

Supporting Information

**Palladium-Catalyzed Domino Heck-Disilylation and -  
Borylation of Alkene-Tethered 2-(2-halophenyl)-1*H*-  
indoles: Access to Diverse Disilylated and Borylated  
Indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolines**

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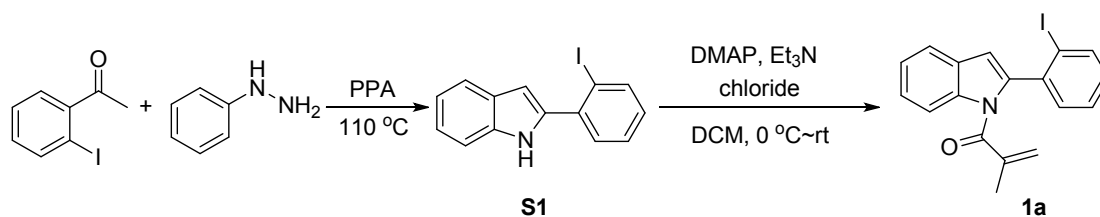
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## 1 General Information

$^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature using a Bruker Avance-500 instruments or Avance-400 instruments ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR at 500 or 400 MHz and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR at 125 or 100 MHz), NMR spectra of all products were reported in ppm with reference to solvent signals [ $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\text{CD}(\text{H})\text{Cl}_3$  (7.26 ppm),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\text{CD}(\text{H})\text{Cl}_3$  (77.00 ppm)]. Signal patterns are indicated as s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, doublets of doublet; t, triplet, and m, multiplet. HPLC/Q-TOF-MS analysis was performed with an Agilent 1290 LC system coupled with a 6530Q-TOF/MS accurate-mass spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, USA). The mass spectrometry was performed in the positive electrospray ionization (ESI+) mode. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography. Column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh). Analytical grade solvents and commercially available reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used directly without further purification unless otherwise stated.

## 2 Preparation of Substrates

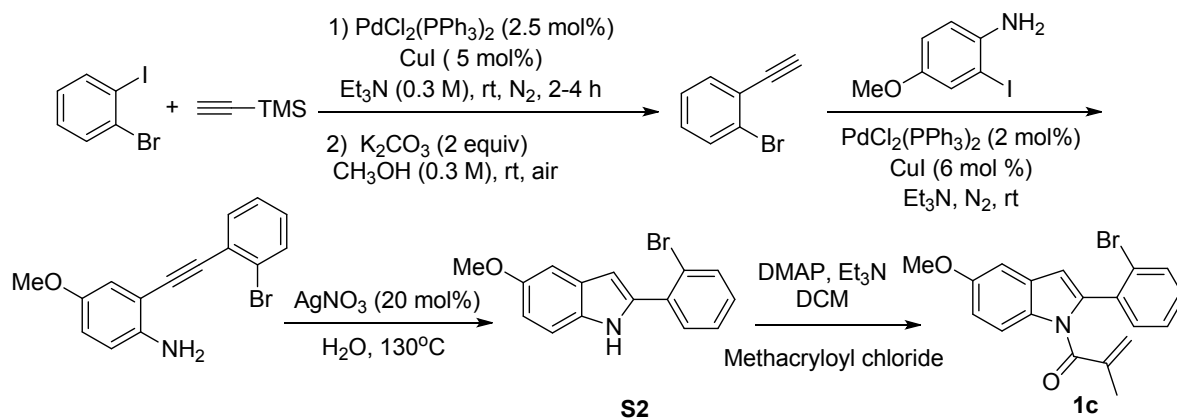
### 2.1 General Procedure for the Synthesis of Substrates 1a, 1b, 1d-1f, 1h and 1j-1l<sup>1,2,3</sup>



**Step I:** A mixture of 2-iodoacetophenone (5.0 mmol, 1.23 g), phenylhydrazine (6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 648 mg) and polyphosphoric acid (PPA, 15.00 g) was added to a round bottom flask and stirred at 110 °C for 6 h. After the completion of the reaction, the residue was quenched with ice water and extracted into ethyl acetate. The organic phases were dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the corresponding substituted indole **S1** (70%, 1.12 g).

**Step II:** According to a literature procedure, to the solution of indole **S1** (3.5 mmol, 1.12 g) and DMAP (0.7 mmol, 0.2 equiv, 85 mg) in DCM (0.5 M) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (7mmol, 2.0 equiv, 707 mg) and chloride (4.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 437 mg) at 0 °C. The solution was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for overnight. The mixture was diluted with DCM (20 mL). The organic and aqueous layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (20 mL x 2 times). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography and then recrystallized from n-hexane/EtOAc to afford the product **1a** (50%, 677 mg). The synthesis process of substrates **1b**, **1d-1f**, **1h** and **1j-1l** is similar to **1a**.

## 2.2 Synthesis of Substrates **1c** and **1g**<sup>4,5</sup>



Under nitrogen atmosphere, to a sealed tube (50 mL) was added PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.125 mmol, 2.5 mol%, 88 mg), CuI (0.25 mmol, 5 mol%, 48 mg) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (15 mL), 2-iodobromobenzene (5.0 mmol, 1.48 g) and trimethylsilylacetylene (6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 588 mg). After stirring at room temperature for 2-4 h, The filtrate was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo and The crude product obtained was used in the next step without further purification.

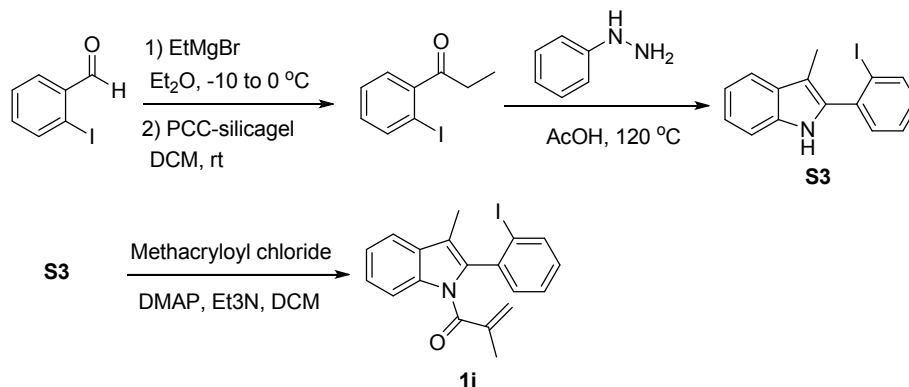
To the solution of crude product ((2-bromophenyl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (5.0 mmol, 1.26 g) in MeOH (10 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (12.0 mmol, 1.66 g). After stirring at room temperature for 4 h, the mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and filtered. The filtrate was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in

vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 40/1) to afford the title compound 1-bromo-2-ethynylbenzene (90%, 810 mg) as a yellow oil.

A mixture of 2-iodo-4-methoxyaniline (3.0 mmol, 747 mg), 1-bromo-2-ethynylbenzene (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv, 810 mg), CuI (0.18 mmol, 6 mol%, 34 mg) and PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.06 mmol, 2 mol%, 42 mg) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (3 ml) and THF (12 ml) was reacted at room temperature for 2-4 h under a nitrogen atmosphere. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired products.

To a sealed tube (50 mL) was added 2-((2-bromophenyl)ethynyl)-4-methoxyaniline (1.5 mmol, 510 mg), H<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL), and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol, 20 mol%, 51 mg). The mixture was stirred at 130 °C for about 18-24 h. The reaction product was filtered, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and dried to give a brown solid **S2** (78%, 353 mg). The following acylation procedure (similar to **1a**) will deliver substrate **1c** (52%, 216 mg). The synthesis process of substrate **1g** is similar to **1c**.

### 2.3 Synthesis of Substrate **1i**<sup>3,6</sup>



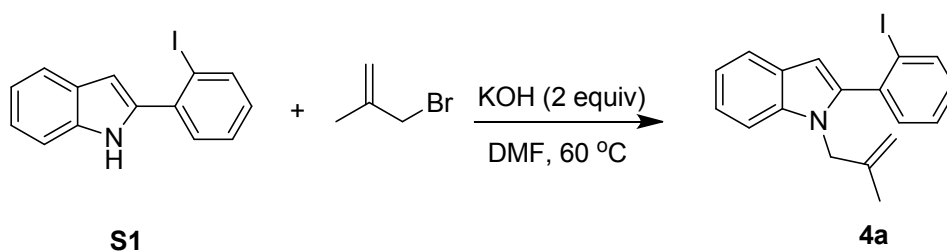
According to a modified literature procedure<sup>6</sup>, To a cold (-10 °C), magnetically stirred solution of a 2-iodobenzaldehyde (5 mmol, 2.32 g) in dry ether (20 mL) was added ethylmagnesium bromide (10 mmol, 1.0M) The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C to 0 °C for 3 h. It was then poured into saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15). The ethyl acetate extract was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo and The crude product obtained was used in the next step without further purification

To a magnetically stirred solution of the crude product secondary alcohol (5

mmol) in dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL) was added a homogeneous mixture of PCC (10 mmol) and silica gel. The resulted reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short silica gel column and eluted with excess  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Evaporation of the solvent furnished the ketone.

According to a modified literature procedure, a mixture of phenylhydrazine (6.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv, 712 mg), 1-(2-iodophenyl)propan-1-one (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv, 1.30 g) and acetic acid (10 mL, 1.0 M) was heated to 120 °C for 24 h in a 100 mL schlenk tube under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt., AcOH was removed by rotory evaporation and the residue was portioned between water (50 mL) and EtOAc (20 mL). The organic and aqueous layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL x 2 times), and the combined organic phase was washed with a saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent was evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product indole **S3** (60%, 999 mg). The following acylation procedure (similar to **1a**) will deliver substrate **1i** (56%, 675 mg).

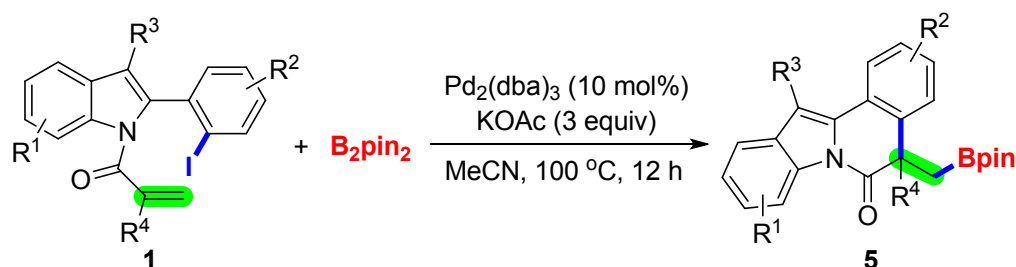
#### 2.4 Synthesis of Substrates **2a**, **2b**, **2d**, **2e** and **2h**<sup>1,2,7</sup>



According to a literature procedure<sup>7</sup>, a solution of **S1** (3.0 mmol, 955 mg) in DMF (5 mL) and powdered KOH (3.9 mmol, 1.3 equiv, 218 mg) was stirred at 60 °C for 10 min, cooled to room temperature, and treated with 3-bromo-2-methylprop-1-ene (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv, 600 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12-18 h, poured onto ice and diluted with 15 mL of EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , brine, dried  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , concentrated in vacuo and purified by chromatography on  $\text{SiO}_2$  (hexane) to afford the desired product **2a** (63%, 700 mg). The synthesis process of substrates **2b**, **2d**, **2e** and **2h** is similar to **2a**.

### 3 Typical Procedures

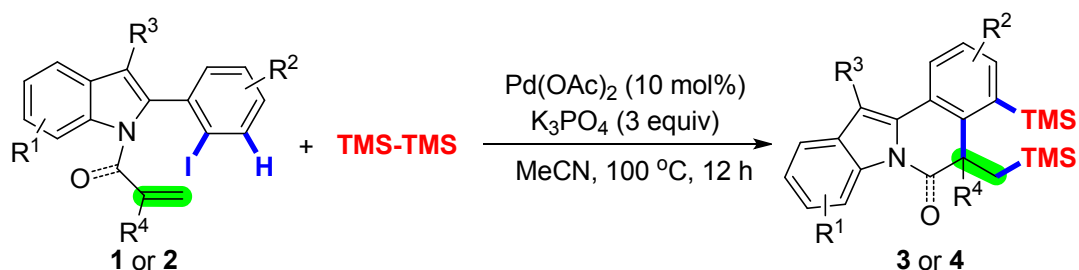
#### 3.1 Table S1. Screening of Optimal Reaction Conditions<sup>[a]</sup>



| Entry | Pd catalyst                               | Ligand                   | Base                     | Solvent | Yield/% <sup>b</sup> |
|-------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| 1     | $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$                 |                          | $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  | MeCN    | 38                   |
| 2     | $[\text{Pd}(\pi\text{-ally})\text{Cl}]_2$ |                          | $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  | MeCN    | 52                   |
| 3     | $\text{PdCl}_2$                           |                          | $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  | MeCN    | 55                   |
| 4     | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               |                          | $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  | MeCN    | 62                   |
| 5     | $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$               |                          | $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  | MeCN    | 50                   |
| 6     | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               | $\text{PPh}_3$           | $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  | MeCN    | 42                   |
| 7     | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               | $\text{P}(\text{tBu})_3$ | $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  | MeCN    | 52                   |
| 8     | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               | X-Phos                   | $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$  | MeCN    | 15                   |
| 9     | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               |                          | $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ | MeCN    | 35                   |
| 10    | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               |                          | NaOAc                    | MeCN    | 62                   |
| 11    | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               |                          | KOAc                     | MeCN    | 74                   |
| 12    | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               |                          | KOAc                     | Tol     | 60                   |
| 13    | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               |                          | KOAc                     | Dioxane | 56                   |
| 14    | $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$               |                          | KOAc                     | DMF     | 45                   |

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{B}_2\text{pin}_2$  (3 equiv),  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (10 mol%), KOAc (3 equiv), and MeCN (2 mL) at 100 °C under  $\text{N}_2$  for 12 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

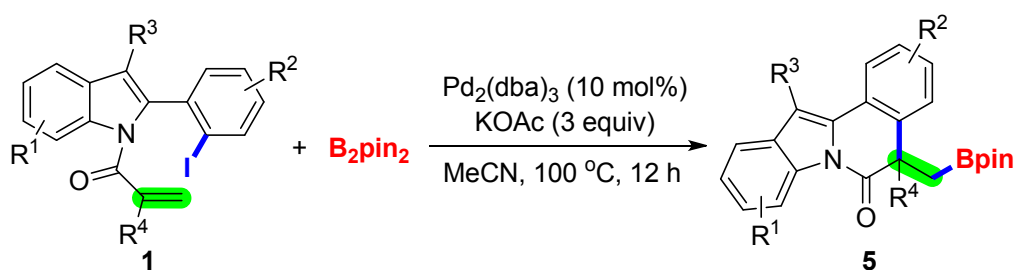
#### 3.2 General Procedure for the Synthesis of Disilylated Indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolinones **3** and **4**



To a Schlenk tube were added alkene-tethered aryl iodides **1 or 2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Hexamethyldisilane (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 10 mol%, 4.5 mg), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv, 127.2 mg), and MeCN (2 mL). Then the tube was charged with nitrogen, and was stirred at 100 °C (oil bath temperature) for the indicated time until complete consumption of starting material as monitored by TLC analysis. After the reaction was finished, the resulting suspension was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate. The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure and purified on a silica-gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give product **3 or 4**.

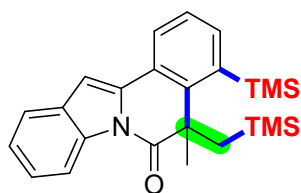
### 3.3 General Procedure for the Synthesis of Borlyated Indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolines

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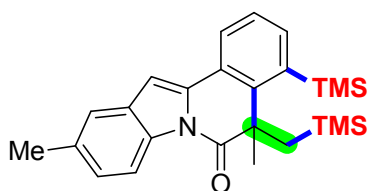
To a Schlenk tube were added alkene-tethered aryl iodides **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Bis(pinacolato)diborane (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mmol, 10 mol%, 18.3 mg), KOAc (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv, 58.9 mg), and MeCN (2 mL). Then the tube was charged with nitrogen, and was stirred at 100 °C (oil bath temperature) for the indicated time until complete consumption of starting material as monitored by TLC analysis. After the reaction was finished, the resulting suspension was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate. The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure and purified on a silica-gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give product **5**.

