

Supporting Information

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1. Experimental procedures and spectroscopic data

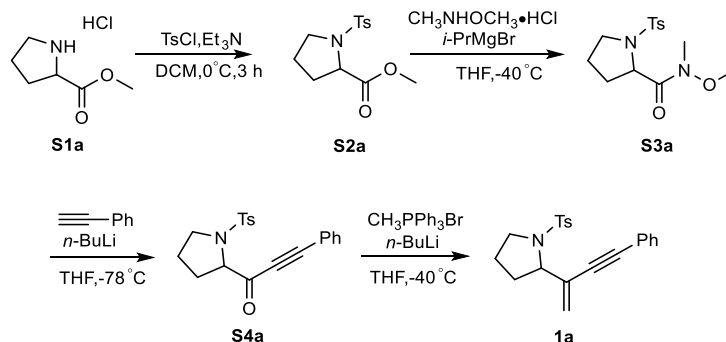
1. 1 General information

All reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere of dry N₂ in Schlenk tube, Solvents were purified by standard method. Unless otherwise specified, the anhydrous DCE distilled from the refluxing mixture with CaH₂ was used. MeOH and AcOH were A. R. pure and used as received from commercial sources without further purification. ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 (400 MHz for ¹H; 100 MHz for ¹³C; 376 MHz for ¹⁹F), ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal standard TMS at δ 0.0 and ¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFCl₃ as external standard. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (*J*) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d =doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Infrared (IR) spectra are recorded on a Nicolet 210 spectrophotometer and were recorded in potassium bromide (KBr) pellet. Mass spectra (MS) were obtained using LTQ FTICR DART and ESI mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a hot stage apparatus. All reagents were used as received from commercial sources, unless specified otherwise, or prepared as described in the literature.

1. 2 Preparation of substrates 1a-1v

1.2.1 Preparation of substrates 1a-1o

For the synthesis of substrates **1a** – **1o**, the general procedure was described using substrate **1a** as example.



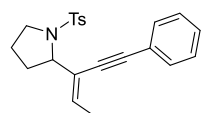
S2a: Et₃N (9.15 g, 90.6 mmol) was added dropwise into a solution of methyl proline hydrochloride **S1a** (5.0 g, 30.2 mmol) and TsCl (5.18 g, 27.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (DCM, 150 mL) cooling with ice bath. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C and monitored by TLC. After the TsCl was completely consumed in about 3 h, the reaction mixture was poured into ice water and extracted with DCM (2 × 100 mL). The organic phase was washed with 1M HCl (2 × 50 mL), brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was distilled using rotary evaporator to obtain **S2a** (6.78 g, 88%) without further purification.

S3a: Under N₂ atmosphere, the solution of *i*-PrMgBr (17.6 mL, 52.8 mmol) in 2-methyltetrahydrofuran (3 mol/L) was added dropwise into the suspension of Ts-protected methyl proline **S2a** (5.0 g, 17.6 mmol) and N, O-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.58 g, 26.4 mmol) in anhydrous THF (150 mL) at -40 °C with vigorous stir. After the complete consumption of **S2a** (determined by TLC, about 2 h), the reaction was quenched by 100 mL saturated NH₄Cl (aq), and extracted with ethyl acetate (EtOAc, 3 × 100 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator to obtain **S3a** (5.2g, 95%) without further purification.

S4a: Under N₂ atmosphere, *n*-BuLi (0.9 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.5 M) in hexane was added dropwise into the solution of phenylacetylene (245 mg, 2.4 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) at -78 °C. After stir for 1 h, the Weinreb amide **S3a** (625 mg, 2.0 mmol) dissolved in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise into the reaction mixture. After the reaction temperature raised to room temperature, the reaction was quenched using saturated 20 mL NH₄Cl (aq), and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator. **S4a** (565 mg, 80%) was obtained after purified by chromatography (SiO₂, PE: EA = 5: 1, R_f = 0.3).

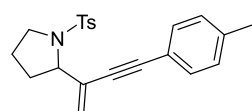
1a: Under N₂ atmosphere, *n*-BuLi (0.6 mL, 1.56 mmol, 2.5 M) in hexane was added dropwise into the suspension of CH₃PPh₃Br (667 mg, 1.87 mmol) in anhydrous THF (6 mL) at -40 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h until it turned to clear orange solution. After **S4a** (500 mg, 1.42 mmol) dissolved in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was added into the reaction dropwise, the reaction temperature was raised to 0 °C and maintained until the entire consumption of **S4a**. And then the reaction was quenched using 5 mL saturated NH₄Cl (aq), and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography (SiO₂, PE: EA = 5: 1) to yield **1a** (328 mg, 60%).

2-(4-phenylbut-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (**1a**)



Pale white solid, m.p. = 76 - 77 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (ddd, *J* = 9.8, 7.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dt, *J* = 9.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.00 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 135.5, 132.2, 131.5, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 122.9, 122.3, 90.9, 87.5, 63.7, 49.1, 31.9, 24.0, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 305, 2976, 2874, 1822, 1597, 1490, 1444, 1347, 1159, 1065, 1008, 912, 845, 691, 588; HRMS (DART) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 352.1366, found 352.1366.

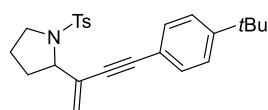
2-(4-(p-tolyl)but-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (**1b**)



Pale white solid, m.p. = 68 - 69 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 7.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.30 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.00 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.91 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 138.6, 135.6, 132.2, 131.4, 129.6, 129.1, 127.5, 121.9, 119.8, 91.1, 86.8, 63.8, 49.0,

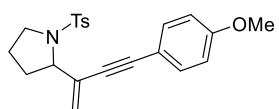
31.9, 24.0, 21.5; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3029, 2975, 2873, 2199, 1663, 1599, 1347, 1159, 1093, 816, 671, 548; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 366.1522, found 366.1522.

2-(4-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)but-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1c)



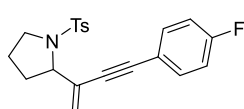
White solid, m.p. = 83 - 84 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.53 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.50 (ddd, J = 9.8, 7.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dt, J = 9.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.7, 143.3, 135.5, 132.3, 131.3, 129.6, 127.5, 125.3, 121.9, 119.9, 91.1, 86.9, 63.8, 49.1, 34.8, 31.9, 31.2, 24.0, 21.5; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3034, 2962, 2870, 2201, 1916, 1812, 1598, 1503, 1461, 1399, 1193, 1159, 1063, 1008, 907, 836, 815, 671, 588, 548; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 408.1992, found 408.1994.

2-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1d)



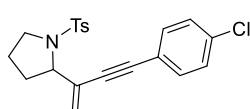
Yellow solid, m.p. = 85 - 86 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.3); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.53 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.32 (dd, J = 16.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.02 (ddd, J = 16.5, 8.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dt, J = 23.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.7, 143.3, 135.5, 133.0, 132.4, 129.6, 127.4, 121.5, 115.0, 114.0, 91.0, 86.2, 63.8, 55.3, 49.1, 31.9, 23.9, 21.5; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3060, 2956, 2840, 2194, 1720, 1601, 1510, 1344, 1250, 1092, 1030, 911, 736, 589, 548; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 382.1471, found 382.1471.

2-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)but-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1e)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 82 - 83 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (ddd, J = 10.0, 7.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dt, J = 9.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 249.8 Hz), 143.3, 135.4, 133.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.3 Hz), 132.1, 129.6, 127.5, 122.4, 119.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.5 Hz), 115.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.1 Hz), 89.8, 87.2, 63.7, 49.1, 32.0, 23.9, 21.5. **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -110.65. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3062, 2976, 2926, 2874, 2204, 1918, 1596, 1490, 1346, 1158, 1091, 1101, 817, 737, 707, 589, 547; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 370.1272, found 370.1272.

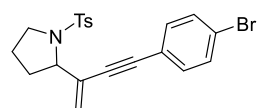
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Yellow solid, m.p. = 79 - 80 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 4.38 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.39 – 3.28 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.02 (ddd, J = 14.6, 6.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, J = 18.7, 11.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (ddd, J = 16.4, 11.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (ddd, J = 11.3, 6.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.4, 135.4, 134.4, 132.7, 132.0, 129.6, 128.6, 127.4, 122.7, 121.4,

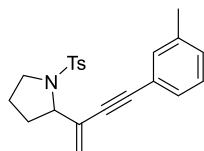
89.8, 88.5, 63.6, 49.1, 32.0, 23.9, 21.5. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3063, 2976, 2926, 2874, 2204, 1918, 1724, 1670, 1490, 1345, 1158, 1091, 1011, 817, 736, 589, 547; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 386.0976, found 386.0975.

2-(4-(4-bromophenyl)but-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1g)



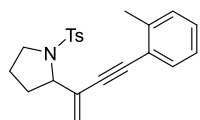
Yellow solid, m.p. = 85 - 86 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (δ 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 5.72 – 5.66 (m, 1H), 5.60 – 5.55 (m, 1H), 4.42 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.53 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.38 (m, 3H), 2.08 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.4, 143.3, 135.6, 135.4, 132.9, 132.1, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 129.62, 129.59, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 122.9, 122.8, 122.6, 122.3, 121.9, 90.9, 89.8, 88.6, 87.5, 63.7, 63.6, 49.1, 32.0, 24.0, 23.9, 21.5.; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3062, 2975, 2874, 2202, 1597, 1486, 1346, 1157, 1068, 1008, 817, 707, 577, 547; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrNO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 430.0471, found 430.0470.

2-(4-(m-tolyl)but-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1h)



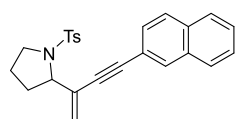
Colorless viscous liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.54 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.06 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.3, 138.0, 135.5, 132.1, 132.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.2, 127.5, 122.7, 122.2, 91.1, 87.1, 63.8, 49.1, 31.9, 24.0, 21.5, 21.2. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3062, 3024, 2975, 2736, 1921, 1811, 1665, 1597, 1485, 1454, 1400, 1380, 1093, 1063, 846, 758, 711, 667, 620, 588, 548; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 366.1522, found 366.1523.

2-(4-(o-tolyl)but-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1i)



Colourless viscous liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.10 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.3, 140.0, 135.5, 132.3, 131.9, 129.6, 129.4, 128.4, 127.5, 125.5, 122.7, 122.0, 91.3, 89.9, 63.8, 49.1, 32.0, 24.0, 21.5, 20.7. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3029, 2953, 2924, 2872, 2735, 2415, 2307, 2198, 1915, 1724, 1668, 1599, 1494, 1449, 1379, 1159, 1092, 1063, 1007, 910, 816, 736, 707, 669, 587, 525, 492; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 366.1522, found 366.1522.

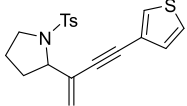
2-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1j)



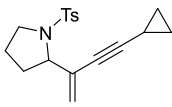
White solid, m.p. = 117 - 118 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.71 (m, 5H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.44 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.31 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.12 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.67 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.3, 135.6, 132.9, 132.8, 132.2, 131.4, 129.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5,

126.8, 126.6, 122.5, 120.2, 91.4, 87.8, 63.8, 49.1, 32.0, 24.0, 21.5. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3056, 2974, 2925, 2873, 1920, 1813, 1597, 1449, 1400, 1346, 1268, 1191, 1159, 1094, 1064, 1008, 908, 860, 816, 749, 708, 673, 588, 548, 475; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 402.1522, found 402.1521.

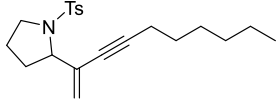
2-(4-(thiophen-3-yl)but-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1k)

 White solid, m.p. = 67 - 68 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.36 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.35 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.05 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.63 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.4, 135.3, 132.1, 129.7, 129.6, 128.8, 127.5, 125.4, 122.2, 121.9, 87.0, 86.1, 63.7, 49.1, 31.9, 23.9, 21.5. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3107, 2952, 2926, 2873, 1921, 1721, 1669, 1597, 1493, 1448, 1379, 1255, 1191, 1159, 1094, 1063, 1008, 909, 845, 815, 783, 742, 707, 670, 626, 588, 548; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 358.0930, found 358.0930.

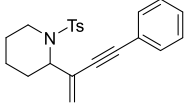
2-(4-cyclopropylbut-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1l)

 Yellow viscous liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.51 (t, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.27 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 3.47 – 4.39 (m, 1H), 3.33 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.98 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.25 (m, 1H), 0.83 – 0.75 (m, 2H), 0.68 – 0.62 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.2, 135.5, 132.3, 129.5, 127.4, 120.8, 95.0, 73.8, 63.8, 48.9, 31.7, 23.8, 21.5, 8.5, 0.0. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3093, 2977, 2874, 1922, 1814, 1673, 1589, 1493, 1450, 1400, 1346, 1194, 1159, 1093, 1006, 872, 847, 815, 760, 736, 588, 547; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 316.1366, found 316.1366.

2-(dec-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (1m)

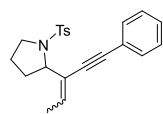
 Yellow viscous liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 17.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.26 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.02 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.35 (m, 6H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.2, 135.5, 132.4, 129.5, 127.5, 120.7, 92.1, 78.6, 63.9, 49.0, 31.7, 31.3, 28.6, 23.8, 22.6, 21.5, 19.3, 14.1. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3028, 2929, 2858, 1614, 1598, 1493, 1458, 1379, 1244, 1191, 1094, 1008, 903, 815, 758, 708, 588, 548; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 360.1992, found 360.1992.

2-(4-phenylbut-1-en-3-yn-2-yl)-1-tosylpiperidine (1n)

 Yellow viscous liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 4.85 – 4.76 (m, 1H), 3.78 (dt, J = 14.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (td, J = 13.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.28 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.45 (m, 5H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.0, 138.4, 131.4, 129.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.0, 123.7, 122.9, 91.0, 88.2, 55.9, 41.6, 27.8, 24.4, 21.5, 19.1. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3060, 2942, 2861, 2361, 1666, 1598, 1491, 1446, 1378, 1337, 1217, 1188, 1156, 1109, 1053, 961, 938, 917, 855, 815, 758, 735, 709, 692, 661, 617, 575, 547; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 366.1522, found 366.1521.

For the synthesis of **1o**, CH₃CH₂PPh₃Br was used instead of CH₃PPh₃Br in the last step.

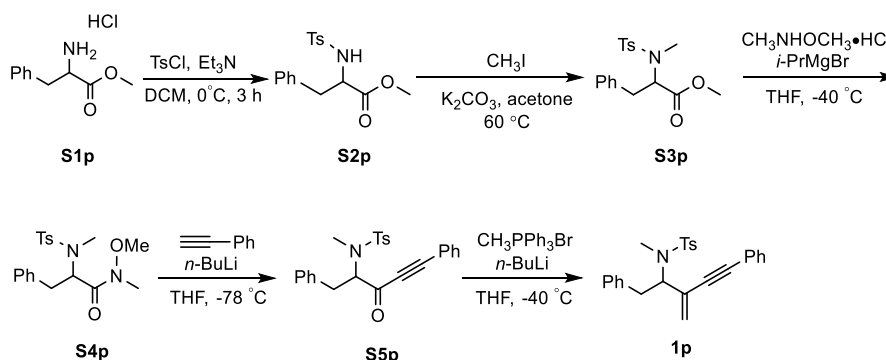
2-(1-phenylpent-3-en-1-yn-3-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (**1o**)



Yellow viscous liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.19 (m, 7H), 6.14 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.2H), 6.03 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.8H), 4.80 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.4 Hz, 0.8H), 4.37 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.0 Hz, 0.2H), 3.65 – 3.53 (m, 0.8H), 3.50 – 3.37 (m, 1.2H), 2.36 (s, 0.6H), 2.33 (s, 2.4H), 2.20 – 1.92 (m, 3H), 1.91 (s, 1.5H), 1.89 (s, 1.5H), 1.80 – 1.68 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.9, 136.7, 134.2, 131.3, 131.2, 129.4, 129.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 125.7, 123.5, 89.1, 88.2, 85.8, 57.3, 49.1, 49.0, 32.5, 32.1, 25.3, 24.2, 21.4, 16.0, 14.0. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3031, 2925, 2871, 2362, 2340, 1596, 1490, 1442, 1440, 1344, 1244, 1200, 1158, 1094, 1068, 986, 814, 757, 691, 666, 589, 547; HRMS (DART) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 366.1522, found 366.1521.

1.2.2 Preparation of substrates **1p-1v**

For the synthesis of substrates **1p** – **1v**, the general procedure was described using substrate **1p** as example.



S2p: Et₃N (4.21 g, 41.7 mmol) was added dropwise into a solution of phenylalanine methyl ester hydrochloride **S1p** (3.0 g, 13.9 mmol) and TsCl (2.38 g, 12.5 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) cooling with ice bath. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C and monitored by TLC. After the TsCl was completely consumed, the reaction mixture was poured into ice water and extracted with DCM (2 × 100 mL). The organic phase was washed with 1M HCl (2 × 50 mL), brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed using rotary evaporator to obtain **S2p** (4.03 g, 87%) without further purification.

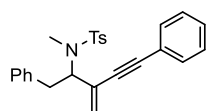
S3p: A solution of Ts-protected phenylalanine methyl ester **S2p** (3.0 g, 9.0 mmol) and iodomethane (1.53 g, 10.8 mmol) in acetone (50 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (2.49 g, 18.0 mmol), the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C overnight. The reaction was then filtrated and the solvent was distilled using rotary evaporator to obtain **S3p** (2.91 g, 93%) without further purification.

S4p: Under N₂ atmosphere, the solution of *i*-PrMgBr (5.8 mL, 17.3 mmol) in 2-methyltetrahydrofuran (3 M) was added dropwise into the suspension of **S3p** (2 g, 5.7 mmol) and N,O-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (843 mg, 8.64 mmol) in anhydrous THF at -40 °C with vigorous stir. After the complete consumption of **S3p** (determined by TLC, about 2 h), the reaction was quenched by 20 mL saturated NH₄Cl (aq), and extracted with EtOAc (2 × 50 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator to obtain **S4p** (1.36 g, 63%) without further purification.

S5p: Under N₂ atmosphere, *n*-BuLi (0.9 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.5 M) in hexane was added dropwise into the solution of phenylacetylene (245 mg, 2.4 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) at -78 °C. After stir for 1 h, the Weinreb amide **S4p** (753 mg, 2 mmol) dissolved in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise into the reaction mixture. After the reaction temperature raised to room temperature, the reaction was quenched using saturated NH₄Cl (aq), and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator. The desired **S5p** (417 mg, 50%) was obtained after purified by chromatography (SiO₂, PE: EA = 6: 1).

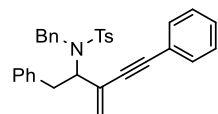
1p: Under N₂ atmosphere, *n*-BuLi (0.5 mL, 1.1 mmol, 2.5 M) in hexane was added dropwise into the suspension of CH₃PPh₃Br (428 mg, 1.2 mmol) in anhydrous THF at -40 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h until it turned to clear orange solution. After **S5p** (417 mg, 1.0 mmol) dissolved in anhydrous THF was added into the reaction dropwise, the reaction temperature was raised to 0 °C and maintained until the entire consumption of **S5p**. And then the reaction was quenched using 5 mL saturated NH₄Cl (aq), and extracted with EtOAc (2×20 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography (SiO₂, PE: EA = 6: 1) to yield **1p** (174 mg, 42%).

N,4-dimethyl-N-(3-methylene-1,5-diphenylpent-4-yn-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1p)



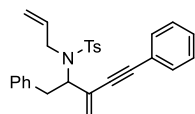
Pale white solid, m. p. = 93 - 94 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.5); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, *J* = 9.5, 1H), 5.11 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.0, 137.7, 136.8, 131.6, 129.54, 129.50, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 126.7, 125.4, 122.8, 92.1, 88.1, 62.3, 37.3, 29.6, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3061, 3029, 2926, 1951, 1808, 1667, 1599, 1492, 1453, 1400, 1336, 1219, 1158, 1088, 1042, 976, 926, 885, 847, 814, 779, 757, 694, 663, 617, 589, 548; HRMS (DART) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₆NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 416.1679, found 416.1676.

N-benzyl-4-methyl-N-(3-methylene-1,5-diphenylpent-4-yn-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1q)



Pale white solid, m.p. = 102 - 103 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.5); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (s, 5H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (qd, *J* = 13.7, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 138.2, 138.1, 137.9, 131.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.45, 128.43, 128.41, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.5, 122.7, 92.1, 88.4, 63.6, 48.8, 39.5, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3062, 3029, 2955, 2926, 2857, 1949, 1808, 1737, 1600, 1493, 1454, 1399, 1338, 1289, 1204, 1158, 1092, 1028, 979, 920, 888, 850, 813, 778, 756, 696, 665, 635, 594, 546; HRMS (DART) Calcd for C₃₂H₃₀NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 492.1992, found 492.1990.

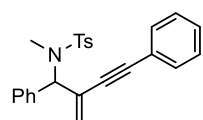
N-allyl-4-methyl-N-(3-methylene-1,5-diphenylpent-4-yn-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1r)



Yellow liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.5); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = Hz, 4H), 7.09 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.80 – 5.63 (m, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 5.28 – 5.20 (m, 1H), 5.10 (dt, *J* = 17.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 1.6

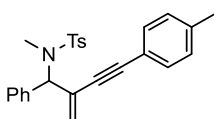
Hz, 1H), 4.77 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 5.9, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.15 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 9.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.0, 138.1, 137.8, 136.1, 131.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 127.6, 126.6, 126.4, 122.8, 117.3, 91.9, 88.3, 63.1, 47.5, 38.8, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3062, 3029, 2925, 2859, 1950, 1720, 1667, 1599, 1542, 1493, 1452, 1418, 1400, 1338, 1289, 1158, 1122, 1090, 1052, 1027, 920, 867, 845, 814, 781, 757, 694, 664, 588; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 442.1835, found 442.1834.

N,4-dimethyl-N-(2-methylene-1,4-diphenylbut-3-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1s)



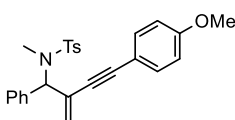
Yellow liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, $R_f = 0.5$); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.15 (m, 12H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 5.73 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.1, 136.8, 136.8, 131.4, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 125.6, 122.7, 92.0, 88.2, 64.6, 31.2, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 3029, 2856, 1910, 1811, 1736, 1653, 1599, 1508, 1494, 1451, 1401, 1338, 1261, 1211, 1162, 1087, 1019, 970, 949, 918, 843, 814, 741, 701, 674, 657, 608, 588, 573, 547; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 402.1522, found 402.1523.

N,4-dimethyl-N-(2-methylene-1-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1t)



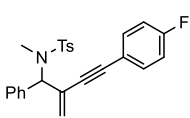
Yellow liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, $R_f = 0.5$); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.1, 136.8, 136.8, 131.4, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 125.6, 122.7, 92.0, 88.2, 64.6, 31.2, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 3029, 2856, 1910, 1811, 1736, 1653, 1599, 1508, 1494, 1451, 1401, 1338, 1261, 1211, 1162, 1087, 1019, 970, 949, 918, 843, 814, 741, 701, 674, 657, 608, 588, 573, 547; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 416.1679, found 416.1677.

N-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylene-1-phenylbut-3-yn-1-yl)-N,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (1u)



Yellow liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, $R_f = 0.4$); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.72 (t, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (t, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.8, 143.1, 136.9, 136.5, 132.9, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 124.8, 114.8, 113.9, 92.1, 87.0, 64.7, 55.3, 31.2, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3031, 2956, 2925, 2851, 1917, 1665, 1599, 1571, 1509, 1454, 1400, 1336, 1305, 1288, 1249, 1162, 1108, 1087, 1029, 970, 949, 919, 832, 812, 738, 701, 674, 658, 608, 575; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 432.1628, found 432.1626.

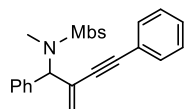
N-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methylene-1-phenylbut-3-yn-1-yl)-N,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (1v)



Yellow liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, $R_f = 0.4$); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.85 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.65 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 (t, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 250.1$ Hz), 143.2, 136.8

(d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 15.3$ Hz), 133.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.4$ Hz), 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 125.5, 118.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.5$ Hz), 115.5 (d, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 90.88, 87.86, 64.59, 31.10, 21.48. **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -110.45. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3063, 3031, 2955, 2925, 2854, 1736, 1671, 1597, 1505, 1452, 1400, 1338, 1228, 1161, 1088, 1017, 969, 950, 919, 837, 812, 739, 701, 676, 658, 607, 588, 573; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{NFO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^{+}$ 420.1428, found 420.1426.

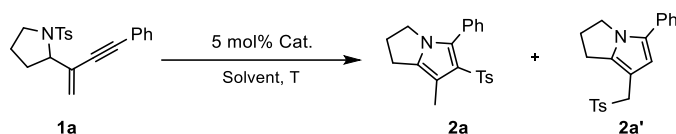
4-methoxy-N-methyl-N-(2-methylene-1,4-diphenylbut-3-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1w)



Yellow liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, $R_f = 0.3$); **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.20 (m, 12H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.7, 136.9, 131.5, 131.4, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 125.6, 122.7, 114.0, 92.0, 88.2, 64.6, 55.5, 31.1. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3062, 3030, 2930, 2842, 2566, 2054, 1957, 1899, 1723, 1672, 1596, 1579, 1495, 1413, 1338, 1304, 1259, 1159, 1112, 1090, 1026, 951, 919, 835, 819, 757, 693, 669, 629, 614, 589, 558; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^{+}$ 418.1471, found 418.1471.

1.3 Optimization of the reaction conditions

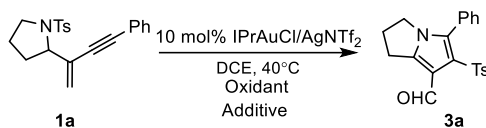
Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions of **2**^[a]



Entry	Cat.	Solvent	T (°C)	2a ^[b]	2a' ^[c]	Note
1	PPh ₃ AuCl/AgBF ₄	DCE	25	17	4	76% SM
2	PtCl ₂	DCE	60	30	12	-
3	PdCl ₂ (CH ₃ CN) ₂	DCE	80	-	-	degradation
4 ^[d]	In(OTf) ₃	DCE	100	-	-	n.r.
5	<i>t</i> BuPhosAuCl/AgBF ₄	DCE	25	trace	-	85% SM
6	IPrAuCl/AgBF ₄	DCE	25	56	13	-
7	IPrAuCl/AgBF ₄	DCE	40	72	14	-
8	IPrAuCl/AgOTf	DCE	40	60	12	-
9	IPrAuCl/AgSbF ₆	DCE	40	44	15	-
10	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	DCE	40	74	17	-
11	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	Toluene	40	53	12	-
12	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	CH ₃ CN	40	24	8	17% SM
13	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	THF	40	36	8	-
14	IPrAuNTf ₂	DCE	40	73	14	-
15	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	DCE	40	73	0	AcOH 2 eq
16	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	DCE	40	57	0	TsOH 2eq
17	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	DCE	40	63	11	MeOH 2eq
18	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	DCE	40	26	0	TfOH 2eq
19	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	DCE	40	45	0	CF ₃ COOH 2eq
20	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	DCE	40	10	trace	Anisole 2 eq
21	IPrAuCl/AgNTf ₂	DCE	40	-	-	n.r.
22	AgNTf ₂	DCE	40	-	-	n.r.

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), 1 mL Solvent, N₂ atmosphere, 12 h, full conversion unless the yield of recovered starting material was noted. [b] Isolated yield. [c] The yield of **2a'** was determined by ¹H NMR spectrum of the crude product. [d] 10 mol%.

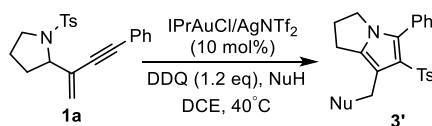
Table S2. Optimization of the reaction conditions of 3^[a]



Entry	Oxidation (eq)	Additive	T (°C)	3a ^[b]	note
1 ^[c]	DDQ (2.0)	MeOH 20 μL	25	20	75% SM
2 ^[c]	SeO ₂ (2.0)	MeOH 20 μL	25	-	degradation
3 ^[c]	TCQ (2.0)	MeOH 20 μL	25	-	90% SM
4	DDQ (2.2)	HOAc 40 μL	40	28	20% 3a'
5	DDQ (2.2)	MeOH 20 μL/AcOH 40 μL	40	66	-
6	DDQ (3.0)	MeOH 20 μL/AcOH 40 μL	40	46	-

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (0.1 mmol), 1 mL Solvent, N₂ atmosphere, 4 h, full conversion unless the yield of recovered starting material was noted. [b] Isolated yield. [c] 5 mol% catalyst.

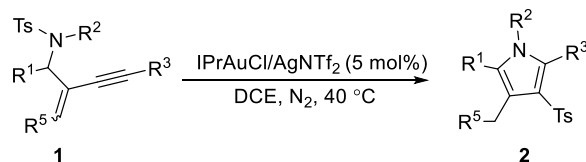
Table S3. Attempts to trap the azafulvenium intermediate^[a]



Entry	NuH (2.0 eq)	3' ^[b]
1	1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene	n.d.
2	Anisole	n.d.
3	Dimethylaniline	n.d.
4	Dimethyl malonate	n.d.
5	Saccharin	n.d.
6	AcOH	34%
7	≡TMS	n.d.

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (0.1 mmol), 1 mL Solvent, N₂ atmosphere, 12 h [b] Isolated yield.

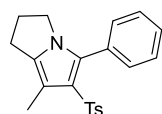
1.4 General procedure for the synthesis of 2a – 2w



In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added IPrAuCl (5 mol%) and AgNTf₂ (5 mol %) in dry dichloroethane (DCE, 1 mL). After stirred for 5 min, the substrate **1** was added. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C until the starting material was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). Then the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was

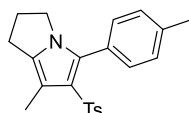
purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product **2**.

7-methyl-5-phenyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2a)



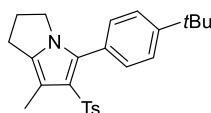
74%, 52 mg, pale white solid, m.p. = 184 - 185 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.4, 141.9, 134.6, 131.4, 131.0, 130.6, 129.1, 128.4, 127.7, 126.5, 121.5, 110.1, 45.9, 26.8, 23.2, 21.4, 11.0; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3058, 2957, 2923, 2859, 1541, 1447, 1401, 1339, 1310, 1229, 1159, 1136, 1088, 1060, 1019, 921, 854, 736, 700, 655, 617, 574, 540; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 352.1366, found 352.1365.

7-methyl-5-(p-tolyl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2b)



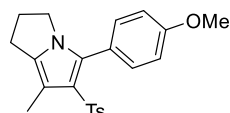
66%, 48 mg, pale white solid, m.p. = 161- 162 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (m, 5H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.3, 142.0, 138.3, 134.4, 131.6, 130.4, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 126.5, 121.3, 110.0, 45.9, 26.7, 23.1, 21.4, 11.0; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3024, 2958, 2923, 2864, 2745, 2584, 1912, 1798, 1735, 1701, 1652, 1596, 1531, 1492, 1460, 1417, 1394, 1337, 1311, 1233, 1211, 1182, 1159, 1137, 1114, 1088, 1058, 1018, 946, 914, 862, 815, 723; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 366.1522, found 366.1523.

5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-7-methyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2c)

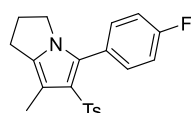


69%, 42 mg, white solid, m.p. = 193 - 194 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.3, 142.2, 141.8, 134.3, 131.6, 130.2, 129.0, 127.8, 126.6, 124.6, 121.3, 110.2, 46.0, 34.7, 31.4, 26.8, 23.1, 21.4, 11.0; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 2959, 2925, 2865, 2746, 1913, 1731, 1648, 1597, 1558, 1530, 1460, 1417, 1396, 1363, 1338, 1311, 1268, 1234, 1200, 1181, 1160, 1137, 1114, 1087, 1058, 1017, 968, 915, 863, 731, 664; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 408.1992, found 408.1991.

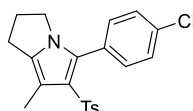
5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-methyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2d)



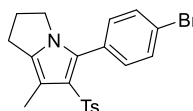
75%, 43 mg, yellow solid, m.p. = 131-132 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.2); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.71 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.7, 142.3, 142.0, 134.2, 131.8, 131.4, 129.1, 126.5, 123.2, 121.3, 113.2, 110.0, 55.3, 45.8, 26.7, 23.1, 21.4, 11.0; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2958, 2924, 2854, 2746, 2538, 1718, 1653, 1611, 1574, 1530, 1462, 1441, 1422, 1398, 1338, 1289, 1249, 1177, 1059, 1027, 966, 914, 861, 733, 704, 665, 592; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 382.1471, found 382.1470.

5-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-methyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2e)

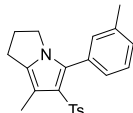
70%, 38mg, white solid, m.p. = 169 - 170 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 3.70 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 248.1 Hz), 142.5, 141.7, 134.7, 132.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.3 Hz), 130.2, 129.2, 126.9, 126.5, 121.7, 114.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.6 Hz), 110.2, 45.9, 26.7, 23.1, 21.5, 10.9; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -112.94. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3063, 2956, 2923, 2861, 1912, 1735, 1650, 1598, 1527, 1462, 1421, 1393, 1338, 1300, 1225, 1158, 1136, 1088, 1057, 1016, 966, 914, 862, 841, 812, 725, 704, 666, 619, 573; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 370.1272, found 370.1272.

5-(4-chlorophenyl)-7-methyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2f)

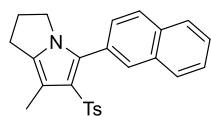
68%, 39mg, yellow solid, m.p. = 190 - 191 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (p, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.6, 141.6, 135.0, 134.6, 131.9, 123.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.1, 126.5, 121.9, 110.4, 46.0, 26.7, 23.1, 21.5, 10.9. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2955, 2855, 1920, 1773, 1736, 1718, 1685, 1651, 1597, 1561, 1542, 1510, 1458, 1416, 1385, 1339, 1309, 1233, 1159, 1136, 1088, 1055, 1014, 947, 915, 862, 834, 812, 721, 703, 666, 619, 574; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 386.0976, found 386.0974.

5-(4-bromophenyl)-7-methyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2g)

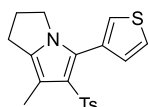
67%, 43 mg, yellow solid, m.p. = 189 - 190 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (δ 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 3.71 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 – 2.34 (m, 5H), 2.23 (m, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.6, 142.4, 141.6, 141.3, 135.1, 134.6, 132.2, 131.0, 130.6, 123.0, 129.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 127.8, 126.54, 126.50, 122.9, 121.9, 110.4, 110.1, 46.0, 26.7, 23.2, 21.5, 10.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3060, 2957, 2923, 2856, 2747, 1511, 1493, 1458, 1416, 1340, 1311, 1233, 1159, 1137, 1088, 1071, 1011, 968, 916, 862, 833, 812, 736, 701, 668, 616, 574; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrNO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 430.0471, found 430.0471.

7-methyl-5-(m-tolyl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2h)

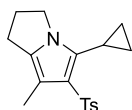
60%, 33 mg, white solid, m.p. = 158 - 159 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 3.69 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (m, 8H), 2.22 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.3, 141.9, 137.2, 134.5, 131.6, 131.2, 130.8, 129.2, 129.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.6, 121.4, 110.1, 45.9, 26.8, 23.1, 21.4, 11.0. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3062, 2960, 2925, 2865, 1734, 1597, 1529, 1460, 1417, 1363, 1338, 1311, 1234, 1160, 1137, 1087, 1058, 1017, 915, 863, 840, 813, 735, 703, 663, 617, 573; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 366.1522, found 366.1522.

7-methyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2j)

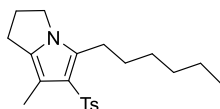
72%, 43 mg, white solid, m.p. = 164 - 165 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 141.8, 134.8, 133.0, 132.7, 131.3, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.2, 126.6, 126.5, 126.2, 121.9, 110.3, 46.0, 26.8, 23.2, 21.4, 11.0. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3054, 2956, 2923, 2858, 2746, 1917, 1729, 1630, 1494, 1442, 1407, 1334, 1309, 1214, 1188, 1159, 1136, 1086, 1057, 1018, 950, 899, 865, 816, 747, 701, 664, 614, 573; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₄NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 402.1522, found 402.1523.

7-methyl-5-(thiophen-3-yl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2k)

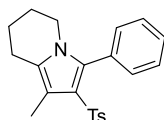
75%, 40 mg, white solid, m.p. = 189- 190 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 3.75 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.77 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (p, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 141.7, 134.7, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 126.4, 126.3, 126.1, 124.5, 121.4, 110.6, 46.2, 26.7, 23.1, 21.4, 11.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3104, 2955, 2923, 1719, 1595, 1555, 1492, 1416, 1335, 1300, 1232, 1181, 1156, 1136, 1087, 1061, 1019, 922, 870, 837, 809, 735, 698, 622, 622, 575; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₂S₂ (M+H)⁺ 358.0930, found 358.0930.

5-cyclopropyl-7-methyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2l)

78%, 37 mg, white solid, m.p. = 135 - 136 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 5H), 2.12 (m, 4H), 0.94 (q, J = 5.5, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 0.70 (q, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 142.2, 133.3, 132.2, 129.2, 126.4, 121.4, 109.6, 46.3, 27.2, 22.5, 21.5, 10.8, 7.2, 6.6. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2929, 2854, 2662, 1613, 1598, 1448, 1349, 1192, 1159, 1094, 1063, 1008, 903, 846, 815, 707, 588, 547; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₁₈H₂₂NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 316.1366, found 316.1364.

5-hexyl-7-methyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2m)

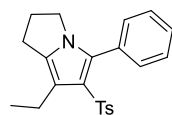
48%, 34 mg, white solid, m.p. = 121 - 122 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 5H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.55 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.41 – 1.21 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 142.2, 133.3, 133.2, 129.3, 126.4, 118.8, 109.0, 45.0, 31.6, 30.2, 29.4, 26.9, 26.0, 22.8, 22.6, 21.5, 14.1, 10.7. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2955, 2927, 2853, 2216, 1915, 1705, 1598, 1493, 1439, 1381, 1345, 1299, 1184, 1159, 1133, 1084, 1015, 916, 813, 767, 670, 576; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₂₁H₃₀NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 360.1992, found 360.1992.

1-methyl-3-phenyl-2-tosyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroindolizine (2n)

42%, 23 mg, white solid, m.p. = 180 - 181 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.67 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 141.8, 134.6,

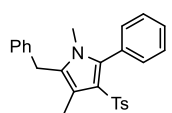
131.2, 130.7, 129.1, 128.6, 127.8, 126.7, 126.4, 119.4, 113.4, 44.4, 23.4, 21.6, 21.4, 20.6, 9.6. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3060, 2926, 2861, 1732, 1716, 1699, 1649, 1572, 1539, 1492, 1460, 1445, 1388, 1365, 1310, 1299, 1269, 1216, 1186, 1151, 1095, 1071, 1032, 969, 919, 876, 814, 778, 735, 701, 670, 641, 594, 571; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 366.1522, found 366.1521.

7-ethyl-5-phenyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (2o)



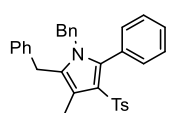
45%, 25 mg, white solid, m.p. = 160 - 161 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (p, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.2, 142.0, 133.9, 131.3, 131.1, 130.7, 129.0, 128.4, 127.7, 126.6, 121.0, 116.9, 45.6, 26.8, 23.9, 21.4, 18.8, 15.1. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 2963, 2926, 2870, 2071, 1913, 1674, 1597, 1515, 1492, 1448, 1404, 1351, 1300, 1259, 1230, 1160, 1138, 1091, 1023, 967, 920, 863, 811, 759, 736, 707, 665, 615, 575; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 366.1522, found 366.1522.

2-benzyl-1,3-dimethyl-5-phenyl-4-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (2p)



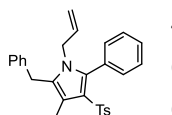
53%, 33 mg, pale white solid, m.p. = 147 - 148 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.5); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.4, 141.7, 138.3, 136.7, 131.3, 130.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 126.6, 126.5, 119.2, 116.4, 31.8, 30.2, 21.5, 10.5. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3060, 3028, 2925, 1915, 1805, 1736, 1653, 1599, 1520, 1493, 1461, 1386, 1311, 1233, 1181, 1144, 1096, 1074, 1018, 970, 923, 838, 813, 762, 733, 703, 661, 614, 589, 563; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 416.1679, found 419.1679.

1,2-dibenzyl-3-methyl-5-phenyl-4-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (2q)



49%, 36 mg, pale white solid, m.p. = 167 - 168 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.5); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.10 (m, 12H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.71 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.5, 141.6, 138.5, 137.4, 137.3, 131.3, 130.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 126.7, 126.5, 125.5, 119.9, 117.2, 47.9, 30.0, 21.5, 10.6. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 3028, 2926, 1953, 1807, 1736, 1600, 1521, 1494, 1454, 1396, 1356, 1312, 1181, 1157, 1135, 1090, 1060, 1028, 973, 919, 849, 812, 763, 735, 699, 667, 606, 588, 566, 540; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 492.1992, found 492.1990.

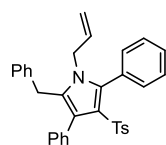
1-allyl-2-benzyl-3-methyl-5-phenyl-4-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (2r)



49%, 36 mg, pale white solid, m. p. = 167 - 168 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.5); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.67 – 5.47 (m, 1H), 5.70 – 5.49 (m, 1H), 5.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 4.05 – 3.97 (m, 2H of $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH=}$), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.5, 141.7, 138.6, 136.8, 133.6, 131.3, 130.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 126.7, 126.5, 119.6, 116.8, 116.4, 46.7, 29.9, 21.5, 10.5. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 3027, 2925, 2854, 1719,

1642, 1598, 1520, 1493, 1453, 1394, 1312, 1141, 1089, 1024, 923, 813, 762, 734, 701, 664, 589; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₈H₂₈NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 442.1835, found 442.1844.

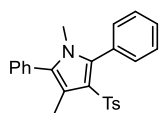
1-allyl-2-benzyl-3,5-diphenyl-4-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (2b from ref 2)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 7H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 5.59 – 5.51 (m, 1H), 5.04 (dd, J = 10.4, 0.92 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (dd, J = 17.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 4.00 (m, 2H of CH₂-CH=), 3.78 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

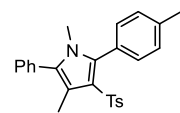
The structure of the product **2r** about the migration group was determined with the reference of ref S2 (J. Org. Chem., **2013**, 78, 7508–7517). The chemical shift of the methylene in the allyl of product **2r** was consistent with the product **2b** from ref S2 which was very similar to **2r**.

1,3-dimethyl-2,5-diphenyl-4-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (2s)



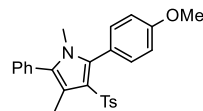
59%, 36 mg, pale white solid, m. p. = 162 - 163 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.5); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.5, 141.6, 136.9, 132.3, 131.3, 131.2, 130.9, 130.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 126.8, 112.0, 116.7, 33.1, 21.5, 10.9. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3056, 2955, 2925, 2855, 1912, 1682, 1599, 1522, 1491, 1462, 1382, 1312, 1265, 1181, 1147, 1100, 1078, 1014, 920, 854, 813, 758, 737, 702, 669, 655, 591; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₄NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 402.1522, found 402.1521.

1,3-dimethyl-2-phenyl-5-(p-tolyl)-4-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (2t)



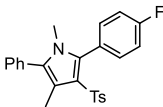
73%, 44 mg, pale white solid, m. p. = 173 - 174 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.5); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.5, 141.7, 138.8, 137.1, 132.2, 131.3, 131.1, 130.9, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 119.8, 116.6, 33.1, 21.5, 10.9. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3028, 2954, 2924, 2857, 1910, 1735, 1700, 1652, 1599, 1558, 1538, 1492, 1461, 1379, 1312, 1211, 1182, 1147, 1100, 1079, 1014, 969, 919, 860, 816, 767, 731, 705, 664, 620, 590; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₆NO₂S (M+H)⁺ 416.1679, found 416.1680.

2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,4-dimethyl-5-phenyl-3-tosyl-1H-pyrrole (2u)

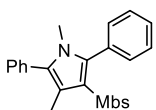


48%, 31 mg, pale white solid, m. p. = 184 - 185 °C, white solid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.3); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 142.5, 141.7, 136.8, 132.5, 132.1, 131.3, 130.9, 129.1, 128.4, 128.0, 126.8, 122.8, 119.9, 116.6, 113.4, 55.3, 33.0, 21.5, 11.0. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3059, 2956, 2924, 2851, 2042, 1892, 1732, 1649, 1612, 1574, 1533, 1492, 1464, 1379, 1290, 1249, 1177, 1147, 1101, 1079, 1066, 1030, 968, 921, 861, 831, 768, 729, 704, 664, 622, 586; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₆NO₃S (M+H)⁺ 432.1628, found 432.1628.

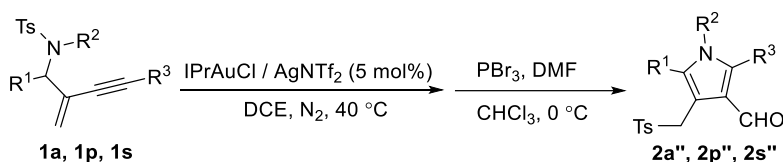
2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,4-dimethyl-5-phenyl-3-tosyl-1*H*-pyrrole (2v)

 64%, 40 mg, pale white solid, m. p. = 147 – 148 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.4); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 249.0 Hz), 142.7, 141.4, 135.6, 133.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.3 Hz), 132.5, 131.1, 130.9, 129.2, 128.5, 128.2, 126.8, 120.3, 116.8, 115.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.7 Hz), 33.1, 21.5, 10.9. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -110.45. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3060, 2955, 2925, 2855, 1895, 1733, 1653, 1599, 1530, 1493, 1464, 1381, 1312, 1228, 1181, 1147, 1099, 1079, 1015, 968, 921, 864, 838, 812, 768, 732, 705, 664, 641, 622, 590, 574; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 420.1428, found 420.1426.

3-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-1,4-dimethyl-2,5-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole (2w)

 60%, 38 mg, pale white solid, m. p. = 155 – 156 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 6/1, R_f = 0.3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.33 (m, 4H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.4, 136.6, 136.4, 132.2, 131.3, 131.3, 130.9, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 120.4, 116.6, 113.7, 55.5, 33.1, 10.9. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3060, 2957, 2926, 2844, 1899, 1729, 1695, 1595, 1495, 1463, 1411, 1381, 1311, 1297, 1258, 1179, 1144, 1102, 1074, 1022, 922, 853, 833, 802, 759, 736, 702, 671, 593, 562; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 418.1471, found 418.1482.

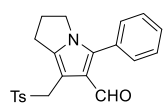
1.4 General procedure for the synthesis of 2a'', 2p'' and 2s''.



Taking **2a''** as an example: in a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added IPrAuCl (5 mol%), AgNTf₂ (5 mol%) in dry dichloroethane (DCE, 2 mL). After stirred for 5 min, the substrate **1a** (or **1p**, **1s**) (0.2 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C until the starting material was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). Then the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator to get the crude products.

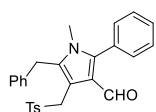
Under N₂ atmosphere, PBr₃ (0.2 mmol, 1 eq) in hexane was added dropwise into the solution of DMF (2 mmol, 1 eq) in anhydrous CHCl₃ (2 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h before the addition of the solution of crude product in CHCl₃ obtained in the previous step. The reaction temperature was raised to room temperature and maintained for 2 h. After the reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured into ice saturated NaHCO₃ (aq.) with violent stirring. The mixture was extracted with DCM, and the organic phase was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Then the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography (SiO₂, PE: EA = 5: 1) to obtain **2a''** as a white solid (8 mg, 11%).

5-phenyl-7-(tosylmethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-6-carbaldehyde (2a'')



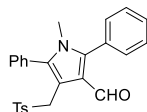
11%, 8 mg, white solid, m.p. = 145 - 146 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.34 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 3.96 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.61 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.6, 144.2, 140.9, 138.8, 136.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 123.9, 101.4, 53.19, 46.1, 27.2, 23.5, 21.6. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3062, 3028, 2955, 2923, 2851, 2736, 1796, 1735, 1652, 1601, 1541, 1525, 1488, 1459, 1388, 1361, 1314, 1171, 1136, 1085, 1025, 973, 912, 834, 814, 741, 700, 647, 621, 547; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 380.1315, found 380.1316.

5-benzyl-1-methyl-2-phenyl-4-(tosylmethyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (2p'')



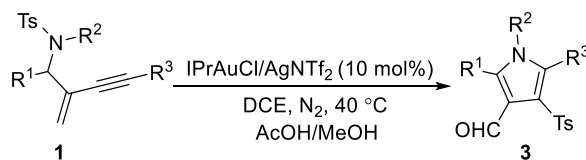
15%, 13 mg, white solid, m.p. = 117 - 118 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.29 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 7.5 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.6, 144.6, 144.3, 137.6, 136.4, 134.8, 131.0, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 126.7, 120.8, 107.8, 52.6, 32.1, 30.2, 21.6. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3071, 3021, 2966, 2923, 2766, 1793, 1765, 1632, 1600, 1541, 1489, 1461, 1366, 1361, 1315, 1211, 1037, 1025, 973, 834, 814, 742, 701, 647, 624, 544; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 444.1628, found 444.1626.

1-methyl-2,5-diphenyl-4-(tosylmethyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carbaldehyde (2s'')



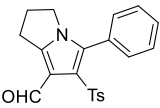
10%, 8 mg, white solid, m.p. = 107 – 108 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 8H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.5, 144.4, 144.0, 137.9, 136.9, 131.0, 130.98, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 121.2, 107.7, 53.3, 33.3, 21.6. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 2955, 2924, 2852, 1659, 1526, 1484, 1456, 1382, 1315, 1178, 1145, 1084, 969, 934, 800, 763, 702, 658, 593, 555, 511; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 430.1471, found 430.1472.

1.5 General procedure for the Synthesis of 3

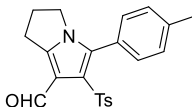


In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added IPrAuCl (10 mol%), AgNTf₂ (10 mol%), MeOH (30 μL) and AcOH (60 μL) in dry dichloroethane (DCE, 1.5 mL). After stirred for 5 min, the substrate **1** (0.15 mmol), 2, 3-dicyano-5, 6-dichlorobenzoquinone (DDQ, 0.33 mmol) were added respectively. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed monitored by TLC. After that, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product.

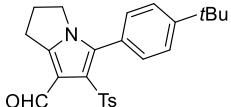
5-phenyl-6-tosyl-2, 3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3a)

 66%, 36 mg, yellow solid, m. p. = 173 – 174 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.46 (s, 1H), 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.54 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.5, 144.6, 143.3, 140.7, 132.9, 130.5, 129.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.1, 126.8, 124.2, 115.5, 46.3, 26.3, 26.1, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 2922, 2852, 1893, 1719, 1657, 1599, 1543, 1491, 1465, 1428, 1398, 1363, 1302, 1181, 1141, 1085, 1057, 1024, 968, 923, 887, 848, 812, 783, 763, 735, 700, 666, 575; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 366.1158, found 366.1157.

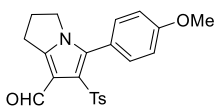
5-(p-tolyl)-6-tosyl-2, 3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3b)

 73%, 41 mg, pale white solid, m. p. = 180 - 181 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.46 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.4, 144.6, 143.3, 140.8, 139.5, 133.2, 130.4, 129.4, 128.8, 126.8, 125.9, 124.0, 115.4, 46.2, 26.3, 26.1, 21.5; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3028, 2957, 2923, 1918, 1662, 1597, 1490, 1429, 1404, 1363, 1307, 1235, 1210, 1182, 1142, 1085, 1052, 1018, 968, 922, 887, 817, 737, 703, 666, 604, 577, 541; HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 380.1315, found 380.1313.

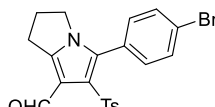
5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3c)

 57%, 36 mg, white solid, m.p. = 195 - 196 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.4); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.2 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.6, 152.6, 144.5, 143.2, 140.5, 133.1, 130.2, 129.3, 126.9, 125.8, 125.0, 124.0, 115.5, 46.3, 34.8, 31.3, 26.3, 26.2, 21.5; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 2961, 2871, 1662, 1597, 1543, 1488, 1429, 1399, 1364, 1305, 1236, 1204, 1180, 1143, 1115, 1084, 1053, 1017, 922, 887, 841, 812, 735, 702, 666, 601, 577; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 422.1784, found 422.1796.

5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-tosyl-2, 3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3d)

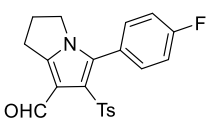
 75%, 43 mg, white solid, m. p. = 129 -130 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.72 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.5, 160.5, 144.5, 143.3, 140.8, 133.0, 131.9, 129.4, 126.8, 123.9, 120.9, 115.4, 113.6, 55.3, 46.2, 26.3, 26.1, 21.4; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3033, 2960, 2931, 1900, 1667, 1596, 1493, 1422, 1400, 1361, 1307, 1232, 1211, 1180, 1142, 1085, 1042, 1010, 968, 922, 888, 813, 737, 700, 666, 604, 577, 541; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 396.1264, found 396.1277.

5-(4-bromophenyl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3e)

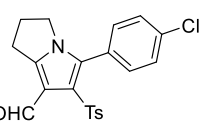
 61%, 41 mg, yellow solid, m. p. = 190 - 191 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.3); ^1H NMR δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (m, 4H), 3.74 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz,

2H), 2.57 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.1, 145.1, 143.6, 140.5, 132.1, 131.5, 131.4, 129.6, 127.8, 126.8, 124.5, 124.1, 115.5, 46.4, 26.2, 26.1, 21.5; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3060, 2958, 2923, 1913, 1662, 1596, 1543, 1485, 1465, 1429, 1395, 1365, 1307, 1232, 1181, 1142, 1083, 1048, 1010, 967, 922, 886, 834, 813, 735, 703, 666, 574, 540; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉BrNO₃S (M+H)⁺ 444.0264, found 444.0275.

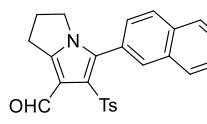
5-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3f)

 70%, 40 mg, white solid, m. p. = 182 - 183 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.3); ¹H NMR δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (m, 4H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.57 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.3, 163.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 250.0 Hz), 144.7, 143.5, 140.6, 132.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.5 Hz), 131.7, 129.5, 126.8, 124.8, 124.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 35.0 Hz), 115.5, 115.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.9 Hz), 46.2, 26.2, 26.1, 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.91. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3063, 2959, 2922, 1910, 1662, 1599, 1542, 1488, 1430, 1403, 1365, 1304, 1229, 1181, 1142, 1084, 1051, 1015, 921, 887, 842, 814, 735, 702, 667, 605, 576, 540; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉FNO₃S (M+H)⁺ 384.1064, found 384.1072.

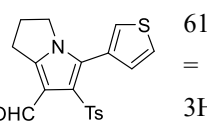
5-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3g)

 64%, 38 mg, yellow solid, m. p. = 186 - 187 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.2, 145.0, 143.6, 140.5, 135.8, 131.9, 131.5, 129.5, 128.5, 127.3, 126.8, 124.6, 115.5, 46.3, 26.2, 26.1, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3060, 2959, 2922, 1914, 1663, 1597, 1544, 1485, 1465, 1430, 1399, 1365, 1307, 1232, 1181, 1142, 1088, 1050, 1014, 968, 921, 886, 837, 814, 735, 706, 667, 600, 675, 575, 540; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉ClNO₃S (M+H)⁺ 400.0769, found 400.0779.

