

## Supporting information

### One-step preparation of novel 1-(N-indolyl)-1,3-butadienes by base-catalysed isomerization of alkynes as an access to 5-(N-indolyl)-naphthoquinones

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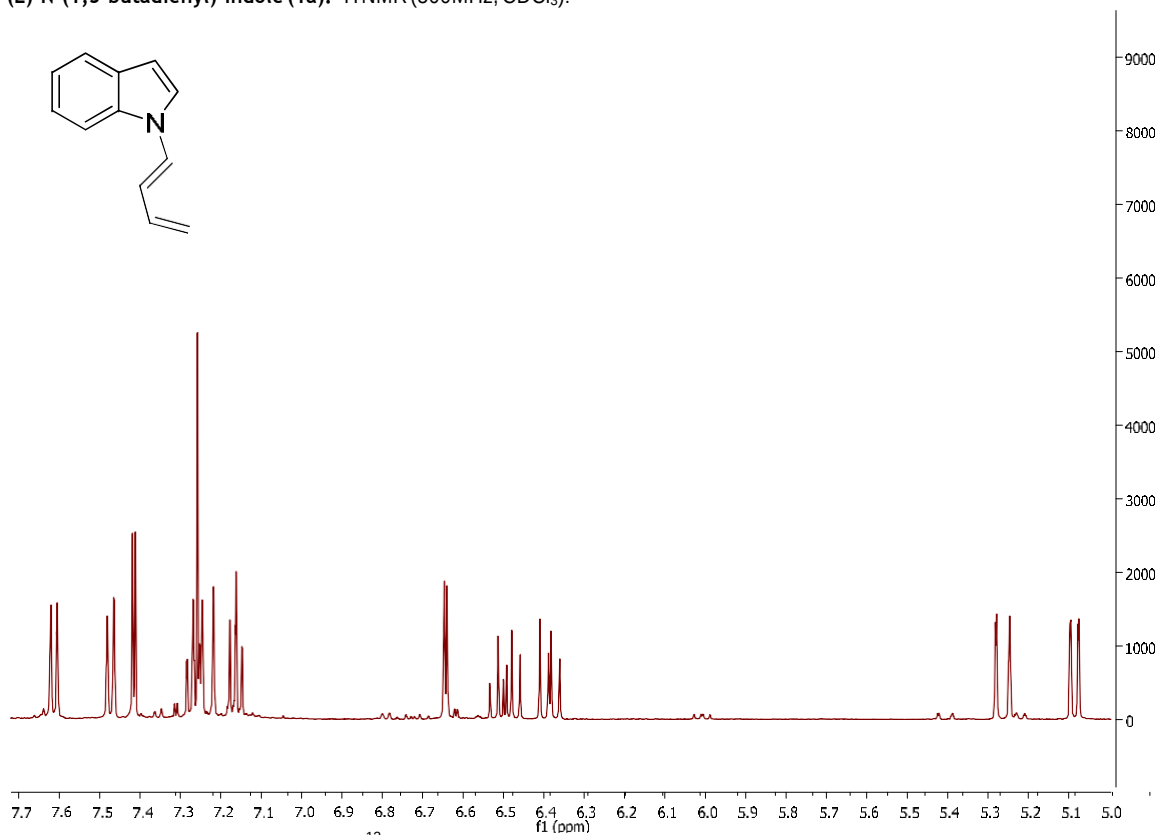
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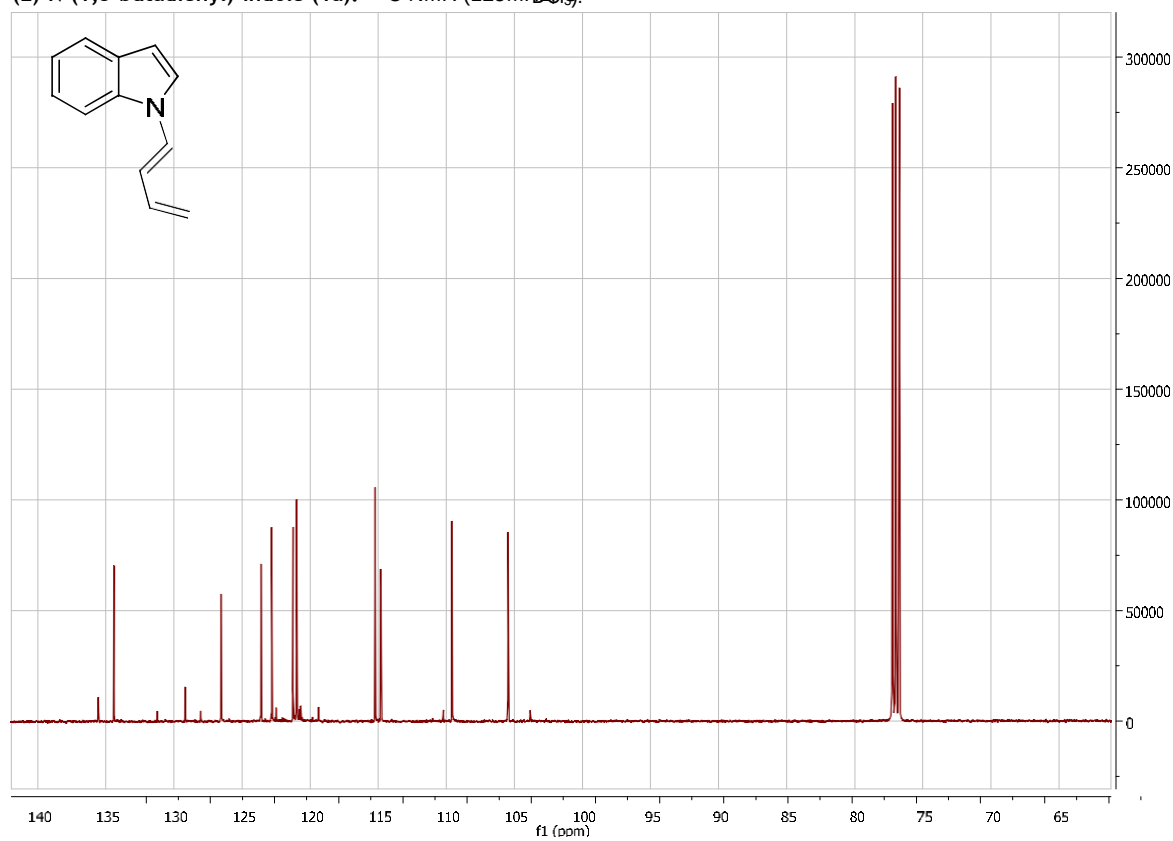
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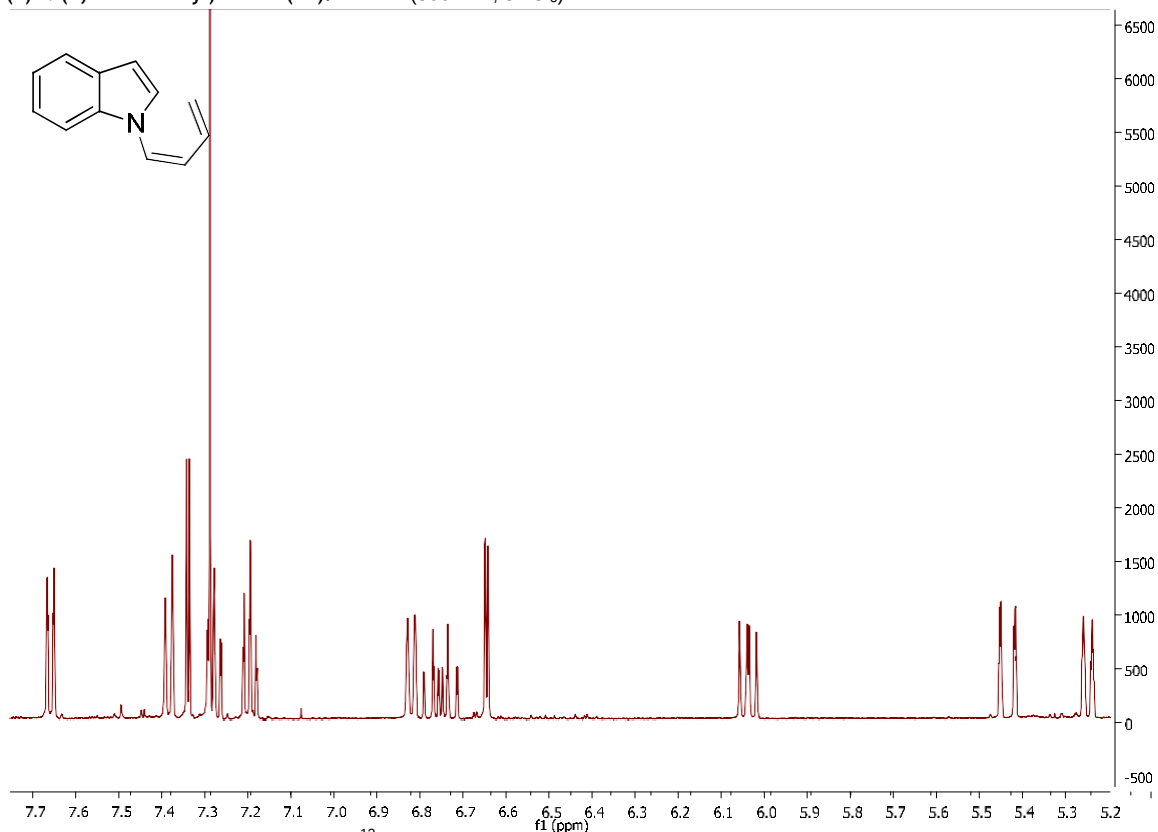
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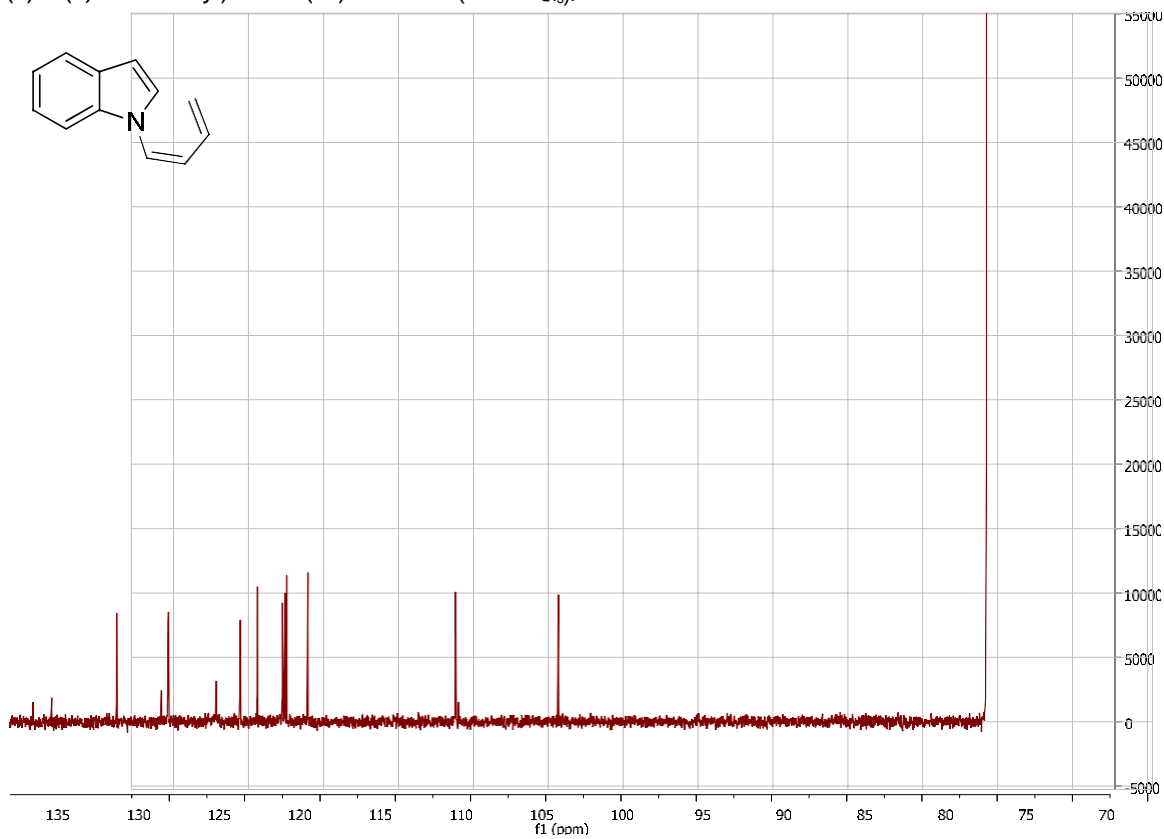
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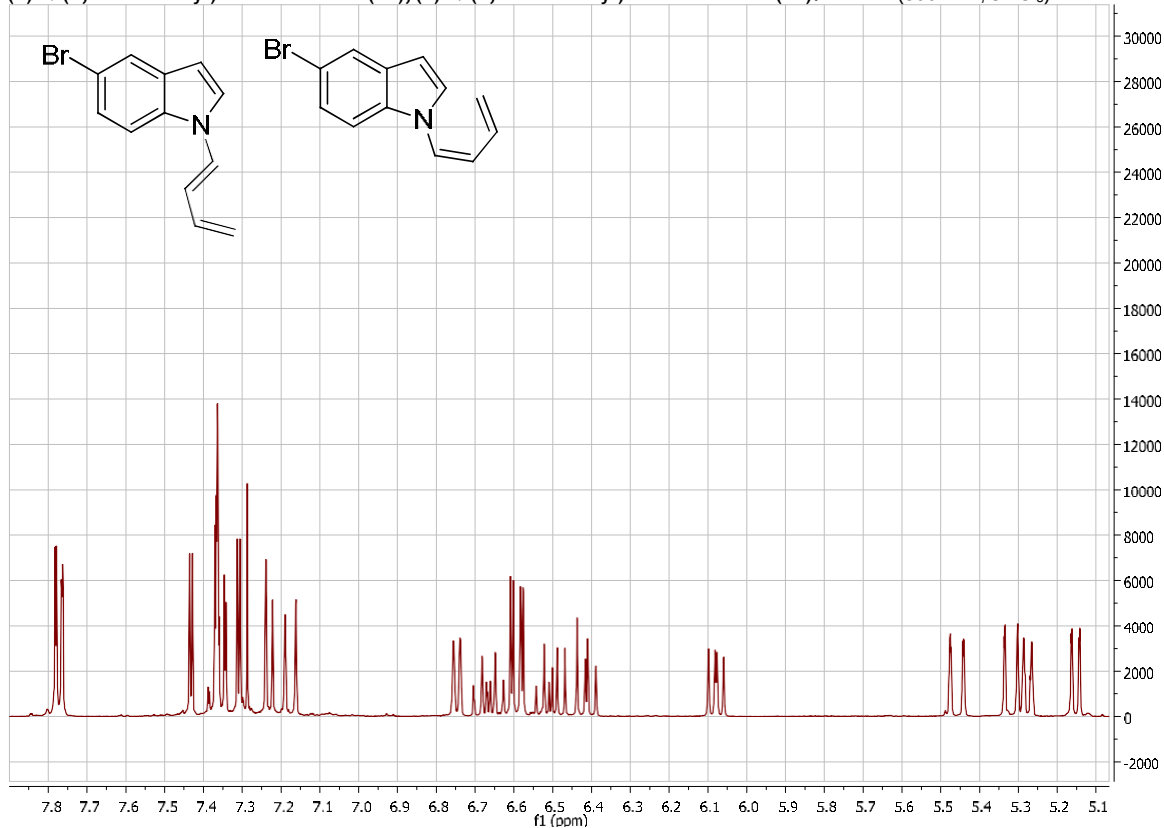
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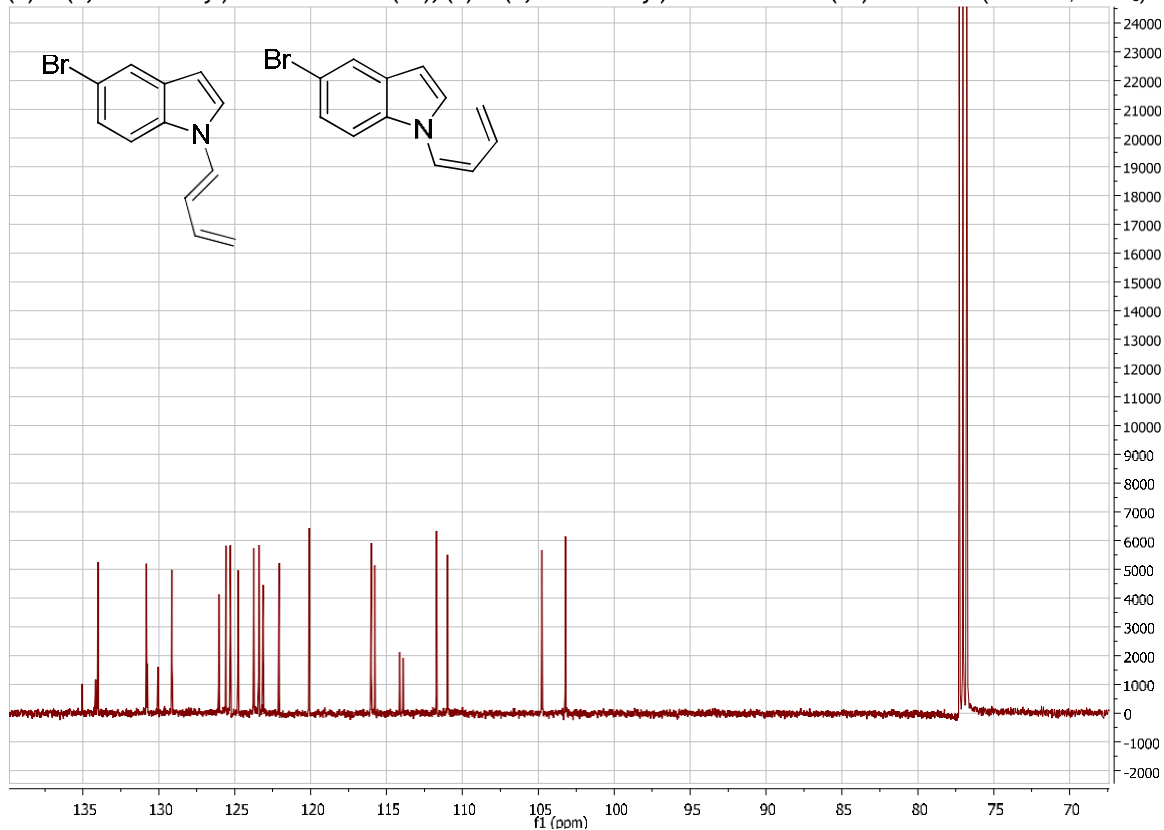
