

## Supporting Information

### **Hydrazine-Directed Rh(III) Catalyzed (4+2) Annulation with Sulfoxonium Ylides: Synthesis and Photophysical Properties of Dihydrocinnolines**

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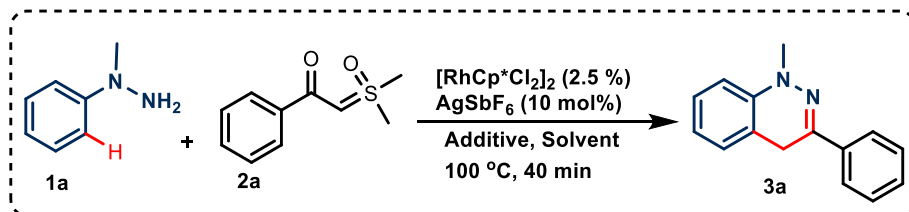
## 1. General Information:

All chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and were used as received unless otherwise noted. Sulfoxonium ylides<sup>1</sup> and N-Methyl Phenyl hydrazines<sup>2</sup> were synthesized according to literature reports. All the anhydrous solvents required were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Reactions were monitored using precoated Aluminum supported silica gel 60 F254 TLC (thin layer chromatography) plates (Merck) and are visualized by UV light at 254 nm. The final product was purified using column chromatography (100-200 mesh silica gel purchased from Merck). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz), <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz), and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz) spectra were recorded on the Bruker AVANCE NEO 400 MHz spectrometer. Deuterated chloroform, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> were used as solvents, and Chemical shifts (δ) for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra are given in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) [δ 7.27 for <sup>1</sup>H (chloroform-*d*), δ 77.0 for <sup>13</sup>C (chloroform-*d*); δ 2.50 for <sup>1</sup>H (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>), δ 39.52 for <sup>13</sup>C (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)], <sup>19</sup>F-NMR spectra are not externally calibrated and chemical shifts is given relative to CCl<sub>3</sub>F as received from the automatic data processing. Abbreviations used in the NMR follow-up experiments: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; sep, septet; dd, doublet of doublet; m, multiplet. All fluorescent spectra were recorded by using an FP-8500 spectrofluorometer (JASCO) and Cary 3500UV-Visible spectrometer (Agilent). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) was obtained from Orbitrap Elite Hybrid Ion Trap-Orbitrap (ThermoFischer scientific, Newington, NH, USA) Mass Spectrometer in electrospray ionization mode (ESI+).

## 2. Experimental Section:

### 2.1. General procedure for the optimization

**Table S1:** Optimization of reaction conditions.<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Additive (equiv)	Solvent	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	NaOAc (1.0)	ACN	40
2	NaOAc (1.0)	MeOH	20
3	NaOAc (1.0)	TFE	trace
4	NaOAc (1.0)	Dioxane	trace
5 <sup>c</sup>	NaOAc (1.0)	DCE	55
6 <sup>d</sup>	NaOAc (1.0)	DCE	61
7 <sup>e</sup>	NaOAc (1.0)	DCE	72 (78)
8 <sup>f</sup>	NaOAc (1.0)	DCE	trace
9 <sup>g</sup>	NaOAc (1.0)	DCE	n.d
10 <sup>h</sup>	NaOAc (1.0)	DCE	n.d
11 <sup>i</sup>	NaOAc (1.0)	DCE	n.d
12	LiOAc (1.0)	DCE	40
13	KOAc (1.0)	DCE	50
14	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.0)	DCE	15
15	$\text{Zn}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.2)	DCE	70
16	$\text{Zn}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.5)	DCE	82 (87)
17	$\text{Zn}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.7)	DCE	73
18	AcOH (1.0)	DCE	31
19	PivOH (1.0)	DCE	45
20	—	DCE	16

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.25 mmol) and **2a** (0.37 mmol),  $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (10 mol %) and additive in solvent (1.2 mL) at 100 °C for 40 min. Yields are based on crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR (internal standard: 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane).

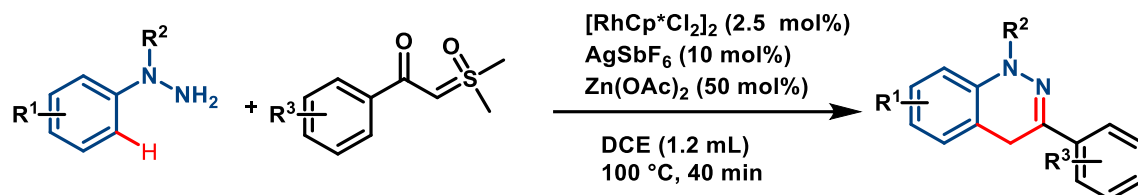
<sup>c</sup>Reaction run at 80 °C. <sup>d</sup>Reaction run at 90 °C. <sup>e</sup>Reaction run at 100 °C.

<sup>f</sup>Reaction with  $[\text{RuCl}_2(\text{p-cymene})]_2$  (5 mol %). <sup>g</sup>Reaction with  $[\text{CoCp}^*(\text{CO}_2)\text{I}_2]$ . <sup>h</sup>Without  $\text{AgSbF}_6$ . <sup>i</sup>Reaction without  $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (2.5 mol %).

To a 15 mL dry pressure tube containing a Teflon coated stir bar were added N-methyl phenylhydrazine **1a** (10 mg, 0.082 mmol), sulfoxonium ylide **2a** (24 mg, 0.123 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  catalyst (1.26 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (2.8 mg, 10 mol%), additive and the corresponding

solvent. The tube was then sealed after flushing with argon and placed on a preheated oil bath at 100 °C. The reaction mixture was then stirred at the same temperature for 40 min. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM and solvents removed under reduced pressure. The crude products was analyzed on <sup>1</sup>H NMR to find the yield.

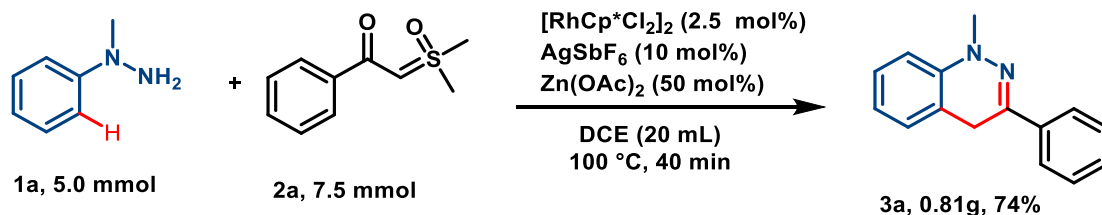
## 2.2. General procedure for the preparation of compounds 3a-3s, 4a-4m & 6a-6d.



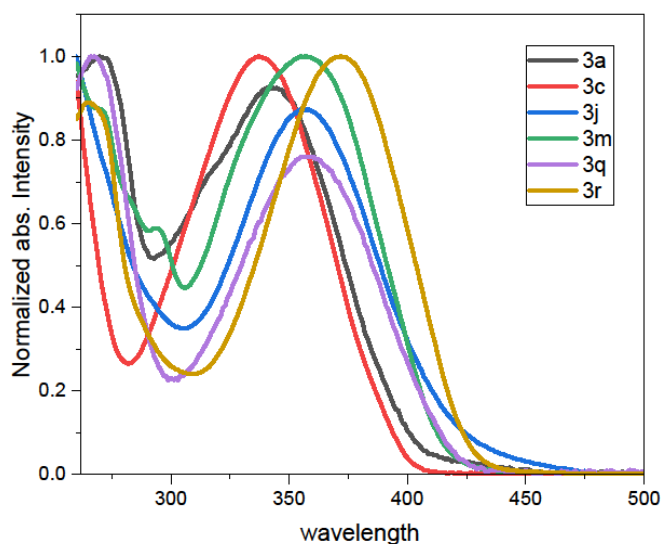
To a 15 ml of pressure seal tube containing a Teflon coated stir bar were added the corresponding N-alkyl aryl hydrazine derivative (1 equiv, 0.25 mmol), sulfoxonium ylide (1.5 equiv, 0.37 mmol), Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (22.5 mg, 0.12 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.86 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (8.6 mg, 10 mol%) followed by the addition of DCE (1.2 mL) as solvent. The tube was then sealed after flushing with argon and placed on a preheated oil bath at 100 °C. The reaction mixture was then stirred at the same temperature for 40 min. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM and the solvents removed under reduced pressure. The crude products were then purified on Column chromatography with 100-200 mesh size silica gel using ethyl acetate/hexane solvent system to afford the desired products.

## 2.3. Scale up reaction

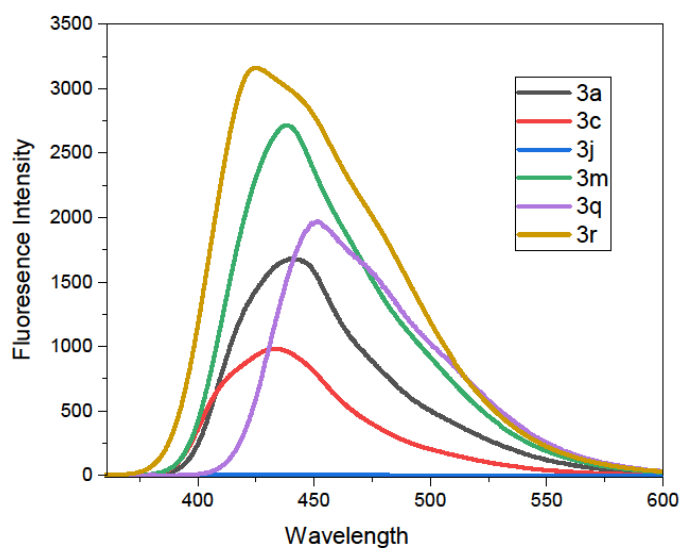
Same procedure as described in **section 2b** was followed for the 5.0 mmol scale reaction.



## 2.4. Photophysical properties of compound 3a, 3c, 3j, 3m, 3q, 3r.



**Figure S1:** Normalized UV absorption of compound **3a**, **3c**, **3j**, **3m**, **3q** and **3r** dispersed in dichloromethane medium ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M).



**Figure S2:** Photoluminescent spectra of compound **3a**, **3c**, **3j**, **3m**, **3q** and **3r** dispersed in dichloromethane medium ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M).

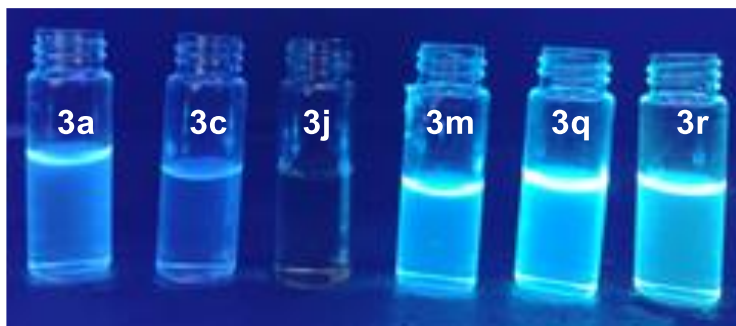
Compounds	$\lambda_{abs}$ (nm) <sup>a</sup>	$\lambda_{em}$ (nm) <sup>a,b</sup>	$\Phi_F$
<b>3a</b>	343	441	0.49
<b>3c</b>	336	432	0.15
<b>3j</b>	357	442	0.02
<b>3m</b>	358	438	0.69
<b>3q</b>	360	452	0.94
<b>3r</b>	372	434	0.85

<sup>a</sup>. Concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M in DCM.

### Measurement of fluorescence quantum yield ( $\Phi_F$ )

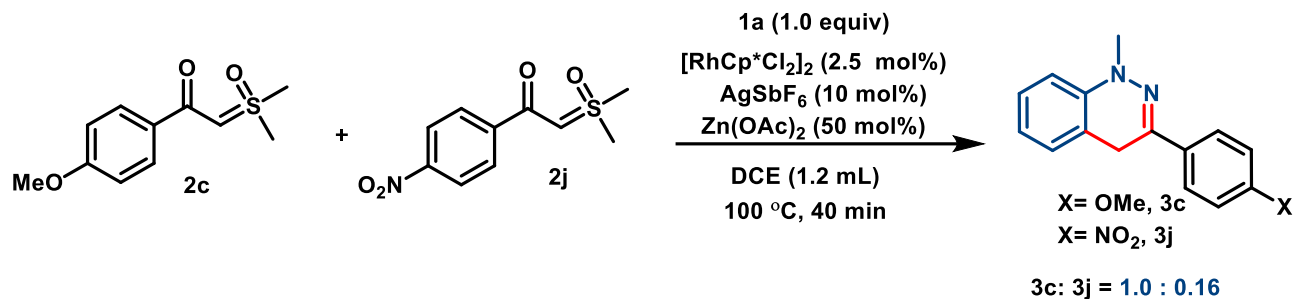
Fluorescence quantum yields ( $\Phi_F$ ) of our synthesized dihydrocinnolines derivatives were calculated using 2-aminopyridine (0.1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution) as a standard ( $\Phi_F = 0.60$ ). Emission spectra of compounds **3** were recorded from 350 nm to 600 nm with excitation at their absorption maximum. Quantum yields were calculated according to equation (1), in which  $\Phi_{ref}$  is the quantum yield of the reference,  $A_{sample}$  and  $A_{ref}$  are the areas under the emission spectra of the sample **3** and the reference, respectively, and  $OD_{ref}$  and  $OD_{sample}$  are the absorbance of the reference and the sample **3**, respectively, measured at the excitation wavelength;  $n_{sample}$  and  $n_{ref}$  are the refractive indices of the sample **3** and the reference, respectively, in solution.

$$\varphi_{sample} = \varphi_{ref} \left( \frac{A_{sample}}{A_{ref}} \right) \times \left( \frac{OD_{ref}}{OD_{sample}} \right) \times \left( \frac{n_{ref}}{n_{sample}} \right)$$

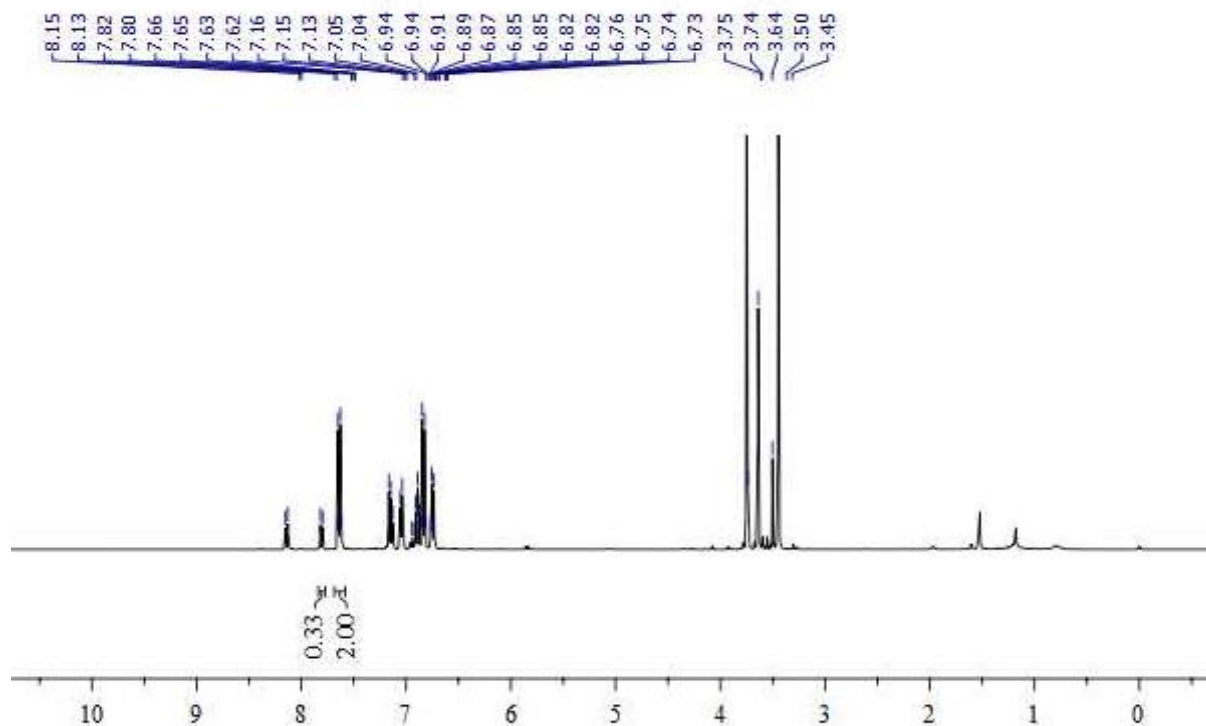


**Figure S3:** Compounds **3** in DCM ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) under UV Irradiation at 365 nm.

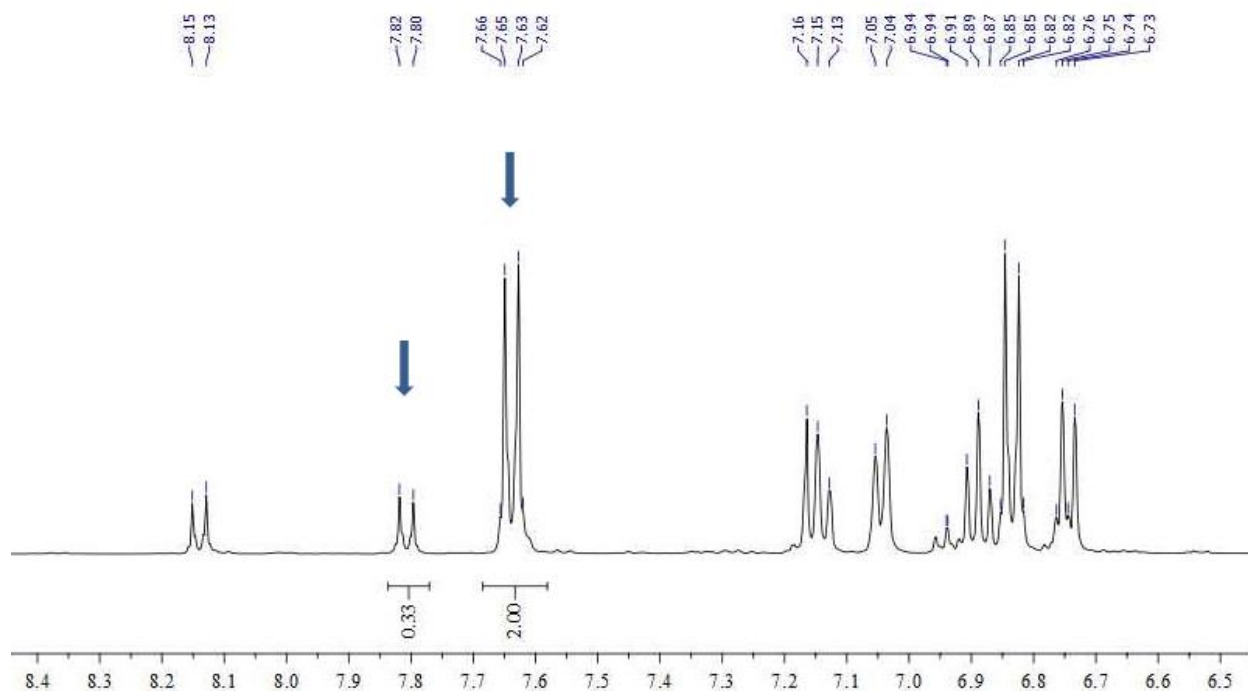
## 2.5. Intermolecular Competition Experiment:



To a dried seal tube containing a Teflon coated stir bar were added **2c** (42 mg, 0.185 mmol), **2j** (45 mg, 0.185 mmol), N-methyl phenyl hydrazine, **1a** (30 mg, 0.25 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.86 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (8.45 mg, 10 mol%) followed by DCE (1.2 mL). The tube sealed after flushing with argon and placed with preheated oil bath at 100 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 40 min. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM and solvent removed under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified on Column chromatography on 100-200 silica gel and ratio of products **3c** and **3j** was measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis which was found by **1.0:0.16**.



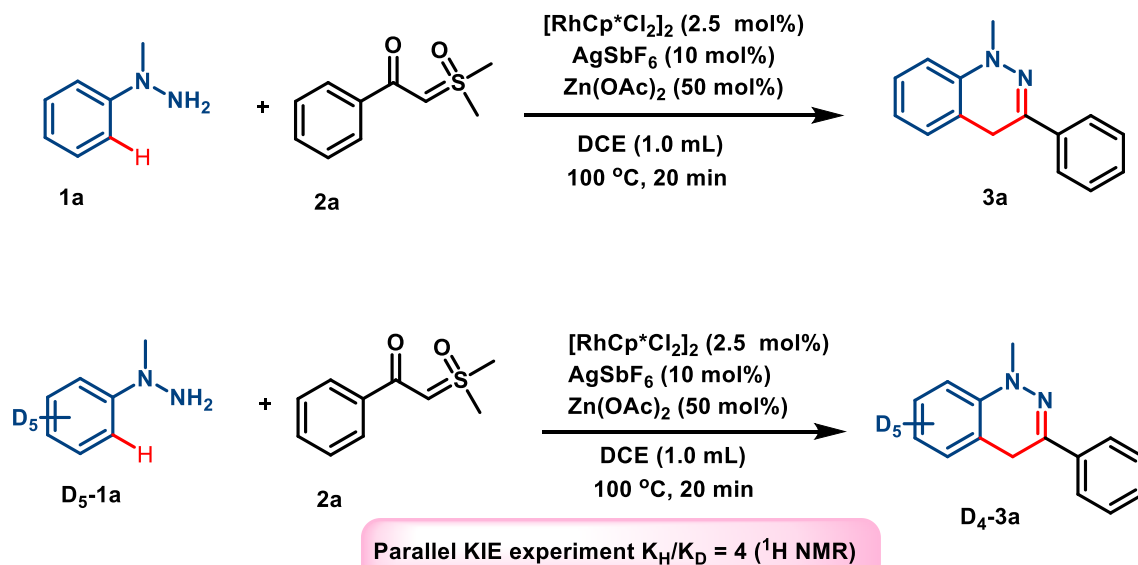




**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for intermolecular competition experiment between **3c** and **3j**.

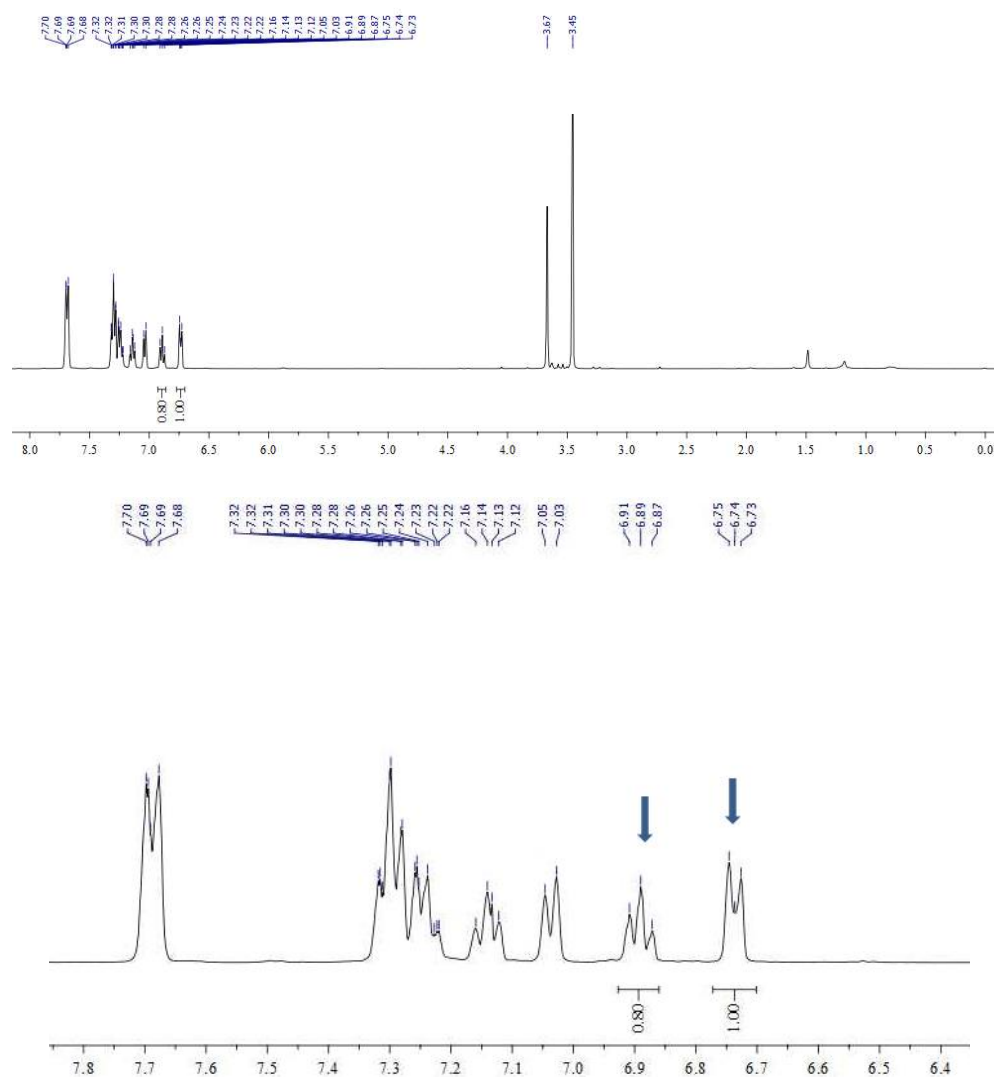
## 2.6 Kinetic Isotope Effect Experiments:

### a) Parallel experiment:



N-methyl phenyl hydrazine **1a** (20 mg, 0.16 mmol) and N-methyl phenyl hydrazine **D<sub>5</sub>-1a** (21 mg, 0.16 mmol) were added to the two separate seal tubes with magnetic stir bar followed by sulfoxonium ylide, **2a** (48 mg, 0.25 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  catalyst (2.5 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$

(5.5 mg, 10 mol%) and DCE (1.0 mL) in both the test tubes. The tube was then sealed after flushing with argon and placed in a preheated oil bath at 100 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 20 min. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM and the solvents were then removed under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified on column chromatography on 100-200 silica gel to afford the desired **3a** and **[D<sub>4</sub>]-3a**. The KIE value for parallel experiment was found to be 4.0. ( $K_H/K_D = 4$ ) based on the <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

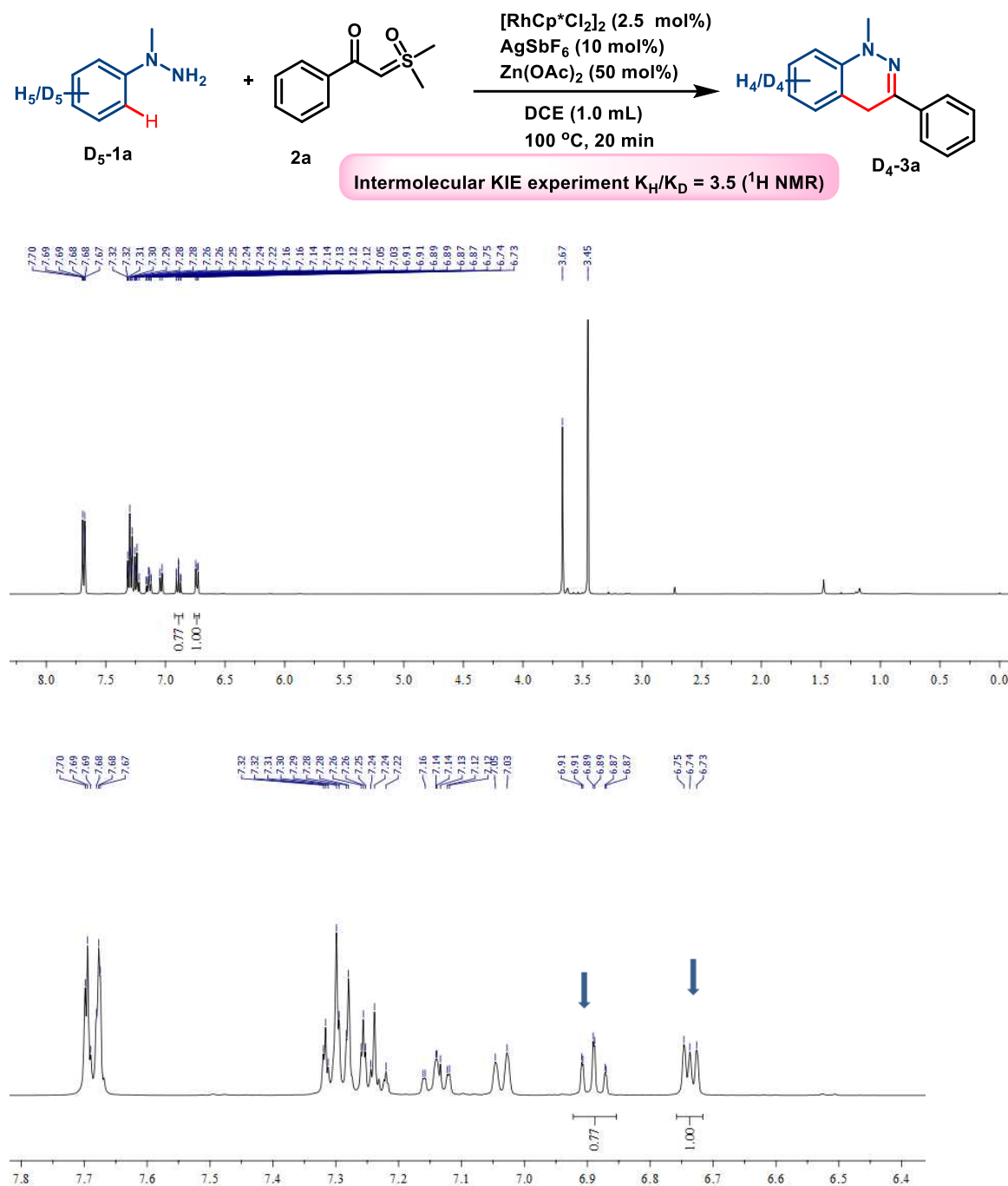


**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR for KIE study (**Parallel experiment**)

#### **b) Intermolecular KIE experiment**

To a dried seal tube containing a Teflon coated magnetic stir bar, phenyl N-methyl hydrazine **1a** (20 mg, 0.16 mmol), Phenyl N-methyl hydrazine **D<sub>5</sub>-1a** (21 mg, 0.16 mmol) were added followed by sulfoxonium ylide **2a** (48 mg, 0.25 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (5.5 mg, 10 mol%) and

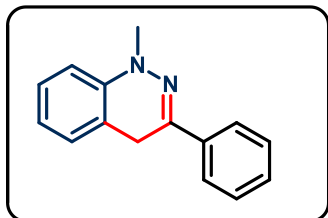
DCE (1.0 mL) as solvent. The tube was sealed after flushing with argon and placed in a preheated oil bath at 100 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 20 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified on column chromatography on 100-200 silica gel to afford the desired **products 3a** and **[D4]-3a**. The KIE value for the intermolecular experiment was found to be 3.5 ( $K_H/K_D = 3.5$ ) based on the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis.



**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for intermolecular KIE study.

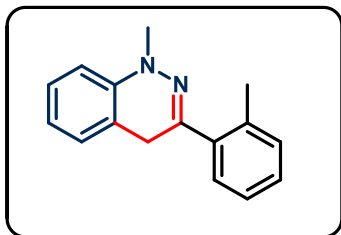
### 3. Analytical data of compounds

#### 1-Methyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3a)



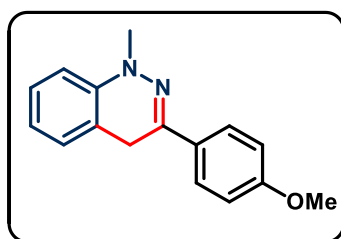
Yellow semi solid(0.25 mmol scale, 45.5 mg, 82%); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.01, 140.02, 136.88, 128.34, 127.74, 127.32, 125.36, 121.92, 118.12, 110.14, 76.68, 40.94, 27.86. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 222.1157, found: 223.1222.

#### 1-methyl-3-(o-tolyl)-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(3b)



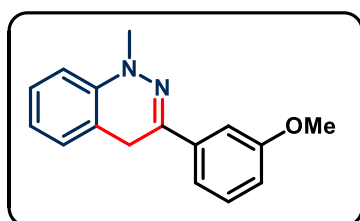
Greenish yellow semi solid(0.25 mmol scale, 46.6 mg, 79%); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.24, 142.04, 137.77, 136.02, 130.85, 128.40, 128.14, 127.17, 125.86, 122.05, 118.47, 110.09, 40.79, 32.04, 20.70. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M-H<sup>+</sup>] 235.1235, found: 235.1233.

#### 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(3c)



Yellow semi solid(0.25 mmol scale, 44 mg, 70%); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.93, 141.26, 140.13, 129.64, 127.65, 127.23, 126.77, 121.66, 118.16, 113.72, 113.47, 110.04, 55.30, 40.89, 27.98. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 253.1335, found: 253.1336.

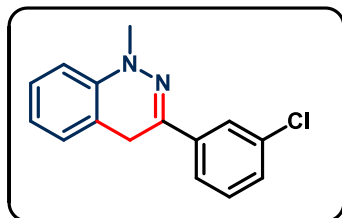
#### 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3d)



Yellow semi solid(0.25 mmol scale, 34 mg, 68%); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 (s, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87

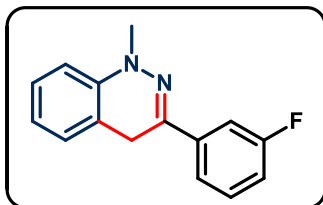
(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.66 (s), 140.89 (s), 139.67 (s), 138.34, 129.27, 127.75, 127.31, 121.93, 118.10, 117.93, 114.27, 110.57, 110.14, 55.27, 40.94, 27.8. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  253.1335, found: 253.1334.

