

Supporting Information for

Stereoselective Construction of Deoxy-Cruciferane Alkaloids by NHC-Catalyzed Intramolecular Annulation of Homoenolate with Quinazolinone

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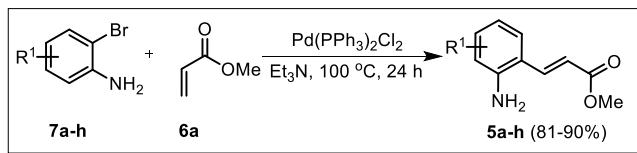
1. General Information:

All reagents and solvents were used as received from commercial sources unless and otherwise noted. THF was freshly distilled over benzophenone-ketyl under an atmosphere of argon. Toluene was dried by distillation over sodium wire under argon atmosphere and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves. All experiments were performed under an argon atmosphere. Precoated plates (silica gel 60 PF254, 0.25 or 0.50 mm) were utilized for thin-layer chromatography (TLC). Column chromatographic purifications were carried out on flash silica-gel (240-400 mesh) or neutral alumina (70-230 mesh) using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate or DCM:MeOH as eluents. The ^1H , ^{13}C , and distortionless enhancement by polarization transfer (DEPT)-NMR spectra were recorded on 200/400/500 and 100/125 MHz NMR spectrometers, respectively in CDCl_3 . Chemical shifts are reported as δ values from standard peaks. The multiplicities of signals are designated by the following abbreviations: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint. (quintet), m (multiplet). Coupling constants (J) are reported in hertz. Optical rotations were measured with a P-2000 polarimeter at 589 nm. The enantiomeric ratio of deoxy-cruciferanes was determined by chiral HPLC analysis using Agilent technologies 1260 Infinity series. Single-crystal X-ray intensity data measurements of compound **2a** was carried out on Bruker D8 VENTURE Kappa Duo PHOTON II CPAD diffractometer equipped with Incoatech multilayer mirrors optics. The intensity measurements were carried out with Mo micro-focus sealed tube diffraction source ($\text{CuK}_{\alpha} = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) at 100(2) K temperature. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed on a time-of-flight (TOF)/quadrupole-TOF mass spectrometer.

2. Experimental section:

[A] General Experimental Procedure for Aniline-esters 5a-h.

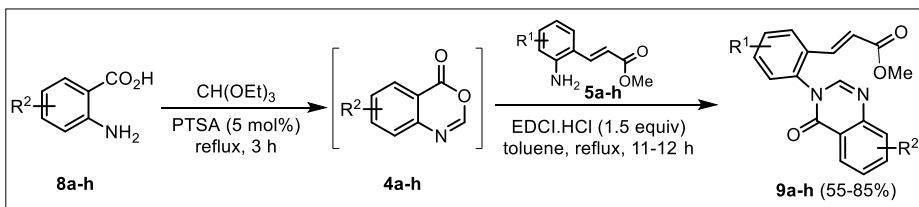
All the reactions were performed on 1 g of *o*-bromoaniline. The esters **5a-h** were prepared by using the literature procedure.¹



A sealed tube was charged with *o*-bromoaniline **7a-h** (11.6 mmol) and $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (5 mol %). Methyl acrylate (**6a**, 13.9 mmol) and Et_3N (10 mL) were added, and the sealed tube was flushed twice with argon gas. It was sealed with a screw cap and placed in a preheated oil bath at 100°C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and diluted with water (60 mL) followed by extraction with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL). The organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Evaporation of the solvent under *vacuo* to dryness followed by the purification of the crude product using column chromatography (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate, 4:1) provided the expected aniline-ester **5a-h** in very good yields.

[B] General Experimental Procedure for Quinazolinone-ester 9a-h.

All the reactions were performed on 1 g of **5a-h**.

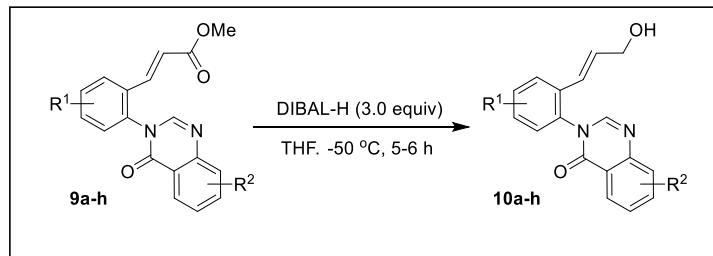


Triethyl orthoformate (15 equiv) was added to a mixture of anthranilic acid **8a-h** (1 equiv) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (5 mol %) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 hours. After completion of the reaction, triethyl orthoformate was evaporated under *vacuo*. The obtained pale yellow solid **4a-h** was used further without any purification.²

The solution of benzoxazinone **4a-h** (1 equiv), EDCI (1.5 equiv) and amine-ester **5a-h** (0.75 equiv) in toluene was refluxed for 11-12 hours. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solution was poured into 15 mL of distilled water and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The organic phase was washed successively with water and brine solution followed by drying over Na₂SO₄. The combined organic layer was concentrated and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate to afford quinazolinone-ester **9a-h** in moderate to very good yields.

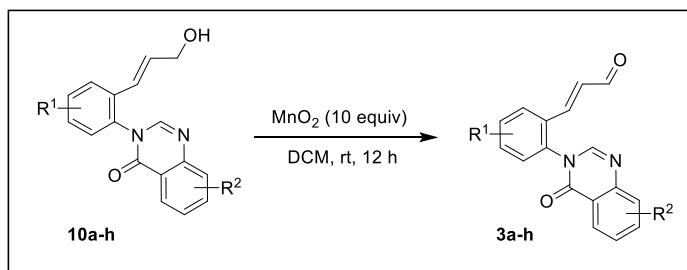
[C] General Experimental Procedure for Quinazolinone-alcohol **10a-h**.

All the reactions were performed on 1 g of **9a-h**.



To a solution of quinazolinone-ester **9a-h** (1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) in a flame-dried two-neck round-bottom flask was added DIBAL-H (1.0 M in THF, 3.0 equiv) at -50 °C under argon atmosphere. The resultant reaction mixture was stirred at -50 °C for 5-6 h under argon atmosphere before quenching with saturated aqueous solution of Rochelle salt (2 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (5 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered through a thin plug of celite®, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products **10a-h** were used for the next step without further purification.

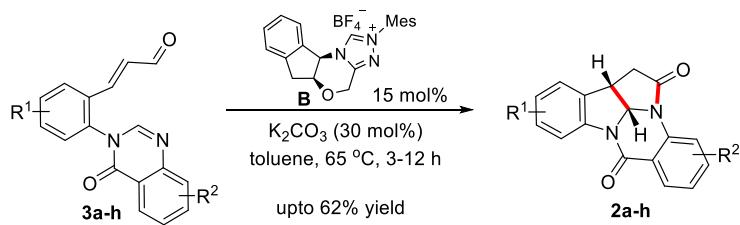
[D] General Experimental Procedure for Quinazolinone-aldehyde **3a-h.**



The solution of crude alcohol **10a-h** (1 equiv) in **DCM** (10 mL) was added **MnO₂** (10.0 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Excess **MnO₂** was removed by filtration. The combined organic layer was concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using first petroleum ether:ethyl acetate (4:1, 150mL) followed by **DCM:MeOH** (19:1) to afford quinazolinone-aldehyde **3a-h** in good yields.

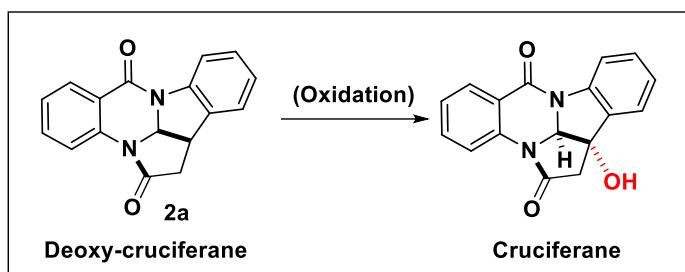
[E] General Experimental Procedure for the synthesis of Pyrroloindoloquinazolinone **2a-h.**

All the reactions were performed on 50 mg of **3a-h**.



A reaction mixture containing **K₂CO₃** (30 mol %), **NHC-precatalyst B** (15 mol %), and aldehyde **3a-h** (50 mg, 1.0 equiv) in dry toluene (2 mL) under argon atmosphere was stirred by a magnetic stirring bar at 65 °C for 3-12 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the crude reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a bed of celite®. The residue was washed with ethyl acetate (3 x 5 mL) and the combined filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on neutral alumina (70-230 mesh) using a solvent gradient of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate to furnish the desired products **2a-h** in moderate to good yields.

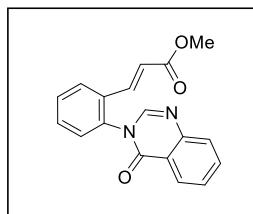
[F] Selected oxidation reactions of deoxy-cruciferane attempted:



Sr. No	Condition	Solvent	Observation
1	DDQ, rt/heating	DCM	No reaction
2	SeO ₂ , rt/heating	1,4-dioxane	No reaction
3	RuCl ₃ .nH ₂ O; Pyridine; KBrO, 60 °C	CAN-H ₂ O	Decomposition
4	NBS; H ₂ O, rt/heating	1,4-dioxane	No reaction
5	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ ; CuSO ₄ .5H ₂ O, rt/heating	Pyridine	Complex reaction mix.
6	CrO ₃ ; H ₅ IO ₆ , rt/heating	ACN	Decomposition
7	KMnO ₄ ; BnEt ₃ N.Cl, rt/heating	DCE	No reaction
8	KMnO ₄ , rt/heating	Acetone	No reaction
9	MnO ₂ , rt/heating	DCM	No reaction

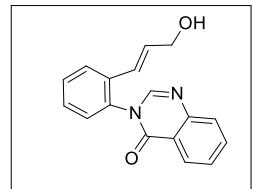
3. Characterization Data of Compounds:

Methyl (E)-3-(2-(4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylate (9a) : Procedure [B]



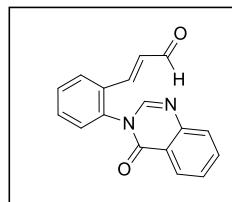
Reaction Time: 11 h; **Rf:** 0.4 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 122-123 °C; 1.46 g, 85% yield; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.30 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 166.4, 160.7, 148.0, 145.8, 138.2, 136.6, 134.9, 132.6, 131.3, 130.1, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 122.2, 121.7, 51.8; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺: 307.1077, found: 307.1079.

(E)-3-(2-(3-Hydroxyprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (10a) : Procedure [C]



Reaction Time: 6 h; **Rf:** 0.4 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₇H₁₄O₂N₂ [M + H]⁺: 279.1128, found: 279.1127.

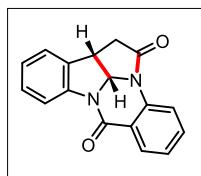
(E)-3-(2-(4-Oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylaldehyde (3a) : Procedure [D]



Reaction Time: 12 h; **Rf:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 236-238 °C; 0.63 mg, 70% yield; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.48 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.3 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 193.1, 160.7,

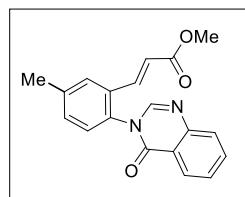
148.0, 145.7, 145.4, 136.8, 135.1, 132.3, 132.1, 131.4, 130.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.92, 127.91, 127.3, 122.0 ; **ESI HRMS**: calcd for C₁₇H₁₂O₂N₂ [M + H]⁺: 277.0972, found: 277.0971.

2a^{1,11b-Dihydro-7H-2a,7a-diazabeno[b]cyclopenta[1m]fluorene-2,7(1H)-dione (2a) : Procedure [E]}



Reaction Time: 4 h; Rf: 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; Mp = 178-180 °C; 21 mg, 42% yield; [α]²⁴_D -272.0 (c 0.2, CHCl₃); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.10 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.18-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 18.8, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 18.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.8, 159.7, 141.3, 136.2, 133.6, 132.23, 129.3, 129.0, 126.3, 124.91, 124.88, 123.6, 121.7, 115.8, 76.7, 37.9, 36.1; **ESI HRMS**: calcd for C₁₇H₁₂O₂N₂ [M + H]⁺: 277.0972, found: 277.0970. **HPLC:** Chiraldak IC, n-hexane/IPA = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R (major) = 25.257 min, t_R (minor) = 28.610 min (78:22 er).

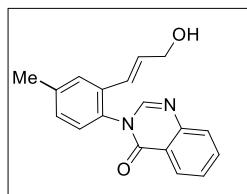
Methyl (E)-3-(4-methyl-2-(4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylate (9b) : Procedure [B]



Reaction Time: 11 h; Rf: 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; Mp = 161-163 °C; 1.3 g, 77% yield; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.36 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.83 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 166.4, 160.8, 148.0, 146.0, 140.2, 138.3, 134.7, 134.2, 132.1, 132.3, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 122.2, 121.4, 51.7, 21.2; **ESI HRMS**: calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₃N₂ [M + H]⁺: 321.1234, found: 321.1232.

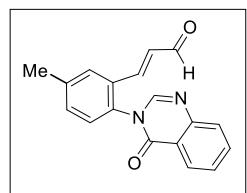
(E)-3-(2-(3-Hydroxyprop-1-en-1-yl)-5-methylphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (10b) :

Procedure [C]



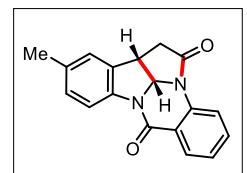
Reaction Time: 6 h; **R_f:** 0.4 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₈H₁₆O₂N₂ [M + H]⁺: 293.1285, found: 293.1284.

(E)-3-(4-Methyl-2-(4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylaldehyde (3b) : Procedure [D]



Reaction Time: 12 h; **R_f:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; Mp = 208-210 °C; 642 mg, 71% yield; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 193.1, 160.8, 148.0, 145.9, 145.6, 140.5, 134.9, 134.3, 133.0, 131.6, 131.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 122.0, 21.2; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₂N₂ [M + H]⁺: 291.1128, found: 291.1127.

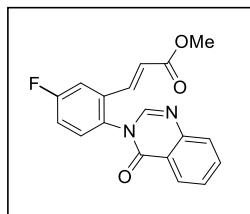
9-Methyl-2a¹,11b-dihydro-7H-2a,7a-diazabeno[b]cyclopenta[lm]fluorene-2,7(1H)-dione (2b) : Procedure [E]



Reaction Time: 3 h; **R_f:** 0.6 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; Mp = 196-198 °C; 18 mg, 35% yield; [α]²⁴_D -198.2 (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃); **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* =

7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 17.9, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 18.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 170.9, 159.4, 139.0, 136.2, 134.8, 133.5, 132.3, 129.7, 129.0, 126.2, 125.5, 123.8, 121.8, 115.5, 76.8, 37.9, 36.1, 21.1; **ESI HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2$ [M + H] $^+$: 291.1128, found: 291.1136. **HPLC**: Chiralpak IA, n-hexane/IPA = 80:20, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R (major) = 28.610 min, t_R (minor) = 25.257 min (73:27 er).

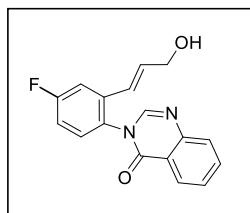
Methyl (E)-3-(4-fluoro-2-(4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylate (9c) : Procedure [B]



Reaction Time: 11 h; **Rf:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 165-167 °C; 1.41 g, 85% yield; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.36 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 9.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 166.0, 162.9 (d, J = 250.2 Hz, C-F), 160.8, 147.9, 145.6, 137.1 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 135.0, 134.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 132.5 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 130.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 122.9, 122.0, 118.3 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 114.2 (d, J = 24 Hz), 52.0; **ESI HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{F}$ [M + H] $^+$: 325.0983, found: 325.0986.

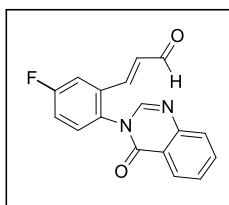
(E)-3-(5-Fluoro-2-(3-hydroxyprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (10c) :

Procedure [C]



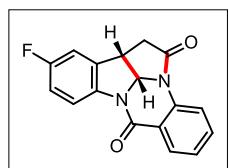
Reaction Time: 6 h; **Rf:** 0.4 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); **ESI HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{F}$ [M + H] $^+$: 297.1034, found: 297.1032.

(E)-3-(4-Fluoro-2-(4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylaldehyde (3c) : Procedure [D]



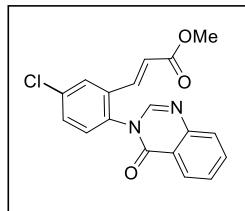
Reaction Time: 12 h; **Rf:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 195-197 °C; 551 mg, 61% yield; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 192.6, 163.0 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz, C-F), 160.7, 147.9, 145.6, 143.9, 135.2, 134.3 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 132.3, 131.0 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 122.0, 119.2 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 114.5 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz); **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₇H₁₁O₂N₂F[M + H]⁺: 295.0877, found: 295.0877.

9-Fluoro-2a¹,11b-dihydro-7H-2a,7a-diazabeno[b]cyclopenta[lm]fluorene-2,7(1H)-dione. (2c) : Procedure [E]



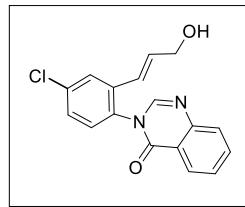
Reaction Time: 4 h; **Rf:** 0.6 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 210-212 °C; 19 mg, 37% yield; [α]_D²⁴ -197.4 (*c* 0.24, CHCl₃); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.26-4.09 (m, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.4, 159.9 (d, *J* = 244.3 Hz, C-H), 159.5, 137.5 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 136.1, 133.9 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 133.7, 129.0, 126.4, 123.5, 121.8, 116.7 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 115.8 (d, *J* = 23.1 Hz), 112.3 (d, *J* = 24.7 Hz), 76.9, 37.6, 36.1; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₇H₁₁O₂N₂F [M + H]⁺: 295.0877, found: 295.0879. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, n-hexane/IPA = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R (major) = 38.227 min, t_R (minor) = 31.203 min (71:29 er).

Methyl (E)-3-(4-chloro-2-(4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylate (9d) : Procedure [B]



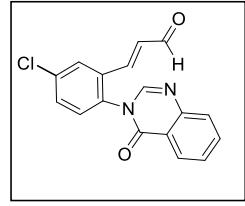
Reaction Time: 11 h; **R_f:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 190-192 °C; 1.15 g, 72% yield; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** 8.28 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** 166.0, 160.6, 147.9, 145.4, 136.9, 136.2, 135.0, 134.9, 134.2, 131.2, 130.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 123.0, 122.0, 52.0; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₈H₁₃O₃N₂Cl [M + H]⁺: 341.0687, found: 341.0687.

(E)-3-(5-Chloro-2-(3-hydroxyprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (10d) : Procedure [C]



Reaction Time: 6 h; **R_f:** 0.4 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₂N₂Cl [M + H]⁺: 313.0738, found: 313.0736.

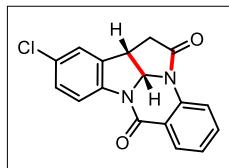
(E)-3-(4-chloro-2-(4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylaldehyde (3d) : Procedure [D]



Reaction Time: 12 h; **R_f:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 218-220 °C; 581 mg, 64% yield; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** 9.47 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10

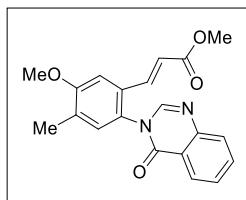
(d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, $J = 16.2, 7.9$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 192.6, 160.5, 147.9, 145.3, 143.7, 136.5, 135.2, 135.0, 133.7, 132.2, 132.0, 130.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 121.9; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 311.0582, found: 311.0580.

9-Chloro-2a¹,11b-dihydro-7H-2a,7a-diazabeno[b]cyclopenta[lm]fluorene-2,7(1H)-dione. (2d) : Procedure [E]



Reaction Time: 4 h; **Rf:** 0.6 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 190-192 °C; 20 mg, 40% yield; $[\alpha]^{24}_D -215.3$ (c 0.1, CHCl_3); **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.18 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.04 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.14 (m, 1H), 3.31 (dd, $J = 18.0, 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, $J = 18.3, 5.0$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 170.4, 159.6, 140.0, 136.2, 134.0, 133.8, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 126.4, 125.2, 123.4, 121.9, 116.7, 76.8, 37.6, 36.0; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 311.0582, found: 311.0583. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, n-hexane/IPA = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm, t_R (major) = 42.273 min, t_R (minor) = 35.413 min (76:24 er).

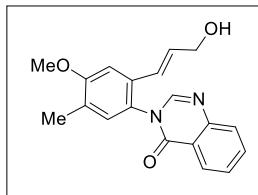
Methyl (E)-3-(5-methoxy-4-methyl-2-(4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylate (9e) : Procedure [B]



Reaction Time: 11 h; **Rf:** 0.5 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 212-214 °C; 871 mg, 55% yield; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.37 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.43 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 166.6, 161.1, 158.6, 148.0, 146.4, 138.4, 134.7, 131.4, 130.7, 130.6, 129.1, 127.8,

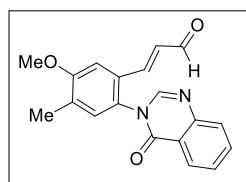
127.7, 127.3, 122.2, 120.5, 107.6, 55.7, 51.8, 16.3; **ESI HRMS**: calcd for C₂₀H₁₈O₄N₂ [M + H]⁺: 351.1339, found: 351.1343.

(E)-3-(2-(3-Hydroxyprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxy-5-methylphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (10e) : Procedure [C]



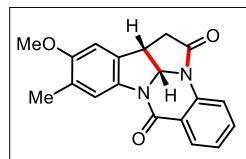
Reaction Time: 5 h; **Rf:** 0.3 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); **ESI HRMS**: calcd for C₁₉H₁₈O₃N₂ [M + H]⁺: 323.1390, found: 323.1388.

(E)-3-(5-Methoxy-4-methyl-2-(4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylaldehyde (3e) : Procedure [D]



Reaction Time: 12 h; **Rf:** 0.5 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; Mp = 234-236 °C; 475 mg, 52% yield; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.63 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 193.3, 161.0, 158.6, 147.9, 146.2, 145.7, 134.9, 132.6, 130.7, 130.3, 130.2, 129.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 122.0, 107.5, 55.7, 16.4; **ESI HRMS**: calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O₃N₂ [M + H]⁺: 321.1234, found: 321.1239.

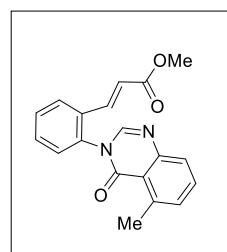
10-Methoxy-9-methyl-2a¹,11b-dihydro-7H-2a,7a-diazabeno[b]cyclopenta[lm]fluorene-2,7(1H)-dione. (2e) : Procedure [E]



Reaction Time: 3 h; **Rf:** 0.4(1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; Mp = 194-196 °C; 20 mg, 39% yield; [α]²⁴_D -247.3 (c 0.1, CHCl₃); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.17 (d, J = 7.3 Hz,

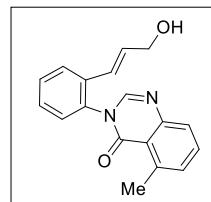
1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.21-4.09 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.27 (dd, J = 18.3, 11 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 17.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 170.9, 159.0, 155.4, 136.1, 134.4, 133.3, 130.3, 128.9, 127.9, 126.3, 123.9, 121.8, 118.1, 106.7, 76.9, 55.8, 37.7, 36.4, 16.6; **ESI HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 321.1234, found: 321.1223. **HPLC**: Chiralpak IC, n-hexane/IPA = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R (major) = 30.787 min, t_R (minor) = 28.243 min (77:23 er).

Methyl (E)-3-(2-(5-methyl-4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylate (9f) : Procedure [B]



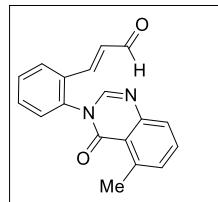
Reaction Time: 11 h; **R_f:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; **Mp** = 130-132 °C; 1.31 g, 73% yield; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 166.5, 161.3, 149.6, 145.5, 142.0, 138.3, 136.9, 133.9, 132.6, 131.3, 130.6, 129.9, 129.1, 127.6, 126.0, 121.6, 120.7, 51.8, 23.2; **ESI HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 321.1234, found: 321.1233.

(E)-3-(2-(3-Hydroxyprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)-5-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (10f) : Procedure [C]



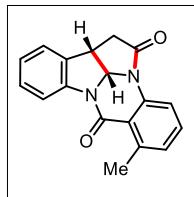
Reaction Time: 5 h; **R_f:** 0.3 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); **ESI HRMS**: calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 293.1285, found: 293.1283.

(E)-3-(2-(5-Methyl-4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylaldehyde (3f) : Procedure [D]



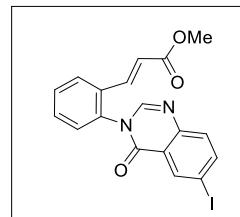
Reaction Time: 12 h; **R_f:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; 589 mg, 65% yield; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.9 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 193.2, 161.3, 149.6, 145.5, 145.4, 142.0, 136.9, 134.2, 132.2, 132.1, 131.3, 130.8, 130.2, 129.2, 127.7, 126.0, 120.5, 23.2; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₂N₂ [M + H]⁺: 291.1128, found: 291.1129.

6-Methyl-2a¹,11b-dihydro-7H-2a,7a-diazabenzo[b]cyclopenta[1m]fluorene-2,7(1H)-dione (2f) : Procedure [E]



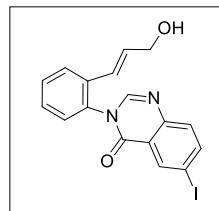
Reaction Time: 6 h; **R_f:** 0.6 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; 16 mg, 32% yield; $[\alpha]^{24}_D$ -184.3 (*c* 0.1, CHCl₃); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.10 (m, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.9, 159.4, 139.0, 136.2, 134.8, 133.5, 132.3, 129.7, 129.0, 126.2, 125.5, 123.8, 121.8, 115.5, 76.8, 37.9, 36.1, 21.1; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₈H₁₄O₂N₂ [M + H]⁺: 291.1128, found: 291.1149. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IC, n-hexane/IPA = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R (major) = 23.107 min, t_R (minor) = 27.243 min (77:23 er).

Methyl (E)-3-(2-(6-iodo-4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylate (9g) : Procedure [B]



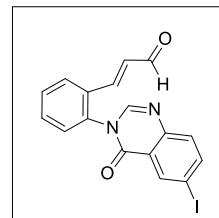
Reaction Time: 12 h; **Rf:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; 2.04 g, 84% yield; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.11 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 166.4, 159.3, 147.3, 146.3, 143.7, 138.0, 136.3, 136.1, 132.5, 131.3, 130.3, 129.6, 128.8, 127.8, 123.7, 121.9, 92.6, 51.9; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₈H₁₃O₃N₂I [M + H]⁺: 433.0044, found: 433.0042.

(E)-3-(2-(3-Hydroxyprop-1-en-1-yl)phenyl)-6-iodoquinazolin-4(3H)-one (10g) :
Procedure [C]



Reaction Time: 6 h; **Rf:** 0.4 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₇H₁₃O₂N₂I [M + H]⁺: 405.0094, found: 405.0093.

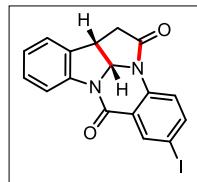
(E)-3-(2-(6-Iodo-4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylaldehyde (3g) : Procedure [D]



Reaction Time: 12 h; **Rf:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; 623 mg, 67% yield; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.48 (d, *J* = 7.32 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J*

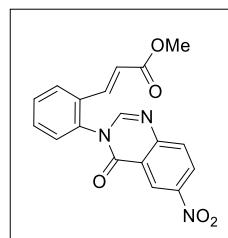
δ = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, J = 15.9, 7.3 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 193.0, 159.2, 147.2, 146.2, 145.1, 143.9, 136.4, 136.1, 132.3, 132.0, 131.6, 130.5, 129.6, 128.9, 128.0, 123.5, 92.9; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₇H₁₁O₂N₂I [M + H]⁺: 402.9938, found: 402.9935.

5-Iodo-2a1,11b-dihydro-7H-2a,7a-diazabenzo[b]cyclopenta[Im]fluorene-2,7(1H)-dione.
(2g) : Procedure [E]



Reaction Time: 4 h; **Rf:** 0.6 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); white solid; 31 mg, 62% yield; $[\alpha]^{24}_D$ = -288.6 (*c* 0.1, CHCl₃); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.15 (m, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 18.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 18.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 170.6, 158.2, 142.3, 141.1, 137.8, 135.8, 132.1, 129.4, 125.2, 124.9, 123.5, 115.9, 90.2, 76.5, 37.8, 36.2; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₇H₁₁O₂N₂I [M + H]⁺: 402.9938, found: 402.9933. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, n-hexane/IPA = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R (major) = 25.583 min, t_R (minor) = 13.403 min (81:19 er).

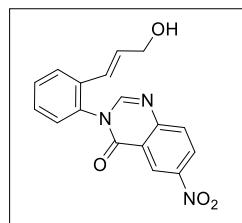
Methyl (E)-3-(2-(6-nitro-4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylate (9h) : Procedure [B]



Reaction Time: 12 h; **Rf:** 0.4 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); yellow solid; 1.10 g, 56% yield; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.21 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 166.3, 159.5, 152.0, 148.7, 146.5, 137.6, 135.7, 132.4, 131.5, 130.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 123.8, 122.5, 122.2, 51.9; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for C₁₈H₁₃O₅N₃ [M + H]⁺: 352.0928, found: 352.0923.

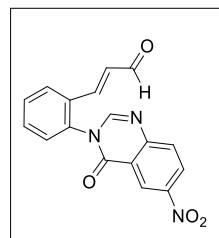
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Procedure [C]



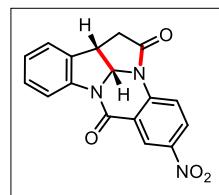
Reaction Time: 5 h; **Rf:** 0.3 (1:1, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); **ESI HRMS:** calcd for $C_{17}H_{13}O_4N_3$ [M + H]⁺: 324.0979, found: 324.0978.

(E)-3-(2-(6-Nitro-4-oxoquinazolin-3(4H)-yl)phenyl)acrylaldehyde (3h) : Procedure [D]



Reaction Time: 12 h; **Rf:** 0.5 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); yellow solid; 393 mg, 43% yield; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 9.23 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 192.7, 159.5, 151.9, 148.6, 146.6, 144.5, 135.8, 132.4, 132.0, 131.9, 130.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 123.8, 122.4; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for $C_{17}H_{11}O_4N_3$ [M + H]⁺: 322.0822, found: 322.0822.

5-Nitro-2a¹,11b-dihydro-7H-2a,7a-diazabenzo[b]cyclopenta[lm]fluorene-2,7(1H)-dione. (2h) : Procedure [E]



Reaction Time: 12 h; **Rf:** 0.6 (3:2, Pet. Ether:EtOAc); yellow solid; 11 mg, 22% yield; $[\alpha]^{24}_D$ -377.3 (*c* 0.1, CHCl₃); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.06 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (dd, *J* =

9.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34-4.21 (m, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 18.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 18.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 170.8, 157.6, 145.5, 140.9, 131.7, 129.7, 128.2, 125.6, 125.3, 125.0, 124.9, 124.4, 122.5, 115.9, 76.4, 37.8, 36.3; **ESI HRMS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4\text{N}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 322.0822, found: 322.0820. **HPLC:** Chiralpak IA, n-hexane/IPA = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 220 nm, t_R (major) = 14.343 min, t_R (minor) = 11.903 min (85:15 er).

4. X-ray crystallographic data of deoxy-cruciferane (**2a**):

X-ray intensity data measurements of compound **MA_1_R** (**2a**) was carried out on a Bruker D8 VENTURE Kappa Duo PHOTON II CPAD diffractometer equipped with Incoatech multilayer mirrors optics. The intensity measurements were carried out with Mo micro-focus sealed tube diffraction source ($\text{CuK}_\alpha = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) at $100(2) \text{ K}$ temperature. The X-ray generator was operated at 50 kV and 1.1 mA . A preliminary set of cell constants and an orientation matrix were calculated from three sets of 36 frames. Data were collected with ω scan width of 0.5° at different settings of φ and 2θ with a frame time of 30 secs keeping the sample-to-detector distance fixed at 6.00 cm . The X-ray data collection was monitored by APEX3 program (Bruker, 2016).³ All the data were corrected for Lorentzian, polarization and absorption effects using SAINT and SADABS programs (Bruker, 2016). ShelX-97 was used for structure solution and full matrix least-squares refinement on F^2 .⁴ All the hydrogen atoms were placed in a geometrically idealized position ($\text{C-H} = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$ for the phenyl H atoms, $\text{C-H} = 1.00 \text{ \AA}$ for the methine H atoms and $\text{C-H} = 0.99 \text{ \AA}$ of the methylene H atoms) and constrained to ride on its parent atoms [$\text{U}_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 \text{ U}_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for phenyl, methine and methylene H atoms]. An *ORTEP III*⁵ view of compound was drawn with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. The absolute configuration was established by anomalous dispersion effect (Flack parameter, -0.08(7)) in X-ray diffraction measurements carried out with Cu radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$). The single crystal X-ray diffraction data analysis clearly established that our synthesized compound has *R* and *S* configurations at C8 and C11 positions respectively.

