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Direct (Het)Arylation of Tetrahydroisoquinoline via a Metal and Oxidant Free $C(sp^3)$ -H Functionalization Enabled Three Component Reaction

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Experimental section:

General: All reactions involving air- or moisture-sensitive reagents or intermediates were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere. THF and diethylether (Et₂O) were freshly distilled from Sodium under argon. Dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂) was freshly distilled from phosphorus(V)oxide (P₂O₅). Triethylamine (Et₃N) was distilled from CaH₂ and stored under argon. Commercial grade xylene, benzene and toluene were distilled before use. All other solvents and reagents were purified according to standard procedures or were used as received from Aldrich, Acros, Merck and Spectrochem. ¹H, ¹³C NMR spectroscopy: Varian Mercury plus 400 MHz (at 298 K). Chemical shifts, δ (in ppm), are reported relative to TMS $\delta(^{1}\text{H})0.0$ ppm, $\delta(^{13}\text{C})0.0$ ppm) which was used as the inner reference. Otherwise the solvents residual proton resonance and carbon resonance (CHCl₃, $\delta(^{1}\text{H})$ 7.26 ppm, $\delta(^{13}\text{C})$ 77.0 ppm; CD₃OD, ($^{1}\text{H})$ 3.31 ppm, $\delta(^{13}\text{C})$ 49.0 ppm) were used for calibration. Column chromatography: Merck or Spectrochem silica gel 60-120 under gravity. IR: spectra were spectra were recorded on Perkin Elmer Instrument at normal temperature making KBr pellet grinding the sample with KBr (IR Grade). MS (ESI-HRMS): Mass spectra were recorded on a Agilent Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS 6520, and peaks are given in m/z (% of basis peak). X-ray crystallographic data were collected using a Bruker SMART APEX–II CCD diffractometer, equipped with a fine focus 1.75 kW sealed tube Mo–K α radiation (1 = 0.71073 Å) at 296(2) K, with increasing w (width of 0.3° per frame) at a scan speed of 3 s/frame. Structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 and refined with full matrix least squares on F^2 using SHELXL-97. Using Olex2, structure was solved with the Super flip structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the olex2.refine refinement

package using Gauss-Newton minimization. All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically.

Crystal Structures:

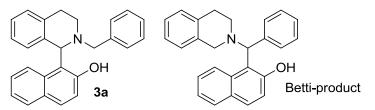
Crystal data and structure refinement for 4g (CCDC 1868392).

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Crystal data and structure refinement for 4g	
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Formula weight	433.48
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Crystal size, mm ³	0.24* 0.17* 0.15
Temperature, T	293(2) K
Wavelength, $\lambda(\mathring{A})$	0.71073
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	' P21/n'
Unit cell dimensions	a = 15.1652(8)Å
	b = 15.1364(13)Å
	c = 19.9955(13)Å
	$\alpha = 90.00^{\circ}, \gamma = 90.00^{\circ}, \beta = 106.480(6)^{\circ}$
Volume, $V(\mathring{A}^3)$	4401.3(5)
Z	8
Calculated density, Mg·m ⁻³	1.308
Absorption coefficient, $\mu(\text{mm}^{-1})$	0.085
F(000)	1824

θ range for data collection	3.00 ° to 25.00°
Limiting indices	$-18 \le h \le 18, -16 \le k \le 18, -23 \le l \le 23$
Reflection collected / unique	16211 /3089 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.1058]
Completeness to θ	98.7% (θ = 25.00°)
Max. and min. transmission	
Refinement method	'SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)'
Data / restraints / parameters	7645 / 0 / 597
Goodness–of–fit on F^2	0.885
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0840, wR2 = 0.1888
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.3467, wR2 = 0.2036
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.574 and $-0.650~\mbox{Å}^{-3}$

1-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3): According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-, Ń _{El} tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 µL) and 2- naphthol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 36 mg) were reacted for 48h. Then the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and the solid product was precipitated from reaction mixture. The solid was filtered and washed with (3×5 mL) methanol to obtain the desired product 3 (70 mg) as light brown solid. Next, mother liquor was evaporated under reduced pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:20) to give an additional amount (20 mg) of the product. The combined yield is 90 mg (82%). FTIR (KBr): $\tilde{v} = 3056$, 3033, 2838, 1619, 1462, 1448, 1268, 1227, 811, 741, 531 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 11.77$ (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 - 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.7 - 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.1-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.94 - 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 3.13 - 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.64 - 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.48 - 2.44 (m,1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 155.8$, 144.0, 142.1, 141.4, 141.2, 136.6, 134.4, 134.3, 130.3, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.66, 128.56, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.1, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 125.9, 123.0, 121.5, 120.5, 120.1, 119.6, 118.0, 65.2, 60.7, 43.2, 29.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{32}H_{26}N_5O^+([M+H]^+)$: 440.2009, found: 440.2001.

1-(2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (3a) and 1-((3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)(phenyl)methyl)naphthalen-2-ol: According to general procedure



I, benzaldehyde (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 25 μ L), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.6 mmol, 3 equiv, 76 μ L) and 2-naphthol (0.20 mmol, 1 equiv, 29 mg),

in neat condition were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:50) to obtain the oxazine corresponding to Betti product as light yellow solid (26 mg, 36%) and with (ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:40) to obtain an inseparable mixture of corresponding Betti and α -arylated product as yellow gum with 2:1 regioisomeric ratio (17 mg, 23%). Characteristic NMR-signals of **3a** and Betti product: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 13.27 (s, 2H) (Betti product), 11.75 (s, 1H) (**3a**), 5.54 (s, 1H) (**3a**), 5.22 (s, 2H) (Betti product), 4.05 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H) (**3a**), 3.21 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H) (**3a**). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₂₆H₂₄NO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 366.1852, found 366.1851.

1-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-7-methoxynaphthalen-2-ol (4a): According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 $_{OH}^{\Gamma I}$ mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μL) and 7-H₃CO methoxy 2- naphthol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 43.5 mg), in neat condition were reacted for 48 h. Then the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and the solid product was precipitated from reaction mixture. The solid was filtered and washed with (3×5 mL) methanol to obtain the desired product 4a (65 mg) as light brown solid. Next, mother liquor was evaporated under reduced pressure and residue was purified by column SiO₂ chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:20) to give an additional amount (23 mg) of the product. The combined yield is 88 mg (75%). FTIR (KBr): $\ddot{v} = 3412$, 3023, 2962, 2809, 1446, 1262, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 11.67$ (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.23 - 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.11 - 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.97 - 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.87 - 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.09 - 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.64 - 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.57 - 2.43 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR

 $(151 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta = 159.5, 156.4, 144.0, 142.1, 141.5, 141.1, 136.7, 135.6, 134.3, 131.0, 130.1,$

128.7, 128.67, 128.61, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 126.8, 126.6, 126.3, 125.9, 124.4, 120.64, 119.6, 117.6, 117.3, 115.1, 100.9, 65.2, 60.9, 55.6, 43.2, 29.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{33}H_{28}NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 470.2115, found 470.2118.

1-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-7-bromonaphthalen-2-ol (4b):

According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and 7-bromo 2- naphthol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 56 mg), in neat condition were reacted for 48 h. Then the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and the solid product was precipitated from reaction mixture. The solid was filtered and washed with (3×5 mL) methanol to obtain the desired product 4b (74 mg) as light brownish solid. Next, mother liquor was evaporated under reduced pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:20) to give an additional amount (27 mg) of the product. The combined yield is (78%, 101 mg). FTIR (KBr): $\ddot{v} = 3431$, 2842, 1589, 1449, 1260, 925, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta =$ 11.88 (s, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.78 - 7.71 (m, 4H), 7.65 - 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.48 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.38 - 7.47.30 (m, 4H), 7.23 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.10 - 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.97 - 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.77 - 6.75 (m, 1H),6.51 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 3.10 - 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.67 - 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.54 - 2.50 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR $(151 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta = 156.7, 143.7, 142.0, 141.2, 141.1, 136.1, 135.6, 134.3, 131.0, 130.3, 128.8,$ 128.76, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 127.34, 127.29, 127.0, 126.7, 126.4, 126.3, 125.8, 123.9, 122.3, 120.6, 119.7, 117.4, 65.2, 60.7, 43.2, 29.8 ppm. (Total count of ¹³C is less than expected due to the merging of signals in the aromatic region). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₂H₂₅BrN⁺ $([M+H]^+)$: 518.1114, found, 518.1120.

1-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-6-bromonaphthalen-2-ol (4c): According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and 6- bromo 2- naphthol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 56 mg) were reacted for 48 h. Then, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and the solid product was precipitated from reaction mixture. The solid was filtered and washed with (3×5 mL) methanol to obtain the desired product 4c (68 mg) as light brown solid. Next, mother liquor

was evaporated under reduced pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography

(Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:20) to give an additional amount (29 mg) of the product. The combined yield is 97 mg (75%). FTIR (KBr): \ddot{v} = 3057, 2842, 1612, 1589, 1507, 1448, 1260, 925, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 11.87 (s, 1H), 8.26 – 8.23 (m,1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.81 (m,1H), 7.79 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.67 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m,1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 3.11 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.49 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 156.1,

-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.63 - 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.56 - 2.49 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 156.1$, 143.7, 142.0, 141.2, 141.1, 136.1, 134.3, 132.9, 131.3, 130.8, 130.2, 129.4, 128.83, 128.77, 128.7, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.2, 125.9, 123.3, 121.3, 120.7, 119.7, 118.3, 116.5, 65.2, 60.7, 43.2, 29.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{32}H_{25}BrN_5^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 518.1114, found, 518.1107.

2-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)naphthalen-1-ol (4d): According to

general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 µL) and 1- naphthol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 36 mg) were reacted for 48 h. Then, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and the solid product was precipitated from reaction mixture. The solid was filtered and washed with (3×5 mL) methanol to obtain the desired product 4d

(48 mg) as light brown solid. Next, mother liquor was evaporated under reduced pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:20) to give an additional amount (12 mg) of the product. The combined yield is 60 mg (55%). FTIR (KBr): \Breve{v} = 3956, 2838, 1619, 1462, 1448, 1258, 811, 741 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 11.32 (s, 1H), 8.31 – 8.30 (m, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 3.10 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.61 – 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.44 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.8, 144.0, 142.1, 142.0, 141.2, 136.8, 134.5, 134.2, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 125.9, 125.8, 125.3, 125.1, 122.6, 122.7, 120.7, 120.5, 119.7, 119.7, 119.6, 119.1, 119.0, 67.3, 65.2, 42.9, 30.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₂H₂₆NO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 440.2009, found, 440.2020.

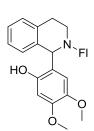
3-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)benzene-1,2-diol (4e):

According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-

tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and pyro-catechol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 27.5 mg) were reacted for 36 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column

chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:10) to obtain **4e** as brown solid 56 mg (53%). FTIR (KBr): $\[Tilde{v}\] = 3501$, 2923, 1602, 1479, 1450, 1259, 1180, 745, 737 cm⁻¹. HNMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\[Tilde{\delta}\] = 10.85$ (s, 1H), 7.74 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.01 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.41 (m, 2H). $\[Tilde{l}\] = 145.8$, 143.8, 143.4, 142.0, 141.8, 141.3, 136.0, 134.1, 128.83, 128.77, 128.6, 128.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.5, 122.0, 120.6, 120.2, 119.8, 115.1, 66.9, 65.1, 42.7, 29.9 ppm. (Total count of $\[Tilde{l}\] = 135.8$ (ESI) exact mass calculated for $\[Tilde{C}\] = 145.8$ (M+H]⁺): 406.1802, found: 406.1803.

$2-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-4,5-dimethoxyphenol \qquad \qquad (4f):$



According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and 3,4 dimethoxy phenol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 38 mg) were reacted for 24h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified

by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:10) to obtain **4f** as brown solid 82 mg (73%). FTIR (KBr): $\[Tildeta] = 2922$, 2845, 1504, 1449, 1191, 1113, 740 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\[Tildeta] = 10.07$ (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.74 (s, 3H), 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.01 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.48 – 2.35 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\[Tildeta] = 151.2$, 150.4, 144.1, 142.3, 142.2, 142.0, 141.1, 136.7, 134.2, 128.7, 128.64, 128.62, 128.2, 128.0, 127.0, 126.8, 126.4, 126.3, 125.7, 120.6, 119.7, 117.2, 115.0, 102.4, 67.0, 65.0, 57.5, 56.0, 43.0, 29.9.ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₀H₂₈NO₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 450.2064, found, 450.2062.

6-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ol (4g):

According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μL) and sesamol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 34.5 mg) were reacted for 18 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column

chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane: 1:10) to obtain **4g** as brown solid 73 mg (67%). FTIR (KBr): $\ddot{v}=2890,\,2830,\,1479,\,1450,\,1181,\,1033,\,743\,\,\mathrm{cm^{-1}}.\,^{1}H$ NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta=10.30$ (s, 1H), 7.73 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 5.95 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 2.98 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.36 (m, 2H). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta=152.1,\,148.5,\,144.0,\,142.0,\,141.1,\,140.7,\,136.5,\,134.3,\,128.7,\,128.6,\,128.2,\,127.9,\,127.1,\,126.8,\,126.4,\,126.3,\,125.7,\,120.6,\,119.7,\,117.9,\,110.17,\,101.3,\,100.1,\,67.1,\,64.9,\,42.9,\,29.9$ ppm. (Total count of 13 C is less than expected due to the merging of signals in the aromatic region). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{29}H_{24}NO_{3}^{+}$ ([M+H] $^{+}$): 434.1751, found, 434.1759.

5-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)quinolin-6-ol (4h): According to

general procedure I 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 µL) and 6-hydroxyquinol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 36 mg) were reacted for 24 h. After, the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was

evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane) to obtain **4h** as brown solid 62 mg (56%). FTIR (KBr): \eth = 2915, 2841, 1610, 1447, 1249, 1128, 828, 742, 728 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 11.83 (s, 1H), 8.85 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 3.14 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.70 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 156.0, 147.3, 144.2, 143.6, 142.1, 141.3, 141.1, 136.1, 134.4, 131.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 126.0, 125.9, 123.7, 122.3, 120.7, 119.7,

117.6, 65.3, 60.3, 43.3, 29.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{31}H_{25}N_2\,O^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 441.1961, found, 441.1962.

7-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)quinolin-8-ol (4i): According to

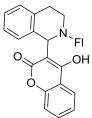
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general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and 8-hydroxyquinol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 36 mg) were reacted for 24 h. After

hydroxyquinol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 36 mg) were reacted for 24 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:6) to obtain **4i** as brown solid 58 mg (53%). FTIR (KBr): \eth = 2923, 1629, 1449, 1375, 1090, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) \eth = 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.83 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.08 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.39 – 2.36 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) \eth = 151.7, 148.5, 145.4, 143.6, 141.7, 140.9, 139.0, 138.4, 136.1, 135.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.69, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.0, 126.8, 126.2, 126.0, 125.5, 125.41, 121.9, 120.3, 119.4, 118.5, 65.3, 61.4, 43.0, 30.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₁H₂₅N₂O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 441.1961, found, 441.1961.

3-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-4-hydroxy-2H-chromen-2-one (4j):

According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-



tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and 4-hydroxy coumarin (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 36 mg) were reacted for 48 h. Then, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and the solid product was precipitated from reaction mixture. The solid was filtered and washed with (3×5 mL) methanol to obtain the desired product **4j** (70 mg) as light yellow solid. Next, mother liquor was

evaporated under reduced pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:20) to give an additional amount (10 mg) of the product. The combined yield is 80 mg (70%). FTIR (KBr): \ddot{v} = 2925, 1671, 1604, 1130, 748, 615 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m,

2H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 3.15 - 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.63 - 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.54 - 2.46 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 165.5$, 154.4, 142.1, 141.6, 139.5, 136.6, 134.8, 134.7, 132.1, 131.7, 130.3, 130.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 127.4, 125.6, 124.4, 124.20, 123.6, 120.4, 120.2, 116.9, 64.1, 61.6, 42.3, 28.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{31}H_{24}NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 458.1751, found, 458.1766.

2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (5a): According to general

procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 µL) and indole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 29 mg) were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the

reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:15) to obtain 5a as brown solid 67 mg (65%). FTIR (KBr): $\ddot{v} = 3328, 2955$, 1687, 1274, 117, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.06$ (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 -7.26 (m, 3H), 7.26 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.18 - 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.08 - 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.94 - 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.13 - 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.60 - 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.40 - 2.32 (m, 1H). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 146.5, 144.8, 141.7, 140.6, 139.4, 137.4, 135.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.8, 127.5, 126.5, 126.5, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 125.8, 124.9, 122.5, 121.67, 120.3, 119.6, 119.2, 118.4, 111.3, 65.2, 60.9, 43.8, 30.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{30}H_{25}N_2^+$ $([M+H]^+)$: 413.2012, found, 413.2017.

2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (5b): According

Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29 - 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.19 - 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.09 - 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.05

to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-

tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 µL) and 2-methylindole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 33 mg) were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:15) to obtain **5b** as brown solid 64 mg (60 %). FTIR (KBr): $\ddot{v} = 3409$, 1601, 1449, 1286, 1217, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.83 (d, J = 7. 2Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 -7.03 (m, 3H), 6.95 - 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.11 - 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.63 - 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.58 - 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.33 - 2.31 (m, 1H). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 146.7$, 144.9, 141.7, 140.5, 139.6, 135.8, 135.4, 133.9, 128.5, 128.1, 127.79, 127.77, 127.5, 126.6, 126.0, 125.9, 125.9, 125.8, 121.4, 120.4, 119.5, 119.2, 113.9, 110.3, 65.4, 59.3, 44.1, 30.9, 12.7 ppm. (Total count of 13C is less than expected due to the merging of signals in the aromatic region). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{31}H_{27}N_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 427.2169, found, 427.2166.

$\label{lem:eq:continuous} Ethyl3-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1H-indole-2-carboxylate \ \ (5c):$

According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μL) and ethyl 1H-indole-2-carboxylate (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 47 mg) were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was

(3-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl) methanol (5d):

According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 µL) and (1H-indol-2-yl)methanol (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 37 mg) were reacted for 44h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved

in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified

by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:1) to obtain **5d** as yellow solid 80 mg (72%). FTIR (KBr): \Tilde{v} = 3178, 3108, 1448, 1286, 1042, 744, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\Tilde{\delta}$ = 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H) 4.68 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.15 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.37 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\Tilde{\delta}$ = 145.0, 143.3, 141.9, 140.9, 138.8, 137.3, 135.1, 134.9, 134.9, 129.3, 128.53, 128.35, 128.3, 127.9, 126.9, 126.4, 126.3, 126.1, 125.7, 124.5, 122.2, 120.42, 120.39, 119.4, 115.1, 111.4, 65.4, 58.4, 58.2, 44.0, 30.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₁H₂₇N₂O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 443.2118, found, 443.2128.

