

Direct Synthesis of Pyridines and Quinolines by Coupling of γ -Aminoalcohols with Secondary Alcohols Liberating H₂ Catalyzed by Ruthenium Pincer Complexes

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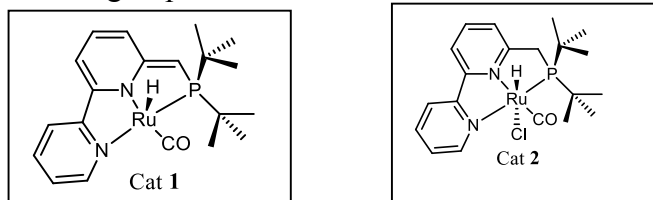
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1. General Information

All experiments with metal complexes and phosphine ligands were carried out under an atmosphere of purified nitrogen in a Vacuum Atmospheres glovebox equipped with a MO 40-2 inert gas purifier or using standard Schlenk techniques. All solvents were reagent grade or better. All non-deuterated solvents were refluxed over sodium/benzophenoneketyl and distilled under argon atmosphere. Deuterated solvents were used as received. All solvents were degassed with argon and kept in the glove box over 4Å molecular sieves. Most of the chemicals used in the catalytic reactions were purified according to standard procedures (vacuum distillation).¹ All ¹H NMR (300 MHz), ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) or ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX-300 NMR spectrometer for a CDCl₃ solution and reported in ppm (δ). NMR spectroscopy abbreviations: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. Mass spectra were recorded on Micromass Platform LCZ 4000, using Electro Spray Ionization (ESI) mode. GC-MS was carried out on HP 6890 (flame ionization detector and thermal conductivity detector) and HP 5973 (MS detector) instruments equipped with a 30 m column (Restek 5MS, 0.32 mm internal diameter) with a 5% phenylmethylsilicone coating (0.25 mm) and helium as carrier gas. GC analysis were carried out using a Carboxen 1000 column on a HP 690 series GC system or HP-5 cross linked 5% phenylmethylsilicone column (30m × 0.32mm × 0.25 μm film thickness, FID) on a HP 6890 series GC system using m-xylene (1 mmol) as an internal standard.

2. Experimental Procedures

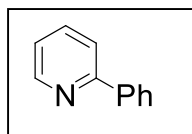
Complexes: The ruthenium-pincer complexes **1** and **2** were prepared according to reported procedures from our group.²



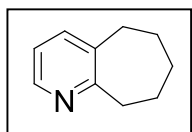
General procedure for the synthesis of pyridines and quinolines:

Complex **2** (0.01 mmol), γ-aminoalcohol (2 mmol), secondary alcohol (4 mmol), KO^tBu (2 mmol) and toluene+THF (2 mL+ 0.5 mL) were added to a Schlenk flask under an atmosphere of nitrogen in a Vacuum Atmospheres glovebox. The flask was equipped with a condenser and the solution was refluxed with stirring in an open system under argon at 135 °C oil bath temperature. The reaction products were analyzed by GC-MS. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane and filtered through celite. Evaporation of the solvent gave the crude product which was further purified by column chromatography using silica gel and 5-20% ethyl acetate/ hexane as eluant.

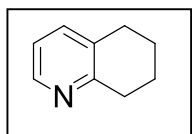
3. Spectroscopic characterization of the pyridines and quinolines:



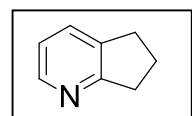
2-phenylpyridine: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 8.7 (d, $J=4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.03-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J=3.42$ Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.39 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 157.44, 149.69, 139.41, 136.77, 128.99, 128.78, 126.93, 122.12, 120.57.



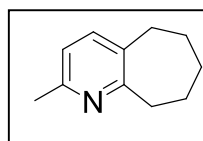
6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-cyclohepta[b]pyridine: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 8.24 (dd, $J=4.56$, 1.23 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J=6.75$ Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 1H), 3.02-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.71 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.58 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 163.32, 146.18, 138.14, 136.43, 121.22, 39.53, 35.38, 32.58, 27.98, 26.51.



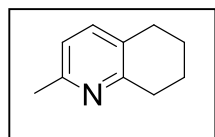
5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 8.31 (d, $J=3.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 1H), 2.90 (t, $J=6.39$ Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, $J=6.27$ Hz, 2H), 1.9-1.78 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 157.46, 146.84, 136.84, 132.36, 120.95, 32.58, 28.85, 23.16, 22.77.



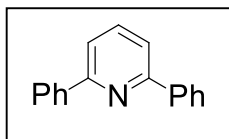
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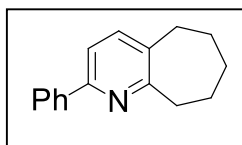
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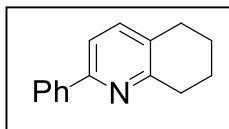
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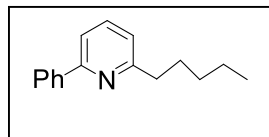
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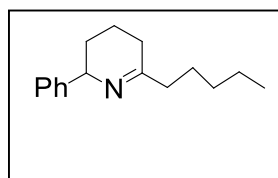
2-phenyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-cyclohepta[b]pyridine: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ : 7.99 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.34 (m, 5H), 3.16-3.13 (m, 2H), 2.83-2.79 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.9-1.70 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 163.21, 154.10, 139.90, 137.27, 136.62, 128.70, 128.37, 126.86, 117.95, 39.83, 35.10, 32.67, 28.20, 26.75.



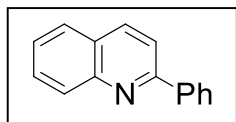
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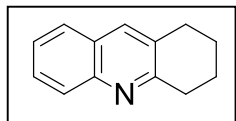
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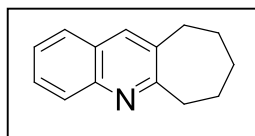
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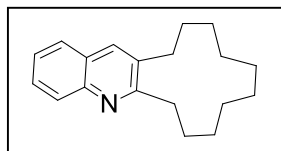
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1,2,3,4-tetrahydroacridine: ^{121}H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ : 7.97 (d, J = 8.49 Hz, 1H) 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.67–7.56 (m, 2H); 7.40 (t, J = 7.41, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (t, J = 6.39 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 6.45 Hz, 2H), 2.93–2.01 (m, 2H), 1.9–1.82 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 159.33, 146.67, 134.99, 130.98, 128.50, 128.33, 127.25, 126.93, 125.55, 33.63, 29.29, 23.28, 22.96.

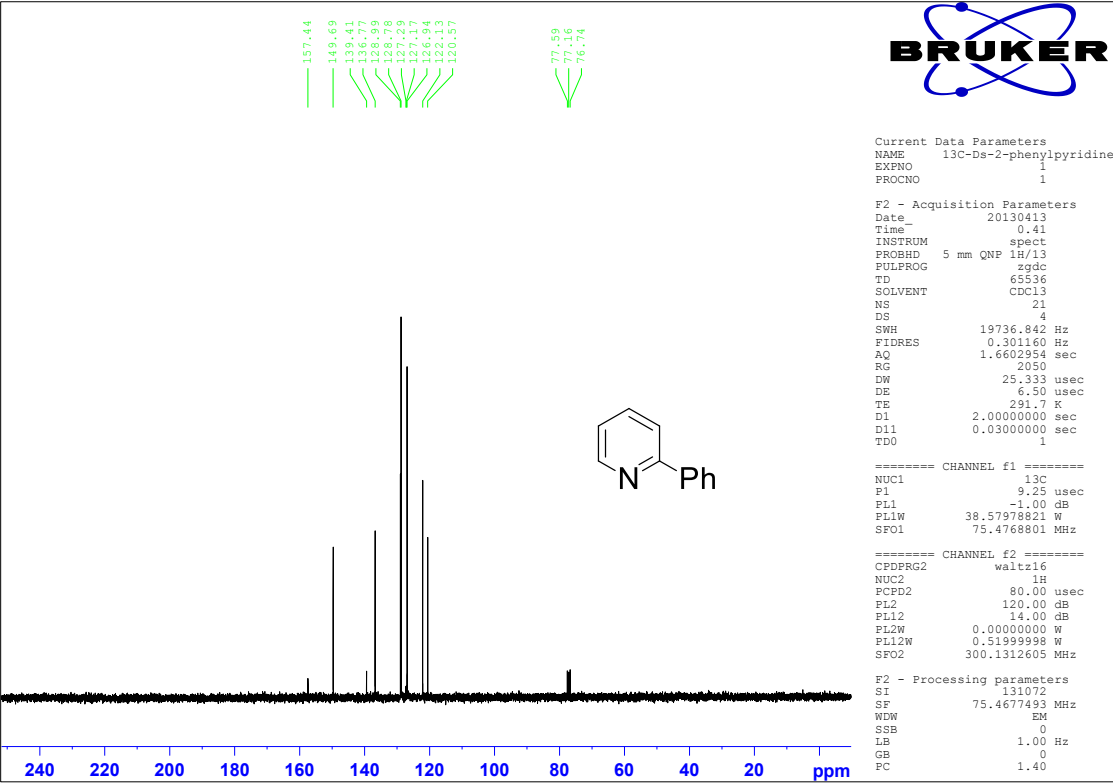
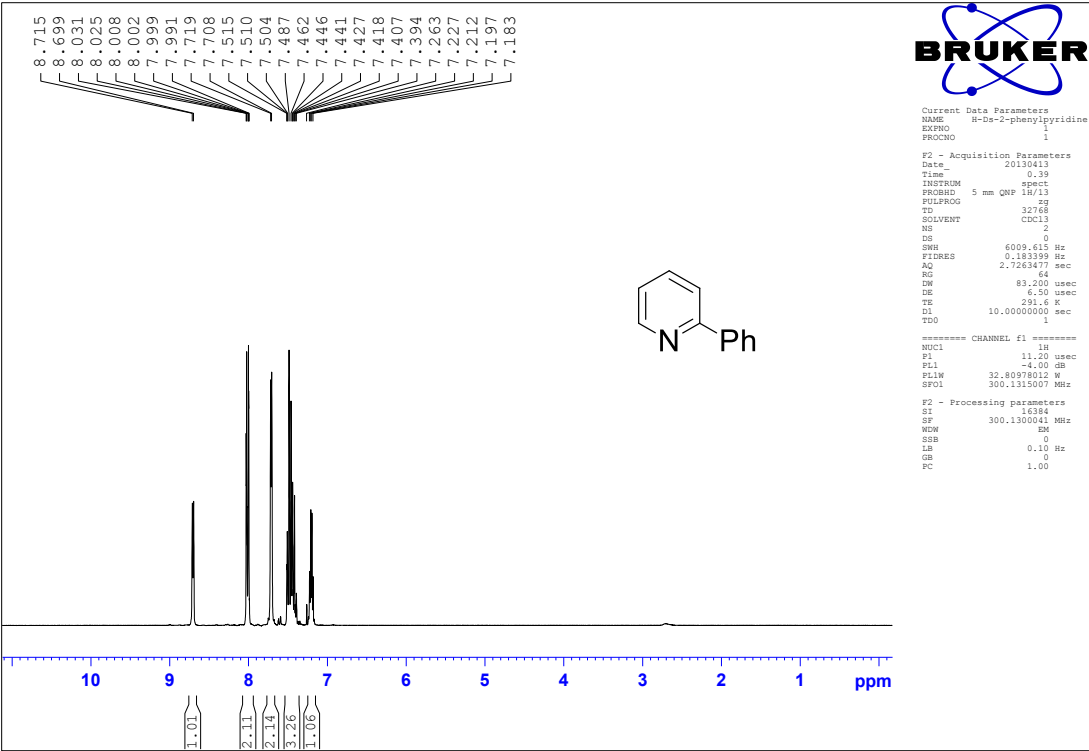