Crystal data of **MA_1_R** (**2a**), $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$, $M = 276.29$, colorless prismatic, $0.34 \times 0.13 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}^3$, Orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, $a = 8.2455(12) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 11.3533(16) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 13.652(2) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 1278.0(3) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $T = 100(2) \text{ K}$, $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 144.854^\circ$, $D_{\text{calc}} (\text{g cm}^{-3}) = 1.436$, $F(000) = 576$, $\mu (\text{mm}^{-1}) = 0.779$, 16043 reflections collected, 2369 unique reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0448$, $R_{\text{sig}} = 0.0291$), 2301 observed ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) reflections, multi-scan absorption correction, $T_{\text{min}} = 0.778$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.919$, 190 refined parameters, Good of Fit = $S = 1.056$, $R1 = 0.0334$, $wR2 = 0.0877$ (all data $R = 0.0348$, $wR2 = 0.0914$), maximum and minimum residual electron densities; $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.228$, $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.218 (\text{e\AA}^{-3})$.

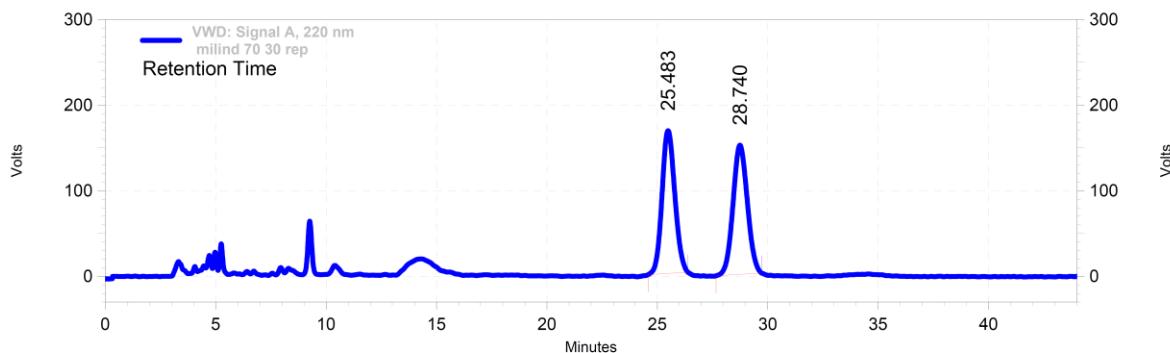
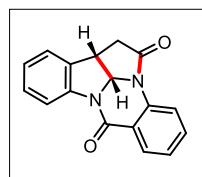
The crystallographic data for **2a** was deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC deposition numbers: 1904732). The data can be obtained freely from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre by visiting sites of www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.

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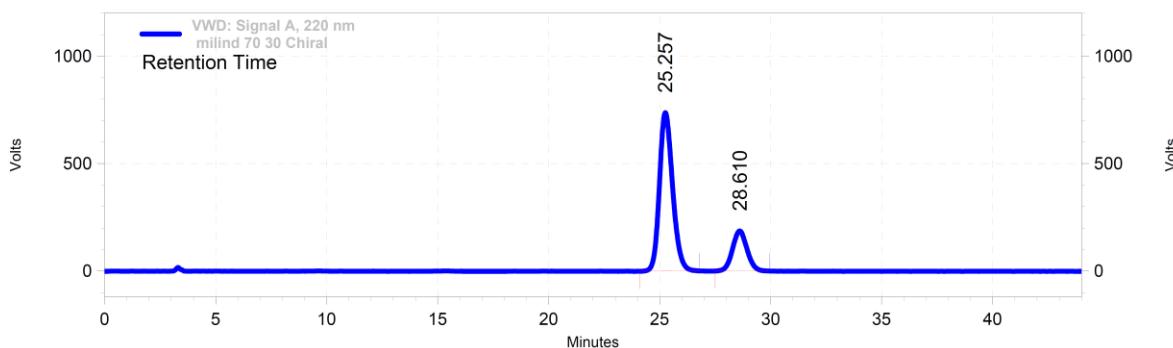
6. Copies of HPLC Chromatograms:

HPLC of **2a**



**VWD: Signal A,
220 nm Results**

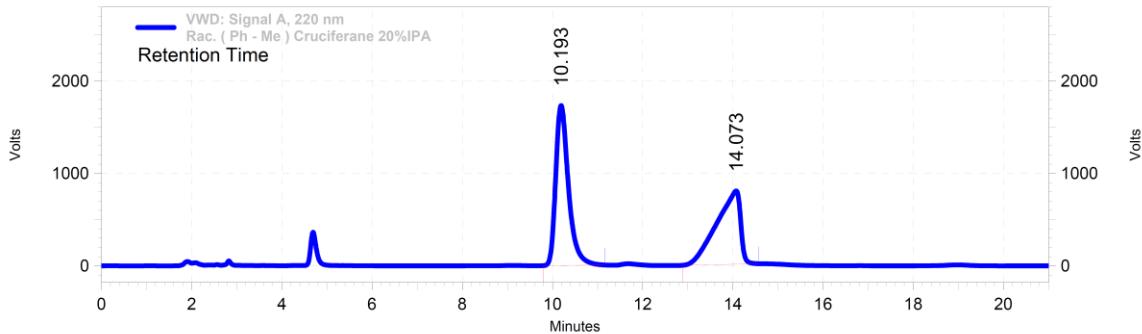
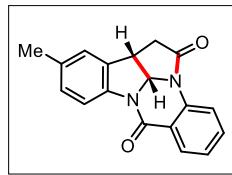
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**VWD: Signal A,
220 nm Results**

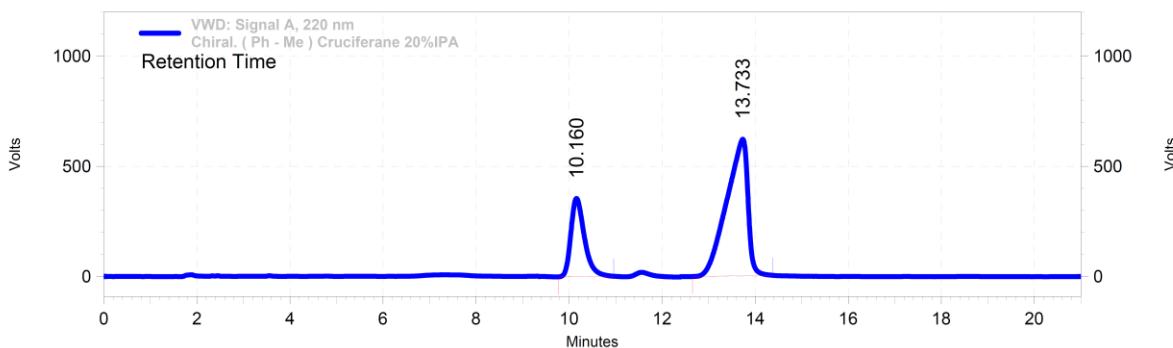
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HPLC of **2b**



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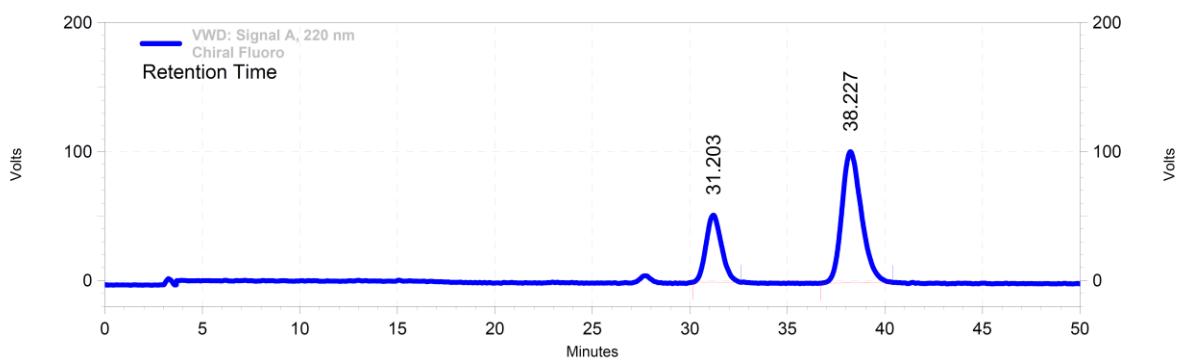
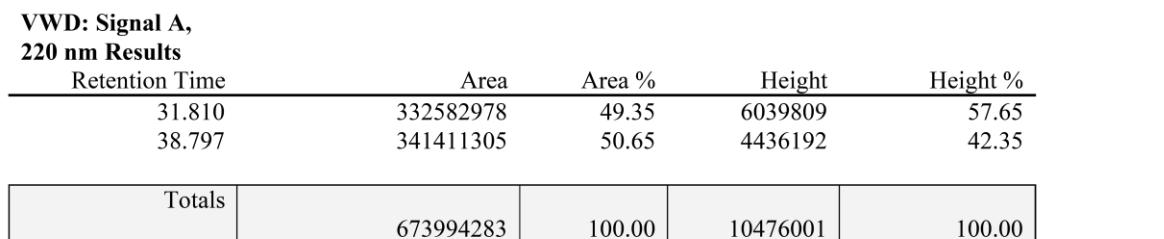
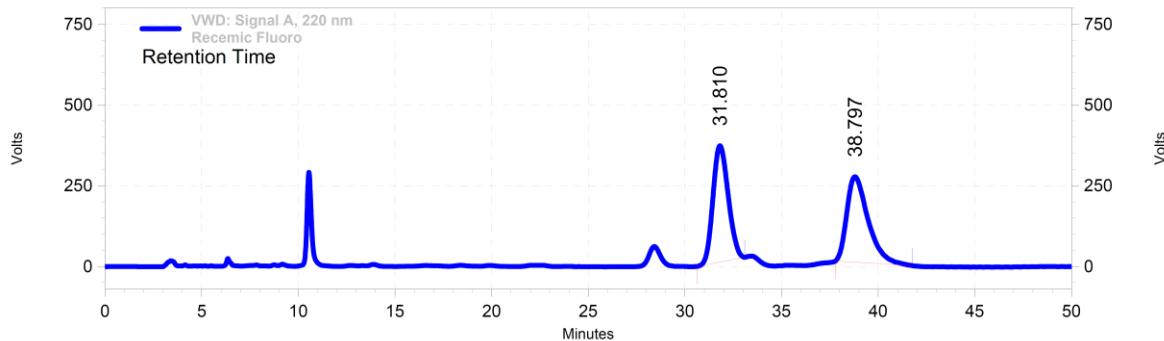
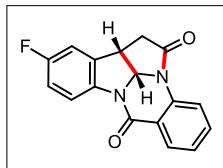
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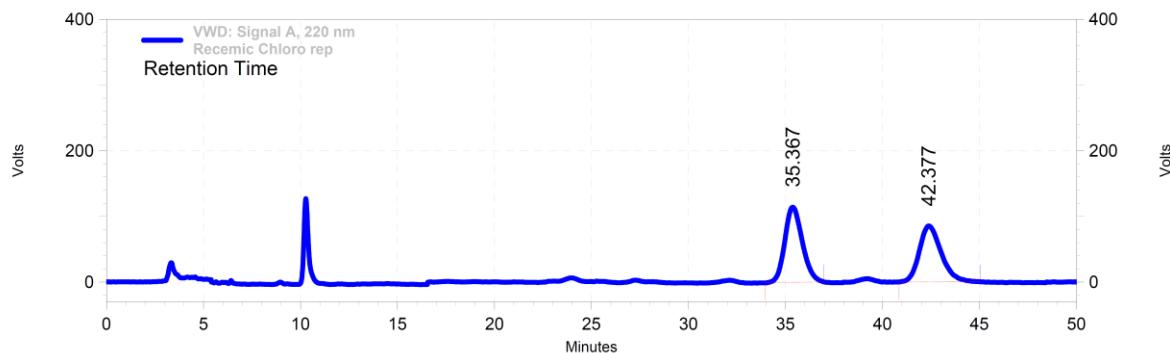
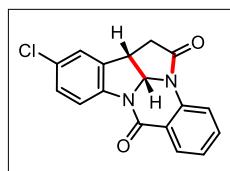
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HPLC of **2c**

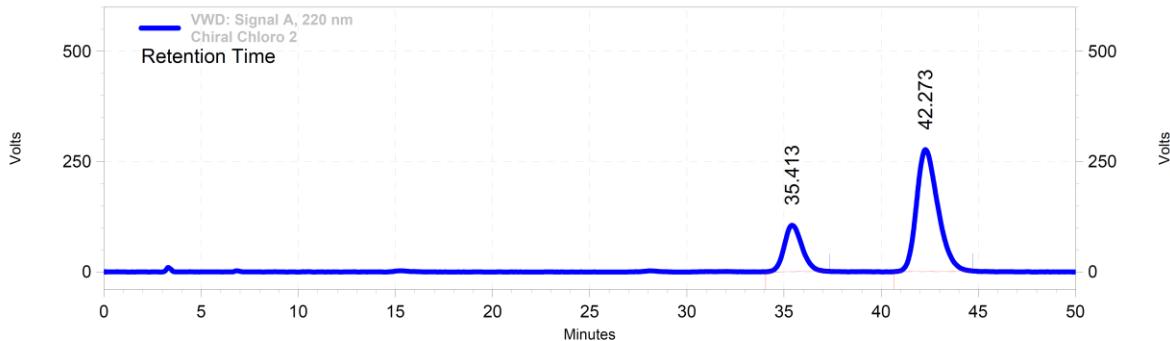


HPLC of **2d**



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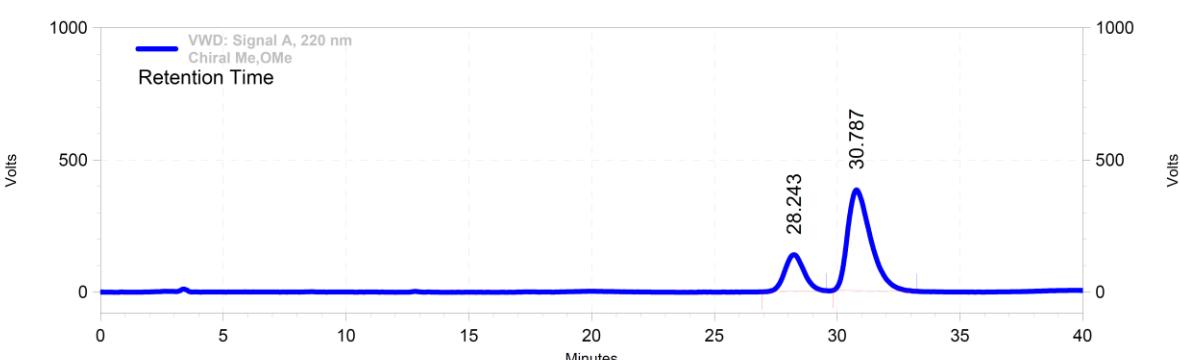
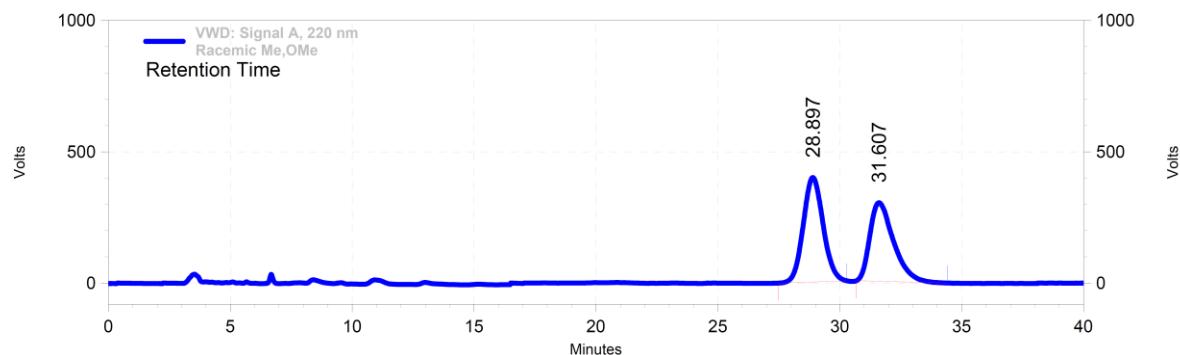
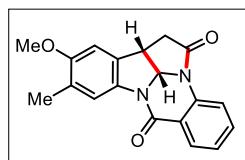
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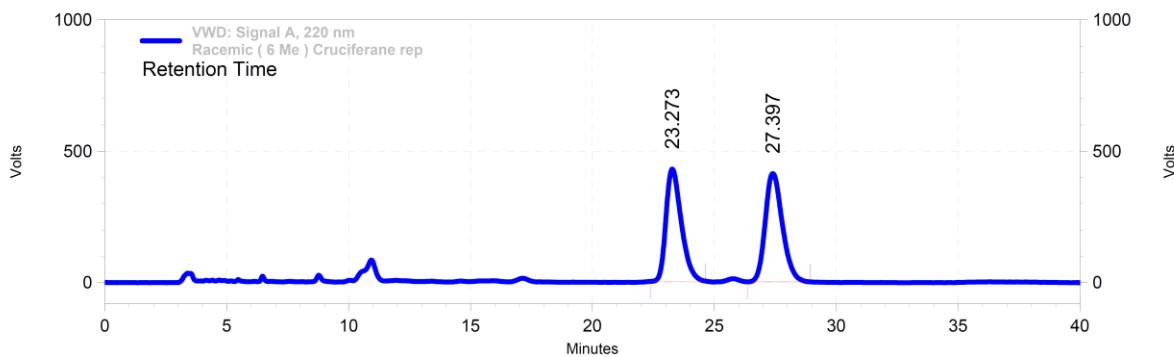
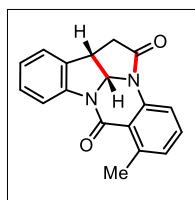
VWD: Signal A, 220 nm Results

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HPLC of **2e**

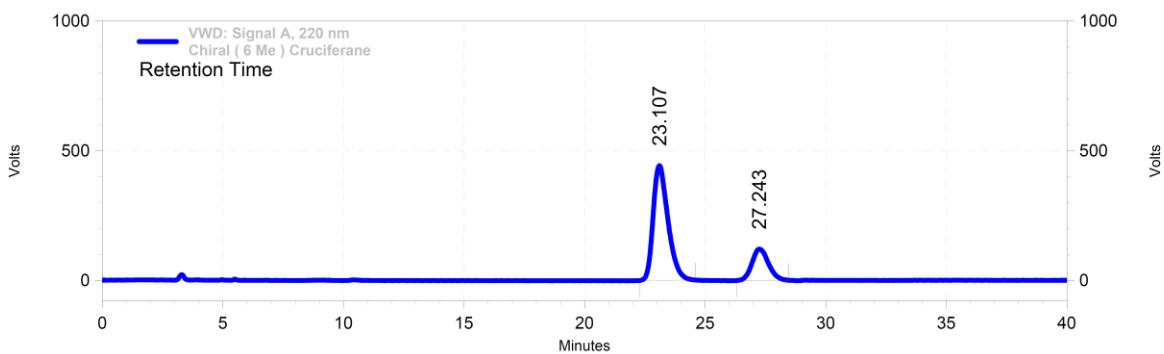


HPLC of **2f**



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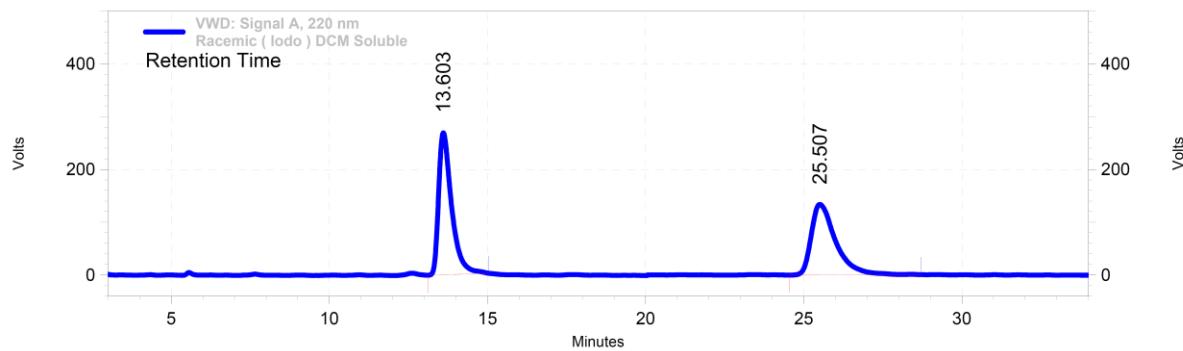
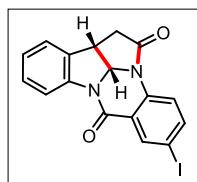
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VWD: Signal A, 220 nm Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
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HPLC of **2g**



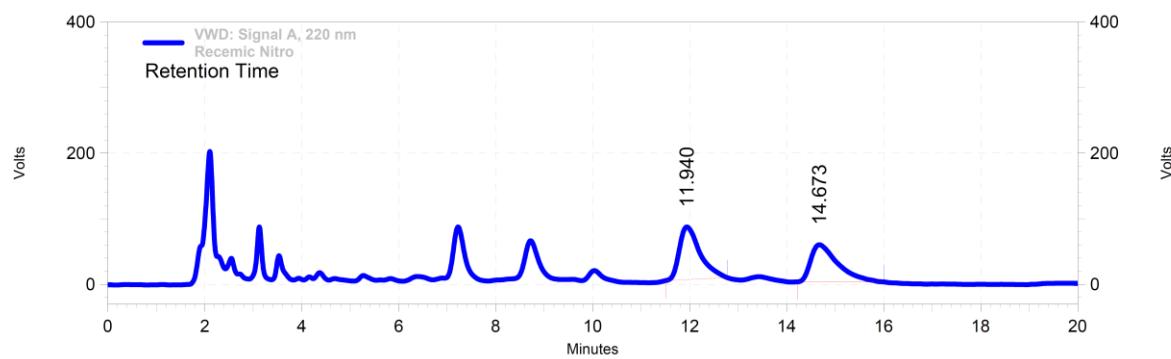
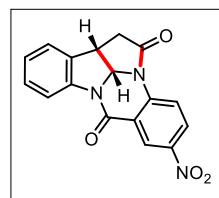
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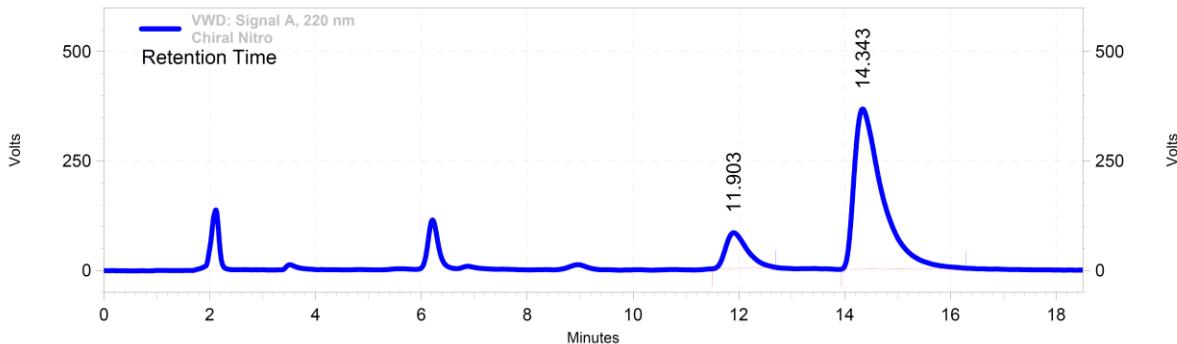
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HPLC of **2h**



VWD: Signal A, 220 nm Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
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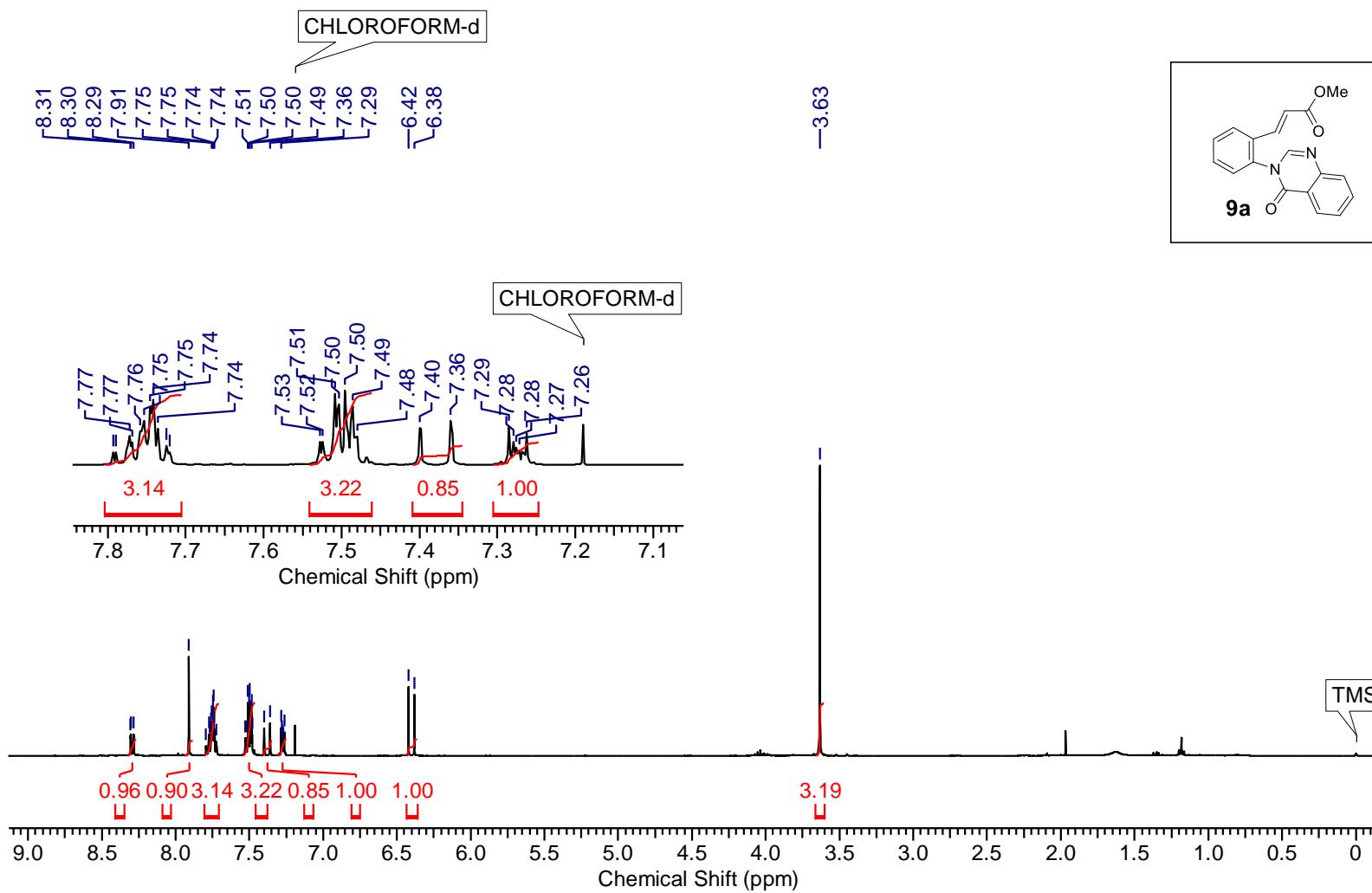


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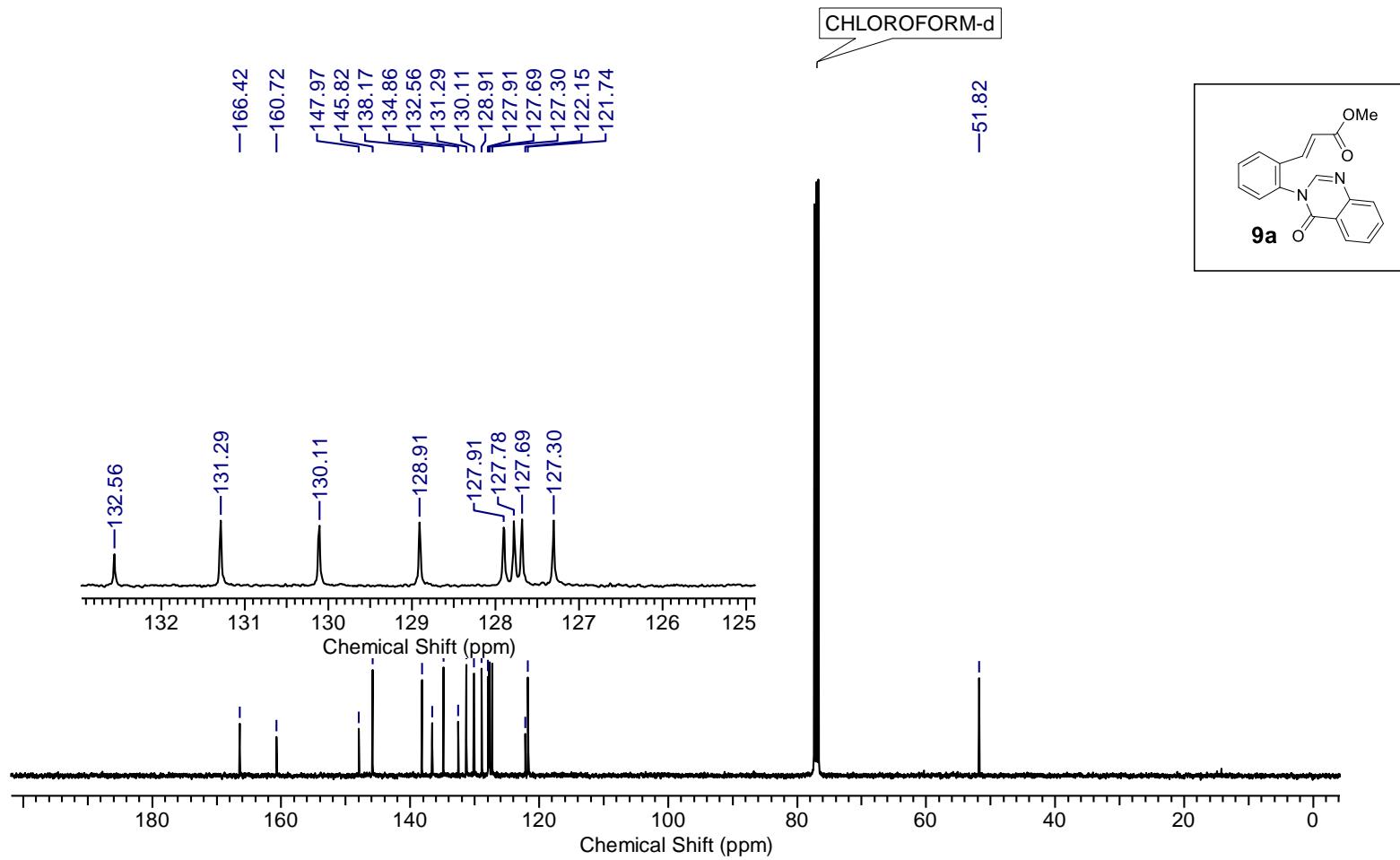
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7. Copies of ^1H NMR, ^{13}C , DEPT NMR Spectra

