

Supporting information

Cp^{*}Co(III)-Catalyzed Selective Alkylation of C-H Bonds of Arenes and Heteroarenes with α -Diazocarbonyl Compounds

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1) General Comments:

All reactions were carried out in reaction tube under dry nitrogen atmosphere. All diazoesters were synthesized from corresponding esters, according to the literature procedure.¹ All the *N*-pyridyl indole derivatives were synthesized according to the literature procedure.² [Cp^{*}CoI₂CO]^{3a} [Cp^{*}CoI₂]₂^{3b} and [Cp^{*}Co(MeCN)₃](SbF₆)₂^{3c} were synthesized from Co₂CO₈ according to the literature procedure. Dry toluene was prepared by distilling over sodium ketyl and stored over using molecular sieves 4Å under N₂ atmosphere. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (100-200 mesh) and ethylacetate-hexanes with various percentage of polarity depending on the nature of the substrate as an eluent, unless otherwise specified.

***Caution:** Diazo compounds can decompose violently with the loss of nitrogen. Although no problems were faced in the present study, the appropriate precautions should be taken.*

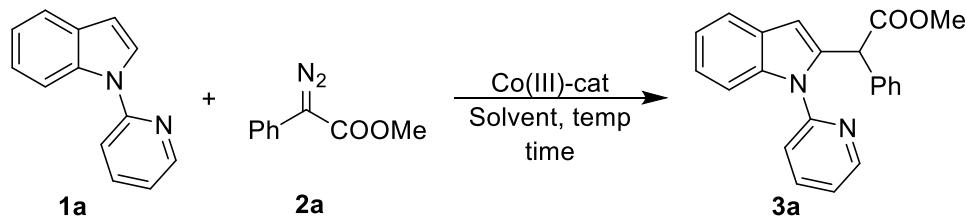
2. Analytical Methods:

NMR data were recorded on 400 and 500 MHz spectrometers. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to signals of either deuterated solvents or residual protiated solvents. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet iS10 FT spectrometer. HRMS were recorded by electron spray ionization (ESI) method on a Q-TOF Micro with lock spray source.

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3.1. Cp^{*}Co(III)-Catalyzed Selective Alkylation of Indoles 1a: Optimization

One oven dried Schlenk tube was charged with *N*-pyridyl indole **1a** (50 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), diazo compound **2a** (0.31 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and Cp^{*}Co(III)-catalyst (y mol%). The inner atmosphere was made inert through repeated (thrice) evacuation and refilled with nitrogen. Dry solvent (1.5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture stirred at same temperature throughout a mentioned time period. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC) the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and passes through a pad of celite, and concentrated to get the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography through silica gel to afford the expected product **3a**.

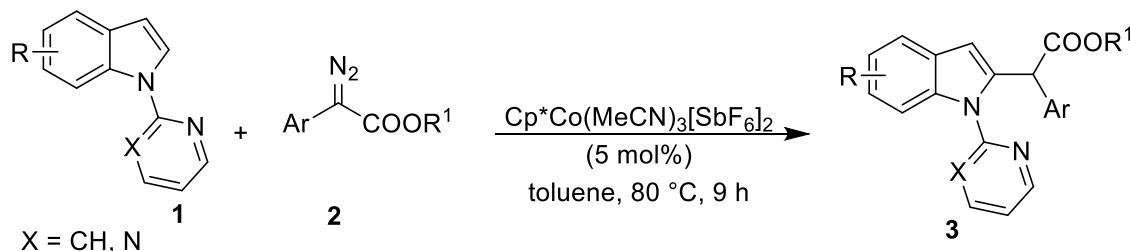


Entry	Catalyst (y mol %)	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Conv. 1a (%)	Yield (%) ^a
1	[Cp [*] Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	120	6	73	61
2	[Cp [*] Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	100	6	89	70
3	[Cp [*] Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	80	9	100	86
4	[Cp [*] Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	60	12	93	77
5	[Cp [*] Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	30	24	0	0
6	[Cp [*] Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (3)	Toluene	80	9	83	52
7	[Cp [*] Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	PhCF ₃	80	9	95	84
8	[Cp [*] Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	DCE	80	9	100	59
9	[Cp [*] CoI ₂ CO] (5)	Toluene	80	12	79	61
10	[Cp [*] CoI ₂] (5)	Toluene	80	12	67	52
11	[Cp [*] Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (7.5)	Toluene	80	8	100	86

12	[Cp*Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	THF	80	9	91	73
13	[Cp*Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	PhCl	80	9	85	69
14	Co(acac) ₃	Toluene	80	14	41	23
15	[Cp*Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	MeCN	80	9	91	59
16 ^b	[Cp*Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	80	9	96	85
17 ^c	[Cp*Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	80	9	100	88
18 ^d	[Cp*Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	80	9	94	80
19	[Cp*Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	70	11	100	84
20	[Cp*Co(MeCN) ₃][SbF ₆] ₂ (5)	Toluene	90	8	100	80

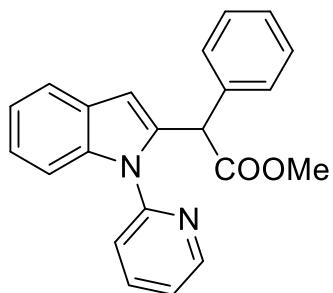
Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (0.31 mmol, 1.2 equiv), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{MeCN})_3][\text{SbF}_6]_2$ (5 mol%), solvent (1.5 mL for 0.25 mmol), temp, Time. ^a all are isolated yields. ^b diazoester was added slowly over a period of 30 minuets, ^c 1.5 equiv of diazoester was used, ^d 1.0 equiv. of diazoester was used.

3.2. Typical procedure of Cp^{*}Co(III)-catalyzed selective alkylation of indoles:



One dry reaction tube was charged with *N*-pyridyl indole **1** (0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), diazo compound **2** (0.31 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and Cp^{*}Co(MeCN)₃[SbF₆]₂ (5 mol%). The inner atmosphere was made inert through repeated (thrice) evacuation and refilled with nitrogen. Dry toluene (1.5 mL) was added under nitrogen atmosphere and the reaction tube was sealed with glass stopper and kept in a preheated oil bath at 80 °C and stirred at same temperature for 9 hours. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and passes through a pad of celite, concentrated to get the crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the C-2 alkyl indole **3**.

3.2.1. Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3a):



Yield: 86 %; colourless liquid; R_f = 0.55 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

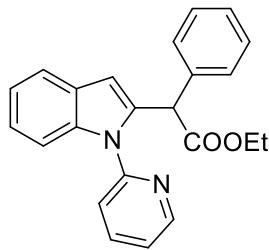
IR (ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 2933, 1739, 1654, 1481, 1459, 1273, 912, 658.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.60 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.24–7.11 (m, 8H, ArH), 6.44 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.63 (s, 1H, CH), 3.60 (s, 3H, CH₃),

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.9, 151.3, 149.4, 138.4, 138.1, 137.3, 136.8, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 122.7, 122.0, 121.0, 120.9, 110.1, 105.6, 52.4, 50.7.

HRMS: m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calculated for C₂₃H₂₀N₂NaO₃, 365.1266, found 365.1264.

3.2.2. Ethyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate(3b):



Yield: 82 %; colourless liquid; R_f = 0.55 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

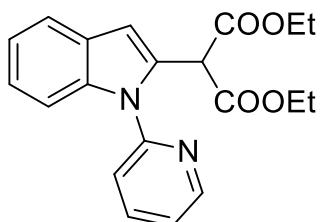
IR (ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 2921, 1742, 1660, 1472, 1465, 1280, 925, 654.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.60 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (td, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.55 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32–7.29 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.26–7.23 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.15–7.12 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.43 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.62 (s, 1H, CH), 4.06 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₃),

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 171.4, 151.3, 149.4, 138.3, 138.2, 137.3, 136.9, 129.0, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 122.6, 122.0, 121.0, 120.9, 120.9, 110.1, 105.5, 61.3, 50.8, 14.1.

HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$, 357.1603, found 357.1607.

3.2.3. Diethyl 2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)malonate (3c):



Yield: 79 %; colourless liquid; R_f = 0.59 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

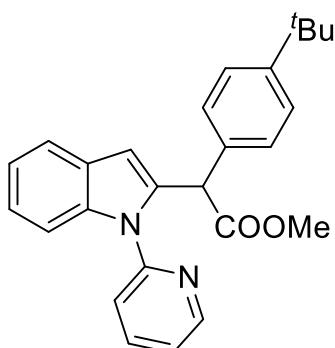
IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 2958, 1741, 1674, 1469, 1401, 1285, 896, 685.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 8.57–8.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.88 (td, J = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.66–7.63 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.29–7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.23–7.15 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.33 (s, 1H, CH), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H, 2CH₂), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H, 2CH₃).

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 167.3, 151.0, 149.3, 138.5, 136.7, 131.8, 128.3, 123.0, 121.8, 121.2, 121.2, 120.2, 110.4, 105.8, 61.9, 52.0, 14.1.

HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$, 375.1321, found 375.1323.

3.2.4. Methyl 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3d):



Yield: 83 %; pale yellow liquid; R_f = 0.57 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

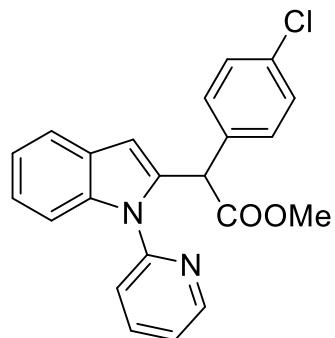
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^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 8.59 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76 (td, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.55–7.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.34–7.23 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.18–7.10 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.43 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.58 (s, 1H, ArH), 3.57 (s, 3H, CH), 1.28 (s, 9H, 3CH_3)

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 172.0, 151.3, 150.4, 149.4, 138.3, 138.3, 137.2, 133.7, 128.6, 128.1, 125.5, 122.5, 121.9, 121.0, 120.9, 120.8, 110.1, 105.5, 52.2, 50.2, 34.5, 31.3.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$, 399.2073, found 399.2083.

3.2.5. Methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3e):



Yield: 84 %; brown liquid; R_f = 0.52 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

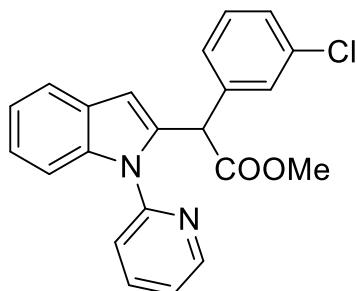
IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 2936, 1745, 1675, 1460, 1450, 1265, 896, 725, 645.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 8.51 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.71 (td, J = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.51–7.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.25–7.07 (m, 6H, ArH), 6.39 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.56 (s, 1H, CH), 3.54 (s, 3H, CH_3)

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 171.6, 151.1, 149.4, 138.5, 137.4, 137.3, 135.4, 133.6, 130.3, 128.7, 128.0, 122.9, 122.1, 121.1, 121.0, 120.9, 110.2, 105.5, 52.5, 50.0.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$, 377.1057, found 377.1052.

3.2.6. Methyl 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3f):



Yield: 76 %; yellow liquid; $R_f = 0.55$ in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

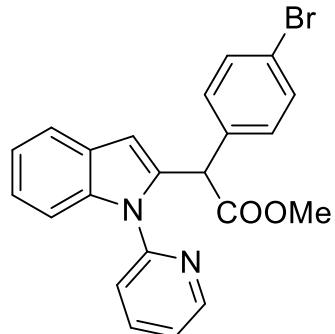
IR (ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 2954, 1736, 1661, 1468, 1470, 1246, 945, 714, 661.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.61 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.79 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.9$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.61–7.59 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.22–7.11 (m, 6H, ArH), 6.51 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.64 (s, 1H, CH), 3.64 (s, 3H, CH₃)

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.3, 151.1, 149.5, 138.8, 138.4, 137.2, 137.2, 134.3, 129.7, 129.1, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 122.9, 122.1, 121.1, 121.0, 120.9, 110.2, 105.6, 52.6, 50.2.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₂H₁₈ClN₂O₂, 377.1057, found 377.1052.

3.2.7. Methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3g):



Yield: 65 %; brown liquid; $R_f = 0.57$ in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

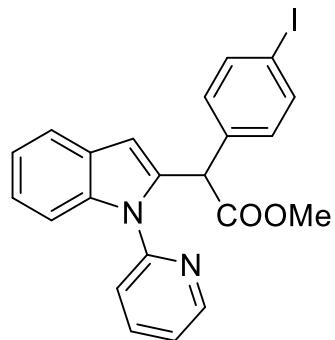
IR (ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 2931, 1741, 1652, 1481, 1457, 1241, 896, 645, 612.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.61 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.9$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.61–7.59 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.40–7.35 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.29–7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.19–7.11 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.48 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.65 (s, 1H, CH), 3.63 (s, 3H, CH₃).

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 171.5, 151.1, 149.4, 138.5, 137.3, 137.2, 135.9, 131.7, 130.7, 128.0, 122.8, 122.1, 121.7, 121.1, 120.9, 120.8, 110.1, 105.5, 52.5, 50.0.

HRMS: m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$, 443.0371, found 443.0370.

3.2.8. Methyl 2-(4-iodophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3h):



Yield: 71 %; brown liquid; R_f = 0.52 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

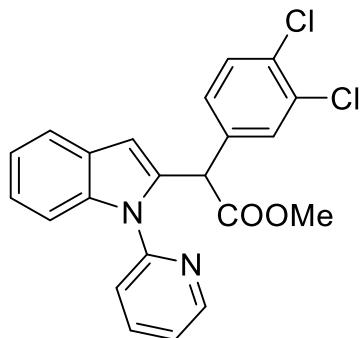
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 8.58 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 (td, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.57 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H, ArH), 7.32 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.27–7.23 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.18–7.11 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.45 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.60 (s, 1H, CH), 3.60 (s, 3H, CH_3)

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 171.4, 151.0, 149.4, 138.5, 137.6, 137.3, 137.2, 136.5, 130.9, 128.0, 122.8, 122.1, 121.1, 120.9, 120.8, 110.1, 105.6, 93.4, 52.5, 50.1.

HRMS: m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{IN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$, 491.0232, found 491.0231.

3.2.9. Methyl 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3i):



Yield: 81 %; colourless solid; R_f = 0.46 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

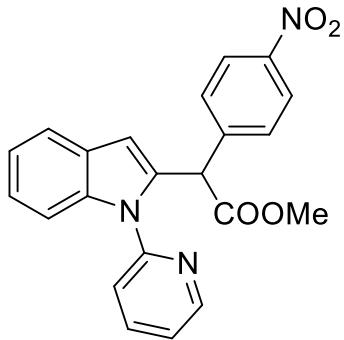
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2936, 1740, 1666, 1475, 1462, 1277, 917, 714, 630.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.59 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH,), 7.33–7.05 (m, 8H, ArH), 6.51 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.64 (s, 1H, CH), 3.64 (s, 3H, CH).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.1, 150.9, 149.4, 138.6, 137.2, 137.0, 136.7, 132.5, 131.8, 130.9, 130.4, 128.3, 127.9, 123.0, 122.2, 121.2, 121.0, 120.8, 110.2, 105.5, 52.7, 49.6.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₃H₁₉Cl₂N₂O₂, 425.8024, found 425.8021.

3.2.10. Methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)acetate (3j):



Yield: 87 %; yellow solid; R_f = 0.45 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

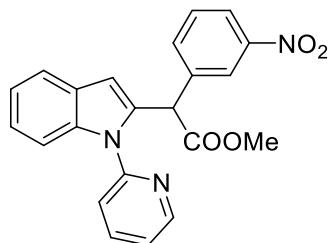
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2938, 1737, 1659, 1558, 1369, 1487, 1453, 1277, 919, 651.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.80 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.61 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.40–7.33 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.29–7.27 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.21–7.16 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.54 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.84 (s, 1H, CH), 3.68 (s, 3H, CH₃).

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 170.8, 150.9, 149.4, 147.3, 144.2, 138.6, 137.2, 136.2, 129.9, 127.9, 123.6, 123.2, 122.2, 121.3, 121.0, 120.7, 110.2, 105.7, 52.8, 50.2.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$, 388.1297, found 388.1296.

3.2.11. Methyl 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3k):



Yield: 89 %; yellow solid; R_f = 0.49 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

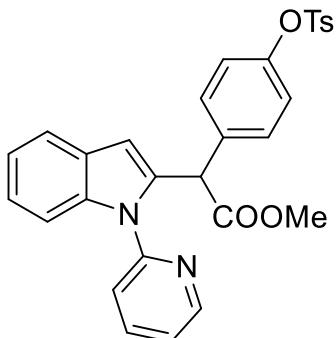
IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1746, 1660, 1525, 1478, 1455, 1278, 928, 641.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 8.61 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09–8.06 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.03 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.78 (td, J = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.62–7.59 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.41 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH,), 7.34–7.25 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.20–7.15 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.55 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.82 (s, 1H, CH), 3.68 (s, 3H, CH_3)

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 171.0, 150.9, 149.5, 148.2, 139.0, 138.6, 137.2, 136.5, 135.2, 129.4, 128.0, 124.1, 123.2, 122.7, 122.3, 121.3, 121.1, 120.8, 110.2, 105.5, 52.8, 50.0.

HRMS: m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_4$, 410.1117, found 410.1117.

3.2.12. Methyl 2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-2-(4-(tosyloxy)phenyl)acetate (3l):



Yield: 83 %; colourless solid; R_f = 0.43 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

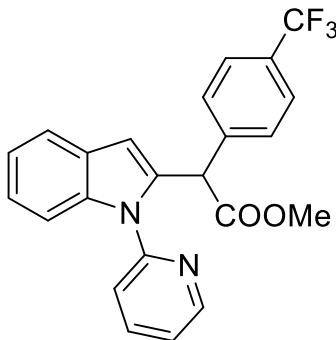
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2937, 1744, 1651, 1489, 1475, 1339, 1260, 1035, 925, 640.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.57 (dd, J = 5.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77 (td, J = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.68 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.58–7.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.30–7.11 (m, 9H, ArH), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH,), 6.41 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.63 (s, 1H, CH), 3.61 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.4, 151.1, 149.5, 149.0, 145.5, 138.5, 137.4, 137.2, 135.8, 132.5, 130.2, 129.8, 128.5, 128.0, 122.9, 122.4, 122.1, 121.1, 120.9, 120.9, 110.1, 105.4, 52.5, 49.9, 21.8.

HRMS: m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calculated for C₂₉H₂₄N₂O₅SNa, 535.1304, found 535.1301.

3.2.13. Methyl 2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (3m):



Yield: 81 %; brown gummy liquid; R_f = 0.55 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

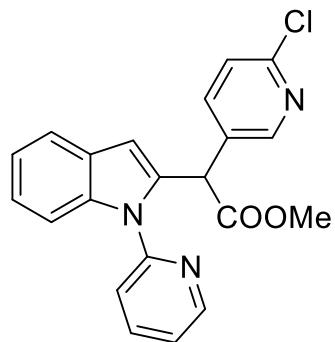
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2954, 1747, 1678, 1469, 1412, 1318, 1265, 921, 640.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, ArH,), 7.49–7.19 (m, 9H, ArH), 6.54 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.78 (s, 1H, CH), 3.68 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.3, 151.0, 149.4, 138.5, 137.8, 137.1, 132.5, 129.0, 128.0, 125.8, 124.5, 123.9 (q, *J* = 273 Hz,), 122.9, 122.2, 121.1, 121.0, 120.9, 110.1, 105.4, 52.6, 50.3.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₃H₁₈F₃N₂O₂, 411.1320, found 411.1323.

3.2.14. Methyl 2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)acetate (3n):



Yield: 83 %; brown gummy liquid; *R*_f= 0.47 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

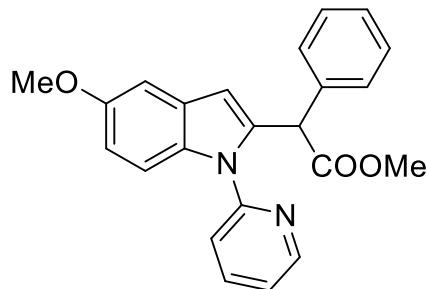
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2949, 1744, 1661, 1489, 1471, 1270, 916, 645.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.60 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.13 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.64–7.60 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.35–7.27 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.23–7.14 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.54 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.73 (s, 1H, CH), 3.67 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 170.8, 150.8, 150.6, 149.7, 149.5, 139.4, 138.6, 137.1, 136.2, 131.8, 127.9, 124.1, 123.2, 122.3, 121.3, 121.0, 120.7, 110.2, 105.4, 52.7, 47.2.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₁H₁₇ClN₃O₂, 378.1009, found 378.1005.

3.2.15. Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenylacetate (3o):



Yield: 89 %; colourless solid; R_f = 0.50 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

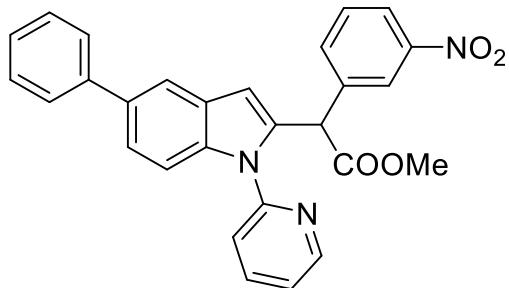
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2928, 1745, 1659, 1475, 1442, 1425, 1269, 919, 685.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.61 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35–7.33 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.05 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.38 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.64 (s, 1H, CH), 3.85 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.63 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.9, 155.0, 151.4, 149.4, 138.5, 138.4, 136.9, 132.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 121.8, 120.6, 112.5, 111.0, 105.5, 102.7, 55.9, 52.4, 50.8.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₃H₂₁N₂O₃, 373.1552, found 373.1557.

3.2.16. Methyl 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2 yl) acetate (3p):



Yield: 85 %; colourless solid; R_f = 0.49 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

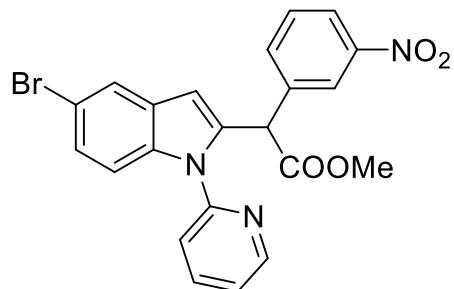
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2939, 1746, 1651, 1557, 1484, 1463, 1277, 925, 684.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.63 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.10–8.06 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.82–7.79 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.63 (d, J = 7.98 Hz, 3H, ArH), 7.46–7.28 (m, 8H, ArH), 6.62 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.85 (s, 1H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3H, CH₃)

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 170.9, 150.9, 149.6, 148.2, 142.1, 139.0, 138.6, 137.2, 136.7, 135.2, 134.9, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 127.4, 126.7, 124.1, 122.9, 122.7, 122.4, 120.7, 119.5, 110.5, 105.9, 52.8, 50.1.

HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$, 478.1767, found 478.1762.

3.2.17. Methyl 2-(5-bromo-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl) acetate (3q):



Yield: 88 %; yellow solid; R_f = 0.45 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

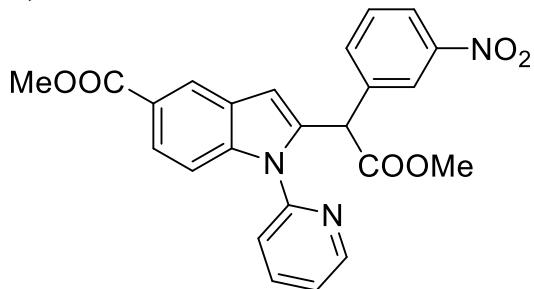
IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 2938, 1733, 1657, 1562, 1488, 1472, 1457, 1316, 1276, 911, 657, 647.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 8.61 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.01 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.80 (td, J = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.72 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.43 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32–7.29 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.27–7.25 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.50 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.77 (s, 1H, CH), 3.68 (s, 3H, CH_3).

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 170.7, 150.5, 149.7, 148.2, 138.8, 138.7, 137.7, 135.9, 135.1, 129.5, 126.0, 124.0, 123.6, 122.8, 122.7, 120.8, 114.4, 111.7, 104.8, 52.9, 49.9.

HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_4$, 480.0559, found 480.0554.

3.2.18. Methyl 2-(2-methoxy-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate (3r):



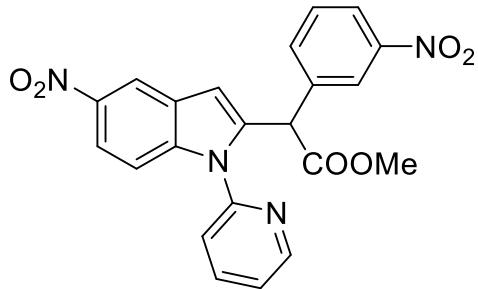
Yield: 85 %; colourless gummy liquid; *R*_f = 0.45 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2925, 1739, 1657, 1532, 1474, 1467, 1341, 1270, 927, 663.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 4.66 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.04–8.03 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.84 (td, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.63–7.59 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35–7.32 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.60 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.81 (s, 1H, CH), 3.88 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.68 (s, 3H, CH₃).
¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 170.6, 167.8, 150.3, 149.7, 148.2, 139.8, 139.0, 138.5, 136.7, 135.1, 131.5, 129.6, 124.9, 124.1, 122.9, 122.4, 121.1, 120.7, 112.4, 105.6, 52.9, 52.1, 50.0.

HRMS: m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calculated for C₂₄H₁₉N₃O₆Na, 468.1172, found 468.1174.

3.2.19. Methyl 2-(5-nitro-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (3s):



Yield: 79 %; yellow solid; *R*_f = 0.39 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2931, 1736, 1659, 1533, 1483, 1451, 1378, 1242, 936, 647.

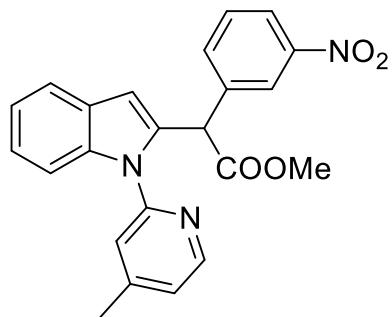
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.67–8.66 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.55 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.13–8.07 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.00 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.87 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H,

ArH), 7.47 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41–7.38 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.32–7.28 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.72 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.73 (s, 1H, CH), 3.68 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 170.3, 150.0, 149.9, 148.3, 142.8, 140.1, 140.0, 139.1, 138.1, 135.0, 129.8, 127.2, 124.0, 123.5, 123.1, 121.1, 118.7, 118.0, 110.3, 106.9, 53.1, 49.9.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₂H₁₇N₄O₆, 433.1148, found 433.1140.

3.2.20. Methyl 2-(1-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (3t):



Yield: 87 %; yellow gummy liquid; R_f = 0.43 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

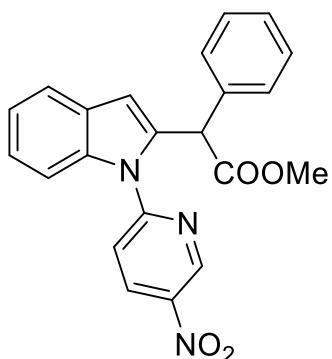
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2928, 1741, 1675, 1542, 1489, 1447, 1357, 1224, 967, 686.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.45 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.03 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.61 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.42 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.20–7.11 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.56 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.78 (s, 1H, CH), 3.70 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.0, 150.9, 150.2, 149.1, 148.1, 139.1, 137.2, 136.5, 135.2, 129.3, 127.9, 124.1, 123.5, 123.0, 122.6, 121.4, 121.2, 121.0, 110.3, 105.2, 52.8, 50.0, 21.1.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₄, 402.1454, found 402.1449.

3.2.21. Methyl 2-(1-(5-nitropyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-2-phenylacetate (3u):



Yield: 81 %; yellow liquid; R_f = 0.45 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

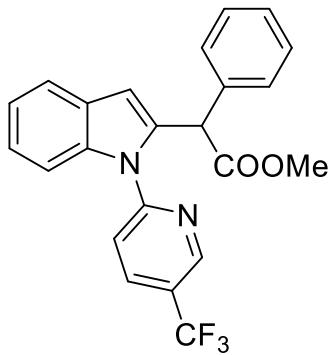
IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 2925, 1741, 1669, 1516, 1471, 1469, 1347, 1242, 947, 654.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 8.61 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.09–8.03 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.78 (td, J = 9.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.62–7.60 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.42 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.56 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.83 (s, 1H, CH), 3.69 (s, 3H, CH_3).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 170.9, 150.9, 149.5, 148.2, 139.0, 138.6, 137.2, 136.5, 135.2, 129.4, 128.0, 124.1, 123.2, 122.3, 121.3, 120.7, 110.2, 105.5, 52.8, 50.0.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$, 388.1297, found 388.1296.

3.2.22. Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3v):



Yield: 69 %; colourless liquid; R_f = 0.55 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

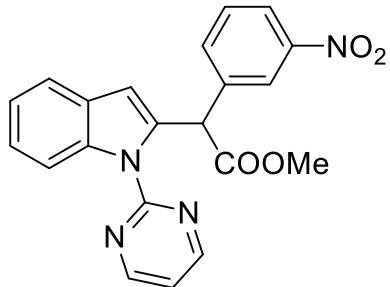
IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 2937, 1745, 1621, 1472, 1474, 1314, 1221, 937, 635.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.59 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.60–7.15 (m, 10H, ArH), 6.51 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.74 (s, 1H, CH), 3.65 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.3, 151.1, 149.5, 138.5, 137.9, 137.3, 137.1, 132.5, 130.7 (q, *J* = 32.2 Hz), 129.0, 128.0, 125.8 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.5 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 123.0, 122.2, 121.2, 121.0, 120.9, 110.1, 105.4, 52.6, 50.3.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₃H₁₈F₃N₂O₂, 411.1320, found 411.1323.

3.2.23. Methyl 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3w):



Yield: 80 %; yellow sticky liquid; *R*_f = 0.45 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

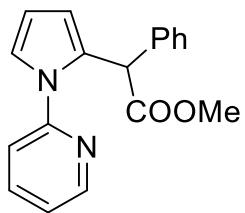
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2939, 1742, 1650, 1545, 1491, 1475, 1360, 1248, 921, 646.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH,), 8.26 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.18–8.16 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArH,), 7.54–7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H, ArH,), 7.11 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.28 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.11 (s, 1H, CH), 3.71 (s, 3H, CH₃)

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.5, 157.9, 148.4, 139.6, 137.2, 136.9, 135.4, 129.6, 128.6, 124.4, 124.1, 122.8, 122.5, 120.6, 117.0, 115.4, 110.3, 52.7, 52.5.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₁H₁₇N₄O₄, 389.1250, found 389.1256.

3.2.24. Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)acetate (3x):



Yield: 73 %; colourless liquid; R_f = 0.55 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

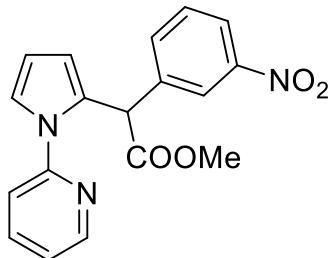
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2945, 1748, 1667, 1496, 1445, 1261, 911, 614.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.43 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.74 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32–7.25 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.15 (ddd, J = 7.47, 5.31, 0.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08 (dd, J = 2.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.22 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.89–5.87 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.65 (s, 1H, CH), 3.61 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 172.9, 152.9, 148.1, 138.7, 137.7, 131.4, 129.0, 128.6, 127.5, 121.0, 120.9, 116.1, 112.79, 109.6, 52.3, 51.5.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₂, 293.1290, found 293.1290.

3.2.25. Methyl 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)acetate (3y):



Yield: 79 %; yellow liquid; R_f = 0.47 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

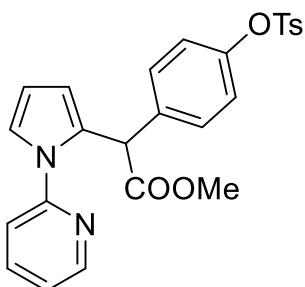
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2925, 1745, 1648, 1559, 1457, 1462, 1347, 1285, 916, 654.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.41 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.16–8.08 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.74 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.65 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.46 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.26–7.06 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.26 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.03–6.01 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.89 (s, 1H, CH), 3.66 (s, 3H, CH₃).

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 171.8, 152.5, 148.3, 148.1, 140.1, 138.9, 135.2, 129.7, 129.3, 124.2, 122.4, 121.4, 121.2, 116.1, 112.6, 109.9, 52.5, 50.6.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$, 338.1141, found 338.1143.

3.2.26. Methyl 2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-2-(4-(tosyloxy)phenyl) acetate (3z):



Yield: 73 %; colourless solid; R_f = 0.55 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

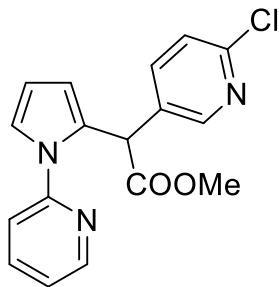
IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 2912, 1750, 1660, 1489, 1451, 1335, 1269, 915, 602.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 8.39 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75–7.68 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.23–7.05 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.91 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.22 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.83–5.81 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.66 (s, 1H, ArH), 3.60 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.44 (s, 3H, CH_3).

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 172.3, 152.7, 148.8, 148.0, 145.4, 138.7, 136.8, 132.4, 130.8, 130.2, 129.8, 128.5, 122.4, 121.2, 121.0, 116.1, 112.5, 109.6, 52.3, 50.7, 21.7.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$, 463.1328, found 463.1328.

3.2.27. Methyl 2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl) acetate (3aa):



Yield: 71 %; yellow liquid; R_f = 0.42 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

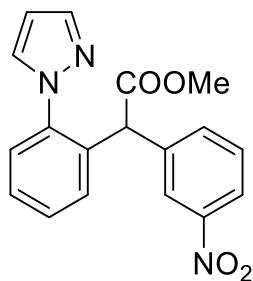
IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 2941, 1741, 1668, 1472, 1458, 1248, 917, 714, 669.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.26 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77–7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.26–7.06 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.26 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.03–6.02 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.80 (s, 1H, CH), 3.64 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.7, 152.5, 150.4, 150.1, 148.0, 139.4, 138.9, 132.8, 129.6, 124.1, 121.4, 121.2, 116.0, 112.5, 109.9, 52.5, 47.9.

HRMS: m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calculated for C₁₇H₁₄ClN₃O₂Na, 350.0672, found 350.0677.

3.2.28. Methyl 2-(2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5a):



Yield: 81 %; yellow liquid; *Rf*= 0.45 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

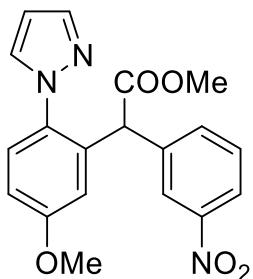
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2951, 1749, 1664, 1547, 1491, 1429, 1351, 1253, 922, 678.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.00 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.76 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.48–7.37 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.40 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.58 (s, 1H, CH), 3.70 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.8, 148.3, 141.1, 140.0, 139.5, 135.1, 134.0, 131.0, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 126.8, 123.8, 122.4, 106.9, 52.7, 50.8.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₁₈H₁₆N₃O₄, 338.1141, found 338.1139.

3.2.29. Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5b):



Yield: 82 %; yellow gummy liquid; R_f = 0.43 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

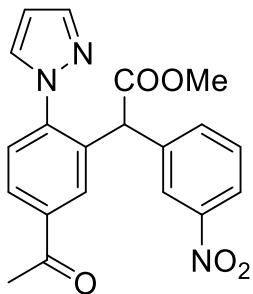
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2947, 1742, 1689, 1518, 1478, 1445, 1352, 1271, 921, 641.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.99 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.72 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.48–7.38 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.34 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.23 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.96 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.36 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.40 (s, 1H, CH), 3.81 (s, 3H, CH), 3.69 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.1, 159.9, 148.2, 140.8, 139.7, 135.6, 135.0, 132.8, 131.3, 129.3, 128.2, 123.8, 122.4, 115.3, 112.9, 106.6, 55.6, 52.7, 50.7.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₁₉H₁₈N₃O₅, 368.1246, found 368.1241.

3.2.30. Methyl 2-(5-acetyl-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5c):



Yield: 81 %; yellow gummy liquid; R_f = 0.41 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

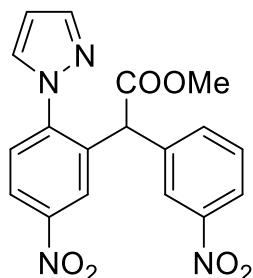
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2933, 1742, 1725, 1675, 1553, 1489, 1479, 1358, 1261, 891, 614.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.08–7.94 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.77 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.52–7.38 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.43 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.79 (s, 1H, CH), 3.70 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.57 (s, 3H, CH₃).

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 196.5, 171.4, 148.2, 142.8, 141.7, 139.4, 136.9, 134.9, 133.9, 130.8, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 126.4, 123.8, 122.6, 107.7, 52.8, 50.9, 26.6.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$, 380.1246, found 380.1243.

3.2.31. Methyl 2-(5-nitro-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5d):



Yield: 85 %; yellow solid; R_f = 0.42 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

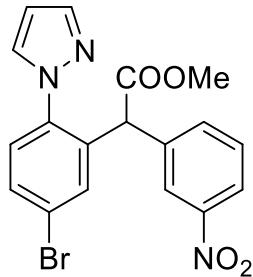
IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 2937, 1731, 1653, 1551, 1489, 1451, 1367, 1276, 899, 641.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 8.27–8.14 (m, 3H, ArH), 8.03 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.84 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.60–7.48 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.51 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.90 (s, 1H, CH), 3.72 (s, 3H, CH_3).

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 170.9, 148.5, 147.2, 144.0, 142.4, 138.8, 135.2, 134.8, 130.9, 130.0, 126.7, 125.8, 124.0, 124.0, 123.1, 108.4, 53.1, 51.1.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6$, 383.0992, found 383.0989.

3.2.32. Methyl 2-(5-bromo-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5e):



Yield: 86 %; brown liquid; R_f = 0.46 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

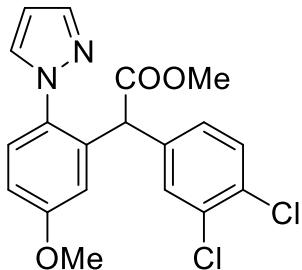
IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 2942, 1735, 1678, 1541, 1467, 1442, 1357, 1281, 936, 645.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.15–8.12 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.00 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.81 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.71–7.42 (m, 6H, ArH), 6.43 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.82 (s, 1H, CH), 3.70 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 170.9, 148.5, 142.6, 142.2, 138.8, 135.0, 134.7, 134.2, 132.4, 130.8, 129.9, 126.7, 123.9, 123.0, 117.7, 108.2, 53.1, 50.8.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₁₈H₁₅BrN₃O₄, 416.0246, found 416.0244.