### 3-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3e)



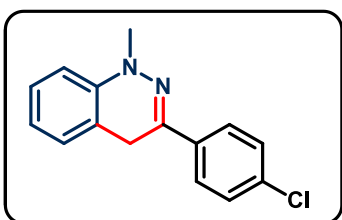
Pale yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 40 mg, 62%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (s, 1H), 7.56 (dd,  $J = 4.6, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 3.47 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.49, 138.75, 137.94, 134.45, 129.52, 128.15, 127.88, 127.49, 125.34, 123.26, 122.21, 117.72, 110.30, 40.99, 27.45. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ : 257.0840, found: 257.0845.

### 3-(3-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3f)



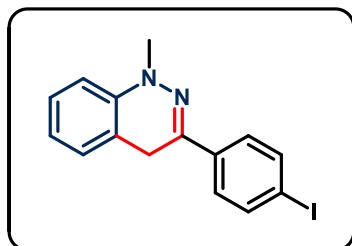
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 37.2 mg, 62%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd,  $J = 14.0, 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 10.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.21, 161.78, 140.52, 139.30, 139.22 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 138.15 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 129.76 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 129.68, 127.86, 127.47, 122.16, 120.79 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 117.77, 115.18, 114.96, 112.16, 111.93, 110.29, 40.98, 27.51. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  241.1141, found: 241.1136.

### 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3g)



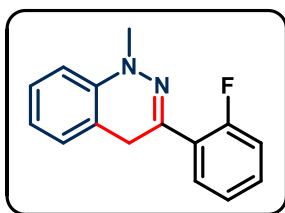
Pale yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 41 mg, 64%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.65, 138.46, 135.37, 134.12, 128.48, 127.83, 127.46, 126.52, 122.10, 117.79, 110.26, 40.97, 27.53. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ : 255.0689, found: 255.0684.

### 3-(4-iodophenyl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3h)



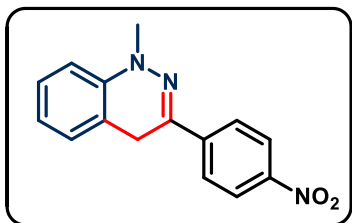
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 59.2 mg, 68%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.48, 138.35, 137.33, 136.36, 127.83, 127.44, 126.92, 122.10, 117.73, 110.24, 94.03, 40.97, 27.25. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{I}^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 347.0045, found: 347.0040.

### 3-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3i)



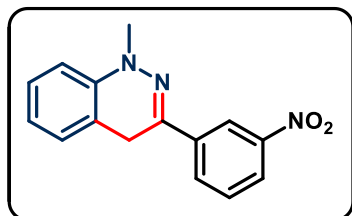
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 40 mg, 66%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.57 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.49, 160.01, 141.64, 139.30, 130.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 129.66 (d,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 125.62 (d,  $J$  = 11.9 Hz), 127.50, 127.22, 125.68, 124.20 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 122.38, 118.43, 116.18, 115.96, 110.10, 40.88, 31.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz). **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 241.1141, found: 241.1136.

### 1-methyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3j)



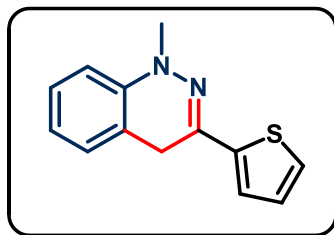
Orange solid (0.25 mmol scale, 36 mg, 54%) mp 200-210 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.25 – 8.18 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  147.04, 142.96, 139.54, 135.95, 128.14, 127.77, 125.33, 123.65, 122.85, 117.39, 110.63, 41.18, 26.88. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 266.0930, found: 266.0925.

### 1-methyl-3-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3k)



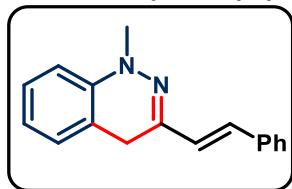
Red solid (0.25 mmol scale, 30.04 mg, 45%) mp 190-200 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.52 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.52, 139.94, 138.71, 136.21, 130.66, 129.15, 128.07, 127.71, 122.57, 122.53, 119.81, 117.32, 110.52, 41.09, 27.09. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 268.1086, found: 268.1081.

### 1-methyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(3l)



Yellow semi solid(0.25 mmol scale, 47.8 mg, 84%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.51, 140.79, 136.22, 127.81, 127.41, 127.09, 126.07, 124.17, 121.87, 117.72, 110.47, 40.86, 28.16. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 229.0794, found: 229.0802.

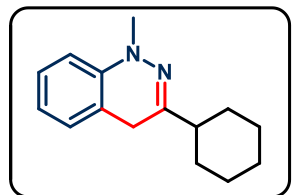
### (E)-1-methyl-3-styryl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(3m)



Yellow solid(0.25 mmol scale, 44.7 mg, 72%) mp 220-225 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.25, 140.46, 136.92, 129.85, 128.72, 128.0, 127.84, 127.39, 127.35, 126.63, 122.02, 117.95, 110.44, 40.80, 25.80. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>] 249.1392, found: 249.1374.

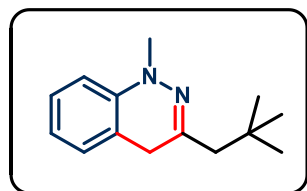
### 3-Cyclohexyl-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(3n)



Yellow semi solid(0.25 mmol scale, 41 mg, 67%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 2H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.41 –

1.25 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.93, 143.00, 126.98, 126.94, 121.40, 118.87, 109.98, 44.89, 40.48, 30.19, 28.5, 26.08, 26.03. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 229.1705, found: 229.1700.

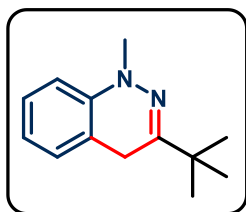
### 1-methyl-3-neopentyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3o)



Yellow semi solid(0.25 mmol scale, 36.8 mg, 68%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.16 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.15 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.07,

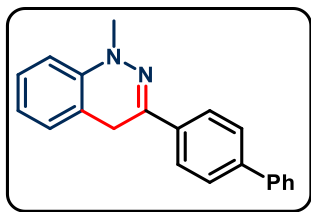
142.83, 126.88, 126.77, 121.64, 118.82, 109.91, 49.81, 40.50, 33.46, 31.88, 29.93. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 217.1705, found: 217.1669.

### 3-(tert-butyl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(3p)



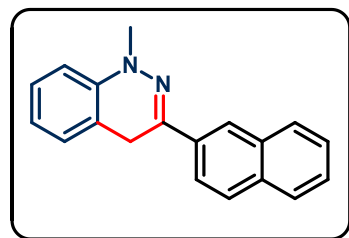
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 36.9 mg, 73%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.91, 143.11, 126.85, 126.82, 121.29, 119.63, 109.89, 40.63, 36.83, 29.69, 27.69. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}-\text{H}^+$ ]: 201.1392, found: 201.1386.

### 3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3q)



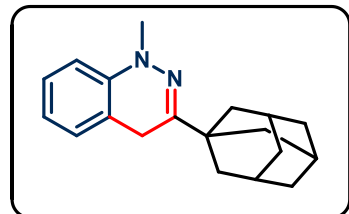
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 46.2 mg, 62%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 3.59 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.94, 140.90, 140.61, 139.49, 135.82, 128.78, 127.79, 127.37, 127.34, 126.99, 126.98, 125.72, 121.95, 118.06, 110.17, 40.98, 27.74. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 299.1548, found: 299.1543.

### 1-methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3r)



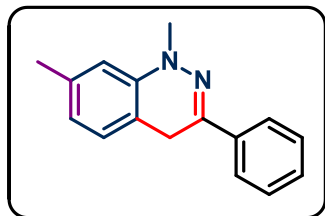
Yellow solid (0.25 mmol scale, 37.4 mg, 55%) mp 240-245 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.13 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.74, 139.45, 134.32, 133.31, 133.26, 128.29, 127.90, 127.88, 127.64, 127.38, 126.20, 126.14, 124.23, 123.35, 121.9, 118.11, 110.22, 77.32, 41.05, 27.47. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 275.1544, found: 275.1543.

### 3-(adamantan-1-yl)-1-methyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (3s)

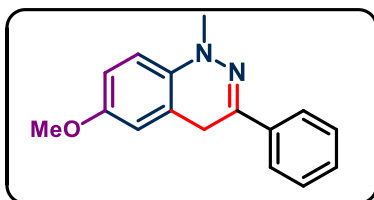


Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 29.4 mg, 42%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.83 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz, 6H), 1.75 (q,  $J$  = 12.1 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.24, 143.29, 126.83, 126.73, 121.30, 119.54, 109.83, 40.60, 39.65, 38.65, 36.86, 28.26, 26.37. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}-\text{H}^+$ ] 279.1861, found: 279.1841.

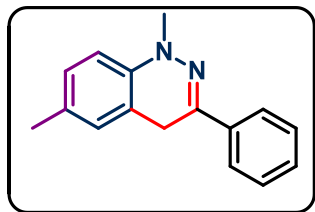


**1,7-dimethyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (4a)**

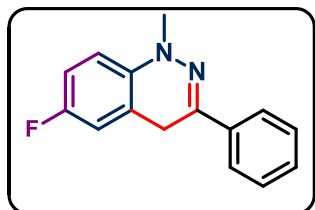
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 36.5 mg, 62%) mp 170-175 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.78 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.84, 140.05, 137.07, 137.01, 128.31, 128.26, 128.03, 127.56, 125.31, 122.61, 115.19, 110.89, 40.96, 27.47, 21.56. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M-H<sup>+</sup>] 235.1235, found: 235.1230.

**6-methoxy-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (4b)**

Pale yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 44.7 mg, 71%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.82 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.22, 138.65, 137.02, 135.38, 128.32, 128.15, 125.21, 119.67, 113.26, 112.55, 111.18, 55.67, 41.26, 28.12. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H<sup>+</sup>] 253.1341, found: 235.1335.

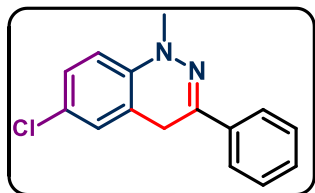
**1,6-dimethyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (4c)**

Yellow solid (0.25 mmol scale, 43 mg, 73%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.62, 138.89, 137.05, 131.42, 128.30, 128.20, 127.76, 125.80, 125.28, 118.17, 110.14, 41.04, 27.81, 20.58. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M-H<sup>+</sup>] 235.1235, found: 235.1231.

**6-fluoro-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (4d)**

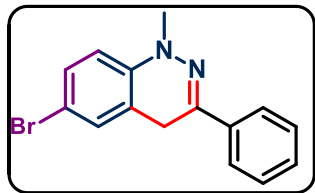
Yellow solid (0.25 mmol scale, 43.2 mg, 72%) mp 190-195 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.67, 157.29, 138.95, 137.54 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 137.53, 136.58, 128.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 128.37, 125.31, 119.95 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 114.40, 114.17, 113.76, 113.53, 111.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 41.27, 27.97. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M-H<sup>+</sup>] 239.0985, found: 239.0989.

#### 6-Chloro-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(4e)



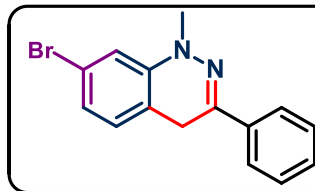
Pale yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 49.4 mg, 77%);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.18 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.69, 139.54, 136.47, 128.58, 128.40, 127.48, 127.15, 126.51, 125.33, 119.78, 111.27, 41.05, 27.64. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_2^+$  [M-H $^+$ ] 255.0689, found: 255.0679.

#### 6-bromo-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (4f)



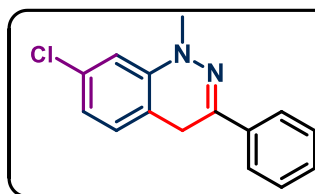
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 54.8 mg, 73%);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.25 (dd,  $J$  = 2.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.52 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.97, 139.84, 136.47, 130.33, 130.07, 128.61, 128.40, 125.34, 120.19, 113.77, 111.69, 40.99, 27.54. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_2^+$  [M-H $^+$ ] 299.0184, found: 299.0175.

#### 7-bromo-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (4g)



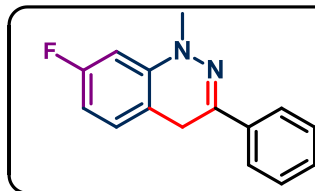
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 63 mg, 84%);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.52 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.77, 140.53, 136.46, 133.02, 128.66, 128.39, 125.39, 121.54, 116.42, 110.34, 40.91, 27.31. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_2^+$  [M-H $^+$ ] 299.0184, found: 299.0183.

#### 7-chloro-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(4h)



Pale yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 58 mg, 90%);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.79 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.97 (dd,  $J$  = 10.0, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 3.52 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.00, 140.52, 136.43, 128.98, 128.68, 128.40, 125.40, 124.48, 120.95, 116.95, 113.15, 40.91, 27.39. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_2^+$  [M-H $^+$ ] 255.0689, found: 255.0679.

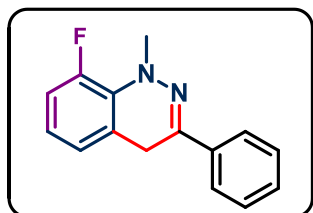
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Yellow semi solid (0.25mmol scale, 43.2 mg, 72%);  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.16 (dd,  $J$  = 14.6,

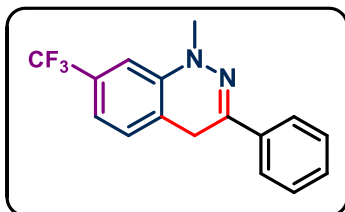
8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 6.56 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.39, 158.97, 141.72 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz), 138.96, 136.68, 128.55, 128.35, 127.77, 127.82 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz), 125.27 (d,  $J = 19.8$  Hz), 107.91, 107.69, 105.72, 41.30, 20.51 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz).  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -119.94. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  241.1141, found: 241.1136.

#### 8-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(4j)



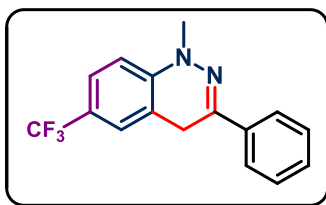
Yellow semi solid (0.25mmol scale, 38 mg, 63%);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 3.81 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 3.70 (s, 2H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.33, 147.91, 140.86, 136.34, 128.91 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 128.63, 123.30 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 125.45, 123.31, 123.28, 122.02 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 121.72 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 115.31, 115.08, 44.15, 27.82 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz).  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -127.03. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2^+ [\text{M}-\text{H}^+]$  239.0985, found: 239.0979.

#### 1-methyl-3-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(4k)



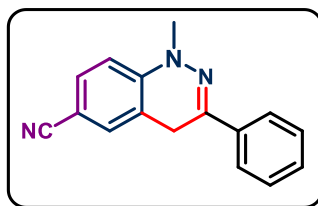
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 47.1 mg, 65%);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.14, 140.22, 136.26, 129.69, 128.80, 128.45, 128.09, 125.47, 121.74, 118.41 (q,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 118.39, 106.73, 106.69, 40.87, 27.82.  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.48. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  291.1109, found: 291.1104.

#### 1-methyl-3-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(4l)



Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 60.9 mg, 84%);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (m, 4H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.06, 140.58, 136.18, 128.88, 128.45, 125.85, 125.45, 124.83 (q,  $J = 21.2, 3.7$  Hz), 123.67, 123.25 (d,  $J = 18.8$  Hz), 118.04, 109.74, 40.91, 27.60.  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.40. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  291.1109, found: 291.1100

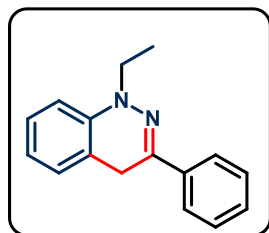
### 1-methyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline-6-carbonitrile (4m)



Yield (0.25 mmol scale, 40.8 mg, 66%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 6.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.27, 141.09, 135.75, 131.97, 131.57, 129.14, 128.4, 125.43, 119.53, 118.21, 110.09, 103.86, 40.78, 27.14. **HR-MS**

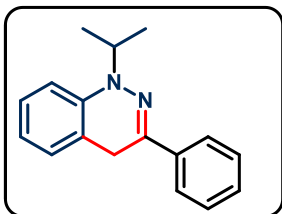
(ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ] 248.1182, found: 248.1181

### 1-ethyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(6a)



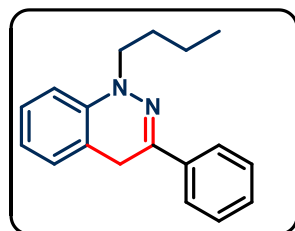
Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 37.2 mg, 63%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 1.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.65, 139.37, 137.19, 128.39, 128.31, 128.28, 127.32, 125.37, 121.60, 118.29, 110.46, 47.04, 27.82, 12.46. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}-\text{H}^+$ ] 235.1235, found: 235.1230

### 1-isopropyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(6b)



Yellow semi solid (0.25mmol scale, 41.5 mg, 67%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 4.33 (hept,  $J$  = 12.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 1.35 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.86, 138.96, 137.32, 128.26, 128.24, 128.06, 127.13, 125.28, 121.16, 118.67, 110.53, 49.57, 27.74, 20.10. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ] 249.1392, found: 249.1386.

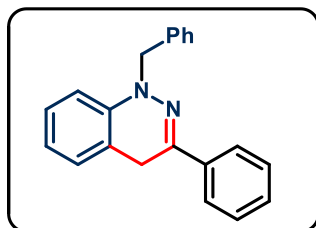
### 1-butyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline(6c)



Yellow semi solid (0.25mmol scale, 44 mg, 66%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (dd,  $J$  = 11.1, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.84 (t, 2H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 1.89 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m,  $J$  = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 2H),

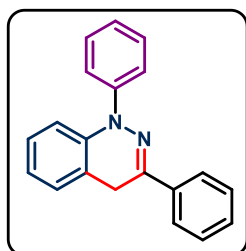
1.00 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.59, 138.63, 137.13, 128.28, 128.19, 128.14, 127.21, 125.21, 121.43, 117.97, 110.29, 52.29, 29.35, 27.57, 20.26, 13.98. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2^+$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}^+]$  263.1548, found: 263.1543

#### 1-benzyl-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (6d)



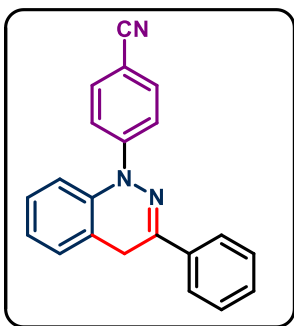
Yellow semi solid (0.25mmol scale, 62 mg, 83%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.14 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.81 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.26, 139.03, 138.20, 136.94, 128.50, 128.31, 128.12, 127.26, 126.95, 126.93, 125.24, 121.80, 117.66, 111.08, 57.14, 27.39. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  299.1548, found: 299.1539

#### 1,3-Diphenyl-1,4-dihydrocinnoline (6e)



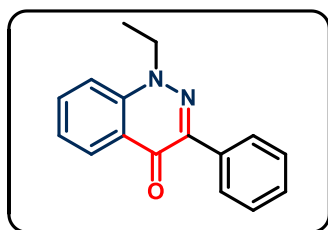
Greenish semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 54.5 mg, 78%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.34, 141.11, 139.24, 135.54, 128.12, 127.76, 127.36, 126.97, 125.86, 124.83, 124.22, 123.35, 122.05, 117.92, 111.40, 27.37. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  285.1392, found: 285.1386

#### 4-(3-phenylcinnolin-1(4H)-yl)benzonitrile (8a)



Yellow semi solid (0.25 mmol scale, 55 mg, 71%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.91 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  143.14, 142.98, 135.52, 132.10, 131.35, 129.51, 129.48, 128.54, 126.52, 125.92, 124.85, 118.97, 112.57, 105.15, 27.75. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  310.1344, found: 310.1339

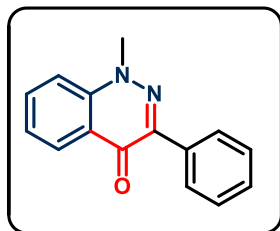
#### 1-methyl-3-phenylcinnolin-4(1H)-one (9a)



Greenish yellow solid (0.25 mmol scale, 56.4 mg, 91%), mp 210-220 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.47 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.23 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 4.56 (q,  $J = 7.2$

Hz, 2H), 1.58 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.83, 145.86, 140.11, 134.65, 133.44, 128.64, 128.54, 128.03, 126.94, 125.48, 124.51, 114.62, 50.93, 13.77. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  251.1184, found: 251.1179

**1-methyl-3-phenylcinnolin-4(1H)-one (9b)**

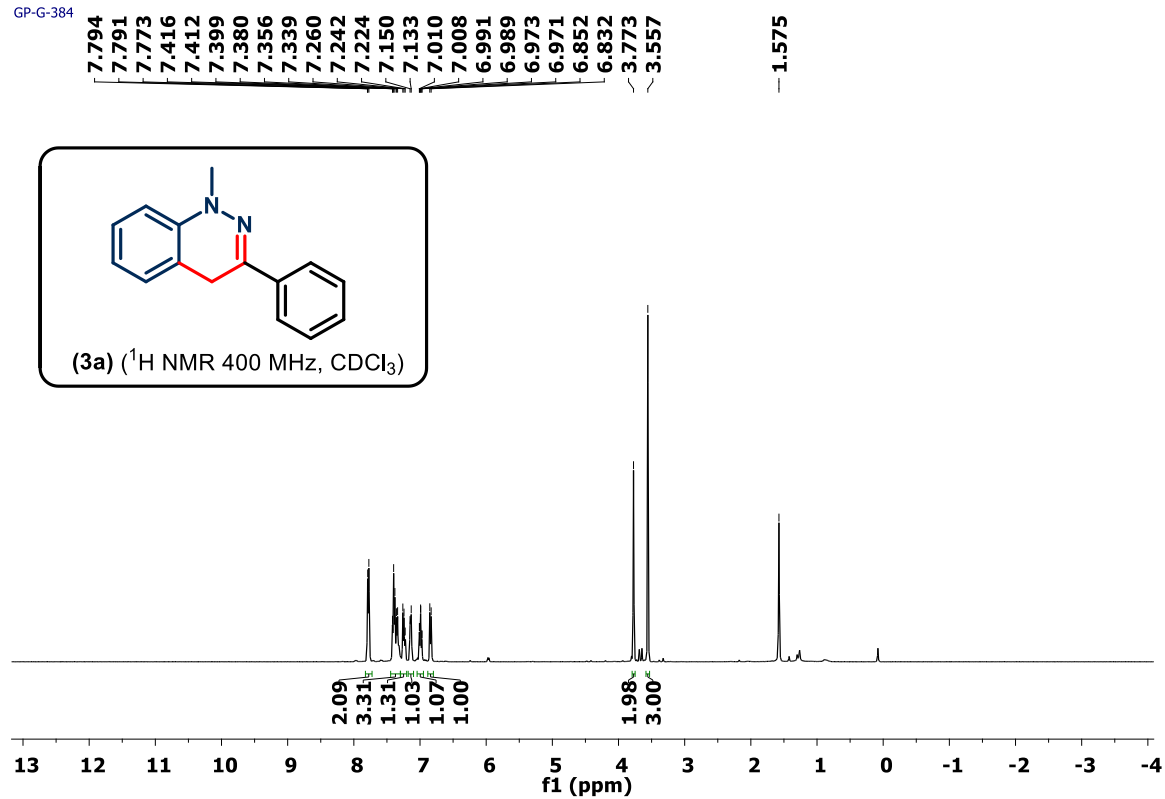


Greenish yellow solid (0.25mmol scale, 51.9mg, 88%) mp 200-205°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.50 – 8.43 (m, 1H), 8.21 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 4.19 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.98, 145.94, 140.98, 134.47, 133.55, 128.69, 128.50, 128.05, 126.68, 125.17, 124.73, 114.76, 43.85. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$  237.1028, found: 237.1022.

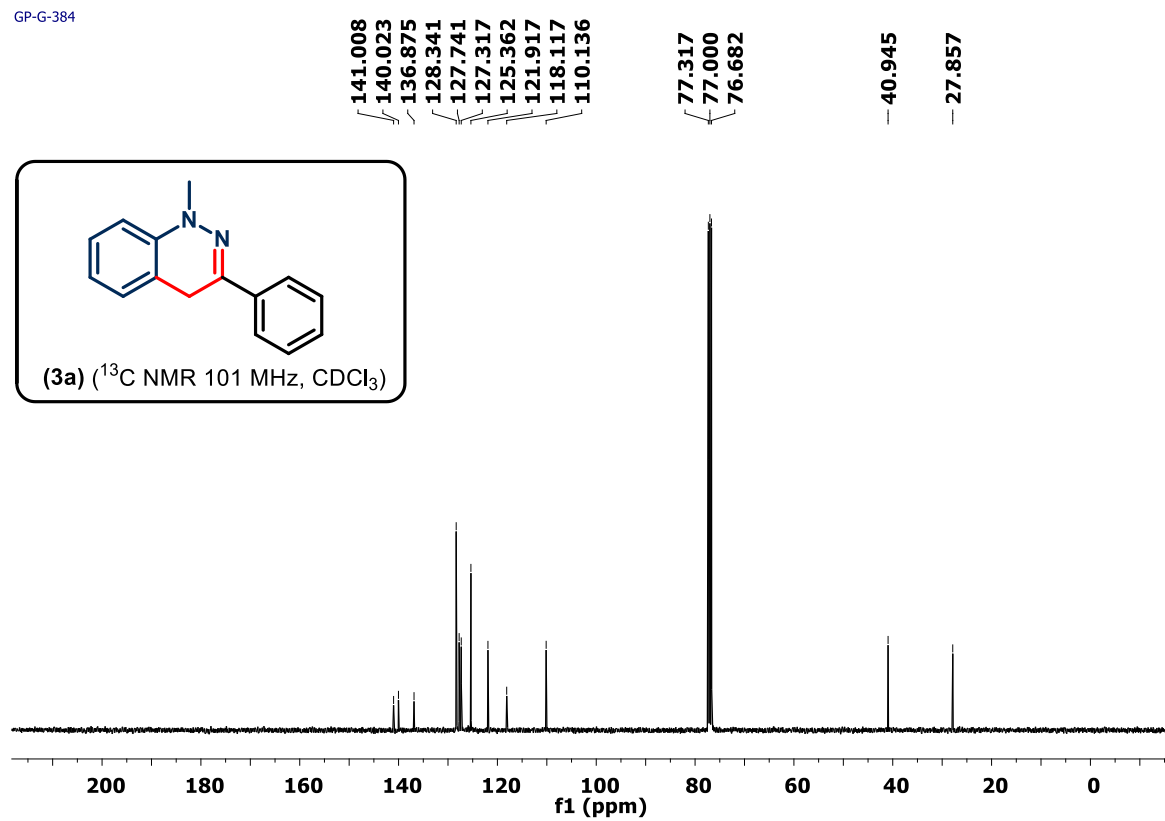
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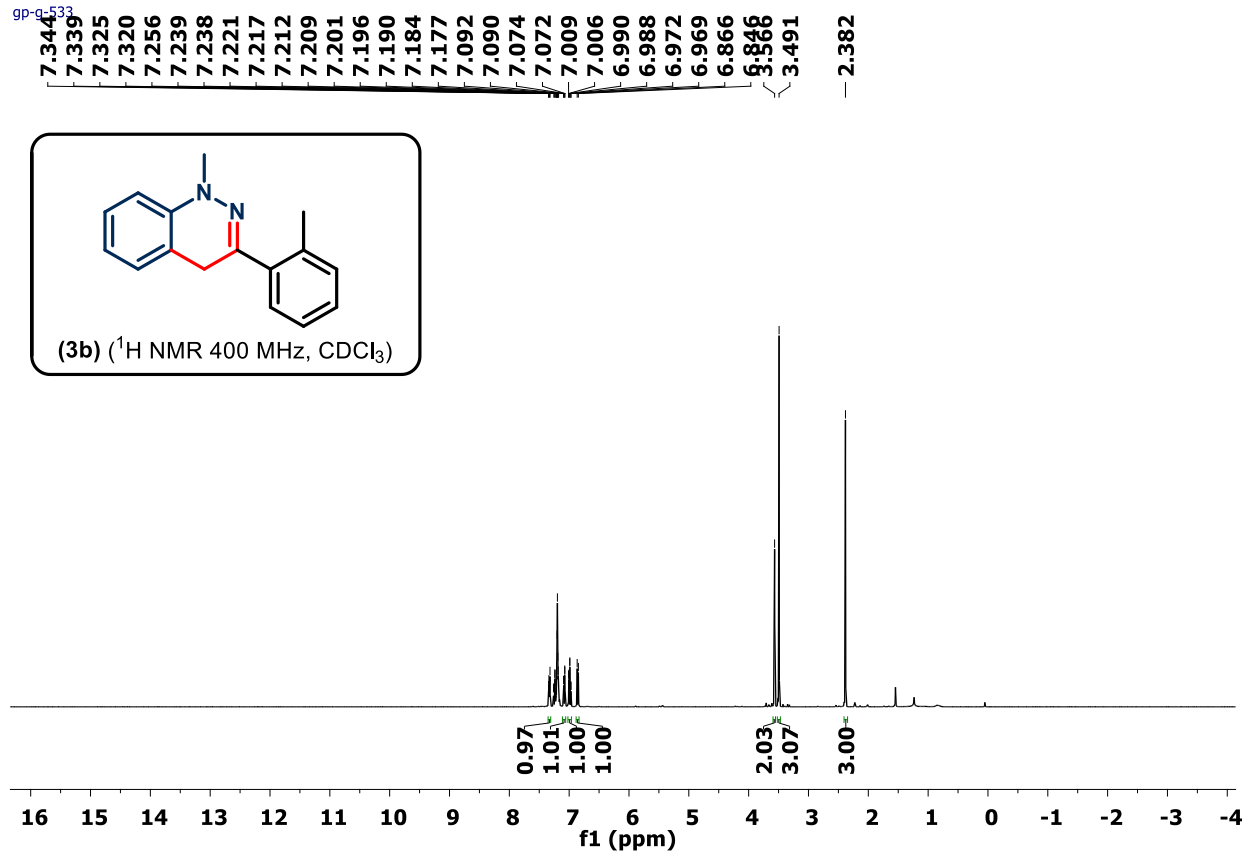


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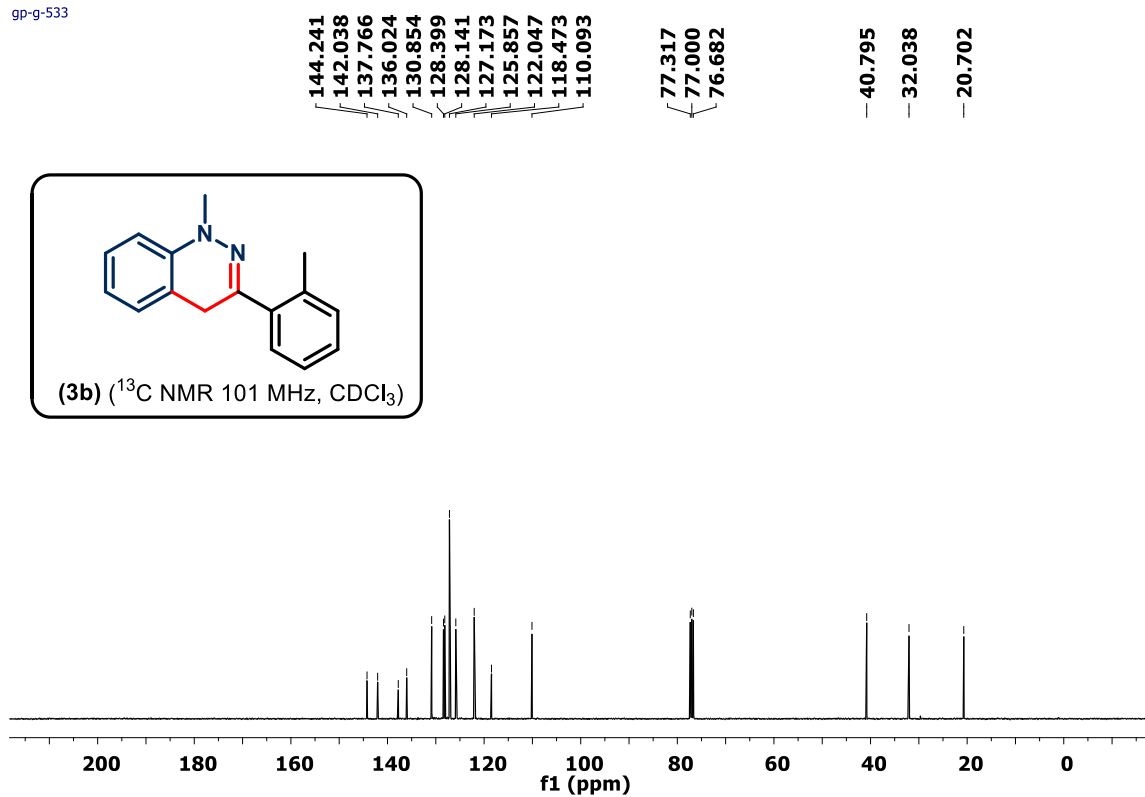