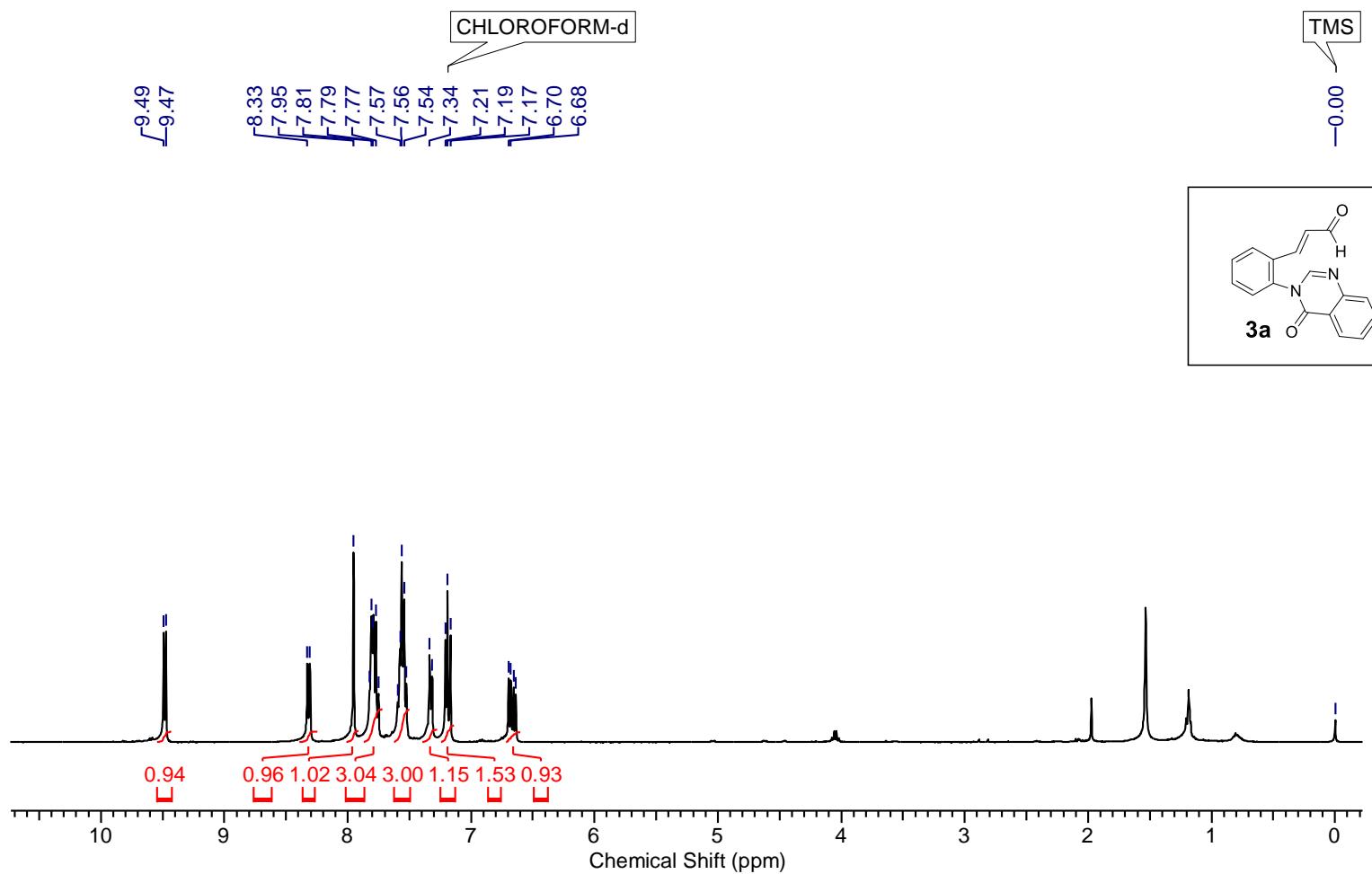
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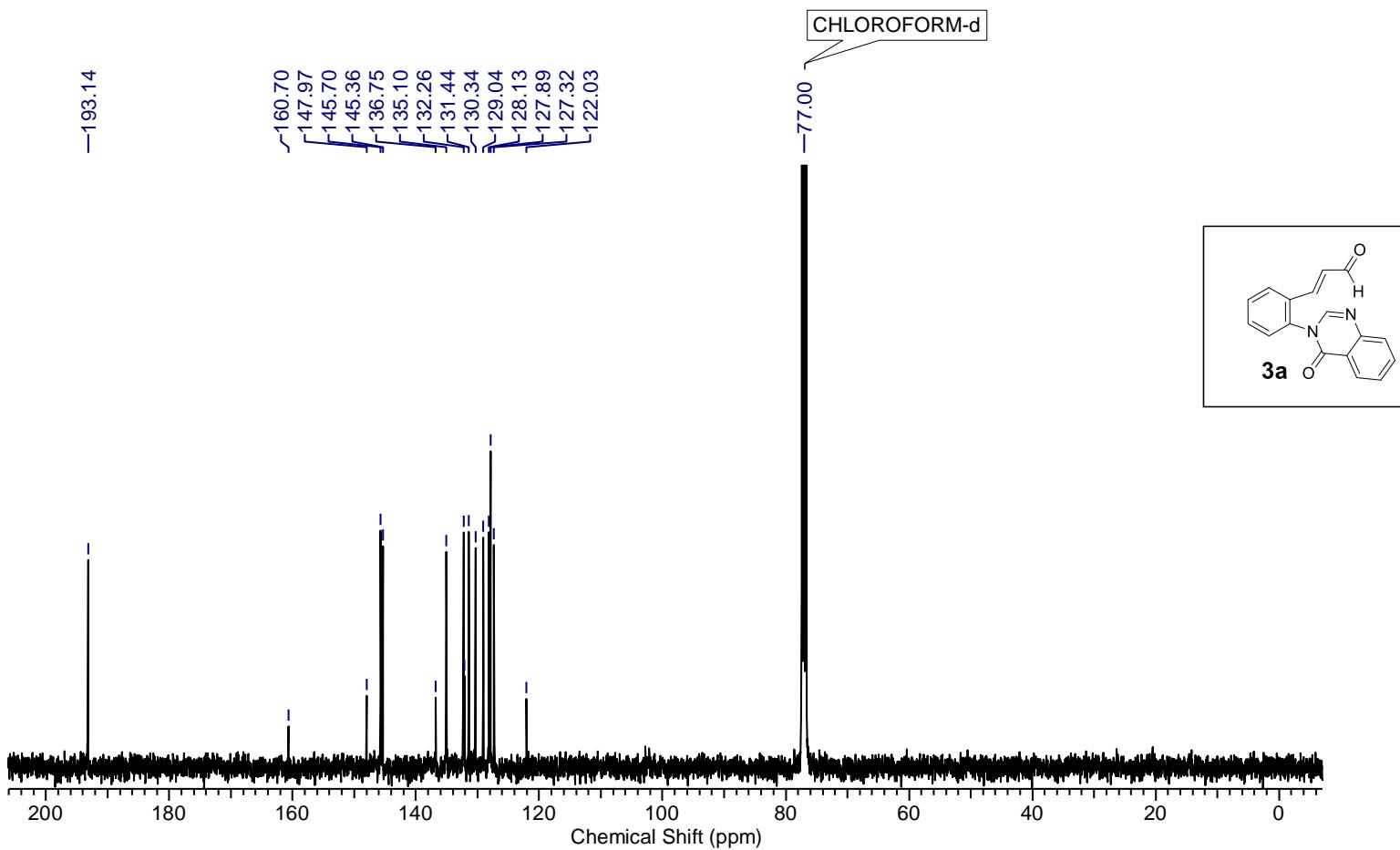
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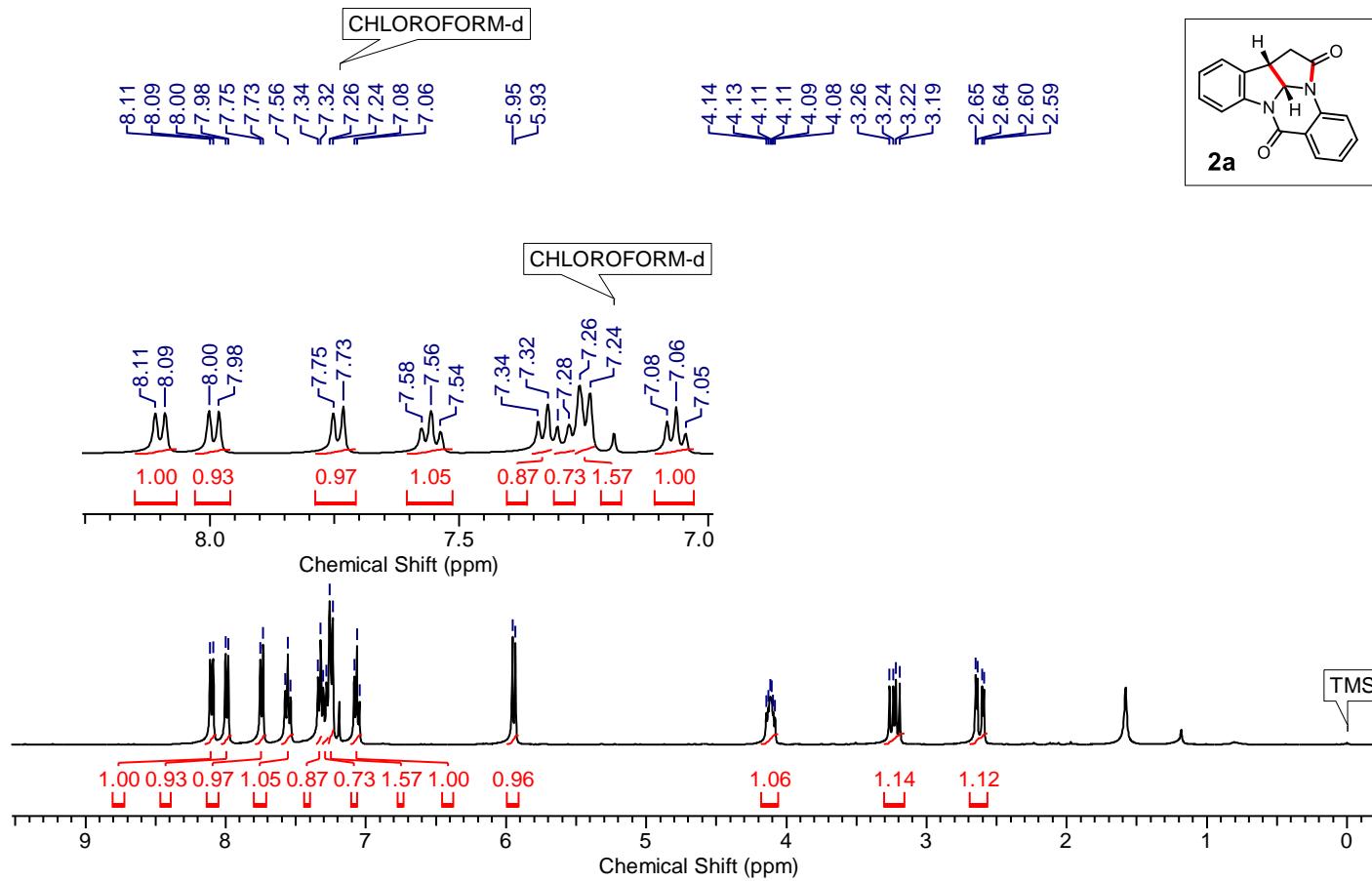
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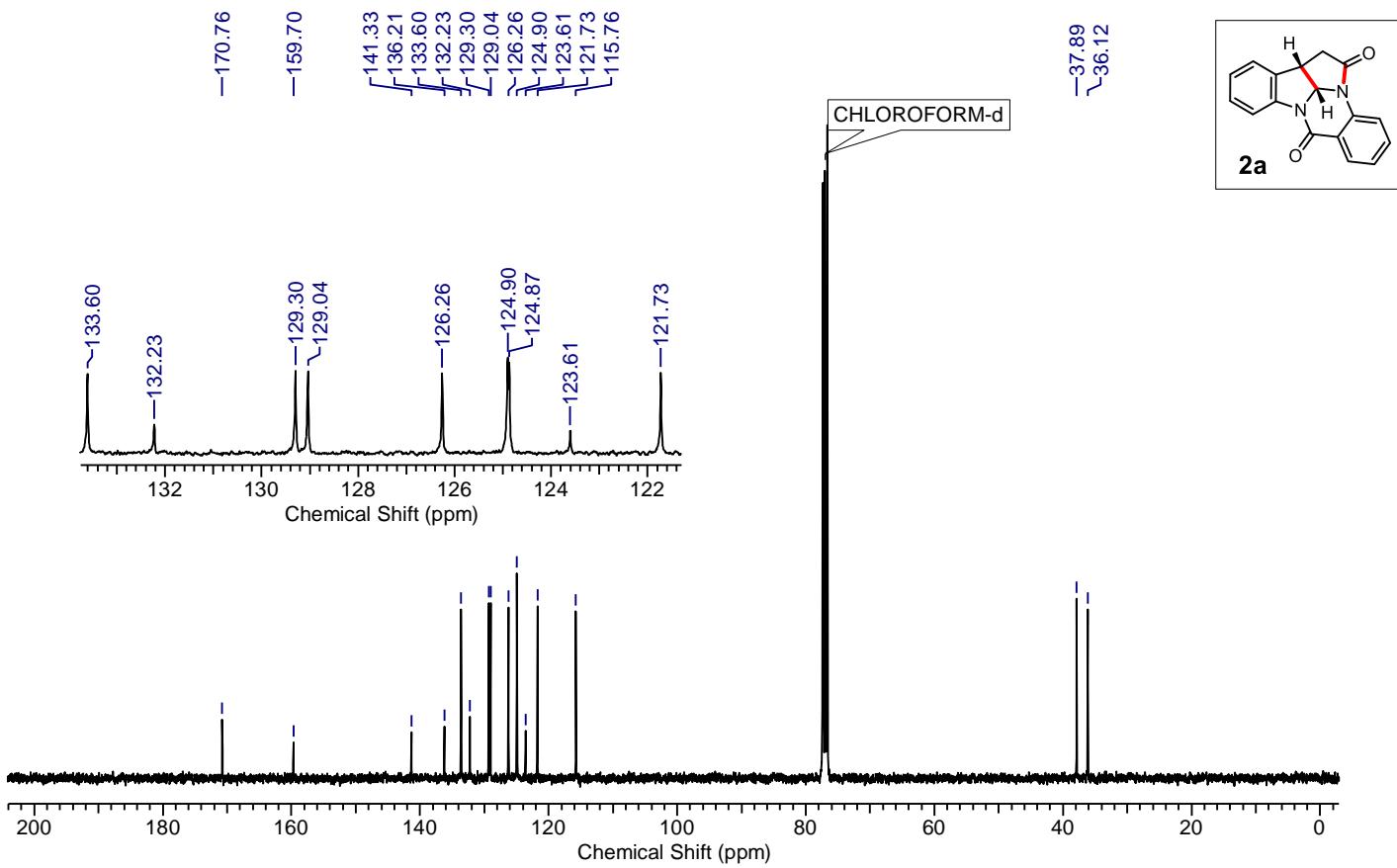
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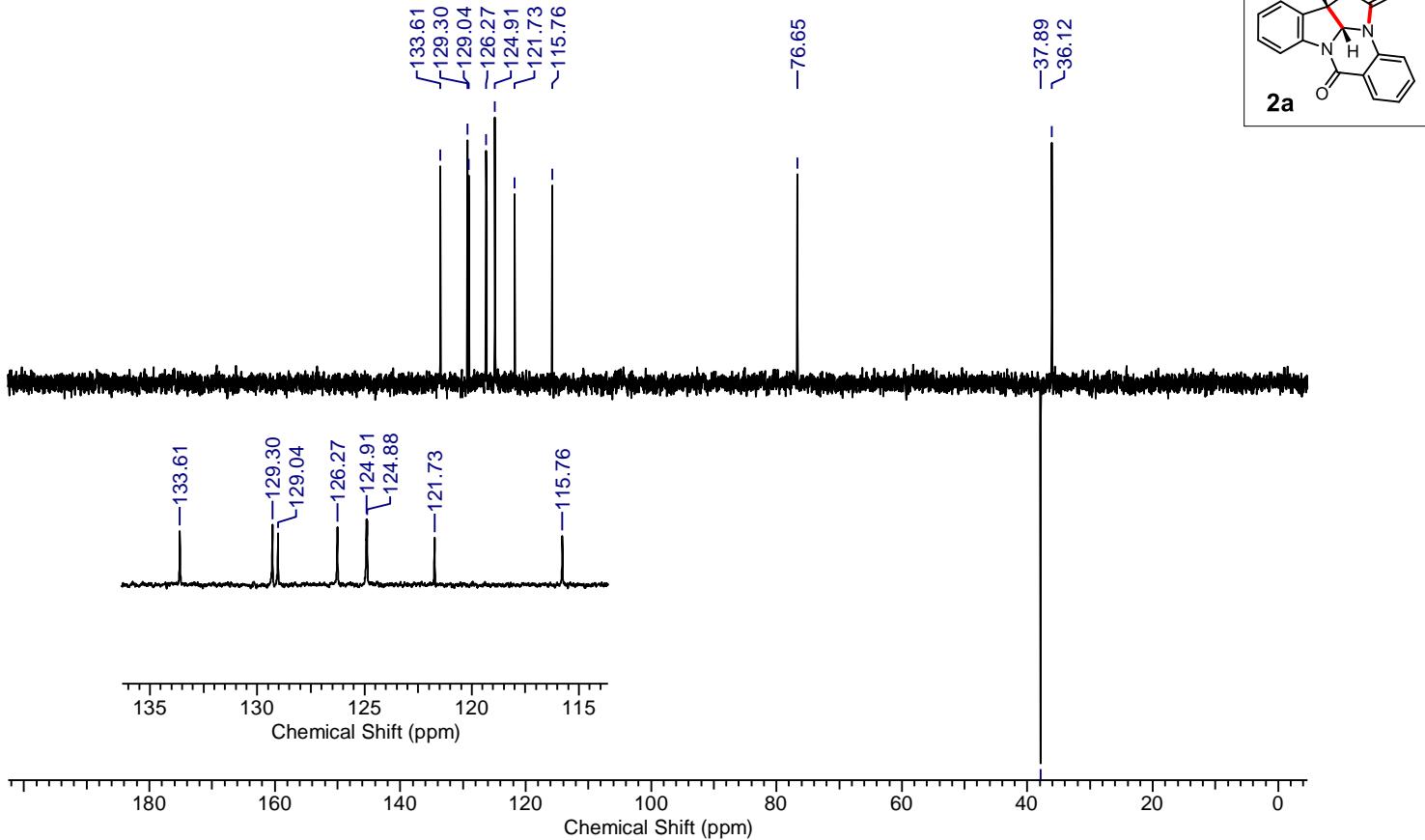
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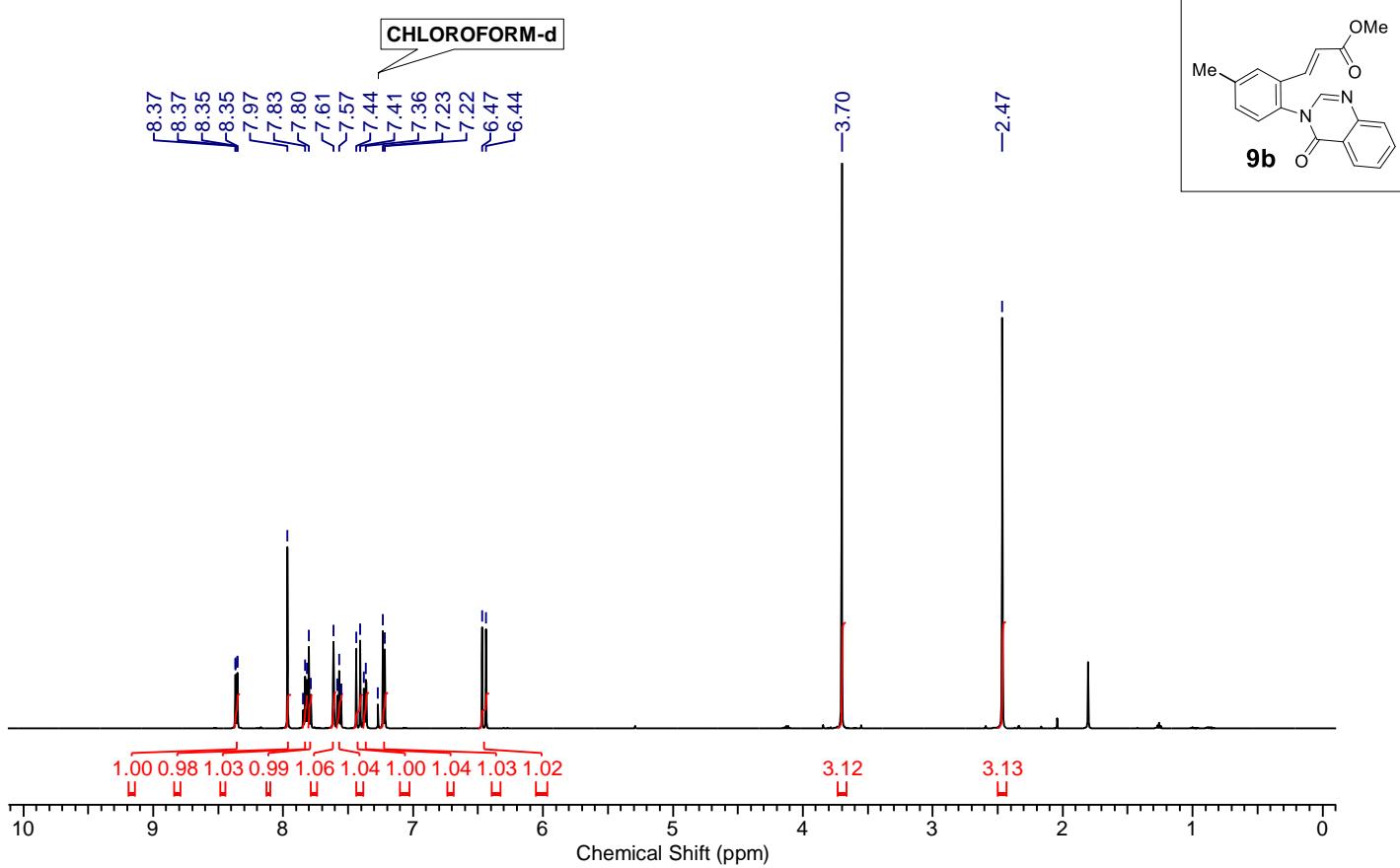
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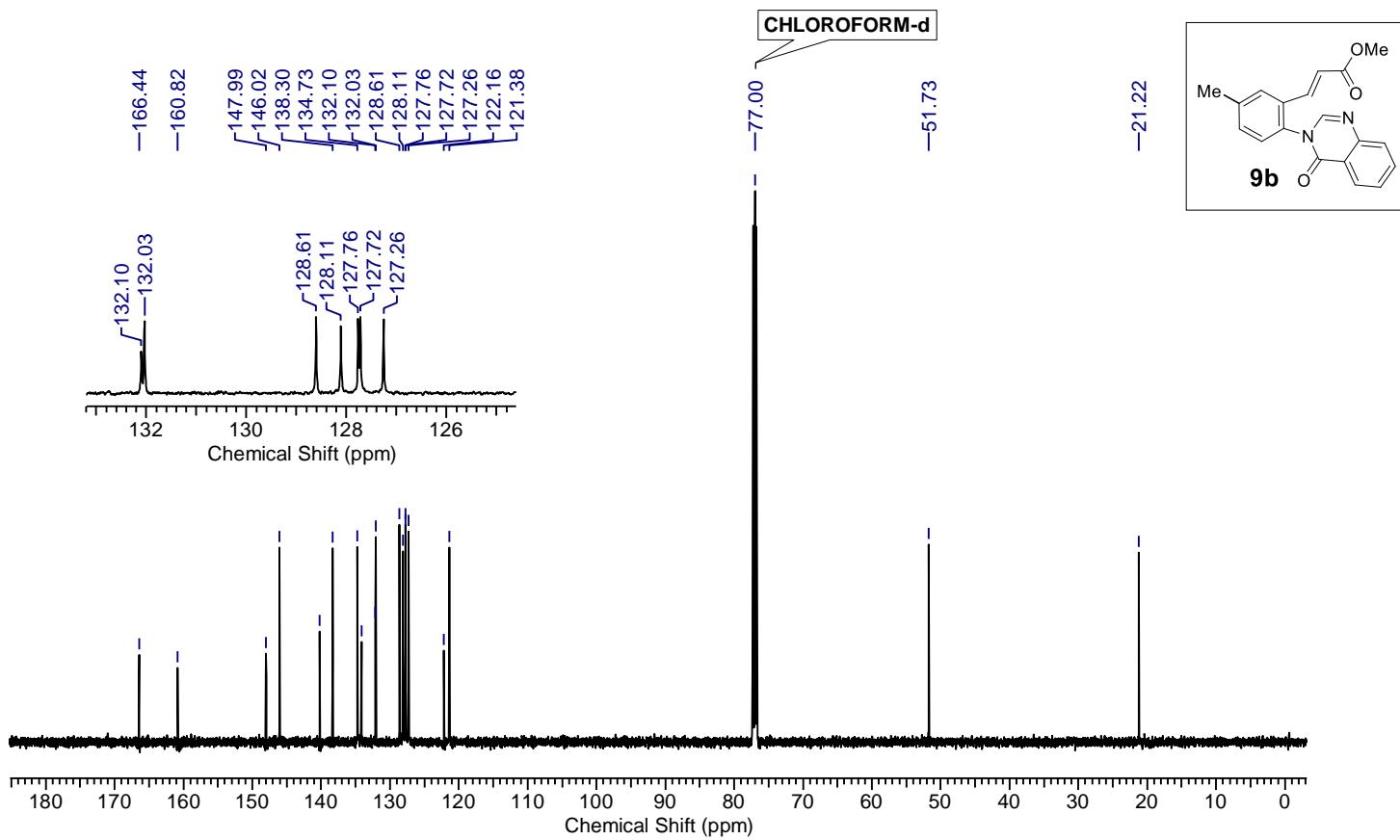
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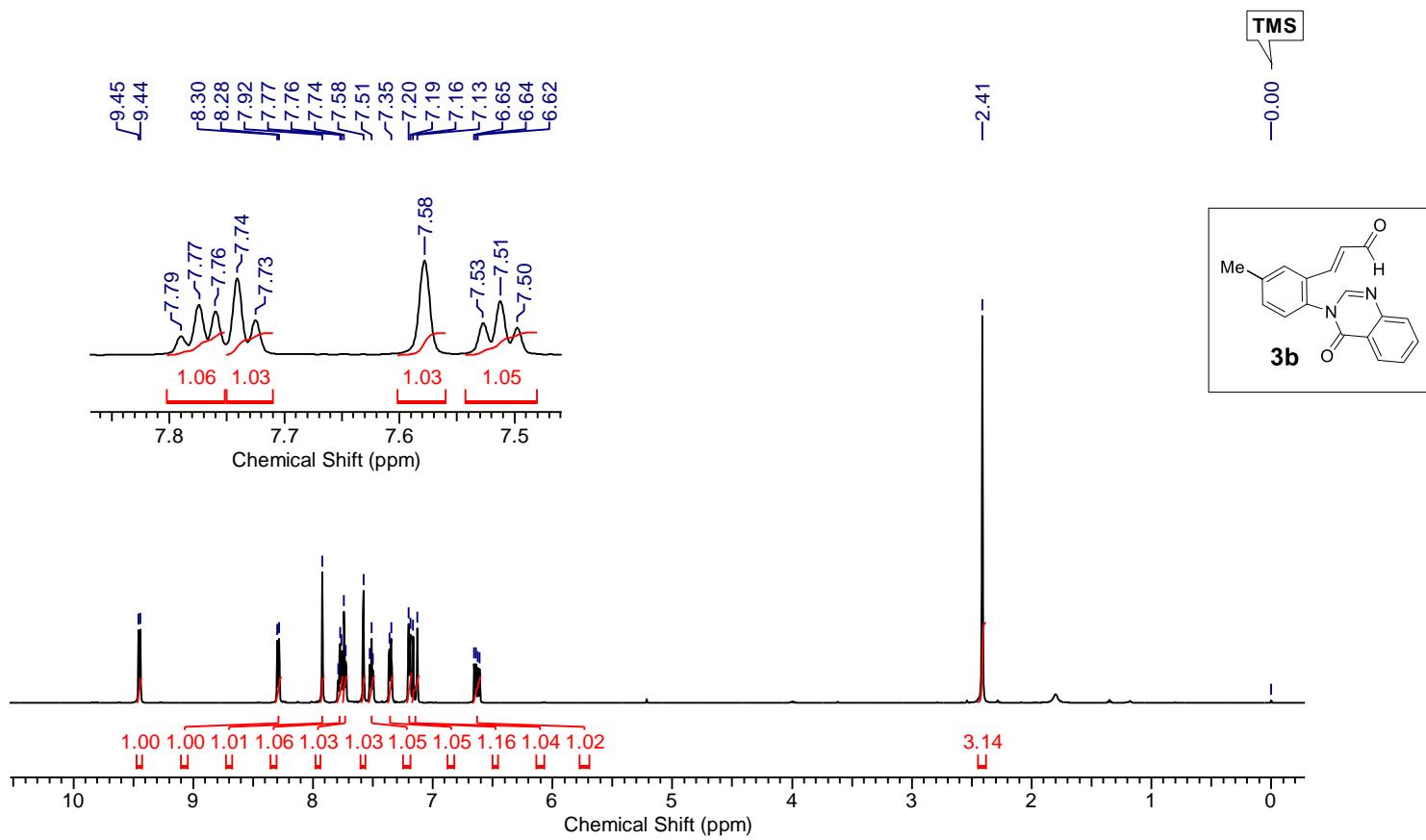
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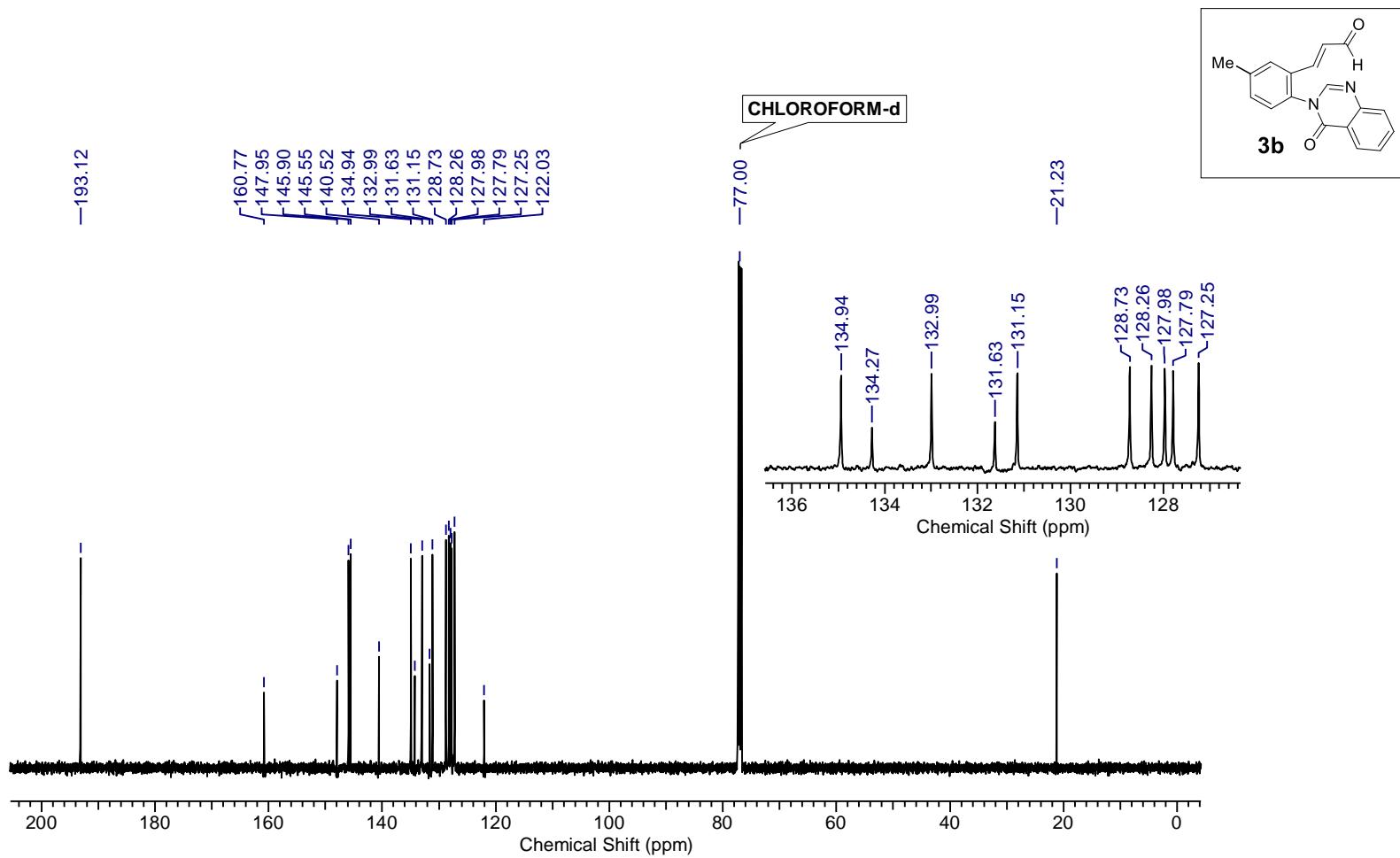
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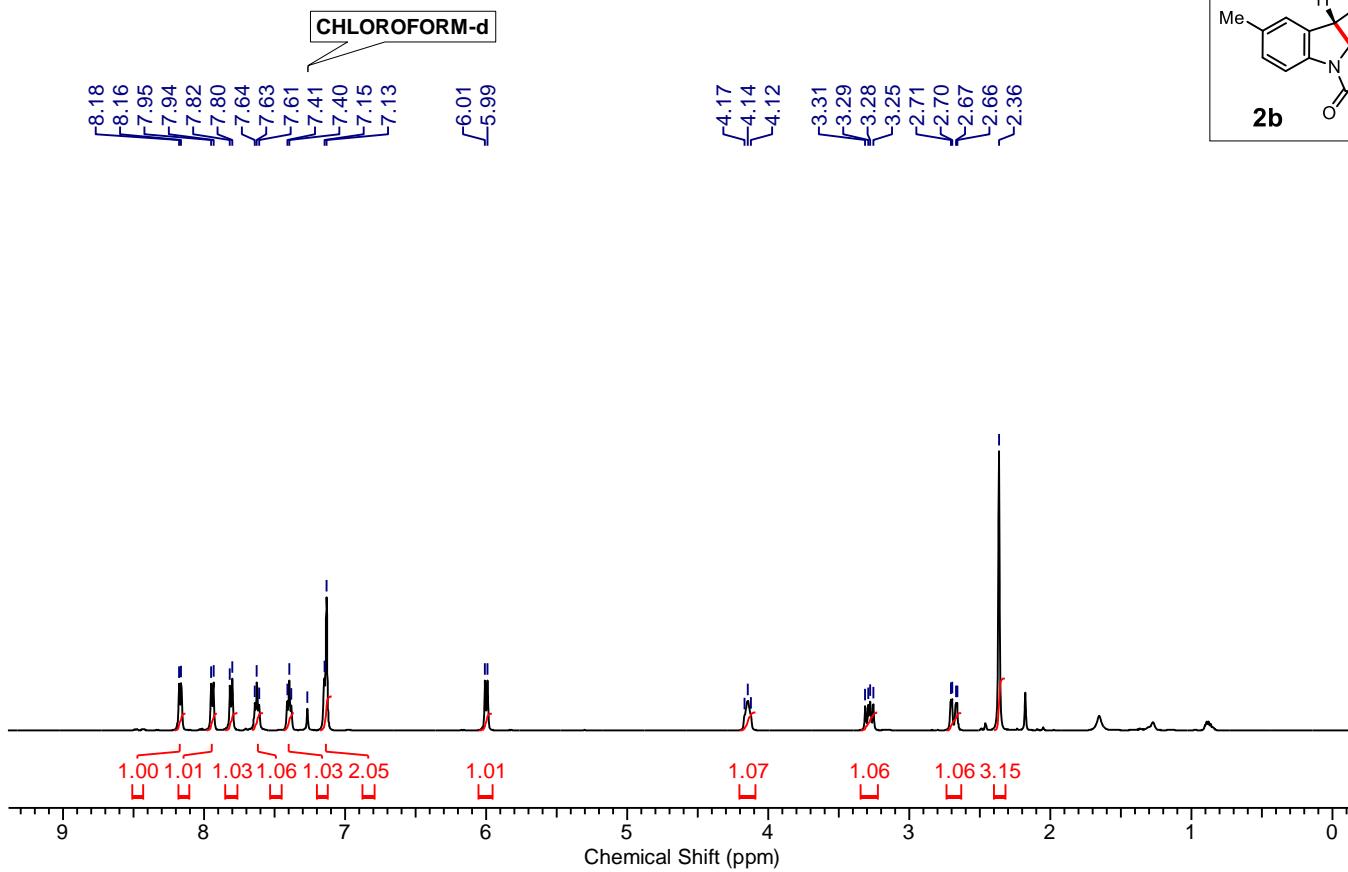
