

DBU-Catalyzed [3 + 2] Cycloaddition and Michael Addition Reactions of 3-Benzylidene Succinimides with 3-Ylidene Oxindoles and Chalcones

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General information:

Unless otherwise noted, chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers at the highest purity grade available and were used without further purification. The 3-(2-oxo-2-arylethylidene) oxindoles **1a–f** and 3-benzylidene succinimides **2a–f** were synthesized by literature methods.¹⁴ Thin layer chromatography was performed on pre-coated 0.25 mm silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV light as visualizing agent. Silica gel (100–200 mesh) was used for column chromatography. IR spectra of the compounds were recorded on FT-IR and are expressed as wave number (cm^{-1}). NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 and $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ using TMS as an internal standard on 500 MHz and 400 MHz instruments. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as parts per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ^1H NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl_3 (7.26 ppm) and ^{13}C NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl_3 (77.0 ppm, the middle peak). Coupling constants were expressed in Hz. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, m = multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a micrOTOFTM-Q II mass spectrometer (ESI-MS).

NMR studies of **3a**:

The structures of spirooxindoles were confirmed by detailed spectral analysis obtained from ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, and HRMS experiments of isolated products. For instance, in the ^1H NMR of **3a**, the protons H_a and H_d appear as doublets at δ 4.10 and 4.90 ppm, respectively, and the protons H_b and H_c appear as doublet of doublets at δ 4.21 and 5.04 ppm, respectively (Figure S1).

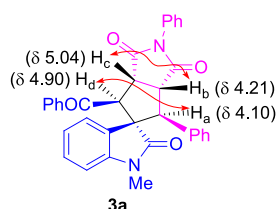


Figure S1. Selected ^1H NMR chemical shifts (ppm) and NOE correlations in **3a**.

The connectivity of the protons that are coupled with each other and between protons and carbons of **3a** was identified by two-dimensional ^1H – ^1H COSY and ^1H – ^{13}C COSY experiments, respectively (see Figures S5 and S6). To gain more insight into the stereochemistry of these products and to understand the spatial correlation between H_a , H_d , H_c and H_b protons, we performed NOESY experiment. The presence of correlation between the protons ' H_a and H_d ' and ' H_b and H_c ' and the absence of correlation between ' H_a and H_c ' and ' H_b and H_d ' establishes the showed geometry (Figure S7). The correlation between the proton H_d and benzoyl carbonyl in HMBC spectrum ascertains their germinal relationship unambiguously.

NMR studies of **5b**:

The structure of Michael adducts were confirmed by detailed analysis obtained from ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, and HRMS spectral data of isolated products. For instance, in the ^1H NMR of Michael adduct **5b**, the protons H_a and H_a' appear at δ 3.27 and 4.68 ppm, respectively, each as doublet of doublets and the proton H_b appears at δ 4.14 as doublet of triplet and the proton H_c appears at 4.51 ppm as doublet of doublet (Figure S2).

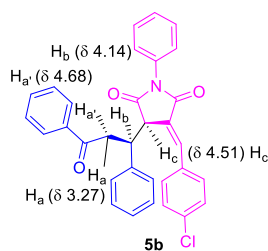


Figure S2. Selected ^1H NMR chemical shifts (ppm) in **5b**.

The connectivity of the protons that are coupled with each other and between protons and carbons of Michael adduct **5b** was identified by two-dimensional ^1H – ^1H COSY and ^1H – ^{13}C COSY experiments, respectively (Figures S9 and S10). To gain better insight on the stereochemistry of these products through the spatial correlation between H_a , H_a' , H_b and H_c protons, we performed NOESY experiment of Michael adduct **5b**. The presence of correlation between the protons ' H_a and H_b ', ' H_a and H_a' ', ' H_b and H_c ' and ' H_b and H_a' ', the absence of correlation between ' H_a and H_c ' establishes the geometry depicted in Figure S2. The results obtained from NMR studies were further confirmed by the single crystal X-ray analysis of compound **5h** (Figure S4).

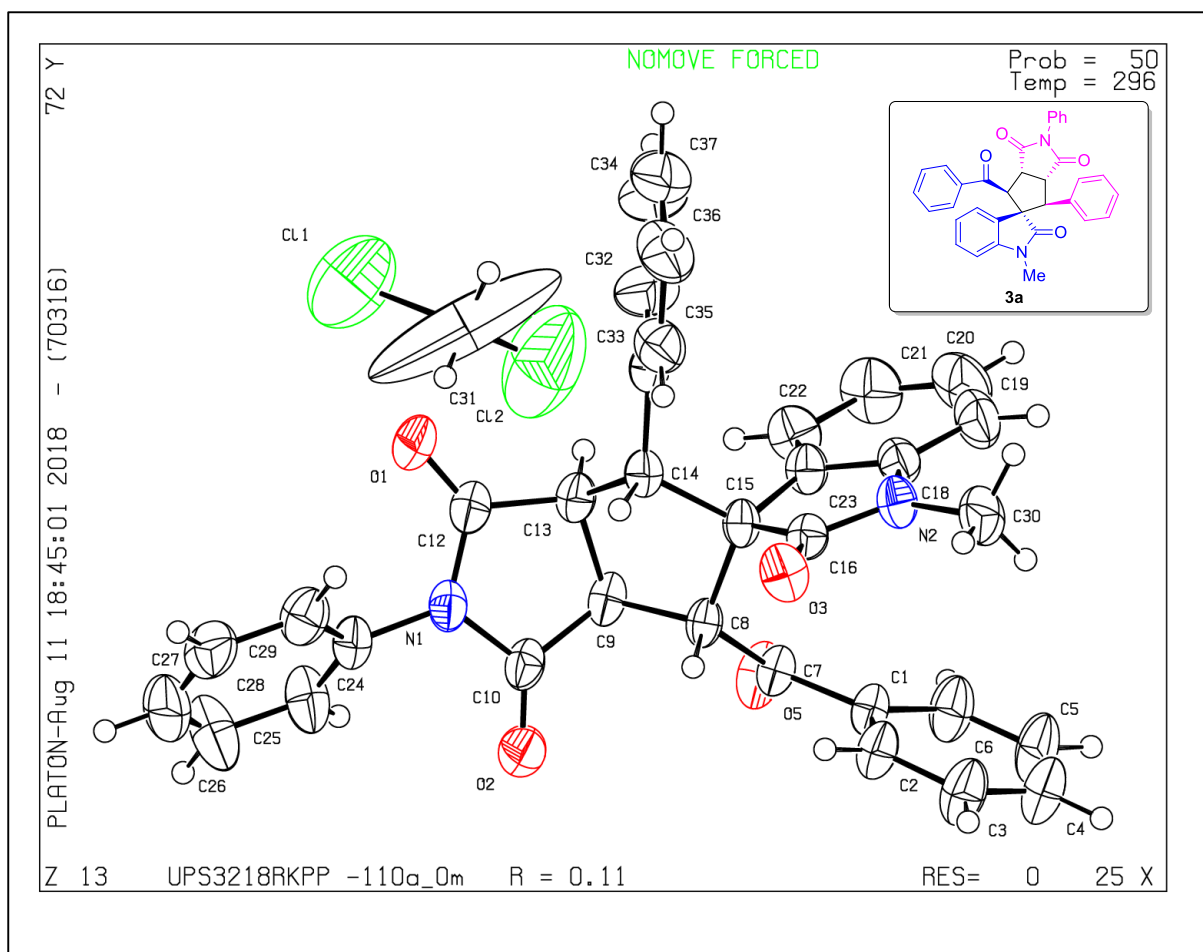


Figure S3. The ORTEP plot of the crystal structure of **3a** (The trapped dichloromethane solvent is also shown).

Table S1: Crystallographic data for spirooxindole derivative **3a**:

Empirical formula	$C_{35}H_{28}Cl_2N_2O_4$	
Formula weight	611.49	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 11.156(5)$ Å	$\alpha = 100.51(2)^\circ$.
	$b = 11.456(5)$ Å	$\beta = 108.58(2)^\circ$.
	$c = 13.201(6)$ Å	$\gamma = 100.45(2)^\circ$.
Volume	$1519.5(11)$ Å ³	

Z	30
Density (calculated)	3.735 mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	2.804 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1680
Crystal size	0.28 x 0.24 x 0.20 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.684 to 28.697°
Reflections collected	25896
Independent reflections	7505 [R(int) = 0.0356]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.0 %
Absorption correction type	multi-scan
Max. and min. transmission	0.970 and 0.953
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-square on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	7505 / 0 / 390
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.474
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.1081, wR2 = 0.3387
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1441, wR2 = 0.3861
Large diff. peak and hole	1.397 and -1.137e.Å ⁻³

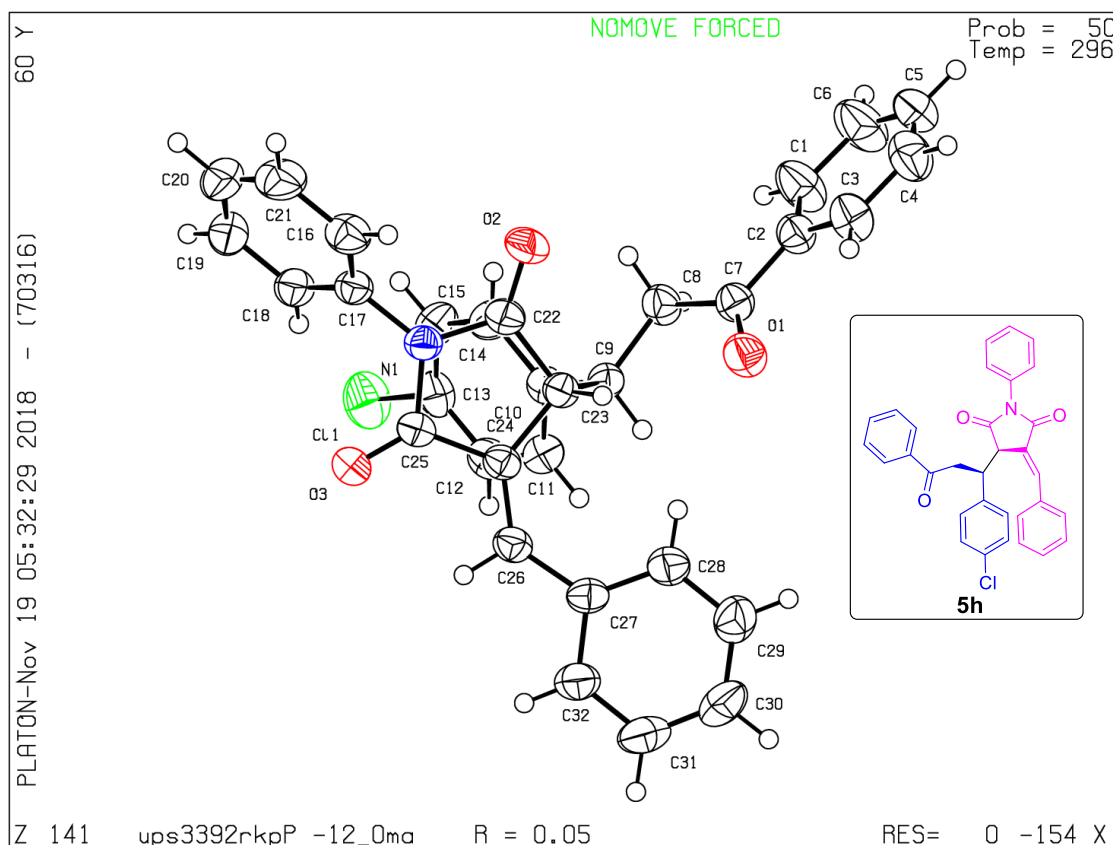


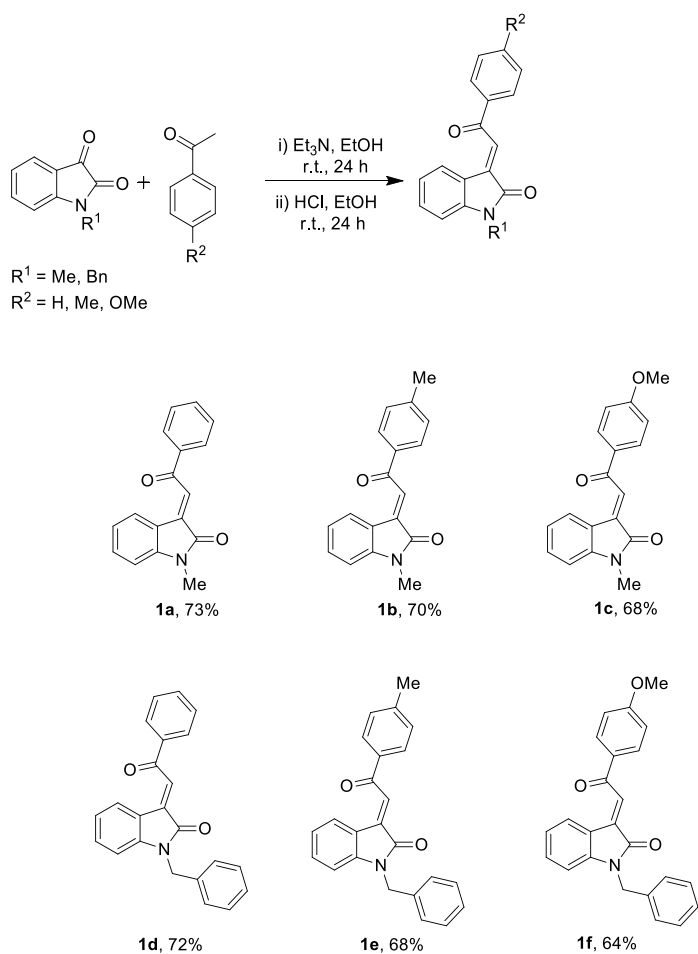
Figure S2-4. The ORTEP plot of the crystal structure of **5h**.

Table S2: Crystallographic data for Michael adduct **5h**:

Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClNO}_3$	
Formula weight	505.97	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 10.6788(6) \text{ Å}$	$\alpha = 114.4170(10)^\circ$.
	$b = 11.5046(3) \text{ Å}$	$\beta = 103.953(2)^\circ$.
	$c = 12.2981(3) \text{ Å}$	$\gamma = 96.855(2)^\circ$.
Volume	$1293.50(9) \text{ Å}^3$	
Z	17	
Density (calculated)	1.713 mg/m^3	

Absorption coefficient	0.975 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	663
Crystal size	0.27 x 0.22 x 0.20 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.92 to 28.350°
Reflections collected	20574
Independent reflections	6421 [R(int) = 0.0253]
Completeness to theta = 28.35°	99.3 %
Absorption correction type	multi-scan
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-square on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	6421 / 0 / 335
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.052
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0480, wR2 = 0.1407
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0740, wR2 = 0.1803
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.460 and -0.389 e.Å ⁻³

Synthesis of 3-ylideneoxindoles 1a–f:



References:

1. (a) G. Kazemi, M. Seifi, H. Sheibani, *Heterocycl. Lett.* 2013, **3**, 141; (b) Y. Lin, Y. Wenguo, L. Lixin, S. Yang, J. Zhiyong, *Chin. J. Chem.* 2011, **29**, 1906.

General procedures:

General procedure for the synthesis of 3a-x:

To a stirred solution of 3-ylidene oxindole derivative **1** (0.1 mmol) in 2 mL of EtOH was added benzylidene-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione **2** (0.1 mmol). Then DBU (0.02 mmol) was added, and the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 40 min. After completion of the reaction as judged by TLC, the product started to settle down on the basement of the round bottom flask, reaction contents were filtered off. The product was obtained by washing with EtOH followed by drying.

Note: The ^1H NMR data of major diastereomers of **3i-k,r,t,v,x** is shown, wherever the spectra were recorded for the mixture of diastereomers.

General procedure for the synthesis of 5a-s and 7a:

To a stirred solution of chalcone derivative **4** or **6a** (0.1 mmol) in 2 mL of EtOH was added benzylidene-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione **2** (0.1 mmol). Then DBU (0.02 mmol) was added, and the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 8 h (5 h in case of **6a**). After completion of the reaction as judged by TLC, the product started to settle down in the round bottom flask. Then the reaction contents were filtered off, washed with EtOH and dried under vacuum.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-benzoyl-1'-methyl-2,6-diphenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3a):

Yield: 0.037 g (70%) as white solid; MP: 258–260 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3134, 1779, 1715, 1705, 1677, 1611, 1598, 1496, 1471, 1449, 1400, 1384, 1235, 1153, 1138, 1099, 763, 753, 717, 698, 691, 645, 617, 595, 515, 488 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.56 (s, 3H), 4.1 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 7.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, J = 5.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.10–7.06 (m, 5H), 7.16 (dd, J = 0.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 7.49 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 25.9, 45.3, 48.1, 56.5, 59.15, 65.8, 107.9, 122.5, 124.8, 125.6, 126.4, 127.9, 127.9, 127.9, 128.2, 128.6, 129.0, 129.1, 131.8, 132.7, 132.9, 136.3, 142.8, 175.0, 175.5, 177.0, 195.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 527.1965; found 527.1978.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-benzoyl-1'-methyl-2-phenyl-6-(p-tolyl)-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3b):

Yield: 0.034 g (63%) as off white solid; MP: 269–271 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3135, 1778, 1708, 1676, 1610, 1494, 1400, 1384, 1190, 1137, 1112, 1097, 907, 758, 749, 728, 691, 655, 645, 602 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 4.06 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 9.2, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 6.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.16–6.18 (m, 1H), 6.83 (q, J = 8.4, 5.2 Hz, 4H), 7.0–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.51 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.0, 25.9, 45.2, 48.3, 56.6, 58.9, 65.7, 108.0, 122.4, 124.9, 125.6, 126.4, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.5, 128.7, 128.9, 129.1, 129.8, 131.8, 132.7, 136.3, 137.5, 142.8, 175.0, 175.6, 177.0, 195.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 541.2122; found 541.2145.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-benzoyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-1'-methyl-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3c):

Yield: 0.032 g (57%) as off white solid; MP: 221–223 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3133, 1779, 1715, 1708, 1679, 1610, 1494, 1470, 1451, 1400, 1384, 1289, 1257, 1191, 1138, 1094, 905, 751, 737, 730, 722, 692, 655, 646, 614, 600 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.57 (s, 3H), 4.06 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J

= 9.2, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, 6.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99–7.04 (m, 3H), 7.08 (td, J = 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 0.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 25.9, 45.1, 48.2, 56.5, 58.3, 65.6, 108.2, 122.6, 124.4, 125.4, 126.4, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.6, 129.1, 129.2, 129.3, 131.5, 131.6, 132.8, 133.8, 136.2, 142.7, 174.8, 175.3, 176.8, 195.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 583.1395; found 583.1397.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-benzoyl-6-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3d):

Yield: 0.039 g (70%) as white solid; MP: 244–245 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3134, 1778, 1715, 1675, 1610, 1493, 1400, 1385, 1190, 1137, 1101, 757, 732, 692, 655, 644, 603 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.56 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 4.07 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 9.2, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, J = 6.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.18–6.20 (m, 1H), 6.47 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57–6.60 (m, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.0–7.04 (m, 1H), 7.08 (td, J = 1.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.48–7.51 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 25.9, 45.2, 48.3, 55.0, 56.6, 59.0, 65.7, 108.1, 113.1, 113.9, 120.6, 122.4, 124.8, 125.6, 126.4, 127.9, 128.1, 128.6, 128.9, 129.1, 129.2, 131.7, 132.8, 134.4, 136.3, 142.8, 159.0, 174.9, 175.5, 176.9, 195.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 557.2071; found 557.2082.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-1'-methyl-4-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2,6-diphenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3e):

Yield: 0.039 g (72%) as off white solid; MP: 233–235 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 4.10 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 9.6, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, J = 6.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.16–6.18 (m, 1H), 6.95–7.06 (m, 9H), 7.16–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.50 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.5, 25.9, 45.3, 48.1, 56.2, 59.1, 65.9, 107.9, 122.4, 124.7, 125.6, 126.4, 127.8, 127.9, 127.9, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9, 129.1, 131.7, 132.9, 133.6, 142.7, 143.7, 175.1, 175.5, 177.0, 195.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 541.2122, found: 541.2119.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-1'-methyl-4-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2-phenyl-6-(*p*-tolyl)-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3f):

Yield: 0.038 g (69%) as off white solid; MP: 263–266 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3134, 1778, 1714, 1668, 1611, 1495, 1471, 1400, 1384, 1286, 1240, 1186, 1155, 1136, 1097, 825, 725, 710, 690, 655, 617, 597, 518, 495 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 4.06 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 7.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, J = 5.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 6.99–7.07 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 7.38–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.50 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.0, 21.5, 25.9, 45.3, 48.3,

56.4, 59.0, 65.9, 108.0, 122.4, 124.9, 125.7, 126.4, 127.8, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1, 129.9, 131.8, 133.7, 137.4, 142.8, 143.6, 175.1, 175.6, 177.0, 195.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{36}H_{31}N_2O_4$ $[M + H]^+$: 555.2278, found: 555.2281.

(3aR*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aS*)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1'-methyl-6-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3g):

Yield: 0.029 g (51%) as off white solid; MP: 238–240 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3133, 1778, 1716, 1703, 1679, 1609, 1494, 1470, 1400, 1384, 1290, 1256, 1189, 1138, 1092, 909, 833, 780, 751, 740, 729, 655, 645, 616, 603, 527, 495 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 4.05 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J = 9.2, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, 6.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99–7.03 (m, 5H), 7.08 (td, J = 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 21.5, 26.0, 45.2, 48.2, 56.3, 58.4, 65.754, 108.2, 122.6, 124.4, 125.5, 126.4, 128.2, 128.3, 128.6, 128.6, 129.1, 129.1, 129.3, 131.6, 133.6, 133.8, 142.7, 143.8, 174.9, 175.3, 176.8, 195.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{35}H_{28}ClN_2O_4$ $[M + H]^+$: 575.1732, found: 575.1731.

(3aR*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aS*)-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-6-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3h):

Yield: 0.034 g (60%) as off white solid; MP: 250–251 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3138, 1775, 1703, 1677, 1609, 1494, 1400, 1385, 1137, 1123, 750, 689, 656, 644, 603 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 4.07 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 9.2, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, J = 6.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 6.57–6.59 (m, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.0–7.08 (m, 5H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.51 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 21.5, 25.9, 45.3, 48.3, 55.0, 56.3, 59.0, 65.8, 108.0, 113.1, 113.9, 120.6, 122.4, 124.8, 125.6, 126.4, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9, 128.9, 129.1, 131.7, 133.6, 134.5, 142.8, 143.7, 159.0, 175.0, 175.5, 177.0, 195.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{36}H_{31}N_2O_5$ $[M + H]^+$: 571.2227, found: 571.2224.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1'-methyl-2,6-diphenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3i):

Yield: 0.034 g (61%) as off white solid; MP: 158–159 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3135, 1716, 1702, 1678, 1601, 1400, 1385, 1138, 1123, 749, 732, 656, 644, 603 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 2.65 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.10 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 9.2, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 6.8, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.19–6.22 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95–6.99 (m, 2H), 6.99–7.06 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.47–7.53 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 26.0, 45.5, 48.1, 55.4, 55.7, 59.3, 66.1, 107.9, 113.2, 122.4, 124.7, 125.7, 126.4, 127.9, 127.9, 128.5,

128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 130.7, 131.7, 132.9, 142.6, 163.4, 175.1, 175.7, 177.1, 193.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{35}H_{29}N_2O_5$ $[M + H]^+$: 557.2071, found: 557.2059.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1'-methyl-2-phenyl-6-(*p*-tolyl)-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1*H*-spiro[cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2*H*)-trione (3j):

Yield: 0.33 g (58%) as off white solid; MP: 277–279 °C; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\max}$: 3133, 1779, 1716, 1670, 1599, 1574, 1494, 1470, 1400, 1384, 1169, 1136, 1114, 750, 713, 692, 656, 604, 517 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.06 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, $J = 9.2, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, $J = 6.8, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 8.4, 12.8$ Hz, 4H), 6.99–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.6$, 1H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.50 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.0, 26.0, 45.5, 48.3, 55.4, 55.9, 59.1, 66.1, 107.9, 113.2, 122.4, 124.9, 125.7, 126.4, 127.8, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 129.0, 129.9, 130.7, 131.8, 137.4, 142.7, 175.1, 175.8, 177.1, 193.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{36}H_{31}N_2O_5$ $[M + H]^+$: 571.2227, found: 571.2231.

(3aR*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aS*)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1'-methyl-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1*H*-spiro[cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2*H*)-trione (3k):

Yield: 0.031 g (53%) as off white solid; MP: 293–294 °C; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\max}$: cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.05 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, $J = 9.2, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, $J = 6.8, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.99–7.10 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.51 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.1, 45.4, 48.3, 55.4, 55.8, 58.6, 66.0, 108.2, 113.3, 122.6, 124.4, 125.6, 126.4, 128.2, 128.6, 128.9, 129.1, 129.3, 130.7, 131.7, 133.8, 142.6, 163.5, 174.9, 175.5, 176.9, 193.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{35}H_{28}ClN_2O_5$ $[M + H]^+$: 591.1681, found: 591.1683.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-6-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1'-methyl-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1*H*-spiro[cyclopenta[*c*]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2*H*)-trione (3l):

Yield: 0.034 g (58%) as off white solid; MP: 201–204 °C; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\max}$: 3133, 1779, 1716, 1671, 1601, 1493, 1400, 1384, 1246, 1172, 1136, 1099, 750, 712, 693, 655, 604, 486 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.66 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.07 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, $J = 9.2, 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, $J = 6.8, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, $J = 2.0, 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.99–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 1.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.47–7.51 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.0, 45.5, 48.3, 55.0, 55.4, 55.9, 59.2, 66.0, 108.0, 113.1, 113.2, 113.9, 120.6, 122.4, 124.8, 125.7, 126.4, 128.5, 128.9, 129.1, 130.7, 131.7, 134.5, 142.7, 159.0, 163.4, 175.0, 175.7, 177.0, 193.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{36}H_{31}N_2O_6$ $[M + H]^+$: 587.2177, found: 587.2194.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-benzoyl-1'-benzyl-2,6-diphenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3m):

Yield: 0.037 g (62%) as white solid; MP: 247–249 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3134, 1782, 1720, 1707, 1680, 1610, 1496, 1466, 1400, 1384, 1156, 1124, 1105, 745, 716, 690, 656, 615, 303 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.75 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11–4.19 (m, 2H), 4.69 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 7.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.93–7.06 (m, 8H), 7.09–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.27–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.46 (m, 6H), 7.47–7.52 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 43.5, 45.4, 48.7, 56.4, 59.9, 65.9, 109.4, 122.5, 124.6, 125.8, 126.2, 126.4, 127.2, 128.1, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 129.1, 129.1, 131.7, 132.8, 133.0, 134.2, 136.3, 142.2, 174.9, 175.5, 176.9, 195.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 603.2278, found: 603.2276.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-benzoyl-1'-benzyl-2-phenyl-6-(p-tolyl)-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3n):

Yield: 0.045 g (73%) as off white solid; MP: 292–295 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3136, 1778, 1716, 1684, 1612, 1495, 1400, 1385, 1148, 1118, 755, 693, 656, 643, 603, 518 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.21 (s, 3H), 3.71 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.74 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 6.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 4H), 6.94–7.05 (m, 5H), 7.09–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.52 (m, 8H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.1, 43.4, 45.4, 48.9, 56.5, 59.7, 65.8, 109.4, 122.5, 124.8, 125.8, 126.2, 126.4, 127.2, 128.1, 128.3, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 129.7, 131.8, 132.9, 134.3, 136.3, 137.7, 142.2, 174.9, 175.5, 176.9, 195.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 617.2435, found: 617.2438.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-benzoyl-1'-benzyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3o):

Yield: 0.032 g (50%) as off white solid; MP: 252–254 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3137, 1777, 1715, 1687, 1612, 1495, 1400, 1385, 1113, 757, 692, 656, 645, 603, 524 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.74 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05–4.14 (m, 2H), 4.72 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97–7.03 (m, 3H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.38–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.46–7.52 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 43.4, 45.3, 48.8, 56.3, 59.2, 65.7, 109.6, 122.7, 124.3, 125.7, 126.2, 126.4, 127.4, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 129.1, 129.8, 131.4, 131.6, 133.0, 134.1, 134.1, 136.2, 142.2, 174.7, 175.2, 176.7, 195.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{30}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 637.1889, found: 637.1887.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-4-benzoyl-1'-benzyl-6-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3p):

Yield: 0.050 g (79%) as off white solid; MP: 236–239 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3135, 1778, 1716, 1683, 1611, 1488, 1400, 1385, 1193, 1108, 750, 690, 655, 644, 603, 486 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 9.2, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 6.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94–7.06 (m, 5H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.46–7.52 (m, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 43.4, 45.3, 48.9, 54.9, 56.4, 59.8, 65.7, 109.4, 113.3, 114.4, 121.1, 122.5, 124.7, 125.7, 126.0, 126.4, 127.2, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 129.1, 129.2, 131.7, 133.0, 134.1, 134.2, 136.2, 142.2, 159.1, 174.8, 175.4, 176.9, 195.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 633.2384, found: 633.2390.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-1'-benzyl-4-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2,6-diphenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3q):

Yield: 0.040 g (65%) as white solid; MP: 149–151 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3134, 1717, 1673, 1637, 1400, 1385, 1192, 1123, 750, 656, 644, 603 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, J = 9.2, 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (dd, J = 6.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.93–7.04 (m, 7H), 7.05–7.15 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.2, 1H), 7.38–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.48–7.52 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.6, 43.5, 45.6, 48.7, 55.9, 60.0, 66.0, 109.4, 122.5, 124.6, 125.9, 126.2, 126.4, 127.2, 128.1, 128.1, 128.4, 128.6, 128.9, 129.1, 131.8, 132.9, 133.6, 134.3, 142.1, 144.0, 175.0, 175.5, 176.910, 194.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 617.2435, found: 617.2437.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-1'-benzyl-4-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2-phenyl-6-(p-tolyl)-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3r):

Yield: 0.046 g (73%) as off white solid; MP: 241–243 °C; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3138, 1781, 1718, 1715, 1609, 1402, 1384, 1125, 1101, 758, 743, 722, 695, 656, 613, 598 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.2 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.86 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 8.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (dd, J = 7.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 4H), 6.94–7.03 (m, 4H), 7.05–7.13 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.47–7.51 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.1, 21.6, 43.4, 45.5, 48.9, 56.0, 59.8, 66.0, 109.4, 122.4, 124.8, 125.9, 126.2, 126.4, 127.1, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 128.9, 129.1, 129.8, 131.8, 133.6, 134.3, 137.7, 142.1, 143.9, 175.0, 175.5, 177.0, 195.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 631.2591, found: 631.2614.

(3aR*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aS*)-1'-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3s):

Yield: 0.033 g (51%) as orange solid; MP: 239–241°C; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\max}$: 3135, 1780, 1715, 1678, 1610, 1494, 1467, 1400, 1385, 1189, 1112, 748, 656, 644, 603 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.89 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05–4.13 (m, 2H), 4.68 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 5.09 (m, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97–7.09 (m, 8H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.36–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.48–7.52 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.6, 43.5, 45.5, 48.8, 55.9, 59.3, 65.8, 109.5, 122.6, 124.3, 125.8, 126.2, 126.4, 127.4, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.6, 128.9, 129.1, 129.3, 129.8, 131.5, 131.7, 133.5, 134.1, 134.1, 142.1, 144.1, 174.8, 175.2, 176.7, 194.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{32}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 651.2045, found: 651.2063.

(3aR*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aS*)-1'-benzyl-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-6-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3t):

Yield: 0.045 g (69%) as off white solid; MP: 215–218 °C; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\max}$: 3135, 1717, 1677, 1633, 1620, 1400, 1385, 1192, 1123, 749, 656, 644, 603 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.87 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 8.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (dd, J = 6.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95–7.04 (m, 5H), 7.07–7.13 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.4, 16.0 Hz, 5H), 7.48–7.52 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.6, 43.5, 45.5, 48.9, 55.0, 56.0, 60.0, 65.9, 109.5, 113.3, 114.5, 121.1, 122.4, 124.8, 125.9, 126.1, 126.4, 127.2, 128.5, 128.6, 128.6, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 129.1, 131.8, 133.6, 134.3, 134.4, 142.2, 144.0, 159.2, 174.9, 175.5, 176.9, 194.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 647.2540, found: 647.2544.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-1'-benzyl-4-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2,6-diphenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1H-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2H)-trione (3u):

Yield: 0.040 g (63%) as off white solid; MP: 241–244 °C; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\max}$: 3137, 1781, 1716, 1663, 1598, 1495, 1467, 1455, 1400, 1384, 1244, 1171, 1155, 1123, 842, 749, 698, 656, 615, 603, 582, 512 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.07–4.14 (m, 2H), 4.20 (dd, J = 8.8, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, J = 7.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93–6.98 (m, 3H), 7.0–7.06 (m, 5H), 7.12 (dd, J = 7.6, 16.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.55 (m, 4H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 43.5, 45.7, 48.6, 55.3, 55.5, 60.1, 66.2, 109.3, 113.5, 122.5, 124.5, 125.9, 126.1, 126.4, 127.2, 128.1, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 130.9, 131.7, 132.8, 134.2, 141.9, 163.6,

175.0, 175.5, 177.0, 193.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{41}H_{33}N_2O_5$ $[M + H]^+$: 633.2384, found: 633.2401.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-1'-benzyl-4-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2-phenyl-6-(*p*-tolyl)-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1*H*-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2*H*)-trione (3v):

Yield: 0.042 g (65%) as off white solid; MP: 258–260 °C; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\max}$: 3136, 1779, 1716, 1669, 1597, 1489, 1400, 1385, 1239, 1171, 1115, 831, 757, 695, 656, 603 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.21 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.04 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 9.2, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (dd, J = 7.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 4H), 6.93–7.05 (m, 4H), 7.09–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.54 (m, 4H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.1, 43.4, 45.6, 48.8, 55.4, 55.5, 59.9, 66.1, 109.3, 113.4, 122.4, 124.7, 125.9, 126.2, 126.4, 127.2, 128.3, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.1, 129.7, 130.9, 131.7, 134.3, 137.7, 142.0, 163.6, 175.0, 175.6, 177.1, 193.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{42}H_{35}N_2O_5$ $[M + H]^+$: 647.2540, found: 647.2541.

(3aR*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aS*)-1'-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1*H*-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2*H*)-trione (3w):

Yield: 0.035 g (52%) as off white solid; MP: 240–242 °C; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\max}$: 3136, 1779, 1717, 1669, 1598, 1494, 1467, 1311, 1267, 1241, 1171, 1112, 1093, 1017, 837, 758, 694, 656, 616, 603, 590, 524 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.05–4.13 (m, 3H), 4.66 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J = 5.6, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 5.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.4 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97–7.01 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dd, J = 5.6, 11.6 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.54 (m, 4H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 43.5, 45.7, 48.8, 55.4, 55.5, 59.5, 66.0, 109.5, 113.5, 122.6, 124.3, 125.9, 126.2, 126.4, 127.4, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 129.1, 129.2, 129.7, 130.9, 131.5, 131.7, 134.1, 134.2, 142.1, 163.7, 174.8, 175.4, 176.8, 193.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{41}H_{31}ClN_2O_5Na$ $[M + Na]^+$: 689.1814, found: 689.1814.

(3aS*,3'S*,4S*,6S*,6aR*)-1'-benzyl-4-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-6-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-3a,4,6,6a-tetrahydro-1*H*-spiro[cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-5,3'-indoline]-1,2',3(2*H*)-trione (3x):

Yield: 0.045 g (68%) as off white solid; MP: 247–249 °C; IR (KBr) $\nu_{\max}$: 3133, 1778, 1714, 1675, 1599, 1489, 1467, 1400, 1384, 1243, 1172, 1119, 758, 747, 695, 656, 604 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.03–4.18 (m, 3H), 4.66 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 7.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94–7.06 (m, 5H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 43.5, 45.6, 48.9, 55.0, 55.4, 55.5, 60.1,

66.1, 109.4, 113.2, 113.5, 114.4, 121.0, 122.5, 124.7, 125.9, 126.0, 126.4, 127.2, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9, 129.0, 129.1, 130.9, 134.2, 134.3, 142.1, 159.1, 163.6, 174.9, 175.5, 177.0, 193.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{42}H_{35}N_2O_6$ $[M + H]^+$: 663.2490, found: 663.2489.

(*R*,E*)-3-Benzylidene-4-((*S)-3-oxo-1,3-diphenylpropyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5a):**

Yield: 0.030 g (64%) as off white solid; MP: 171–174 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 3.33 (dd, J = 4.0, 18.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dt, J = 4.4, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, J = 2.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, J = 10.4, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96–7.0 (m, 5H), 7.19–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.74 (m, 7H), 7.97–7.99 (m, 2H), 8.09–8.12 (m, 4H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 39.1, 40.0, 46.3, 126.5, 126.8, 127.8, 128.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.5, 128.7, 129.0, 129.3, 130.5, 131.0, 131.7, 133.3, 136.5, 137.1, 138.4, 169.4, 175.5, 199.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{32}H_{25}KNO_3$ $[M+K]^+$: 510.1466, found: 510.1461.

(*R*,E*)-3-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-((*S)-3-oxo-1,3-diphenylpropyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5b):**

Yield: 0.032 g (63%) as off white solid; MP: 215–218 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 3.27 (dd, J = 3.6, 18.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dt, J = 3.6, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 2.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd, J = 10.8, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95–6.99 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58–7.63 (m, 3H), 7.68 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.09–8.12 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 39.0, 39.9, 46.1, 126.4, 127.3, 127.9, 128.2, 128.2, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 129.0, 129.6, 131.6, 131.7, 132.2, 132.3, 132.3, 133.4, 134.9, 135.0, 135.0, 135.1, 136.6, 137.0, 138.2, 169.3, 175.3, 199.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{32}H_{24}ClNO_3Na$ $[M+Na]^+$: 528.1337, found: 528.1359.

(*R*,E*)-3-(4-Methylbenzylidene)-4-((*S)-3-oxo-1,3-diphenylpropyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5c):**

Yield: 0.036 g (74%) as off white solid; MP: 235–238 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.34 (dd, J = 3.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dt, J = 4.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (m, 1H), 4.62 (dd, J = 10.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97–7.0 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.0, 18.0 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 21.6, 39.0, 40.1, 46.4, 125.7, 126.5, 127.8, 128.2, 128.4, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 129.0, 130.1, 130.6, 131.1, 131.8, 133.3, 136.5, 137.3, 138.5, 141.1, 169.6, 175.6, 199.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{33}H_{31}N_2O_3$ $[M+NH_4]^+$: 503.2329, found: 503.2335.

(*R*,E*)-3-(3-Methoxybenzylidene)-4-((*S)-3-oxo-1,3-diphenylpropyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5d):**

Yield: 0.037 g (74%) as white solid; MP: 95–98 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.38 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 4.19 (dt, *J* = 4.4, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98–7.01 (m, 4H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.53–7.63 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07–8.09 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 39.3, 40.1, 46.1, 55.6, 115.9, 116.6, 123.0, 126.4, 127.1, 127.8, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.6, 129.0, 130.3, 131.7, 133.3, 134.7, 136.5, 137.1, 138.4, 160.1, 169.3, 175.5, 199.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₃H₂₇NO₄K [M+K]⁺: 540.1566, found: 540.1570.

(*R,*E*)-3-Benzylidene-4-((*S**)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)propyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5e):**

Yield: 0.035 g (70%) as off white solid; MP: 163–165 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dt, *J* = 4.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50–4.57 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 9.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.0, 38.7, 40.1, 46.2, 115.7, 115.8, 126.5, 126.9, 128.1, 128.5, 129.0, 129.1, 129.3, 130.5, 130.9, 130.9, 131.7, 133.4, 133.6, 133.6, 135.2, 136.4, 137.5, 164.9, 166.9, 169.5, 175.7, 197.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₃H₂₆FNO₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 526.1789, found: 526.1807.

(*R,*E*)-3-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-((*S**)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)propyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5f):**

Yield: 0.035 g (65%) as off white solid; MP: 176–179 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dt, *J* = 3.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98–7.04 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.11–8.16 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.0, 38.6, 40.0, 45.9, 115.7, 115.9, 126.4, 127.3, 128.1, 128.6, 129.1, 129.2, 129.6, 130.8, 130.9, 131.6, 131.7, 132.2, 133.4, 133.5, 135.0, 135.0, 136.6, 137.7, 164.6, 167.2, 169.3, 175.5, 197.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₃H₂₅ClFNO₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 560.1399, found: 560.1396.

(*R,*E*)-3-((*S**)-3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)propyl)-4-(4-methylbenzylidene)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5g):**

Yield: 0.038 g (73%) as white solid; MP: 195–198 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dt, *J* = 4.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 17.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99–7.03 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H),

8.13–8.17 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.0, 21.6, 38.6, 40.1, 46.3, 115.6, 115.9, 125.7, 125.7, 126.5, 128.2, 128.5, 129.0, 129.1, 130.0, 130.6, 130.9, 131.0, 131.0, 131.8, 133.7, 135.3, 136.5, 137.5, 141.1, 164.6, 167.2, 169.6, 175.8, 197.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{28}\text{FNO}_3\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$: 556.1685, found: 556.1687.

(*R,*E*)-3-Benzylidene-4-((*S**)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5h):**

Yield: 0.038 g (75%) as off white solid; MP: 164–167 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.31 (dd, J = 3.5, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17–4.19 (m, 1H), 4.52–4.58 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.65 (m, 9H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 38.4, 40.1, 46.1, 126.3, 126.4, 128.2, 128.6, 128.6, 128.7, 129.1, 129.4, 129.6, 130.7, 130.9, 131.6, 133.2, 133.4, 133.7, 136.8, 137.0, 137.0, 169.2, 175.4, 198.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClNO}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 528.1337, found: 528.1339.

(*R,*E*)-3-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-4-((*S**)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5i):**

Yield: 0.035 g (65%) as off white solid; MP: 173–176 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.24 (dd, J = 3.6, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dt, J = 4.0, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 2.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, J = 10.8, 18.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97–7.0 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58–7.63 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.08–8.10 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 38.4, 39.9, 45.9, 126.3, 127.0, 128.2, 128.7, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1, 129.6, 129.7, 131.5, 131.6, 132.2, 133.5, 133.9, 135.3, 136.9, 136.9, 169.1, 175.2, 199.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: , found: .

(*R,*E*)-3-((*S**)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-4-(4-methylbenzylidene)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5j):**

Yield: 0.039 g (75%) as white solid; MP: 178–181 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, J = 4.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dt, J = 4.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, J = 2.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, J = 10.4, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98–7.01 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 2.0, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.08–8.11 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.6, 38.3, 40.0, 46.2, 125.2, 126.4, 128.2, 128.6, 128.7, 129.1, 129.7, 130.1, 130.4, 131.0, 131.7, 133.4, 133.7, 136.8, 137.0, 141.3, 169.4, 175.4, 198.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{30}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 537.1939, found: 537.1973.

(*R*,E*)-3-((*S)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-4-(3-methoxybenzylidene)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5k):**

Yield: 0.041 g (76%) as white solid; MP: 134–137 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.36 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 4.15–4.20 (m, 1H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01–7.03 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.09 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.53–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05–8.07 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.6, 40.1, 46.0, 55.6, 115.8, 116.6, 123.0, 126.3, 126.7, 128.2, 128.6, 128.7, 129.1, 129.6, 130.4, 131.5, 133.4, 133.7, 134.5, 136.9, 136.9, 137.0, 160.1, 169.2, 175.4, 198.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₃H₂₆ClNO₄ [M]⁺: 535.1545, found: 535.1559.

(*R*,E*)-3-Benzylidene-4-((*S)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5l):**

Yield: 0.044 g (76%) as off white solid; MP: 98–101 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.25 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dt, *J* = 4.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48–4.54 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.65 (m, 4H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93–7.96 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.3, 40.0, 46.0, 126.3, 128.7, 128.7, 129.1, 129.4, 129.6, 129.7, 130.7, 130.9, 131.5, 132.0, 133.2, 133.8, 135.7, 136.8, 136.9, 169.2, 175.4, 197.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₂H₂₃BrClNO₃Na [M+Na]⁺: 606.0442, found: 606.047.

(*R*,E*)-3-((*S)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl)-4-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5m):**

Yield: 0.032 g (52%) as off white solid; MP: 173–175 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.18 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 18.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dt, *J* = 3.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98–7.0 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 38.3, 39.9, 45.8, 126.3, 126.8, 128.7, 128.8, 128.8, 129.2, 129.6, 129.7, 131.4, 131.5, 132.1, 132.2, 133.9, 135.4, 135.4, 135.6, 136.6, 136.9, 169.0, 175.2, 198.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₂H₂₂BrCl₂NO₃K [M+K]⁺: 655.9792, found: 655.9775.

(*R*,E*)-3-((*S)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl)-4-(4-methylbenzylidene)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5n):**

Yield: 0.045 g (75%) as off white solid; MP: 177–180 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dt, *J* = 4.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46–4.55 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99–7.01 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.63 (d,

$J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.6, 38.2, 40.0, 46.0, 125.1, 126.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.7, 129.1, 129.6, 129.7, 129.7, 129.8, 130.1, 130.4, 131.0, 131.0, 131.6, 132.0, 132.0, 133.8, 135.7, 136.8, 136.9, 141.4, 169.3, 175.4, 198.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrClNO}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 597.0701, found: 597.4141.

(*R*,E*)-3-Benzylidene-4-((*S)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-(*p*-tolyl)propyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5o):**

Yield: 0.032 g (62%) as off white solid; MP: 134–137 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.28 (dd, $J = 4.0$, 17.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dt, $J = 4.0$, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49–4.54 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.0 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.7, 38.5, 39.9, 46.2, 126.3, 126.5, 128.3, 128.6, 128.6, 129.1, 129.3, 129.4, 129.6, 130.6, 130.9, 131.6, 133.2, 133.7, 134.5, 136.8, 137.1, 144.3, 169.3, 175.3, 198.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{ClNO}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 542.1493, found: 542.1500.

(*R*,E*)-3-Benzylidene-4-((*S)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxopropyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5p):**

Yield: 0.045 g (83%) as off white solid; MP: 175–178 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.27 (dd, $J = 4.0$, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dt, $J = 4.0$, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49–4.56 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.0–7.02 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.55 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.94–7.97 (m, 3H), 8.04 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 38.2, 40.2, 45.9, 126.3, 126.3, 128.2, 128.3, 128.7, 128.7, 129.1, 129.4, 129.6, 130.1, 130.7, 130.9, 131.5, 133.2, 133.4, 133.8, 135.1, 136.7, 136.9, 138.4, 169.2, 175.4, 197.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{27}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$: 557.1393, found: 557.1395.

(*R,E)-3-Benzylidene-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-((*S**)-3-oxo-1,3-diphenylpropyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5q):**

Yield: 0.034 g (67%) as off white solid; MP: 169–172 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.34 (dd, $J = 4.0$, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dt, $J = 3.6$, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53–4.61 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, $J = 1.6$, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.58–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.74 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.09–8.11 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 39.2, 39.9, 46.4, 126.5, 127.7, 127.9, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 128.7, 129.2, 129.3, 130.1, 130.7, 131.0, 133.2, 133.4, 134.3, 136.9, 137.1, 138.3, 169.2, 175.3, 199.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClNO}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 528.1337, found: 528.1364.