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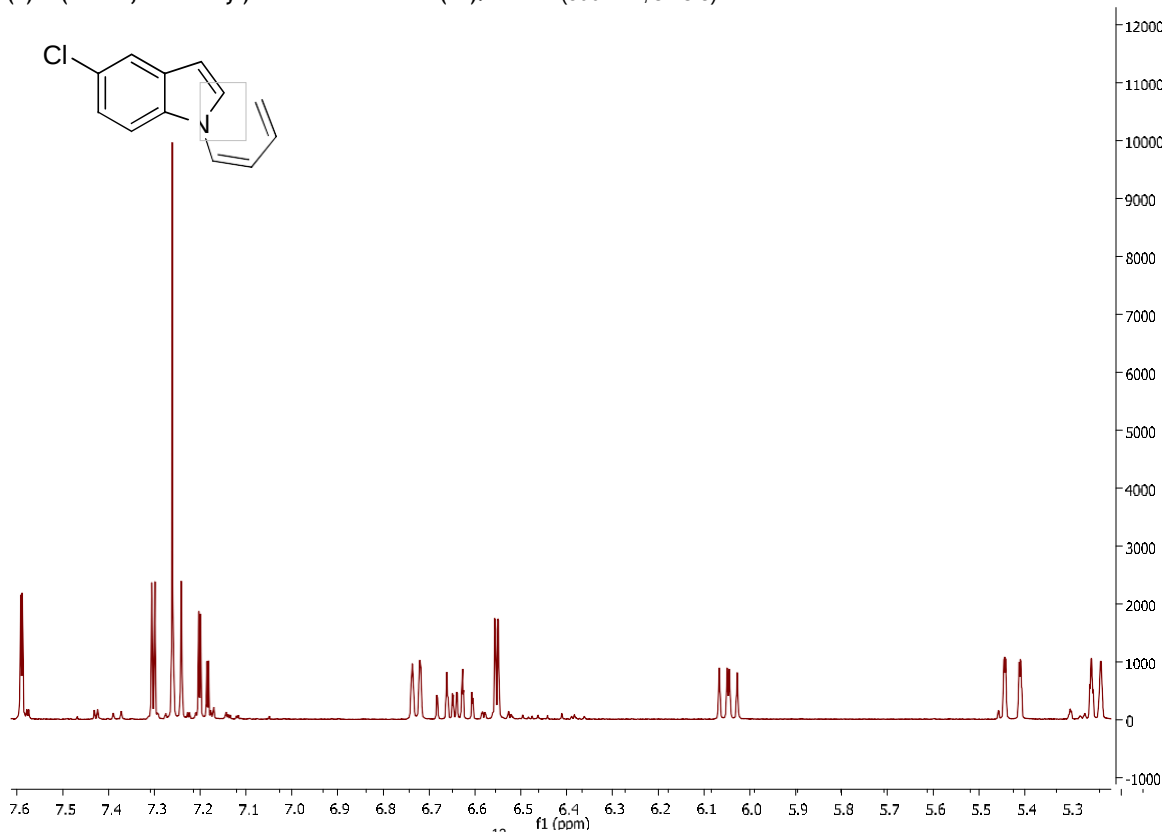
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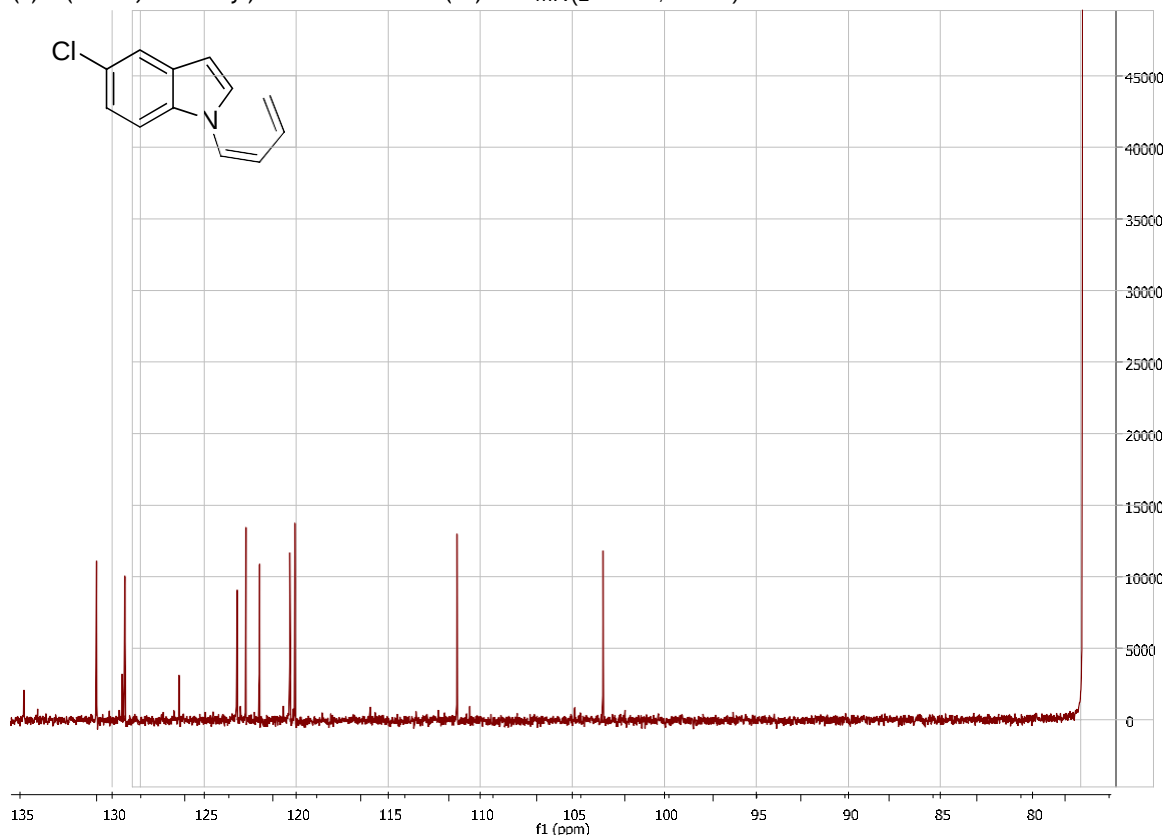
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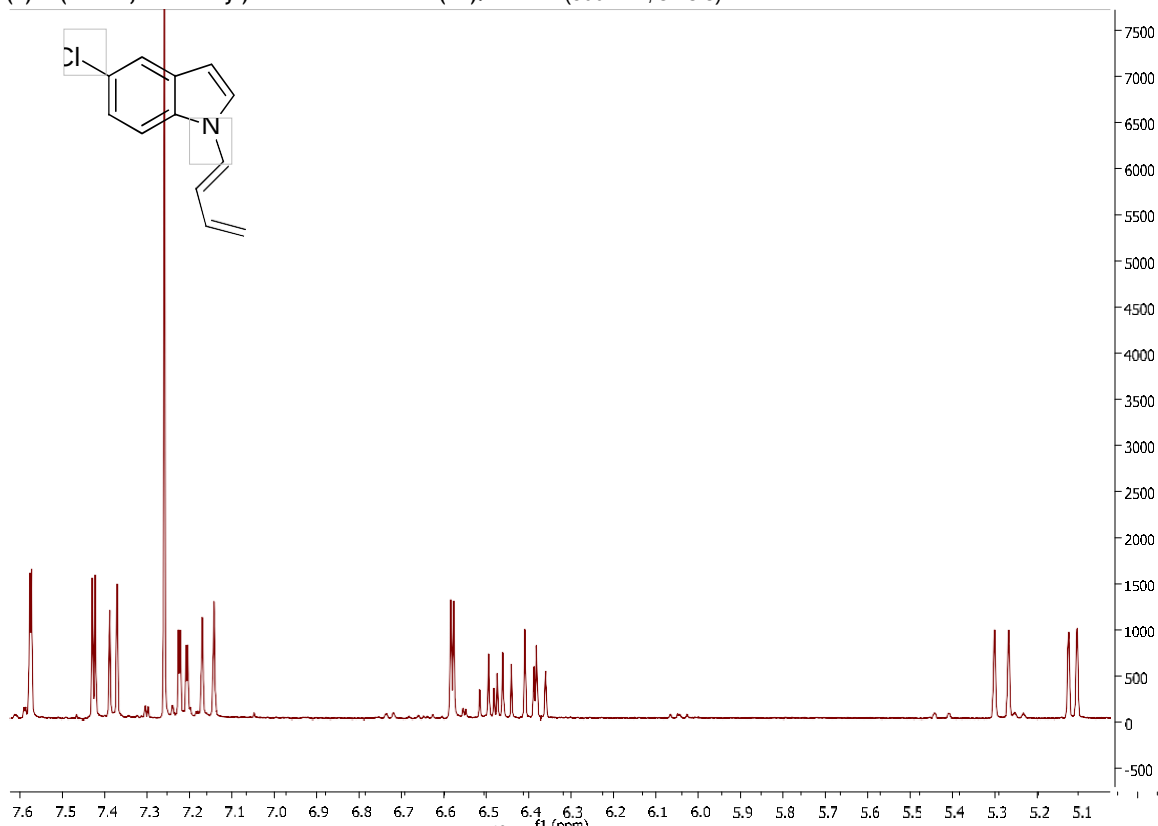
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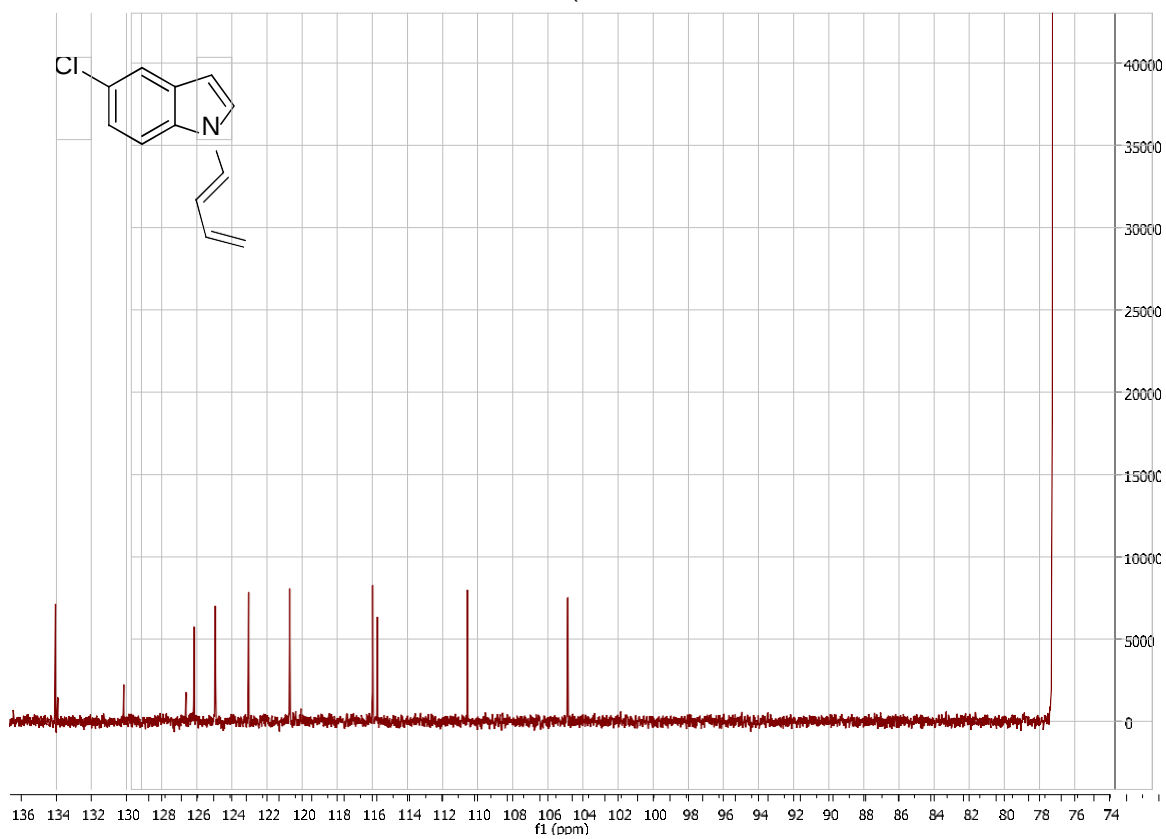
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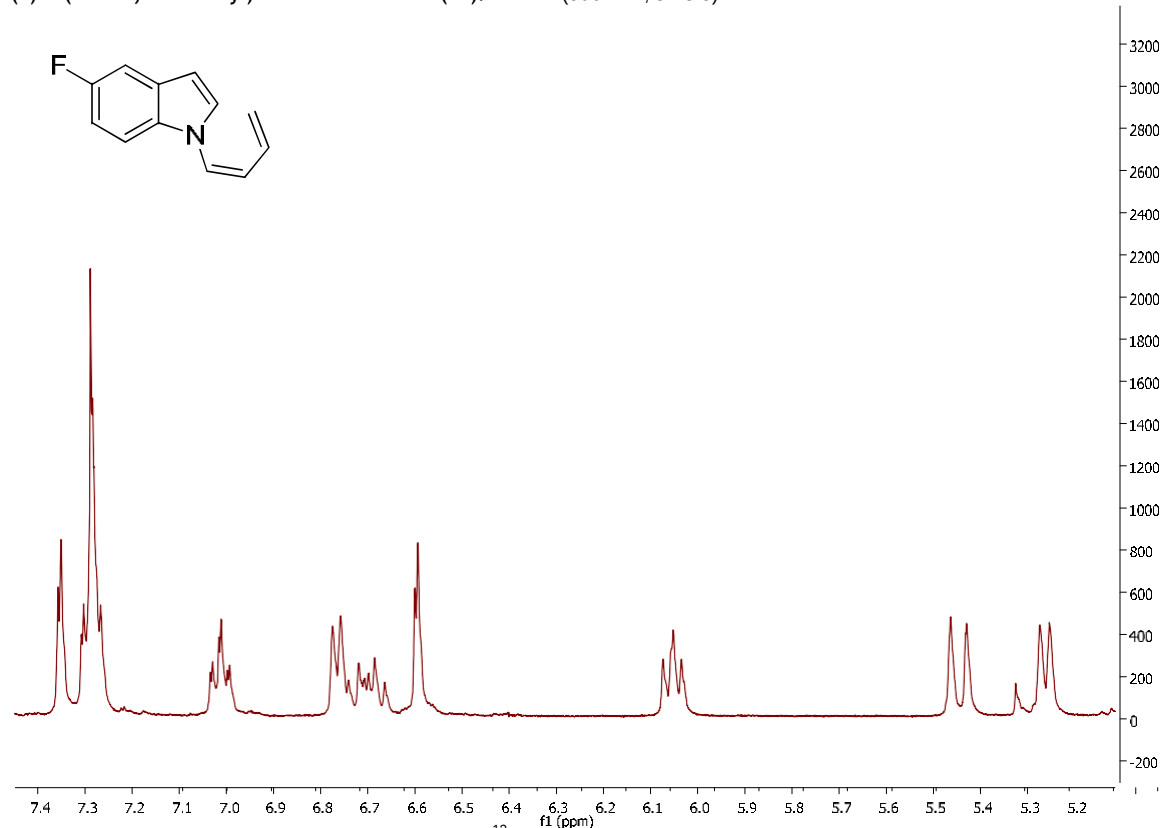
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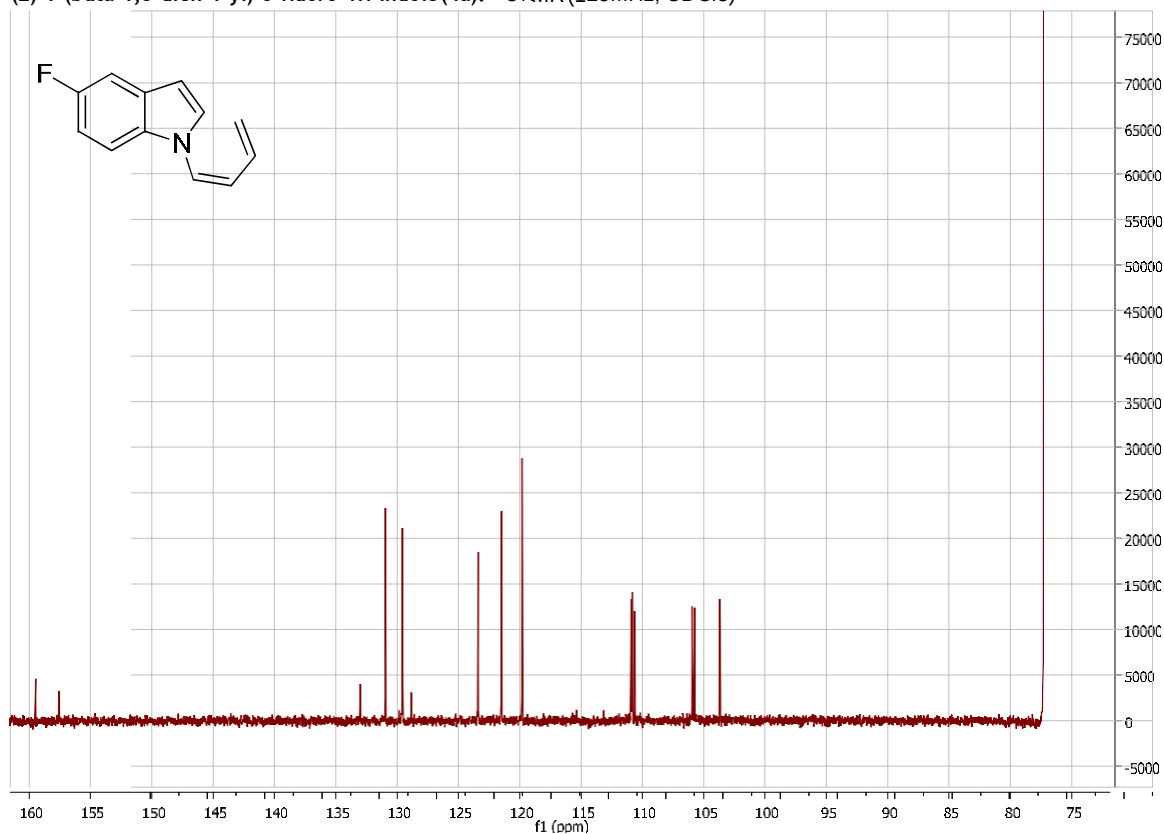
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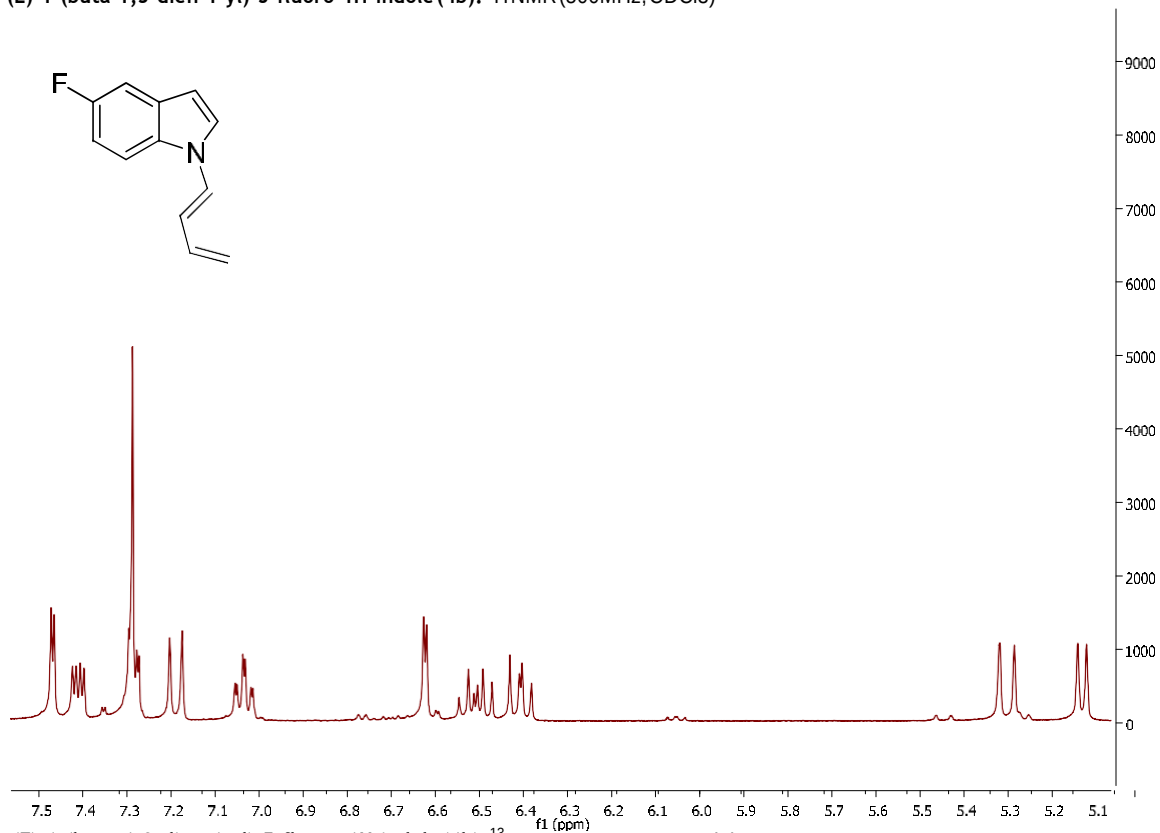