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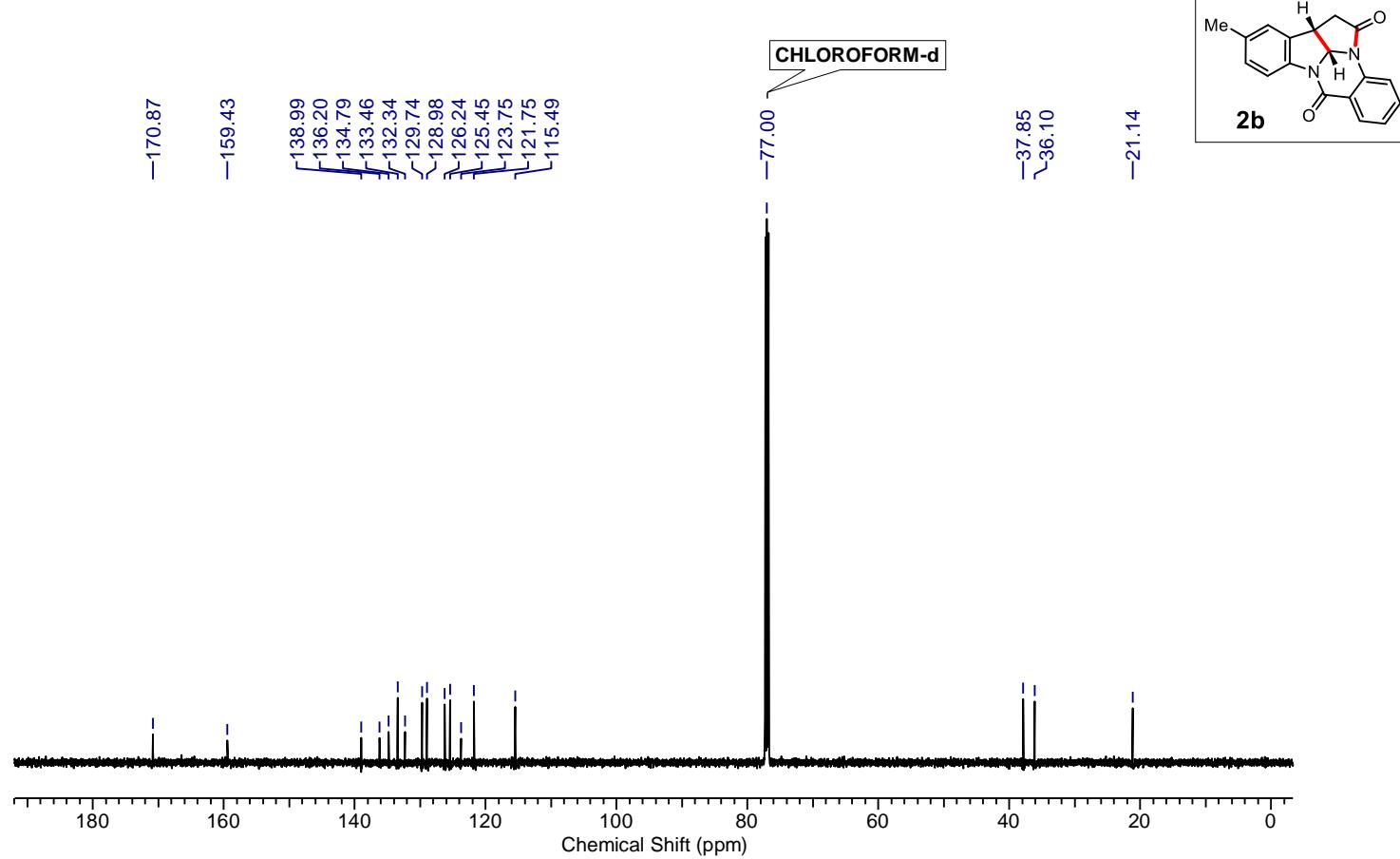
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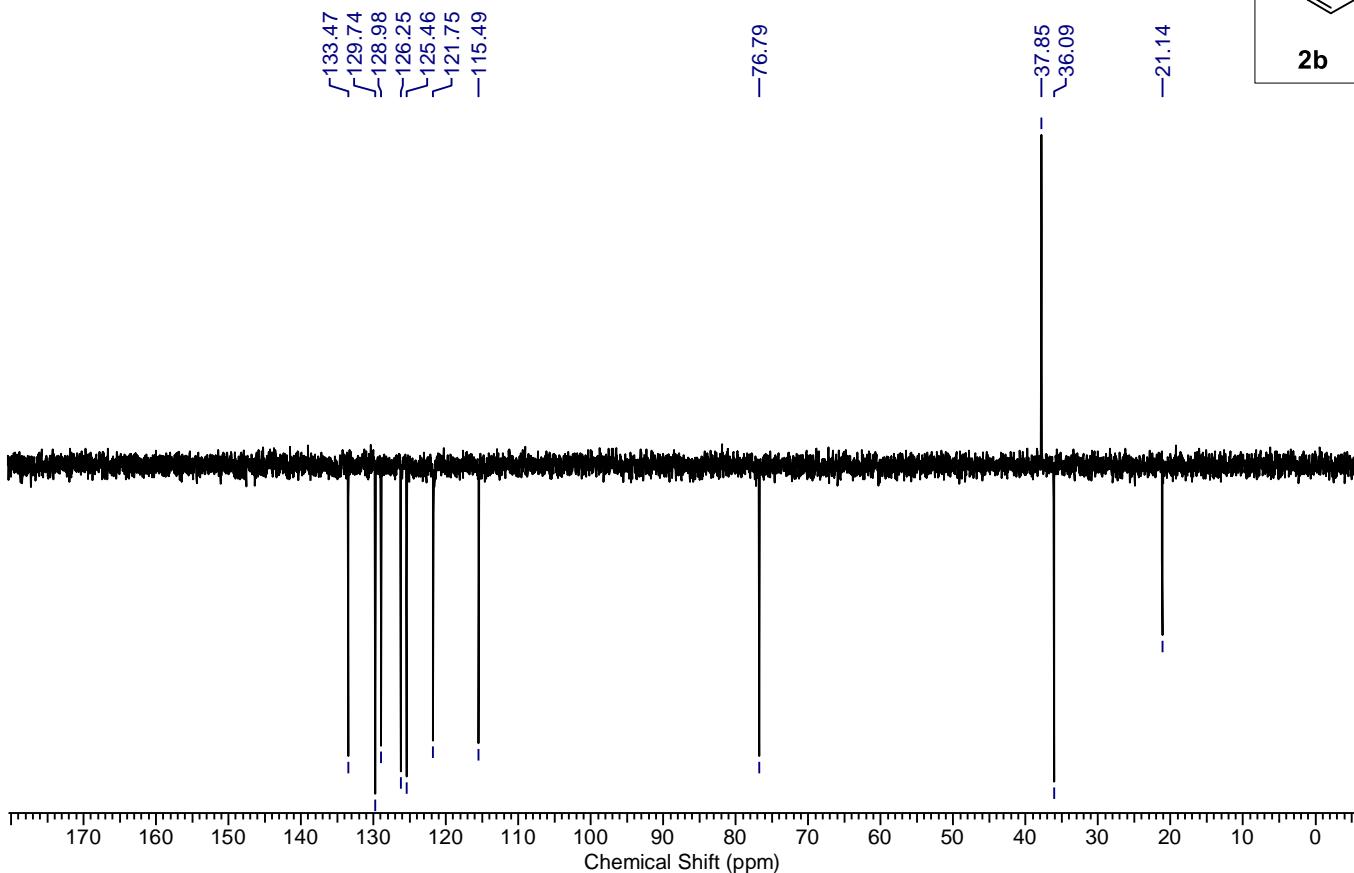
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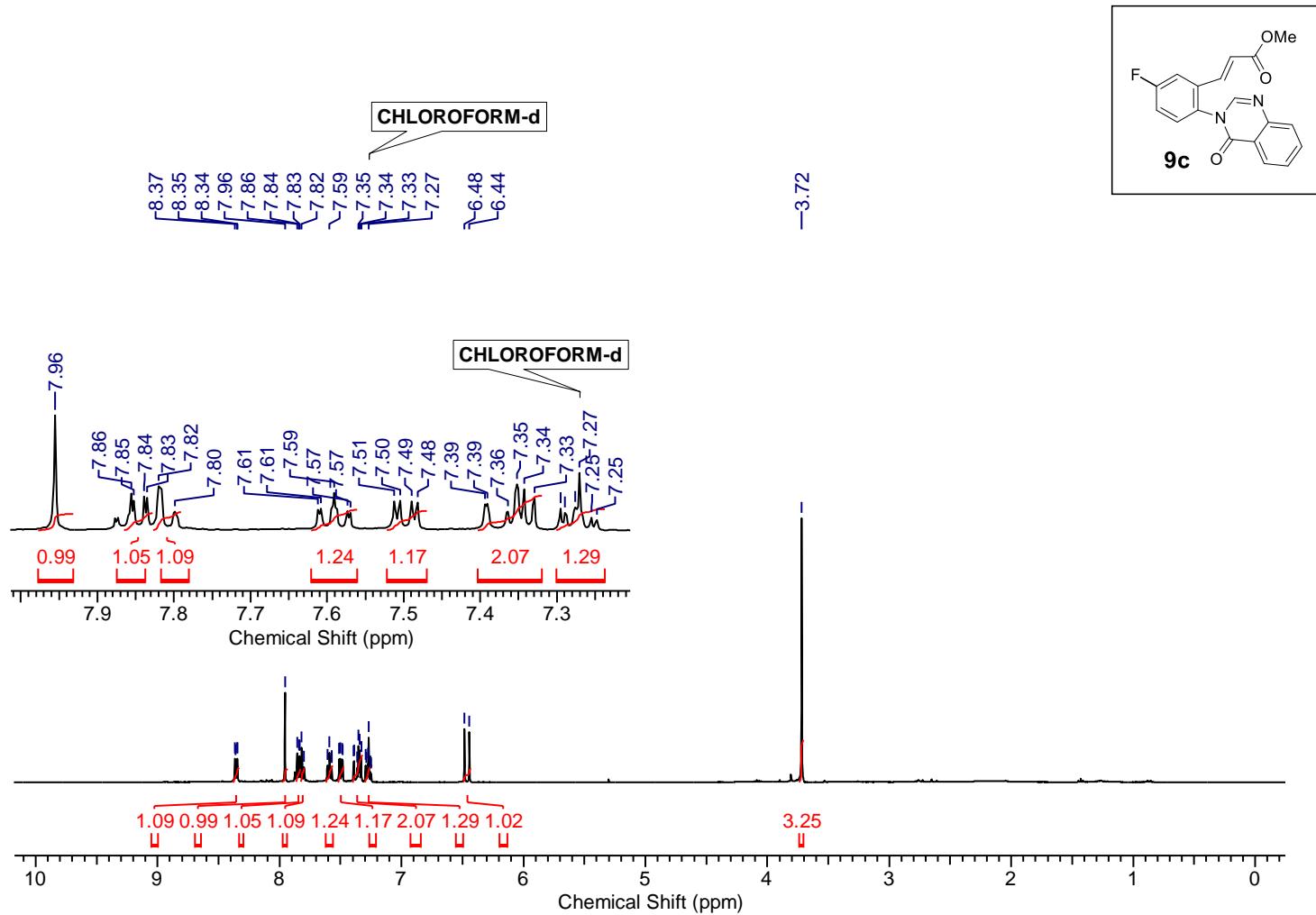
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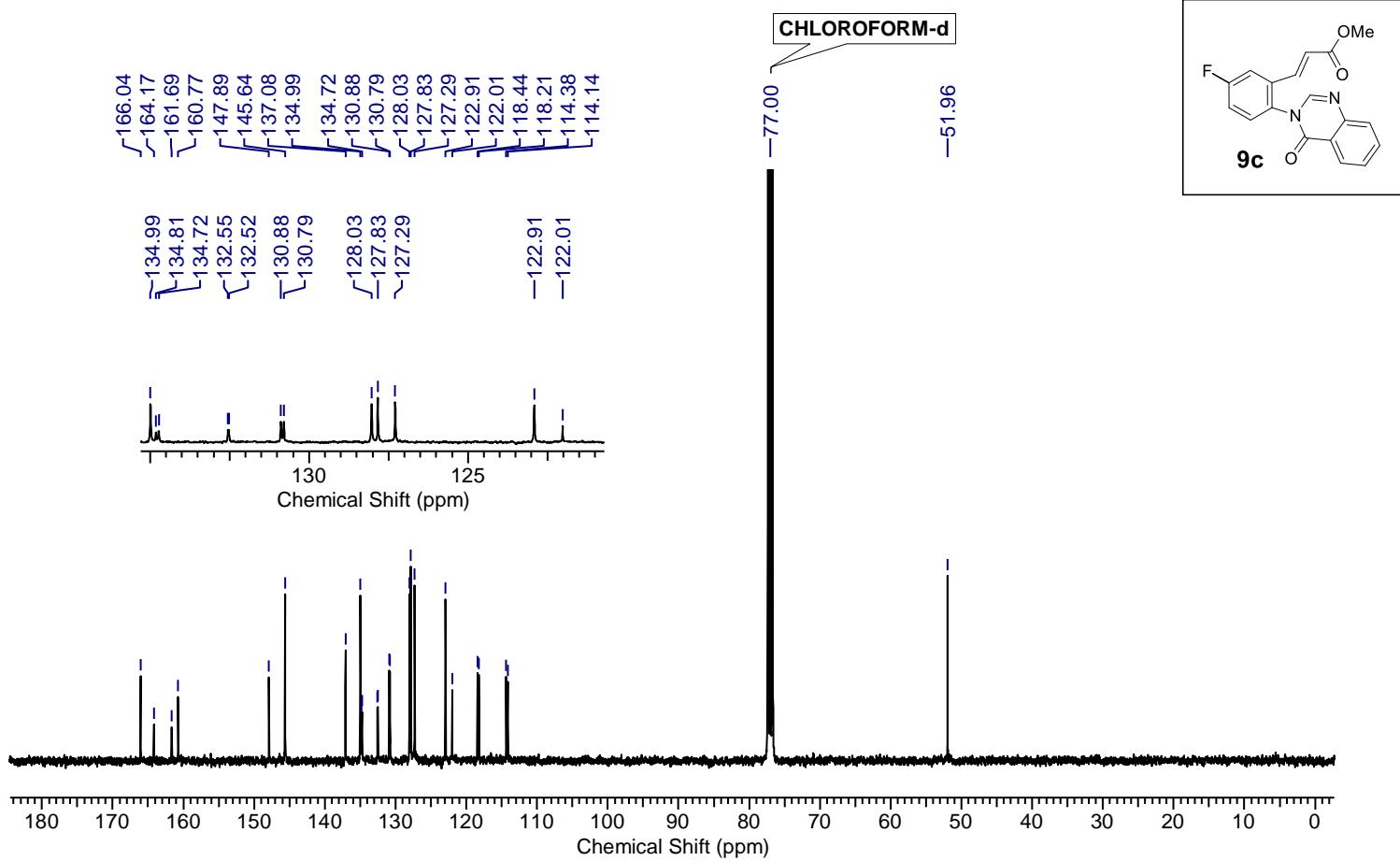
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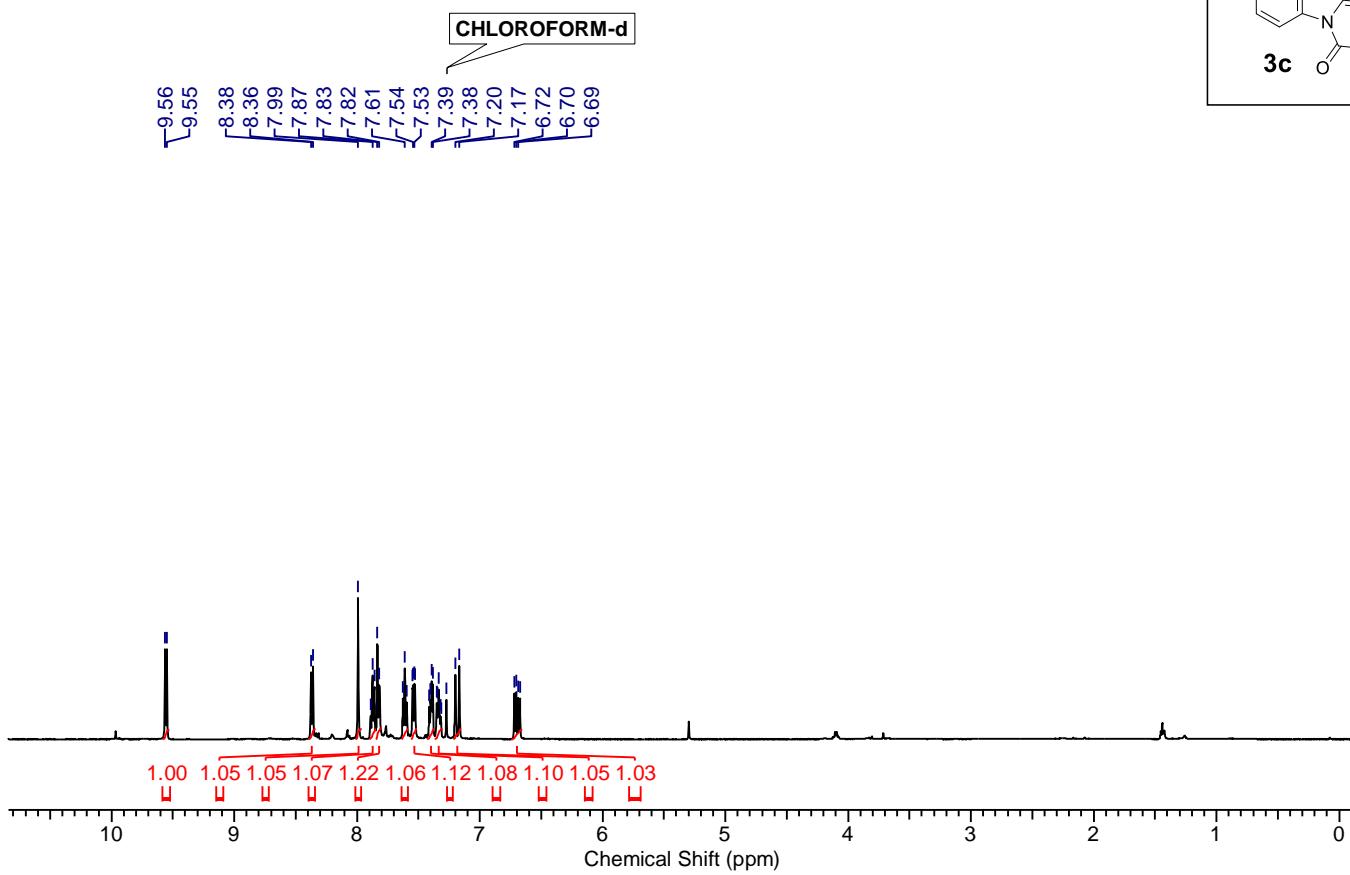
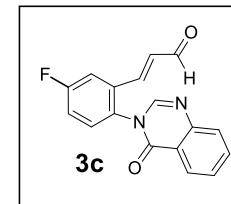
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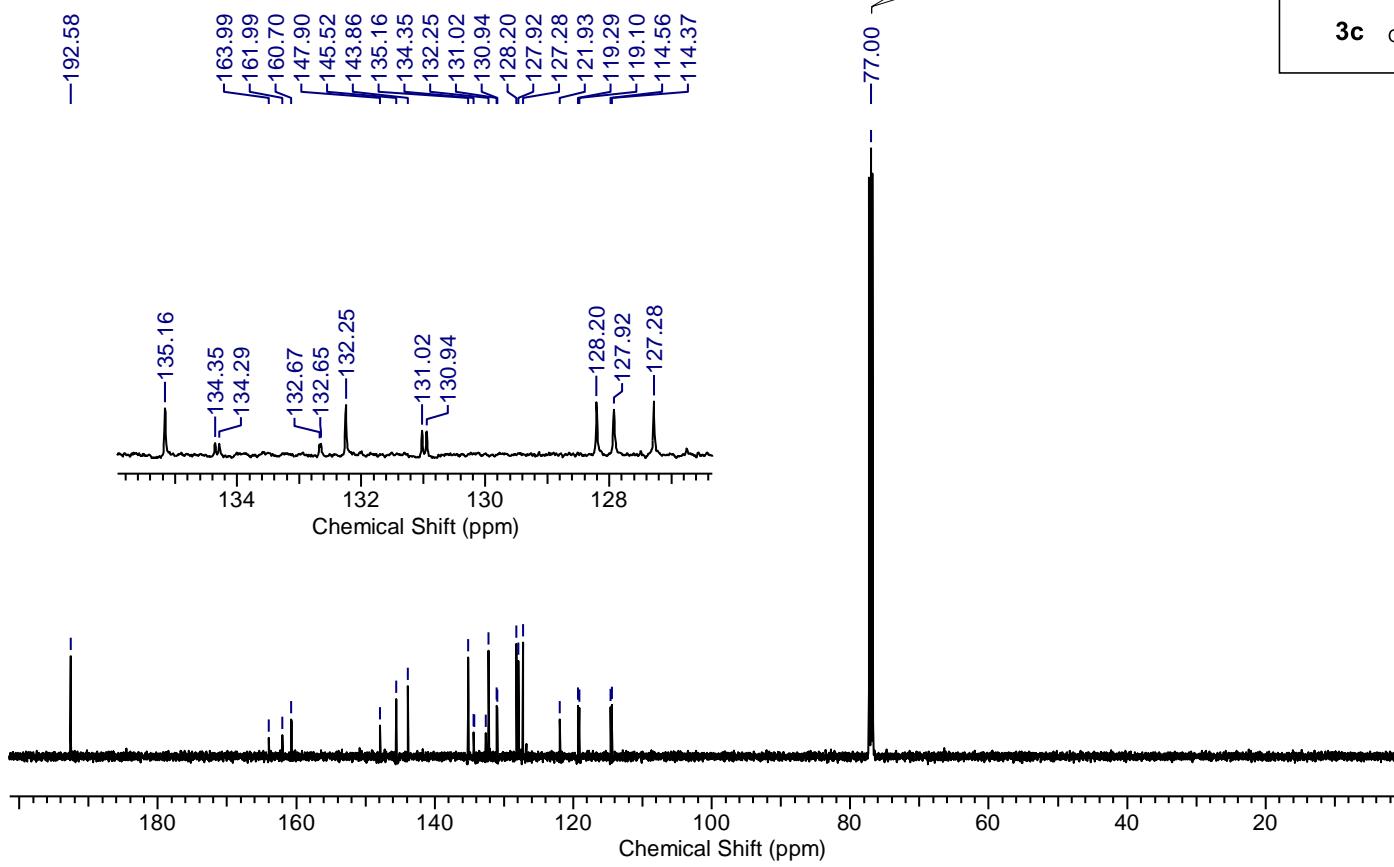
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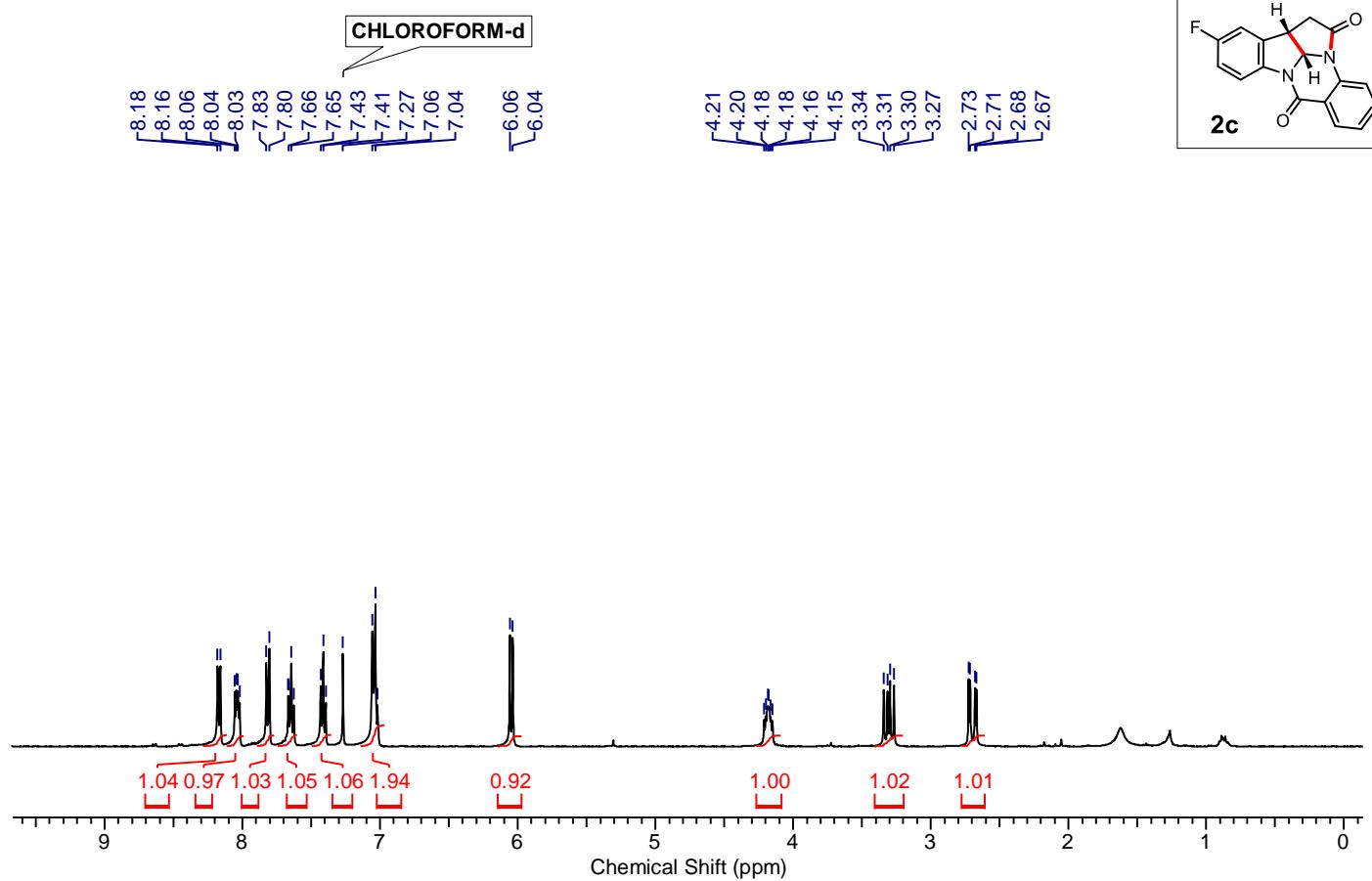
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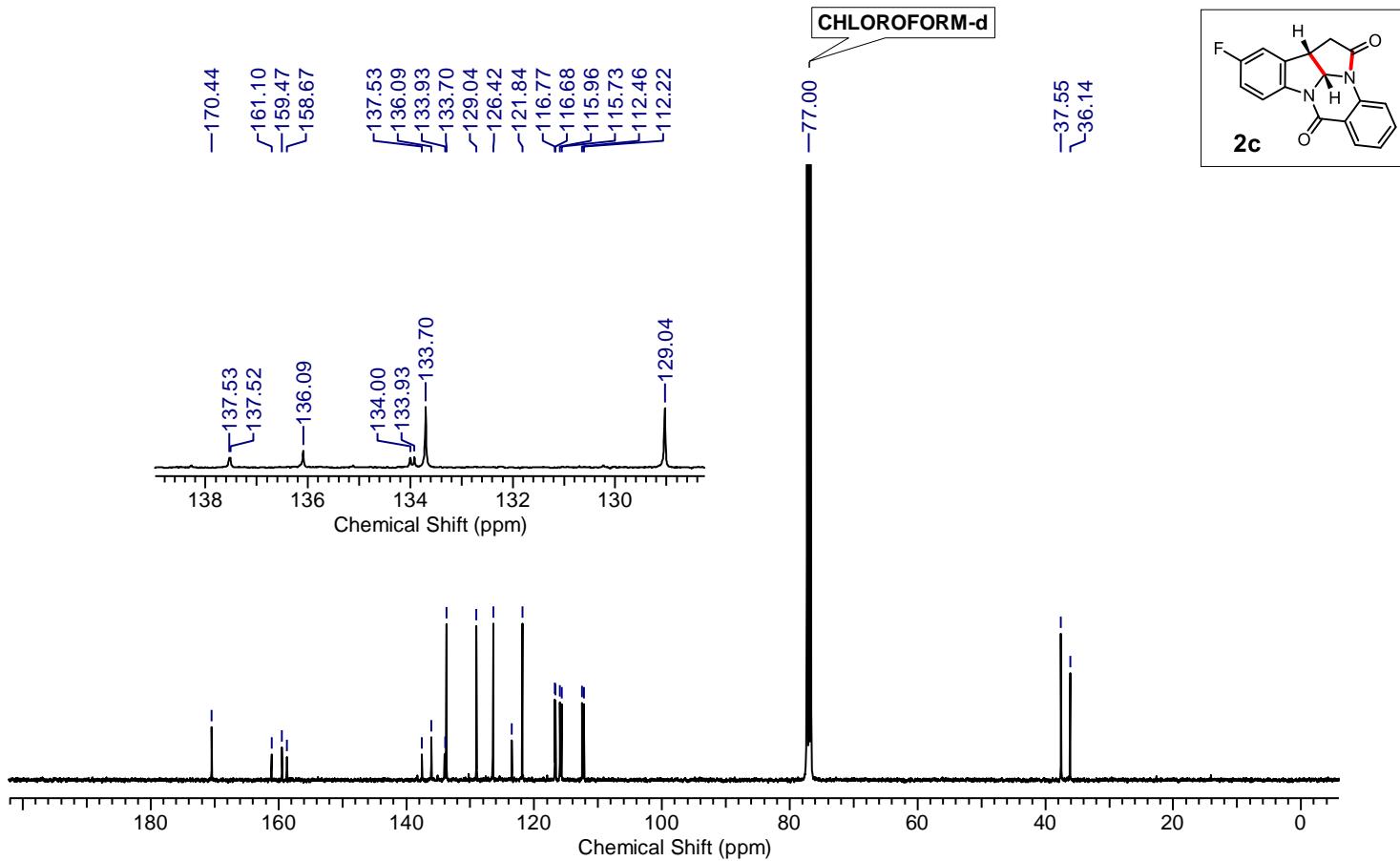