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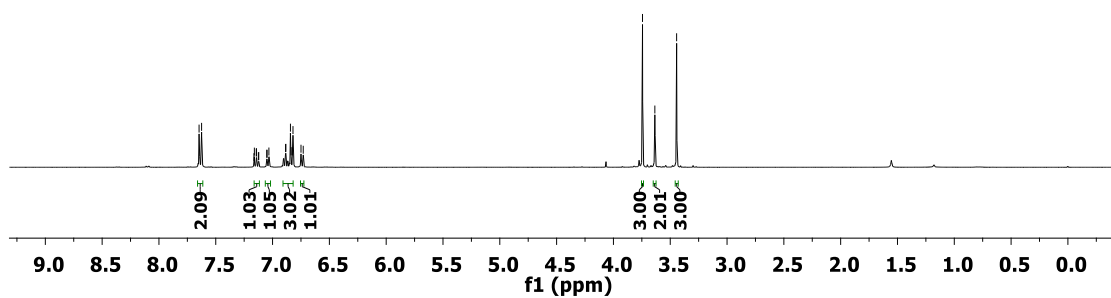
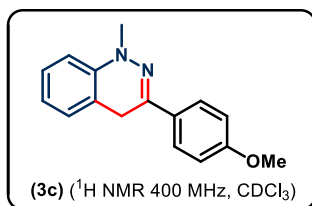


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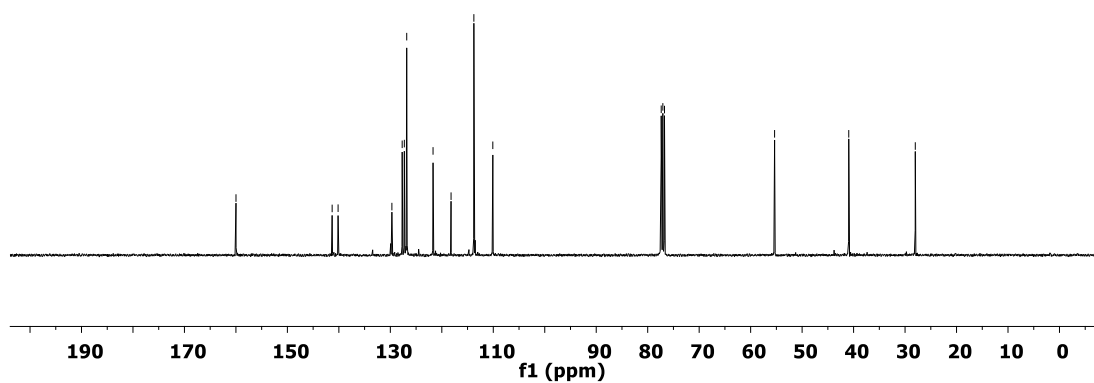
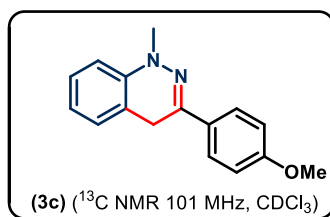
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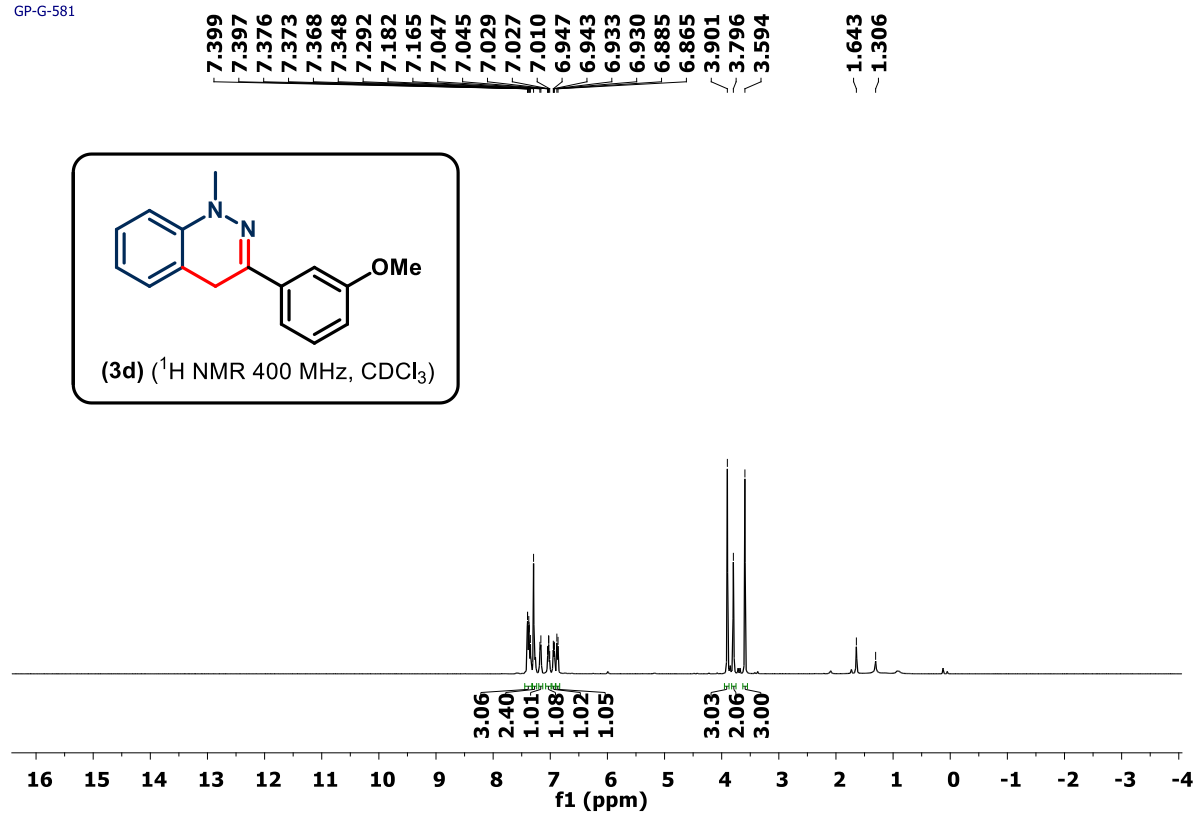


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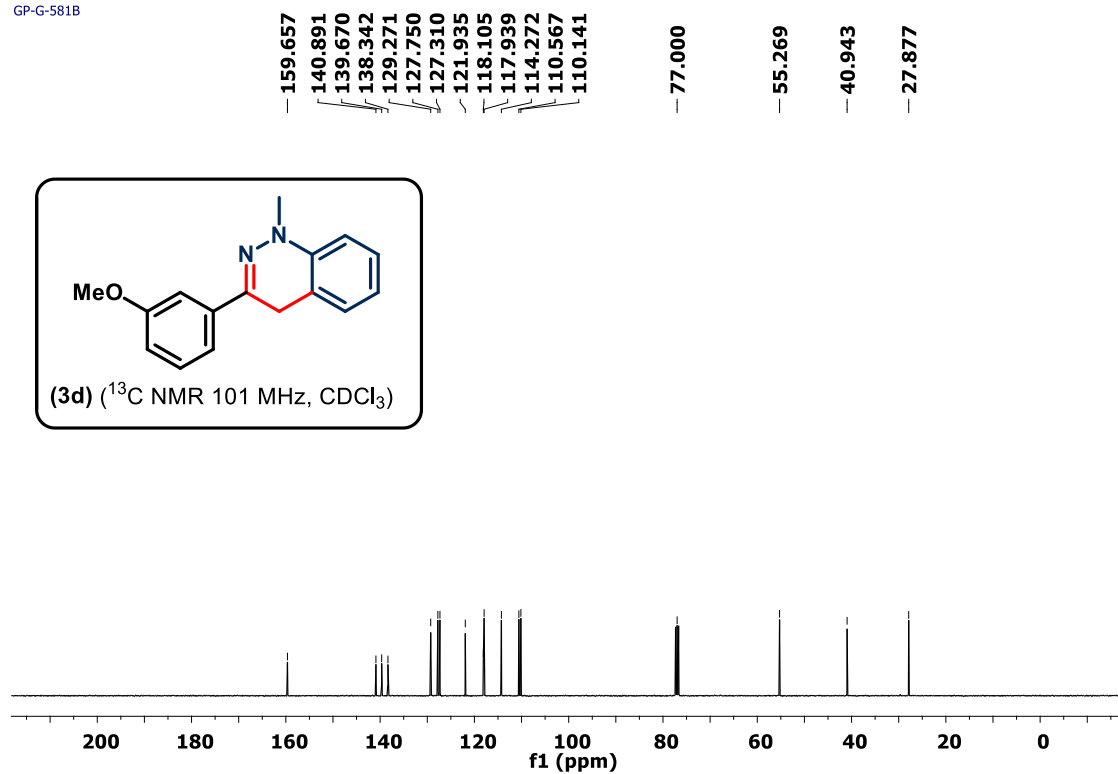
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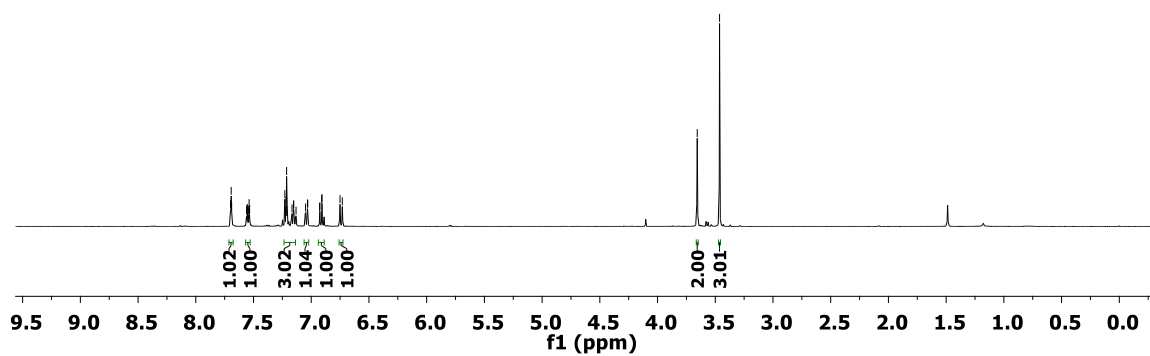
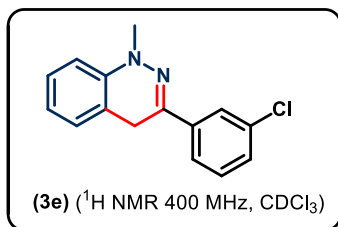


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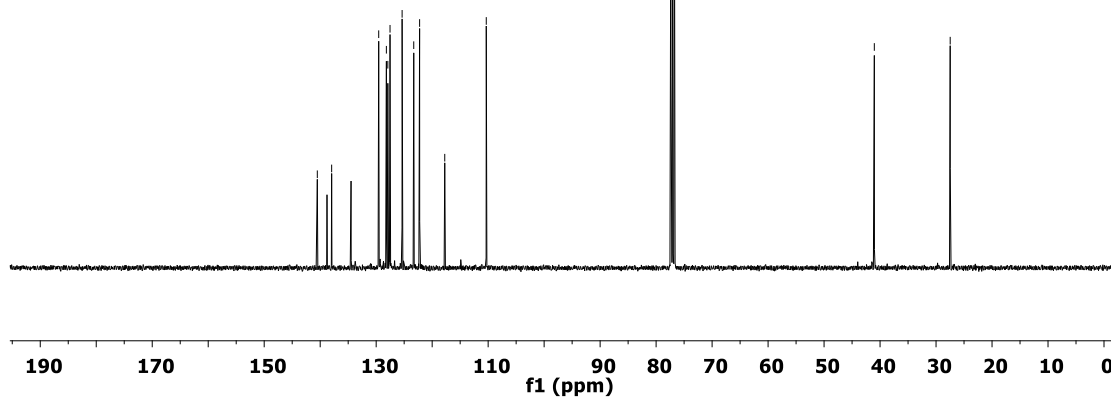
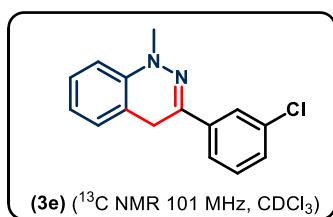


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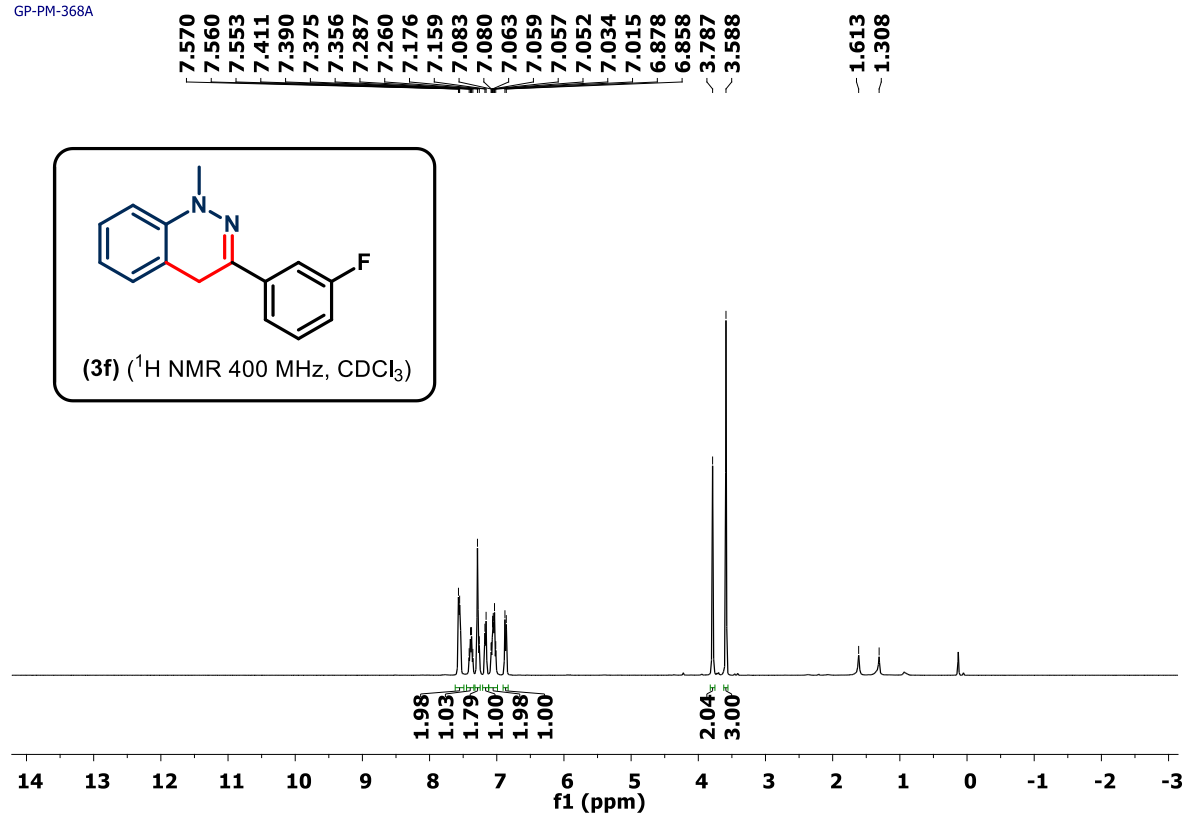




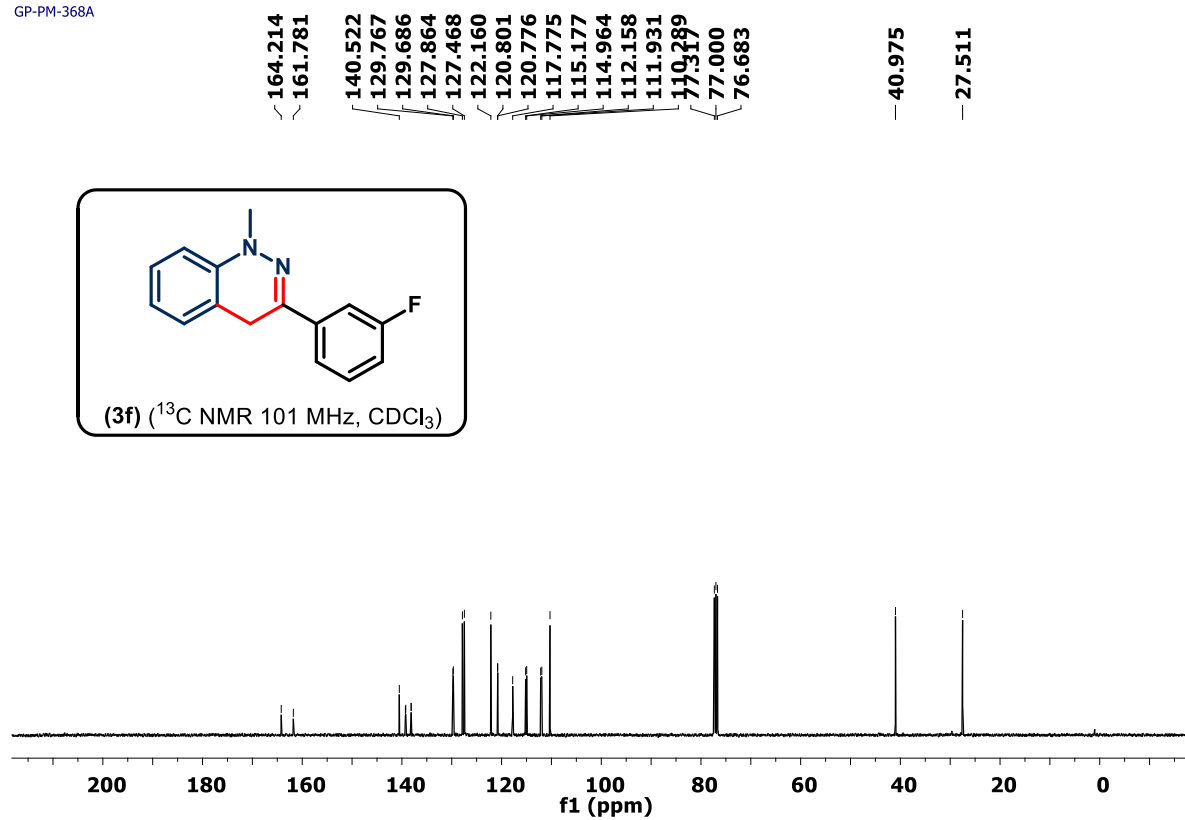
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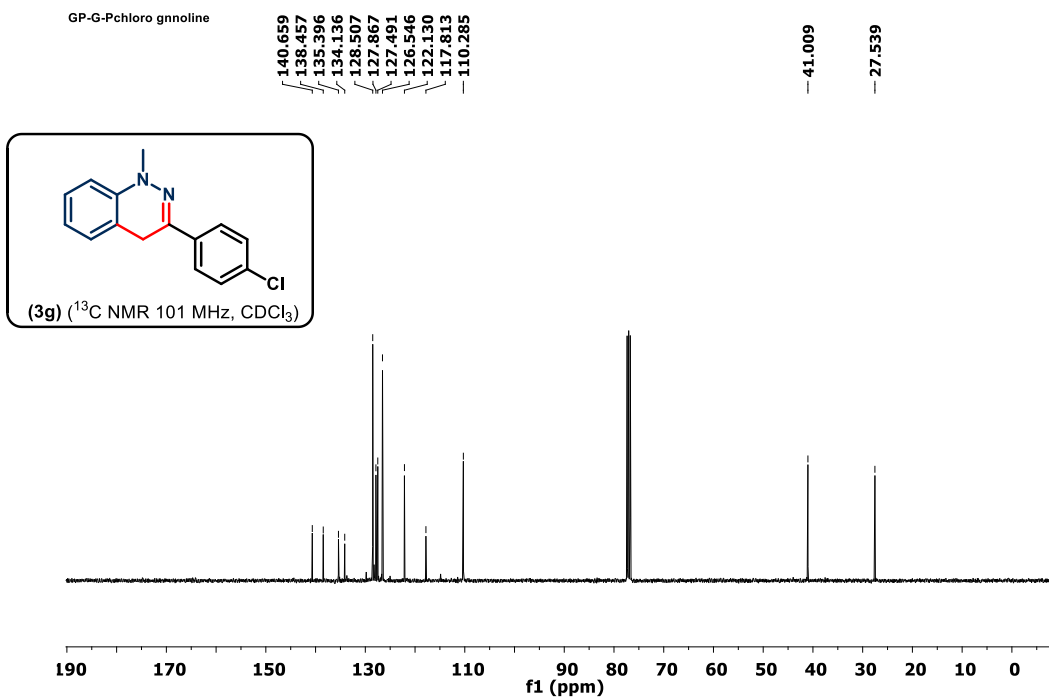
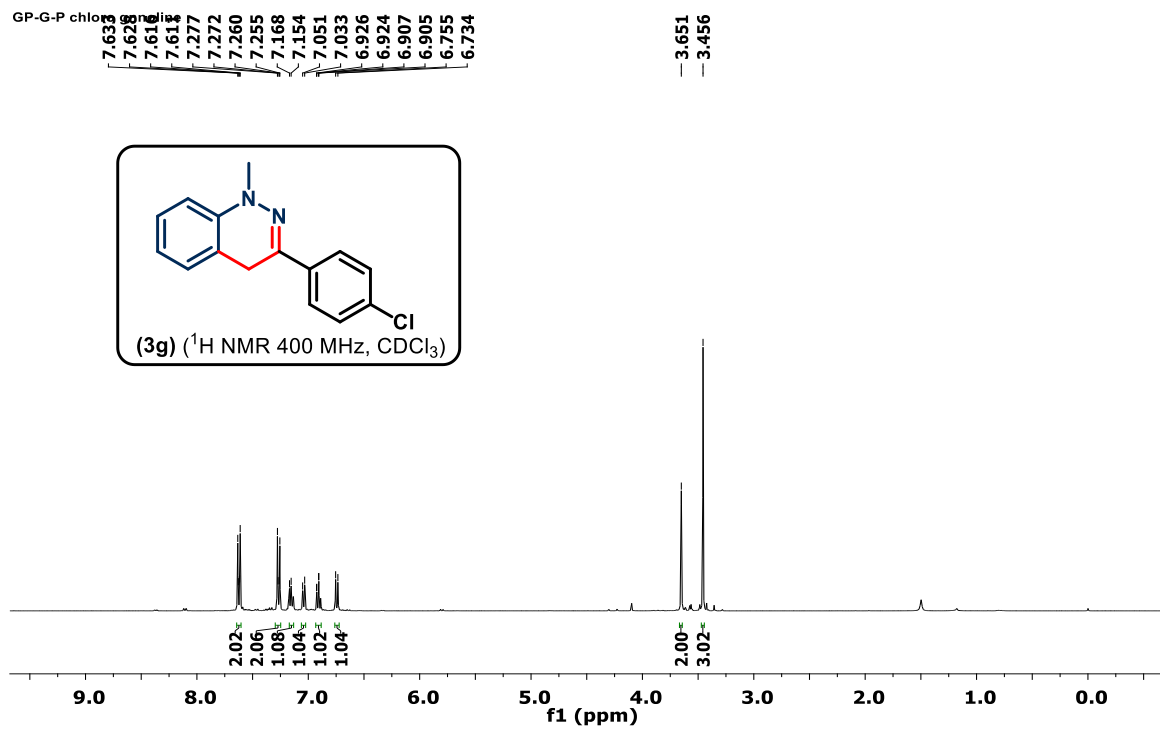


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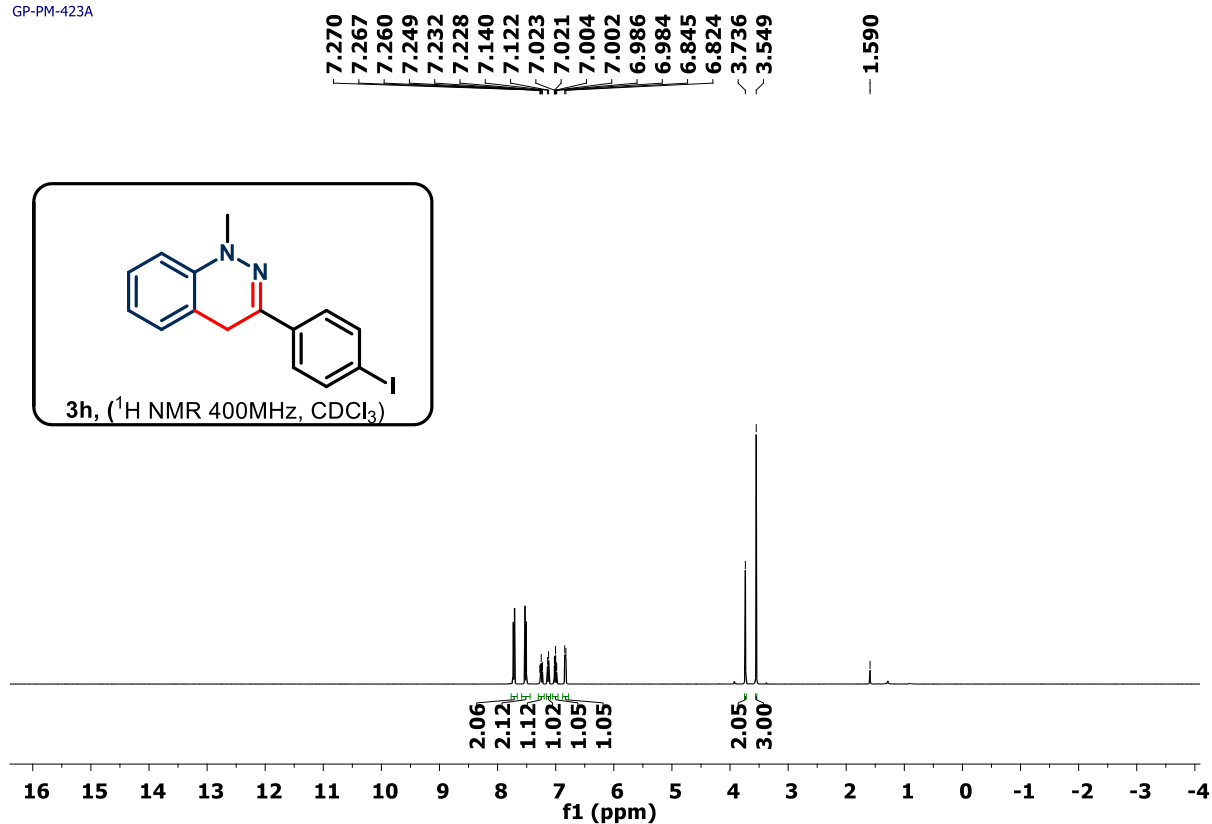


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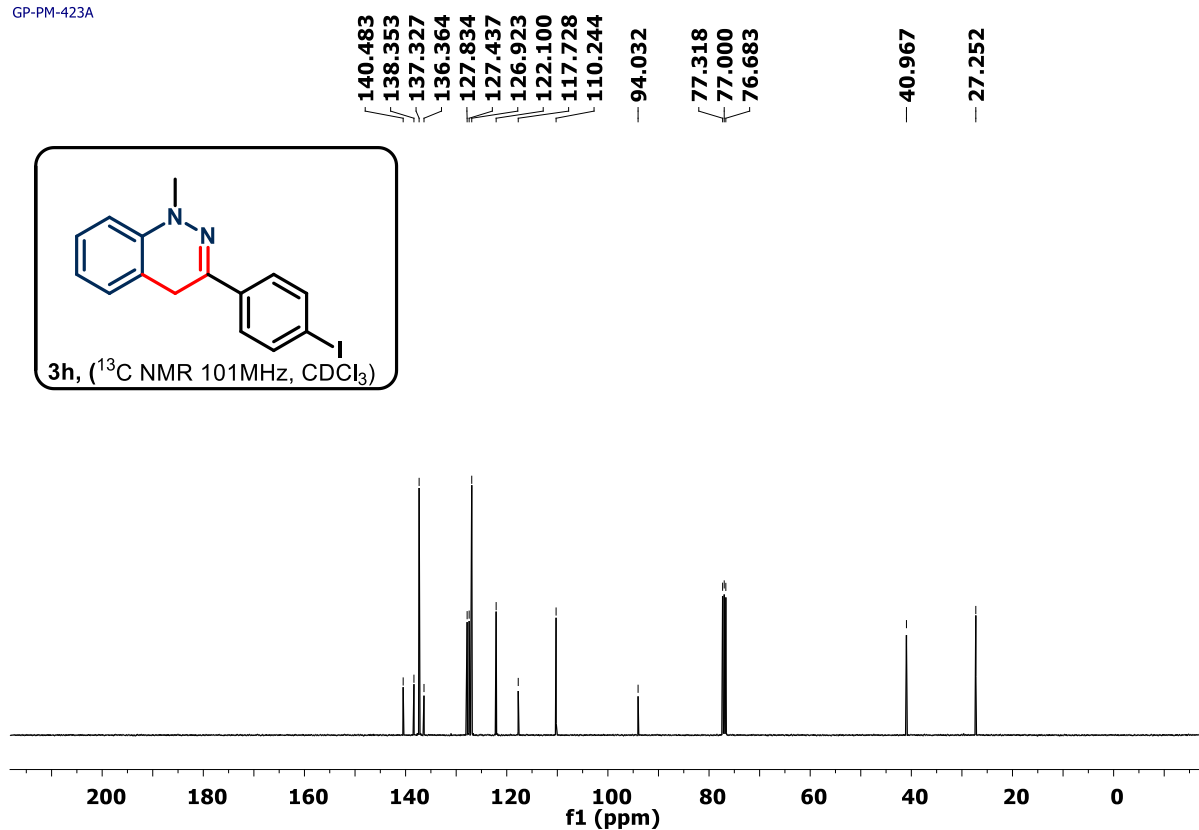


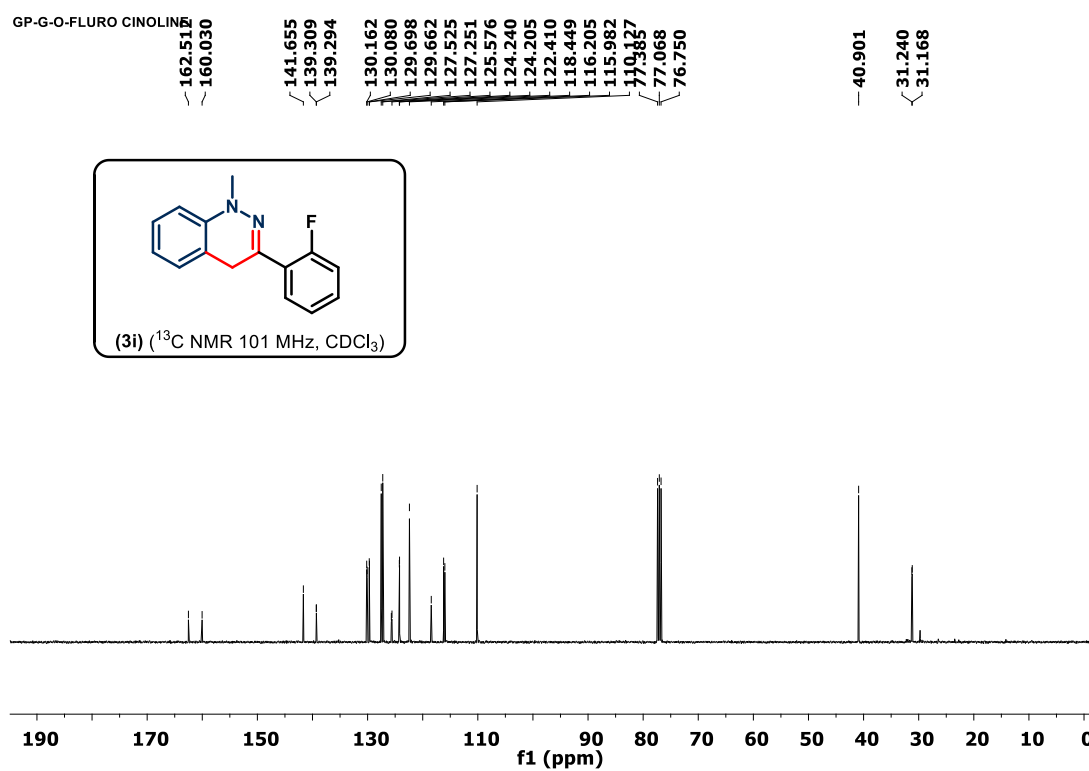
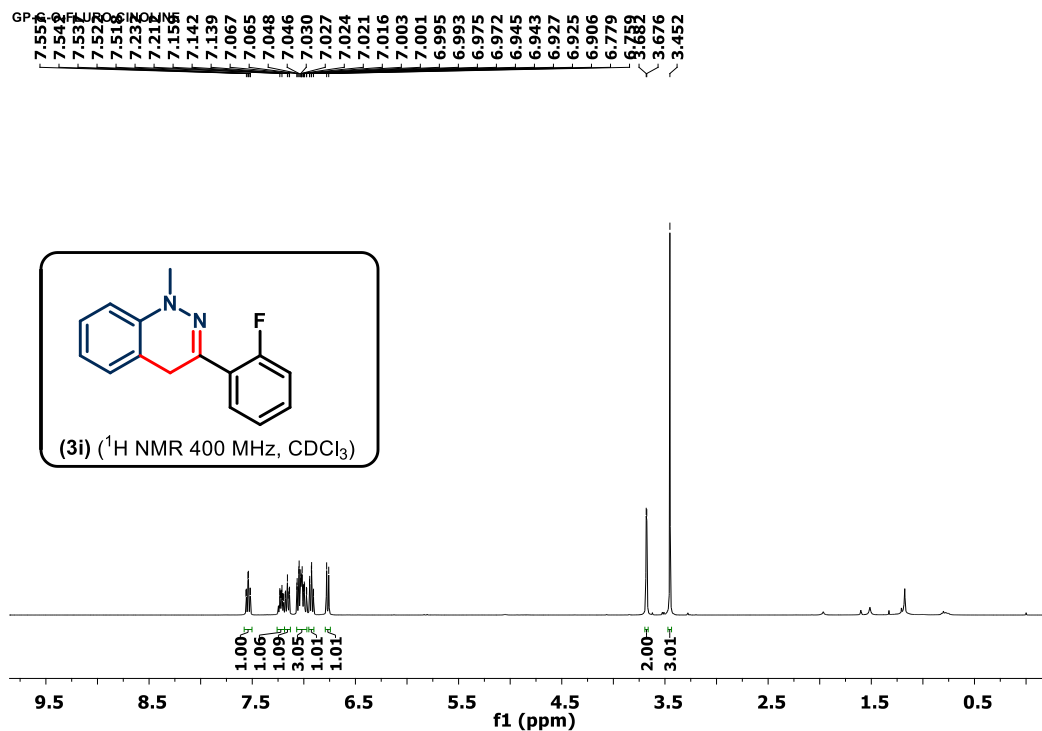