1-(2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline

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(5*e*): According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μL) and 2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1H-indole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 63 mg) were reacted for 48h. Then, the reaction mixture was dissolved in

methanol and the solid product was precipitated from reaction mixture. The solid was filtered and washed with (3×5 mL) methanol to obtain the desired product **5e** (60 mg) as light yellow solid. Next, mother liquor was evaporated under reduced pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:3) to give an additional amount (10 mg) of the product. The combined yield is 70 mg (51%). FTIR (KBr): \ddot{v} = 3421, 3349, 1510, 1450, 1260, 1242, 1136, 1023, 746 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.12 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.4 (m, 1H), 2.25 – 2.21 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 149.7, 149.5, 146.6, 144.1, 141.5, 140.6, 139.7, 138.2, 136.5, 135.7, 128.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 125.88, 122.6, 121.8, 120.0, 119.9, 119.1, 114.2, 112.6, 111.7, 110.8, 65.2, 59.7, 56.3, 56.2, 44.0, 30.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₈H₃₃N₂O₂+ ([M+H]⁺): 549.2537 found, 549.2569.

3-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1H-indol-5-ol (5f): According to

general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 µL) and 5-hydroxyindole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 33 mg) condition were reacted for 44h.

After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and

residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:4) to obtain **5f** as brown solid 103 mg (96%). FTIR (KBr): \Tilde{v} = 3328, 2923, 1687, 1615, 1247, 1237, 739 cm⁻¹. 1 H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\Tilde{\delta}$ = 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.74 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.09 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.36 – 2.34 (m, 1H). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\Tilde{\delta}$ = 149.2, 146.4, 144.7, 141.6, 140.5, 139.2, 135.3, 132.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.74, 127.72, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.4, 126.1, 125.9, 125.88, 125.7, 120.2, 119.2, 117.5, 112.3, 111.8, 106.0, 65.1, 60.8, 43.7, 30.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₀H₂₅N₂O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 429.1961 found, 429.1962.

2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (5g):

According to the general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and 5-methoxyindole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 36 mg) were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in

methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:5) to obtain **5g** as brown solid 83 mg (75%). FTIR (KBr): $\ddot{v} = 3421$, 2924, 1581, 1448, 1201, 741 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.06$ (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 6.96 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.09 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.37 – 2.35 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 153.7$, 146.5, 144.8, 141.6, 140.7, 139.2, 135.4, 132.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0 126.5, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 125.76, 125.6, 120.3, 119.3, 118.1, 112.5, 111.9, 103.6,

65.2, 60.8, 56.0, 43.8, 30.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{31}H_{27}N_2O^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 443.2118, found, 443.2126.

Methyl 3-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate

(5h): According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μL) and methyl 1H-indole-5-carboxylate (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 44 mg) were reacted for 44h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was

dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:4) to obtain **5h** as brown solid 104 mg (88%). FTIR (KBr): $\check{v}=339$, 3058, 2911, 1713, 1445, 1211, 1090, 738 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta=8.66$ (s, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H) 3.17 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.43 – 2.39 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta=168.4$, 146.1, 144.6, 141.6, 140.6, 140.0, 138.9, 135.4, 128.9, 127.9, 127.6, 126.6, 126.14, 126.12, 126.07, 125.9, 125.74, 125.72, 125.26, 124.7, 124.0, 121.8, 120.3, 120.2, 119.9, 119.3, 111.1, 65.4, 60.6, 52.1, 43.9, 30.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{32}H_{27}N_2O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 471.2067, found, 471.2060.

$\textbf{2-}(9\textbf{\textit{H-fluoren-9-yl}})\textbf{-1-}(5\textbf{-}\textbf{\textit{nitro-1H-indol-3-yl}})\textbf{-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline}\ (5i): \ \textbf{According to}$

general procedure II: 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and 5-nitroindole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 40 mg), in neat condition were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was

dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was

purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:2) to obtain **5i** as yellow solid 95 mg (83%). FTIR (KBr): \eth = 3429, 2923, 1610, 1584, 1489, 1450, 1360, 1258, 1235, 1211, 1149 743, 728 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.10 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 3.25 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.52 – 2.48 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 145.6, 144.3, 141.7, 141.6, 140.6, 140.3, 138.1, 135.4, 129.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.6, 126.4, 126.0, 125.8, 125.6, 125.5, 121.2, 120.4, 119.5, 119.1, 118.4, 111.4, 65.6, 60.4, 44.1, 30.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₀H₂₄N₃O₂+ ([M+H]⁺): 458.1863, found, 458.1879.

2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (5j): According

was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:5) to obtain **5j** as yellow solid 80 mg (74%). FTIR (KBr): \eth = 3432, 2922, 1484, 1448, 1581, 1168, 746, 738 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) \eth = 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.12 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.38 – 2.35 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) \eth = 158.3, 156.8, 146.2, 144.6, 141.7, 140.6, 138.8, 135.4, 133.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 126.6, 126.5, 126.14, 126.08, 125.8, 125.7, 120.4, 119.3, 118.4, 111.9, 111.86, 111.1, 110.9, 106.5, 106.4, 65.2, 60.8, 43.8, 30.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₀H₂₄FN₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 431.1918, found, 431.1920.

1-(5-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (5k): According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μL) and 5-chloroindole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 38 mg) were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by

SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:5) to obtain 5k as brown solid 79 mg

(71%). FTIR (KBr): \eth = 3441, 2924, 17112, 1609, 1446, 1297, 1261, 1095, 739 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 3.12 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.36 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 146.1, 144.6, 141.6, 140.7, 138.8, 135.8, 135.4, 128.8, 127.93, 127.91, 127.7, 127.4, 126.6, 126.14, 126.12, 125.8, 125.7, 125.2, 122.9, 121.1, 120.3, 119.3, 118.2, 112.3, 65.3, 60.7, 43.9, 30.7 ppm. (Total count of 13C is less than expected due to the merging of signals in the aromatic region). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₀H₂₄ClN₂+ ([M+H]+): 447.1623, found, 447.1620.

1-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (5l): According

to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg),

1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μL) and 5-bromoindole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 48.5 mg) were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:5) to obtain **5l** as yellow brown solid 113 mg (92%). FTIR (KBr): $\ddot{\nu}$ = 3442, 3027, 3058, 2911, 1713, 1445, 1090, 1041, 881, 822, 796, 738 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 –7.17 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 5.87

 $(s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 3.13 - 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.58 - 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.41 - 2.37 (m, 1H). {}^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) <math>\delta = 146.1, 144.5, 141.6, 140.7, 138.7, 136.0, 135.3, 128.8, 128.0, 127.94, 127.91, 127.7, 126.6, 126.2, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 124.3, 120.3, 119.4, 118.2, 112.9, 112.8, 65.3, 60.7, 43.9, 30.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for <math>C_{30}H_{24}BrN_{2}^{+}([M+H]^{+})$: 493.1097, found, 493.1129.

1-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline

According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and 6-bromoindole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 48.5 mg) were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified

by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:5) to obtain **5m** as yellow brown solid 112 mg (91%). FTIR (KBr): $\[Tilde{v}\]$ = 3442, 2951, 1713, 1445, 1417, 1211, 1041, 738 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\[Tilde{\delta}\]$ = 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.49 (s, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.11 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.38 – 2.34 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\[Tilde{\delta}\]$ = 146.2, 144.6, 141.7, 140.6, 138.9, 138.3, 135.4, 128.7, 128.0, 127.92, 127.91, 127.6, 126.6, 126.12, 126.10, 125.8, 125.7, 125.4, 125.2, 123.0, 122.9, 120.4, 119.3, 118.7, 116.2, 114.3, 65.2, 60.7, 43.8, 30.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{30}H_{24}BrN_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 491.1117, found, 491.1121.

$2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline \qquad (5n):$

According to general procedure II: 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-

tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 µL) and 7-azaindole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 29.5 mg) were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography

(Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:2) to obtain **5n** as yellow solid 90 mg (82%). FTIR (KBr): $\check{v}=2895$, 2814, 1582, 1446, 1418, 1120, 773, 741 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta=8.20$ (dd, J=4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J=8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 7.01(m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 3.05 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.35 – 2.31 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta=150.0$, 146.1, 144.6, 143.4, 141.6, 140.7, 138.8, 135.4, 130.2, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.6, 126.2, 126.1, 125.8, 125.5, 125.3, 120.4, 119.4, 119.0, 117.1, 116.0, 65.3, 61.0, 43.9, 30.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₂₉H₂₄N₅+ ([M+H]⁺): 414.1965, found, 414.1964.

(5m):

2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-7-nitro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (50):

dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:15) to obtain **5b** as brown solid (71 %, 51 mg). FTIR (KBr): \check{v} = 3411, 2957, 2924, 2853, 1518, 1304, 740 cm⁻¹. FTIR (KBr): \check{v} = 3411, 2957, 2924, 2853, 1518, 1304, 740 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.82 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.07 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.54 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.27 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 146.6, 146.0, 144.3, 143.5, 141.7, 141.5, 140.6, 136.1, 134.4, 129.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 126.7, 126.0, 125.8, 123.5, 121.9, 121.0, 120.5, 119.7, 119.4, 112.4, 110.7, 65.2, 59.5, 43.4, 31.2, 12.7 ppm. (Total count of 13C is less than expected due to the merging of signals in the aromatic region). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₁H₂₆N₃O₂+ ([M+H]⁺): 472.2020, found, 472.2034.

2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-6,7-dimethoxy-1-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline

(*5p*): According to general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.18 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 32 mg), 6,7-dimethoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.23 mmol, 1.5 equiv, 43 mg) and 2-methylindole (0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 20 mg) were reacted for 48h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was evaporated under reduce

pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:5) to obtain **5b** as light yellow solid (73 %, 53 mg). FTIR (KBr): \check{v} = 3348, 3296, 2923, 2851, 2807, 1506, 1460, 1445, 1253, 1133, 1025, 734 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.99 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.49 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.21 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 147.4, 147.3, 146.7, 144.9, 141.7, 140.5, 135.9, 133.8, 131.6,

127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.5, 126.0, 125.9, 121.4, 120.3, 119.5, 119.2, 113.9, 111.3, 111.1, 110.3, 65.5, 58.9, 56.1, 56.0, 44.2, 30.5, 12.7 ppm (Total count of 13C is less than expected due to the merging of signals in the aromatic region). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{33}H_{31}N_2O_2^+$ ([M+H] $^+$): 487.2380, found, 487.2386.

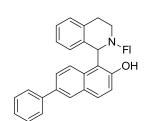
 $2\text{-}(9H\text{-}fluoren\text{-}9\text{-}yl)\text{-}1\text{-}(1H\text{-}pyrrol\text{-}3\text{-}yl)\text{-}1,2,3,4\text{-}tetrahydroisoquinoline} \quad (5q): \quad \text{According} \quad \text{to}$

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general procedure I, 9-fluorenone imine (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 54 mg), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.75 mmol, 3 equiv, 96 μ L) and pyrrole (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 18 μ L), in neat condition were reacted for 24h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in methanol and solution mixture was

evaporated under reduce pressure and residue was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (Ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:20) to obtain **50** as yellow solid 48 mg (53%). FTIR (KBr): $\[Tilde{v}\]$ = 3398, 3060, 1713, 1428, 1287, 1110, 772, 748 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\[Tilde{\delta}\]$ = 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.65(m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 2.94 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.32 – 2.28 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\[Tilde{\delta}\]$ = 145.8, 144.2, 141.6, 140.9, 137.9, 135.2, 132.4, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 126.4, 126.0, 125.0, 120.4, 119.6, 118.6, 110.5, 107.7, 65.3, 61.2, 43.3, 30.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{26}H_{23}N_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 363.1856, found, 363.1857.

1-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-6-phenylnaphthalen-2-ol (9):



Phenyl boronic acid (0.26 mmol, 1.5 equiv, 31 mg), Ba(OH)_{2.}8H₂O (0.23 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 40mg) Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.01 mmol, 0.019 equiv, 11 mg), 1,4 dioxane (1.3 mL), H₂O (0.4 mL) and 1-(2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-6-bromonaphthalen-2-ol, **4c** (0.193 mmol, 1equiv, 100 mg) were refluxed for 24 h under inert atmosphere. After

completion of the reaction 1,4 dioxane was evaporated under reduce pressure. The resulting mass was diluted with DCM (30 mL) and the mixture was washed with 1M HCl (3×20 mL) and then with brine (2×20 mL). Combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum to give crude product which was further was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:2) to afford desired product **9** as light yellow solid 82

mg (82%). FTIR (KBr): $\[Tilde{v}\]$ = 2959, 2924, 1493, 1448, 1261, 1079, 812, 739 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\[Tilde{\delta}\]$ = 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, $\[J=8.4\]$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $\[J=1.2\]$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.86 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.77 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, $\[J=7.8\]$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $\[J=6.6\]$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.11 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, $\[J=7.2\]$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, $\[J=7.8\]$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.10 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.49 – 2.47 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\[Tilde{\delta}\]$ = 155.9, 143.9, 142.1, 141.5, 141.1, 141.0, 136.5, 135.7, 134.3, 133.6, 130.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.37, 127.36, 127.29, 127.27, 127.18, 126.9, 126.6, 126.4, 125.9, 122.1, 120.60, 120.59, 119.7, 118.0, 65.3, 60.8, 43.2, 29.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₃₈H₃₀NO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 516.2322, found, 516.2322.

1-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (10): 2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1-(1H-

indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, (**5a**) (0.18 mmol, 1 equiv, 75 mg) was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol (3:1, v/v). Palladium (10%) on charcoal (0.18 mmol, 1 equiv, 20 mg) was added to it. Then the flask was evacuated and refilled with hydrogen. The process was repeated three times. Then, the reaction

mixture was kept on shaking at 25 PSI of hydrogen for 48 h. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, and the celite pad was washed successively with methanol (3×5 mL) and of ethyl acetate (3×5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and the crude product was purified (preparative TLC, ethyl acetate: hexane; 2:1) to afford desired product **10** as brown gum 25 mg (55%). FTIR (KBr): \ddot{v} = 2923, 2855, 1622, 1452, 1263, 1099, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 3.29 – 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.12 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 3.03 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.88 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 138.1, 136.7, 135.1, 129.1, 128.1, 126.5, 125.9, 124.3, 122.3, 119.9, 119.6, 119.2, 111.5, 53.9, 41.8, 29.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₁₇H₁₇N₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 249.1386, found, 249.1387.

1-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (11): 2-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-1-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (5b) (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv, 100 mg) was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol (3:1, v/v).

Palladium (10%) on charcoal (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv, 25 mg) was added to it.

Then the flask was evacuated and re-filled with hydrogen. The process was repeated three times. Then, the reaction mixture was kept on shaking at 25 PSI of hydrogen for 48 hours. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, and the celite pad was washed successively with methanol (3×5 mL) and of ethyl acetate (3×5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and the crude product was purified (preparative TLC, ethyl acetate: hexane; 2:1) to afford desired product **11** as brown gum 35 mg (57%). FTIR (KBr): \eth = 3604, 3298, 3228, 2922, 1622, 1460, 1428, 1261, 738 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) \eth = 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 3.40 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.11 (m, 2H), 2.88 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) \eth = 139.0, 135.5, 135.3, 133.2, 129.0, 127.6, 126.2, 126.1, 121.1, 119.5, 119.2, 114.4, 110.4, 53.9, 43.8, 30.3, 12.3 ppm (Total count of ¹³C is less than expected due to the merging of signals in the aromatic region). HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₁₈H₁₉N₂+ ([M+H]⁺): 263.1543, found, 263.1543.

1-yl)naphthalen-2-ol, (3) (0.17 mmol, 1 equiv, 75 mg) was dissolved in 3 mL mesitylene. Palladium (10%) on charcoal (0.34 mmol, 2 equiv, 36 mg) was added to it. Then, the reaction mixture was placed and refluxed for 24 h. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, and the celite pad was washed successively with methanol (3×5 mL) and of ethyl acetate (3×5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and the crude product was purified SiO₂ column chromatography (ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:2) to afford desired product 12 as brown solid 44 mg (96%). FTIR (KBr): \eth = 3050, 1620, 1582, 1558, 1434, 1350, 1276, 823, 747 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) \eth = 8.59 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.69 (m,1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) \eth = 157.6, 153.6, 141.8, 137.3, 133.3, 131.2, 131.0, 129.0, 128.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 126.6, 125.1, 123.4, 121.1, 119.4, 117.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for C₁₉H₁₄NO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 272.1070, found, 272.1097.

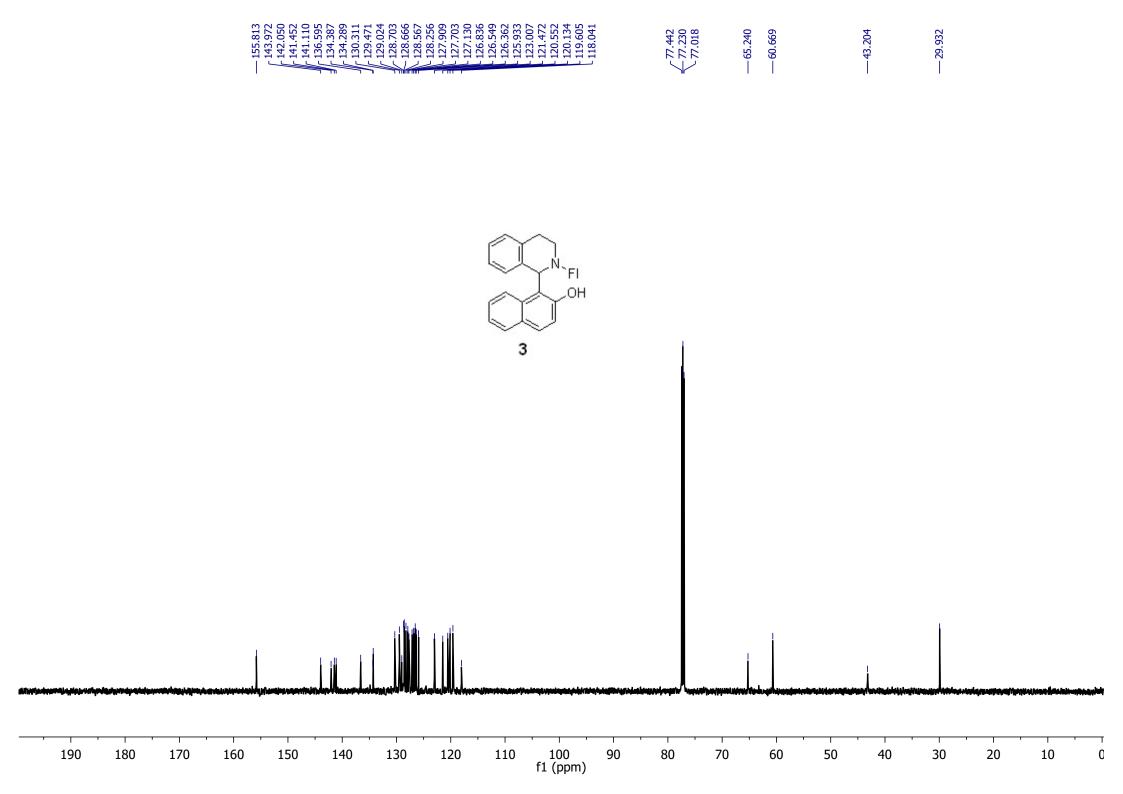
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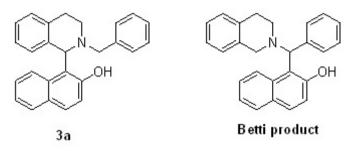
tetrahydroisoguinolin-1-yl)-7-methoxynaphthalen-2-ol, (4a) (0.16 mmol, 1 equiv, 75 mg) was dissolved in 3 mL mesitylene. Palladium (10%) on charcoal HO. H₃CO. (0.32 mmol, 2 equiv, 34 mg) was added to it. Then, the reaction mixture was placed and refluxed for 24 h. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, and the celite pad was washed successively with methanol (3×5 mL) and of ethyl acetate (3×5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and the crude product was purified SiO₂ column chromatography (ethyl acetate: hexane; 1:2) to afford desired product **13** as brown solid 41 mg (84%). FTIR (KBr): $\ddot{v} = 2952$, 1623, 1588, 1348, 1223, 827 cm⁻¹ ¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.67$ (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.74 - 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 - 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H)1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 158.3$, 157.7, 154.4, 141.9, 137.3, 134.4, 131.0, 131.0, 129.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 124.4, 121.0, 116.8, 116.7, 115.5, 104.6, 55.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI) exact mass calculated for $C_{20}H_{16}NO_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 302.1176, found, 302.1179.