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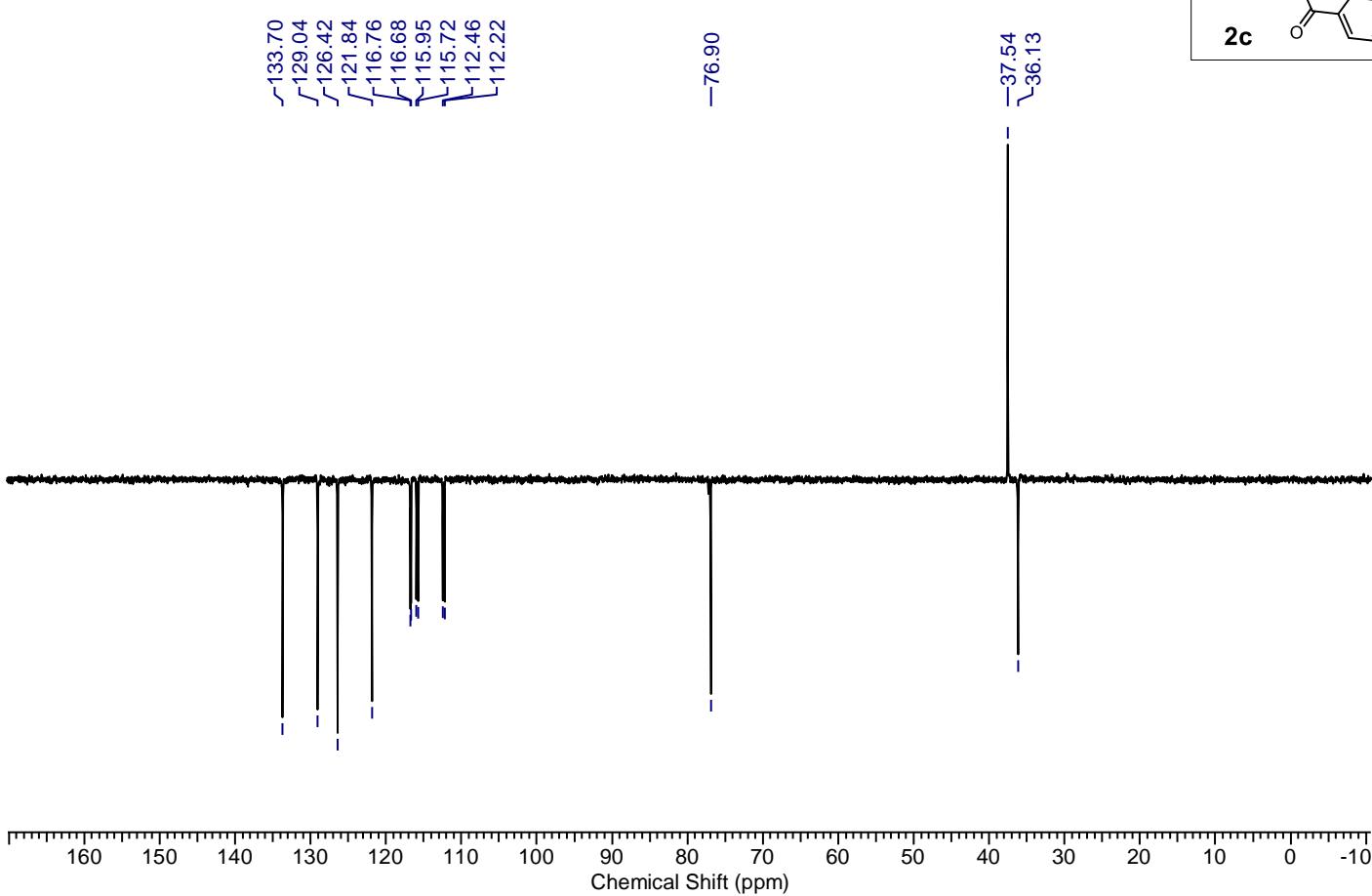
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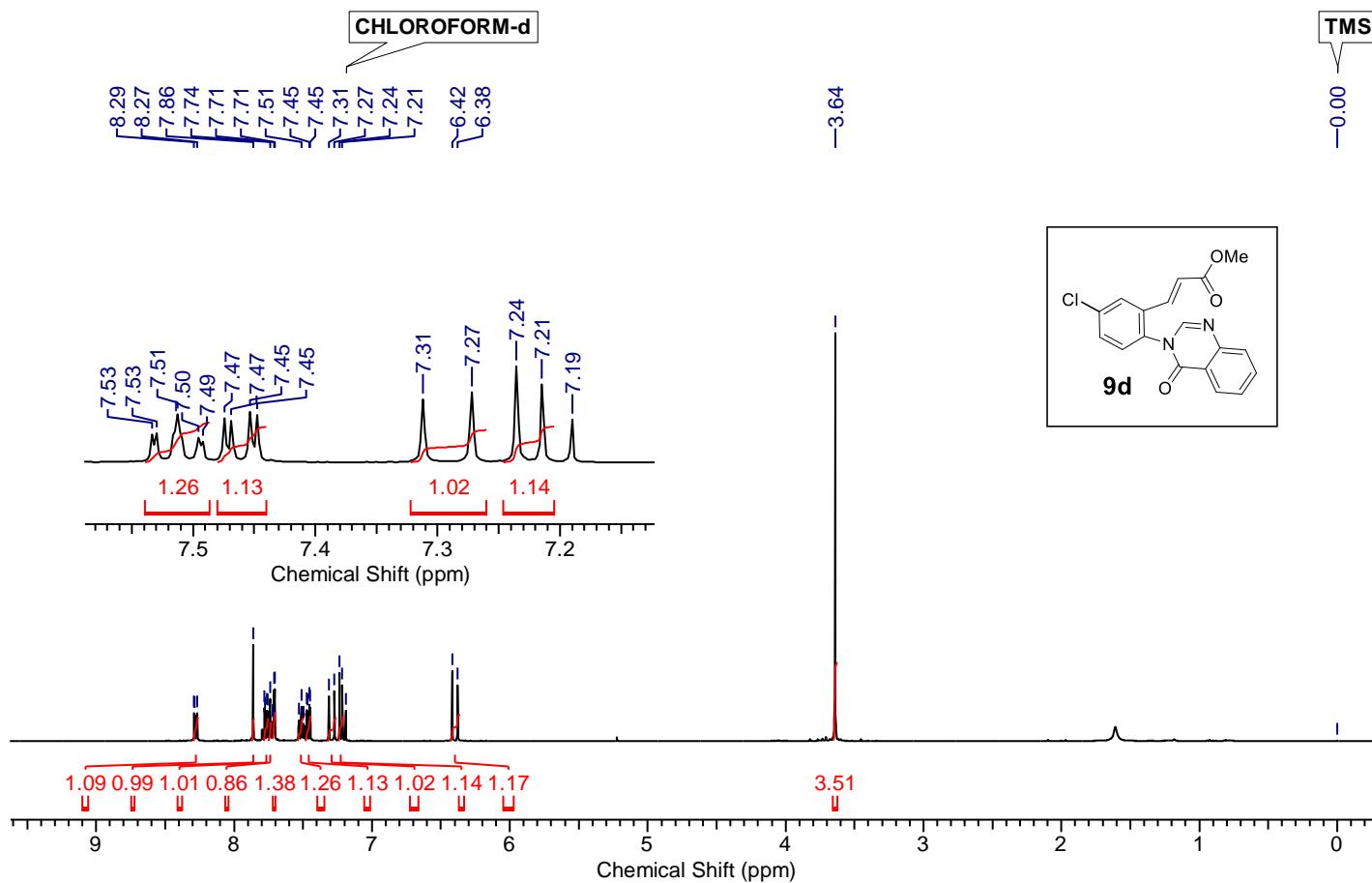
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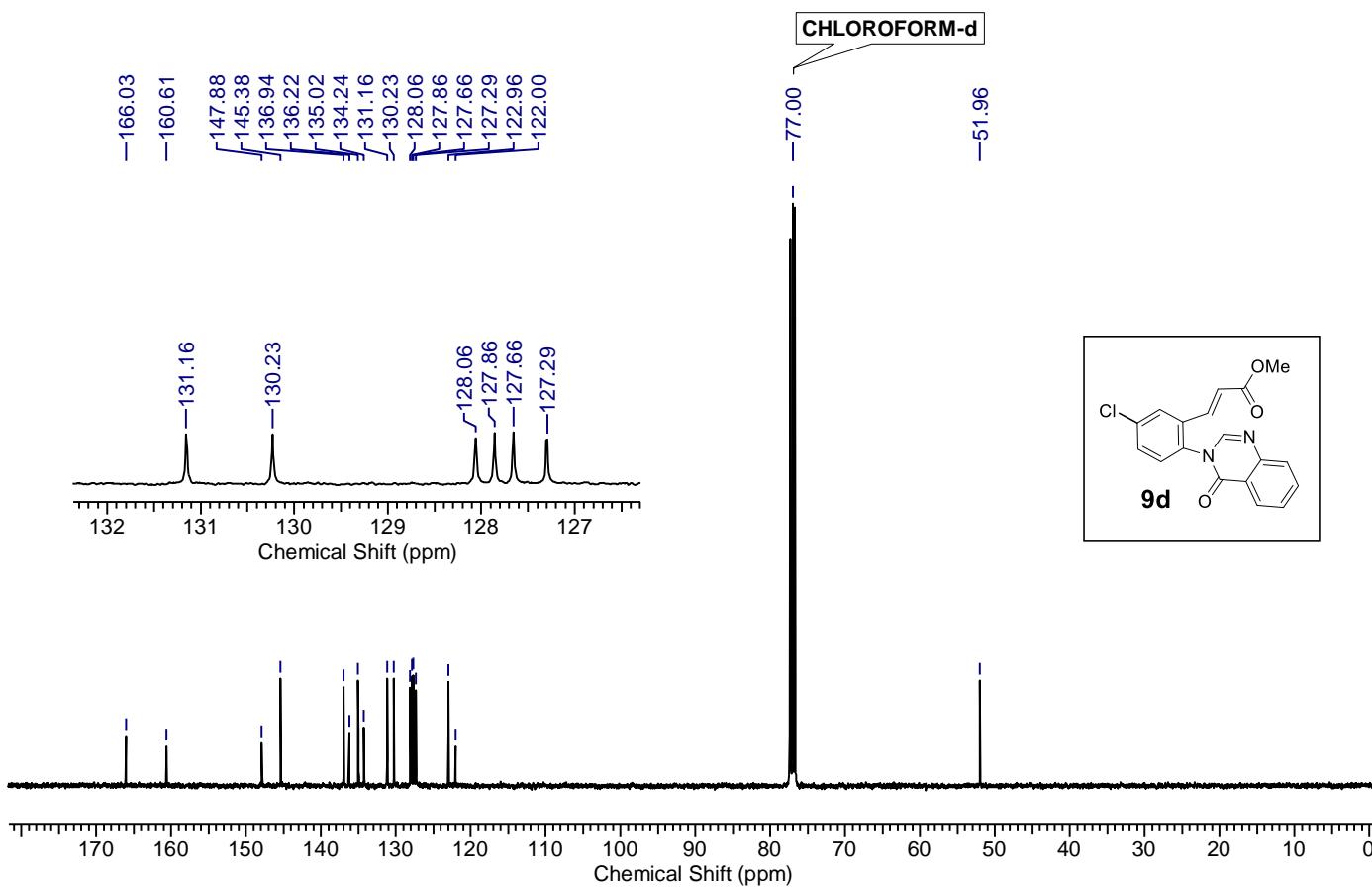
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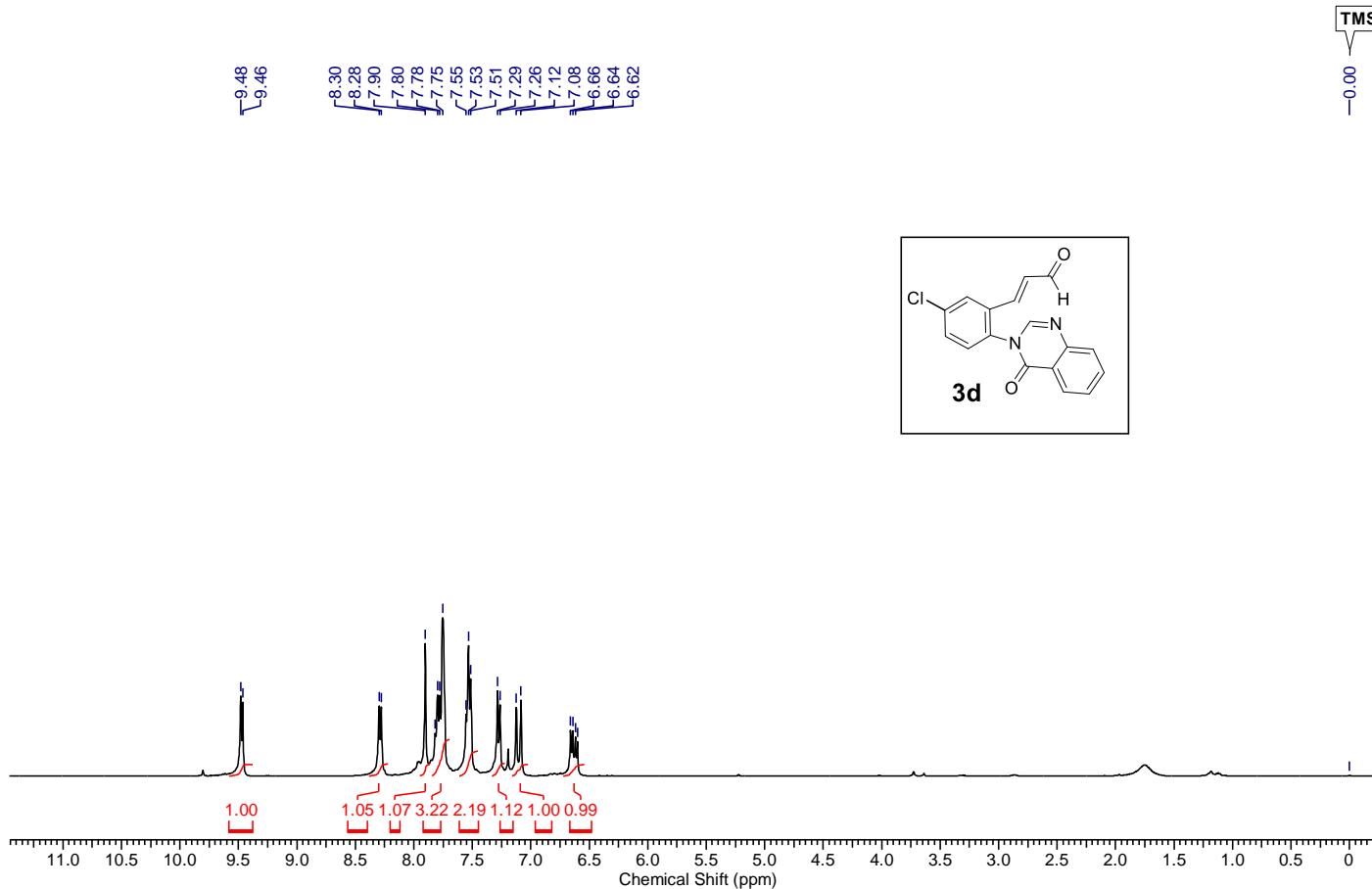
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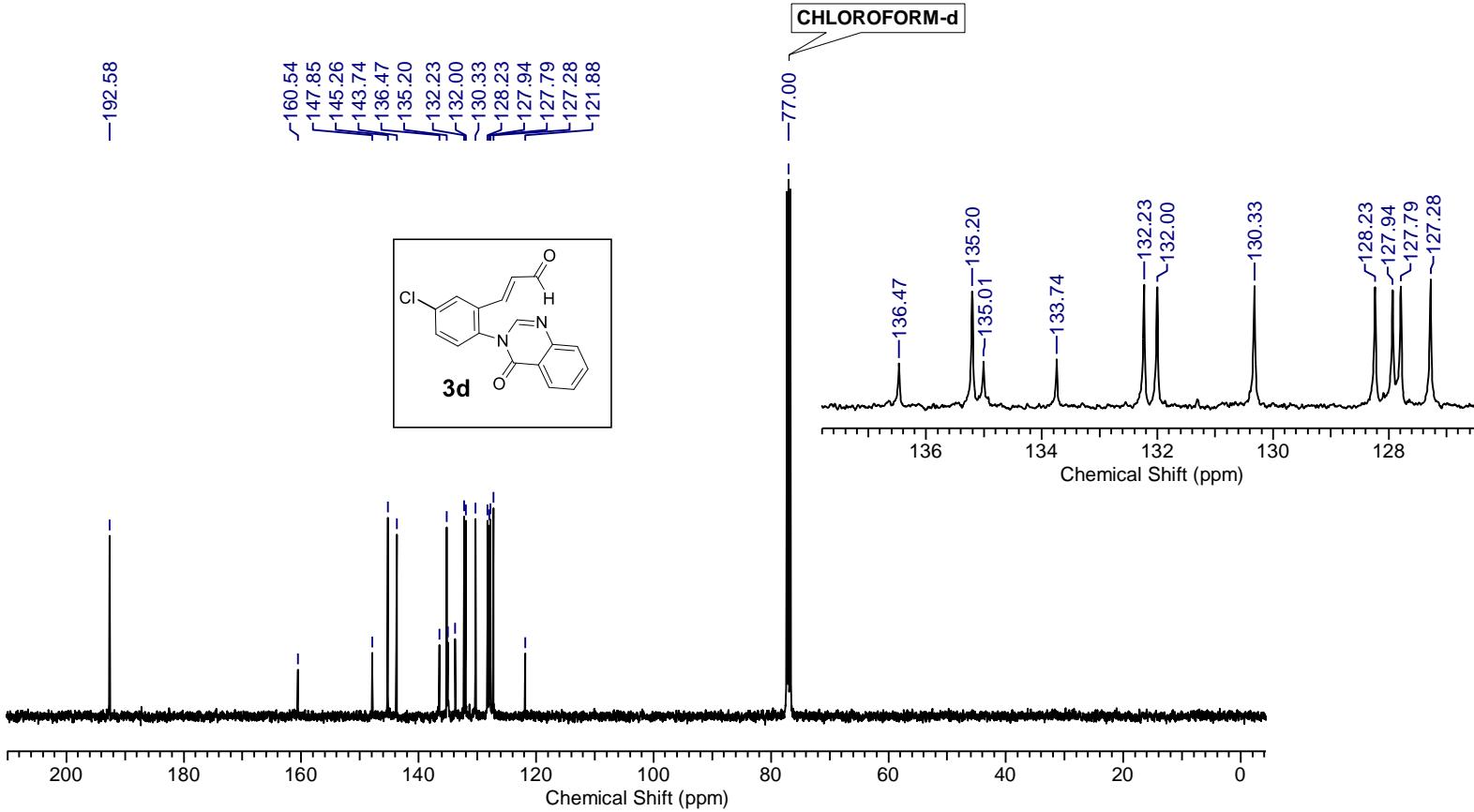
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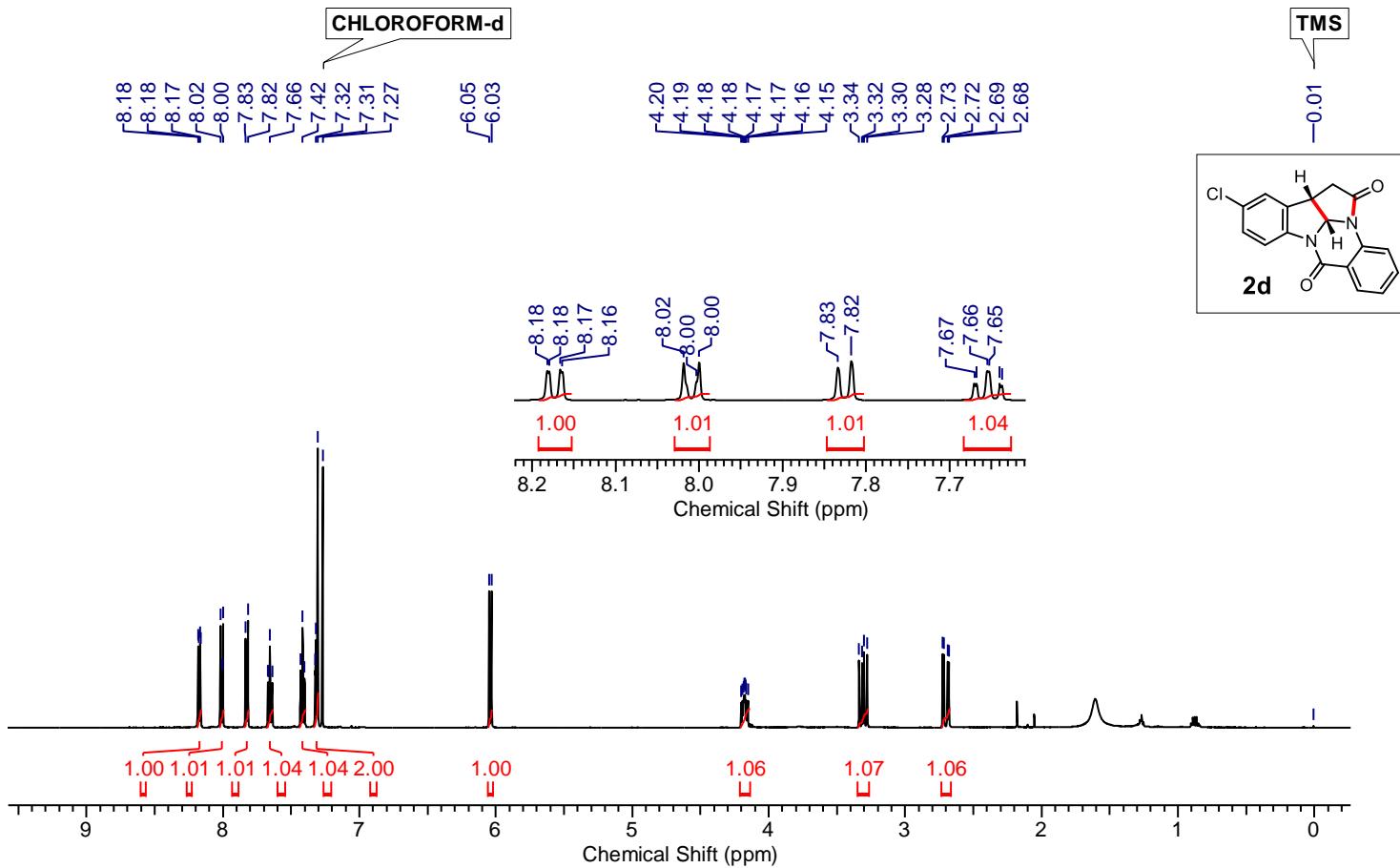
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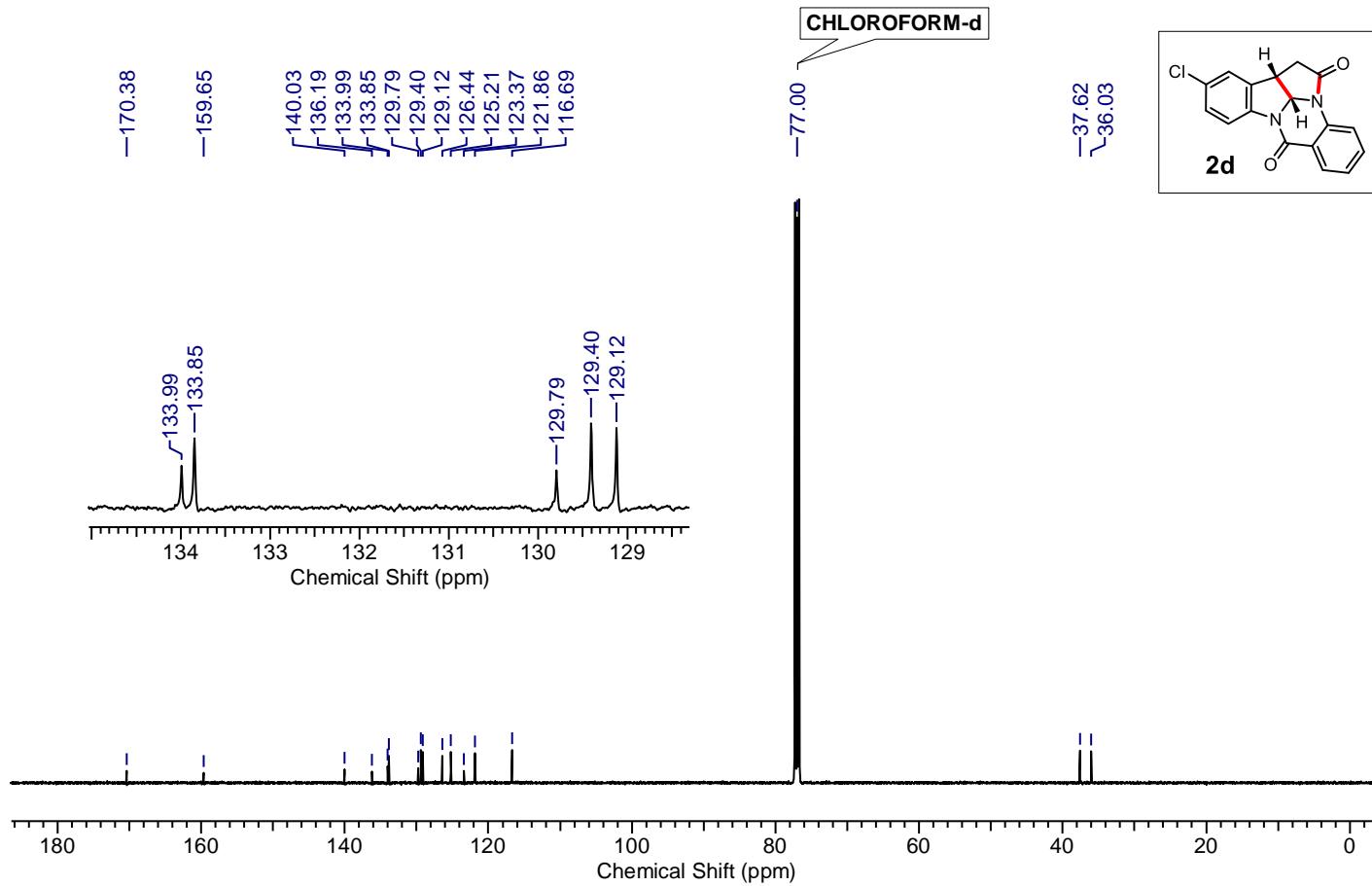
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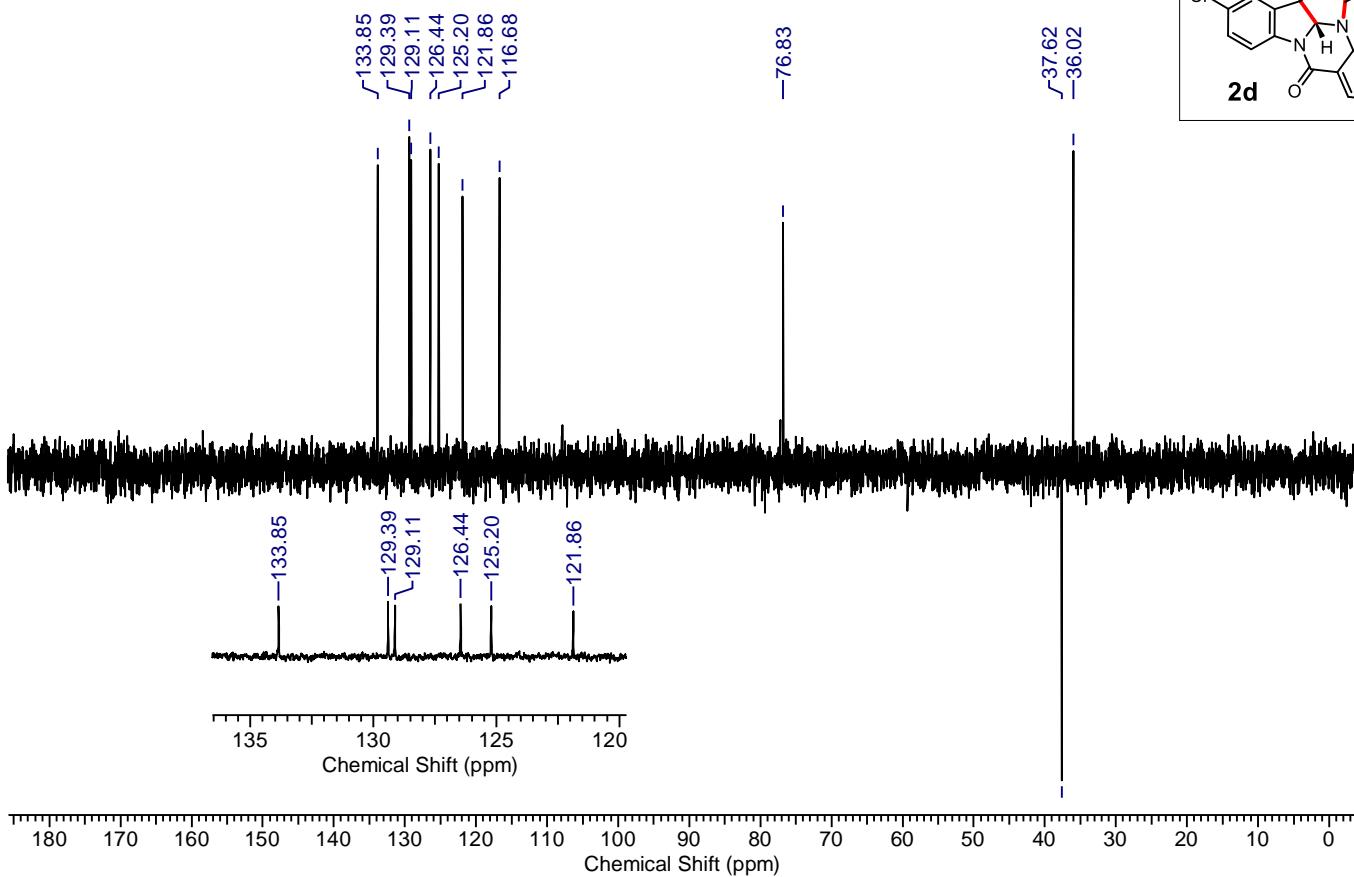
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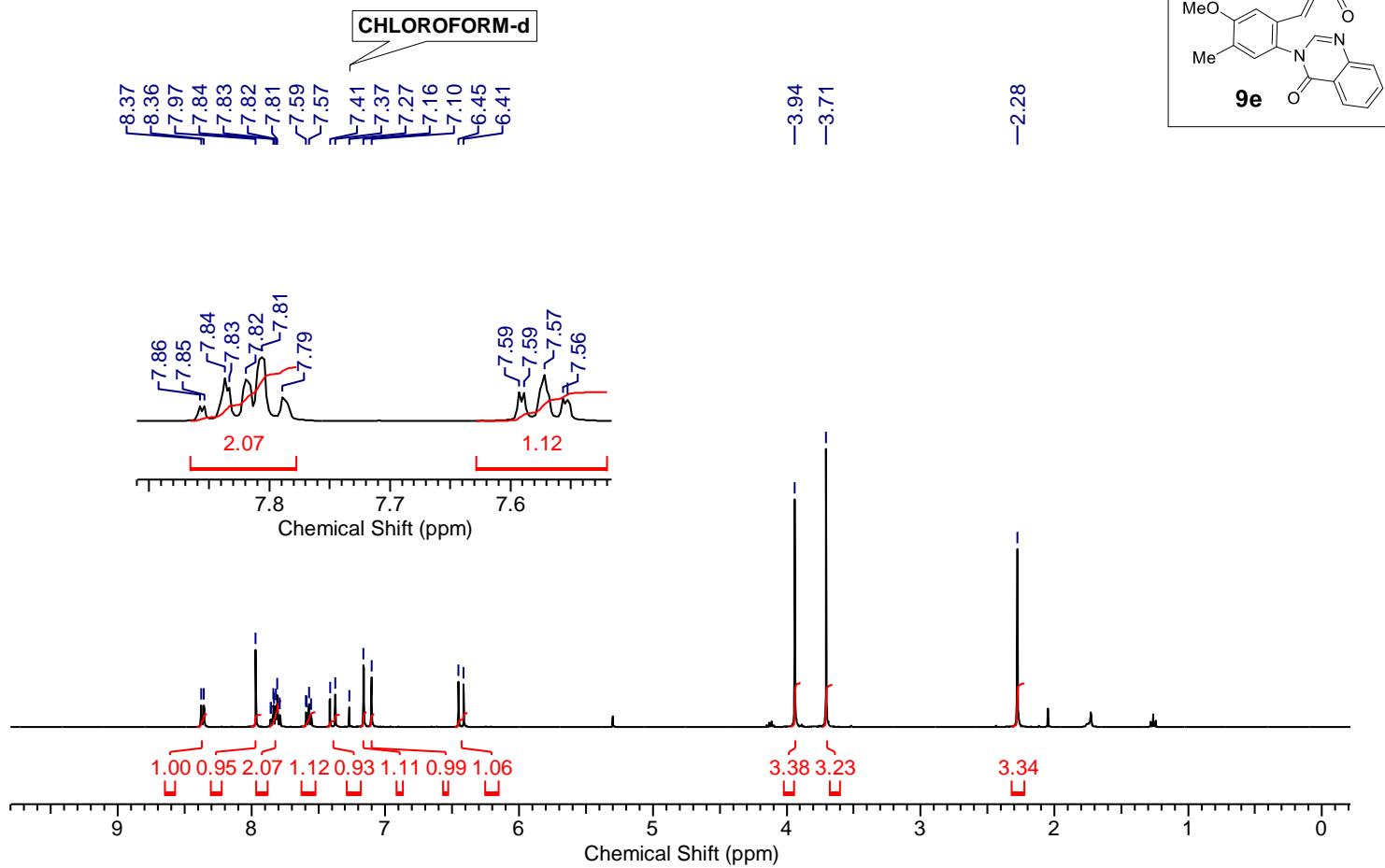