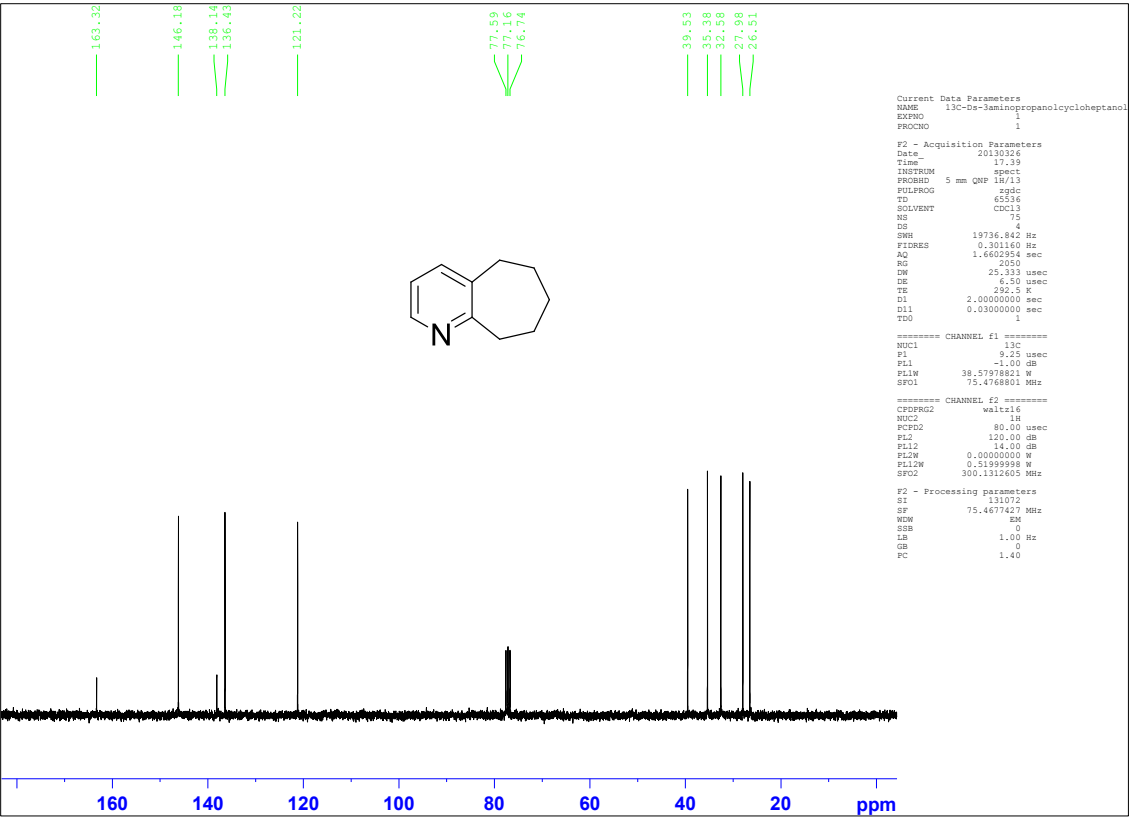
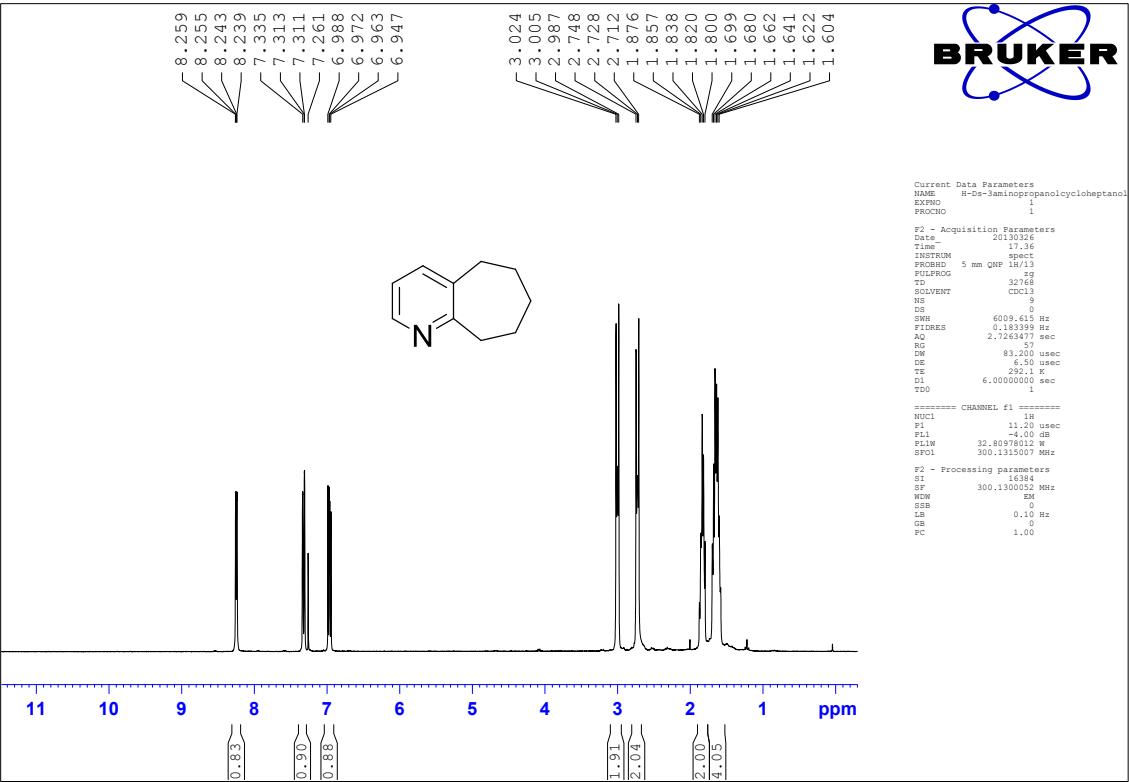
7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-cyclohepta[b]quinoline: ^{131}H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ : 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H) 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.67–7.56 (m, 2H); 7.43–7.28 (m, 1H), 3.20–3.16 (m, 2H), 2.90–2.86 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.68 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 164.67, 146.29, 136.50, 134.56, 128.49, 128.45, 127.38, 126.83, 125.74, 40.1, 35.45, 32.25, 28.88, 27.04.

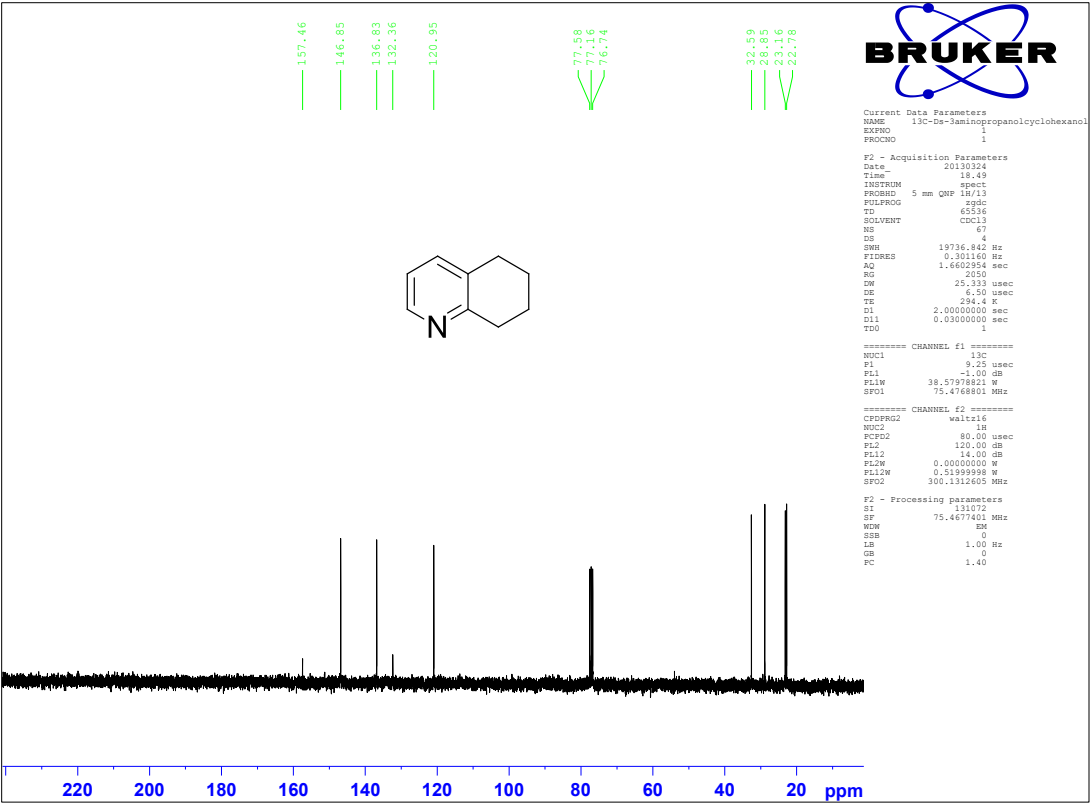
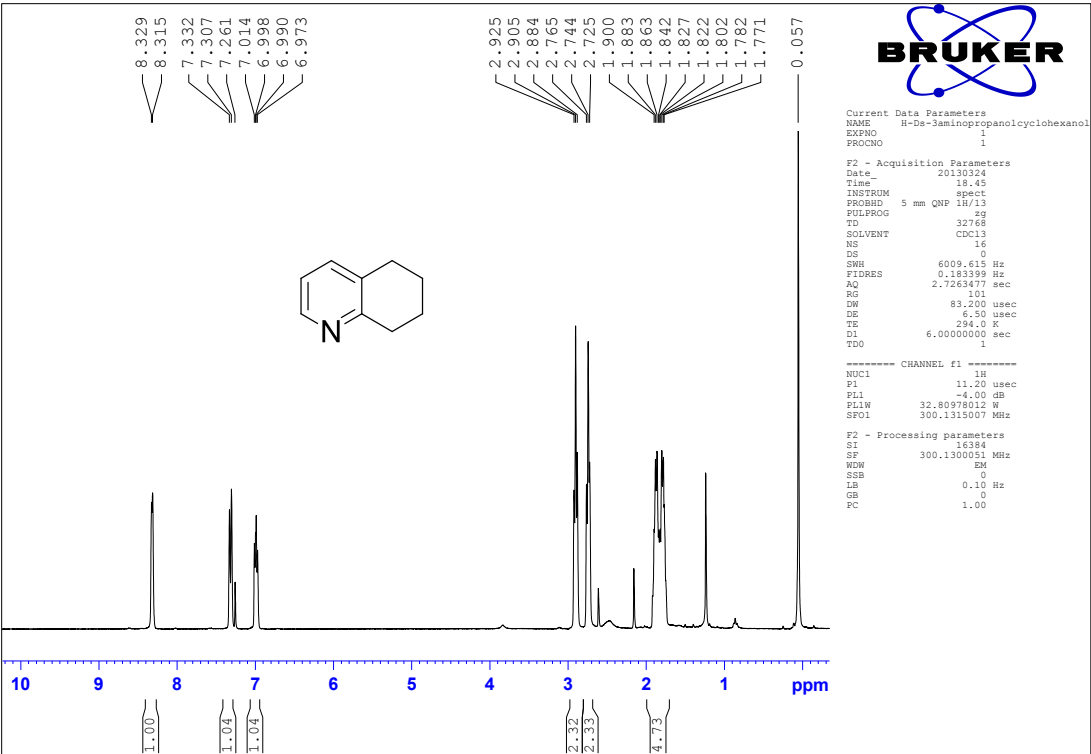