#### 4 Characterization Data



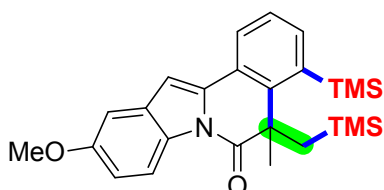
##### **5-methyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-**

**6(5H)-one (3a):** white solid, isolated yield 94% (76.27 mg), 90% (72.02 mg, alkene-tethered aryl bromides was used); mp: 83.1-85.8 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.75 (dd,  $J$  = 26.5 Hz, 14.5 Hz, 2H), 0.54 (s, 9H), -0.45 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 174.0, 145.2, 140.1, 138.2, 136.1, 134.9, 130.9, 126.1, 124.9, 124.7, 124.5, 123.5, 120.2, 116.8, 102.8, 47.6, 32.4, 32.0, 4.6, -1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{NOSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  406.2017, found 406.2030.

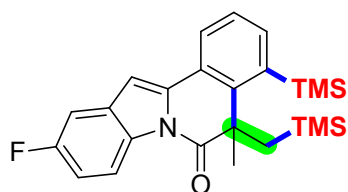


##### **5,10-dimethyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-**

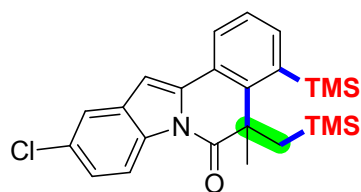
**a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3b):** white solid, isolated yield 73% (62.27 mg); mp: 98.4-100.2 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.76 (dd,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz,  $J$  = 24.0 Hz, 2H), 0.54 (s, 9H), -0.44 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 173.7, 145.2, 140.1, 138.1, 136.2, 134.1, 133.1, 131.2, 126.2, 126.1, 124.7, 123.6, 120.2, 116.5, 102.6, 47.5, 32.4, 31.9, 21.5, 4.6, -1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{34}\text{NOSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  420.2173, found 420.2185.



**10-methoxy-5-methyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3c):** white solid, isolated yield 90% (78.42 mg, alkene-tethered aryl bromides was used); mp: 58.8-60.6°C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.47 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), , 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.76-1.72 (m, 2H), 0.52 (s, 9H), -0.47 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 173.5, 157.1, 145.3, 140.2, 138.2, 136.8, 132.0, 129.6, 126.1, 124.7, 123.5, 117.6, 113.1, 103.1, 102.6, 55.6, 47.5, 32.4, 32.0, 4.6, -1.2. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 436.2123, found 436.2134.

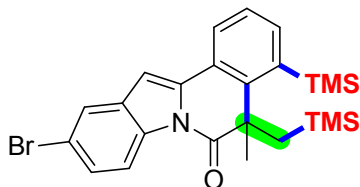


**10-fluoro-5-methyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3d):** white solid, isolated yield 92% (77.86 mg); mp: 104.1-105.9 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.54 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 9.0 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H) 6.99(s, 1H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.77-1.70 (m, 2H), 0.53 (s, 9H), -0.47 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 173.8, 160.3 (d, *J* = 239.8 Hz), 145.4, 140.3, 138.6, 137.7, 132.1 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 131.2, 126.2, 124.8, 123.2, 117.8 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 112.5 (d, *J* = 24.8 Hz), 105.9 (d, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 102.3 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 47.6, 32.4, 31.9, 4.6, -1.2. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FNOSi<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 424.1923, found 424.1934.

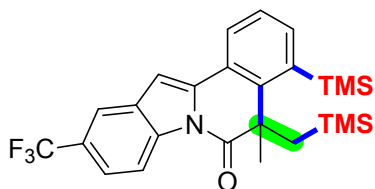


**10-chloro-5-methyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3e):** white solid, isolated yield 88% (77.46 mg); mp: 103.1-104.5 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.51 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* =

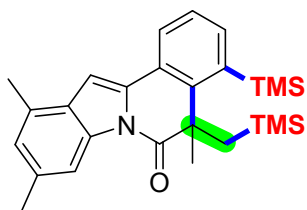
2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.77-1.73 (m, 2H), 0.53 (s, 9H), -0.47 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 173.9, 145.3, 140.2, 138.7, 137.5, 133.1, 132.2, 130.1, 126.2, 124.9, 124.8, 123.0, 119.8, 117.8, 101.8, 47.6, 32.5, 31.8, 4.5, -1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{ClNOSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  440.1627, found 440.1640.



**10-bromo-5-methyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3f):** white solid, isolated yield 52% (50.39 mg); mp: 103.0-104.4 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.72 (dd,  $J$  = 17.5 Hz,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 0.52 (s, 9H), -0.49 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 174.0, 145.4, 140.3, 138.7, 137.4, 133.6, 132.7, 127.7, 126.3, 124.9, 123.0, 122.9, 118.2, 118.0, 101.7, 47.7, 32.5, 31.9, 4.6, -1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{BrNOSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  484.1122, found 482.1134.

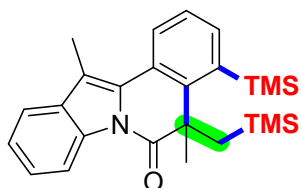


**5-methyl-10-(trifluoromethyl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3g):** colorless oil, isolated yield 30% (28.42 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.71 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.76 (t,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 0.55 (s, 9H), -0.44 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 174.2, 145.4, 140.4, 138.9, 138.0, 136.4, 130.7, 127.3, 126.6 (d,  $J$  = 32.0 Hz), 126.4, 125.0, 124.6 (q,  $J$  = 270.6 Hz), 122.9, 121.6 (q,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 117.5 (q,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz), 117.0, 102.4, 47.8, 32.5, 31.9, 4.5, -1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_3\text{NOSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  474.1891, found 474.1902.



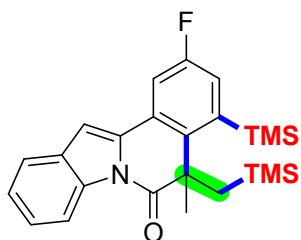
**5,9,11-trimethyl-4-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3h):** white solid, isolated yield 84% (72.86 mg); mp: 149.1-151.3 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.91 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.74 (dd,  $J$  = 25.0 Hz,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 0.53 (s, 9H), -0.45 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 174.1, 144.8, 140.0, 137.8, 135.2, 135.1, 134.9, 129.1, 128.2, 126.6, 126.1, 124.5, 123.8, 114.6, 101.3, 47.6, 32.3, 32.1, 21.9, 18.5, 4.6, -1.1. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{36}\text{NOSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  434.2330, found 434.2343.



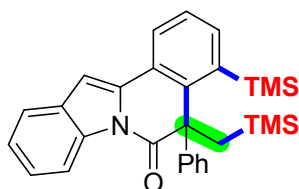
**5,12-dimethyl-4-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3i):** white solid, isolated yield 90% (75.54 mg); mp: 97.4-99.2 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.66 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.74 (dd,  $J$  = 25.0 Hz,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 0.57 (s, 9H), -0.39 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 173.8, 146.0, 139.9, 137.1, 133.7, 132.8, 130.3, 126.1, 125.6, 125.3, 124.1, 118.2, 116.8, 113.5, 47.5, 32.6, 31.8, 11.9, 4.7, -1.0. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{34}\text{NOSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  420.2173, found 420.2185.



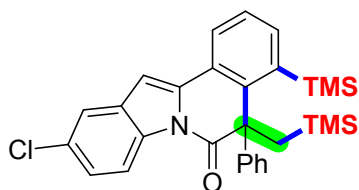
**2-fluoro-5-methyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3j):** white solid, isolated yield 55% (46.60 mg); mp: 98.7-100.3 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 0.52 (s, 9H), -0.47 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 173.7, 160.5 (d, *J* = 246.5 Hz), 144.1 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 141.0 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 135.0 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 134.9, 130.6, 125.5 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 125.4, 125.1, 124.9, 124.7, 120.5, 116.8, 110.3 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 103.7, 47.4, 32.6, 32.0, 4.4, -1.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FNOSi<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (*M*+H)<sup>+</sup> 424.1923, found 424.1934.



**5-phenyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-**

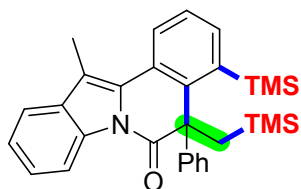
**6(5H)-one (3k):** white solid, isolated yield 73% (68.29 mg); mp: 230.1-232.0 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.44-8.43 (m, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.21 (m, 6H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 2.69 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), -0.04 (s, 9H), -0.43 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 171.4, 145.0, 143.6, 142.8, 138.6, 135.9, 135.1, 130.9, 129.2, 128.0, 127.3, 126.5, 124.9, 124.9, 124.6, 124.4, 120.2, 117.0, 103.1, 55.8, 30.5, 2.9, -1.2. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NOSi<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (*M*+H)<sup>+</sup> 468.2173, found 468.2185.



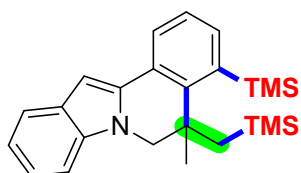
**10-chloro-5-phenyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3l):** white solid, isolated yield 70% (70.31 mg); mp: 234.2-236.0 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J*

= 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 4H), 2.63 (d,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (d,  $J$  = 14.0 Hz, 1H), -0.08 (s, 9H), -0.48 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 171.4, 144.8, 143.8, 143.0, 139.0, 137.3, 133.4, 132.2, 130.2, 129.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.6, 124.9, 124.6, 124.5, 119.8, 117.9, 102.1, 55.8, 30.9, 2.9, -1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{33}\text{ClNOSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  502.1784, found 502.1796.

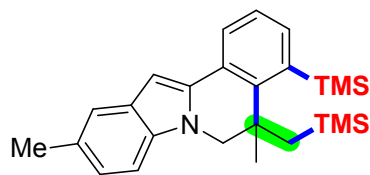


**12-methyl-5-phenyl-4-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (3m):** white solid, isolated yield 84% (78.58 mg); mp: 132.3-135.5 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.46-8.44 (m, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 2.70 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 1.78 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H), -0.06 (s, 9H), -0.43 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 171.4, 145.3, 144.1, 142.9, 137.4, 133.8, 132.8, 130.1, 129.2, 127.9, 127.1, 126.8, 126.0, 125.7, 125.3, 124.1, 118.1, 116.9, 113.8, 55.7, 30.7, 12.0, 2.9, -1.0. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{36}\text{NOSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  482.2330, found 482.2344.

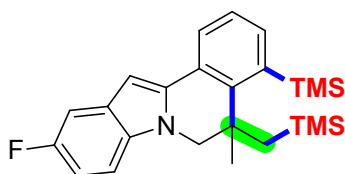


**5-methyl-4-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline (4a):** white solid, isolated yield 84% (65.80 mg); mp: 123.0-124.9 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.84 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 4.16 (d,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 0.52 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 150.7, 137.1, 136.3, 136.2, 136.0, 129.0, 127.5, 126.9, 125.6, 121.1, 120.5, 119.7, 109.0, 96.2, 52.7, 41.0, 28.3, 27.1, 4.2, 1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for

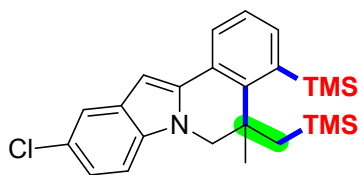
$C_{24}H_{34}NSi_2^+ (M+H)^+$  392.2224, found 392.2235.



**5,10-dimethyl-4-(trimethylsilyl)-5-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline (4b):** white solid, isolated yield 88% (71.41 mg); mp: 137.0-139.4 °C (uncorrected);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.85 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 4.16 (d,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d,  $J$  = 15 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (d,  $J$  = 15 Hz, 1H), 0.56 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 150.6, 136.9, 136.3, 135.9, 134.7, 129.2, 128.8, 127.6, 126.9, 125.6, 122.8, 120.2, 108.9, 95.7, 52.9, 41.0, 28.3, 27.1, 21.5, 4.2, 1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{25}H_{36}NSi_2^+ (M+H)^+$  406.2381, found 406.2392.

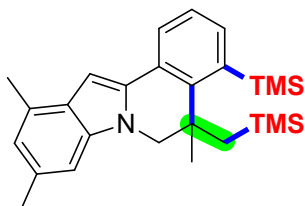


**5-chloro-8a-methyl-8,8a-dihydro-9H-dibenzo[de,g]indolo[1,2-b]isoquinolin-9-one (4d):** white solid, isolated yield 84% (68.82 mg); mp: 145.1-147.5 °C (uncorrected);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.95 (td,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.11 (d,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d,  $J$  = 15 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (d,  $J$  = 15 Hz, 1H), 0.51 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 157.9 (d,  $J$  = 232.5 Hz), 150.6, 137.9, 137.4, 136.1, 132.9, 129.1 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz), 127.2, 127.0, 125.7, 109.5 (d,  $J$  = 13 Hz), 109.4 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 105.2 (d,  $J$  = 23.5 Hz), 96.1 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz), 52.8, 41.0, 28.3, 27.0, 4.2, 1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{24}H_{33}FNSi_2^+ (M+H)^+$  410.2130, found 410.2141.



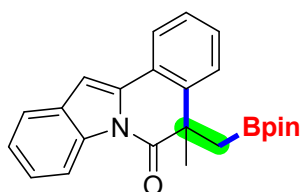
**10-chloro-5-methyl-4-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)-5,6-**

**dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline (4e):** white solid, isolated yield 81% (69.03 mg); mp: 144.6-145.5 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 4.12 (d,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.35 (d,  $J$  = 15 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (d,  $J$  = 15 Hz, 1H), 0.53 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 150.7, 137.6, 137.5, 136.1, 134.6, 129.9, 127.0, 125.7, 125.3, 121.4, 119.8, 109.9, 95.8, 52.7, 41.0, 28.3, 27.0, 4.1, 1.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{33}\text{ClNSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  426.1835, found 426.1846.

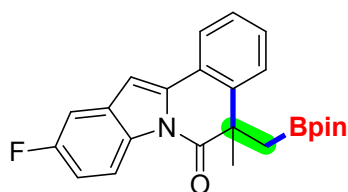


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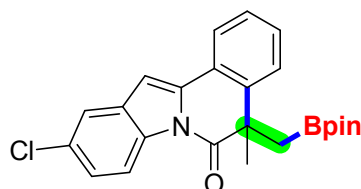
**dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline (4h):** white solid, isolated yield 80% (67.16 mg); mp: 107.0-109.5 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.87 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 4.12 (d,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.42 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 0.55 (s, 9H), 0.17 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 150.4, 136.7, 136.4, 135.9, 135.2, 131.2, 129.6, 127.8, 126.7, 126.7, 125.6, 121.9, 106.6, 94.7, 52.8, 41.0, 28.3, 27.1, 21.9, 18.7, 4.2, 1.3. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{NSi}_2^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  420.2537, found 420.2546.



**5-methyl-5-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (5a):** white solid, isolated yield 74% (57.32 mg); mp: 100.0-101.9 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83-1.81 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 2.02 (d,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (s, 6H), 0.85 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 174.0, 140.5, 136.0, 135.5, 130.6, 128.6, 126.9, 126.4, 124.8, 124.1, 124.1, 123.4, 120.1, 116.7, 102.1, 83.1, 46.3, 31.8, 24.5, 24.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{BNO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  388.2079, found 388.2087.