5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3h)

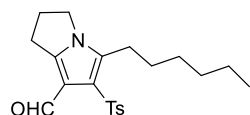
 55%, 34 mg, white solid, m. p. = 145 - 146 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.89 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 – 2.41 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.4, 144.8, 143.4, 140.6, 133.4, 132.8, 132.6, 130.4, 129.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 126.92, 126.7, 126.3, 124.5, 115.6, 46.4, 26.3, 26.2, 21.4; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3055, 2959, 2924, 1926, 1661, 1698, 1543, 1497, 1454, 1428, 1402, 1369, 1305, 1222, 1142, 1084, 1053, 1017, 951, 922, 899, 867, 817, 754, 734, 663, 603, 574; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂NO₃S (M+H)⁺ 416.1315, found 416.1326.

5-(thiophen-3-yl)-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3i)

 61%, 34 mg, white solid, m. p. = 168 - 169 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.3); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 7.44 (m, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.60 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.6, 144.7, 143.4, 140.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.2, 129.0, 127.8, 126.7, 125.4, 124.5,

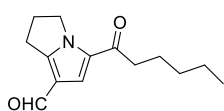
115.7, 46.6, 26.3, 26.2, 21.5. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3105, 2958, 2923, 1661, 1596, 1540, 1492, 1431, 1381, 1350, 1304, 1232, 1193, 1142, 1084, 1059, 1017, 930, 878, 808, 734, 702, 661, 606, 573; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 372.0723, found 372.0732.

5-hexyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3j)



24%, 13 mg, white solid, m.p. = 109 – 110 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.2); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.24 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.96 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.58 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.33 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.7, 144.5, 143.4, 141.3, 135.2, 129.7, 126.6, 121.7, 114.8, 45.5, 31.5, 29.7, 29.3, 26.3, 25.9, 25.5, 22.5, 21.5, 14.0. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3108, 2955, 2927, 2857, 2719, 1652, 1540, 1474, 1414, 1388, 1287, 1192, 1143, 975, 862, 824, 726, 636, 578, 543; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 374.1784, found 374.1796.

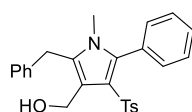
5-hexanoyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine-7-carbaldehyde (3j')



33%, 11 mg, viscous liquid, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.67 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.30 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.7, 144.5, 143.4, 141.3, 135.2, 129.7, 126.6, 121.7, 114.8, 45.5, 31.5, 29.7, 29.3, 26.3, 25.9, 25.5, 22.5, 21.5, 14.0. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3108, 2955, 2927, 2857, 2719, 1652, 1540, 1474, 1414, 1388, 1287, 1192, 1143, 975, 862, 824, 726, 636, 578, 543; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 234.1489, found 234.1494.

(2-benzyl-1-methyl-5-phenyl-4-tosyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)methanol (3k')

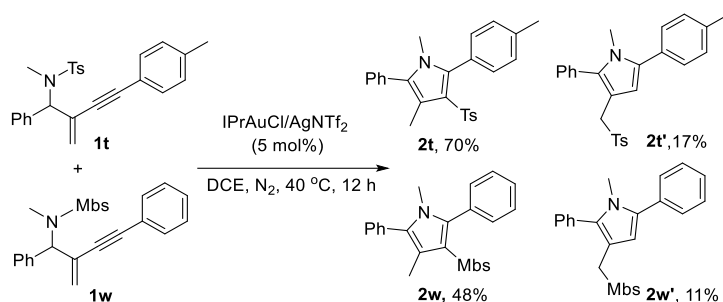
The crude mixture obtained from the general preparation procedure of **3k** was concentrated by rotary evaporator. The residue was dissolved in 2 mL methanol at 0 °C before NaBH_4 (0.3 mmol, 2 eq) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 30 min before quenched with saturated NH_4Cl solution and extracted with DCM. Then the organic phase was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator. The resulting residue was purified by chromatography.



48%, 31 mg, white solid, m. p. = 161 – 162 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1, R_f = 0.3); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 6H), 4.71 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.59 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.0, 140.8, 137.7, 137.6, 131.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 126.70, 126.67, 121.2, 119.3, 55.6, 31.9, 30.2, 21.5. **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3061, 3028, 2954, 2924, 1731, 1598, 1524, 1493, 1465, 1386, 1294, 1234, 1164, 1138, 1071, 981, 914, 841, 814, 761, 732, 701, 668, 590, 541; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3\text{NaS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺ 454.1447, found 454.1456.

1.6 Control experiment

1.6.1 Crossover experiment



In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added IPrAuCl (5 mol%) and AgNTf_2 (5 mol %) in dry dichloroethane (DCE , 1 mL). After stirred for 5 min, the substrates **1t** (0.12 mmol) and **2w** (0.1 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at 40°C until the starting material was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). Then the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute. The yield of products were calculated based on the isolated yield of **2t**.

Comparison of the ^1H NMR spectras of crude reaction mixtures (Figure S1) illustrated that there was no crossover product.

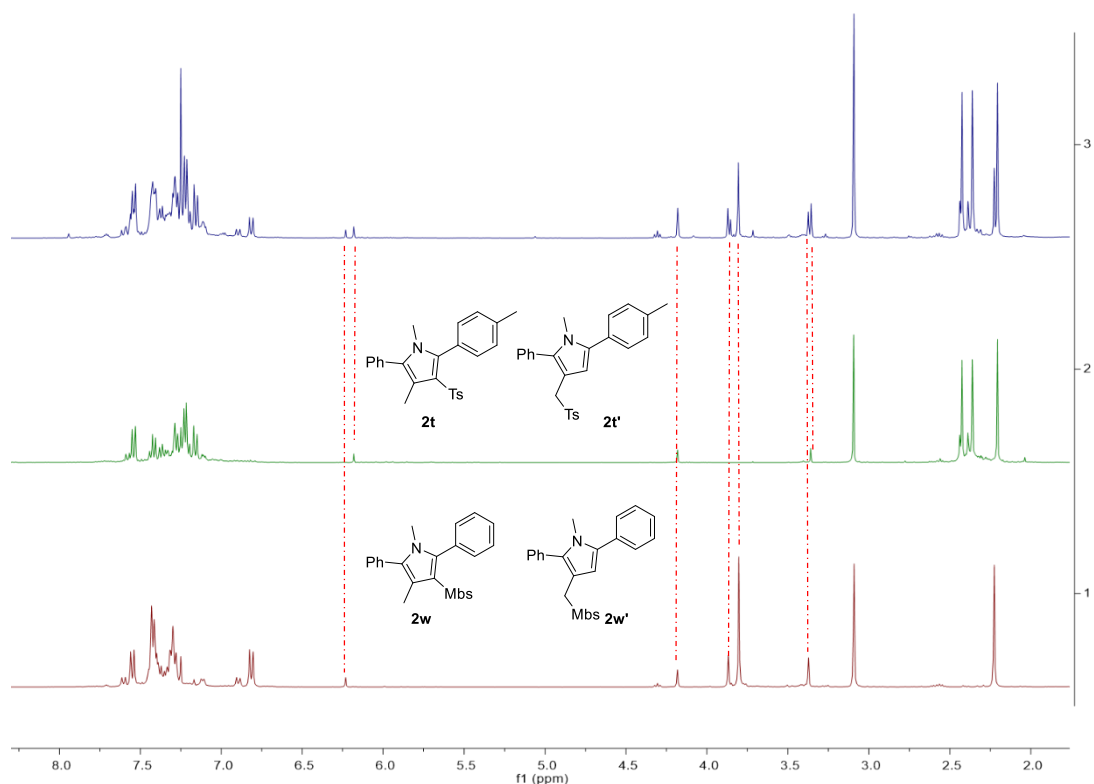
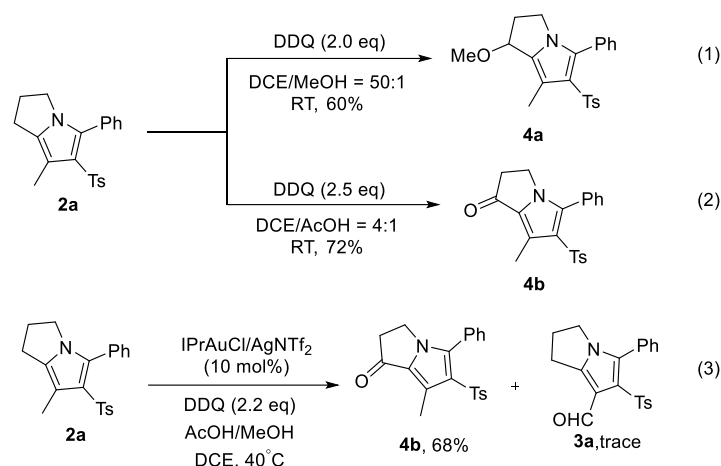


Figure S1. The ^1H NMR spectras of crude reaction mixtures (top: the mixture of crossover experiment; middle: the reaction mixture with **1t** as starting material; down: the reaction mixture with **1t** as starting material).

1.6.2 Oxidation experiment of 2a



(1): In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added **2a** (0.1 mmol), methanol (20 μL) and DDQ (0.2 mmol) in dichloroethane (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature until the starting material was completely consumed (monitored by TLC, about 6 h). After that, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product.

(2): In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added **2a** (0.1 mmol), AcOH (250 μL) and DDQ (0.25 mmol) in dichloroethane (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC, about 4 h). After that, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product.

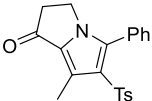
(3): In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added IPrAuCl (10 mol%) and AgNTf₂ (10 mol %) in dry dichloroethane (DCE, 1 mL). After stirred for 5 min, the substrates **2a** (0.1 mmol), DDQ (0.22 mmol), AcOH (40 μL) and MeOH (20 μL) were added respectively. The mixture was stirred at at 40 $^\circ\text{C}$ until the starting materials was completely consumed. After that, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product.

1-methoxy-7-methyl-5-phenyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolizine (4a)

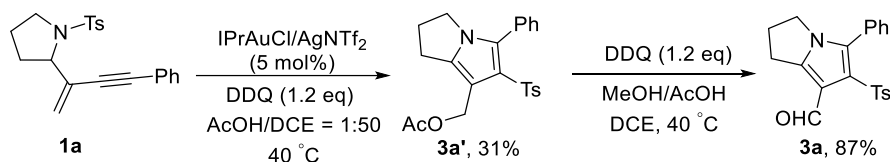
60%, 22 mg, white solid, m.p. = 99 - 100 $^\circ\text{C}$, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.4); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (ddd, J = 11.2, 9.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (ddd, J = 11.0, 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.54 (ddd, J = 14.6, 9.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.5, 141.5, 133.6, 132.5, 130.5, 130.4, 129.1, 128.7, 127.8, 126.6, 122.1, 114.2, 75.0, 56.3, 44.2, 35.0, 21.4, 11.3. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3061, 2957, 2925, 2855, 2360, 1700, 1620, 1598, 1519, 1492, 1449, 1408, 1341,

1300, 1226, 1139, 1089, 1019, 967, 923, 846, 811, 734, 702, 655, 583, 543; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄O₃NS (M+H)⁺ 382.1471, found 382.1470.

7-methyl-5-phenyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolizin-1-one (4b)

 72%, 26 mg, white solid, m.p. = 206 - 207 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.3); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.0, 143.4, 140.4, 137.4, 130.2, 129.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 127.2, 126.8, 122.9, 41.1, 38.7, 21.5, 10.3. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3061, 2977, 2946, 2890, 2370, 1720, 1670, 1577, 1494, 1421, 1330, 1226, 1130, 1083, 1014, 900, 846, 811, 734, 702, 655, 523, 533; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀O₃NS (M+H)⁺ 366.1158, found 366.1158.

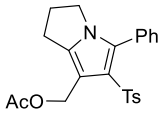
1.6.3 Transformation of 1a to 3a' and 3a



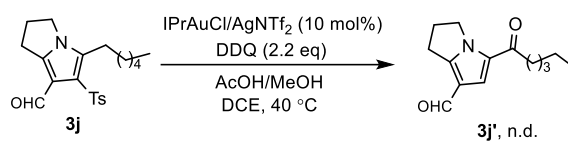
3a': In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added IPrAuCl (5 mol%) and AgNTf₂ (5 mol%) in dry dichloroethane (DCE, 1 mL). After stirred for 5 min, the **1a** and AcOH (20 μL), DDQ (1.2 eq) was added respectively. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed monitored by TLC. After that, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product.

3a: In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added **3a'** and DDQ (1.2 eq) in dry dichloroethane (DCE, 1 mL). MeOH (20 μL) and AcOH (20 μL) was added and mixture was stirred at 40 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed monitored by TLC. After that, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product.

(5-phenyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolizin-7-yl)methyl acetate (3a')

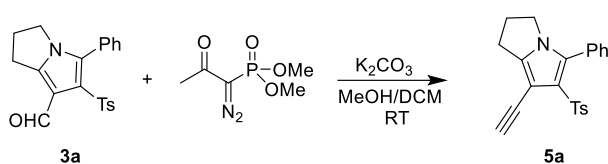
 31%, 13 mg, white solid, m.p. = 150 - 151 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.2); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (s, 2H), 3.70 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 142.6, 141.5, 137.8, 132.4, 130.6, 130.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.9, 126.8, 122.1, 109.3, 58.1, 46.1, 26.5, 23.9, 21.4, 21.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3062, 2956, 2853, 1734, 1646, 1598, 1520, 1488, 1460, 1401, 1382, 1364, 1307, 1232, 1161, 1061, 1020, 952, 921, 853, 808, 701, 658, 573, 541, 491; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₃O₄NaNS (M+Na)⁺ 432.1248, found 432.1249.

1.6.4 Control reaction for the conversion of **3j** to **3j'**



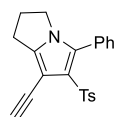
In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added IPrAuCl (10 mol%), AgNTf₂ (10 mol%), MeOH (10 μ L) and AcOH 20 μ L in dry dichloroethane (DCE, 0.5 mL). After stirred for 5 min, the **3j** (0.05mmol), 2, 3-dicyano-5, 6-dichlorobenzoquinone (DDQ, 0.33 mmol) were added respectively. The reaction was stirred at 40 °C for 12h.

1.7 Derivatization reactions of **3a**

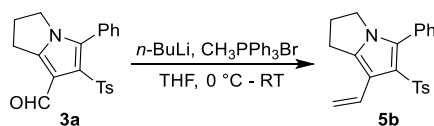


In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added DCM and MeOH (0.6 mL and 0.4 mL) and K₂CO₃ (0.15 mmol), and then the **3a** (0.1 mmol) and Bestmann Reagent^[1] (0.12 mmol) were added respectively. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until the starting materials was completely consumed monitored by TLC. After that, the solvent was filtrated and evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 5/1) to afford the pure product.

7-ethynyl-5-phenyl-6-tosyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolizine (**5a**)

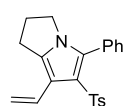


85%, 31 mg, white solid, m.p. = 214 - 215 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, *R_f* = 0.4); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 1H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.52 – 2.41 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 142.9, 141.0, 131.6, 130.4, 129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.0, 127.2, 124.8, 95.7, 80.8, 76.2, 46.6, 26.4, 24.3, 21.5. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3225, 3060, 2957, 2922, 2853, 2108, 1666, 1596, 1554, 1521, 1487, 1463, 1387, 1315, 1233, 1158, 1137, 1084, 1020, 918, 809, 735, 702, 666, 575, 540; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₀O₂NS (M+H)⁺ 362.1209, found 362.1216.



Under N₂ atmosphere, *n*-BuLi (1.1 eq, 2.5 M) in hexane was added dropwise into the suspension of CH₃PPh₃Br (1.2 eq) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) at 0 °C. After stir for 1h, **3a** (0.1 mmol) dissolved in THF (0.5 mL) was added dropwise into the reaction mixture. After the reaction temperature raised to room temperature, the reaction was quenched using saturated NH₄Cl (aq), and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, then the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator. **5c** was obtained after purified by chromatography (SiO₂, EA: PE = 1 : 5, *R_f* = 0.5).

5-phenyl-6-tosyl-7-vinyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolizine (5b)



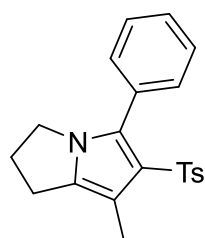
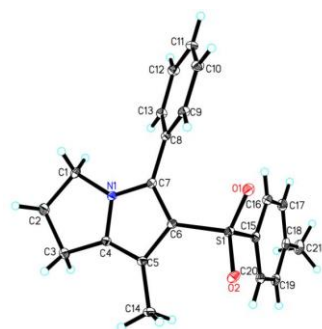
72%, 26 mg, white solid, m.p. = 163 - 164 °C, purified by chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1, R_f = 0.5); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.22 (m, 2H), 3.69 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.54 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.5, 141.8, 134.9, 131.8, 130.6, 130.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 126.6, 120.8, 113., 113.0, 45.7, 26.7, 25.6, 21.4. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3301, 3061, 2956, 2923, 2855, 1731, 1619, 1599, 1518, 1488, 1461, 1391, 1317, 1294, 1231, 1180, 1141, 1086, 1037, 1019, 999, 920, 893, 861, 839, 810, 700, 663, 581, 539; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{NS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 364.1366, found 364.1378.

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- [1] a) S. Müller, B. Liepold, G. J. Roth, H. J. Bestmann, *Synlett* **1996**, 521–522; (b) G. Roth, B. Liepold, S. Müller, H. Bestmann, *Synthesis* **2003**, 2004, 59–62.
[2] W. T. Teo, W. Rao, M. J. Koh and P. W. H. Chan, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2013, **78**, 7508–7517.

3. X-Ray diffraction analysis

3.1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 2a



2a (CCDC 1578144)

Identification code

2a

Empirical formula

$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$

Formula weight

351.45

Temperature

100.00(10) K

Wavelength

1.54184 Å

Crystal system

monoclinic

Space group

$\text{C } 1\ 2/c\ 1$

Unit cell dimensions

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$\alpha = 90^\circ$

$b = 8.49460(10)$ Å

$\beta = 98.752(2)^\circ$

$c = 13.3472(2)$ Å

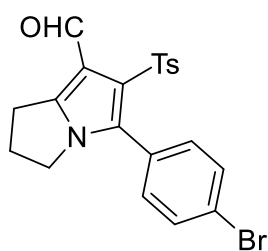
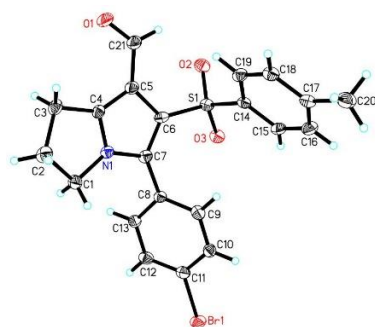
$\gamma = 90(4)^\circ$

Volume

$3492.37(9)$ Å³

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Absorption coefficient	1.753 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1488
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.200 x 0.160 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	5.402 to 73.559 °
Index ranges	-26<=h<=37, -9<=k<=10, -16<=l<=16
Reflections collected	6848
Independent reflections	3443 [R(int) = 0.0194]
Completeness to theta = 66.97 °	99.88 %
Absorption correction	spherical harmonics
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.552
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3443 / 0 / 228
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.082
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0423, wR ₂ = 0.1101
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0434, wR ₂ = 0.1111
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3.2 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3e



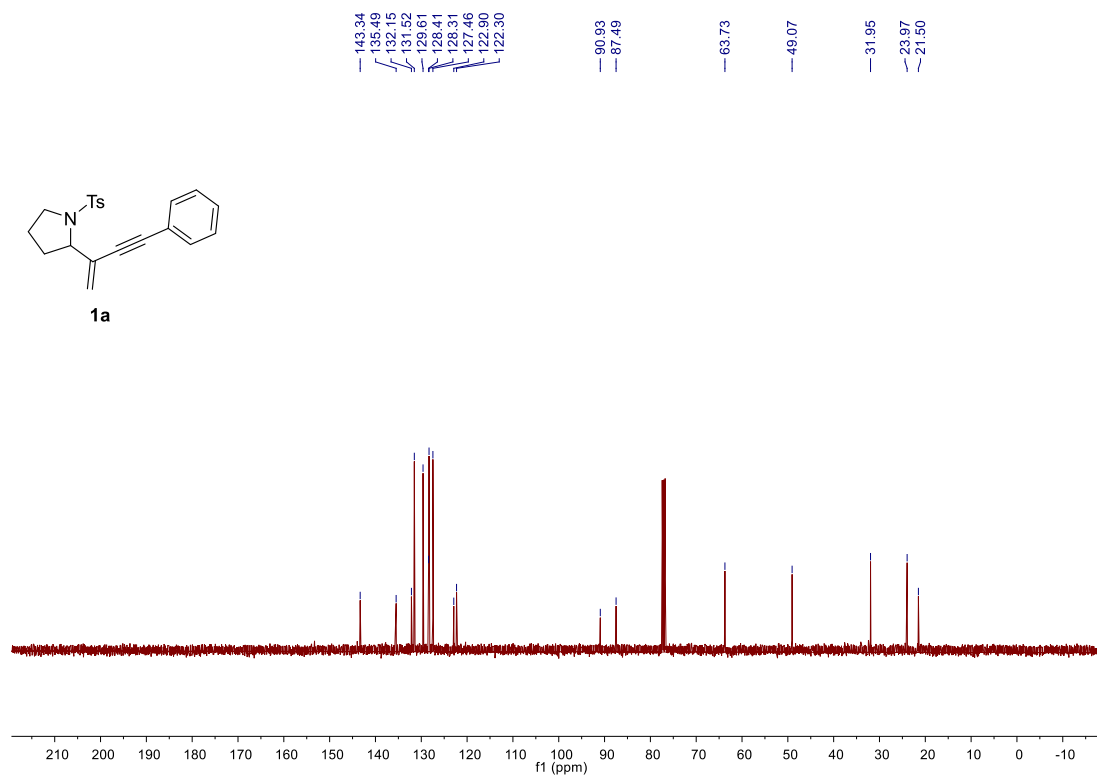
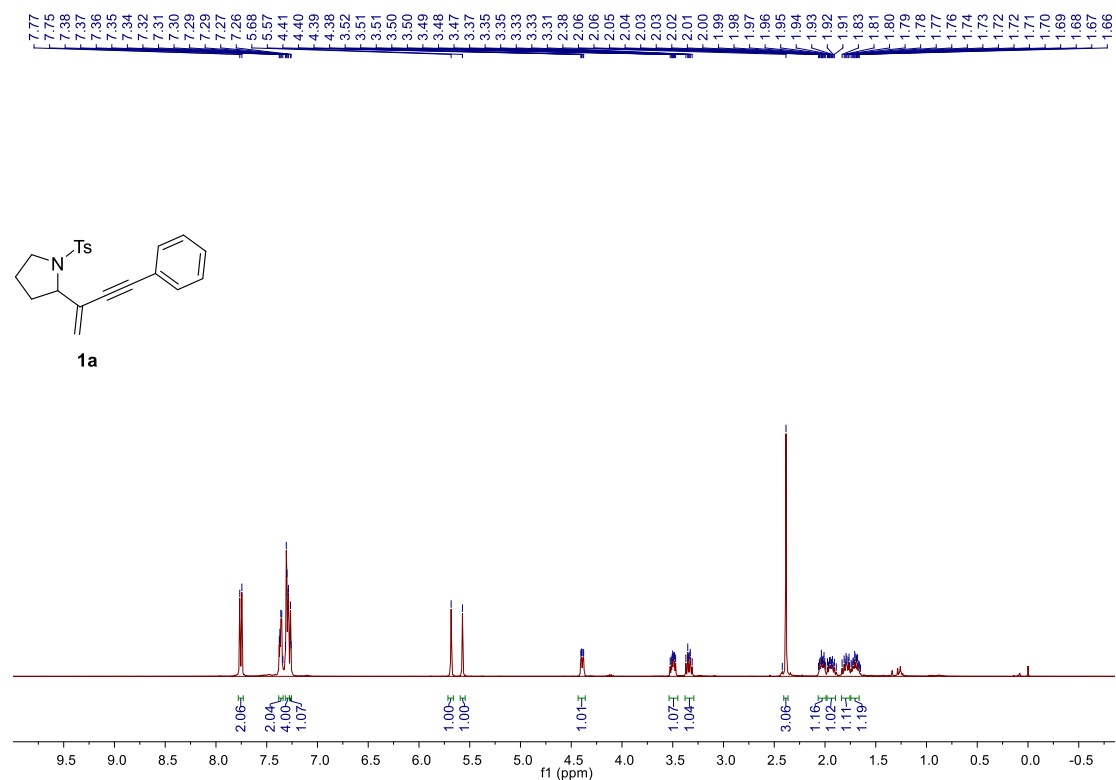
3e (CCDC 1836652)

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Wavelength	1.54184 Å
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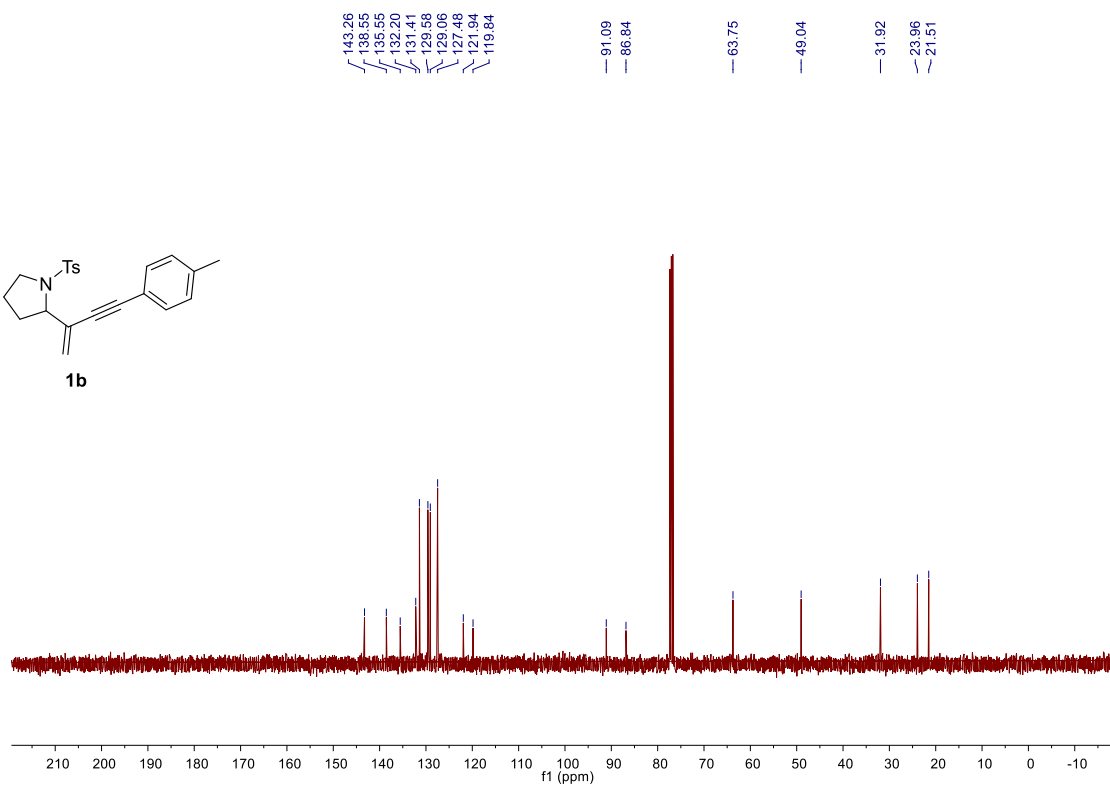
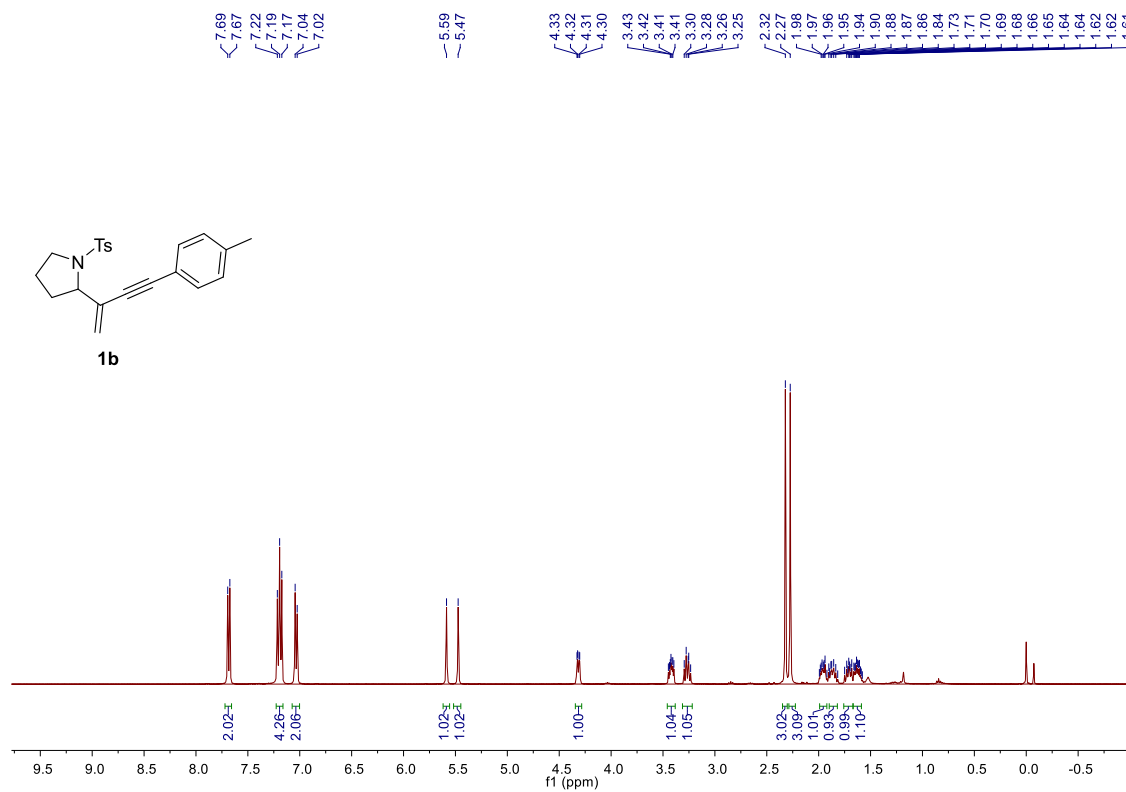
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Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.577 Mg/m^3	
Absorption coefficient	$1.7.223 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	
F(000)	904	
Crystal size	$0.160 \times 0.140 \times 0.120 \text{ mm}^3$	
Theta range for data collection	$4.446 \text{ to } 74.477^\circ$	
Index ranges	$-10 \leq h \leq 7, -22 \leq k \leq 20, -12 \leq l \leq 14$	
Reflections collected	9309	
Independent reflections	3679 [$R(\text{int}) = 0.0766$]	
Completeness to $\theta = 66.97^\circ$	99.74 %	
Absorption correction	spherical harmonics	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.552	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Data / restraints / parameters	3679 / 0 / 245	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.017	
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0759, wR_2 = 0.2101$	
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0832, wR_2 = 0.2302$	
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Largest diff. peak and hole	$1.31 \text{ and } -1.54 \text{ e.\AA}^{-3}$	

4. Copies of NMR spectra

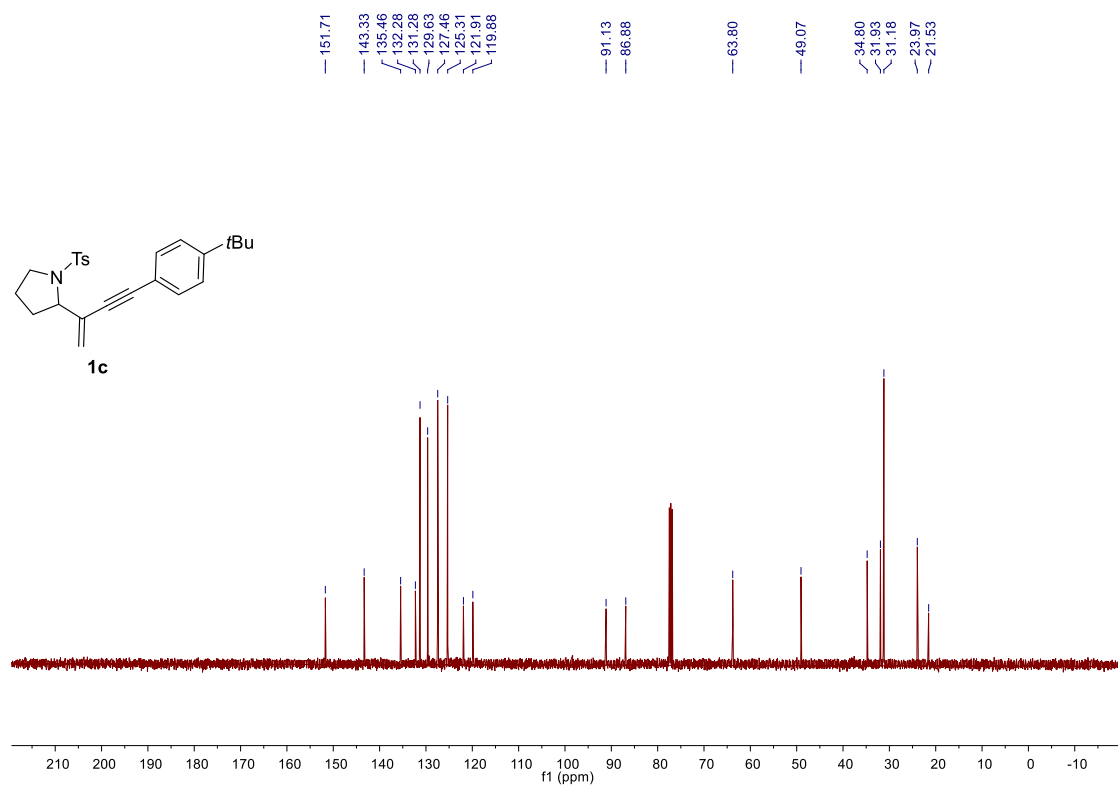
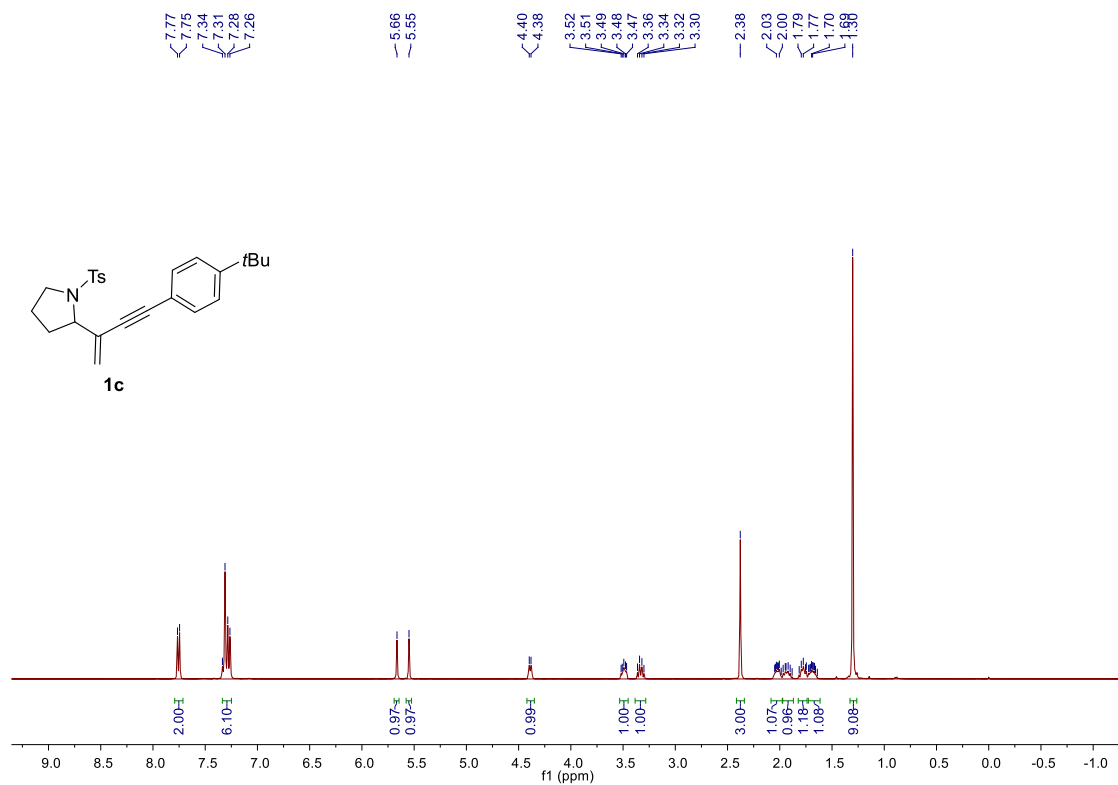
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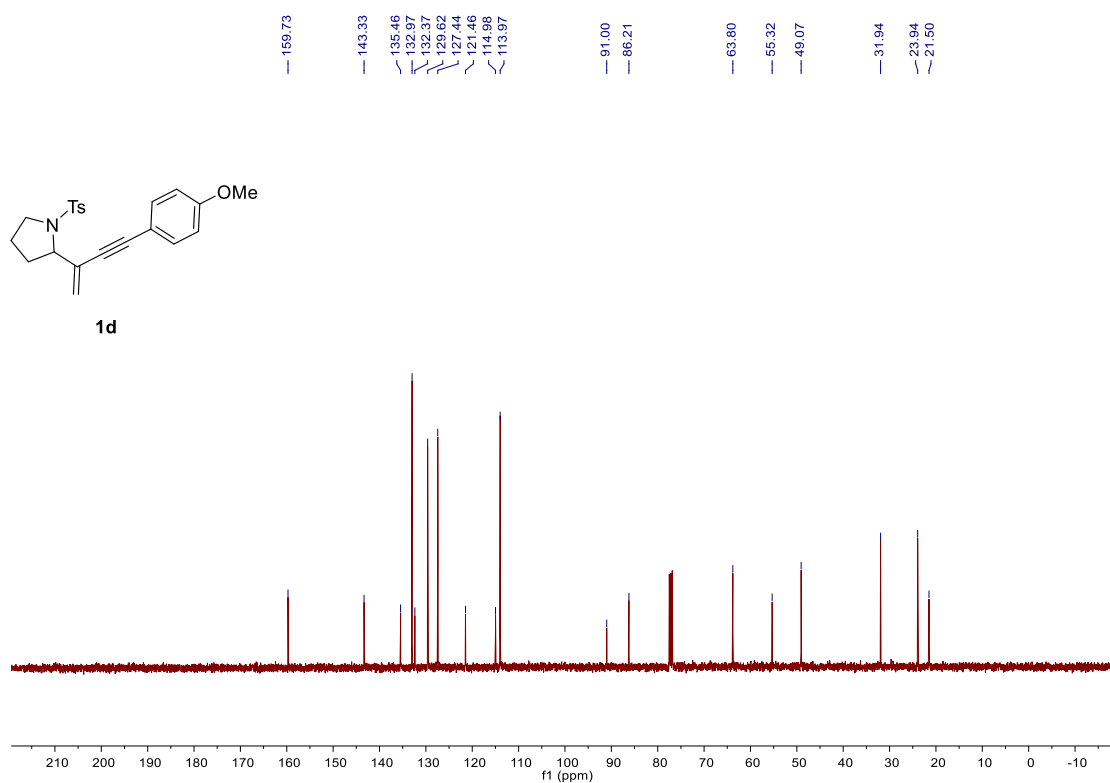
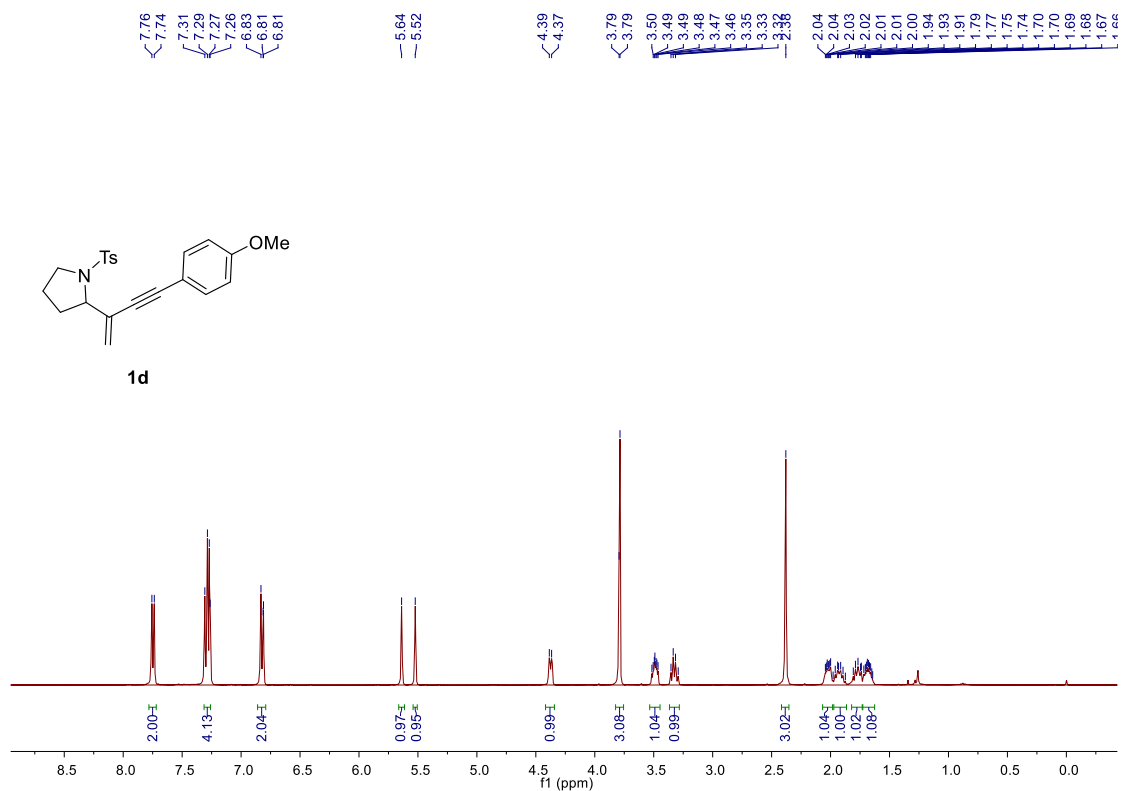
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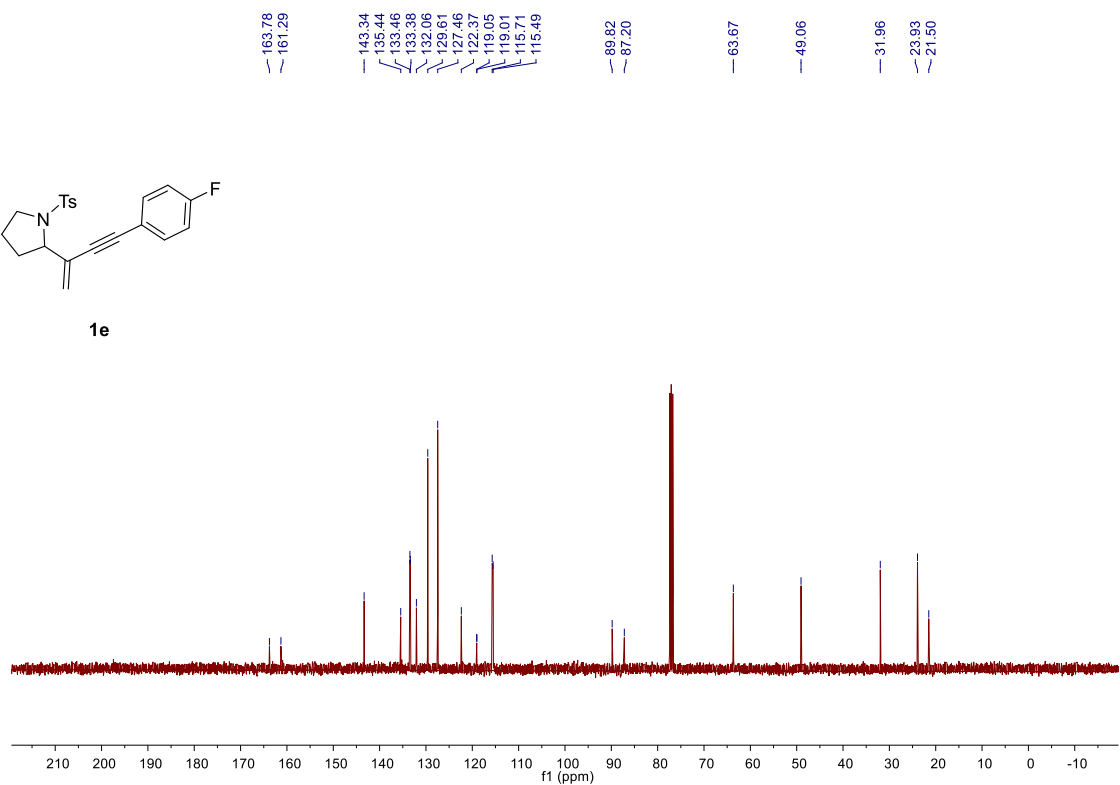
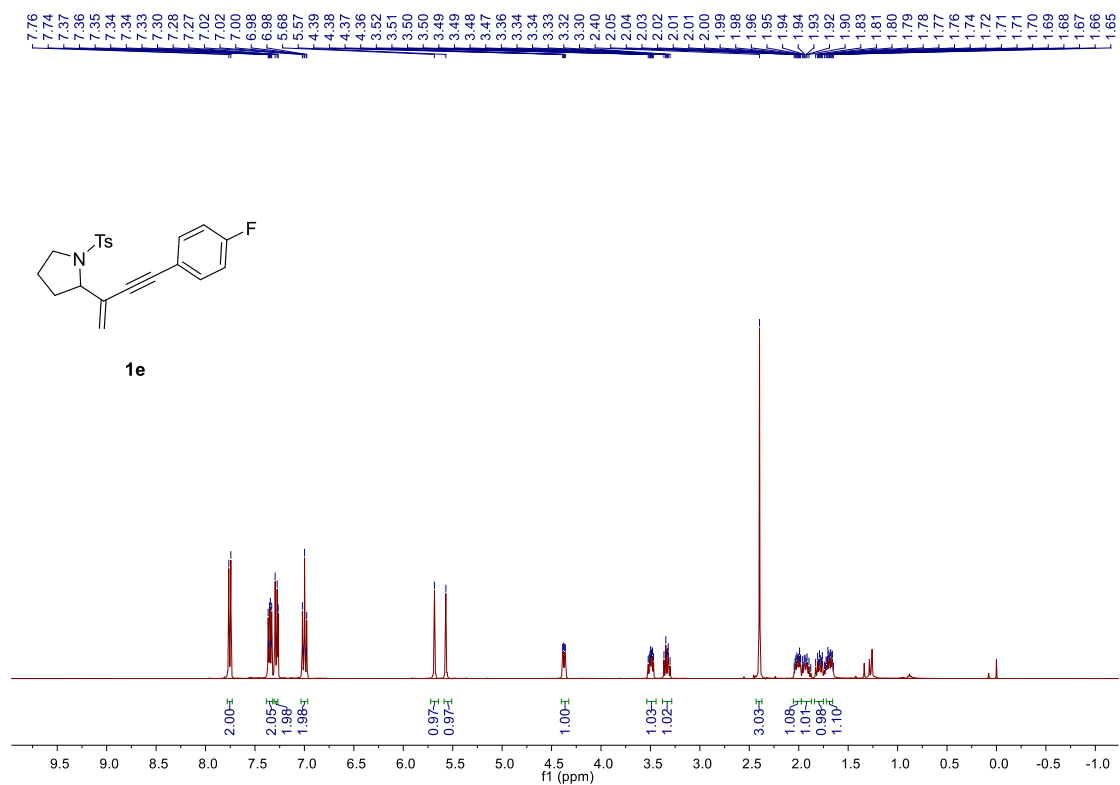
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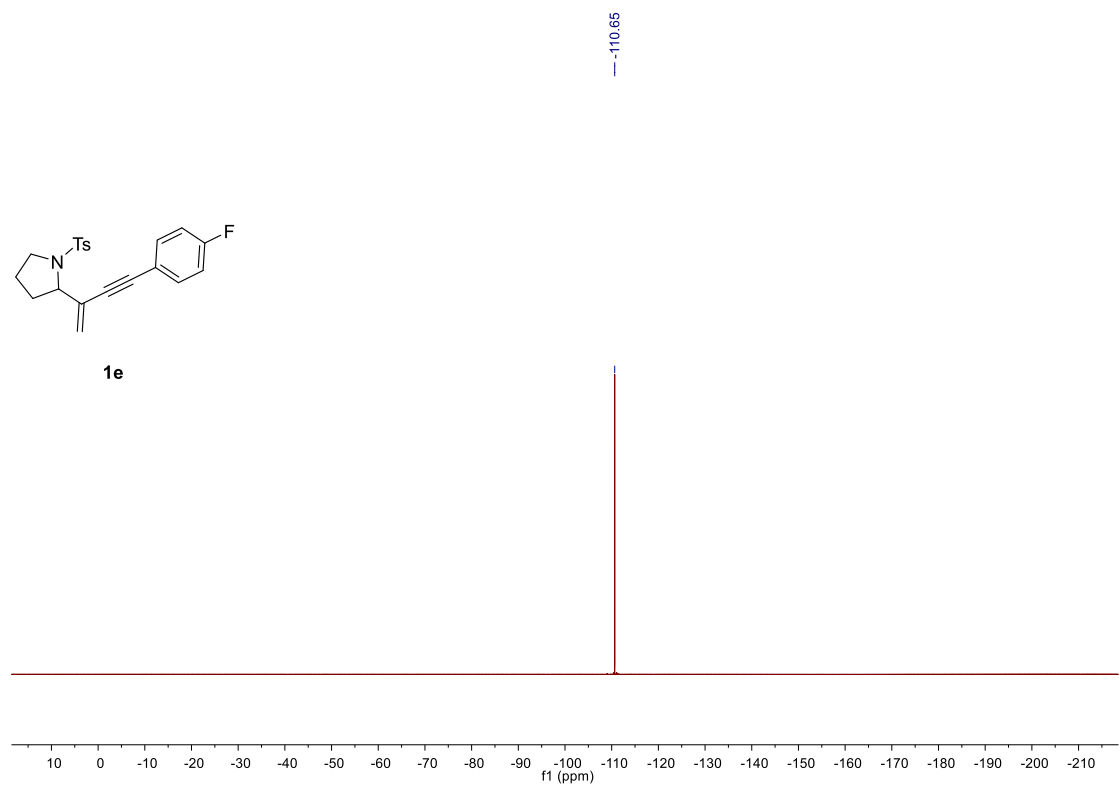


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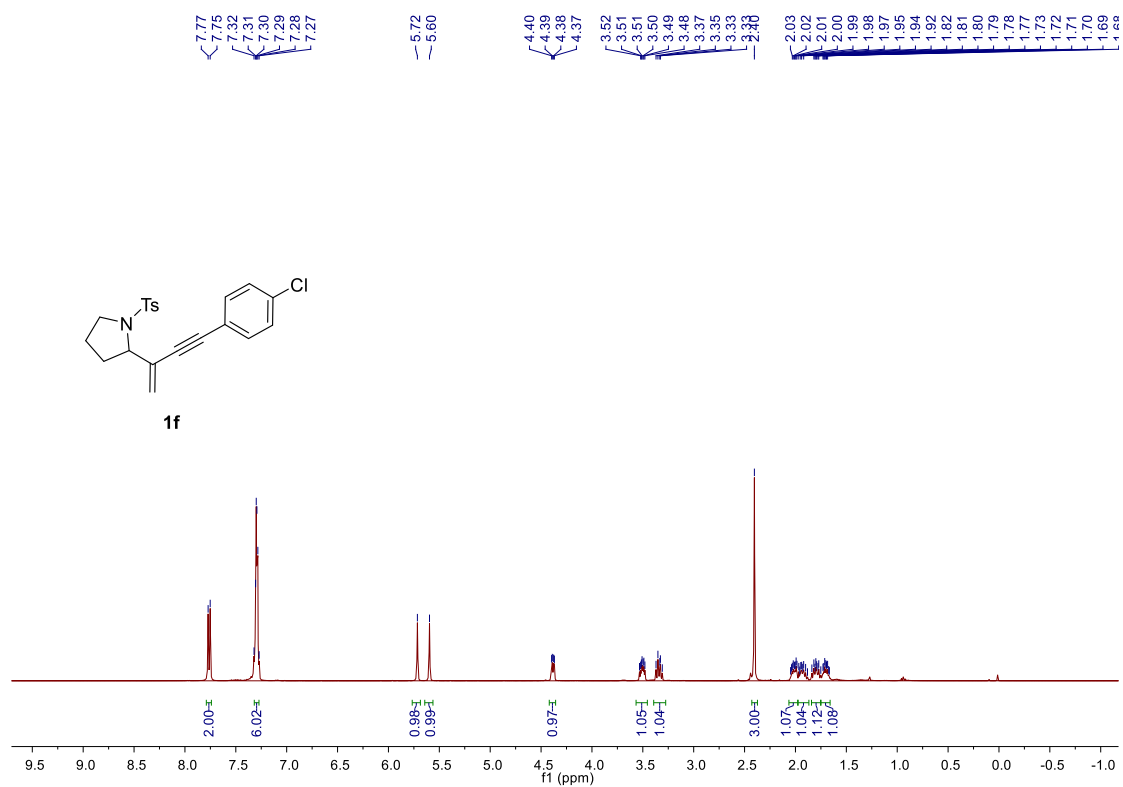


