

## Concise Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis of (*R*)-4-Amino Uhle's Ketone

Francesca Bartoccini, Alessio Regni, Michele Retini and Giovanni Piersanti\*

Department of Biomolecular Sciences, University of Urbino Carlo Bo, Piazza Rinascimento 6, 61029

Urbino, PU, Italy

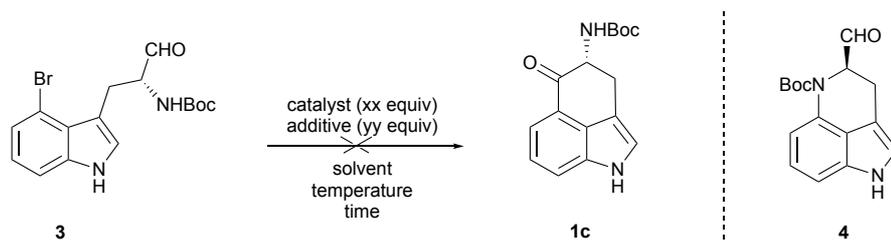
[\\*giovanni.piersanti@uniurb.it](mailto:giovanni.piersanti@uniurb.it)

### Supporting Information

#### Table of contents

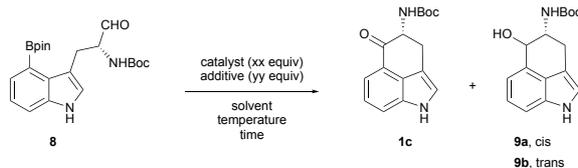
Table S1. Attempts toward the Synthesis of Uhle's ketone <b>1c</b> by Intramolecular Cross-electrophile Coupling	S2
Table S2. Reaction Optimization for Intramolecular Cyclization of <b>8</b>	S3
Scheme S1. Synthesis of other enantiomer of 4-amino-Uhle's ketone <i>ent-1</i>	S4
Copies of <sup>1</sup> H NMR and <sup>13</sup> C NMR spectra	S5
Copies of HPLC spectra	S13

**Table S1. Attempts toward the Synthesis of Uhle's Ketone **1c** by Intramolecular Cross-electrophile Coupling<sup>a</sup>**



entry	catalyst (equiv)	additive (equiv)	solvent	<b>3</b> recovered <sup>b</sup>	<b>4</b> yield <sup>b</sup>
1	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (0.1)	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (3)	toluene	0%	9%
2	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	TBAB (1) pyrrolidine (2) MS 4A	DMF	10%	10%
3	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	TBHP (5) Ag <sub>2</sub> O (1.2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	0%	0%
4 <sup>c</sup>	Pd <sub>2</sub> dba <sub>3</sub> (0.05)	Xantphos (0.10) NaO <i>t</i> -Bu (1.3)	dioxane	13%	0%

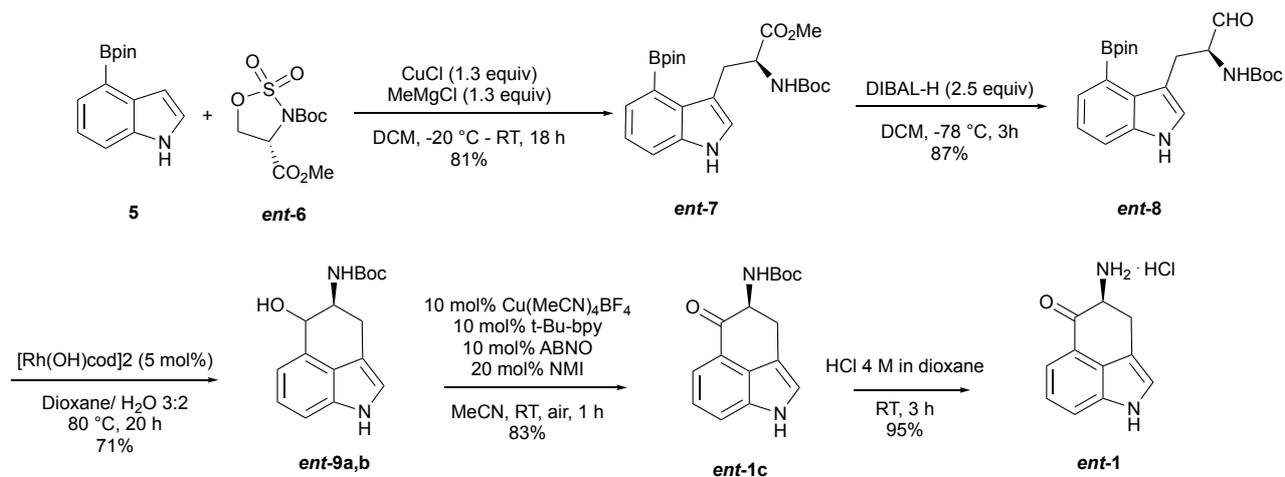
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **3** (0.1 mmol), heated at 110 °C for 20 h. <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. No formation of **1c** was observed. <sup>c</sup> *N*-*tert*-Butylhydrazones, obtained from **3** (0.19 mmol), *N*-*tert*-butyl hydrazine hydrochloride (0.21 mmol), DIPEA (0.21 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) at RT for 4 h, was used. TBAB = *tetra-n*-butylammonium bromide; TBHP = *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide; Xantphos = 4,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)-9,9-dimethylxanthene; DIPEA = *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine.

**Table S2. Reaction Optimization for Intramolecular Cyclization of 8<sup>a</sup>**

entry	catalyst (equiv)	additive (equiv)	solvent	<b>8</b> recovered <sup>b</sup>	<b>9a,b</b> yield <sup>b</sup>
1	Rh <sub>2</sub> (OAc) <sub>4</sub> (0.03)	P( <i>t</i> -Bu) <sub>3</sub> (0.06) K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1)	H <sub>2</sub> O	92	0
2	[RhCl(cod)] <sub>2</sub>	CsF (2)	dioxane/H <sub>2</sub> O 10:1	0	22
3	[Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.1)	CsF (3)	dioxane/acetone 4:1	0	29
4	[Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.1)	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2) Cyclohexanone (5)	dioxane	0	33
5	[Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.1)	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2) 3-pentanone (5)	dioxane	0	25
6 <sup>c</sup>	[Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	-	dioxane	21	38
7 <sup>d</sup>	[Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	-	dioxane	95	0
8 <sup>c</sup>	[Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	-	xylene	0	10
9 <sup>d</sup>	[Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	-	dioxane/H <sub>2</sub> O 10:1	18	19
10 <sup>d</sup>	[Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.1)	-	THF/H <sub>2</sub> O 7:1	0	47
11	[Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	-	H <sub>2</sub> O/THF (15%v/v)	0	9
12	Rh(OH)cod] <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	dppe (0.01)	dioxane/H <sub>2</sub> O 3:2	0	32
13	Ni(cod) <sub>2</sub> (0.1)	Ipr·HCl (0.1) CsF (3) chlorobenzene (1.2)	toluene/dioxane 1:1	95	0
14 <sup>e</sup>	Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (0.05)	dcype (0.06) acetone (5)	DMSO	94	0
15	[Ru(cymene)Cl] <sub>2</sub> (0.025)	(Cy) <sub>3</sub> P·HBF <sub>4</sub> (0.1) K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> ·3H <sub>2</sub> O (2) 3,3-dimethyl-2-butanone (2)	toluene/H <sub>2</sub> O 10:1	0	0
16	[Pd(allyl)Cl] <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	Ipr·HCl (0.075) Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.5) 2-iodotoluene (2)	dioxane	0	10
17	CoCl <sub>2</sub> (0.05)	dppe (0.05)	THF/CH <sub>3</sub> CN 1:1	95	0