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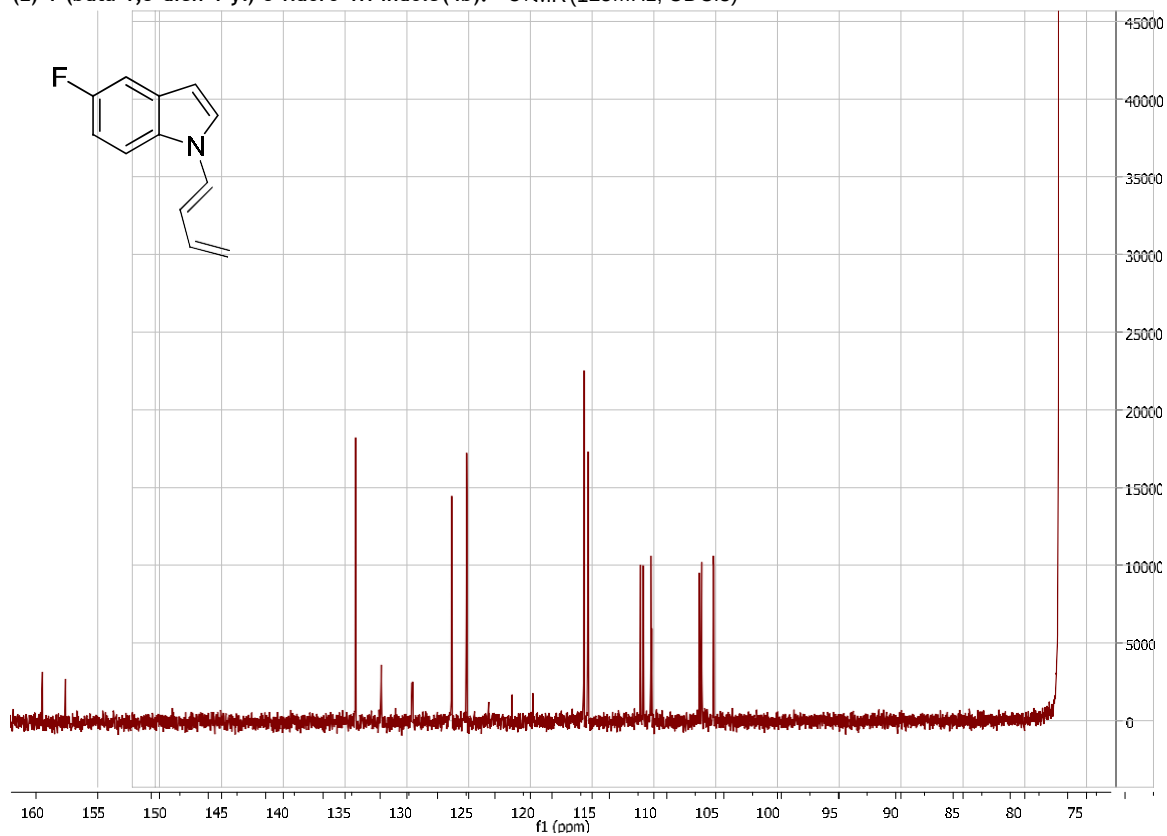
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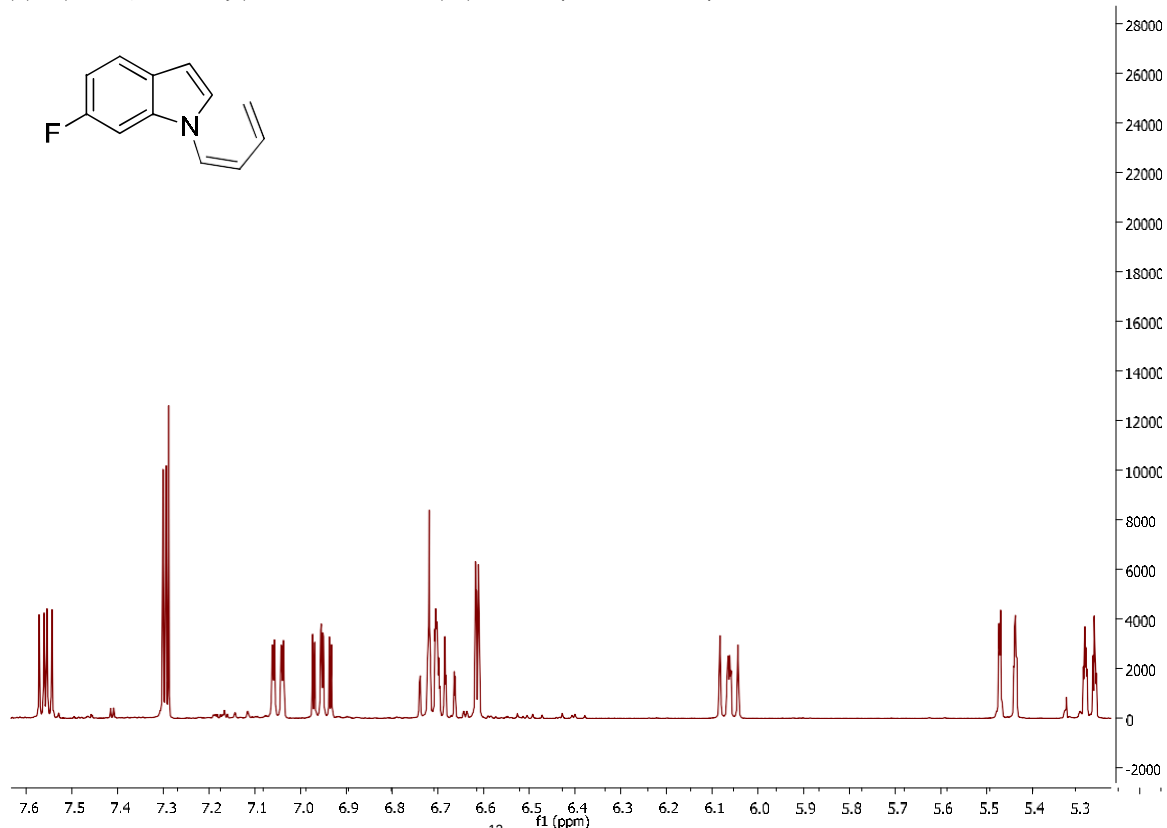


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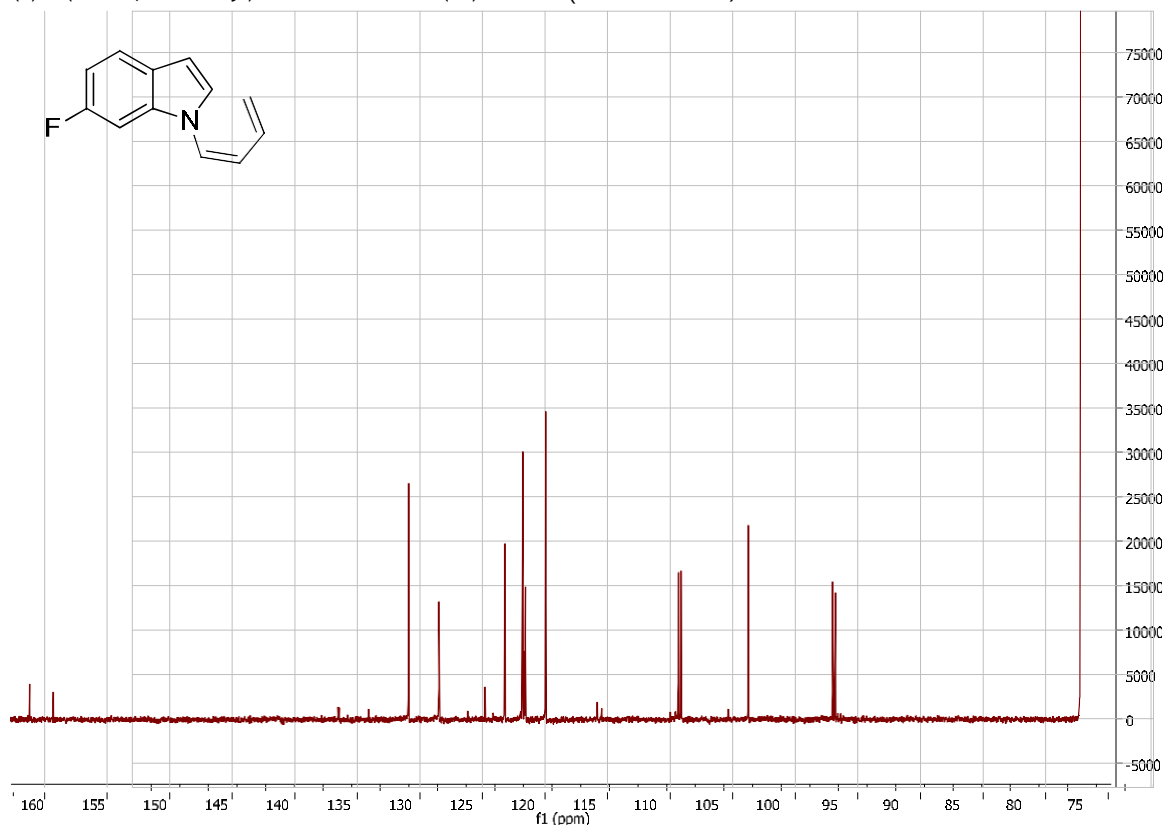




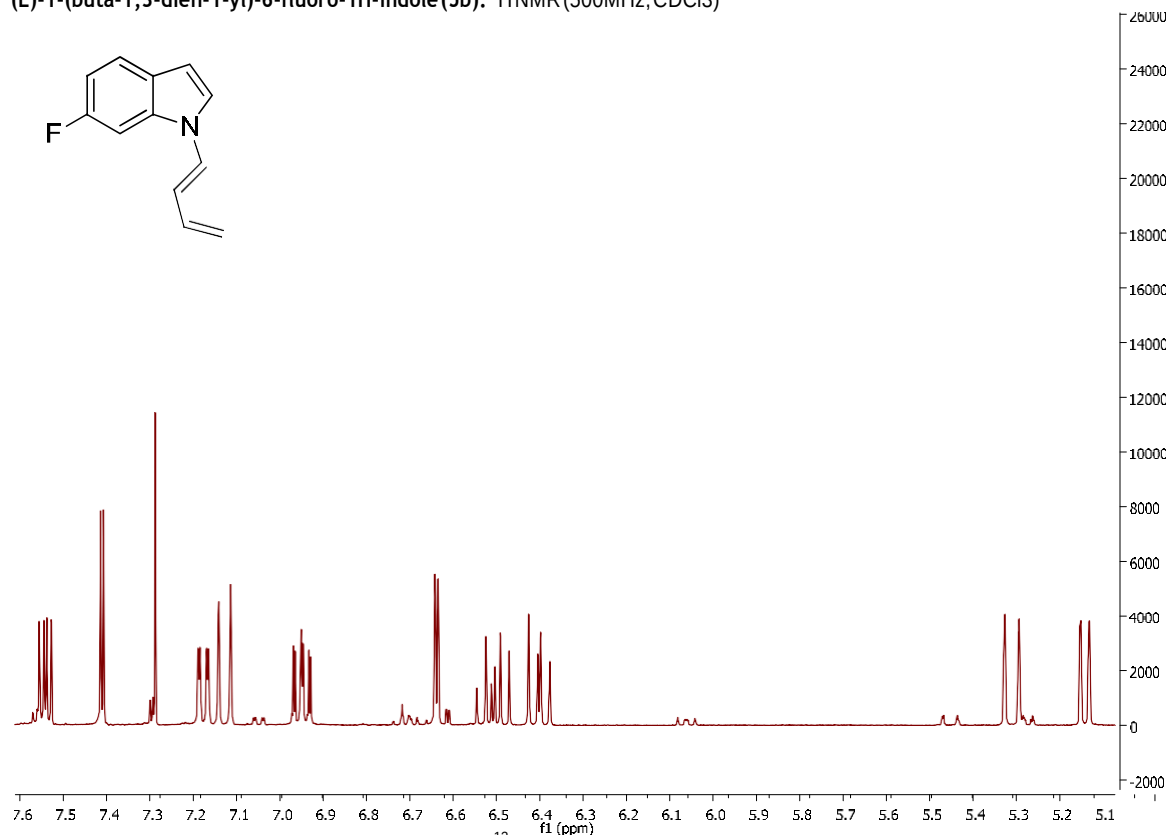
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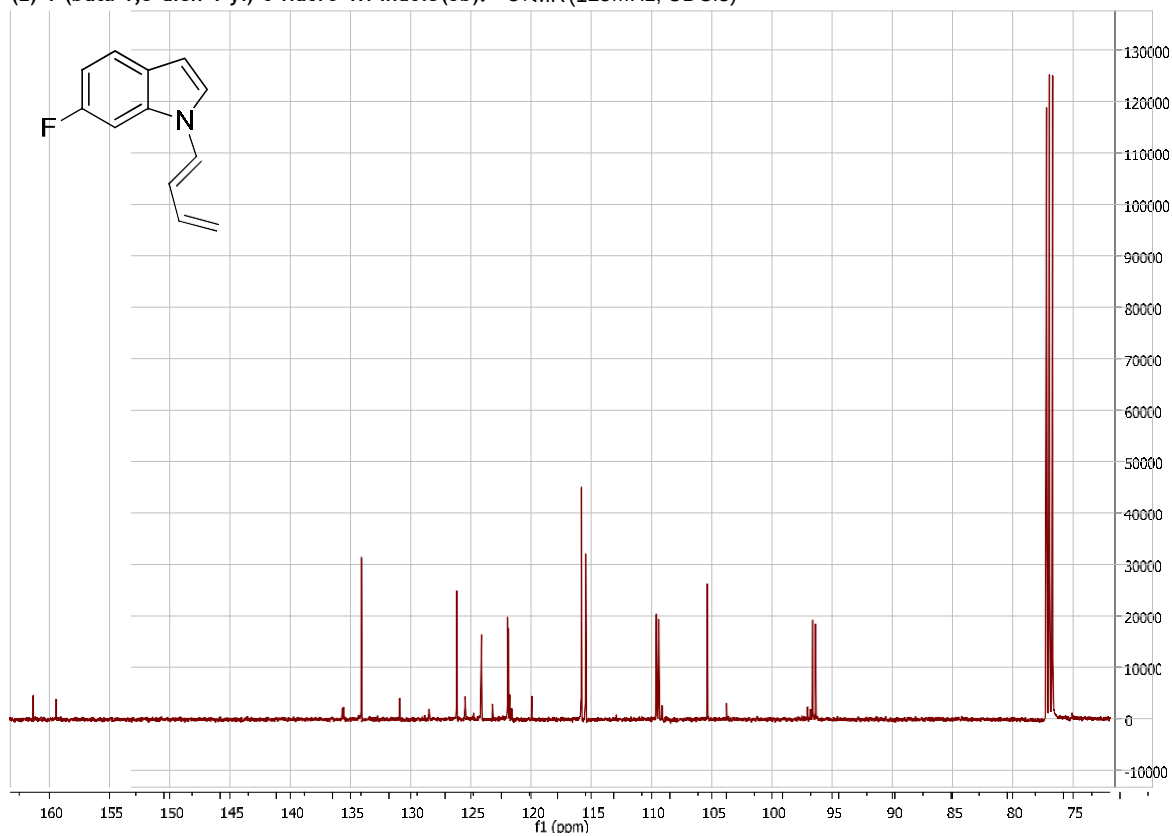
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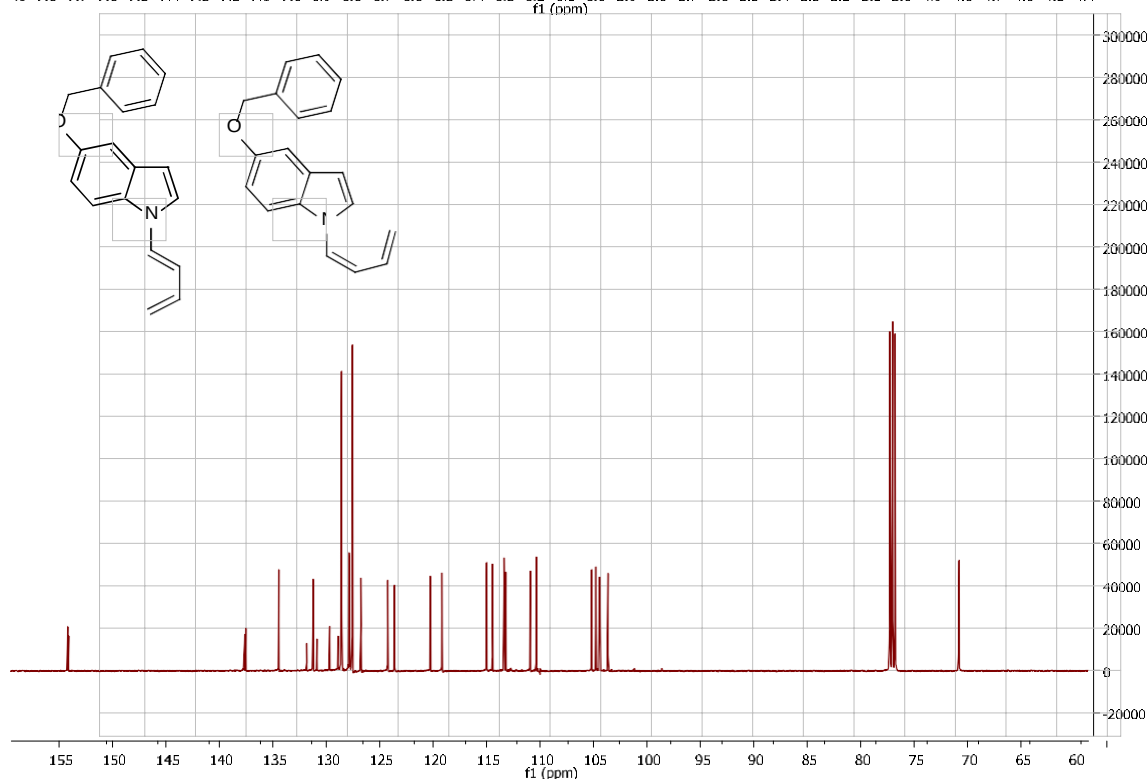
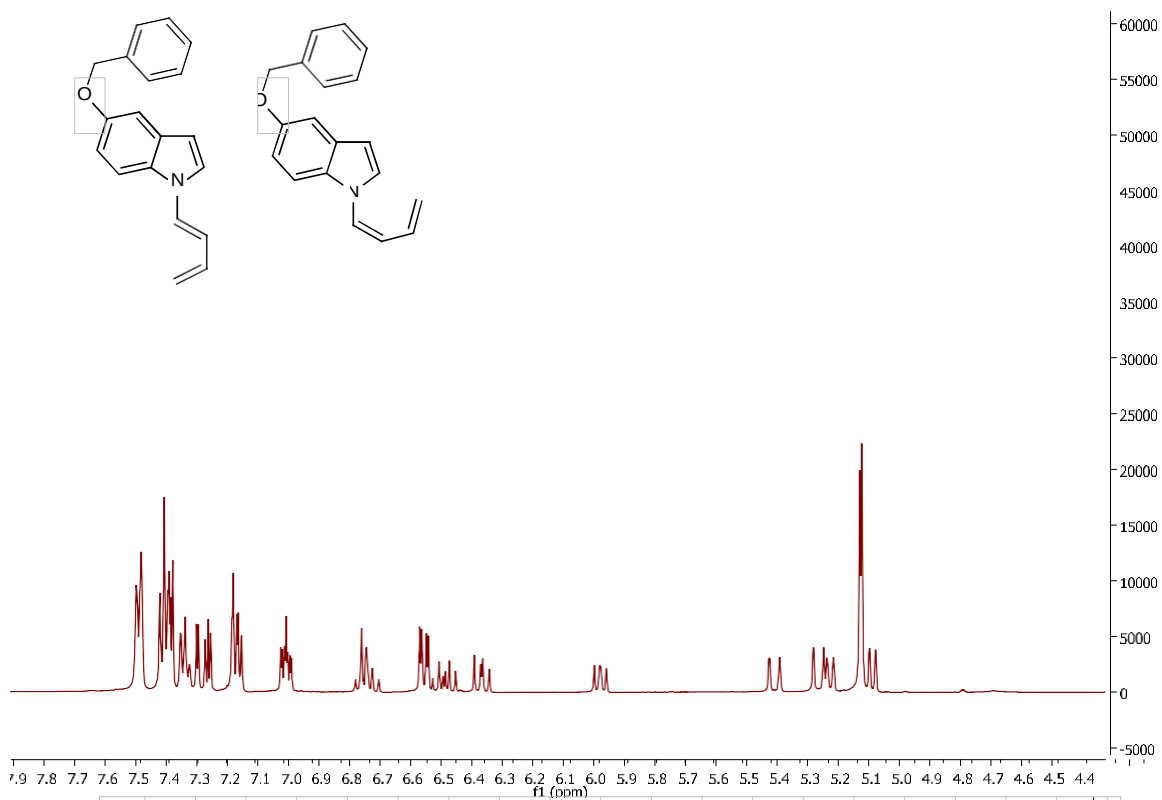
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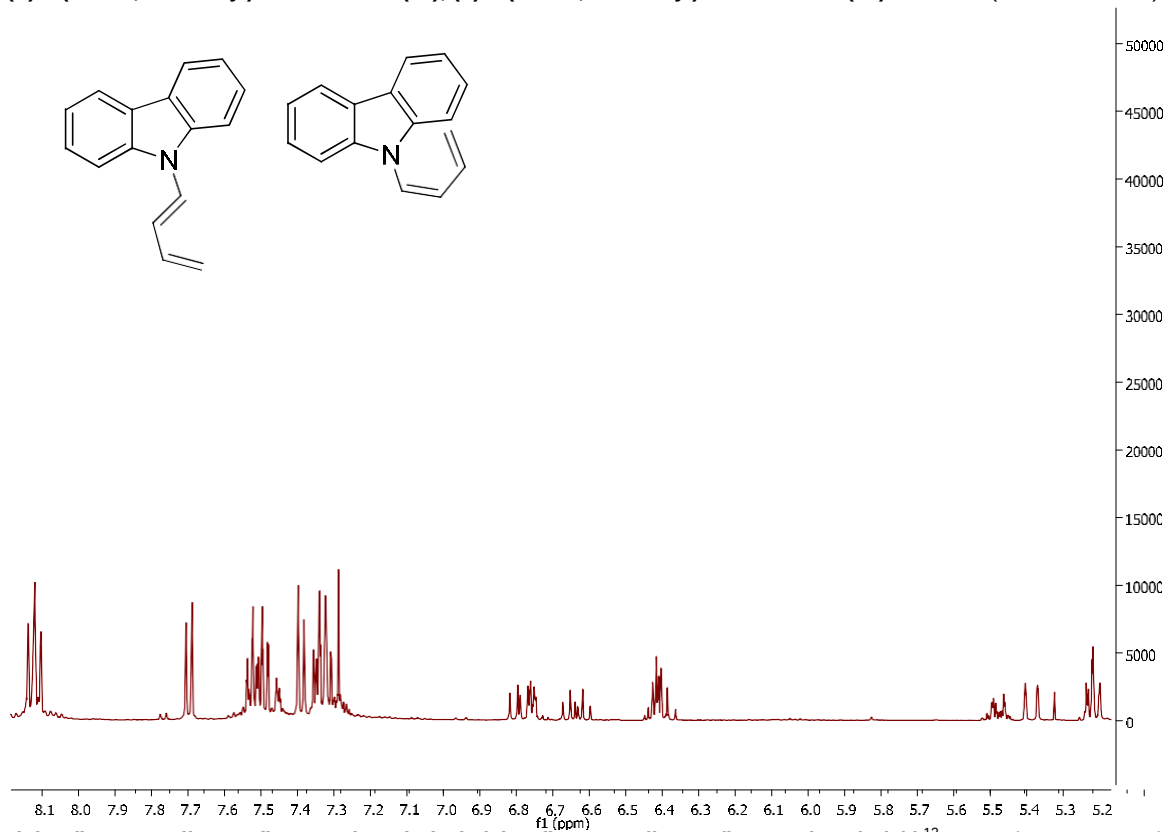
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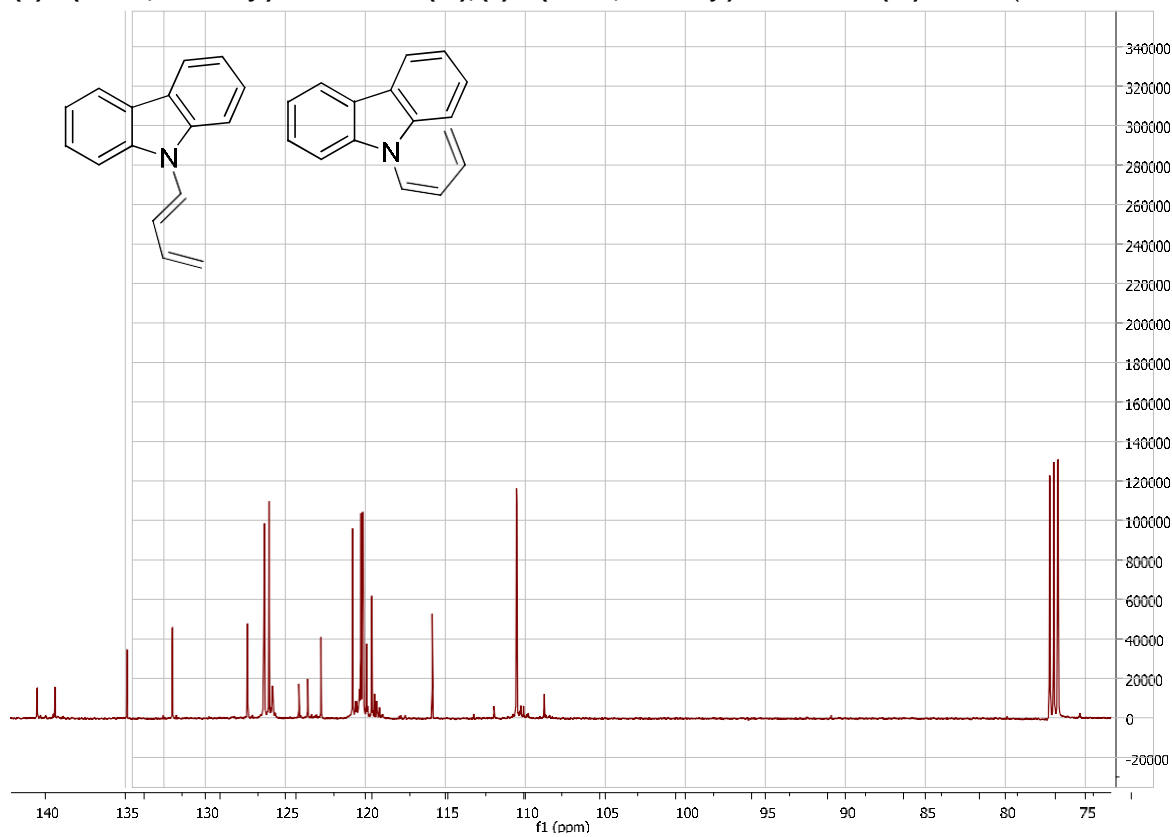