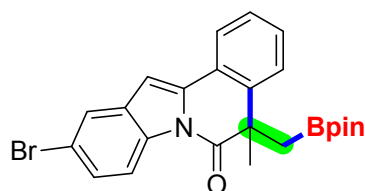


**10-fluoro-5-methyl-5-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (5d):** white solid, isolated yield 67% (54.31 mg); mp: 113.0-114.7 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.53 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (td,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 1.99 (d,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz, 2H), 0.89 (s, 6H), 0.82 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 173.9, 160.0 (d,  $J$  = 239.1 Hz), 140.6, 137.6, 131.8, 131.7 (d,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz), 129.0, 127.0, 126.5, 123.8, 123.5, 117.7 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz), 112.3 (d,  $J$  = 24.3 Hz), 105.7 (d,  $J$  = 24.5 Hz), 101.6 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz), 83.1, 46.1, 31.7, 24.5, 24.2. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{BFNO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  406.1984, found 406.1997.

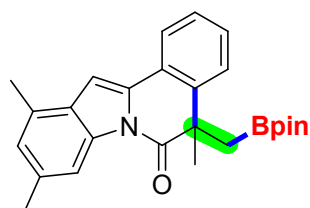


**10-chloro-5-methyl-5-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (5e):** white solid, isolated yield 73% (61.57 mg); mp: 107.4-109.7 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.50

(d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.28(m, 3H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 1.99 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 0.88 (s, 6H), 0.81 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 174.0, 140.5, 137.4, 133.7, 131.9, 129.6, 129.1, 127.0, 126.4, 124.7, 123.8, 123.5, 119.7, 117.6, 101.1, 83.1, 46.1, 31.7, 24.5, 24.1$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{BClNO}_3^+ (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  422.1689, found 422.1698.

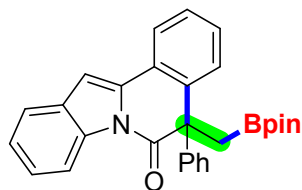


**10-bromo-5-phenyl-5-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (5f):** white solid, isolated yield 70% (65.26 mg); mp: 115.1-117.7 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 8.46$  (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 1.99 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 0.87 (s, 6H), 0.81 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 174.0, 140.6, 137.2, 134.0, 132.4, 129.1, 127.5, 127.0, 126.4, 123.6, 123.5, 122.7, 118.0, 117.4, 100.9, 83.1, 46.1, 31.7, 24.5, 24.1$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{BBrNO}_3^+ (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  466.1184, found 466.1192.

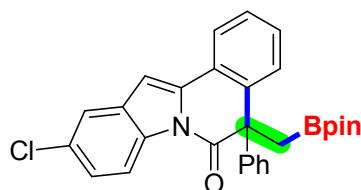


**5,9,11-trimethyl-5-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (5h):** white solid, isolated yield 80% (66.45 mg); mp: 118.1-120.2°C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 8.28$  (s, 1H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.04 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 0.92 (s, 6H), 0.83 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 174.1, 140.1, 135.6, 135.1, 134.8, 129.1, 128.2, 127.8, 126.8, 126.3, 126.1, 124.5,$

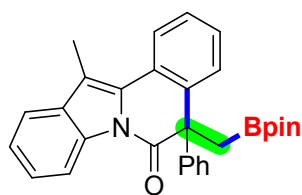
123.2, 114.5, 100.7, 83.1, 46.3, 32.2, 24.6, 24.1, 21.9, 18.5. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{26}H_{31}BNO_3^+ (M+H)^+$  416.2392, found 416.2401.



**5-phenyl-5-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (5k):** white solid, isolated yield 73% (65.60 mg); mp: 158.7-160.3 °C (uncorrected);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.47-8.45 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.17 (m, 8H), 7.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 2.70 (d,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (d,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 0.80 (s, 6H), 0.73 (s, 6H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 171.7, 145.1, 139.9, 136.2, 135.7, 130.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.1, 127.0, 125.4, 124.9, 124.1, 123.1, 120.1, 116.8, 102.5, 83.2, 53.8, 24.4, 24.1. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{29}H_{29}BNO_3^+ (M+H)^+$  450.2235, found 450.2246.



**10-chloro-5-phenyl-5-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one (5l):** white solid, isolated yield 72% (69.67 mg); mp: 203.2-204.9 °C (uncorrected);  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.42 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 2.70 (d,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (d,  $J$  = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 0.82 (s, 6H), 0.77 (s, 6H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 171.7, 144.8, 140.2, 137.6, 134.0, 131.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 127.1, 127.1, 124.9, 124.9, 123.3, 119.7, 117.8, 101.5, 83.3, 53.7, 24.4, 24.1. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{29}H_{28}BClNO_3^+ (M+H)^+$  484.1845, found 484.1854.



**12-methyl-5-phenyl-5-((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-one(5m):** white solid, isolated yield 75% (69.51 mg); mp: 188.1-190.0 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.56-8.54 (m, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.02 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (s, 6H), 0.78 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 171.4, 145.5, 140.0, 134.6, 132.3, 130.4, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 125.3, 124.4, 123.7, 118.0, 116.7, 113.7, 83.1, 53.8, 24.5, 24.0, 11.4. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{31}\text{BNO}_3^+$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  464.2392, found 464.2401.

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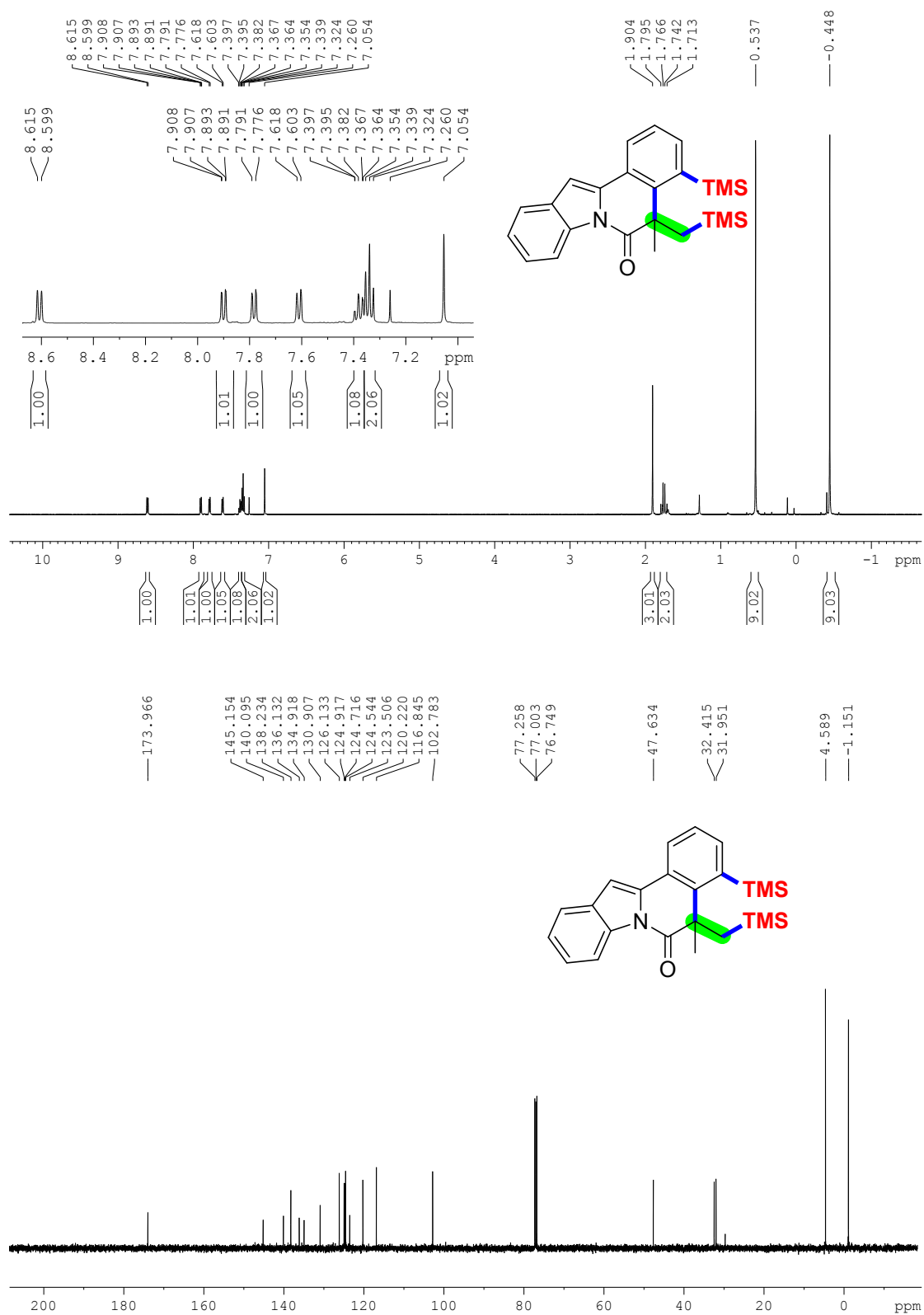
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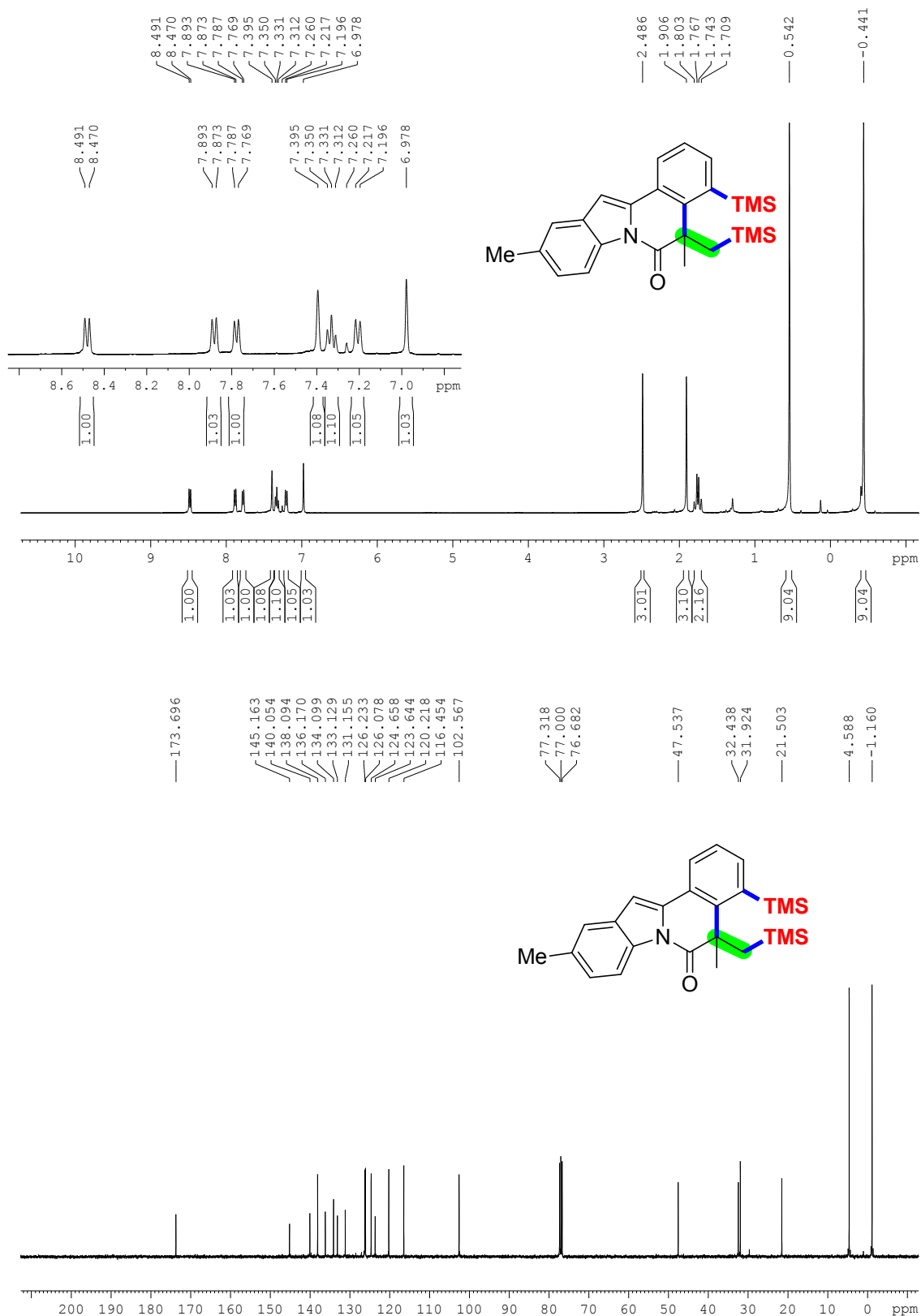
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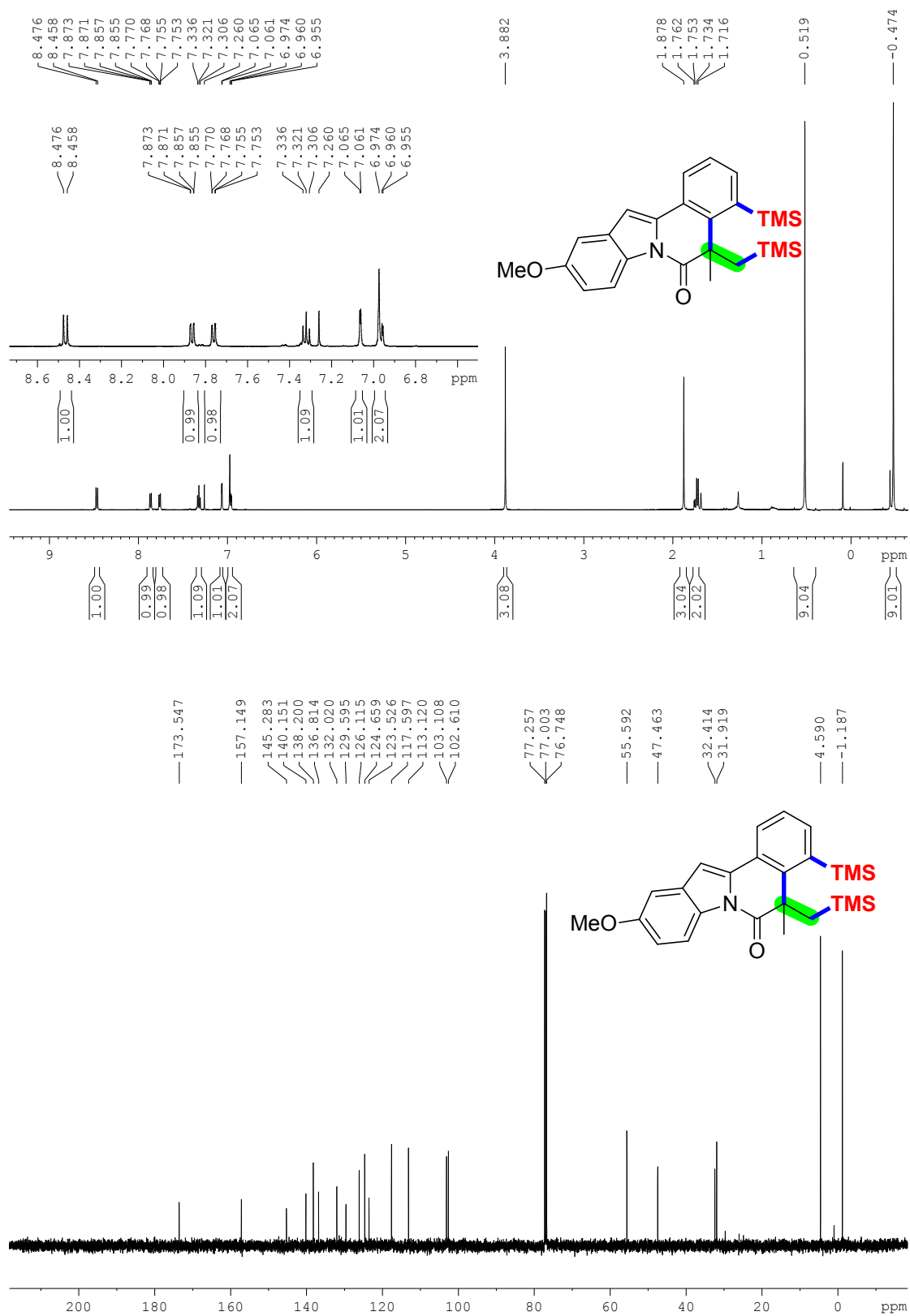
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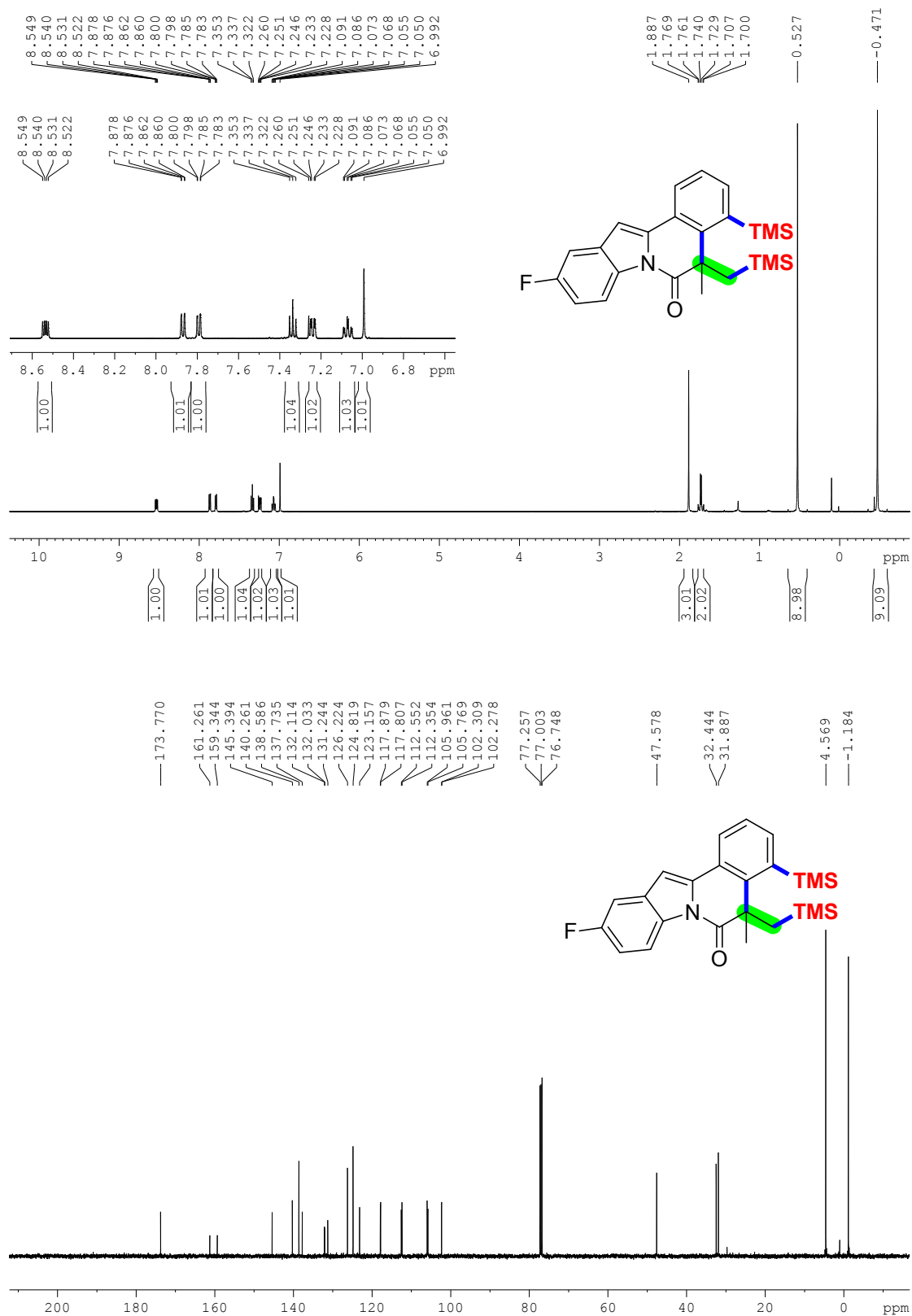
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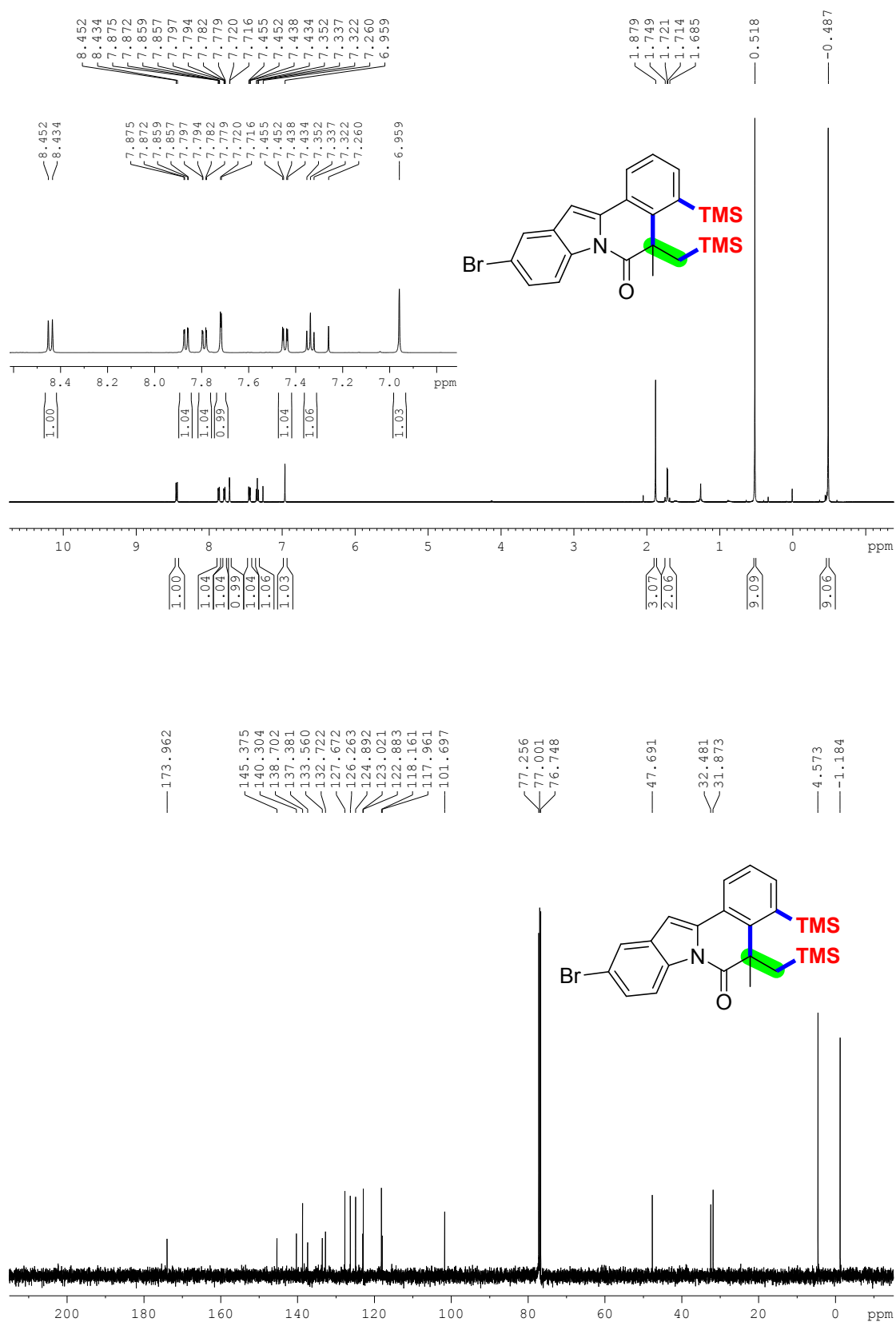