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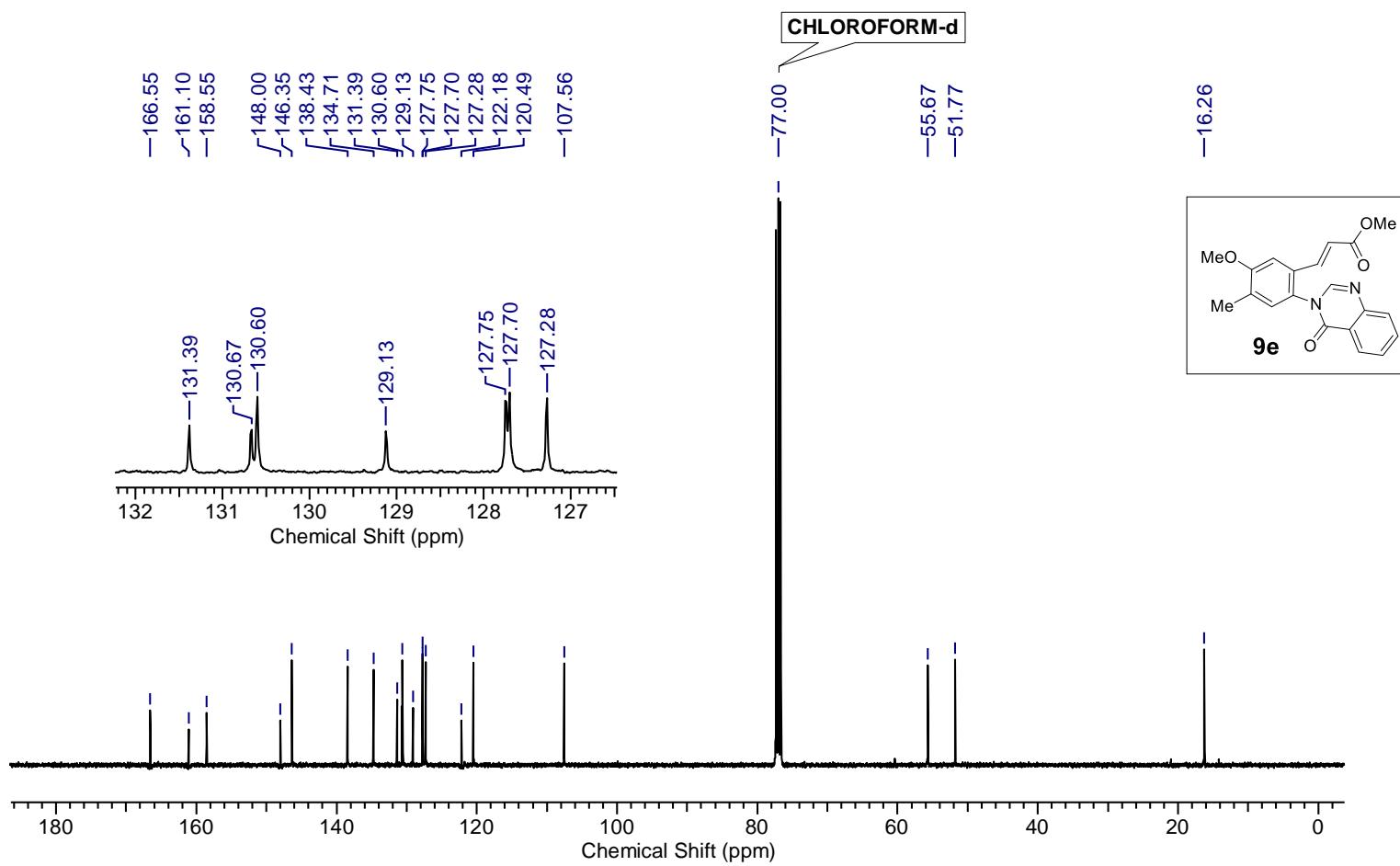
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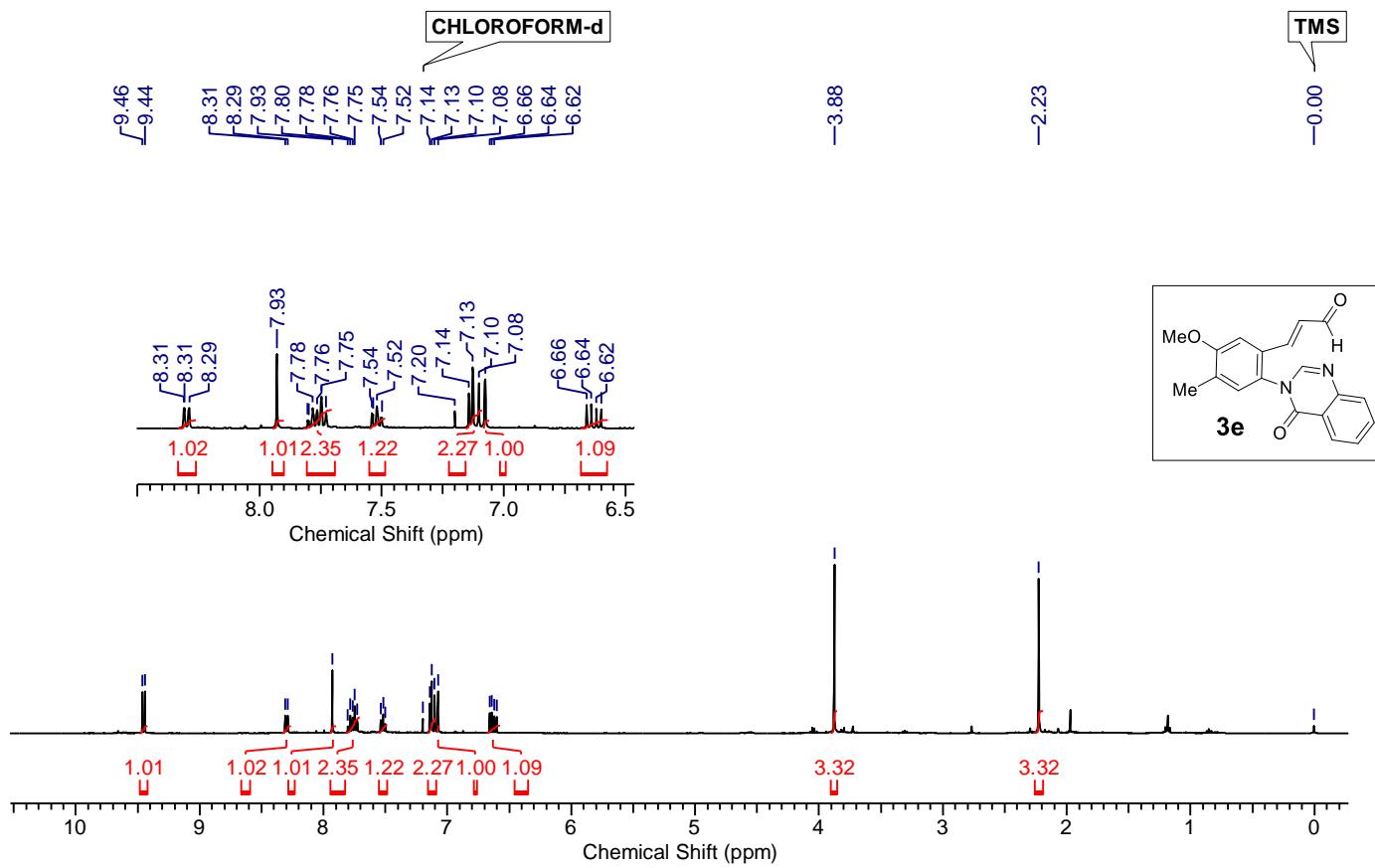
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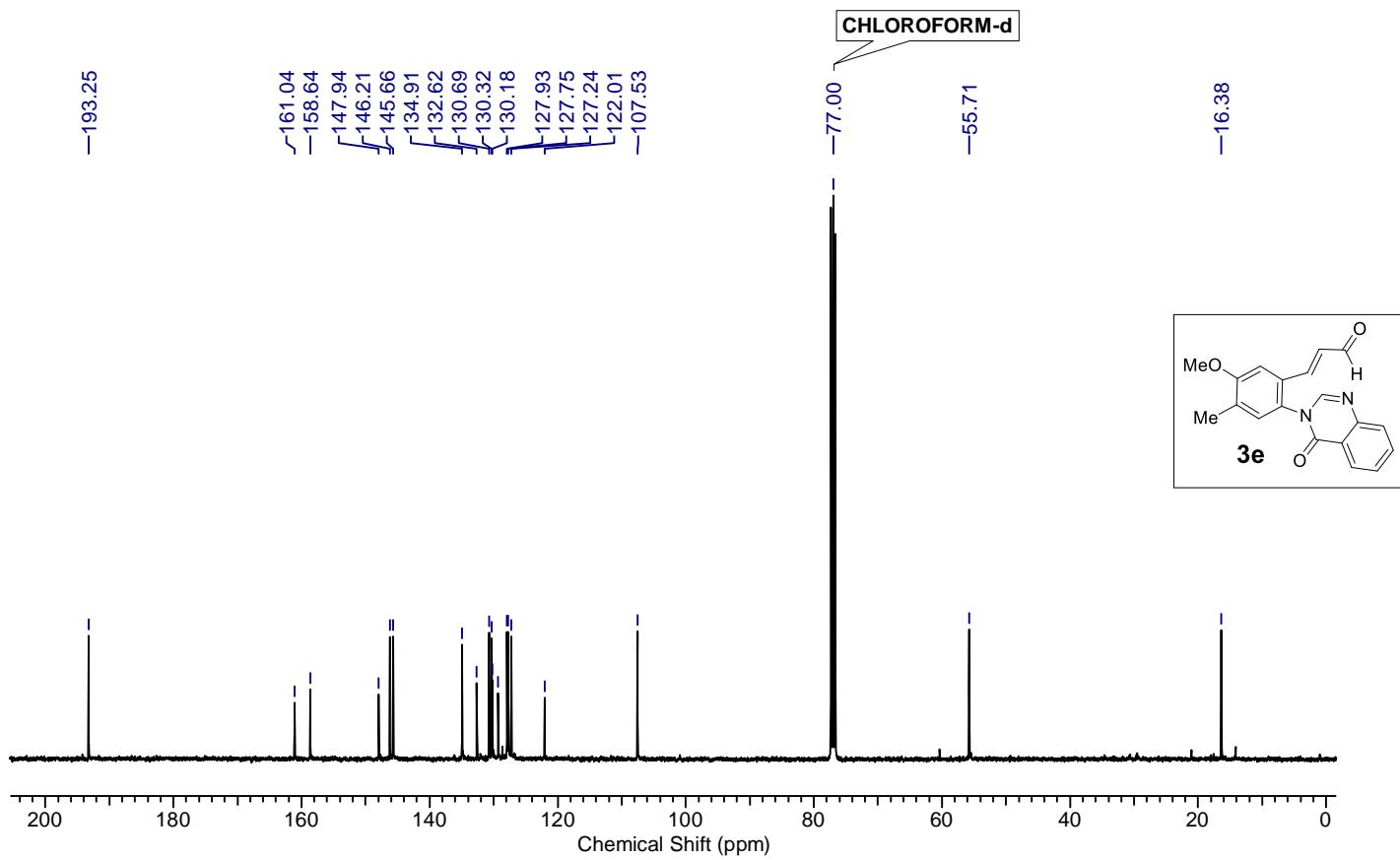
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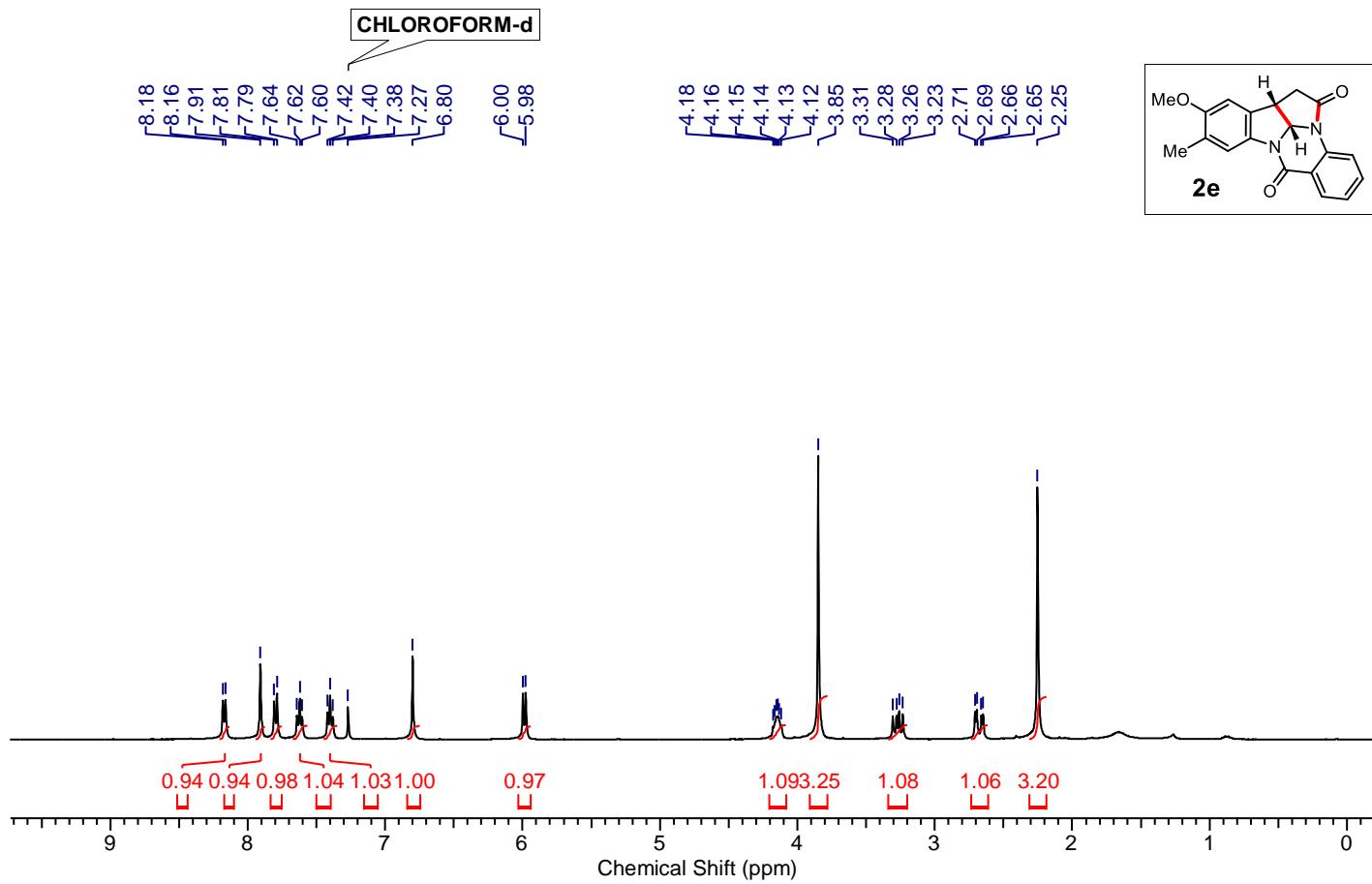
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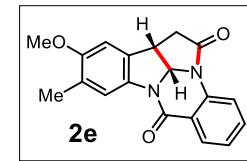
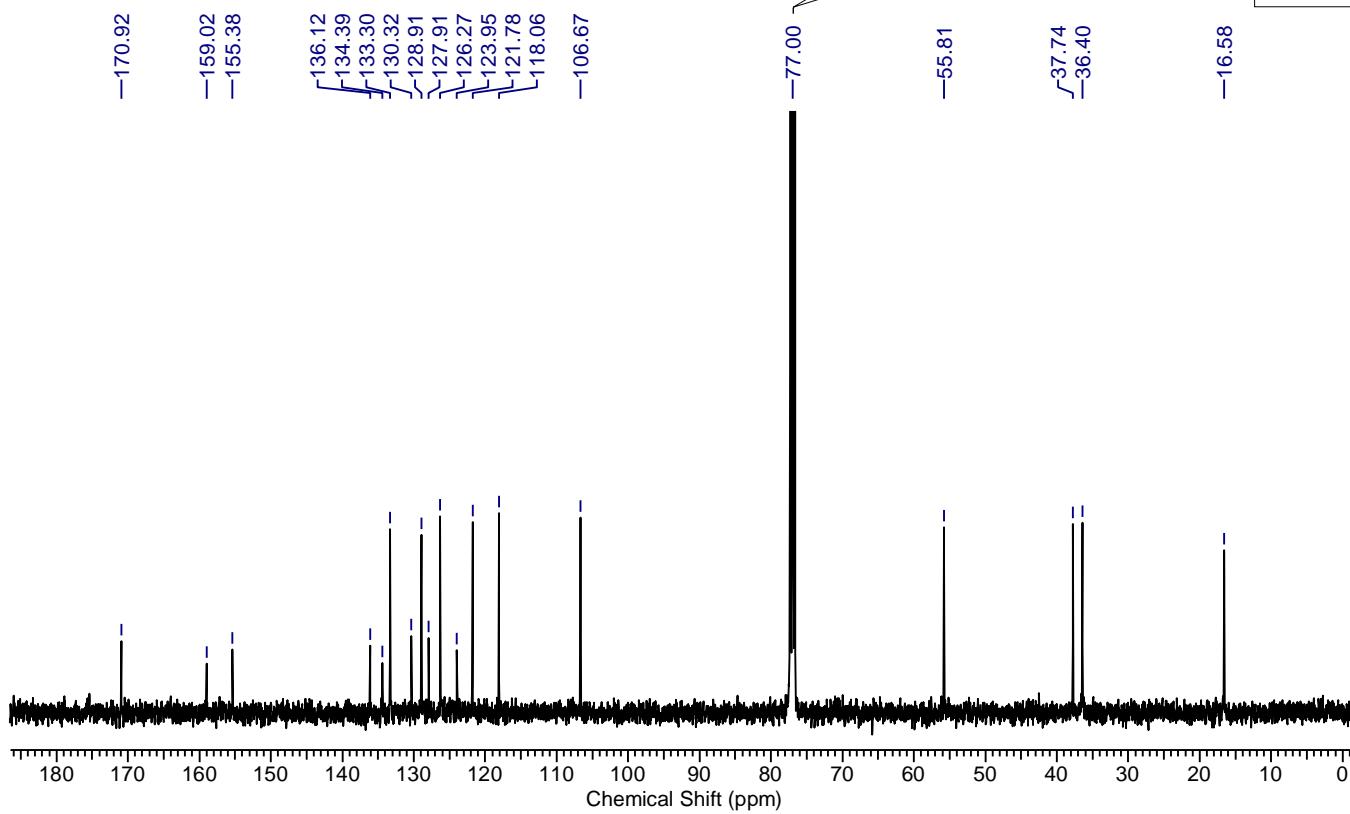
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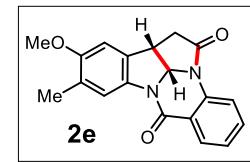
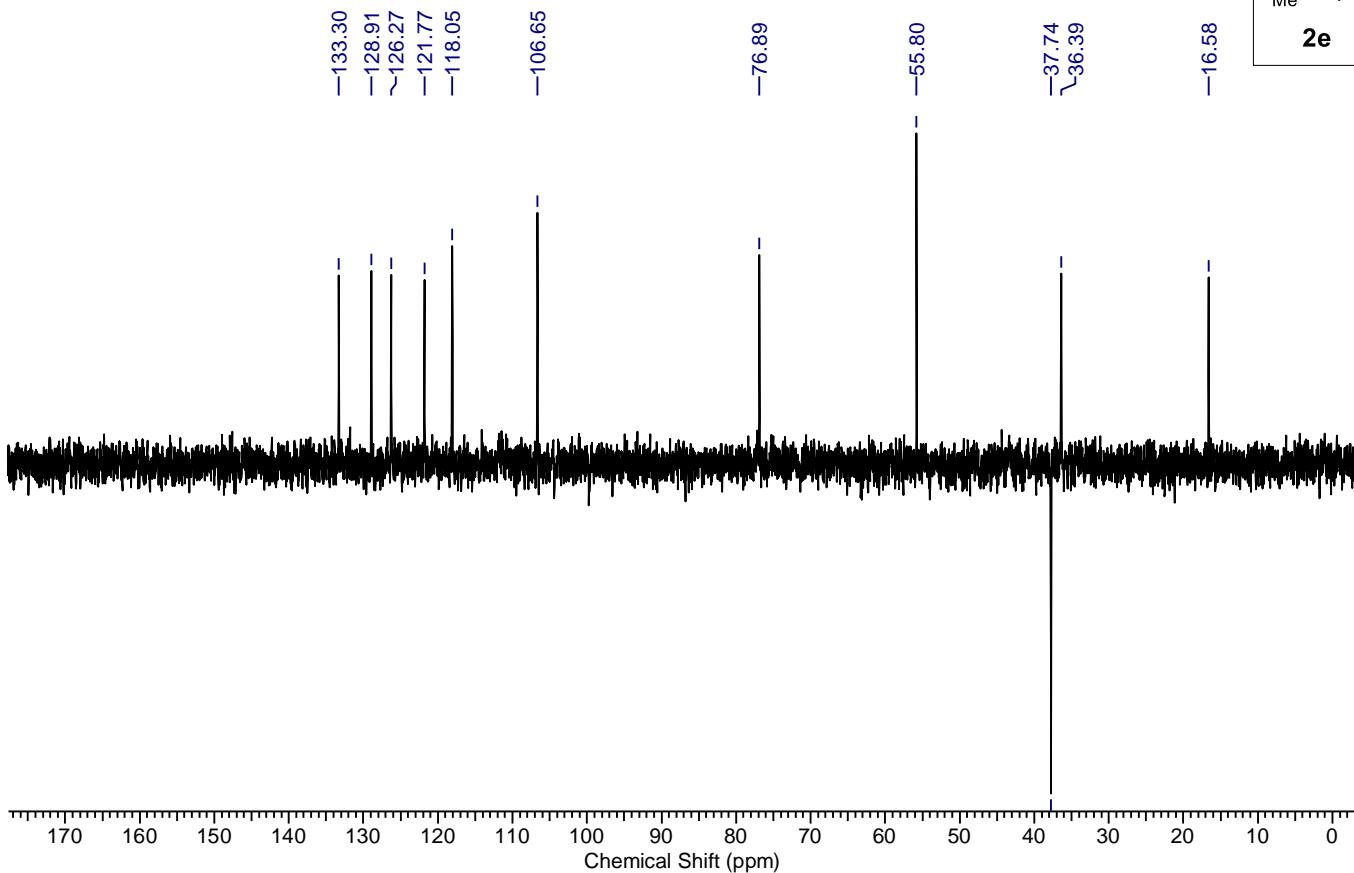
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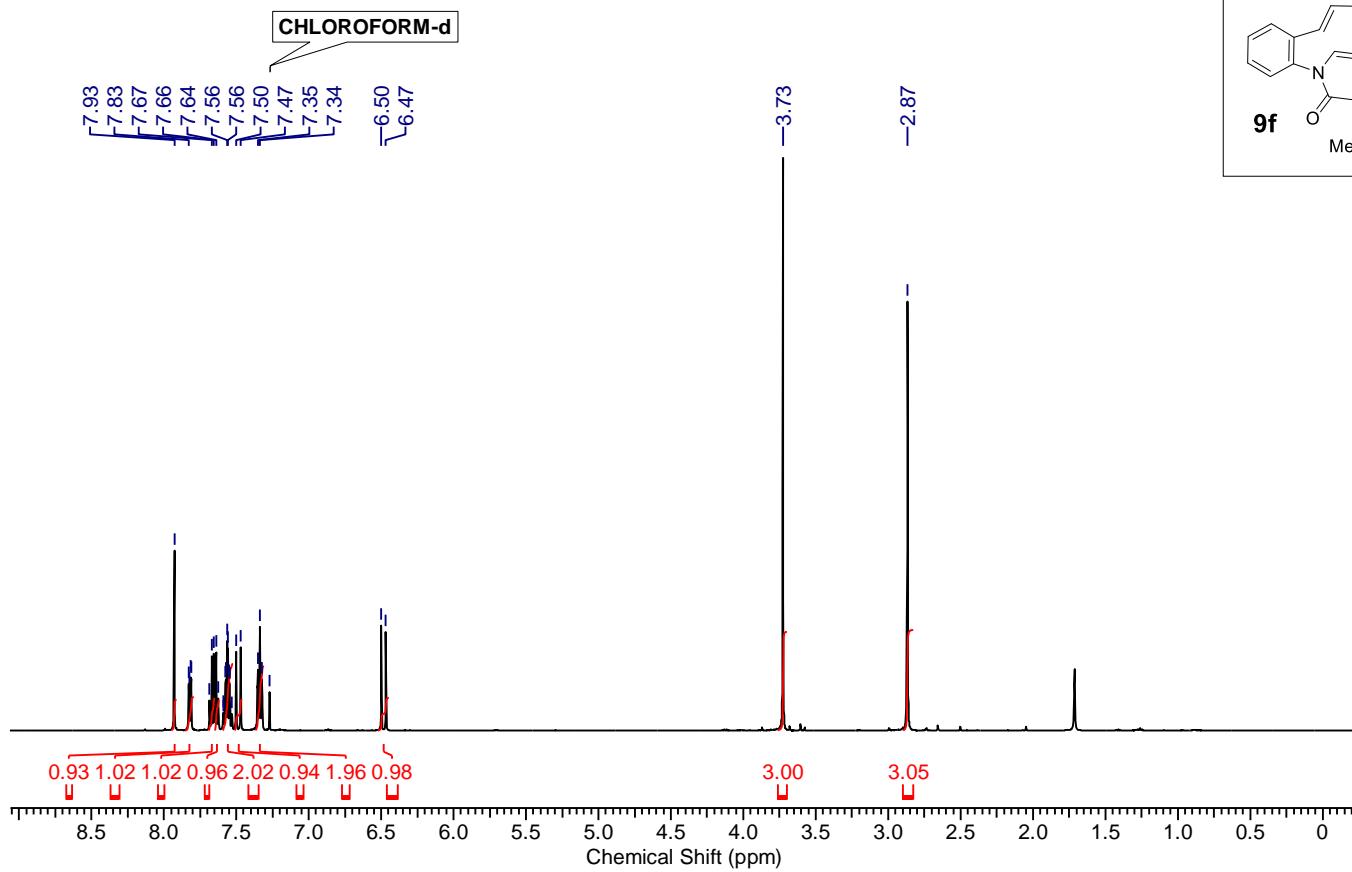
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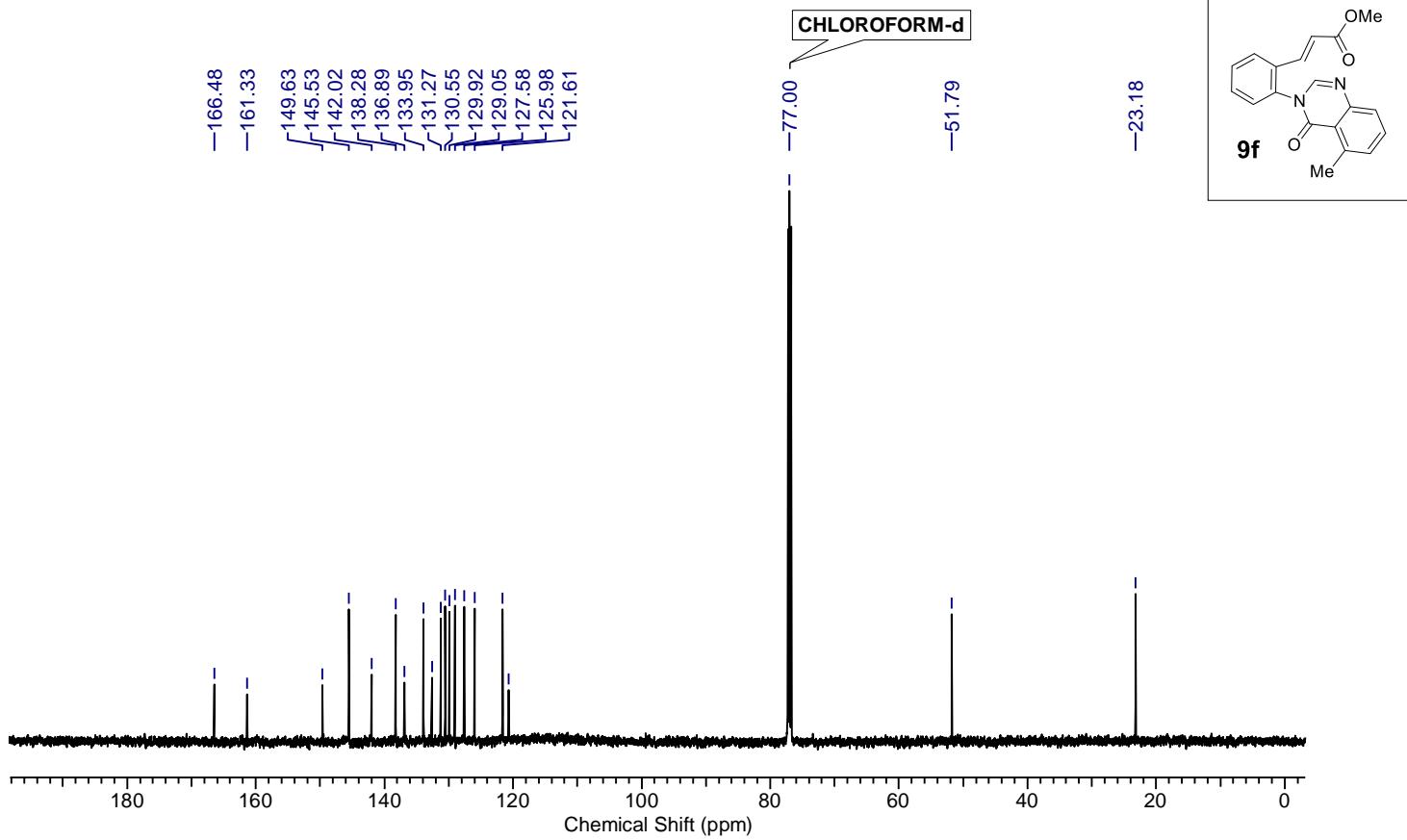
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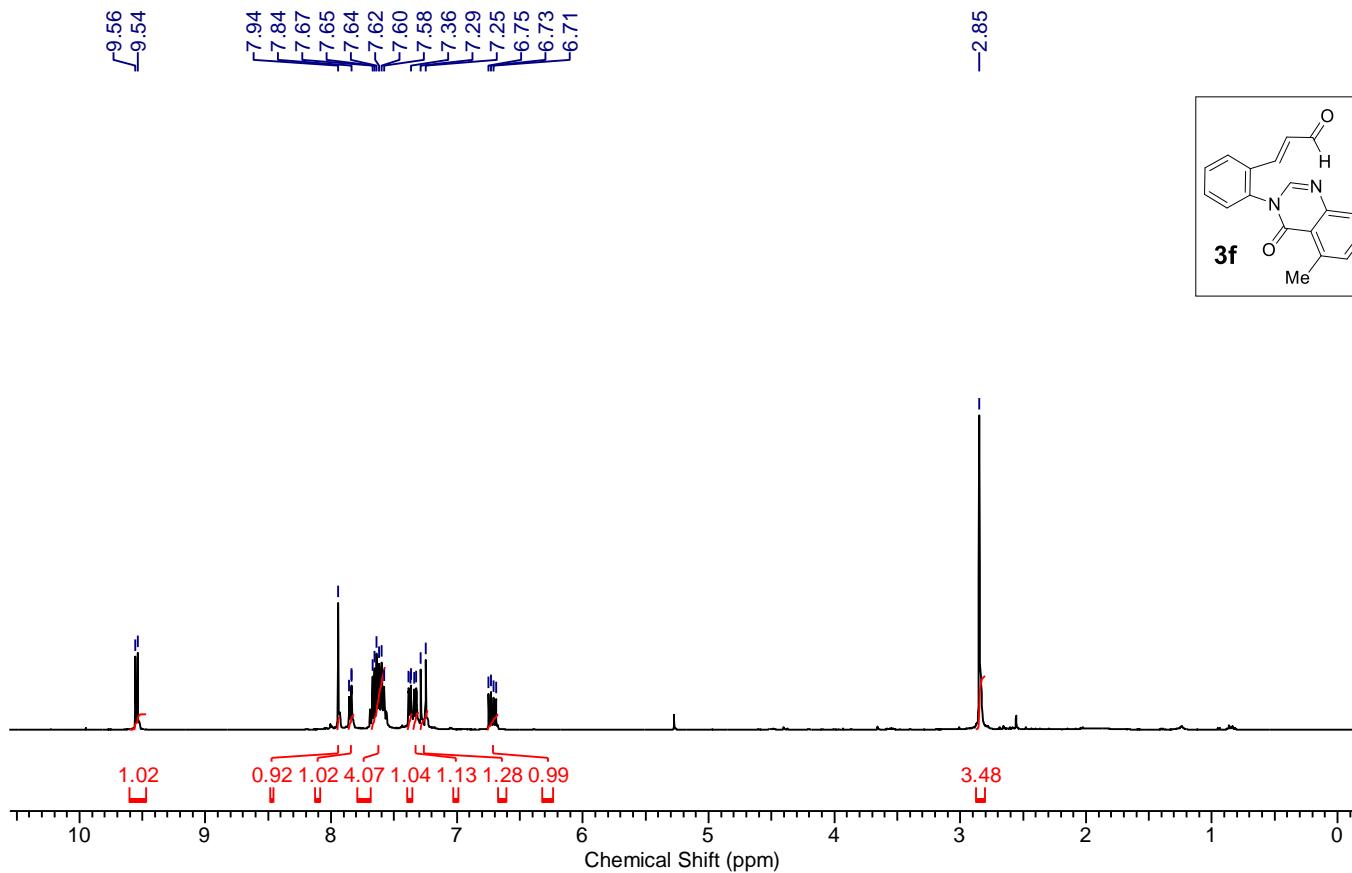