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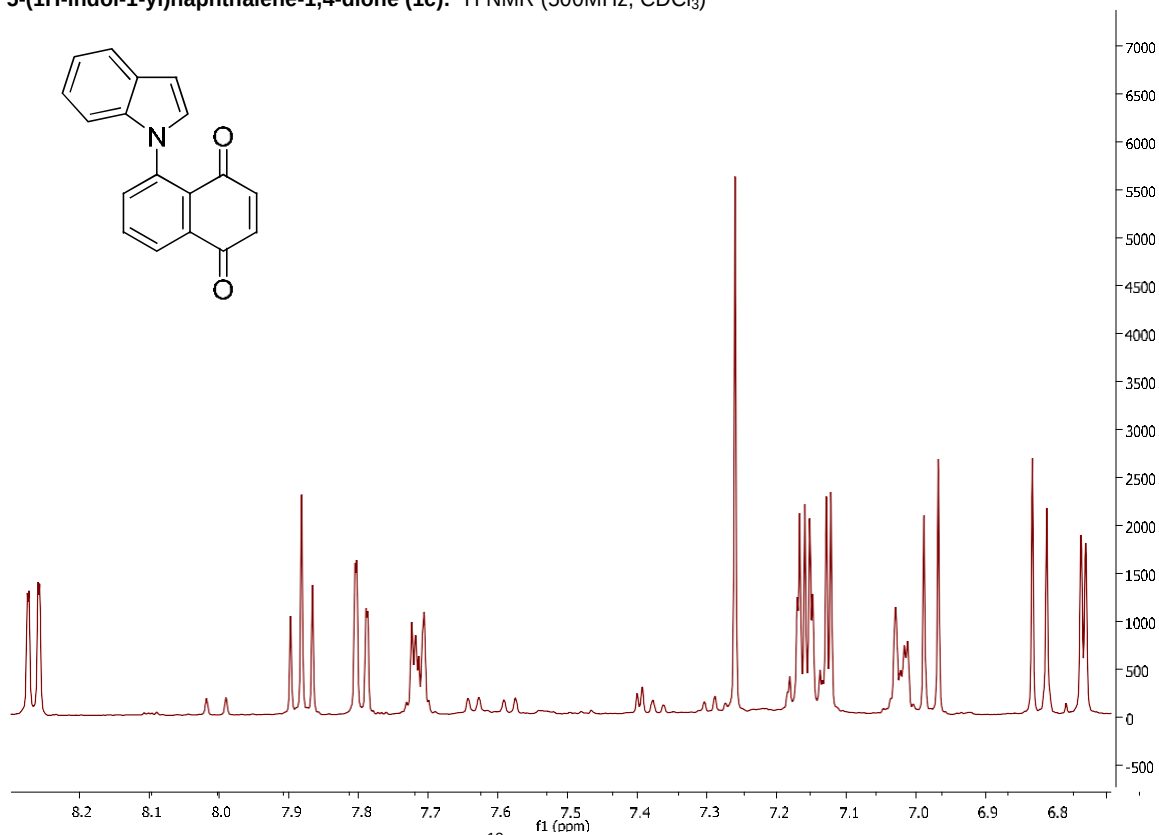
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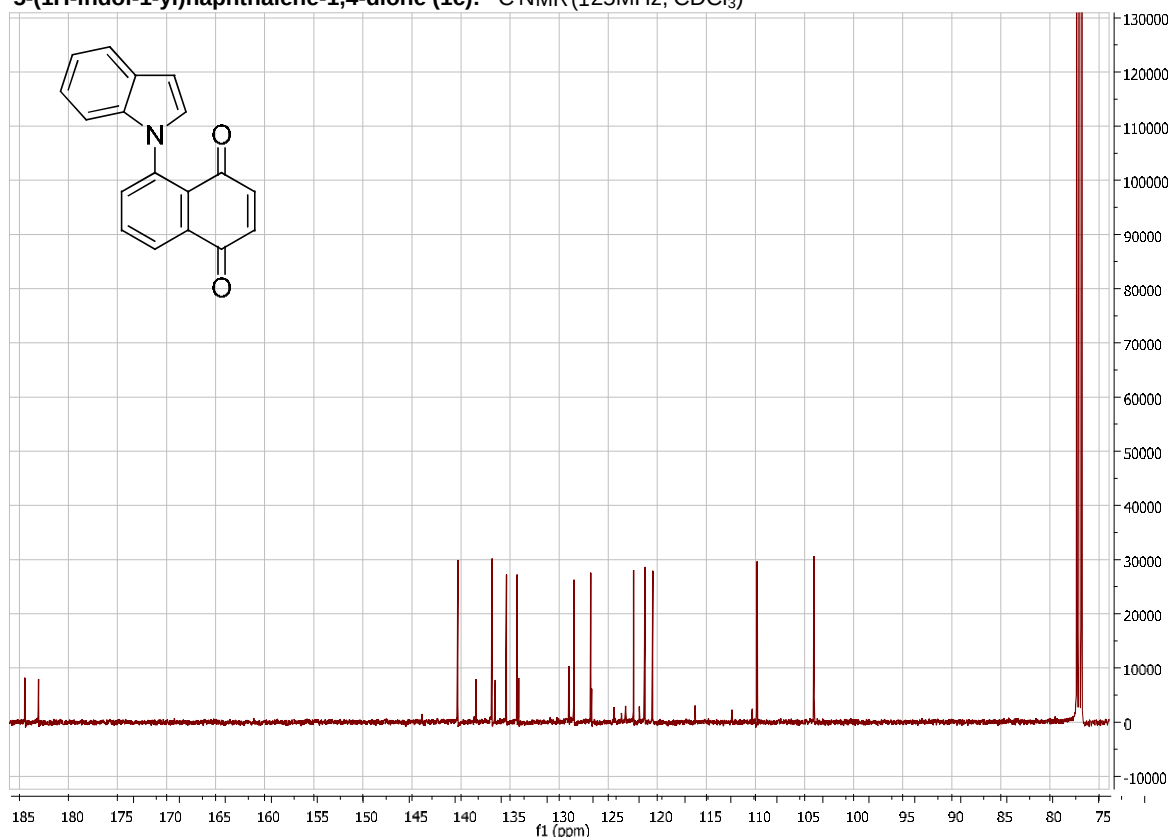
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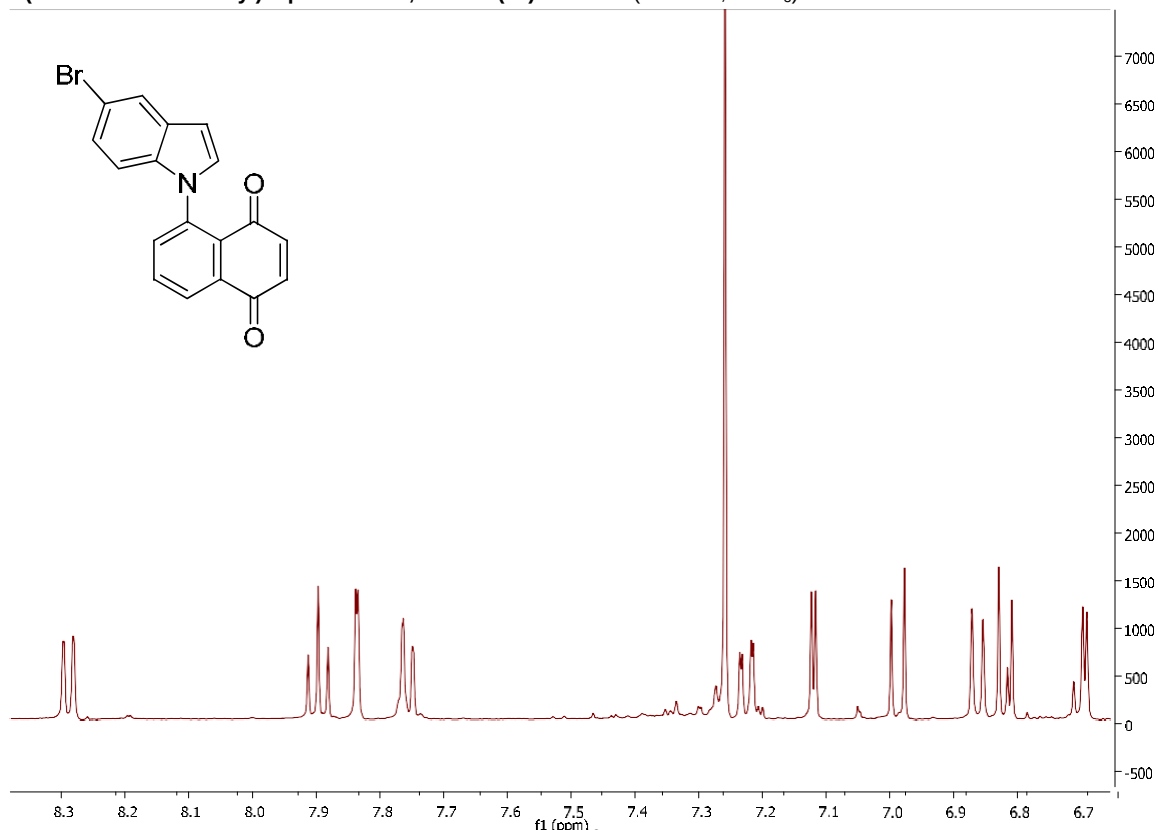
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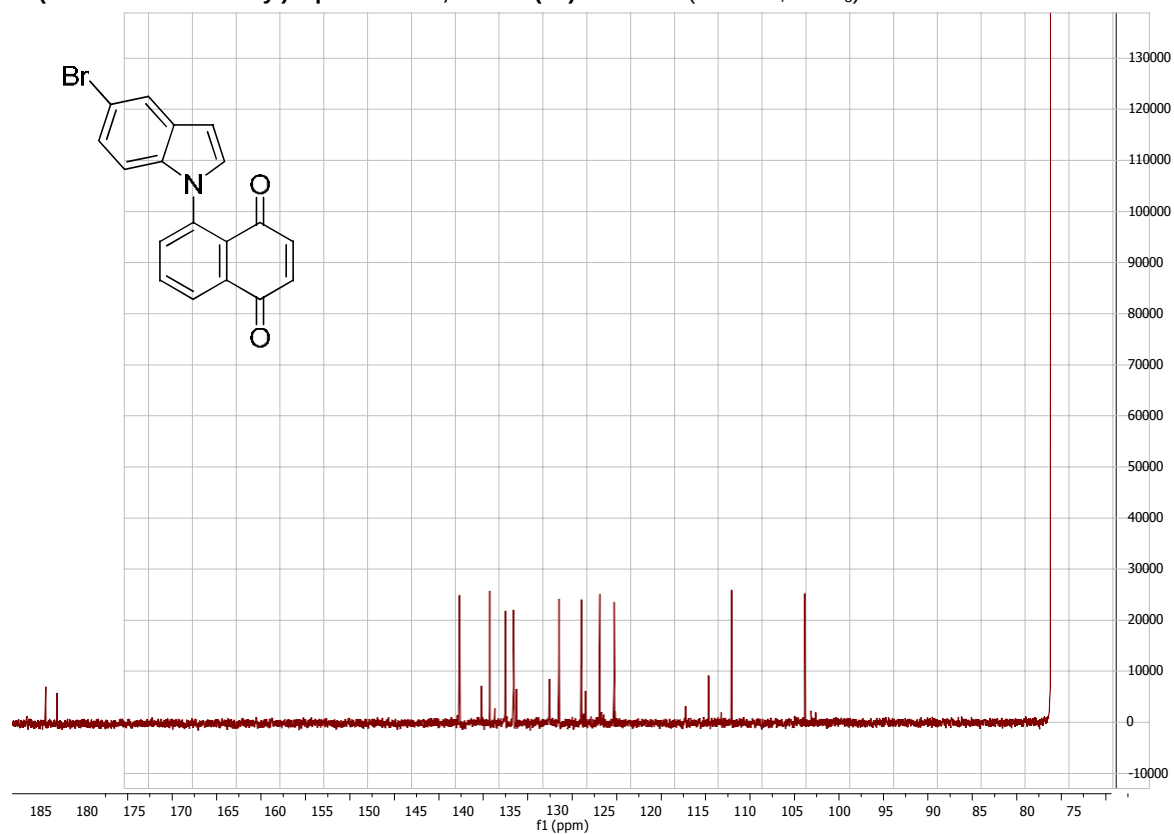
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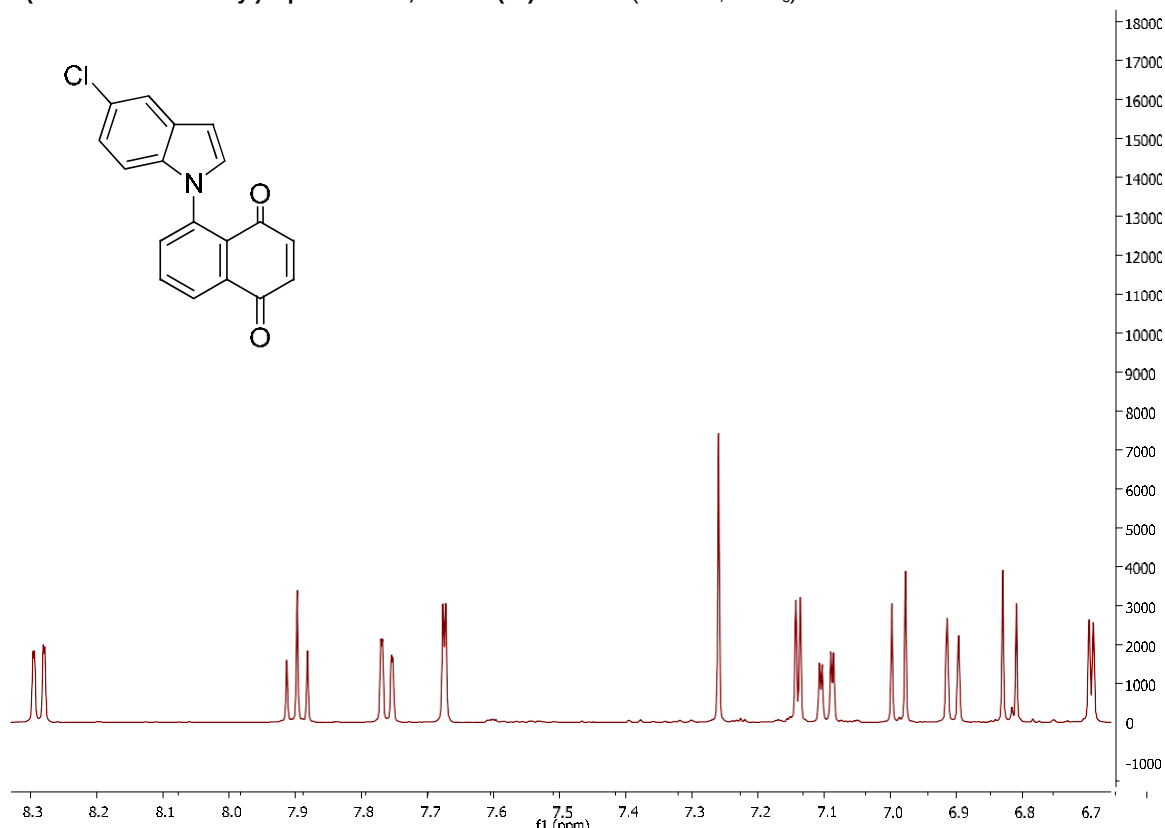
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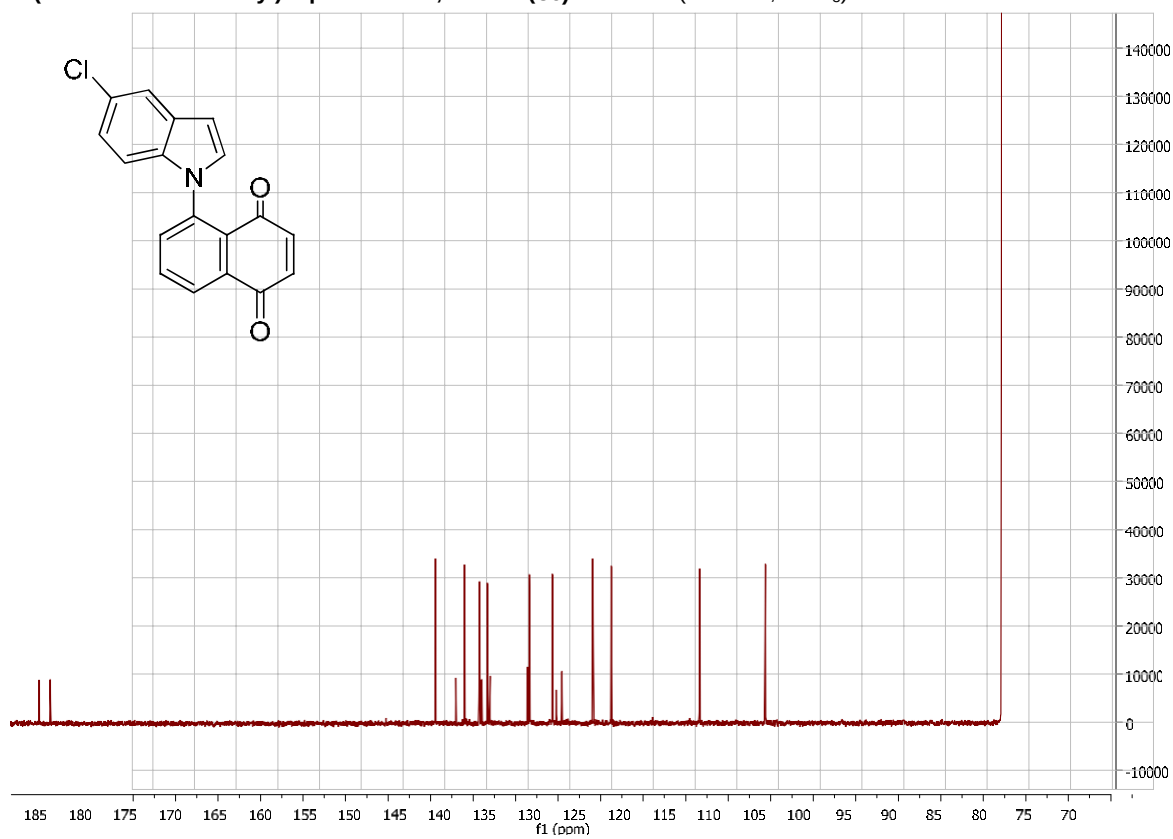
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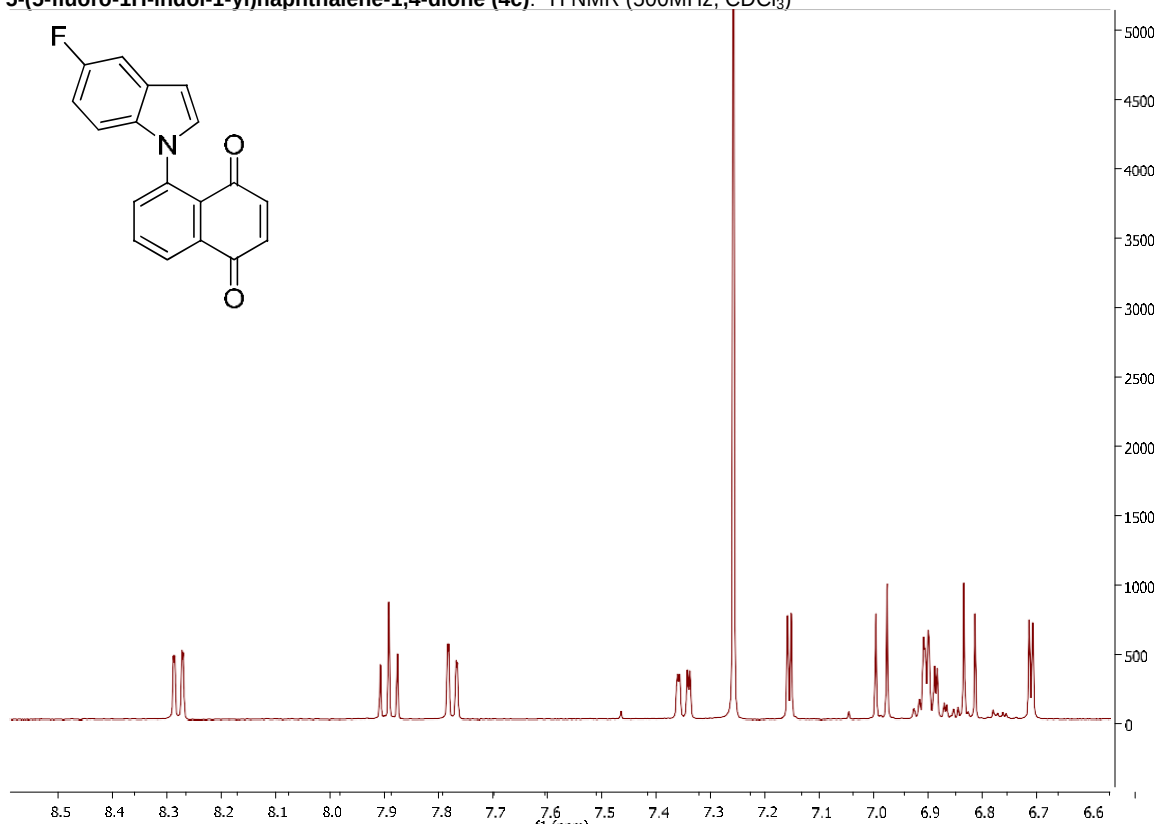
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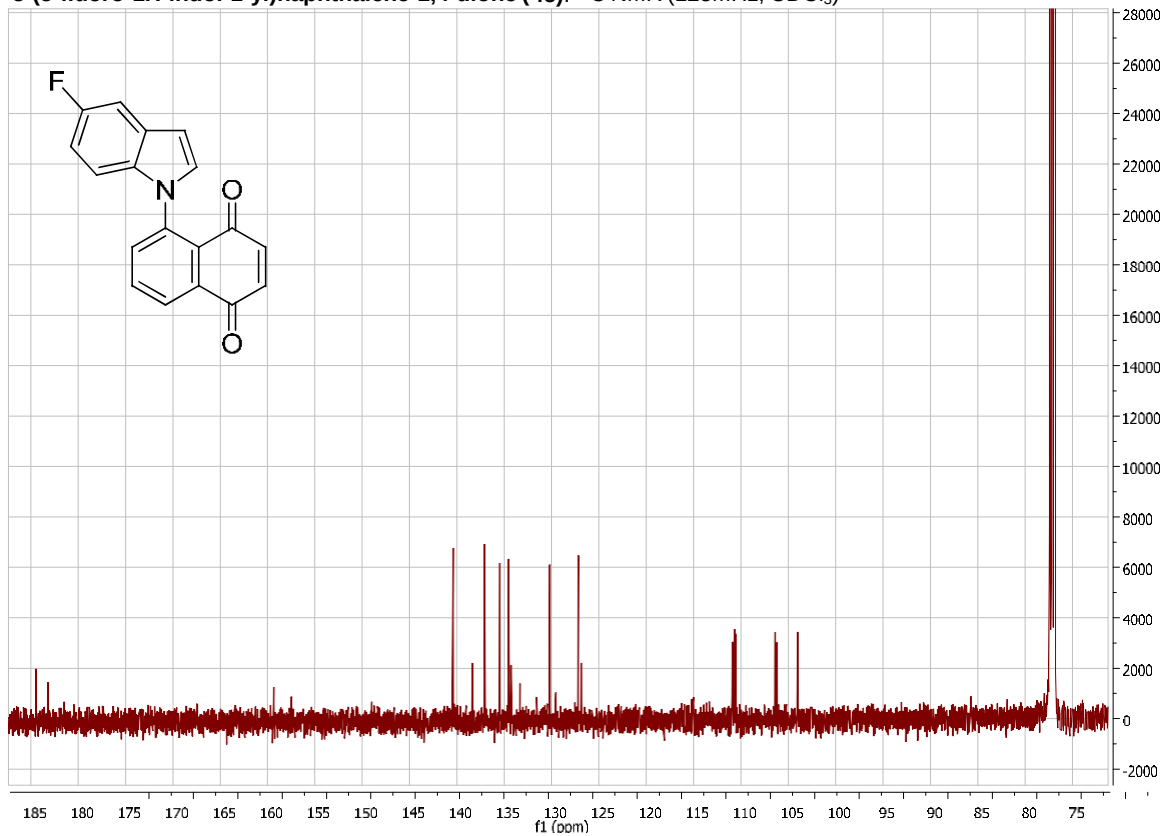