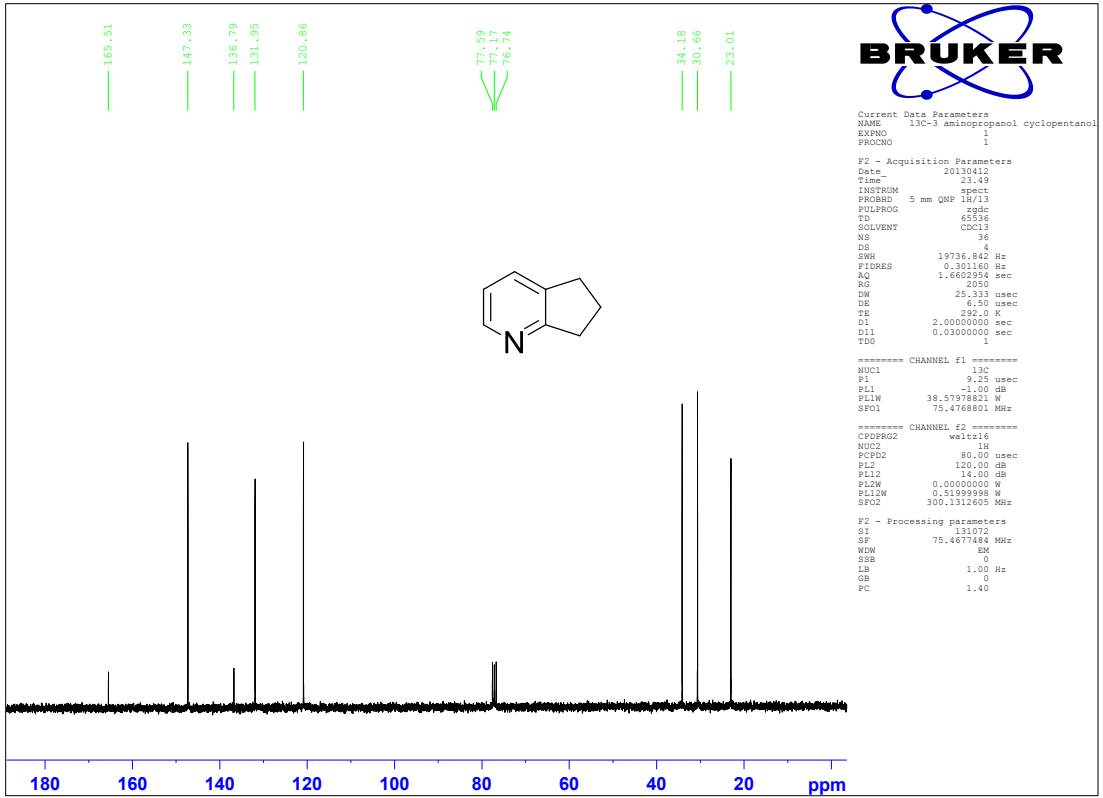
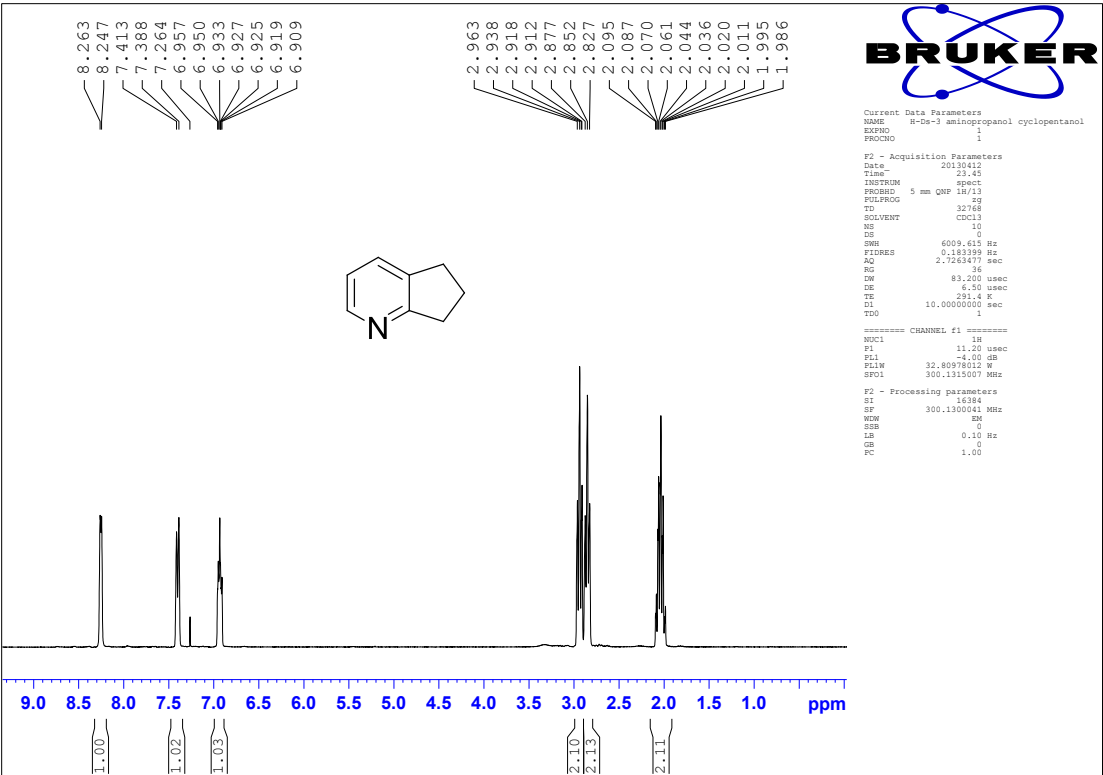
6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15-decacyclododeca[b]quinoline: ^{141}H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ : 8.00 (d, J = 8.46 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.07 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.65 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.38 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (t, J = 7.68 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.77 Hz, 2H), 2.00–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.41 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 162.76, 146.65, 135.86, 134.93, 128.49, 128.46, 127.24, 126.90, 125.62, 32.80, 29.83, 29.74, 28.59, 26.81, 26.57, 26.11, 25.54, 23.18, 23.09.

