

Supporting Information

Polysubstituted Cyclopenta[*b*]indoles via Relay Gold(I)/Brønsted Acid Catalysis

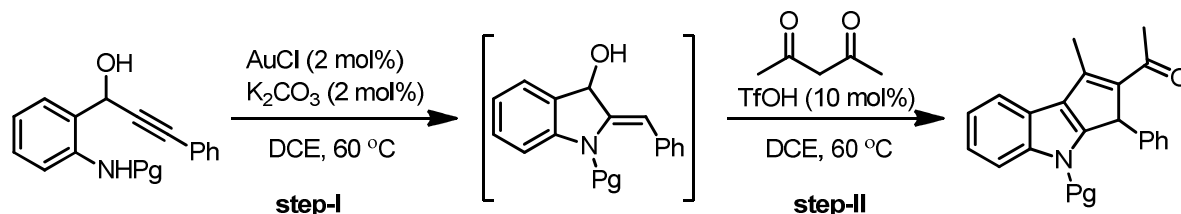
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General experimental methods: Starting compounds such as 2-nitrobenzaldehydes, 2-aminobenzaldehydes, alkynes, Gold(I) catalysts and other Lewis/Brønsted acids etc., were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and were used without further purification. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), silica aluminum foils with fluorescent indicator 254 nm (from Aldrich) were used and compounds were visualized by irradiation with UV light and/or by treatment with a solution of *p*-anisaldehyde (23 mL), conc. H₂SO₄ (35 mL), and acetic acid (10 mL) in ethanol (900 mL) followed by heating. Column chromatography was performed using SD Fine silica gel 100-200 mesh (approximately 15–20 g per 1 g of the crude product). Dry THF was obtained by distillation over sodium and stored over sodium wire. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer FT IR spectrometer as thin films or KBr pellet, as indicated, with ν_{max} in inverse centimetres. Melting points were recorded on a digital melting point apparatus Stuart SMP30 and were uncorrected. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz Bruker Biospin Avance III FT-NMR spectrometer. NMR shifts are reported as delta (δ) units in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations are utilized to describe peak patterns when appropriate: br=broad, s=single, d=doublet, t=triplet, q=quartet and m=multiplet. Proton chemical shifts are given in δ relative to tetramethylsilane (δ 0.00 ppm) in CDCl₃. Carbon chemical shifts are internally referenced to the deuterated solvent signals in CDCl₃ (δ 77.1 ppm). Single crystal X-ray analysis was carried on a Bruker AXS KAPPA APEX II system. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Waters QTOF mass spectrometer.

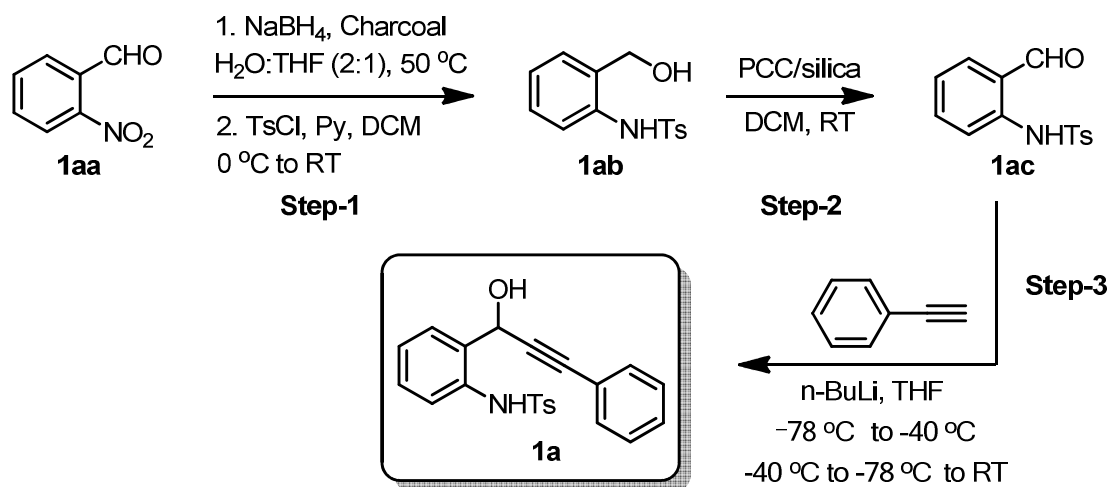
Screening of protecting groups in the relay Au(I)/Brønsted acid catalyzed domino process. From the following table, it is evident that N-tosyl protecting group is efficient in generating cyclopentannulated indole. N-Acetate or N-Boc group containing propargyl alcohols failed to generate even step-I product (indoline).



Entry	N-Protecting group	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	Ac	48	NP
2	Boc	48	NP
3	Ts (1a)	18	90
4	Ms (1aMs)	24	83

NP – No Product

General procedure for the preparation of 1-(2-aminophenyl)prop-2-ynols (1a-1m**).**



Step-1:^{1, 2}

In a 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with magnetic stirrer and a condenser, a solution of 2-nitrobenzaldehyde **1aa** (2 g, 13.24 mmol) in a mixture of water-THF (15 mL, 2:1) was prepared. Charcoal (4 g) was then added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature. To the resulting mixture, NaBH₄ (1.8 g, 47.3 mmol, 3.5 equiv) was

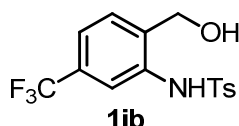
¹Z. Behzad and S. Davood, *Synth. Commun.*, 2006, **36**, 2699.

²B. W. Boal, A. W. Schammel and N. K. Garg, *Org Lett.*, 2009, **11**, 3458.

added portion wise for 2 h with stirring at 50-60 °C. At the end of the reaction, the reaction mixture was simply filtered and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated under vacuo.¹

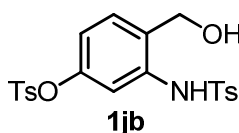
Without further purification, the 2-amino benzylalcohol was dissolved in 50 mL of dry dichloromethane and cooled to ice temperature. Pyridine (15.9 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added drop wise at ice temperature. p-Toluene sulfonylchloride (14.56 mmol, 1.1 equiv) dissolved in 30 mL of dichloromethane was added slowly. After stirring the reaction mixture for 12 h at room temperature, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate, washed with saturated (aq.) NaHCO₃, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was further extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (40% hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford N-(2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **1ab**.²

Spectroscopic data of some important and the newly synthesized amino benzylalcohols is presented below.



N-(2-(Hydroxymethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1ib)

Colourless oil. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 2/3). IR (thin film, neat): ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 3461, 3178, 2970, 1597, 1437, 1352, 1216, 1164, 1132, 823, 749. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (br s, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.34 (dt, *J* = 8.7 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.4, 137.1, 136.1 (q, *J* = 232.0 Hz), 134.1, 131.6, 131.2, 129.8 (2CH), 129.0 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 127.1, 121.4, 121.7 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 119.5 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 63.5, 21.6. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₃F₃NO₃S (M-H)⁺: 344.0528, Found: 344.0549.



4-(Hydroxymethyl)-3-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (1jb).

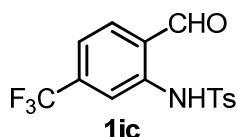
Colourless solid. M.P = 156-158 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 3/2). IR (thin film, neat): ν_{max}/cm⁻¹ 3416, 3256, 2970, 1596, 1492, 1366, 1216, 1040, 907, 735. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.5 and 0.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 8.8 and 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s,

2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.2, 145.7, 144.1, 136.4, 135.1, 133.3, 131.9, 129.8 (2CH), 129.7 (2CH), 128.4 (2CH), 126.9 (2CH), 129.2, 123.0, 122.4, 63.2, 21.7, 21.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_5\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}-\text{OH}$) $^+$: 430.0783, Found: 430.0762.

Step-2:³

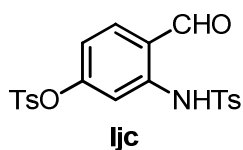
The amino benzylalcohol **1ab** was dissolved in 10 mL of dichloromethane and treated with pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC, 1.2 equiv) adsorbed on silica gel (1 g). After complete oxidation to the aldehyde, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (30-40% EtOAc/hexane) to obtain **1ac**.

Spectroscopic data of some important and the newly synthesized amino aldehydes is presented below.³



N-(2-Formyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1ic**).

Colourless amorphous solid. M.P = 118-120 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3345, 3180, 1682, 1581, 1511, 1408, 1330, 1165, 1132, 951, 870, 566. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.8 (s, 1H), 9.90 (s, 1H), 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.75 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.4, 144.8, 140.3, 136.9, 136.5 (q, J = 231.0 Hz), 129.9 (2CH, 1C), 127.3 (2CH), 123.3, 121.5, 119.2 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 114.6 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 21.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}-\text{H}$) $^+$: 342.0412, Found: 342.0419.



4-Formyl-3-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**1jc**).

Colourless amorphous solid. M.P = 108-110 °C. R_f = 0.6 (hexane/EtOAc = 3/2). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3467, 3187, 3064, 2970, 2863, 1676, 1596, 1583, 1491, 1372, 1291, 1142, 1040, 955, 659. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.7 (s, 1H), 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.78-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, J

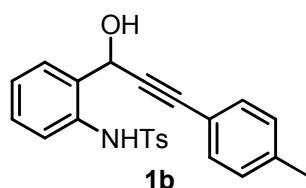
³ (a) K. Hirano, A. T. Biju, I. Piel and F. Glorius, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2009, **131**, 14190; (b) L. Yu. Ukhin and L. G. Kuzmina, *Russ. Chem. Bull.*, 2004, **53**, 2262.

= 9.2 and 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.8, 146.1, 144.6, 144.2, 138.6, 135.9, 131.5, 130.0 (2CH), 129.9 (2CH), 129.8, 129.2, 128.4 (2CH), 127.2 (2CH), 122.2, 118.9, 21.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_6\text{S}_2$ (M-H) $^+$: 444.0576, Found: 444.0575.

Step-3:⁴

To a stirred solution of the alkyne (2.2 equiv) in anhydrous THF at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ was added *n*-butyllithium (2.0 M in cyclohexane solution, 2.2 equiv) drop wise, and the resulting solution was allowed to stir at the same temperature for 10 min. The reaction was warmed to $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. After 1 h reaction mixture was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The aminoaldehyde **1bc** (1 mmol) was dissolved in THF (2 mL) and added to the reaction mixture drop wise at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and allowed to stir for 1 h at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed up to room temperature and stirred for a further 1 h. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was quenched by adding saturated aq. NH_4Cl (1 mL) and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (20-30% EtOAc/hexane) to afford **1b** in 80-90% yields.

Some of the 1-(2-aminophenyl)prop-2-ynols employed in this study are already known in the literature with complete characterization data.⁴ Spectroscopic data of some important and the newly synthesized amino propargyl alcohols is presented below.



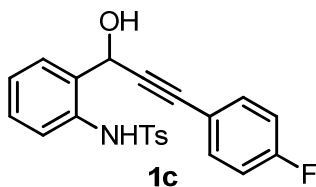
N-(2-(1-Hydroxy-3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**1b**).

Colourless solid. M.P = $153\text{--}155\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3446, 3276, 2897, 2356, 2229, 1597, 1494, 1330, 1158, 1021, 815. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97 (br s, 1H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.58 (dd, J = 7.7 and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.2 and 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 5H), 5.50 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H),

⁴ For alcohol **1a**, **1g** and **1l**: D. Susanti, F. Koh, J. A. Kusuma, P. Kothandaraman and P. W. H. Chan, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2012, **77**, 7166.

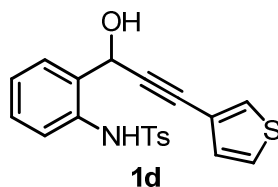
For alcohol **1f**: P. Kothandaraman, B. Q. Koh, T. Limpanuparb, H. Hirao and P. W. H. Chan, *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2013, **19**, 1978.

2.70 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.9, 139.2, 136.7, 135.5, 131.7 (2CH), 130.7, 129.7 (2CH, C), 129.1 (2CH, C), 128.3, 127.2 (2CH), 125.1, 122.7, 118.7, 88.7, 85.5, 63.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}-\text{OH}$) $^+$: 374.1215, Found: 374.1201.



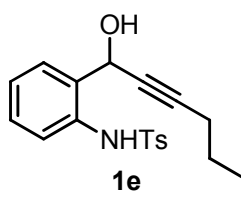
N-(2-(3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-hydroxyprop-2-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1c).

Colourless amorphous solid. M.P = 152-154 °C. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3434, 3250, 2934, 2221, 1599, 1506, 1330, 1228, 1158, 1090, 923. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97 (br s, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 8.2$ and 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (td, $J = 7.7$ and 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 3.06 (br s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.8 (d, $J = 248.2$ Hz, 1C), 143.9, 136.6, 135.4, 133.4, 133.7 (2CH), 131.0, 129.7 (2CH), 128.4, 127.2 (2CH), 125.3, 122.8, 118 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 115.8, 115.6 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 87.2, 86.2, 63.3, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}-\text{H}$) $^+$: 394.0913, Found: 394.0909.



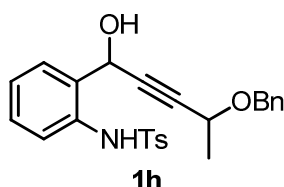
N-(2-(1-Hydroxy-3-(thiophen-3-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1d).

Pale yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3430, 3263, 3107, 2925, 2232, 1597, 1492, 1400, 1330, 1157, 1090, 926, 813, 759. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.94 (br s, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 8.2$ and 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 2H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 2.77 (br s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.9, 136.7, 135.5, 130.7, 129.8 (2CH), 129.7, 129.6 (2CH), 128.4, 127.2 (2CH), 125.6, 125.2, 122.8, 120.8, 86.0, 83.7, 63.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}-\text{H}$) $^+$: 382.0572, Found: 382.0575.



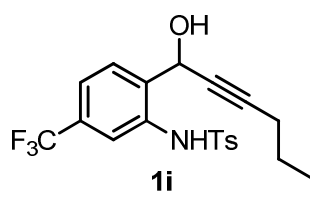
N-(2-(1-Hydroxyhept-2-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1e).

Colourless amorphous solid. M.P = 93-95 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3487, 3262, 2956, 2165, 1598, 1493, 1331, 1159, 1091, 924, 759. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.13 (td, J = 7.5, 7.5 and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.29 (td, J = 7.2 and 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.56-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.40 (m, 4H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.8, 136.8, 135.5, 131.2, 129.6 (2CH), 129.4, 128.1, 127.1 (2CH), 125.0, 122.7, 89.6, 77.6, 63.0, 30.4, 22.0, 21.5, 18.5, 13.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 380.1296, Found: 380.1299.



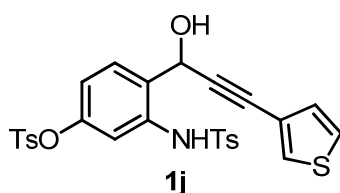
N-(2-(4-(Benzyloxy)-1-hydroxypent-2-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1h).

Colourless amorphous solid. M.P = 102-105 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3413, 3171, 2983, 2862, 2213, 1597, 1456, 1380, 1276, 1119, 986, 738. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71-6.68 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 7.5 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.15 (td, J = 7.5 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 11.5 and 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd, J = 11.8 and 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.30 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.52 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.9, 137.6, 136.7, 135.4, 131.1, 129.7 (2CH), 129.6, 128.4 (2CH), 128.3, 128.0 (2CH), 127.8, 127.1 (2CH), 125.3, 122.9, 88.4, 82.7, 70.8, 64.5, 62.6, 21.5, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 458.1402, Found: 458.1406.



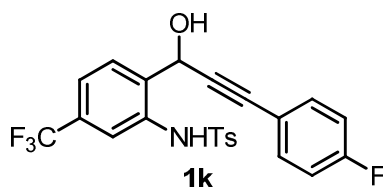
N-(2-(1-Hydroxyhept-2-yn-1-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1i).

Pale yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3469, 3252, 2198, 1579, 1507, 1470, 130, 1232, 1131, 1091, 968, 665, 565. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.16 (br s, 1H), 7.73-7.71(m, 3H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.29 (dt, $J = 7.3$ Hz and 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.56-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.40 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): 144.3, 136.3, 136.2, 138.8, 131.7, 131.4, 129.8 (2CH), 128.7, 127.1, 127.1 (q, $J = 245.0$ Hz), 121.3 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 110.3 (q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 90.8 (2C), 62.8, 30.3, 22.0, 21.5, 18.4, 13.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}-\text{OH}$) $^+$: 408.1245, Found: 408.1246.



4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(thiophen-3-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-3-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (1j).

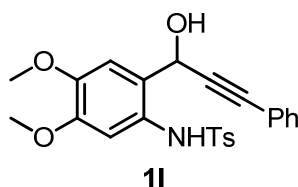
Pale yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3481, 3269, 2926, 2235, 1596, 1493, 1374, 1266, 1194, 1031, 790. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97 c(br s, 1H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 5.0$ and 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 6H), 7.14 (dd, $J = 4.9$ and 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 8.9$ and 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (br s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.1, 145.6, 144.2, 136.4, 134.7, 132.0, 130.1, 129.8 (2CH, C), 129.7 (2CH), 128.4 (3CH), 127.1 (2CH), 123.5, 123.3, 124.4, 120.5, 84.9, 84.3, 62.9, 21.7, 21.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_6\text{S}_3$ ($\text{M}-\text{H}$) $^+$: 552.0609, Found: 552.0604.



N-(2-(3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-hydroxyprop-2-yn-1-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (1k).

Pale yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3469, 3252, 2199, 1599, 1507, 1420, 130, 1232, 1131, 1091, 968, 665, 565. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15 (br s, 1H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 3.01 (br

s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.9 (d, $J = 249.7$ Hz, 1C), 144.4, 136.3, 136.1, 133.9, 133.8, 133.4, 132.0, 129.8 (2CH, 1C), 128.9 (q, $J = 246.0$ Hz), 127.3 (2CH), 121.5 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 118.9 (q, $J = 3.8$), 117.5 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 115.9, 115.7, 88.0, 85.2, 63.2, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}-\text{OH}$) $^+$: 446.0838, Found: 446.0839.



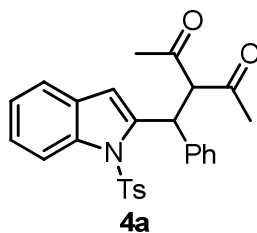
N-(2-(1-Hydroxy-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (11).

Colourless amorphous solid. M.P = 58-60 °C. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3446, 3276, 2897, 2356, 2229, 1597, 1494, 1330, 1158, 1130, 1021, 815. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.09 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.1 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.08 (br s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.1, 147.2, 144.0, 136.1, 131.7 (2CH), 129.7 (2CH), 128.8, 128.4 (2CH), 127.4 (2CH), 127.1, 126.8, 122.0, 110.9, 109.2, 87.7, 81.1, 62.0, 56.0, 55.9, 21.5.

General procedure for optimization of reaction parameters (Table 1).

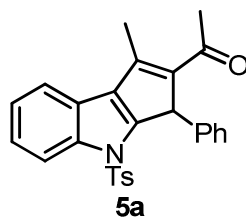
To a 0.05 M solution of the alcohol **1a** in an appropriate solvent, catalyst (2 mol%) and co-catalyst (2 mol%) were added and stirred at 60 °C until the alcohol was consumed as monitored by TLC. Upon disappearance of alcohol (**1a**), acetylacetone (1.1 equiv) and an acid (20 mol%) were added and continued stirring at 60 °C until indoline (**3a**) and acetylacetone adduct (**4a**) disappeared. Reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (1-2 mL). Diluted the reaction mixture with DCM or EtOAc (1-2 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was further extracted with DCM or EtOAc (1-2 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated, and purified by silica gel column chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexane) to afford product **5a**.

In some cases the acetylacetone adduct **4a** was also isolated, complete characterization data is presented below.



3-(Phenyl(1-tosyl-1H-indol-2-yl)methyl)pentane-2,4-dione (4a).

Colourless solid. M.P = 176-178 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2924, 2939, 1720, 1716, 1594, 1491, 1467, 1371, 1275, 1170, 1121, 749. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.04-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 9H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.7 and 0.6 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 202.5, 202.4, 144.6, 140.7, 136.8, 135.5, 129.4 (2CH, C), 129.2 (2CH, C), 128.8 (2CH, C), 127.3, 126.8, 124.7, 123.6, 120.8, 114.8, 109.7, 75.9, 43.7, 31.7, 27.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 482.1402. Found: 482.1381.



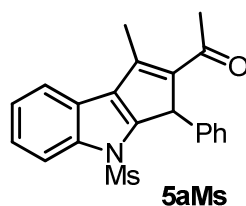
1-(1-Methyl-3-phenyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-2-yl)ethanone (5a).

Colourless amorphous solid. M.P = 195-197 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2924, 2919, 1630, 1511, 1481, 1447, 1371, 1275, 1171, 1091, 749. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.19 (m, 7H), 7.03-6.97 (m, 4H), 5.27 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.7 (C=O), 152.2, 148.6, 144.9, 142.1, 139.6, 135.4, 134.8, 129.6 (2CH), 129.5, 129.4, 128.6 (2CH, C), 127.2, 127.1 (2CH), 124.4, 124.1, 123.8, 119.5, 114.6, 52.8 (CH), 30.4 (CH_3), 21.5 (CH_3), 15.6 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 442.1477, Found: 442.1484.

General procedure for the synthesis of polysubstituted cyclopenta[b]indoles via reayl Au(I)/Brønsted acid catalyzed one-pot process (Table 2).

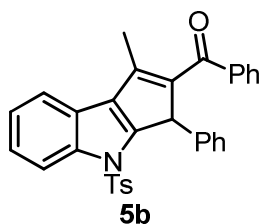
A 5 mL glass vial was charged with alcohol (0.1 mmol), catalyst (2 mol%) and co-catalyst (2 mol%) in 1 mL of dichloroethane (DCE) and stirred at 60 °C until the alcohol was consumed as monitored by TLC. Upon disappearance of alcohol, 1,3-dicarbonyls (1.1 equiv)

and triflic acid (10 mol%) were added and continued stirring at 60 °C until indoline and 1,3 dicarbonyl adducts disappeared. Reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (1-2 mL). Diluted the reaction mixture with dichloromethane (1-2 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was further extracted with solvent (1-2 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and purified by silica gel column chromatography (20-30% EtOAc/hexane) to afford polysubstituted cyclopenta[*b*]indoles.



1-(2-Methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indol-1-yl)ethanone (5aMs).

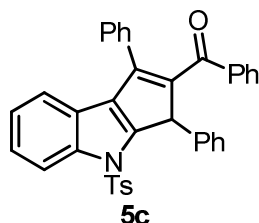
Colourless solid. M.P = 130-132 °C. *R*_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2924, 2919, 1630, 1511, 1481, 1447, 1371, 1275, 1171, 1091, 749. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.17 (m, 4H), 5.17 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.7, 152.3, 149.4, 141.3, 140.0, 134.6, 129.2 (2CH, 1C), 128.7 (2CH), 127.6 (2CH), 124.6, 124.0, 119.7, 114.2, 52.4, 41.5, 30.2, 15.7. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₃S (M+H)⁺: 366.1164, Found: 366.1149.



(1-Methyl-3-phenyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indol-2-yl(phenyl)methanone (5b).

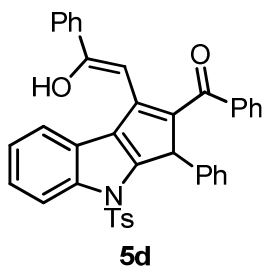
Colourless solid. M.P = 195-197 °C. *R*_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3503, 2915, 2852, 1608, 1474, 1445, 1375, 1174, 750. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07-8.05 (m, 1H), 7.77-7.05 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.11 (m, 5H), 7.11-6.98 (m, 4H), 5.55 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.9 (C=O), 152.0, 145.9, 145.7, 144.9, 143.2, 140.7, 139.8, 135.3, 134.9, 131.6, 130.0, 129.6 (2CH), 128.6, 128.5 (2CH), 128.4 (2CH), 128.2 (2CH), 127.1 (2CH), 126.9, 124.4, 124.1, 123.8, 119.3, 114.7, 63.4 (CH),

21.5 (CH₃), 16.6 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₆NO₃S (M+H)⁺: 504.1633, Found: 504.1637.



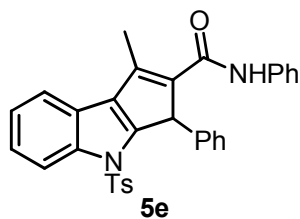
(1,3-Diphenyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5c).

Pale yellow oil. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3057, 2918, 1658, 1608, 1467, 1375, 1174, 839, 750. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.29 (m, 7H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.09-6.98 (m, 4H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.4, 151.9, 147.1, 145.0, 143.3, 139.8, 138.3, 135.2, 135.0, 133.9, 131.3, 129.7 (2CH), 129.3 (2CH), 129.2 (2CH, C), 128.7 (2CH, C), 128.6, 128.3, 127.9 (2CH), 127.4 (2CH), 127.2 (2CH, C), 124.4, 124.0, 123.6, 120.0, 114.6, 53.7 (CH), 21.5 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₃₇H₂₈NO₃S (M+H)⁺: 566.1790, Found: 566.1793.



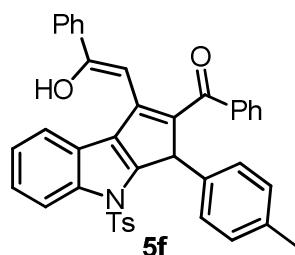
1-((2-Hydroxy-2-phenylvinyl)-3-phenyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5d).

Yellow coloured solid. M.P = 225-227 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3004, 2945, 2910, 1639, 1563, 1446, 1371, 1275, 1187, 767, 664. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 16.15 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 7H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.2, 181.8, 152.3, 147.8, 145.0, 140.9, 139.6, 135.7, 135.4, 135.1, 134.8, 131.6, 129.7 (2CH), 129.2, 129.1, 128.9 (2CH), 128.8 (4CH), 128.6 (2CH), 128.3 (2CH), 127.2 (2CH), 127.1, 126.6 (2CH), 124.5, 123.6, 119.7, 115.0, 104.5, 97.1, 52.5, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₃₉H₃₀NO₄S (M+H)⁺: 608.1896, Found: 608.1904.



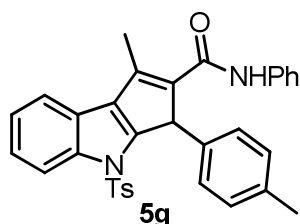
1-Methyl-N,3-diphenyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indole-2-carboxamide (5e).

Colourless solid. M.P = 185-187 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3094, 2924, 2856, 1658, 1597, 1529, 1495, 1372, 1174, 750. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.02-7.98 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.01 (m, 7H), 5.17 (q, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.1(C=O), 150.0, 148.0, 144.9, 139.6, 138.0, 135.4, 134.9, 130.0, 129.6 (3CH), 129.5 (2CH), 129.3 (2CH), 128.8 (2CH), 128.3, 126.9 (2CH), 124.5, 124.1, 123.9, 123.8, 119.6 (2CH), 119.5, 114.7, 52.3 (CH), 21.5 (CH_3), 15.0 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 519.1742, Found: 519.1757.



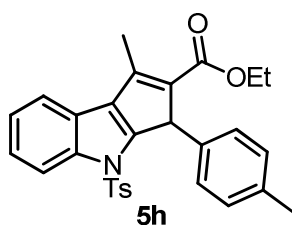
(1-(2-Hydroxy-2-phenylvinyl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5f).

Yellow coloured solid. M.P = 240-242 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3178, 2965, 2930, 1629, 1563, 1436, 1376, 1275, 1197, 767, 664. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 16.15 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.06 (m, 8H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 182.3 (C=O), 181.8, 152.4, 147.7, 144.8, 140.9, 139.7, 136.7, 135.5, 135.2, 135.0, 132.4, 131.6, 129.6 (2CH), 129.2 (2CH), 129.0 (2CH), 128.9, 128.9, 128.8 (4CH), 128.3 (2CH), 127.2 (2CH), 126.6 (2CH), 124.6, 123.6, 123.5, 119.7, 114.5, 91.1, 52.2, 21.6 (CH_3), 22.3 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 622.2052, Found: 622.2070.



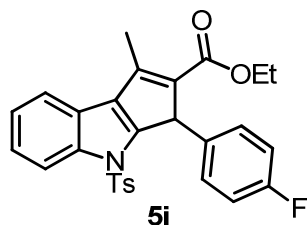
1-Methyl-N-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole-2-carboxamide (5g).

Colourless solid. M.P = 193-195 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3056, 2915, 1632, 1596, 1374, 1221, 1176, 1087, 818. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03-8.00 (m, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.92 (m, 3H), 5.13 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.1 (C=O), 150.1, 148.0, 144.8, 139.7, 138.2 (2CH), 135.0, 134.5, 132.1, 132.0, 130.1 (2CH), 130.0, 129.5 (2CH), 129.1, 128.8 (2CH), 127.0 (2CH), 124.4, 124.1, 123.9, 123.7, 119.5 (2CH), 119.4, 114.7, 51.9 (CH), 21.5 (CH_3), 21.2 (CH_3), 15.0 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 533.1899, Found: 533.1877.



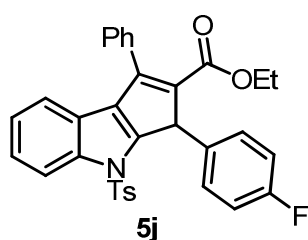
Ethyl 1-methyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole-2-carboxylate (5h).

Colourless solid. M.P = 166-168 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3064, 2981, 2931, 1693, 1597, 1373, 1275, 1174, 982, 703, 682. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03-8.01 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.09-6.97 (m, 6H), 5.19 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (m, 2H), 2.80 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.5 (C=O), 151.7, 148.8, 144.7, 139.6, 136.3, 135.1, 133.1, 132.8, 129.5 (2CH), 129.3, 129.0 (2CH), 128.8 (2CH), 127.1 (2CH), 124.2, 124.1, 123.7, 119.3, 114.6, 59.6, 52.3, 21.5 (CH_3), 21.2, (CH_3) 14.8 (CH_3), 14.1 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 486.1739, Found: 486.1733.



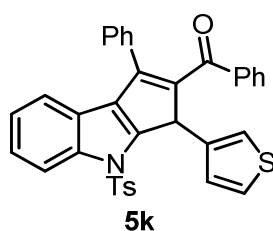
Ethyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole-2-carboxylate (5i).

Colourless solid. M.P = 143-145 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3056, 2981, 2930, 1693, 1598, 1507, 1373, 1174, 1219, 737, 575. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.05-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.89 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.05 (m, 2H), 2.80 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.81 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.4, 162.0 (d, J = 243.1 Hz), 151.2, 149.2, 145.0, 139.7, 135.1, 132.9, 131.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 31.4 Hz), 129.6 (2CH, 1C), 129.5, 126.8 (2CH, 1C), 124.4, 124.0, 123.8, 119.3 (d, J = 11.2), 115.0, 114.3 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 59.7 (CH_2), 51.8 (CH), 21.5 (CH_3), 14.8, (CH₃) 14.1(CH₃). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{FNO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺: 490.1488, Found: 490.1488.



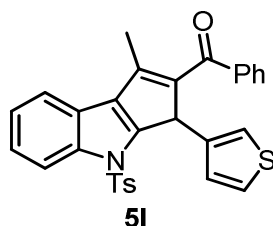
Ethyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indole-2-carboxylate (5j).