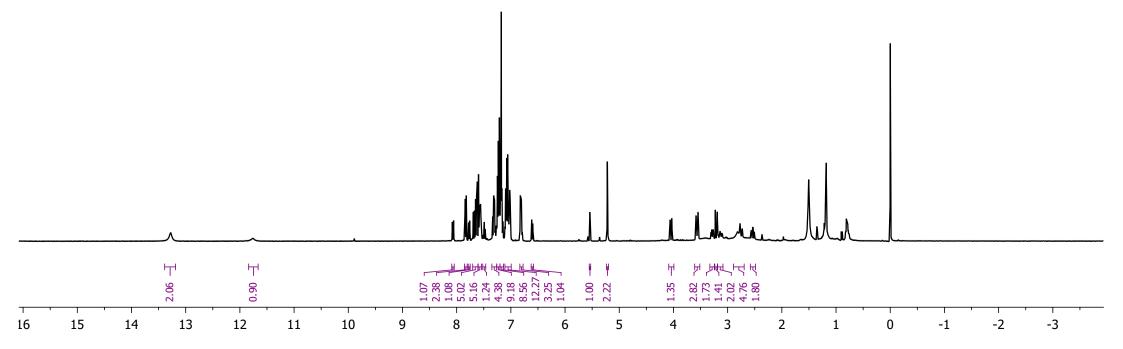
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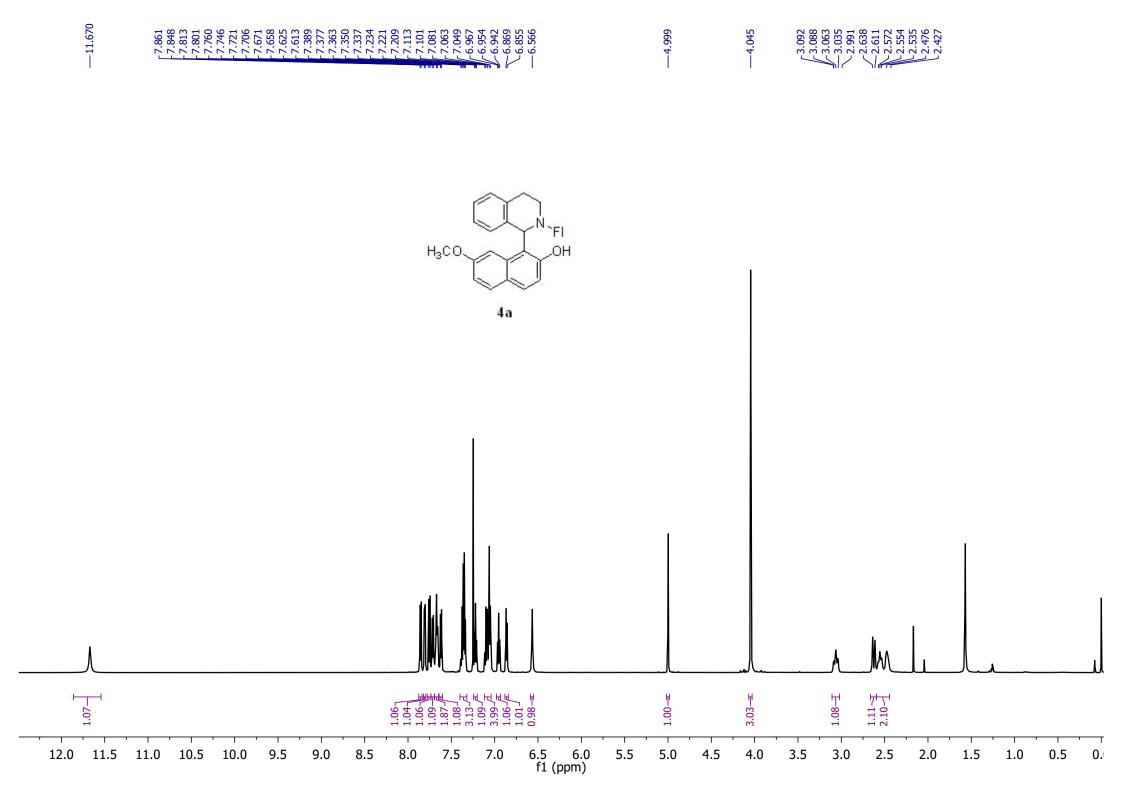
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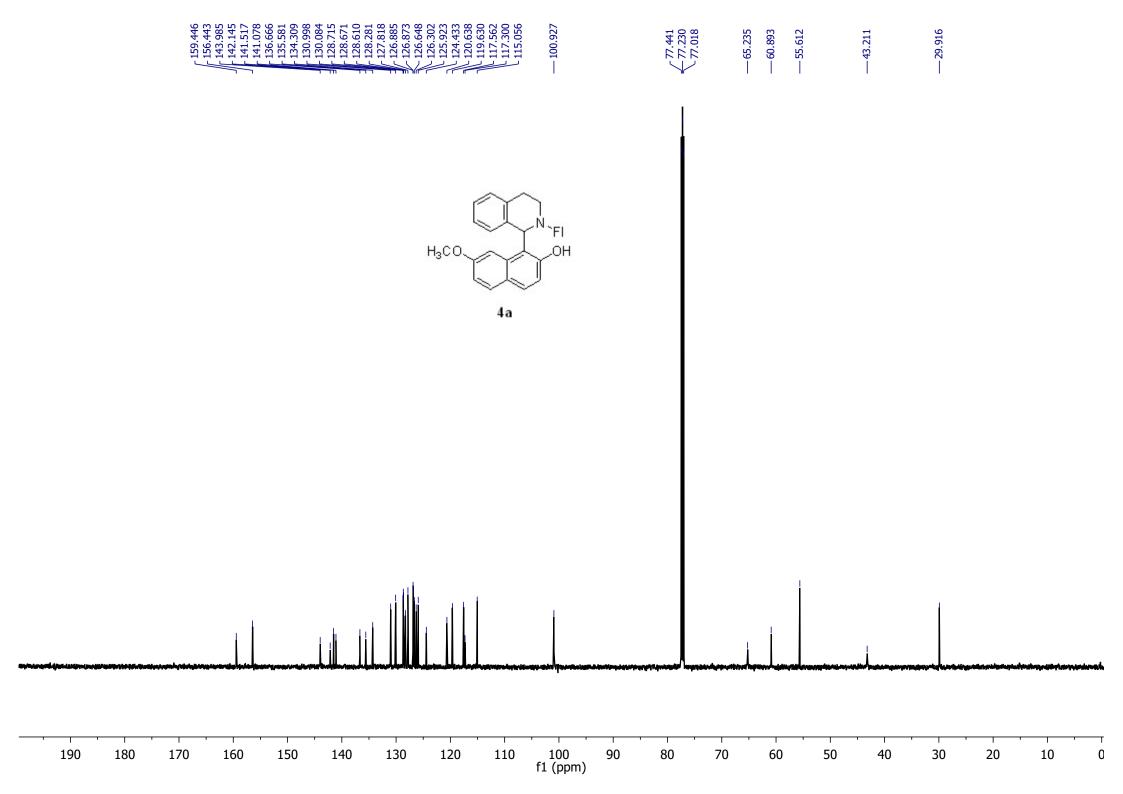
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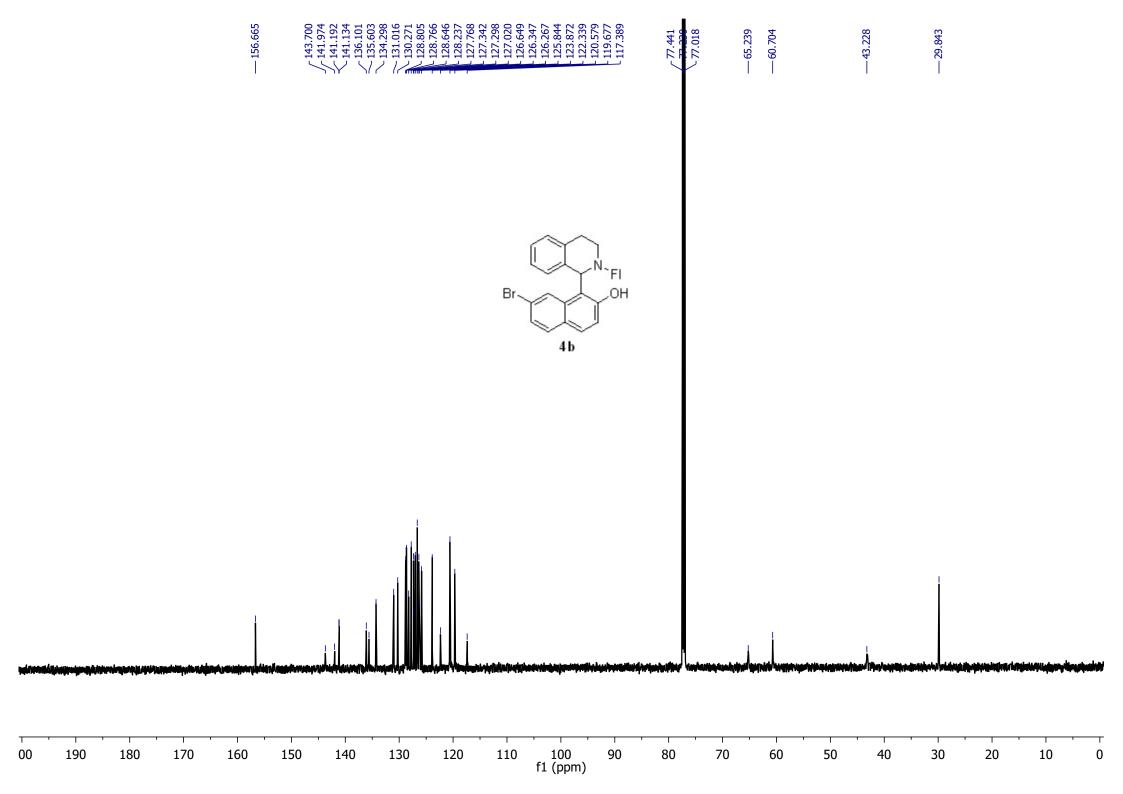