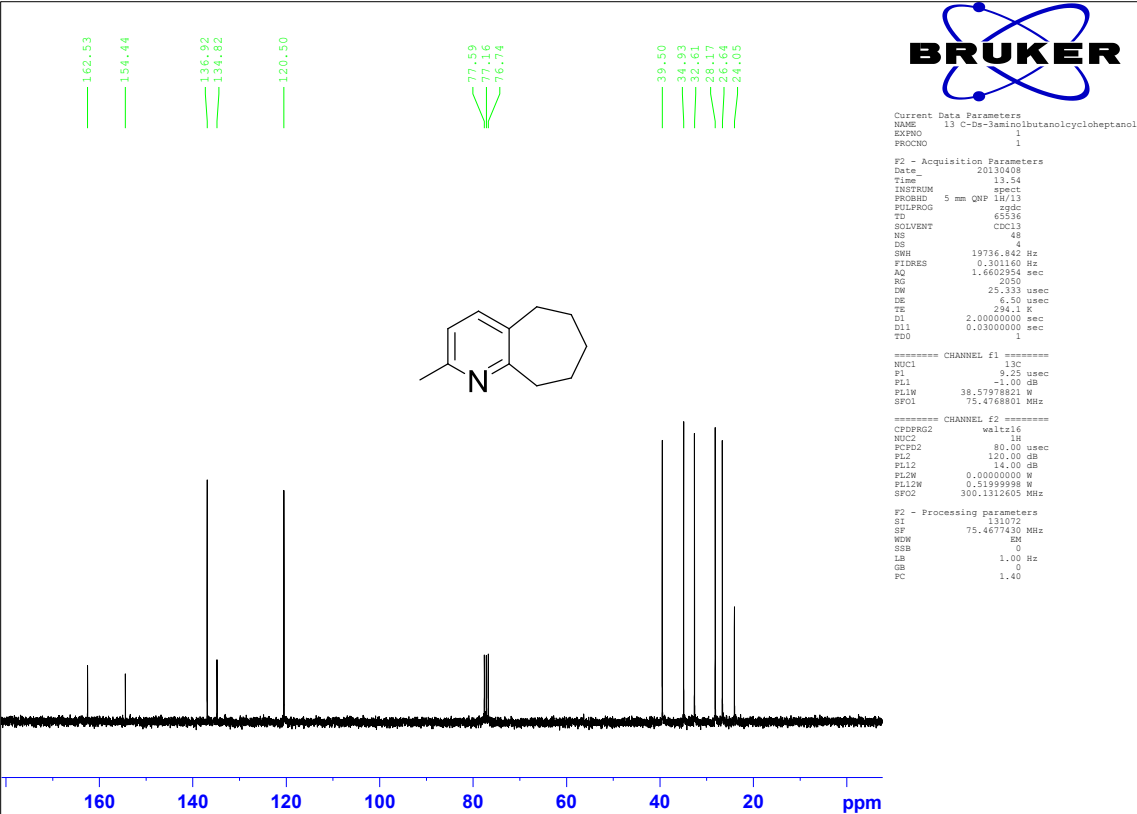
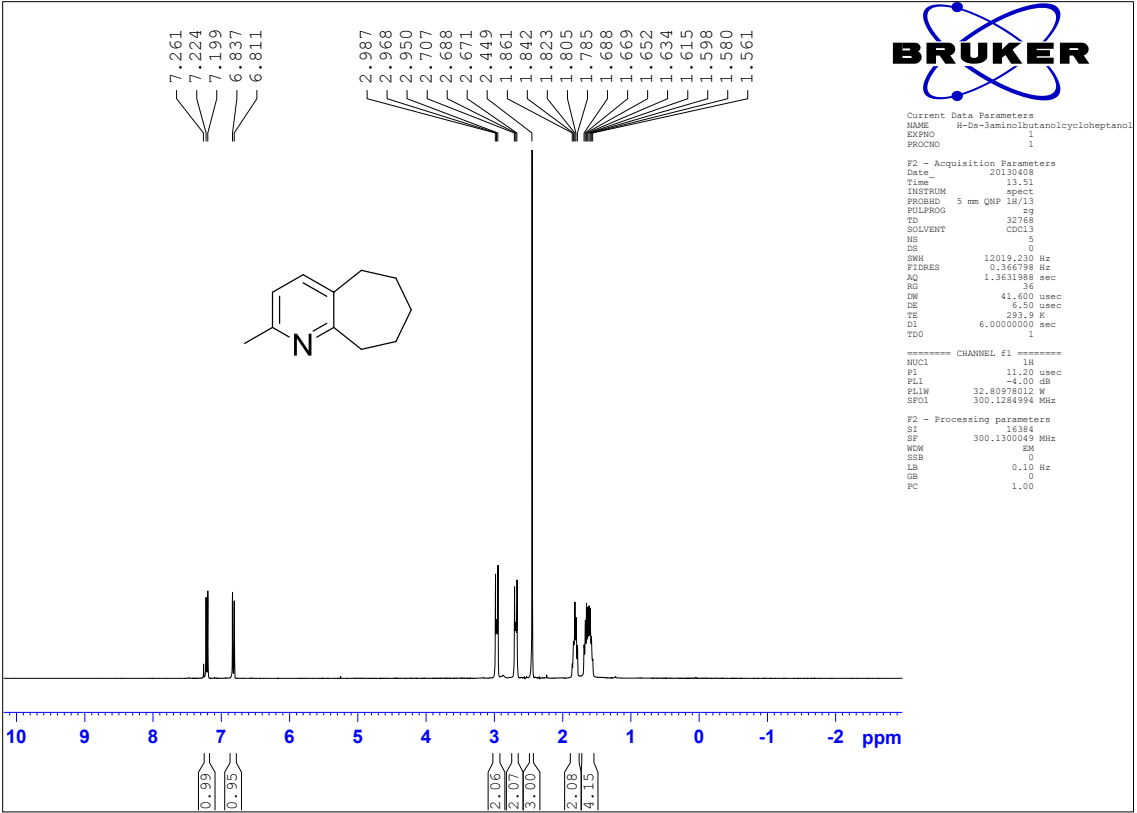
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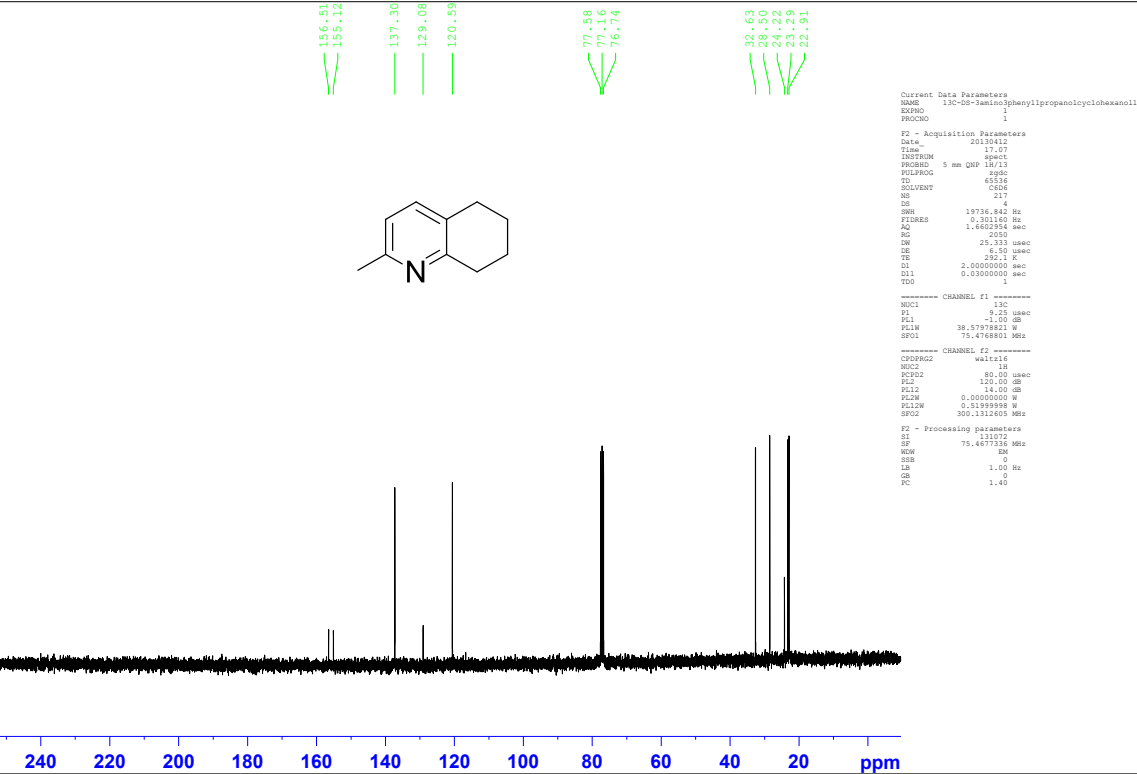
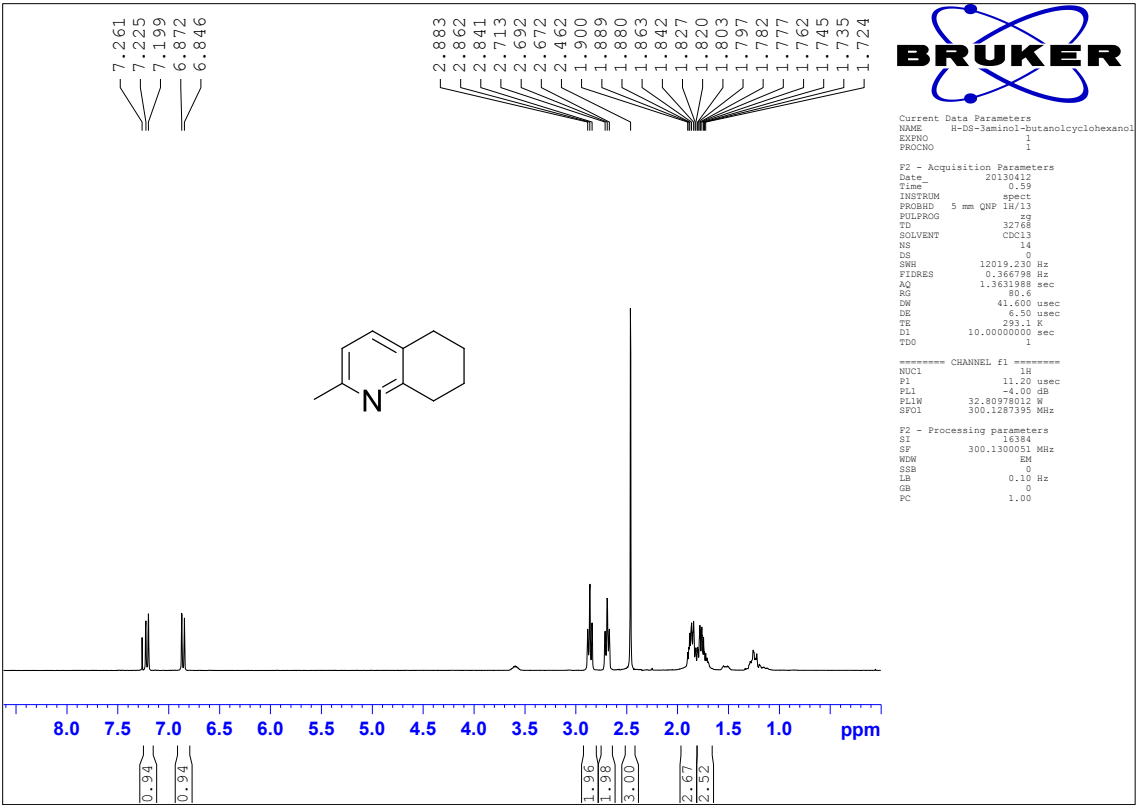


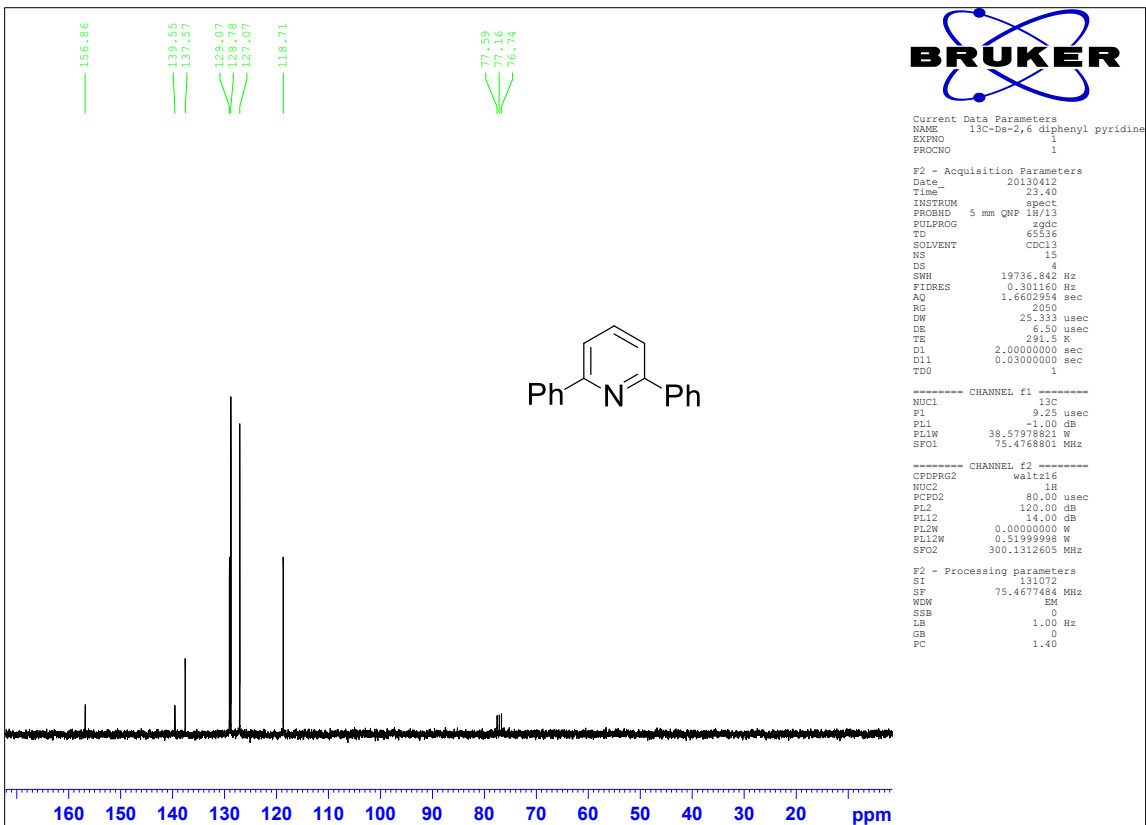
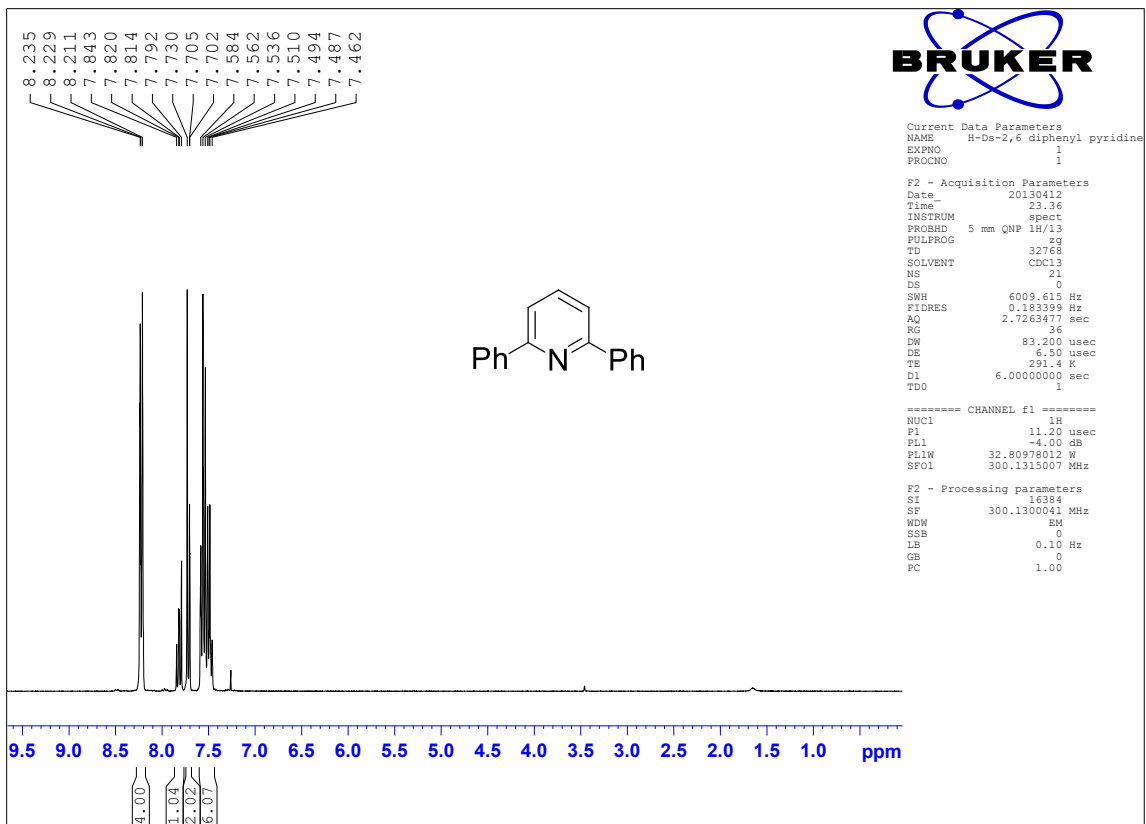


