

Supporting Information

Convenient synthesis of tricyclic N(1)-C(2)-fused oxazinoindolones via [Au(I)] catalyzed hydrocarboxylation of allenes

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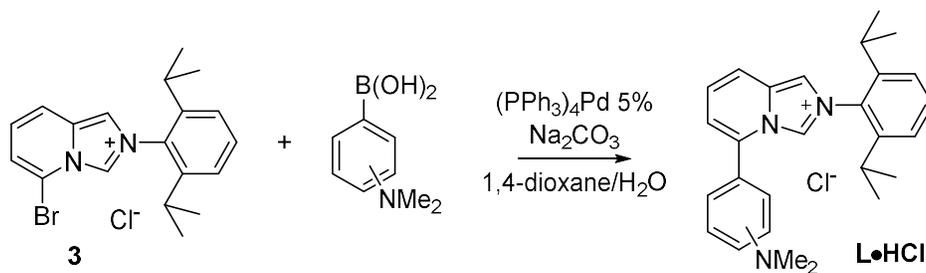
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General methods

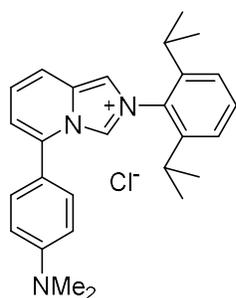
¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 400 (400 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from TMS with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (deuteriochloroform: 7.27 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, p = pseudo, b = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz). ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 400 (100 MHz) spectrometers with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from TMS with the solvent as the internal standard (deuteriochloroform: 77.0 ppm). ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 400 (377 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from CFC1₃. Two peaks of negative intensity in the ¹³C NMR spectra at 21.3 and 135.2 ppm are sometimes present. They arise from a “spike” generated by two external radiofrequency interfering with the ¹³C NMR frequency at 100 MHz. The presence of these peaks does not however prevent a clear understanding of the spectral data and, in all cases, the peaks in the interested region have been correctly identified. GC-MS spectra were taken by EI ionization at 70 eV on a Hewlett-Packard 5971 with GC injection. They are reported as: m/z (rel. intense). LC-electrospray ionization mass spectra were obtained with Agilent Technologies MSD1100 single-quadrupole mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were carried out by using a EACE 1110 CHNOS analyzer. Melting points were determined with Bibby Stuart Scientific Melting Point Apparatus SMP 3 and are not corrected. Chromatographic purification was done with 240-400 mesh silica gel. Anhydrous solvents were supplied by Sigma Aldrich in Sureseal® bottles and used without any further purification. Ethyl acetate was dried on activated 5 Å molecular sieves. Commercially available chemicals were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Fluorochem, TCI and Thermo Fisher and used without any further purification.

Known starting materials were prepared according to the literature: **3**,¹ **4**,² **Cat1**, **Cat5** and **Cat6**,³ (*R*)-**tBu-7**,⁴ (*S*)-**Ad-7**,⁵ and **11I**,⁶ allenyl alcohols.⁷

Synthesis of L2•HCl and L3•HCl

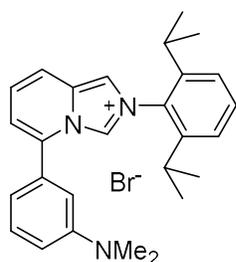


Adapted from reference⁸ A two-necked-round bottom flask equipped with a condenser, under inert atmosphere, was charged with **3** (197 mg, 0.5 mmol), [Pd(PPh₃)₄] (29 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol%), desired aryl boronic acid (0.6 mmol, 1.2eq) and 3.5 mL of degassed 1,4-dioxane. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, then 1.2 mL of 0.5 M solution of Na₂CO₃ (1.2 eq) in degassed water was added and the reaction mixture heated at 80 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC DCM/MeOH 10:1. After consumption of **3** the reaction mixture was extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂, dried on Na₂SO₄ and purified by flash chromatography with DCM/MeOH 20:1 as eluent.



L2•HCl, pale yellow powder, 72%. **MP**: decomposition.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.79 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dt, *J* = 9.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 2.90 (s, 6H), 2.02 (hept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 151.85, 144.84, 135.73, 132.46, 132.08, 130.46, 128.86, 126.57, 124.56, 122.13, 118.51, 118.43, 118.37, 116.61, 112.44, 40.01, 28.59, 24.51, 24.17. **LC-MS (ESI)**: 398.6 [M -Cl]⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₂₇H₃₂ClN₃: C 74.72; H 7.43; N, 9.68; found: C 74.94; H 7.36; N, 9.75.

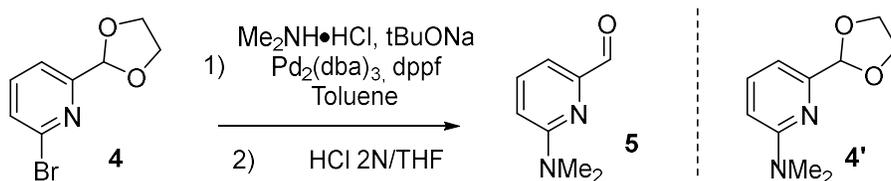


L3•HBr, pale yellow powder, 67%. **MP**: decomposition.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.92 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.71 (m, 3H), 2.91 (s, 6H), 2.07 (hept, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 151.24, 144.89, 135.75, 132.27, 132.17, 131.39, 130.81, 130.43, 126.37, 124.62, 122.27, 119.80, 119.24, 118.87, 114.64, 114.61, 110.76, 40.18, 28.65, 24.50,

24.23. **LC-MS (ESI)**: 398.6 [M -Br]⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₂₇H₃₂BrN₃: C 74.72; H 7.43; N, 9.68; found: C 74.82; H 7.51; N, 9.73.

Synthesis of L4•HCl

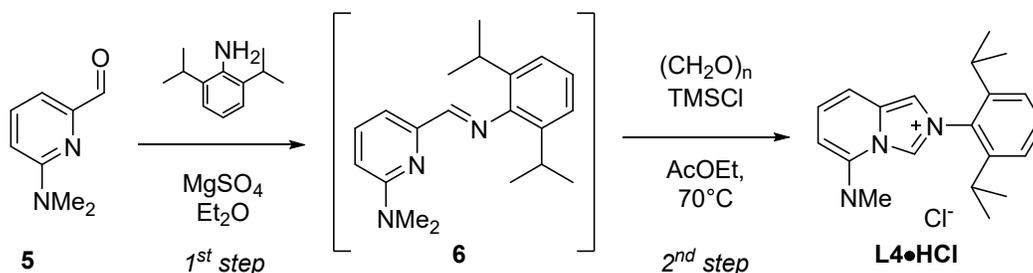


Step 1) To an oven dried Schlenk tube, under nitrogen atmosphere, $\text{Me}_2\text{NH}\cdot\text{HCl}$ (408 mg, 5 mmol), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (31 mg, 30 μmol , 2.5mol%) and dppf (65 mg, 0.12 mmol, 10 mol%) were added. Then, 8 mL of dry toluene and **4** (460 mg, 2 mmol) were added and the mixture was degassed by nitrogen bubbling. Finally, $t\text{BuONa}$ (1.15 g, 12 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture heated to reflux. The progress of the reaction was monitored *via* GC-MS. After complete consumption of **4** the reaction was cooled to room temperature, 10 mL of distilled water were added and the crude extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The organic phase was filtered through Celite®, dried over Na_2SO_4 and solvents evaporated with rotavapor.

Step 2) Crude **4'** was dissolved in 6 mL of THF and transferred into a one neck flask. Equal volume of HCl 2 M (6 mL, 12 mmol) was added and reaction heated at 70 °C. Reaction monitoring was executed by picking up few drops of mixture and quenching it in a saturated solution of NaHCO_3 . AcOEt was added to extract organic compound and TLC was done. After complete conversion the reaction was cooled to room temperature and transferred to an Erlenmeyer flask. Saturated solution of NaHCO_3 was slowly added until $\text{pH} \approx 8$. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether 3 x 15 mL and dried over Na_2SO_4 . Solvents were evaporated and **5** was purified by flash chromatography using *n*Hex/AcOEt 20:1 as the eluent.

5, light yellow oil, 80% over 2 steps.

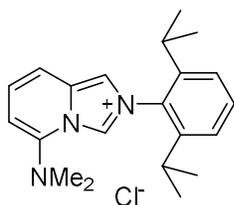
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.87 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 5H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 194.53, 159.31, 151.15, 137.63, 110.25, 109.89, 37.83. **GC-MS(EI)**: 135 (100%, -Me), 121 (90%), 150 (72%, M^+). Anal. El. Calc. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 63.98; H, 6.71; N, 18.65; O, 10.65; found: C, 63.89; H, 6.81; N, 18.60; O, 10.69.



Step 1) A two necked-round-bottom flask charged with excess of MgSO_4 (500 mg/mmol of **5**) was dried under vacuum and putted under inert atmosphere of nitrogen. Then **5** (252 mg, 1.68 mmol), 3 mL of diethyl ether and 2,6-diisopropylaniline (378 μL , 2.02 mmol) were added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight and then the conversion of **5** was checked by GC-MS. After complete consumption, MgSO_4 was filtered off with Gooch funnel and rinsed with 2 x 10 mL of diethyl ether. The organic solution was evaporated and the excess of 2,6-diisopropylaniline was distilled

under vacuum at 140 °C for 3 hours. Purity of intermediate **6** was monitored by GC-MS to ensure absence of aniline.

Step 2) **6** was transferred with 5 mL of dried AcOEt in a two-necked flask under inert atmosphere, paraformaldehyde (55 mg, 1.85 mmol) was added and then the reaction was heated at 70 °C. After 15 minutes, TMSCl (235 μ L, 1.85 mmol) was added and the reaction maintained at the same temperature. Precipitate formation was observed, and the reaction was checked by TLC. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, 5mL of diethyl ether were added to reduce the solubility of product **L4•HCl** that was filtered off and washed several times with diethyl ether. The brown powder was dried under vacuum and used for next step without further purification.

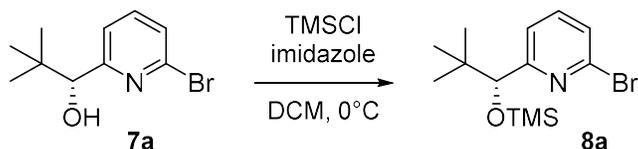


L4•HCl, brown powder, 80% over two steps. **MP**: decomposition.

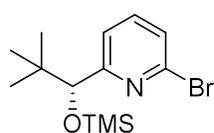
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.70 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, J = 9.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, J = 7.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd, J = 9.7, 7.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 6H), 2.12 (h, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (ddd, J = 11.1, 7.0, 4.6 Hz, 12H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.96, 144.15, 132.33, 132.04, 130.73, 127.44, 124.55, 123.84, 117.02, 113.40, 105.22, 41.95, 28.71, 24.55, 24.24.

LC-MS(ESI): 322.4 [M-Cl]⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₂₁H₂₈ClN₃: C, 70.47; H, 7.89; N, 11.74; found: C, 70.58; H, 7.78; N, 11.84.

Synthesis of aldehydes 8a-d



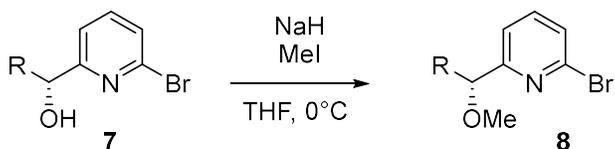
In a two-necked-round bottom flask, under inert atmosphere of nitrogen, (*R*)-**7a** (244 mg, 1 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of DCM, then imidazole (87 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added, and the reaction cooled to 0 °C. After 5 minutes, TMSCl (140 μ L, 1.1 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was slowly warmed-up to room temperature and let stirring until complete conversion of (*R*)-**7a**. The reaction was quenched with distilled water and extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL) and the organic phases washed with brine (1 x 15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and volatile compounds evaporated. (*R*)-**8a** was purified by flash chromatography using *n*Hex/AcOEt 20:1 as the eluent.



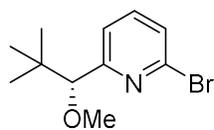
(*R*)-**8a**, white solid, 93%. **MP** = 81-83 °C. $[\alpha]_{D_{20}}^{20} = +55.6^\circ$ (*c* 1.18, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (s, 1H), 0.84 (s, 9H), -0.05 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.15, 139.89, 138.01, 126.17, 121.28, 82.69, 36.32, 26.06, 0.13. **GC-MS(EI)**: 73 (100%), 261 (93%, -tBu (⁸¹Br)), 259 (93%, -tBu (⁷⁹Br)), 302 (13%, -Me (⁸¹Br)), 300 (13%, -Me (⁷⁹Br)). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₂₂BrNOSi: C, 49.36; H, 7.01; N, 4.43; O, 5.06; found: C, 49.66; H, 7.91; N, 11.65.

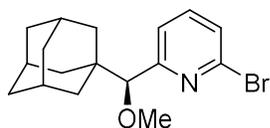


In a two-necked-round-bottom flask, under inert atmosphere of nitrogen, **7** (0.82 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in THF and cooled to 0 °C, then NaH (43 mg, 60%wt in mineral oil, 1.06 mmol, 1.3 eq) was added one portion. After H₂ stops developing, MeI (102 μ L, 1.64 mmol, 2eq) was added dropwise and the reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes. After that time, the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was checked by TLC and then quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution. The crude was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 15 mL) and the organic phases dried over Na₂SO₄. Product **8** was purified by flash chromatography using *n*Hex/AcOEt 15:1 as the eluent.



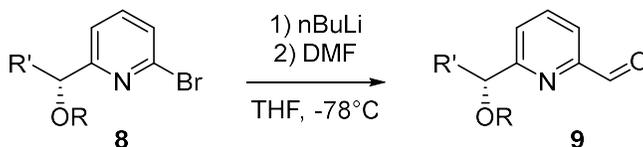
(*R*)-**8b**, crystalline white solid, 85%. **MP**: 70-73 °C. $[\alpha]_{D_{20}}^{20} = +90.1^\circ$ (*c* 1.24, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 10H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.42, 140.51, 138.08, 126.37, 120.65, 91.90, 57.87, 35.61, 26.00. **GC-MS(EI)**: 186 (100%, (⁷⁹Br)), 188 (95%, (⁸¹Br)), 201 (48%, -tBu (⁷⁹Br)), 203 (47%, -tBu (⁸¹Br)). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₁H₁₆BrNO: C, 51.18; H, 6.25; Br, 30.95; N, 5.43; O, 6.20; found: C, 51.09; H, 6.40; N, 5.48; O, 6.08.

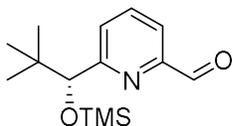


(*S*)-**8c**, crystalline white solid, 90%. **MP**: 80-82 °C. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = -122.4^\circ$ (*c* 0.99, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.50$ (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 1.88 (p, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 3H), 1.62 (ddt, *J* = 13.6, 11.3, 2.5 Hz, 6H), 1.56 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.43 – 1.35 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 161.66, 140.55, 137.94, 126.35, 120.93, 92.61, 57.94, 38.11, 37.41, 36.98, 28.25$. **GC-MS(EI)**: 135 (100%, Ad⁺), 305 (7%, -OMe (⁷⁹Br)). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₇H₂₂BrNO: C, 60.72; H, 6.59; N, 4.17; O, 4.76; found: C, 61.05; H, 6.43; N, 4.14; O, 4.84.

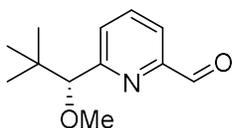


In a two necked-round-bottom flask, under inert atmosphere of nitrogen, **8** (0.90 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of THF and cooled to -78°C with an acetone/liquid N₂ bath. *n*BuLi (430 μL , 1.08 mmol, 2.5 M in *n*Hex) was added dropwise and the solution turned light orange. After 15 minutes at the same temperature, DMF (140 μL , 1.8 mmol) was added one-shot. The reaction was let stirring at -78°C for 30 minutes and then raised to room temperature. After complete consumption of bromopyridine **8**, monitored by TLC, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 15 mL). The organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄, evaporated and the product purified by flash chromatography using *n*Hex/AcOEt 15:1 as the eluent.



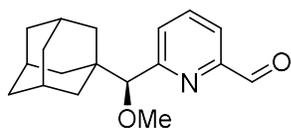
(*R*)-**9a'**, colourless oil, 66%. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = +64.7^\circ$ (*c* 1.12, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 10.02$ (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 0.87 (s, 10H), -0.03 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 193.89, 164.10, 150.94, 136.31, 126.61, 119.92, 82.93, 36.04, 25.88, -0.12$. **GC-MS(EI)**: 209 (100%, -tBu), 73 (91%), 178 (22%, -SiMe₃), 250 (10%, -Me). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₂₃NO₂Si: C, 63.35; H, 8.73; N, 5.28; O, 12.06; found: C, 63.51; H, 8.77; N, 5.23; O, 12.20.



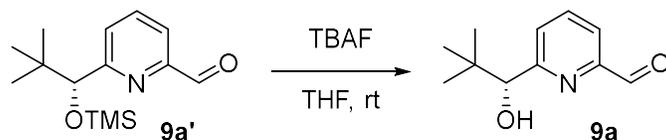
(*R*)-**9b**, colourless oil, 57%. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = +90.3^\circ$ (*c* 0.9, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 10.03$ (s, 1H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 9H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 193.78, 161.57, 151.69, 136.64, 126.18, 120.23, 92.33, 57.92, 35.62, 26.06$. **GC-MS(EI)**: 136 (100%), 151 (43%, -tBu). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₂H₁₇NO₂: C, 69.54; H, 8.27; N, 6.76; O, 15.44; found: C, 69.61; H, 8.34; N, 6.68; O, 15.38.

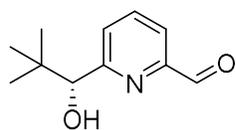


(*S*)-**9c**, white solid, 48%. **MP**: 75-77 °C. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = -85.9^\circ$ (*c* 0.86, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 9.98$ (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.83 (p, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 3H), 1.58 (ddt, *J* = 23.5, 14.5, 2.6 Hz, 6H), 1.51 – 1.42 (m, 3H), 1.37 (dq, *J* = 12.2, 2.6 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 193.73, 160.72, 151.65, 136.44, 126.38, 120.21, 92.95, 57.90, 38.19, 37.34, 36.92, 28.19$. **GC-MS(EI)**: 135 (100%, Ad⁺), 285 (9%, M⁺), 270 (5%, -Me). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₈H₂₃NO₂: C, 75.76; H, 8.12; N, 4.91; O, 11.21; found: C, 75.86; H, 8.08; N, 4.84; O, 11.21.

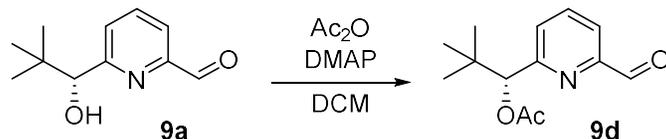


In a two necked-round-bottom flask, under inert atmosphere, (*R*)-**9a'** (157 mg, 0.59 mmol) was dissolved in 3 mL of THF, then tetrabutylammonium fluoride monohydrate (TBAF·H₂O, 182 mg, 0.65 mmol) was added one portion. The reaction was stirred at room temperature until full conversion of starting material monitored by TLC. The reaction was quenched with 5 mL of water and the mixture extracted 3 x 15 mL of diethyl ether. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, evaporated and the product purified by flash chromatography using *n*Hex/AcOEt 10:1 as the eluent.

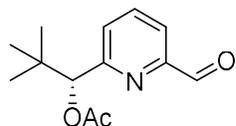


(*R*)-**9a**, colourless oil, 83%. [α]_D²⁰ = - 0.9° (*c* 1.18, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 10.01 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 193.19, 161.09, 151.05, 136.61, 126.99, 120.24, 80.39, 36.30, 25.79. **GC-MS(EI)**: 137 (100%, -tBu), 178 (3%, -Me). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₁H₁₅NO₂: C, 68.37; H, 7.82; N, 7.25; O, 16.56; found: C, 68.42; H, 7.72; N, 7.20; O, 16.63.



In a two necked-round-bottom flask, under inert atmosphere, (*R*)-**9a** (150 mg, 0.77 mmol) was dissolved in 3 mL of DCM, then some crystals of DMAP are added to the solution. Acetic anhydride (150 μ L, 1.55 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at room temperature and the progress was monitored by TLC. Water (10 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the mixture extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. (*R*)-**9d** was purified by flash chromatography using *n*-Hex/AcOEt 5:1 as the eluent.

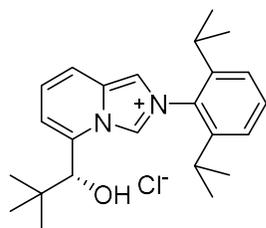


(*R*)-**9d**, colourless oil, 40%. [α]_D²⁰ = - 33.9° (*c* 1.28, DCM).

¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 10.01 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 193.74, 170.26, 159.32, 151.64, 136.85, 125.96, 120.13, 83.14, 34.94, 26.02, 20.98. **GC-MS(EI)**: 137 (100%), 179 (16%, -tBu), 160 (15%). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₇NO₃: C, 66.36; H, 7.28; N, 5.95; O, 20.40; found: C, 66.51; H, 7.31; N, 5.86; O, 20.32.

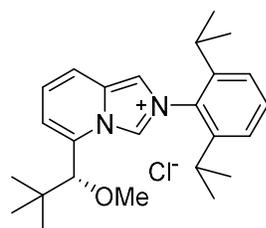
Synthesis of L11-14•HCl

The procedure adopted for the synthesis of **L11-14•HCl** is identical to the one utilized for **L4•HCl**.



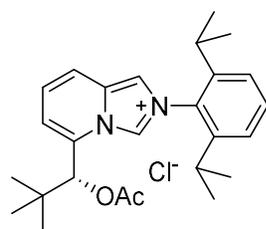
(R)-L11•HCl, pale yellow solid, 83%. **MP**: decomposition. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = -23.8^\circ$ (c 1.02, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 10.07 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 2.28 (hept, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.16 – 1.08 (m, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 145.72, 144.91, 132.08, 131.98, 130.48, 128.47, 125.89, 124.86, 124.34, 118.22, 116.41, 113.38, 79.00, 37.41, 28.62, 28.56, 26.78, 24.52, 24.50, 24.33, 24.22. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 365.9 (-Cl). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₂₄H₃₃ClN₂O: C, 71.89; H, 8.30; Cl, 8.84; N, 6.99; O, 3.99; found: C, 71.78; H, 8.35; N, 7.02; O, 4.02.



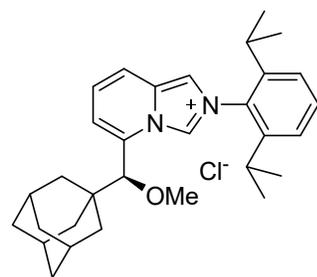
(R)-12•HCl, white solid, 82%. **MP**: decomposition. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = -12.99^\circ$ (c 0.84, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.91 (bs, 1H), 8.69 (bs, 1H), 8.54 (bs, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.15 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.8 Hz, 6H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 0.96 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, diagnostic signals) δ = 145.03, 144.87, 132.38, 132.07, 130.51, 124.94, 124.65, 124.48, 58.44, 37.87, 28.72, 26.51, 24.76, 24.37, 24.14, 23.76. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 379.6 (-Cl). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C, 72.35; H, 8.50; N, 6.75; O, 3.86; found: C, 72.33; H, 8.58; N, 6.77; O, 3.78.



(R)-13•HCl, white solid, 97%. **MP**: 147–150 °C. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = -54.8^\circ$ (c 0.99, DCM).

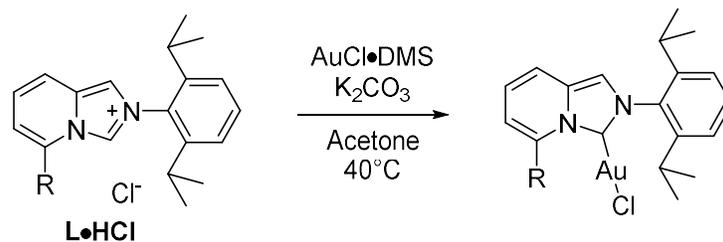
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 11.65 (bs, 1H), 8.16 (bs, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 3H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 2.10 – 1.86 (m, 5H), 1.20 – 1.06 (m, 12H), 1.04 (s, 9H). Diagnostic **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 170.04, 145.10, 144.75, 131.80, 131.26, 130.73, 127.80, 124.92, 124.38, 124.17, 118.93, 116.22, 36.28, 28.76, 28.73, 25.22, 24.59, 23.65, 20.59. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 407.2 (-Cl). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₂₆H₃₅ClN₂O₂: C, 70.49; H, 7.96; N, 6.32; O, 7.22; found: C, 70.61; H, 7.86; N, 6.40; O, 7.19.



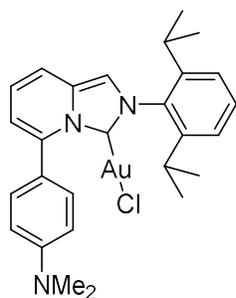
(S)-L14•HCl, pale yellow solid, 88%. **MP**: 132–135 °C. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = +72.6^\circ$ (c 1.07, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.04 (bs, 1H), 8.72 (bs, 1H), 8.44 (bs, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 9.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 1.95 – 1.64 (m, 5H), 1.35 (dt, J = 23.8, 12.6 Hz, 12H), 0.92 (dt, J = 32.1, 8.8 Hz, 12H). Diagnostic **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.84, 144.66, 131.92, 130.34, 124.80, 124.46, 124.32, 121.61, 120.41, 117.12, 58.27, 39.42, 39.04, 36.28, 28.56, 28.52, 27.90, 24.55, 24.08, 23.88, 23.53. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 457.4 (-Cl). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₃₁H₄₁ClN₂O: C, 75.51; H, 8.38; N, 5.68; O, 3.24; found: C, 75.58; H, 8.44; N, 5.62; O, 3.19.

Synthesis of gold(I) complexes

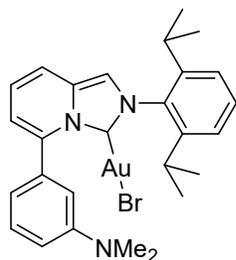


Following known procedure⁹ ligand precursor **L•HCl** (0.1 mmol), K_2CO_3 (41.4 mg, 0.3 mmol) and $\text{AuCl}\cdot\text{DMS}$ (29.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) are added into a vial. Then, 1 mL of acetone (reagent grade) was added, and the closed vial stirred at 40 °C for 2 h. After complete consumption of starting salts, acetone was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude dissolved in DCM and filtered on Celite® pad. DCM was evaporated yielding [Au(I)] complexes that were triturated in *n*Hex before use.



Cat2, orange powder, 97%. **MP**: decomposition.

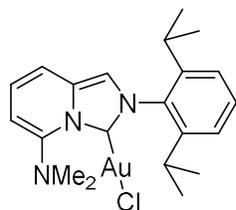
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.58 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 6H), 2.19 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.99, 152.21, 145.12, 140.79, 135.73, 131.70, 130.44, 130.37, 123.99, 123.69, 121.56, 116.07, 115.99, 113.38, 112.57, 40.66, 28.35, 24.50, 24.28. **Exact mass**: calc. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{31}\text{AuClN}_3$: 629.1872, found: 629.1879.



Cat3, orange powder, 99%. **MP**: decomposition.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (ddd, J = 8.5, 2.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.64 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 6H), 2.20 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (dd, J = 6.8, 3.2 Hz, 3H), 1.15 – 1.04 (m, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 150.74, 145.07, 140.89, 137.66, 135.60, 134.44, 131.54, 130.48, 129.86,

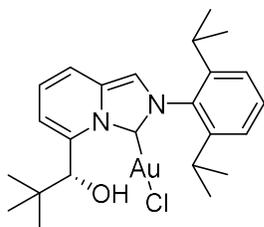
124.09, 123.93, 123.62, 117.06, 116.54, 115.68, 114.55, 113.75, 113.20, 40.52, 28.41, 28.36, 24.80, 24.50, 24.33, 24.28, 24.17. **Exact mass**: calc. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{31}\text{AuClN}_3$: 629.1872, found: 629.1868.



Cat4, light yellow powder, 96%. **MP**: decomposition.

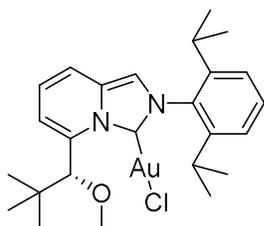
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 9.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 6H), 2.20 (hept, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 164.46, 148.58, 145.16, 135.74, 132.51, 130.53, 124.23, 124.08, 113.71, 112.47, 102.45, 44.23, 28.41, 24.46,

24.28. **Exact mass**: calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{AuClN}_3$: 553.1559; found: 553.1563.



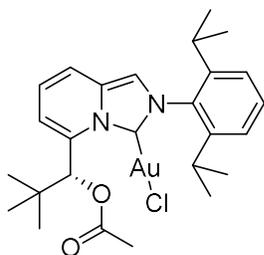
(*R*)-**Cat11**, pale yellow powder, 99%. **MP**: decomposition. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = +92.2^\circ$ (c 0.55, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.61$ (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 2.18 (hept, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.01 (hept, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.08 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.07 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 163.42, 145.29, 145.00, 142.31, 135.53, 131.93, 130.75, 124.23, 124.06, 123.01, 116.64, 114.72, 113.26, 73.34, 38.38, 28.44, 28.41, 25.83, 24.64, 24.34, 24.22, 24.05$. **Exact mass**: calc. for C₂₄H₃₂AuClN₂O: 596.1869; found: 596.1863.



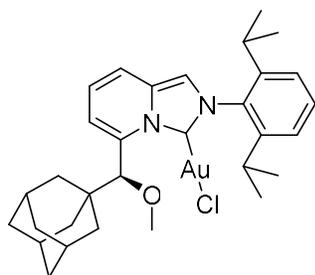
(*R*)-**Cat12**, white powder, 99%. **MP**: decomposition. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = +88.1^\circ$ (c 0.54, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.50$ (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 9.1, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 9.1, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 6.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 2.25 (hept, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.97 (hept, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.09 – 1.04 (m, 12H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 168.19, 145.41, 144.88, 140.52, 135.50, 132.04, 130.78, 124.25, 124.10, 123.00, 116.57, 114.18, 113.21, 83.43, 58.13, 38.30, 28.46, 28.42, 25.87, 24.67, 24.33, 24.31, 24.07$. **Exact mass**: calc. for C₂₅H₃₄AuClN₂O: 610.2025; found: 610.2030.



(*R*)-**Cat13**, white powder, 99%. **MP**: decomposition. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = -30.3^\circ$ (c 1.02, DCM).

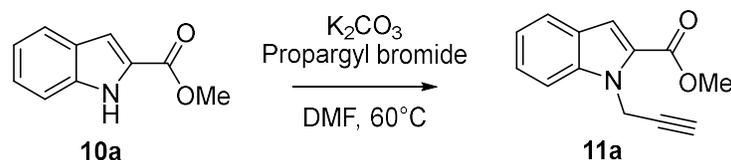
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.26$ (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 9.2, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.25 (ddd, $J = 10.9, 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (dd, $J = 9.2, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (p, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.02 (p, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 1.08 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 169.96, 164.22, 145.27, 145.18, 139.93, 135.61, 131.68, 130.74, 124.29, 124.00, 122.47, 117.09, 113.47, 113.44, 75.39, 36.81, 28.48, 28.44, 26.03, 24.52, 24.31, 24.25, 24.12$. **Exact mass**: calc. for C₂₆H₃₄AuClN₂O₂: 638.1974; found: 638.1978.



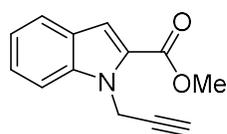
(*S*)-**Cat14**, white powder, 87%. **MP**: decomposition. $[\alpha]_{20}^D = -153.6^\circ$ (c 0.62, DCM).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.49$ (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 9.1, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.25 (ddd, $J = 11.3, 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 9.2, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 6.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 2.35 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 2.02 (m, 3H), 2.00 – 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.62 – 1.55 (m, 6H), 1.49 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.25 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.07 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 163.91, 145.48, 144.82, 139.33, 135.53, 132.04, 130.73, 124.25, 124.09, 122.95, 116.45, 114.18, 113.01, 83.85, 58.22, 40.26, 37.69, 36.89, 28.47, 28.42, 28.41, 24.67, 24.33, 24.18, 24.05$. **Exact mass**: calc. for C₃₁H₄₁AuClN₂O: 689.2573; found: 689.2571.

General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-propargyl derivatives (11)



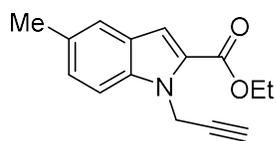
In a two-necked-round-bottom flask, under inert atmosphere of nitrogen, **10** (262 mg, 1.5 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of DMF and K_2CO_3 (621 mg, 4.5 mmol) was added. Then propargyl bromide (400 μL , 4.5 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction heated to 60 °C. After 4 h the reaction was checked by TLC and quenched with saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate. The mixture was extracted with AcOEt (3 x 20 mL) and the organic phase washed with distilled water (2 x 25 mL) and brine (1 x 25 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 and then evaporated. **11** was purified by flash chromatography using cHex/AcOEt 20:1 as the eluent.



11a, white solid, 89%. **MP**: 92–94 °C.

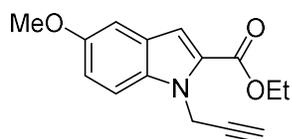
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.71 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 162.34, 138.95, 126.54, 126.24, 125.56, 122.84, 121.23, 111.56, 110.59, 78.80, 72.14, 51.79, 33.80. **GC-MS(EI)**: 198 (100, -Me), 213 (42%, M^+), 154 (40%, $-\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$).

Anal. EI. Calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$: C, 73.23; H, 5.20; N, 6.57; O, 15.01; found: C, 73.28; H, 5.23; N, 6.55; O, 14.95.



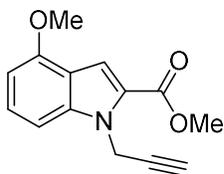
11b, white solid, 87%. **MP**: 95–98 °C.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.45 (dt, J = 1.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dt, J = 8.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 3H), 2.24 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 162.01, 137.46, 130.46, 127.37, 126.87, 126.47, 122.04, 110.90, 110.21, 78.86, 71.87, 60.68, 33.83, 21.35, 14.34. **GC-MS(EI)**: 212 (100%, -Et), 241 (19%, M^+). **Anal. EI.** Calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$: C, 73.99; H, 5.77; N, 6.16; O, 14.08; found: C, 74.02; H, 5.75; N, 6.11; O, 14.12.



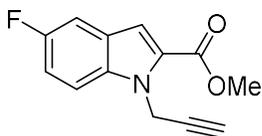
11c, white solid, 93%. **MP**: 95–98 °C.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.37 (dd, J = 9.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dq, J = 5.3, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.25 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 161.87, 154.99, 134.39, 127.13, 126.52, 116.86, 111.45, 110.79, 102.80, 78.82, 71.98, 60.68, 55.65, 33.89, 14.33. **GC-MS(EI)**: 228 (100%, -Et), 257 (26%, M^+). **Anal. EI.** Calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$: C, 69.12; H, 5.39; N, 5.76; O, 19.73; found: C, 69.06; H, 5.37; N, 5.87; O, 19.70.



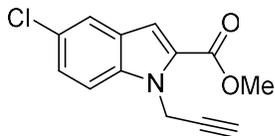
11d, white solid, 84%. **MP**: 119–121 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.44 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.24 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.29, 154.68, 140.37, 126.69, 125.17, 117.55, 109.23, 103.42, 100.28, 78.77, 71.99, 55.34, 51.70, 34.06. **GC-MS(EI)**: 228 (100%, -Me), 243 (72%, M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₃: C, 69.12; H, 5.39; N, 5.76; O, 19.73; found: C, 69.02; H, 5.42; N, 5.81; O, 19.75.



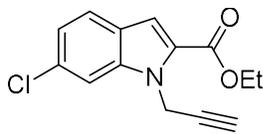
11e, white solid, 81%. **MP**: 125–127 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.42 (ddt, *J* = 9.1, 4.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (ddd, *J* = 9.1, 2.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (td, *J* = 9.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -122.52 (td, *J* = 9.1, 4.1 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.08, 158.40 (d, *J* = 237.5 Hz), 135.50, 127.84, 126.30 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 114.54 (d, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 111.58 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 111.11 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 106.98 (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 78.35, 72.27, 51.89, 33.98. **GC-MS(EI)**: 216 (100%, -Me), 231 (39%, M⁺), 172 (28%, -CO₂Me). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀FN₂O₂: C, 67.53; H, 4.36; N, 6.06; O, 13.84; found: C, 67.47; H, 4.34; N, 6.03; O, 13.89.



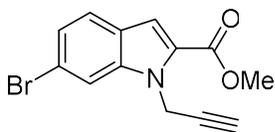
11f, white solid, 86%. **MP**: 129–132 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.63 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.01, 137.15, 127.63, 127.01, 126.88, 125.93, 121.89, 111.73, 110.70, 78.22, 72.40, 51.95, 33.97. **GC-MS(EI)**: 232 (100%, -Me(³⁵Cl)), 247 (34%, (³⁵Cl)M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀ClNO₂: C, 63.04; H, 4.07; N, 5.66; O, 12.92; found: C, 63.12; H, 4.11; N, 5.59; O, 12.87.



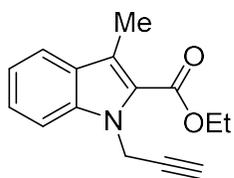
11g, white solid, 83%. **MP**: 88–90 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dt, *J* = 1.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.58, 139.12, 131.48, 127.60, 124.65, 123.63, 122.14, 111.28, 110.50, 78.27, 72.50, 60.92, 33.94, 14.30. **GC-MS(EI)**: 232 (100%, -Et(³⁵Cl)), 261 (35%, (³⁵Cl)M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀ClNO₂: C, 63.04; H, 4.07; N, 5.66; O, 12.92; found: C, 63.08; H, 4.09; N, 5.57; O, 12.95.



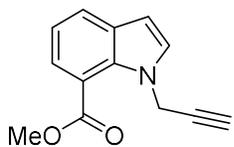
11h, white solid, 91%. **MP**: 119–120 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.98, 139.45, 127.05, 124.92, 124.74, 123.95, 119.44, 113.57, 111.44, 78.19, 72.59, 51.94, 33.94. **GC-MS(EI)**: 276 (100%, -Me(⁷⁹Br)), 291 (37%, (⁷⁹Br)M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀BrNO₂: C, 53.45; H, 3.45; N, 4.79; O, 10.95; found: C, 53.48; H, 3.49; N, 4.77; O, 10.90.



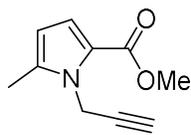
11k, colourless oil, 94%. Starting **10k** was prepared following a literature procedure.¹⁰

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.17 (ddt, *J* = 8.0, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.8, 138.1, 127.7, 125.7, 123.8, 122.3, 120.9, 120.3, 110.2, 79.2, 71.5, 60.6, 34.2, 14.3, 10.9. **GC-MS(EI)**: 212 (100%, -Et), 241 (25%, M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₅H₁₅NO₂: C, 74.67; H, 6.27; N, 5.81; O, 13.26; found: C, 74.68; H, 6.24; N, 5.90; O, 13.18.



11l, colourless oil, 87%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.10, 132.63, 131.72, 130.75, 125.70, 125.29, 119.13, 116.55, 102.91, 78.41, 73.67, 52.31, 39.43. **GC-MS(EI)**: 193 (100%, -Me), 213 (99%, M⁺), 154 (68%, -CO₂Me). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₁NO₂: C, 73.23; H, 5.20; N, 6.57; O, 15.01; found: C, 73.22; H, 5.20; N, 6.58; O, 15.03

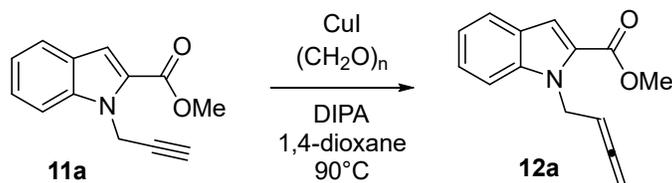


11n, colourless oil, 81%.

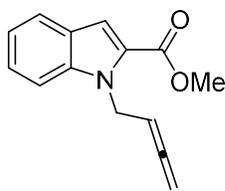
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.88 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (dq, *J* = 3.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 3H), 2.24 (ddd, *J* = 2.5, 2.0, 0.5 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.50, 136.94, 120.74, 118.08, 108.39, 78.74, 71.84, 50.94, 34.04, 12.28. Other data are in accordance with reported values.¹¹

General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-allenyl derivatives

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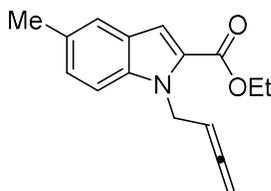


In a Schlenk tube, to a solution of pre-flamed CuI (143 mg, 0.75 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2.5 mL), **11a** (320 mg, 1.5 mmol) and paraformaldehyde (72 mg, 2.4 mmol) were added. Then diisopropyl amine (DIPA, 260 μL, 1.8 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction heated at 90 °C for 16 h. The conversion was monitored by TLC and quenched with 5 mL of water and diluted with 10 mL of AcOEt. Product was extracted with AcOEt (2 x 15 mL) and then, the organic phase, washed with diluted ammonia solution (2 x 20 mL) to remove copper traces from organic phase. Organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure, product **12a** was purified by flash chromatography using cHex/AcOEt 10:1 as the eluent.



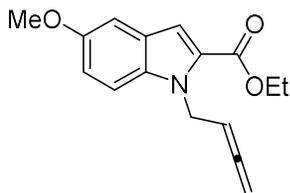
12a, white solid, 86%. **MP**: 51–55 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dt, *J* = 6.4, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 208.77, 162.42, 139.10, 126.88, 126.11, 125.10, 122.66, 120.73, 110.81, 110.78, 87.86, 76.84, 51.66, 43.29. **GC-MS(EI)**: 168 (100%, -CO₂Me), 188 (33%, -CH=C=CH₂), 227 (29%, M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₂: C, 73.99; H, 5.77; N, 6.16; O, 14.08; found: C, 73.96; H, 5.82; N, 6.14; O, 14.10.



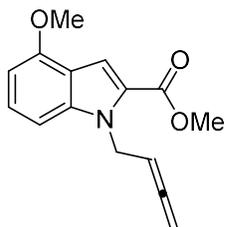
12b, colourless oil, 65%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.43 (dt, *J* = 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dt, *J* = 6.5, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 208.75, 162.06, 137.60, 129.98, 127.21, 126.98, 126.35, 121.85, 110.43, 110.12, 87.95, 76.73, 60.50, 43.31, 21.33, 14.35. **GC-MS(EI)**: 182 (100%, -CO₂Et), 255 (27%, M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₅H₁₅NO₂: C, 74.67; H, 6.27; N, 5.81; O, 13.26; found: C, 74.61; H, 6.31; N, 5.78; O, 13.27.



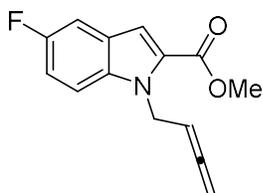
12c, colourless sticky oil, yield 39%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dt, *J* = 6.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (dq, *J* = 6.3, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 208.61, 161.83, 154.58, 134.48, 127.34, 126.22, 116.45, 111.57, 109.90, 102.43, 87.85, 76.69, 60.39, 55.55, 43.28, 14.24. **GC-MS(EI)**: 198 (100%, -CO₂Et), 271 (44%, M⁺), 242 (41%, -Et). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₅H₁₅NO₃: C, 70.02; H, 5.88; N, 5.44; O, 18.65; found: C, 70.09; H, 5.89; N, 5.44; O, 18.59.



12d, white solid, 90%. **MP**: 62–65 °C.

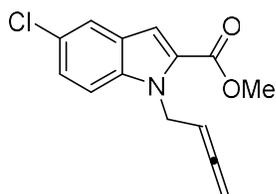
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.45 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.22 – 5.14 (m, 3H), 4.76 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 4H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 4H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 208.75, 162.34, 154.64, 140.59, 126.22, 125.57, 117.51, 108.55, 103.76, 99.78, 87.94, 76.84, 55.29, 51.56, 43.54. **GC-MS(EI)**: 198 (100%, -CO₂Me), 257 (71%, M⁺), 226 (37%, -OMe). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₅H₁₅NO₃: C, 70.02; H, 5.88; N, 5.44; O, 18.65; found: C, 70.07; H, 5.90; N, 5.41; O, 18.61.



12e, white solid, 93%. **MP**: 72–75 °C.

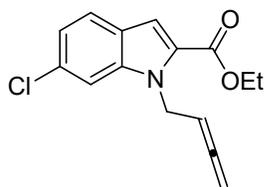
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.34 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, *J* = 9.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dt, *J* = 6.1, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (dt, *J* = 6.5, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 208.71, 162.13, 158.18 (d,

$J = 236.9$ Hz), 135.71, 128.18, 126.09 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 114.15 (d, $J = 26.9$ Hz), 111.75 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 110.34 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 106.72 (d, $J = 23.2$ Hz), 87.74, 77.01, 51.75, 43.46. **^{19}F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = -123.13$ (td, $J = 9.1, 4.1$ Hz). **GC-MS(EI)**: 186 (100%, $-\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$), 245 (33%, M^+), 230 (28%, $-\text{Me}$). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}_2$: C, 68.56; H, 4.93; N, 5.71; O, 13.05; found: C, 68.61; H, 4.96; N, 5.67; O, 13.01.



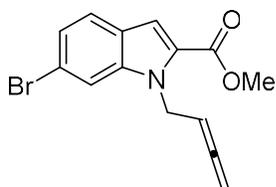
12f, white solid, 82%. **MP**: 77–78 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.61$ (dd, $J = 2.0, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dt, $J = 8.9, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.32 (td, $J = 6.7, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dt, $J = 6.3, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.73 (dt, $J = 6.6, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 208.69, 162.06, 137.35, 127.99, 126.87, 126.39, 125.52, 121.72, 111.93, 109.97, 87.68, 77.12, 51.80, 43.41$. **GC-MS(EI)**: 202 (100%, $-\text{CO}_2\text{Me}^{(35}\text{Cl})$), 261 (43%, $(^{35}\text{Cl})\text{M}^+$). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_2$: C, 64.25; H, 4.62; N, 5.35; O, 12.23; found: C, 64.28; H, 4.65; N, 5.32; O, 12.29.



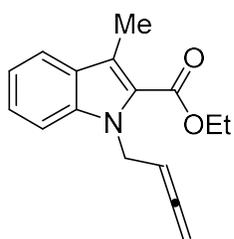
12g, white solid, 82%. **MP**: 88–90 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.56$ (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.33 (p, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dt, $J = 6.0, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.76 (dt, $J = 6.5, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 208.70, 161.68, 139.34, 131.06, 128.05, 124.55, 123.49, 121.69, 110.72, 110.62, 87.60, 77.15, 60.74, 43.41, 14.31$. **GC-MS(EI)**: 202 (100%, $-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}^{(35}\text{Cl})$), 275 (29%, $(^{35}\text{Cl})\text{M}^+$). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_2$: C, 64.25; H, 4.62; N, 5.35; O, 12.23; found: C, 64.31; H, 4.58; N, 5.28; O, 12.32.



12h, white solid, 69%. **MP**: 72–73 °C.

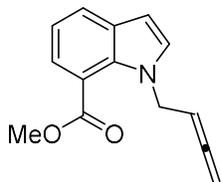
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.58 - 7.55$ (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.32 (p, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dt, $J = 6.1, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.76 (dt, $J = 6.6, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 208.71, 162.02, 139.67, 127.48, 124.81, 124.25, 123.81, 119.02, 113.80, 110.76, 87.58, 77.22, 51.79, 43.36$. **GC-MS(EI)**: 167 (100%), 246 (79%, $-\text{CO}_2\text{Me}^{(79}\text{Br})$), 305 (26%, $(^{79}\text{Br})\text{M}^+$). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNO}_2$: C, 54.92; H, 3.95; N, 4.58; O, 10.45; found: C, 55.01; H, 3.99; N, 4.52; O, 10.39.



12k, colourless oil, 73%.

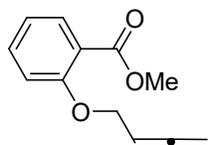
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 7.65$ (dt, $J = 8.1, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dt, $J = 8.3, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 6.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, $J = 7.9, 6.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.33 (p, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.12 (dt, $J = 6.5, 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.74 (dt, $J = 6.6, 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.41 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 208.8, 162.9, 138.2, 127.5, 125.3, 124.2, 121.3, 120.8, 119.8, 110.5, 88.1, 76.5, 60.4, 43.7, 14.4, 10.8$. **GC-MS(EI)**: 182 (100%,

-CO₂Et), 255 (35%, M⁺). **Anal. EI.** Calc. for C₁₆H₁₇NO₂: C, 75.27; H, 6.71; N, 5.49; O, 12.53; found: C, 75.21; H, 6.80; N, 5.55; O, 12.44.



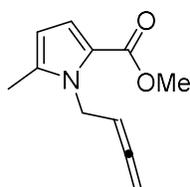
12l, colourless oil, 57%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.78 (dq, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (pd, *J* = 6.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dt, *J* = 6.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (ddt, *J* = 6.4, 4.8, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.52, 168.09, 132.76, 131.62, 131.00, 125.51, 125.10, 118.67, 116.59, 102.51, 87.91, 76.84, 52.27, 48.04. **GC-MS(EI):** 226 (100%), 168 (74%, -CO₂Me), 227 (59%, M⁺). **Anal. EI.** Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₂: C, 73.99; H, 5.77; N, 6.16; O, 14.08; found: C, 73.92; H, 5.81; N, 6.19; O, 14.08.



12m, colourless oil, 71%.

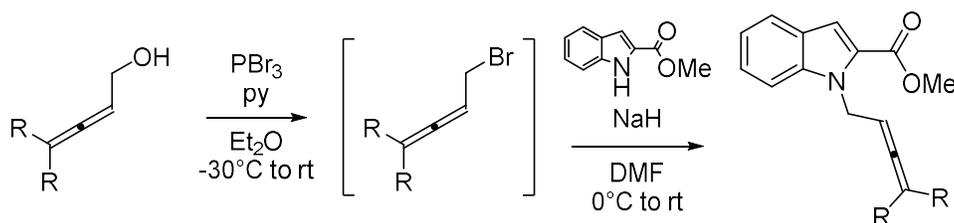
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.76 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.39 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 209.36, 166.70, 157.83, 133.21, 131.63, 120.87, 120.55, 114.08, 86.97, 76.64, 66.88, 51.94. **GC-MS(EI):** 120 (100%), 152 (38%), 173 (10%, -OMe). **Anal. EI.** Calc. for C₁₂H₁₂O₃: C, 70.58; H, 5.92; O, 23.50; found: C, 70.51; H, 5.95; O, 23.54.



12n, pale yellow oil, 81%.

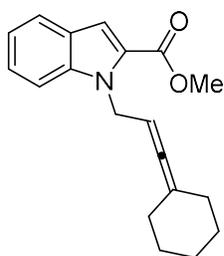
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.87 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (p, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 208.46, 161.49, 136.90, 120.80, 117.62, 108.03, 88.33, 76.80, 50.81, 43.42, 12.48. **GC-MS(EI):** 132 (100%, -CO₂Me), 117 (38%, -Me), 191 (18%, M⁺), 158 (9%, -OMe). **Anal. EI.** Calc. for C₁₁H₁₃NO₂: C, 69.09; H, 6.85; N, 7.32; O, 16.73; found: C, 69.16; H, 6.83; N, 7.26; O, 16.74.