3.2.33. Methyl 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(5-methoxy-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl) acetate (5f):



Yield: 69 %; yellowish liquid; *R*_f = 0.49 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

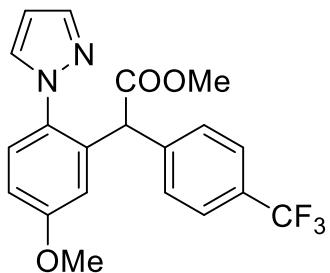
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2937, 1739, 1655, 1485, 1451, 1273, 918, 652, 612.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 1.85 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.23–7.21 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.92 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.38 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.22 (s, 1H, CH), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.66 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.8, 159.8, 140.8, 137.8, 135.9, 132.8, 132.6, 131.7, 131.4, 130.7, 130.4, 128.2, 128.1, 115.5, 112.7, 106.5, 55.6, 52.6, 50.3.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₀H₁₉Cl₂N₂O₃, 405.0773, found 405.0769.

3.2.34. Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (5g):



Yield: 80 %; colourless liquid; $R_f = 0.52$ in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

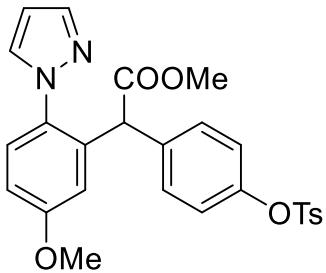
IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 2936, 1745, 1651, 1467, 1441, 1212, 1116, 927, 624.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 7.73 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.48 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.38–7.32 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.92 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.87 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.8$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.37 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.34 (s, 1H, CH), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.67 (s, 3H, CH_3).

$^{13}\text{C}\{1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 172.0, 159.8, 140.8, 138.6, 136.2, 132.8, 132.3, 131.4, 130.9 (q, $J = 32$ Hz), 129.1, 128.2, 125.6 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 124.3 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 124.0 (q, $J = 273$ Hz), 115.4, 112.8, 106.5, 55.6, 52.6, 51.1.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H] $^+$ Calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$, 405.1426, found 405.1424.

3.2.35. Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-(tosyloxy)phenyl)acetate (5h):



Yield: 69 %; colourless solid; $R_f = 0.47$ in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 2945, 1743, 1661, 1476, 1452, 1341, 1264, 935, 642.

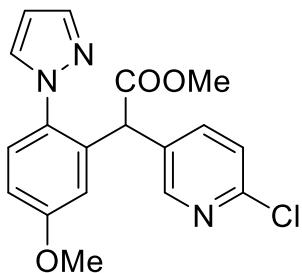
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C): δ 7.70 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.32 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz,

1H, ArH), 6.89–6.81 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.34 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.19 (s, 1H, CH), 3.77 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.62 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 172.1, 159.7, 148.8, 145.4, 140.7, 136.6, 136.5, 132.7, 132.4, 131.4, 130.0, 129.8, 128.5, 128.1, 122.4, 115.6, 112.5, 106.4, 55.5, 52.5, 50.5, 21.7.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₂₆H₂₅N₂O₆S, 493.1433, found 493.1437.

3.2.36. Methyl 2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-(5-methoxy-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl) acetate (5i):



Yield: 77 %; brown liquid; R_f = 0.41 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

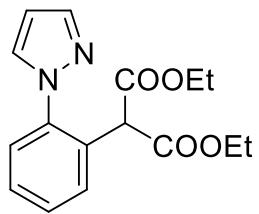
IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2943, 1737, 1674, 1491, 1442, 1274, 936, 642, 712.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.03 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.72 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.50 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.22–7.18 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.93 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.38 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.29 (s, 1H, CH), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.68 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 171.6, 159.8, 150.5, 149.7, 140.9, 139.1, 135.5, 132.7, 132.5, 131.3, 128.3, 124.1, 115.1, 112.9, 106.7, 55.7, 52.8, 48.1.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₁₈H₁₇O₃N₃Cl, 258.0958, found 258.0953.

3.2.37. Diethyl 2-(2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)malonate (5j):



Yield: 86 %; colourless liquid; R_f = 0.55 in 3:7 EtOAc/Hexane.

IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 2968, 1733, 1651, 1483, 1474, 1285, 902, 644.

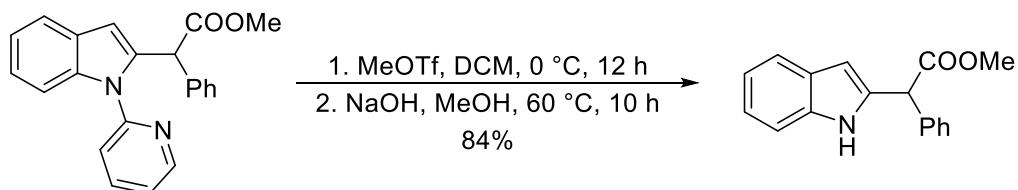
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 7.69 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.64 (dd, J = 2.3, 0.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.62–7.60 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.44–7.37 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.33–7.30 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.42 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.88 (s, 1H, CH), 4.17 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H, ArH), 1.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H, ArH).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 168.0, 141.0, 139.7, 131.0, 130.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 126.0, 106.8, 61.8, 52.7, 13.9.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₁₆H₁₉N₂O₄, 303.1345, found 303.1341.

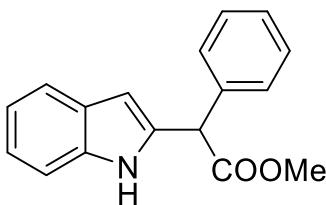
4. Removal of pyridine directing group:

In an oven dried Schlenk tube Methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.175 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of **3a** (50 mg, 0.146 mmol) in dichloromethane (3 mL) at 0 °C, and the resulting solution was stirred for 12 h at RT. Then the solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was dissolved in MeOH (1 mL) and 2 M aq. NaOH solution (0.6 mL) was added, and stirring was continued at 60 °C for 10 h.



After cooling to RT, the solvents were removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated resulted crude product. The residue was purified by column chromatography to provide compound **6** with 84% yield.

4.1. Methyl 2-(1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenylacetate (6):



Yield: 84 %; red liquid; R_f = 0.52 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

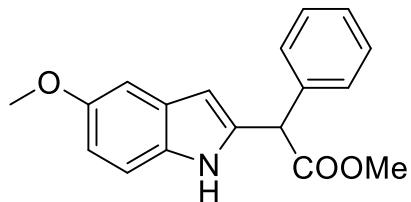
IR (ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 3402, 2937, 1731, 1659, 1472, 1271, 910, 657.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.71 (s, br, 1H, NH), 7.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.31–7.25 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.14 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.06 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.38 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.20 (s, 1H, CH), 3.76 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 172.4, 137.5, 136.4, 134.6, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 122.0, 120.5, 120.0, 111.1, 102.3, 52.8, 50.7.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₁₇H₁₆NO₂, 266.1181, found 266.1185.

4.2. Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenylacetate (7):



Yield: 69 %; red liquid; R_f = 0.51 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

IR (ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 3457, 2954, 1747, 1649, 1467, 1487, 1246, 941, 671.

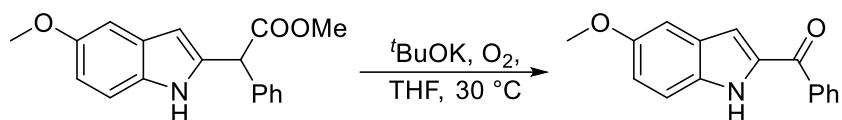
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 8.63 (s, br, 1H, NH), 7.40–7.31 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.25–7.20 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.01 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.31 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.18 (s, 1H, CH), 3.82 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.78 (s, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 187.0, 155.0, 138.2, 134.9, 133.1, 132.4, 129.3, 128.5, 128.2, 118.5, 113.2, 112.3, 103.0, 55.8.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₁₈H₁₈NO₃, 296.1287, found 296.1289.

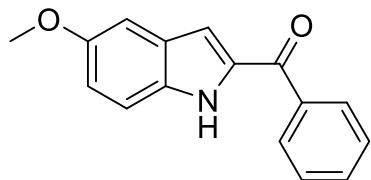
5. Synthesis of (5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**8**):

In an oven dried reaction tube compound **7** was added and the reaction tube was flushed with oxygen gas. 0.2 mL of dry THF was added to the reaction tube and followed by 13 mg *t*BuOK was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 15 minutes the reaction was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride



and the compound was extracted with EtOAc. The combined layer was dried with anhydrous sodium sulphate and concentrated under vacuum to get the crude product. The compound was purified by silica gel column chromatography afforded 17 mg of compound (**8**).

5.1. (5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**8**):



Yield: 68 %; red liquid; *Rf*= 0.52 in 1:4 EtOAc/Hexane.

IR (ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 3396, 3047, 2941, 1735, 1656, 1491, 1474, 1212, 947, 635.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 9.23 (s, br, 1H, NH), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.61–7.53 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08–7.05 (m, 3H, ArH), 3.85 (s, 3H, CH₃).

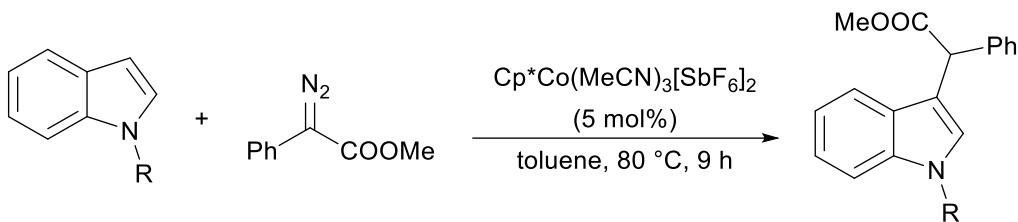
¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 187.0, 155.0, 138.2, 134.9, 133.1, 132.4, 129.3, 128.5, 128.2, 118.5, 113.2, 112.3, 103.0, 55.8.

HRMS: m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calculated for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂, 252.1025, found 252.1022.

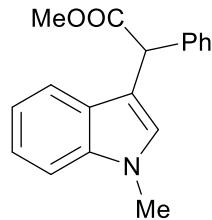
6. Mechanistic investigation for Cp^{*}Co(III)-catalyzed alkylation of indole.

6.1. Influence of directing group.

In order to emphasize the necessity of the directing group *N*-methylindole and *N*-phenylindole were subjected under the optimized reaction conditions. Only selective C3-alkylated product 9a and 9b was isolated, no C2-alkylation occur.



6.1.1. Methyl 2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-phenylacetate (9a)

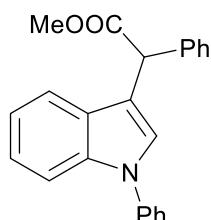


Yield: 69 %; colourless liquid; R_f = 0.49 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 7.47–7.43 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.34–7.26 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.24–7.20 (m, H, ArH), 7.09–7.06 (m, 8H, ArH), 5.27 (s, 1H, CH), 3.76 (s, 6H, 2CH₃).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 173.6, 138.8, 137.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 121.9, 119.3, 119.1, 112.1, 109.4, 52.4, 48.9, 32.9.

6.1.2. Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (9b)



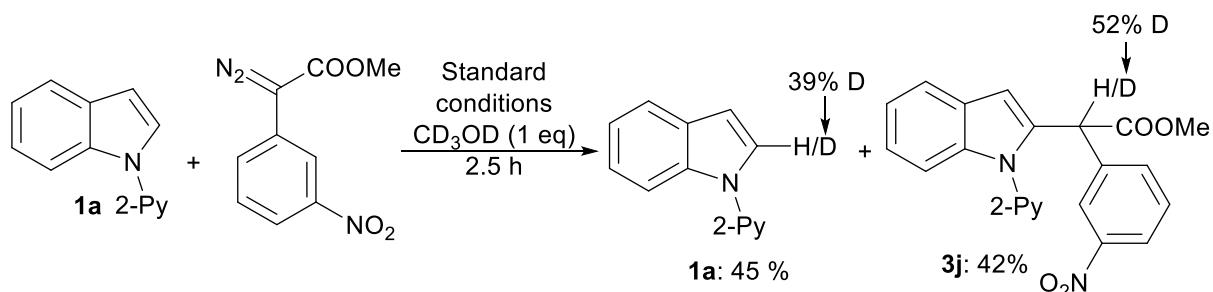
Yield: 63 %; colourless liquid; R_f = 0.50 in 2:3 EtOAc/Hexane.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 7.57–7.48 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.38–7.28 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.33 (s, 1H, CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, 2CH₃).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C): δ 173.3, 139.7, 138.4, 136.3, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 127.0, 126.5, 124.4, 122.8, 120.4, 119.4, 114.7, 110.8, 52.4, 48.9.

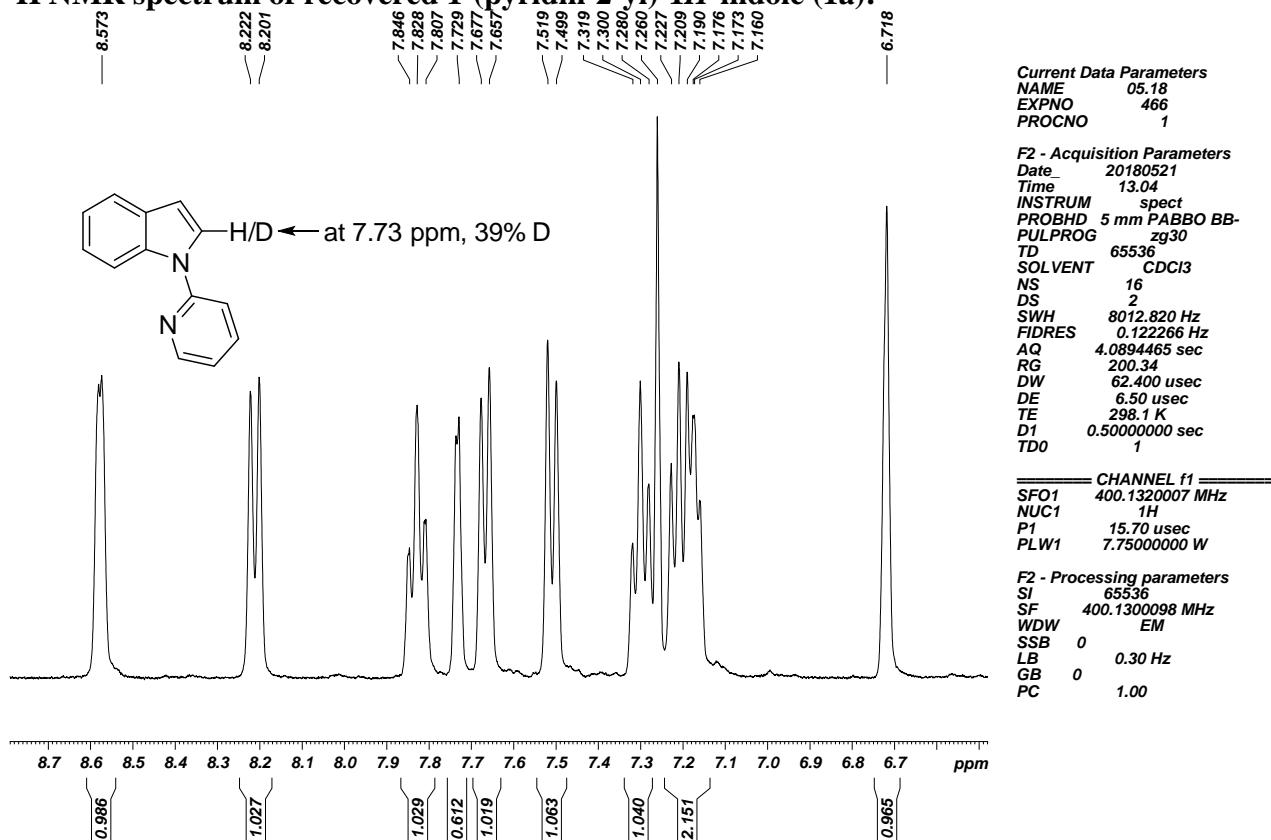
6.2. Deuterium exchange experiment.

One oven dried Schlenk tube was charged with *N*-pyridyl indole **1a** (50 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv), diazo compound **2j** (0.31 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and Cp*Co(MeCN)₃[SbF₆]₂ (5 mol%). The inner atmosphere was made inert through repeated (thrice) evacuation and refilled with nitrogen. Dry solvent (1.5 mL), followed by CD₃OD (9 mg, 1 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 2.5 h.

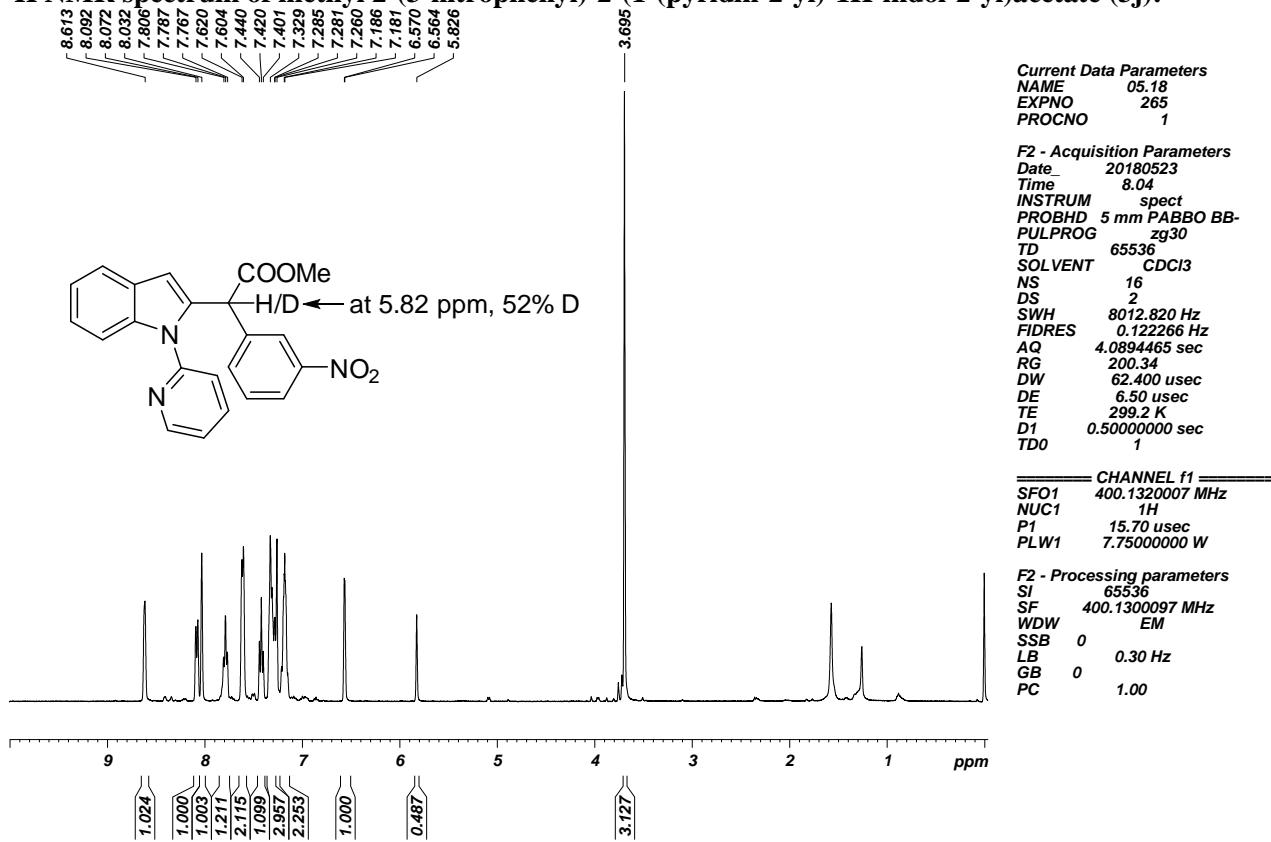


The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and dissolved in 8 mL DCM and filtered through a small pad of Celite. Solvent was evaporated to get the crude reaction mixture, from which starting material and product were isolated through column chromatography. The isolated compounds are analyzed by ¹H NMR. The spectrum indicates that there is about 39% of C2 hydrogen of indole(1a) are exchanged with D and about 52% of benzylic H are exchanged with D.

¹H NMR spectrum of recovered 1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1a):



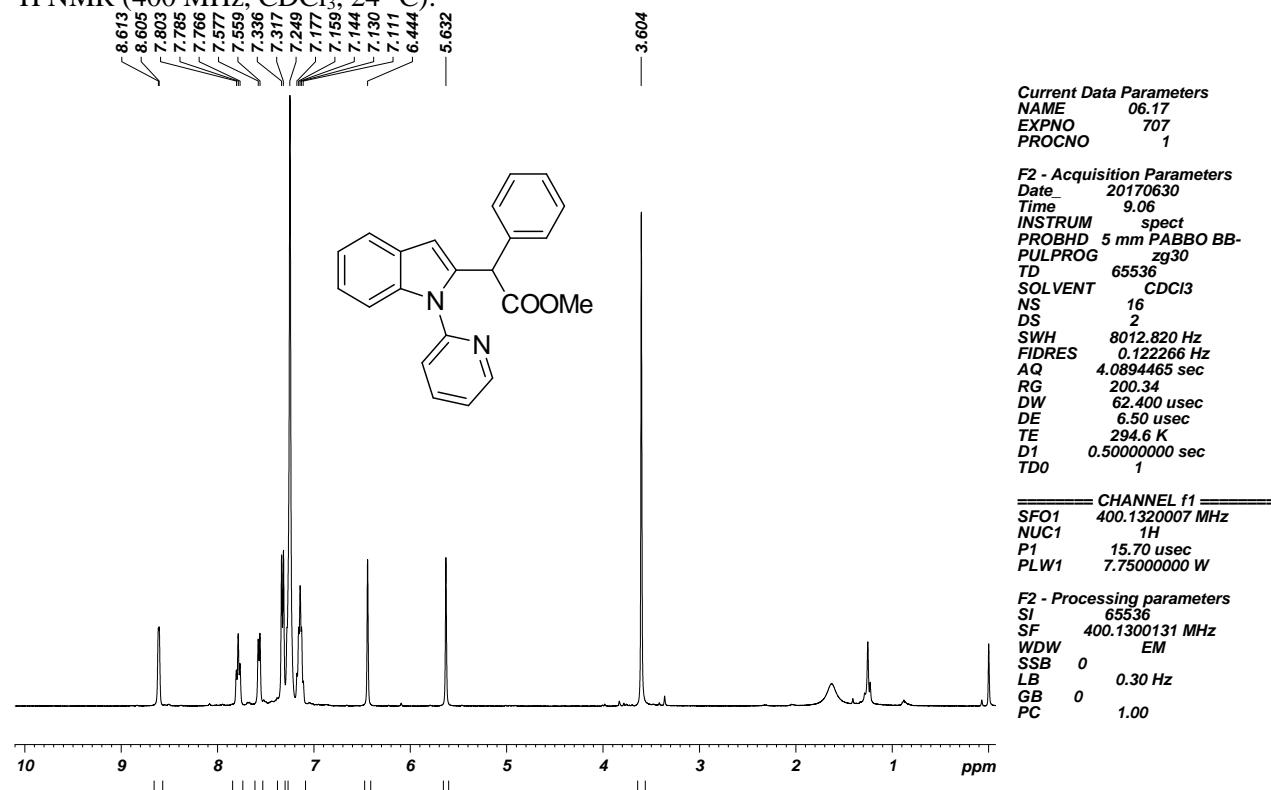
¹H NMR spectrum of methyl 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)acetate (3j):



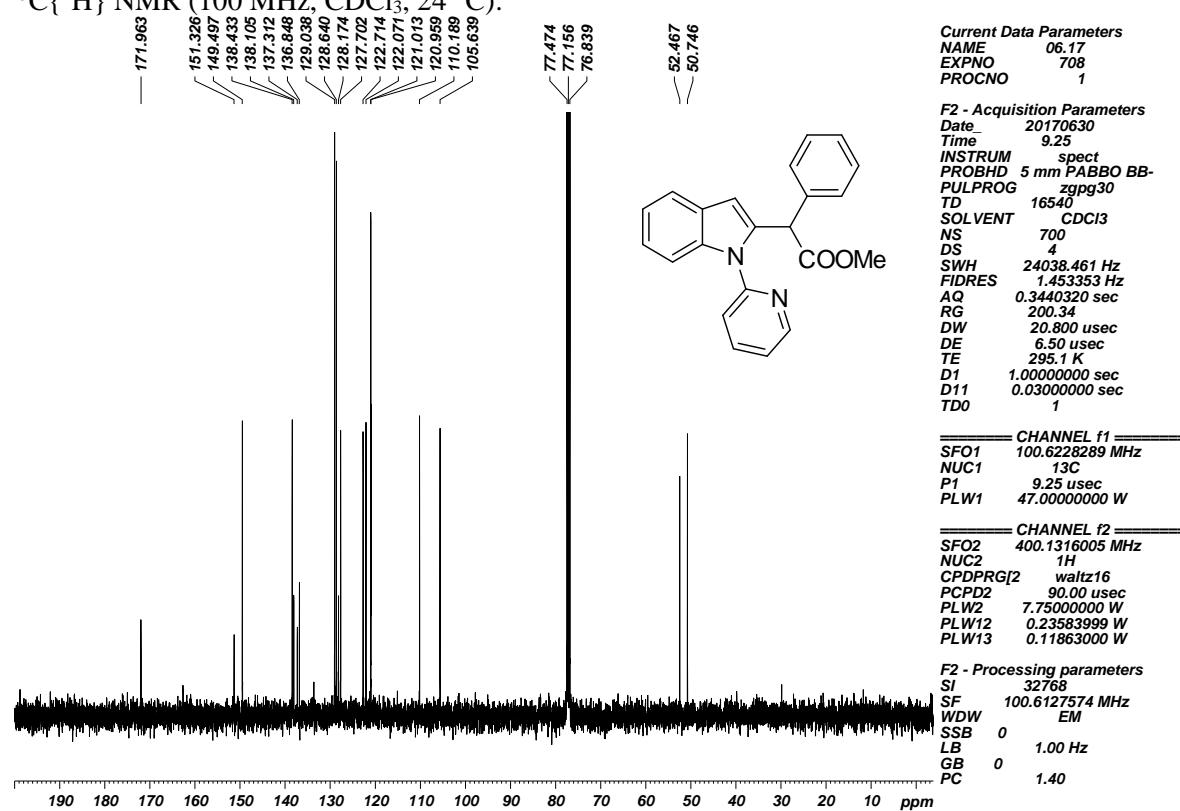
7. Spectral data of synthesized compounds

Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3a):

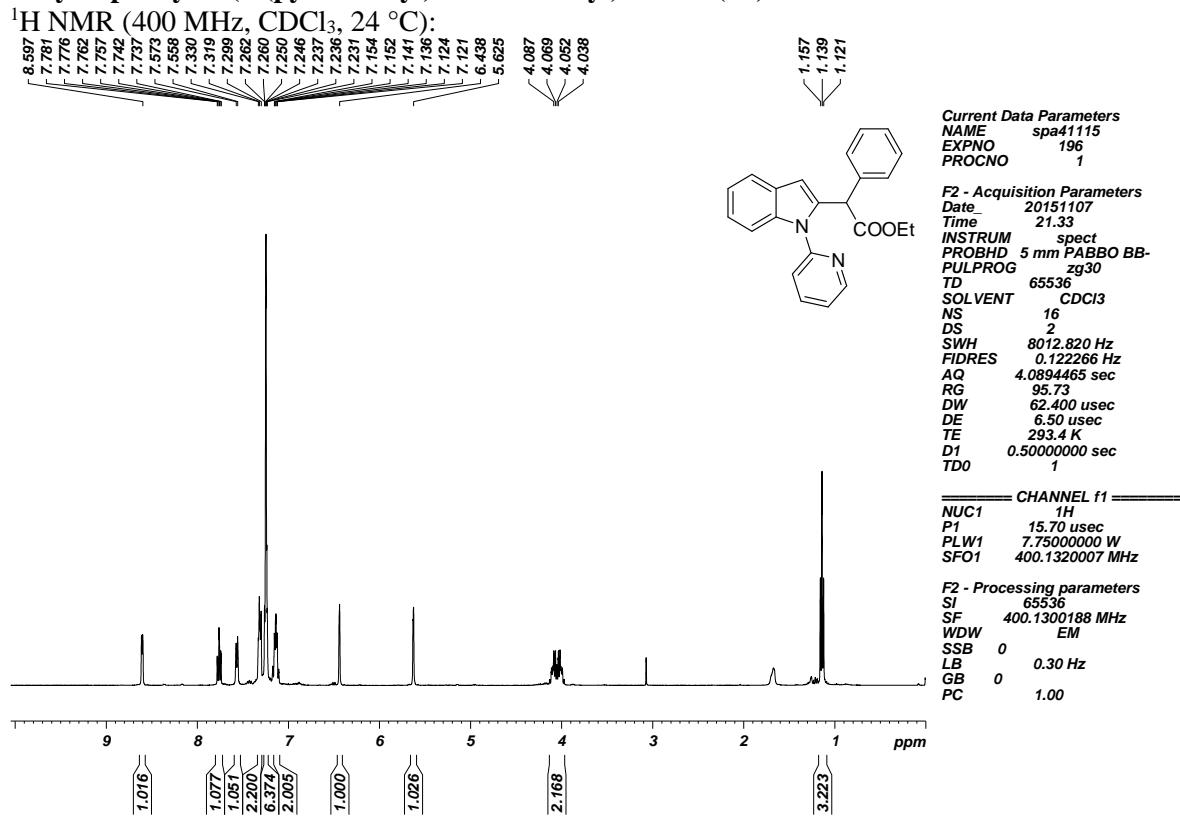
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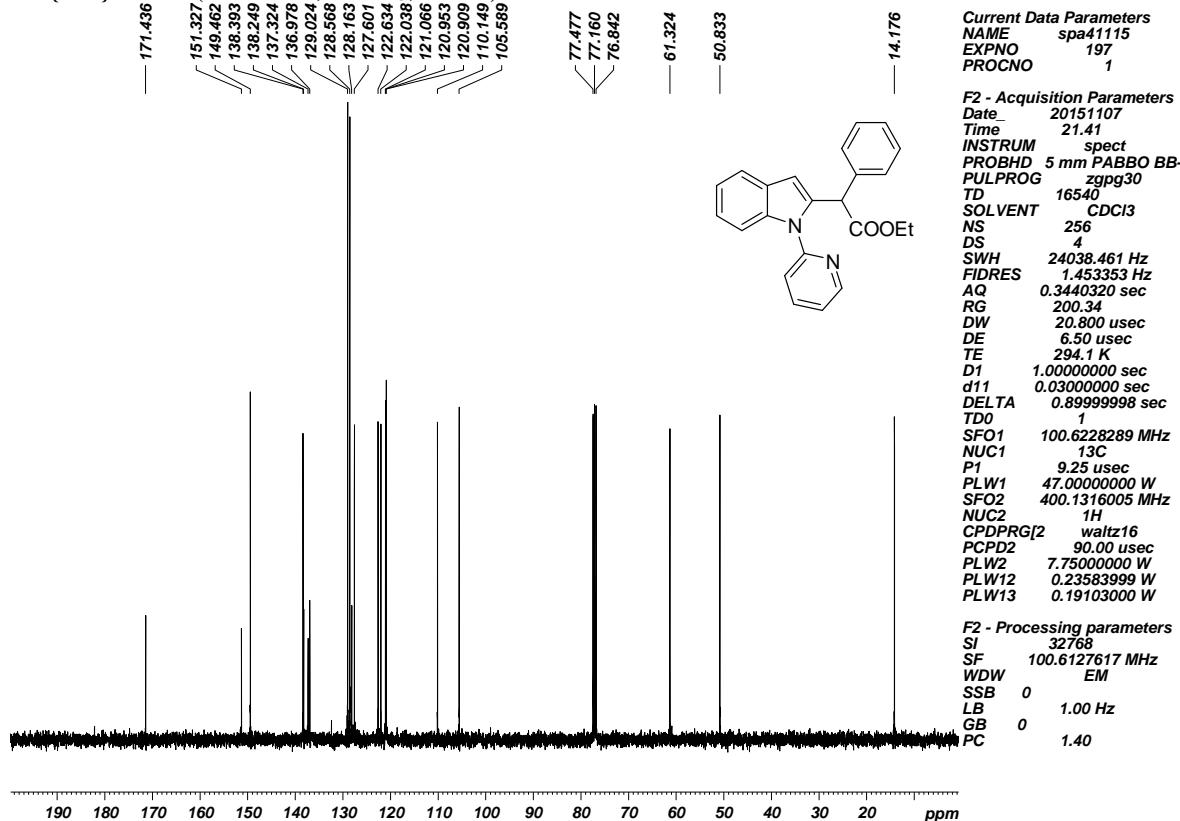
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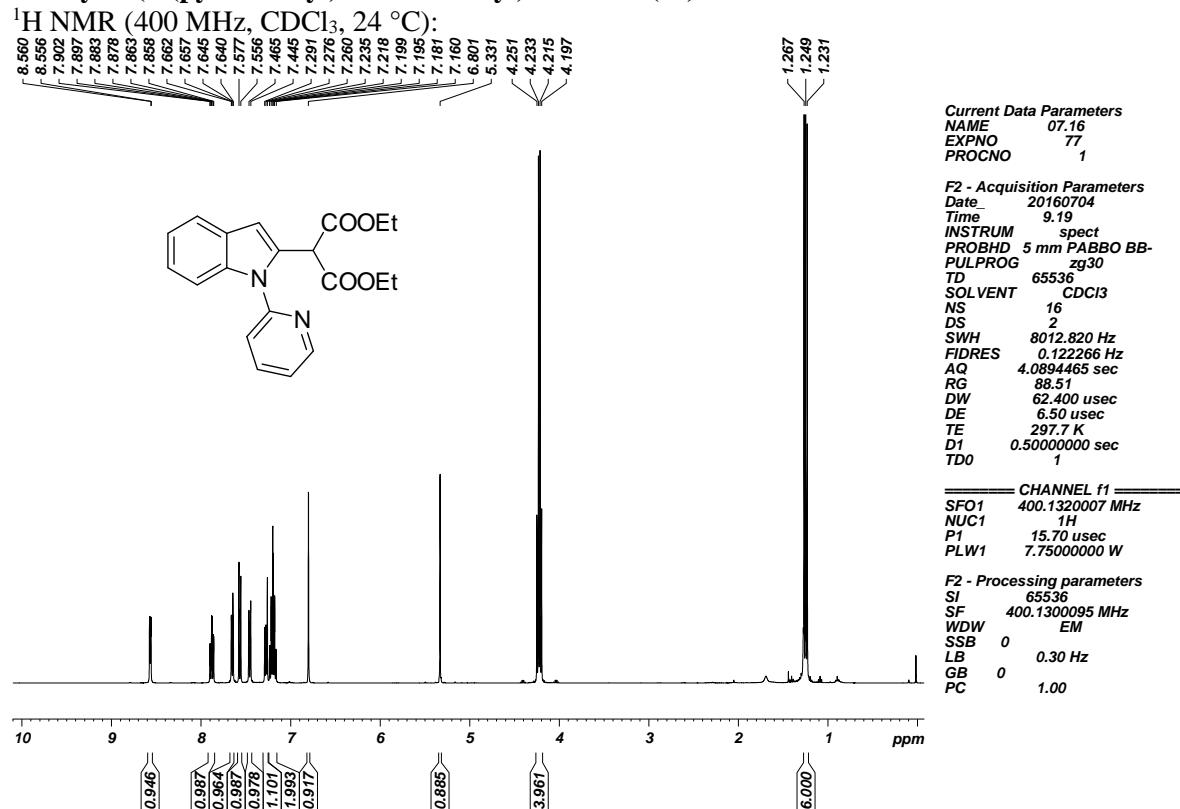
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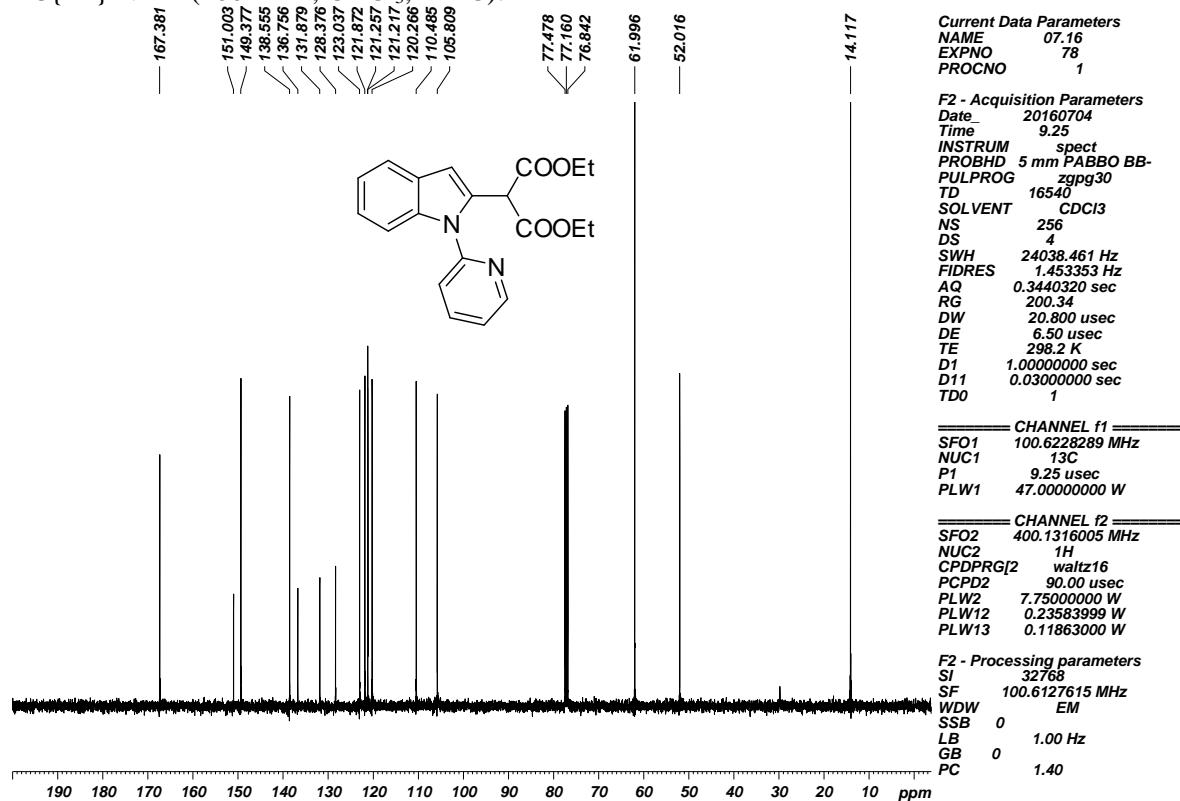
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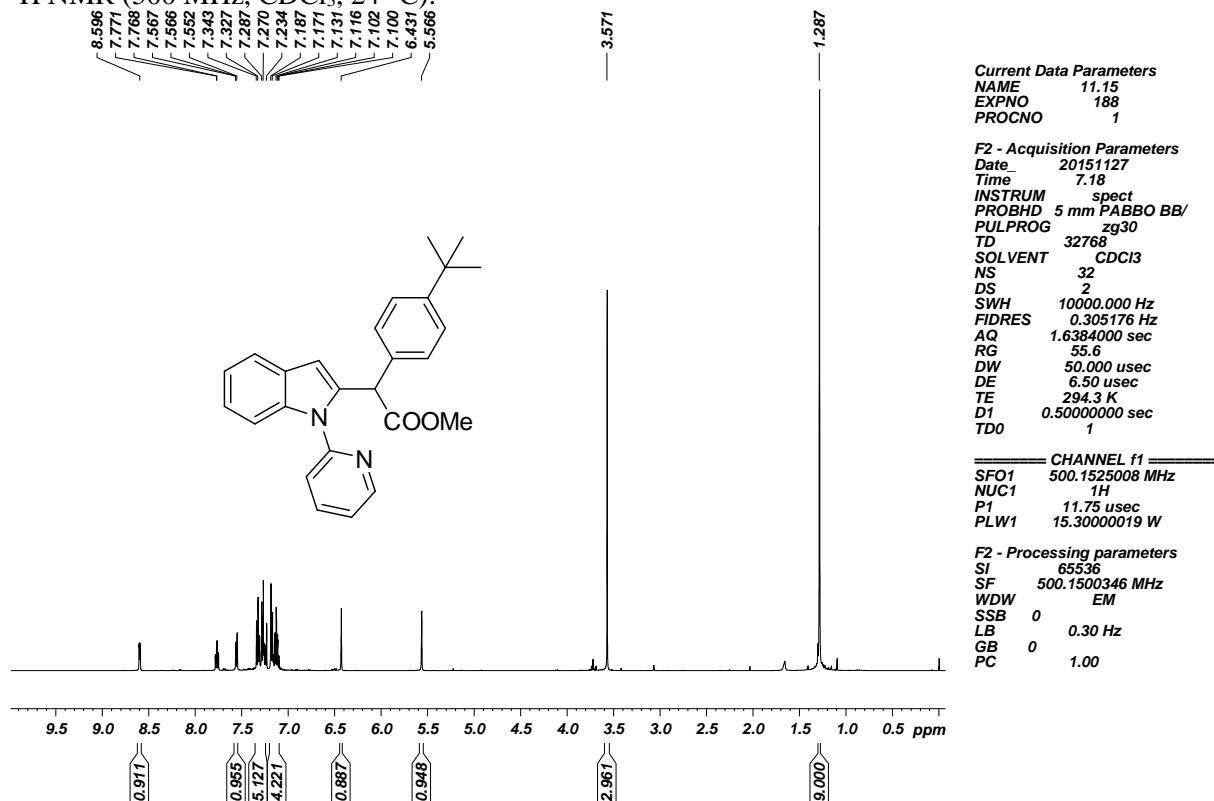