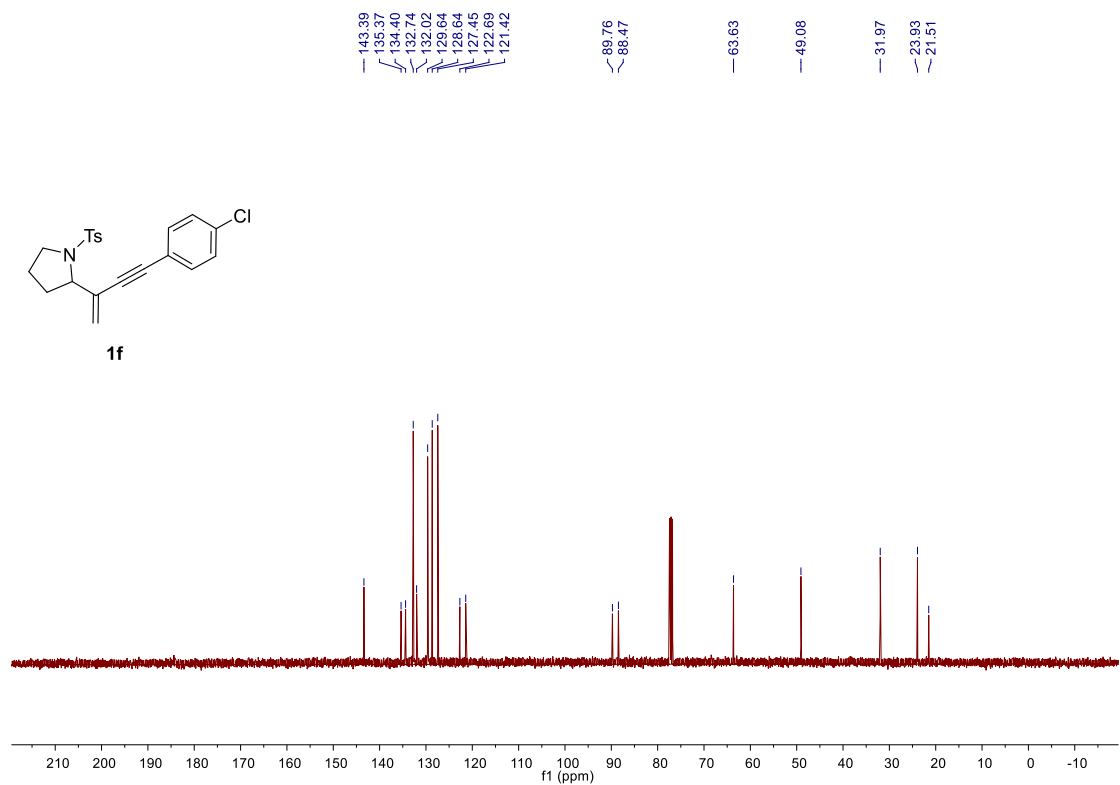
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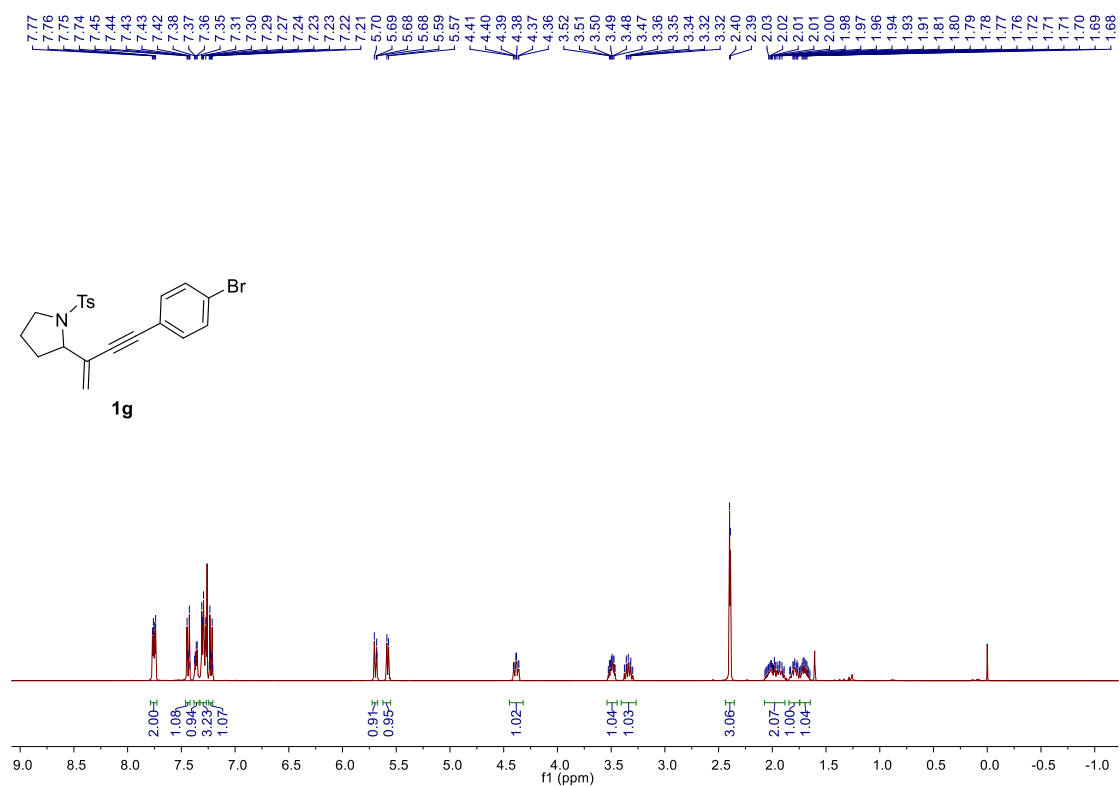


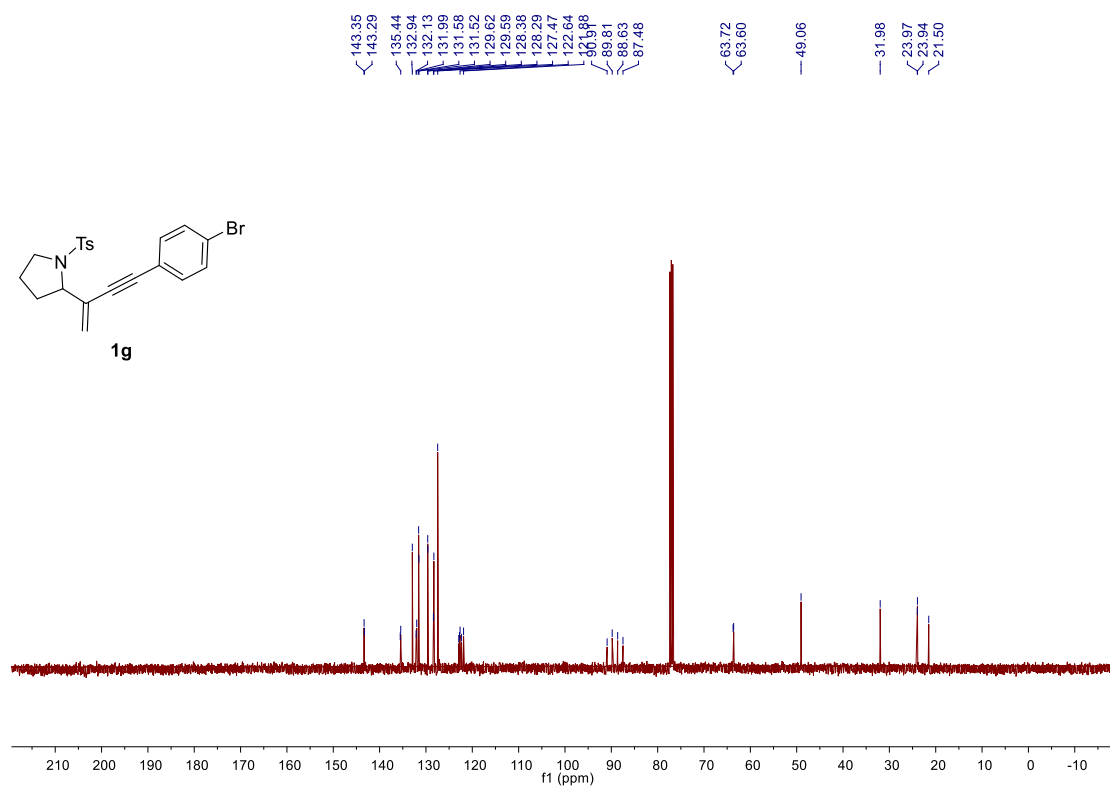
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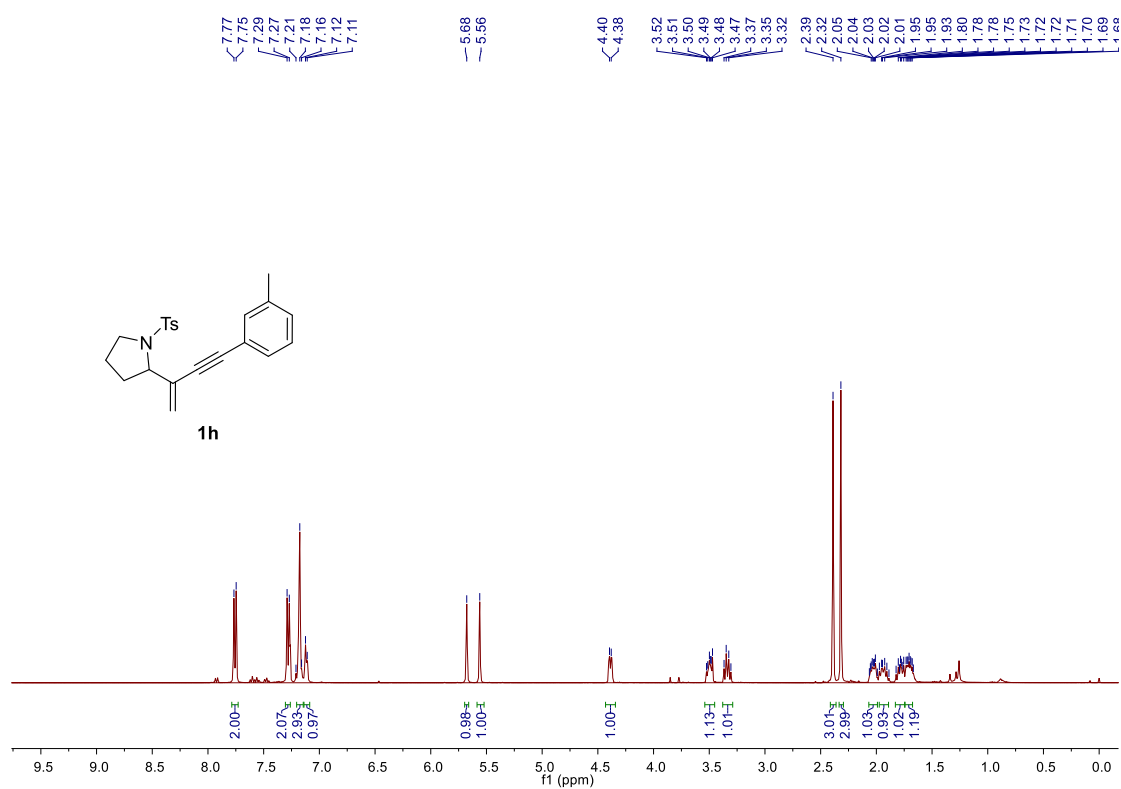


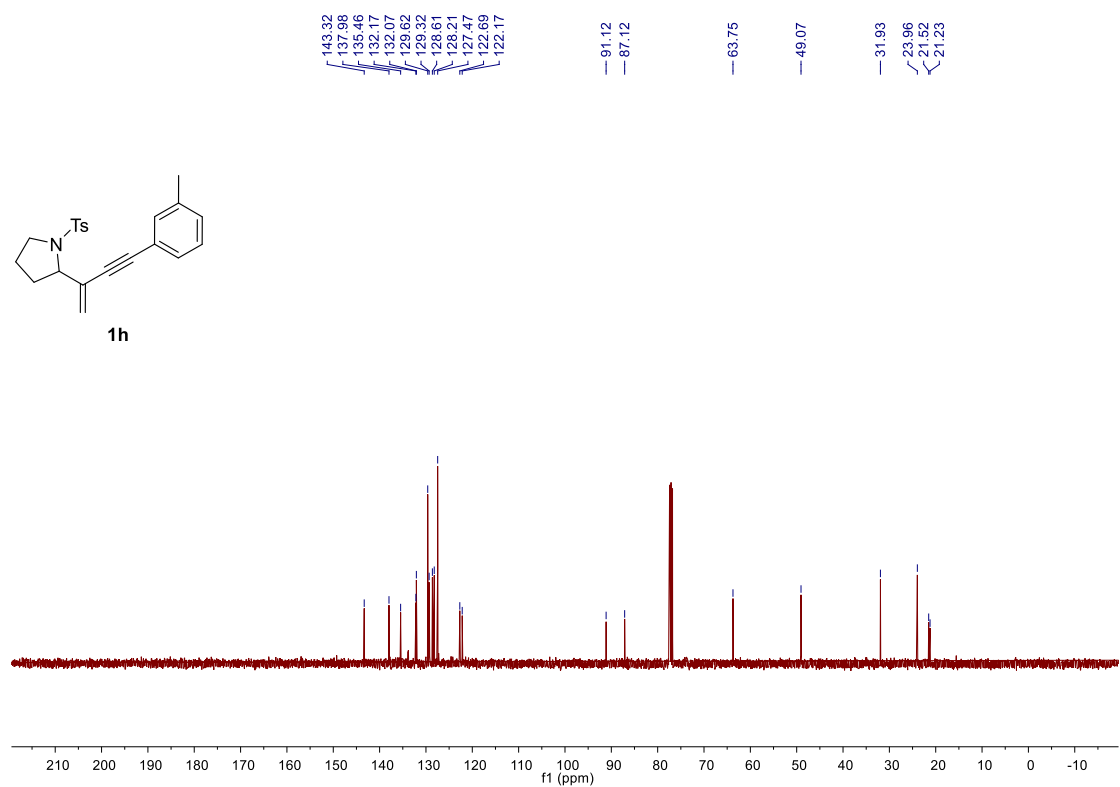
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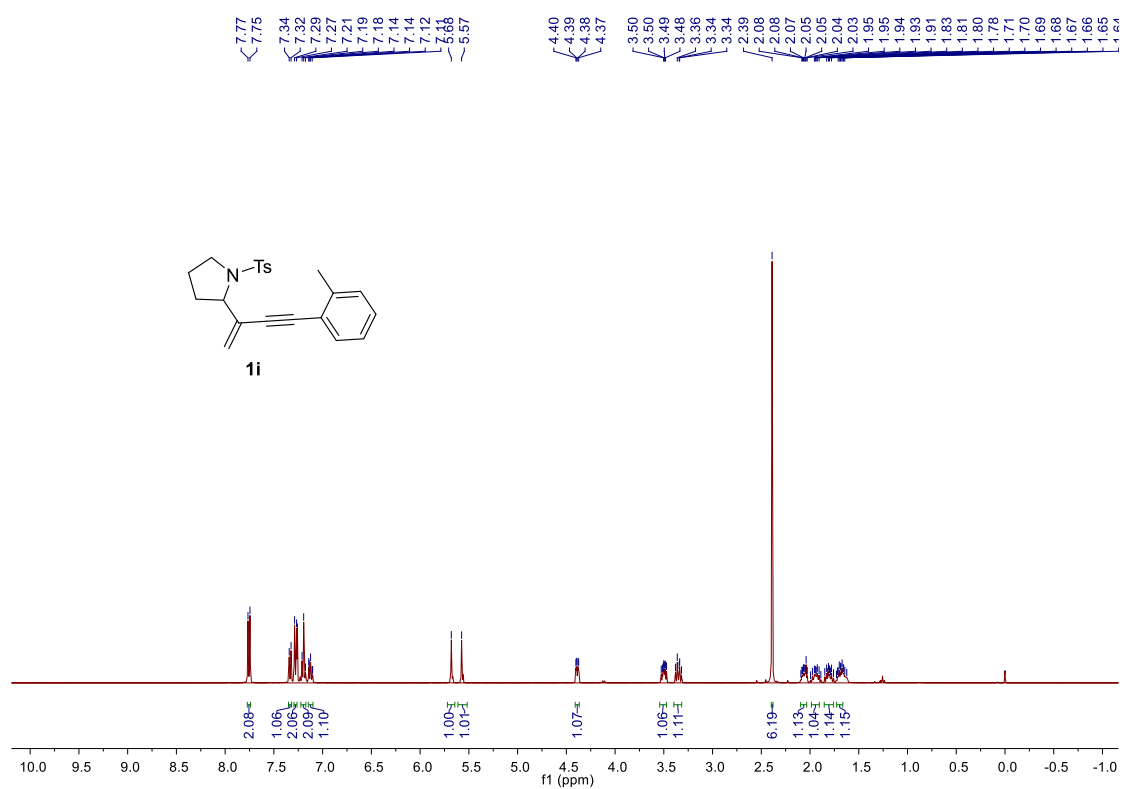


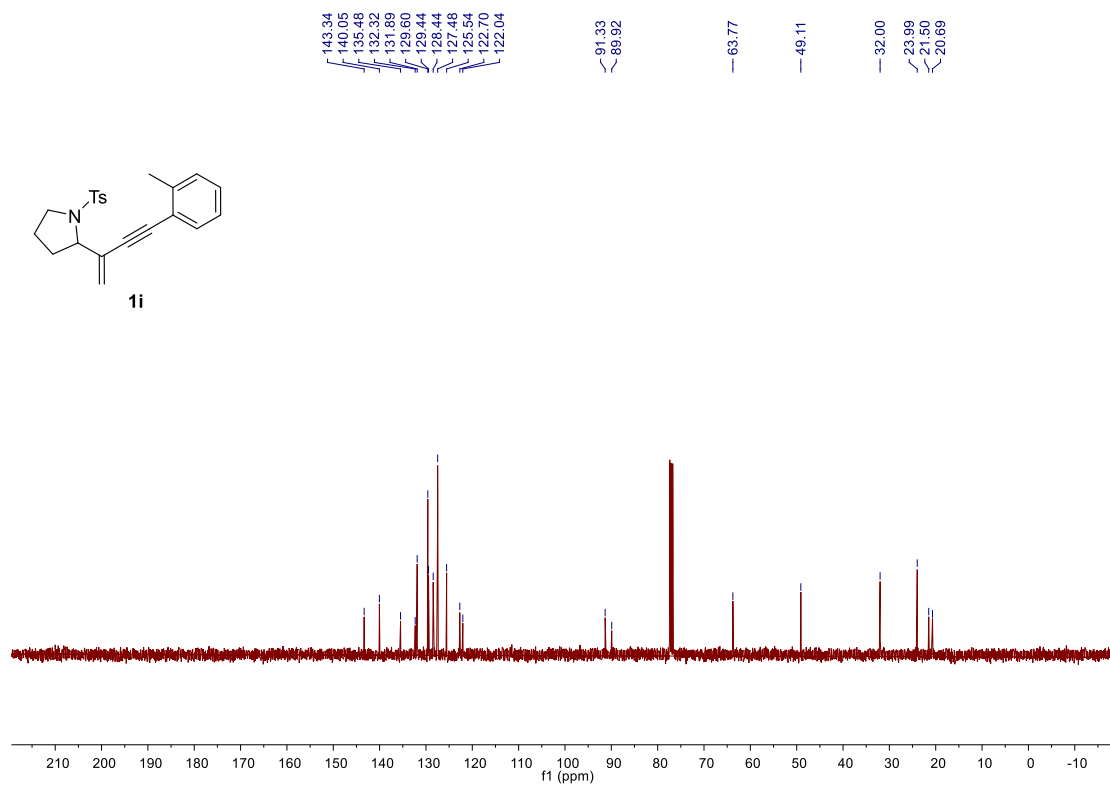
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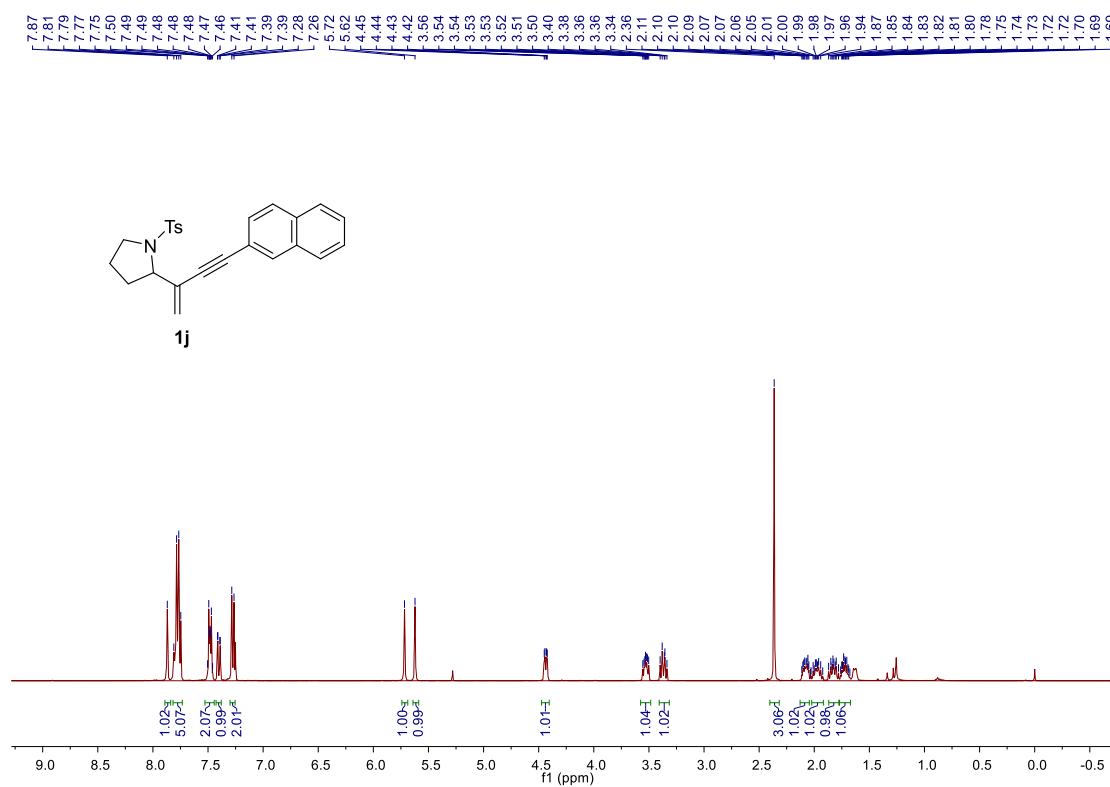


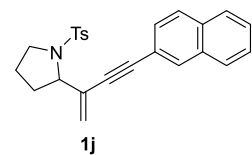
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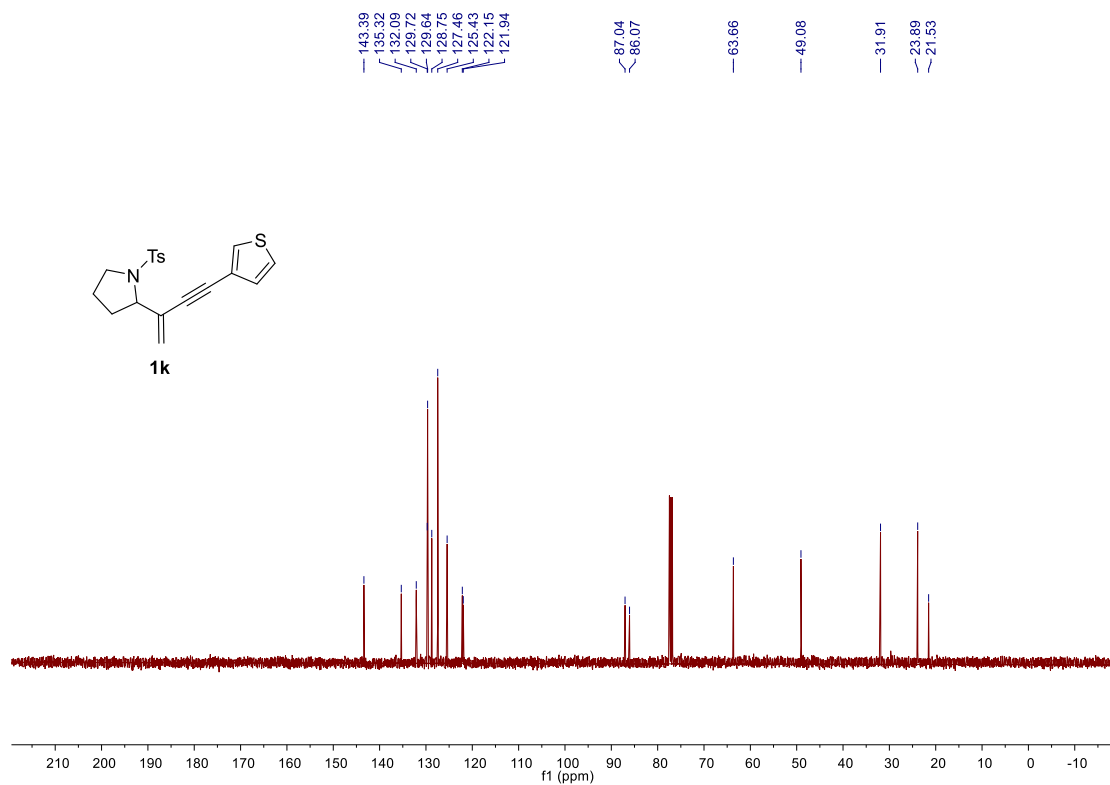


Chemical structure of **1k**: CC1(CCN1C(=C)C#CC2=CC=CS2)C3=CC=CC=C3C(=O)O

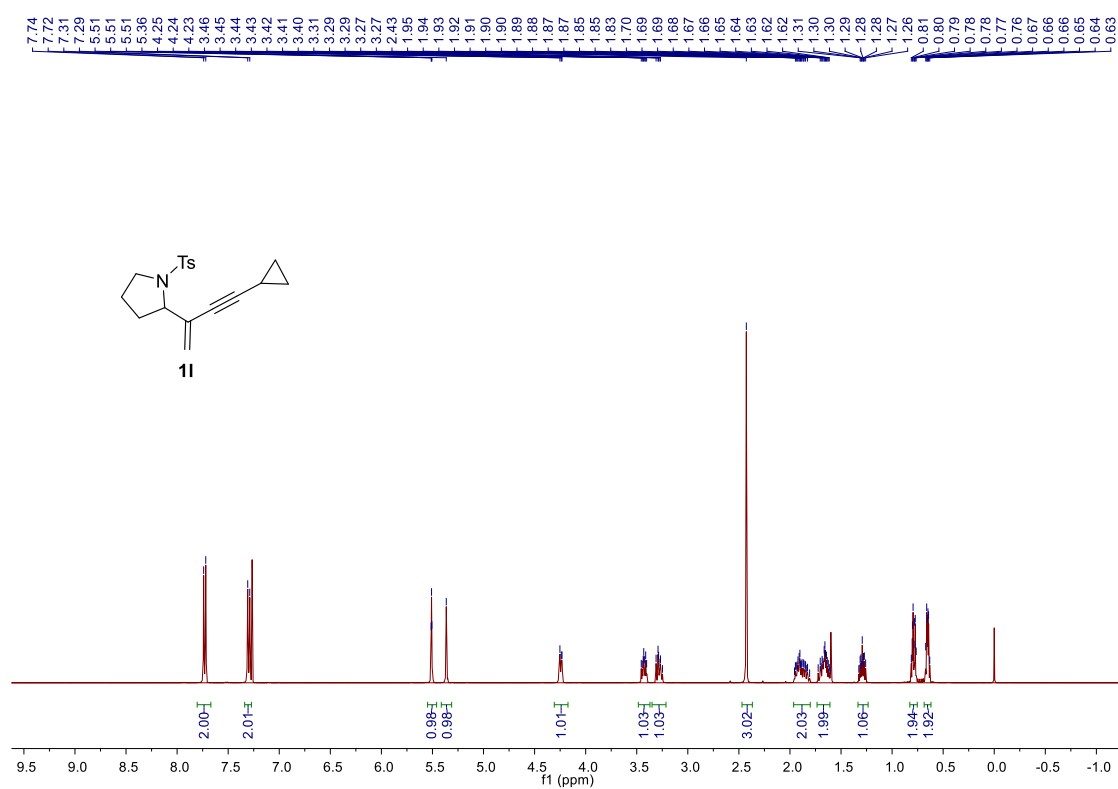
¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of **1k**. The x-axis represents the chemical shift in ppm, ranging from 9.0 to -1.0. The spectrum shows several multiplets in the aromatic region (7.0-7.8 ppm), a doublet at 5.6 ppm, a singlet at 4.4 ppm, a multiplet at 3.4 ppm, a sharp singlet at 2.4 ppm, and a multiplet in the aliphatic region (1.5-2.0 ppm). Integration values are shown below the baseline, and a list of chemical shifts (δ) is provided on the right.

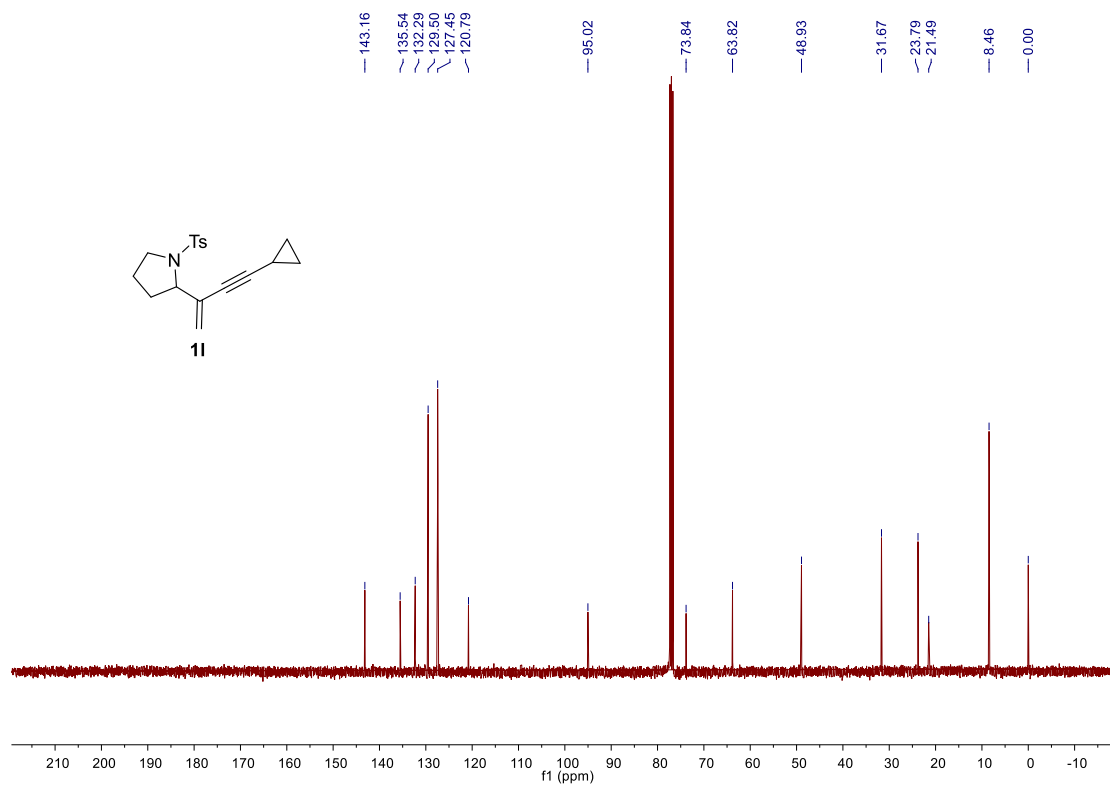
Chemical shifts (δ) listed on the right: 7.76, 7.74, 7.73, 7.38, 7.30, 7.28, 7.27, 7.26, 7.25, 7.25, 7.06, 7.04, 5.68, 5.56, 4.37, 4.35, 3.52, 3.51, 3.49, 3.48, 3.48, 3.47, 3.34, 3.32, 3.30, 3.28, 2.40, 2.03, 2.02, 2.01, 2.00, 1.99, 1.99, 1.97, 1.95, 1.93, 1.90, 1.88, 1.86, 1.80, 1.78, 1.76, 1.74, 1.73, 1.71, 1.69, 1.68, 1.67, 1.66, 1.65.

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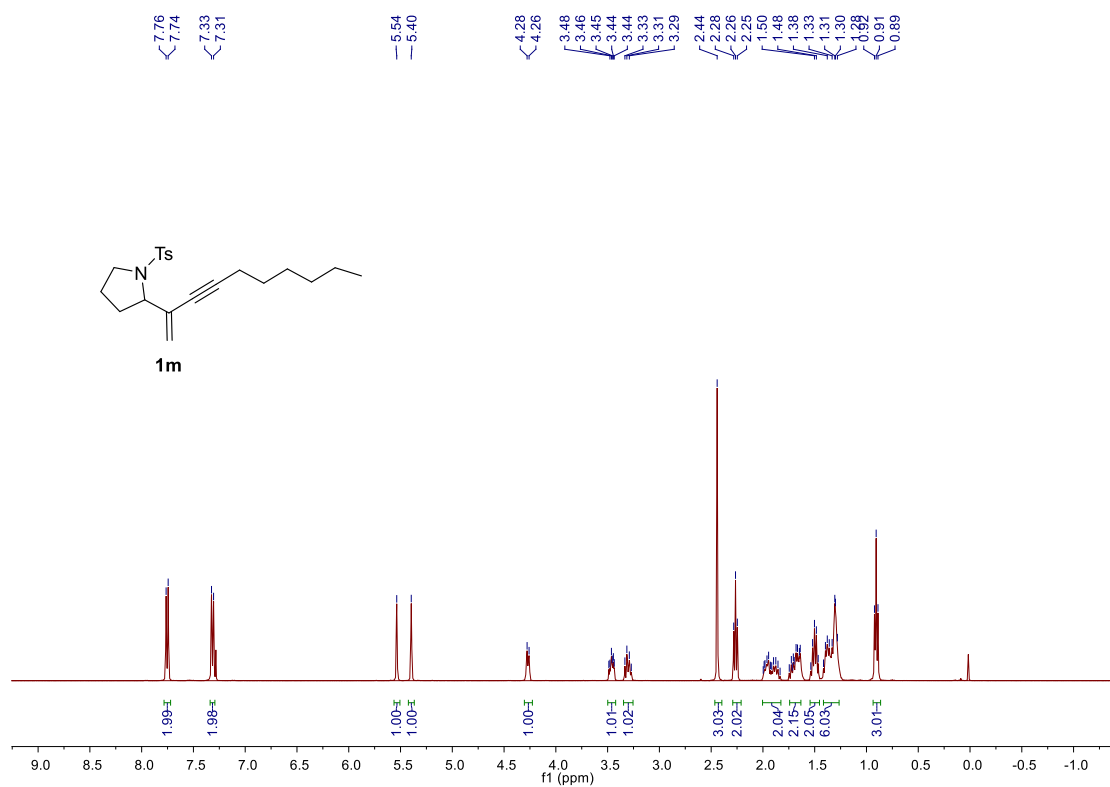


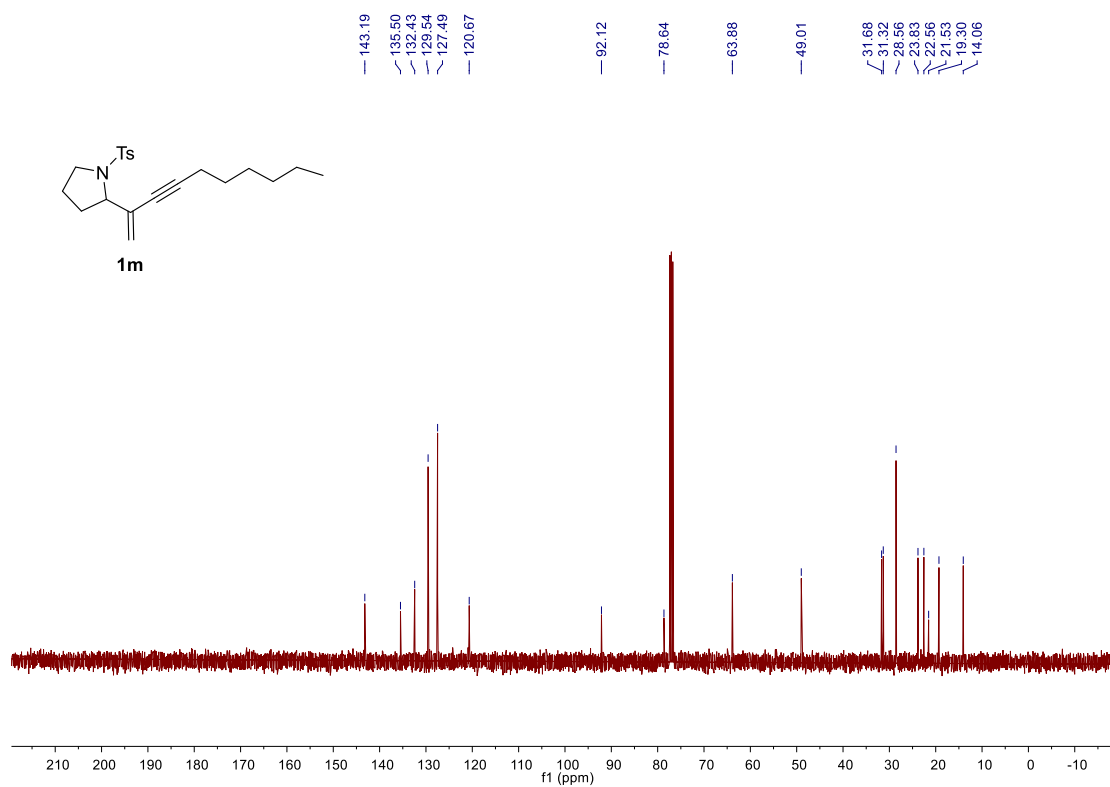
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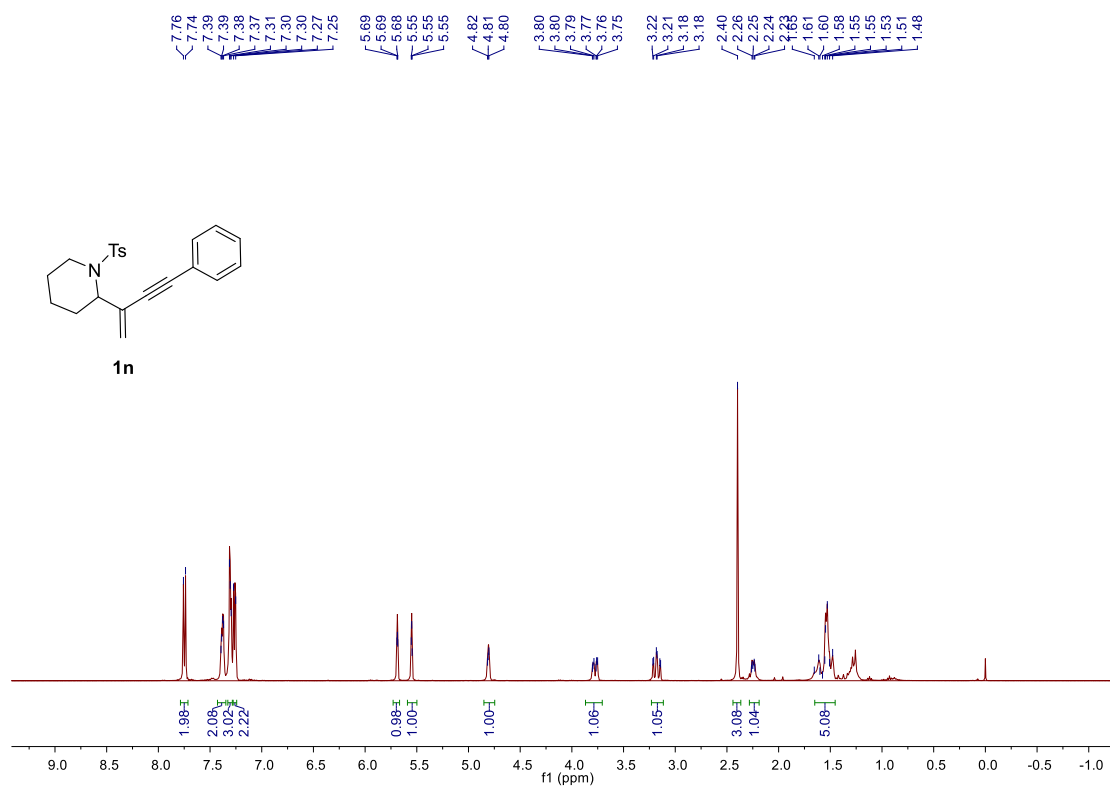


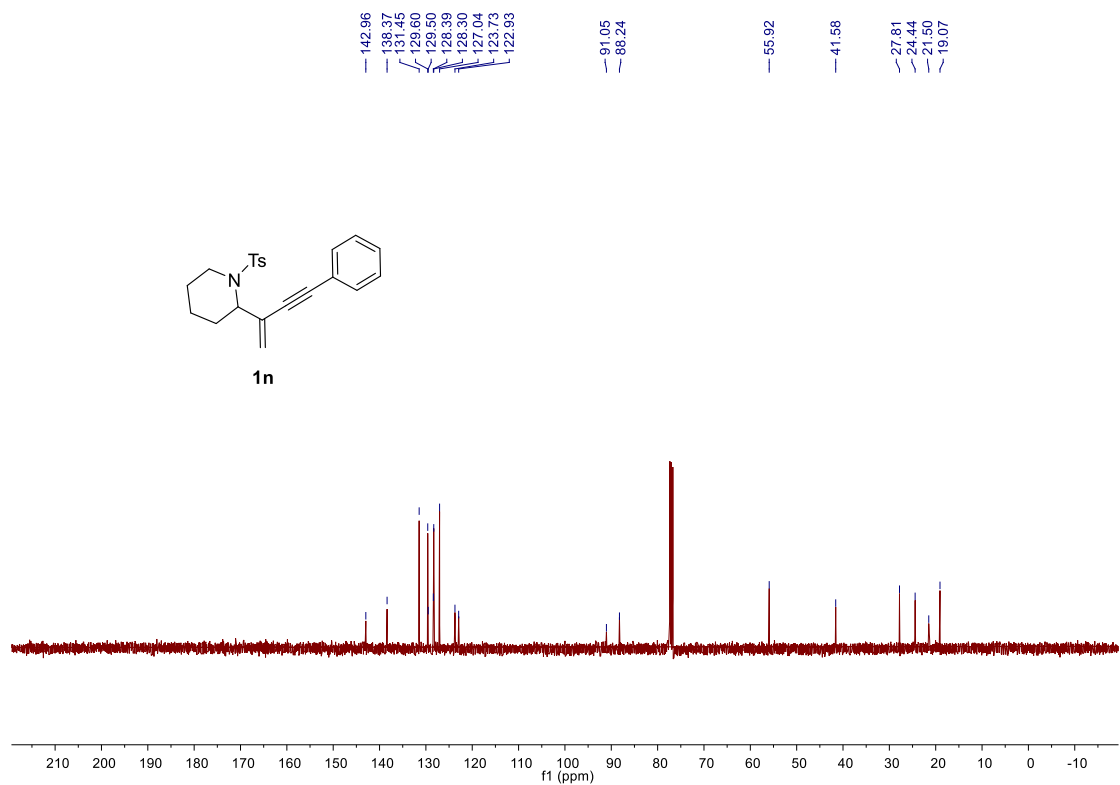
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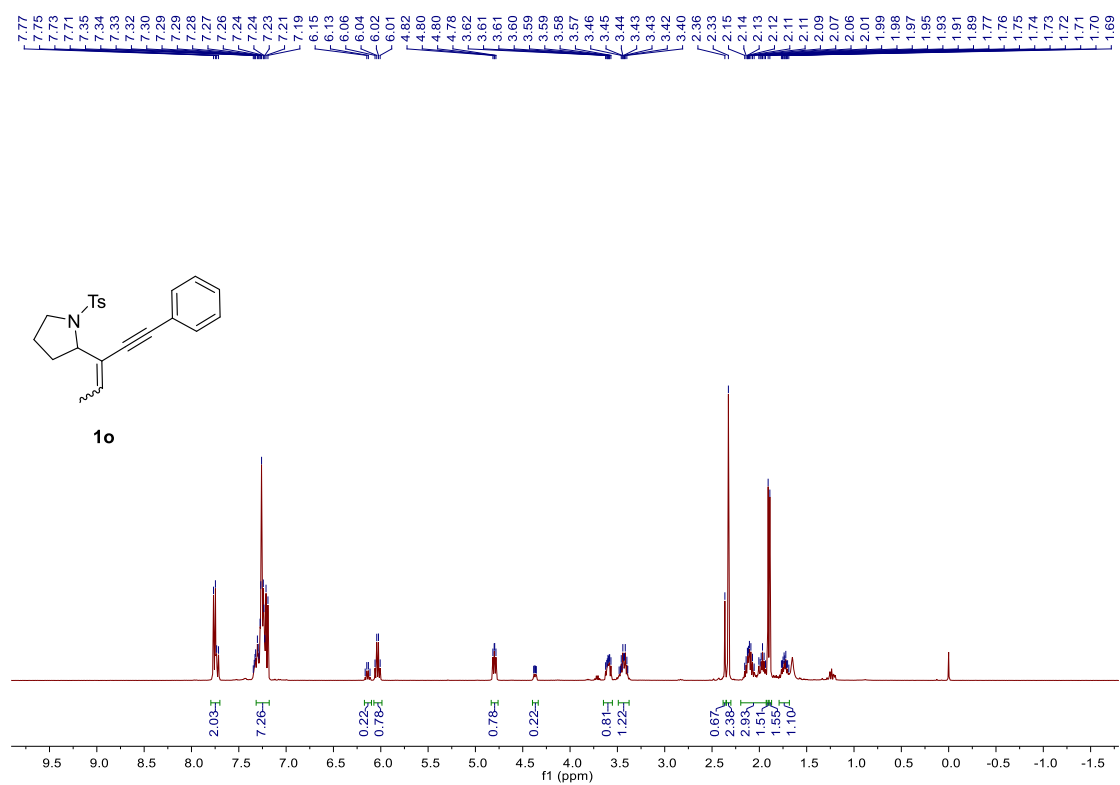


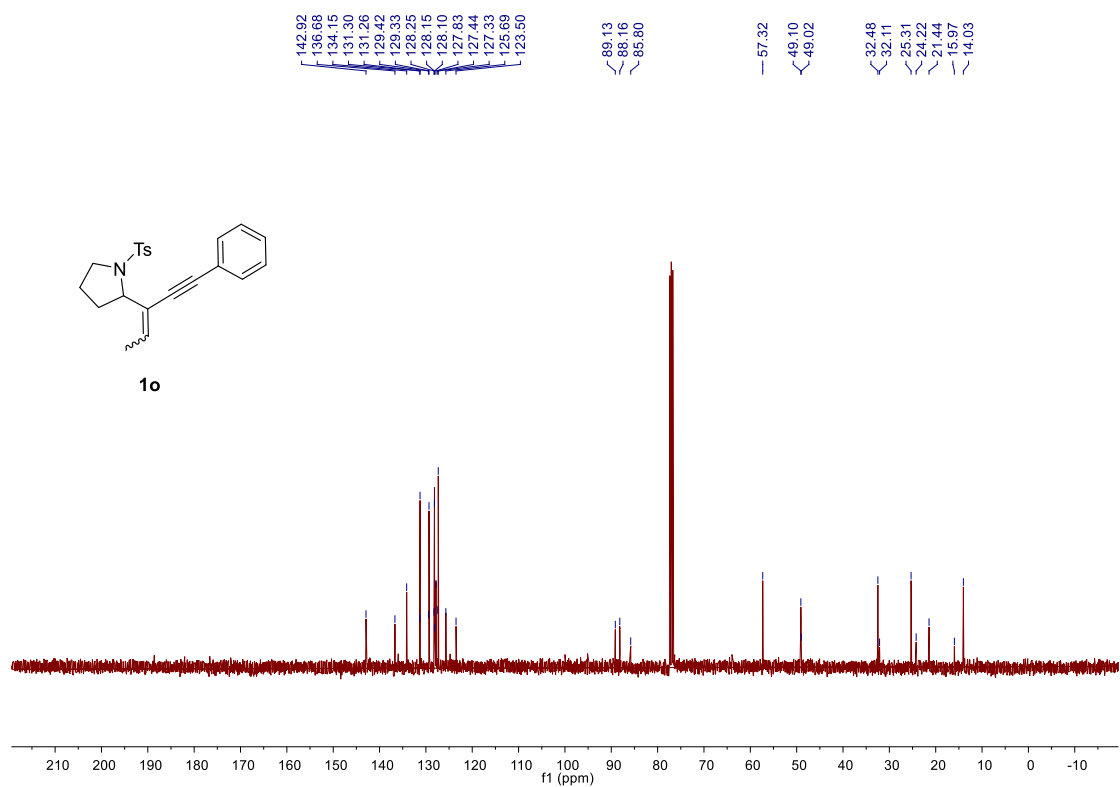
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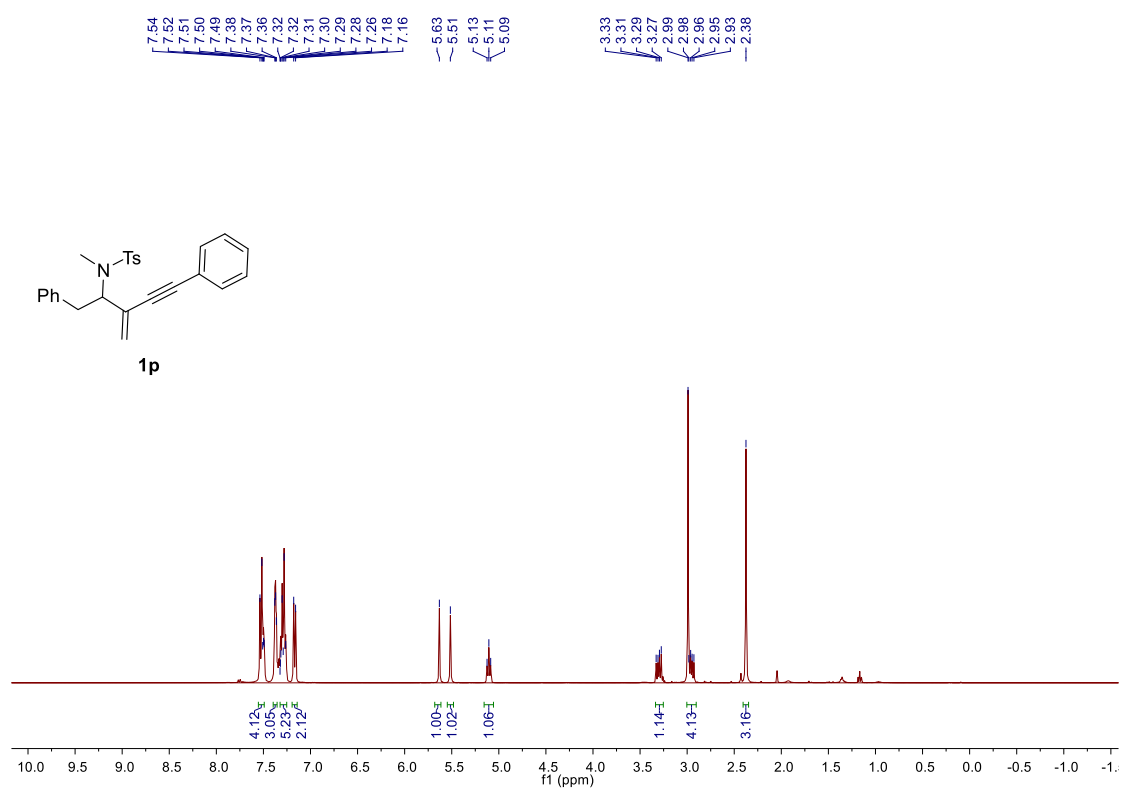


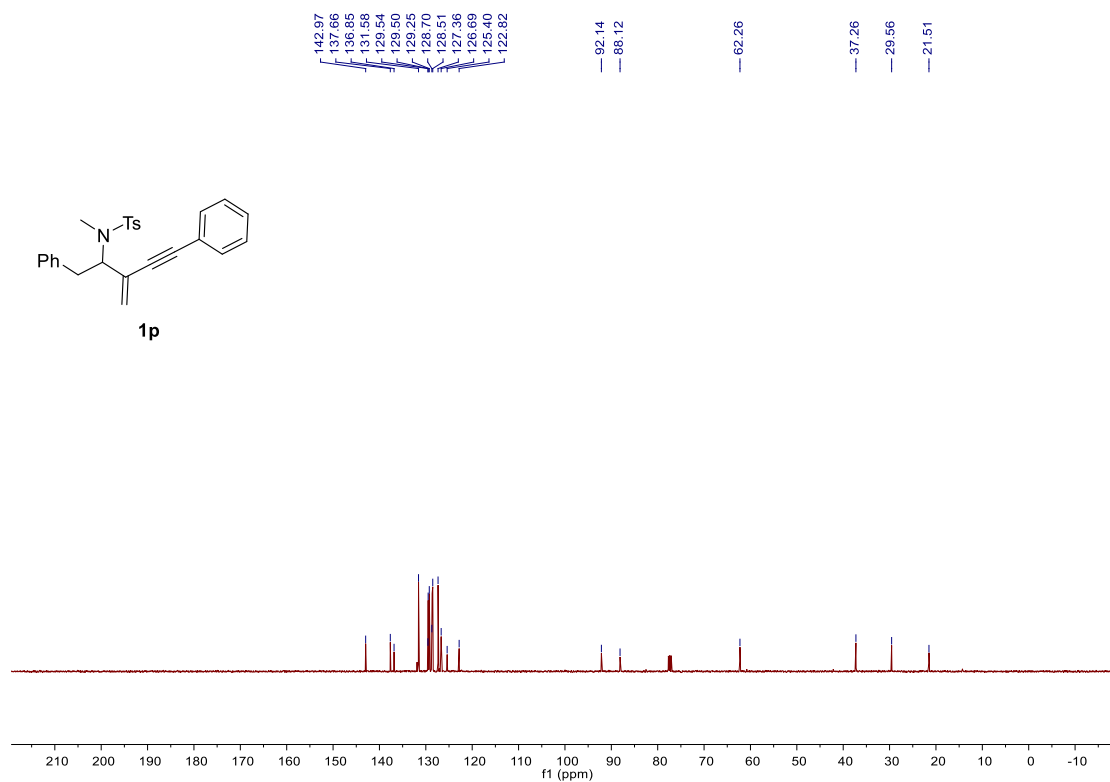
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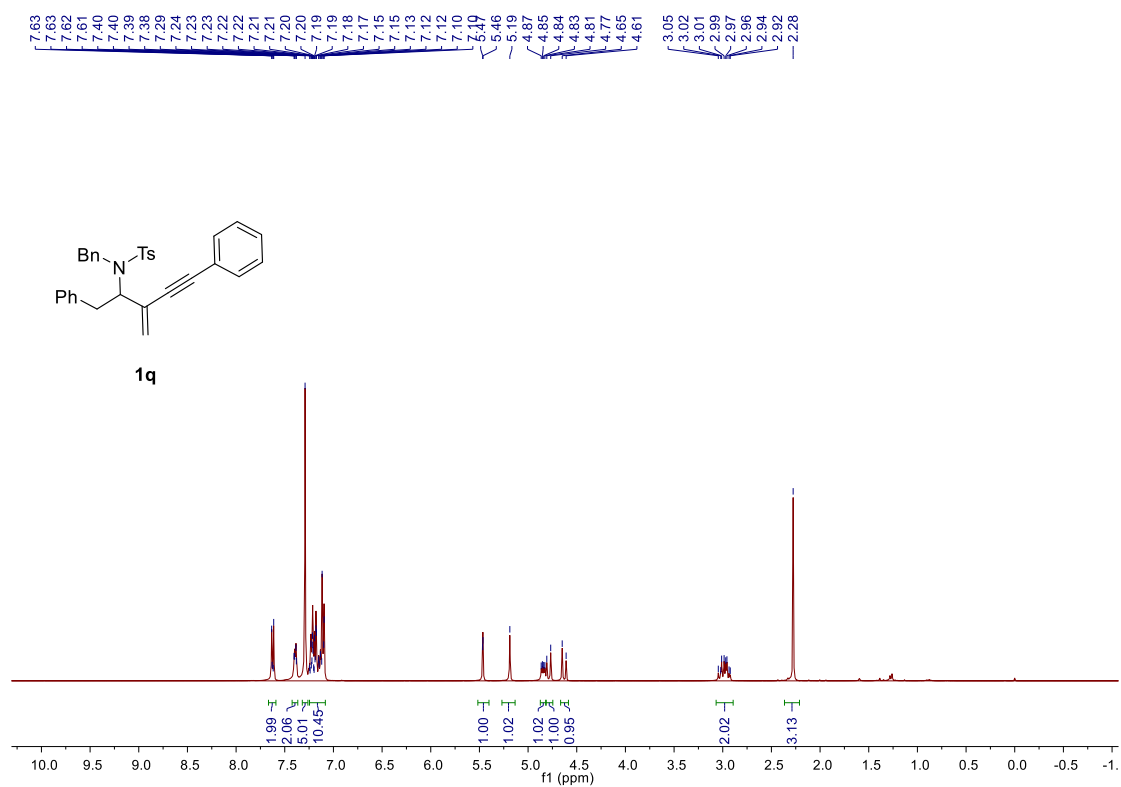