General procedure for the synthesis of functionalized allenes



Step 1) In a three neck round bottomed flask equipped with condenser, under nitrogen atmosphere, allenyl alcohol (2.62 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL of diethyl ether and then pyridine (300 μ L, 3.73 mmol) was added. The reaction was cooled to -30 °C and PBr_3 (124 μ L, 0.81 mmol) was added dropwise. After 15 minutes the reaction was warmed to room temperature and then heated to reflux. After complete consumption of the allenyl alcohol the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, quenched with 10mL of brine, extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 15 mL), organic phase dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The allenyl bromide was used in the next step without further purification and considered as pure (yield = 72%).

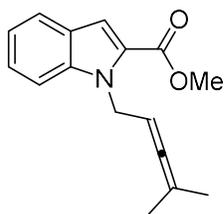
Step 2) In a three neck round bottomed flask equipped with dropping funnel, under inert atmosphere of nitrogen, **10a** (330 mg, 1.88 mmol) was dissolved in 3 mL of DMF and cooled to 0 °C, then NaH (83 mg, 2.07 mmol, 60 wt% in mineral oil) was added. After 20 minutes crude allenyl bromide (1.88 mmol), dissolved in 2 ml of DMF, was added dropwise. The reaction was warmed to RT and checked periodically to ensure the complete consumption of **10a**. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate and extracted with AcOEt (2 x 15 mL). Organic phase was washed with distilled water (2 x 20 ml) to remove DMF and dried over Na_2SO_4 . Final product was purified by flash chromatography.



12i, colourless oil, 22% over two steps (not optimize).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.67 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dt, J = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddt, J = 7.9, 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 3.90 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 1.89 – 1.79 (m, 4H), 1.42 (tq, J = 10.7, 4.5, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (ddt, J = 12.4, 8.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (ddd, J = 14.4, 9.1, 5.0 Hz, 2H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 198.24, 162.37, 139.27, 127.03, 126.08, 124.81, 122.49, 120.54, 110.91, 110.58, 105.45, 86.17, 51.53, 43.85, 31.10, 26.67, 25.84. **GC-MS(EI)**: 236 (100%, -

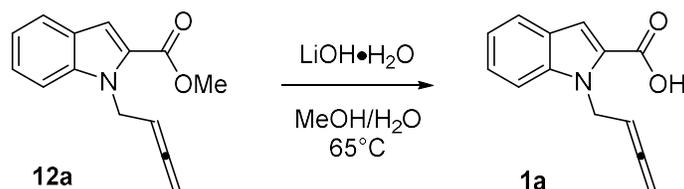
CO_2Me), 295 (43%, M^+). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$: C, 77.26; H, 7.17; N, 4.74; O, 10.83; found: C, 77.34; H, 7.21; N, 4.71; O, 10.74.



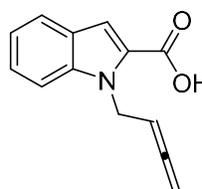
12j, colourless oil, 15% over two steps (not optimized).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.66 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dt, J = 8.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, J = 8.5, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.19 – 5.09 (m, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 6H). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 201.85, 162.40, 139.22, 127.07, 126.11, 124.84, 122.52, 120.54, 110.90, 110.56, 97.98, 86.23, 51.57, 44.04, 20.08. **GC-MS(EI)**: 196 (100%, - CO_2Me), 188 (92%), 255 (58%, M^+). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$: C, 75.27; H, 6.71; N, 5.49; O, 12.53; found: C, 75.31; H, 6.77; N, 5.42; O, 12.49.

General procedure for the hydrolysis



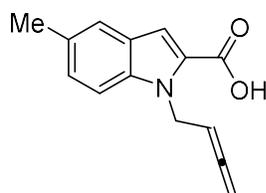
In a round bottomed flask containing 5 mL of MeOH, **12a** (227 mg, 1 mmol) was added, and the flask heated to 65 °C. Next, LiOH·H₂O (420 mg, 10 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of water and the solution added to the methanolic one. The closed flask was maintained at the same temperature until **12a** was completely consumed. The mixture was concentrated at rotavapor and then THF (10 mL) and brine (10 mL) were added. The biphasic mixture was cooled to 0 °C and HCl 2 M was added dropwise under vigorous stirring until pH ≈ 4. Water phase was extracted with THF (3 x 15 mL), the organic phase dried over Na₂SO₄, evaporated and the product purified by flash chromatography using cHex/THF 5:1 as the eluent.



1a, white solid, 93%. **MP**: 164–170 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.70 (dq, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 (tt, *J* = 7.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (ddt, *J* = 7.8, 6.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dt, *J* = 6.1, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 4.79 – 4.72 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 208.57, 162.37, 139.19, 127.21,

126.20, 124.89, 122.44, 120.59, 110.88, 110.62, 87.87, 76.11, 42.67. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 214.4 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₁NO₂: C, 73.23; H, 5.20; N, 6.57; O, 15.01; found: C, 73.30; H, 5.23; N, 6.54; O, 14.95.

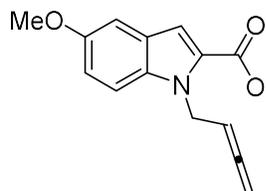


1b, white solid, 65%. **MP**: 187–190 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.46 (dt, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dt, *J* = 6.1, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (dt, *J* = 6.4, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 208.57, 162.36, 137.74, 129.66,

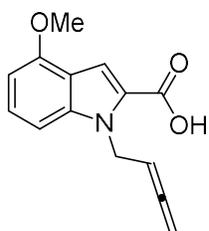
127.13, 126.78, 126.44, 121.68, 110.61, 110.07, 87.90, 76.02, 42.68, 20.44. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 228.2 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₂: C, 73.99; H, 5.77; N, 6.16; O, 14.08; found: C, 74.06; H, 5.79; N, 6.13; O, 14.02.



1c, white solid, 40%. **MP**: 128–131 °C.

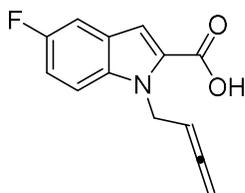
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 7.41 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (p, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 208.55, 162.28,

154.89, 134.62, 126.50, 125.14, 116.39, 111.78, 110.10, 102.37, 87.93, 76.06, 54.88, 42.74. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 244.3 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₃: C, 69.12; H, 5.39; N, 5.76; O, 19.73; found: C, 69.16; H, 5.41; N, 5.74; O, 19.62.



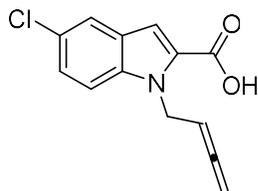
1d, white solid, 66%. **M.P.**: 178–179 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 11.07 (bs, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.42 – 5.30 (m, 1H), 5.22 (dt, *J* = 6.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 208.55, 162.18, 154.58, 140.64, 126.16, 125.80, 117.35, 108.01, 103.78, 99.81, 87.88, 76.07, 54.73, 42.92. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 244.3 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₃: C, 69.12; H, 5.39; N, 5.76; O, 19.73; found: C, 69.10; H, 5.45; N, 5.79; O, 19.66.



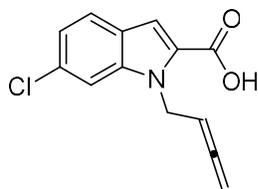
1e, white solid, 44%. **MP**: 137–142 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 7.54 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 9.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (td, *J* = 6.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dt, *J* = 6.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.8 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 208.51, 162.07, 158.09 (d, *J* = 234.9 Hz), 135.84, 128.16, 126.25 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 113.52 (d, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 112.28 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 110.18 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 106.35 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 87.80, 76.25, 42.84. **¹⁹F NMR** (377 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = -124.77 (td, *J* = 9.5, 4.4 Hz). **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 232.3 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀FNO₂: C, 67.53; H, 4.36; N, 6.06; O, 13.84; found: C, 67.49; H, 4.41; N, 6.02; O, 13.90.



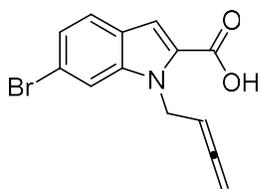
1f, with solid, 99%. **MP**: 195–197 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 7.71 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 5.39 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (dt, *J* = 6.5, 2.8 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 208.48, 162.01, 137.50, 128.72, 127.07, 125.76, 125.15, 124.97, 121.45, 112.52, 109.86, 87.75, 76.37. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 248.1 (³⁵Cl M+H)⁺, 250.1 (³⁷Cl M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀ClNO₂: C, 63.04; H, 4.07; N, 5.66; O, 12.92; found: C, 63.12; H, 4.11; N, 5.63; O, 12.95.



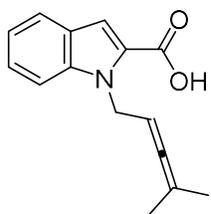
1g, white solid, 58%. **MP**: 187–189 °C.

¹H NMR (401 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (p, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dt, *J* = 6.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 208.47, 162.06, 139.43, 130.37, 128.40, 125.15, 123.76, 121.27, 110.77, 110.60, 87.75, 76.37, 42.71. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 248.1 (³⁵Cl M+H)⁺, 250.1 (³⁷Cl M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀ClNO₂: C, 63.04; H, 4.07; N, 5.66; O, 12.92; found: C, 63.06; H, 4.10; N, 5.68; O, 12.89.



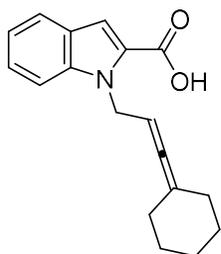
1h, white solid, 73%. **MP**: 185–188 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 7.73 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.9 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 208.47, 162.02, 139.78, 125.14, 125.06, 124.02, 123.84, 118.20, 113.87, 110.60, 87.76, 76.37, 42.68. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 292.2 (⁷⁹Br M+H)⁺, 294.2 (⁸¹Br M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI.** Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀BrNO₂: C, 53.45; H, 3.45; N, 4.79; O, 10.95; found: C, 53.38; H, 3.51; N, 4.76; O, 11.04.



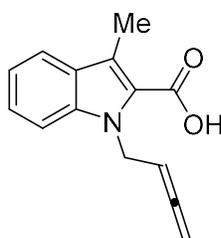
1i, white solid, 96%. **MP**: 142–143 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (tp, *J* = 5.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 202.52, 163.37, 140.32, 127.18, 126.11, 125.58, 123.25, 121.36, 111.93, 111.34, 98.63, 87.46, 44.27, 20.25. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 242.2 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI.** Calc. for C₁₅H₁₅NO₂: C, 74.67; H, 6.27; N, 5.81; O, 13.26; found: C, 74.61; H, 6.31; N, 5.84; O, 13.25.



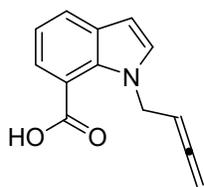
1j, white solid, 49%. **MP**: 135–139 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 1.85 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 1.32 – 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.10 (qt, *J* = 8.7, 5.0 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 198.25, 167.31, 139.86, 126.23, 126.01, 125.49, 122.79, 120.74, 112.83, 111.02, 105.62, 86.07, 44.01, 31.08, 26.68, 25.82. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 282.4 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI.** Calc. for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂: C, 76.84; H, 6.81; N, 4.98; O, 11.37; found: C, 76.91; H, 6.84; N, 4.96; O, 11.29.



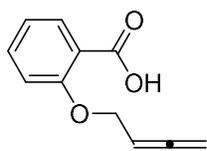
1k, white solid, 97%. **MP**: 183–186 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.69 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.16 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dt, *J* = 6.2, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 208.8, 167.8, 138.9, 127.4, 126.1, 124.4, 122.9, 121.1, 120.1, 110.7, 88.1, 76.6, 43.8, 11.1. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 228.2 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI.** Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₂: C, 73.99; H, 5.77; N, 6.16; O, 14.08; found: C, 74.03; H, 5.71; N, 6.13; O, 14.13.



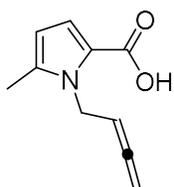
1l, white solid, 99%. **MP**: 83–86 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (p, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dt, *J* = 6.4, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (dt, *J* = 6.0, 2.7 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 208.49, 168.27, 132.86, 131.91, 131.43, 125.21, 124.81, 118.45, 117.27, 102.24, 87.88, 76.06, 47.71. **LC-MS(ESI+)**: 214.4 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI.** Calc. for C₁₃H₁₁NO₂: C, 73.23; H, 5.20; N, 6.57; O, 15.01; found: C, 73.37; H, 5.21; N, 6.58; O, 14.95.



1m, white solid, 90%. **MP**: 60–62 °C.

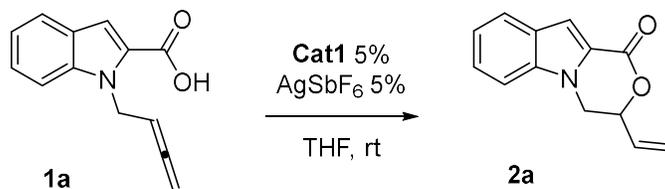
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 10.52 (bs, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (p, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (dt, *J* = 5.9, 2.8 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 209.40, 165.88, 157.06, 134.95, 133.58, 122.18, 117.91, 113.14, 85.80, 78.08, 67.13. **LC-MS(ESI⁺)**: 191.2 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₁H₁₀O₃: C, 69.46; H, 5.30; O, 25.24; found: C, 69.41; H, 5.32; O, 25.27.



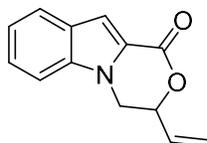
1n, yellow solid, 95%. **MP**: 110–114 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ = 6.85 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (p, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dt, *J* = 6.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (dt, *J* = 6.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, acetone) δ = 208.37, 161.84, 136.99, 117.87, 107.77, 106.87, 88.26, 76.09, 42.89, 11.60. **LC-MS(ESI⁺)**: 177.2 (M+H)⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₀H₁₁NO₂: C, 67.78; H, 6.26; N, 7.90; O, 18.06; found: C, 67.86; H, 6.22; N, 7.93; O, 17.97.

General procedure for gold(I) catalysed intramolecular hydrocarboxylation

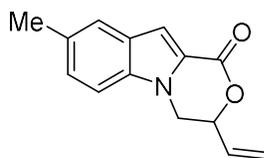


In a two neck round bottomed flask, dried and under nitrogen atmosphere, **Cat1** (3.6 mg, 5 μmol, 5 mol%) was dissolved in 1 mL of anhydrous THF. The flask was covered in foil to provide darkness and then AgSbF₆ (1.7 mg, 5 μmol) was added, and the reaction stirred for 10 minutes. Next, **1a** (21.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred for 24 h and conversion of **1a** was monitored by TLC. To the reaction mixture was added dry silica and solvent evaporated. Final product was purified by flash chromatography using *n*Hex/AcOEt 5:1 as the eluent.



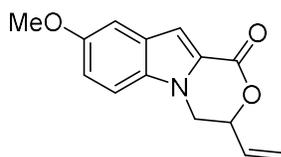
2a, white solid, 90%. **MP**: 108–109 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.72 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dddt, *J* = 8.5, 6.1, 3.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 9.3 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.35, 136.60, 131.98, 126.98, 126.07, 123.29, 123.25, 121.48, 120.22, 110.17, 109.88, 77.79, 44.12. **GC-MS(EI)**: 129 (100%), 213 (45%, M⁺), 168 (19%). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₁NO₂: C, 73.23; H, 5.20; N, 6.57; O, 15.01; found: C, 73.31; H, 5.22; N, 6.16; O, 14.95.



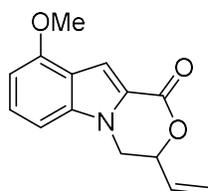
2b, white solid, 64%. **MP**: 106–109 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.49 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (ddd, *J* = 16.7, 10.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (tdd, *J* = 7.0, 3.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.44, 137.59, 135.16, 132.04, 130.93, 128.12, 127.25, 122.43, 120.13, 109.63, 109.51, 77.76, 44.17, 21.39. **GC-MS(EI)**: 143 (100%), 227 (55%, M⁺), 171 (21%). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₂: C, 73.99; H, 5.77; N, 6.16; O, 14.08; found: C, 73.89; H, 5.81; N, 6.18; O, 14.12.



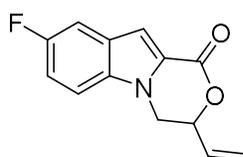
2c, white solid, 80%. **MP**: 125–128 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 1.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.47 – 5.39 (m, 1H), 5.28 – 5.19 (m, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.30, 155.17, 137.20, 132.00, 127.34, 123.48, 120.18, 118.16, 110.78, 109.50, 102.67, 77.76, 55.65, 44.22. **GC-MS(EI)**: 243 (100%, M⁺), 159 (94%), 116 (97%). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₃: C, 69.12; H, 5.39; N, 5.76; O, 19.73; found: C, 69.17; H, 5.43; N, 5.68; O, 19.72.



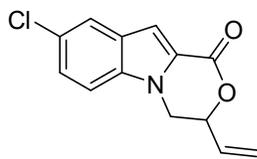
2d, white solid, 72%. **MP**: 138–140 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (ddd, *J* = 16.9, 10.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dtd, *J* = 9.3, 3.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.25, 154.98, 137.97, 132.01, 127.34, 121.97, 120.14, 118.67, 108.13, 102.56, 100.34, 77.68, 55.41, 44.37. **GC-MS(EI)**: 243 (100%, M⁺), 159 (51%), 186 (17%). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₃: C, 69.12; H, 5.39; N, 5.76; O, 19.73; found: C, 69.05; H, 5.45; N, 5.74; O, 19.76.



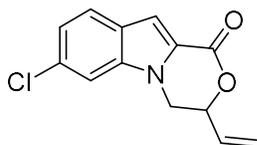
2e, white solid, 75%. **MP**: 125–128 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (ddd, *J* = 16.9, 10.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.30 – 5.18 (m, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 9.3 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.60, 158.09 (d, *J* = 173.2 Hz), 133.29, 131.77, 127.08 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 124.67, 120.41, 115.42 (d, *J* = 27.5 Hz), 110.84 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 109.83 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 107.44 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 77.76, 44.30. **¹⁹F NMR** (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -121.48 (td, *J* = 9.0, 4.2 Hz). **GC-MS(EI)**: 147 (100%), 231 (33%, M⁺), 175 (18%). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀FNO₂: C, 67.53; H, 4.36; N, 6.06; O, 13.84; found: C, 67.58; H, 4.34; N, 5.99; O, 13.88.



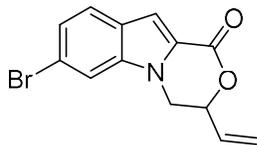
2f, white solid, 98%. **MP**: 153–155 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.69 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (ddd, *J* = 16.8, 10.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (tdd, *J* = 7.8, 3.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 9.3 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.92, 134.86, 131.69, 127.71, 127.20, 126.61, 124.42, 122.36, 120.48, 111.02, 109.37, 77.75, 44.24. **GC-MS(EI)**: 163 (100%), 165 (39%), 247 (50%, (³⁵Cl)M⁺), 249 (18%, (³⁷Cl)M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀ClNO₂: C, 63.04; H, 4.07; N, 5.66; O, 12.92; found: C, 62.99; H, 4.16; N, 5.54; O, 13.00.



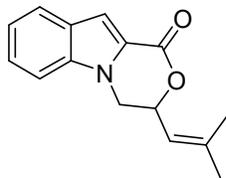
2g, white solid, 85%. **MP**: 134–135 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.63 – 5.54 (m, 1H), 5.48 – 5.41 (m, 1H), 5.25 (dddd, *J* = 10.6, 6.0, 3.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.96, 136.81, 132.19, 131.72, 125.42, 124.21, 124.00, 122.57, 120.44, 110.23, 109.85, 77.68, 44.22. **GC-MS(EI)**: 163 (100%), 247 (65%, (³⁵Cl)M⁺), 249 (21%, (³⁷Cl)M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀ClNO₂: C, 63.04; H, 4.07; N, 5.66; O, 12.92; found: C, 62.94; H, 4.14; N, 5.62; O, 12.99.



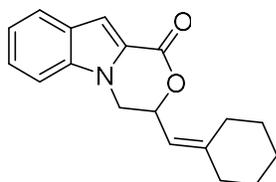
2h, white solid, 89%. **MP**: 124–126 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.47 – 5.41 (m, 1H), 5.25 (dddd, *J* = 10.8, 5.7, 3.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.94, 137.14, 131.71, 125.69, 125.07, 124.44, 123.86, 120.45, 119.96, 112.96, 110.23, 77.69, 44.21. **GC-MS(EI)**: 207 (100%), 293 (60%, (⁸¹Br)M⁺), 291 (56%, (⁷⁹Br)M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀BrNO₂: C, 53.45; H, 3.45; N, 4.79; O, 10.95; found: C, 53.51; H, 3.48; N, 4.76; O, 10.89.



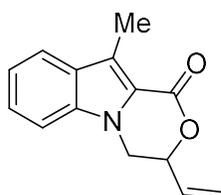
2i, white solid, 68%. **MP**: 118–120 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.72 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (td, *J* = 9.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.00, 142.29, 136.60, 126.98, 125.88, 123.48, 123.20, 121.37, 118.78, 109.92, 109.79, 75.02, 44.31, 25.80, 18.70. **LC-MS(ESI)**: 242.2 [(M+1)]⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₅H₁₅NO₂: C, 74.67; H, 6.27; N, 5.81; O, 13.26; found: C, 74.74; H, 6.21; N, 5.76; O, 13.30.



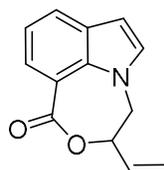
2j, white solid, 29%. **MP**: 124–126 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 5.53 (td, *J* = 9.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.34 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.25 – 2.11 (m, 3H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 160.07, 149.85, 136.59, 127.01, 125.85, 123.51, 123.24, 121.35, 115.40, 109.88, 109.82, 74.27, 44.63, 36.95, 29.74, 28.19, 27.74, 26.35. **LC-MS(ESI)**: 282.2 [(M+H)]⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂: C, 76.84; H, 6.81; N, 4.98; O, 11.37; found: C, 76.82; H, 6.88; N, 4.97; O, 11.33.



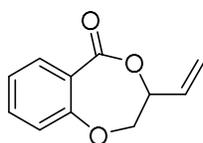
2k, white solid, 85%. **MP**: 108–110 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.70 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 1.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 1.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.22 – 5.15 (m, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, cdcl₃) δ 160.07, 149.85, 136.59, 127.01, 125.85, 123.51, 123.24, 121.35, 115.40, 109.88, 109.82, 74.27, 44.63, 36.95, 29.74, 28.19, 27.74, 26.35. **LC-MS(ESI)**: 228.3 [(M+H)]⁺. **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₃NO₂: C, 73.99; H, 5.77; N, 6.16; O, 14.08; found: C, 73.94; H, 5.81; N, 6.18; O, 14.07.



2l, colourless sticky oil, 12%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (ddd, *J* = 16.8, 10.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 5.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.49 – 4.42 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.35, 132.18, 132.18, 130.03, 129.04, 128.77, 127.39, 119.95, 119.10, 112.69, 102.90, 77.26, 54.20. **GC-MS(EI)**: 129 (100%), 157 (30%), 213 (29%, M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₁NO₂: C, 73.23; H, 5.20; N, 6.57; O, 15.01; found: C, 73.31; H, 5.22; N, 6.16; O, 14.95.



2m, colourless sticky oil, 11%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (ddd, *J* = 16.6, 10.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.54 – 5.44 (m, 1H), 5.40 – 5.32 (m, 1H), 5.07 – 4.98 (m, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.91, 154.92, 134.84, 133.20, 130.13, 123.19, 120.97, 119.70, 110.00, 76.51, 74.34. **GC-MS(EI)**: 105 (100%), 131 (28%), 190 (7%, M⁺). **Anal. EI**. Calc. for C₁₁H₁₀O₃: C, 69.46; H, 5.30; O, 25.24; found: C, 69.51; H, 5.29; O, 25.20.

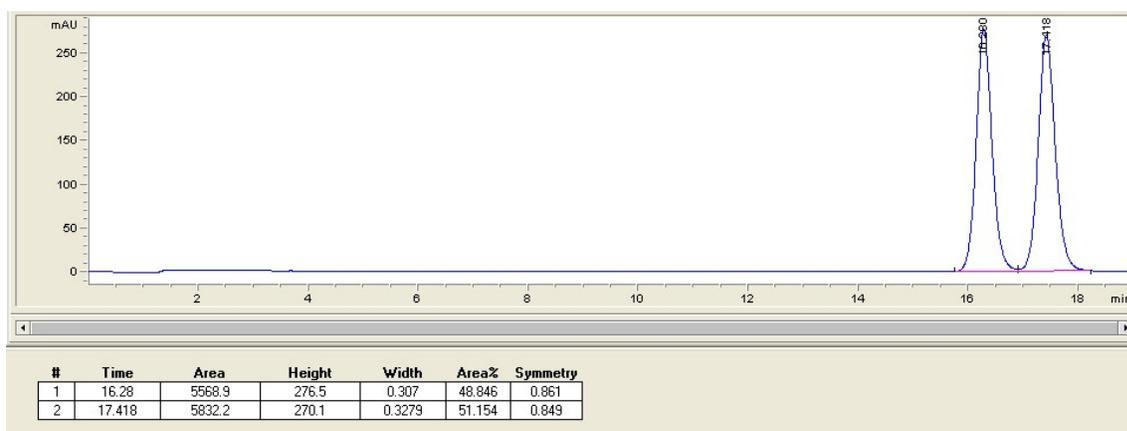
Enantioselective gold(I) catalysed intramolecular hydrocarboxylation

In a two neck round bottomed flask, dried and under nitrogen atmosphere, **Cat** (5 μmol , 5 mol%) was dissolved in 1 mL of anhydrous THF. The flask was covered with an aluminum foil to provide darkness and then additive (5 μmol) was added, and the reaction stirred for 10 minutes. Next, **1a** (21.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred for 24 h and conversion of **1a** was monitored by TLC. To the reaction mixture was added dry silica and solvent evaporated. Final product was purified by flash chromatography using *n*Hex/AcOEt 5:1 as the eluent.

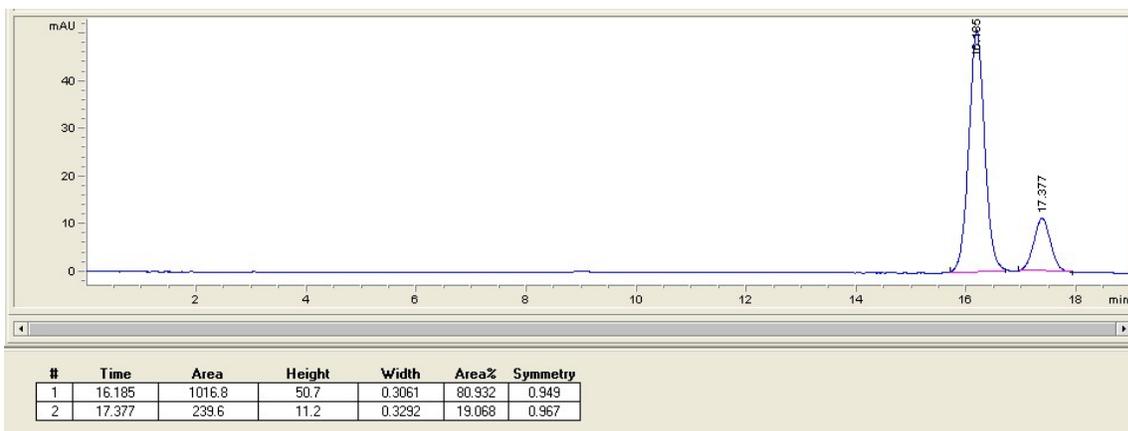
Entry	Cat	Additive	Temperature	Yield [%]	e.r.
1	(<i>R</i>)-Cat11	AgSbF ₆	rt	89	66 : 33
2	(<i>R</i>)-Cat12	AgSbF ₆	rt	80	75:25
3	(<i>R</i>)-Cat13	AgSbF ₆	rt	89	72.5:27.5
4	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	AgSbF ₆	rt	86	19:81
5	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	AgSbF ₆	10 °C	81	25:75
6	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	AgSbF ₆	40 °C	66	26.5:73.5
7	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	AgOTs	rt	31	53.5:46.5
8	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	Ag(NTf ₂)	rt	75	26:74
9 ^a	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	AgTFA	rt	< 20	55:45
10 ^a	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	AgBF ₄	rt	< 20	0
11 ^a	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	AgOTf	rt	< 20	32.5:67.5
12 ^a	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	AgPF ₆	rt	< 20	43:57
13	(<i>S</i>)-Cat14	NaBARF	rt	no reaction	-

^a e.r. determined on crude due to low conversion.

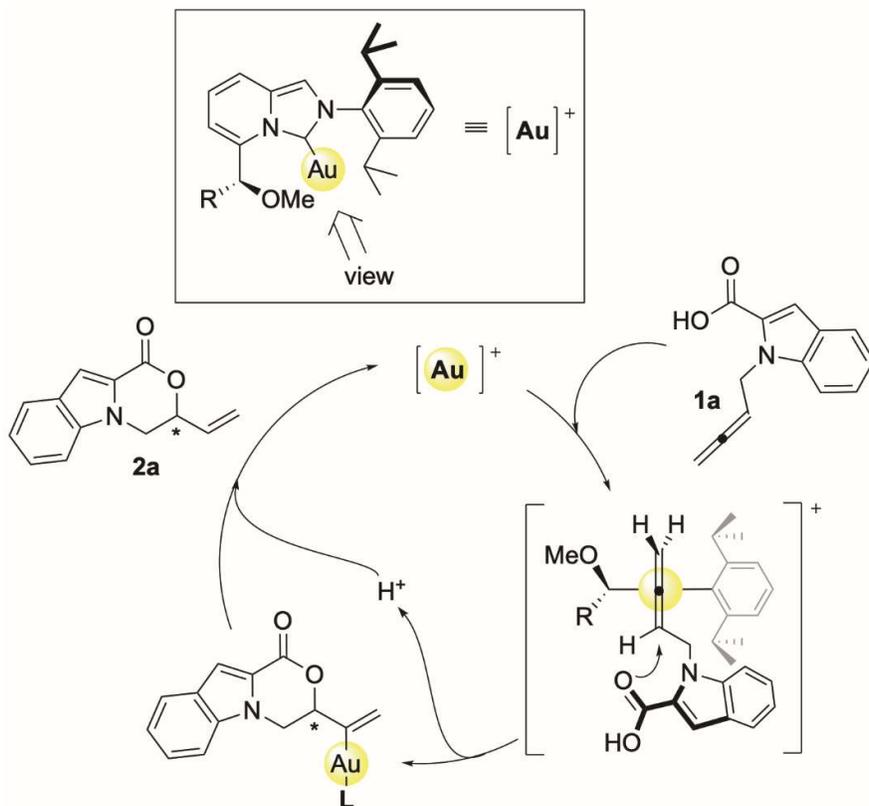
Chiral HPLC condition for separation of **2a** enantiomers: Chiralpack® IA (0.46 cm x 25 cm), eluent: 90/10 *n*-hexane/IPA, flow: 1 mL/min, T = 30 °C.



Enantioenriched (+)-**2a**, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +35.14$ ($c=0.99$): $t(\text{major})=16.2\text{min}$; $t(\text{minor})=17.4\text{min}$.



Plausible reaction mechanism for asymmetric transformation



Crystallographic analysis

The X-ray intensity data were measured on a Bruker Apex III CCD diffractometer. Cell dimensions and the orientation matrix were initially determined from a least-squares refinement on reflections measured in four sets of 20 exposures, collected in three different ω regions, and eventually refined against all data. A full sphere of reciprocal space was scanned by 0.5° ω steps. The software SMART³ was used for collecting frames of data, indexing reflections and determination of lattice parameters. The collected frames were then processed for integration by the SAINT program,¹² and an empirical absorption correction was applied using SADABS.¹³ The structures were solved by direct methods (SIR 2014)¹⁴ and subsequent Fourier syntheses and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 (SHELXTL)¹⁵ using anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms. The aromatic, methyl, methylene and methine hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions, refined with isotropic thermal parameters $U(H) = 1.2 Ueq(C)$ or $U(H) = 1.5 Ueq(C_{methyl})$ and allowed to ride on their carrier carbons. In **Cat11** one THF molecule was found in the asymmetric unit. Compound **Cat12** crystallizes as racemic twin in the chiral space group $P2_12_12_1$.

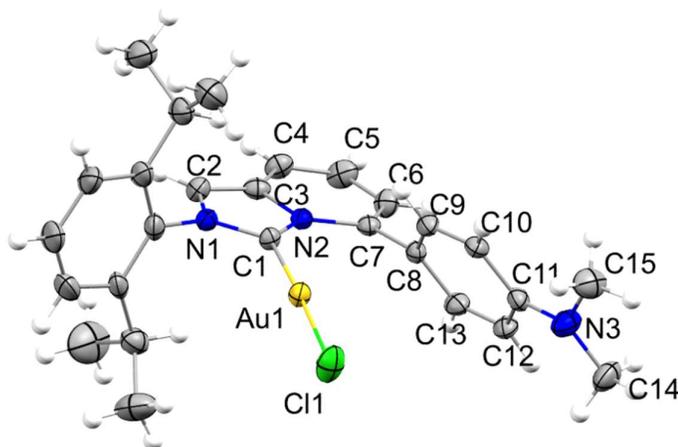
Crystal data and details of the data collection for compounds **Cat2-4**, **Cat11-14** and **2a** are reported in **Table S1**, **S3**, **S5** and **S7**. Molecular drawings were generated using Mercury.¹⁶ The syntheses of **Cat11AuCl** and **Cat12AuCl** were carried out with the racemic mixtures of the ligands.

Crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) as supplementary publication number CCDC 2167546-2167553. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/getstructures.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **Cat2-4**.

Compound	Cat2	Cat3	Cat4
Formula	C ₂₇ H ₃₁ AuClN ₃	C ₂₇ H ₃₁ AuBrN ₃	C ₂₁ H ₂₇ AuClN ₃
Fw	629.96	674.42	553.87
T, K	296 (2)	296(2)	296 (2)
λ, Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal symmetry	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
<i>a</i> , Å	10.6885(8)	10.8669(7)	8.150(1)
<i>b</i> , Å	16.120(1)	11.9595(8)	15.359(2)
<i>c</i> , Å	15.127(1)	19.914(1)	17.032(2)
α	90	90	90
β	92.152 (2)	100.258(2)	90
γ	90	90	90
Cell volume, Å ³	2604.5(4)	2546.8(3)	2132.0(5)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
D _c , Mg m ⁻³	1.607	1.759	1.726
μ(Mo-Kα), mm ⁻¹	5.770	7.364	7.035
F(000)	1240	1312	1080
Crystal size/ mm	0.15 x 0.13 x 0.08	0.32 x 0.16 x 0.14	0.24 x 0.22 x 0.11
θ limits, °	1.847 to 25.496	1.904 to 26.000	1.785 to 25.496
Reflections collected	31627	32398	20519
Unique obs. Reflections [F _o]	4835 [R(int) = 0.0784]	5009 [R(int) = 0.0611]	3966 [R(int) = 0.0843]
Goodness-of-fit-on F ²	0.971	1.012	1.117
R ₁ (F) ^a , wR ₂ (F ²) ^b [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0487, wR2 = 0.1150	R1 = 0.0450, wR2 = 0.1080	R1 = 0.0412, wR2 = 0.0901
Largest diff. peak and hole, e. Å ⁻³	2.299 and -1.801	1.876 and -1.714	2.100 and -0.846

^a) $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$, ^b) $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ where $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + F_c^2)/3$.

Figure S1. ORTEP molecular drawing with atom labelling of **Cat2-4**, thermal ellipsoids are draw at 30% of the probability level.

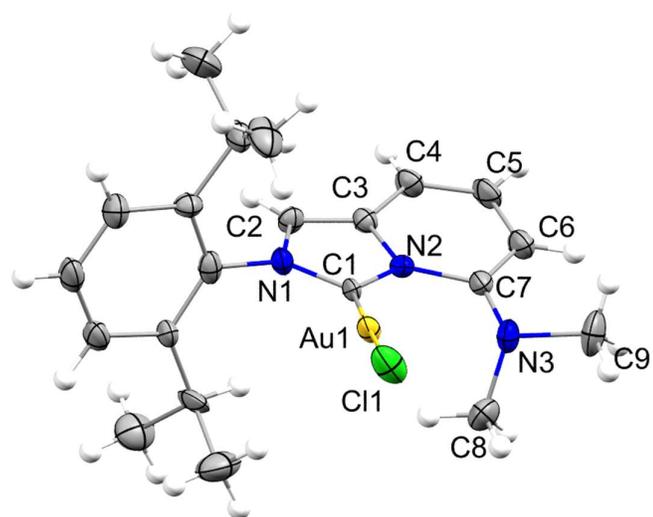
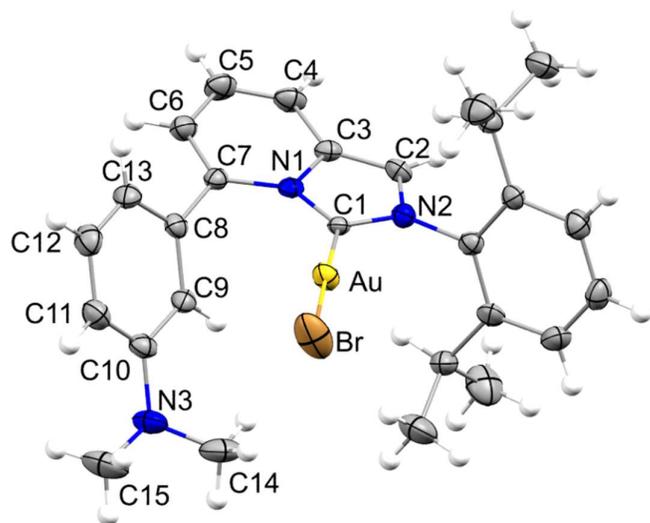


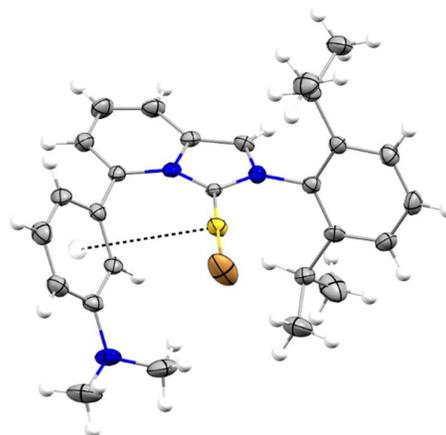
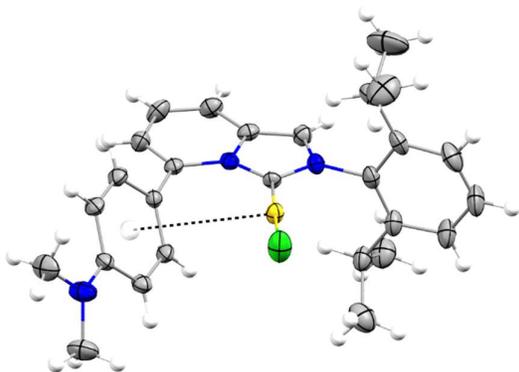
Table S2. Angles of -NMe₂ groups.

Cat2		
C11-N3-C14	C11-N3-C15	C14-N3-C15
120.5(8)°	119.7(8)°	117.1(8)°

Cat3		
C10-N3-C14	C10-N3-C15	C14-N3-C15
117.8(7)°	115.8(7)°	114.9(8)°

Cat4		
C7-N3-C8	C7-N3-C9	C8-N3-C9
114.4(1)°	113.6(1)°	110.0(1)°

Figure S1.1. Ar...Au π -interactions for **Cat2** and **Cat3**.



Complex	Ar...Au (Å) ^a
Cat2	3.623
Cat3	3.567

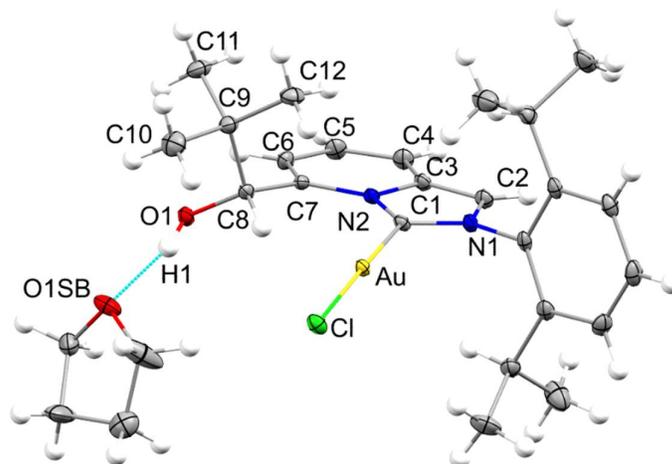
^a distance between arene center of mass and gold(I), calculated by Mercury

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **Cat11-12**.

Compound	Cat11•THF	Cat12
Formula	C ₂₄ H ₃₂ AuClN ₂ O•C ₄ H ₈ O	C ₂₅ H ₃₄ AuClN ₂ O
Fw	669.03	610.96
T, K	100 (2)	100 (2)
λ, Å	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal symmetry	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
<i>a</i> , Å	8.9407 (5)	10.118 (1)
<i>b</i> , Å	9.6395 (6)	12.940 (2)
<i>c</i> , Å	17.239 (1)	19.485 (3)
α	98.233 (2)	90
β	94.272 (2)	90
γ	106.185 (2)	90
Cell volume, Å ³	1401.9 (1)	2551.1 (6)
<i>Z</i>	2	4
D _C , Mg m ⁻³	1.585	1.591
μ(Mo-Kα), mm ⁻¹	5.368	5.889
F(000)	668	1208
Crystal size/ mm	0.14 x 0.13 x 0.04	0.36 x 0.21 x 0.14
θ limits, °	2.348 to 25.500	1.889 to 25.993
Reflections collected	16780	33295
Unique obs. Reflections [F _o > 4σ(F _o)]	5216 [R(int) = 0.0290]	4997 [R(int) = 0.0371]
Goodness-of-fit-on F ²	1.180	1.028
R ₁ (F) ^a , wR ₂ (F ²) ^b [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0217, wR2 = 0.0492	R1 = 0.0200, wR2 = 0.0535
Largest diff. peak and hole, e. Å ⁻³	1.146 and -1.421	2.423 and -1.083

^a) $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$. ^b) $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ where $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + F_c^2)/3$.

Figure S2. ORTEP molecular drawing with atom labelling of **Cat11-12**, thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% of the probability level. In **Cat11** also the THF molecule is represented. The dotted light-blue line shows the presence of a classical O-H...O bond. In **Cat12** only the *R* enantiomer is shown.



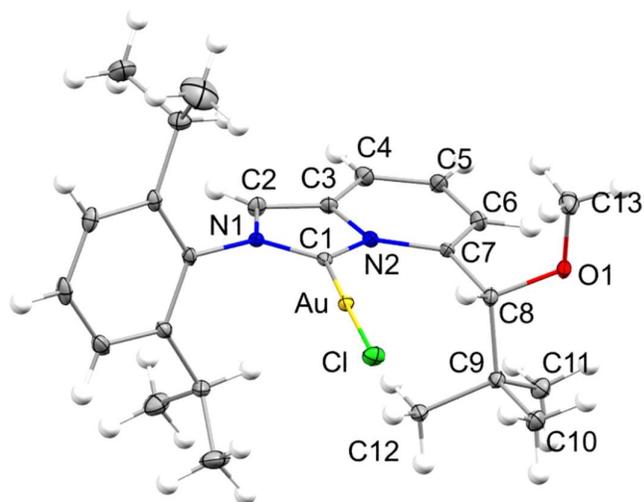


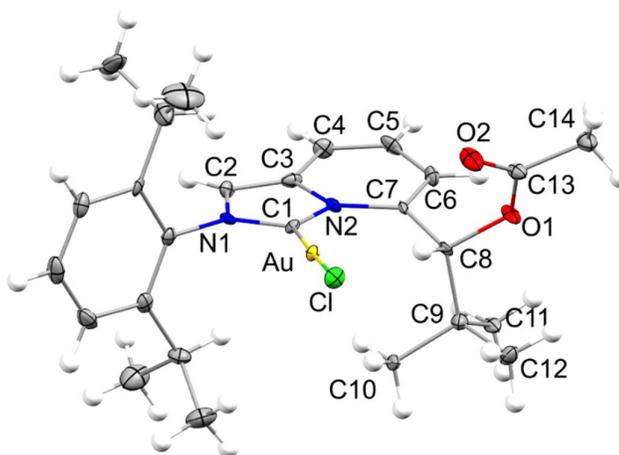
Table S4. Torsion angle between **ImPy** plane and alkyl functionalization.

	N2-C7-C8-C9 torsion angle
Cat11 •THF	94.1(3)°
Cat12	92.2(7)°

Table S5. Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **Cat13-14**.

Compound	Cat13	Cat14
Formula	C ₂₆ H ₃₄ AuClN ₂ O ₂	C ₃₁ H ₄₀ AuClN ₂ O
Fw	638.97	689.06
T, K	100 (2)	100(2)
λ, Å	0.71073	0.71079
Crystal symmetry	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
<i>a</i> , Å	9.8777(7)	12.7402(8)
<i>b</i> , Å	13.289(1)	13.7979(8)
<i>c</i> , Å	19.872(1)	16.0681(9)
α	90	90
β	90	90
γ	90	90
Cell volume, Å ³	2608.4(3)	2824.6(3)
Z	4	4
D _c , Mg m ⁻³	1.627	1.620
μ(Mo-Kα), mm ⁻¹	5.766	5.329
F(000)	1264	1376
Crystal size/ mm	0.41 x 0.08 x 0.07	0.24 x 0.13 x 0.10
θ limits, °	1.844 to 25.248	1.945 to 30.572
Reflections collected	30416	63032
Unique obs. Reflections [F _o > 4σ(F _o)]	4669 [R(int) = 0.0626]	8646 [R(int) = 0.0600]
Goodness-of-fit-on F ²	0.766	1.024
R ₁ (F) ^a , wR ₂ (F ²) ^b [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0388, wR2 = 0.0997	R1 = 0.0169, wR2 = 0.0384
Largest diff. peak and hole, e. Å ⁻³	2.630 and -2.891	1.638 and -0.748

^a) $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$. ^b) $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ where $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + F_c^2)/3$.

Figure S3. ORTEP molecular drawing with atom labelling of **Cat13-14**, thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% of the probability level.