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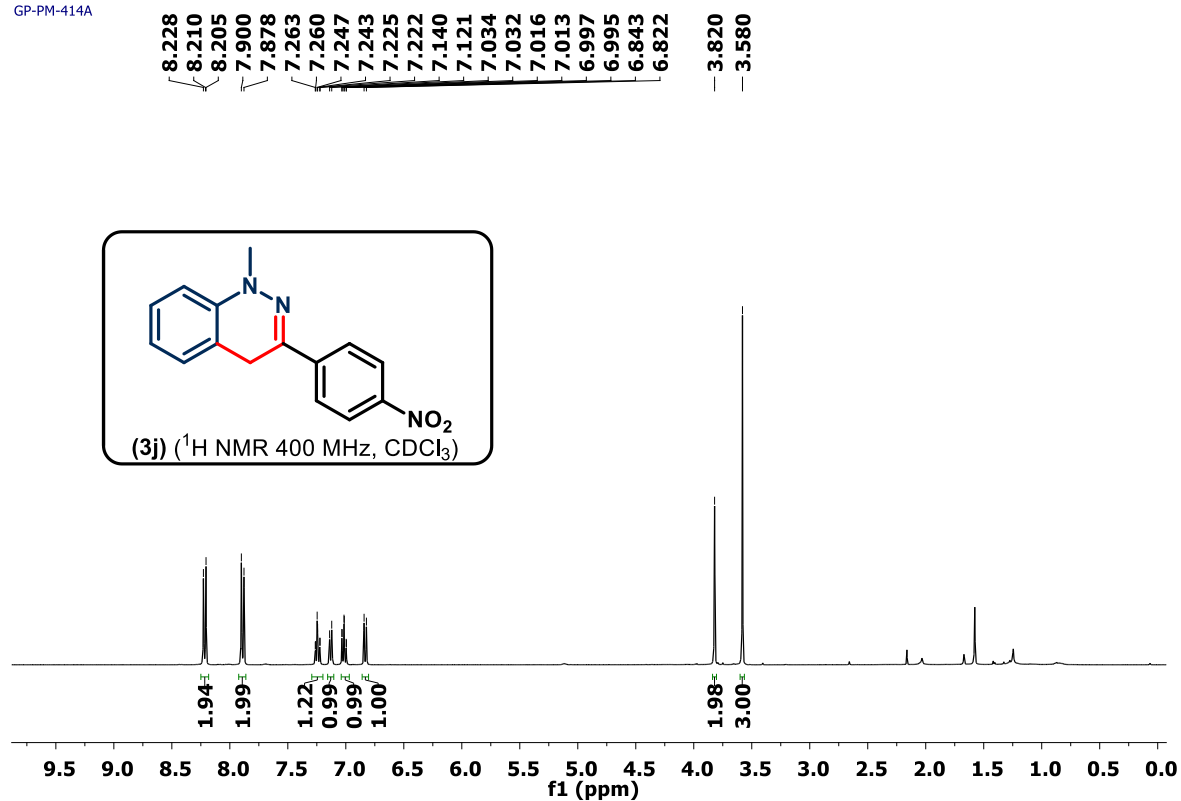
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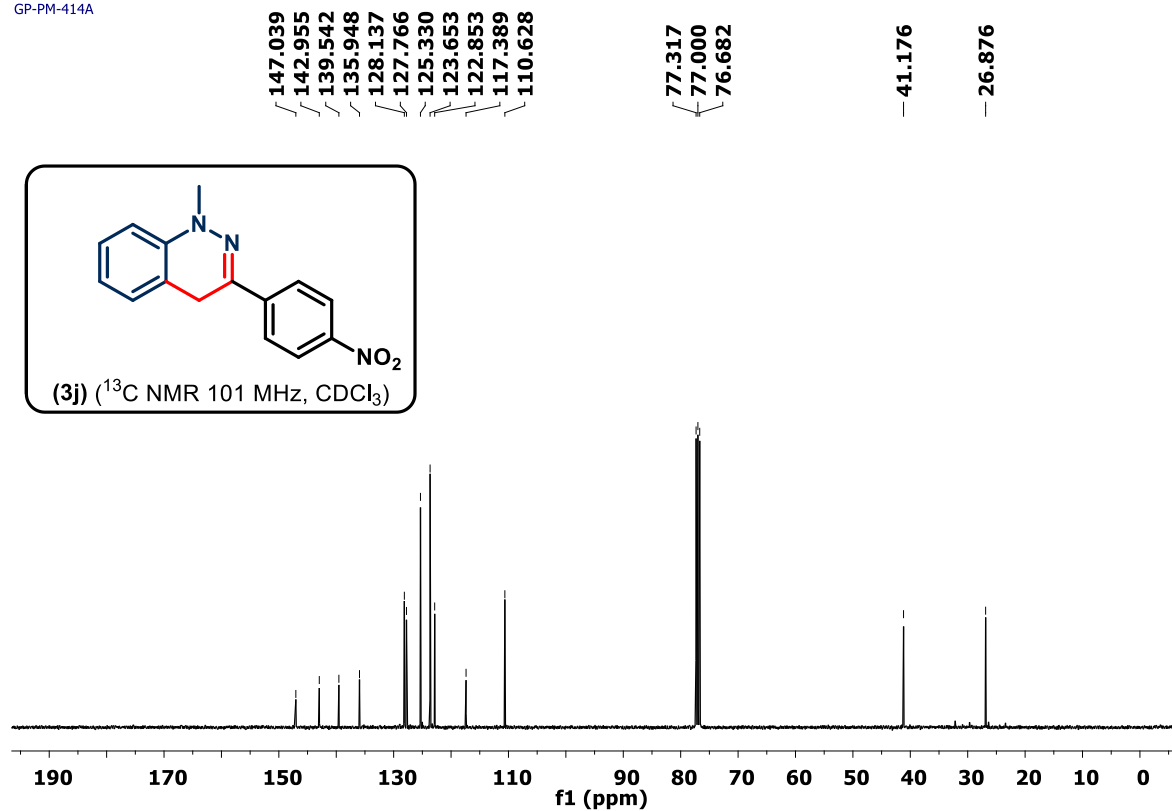




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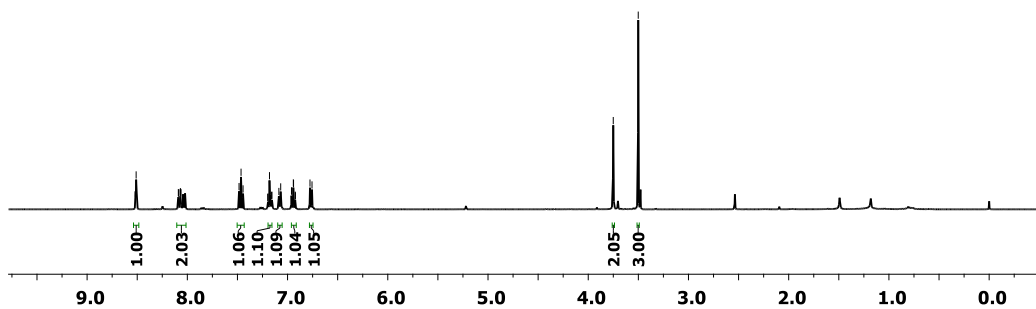
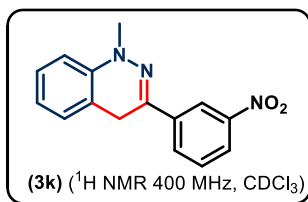


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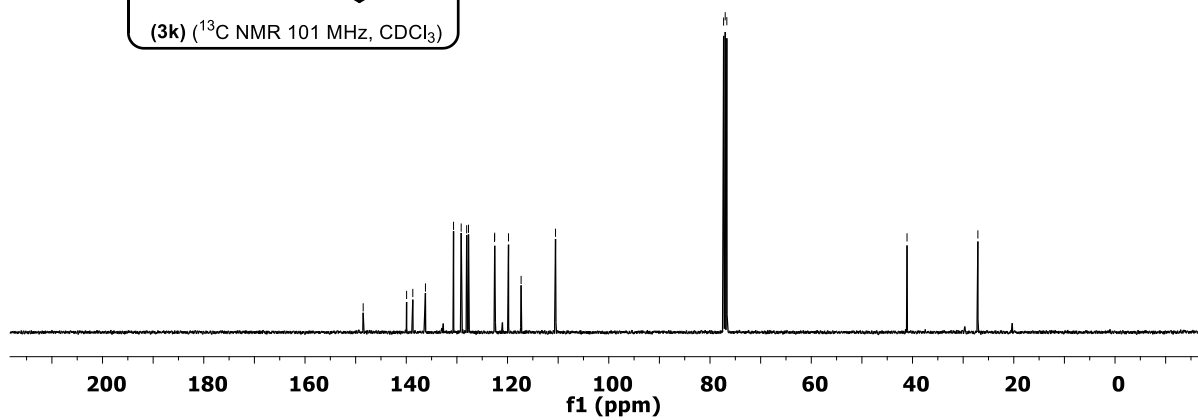
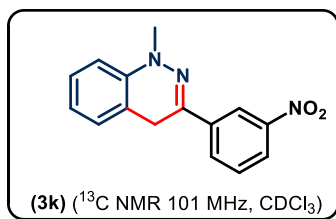
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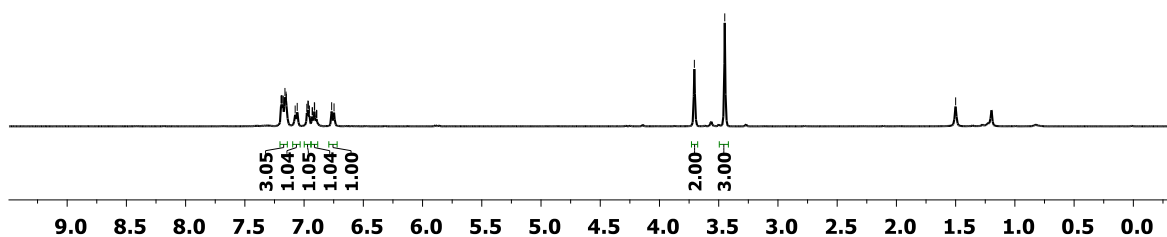
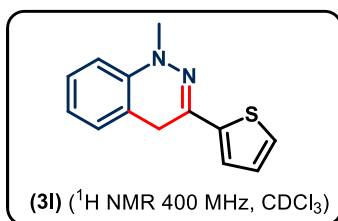


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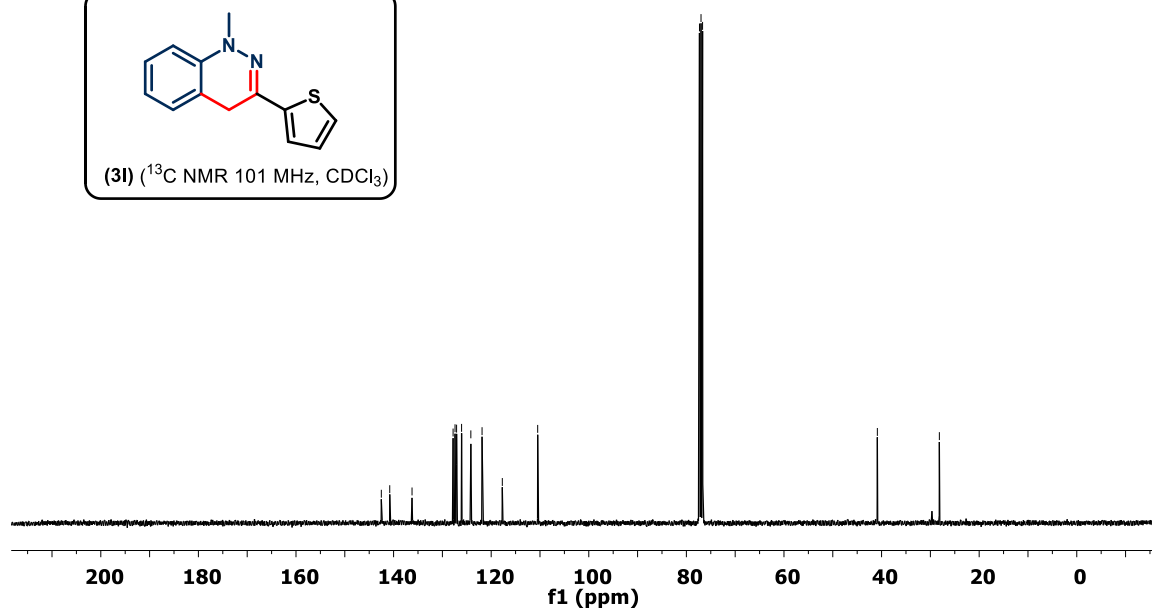
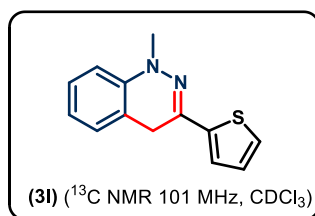
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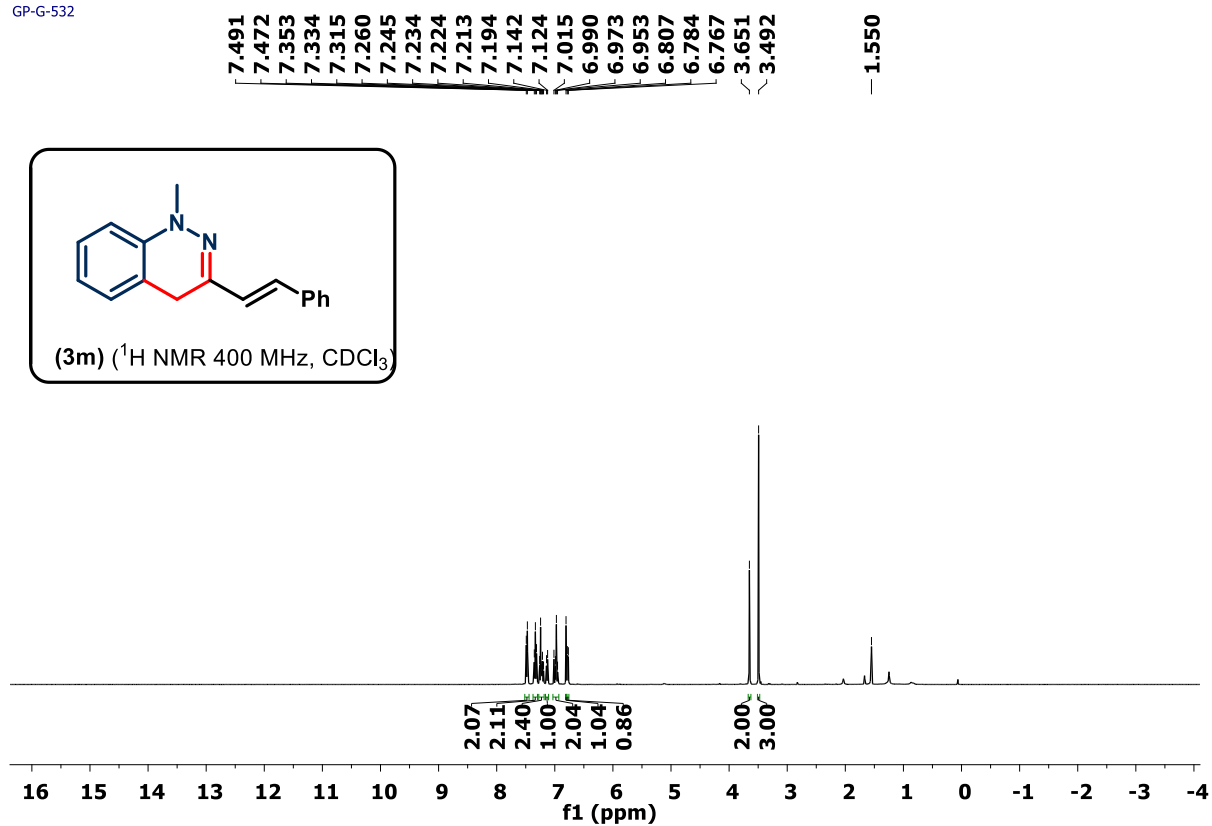
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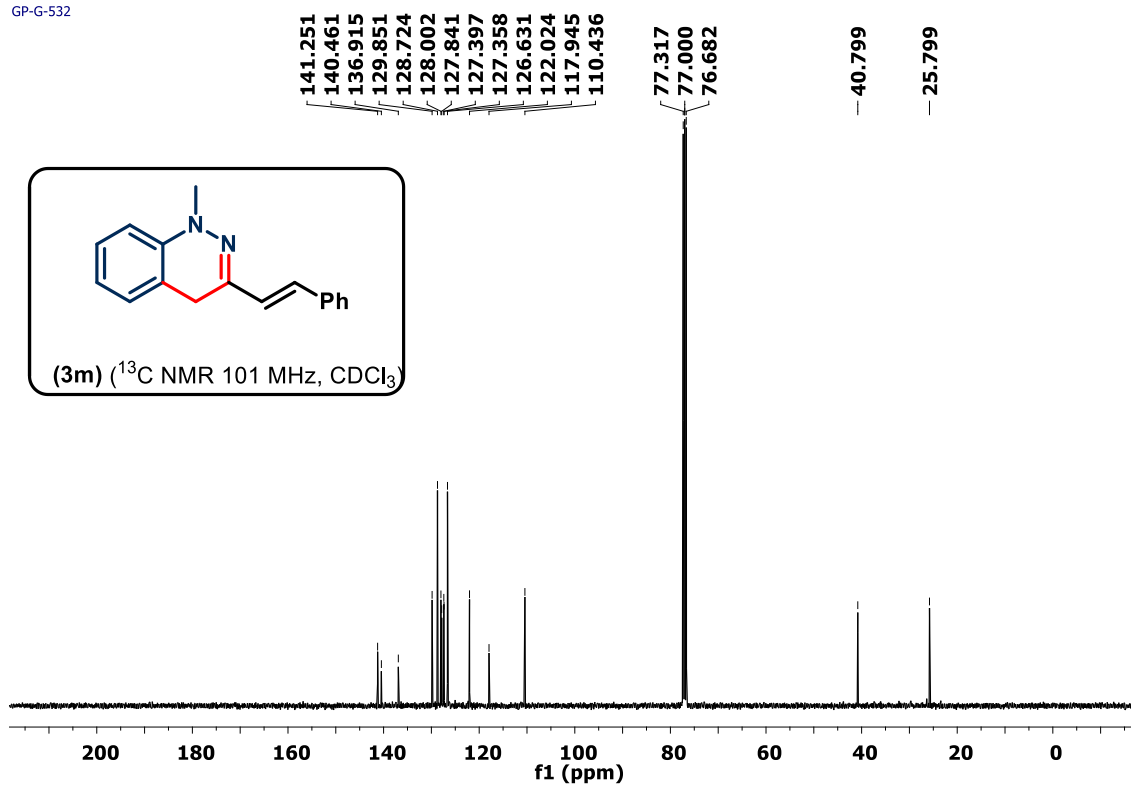
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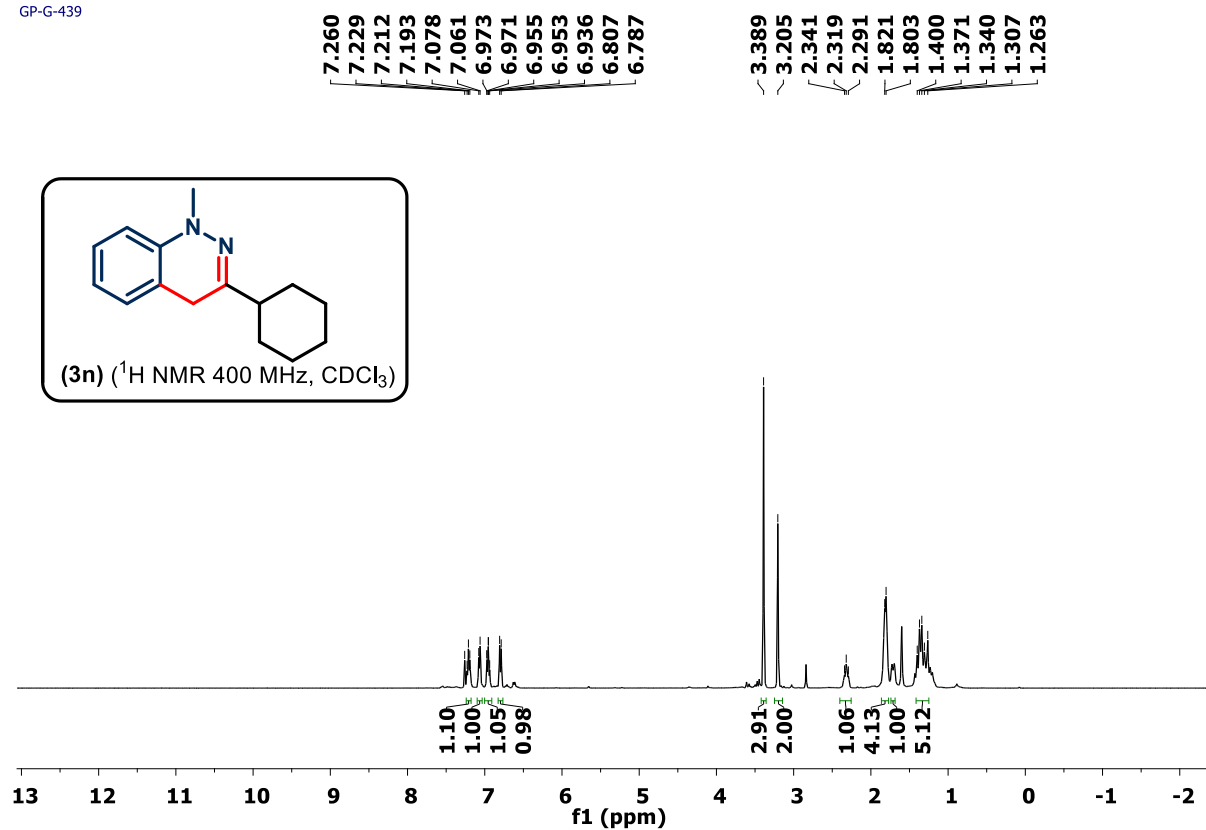
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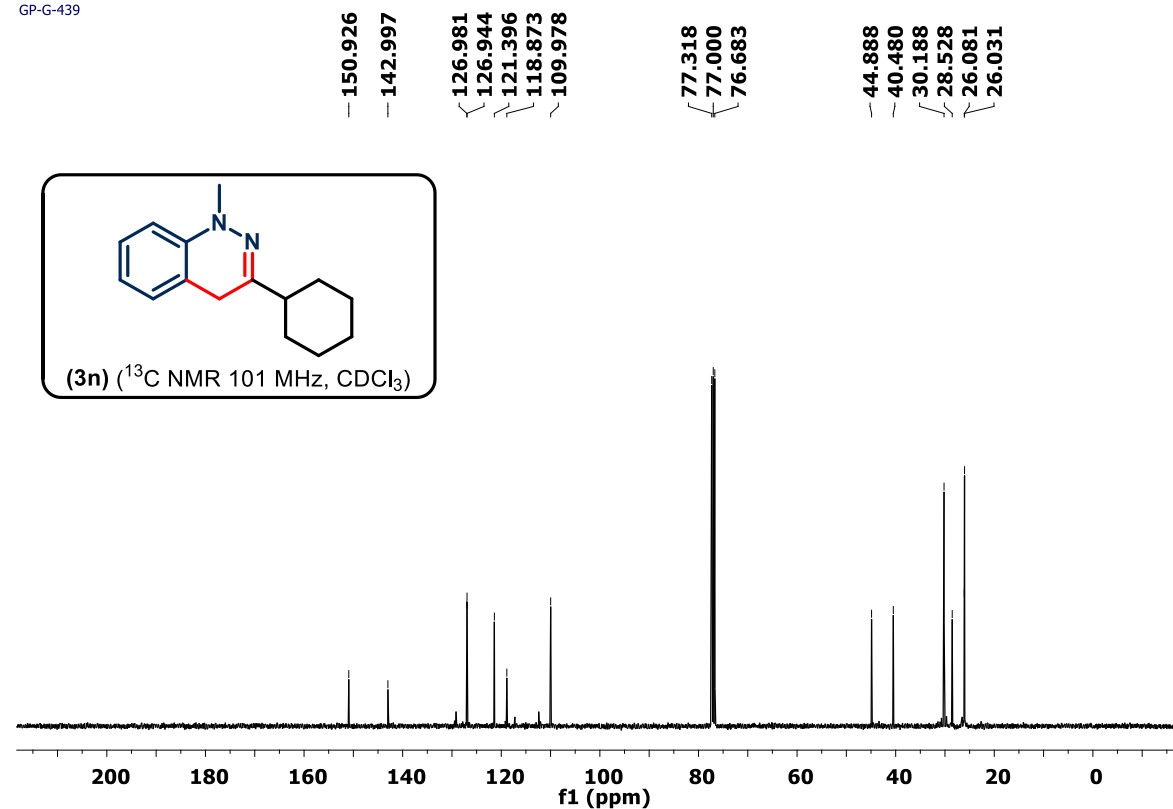
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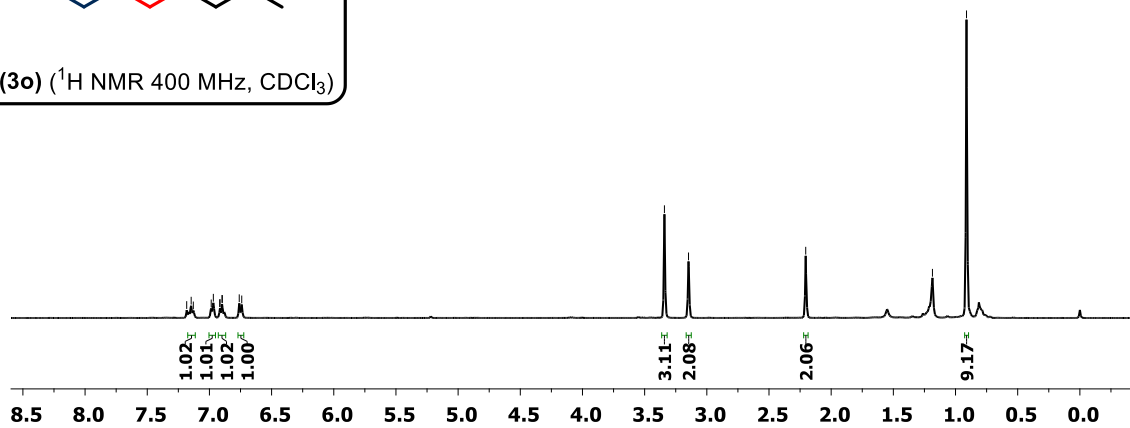
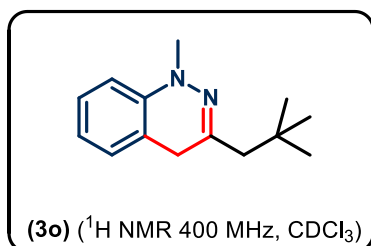
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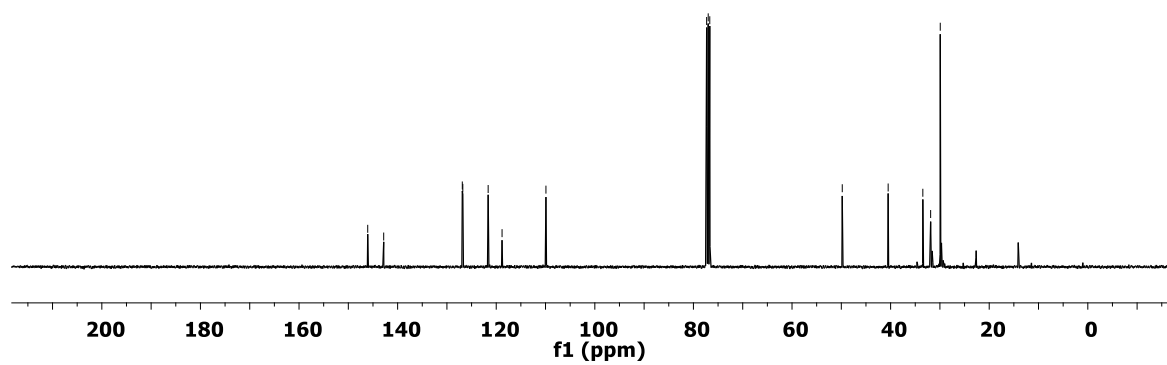
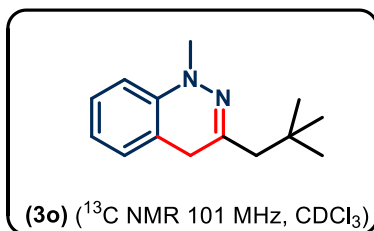
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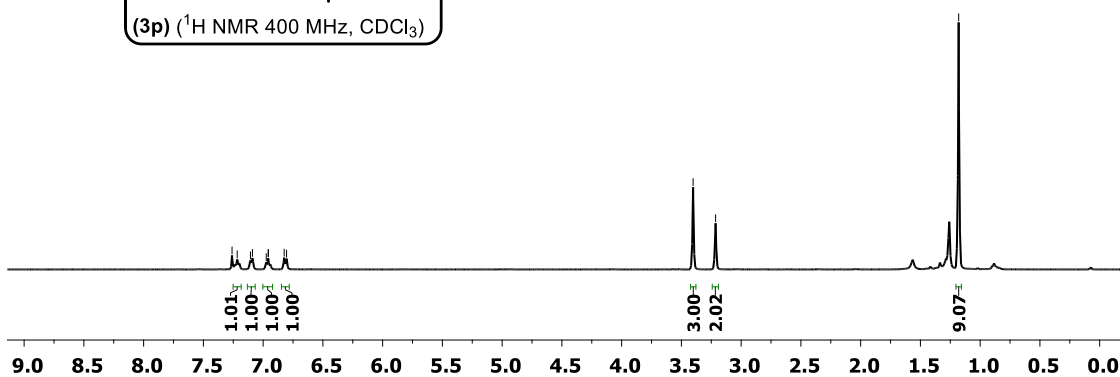
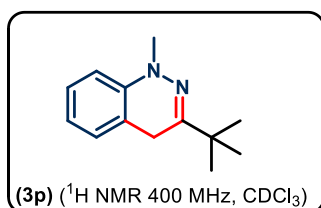