(*R,E)-3-Benzylidene-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-((*S**)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5r):**

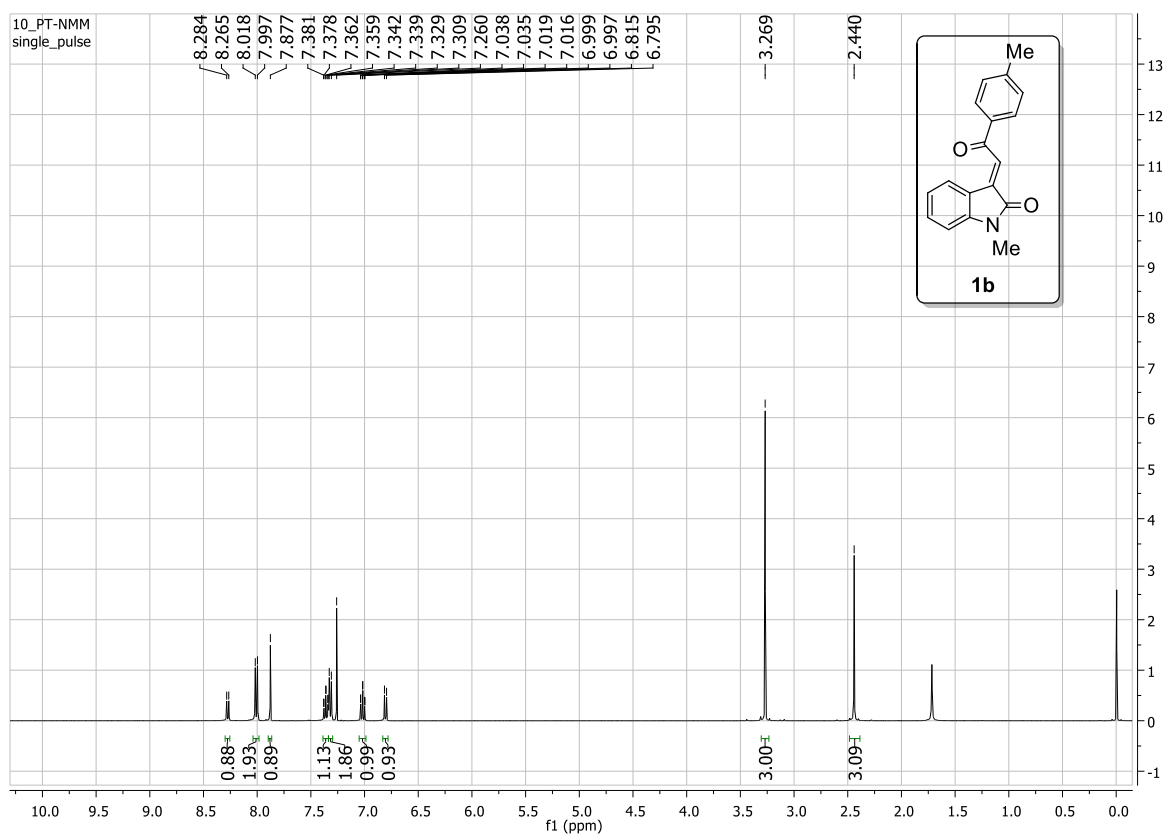
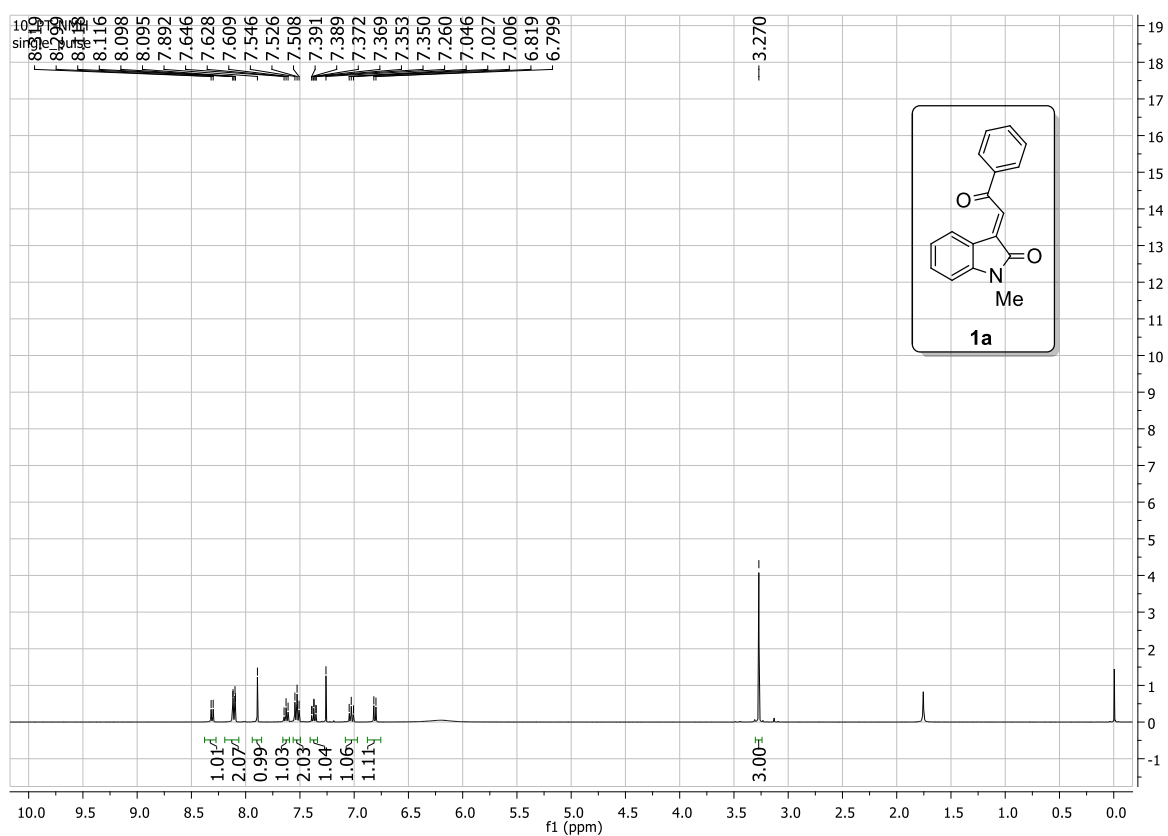
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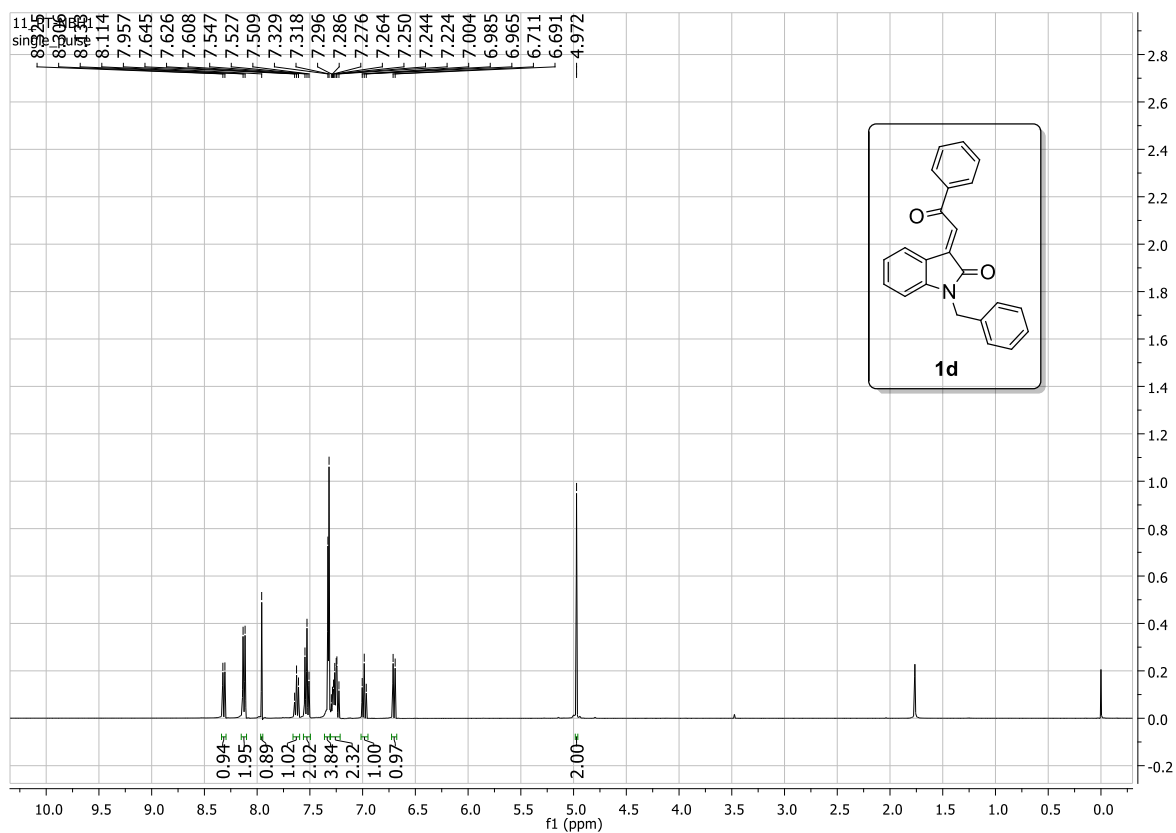
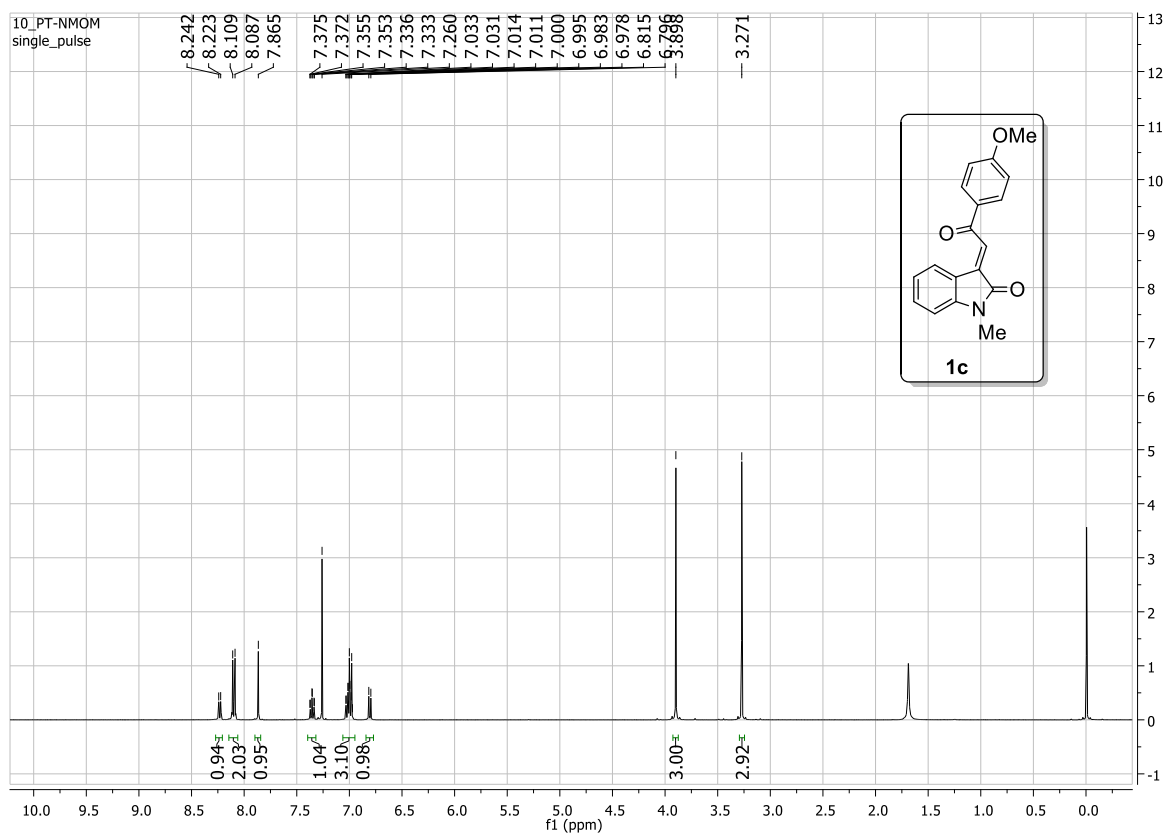
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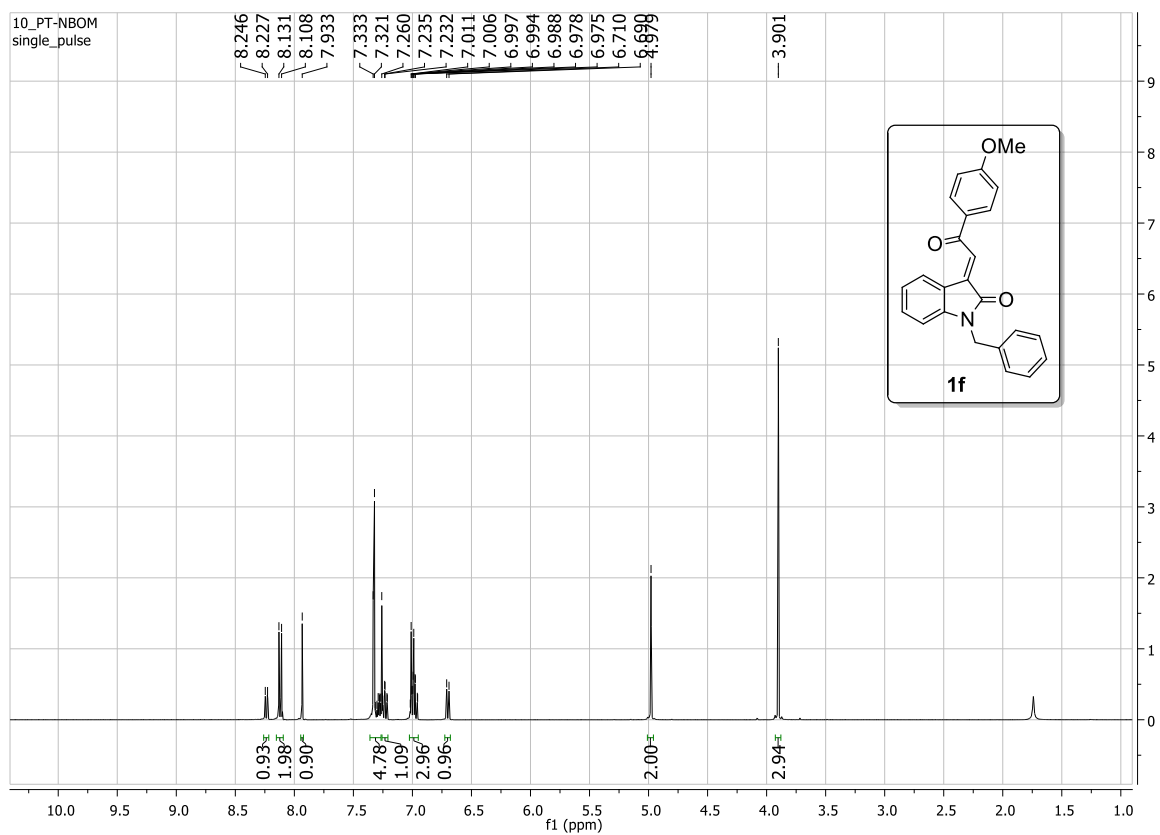
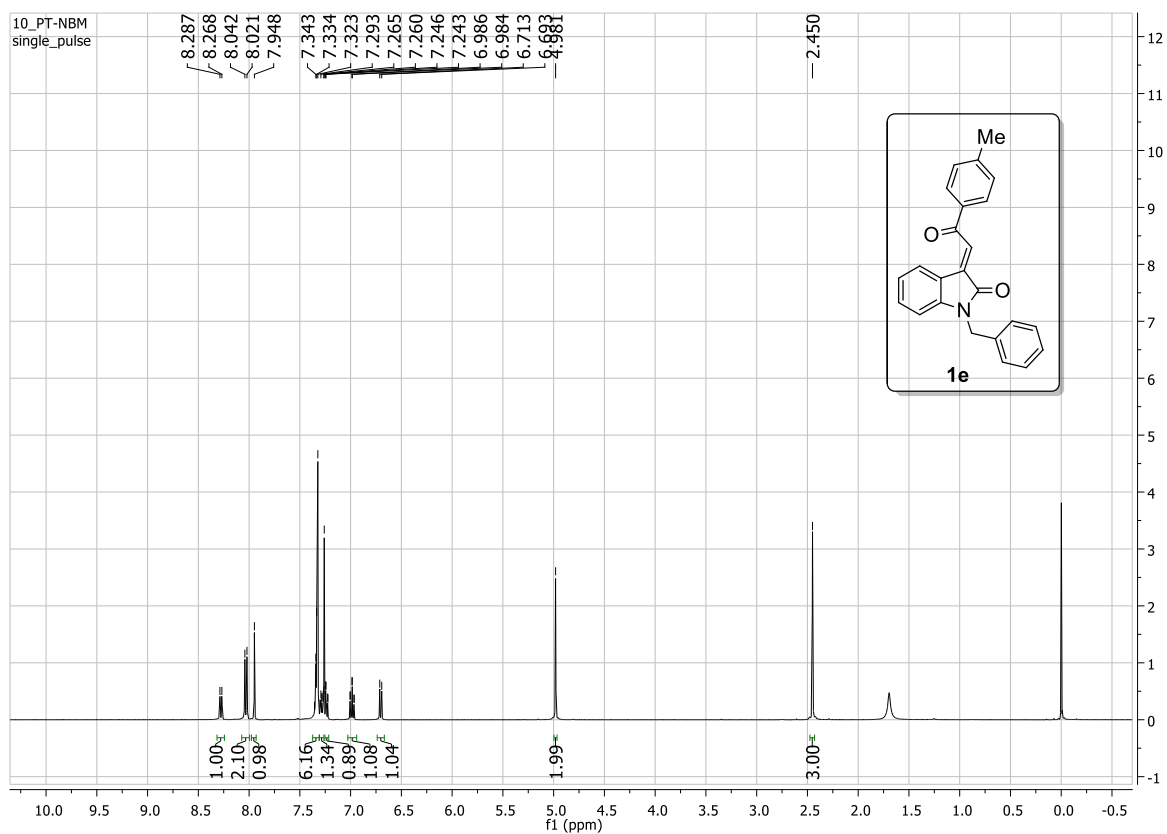
Yield: 0.034 g (65%) as off white solid; MP: 144–146 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.24 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 18.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dt, *J* = 4.4, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44–4.64 (m, 3H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.57–7.62 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.05–8.07 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 37.6, 40.2, 42.3, 45.7, 126.6, 127.9, 128.1, 128.4, 128.6, 128.7, 129.0, 129.2, 129.2, 130.4, 130.7, 133.1, 133.2, 133.4, 135.4, 136.1, 136.6, 137.0, 170.0, 176.0, 198.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₃H₂₇ClNO₃ [M+H]⁺: 520.1674, found: 520.1701.

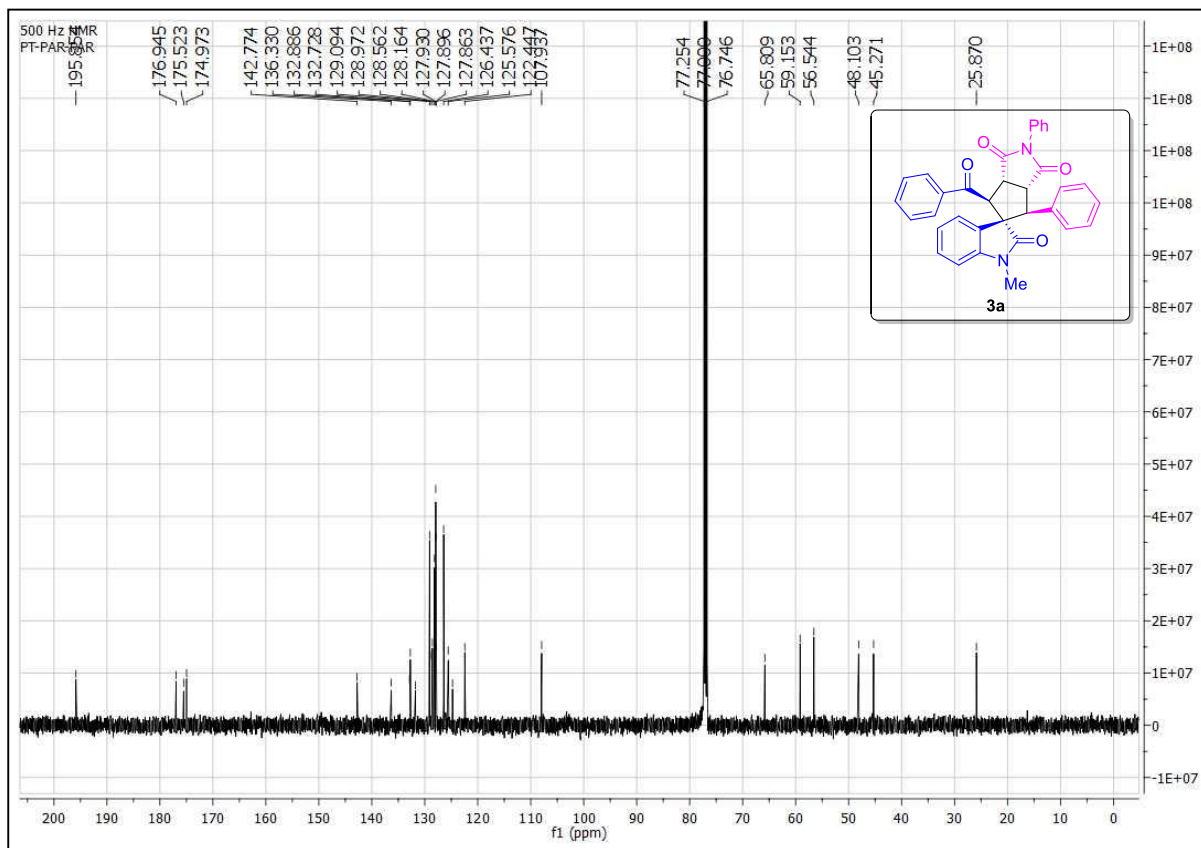
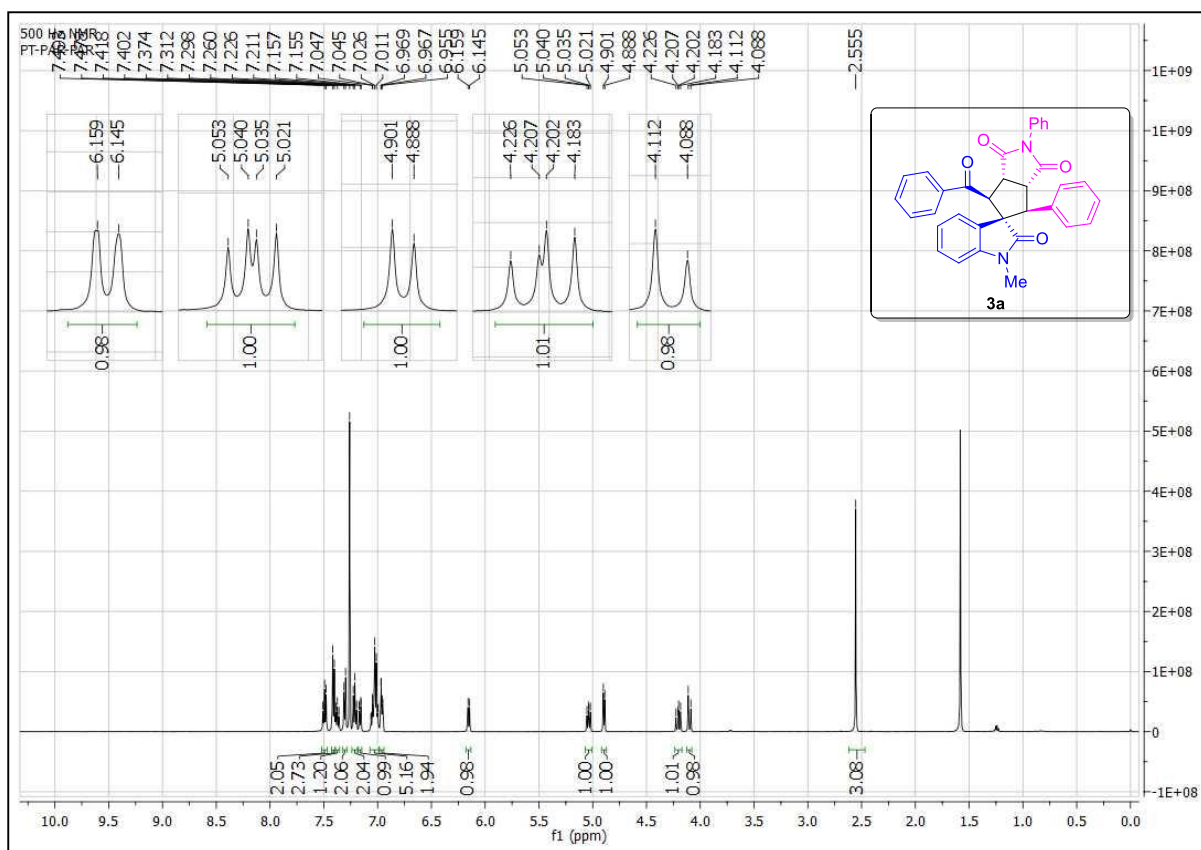
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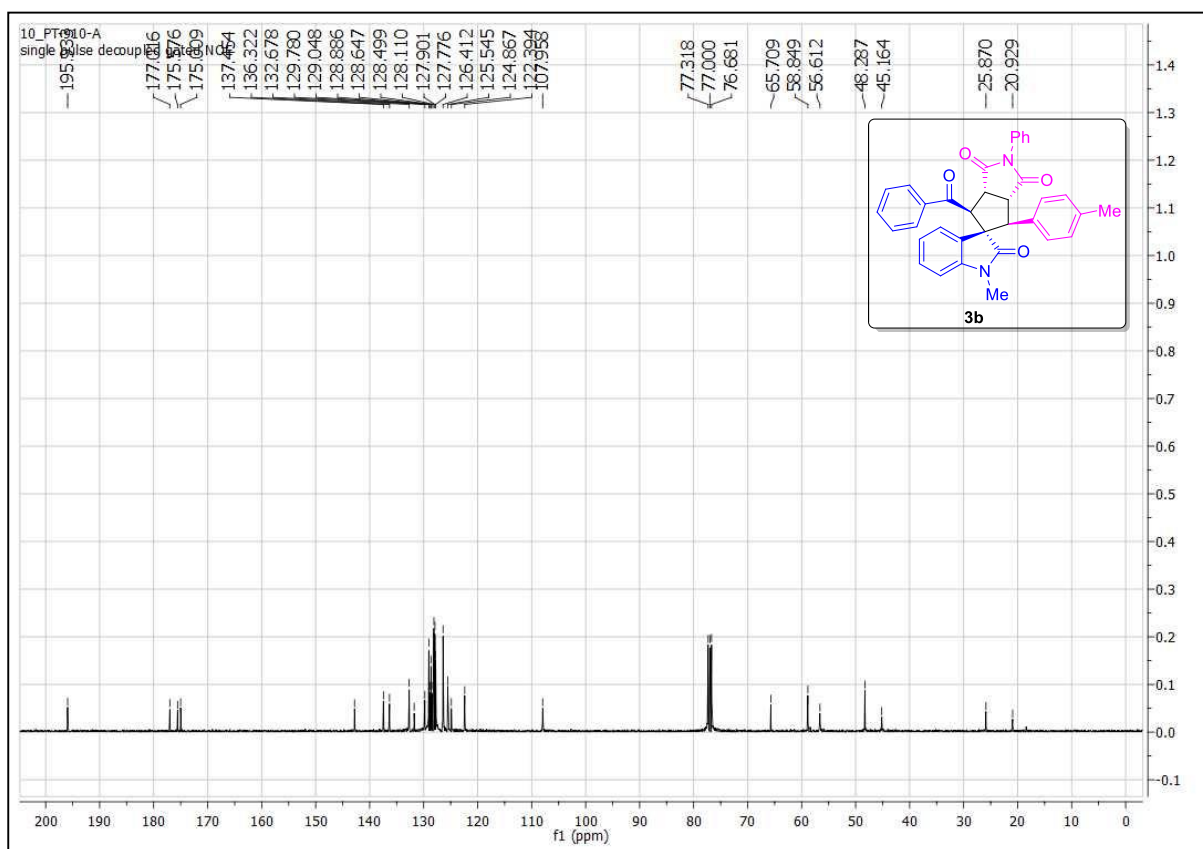
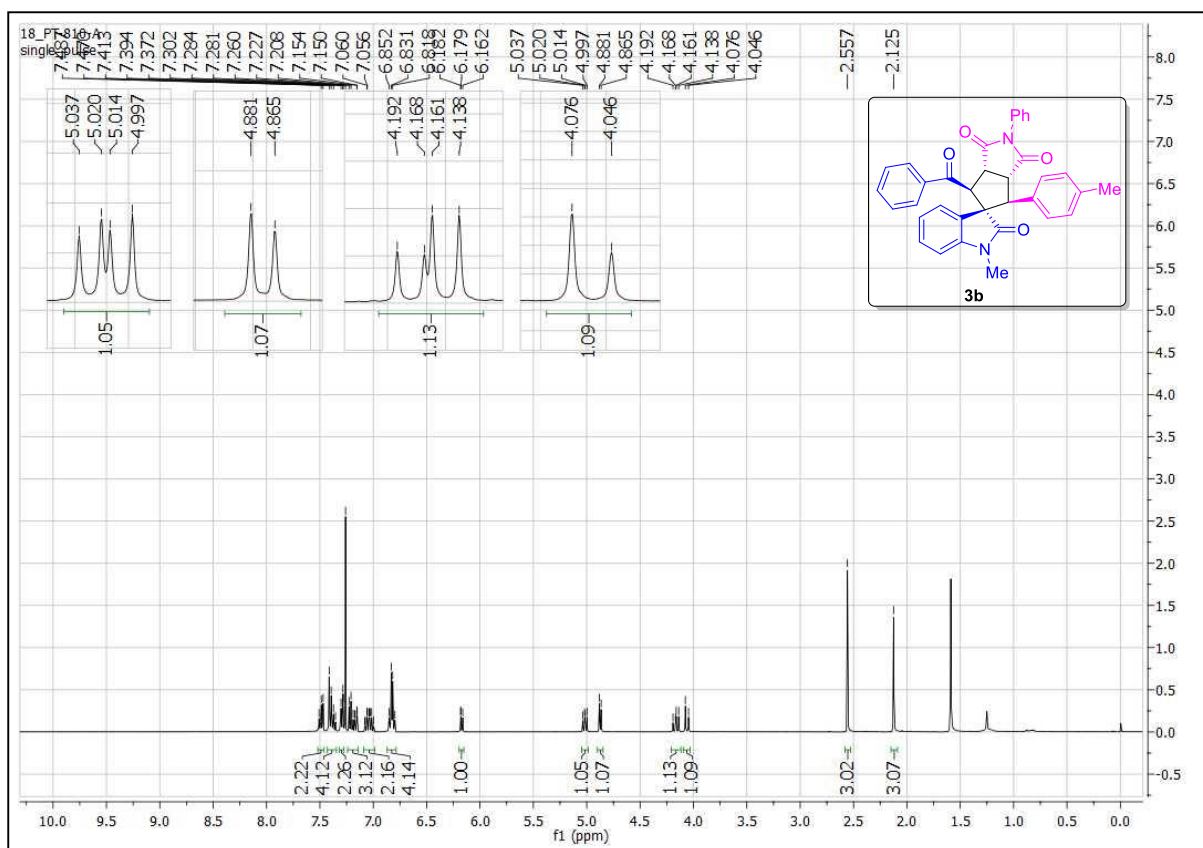
Yield: 0.043 g (81%) as white solid; MP: 197–200 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.62 (m, 10H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.6, 41.6, 42.7, 51.7, 52.6, 53.1, 125.7, 126.8, 128.5, 128.6, 129.1, 129.1, 129.2, 130.4, 130.6, 132.1, 133.2, 133.9, 136.9, 144.7, 168.3, 168.8, 169.1, 174.7, 198.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₃₁H₂₇NO₇Na [M+Na]⁺: 548.1680, found: 548.1696.

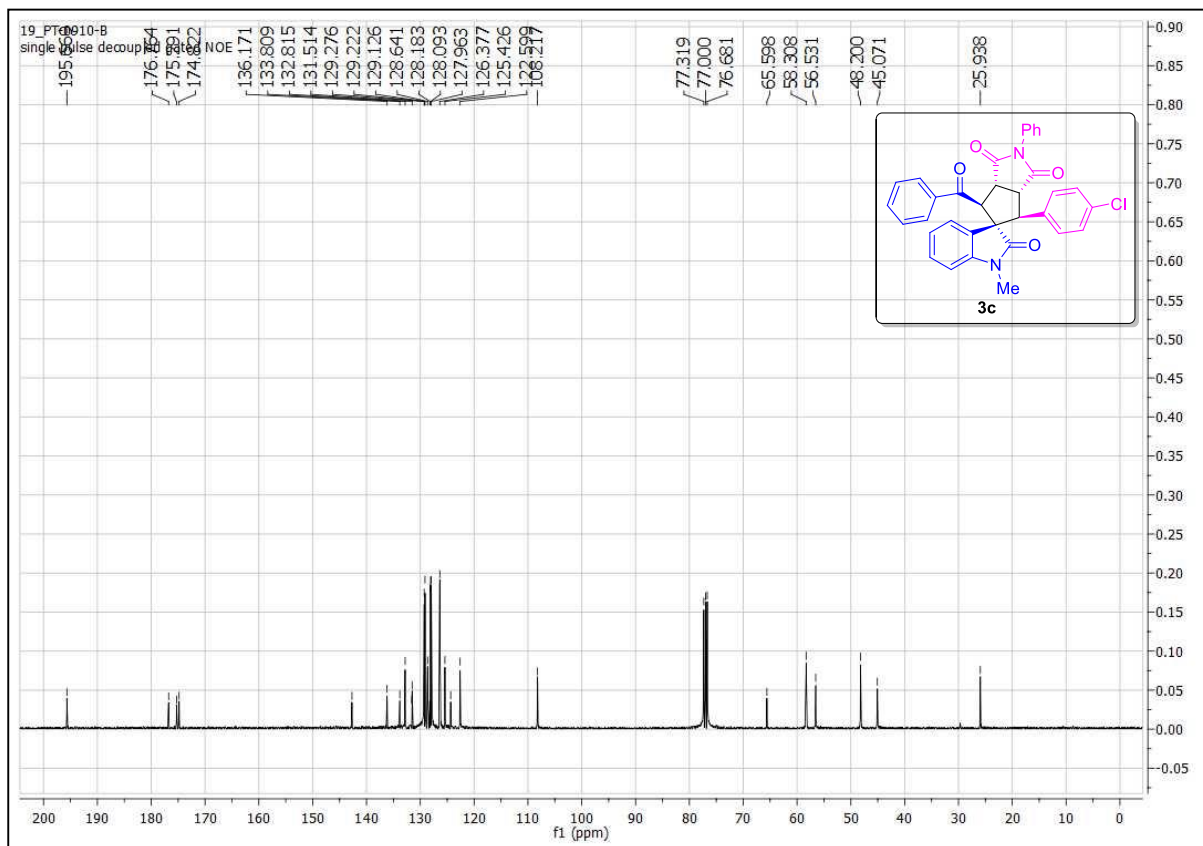
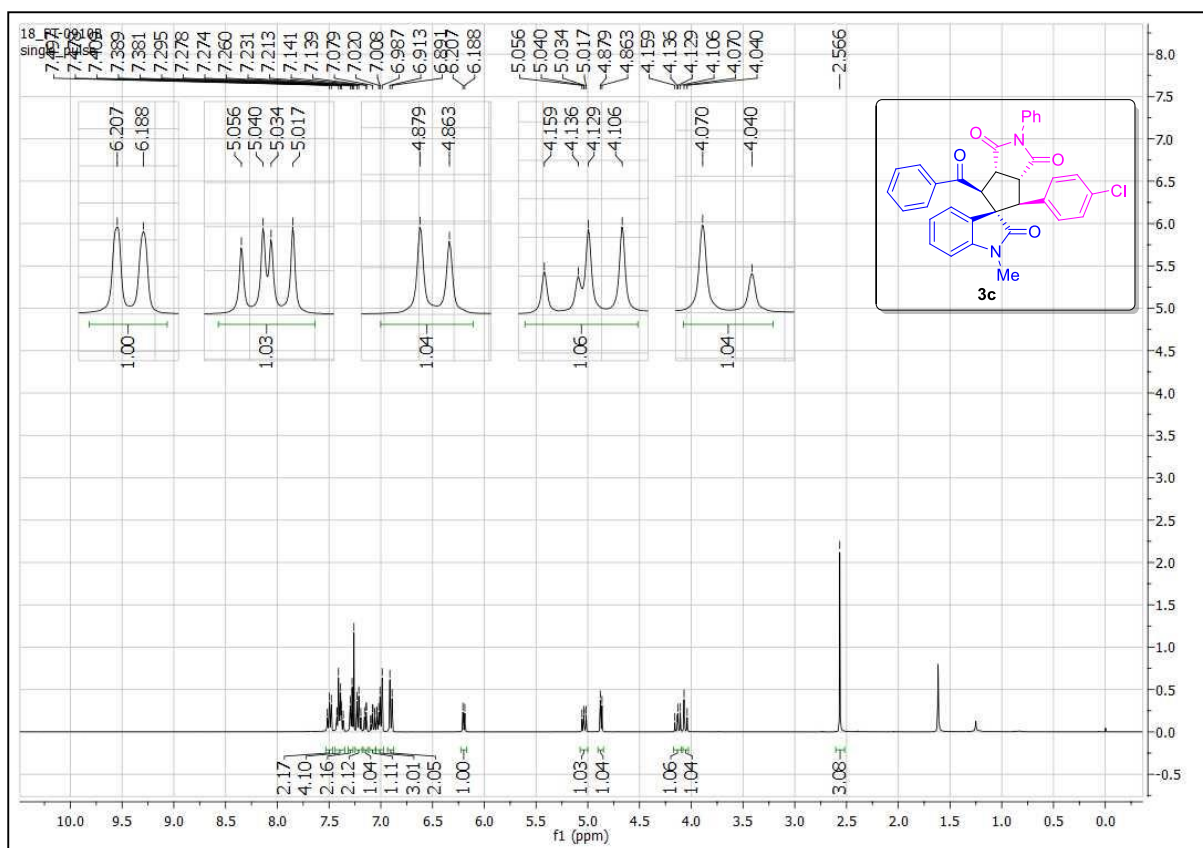


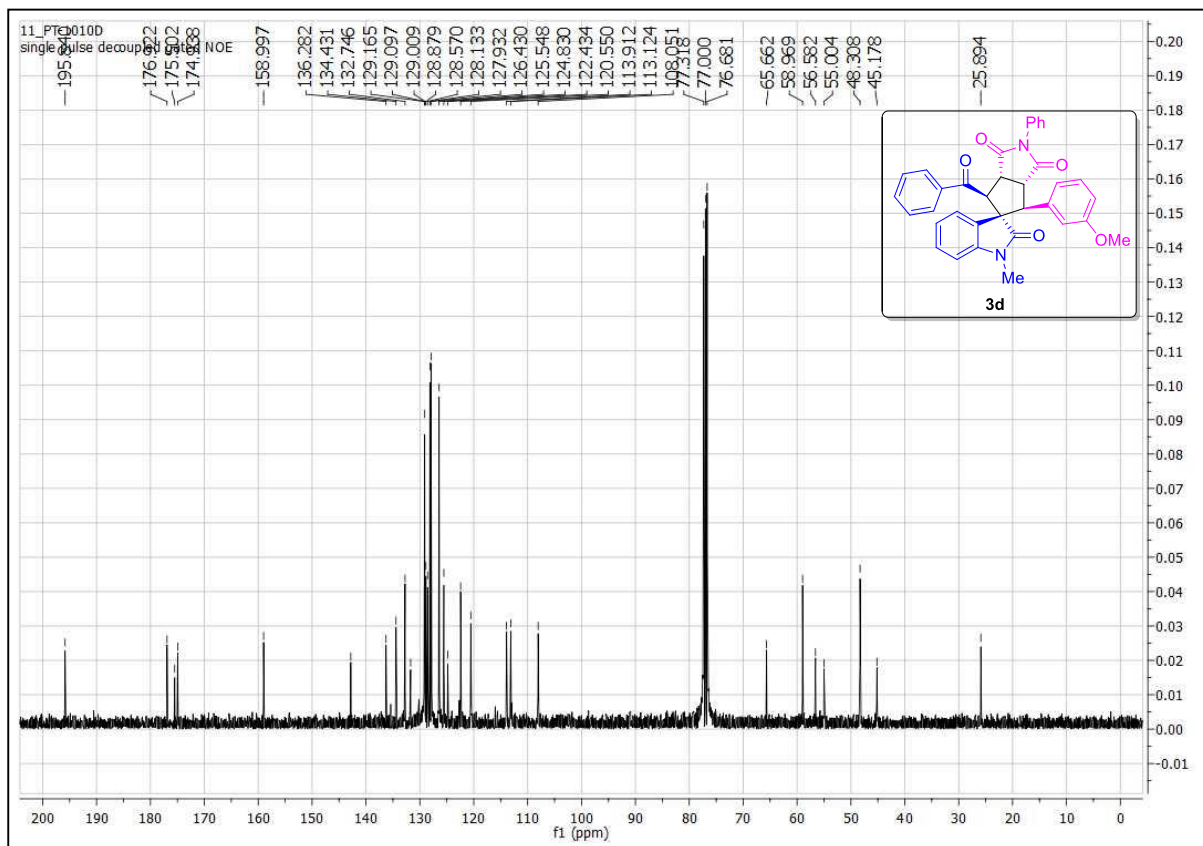
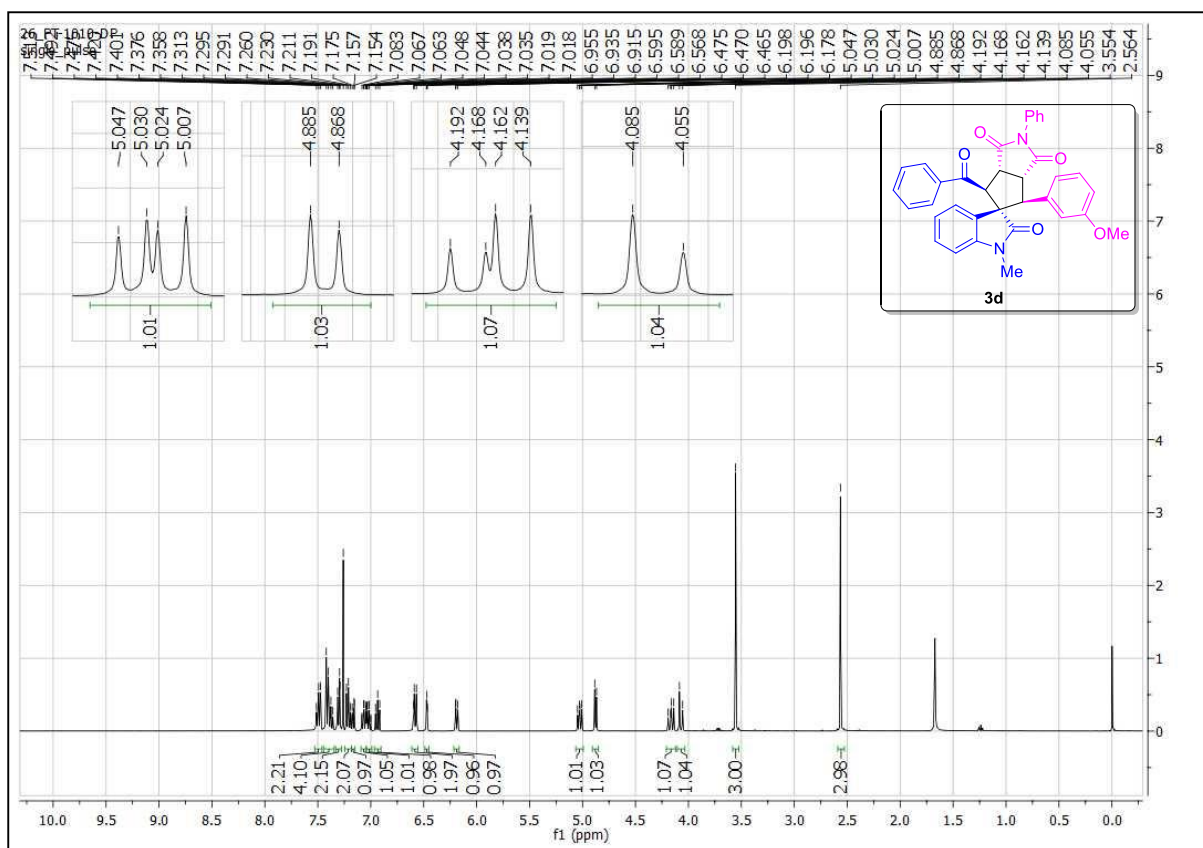