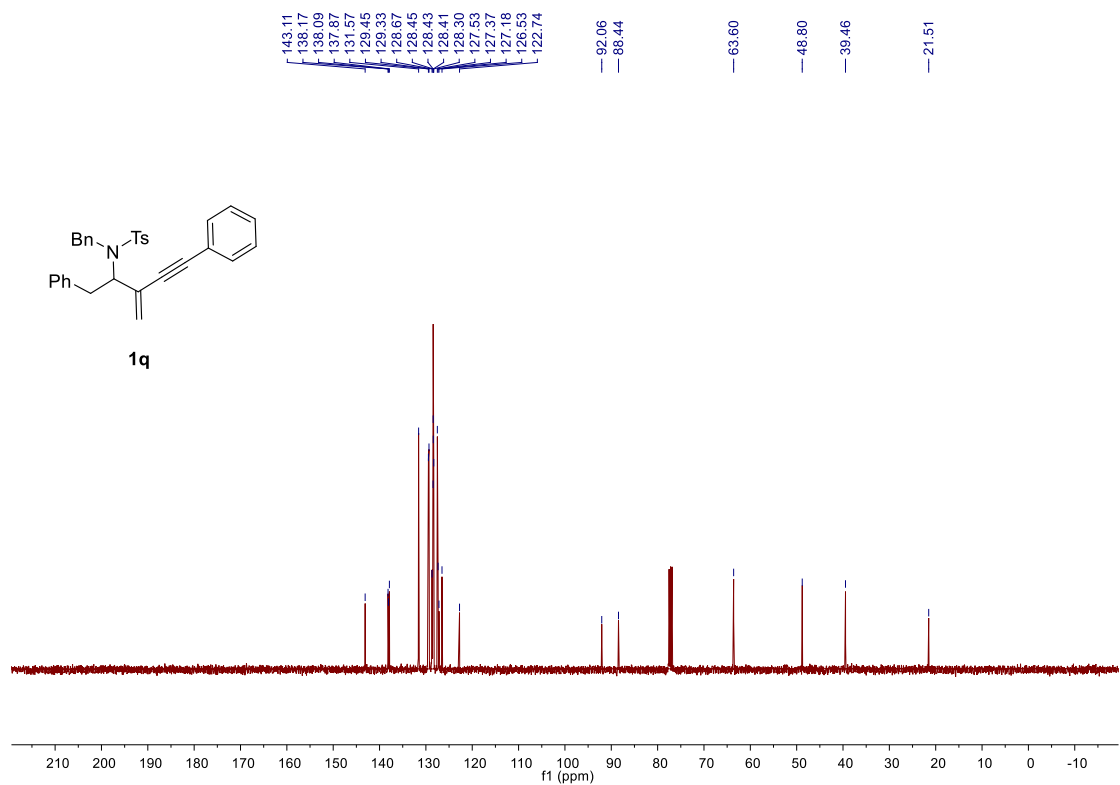
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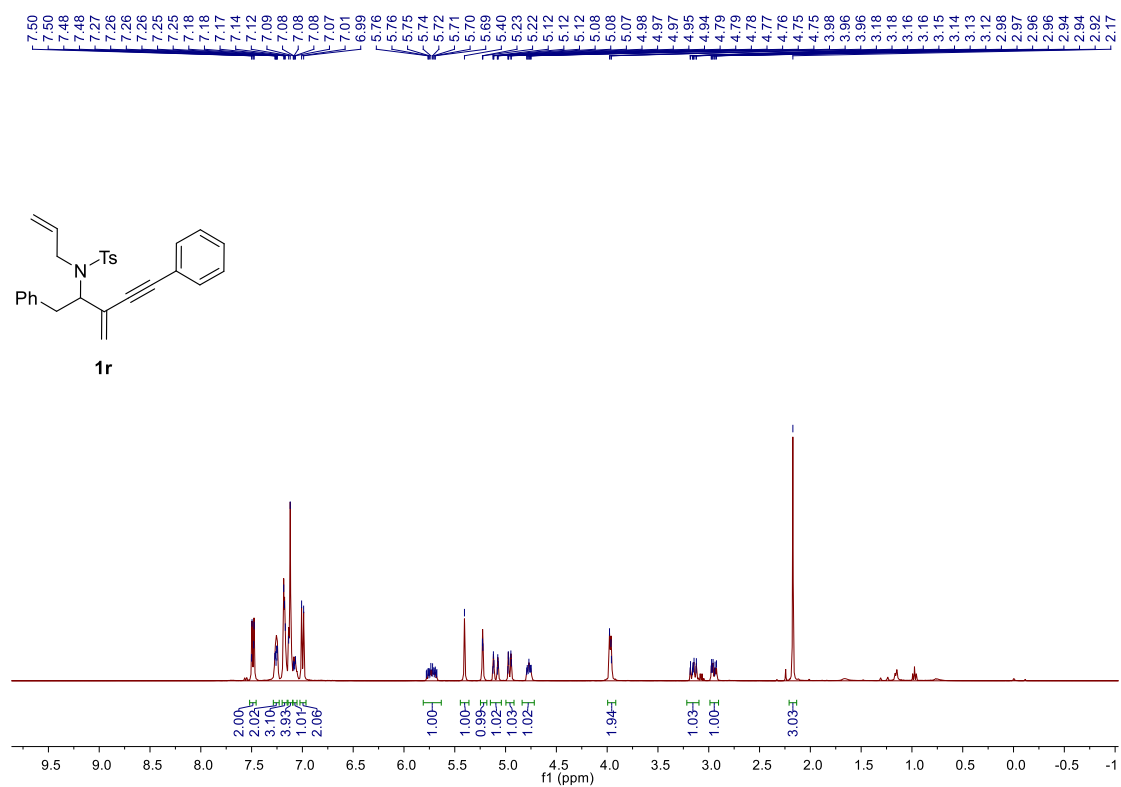


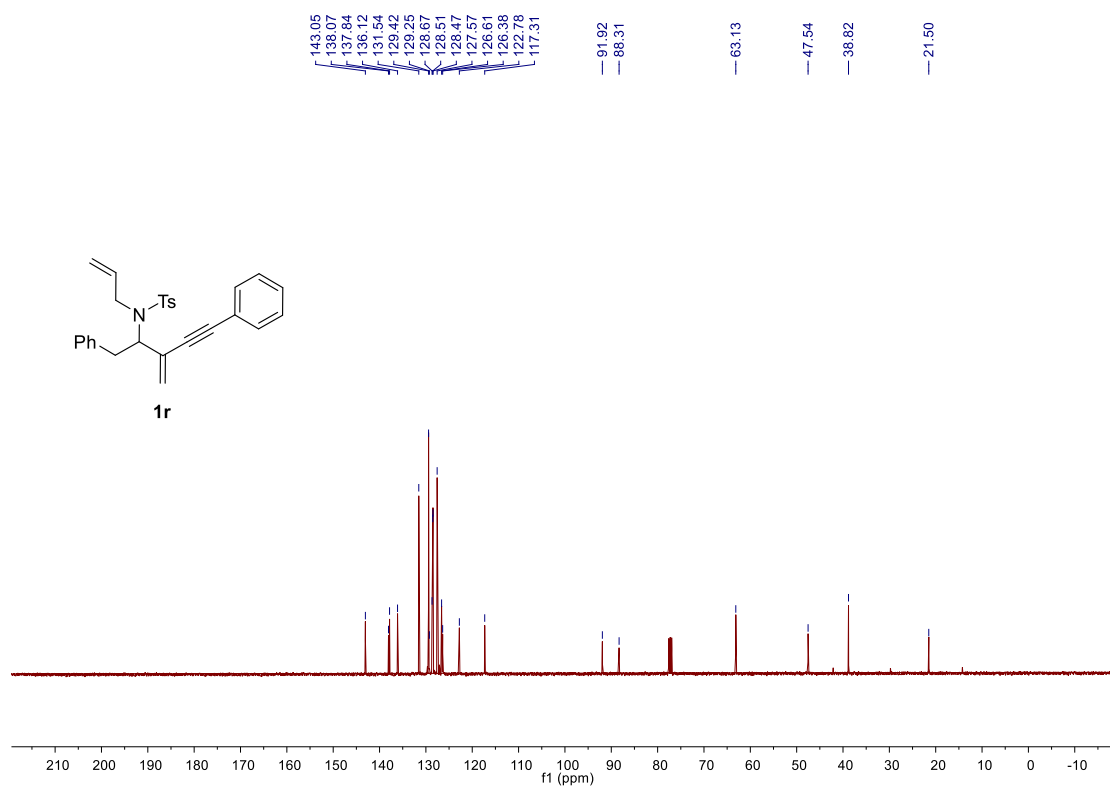
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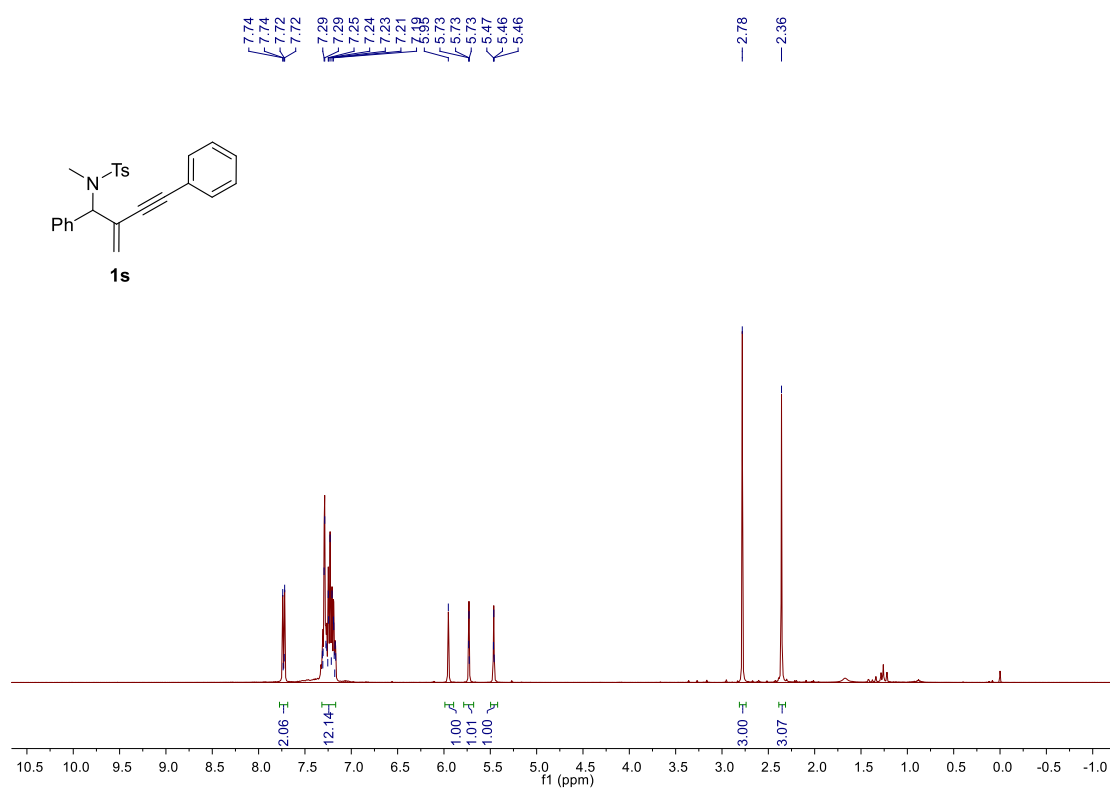


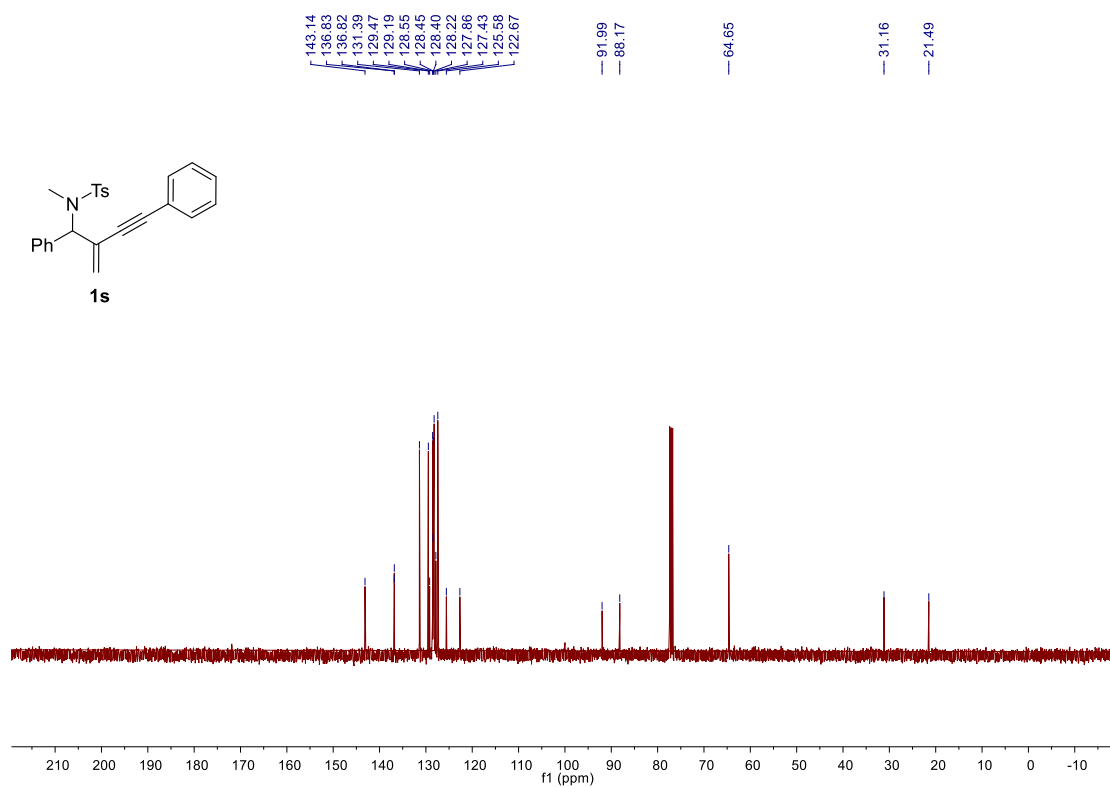
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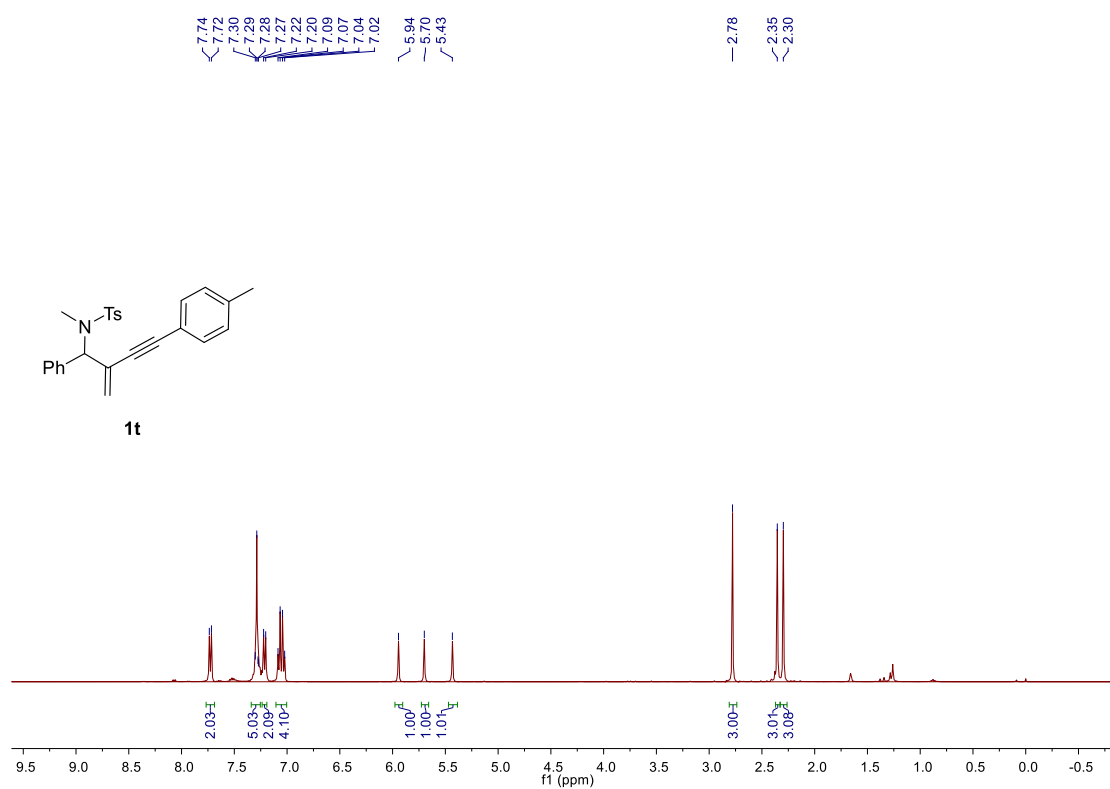


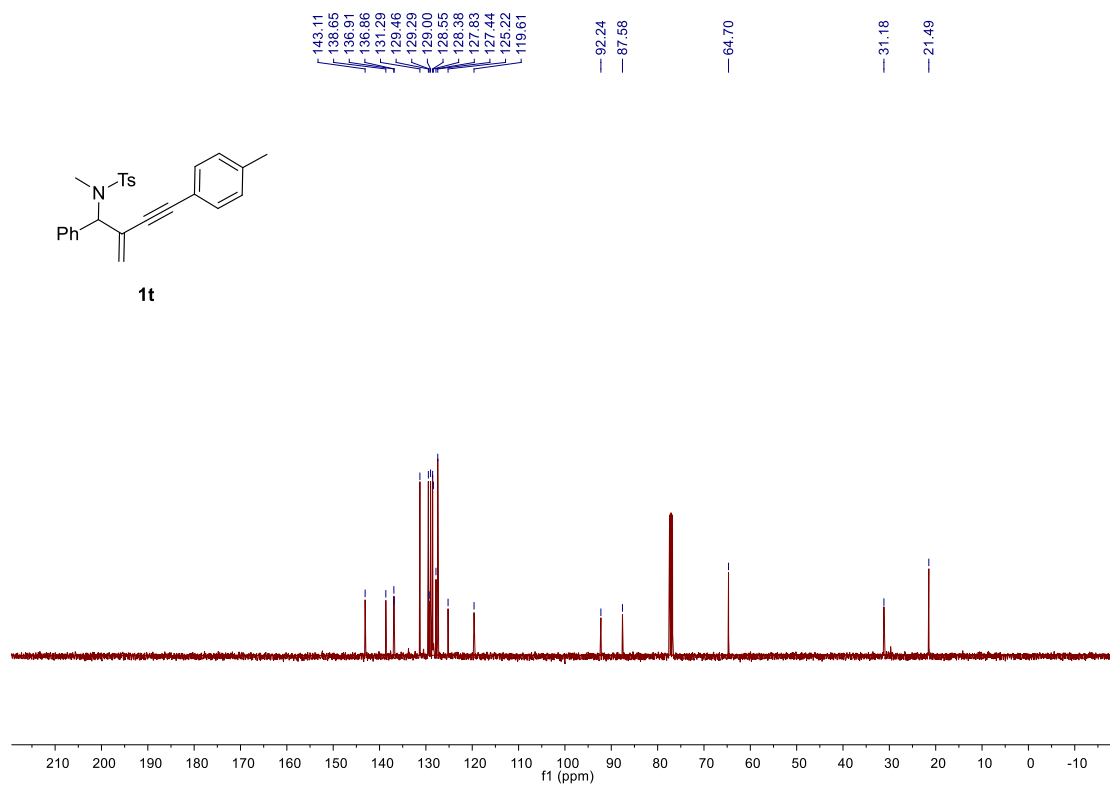
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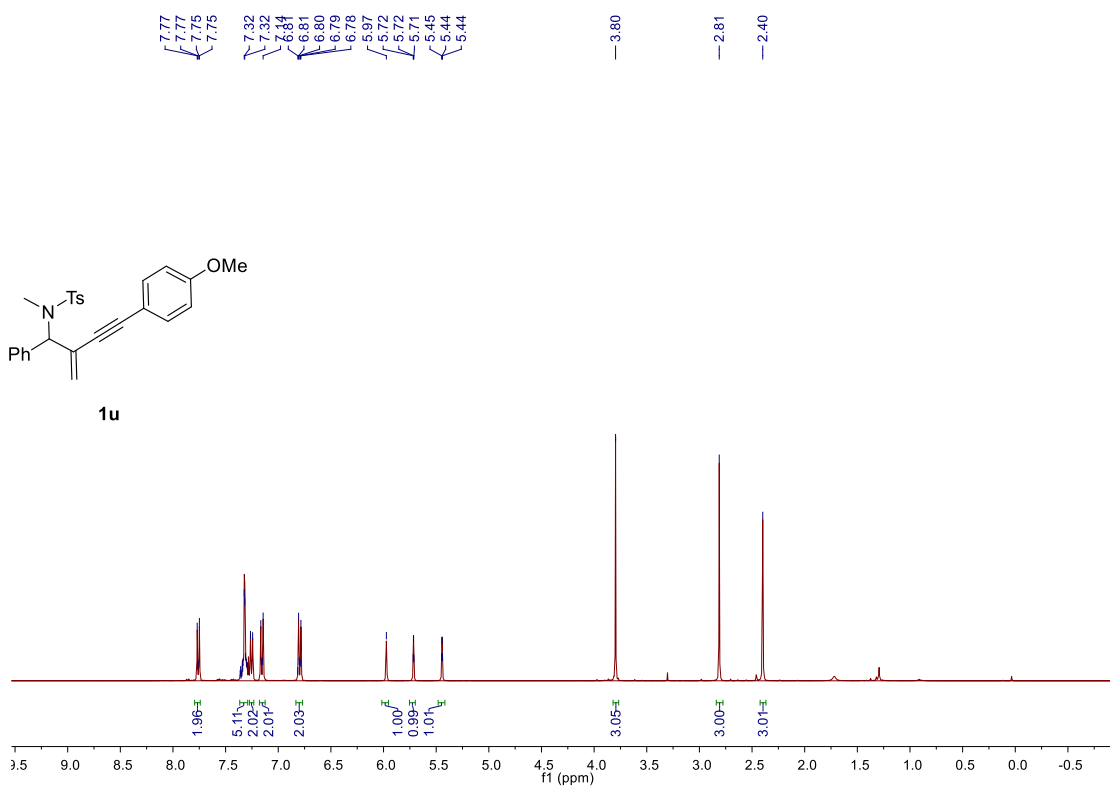


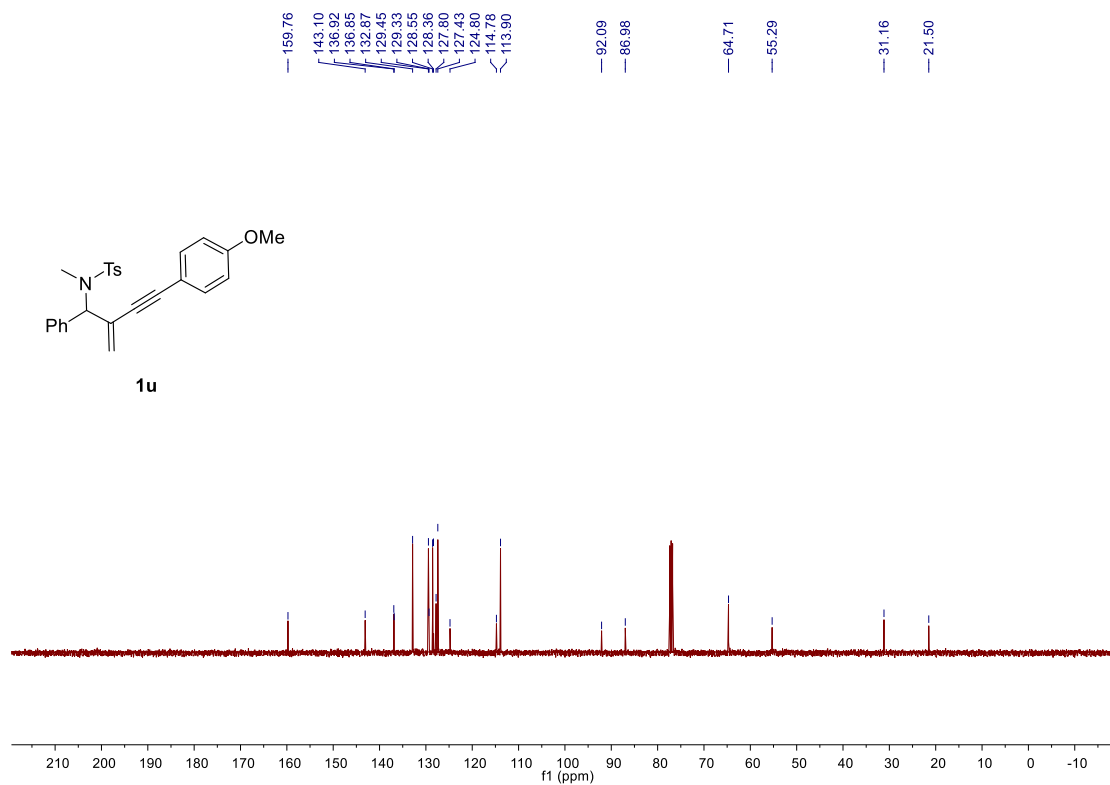
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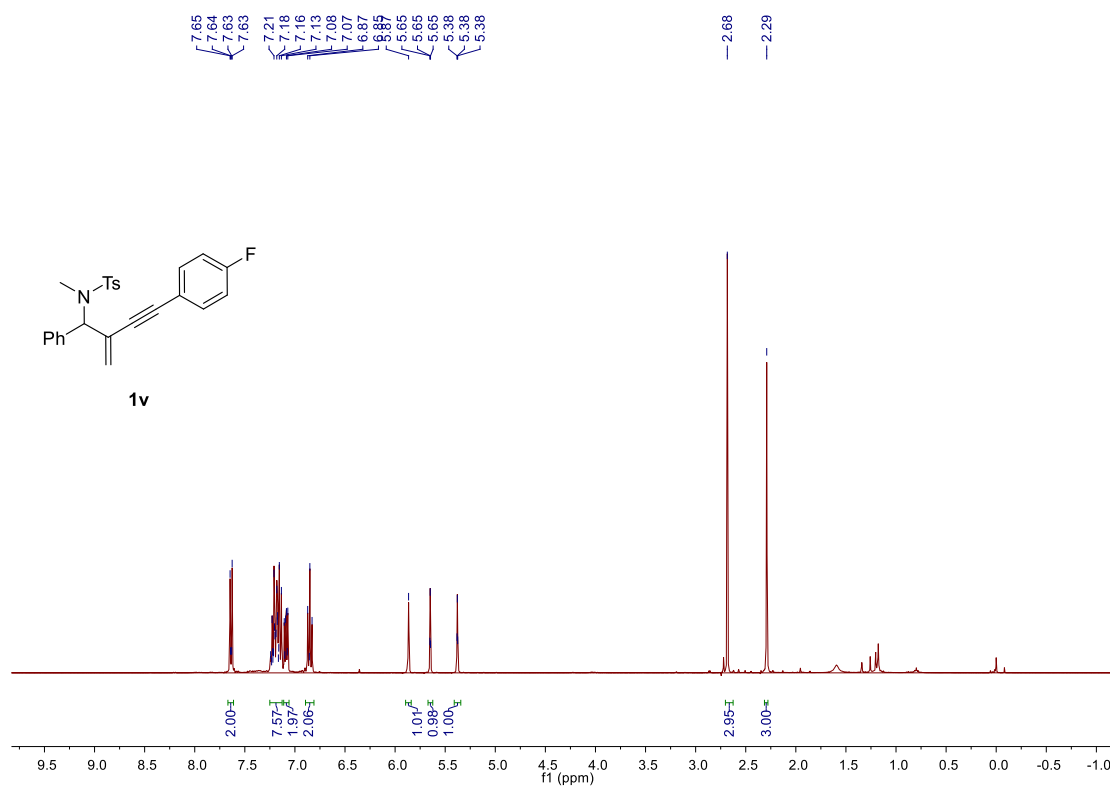


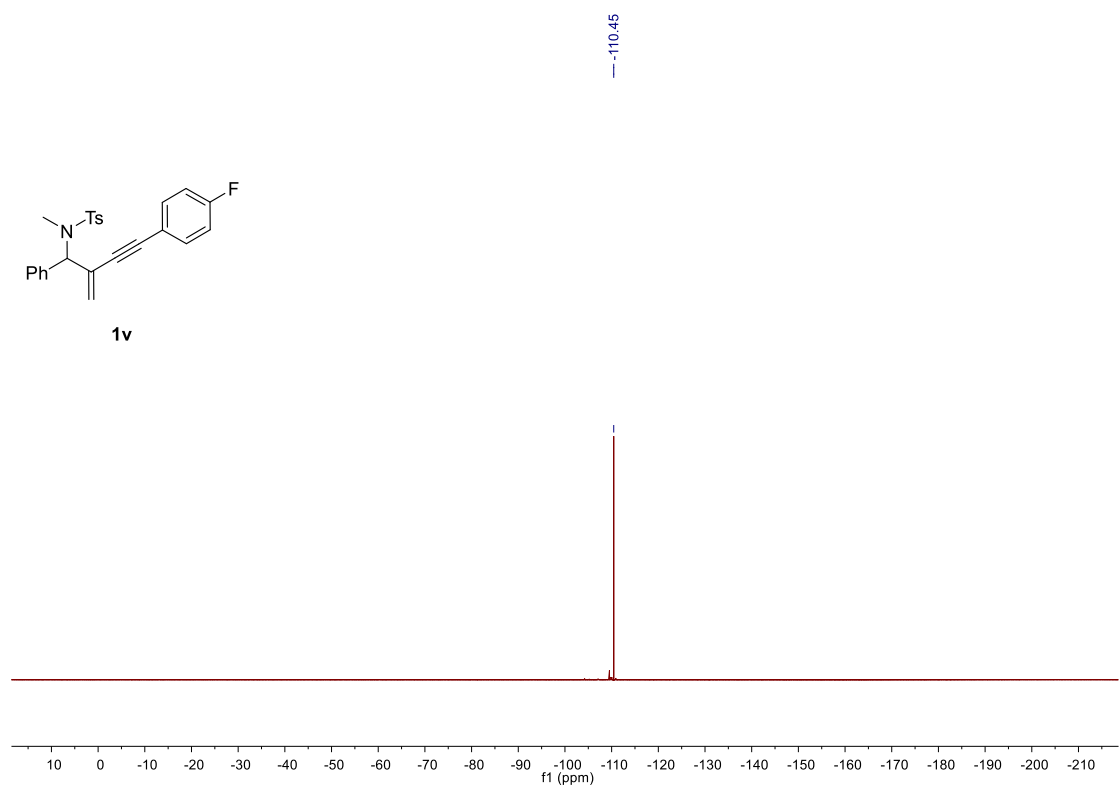
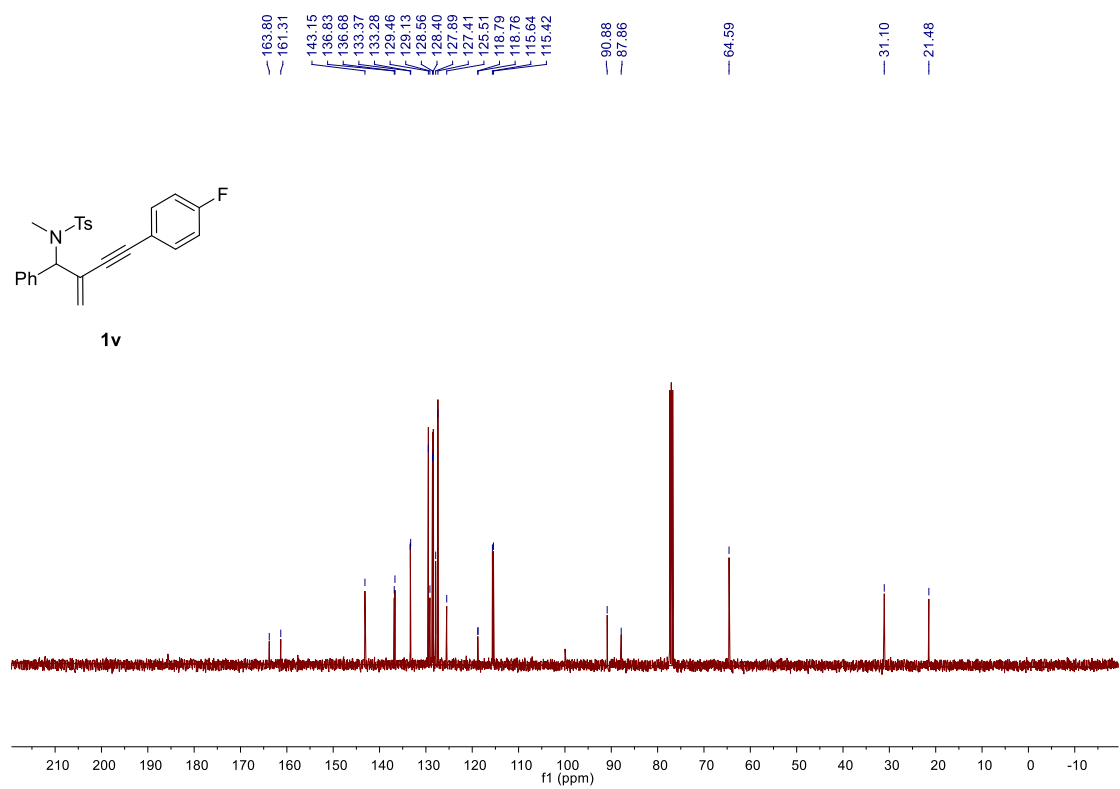
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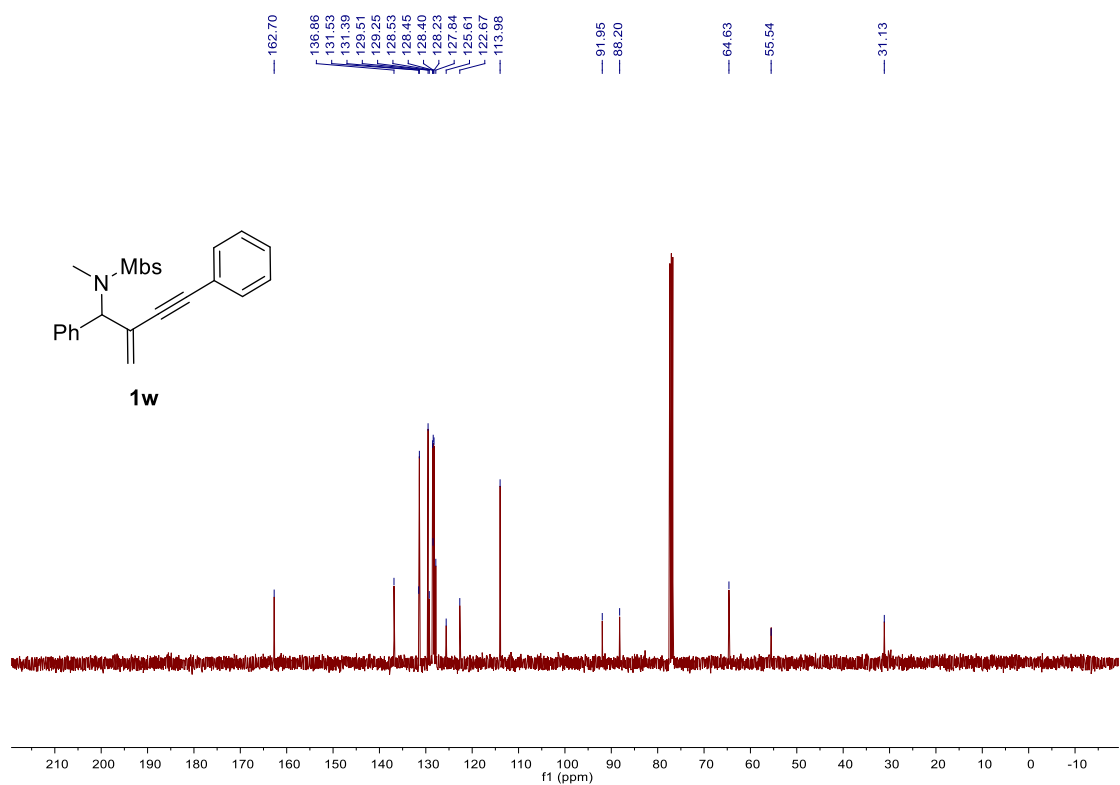
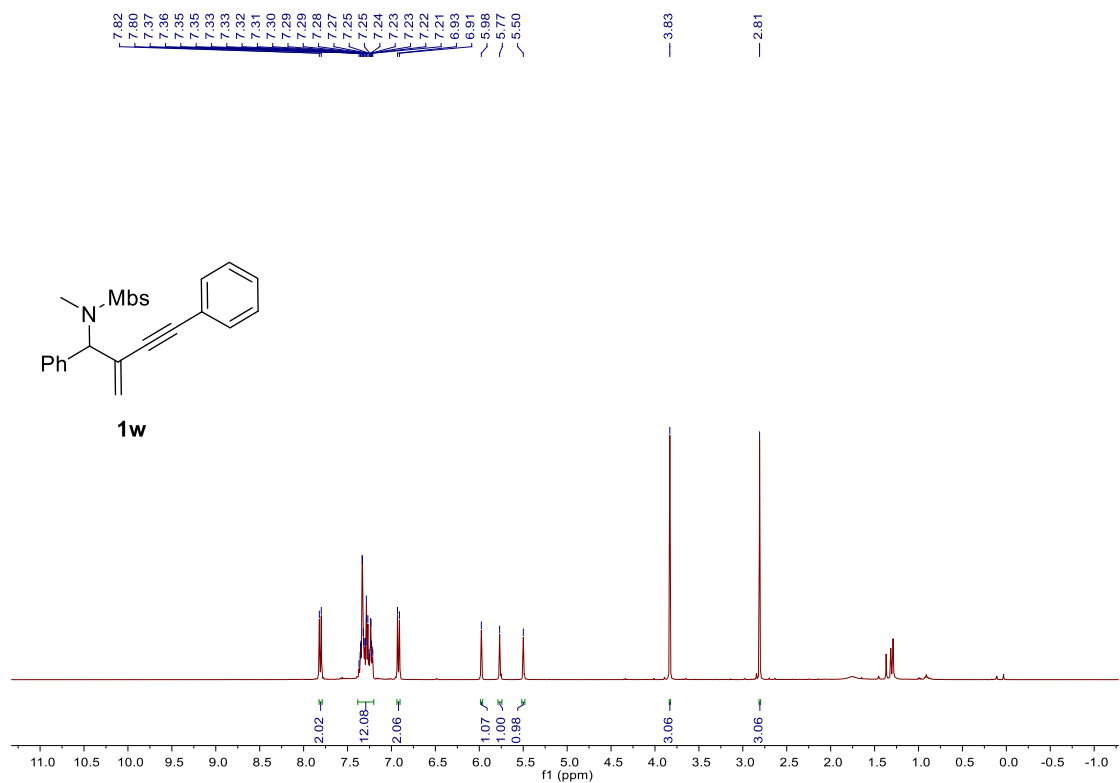


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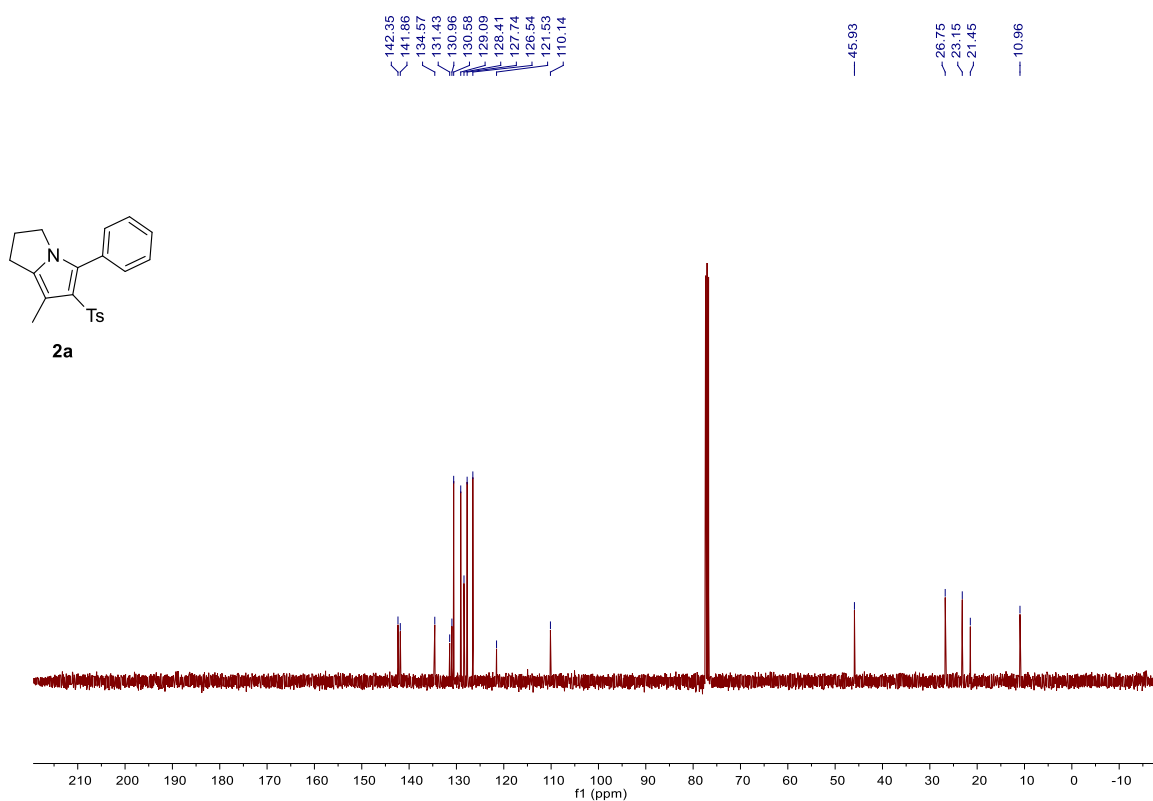
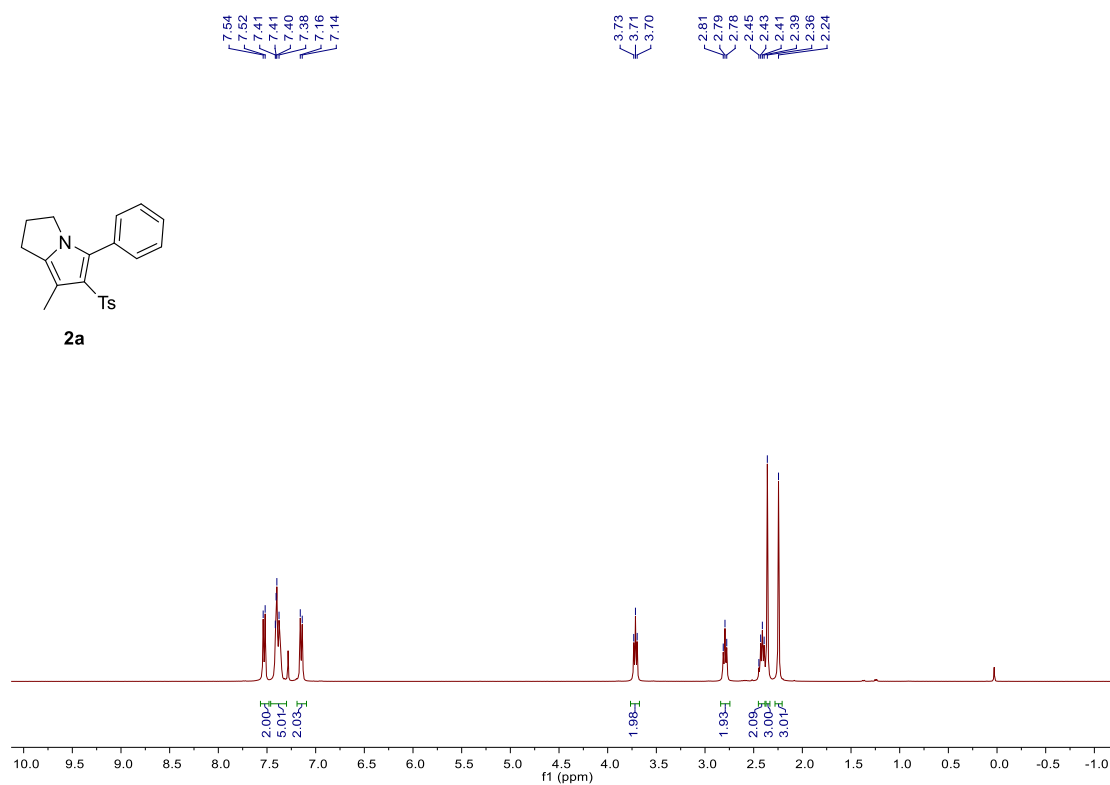




