

## Synthesis of Indolo- and Pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalinones through Palladium-Catalyzed Oxidative Carbonylation of *C*<sub>2</sub> Position of Indole

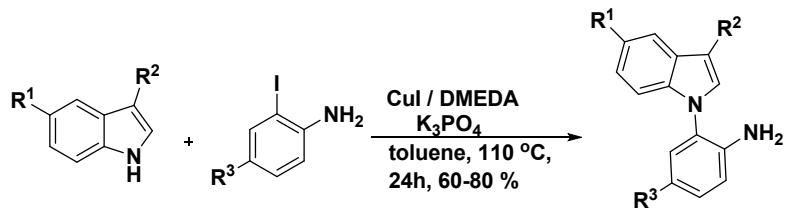
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**General procedure for Synthesis of 2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)anilines (1-5):<sup>A1</sup>**



To a 20 mL oven dried reaction tube were added Indole (1 equiv.), *N,N'*-Dimethylethylenediamine (DMEDA) (0.2 equiv.), aryl halide (1.1 equiv.) and CuI (0.1 equiv). Then toluene was added to the reaction mixture followed by  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (2.5equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere at 110 °C for 24h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate (5 mL), filtered through a Celite pad and washed with additional ethyl acetate (10-20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography.

**Spectral data**

**2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)aniline (1):<sup>A2</sup>**

Pale yellow liquid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.62-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.06 (m, 6H), 6.81-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.16 (br, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.0, 136.5, 129.3, 128.76, 128.73, 128.6, 125.0, 122.3, 121.0, 120.2, 118.8, 116.4, 110.8, 103.3.

**2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-4-methylaniline (2):<sup>A2</sup>**

Light brown liquid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.62-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd,  $J = 0.4$  Hz 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (br, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  140.4, 136.5, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 125.0, 122.2, 121.0, 120.2, 116.5, 110.8, 103.2, 20.4.

**4-*tert*-butyl-2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)aniline (3):**

Brownish yellow liquid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 2.4$  Hz 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.168-7.161 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.04 (br, 2H), 1.22 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  142.1, 140.3, 136.5, 128.8, 128.6, 126.1, 125.5, 124.7, 122.3, 121.0, 120.2, 116.2, 110.9, 103.1, 34.2, 31.6.

**2-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)aniline (4):<sup>A2</sup>**

Pale yellow liquid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.14 (br, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.0, 134.9, 130.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.6, 126.0, 124.5, 122.6, 120.4, 118.8, 116.5, 111.9, 102.9.

**2-(3-methyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)aniline (5):<sup>A2</sup>**

Colorless liquid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.151-7.01 (m, 5H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.78-6.72 (m, 2H), 3.13 (br, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.1, 136.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 126.2, 125.3, 122.3, 119.6, 119.1, 118.7, 116.3, 112.5, 110.7, 9.76.

***N*-(2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)phenyl)acetamide (6):<sup>A2</sup>**

Colorless liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.34 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.38(t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 4H), 7.0 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.6, 136.8, 134.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 124.7, 123.0, 122.3, 121.4, 120.9, 110.4, 104.5, 24.7.

***N*-(2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)phenyl)tosylamide (7):<sup>A3</sup>**

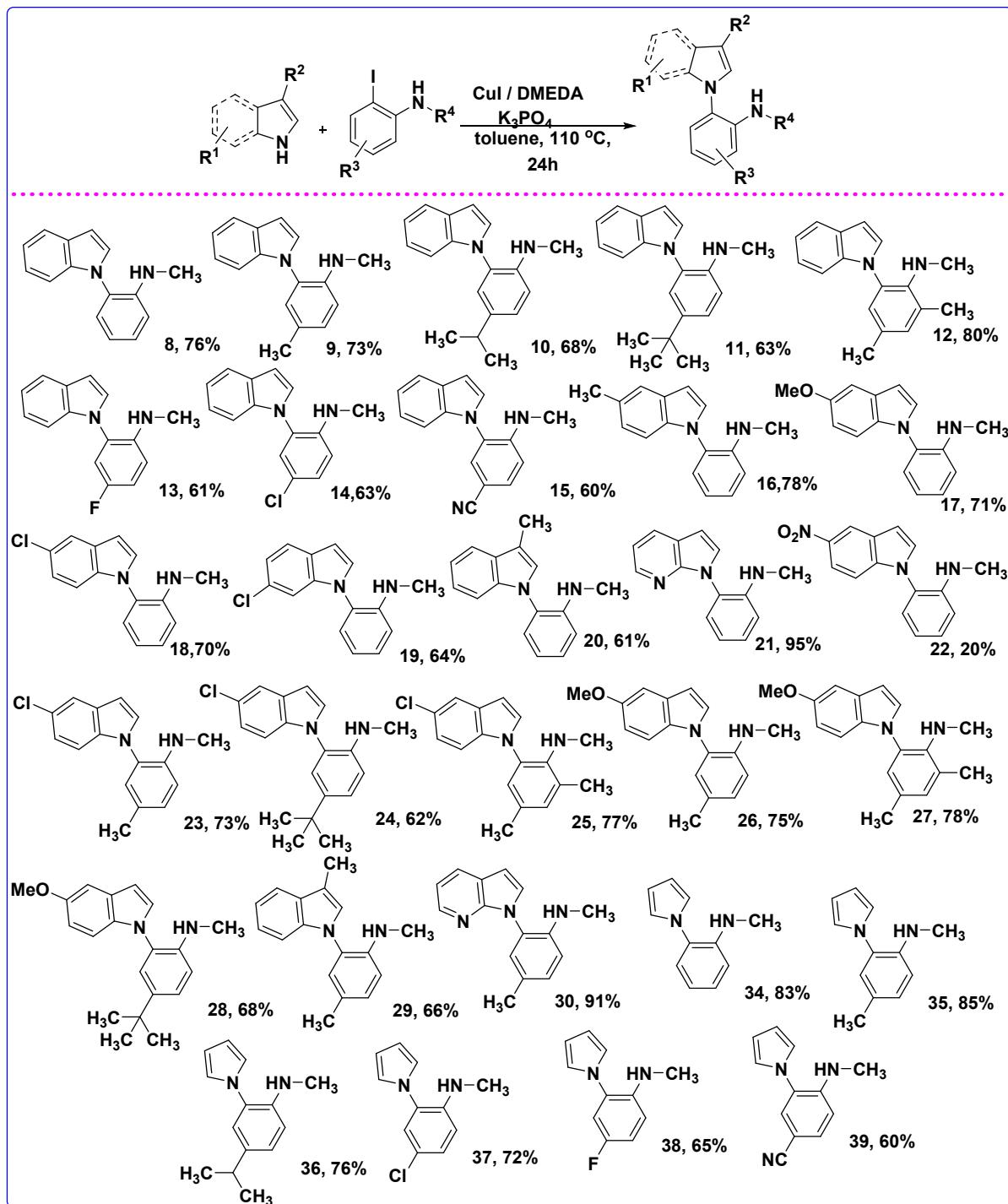
Colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.87 (dd,  $J = 0.8$  Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.07 (m, 6H), 6.67-6.62 (m, 3H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  144.2, 136.8, 135.7, 133.9, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.2, 125.5, 123.0, 121.8, 121.3, 120.9, 109.8, 104.6, 21.7.

**Methylation of iodoanilines:** Reported procedure is followed.<sup>B</sup>

**General procedure for Synthesis of 2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-methylanilines and *N*-methyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)anilines :**

To a 20 mL oven dried reaction tube were added Indole or pyrrole (1 equiv.), *N,N'*-dimethylethylenediamine (DMEDA) (0.2 equiv.), 2-iodo-*N*-methylaniline (1.2 equiv.) and CuI (0.1 equiv). Then toluene was added to the reaction mixture followed by  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  (2.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere at 110 °C for 24h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate (5mL), filtered through a celite pad and

washed with additional ethyl acetate (10-20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography.



**(3-iodo-4-(methylamino)benzonitrile:** 4-aminonitrile is converted into 4-(methylamino)benzonitrile<sup>B</sup> followed by iodination).<sup>C</sup>

## Spectral data

### **2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-methylaniline (8):**

Color less oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.62-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 4H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.67 (m, 2H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.50 (br, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.7, 136.6, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 124.5, 122.3, 121.0, 120.2, 116.6, 110.89, 110.86, 103.2, 30.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$  245.1049 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ), found 245.1058.

### **2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*,4-dimethylaniline (9):**

Colorless liquid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.61 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.01 (m, 5H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.35 (br, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.4, 136.6, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 126.0, 124.5, 122.2, 121.0, 120.2, 111.0, 110.8, 103.1, 30.6, 20.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2$  237.1386 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 237.1386.

### **2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-4-isopropyl-*N*-methylaniline (10):**

Pale orange oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.61 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.04 (m, 5H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.37 (br, 1H), 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.16 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.6, 137.5, 136.7, 129.0, 128.6, 127.4, 126.3, 124.5, 122.2, 121.0, 120.2, 111.0, 110.9, 103.1, 33.1, 30.6, 24.36, 24.30; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2$  265.1705 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 265.1697.

### **4-*tert*-butyl-2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-methylaniline (11):**

Colorless liquid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.62 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.03 (m, 5H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.39 (br, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.3, 139.8, 136.7, 129.0, 128.6, 126.2, 125.5, 124.2, 122.2, 121.0, 120.2, 110.9, 110.6, 103.1, 34.0, 31.6, 30.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2$  280.1888 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 280.1887.

### **2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*,4,6-trimethylaniline (12):**

Pale red oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.59 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), (br, 1H), 2.25-2.24 (m, 6H), 2.19 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.5, 137.4, 131.9, 129.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.3, 122.2, 120.8, 120.1, 110.8, 102.9, 34.7, 20.4, 18.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2$  251.1548 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 251.1563.

**4-fluoro-2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-methylaniline (13):**

Pale yellow liquid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 3H), 7.03-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64-6.61 (m, 2H), 3.36 (br, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  155.7, 153.3, 142.4, 136.4, 128.7, 128.6, 124.7, 124.6, 122.6, 121.1, 120.5, 116.0, 115.8, 115.6, 115.4, 111.3, 111.2, 110.7, 103.8, 30.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{F}$  241.1141 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 241.1145.

**4-chloro-2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-methylaniline (14):**

Colorless liquid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.62-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 4H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 2H), 3.51 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  144.4, 136.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 125.1, 122.6, 121.1, 120.7, 120.5, 111.7, 110.7, 103.9, 30.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$  257.0846 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 257.0873.

**3-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-4-(methylamino)benzonitrile (15):**

Colorless oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.719-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.9, 136.3, 134.1, 132.2, 128.8, 128.2, 124.3, 122.9, 121.3, 120.8, 119.5, 110.6, 110.4, 104.5, 98.4, 29.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$  270.1002 ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ), found 270.1009.

***N*-methyl-2-(5-methyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)aniline (16):**

Colorless oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.40 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 6.71-6.67 (m, 2H), 6.52 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.53 (br, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.7, 135.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 124.7, 123.9, 120.6, 116.6, 110.8, 110.5, 102.7, 30.3, 21.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 237.1386 (M+H), found 237.1396.

**2-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-N-methylaniline (17):**

Colorless oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75-6.67 (m, 3H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.6, 145.5, 131.8, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 124.8, 116.8, 112.5, 111.6, 111.1, 102.9, 102.6, 55.9, 30.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 253.1337 (M+H), found 237.1343.

**2-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-N-methylaniline (18):**

Colorless oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73-6.69 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.4, 135.0, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.4, 126.0, 124.1, 122.6, 120.4, 116.8, 111.9, 111.2, 102.9, 30.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl 257.0841 (M+H), found 257.0839.

**2-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-N-methylaniline (19):**

Light brown oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.77-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.3, 137.1, 130.0, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 124.1, 121.8, 121.0, 117.1, 111.4, 110.8, 103.4, 30.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl 257.0840 (M+H), found 257.0842.

**N-methyl-2-(3-methyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)aniline (20):**

Pale yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.73-6.68 (m, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.6, 136.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 126.4, 124.9, 122.2, 119.6, 116.1, 116.8, 112.5, 111.0, 110.7, 30.4, 9.7; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 237.1386 (M+H), found 237.1387.

**N-methyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)aniline (21):**

White solid, Mp: 75-80 °C,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.34 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.87-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.66-6.65 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (br, 1H), 2.79 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.1, 145.5, 143.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.4, 124.3, 120.9, 117.2, 116.5, 111.7, 101.6, 30.5; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$  246.1002 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 246.1009.

**N-methyl-2-(5-nitro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)aniline (22):**

Yellow solid, Mp: 136-138 °C,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.54 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.72 (m, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.3, 142.3, 139.5, 132.2, 130.4, 128.2, 127.8, 123.2, 118.2, 117.9, 116.9, 111.3, 110.9, 105.6, 30.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$  268.1081 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 268.1084.

**2-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*,4-dimethylaniline (23):**

Pale yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  142.8, 135.0, 130.35, 130.32, 129.6, 128.9, 126.8, 126.0, 124.3, 122.6, 120.3, 111.9, 111.7, 102.8, 30.8, 20.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$  271.0997 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 271.0996.

**4-*tert*-butyl-2-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-methylaniline (24):**

Light orange oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.56 (s, 1H), 7.30 (dd,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.51 (br, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  142.9, 140.2, 135.1, 130.3, 129.6, 126.5, 125.9, 125.3, 123.9, 122.6, 120.3, 112.0, 111.1, 102.7, 34.0, 31.6, 30.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$  313.1486 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 313.1479.

**2-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*,4,6-trimethylaniline (25):**

Orange oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.55 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.057-7.031 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 135.8, 132.1, 130.5, 130.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 125.8, 122.5, 120.2, 111.9, 102.6, 34.5, 20.4, 18.7; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl 285.1153 (M+H), found 285.1155.

**2-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-N,4-dimethylaniline (26):**

Colorless oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.085-7.064 (m, 3H), 6.92-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.38 (br, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.6, 143.4, 131.9, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 126.0, 124.6, 112.4, 111.6, 111.0, 102.8, 102.6, 56.0, 30.6, 20.2; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 267.1492 (M+H), found 267.1497.

**2-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-N,4,6-trimethylaniline (27):**

Colorless oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.08 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.71 (br, 1H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 6H), 2.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.5, 143.1, 132.7, 131.8, 130.1, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.3, 112.4, 111.5, 102.6, 102.4, 55.9, 34.7, 20.4, 18.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 281.1648 (M+H), found 281.1663.

**4-*tert*-butyl-2-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-N-methylaniline (28):**

Light brown oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.37 (dd, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 8.4 Hz 1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.50 (br, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.6, 143.2, 139.8, 131.9, 129.5, 129.0, 126.1, 125.4, 124.3, 112.5, 111.7, 110.6, 102.7, 102.6, 56.0, 34.0, 31.6, 30.6; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 309.1961 (M+H), found 309.1964.

**N,4-dimethyl-2-(3-methyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)aniline (29):**

White solid, Mp: 55-57 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (br, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.5, 136.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 126.4, 126.0, 124.8, 122.2, 119.5, 119.0, 112.3, 111.0, 110.7, 30.6, 20.3, 9.7; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 251.1543 (M+H), found 251.1543.

**N,4-dimethyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridin-1-yl)aniline (30):**

Colorless oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.33 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (br, 1H), 2.77 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.1, 143.9, 143.4, 130.2, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 126.6, 124.2, 120.9, 116.4, 111.8, 101.4, 30.8, 20.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3$  238.1349 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 251.1339.

**N-methyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (34):**

Colorless oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.34 (s, 2H), 3.84 (br, 1H), 2.80 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  144.9, 129.1, 127.2, 127.0, 122.0, 116.3, 110.6, 109.4, 30.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2$  173.1073 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 173.1077.

**N,4-dimethyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (35):**

Colorless oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.01 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 2H), 3.60 (br, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  142.6, 129.4, 127.6, 127.2, 125.9, 122.0, 110.8, 109.3, 30.7, 20.2; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2$  187.1232 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 187.1230.

**4-isopropyl-N-methyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (36):**

Pale orange oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.15 (dd,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t,  $J = 2$  Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.34 (t,  $J = 2$  Hz, 2H), 3.71 (br, 1H), 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  142.8, 137.3, 128.2, 126.8, 125.0, 122.0, 110.7, 109.3, 33.1, 30.6, 24.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2$  215.1543 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 215.1553.

**4-chloro-N-methyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (37):**

Pale yellow oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.23 (dd,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t,  $J = 2$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.34 (t,  $J = 2$  Hz, 2H), 3.85 (br, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.6, 128.8, 127.8, 126.9, 121.8, 120.7, 111.4, 109.9, 30.4; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$  207.0684 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 207.0687.

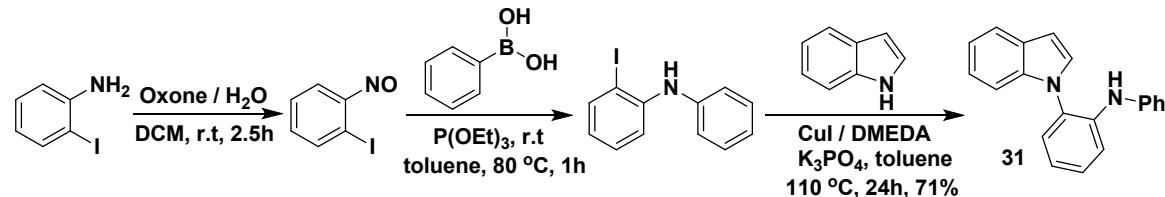
**4-fluoro-N-methyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (38):**

Colorless oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.03-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t,  $J = 2$  Hz, 2H), 6.64-6.60 (m, 1H), 6.34 (t,  $J = 2$  Hz, 2H), 3.70 (br, 1H), 2.77 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  155.6, 153.3, 141.4, 127.3, 127.2, 121.8, 115.3, 115.1, 114.4, 114.1, 111.1, 111.0, 109.8, 30.9; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{F}$  191.0979 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 191.0979.

**4-(methylamino)-3-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)benzonitrile (39):**

Light orange oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.53 (dd,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t,  $J = 2$  Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.36 (t,  $J = 2$  Hz, 2H), 4.42 (br, 1H), 2.84 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.3, 133.6, 130.6, 126.8, 121.7, 119.6, 110.5, 110.3, 98.1, 29.9; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{Na}$  220.0851 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 207.0862.

**Synthesis of 2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-phenylaniline (31):**

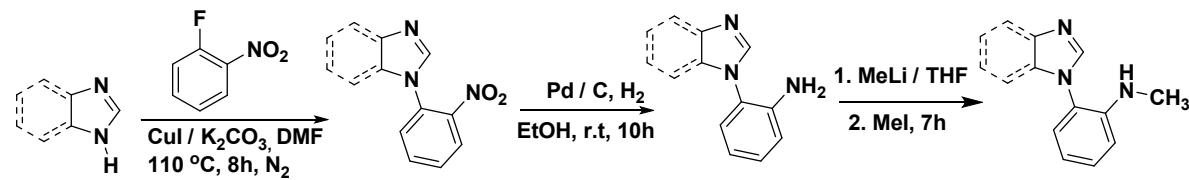


First 2-iodoaniline converted into 1-iodo-2-nitrosobenzene.<sup>D</sup> 1-iodo-2-nitrosobenzene treated with phenylboronic acid to get 2-iodo-*N*-phenylaniline.<sup>E</sup> 2-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-phenylaniline was synthesized from 2-iodo-*N*-phenylaniline using general procedure IV.<sup>A</sup>

**Spectral data of 31:**

Light orange oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.61 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.07 (m, 8H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.33 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  141.7, 140.5, 136.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 127.1, 122.6, 122.5, 121.1, 120.5, 120.2, 120.0, 116.1, 110.7, 103.8; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3$  285.1392 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ), found 285.1397.

**Synthesis of 2-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)-*N*-methylaniline (**32**) & 2-(1*H*-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)-*N*-methylaniline (**33**):**



Compound **32** and **33** are synthesized by methylation<sup>B</sup> of corresponding anilines. 2-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)aniline and 2-(1*H*-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)aniline were prepared using reported procedure.<sup>F</sup>

**Spectral data**

**2-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)-*N*-methylaniline (**32**):**

White solid, Mp: 78-80 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.73 (m, 2H), 3.65 (br, 1H), 2.79 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.6, 130.3, 130.1, 127.1, 127.0, 123.0, 120.5, 116.6, 111.0, 30.3; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 174.1031 (M+H), found 174.1053.

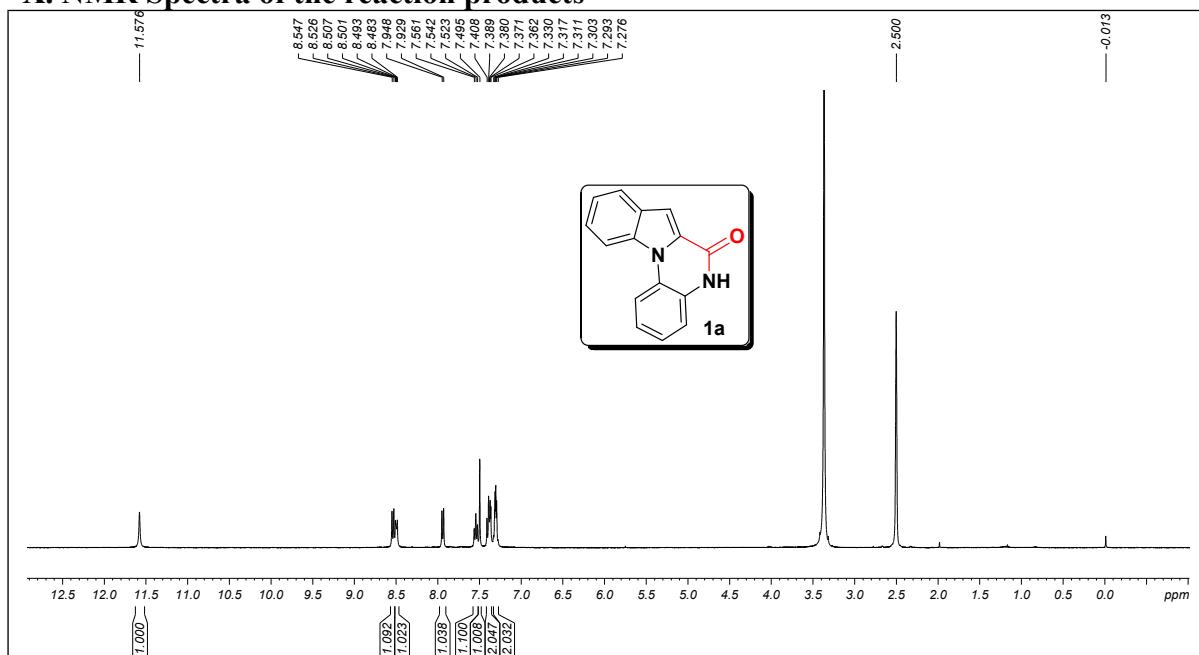
**2-(1*H*-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)-*N*-methylaniline (**33**):**

White crystalline solid, Mp: 157-159 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.79 (m, 2H), 3.54 (br, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 3H); 145.2, 143.68, 143.62, 134.2, 130.7, 128.1, 123.7, 122.8, 120.9, 120.6, 116.8, 111.2, 110.9, 30.2; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 224.1188 (M+H), found 224.1187.

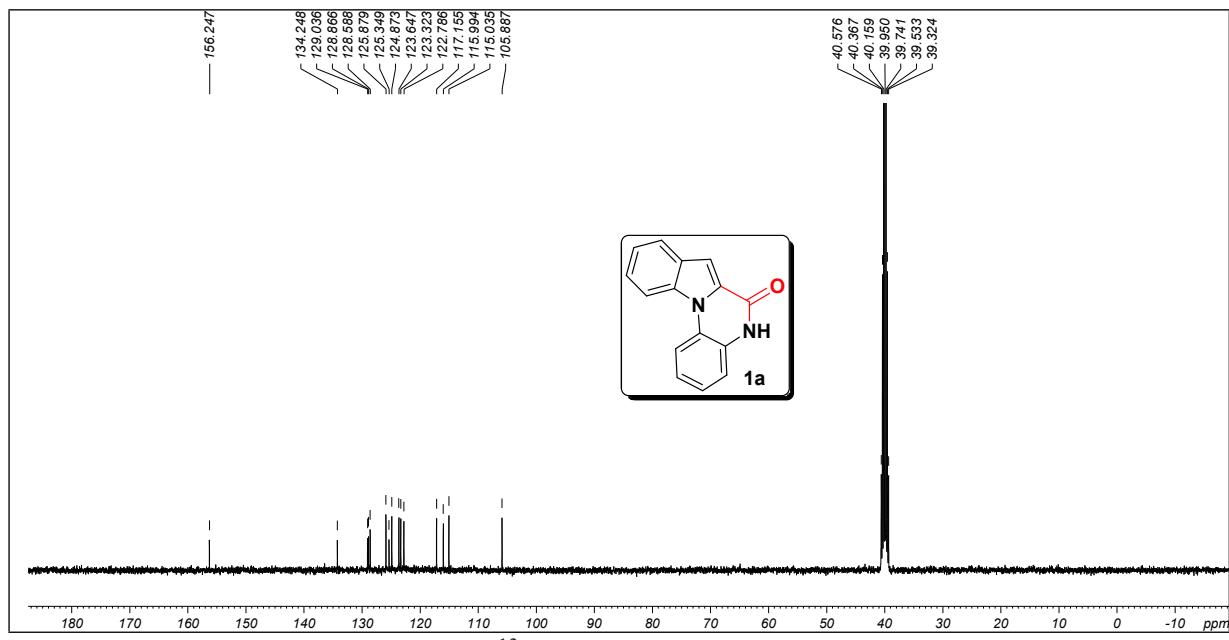
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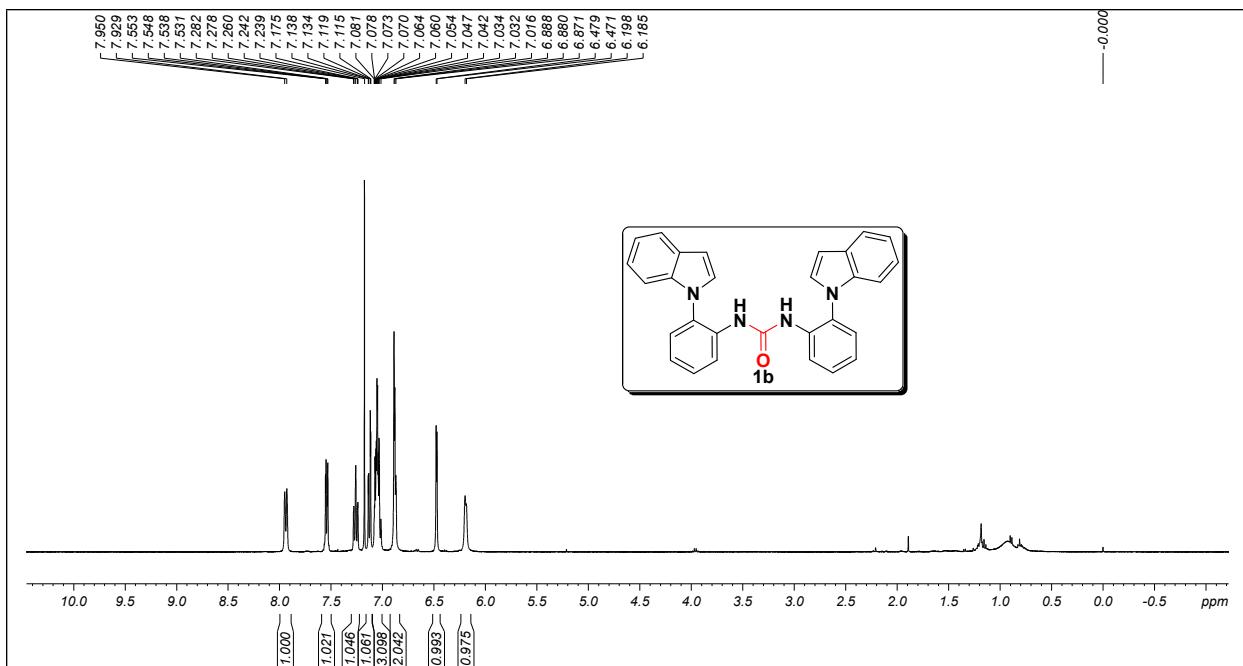
## X. NMR Spectra of the reaction products



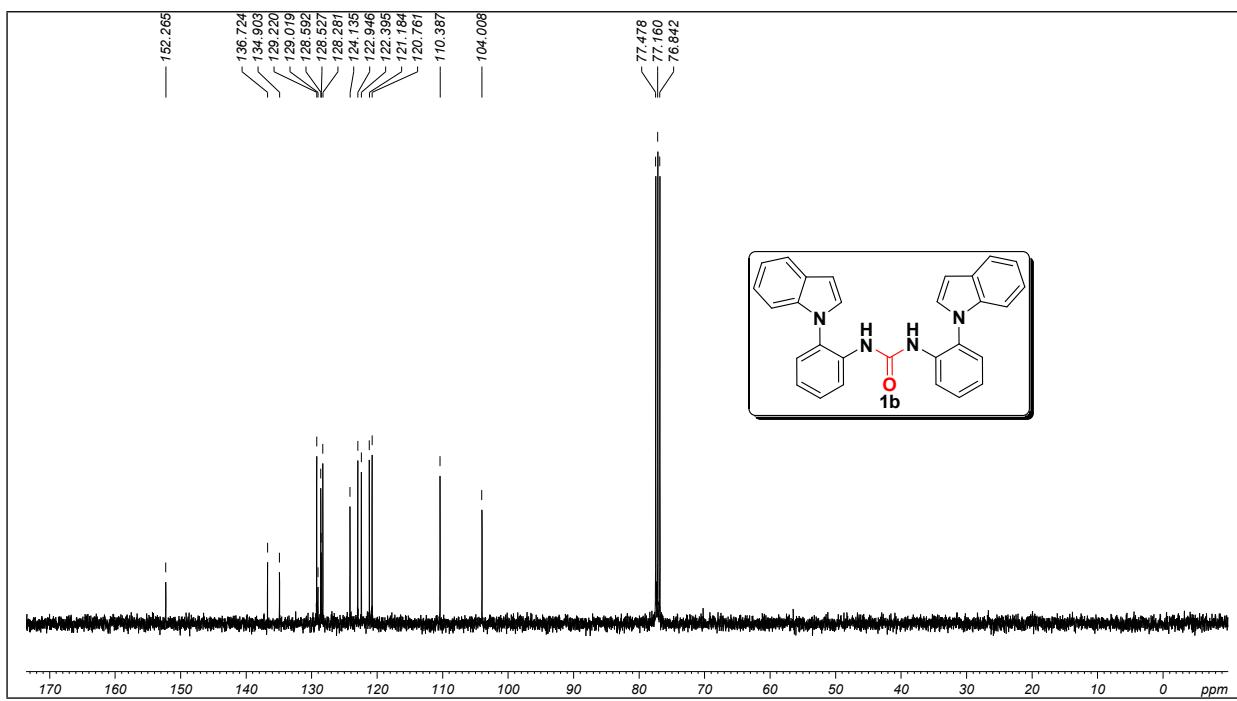
**Figure S1.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1a** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$



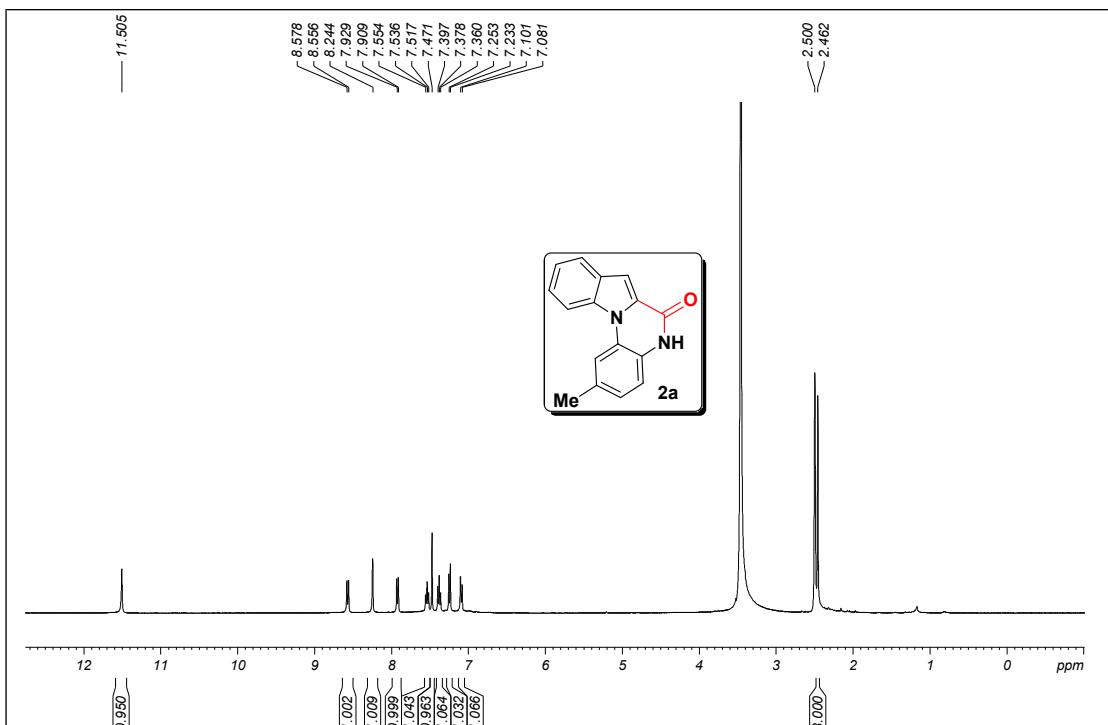
**Figure S2.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1a** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$



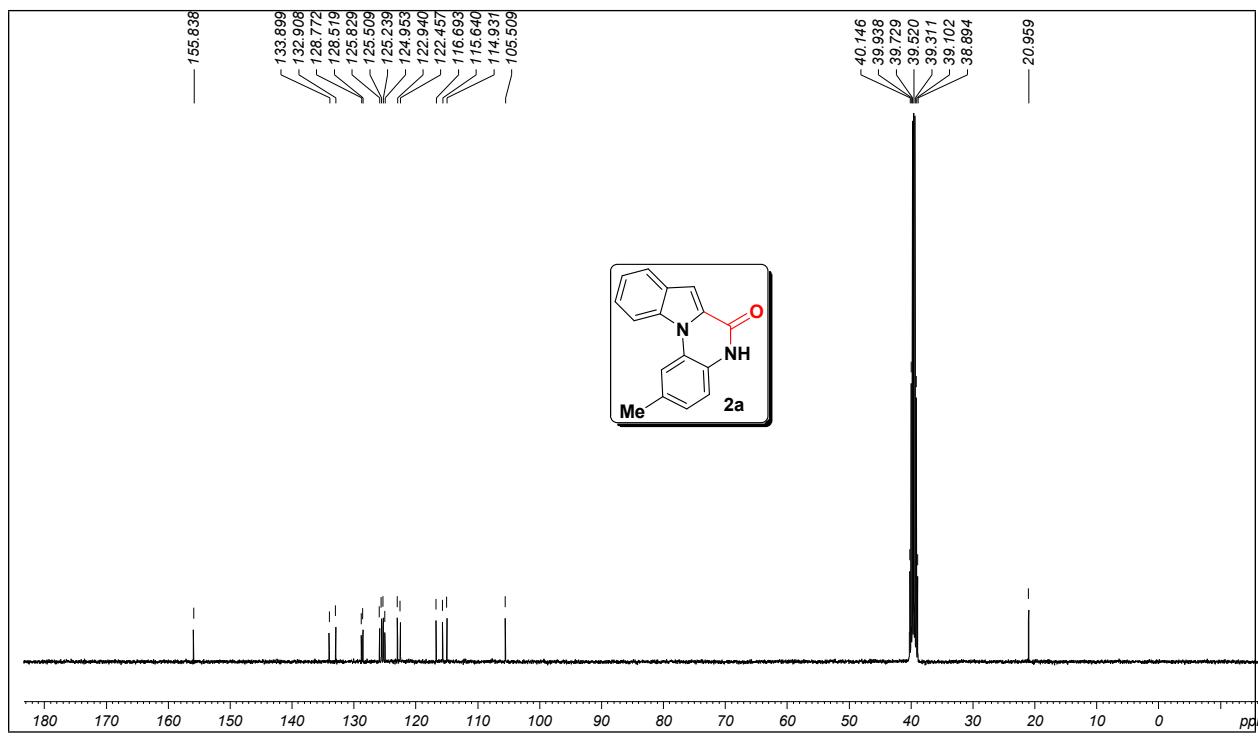
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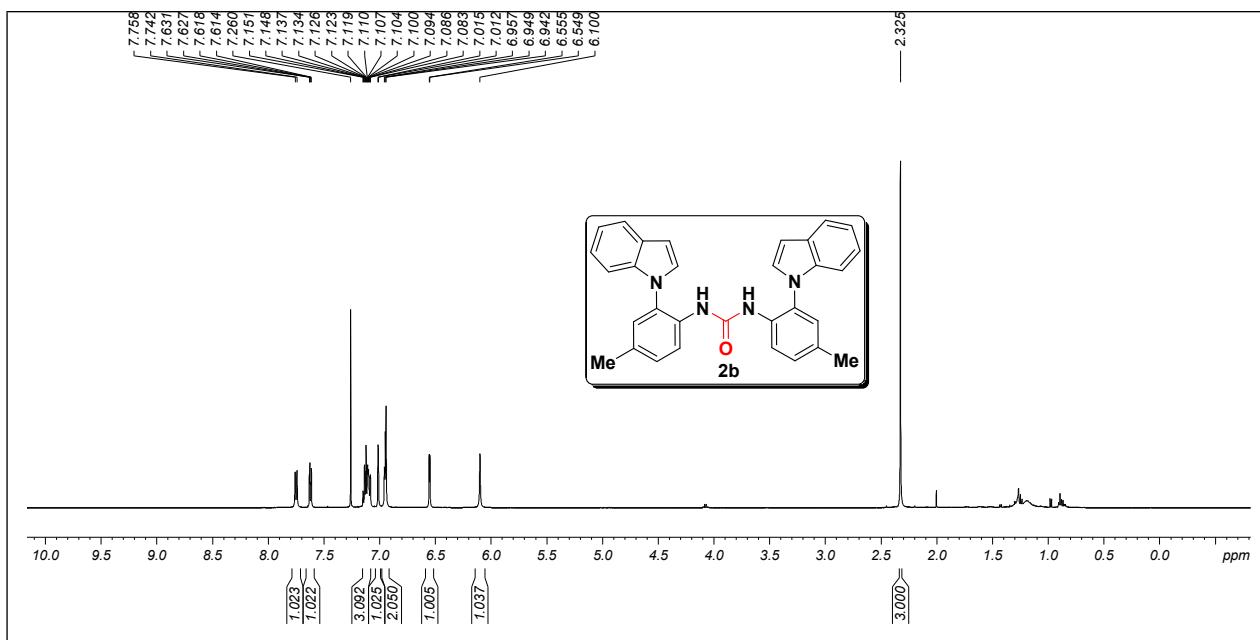
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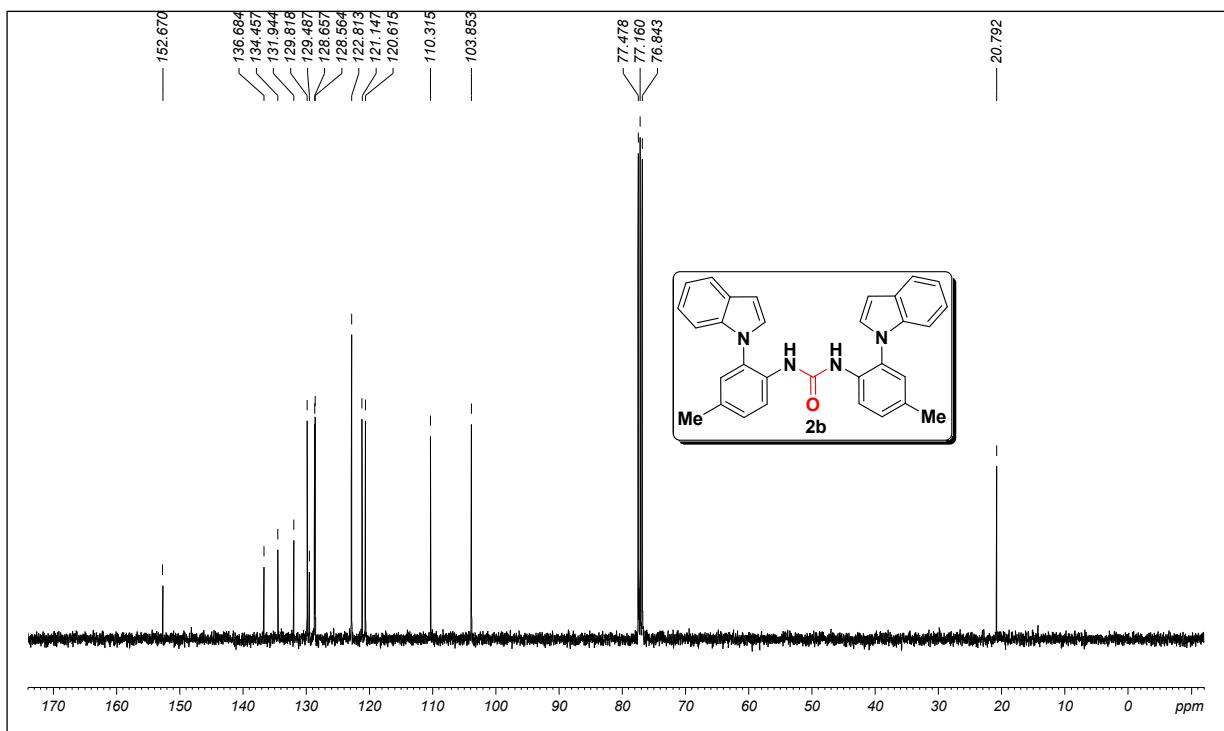
**Figure S5.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$



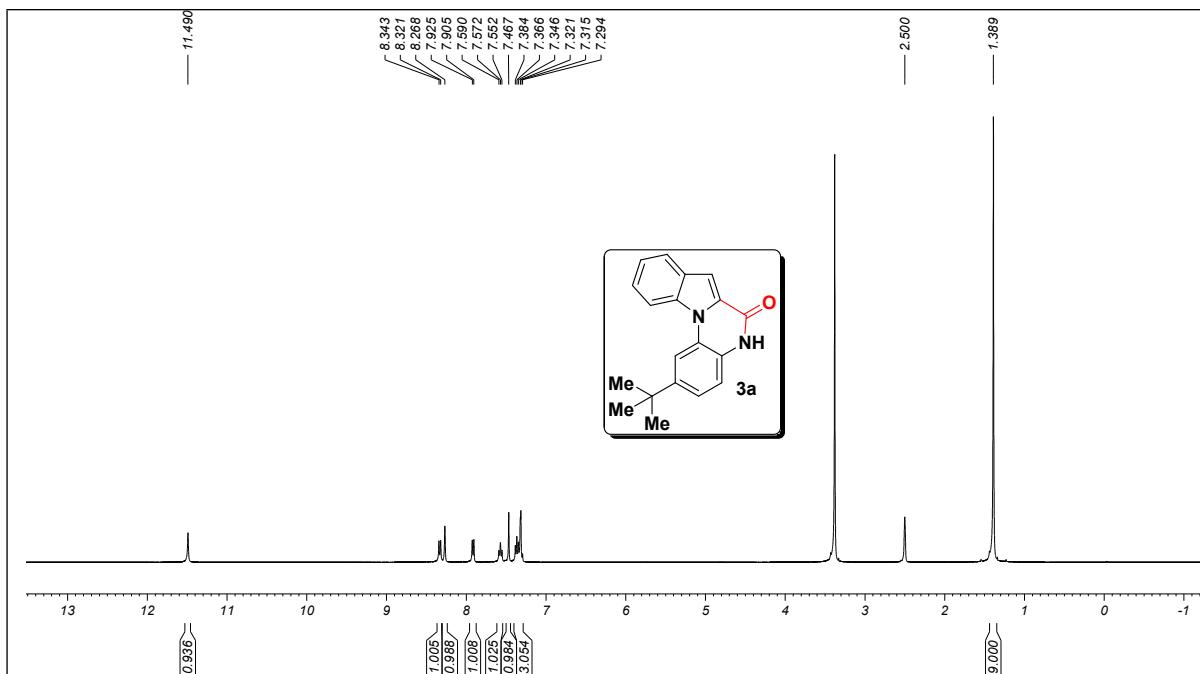
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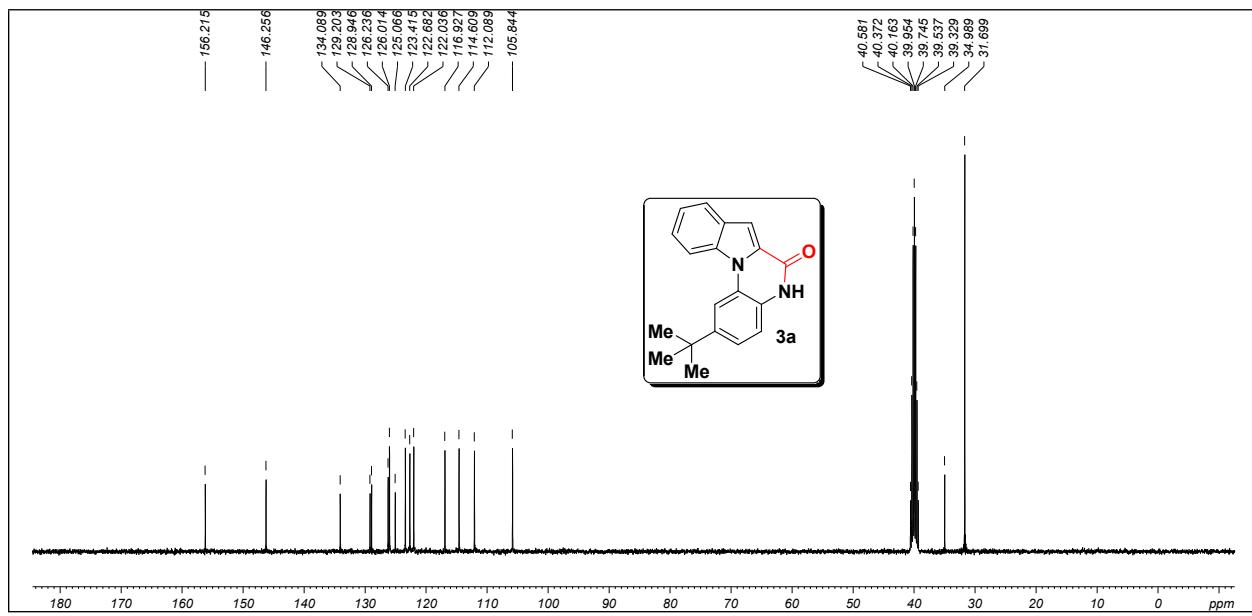
**Figure S7.** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S8.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S9.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$