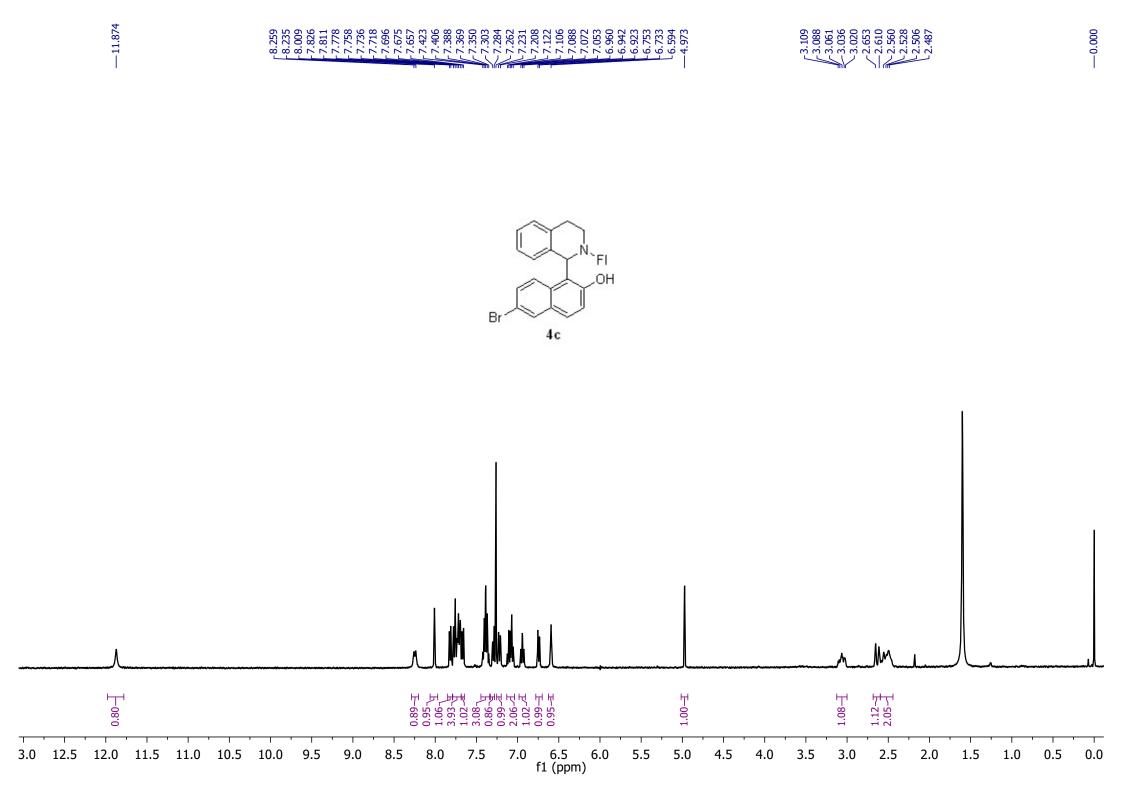


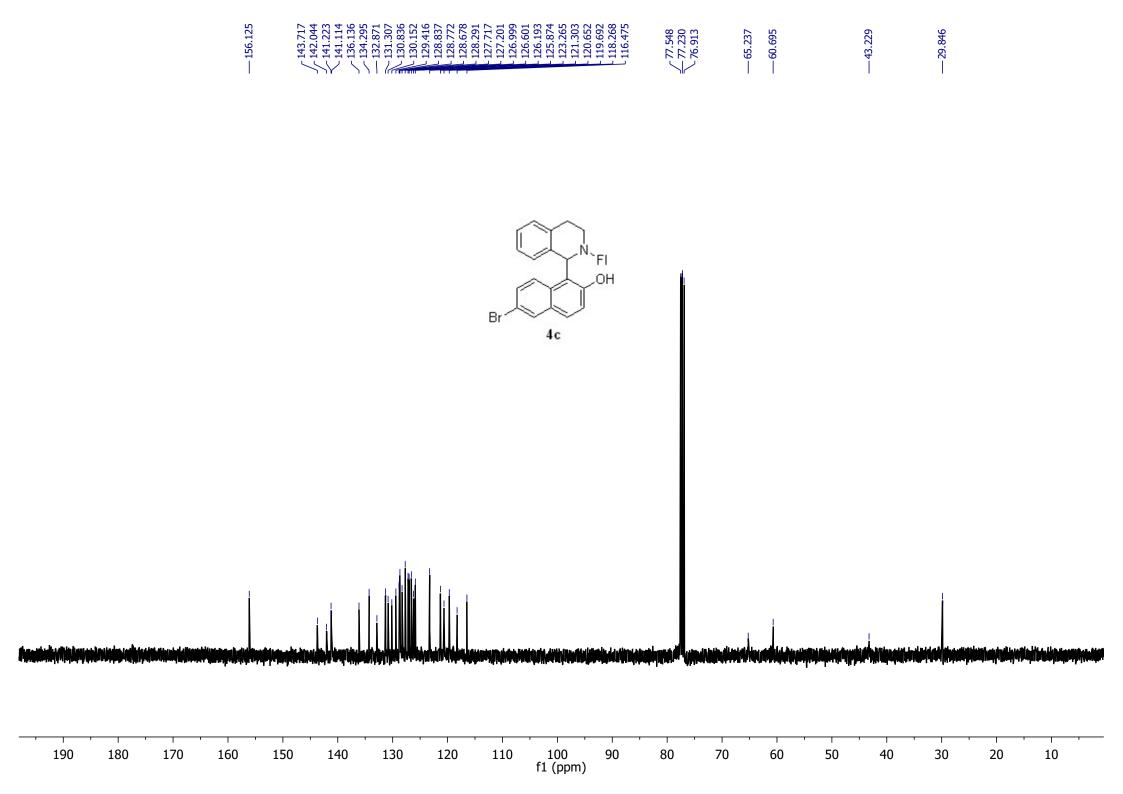


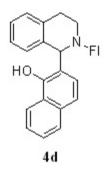


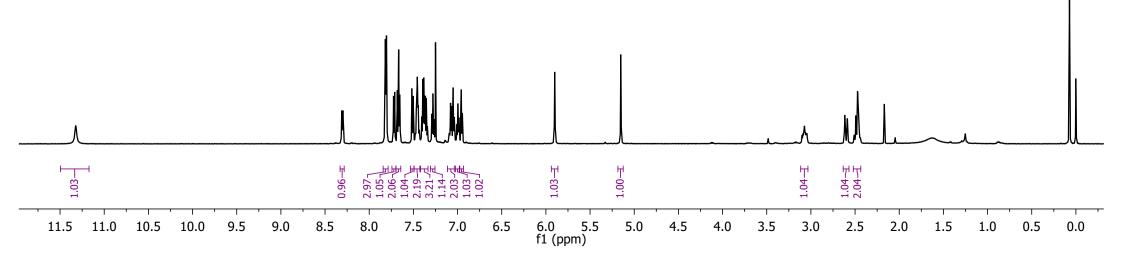


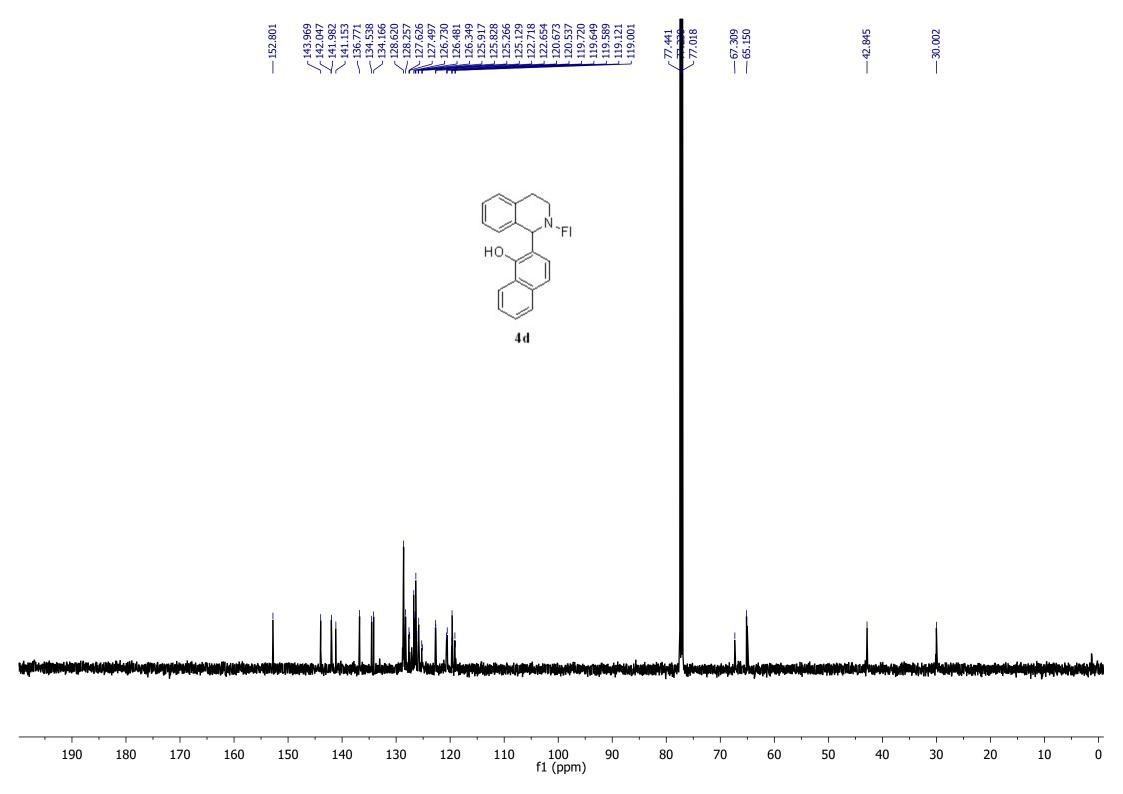


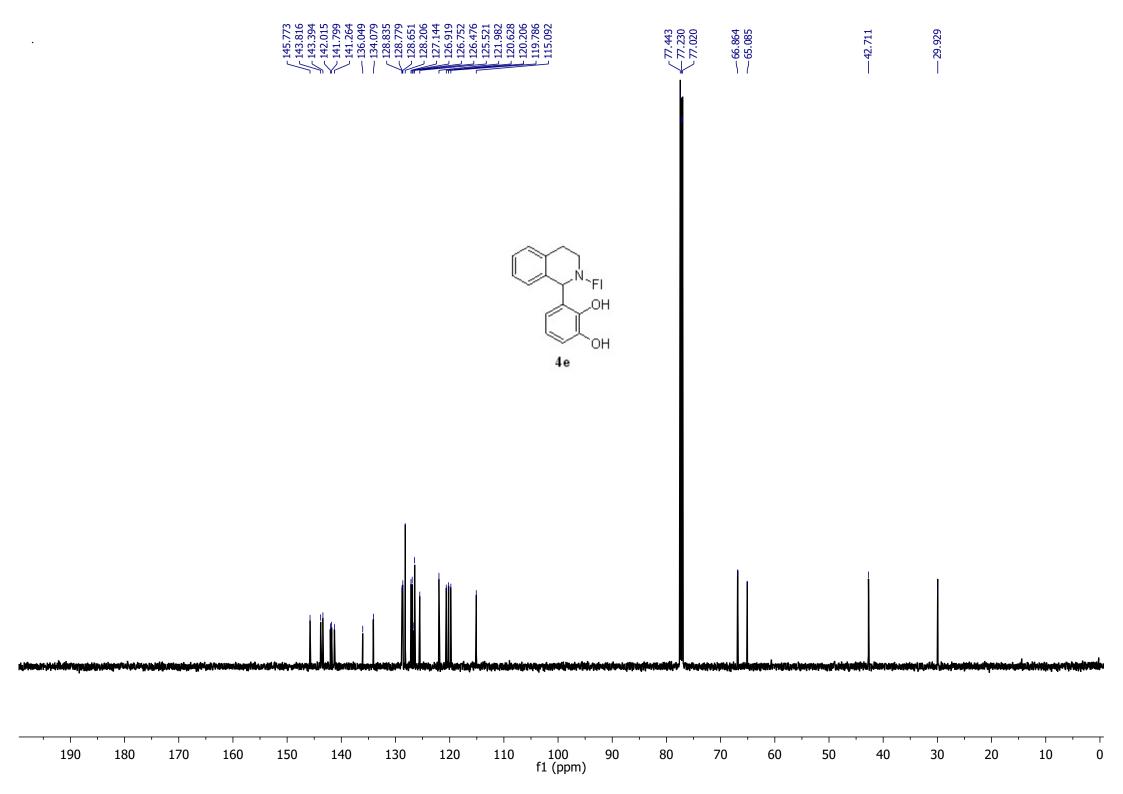


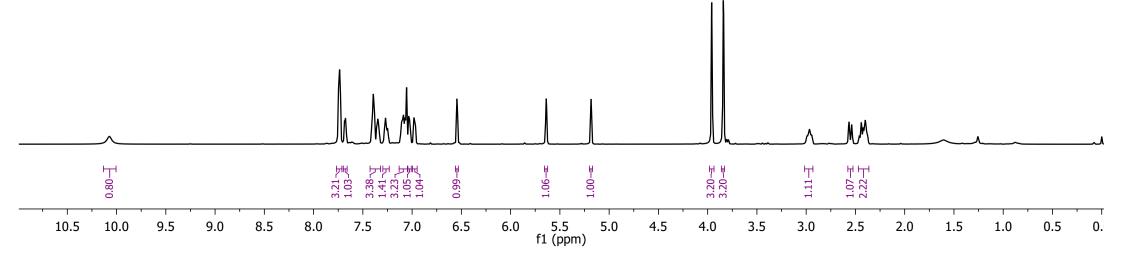


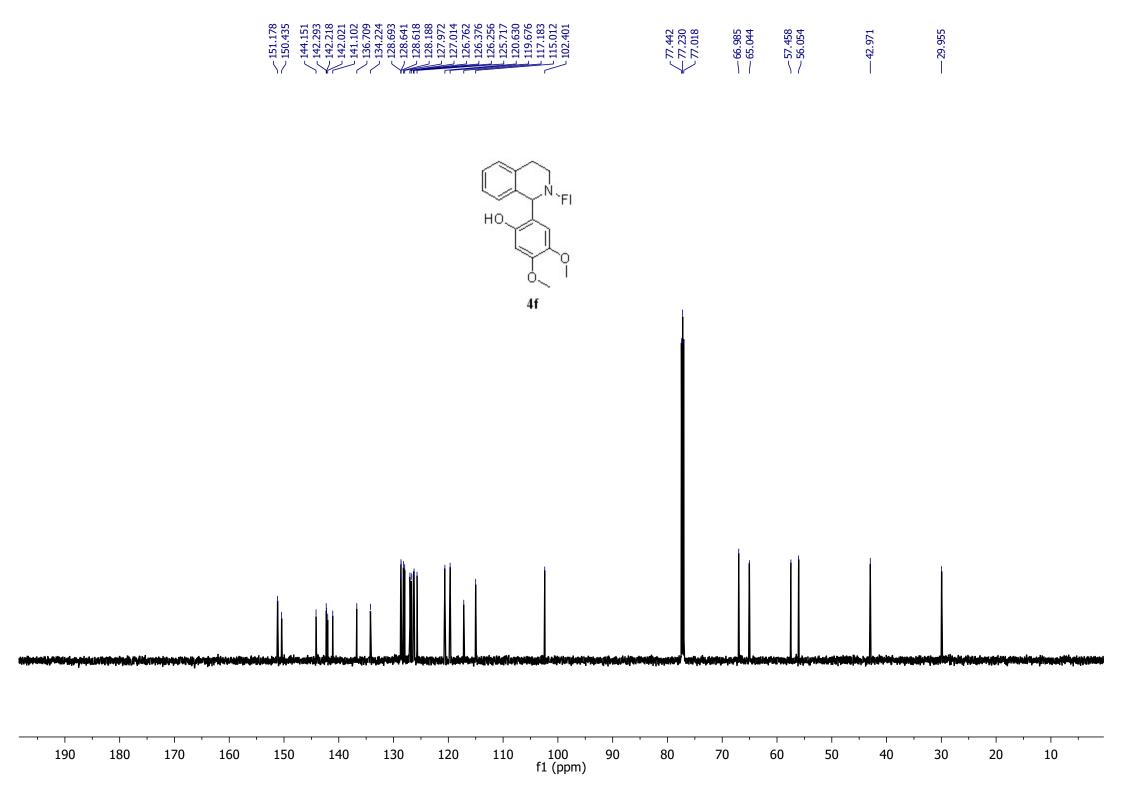


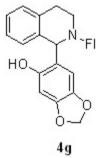


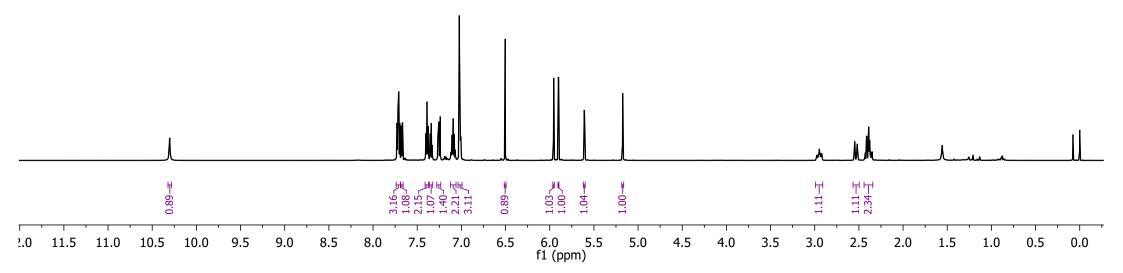


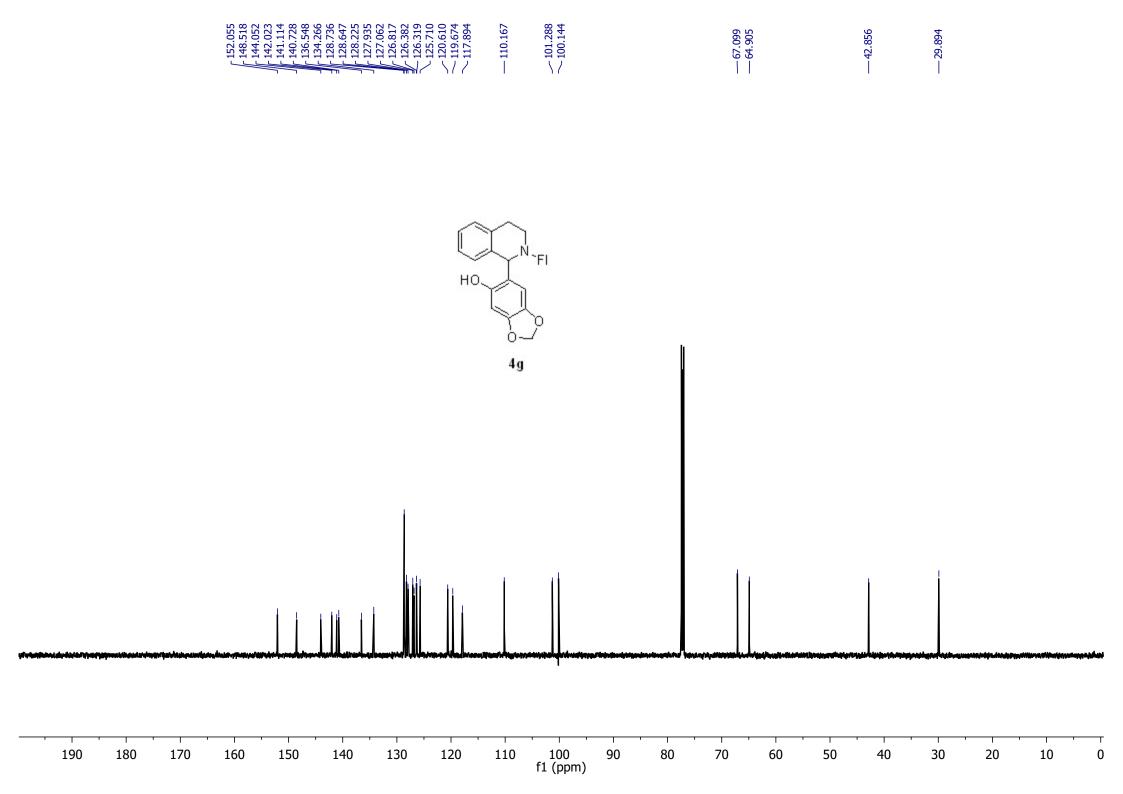


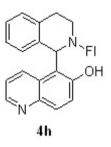


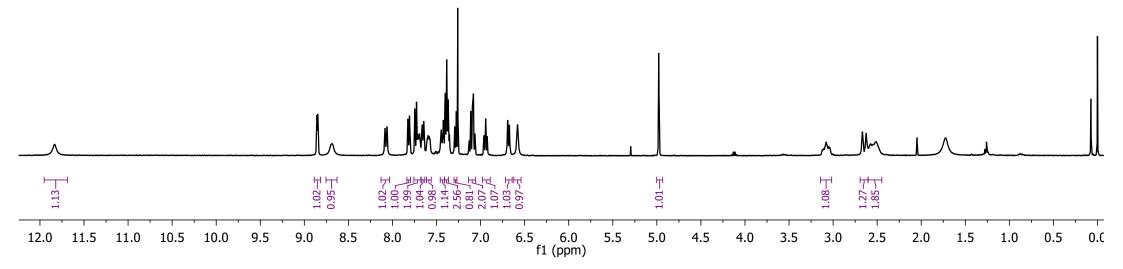


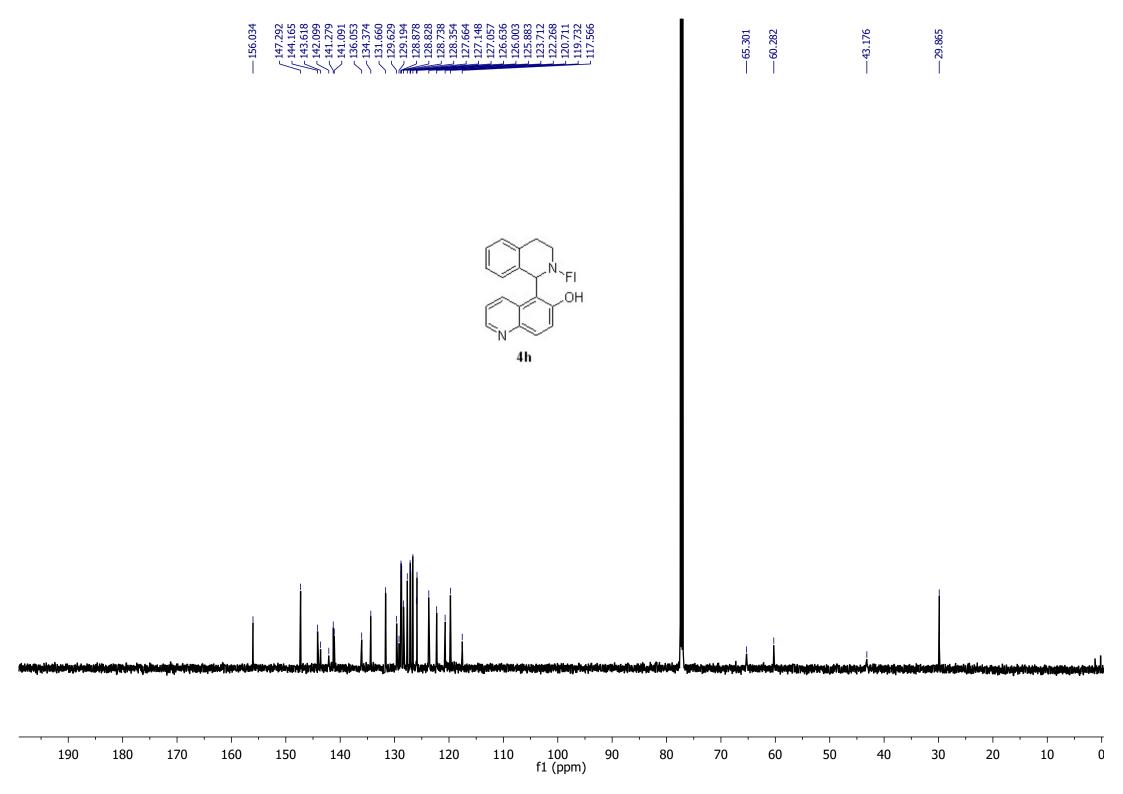


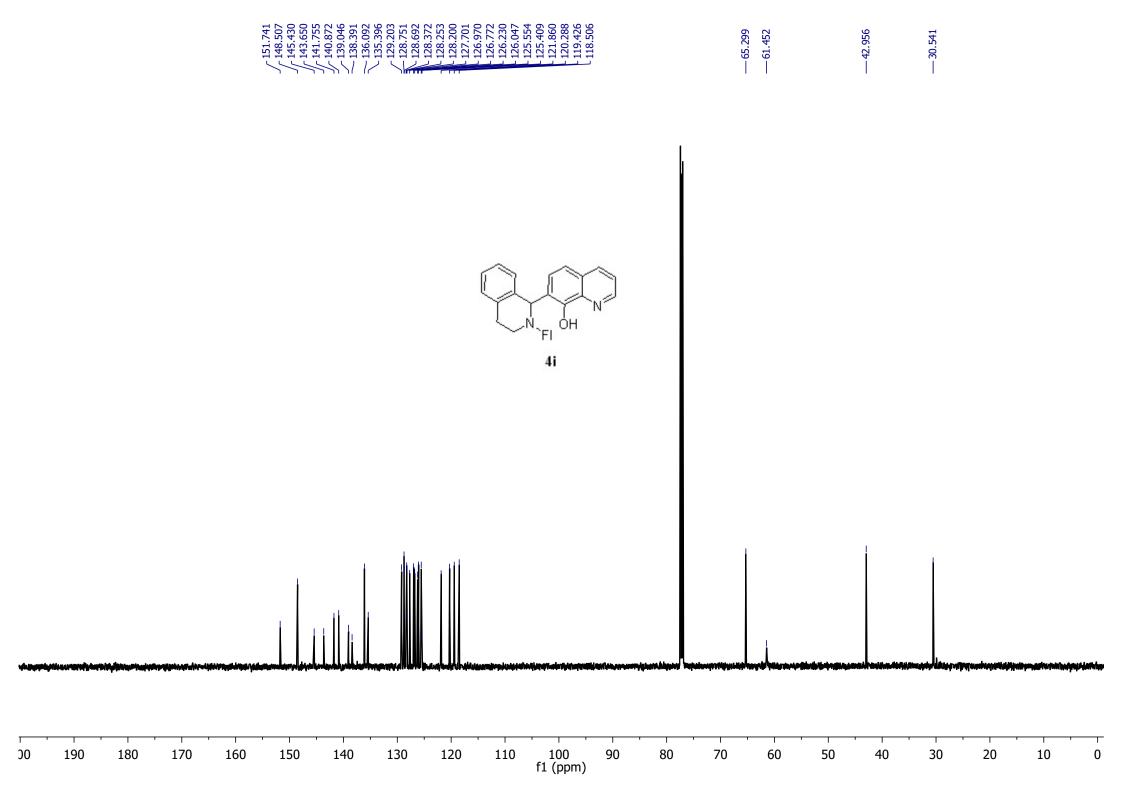


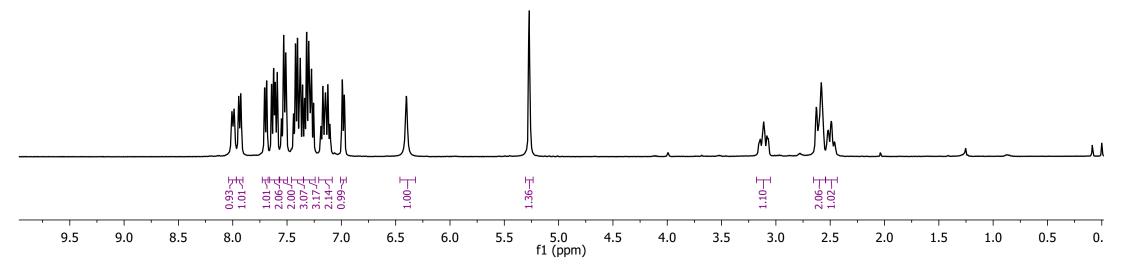




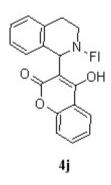


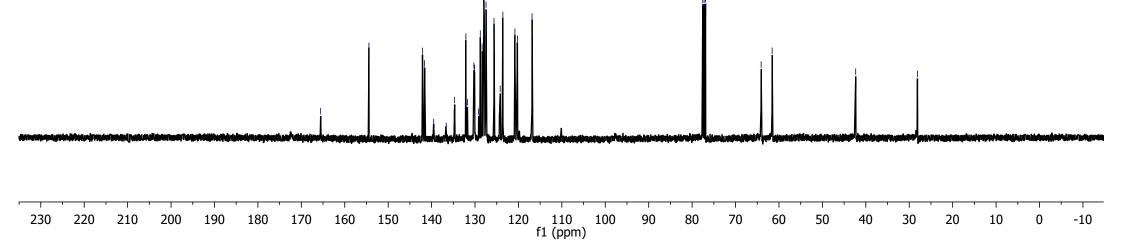