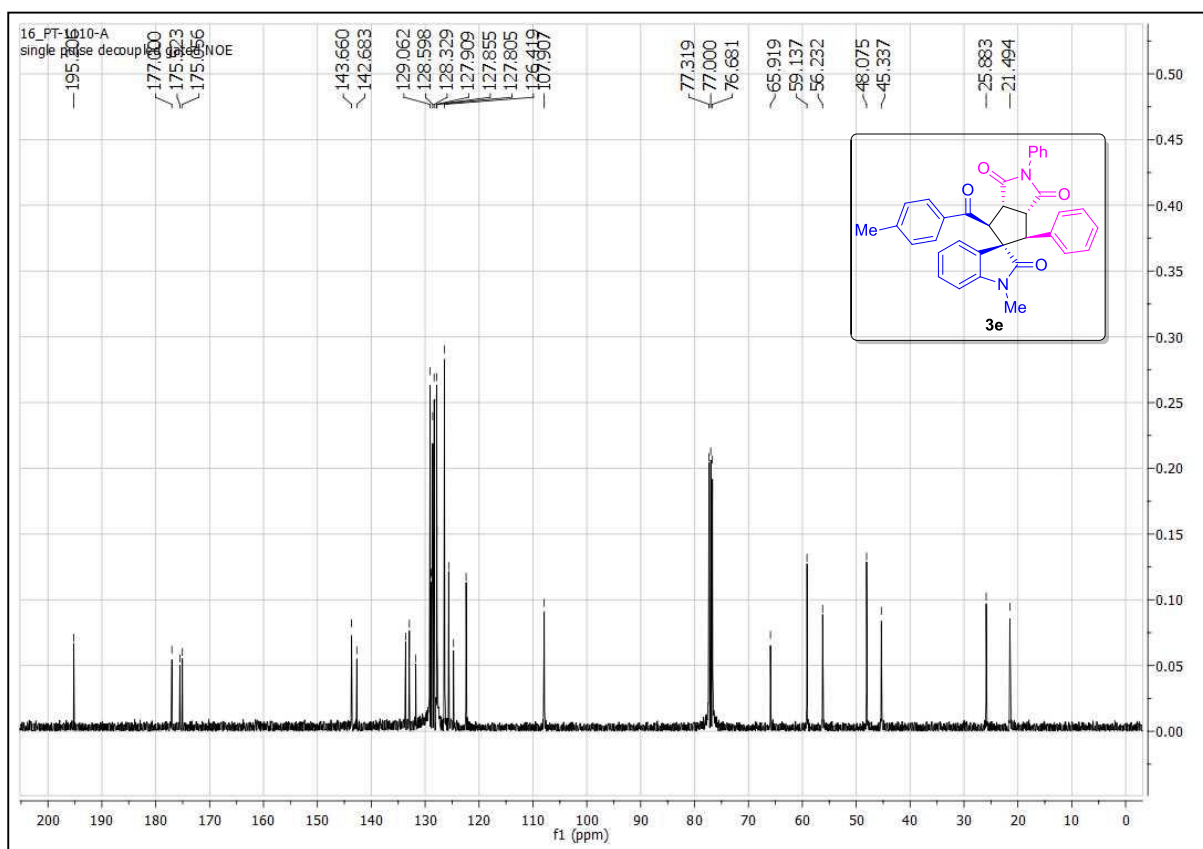
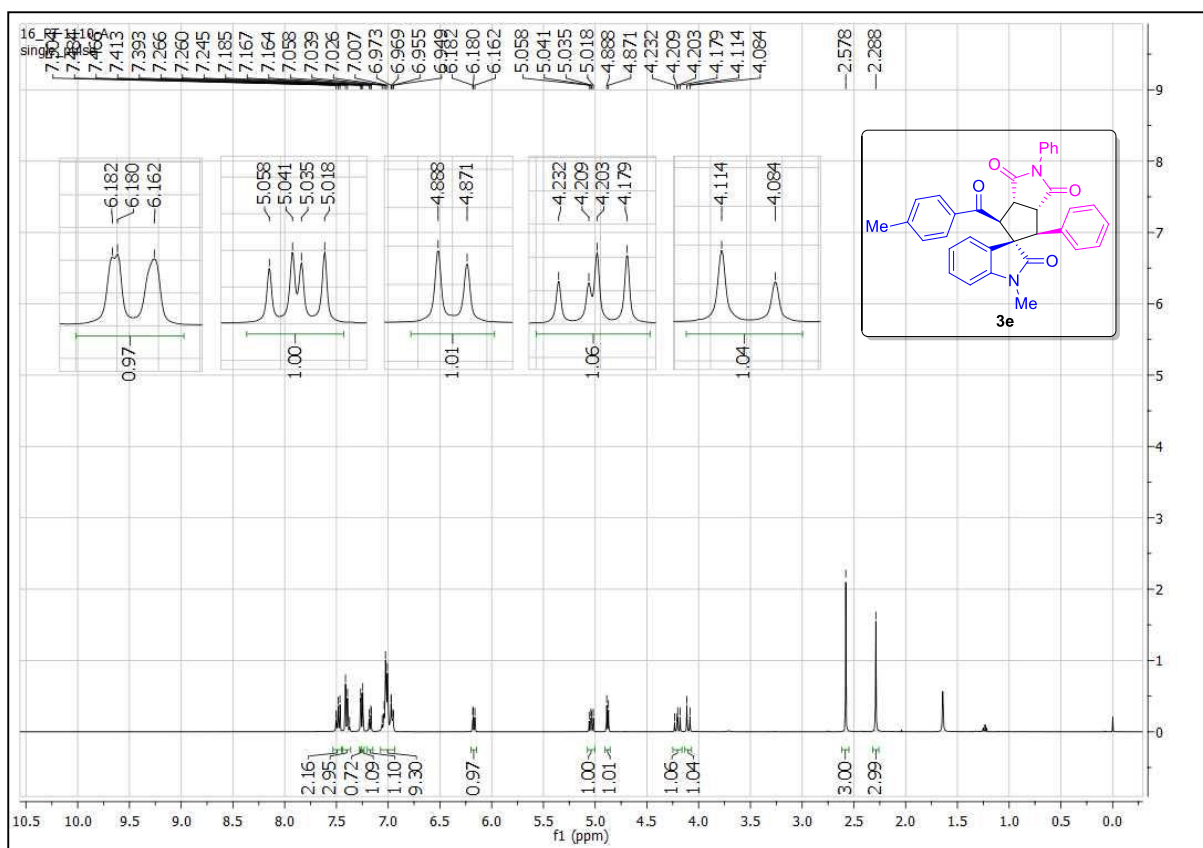


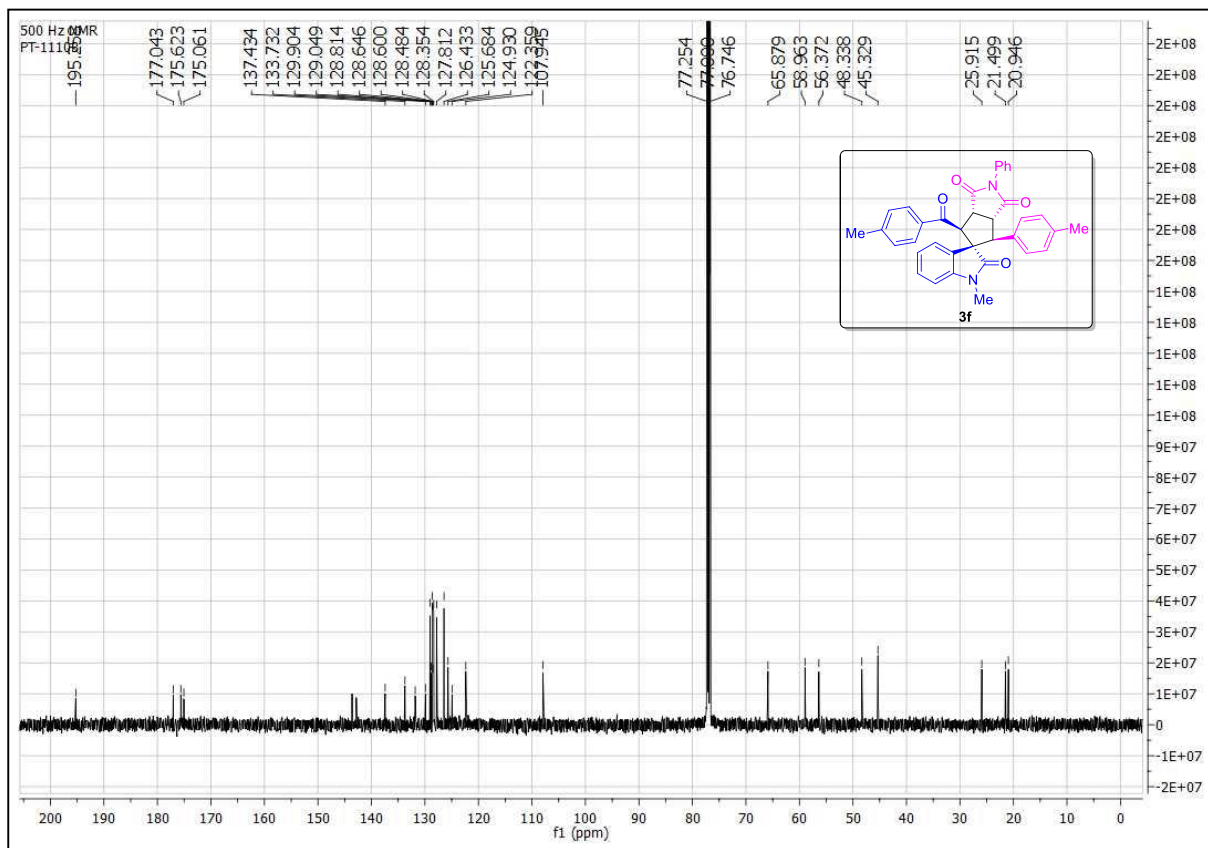
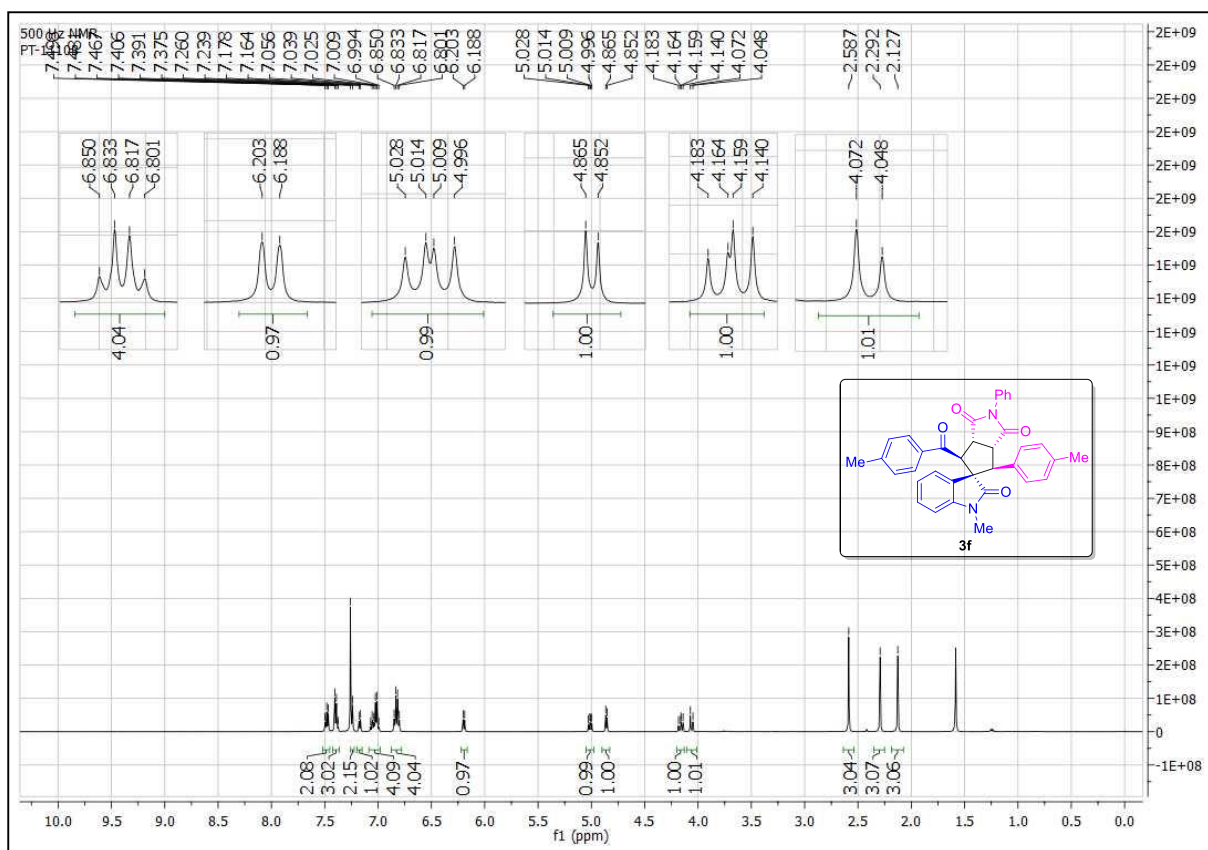


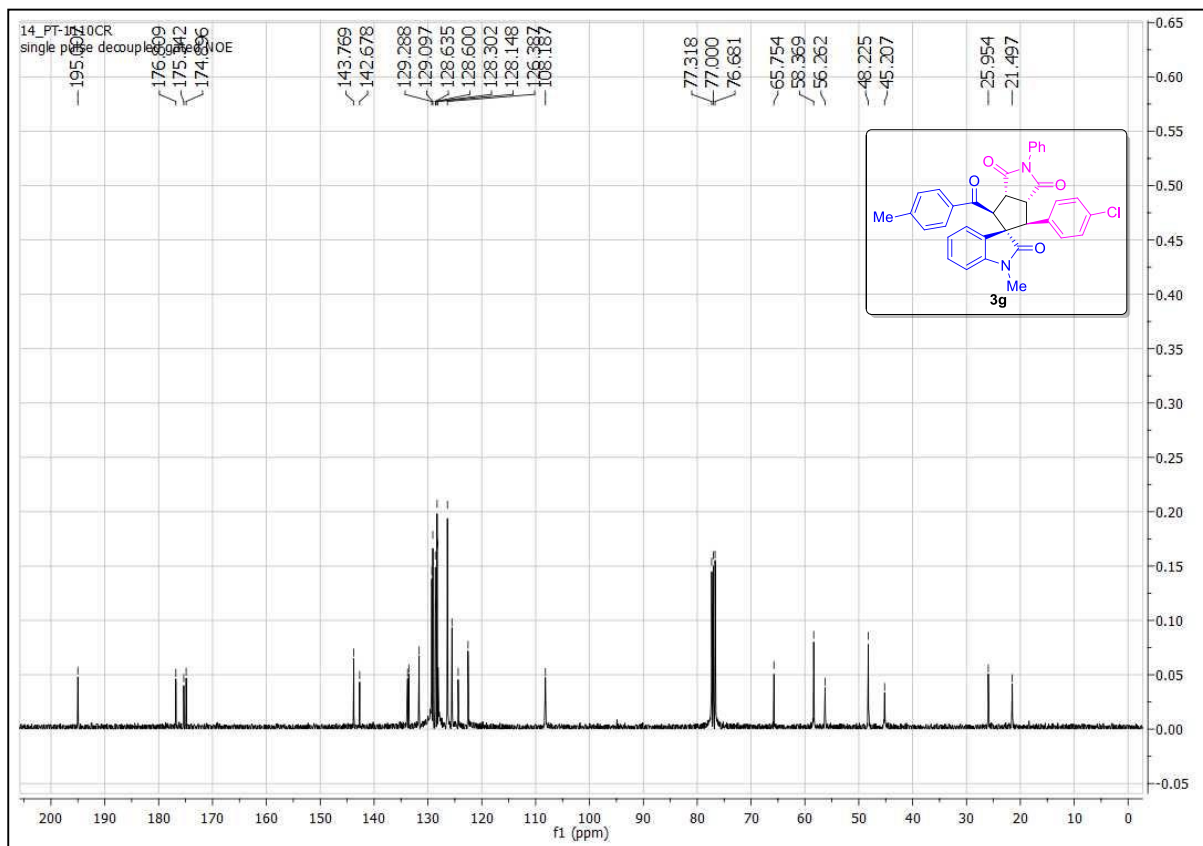
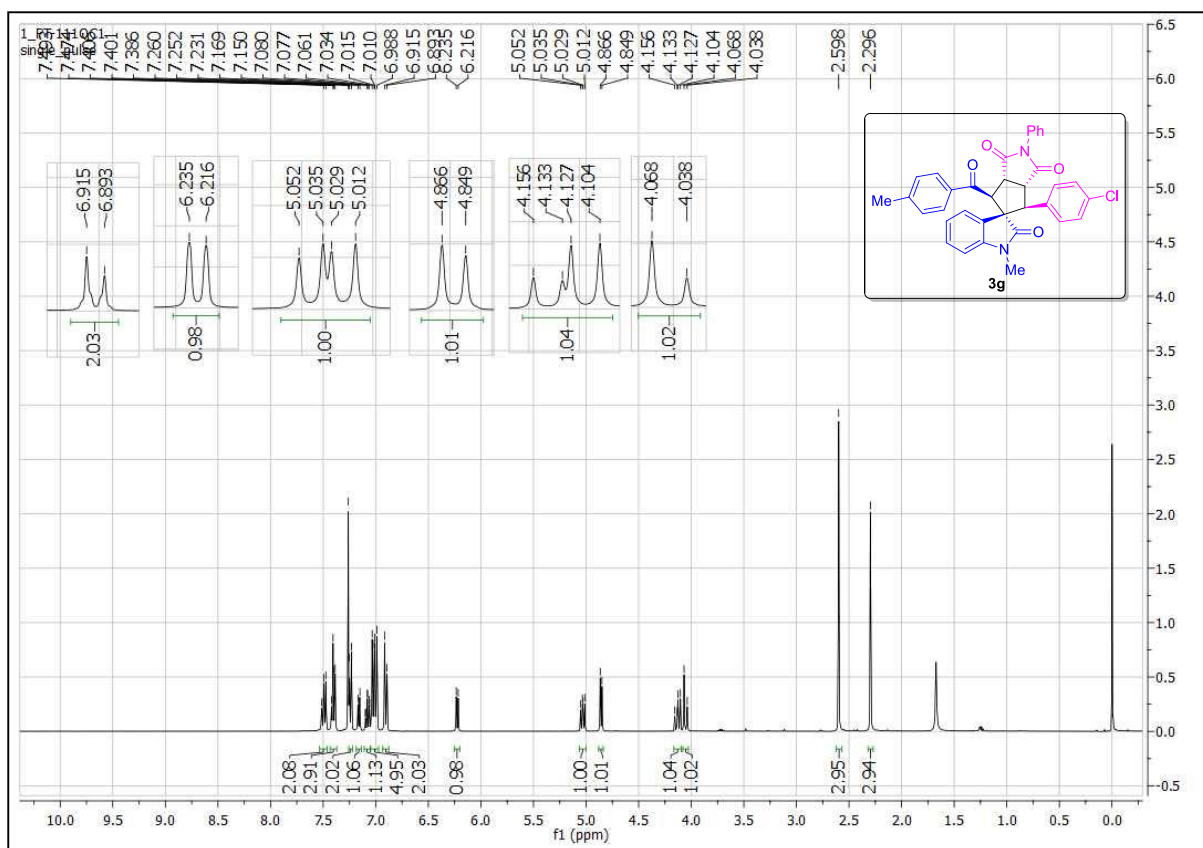


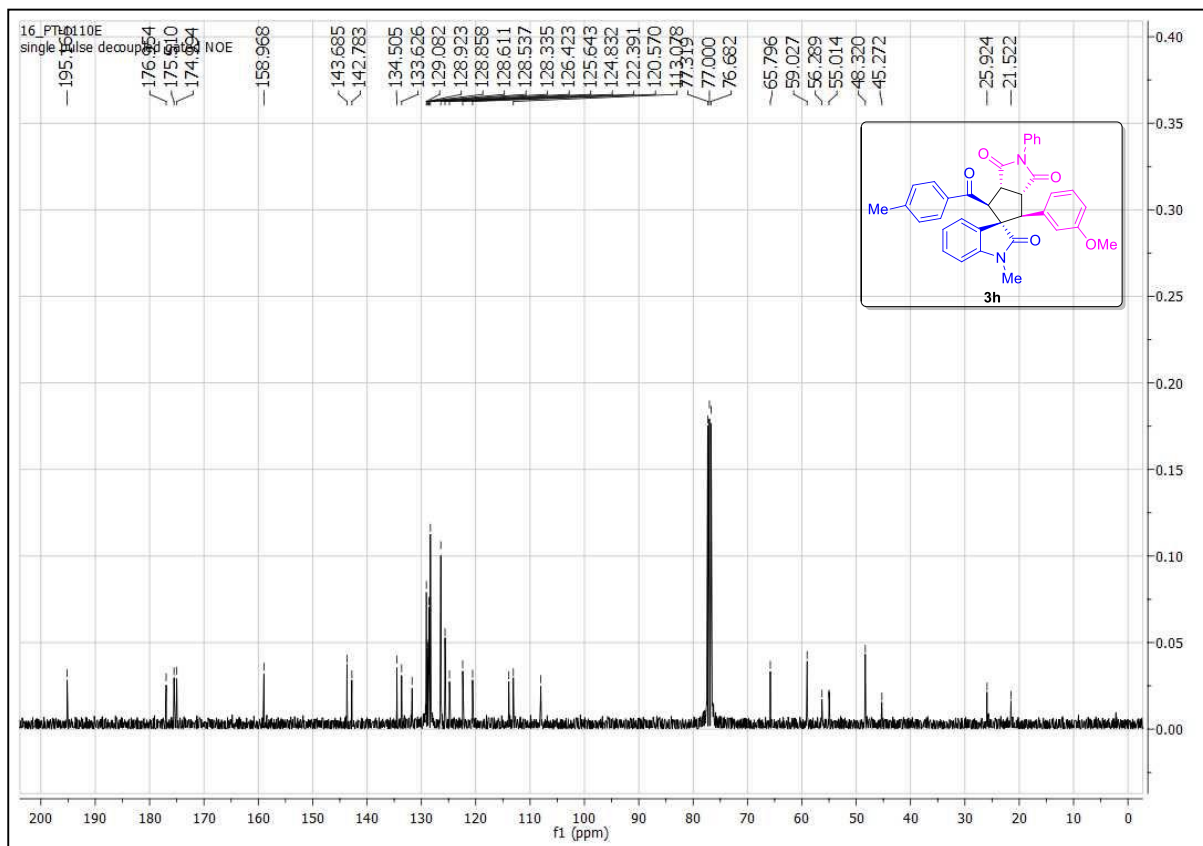
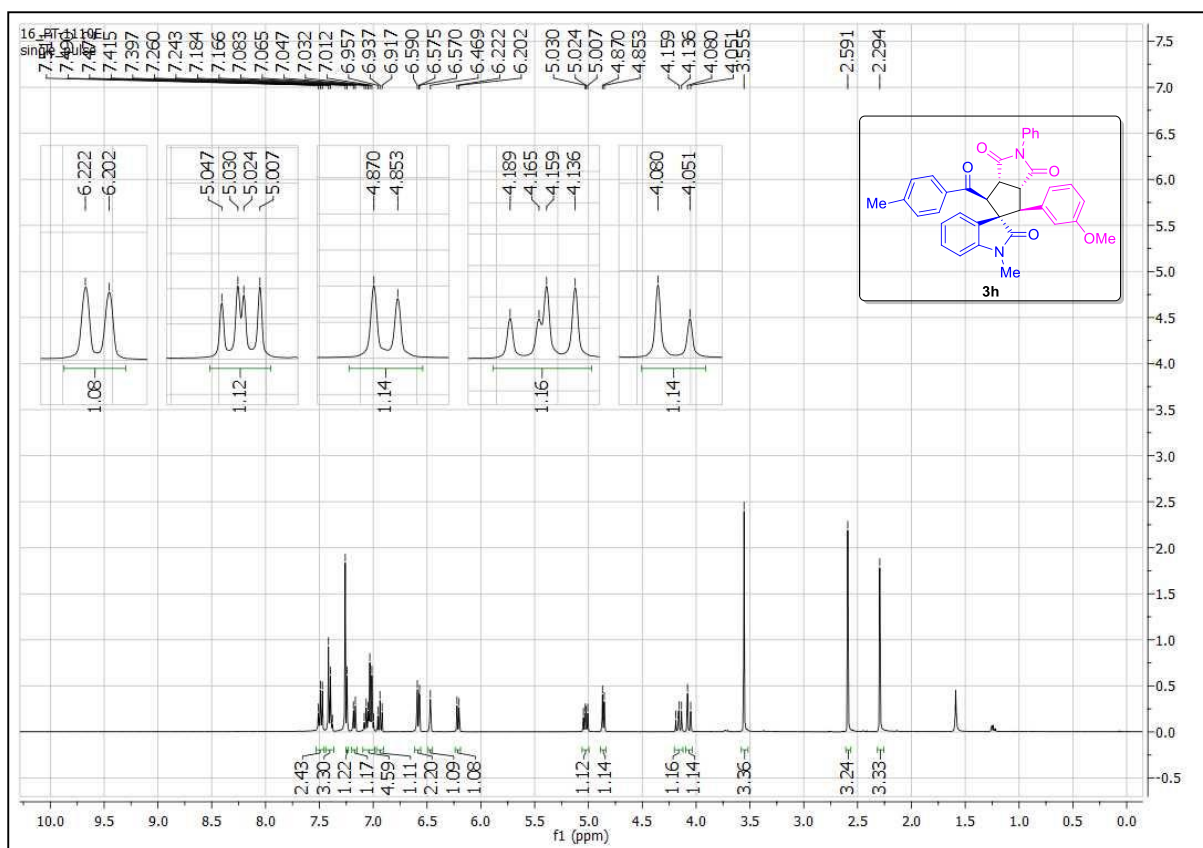


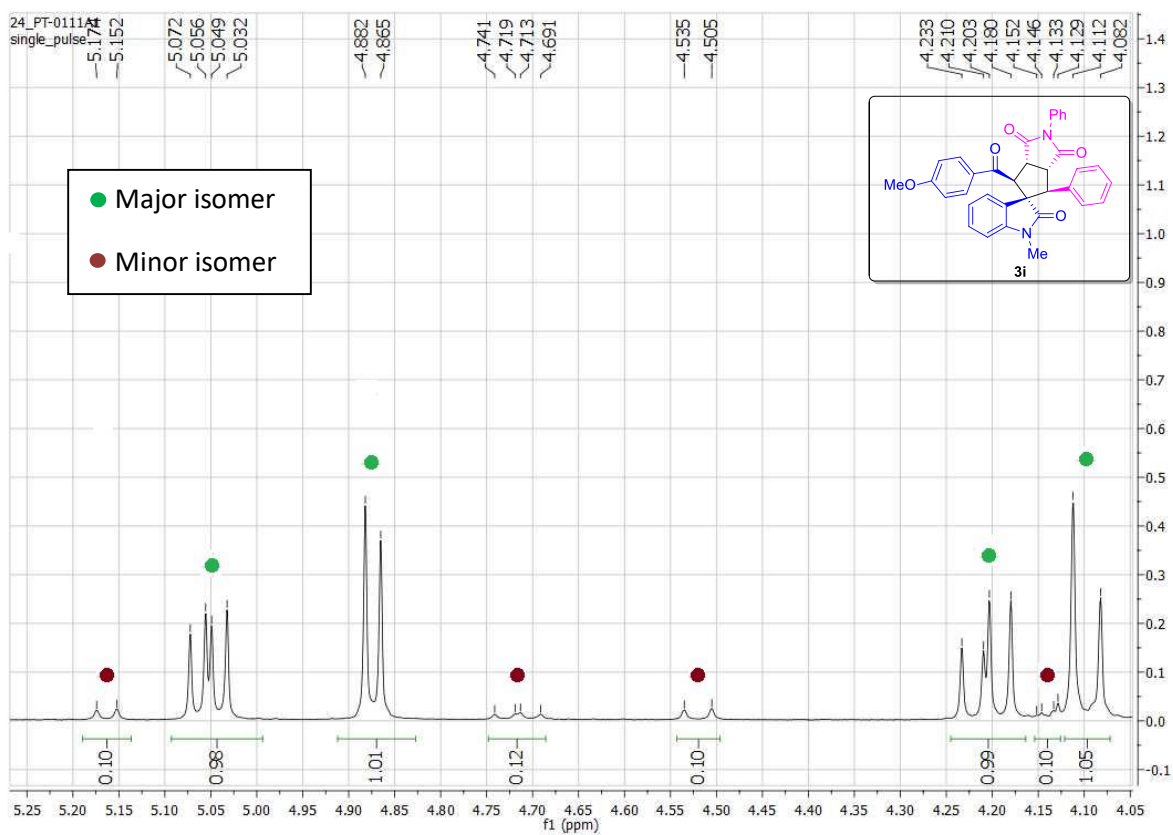
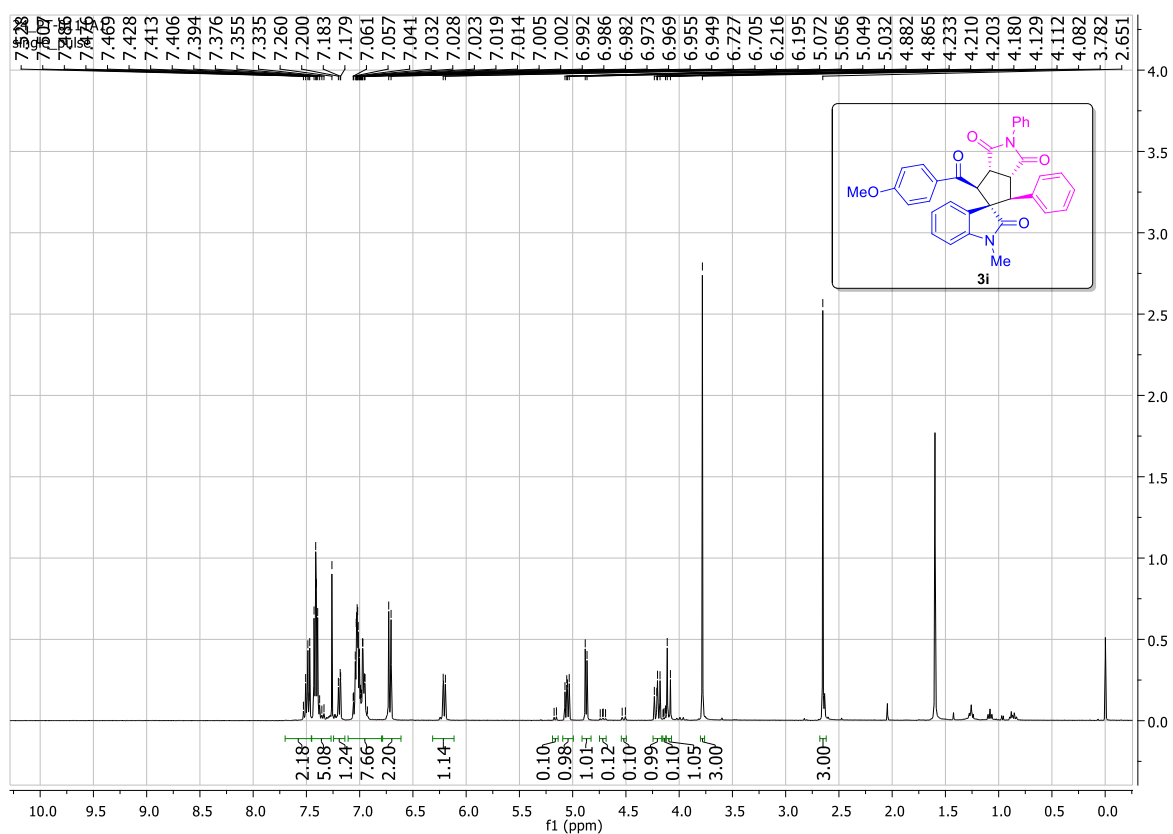




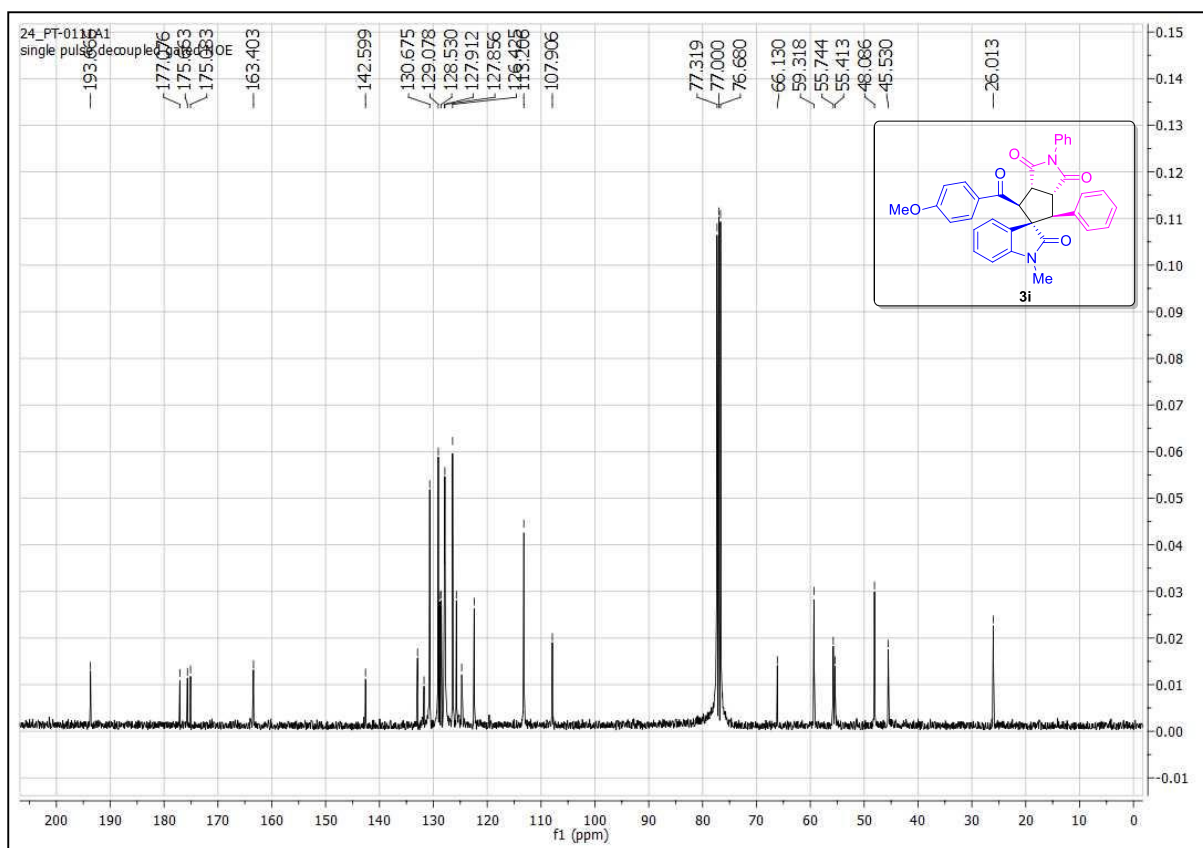


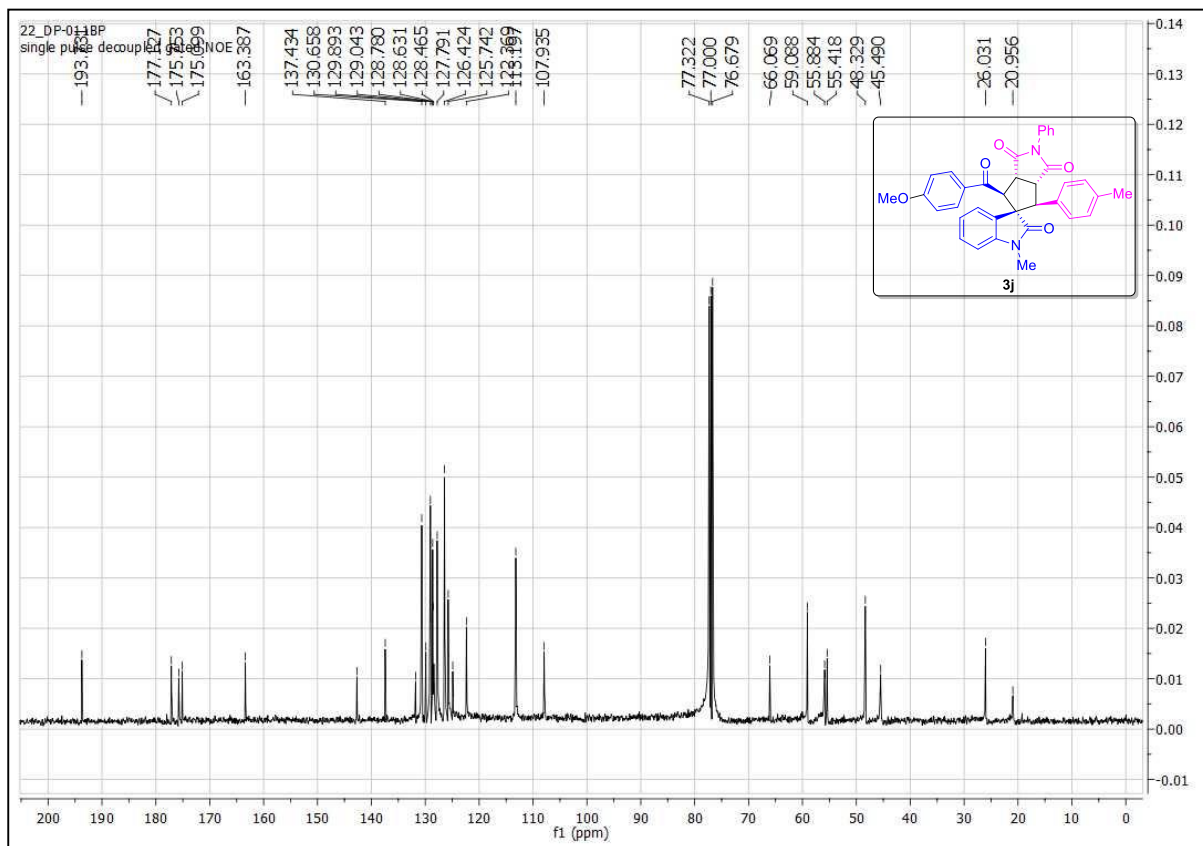
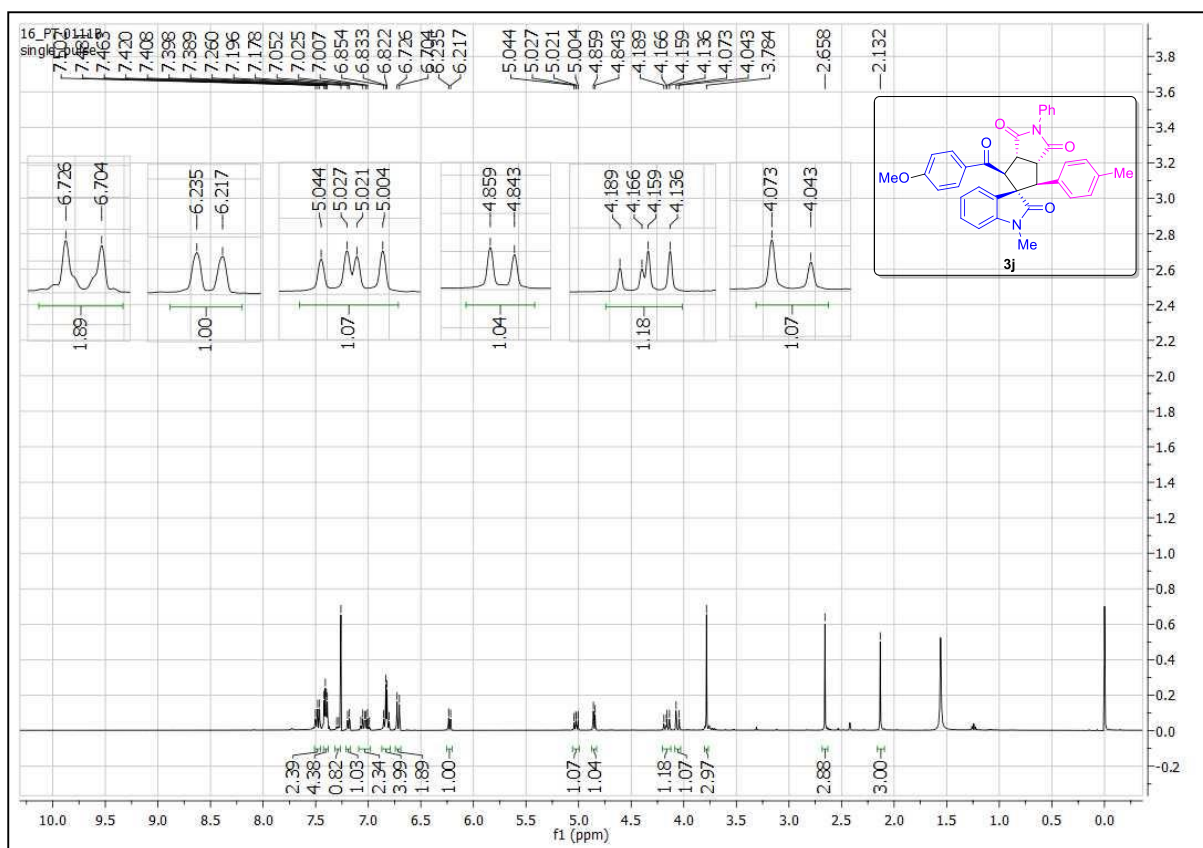


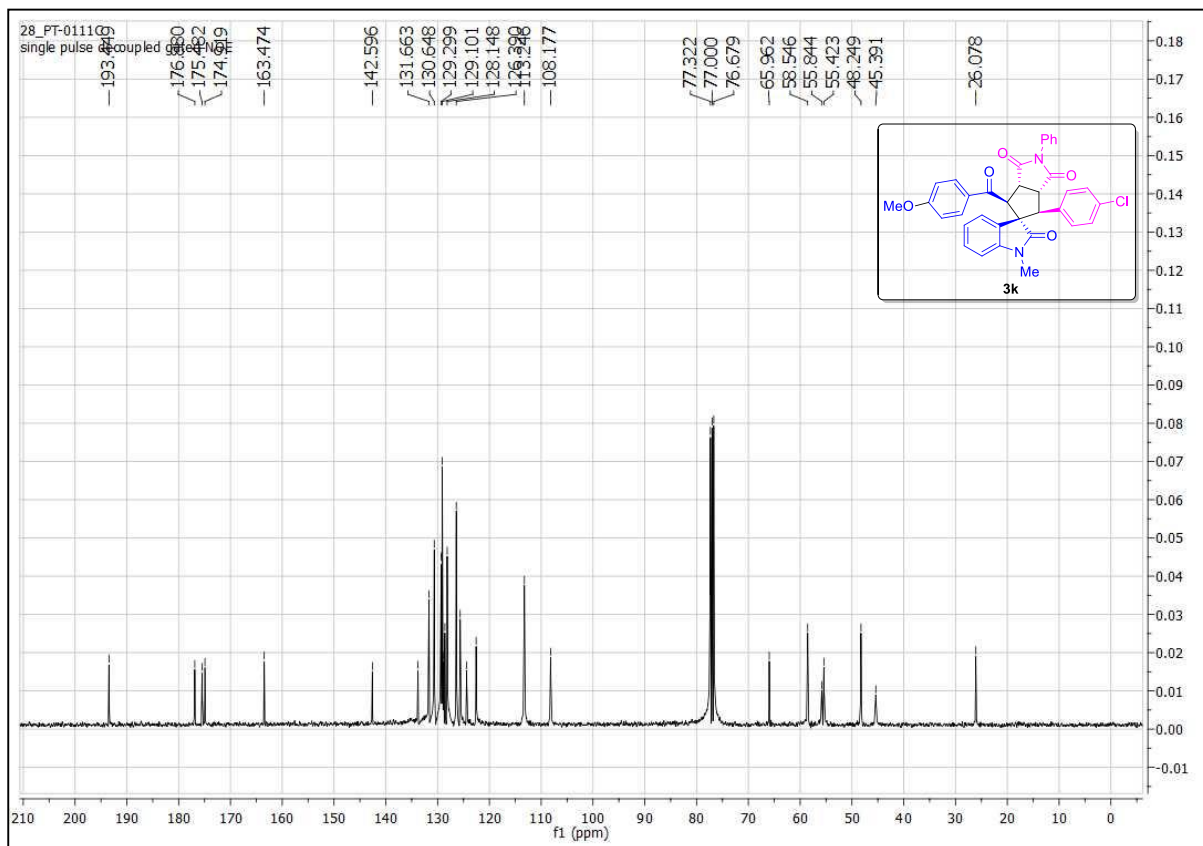
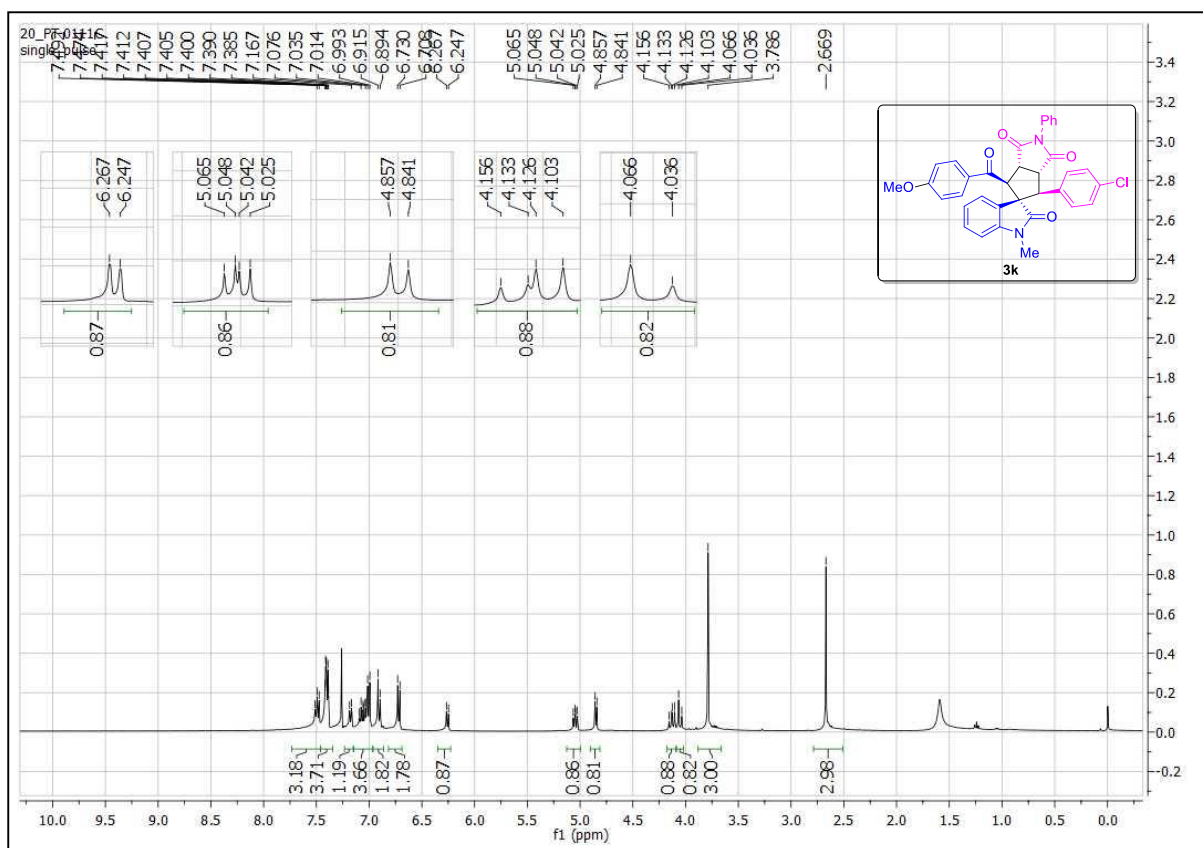