Colourless solid. M.P = 153-155 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 8/2). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3049, 2971, 2930, 1690, 1595, 1504, 1373, 1170, 1219, 737. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.04-8.02 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.05 (dq, J = 10.8 and 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dq, J = 10.9 and 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.3, 151.7 (d, J = 127.8 Hz), 145.1, 139.8, 135.0, 134.0, 133.2, 131.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 130.7 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 129.7 (2CH, C), 128.9 (2CH, C), 128.8, 128.5, 127.9 (2CH, C), 126.7 (2CH, C), 124.5, 123.7 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 119.9, 115.1 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 2C), 114.5, 59.9, 52.2, 21.5, 13.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{27}\text{FNO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺: 552.1645, Found: 552.1619.



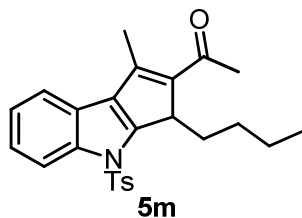
Phenyl(1-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-2-yl)methanone (5k).

Colourless solid. M.P = 208-210 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3068, 2915, 2852, 1612, 1578, 1174, 1092, 836, 747. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 8H), 7.24-7.12 (m, 8H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, J = 5.0 and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.5 (C=O), 150.9, 146.8, 145.0, 142.1, 139.9, 138.3, 135.1, 134.6, 133.8, 131.4 (2CH), 129.8 (2CH), 129.2 (2CH), 129.1 (2CH), 128.6 (2CH), 127.9 (2CH), 127.5 (2CH), 127.1 (2CH), 126.8, 125.1, 124.0, 123.7, 123.6, 120.0, 114.7, 49.0 (CH), 21.6 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 572.1354, Found: 572.1359.



(1-Methyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-2-yl)(phenyl) methanone (5l).

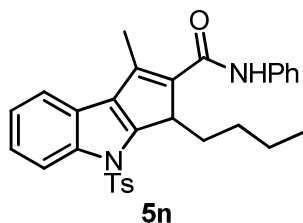
Colourless solid. M.P = 190-191 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2925, 2878, 1612, 1519, 1446, 1372, 1172, 1088, 745. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.07 (dt, J = 8.2 and 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.62 (dd, J = 4.9 and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.6 (C=O), 151.9, 145.8, 145.0, 141.9, 140.8, 139.8, 135.0, 134.7, 131.6, 129.7 (2CH), 128.4 (2CH, C), 128.3 (2CH), 127.0 (2CH), 126.7, 125.0, 124.5, 124.2, 123.8, 123.5, 119.3, 114.8, 48.7 (CH), 21.5 (CH_3), 15.7 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 510.1198, Found: 510.1205.



1-(3-Butyl-1-methyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-2-yl)ethanone (5m).

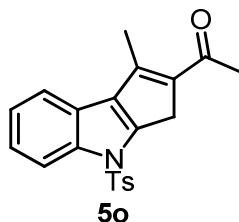
Colourless solid. M.P = 102-104 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2958, 2927, 2858, 1658, 1598, 1498, 1371, 1174, 1089, 750, 665. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.17-8.11 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 2H),

4.83 (m, 1H), 2.72 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.61-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.30-2.22 (m, 2H), 1.15-1.08 (m, 2H), 0.71 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.15-1.08 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.7 (C=O), 151.8, 147.5, 145.2, 141.4, 140.9, 134.6, 131.6, 129.8 (2CH), 126.6 (2CH), 125.0, 124.4, 122.4, 119.1, 115.5, 48.0 (CH), 30.5, 29.9, 25.0, 22.7, 21.6, 15.8, 13.9. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 422.1790, Found: 422.1804.



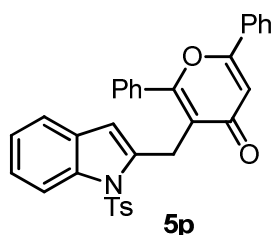
3-Butyl-1-methyl-N-phenyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indole-2-carboxamide (5n).

Pale yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2958, 2957, 1598, 1530, 1498, 1442, 1371, 1174, 1023, 750, 665. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15-8.07 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.61 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.23-7.13 (m, 3H), 4.31 (m, 1H), 2.74 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.47-1.14 (m, 3H), 0.97-0.85 (m, 2H), 0.74 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.4, (C=O) 140.9, 145.2, 143.6, 140.8, 138.0, 135.5, 134.6, 131.5, 129.8 (2CH), 129.1 (2CH), 126.6 (2CH), 124.9, 124.3 (2CH), 124.2, 120.0 (2CH), 119.1, 115.4, 47.8, 30.0, 25.6, 22.7, 21.5, 14.7, 13.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 499.2055, Found: 499.2062.



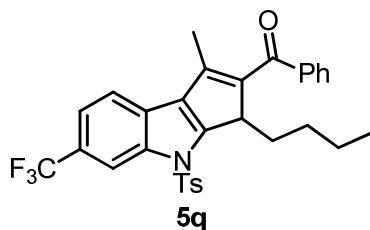
1-(1-Methyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-2-yl)ethanone (5o).

Colourless solid. M.P = 185-187 °C. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3082, 2922, 2856, 1646, 1598, 1493, 1369, 1275, 1174, 1090, 915, 748. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.13-8.06 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 4H), 4.04 (q, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.7 (C=O), 149.2, 146.8, 145.6, 139.8, 134.9, 134.4, 131.2, 130.1 (2CH), 126.6 (2CH), 124.6, 124.4, 123.9, 119.3, 114.5, 36.2 (CH_2) 29.6 (CH_3) 21.6 (CH_3) 15.6 (CH_3). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 366.1164, Found: 366.1169.



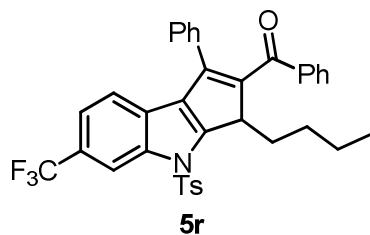
2,6-Diphenyl-3-((1-tosyl-1*H*-indol-2-yl)methyl)-4*H*-pyran-4-one (5p).

Colourless solid. M.P = 272-274 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3343, 2928, 2846, 1614, 1565, 1514, 1474, 1372, 1219, 1187, 1009, 749. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.73 (m, 5H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.38-7.25 (m, 4H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 179.4, 163.3, 162.8, 144.7, 139.5, 137.0, 135.7, 132.0, 131.5, 131.2, 130.7, 129.9 (2CH), 129.6, 129.1 (2CH, C), 128.8 (2CH, C), 128.1 (2CH, C), 126.8 (2CH), 125.9 (2CH), 123.9, 123.4, 122.1, 120.4, 36.2, 21.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 532.1583, Found: 532.1583.



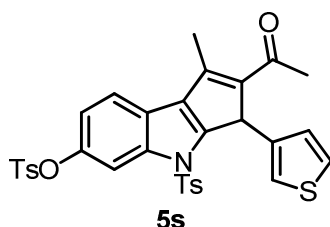
(3-Butyl-1-phenyl-4-tosyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5q).

Colourless oil. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2957, 2923, 2883, 1629, 1577, 1515, 1148, 1325, 1173, 1124, 981, 813. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.63-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.39 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.18 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (m, 2H), 1.03-0.78 (m, 2H), 0.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.3, 153.9, 144.5, 144.6, 142.6, 140.4, 140.1, 134.3, 132.2, 130.9 (q, J = 256.0 Hz), 130.1 (3CH), 128.8 (3CH), 128.6 (3CH), 127.4, 126.7, 121.0 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 119.3, 112.8 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 49.1, 29.5, 26.5, 22.6, 21.6, 15.8, 13.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 552.1820, Found: 552.1824.



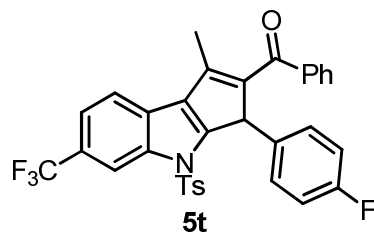
**(3-Butyl-1-phenyl-4-tosyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-2-yl)
(phenyl)methanone (5r).**

Pale yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2959, 2929, 2873, 1619, 1577, 1515, 1148, 1325, 1173, 1124, 981, 813. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.19-1.08 (m, 5H), 4.79 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.34-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.29-1.17 (m, 2H), 1.12-0.87 (m, 2H), 0.76 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.3, 153.7, 145.6, 144.5, 142.7, 140.1, 138.1, 134.2, 133.8, 131.7, 130.1 (2CH), 129.3 (2CH), 129.1 (3CH), 128.5 (q, $J = 267.0$ Hz), 128.0 (3CH), 127.7 (2CH), 127.2, 126.7, 126.4, 120.8, 120.3 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 120.0, 112.6 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 49.5, 29.5, 26.5, 22.6, 21.6, 13.8. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}-\text{H}$) $^+$: 612.1820, Found: 612.1829.



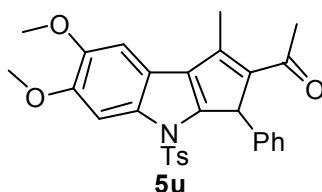
**2-Acetyl-1-methyl-3-(thiophen-3-yl)-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[b]indol-6-yl
4-methylbenzenesulfonate (5s).**

Pale yellow oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 3/2). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2926, 2924, 1654, 1592, 1521, 1450, 1367, 1157, 1245, 1024, 690. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 6H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 5.6$ Hz and 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 9.0$ Hz and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, $J = 5.0$ Hz and 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (q, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.8, 152.3, 147.5, 145.9, 145.6, 145.4, 140.9, 137.7, 134.6 (2CH), 132.3, 129.9 (2CH), 129.8 (2CH), 128.7, 128.6 (2CH), 127.5, 127.0 (2CH), 125.5, 124.6, 124.5, 118.7, 115.2, 113.3, 48.1, 30.1, 21.7, 21.5, 15.3. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_6\text{S}_3$ (M) $^+$: 617.1000. Found: 617.1046.



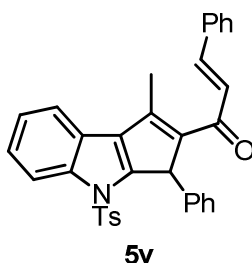
(3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-4-tosyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5t).

Colourless amorphous solid. M.P = 128-131 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 7/3). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3503, 2960, 2925, 1638, 1449, 1363, 1218, 1173, 1091, 917, 733, 665, 542. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.79 (m, 2H), 5.56 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.33 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.3, 161.2 (d, J = 244.1 Hz), 153.7, 145.6, 144.5, 143.6, 140.2, 139.1, 134.5, 132.0, 130.5 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 130.0 (2CH, C), 129.9 (2CH), 129.5 (q, J = 265.0 Hz), 128.5 (2CH, C), 128.4 (2CH), 126.8 (2CH), 126.4, 120.8 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 119.6, 115.5, 115.3, 112.2 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 52.7, 21.5, 15.7. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 590.1413, Found: 590.1416.



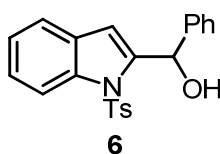
1-(6,7-Dimethoxy-1-methyl-3-phenyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indol-2-yl)ethanone (5u).

Colourless amorphous solid. M.P = 174-176 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 1/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3060, 2917, 1649, 1579, 1492, 1366, 1301, 1169, 1086, 907. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.71 (s, 3H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 6H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.9, 150.7, 148.8, 147.8, 147.4, 145.0, 142.1, 135.7, 134.9, 134.0, 130.0, 129.7 (2CH), 129.4, 128.6 (2CH), 127.2, 126.9 (2CH, 1C), 117.0, 101.2, 98.7, 56.4 (2CH₃), 52.9, 30.5, 21.6, 15.8.



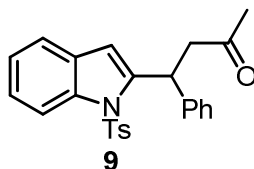
1-(1-Methyl-3-phenyl-4-tosyl-3,4-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]indol-2-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (5v).

Pale yellow solid. M.P = 114-116 °C. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2924, 2919, 1610, 1511, 1481, 1447, 1371, 1275, 1171, 1091, 749. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.00-7.98 (m, 1H), 7.89-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.34 (m, 8H), 7.21-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07-6.96 (m, 5H), 5.47 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 186.2, 152.3, 149.5, 144.9, 142.7, 141.8, 139.7, 135.3, 135.2, 134.8, 130.3, 130.0, 129.7 (2CH), 129.3, 129.0, 128.8 (2CH), 128.7 (2CH), 128.6, 128.2, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1 (2CH), 125.5, 124.5, 123.9, 119.6, 114.7, 52.7, 21.5, 15.9. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 530.1790, Found: 530.1798.



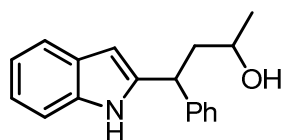
Phenyl(1-tosyl-1H-indol-2-yl)methanol (6).

Colourless oil. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 3/2). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3547, 3163, 2925, 1567, 1493, 1451, 1368, 1172, 1053, 916, 701. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.12 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.3 and 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.42 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 3.68 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.1, 143.9, 140.7, 137.3, 135.5, 129.9 (2CH), 128.8, 128.3 (2CH), 127.9, 127.0 (2CH), 126.4 (2CH), 125.0, 123.8, 121.2, 114.7, 112.2, 69.3, 21.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M}-\text{OH}$) $^+$: 360.1058, Found: 360.1021.



4-Phenyl-4-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-2-yl)butan-2-one (9).

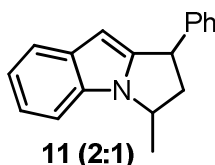
Pale yellow oil. R_f = 0.5 (hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2958, 973, 2872, 1713, 1513, 1475, 1372, 1308, 1211, 1188, 1175, 1090, 748. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.18 (m, 7H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 5.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 17.2 and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 17.1 and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 205.8, 144.6, 143.5, 141.8, 135.6, 129.6 (2CH), 129.2, 128.6 (2CH), 128.1 (2CH, C), 126.8, 126.7 (2CH), 124.0, 123.6, 120.4, 115.1, 109.8, 51.0, 39.5, 30.1, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$: 440.1296, Found: 440.1287.



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4-(1*H*-Indol-2-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-ol (10).

Colourless oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 3/2). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 3537, 3063, 2925, 1597, 1493, 1451, 1368, 1172, 1053, 916, 701. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.40 (br s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 4.40-4.35 (m, 1H), 3.92-3.66 (m, 1H), 2.32 (ddd, $J = 12.1, 8.6$ and 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, $J = 12.1, 8.6$ and 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.1, 142.4, 136.1, 128.8 (2CH, 1C), 128.3 (2CH), 126.9, 121.3, 120.0, 119.6, 110.5, 98.4, 66.0, 44.5, 41.7, 24.0. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}-\text{H}$) $^+$: 264.1389, Found: 264.1380.



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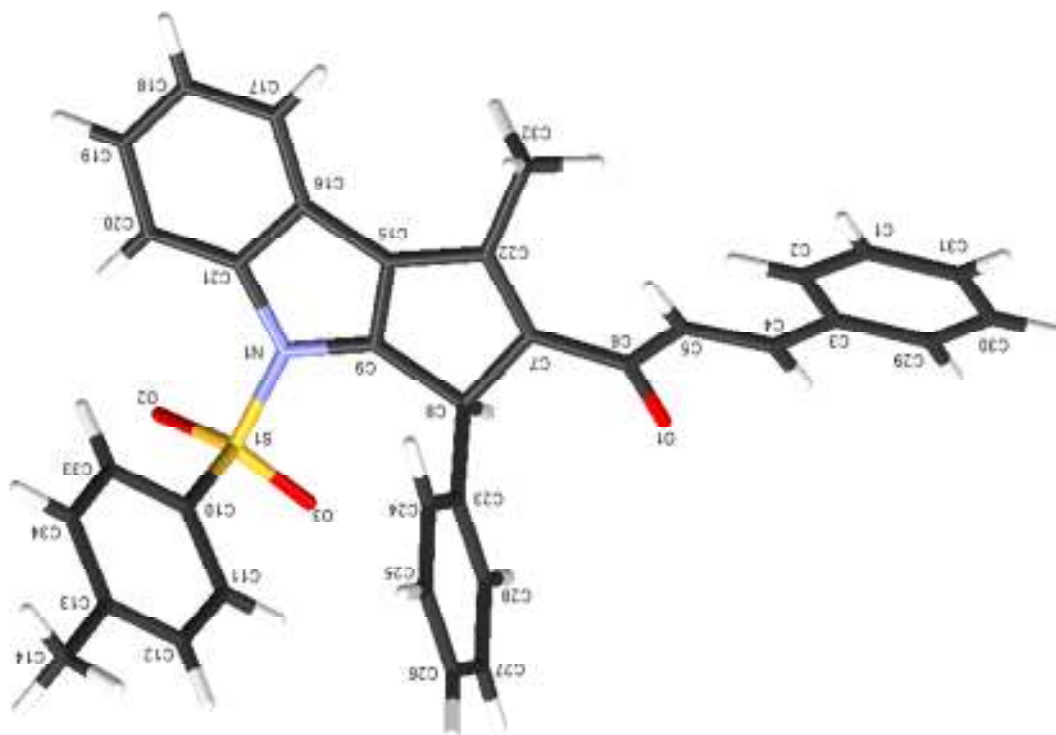
3-Methyl-1-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]indole (11 major).

Colourless oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). IR (thin film, neat): $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 2915, 1567, 1451, 1430, 1192, 1153, 926, 701. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.60-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 4.54 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.77 (qt, $J = 8.5$ and 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (ddd, $J = 12.7, 8.5$ and 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (ddd, $J = 12.8, 8.5$ and 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.8, 142.9, 133.4, 132.2, 128.6 (2CH, C), 127.6 (2CH), 120.8, 120.3, 119.1, 109.7, 93.5, 53.2, 47.7, 43.2, 20.9. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 248.1439, Found: 248.1475.

3-Methyl-1-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]indole (11 minor).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 4.78-4.74 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.70 (m, 2H), 1.57 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.3, 142.8, 133.3, 132.2, 131.9, 127.7 (2CH, C), 126.8 (2CH), 120.7, 120.2, 109.5, 93.3, 51.7, 47.0, 42.2, 20.0.

Crystal structure of 5v (CCDC 1029309): Structure of the cyclopentannulated indole **5v** was confirmed by single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis.



Another view of the crystal structure of indole **5v**

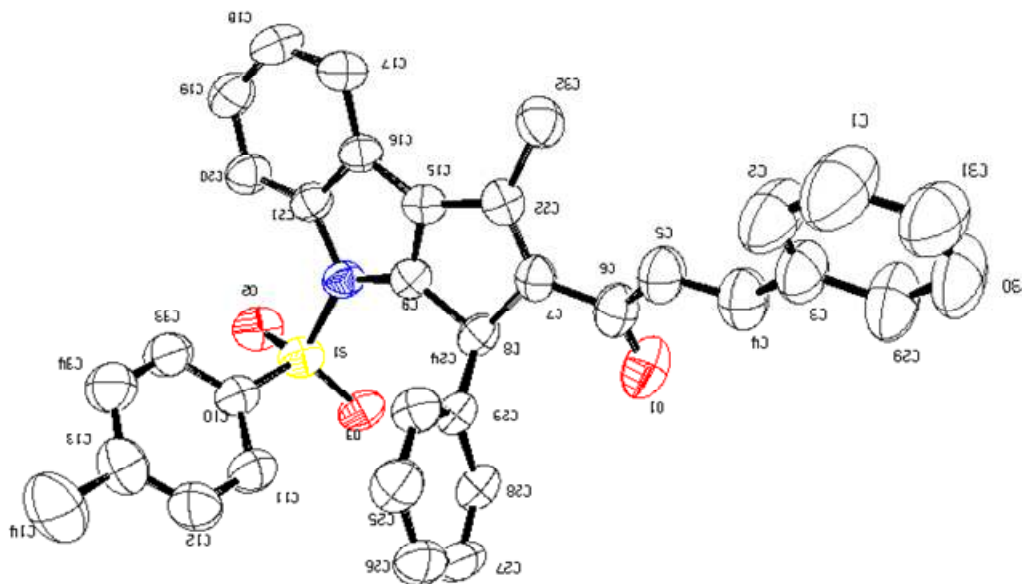


Fig 1S. ORTEP diagram of **5v** (CCDC 1029309).

A specimen of $C_{34}H_{27}NO_3S$ was used for the X-ray crystallographic analysis. The X-ray intensity data were measured.

The integration of the data using a monoclinic unit cell yielded a total of 22157 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 25.24° ($0.83 \text{ \AA}$ resolution), of which 3925 were

independent (average redundancy 5.645, completeness = 98.7%, $R_{\text{int}} = 6.91\%$, $R_{\text{sig}} = 5.76\%$) and 2599 (66.22%) were greater than $2\sigma(F^2)$. The final cell constants of $a = 6.1013(8) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 15.039(2) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 23.894(3) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90.877(8)^\circ$, volume = $2192.2(5) \text{ \AA}^3$, are based upon the refinement of the XYZ-centroids of reflections above $20 \sigma(I)$.

The final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on F^2 with 355 variables converged at $R1 = 6.40\%$, for the observed data and $wR2 = 18.10\%$ for all data. The goodness-of-fit was 1.080. The largest peak in the final difference electron density synthesis was $0.344 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$ and the largest hole was $-0.285 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$ with an RMS deviation of $0.091 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$. On the basis of the final model, the calculated density was 1.605 g/cm^3 and $F(000)$, 1112 e^- .

Table 1. Sample and crystal data for SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48.

Identification code	SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48	
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$	
Formula weight	529.62	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 $\text{\AA}$	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 6.1013(8) \text{ \AA}$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 15.039(2) \text{ \AA}$	$\beta = 90.877(8)^\circ$
	$c = 23.894(3) \text{ \AA}$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	$2192.2(5) \text{ \AA}^3$	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.605 g/cm^3	
Absorption coefficient	0.193 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	1112	

Table 2. Data collection and structure refinement for SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48.

Theta range for data collection	1.60 to 25.24°
Index ranges	$-7 \leq h \leq 7$, $-16 \leq k \leq 17$, $-28 \leq l \leq 28$
Reflections collected	22157
Independent reflections	3925 [$R(\text{int}) = 0.0691$]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Refinement program	SHELXL-2014 (Sheldrick, 2014)
Function minimized	$\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$
Data / restraints /	3925 / 0 / 355

parameters		
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.080	
$\Delta/\sigma_{\max}$	0.005	
Final R indices	2599 data; $I > 2\sigma(I)$	R1 = 0.0640, wR2 = 0.1539
	all data	R1 = 0.1080, wR2 = 0.1810
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1000P)^2]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	
Extinction coefficient	0.0190(20)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.344 and -0.285 eÅ ⁻³	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.091 eÅ ⁻³	

Table 3. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48.

	x/a	y/b	z/c	U(eq)
S1	0.71389(15)	0.99604(6)	0.20634(4)	0.0466(3)
O1	0.0698(5)	0.24283(18)	0.04479(12)	0.0731(8)
O2	0.6686(4)	0.91187(14)	0.21787(10)	0.0534(7)
O3	0.9193(3)	0.02321(15)	0.20237(10)	0.0510(7)
N1	0.6055(4)	0.01402(17)	0.14834(11)	0.0407(7)
C1	0.5889(10)	0.5273(4)	0.9093(3)	0.120(2)
C2	0.6393(8)	0.4587(3)	0.9405(2)	0.0962(17)
C3	0.8414(8)	0.4361(3)	0.94580(18)	0.0705(12)
C4	0.9092(8)	0.3652(3)	0.97712(17)	0.0684(11)
C5	0.7955(7)	0.3097(3)	0.00145(16)	0.0628(11)
C6	0.8856(7)	0.2433(2)	0.03427(16)	0.0555(10)
C7	0.7564(6)	0.1800(2)	0.05659(14)	0.0430(8)
C8	0.8246(5)	0.1391(2)	0.10799(14)	0.0423(8)
C9	0.6528(5)	0.0785(2)	0.11459(14)	0.0406(8)
C10	0.5853(5)	0.0595(2)	0.25016(14)	0.0425(8)
C11	0.6883(6)	0.1246(3)	0.27405(16)	0.0579(10)
C12	0.5872(8)	0.1720(3)	0.31024(16)	0.0681(11)
C13	0.3883(8)	0.1576(3)	0.32257(16)	0.0632(11)
C14	0.2799(9)	0.2123(3)	0.3613(2)	0.0933(15)
C15	0.5159(5)	0.0832(2)	0.07491(14)	0.0408(8)
C16	0.3658(5)	0.0193(2)	0.08188(14)	0.0403(8)

	x/a	y/b	z/c	U(eq)
C17	0.1940(6)	0.9925(2)	0.05409(16)	0.0523(9)
C18	0.0852(6)	0.9263(3)	0.07283(18)	0.0612(11)
C19	0.1441(6)	0.8850(3)	0.11794(17)	0.0591(10)
C20	0.3143(6)	0.9094(2)	0.14640(15)	0.0495(9)
C21	0.4221(5)	0.9764(2)	0.12786(14)	0.0416(8)
C22	0.5794(6)	0.1468(2)	0.03836(14)	0.0442(8)
C23	0.8545(5)	0.2022(2)	0.15184(13)	0.0418(8)
C24	0.6939(6)	0.2534(2)	0.16568(15)	0.0506(9)
C25	0.7207(7)	0.3127(3)	0.20399(16)	0.0589(10)
C26	0.9083(7)	0.3229(3)	0.22751(16)	0.0586(10)
C27	0.0675(7)	0.2730(3)	0.21393(16)	0.0578(10)
C28	0.0425(6)	0.2132(2)	0.17554(15)	0.0494(9)
C29	0.9863(9)	0.4835(3)	0.9213(2)	0.0916(15)
C30	0.9306(10)	0.5509(3)	0.8909(2)	0.0981(17)
C31	0.7344(11)	0.5723(4)	0.8853(2)	0.1014(18)
C32	0.4644(6)	0.1634(3)	0.98803(14)	0.0565(10)
C33	0.3865(6)	0.0433(3)	0.26236(16)	0.0566(10)
C34	0.2872(6)	0.0928(3)	0.29771(17)	0.0653(11)

Table 4. Bond lengths (Å) for SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48.

S1-O3	1.323(2)	S1-O2	1.326(2)
S1-N1	1.550(3)	S1-C10	1.627(3)
O1-C6	1.148(4)	N1-C9	1.297(4)
N1-C21	1.340(4)	C1-C31	1.261(7)
C1-C2	1.306(7)	C1-H1	0.93
C2-C3	1.284(6)	C2-H17	0.93
C3-C29	1.284(6)	C3-C4	1.364(6)
C4-C5	1.236(5)	C4-H18	0.93
C5-C6	1.379(5)	C5-H15	0.93
C6-C7	1.351(5)	C7-C22	1.261(4)
C7-C8	1.429(4)	C8-C9	1.399(4)
C8-C23	1.423(4)	C8-H14	0.98

C9-C15	1.256(4)	C10-C33	1.275(5)
C10-C11	1.292(5)	C11-C12	1.286(5)
C11-H5	0.93	C12-C13	1.272(5)
C12-H4	0.93	C13-C34	1.294(5)
C13-C14	1.409(5)	C14-H3	0.96
C14-H24	0.96	C14-H2	0.96
C15-C16	1.339(4)	C15-C22	1.355(4)
C16-C17	1.297(4)	C16-C21	1.316(4)
C17-C18	1.282(5)	C17-H9	0.93
C18-C19	1.290(5)	C18-H8	0.93
C19-C20	1.286(5)	C19-H7	0.93
C20-C21	1.286(4)	C20-H6	0.93
C22-C32	1.406(5)	C23-C28	1.282(4)
C23-C24	1.293(4)	C24-C25	1.287(5)
C24-H13	0.93	C25-C26	1.276(5)
C25-H12	0.93	C26-C27	1.273(5)
C26-H26	0.93	C27-C28	1.292(5)
C27-H11	0.93	C28-H10	0.93
C29-C30	1.289(6)	C29-H16	0.93
C30-C31	1.245(7)	C30-H30	0.93
C31-H31	0.93	C32-H21	0.96
C32-H20	0.96	C32-H19	0.96
C33-C34	1.285(5)	C33-H23	0.93
C34-H22	0.93		

Table 5. Bond angles (°) for SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48.

O3-S1-O2	120.71(15)	O3-S1-N1	105.88(15)
O2-S1-N1	105.36(14)	O3-S1-C10	109.37(16)
O2-S1-C10	108.79(16)	N1-S1-C10	105.66(15)

C9-N1-C21	106.4(3)	C9-N1-S1	126.2(2)
C21-N1-S1	126.5(3)	C31-C1-C2	121.5(6)
C31-C1-H1	119.3	C2-C1-H1	119.3
C3-C2-C1	118.9(5)	C3-C2-H17	120.6
C1-C2-H17	120.6	C2-C3-C29	118.4(5)
C2-C3-C4	123.0(5)	C29-C3-C4	118.7(5)
C5-C4-C3	128.2(5)	C5-C4-H18	115.9
C3-C4-H18	115.9	C4-C5-C6	122.3(4)
C4-C5-H15	118.8	C6-C5-H15	118.8
O1-C6-C7	119.0(4)	O1-C6-C5	120.6(4)
C7-C6-C5	120.4(4)	C22-C7-C6	130.1(4)
C22-C7-C8	111.3(3)	C6-C7-C8	118.6(3)
C9-C8-C23	116.0(3)	C9-C8-C7	99.7(3)
C23-C8-C7	112.2(3)	C9-C8-H14	109.5
C23-C8-H14	109.5	C7-C8-H14	109.5
C15-C9-N1	111.1(3)	C15-C9-C8	111.7(3)
N1-C9-C8	137.0(3)	C33-C10-C11	120.1(4)
C33-C10-S1	120.3(3)	C11-C10-S1	119.5(3)
C12-C11-C10	118.9(4)	C12-C11-H5	120.6
C10-C11-H5	120.6	C13-C12-C11	122.0(4)
C13-C12-H4	119.0	C11-C12-H4	119.0
C12-C13-C34	118.2(4)	C12-C13-C14	120.7(5)
C34-C13-C14	121.1(5)	C13-C14-H3	109.5
C13-C14-H24	109.5	H3-C14-H24	109.5
C13-C14-H2	109.5	H3-C14-H2	109.5
H24-C14-H2	109.5	C9-C15-C16	108.3(3)
C9-C15-C22	109.4(3)	C16-C15-C22	142.1(3)
C17-C16-C21	118.3(3)	C17-C16-C15	135.1(3)
C21-C16-C15	106.6(3)	C18-C17-C16	118.8(4)
C18-C17-H9	120.6	C16-C17-H9	120.6
C17-C18-C19	121.8(4)	C17-C18-H8	119.1
C19-C18-H8	119.1	C20-C19-C18	121.2(4)
C20-C19-H7	119.4	C18-C19-H7	119.4
C19-C20-C21	117.0(4)	C19-C20-H6	121.5
C21-C20-H6	121.5	C20-C21-C16	123.0(3)
C20-C21-N1	129.3(3)	C16-C21-N1	107.7(3)
C7-C22-C15	108.0(3)	C7-C22-C32	129.7(3)
C15-C22-C32	122.2(3)	C28-C23-C24	119.1(3)
C28-C23-C8	121.0(3)	C24-C23-C8	119.7(3)

C25-C24-C23	120.4(4)	C25-C24-H13	119.8
C23-C24-H13	119.8	C26-C25-C24	120.0(4)
C26-C25-H12	120.0	C24-C25-H12	120.0
C27-C26-C25	120.0(4)	C27-C26-H26	120.0
C25-C26-H26	120.0	C26-C27-C28	120.6(4)
C26-C27-H11	119.7	C28-C27-H11	119.7
C23-C28-C27	119.9(4)	C23-C28-H10	120.0
C27-C28-H10	120.0	C3-C29-C30	121.0(5)
C3-C29-H16	119.5	C30-C29-H16	119.5
C31-C30-C29	120.6(5)	C31-C30-H30	119.7
C29-C30-H30	119.7	C30-C31-C1	119.6(6)
C30-C31-H31	120.2	C1-C31-H31	120.2
C22-C32-H21	109.5	C22-C32-H20	109.5
H21-C32-H20	109.5	C22-C32-H19	109.5
H21-C32-H19	109.5	H20-C32-H19	109.5
C10-C33-C34	120.0(4)	C10-C33-H23	120.0
C34-C33-H23	120.0	C33-C34-C13	120.8(4)
C33-C34-H22	119.6	C13-C34-H22	119.6

Table 6. Torsion angles (°) for SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48.