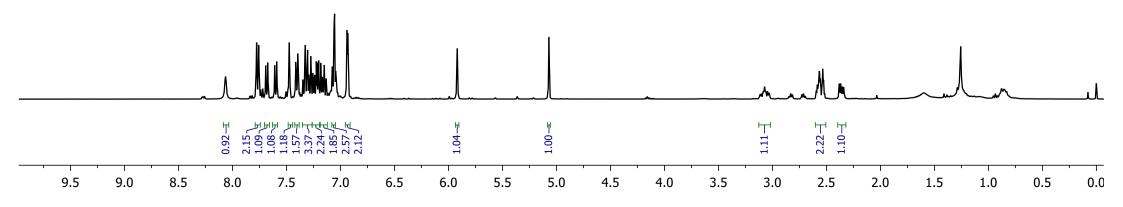


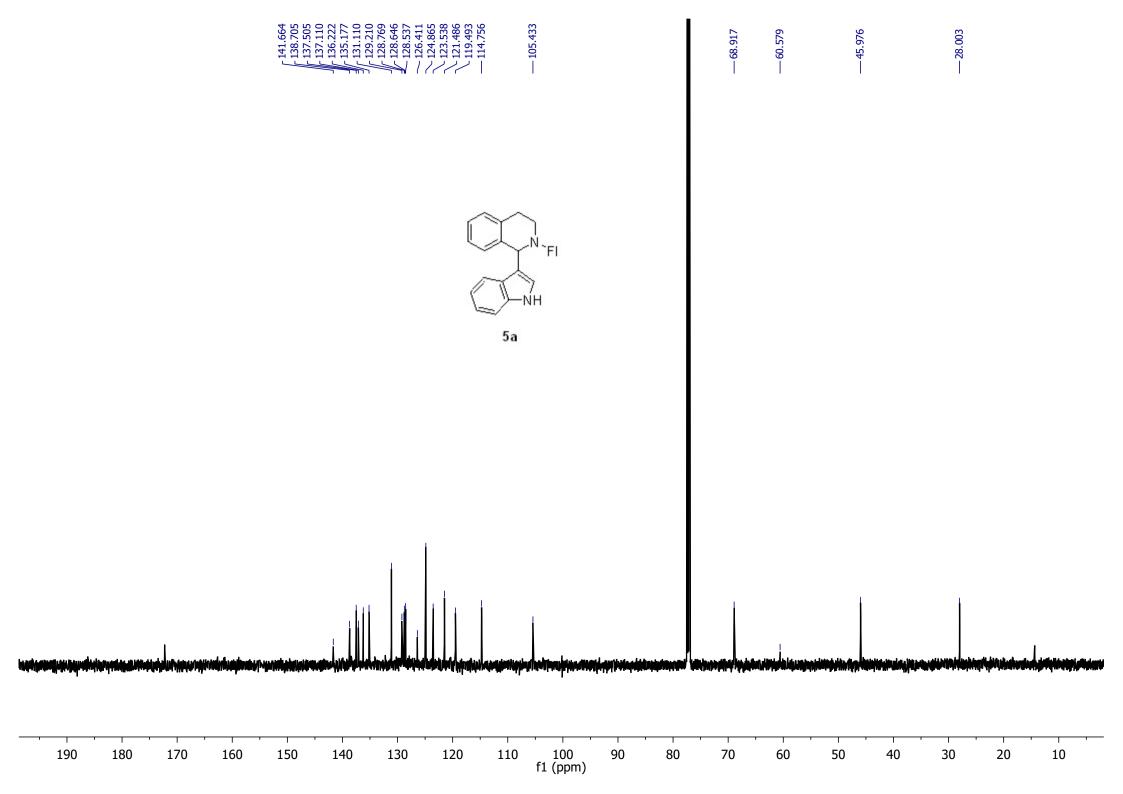


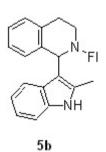


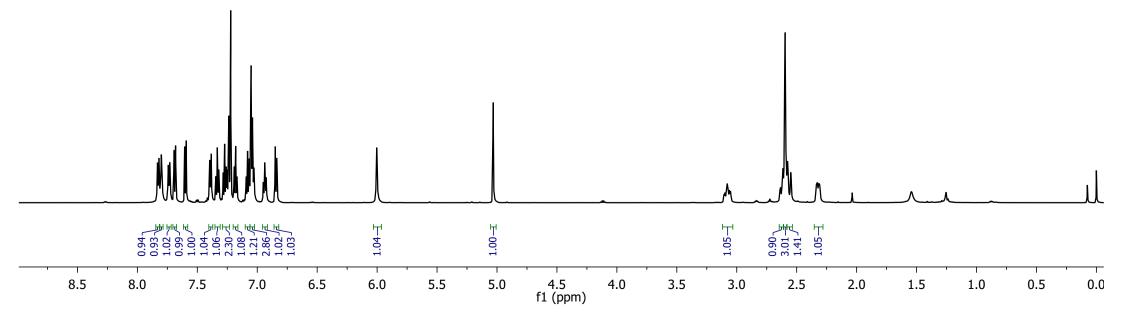


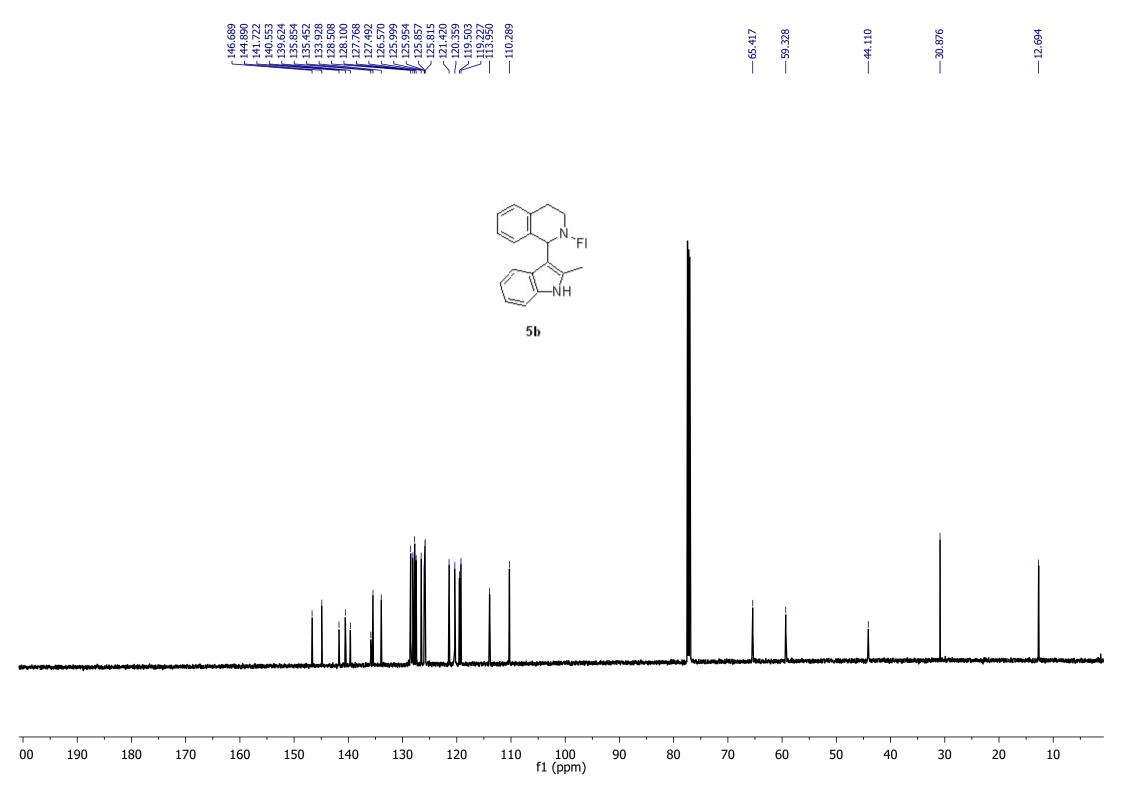












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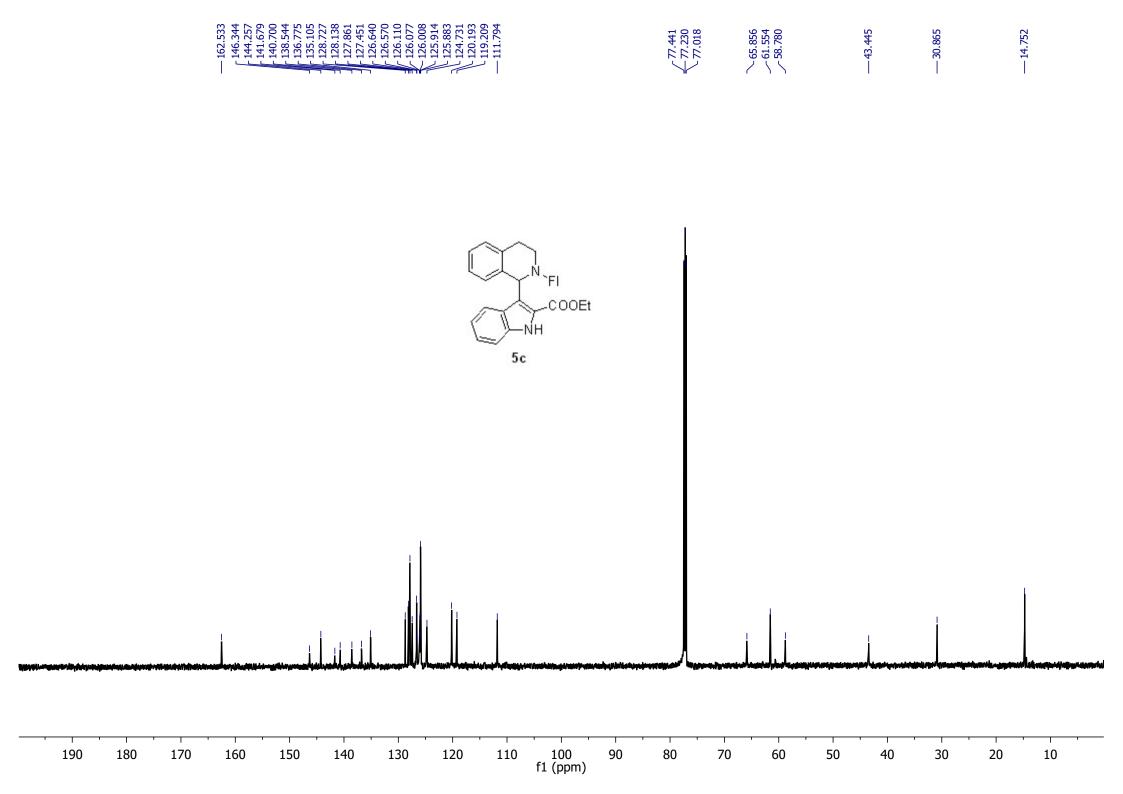
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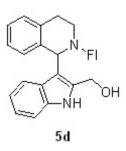
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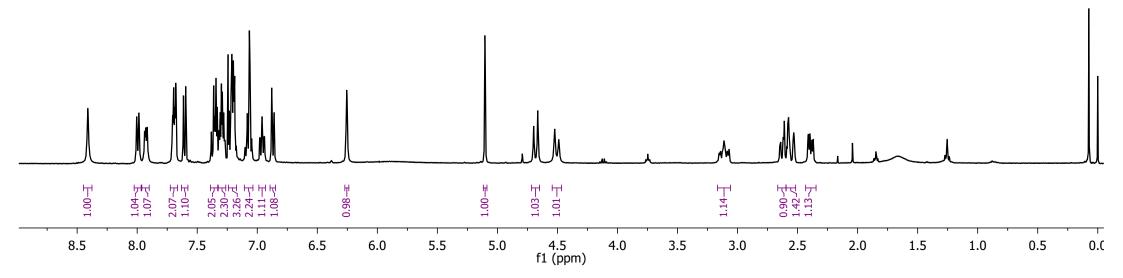
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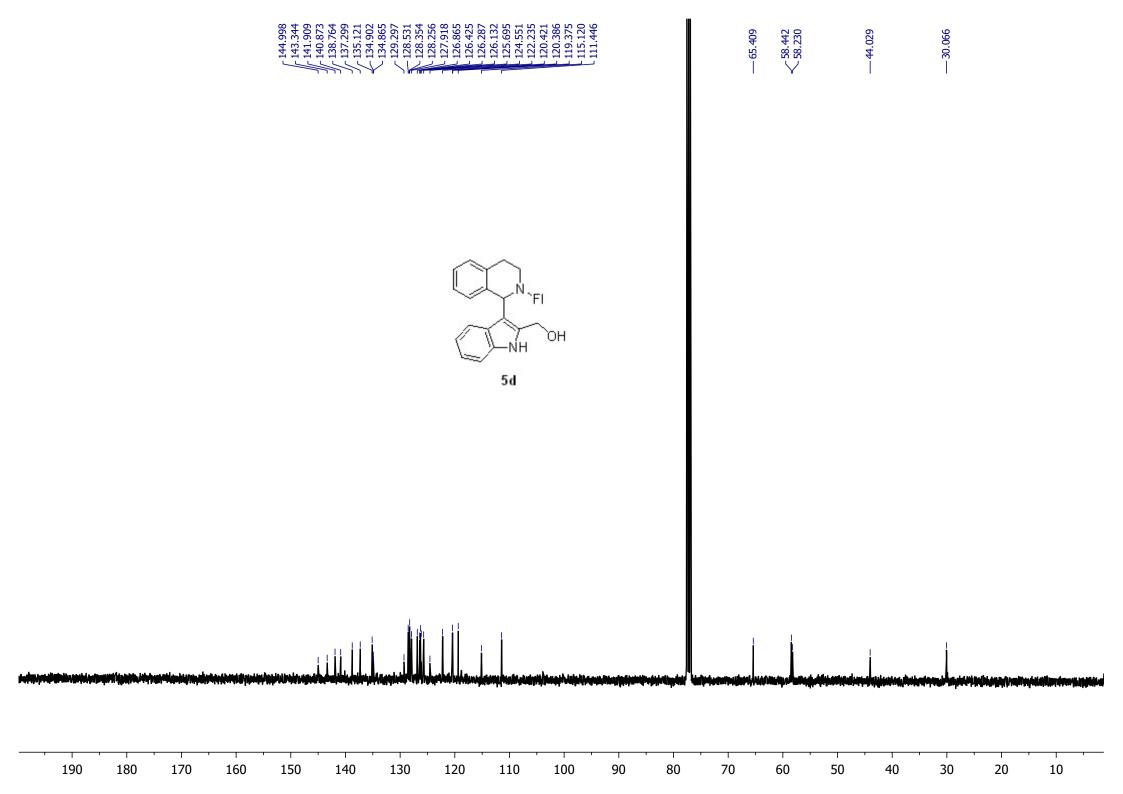
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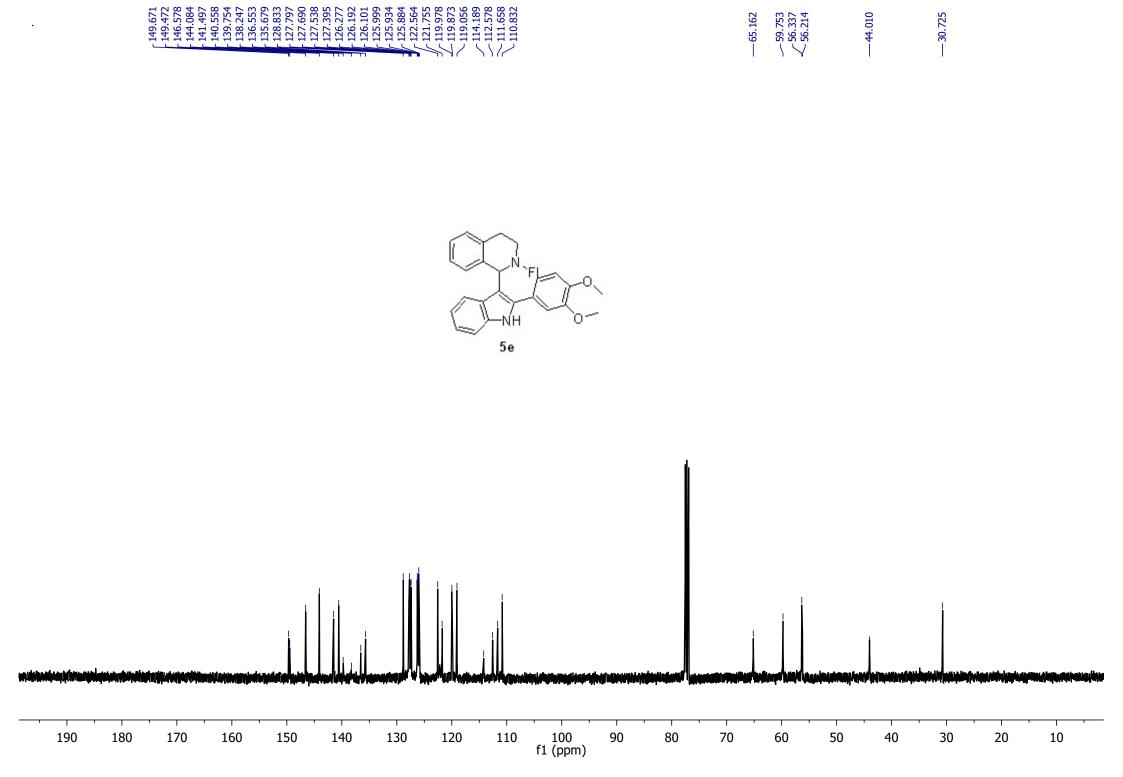
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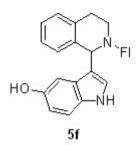