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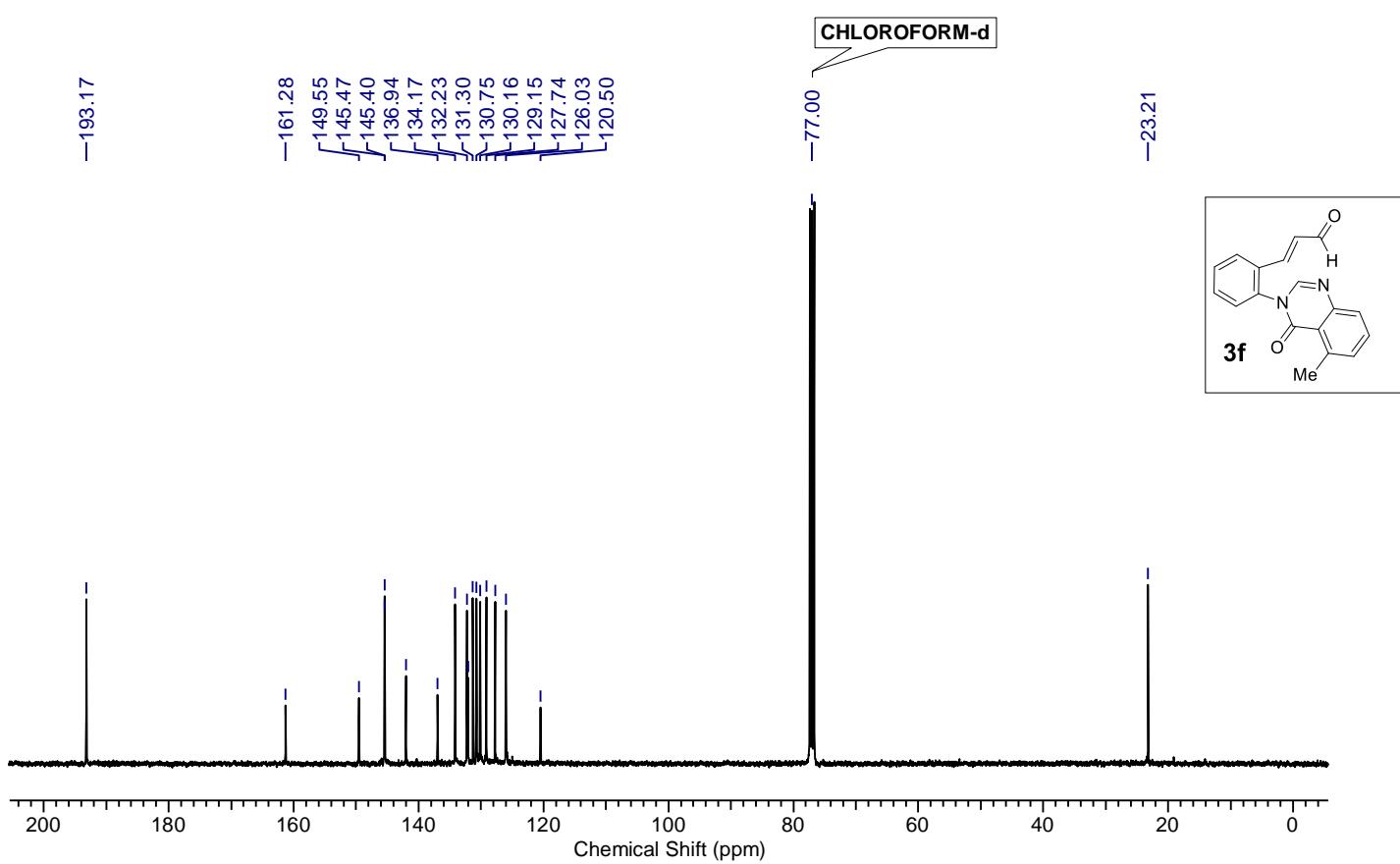
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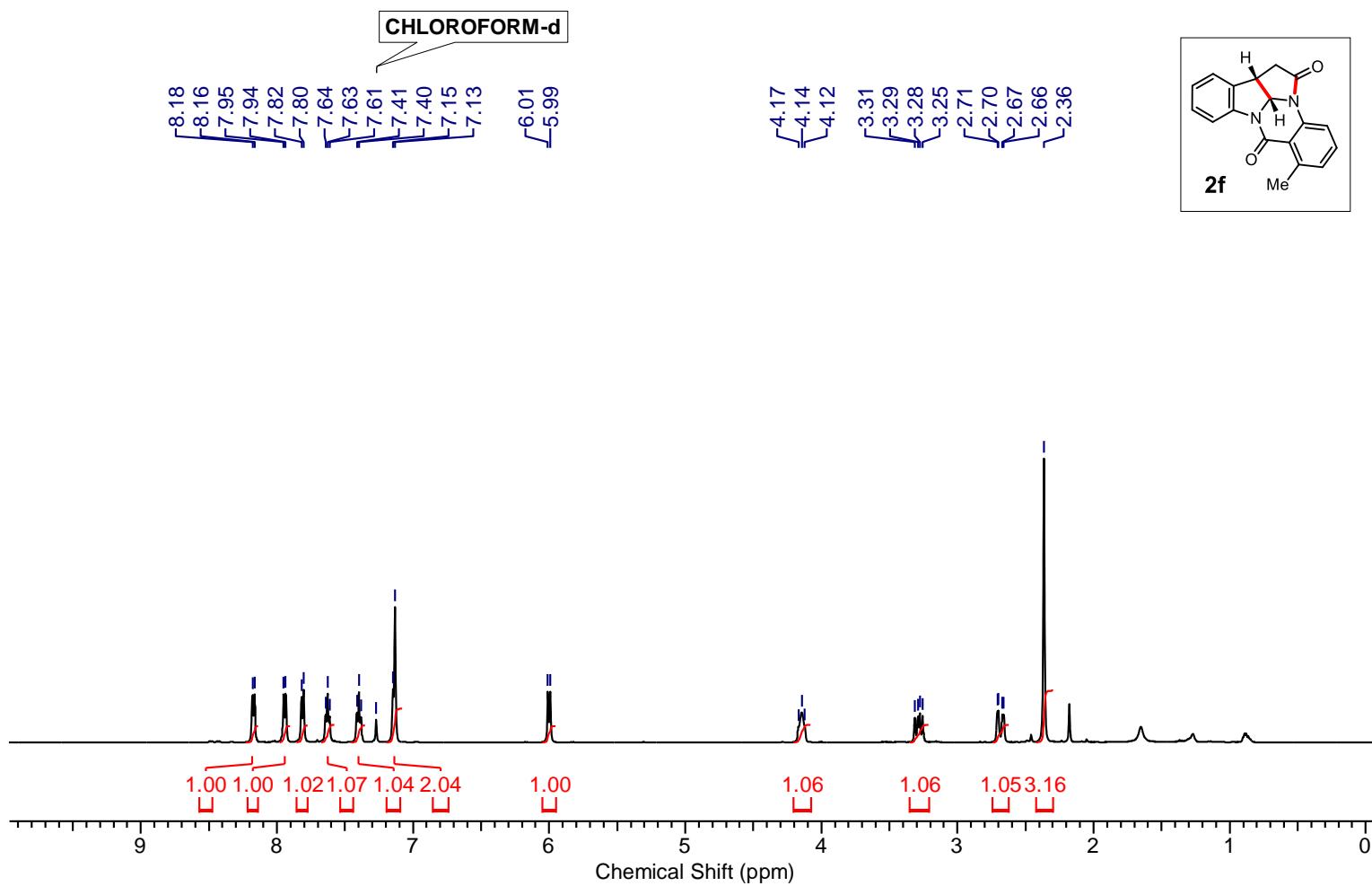
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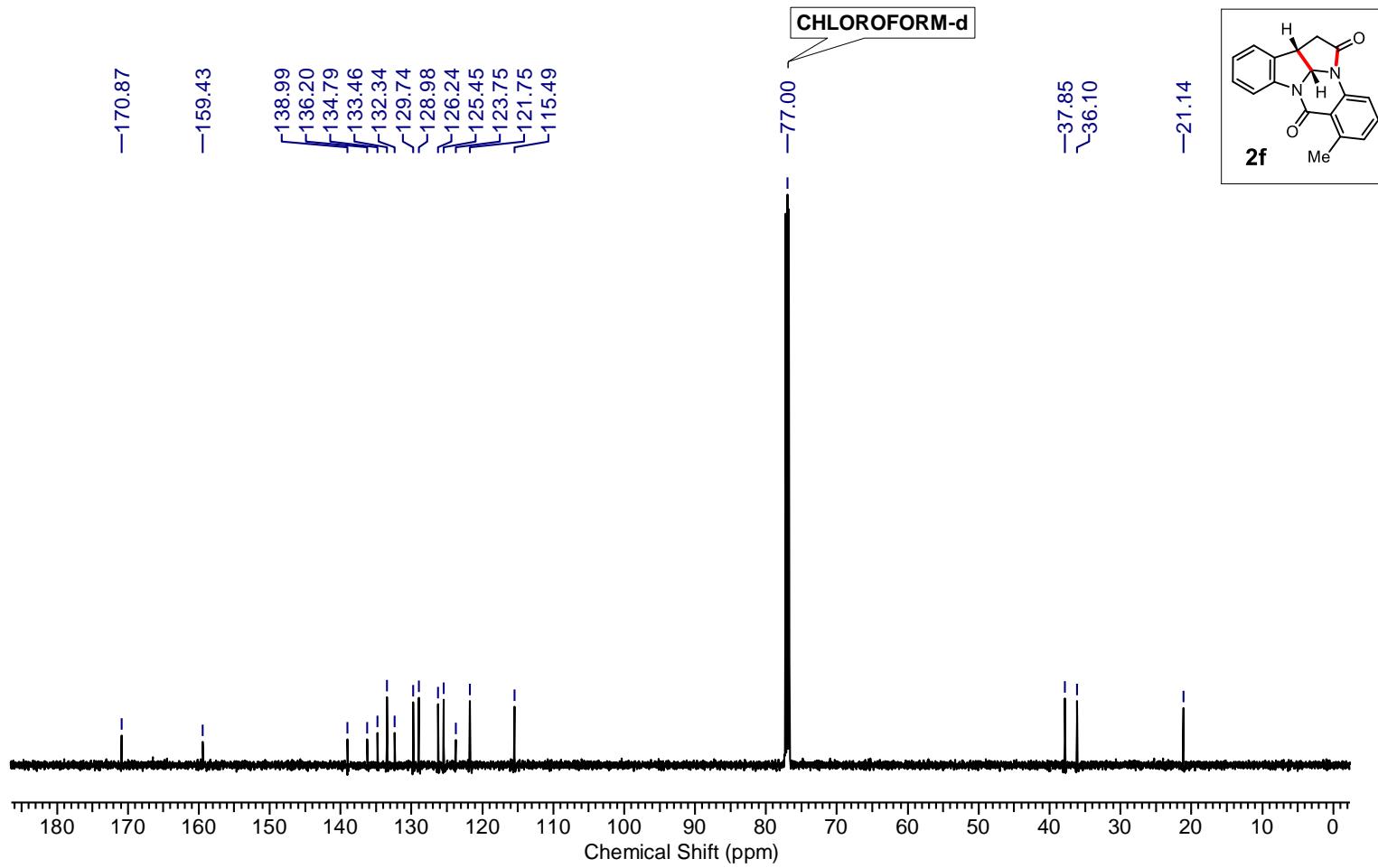
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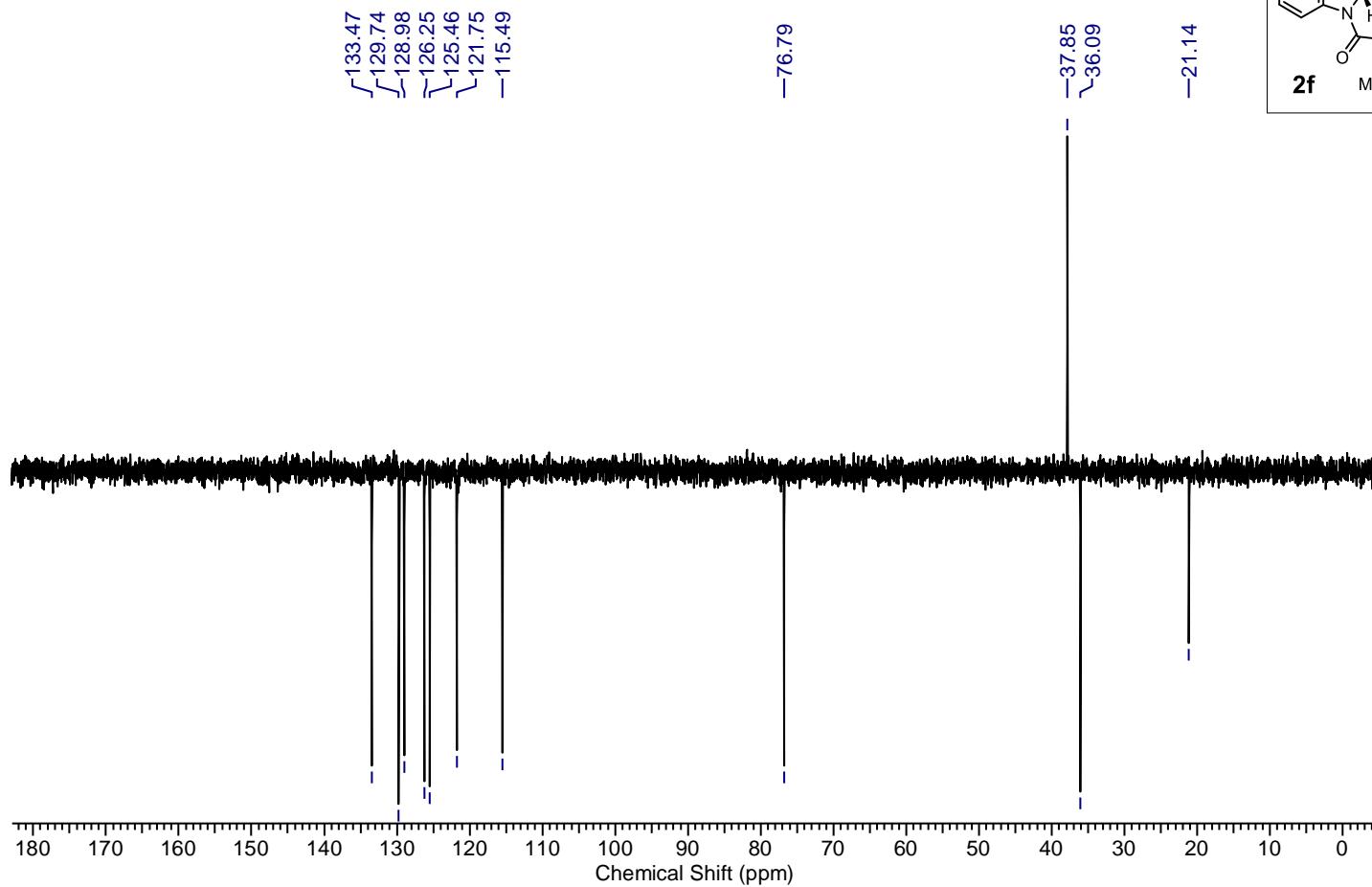
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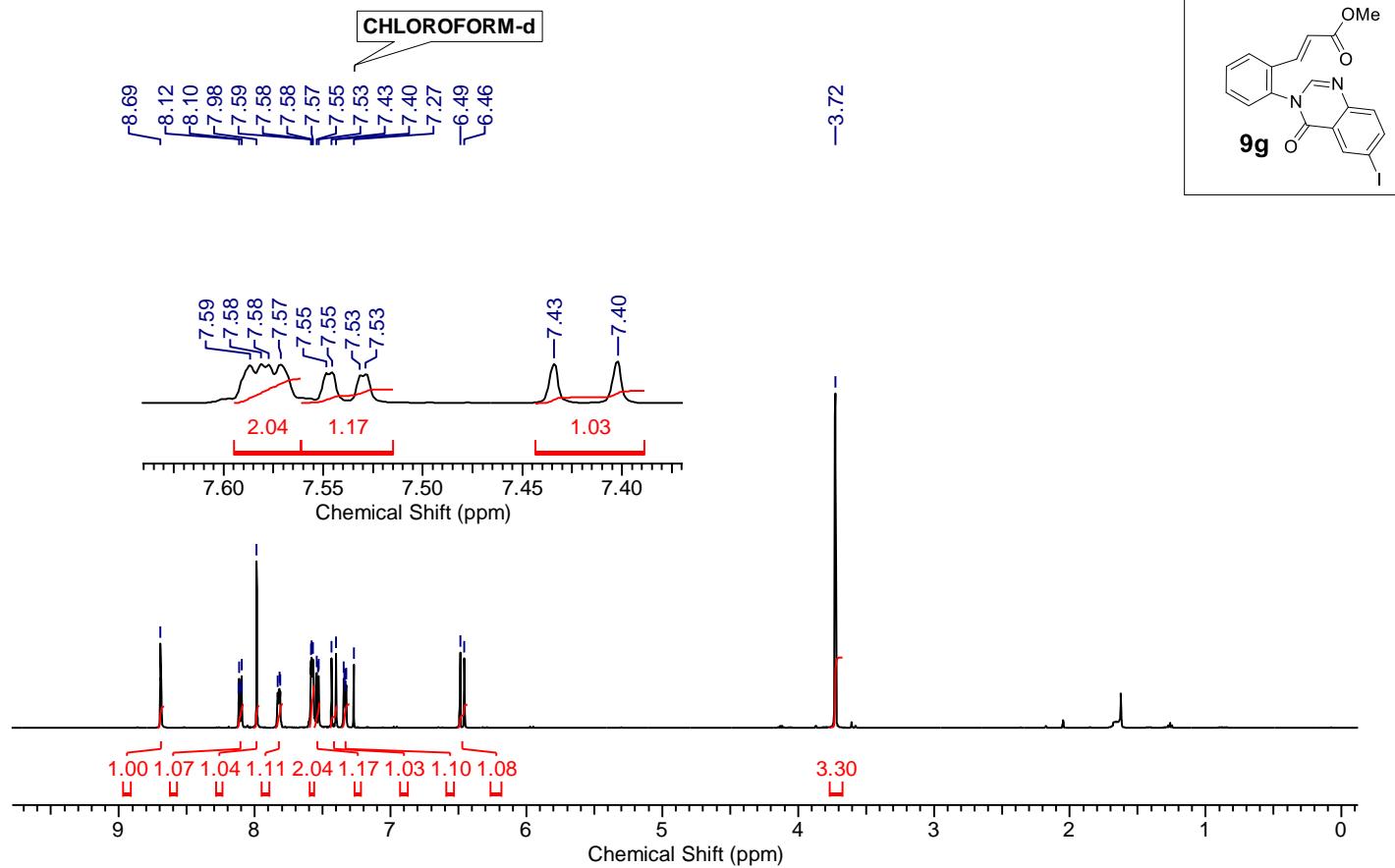
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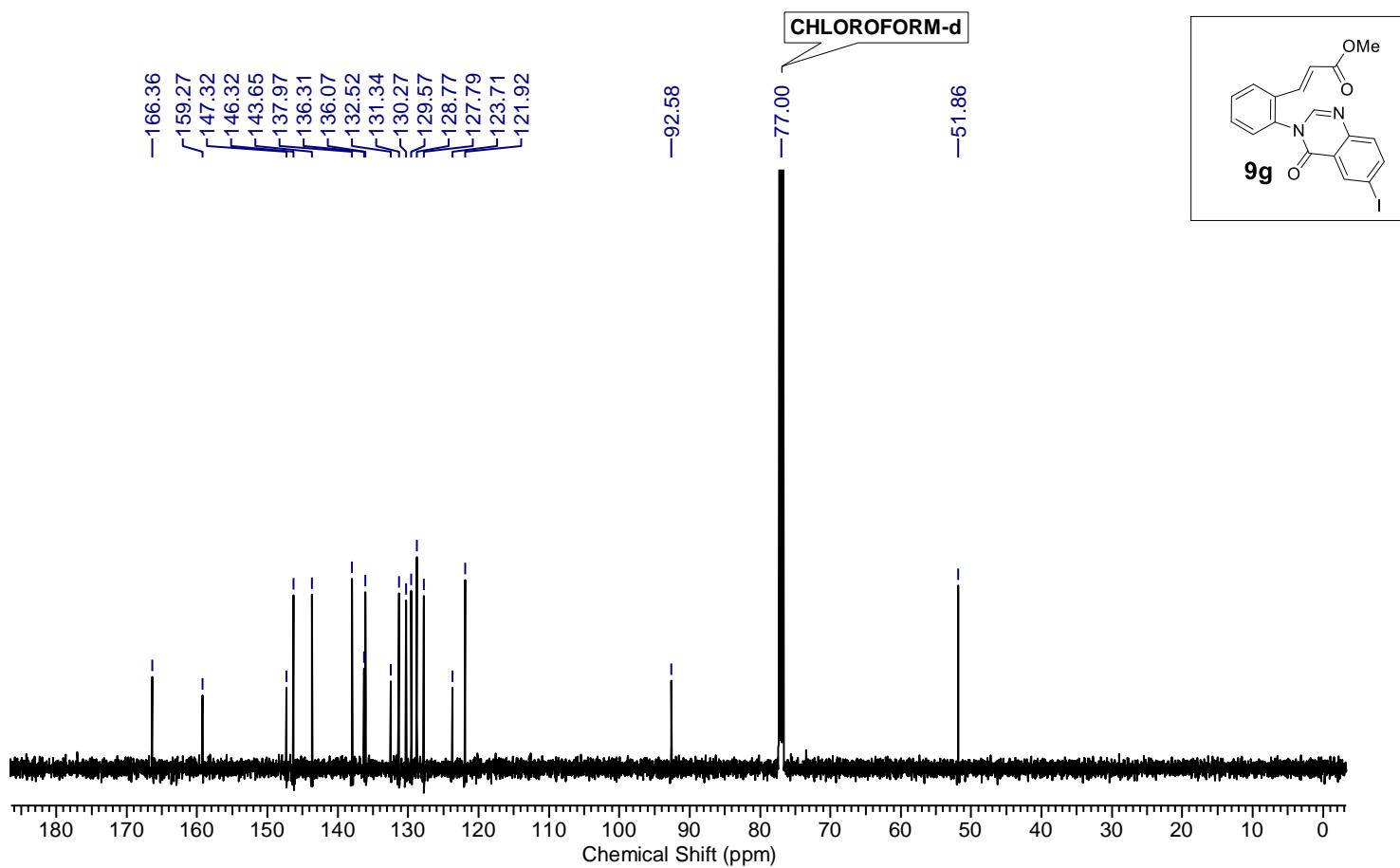
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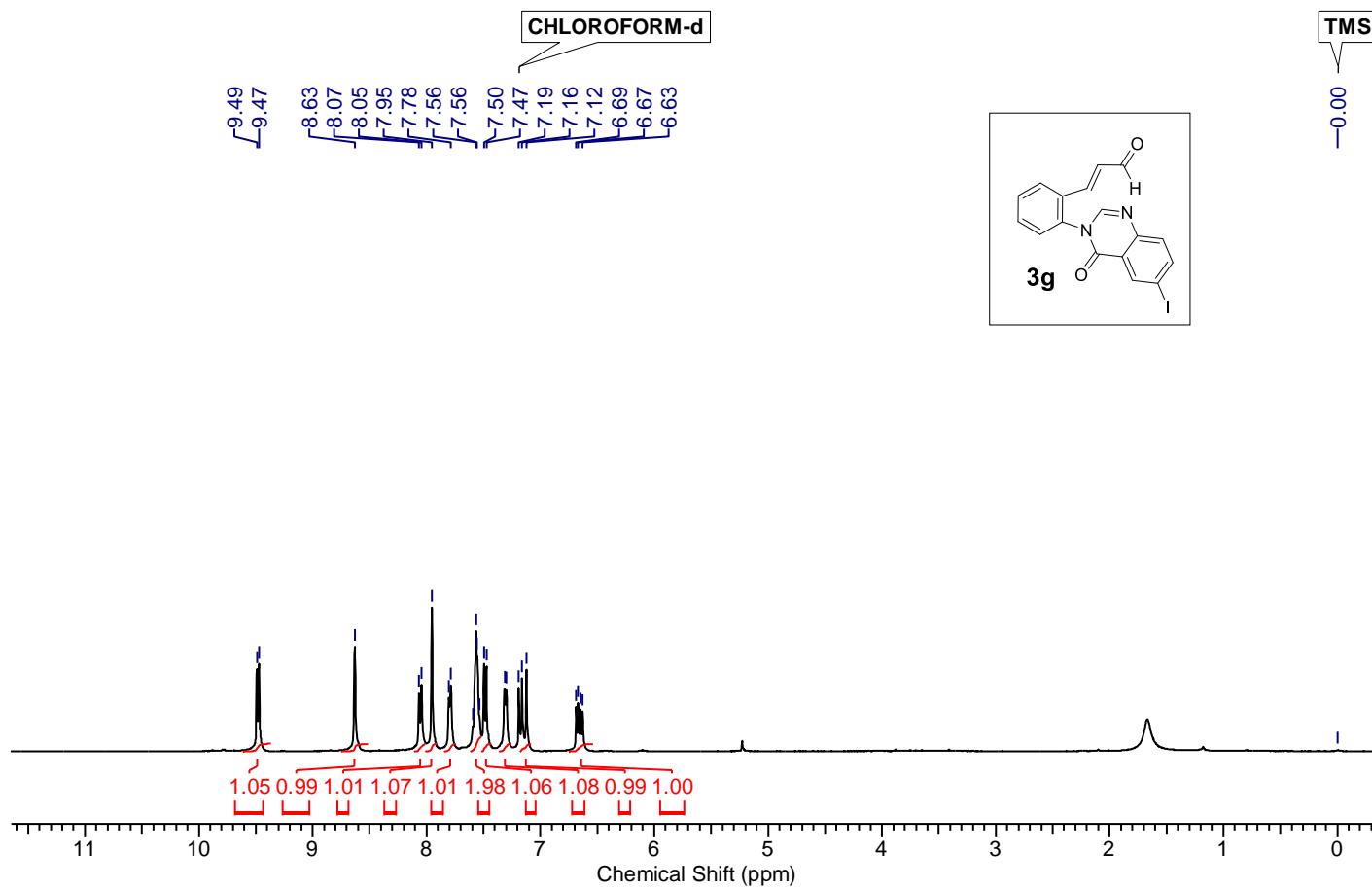
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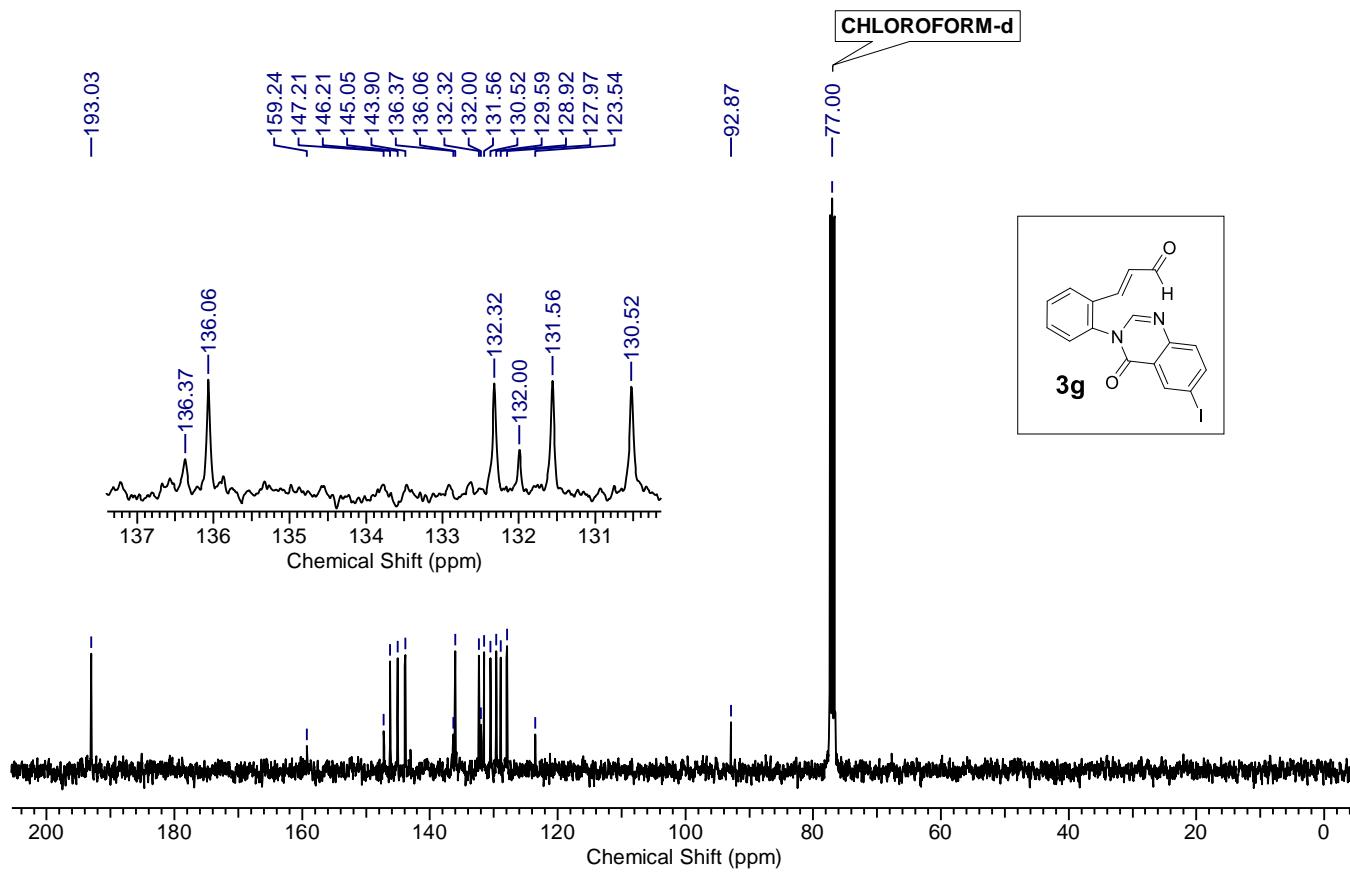
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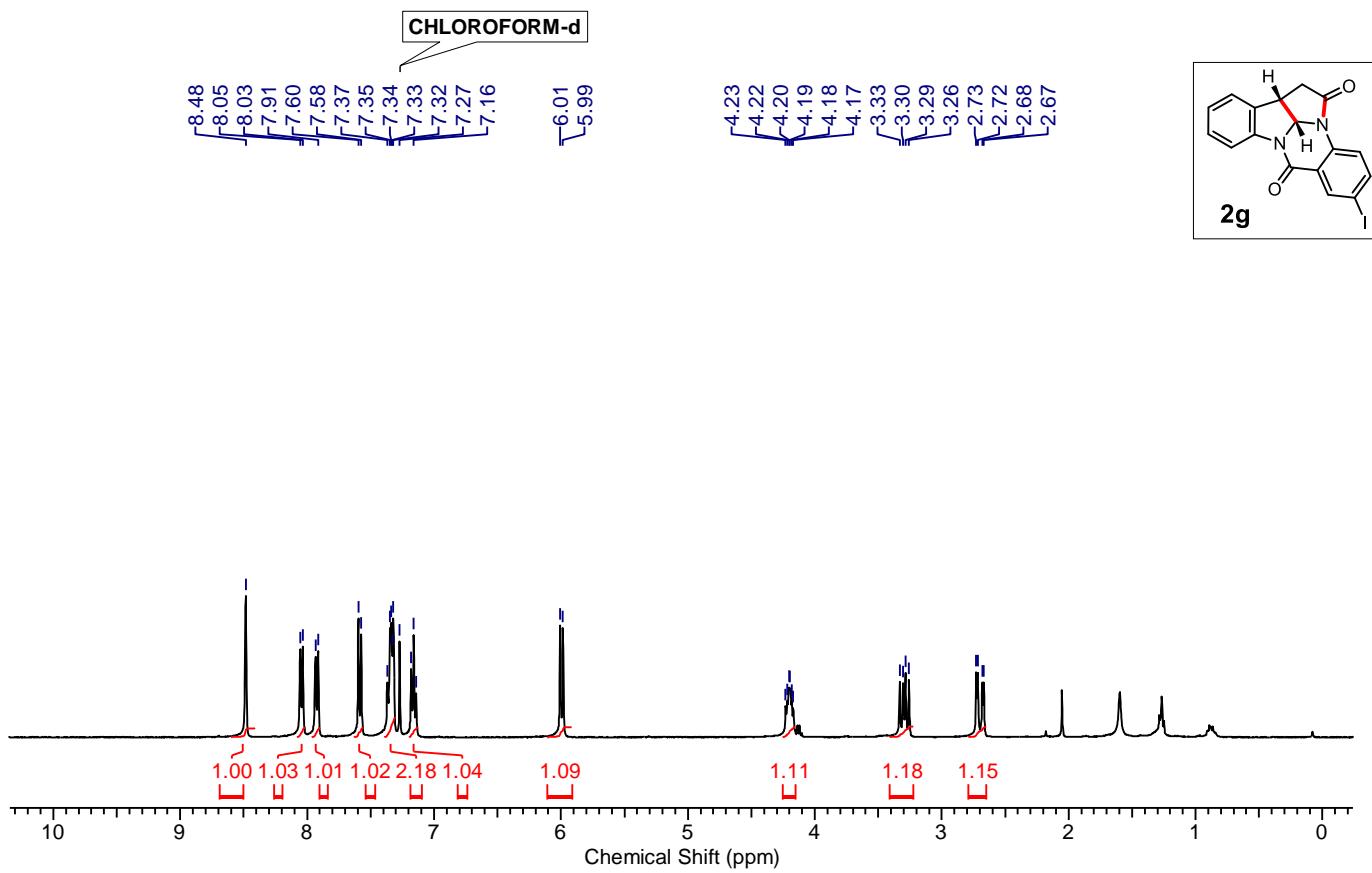