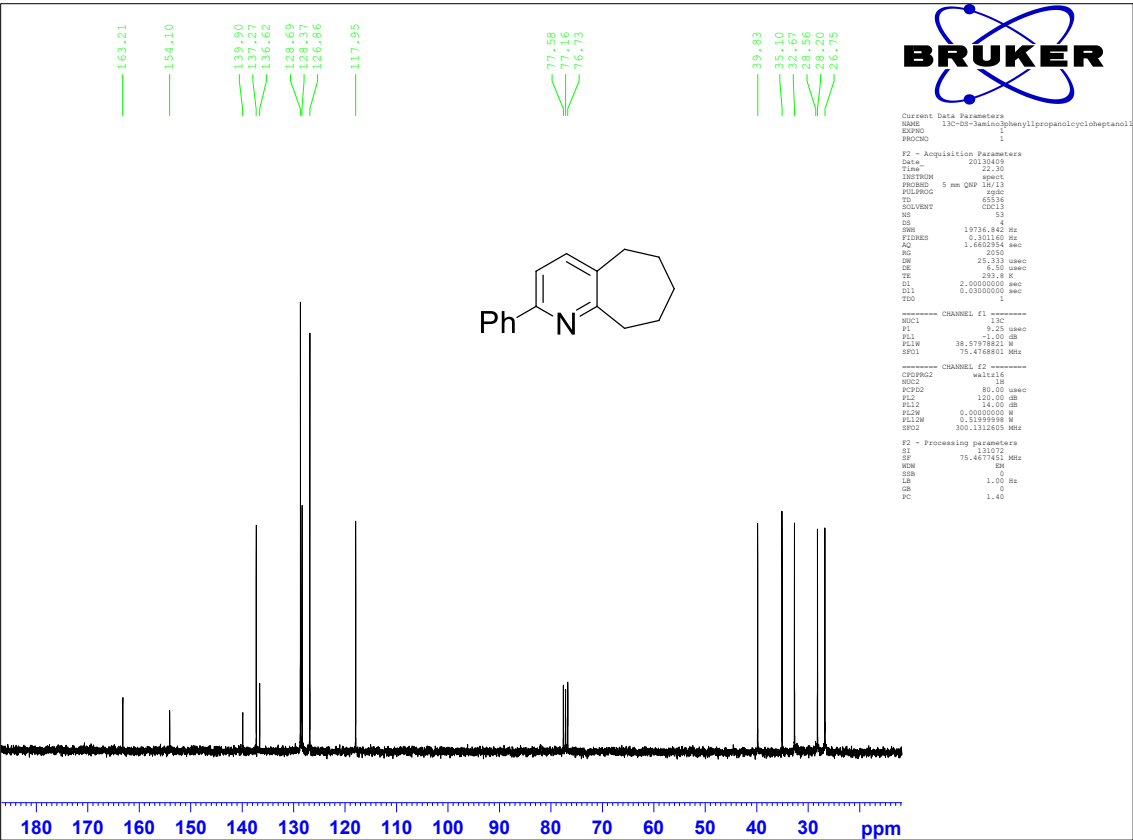
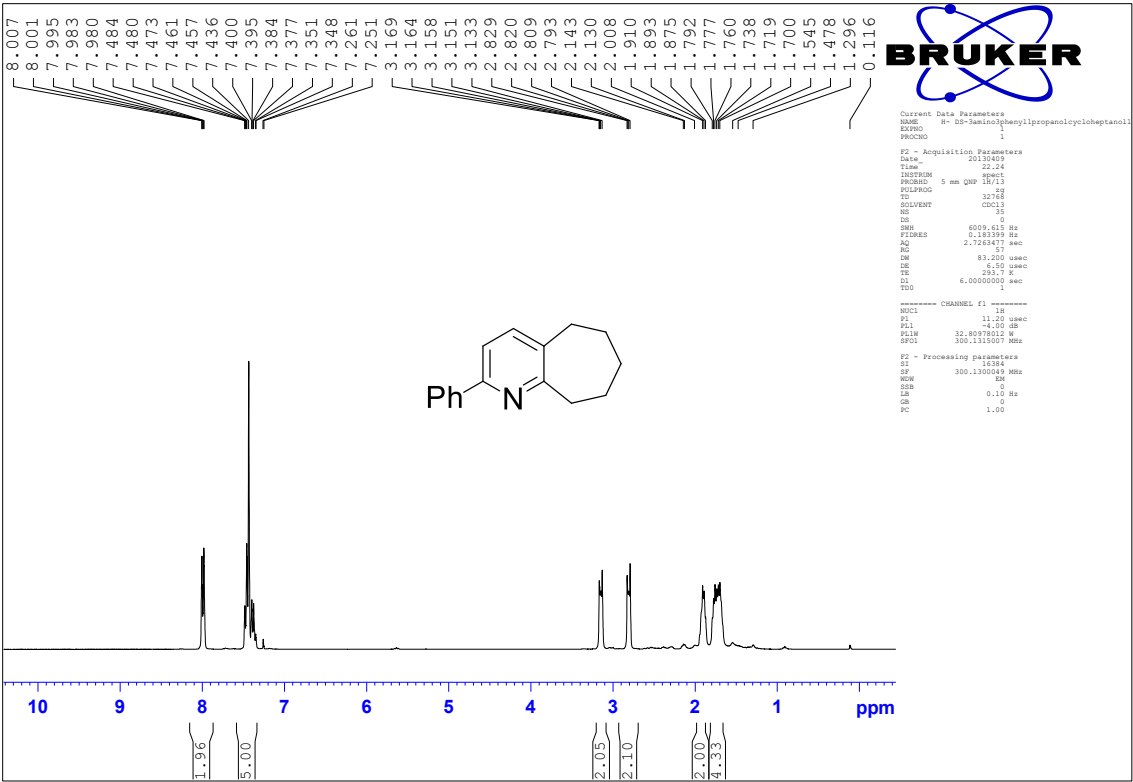


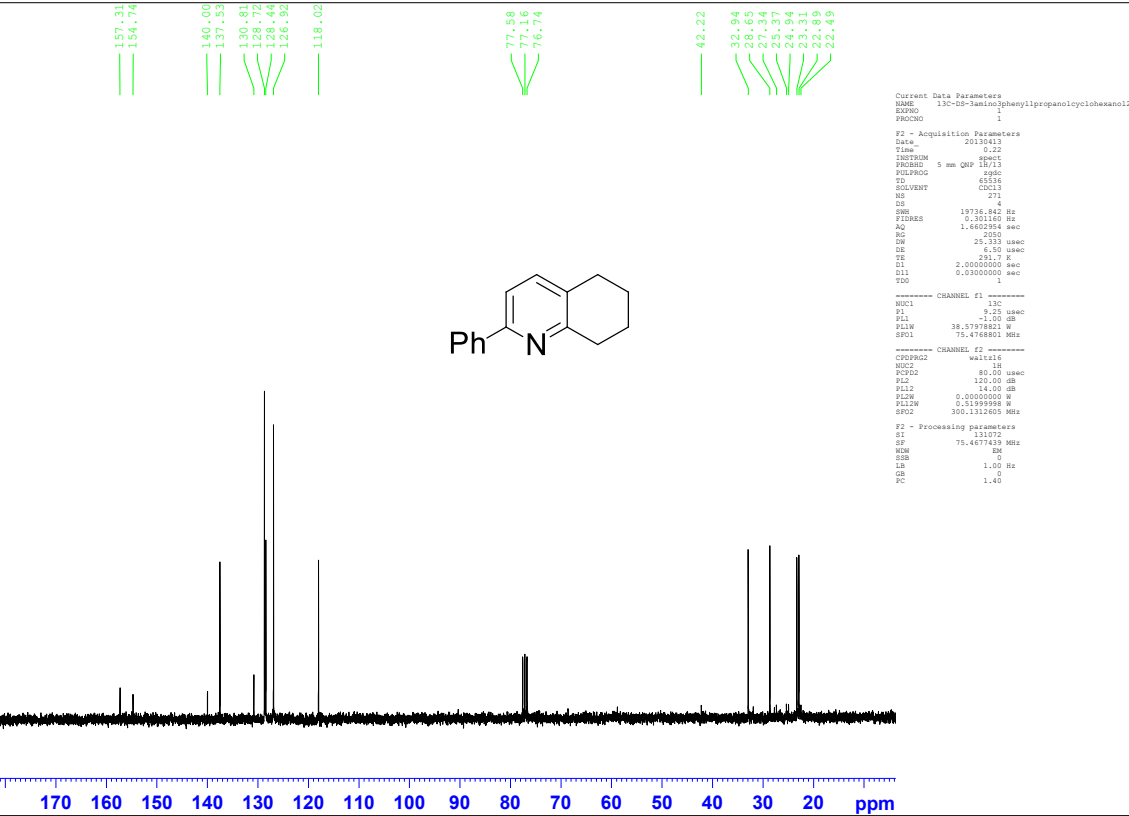
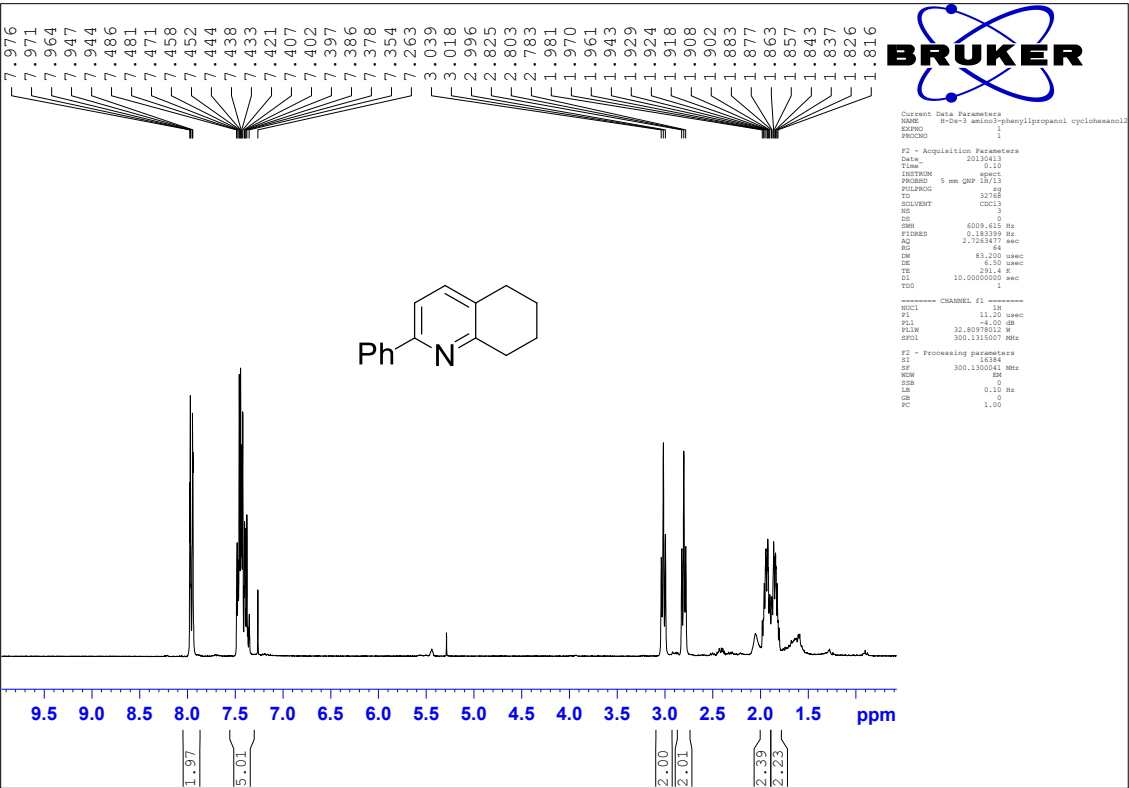