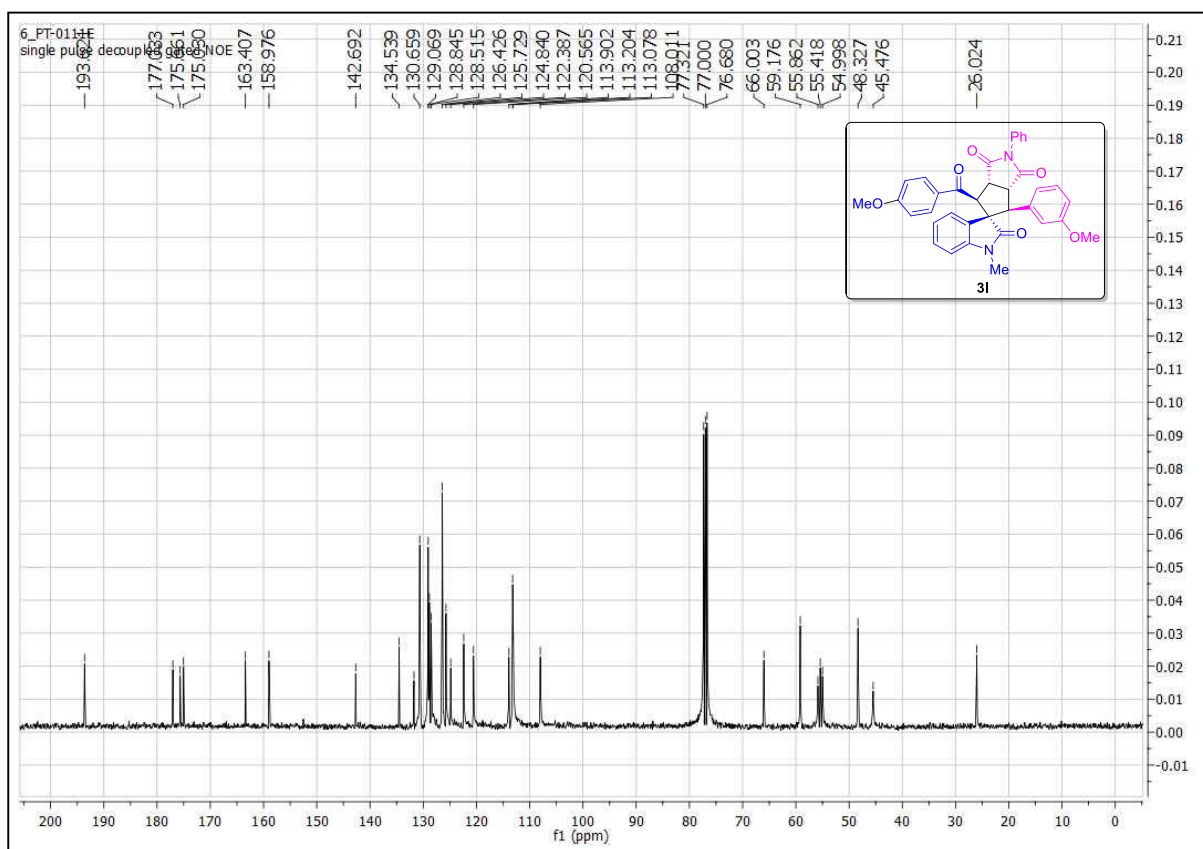
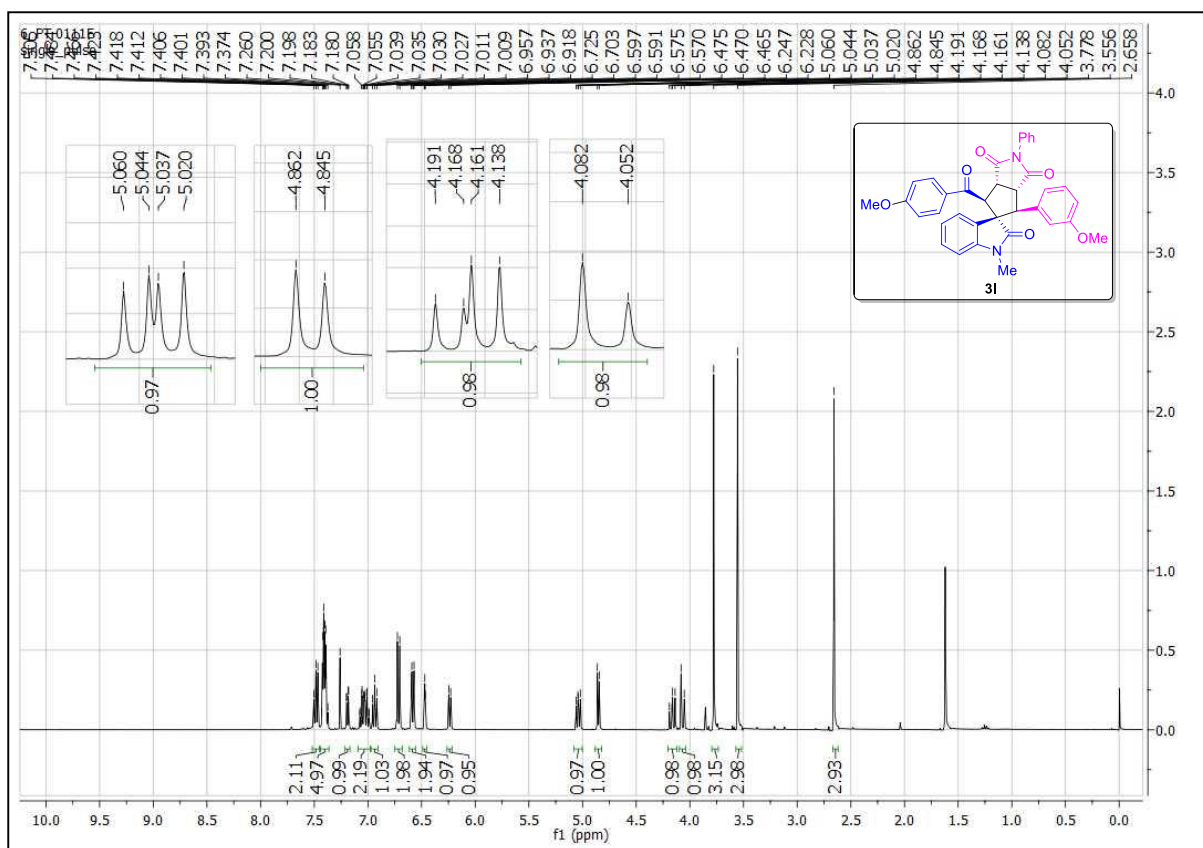


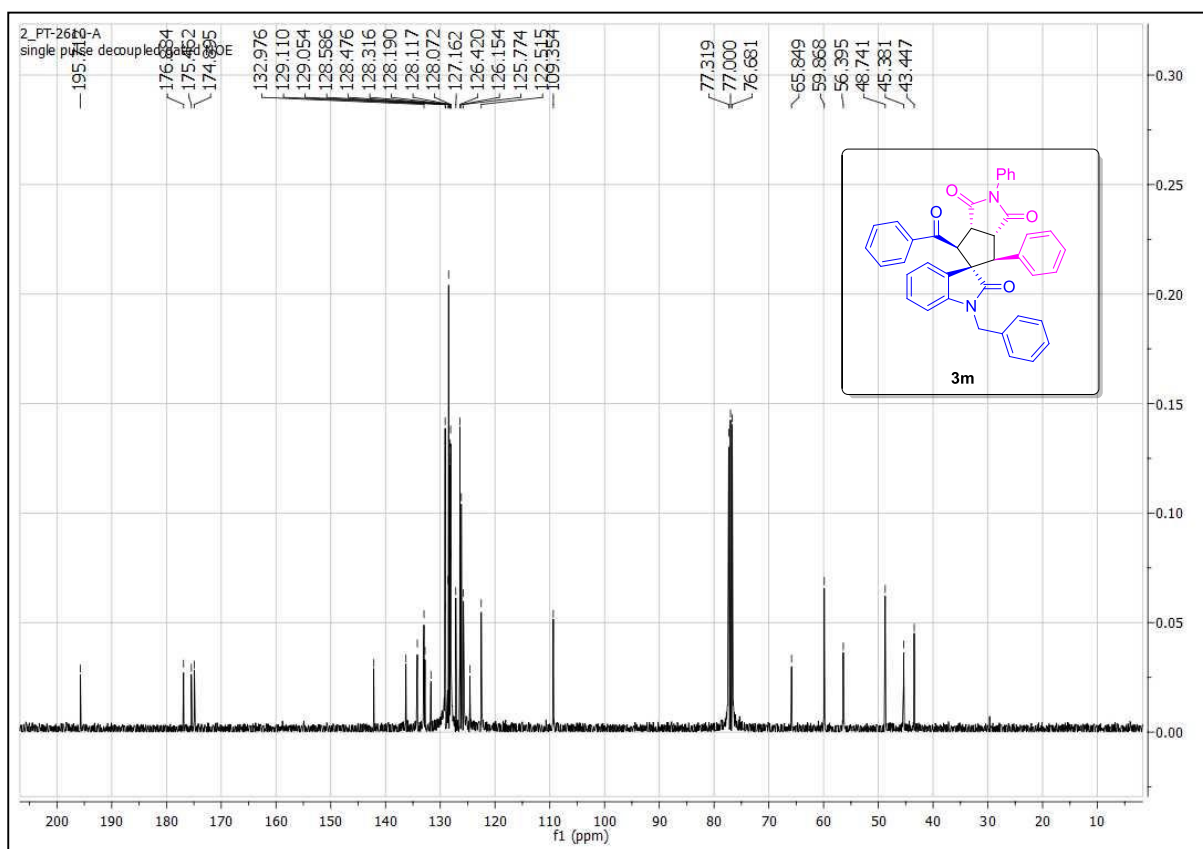
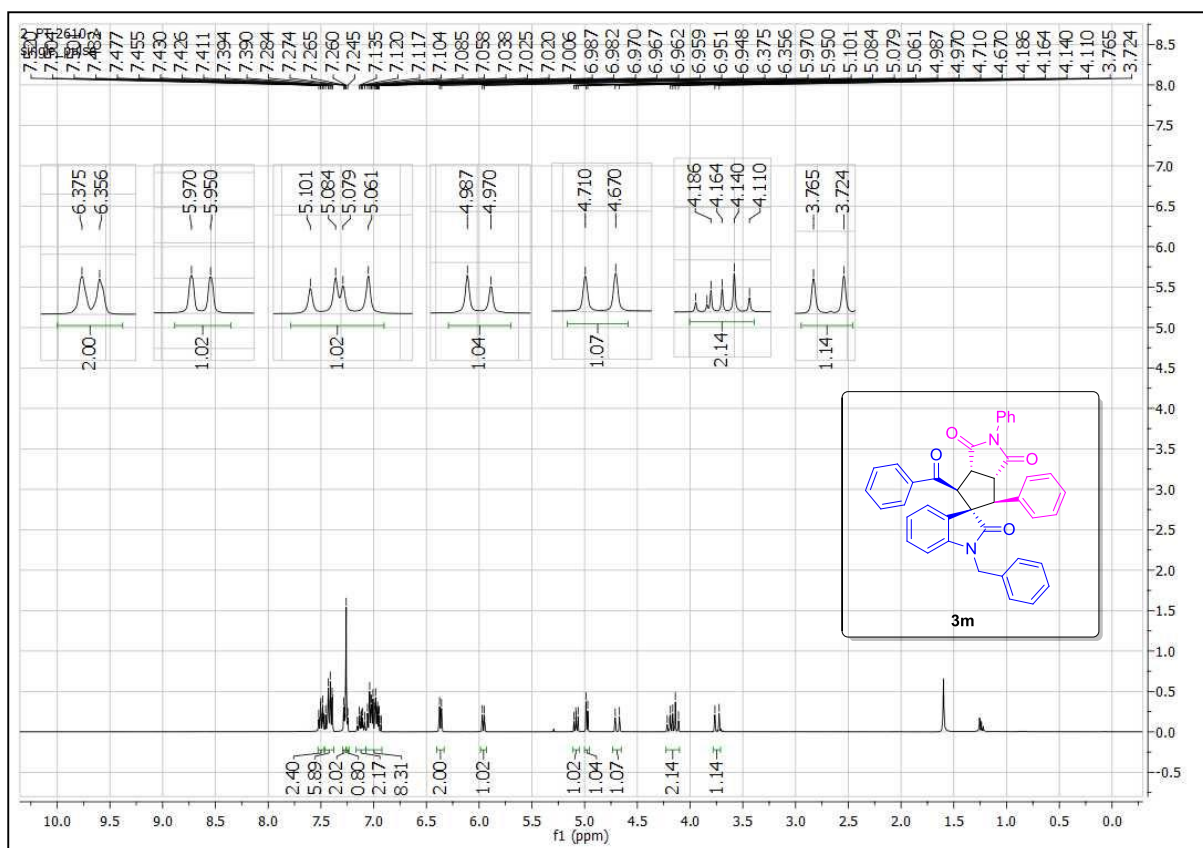
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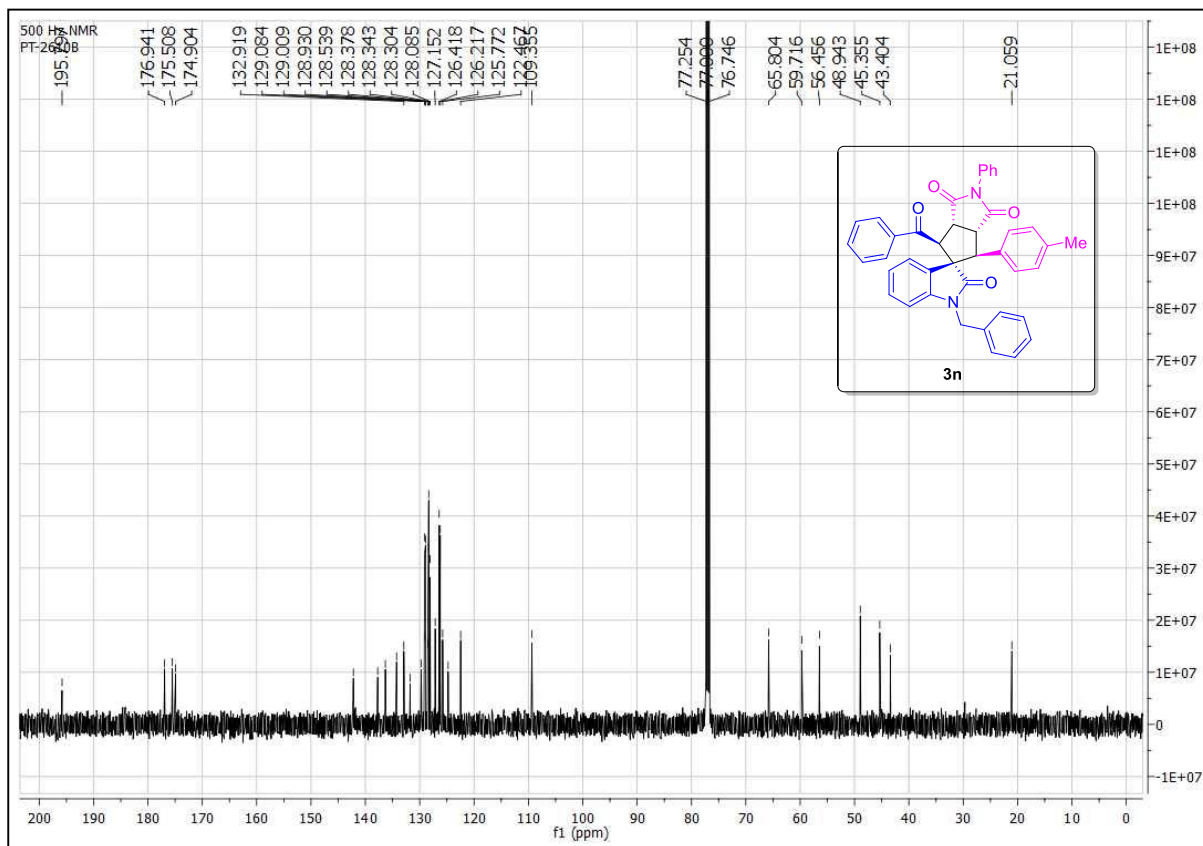
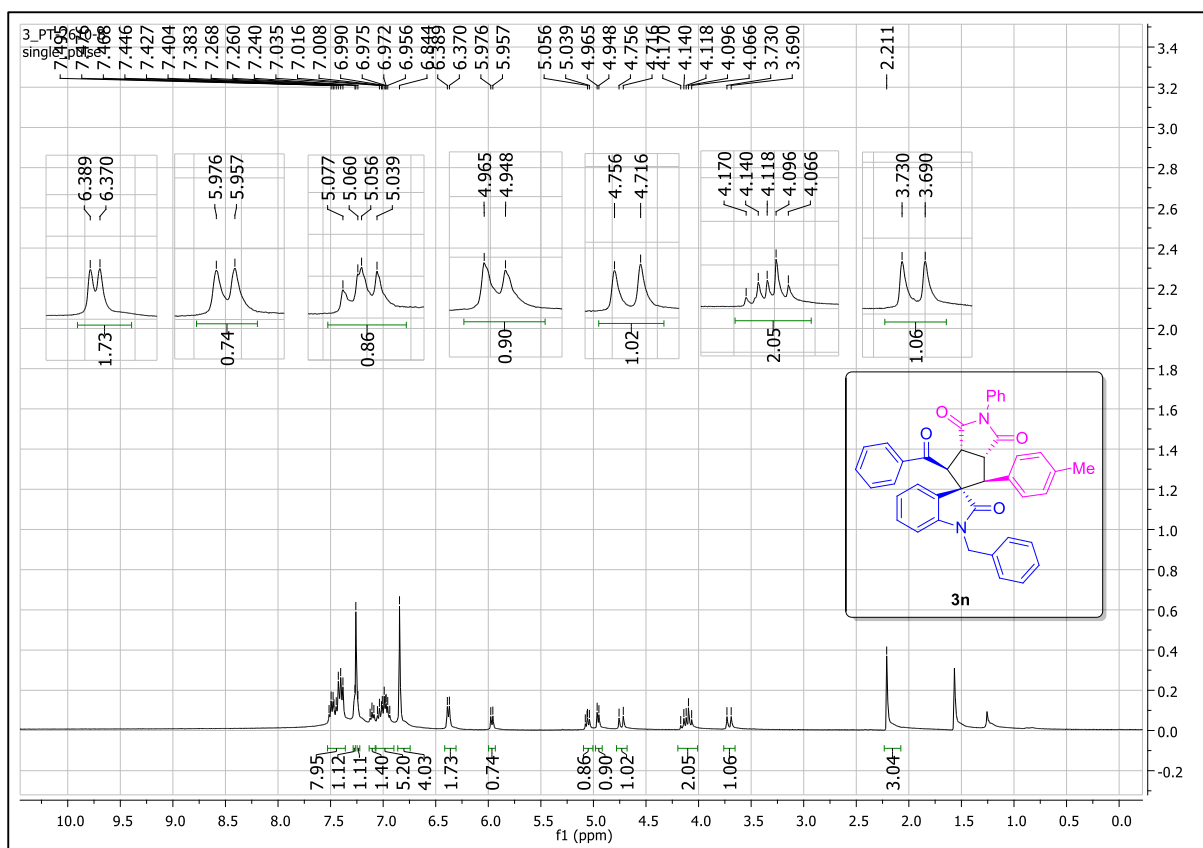


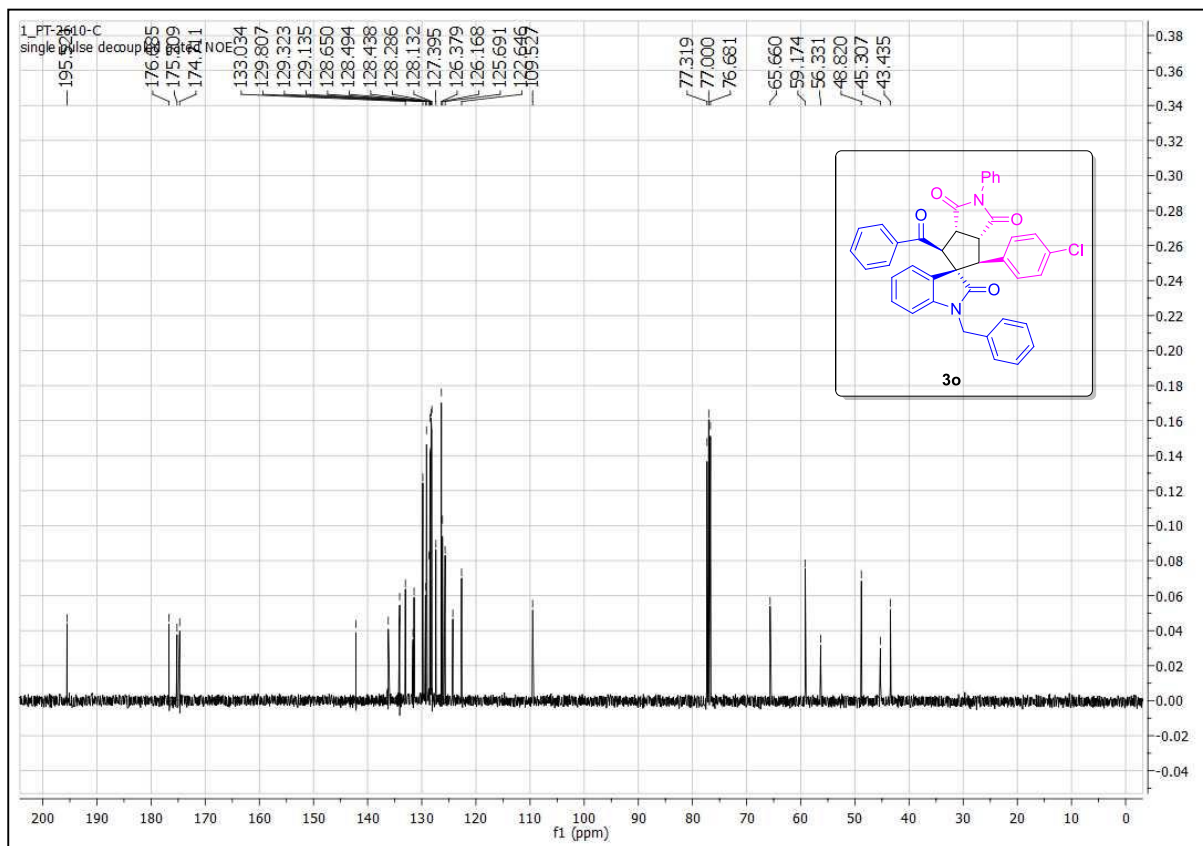
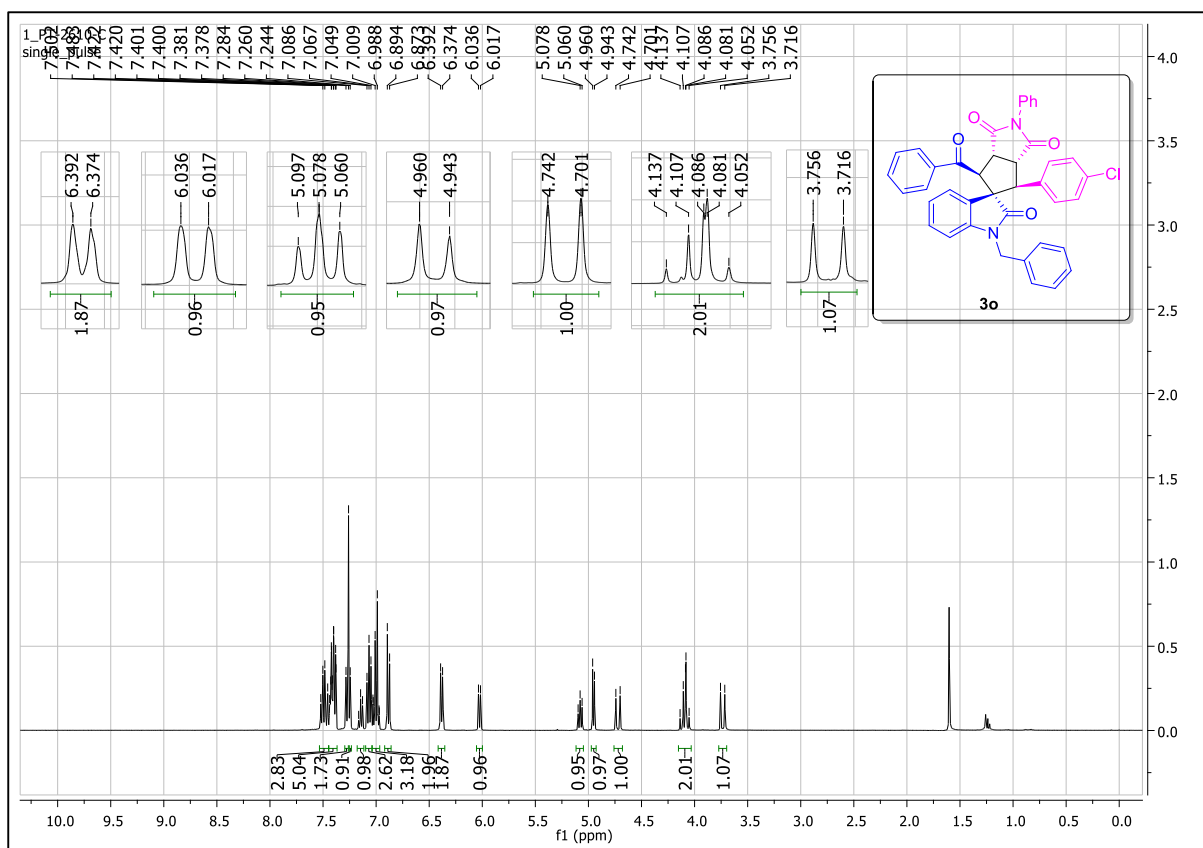


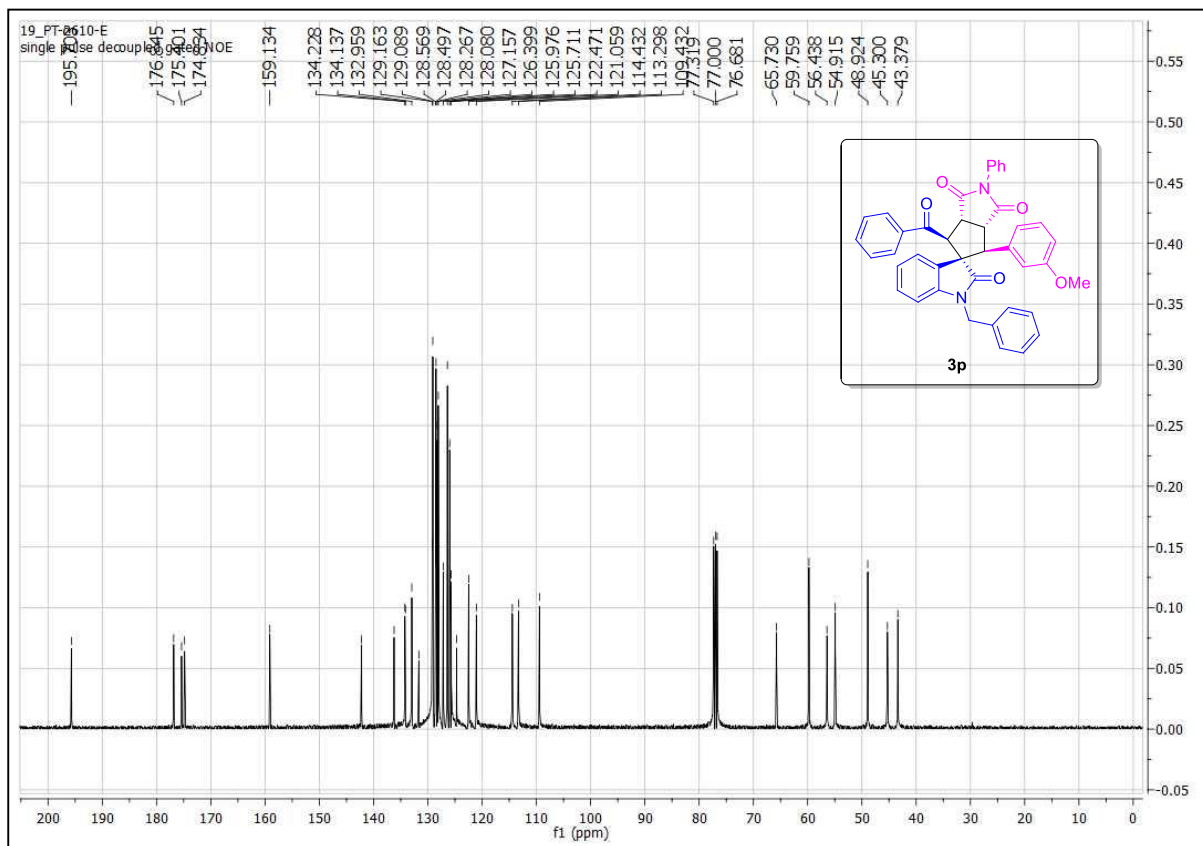
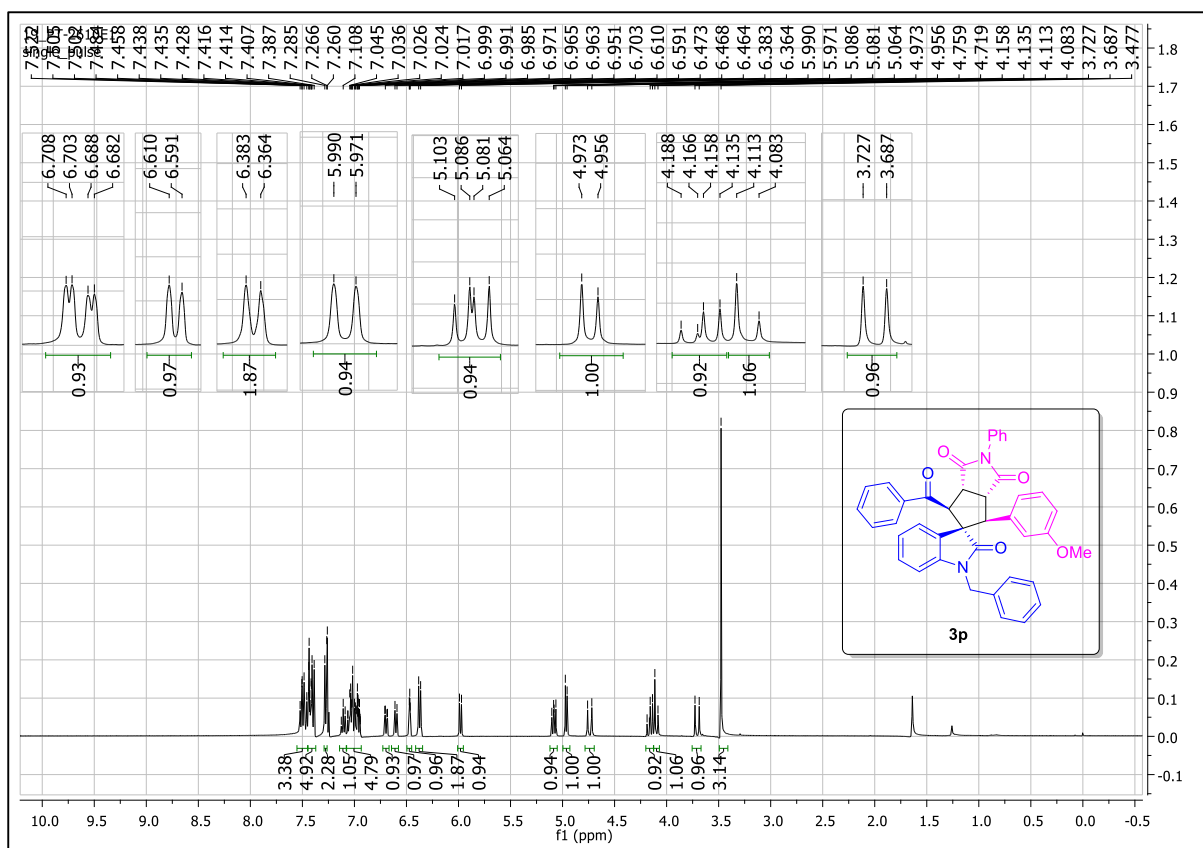


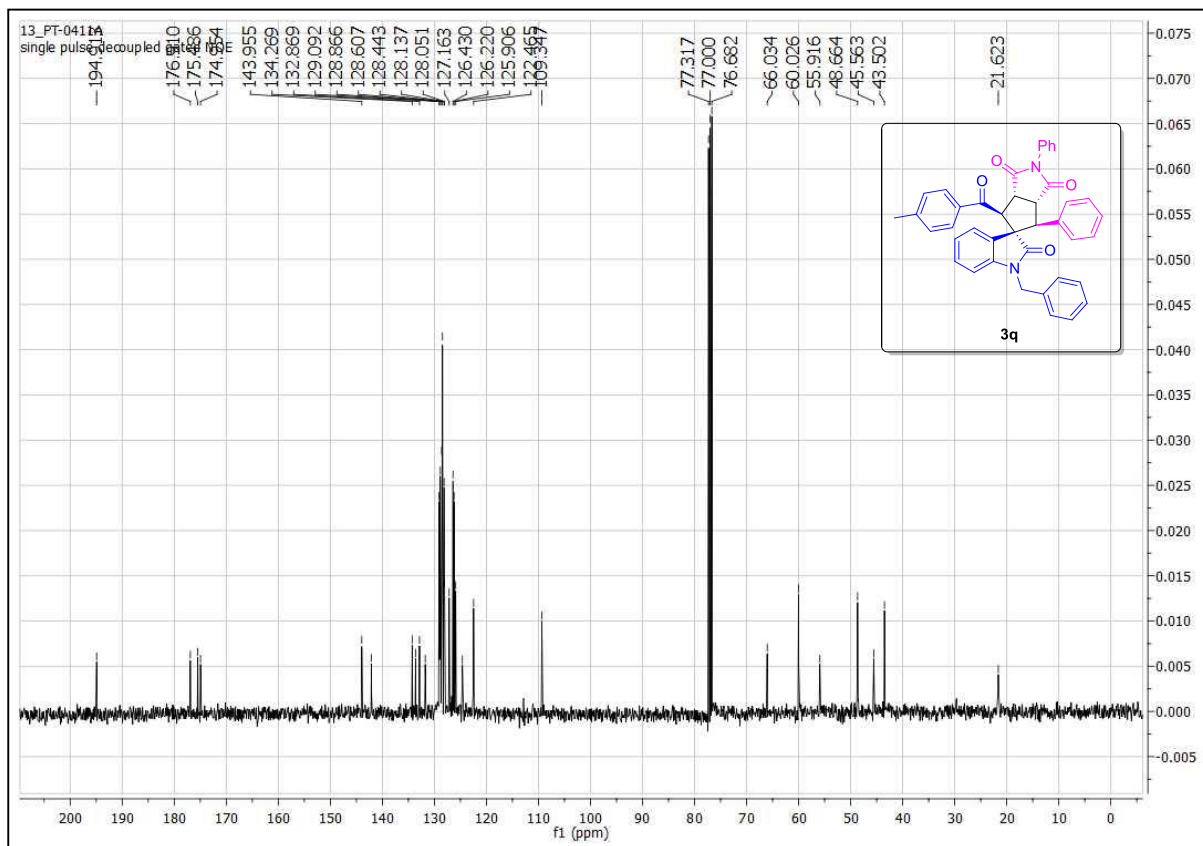
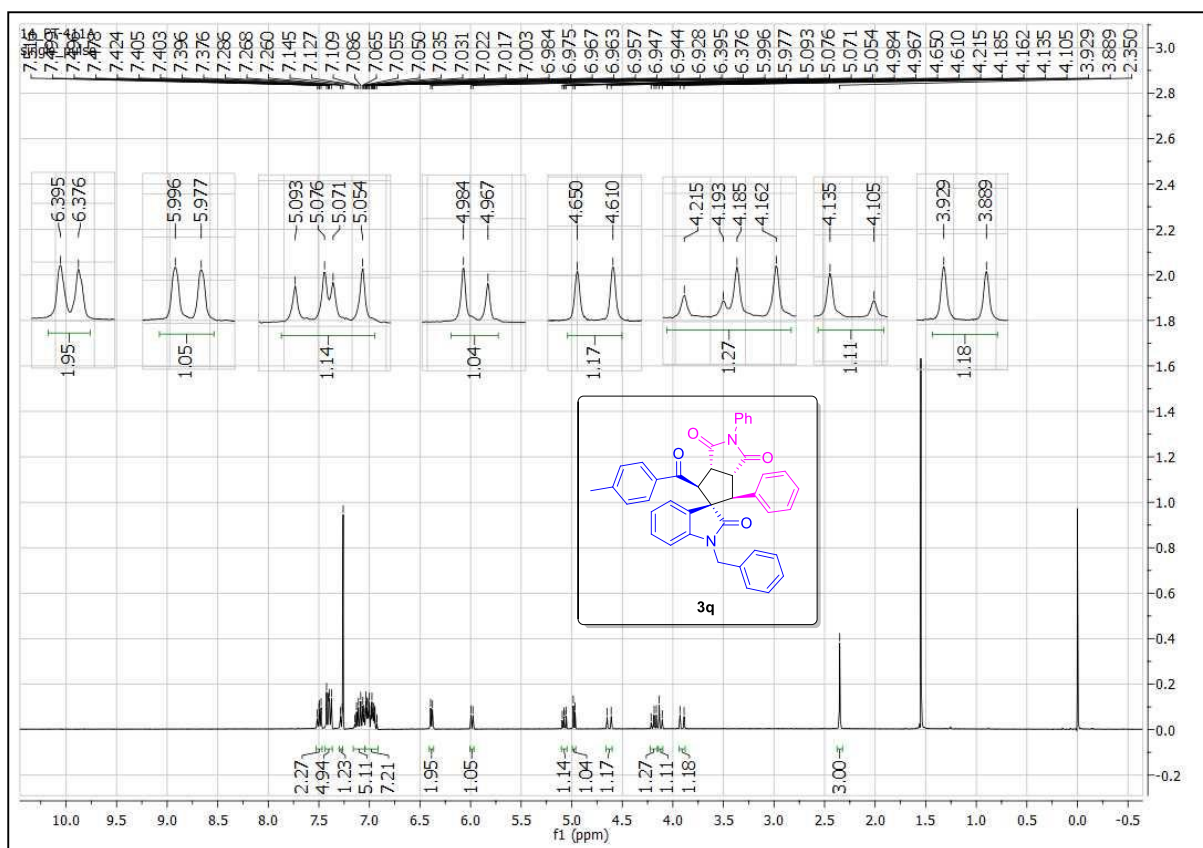


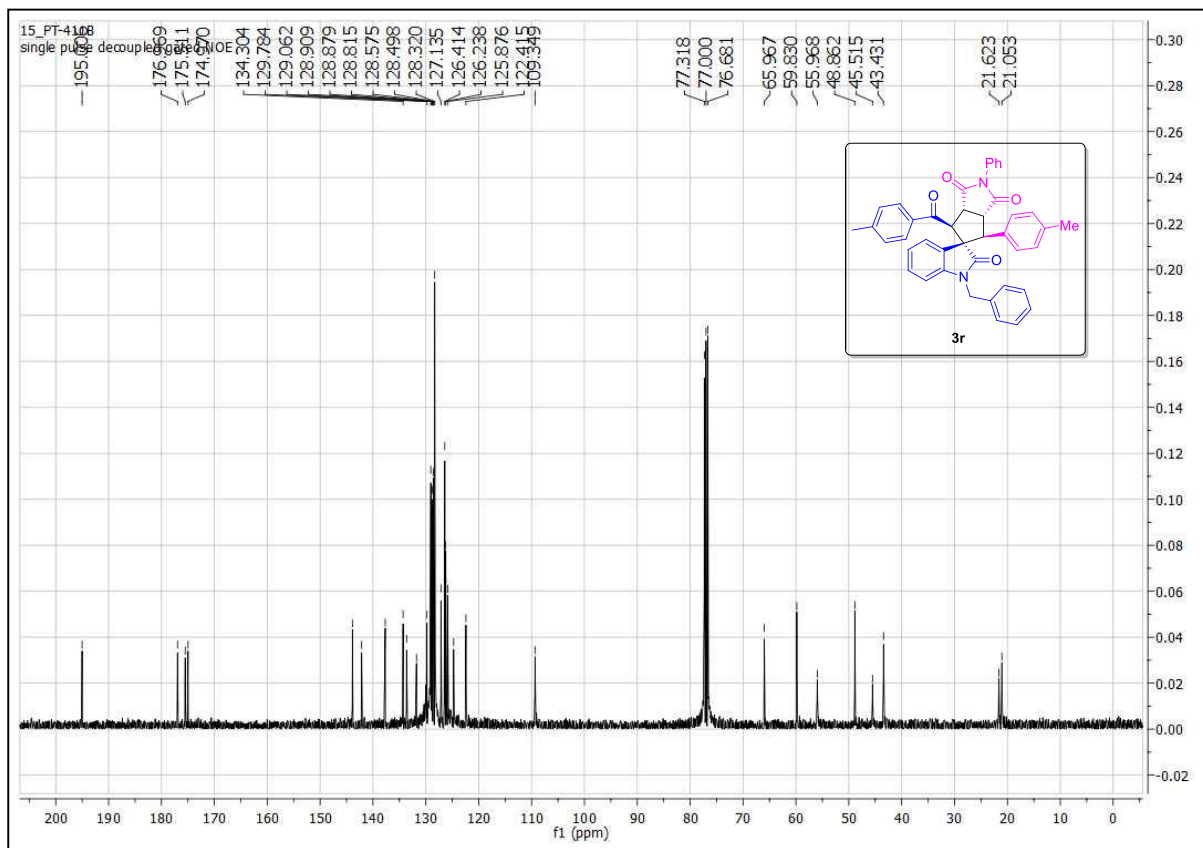
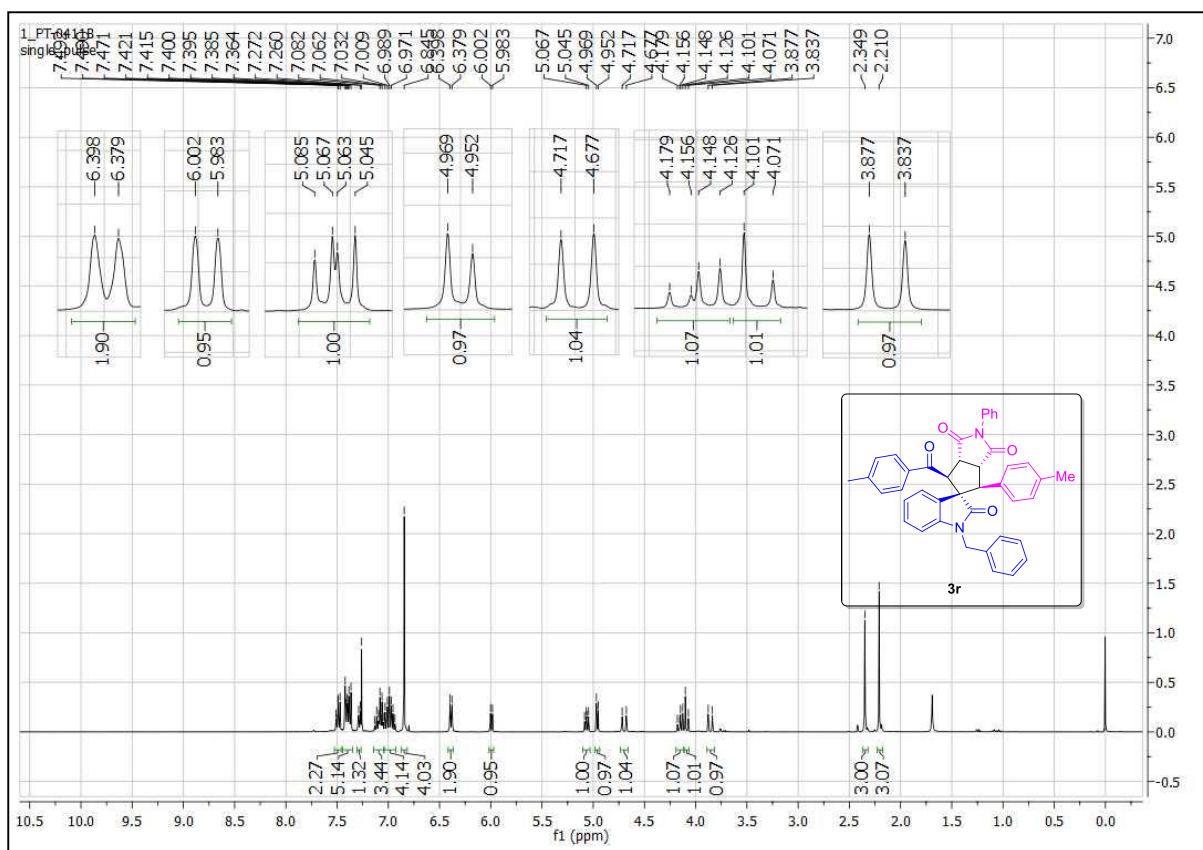


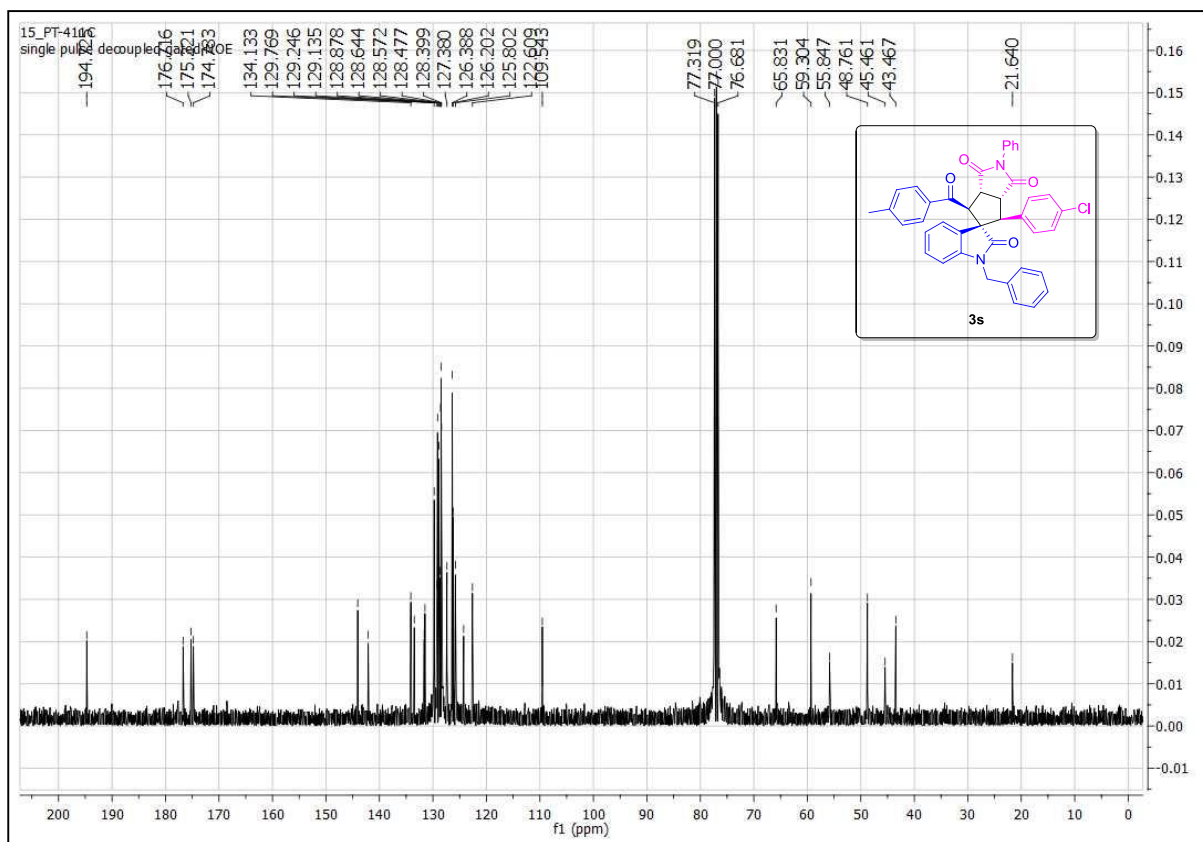
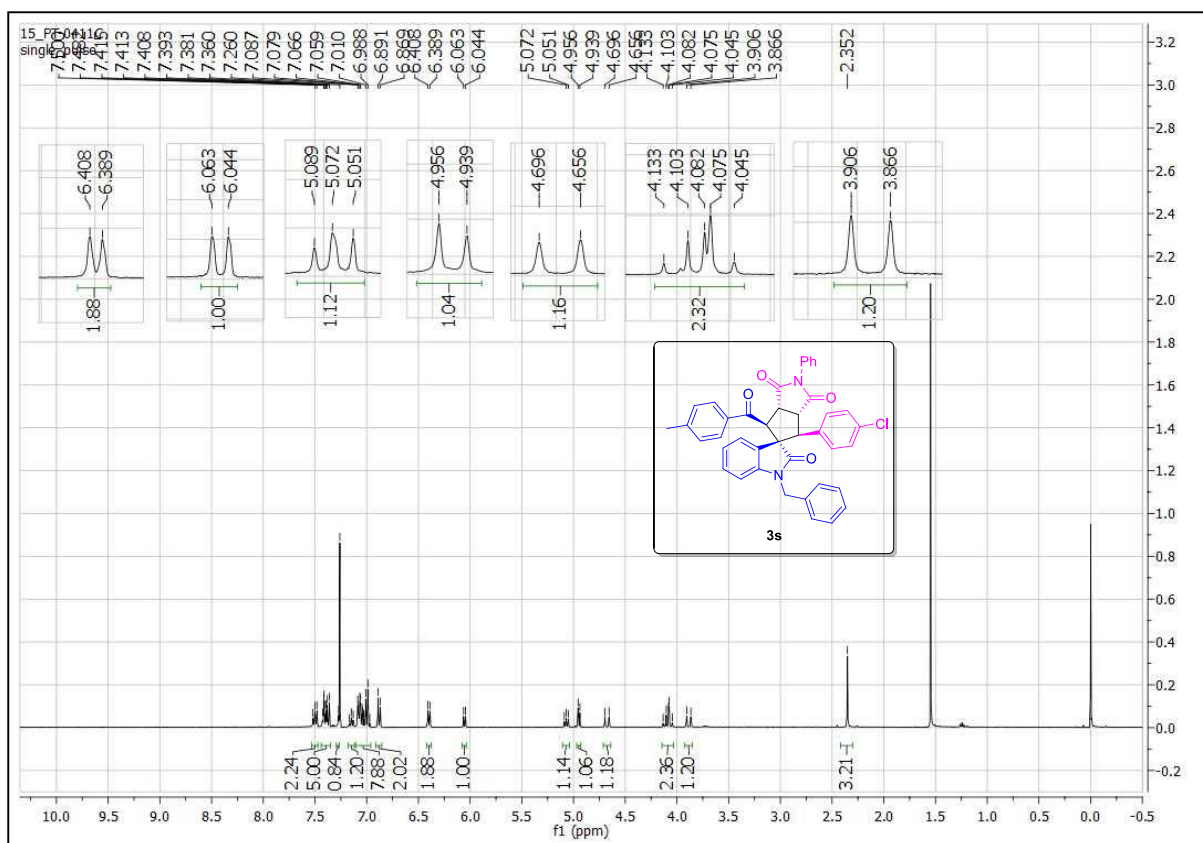