**Figure S10.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$

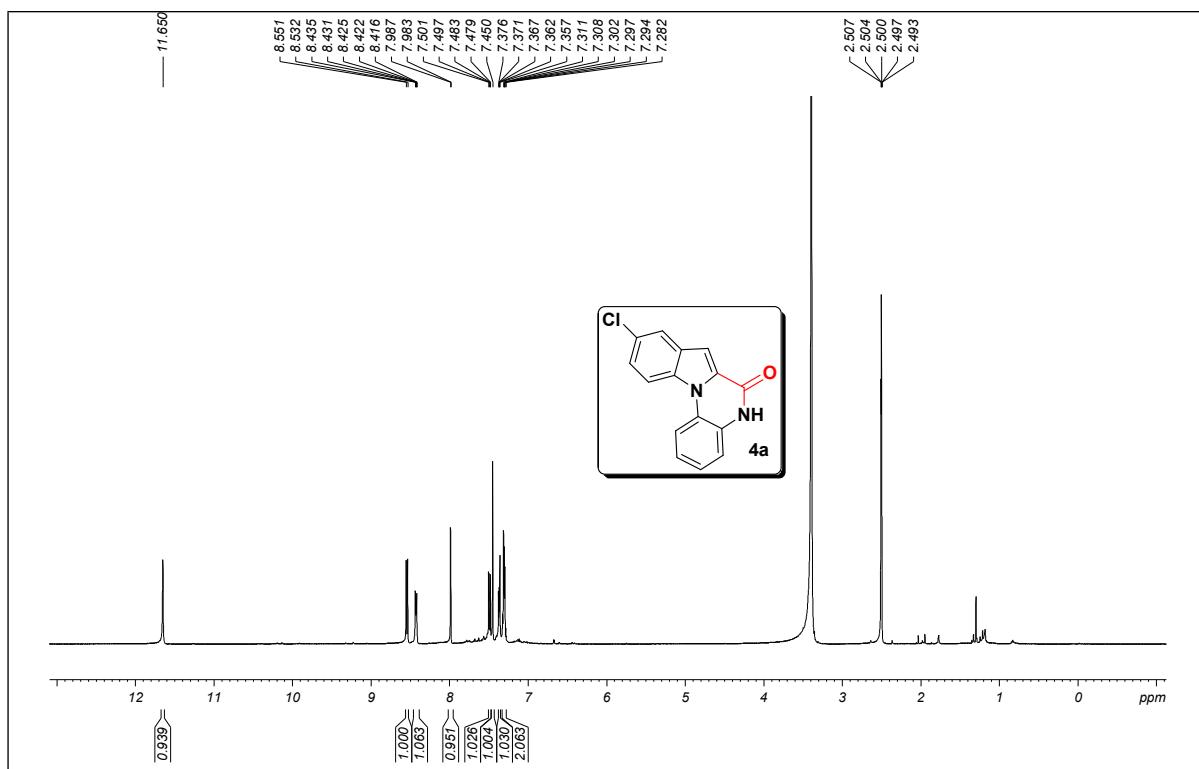


Figure S11. 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4a in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>

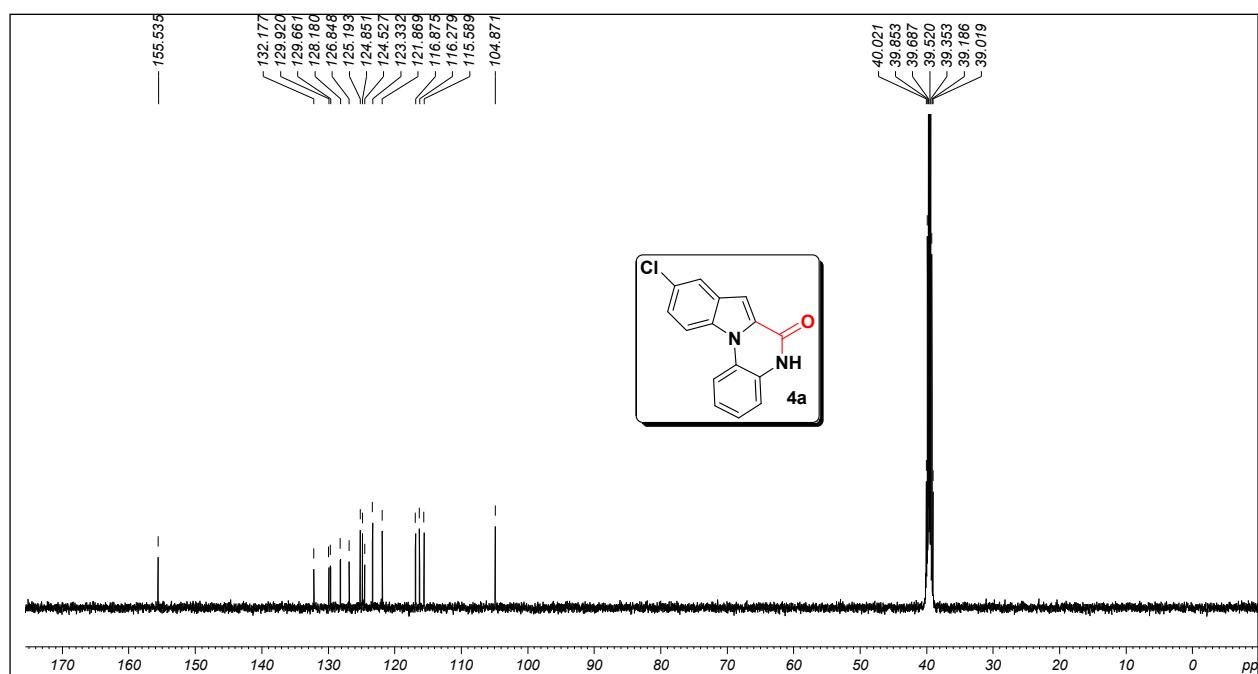
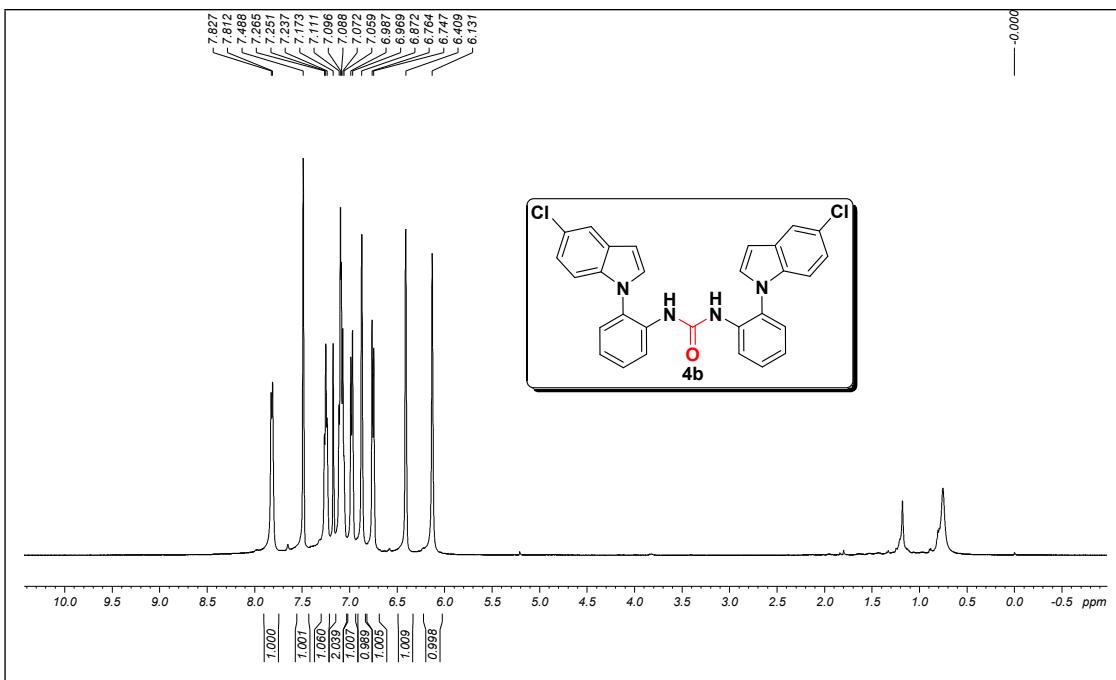
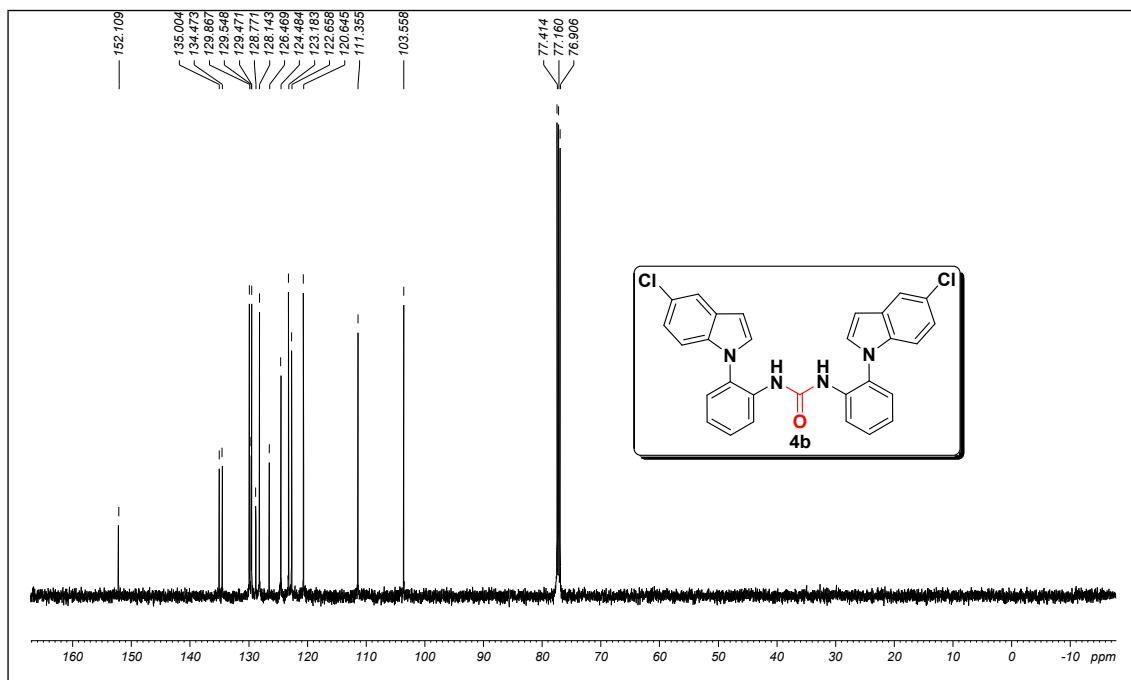


Figure S12. 125 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4a in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>



**Figure S13.** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S14.** 125 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

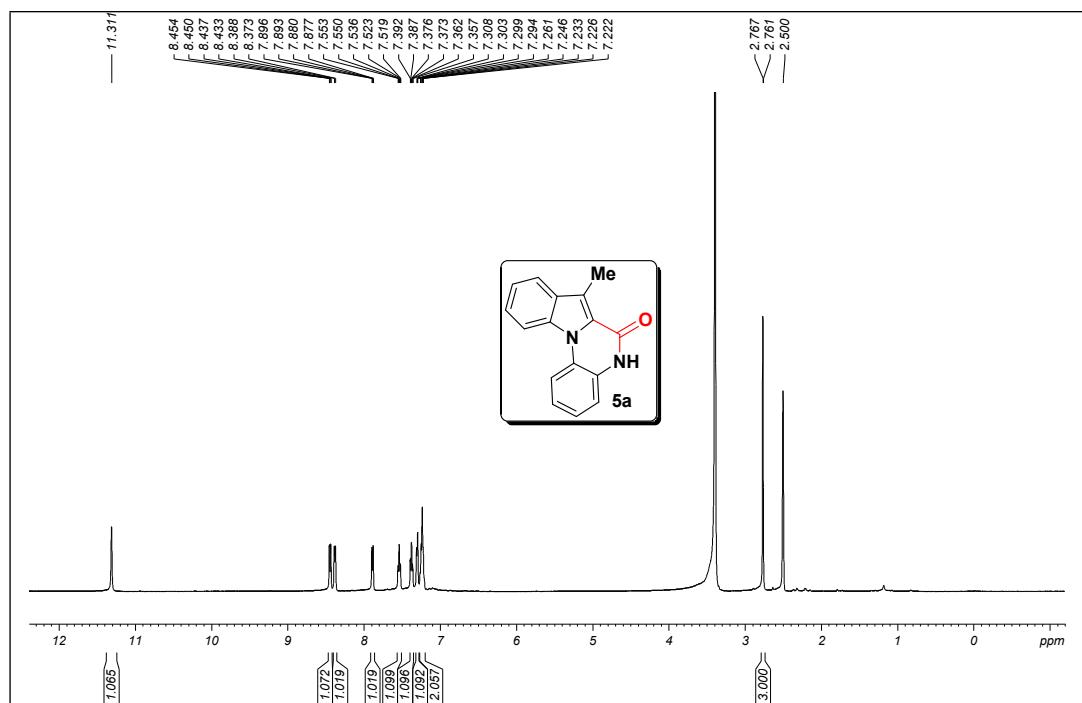


Figure S15. 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **5a** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$

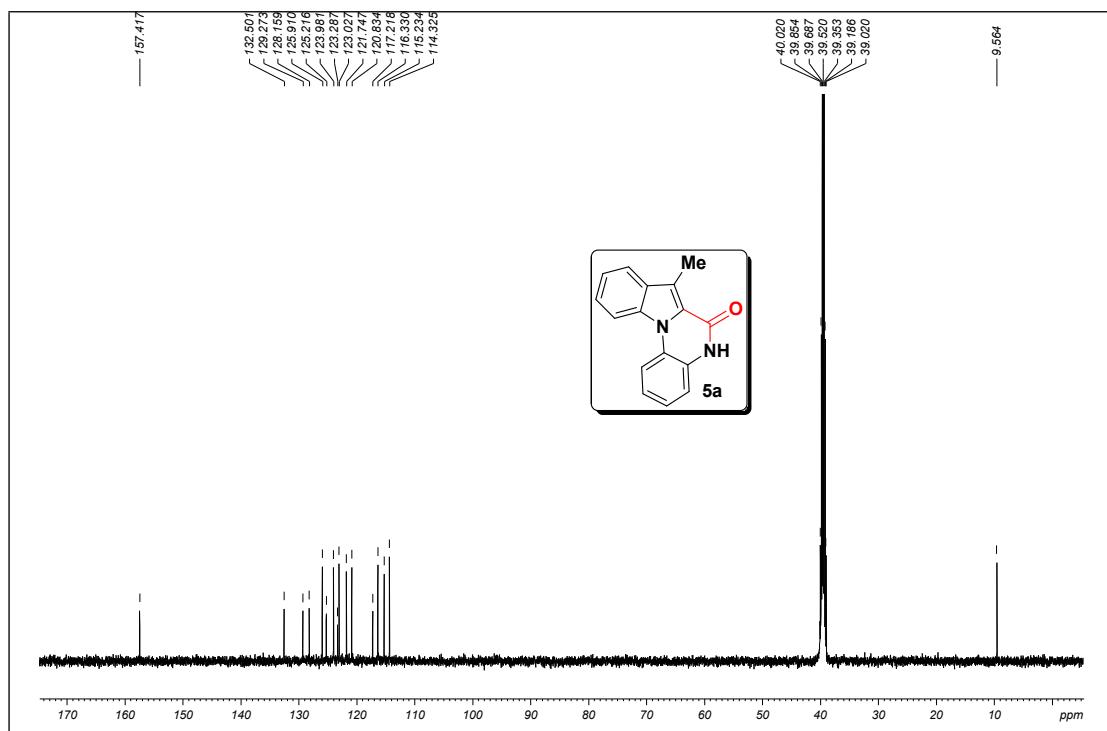
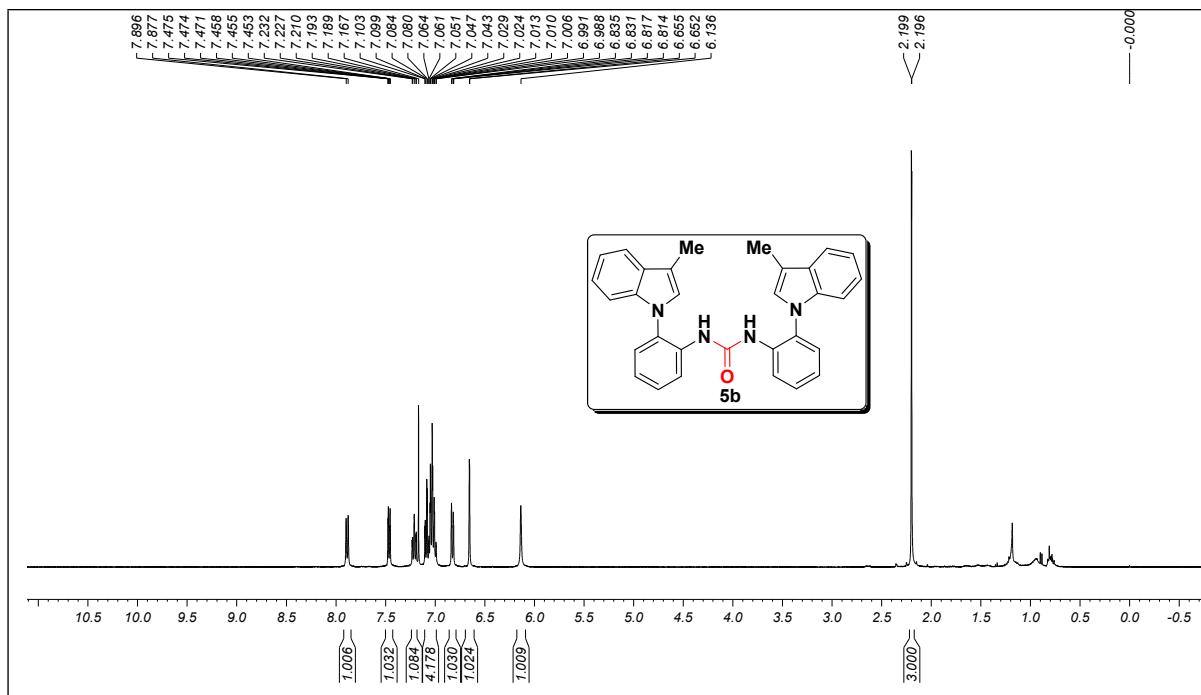
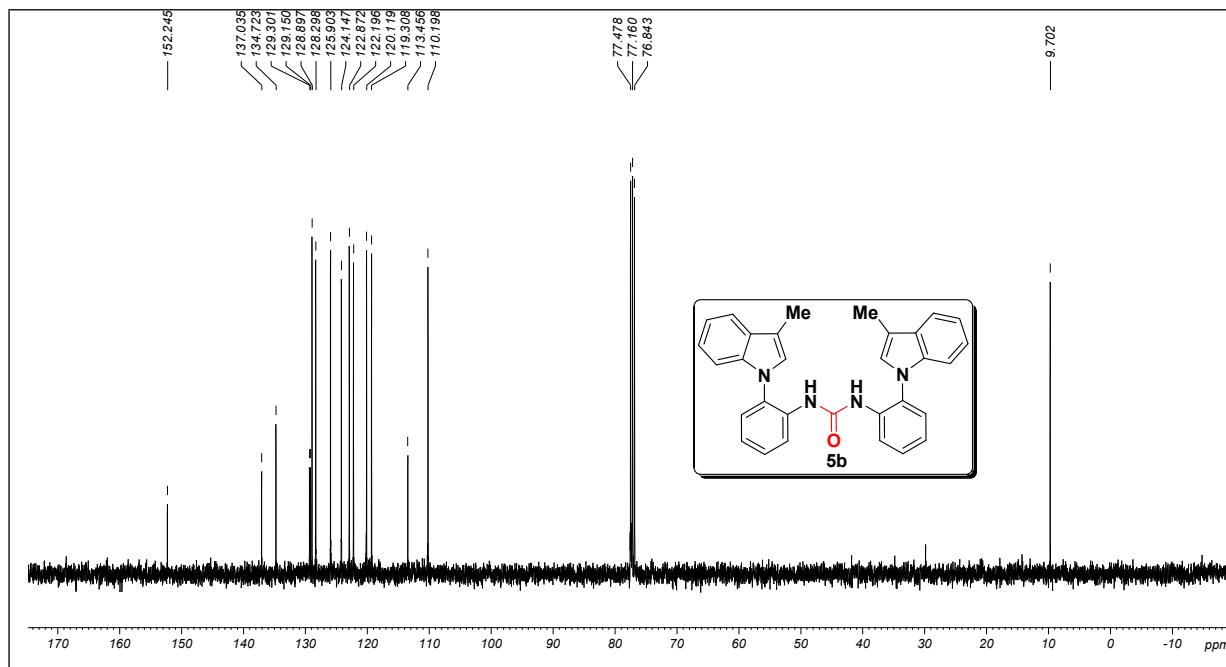


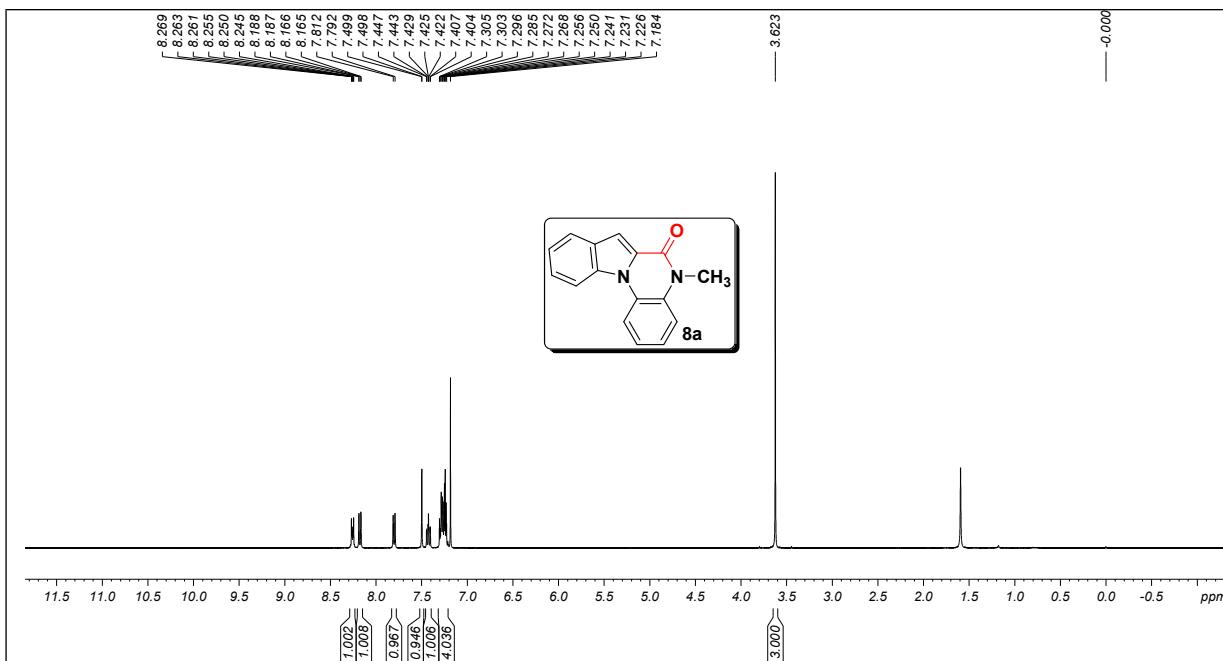
Figure S16. 125 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **5a** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$



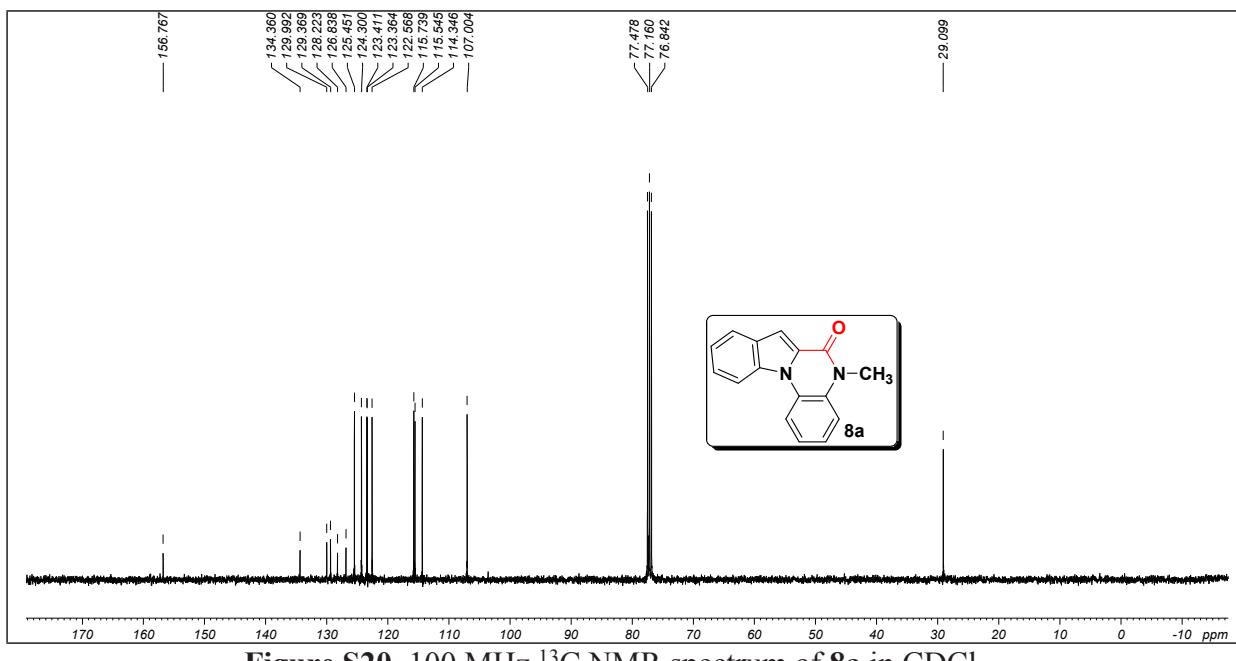
**Figure S17.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **5b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



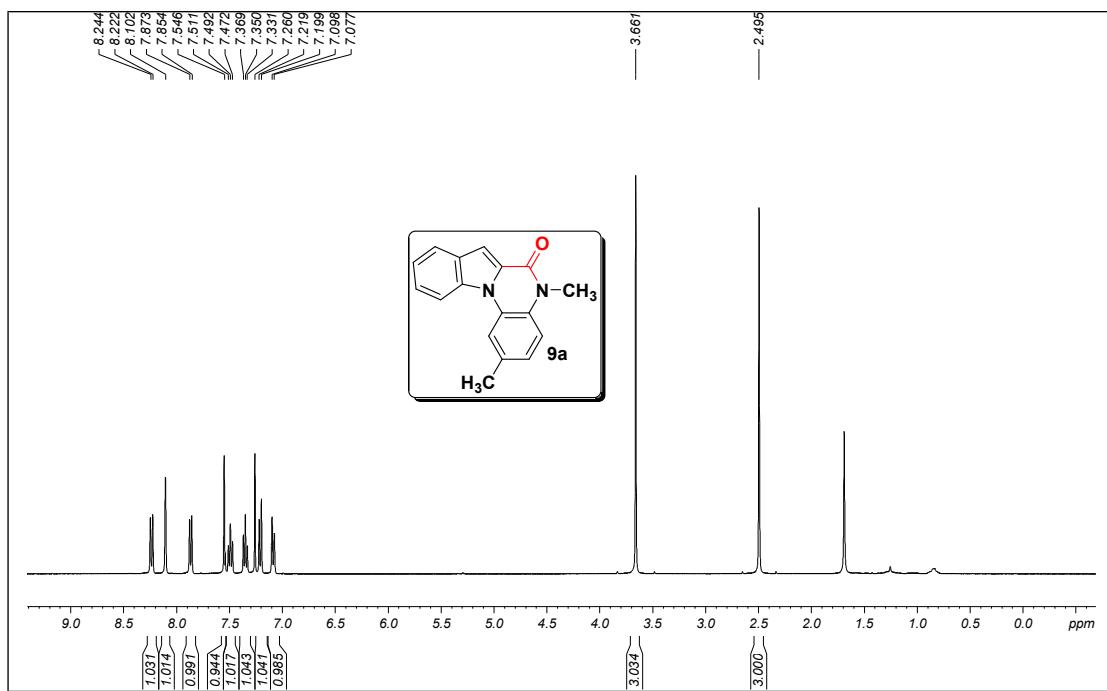
**Figure S18.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **5b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



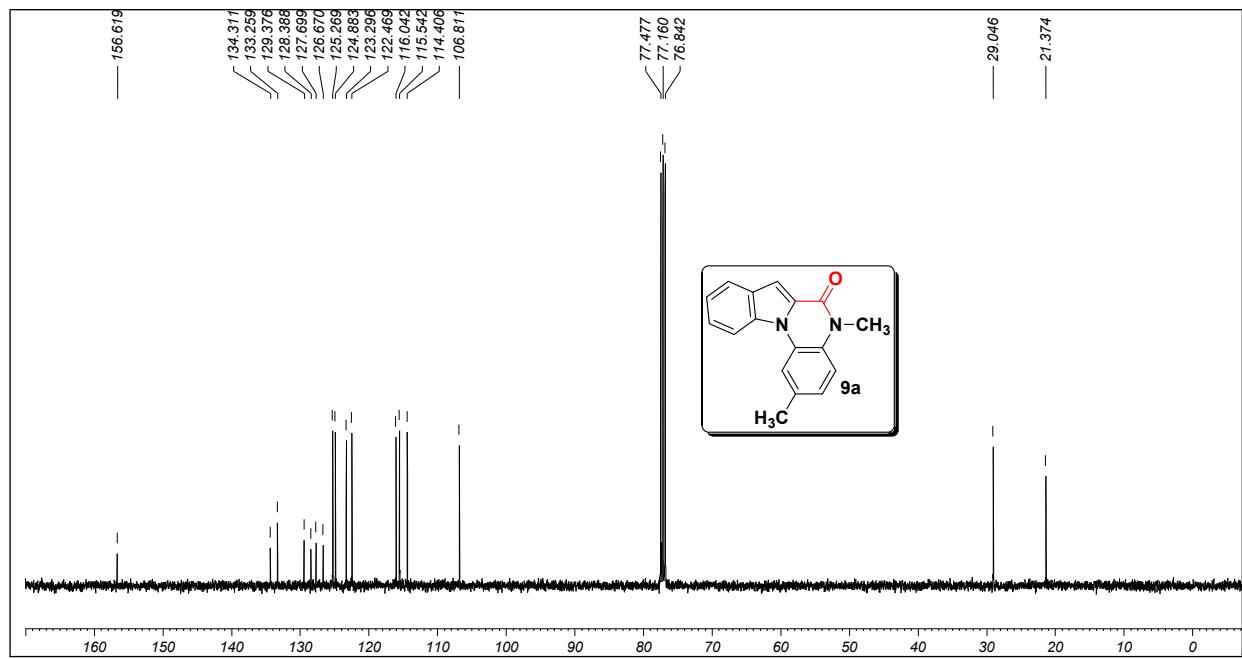
**Figure S19.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



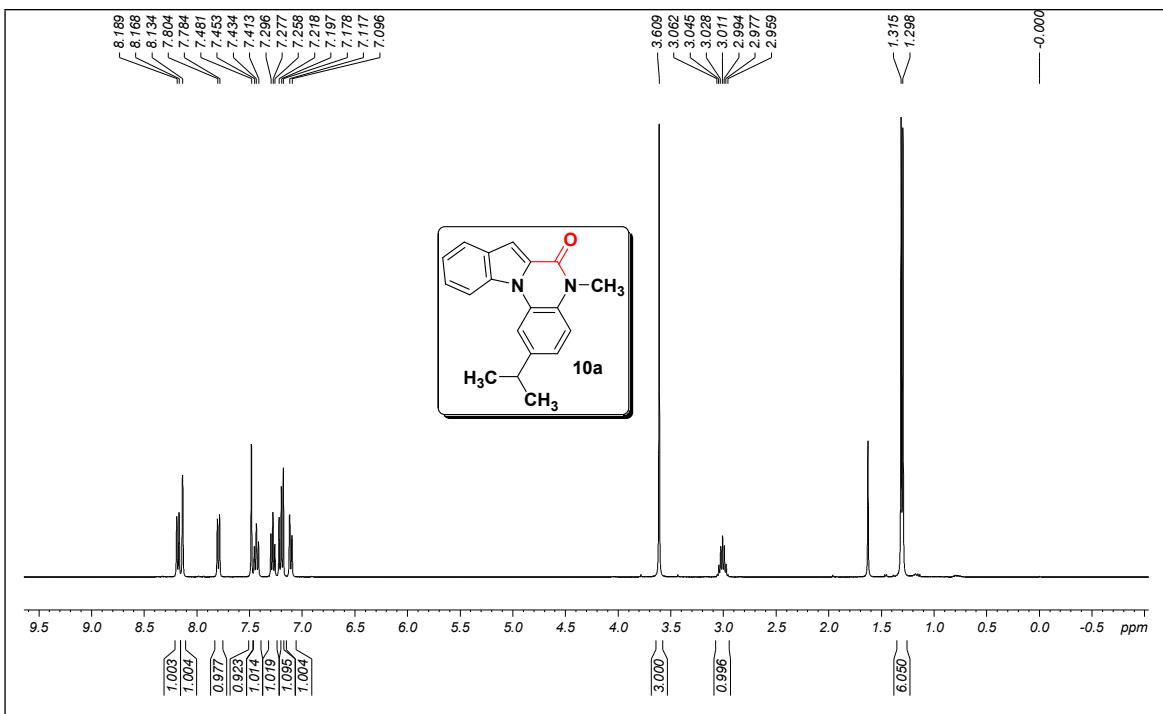
**Figure S20.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



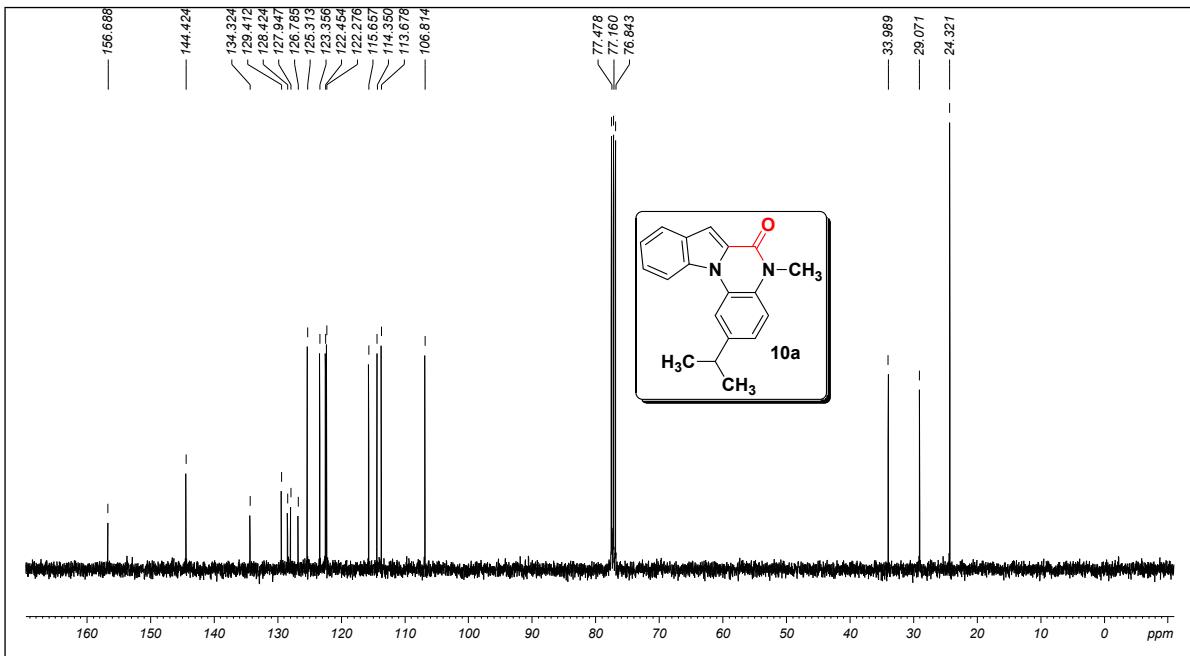
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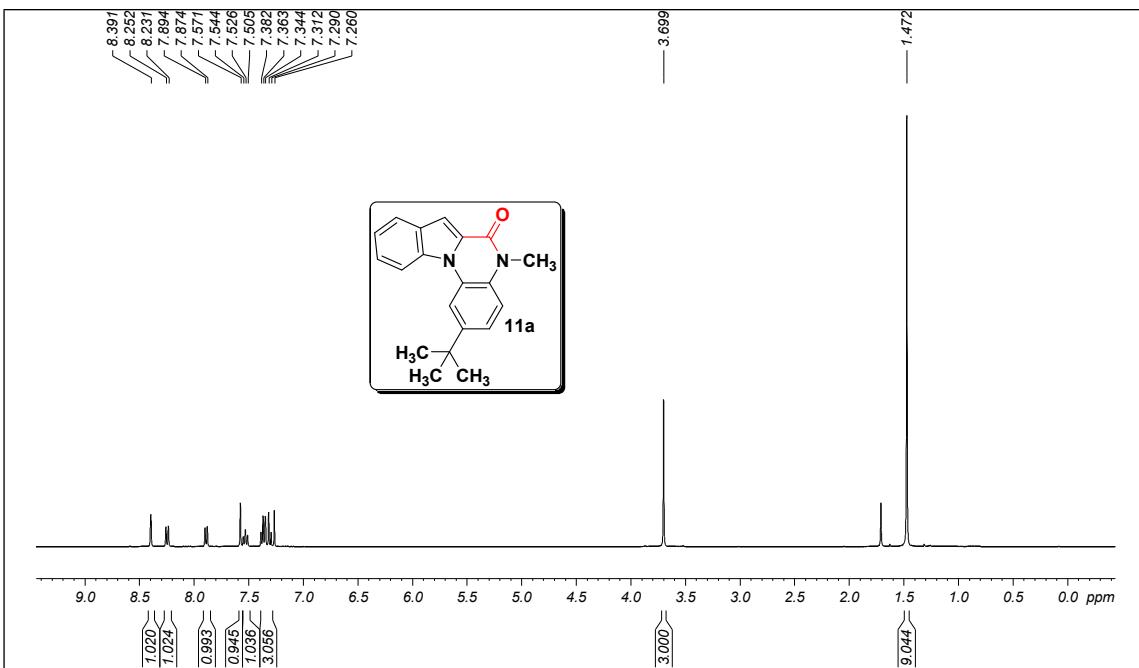
**Figure S22.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



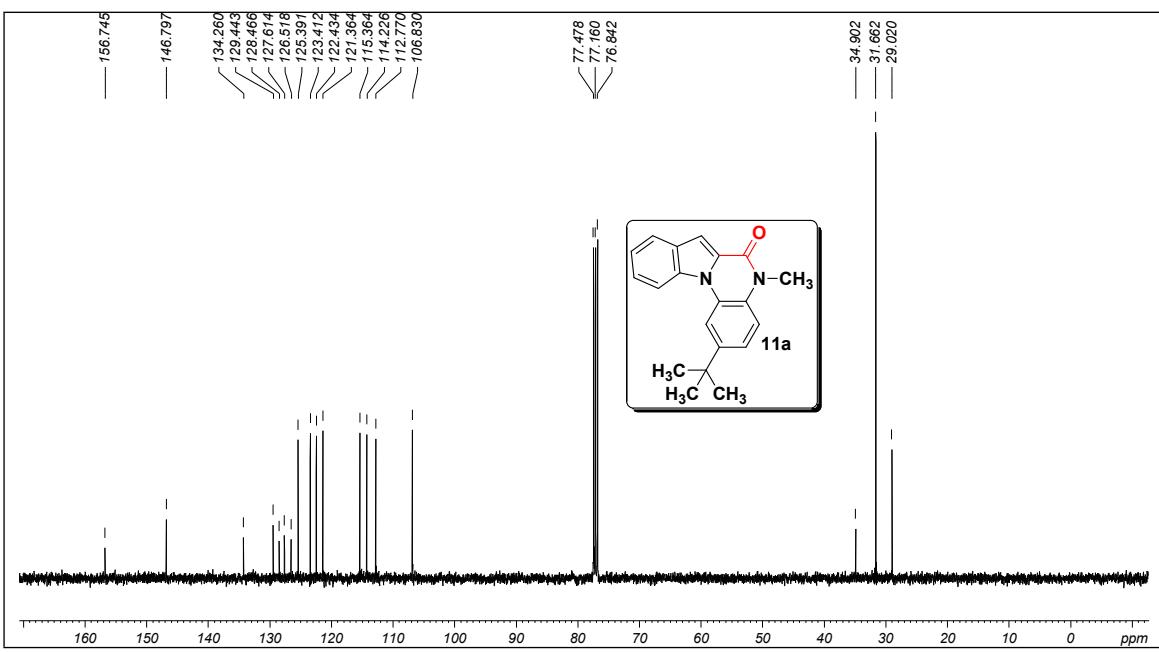
**Figure S23.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **10a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



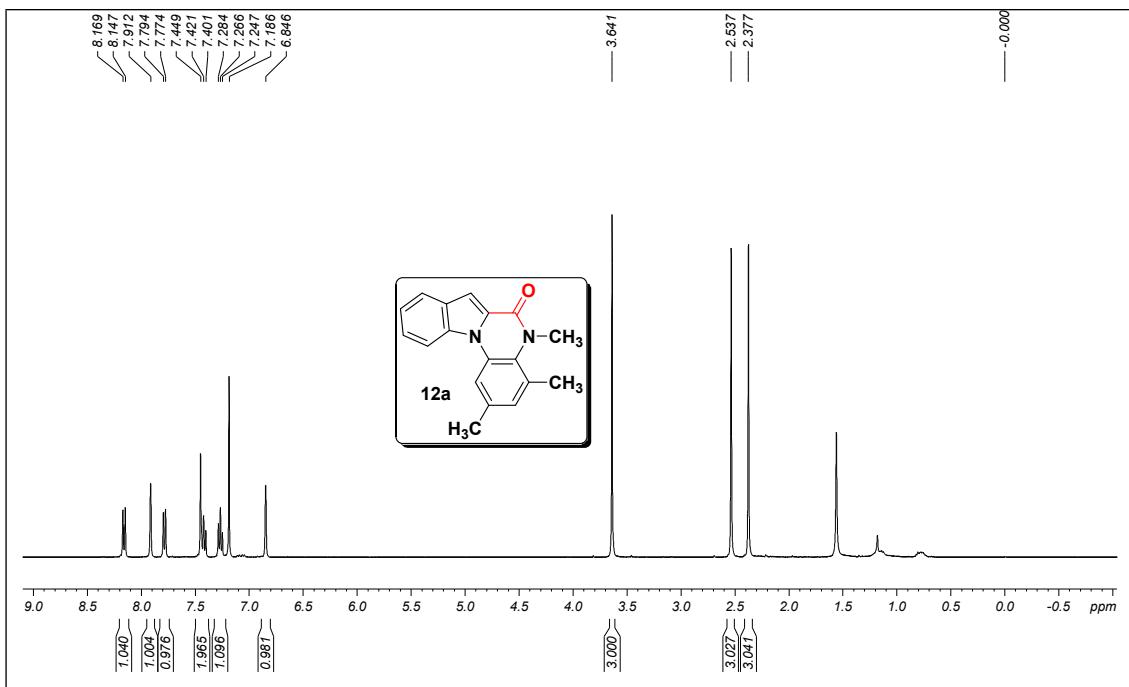
**Figure S24.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



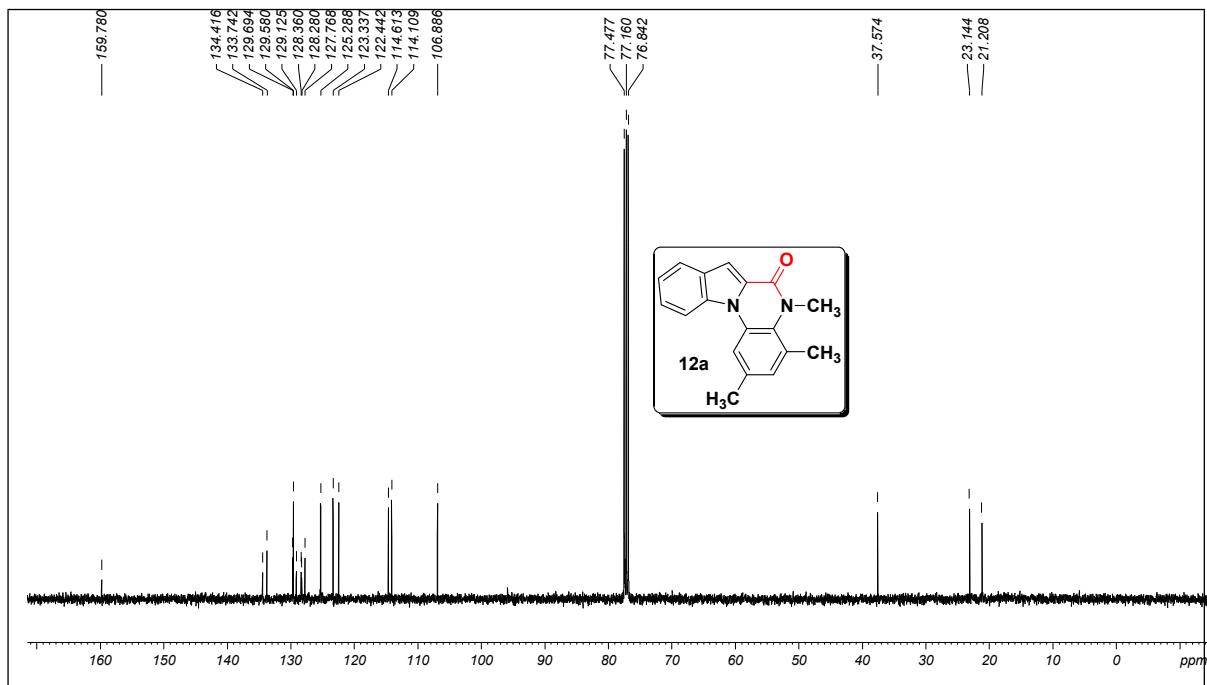
**Figure S25.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **11a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



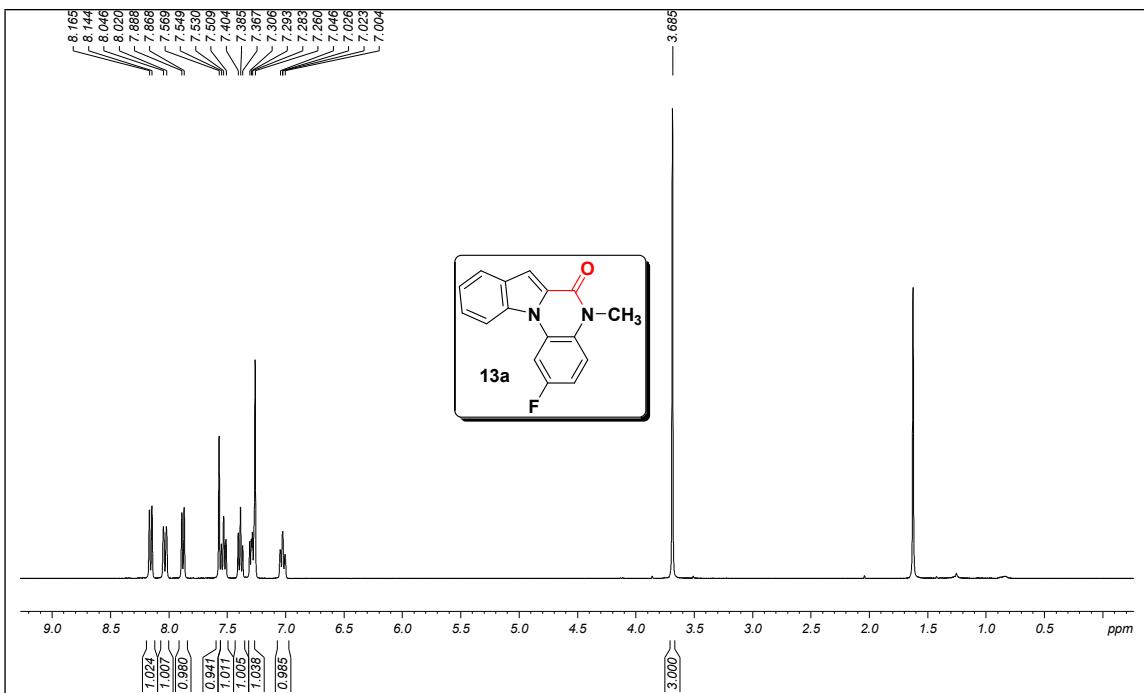
**Figure S26.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **11a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