O3-S1-N1-C9	-32.2(3)	O2-S1-N1-C9	-161.1(3)
C10-S1-N1-C9	83.8(3)	O3-S1-N1-C21	160.4(3)
O2-S1-N1-C21	31.5(3)	C10-S1-N1-C21	-83.6(3)
C31-C1-C2-C3	-1.3(11)	C1-C2-C3-C29	1.8(9)
C1-C2-C3-C4	-179.4(6)	C2-C3-C4-C5	5.1(8)
C29-C3-C4-C5	-176.2(5)	C3-C4-C5-C6	-176.7(4)
C4-C5-C6-O1	8.1(7)	C4-C5-C6-C7	-174.9(4)
O1-C6-C7-C22	-152.1(4)	C5-C6-C7-C22	30.8(6)
O1-C6-C7-C8	25.5(5)	C5-C6-C7-C8	-151.6(3)
C22-C7-C8-C9	-0.4(4)	C6-C7-C8-C9	-178.5(3)
C22-C7-C8-C23	-123.8(3)	C6-C7-C8-C23	58.1(4)
C21-N1-C9-C15	-0.7(4)	S1-N1-C9-C15	-170.2(2)
C21-N1-C9-C8	-173.9(4)	S1-N1-C9-C8	16.7(6)

C23-C8-C9-C15	121.2(3)	C7-C8-C9-C15	0.5(4)
C23-C8-C9-N1	-65.6(5)	C7-C8-C9-N1	173.6(4)
O3-S1-C10-C33	-177.1(3)	O2-S1-C10-C33	-43.3(3)
N1-S1-C10-C33	69.4(3)	O3-S1-C10-C11	0.5(3)
O2-S1-C10-C11	134.3(3)	N1-S1-C10-C11	-113.0(3)
C33-C10-C11-C12	0.3(6)	S1-C10-C11-C12	-177.3(3)
C10-C11-C12-C13	-1.1(7)	C11-C12-C13-C34	0.3(7)
C11-C12-C13-C14	-178.2(4)	N1-C9-C15-C16	0.6(4)
C8-C9-C15-C16	175.6(3)	N1-C9-C15-C22	-175.4(3)
C8-C9-C15-C22	-0.5(4)	C9-C15-C16-C17	-178.5(4)
C22-C15-C16-C17	-4.6(8)	C9-C15-C16-C21	-0.2(4)
C22-C15-C16-C21	173.7(4)	C21-C16-C17-C18	0.7(6)
C15-C16-C17-C18	178.9(4)	C16-C17-C18-C19	-1.0(6)
C17-C18-C19-C20	0.6(7)	C18-C19-C20-C21	0.0(6)
C19-C20-C21-C16	-0.3(6)	C19-C20-C21-N1	-178.4(4)
C17-C16-C21-C20	-0.1(5)	C15-C16-C21-C20	-178.7(3)
C17-C16-C21-N1	178.4(3)	C15-C16-C21-N1	-0.2(4)
C9-N1-C21-C20	178.9(3)	S1-N1-C21-C20	-11.6(5)
C9-N1-C21-C16	0.6(4)	S1-N1-C21-C16	170.0(2)
C6-C7-C22-C15	177.9(4)	C8-C7-C22-C15	0.2(4)
C6-C7-C22-C32	2.2(7)	C8-C7-C22-C32	-175.5(3)
C9-C15-C22-C7	0.2(4)	C16-C15-C22-C7	-173.7(4)
C9-C15-C22-C32	176.2(3)	C16-C15-C22-C32	2.4(7)
C9-C8-C23-C28	128.1(4)	C7-C8-C23-C28	-118.2(4)
C9-C8-C23-C24	-56.5(5)	C7-C8-C23-C24	57.2(4)
C28-C23-C24-C25	-2.2(5)	C8-C23-C24-C25	-177.7(3)
C23-C24-C25-C26	1.9(6)	C24-C25-C26-C27	-1.6(6)
C25-C26-C27-C28	1.6(6)	C24-C23-C28-C27	2.2(5)

C8-C23-C28-C27	177.6(3)	C26-C27-C28-C23	-1.9(6)
C2-C3-C29-C30	-1.7(8)	C4-C3-C29-C30	179.5(5)
C3-C29-C30-C31	1.0(10)	C29-C30-C31-C1	-0.4(11)
C2-C1-C31-C30	0.6(11)	C11-C10-C33-C34	1.3(6)
S1-C10-C33-C34	178.8(3)	C10-C33-C34-C13	-2.1(6)
C12-C13-C34-C33	1.3(7)	C14-C13-C34-C33	179.8(4)

Table 7. Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2$) for SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48.

	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{13}	U_{12}
S1	0.0450(6)	0.0411(6)	0.0535(6)	0.0026(4)	-0.0086(4)	0.0045(4)
O1	0.0525(18)	0.073(2)	0.094(2)	0.0128(16)	0.0161(15)	-0.0043(15)
O2	0.0642(16)	0.0291(13)	0.0664(16)	0.0071(11)	-0.0123(13)	0.0032(11)
O3	0.0305(13)	0.0590(16)	0.0632(16)	0.0005(12)	-0.0088(11)	0.0028(11)
N1	0.0420(16)	0.0360(16)	0.0439(16)	0.0018(13)	-0.0055(13)	-0.0047(13)
C1	0.082(4)	0.107(4)	0.171(6)	0.058(5)	-0.021(4)	-0.013(3)
C2	0.068(3)	0.083(4)	0.138(5)	0.045(3)	-0.011(3)	-0.011(3)
C3	0.085(3)	0.052(3)	0.074(3)	0.009(2)	0.008(3)	-0.014(2)
C4	0.080(3)	0.056(3)	0.070(3)	0.008(2)	0.013(2)	-0.004(2)
C5	0.070(3)	0.053(2)	0.066(3)	0.013(2)	0.005(2)	-0.010(2)
C6	0.053(3)	0.053(2)	0.061(2)	0.000(2)	0.014(2)	0.000(2)
C7	0.045(2)	0.0385(19)	0.046(2)	-0.0011(16)	0.0085(16)	0.0020(17)
C8	0.0343(18)	0.0385(19)	0.054(2)	-0.0023(16)	0.0034(15)	-0.0002(15)
C9	0.0411(19)	0.0341(19)	0.046(2)	-0.0046(16)	0.0019(17)	0.0017(15)
C10	0.043(2)	0.0358(19)	0.048(2)	0.0063(15)	-0.0077(16)	0.0008(16)
C11	0.057(2)	0.053(2)	0.064(3)	-0.007(2)	0.000(2)	-0.013(2)
C12	0.084(3)	0.059(3)	0.061(3)	-0.016(2)	0.004(2)	-0.015(2)
C13	0.076(3)	0.056(3)	0.059(3)	0.001(2)	0.009(2)	0.012(2)
C14	0.119(4)	0.082(3)	0.080(3)	-0.020(3)	0.021(3)	0.015(3)

	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₂₃	U ₁₃	U ₁₂
C15	0.0410(19)	0.037(2)	0.044(2)	-0.0042(16)	-0.0025(17)	0.0048(16)
C16	0.040(2)	0.0365(19)	0.045(2)	-0.0027(15)	-0.0043(16)	0.0012(15)
C17	0.052(2)	0.052(2)	0.052(2)	-0.0021(18)	-0.0116(18)	-0.0011(19)
C18	0.048(2)	0.060(3)	0.075(3)	-0.004(2)	-0.014(2)	-0.011(2)
C19	0.058(2)	0.052(2)	0.068(3)	0.001(2)	0.000(2)	-0.016(2)
C20	0.053(2)	0.039(2)	0.057(2)	-0.0014(17)	-0.0040(18)	-0.0079(18)
C21	0.039(2)	0.0379(19)	0.048(2)	-0.0052(16)	-0.0008(16)	-0.0004(16)
C22	0.050(2)	0.038(2)	0.045(2)	0.0012(16)	0.0034(16)	0.0047(17)
C23	0.035(2)	0.040(2)	0.051(2)	0.0009(16)	0.0030(16)	-0.0040(16)
C24	0.046(2)	0.049(2)	0.057(2)	-0.0062(19)	-0.0015(17)	0.0013(18)
C25	0.057(3)	0.049(2)	0.072(3)	-0.013(2)	0.010(2)	-0.0003(19)
C26	0.064(3)	0.050(2)	0.062(2)	-0.0139(19)	0.001(2)	-0.011(2)
C27	0.051(2)	0.056(2)	0.066(3)	-0.004(2)	-0.011(2)	-0.018(2)
C28	0.037(2)	0.049(2)	0.062(2)	0.0008(19)	0.0025(18)	-0.0055(17)
C29	0.089(4)	0.079(3)	0.107(4)	0.033(3)	0.019(3)	-0.010(3)
C30	0.102(4)	0.079(4)	0.113(4)	0.043(3)	0.013(4)	-0.016(3)
C31	0.097(4)	0.083(4)	0.123(5)	0.040(3)	-0.019(4)	-0.020(4)
C32	0.059(2)	0.058(3)	0.053(2)	0.0082(18)	0.0005(18)	0.0025(19)
C33	0.048(2)	0.059(2)	0.062(2)	-0.010(2)	-0.0019(19)	-0.003(2)
C34	0.051(2)	0.076(3)	0.069(3)	-0.015(2)	0.004(2)	0.002(2)

Table 8. Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2$) for SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48.

	x/a	y/b	z/c	U(eq)
H1	0.4425	0.5432	-0.0954	0.144
H17	0.5305	0.4269	-0.0414	0.115
H18	1.0600	0.3576	-0.0194	0.082
H15	0.6438	0.3128	-0.0025	0.075
H14	0.9617	0.1067	0.1023	0.051

	x/a	y/b	z/c	U(eq)
H5	0.8331	0.1370	0.2652	0.069
H4	0.6619	0.2183	0.3280	0.082
H3	0.3178	0.1938	0.3987	0.14
H24	0.1244	0.2073	0.3555	0.14
H2	0.3239	0.2730	0.3560	0.14
H9	0.1504	0.0209	0.0212	0.063
H8	-0.0395	-0.0926	0.0534	0.073
H7	0.0621	-0.1632	0.1301	0.071
H6	0.3575	-0.1201	0.1789	0.059
H13	0.5582	0.2473	0.1478	0.061
H12	0.6034	0.3481	0.2145	0.071
H26	0.9286	0.3667	0.2545	0.07
H11	1.2029	0.2796	0.2318	0.069
H10	1.1607	0.1782	0.1651	0.059
H16	1.1338	0.4690	-0.0745	0.11
H30	1.0379	0.5839	-0.1269	0.118
H31	0.6953	0.6212	-0.1365	0.122
H21	0.3453	0.2034	-0.0050	0.085
H20	0.4077	0.1085	-0.0267	0.085
H19	0.5616	0.1896	-0.0385	0.085
H23	0.3135	-0.0043	0.2457	0.068
H22	0.1408	0.0818	0.3055	0.078

Table 9. Hydrogen bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for SCI_234_SM_SE_11_48.

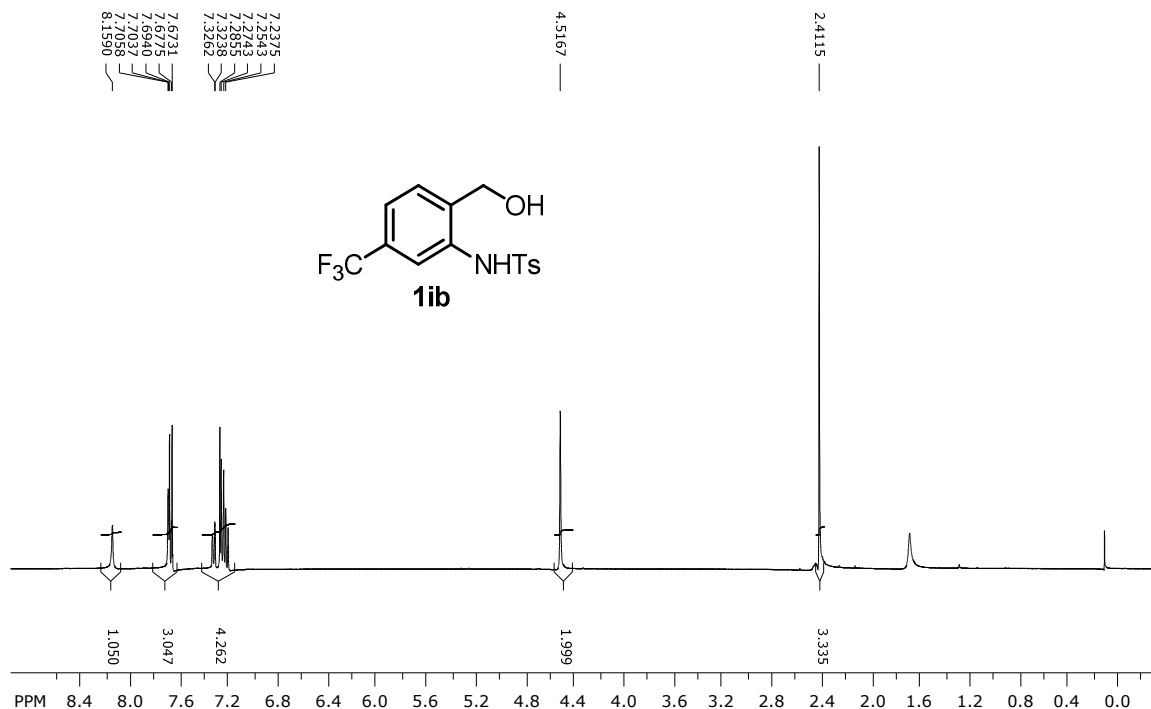
	Donor-H	Acceptor-H	Donor-Acceptor	Angle
C33-H23...O3	0.93	2.64	3.186(4)	118.4
C20-H6...O2	0.93	2.16	2.734(4)	119.4
C33-H23...O3	0.93	2.64	3.186(4)	118.4
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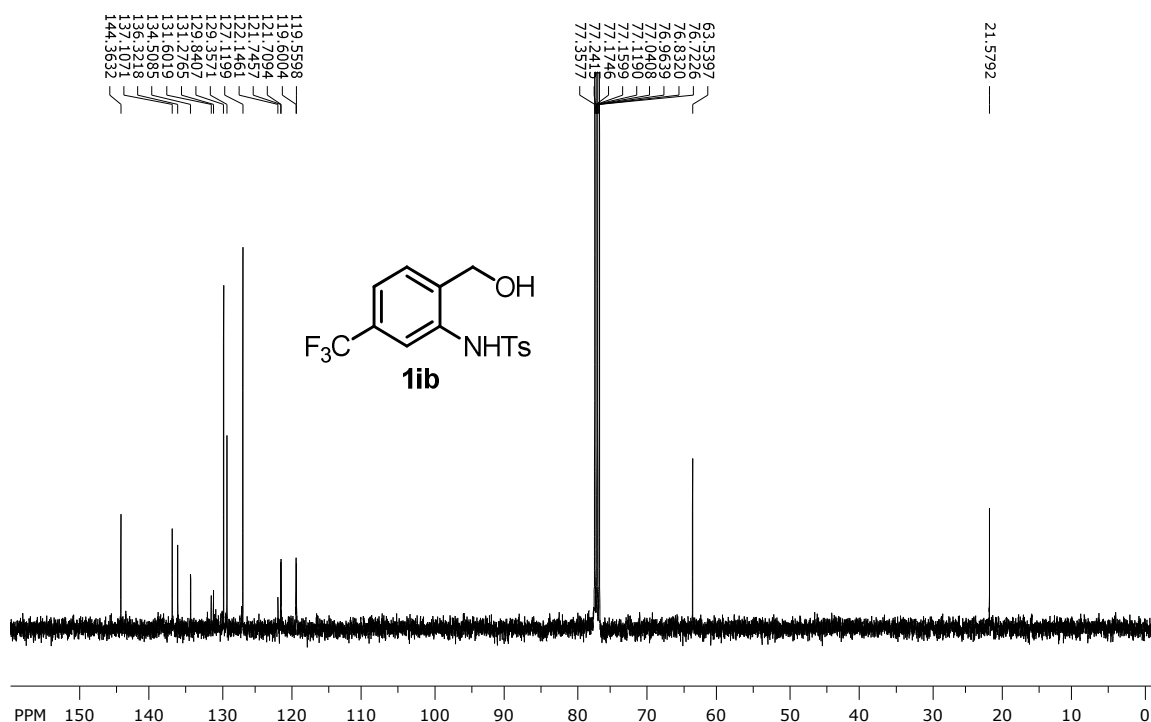
^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectra of all new compounds reported in this study

(Note: In general, in a ^1H NMR spectrum recorded in CDCl_3 , a peak at around δ 1.6 refers to moisture in the solvent/sample and a peak at about δ 1.2 refers to oil/grease present in the sample. In a ^{13}C NMR spectrum recorded in CDCl_3 , a peak at about δ 29.7 usually represents oil/grease)