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

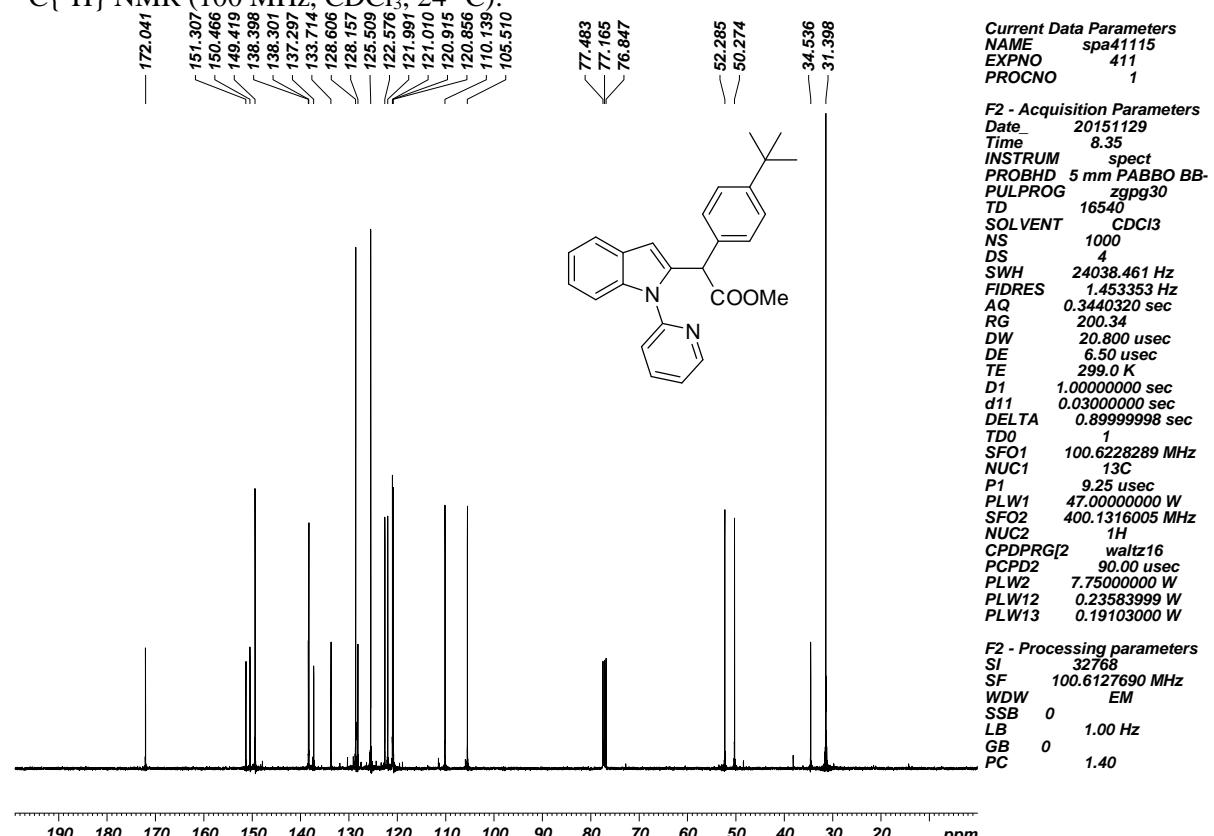


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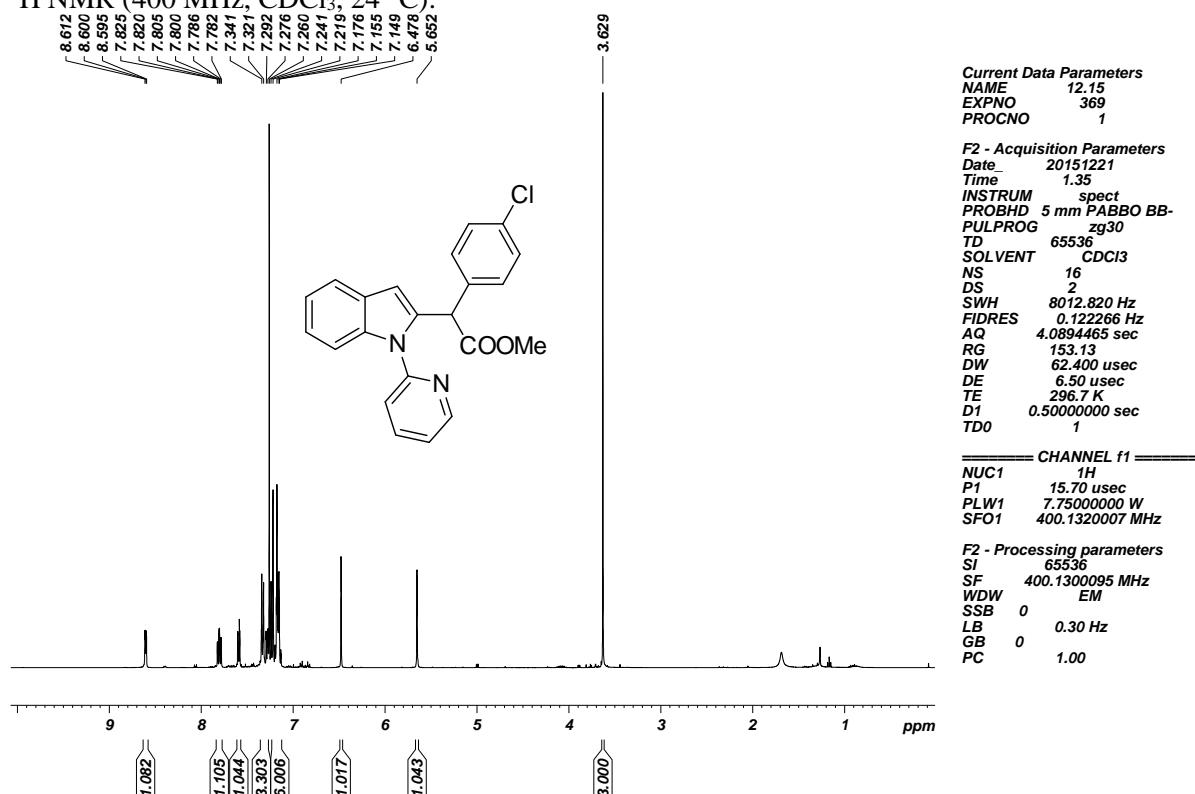


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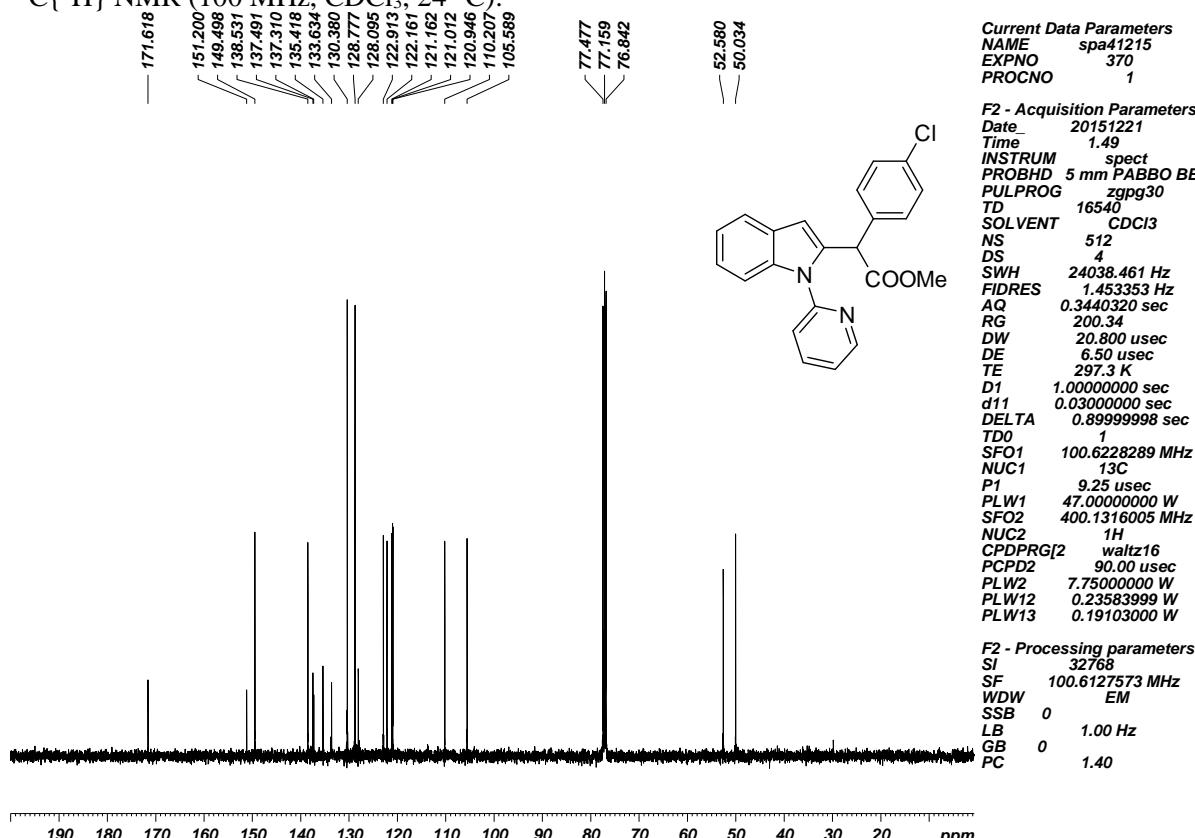


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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

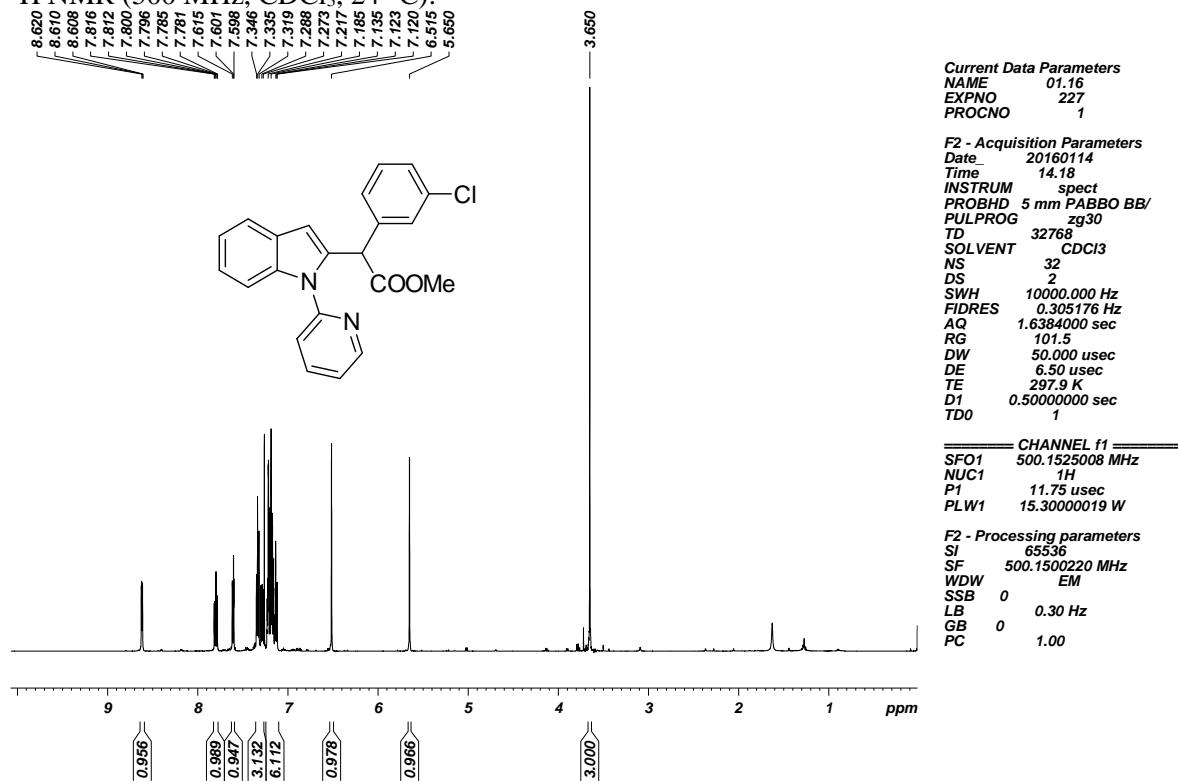


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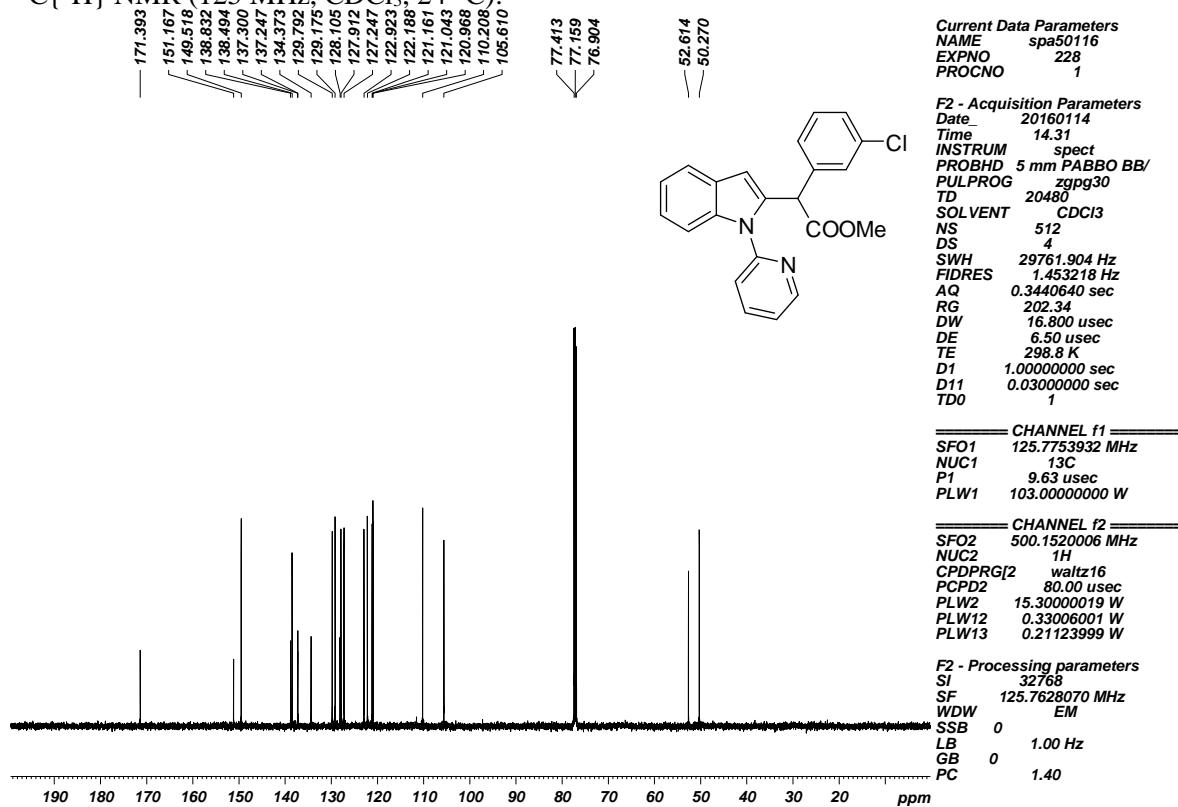


Methyl 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3f):

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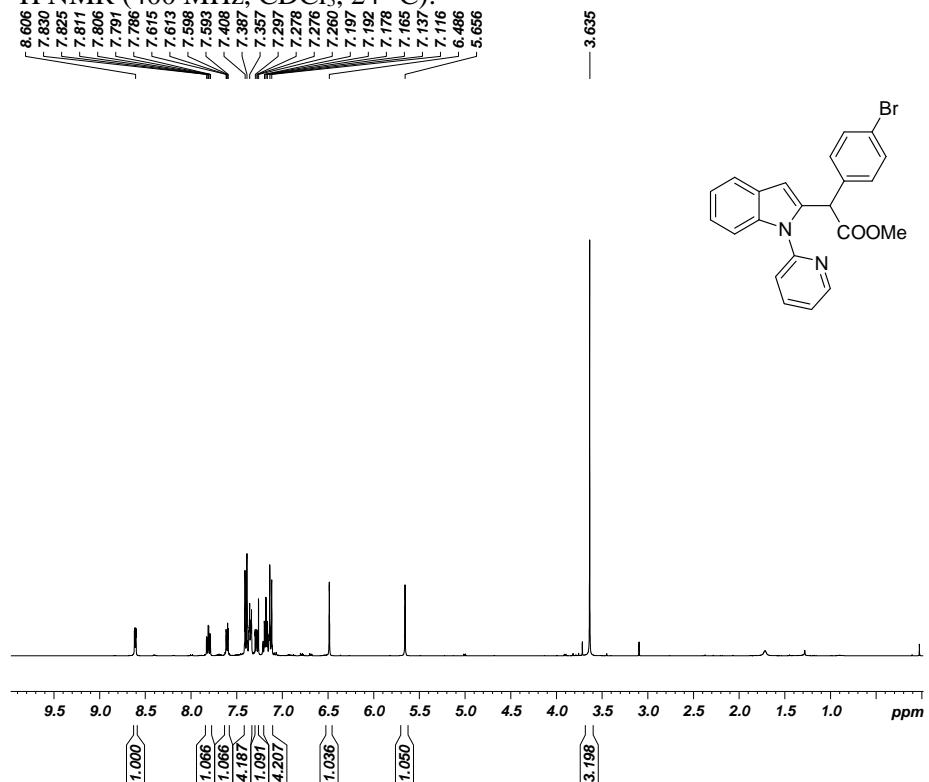


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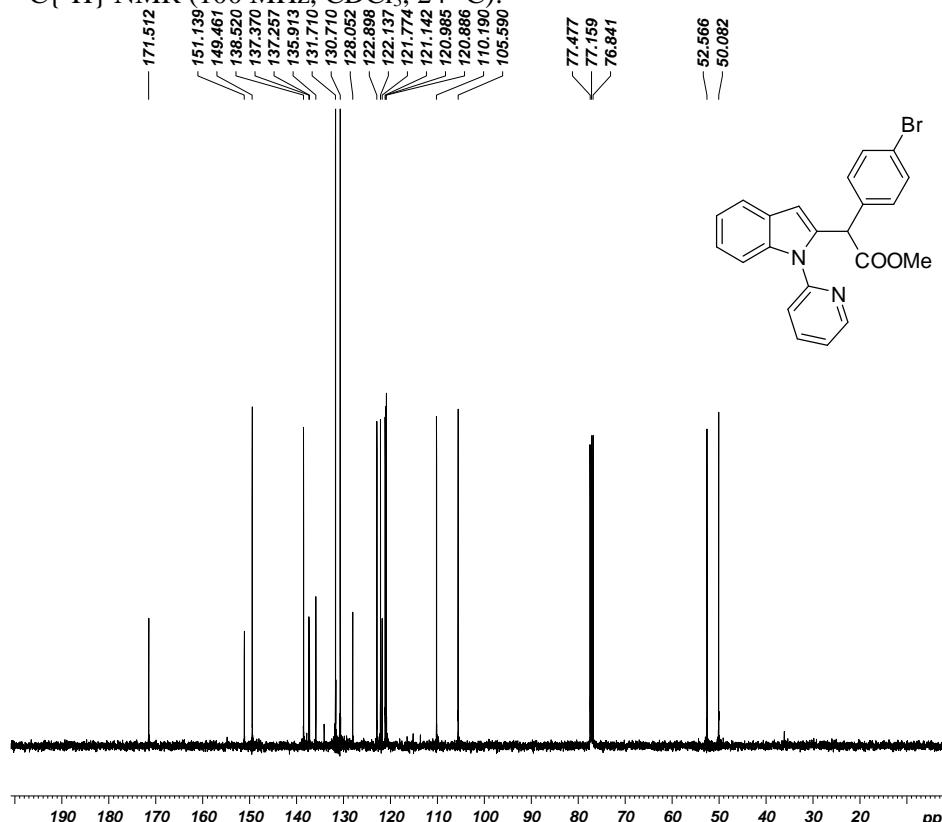


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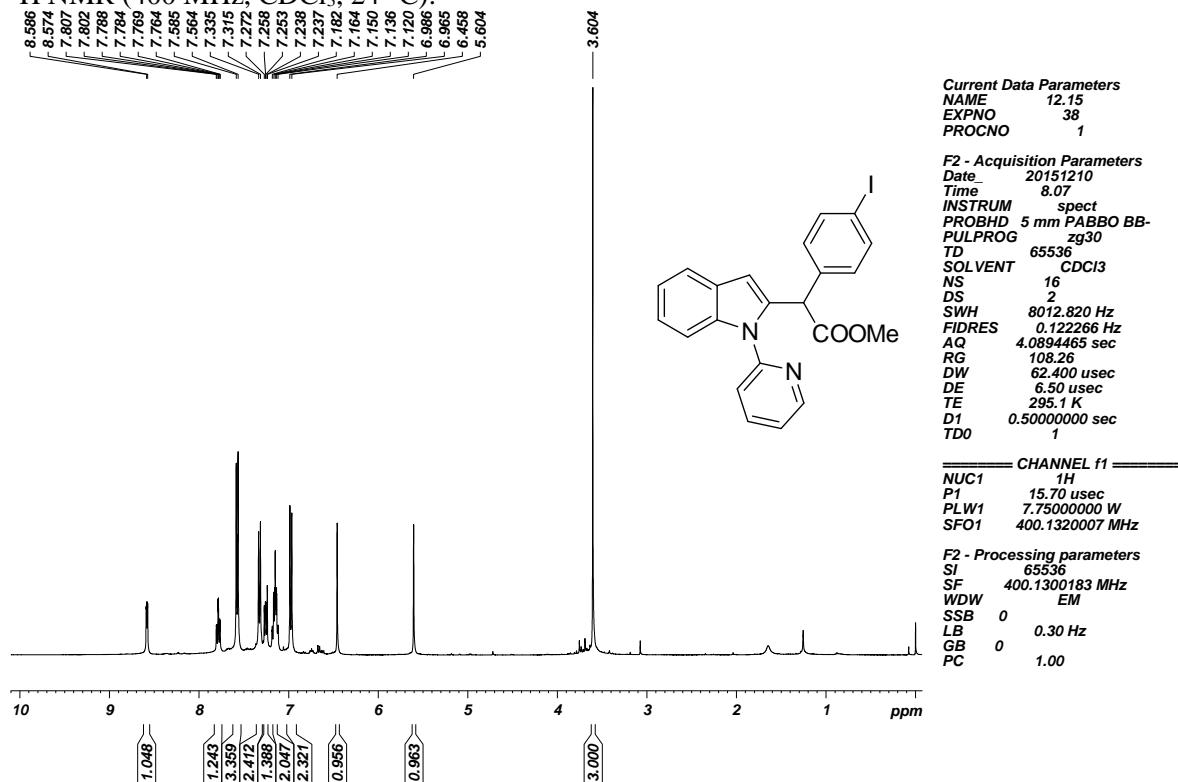


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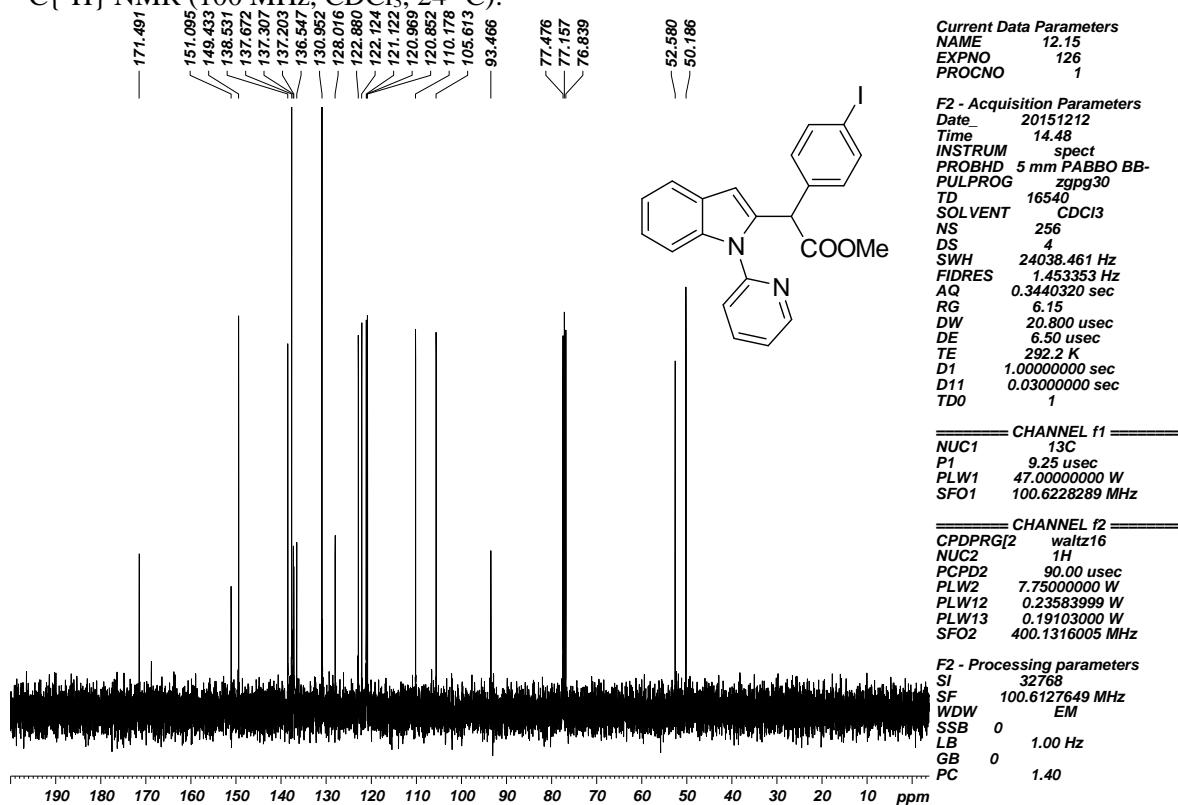


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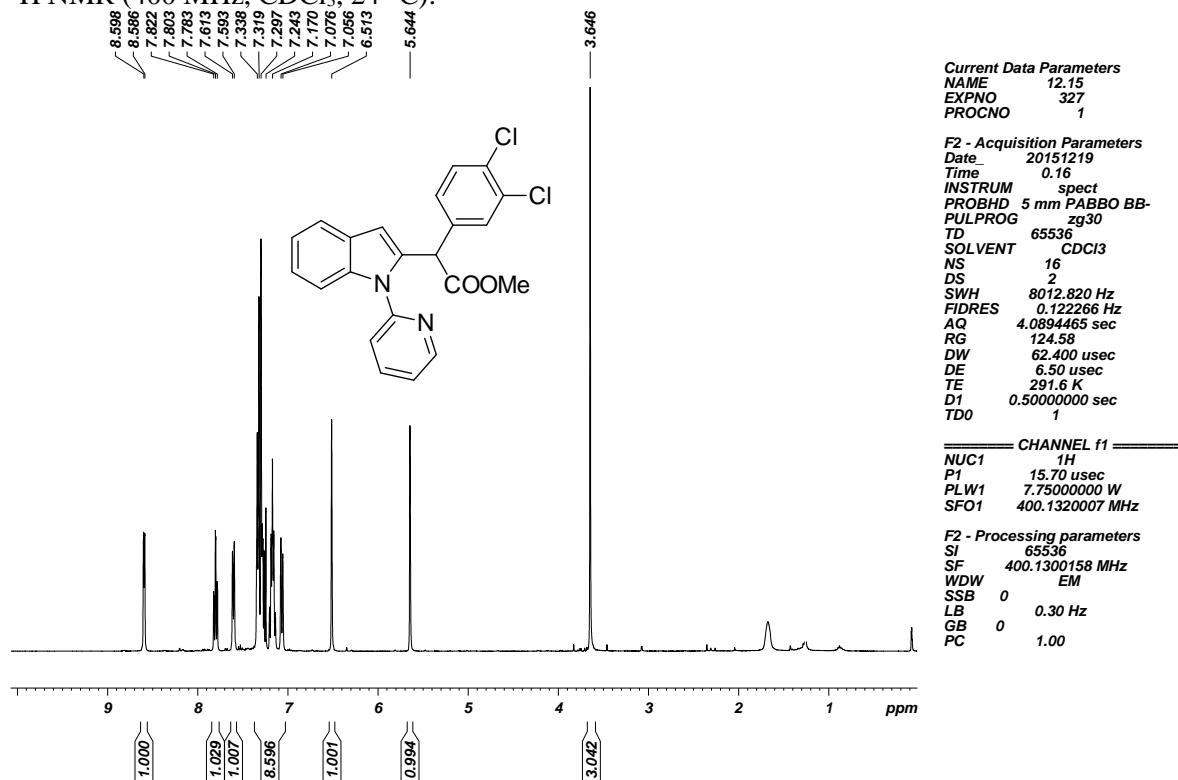


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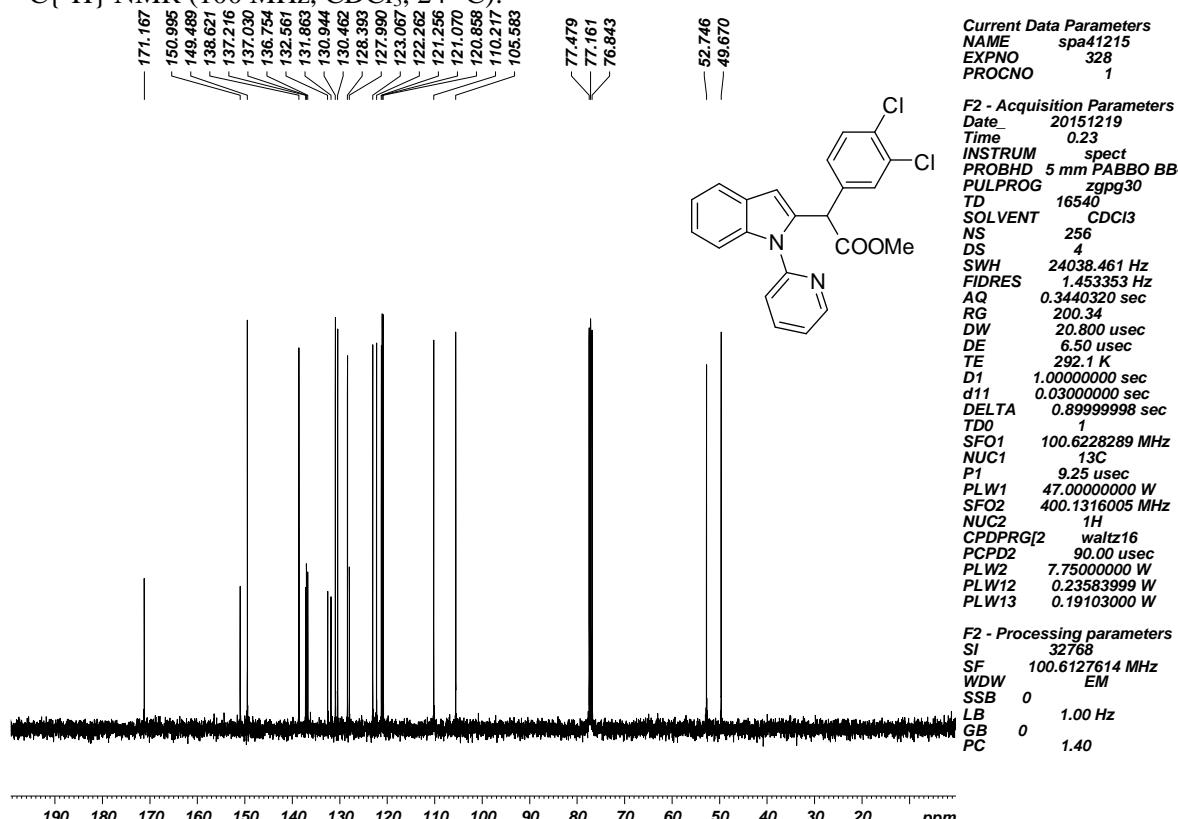


Methyl 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3i):

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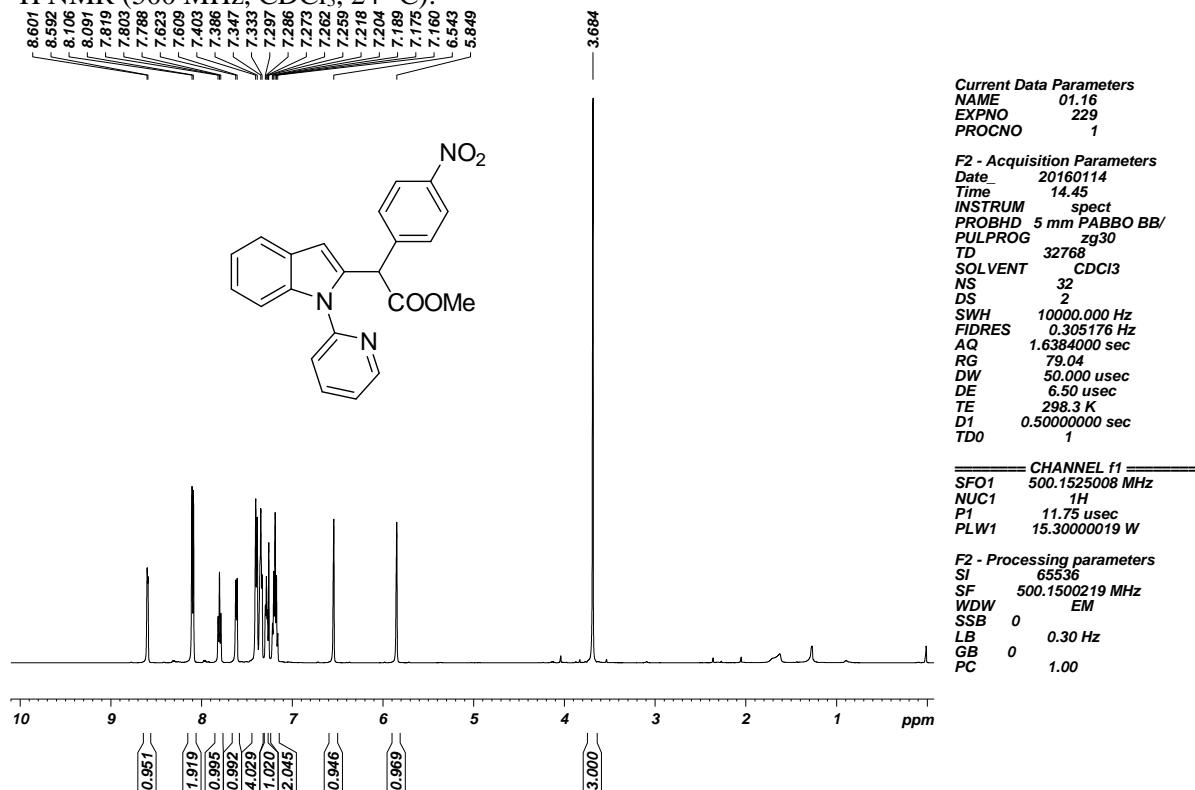