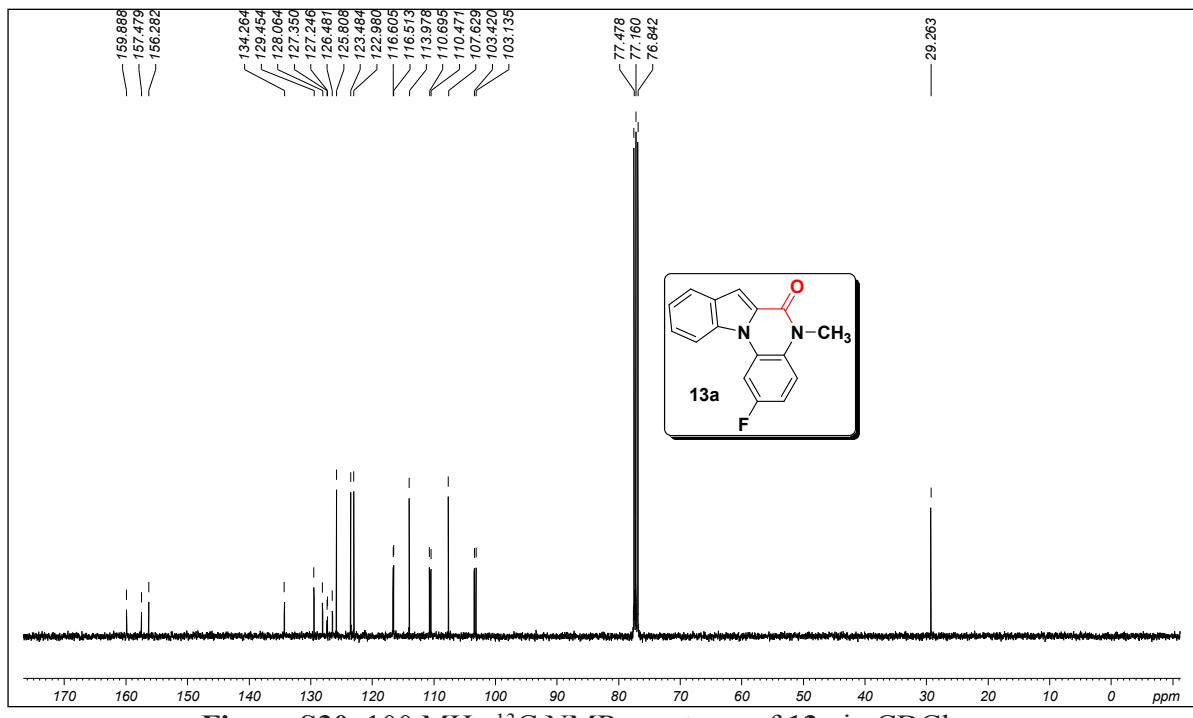
**Figure S27.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **12a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



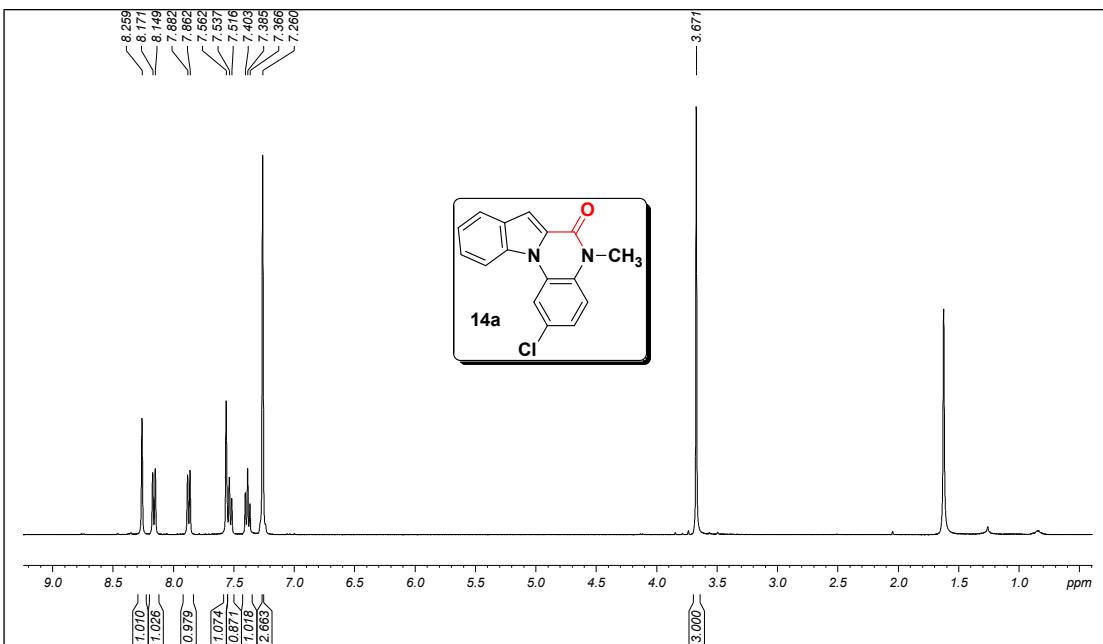
**Figure S28.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **12a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



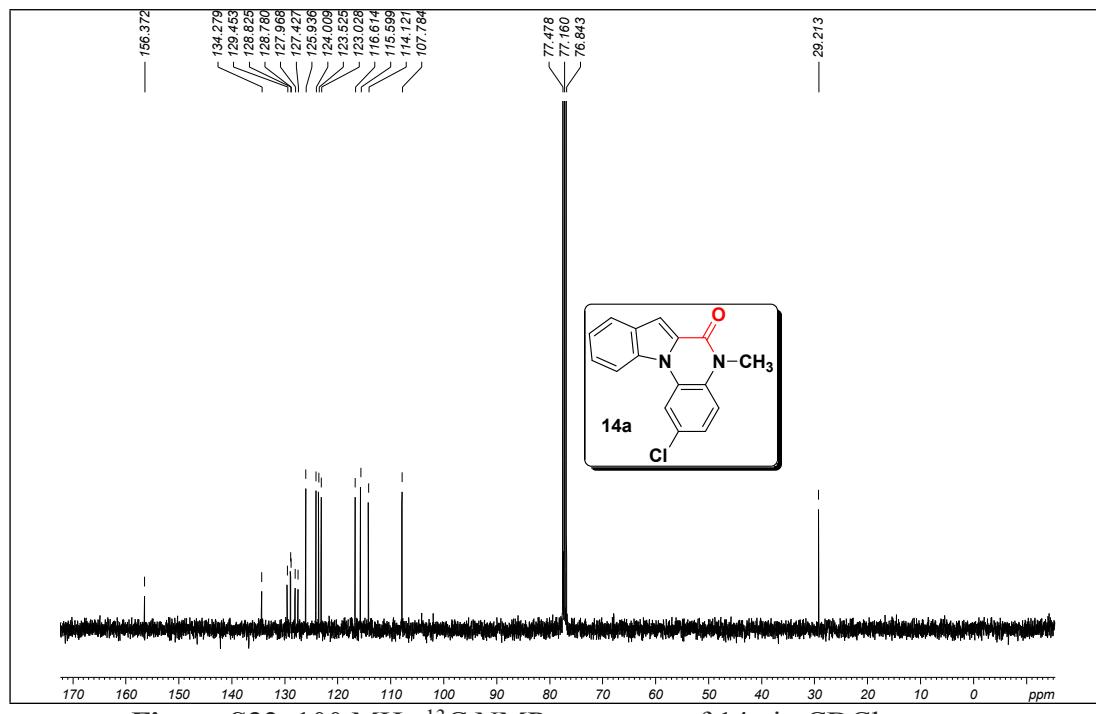
**Figure S29.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **13a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



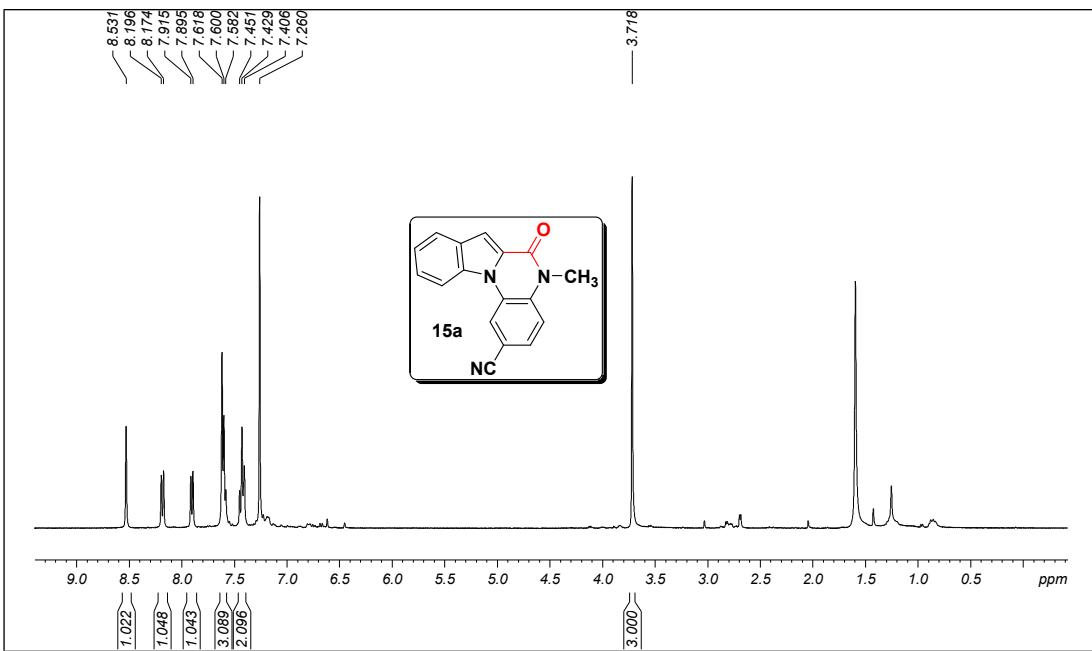
**Figure S30.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **13a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



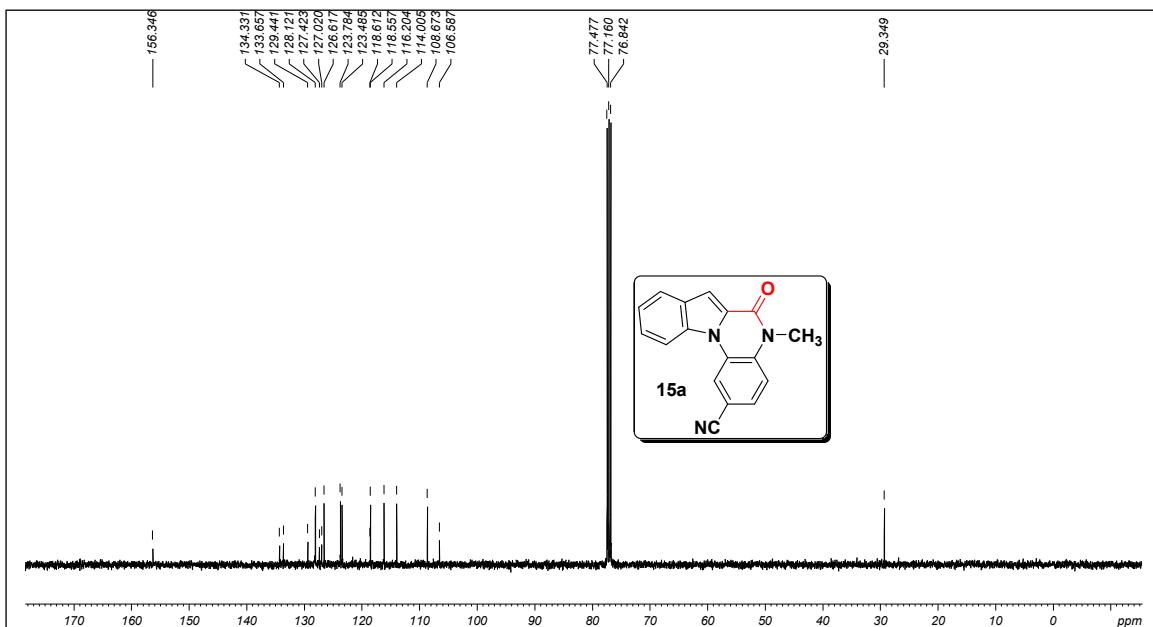
**Figure S31.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **14a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S32.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **14a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S33.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **15a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S34.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **15a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

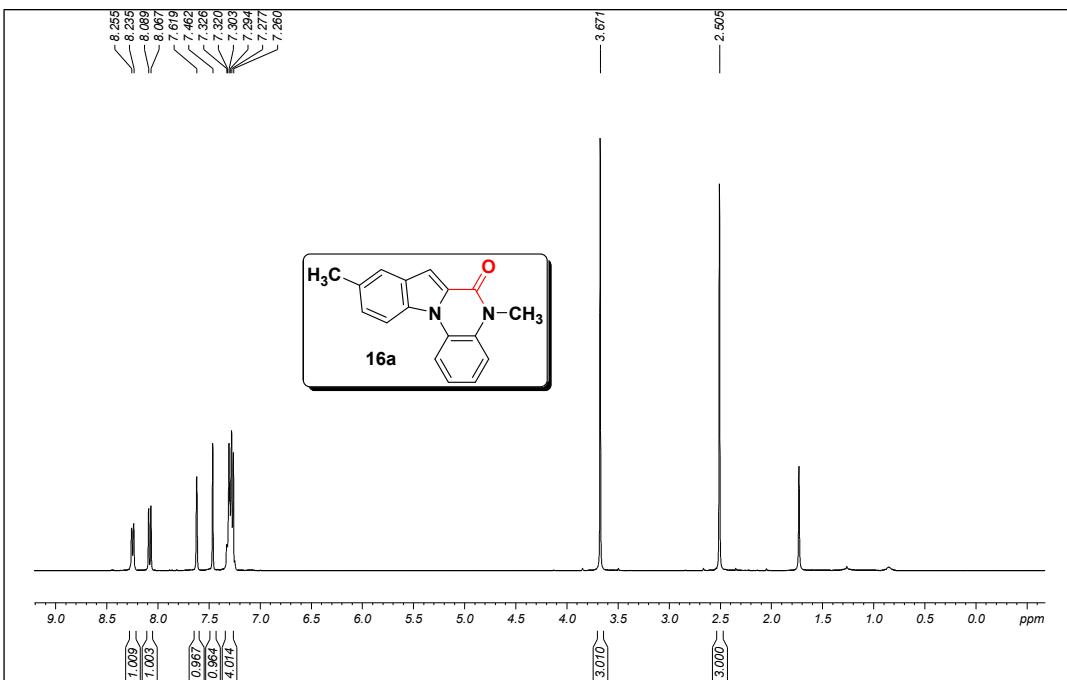


Figure S35. 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **16a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

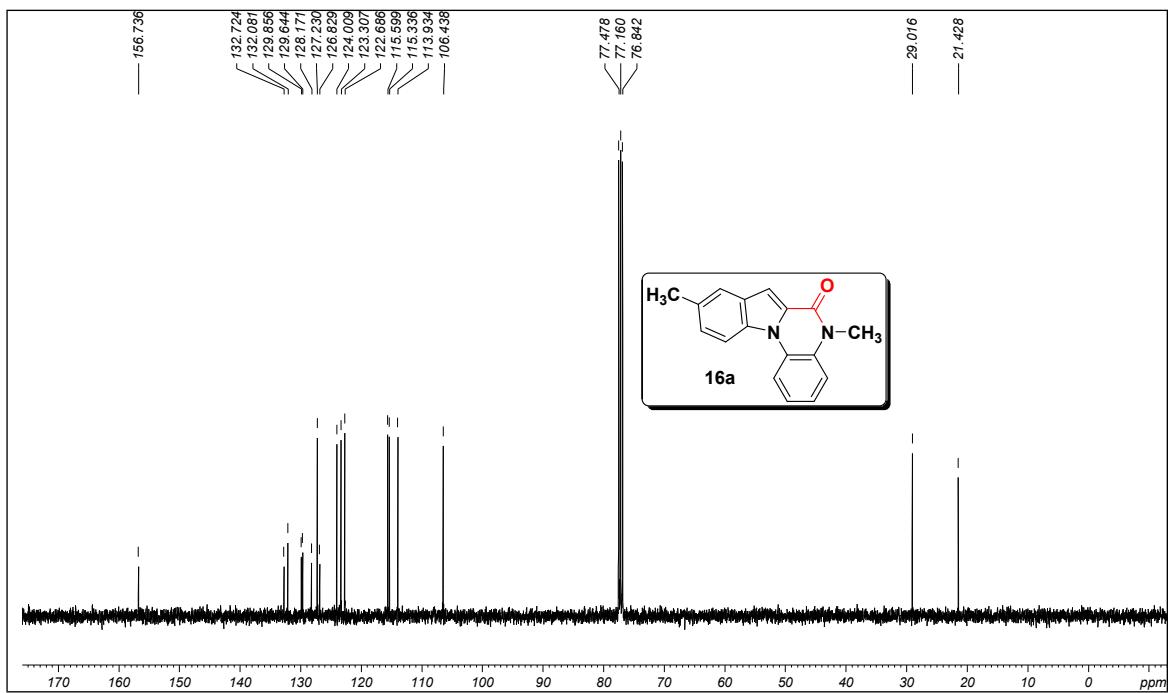
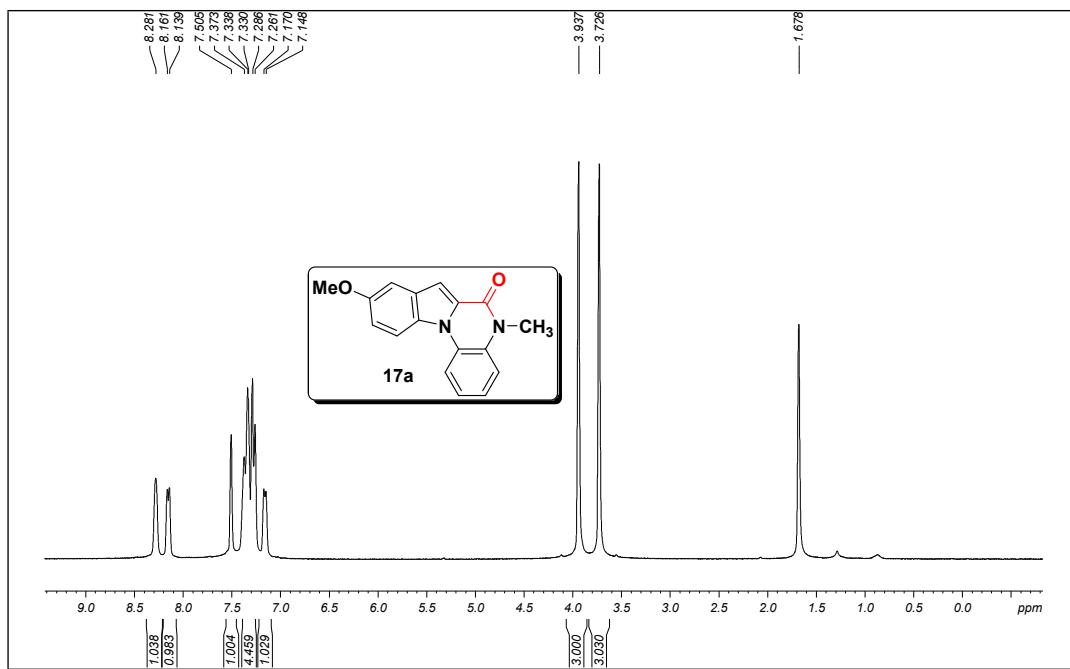
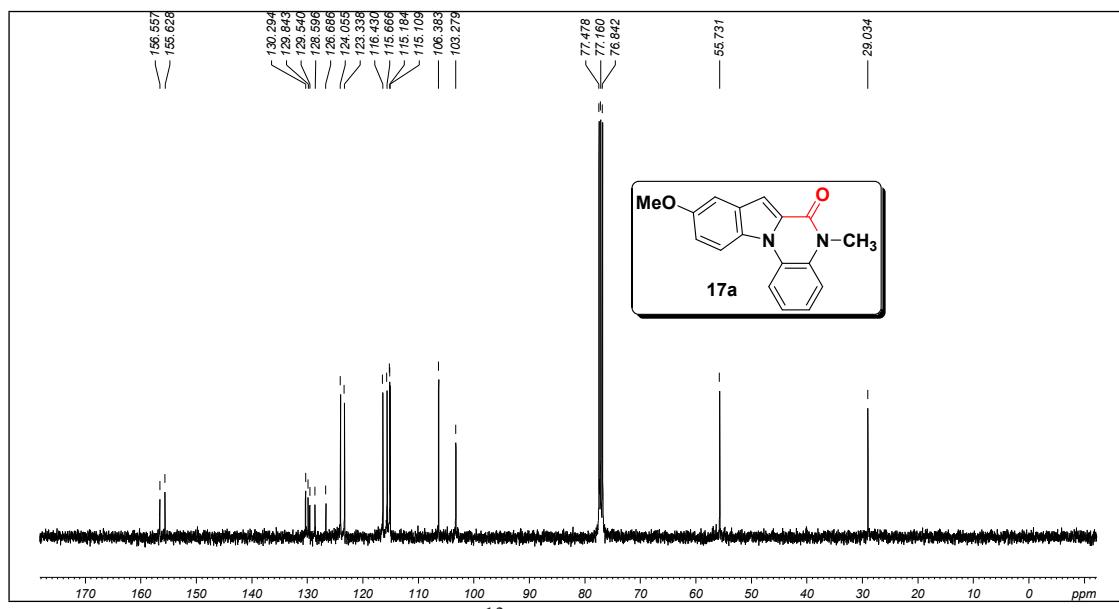


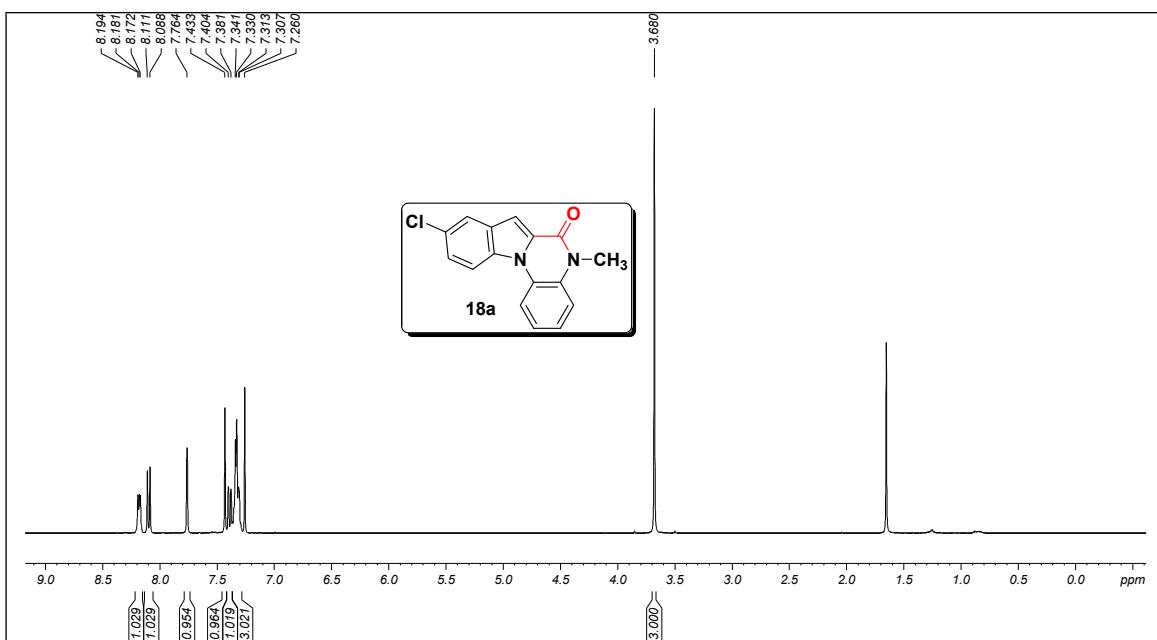
Figure S36. 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **16a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



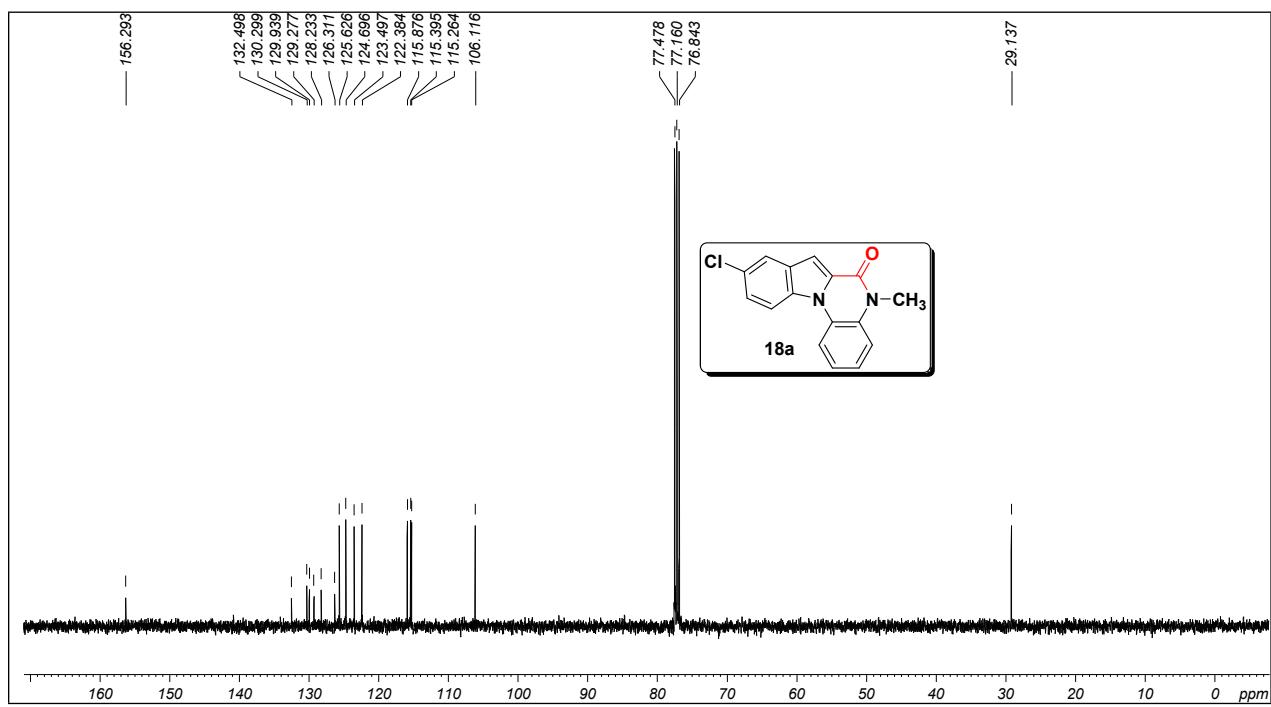
**Figure S37.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **17a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



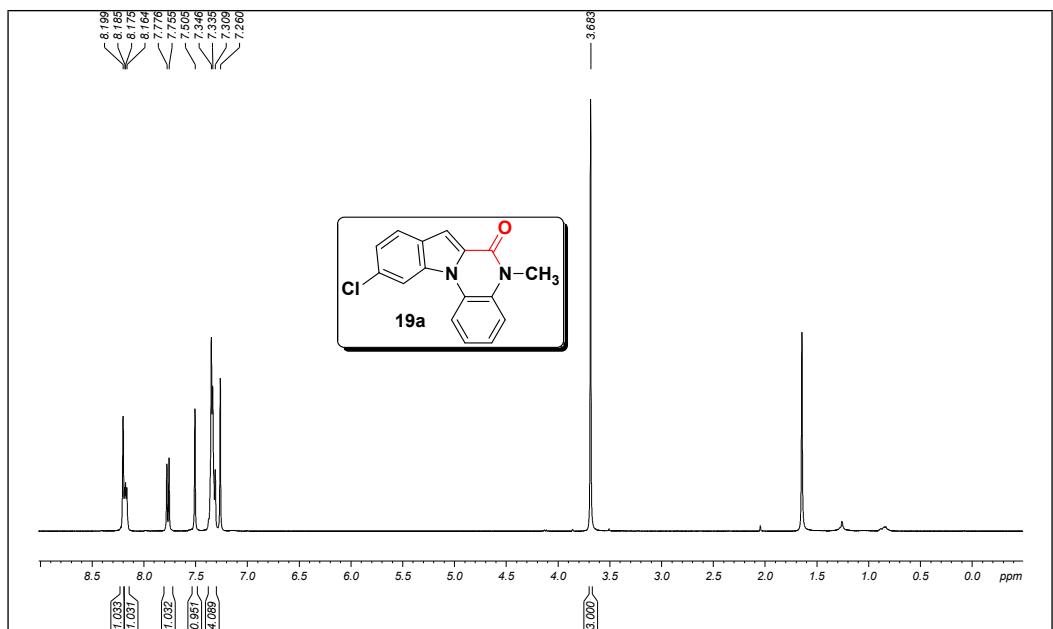
**Figure S38.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **17a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



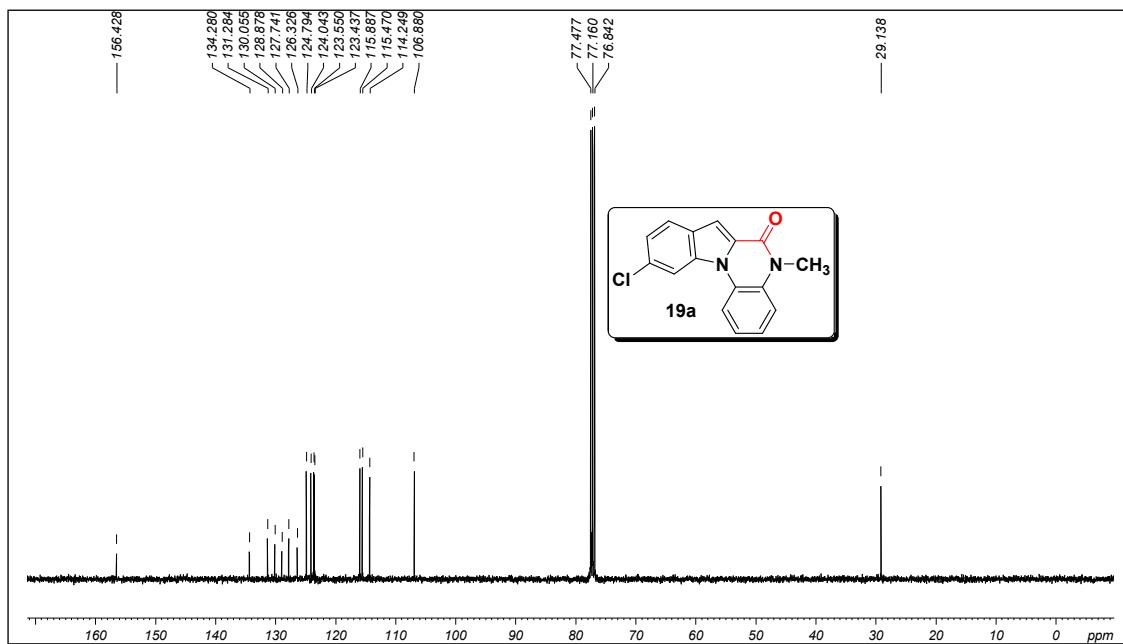
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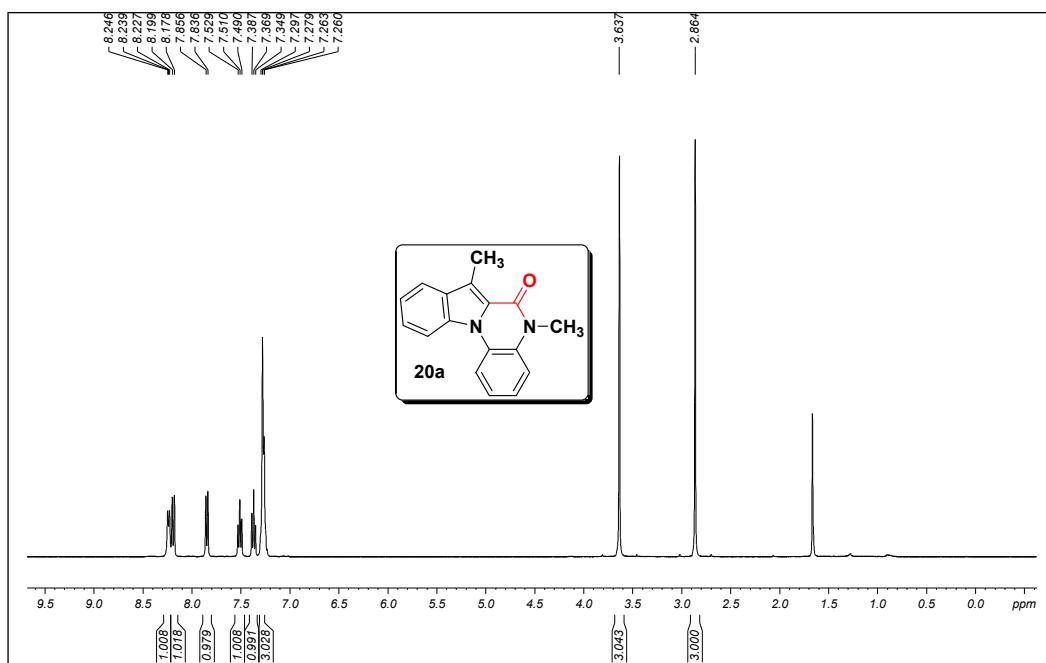
**Figure S40.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **18a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



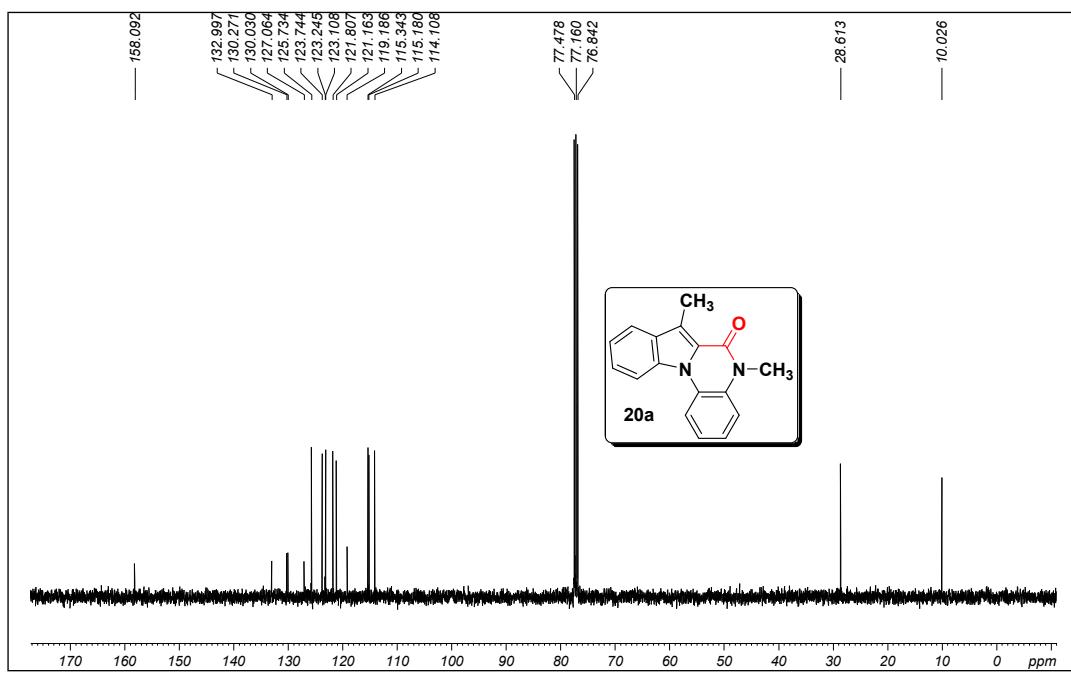
**Figure S41.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **19a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



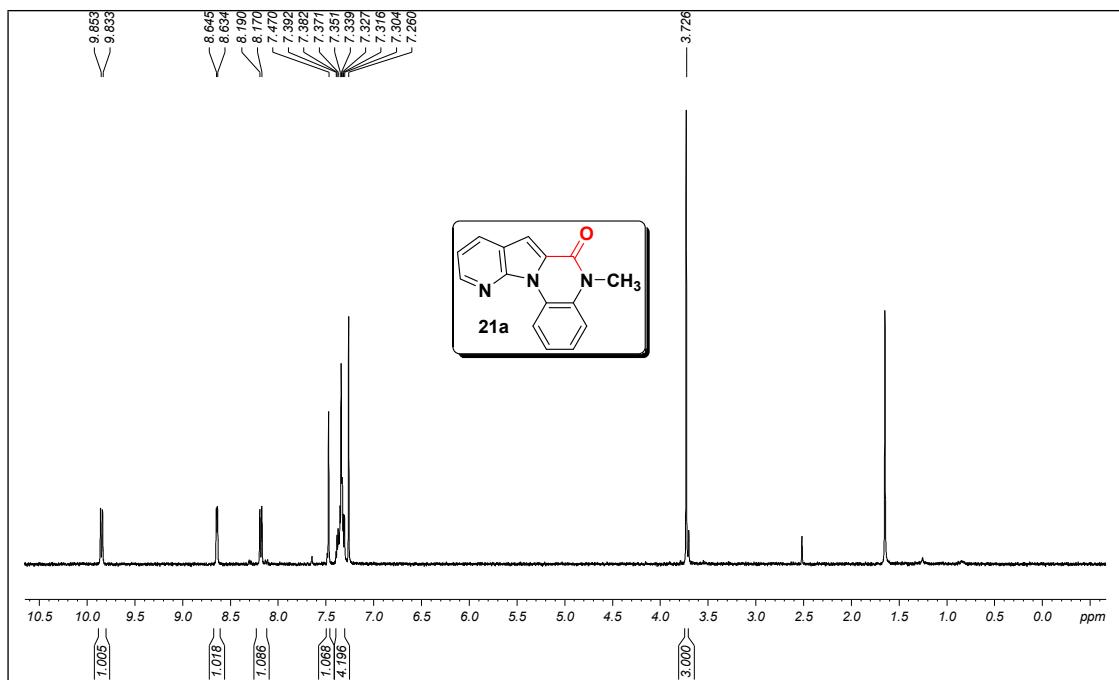
**Figure S42.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **19a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



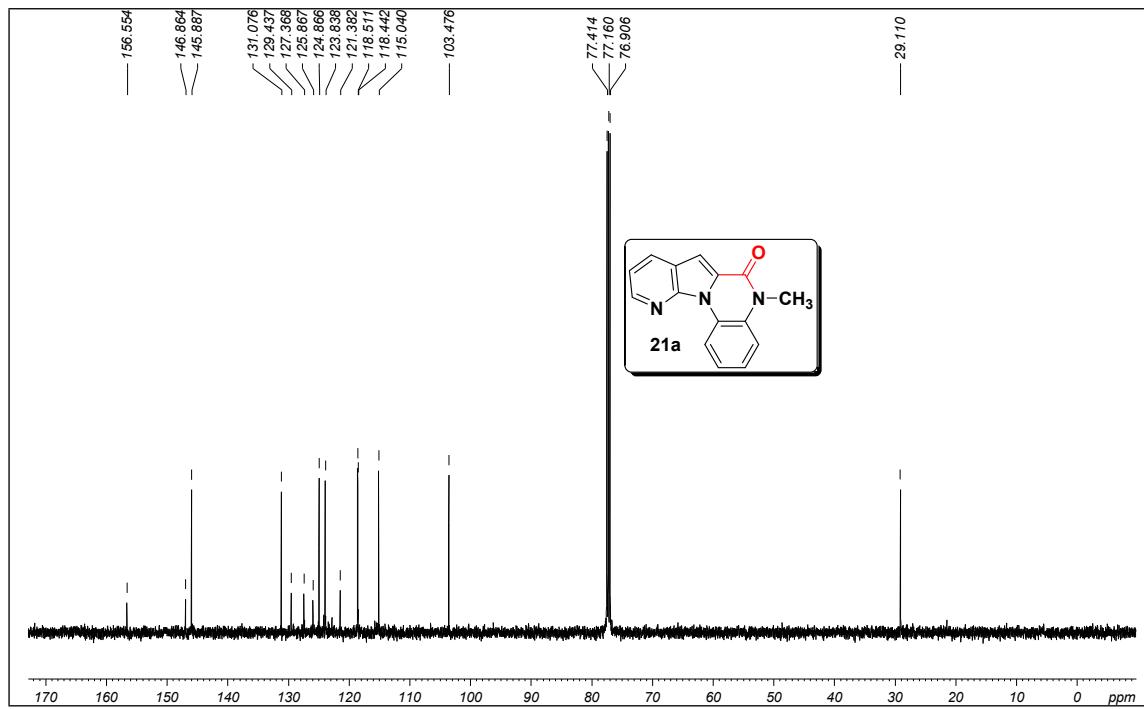
**Figure S43.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **20a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



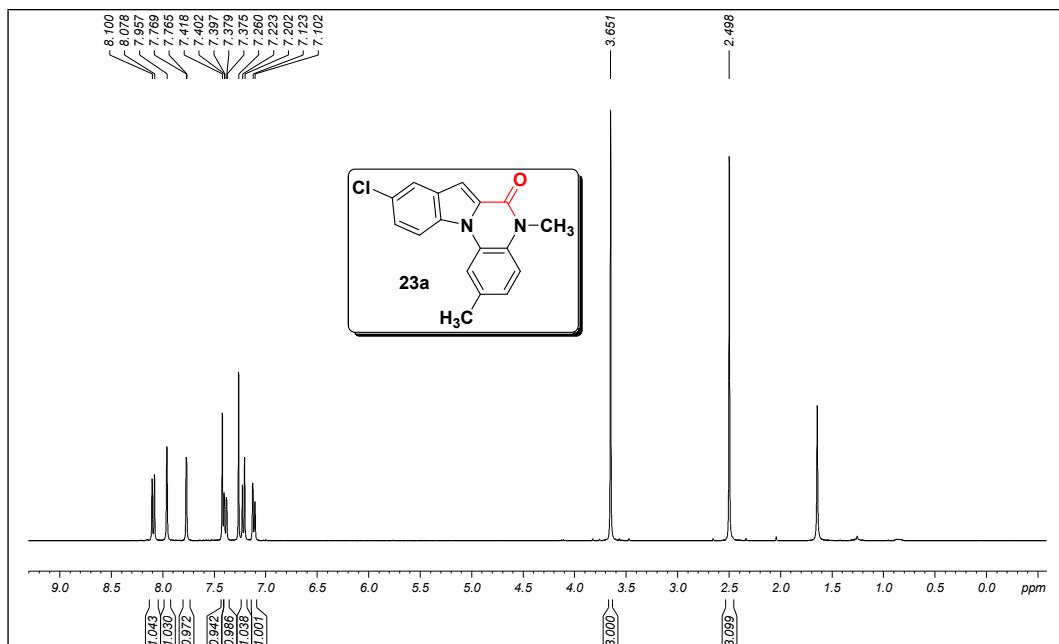
**Figure S44.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **20a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



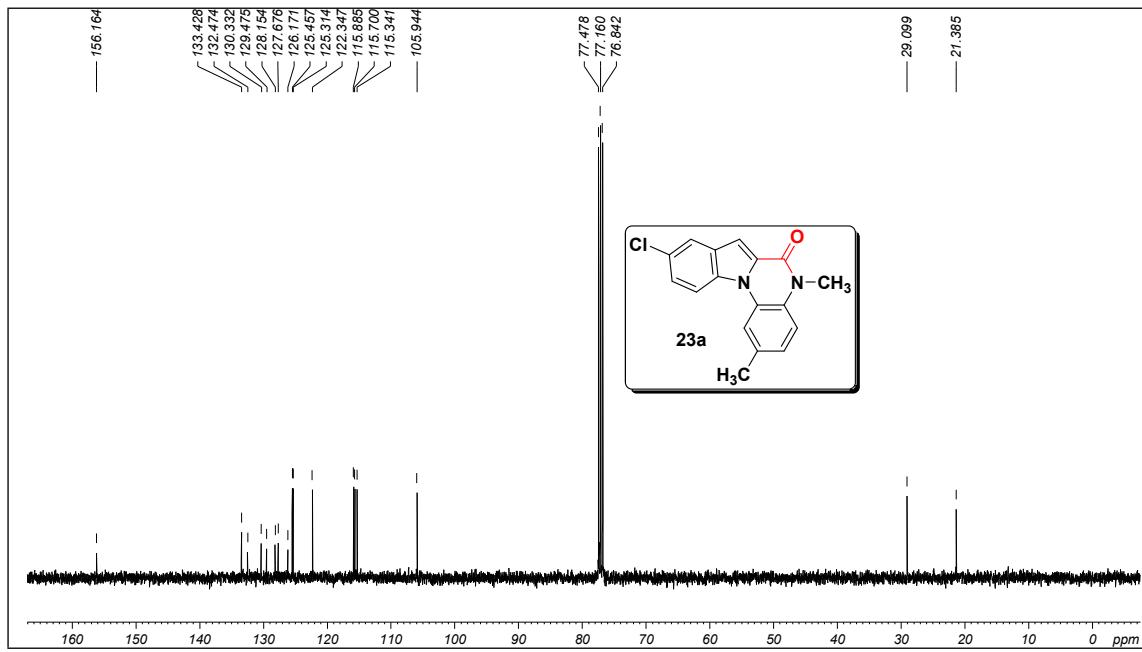
**Figure S45.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **21a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