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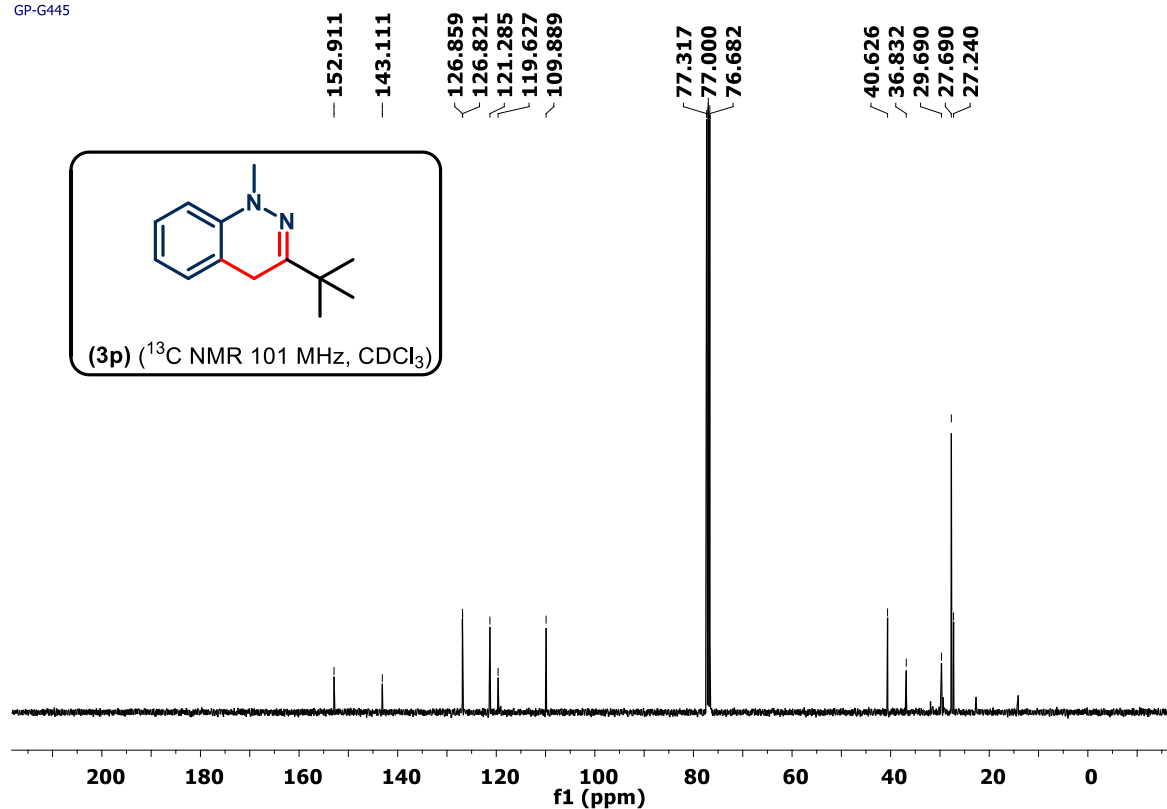
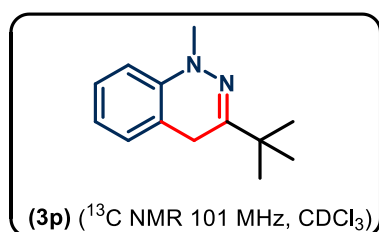
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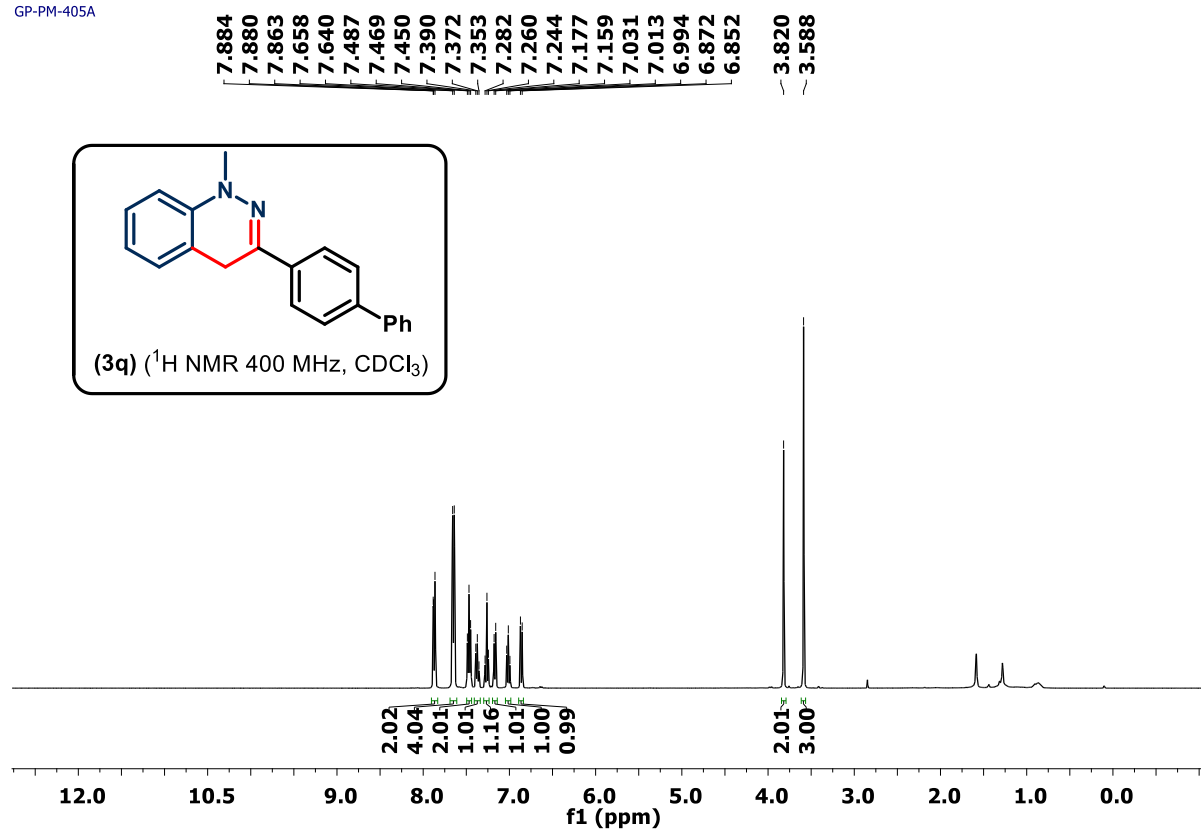
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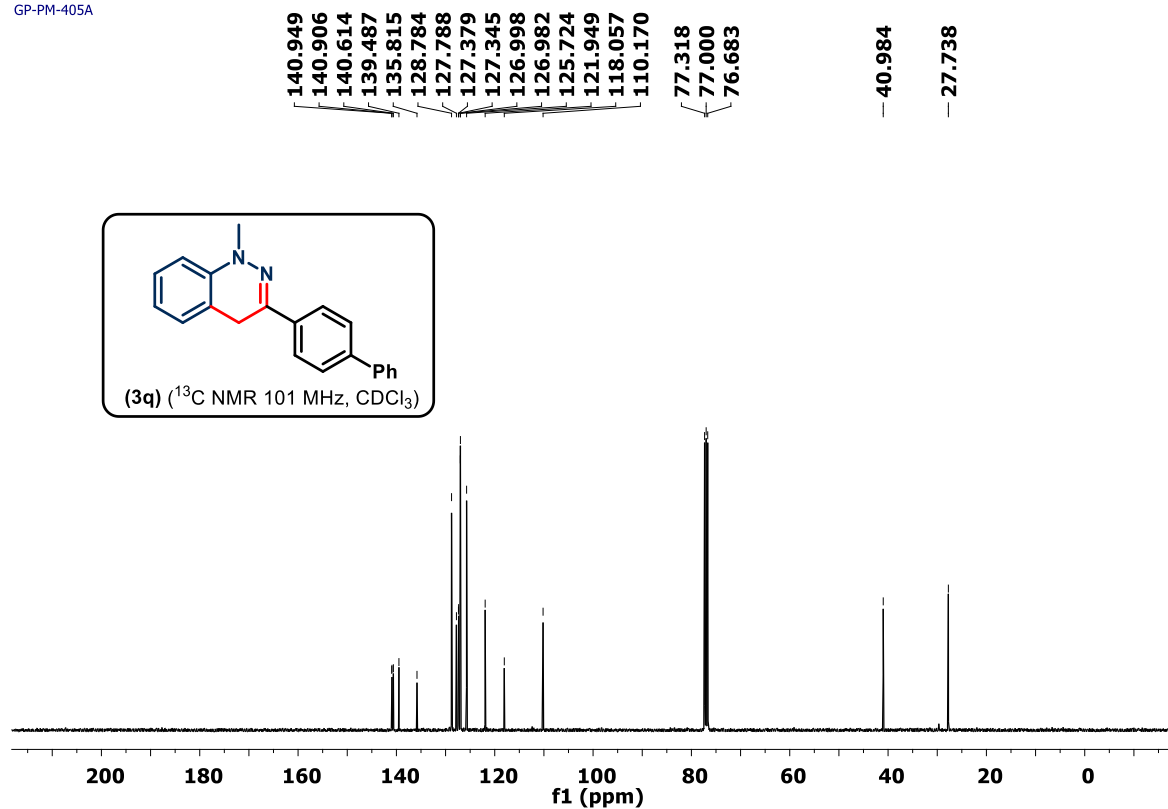
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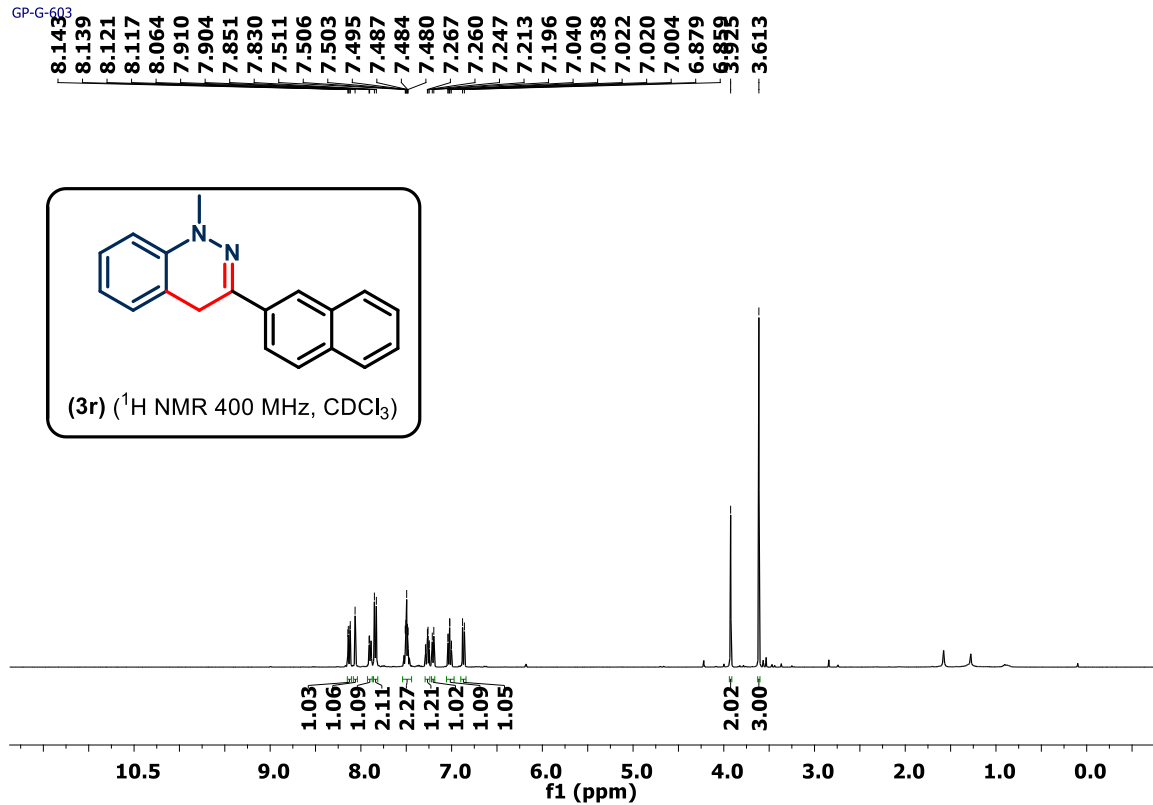


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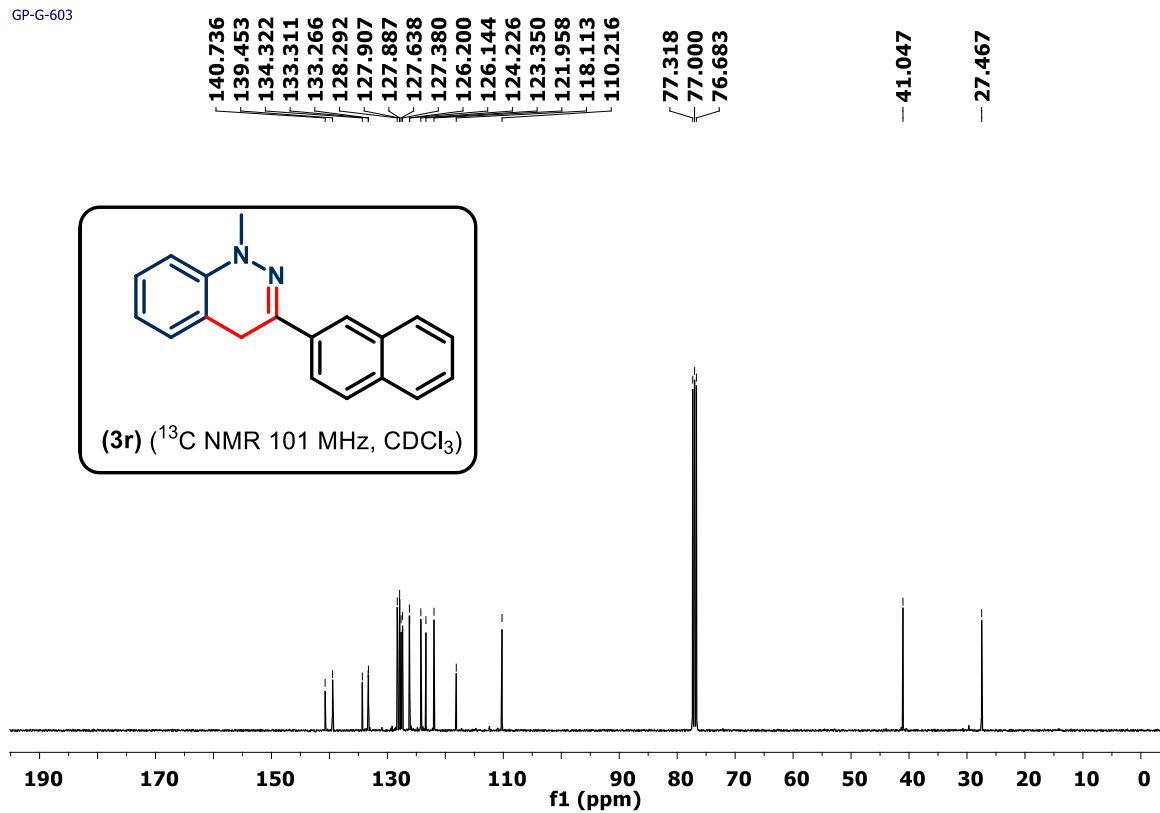




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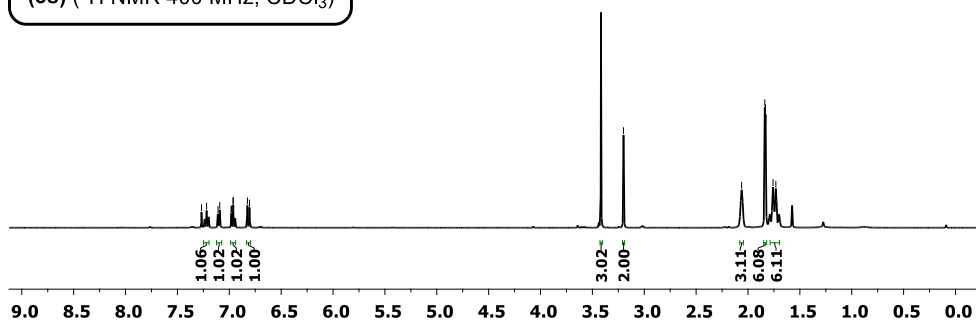
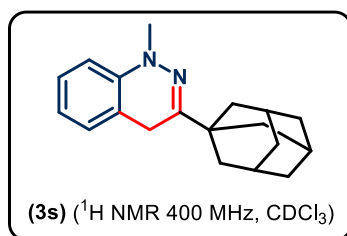


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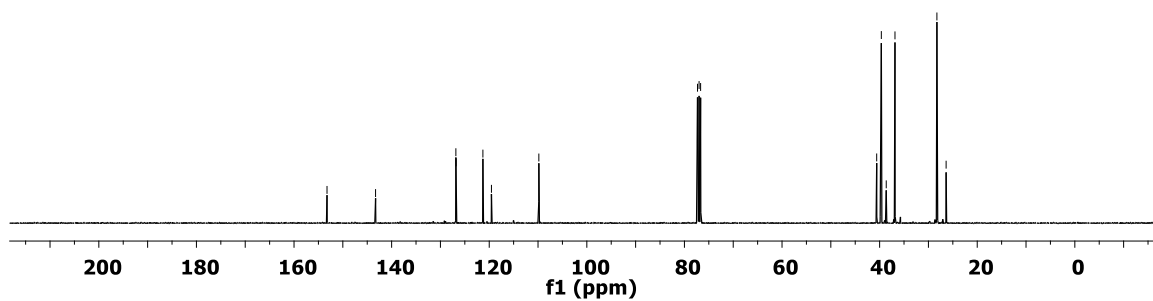
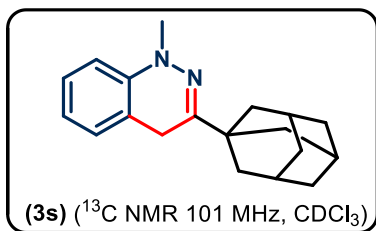


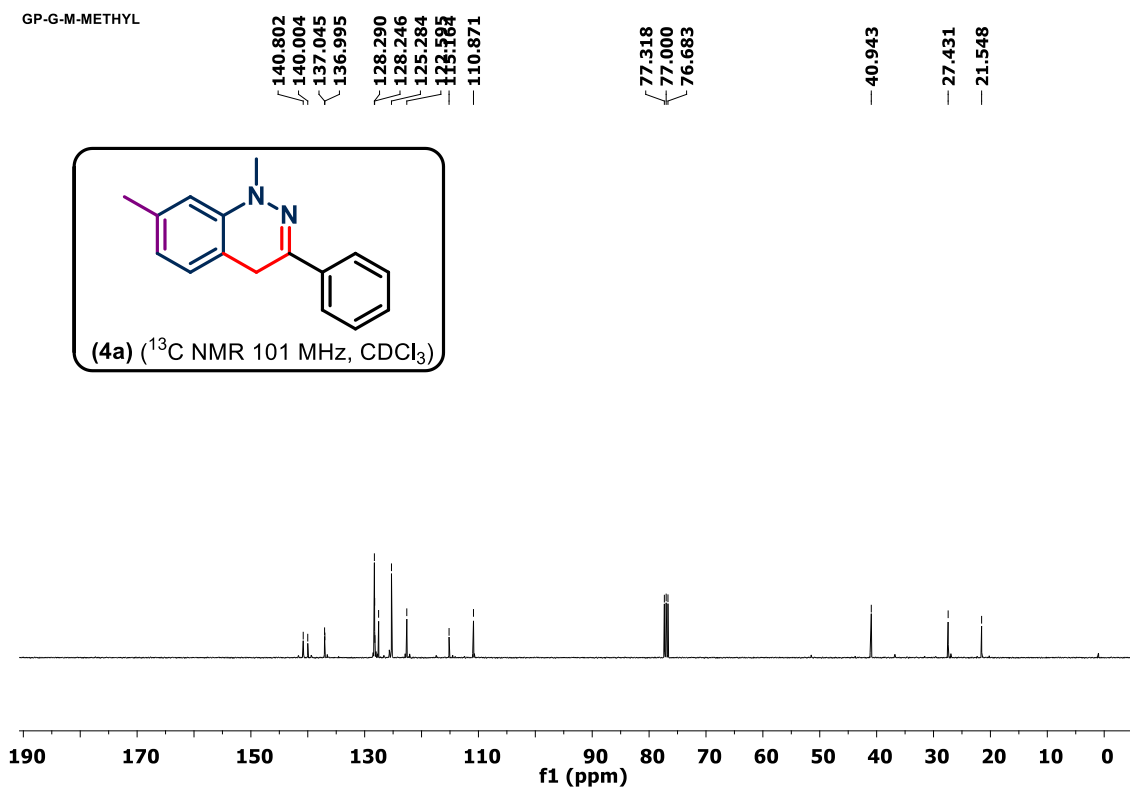
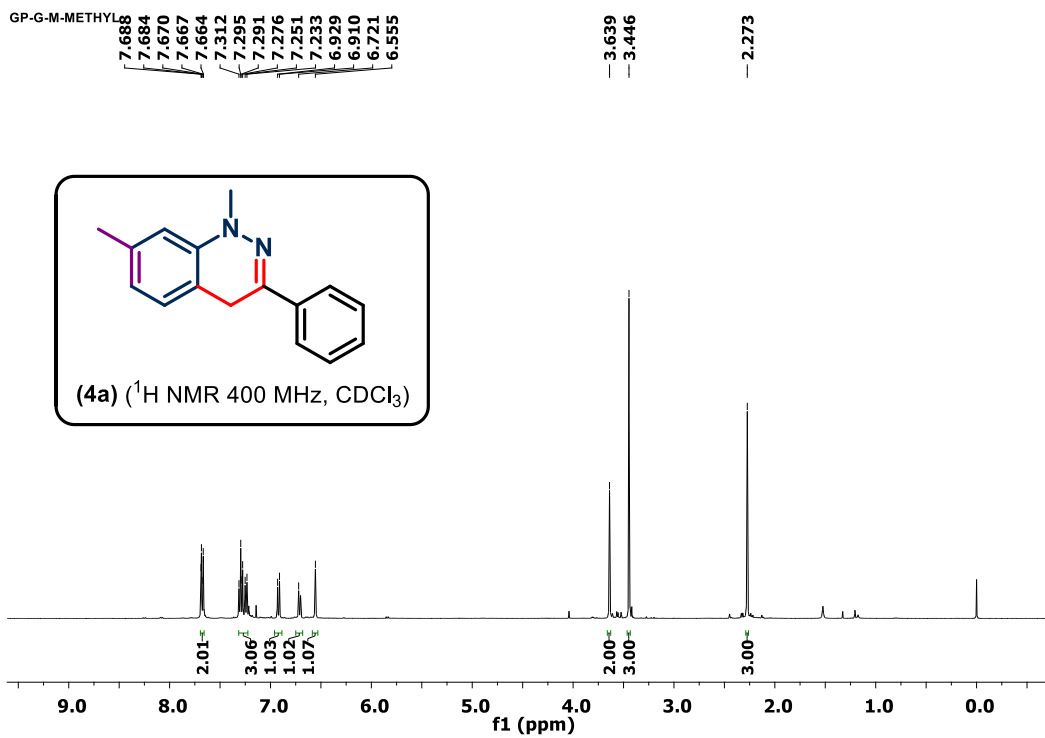
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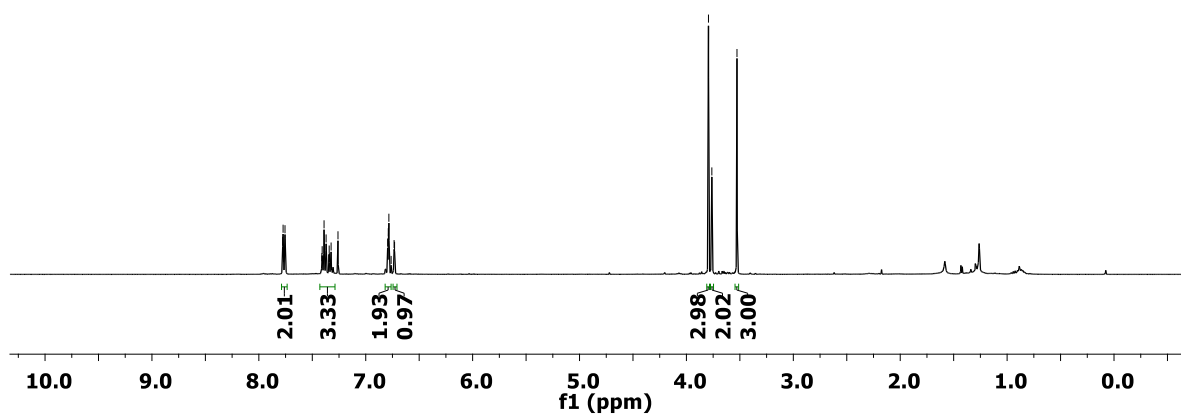
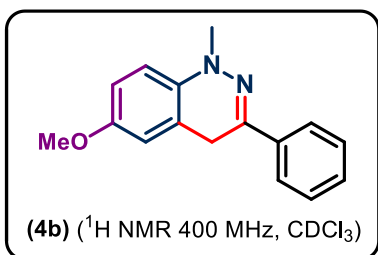




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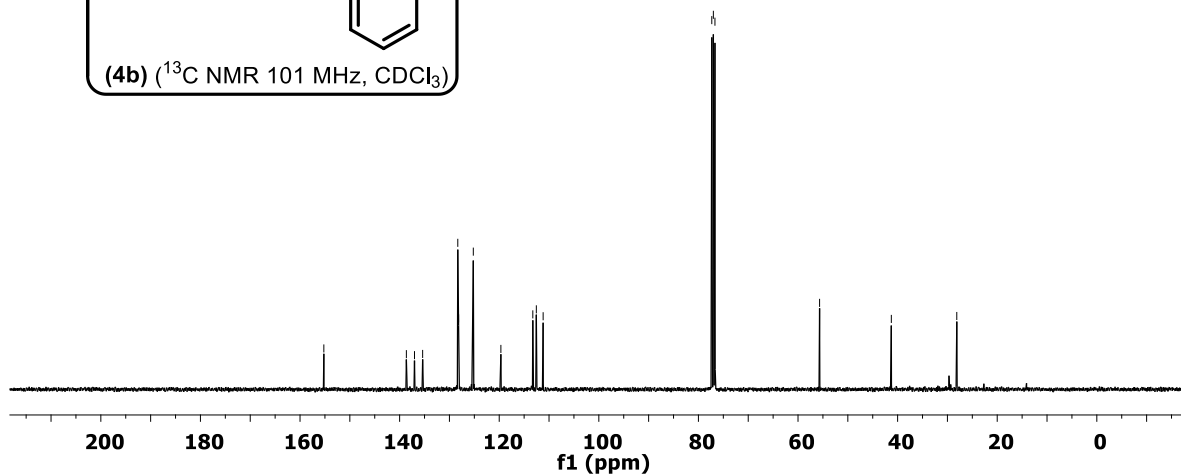
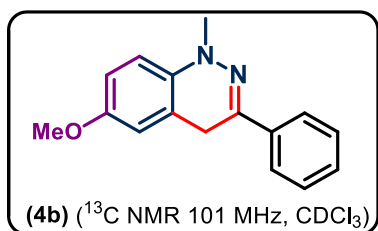
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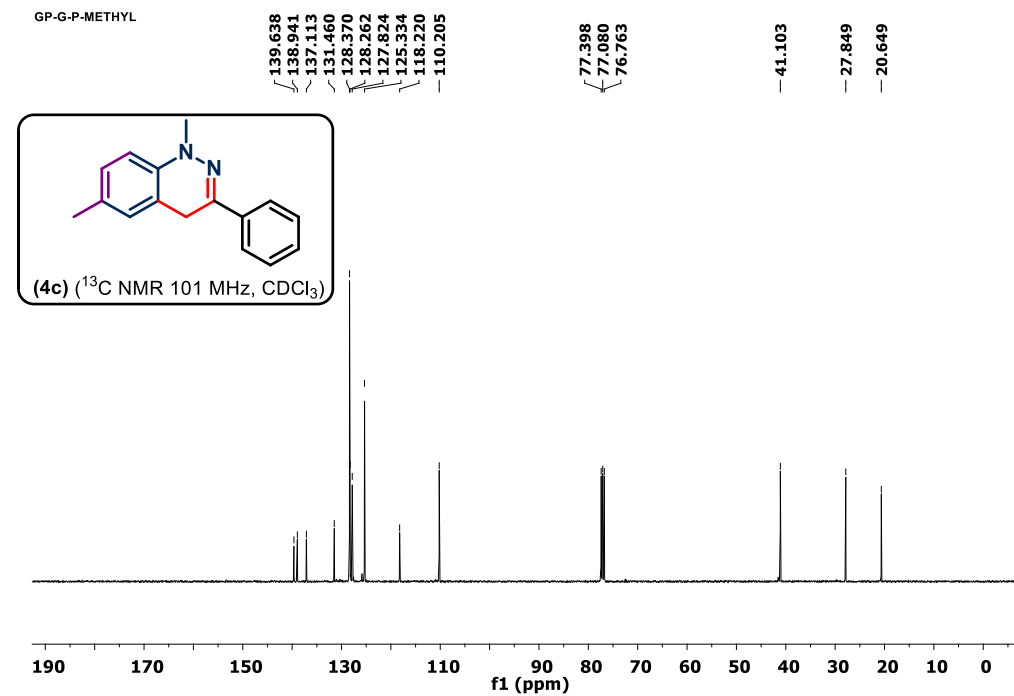
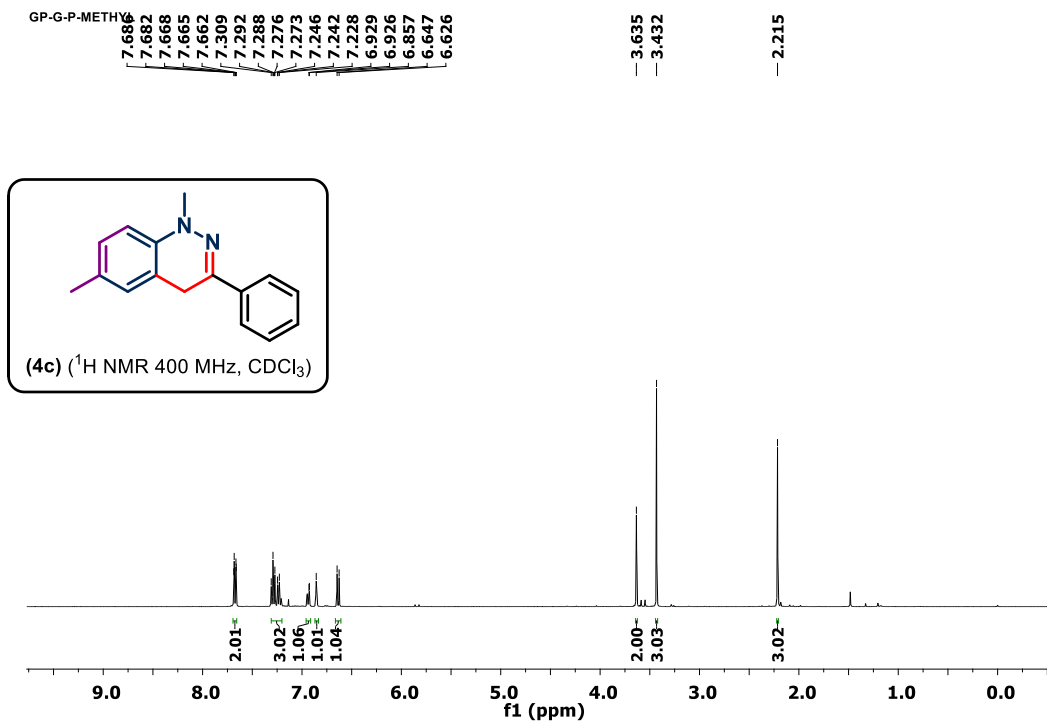
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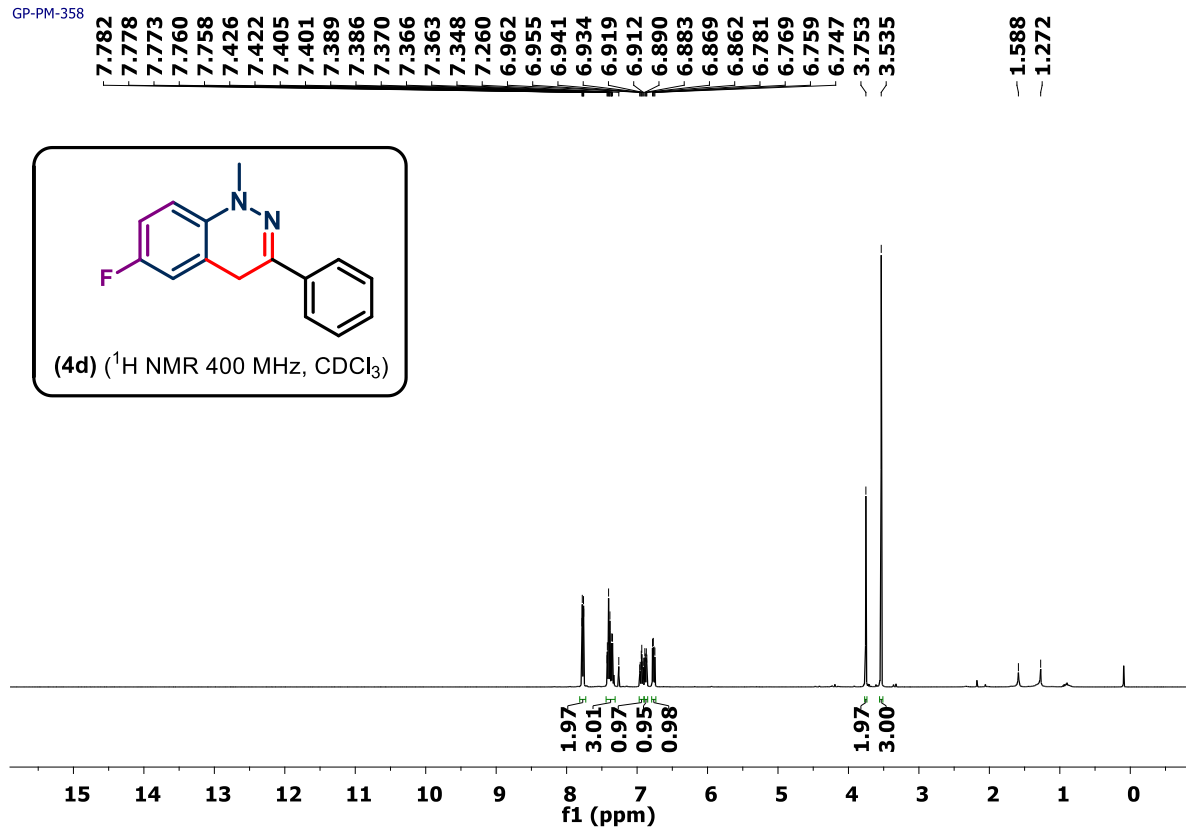
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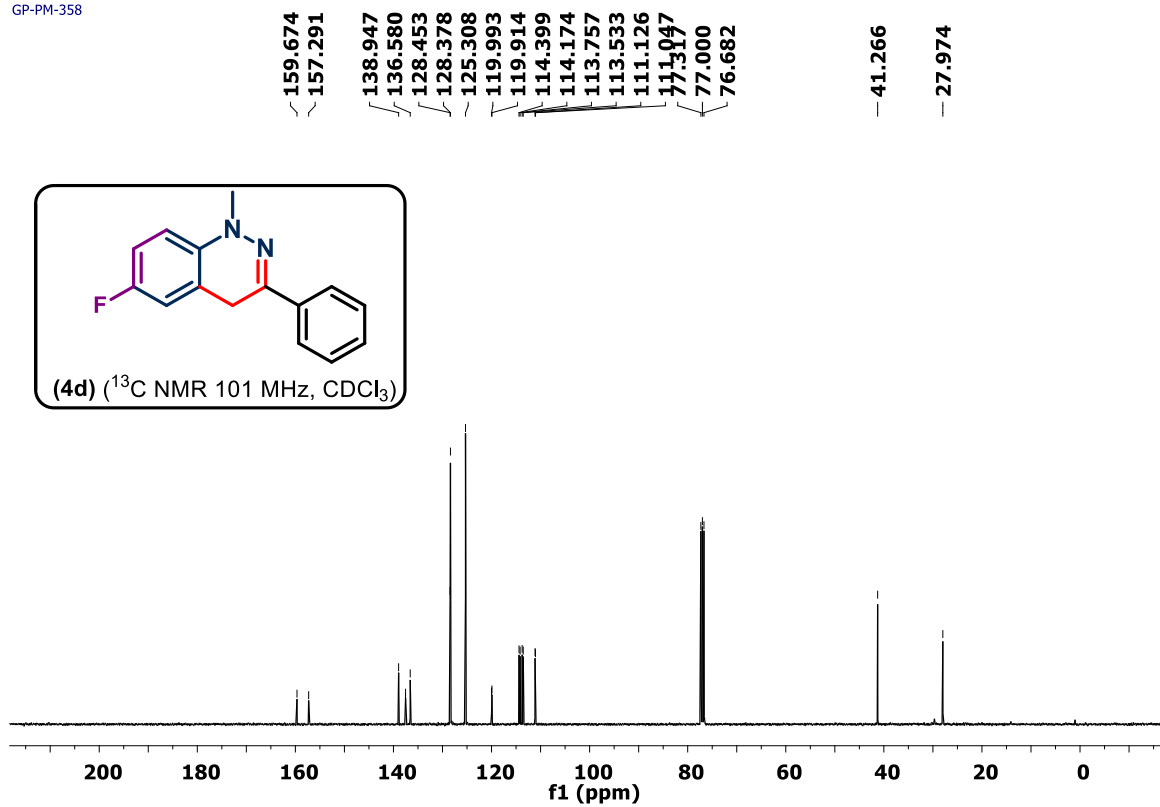