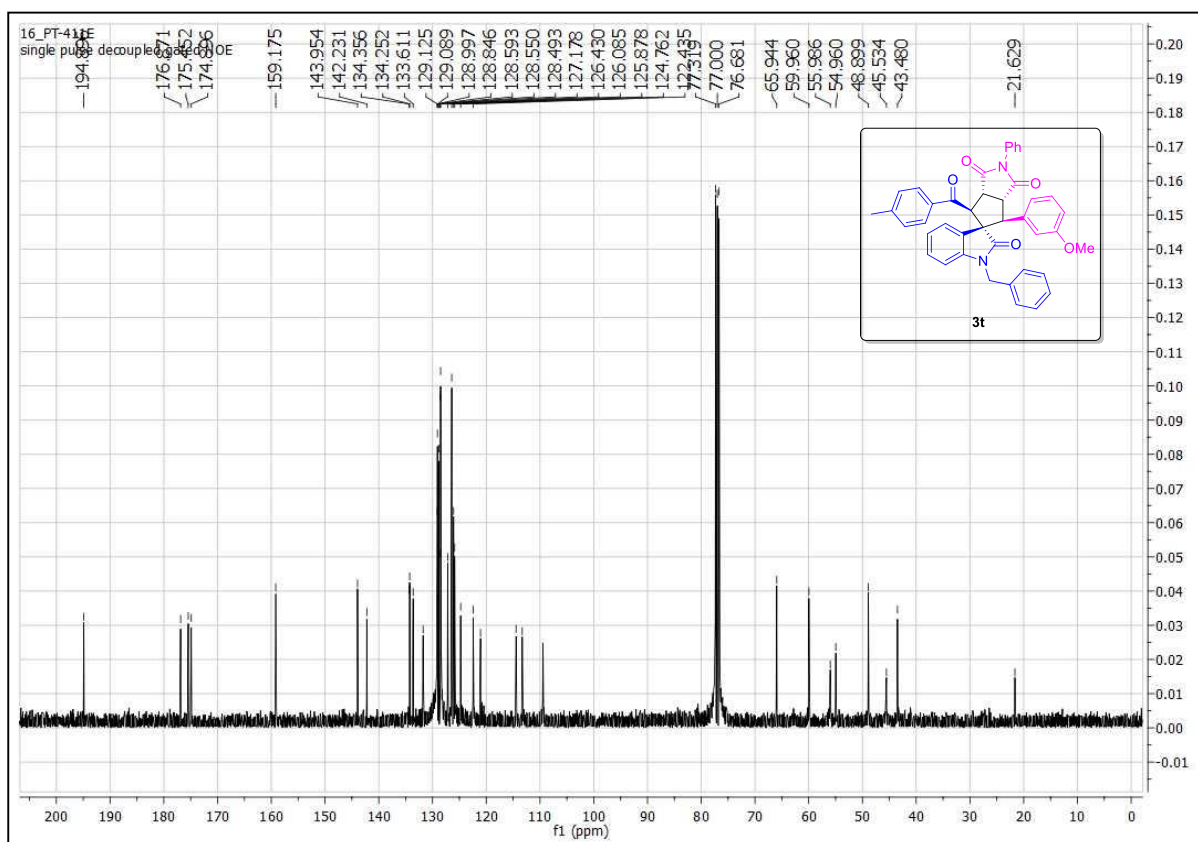
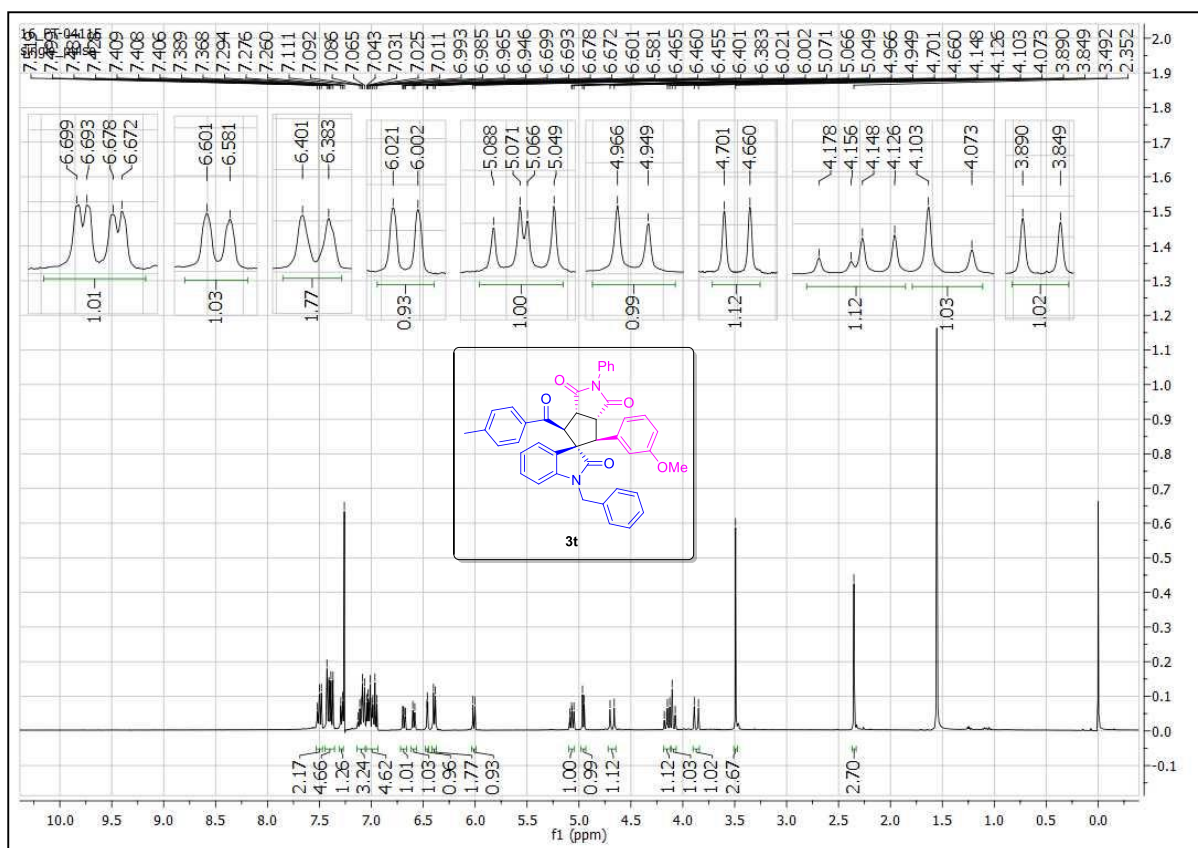


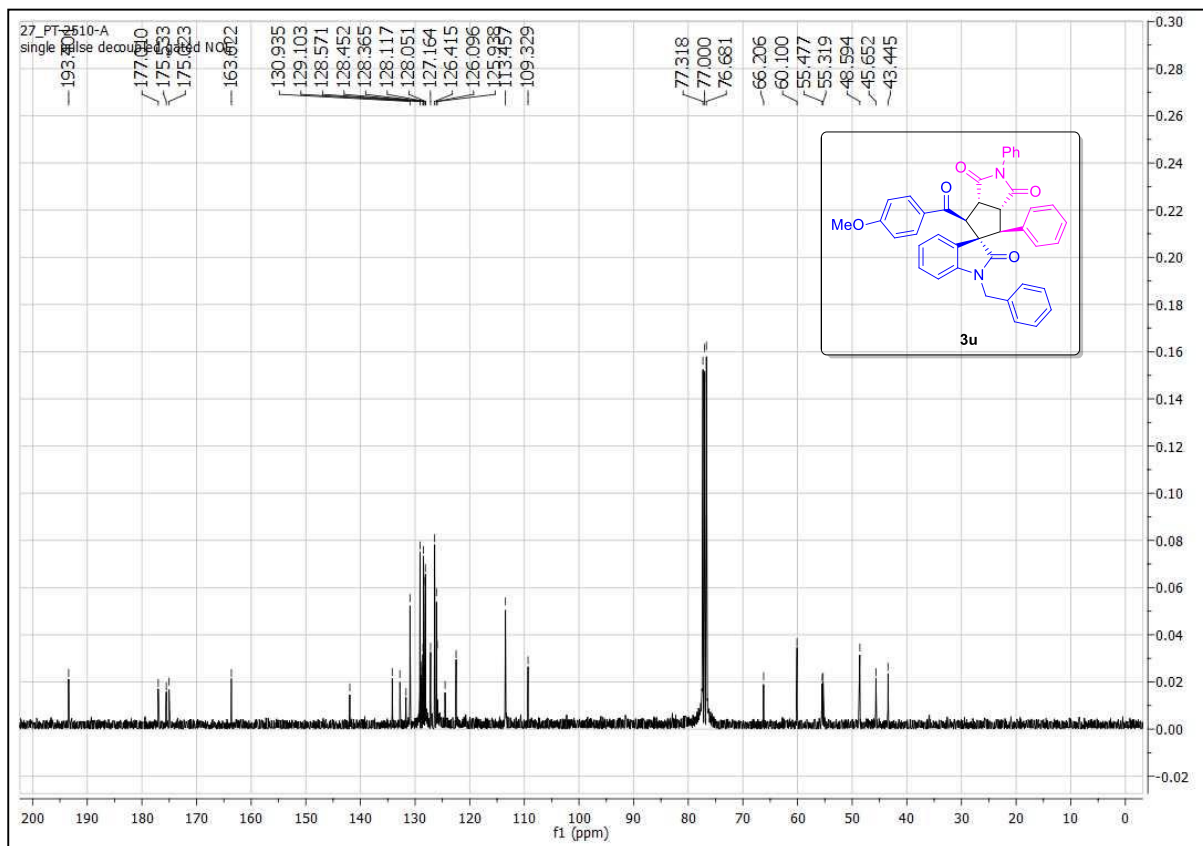
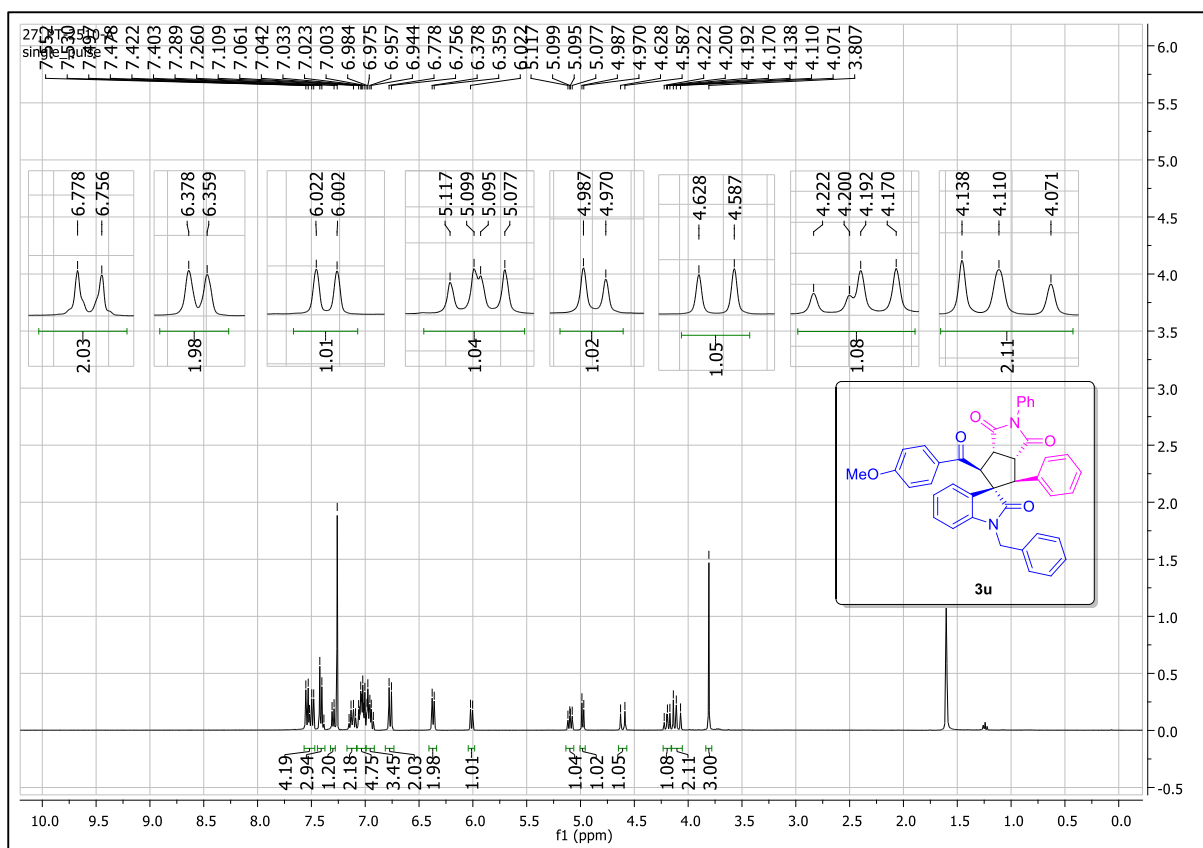


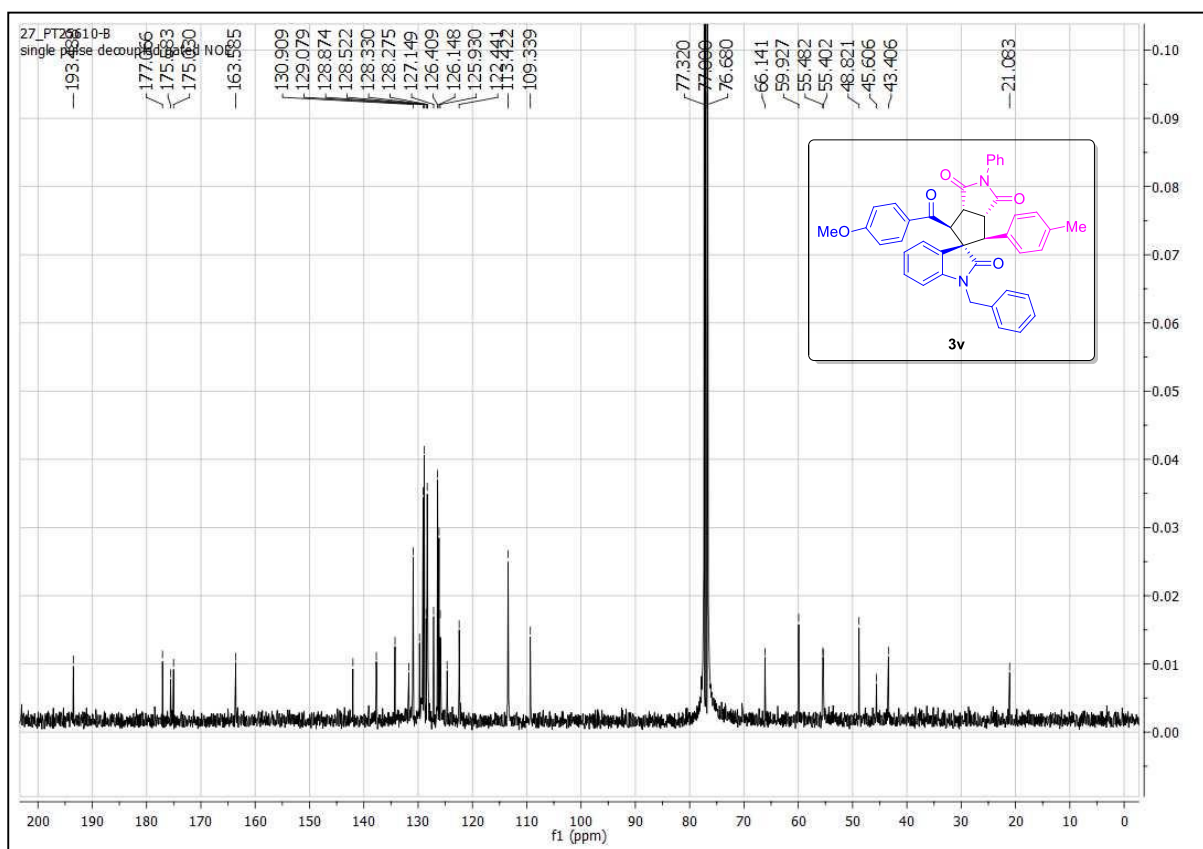
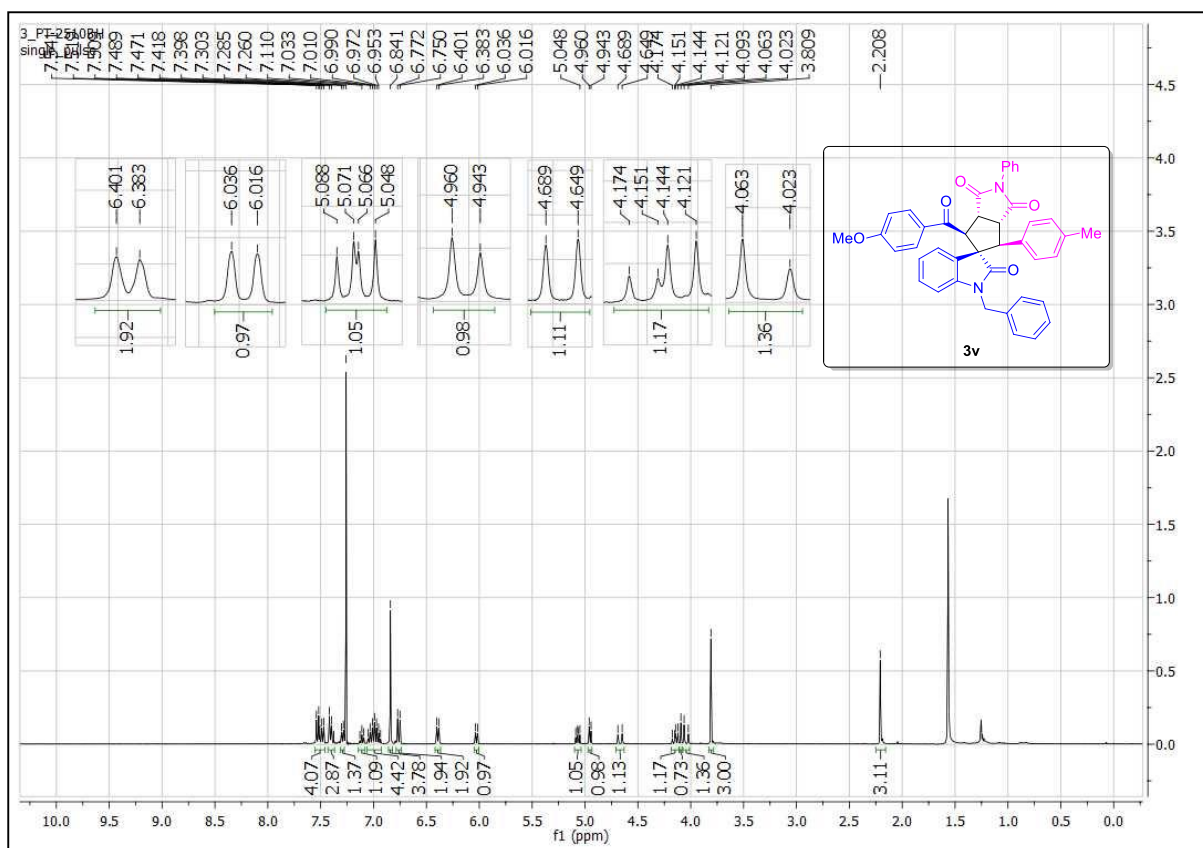


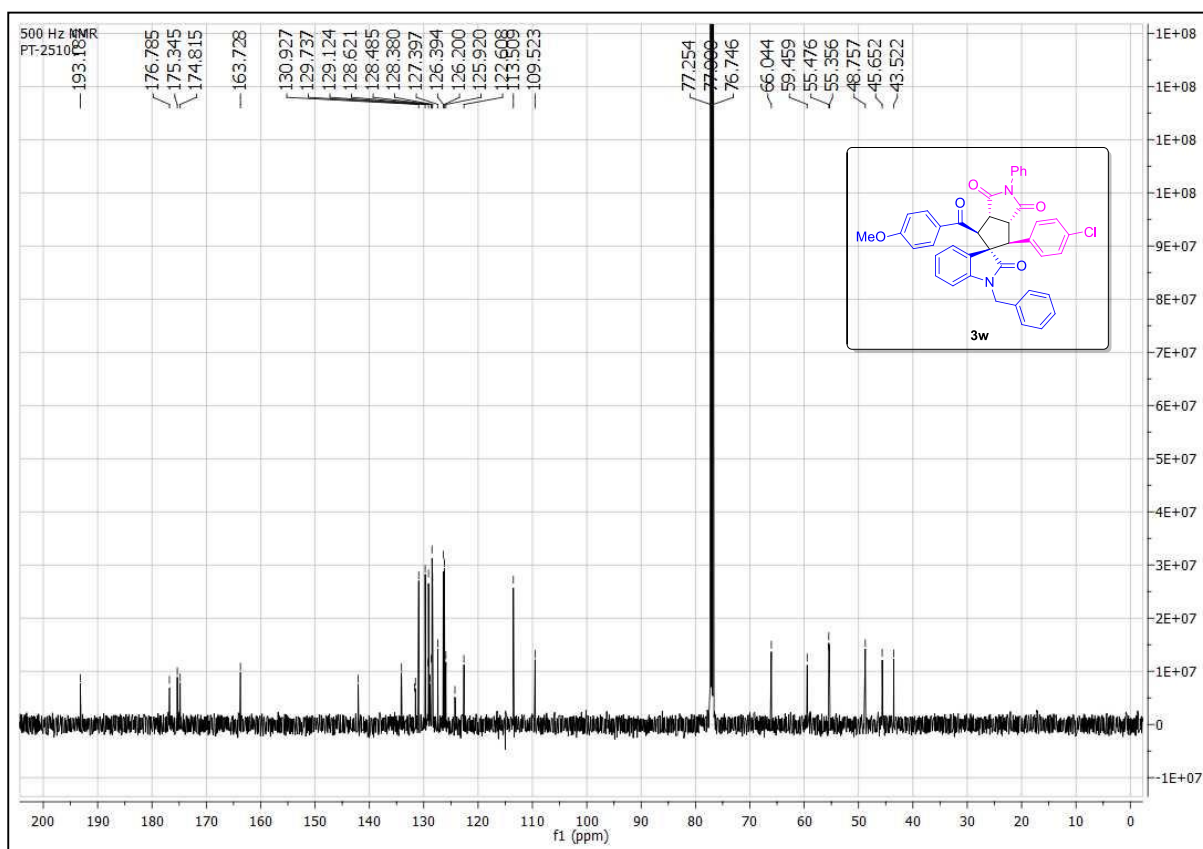
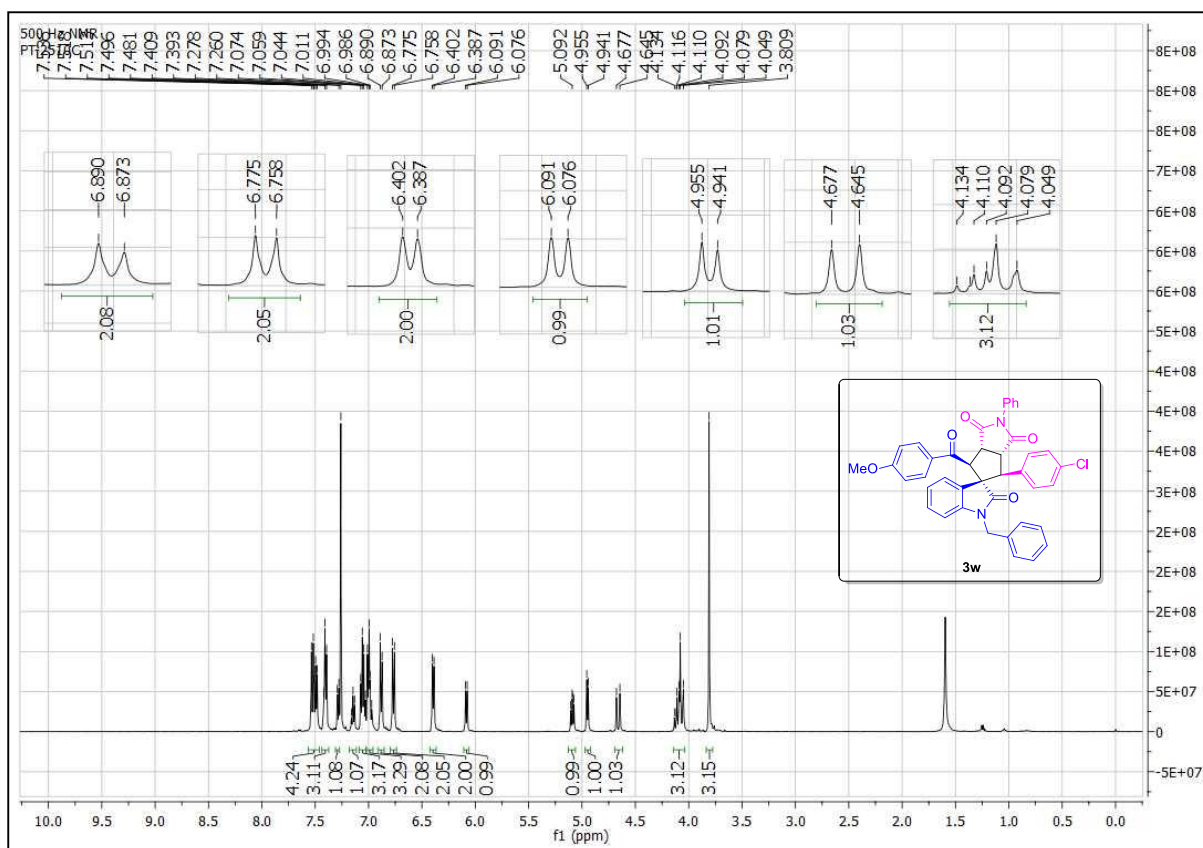


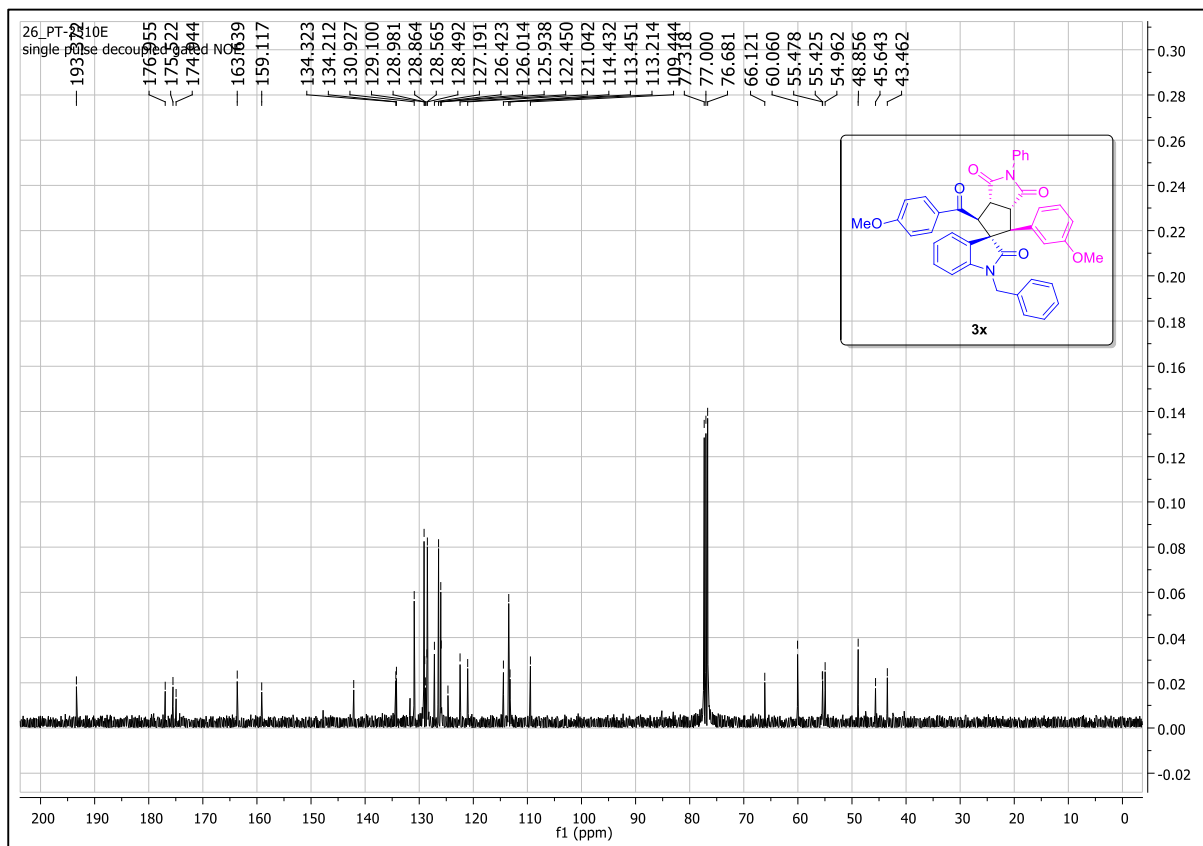
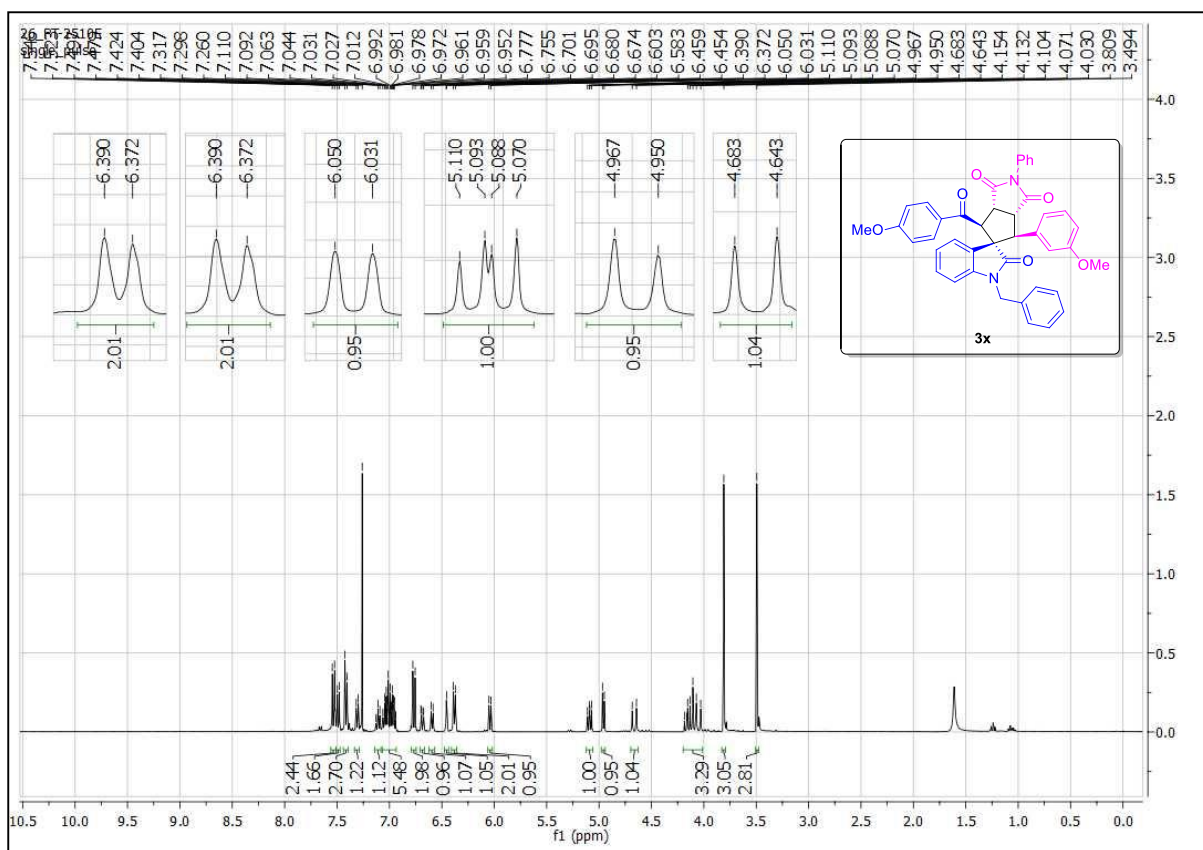












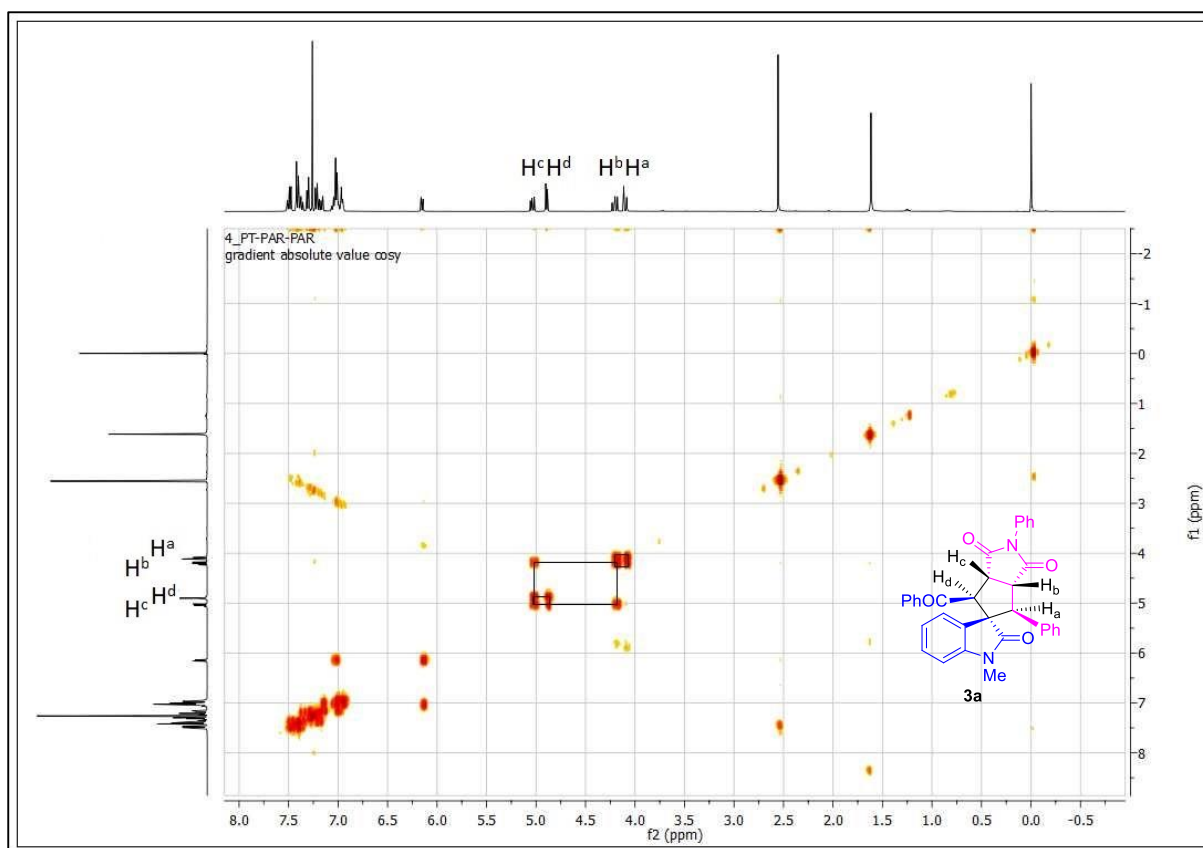


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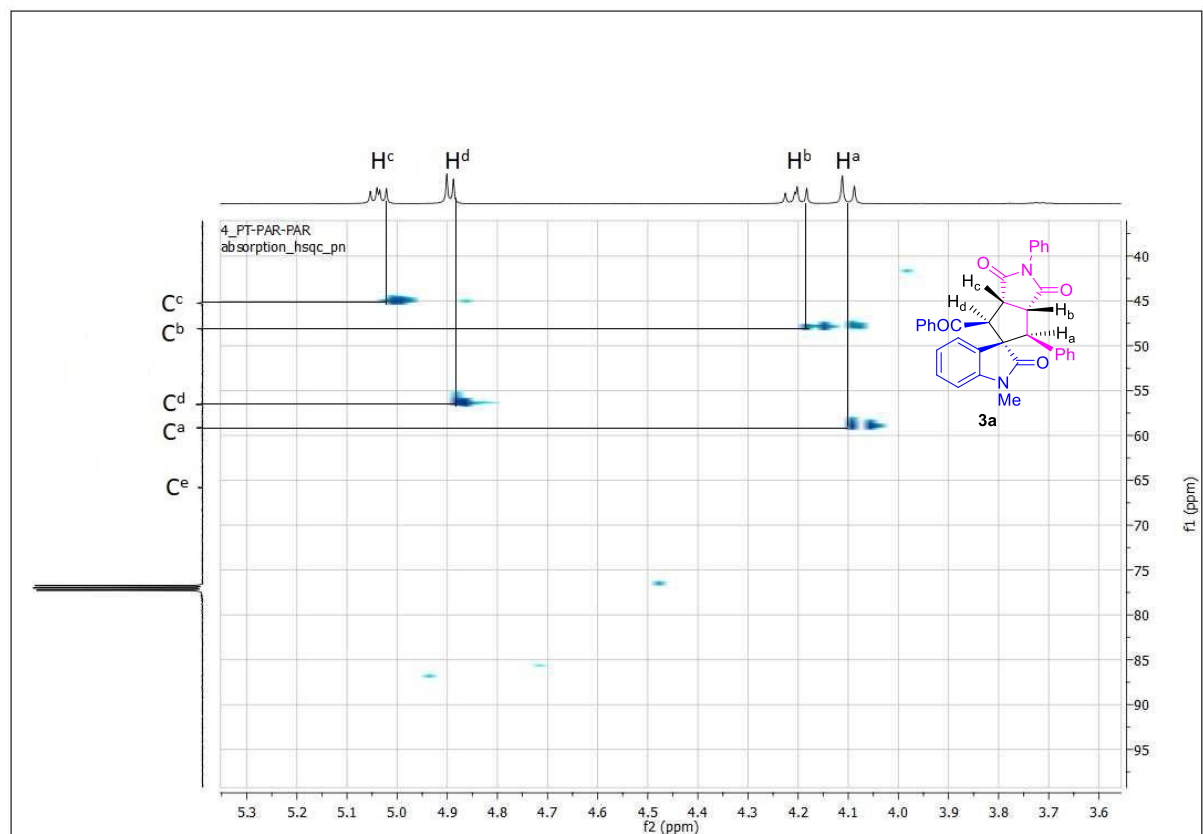


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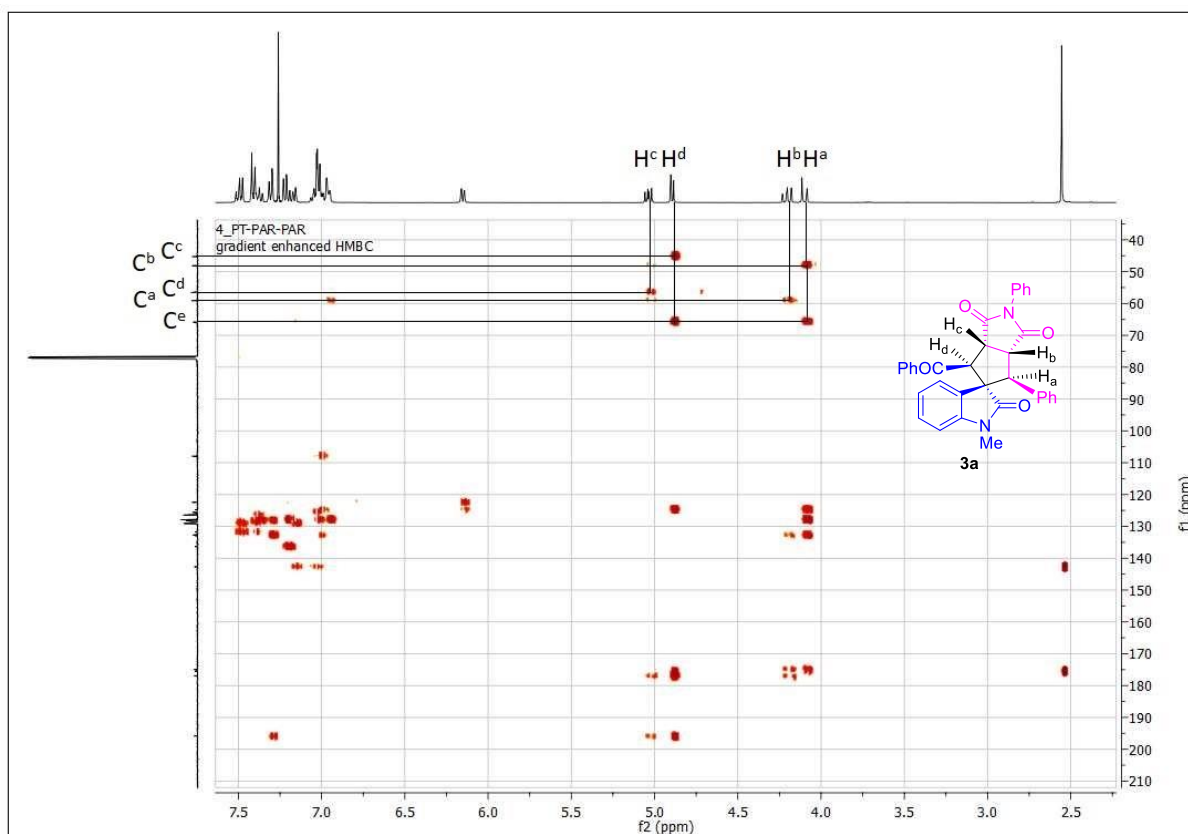