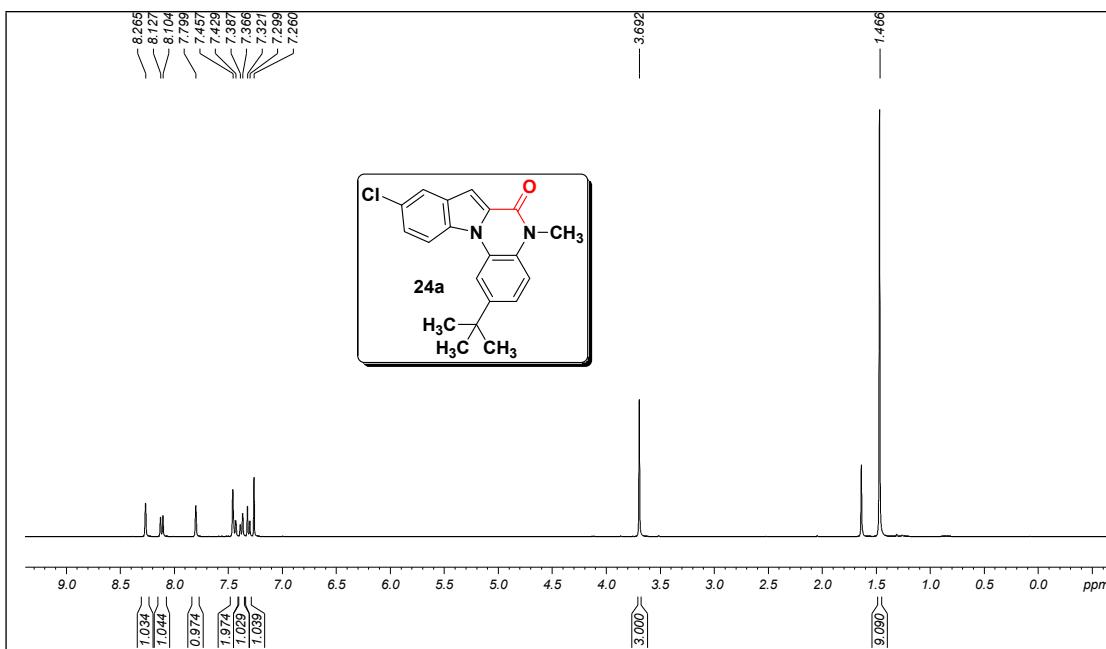
**Figure S46.** 125 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **21a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



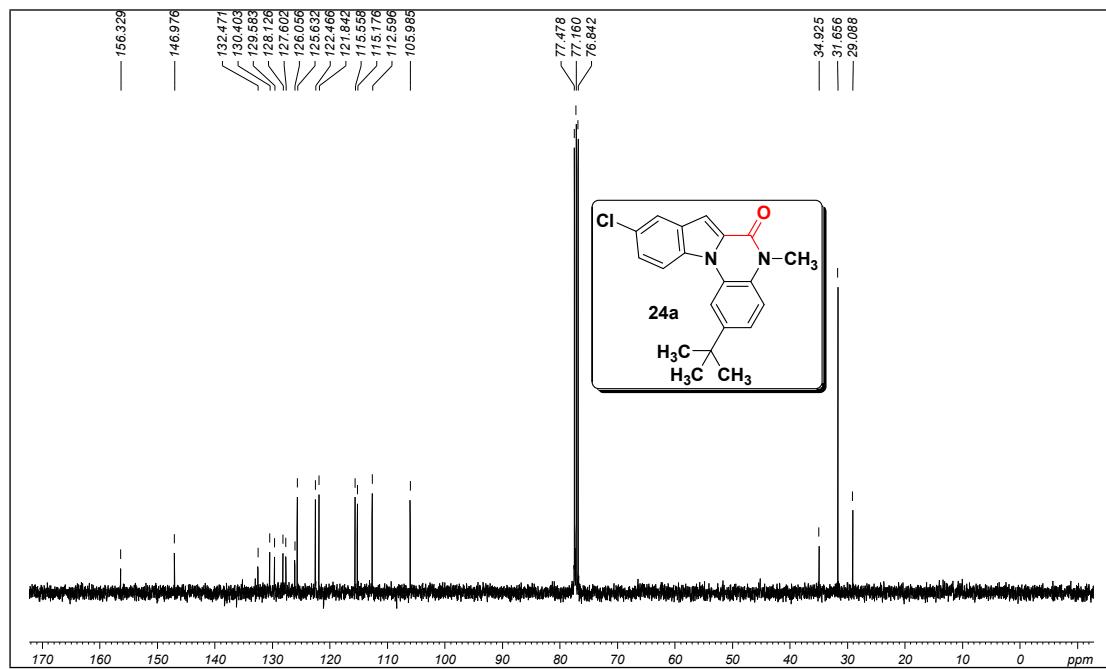
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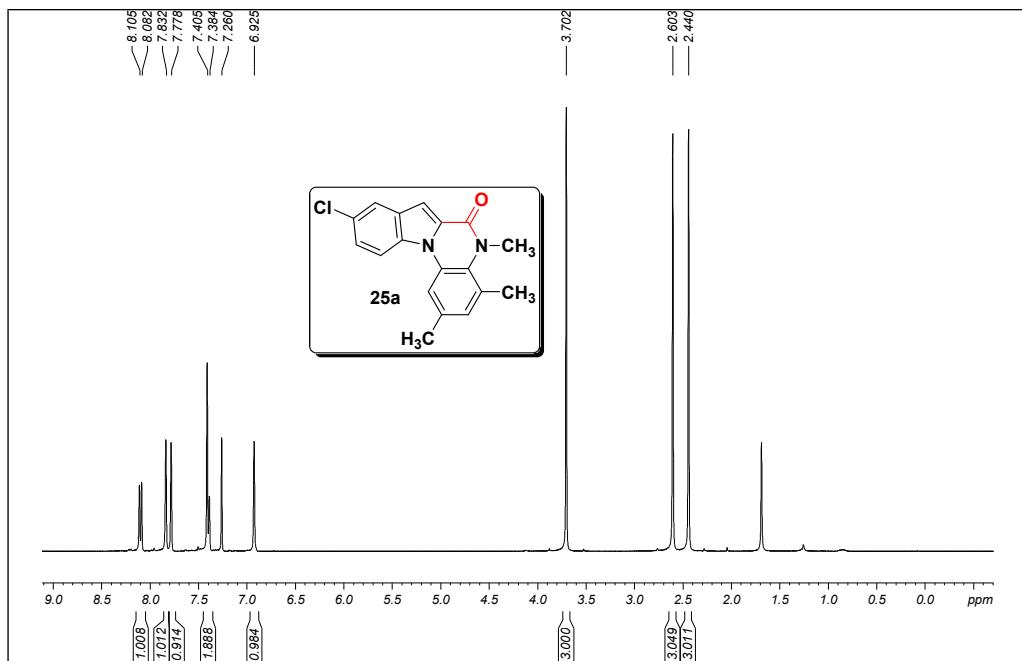
**Figure S48.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **23a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



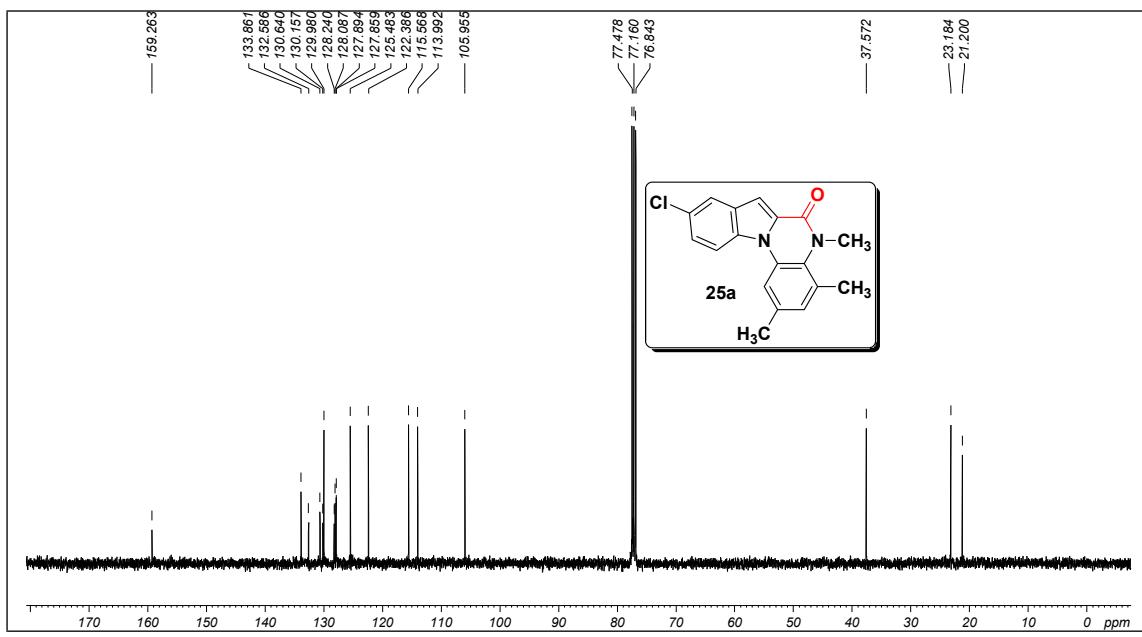
**Figure S49.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **24a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



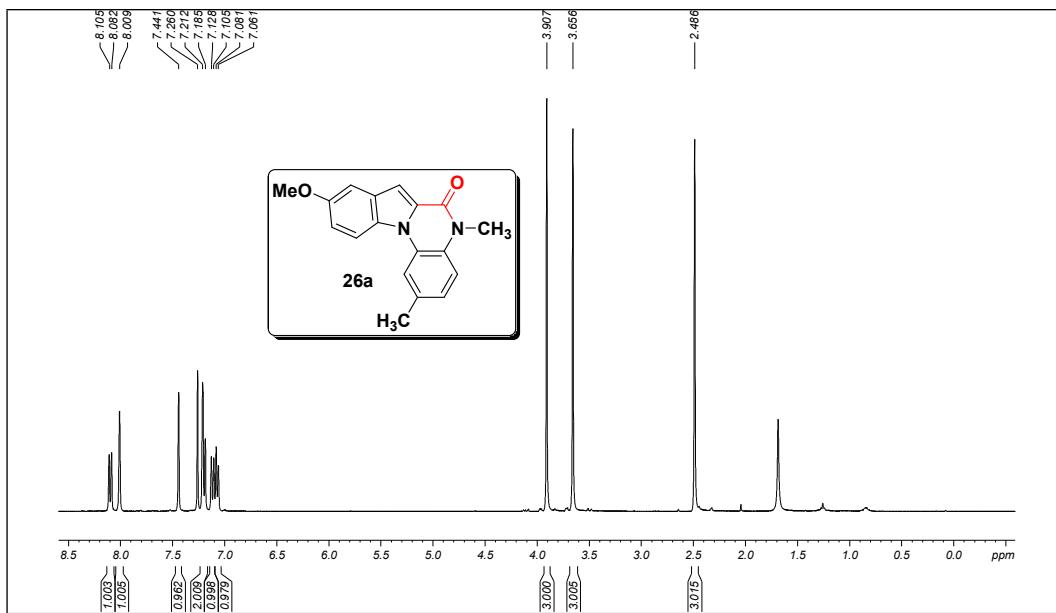
**Figure S50.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **24a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



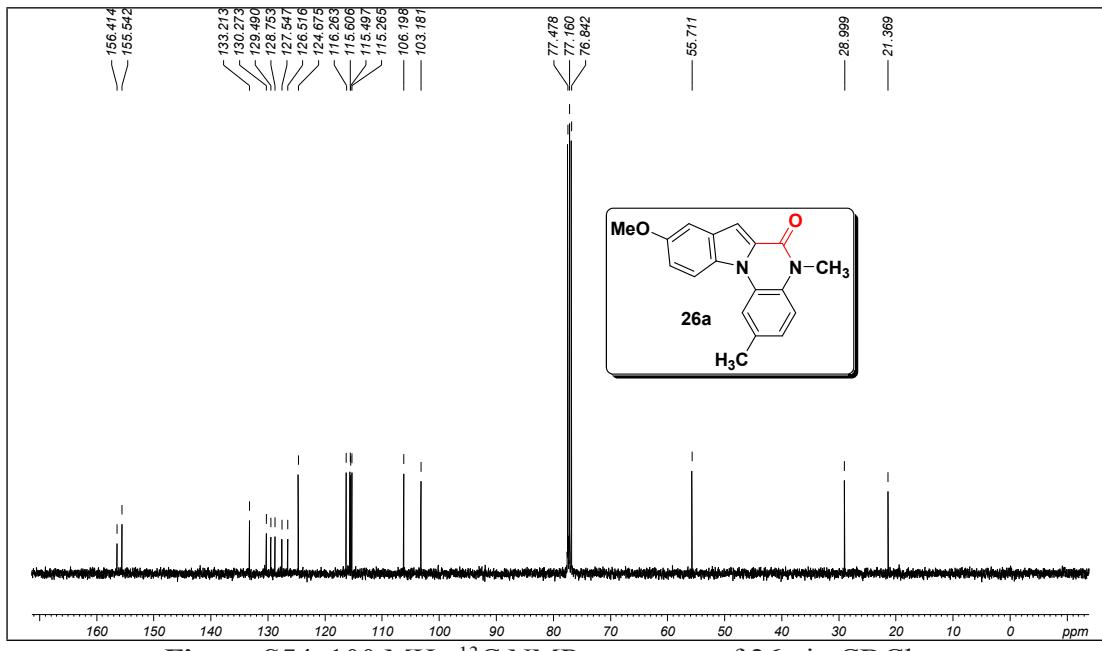
**Figure S51.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **25a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



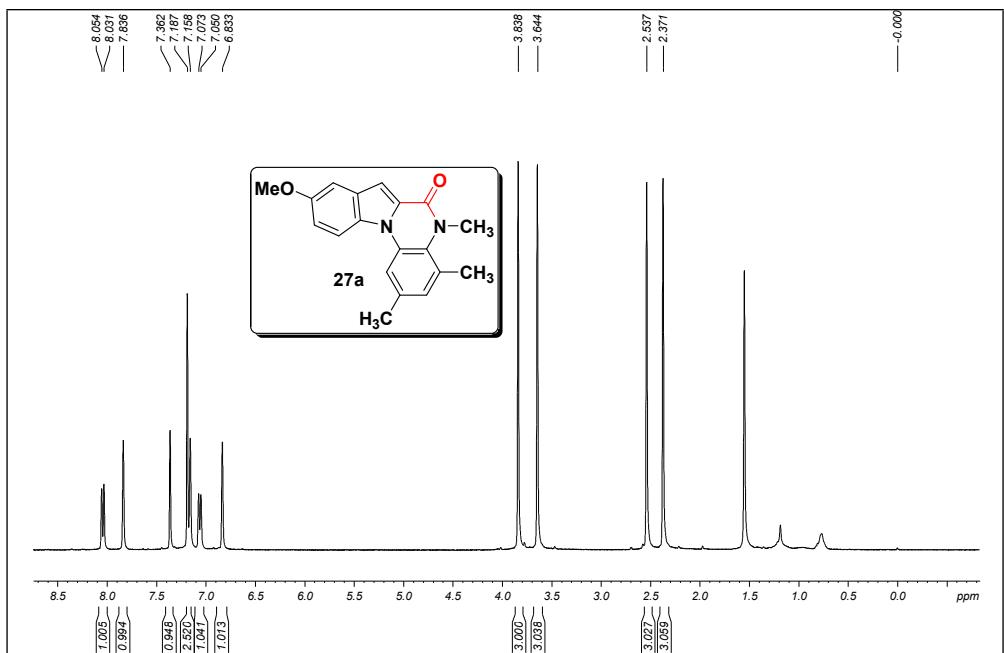
**Figure S52.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **25a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



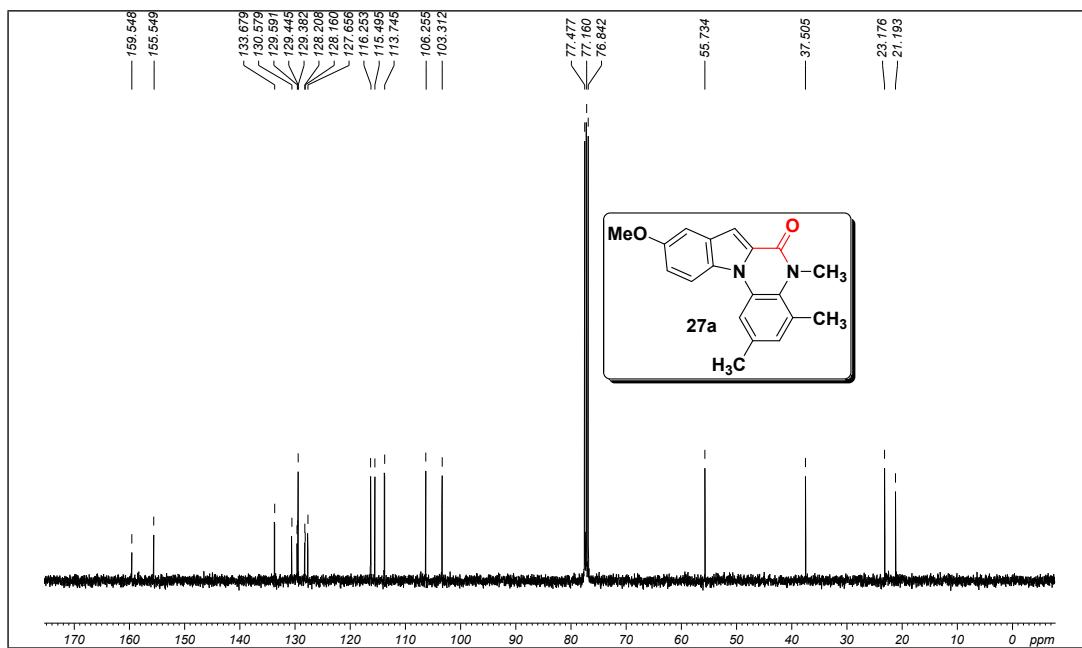
**Figure S53.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **26a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



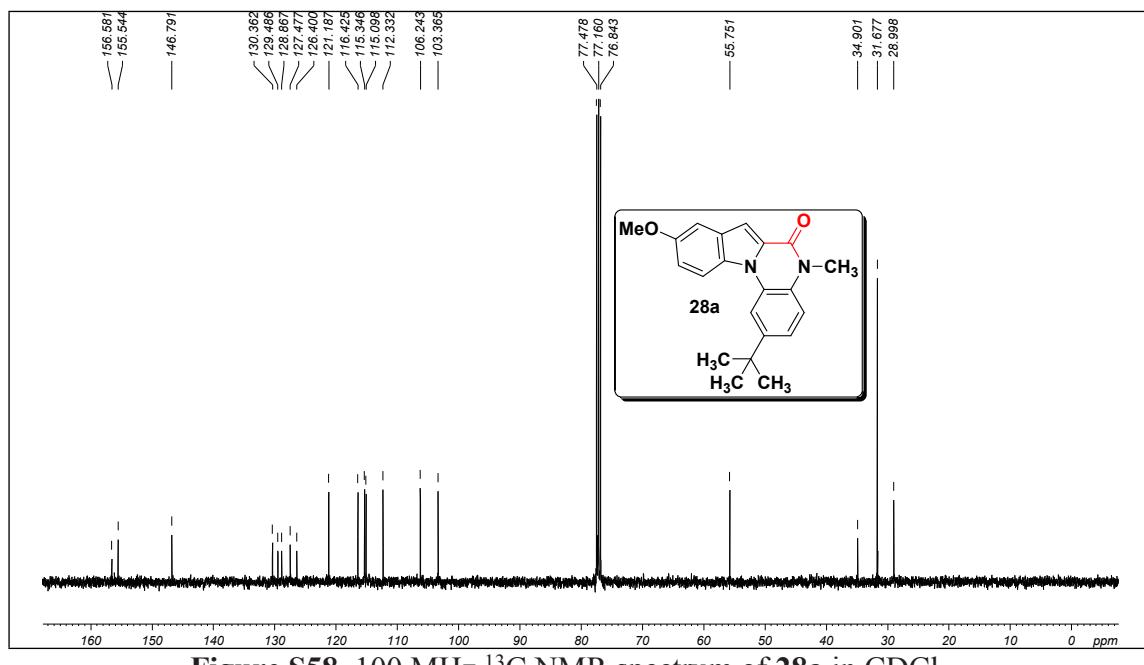
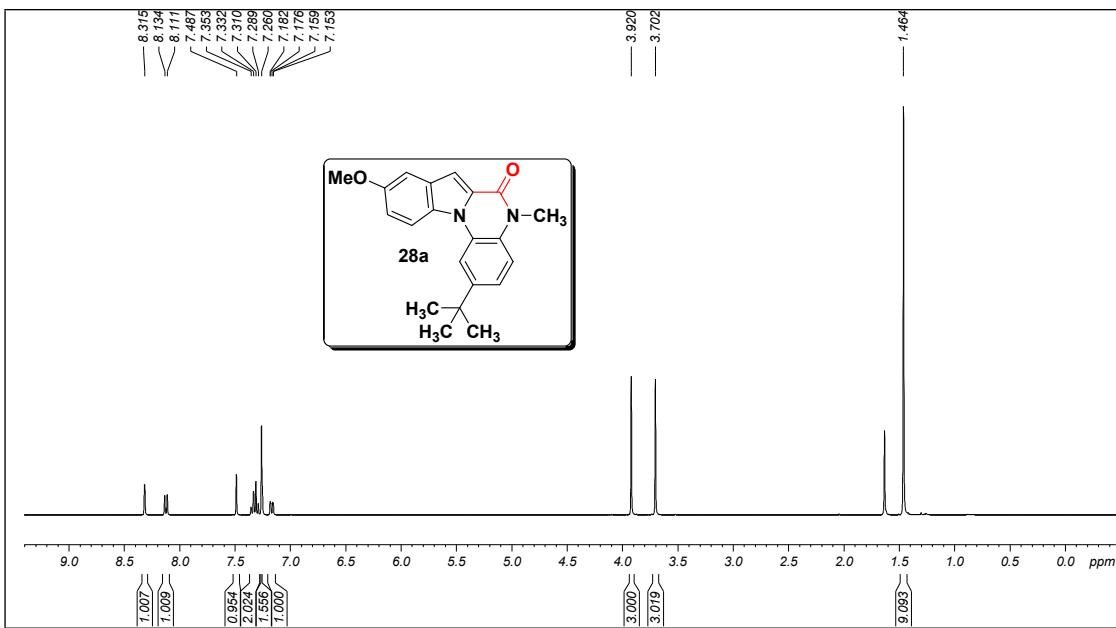
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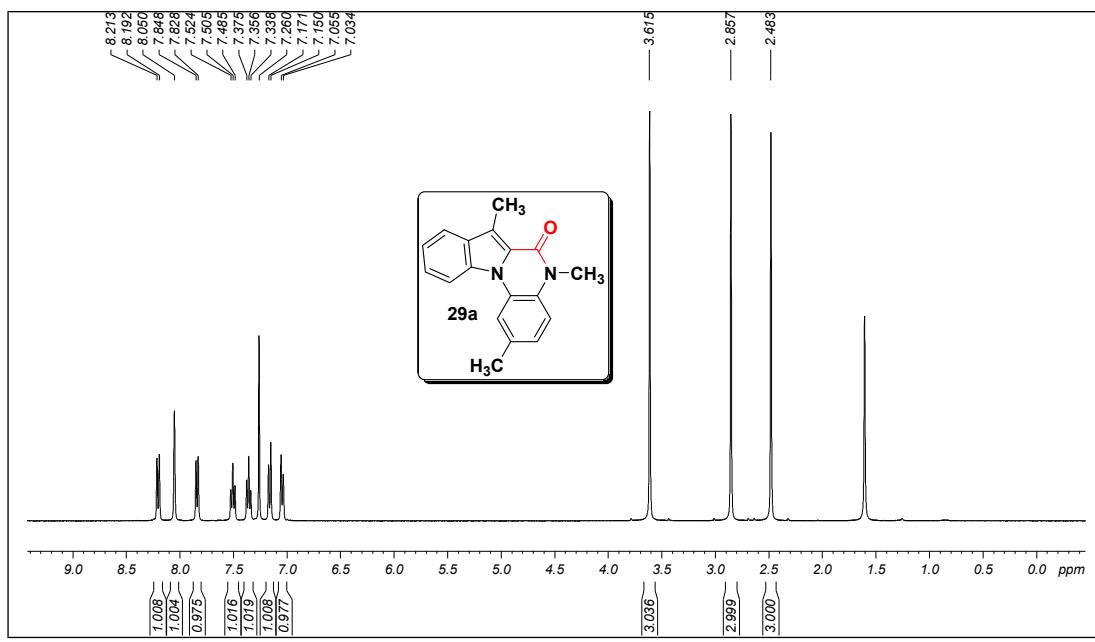


**Figure S55.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **27a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

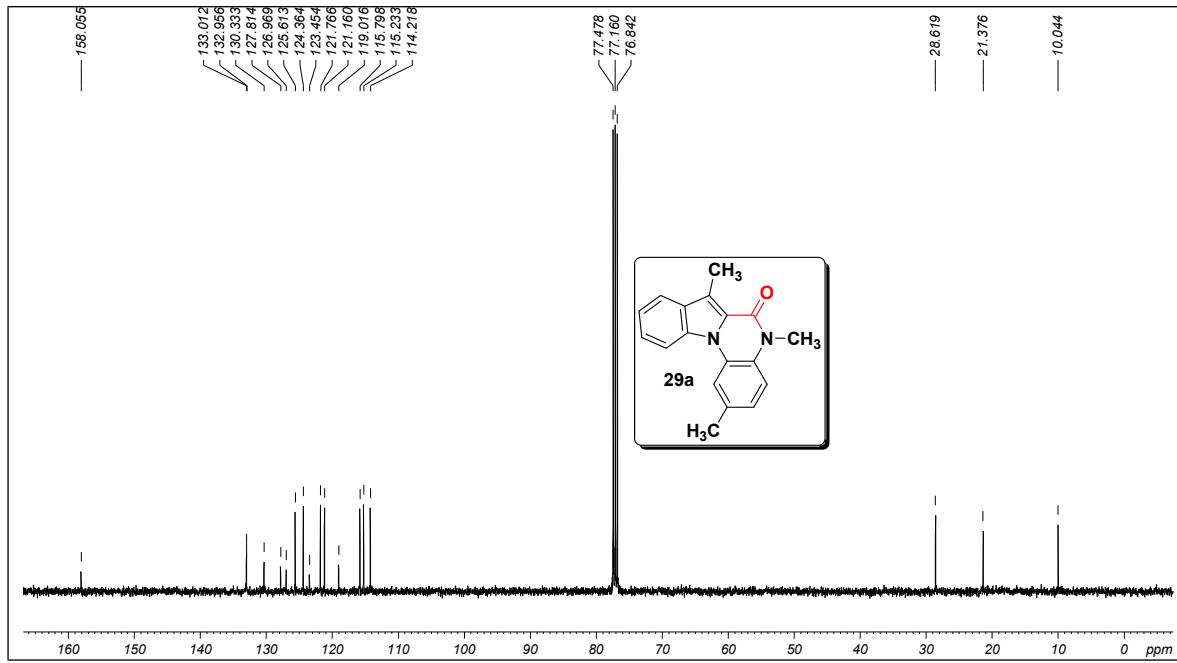


**Figure S56.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **27a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

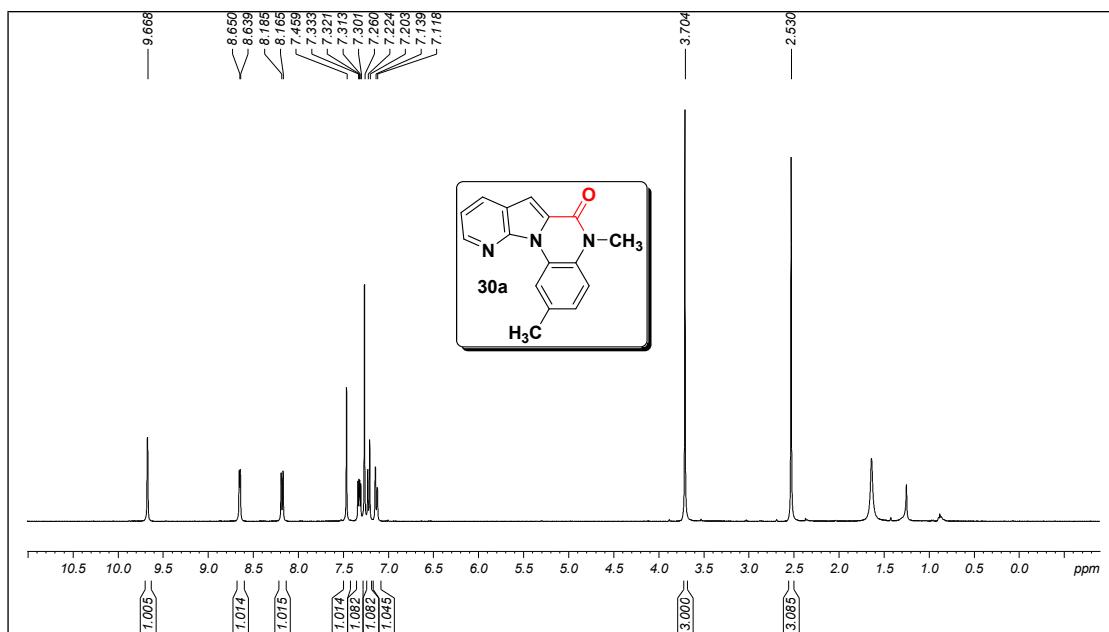




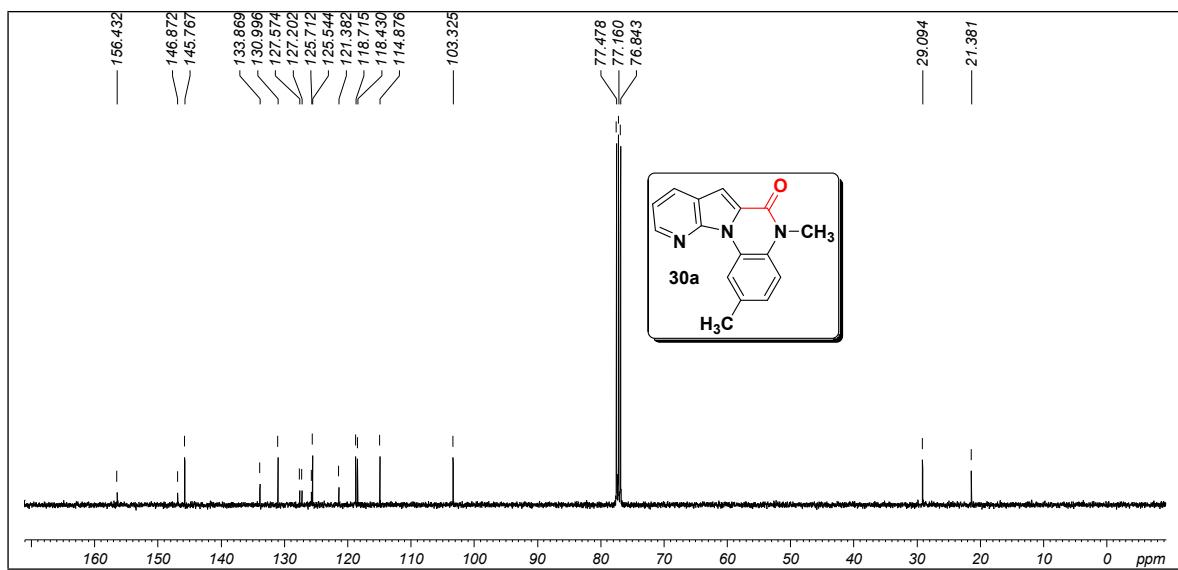
**Figure S59.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **29a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



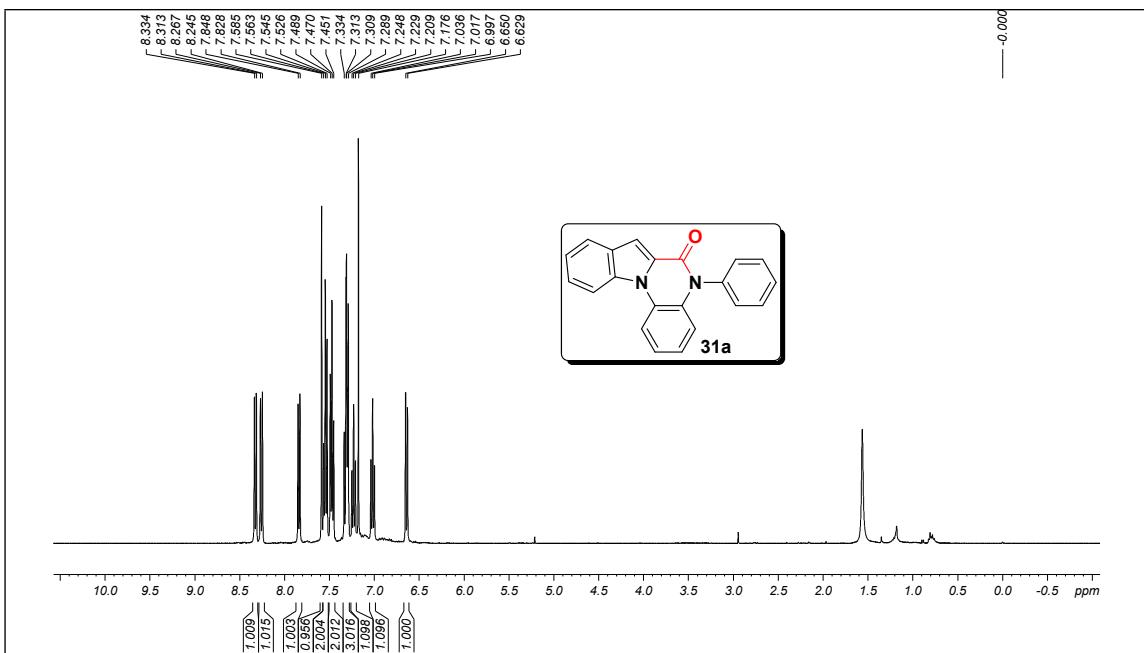
**Figure S60.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **29a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



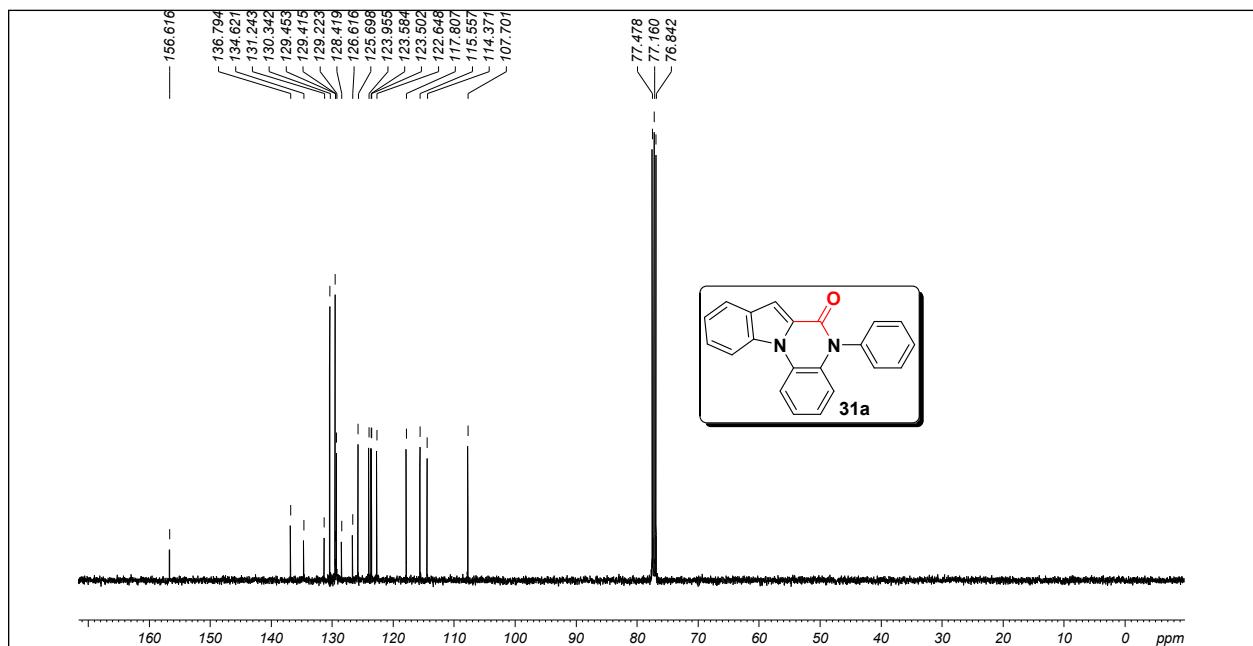
**Figure S61.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **30a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



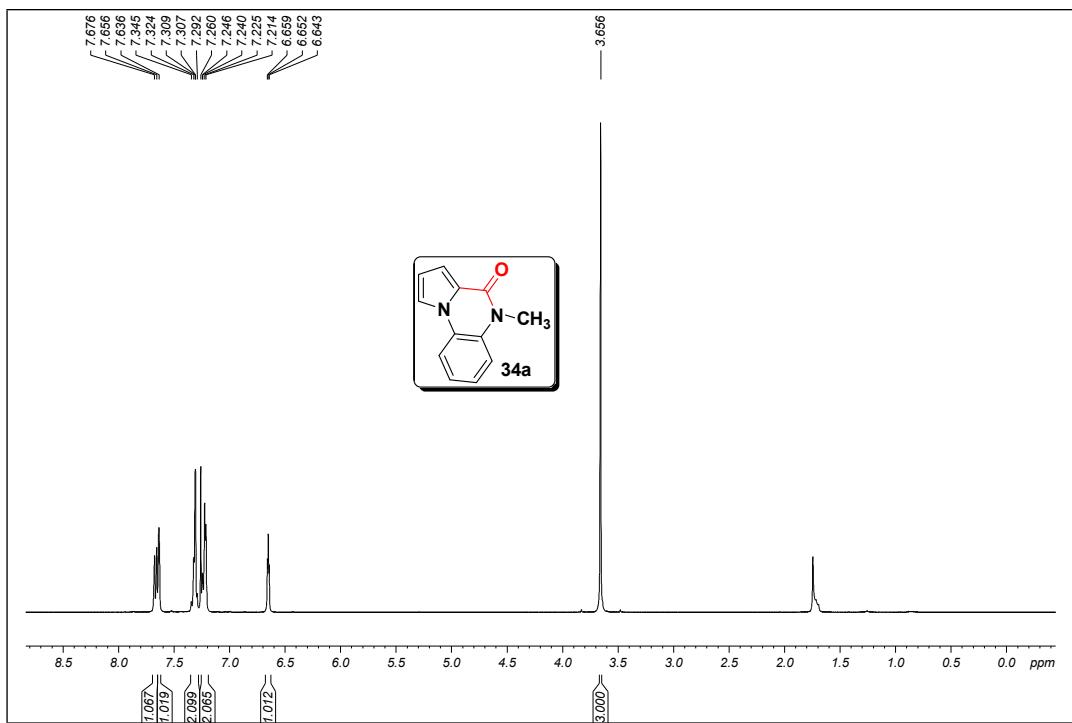
**Figure S62.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **30a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



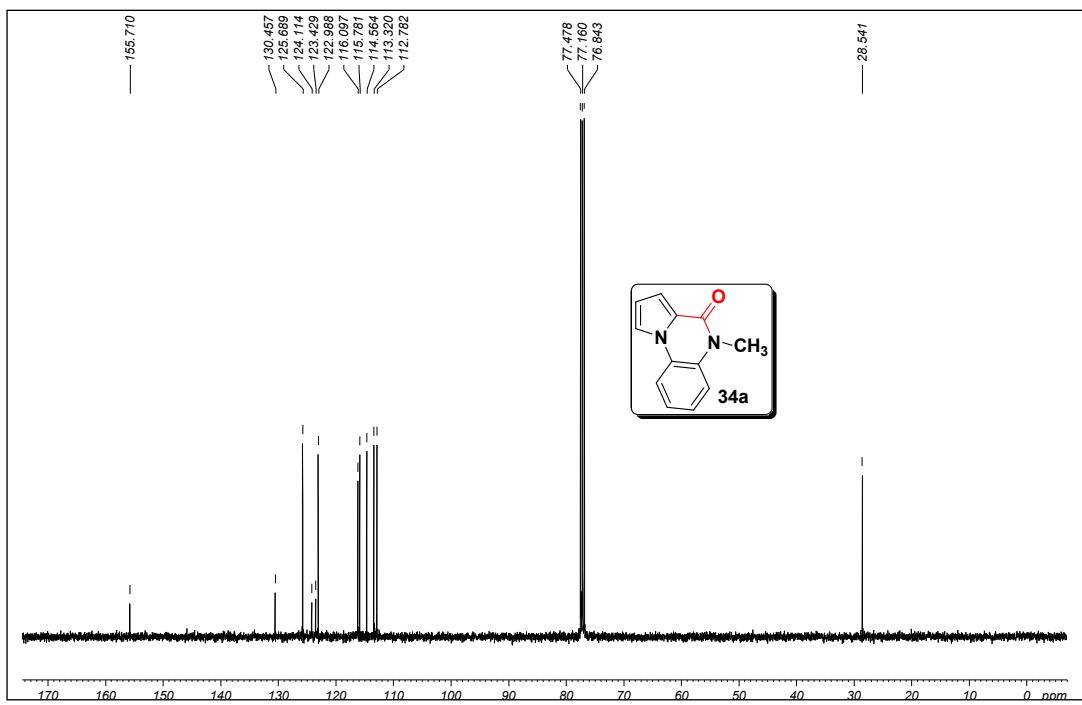
**Figure S63.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **31a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



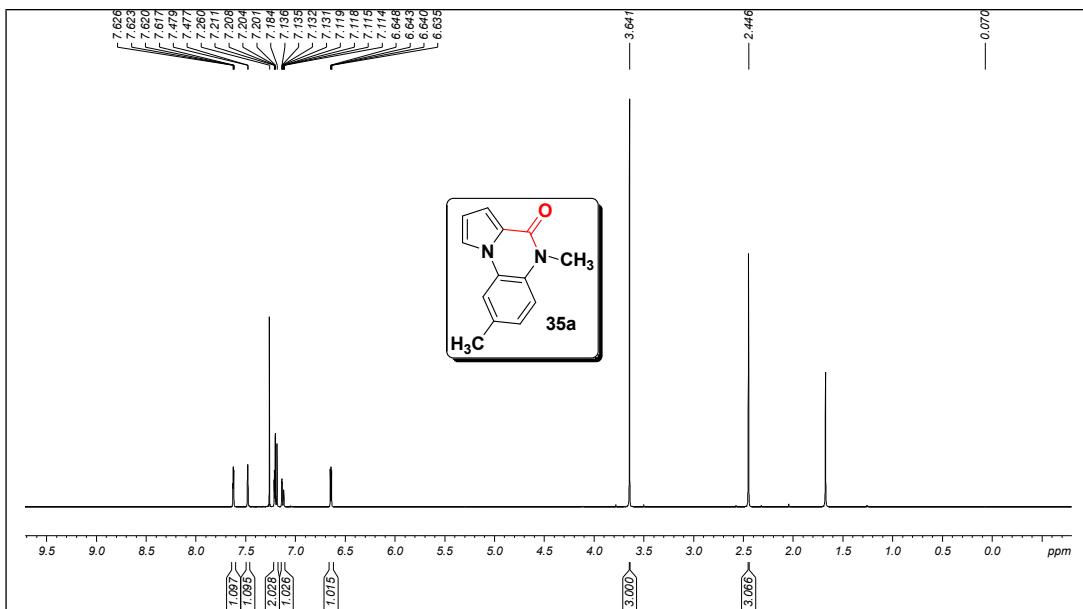
**Figure S64.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **31a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



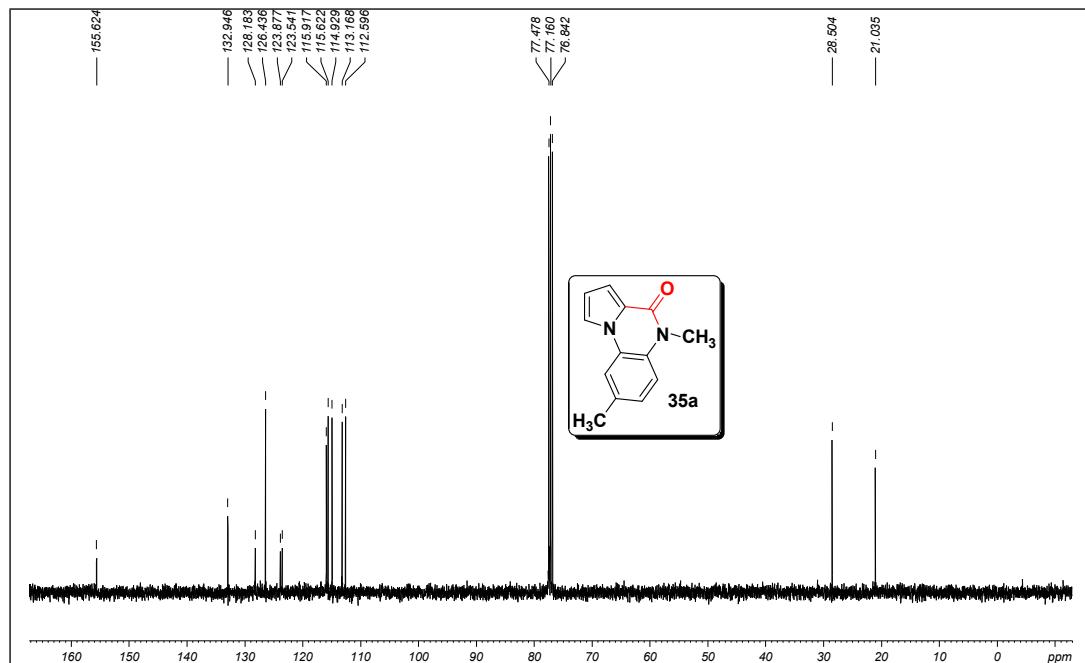
**Figure S65.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **34a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



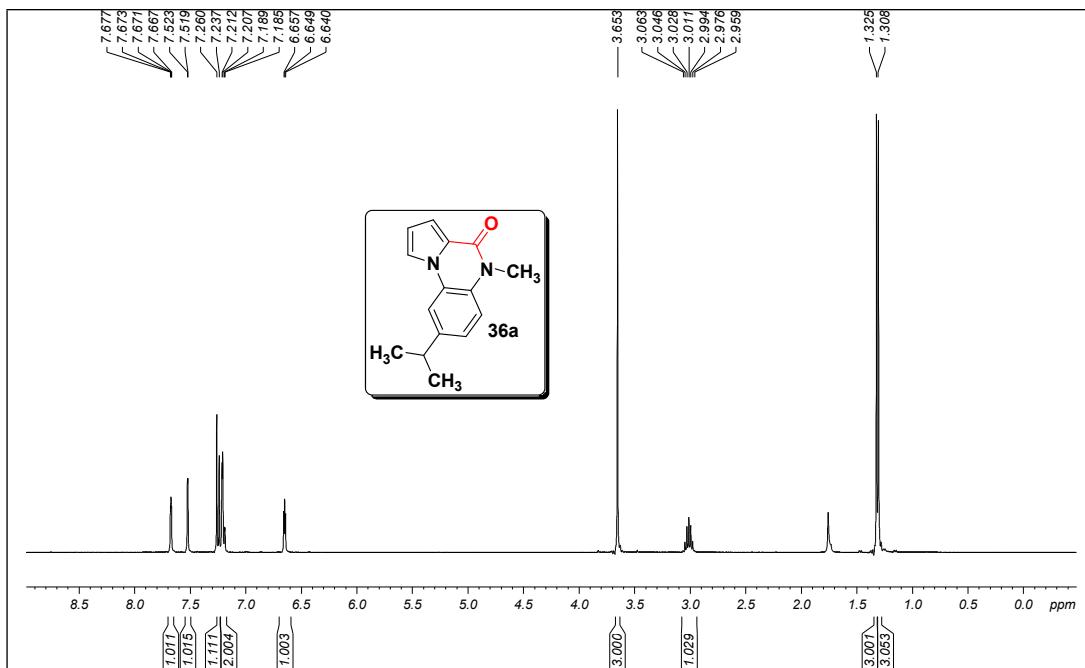
**Figure S66.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **34a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