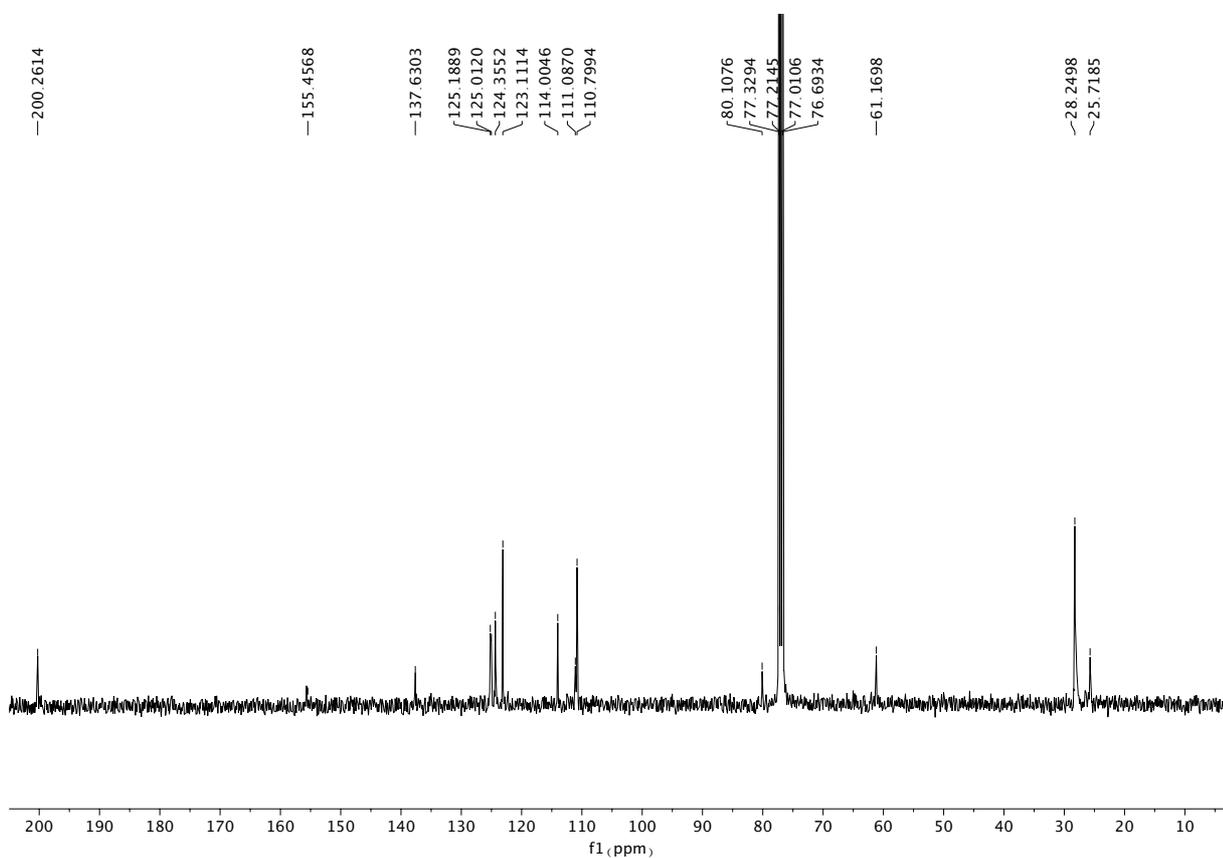
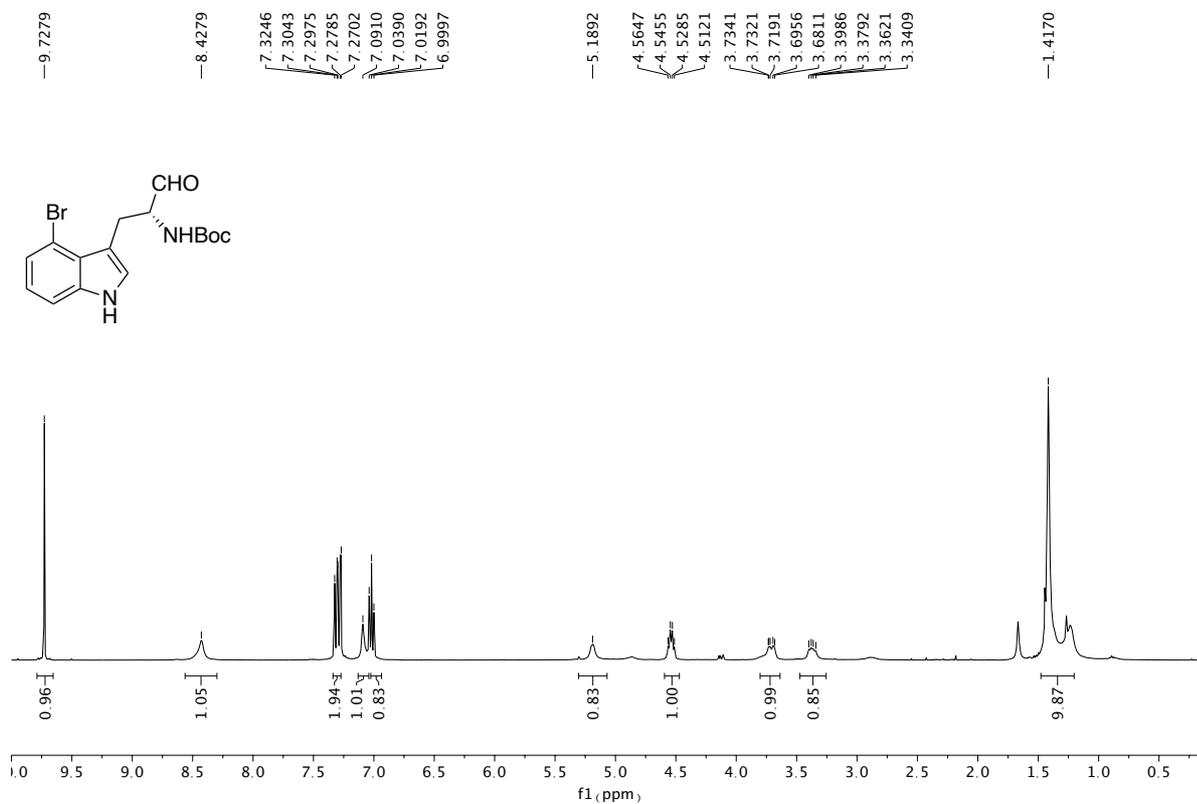
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **8** (0.1 mmol), heated at 80 °C for 20 h. <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard. No formation of **1c** was observed. <sup>c</sup>Reaction performed at 50 °C. <sup>d</sup>Reaction performed at 30 °C. <sup>e</sup>Reaction performed at 120 °C. dcype = 1,2-bis(dicyclohexylphosphino)ethane; dppe = 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane; Ipr·HCl = *N,N'*-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)dihydroimidazolium chloride

**Scheme S1. Synthesis of enantiomer of 4-amino-Uhle's ketone *ent-1***

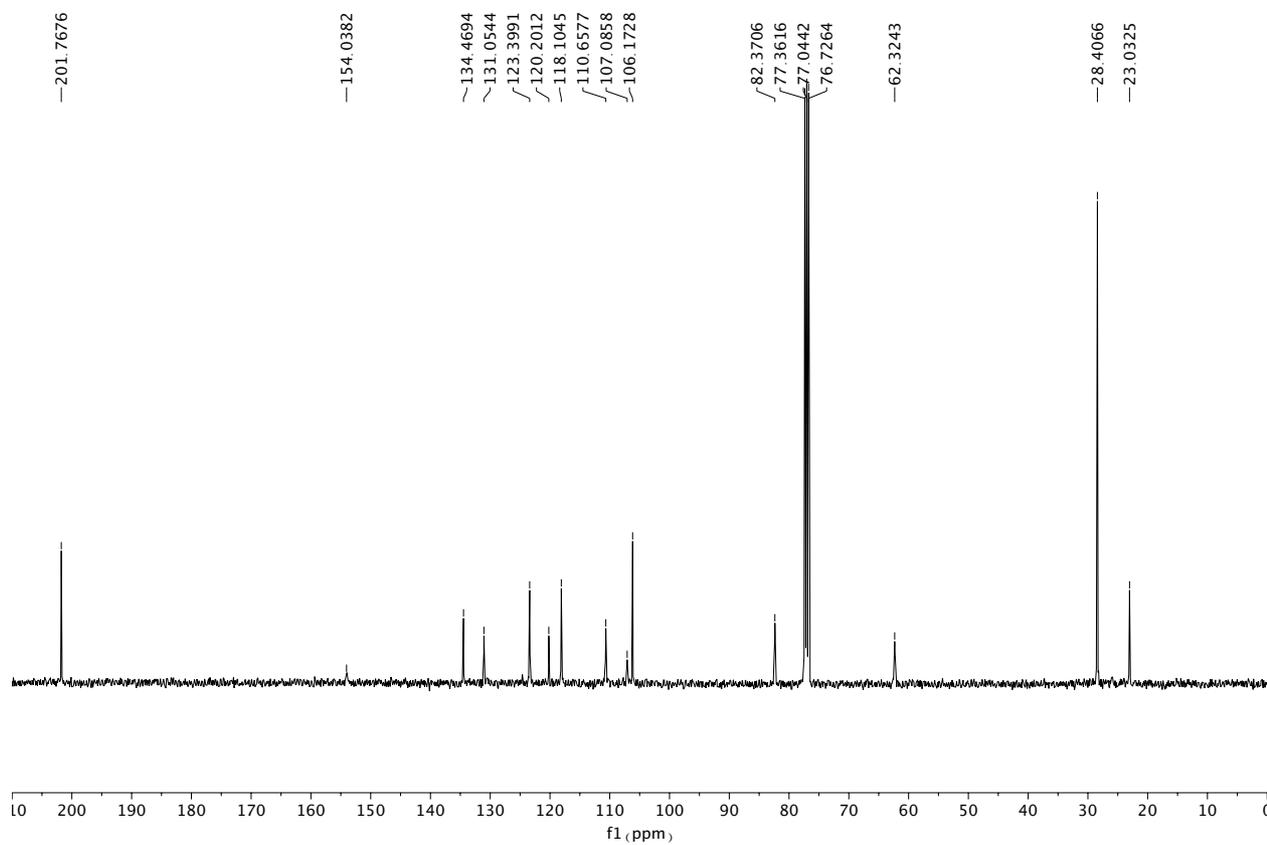
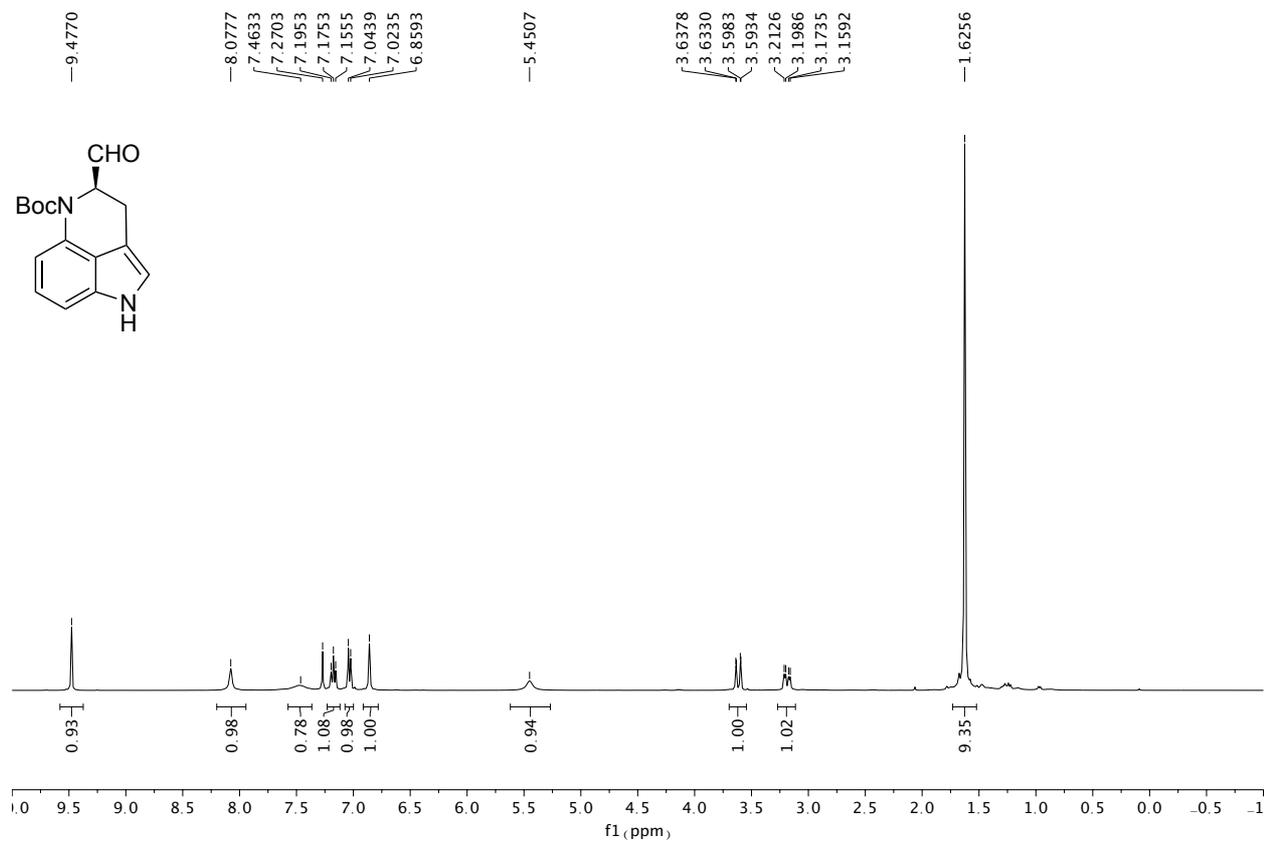