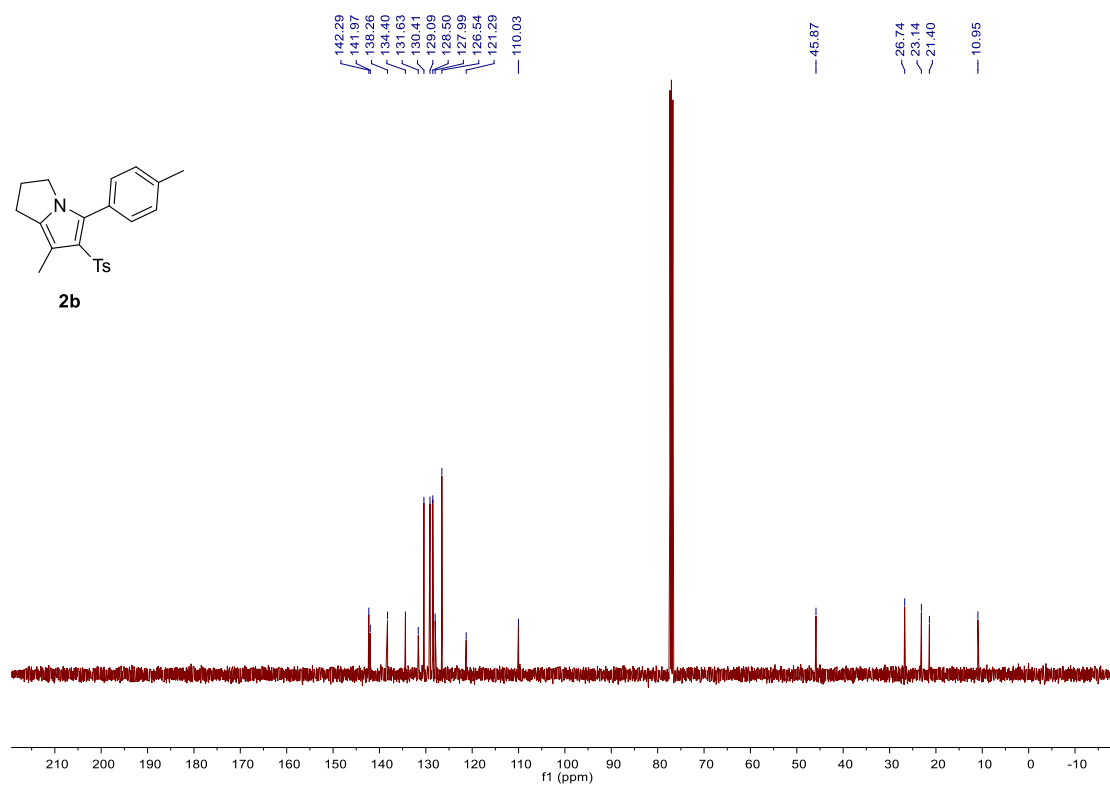
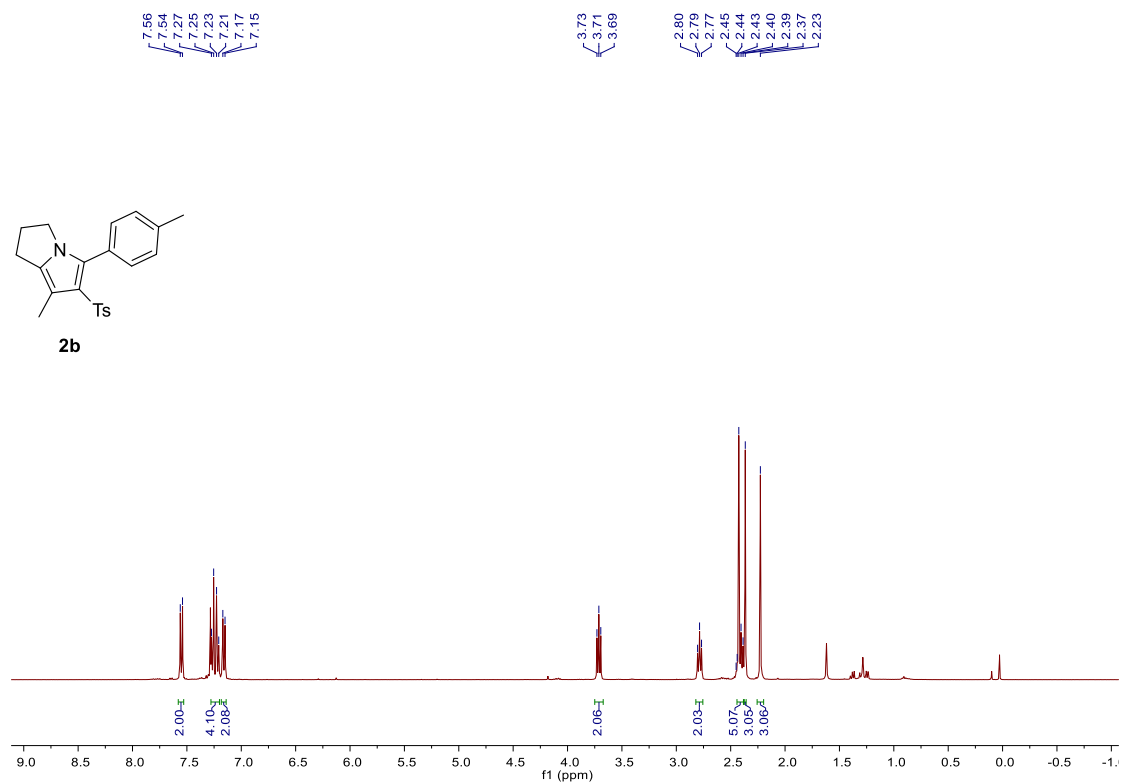
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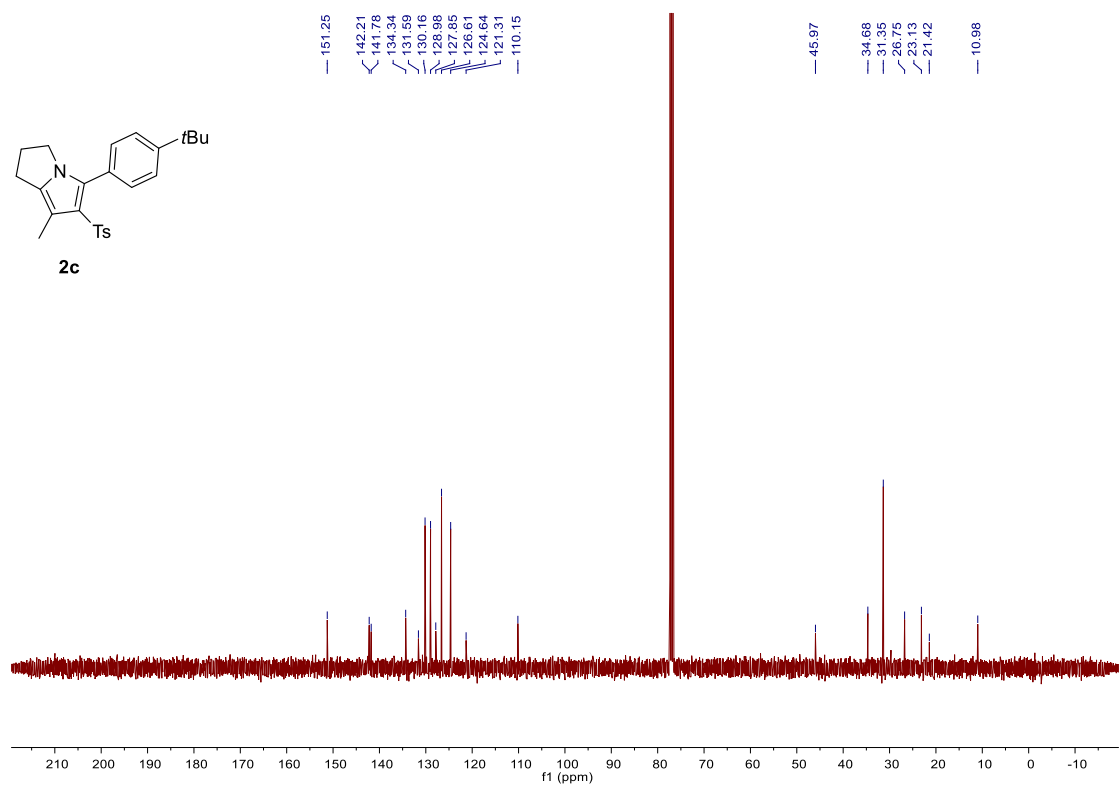
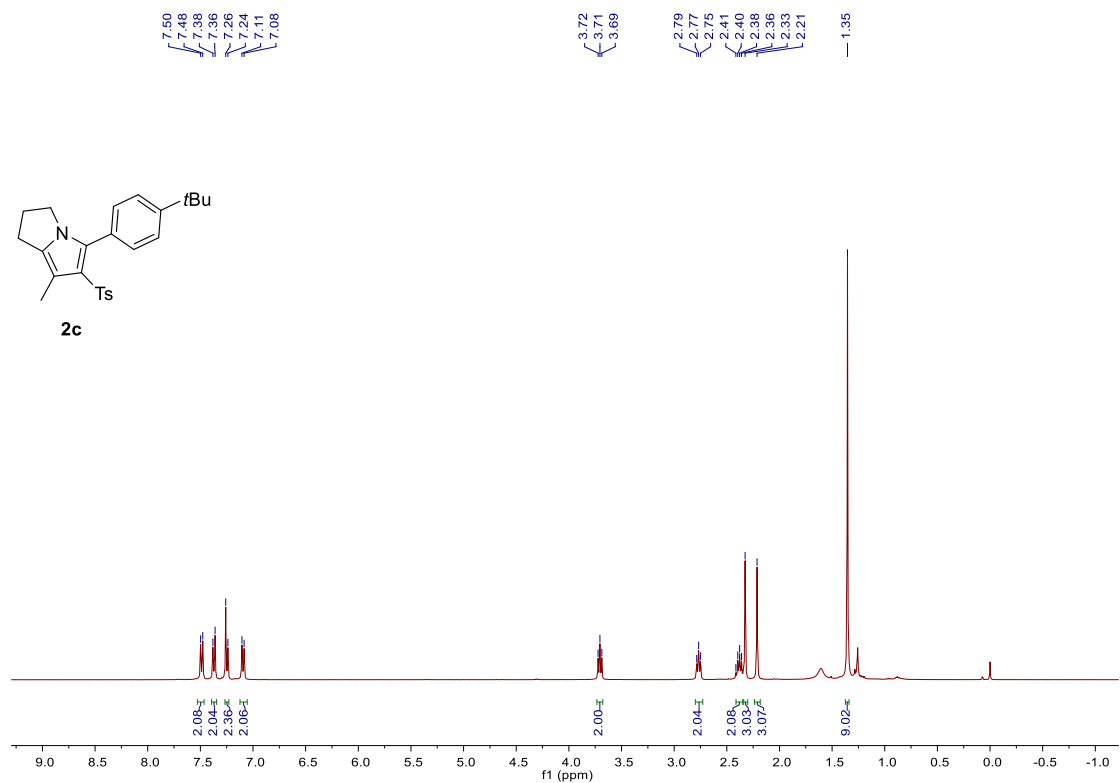
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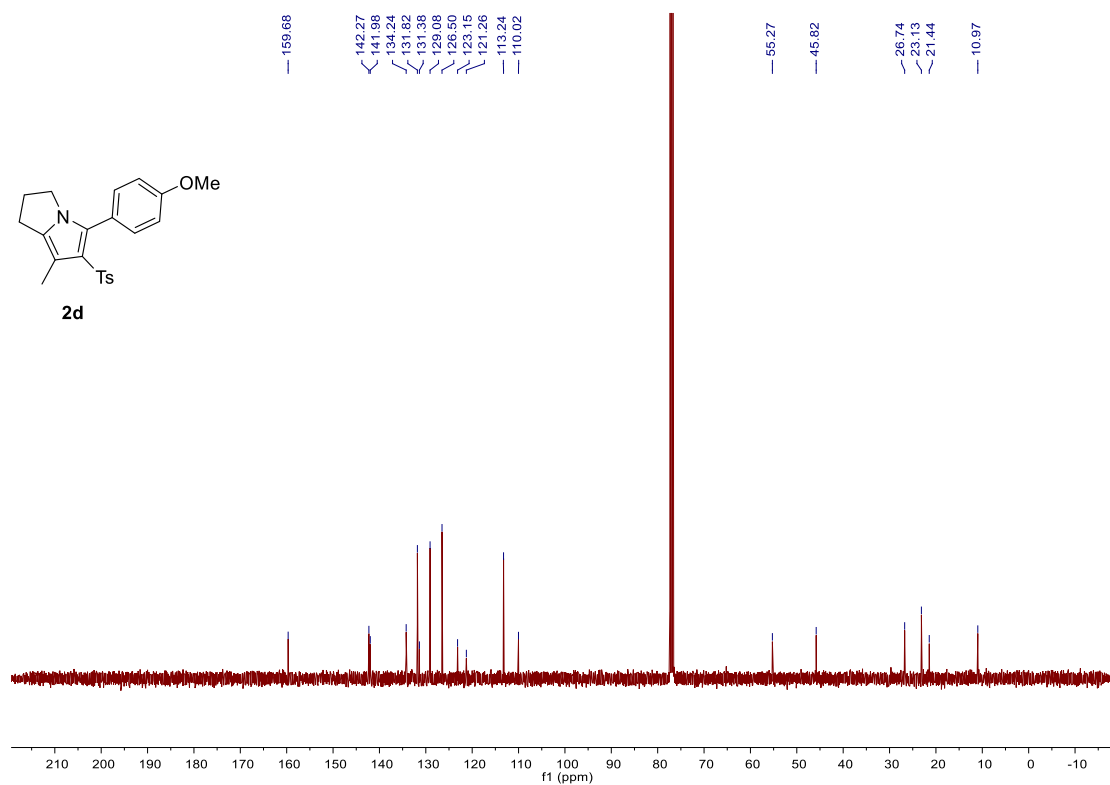
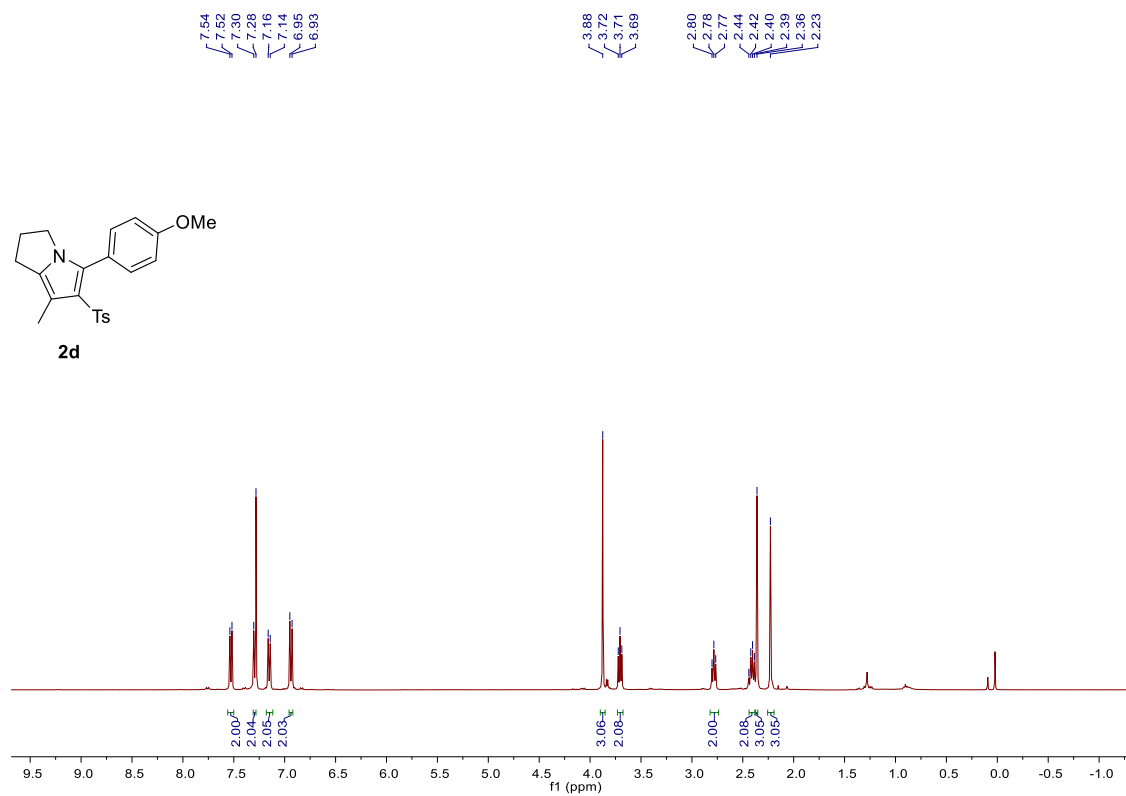
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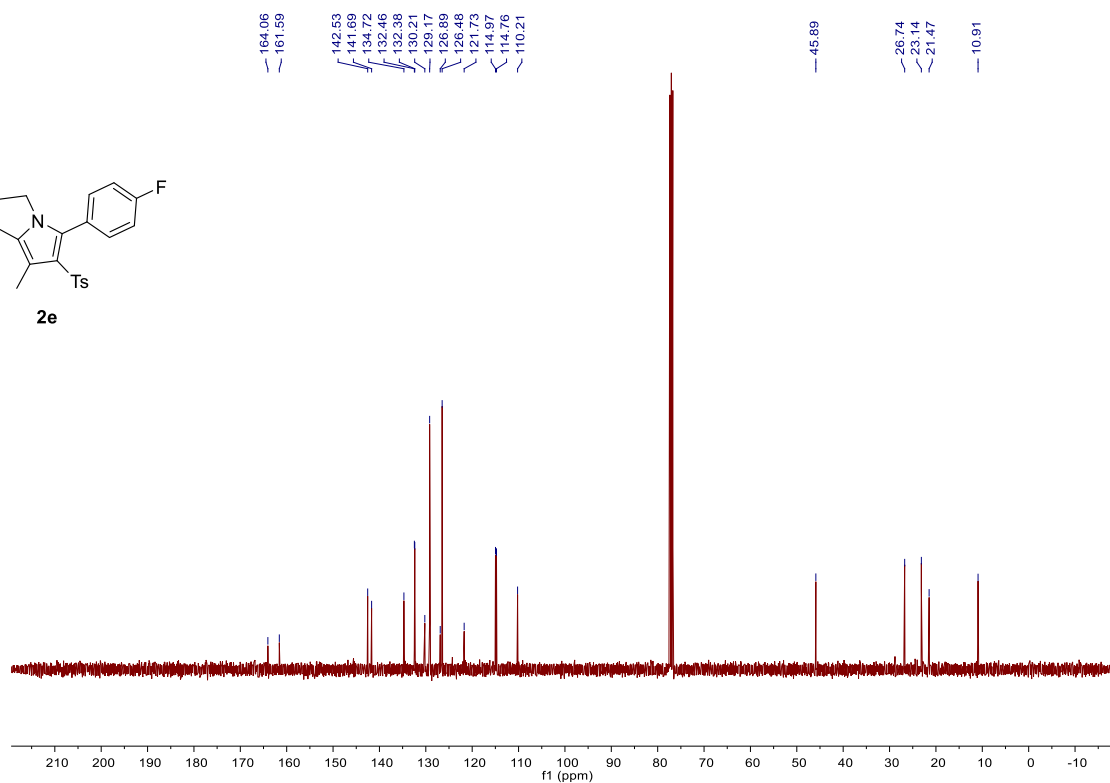
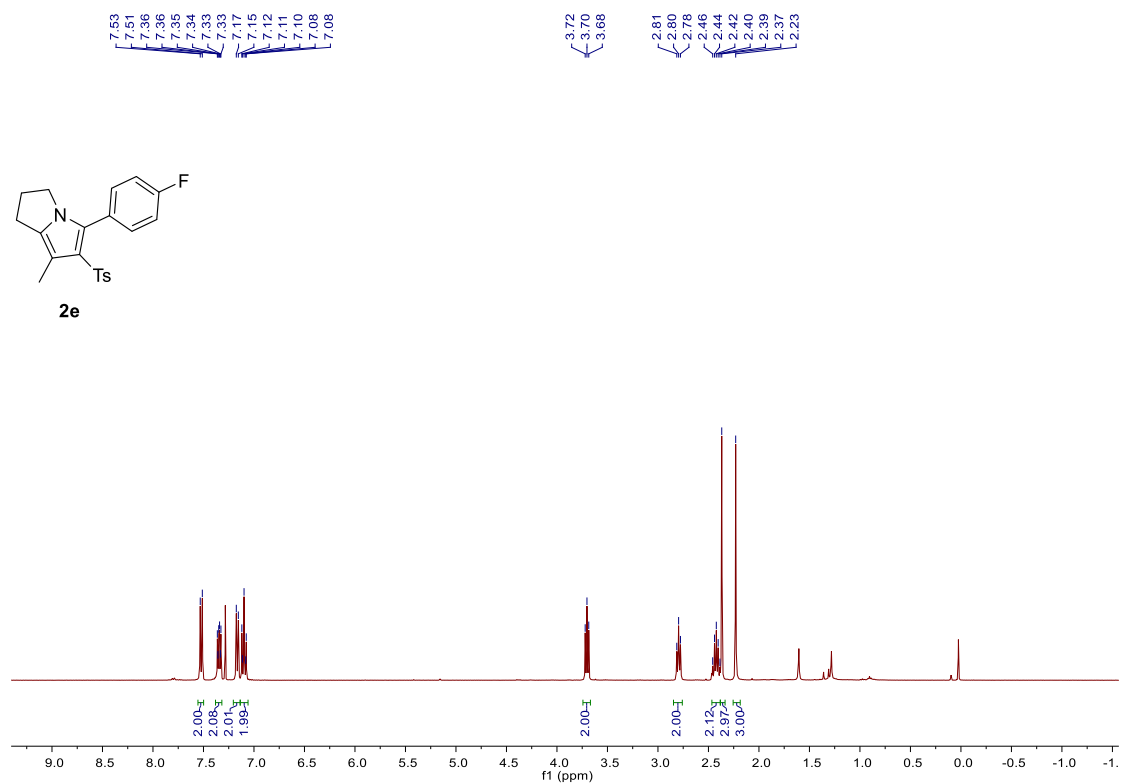
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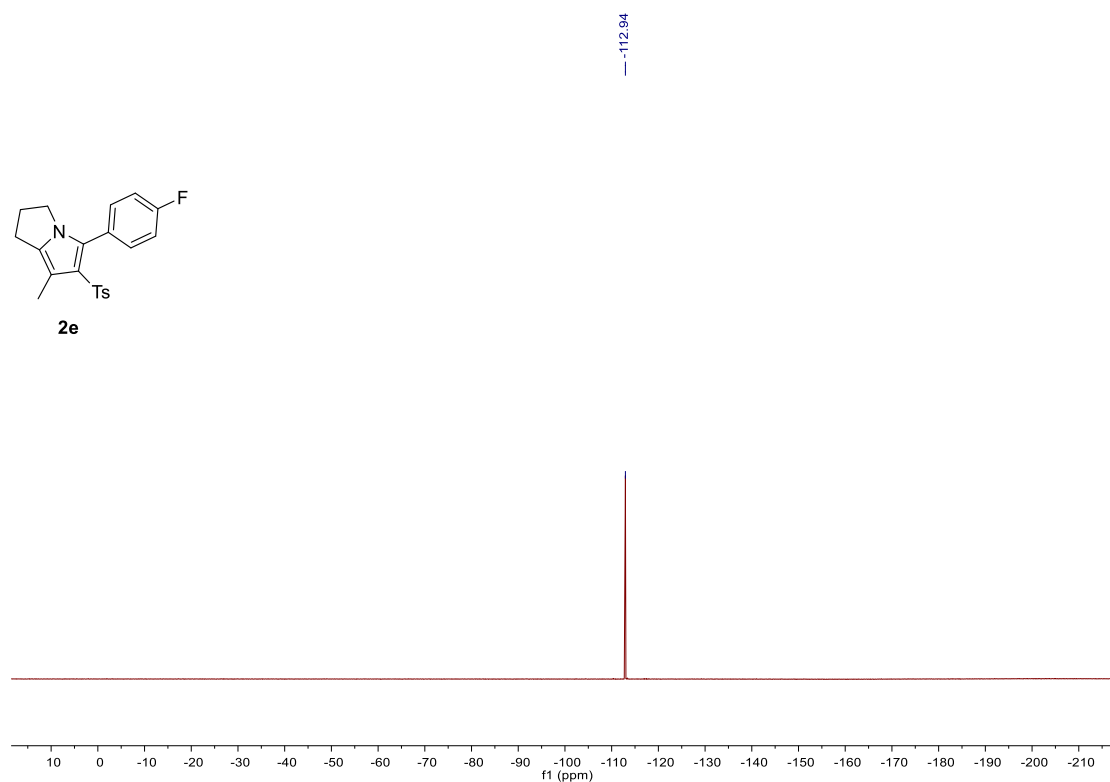


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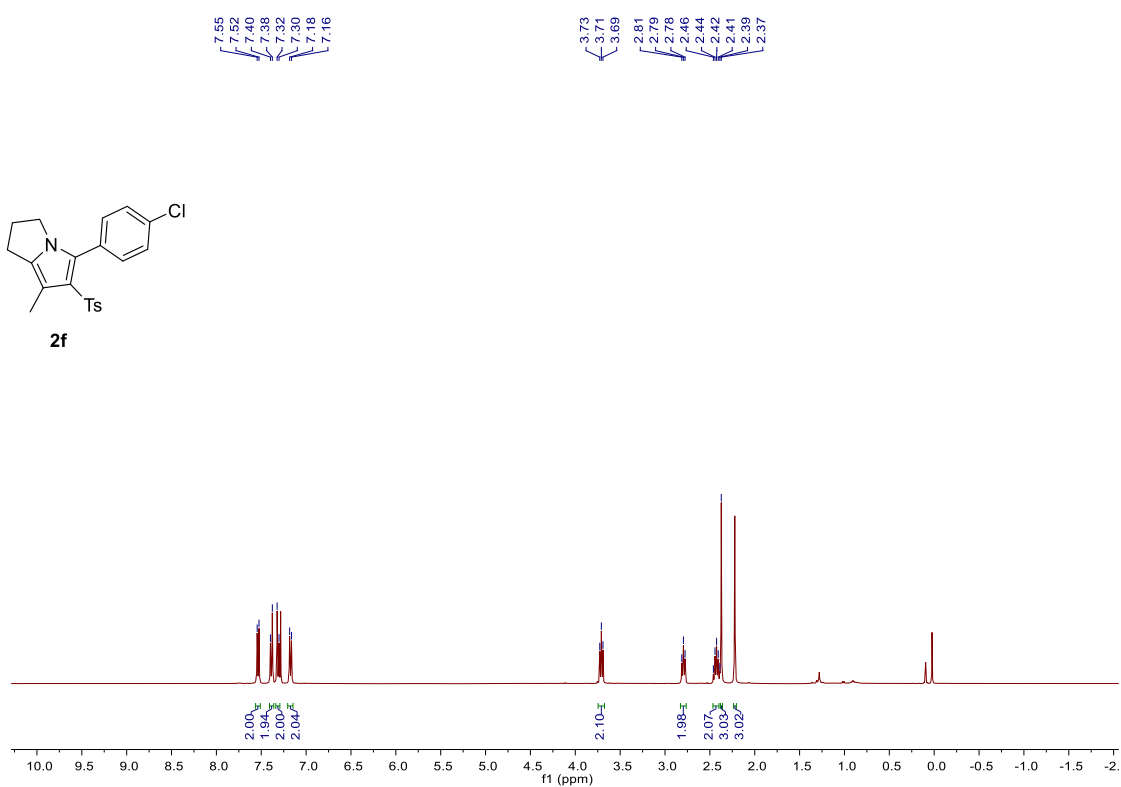


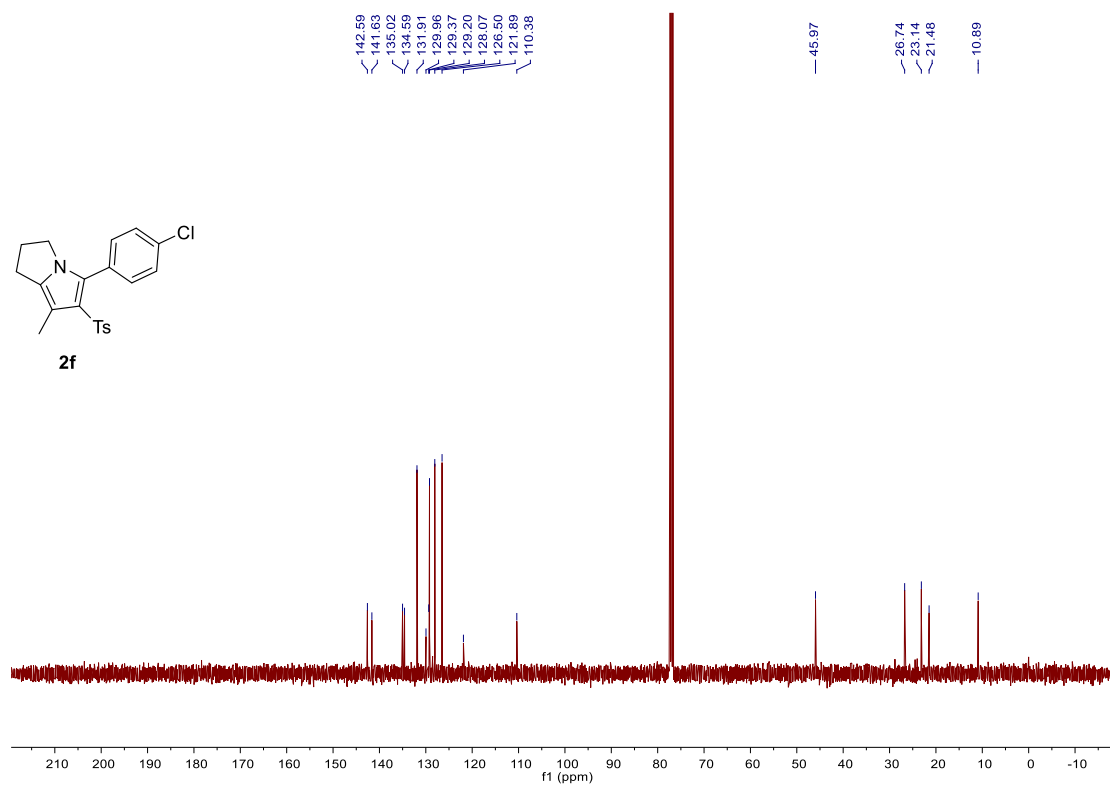
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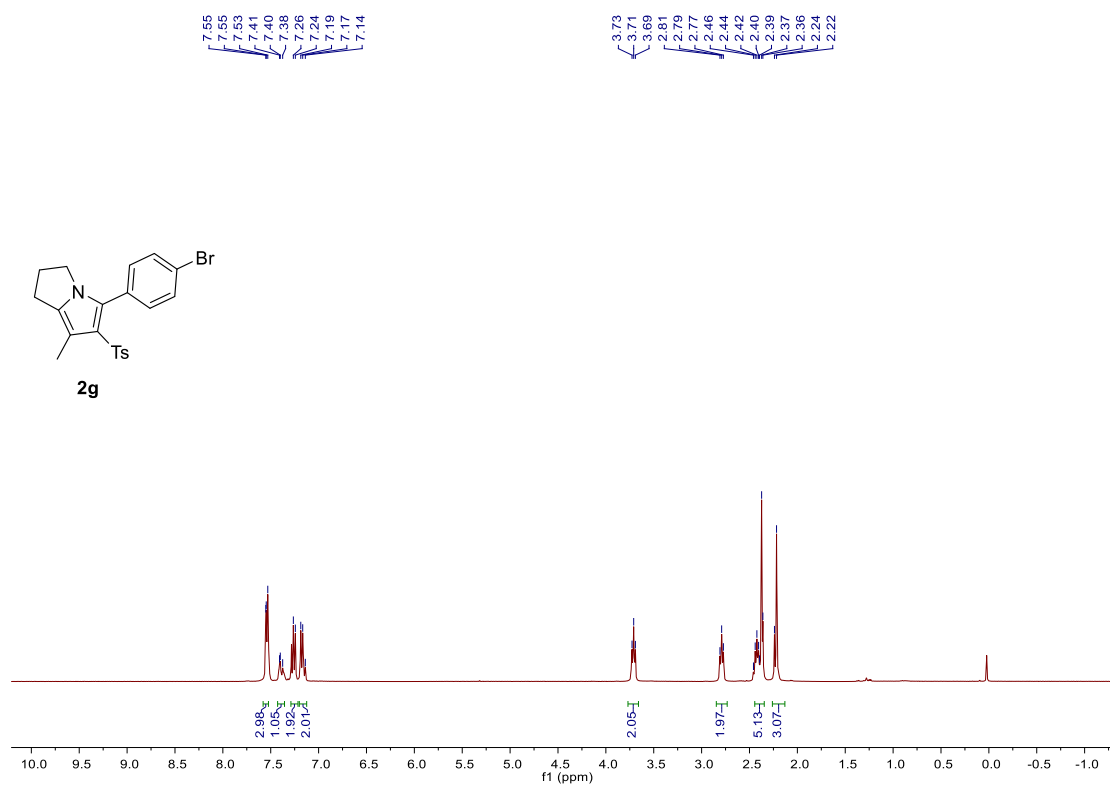


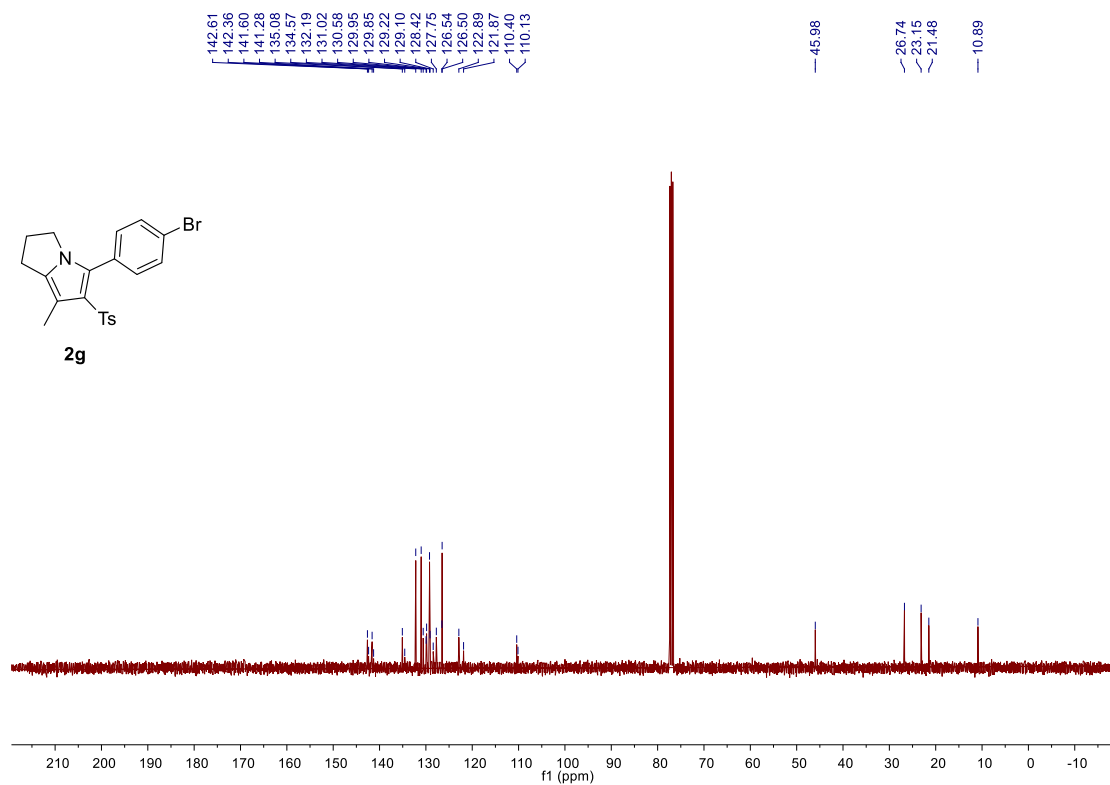
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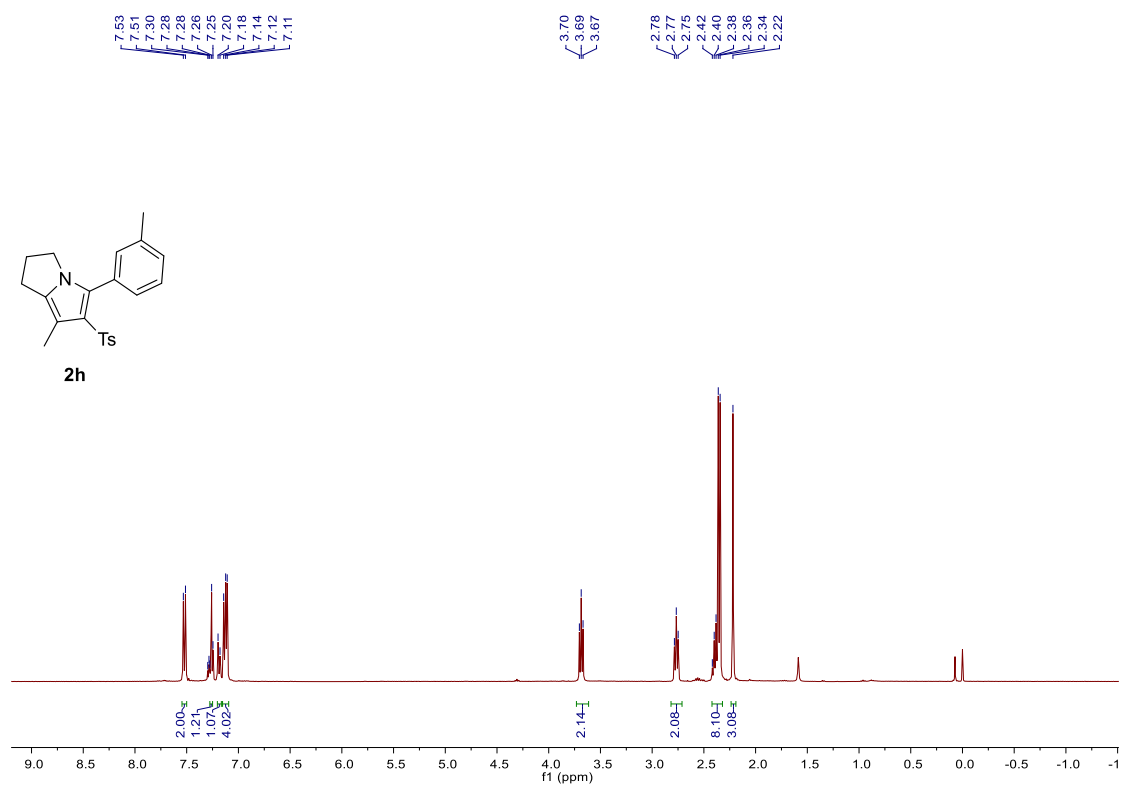


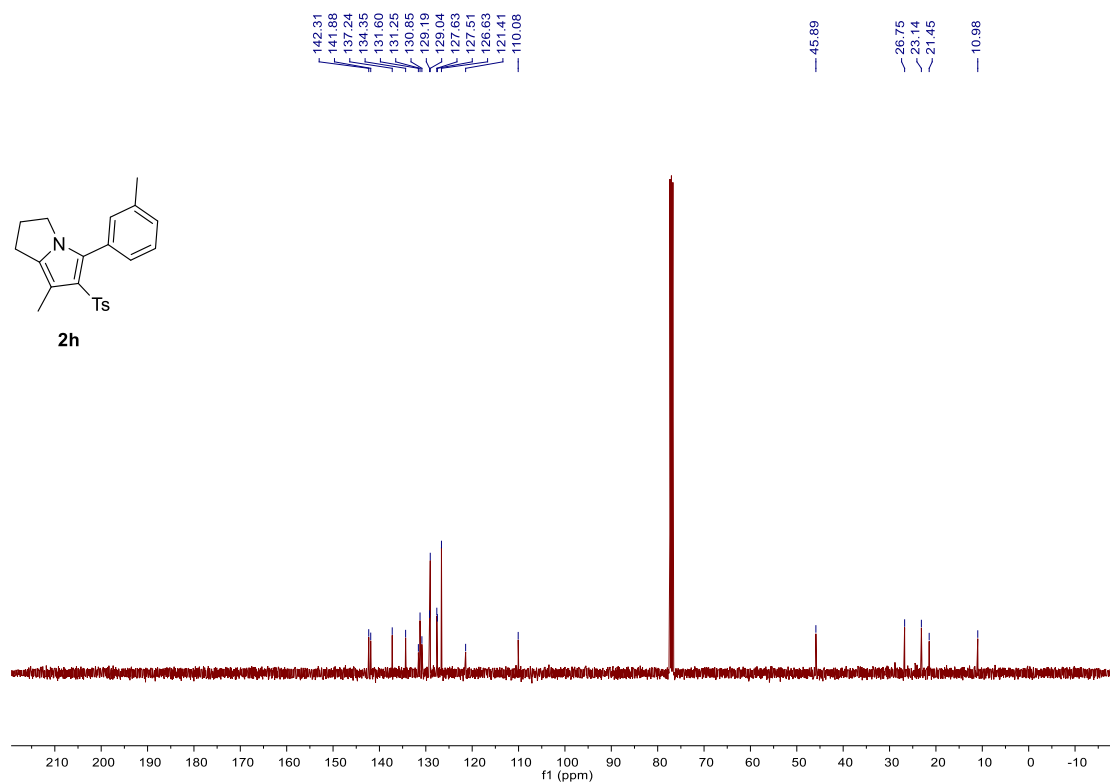
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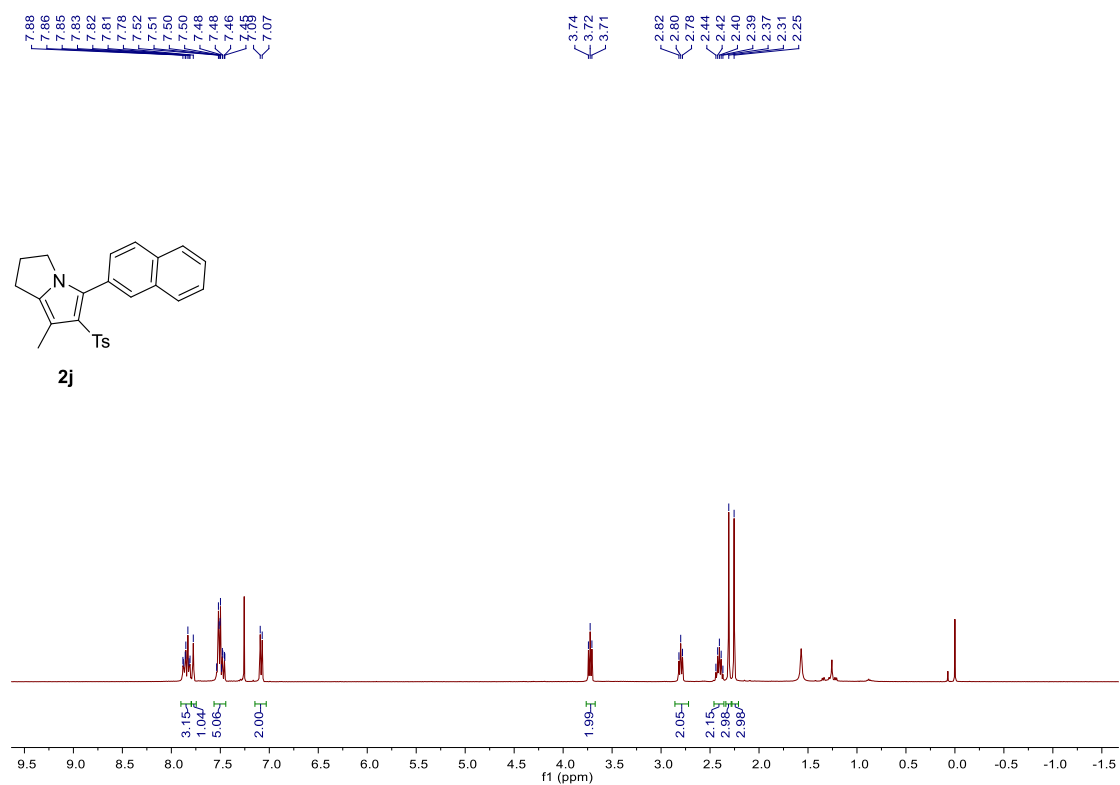


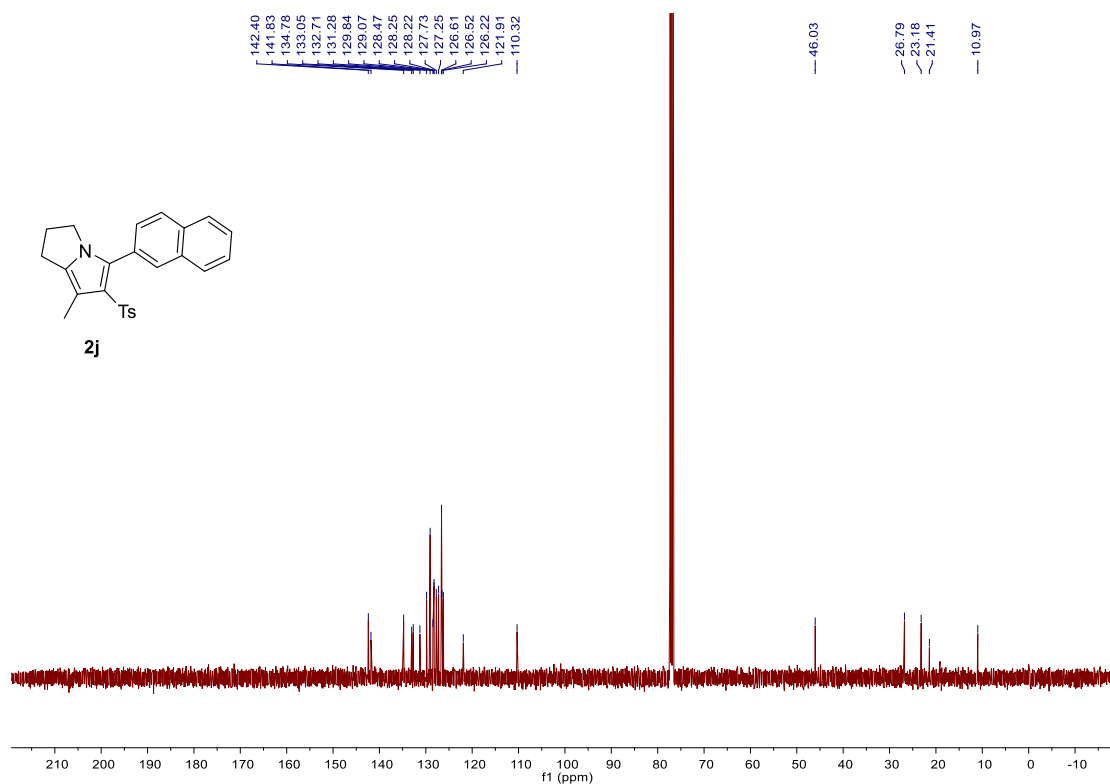
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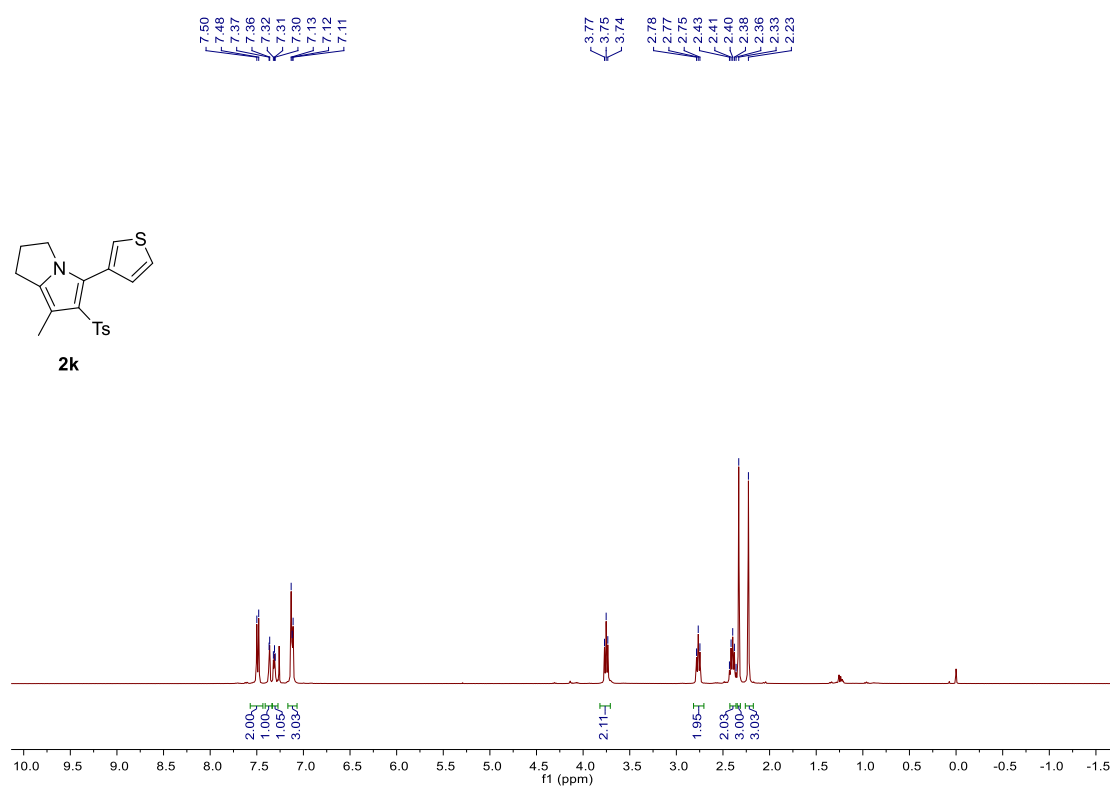


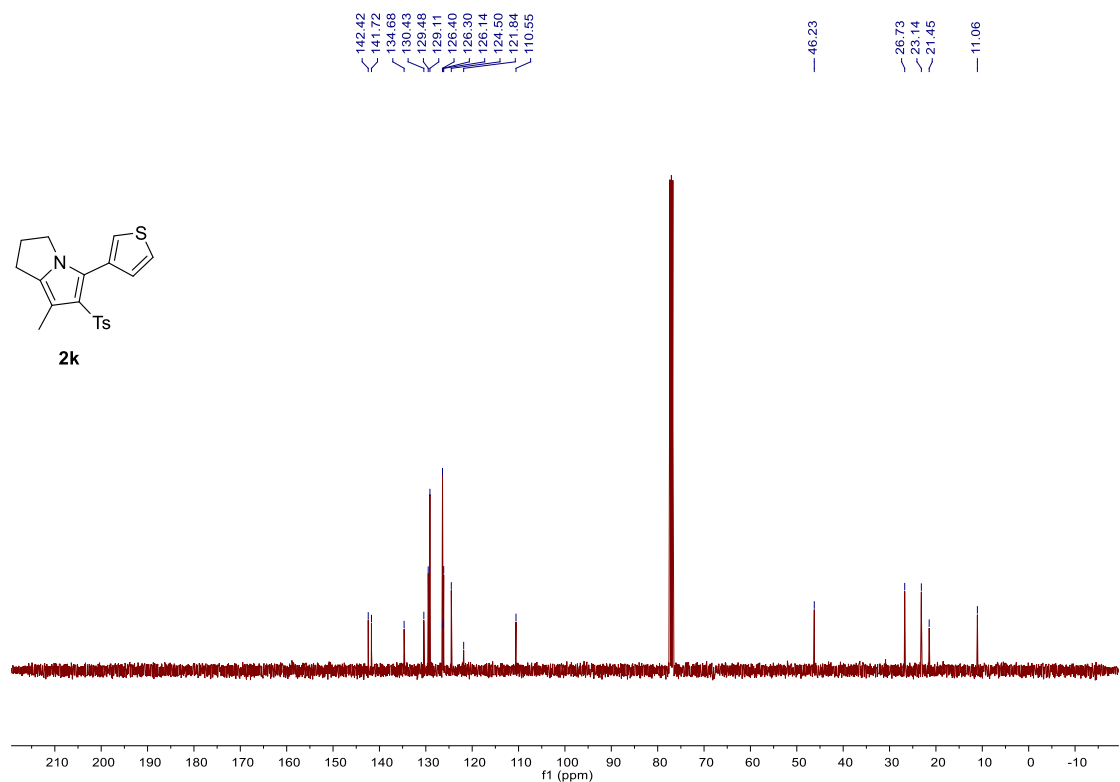
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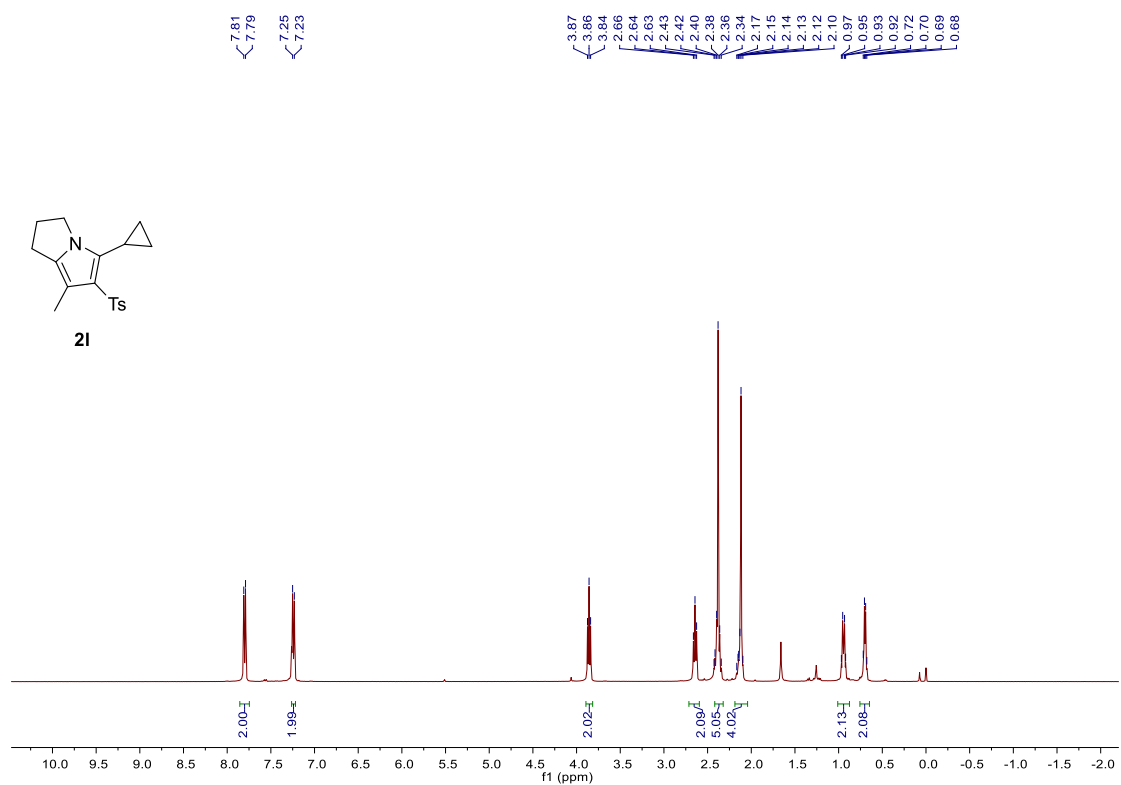


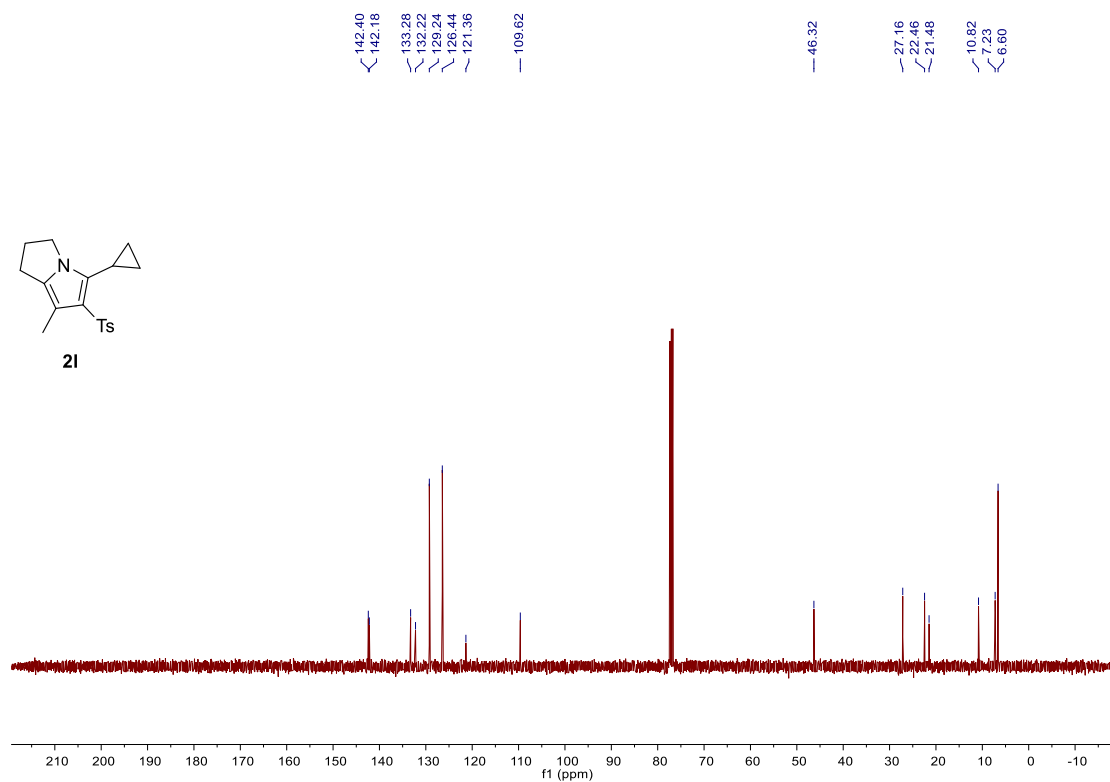
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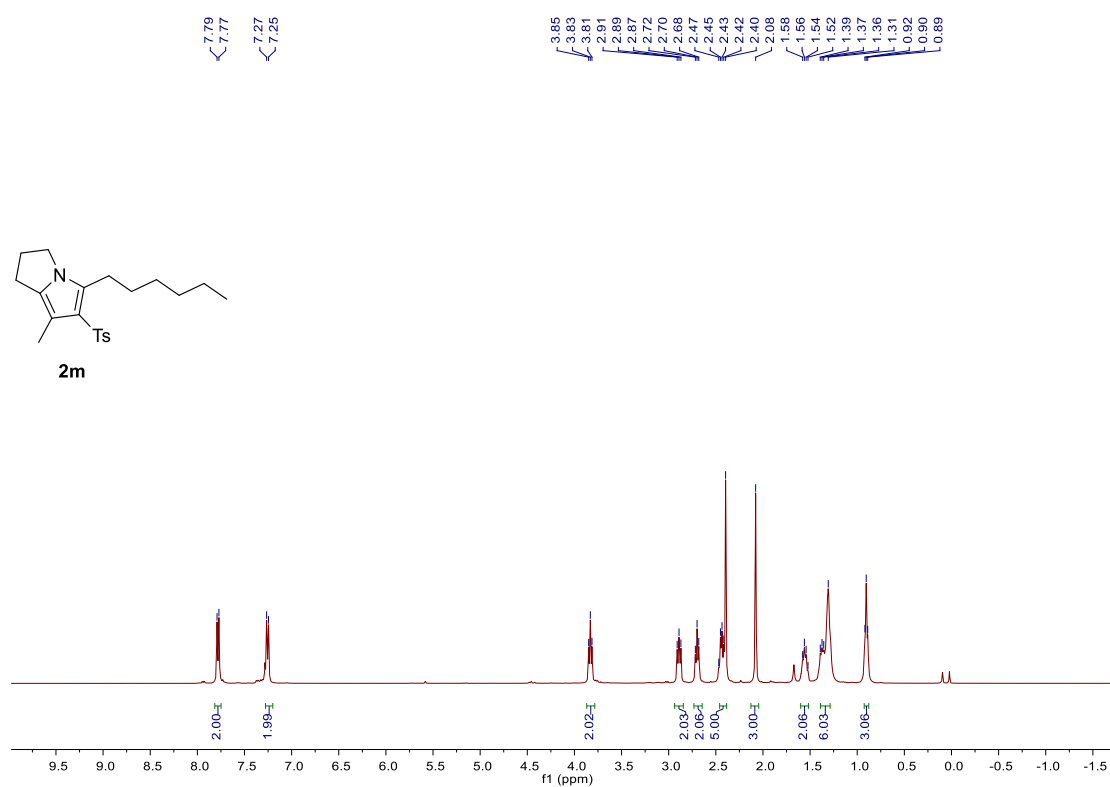


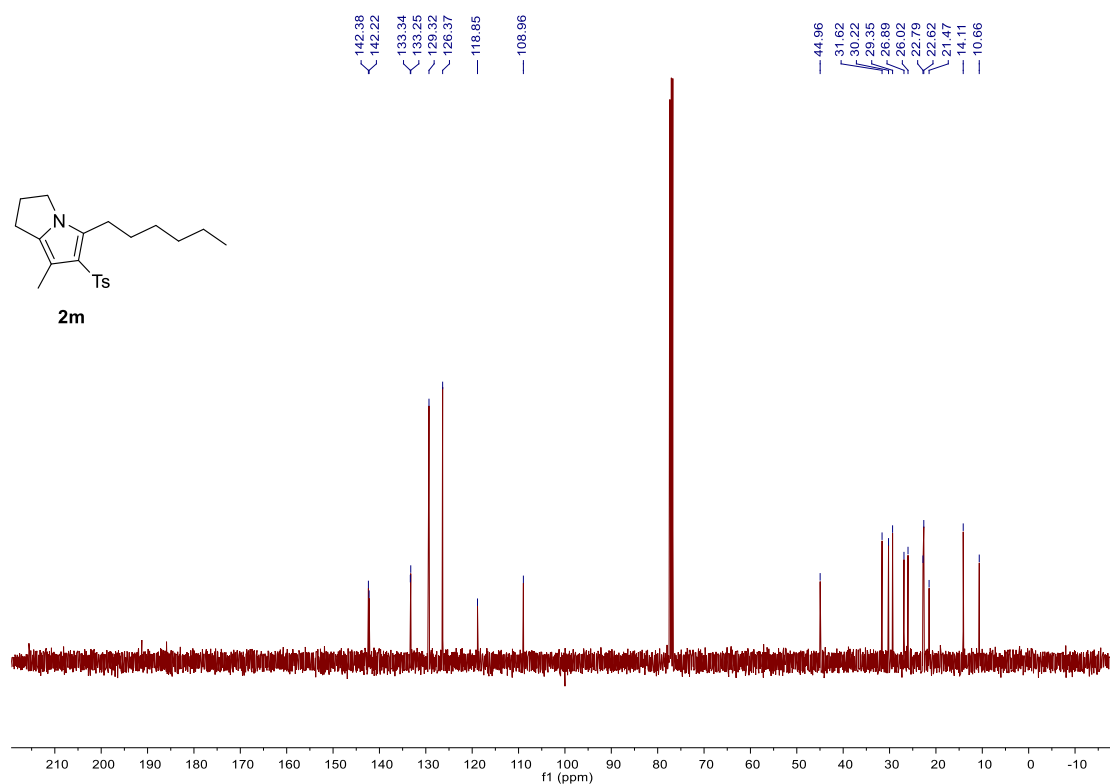
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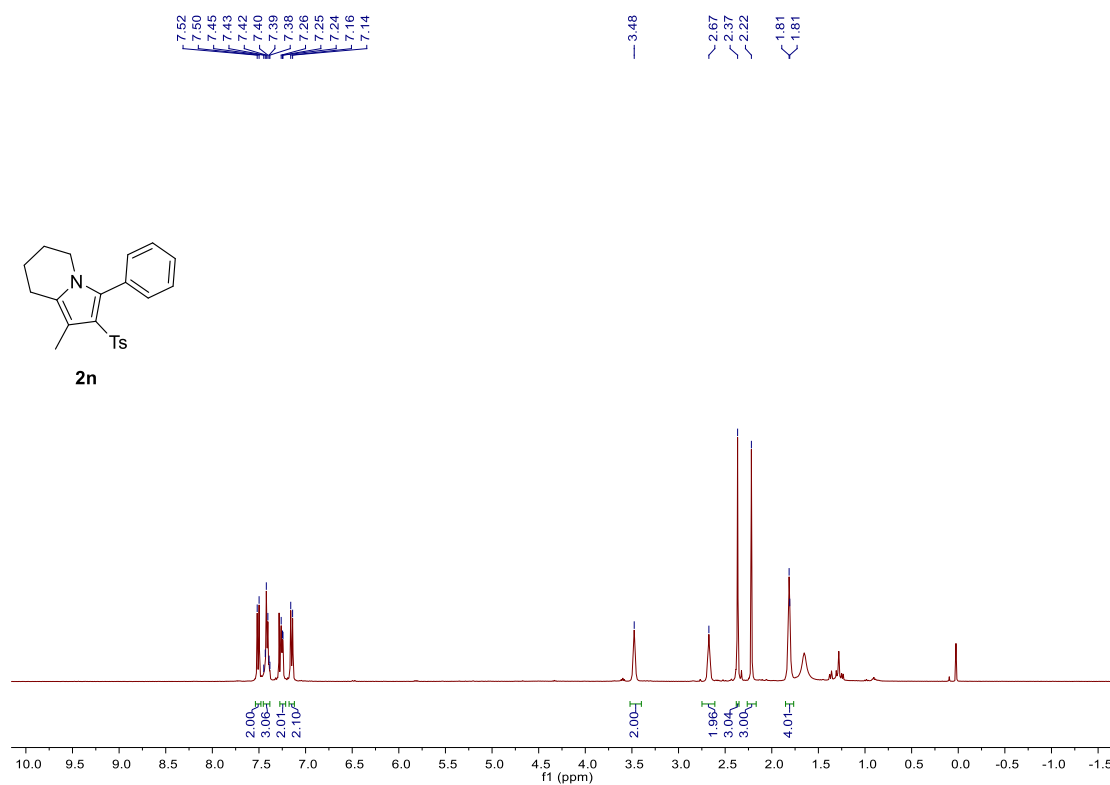