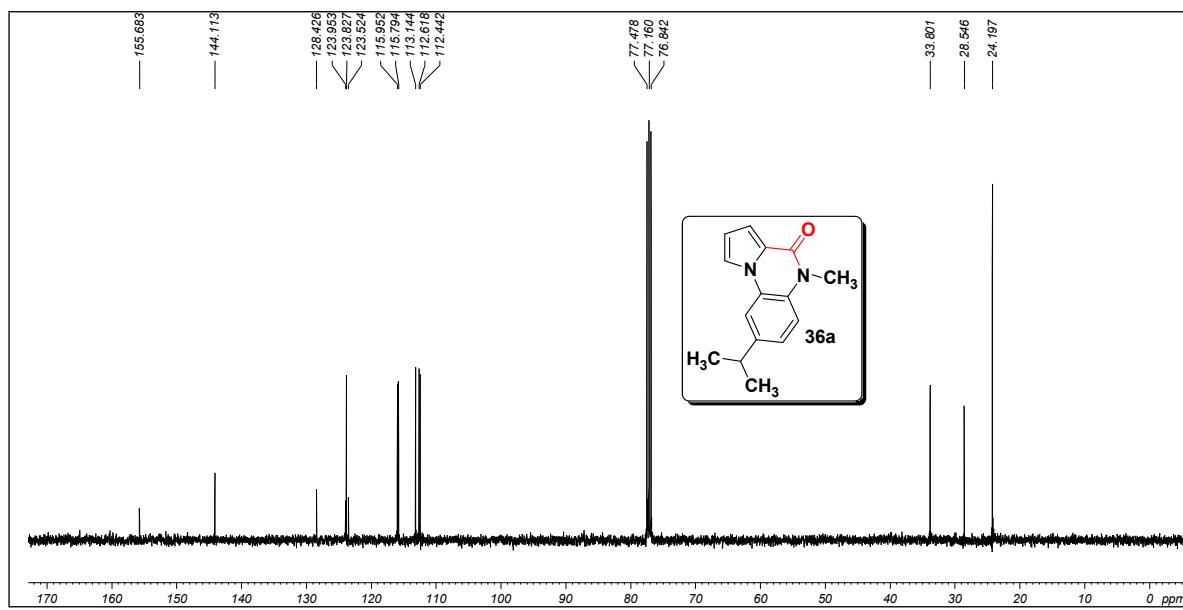
**Figure S67.** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **35a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



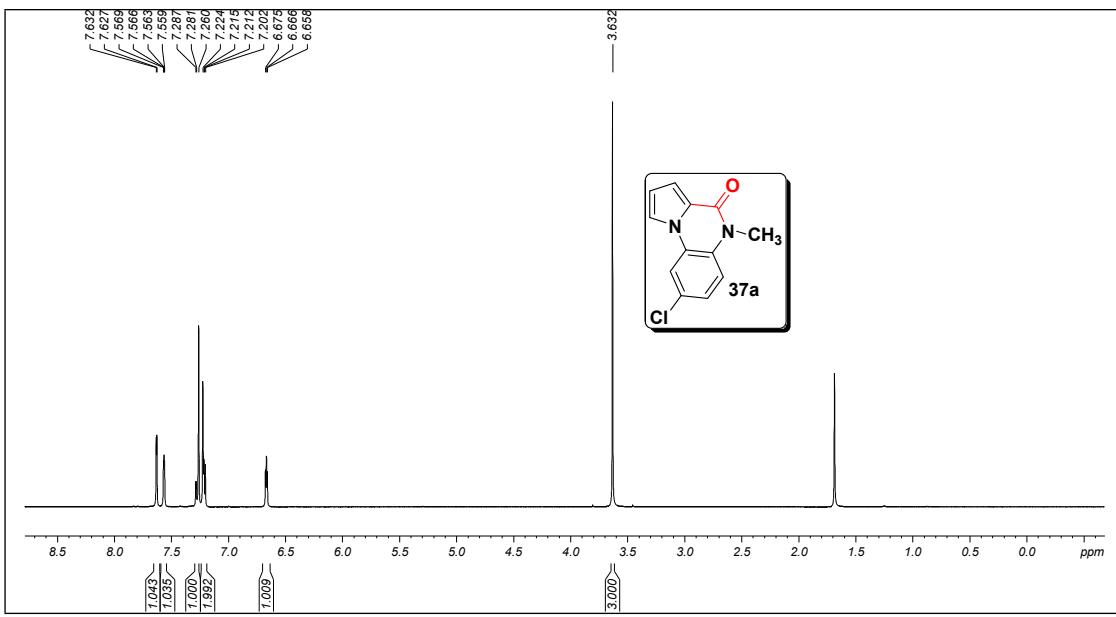
**Figure S68.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **35a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



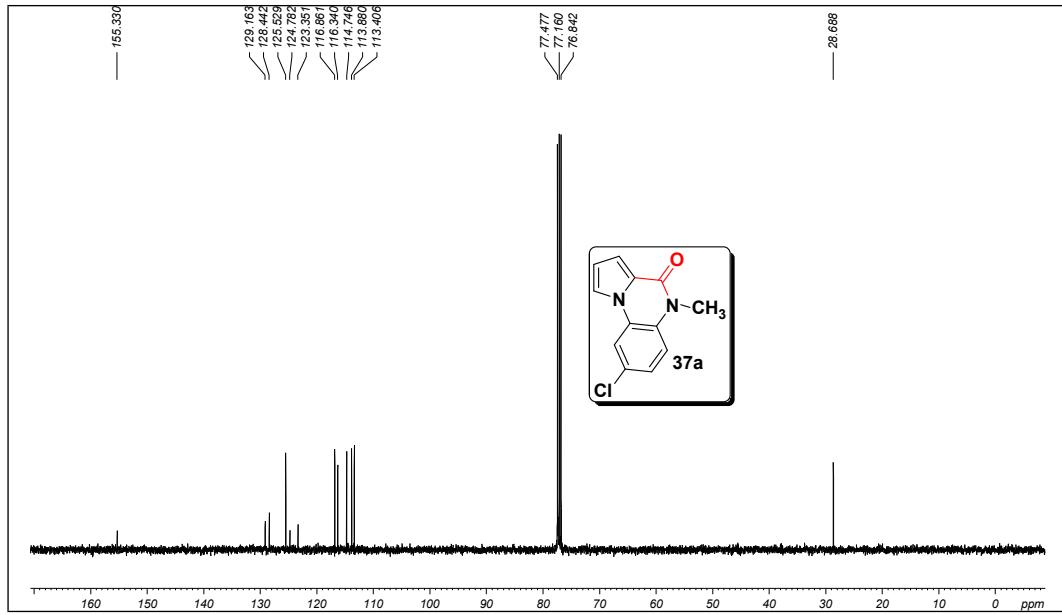
**Figure S69.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **36a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



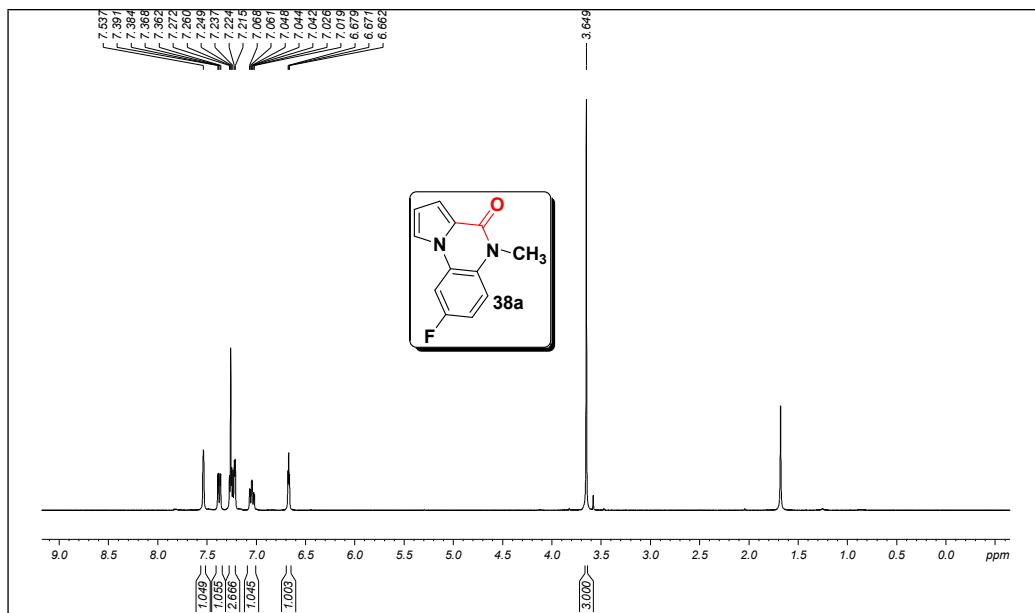
**Figure S70.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **36a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



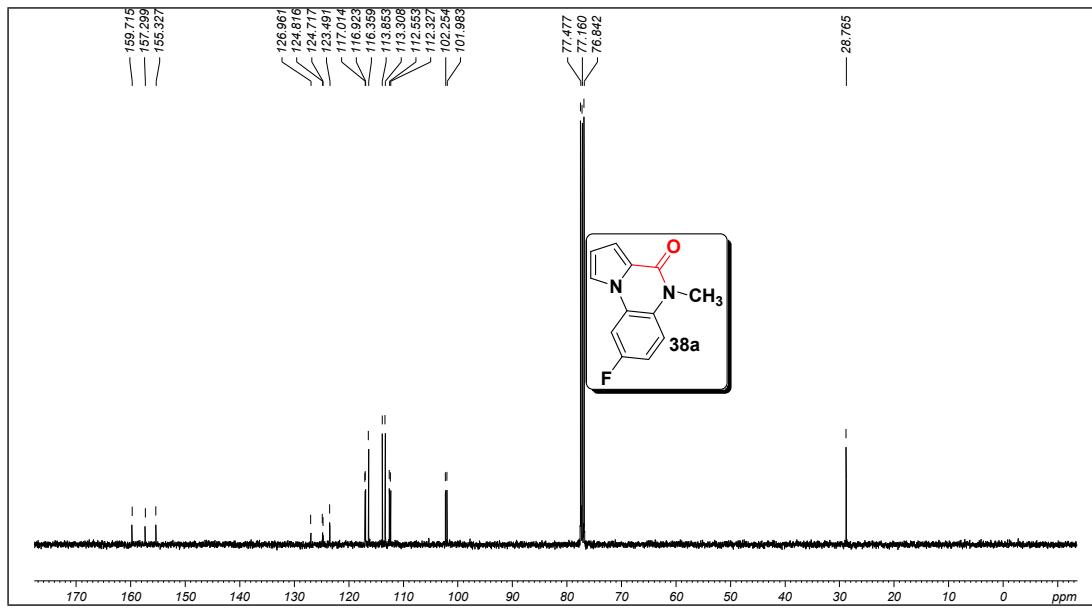
**Figure S71.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **37a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



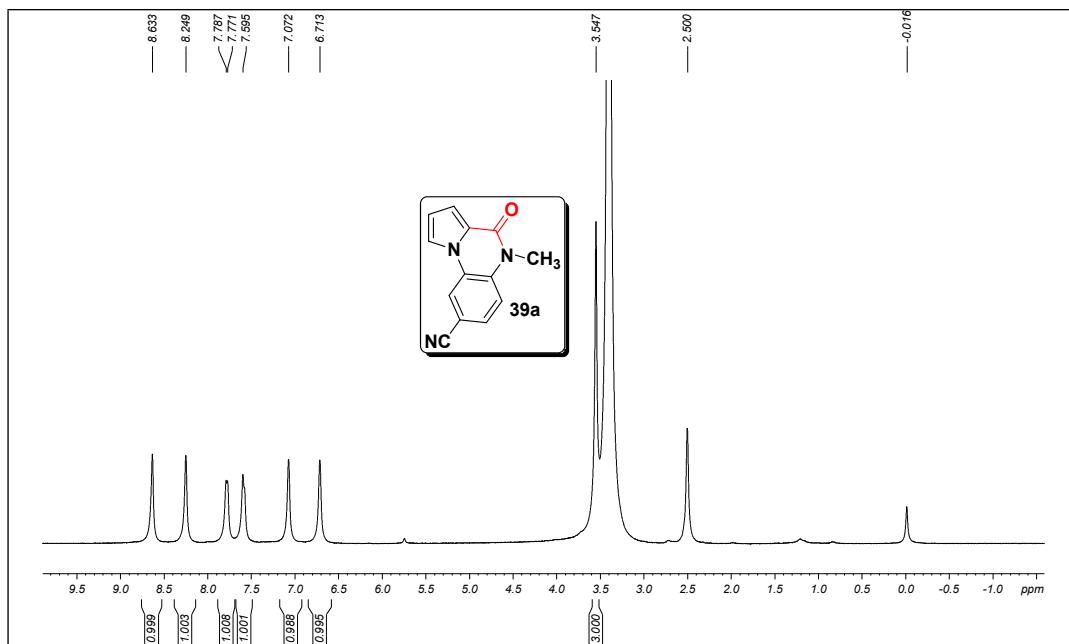
**Figure S72.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **37a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



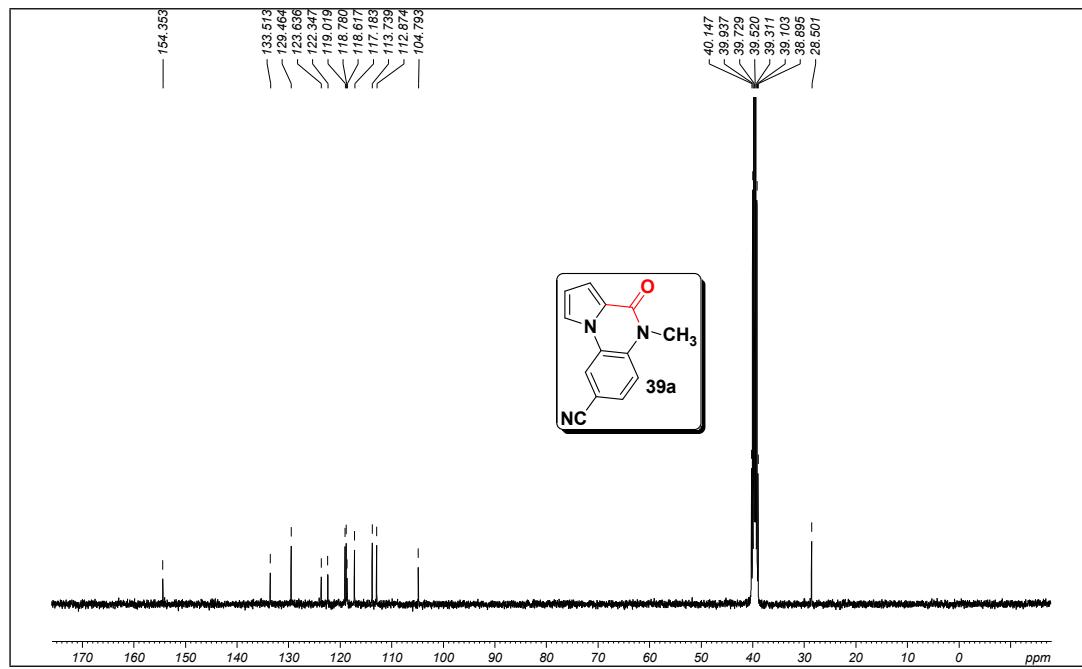
**Figure S73.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **38a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



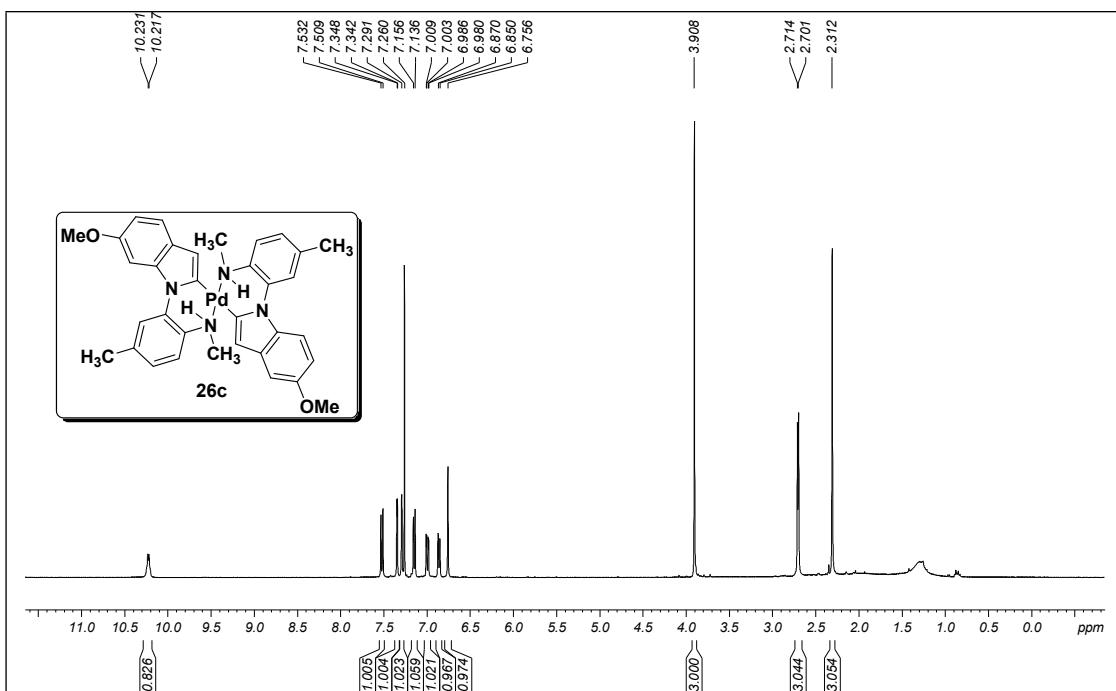
**Figure S74.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **38a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



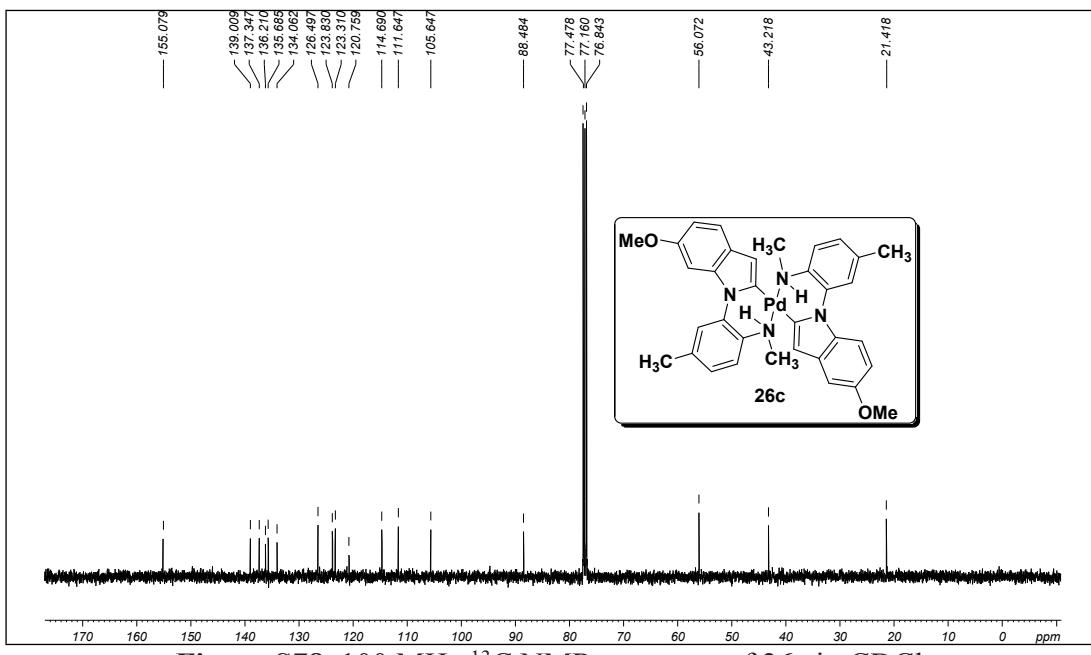
**Figure S75.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **39a** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$



**Figure S76.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **39a** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$

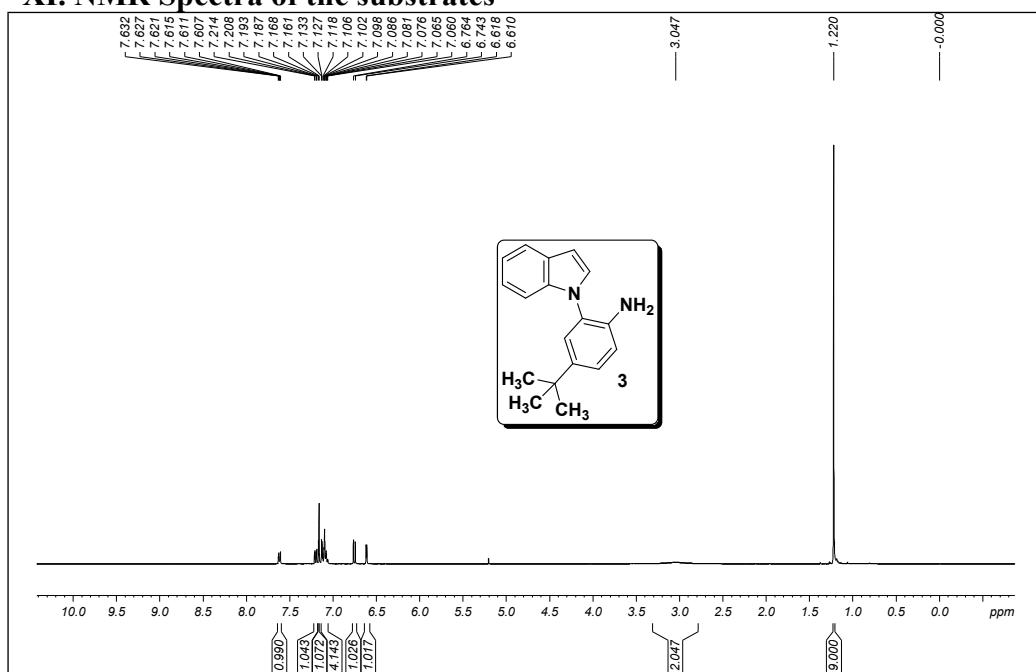


**Figure S77.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **26c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

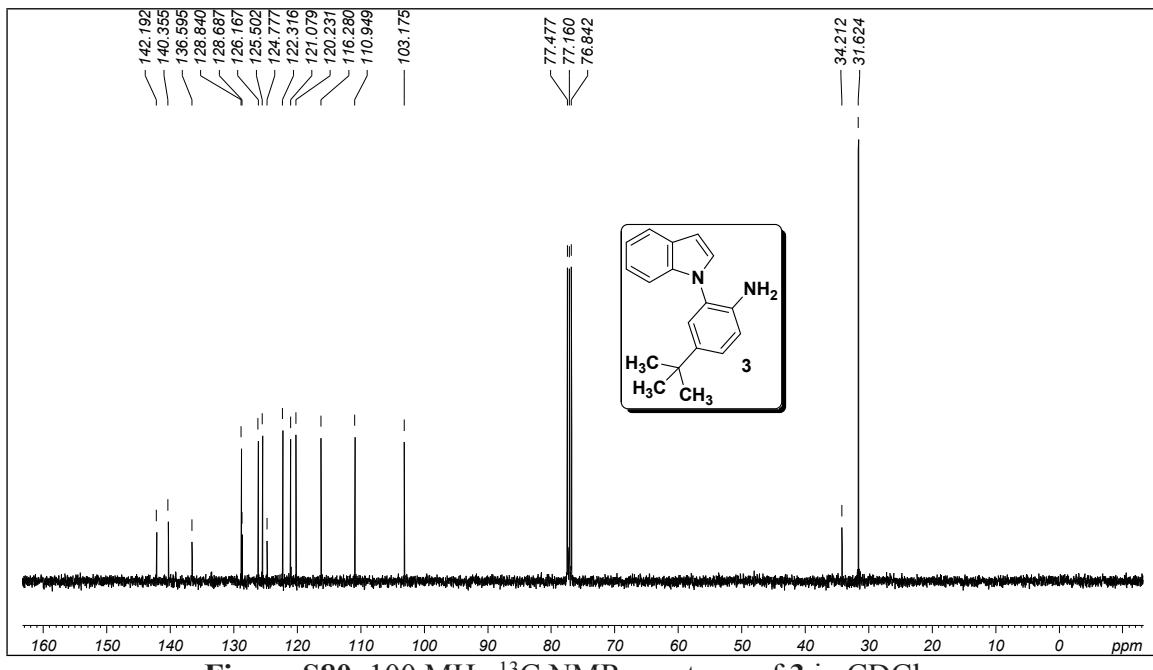


**Figure S78.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **26c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

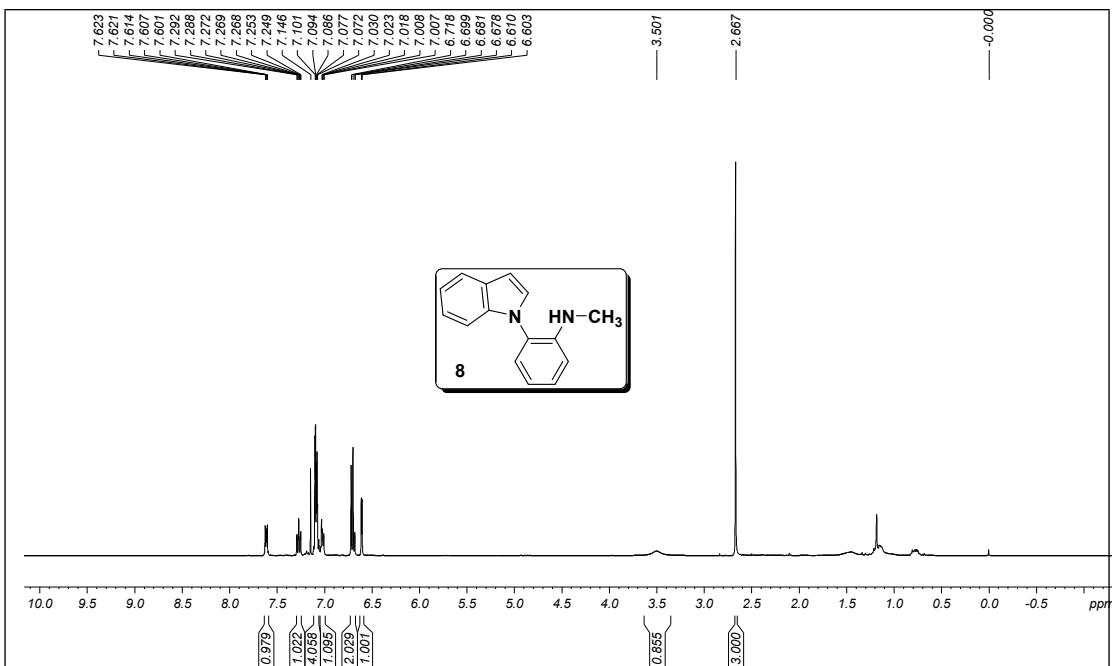
## XI. NMR Spectra of the substrates



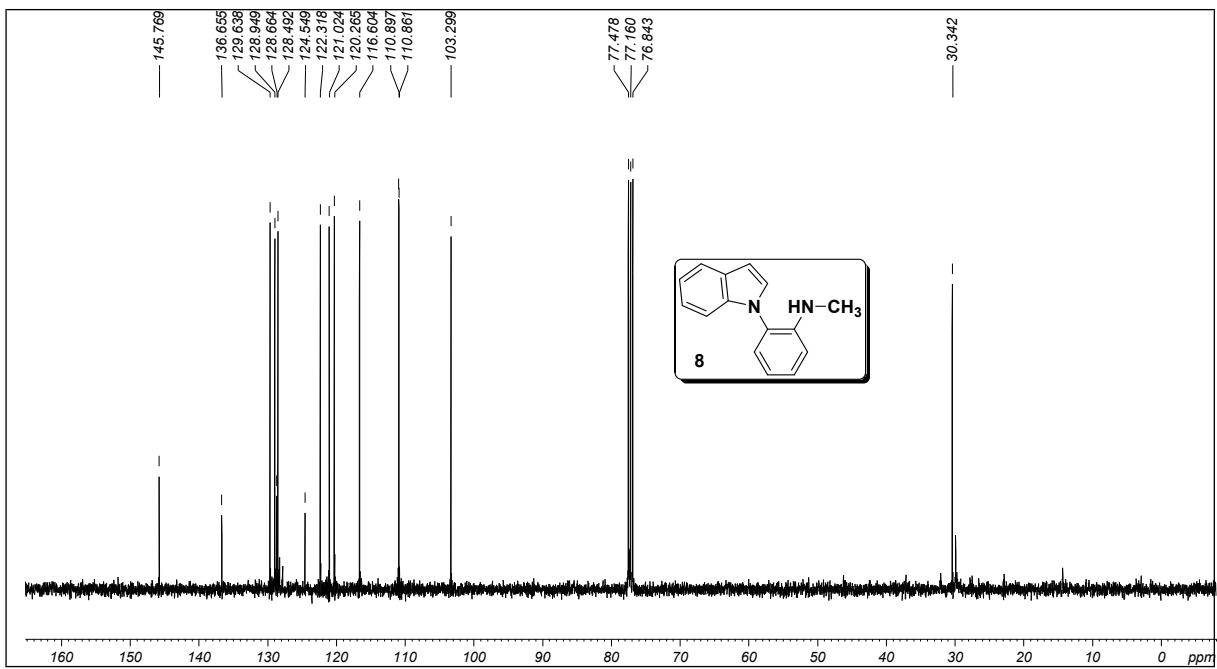
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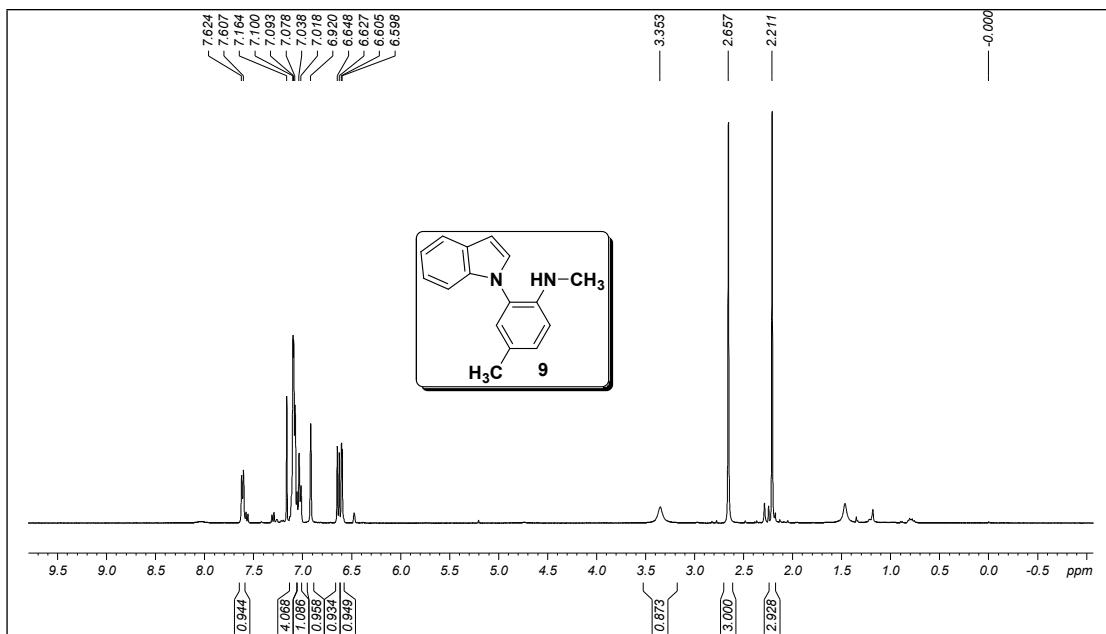
**Figure S80.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



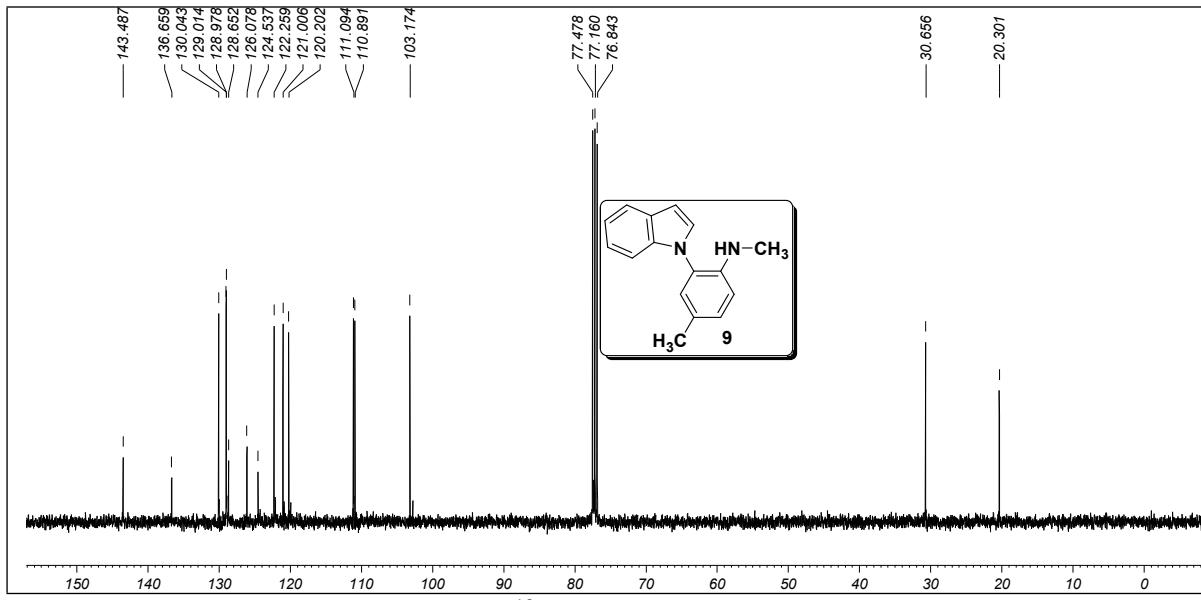
**Figure S81.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **8** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



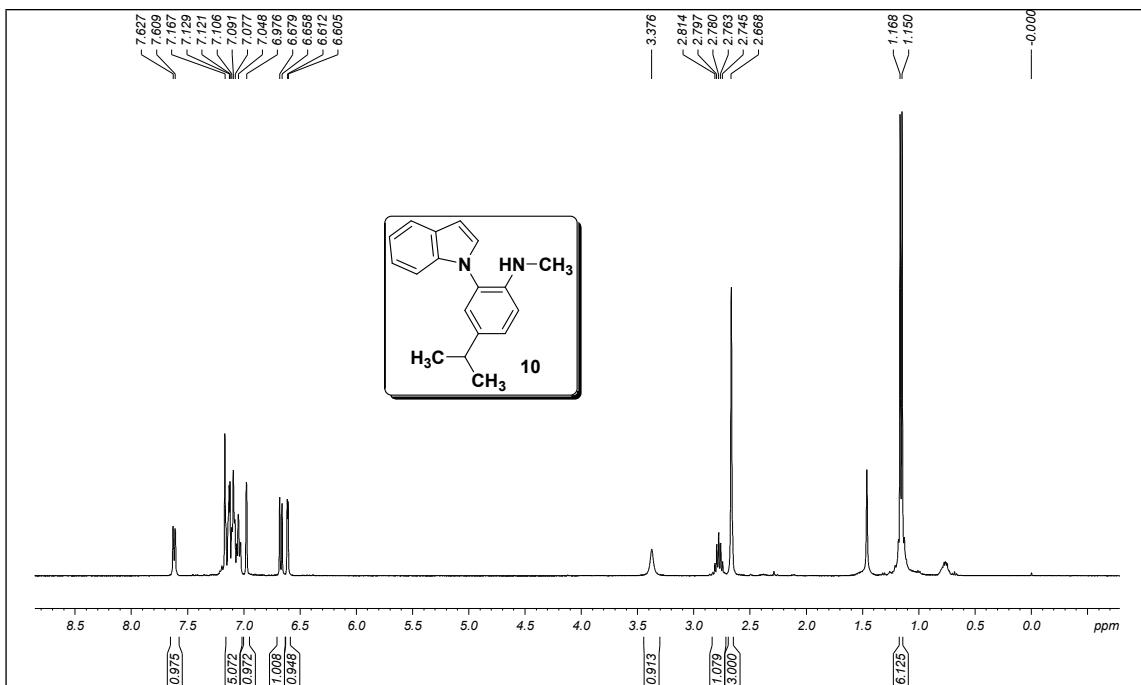
**Figure S82.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **8** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



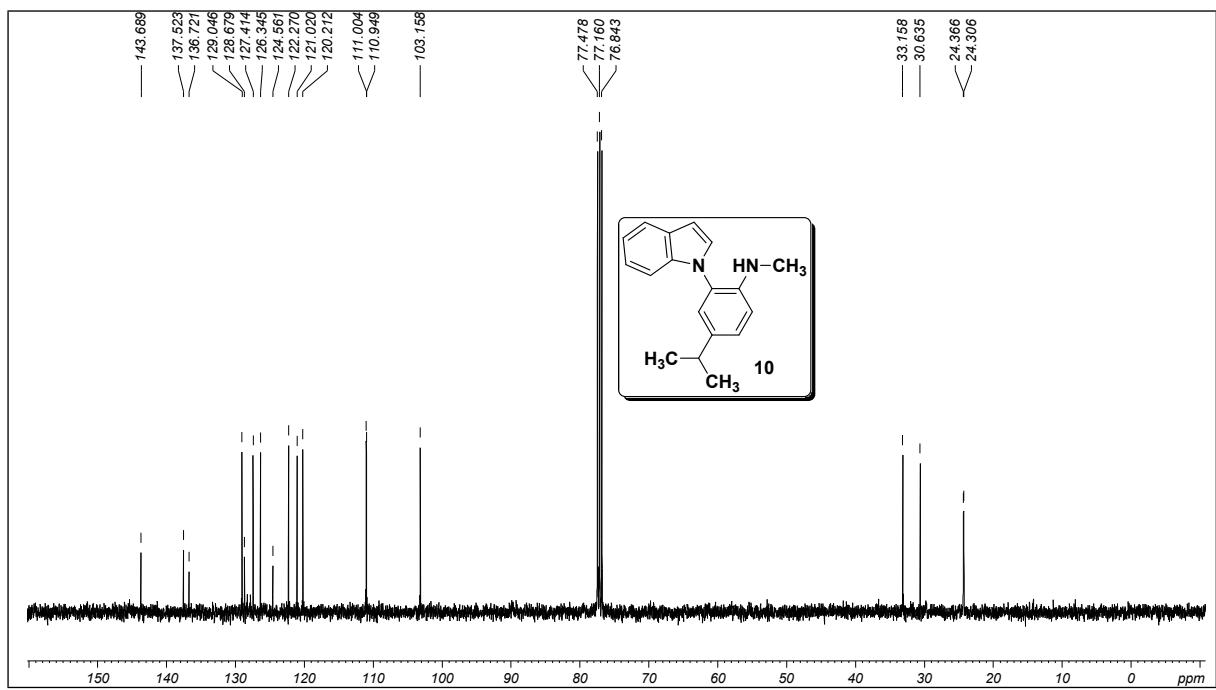
**Figure S83.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



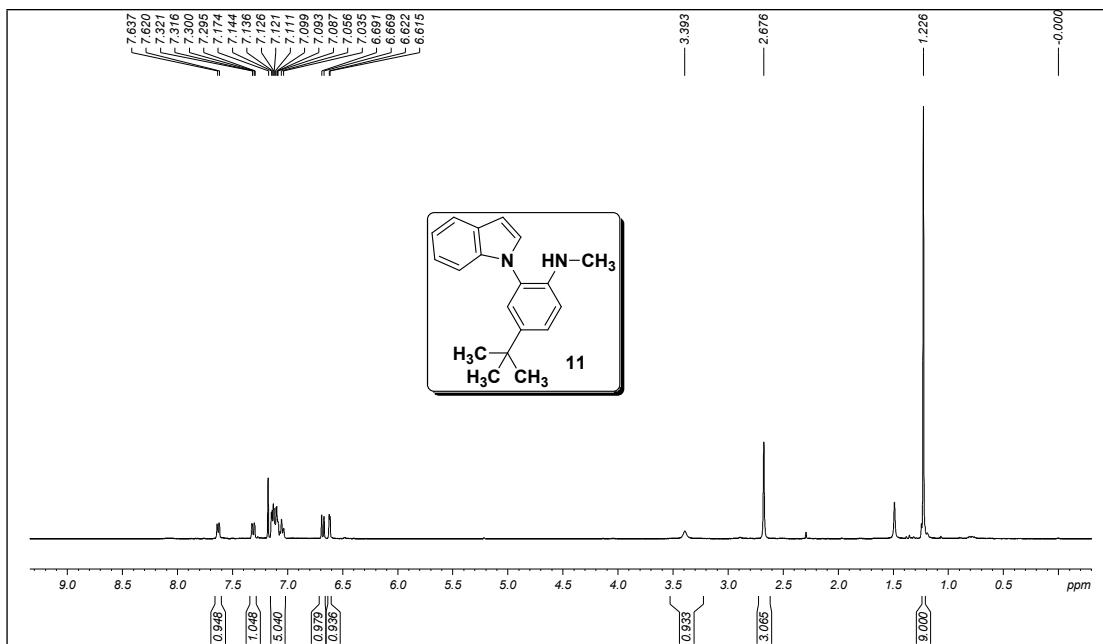
**Figure S84.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



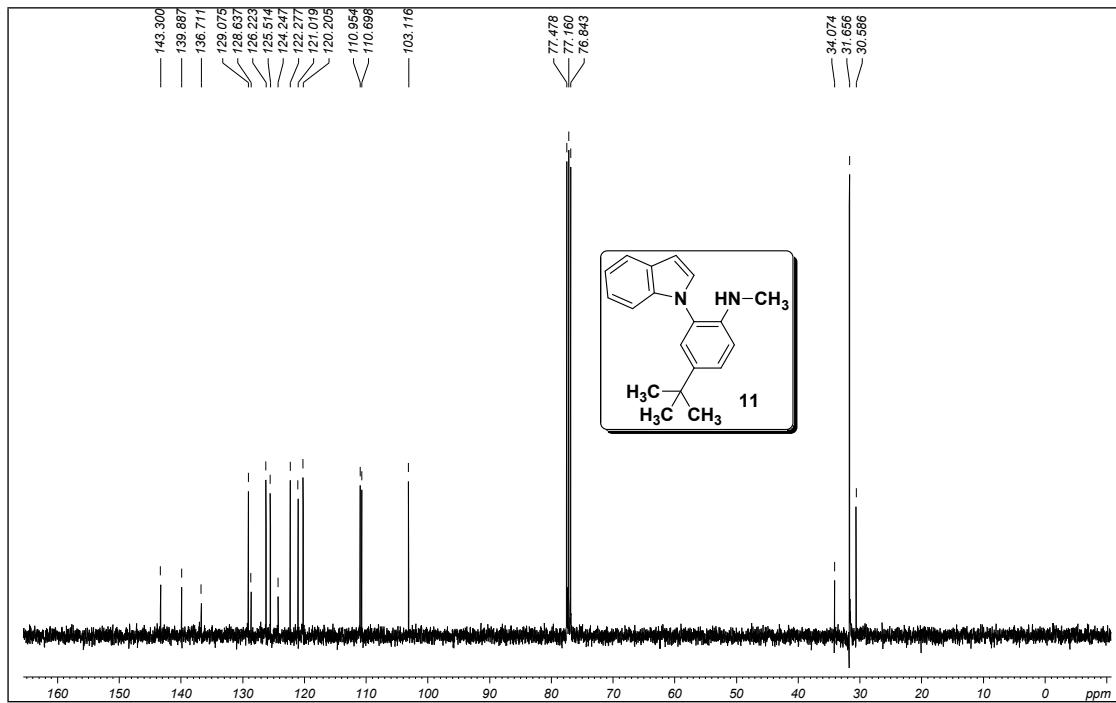
**Figure S85.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **10** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



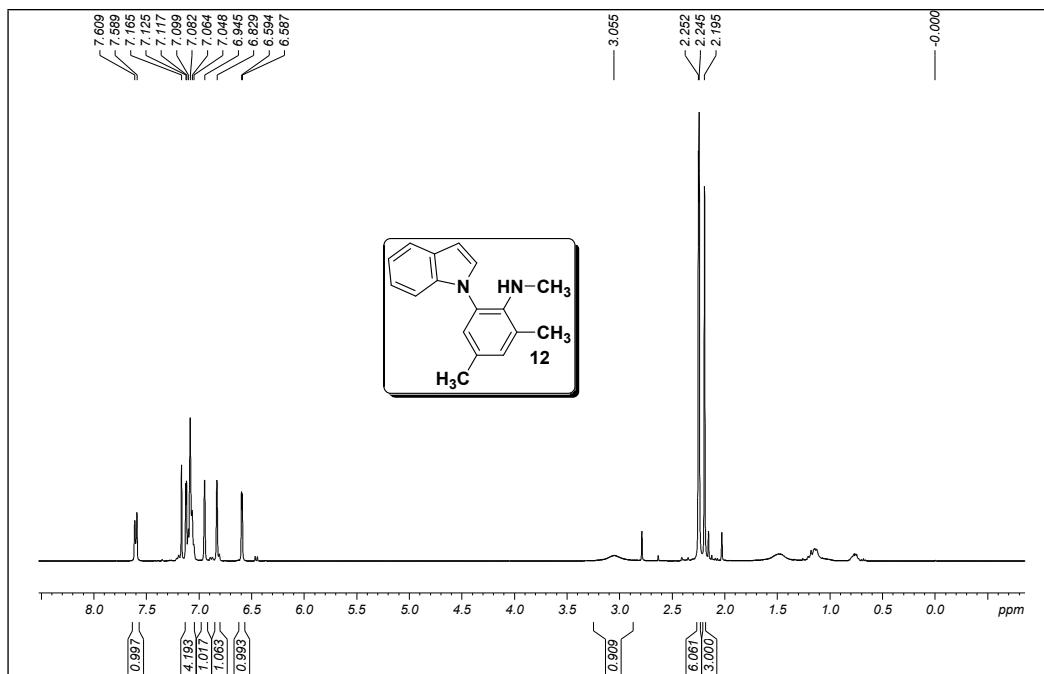
**Figure S86.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