# Copies of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra

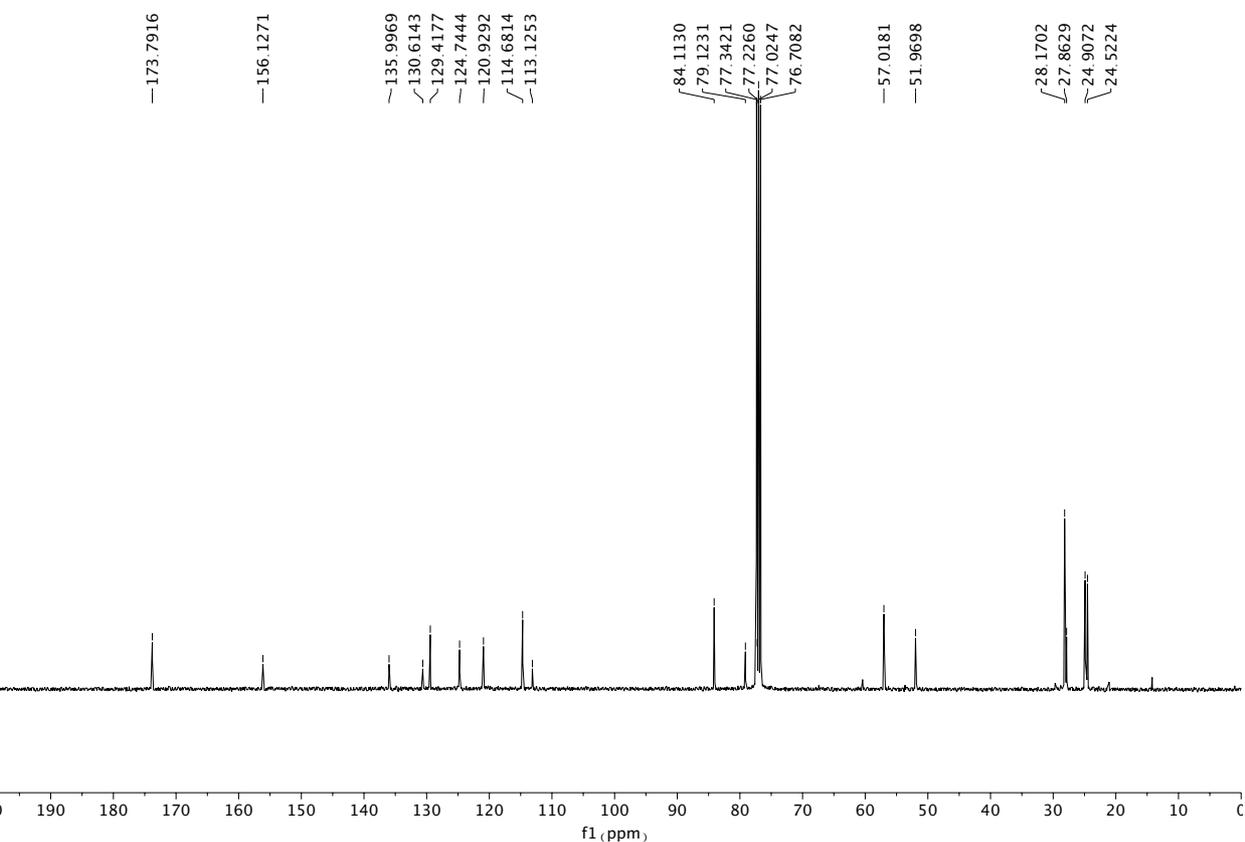
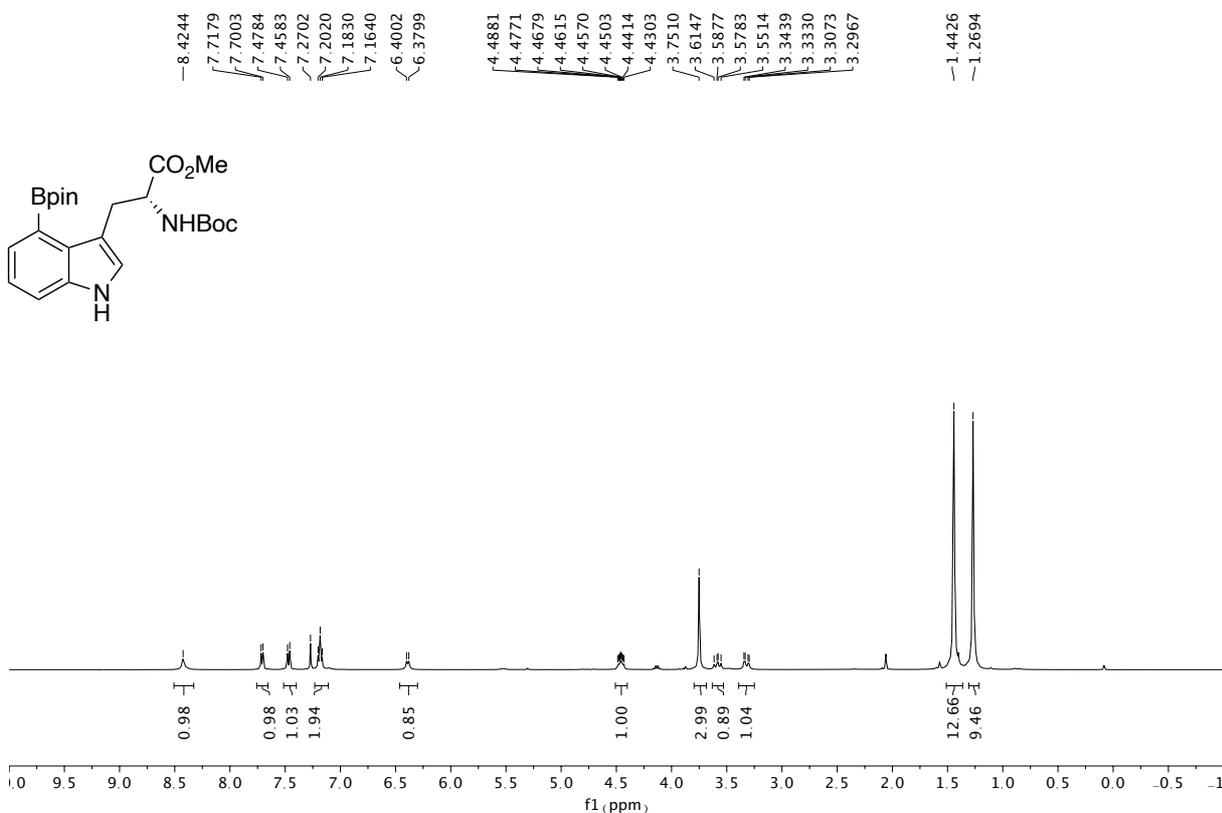
## *tert*-Butyl (*R*)-(1-(4-bromo-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-3-oxopropan-2-yl)carbamate (**5**)