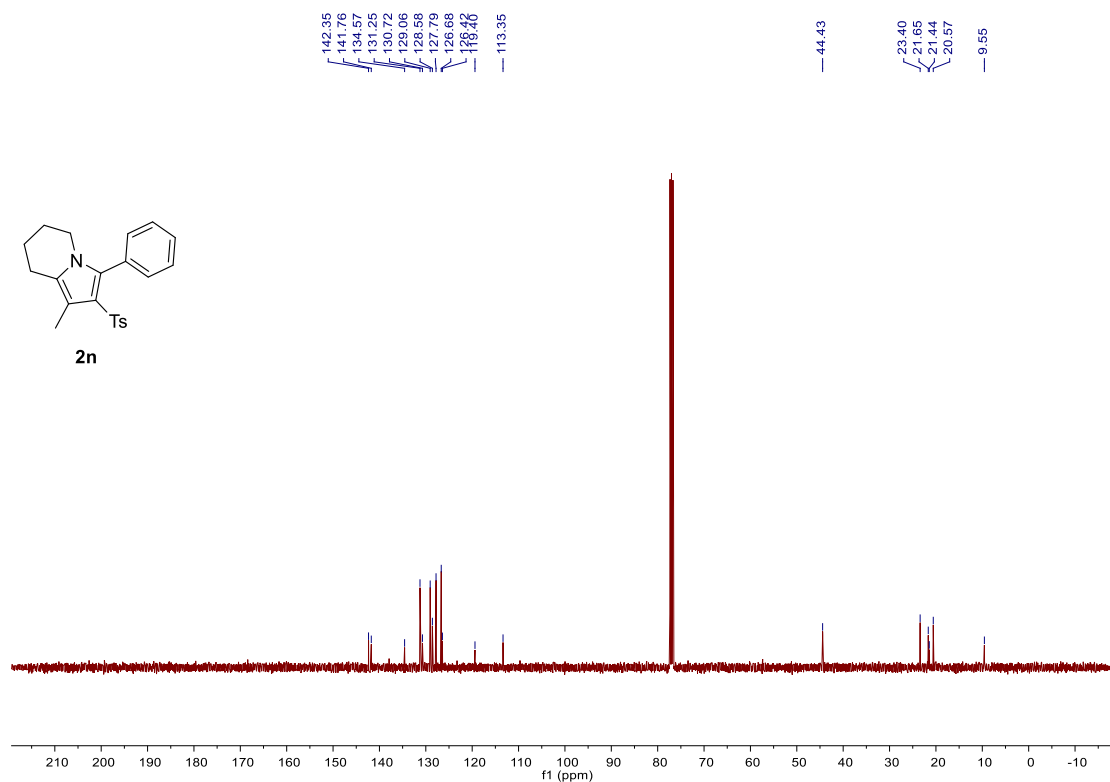
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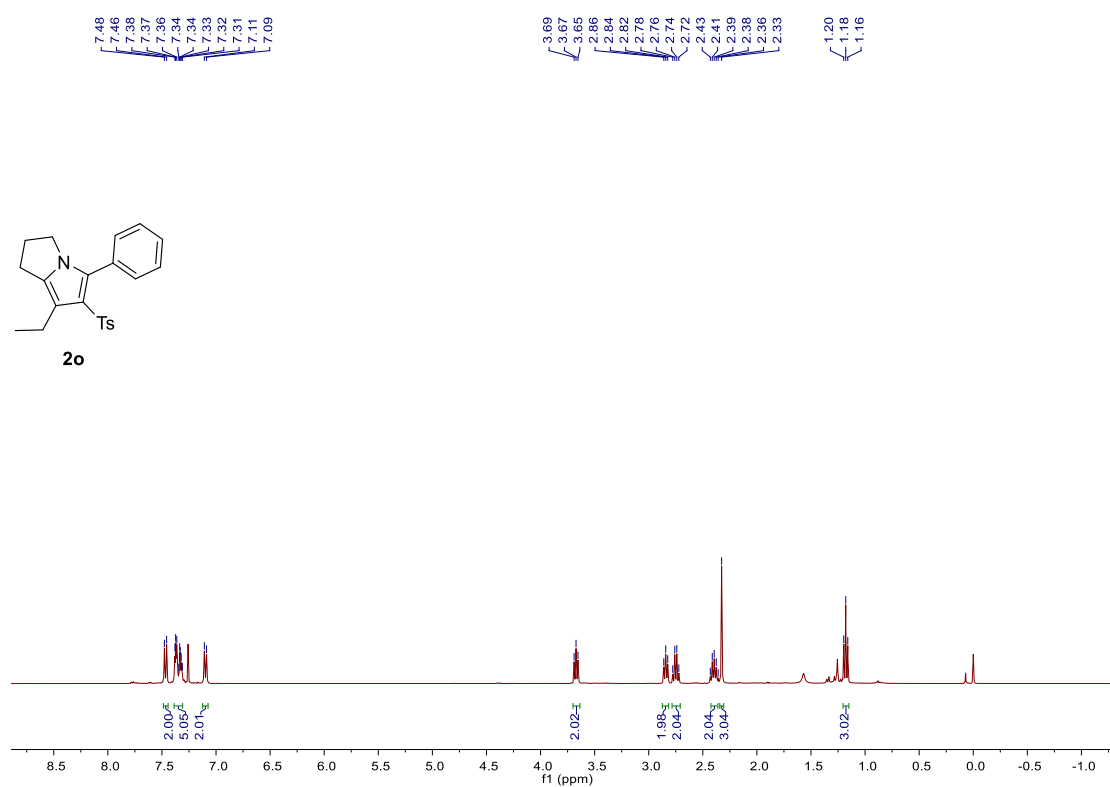


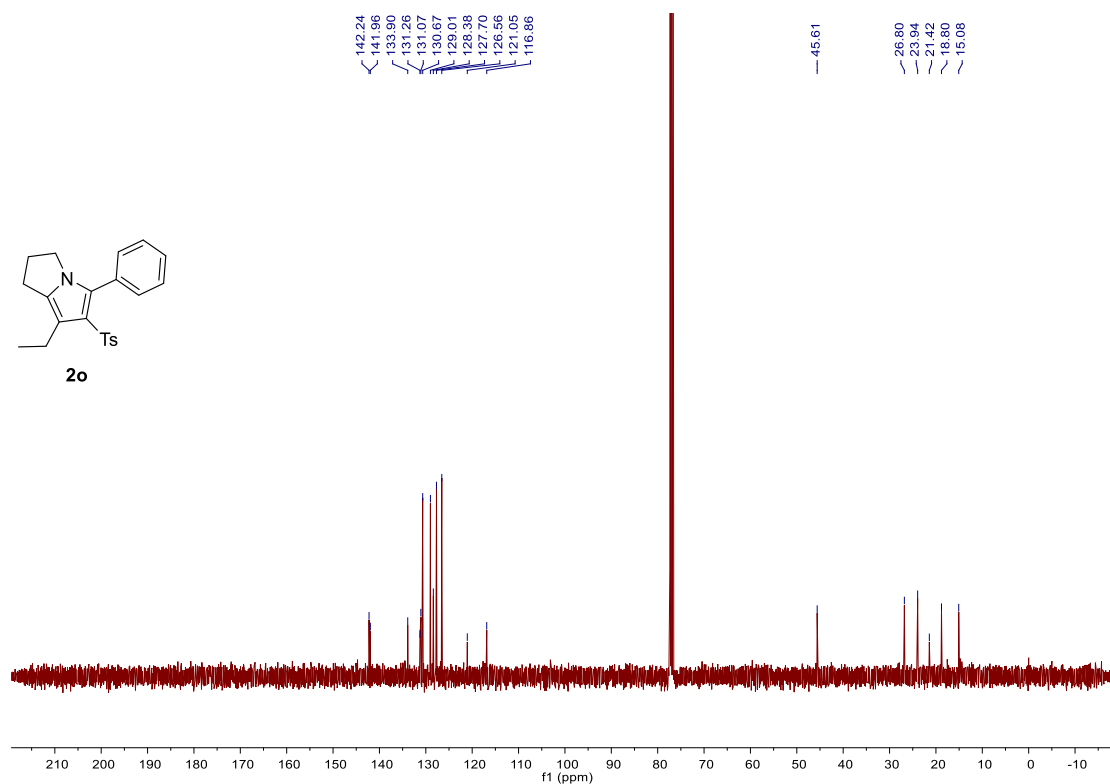
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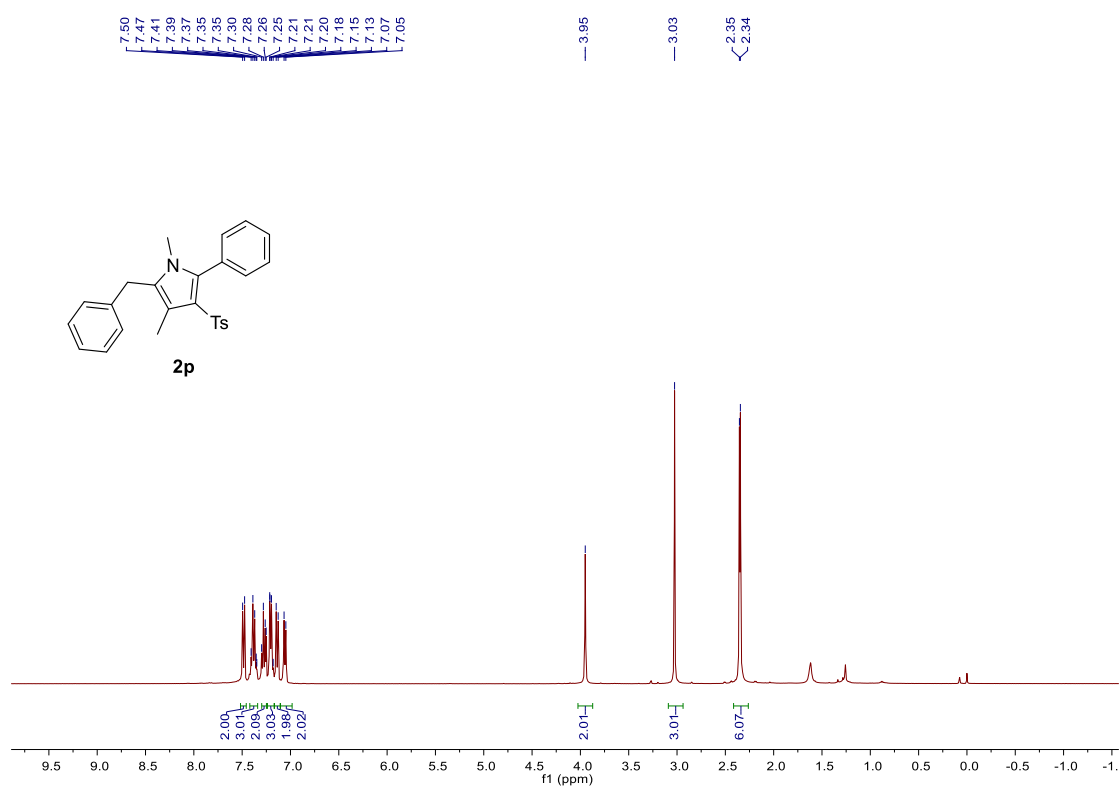


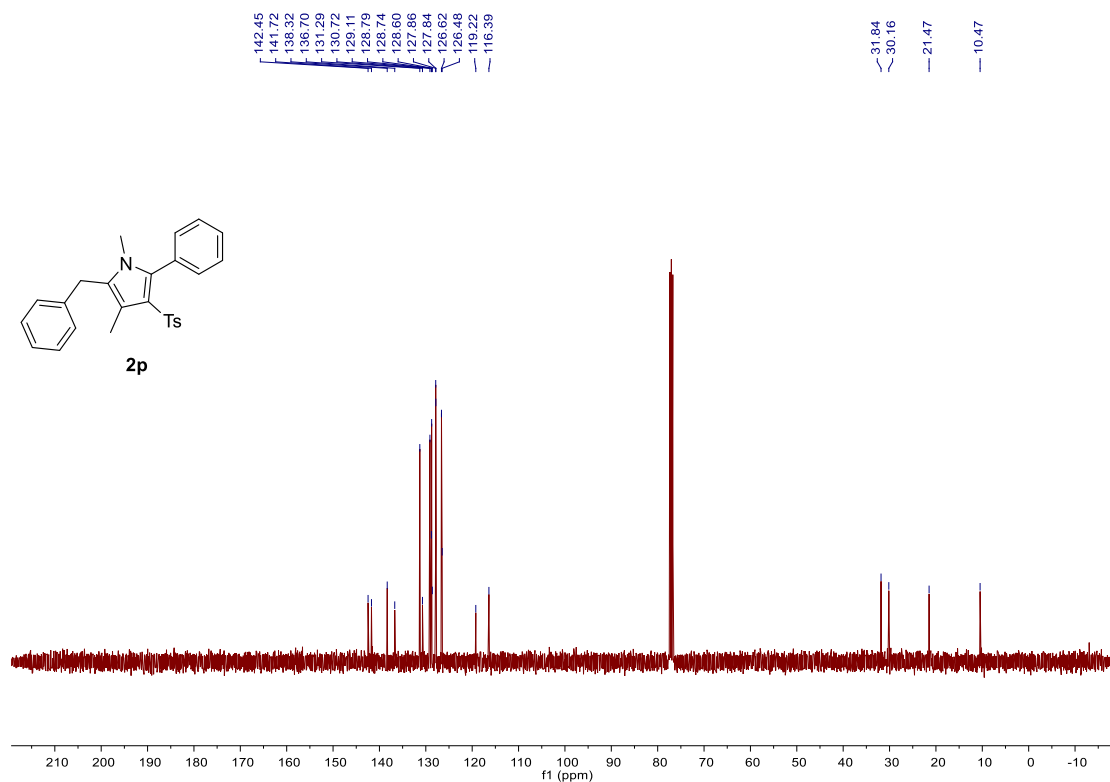
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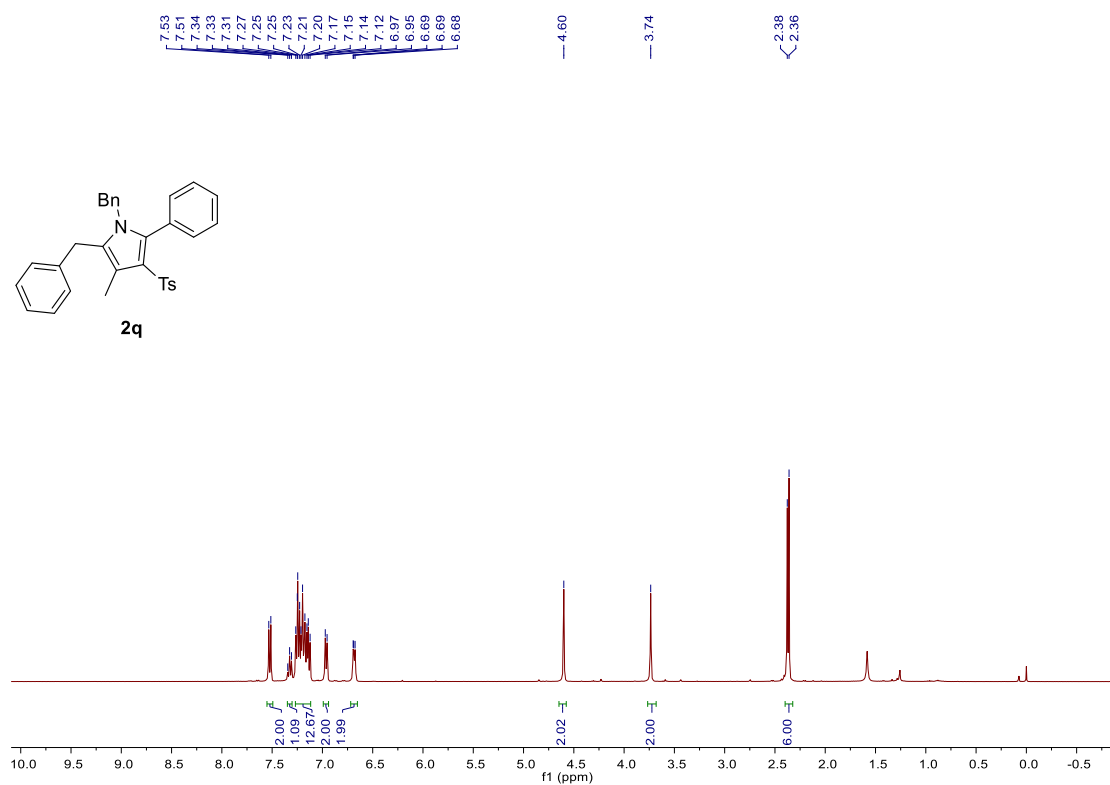


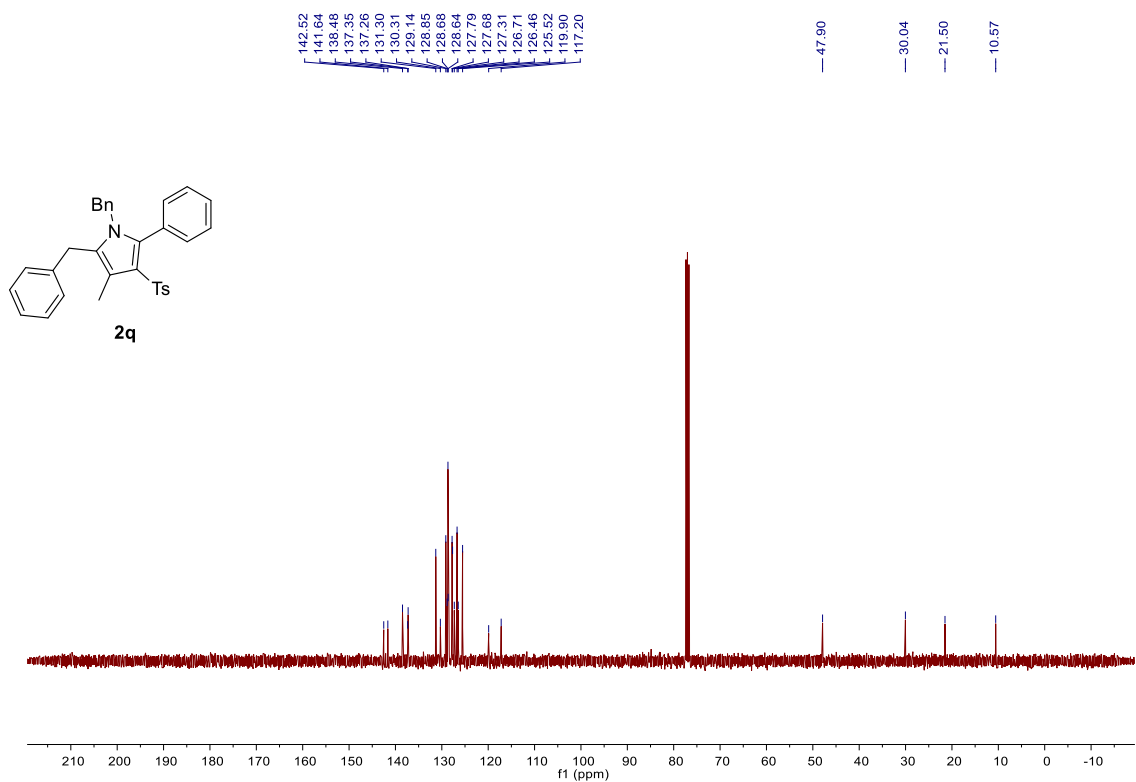
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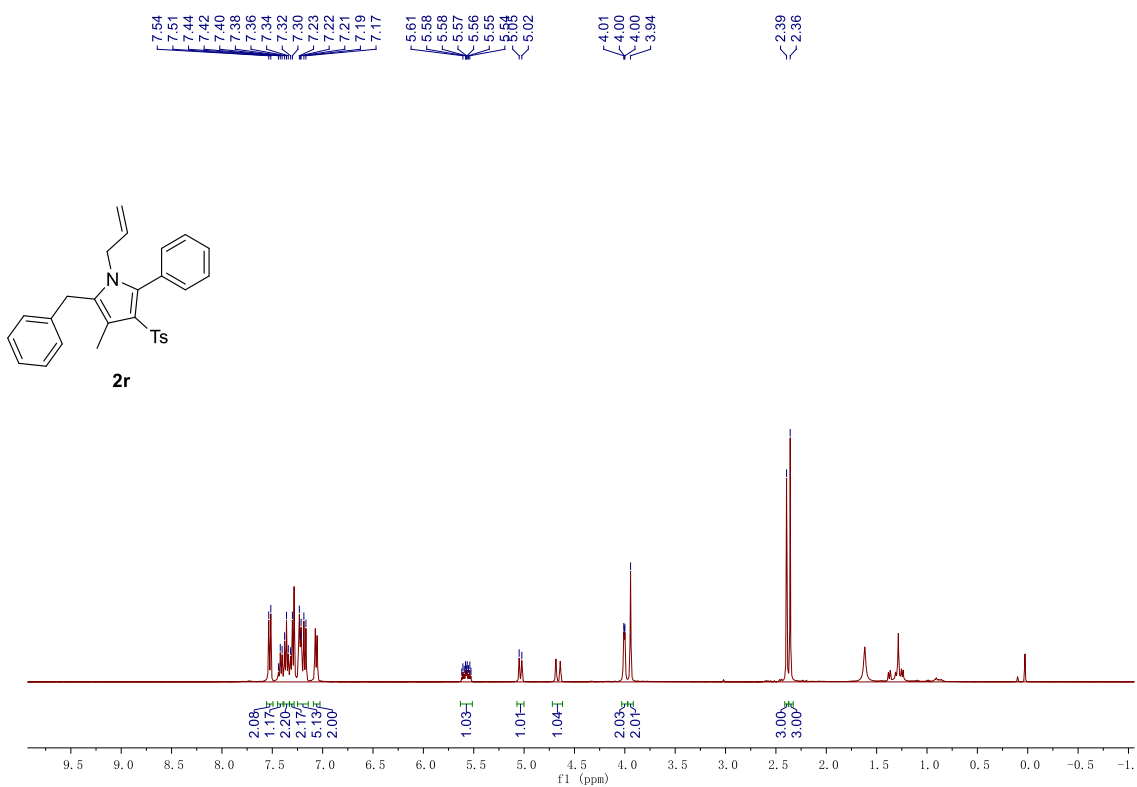


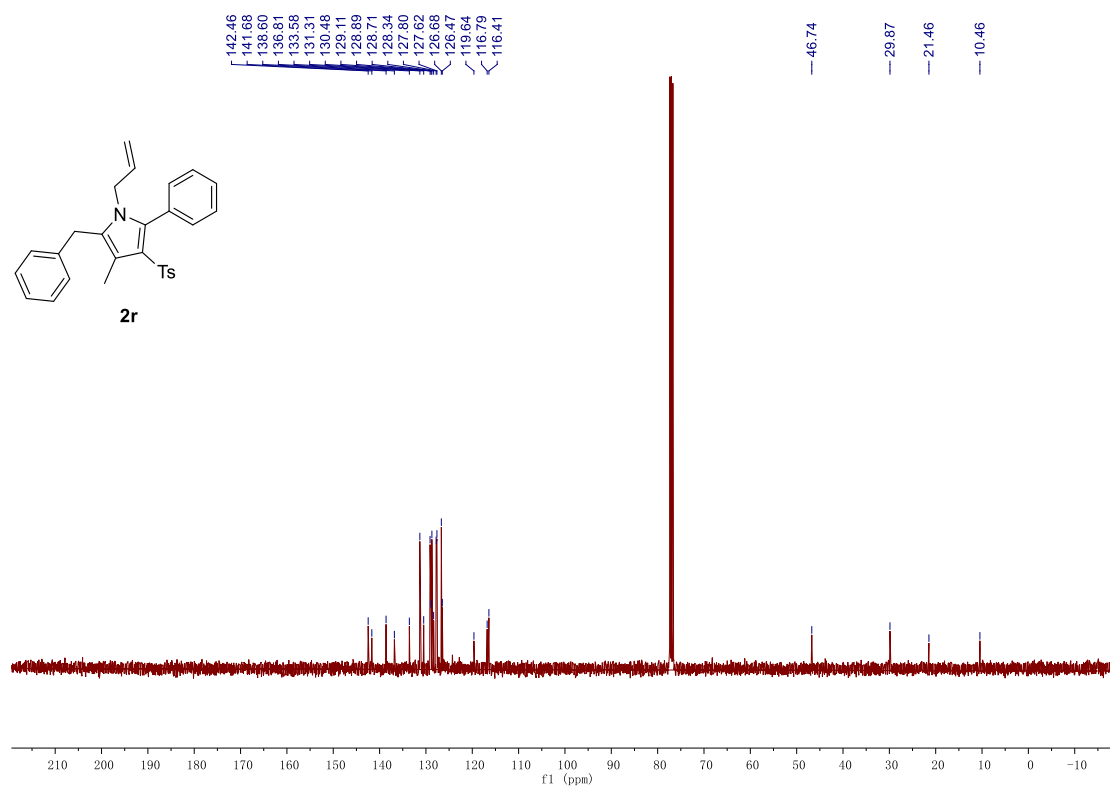
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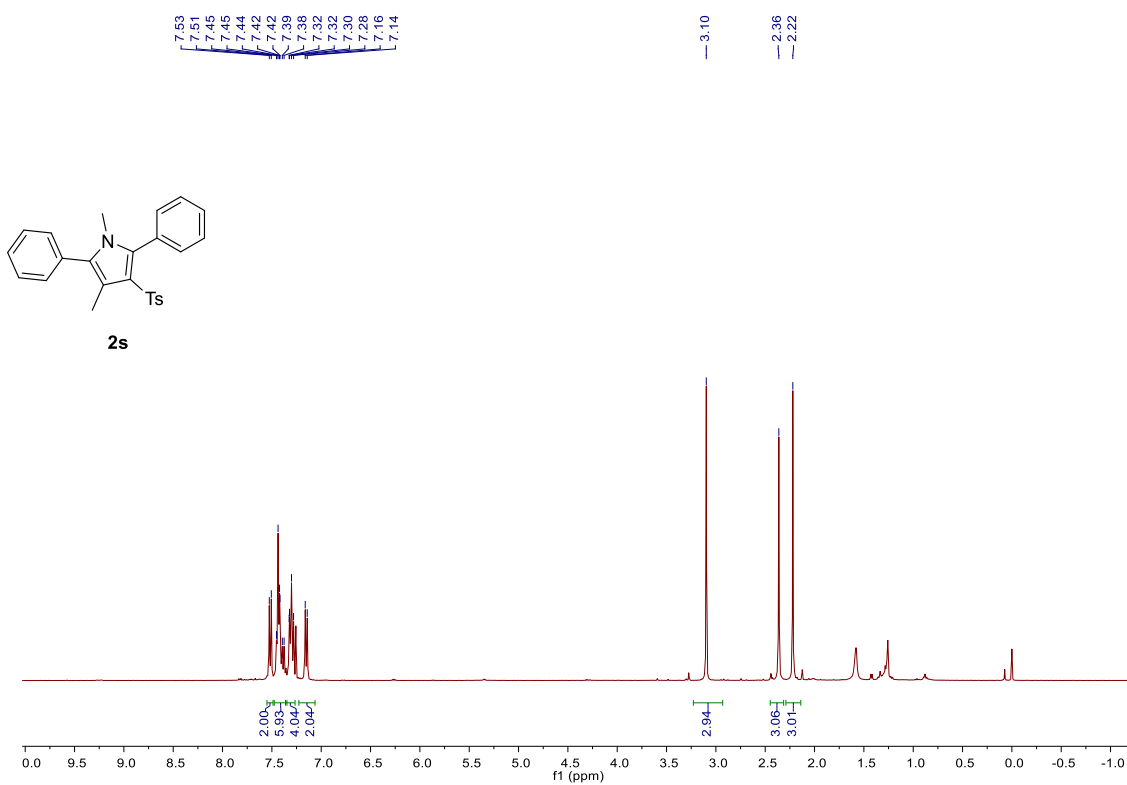


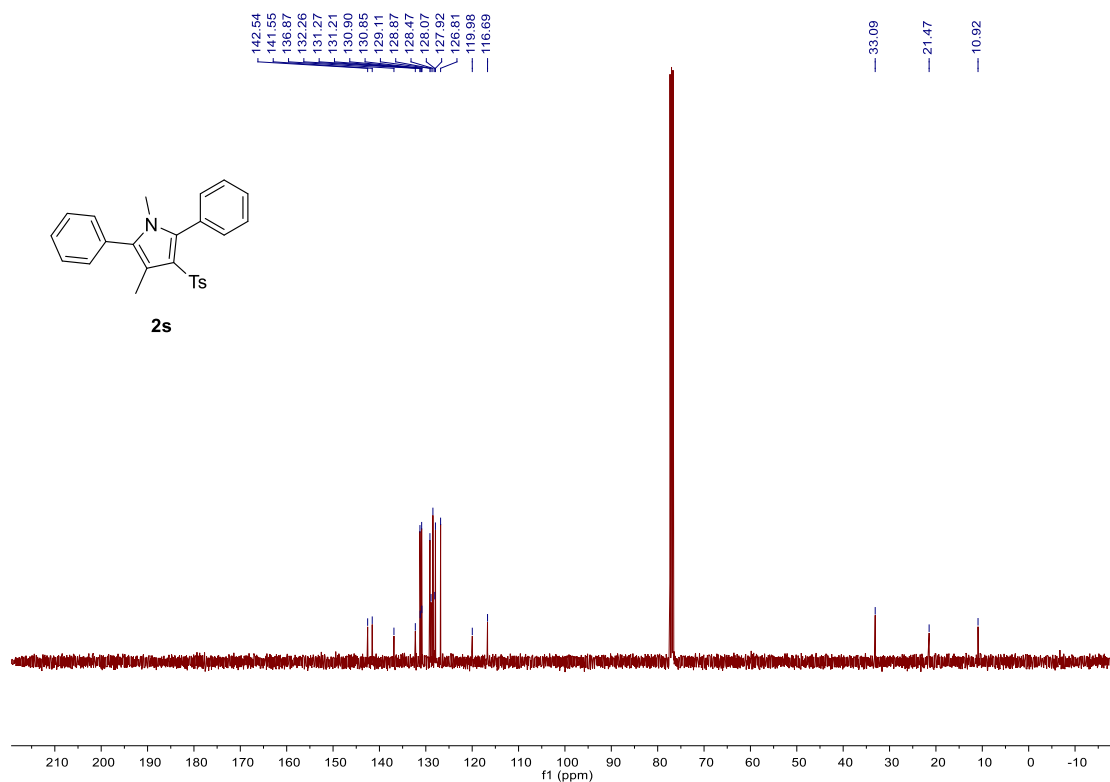
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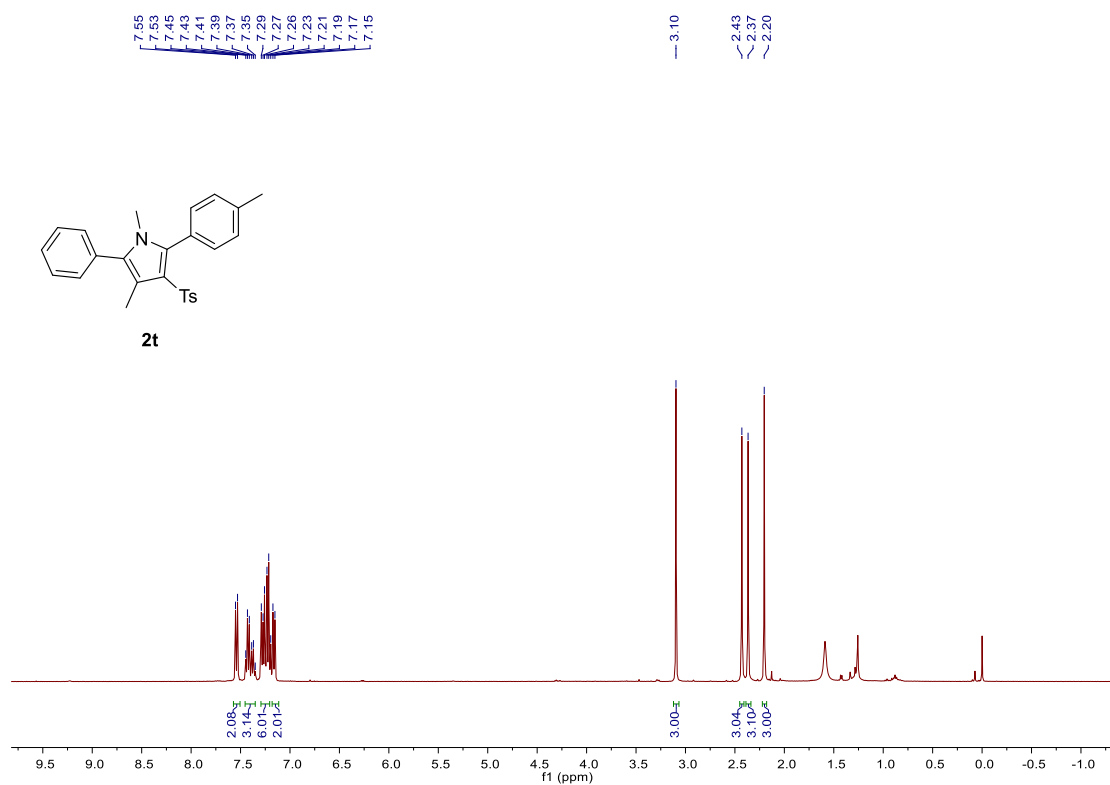


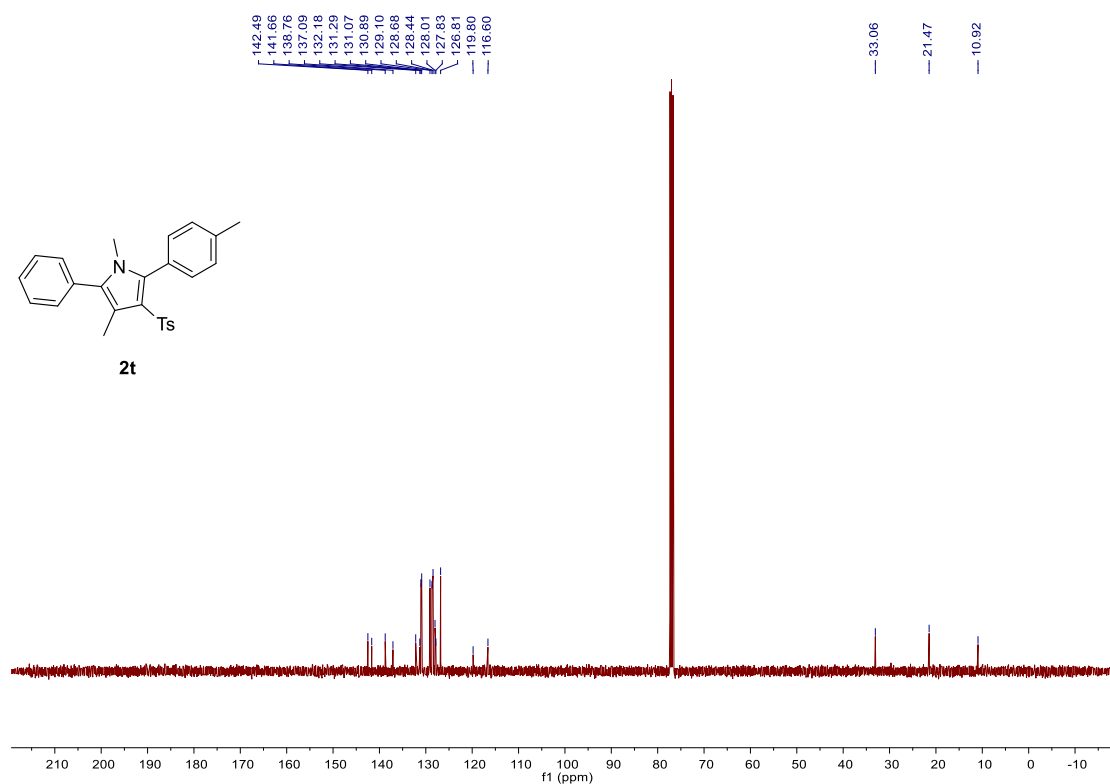
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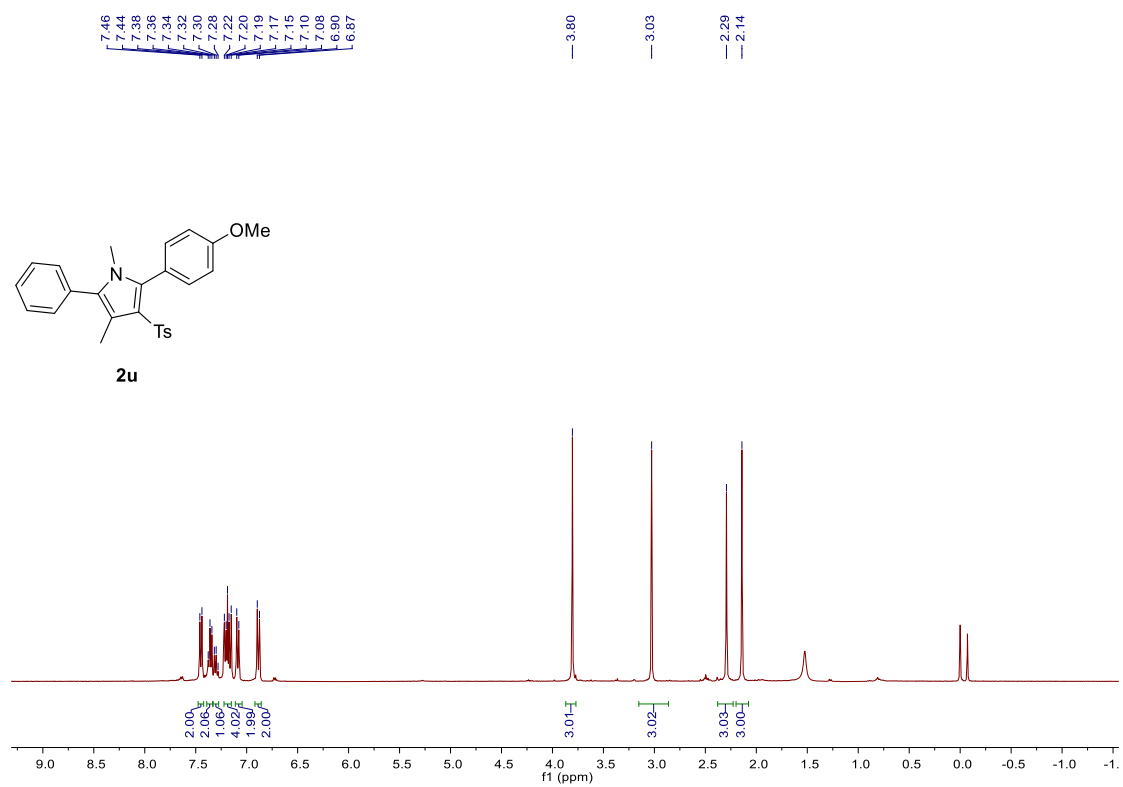


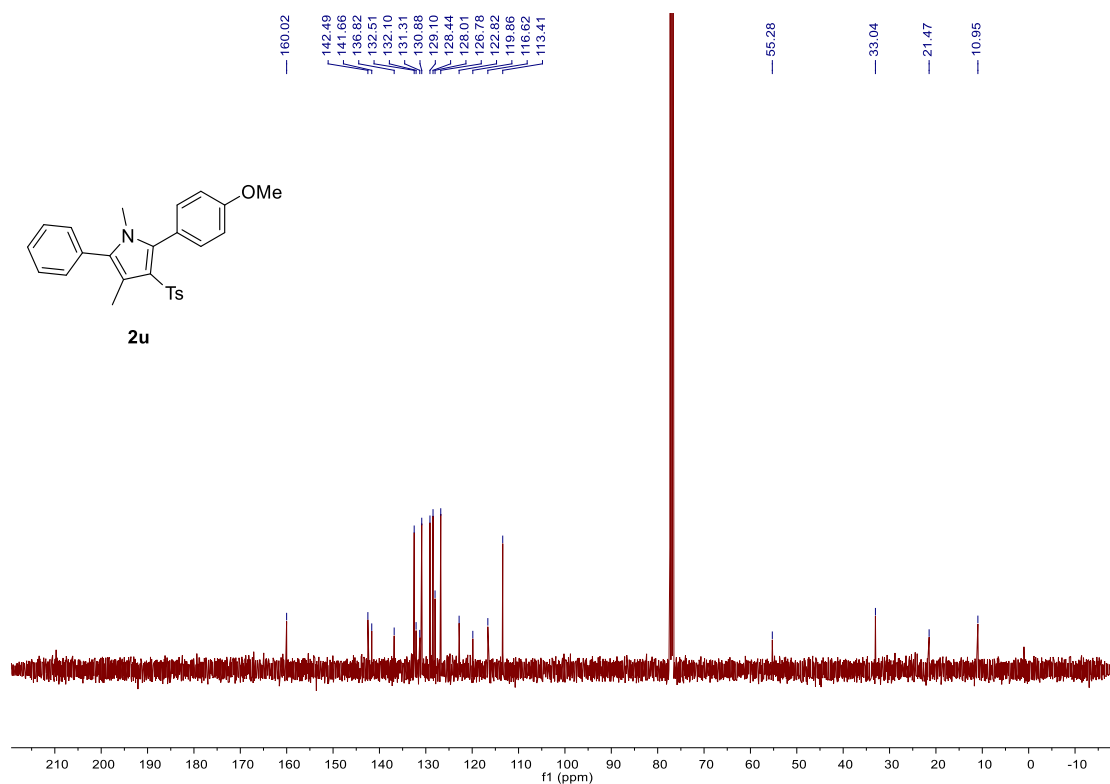
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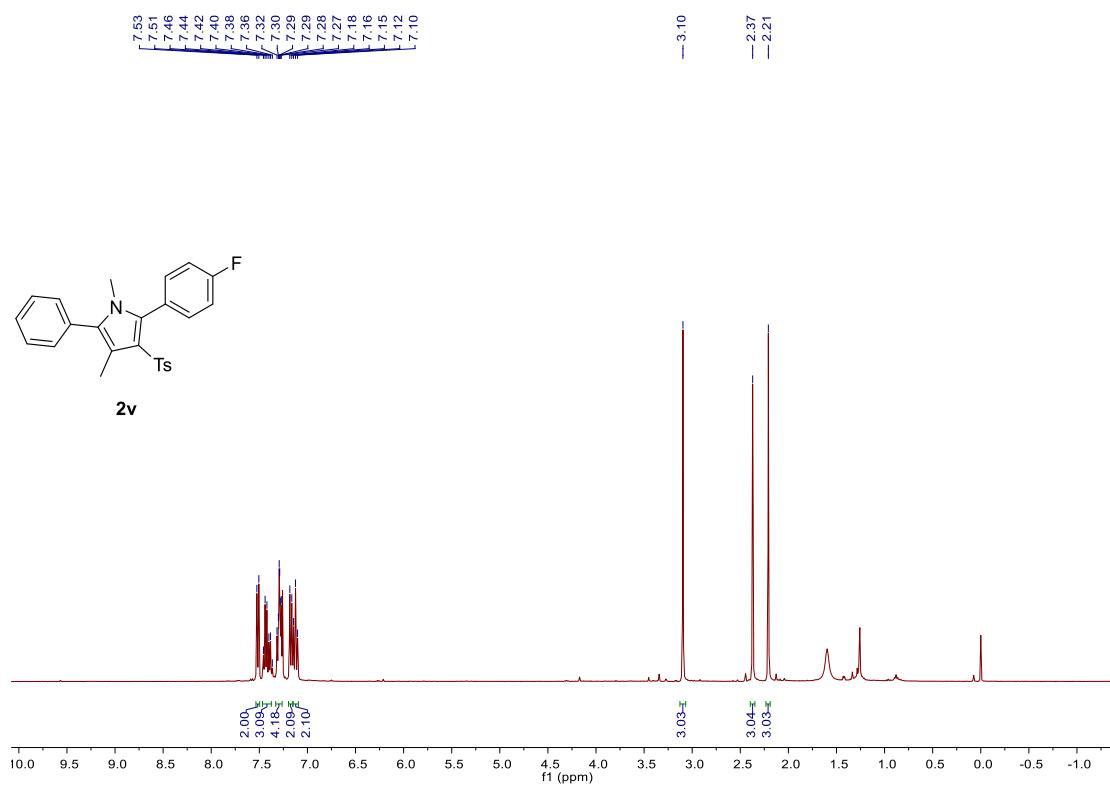


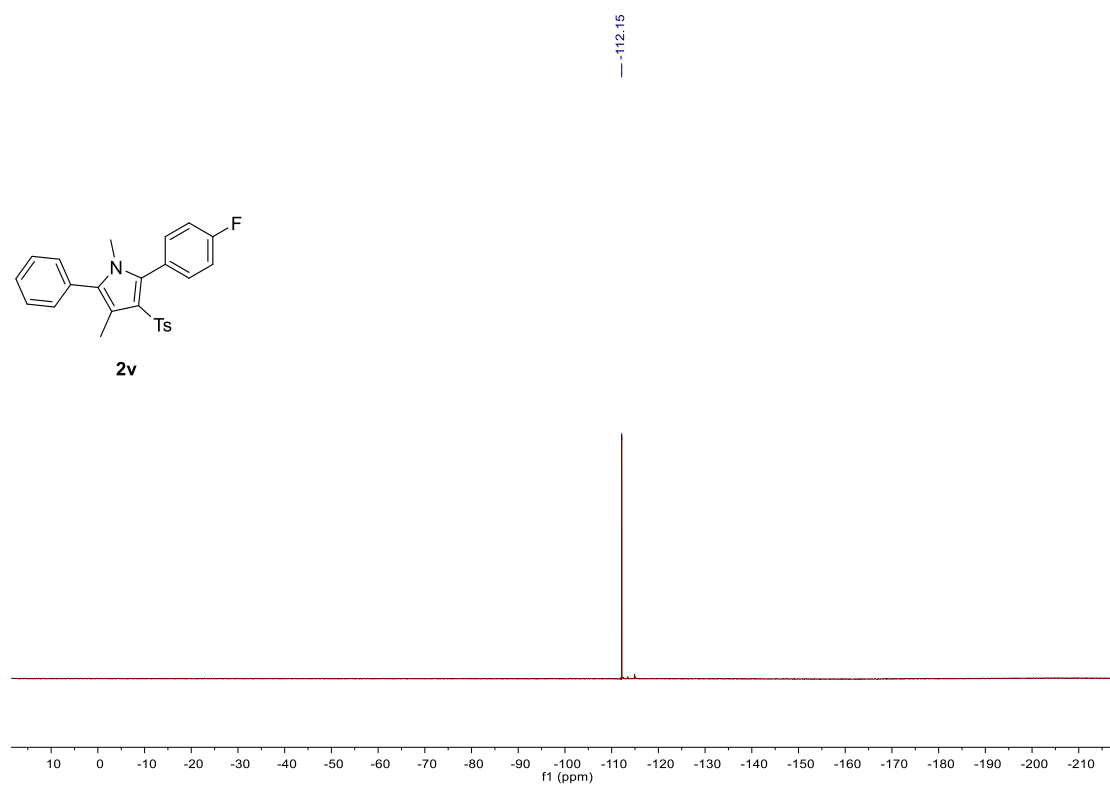
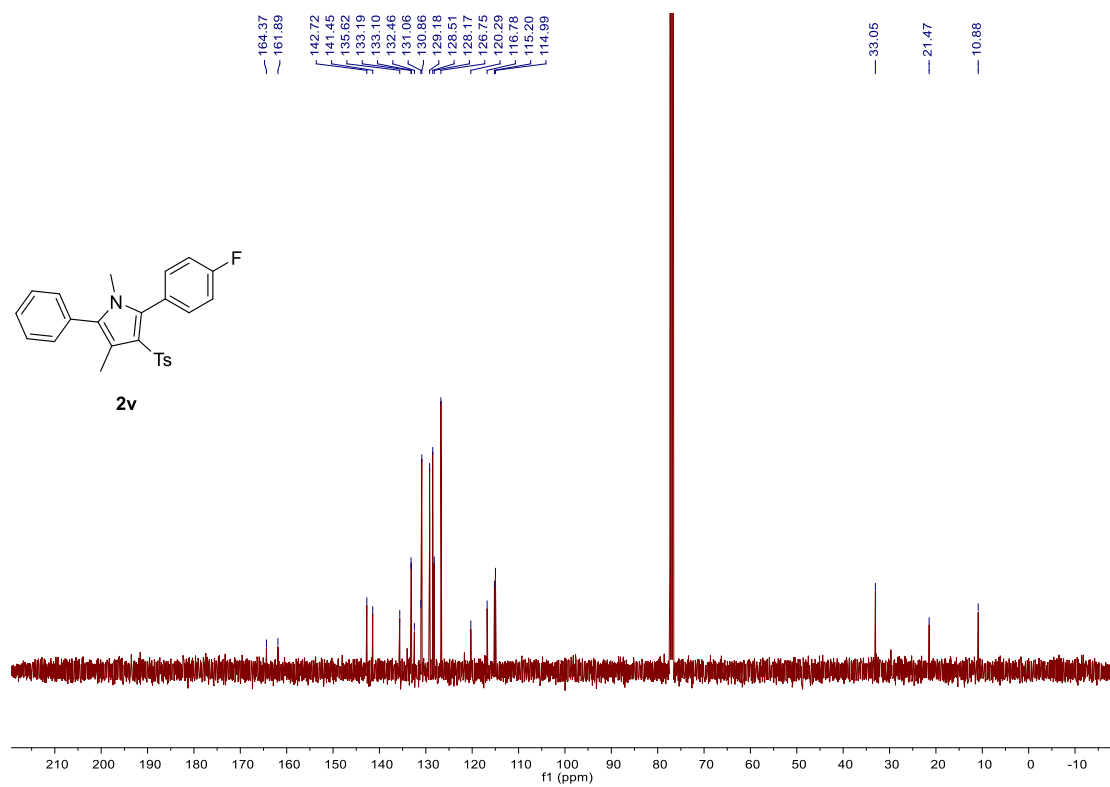
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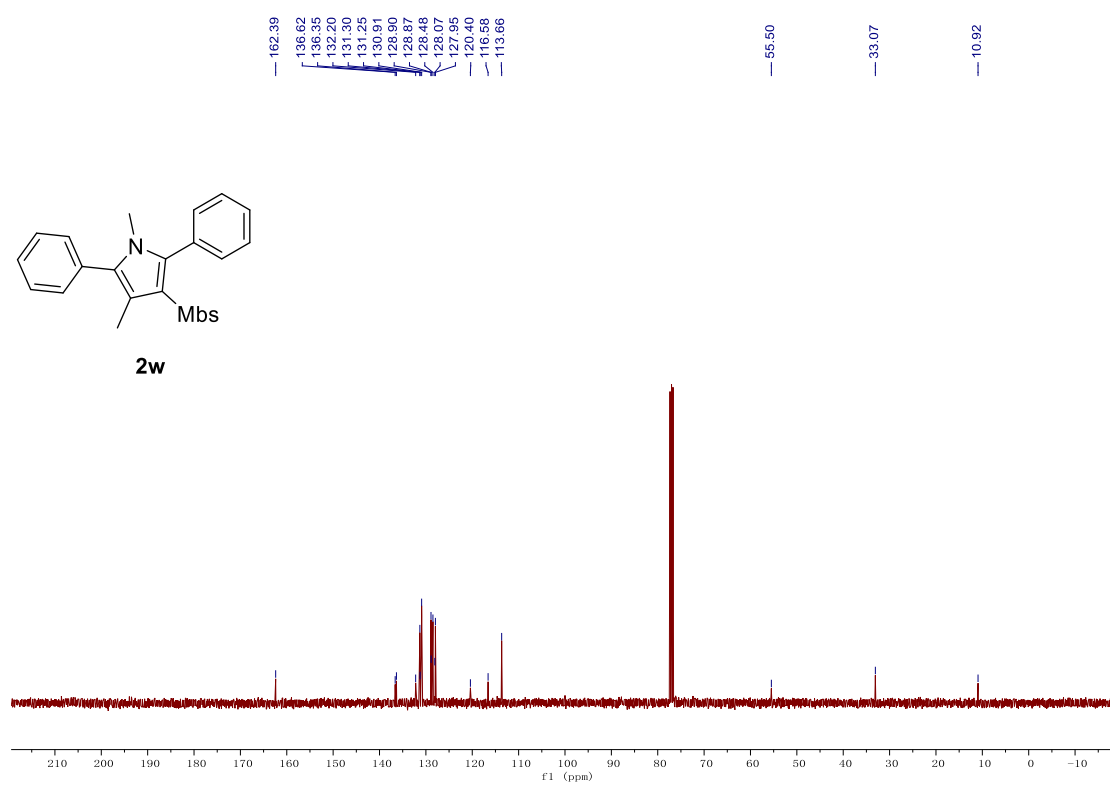
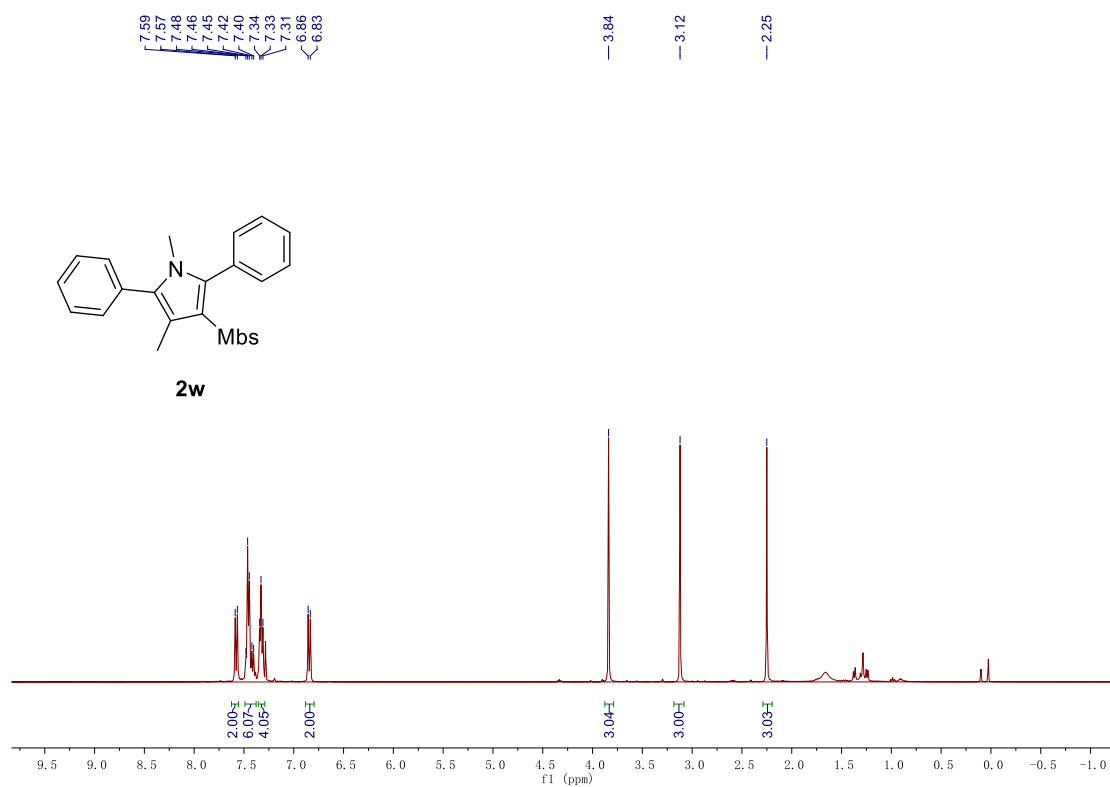