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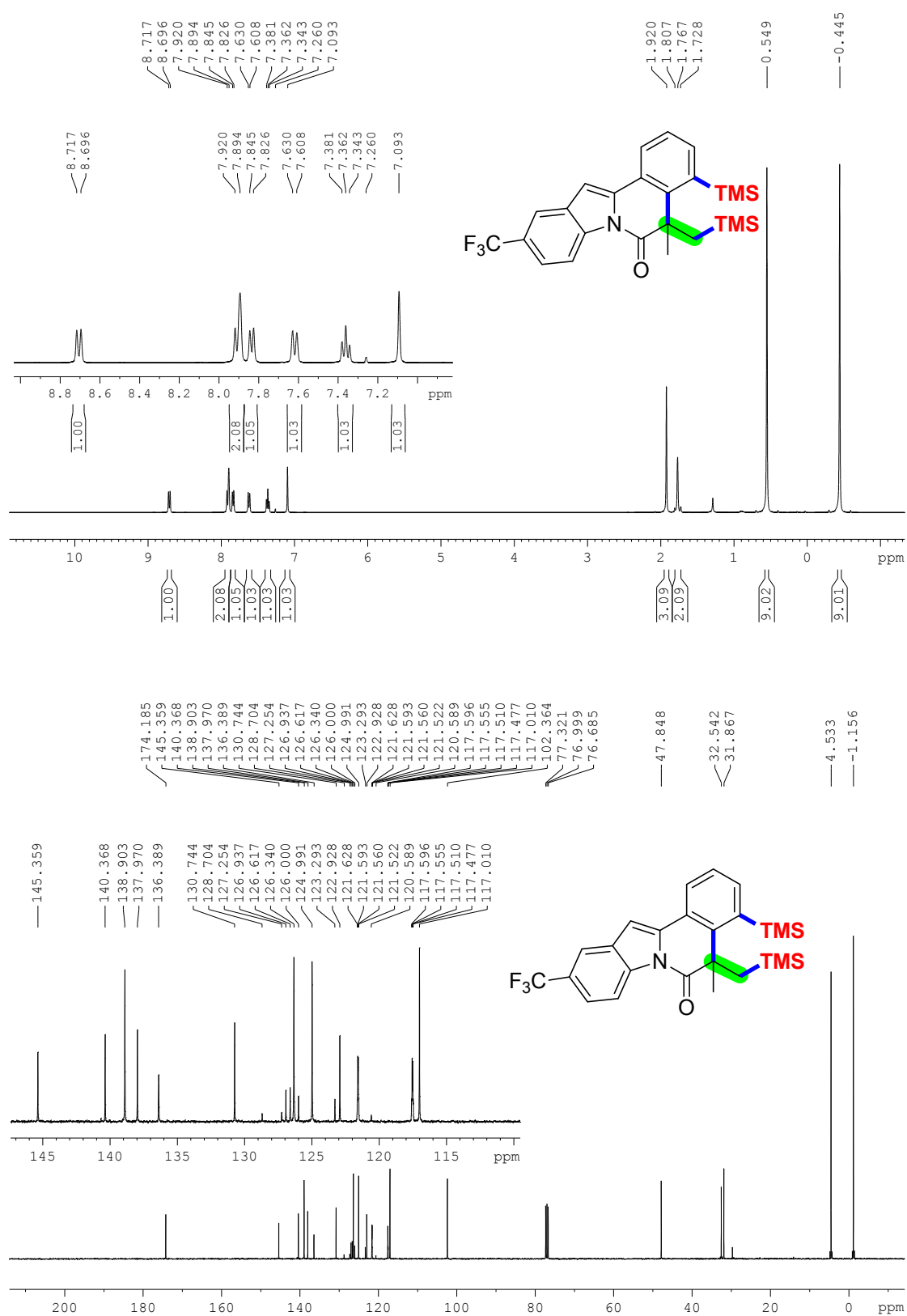


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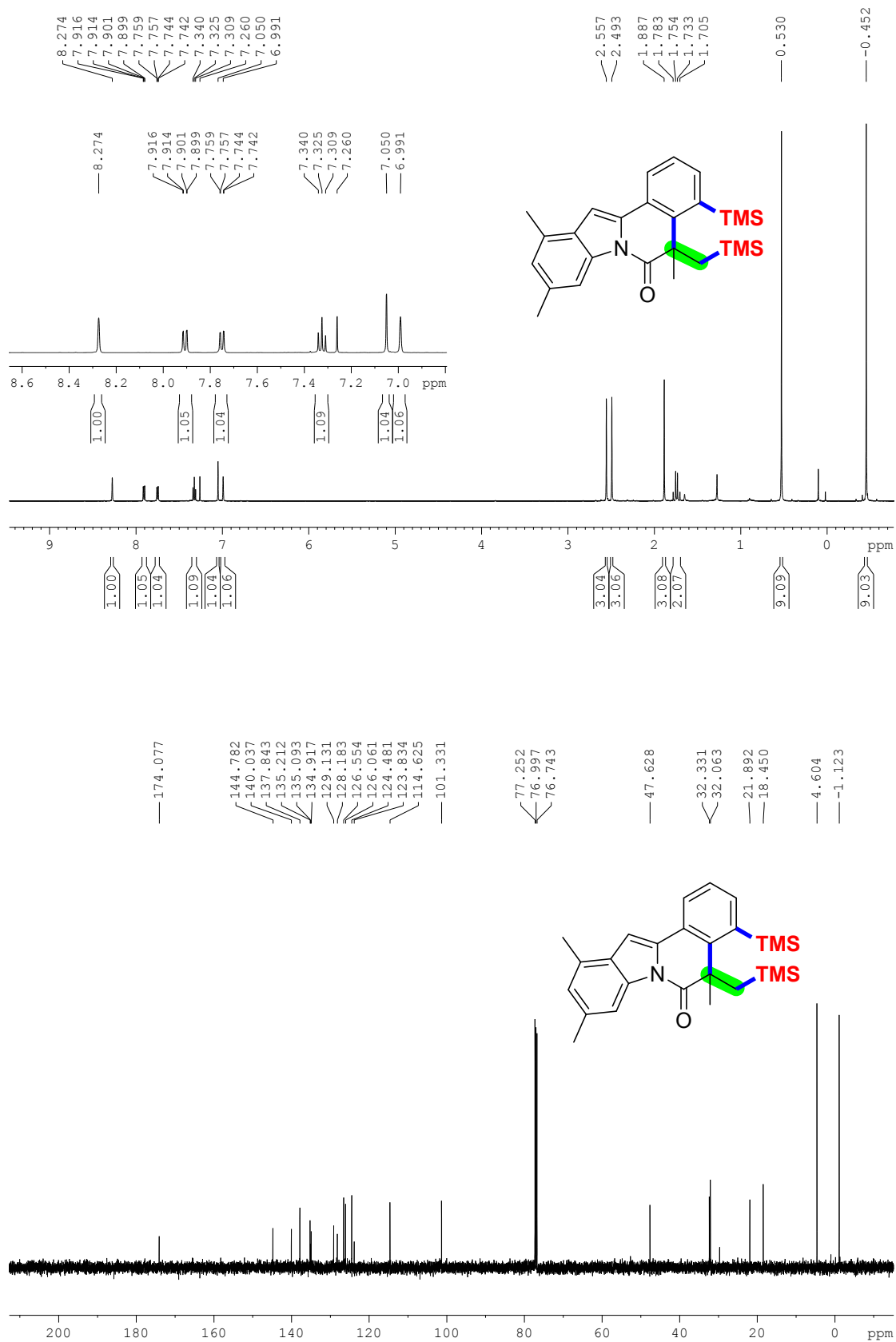