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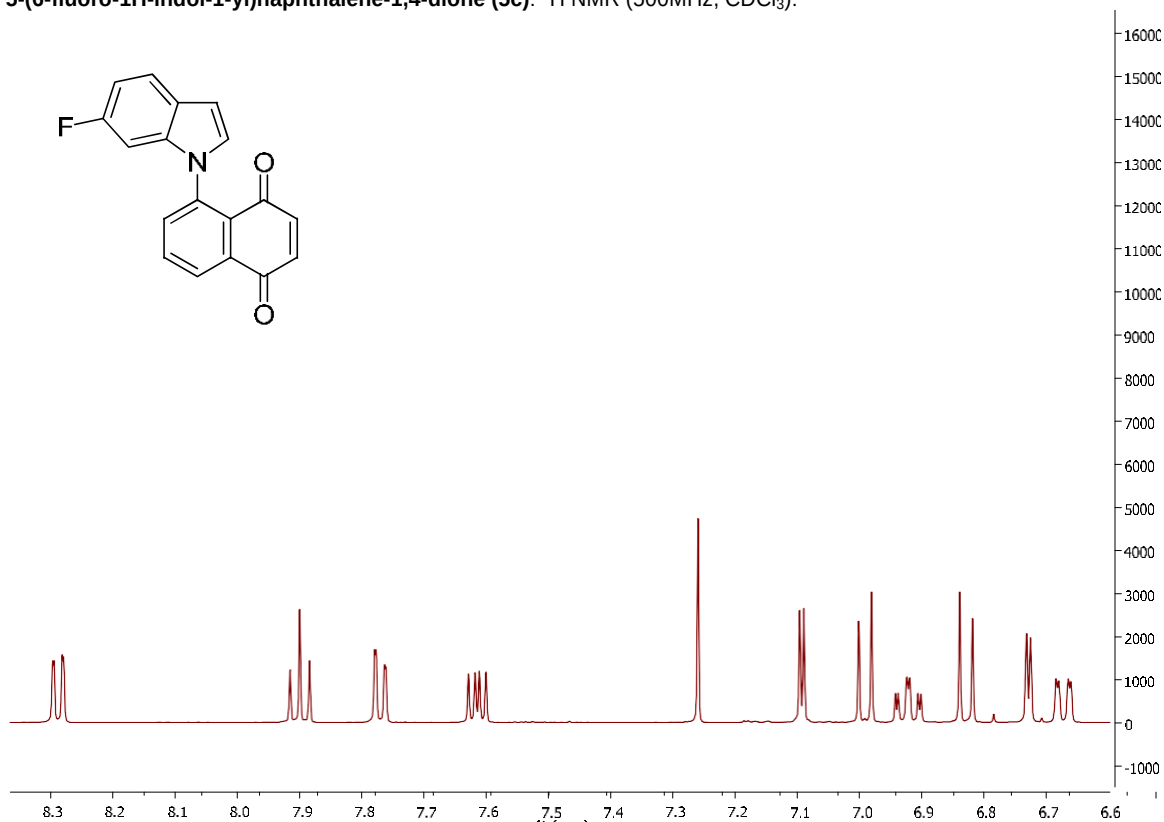


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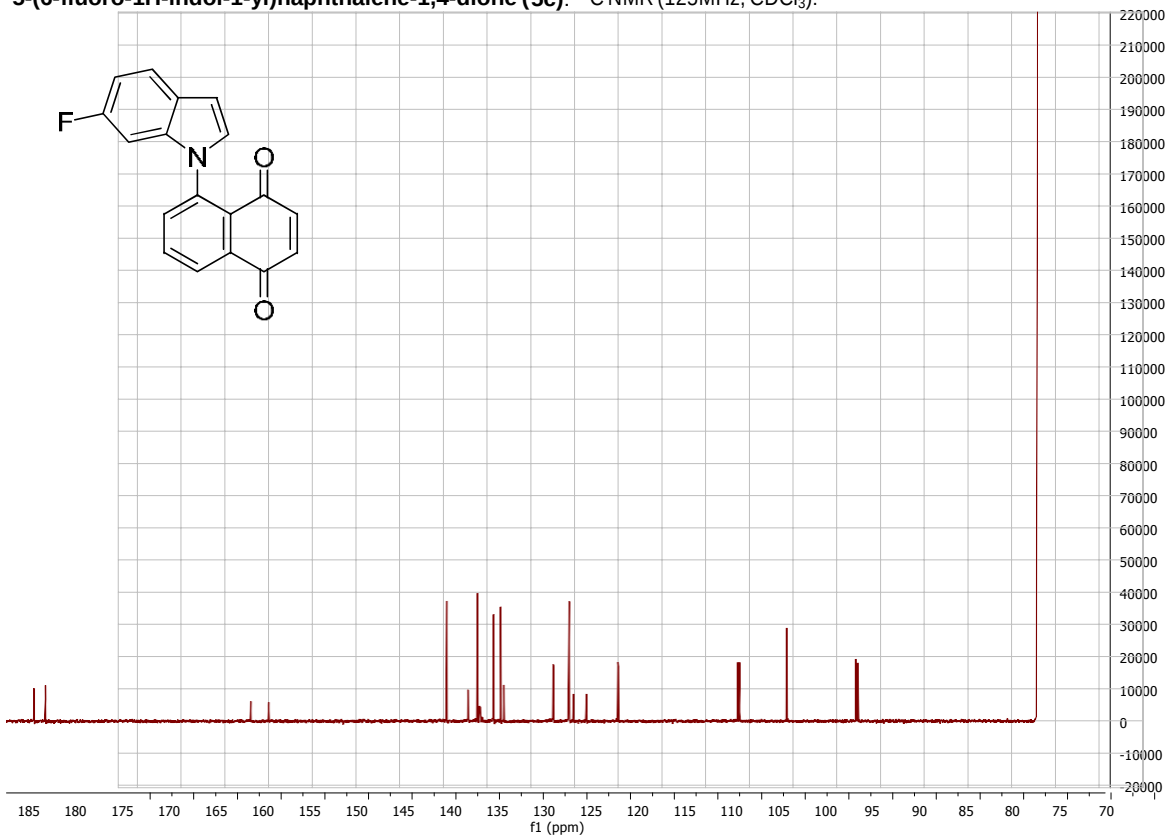




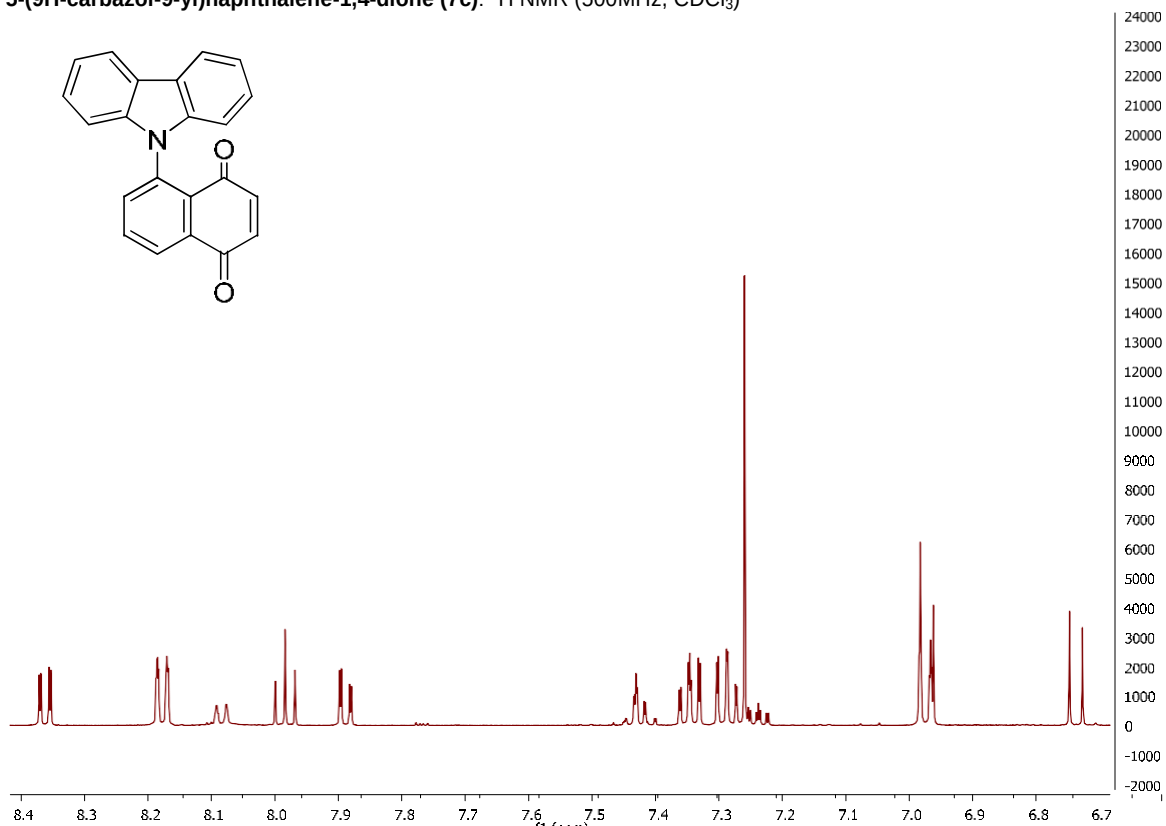
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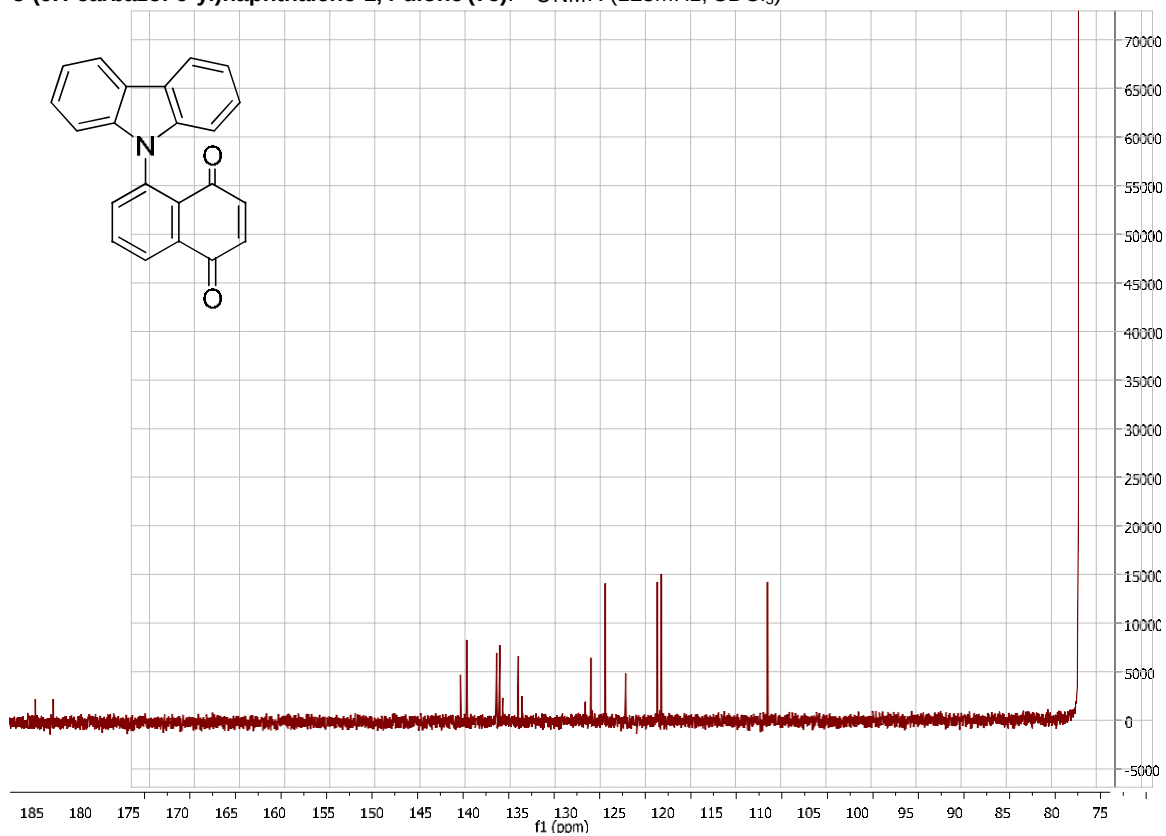
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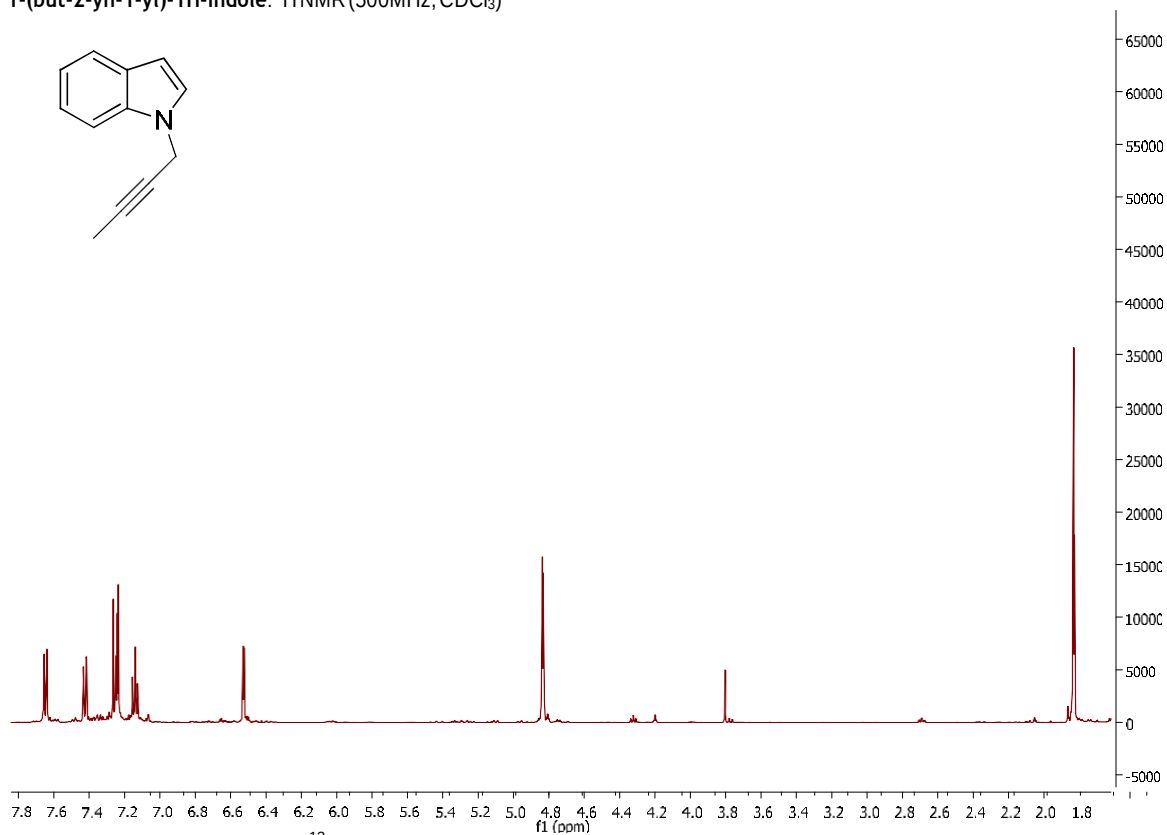
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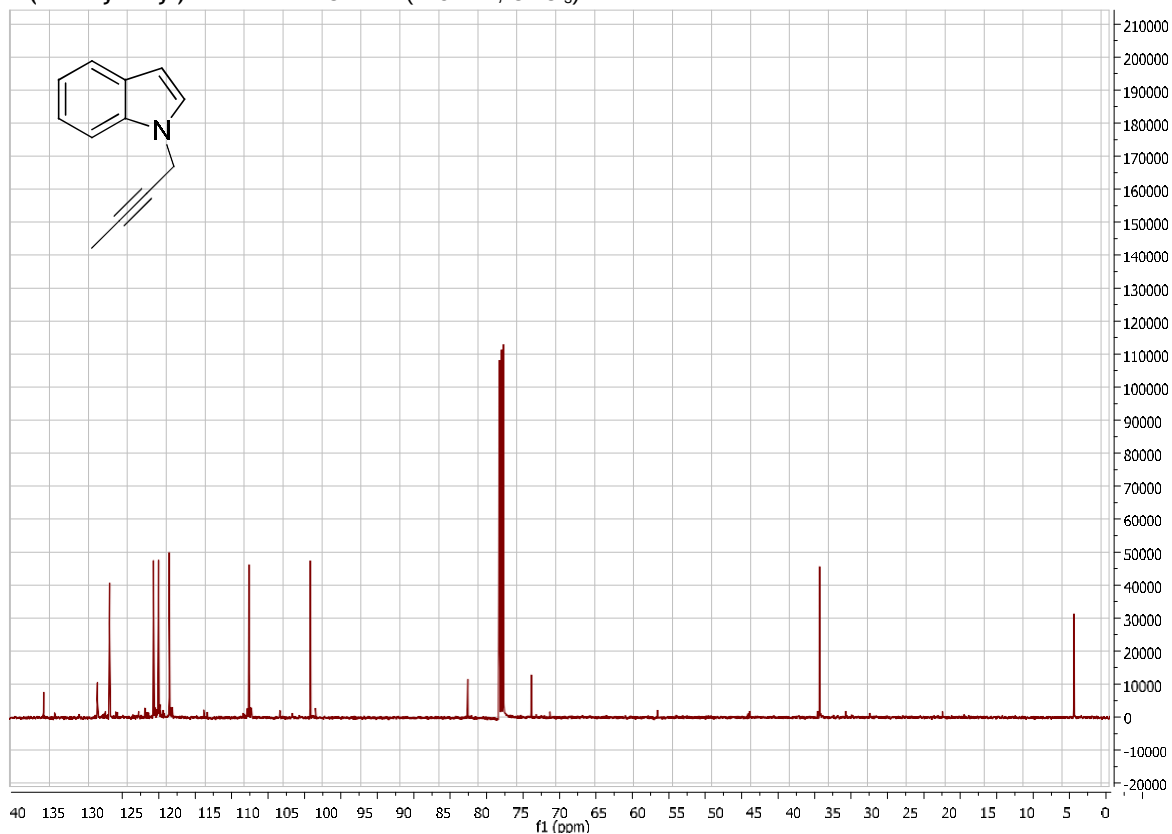
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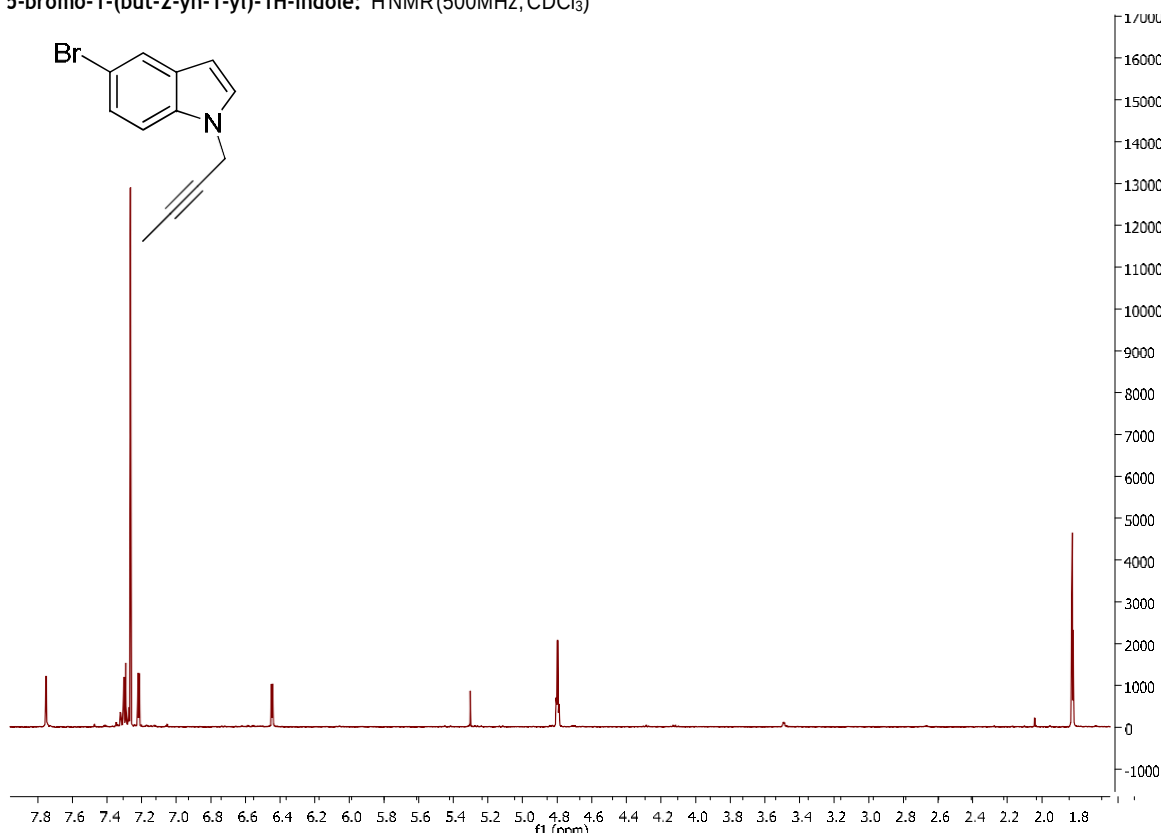
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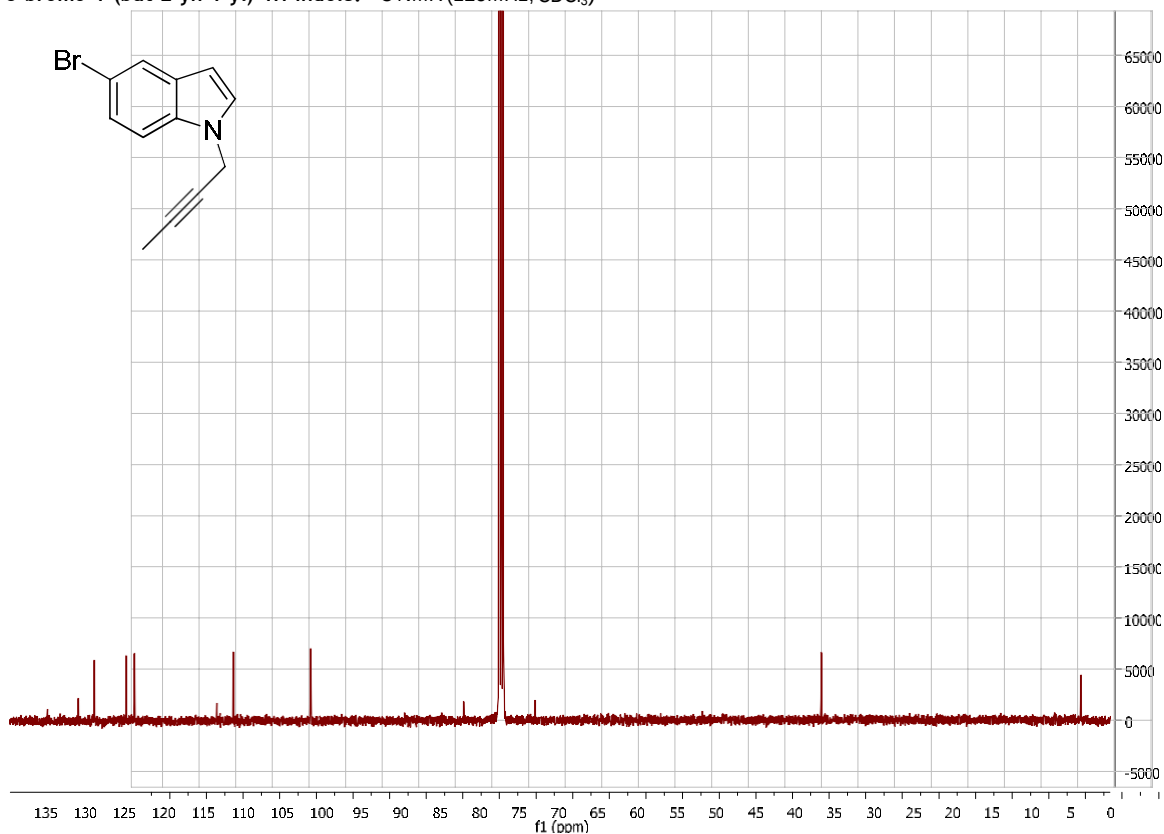