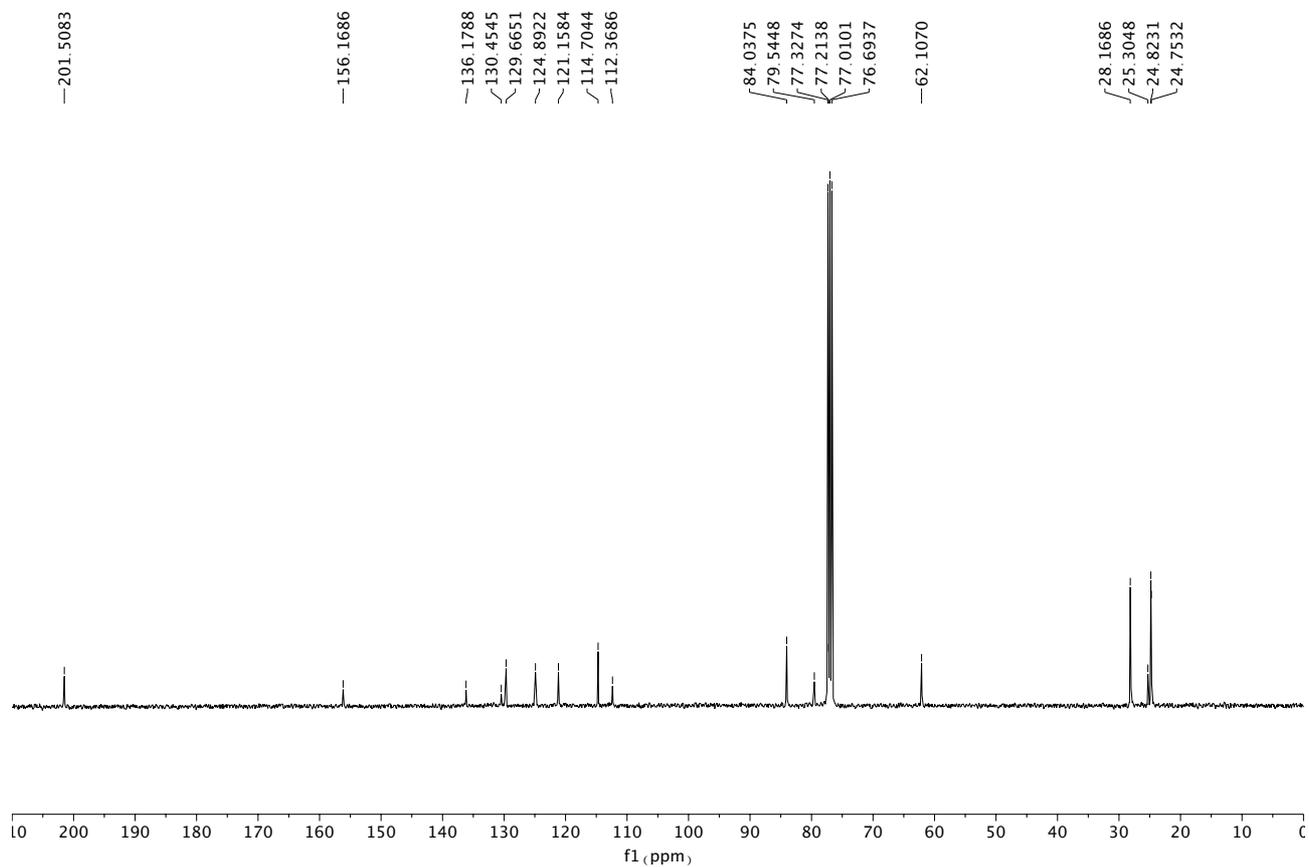
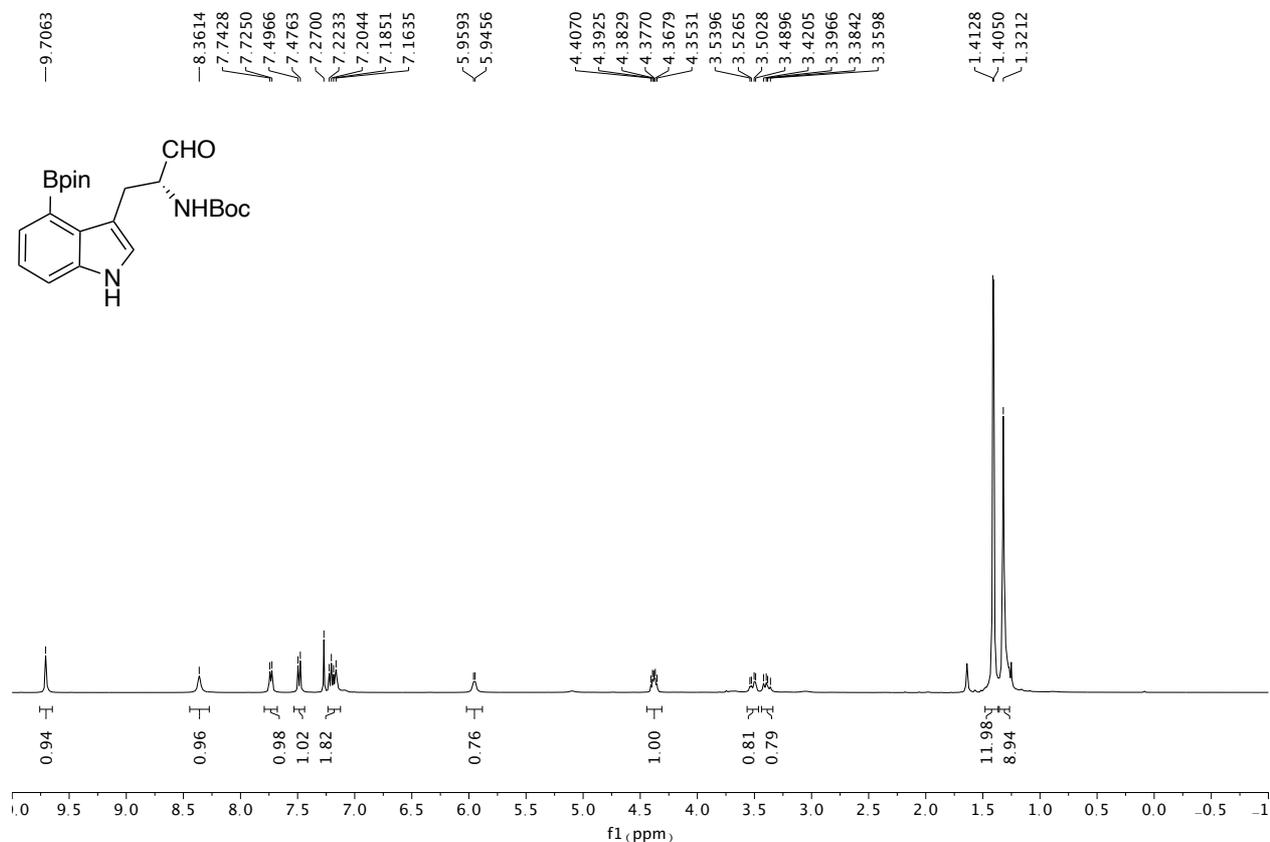
***tert*-Butyl 4-formyl-3,4-dihydropyrrolo[4,3,2-*de*]quinoline-5(1*H*)-carboxylate (4)**