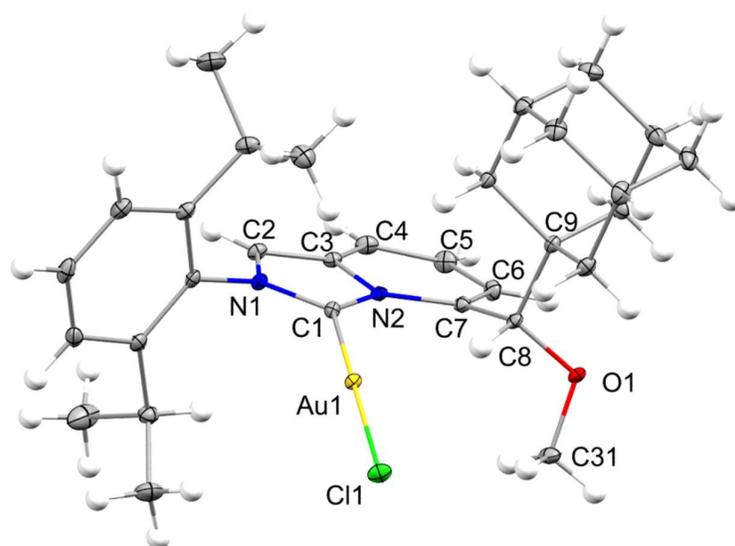


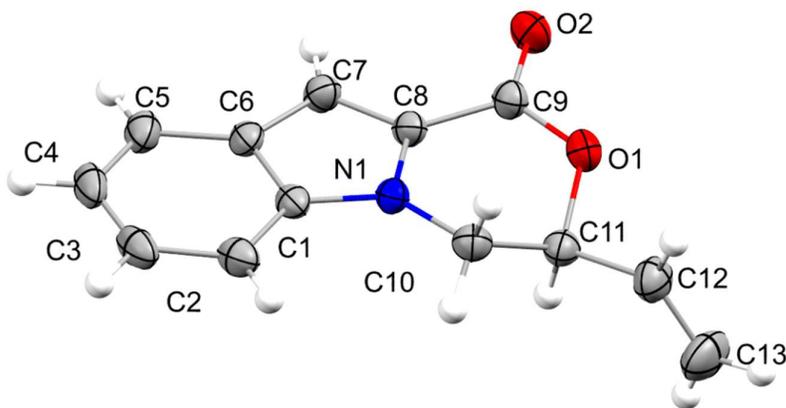
Table S6. Torsion angle between ImPy plane and alkyl functionalization

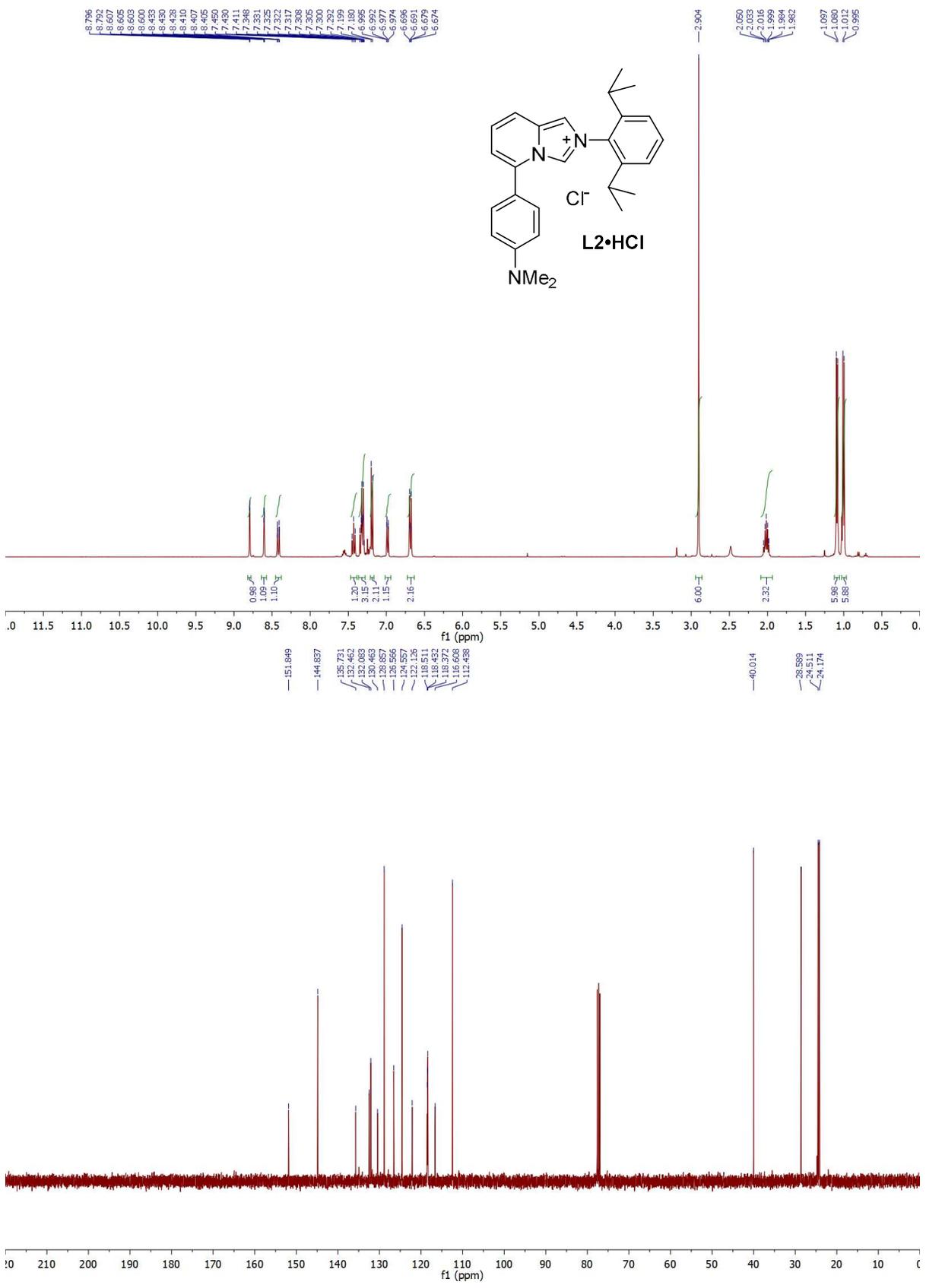
	N2-C7-C8-C9 torsion angle
Cat13	92(1)°
Cat14	93.4(3)°

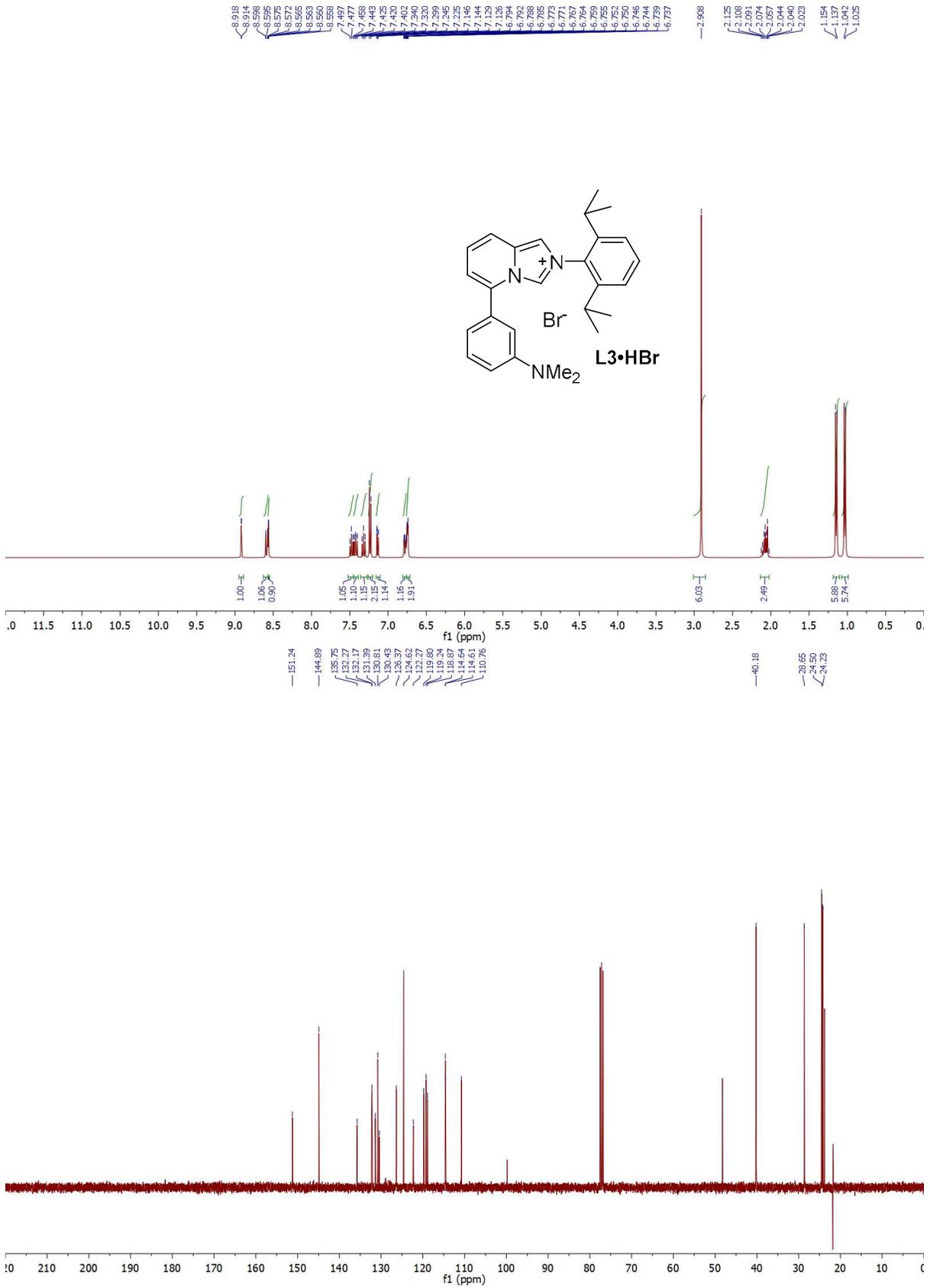
Table S7. Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **2a**.

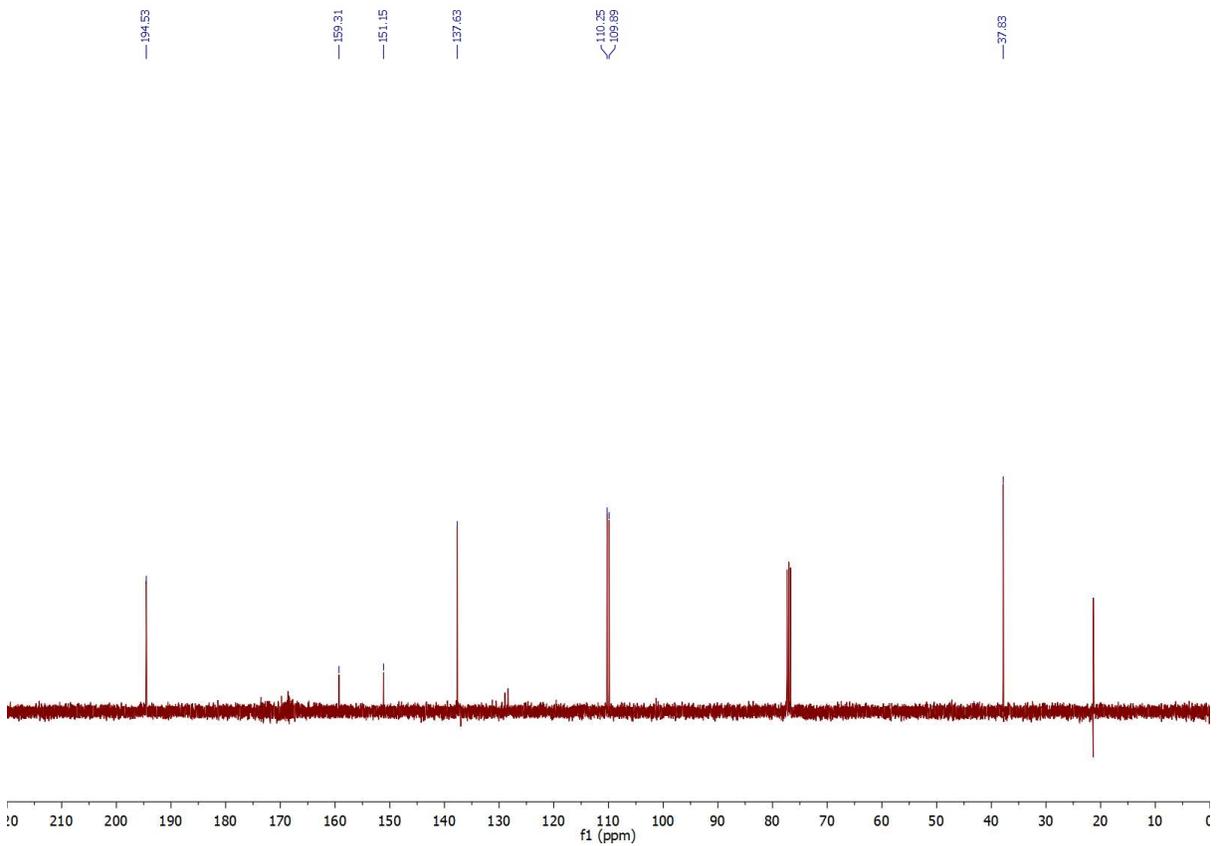
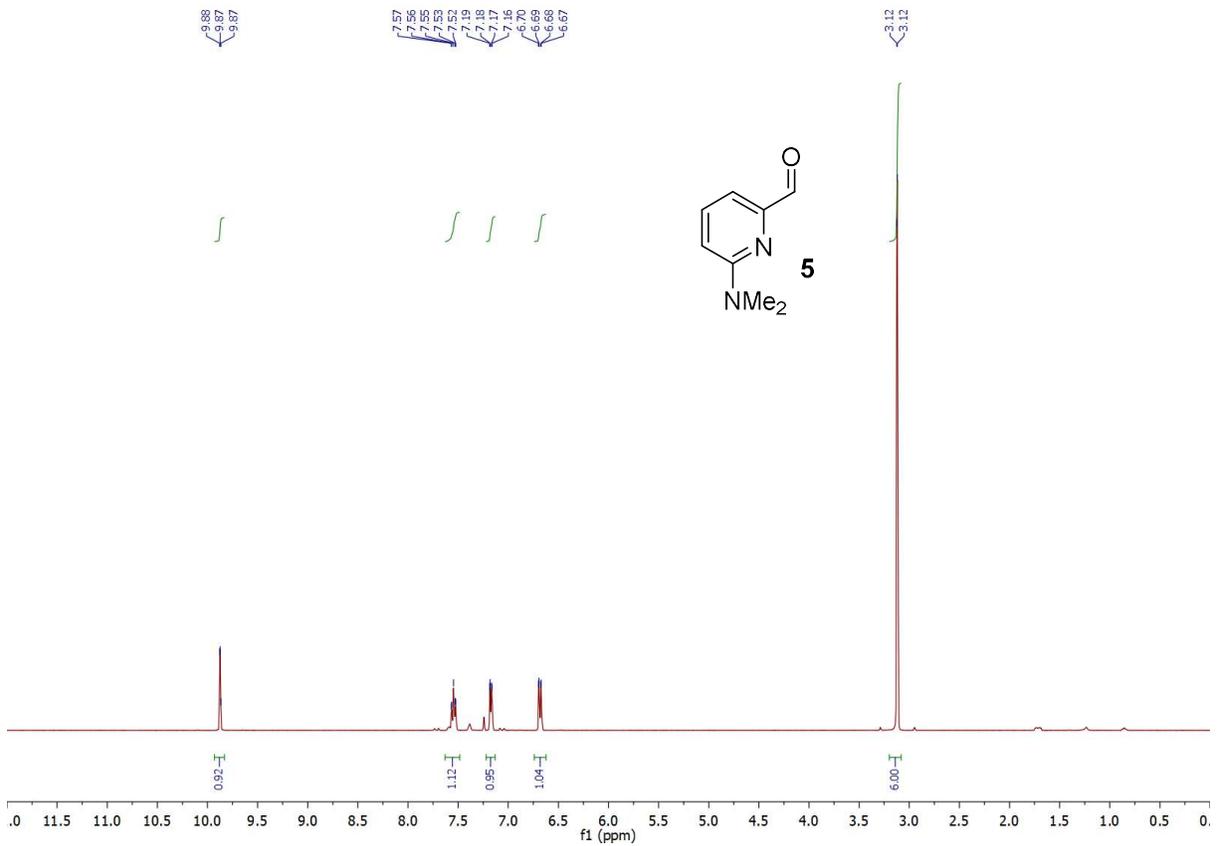
Compound	2a
Formula	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ NO ₂
Fw	213.23
T, K	296 (2)
λ, Å	0.71073
Crystal symmetry	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a, Å	18.836(1)
b, Å	7.3826(5)
c, Å	17.191(1)
α	90
β	115.542 (1)
γ	90
Cell volume, Å ³	2156.9(2)
Z	8
D _c , Mg m ⁻³	1.313
μ(Mo-Kα), mm ⁻¹	0.089
F(000)	896
Crystal size/ mm	0.31 x 0.07 x 0.05
θ limits, °	2.397 to 25.497
Reflections collected	12671
Unique obs. Reflections [F _o > 4σ(F _o)]	1957 [R(int) = 0.0370]
Goodness-of-fit-on F ²	1.116
R ₁ (F) ^a , wR ₂ (F ²) ^b [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0641, wR2 = 0.1569
Largest diff. peak and hole, e. Å ⁻³	0.200 and -0.192

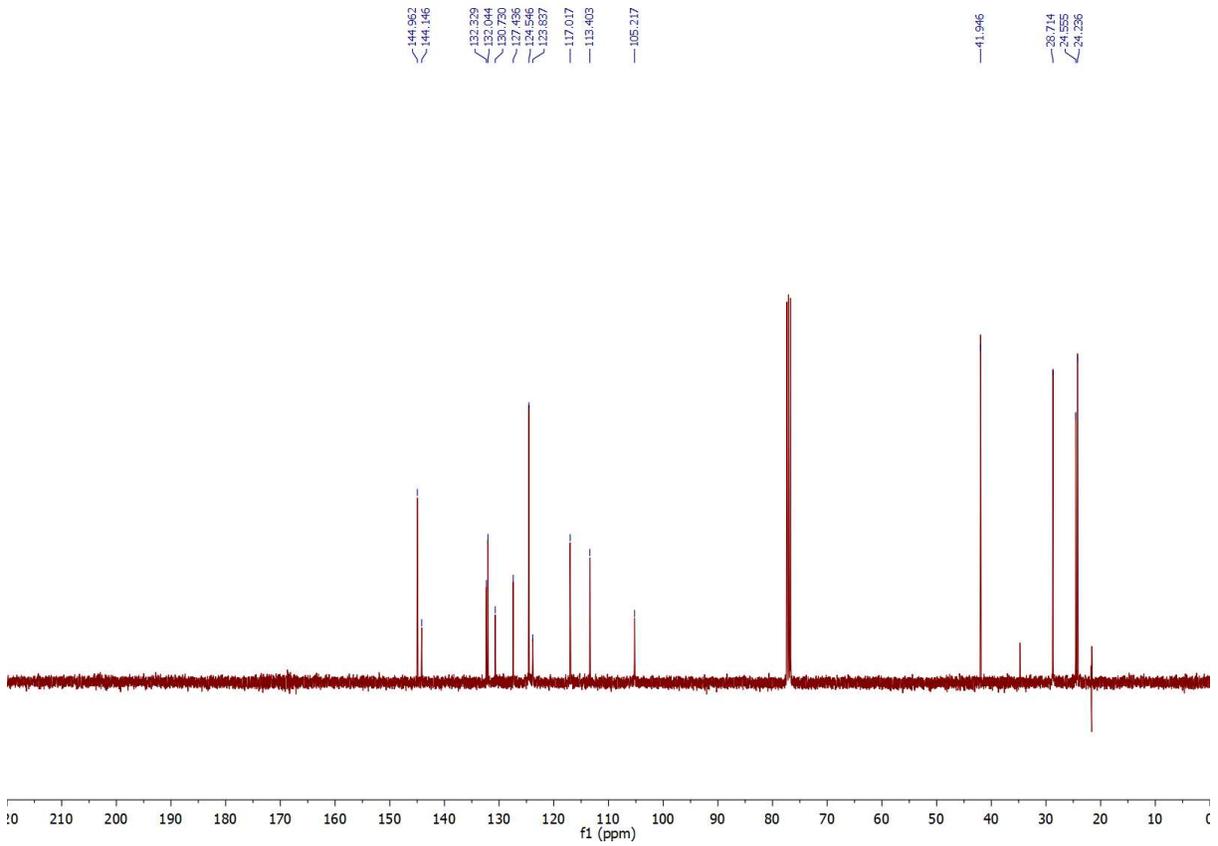
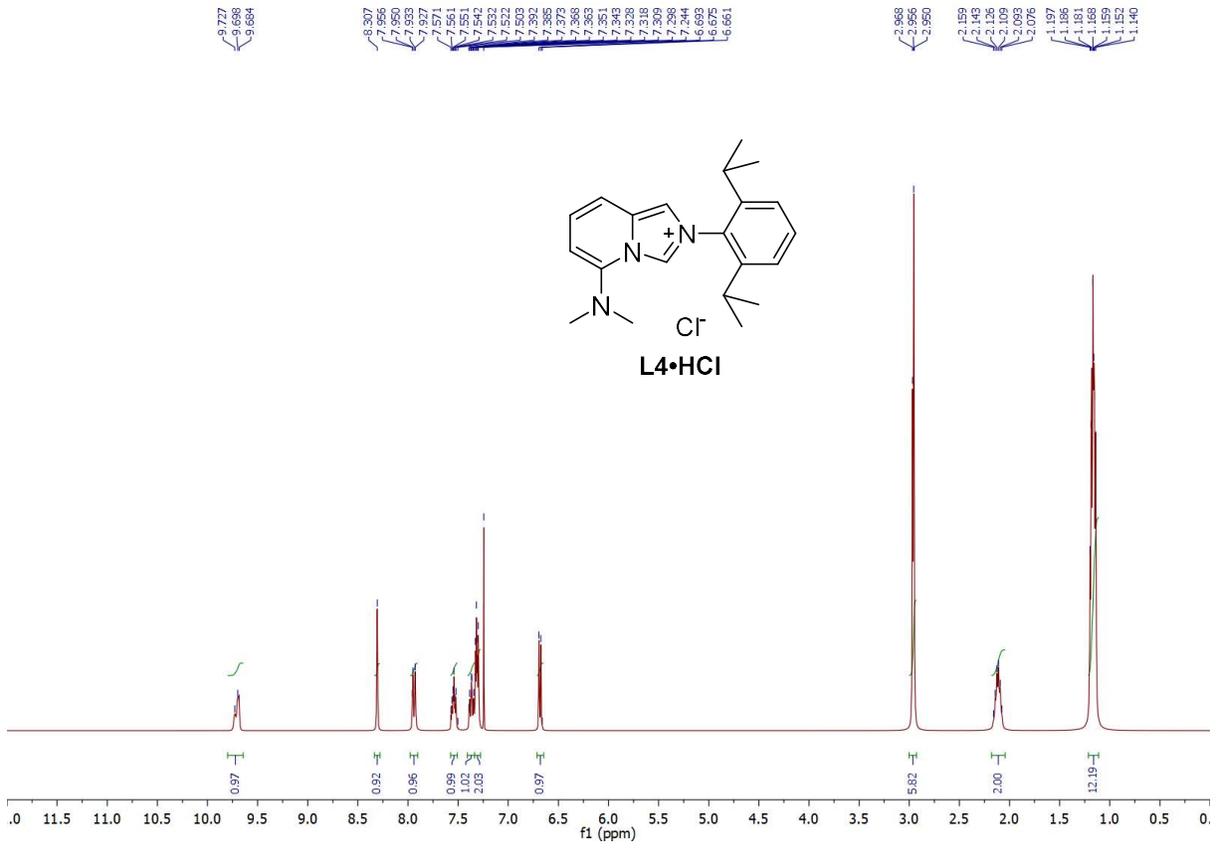
^a) $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$, ^b) $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ where $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + F_c^2)/3$.

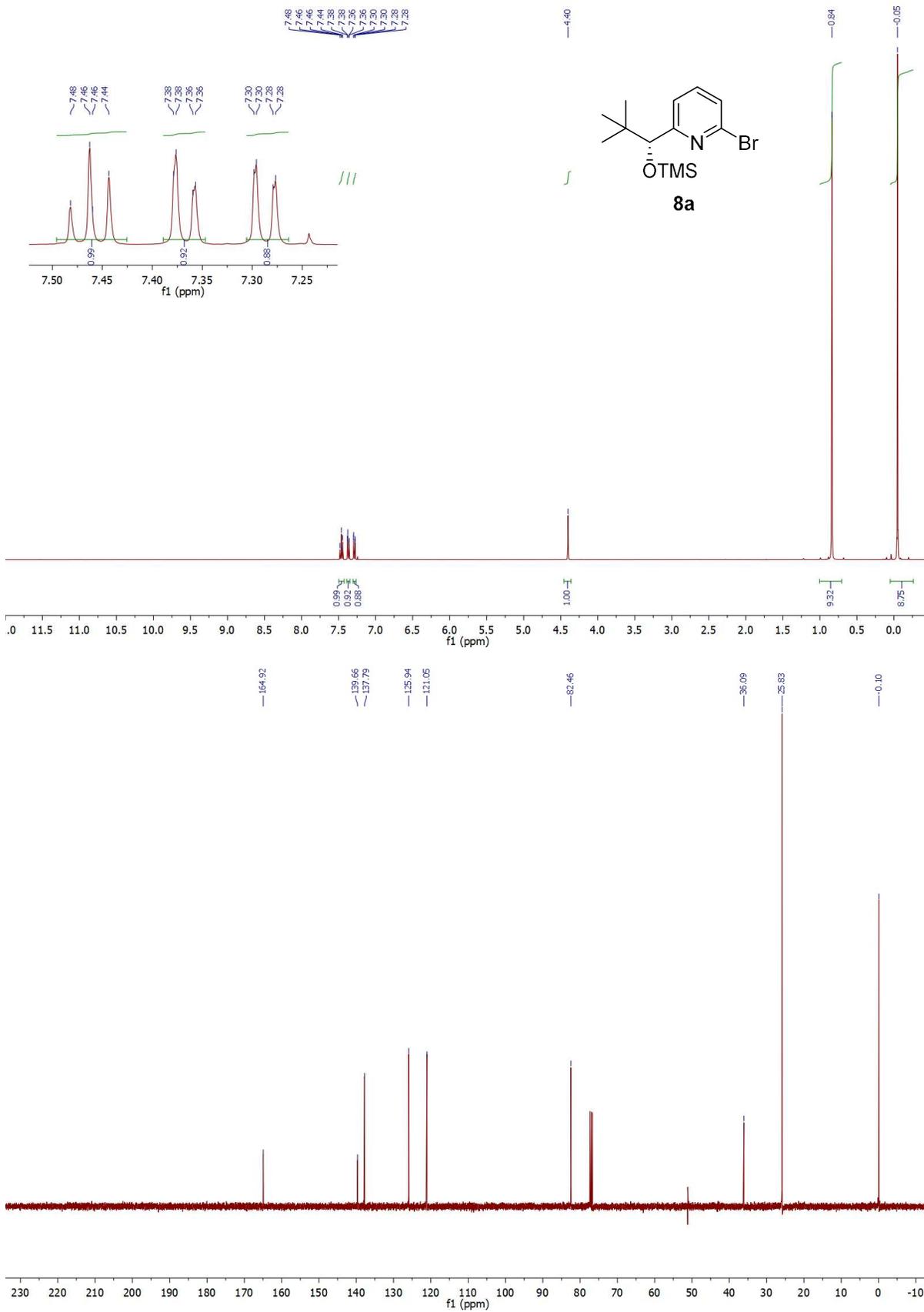
Figure S4. ORTEP molecular drawing with atom labelling of **2a**, thermal ellipsoids are draw at 30% of the probability level.

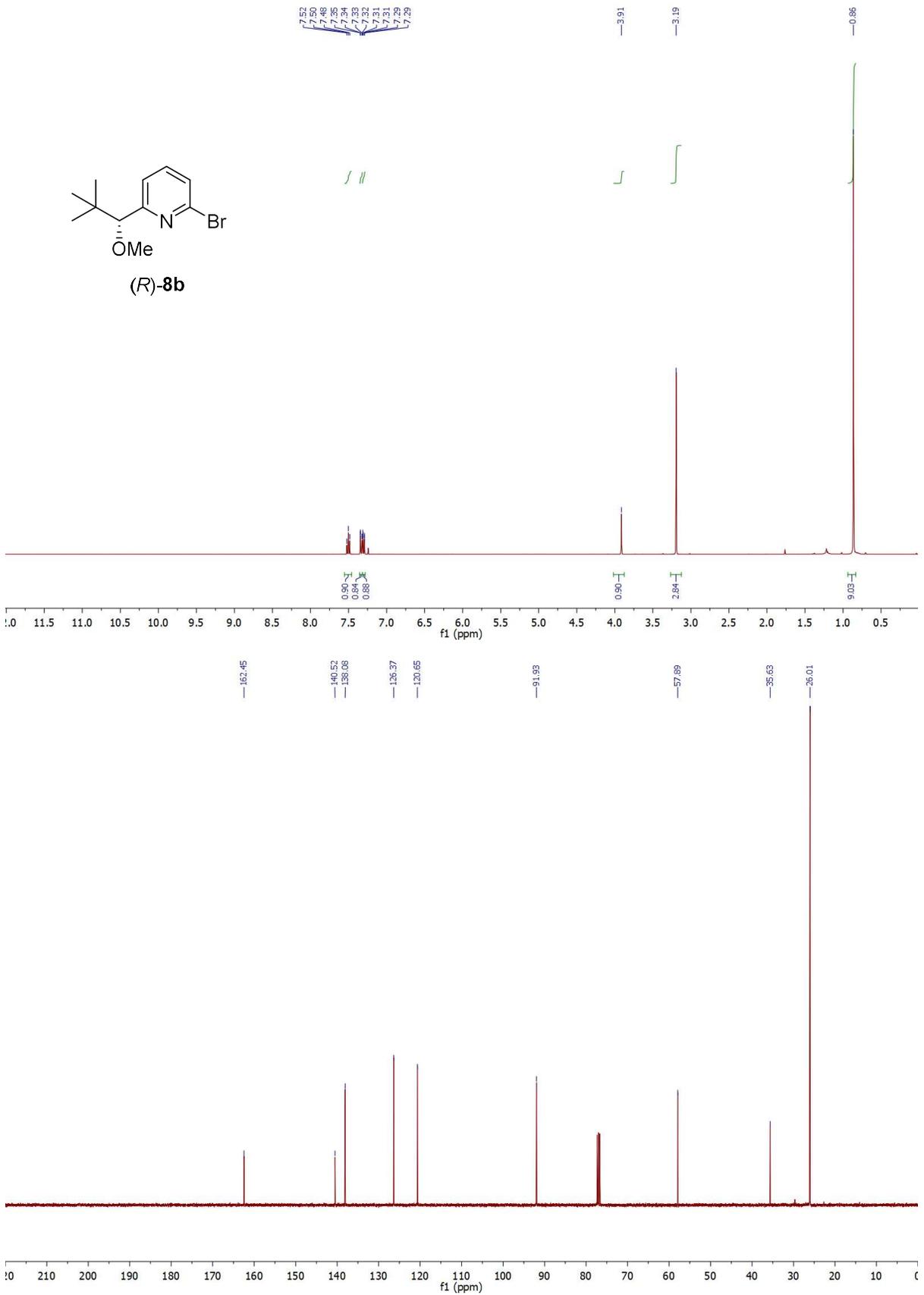


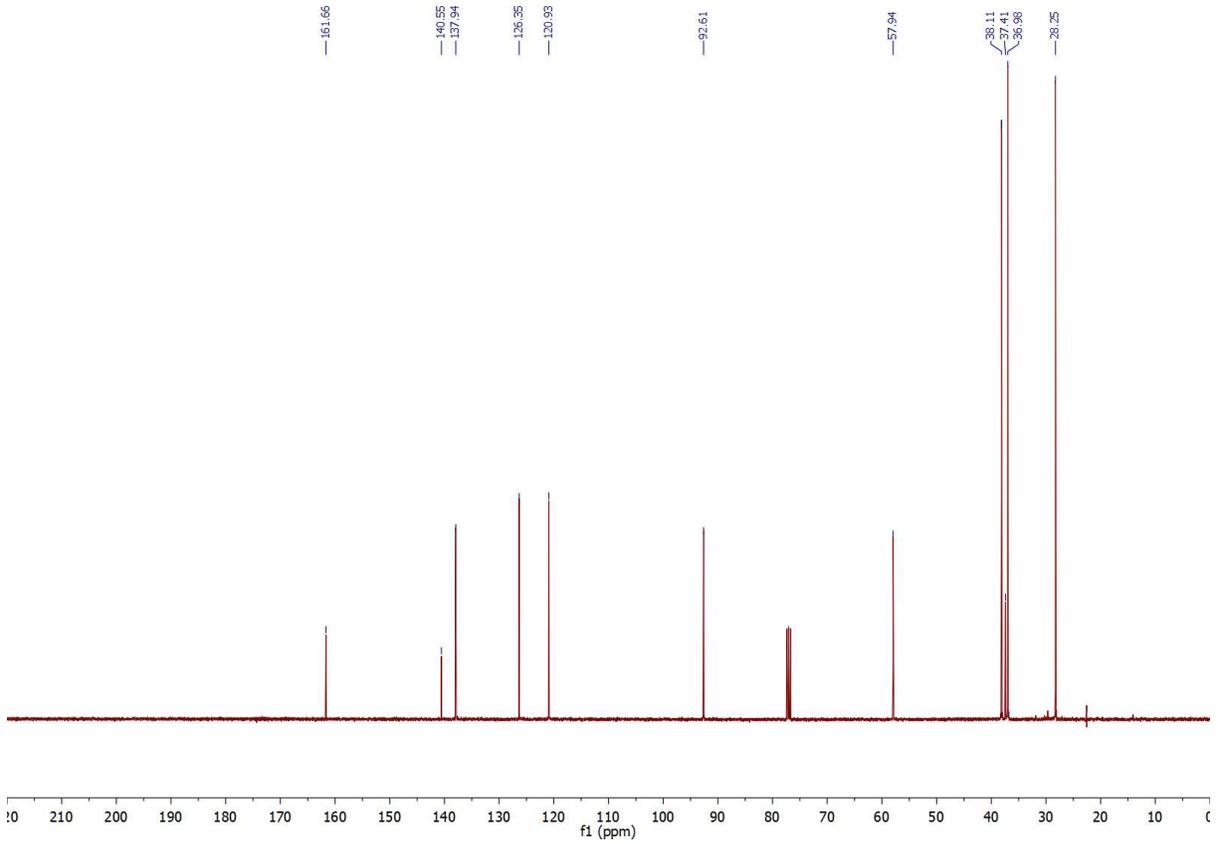
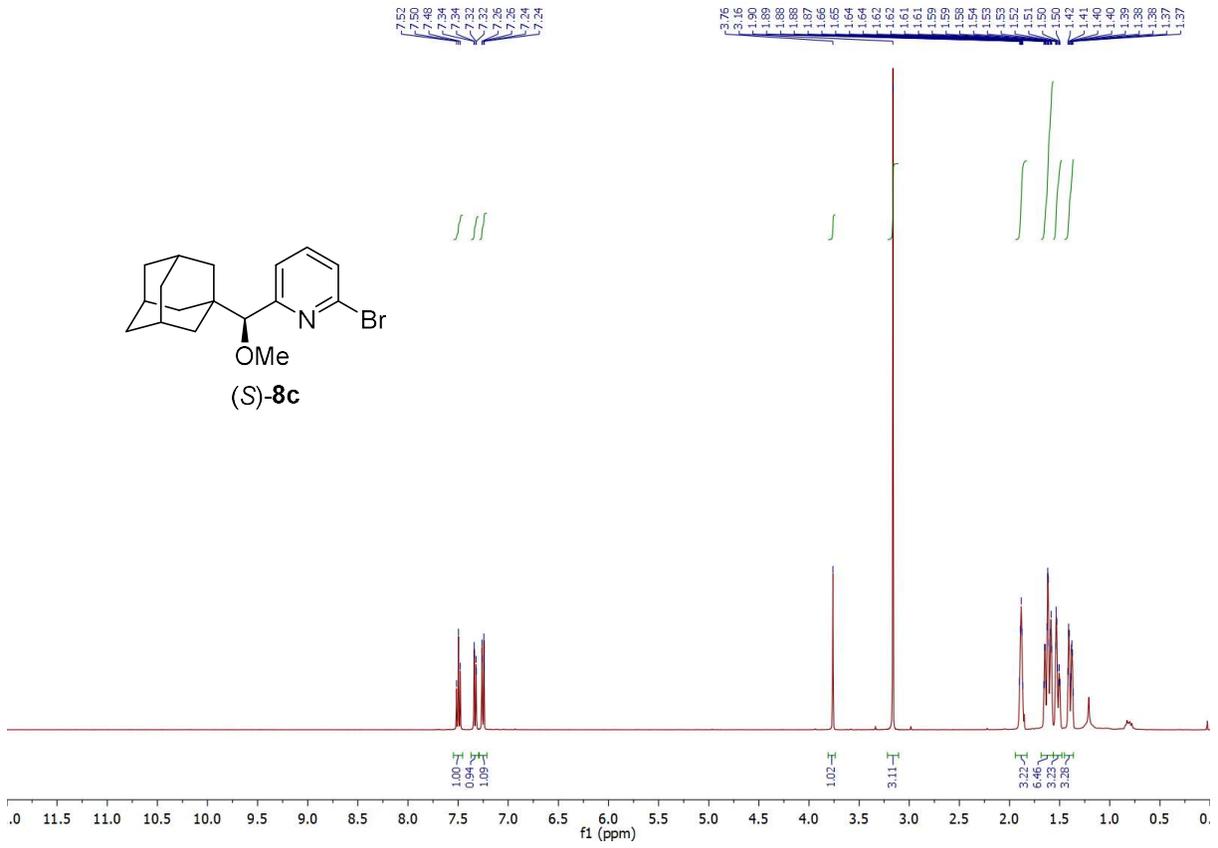


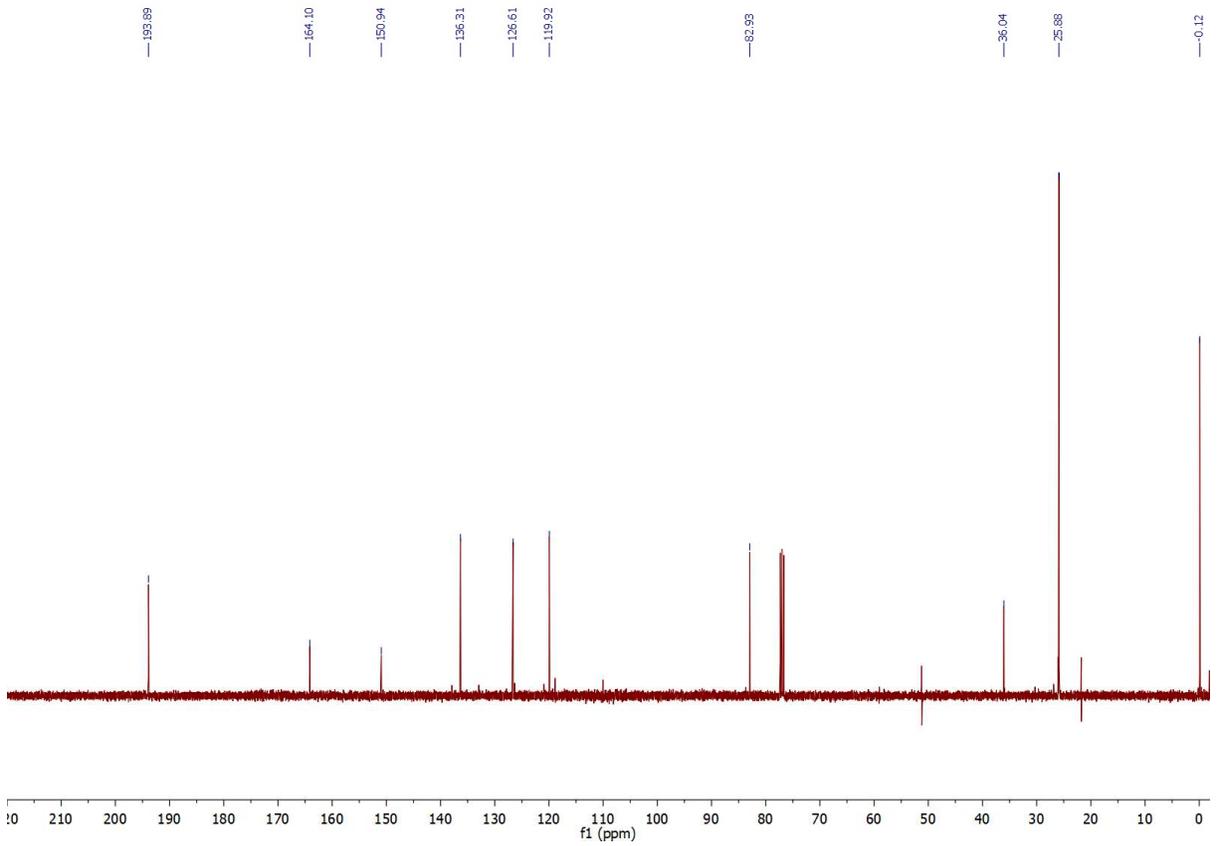
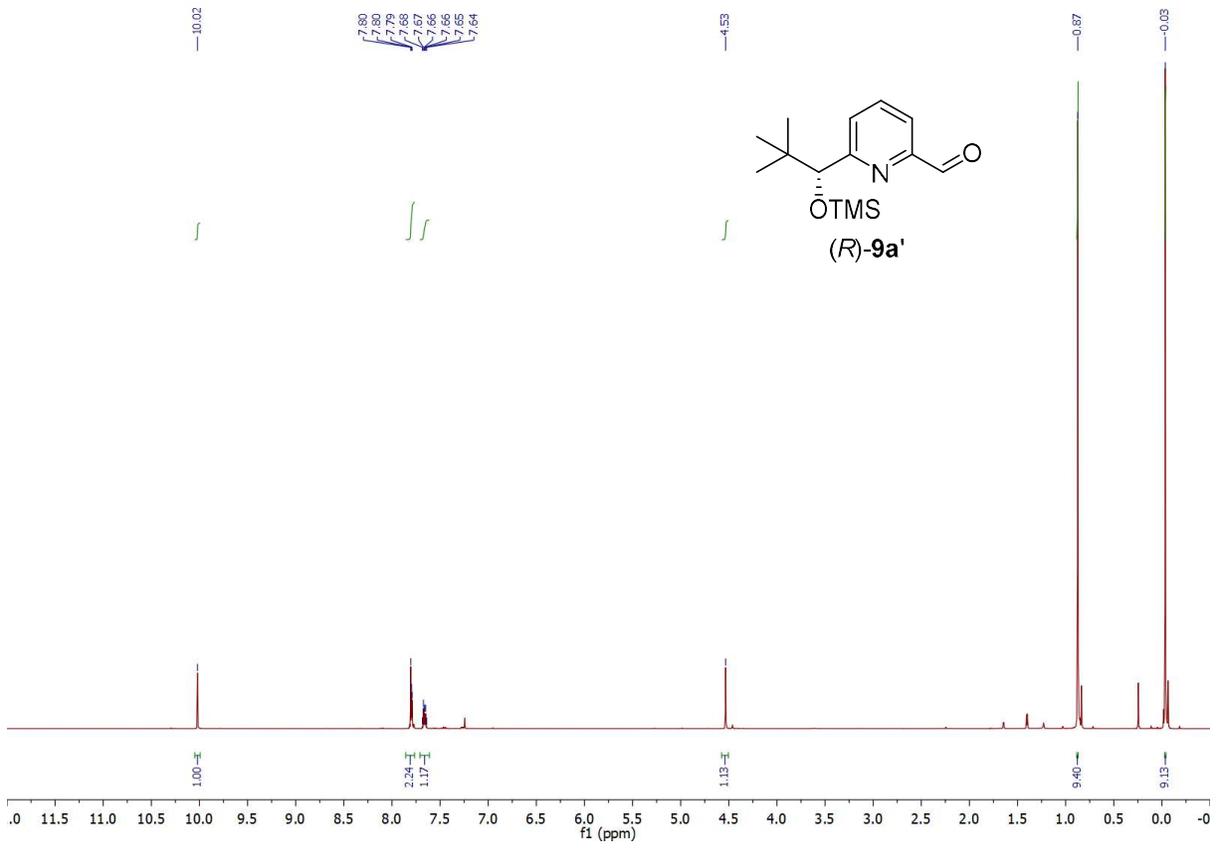


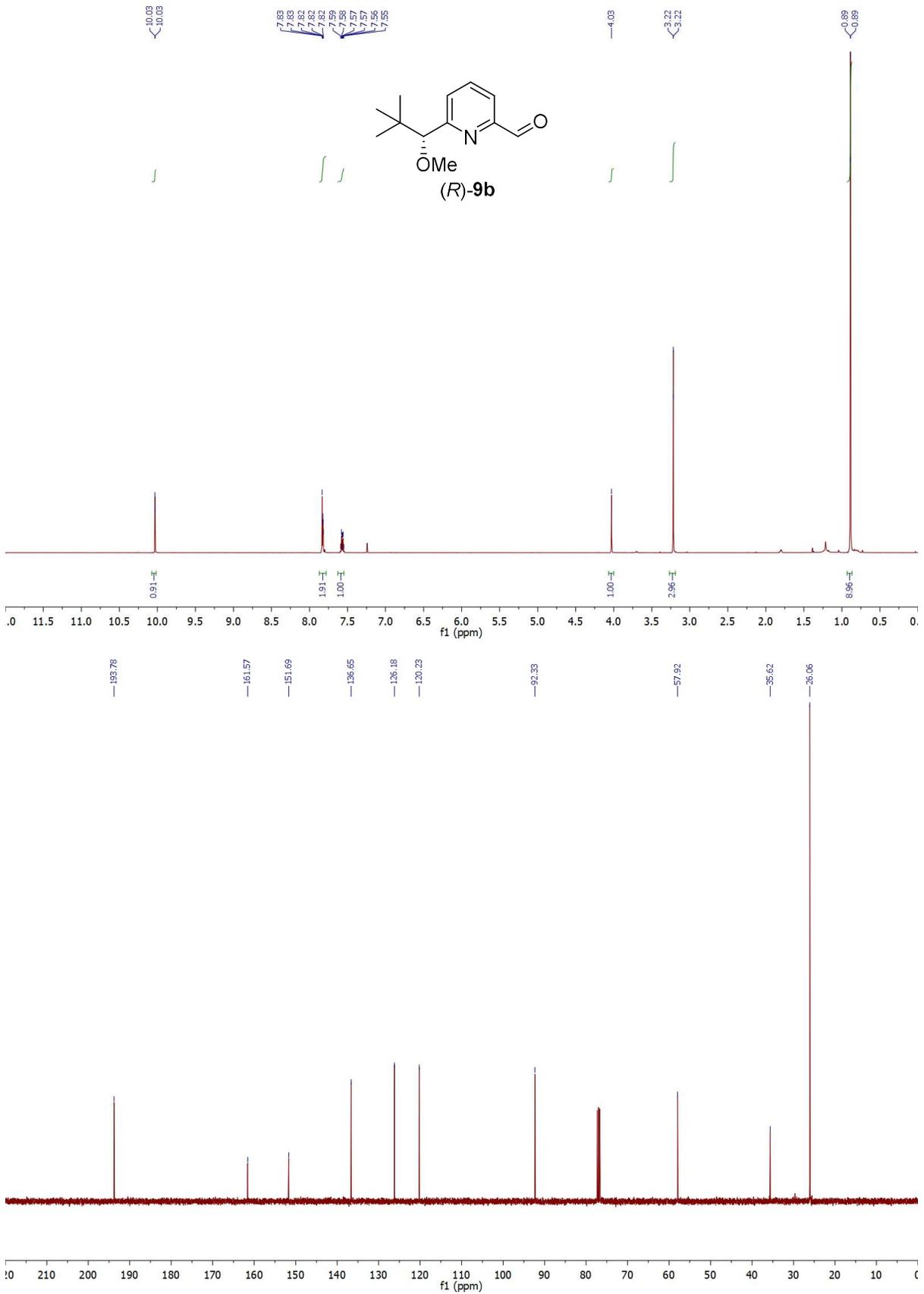


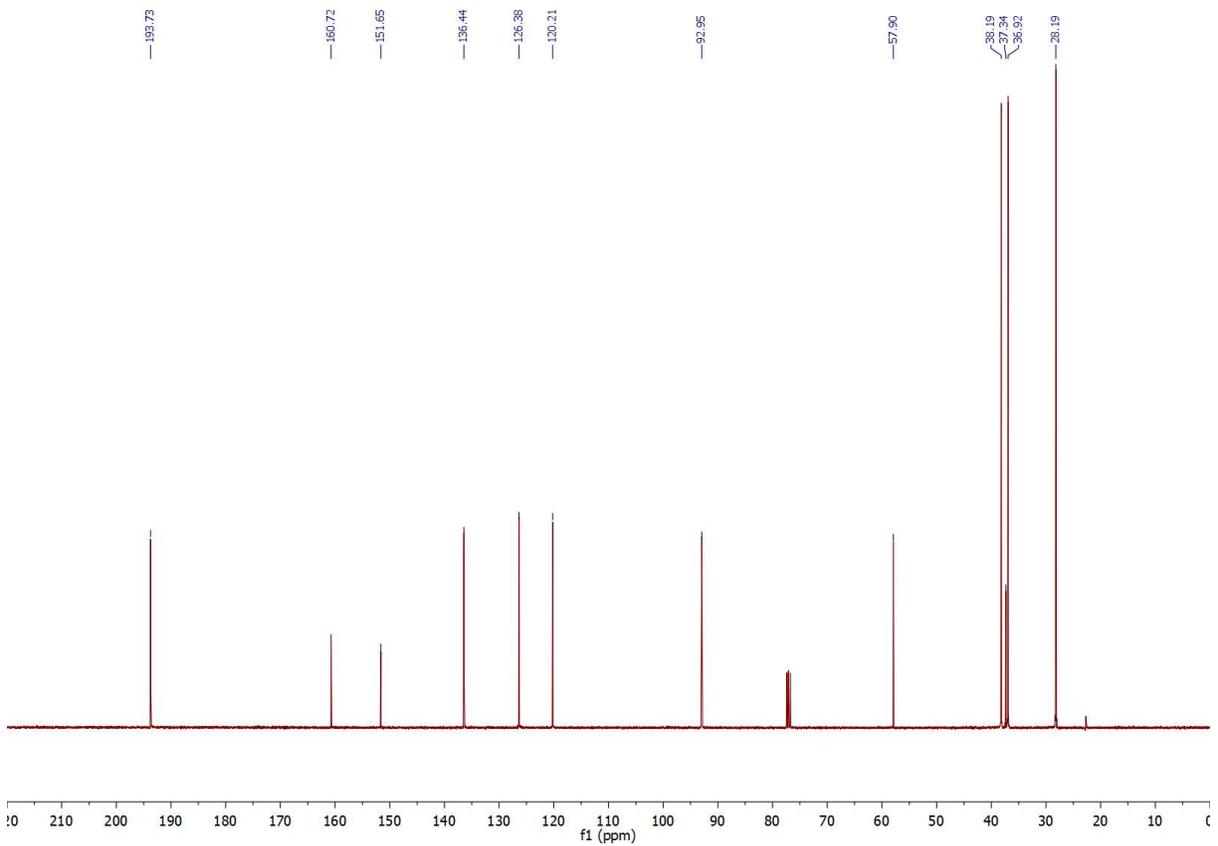
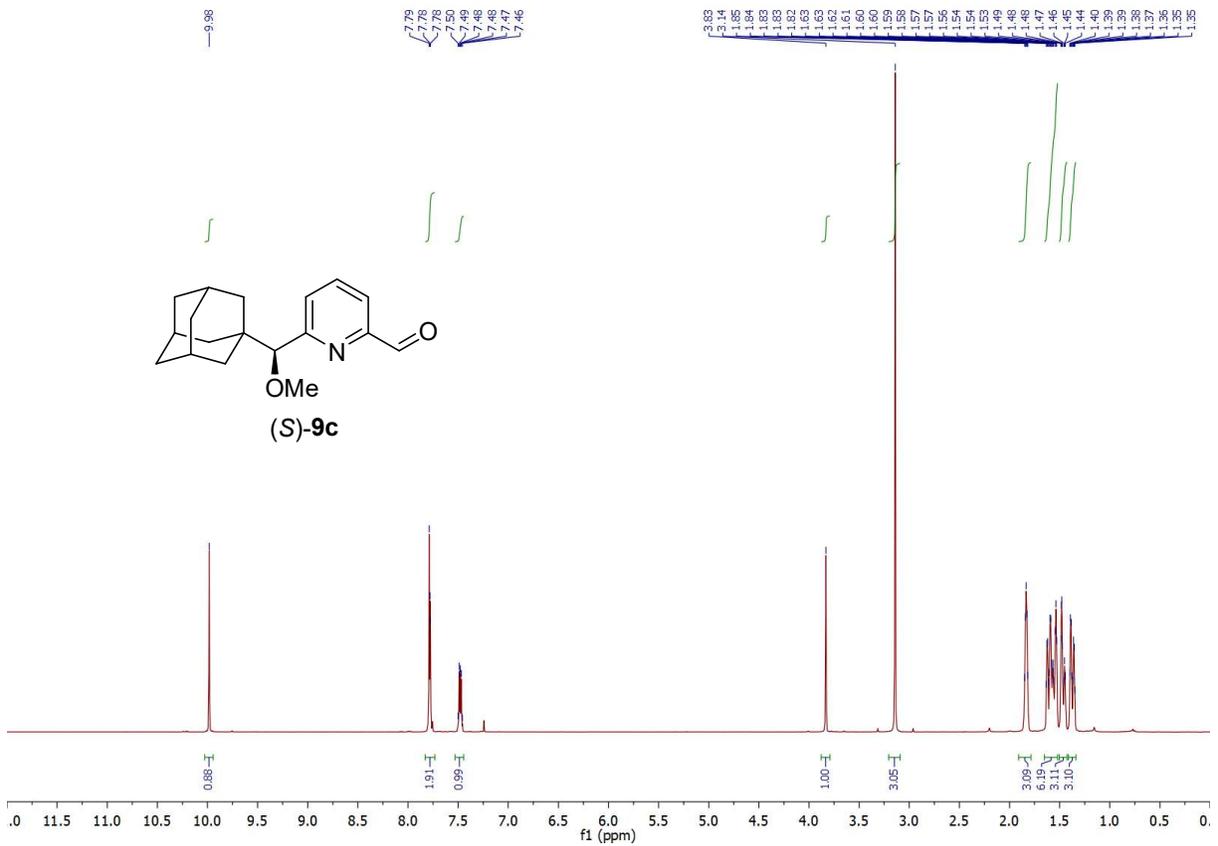