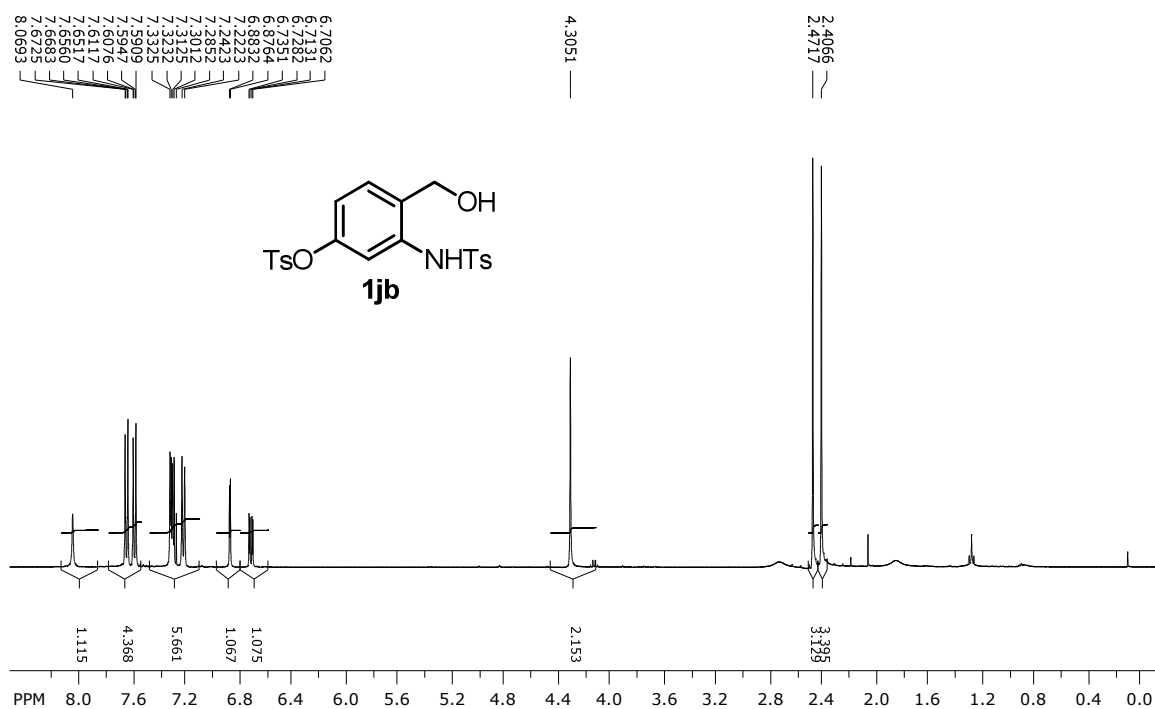
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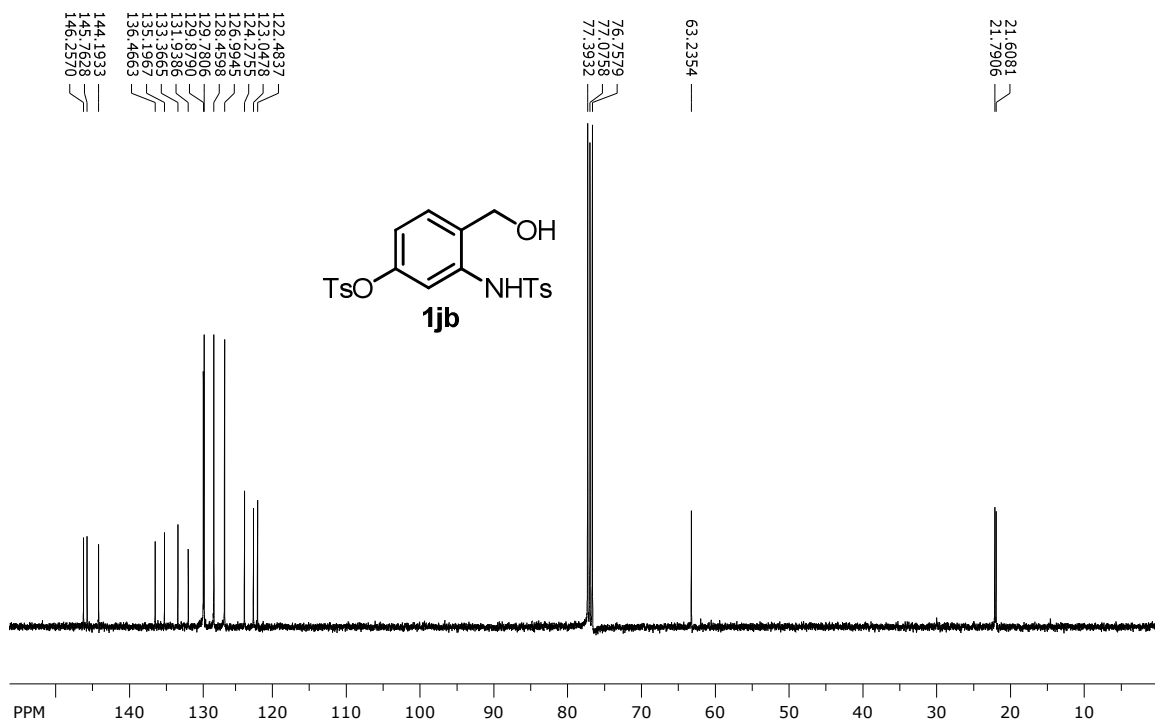
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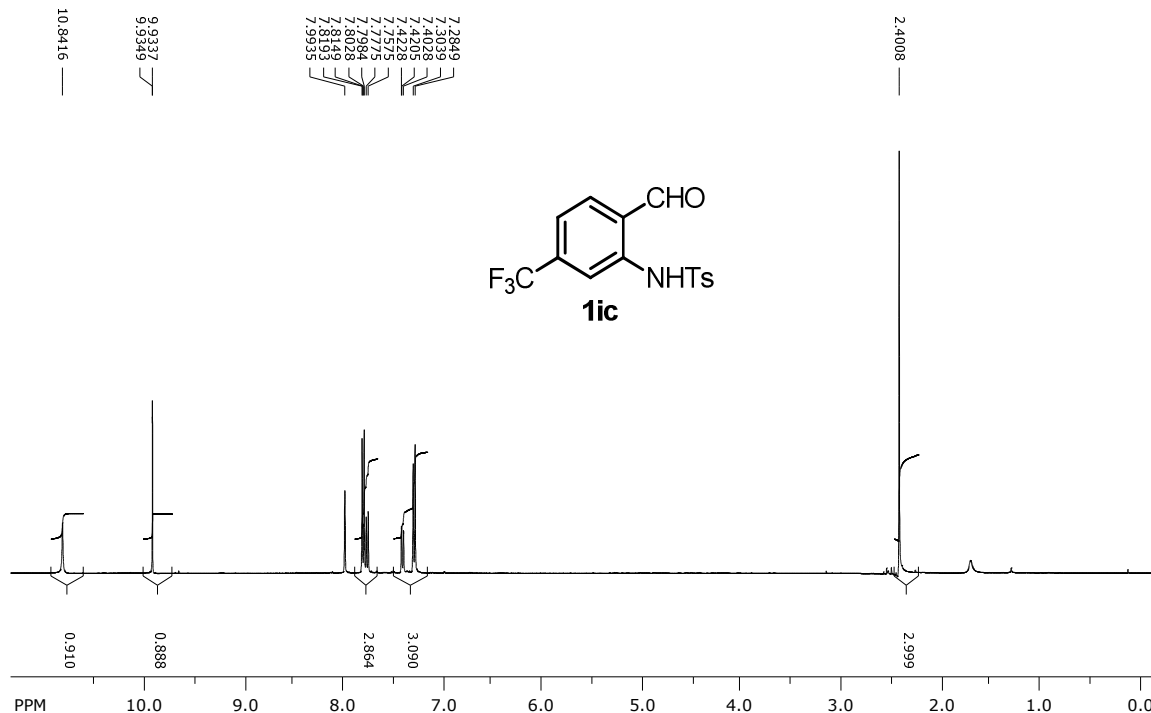
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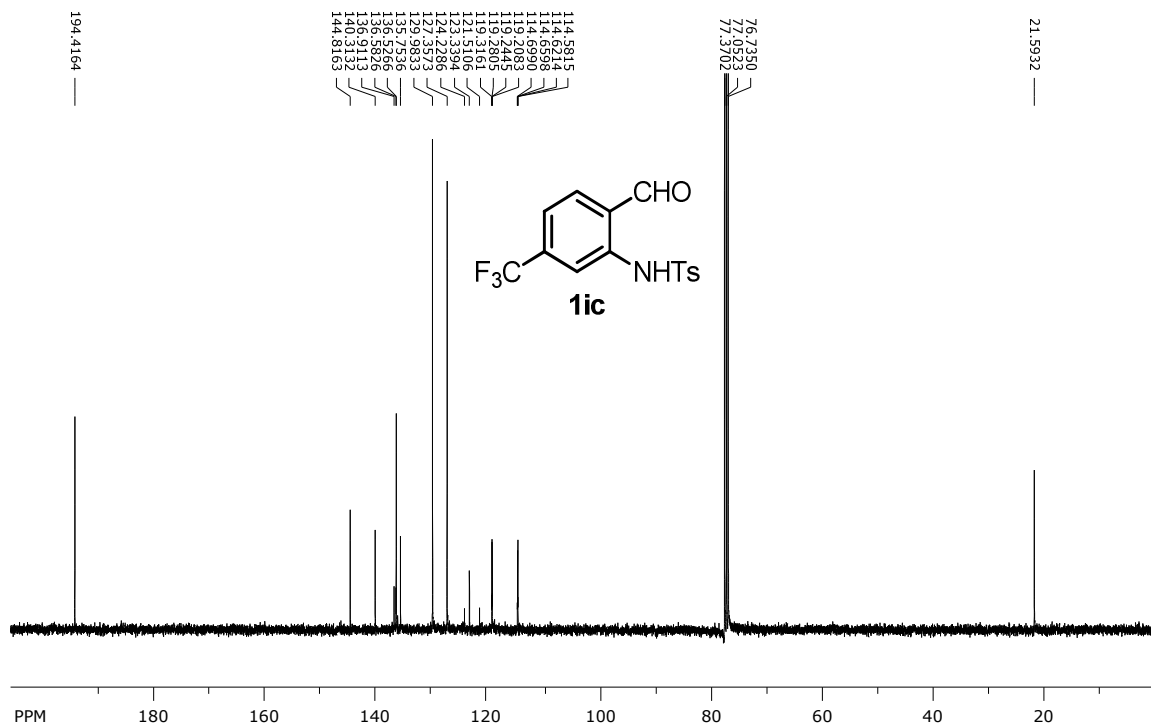
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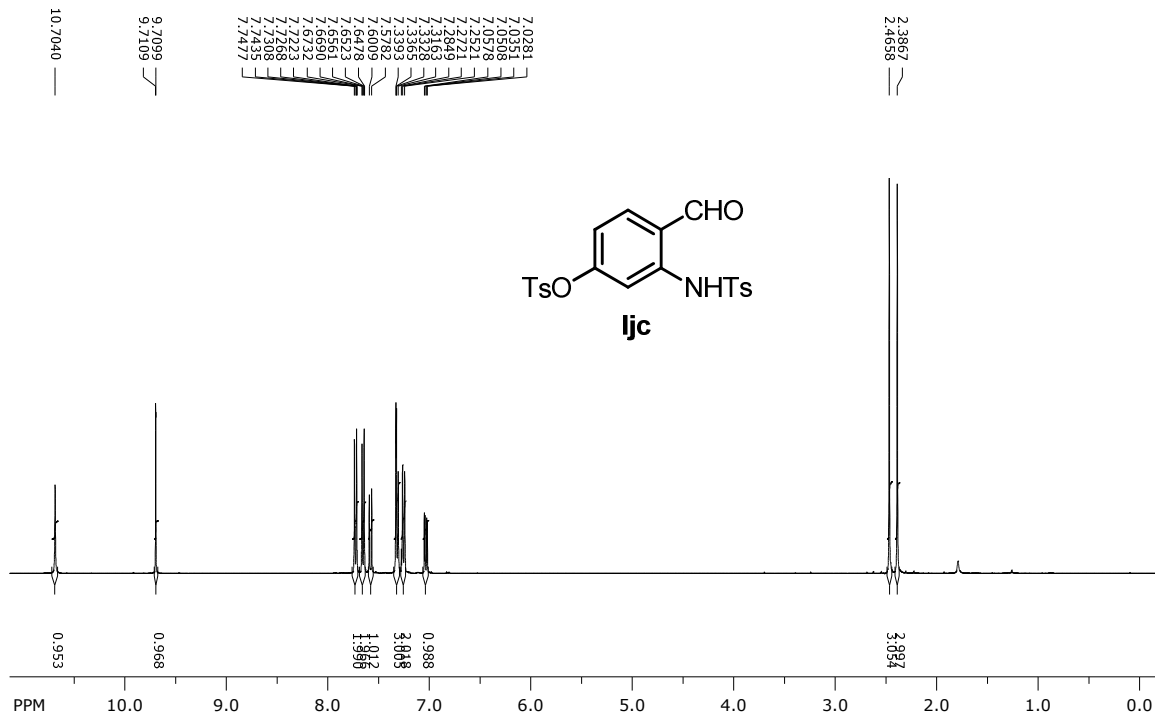
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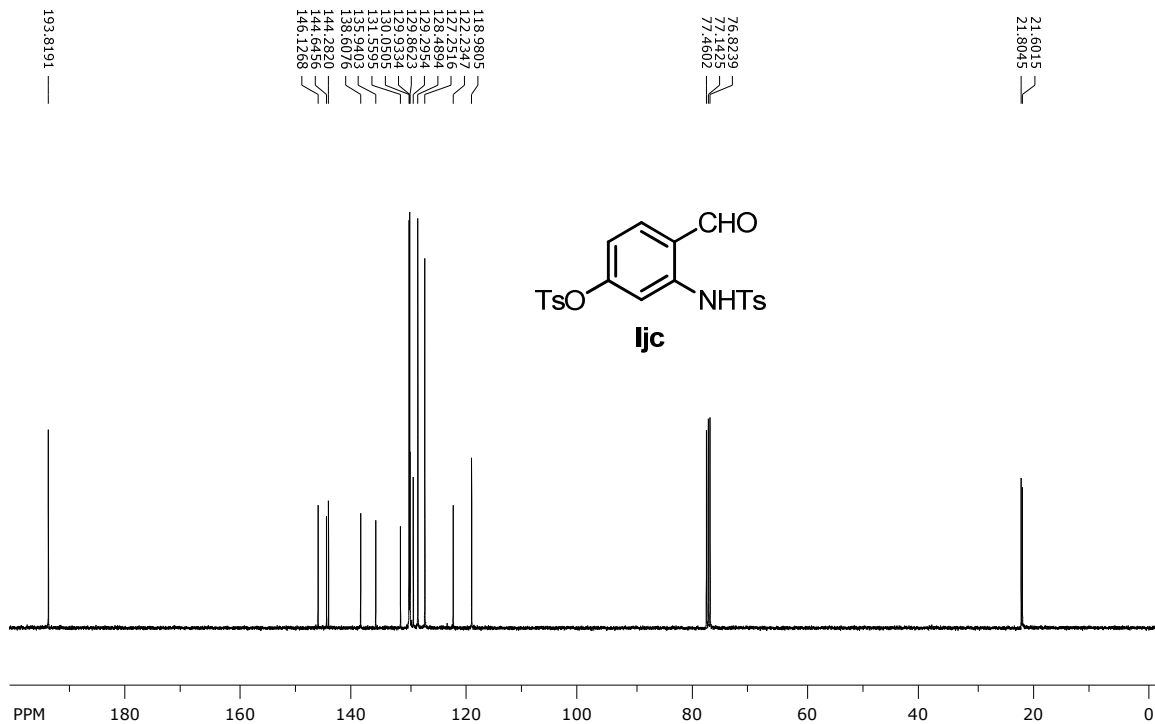
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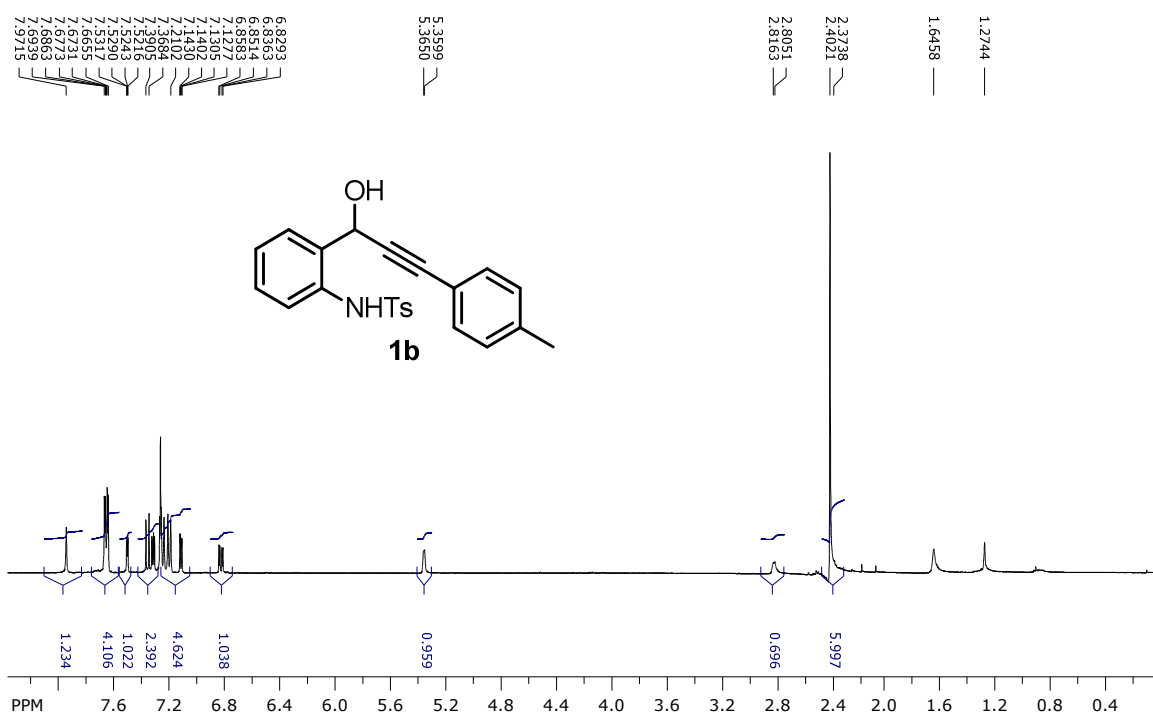
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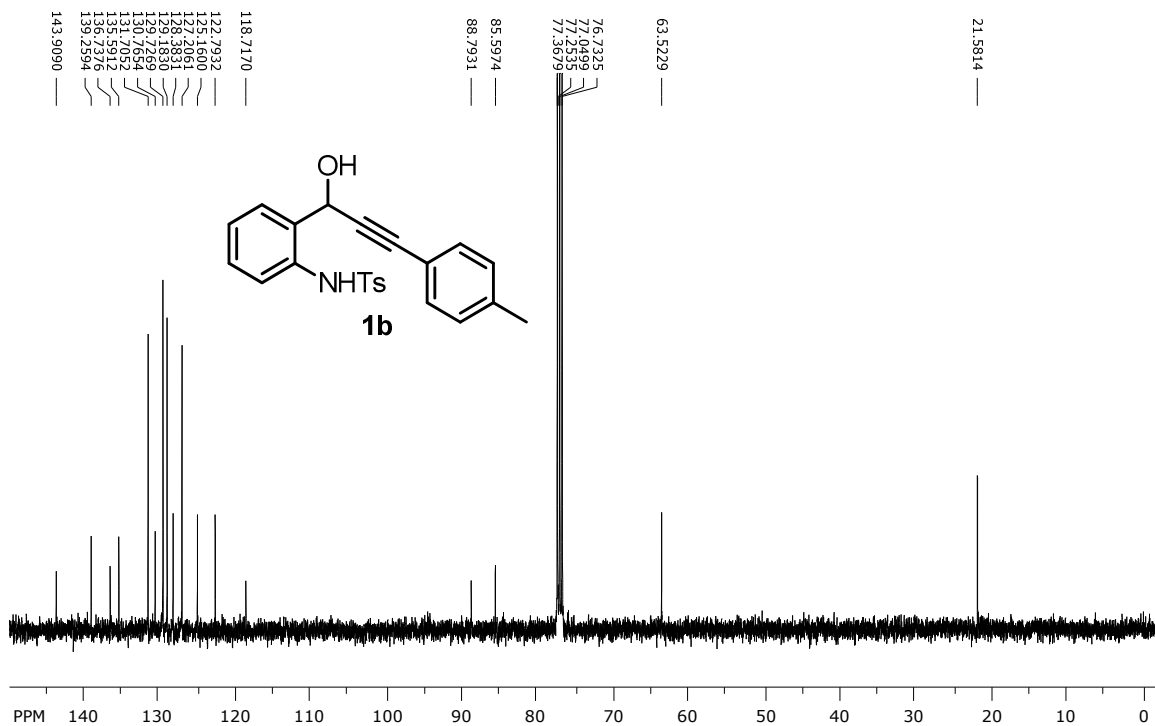
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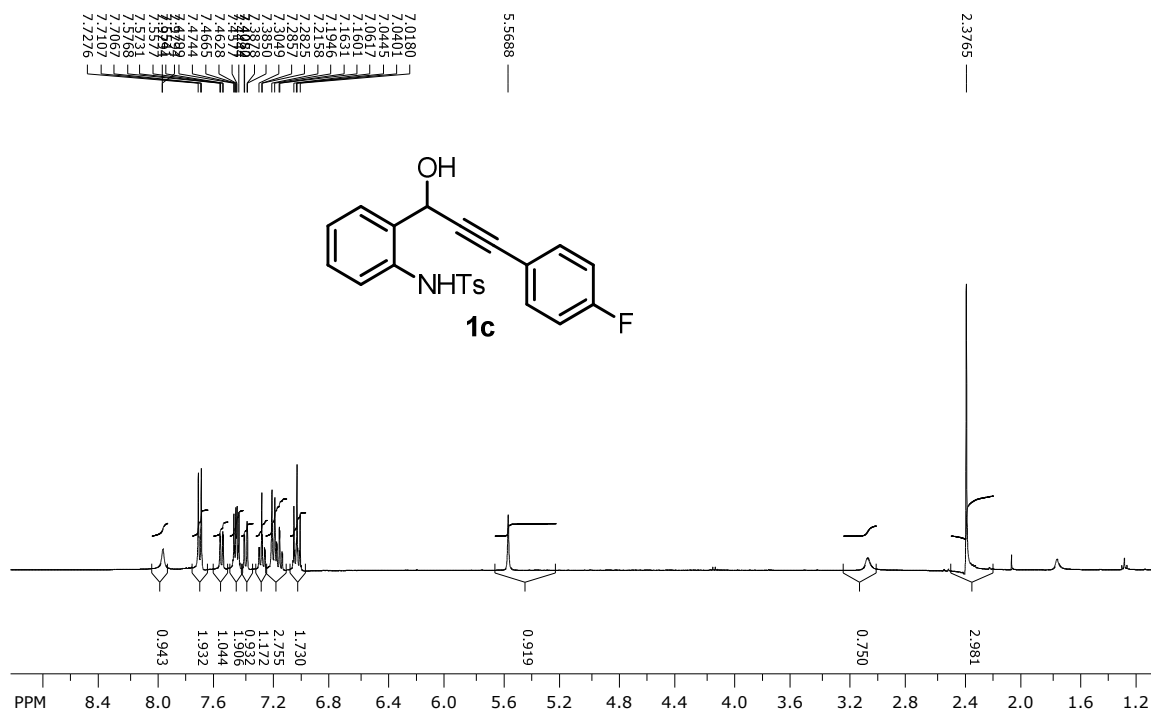
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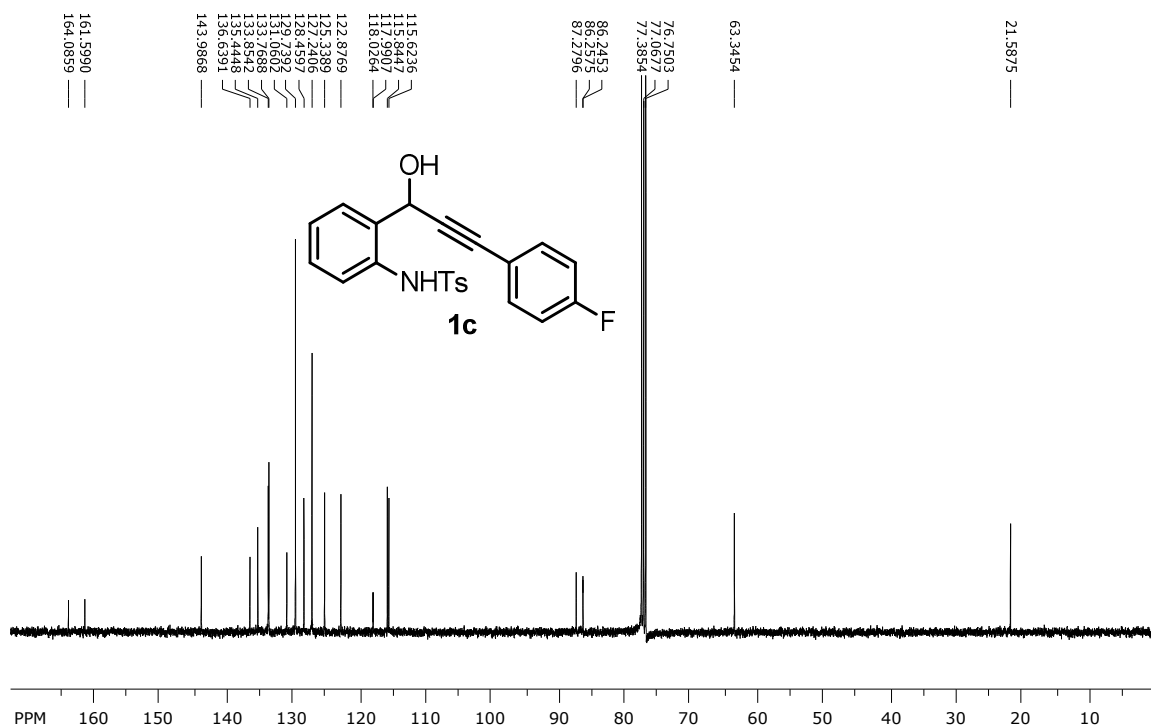
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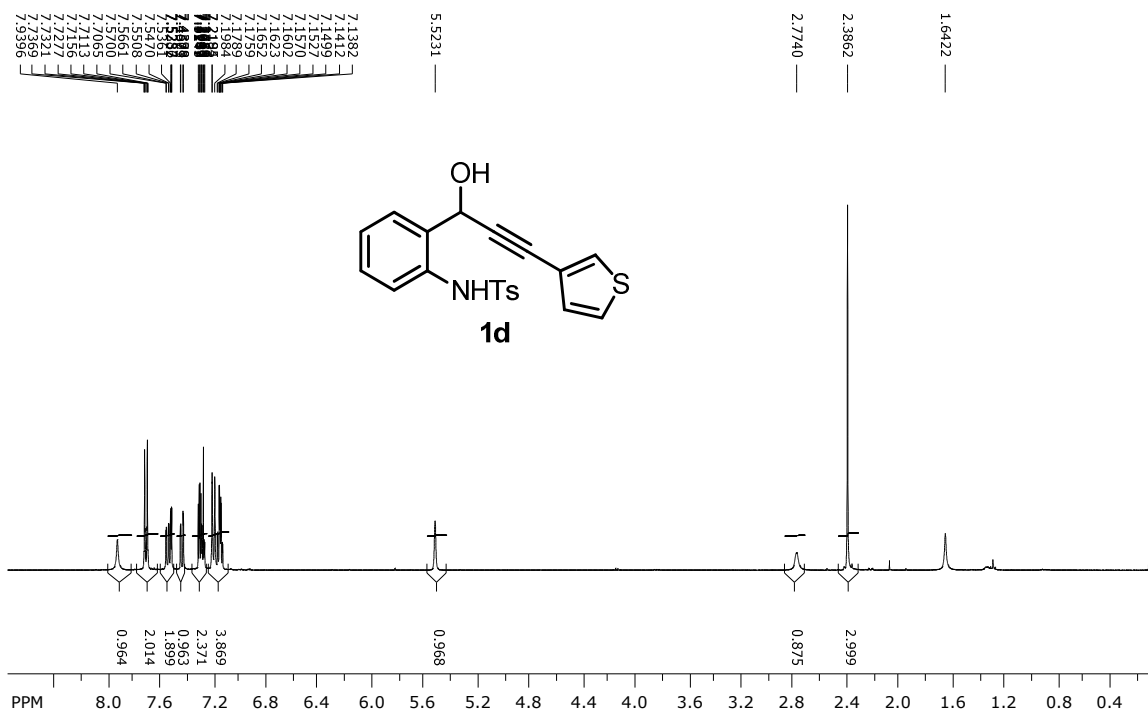
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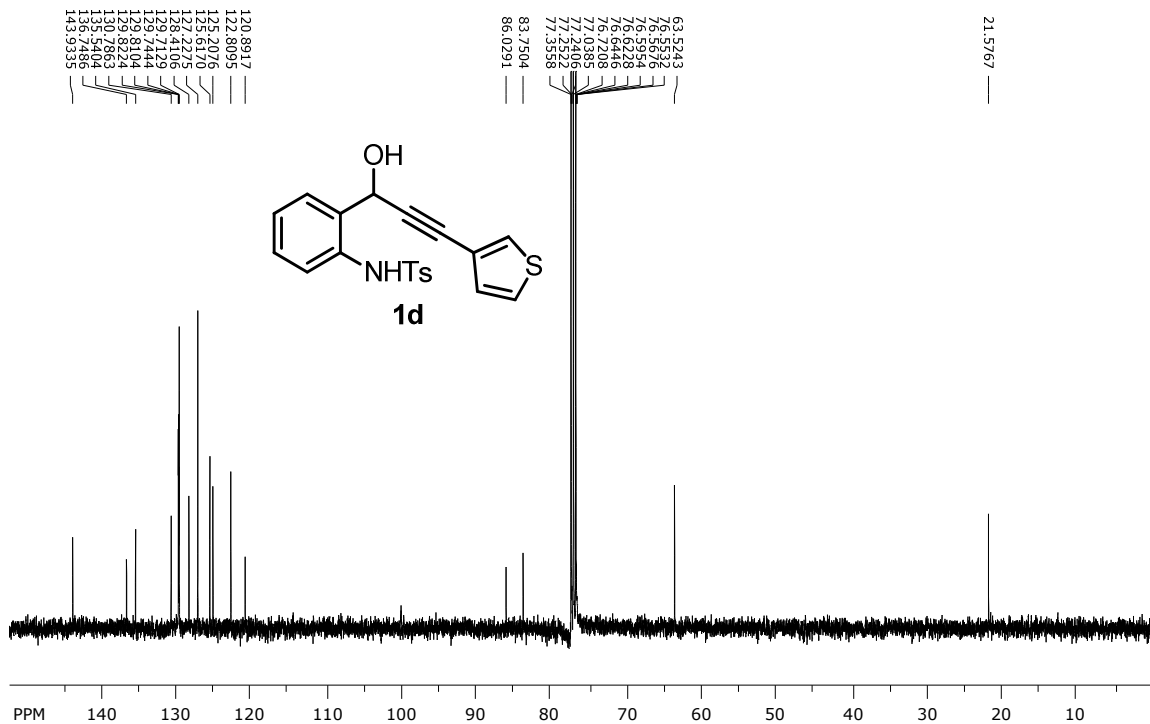
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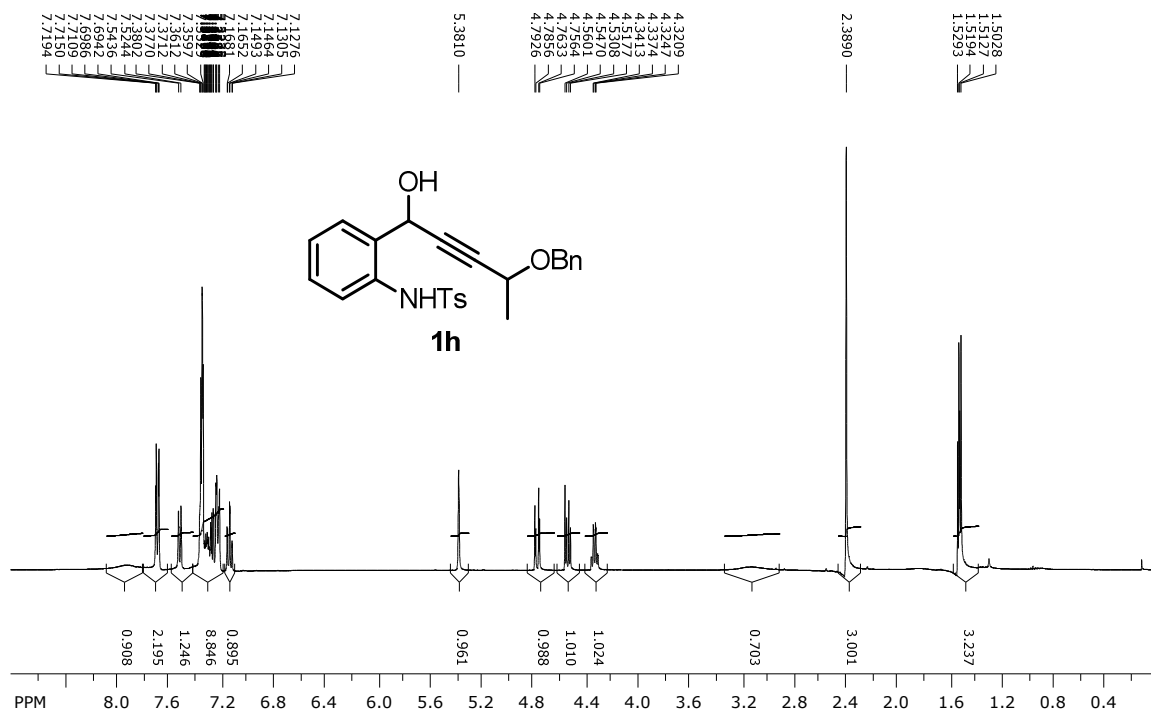
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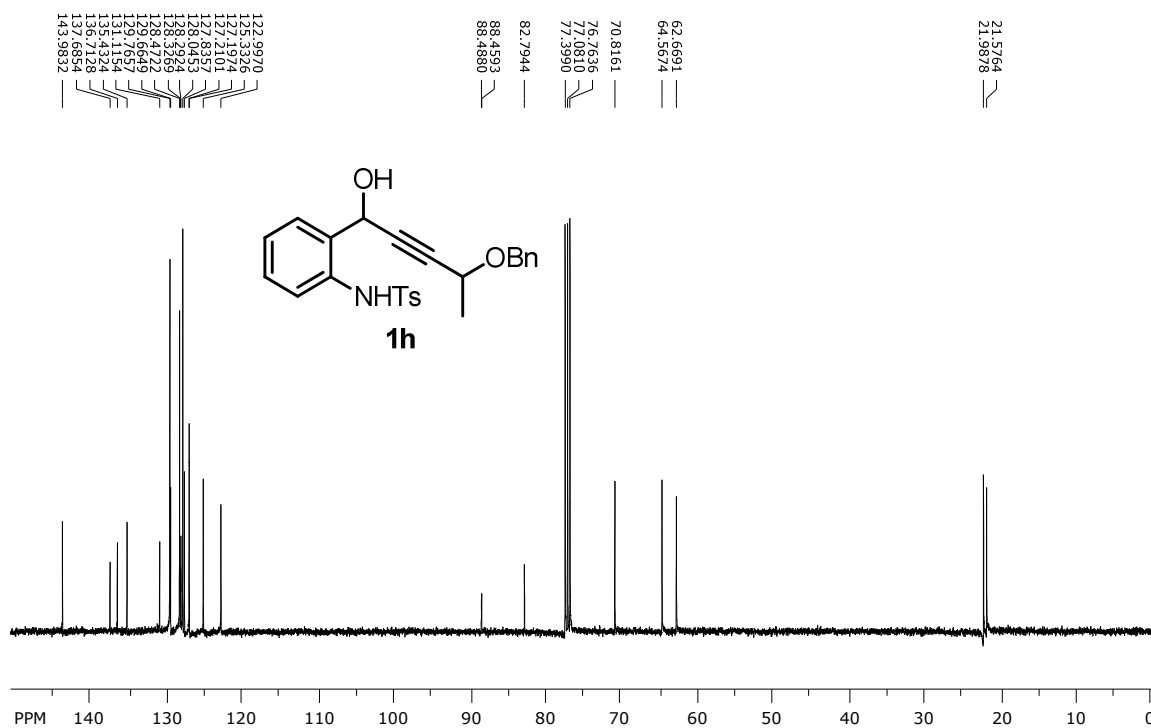
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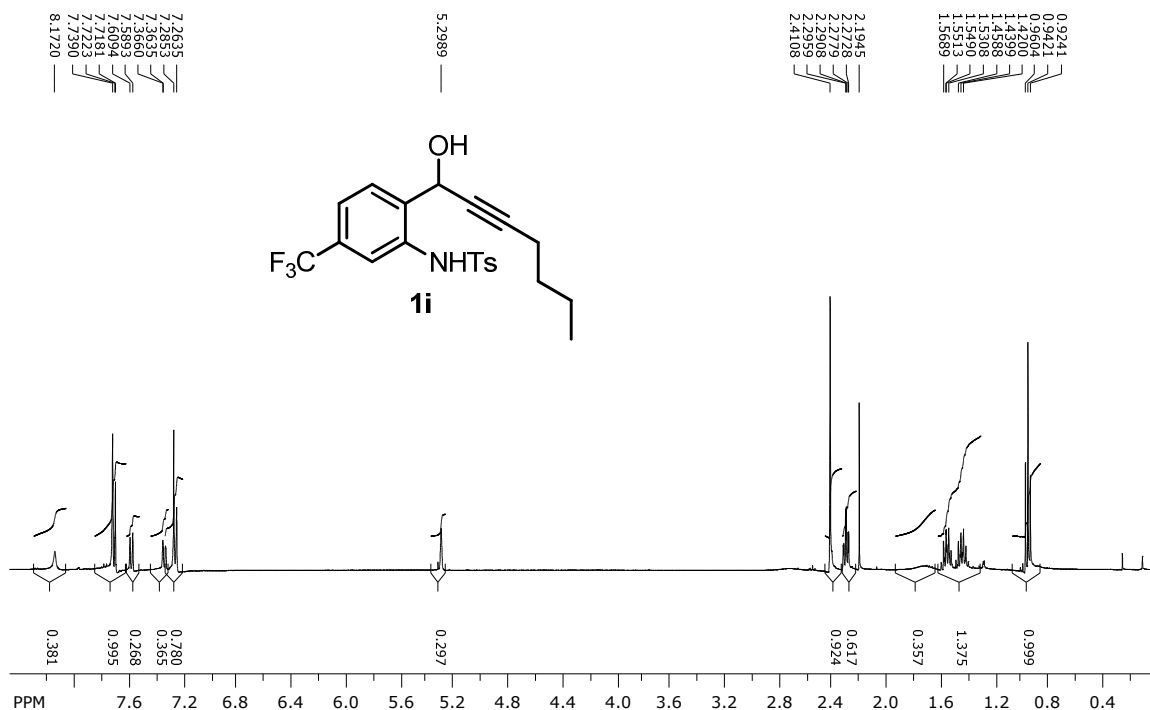
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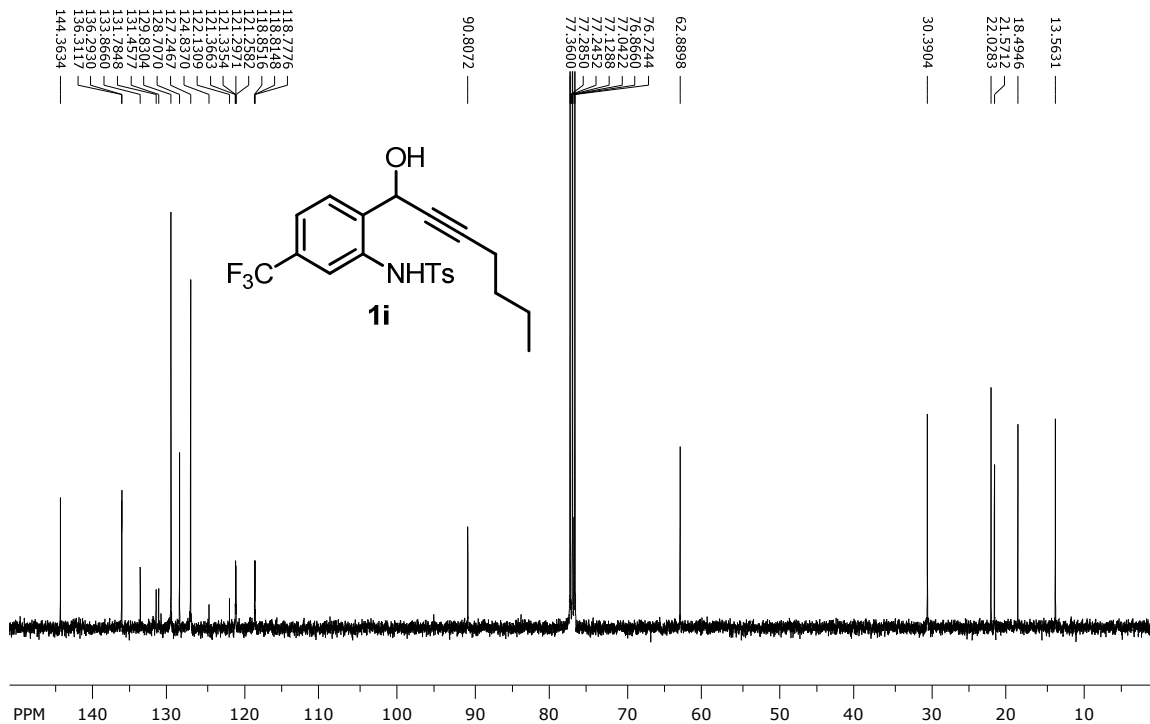
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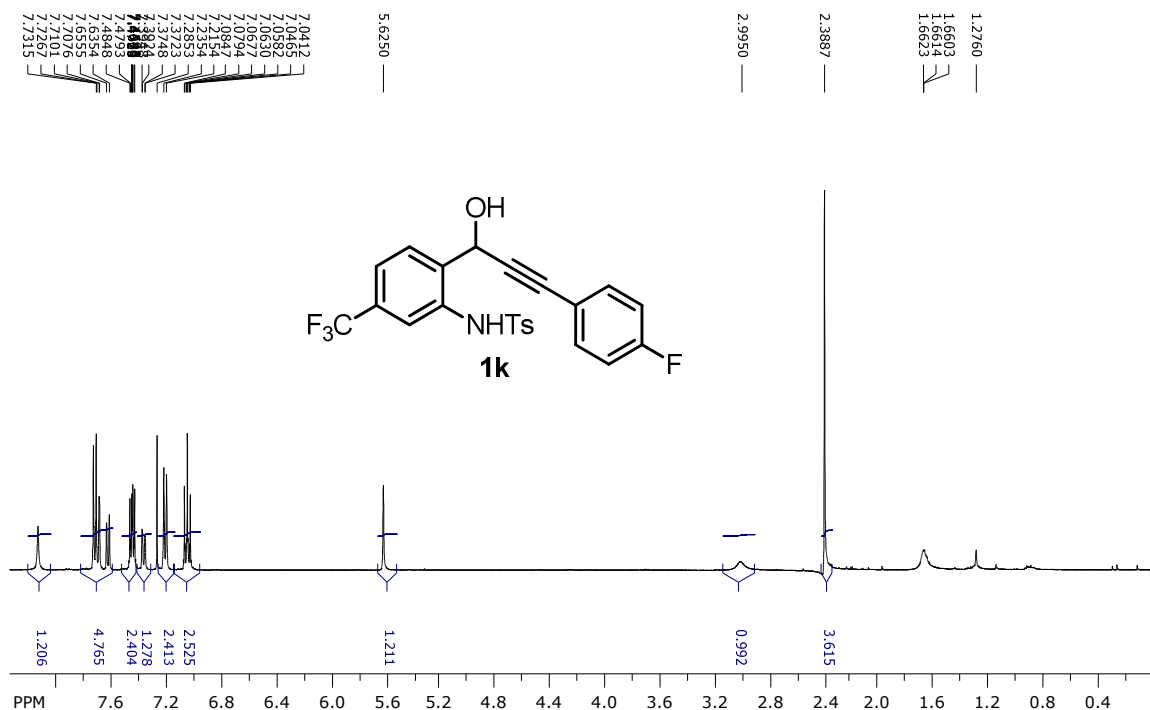
Chemical structure of **1j** is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a 2-(4-(tosyloxy)phenyl)-2-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)-1-ethanol derivative, where the phenyl ring is substituted with a tosylate group (TsO-) and an NHTs group.