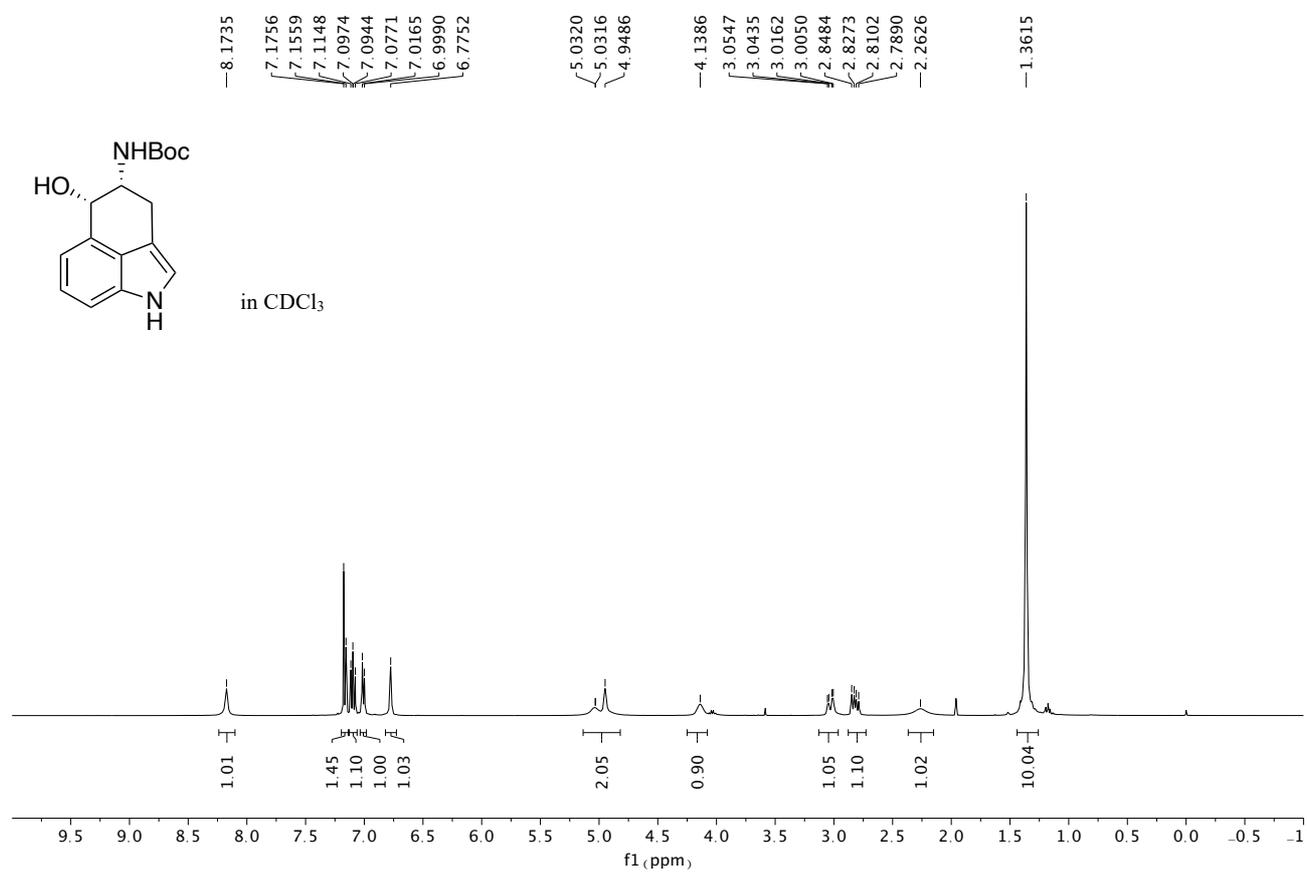
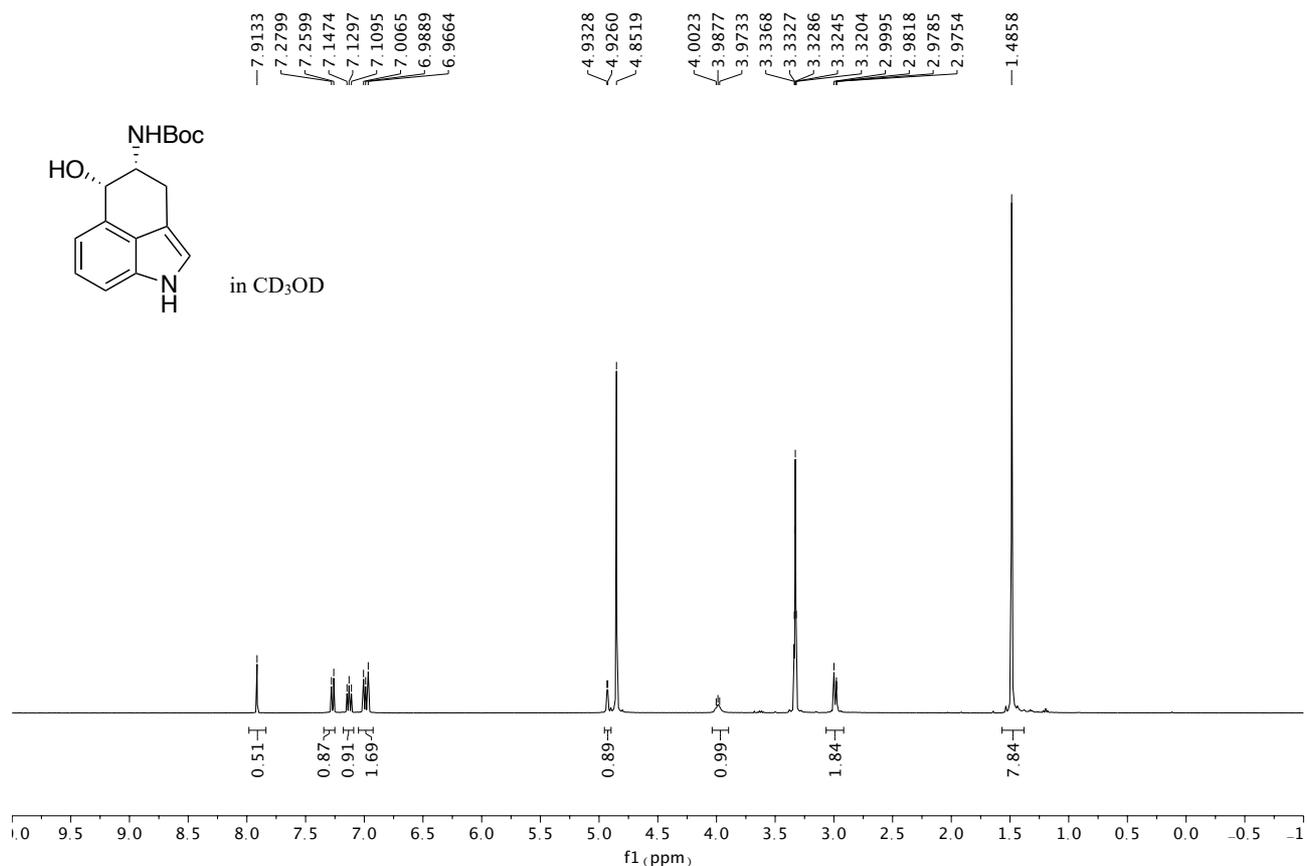
**Methyl (R)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (7)**

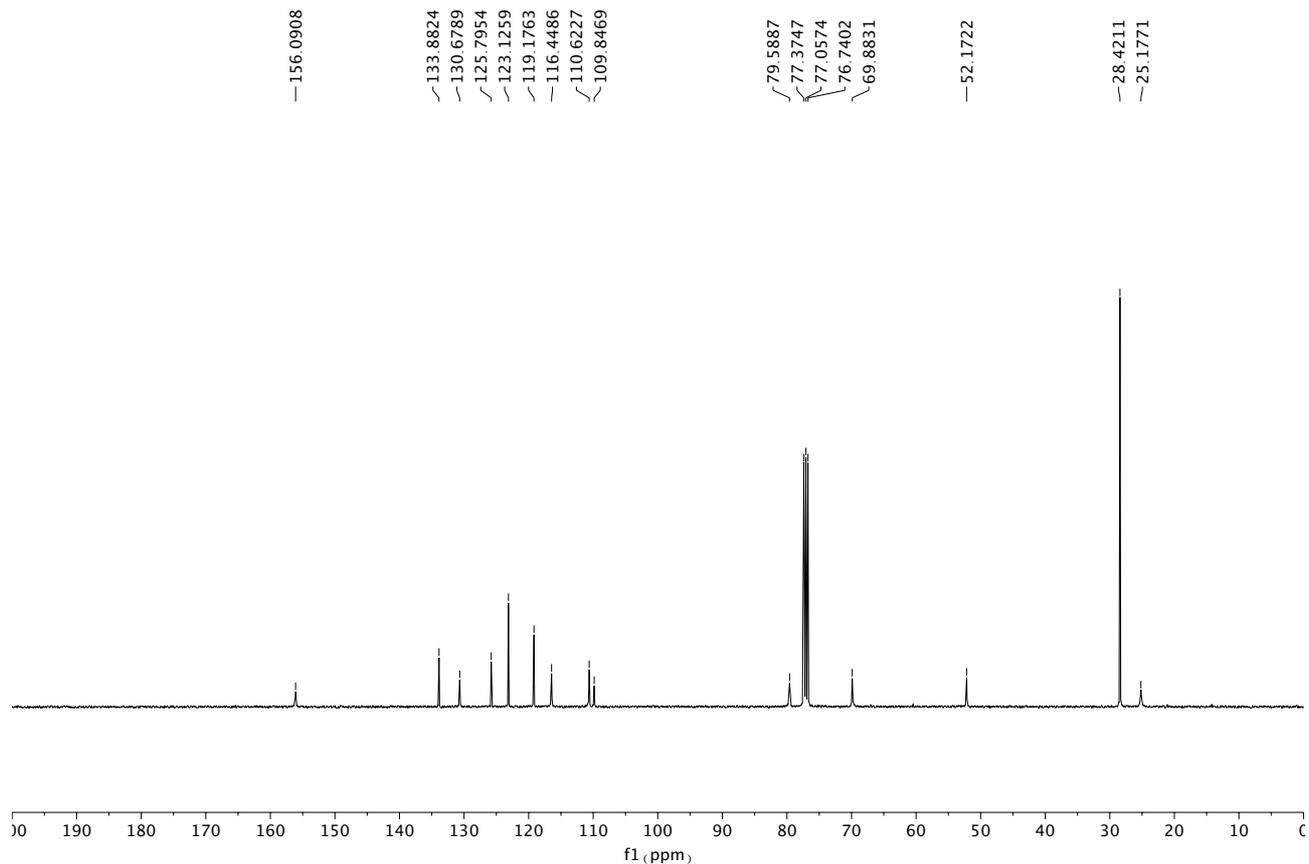


*tert*-Butyl (R)-(1-oxo-3-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)propan-2-yl)carbamate (8)