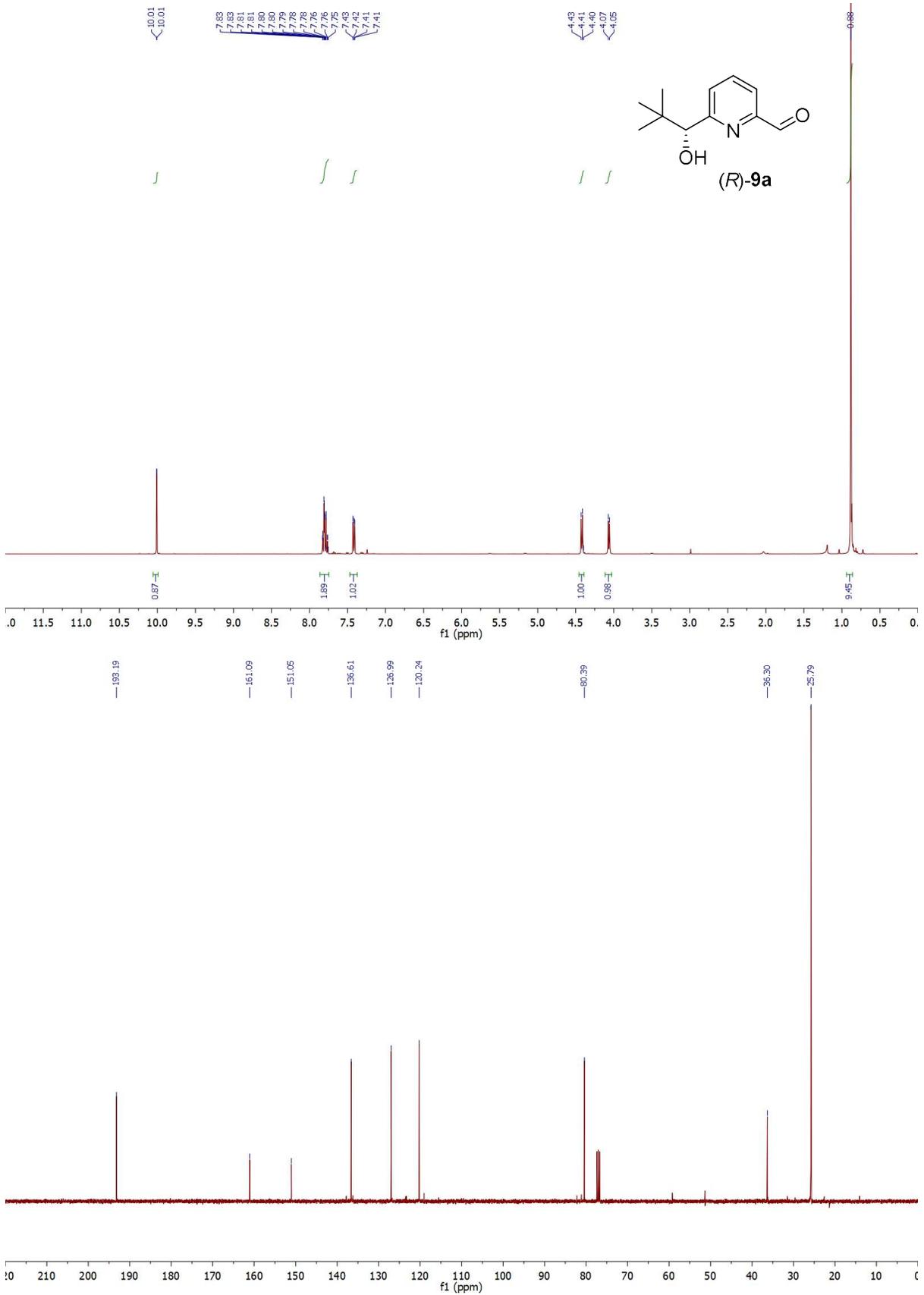


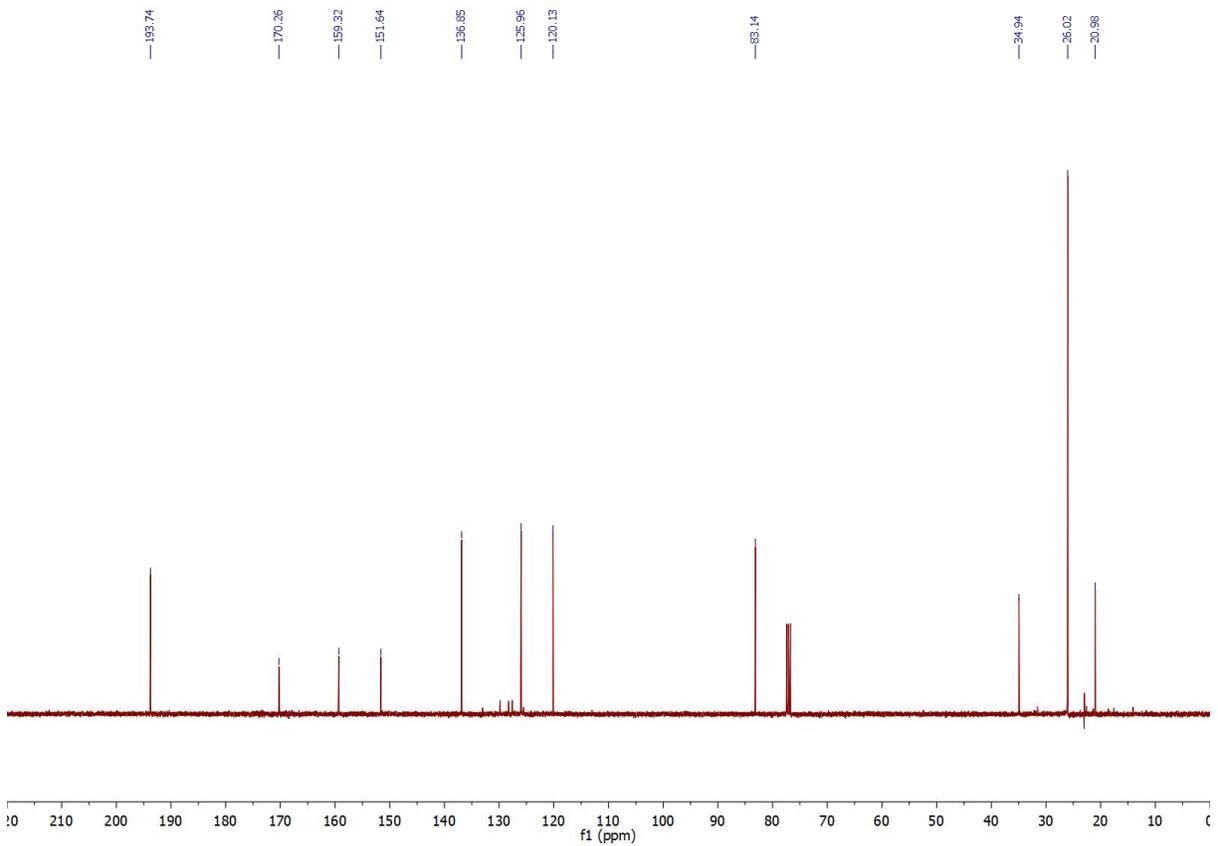
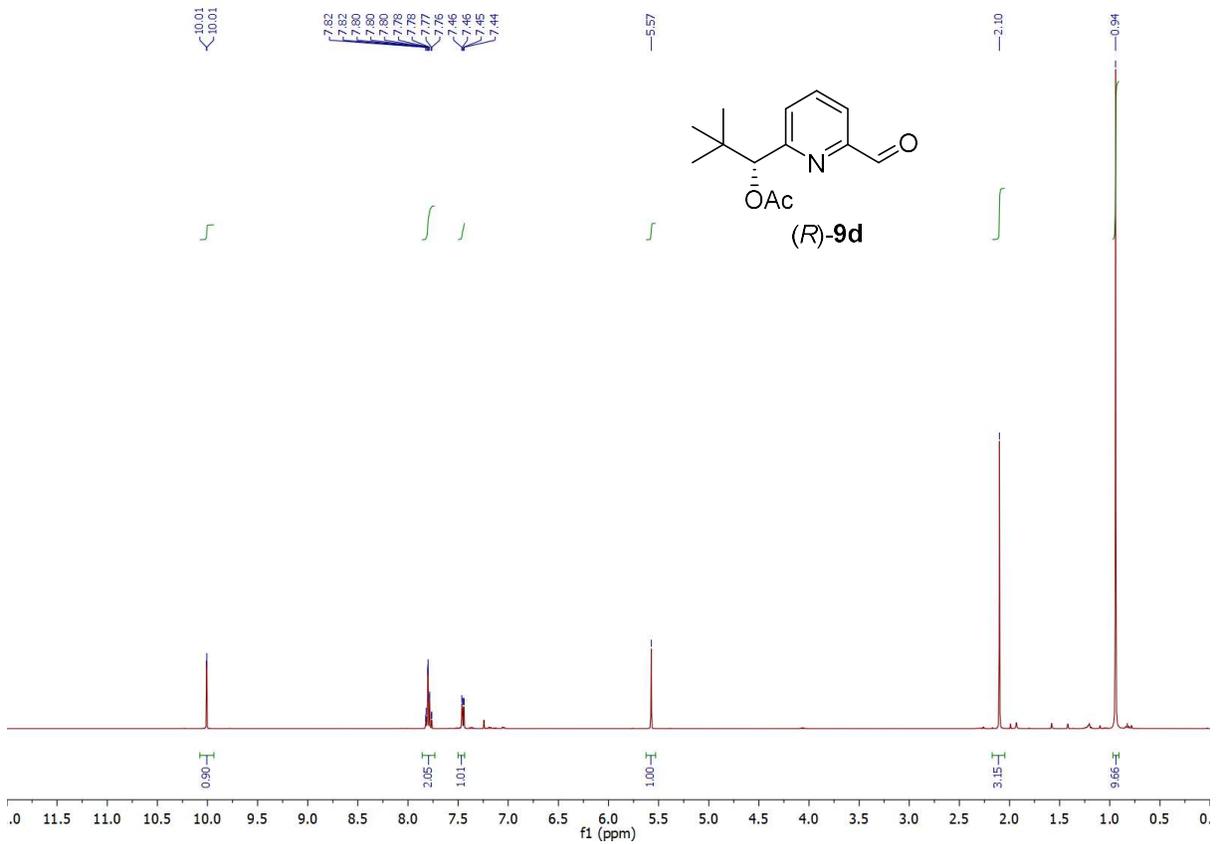


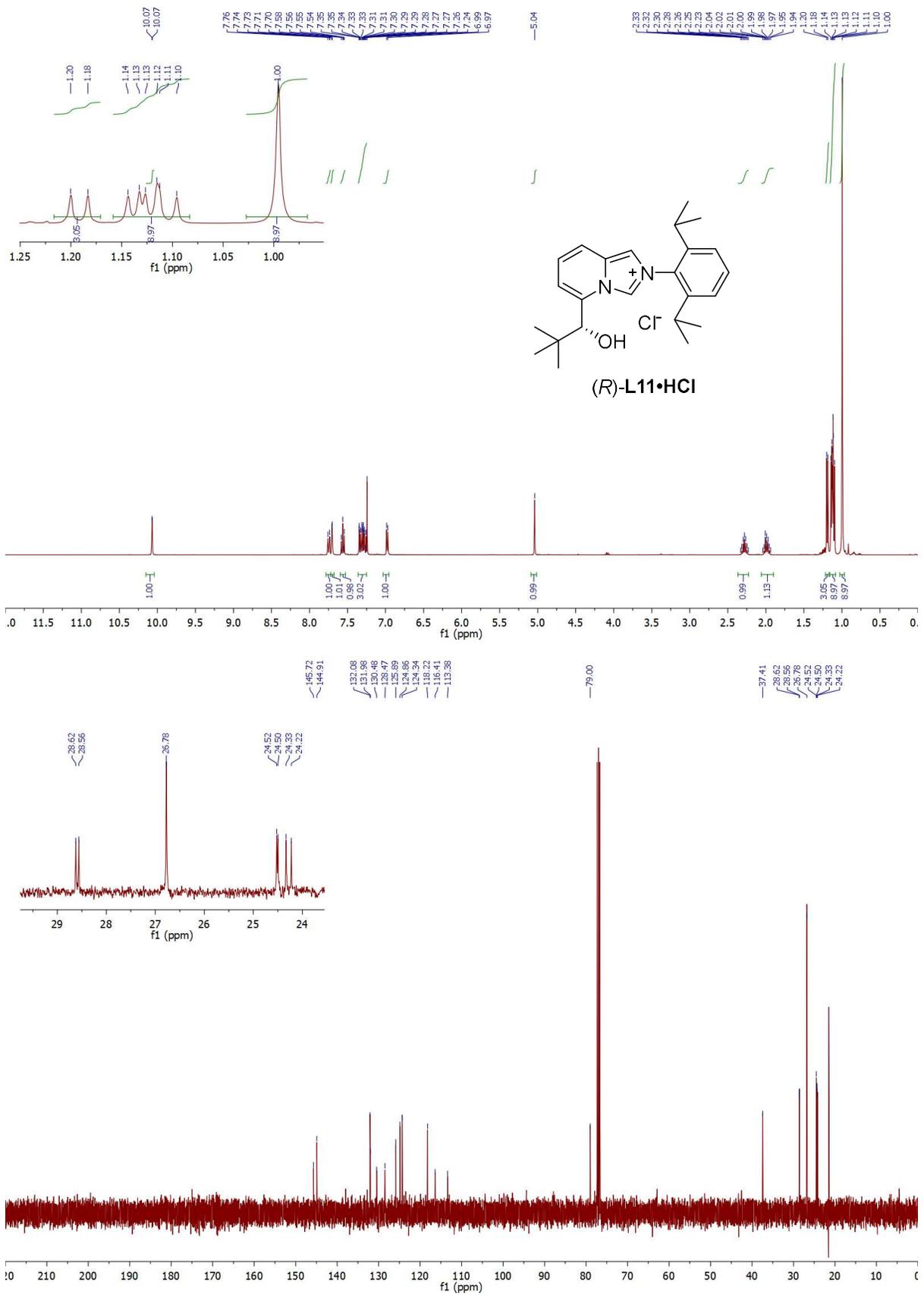


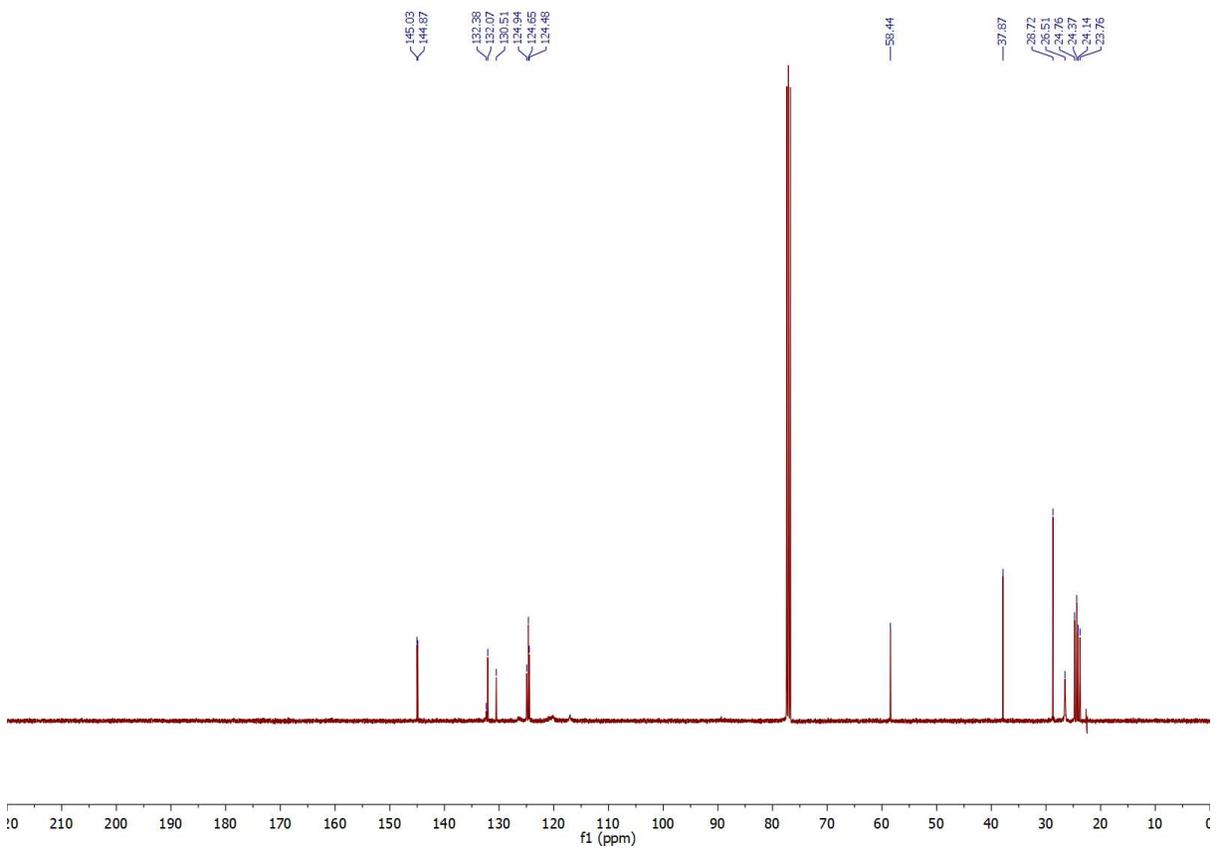
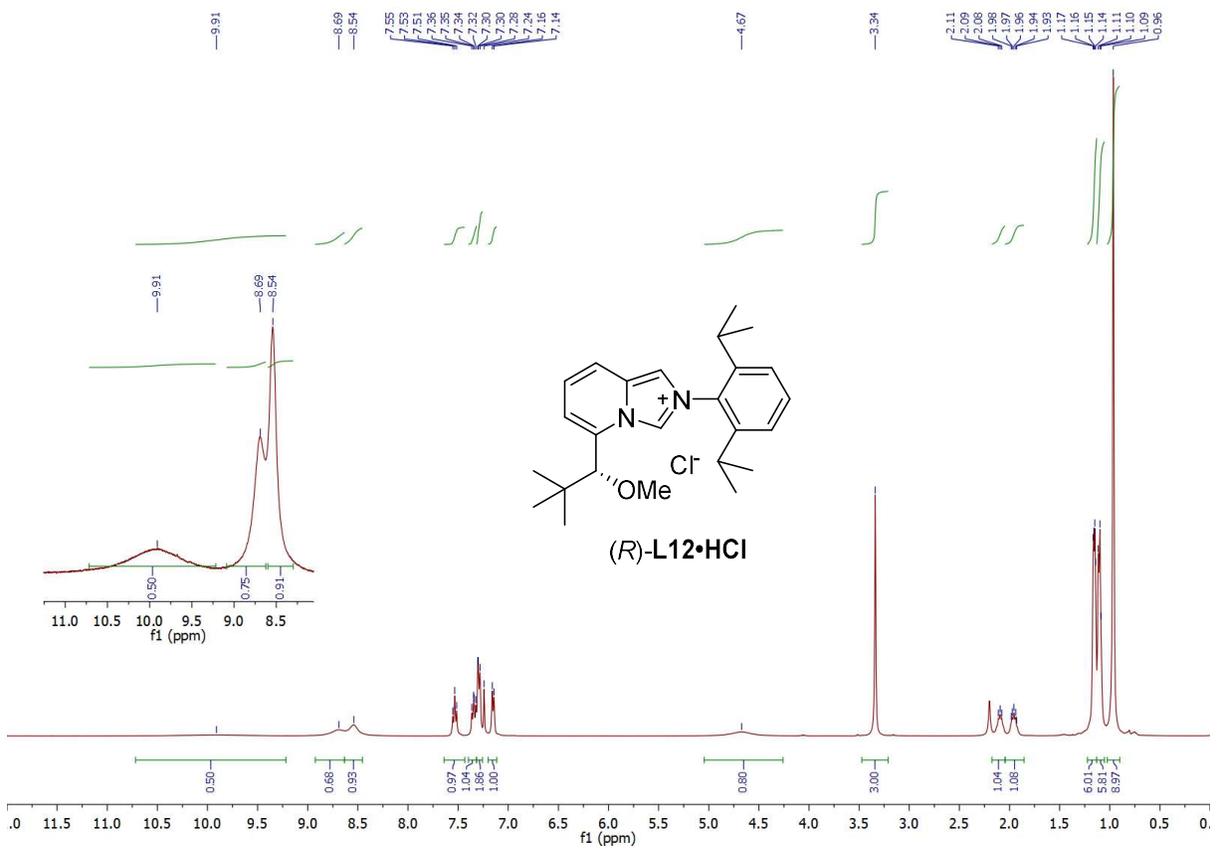


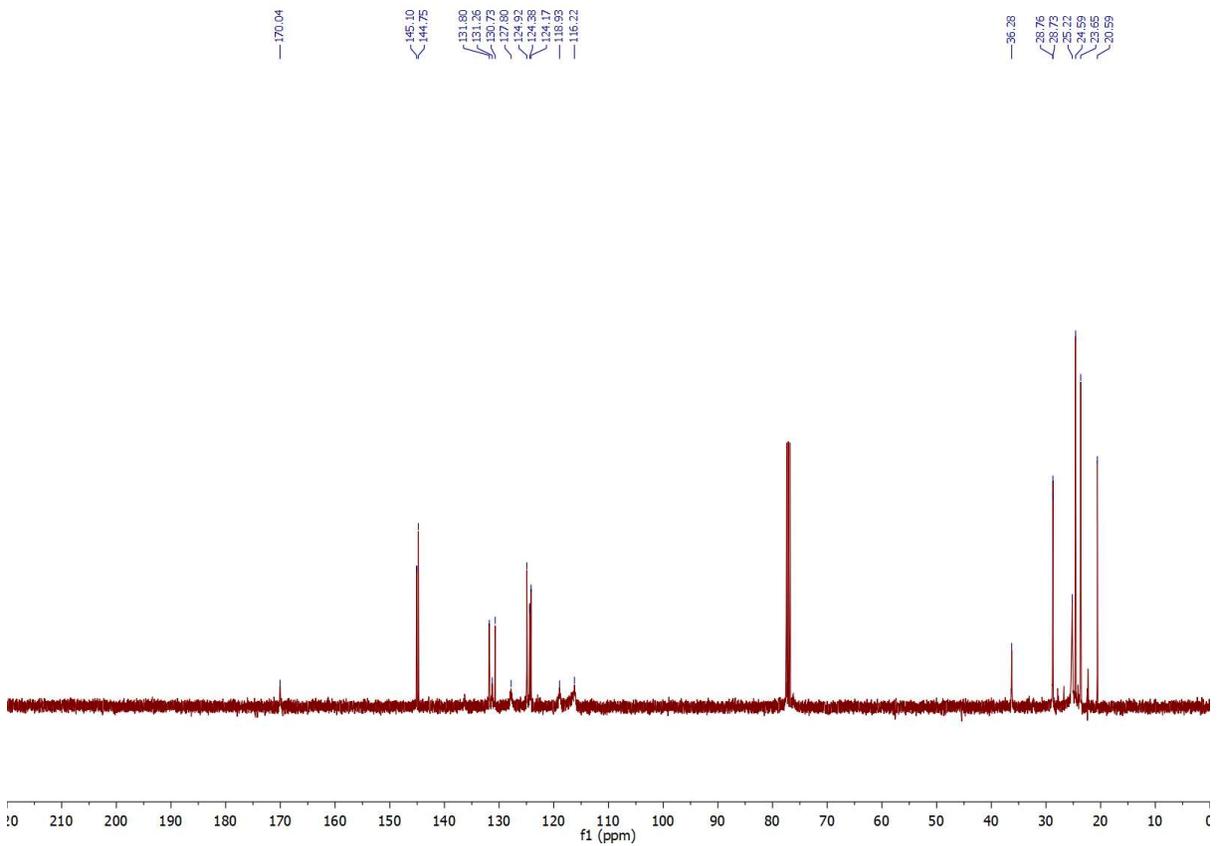
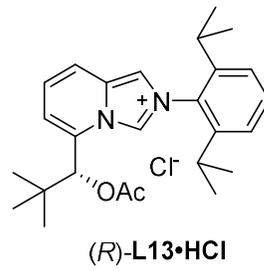
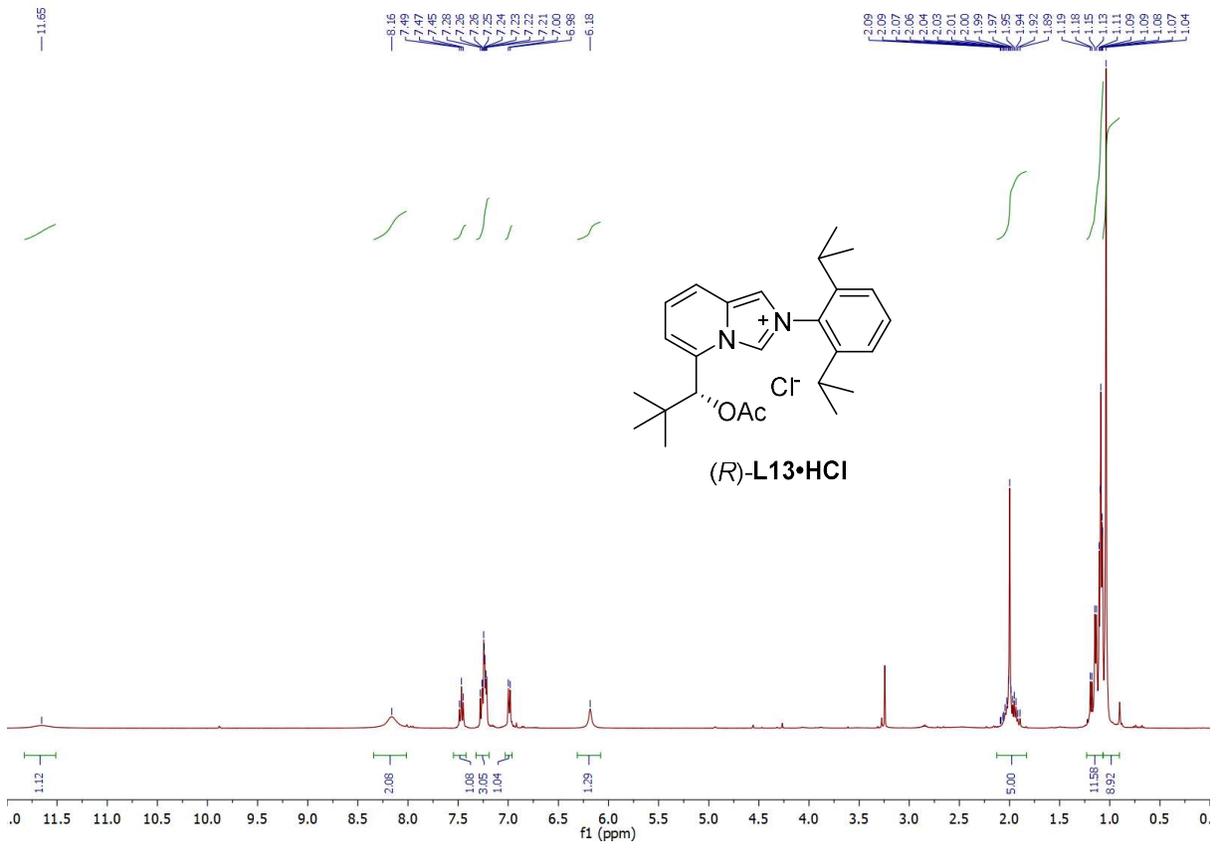


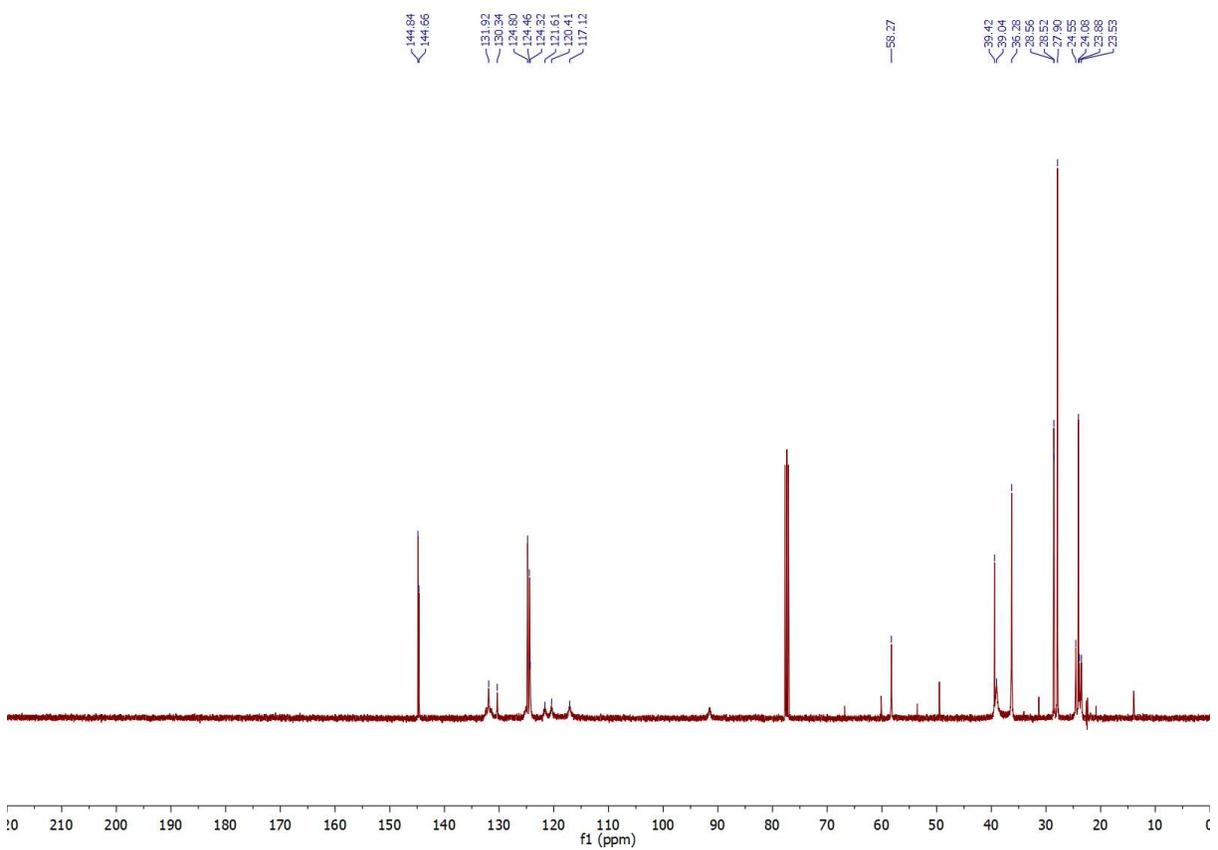
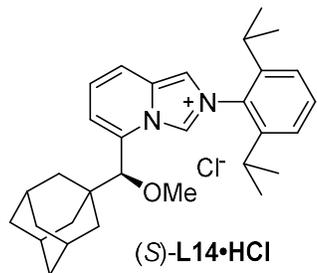
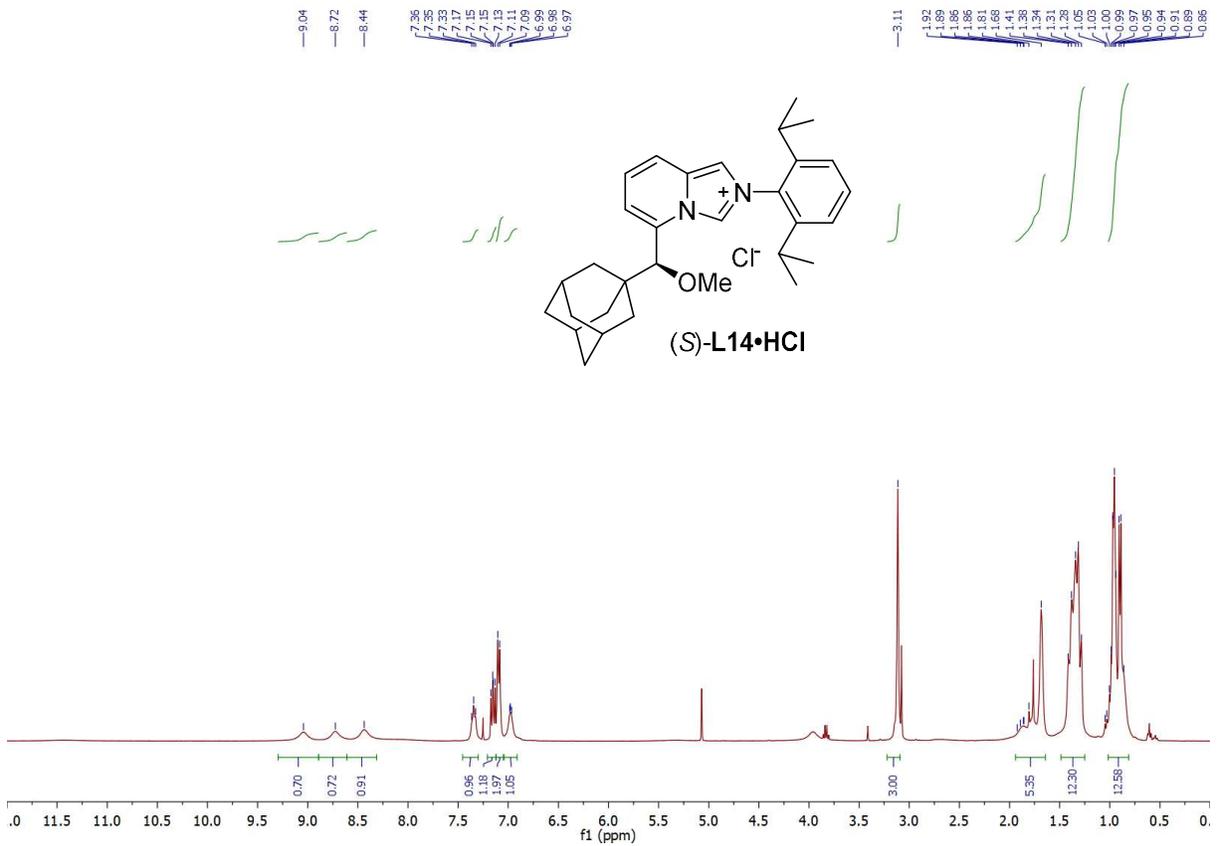


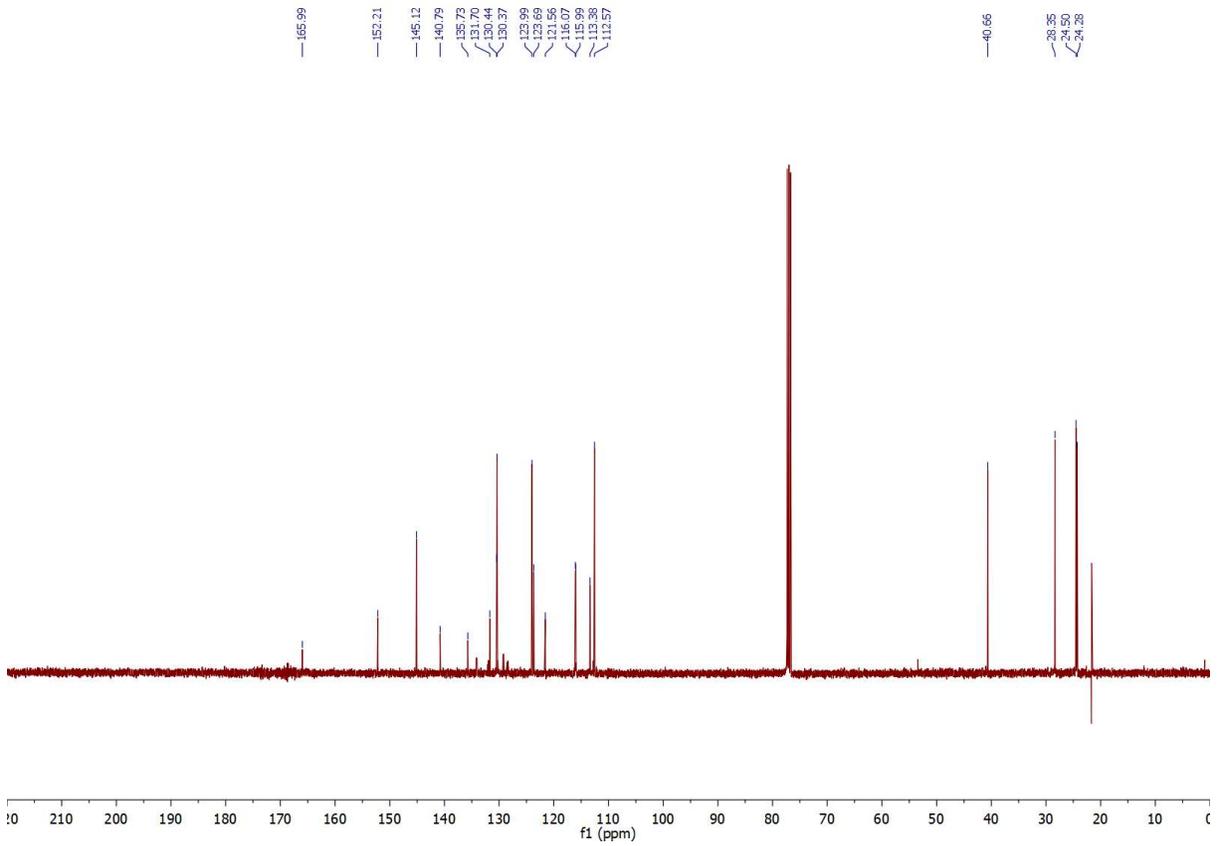
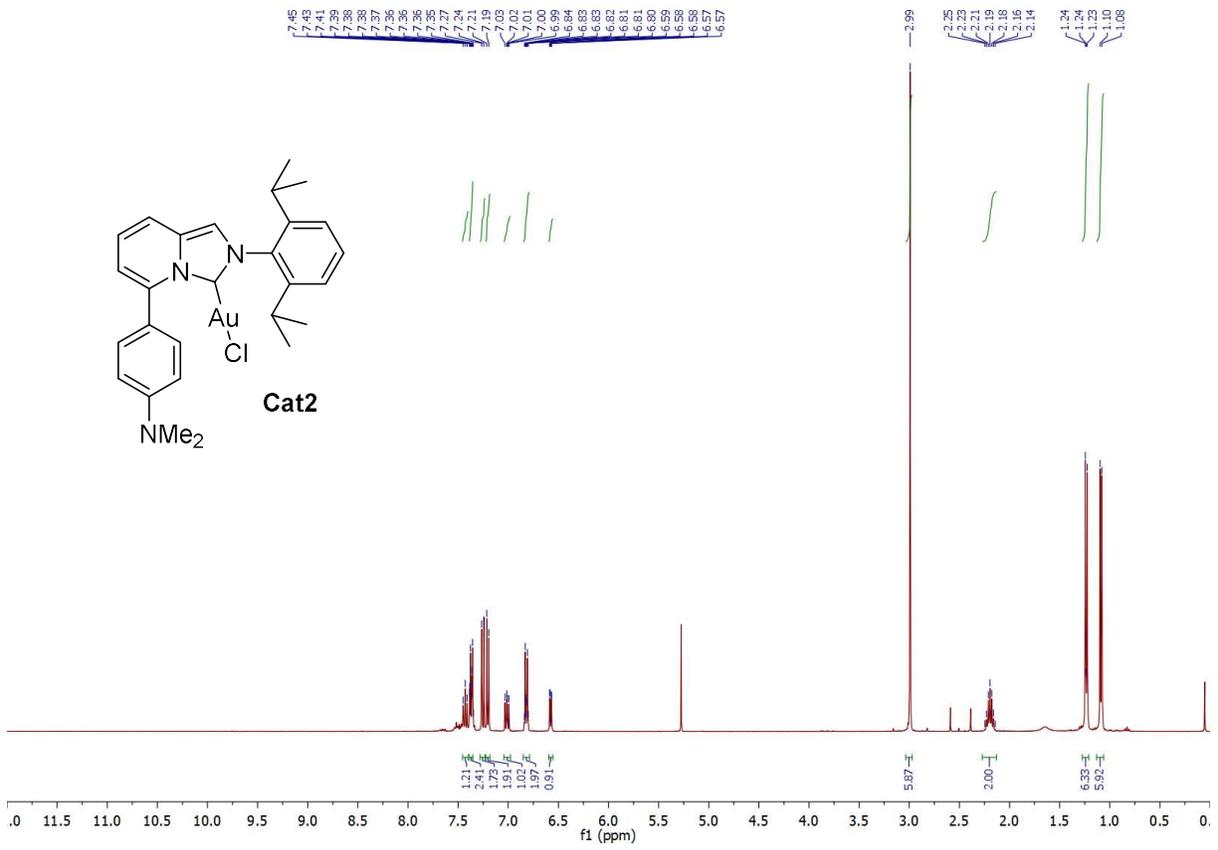


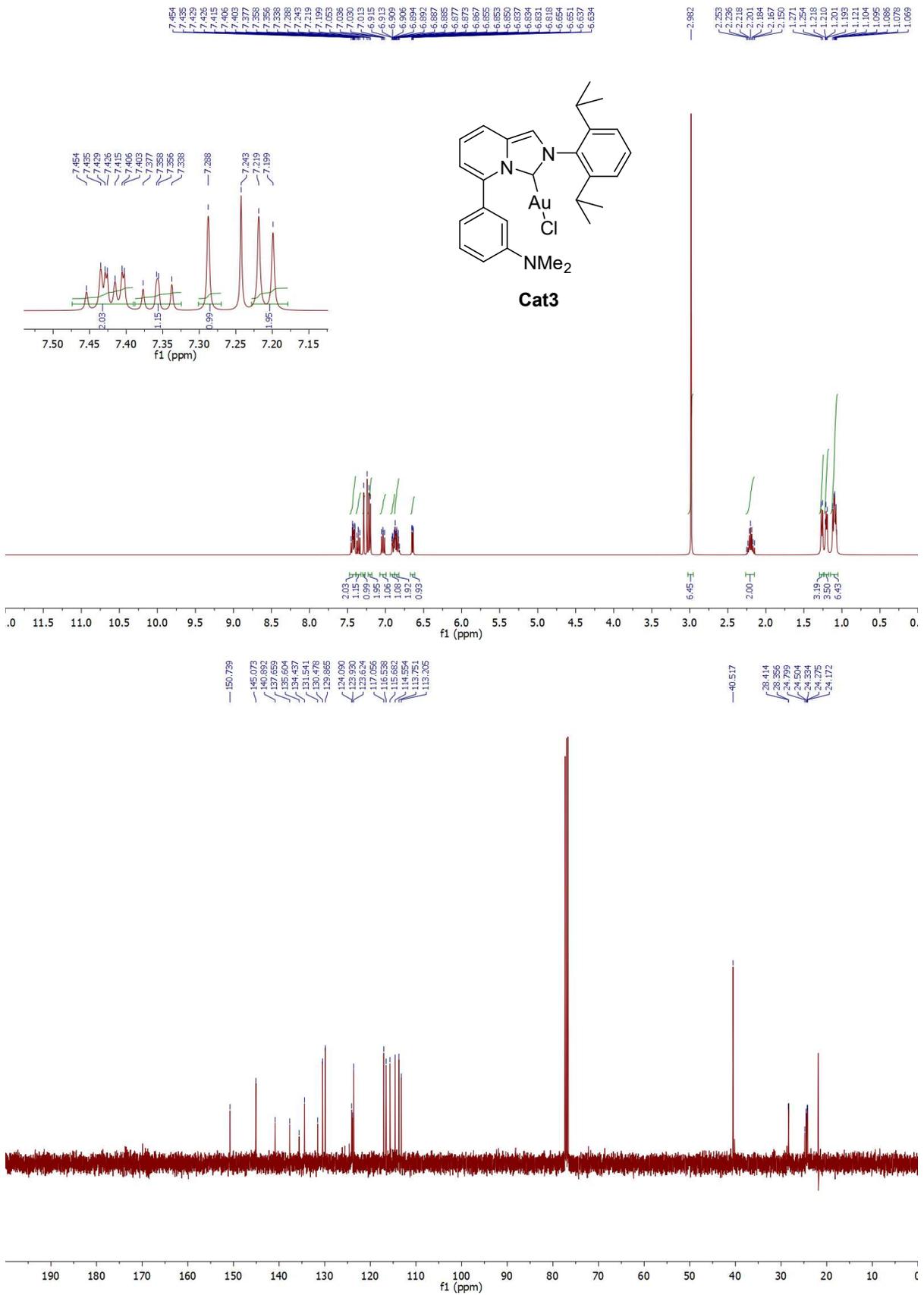


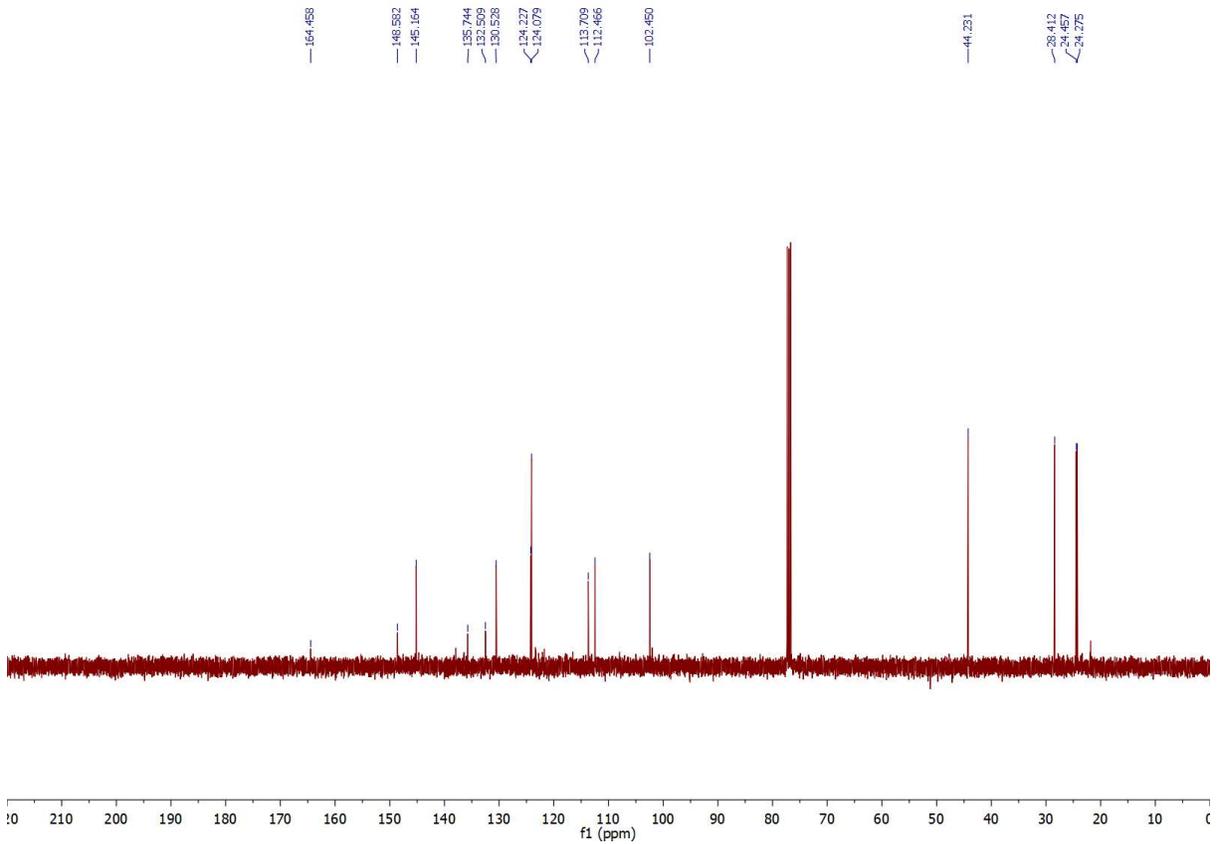
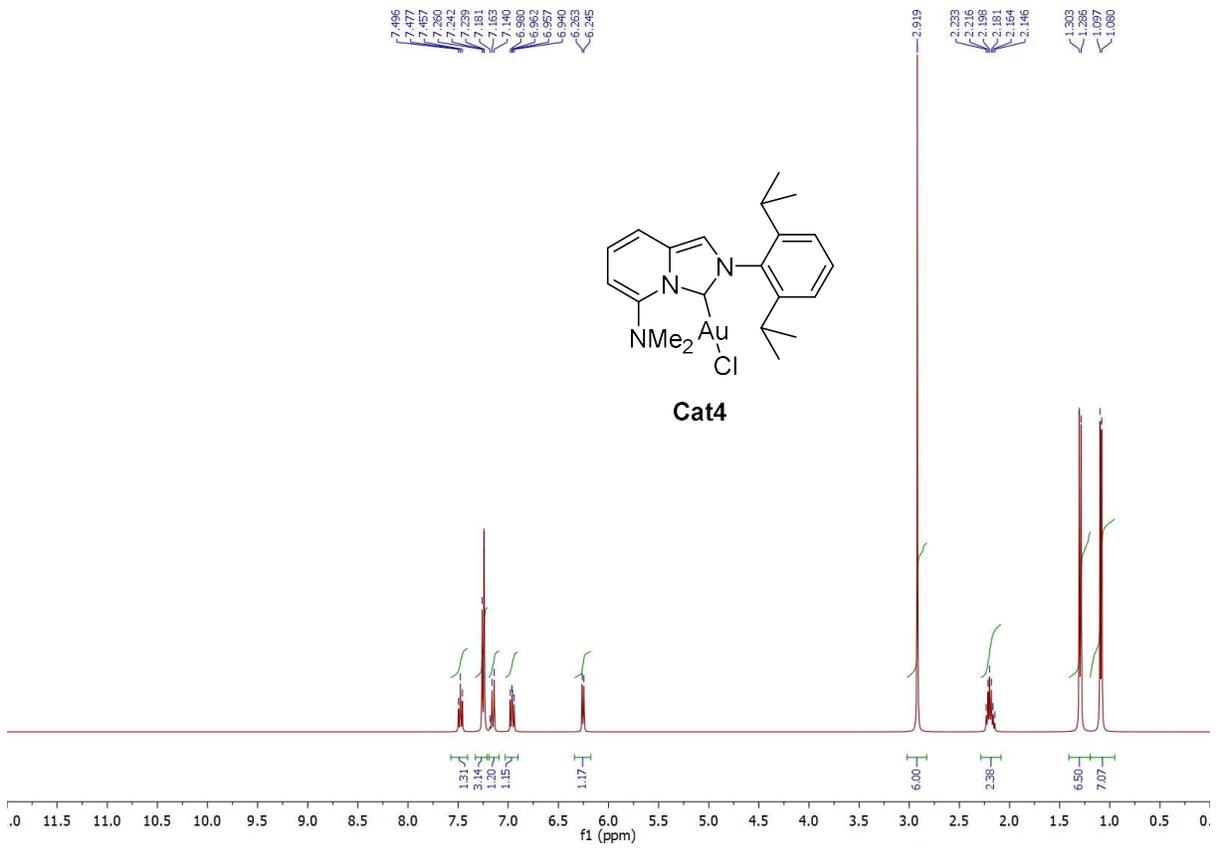