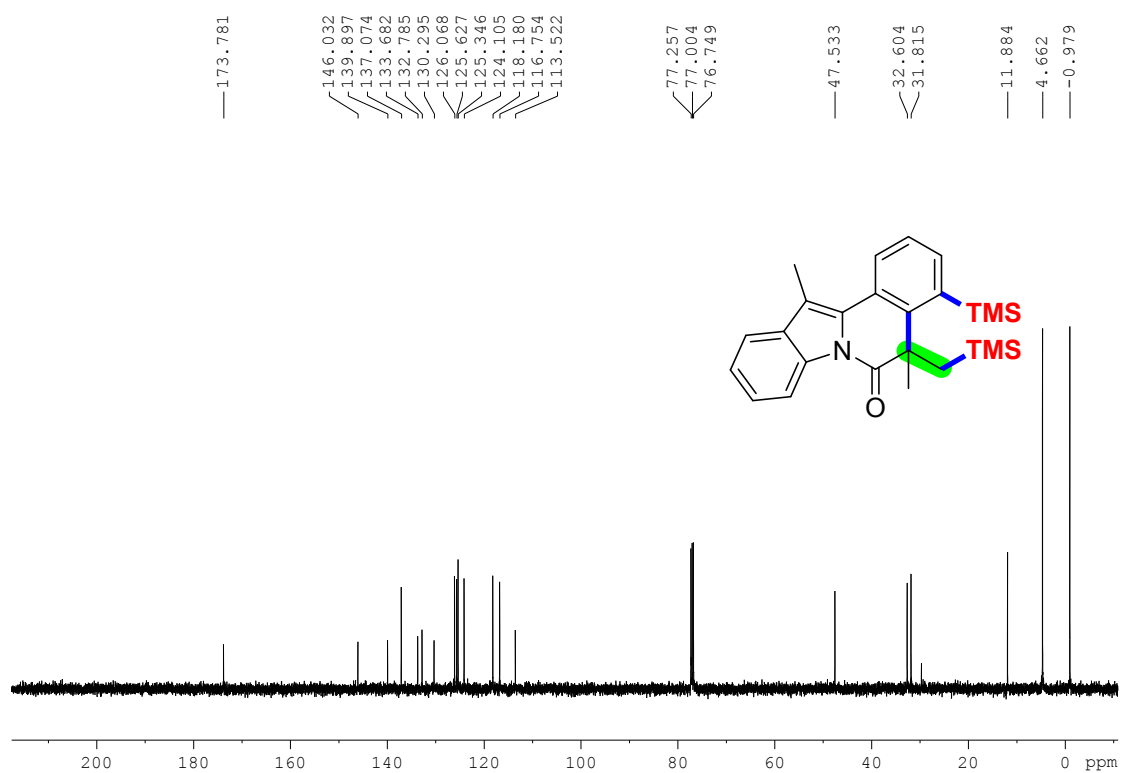
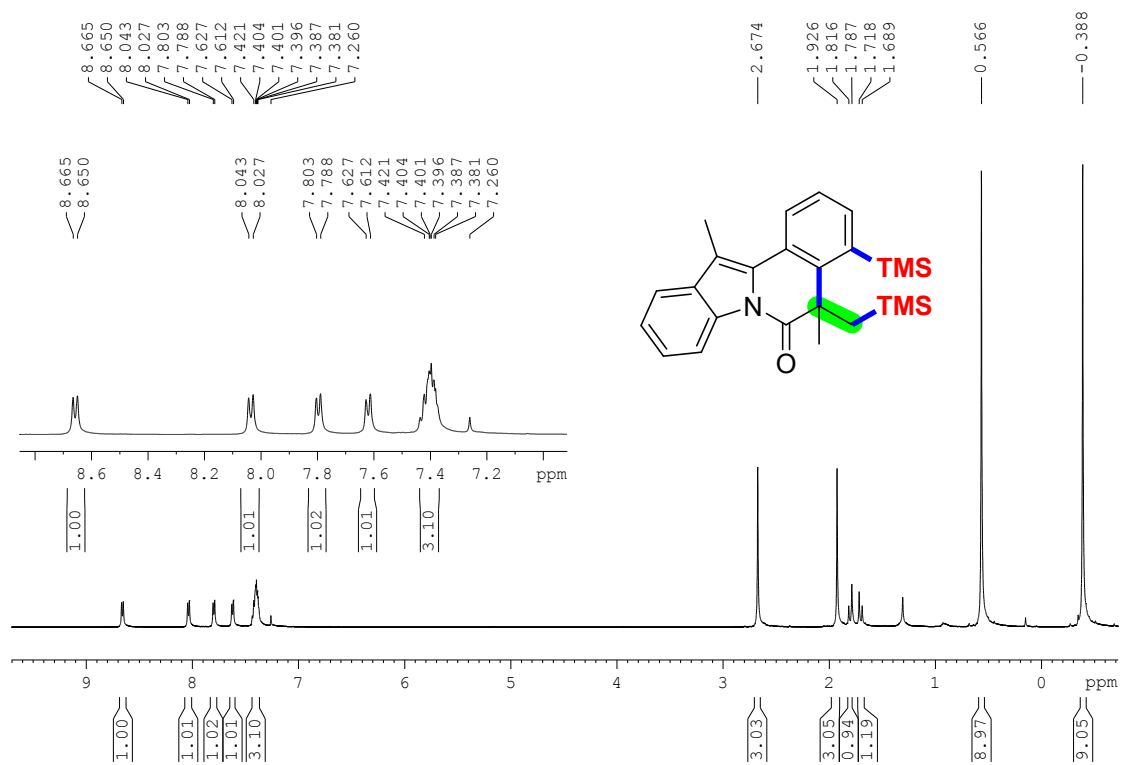
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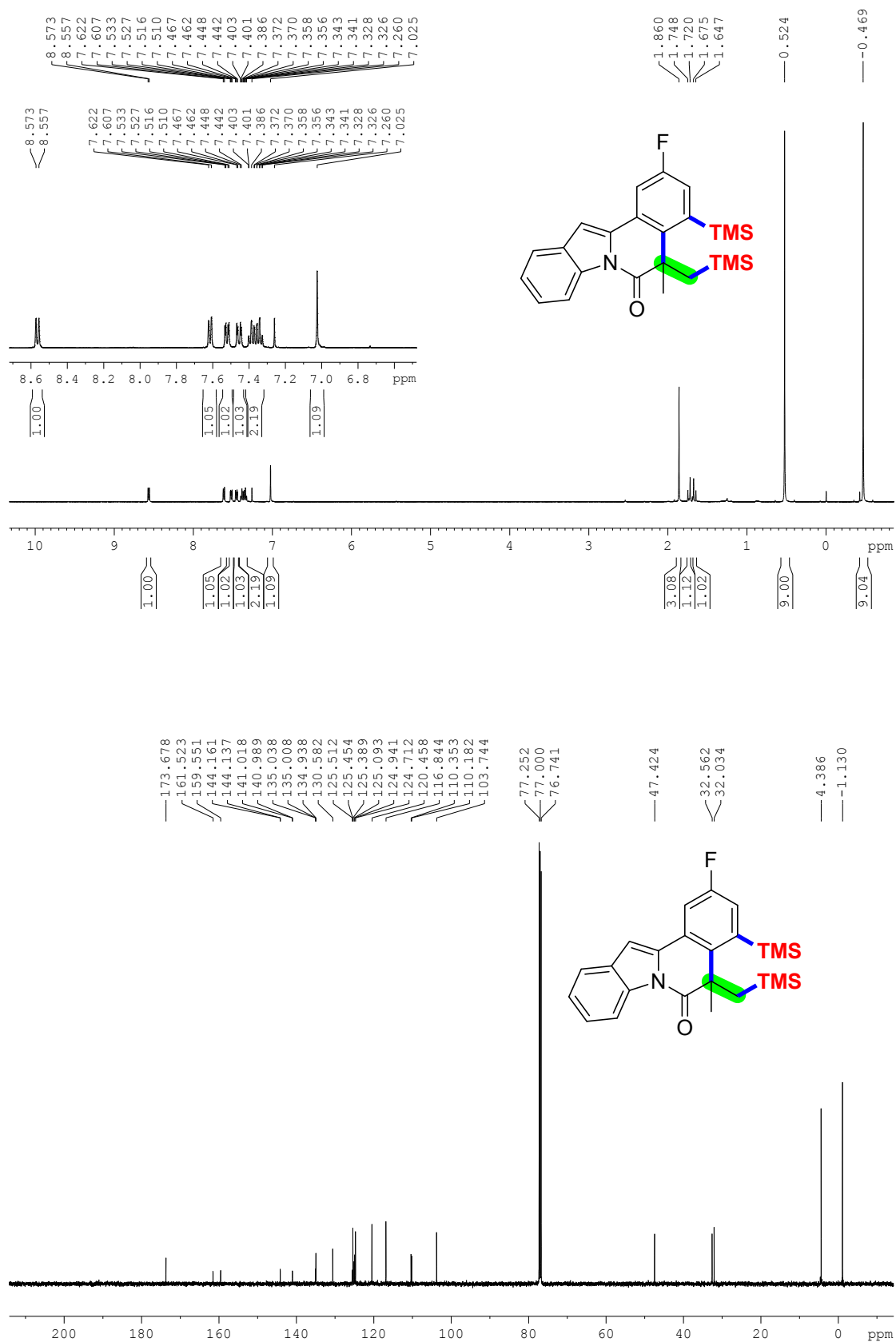
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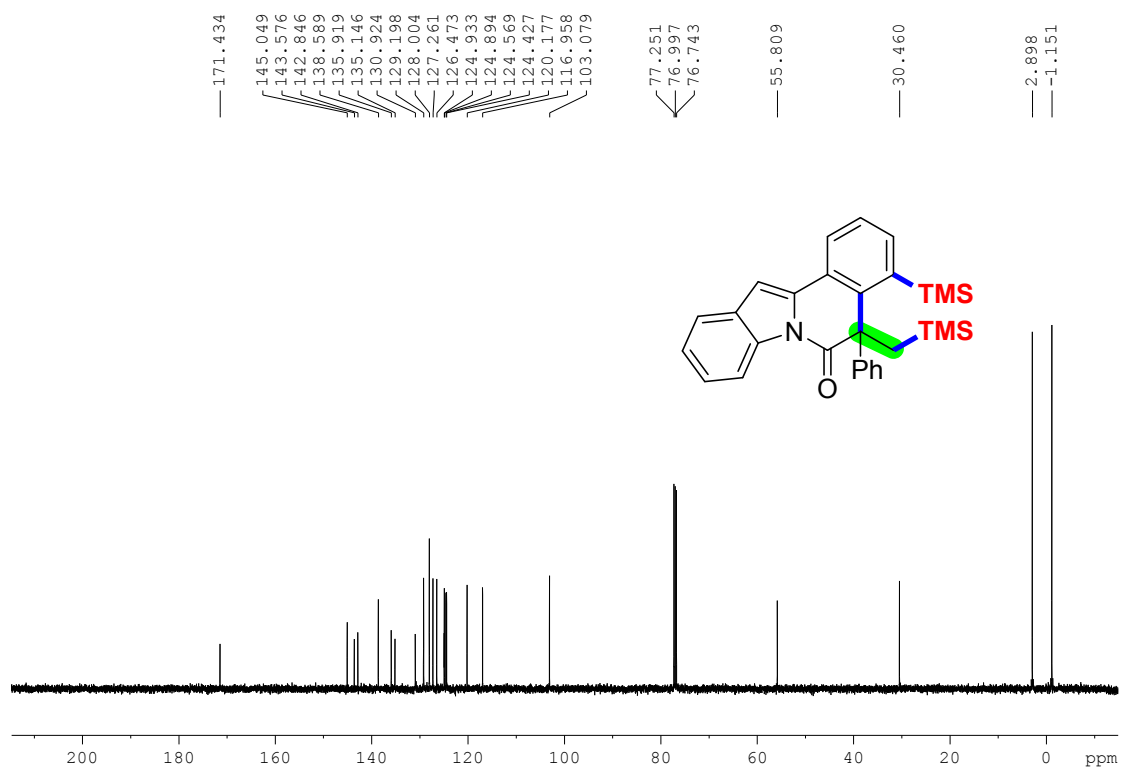
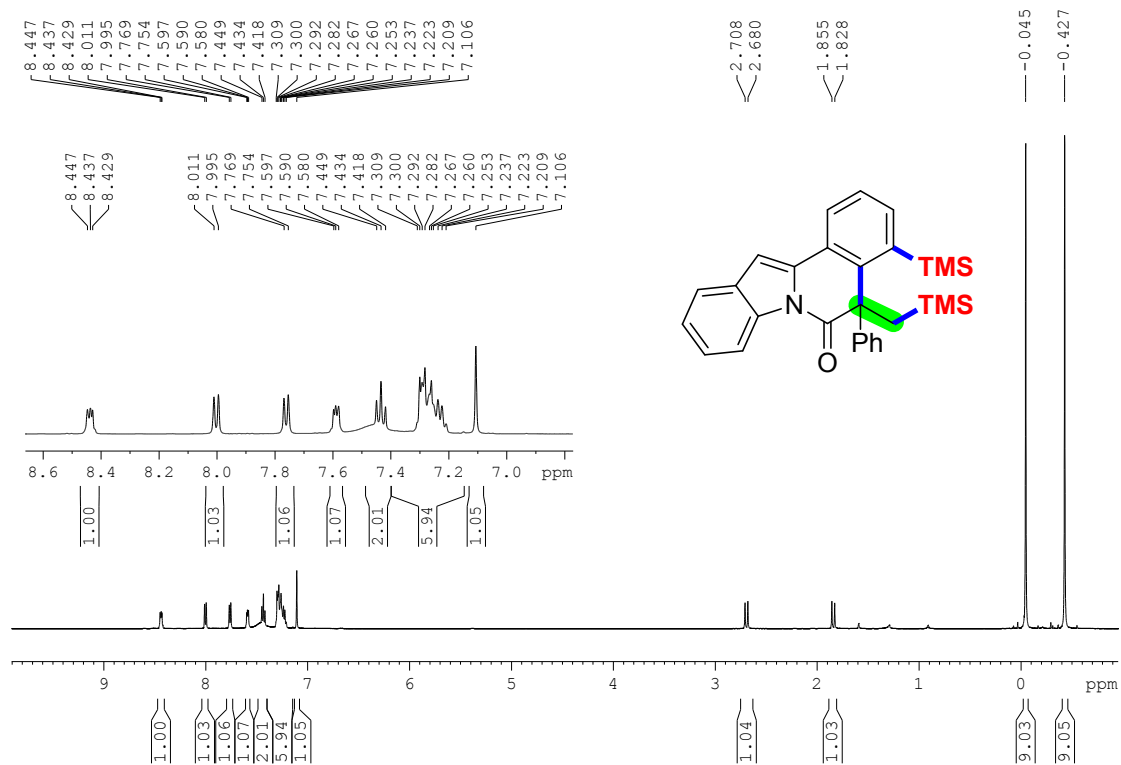
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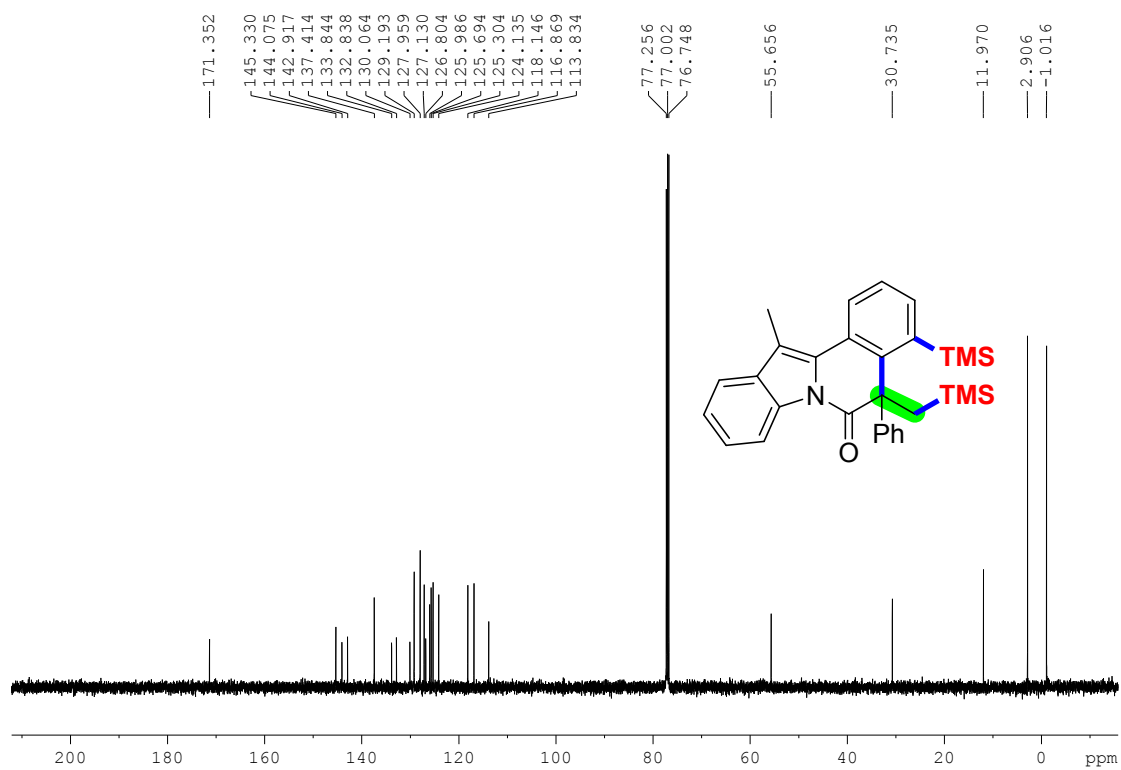
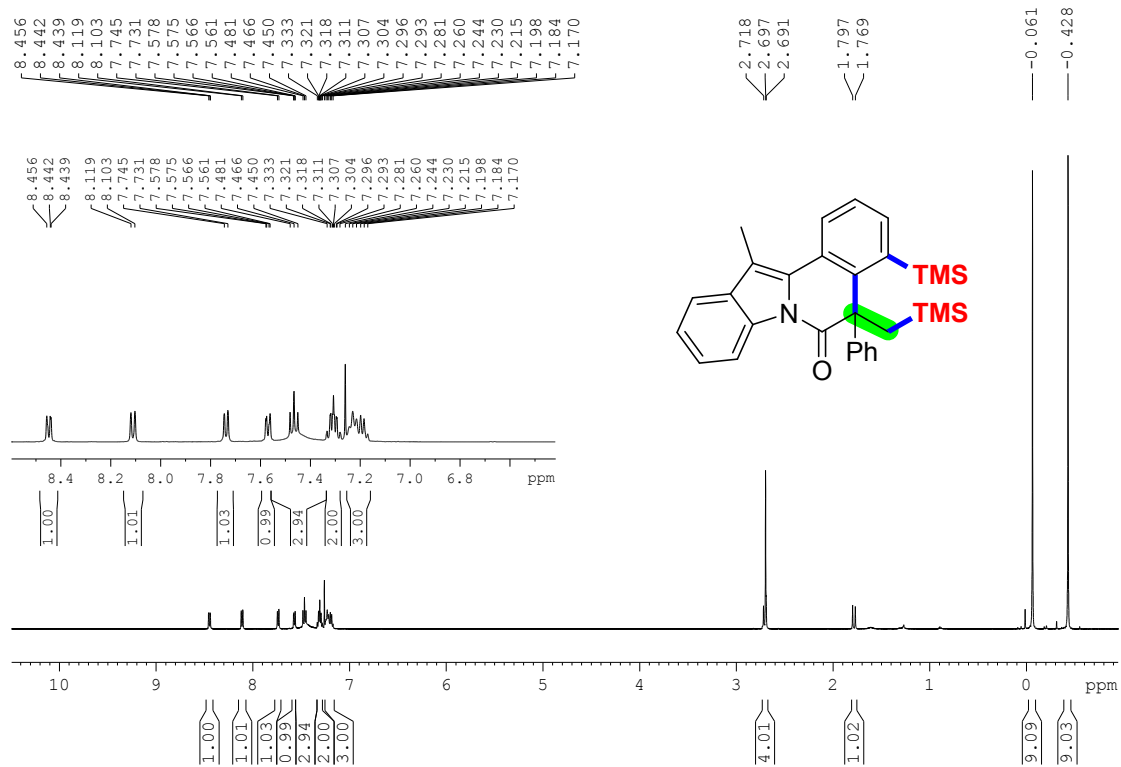
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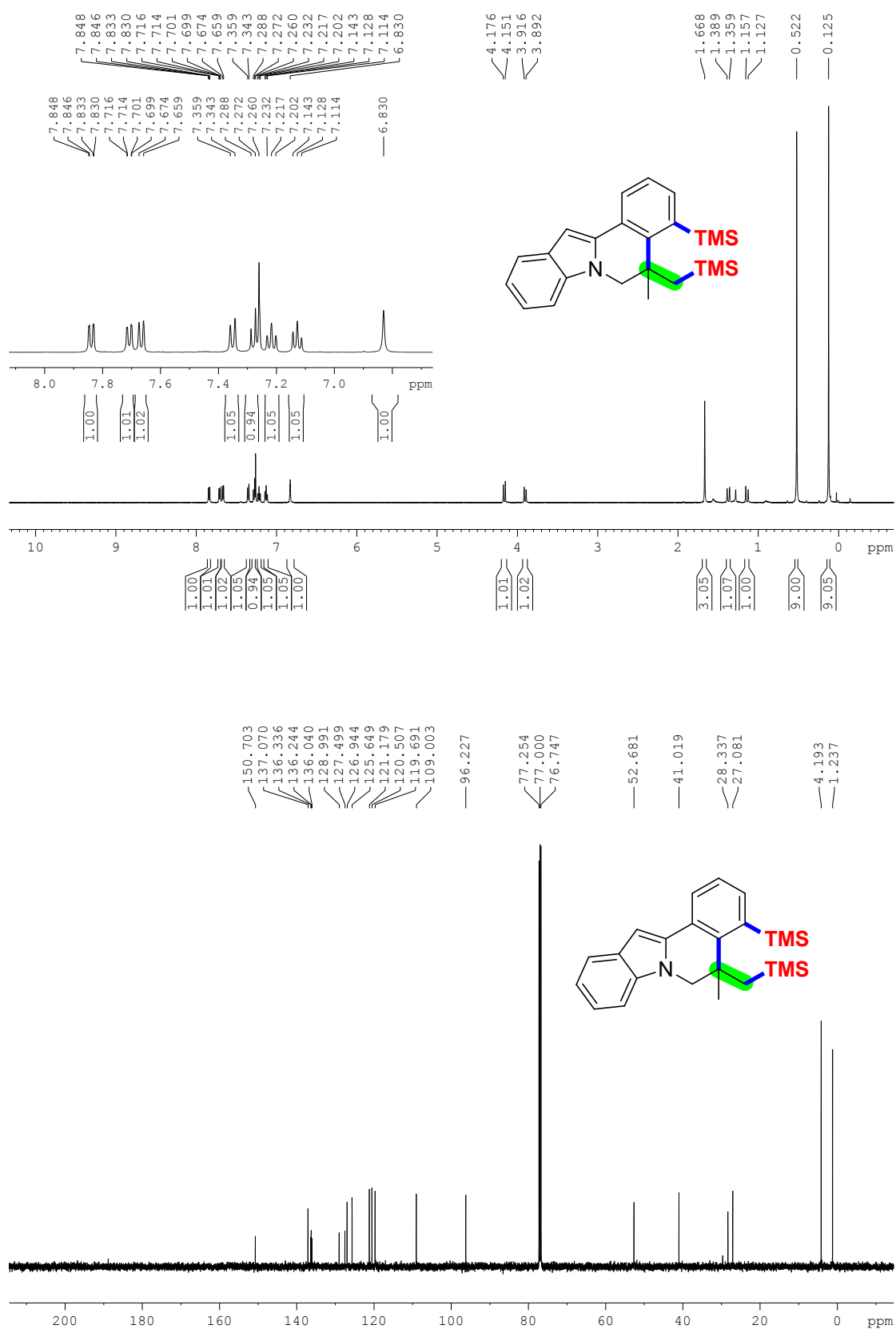
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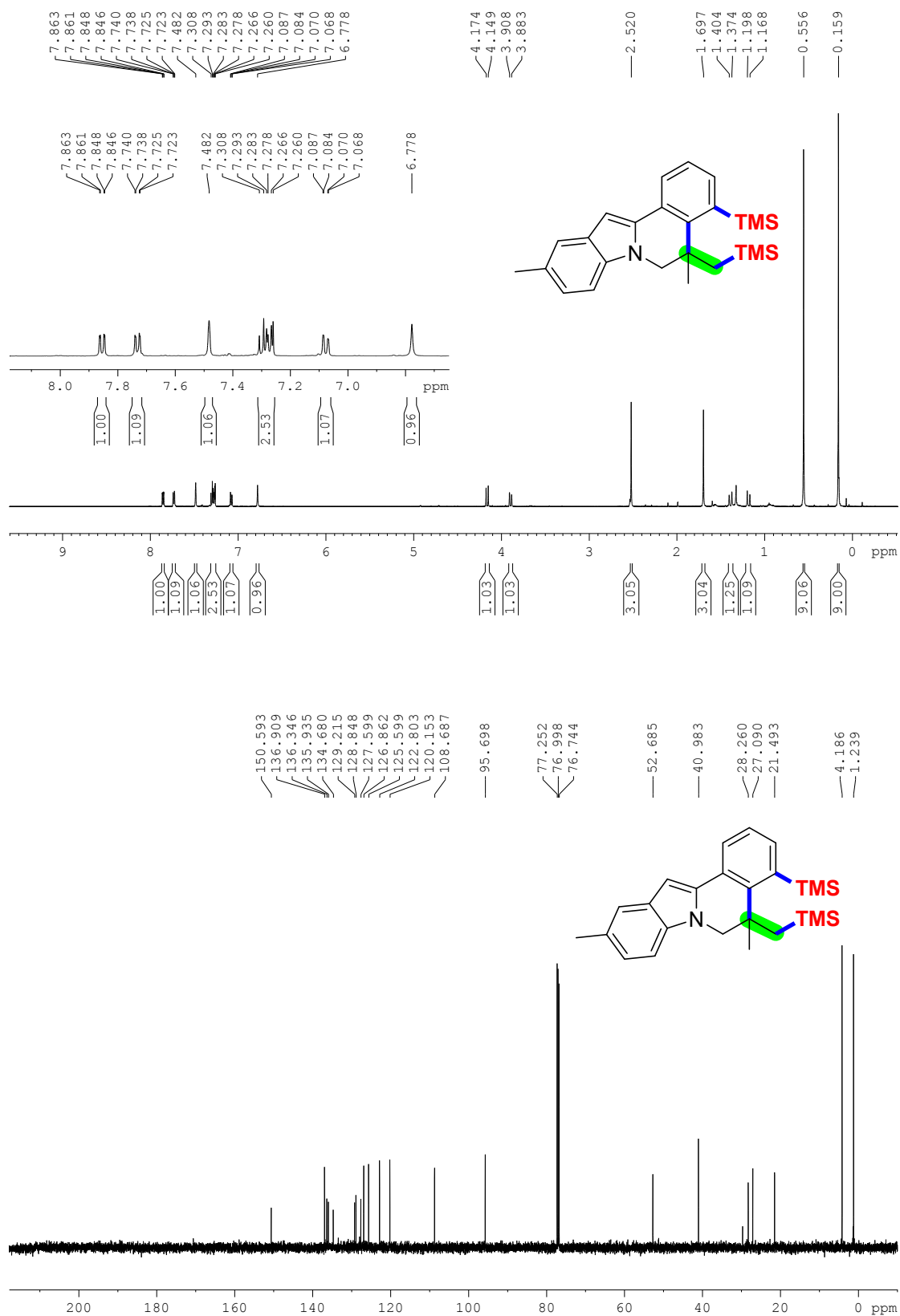