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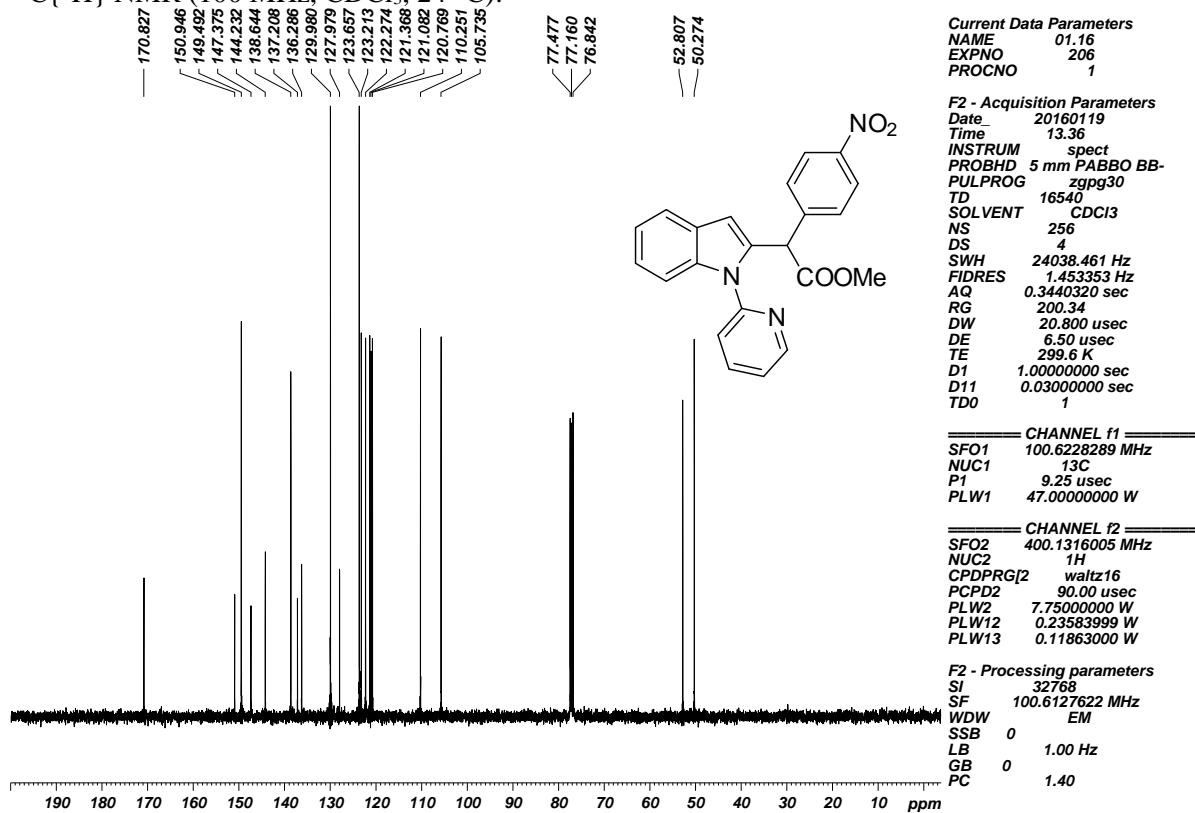


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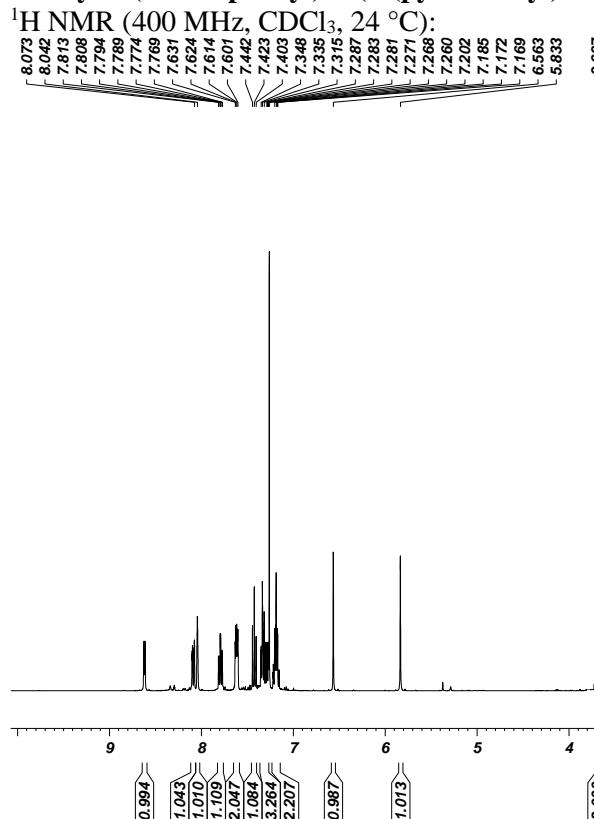
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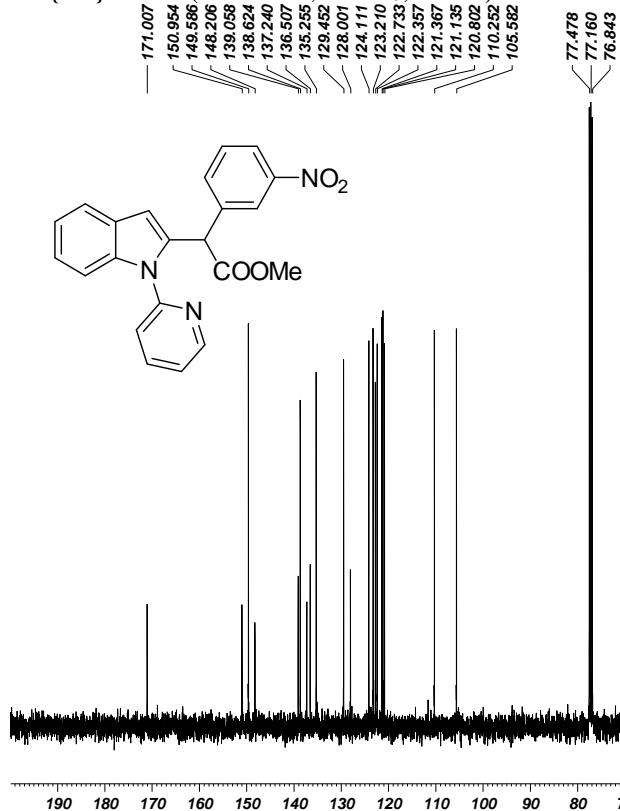
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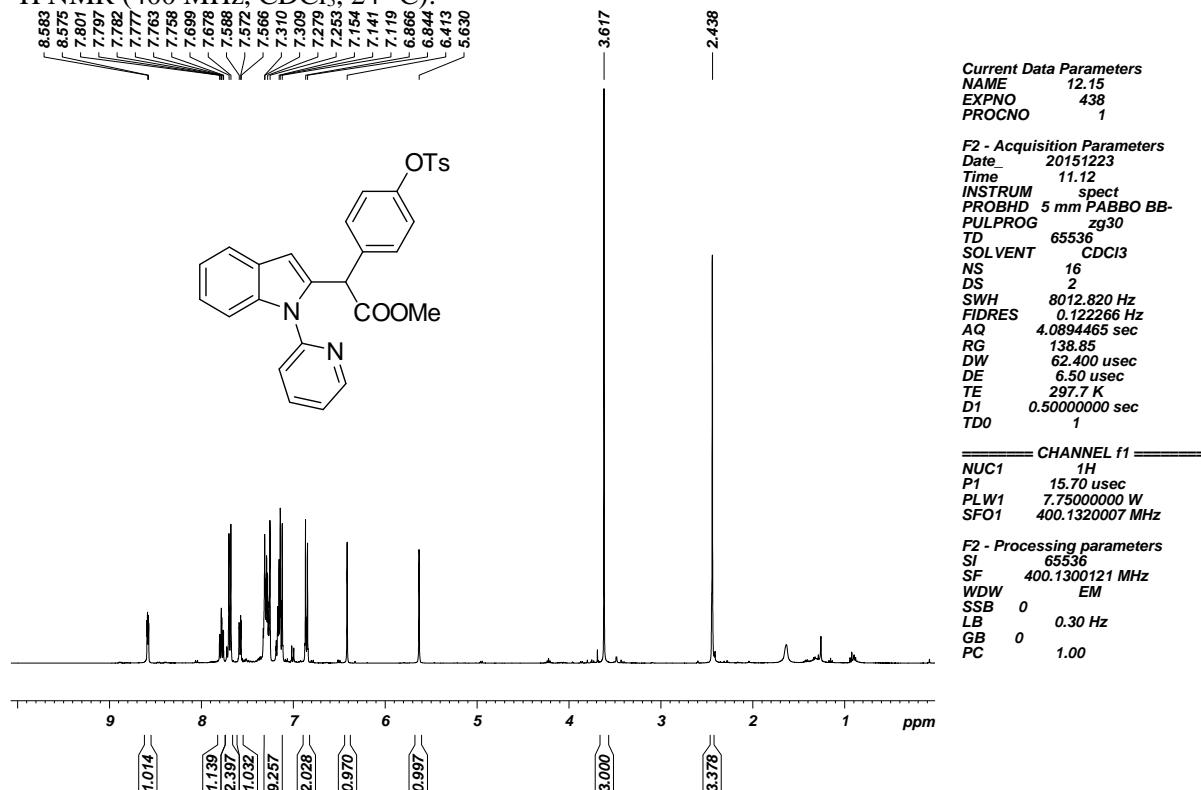
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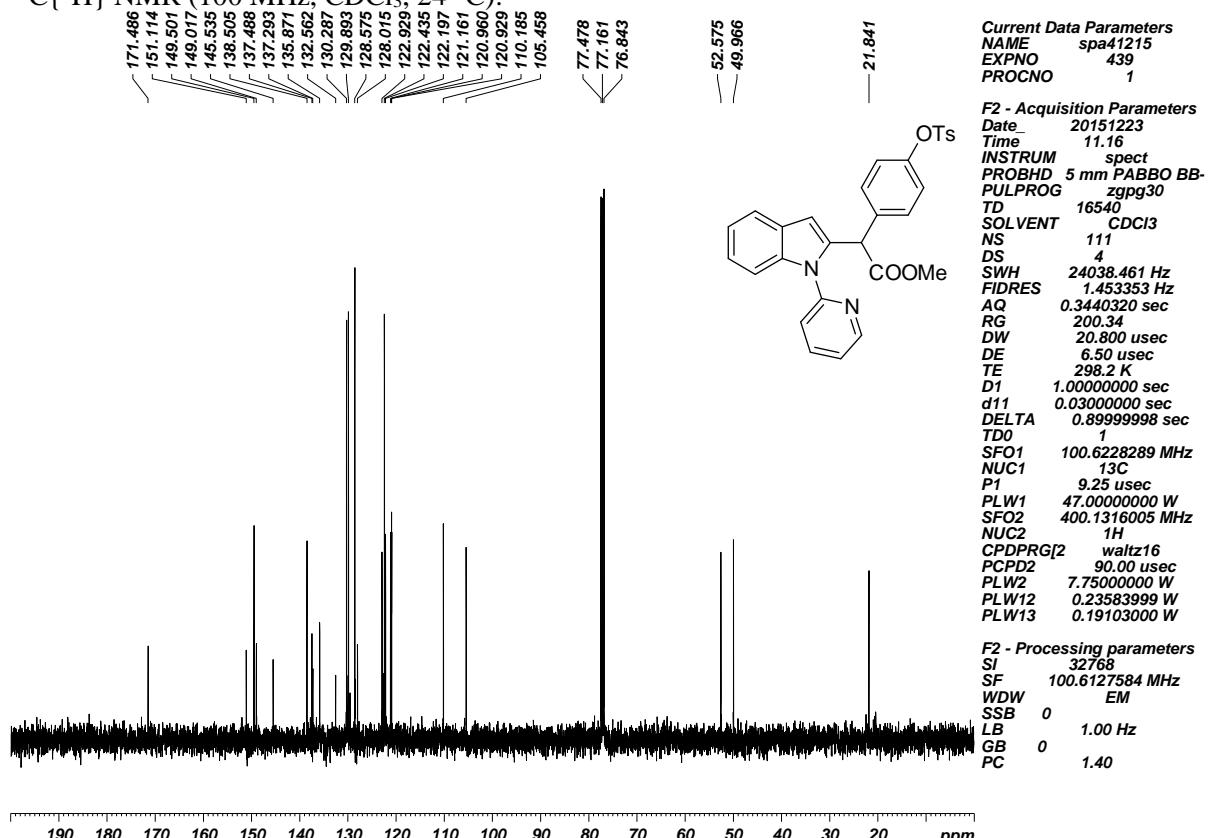
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Methyl 2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-(4-(tosyloxy)phenyl)acetate (3l):

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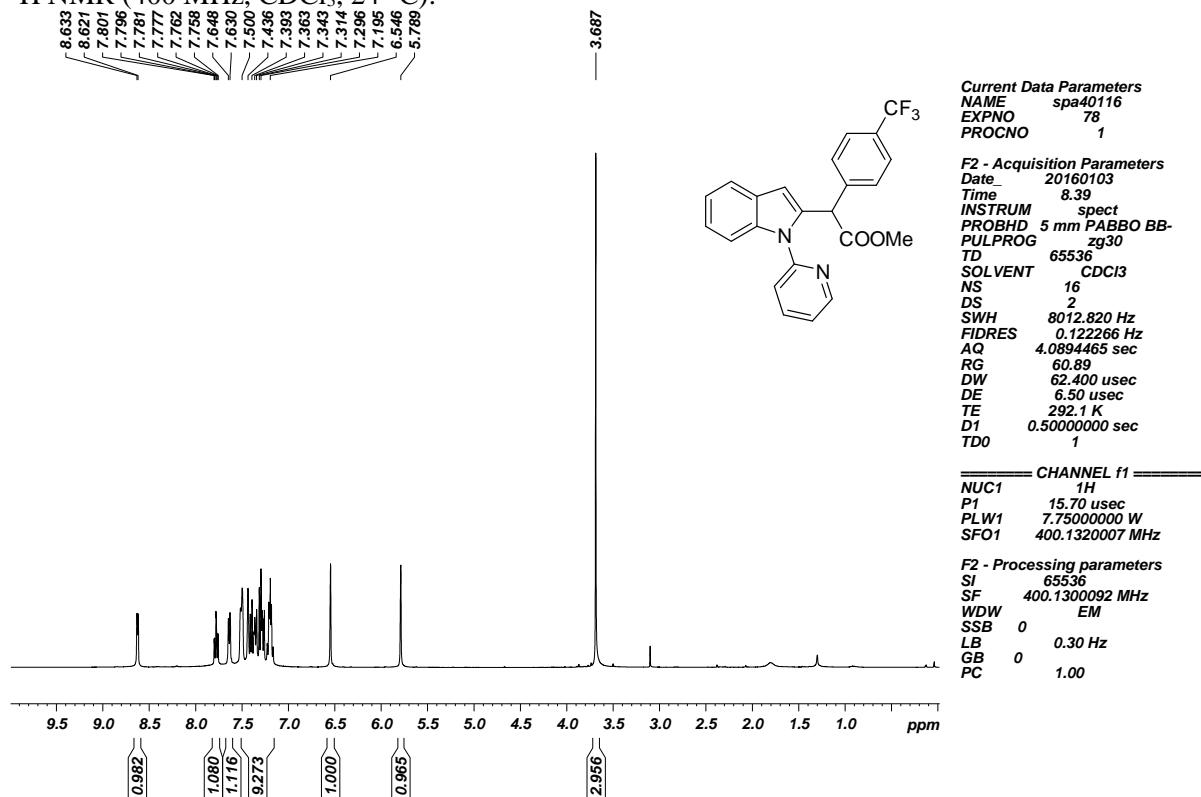


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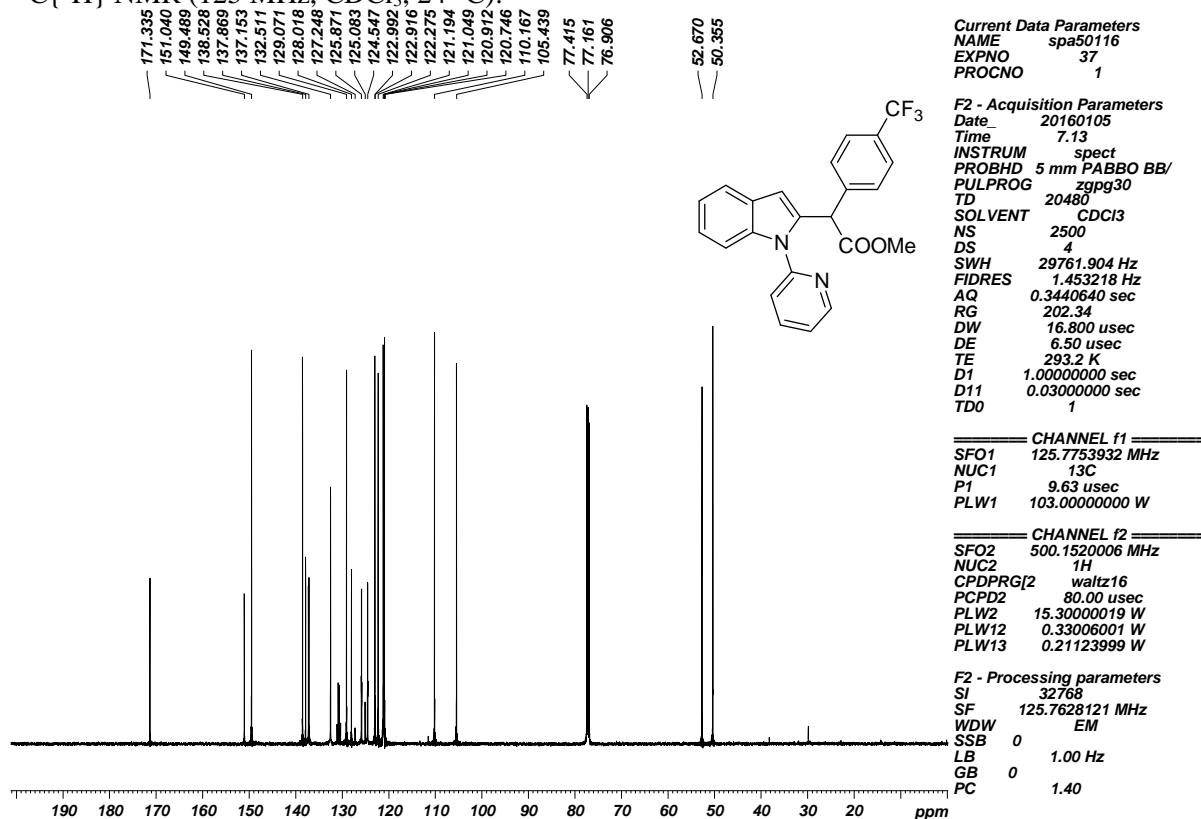


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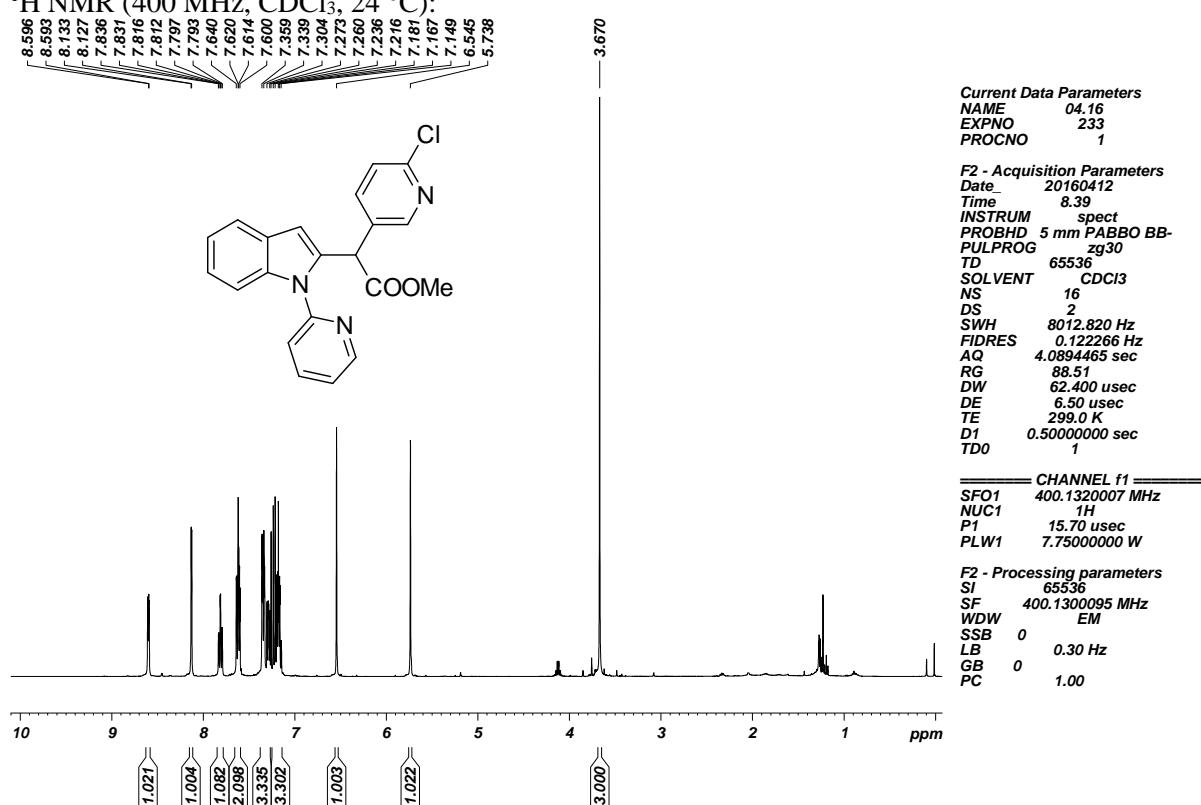


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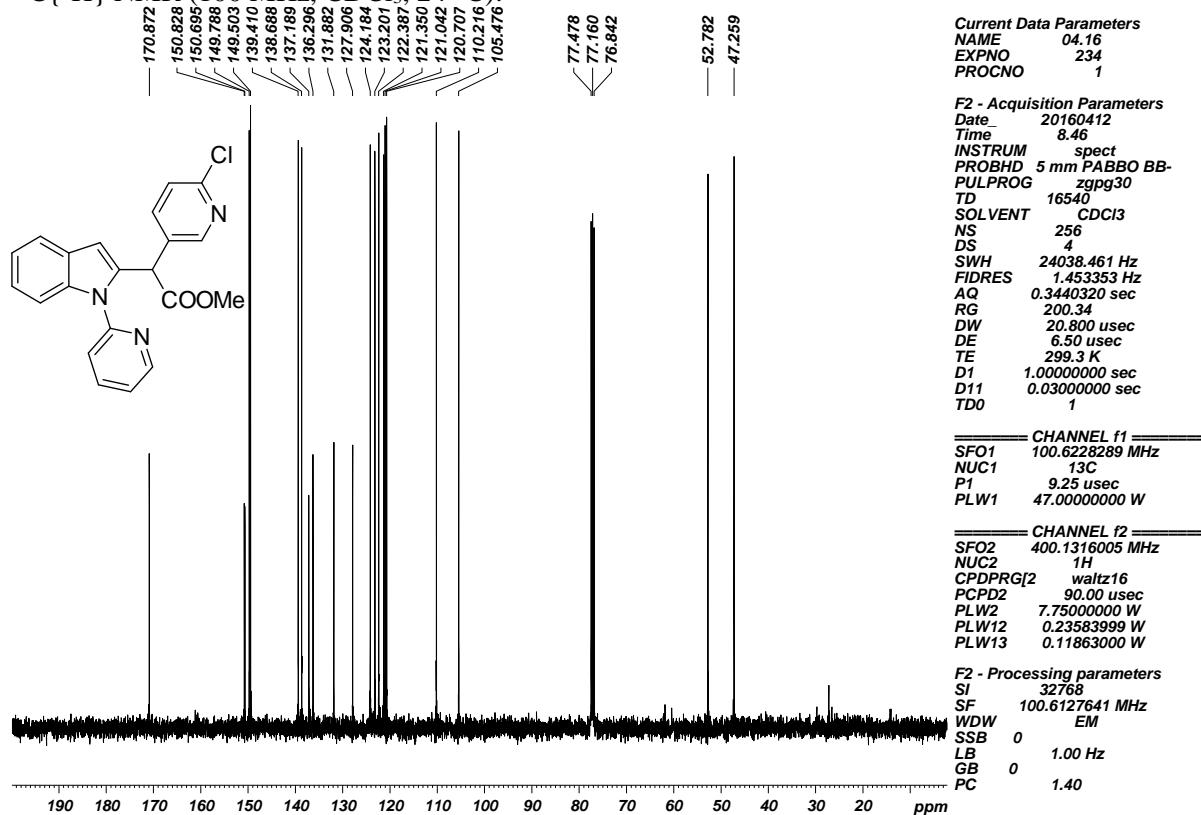


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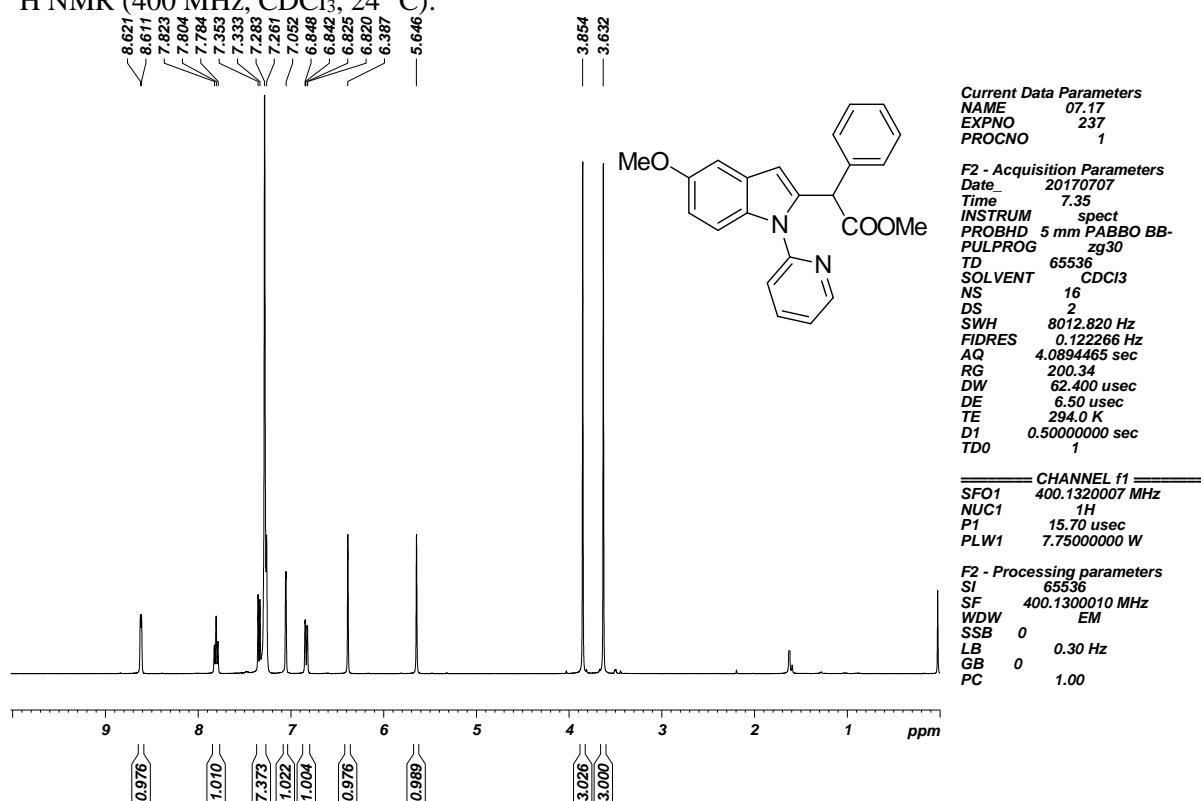


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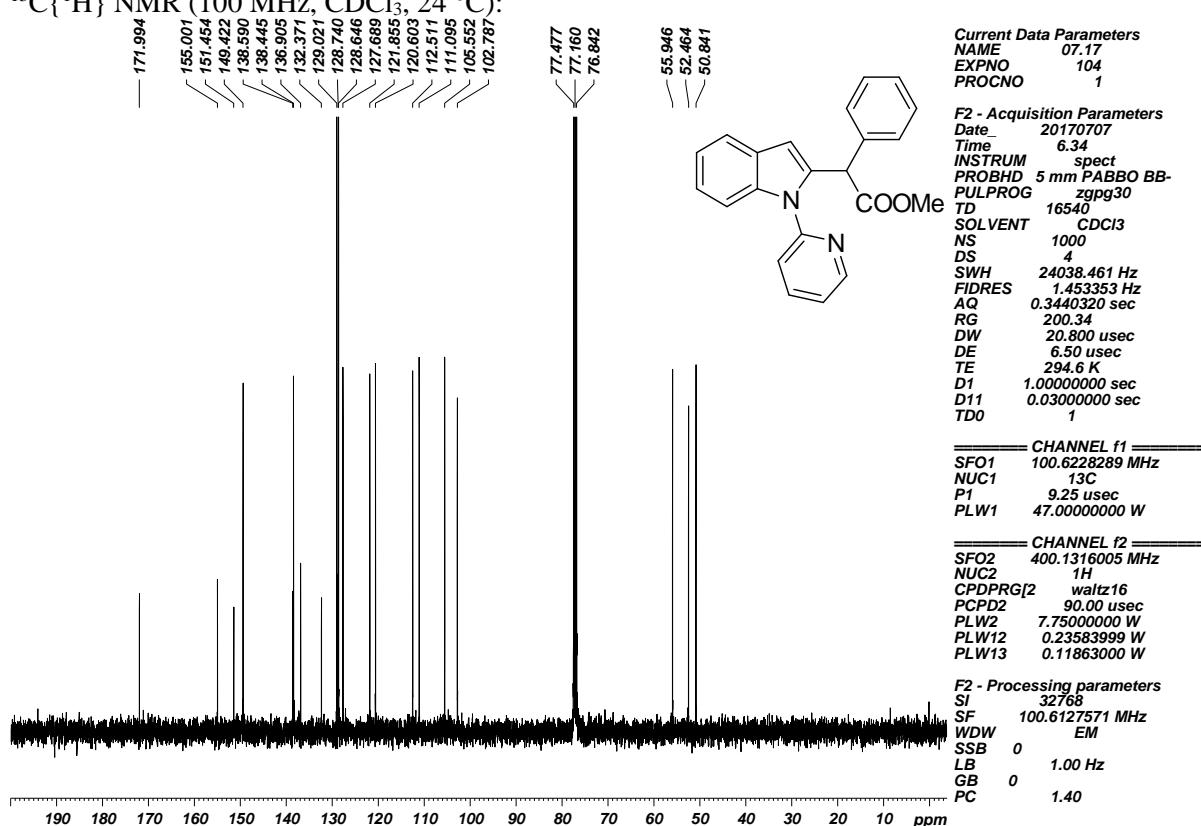


Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-2-phenylacetate (3o):

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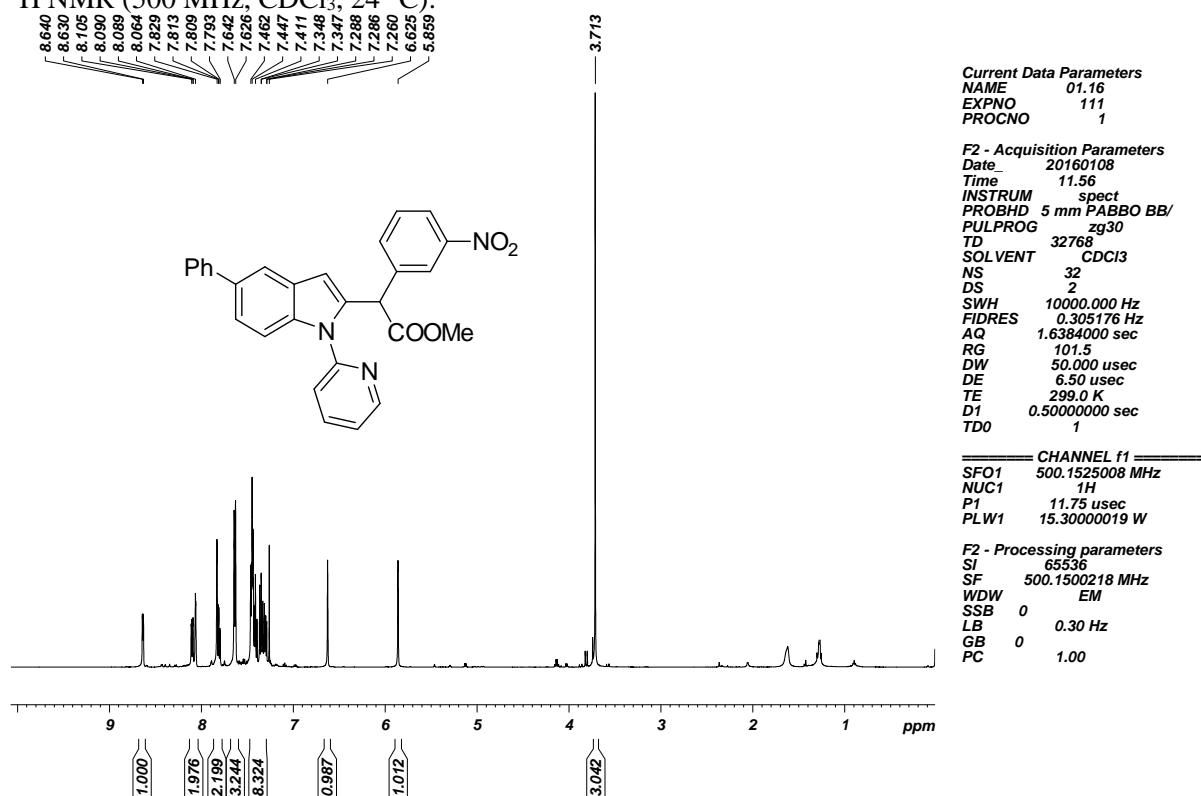


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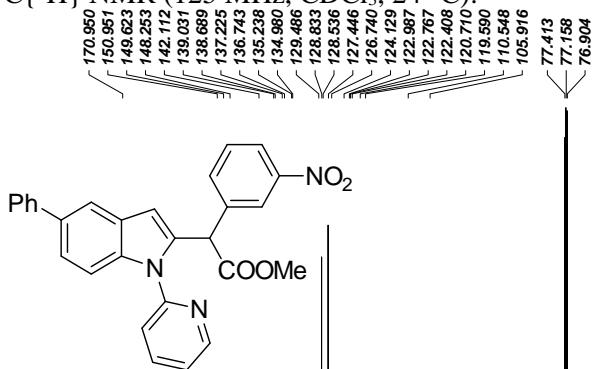


Methyl 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3p):

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):



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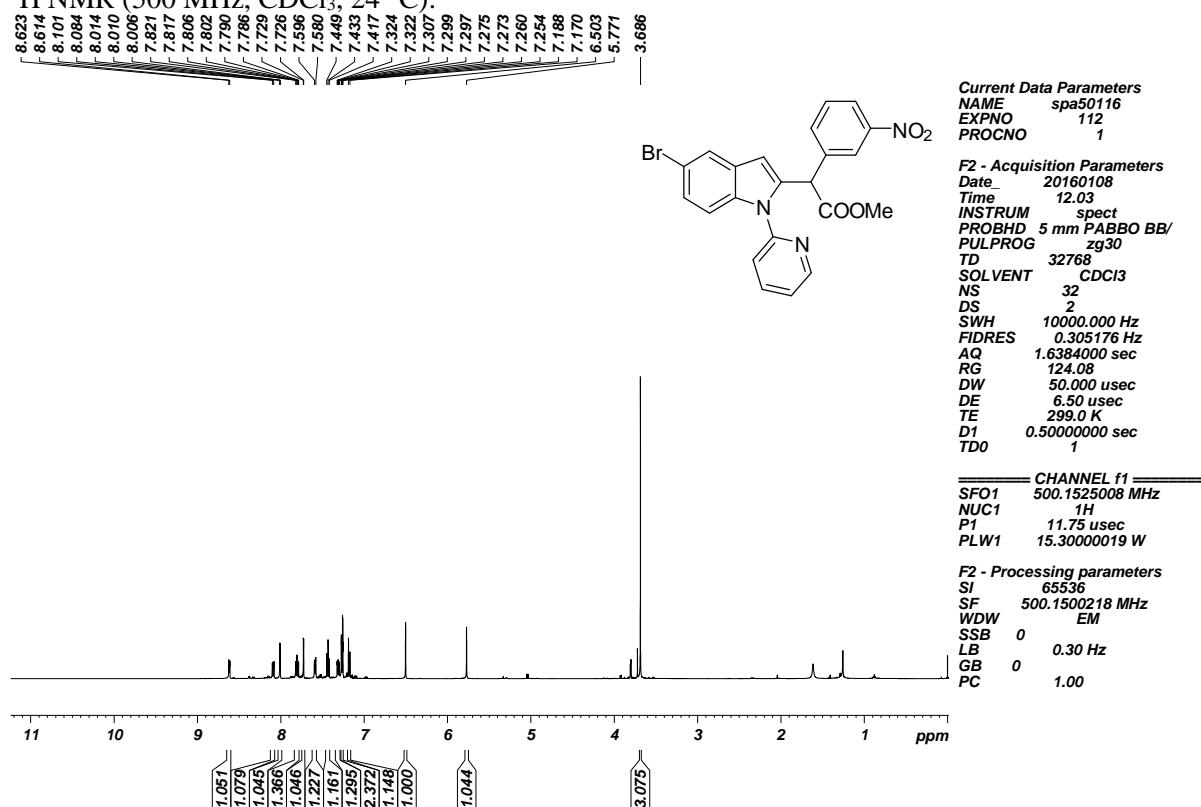
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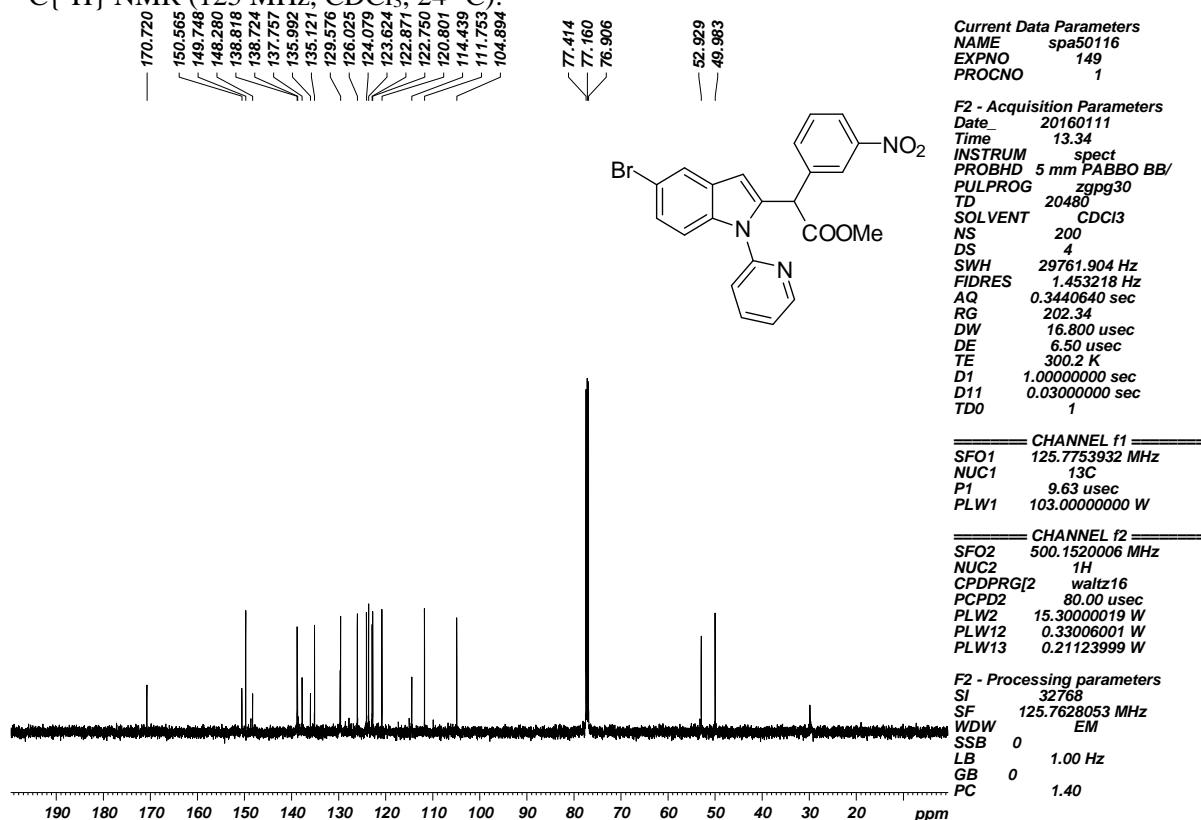
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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