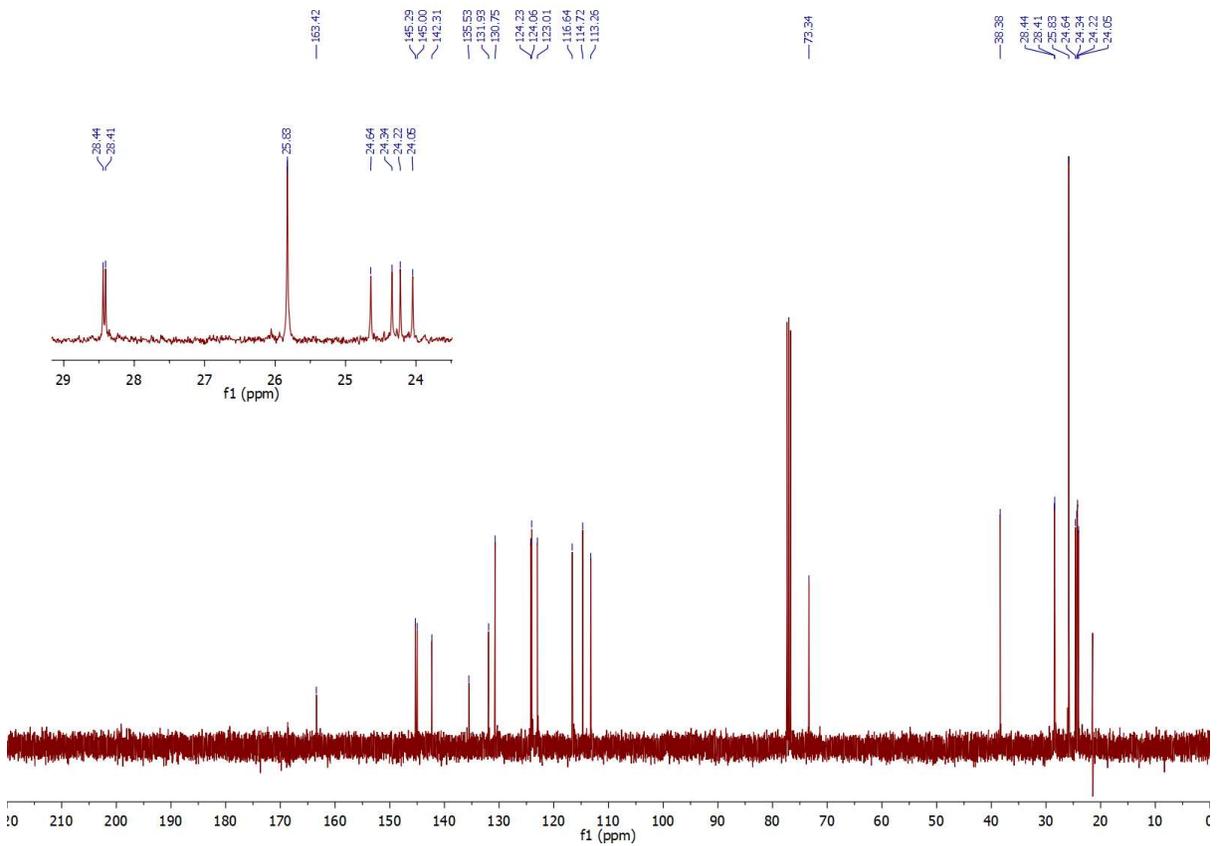
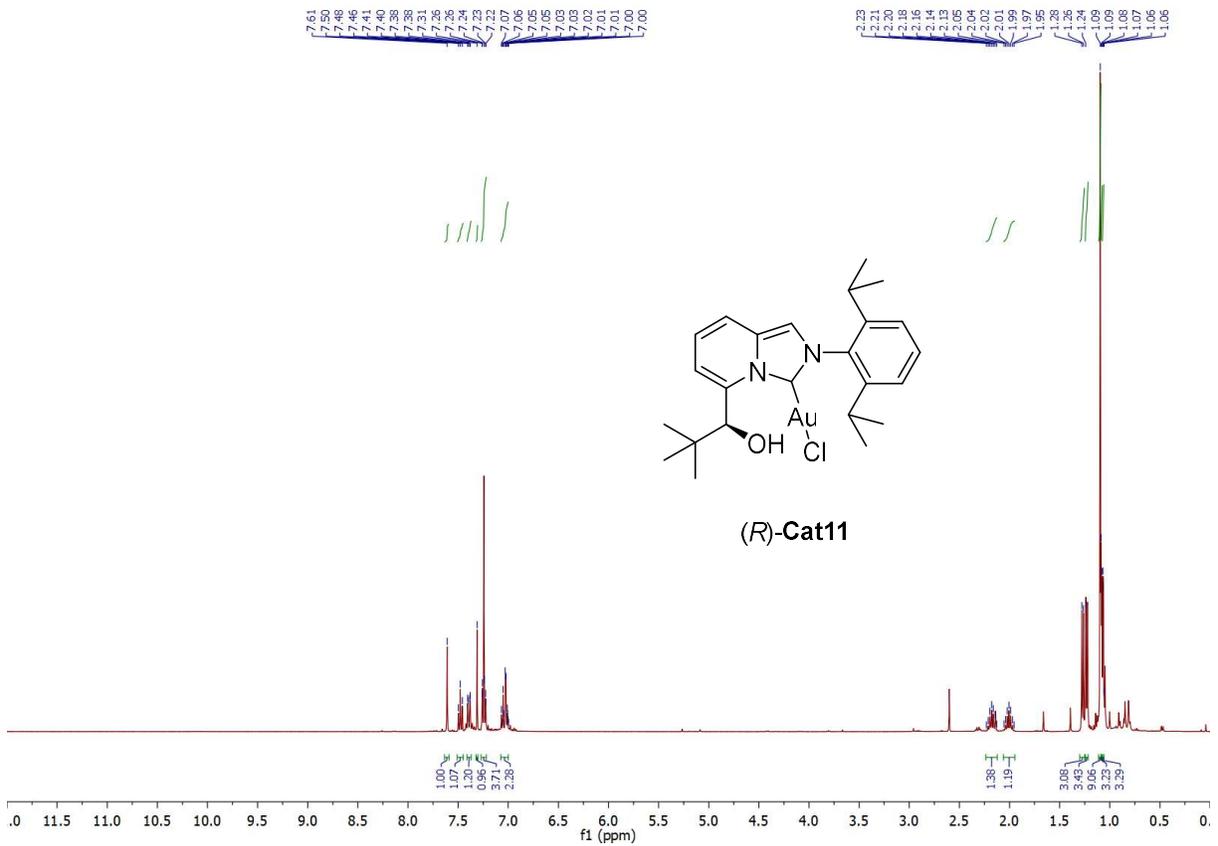


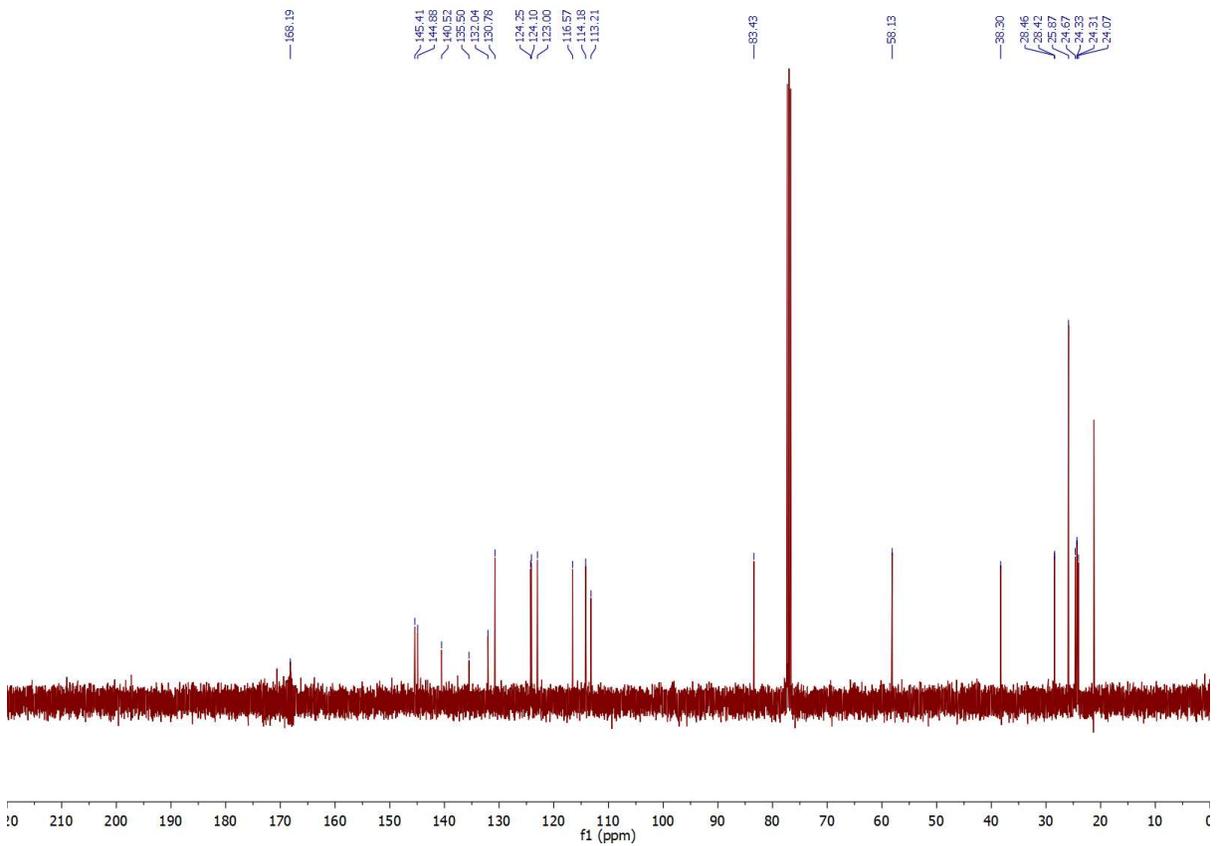
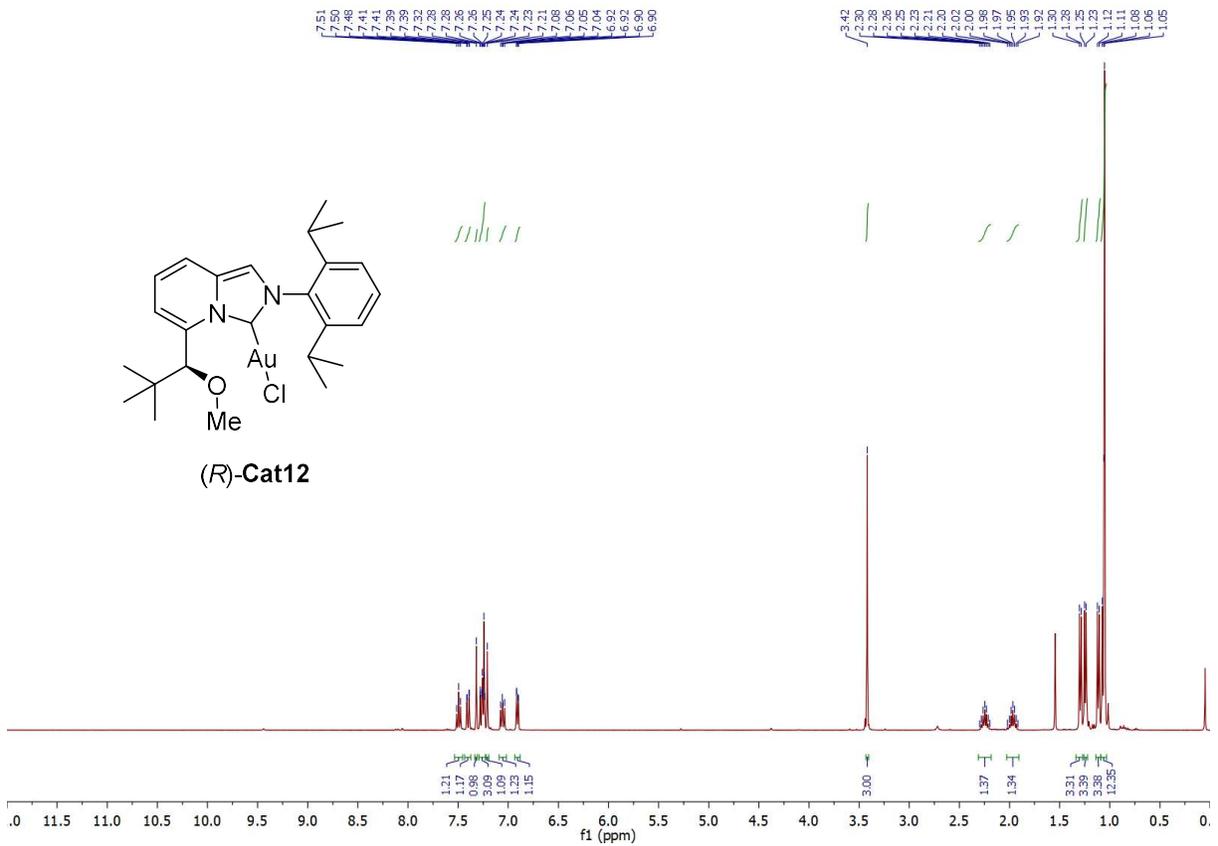


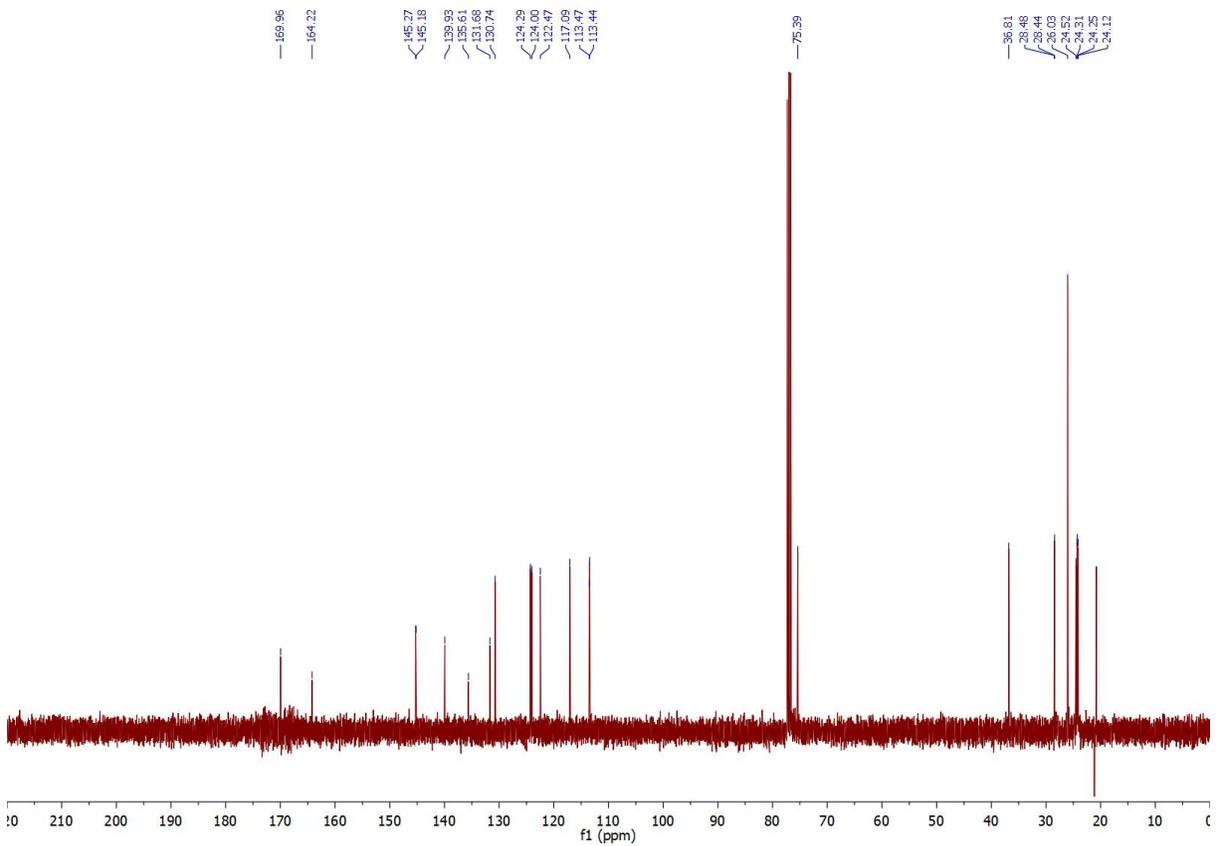
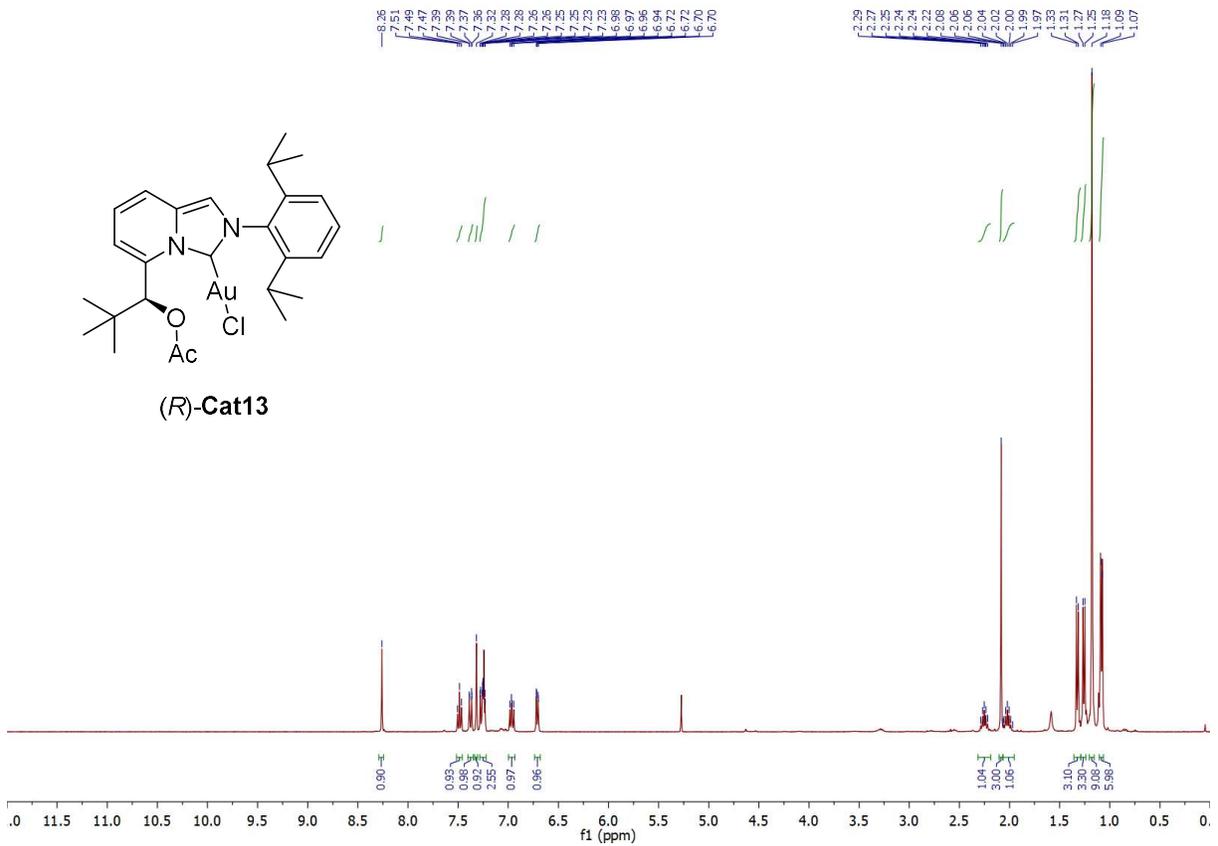


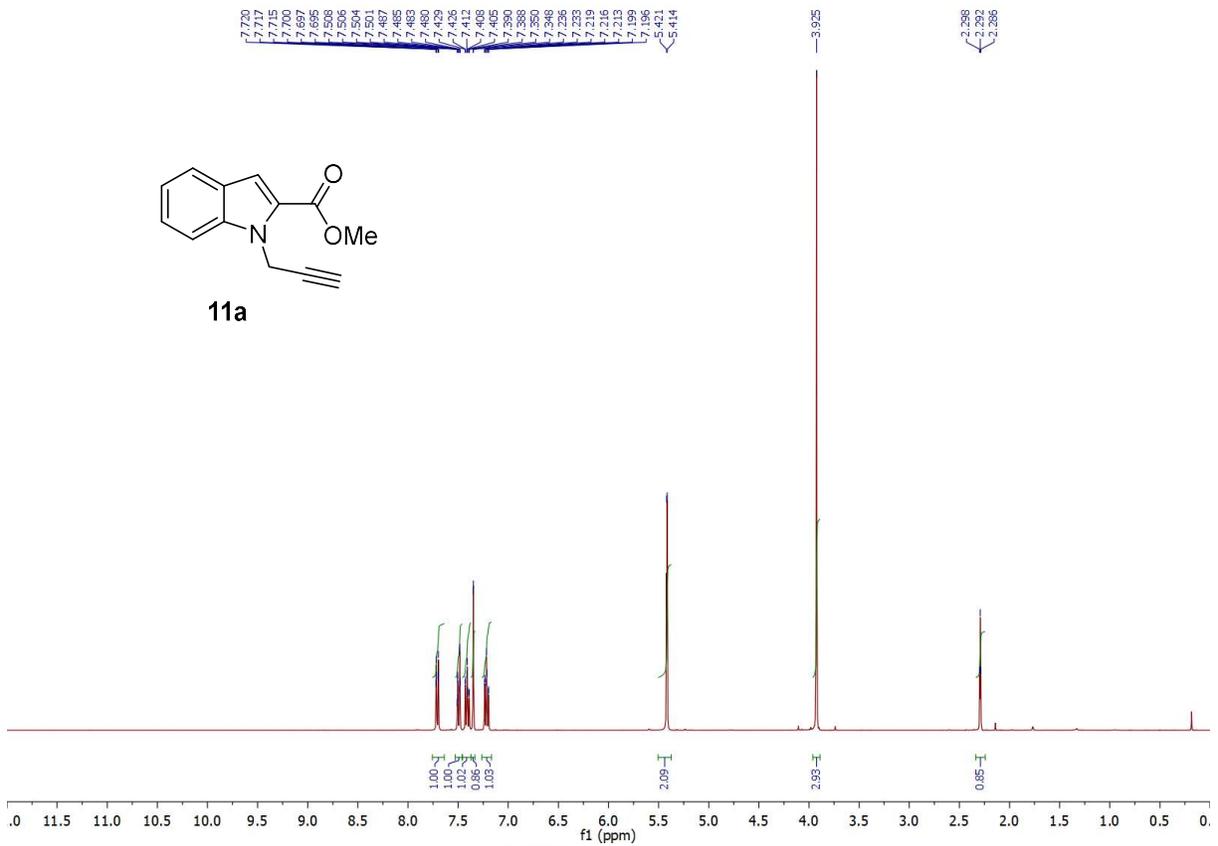
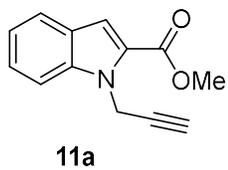


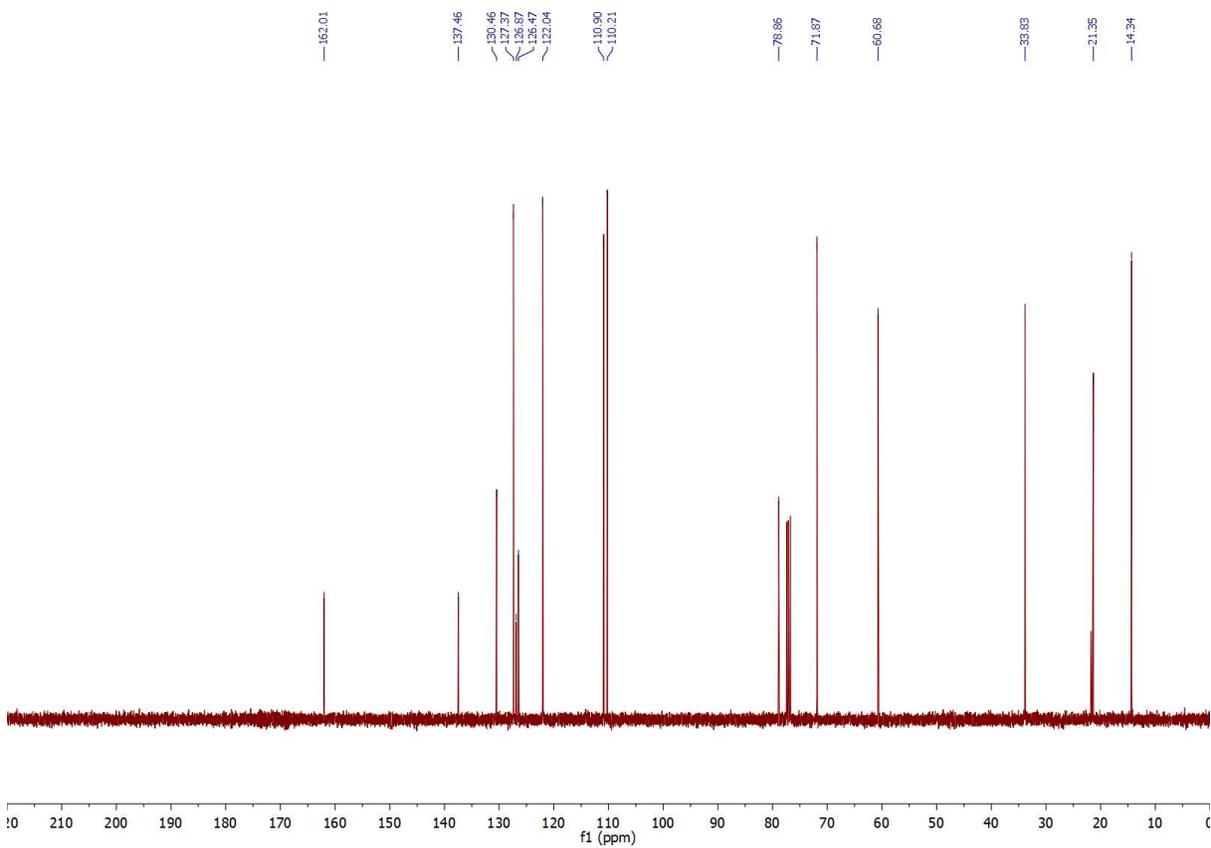
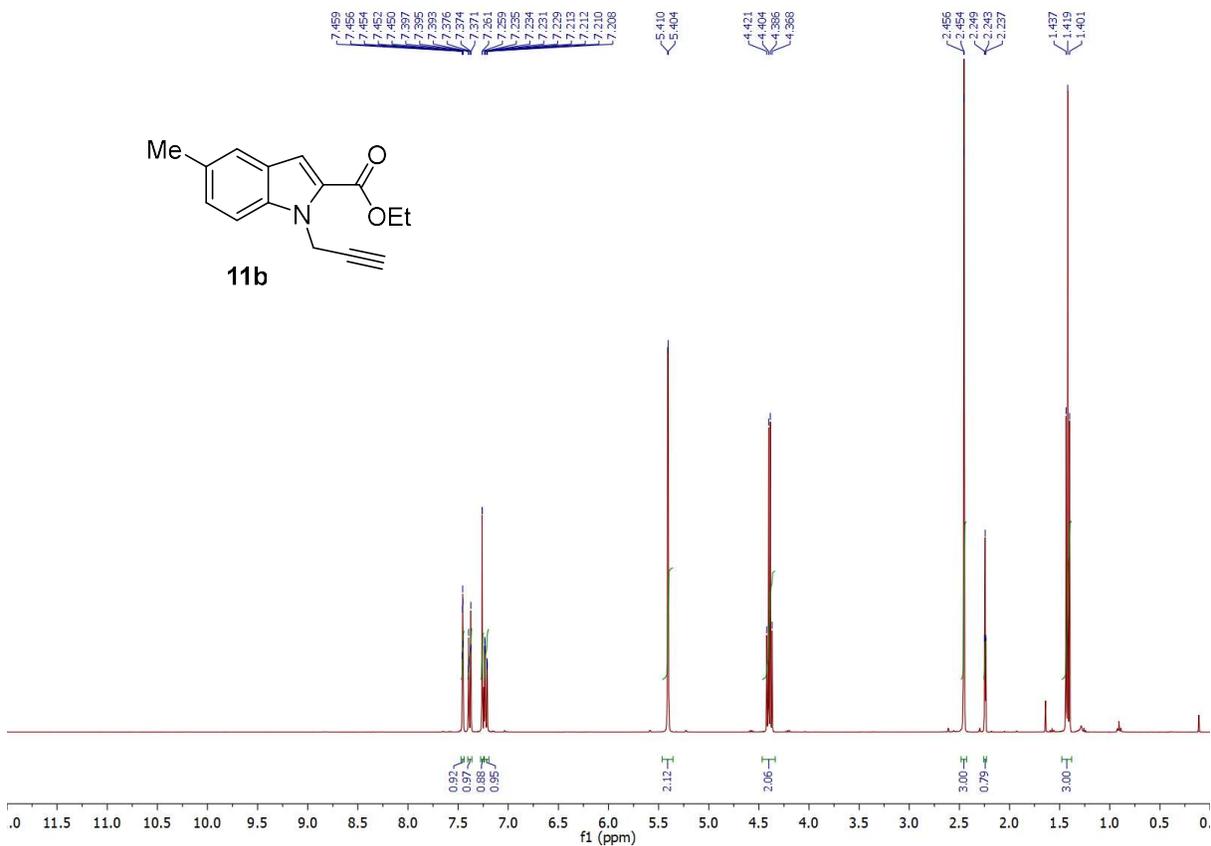
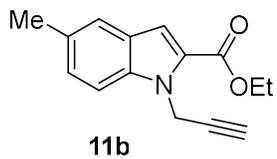


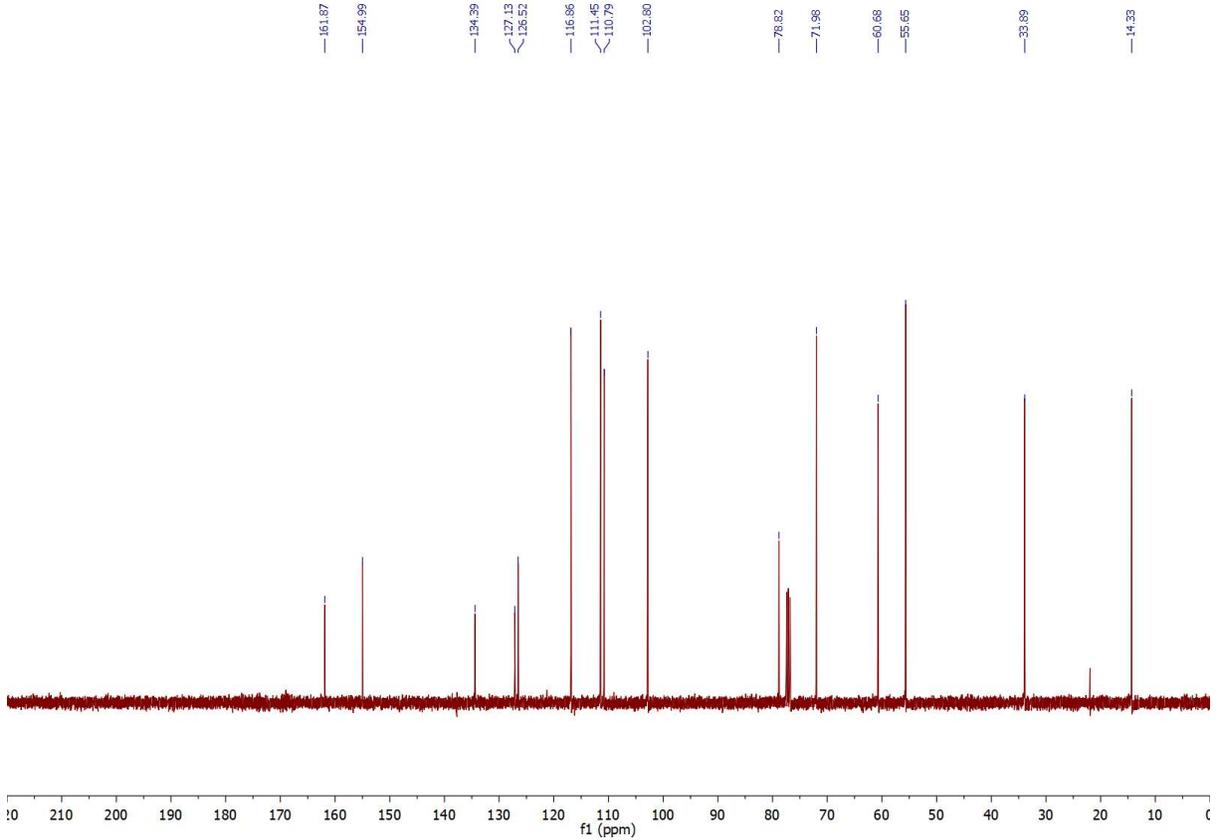
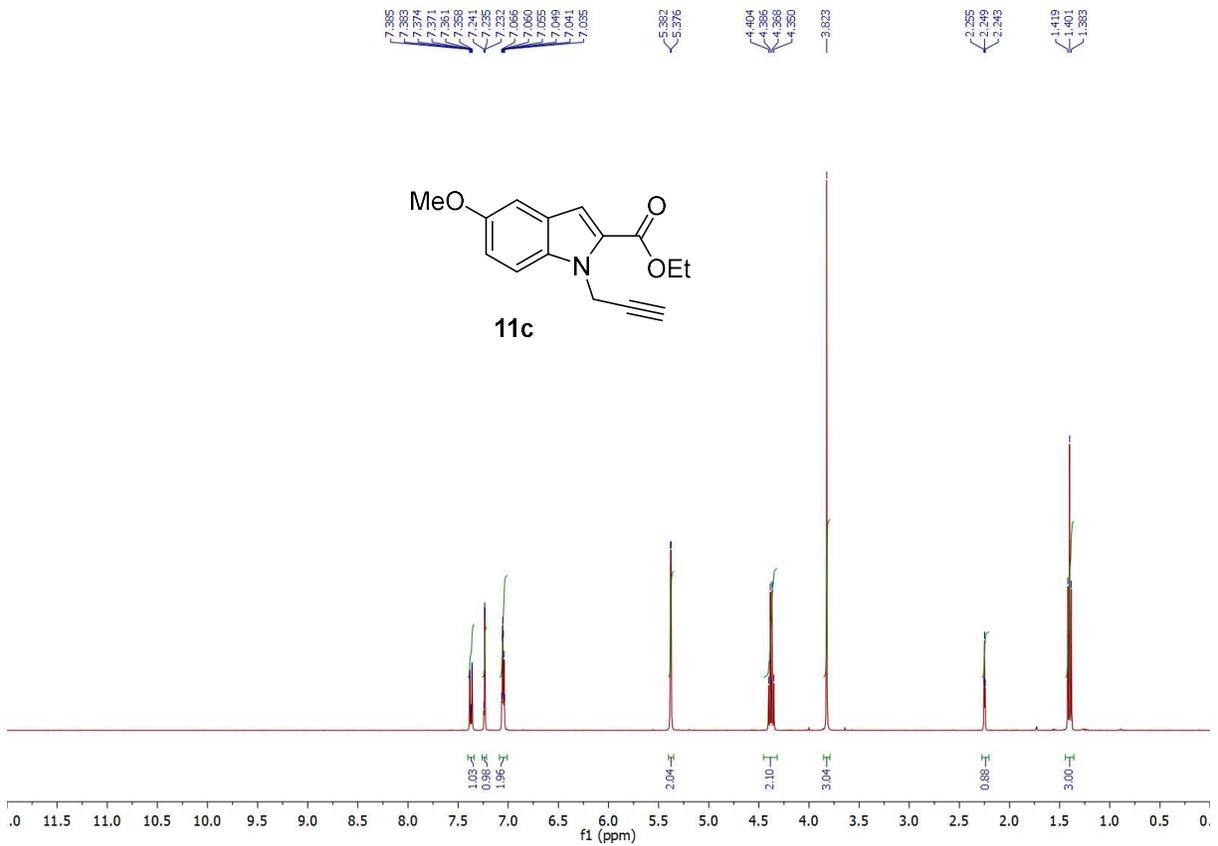


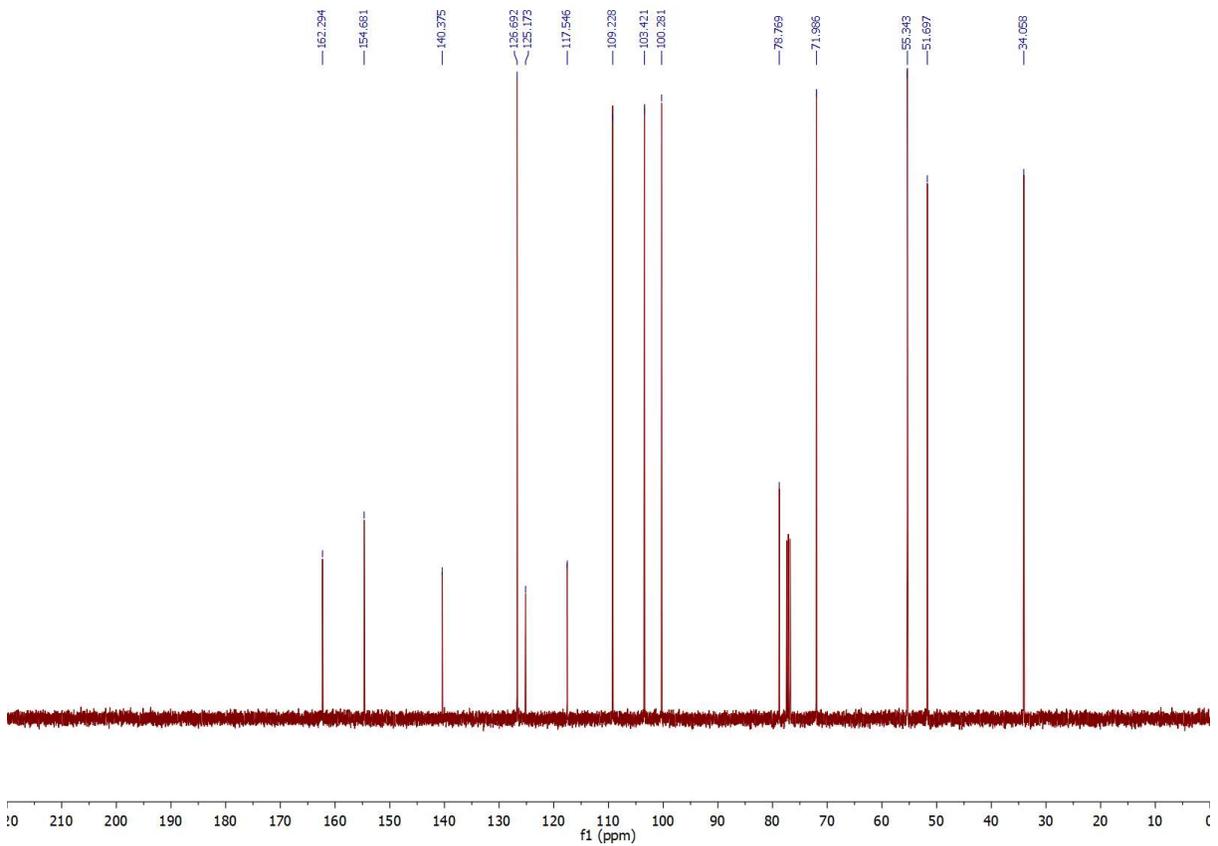
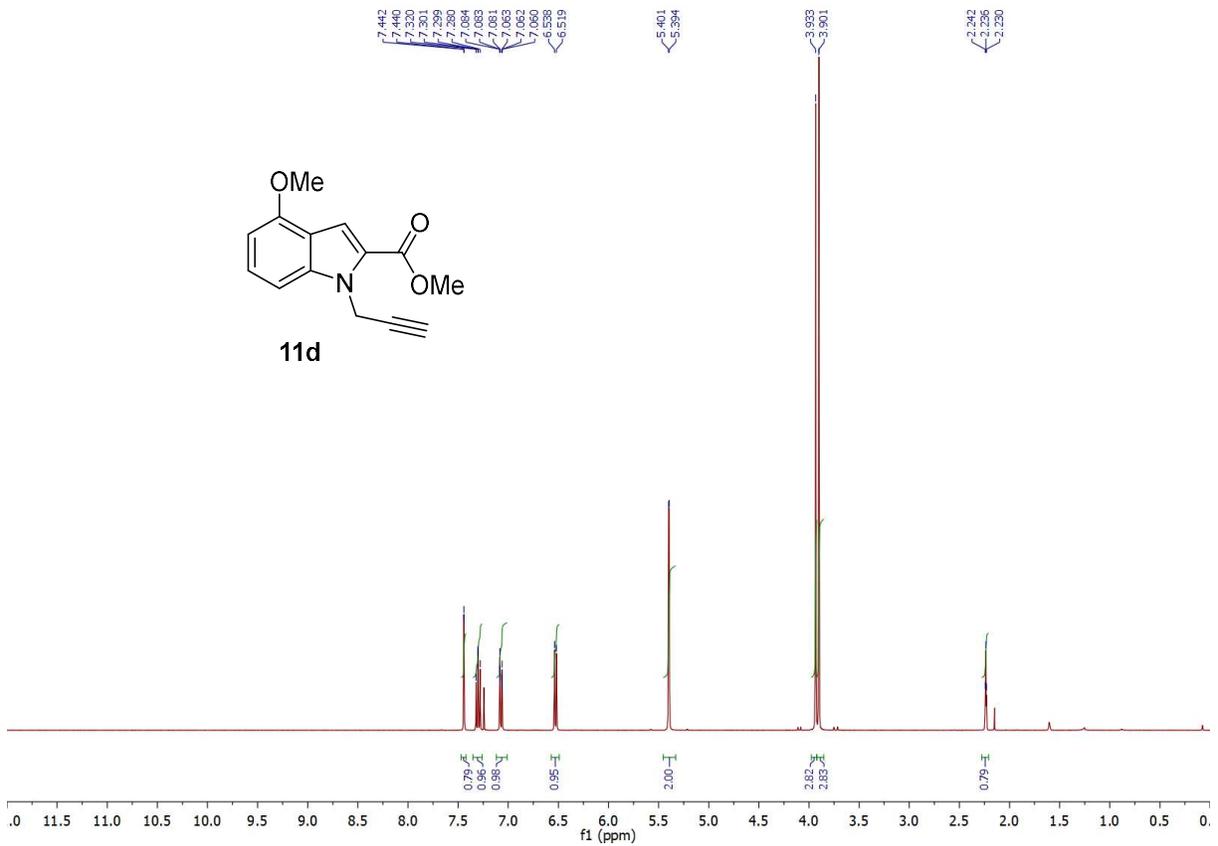


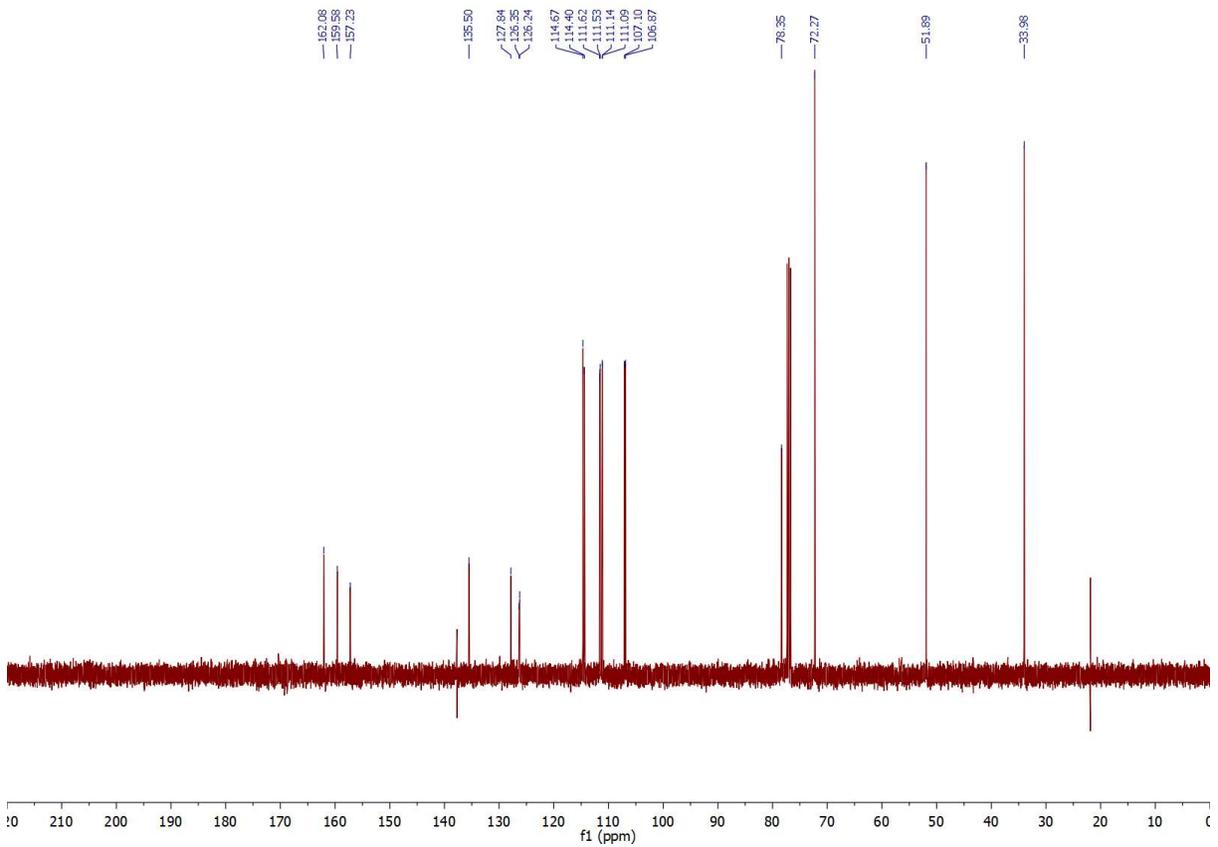
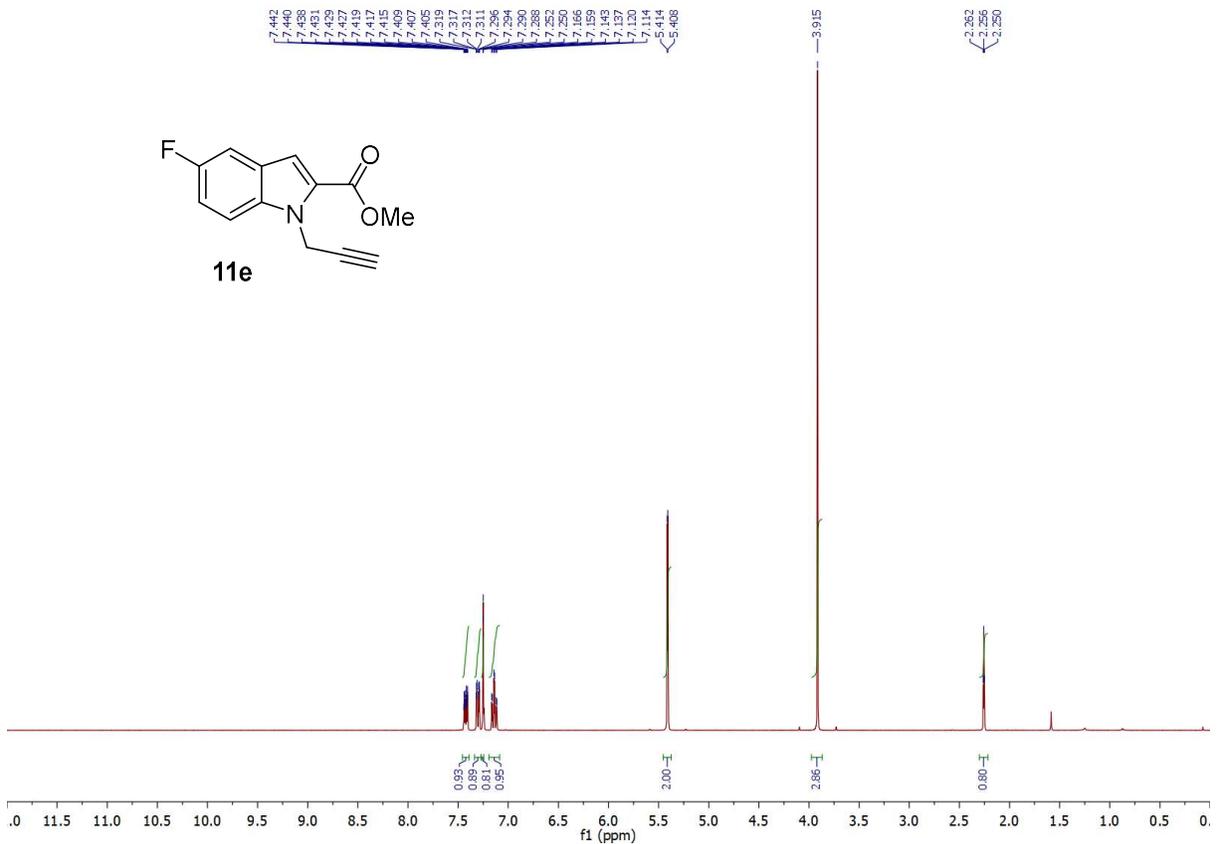
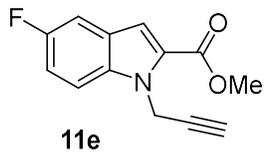