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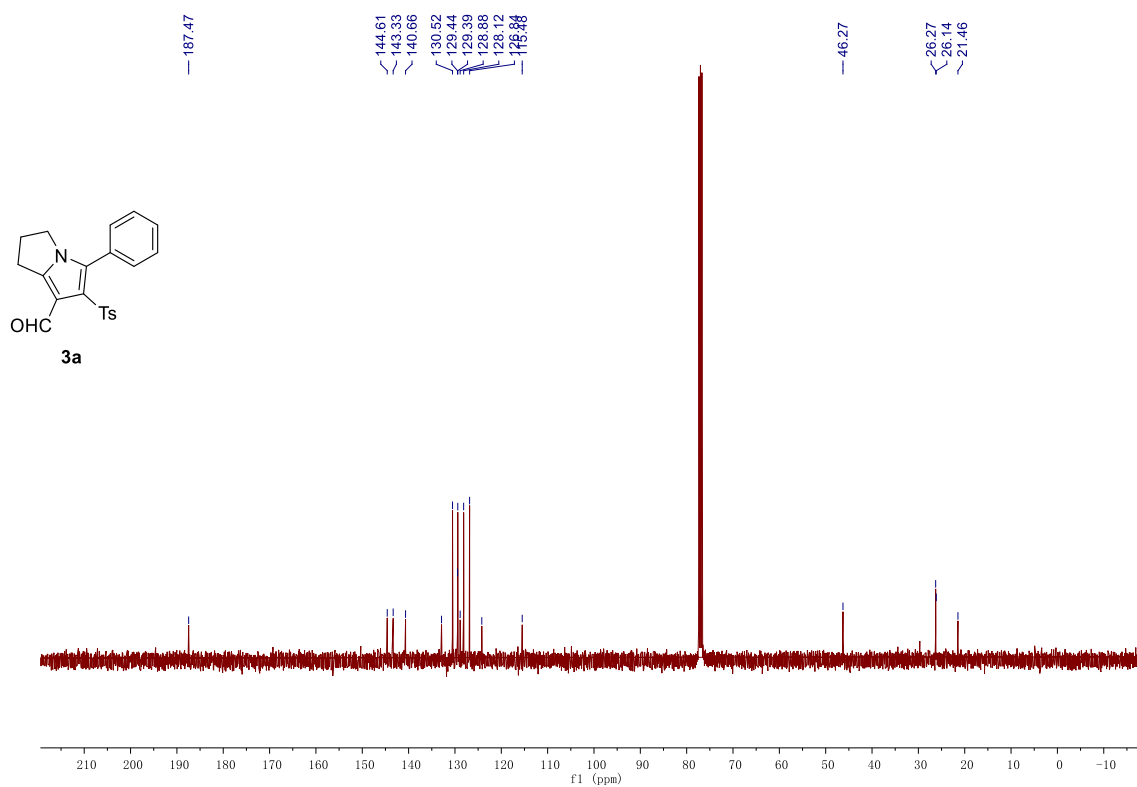
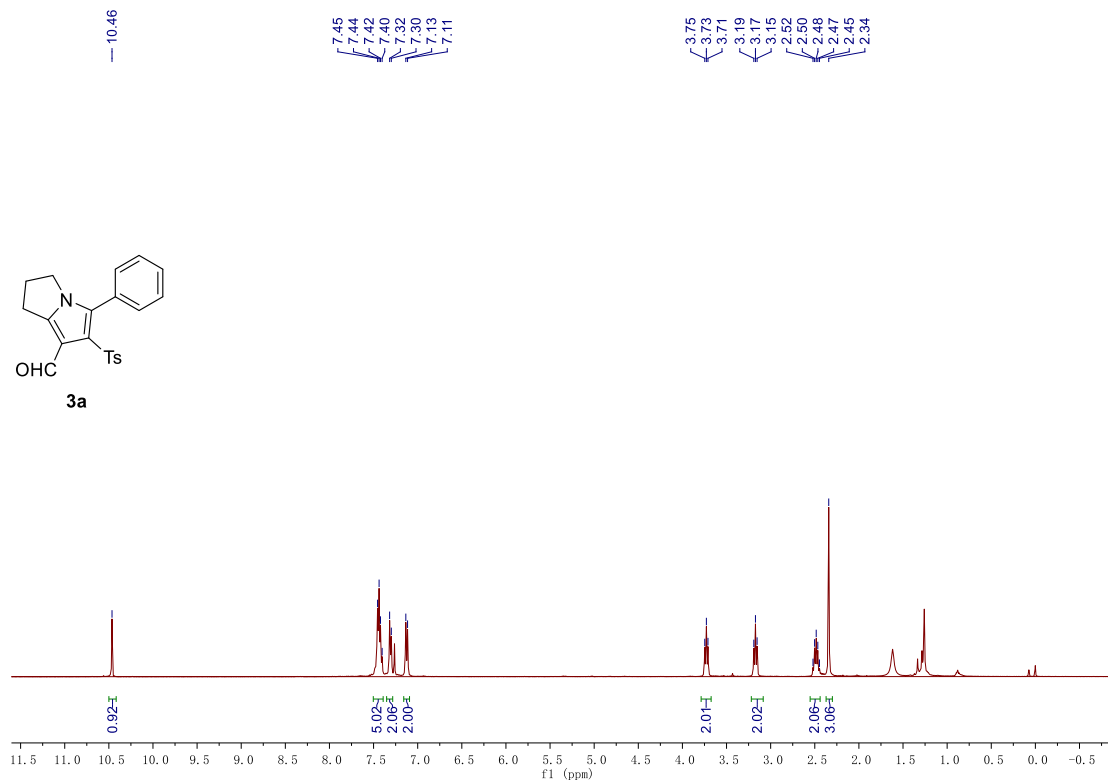




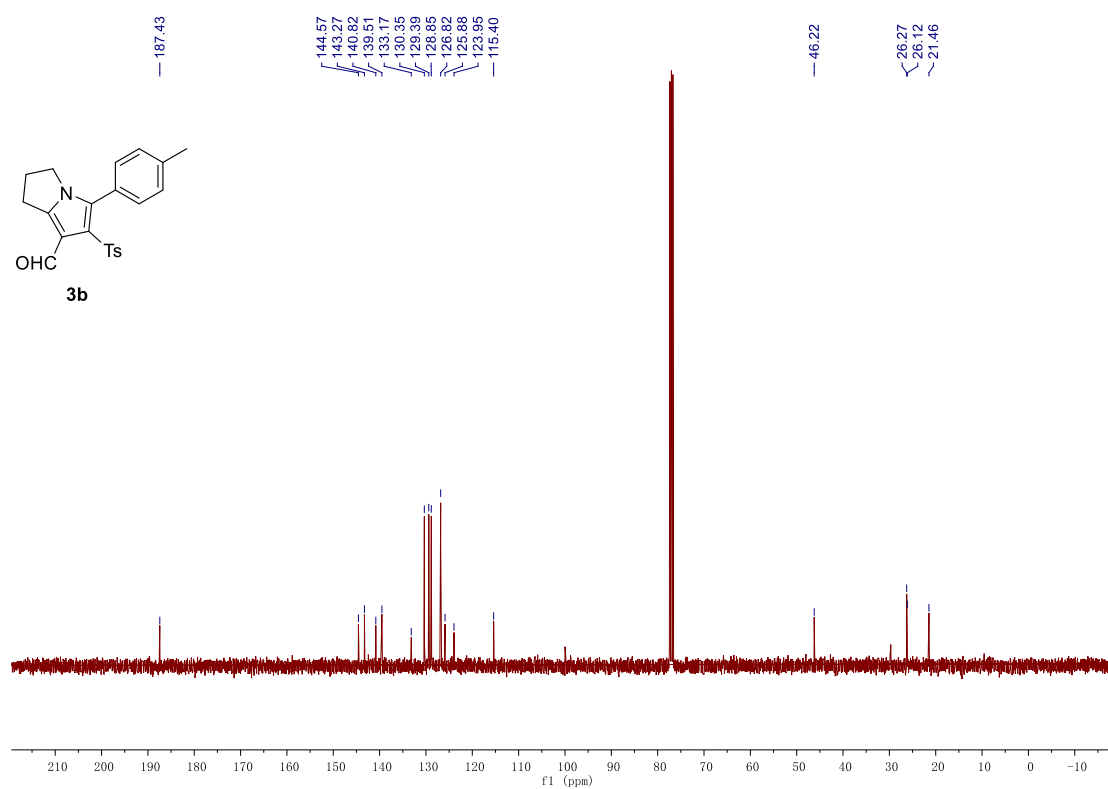
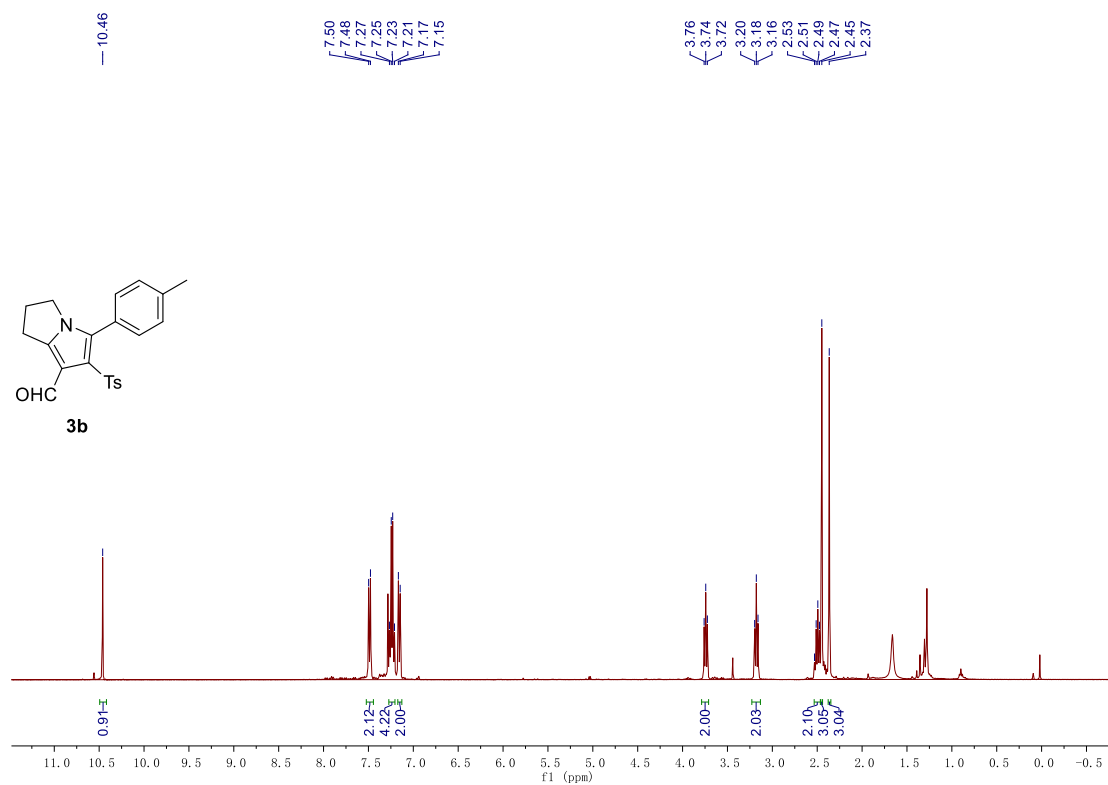
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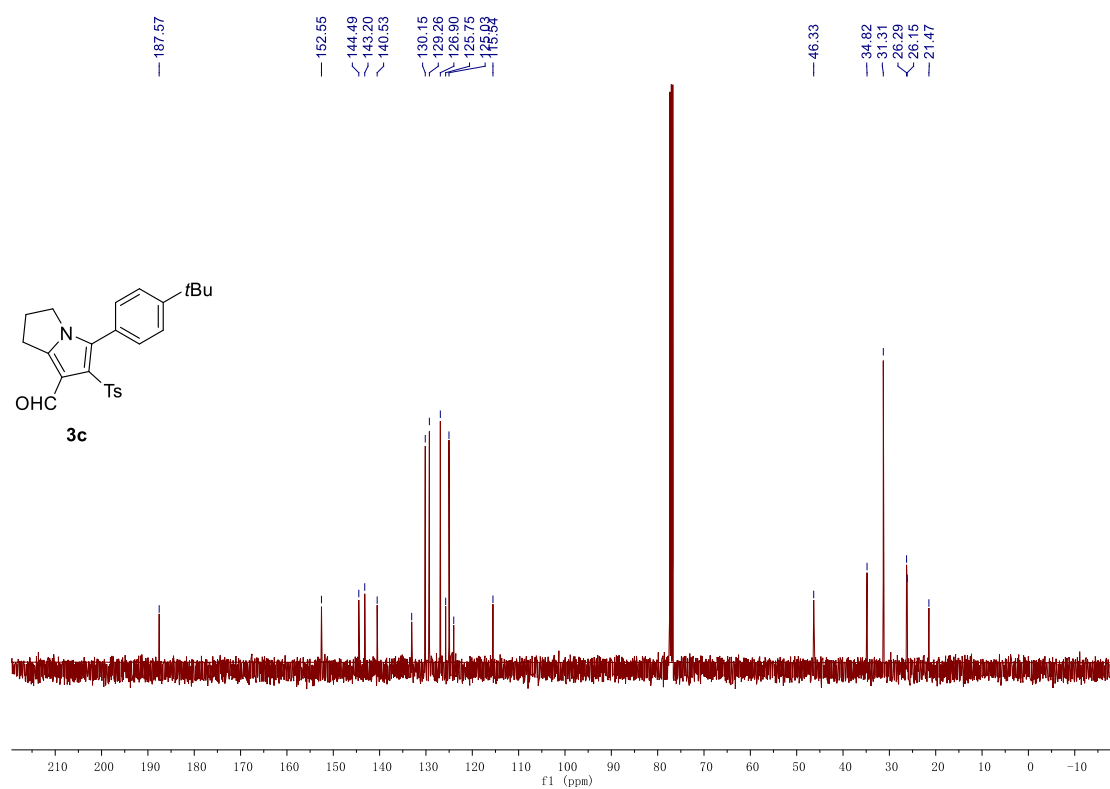
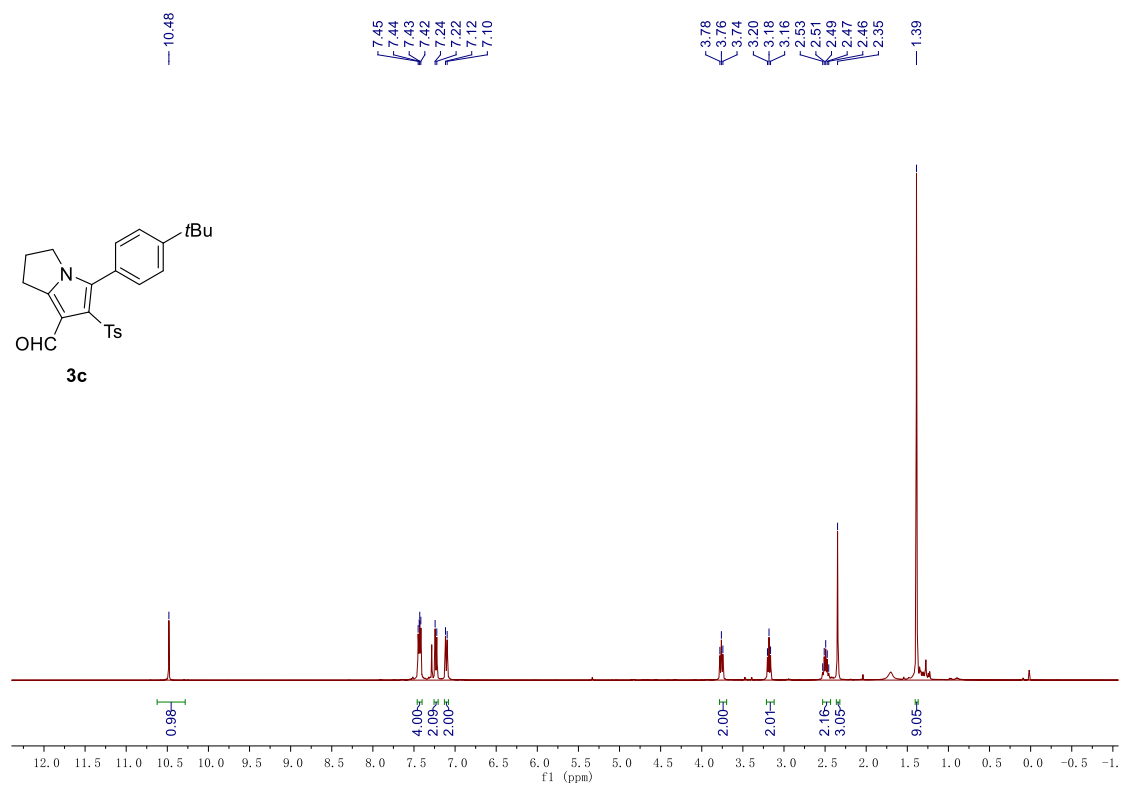
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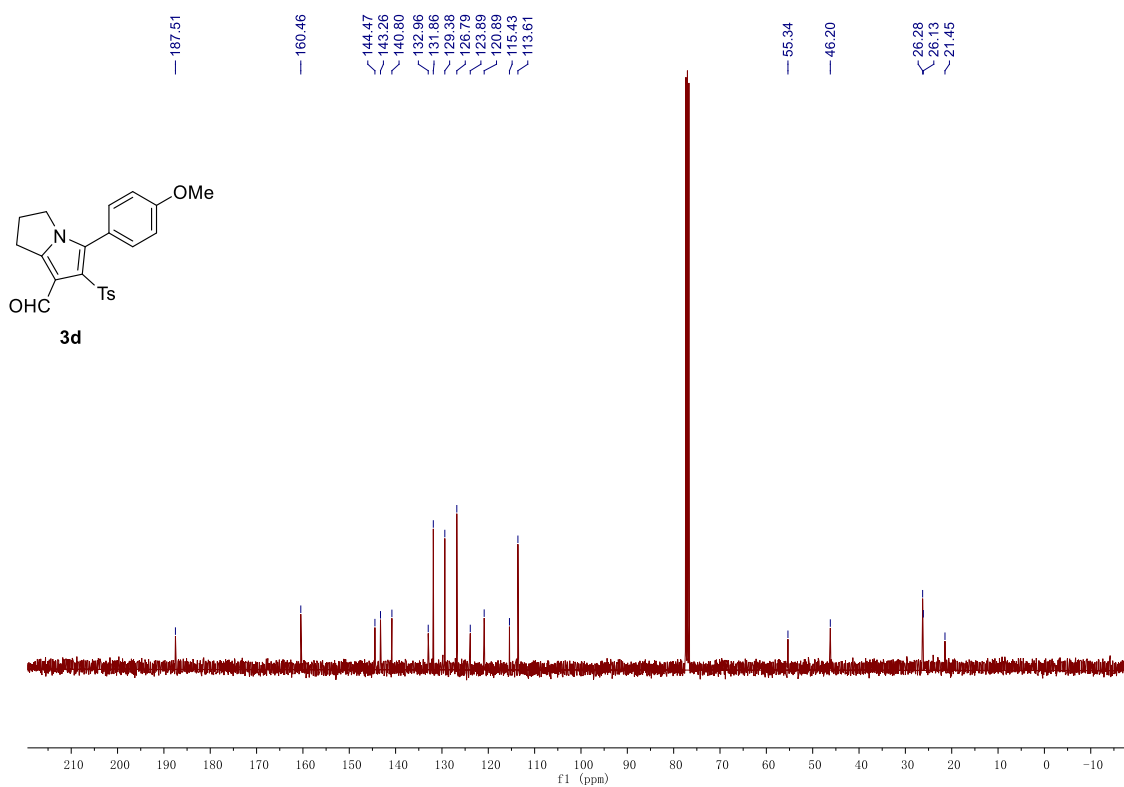
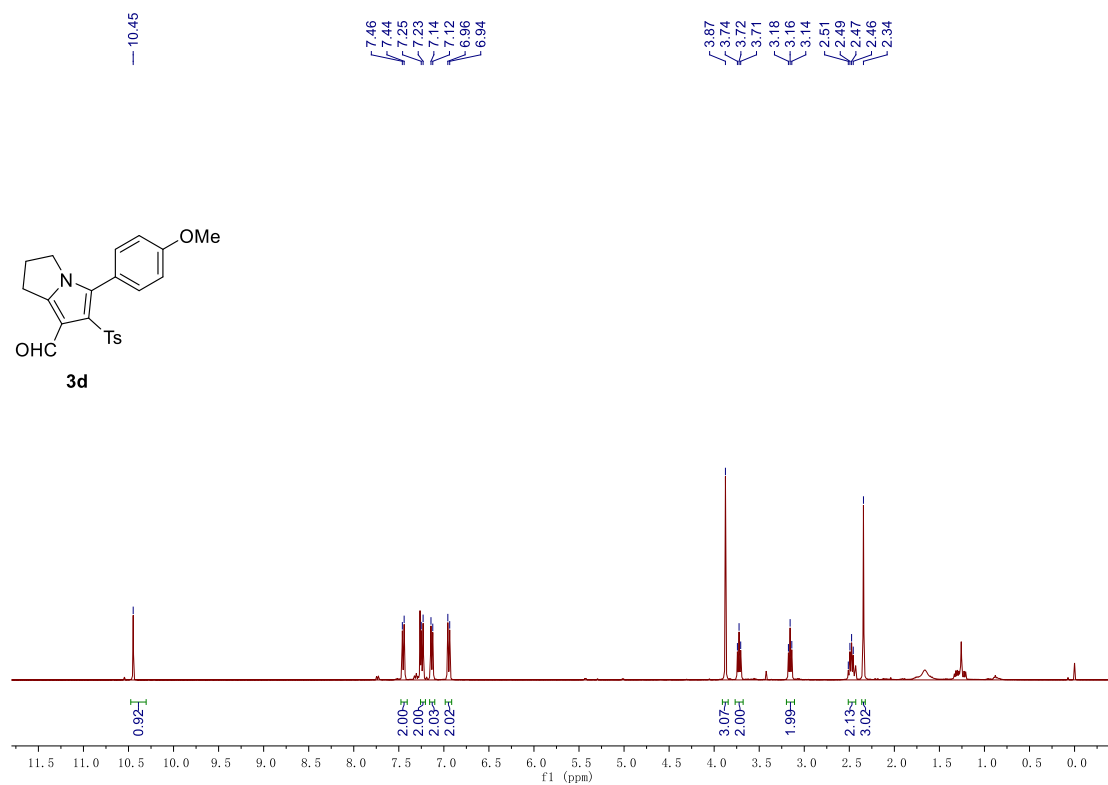
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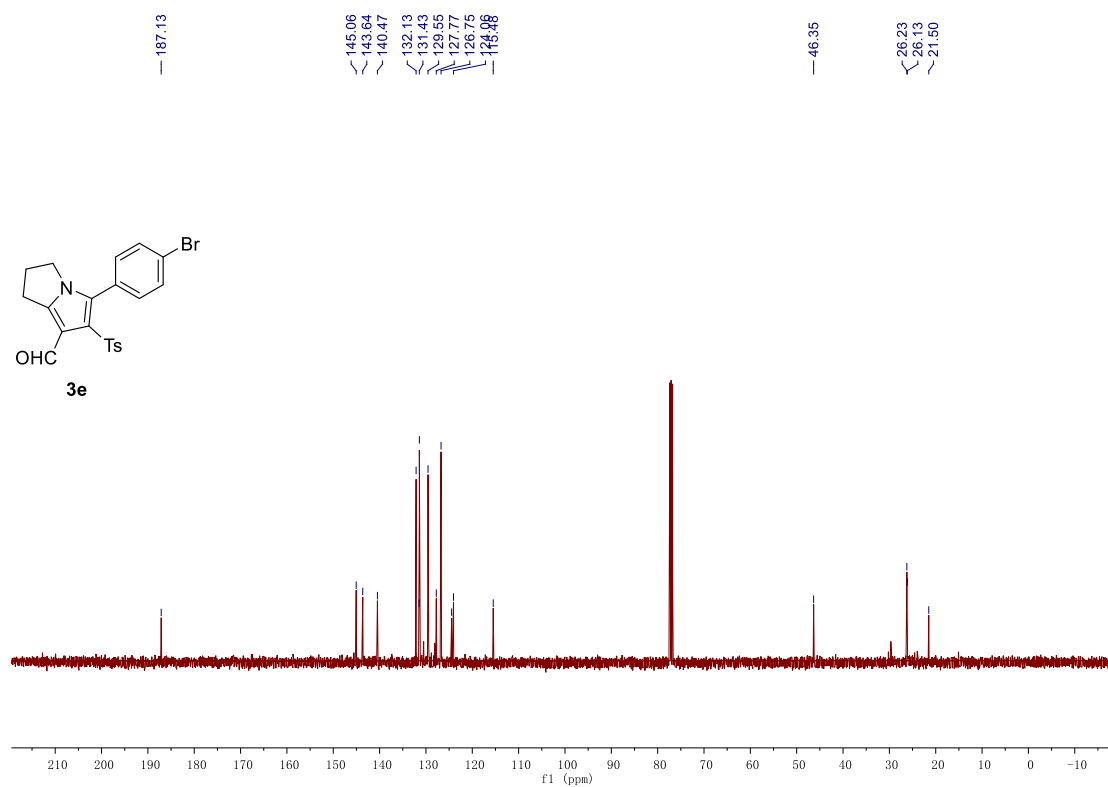
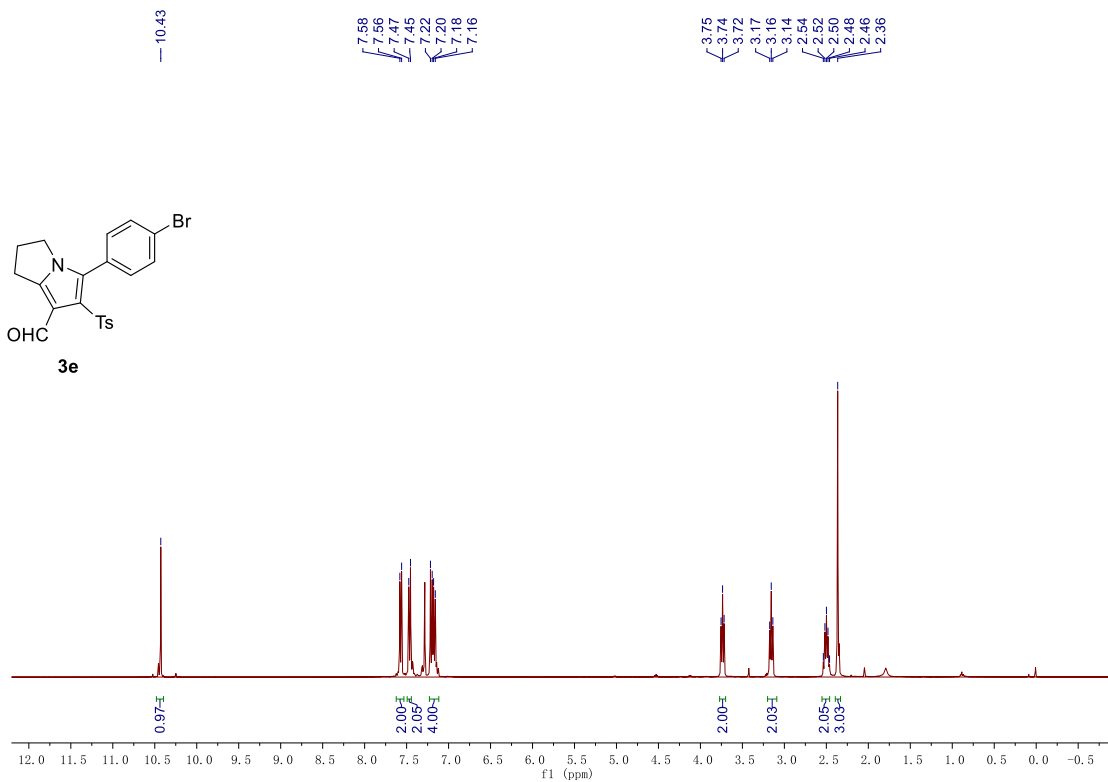
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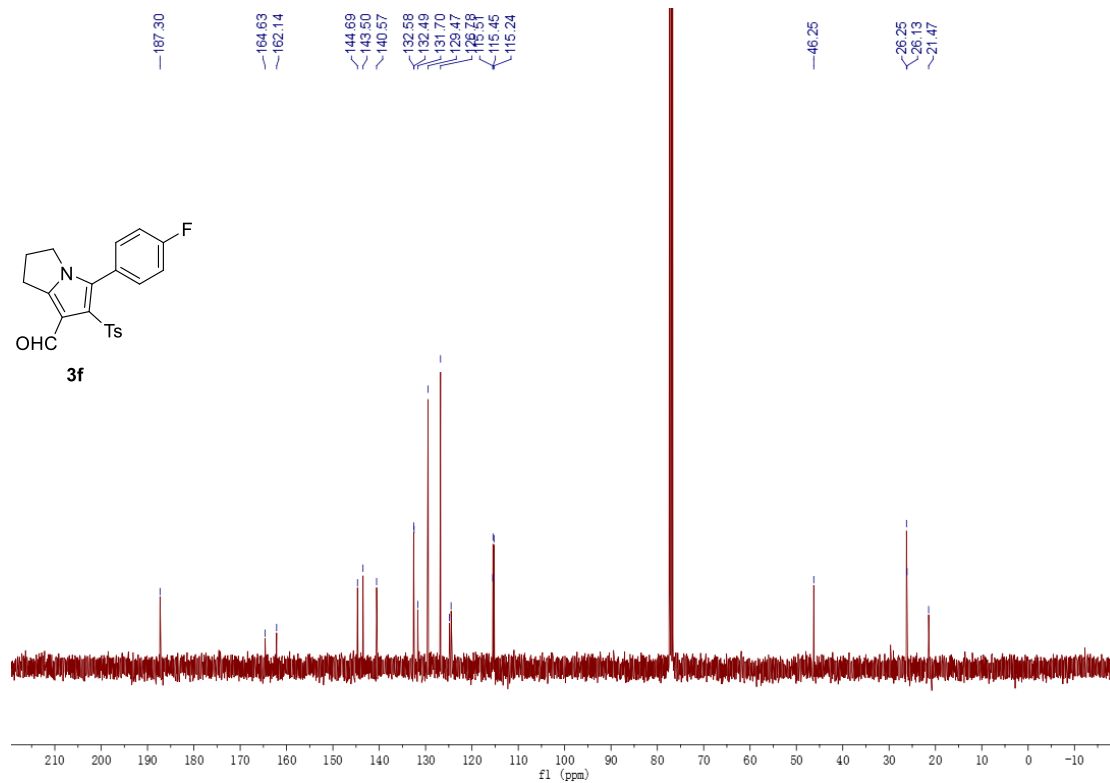
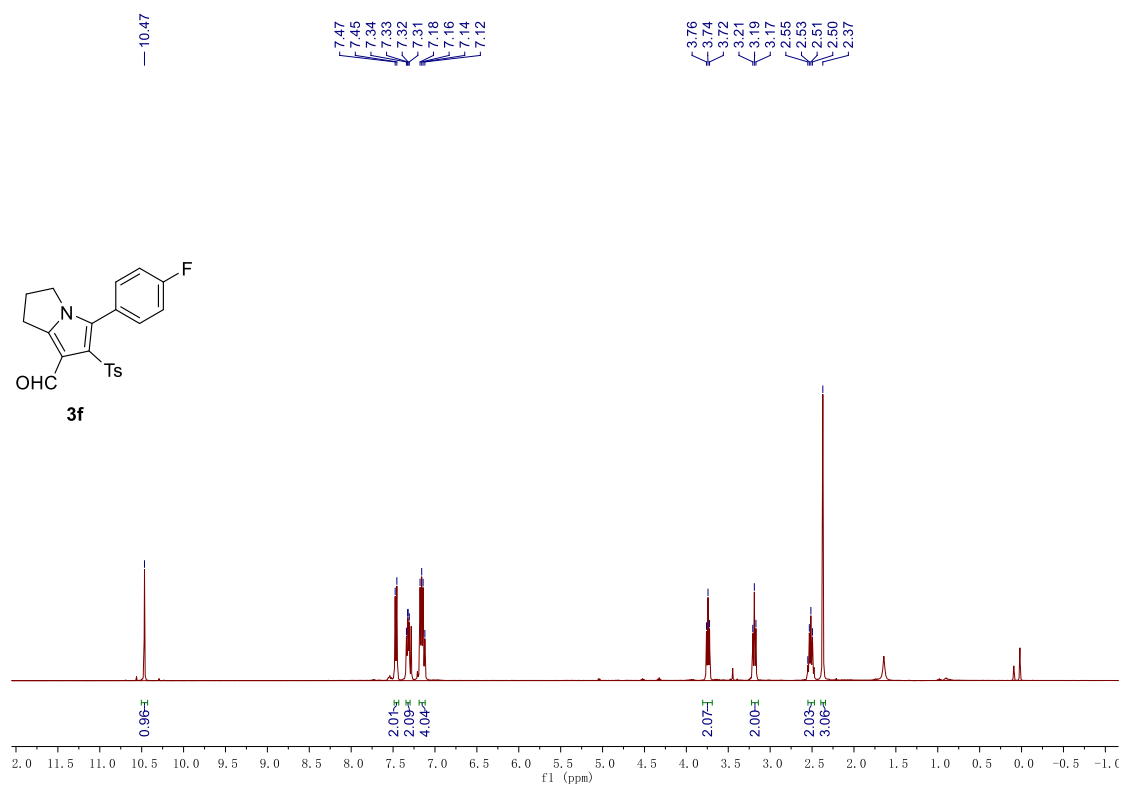
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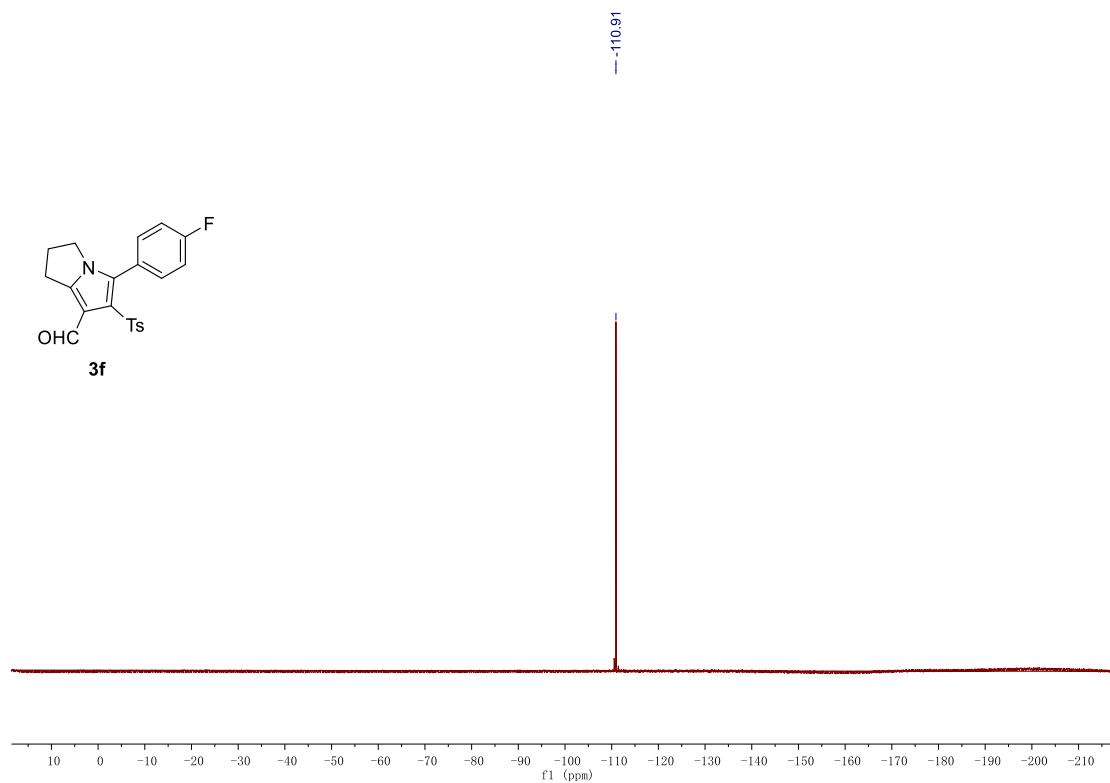


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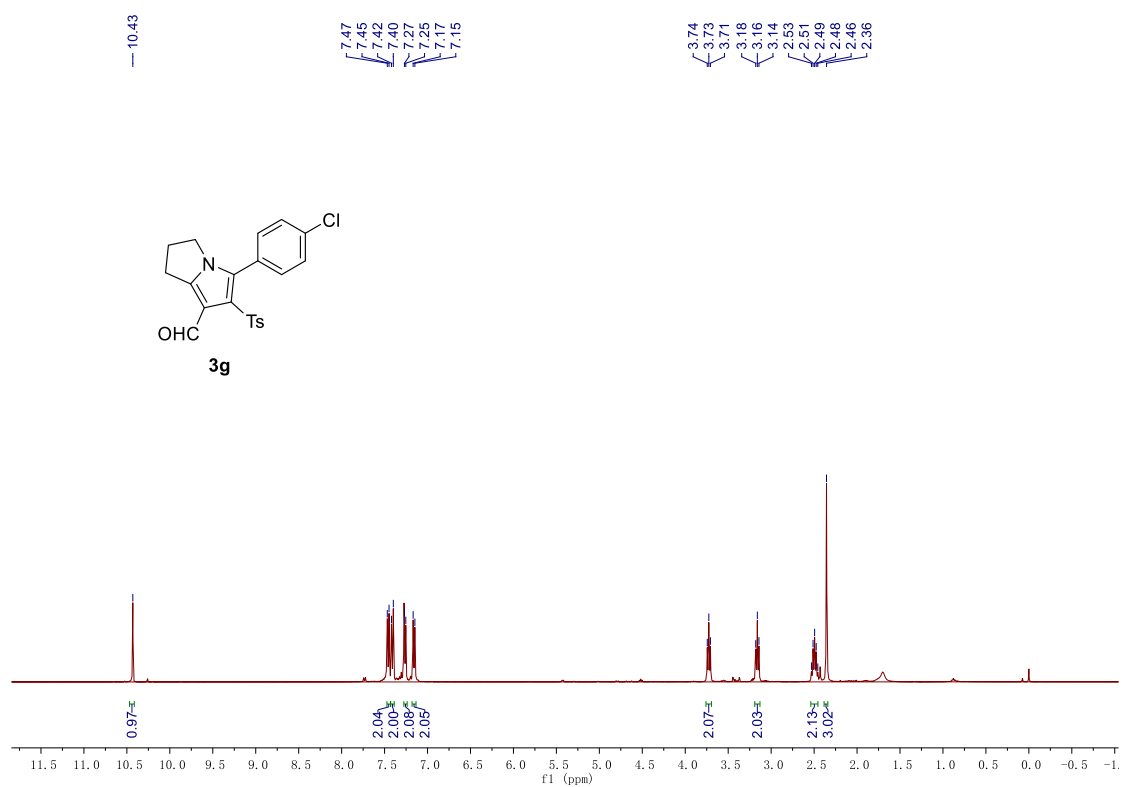


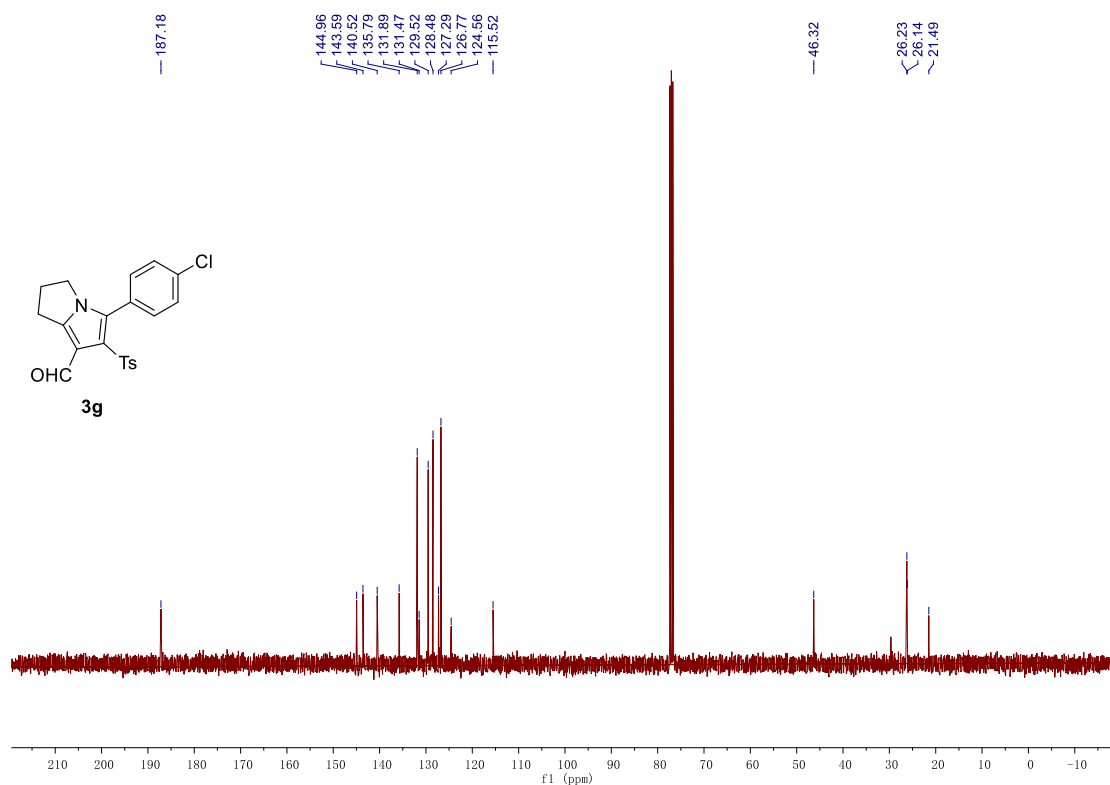
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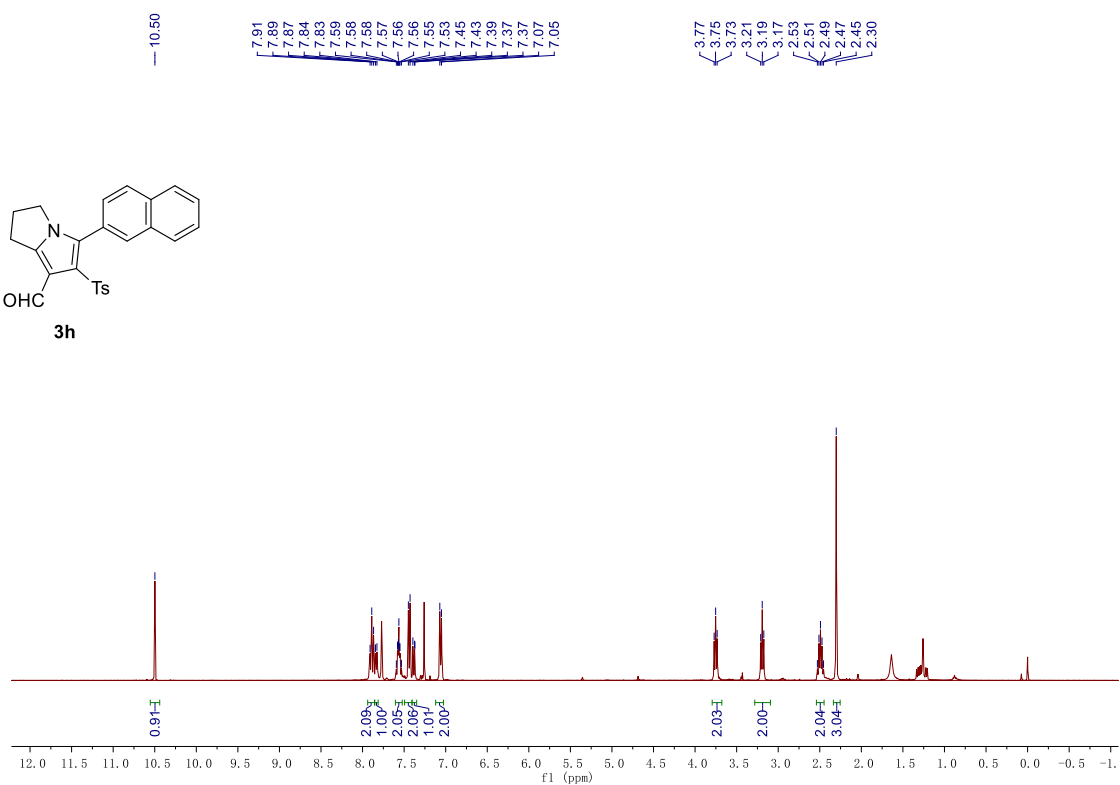


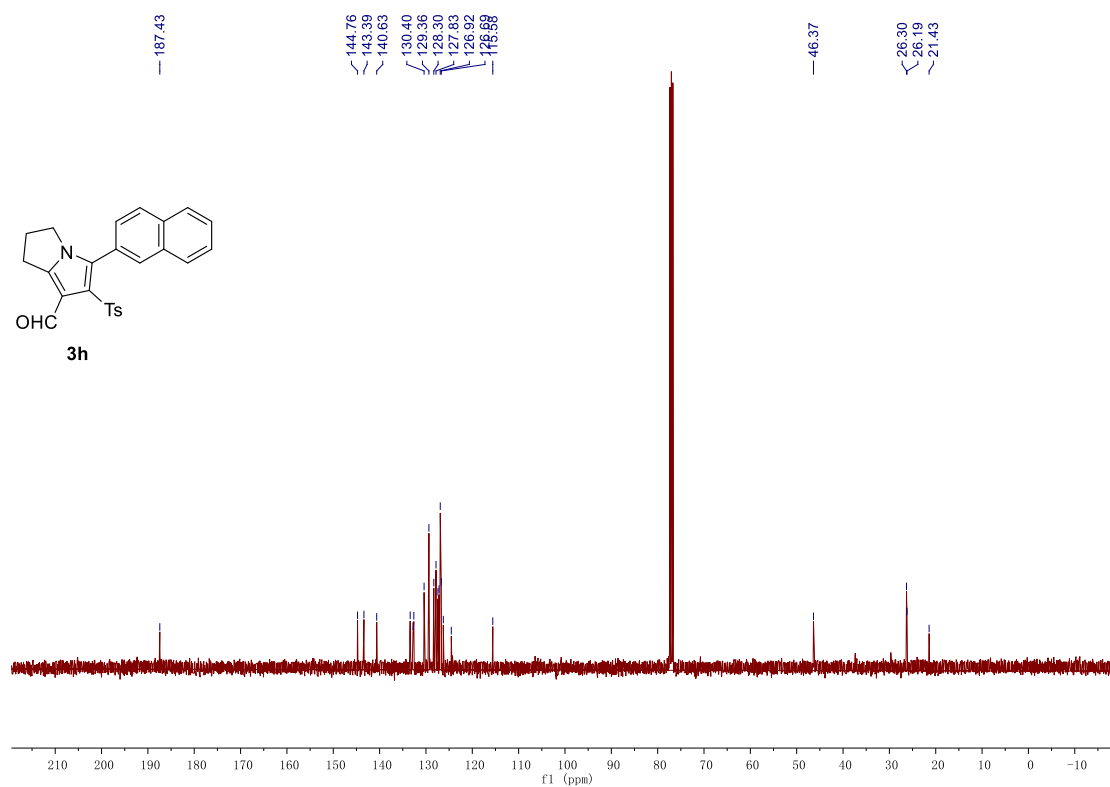
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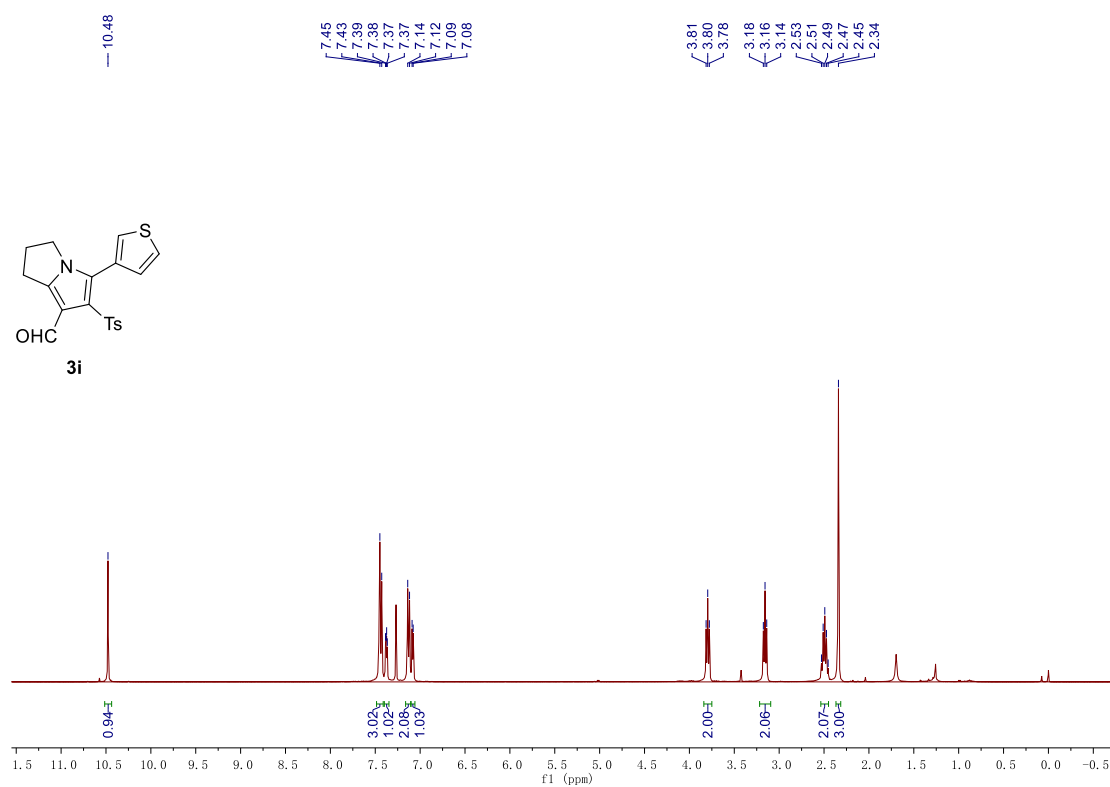


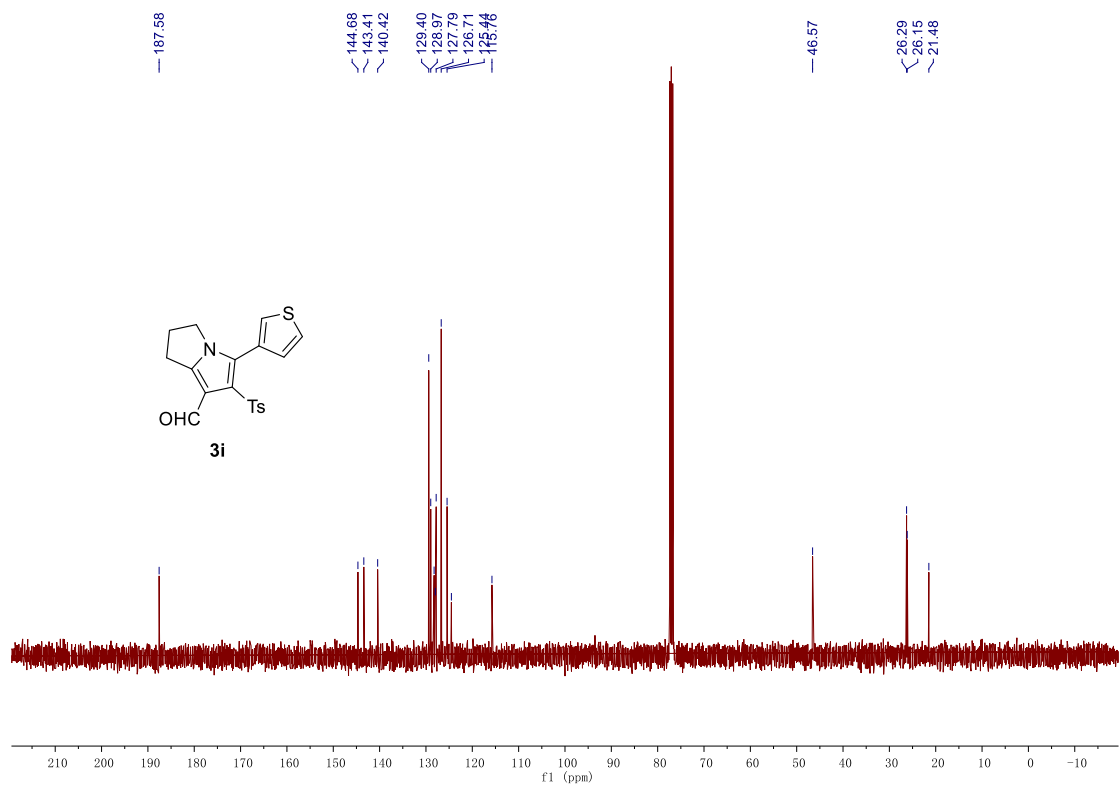
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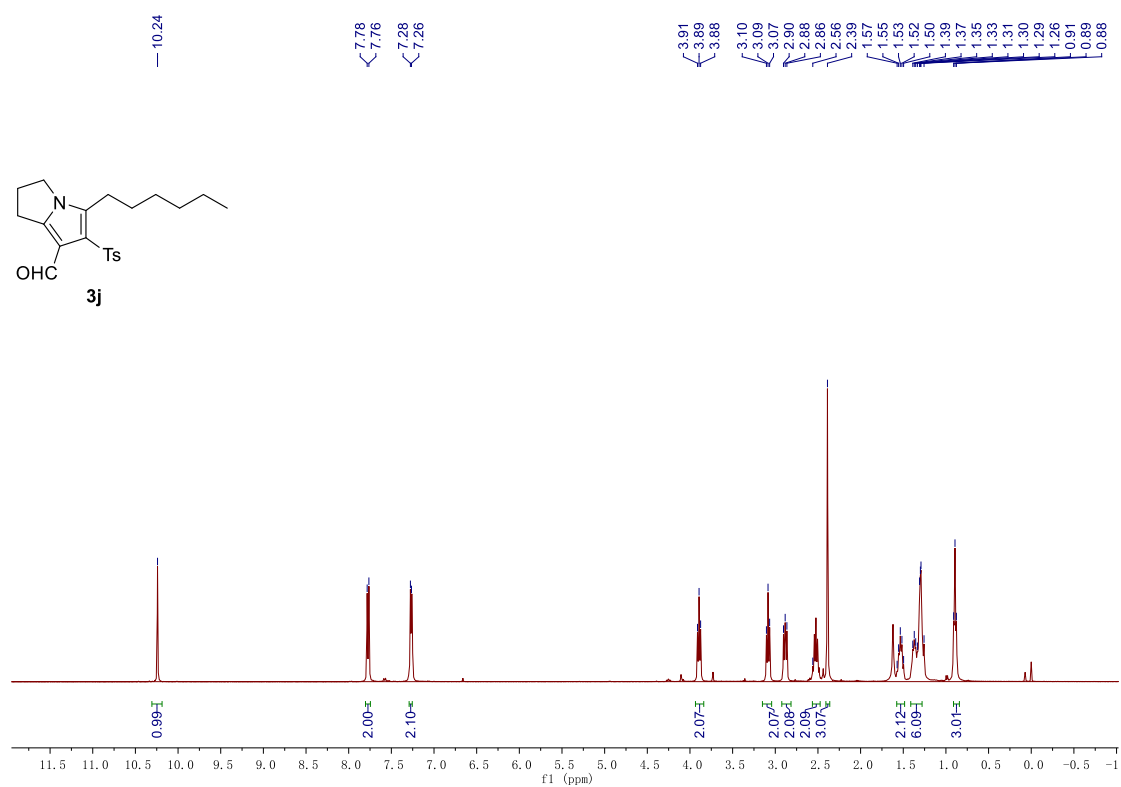