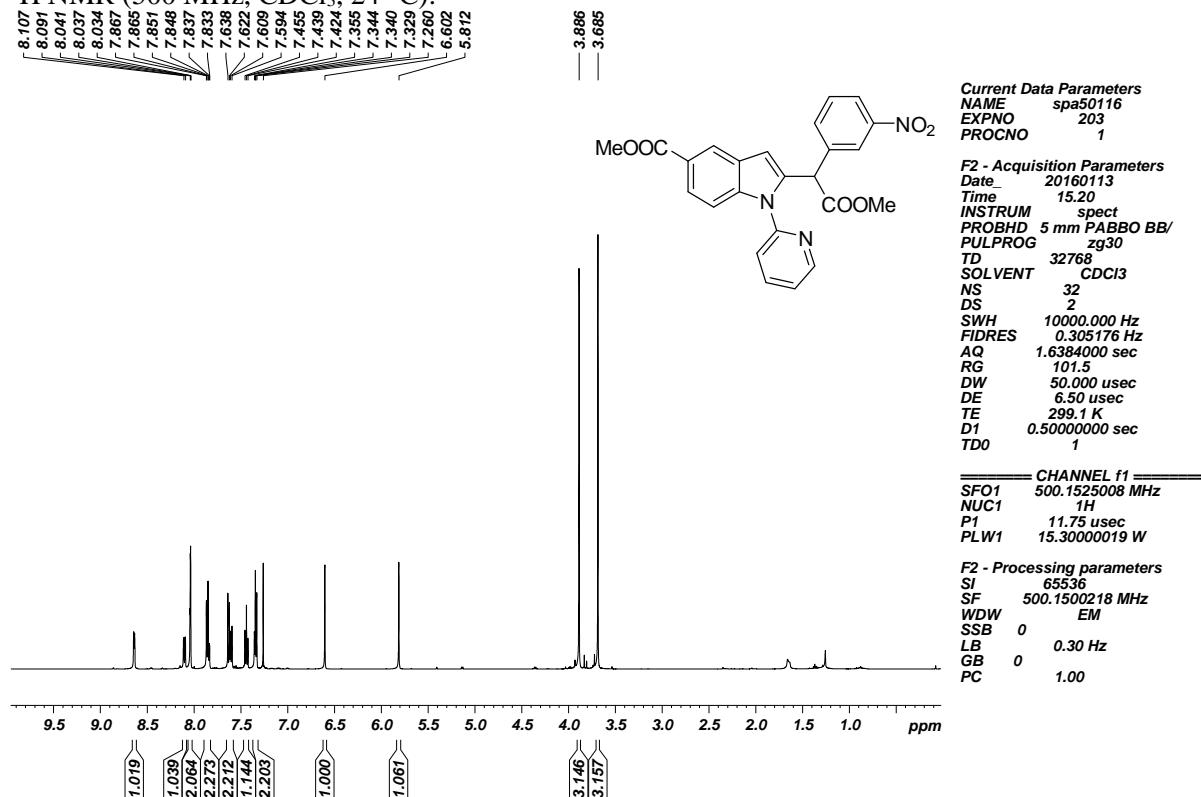


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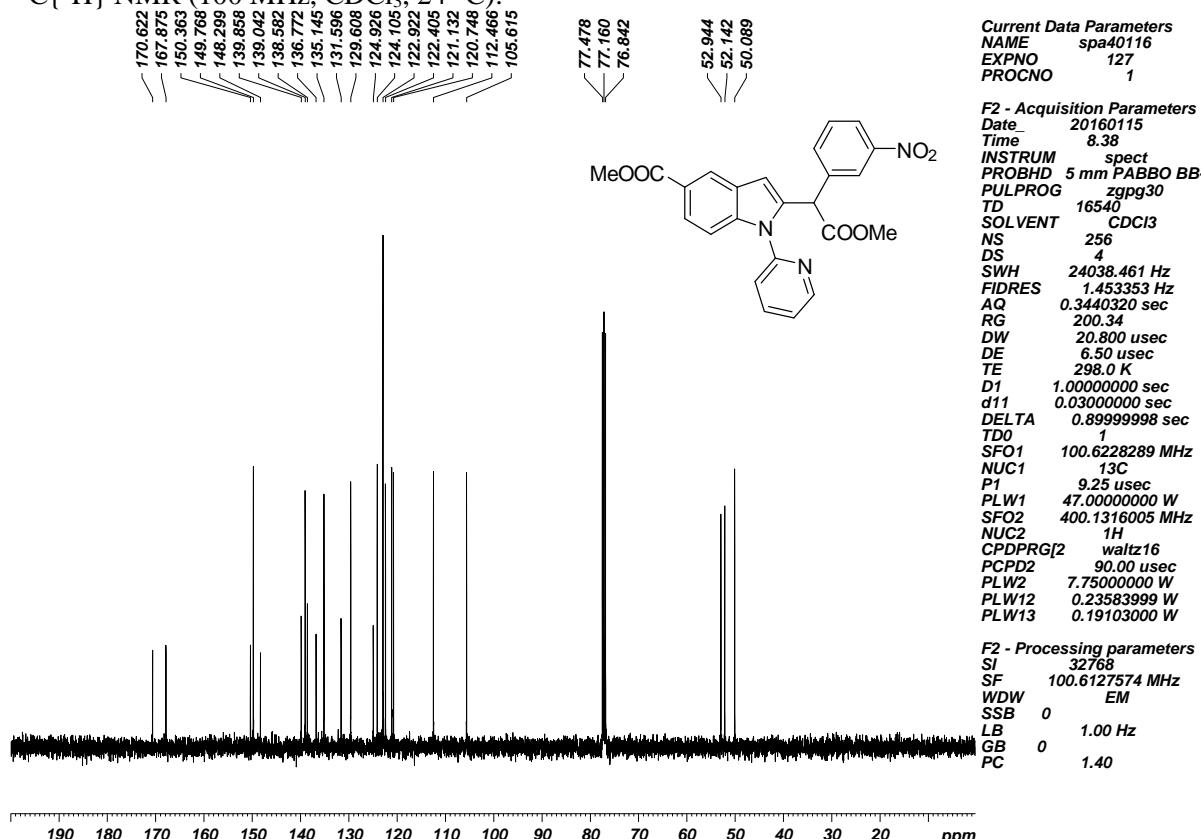


Methyl 2-(2-methoxy-1-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (3r):

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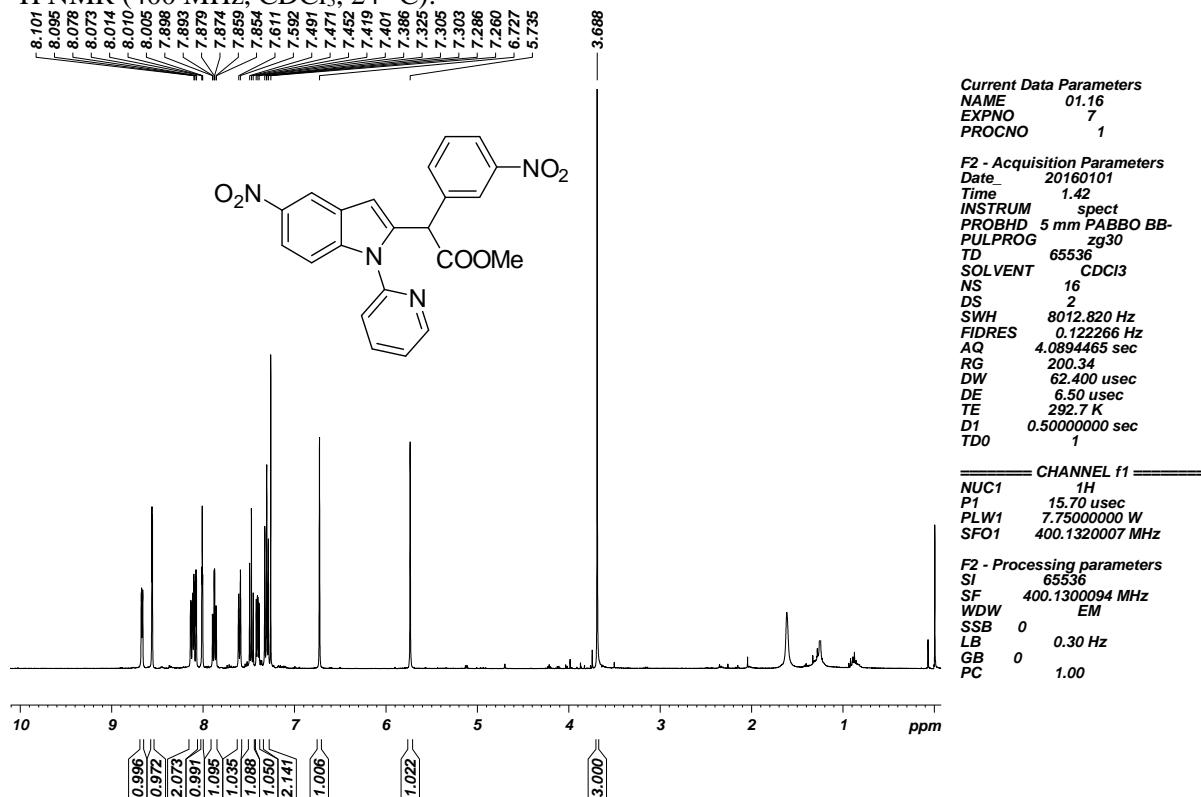


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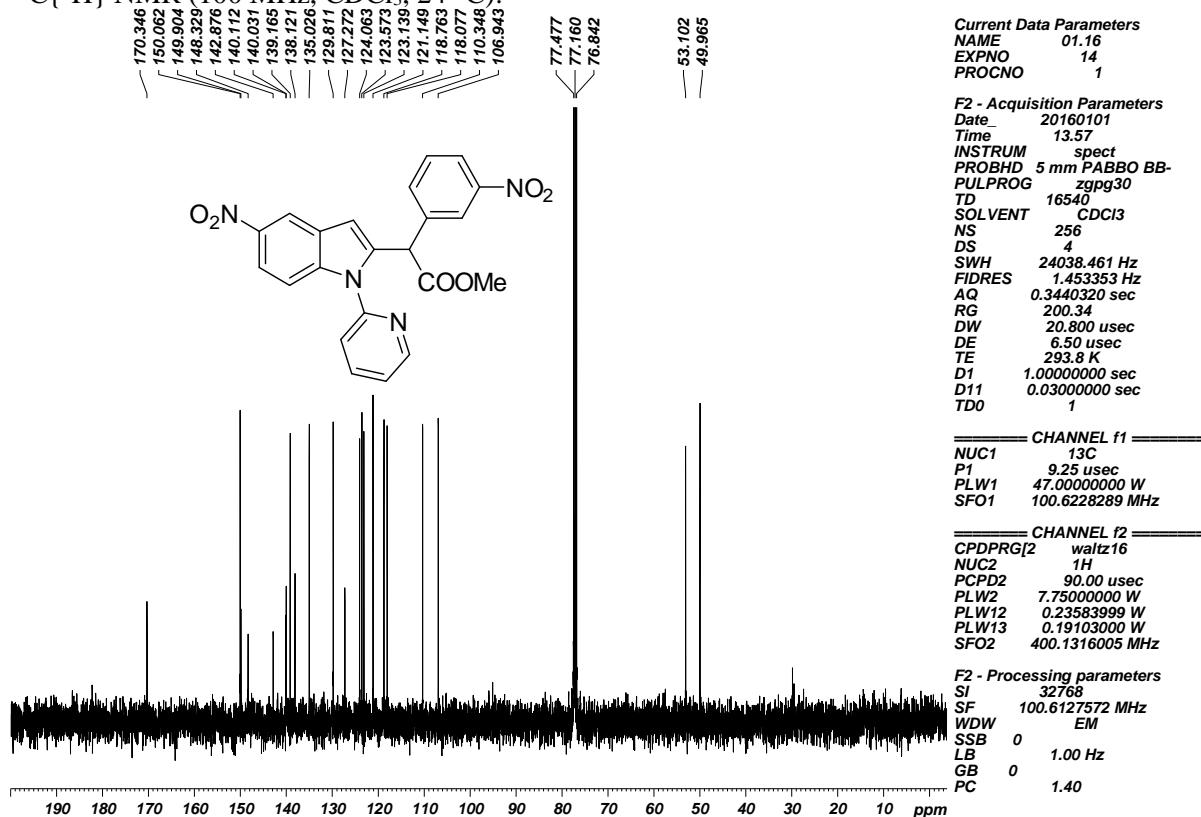


Methyl 2-(5-nitro-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate (3s):

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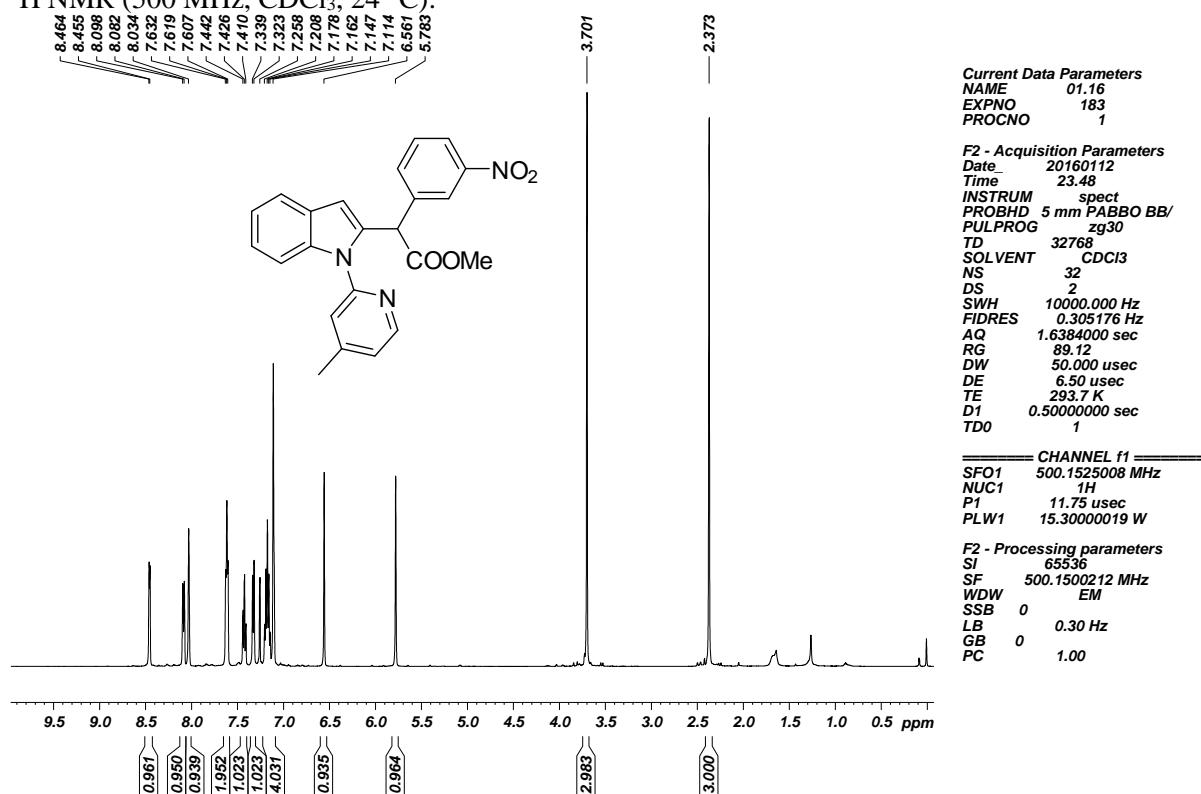


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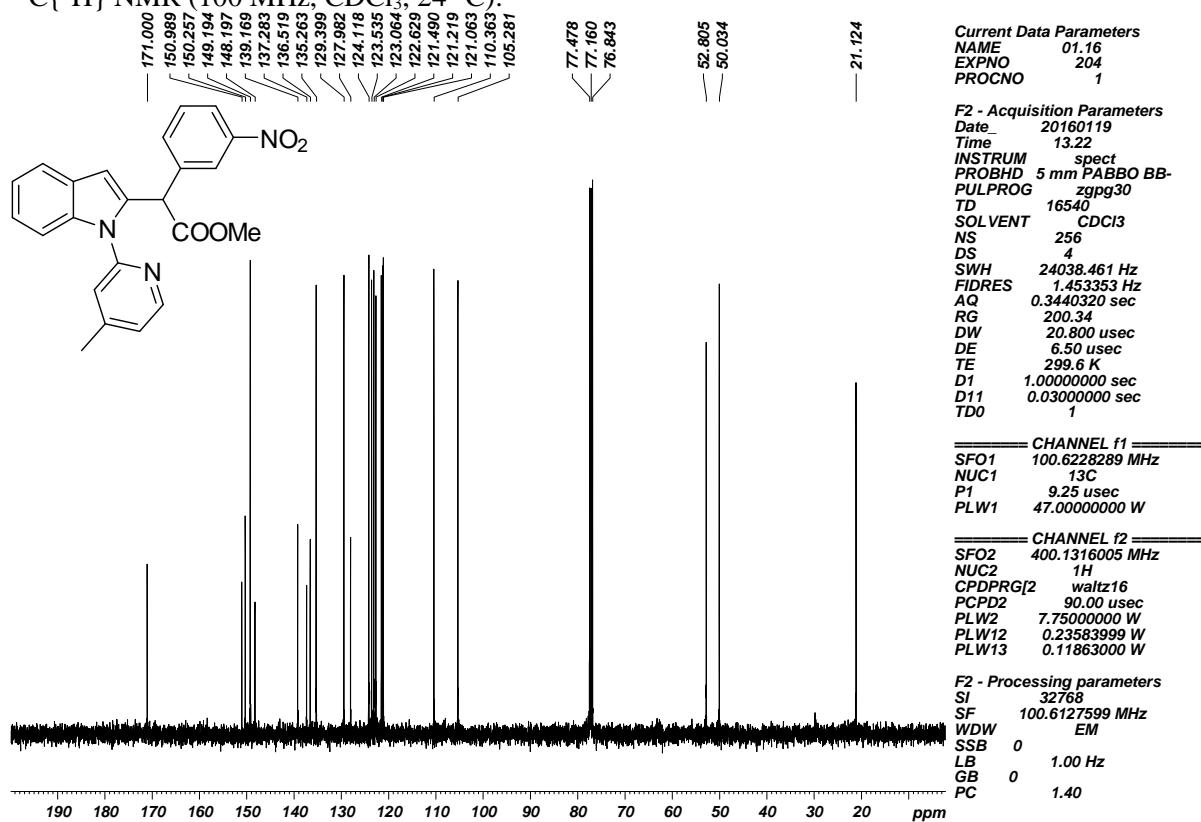


Methyl 2-(1-(4-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (3t):

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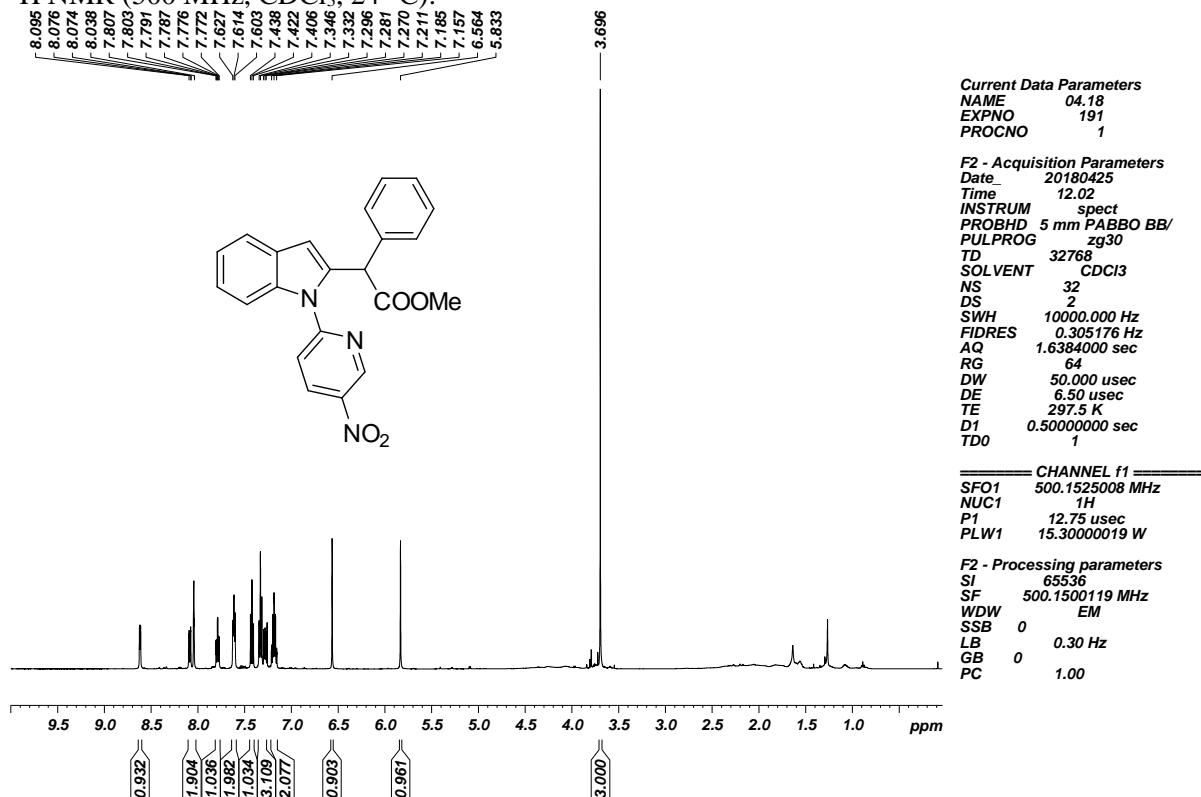


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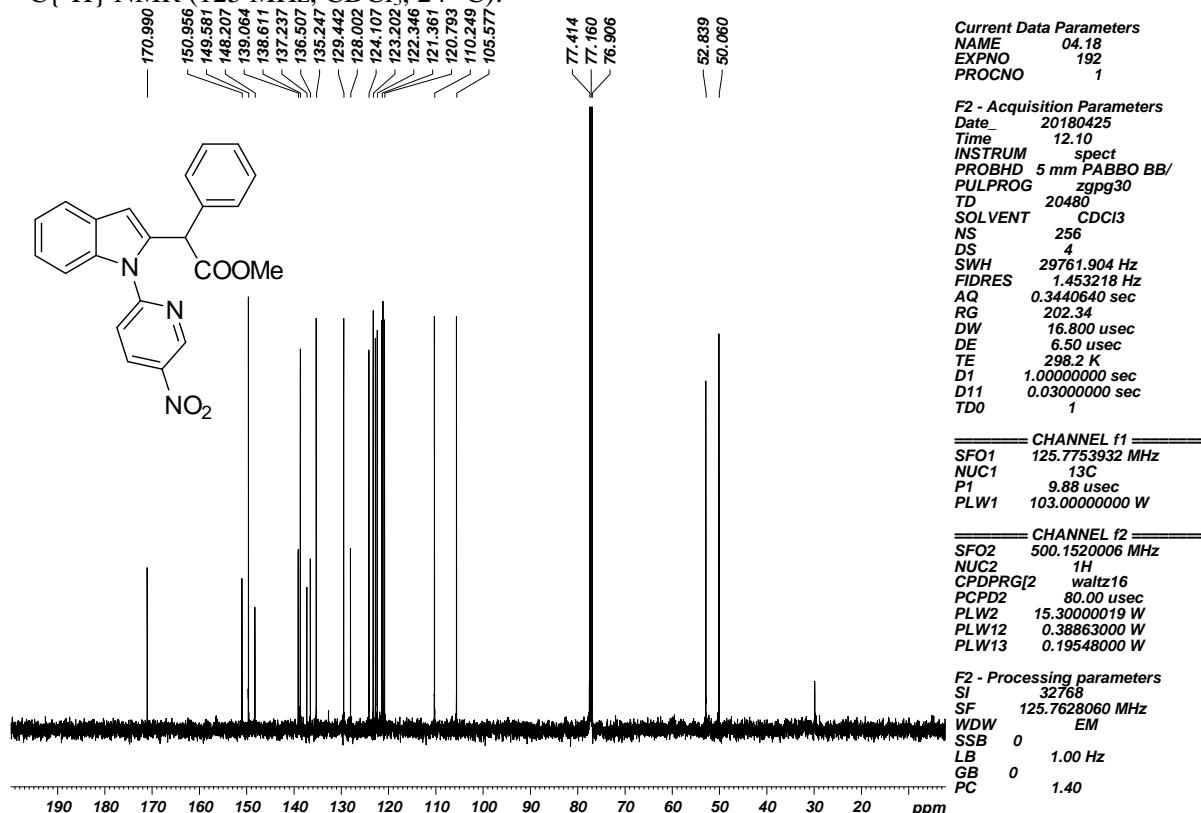


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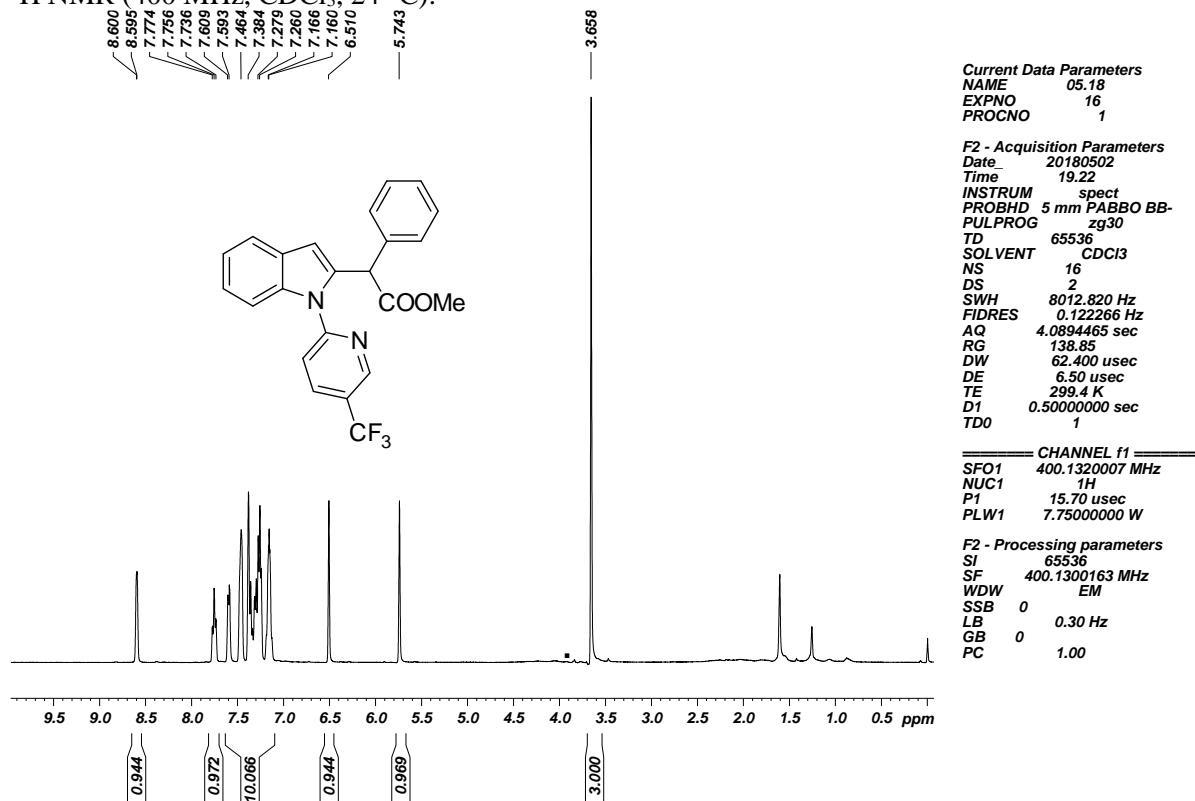


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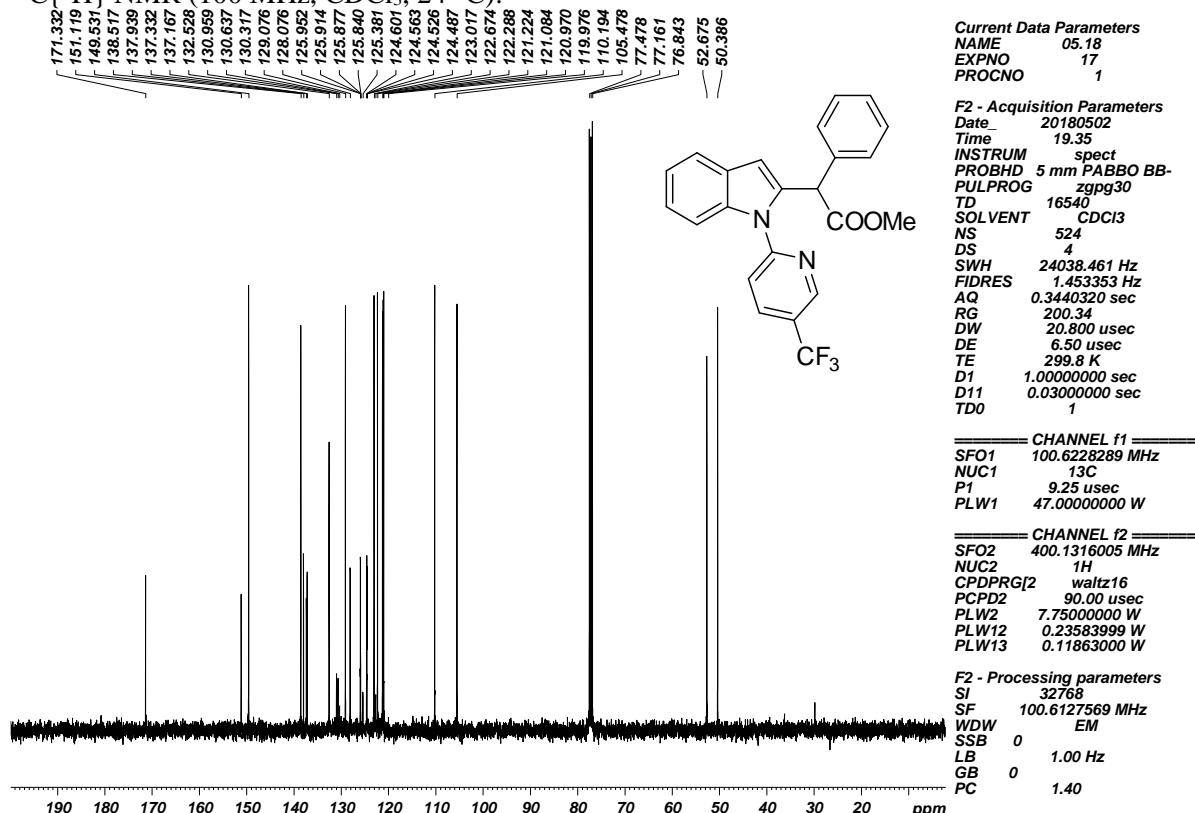


Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)acetate (3v):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

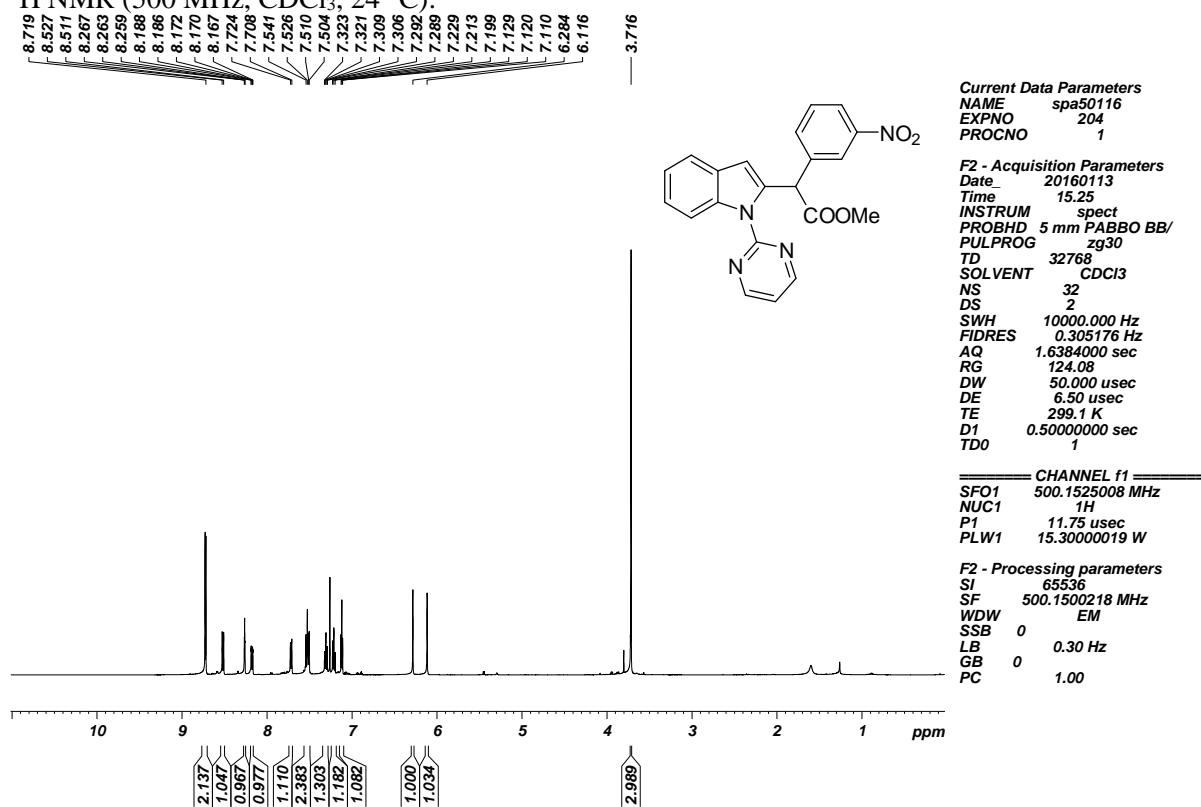


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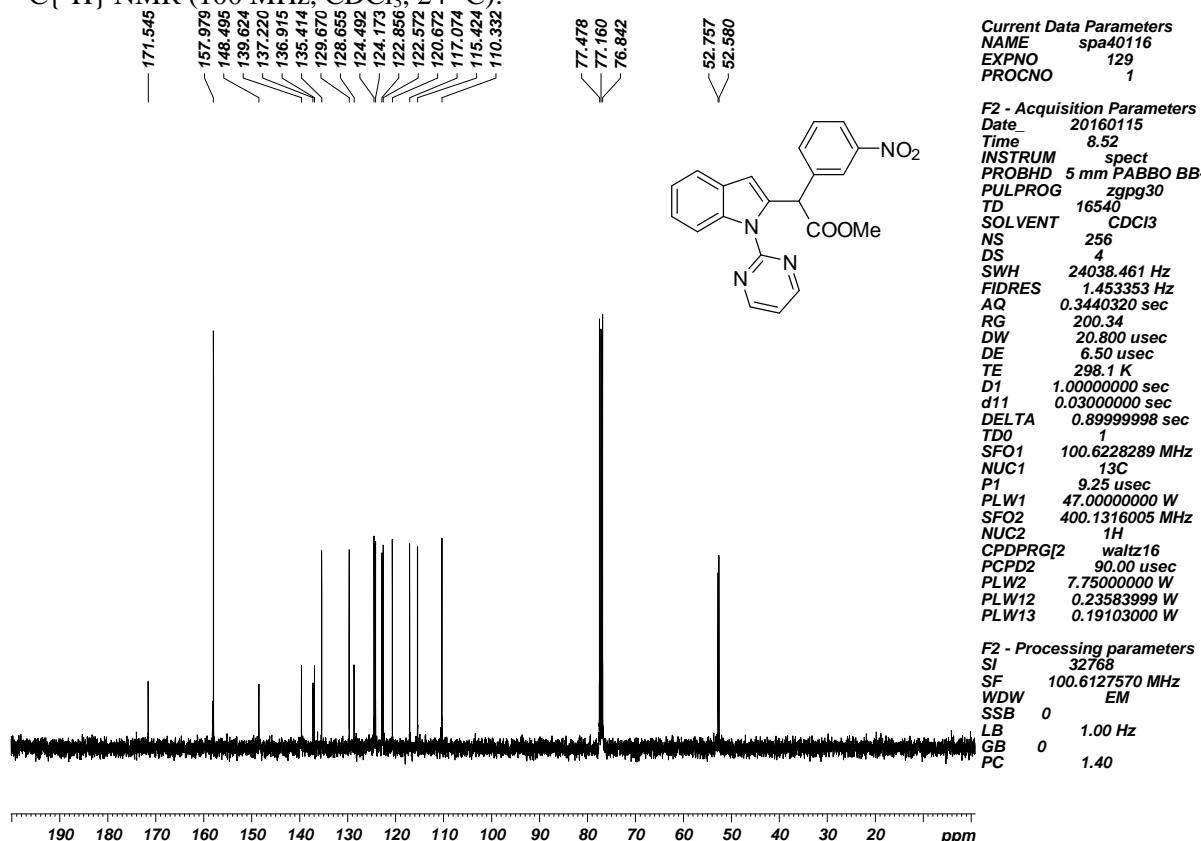