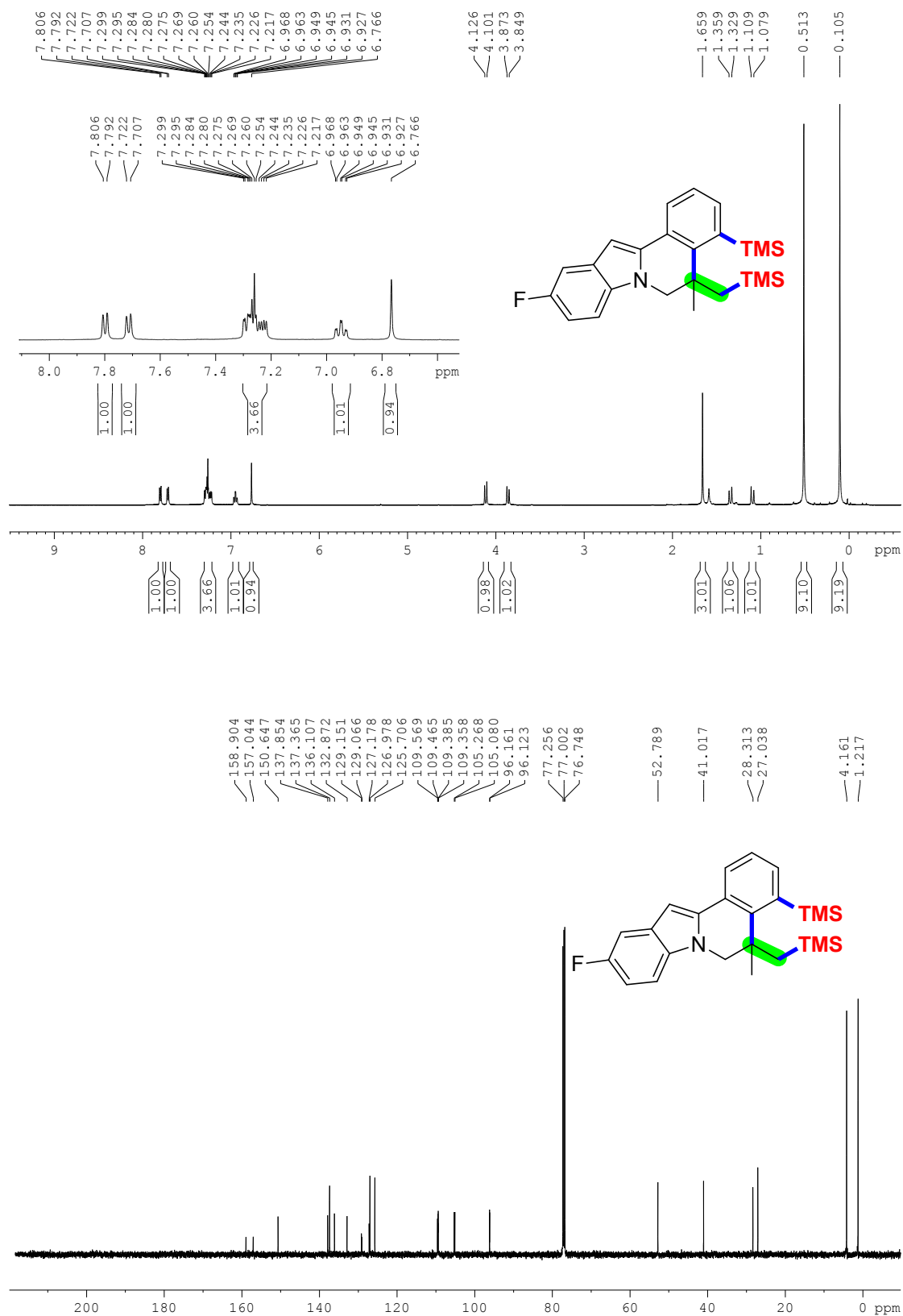
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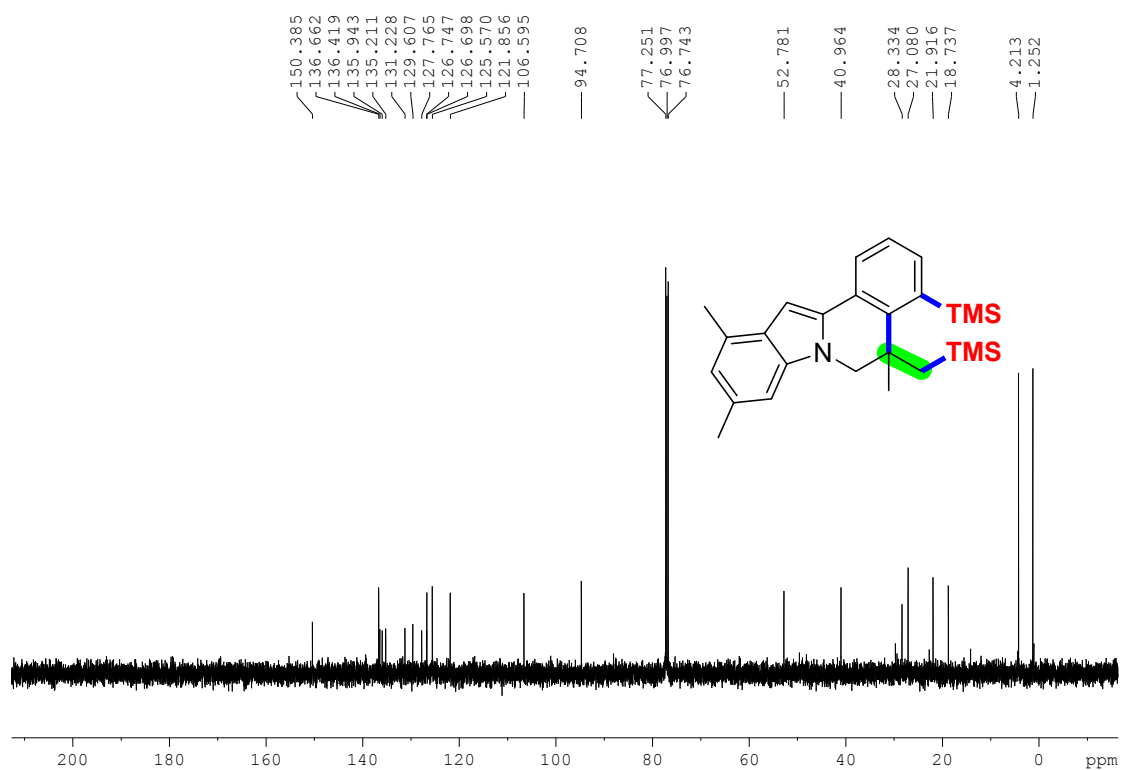
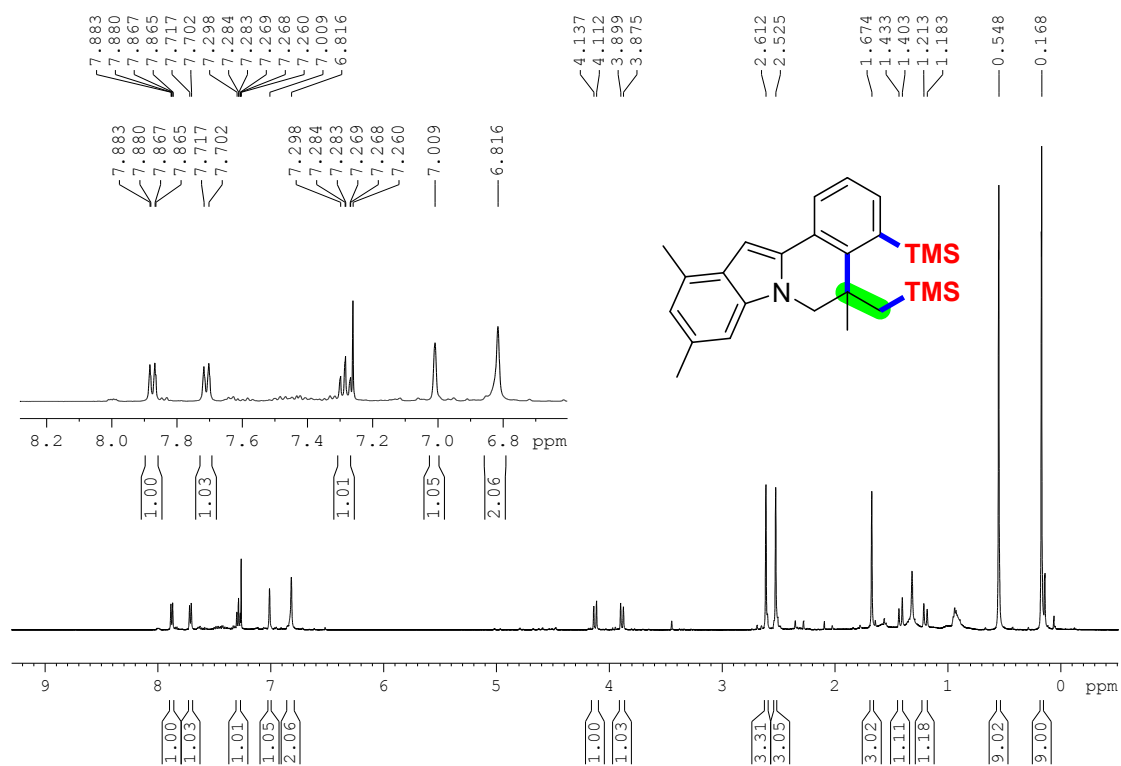