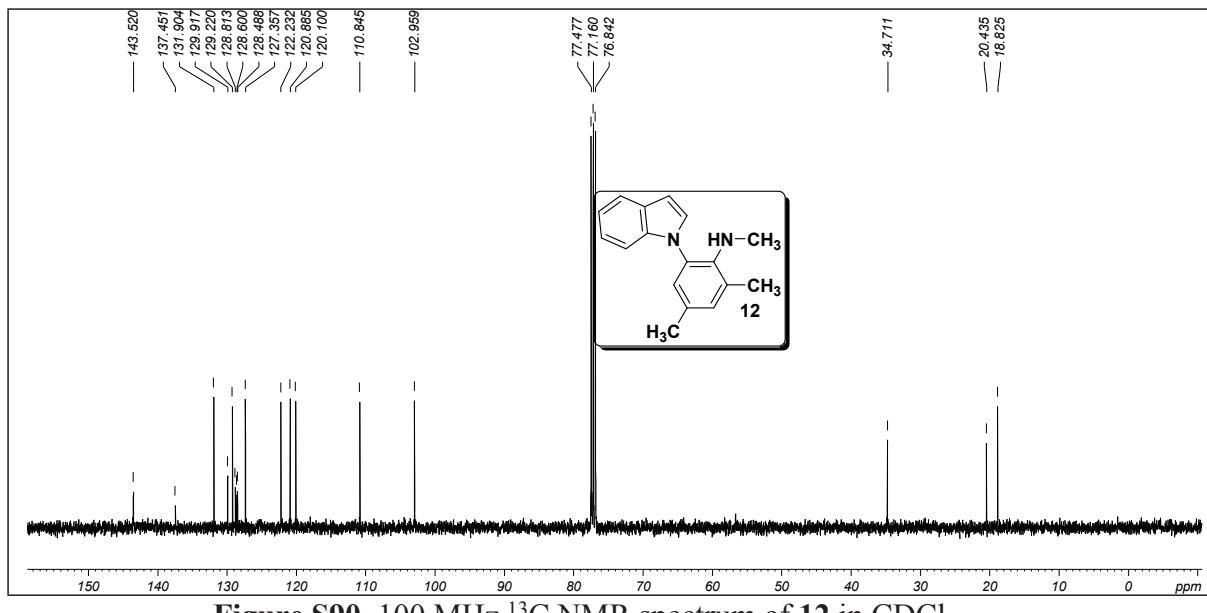
**Figure S87.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **11** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



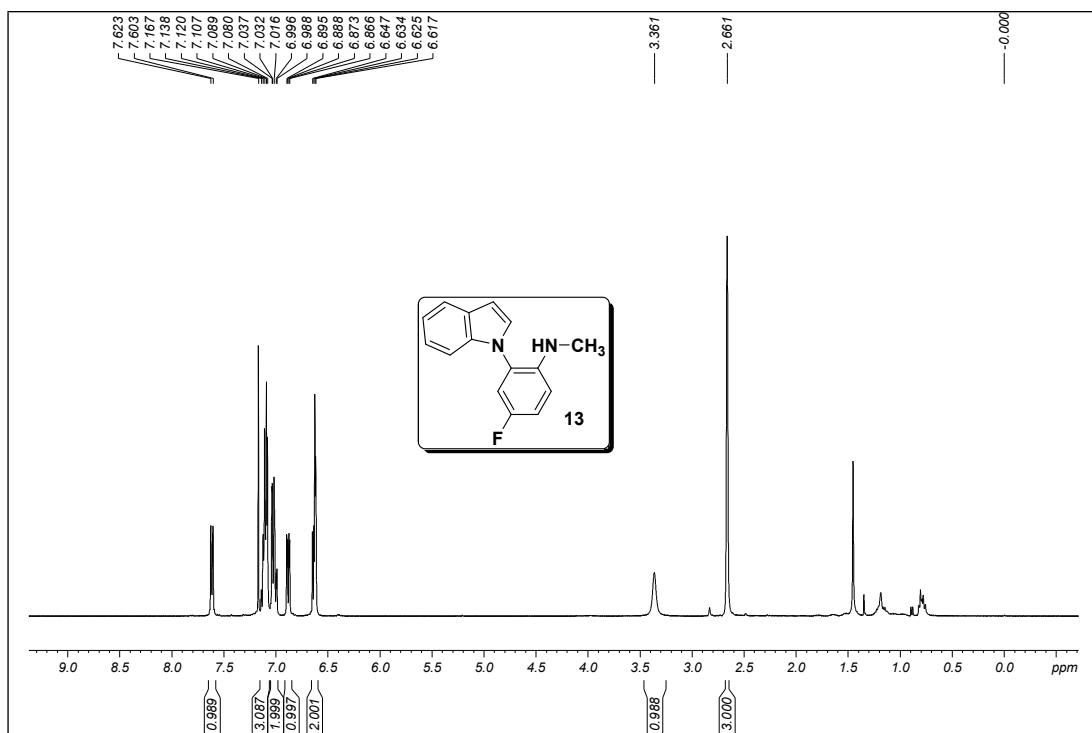
**Figure S88.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **11** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



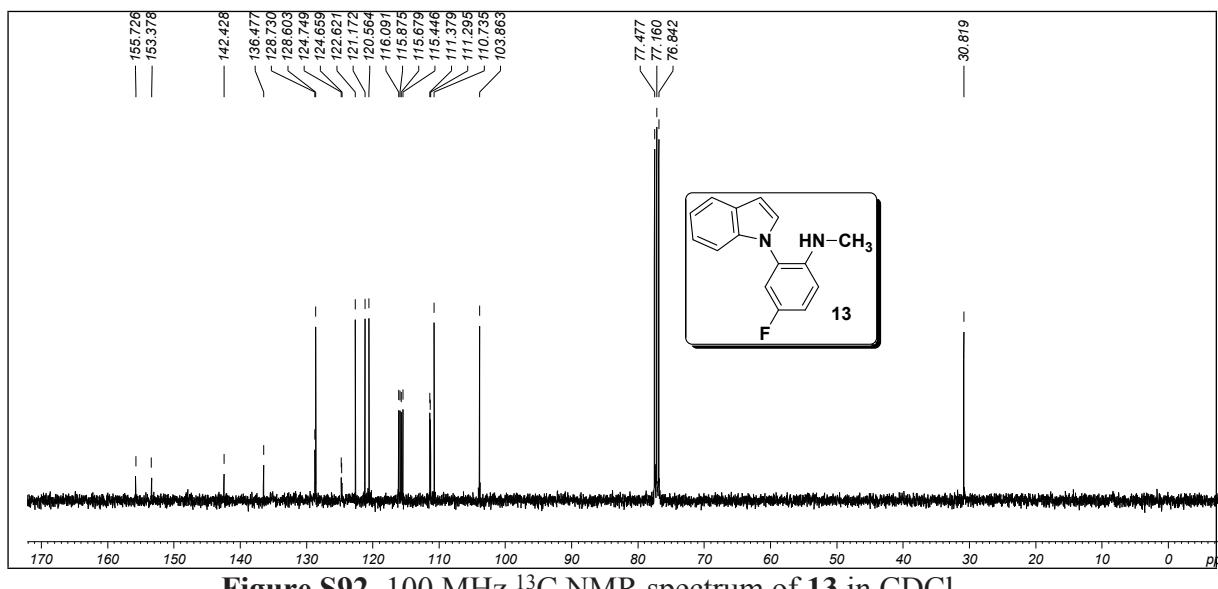
**Figure S89.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **12** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



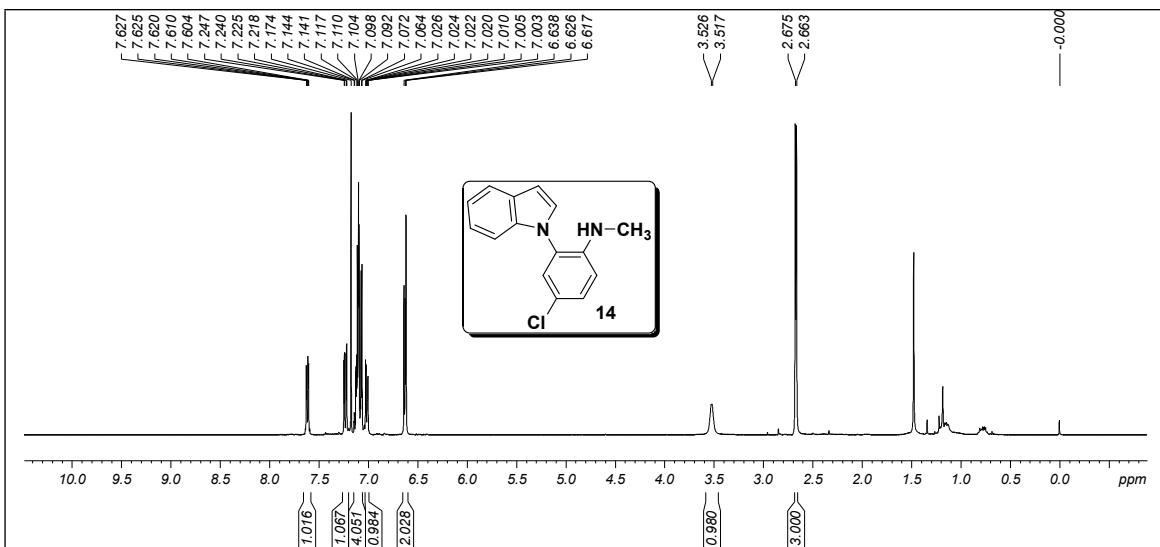
**Figure S90.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **12** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



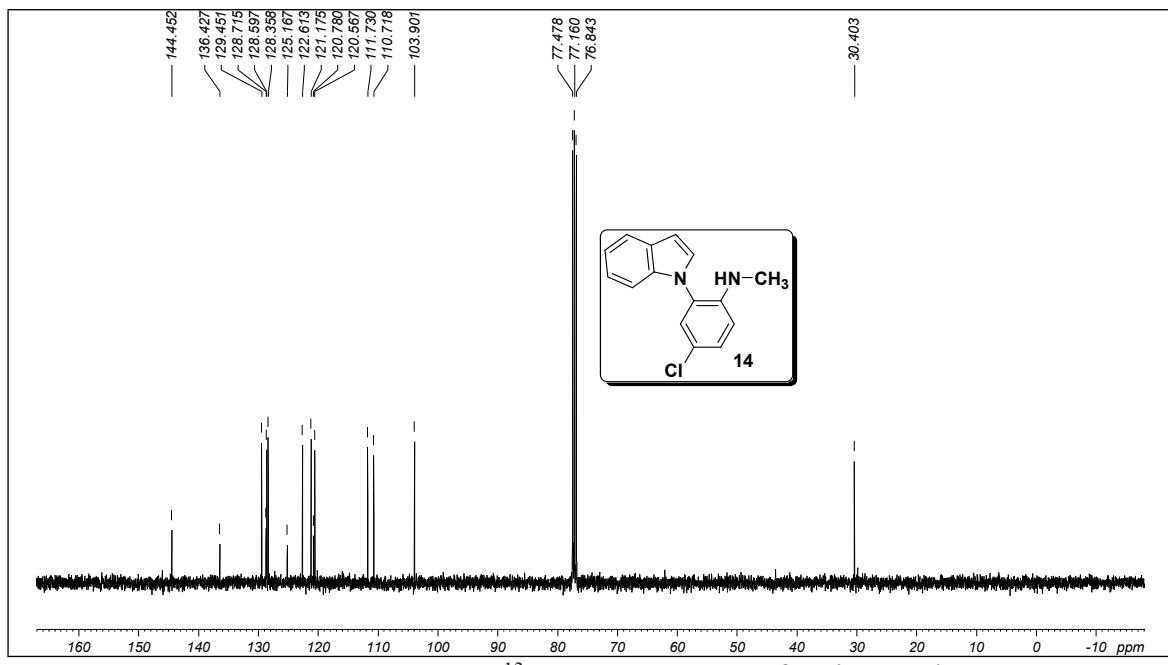
**Figure S91.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **13** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



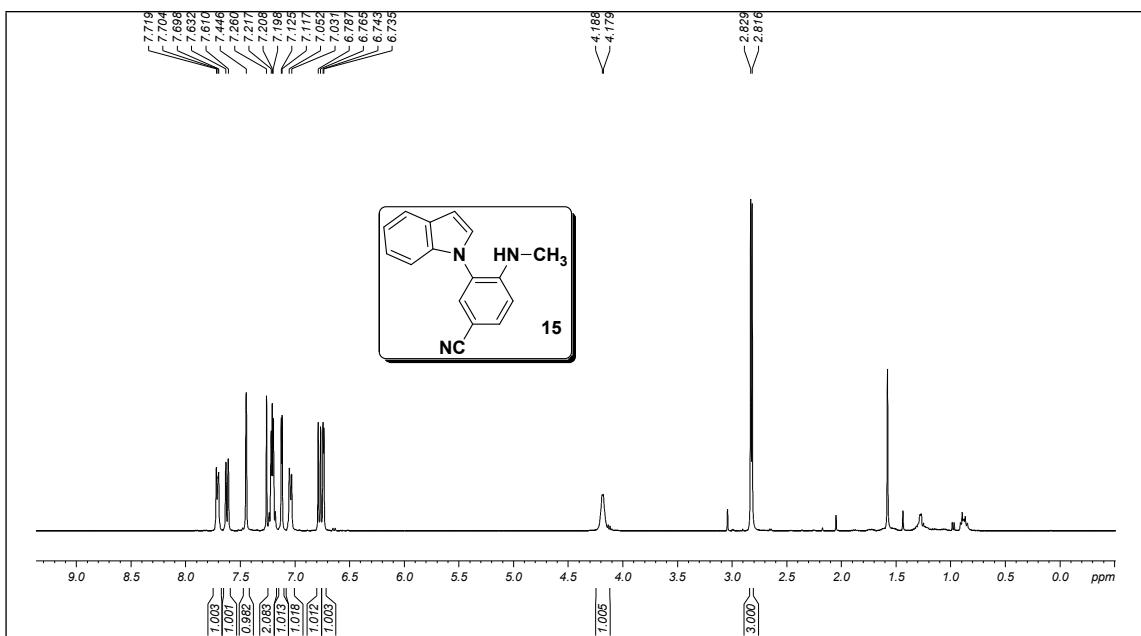
**Figure S92.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **13** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



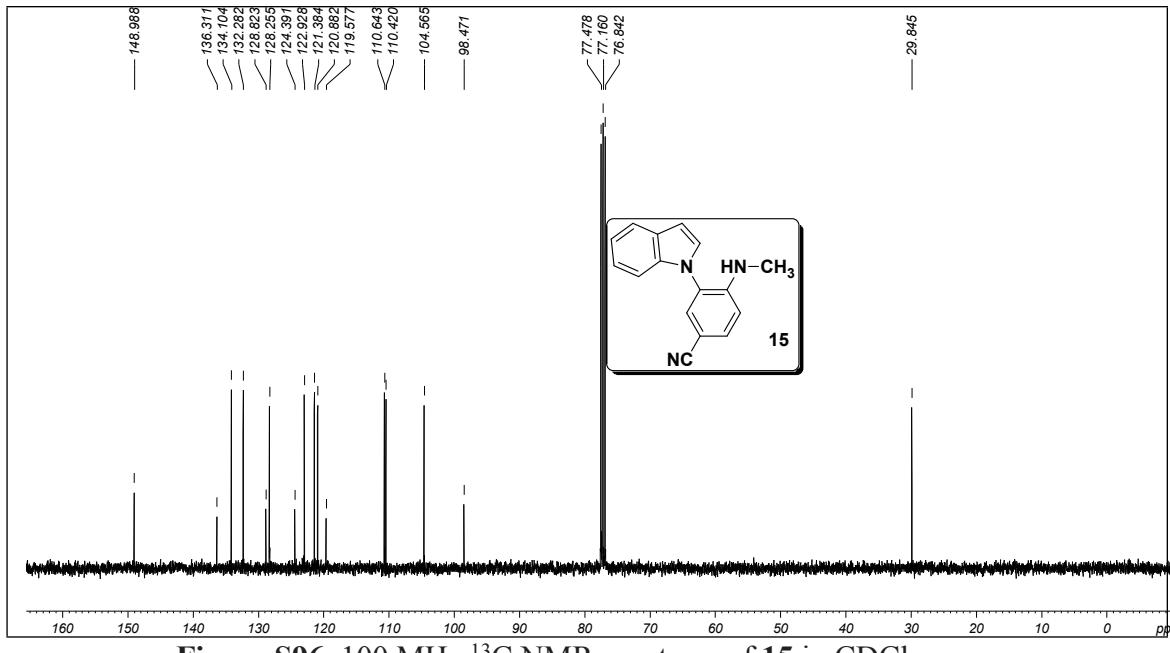
**Figure S93.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **14** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



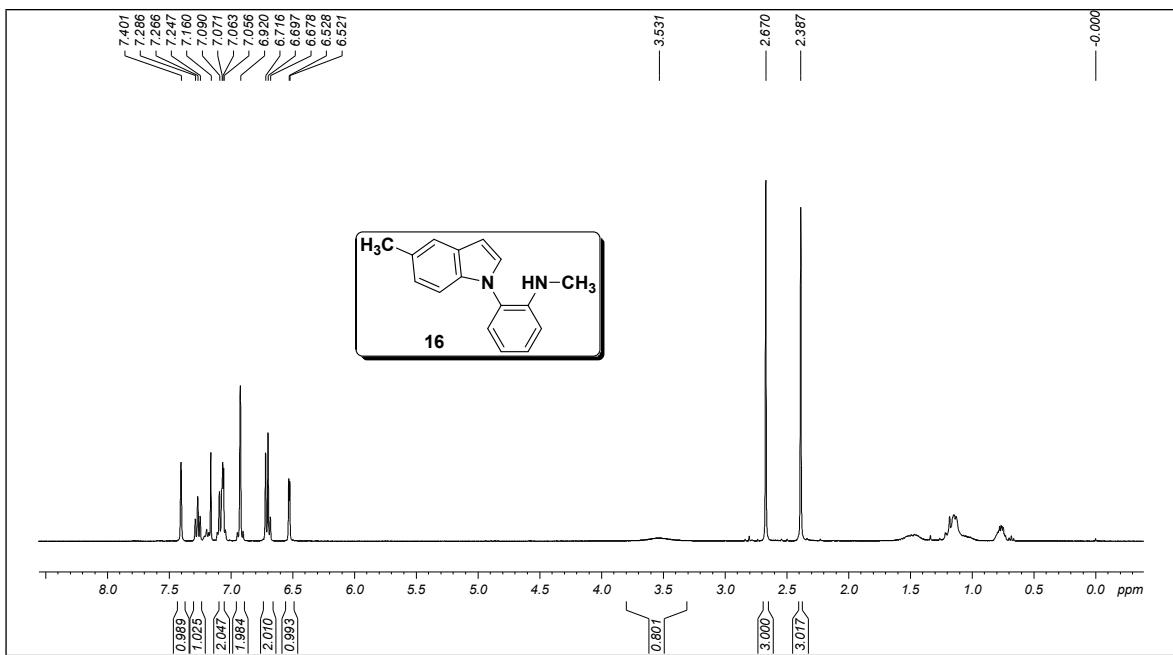
**Figure S94.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **14** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



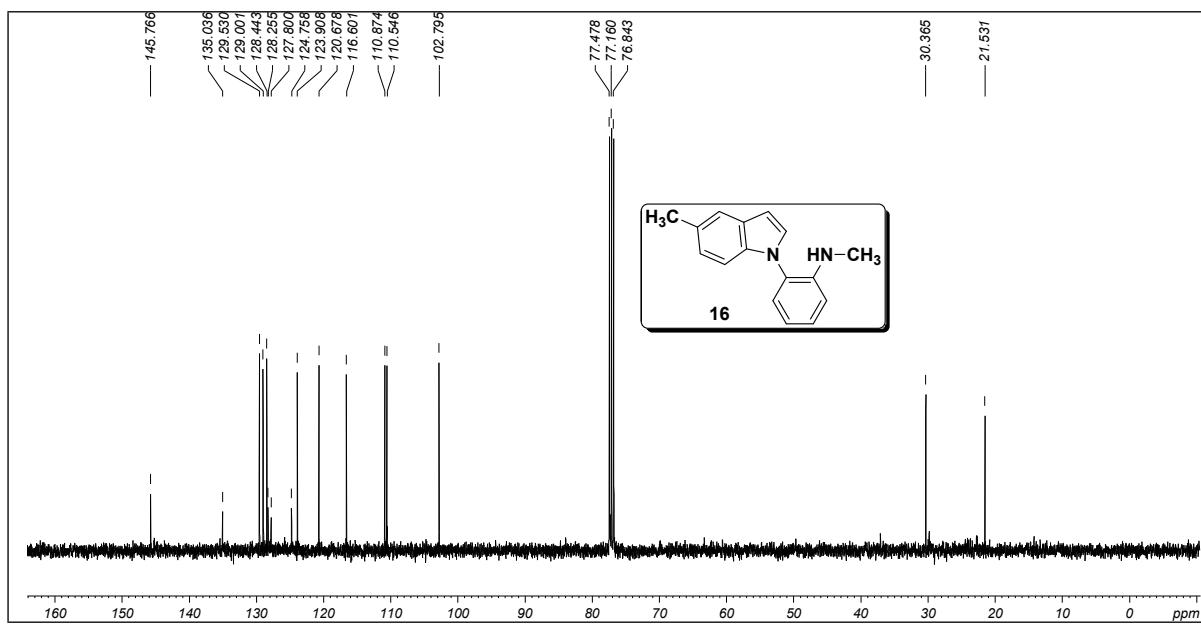
**Figure S95.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **15** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



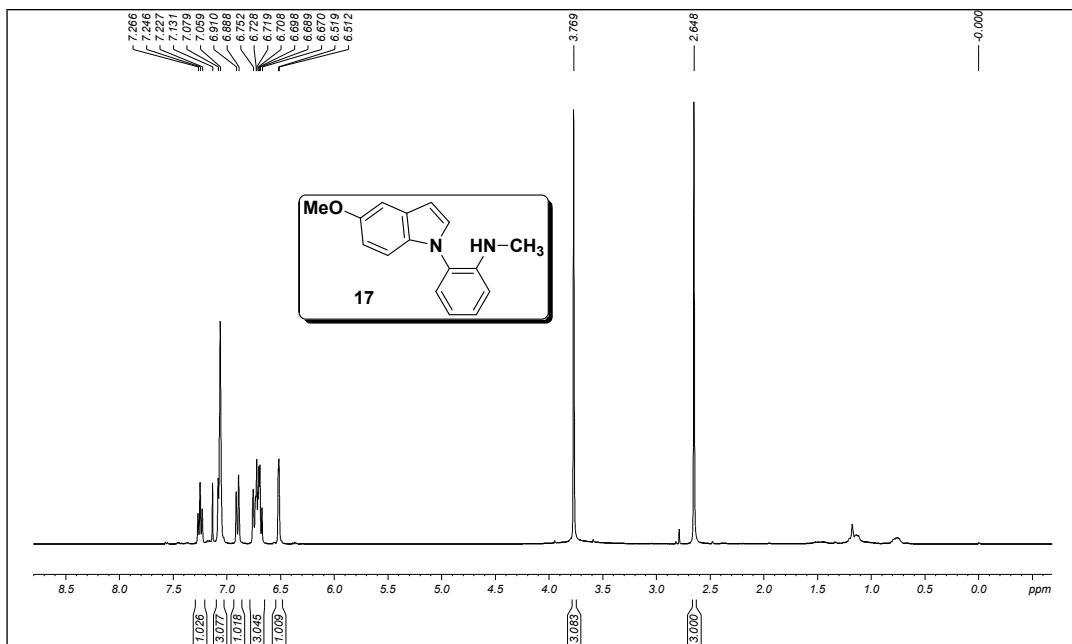
**Figure S96.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **15** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



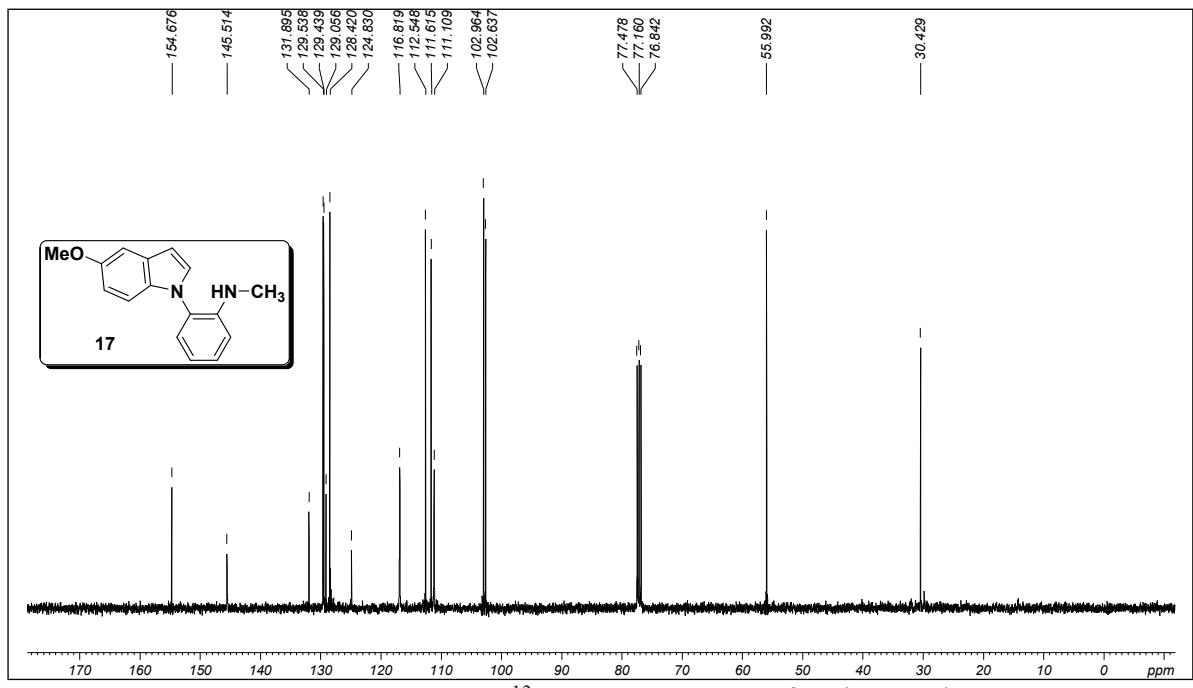
**Figure S97.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **16** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



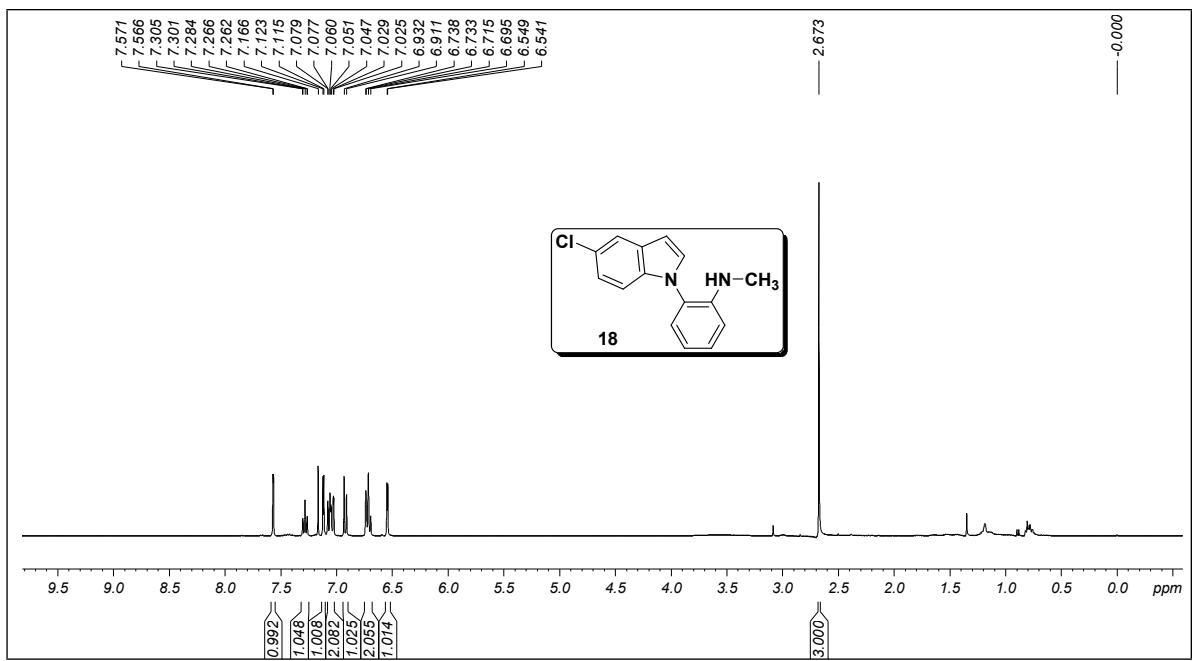
**Figure S98.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **16** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



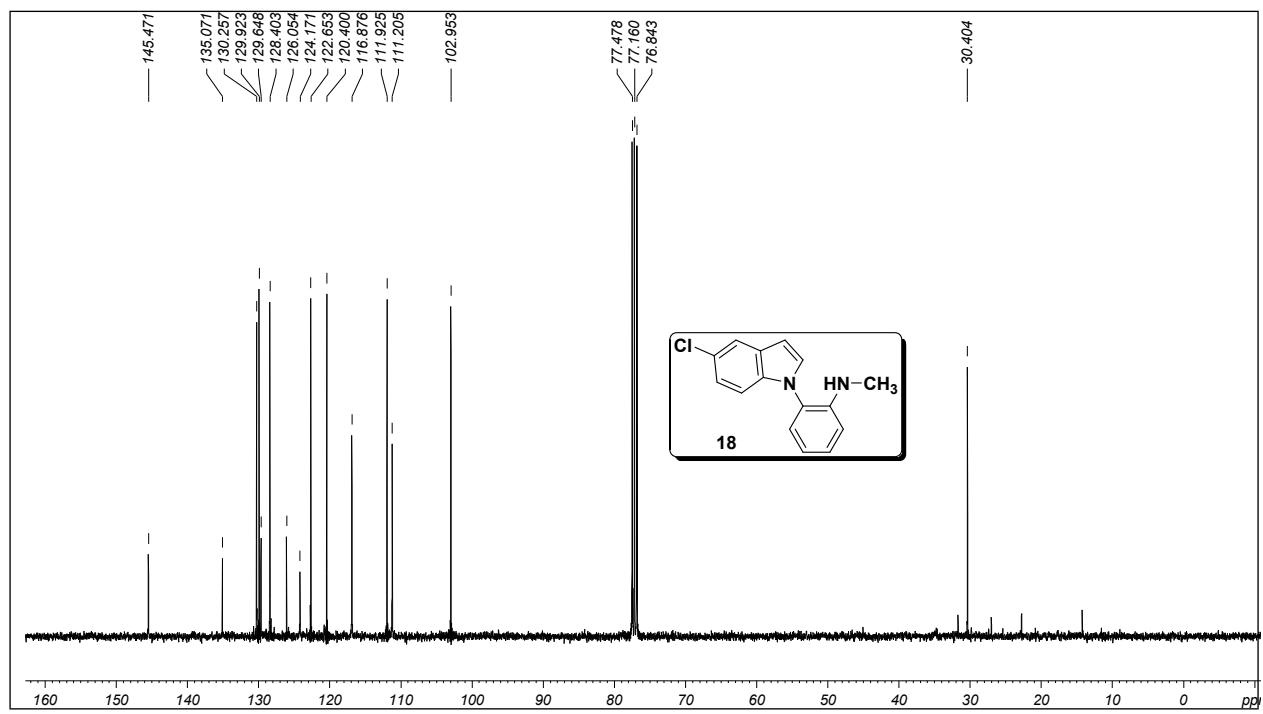
**Figure S99.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **17** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



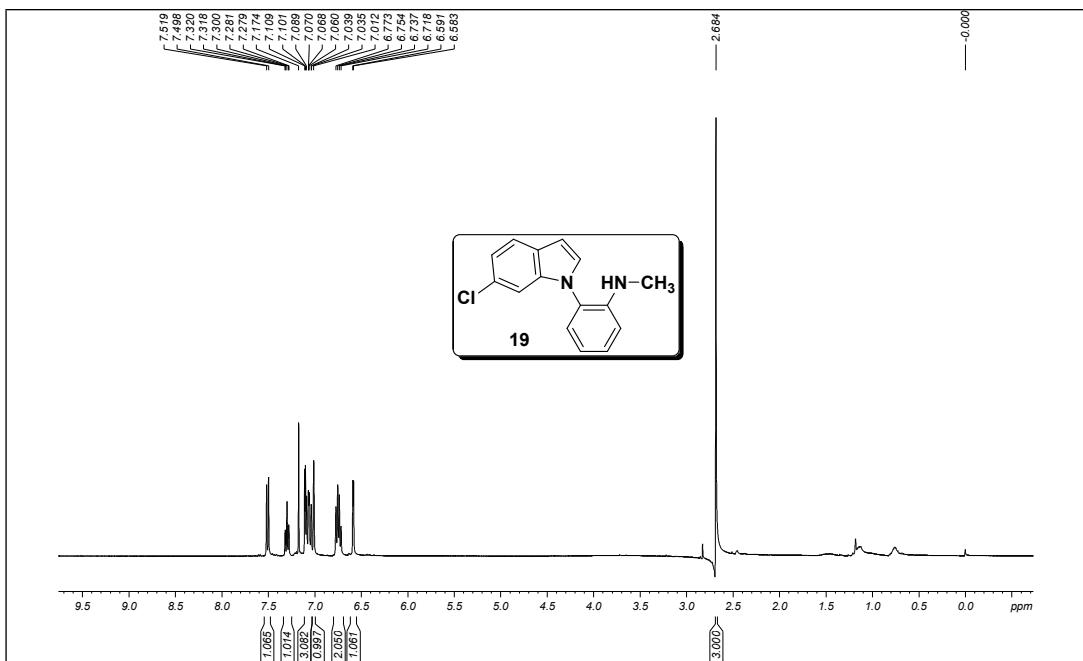
**Figure S100.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **17** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



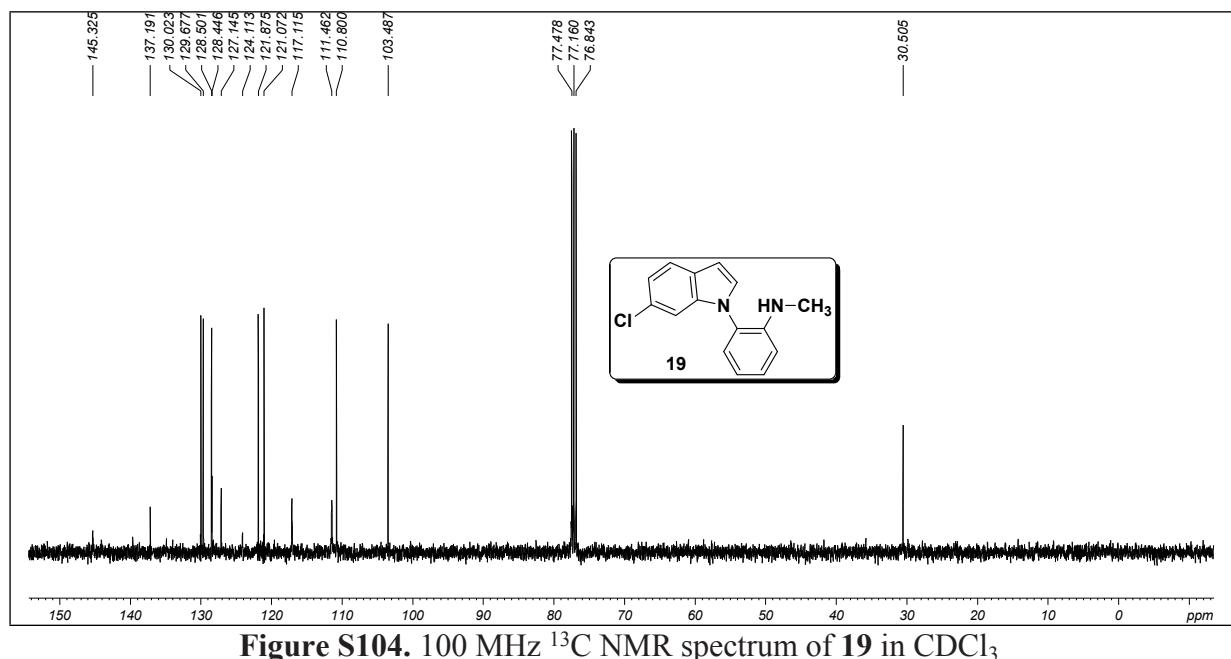
**Figure S101.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **18** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



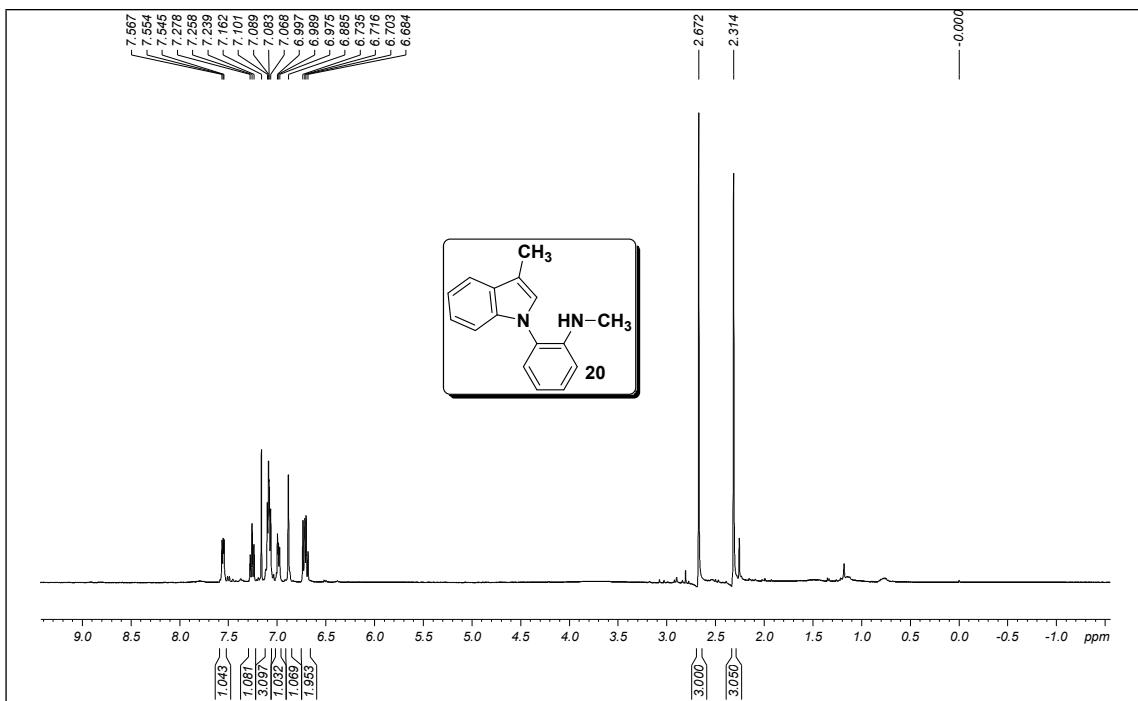
**Figure S102.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **18** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



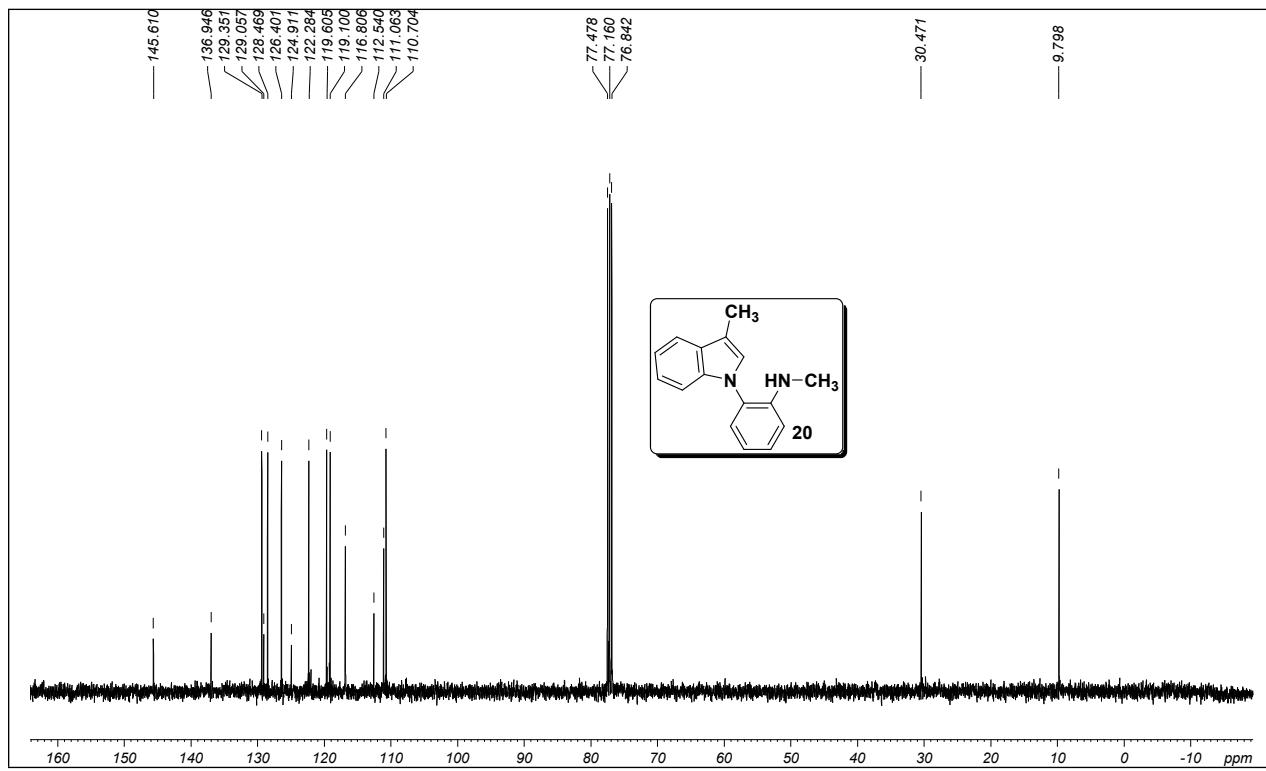
**Figure S103.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **19** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



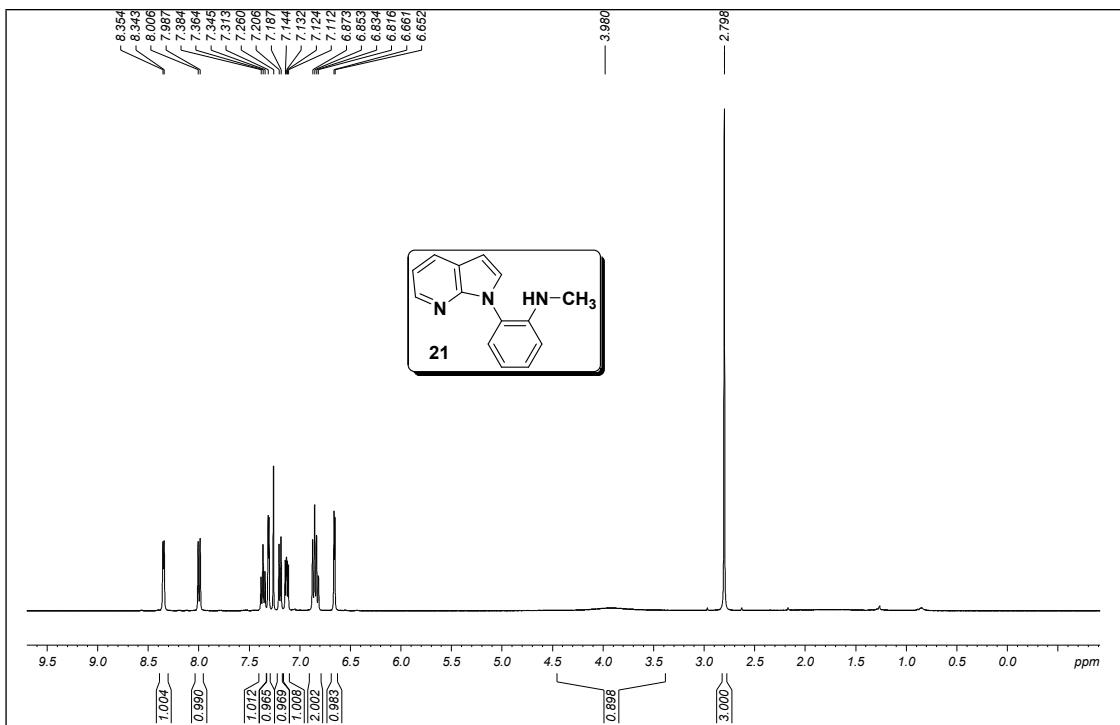
**Figure S104.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **19** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



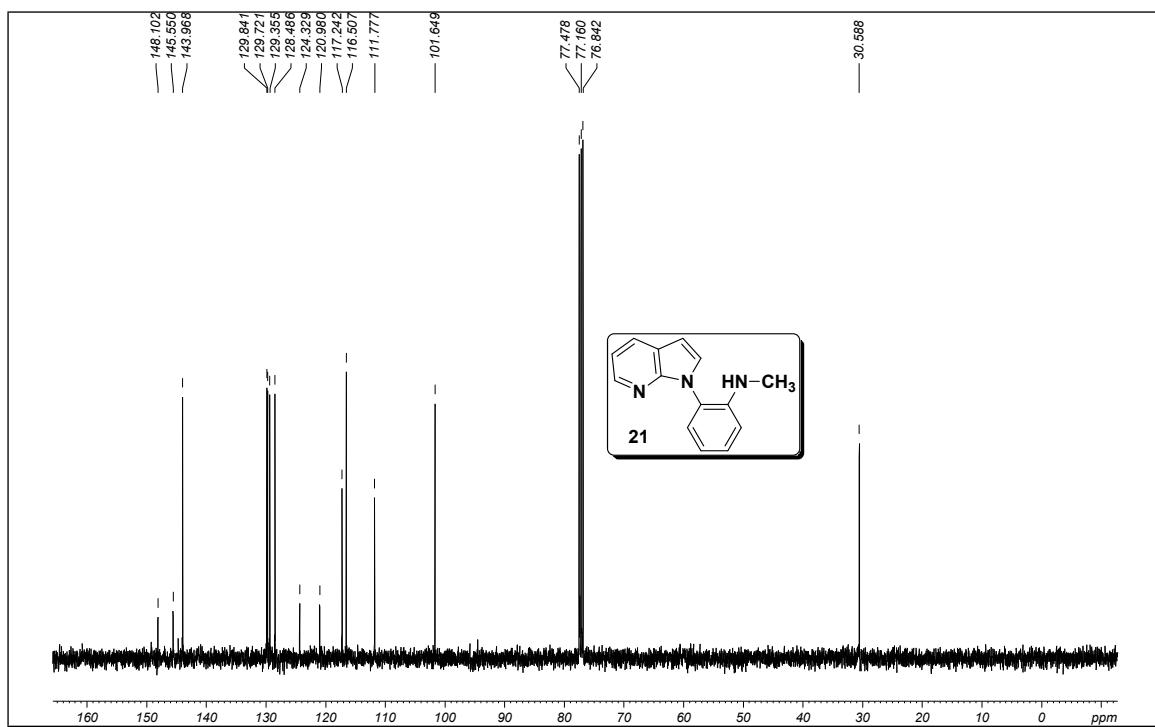
**Figure S105.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **20** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