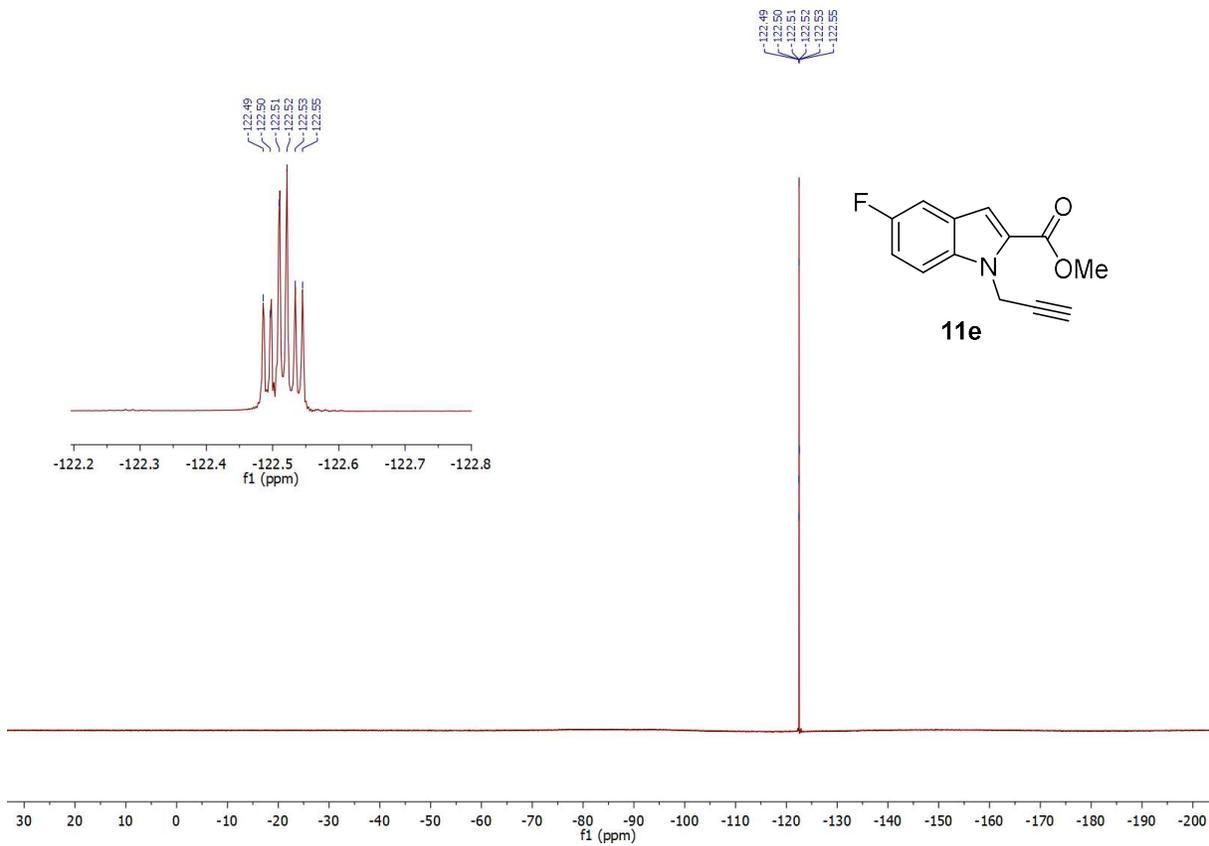


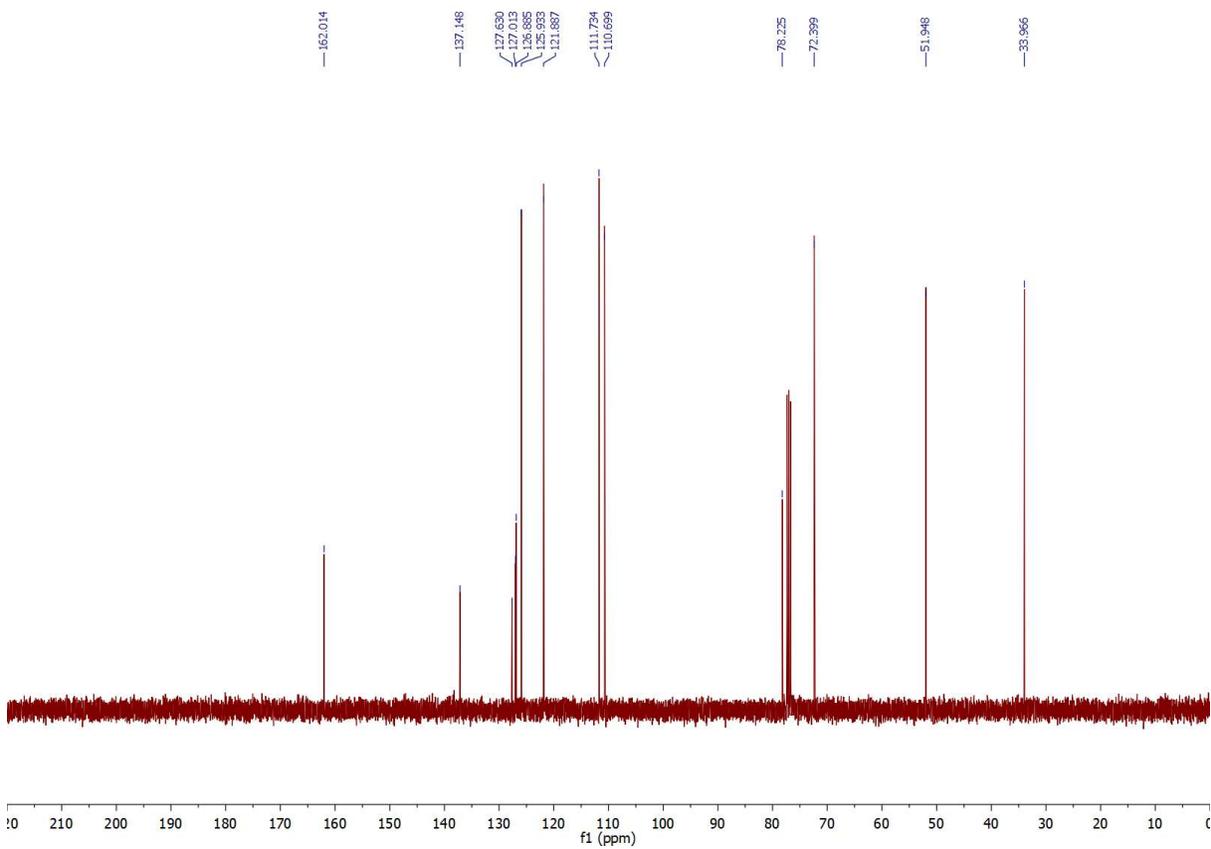
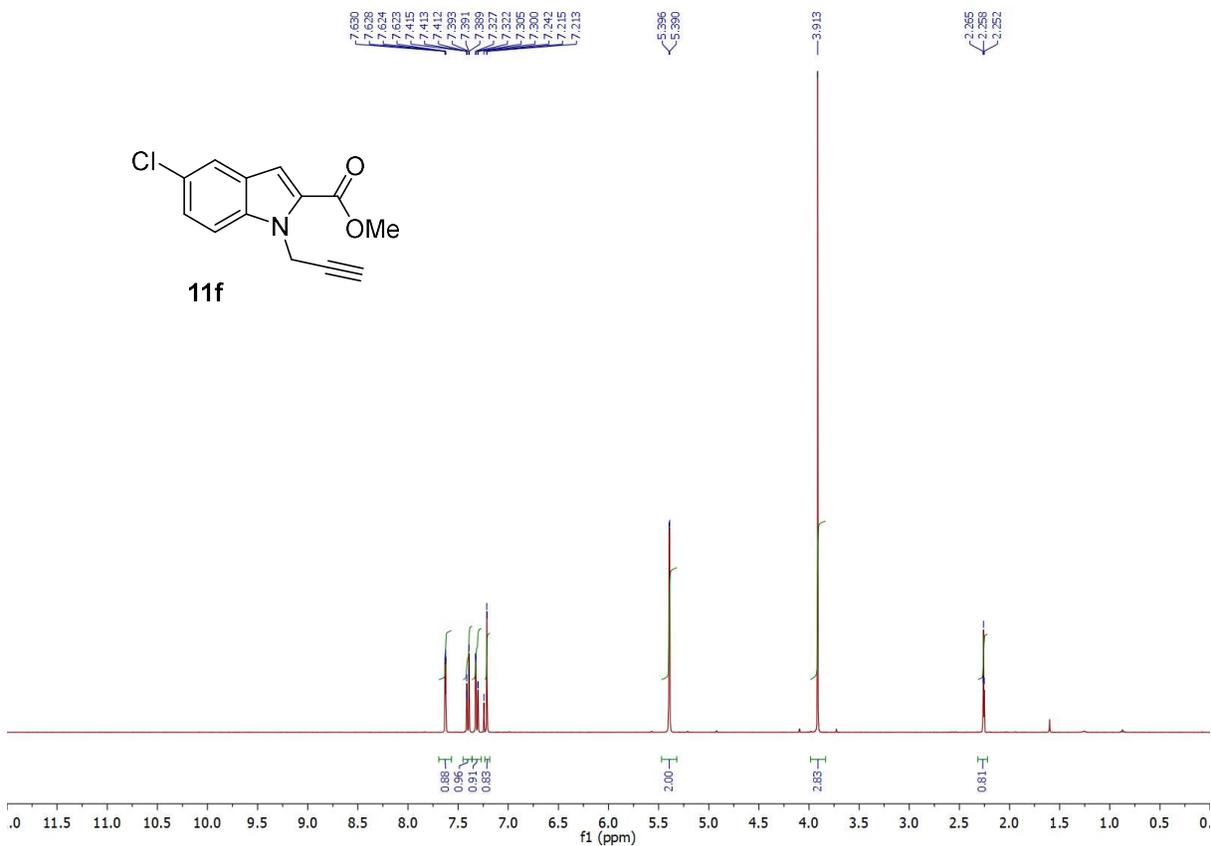
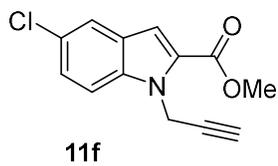


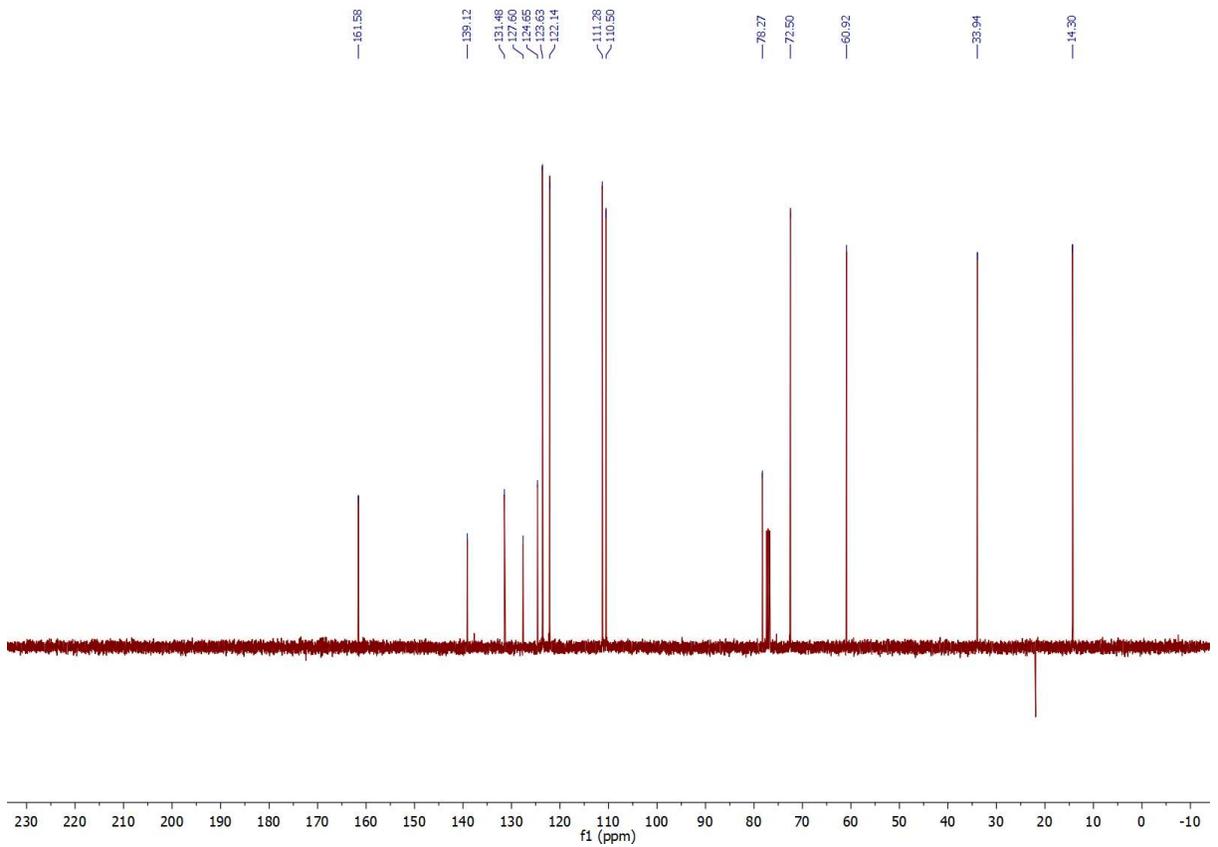
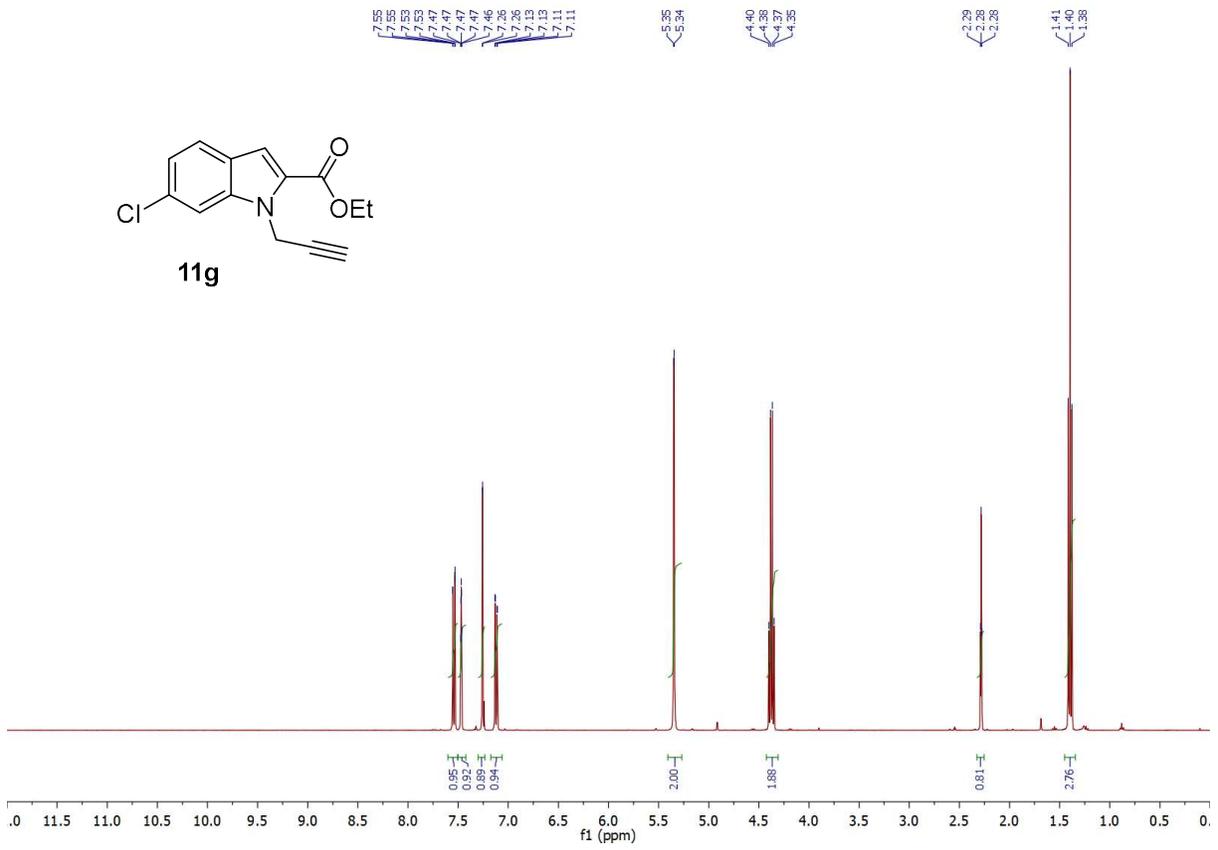


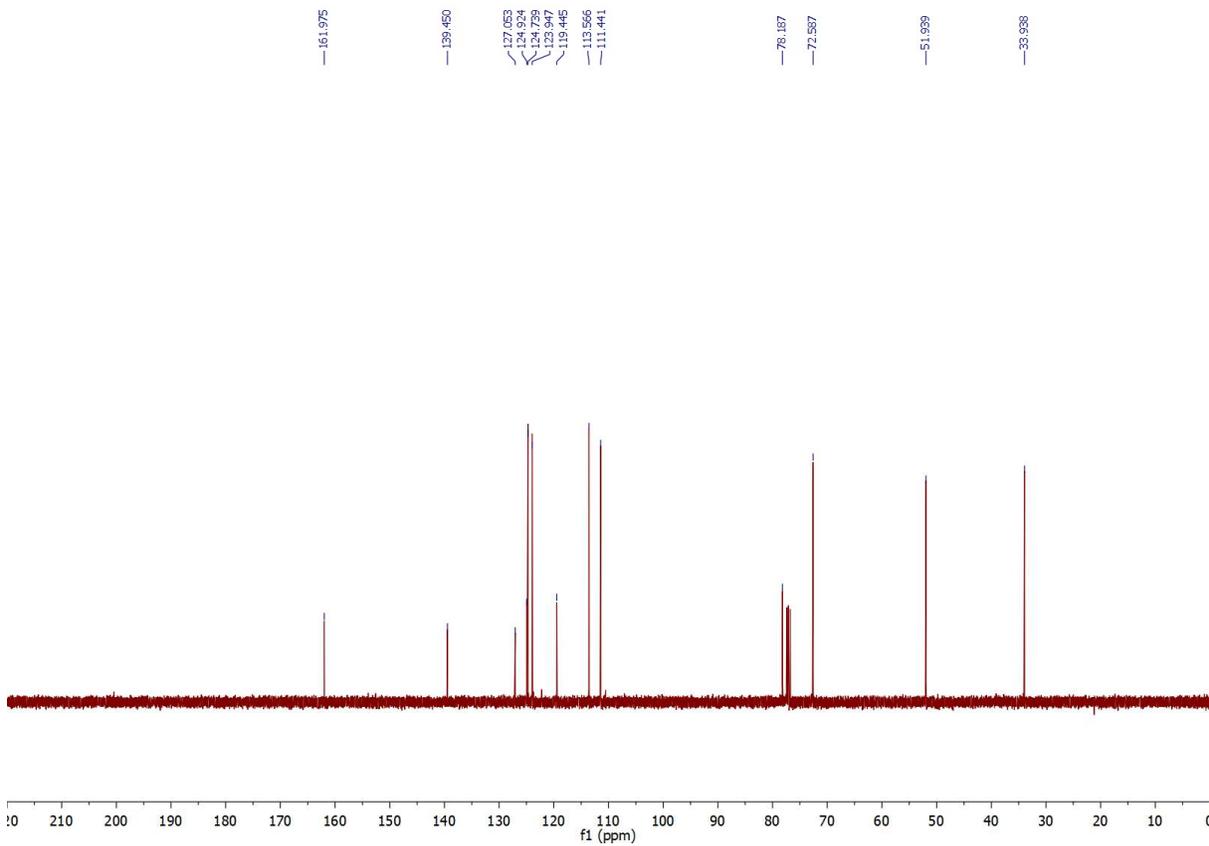
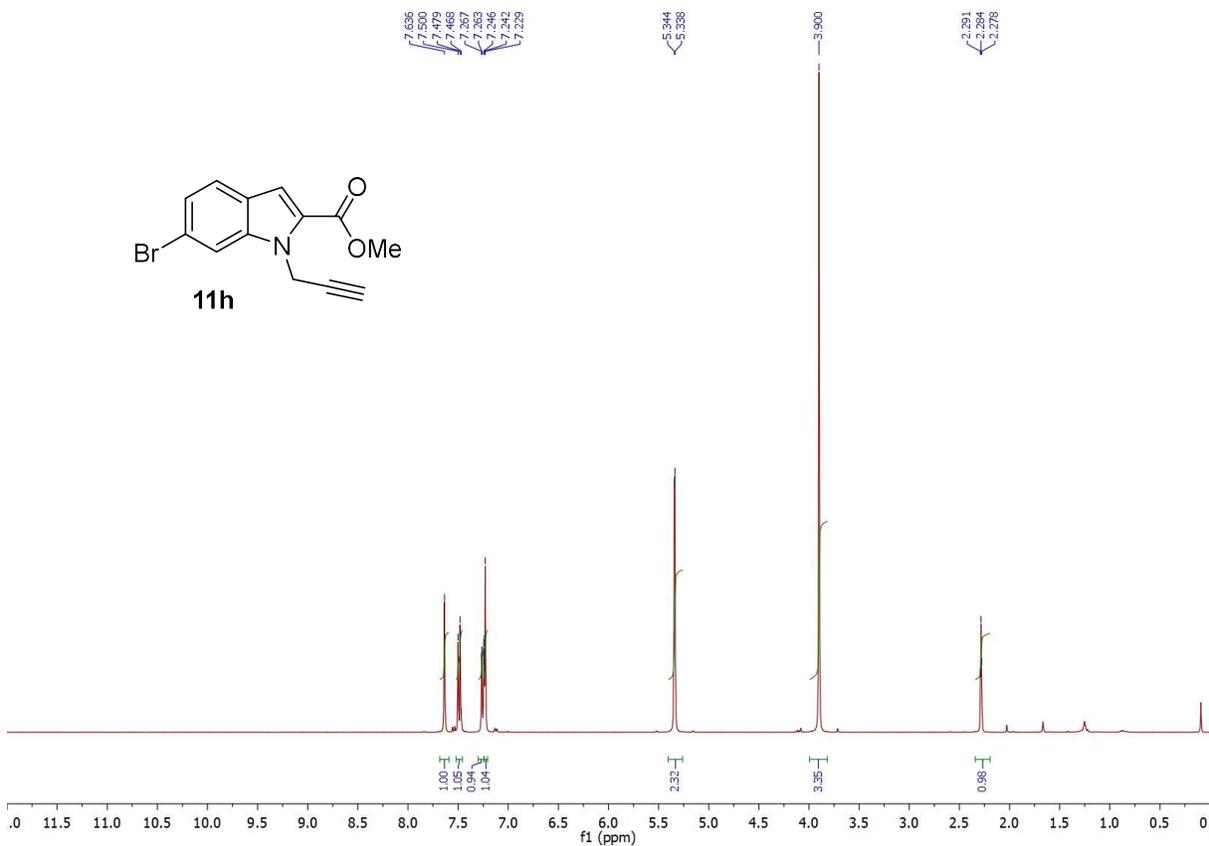
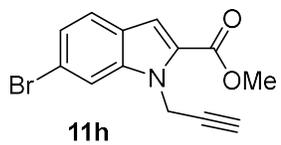


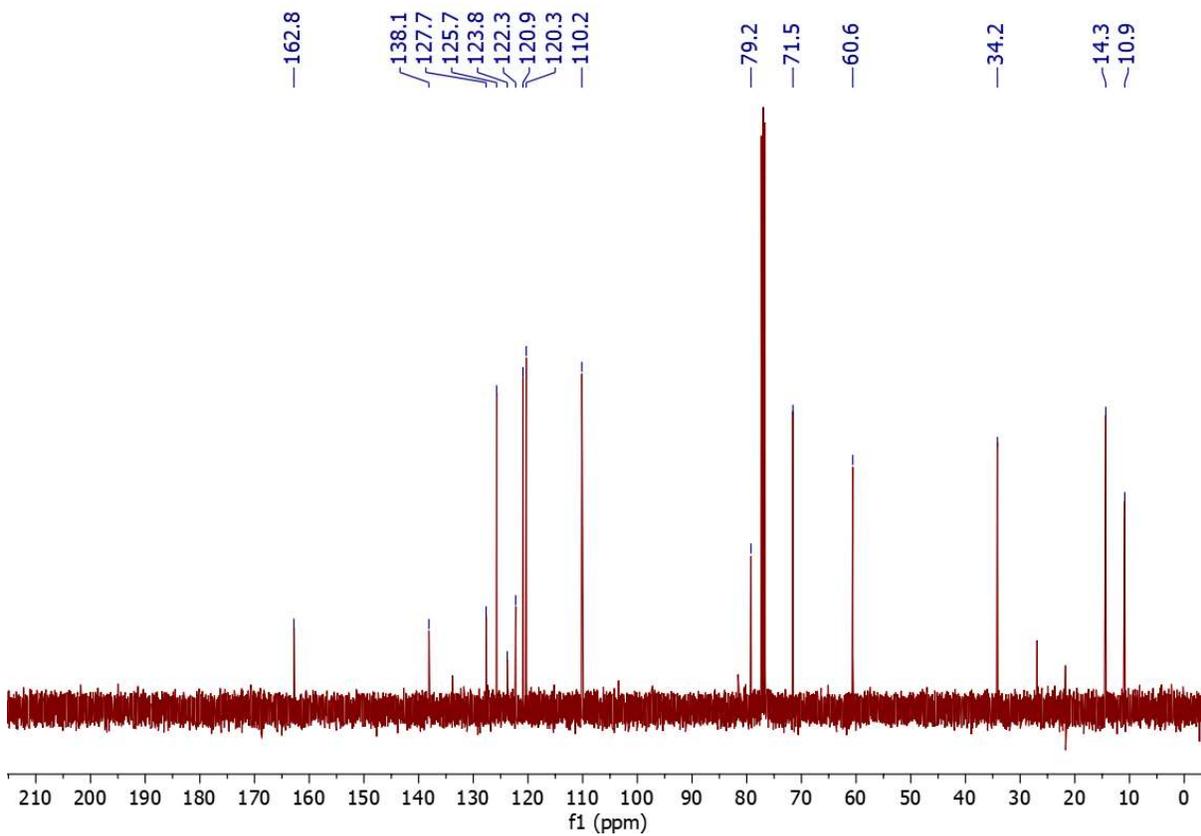
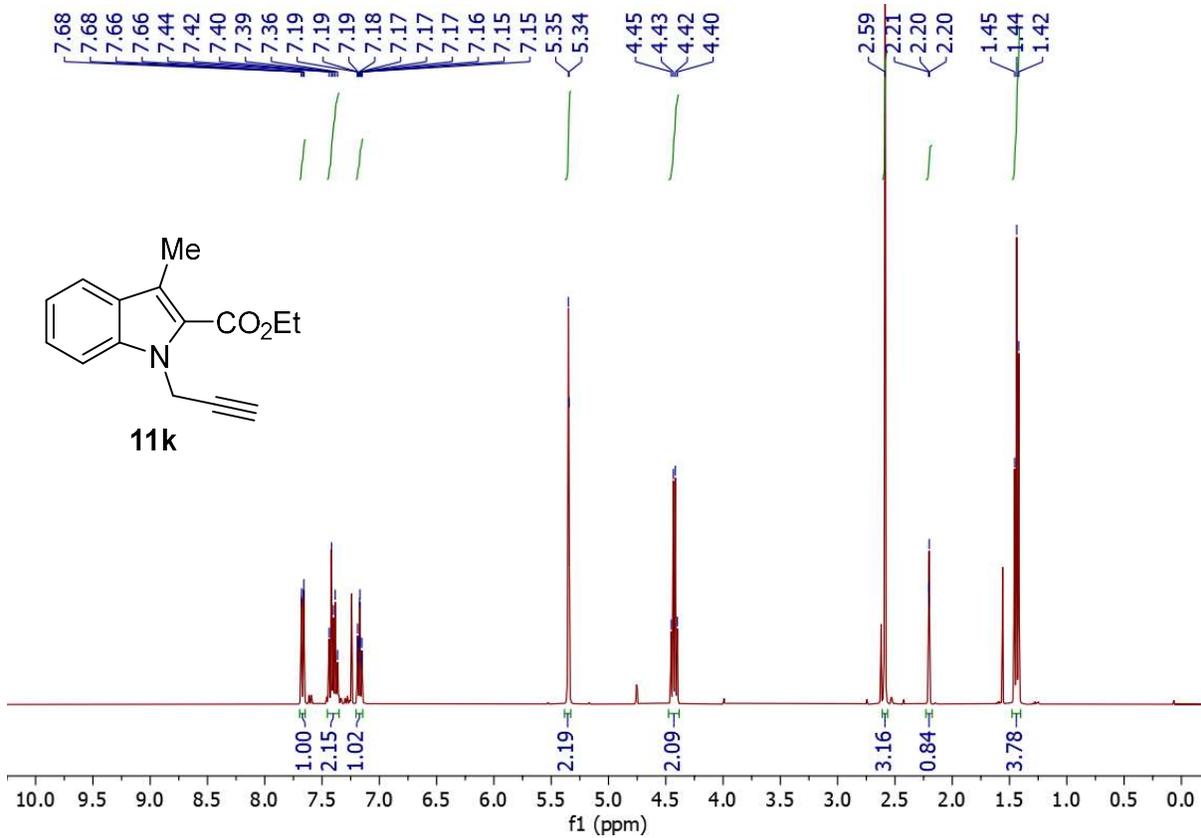


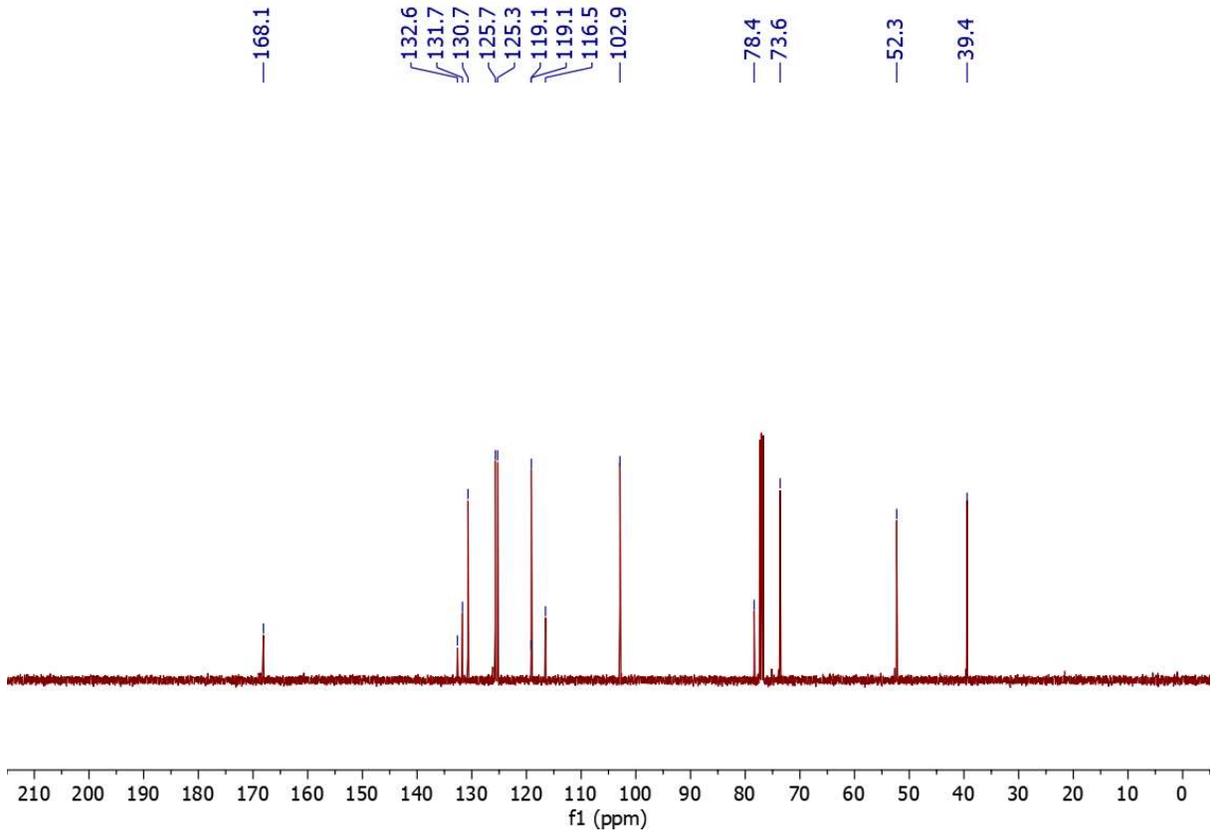
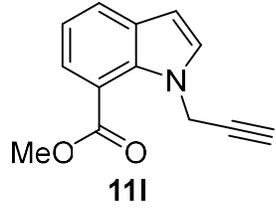
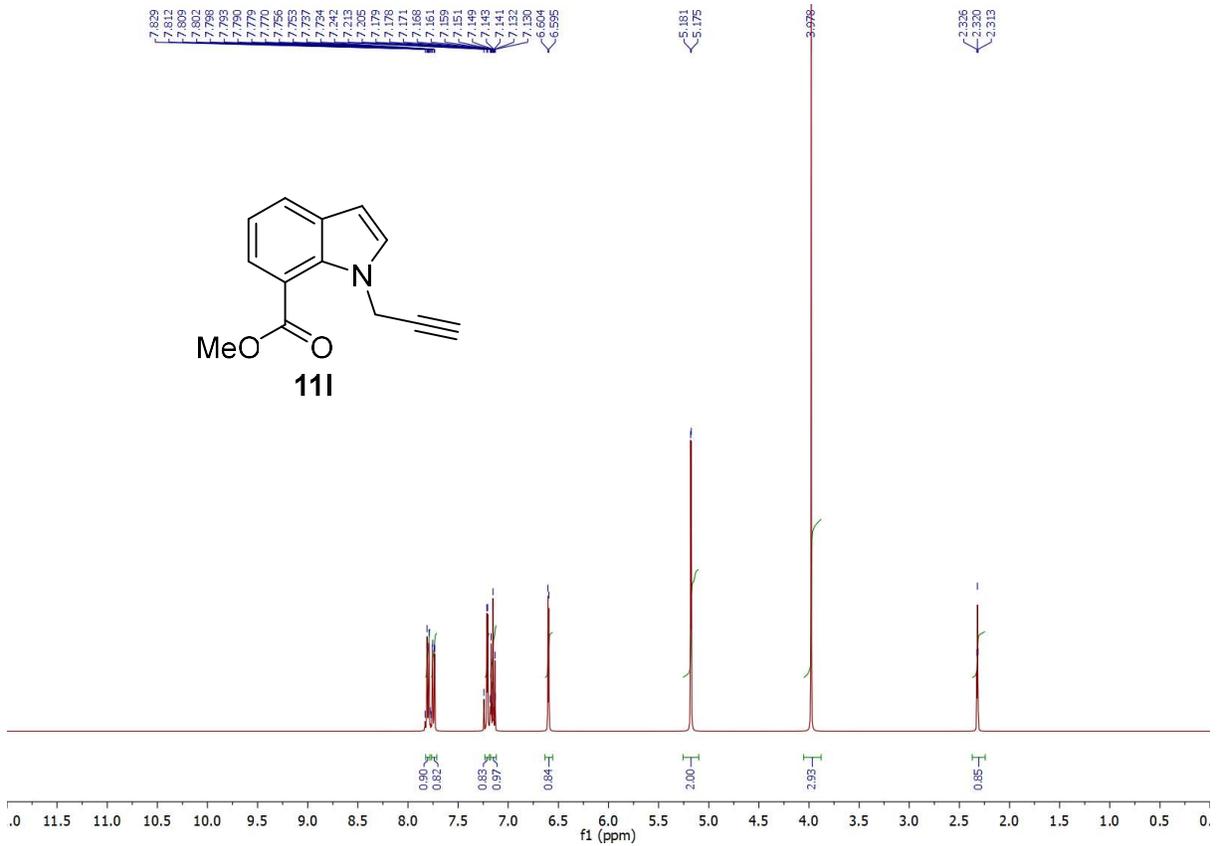


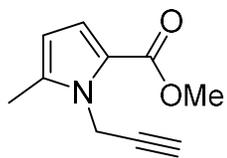




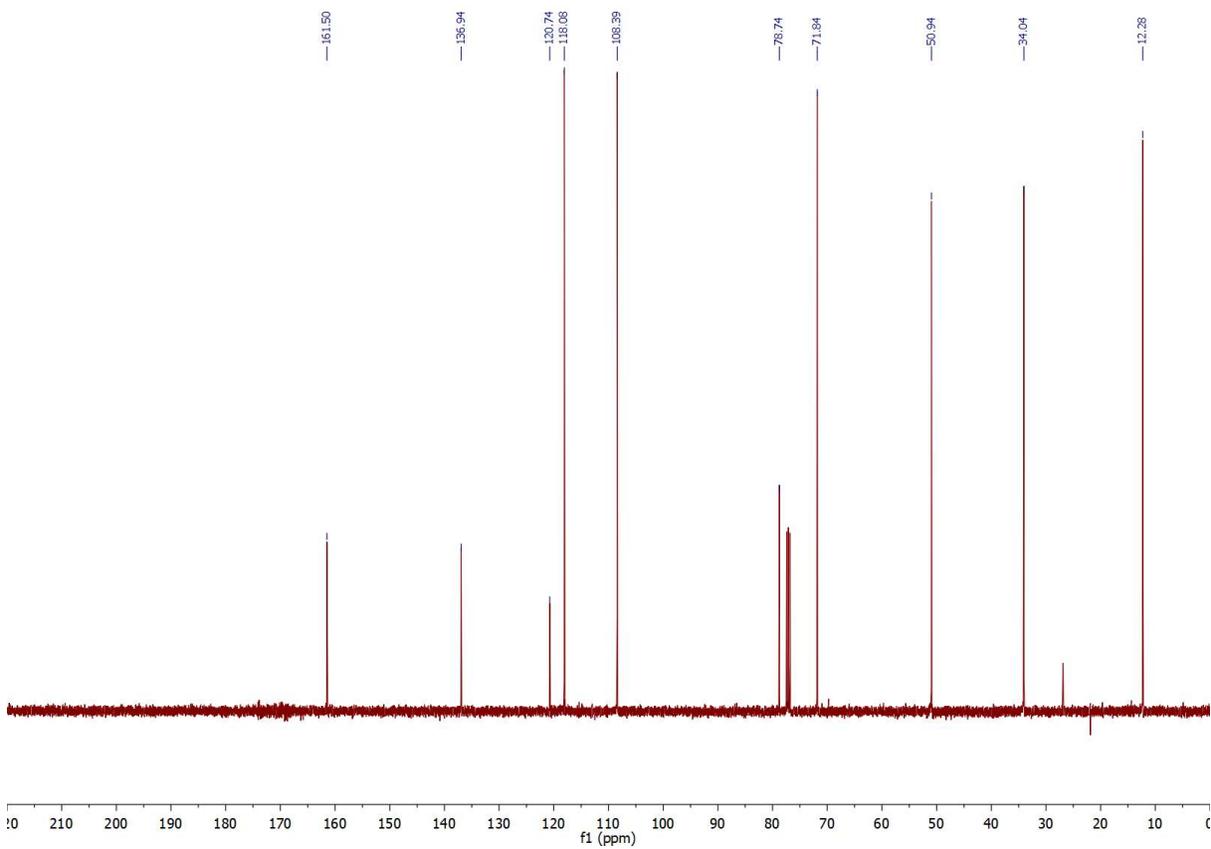
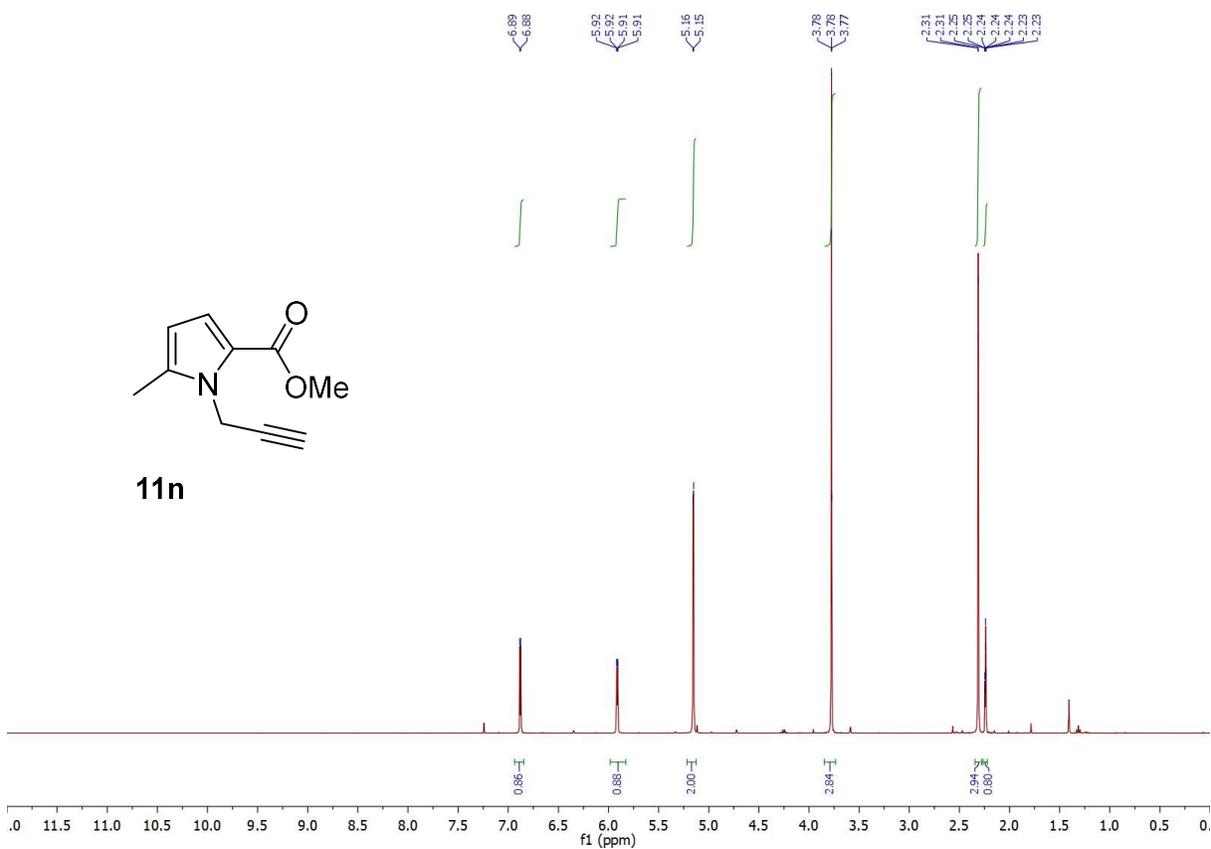


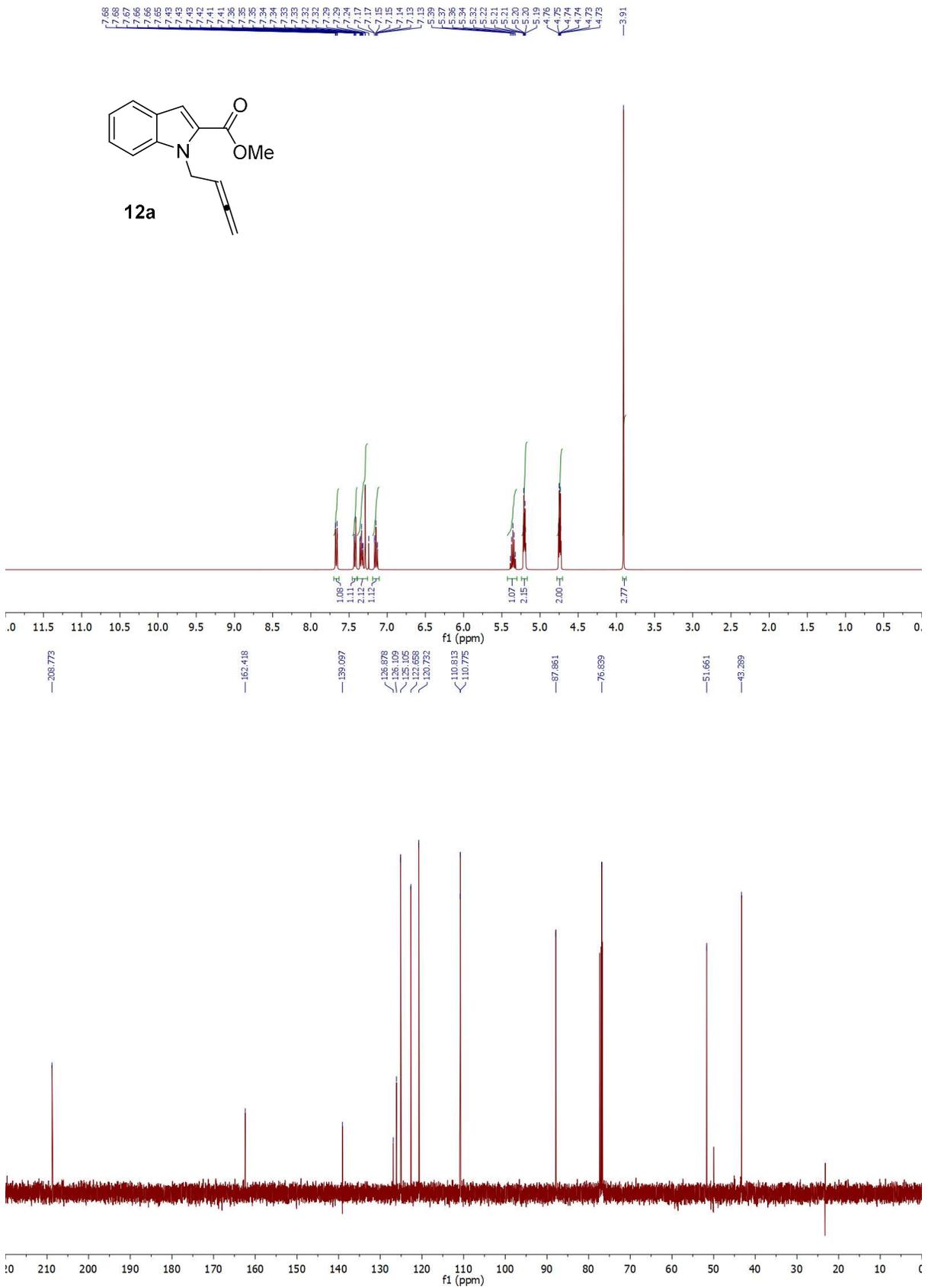


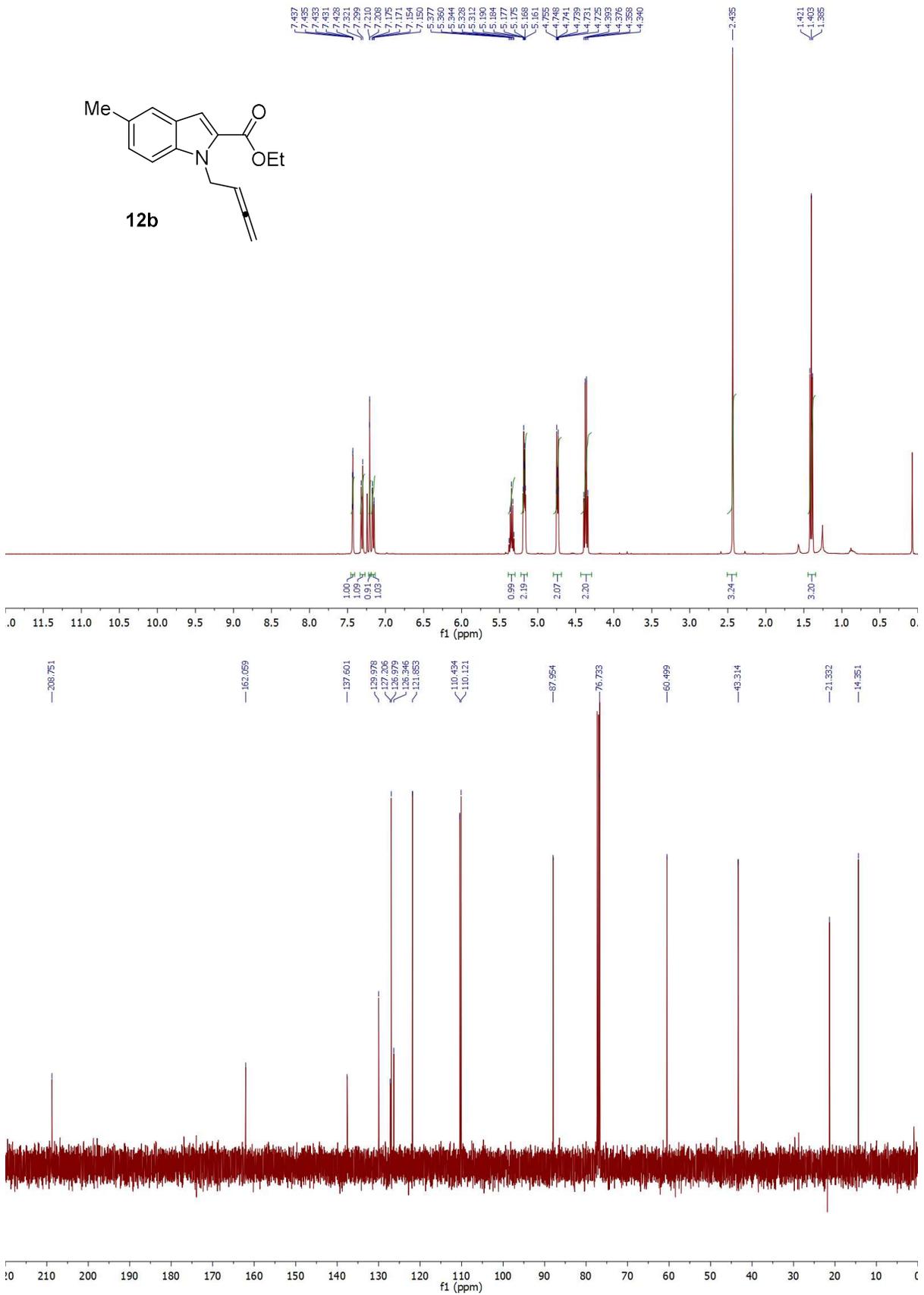


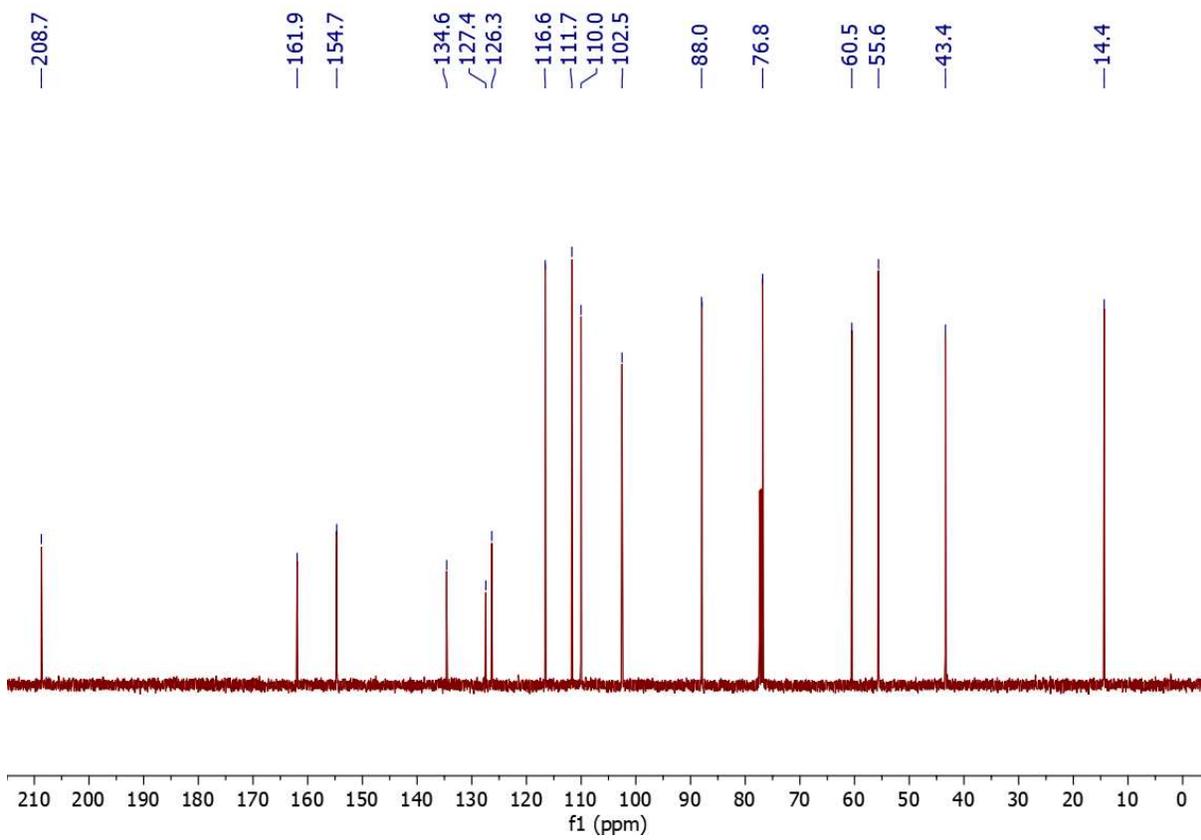
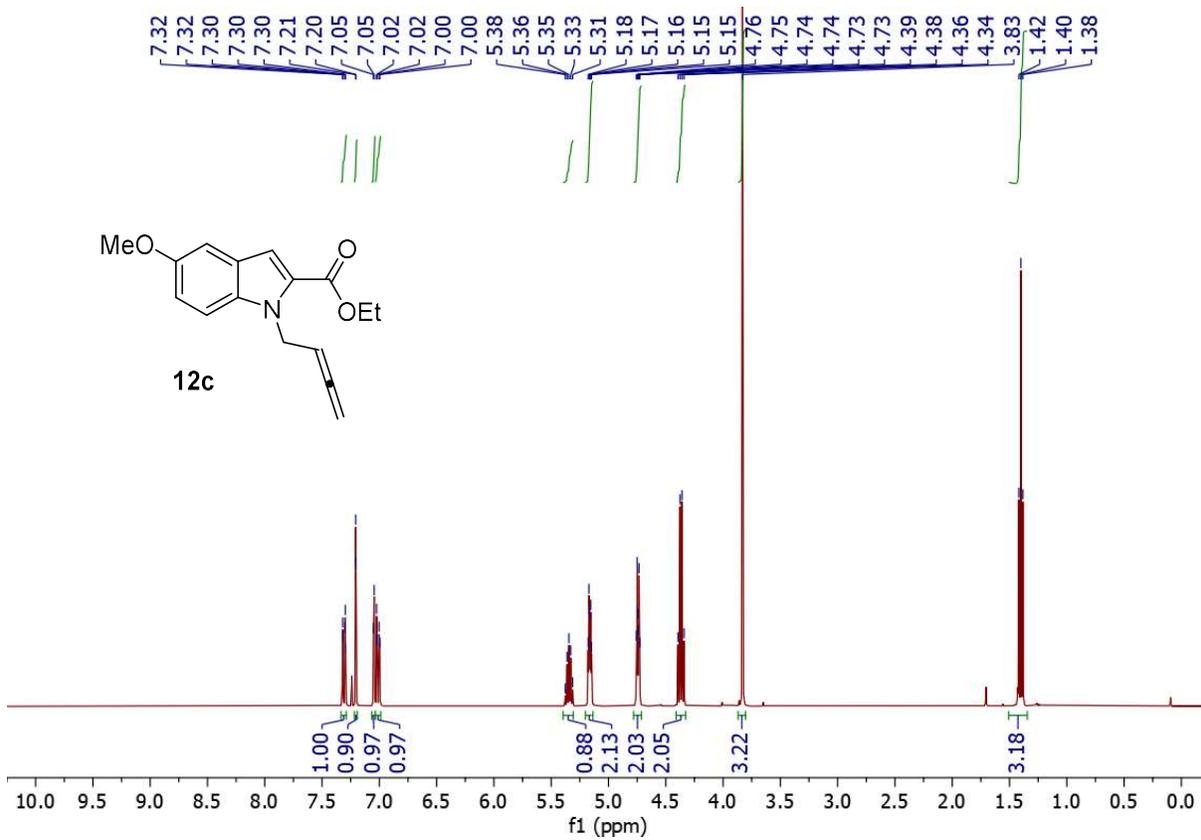