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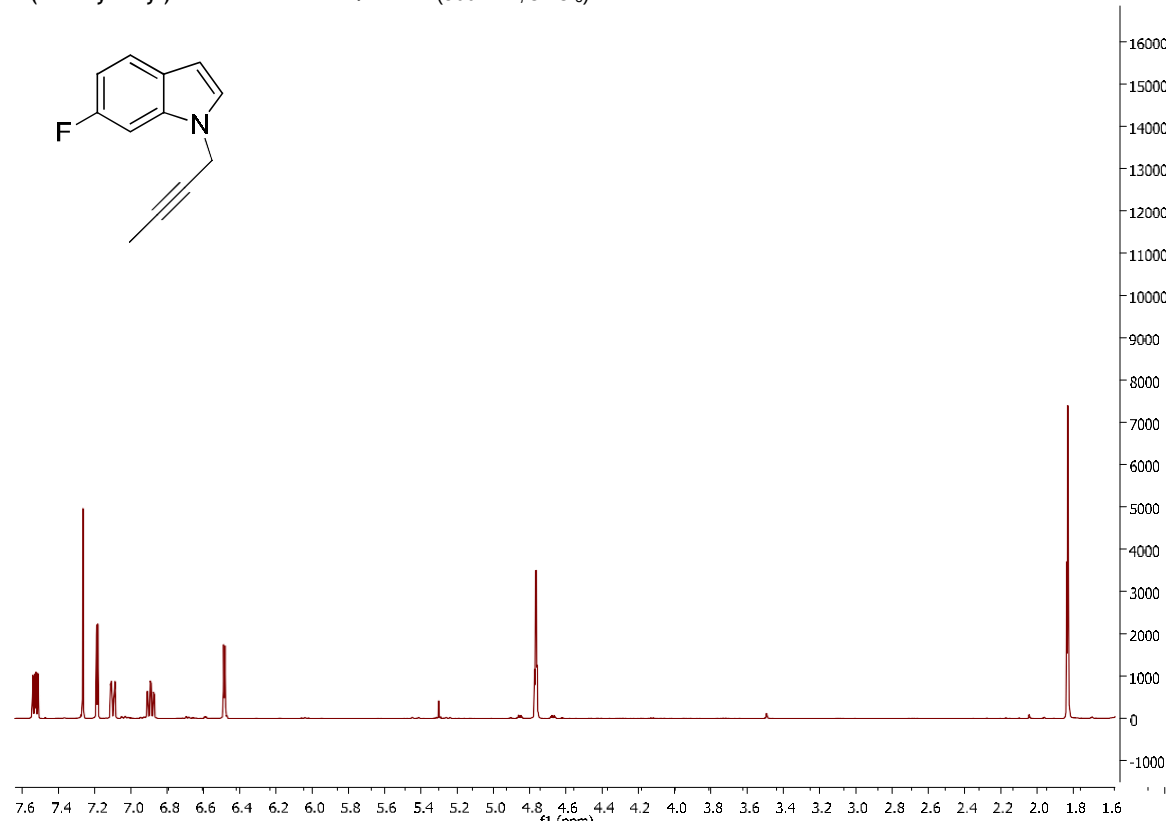
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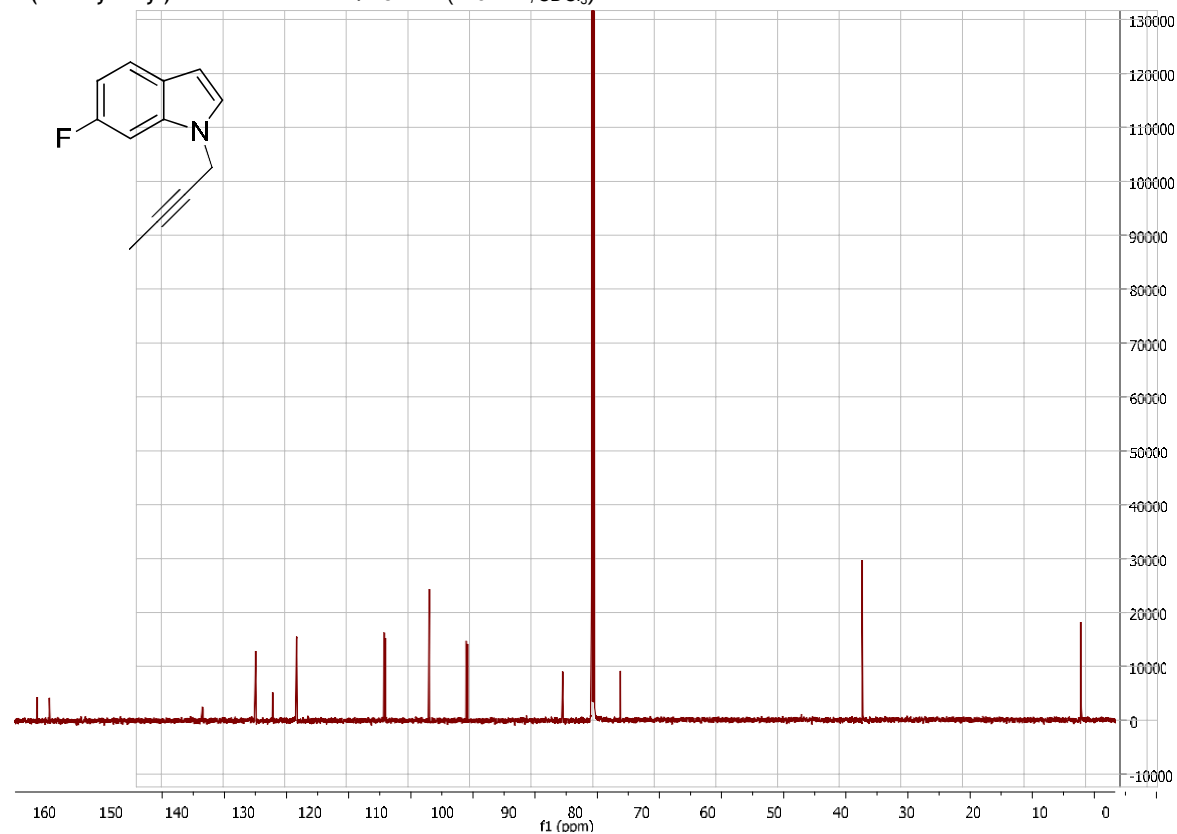
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1-(but-2-yn-1-yl)-6-fluoro-1H-indole:  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR(125MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )



Geometric parameters of the lowest-energy conformers of the molecules studied in the present work. Distances (r) are in angstroms and dihedral angles (t) are in degrees.

|                                                                        | 7       | 8      | 9      | 10     | 11      | 12     | 1a, 1b  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| r(C <sub>1</sub> '-C <sub>2</sub> ')                                   | 1.534   | 1.492  | 1.505  | 1.489  | 1.457   | 1.352  | 1.341   |
| r(C <sub>2</sub> '-C <sub>3</sub> ')                                   | 1.452   | 1.342  | 1.301  | 1.275  | 1.202   | 1.429  | 1.443   |
| r(C <sub>3</sub> '-C <sub>4</sub> ')                                   | 1.203   | 1.277  | 1.300  | 1.341  | 1.448   | 1.337  | 1.337   |
| r(N-C <sub>1</sub> ')                                                  | 1.441   | 1.474  | 1.447  | 1.460  | 1.447   | 1.414  | 1.383   |
| r(C <sub>2</sub> -N)                                                   | 1.372   | 1.366  | 1.370  | 1.366  | 1.371   | 1.373  | 1.382   |
| r(C <sub>7a</sub> -N)                                                  | 1.373   | 1.370  | 1.372  | 1.367  | 1.370   | 1.375  | 1.385   |
| t(C <sub>2</sub> -N-C <sub>1</sub> '-C <sub>2</sub> ')                 | -86.80  | -39.05 | 93.8   | 117.18 | -113.80 | -5.35  | 10.82   |
| t(N-C <sub>1</sub> '-C <sub>2</sub> '-C <sub>3</sub> ')                | -169.14 | 98.42  | 110.91 | 164.59 | -144.90 | 167.69 | -179.05 |
| t(C <sub>1</sub> '-C <sub>2</sub> '-C <sub>3</sub> '-C <sub>4</sub> ') |         |        |        |        |         | 75.20  | -178.79 |

Energy diagram for the C5 alkyne isomerization. Species are numbered in analogy with those in C4.