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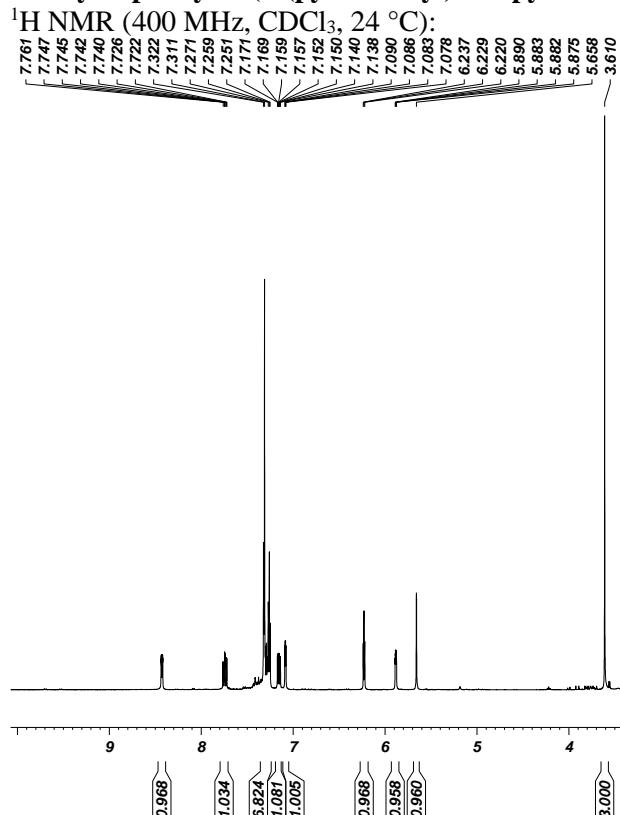
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$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C):



Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)acetate (3x):



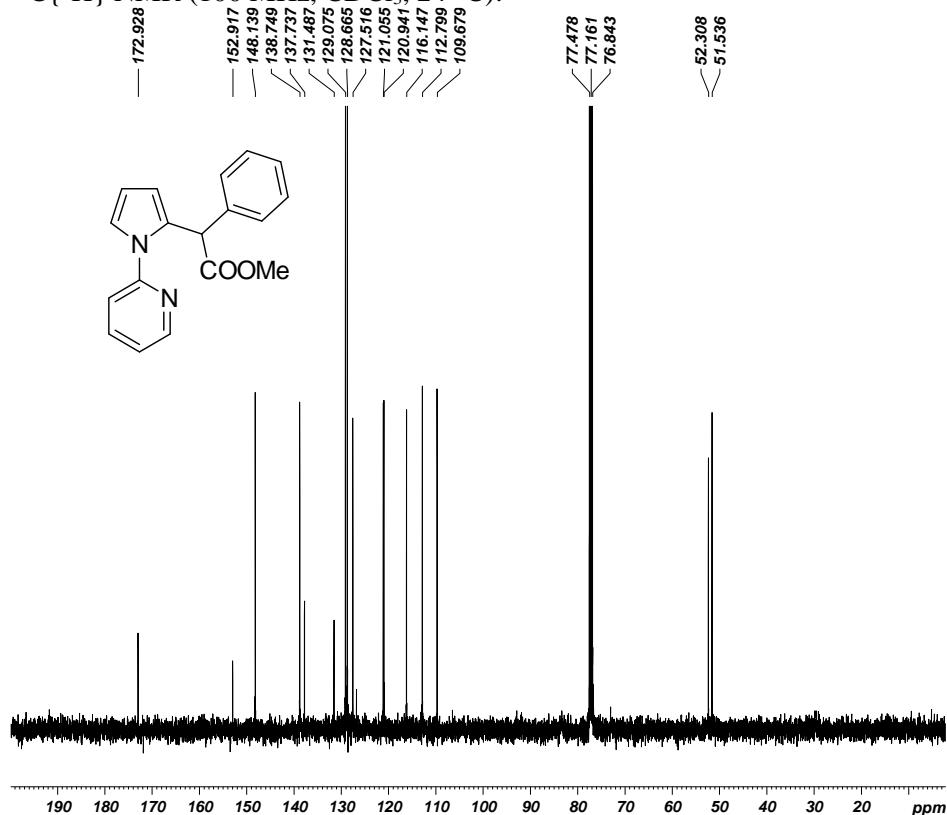
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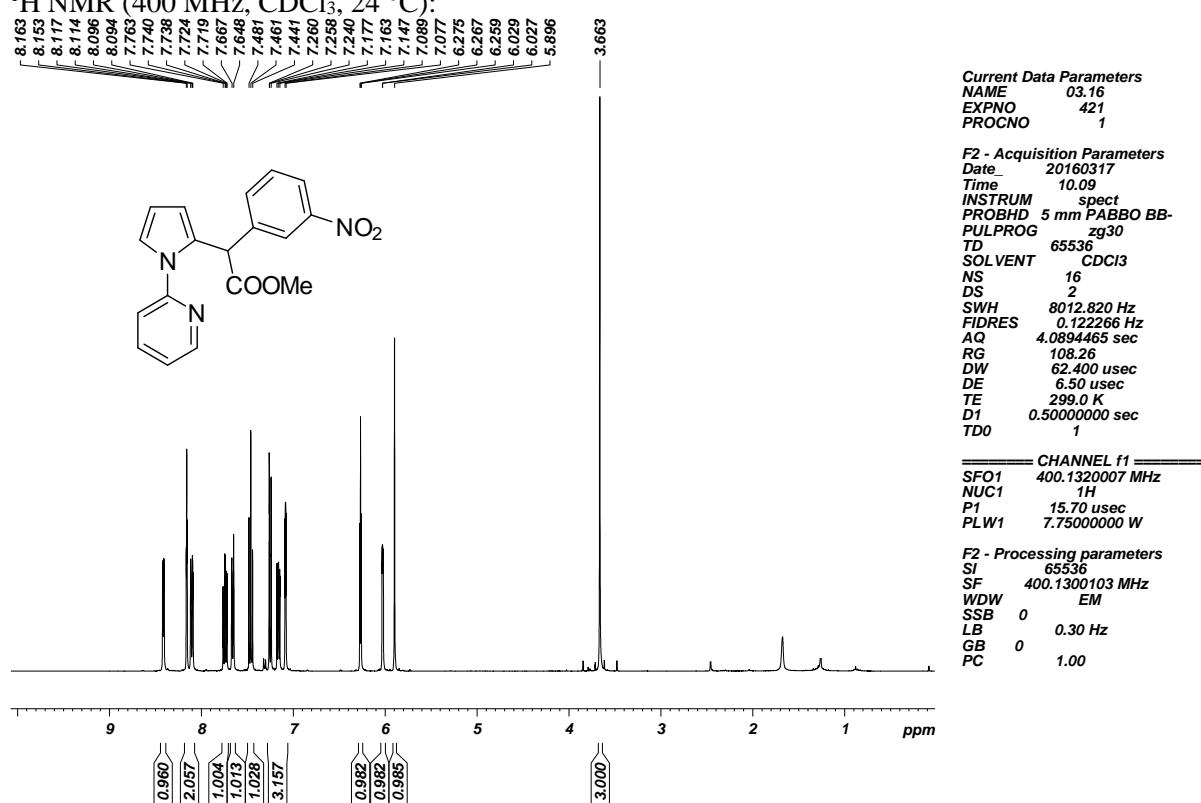
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Methyl 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)acetate (3y):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):



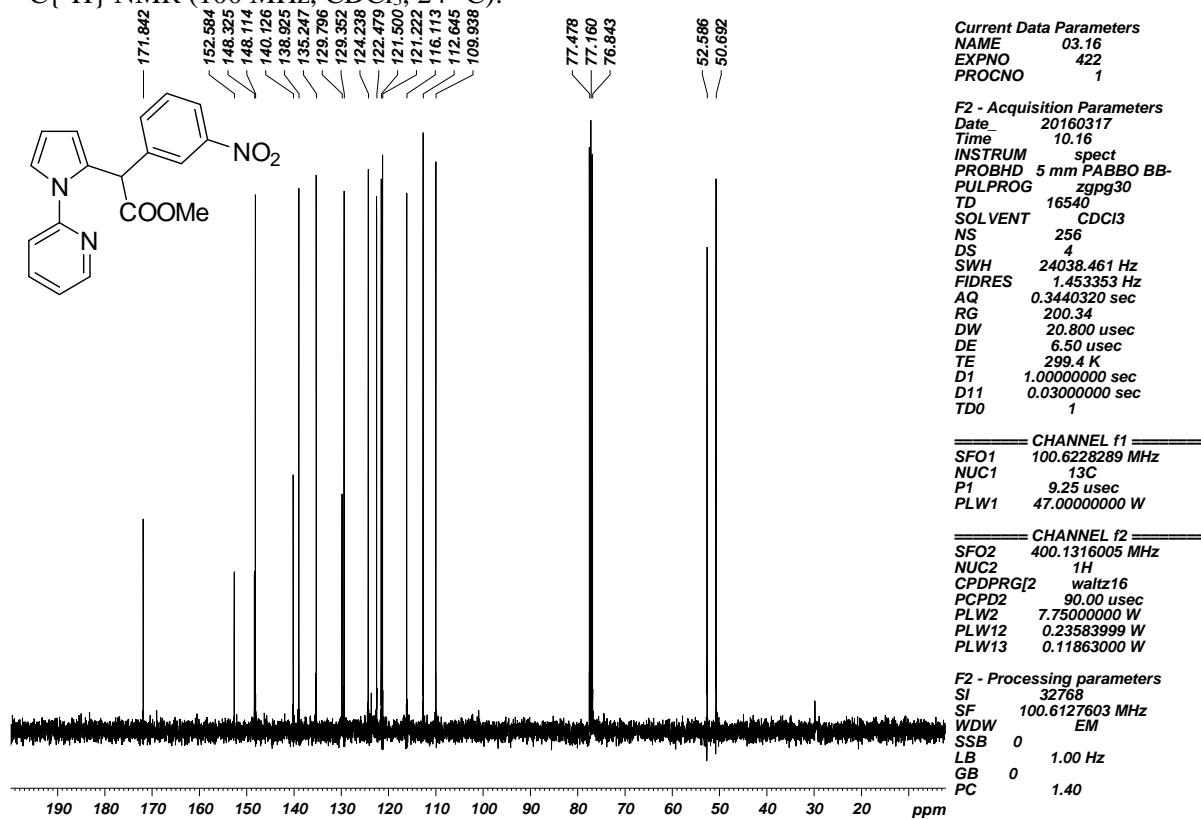
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¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):



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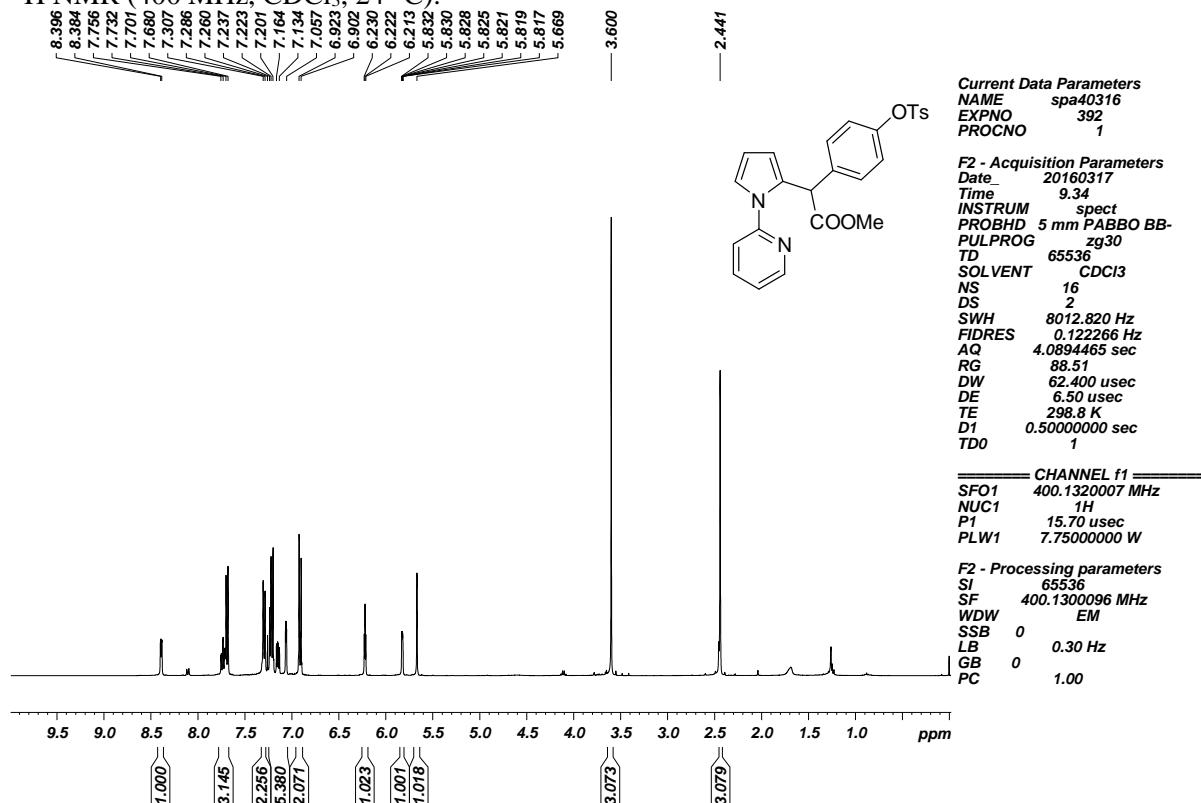
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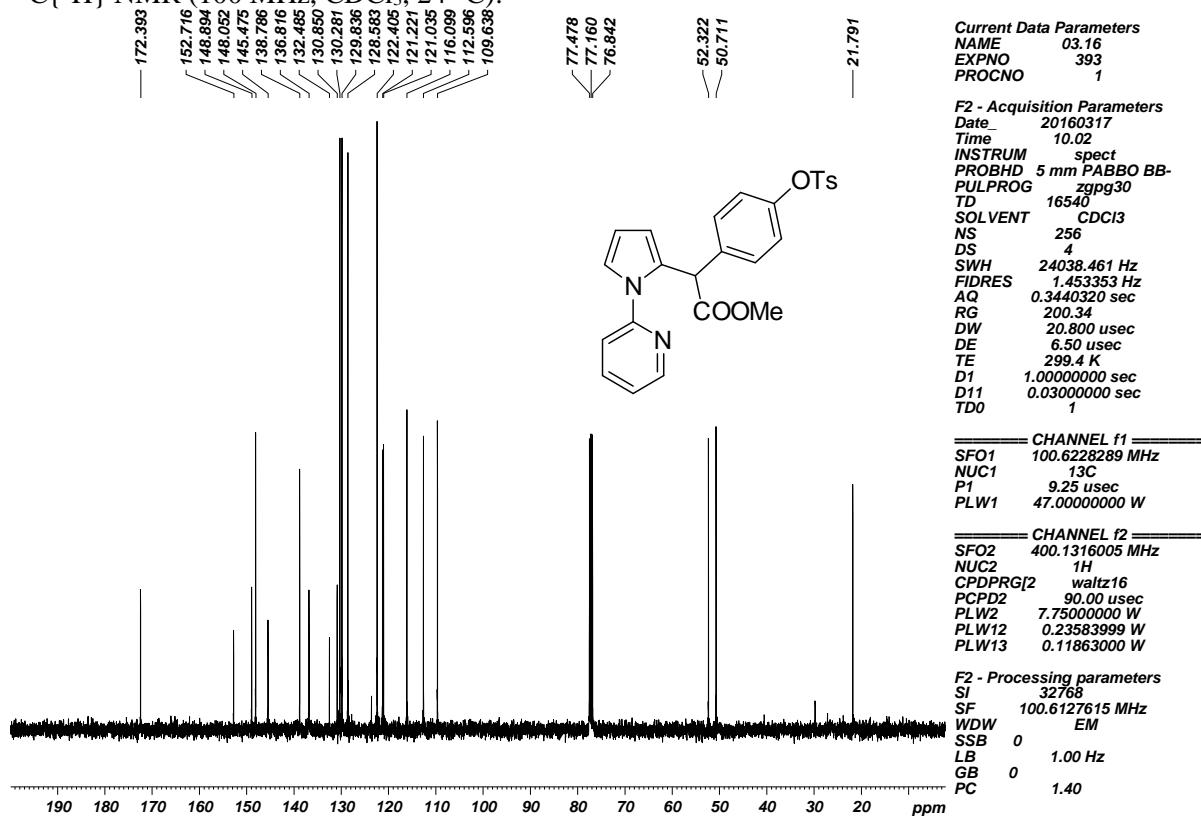
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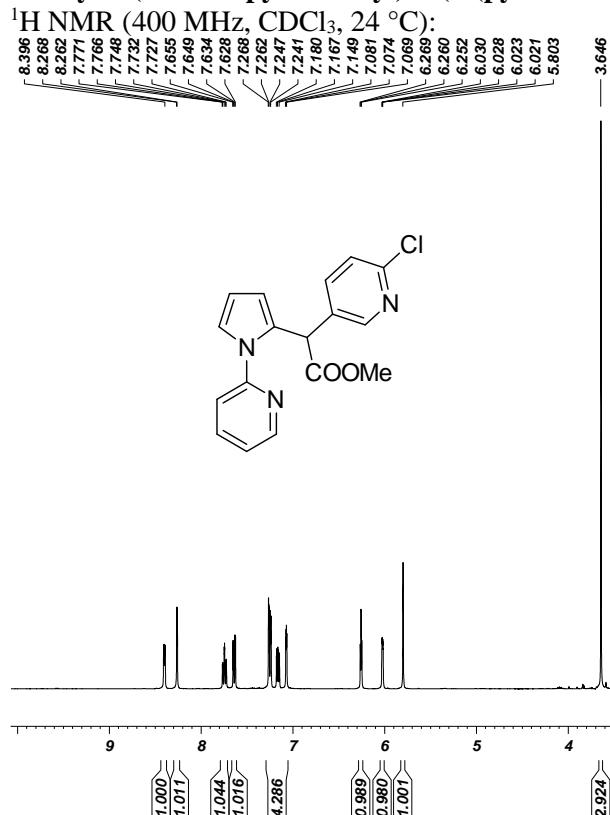
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):



$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C):



Methyl 2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)acetate (3aa):



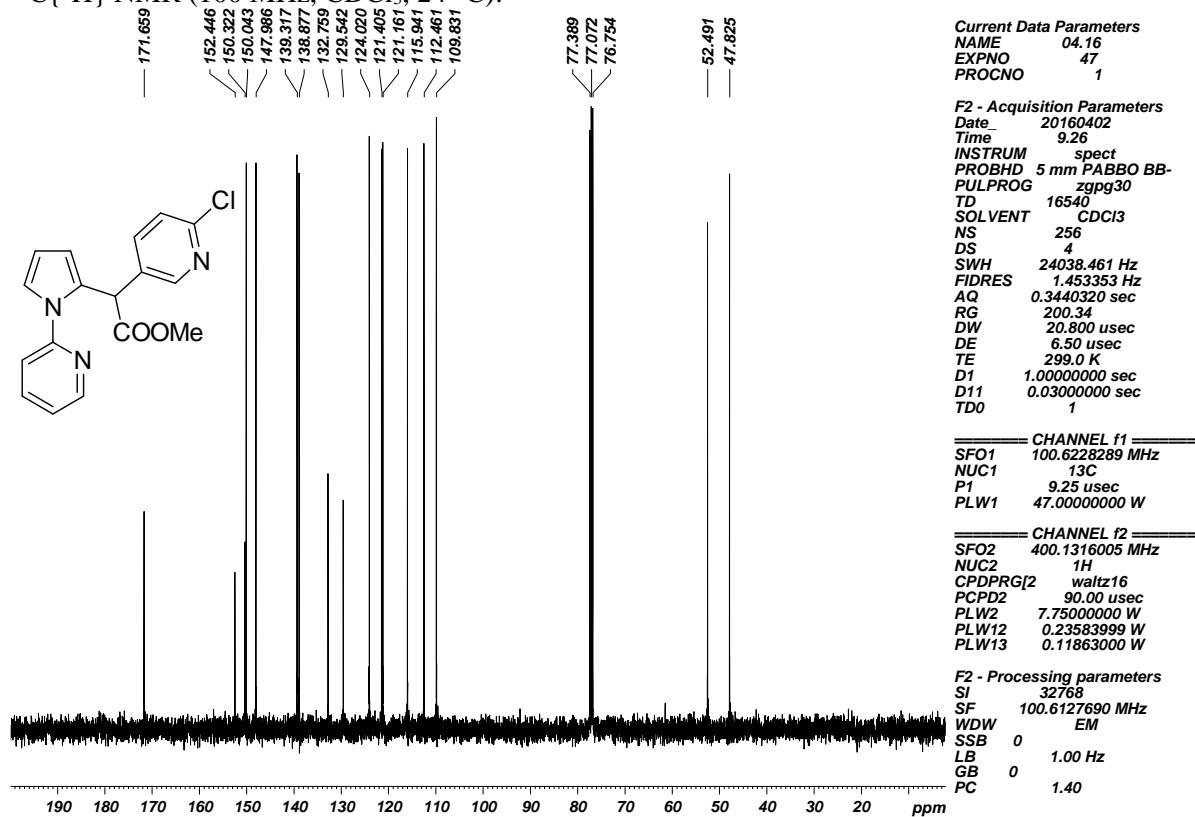
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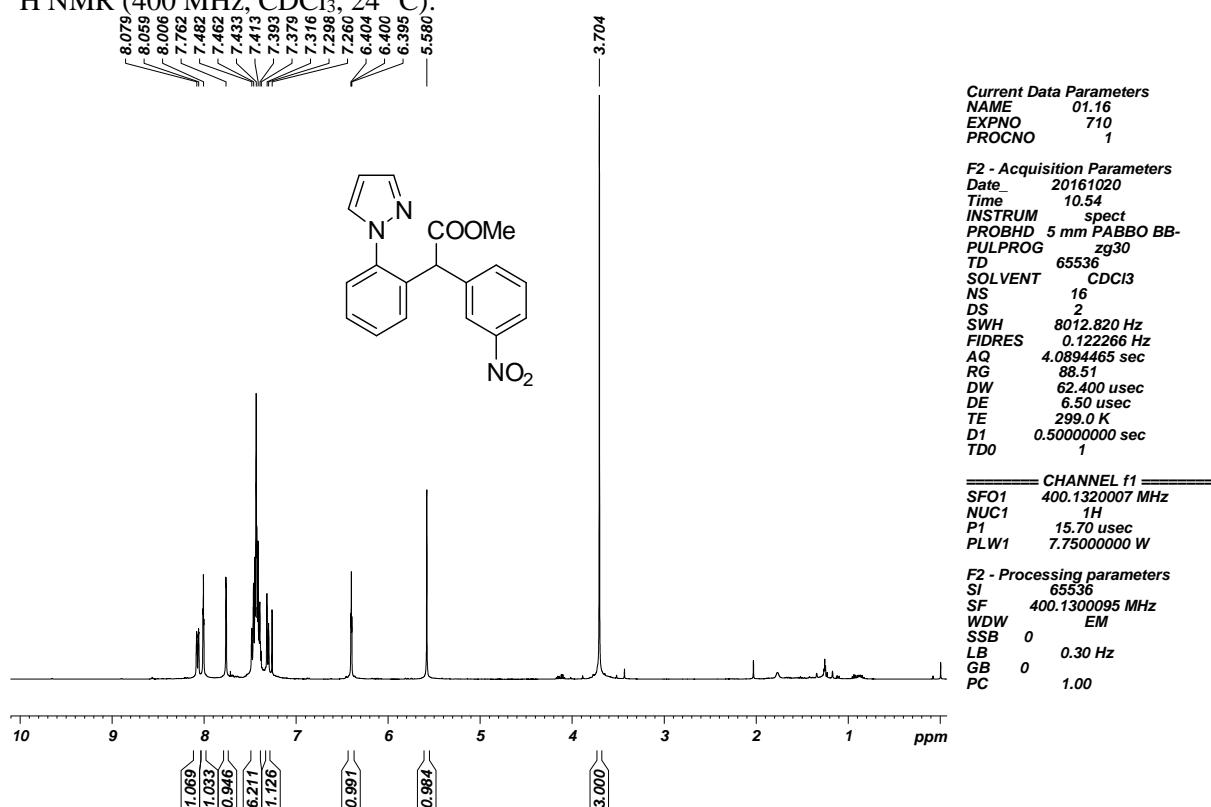
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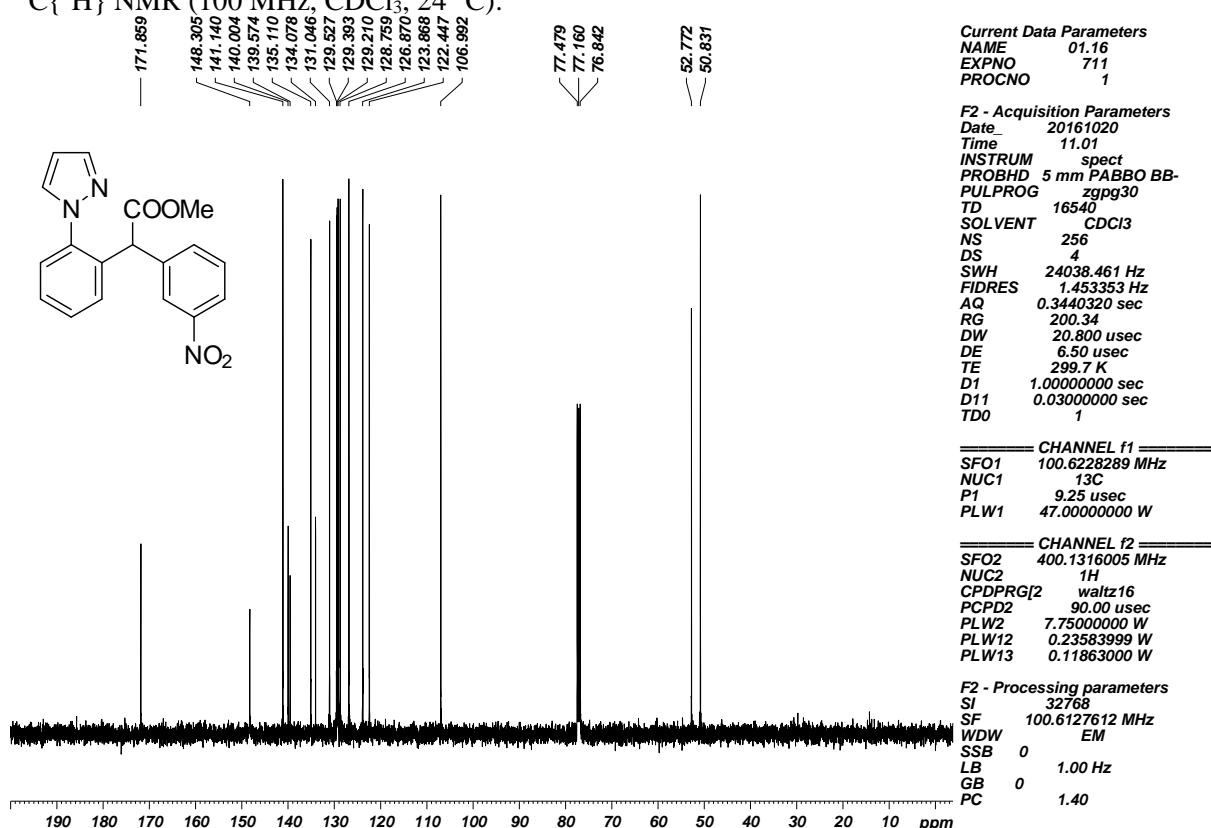


Methyl 2-(2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5a**):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

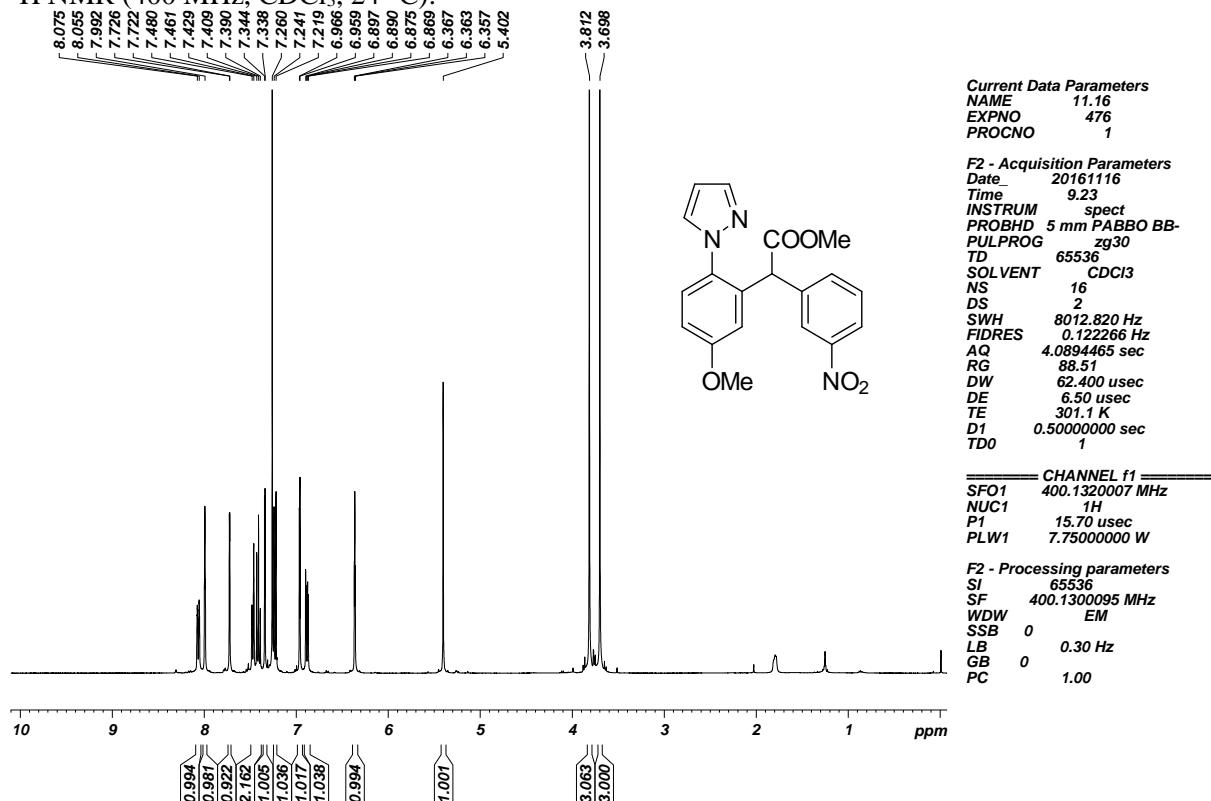


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

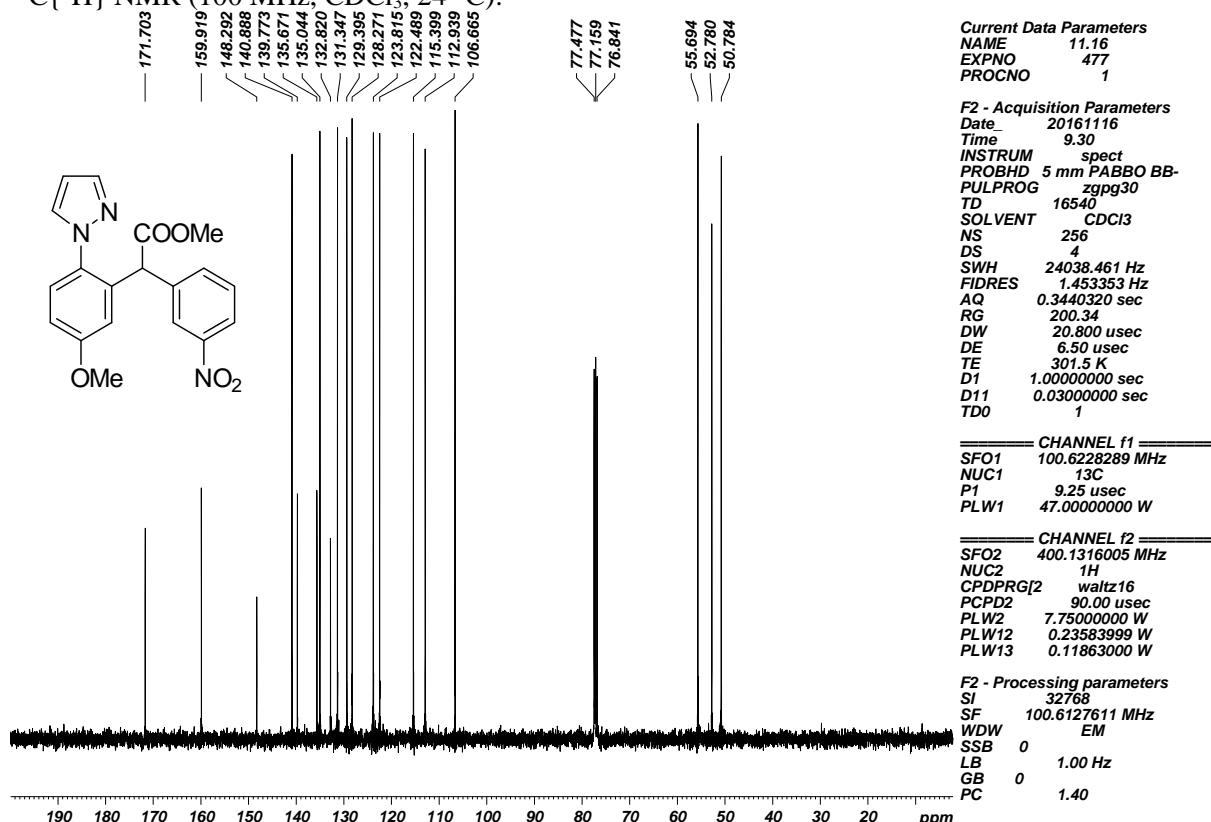


Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5b**):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

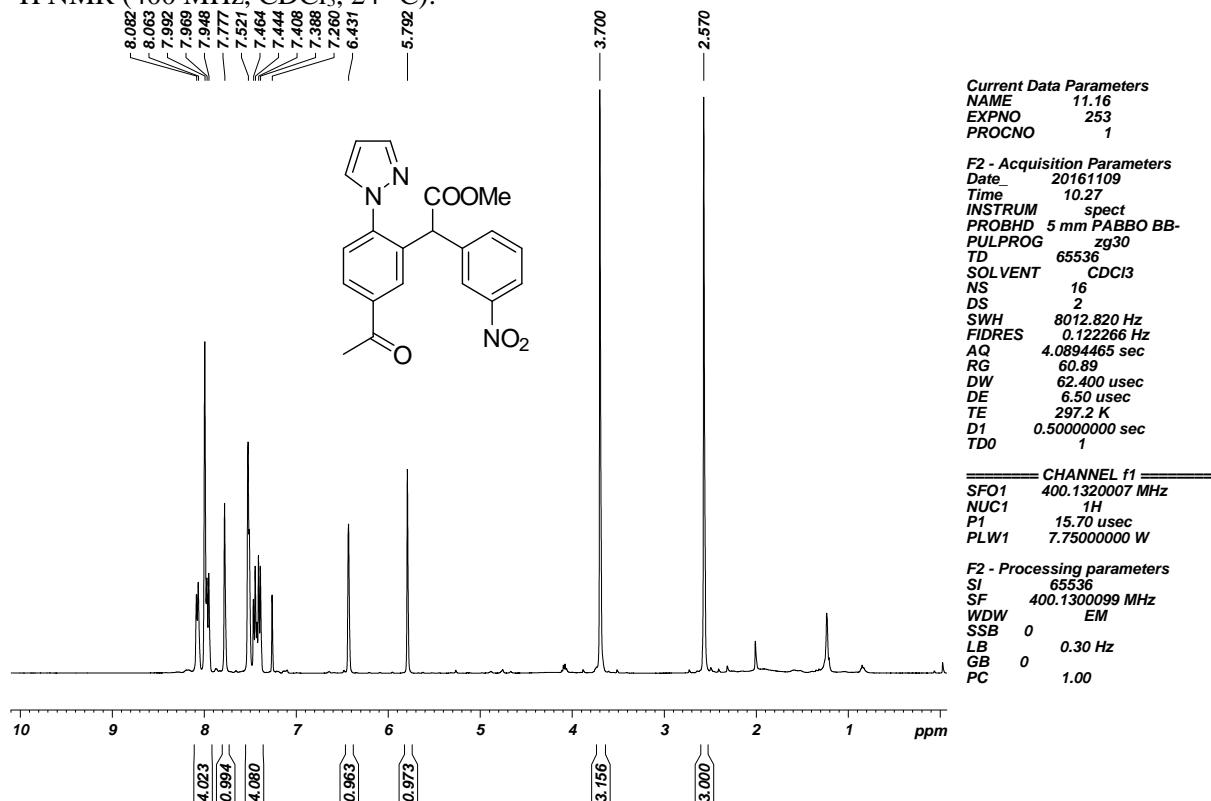


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

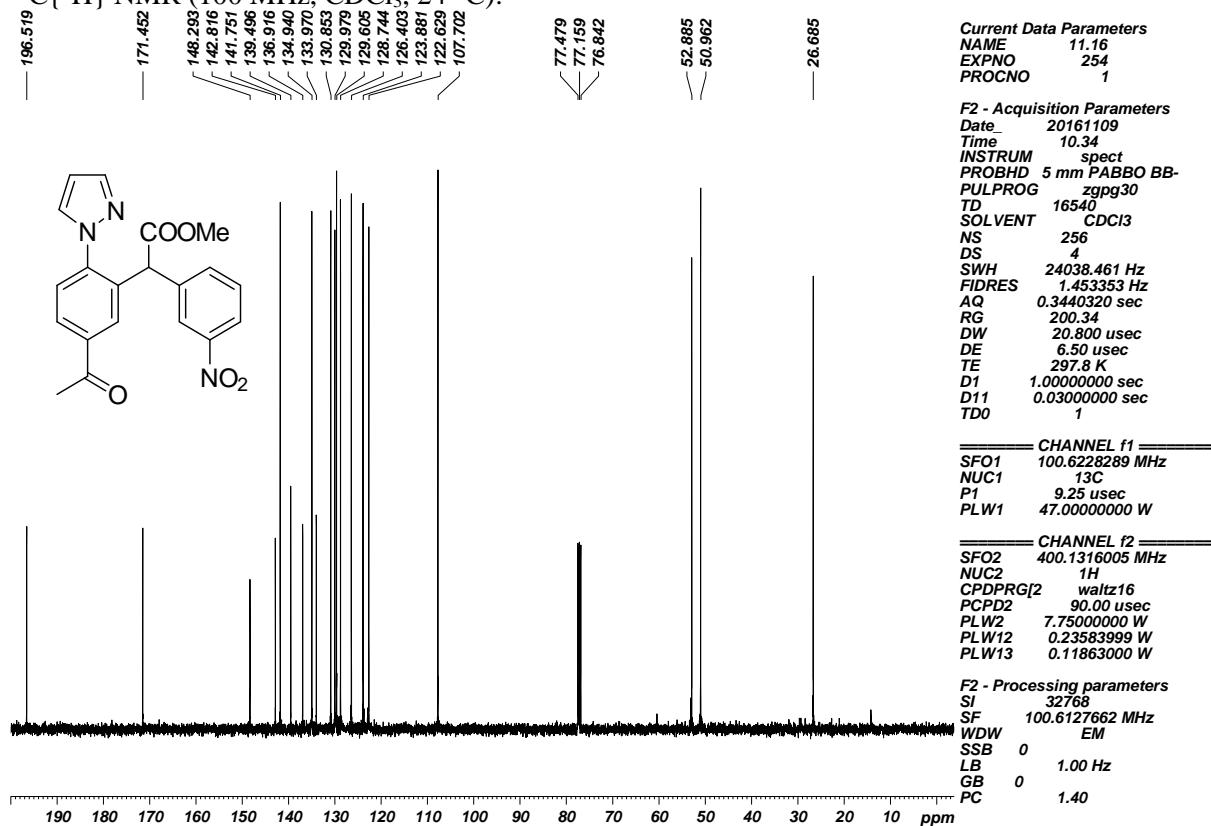


Methyl 2-(5-acetyl-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5c**):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