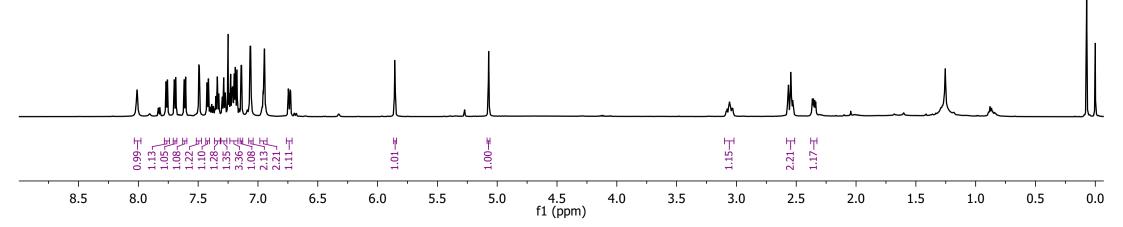


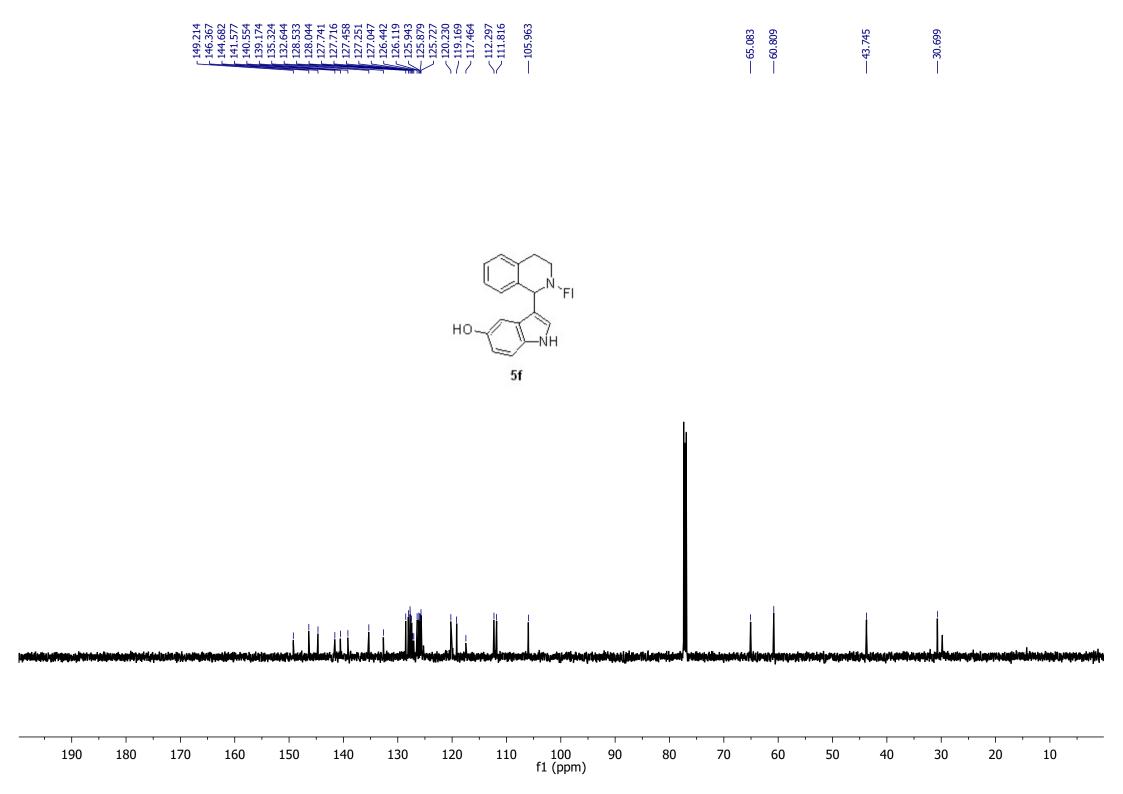


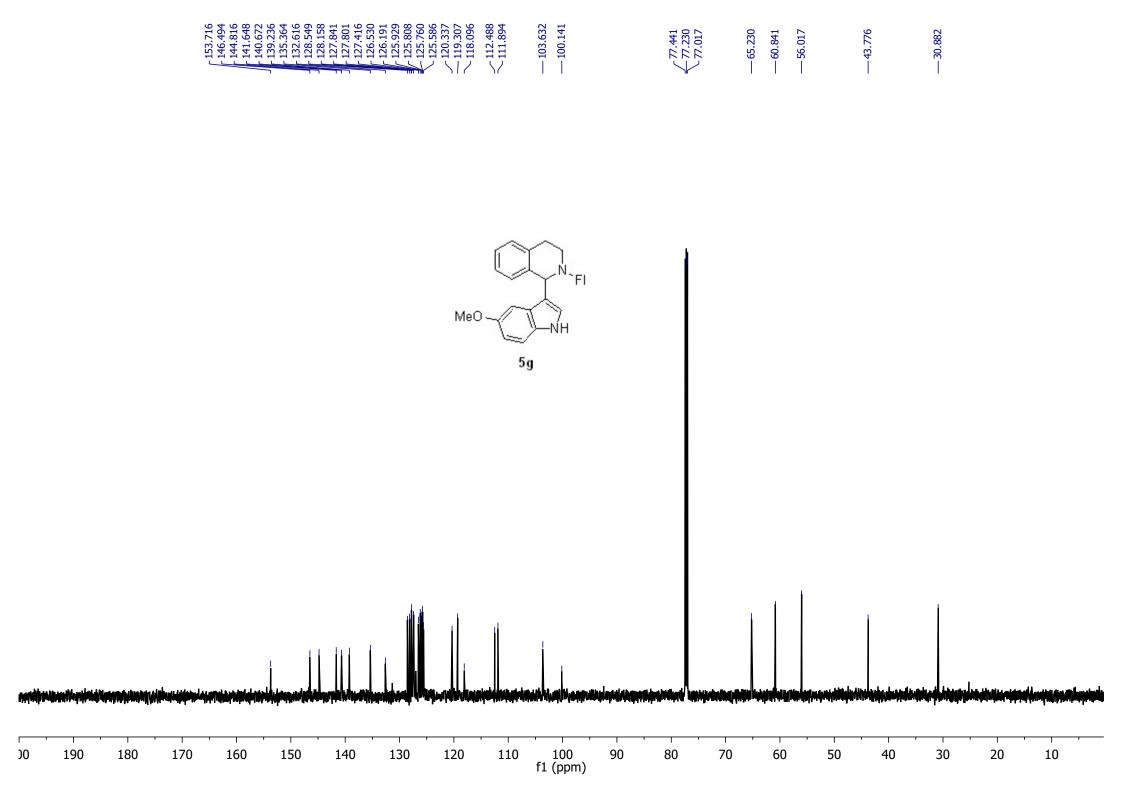


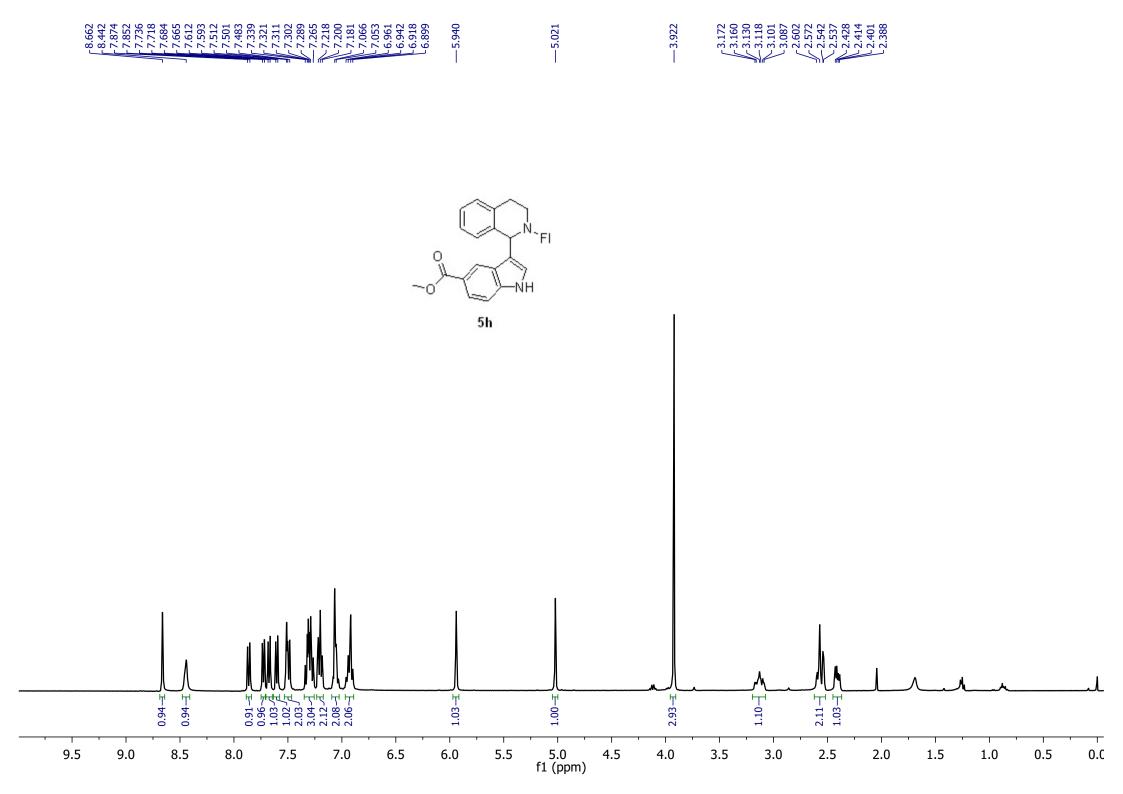


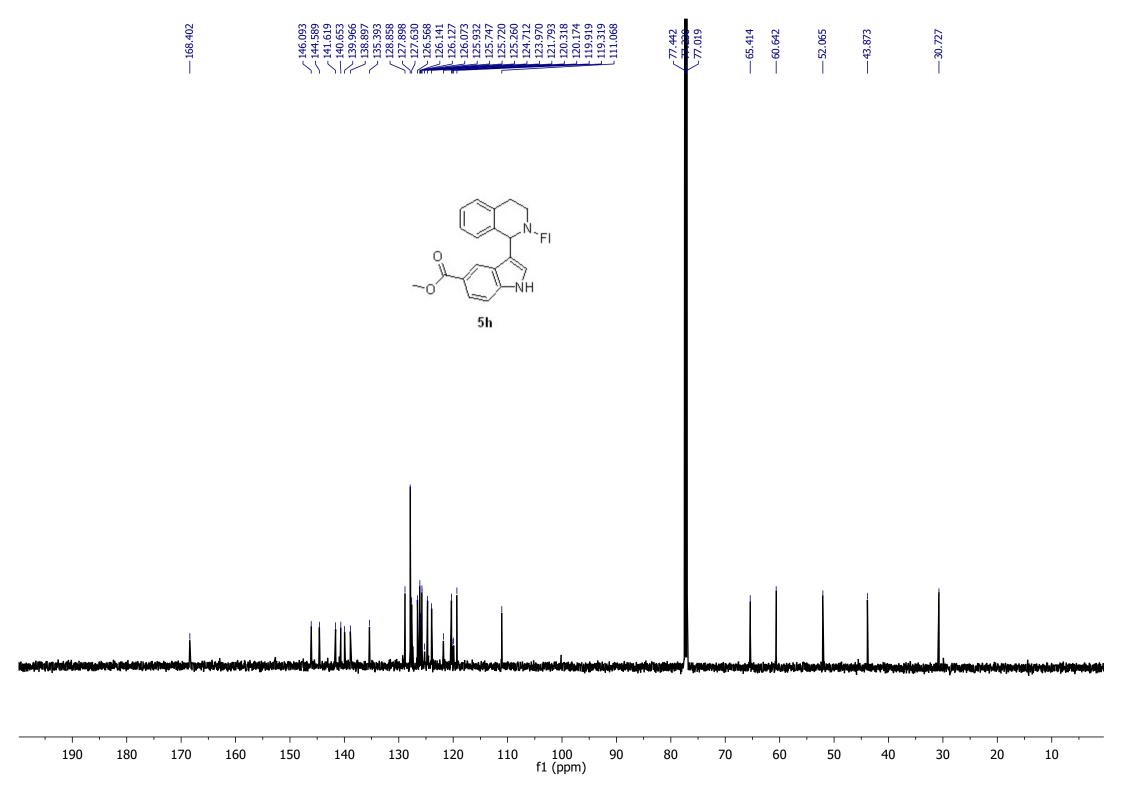


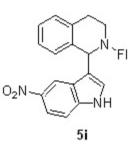


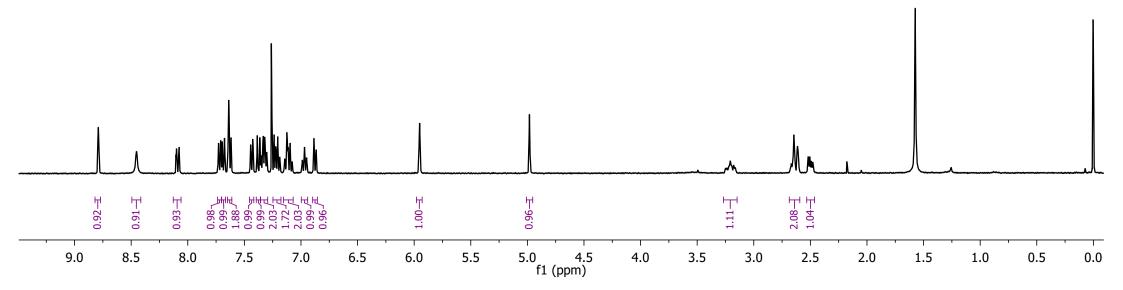


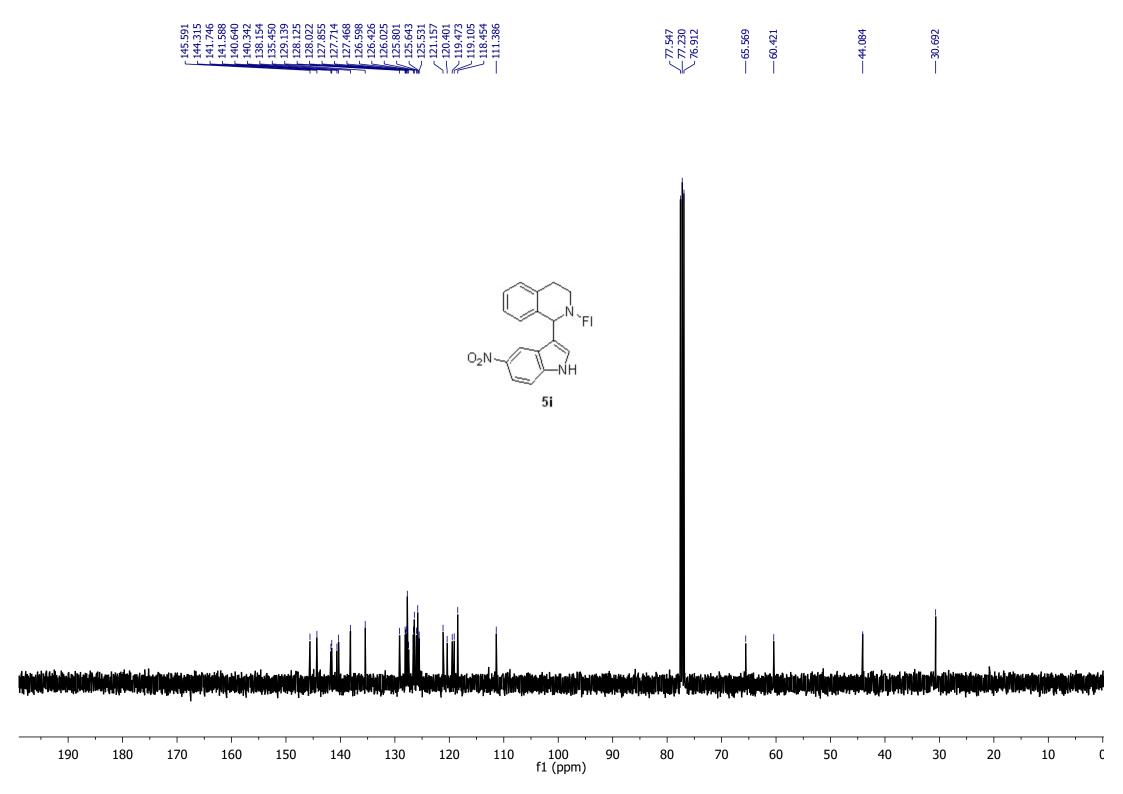


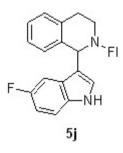


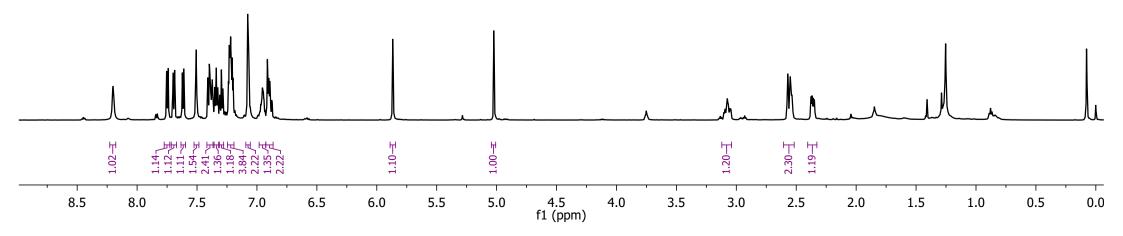


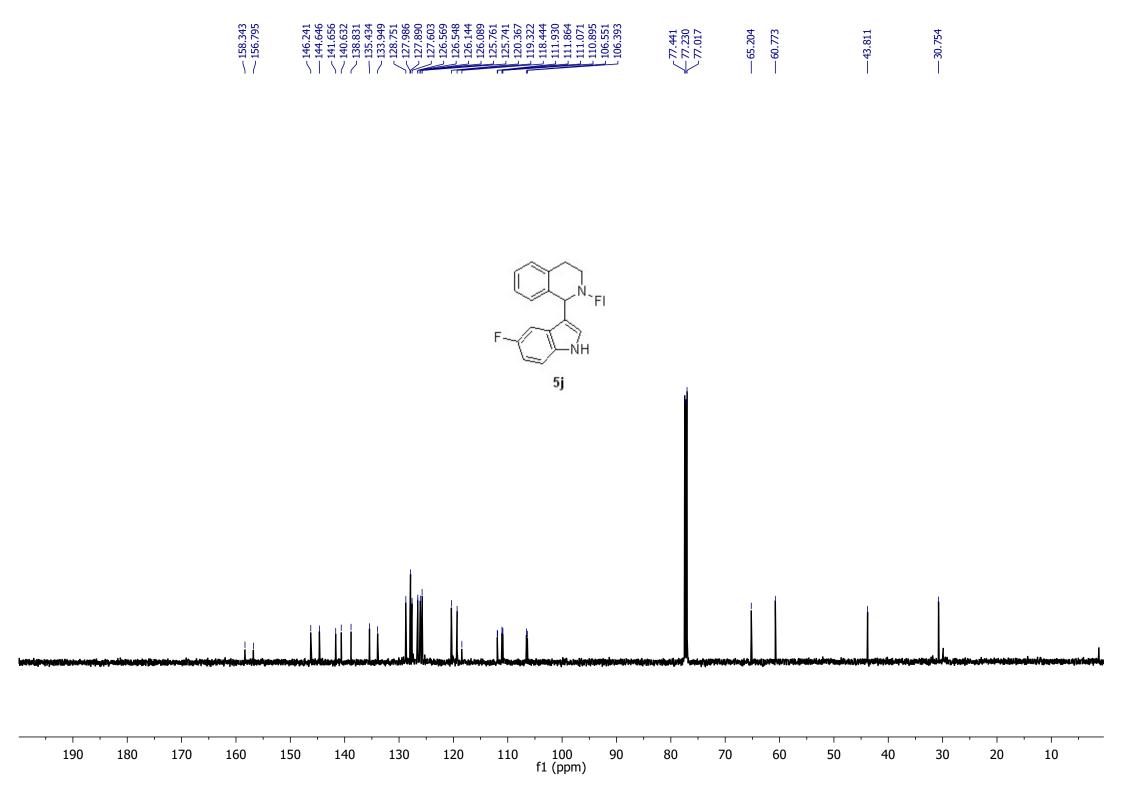


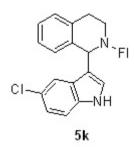