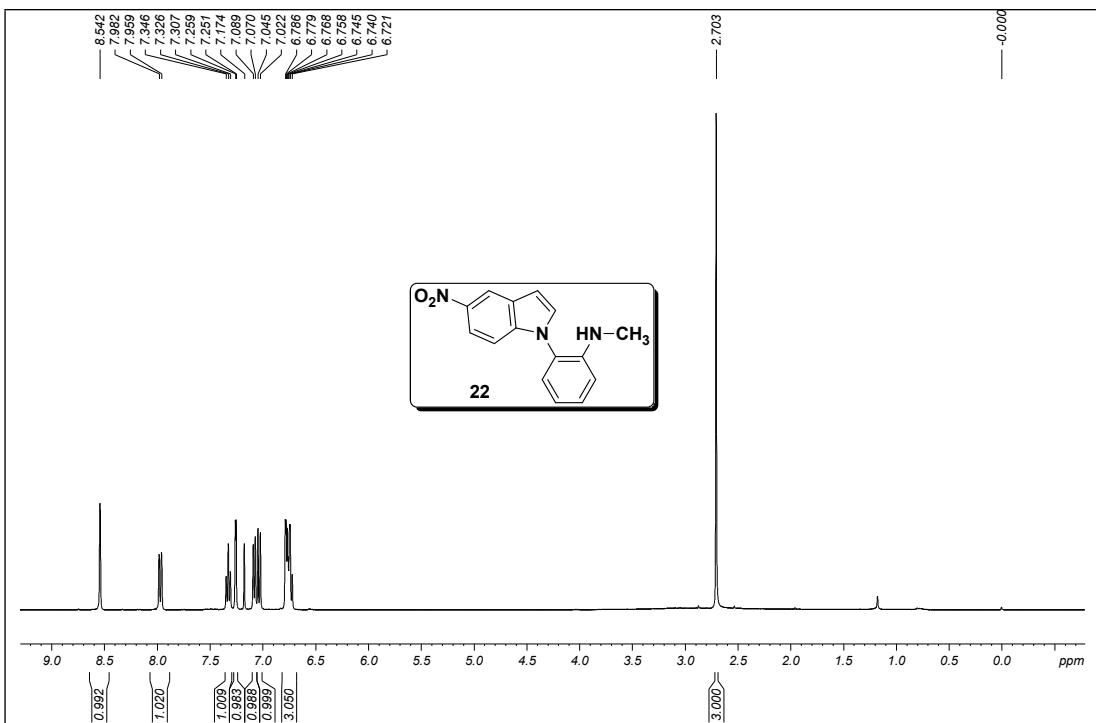
**Figure S106.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **20** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



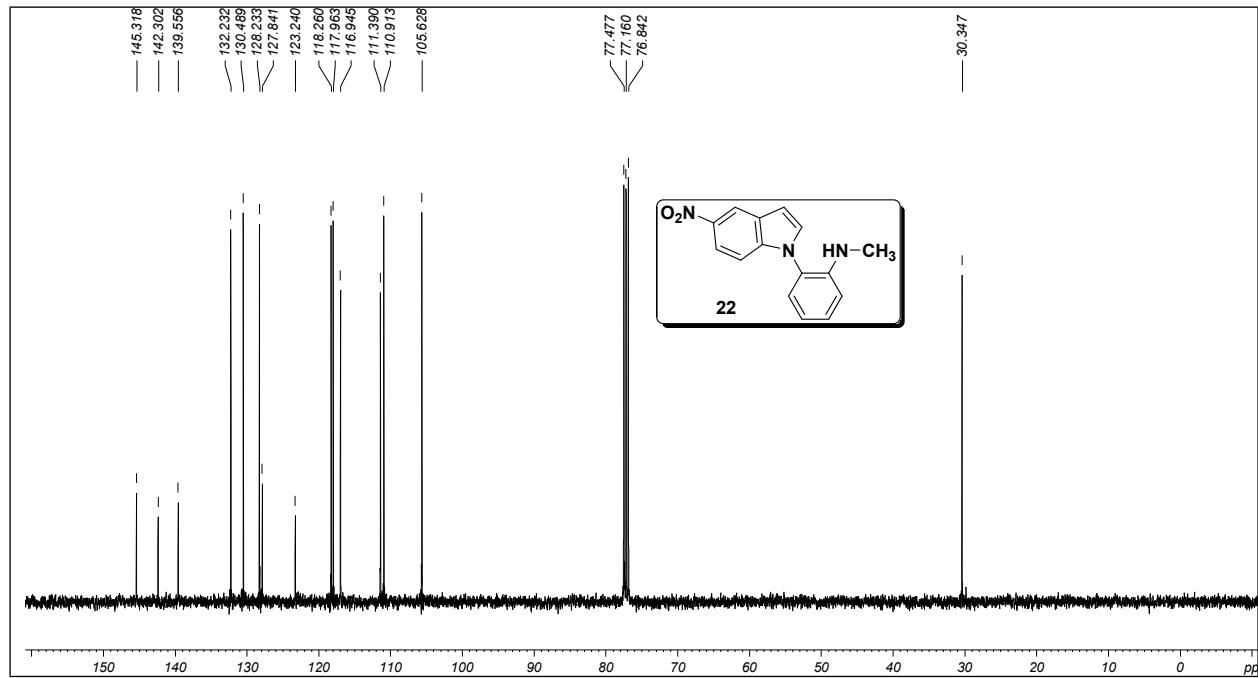
**Figure S107.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **21** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



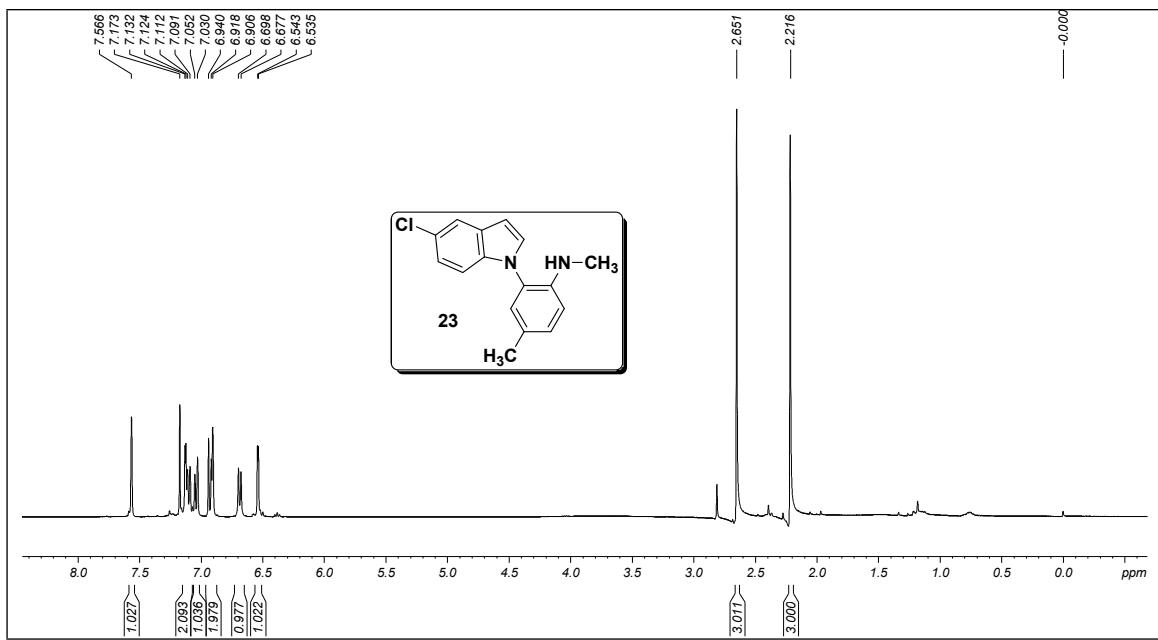
**Figure S108.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **21** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



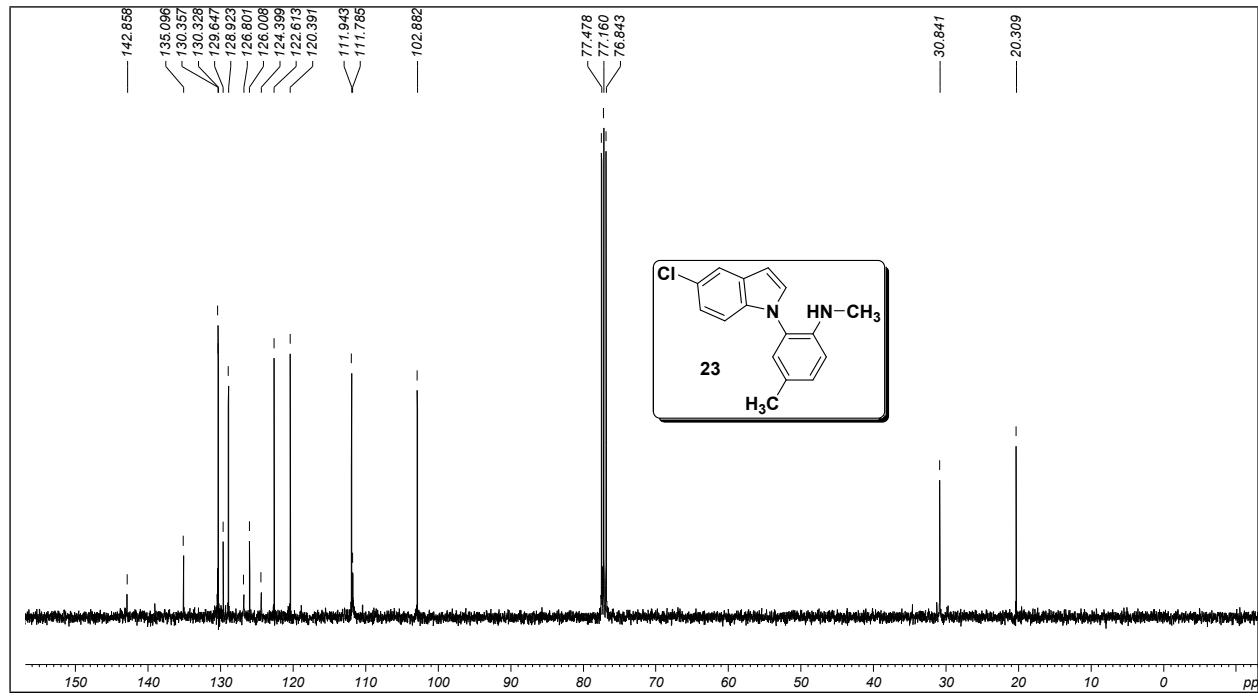
**Figure S109.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **22** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



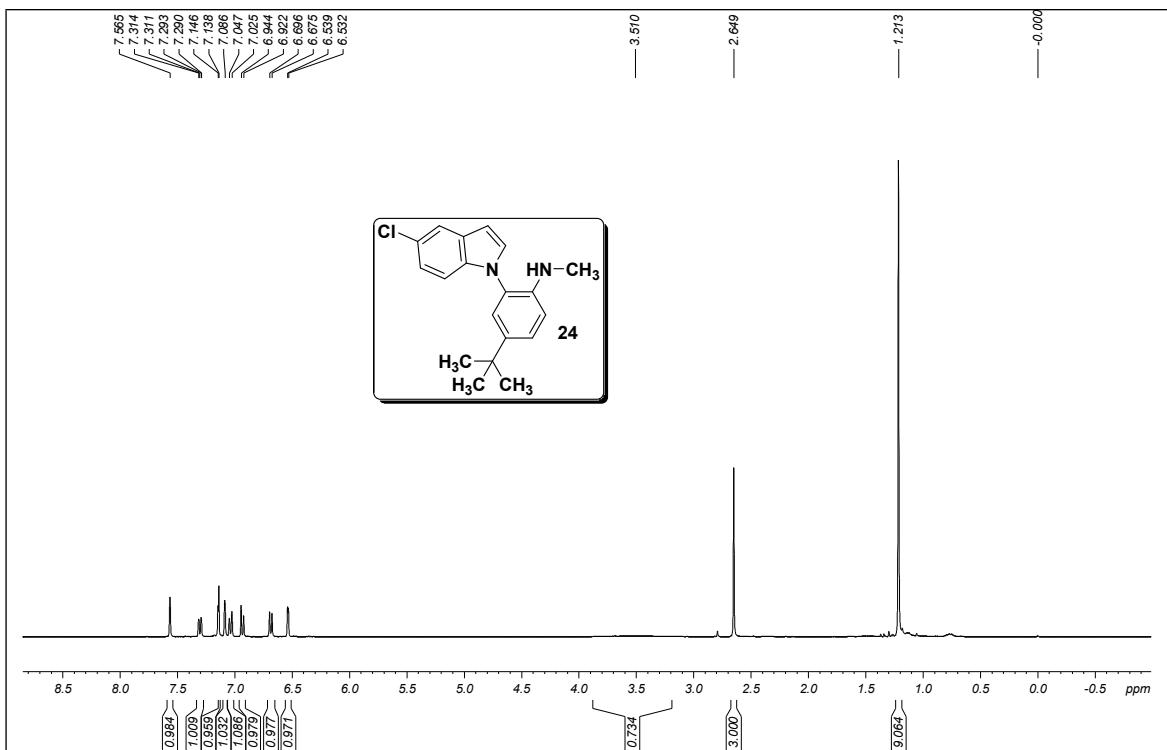
**Figure S110.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **22** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



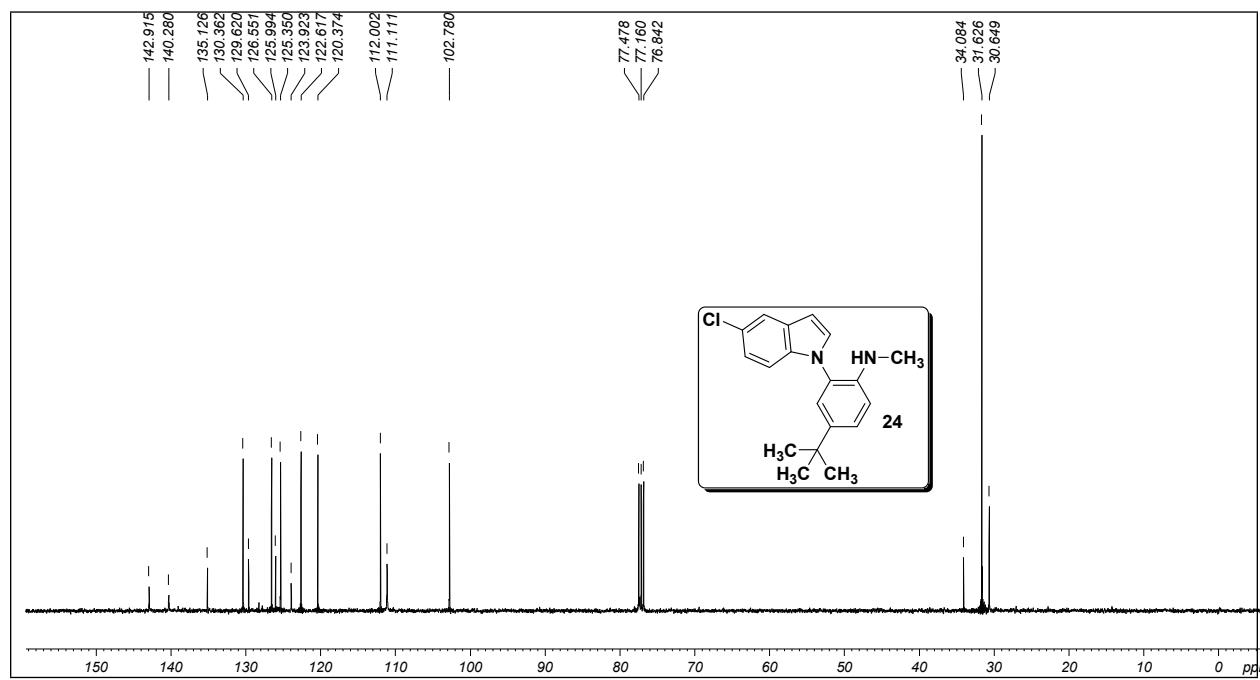
**Figure S111.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **23** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



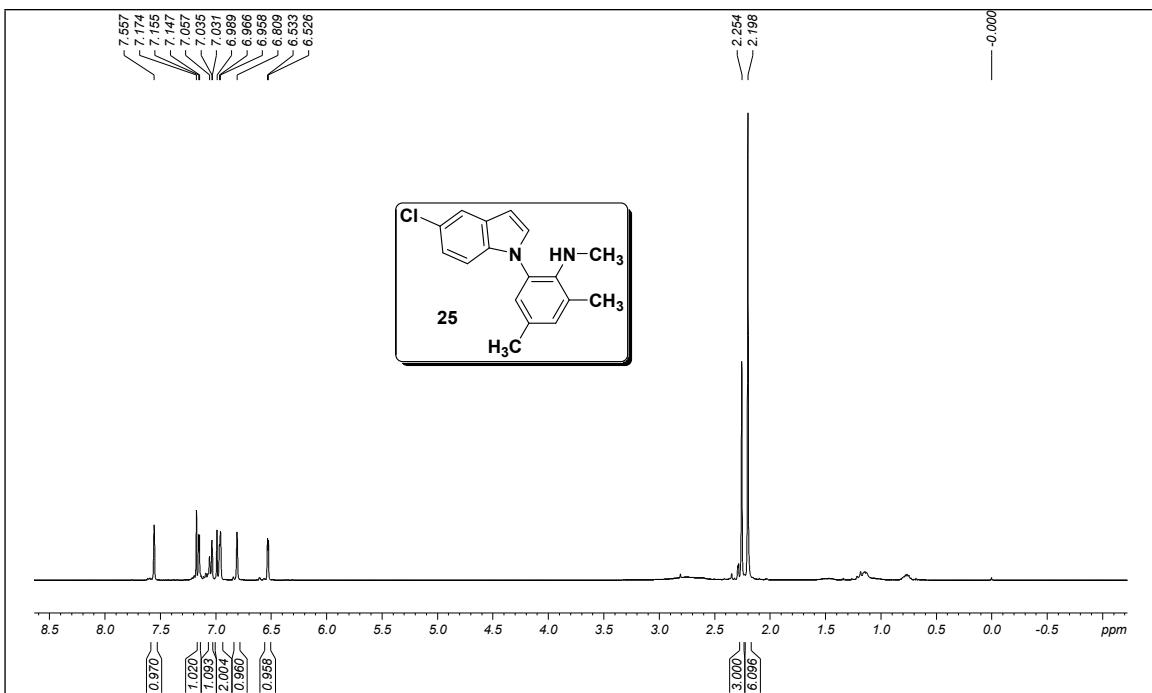
**Figure S112.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **23** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



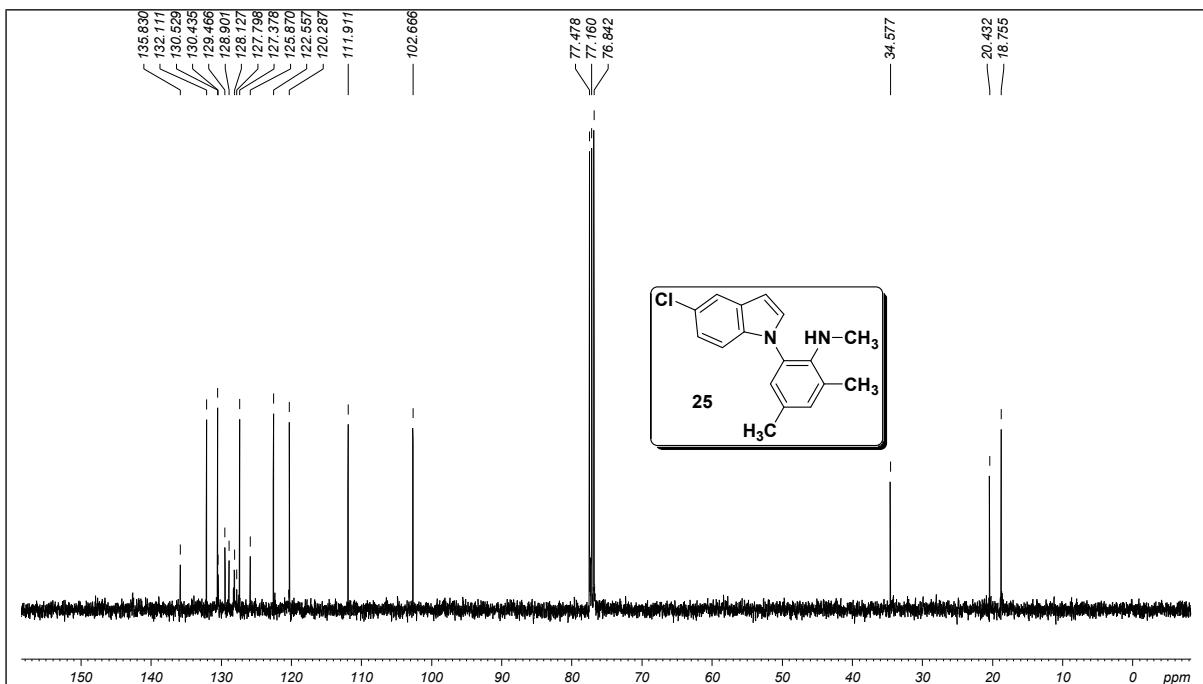
**Figure S113.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **24** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



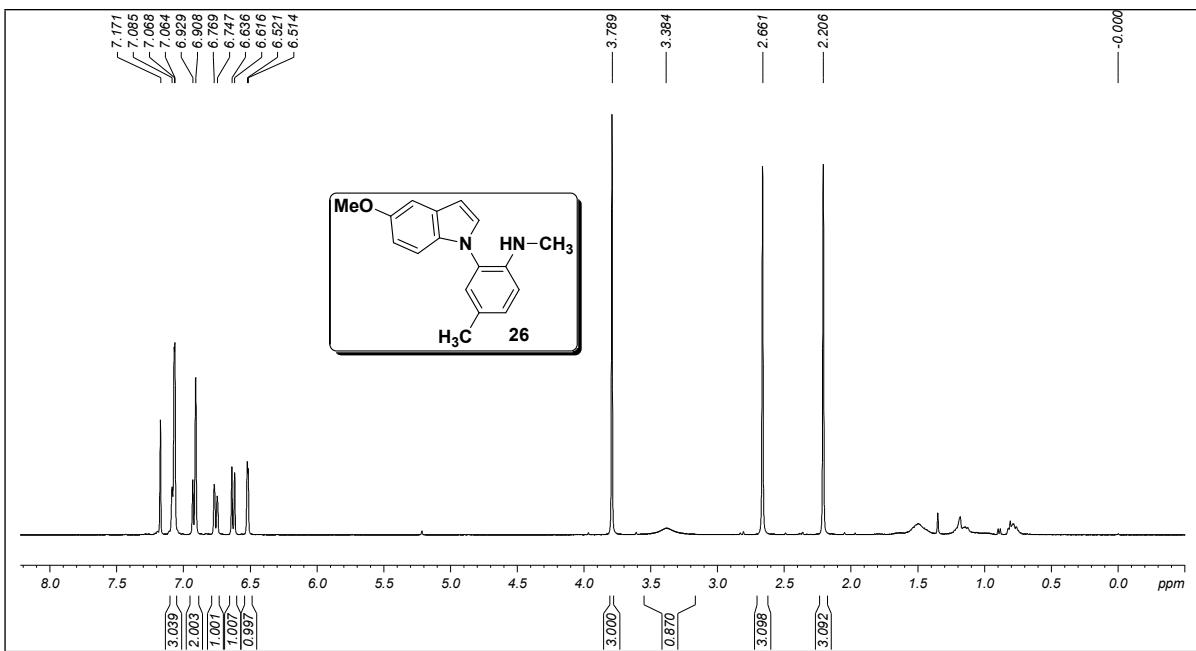
**Figure S114.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **24** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



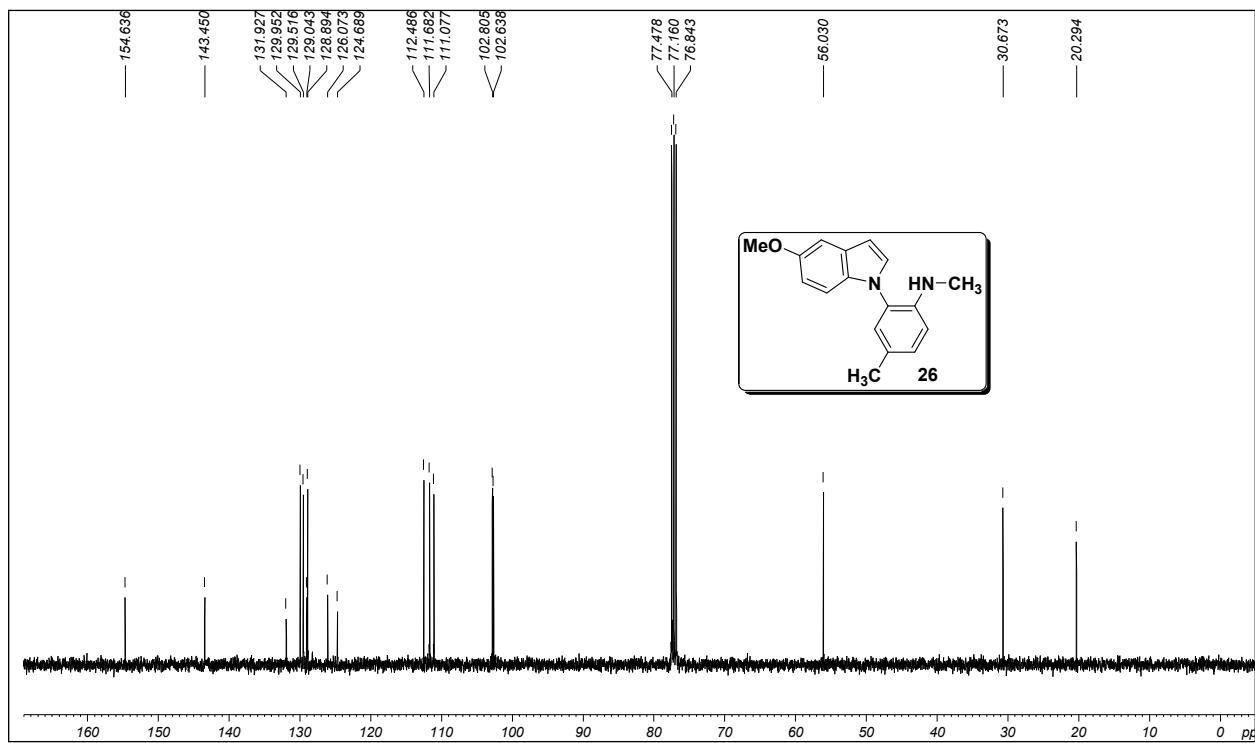
**Figure S115.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **25** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



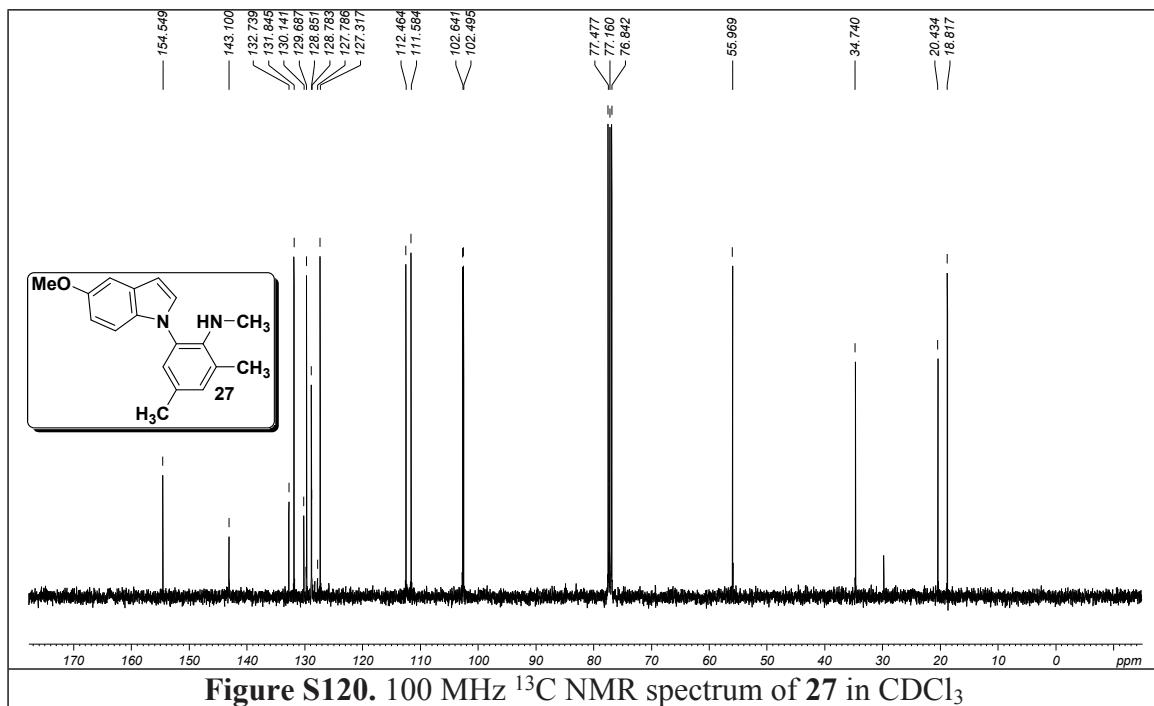
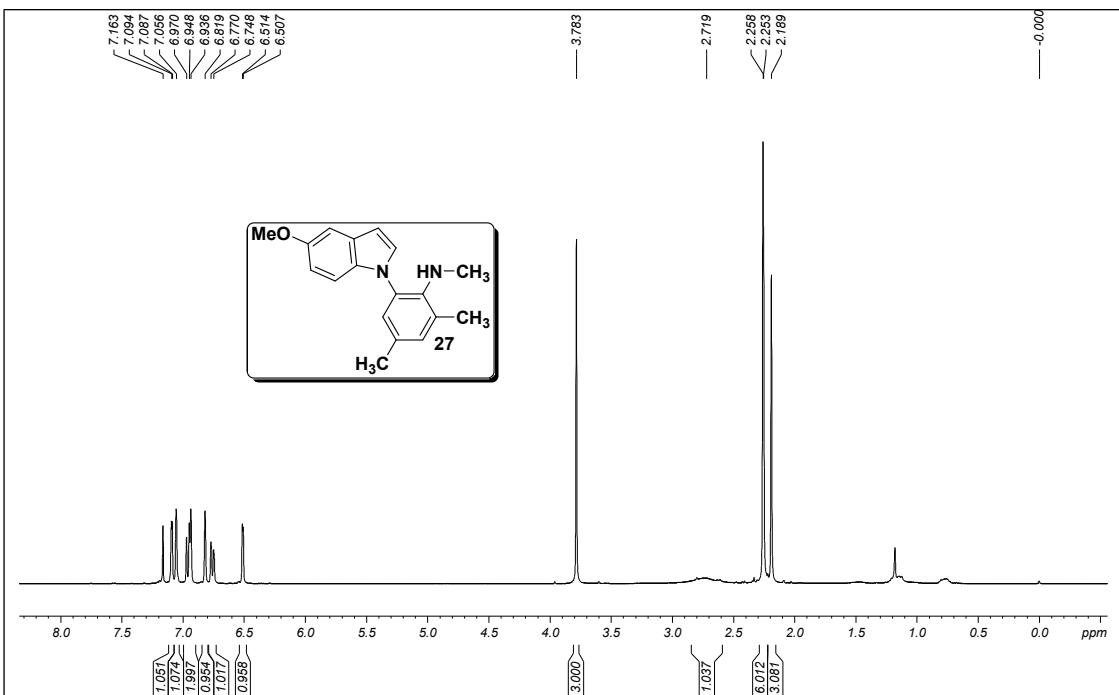
**Figure S116.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **25** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

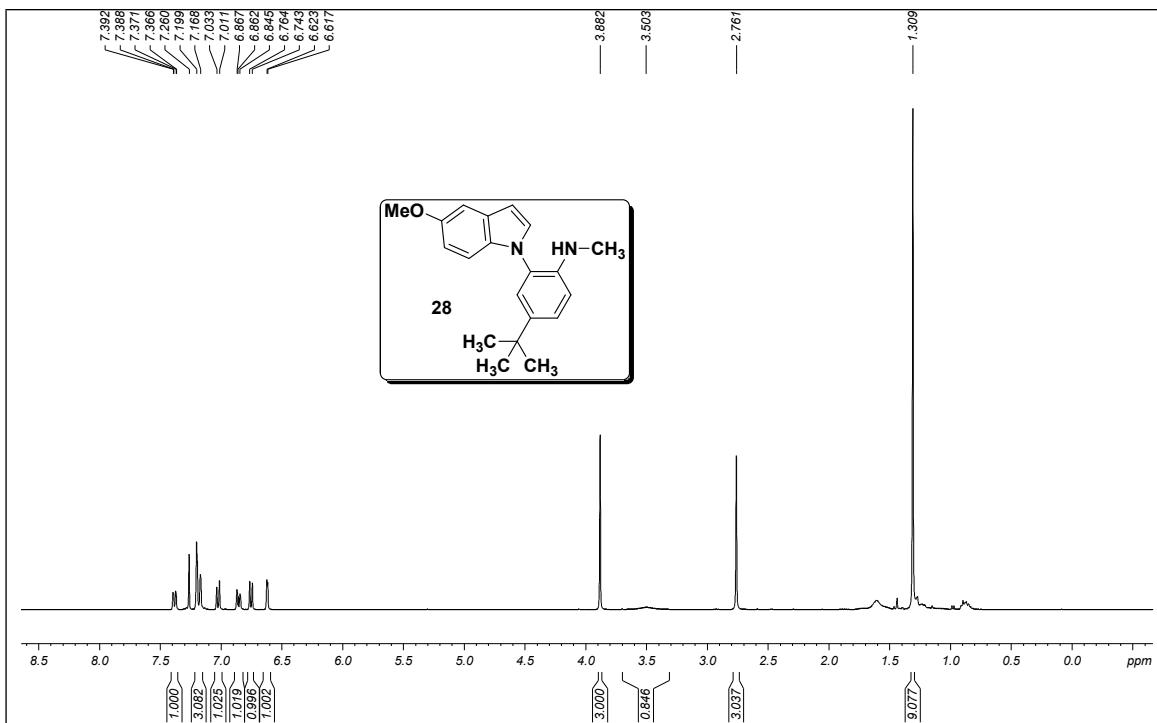


**Figure S117.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **26** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

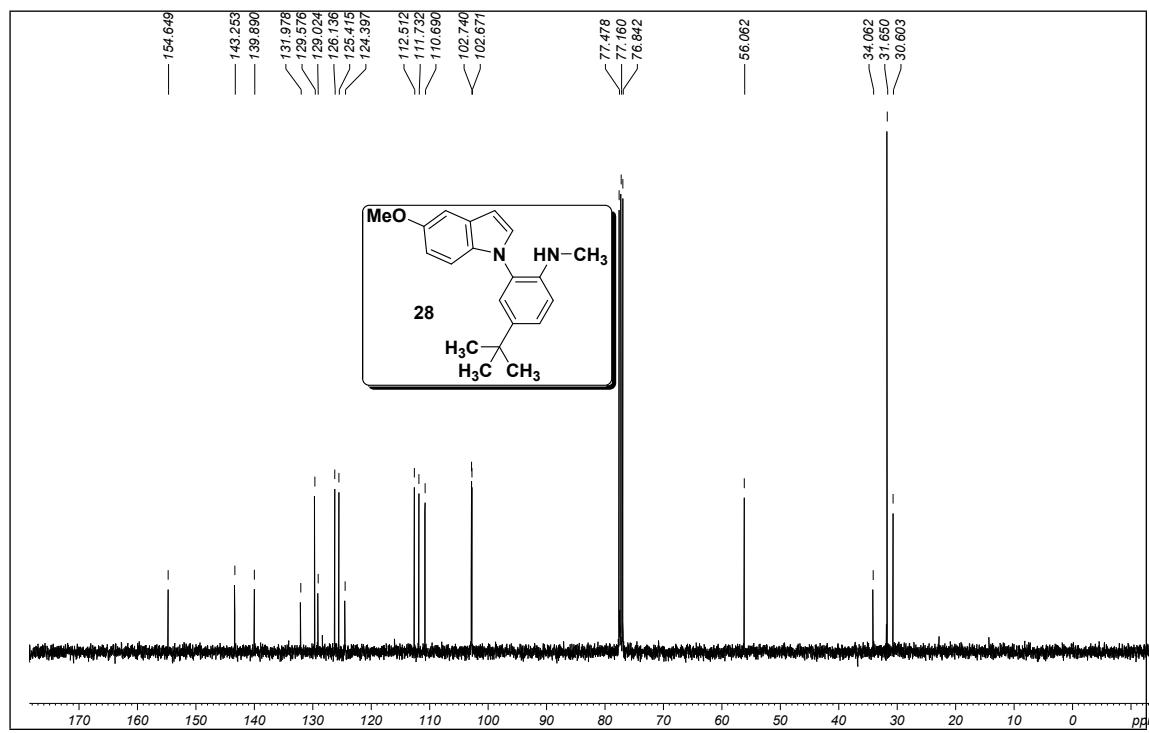


**Figure S118.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **26** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

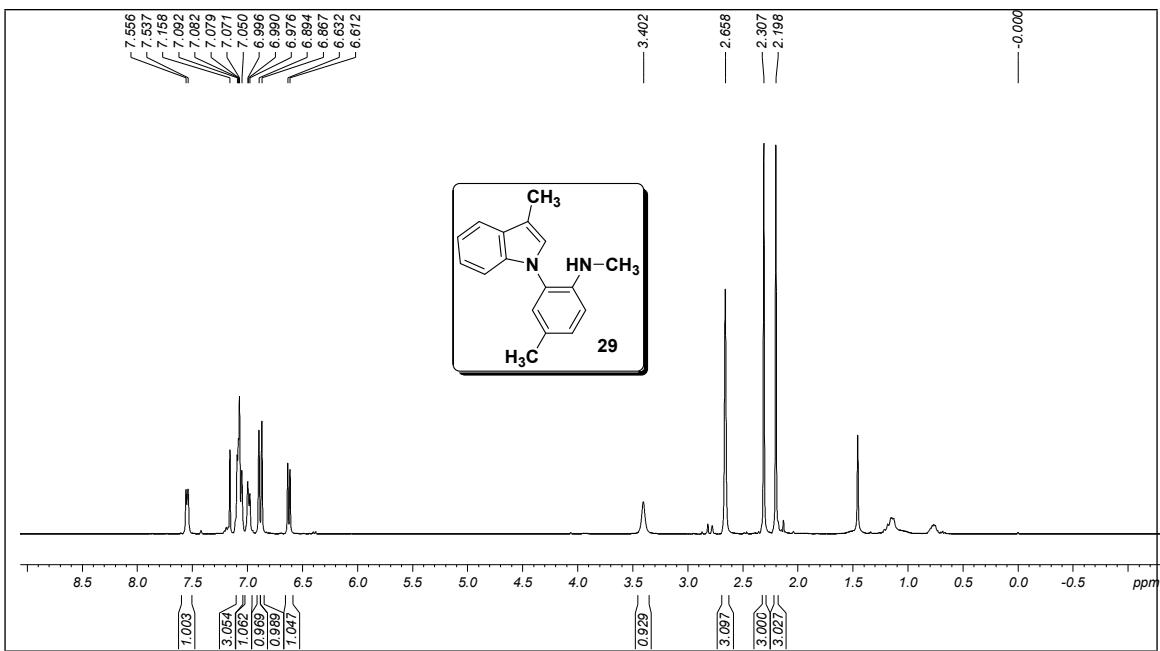




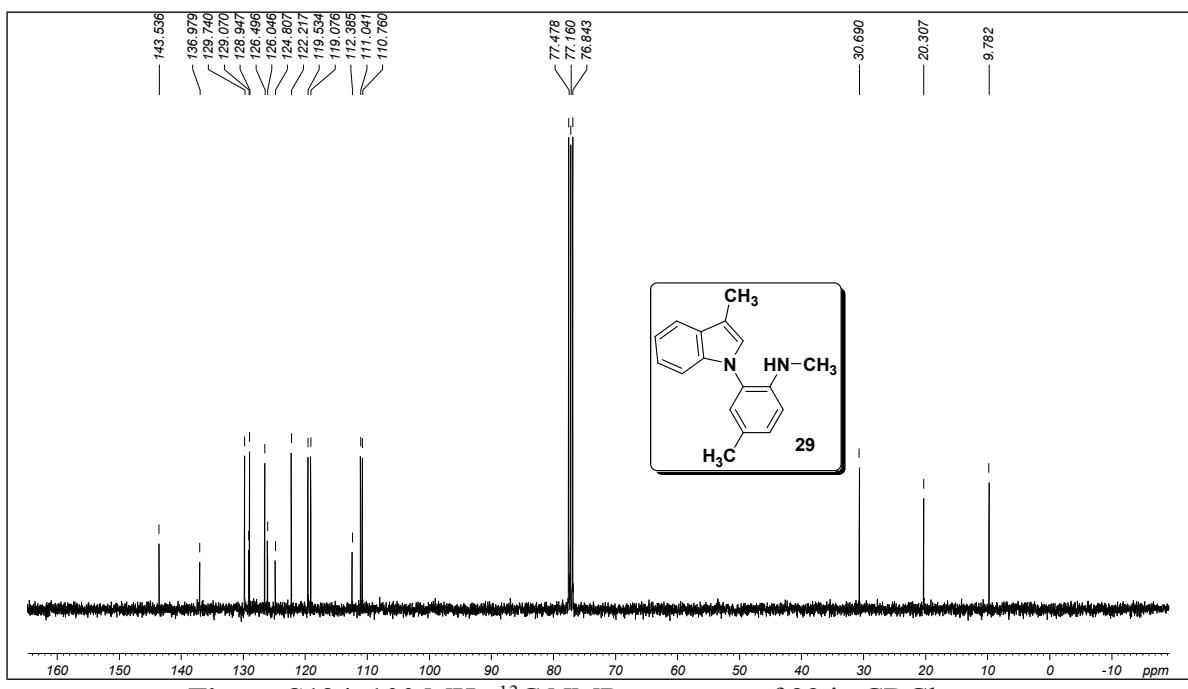
**Figure S121.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **28** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



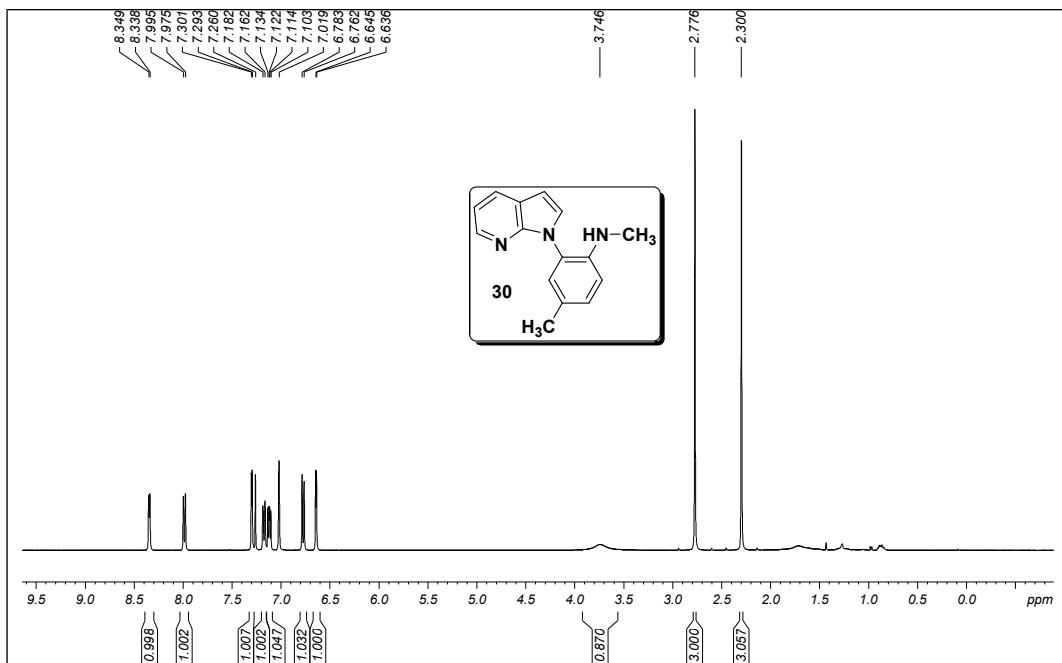
**Figure S122.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **28** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



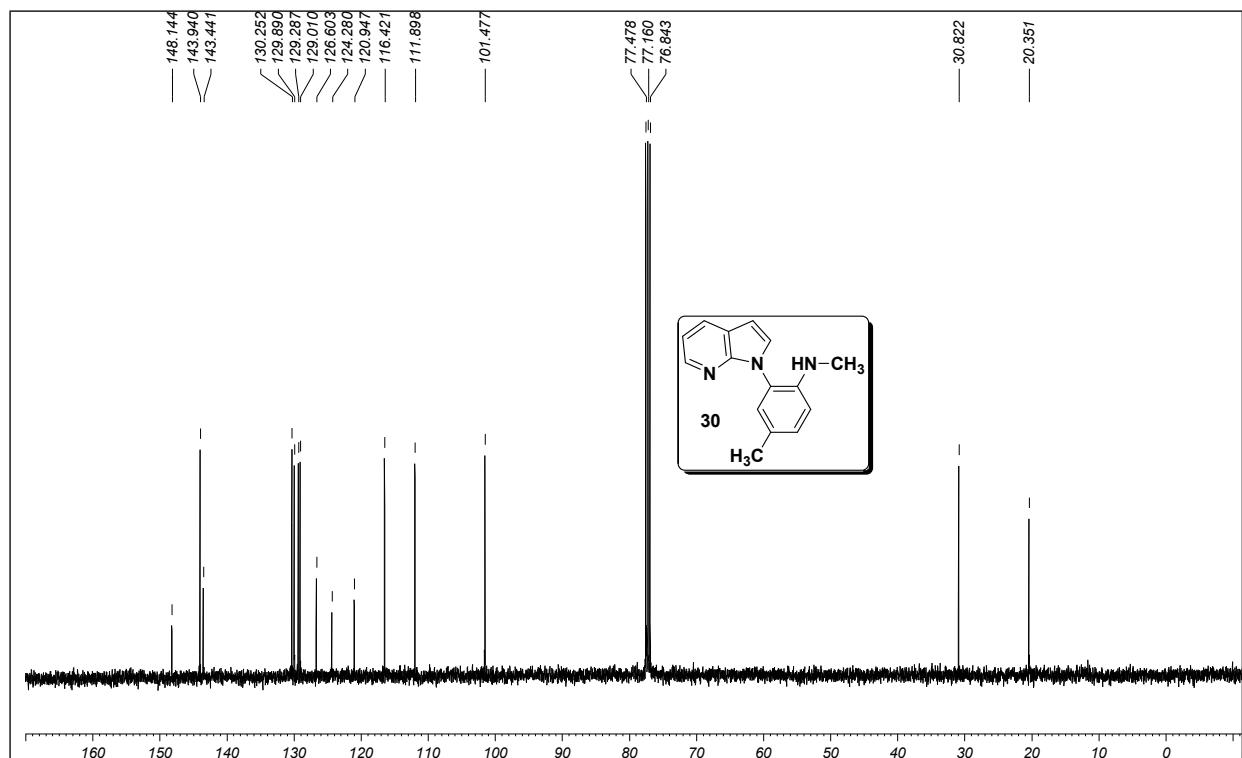
**Figure S123.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **29** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