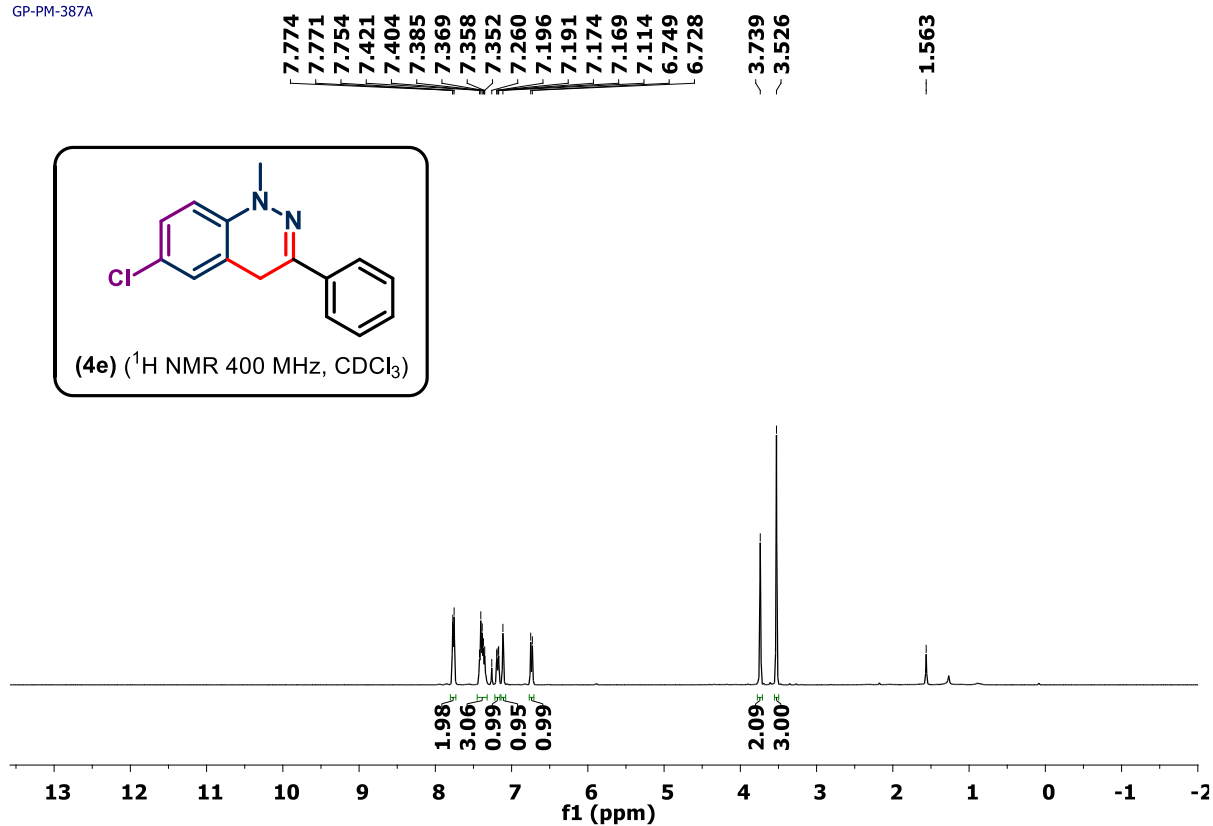
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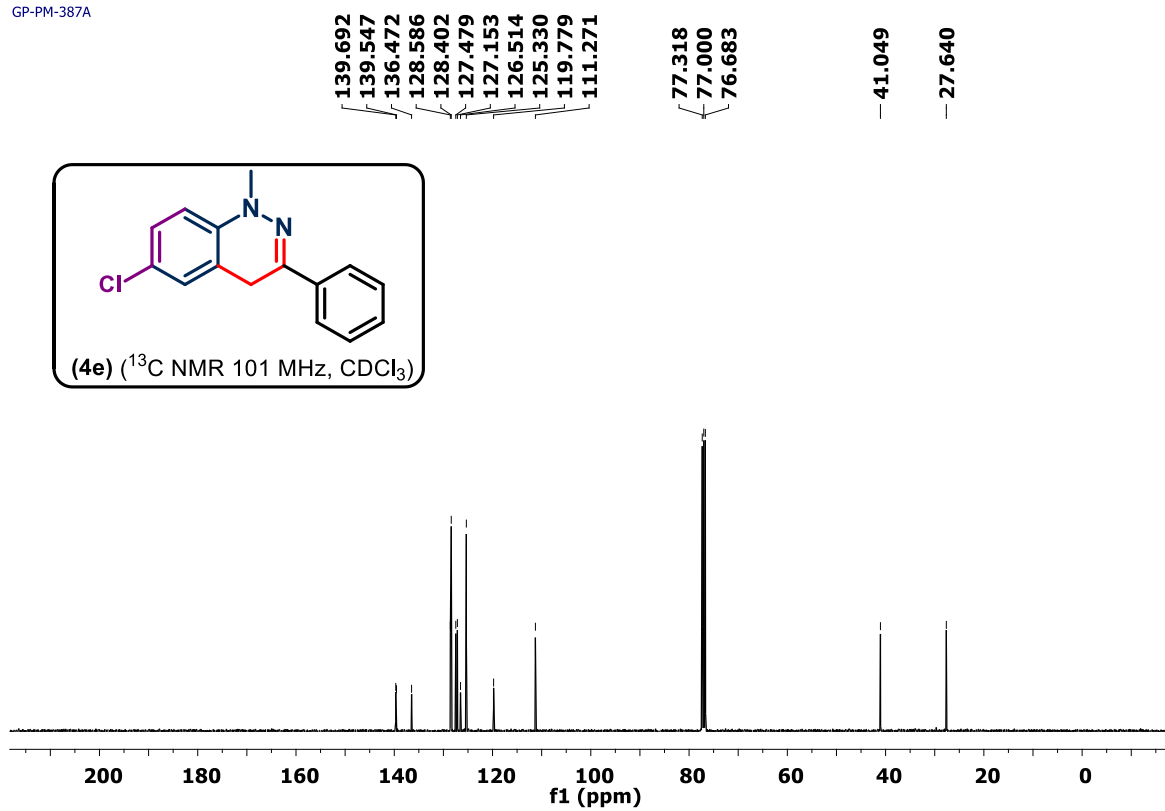
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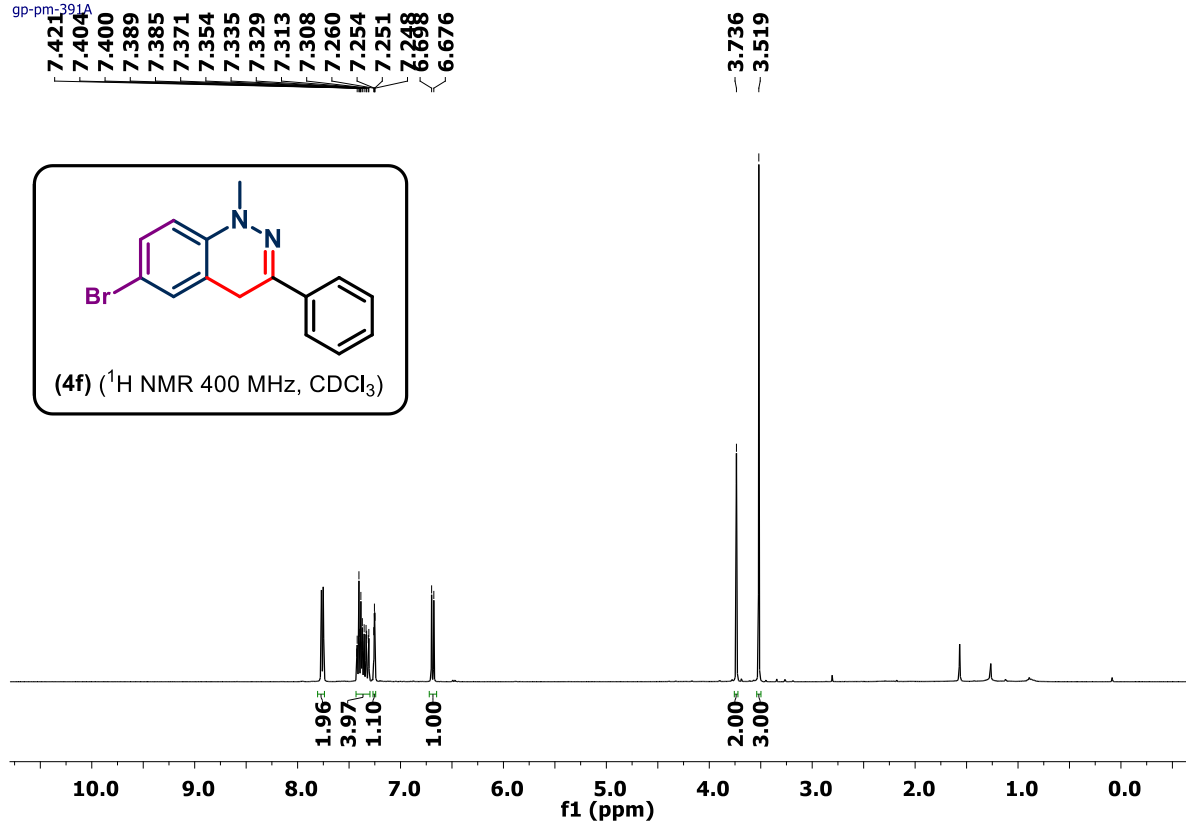
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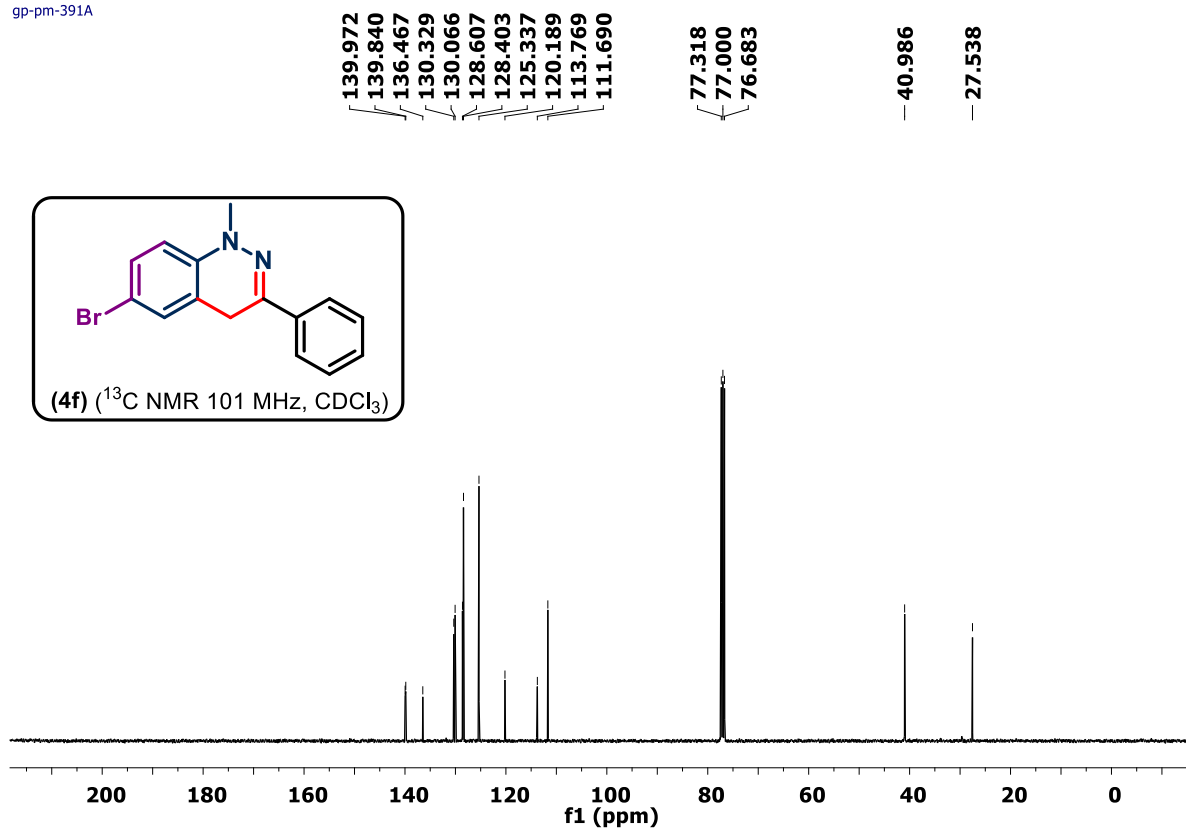
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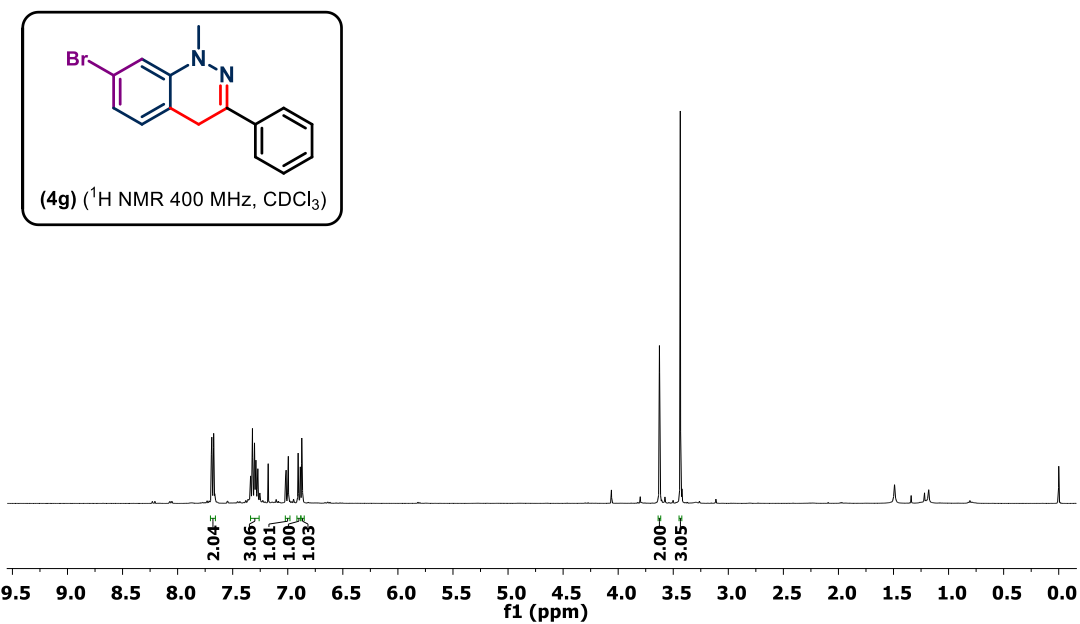


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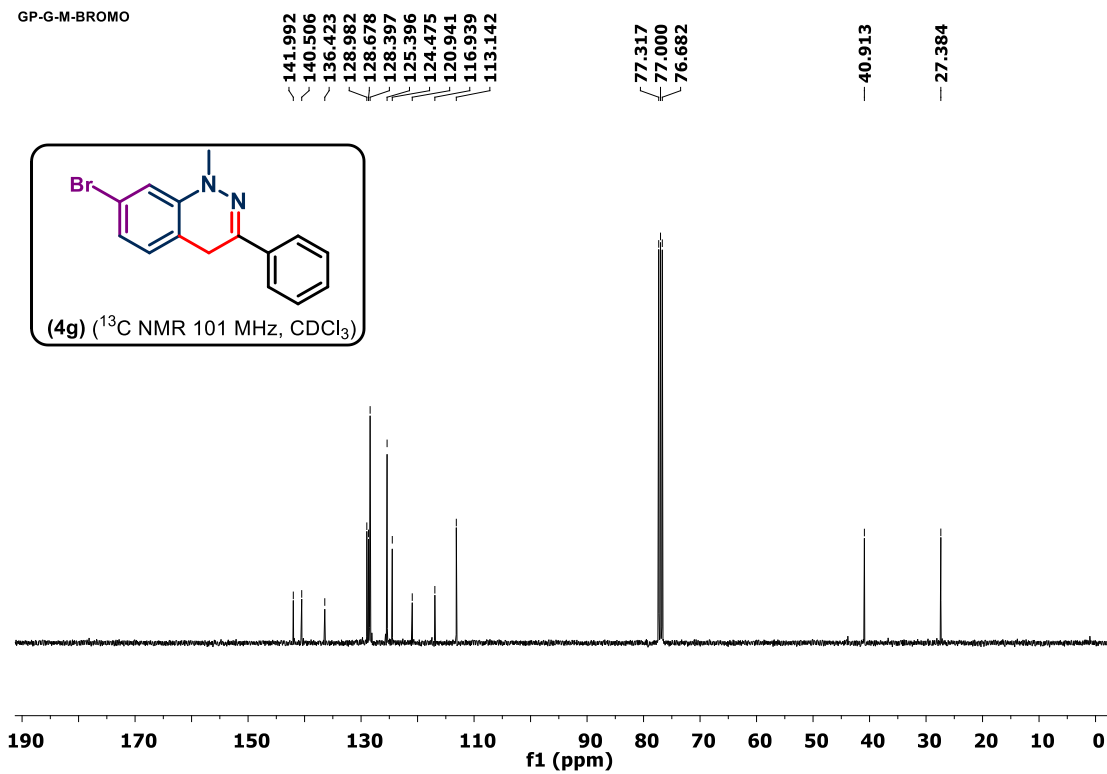


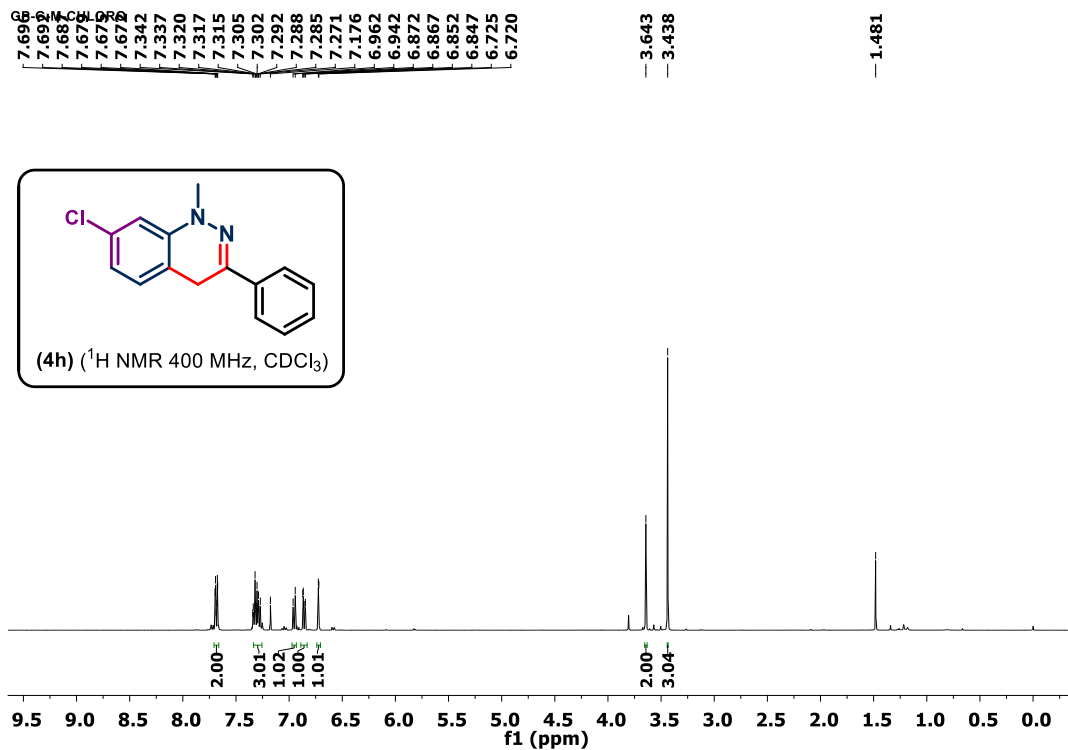


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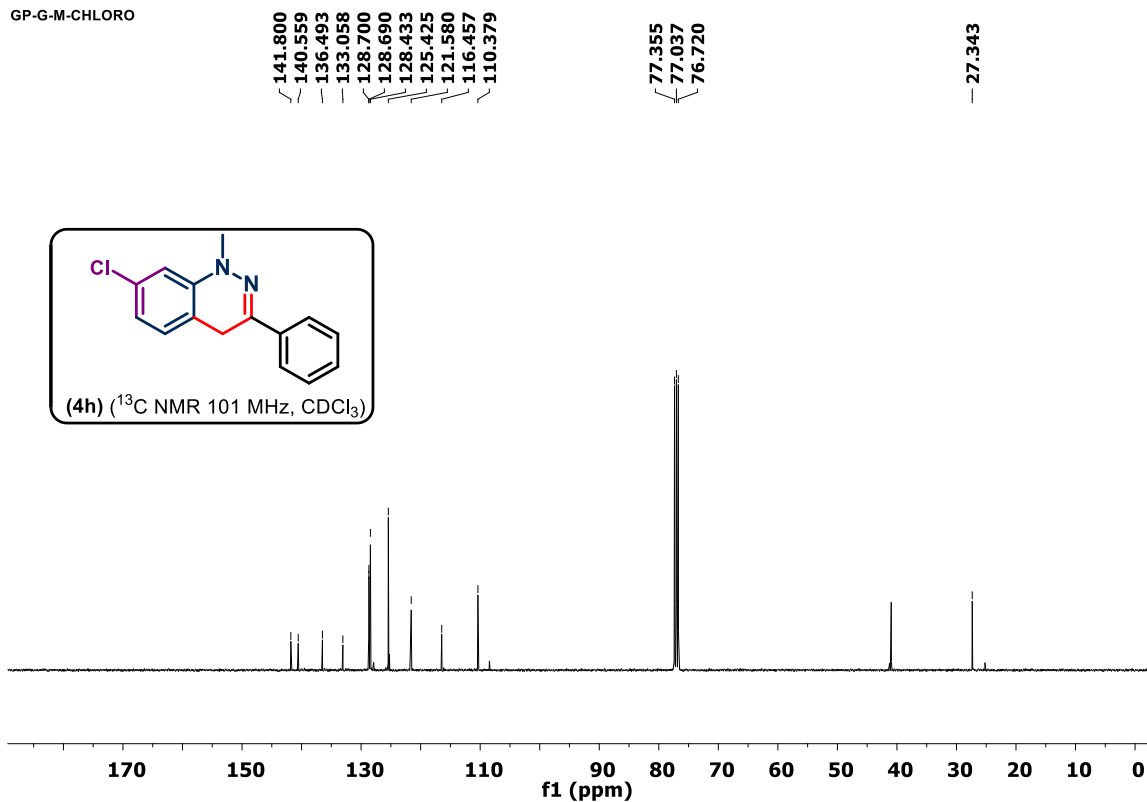


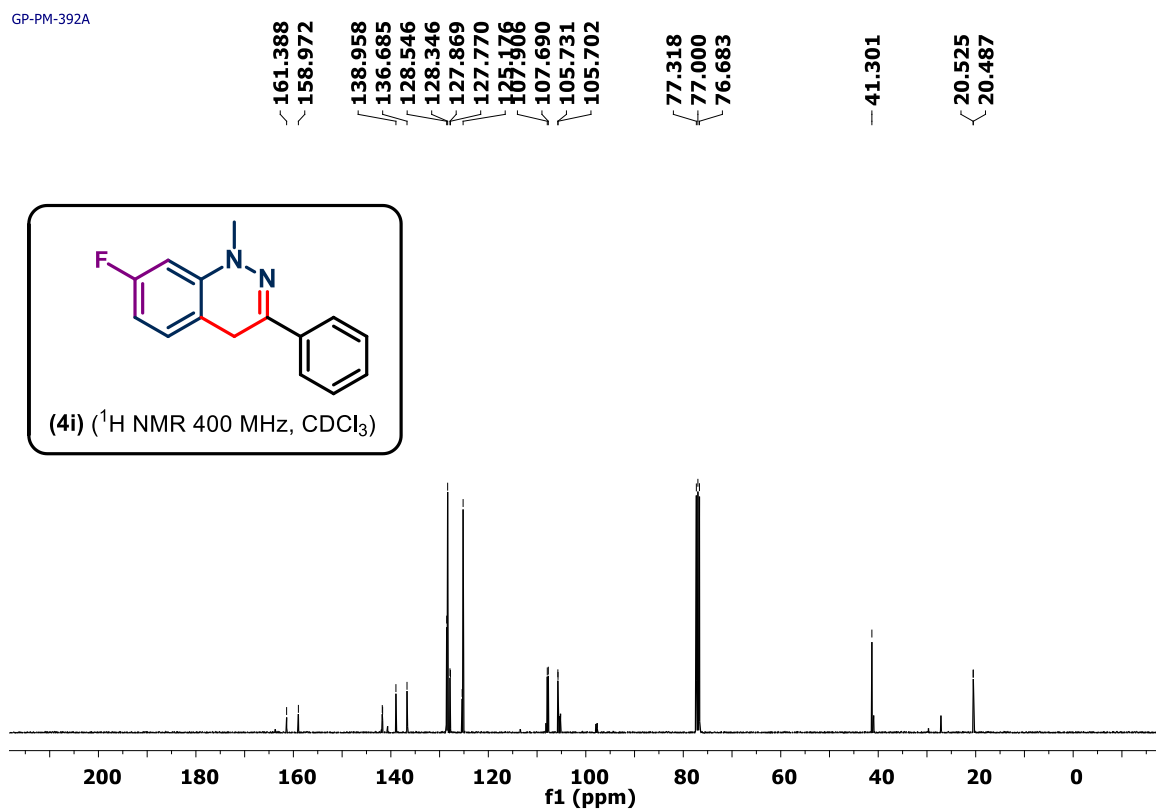
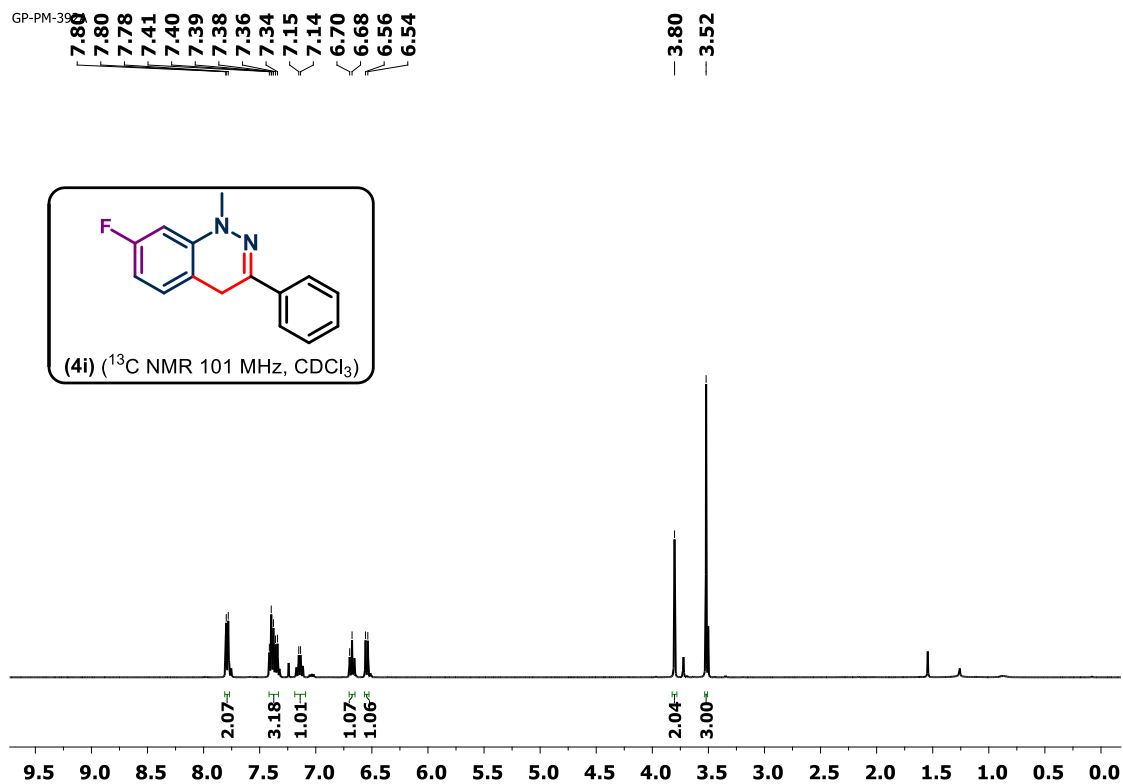
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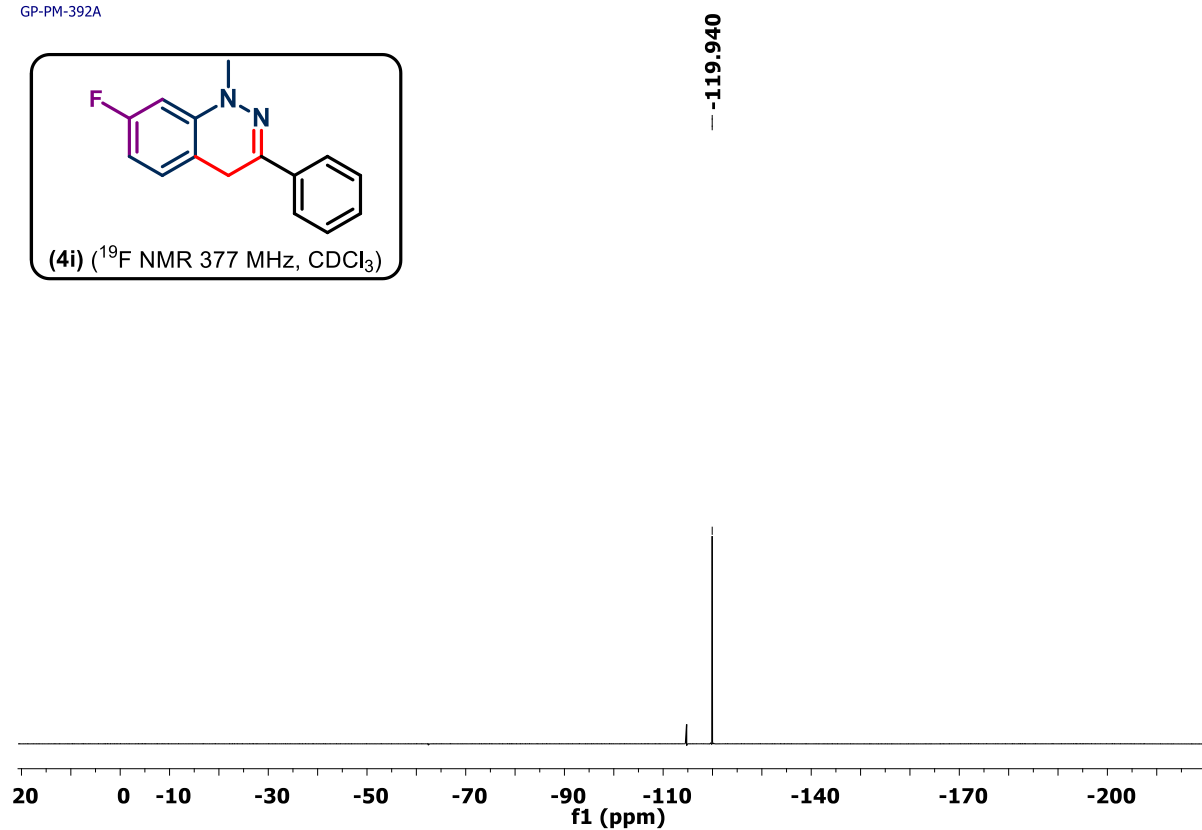
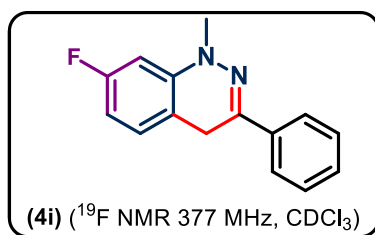