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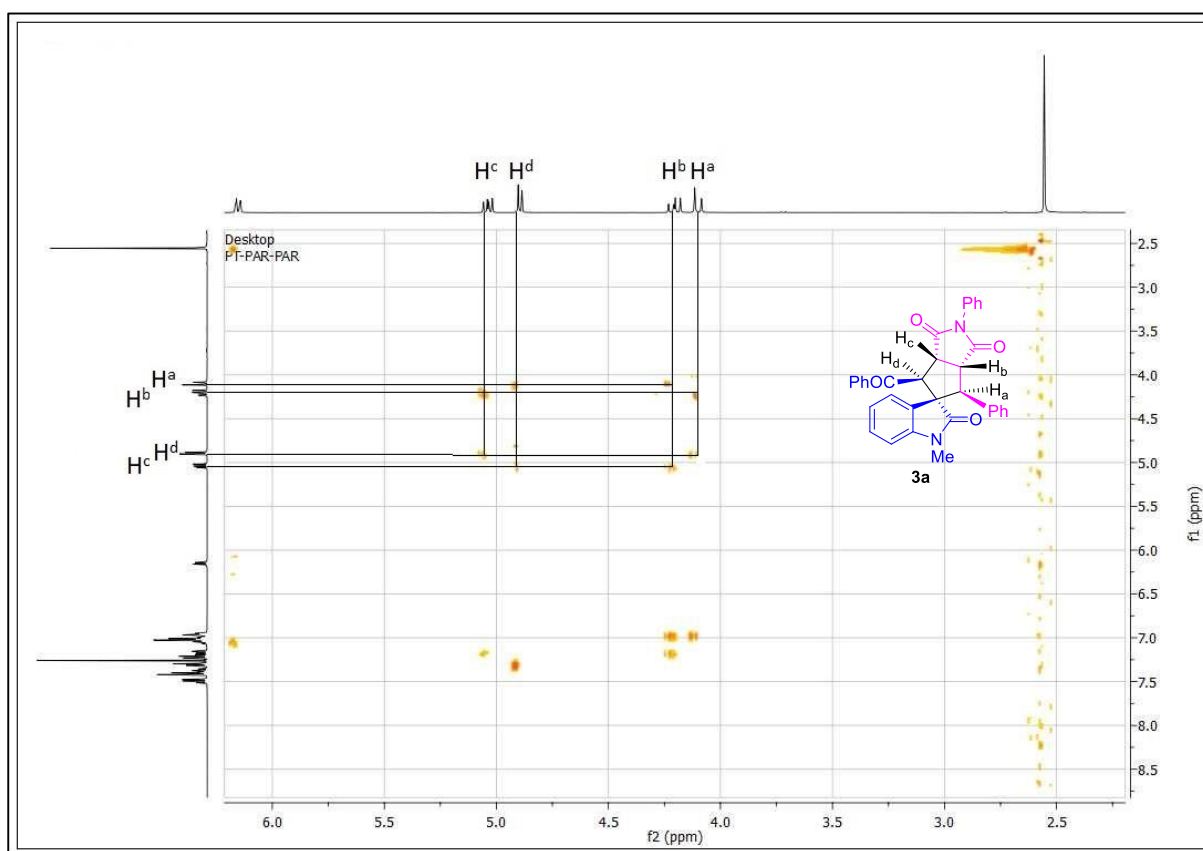
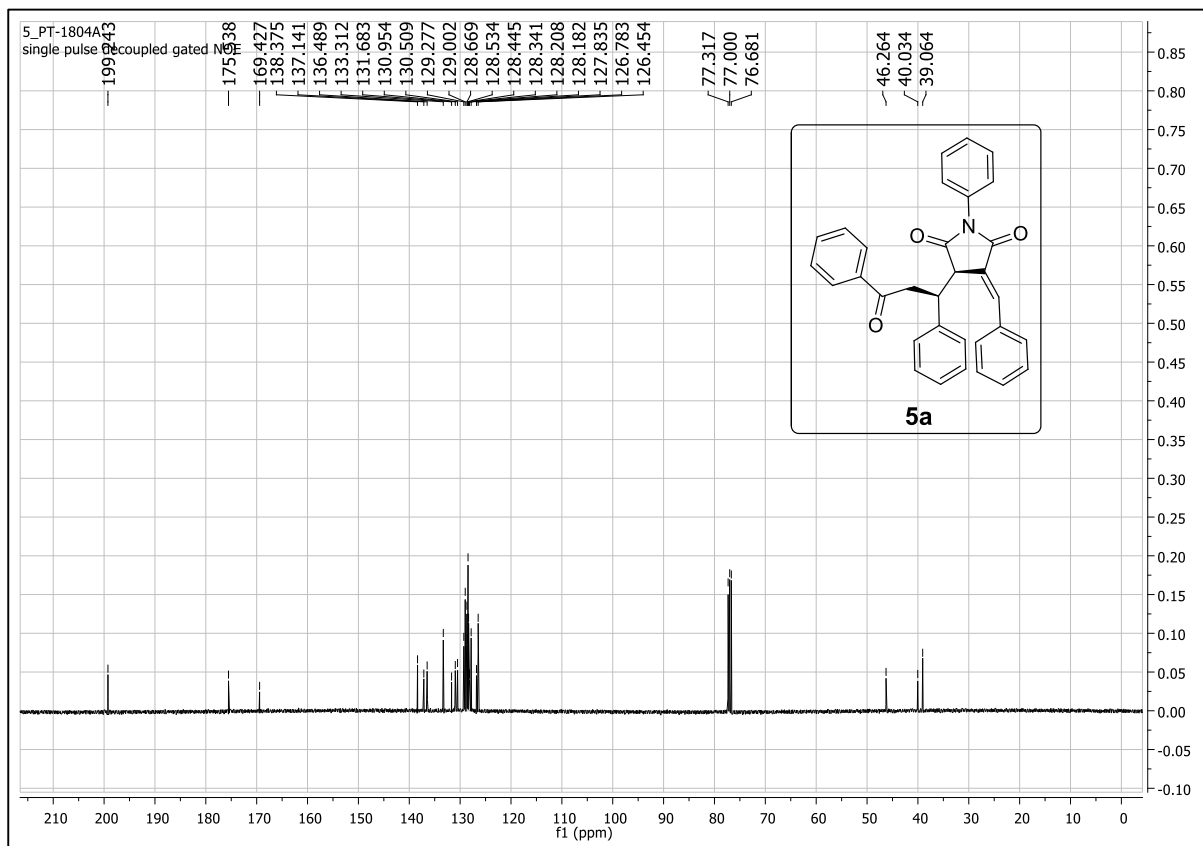
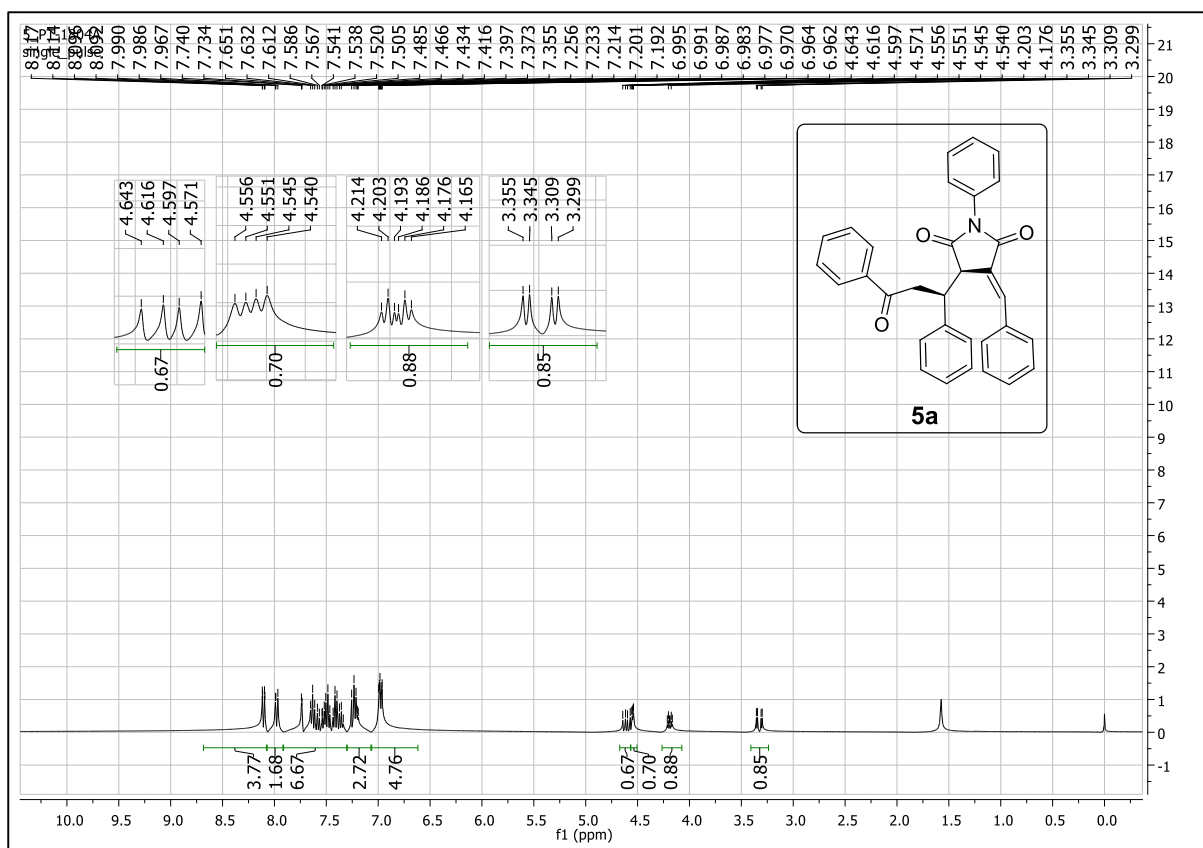
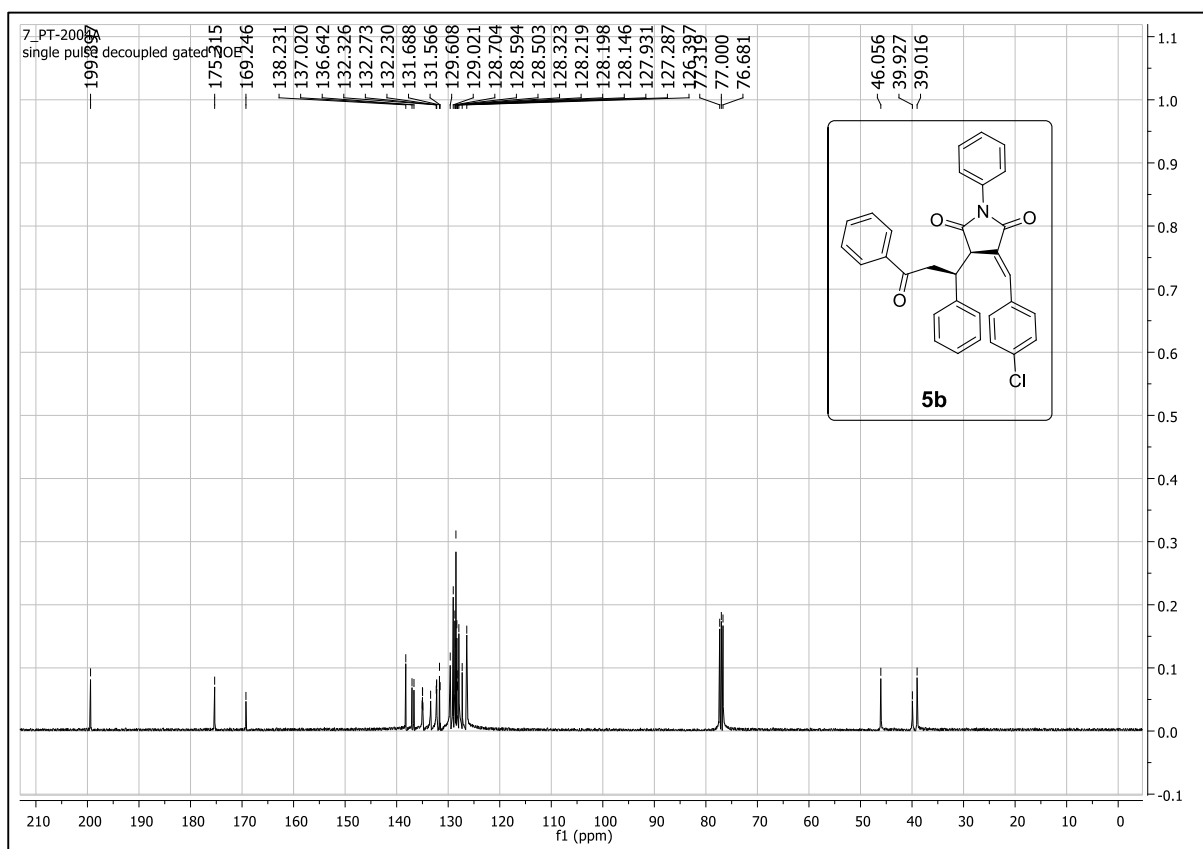
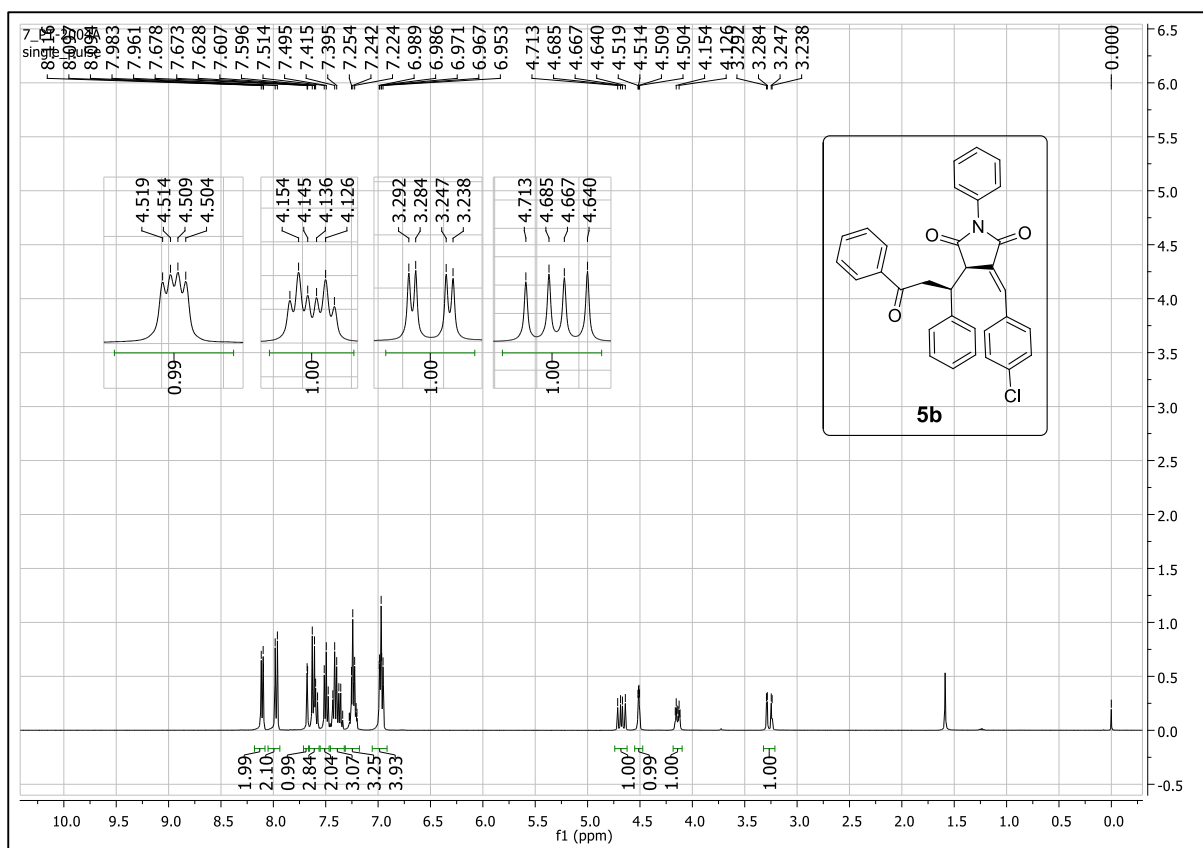
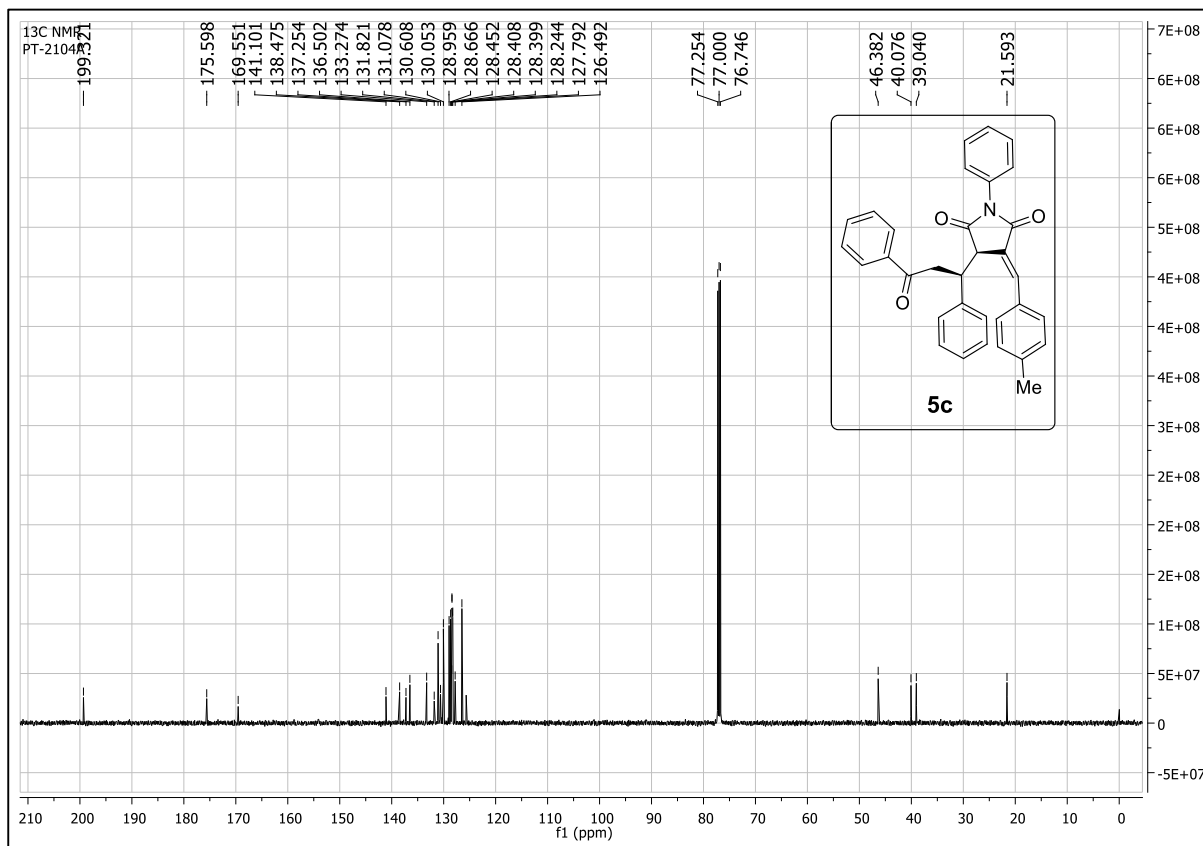
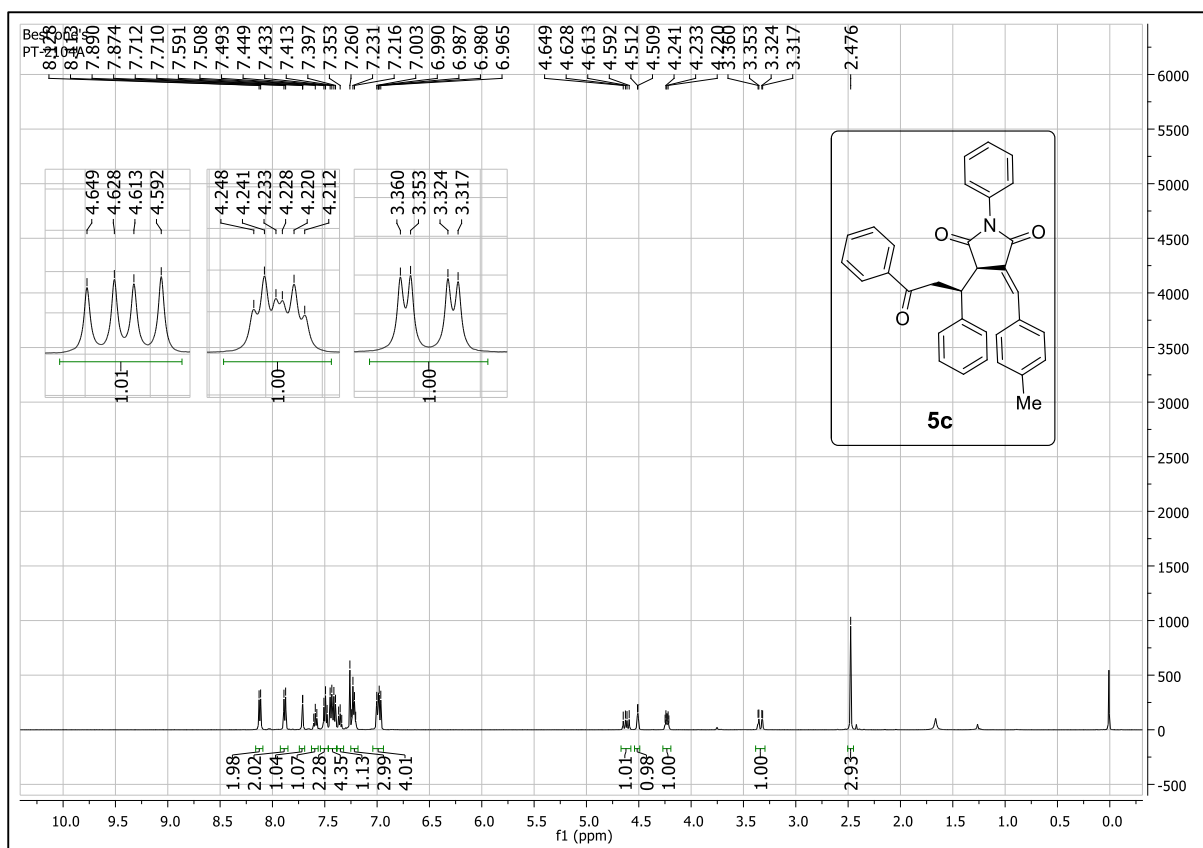
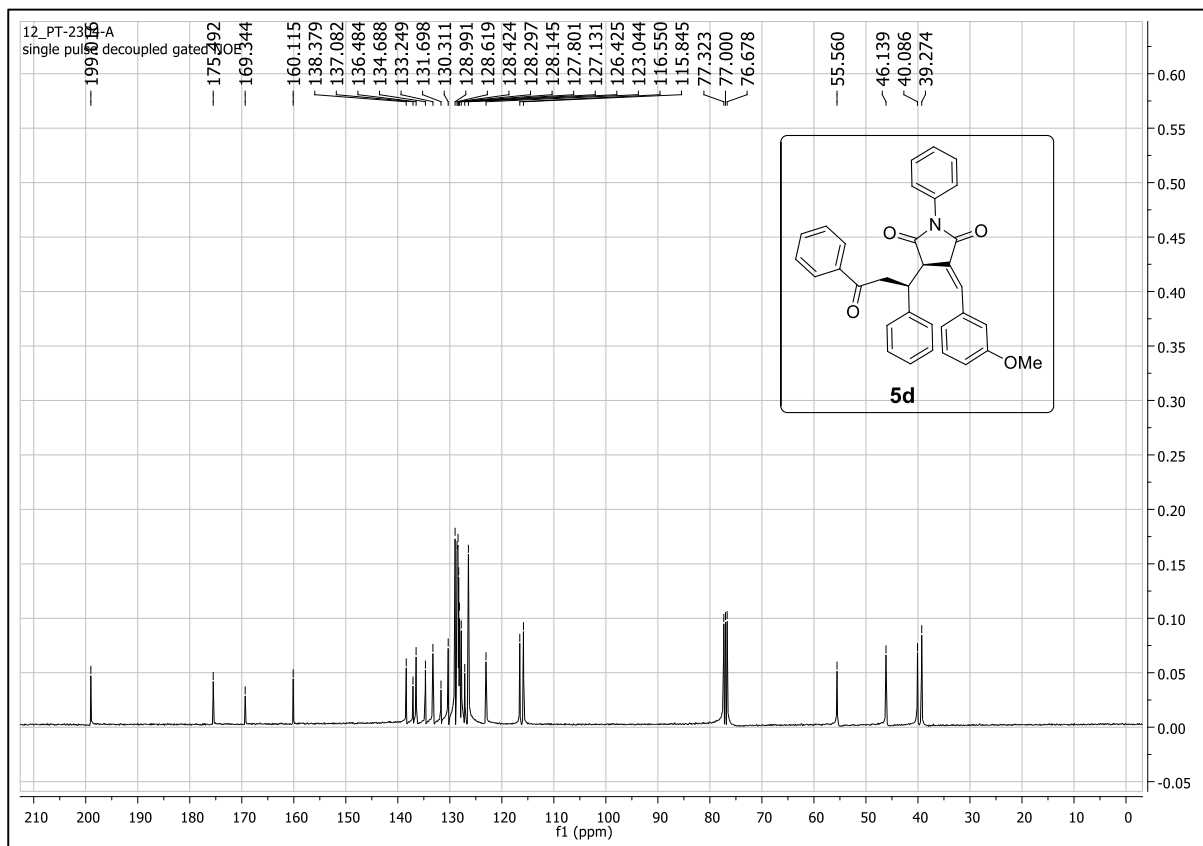
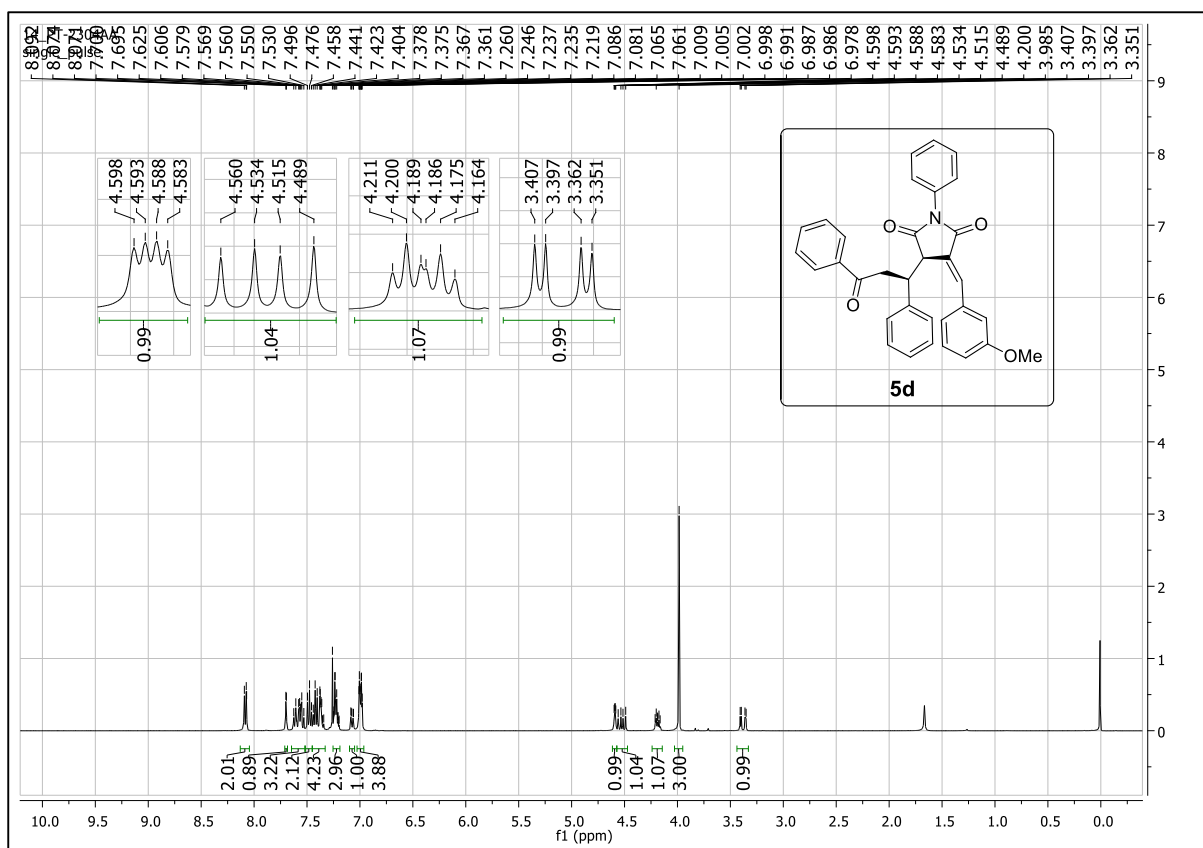


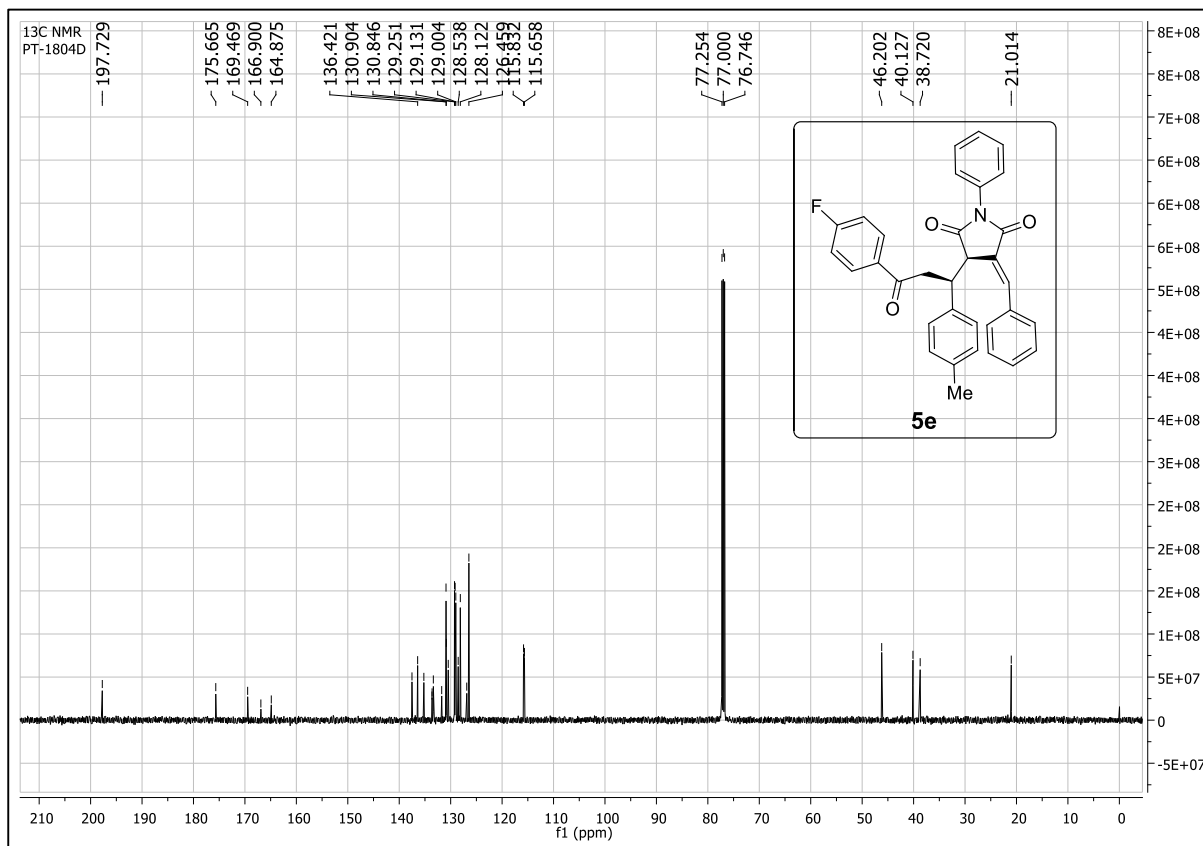
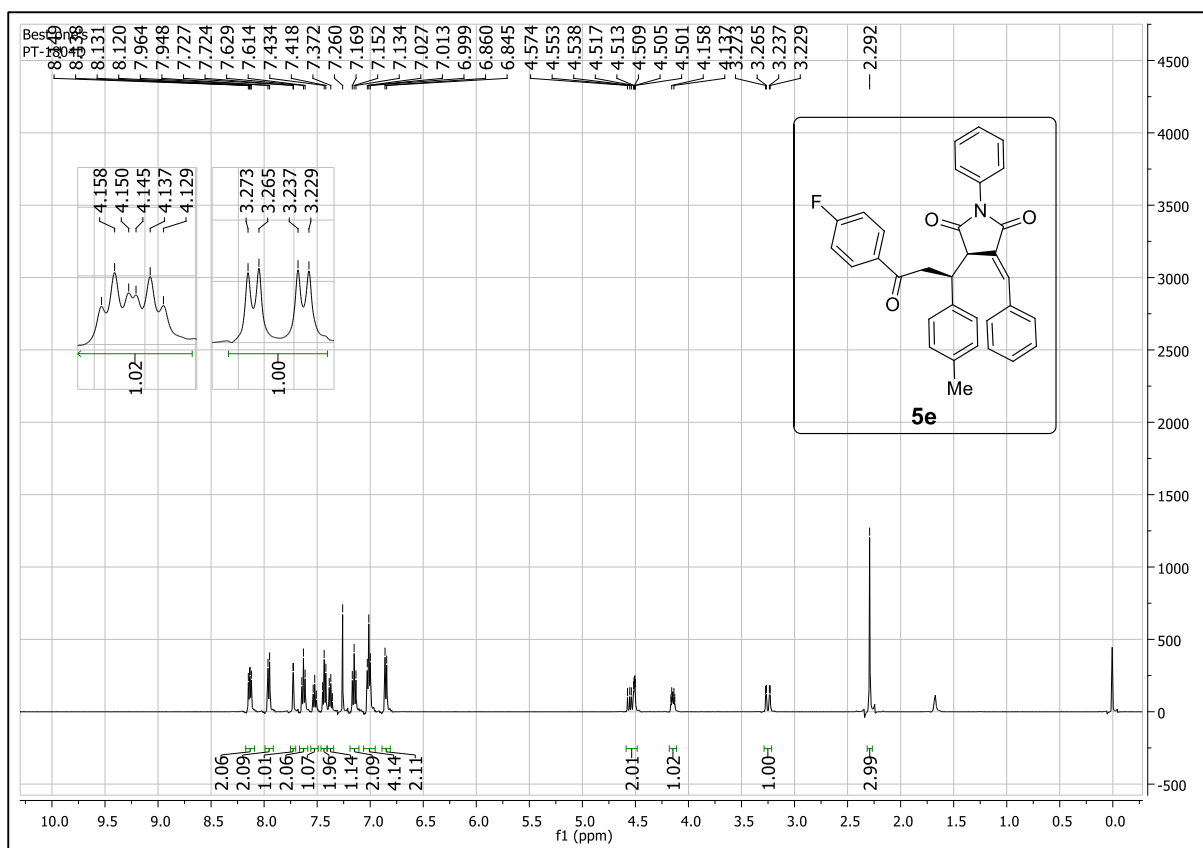
Figure S6: 1H - 1H NOESY spectrum of **3a**.

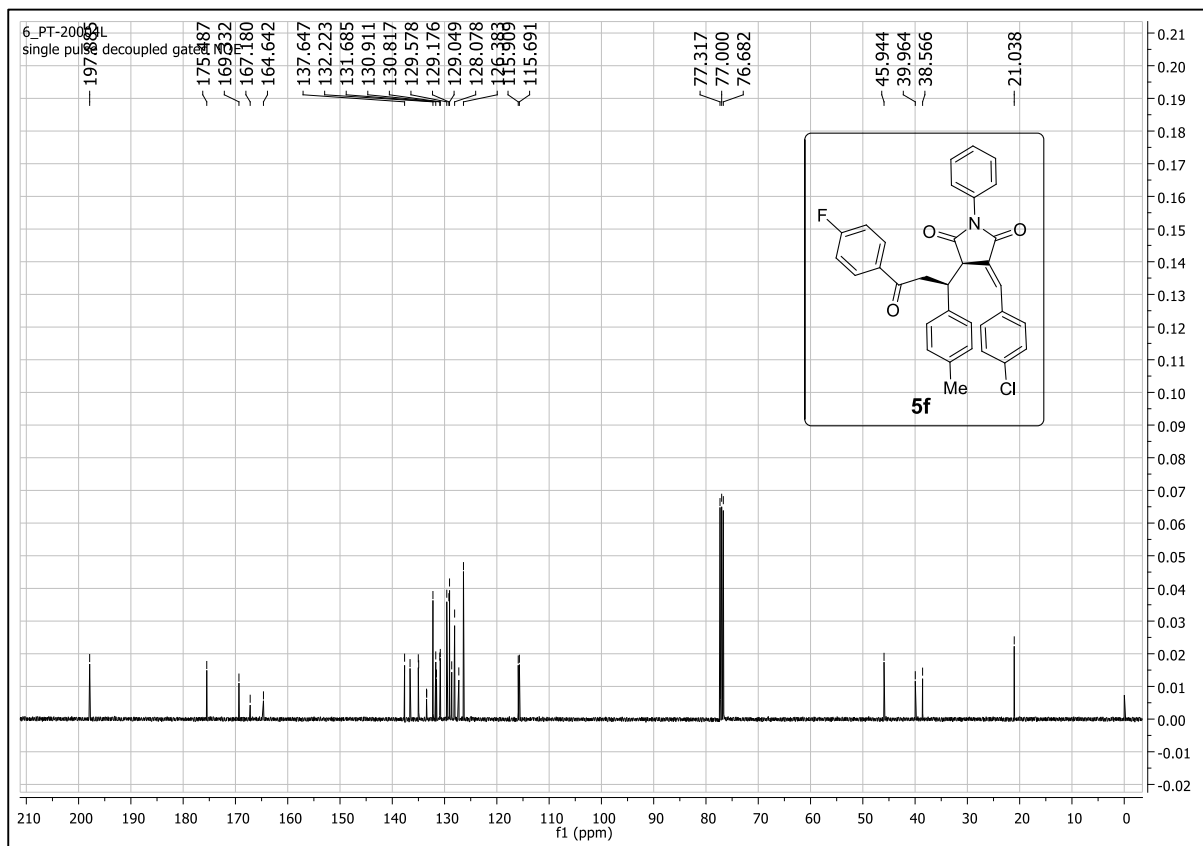
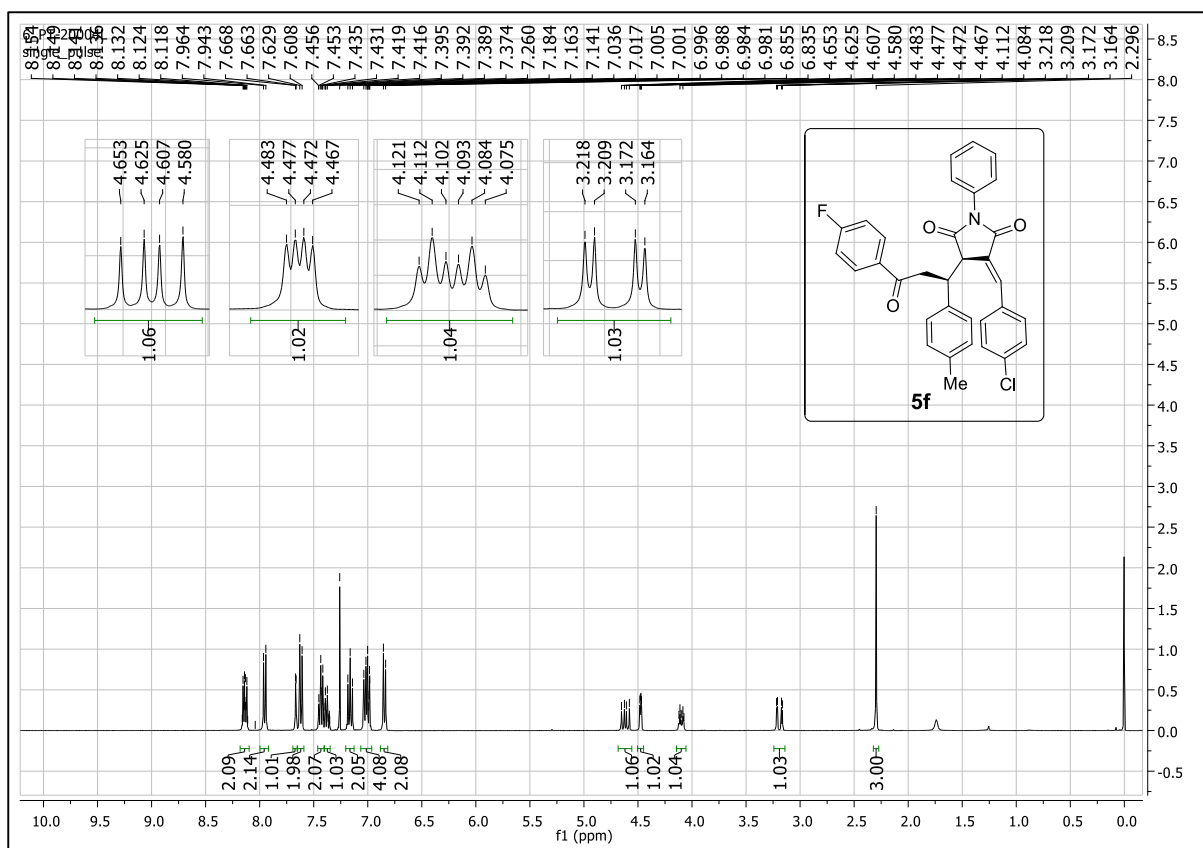


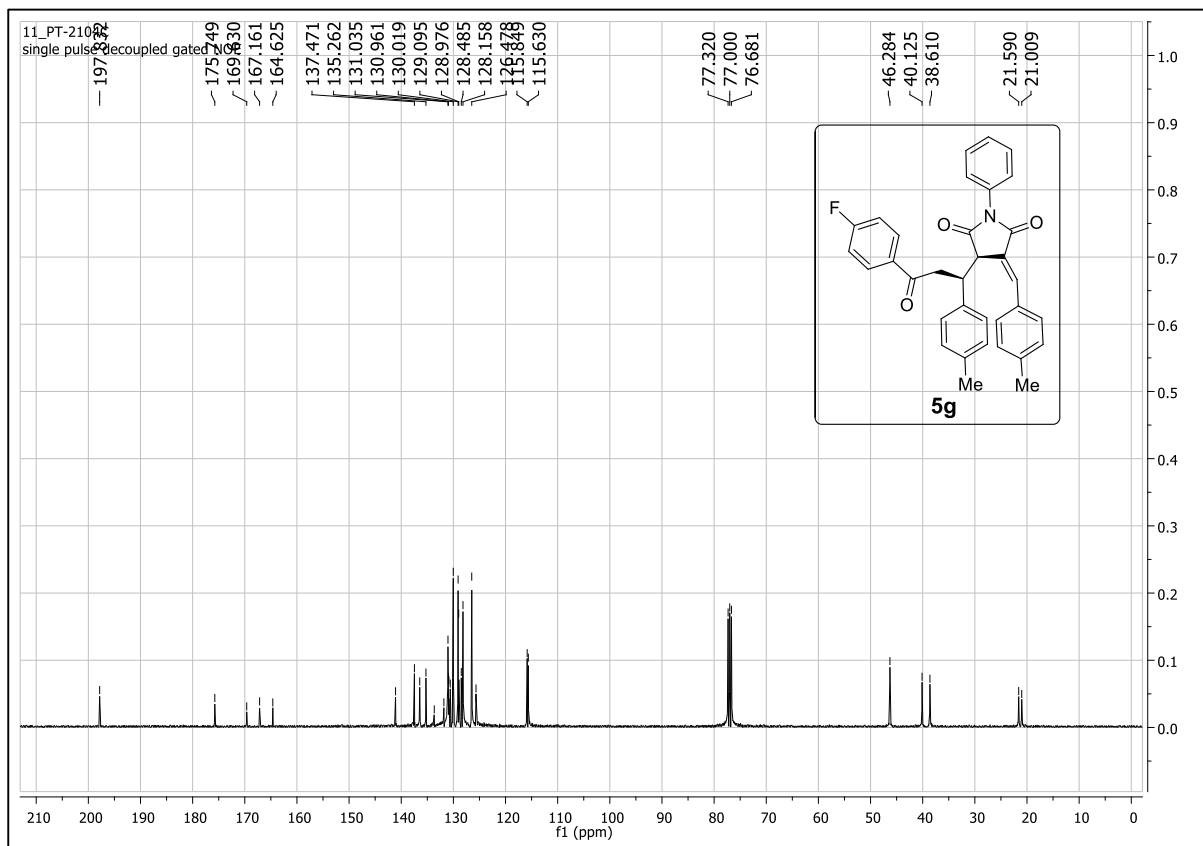
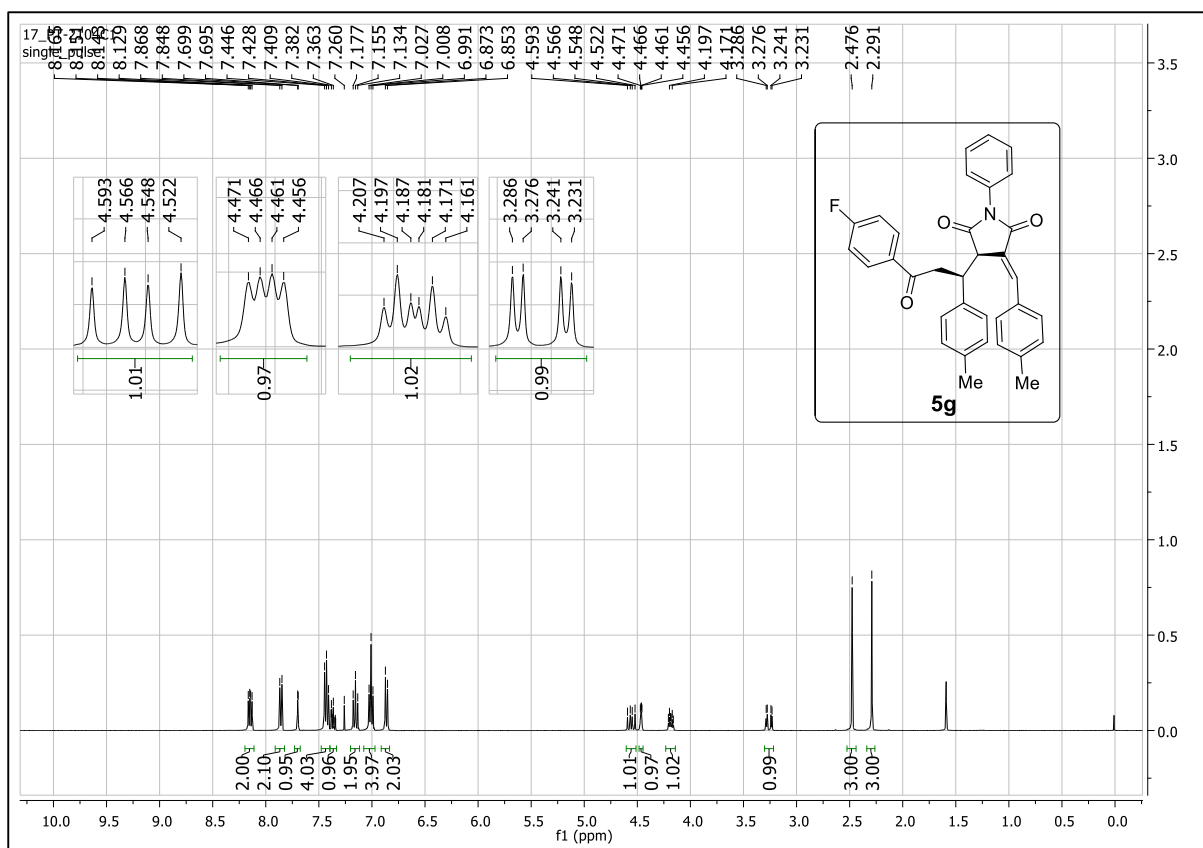