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound **1j**. The x-axis represents the chemical shift in PPM, ranging from 0 to 10. The spectrum shows several peaks corresponding to the protons in the molecule, including aromatic protons, the hydroxyl group (OH), the NHTs group, and the aliphatic protons.

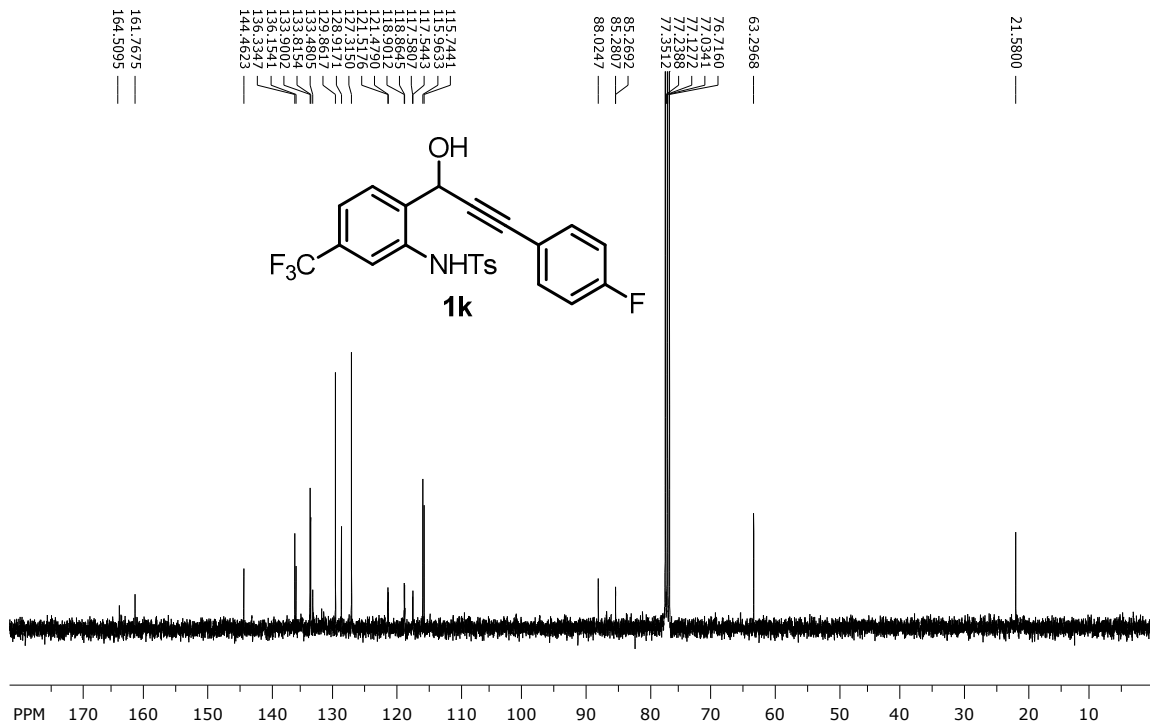
Key peaks and their assignments (PPM):

- 21.6157, 21.7075: Methyl protons of the tosylate group (TsO-).
- 84.3365, 84.9822: Solvent peak (CDCl₃).
- 77.3628: Solvent peak (CDCl₃).
- 77.2563, 77.2563, 77.2563: Solvent peak (CDCl₃).
- 76.5738, 76.6035, 76.7288, 76.8289, 76.8484, 77.2563, 77.3628: Aromatic and heterocyclic protons.
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- 3.65: CH proton of the ethyl group.
- 1.46, 1.801: Methyl protons of the tosylate group (TsO-).

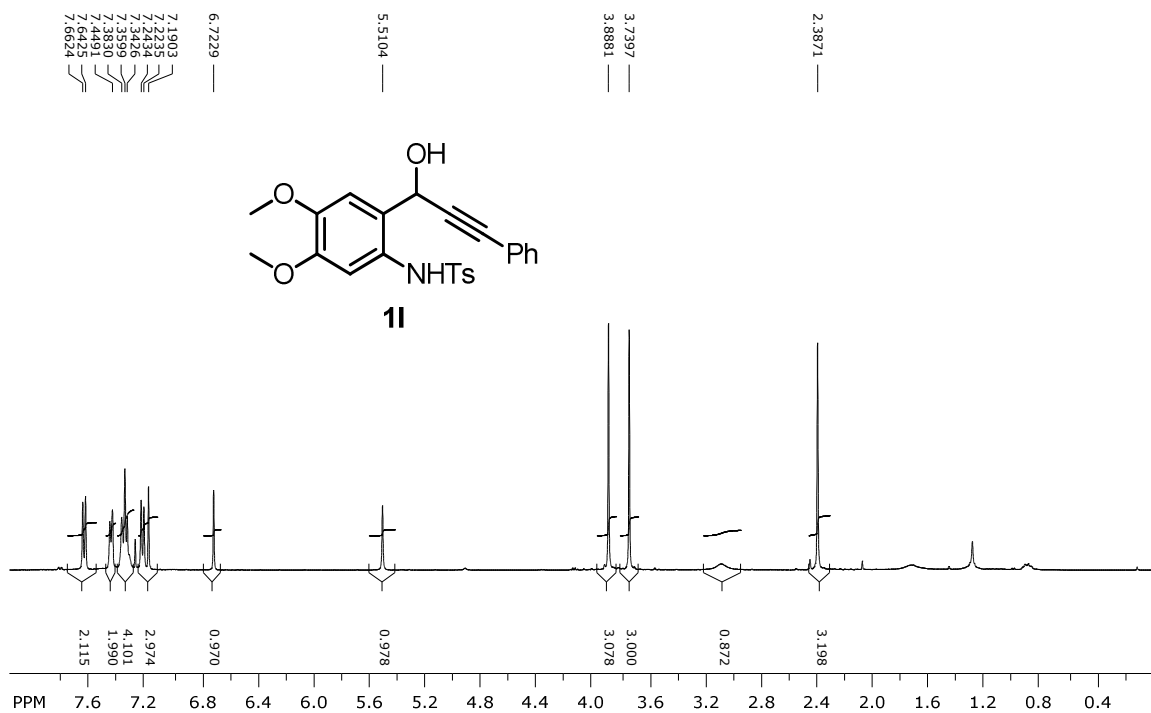
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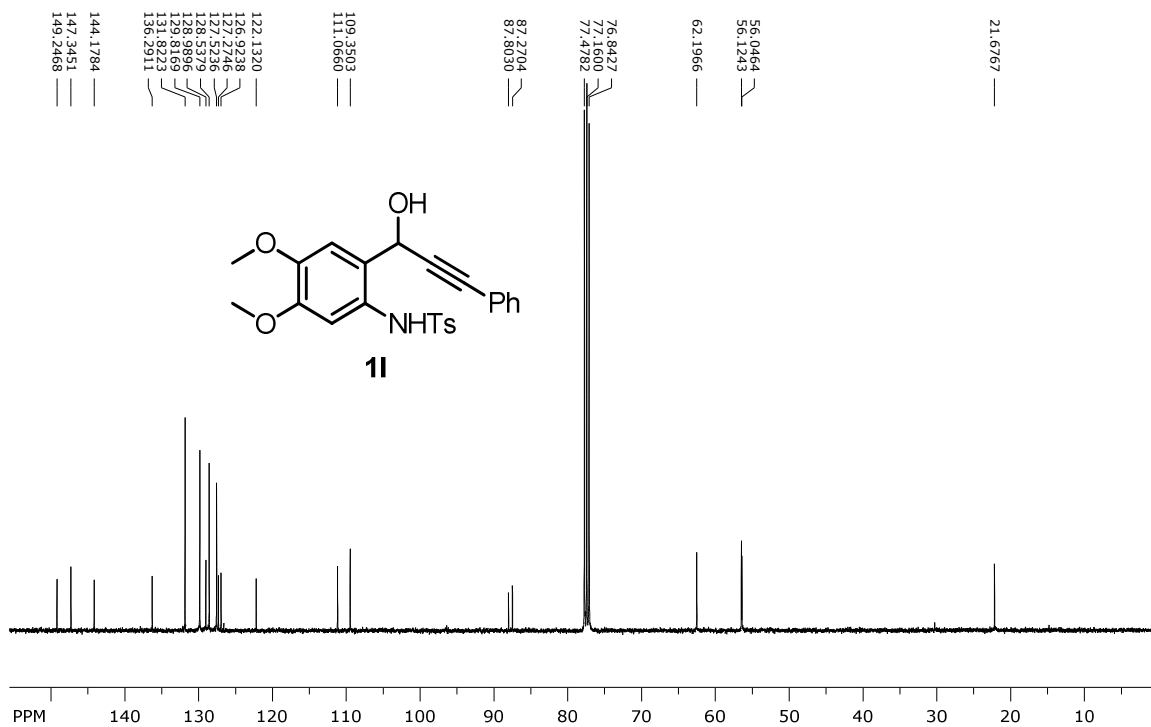
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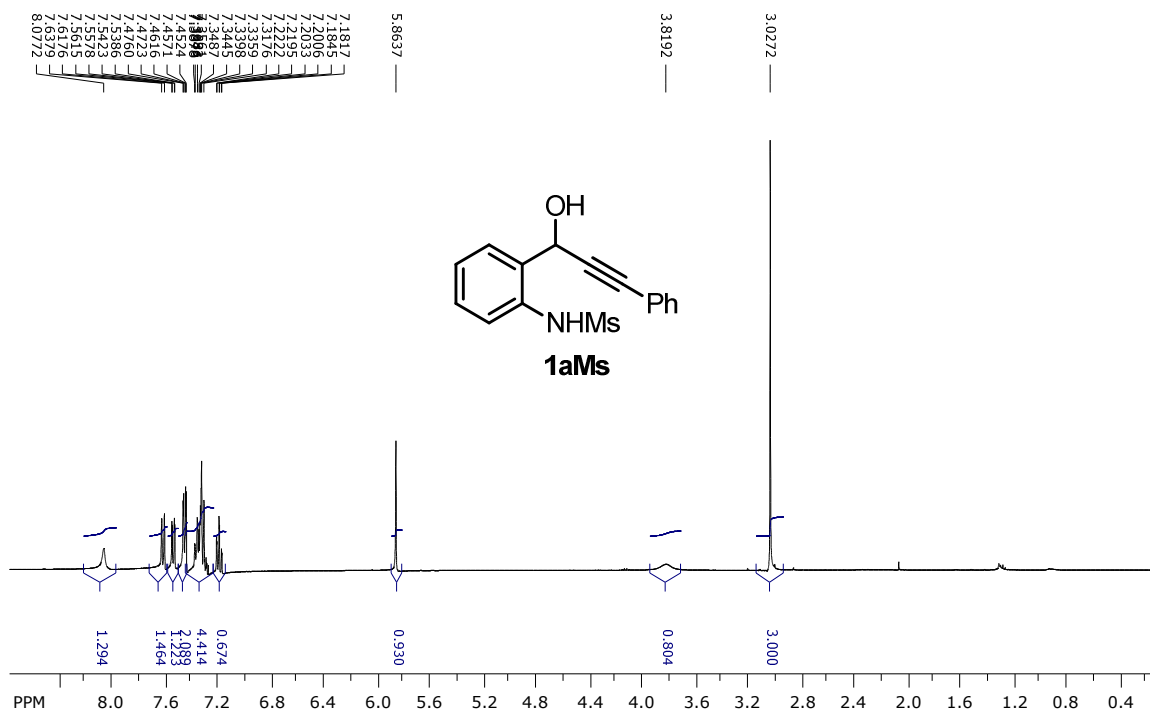
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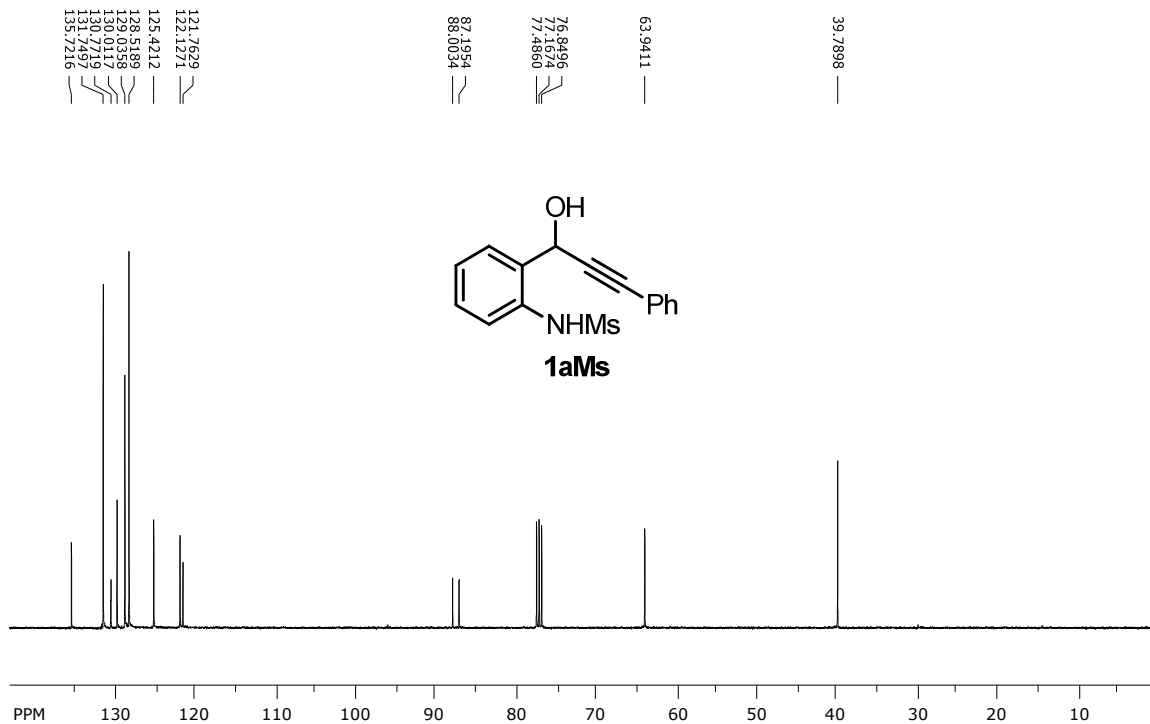
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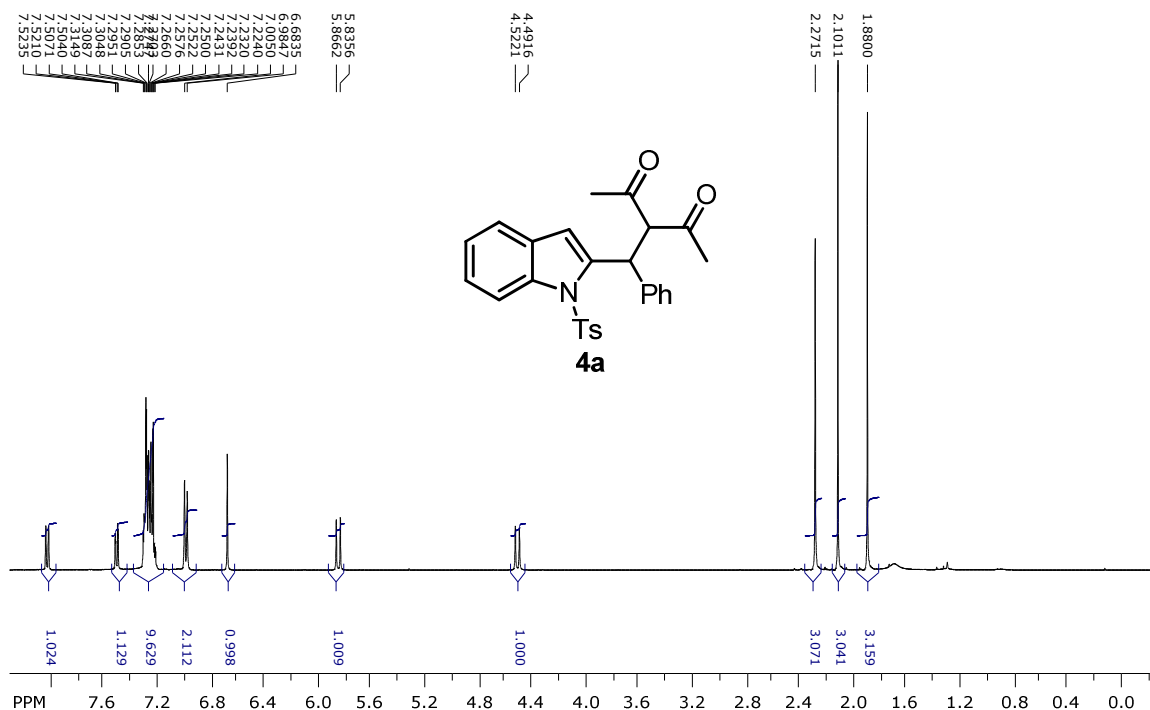
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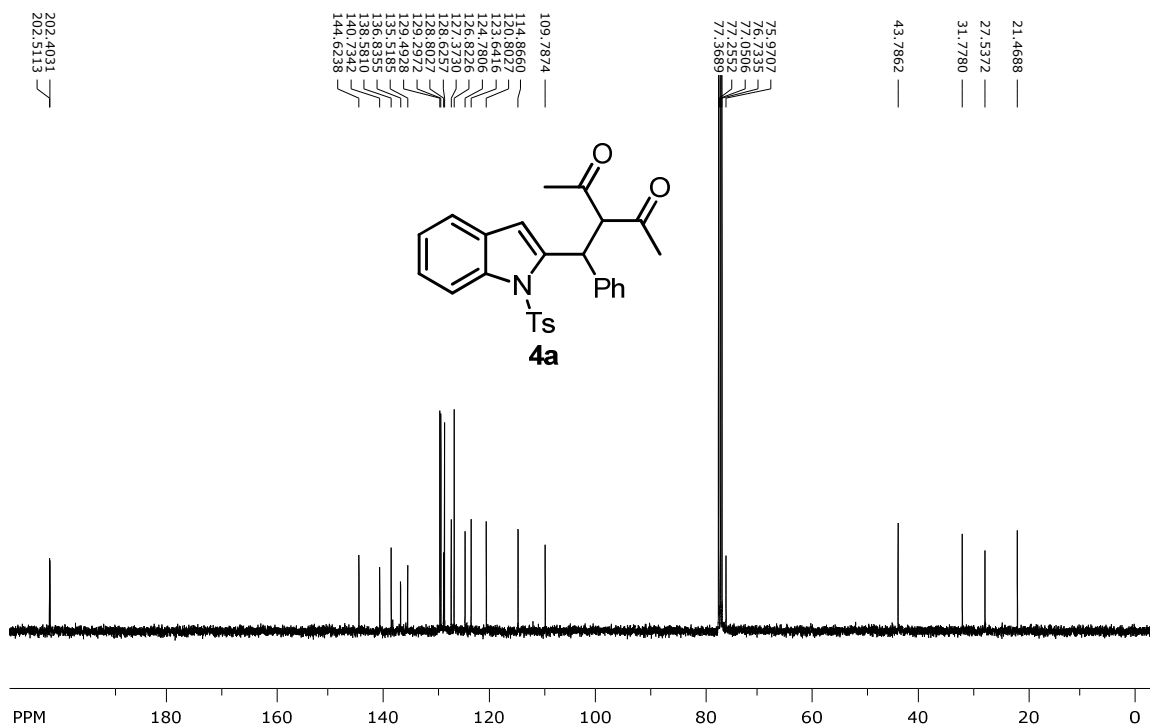
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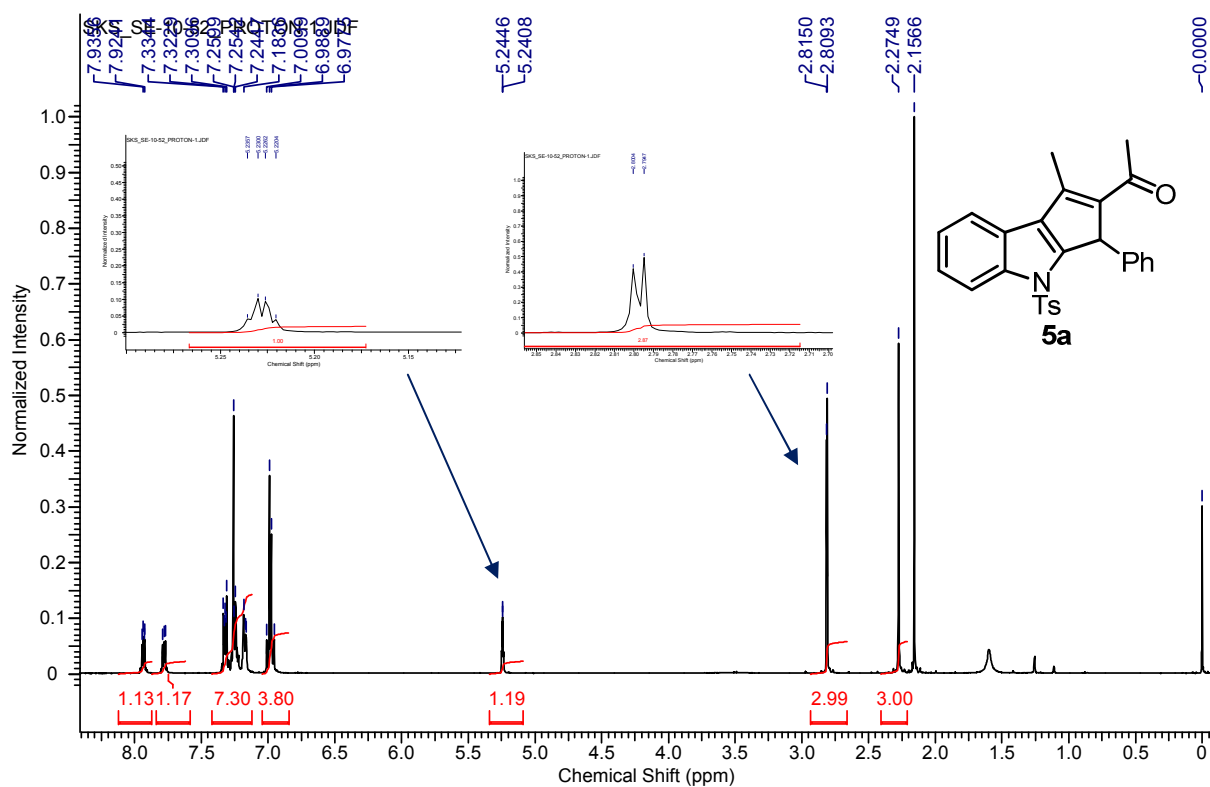


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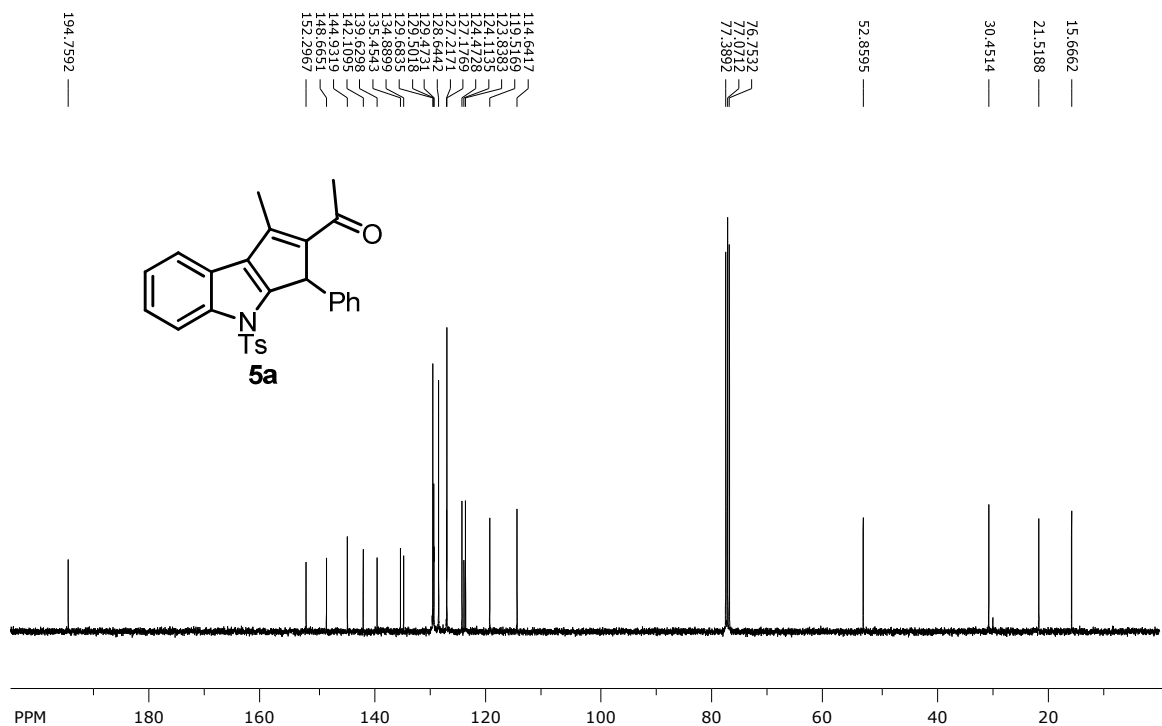


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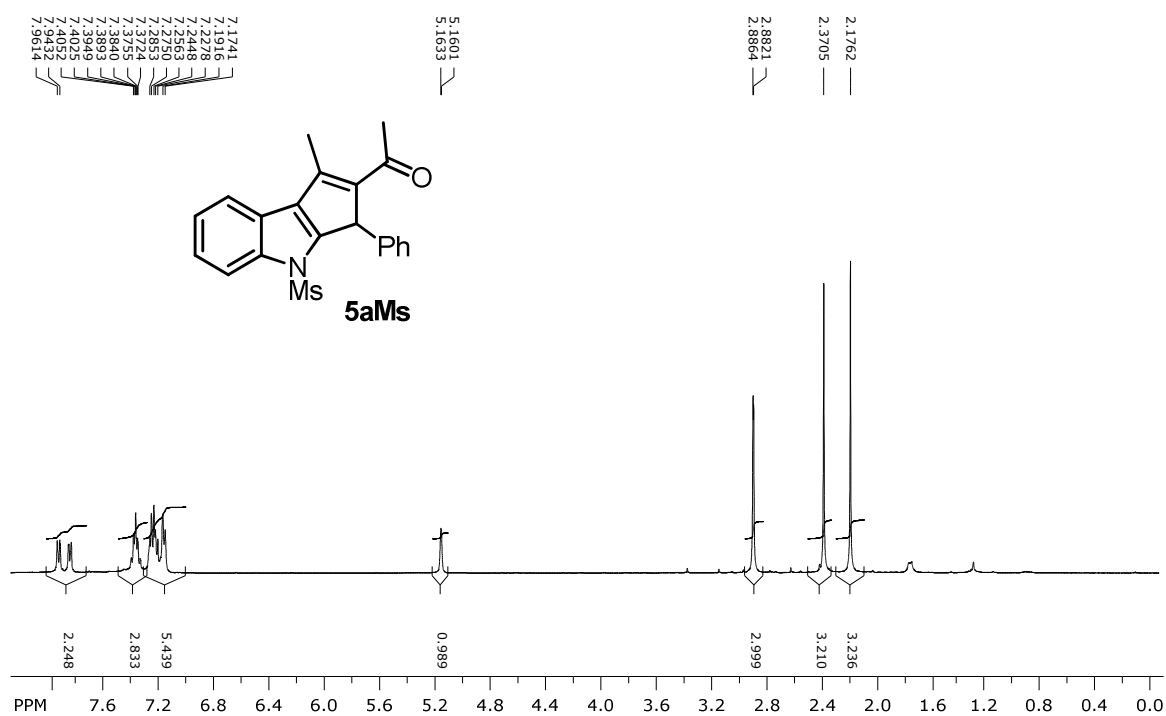




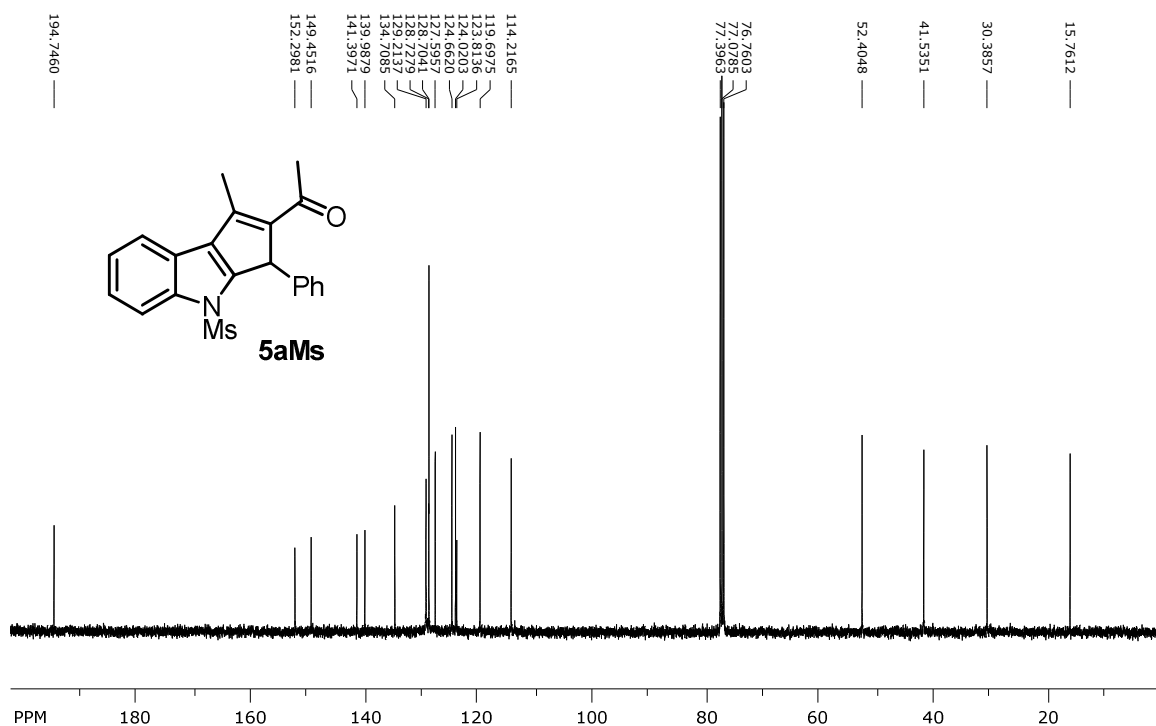
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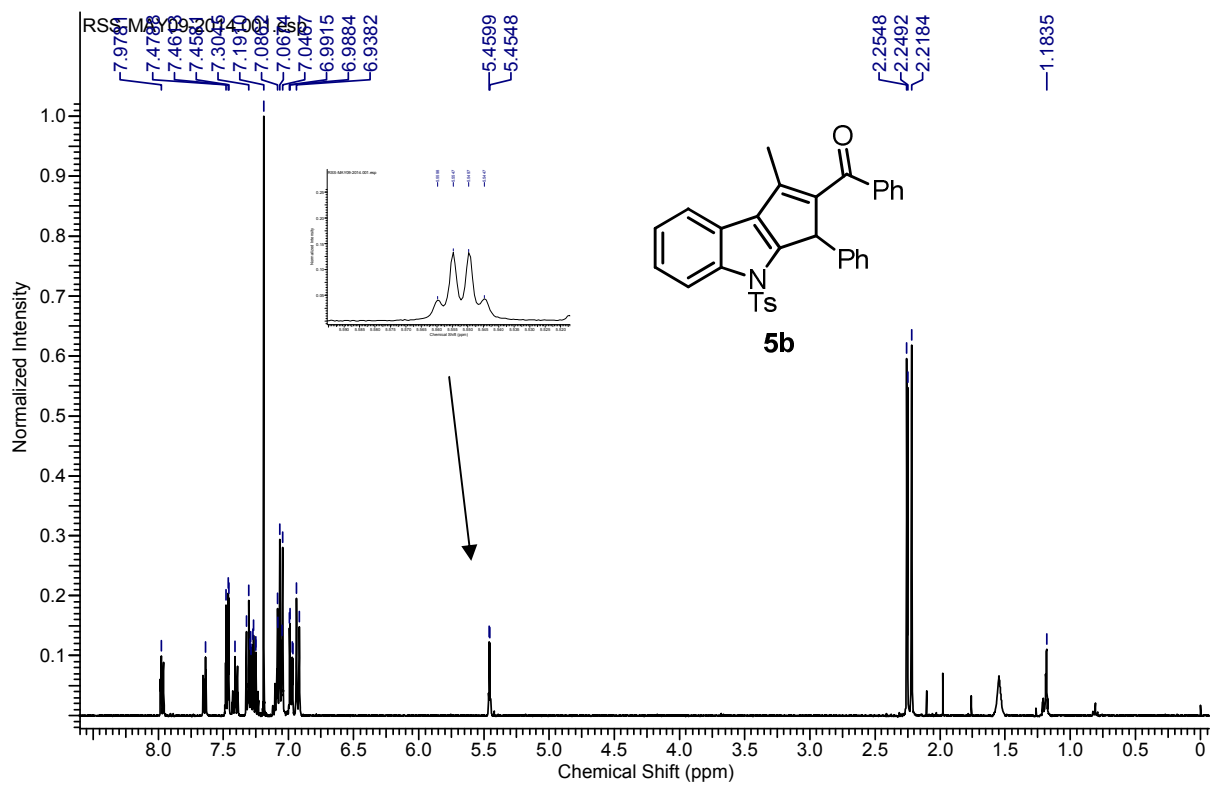


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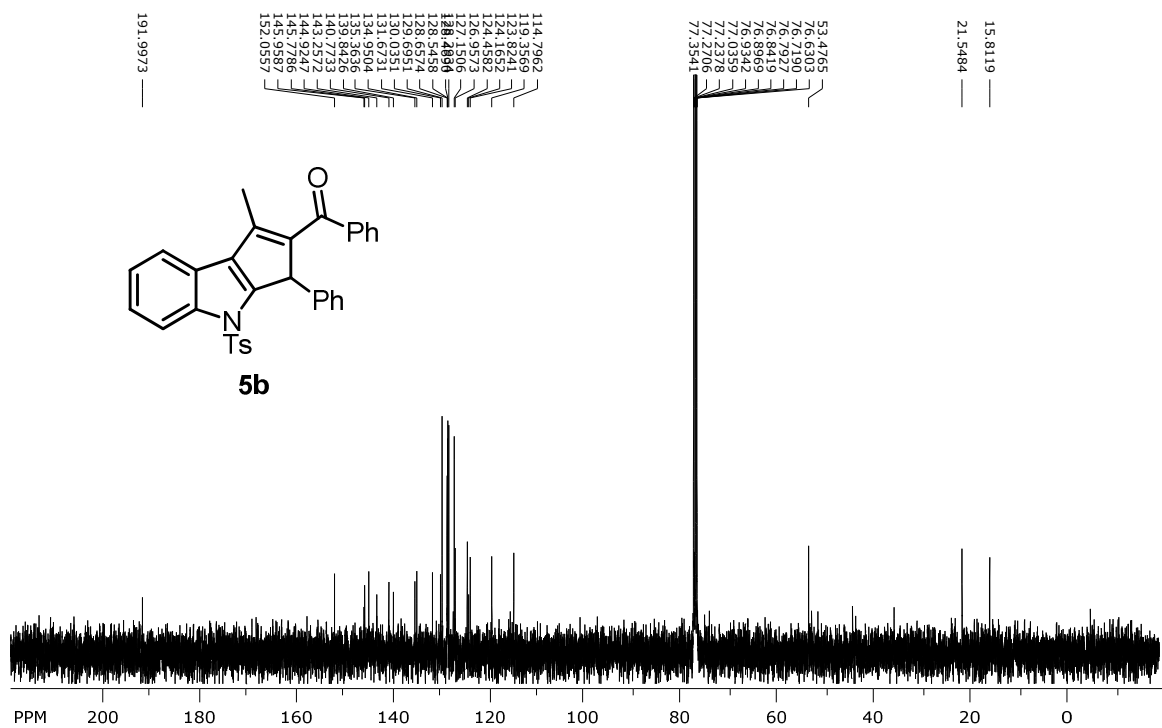


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Chemical structure of **5c** is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a 1-tosyloxy-2,3-diphenyl-4-benzoyl-1H-indole.