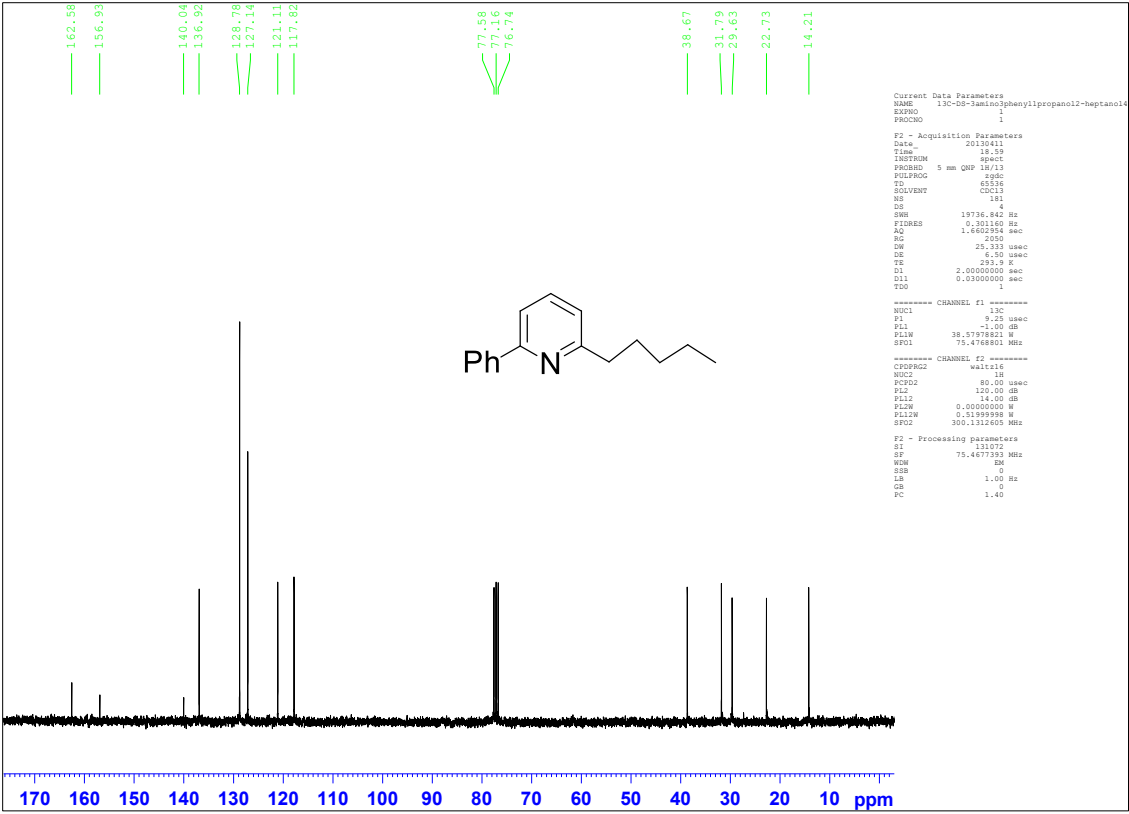
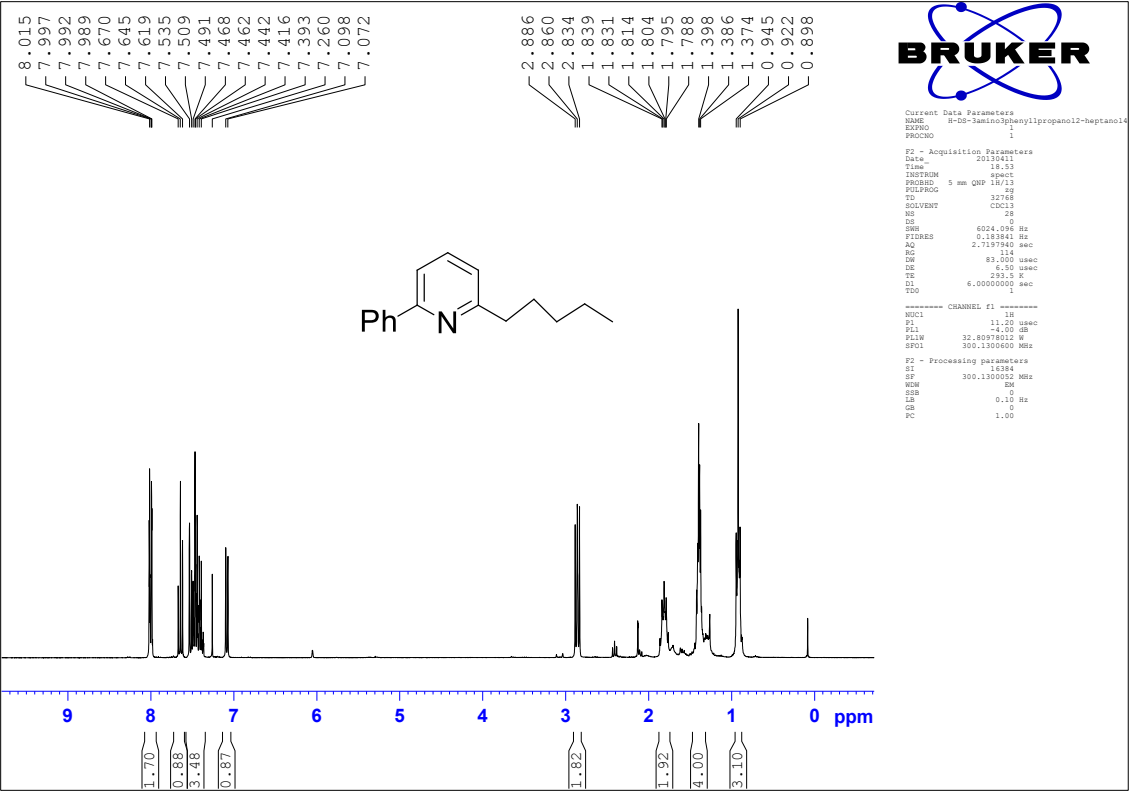


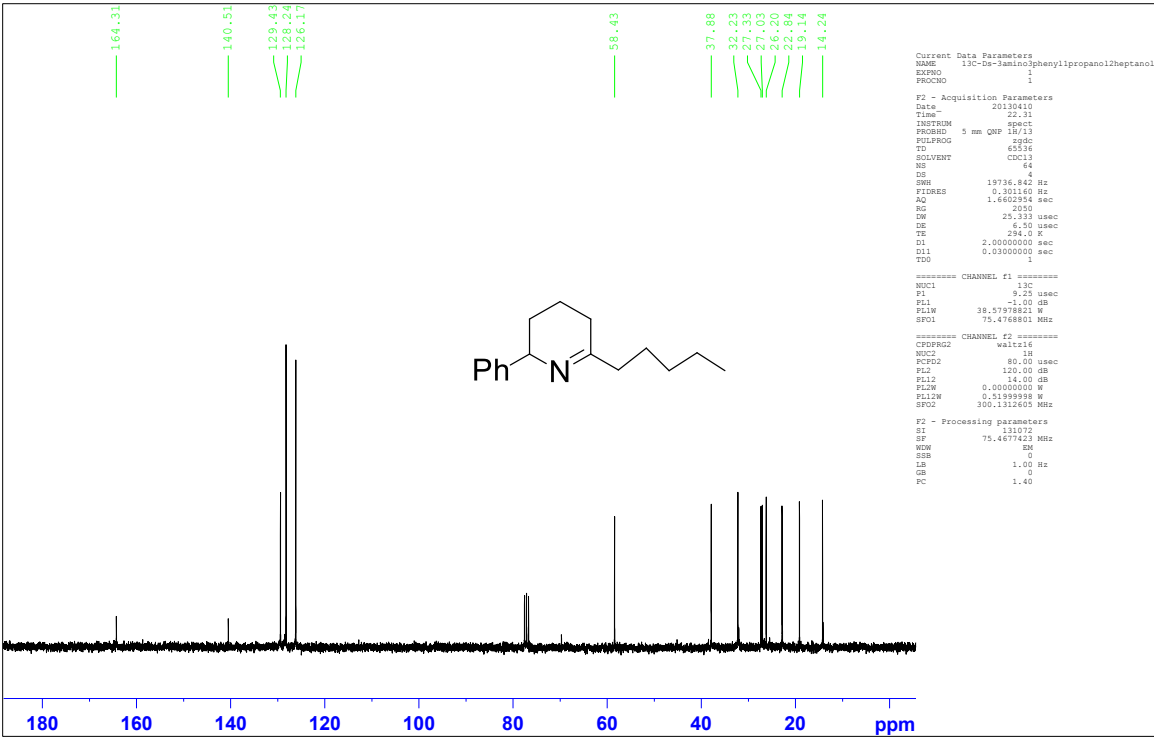
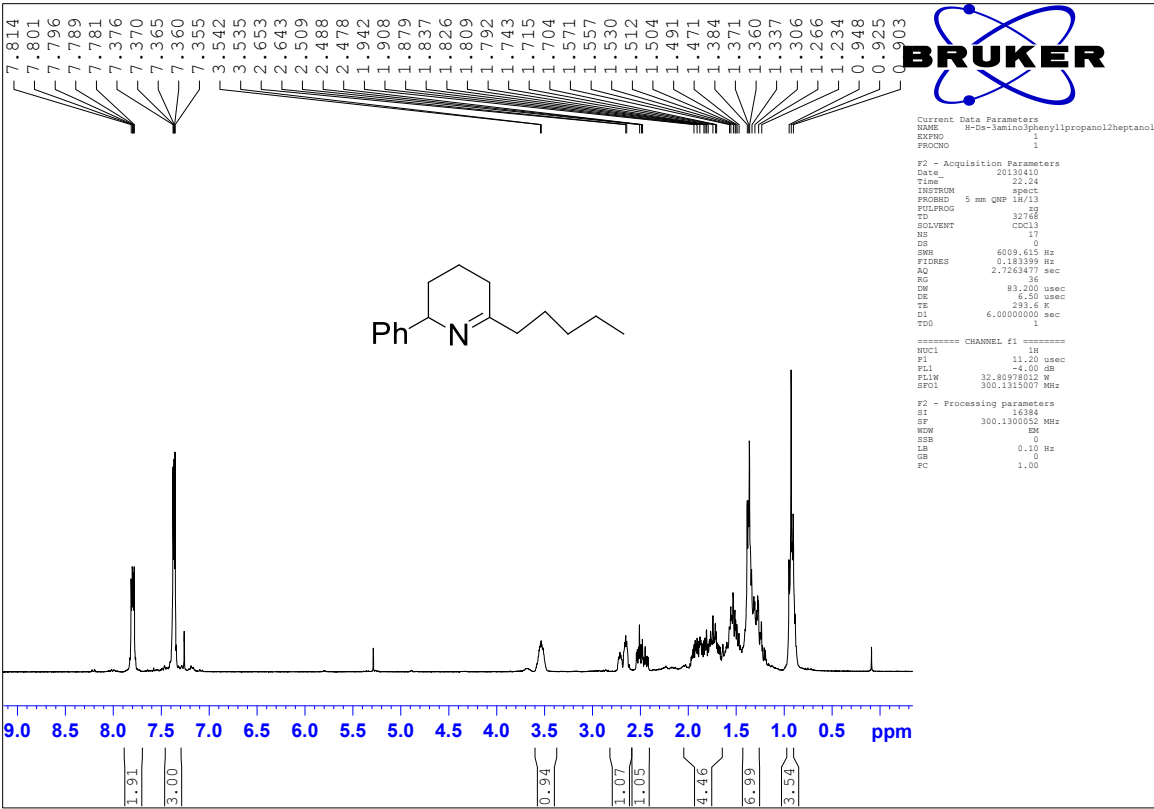