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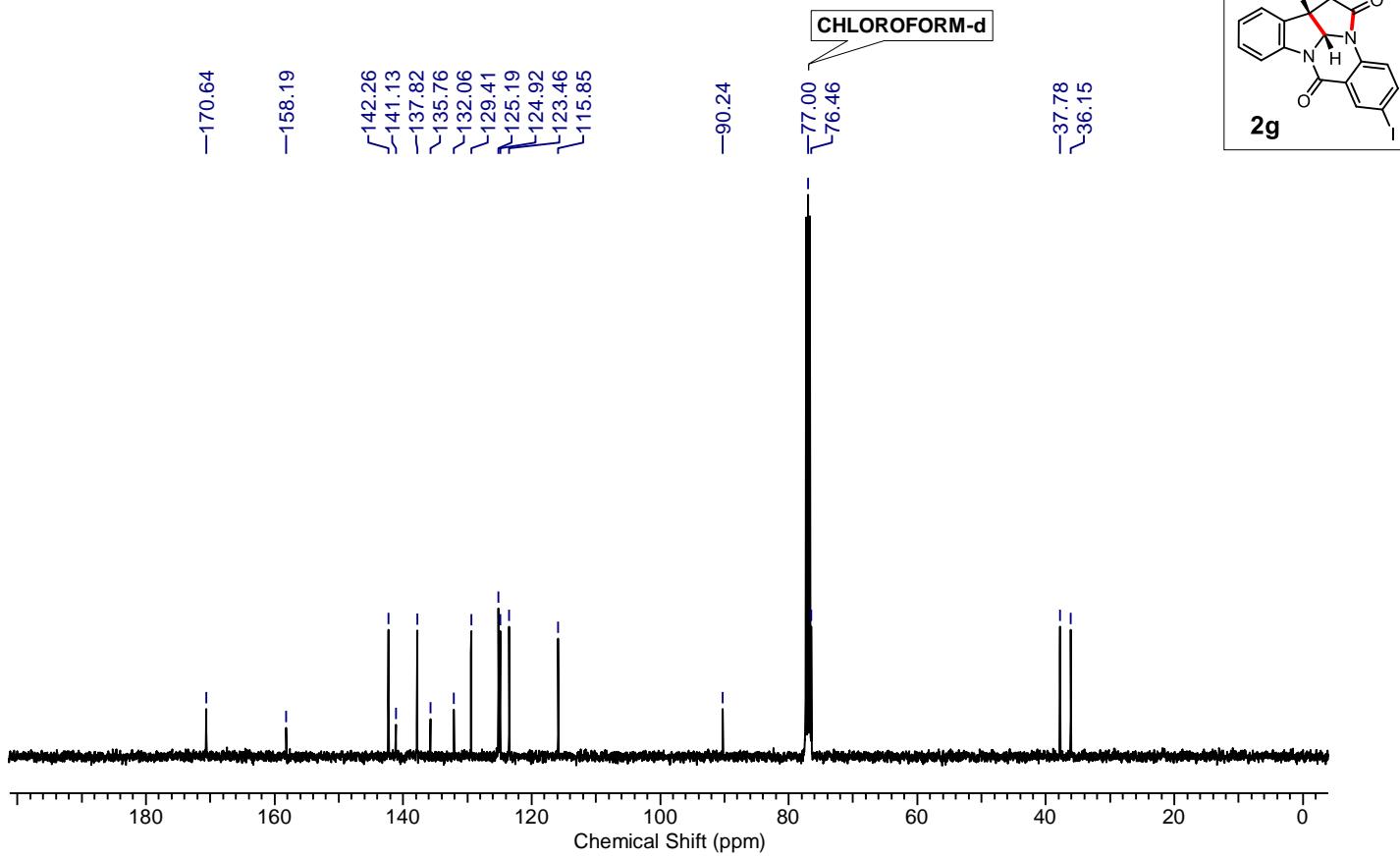
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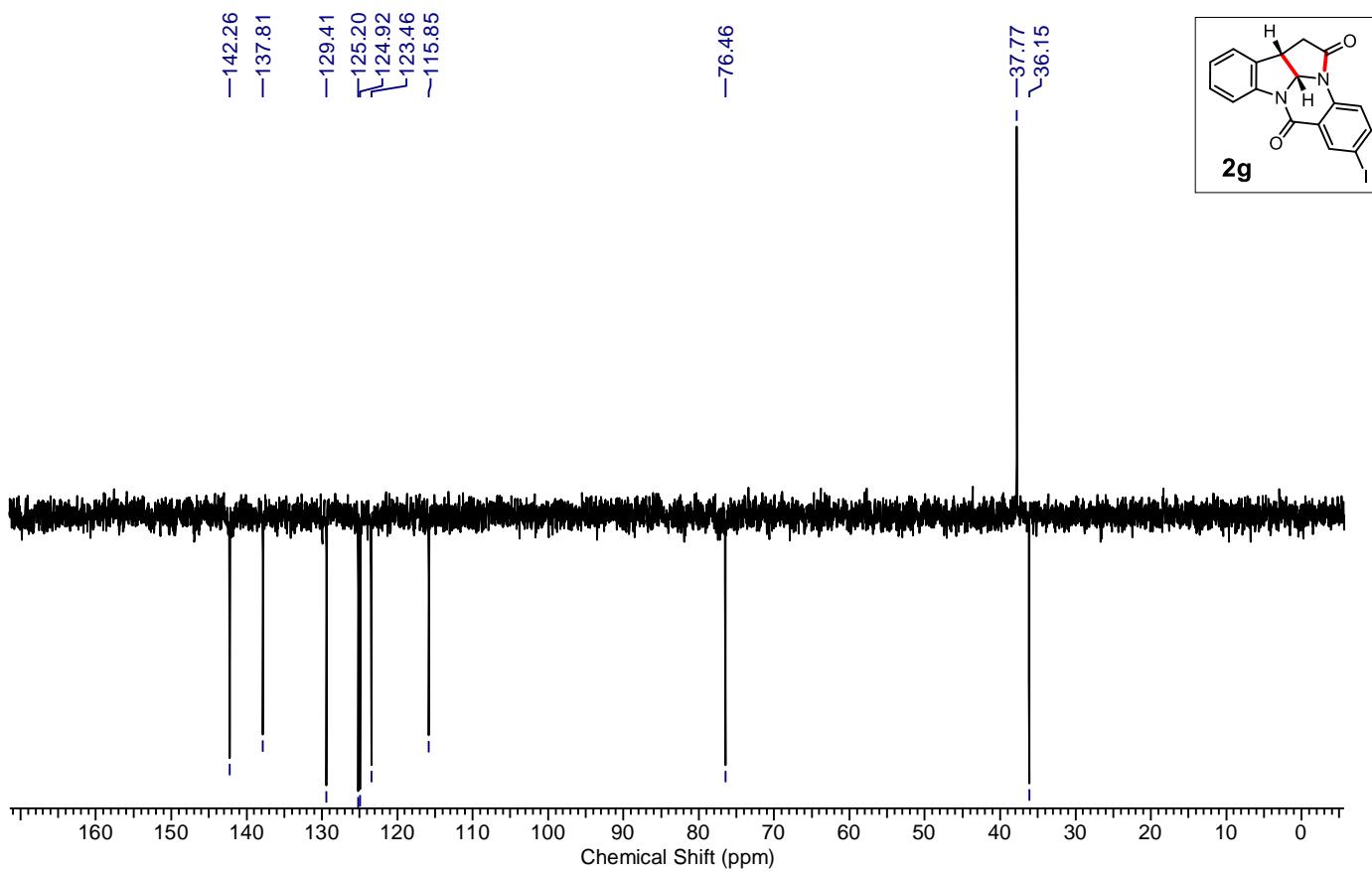
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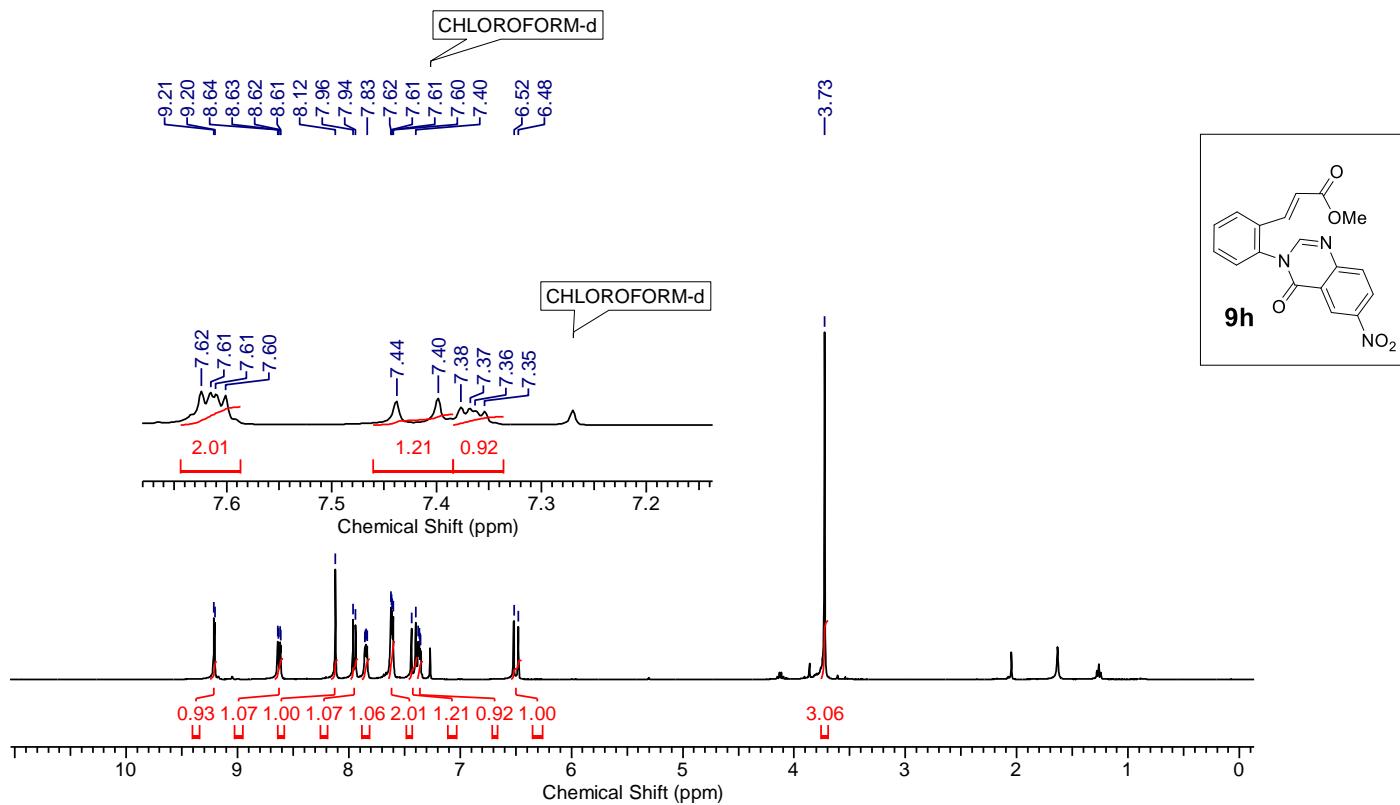
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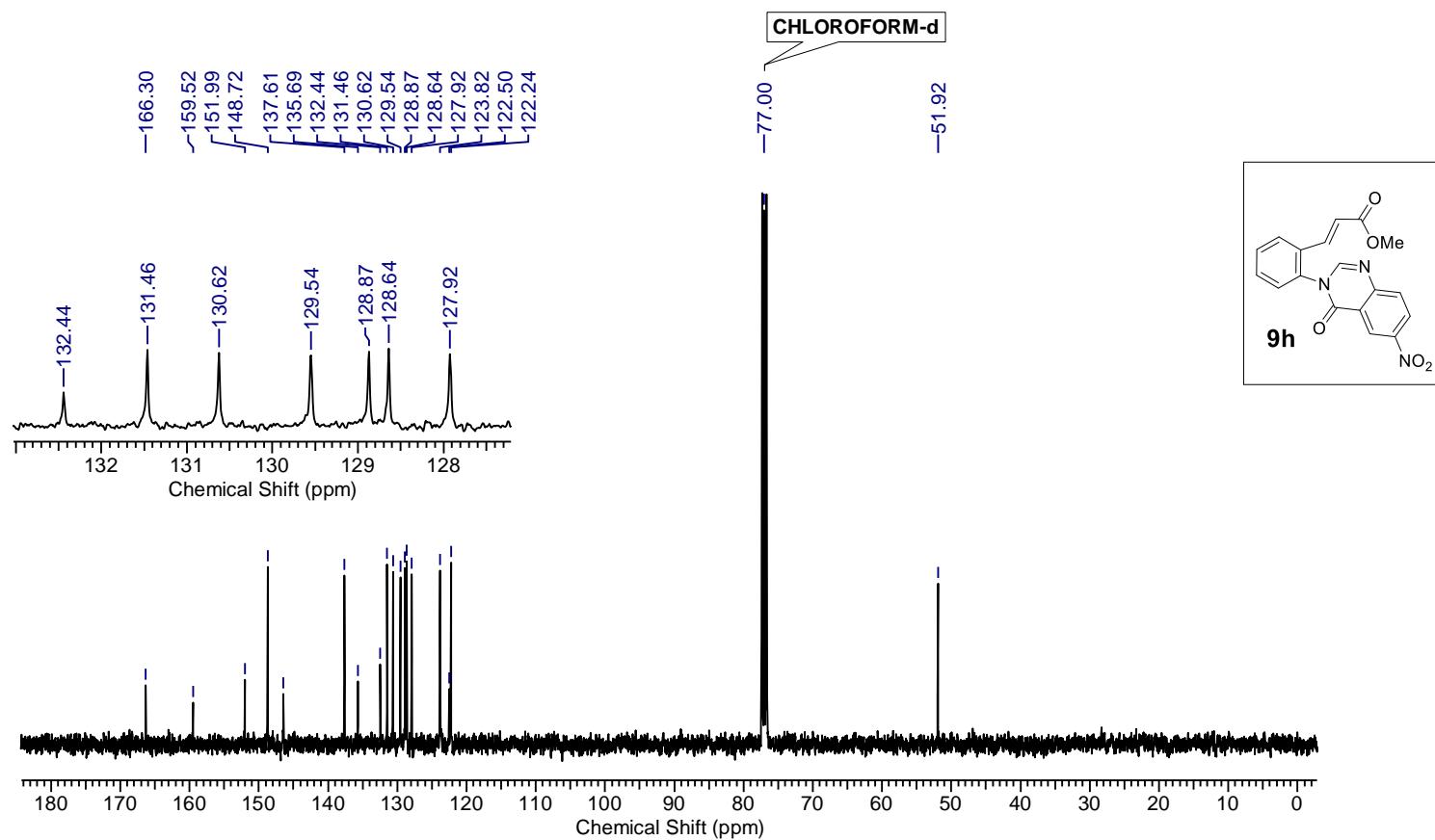
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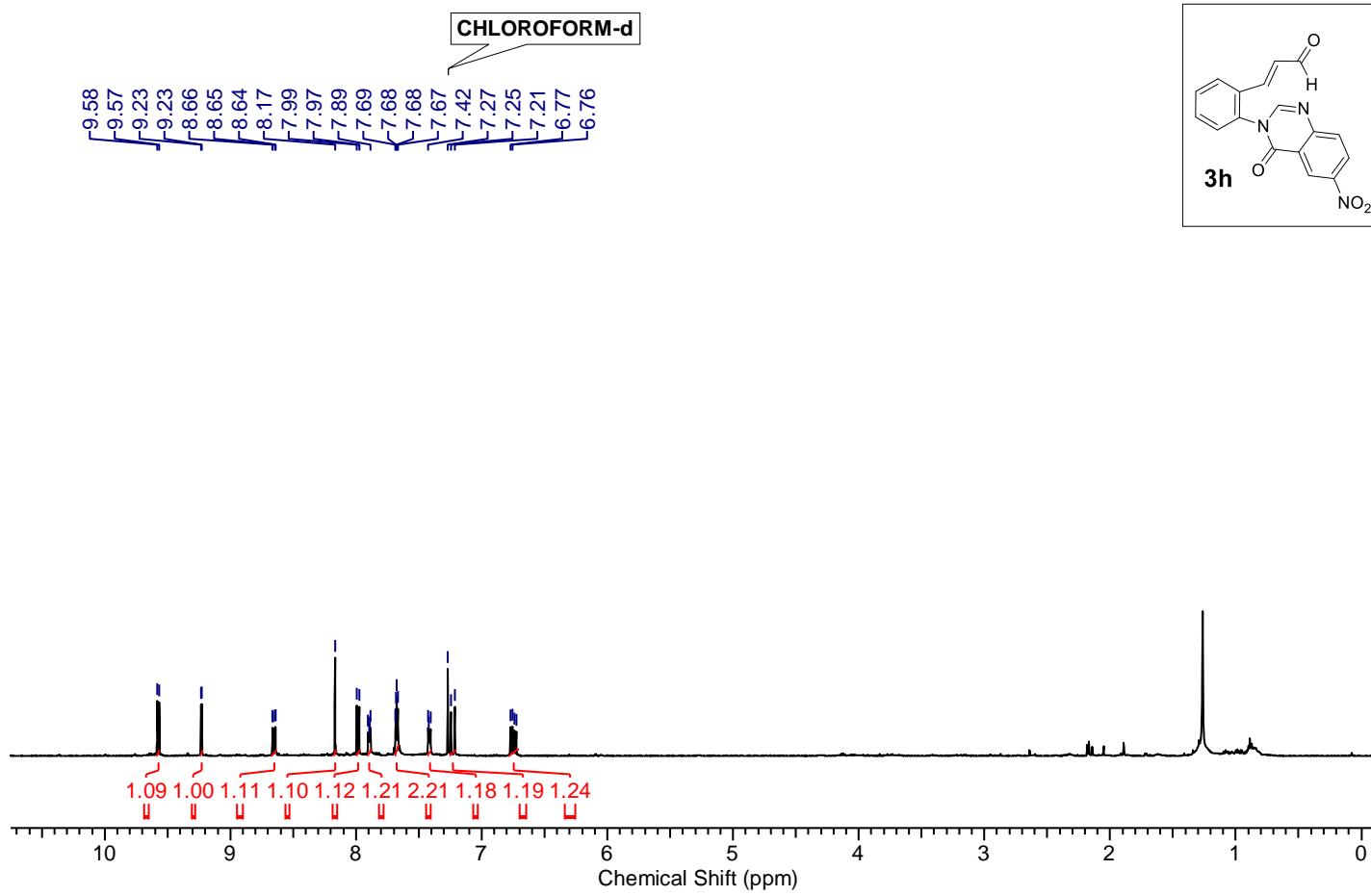
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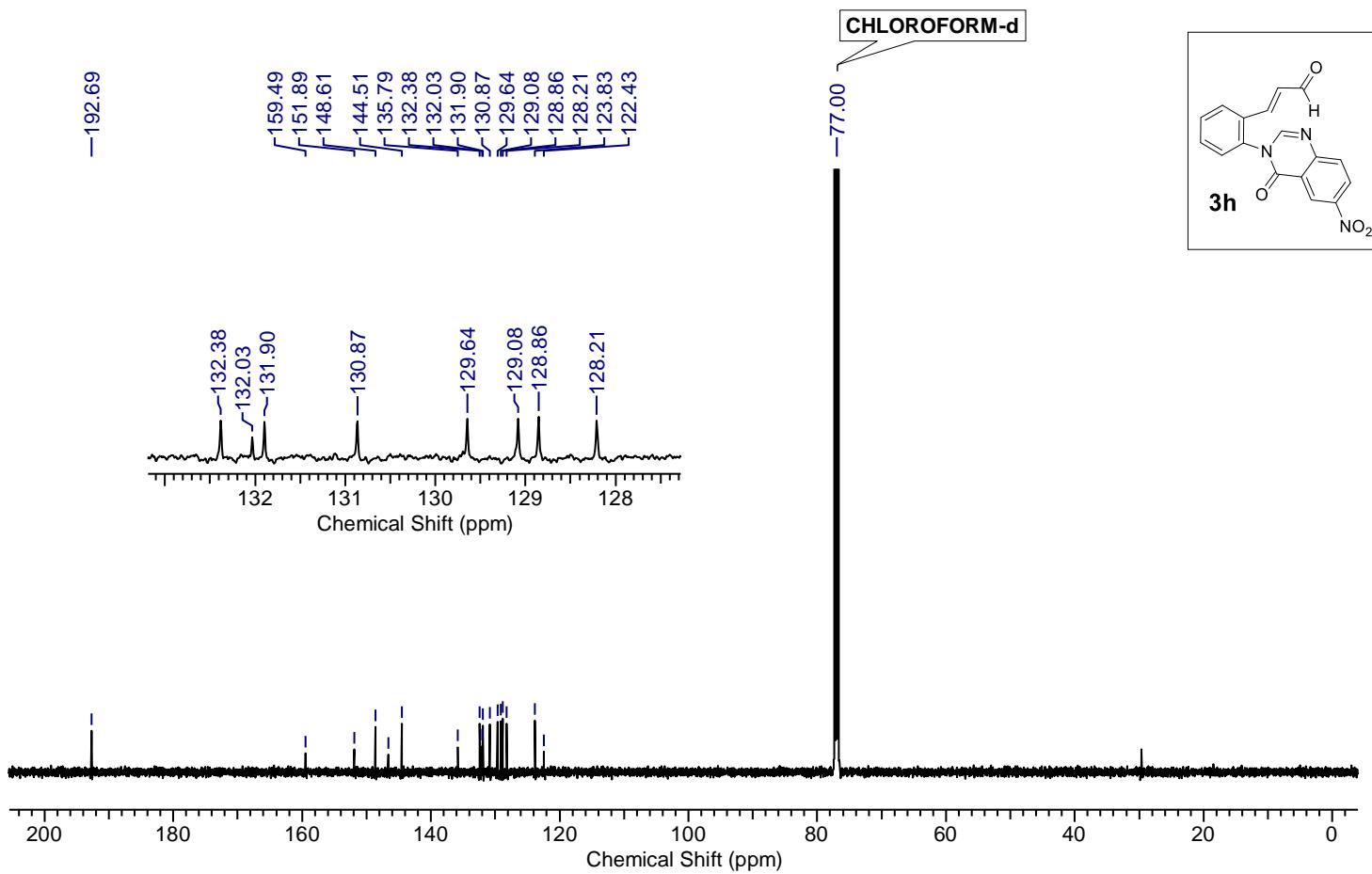
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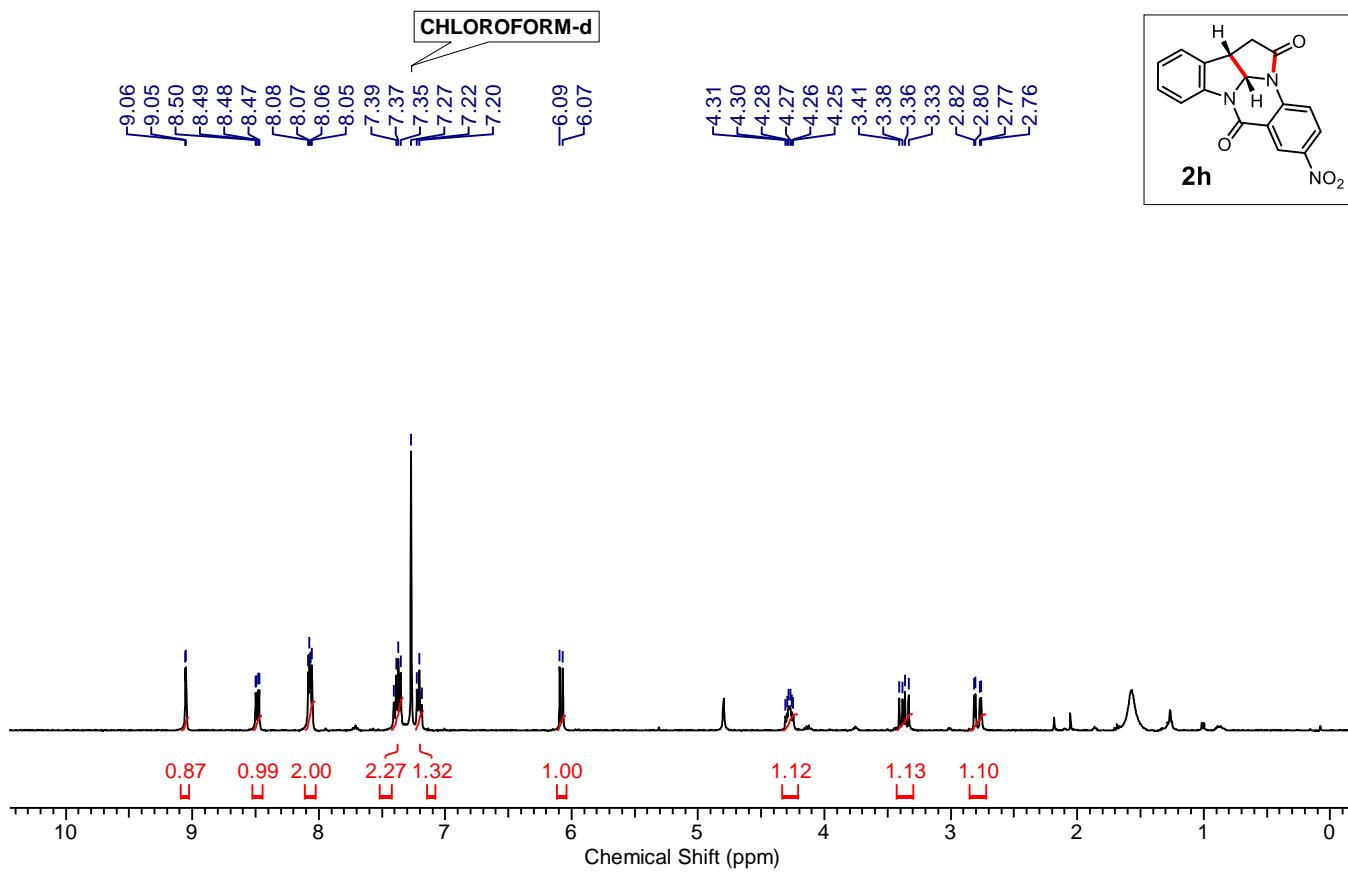
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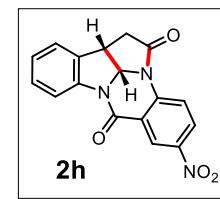
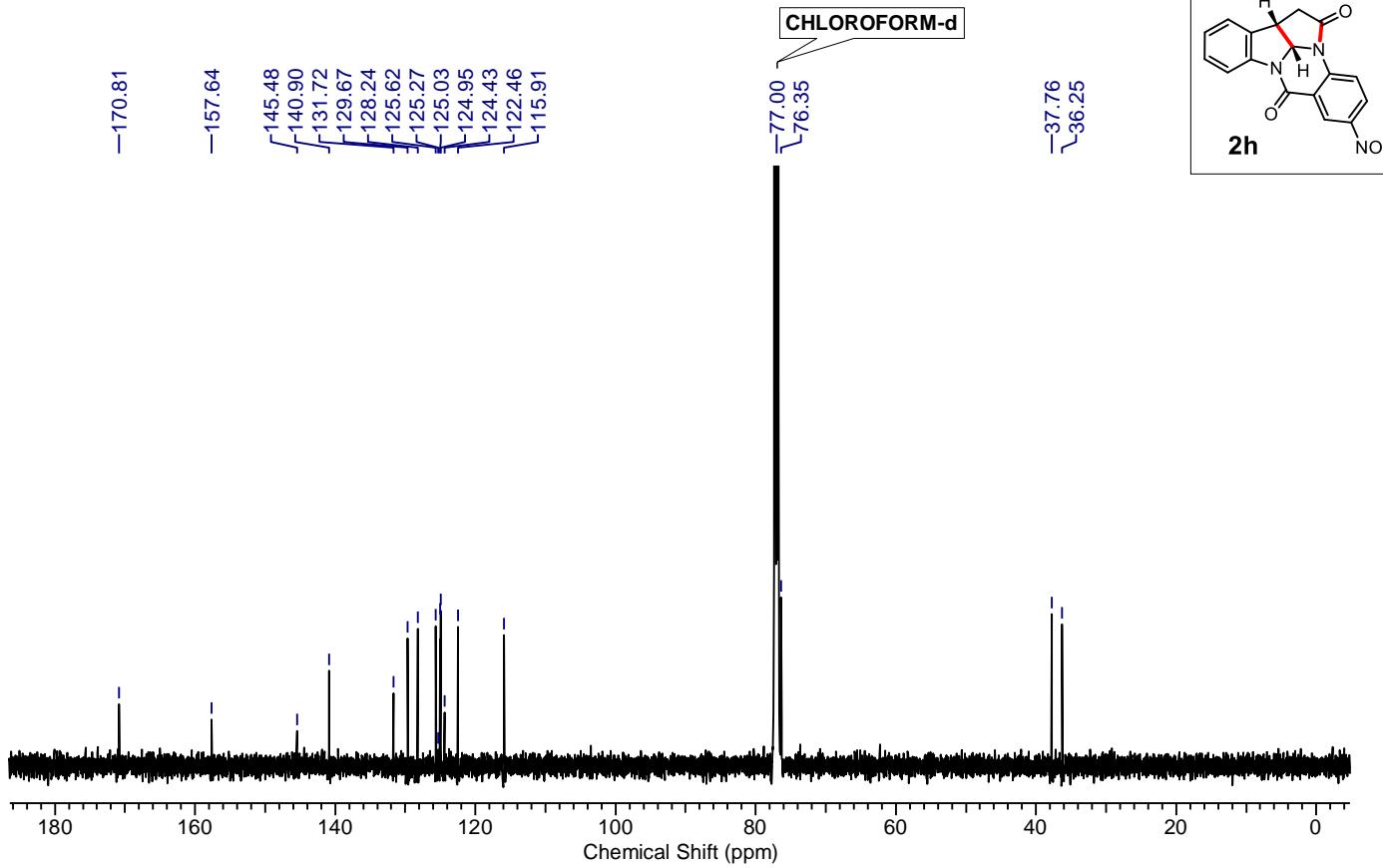
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