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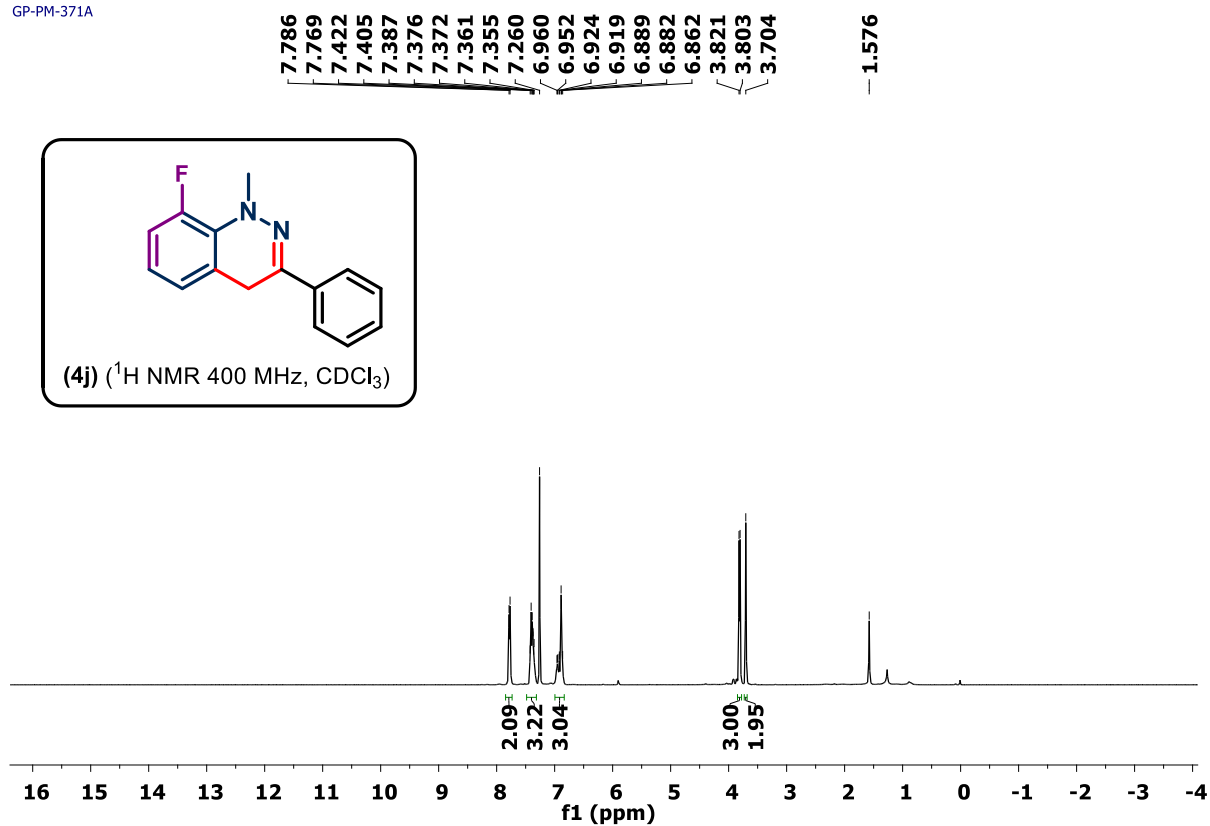




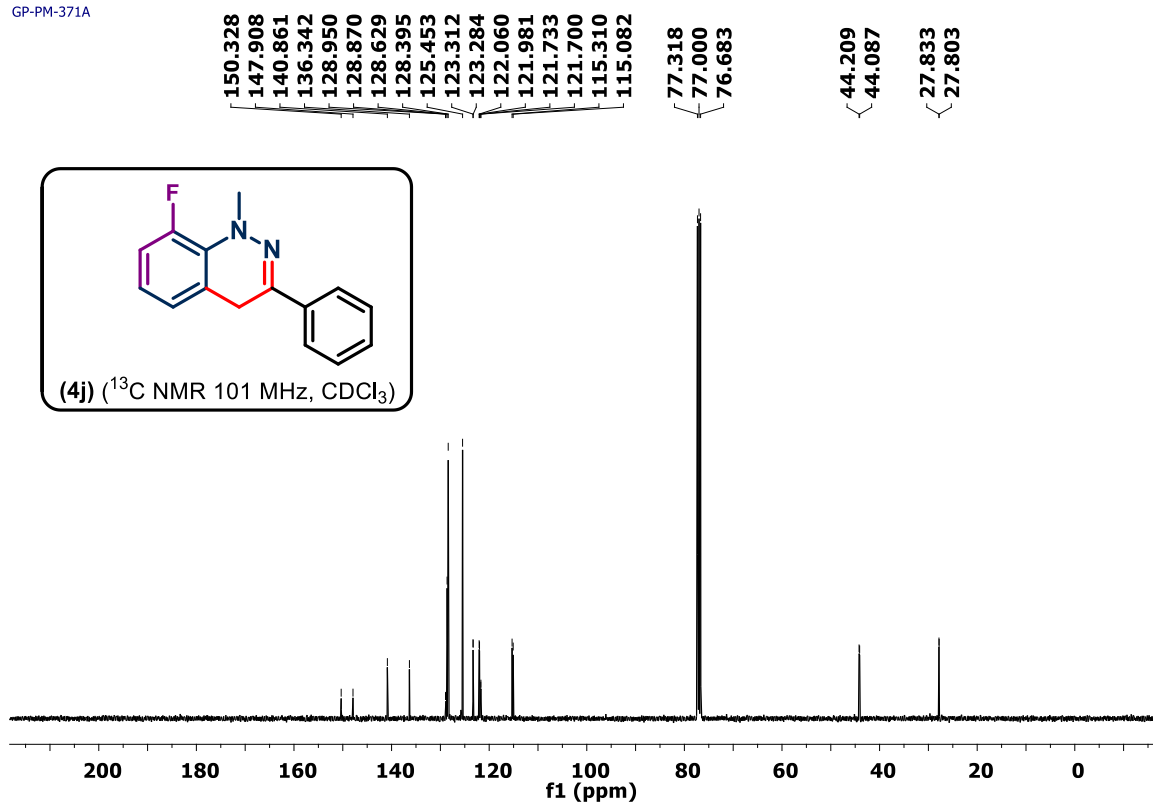
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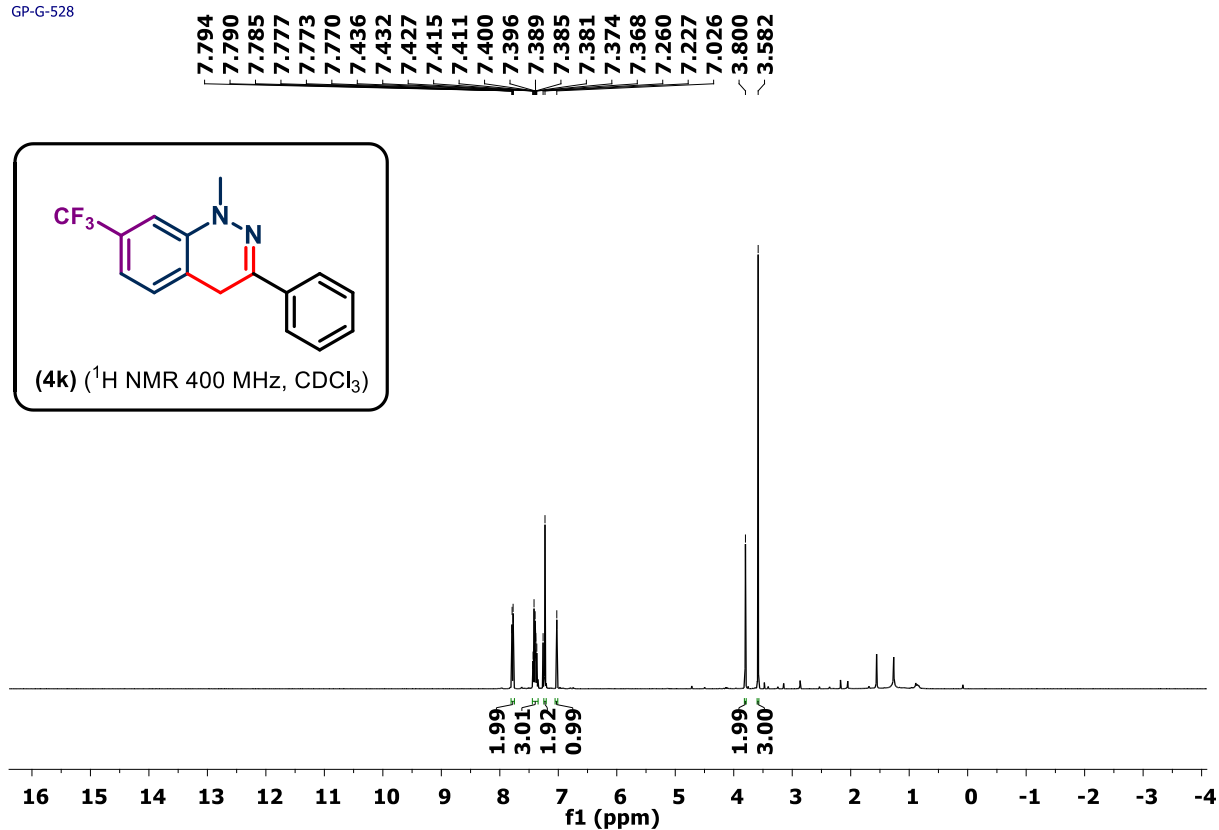
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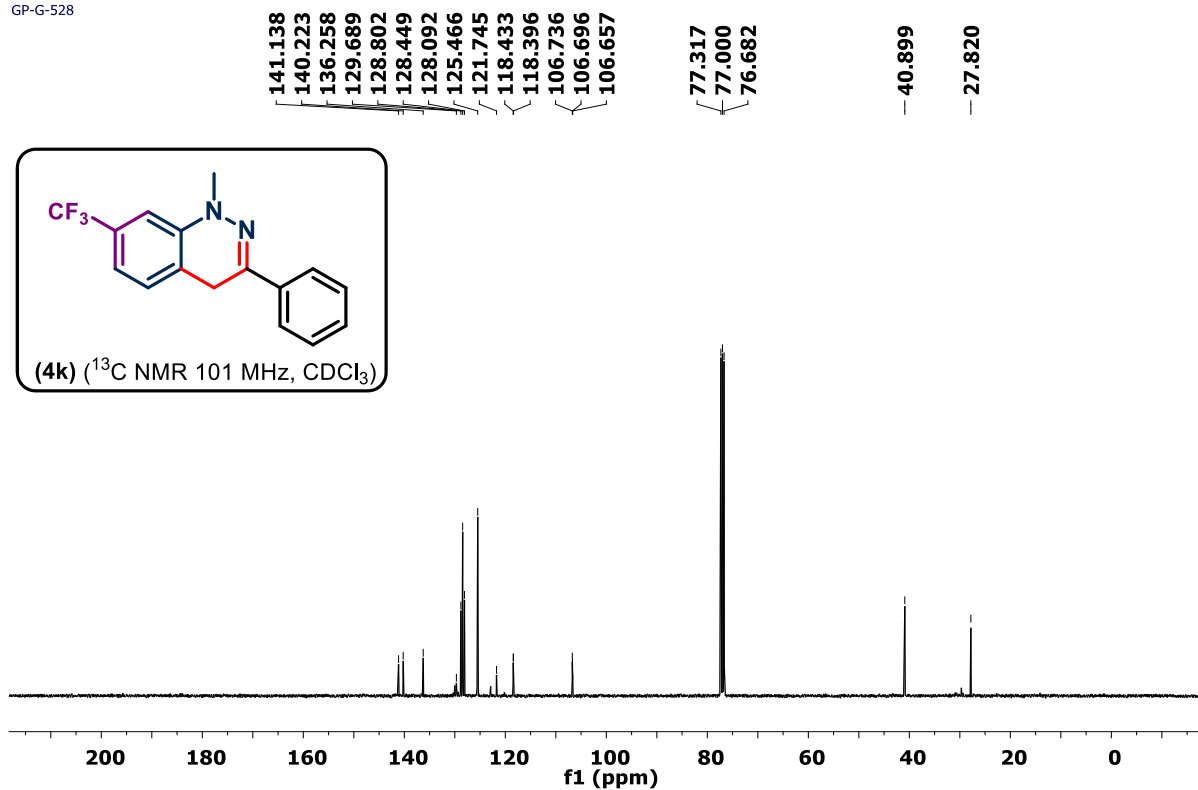
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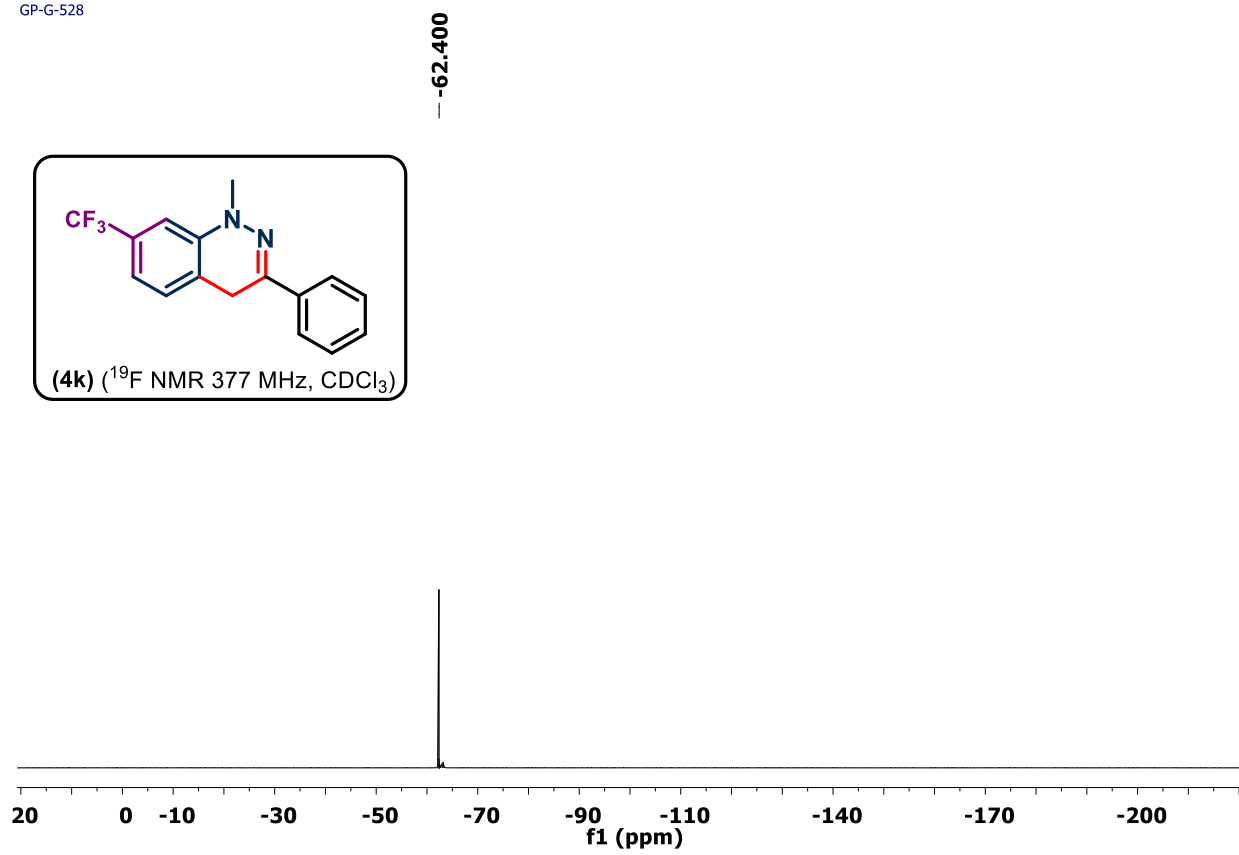


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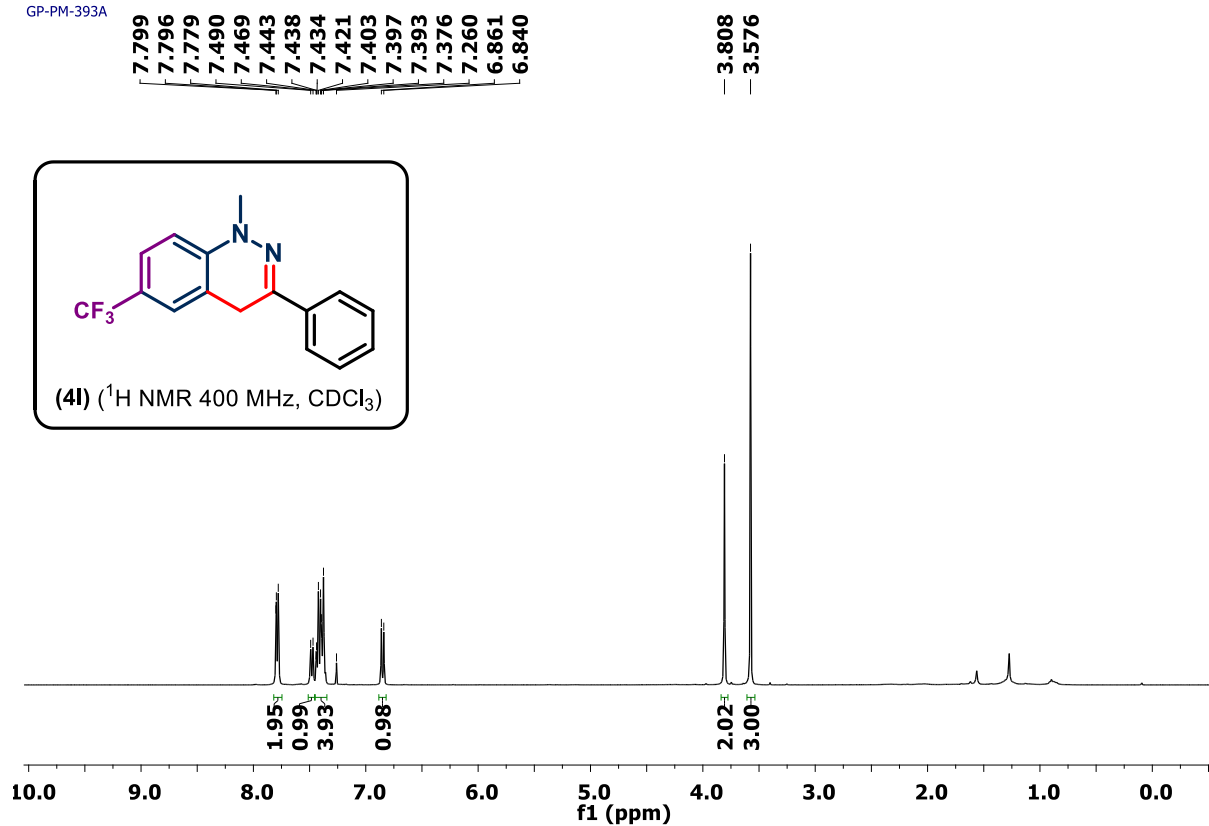


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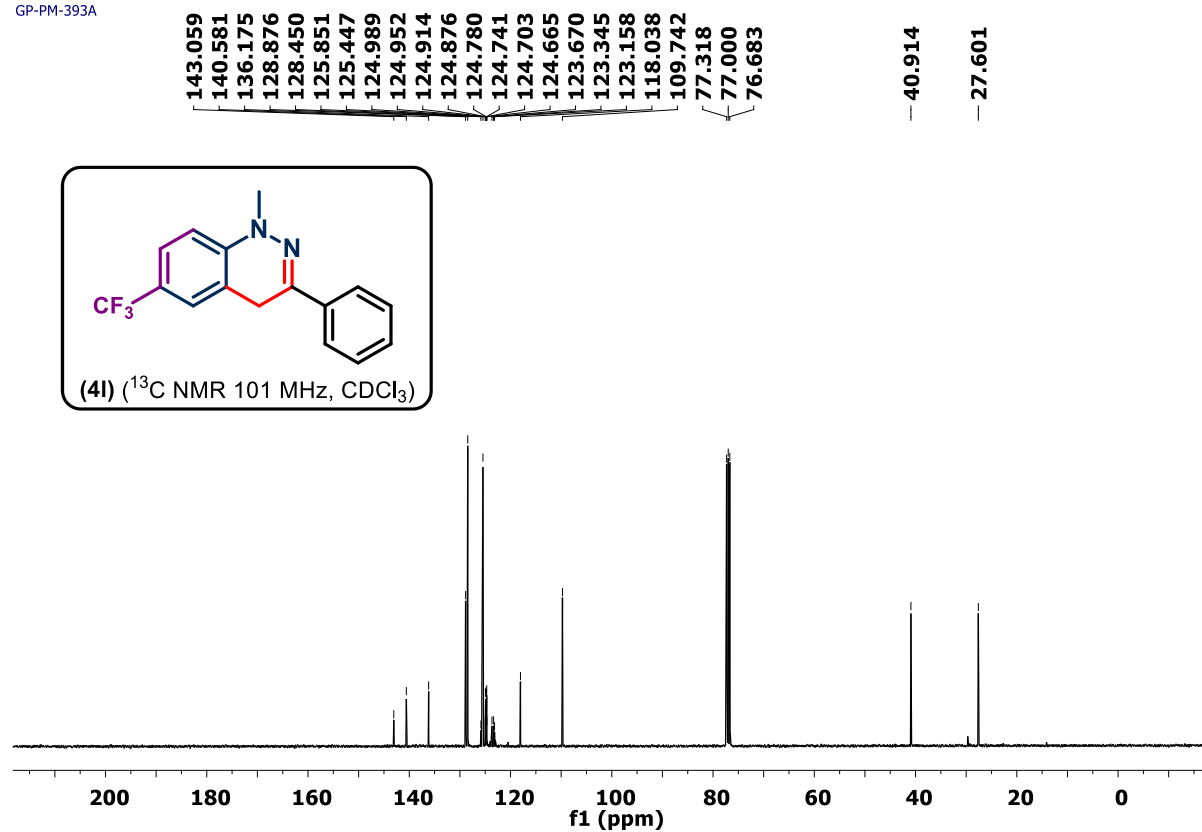




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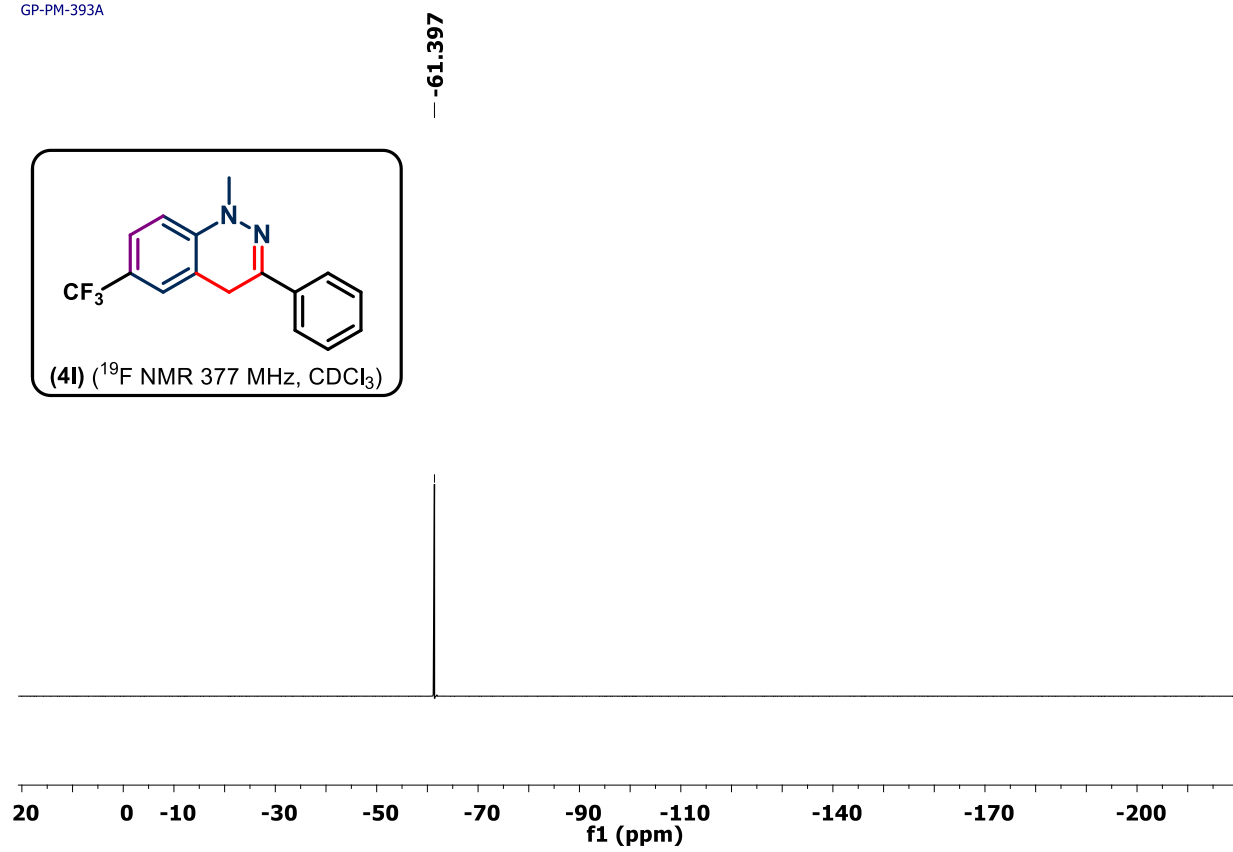


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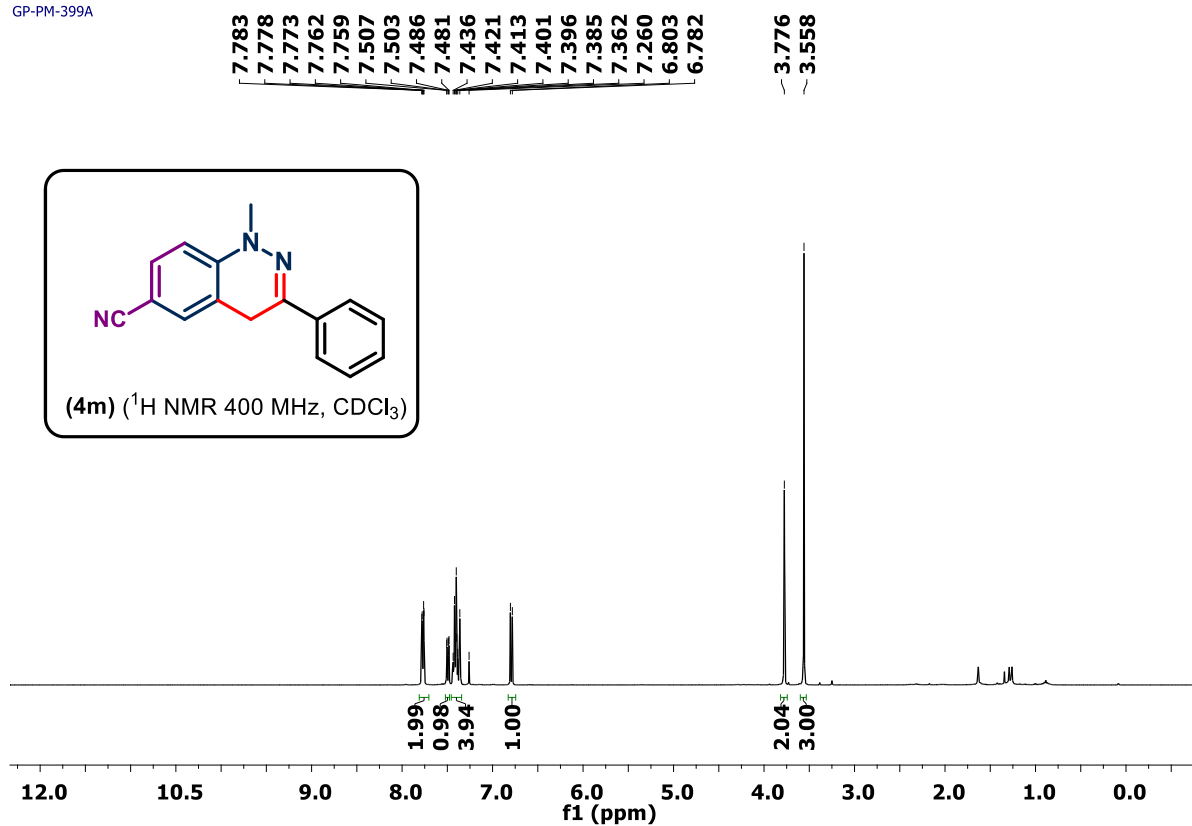