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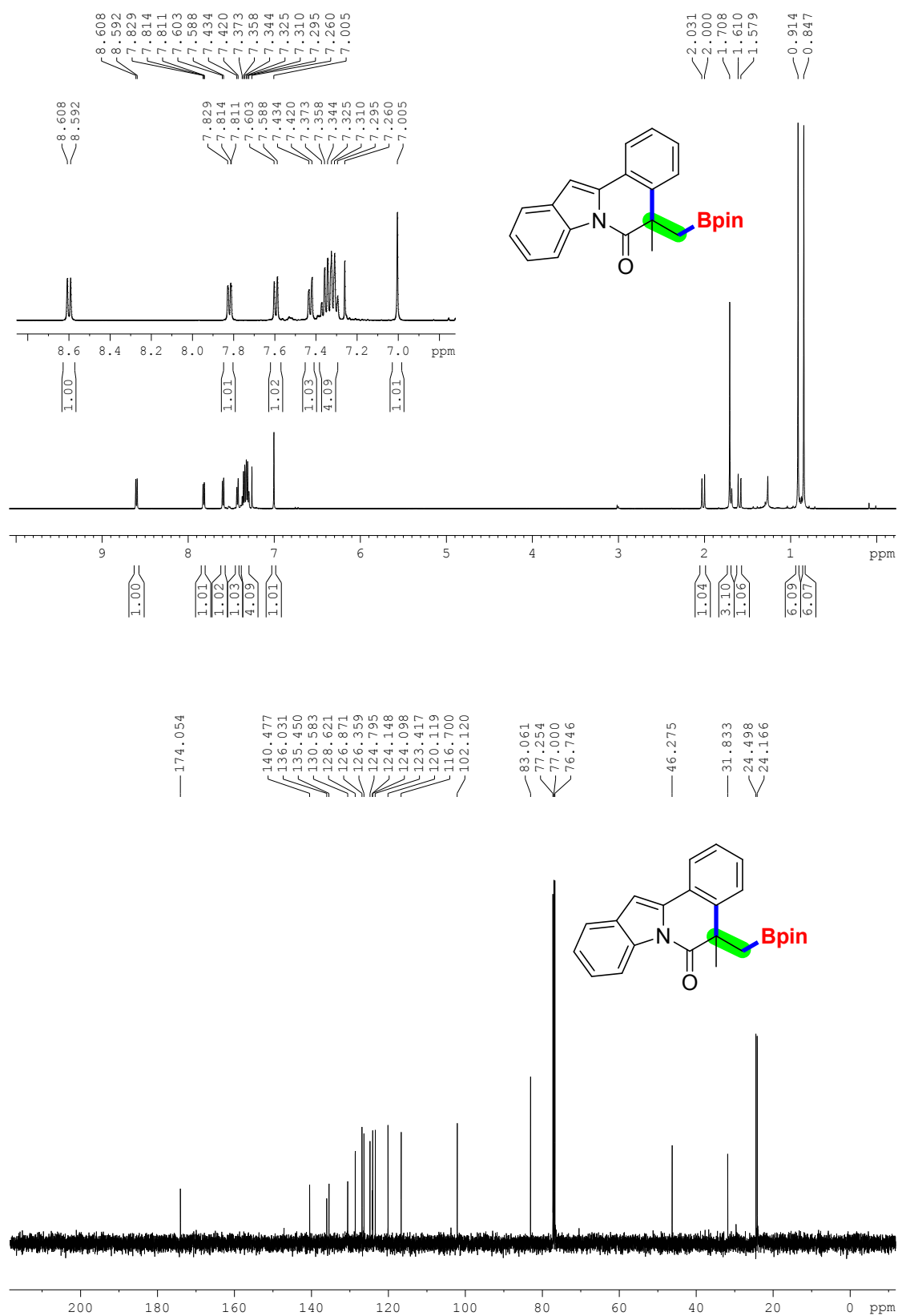


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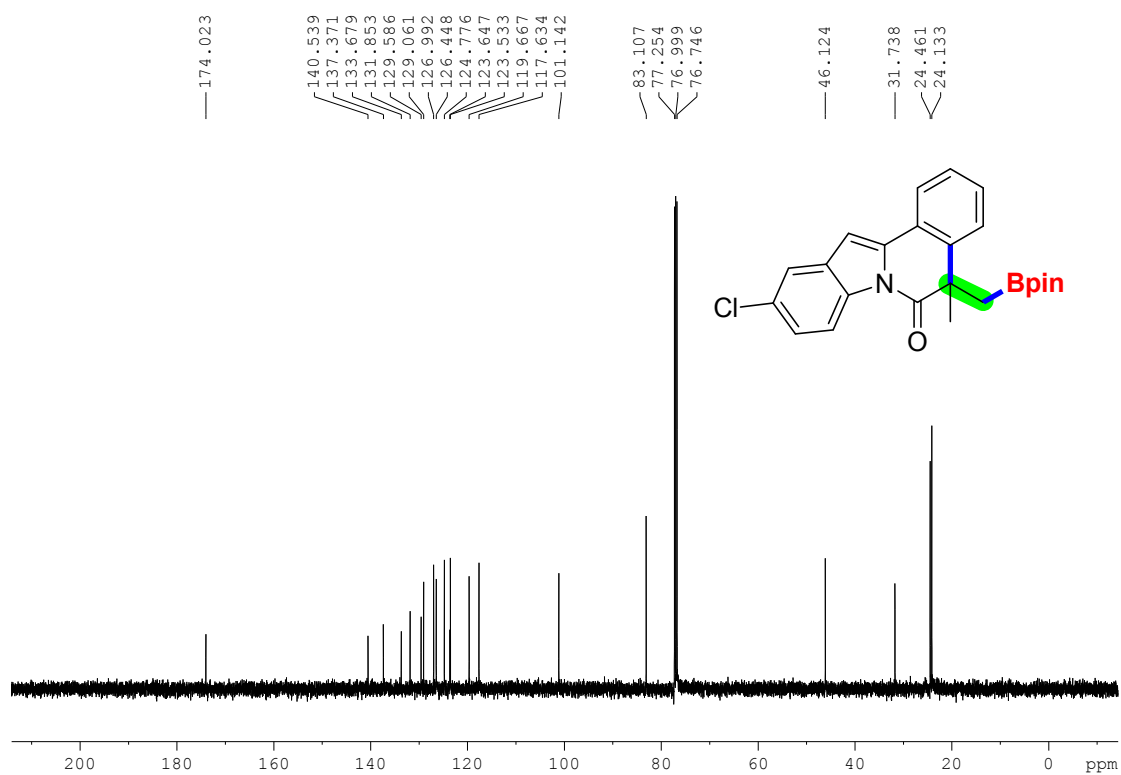
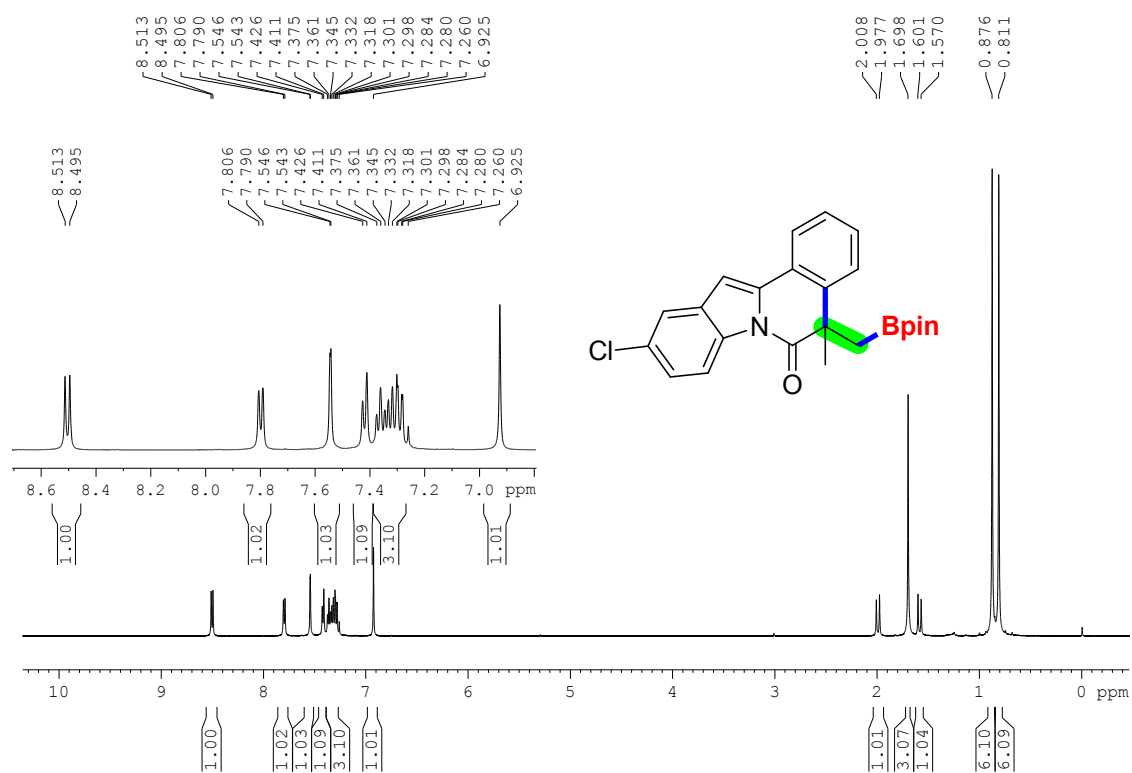