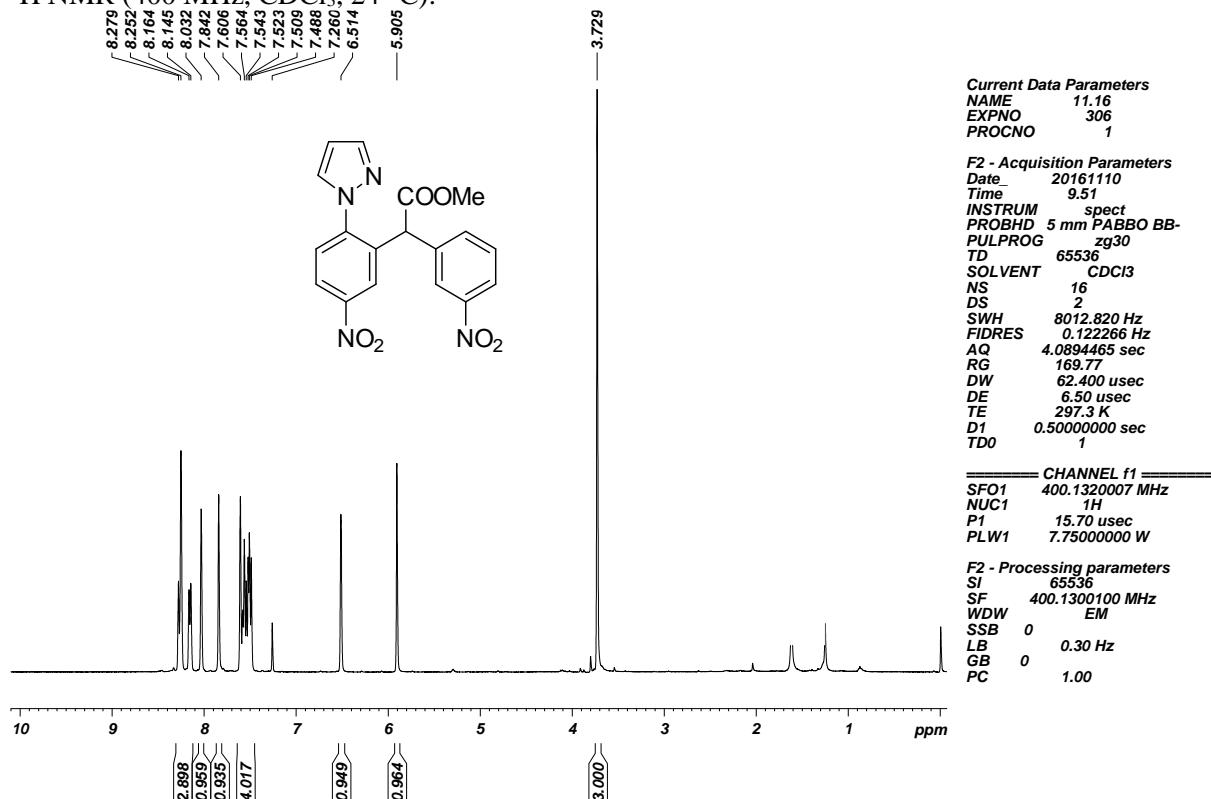


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

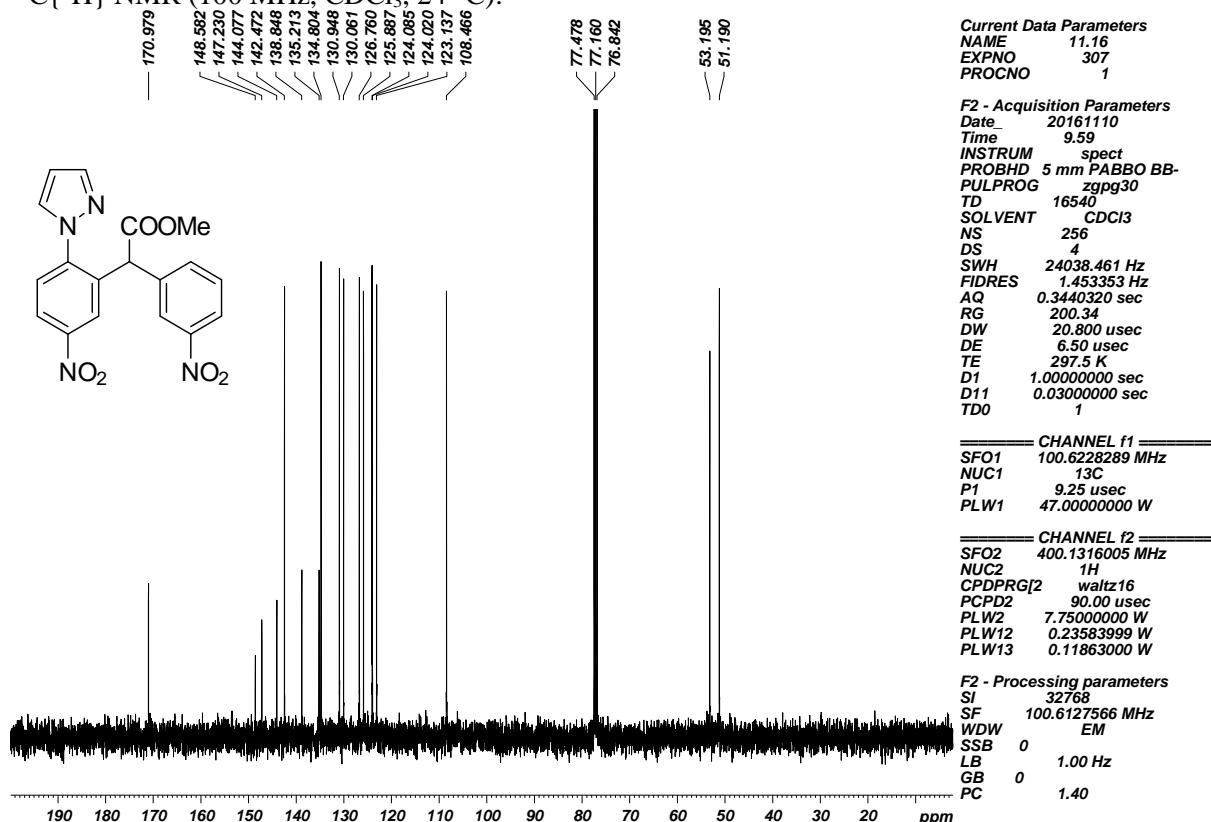


Methyl 2-(5-nitro-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5d**):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

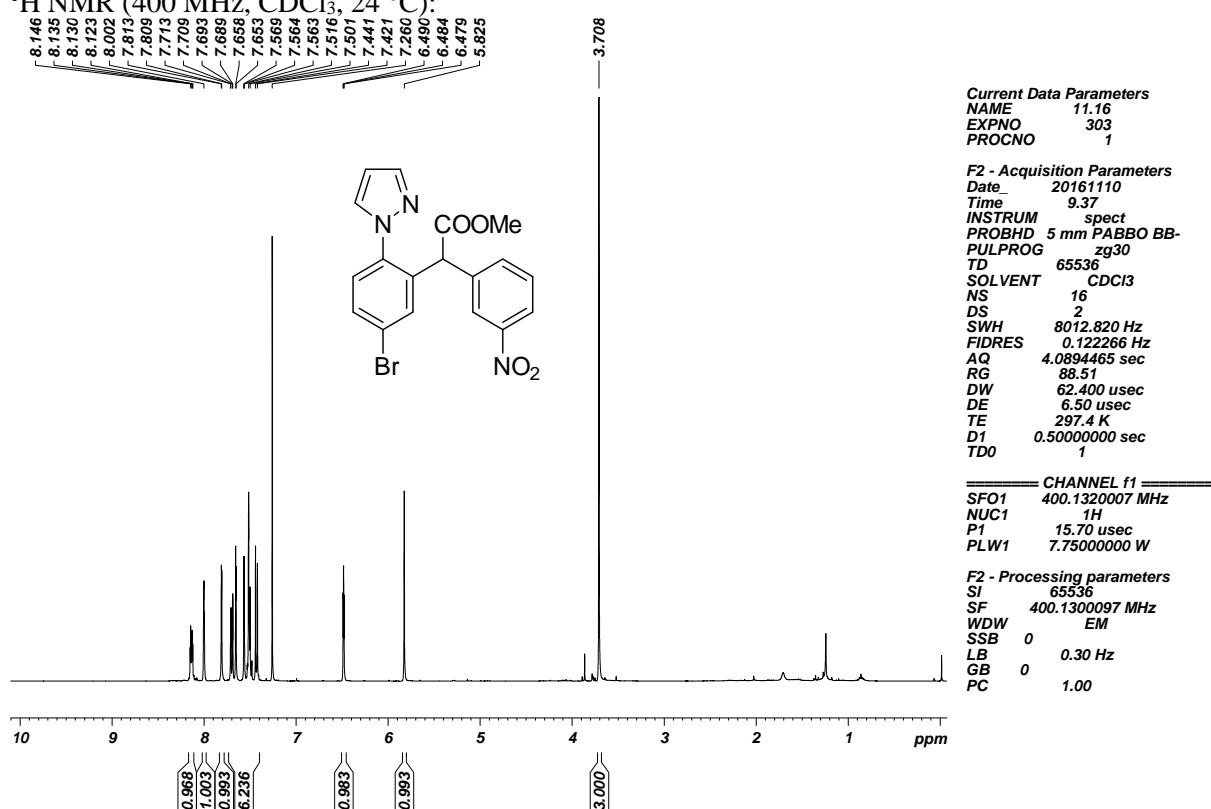


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

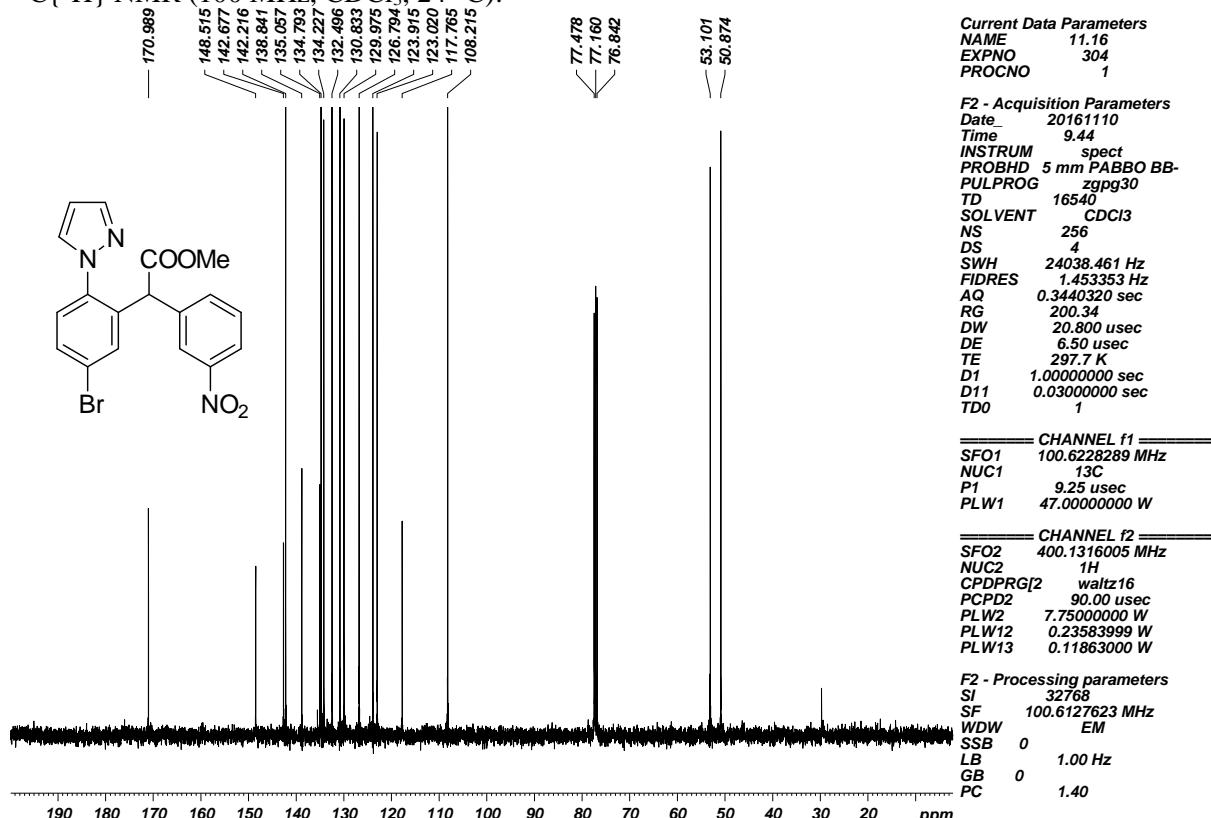


Methyl 2-(5-bromo-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)acetate (5e**):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

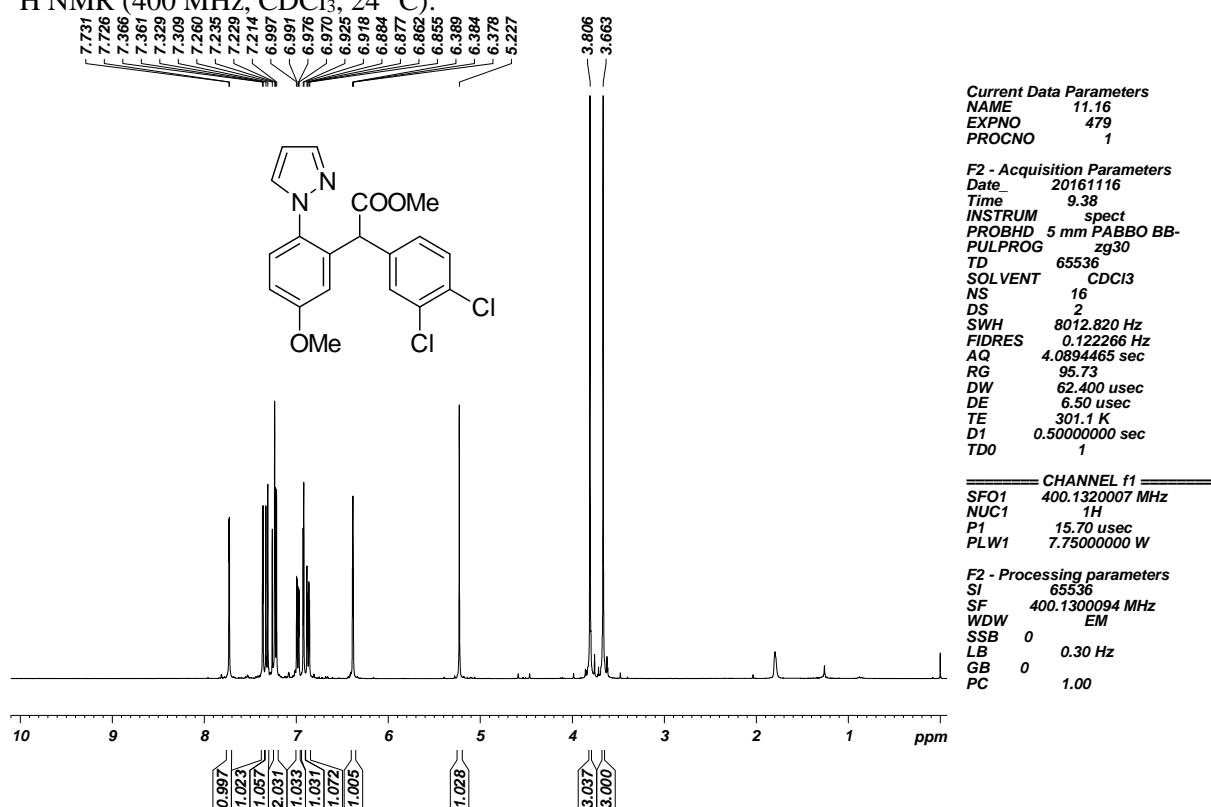


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

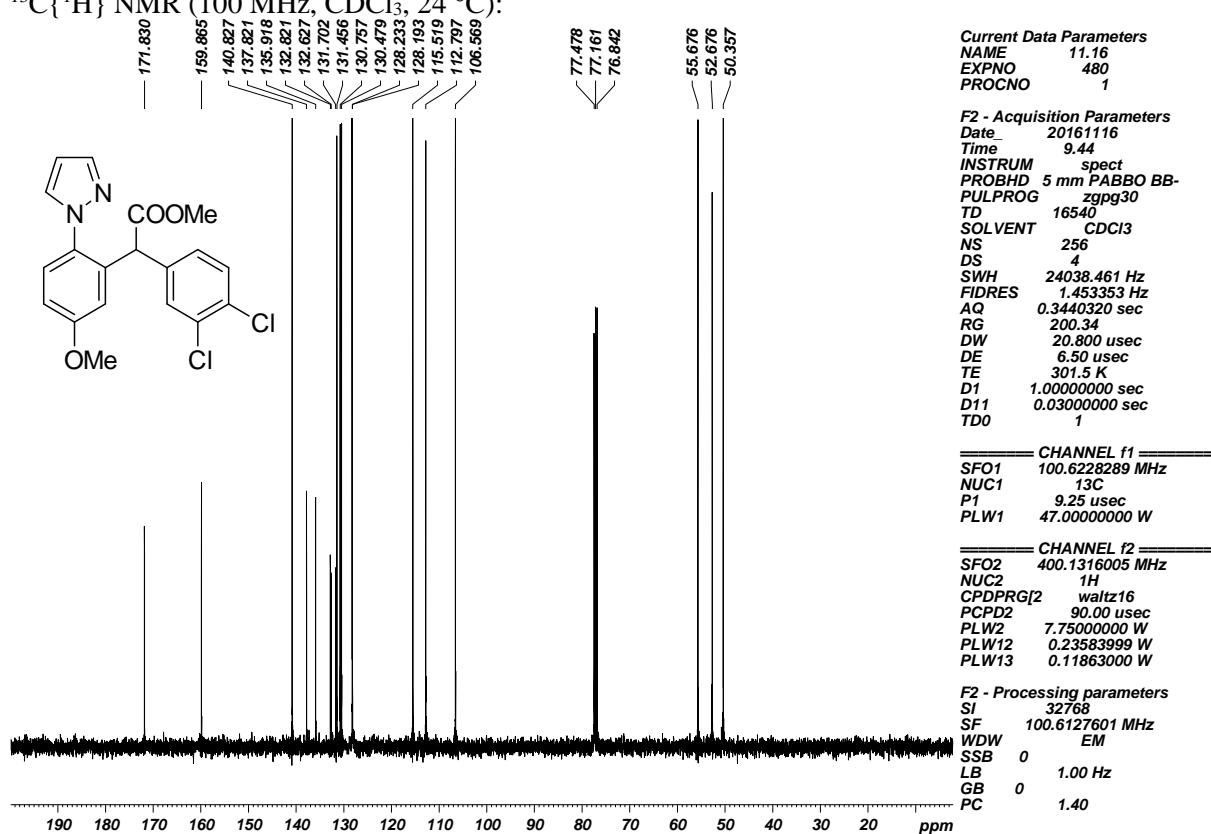


Methyl 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(5-methoxy-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl) acetate (5f**):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

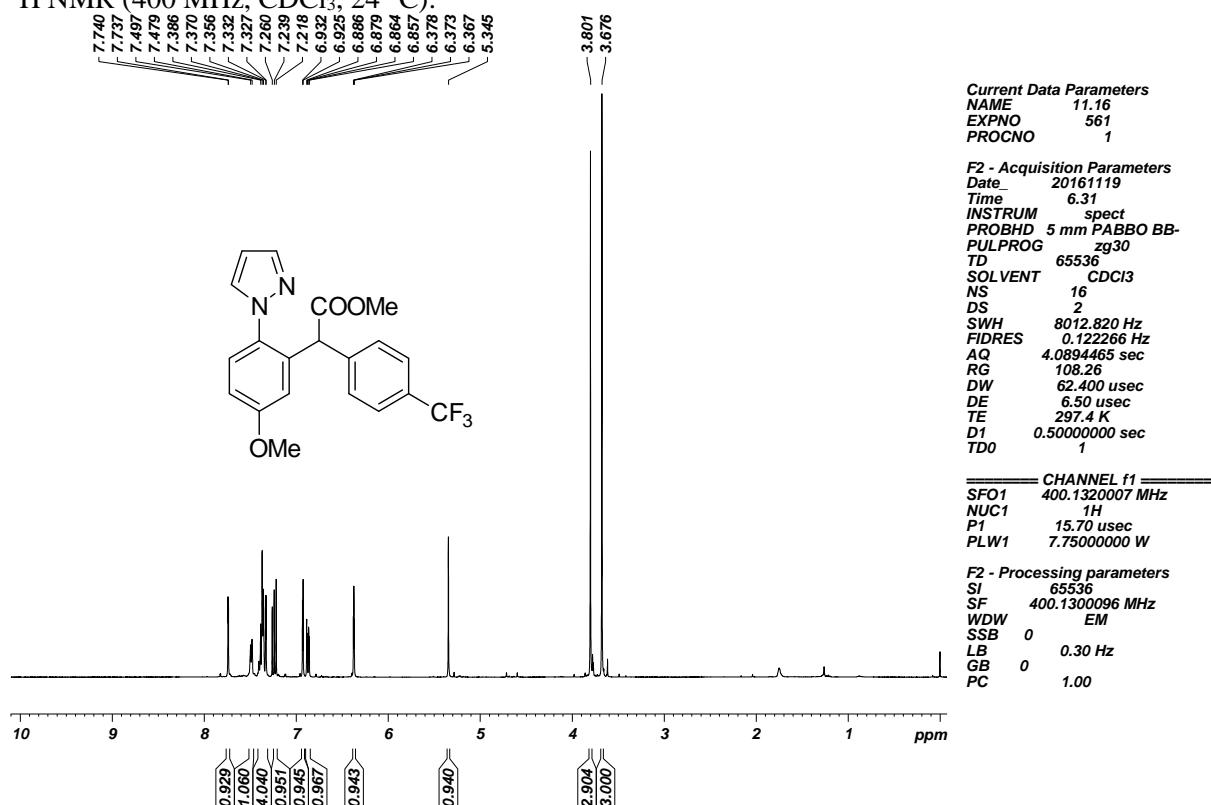


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

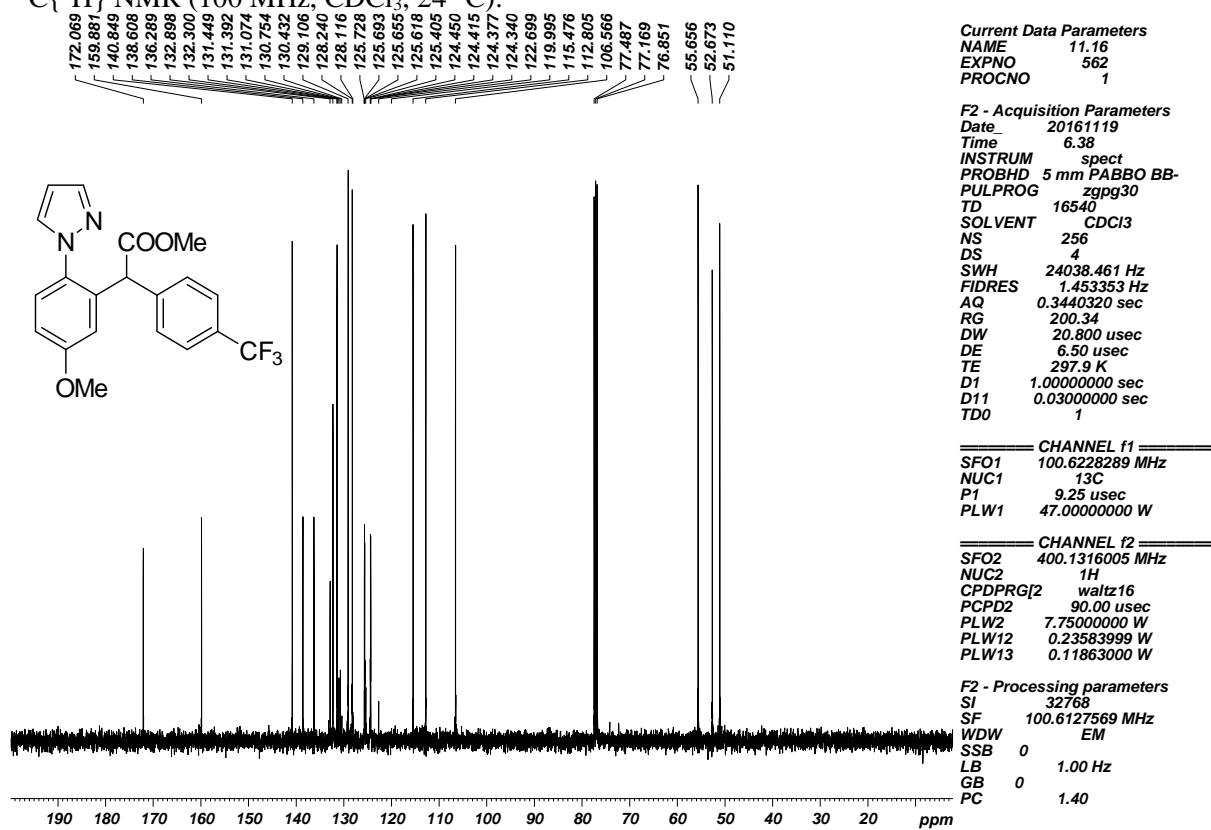


Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) acetate (5g):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

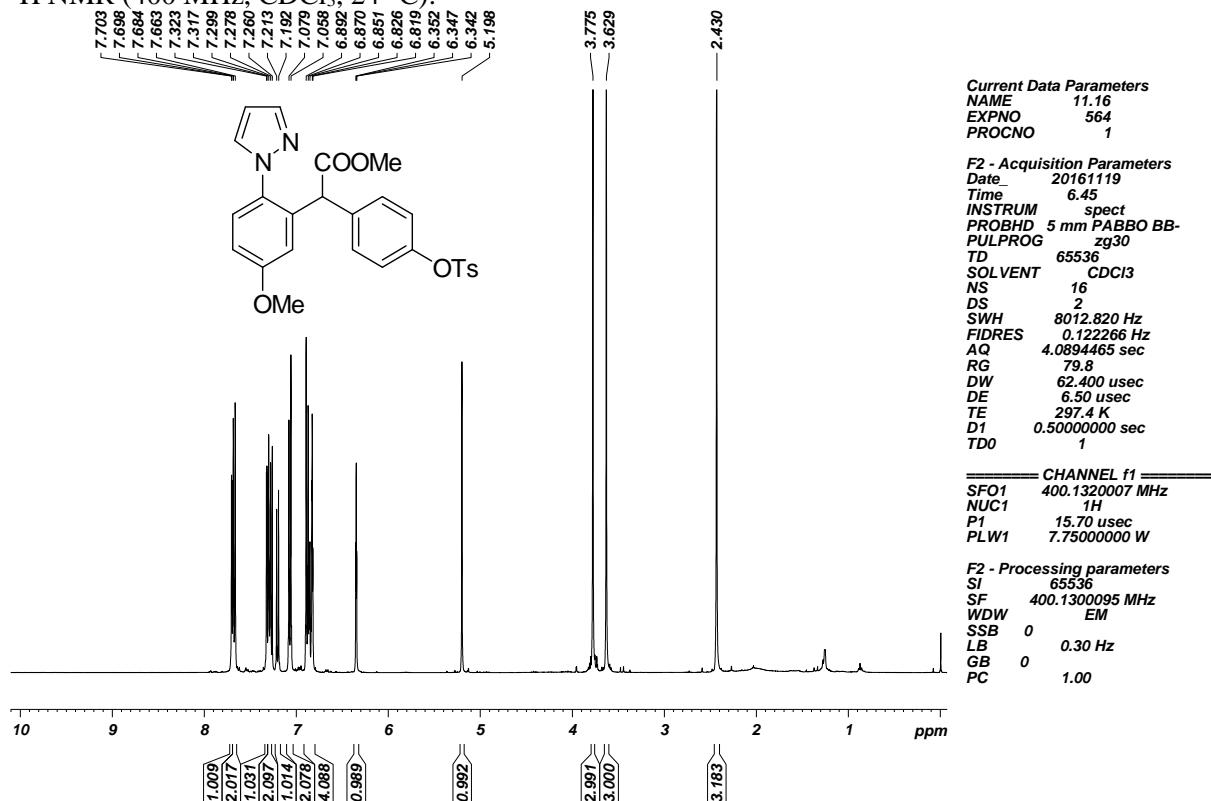


$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 24 °C):

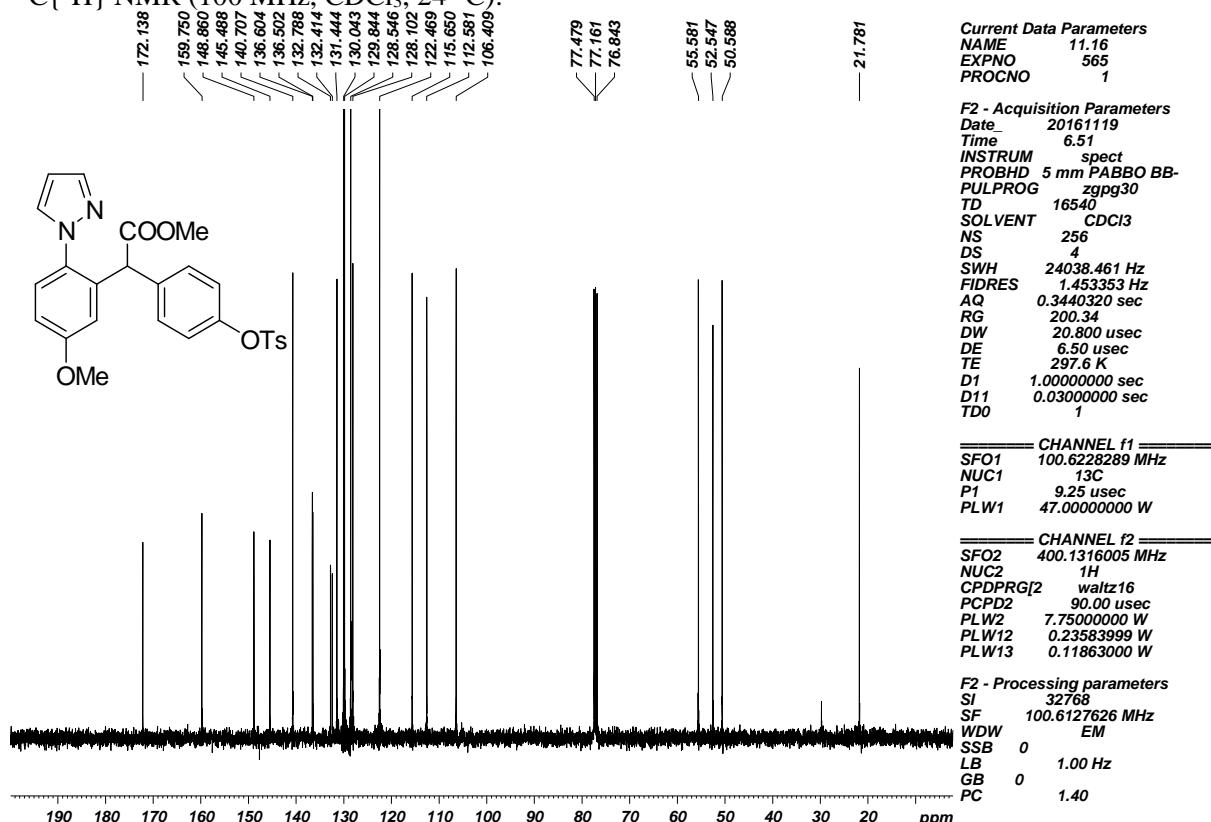


Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetate (5h**):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

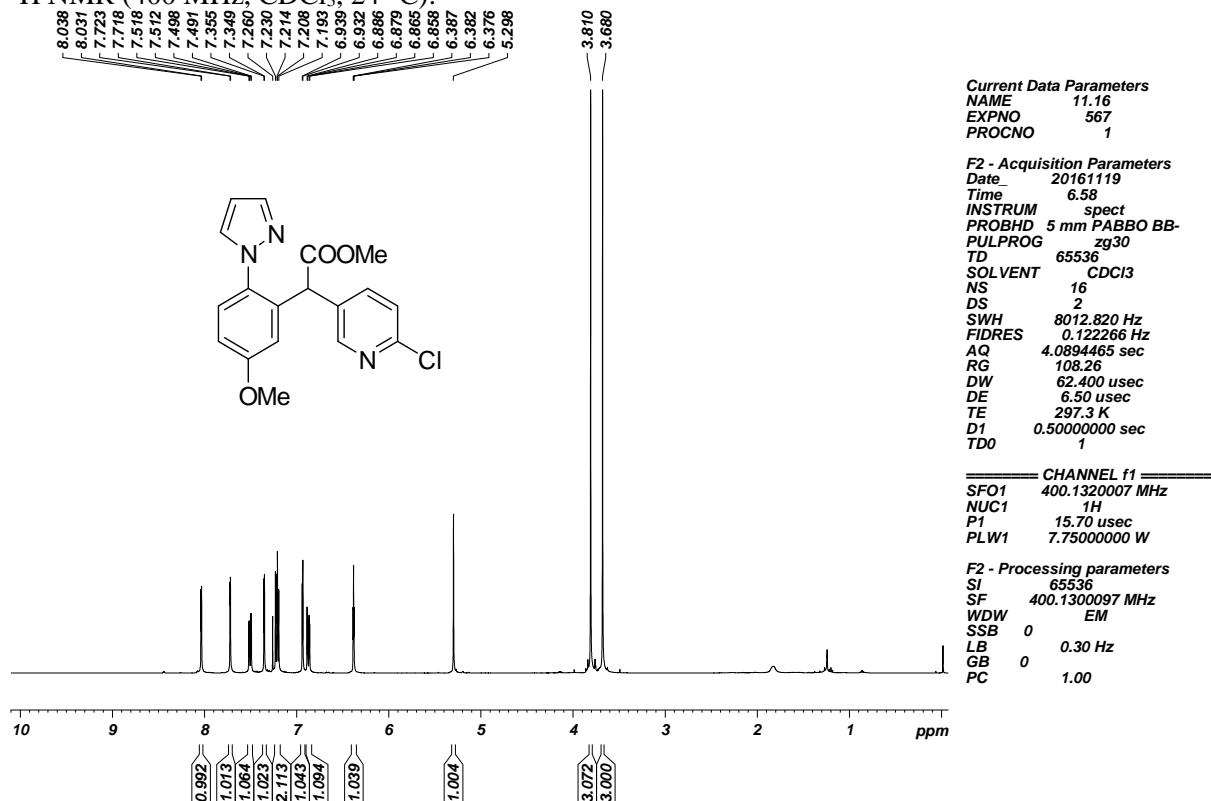


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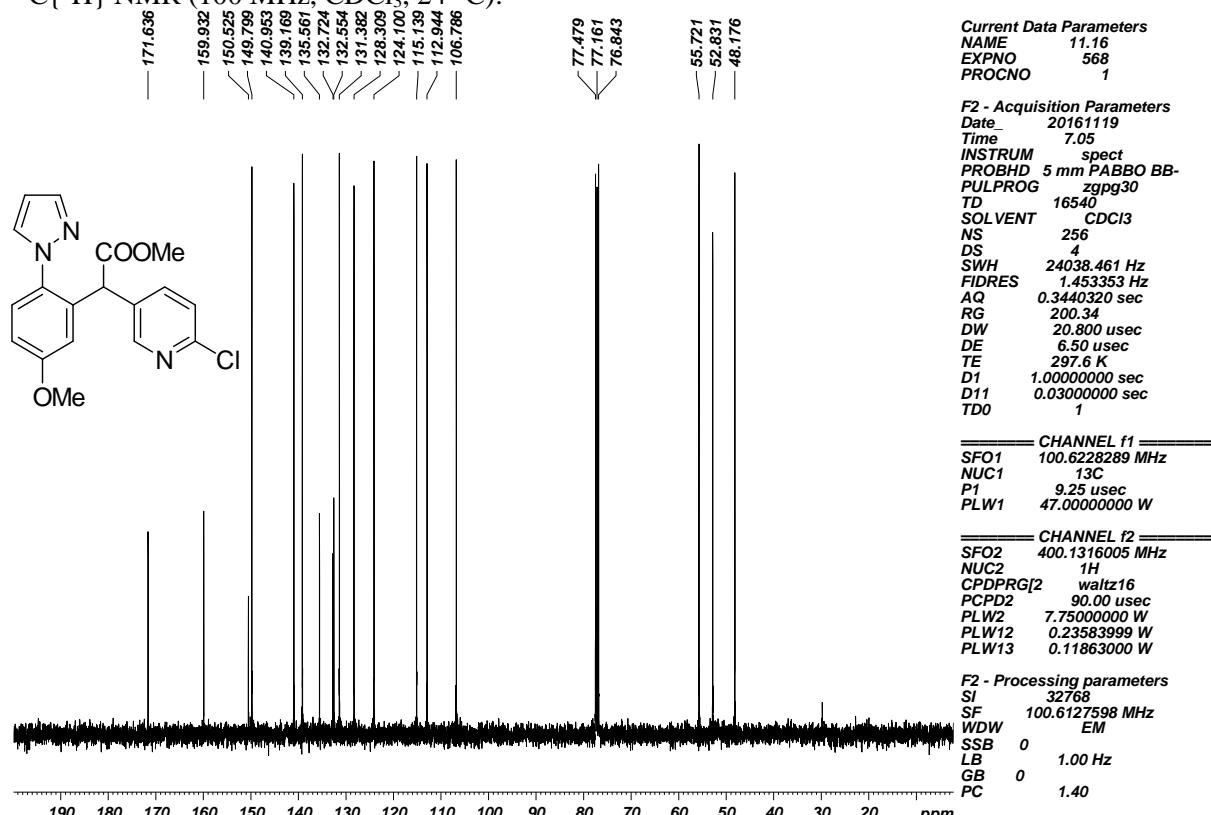