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of **5c** is shown below. The x-axis represents chemical shift in PPM, ranging from 0.4 to 8.0. The spectrum displays several peaks, with integration values indicated below the baseline.

Integration values (from left to right): 1.438, 2.181, 6.311, 8.581, 3.303, 0.807, 3.003.

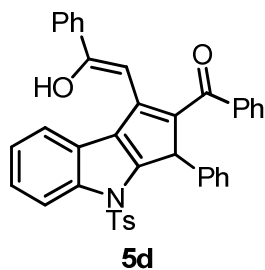
Chemical shifts (ppm) listed on the right: 7.3793, 7.3873, 7.3970, 7.2370, 7.2315, 7.2186, 7.0418, 7.0308, 7.0198, 8.1068, 2.3351.

Chemical structure of **5c** is shown as an inset. The structure is a benzimidazole derivative with a phenyl group at position 2, a phenyl group at position 3, and a phenyl group at position 4. The nitrogen atom is substituted with a tosyl group (Ts).

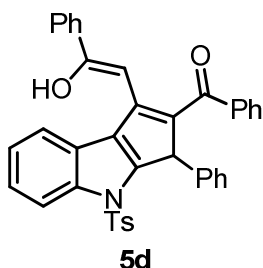
¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound **5c**. The spectrum displays several peaks in the aromatic region (7.0-8.0 ppm) and a small peak at 2.59 ppm. The chemical structure of **5c** is shown as an inset.

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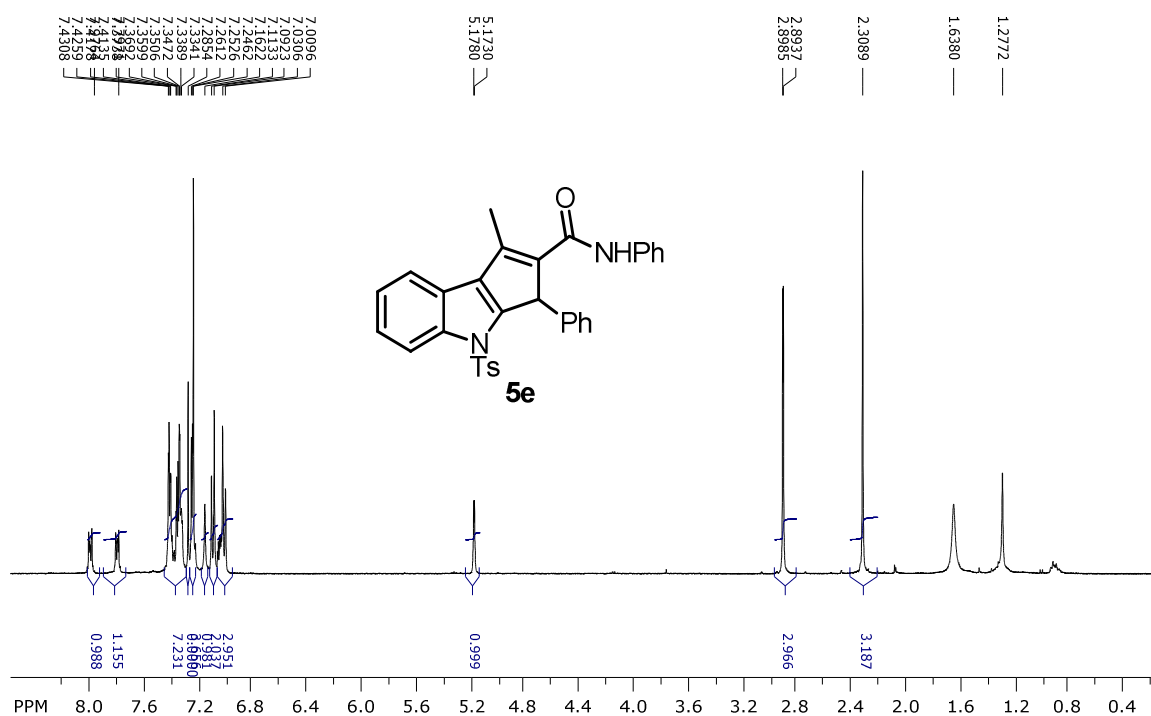
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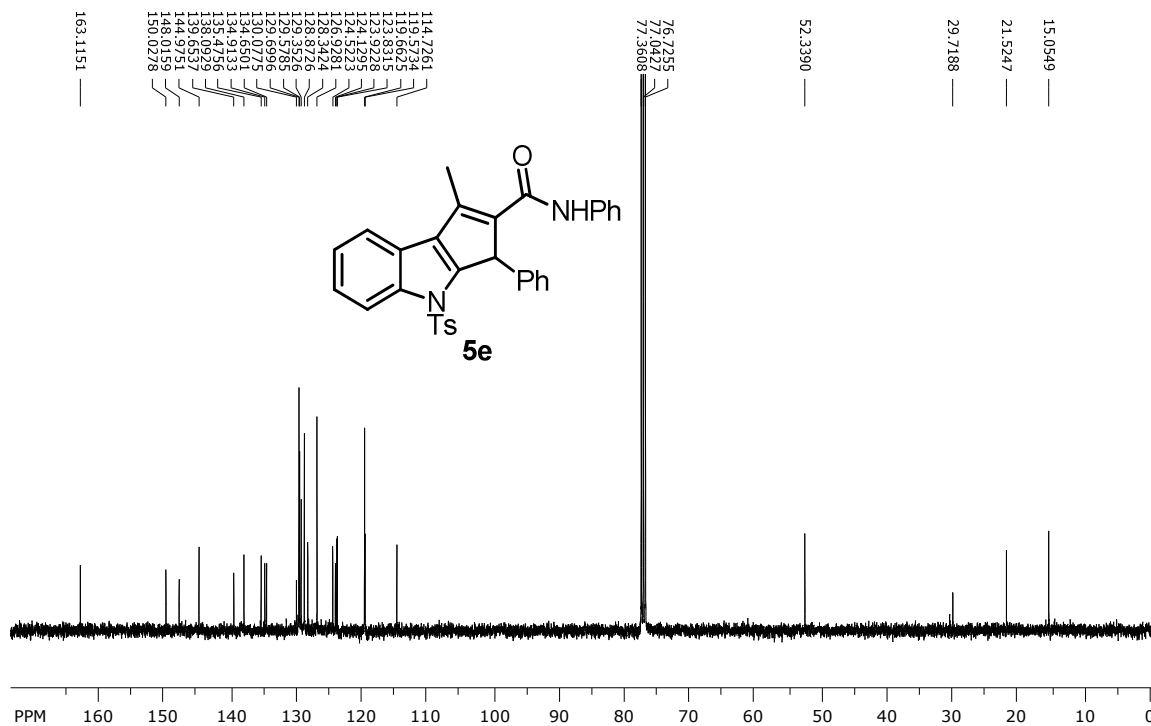
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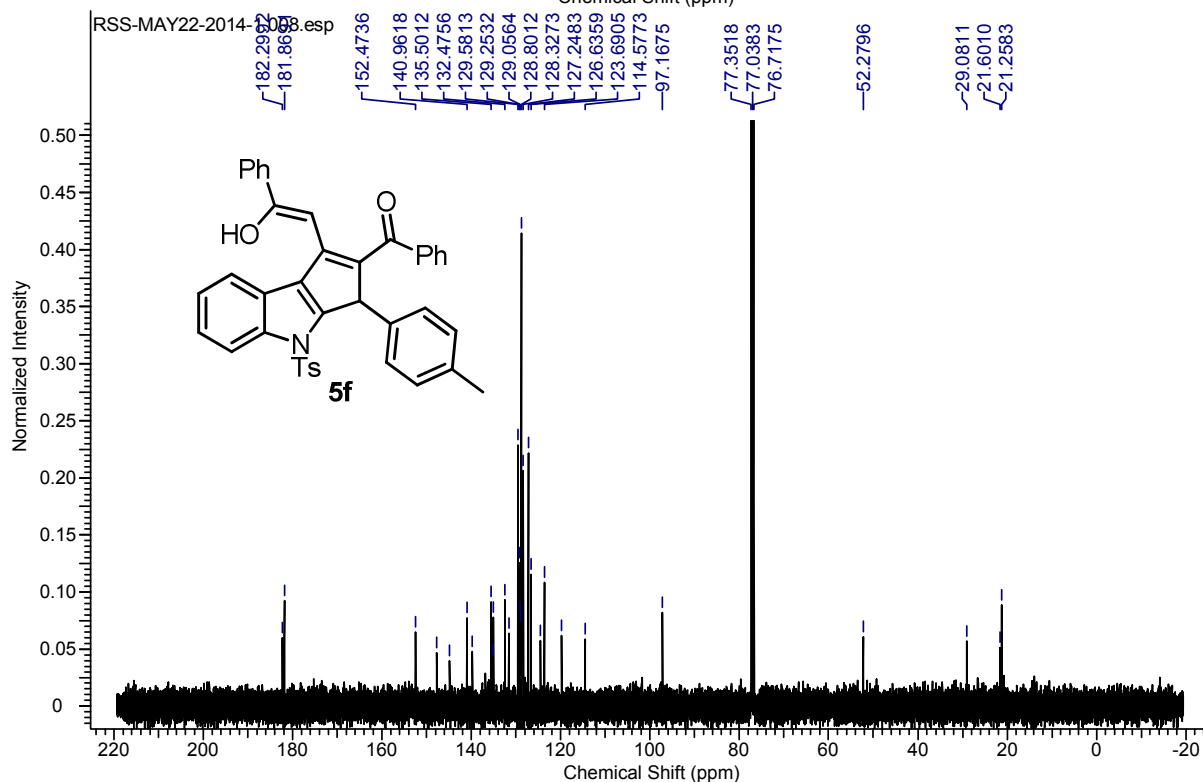
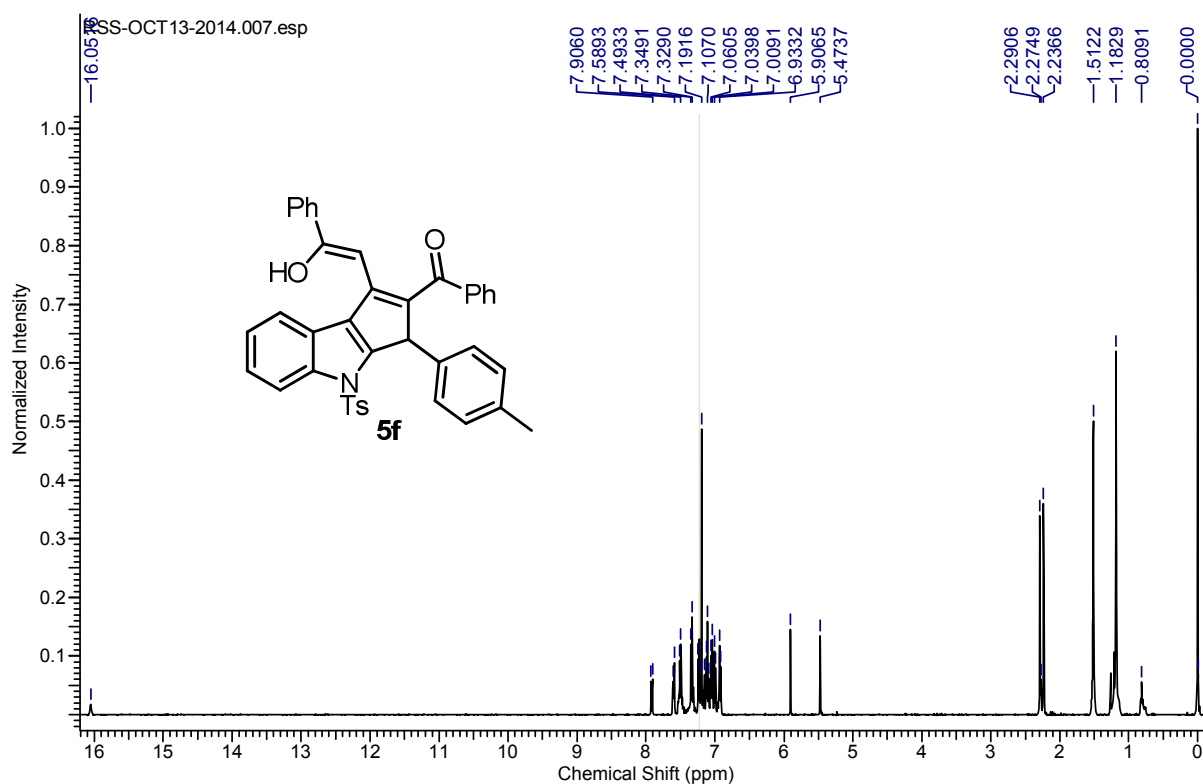


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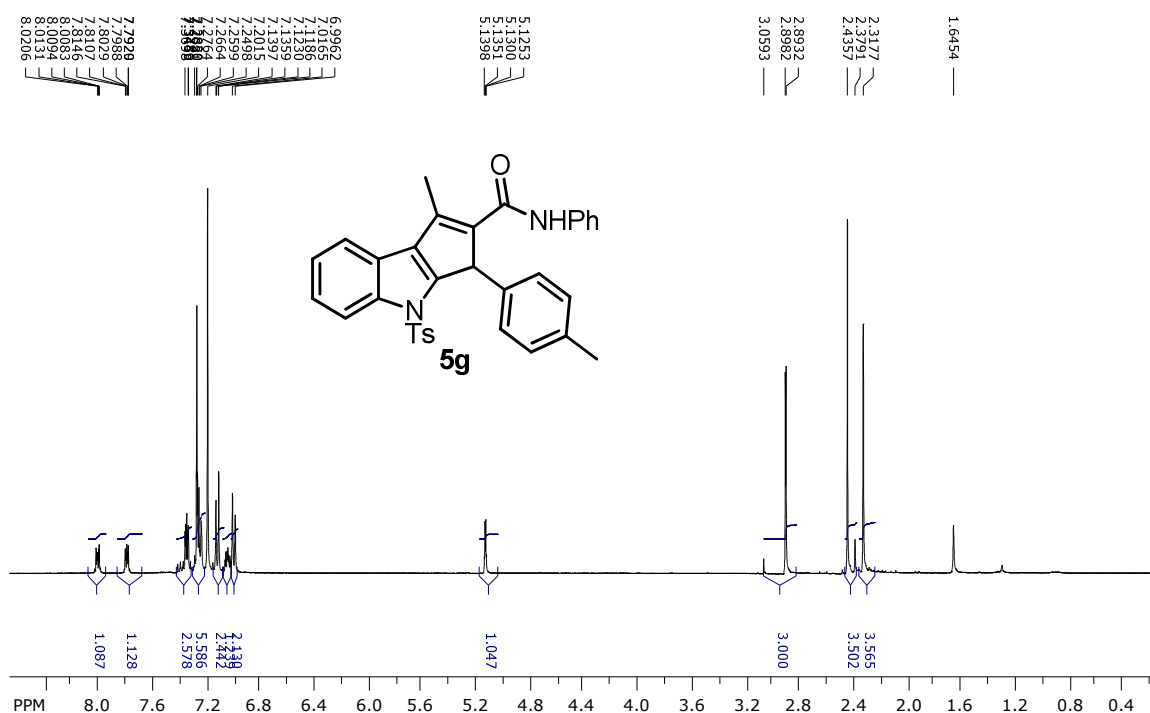


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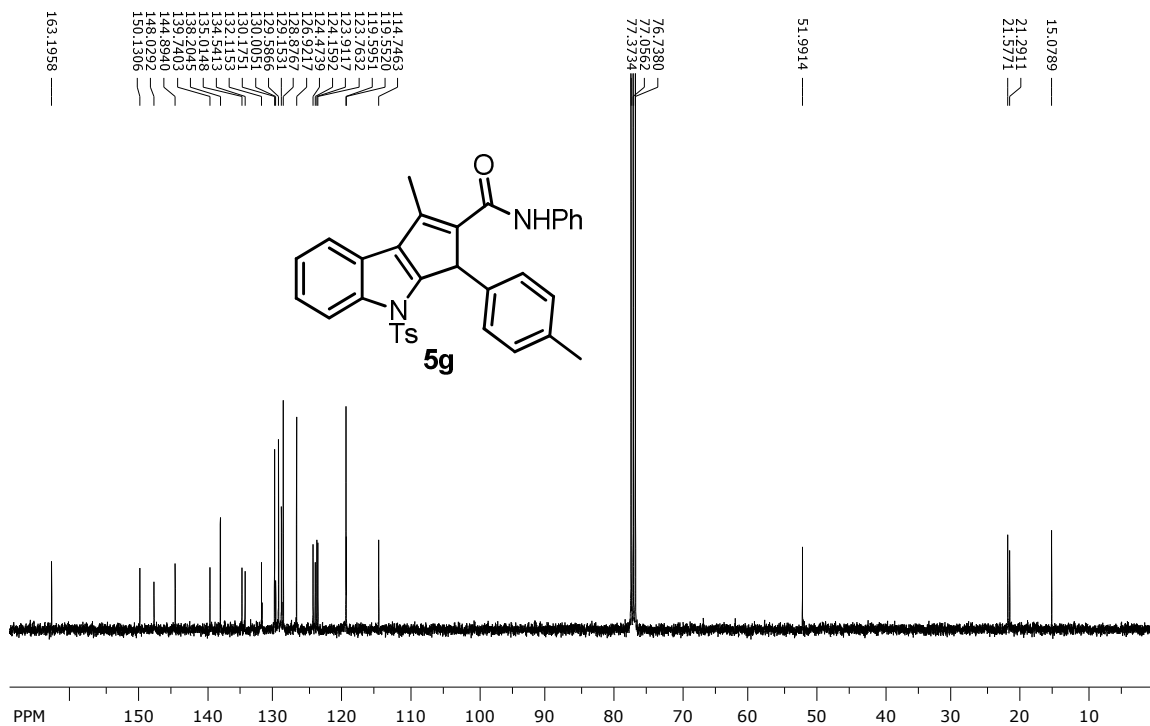




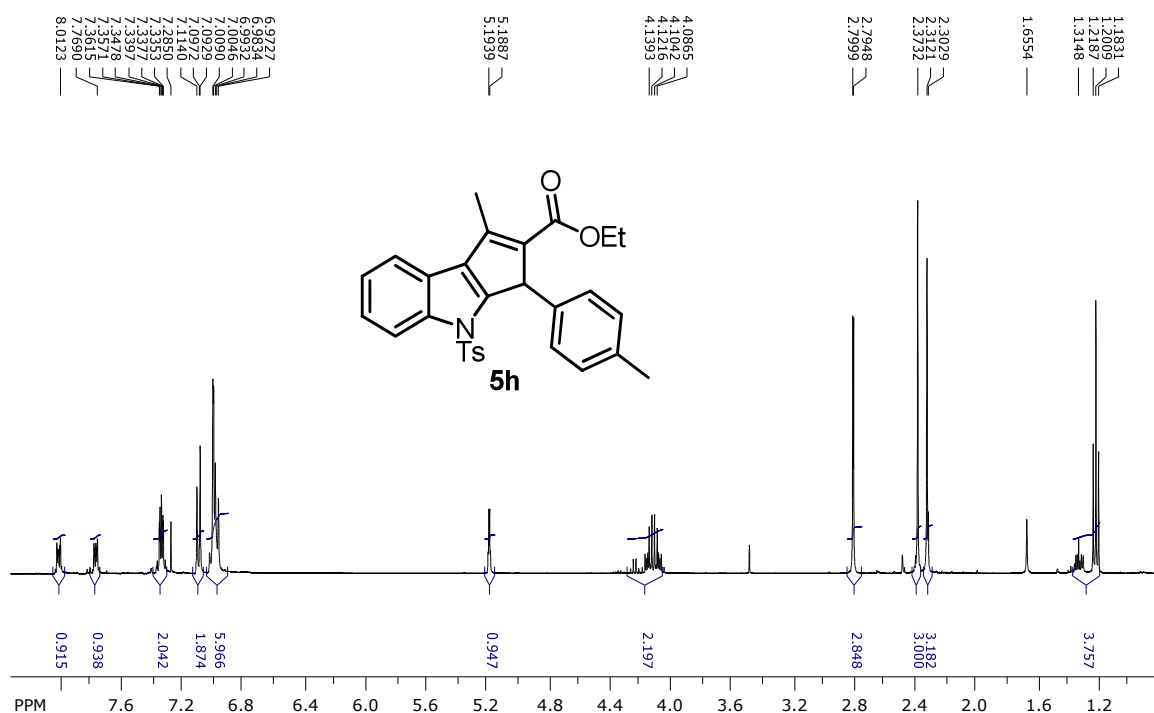
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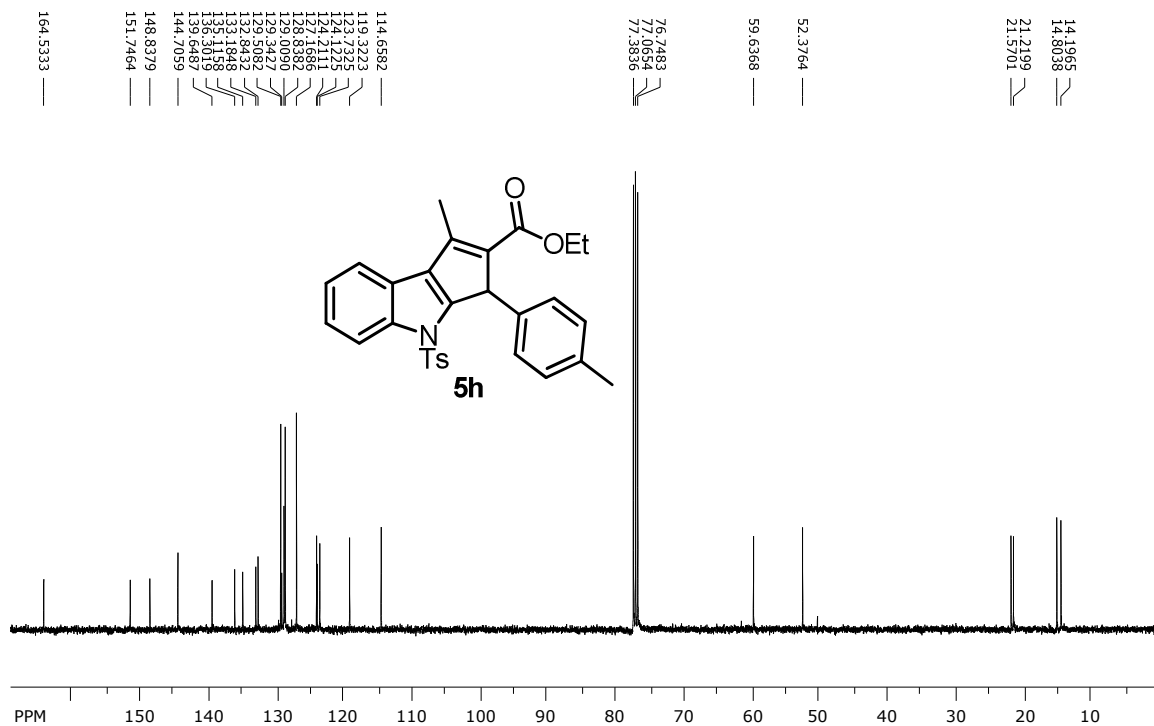
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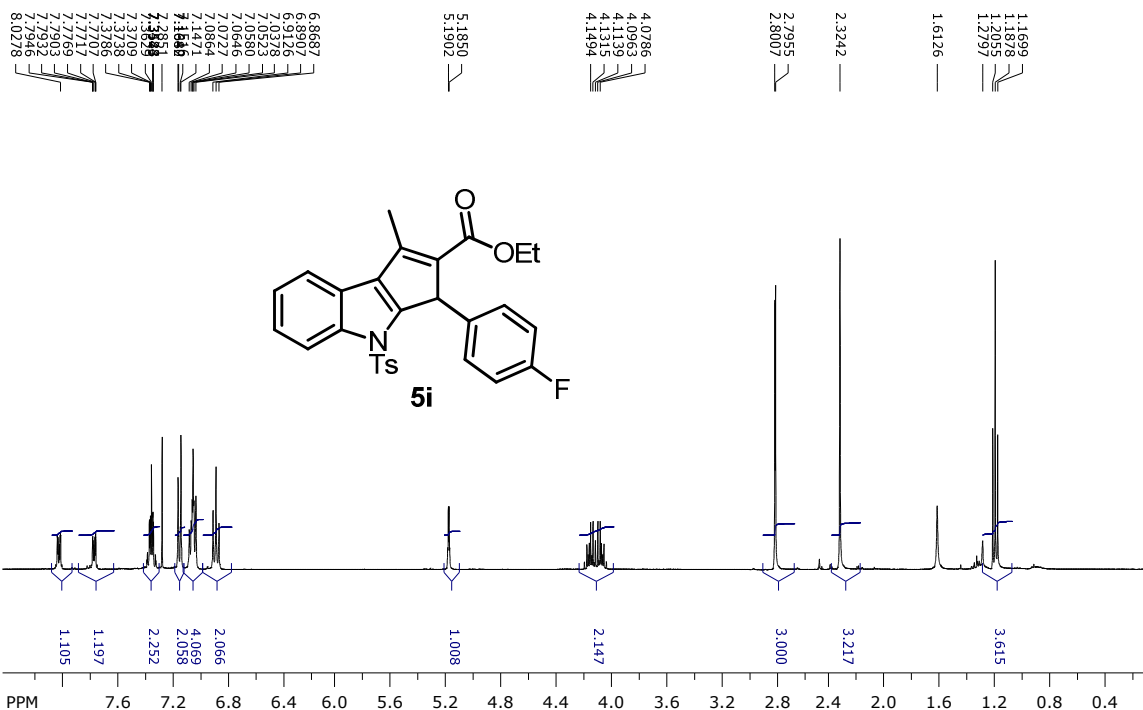
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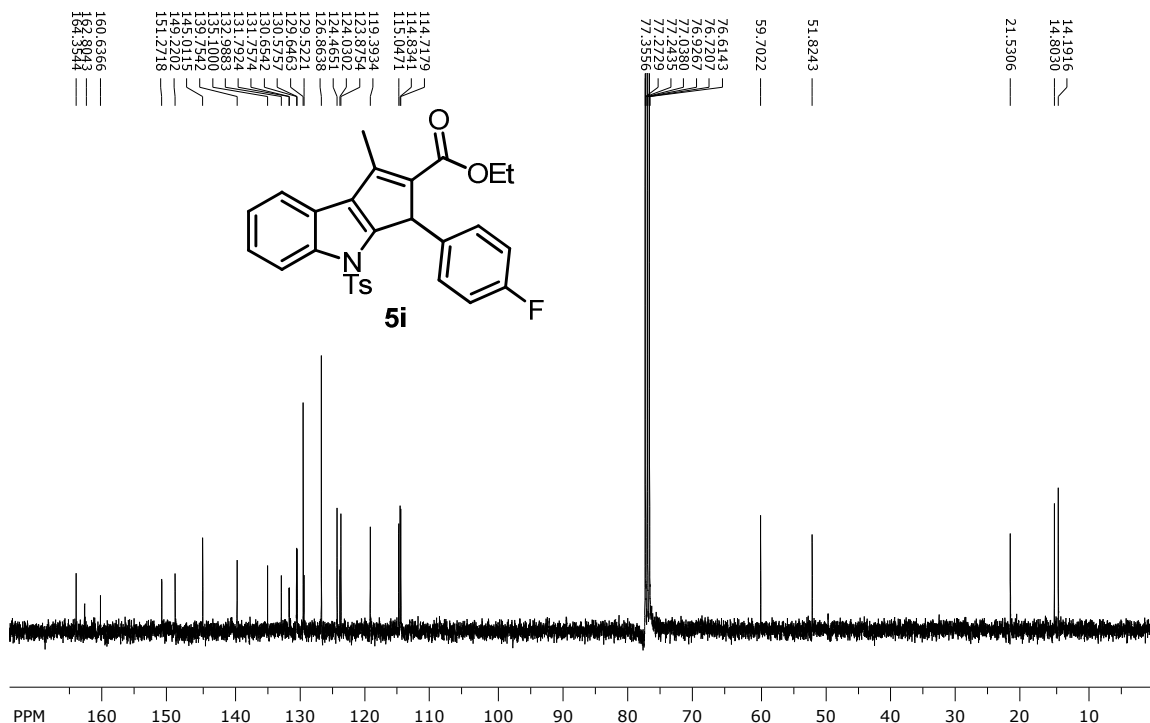
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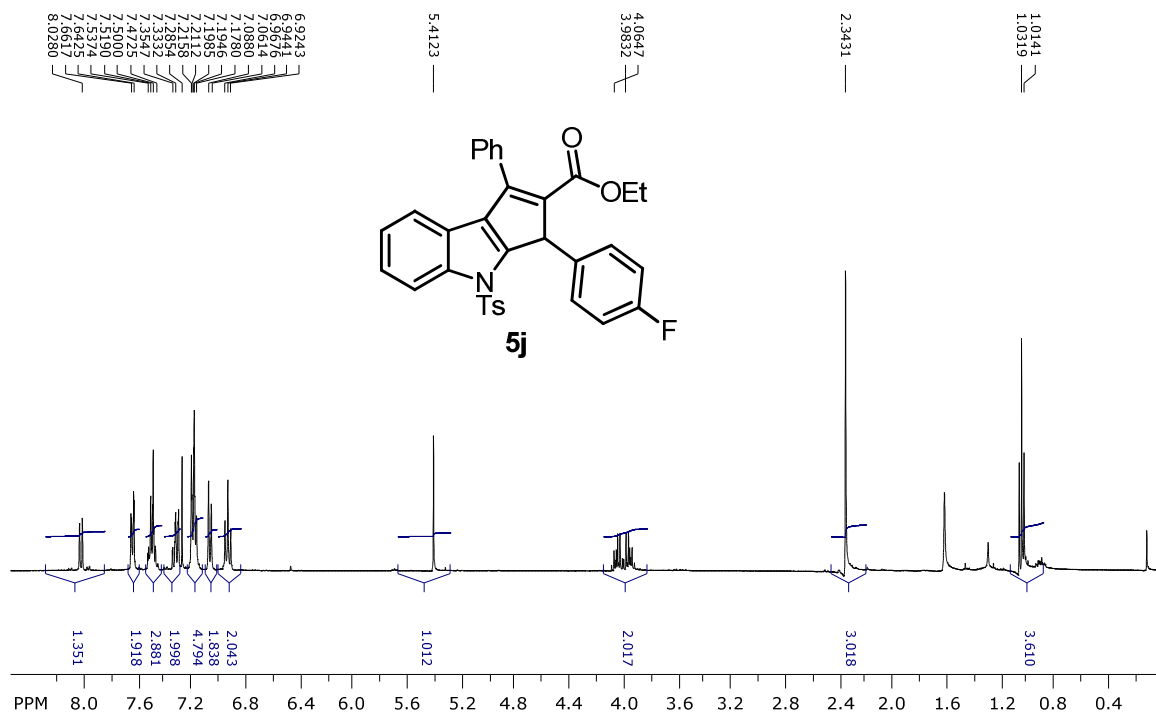
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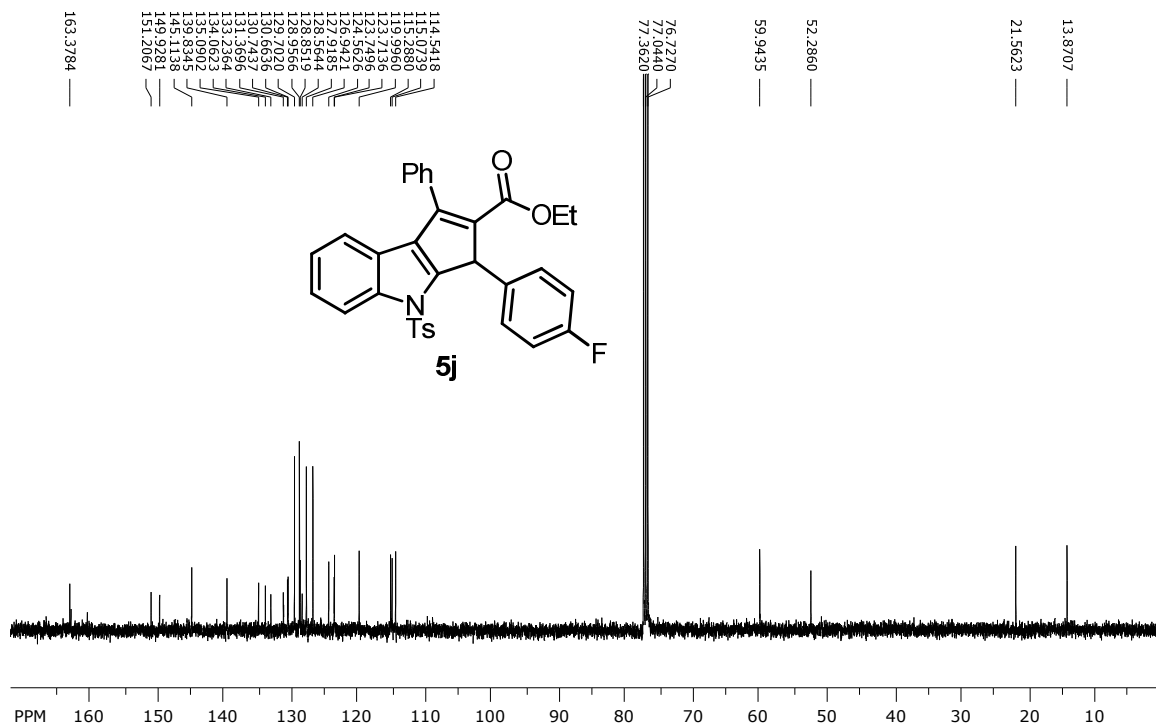
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Chemical structure of **5k** is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a benzofuran derivative with a phenyl group (Ph) at position 2, a thienyl group at position 3, and a carbonyl group (C=O) at position 4. The nitrogen atom is substituted with a tosyl group (Ts).