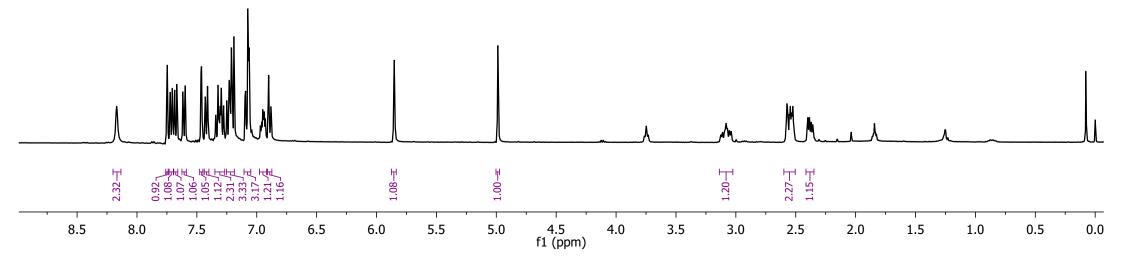




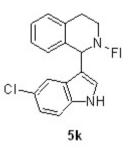


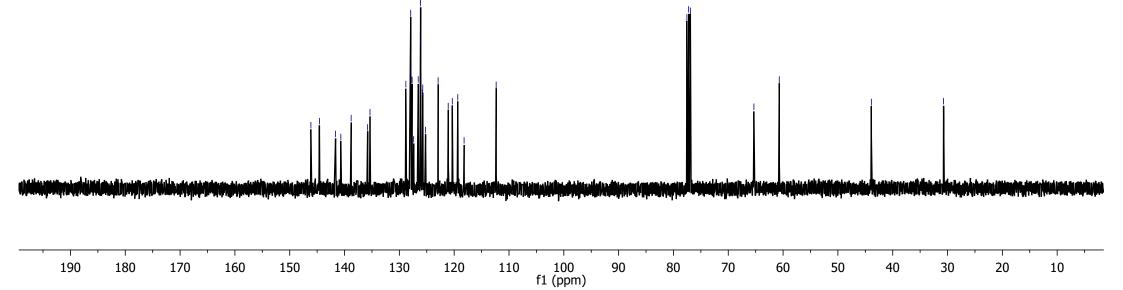


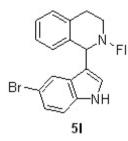


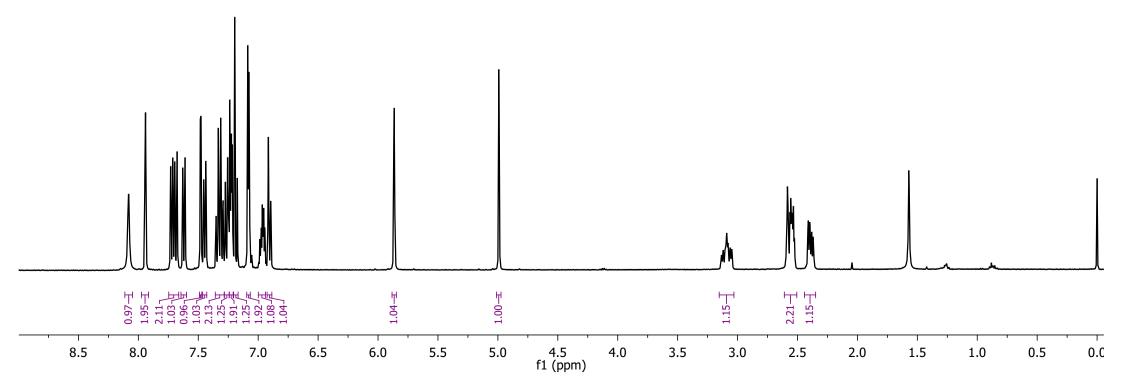


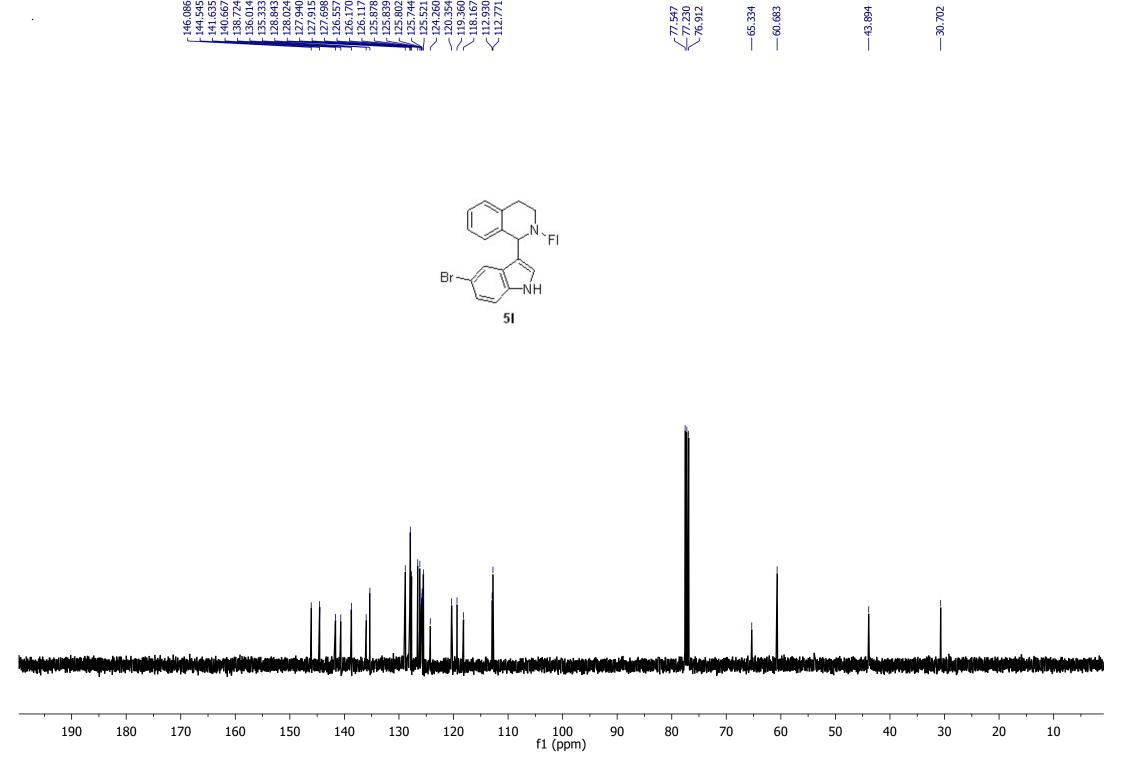


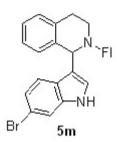


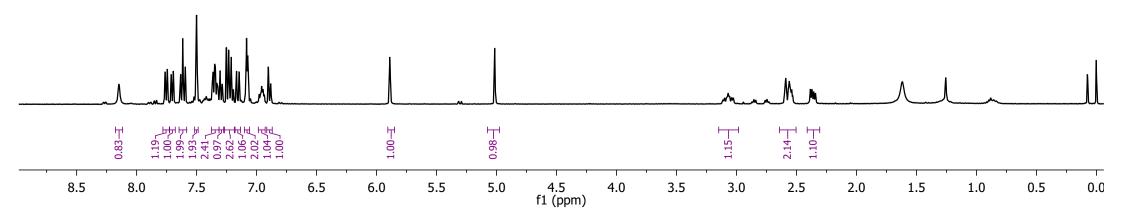


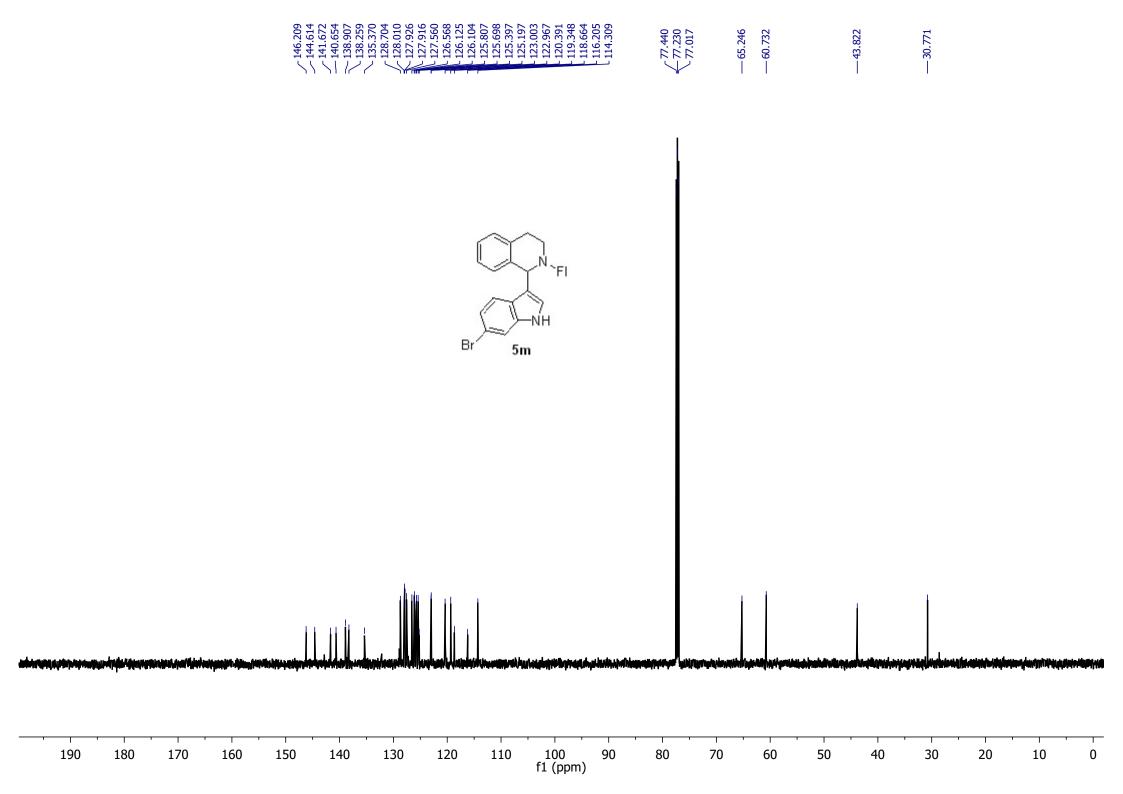


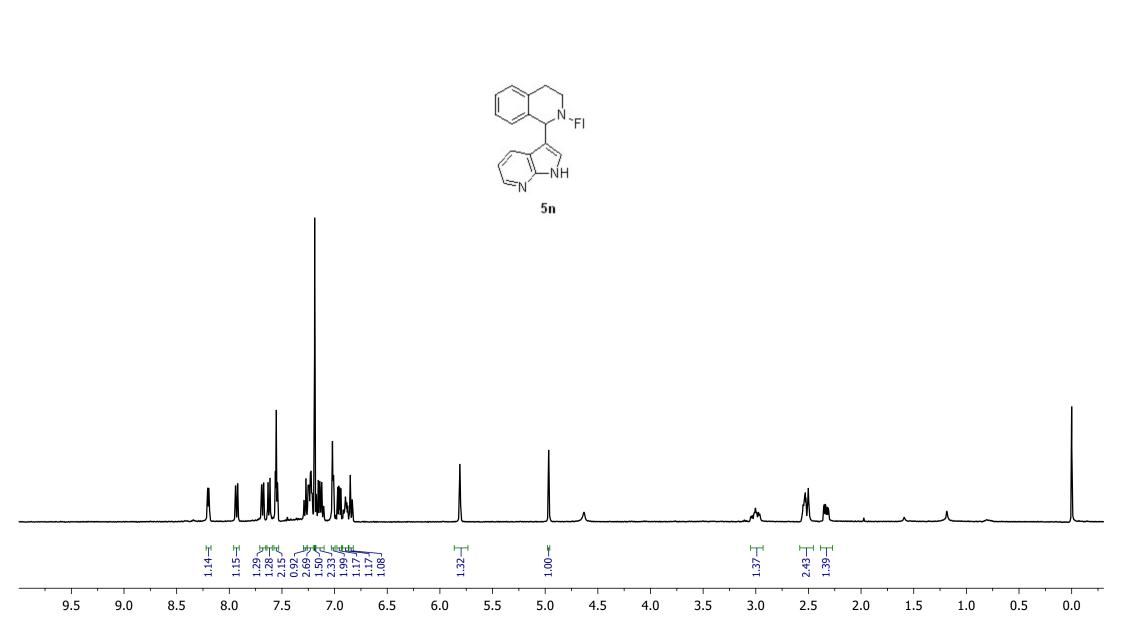


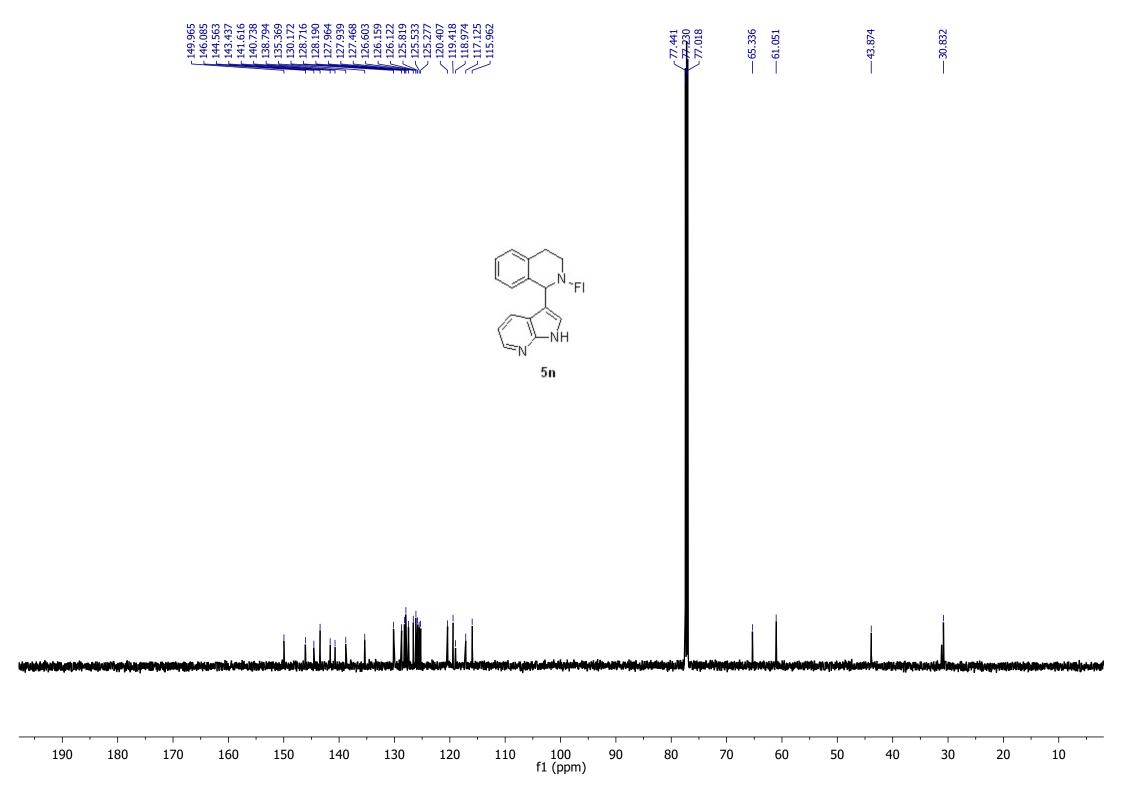






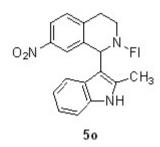