Methyl 2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-(5-methoxy-2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)acetate (5i**):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

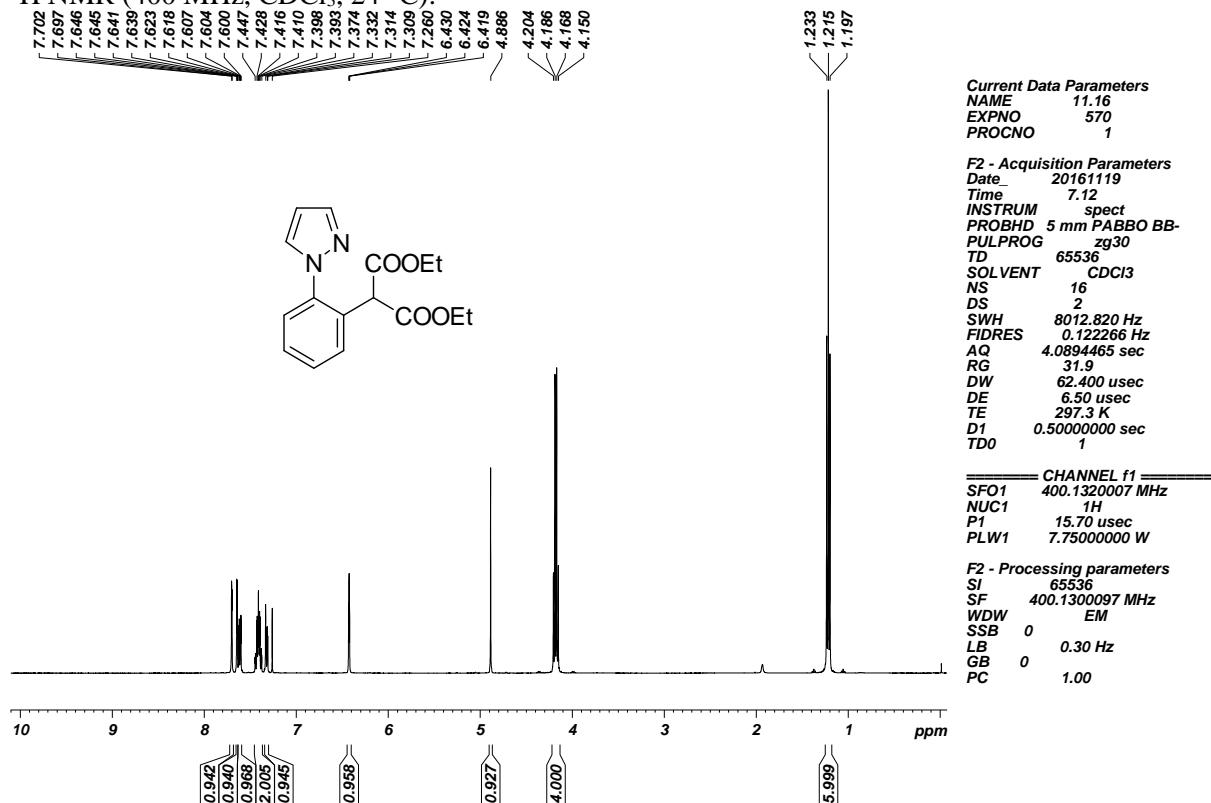


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

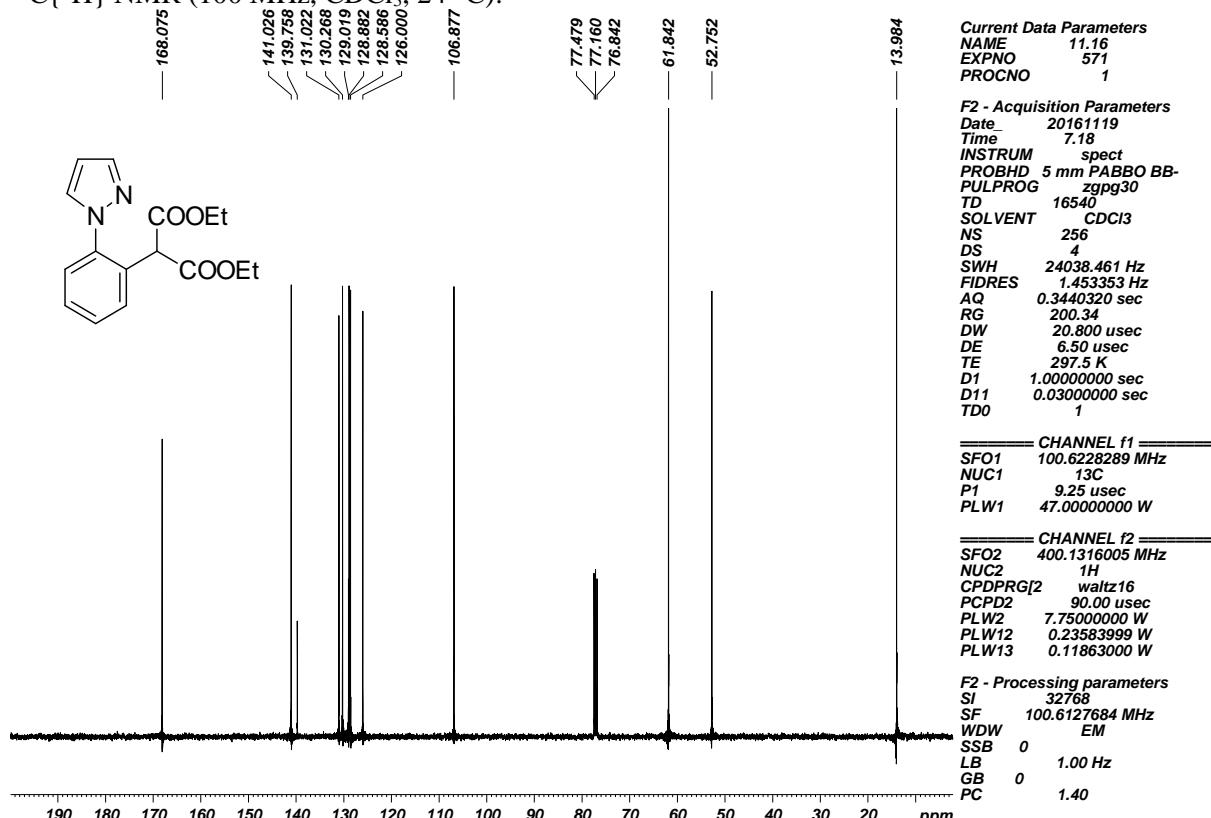


Diethyl 2-(2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl)malonate (5j**):**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

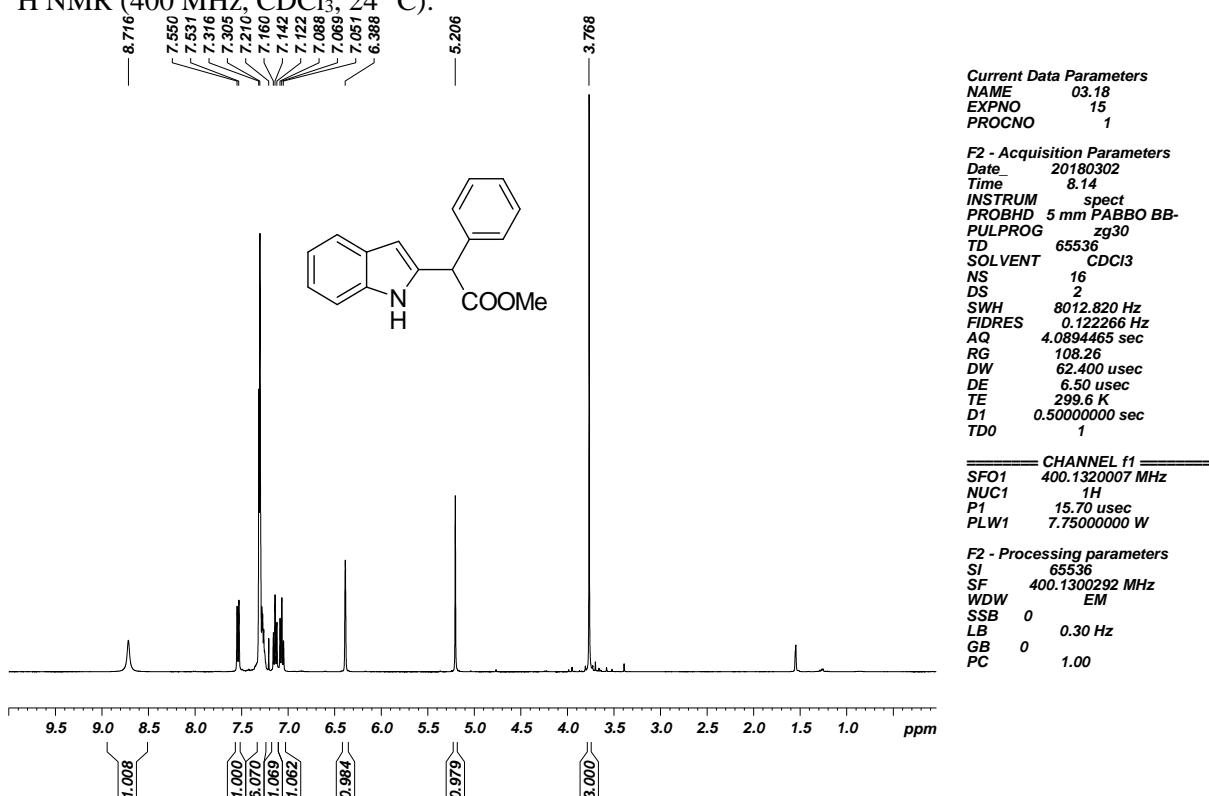


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

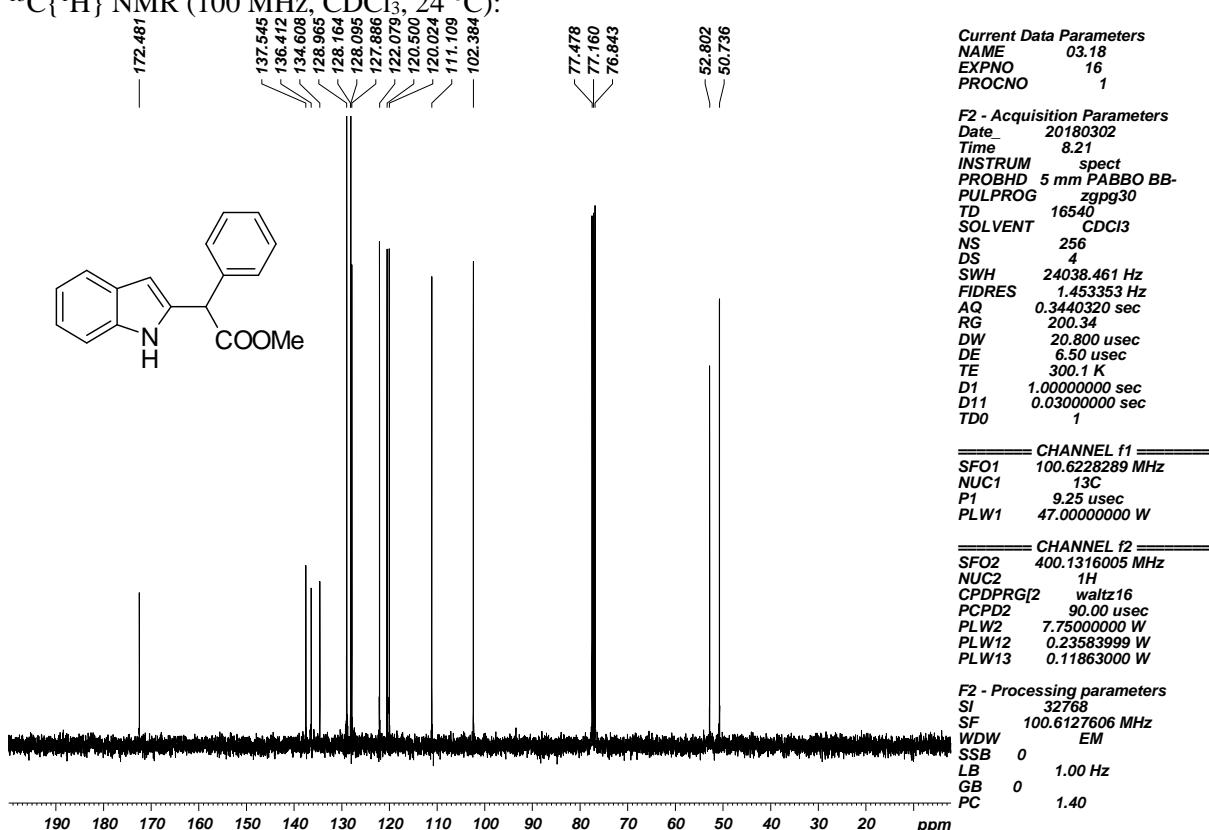


Methyl 2-(1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenylacetate (6):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

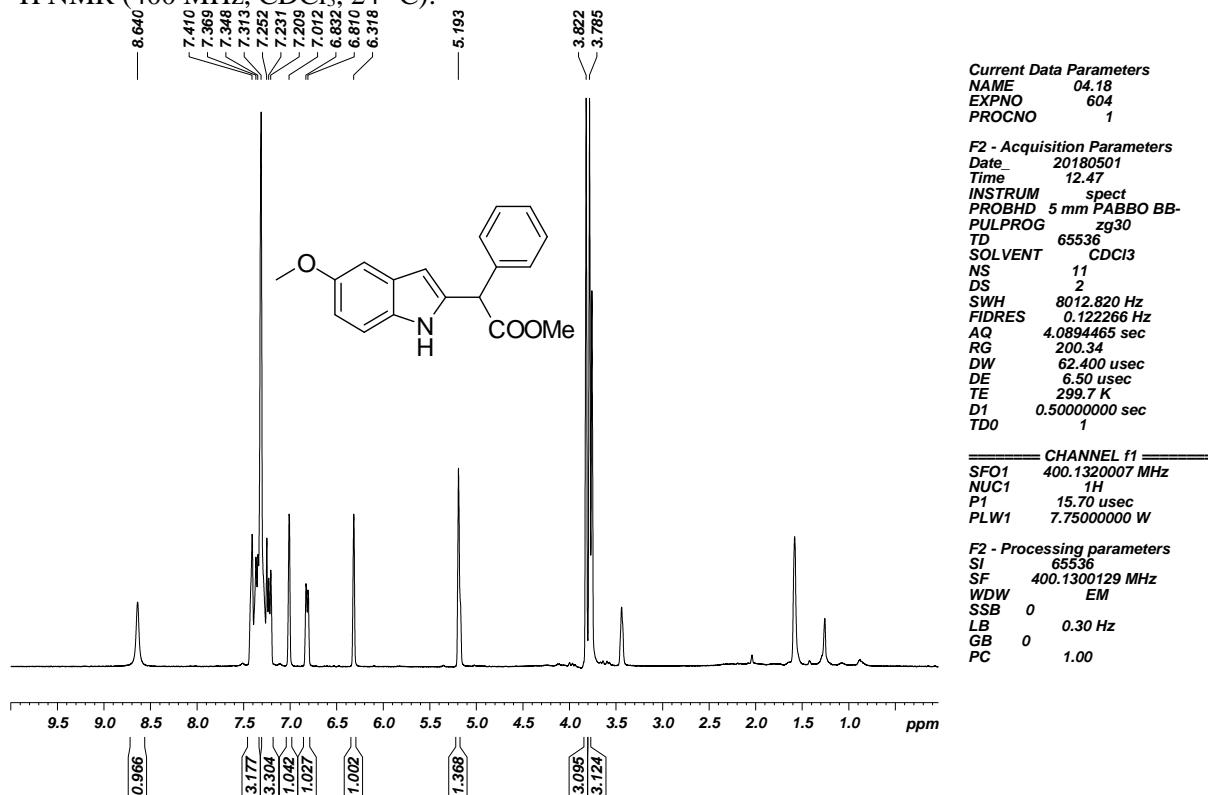


¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

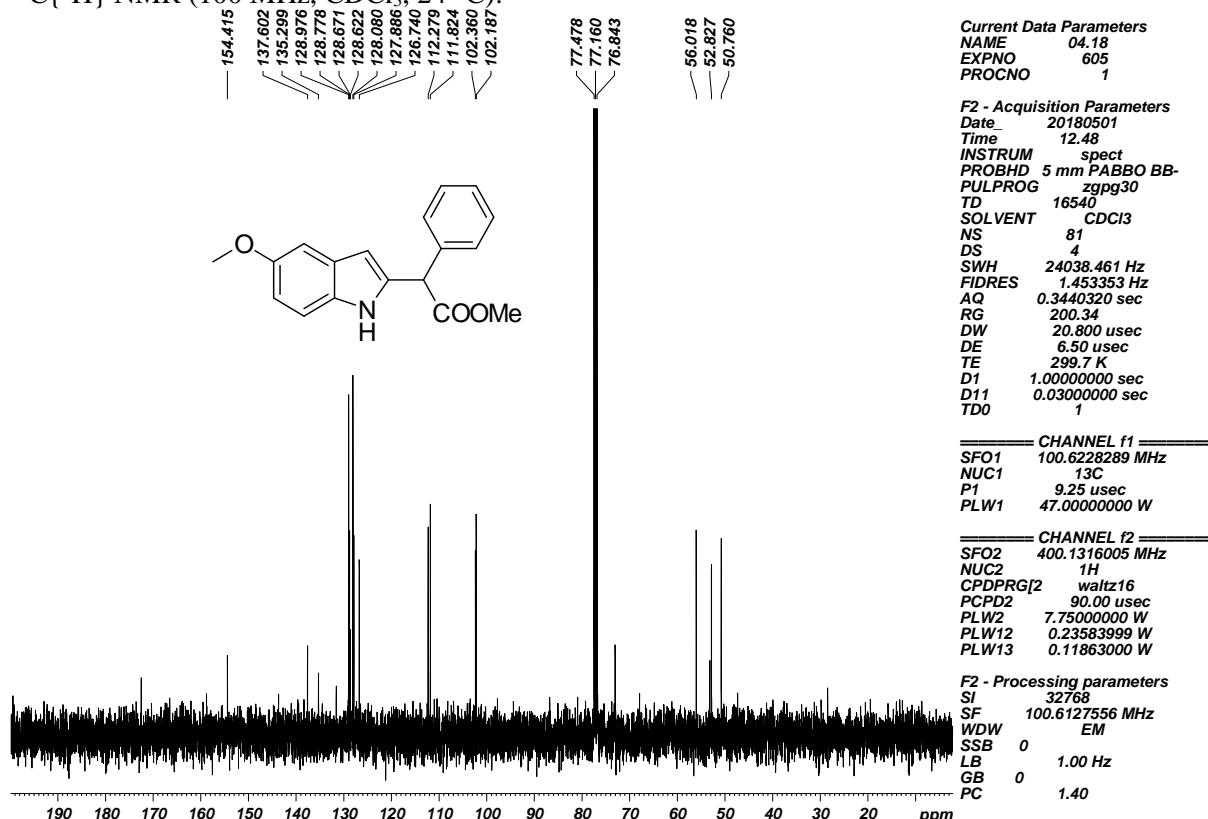


Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-2-yl)-2-phenylacetate:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

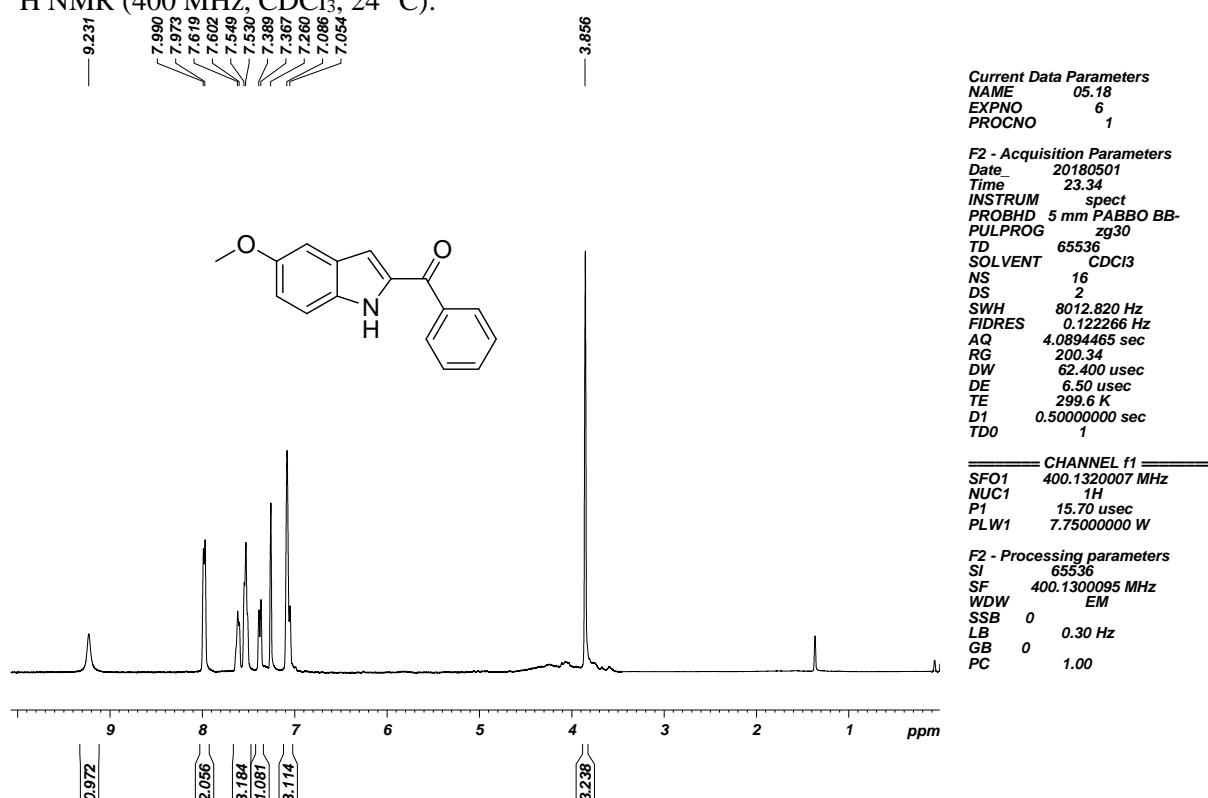


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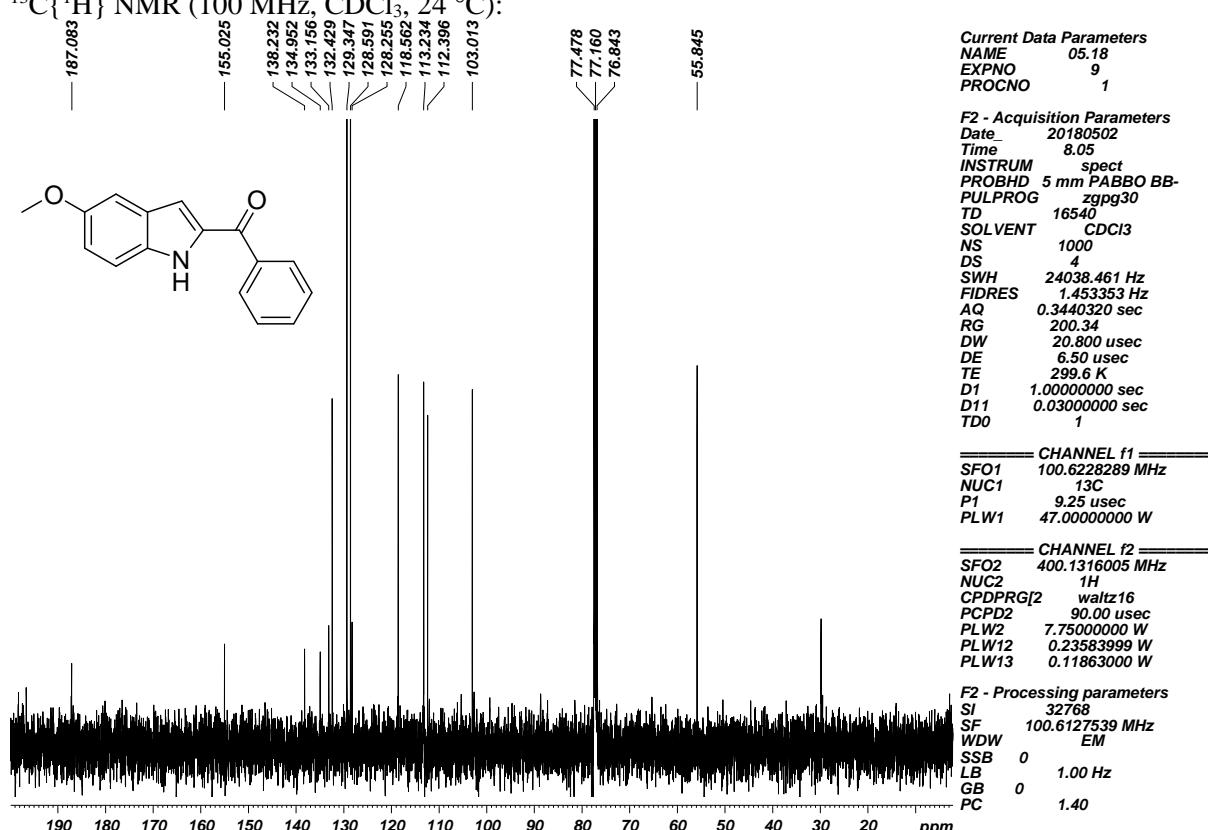


(5-Methoxy-1*H*-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (8):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

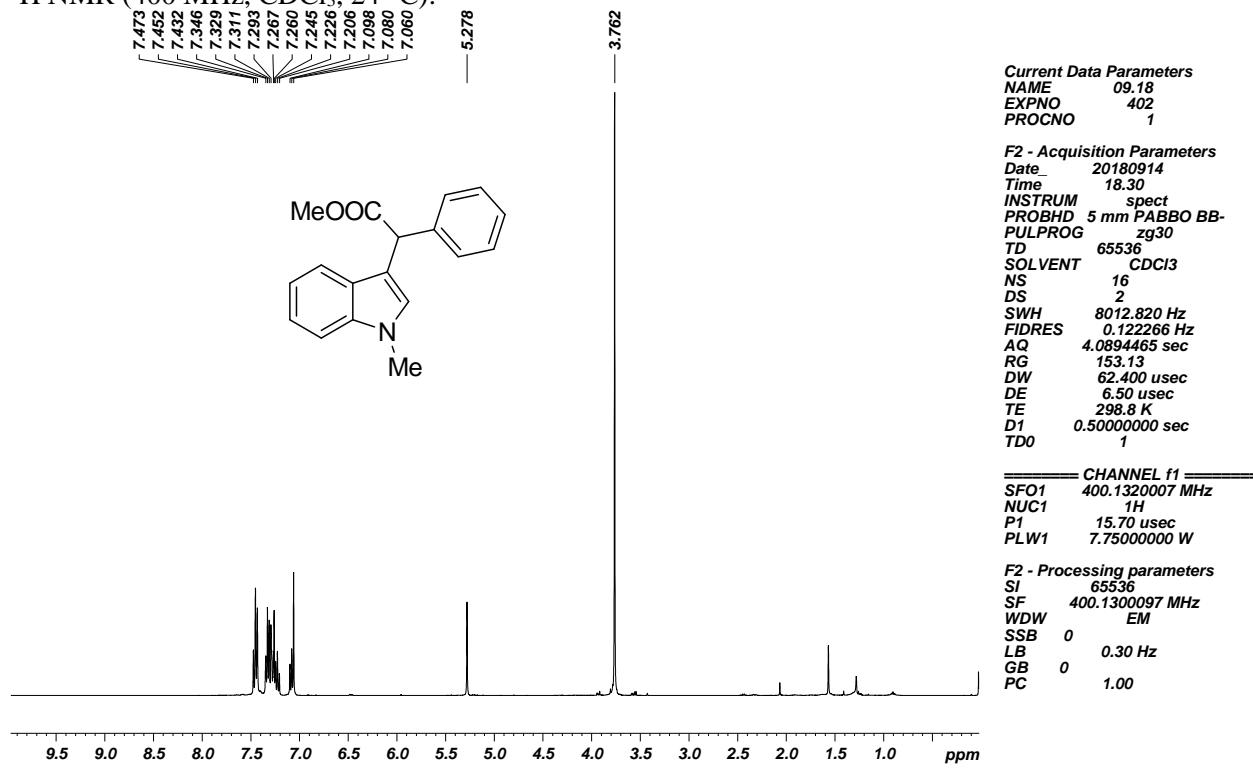


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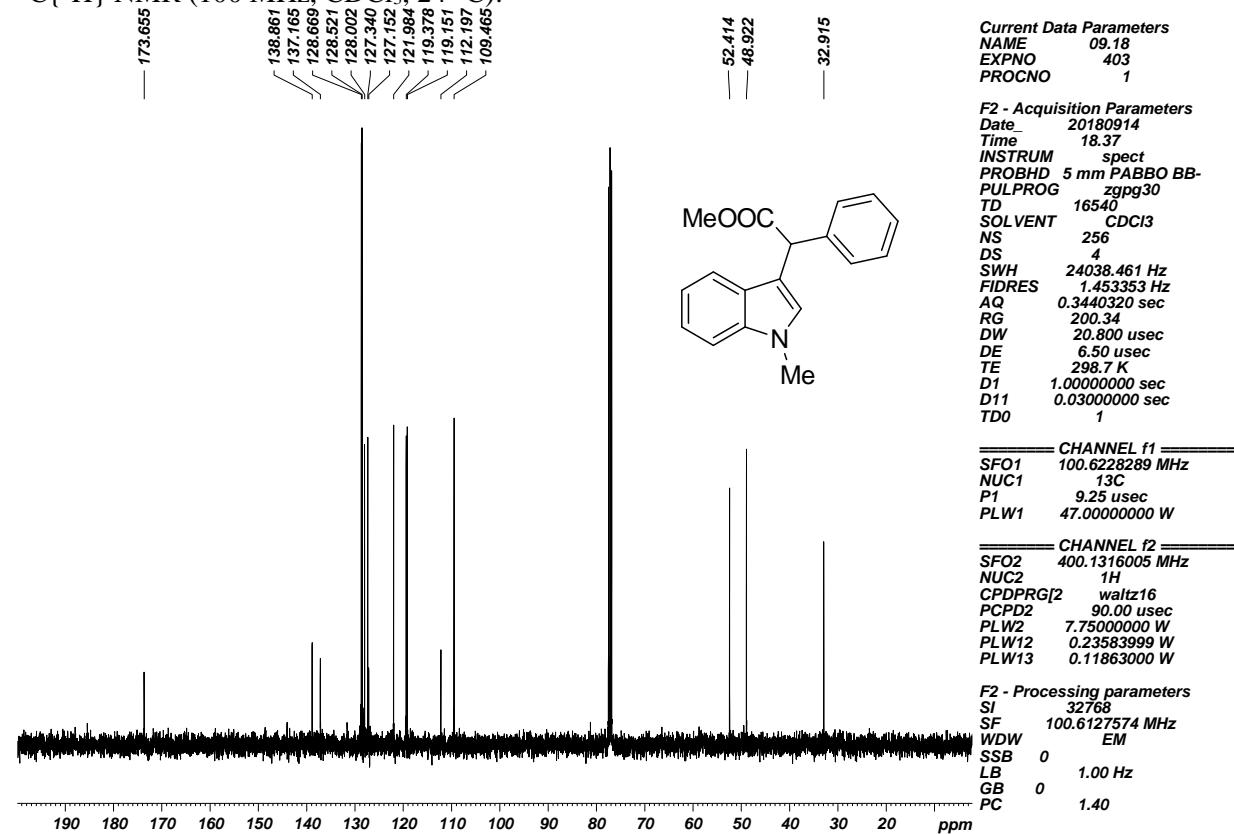


Methyl 2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenylacetate (9a):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

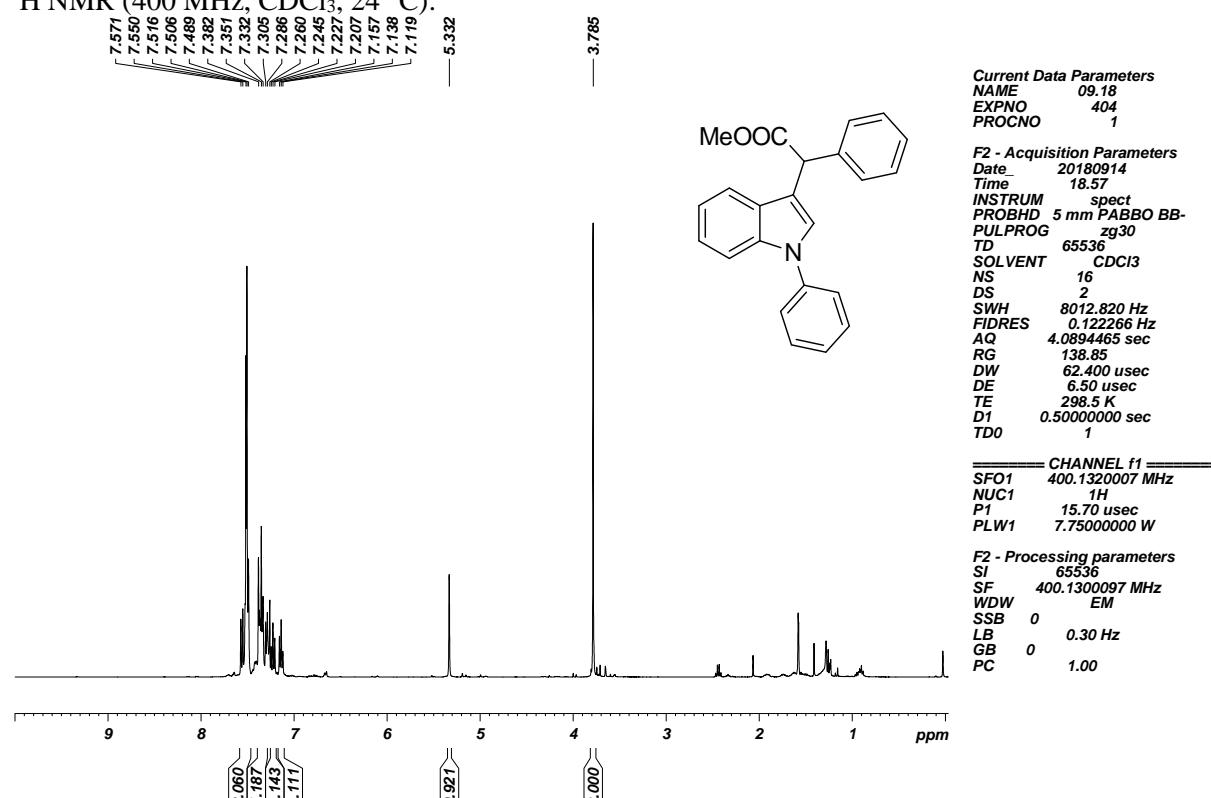


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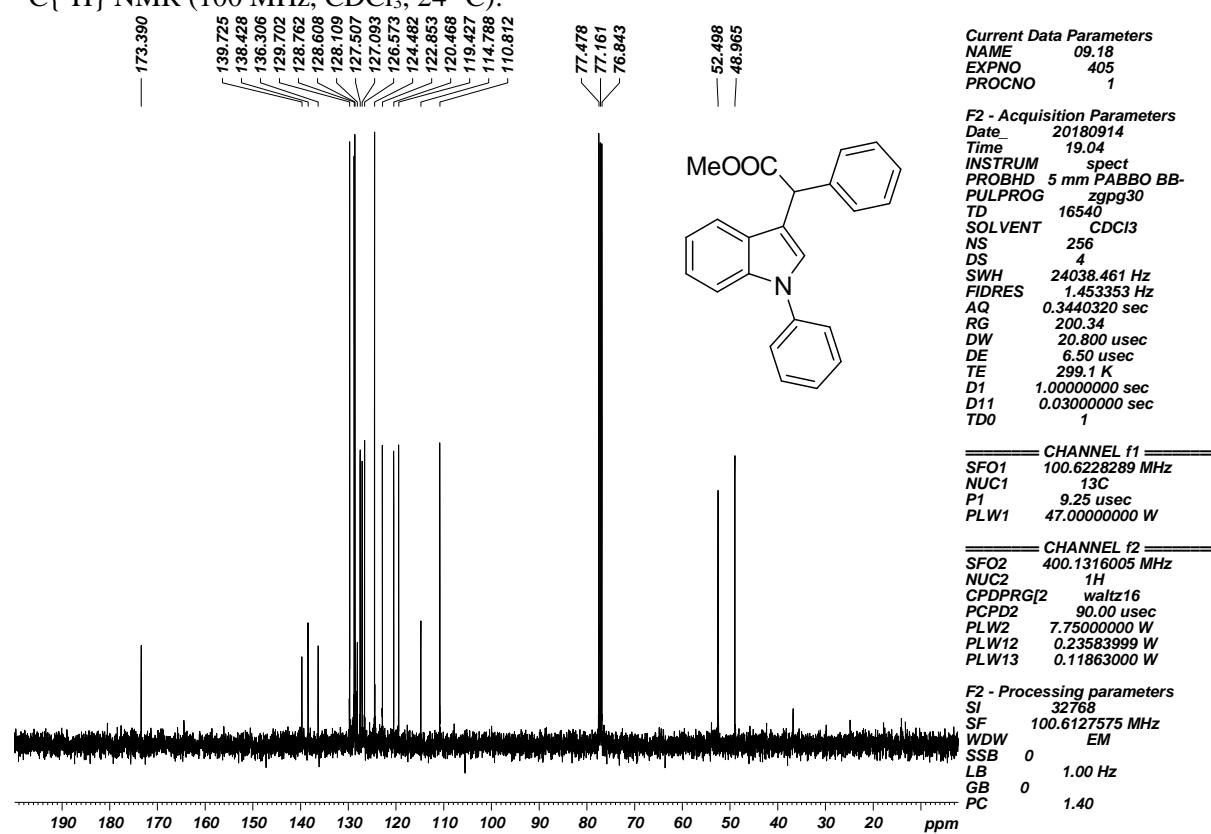


Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(1-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate (9b):

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):



¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):



Mixture of Methyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)acetate and methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,2-dihydrocyclopropa[b]indole-1-carboxylate
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 24 °C):