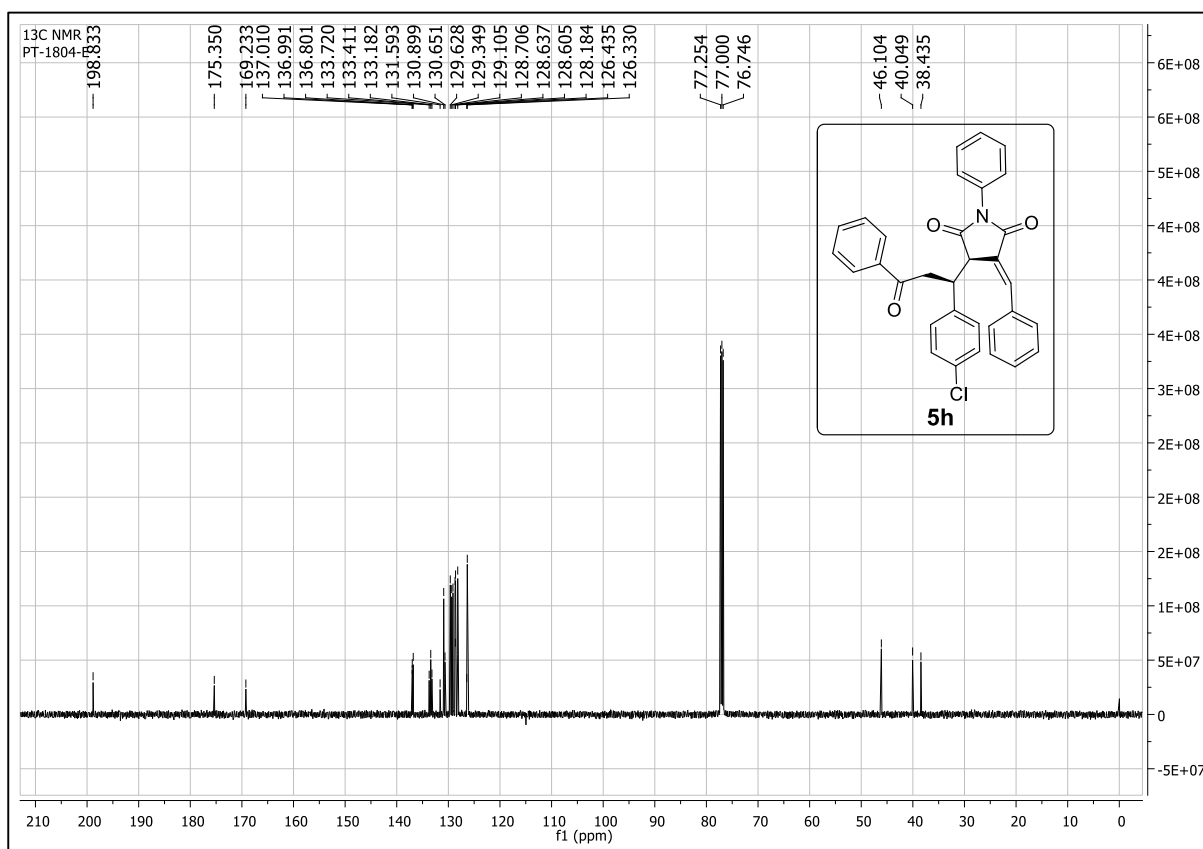
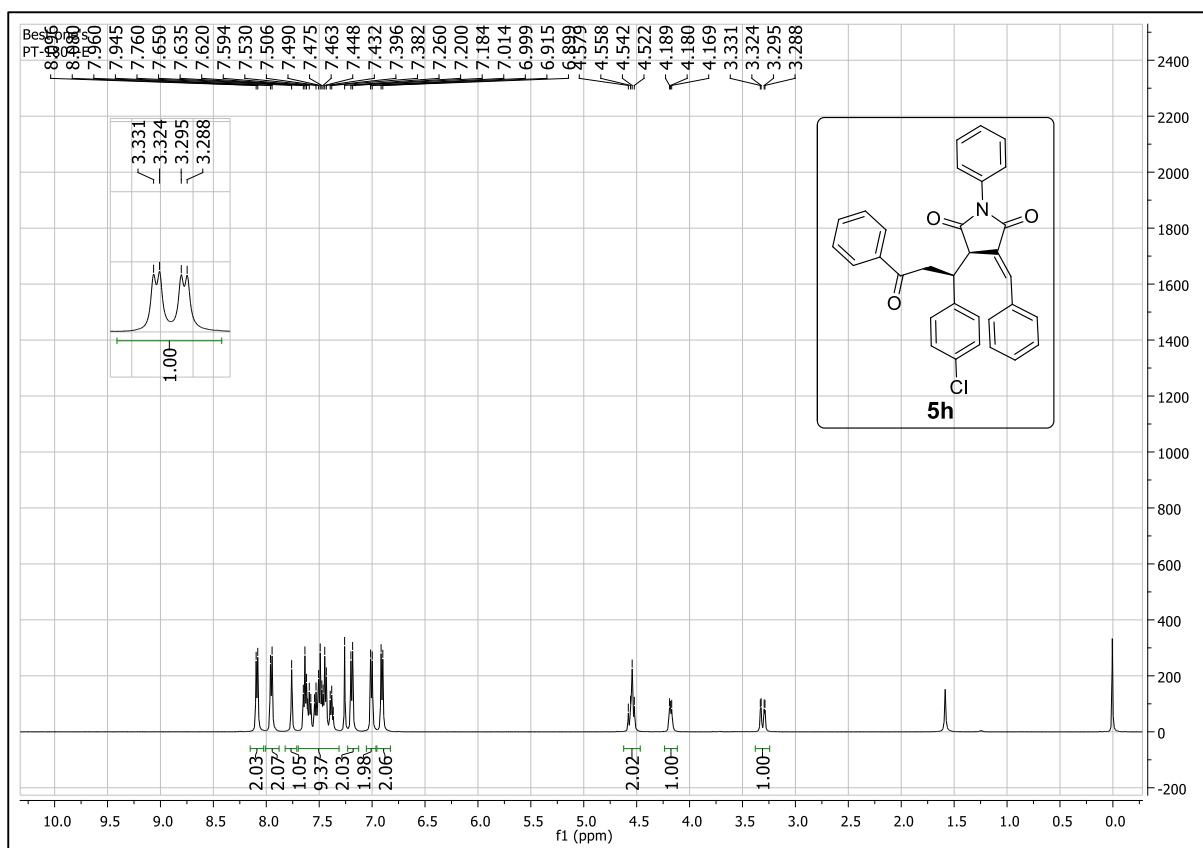


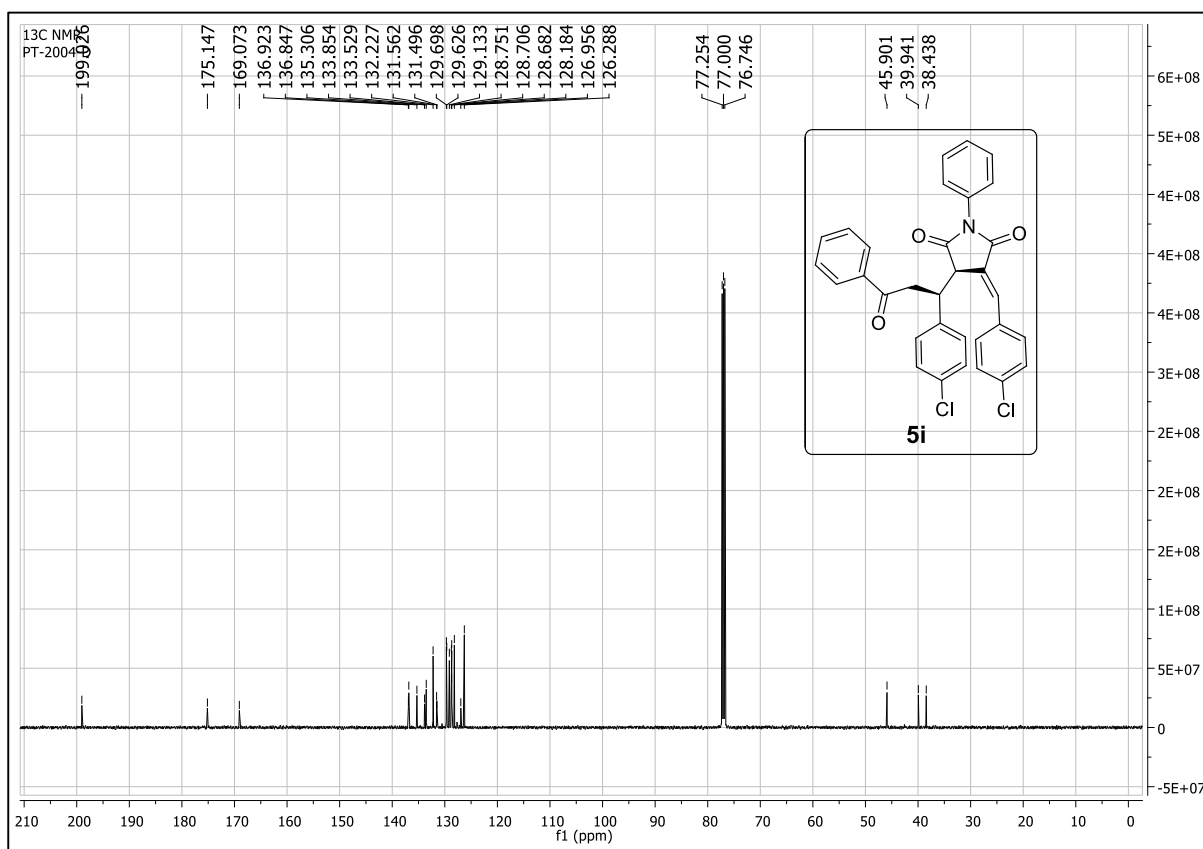
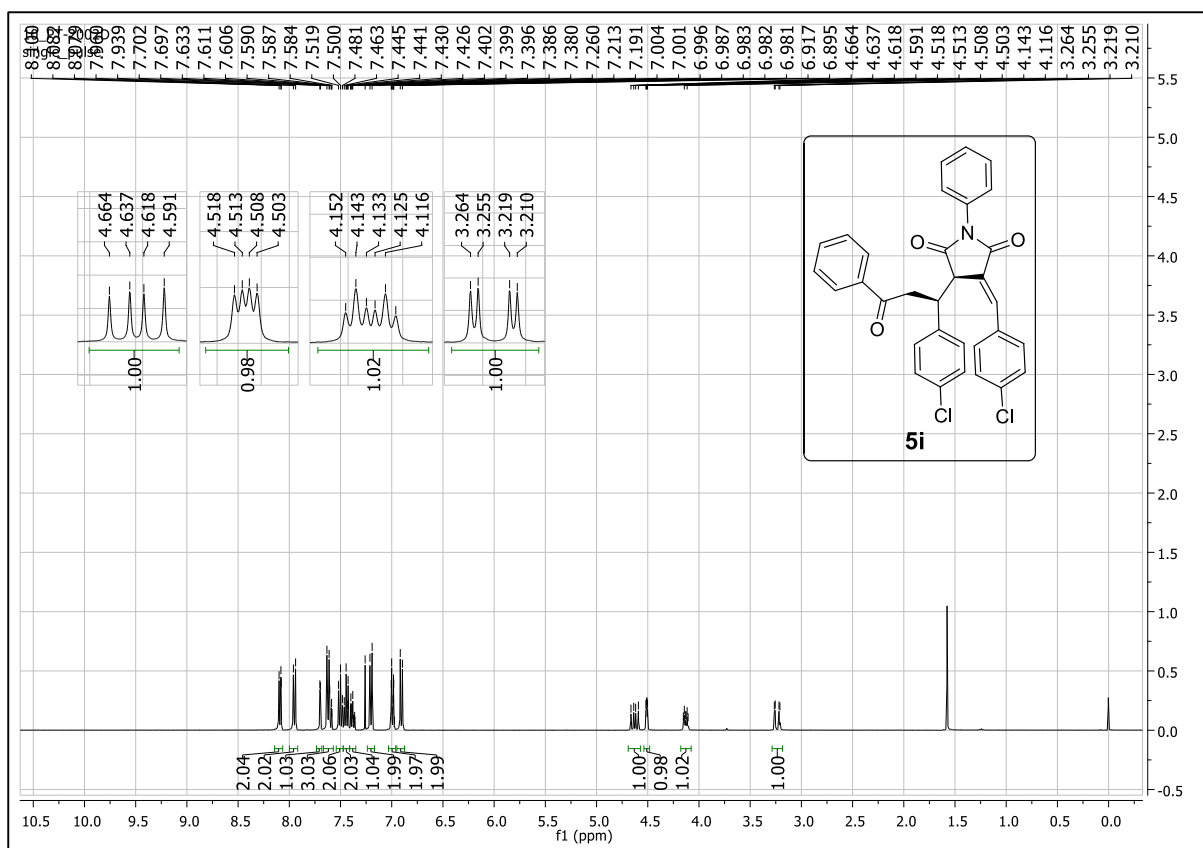


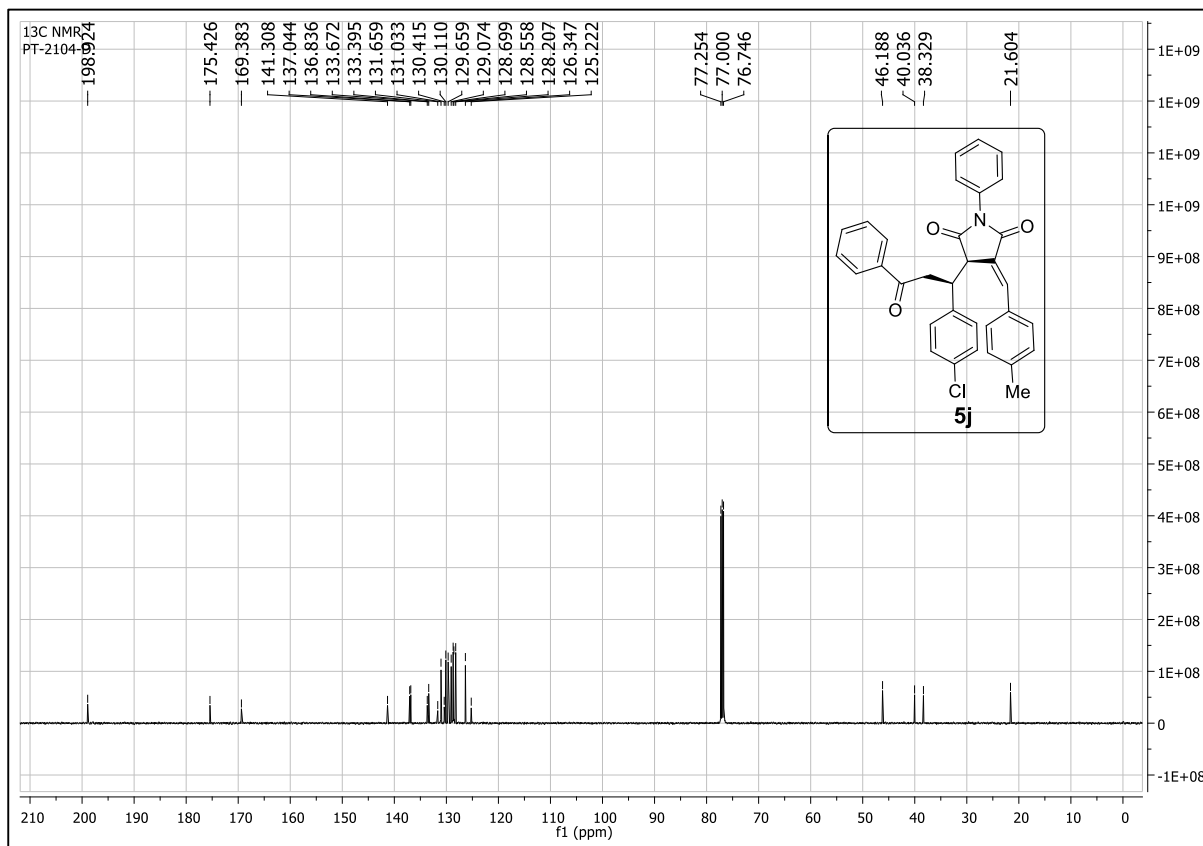
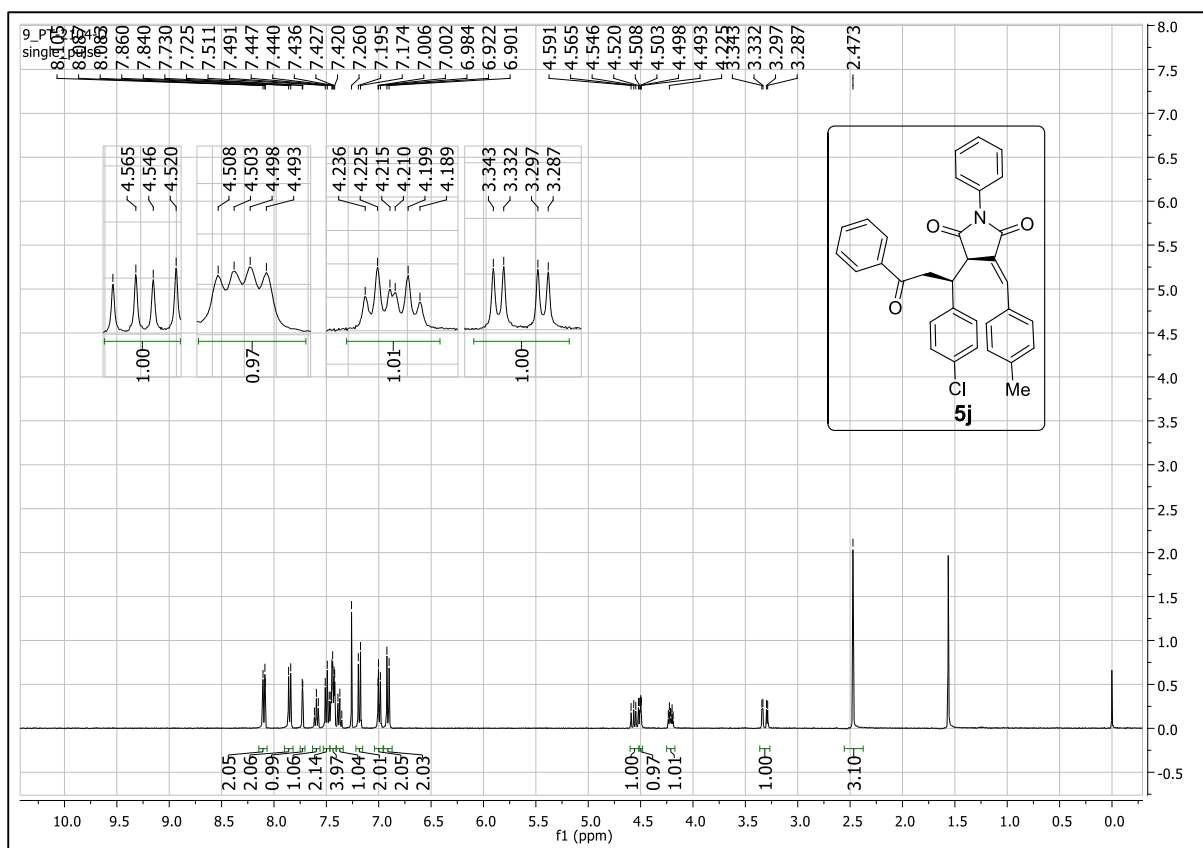


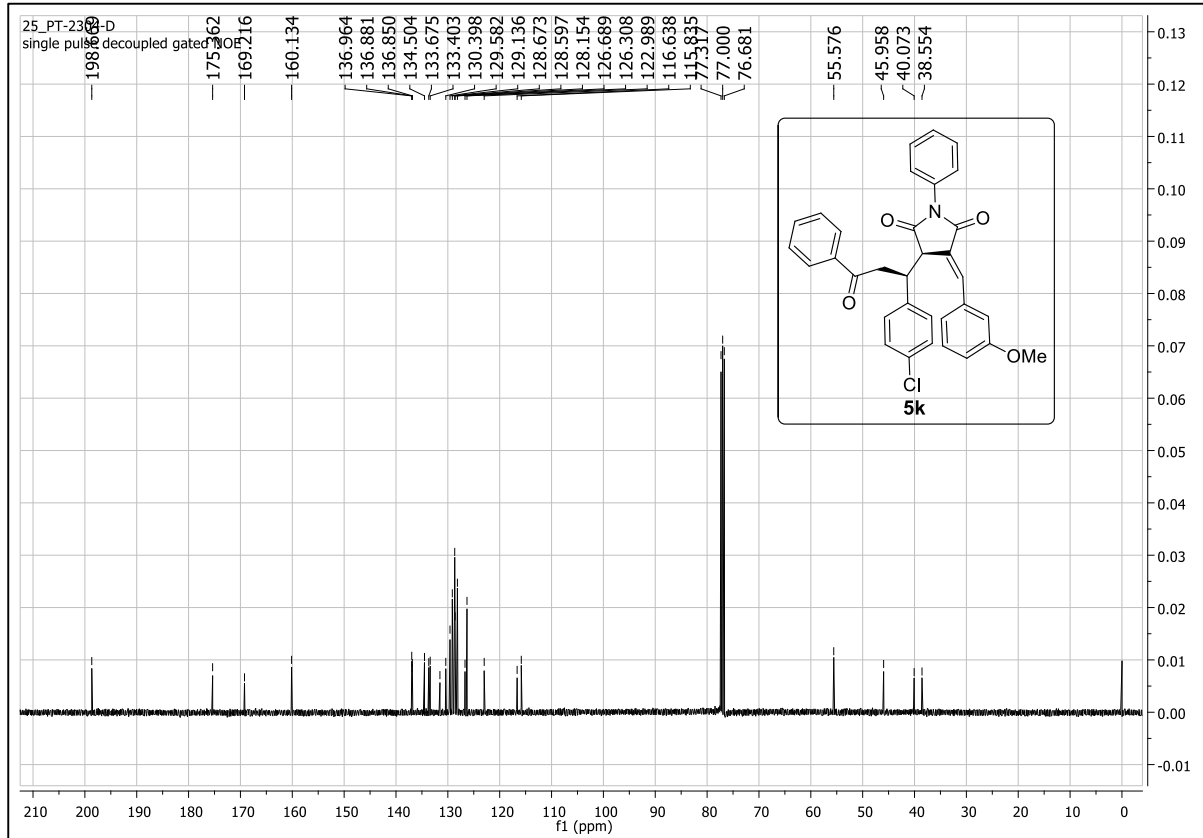
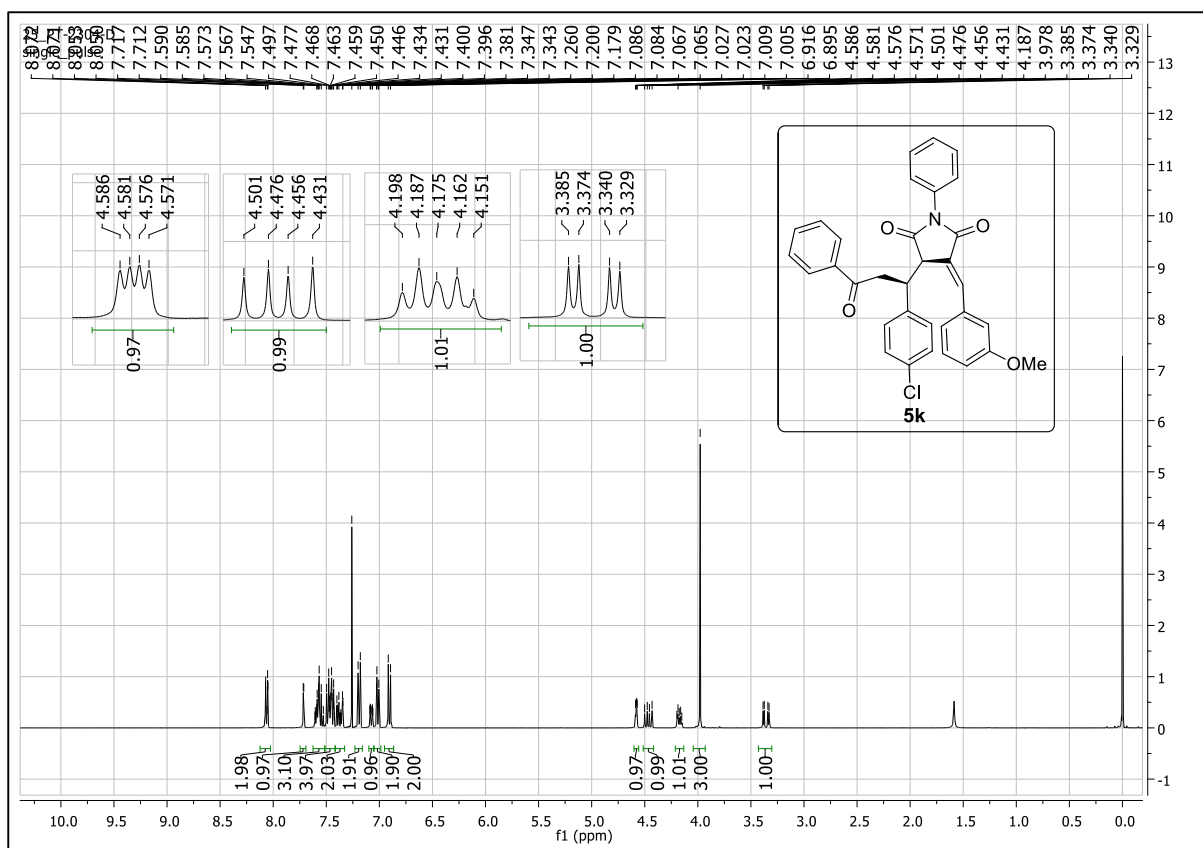


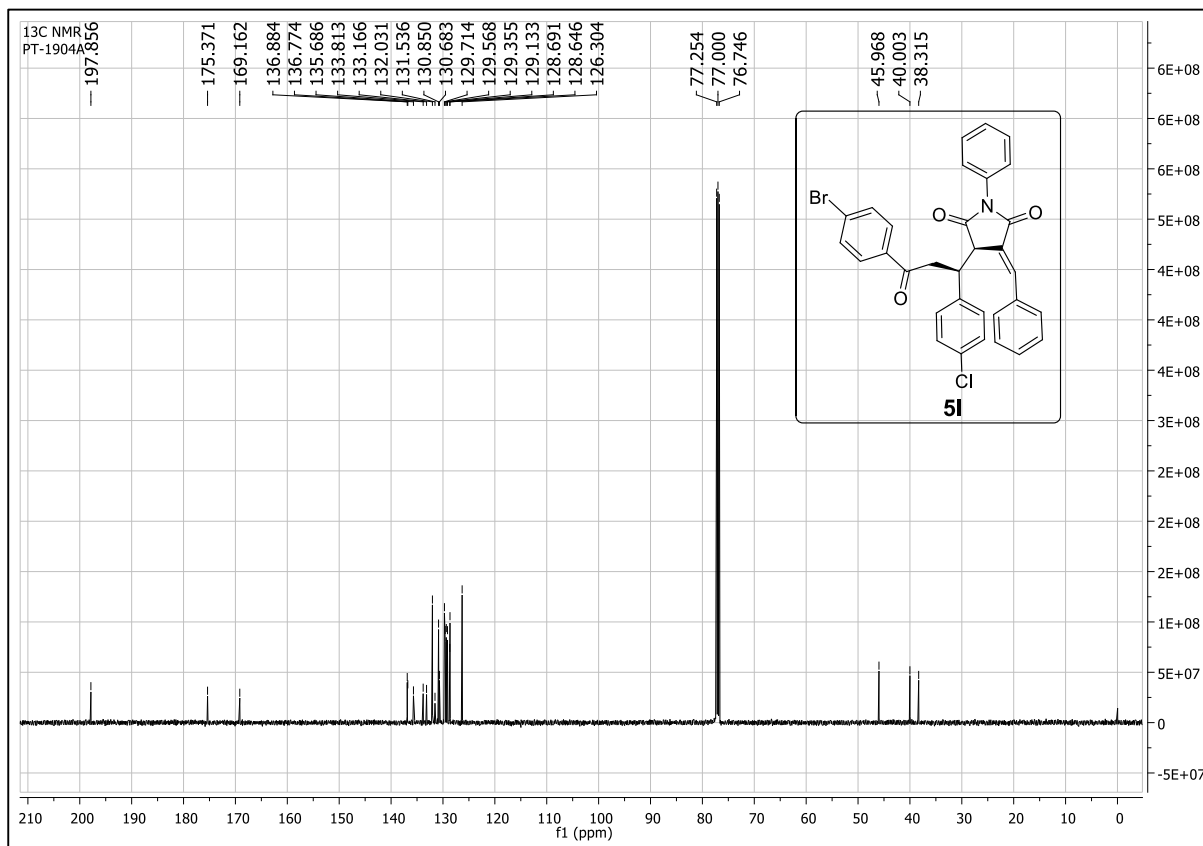
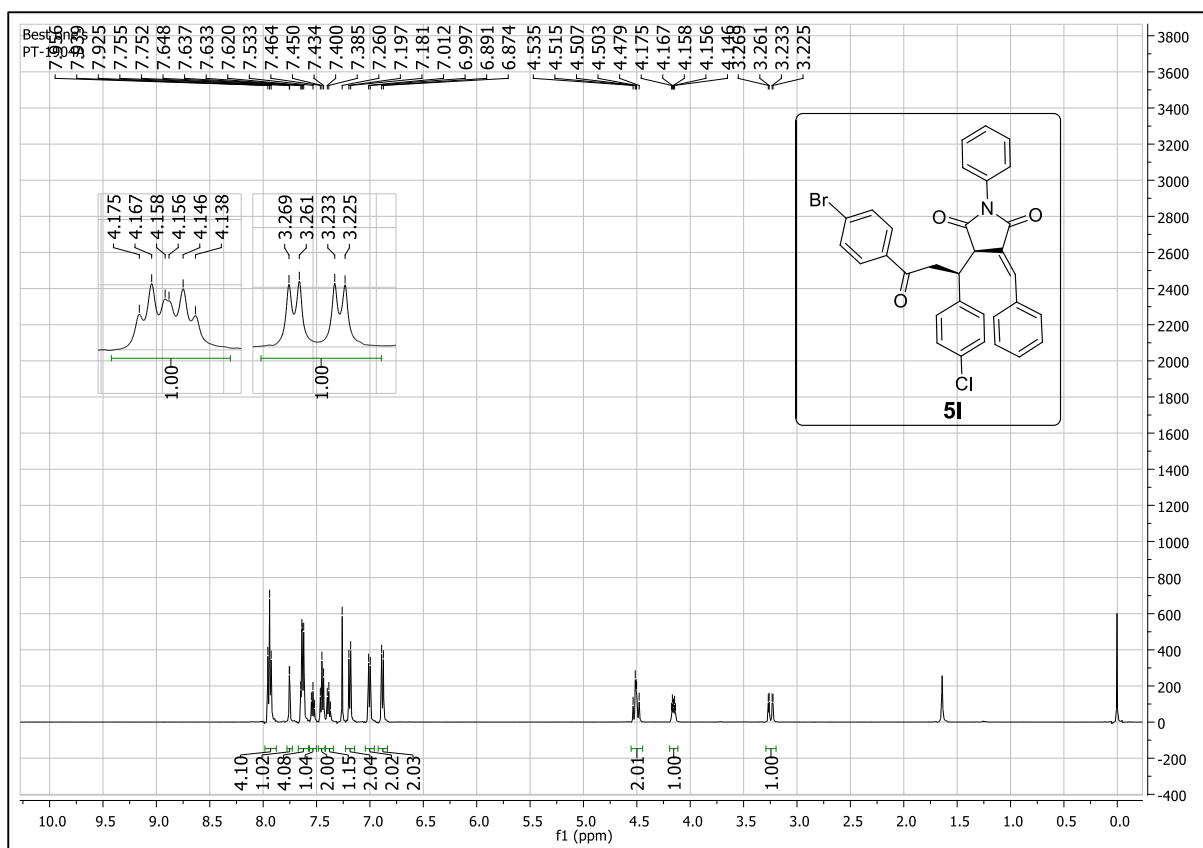


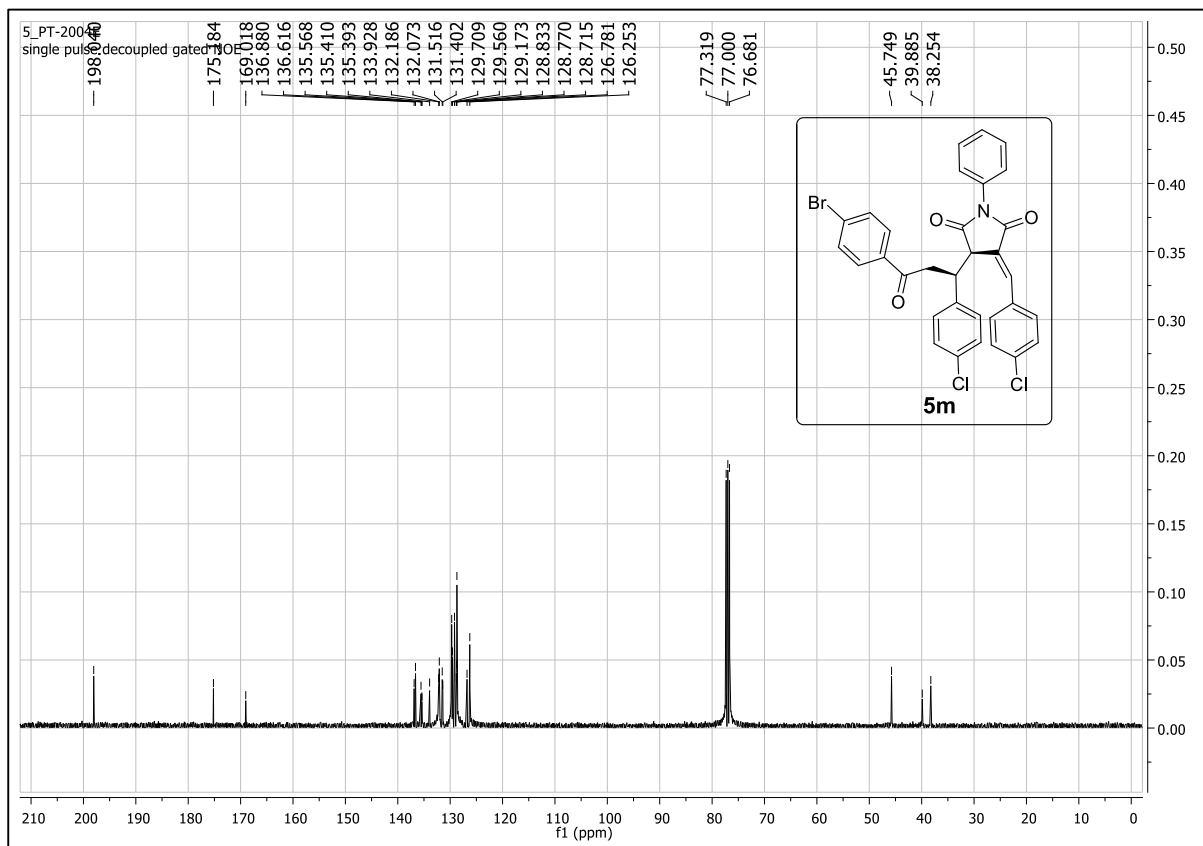
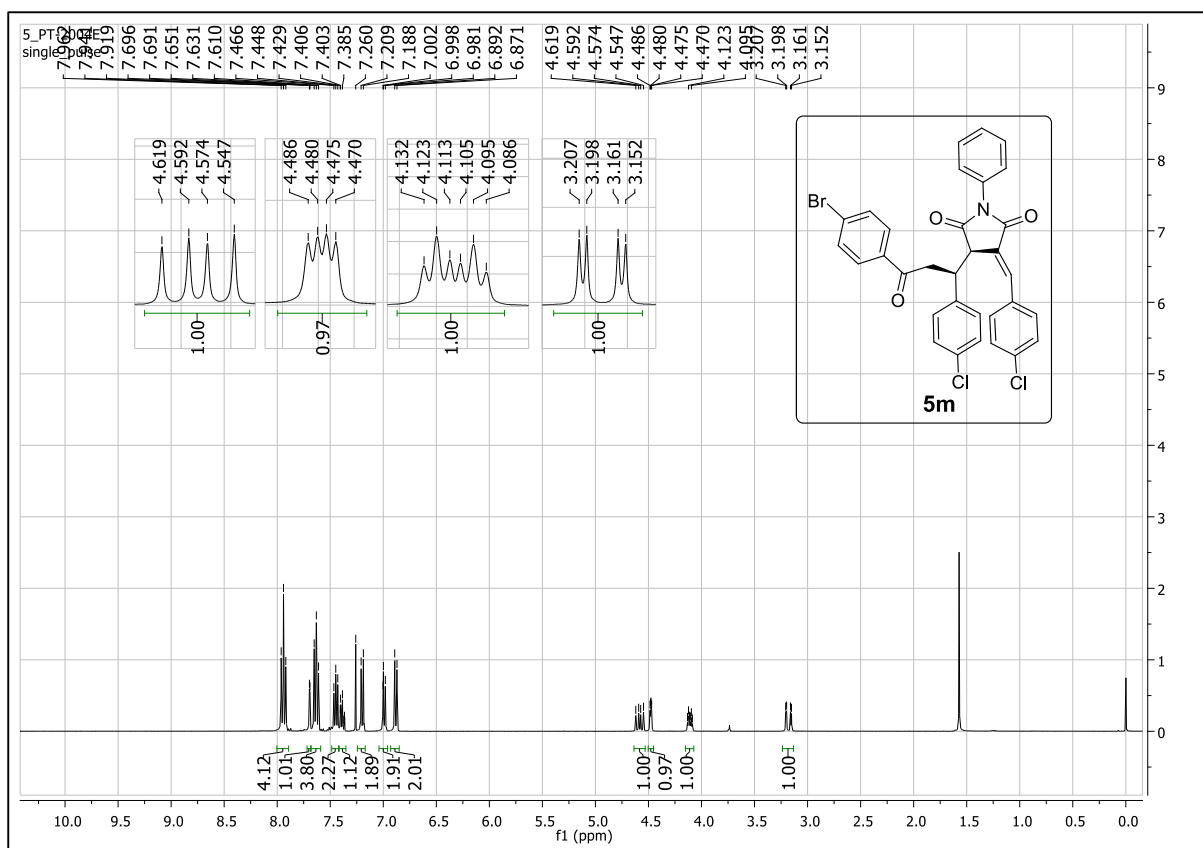


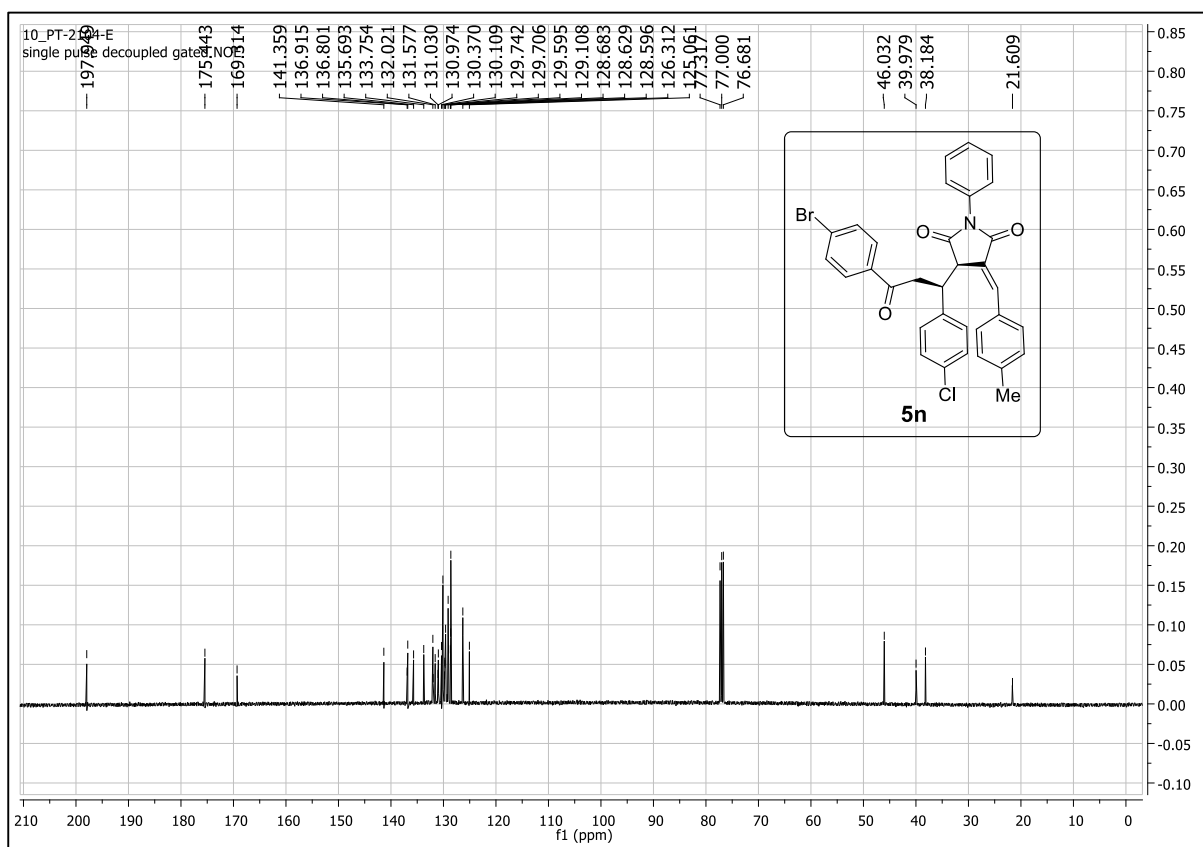
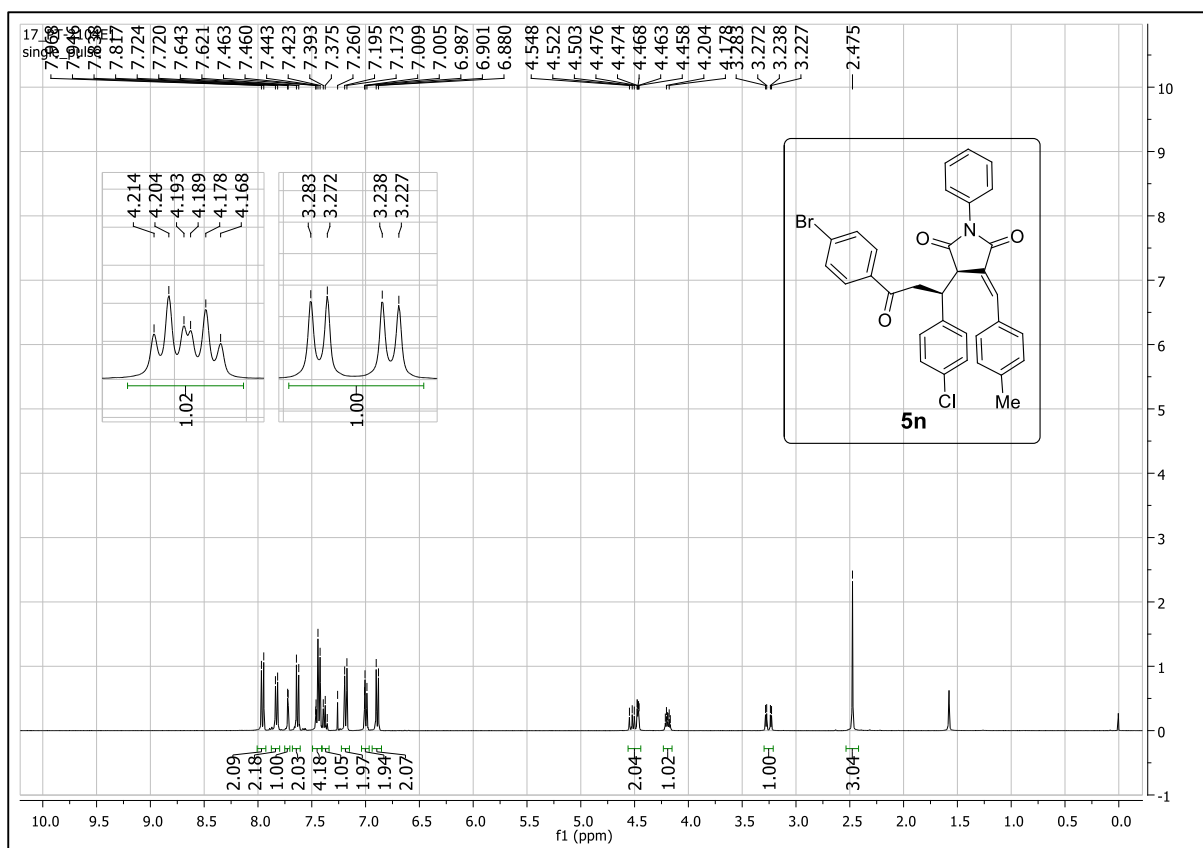


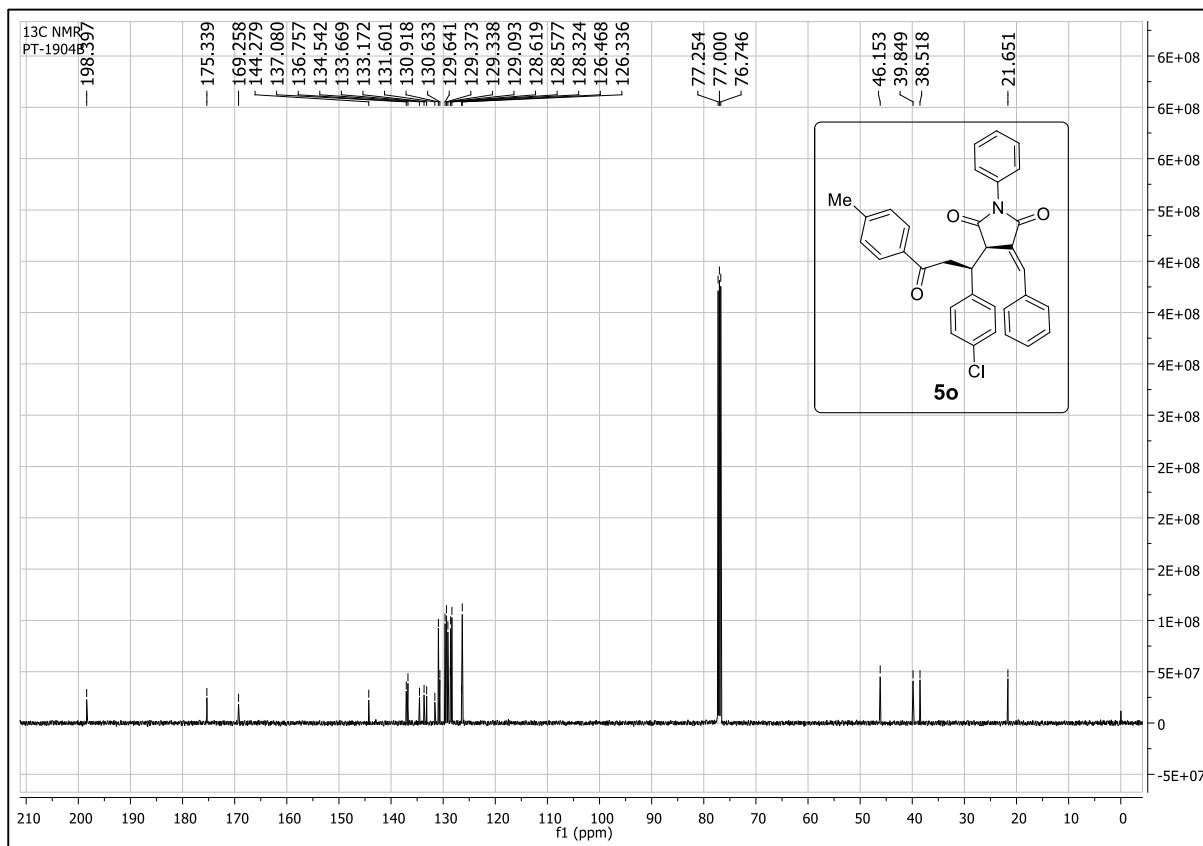
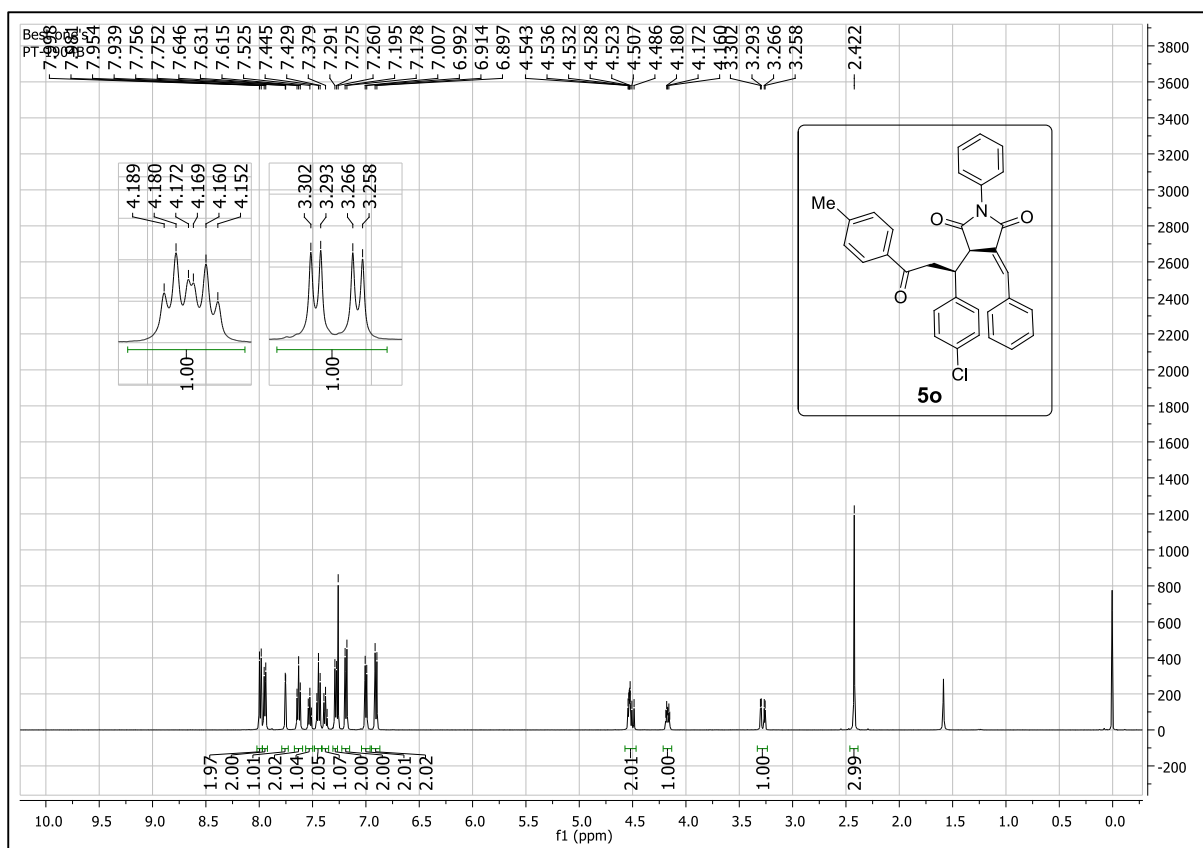