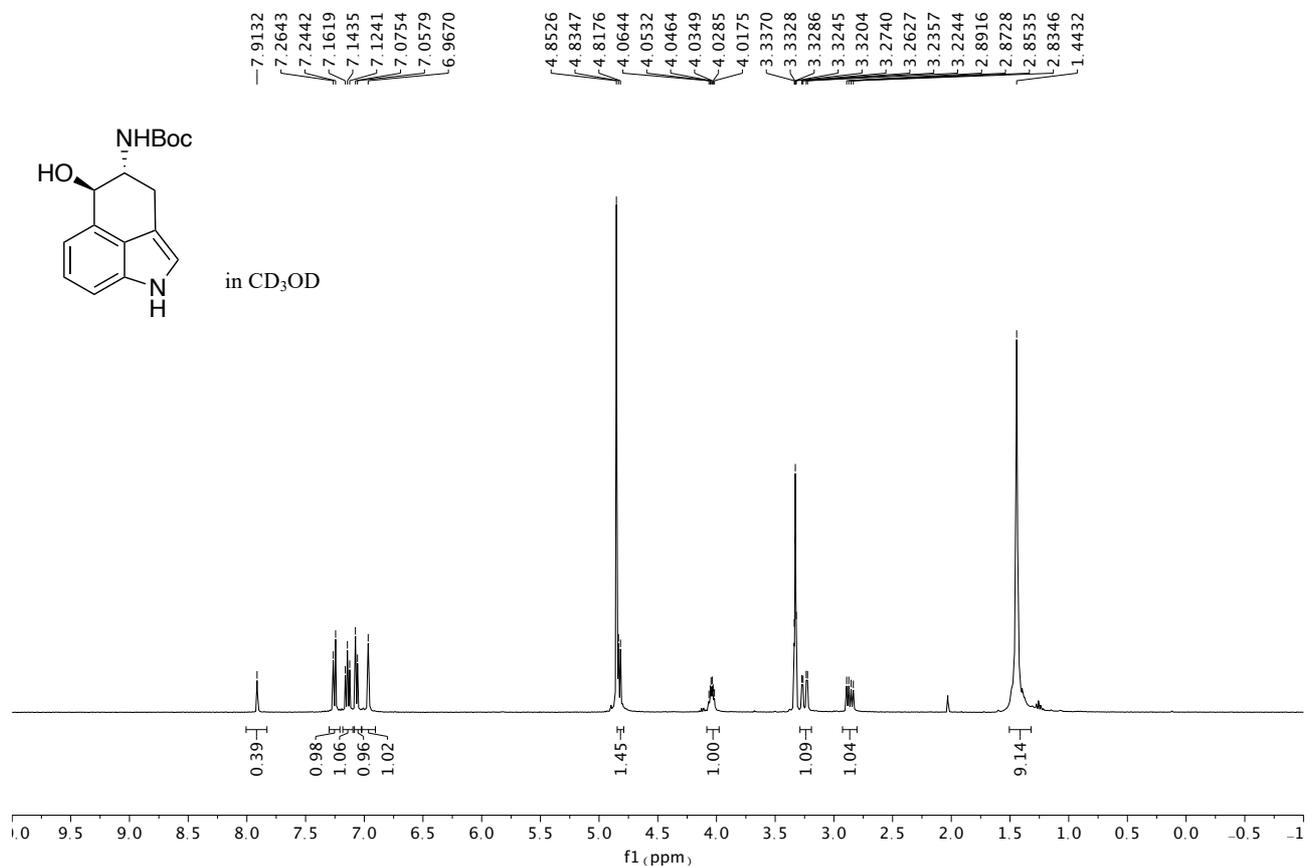


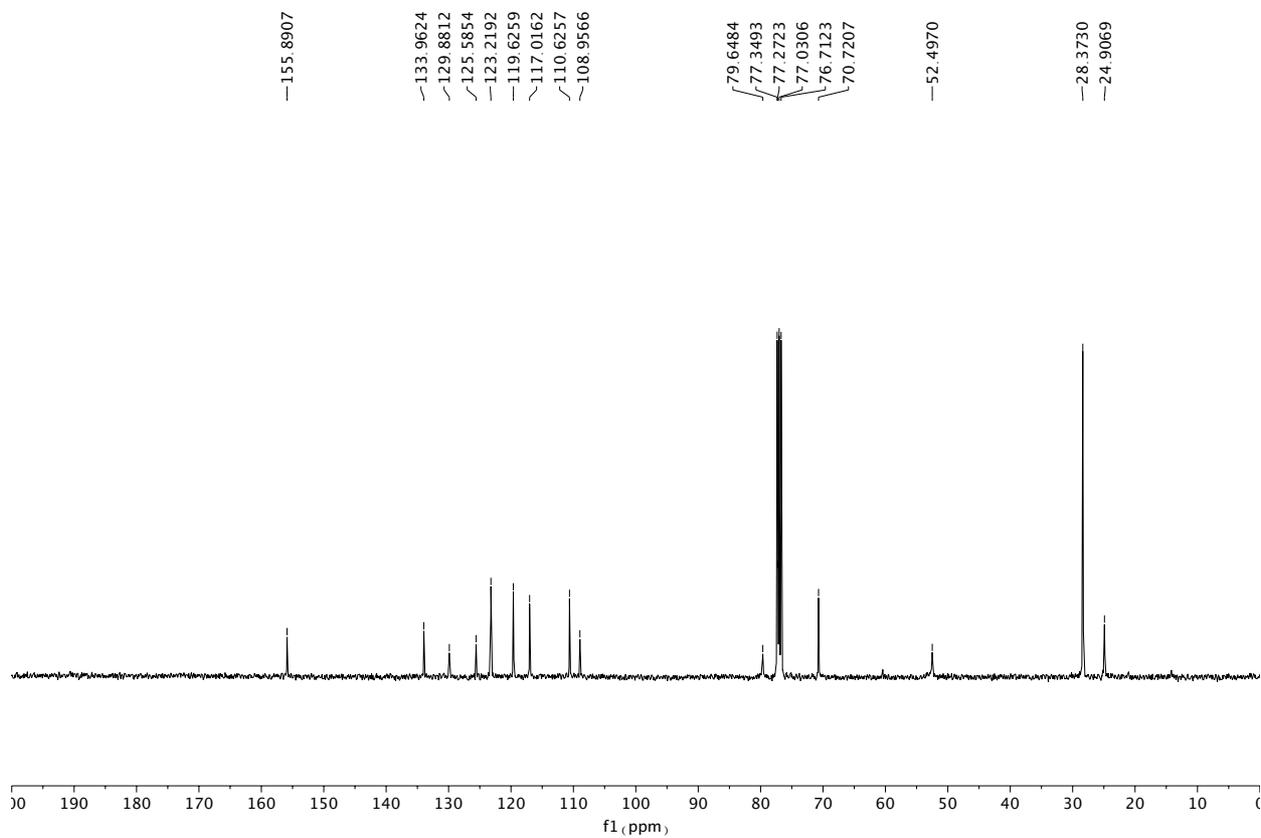
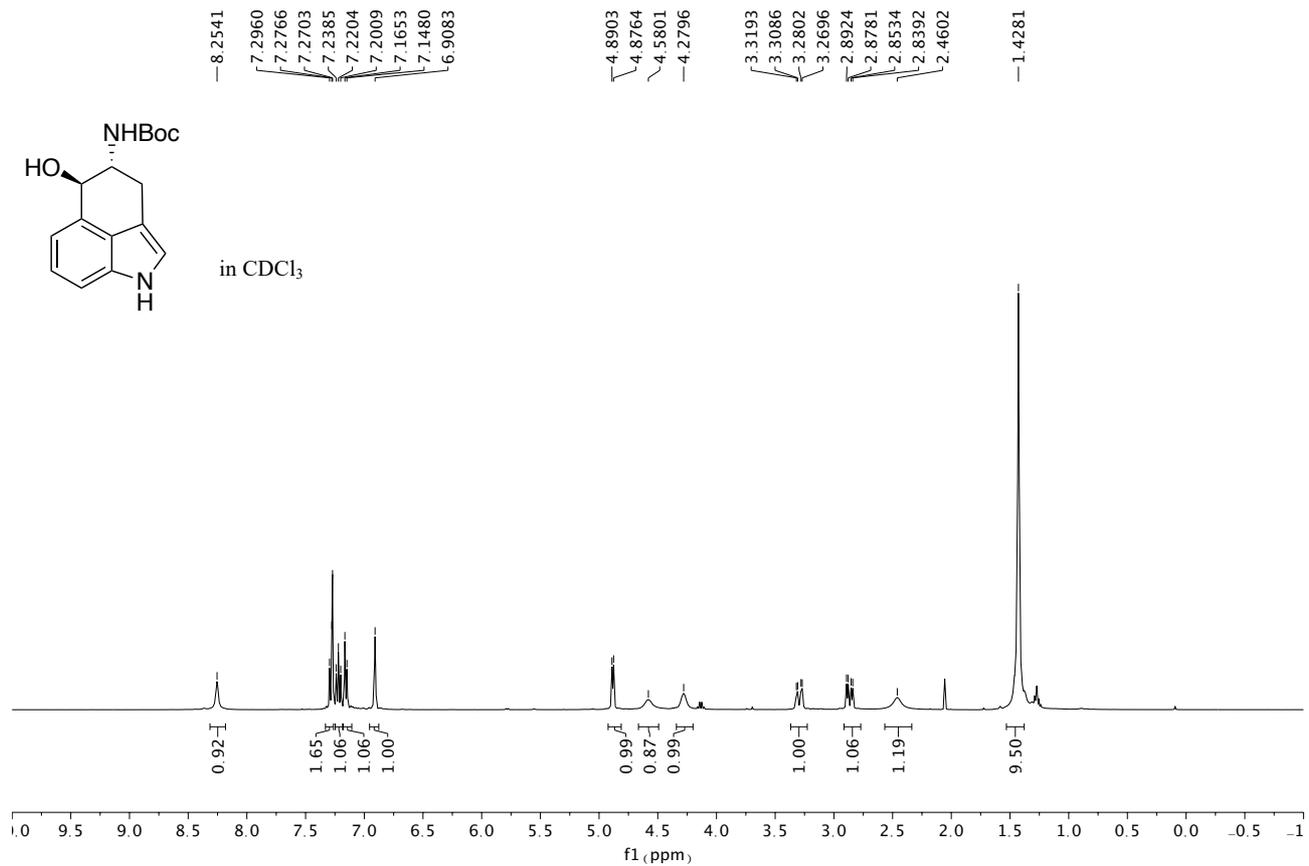
***tert*-Butyl ((4*R*,5*S*)-5-hydroxy-1,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*cd*]indol-4-yl)carbamate (9a)**