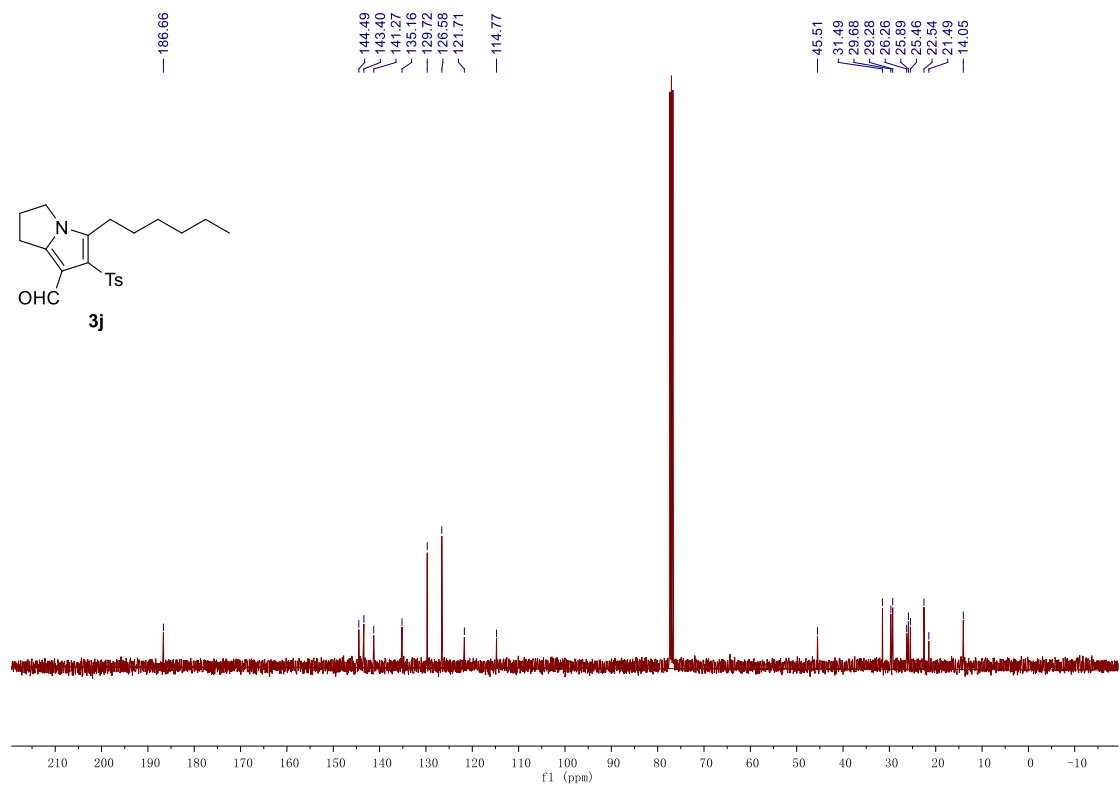
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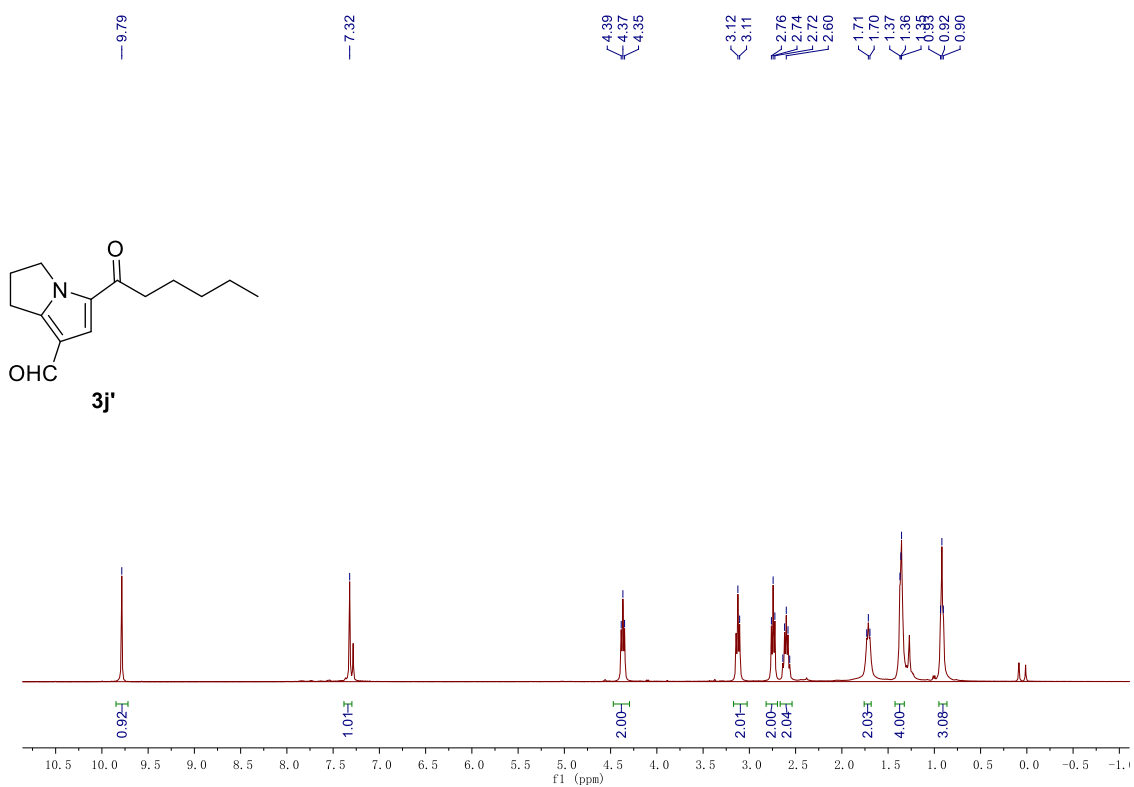


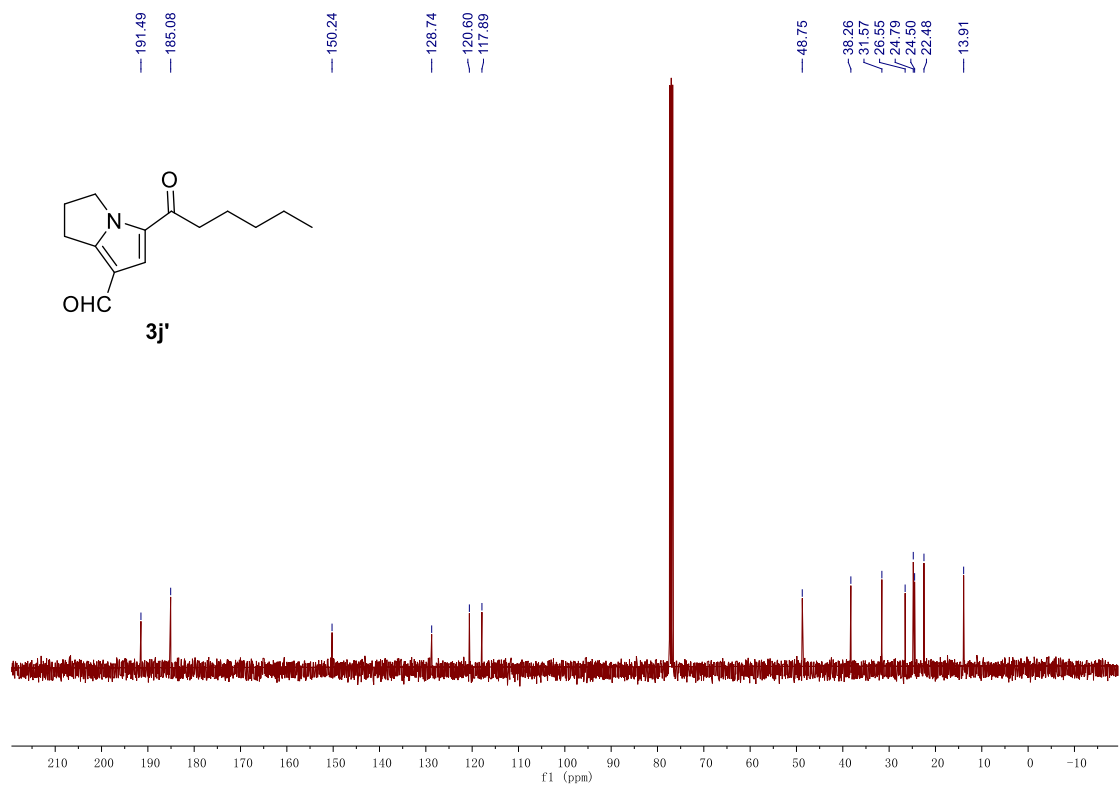
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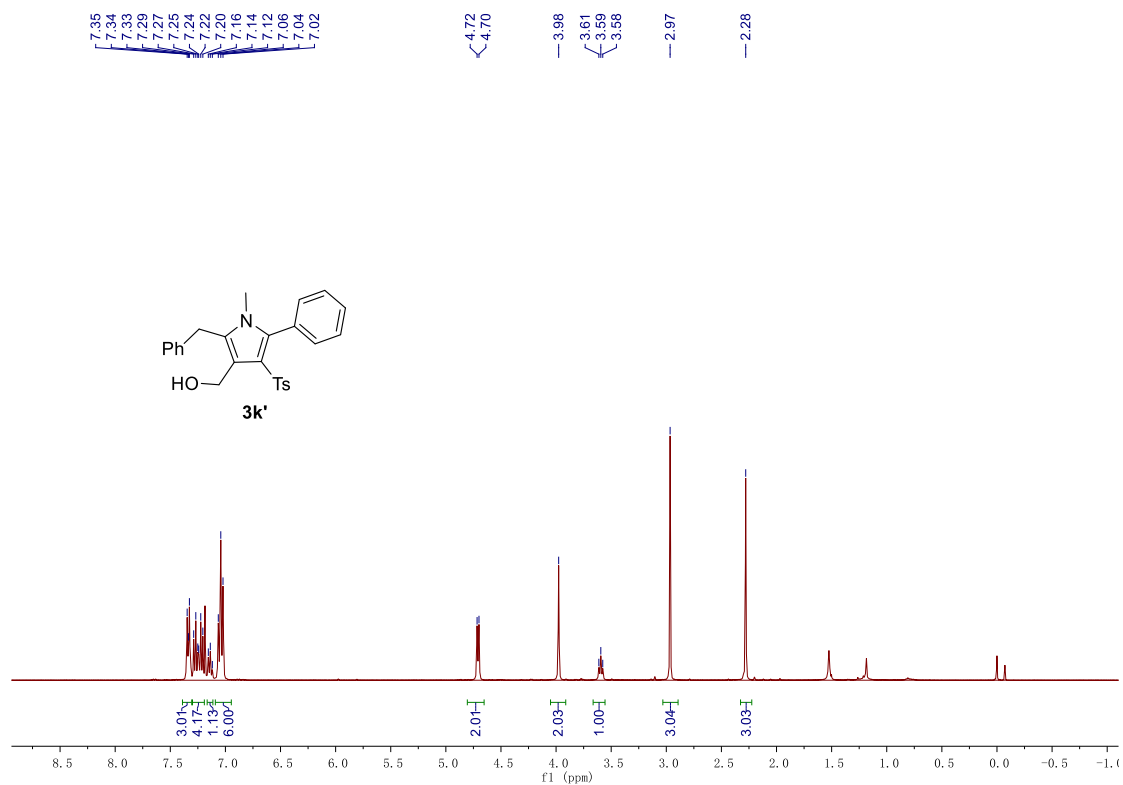


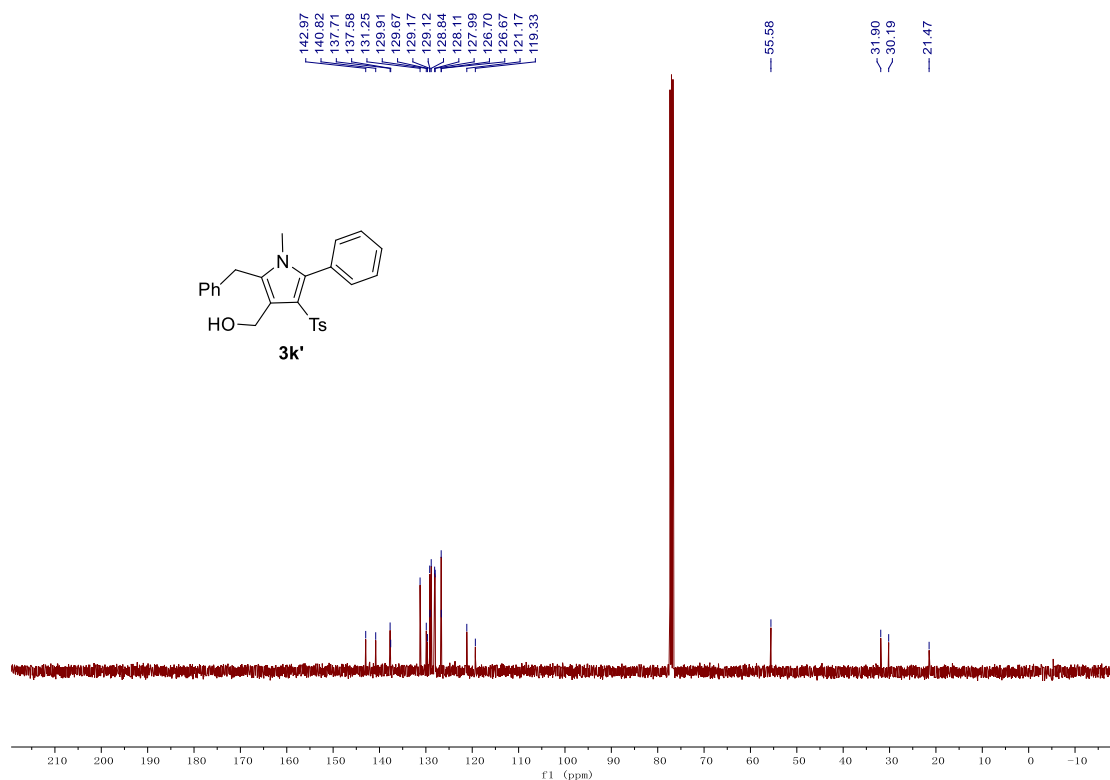
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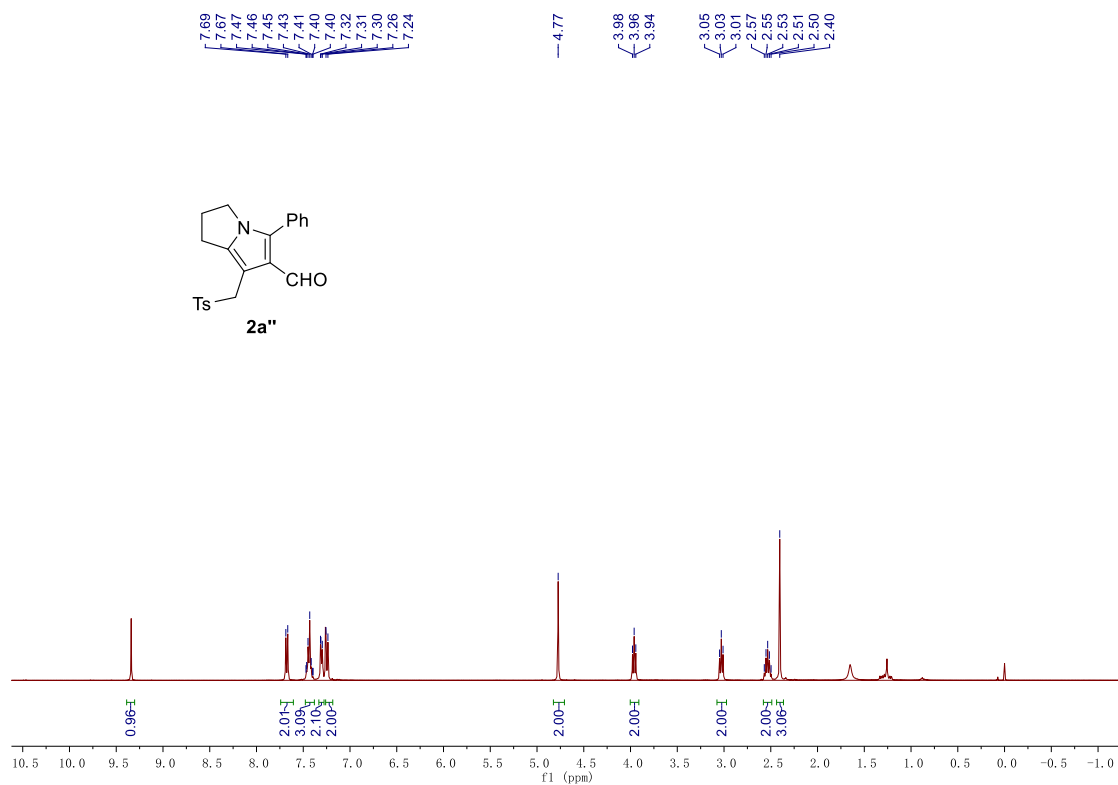


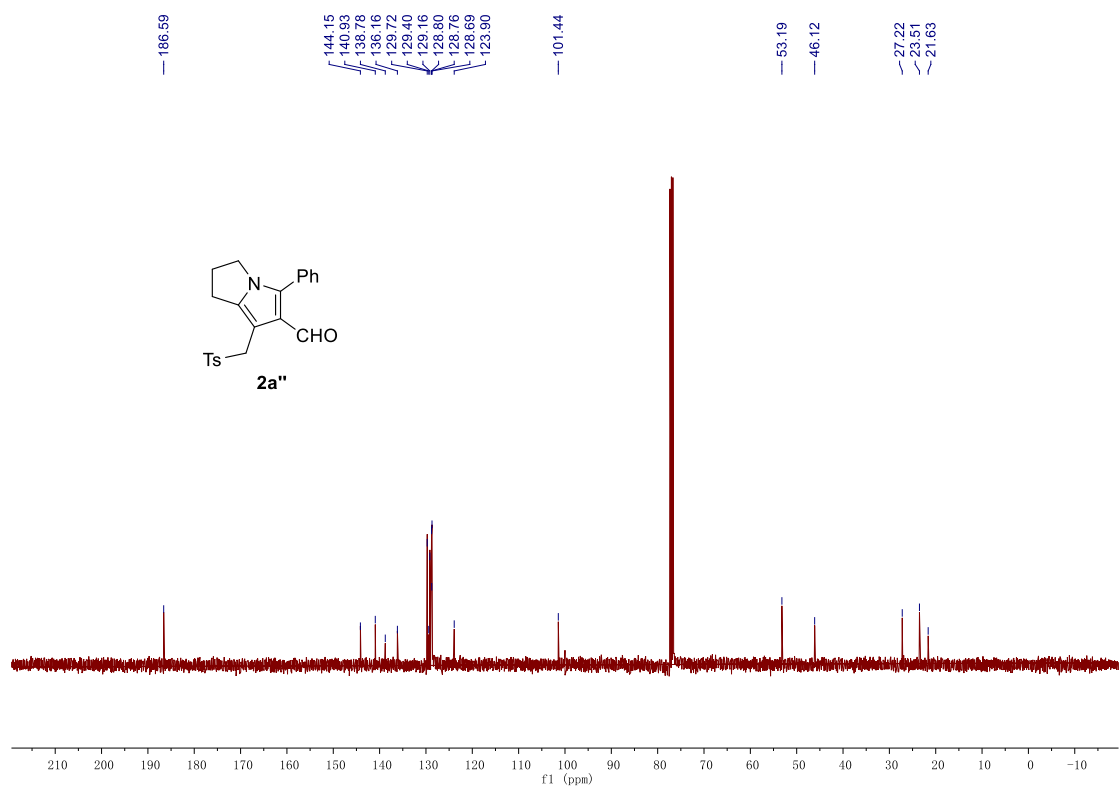
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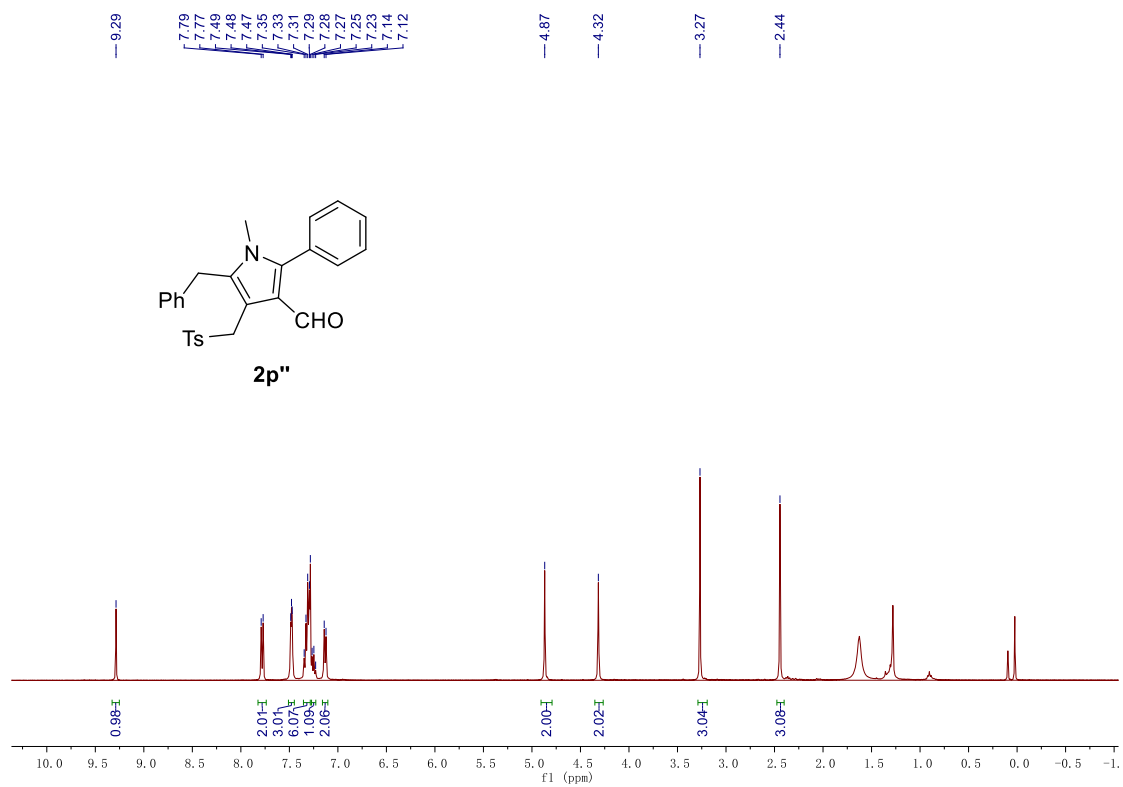


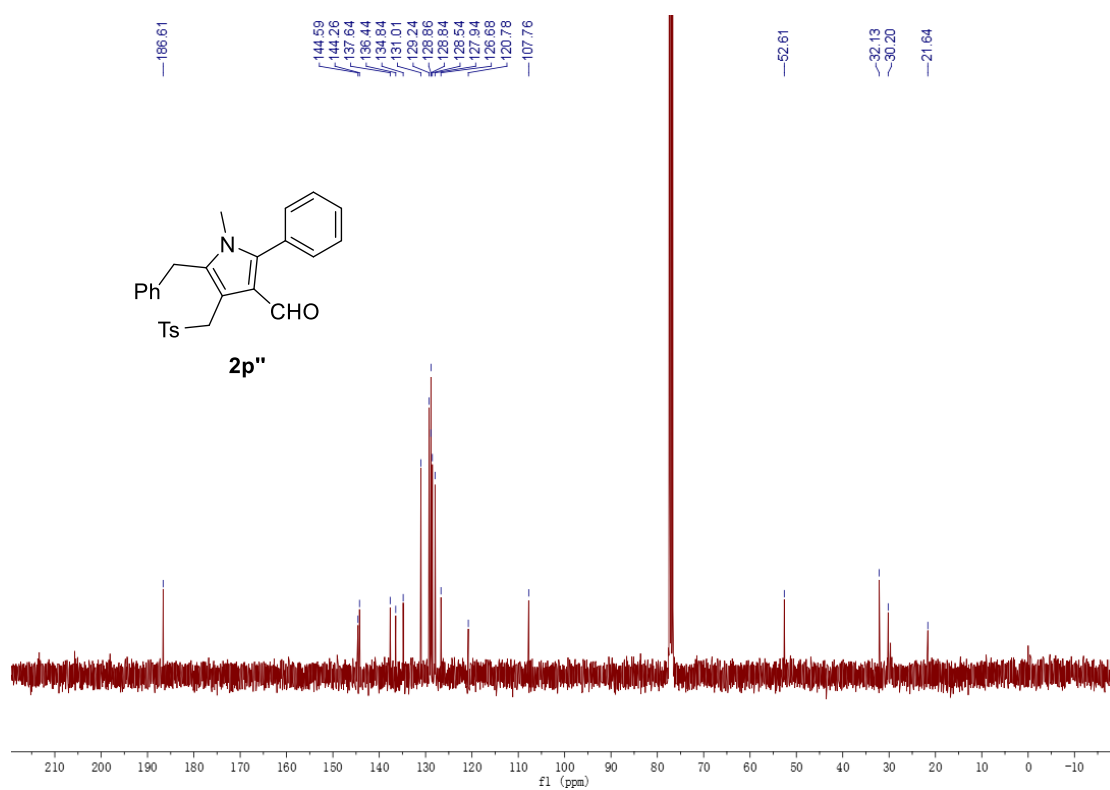
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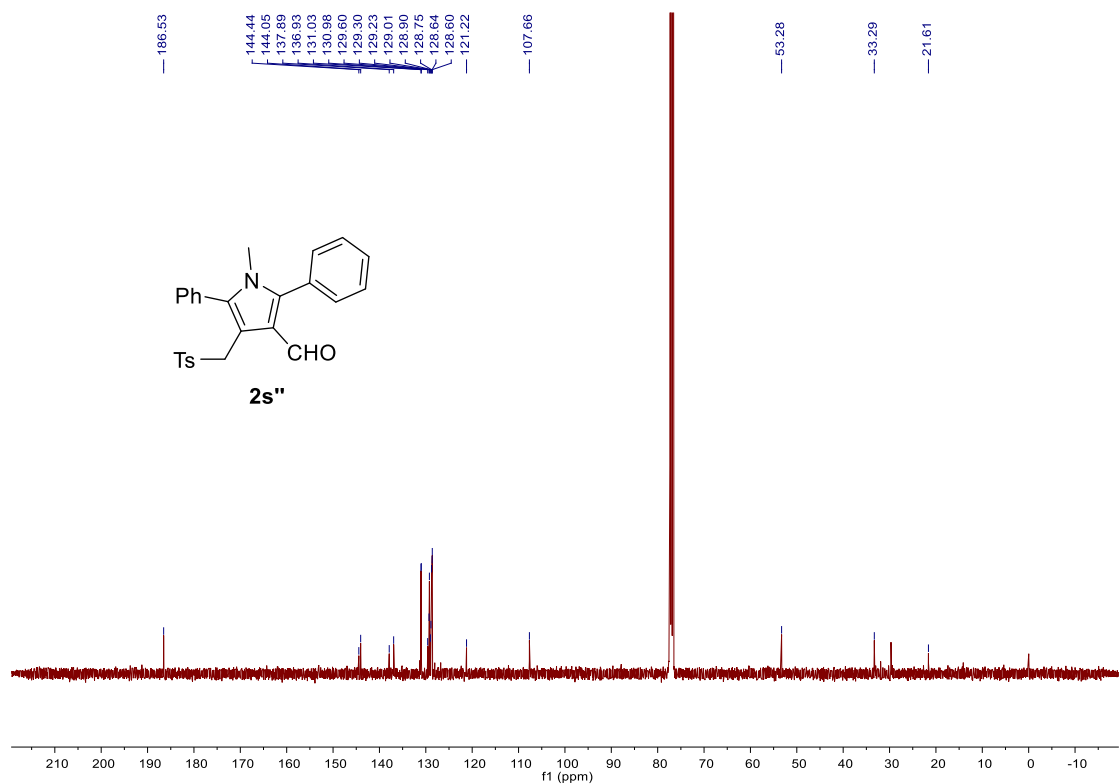
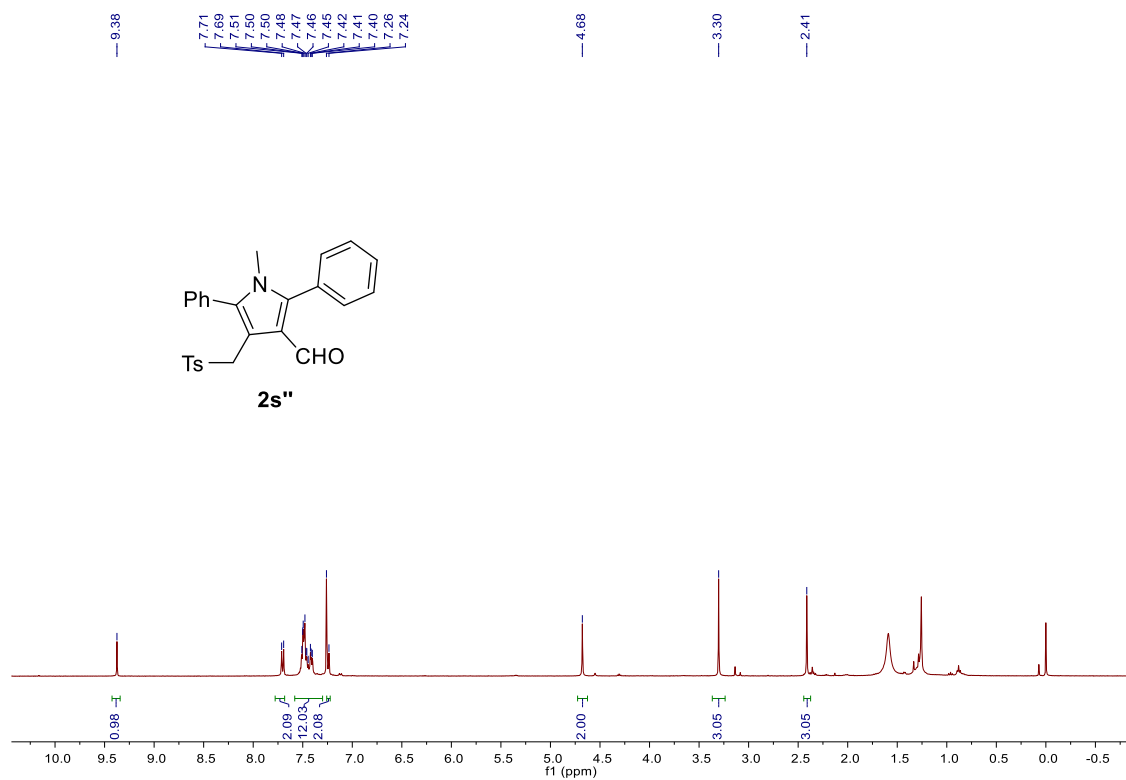


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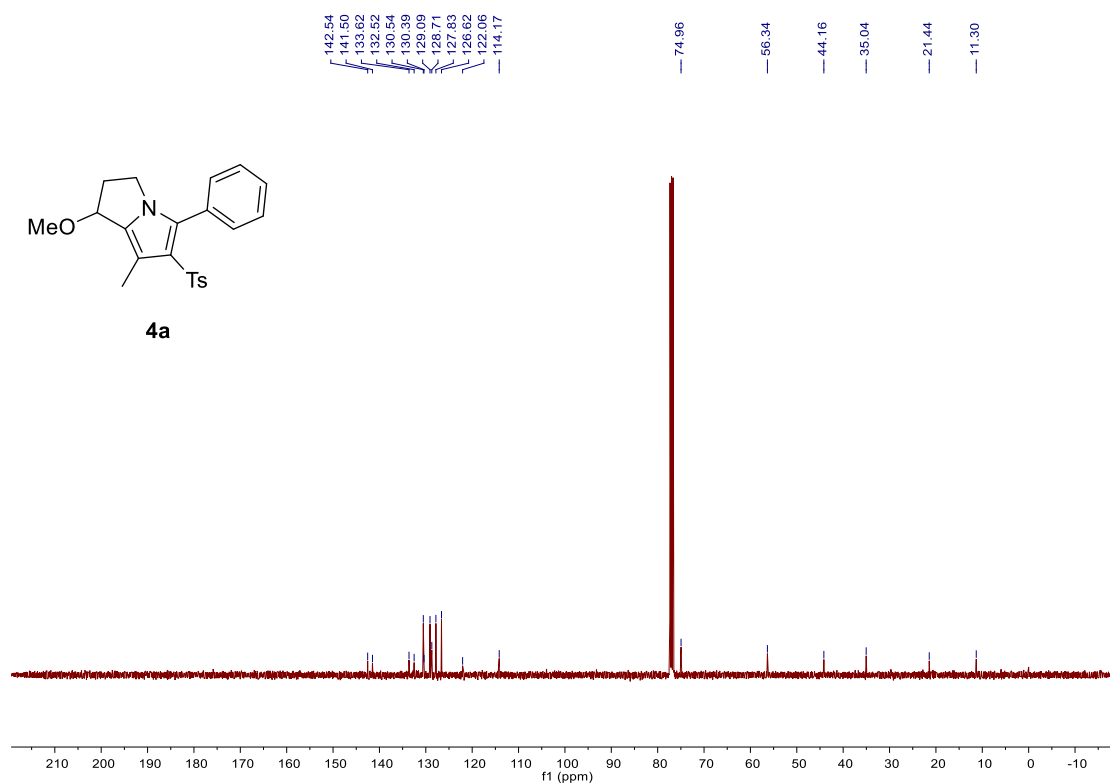
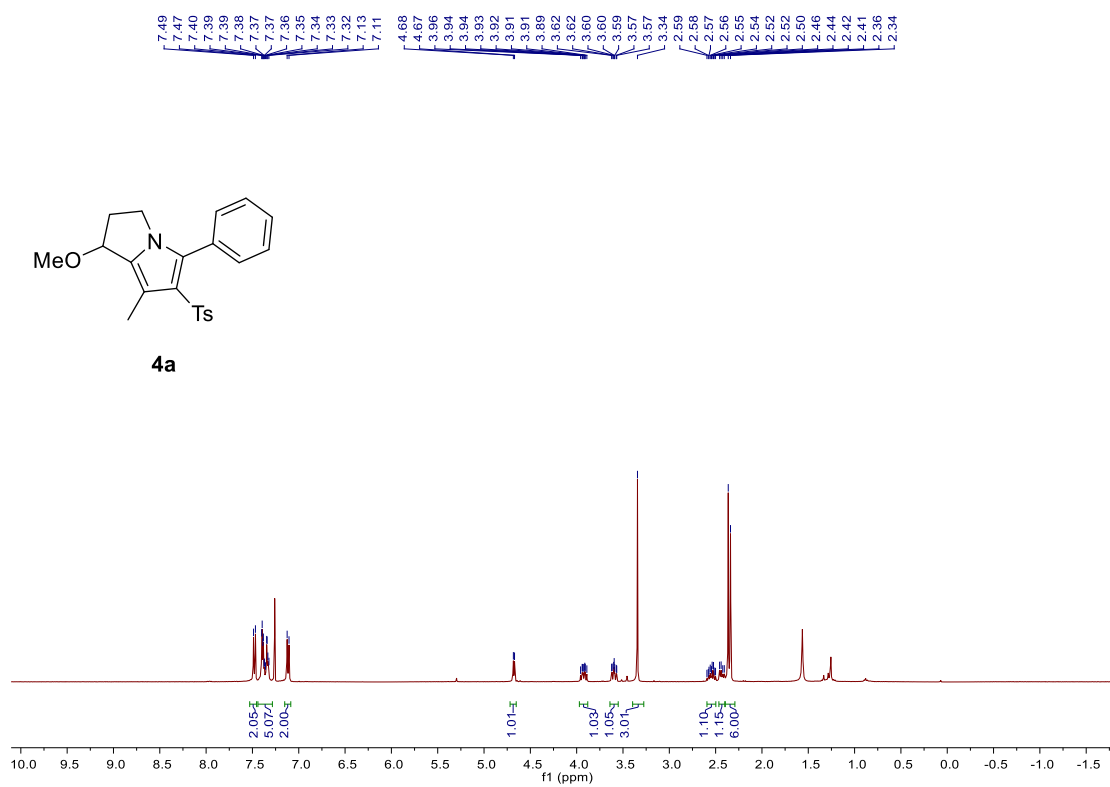




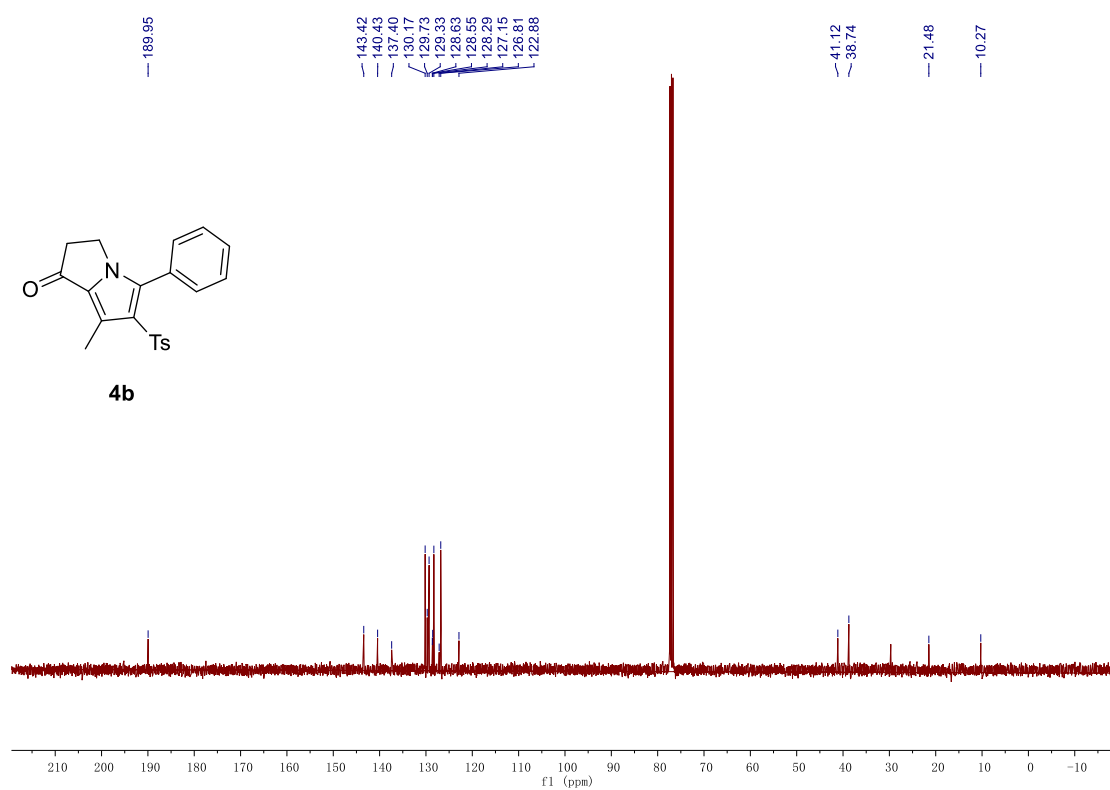
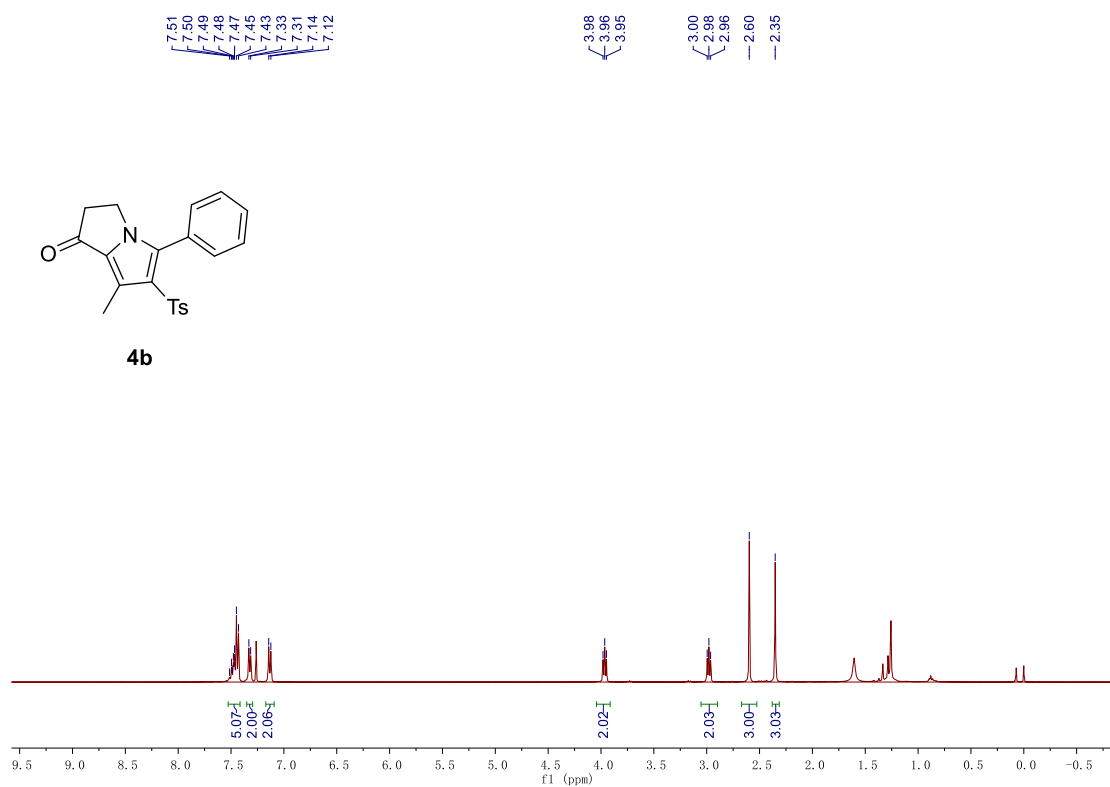
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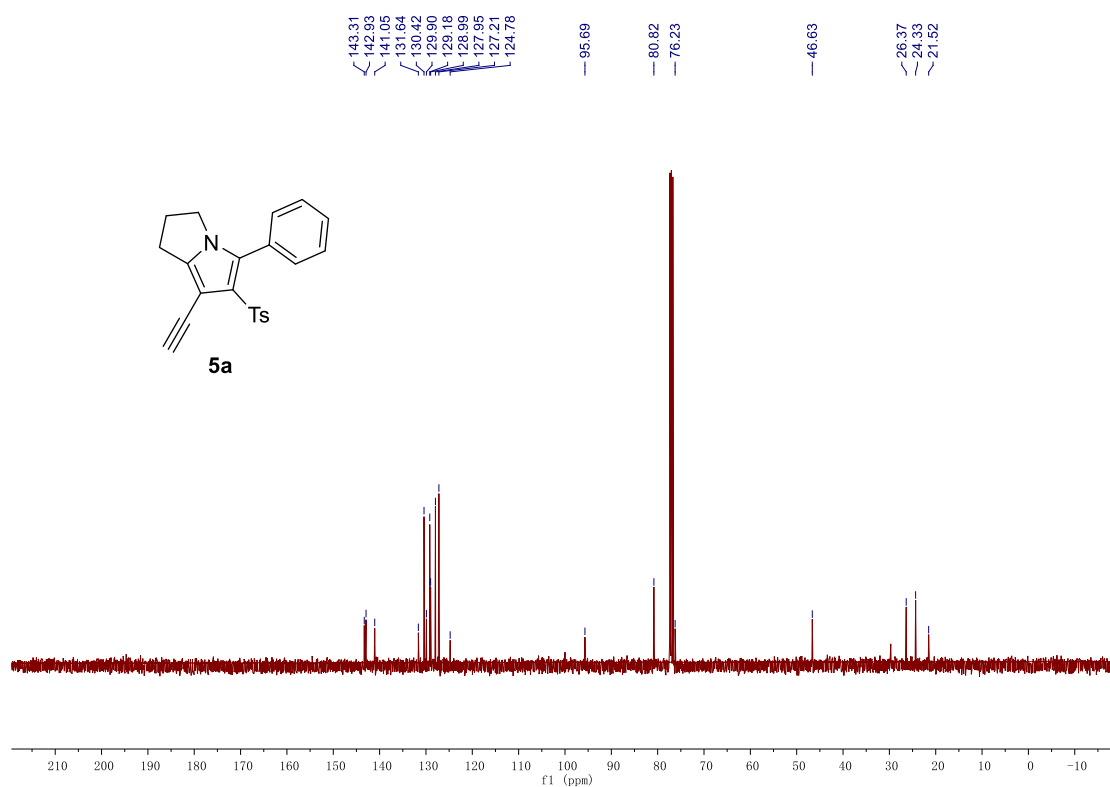
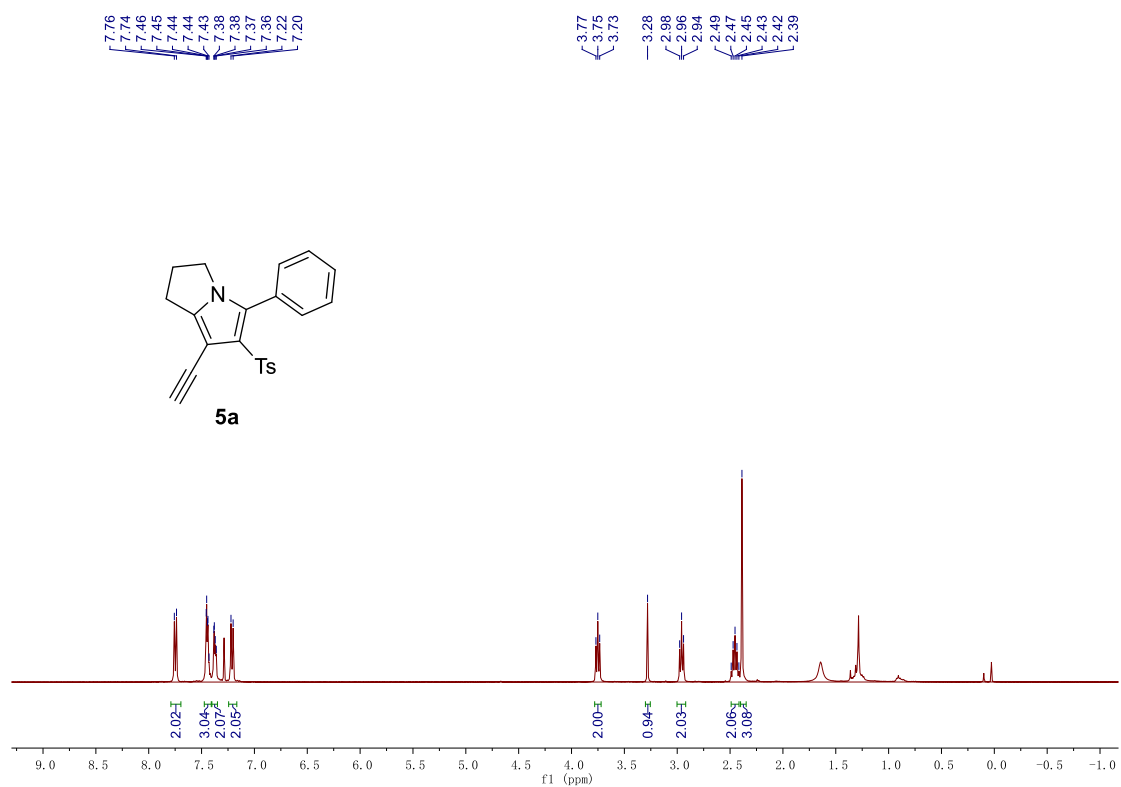
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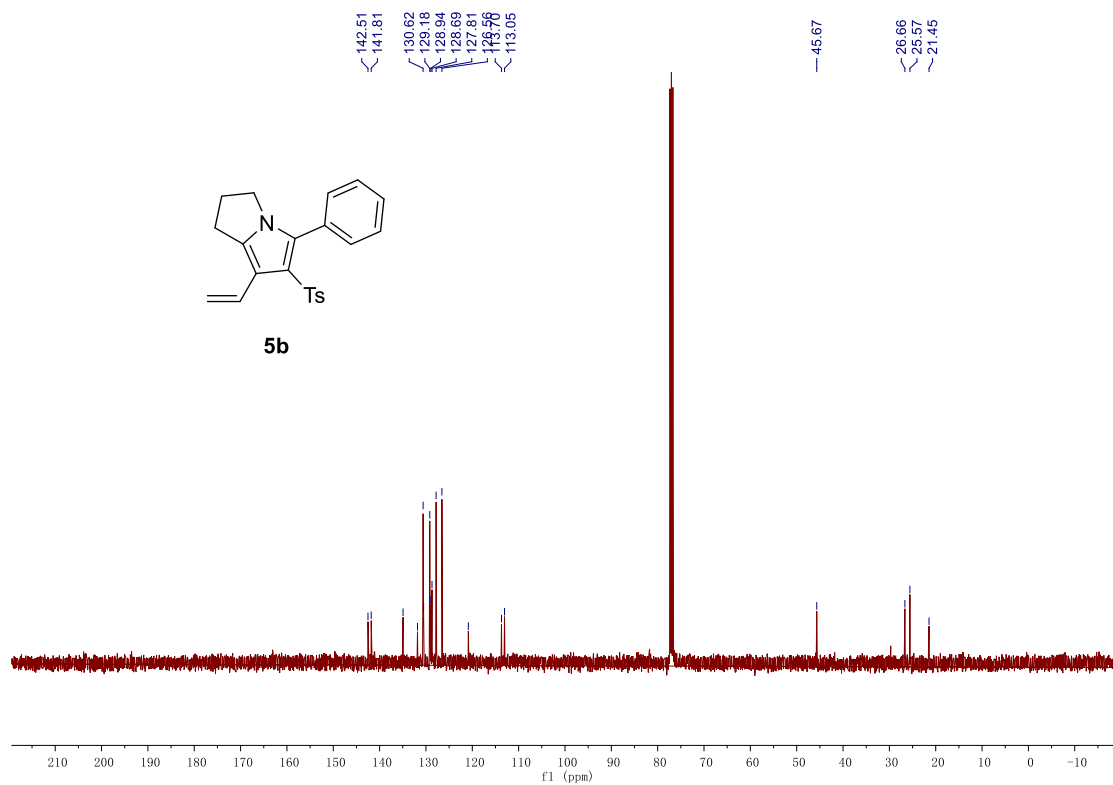
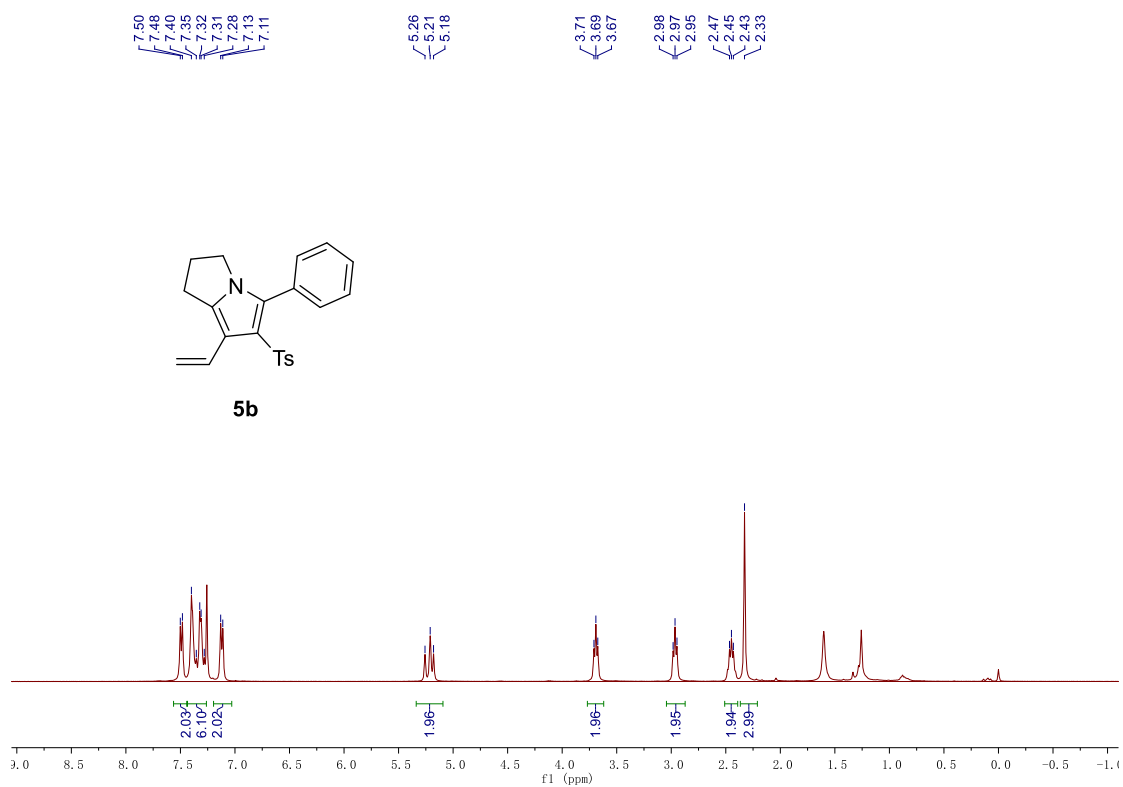
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) and ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of product **5a**



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) and ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of product **5b**



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) and ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of product **3a'**