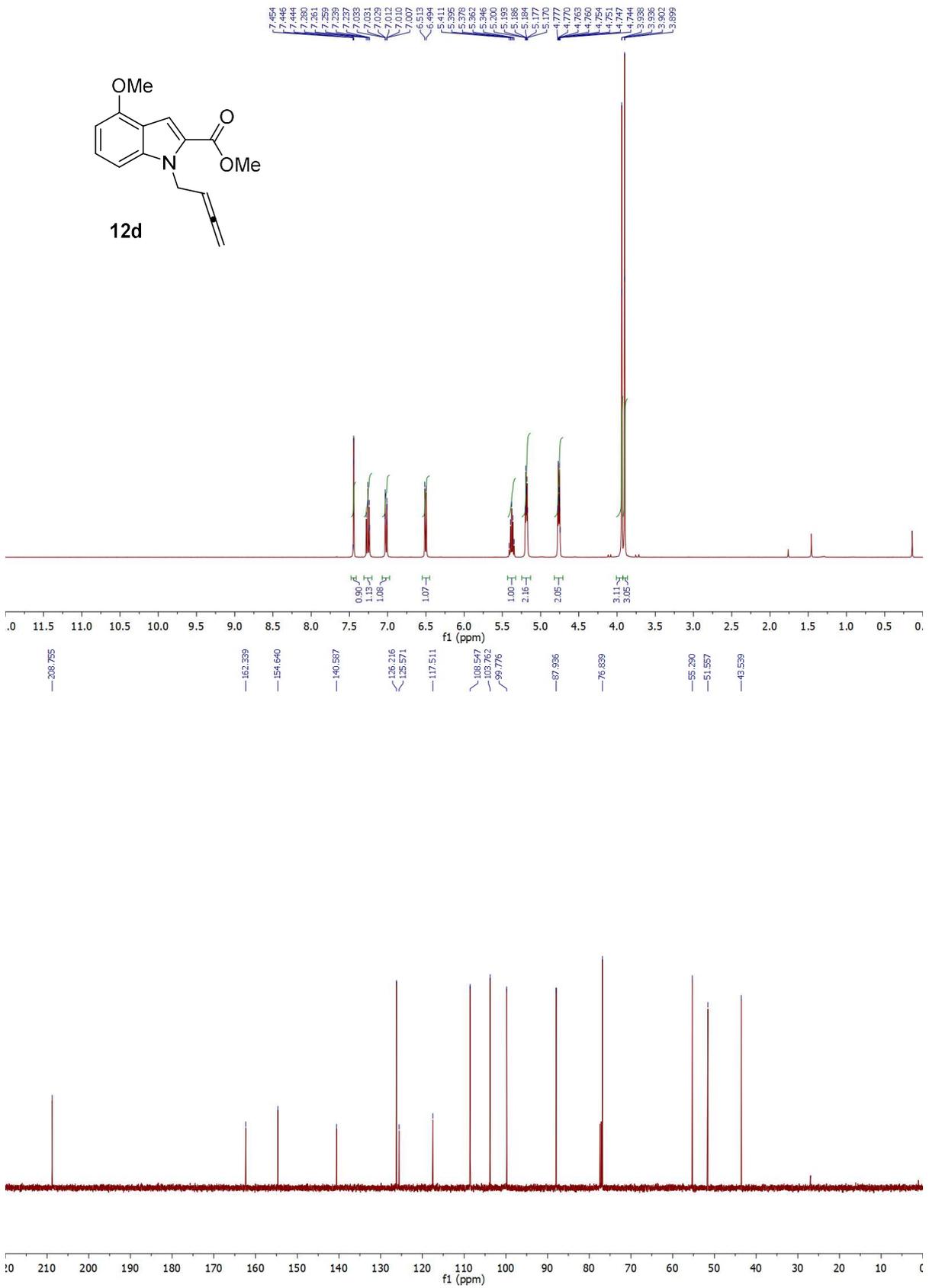
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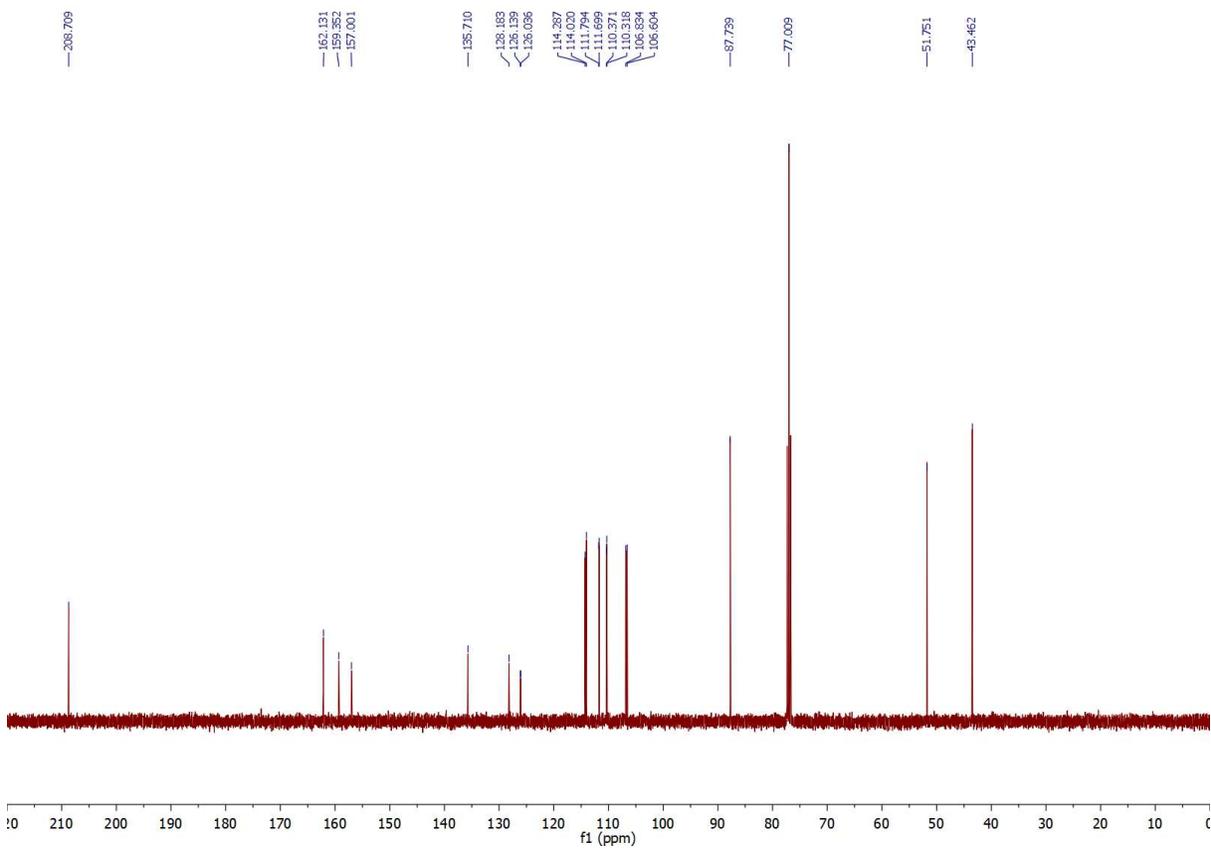
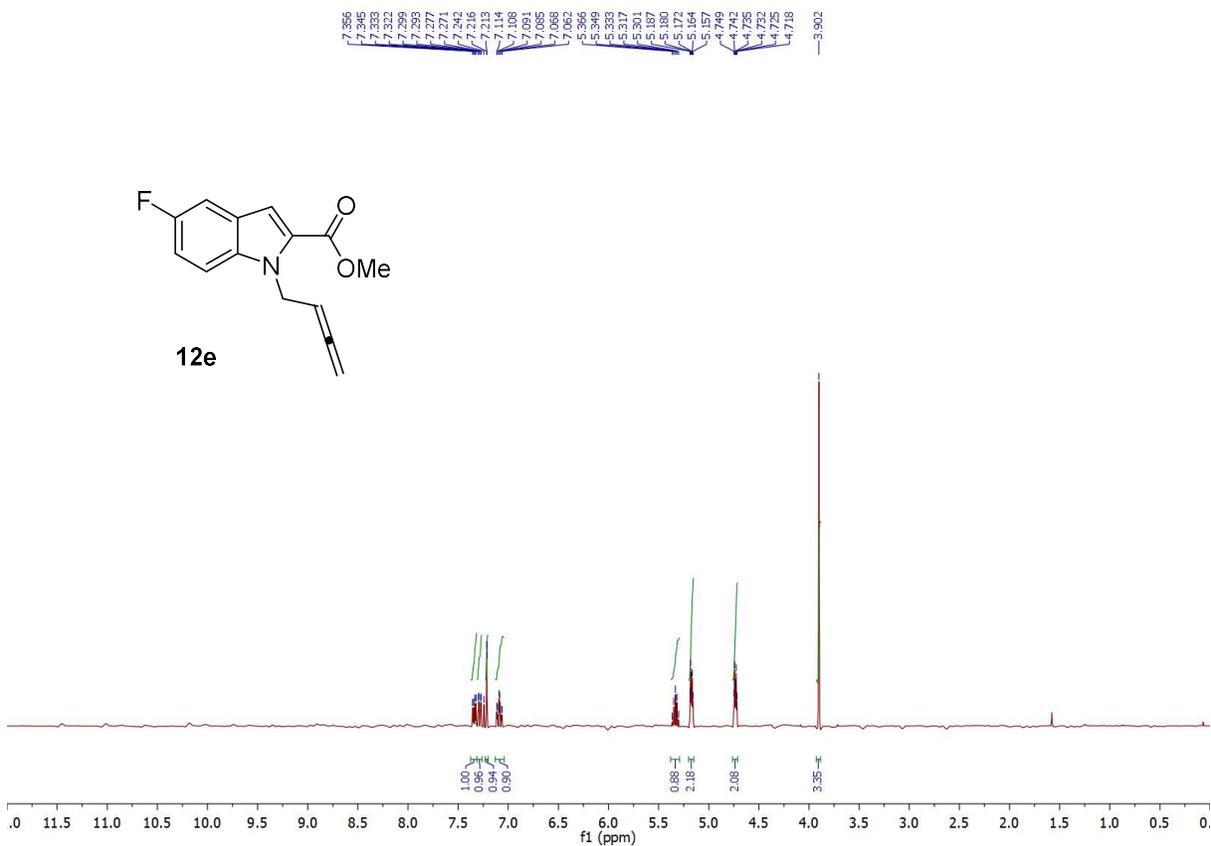
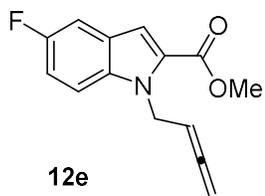


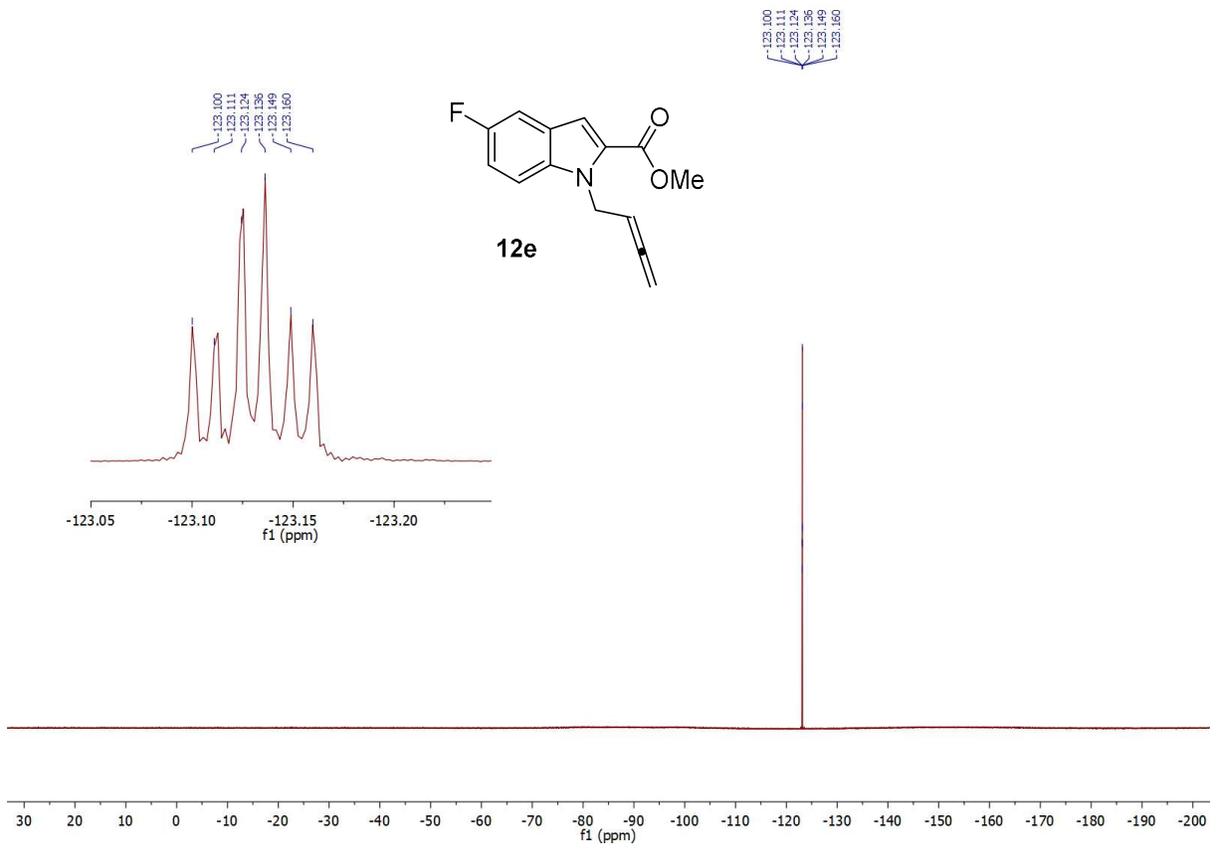


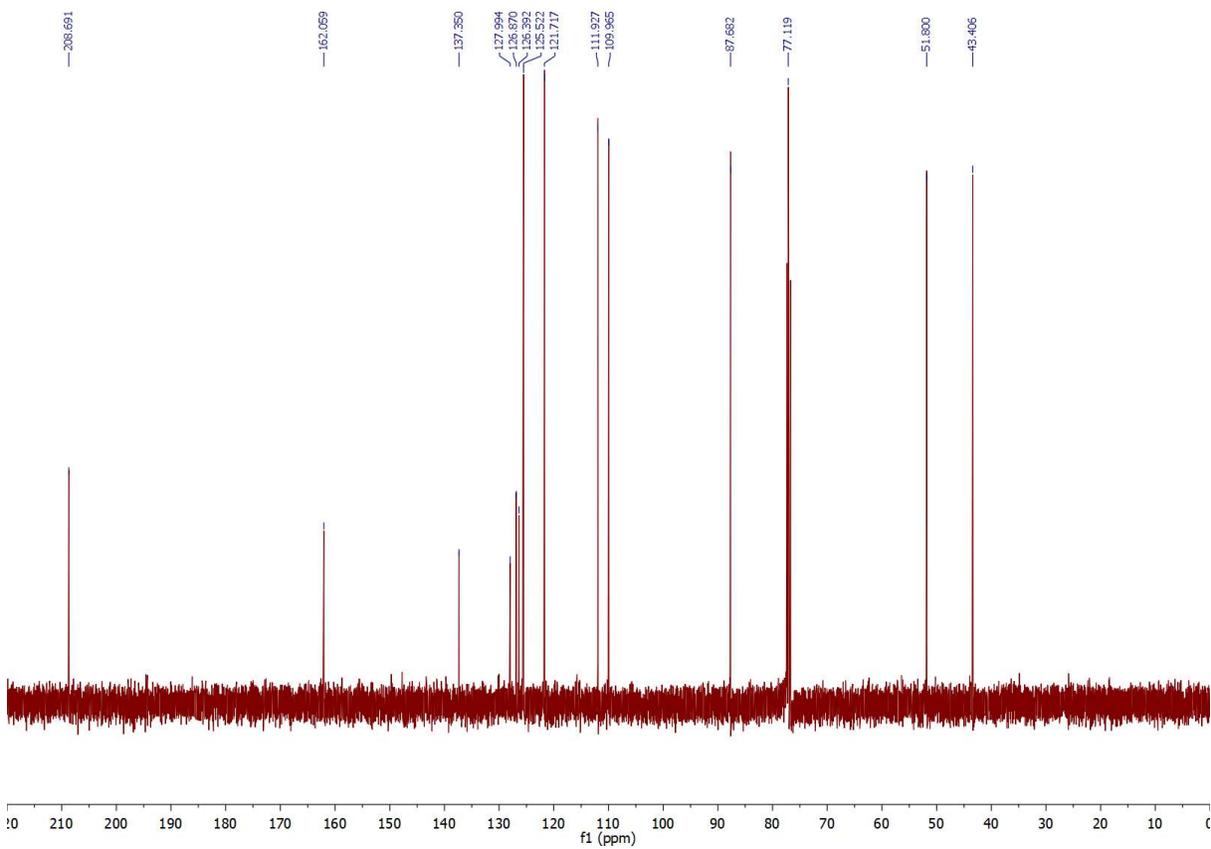
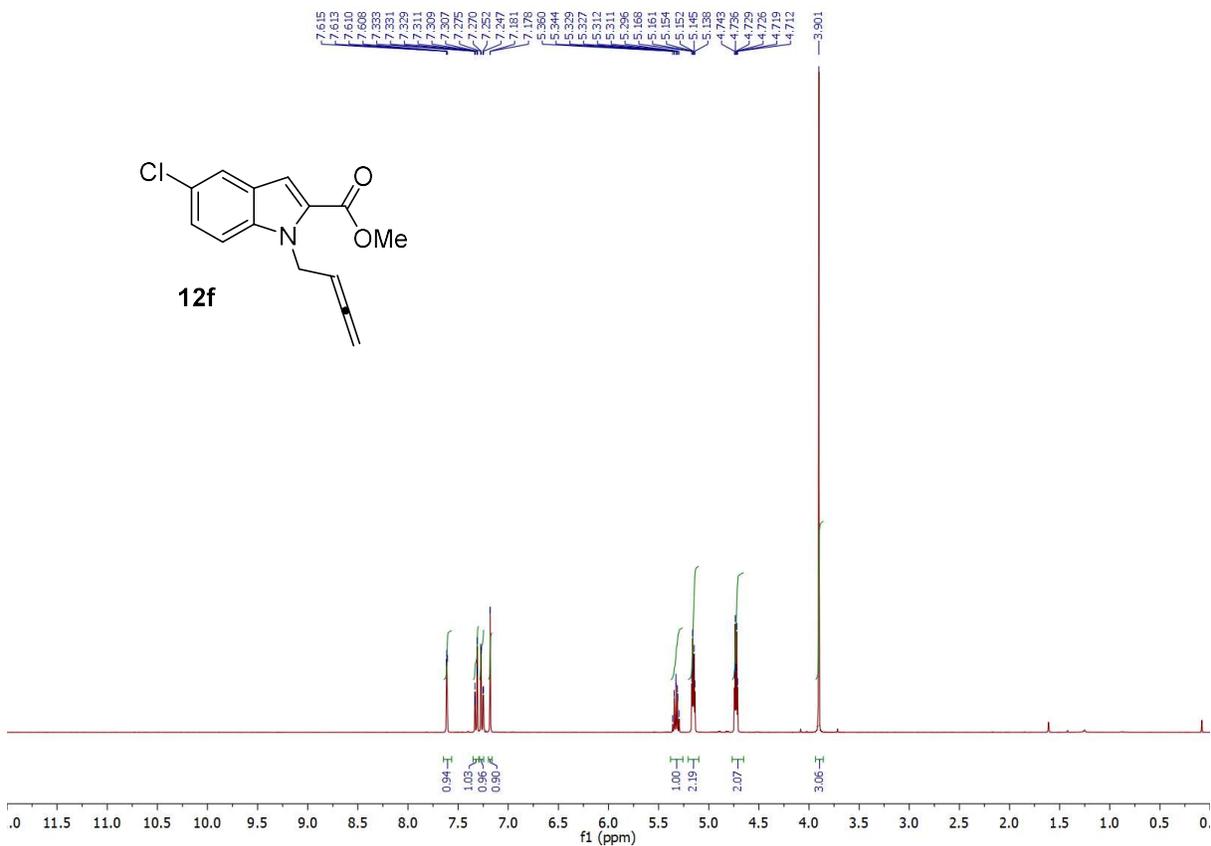
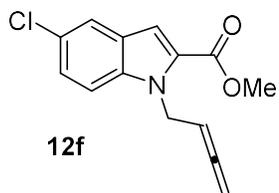


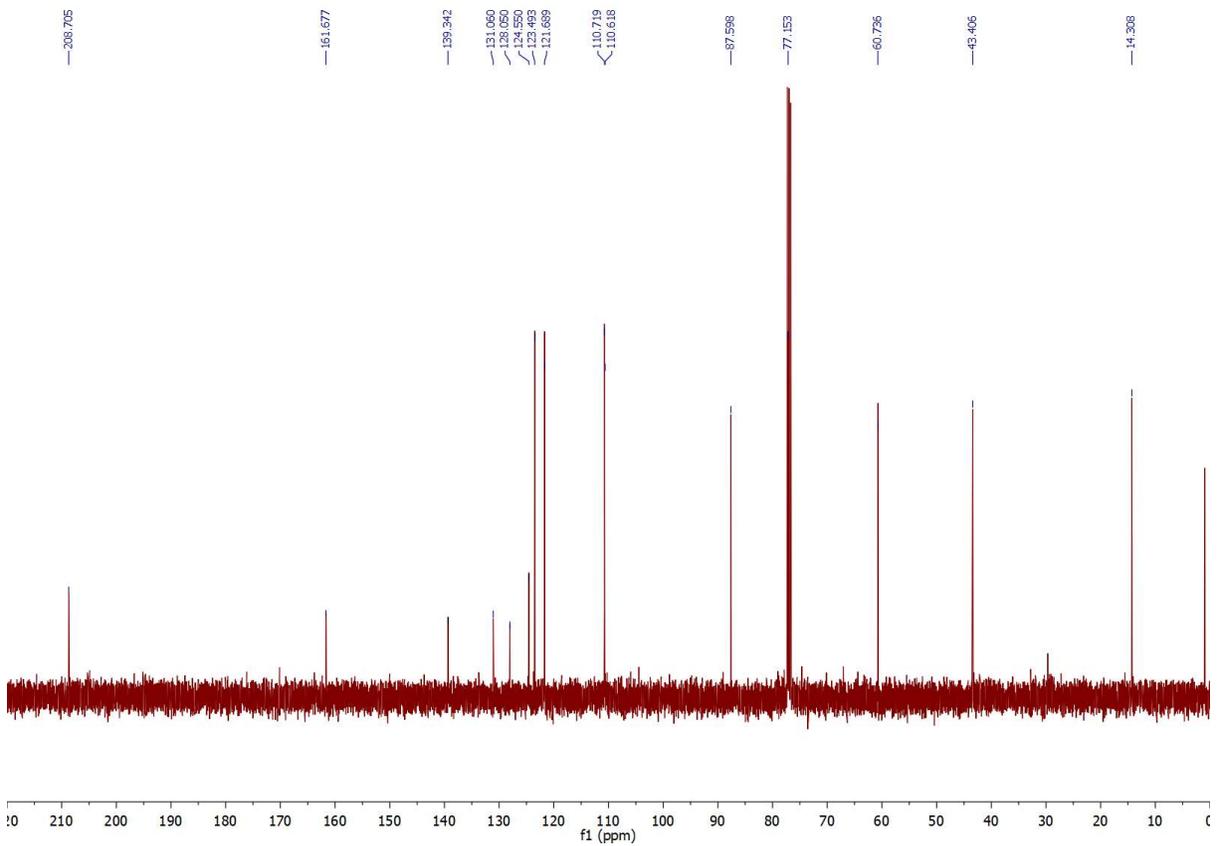
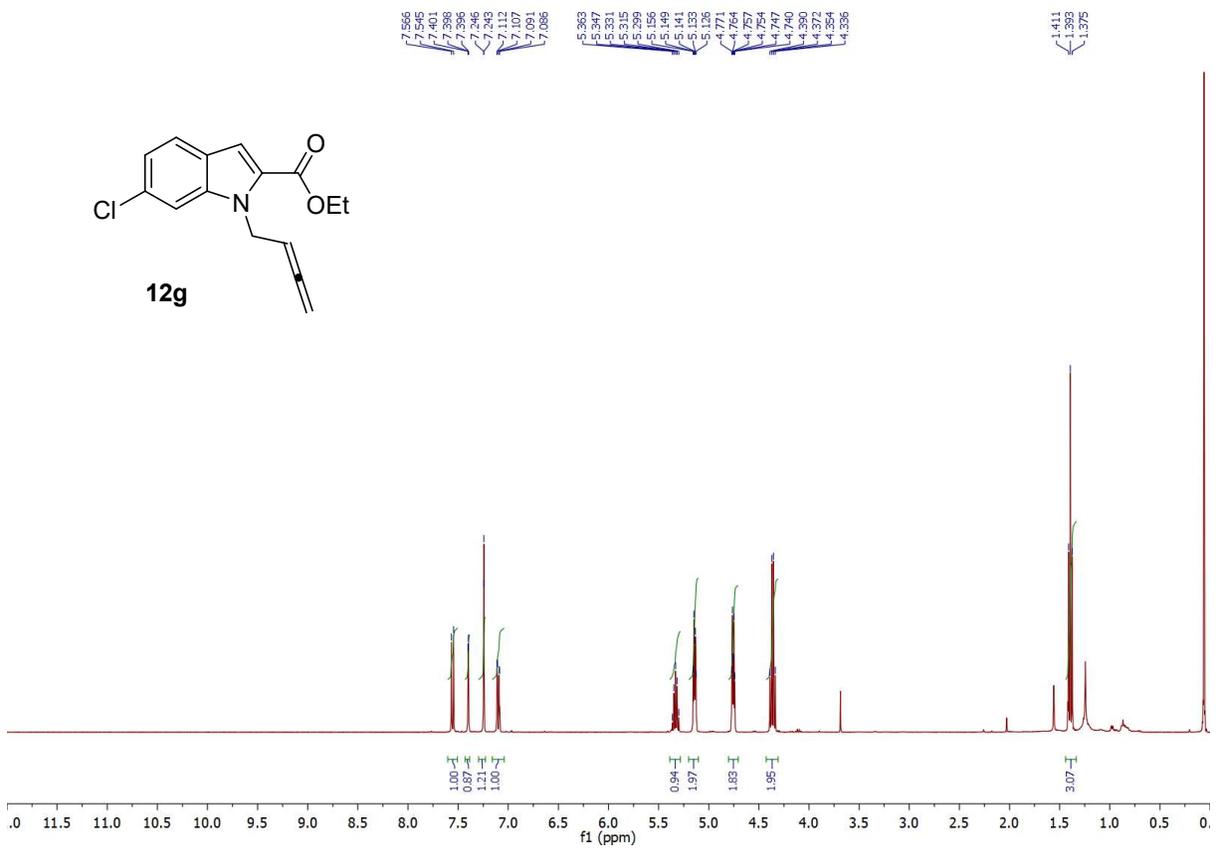
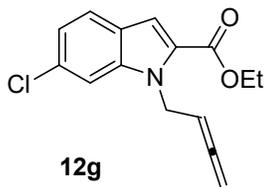


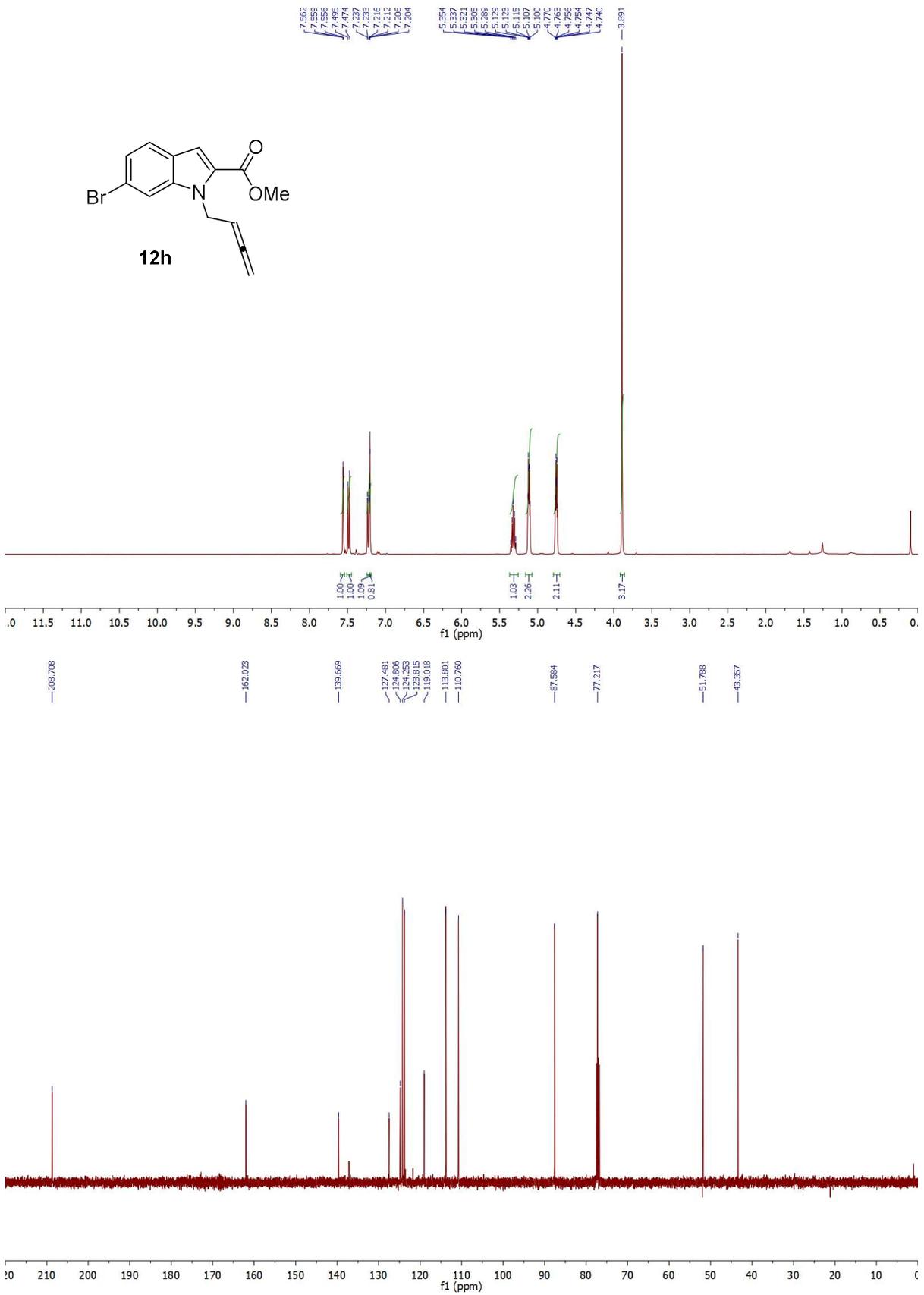


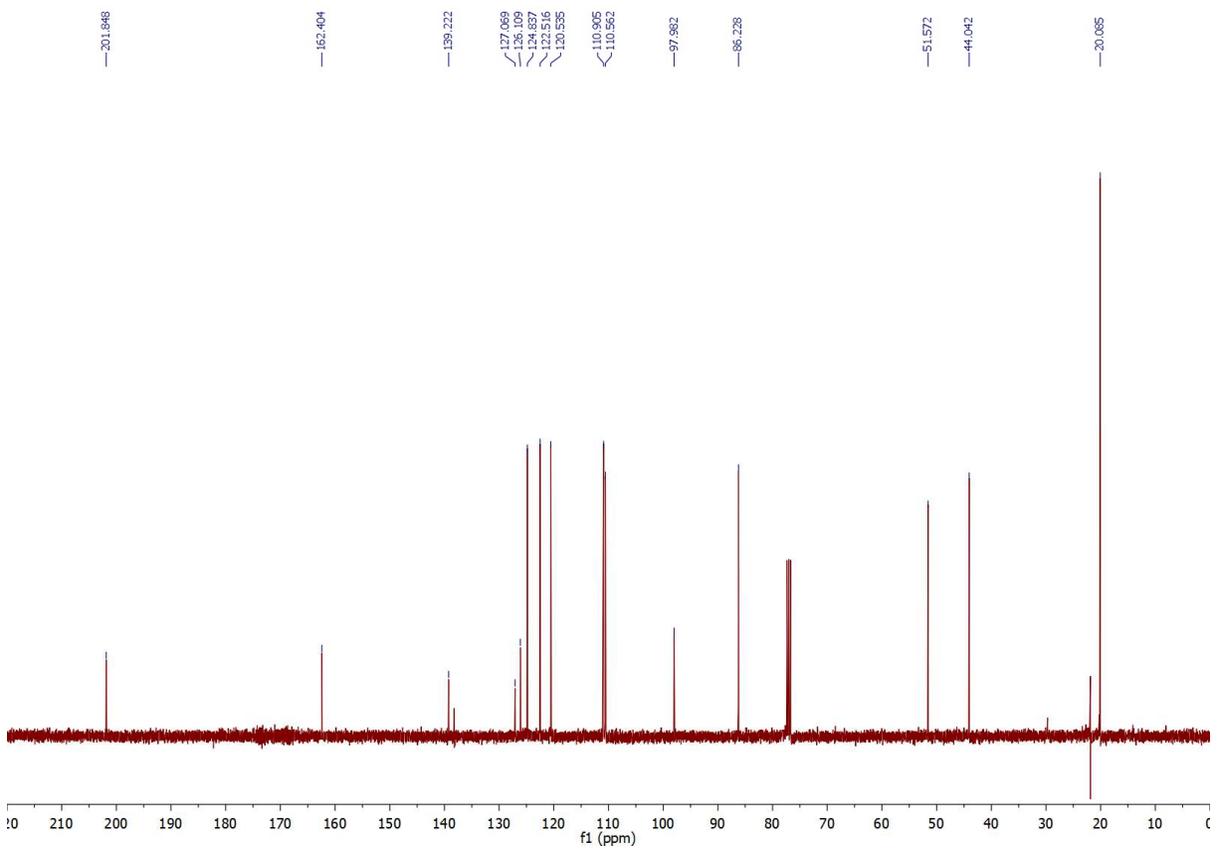
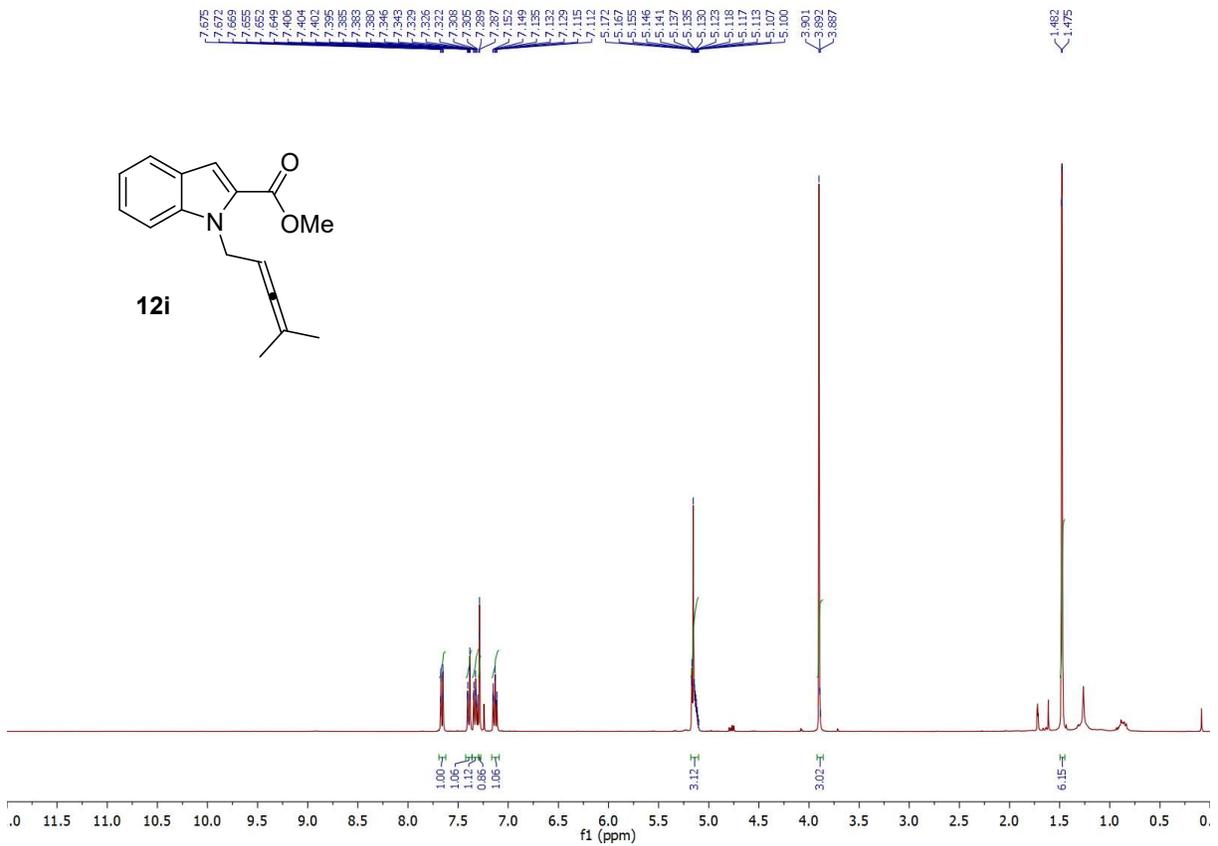


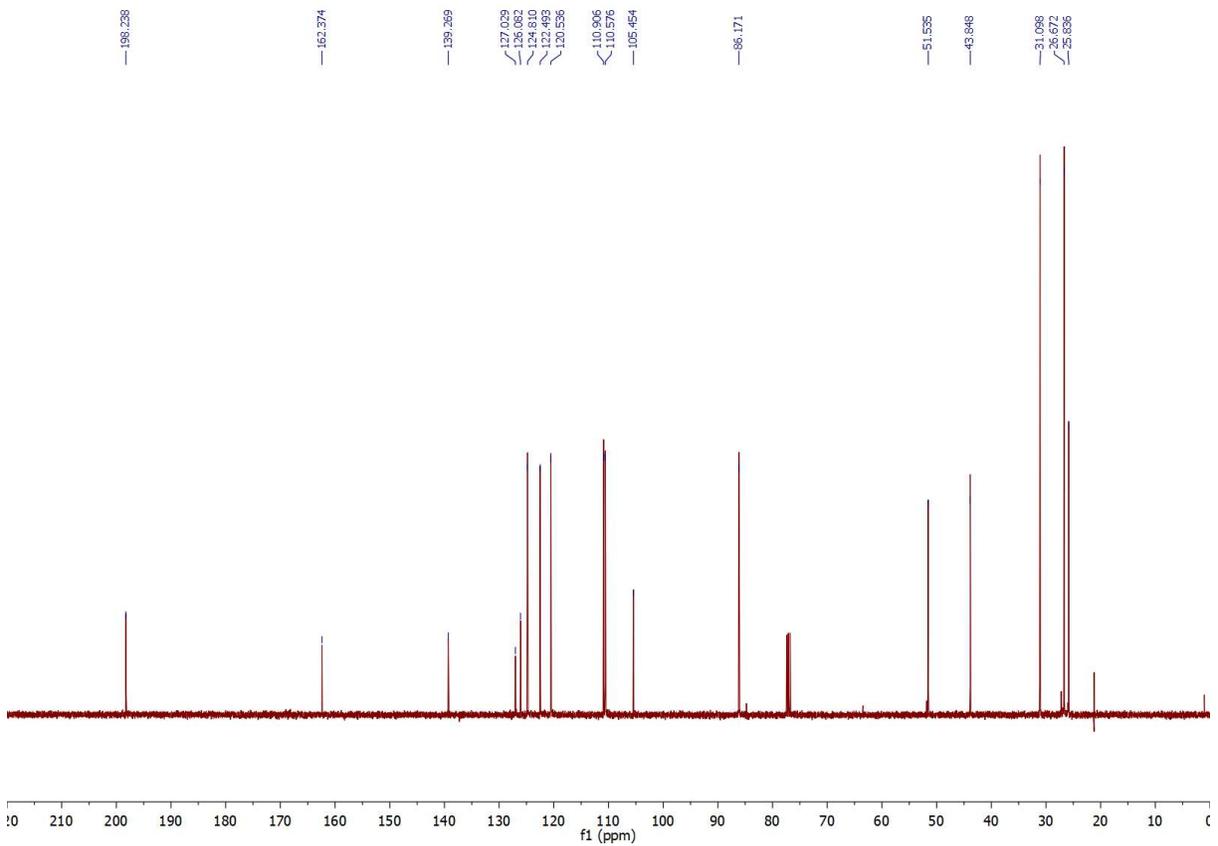
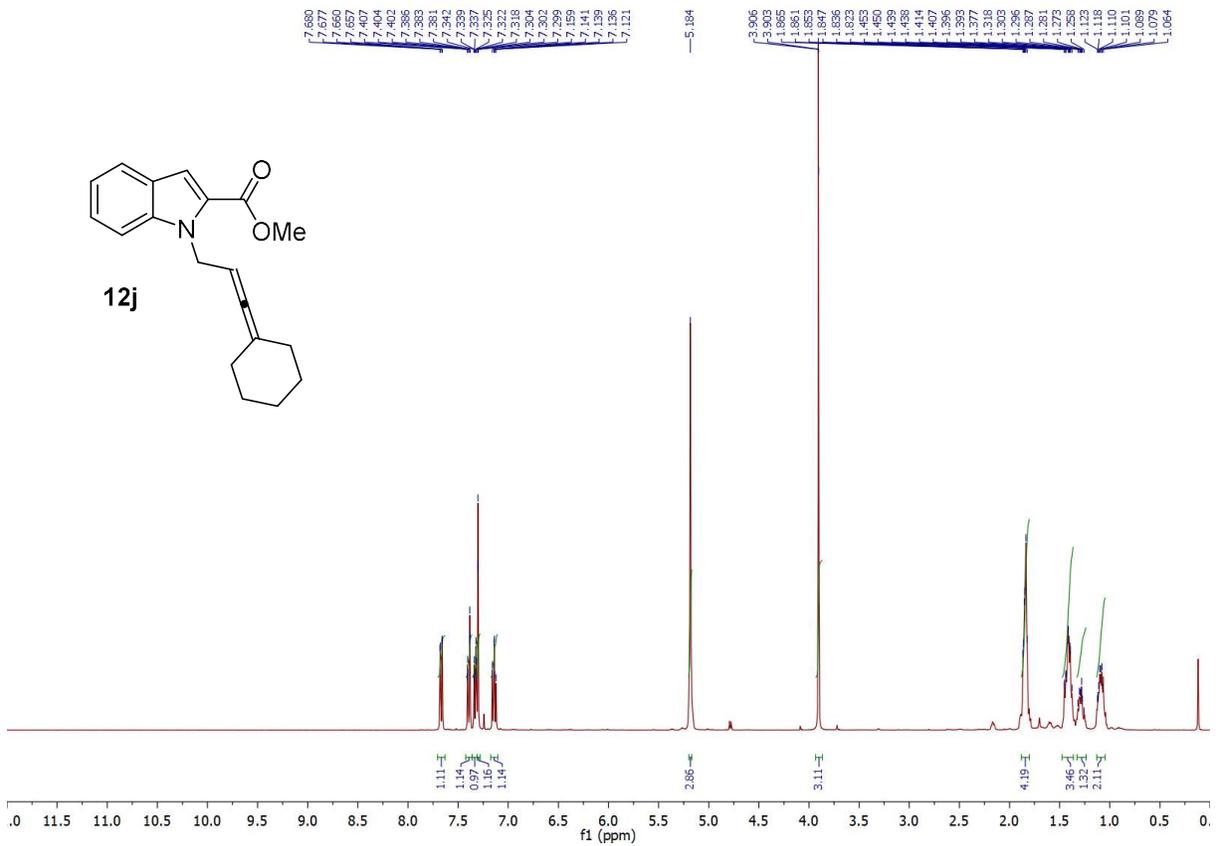


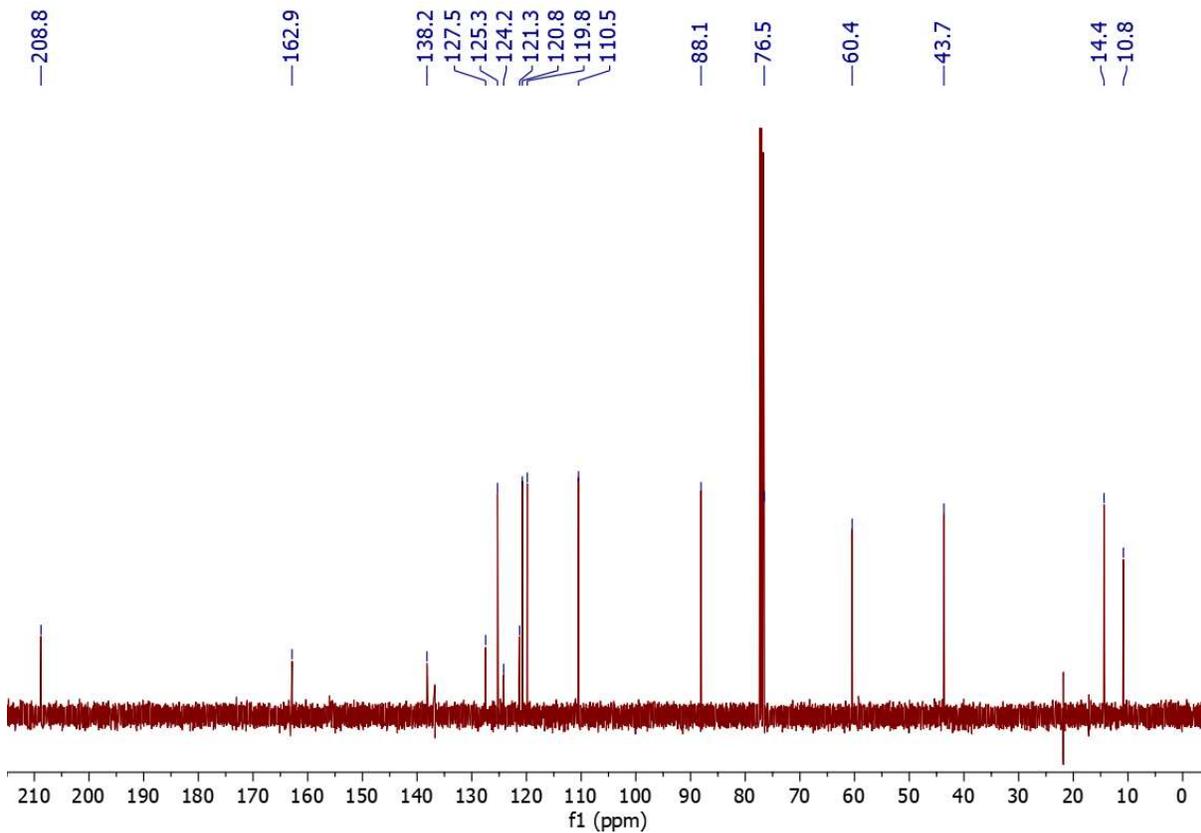
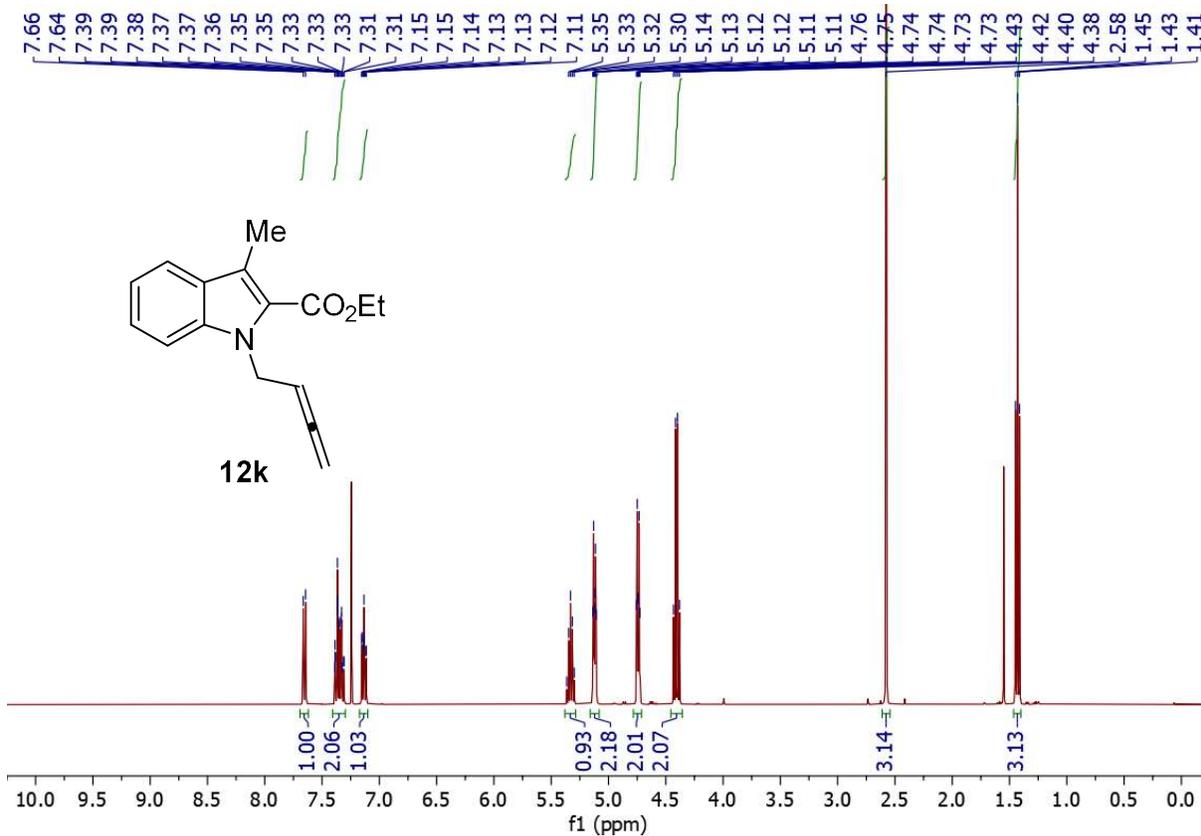