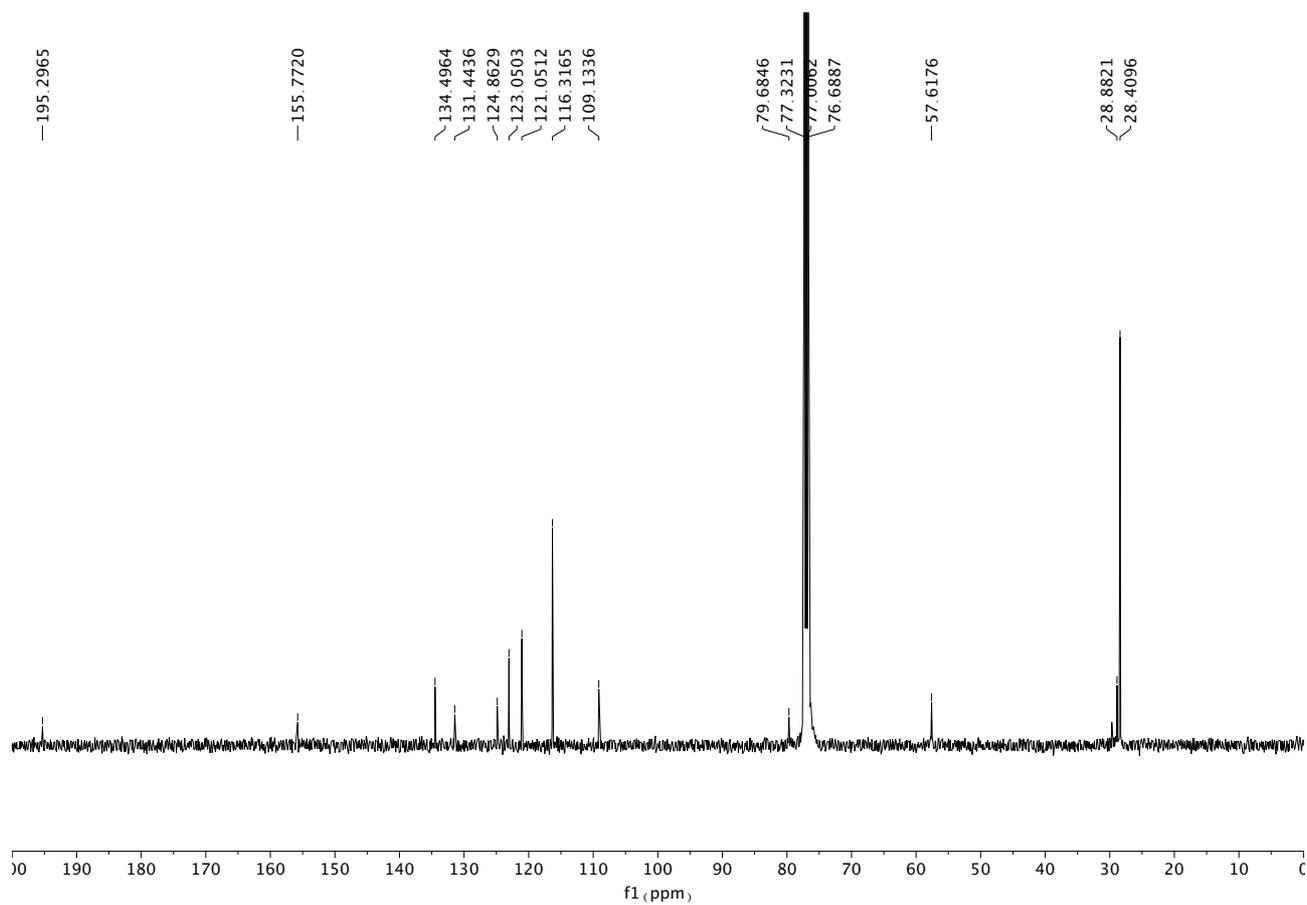
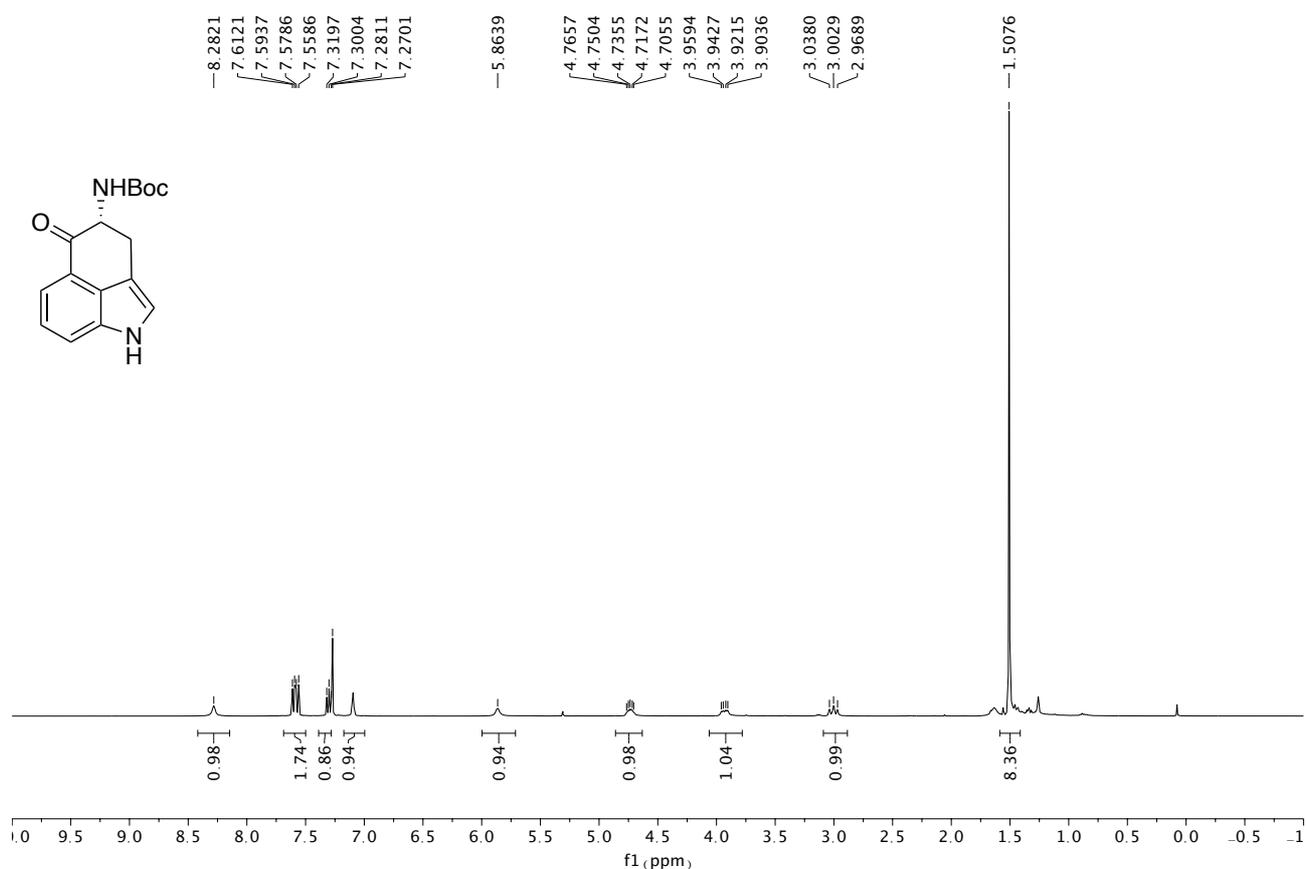