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound **5k** is shown below. The spectrum displays peaks corresponding to the protons in the molecule, with integration values provided for each peak.

Chemical structure of **5k**: O=C(c1cc2ccccc2n1Cc1ccccc1)c3ccccc3

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound **5k**:

- Peak at 8.1231 ppm (integration: 1.382)
- Peak at 7.3656 ppm (integration: 1.560)
- Peak at 7.3454 ppm (integration: 8.260)
- Peak at 7.2854 ppm (integration: 8.347)
- Peak at 7.1892 ppm (integration: 2.092)
- Peak at 7.1832 ppm (integration: 1.011)
- Peak at 5.9470 ppm (integration: 0.999)
- Peak at 2.3546 ppm (integration: 3.651)
- Peak at 1.6066 ppm (integration: 1.000)

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Chemical structure of compound **5l** is shown above the ¹H NMR spectrum. The structure is 2-(4-methyl-3-(phenylthio)-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroindol-1-yl)benzothiole.

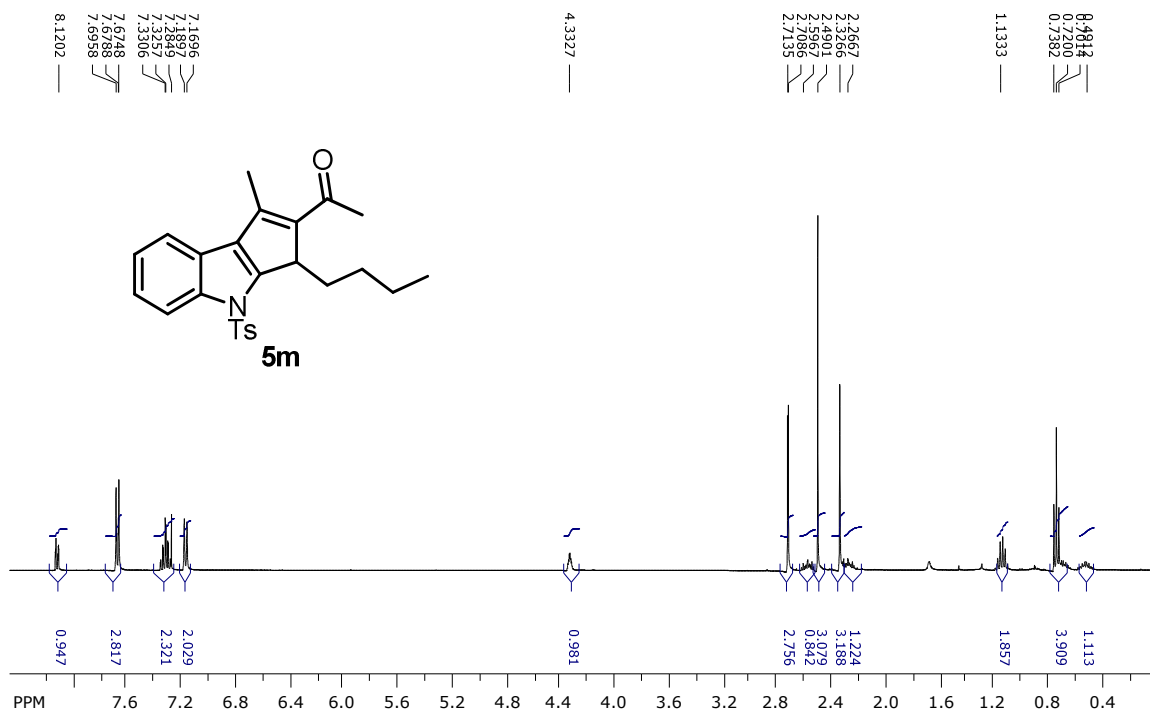
The ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) shows the following peaks (ppm):

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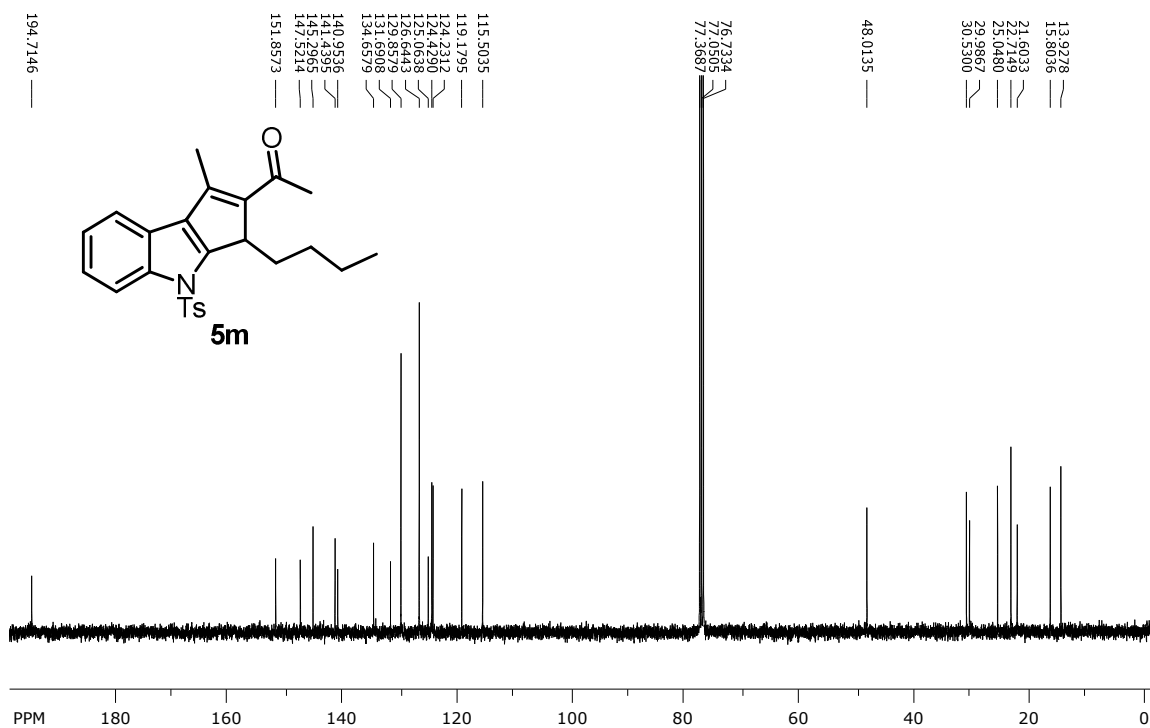
Chemical structure of **5l** is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a 3-substituted-2-methyl-1H-indole-4-carboxamide derivative, where the substituent is a 4-(phenylthio)phenyl group. The spectrum displays the ¹³C NMR peaks for compound **5l** in CDCl₃. The peaks are labeled with their corresponding chemical shifts in PPM (δ):

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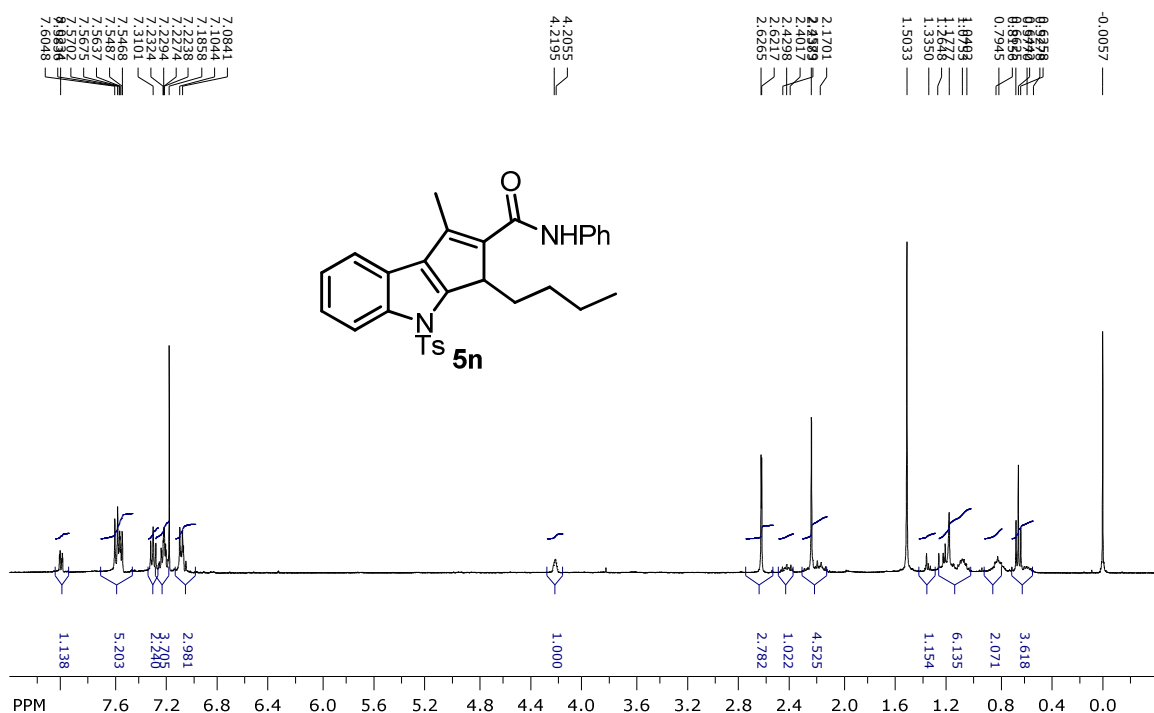
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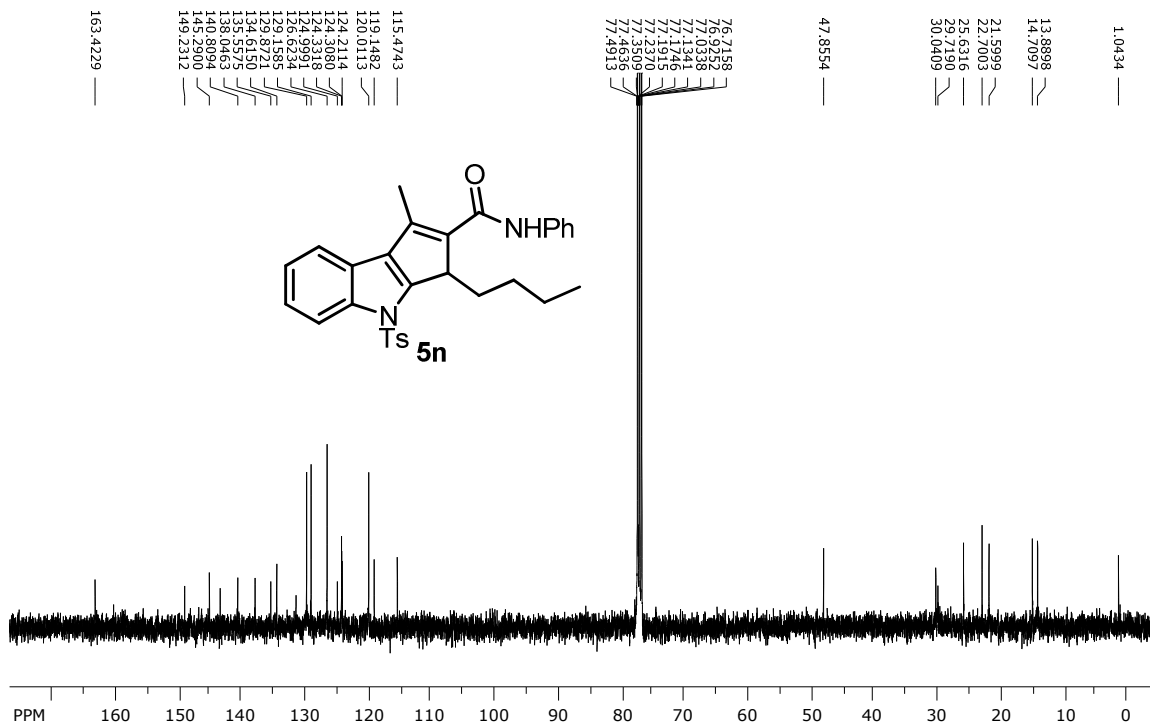
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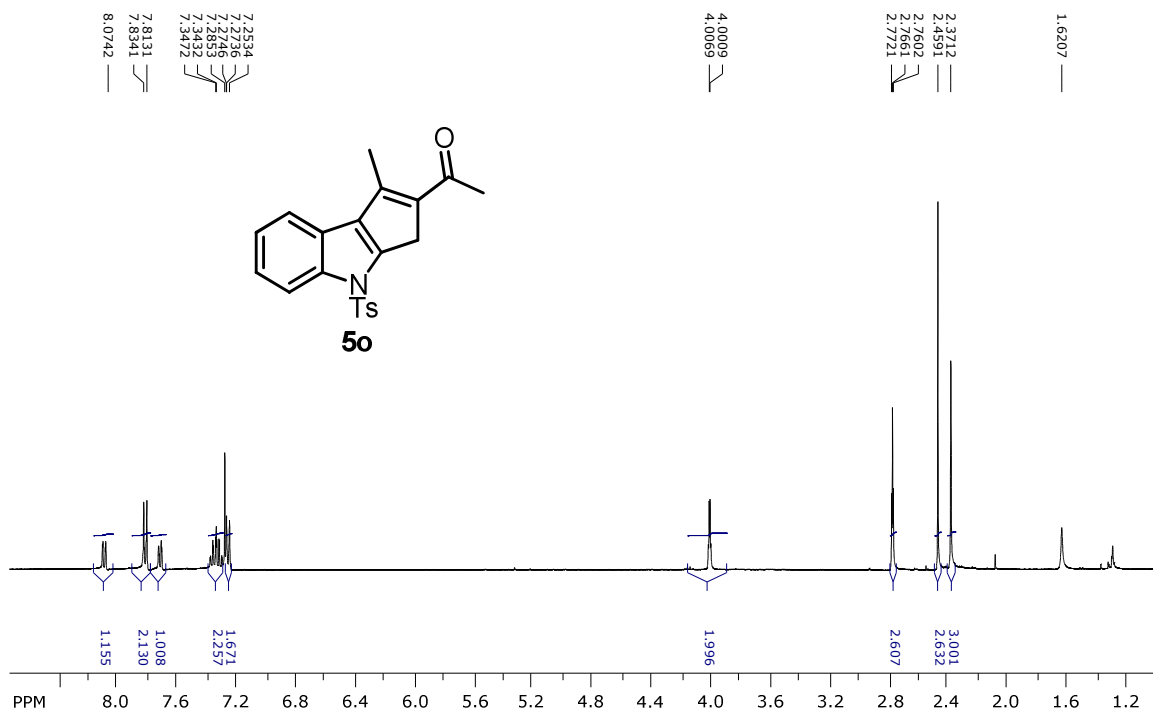
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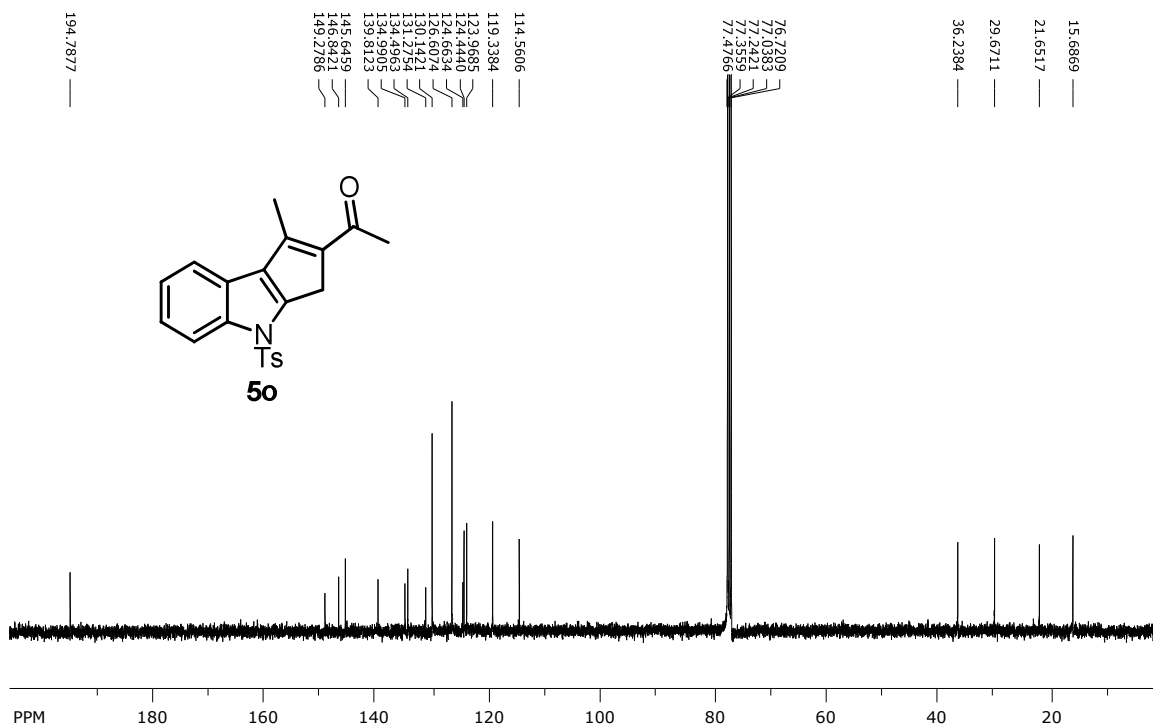
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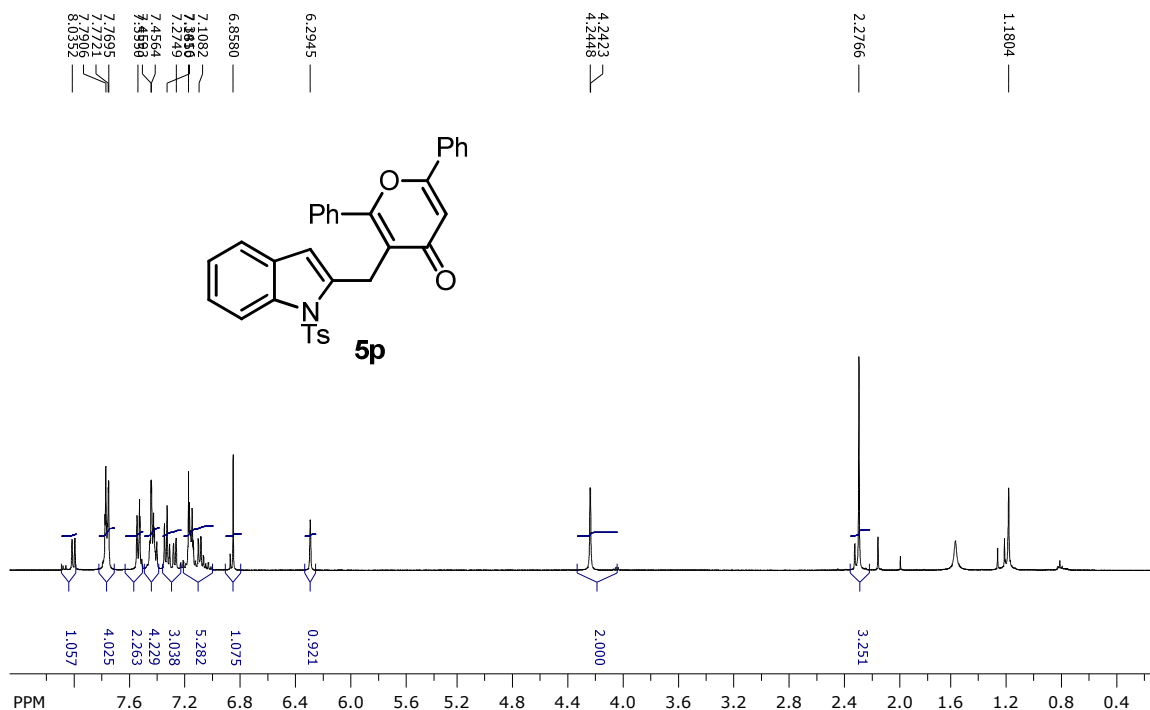
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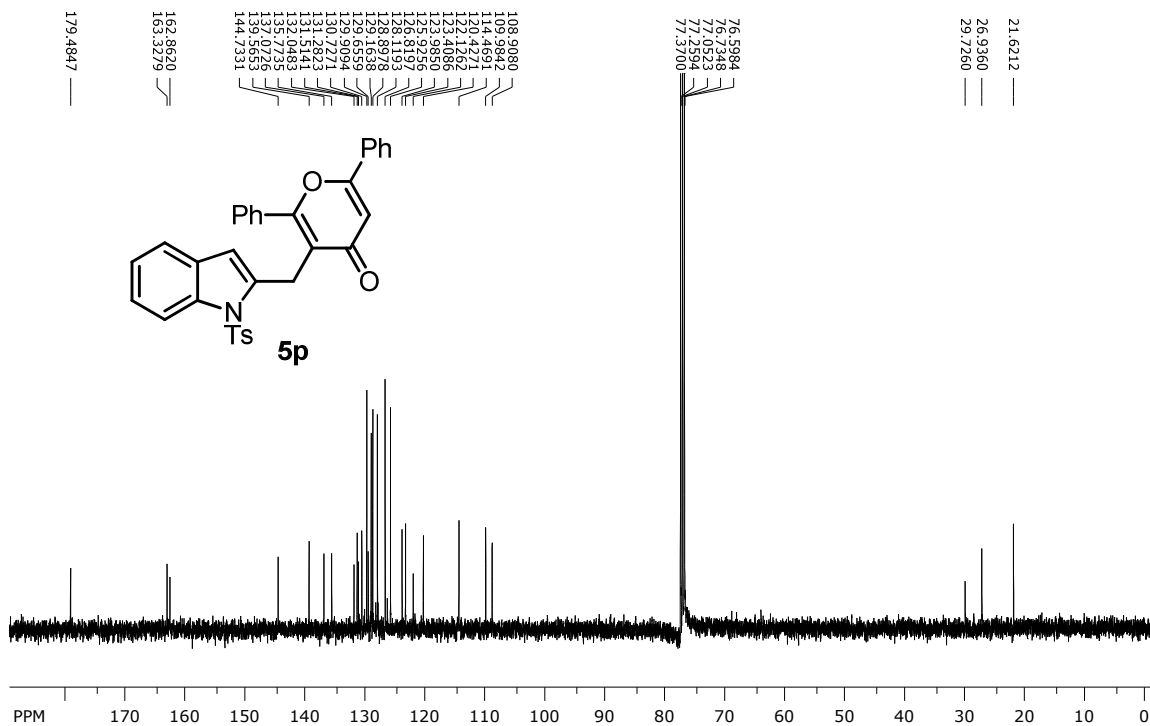
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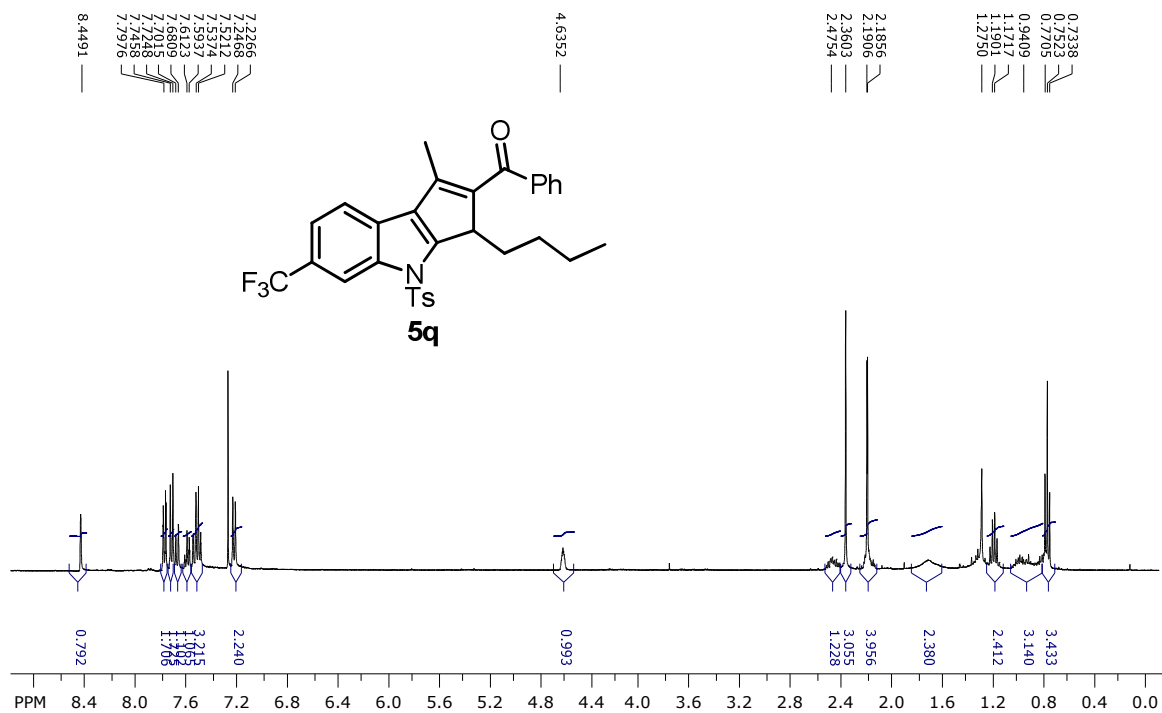
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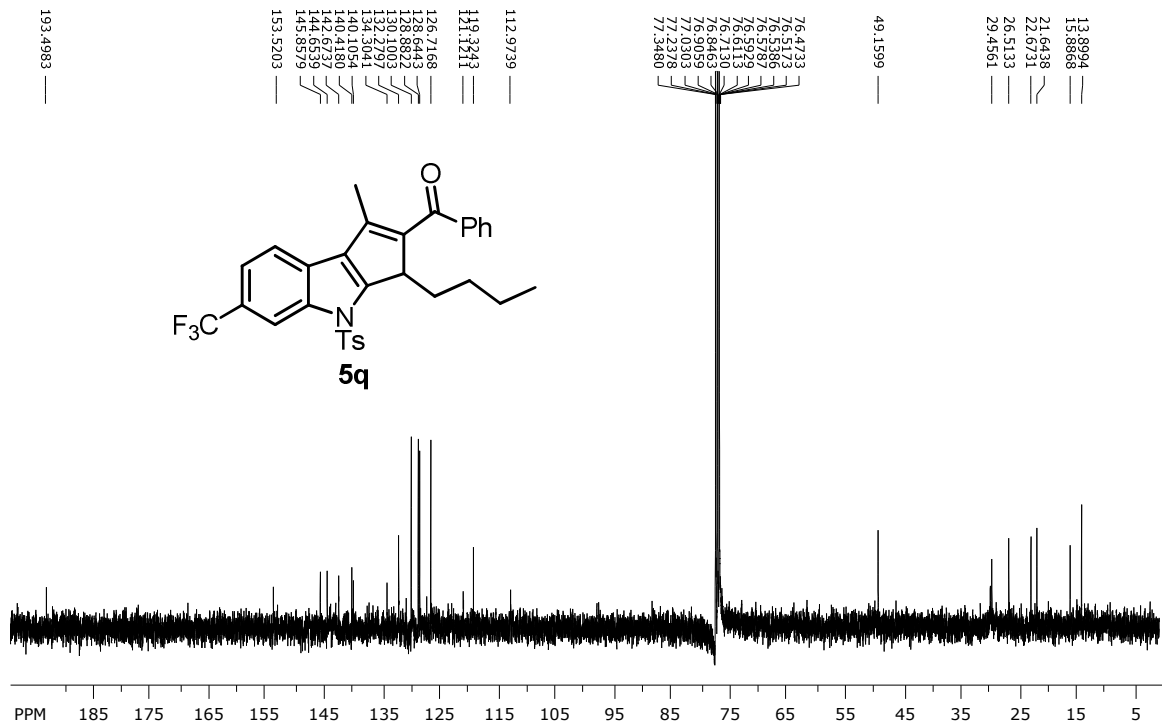
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SpinWorks 3: SE 10 98 B 2



SpinWorks 3: SE 10 98 B 2



¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound **5r**. The chemical structure of **5r** is shown above the spectrum. The spectrum displays peaks corresponding to the protons in the molecule, with integration values provided below the baseline.