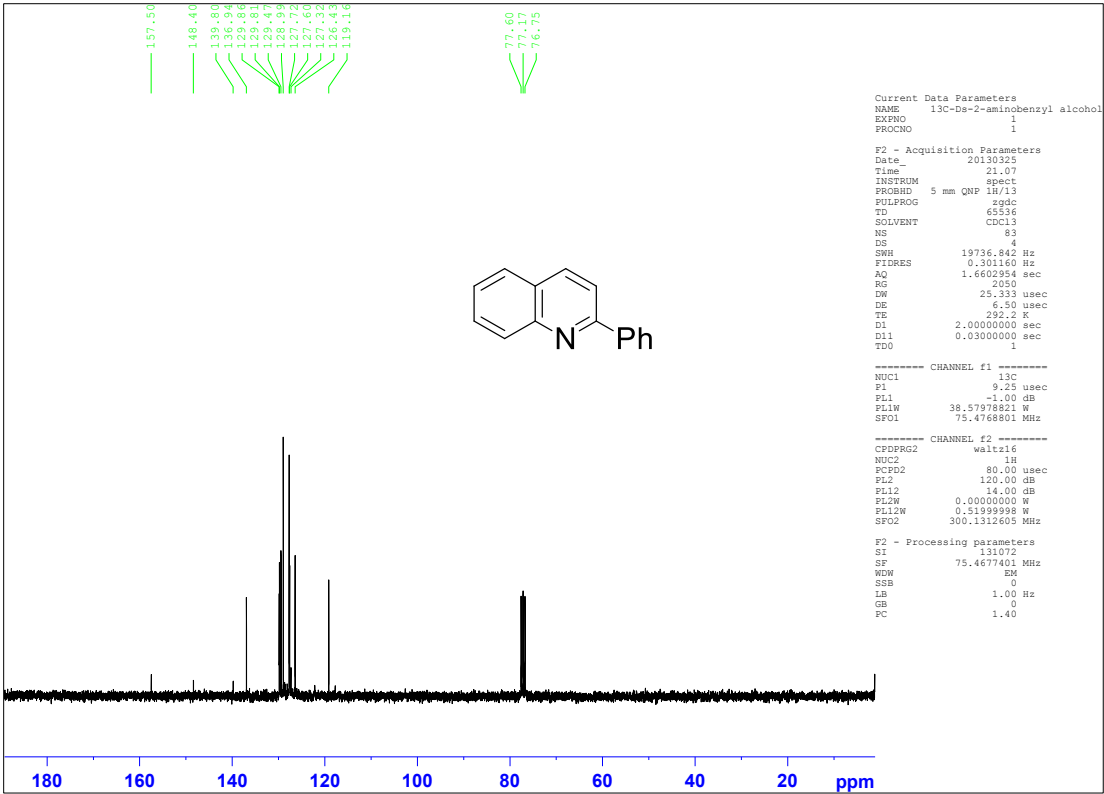
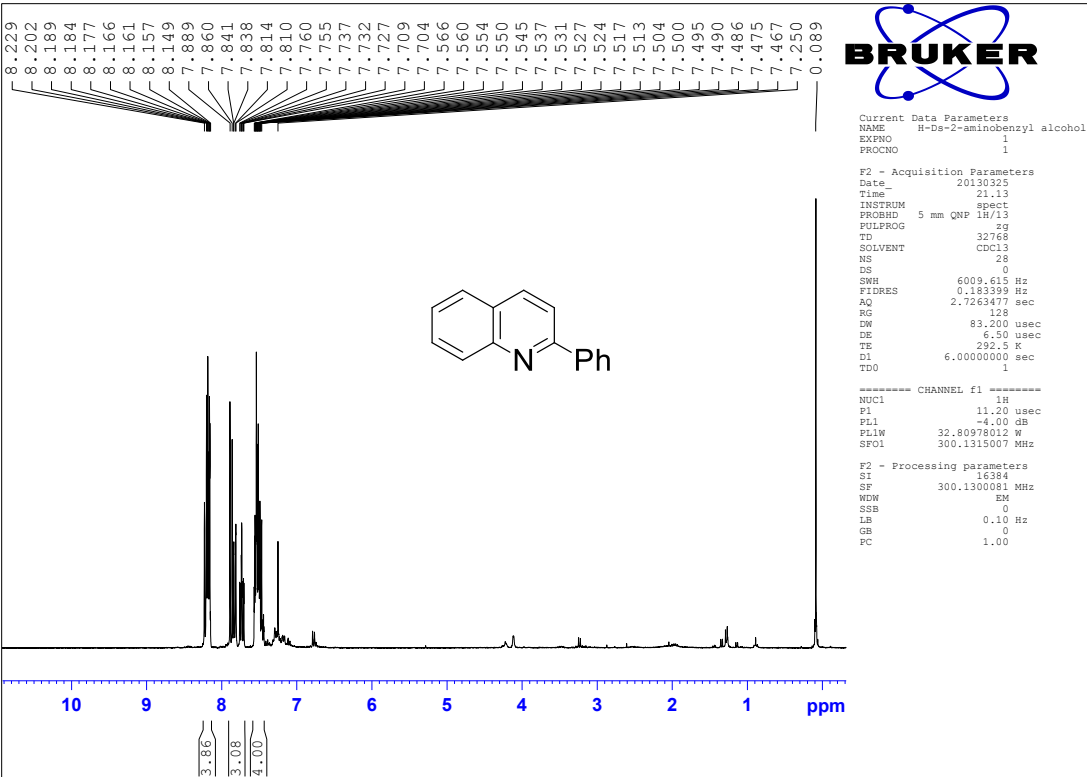


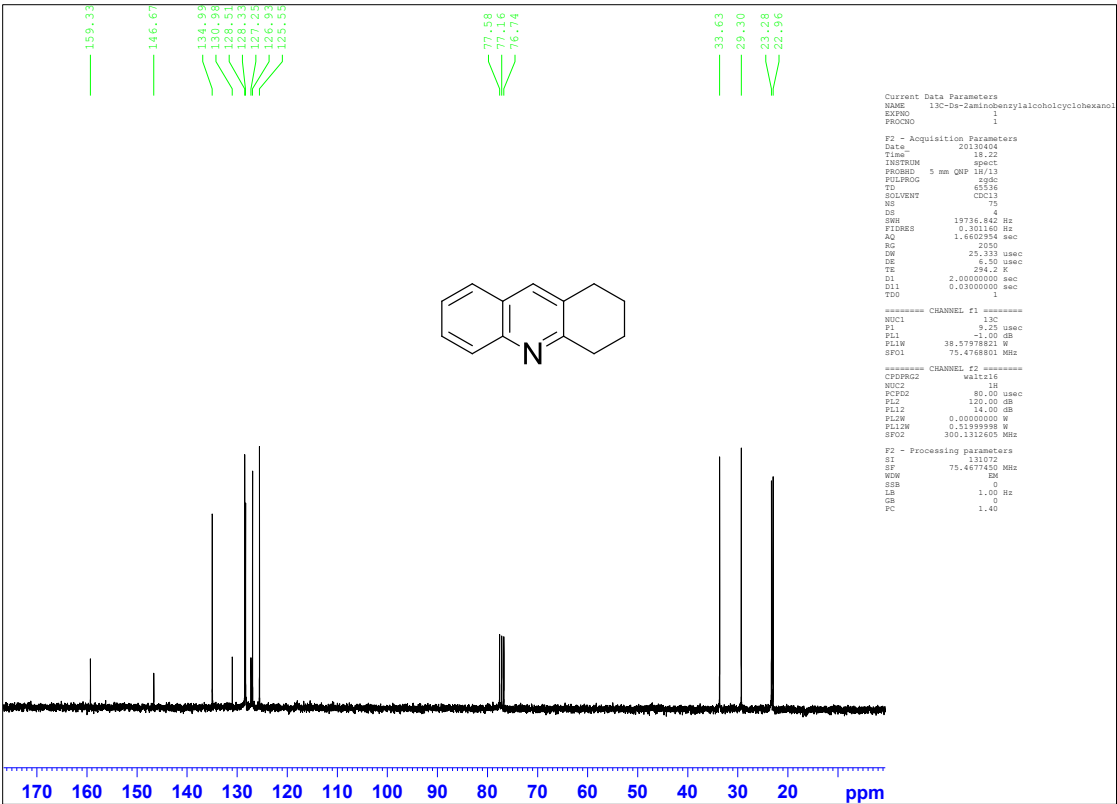
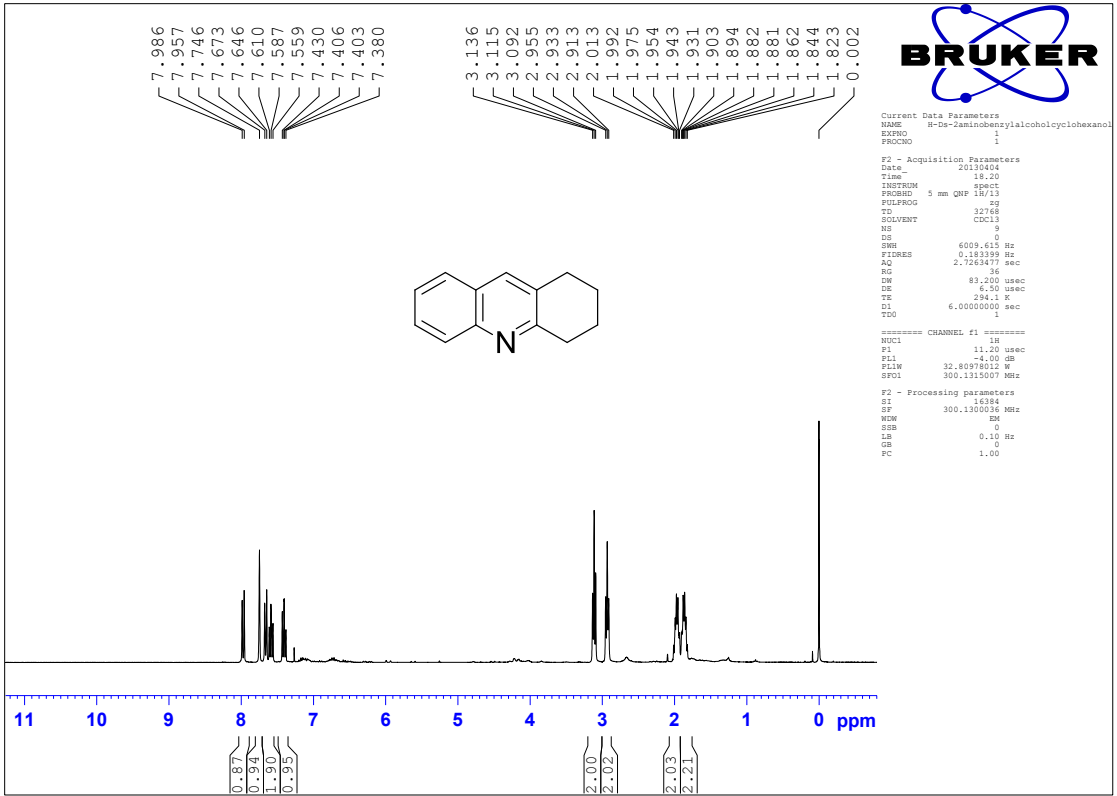