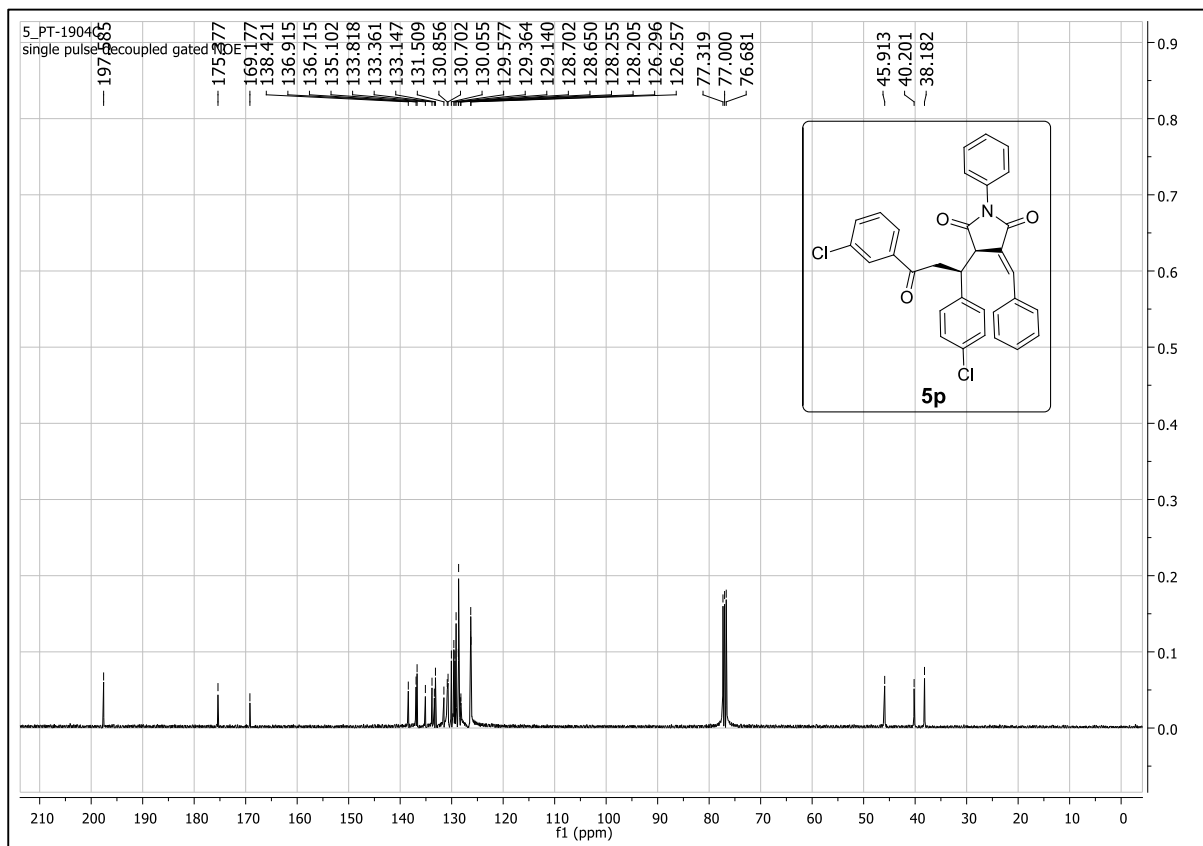
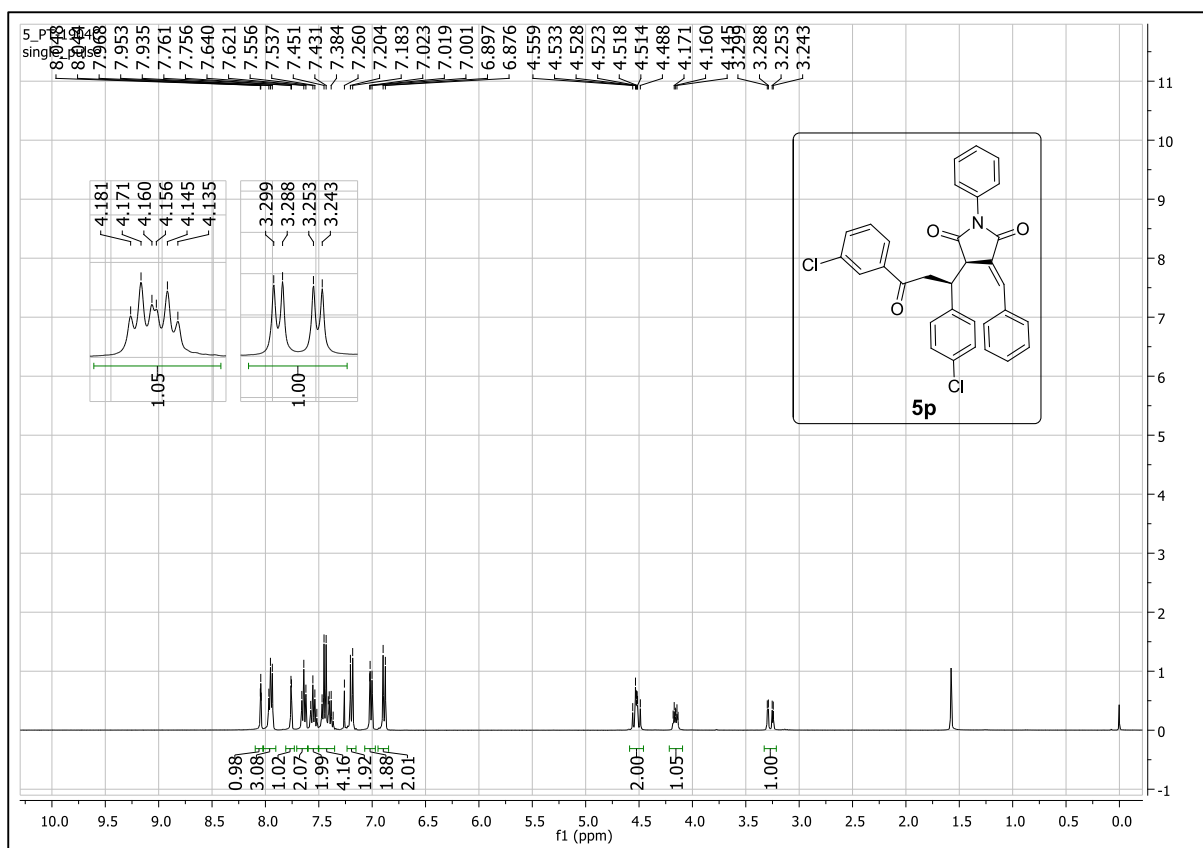


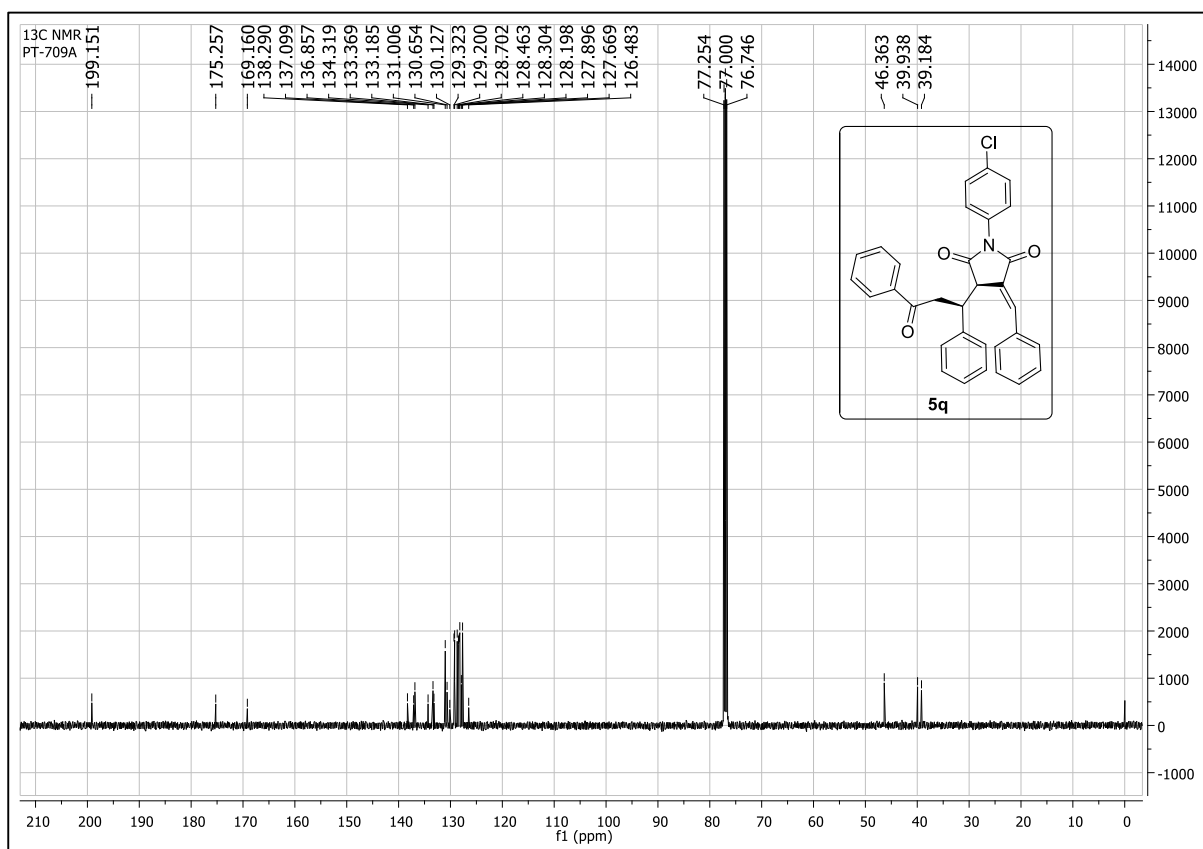
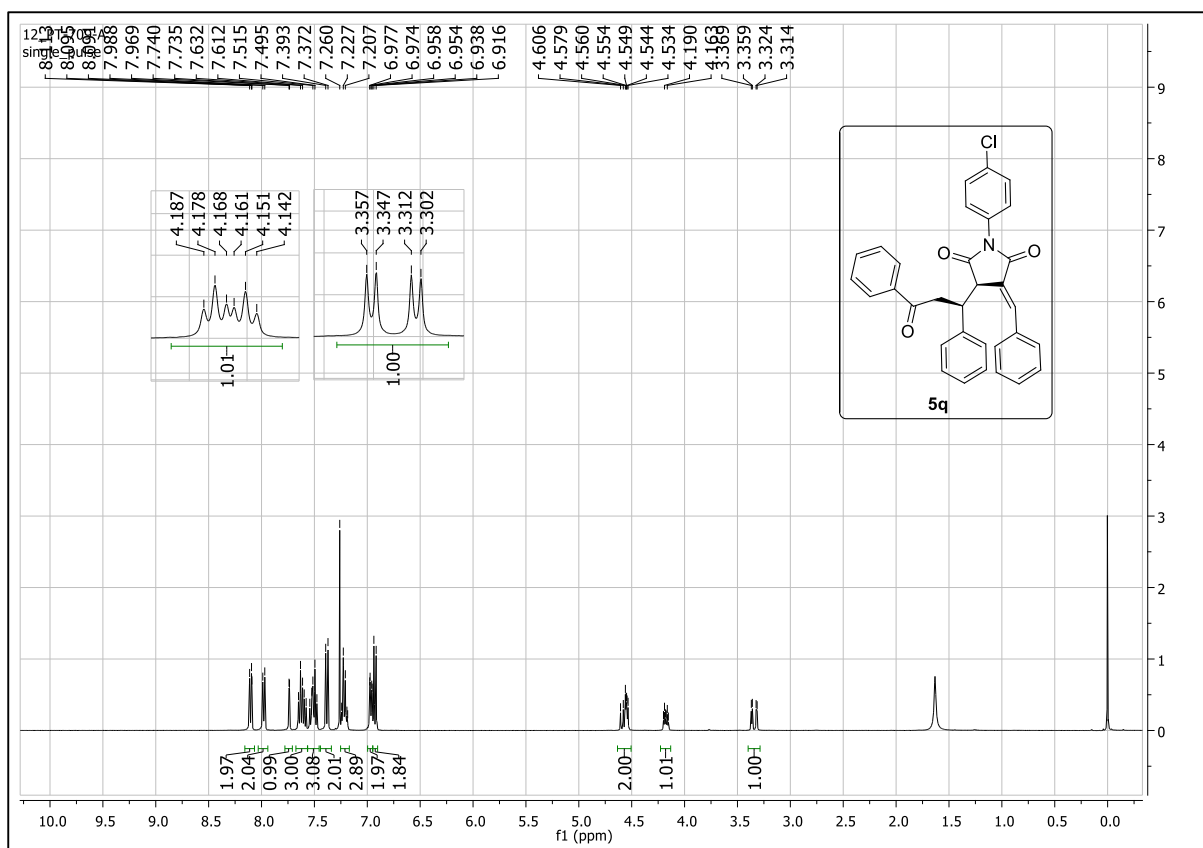


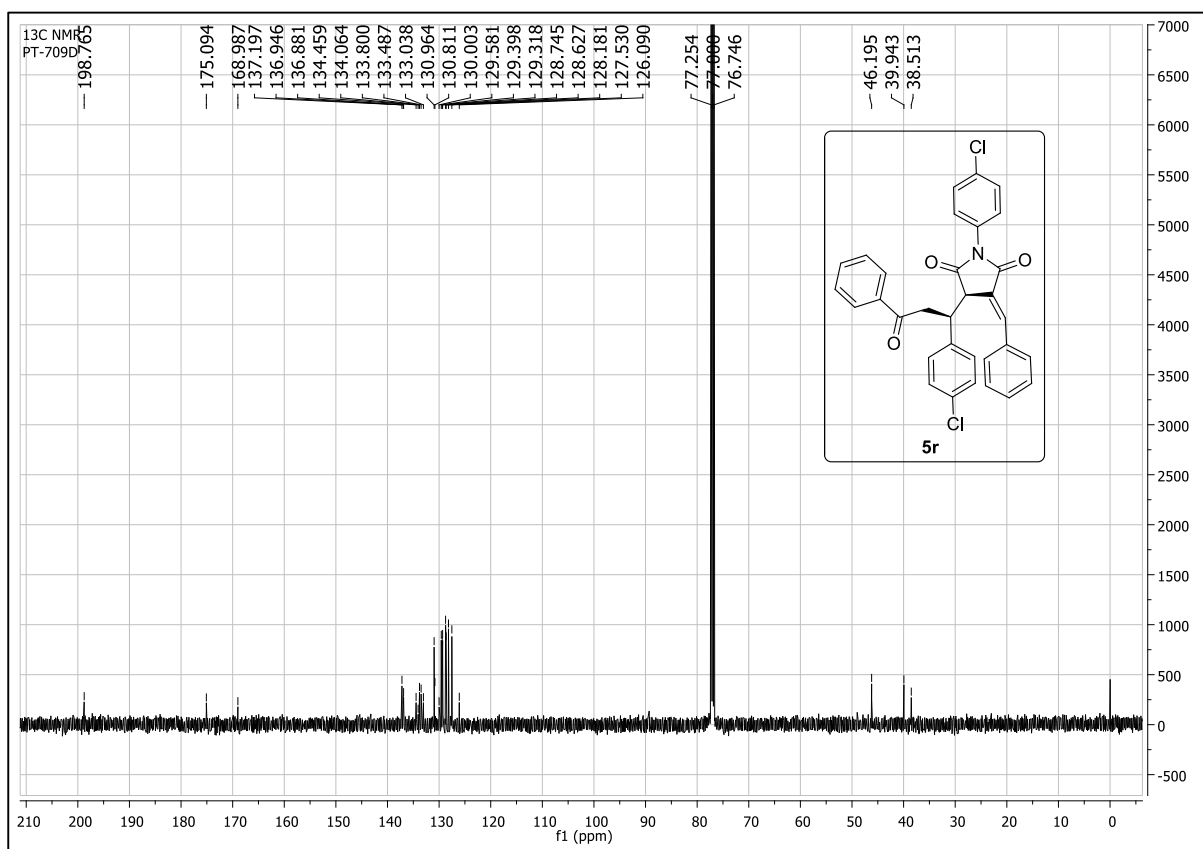
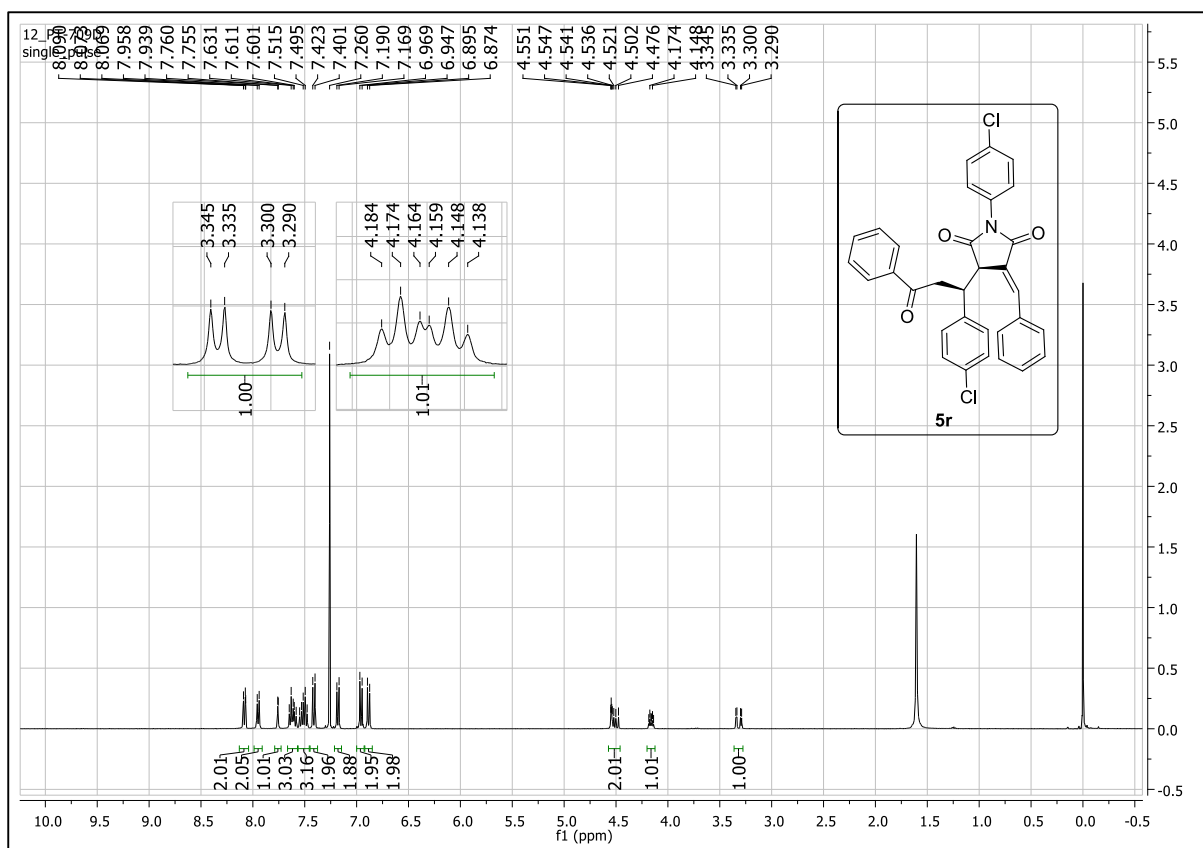


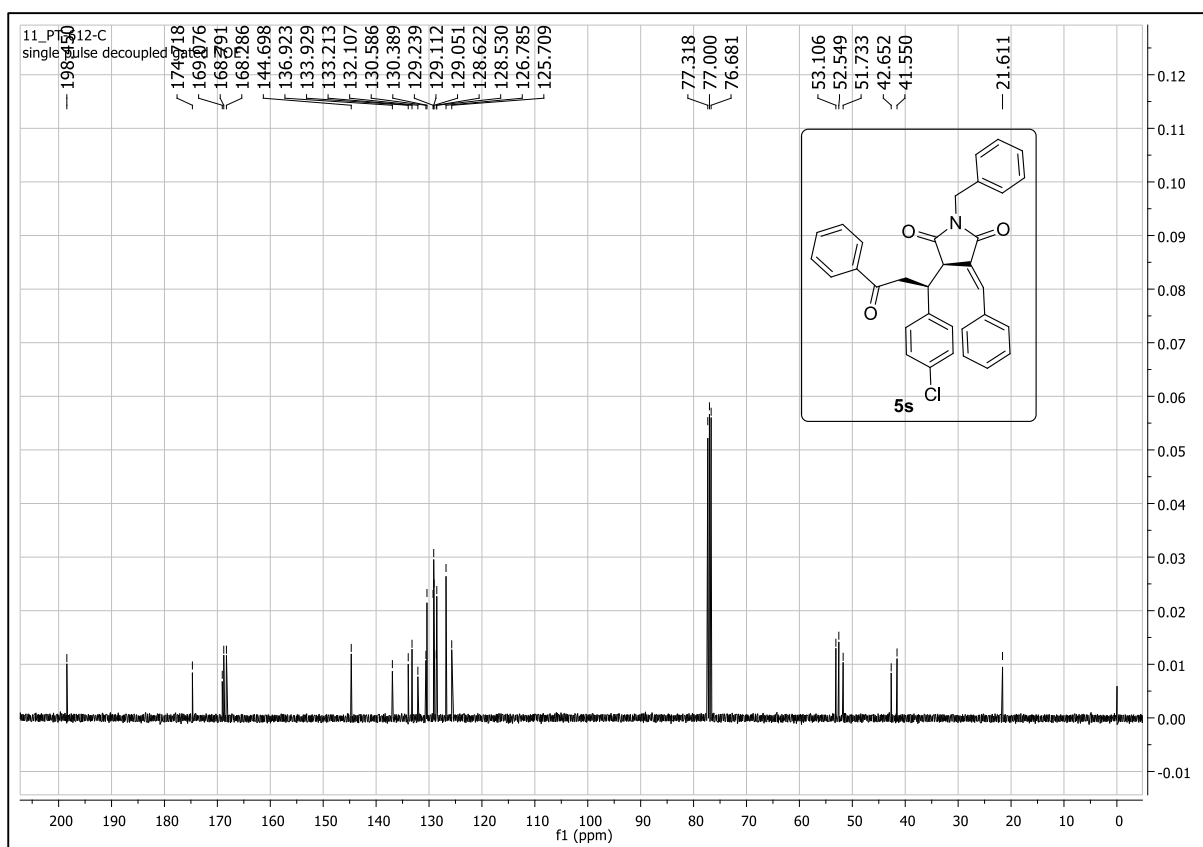
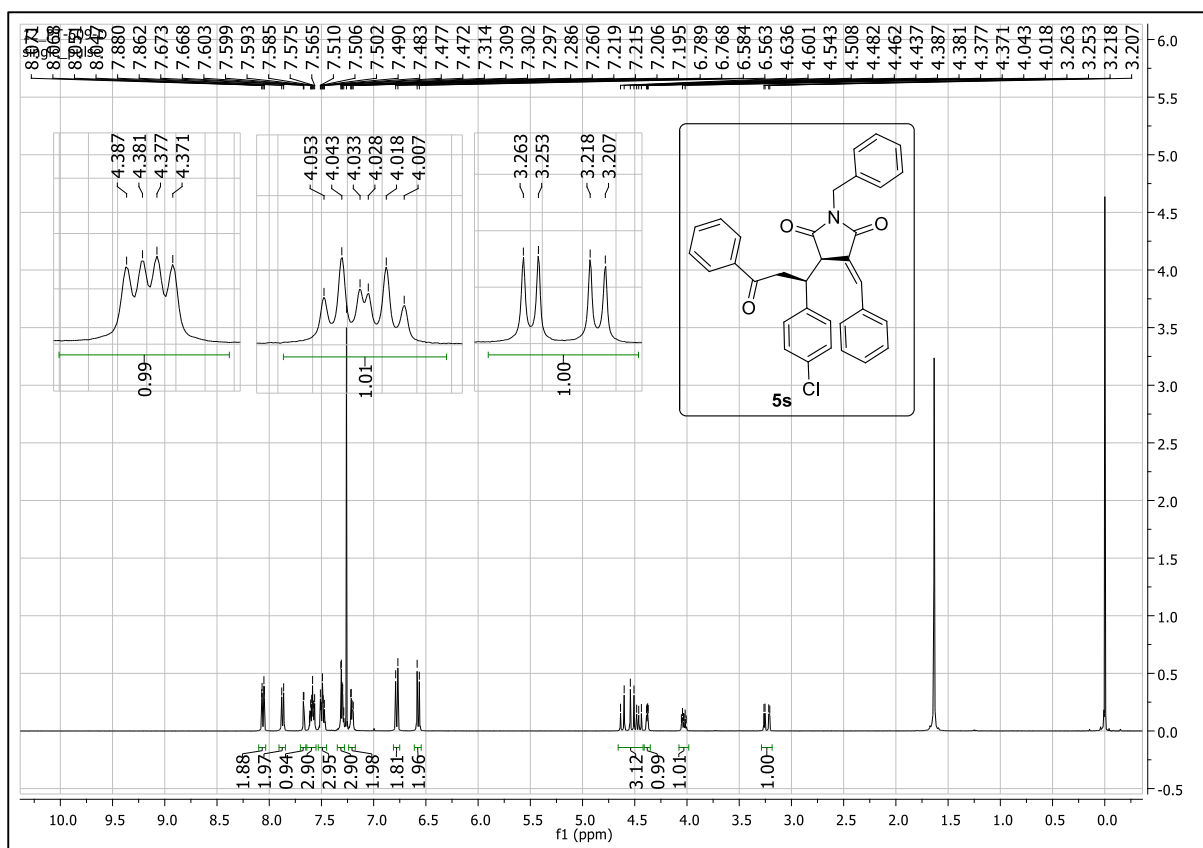


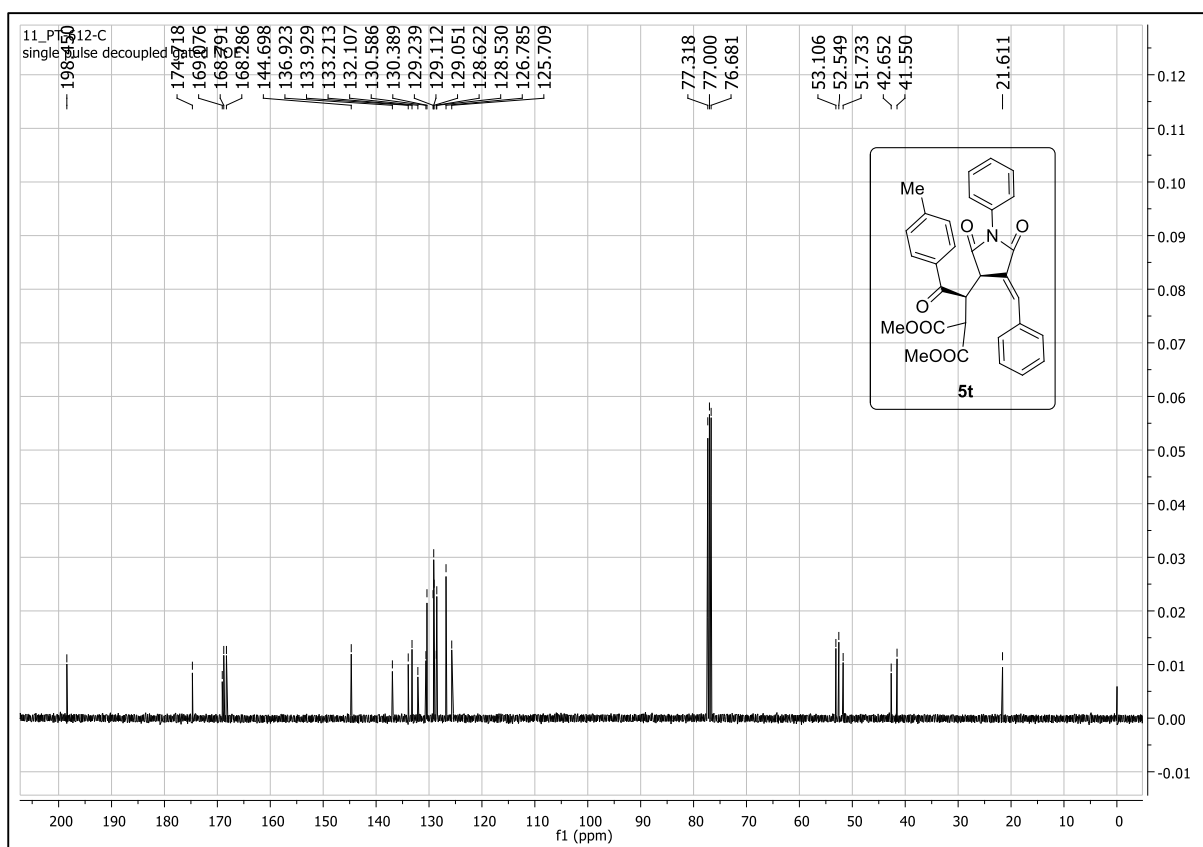
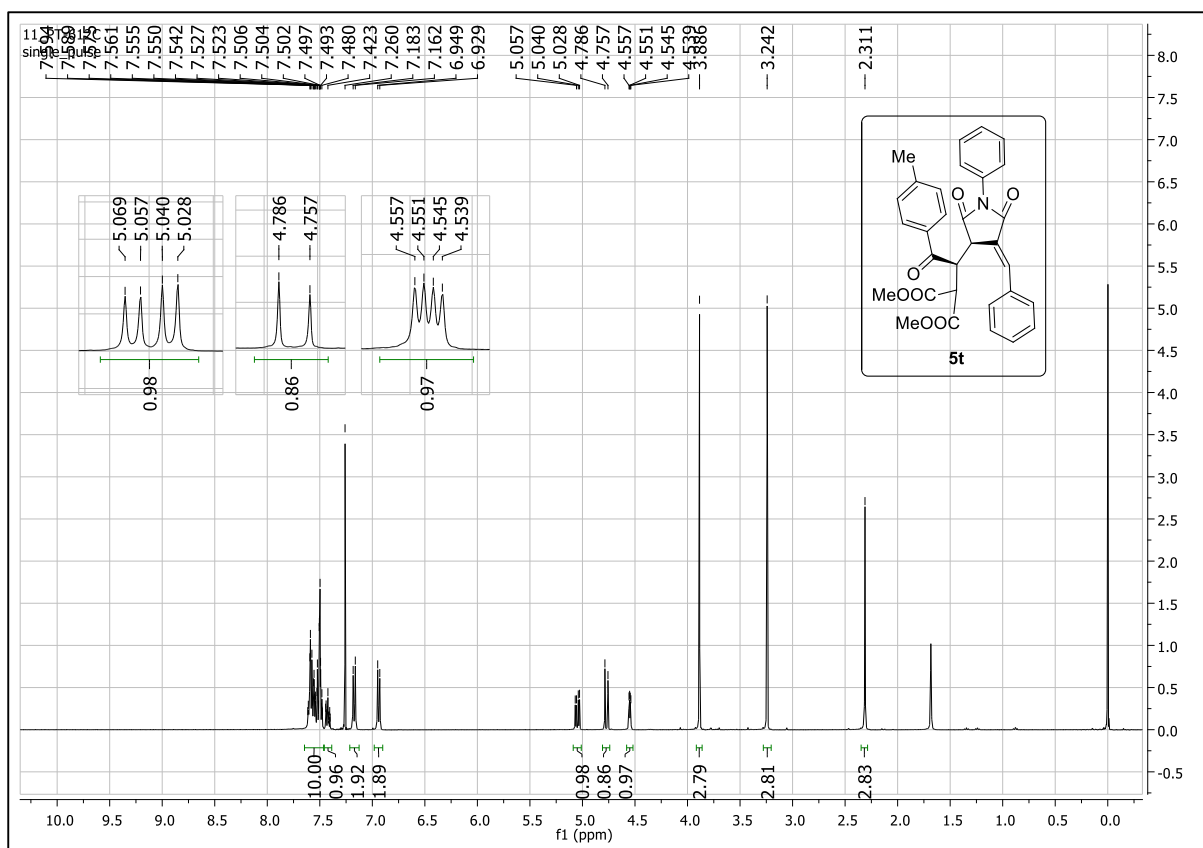












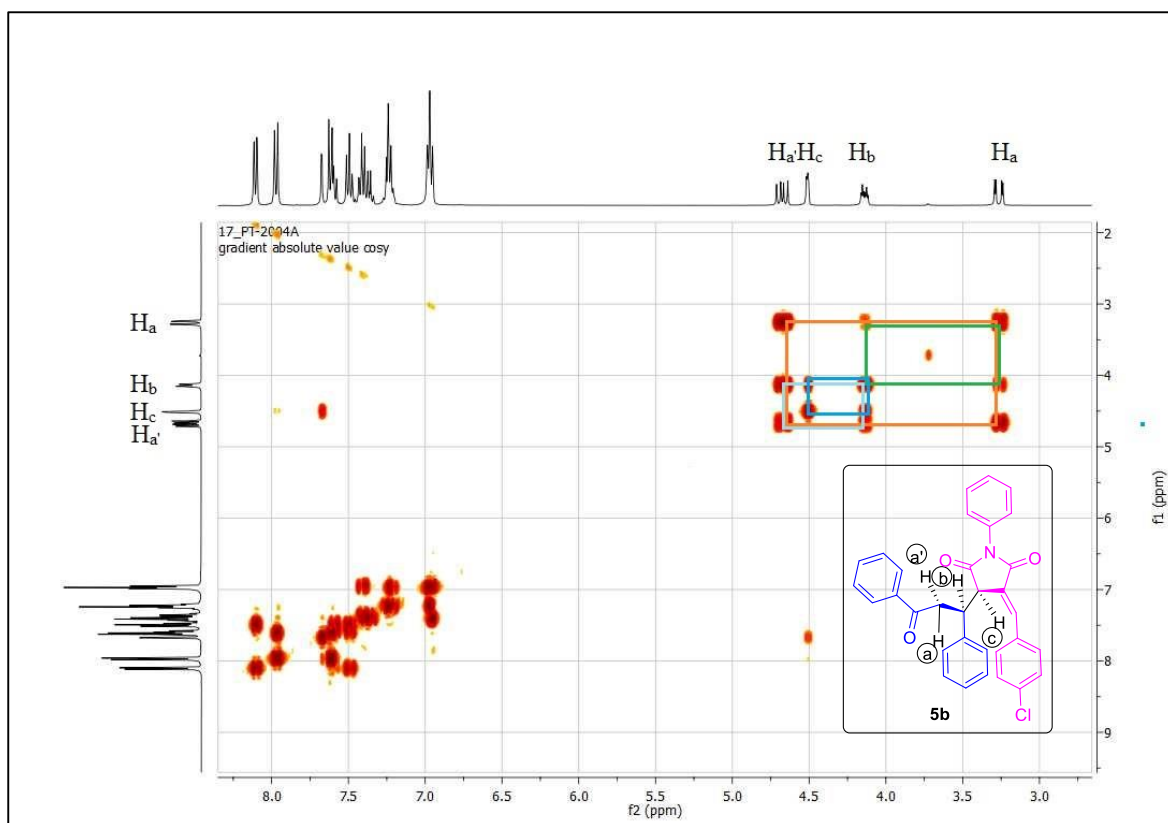


Figure S9: ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of **5b**.

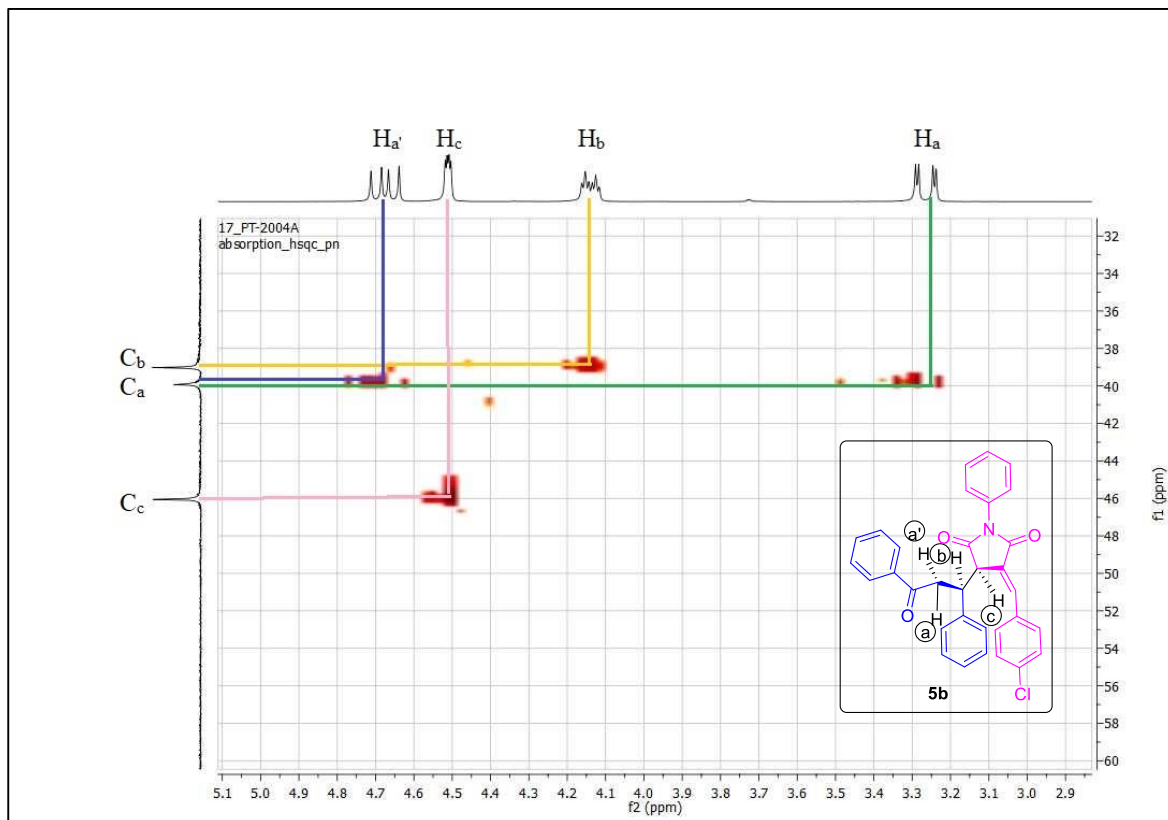


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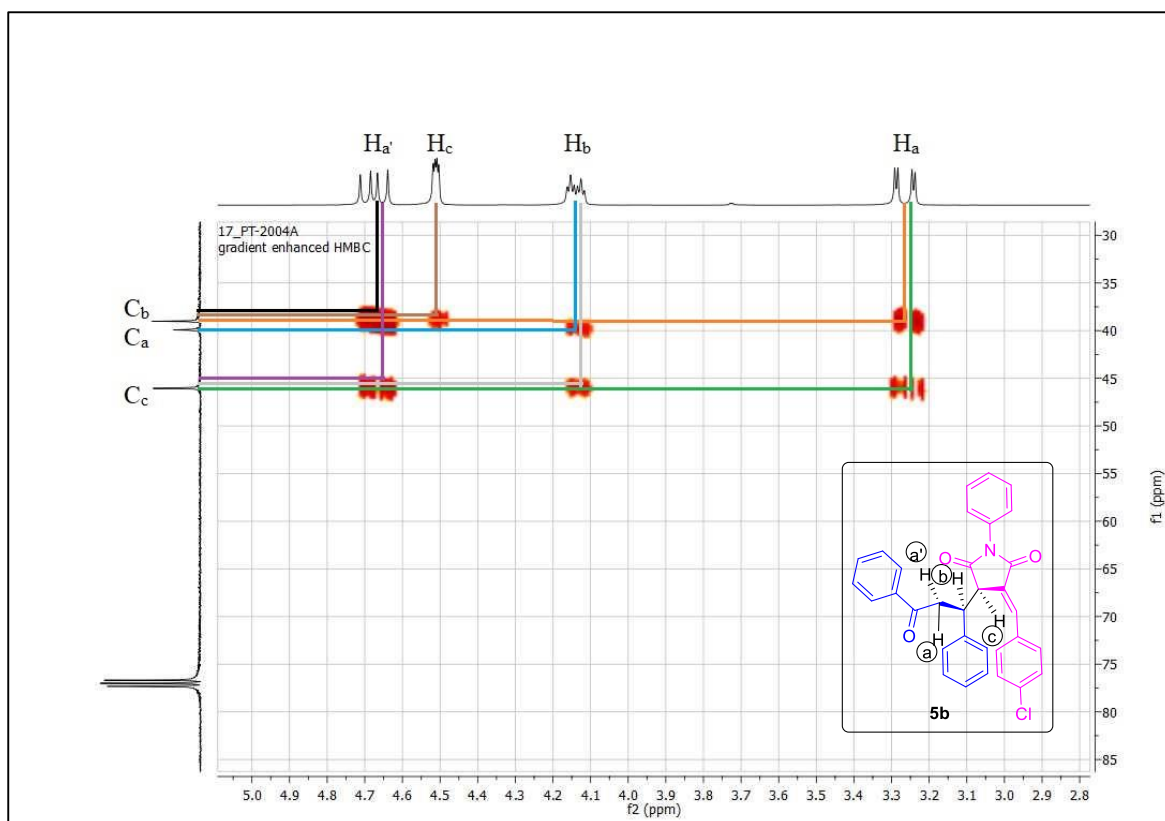


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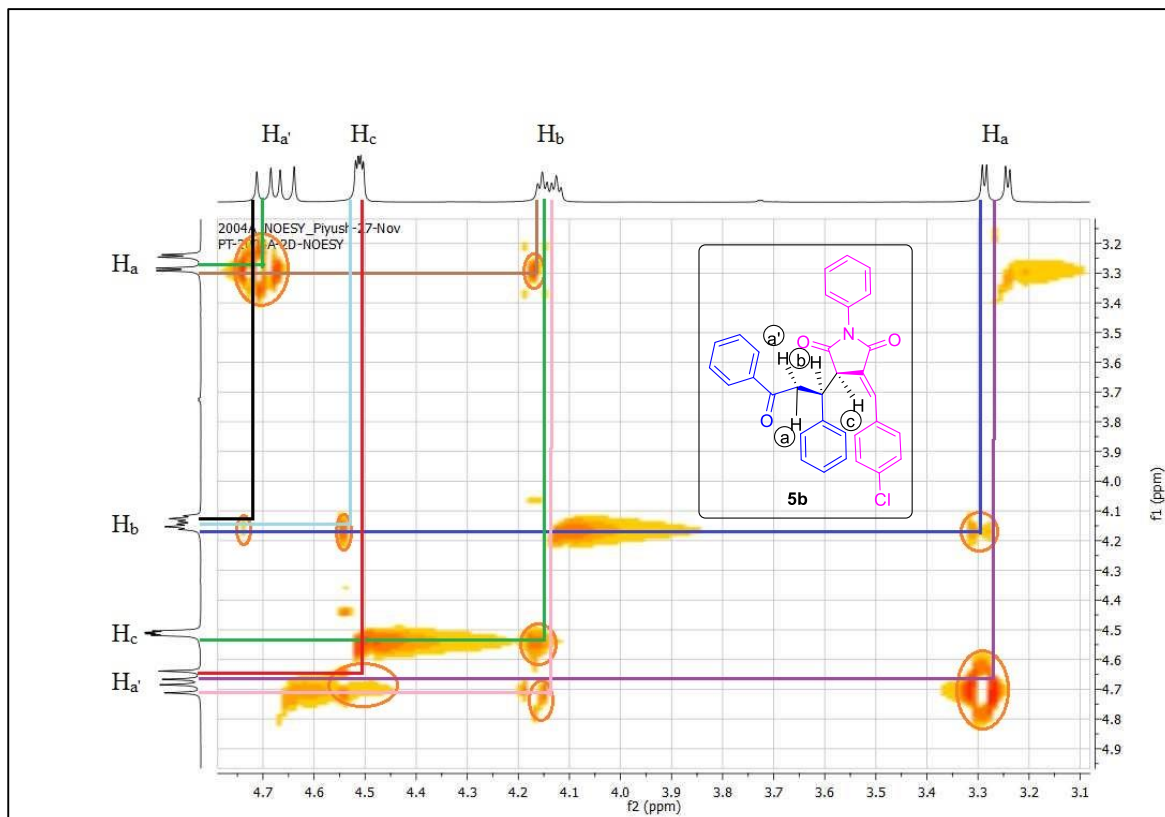


Figure S12: ^1H - ^1H NOESY spectrum of **5b**.