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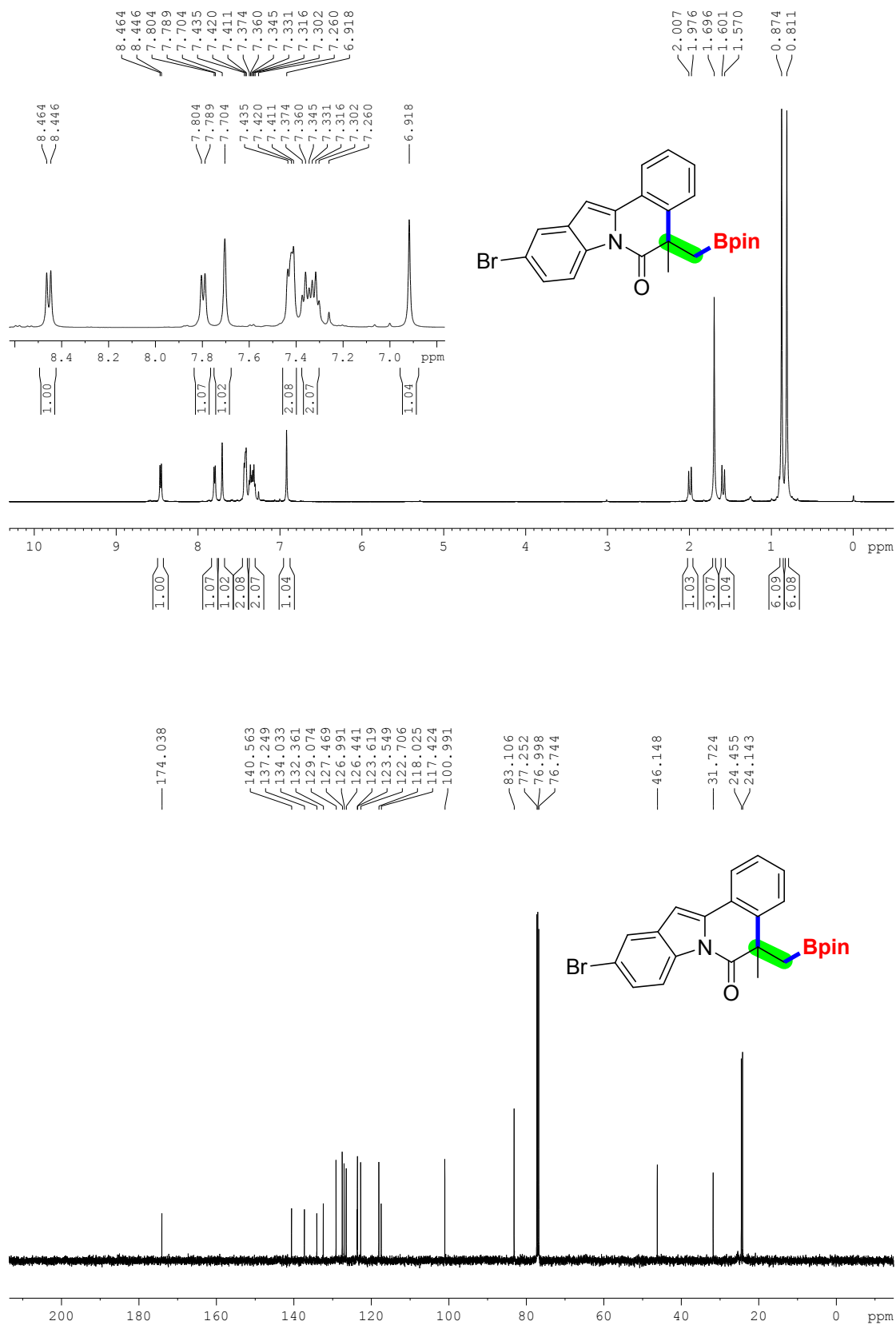


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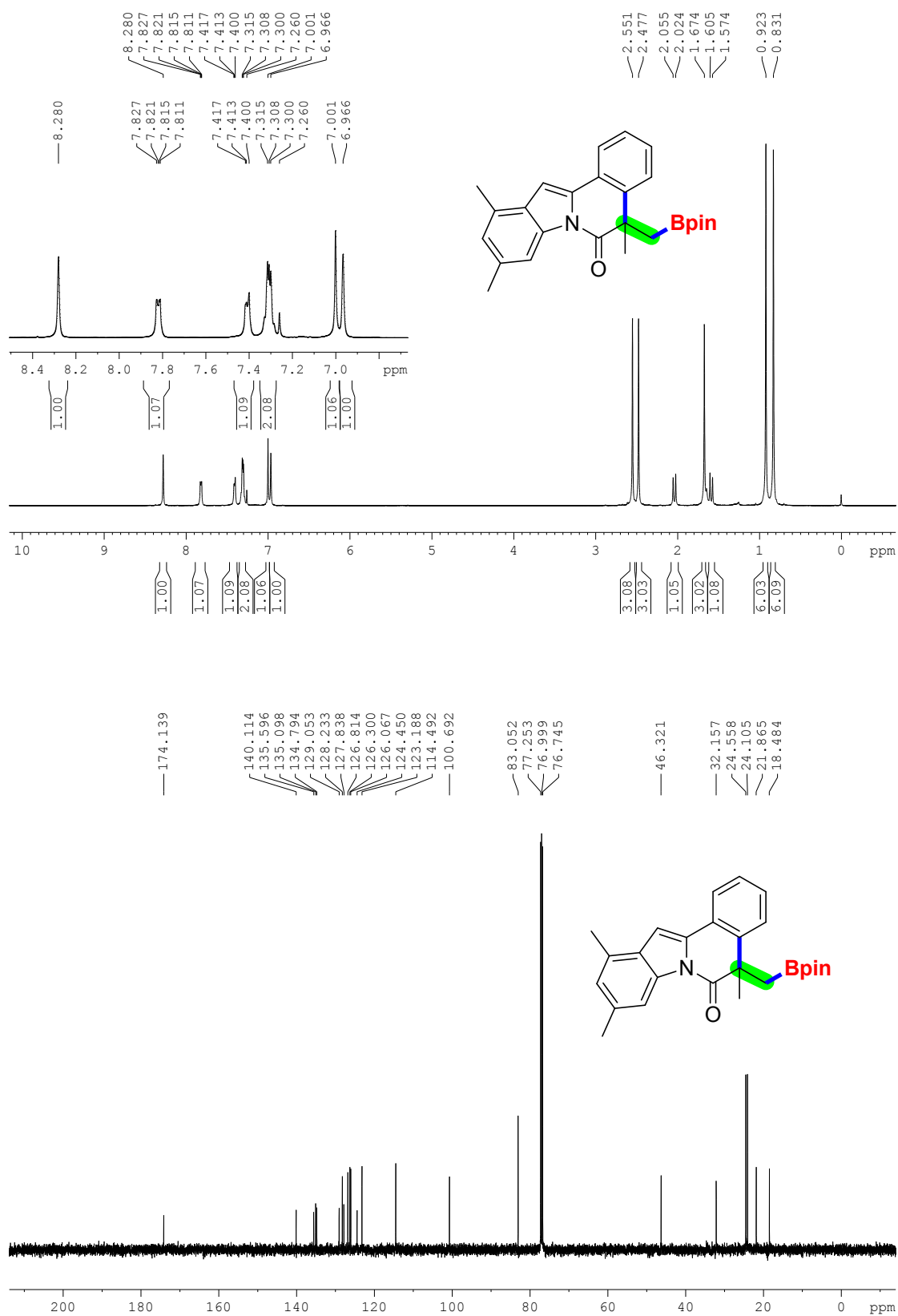




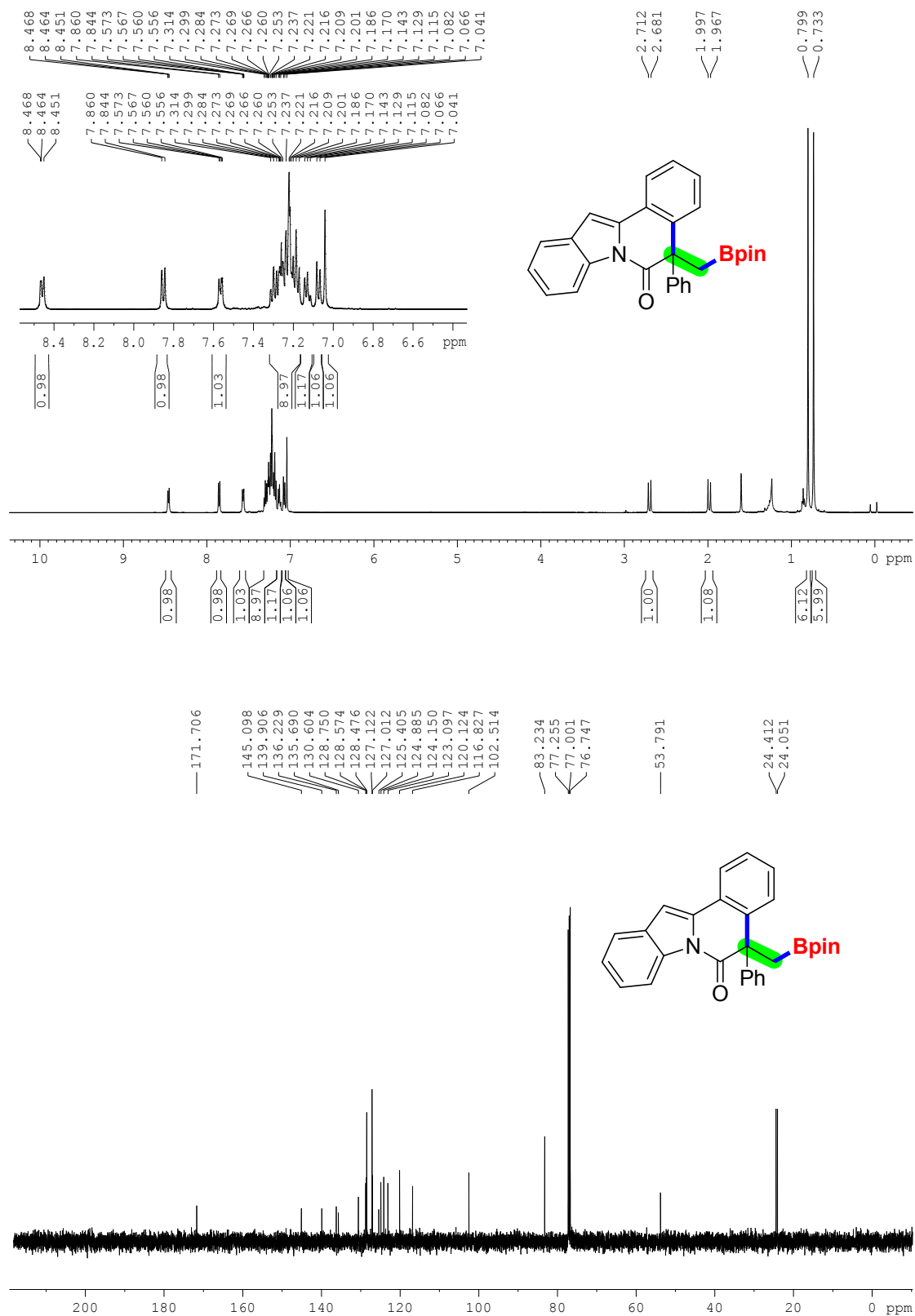
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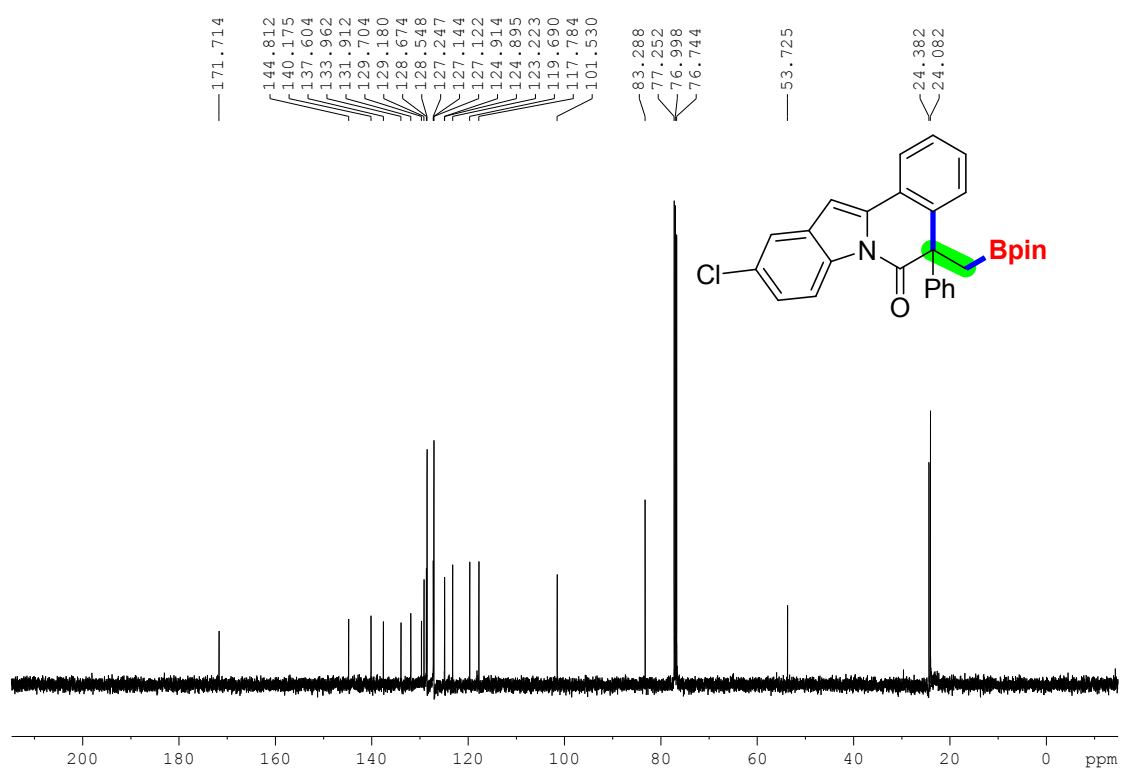
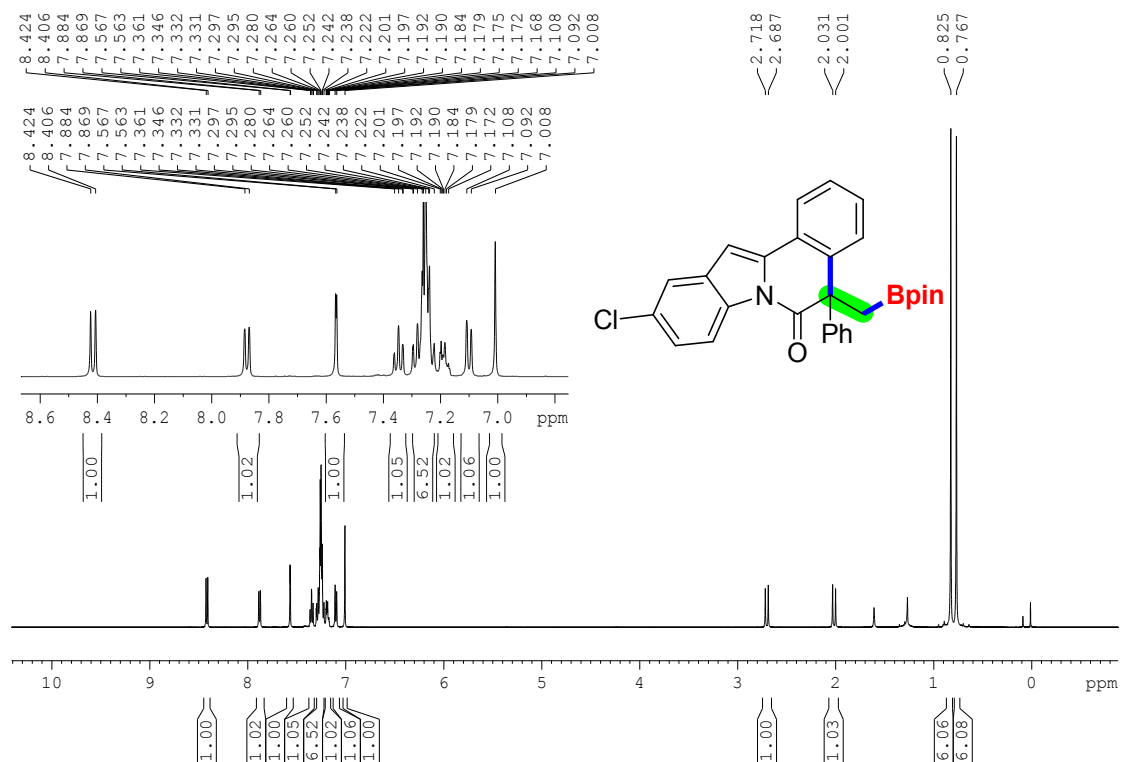
**<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Spectrum of Compound 5h**



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Spectrum of Compound **5k**



**<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Spectrum of Compound 5I**



### <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Spectrum of Compound **5m**