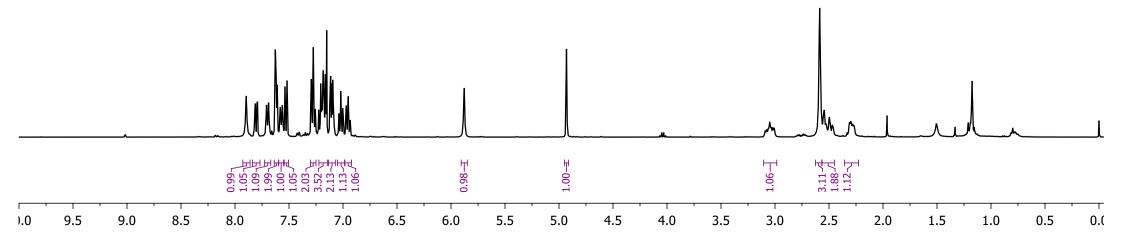


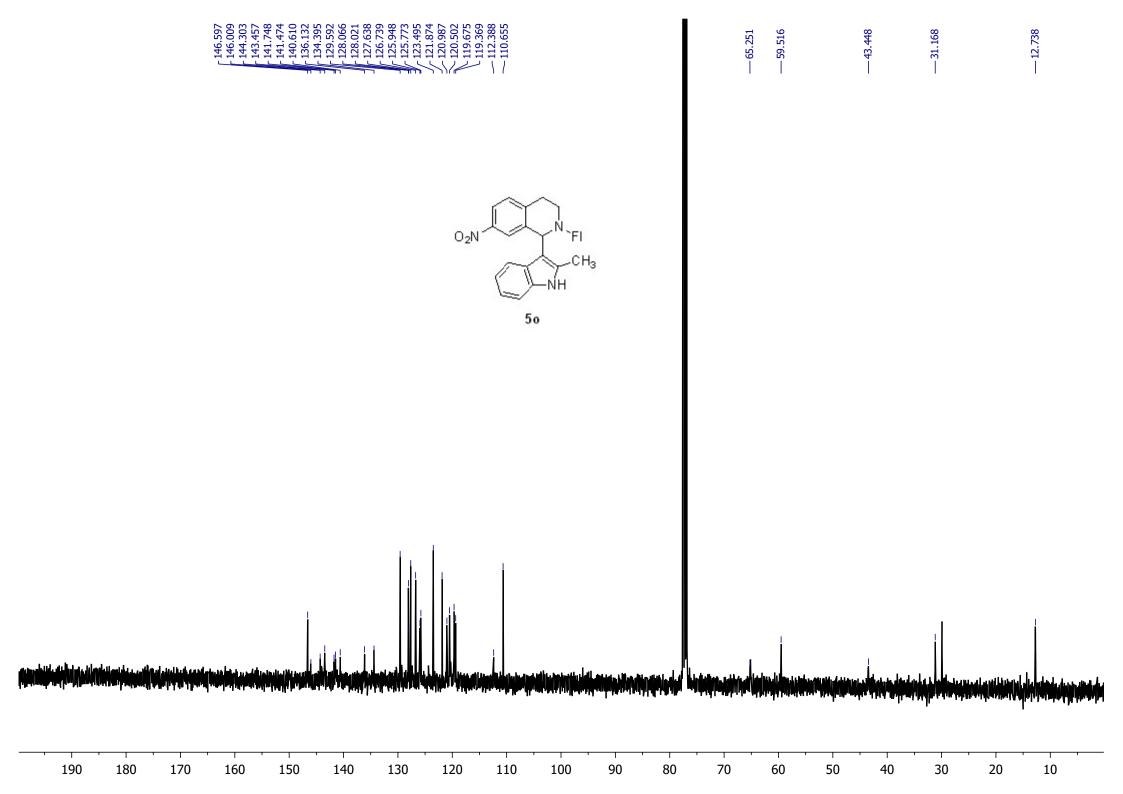


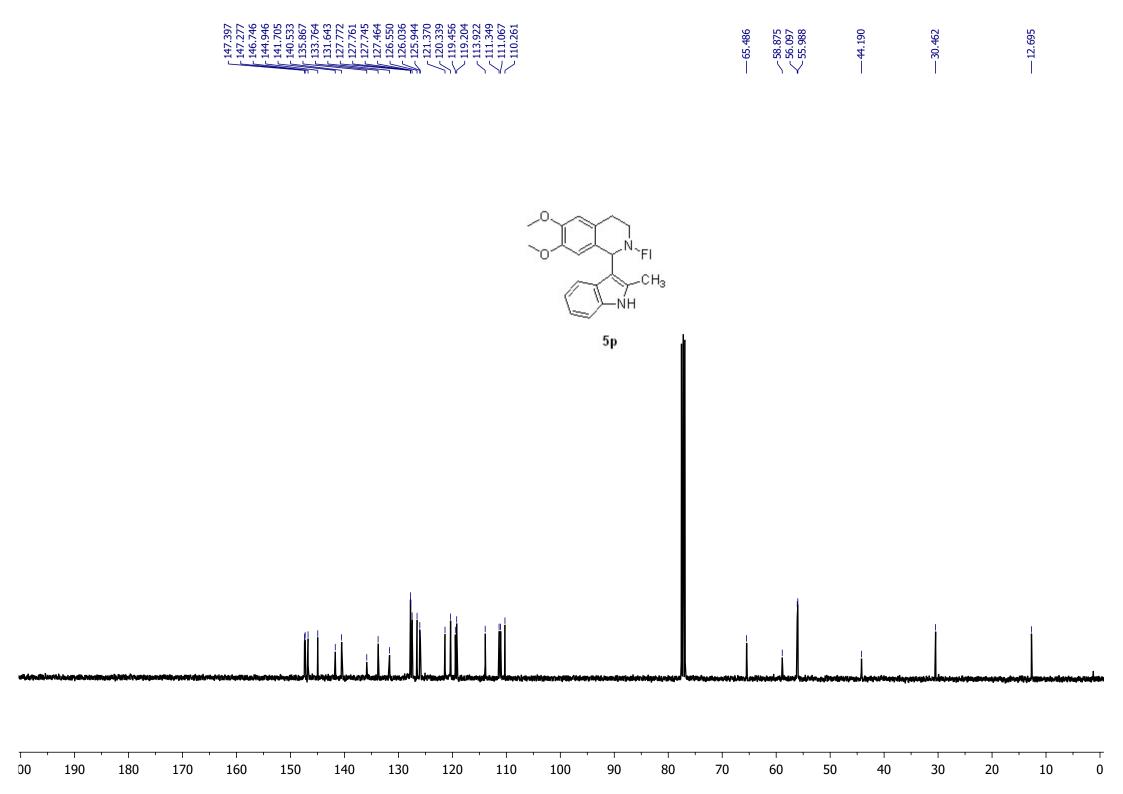


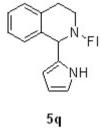


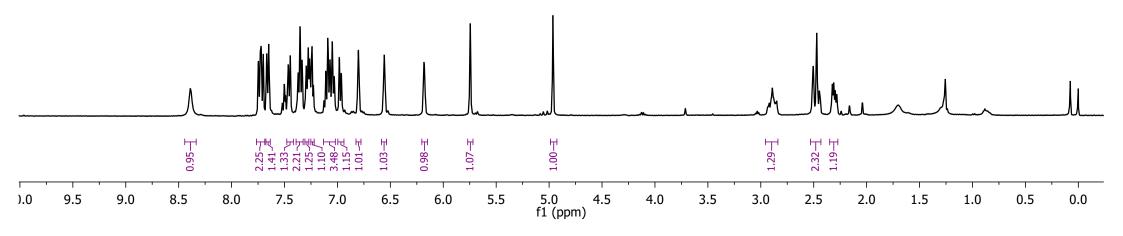


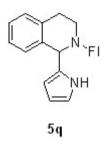


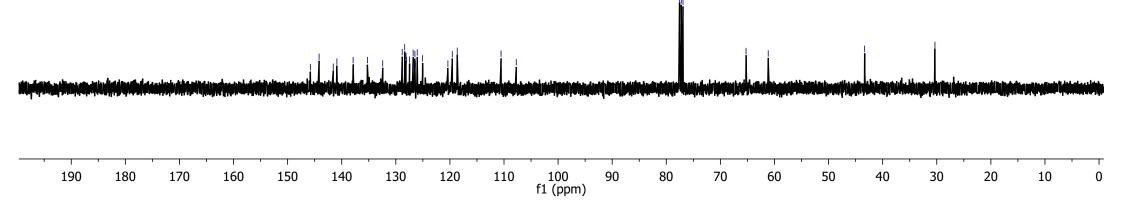


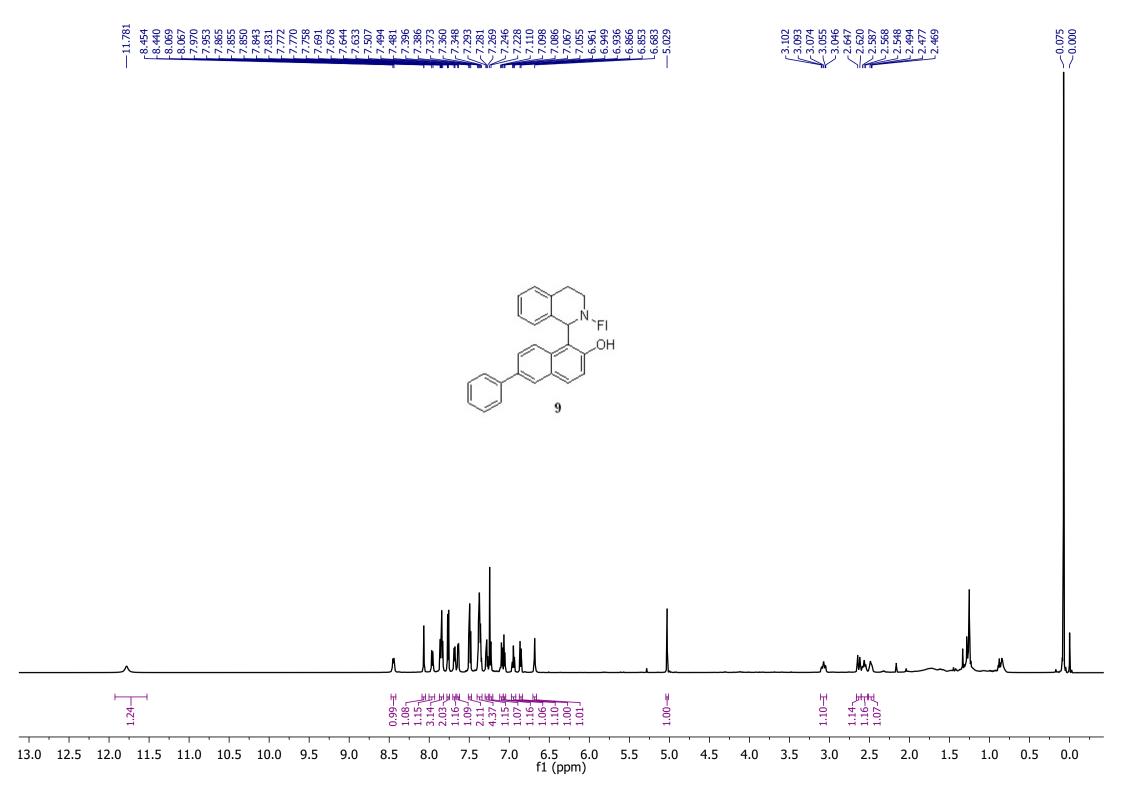


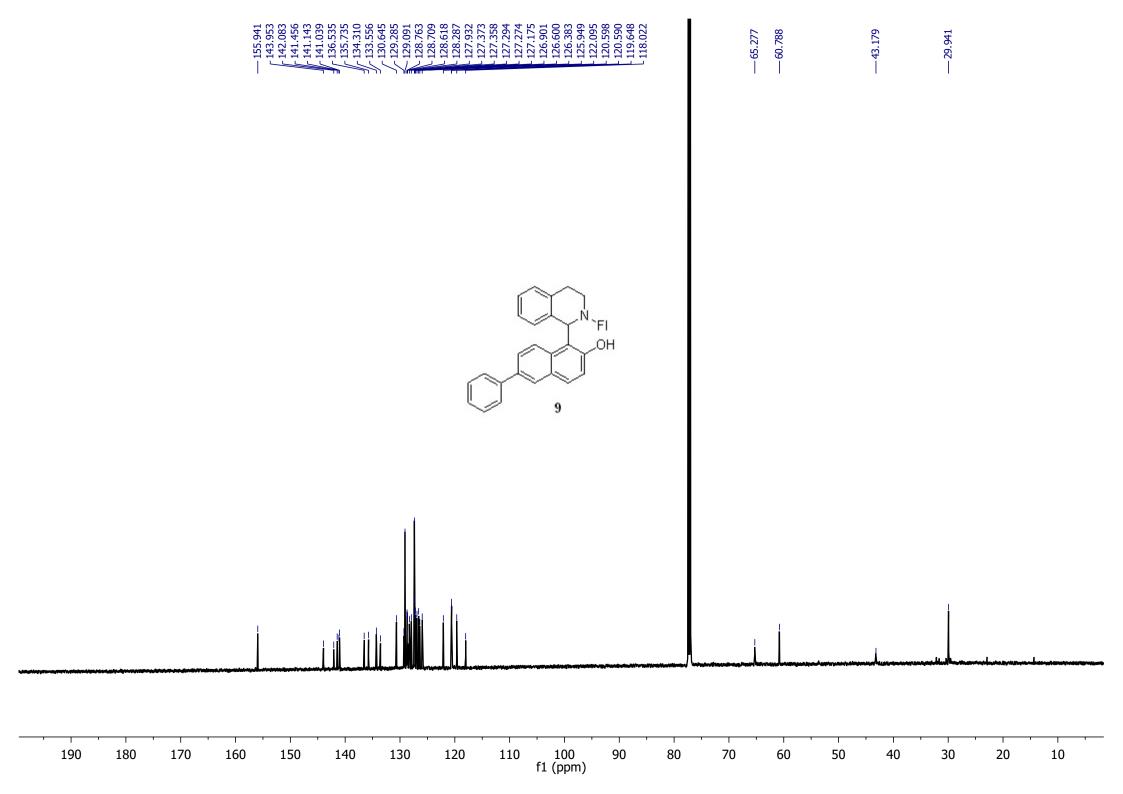


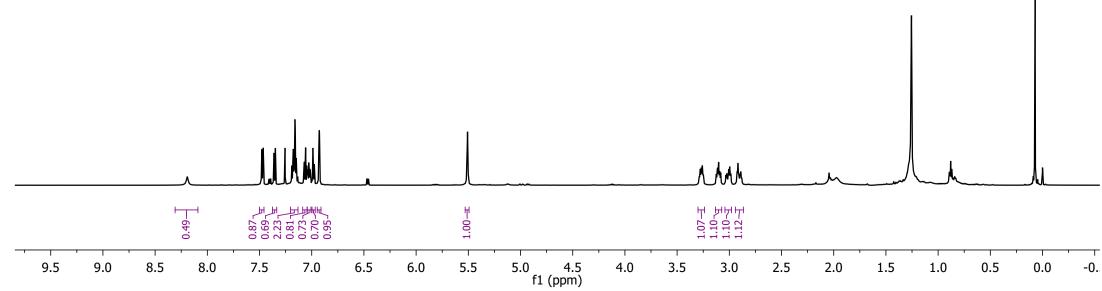




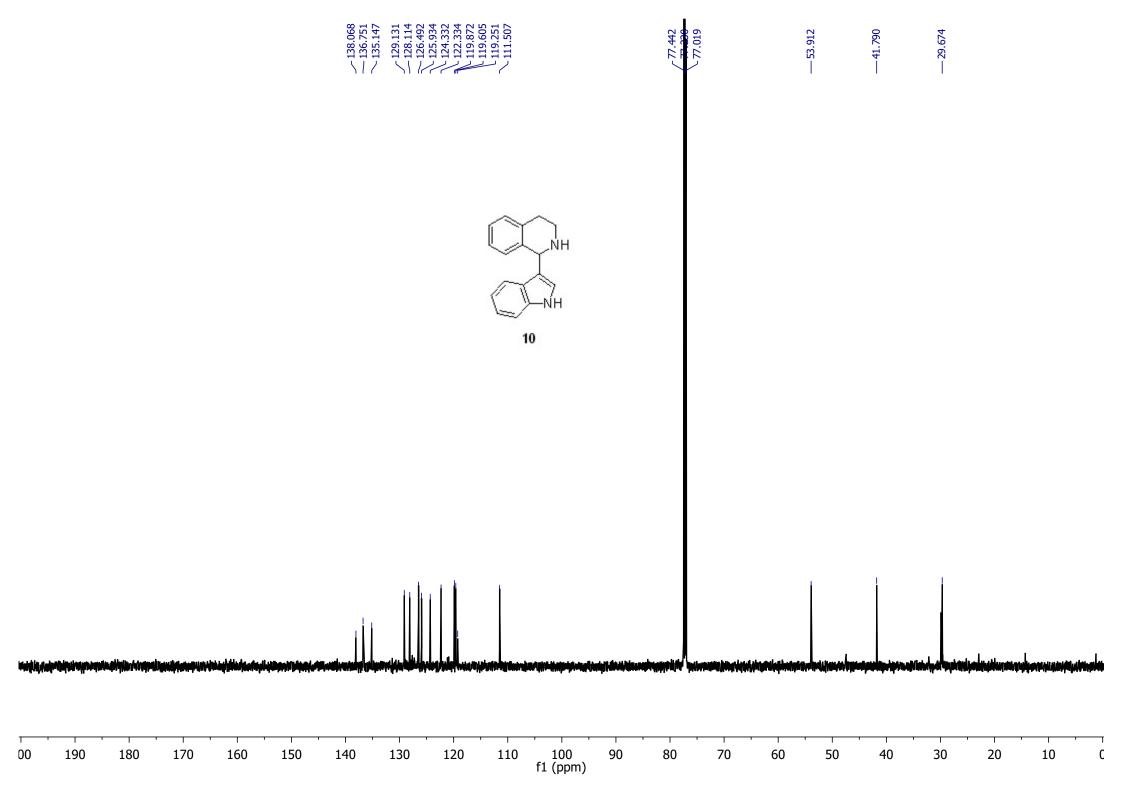








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