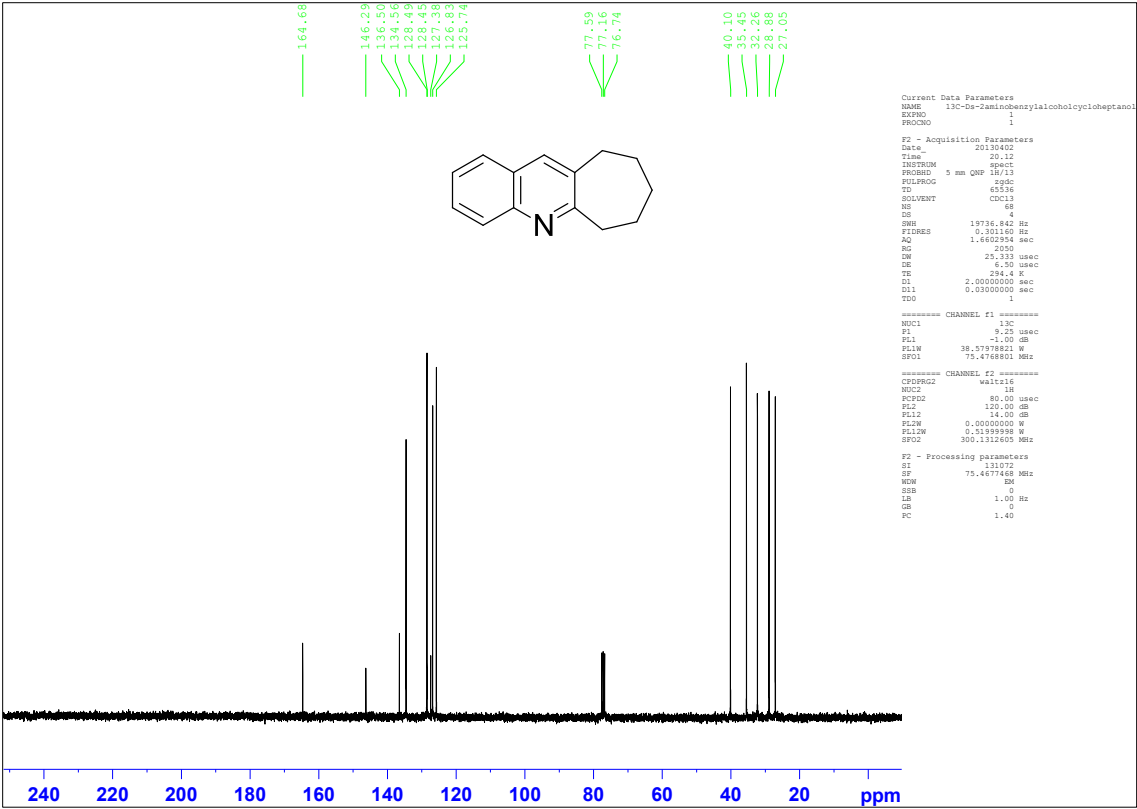
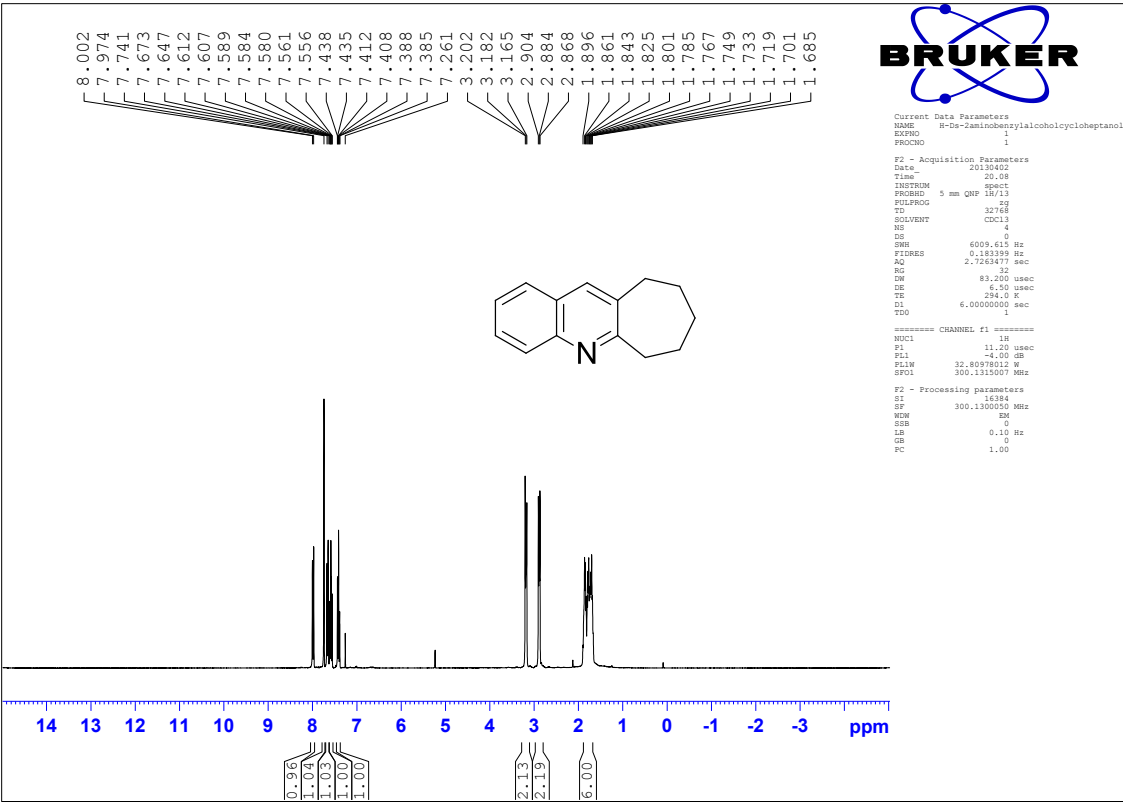


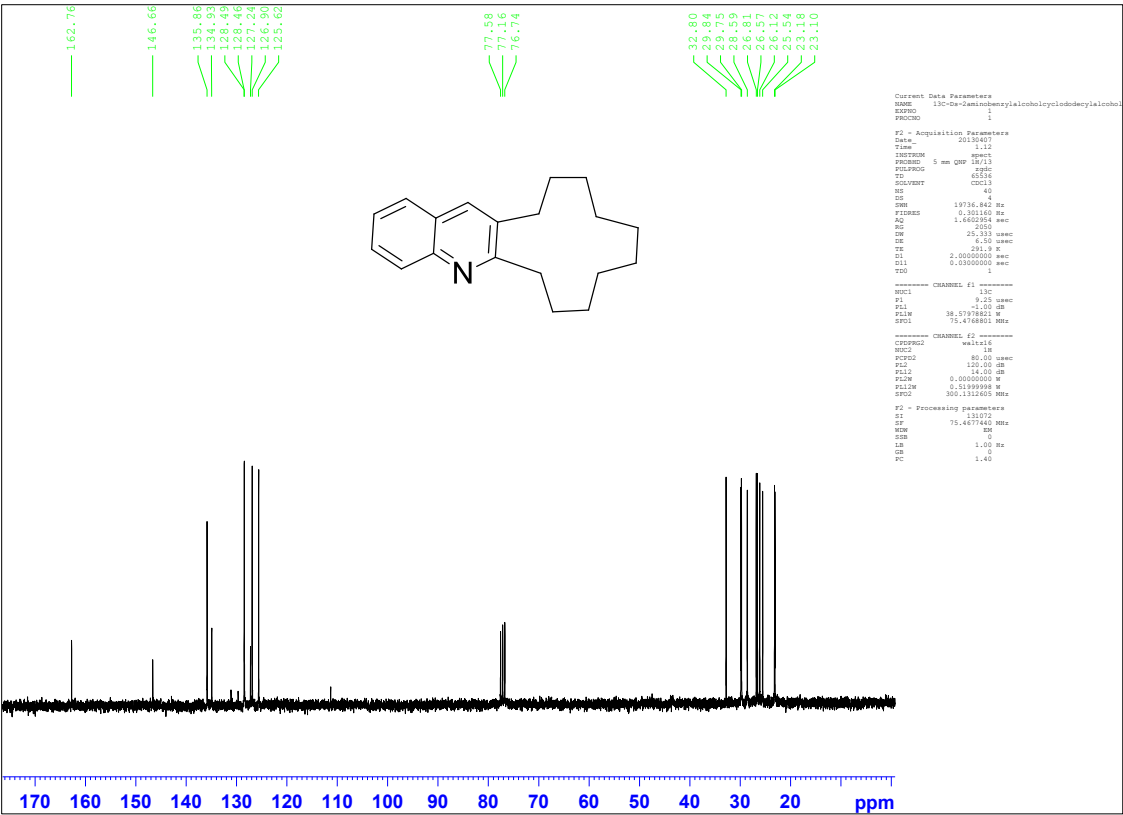
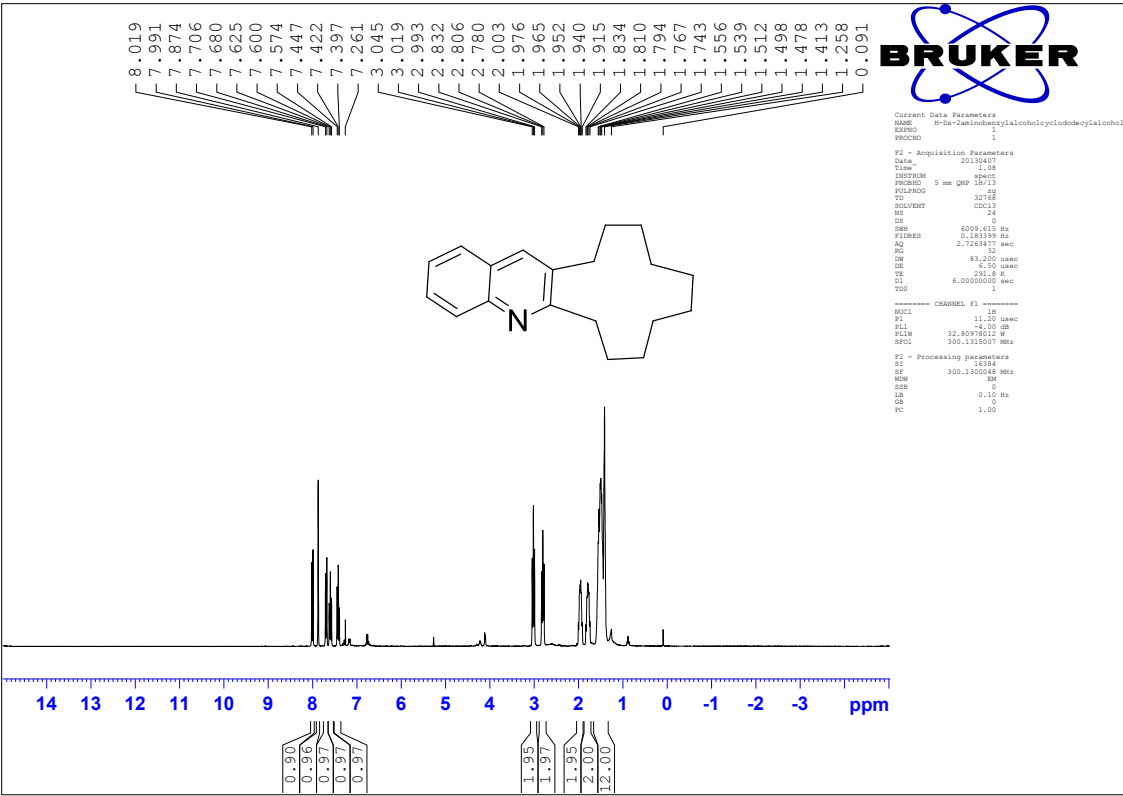












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