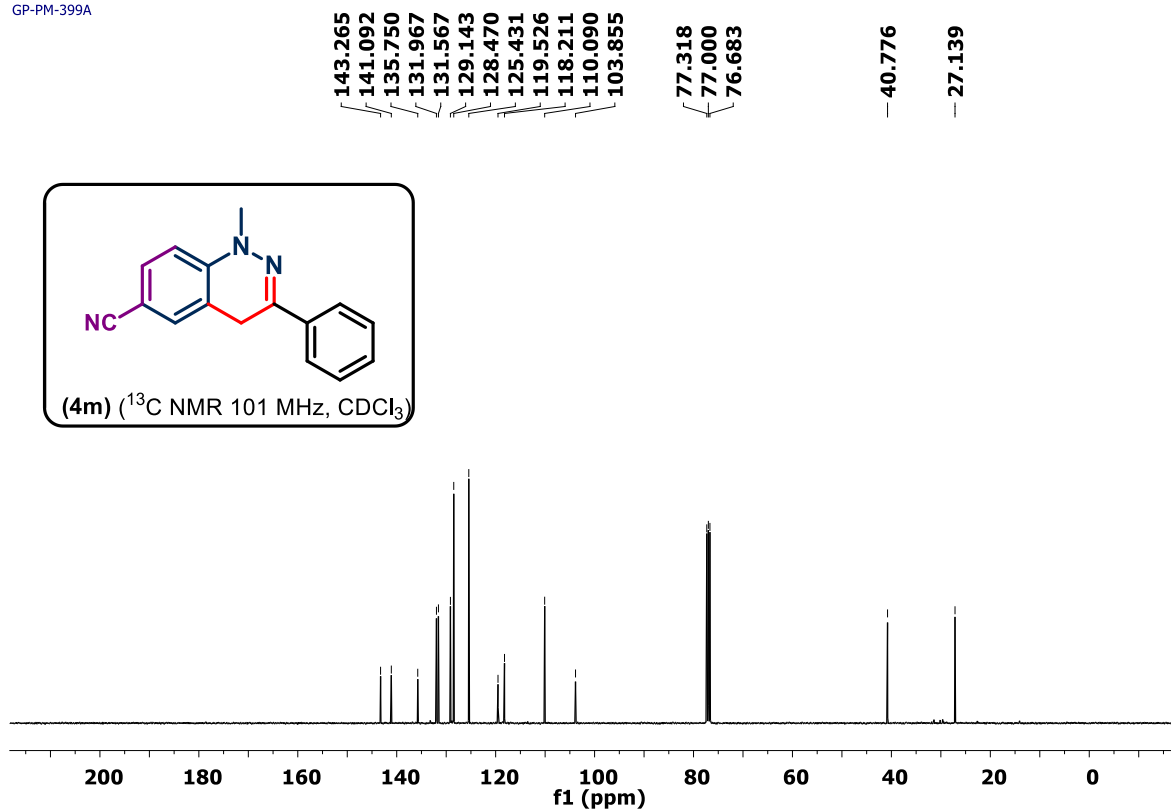
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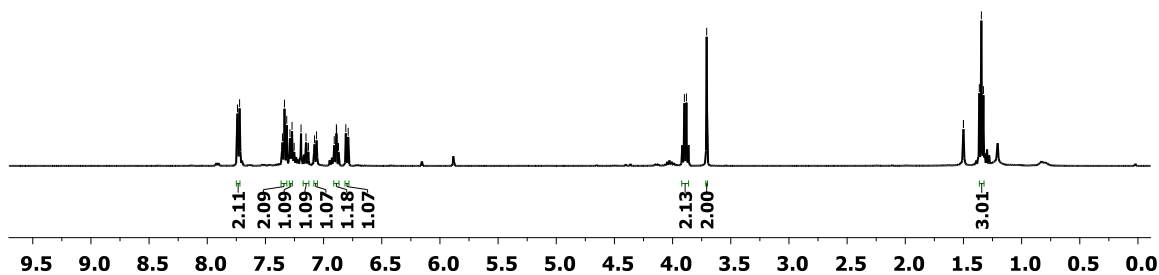
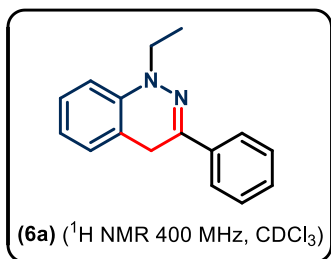
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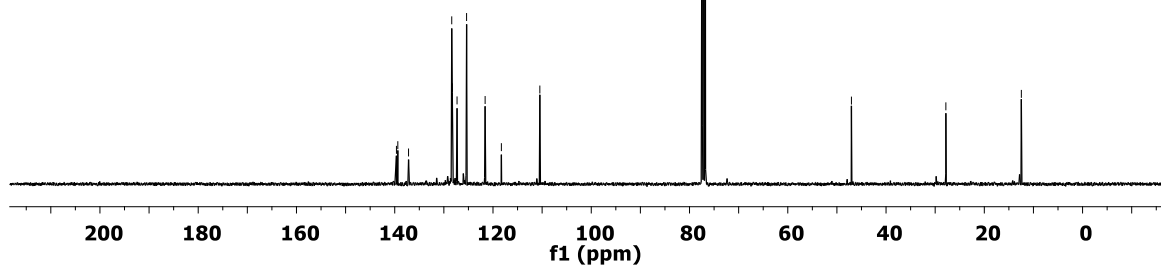
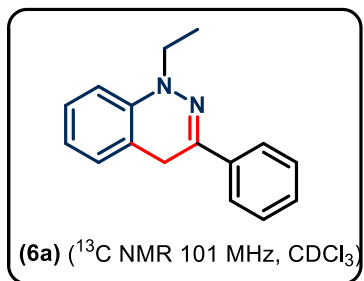
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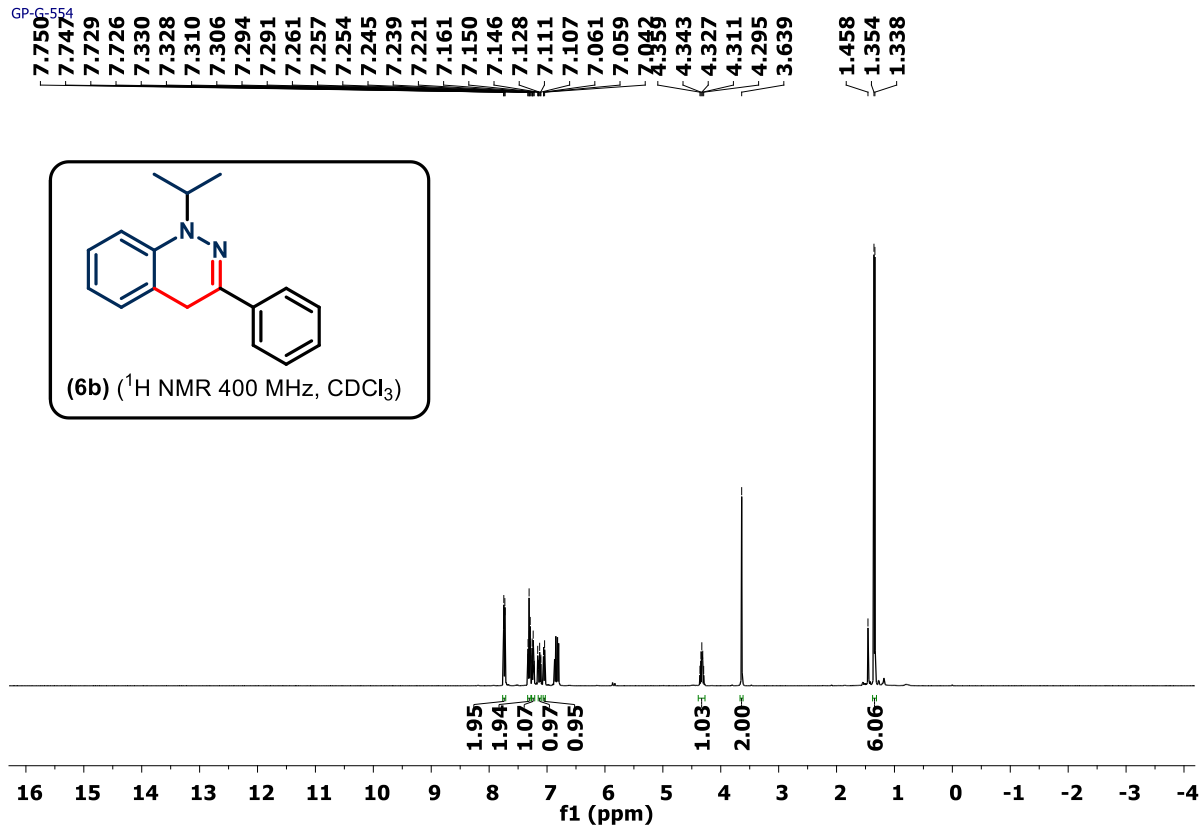
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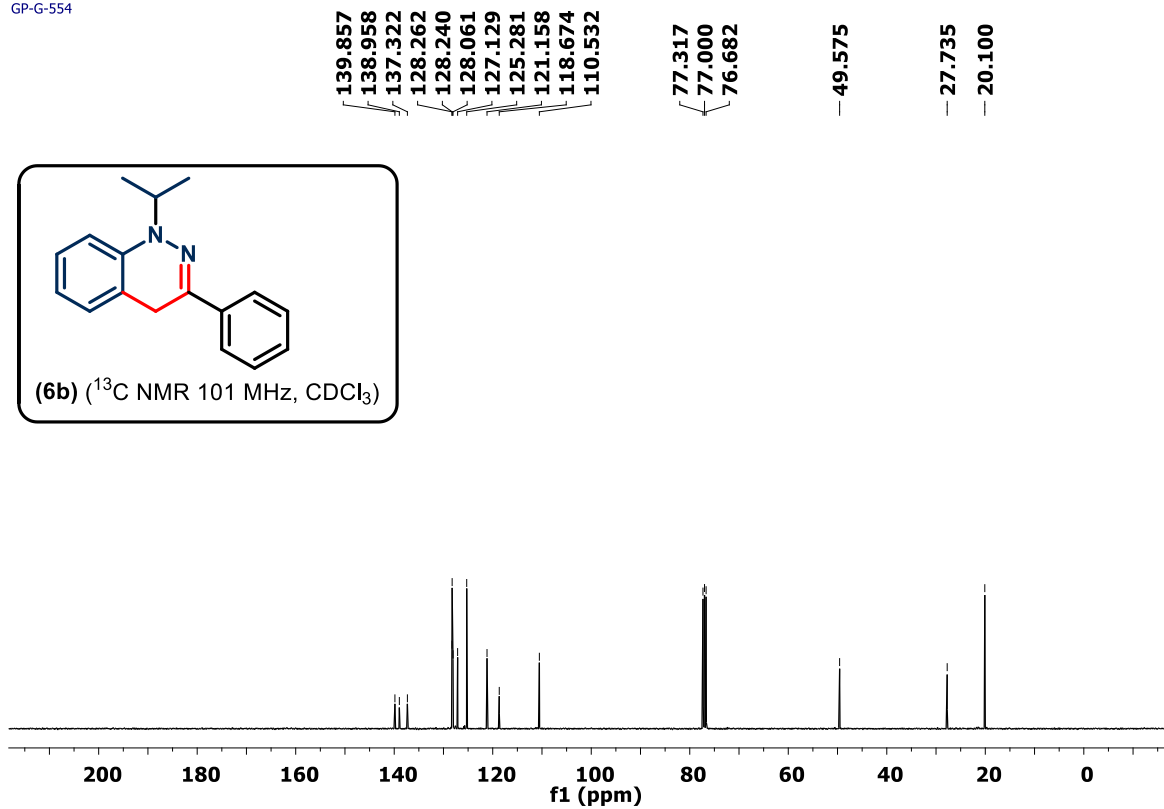
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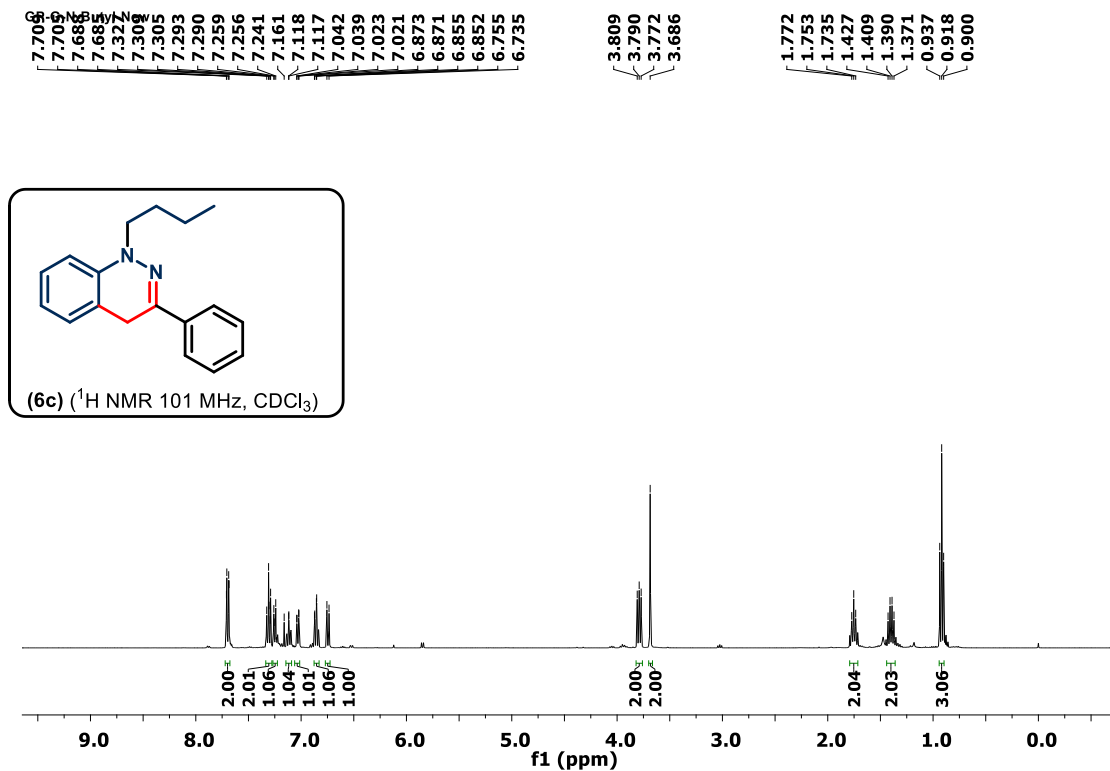


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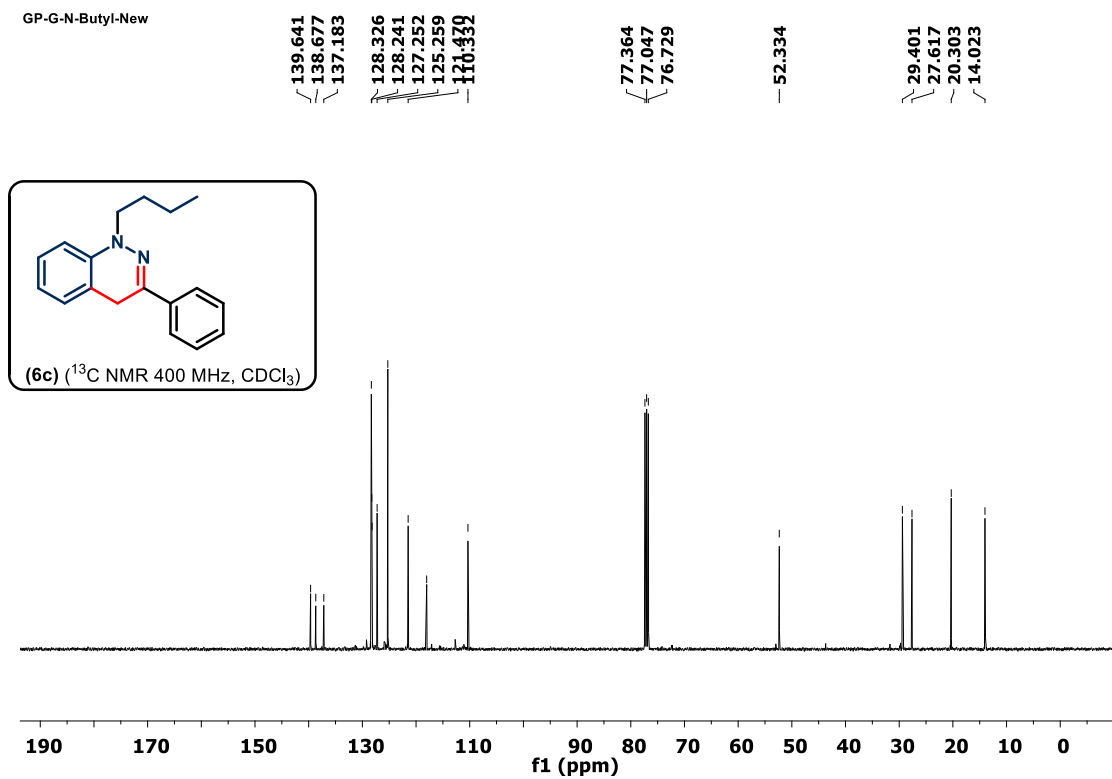


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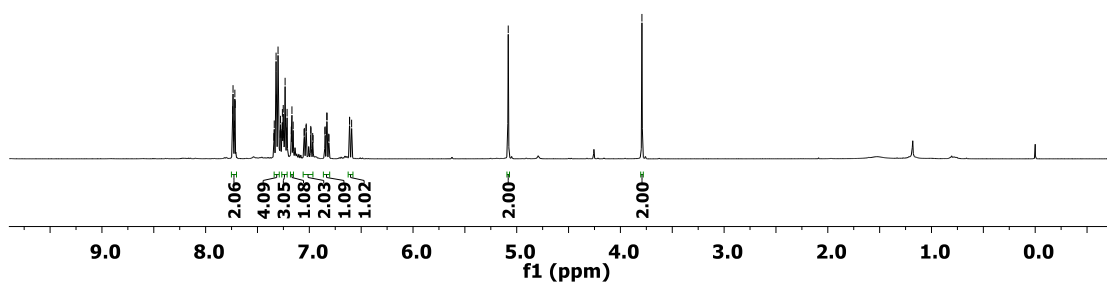
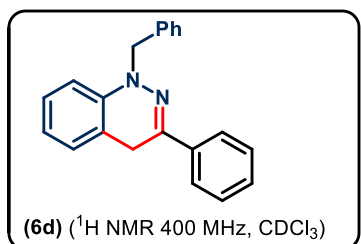


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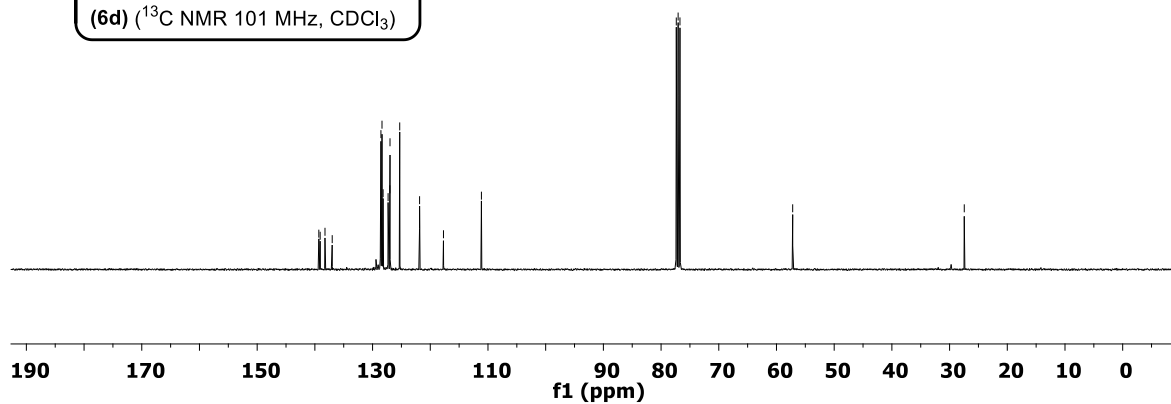
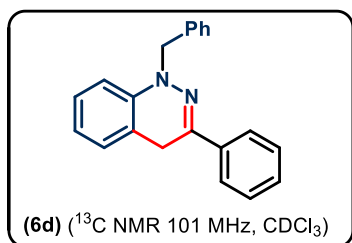
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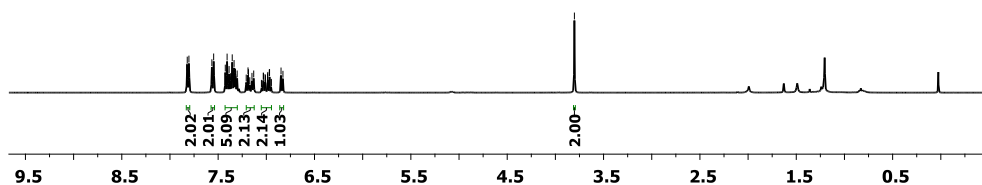
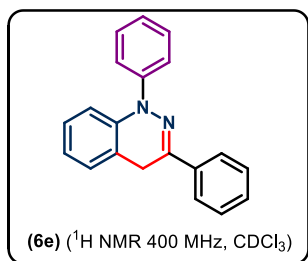


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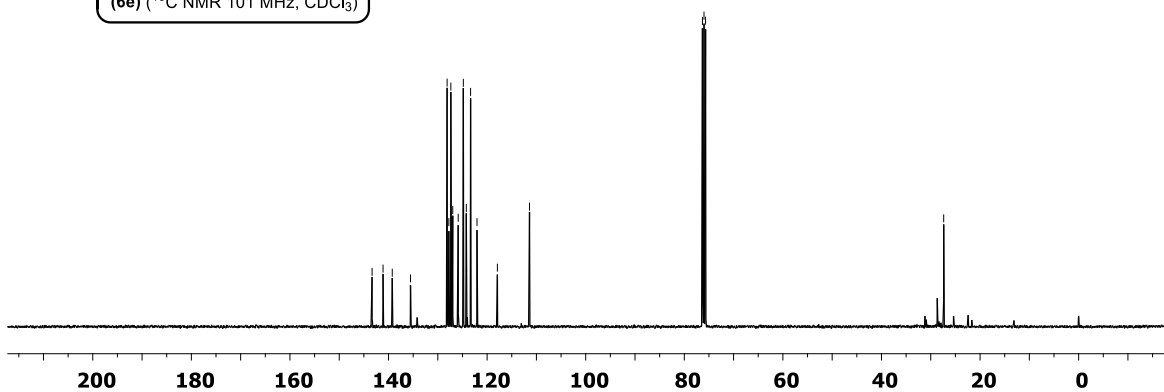
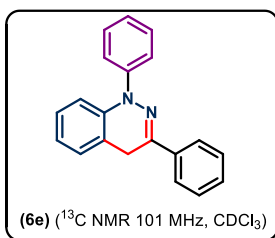
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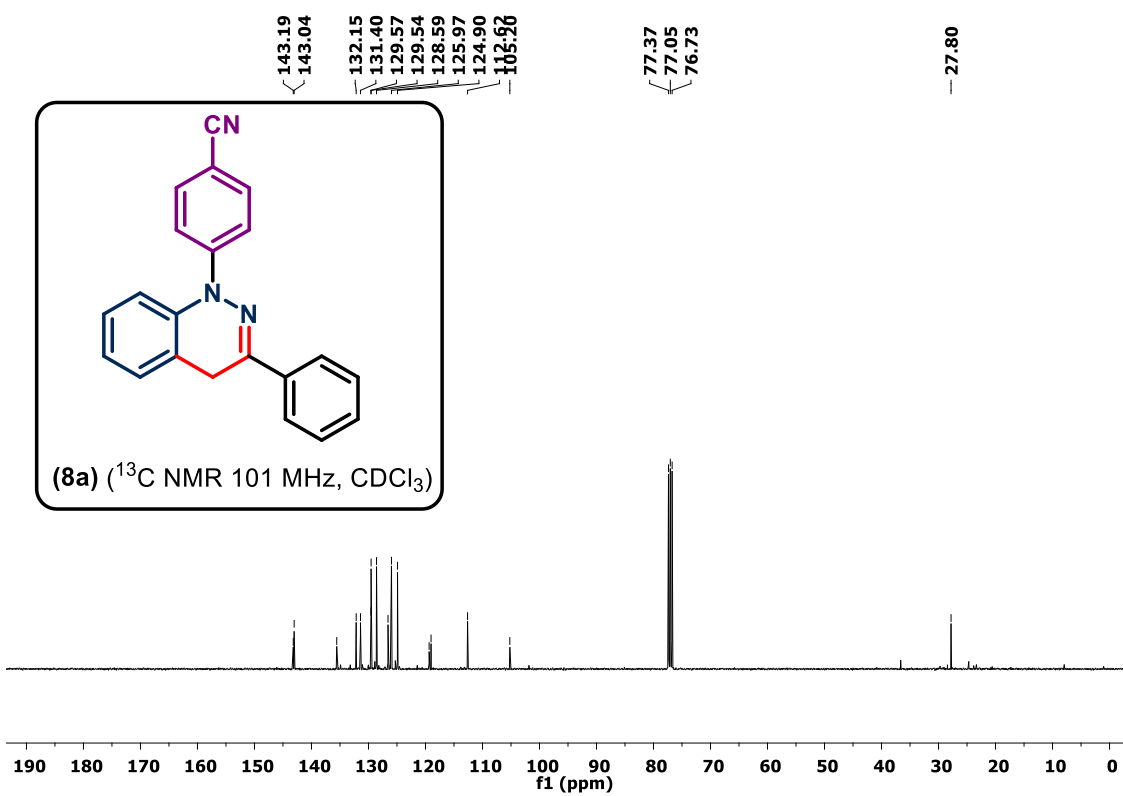
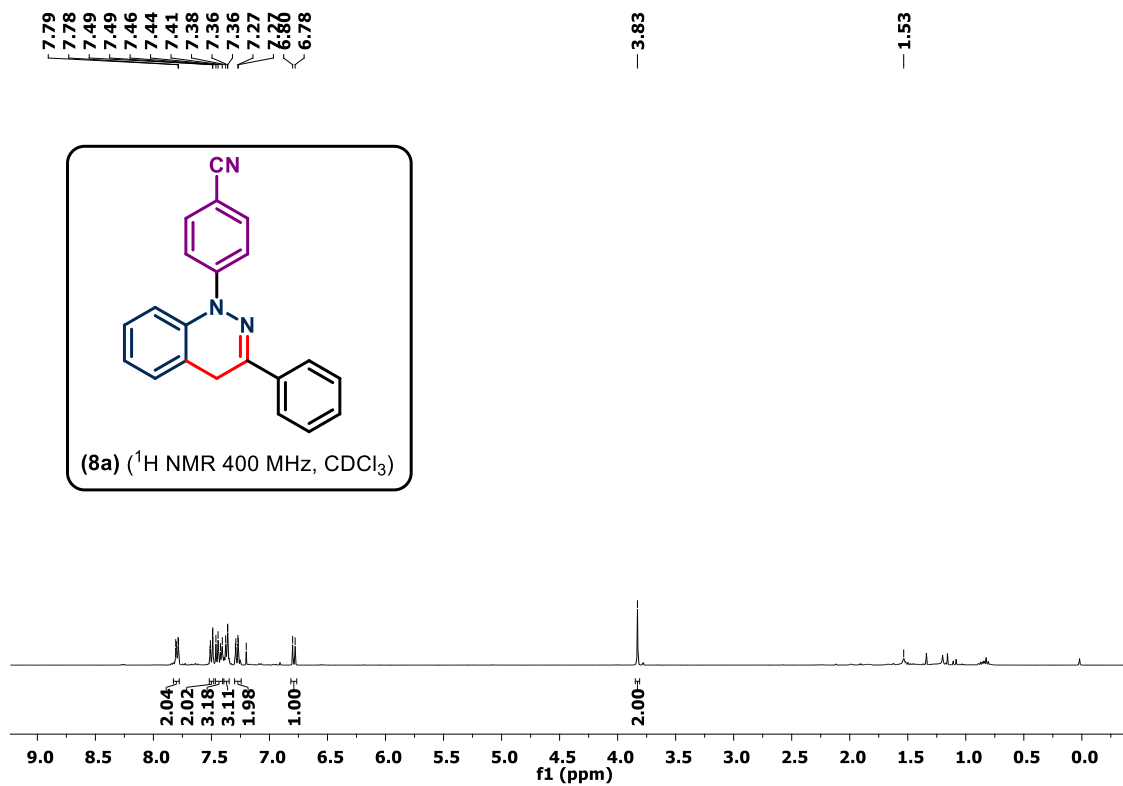


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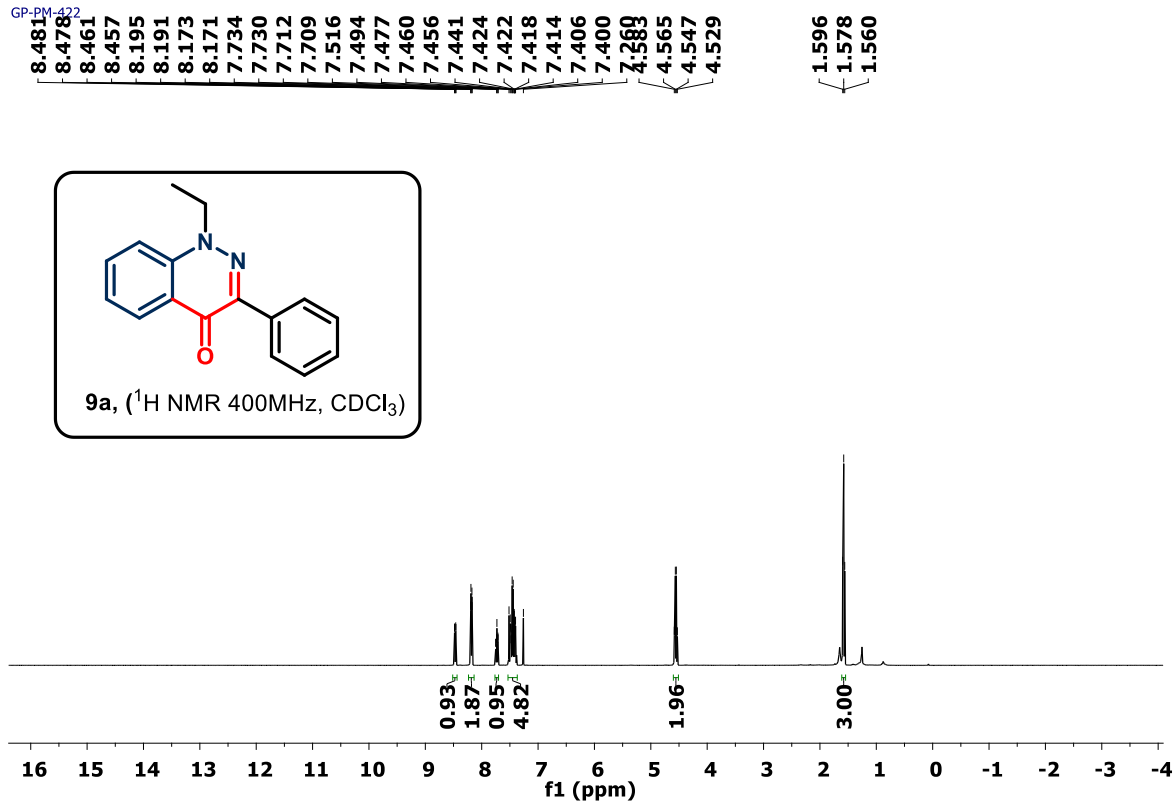
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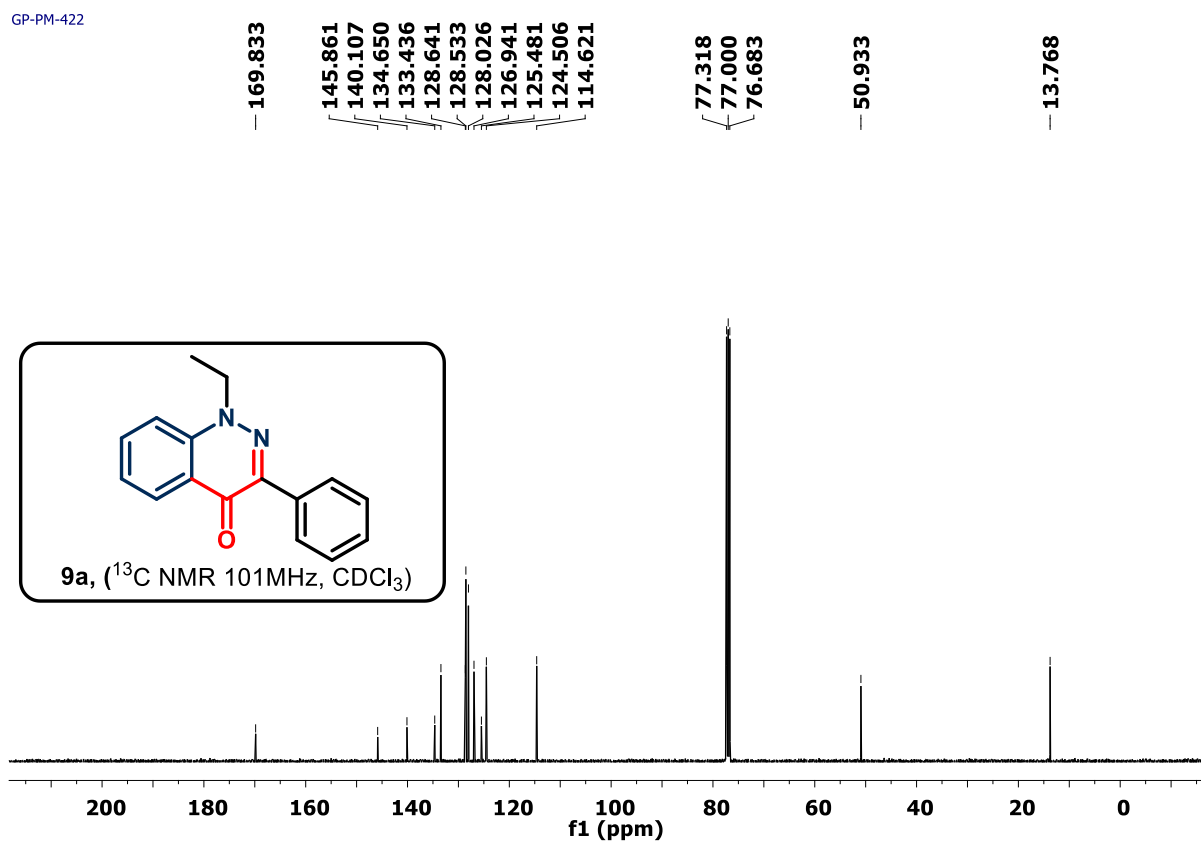




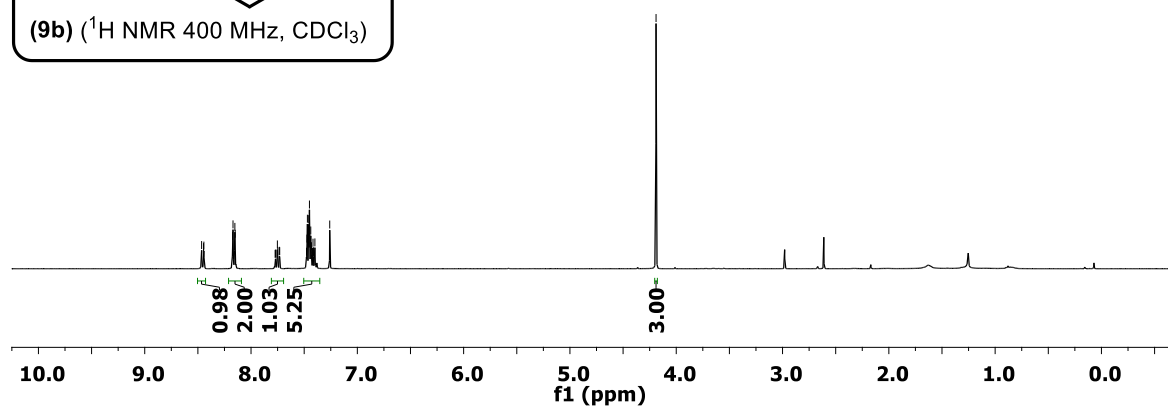
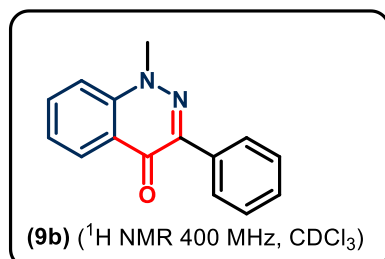
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