Chemical structure of **5r**: CCCCC1=C(C(=O)c2ccccc2)C(=C2C(=C1)N(C2)c3cc(C(F)(F)F)ccc3)c4ccccc4

¹H NMR peaks (ppm): 0.7454, 0.7439, 0.9599, 1.0944, 1.2065, 2.3621, 2.6334, 4.7775, 7.1095, 7.1292, 7.1584, 7.1616, 7.1857, 7.1957, 7.2426, 7.2443, 7.2605, 7.2642, 7.2788, 7.2851, 7.4486, 7.4518, 7.4609, 7.4738, 7.5329, 7.5504, 7.5532, 7.7694, 7.7905, 8.4856.

Integration values: 3.630, 1.494, 1.267, 2.674, 4.222, 0.897, 1.000, 2.277, 2.401, 5.676, 4.999, 1.077.

Chemical structure of **5r** is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a 3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-phenyl-5-pentyl-1H-indole. The NMR spectrum displays the following peaks (ppm):

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Chemical structure of **5s** is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a substituted indole derivative with a tosyl (Ts) group, a thienyl group, and an acetyl group.

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of **5s** is shown below. The spectrum displays peaks corresponding to the protons in the molecule, with integration values provided for each major peak.

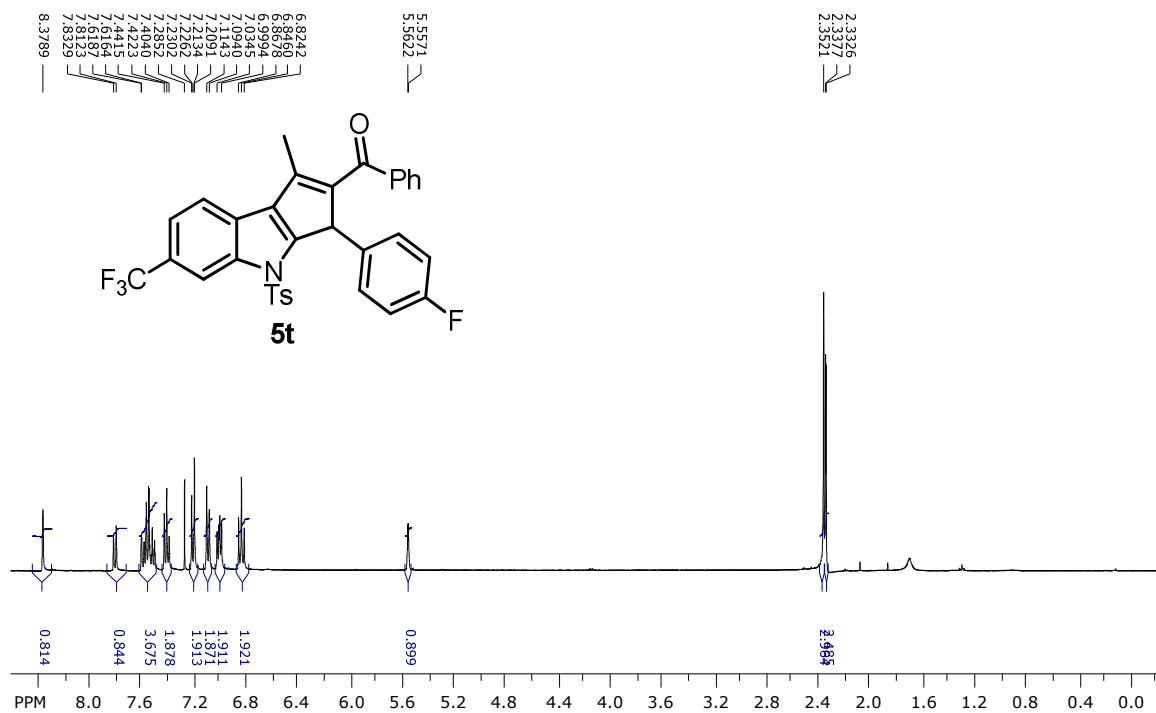
Chemical Shift (ppm)	Integration
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7.7567	1.716
7.340	7.602
7.2834	1.631
7.0960	1.065
6.9167	1.093
6.6950	3.019
5.4366	3.872
2.1845	5.129
2.393	3.233
2.4930	3.019
2.665	3.872
2.6716	5.129
1.2747	3.233

Chemical structure of **5s** is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a thienopyrrole derivative with a tosyl group and a thienyl substituent.

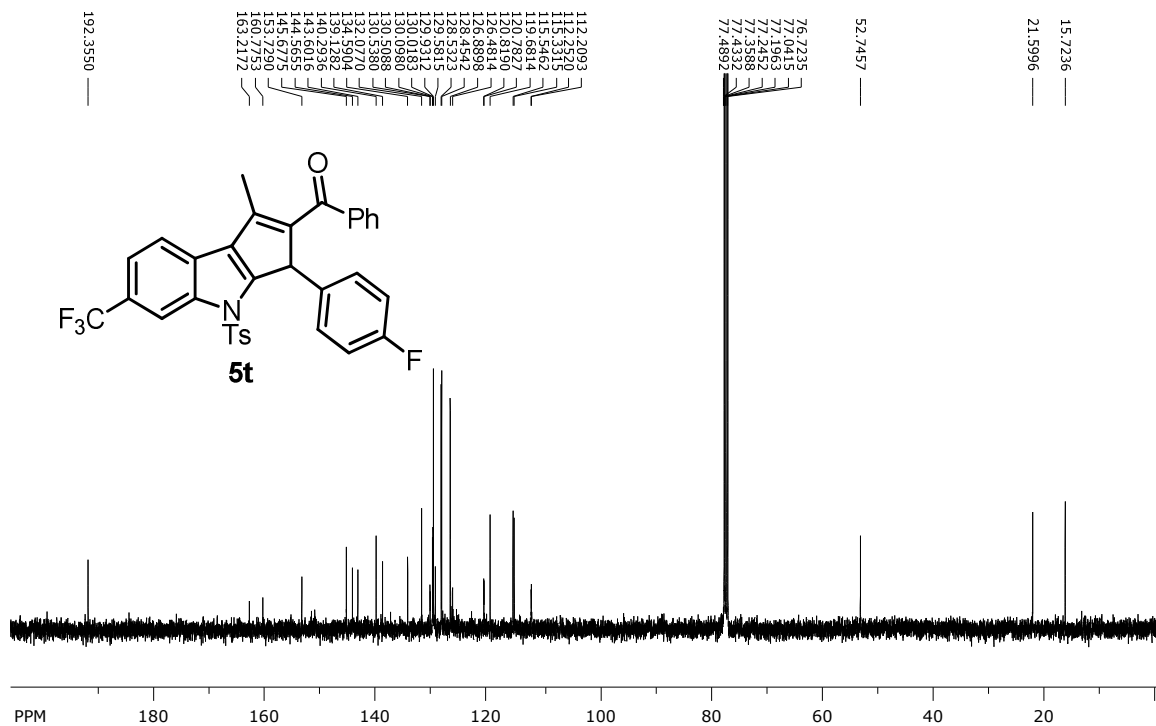
13C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) peaks (ppm):

- 15.3610
- 21.5949
- 21.7746
- 30.1899
- 48.1318
- 75.7343
- 76.0512
- 77.3695
- 111.33022
- 111.2567
- 111.7473
- 112.6413
- 112.5986
- 127.0799
- 128.6512
- 127.4515
- 128.6512
- 128.8100
- 129.8594
- 129.9241
- 132.3238
- 134.6254
- 134.6254
- 140.9635
- 145.4051
- 145.6202
- 145.9400
- 152.3886

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Chemical structure of **5u** is shown above the ¹H NMR spectrum. The structure is a substituted indole derivative with a Ts group, a phenyl group, and a methyl ketone group.

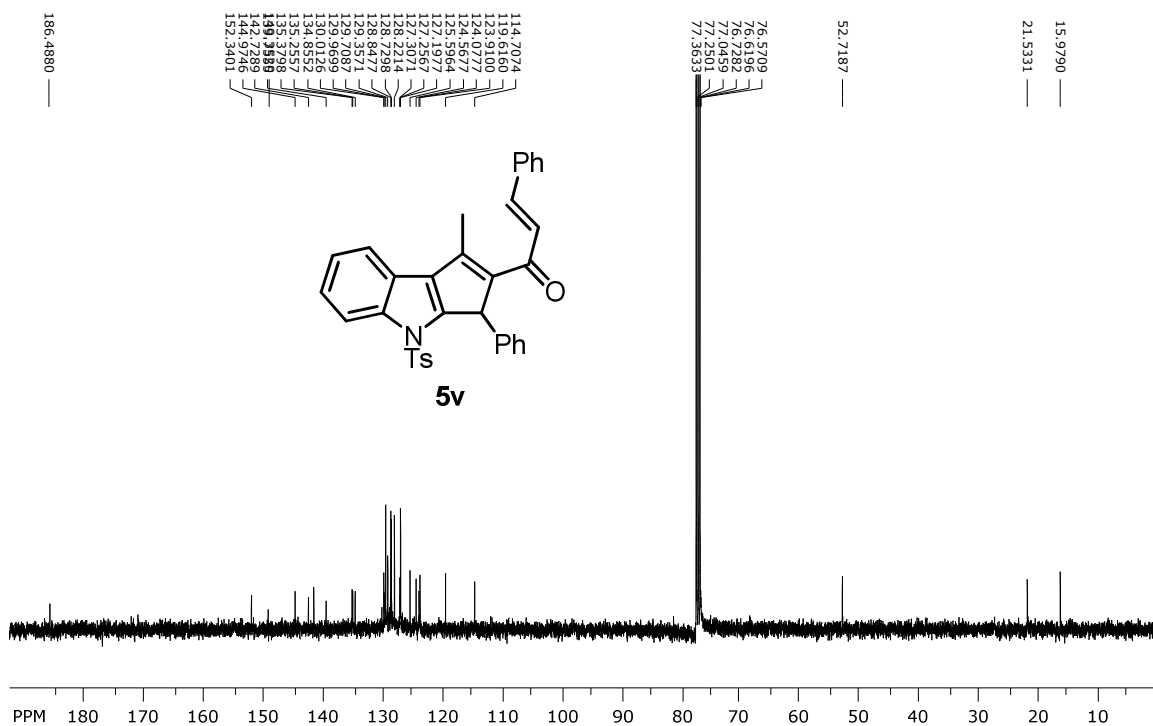
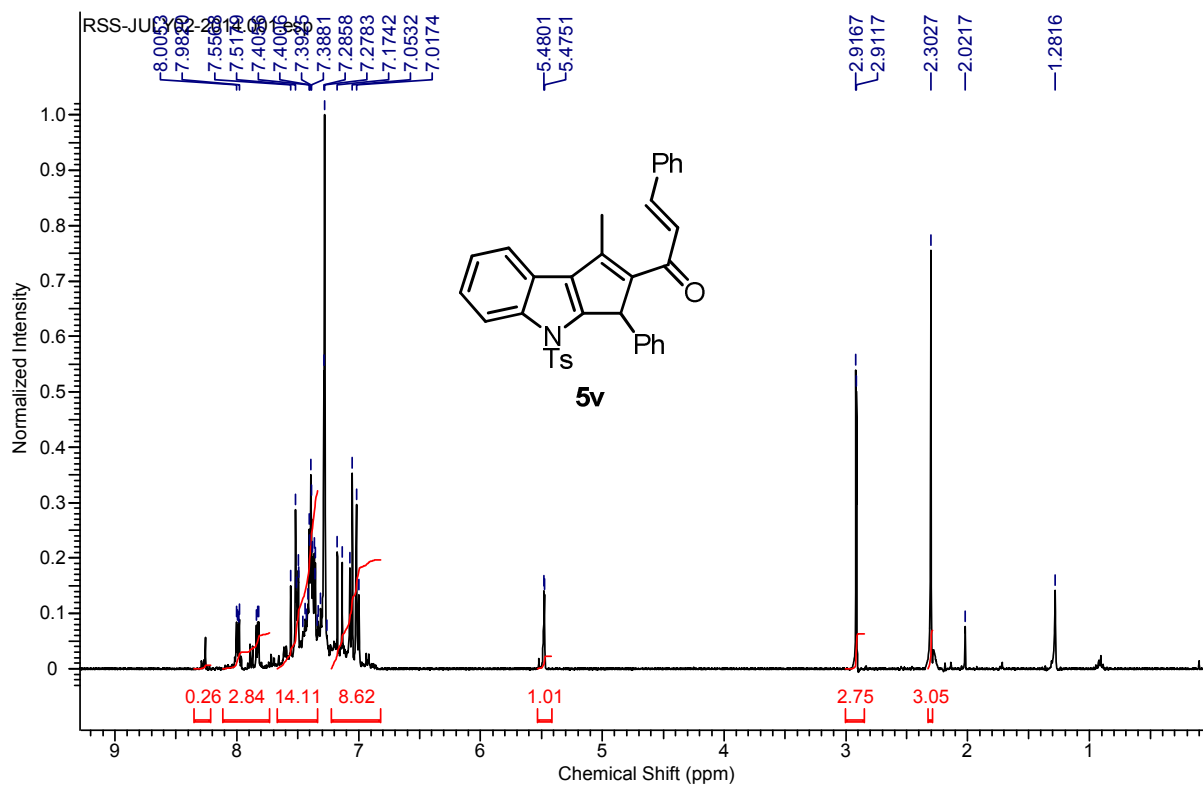
The ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) shows the following peaks (ppm):

- 7.4341, 7.1924, 7.1704, 7.0824, 6.9697, 6.9491, 6.9243, 6.9037 (Aromatic protons, multiplet)
- 5.0831 (Singlet, integration 1.009)
- 3.8823 (Singlet, integration 6.615)
- 2.7193 (Singlet, integration 3.018)
- 2.2135, 2.0616 (Doublet, integration 3.066)
- 2.0104 (Singlet, integration 3.104)
- 1.266 (Singlet, integration 4.108)
- 4.250, 4.184 (Multiplet, integration 4.250)

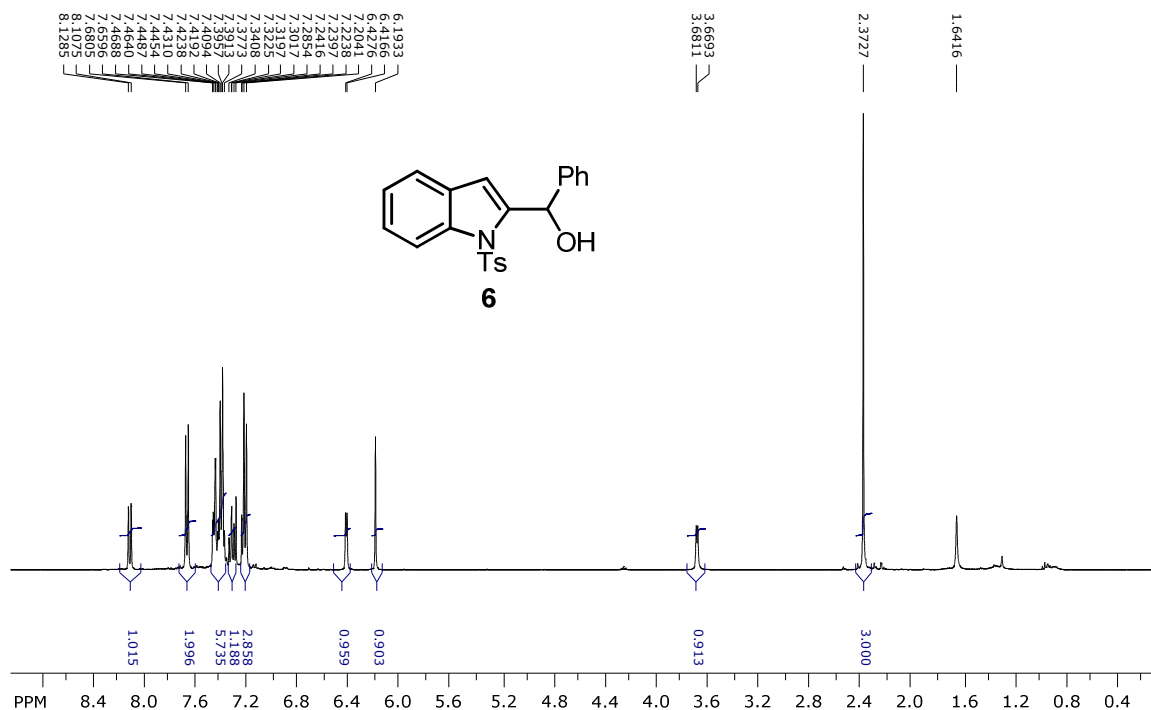
The spectrum is recorded at 400 MHz in CDCl₃. The x-axis represents the chemical shift in PPM, ranging from 0.4 to 7.2.

Chemical structure of **5u** is shown above the ¹³C NMR spectrum. The structure is a substituted indole derivative with a tosyl (Ts) group on the nitrogen, a phenyl (Ph) group at position 3, and a methyl ketone group at position 2. The ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) displays peaks corresponding to the structure, with the following chemical shifts (ppm) labeled on the right side of the spectrum:

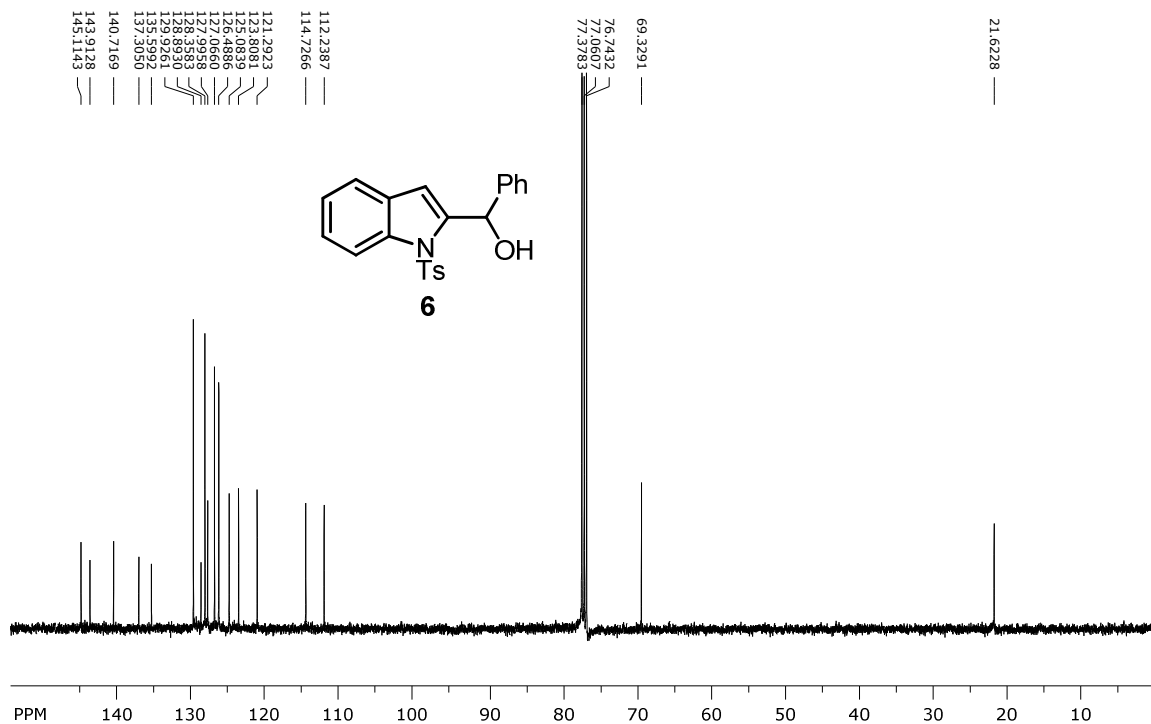
- 15.8430
- 21.6483
- 30.5110
- 52.9457
- 56.4402
- 56.4786
- 76.8429
- 77.1600
- 77.3637
- 77.4780
- 98.7337
- 101.2891
- 117.0996
- 126.9209
- 127.2490
- 128.6834
- 129.4391
- 129.7999
- 130.7989
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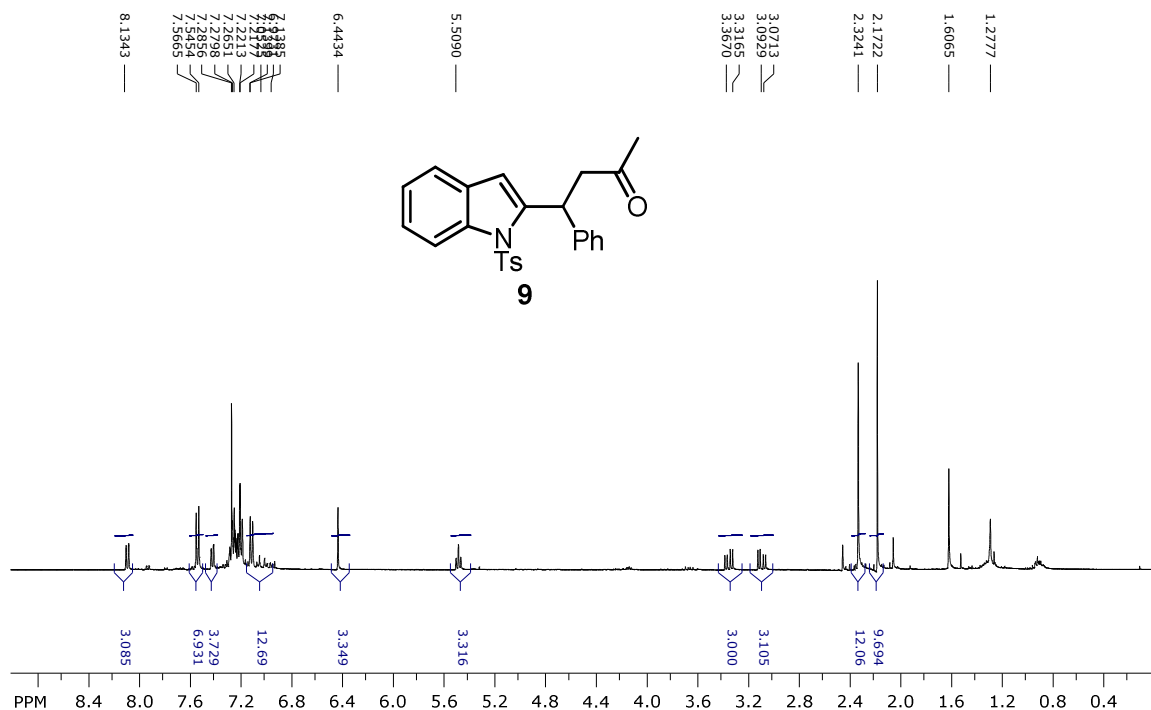
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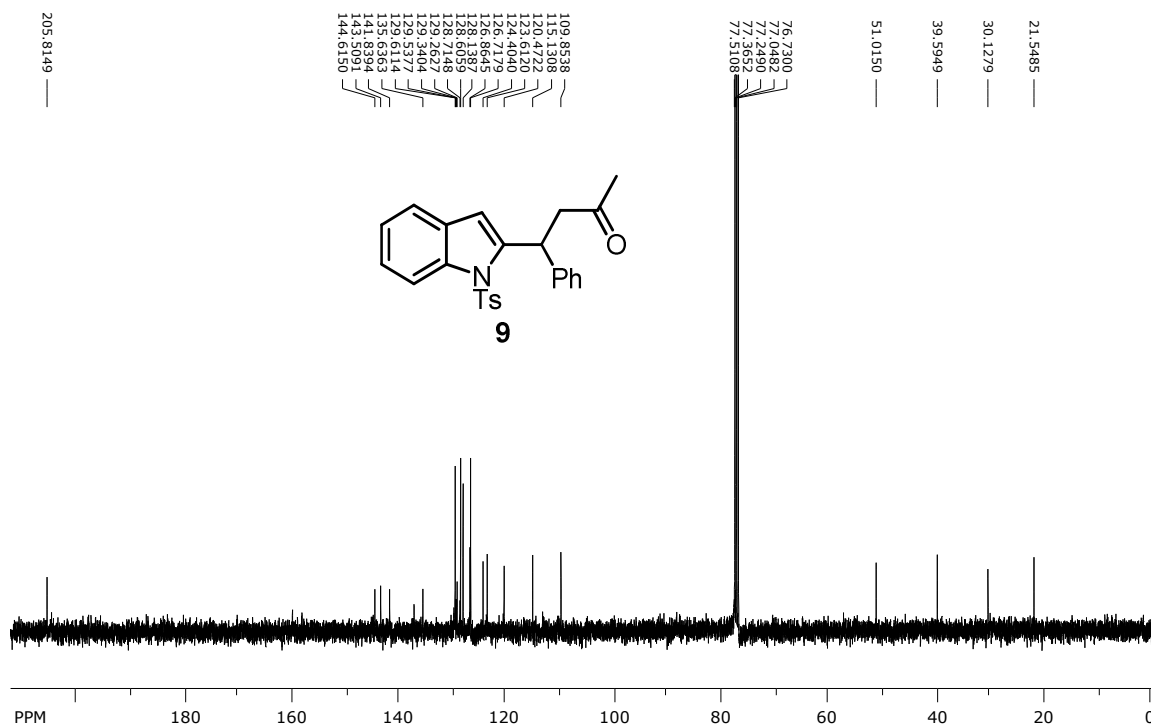
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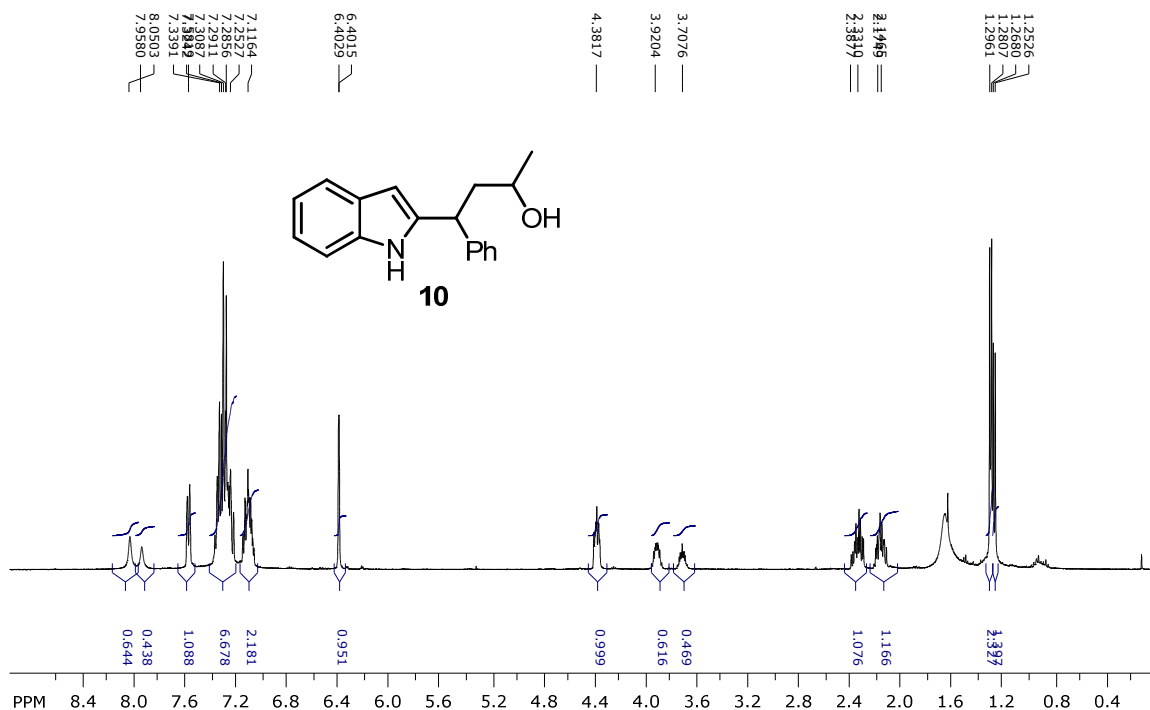
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