**tert-Butyl ((4R,5R)-5-hydroxy-1,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[cd]indol-4-yl)carbamate (9b)**

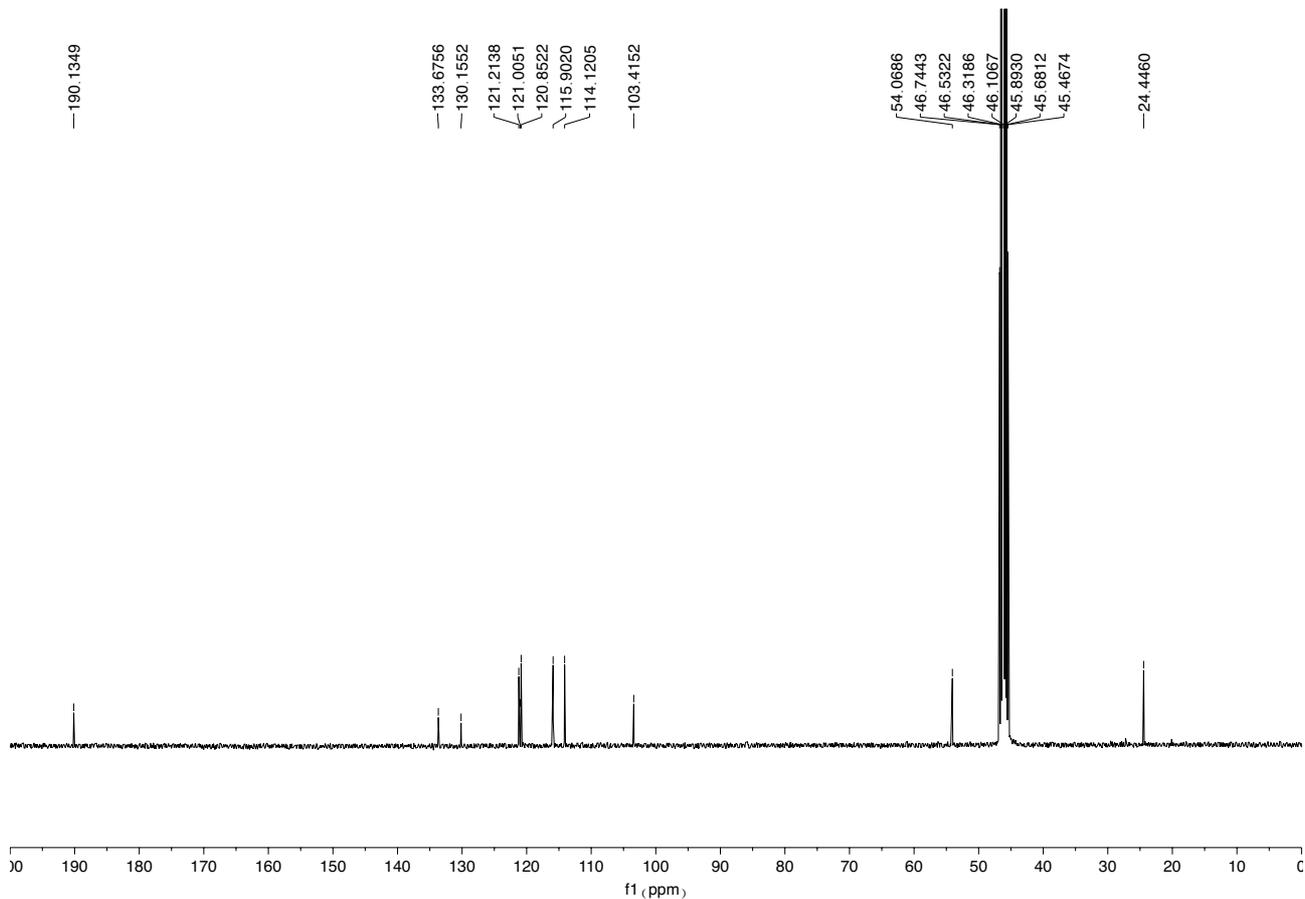
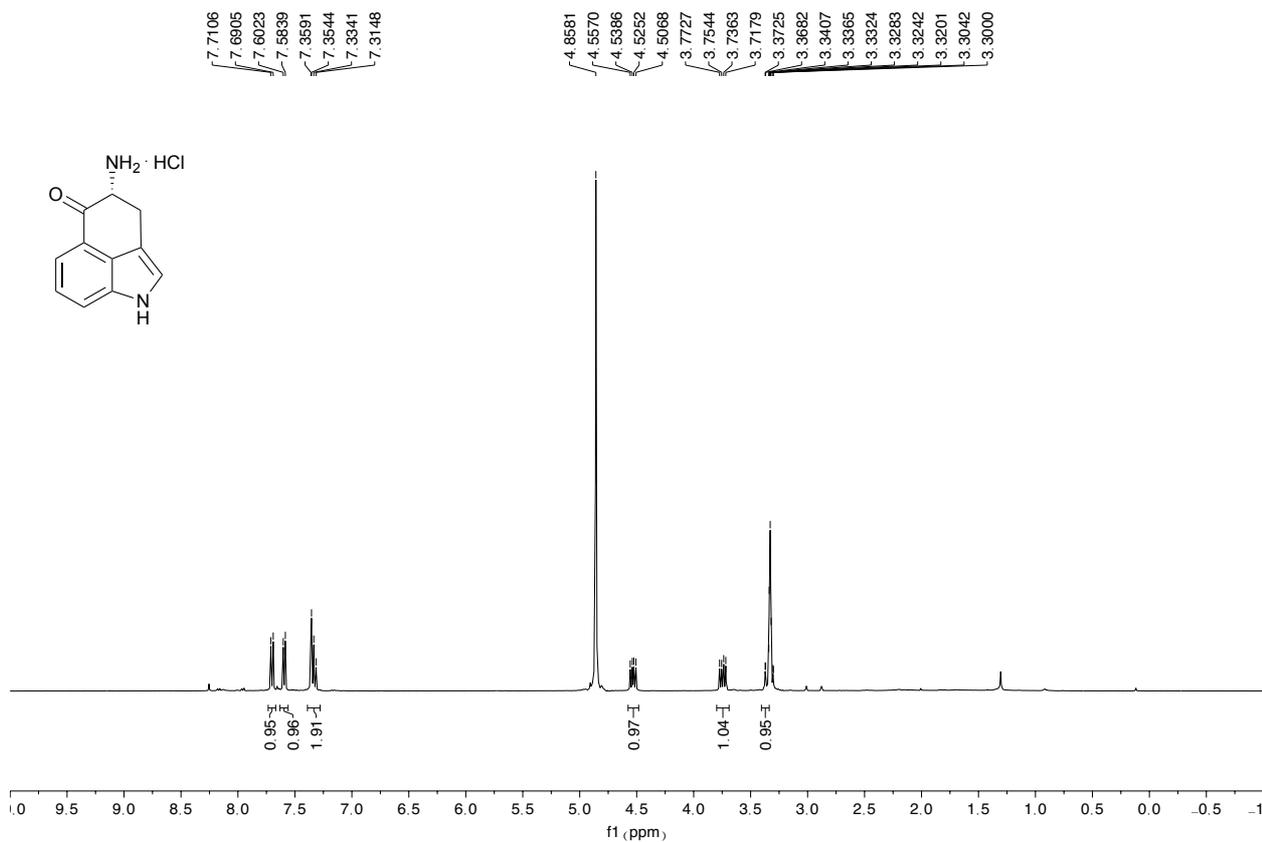




***tert*-Butyl (*R*)-(5-oxo-1,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*cd*]indol-4-yl)carbamate (1c)**



**(R)-4-Amino-3,4-dihydrobenzo[*cd*]indol-5(1*H*)-one hydrochloride (-)-1**

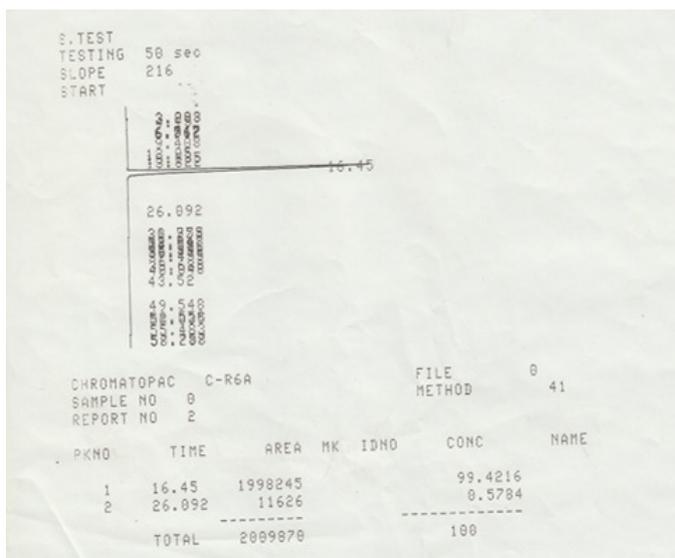


## Copies of HPLC spectra

### HPLC chromatogram ((±)-1c): racemic mixture



### HPLC chromatogram of enantiomer 1c



### HPLC chromatogram of enantiomer *ent-1c*