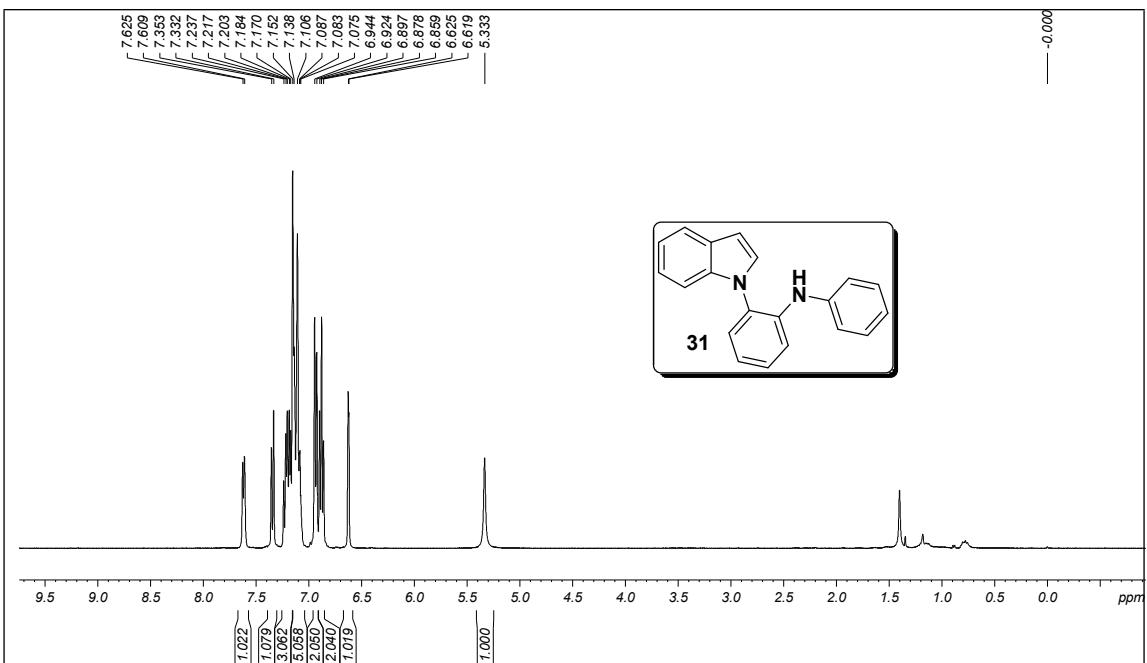
**Figure S124.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **29** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



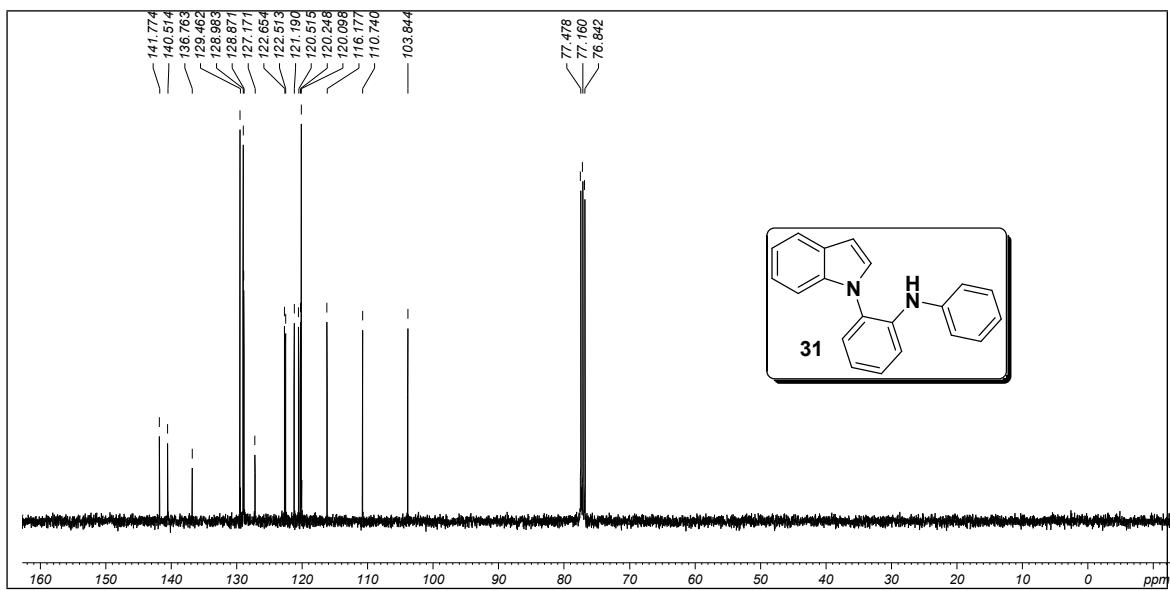
**Figure S125.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **30** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



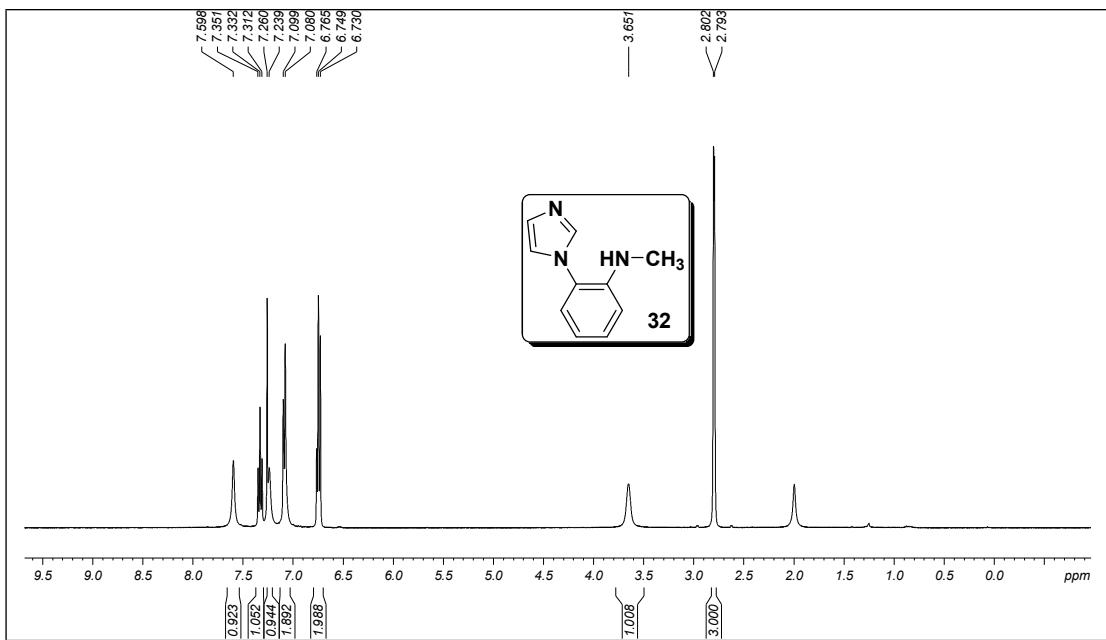
**Figure S126.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **30** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



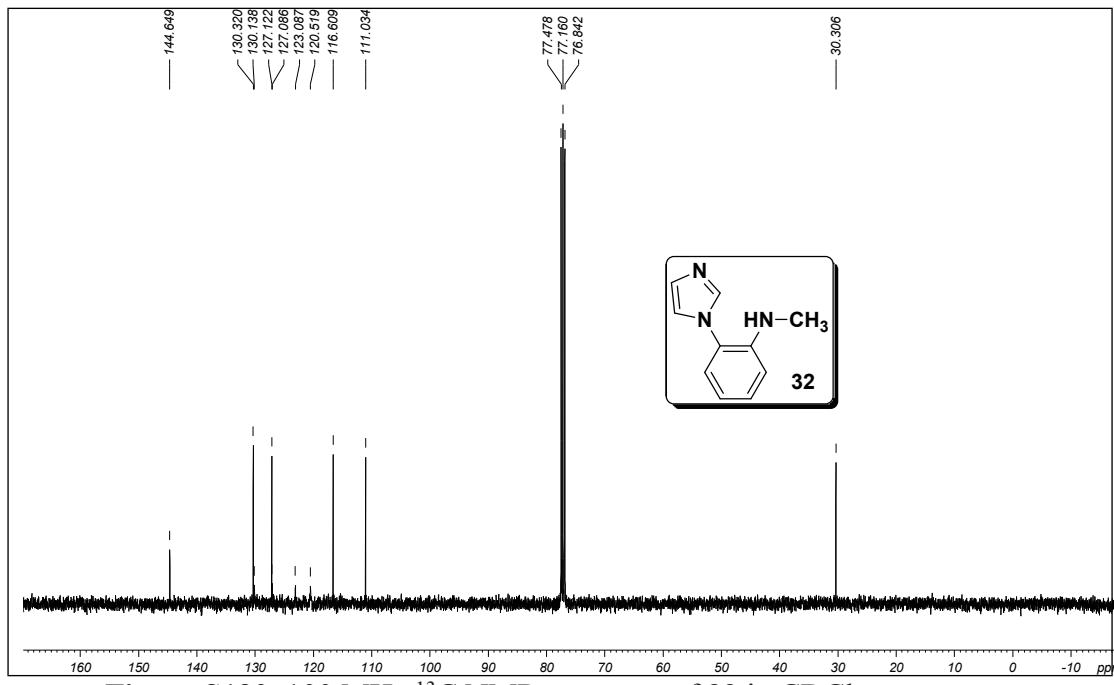
**Figure S127.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **31** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



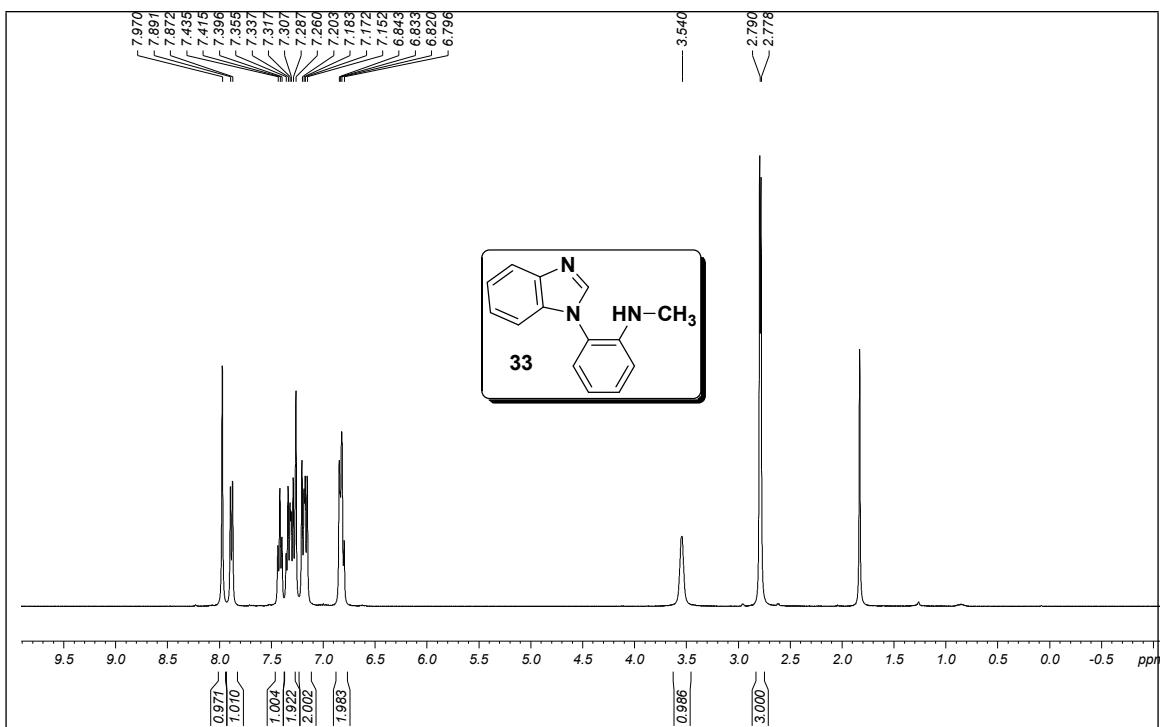
**Figure S128.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **31** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



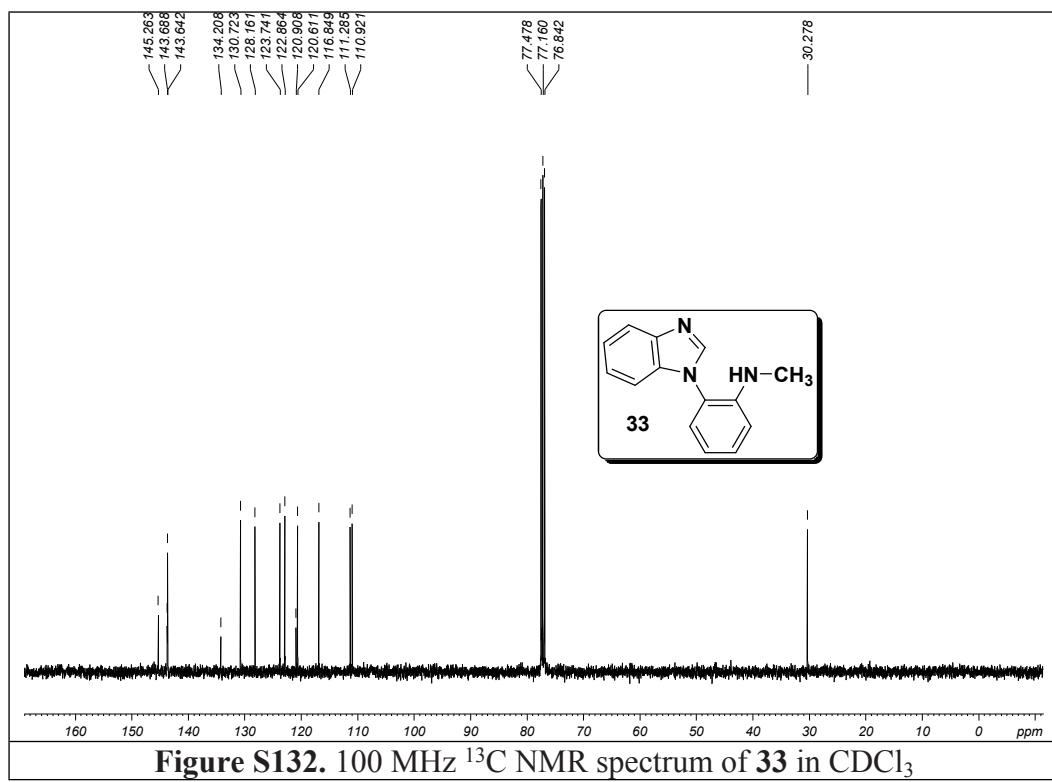
**Figure S129.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **32** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



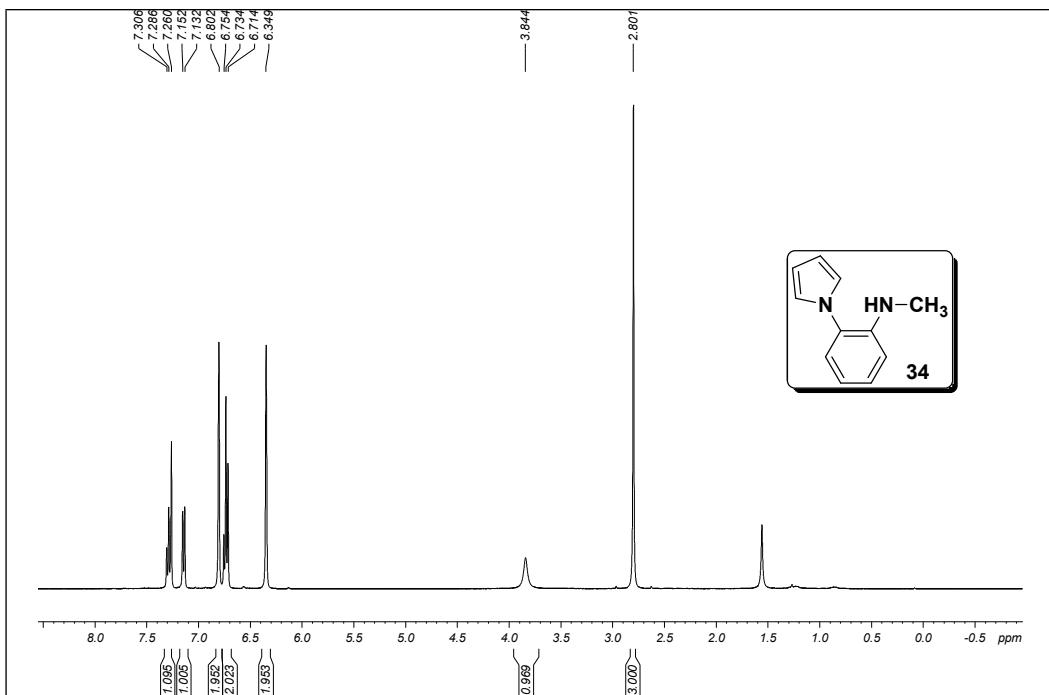
**Figure S130.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **32** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



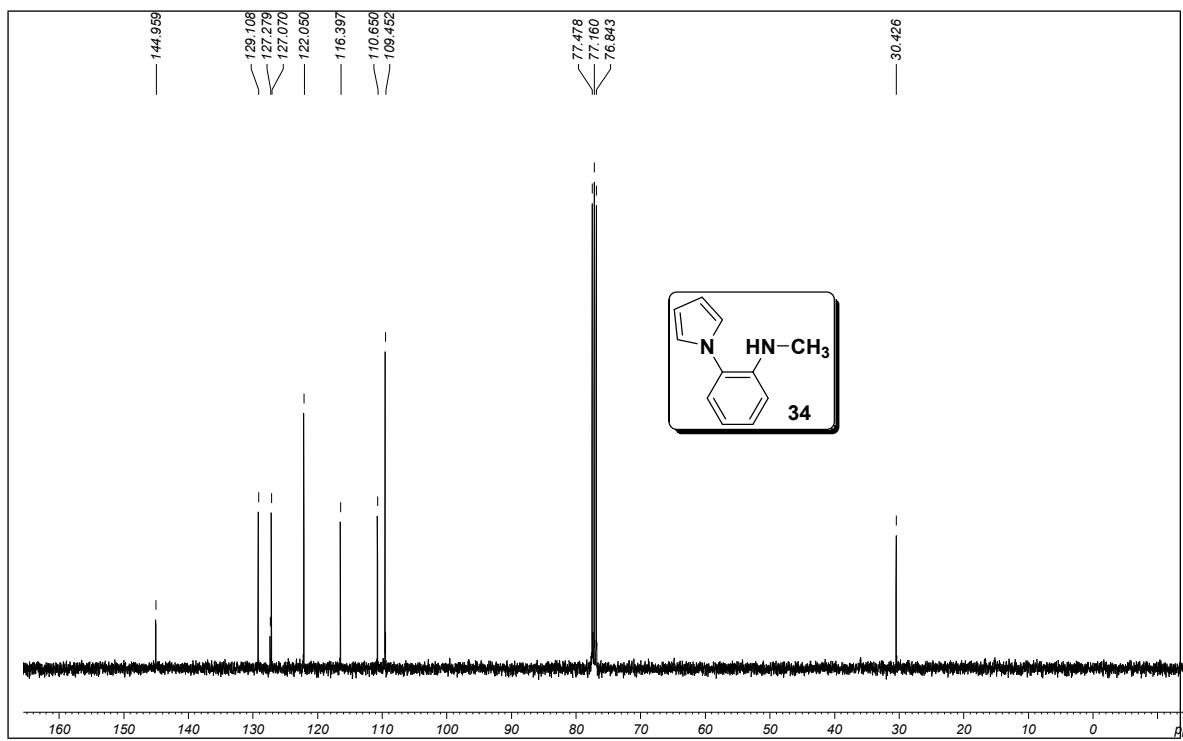
**Figure S131.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **33** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



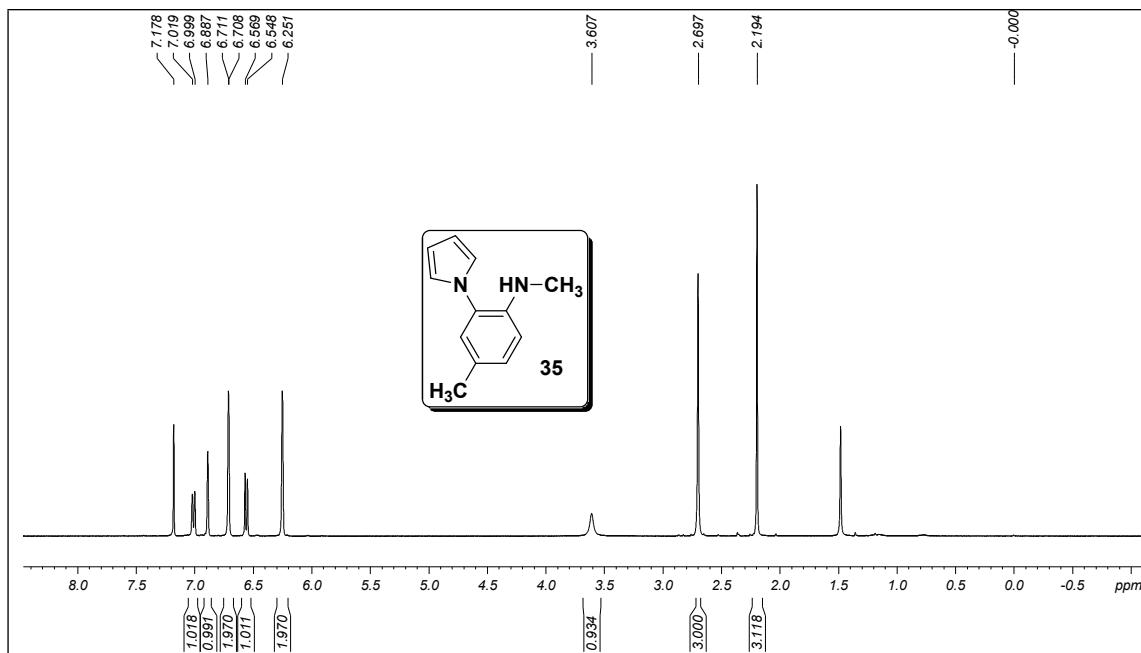
**Figure S132.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **33** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



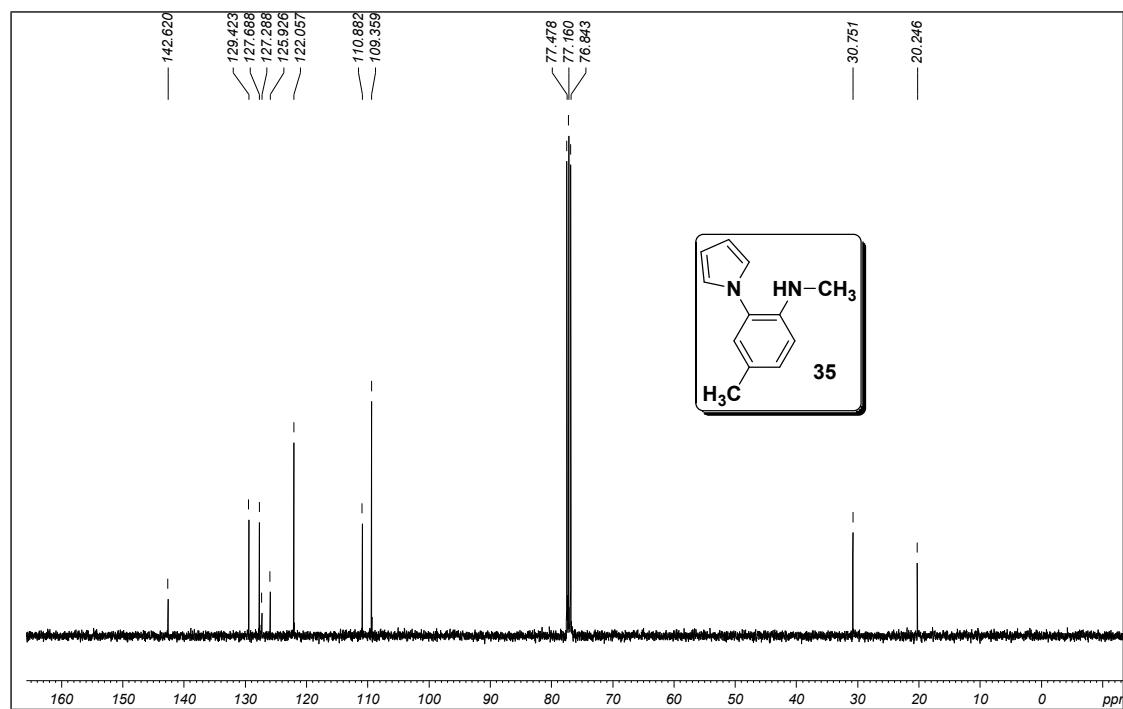
**Figure S133.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **34** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



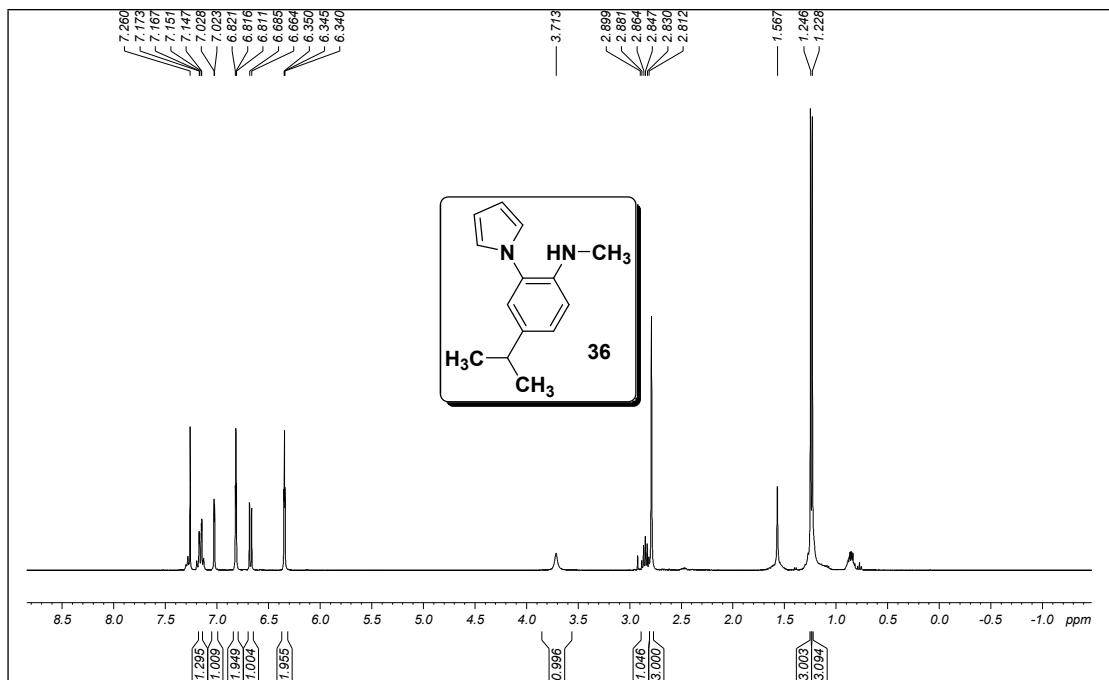
**Figure S134.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **34** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



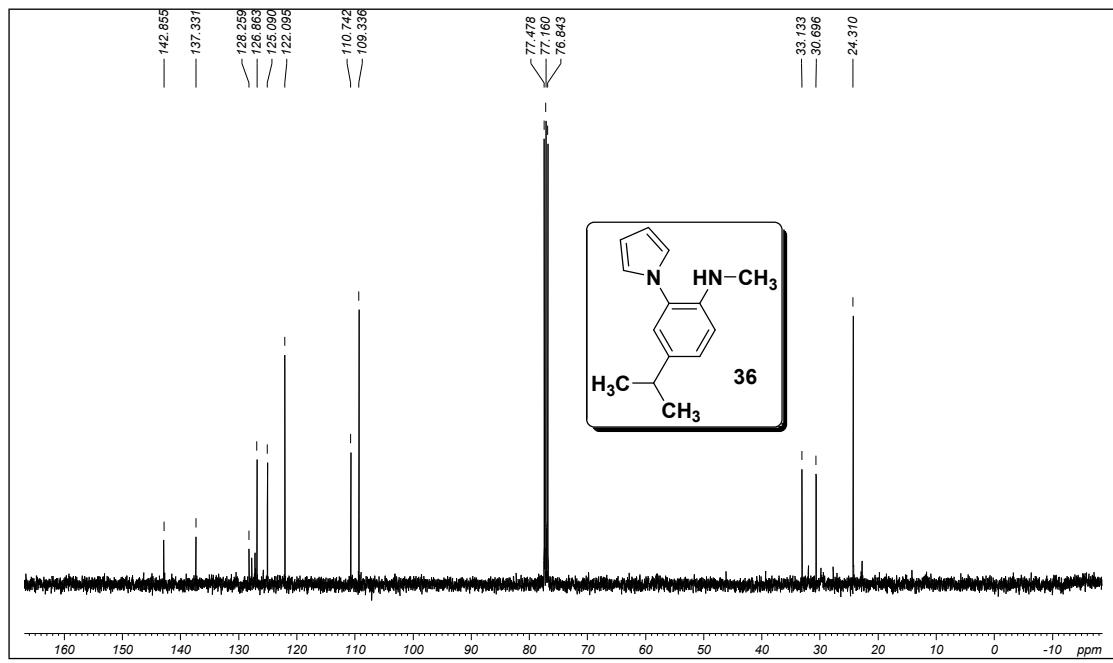
**Figure S135.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **35** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



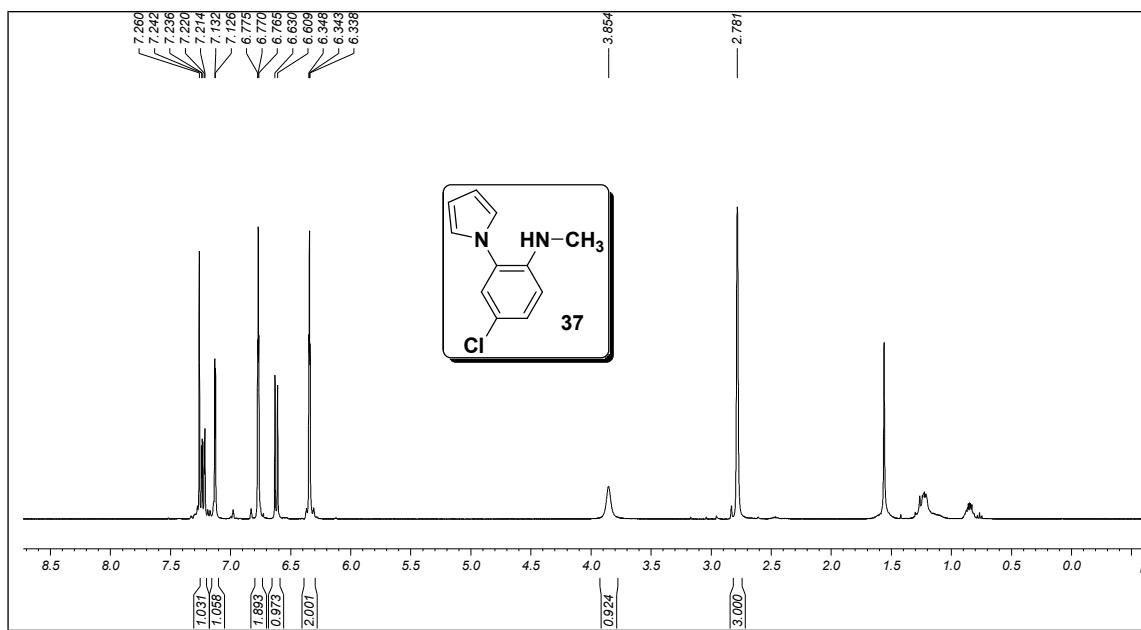
**Figure S136.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **35** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



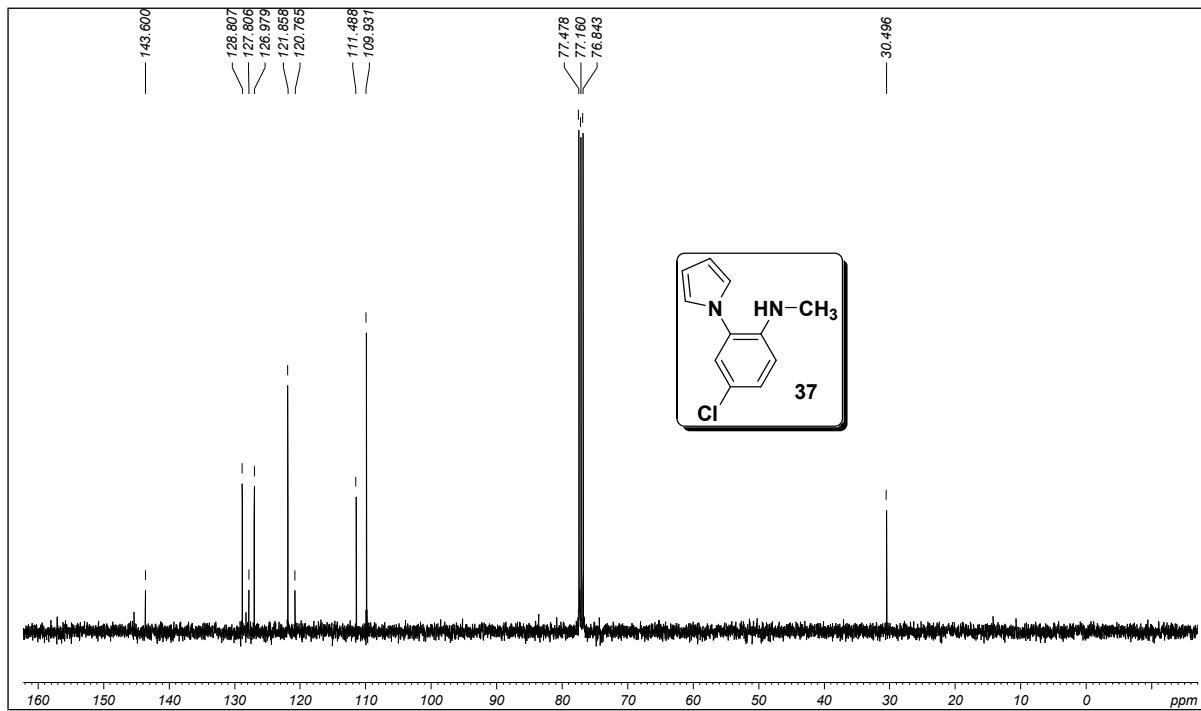
**Figure S137.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **36** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



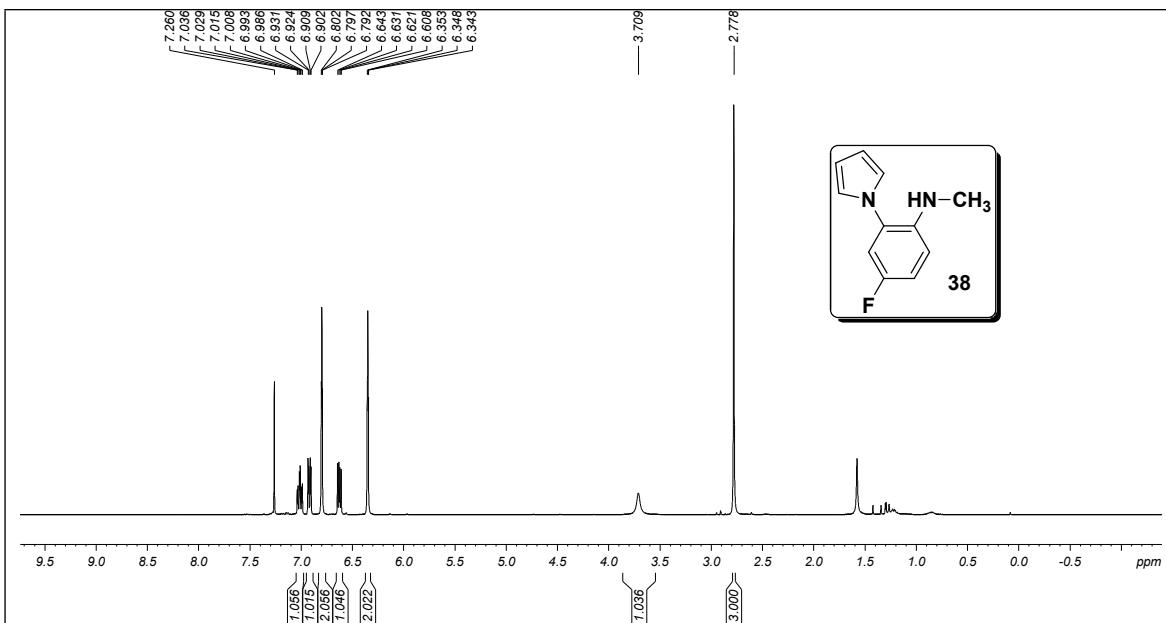
**Figure S138.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **36** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



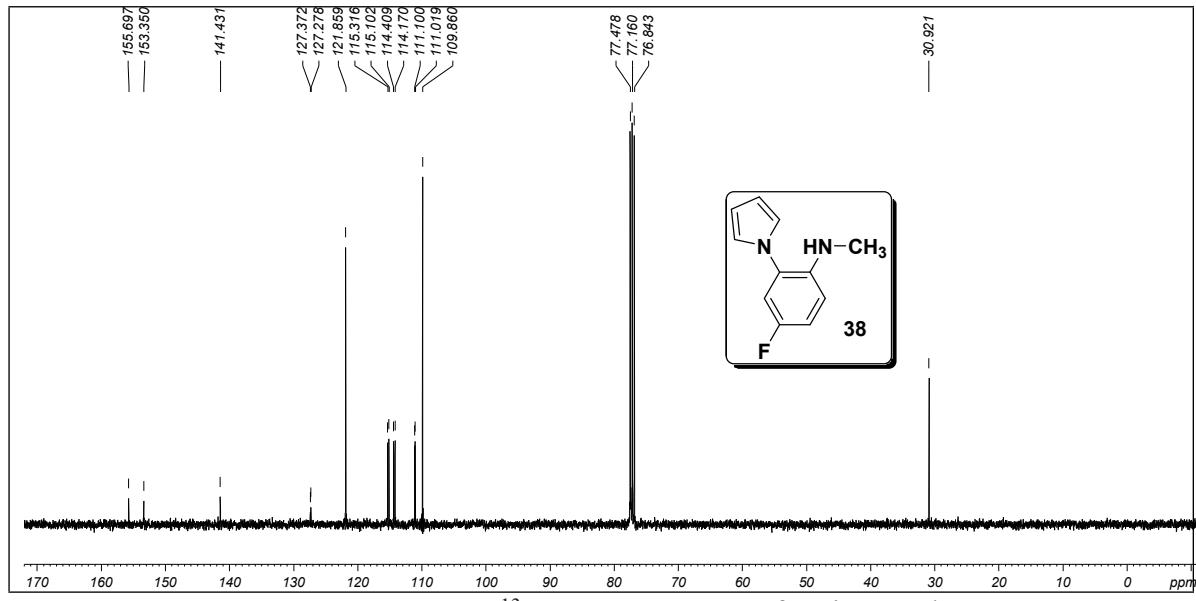
**Figure S139.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **37** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



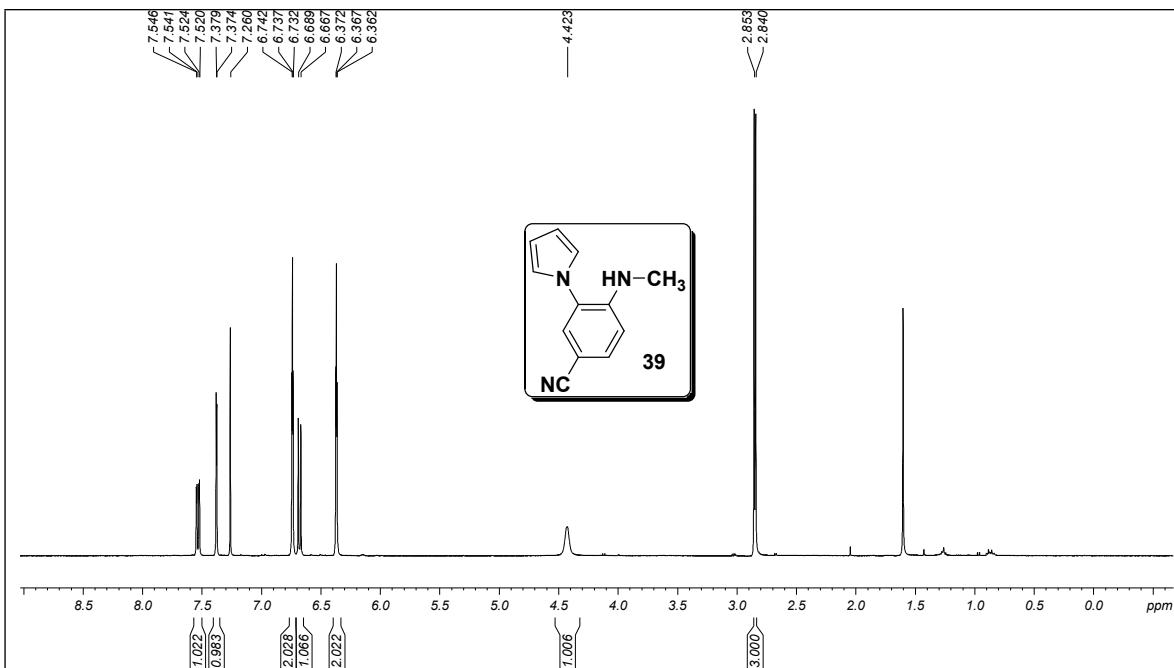
**Figure S140.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **37** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



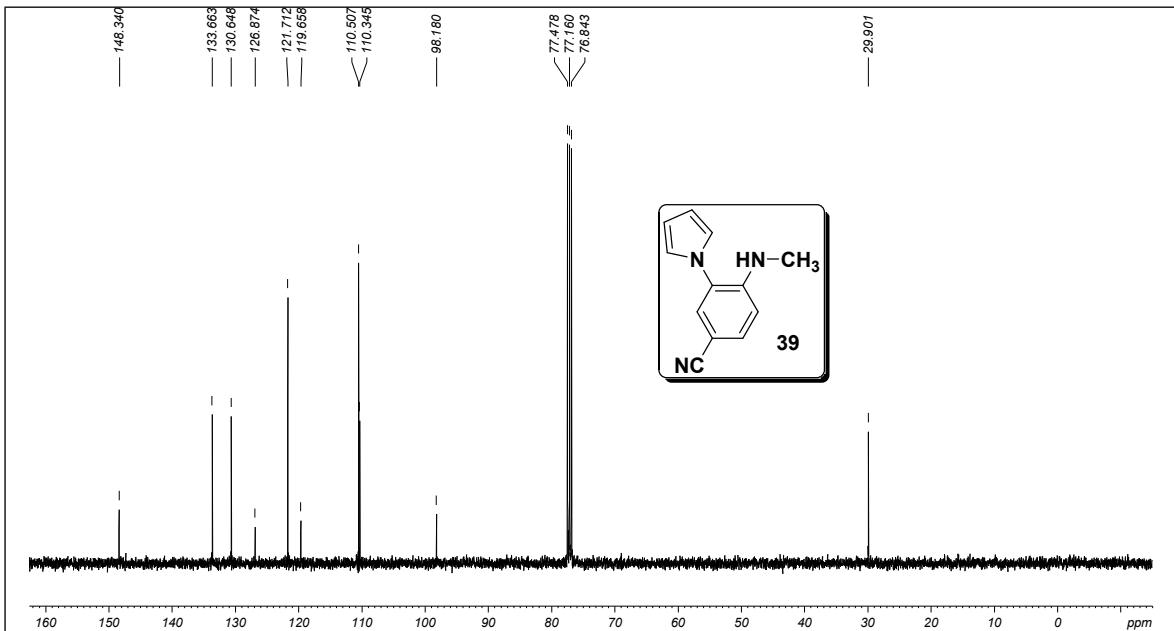
**Figure S141.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **38** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S142.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **38** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



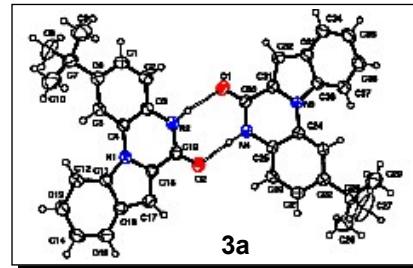
**Figure S143.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **39** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S144.** 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **39** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

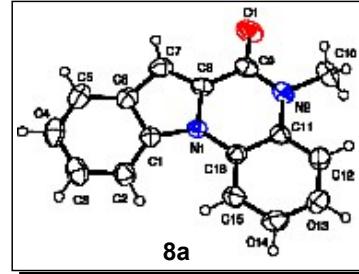
**XII. Table 1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for ‘3a’

Identification code	ACS1313
Empirical formula	C19 H18 N2 O
Formula weight	290.35
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 10.6986(5)$ Å $\alpha = 81.323(3)^\circ$ . $b = 11.3012(5)$ Å $\beta = 89.730(3)^\circ$ . $c = 14.4283(6)$ Å $\gamma = 61.927(2)^\circ$ .
Volume	1517.23(12) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.271 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.079 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	616
Crystal size	0.300 x 0.250 x 0.200 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	2.072 to 25.000°
Index ranges	-12<=h<=12, -13<=k<=13, -17<=l<=17
Reflections collected	35239
Independent reflections	5347 [R(int) = 0.0414]
Completeness to theta = 25.000°	100.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7457 and 0.7027
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	5347 / 0 / 407
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.027
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0446, wR2 = 0.1081
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0708, wR2 = 0.1287
Extinction coefficient	0.0068(11)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.181 and -0.170 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>



**XIII. Table 2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for ‘8a’

Identification code	1328B		
Empirical formula	C16 H12 N2 O		
Formula weight	248.28		
Temperature	293(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 7.480(6) Å	α= 90°.	
	b = 10.122(7) Å	β= 96.16(3)°.	
	c = 15.888(11) Å	γ = 90°.	
Volume	1196.0(15) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.379 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.088 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	520		
Crystal size	0.150 x 0.150 x 0.100 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	3.150 to 24.999°		
Index ranges	-8<=h<=8, -12<=k<=12, -18<=l<=18		
Reflections collected	18307		
Independent reflections	2094 [R(int) = 0.0334]		
Completeness to theta = 24.999°	99.5 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.7462 and 0.6786		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		
Data / restraints / parameters	2094 / 0 / 173		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.068		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0422, wR2 = 0.1050		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0555, wR2 = 0.1197		
Extinction coefficient	n/a		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.159 and -0.145 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>		



**XIV. Table 3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for ‘35a’

Identification code	ACS1461		
Empirical formula	C13 H12 N2 O		
Formula weight	212.25		
Temperature	296(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.9280(2) Å	α= 90°.	
	b = 10.4940(3) Å	β= 102.9760(10)°.	
	c = 15.3990(4) Å	γ = 90°.	
Volume	1090.96(5) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.292 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.084 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	448		
Crystal size	0.200 x 0.150 x 0.100 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	3.017 to 24.995°		
Index ranges	-8<=h<=8, -12<=k<=12, -18<=l<=18		
Reflections collected	27684		
Independent reflections	1967 [R(int) = 0.2297]		
Completeness to theta = 24.995°	99.7 %		
Absorption correction	Mnulti-scan		
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5782		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		
Data / restraints / parameters	1967 / 1 / 149		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.092		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0622, wR2 = 0.1624		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0738, wR2 = 0.1800		
Extinction coefficient	0.27(3)		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.246 and -0.248 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>		