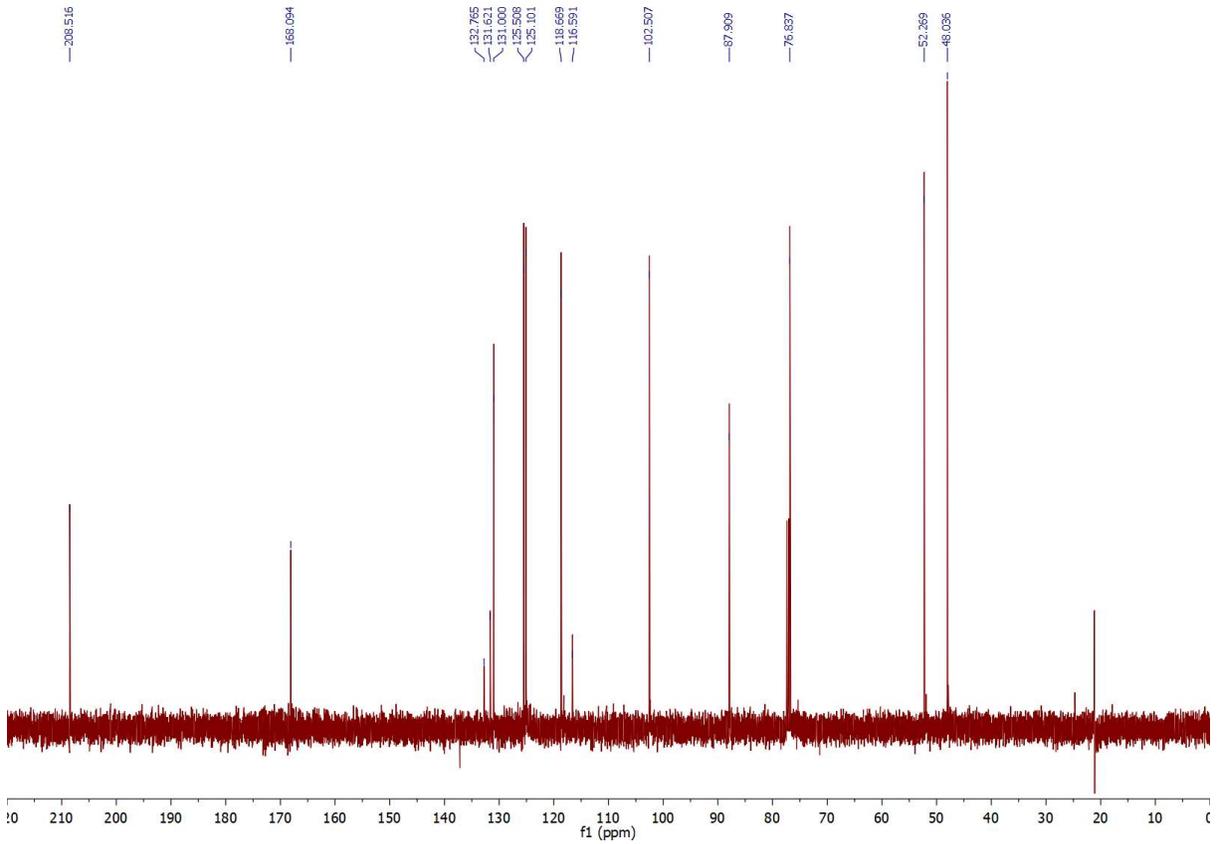
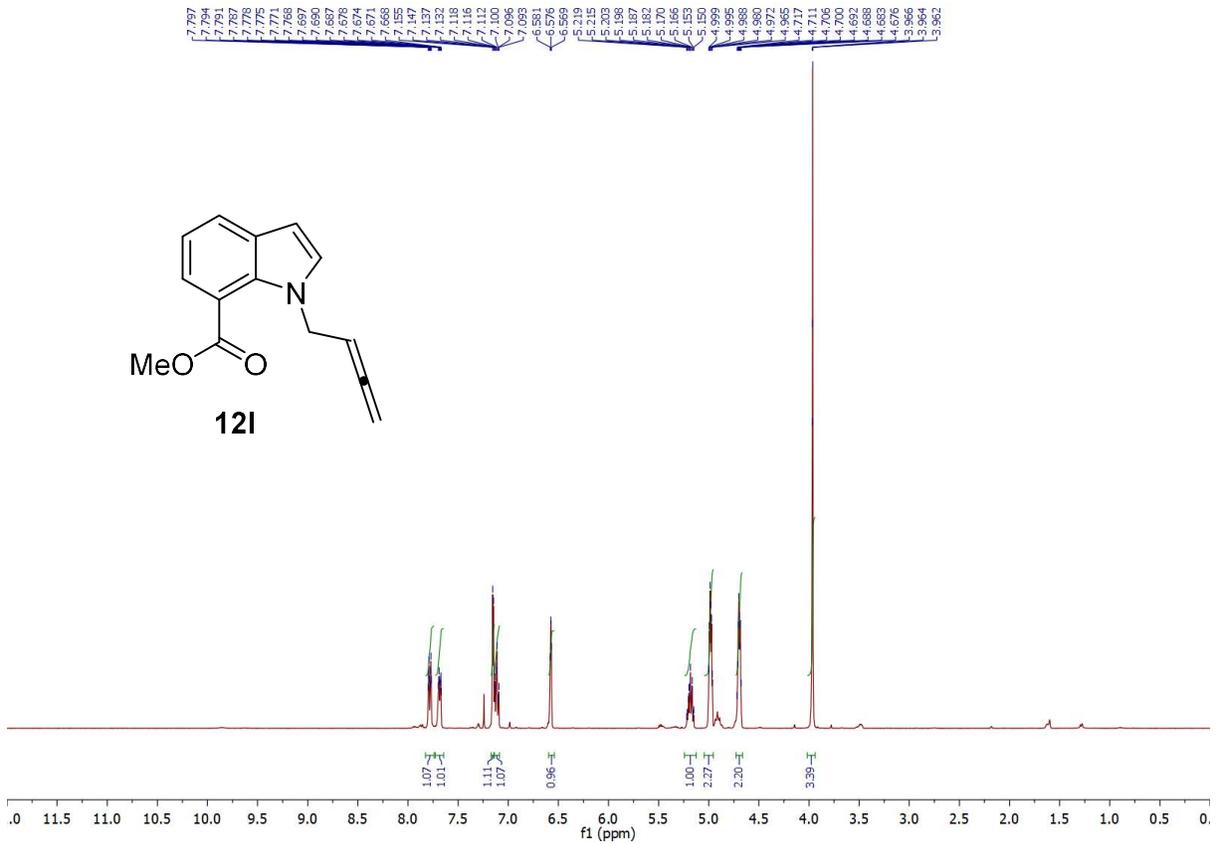


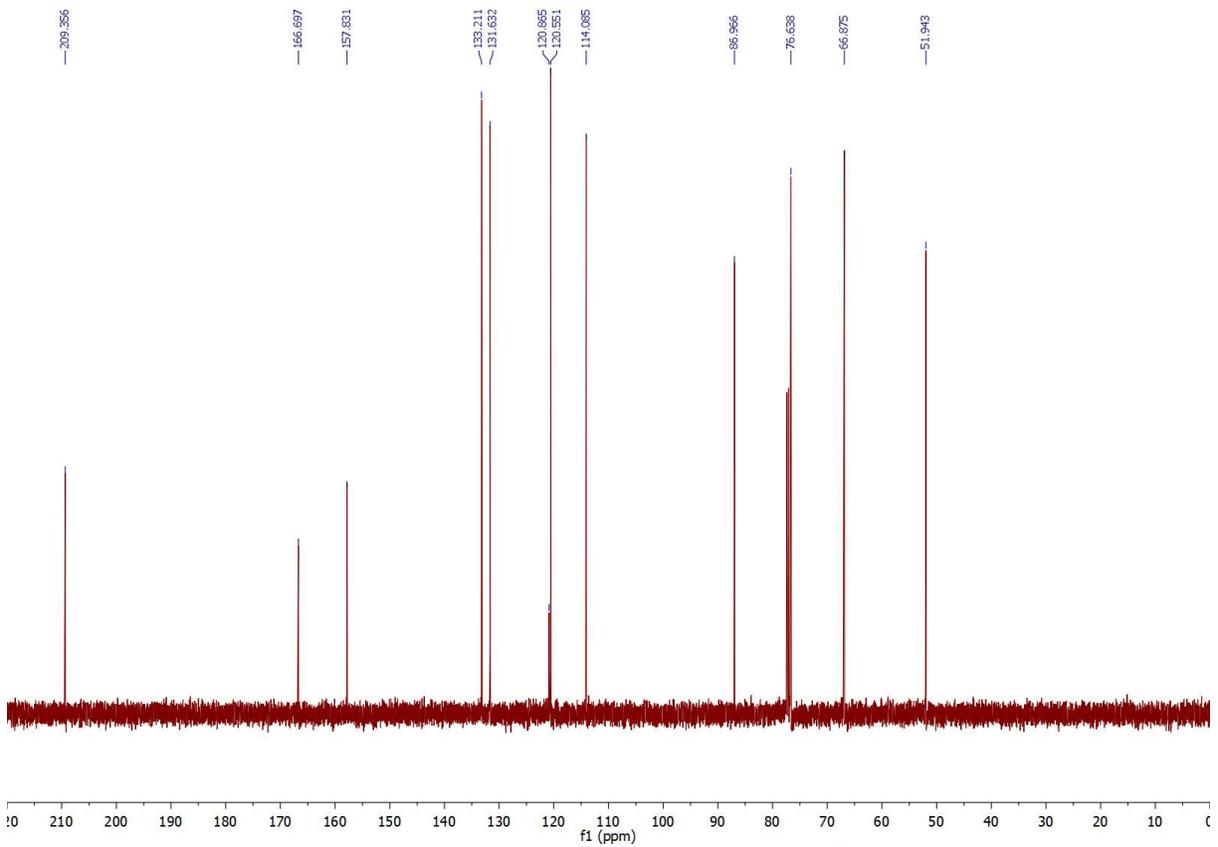
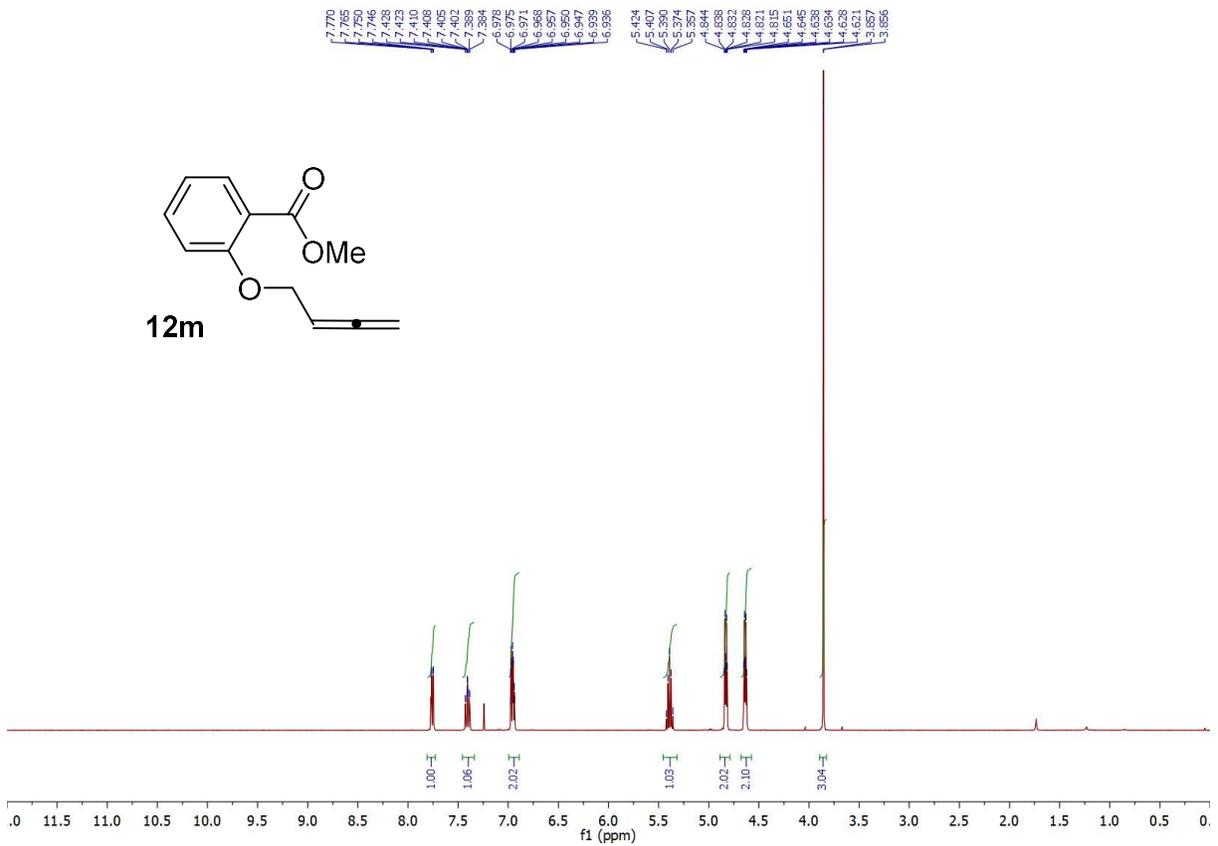
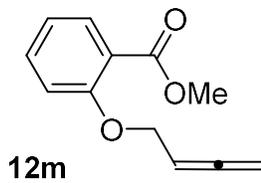


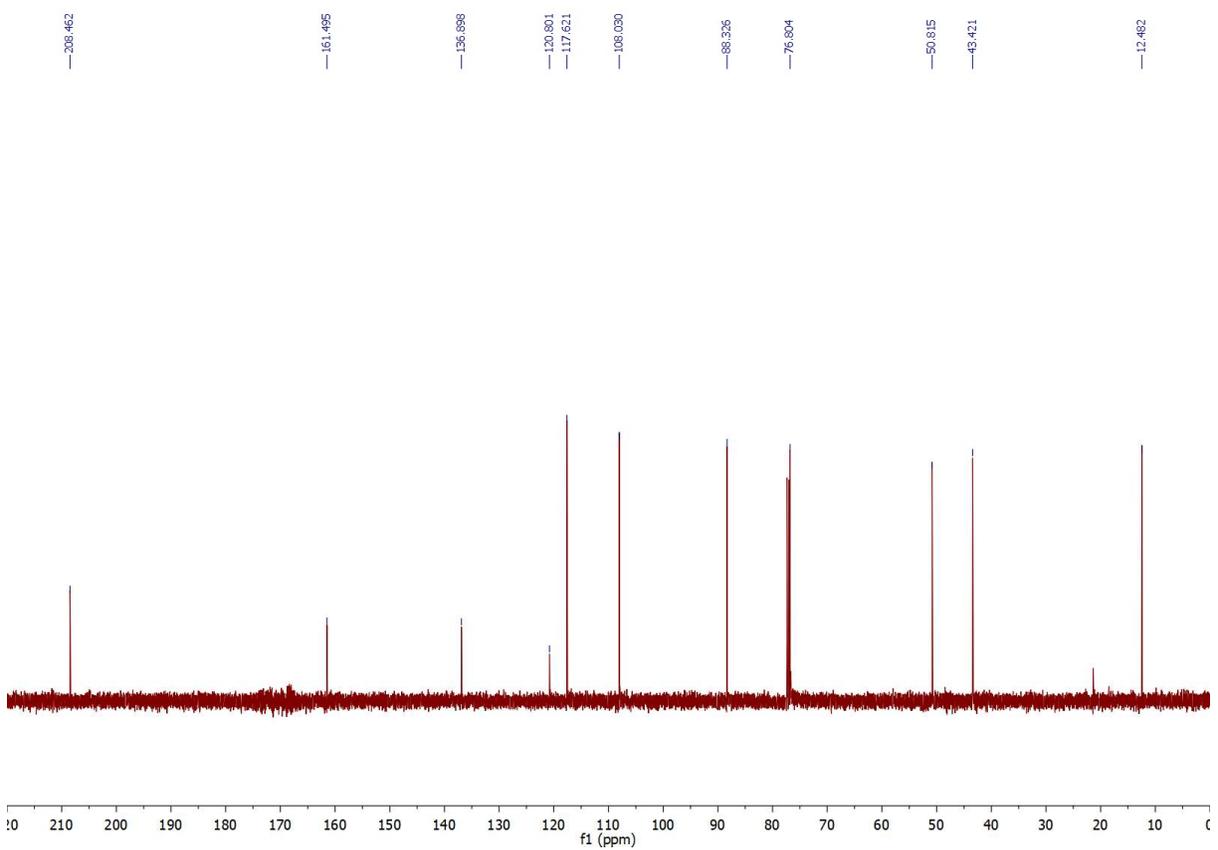
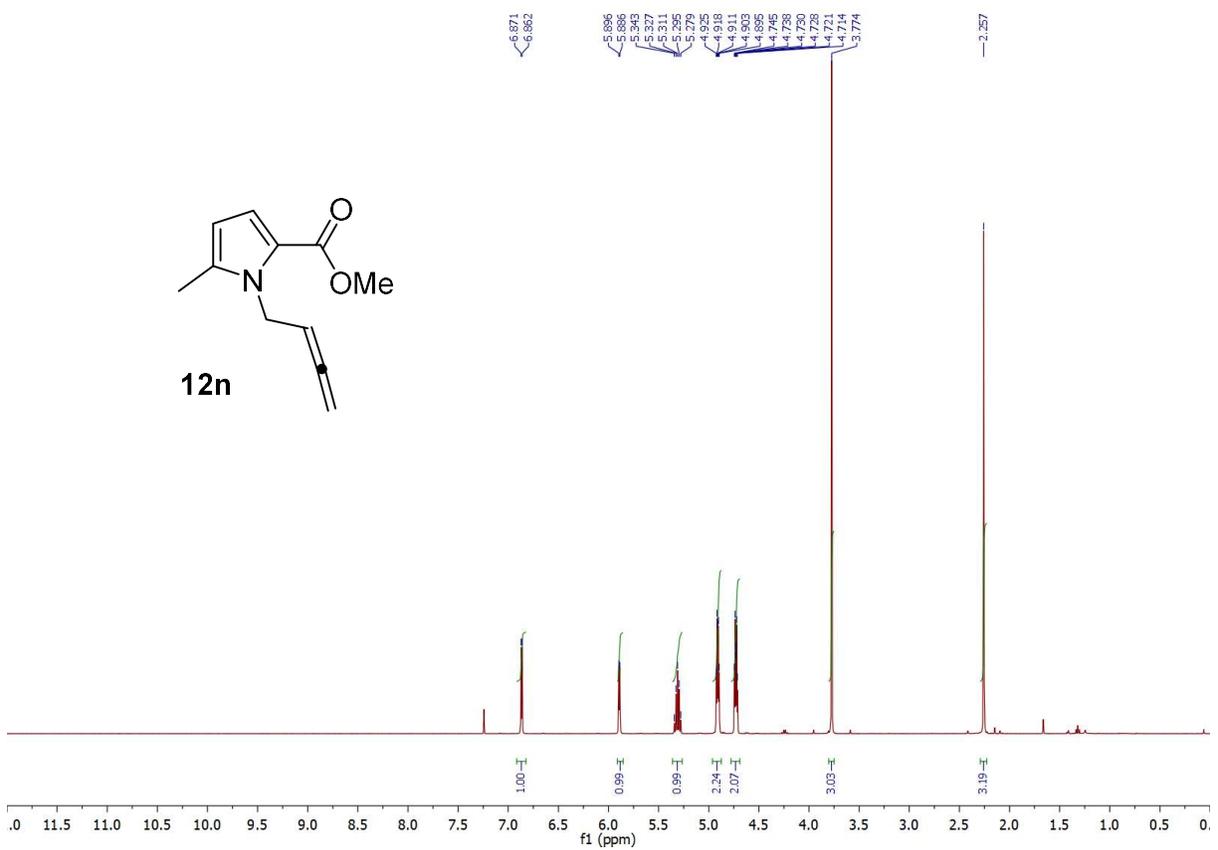
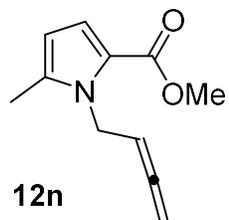


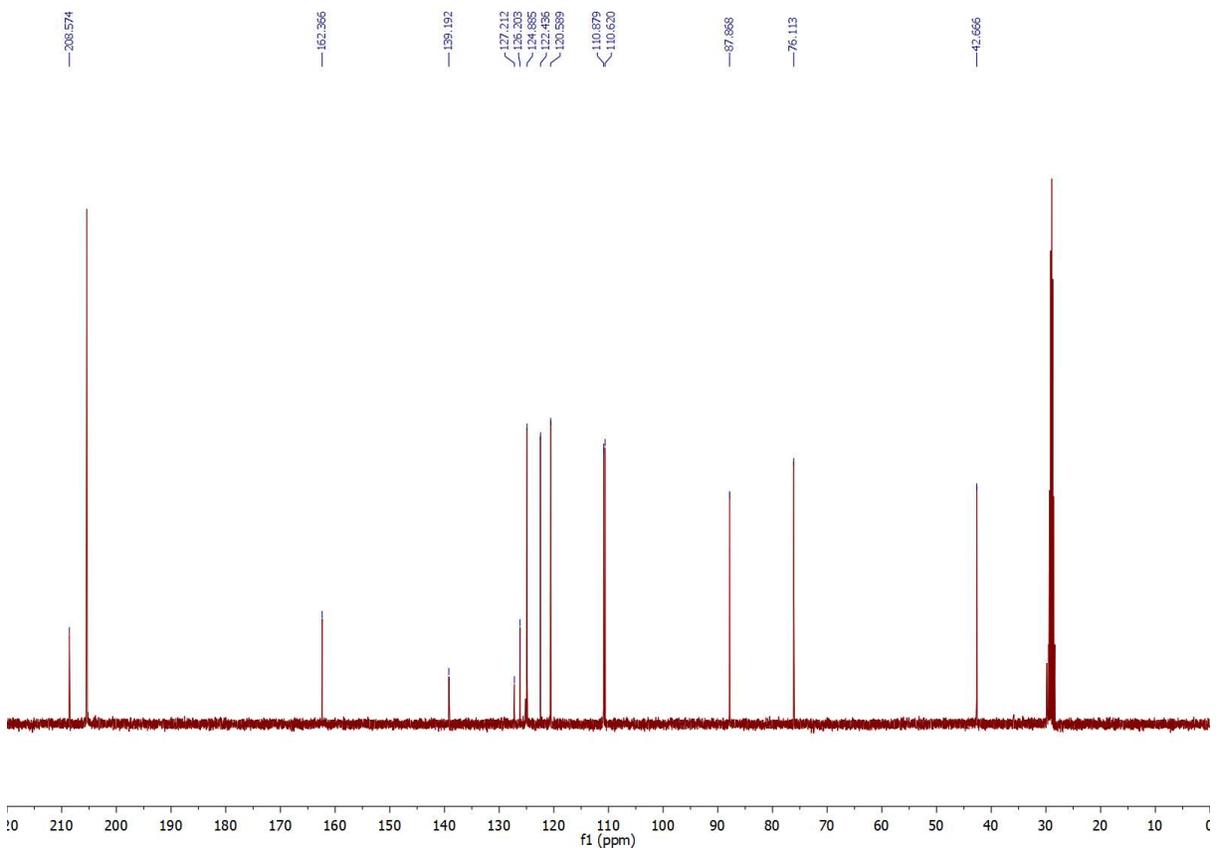
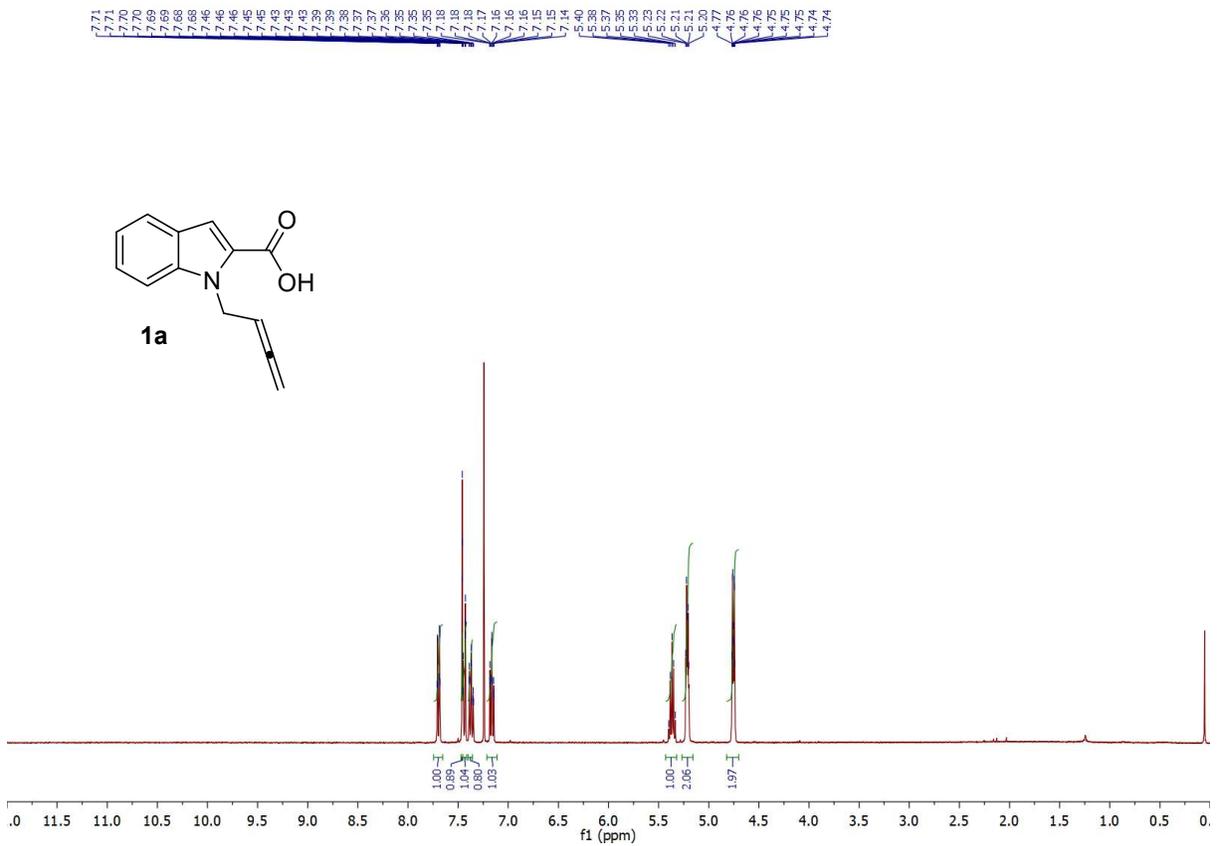


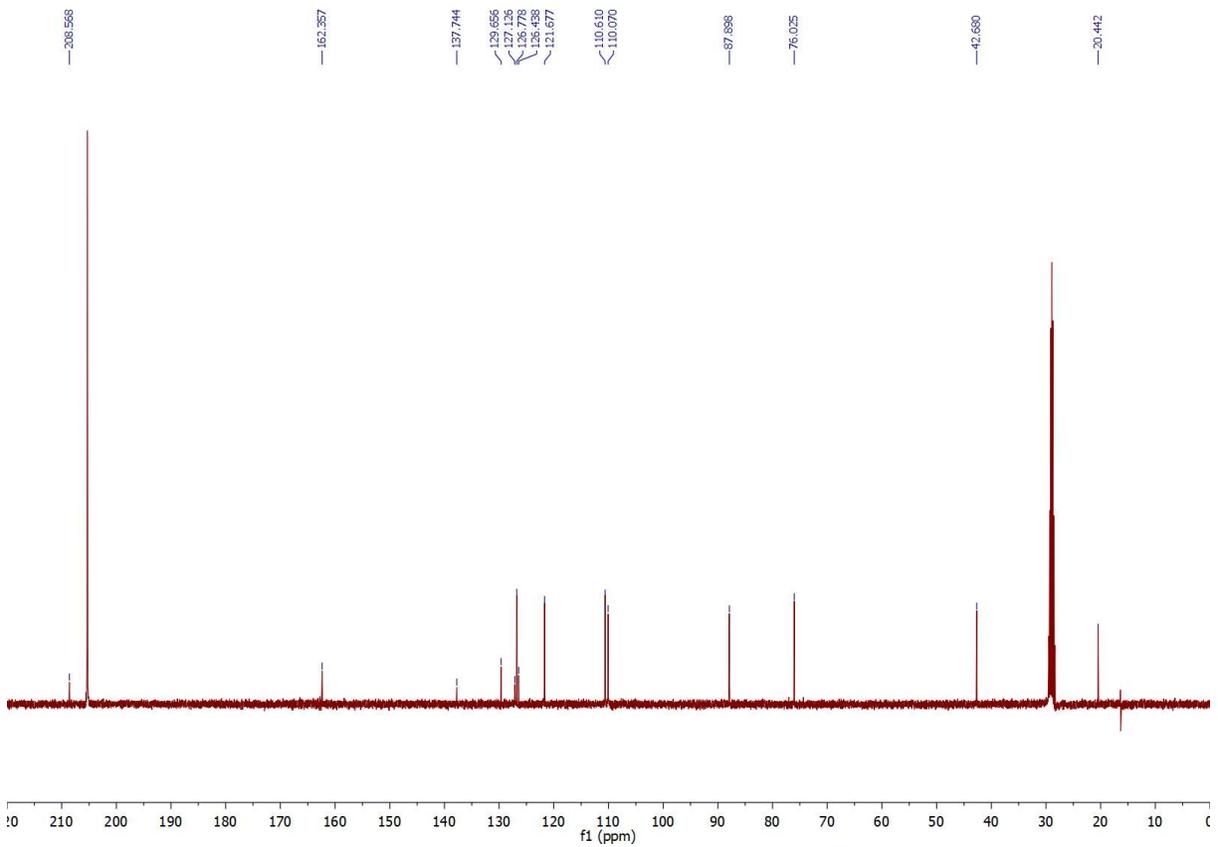
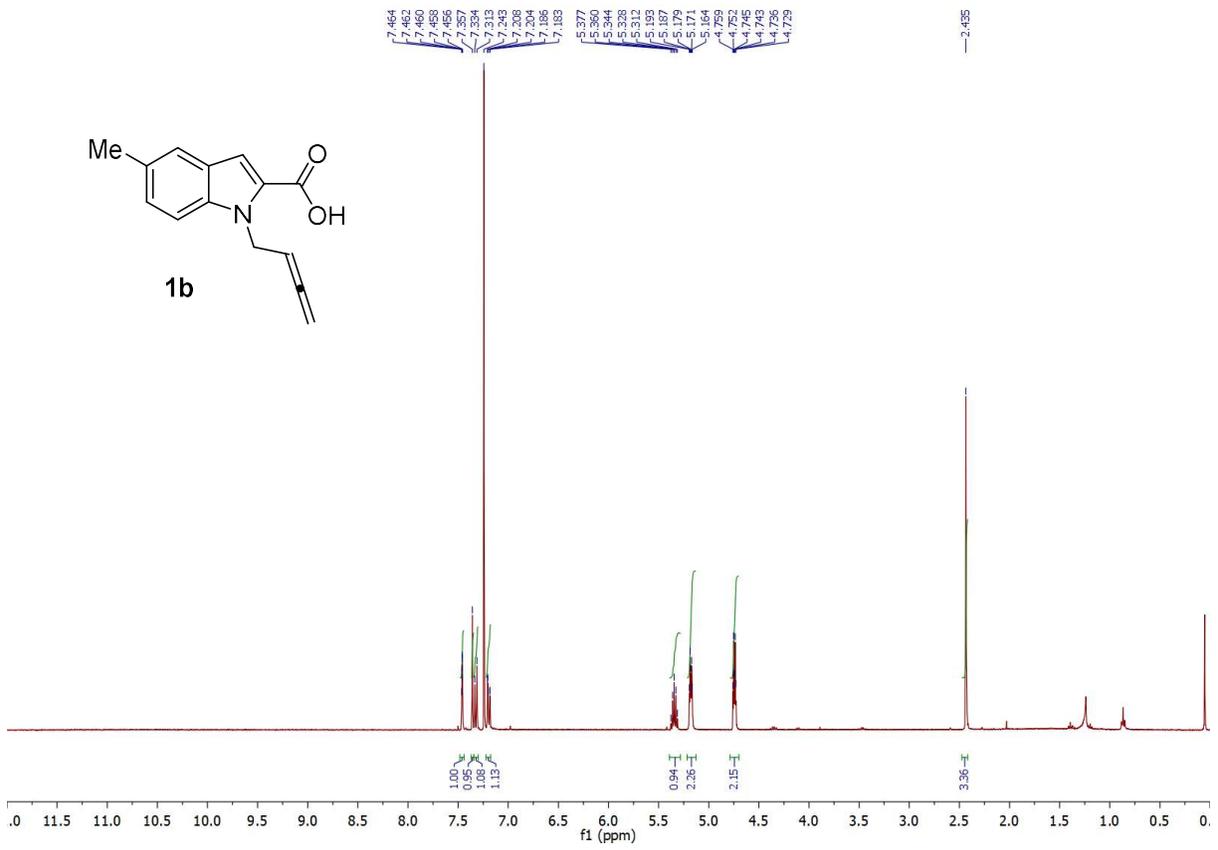


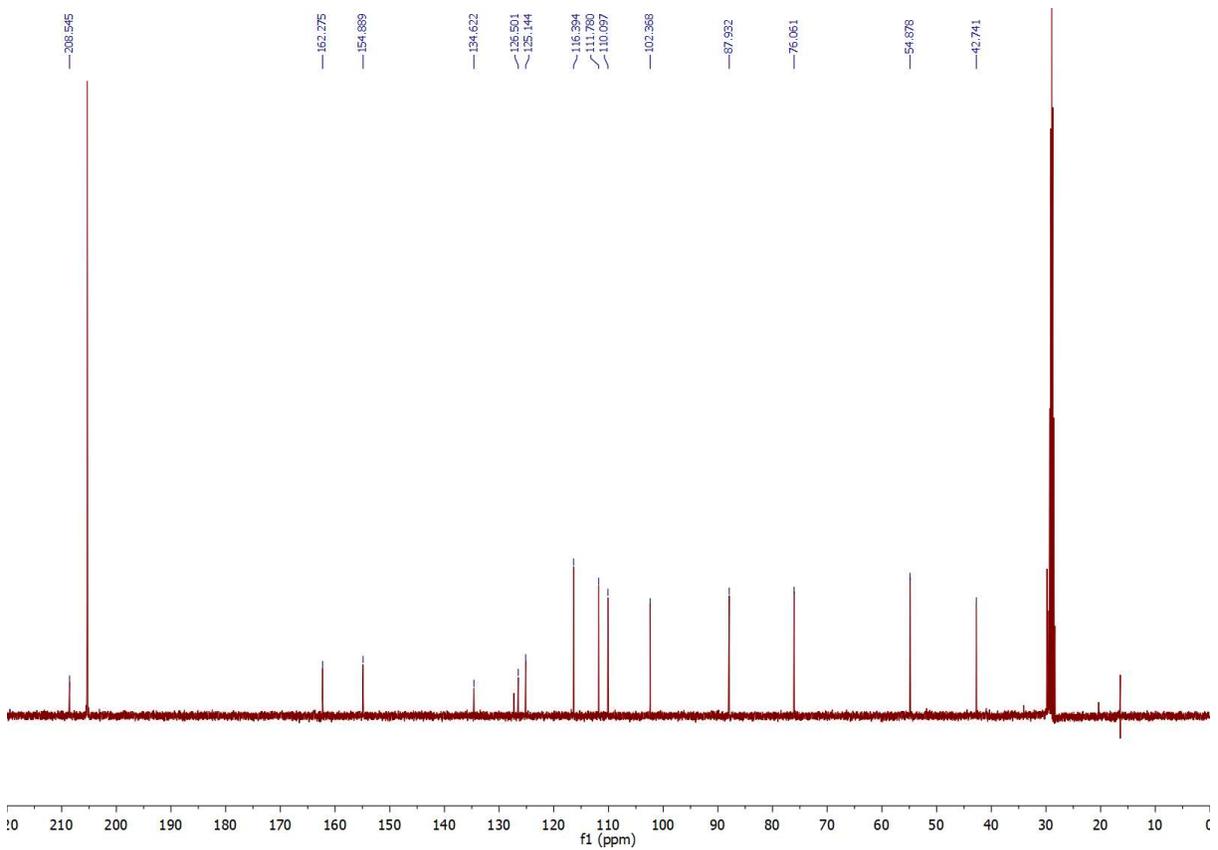
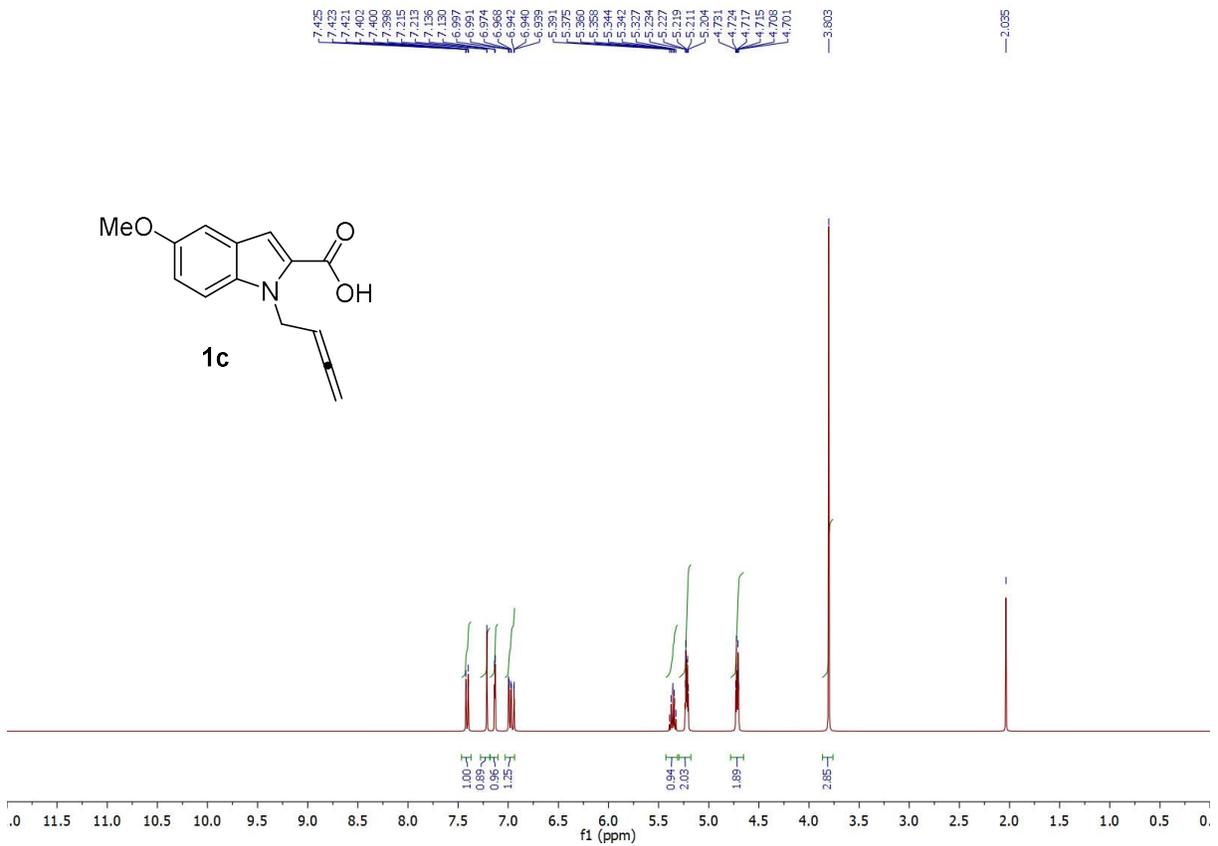


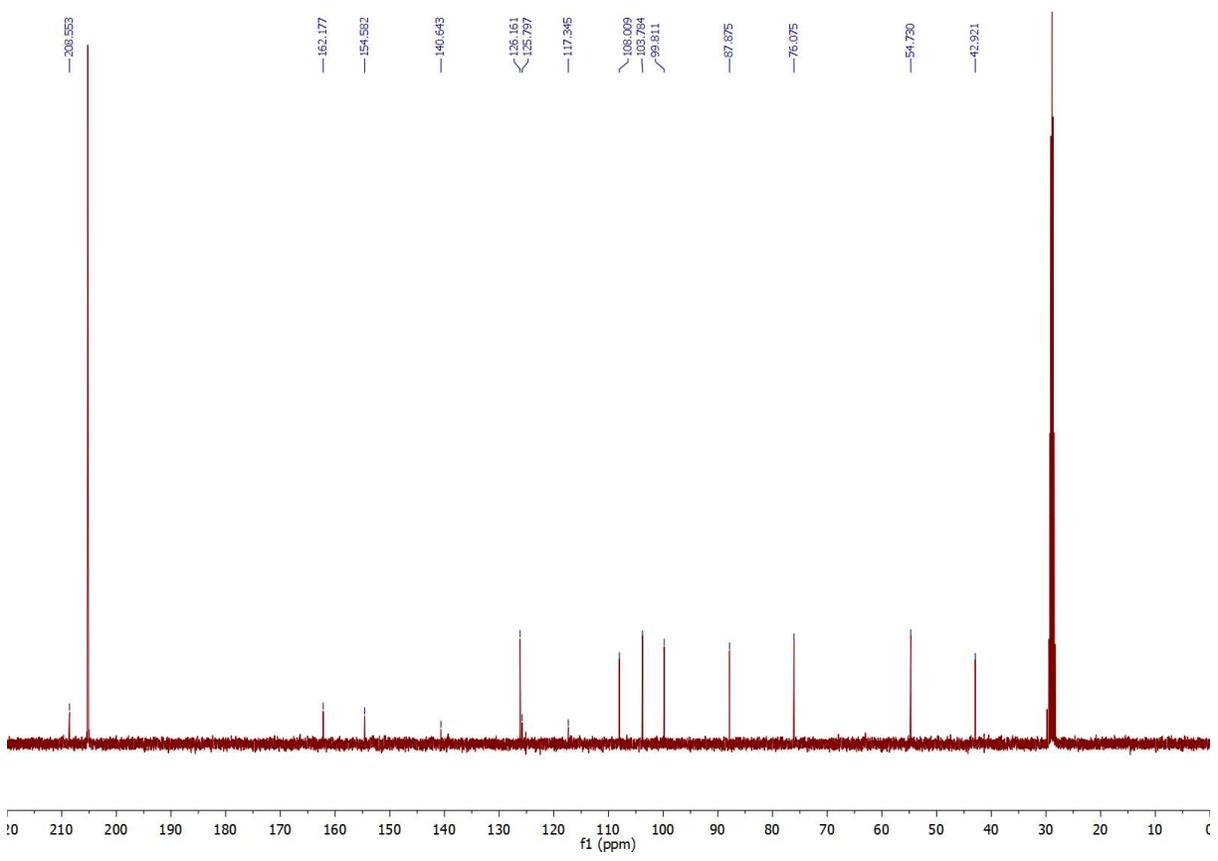
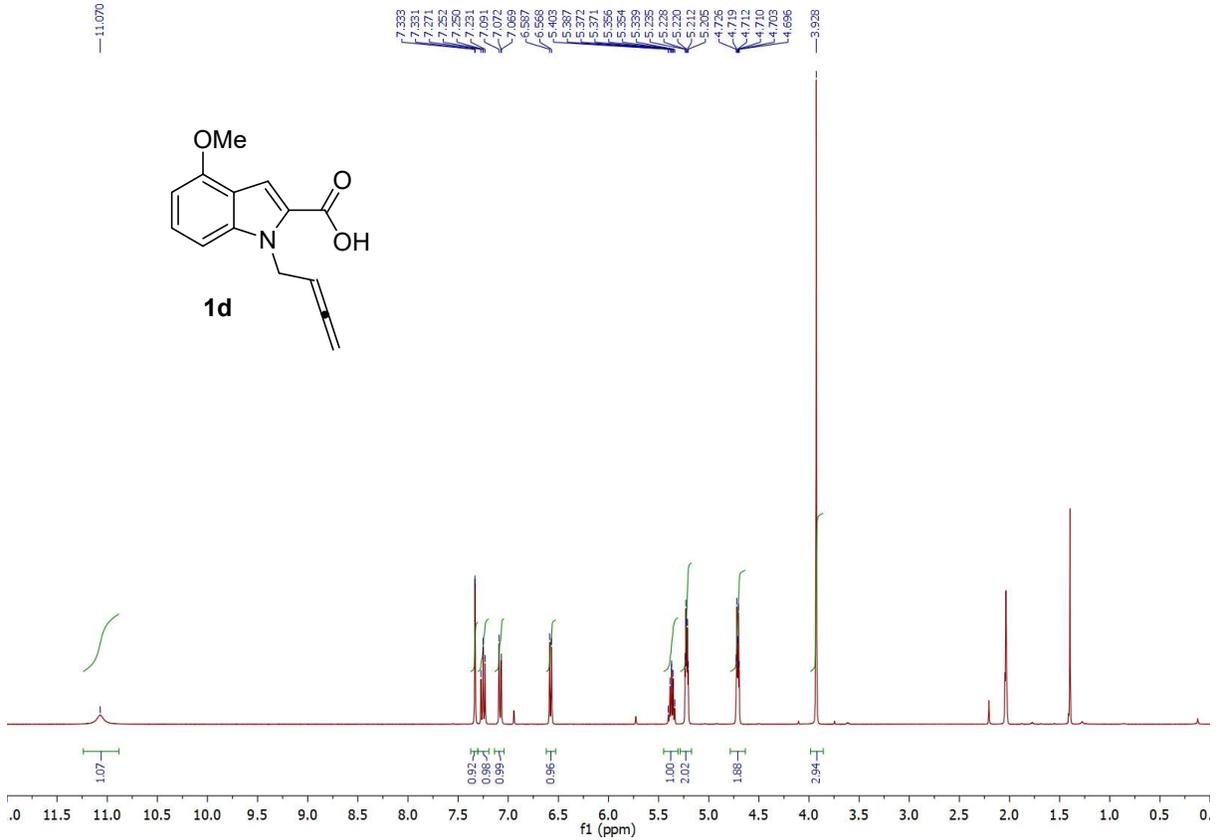


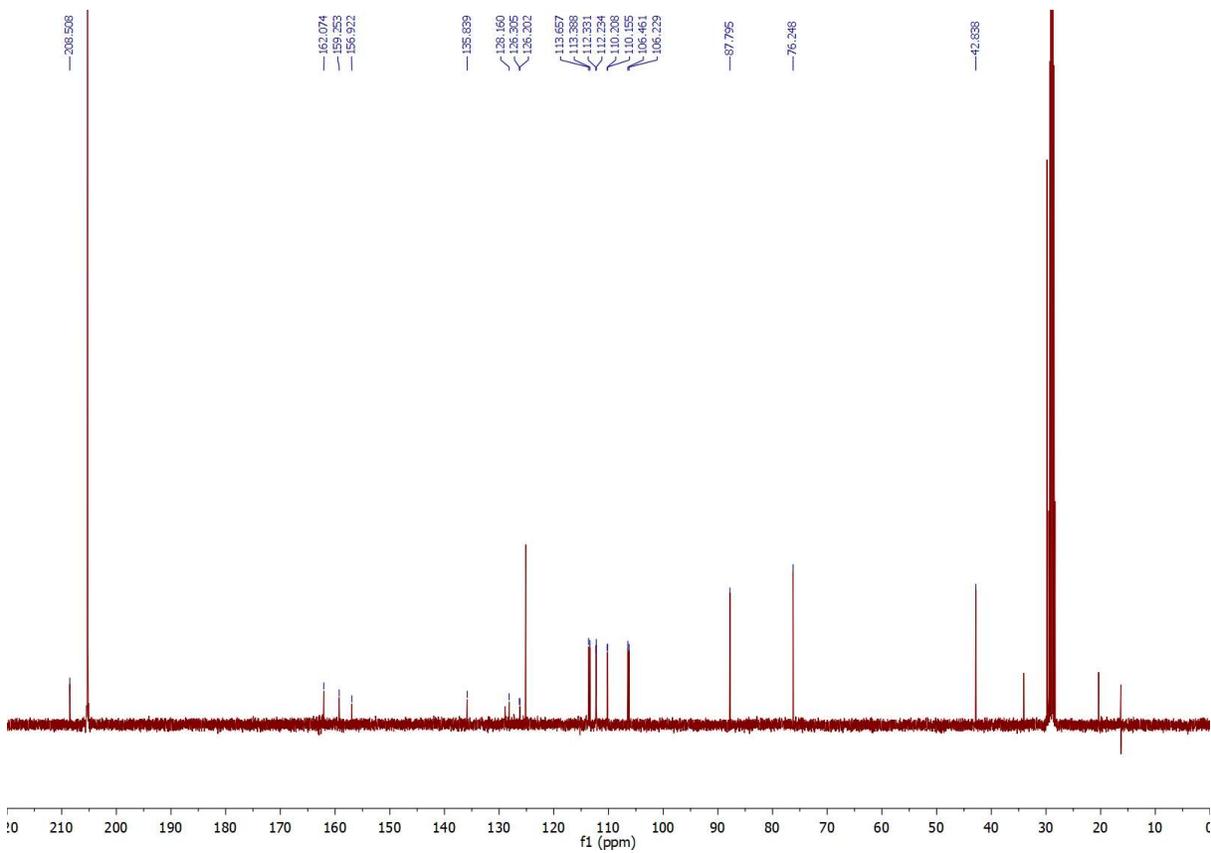
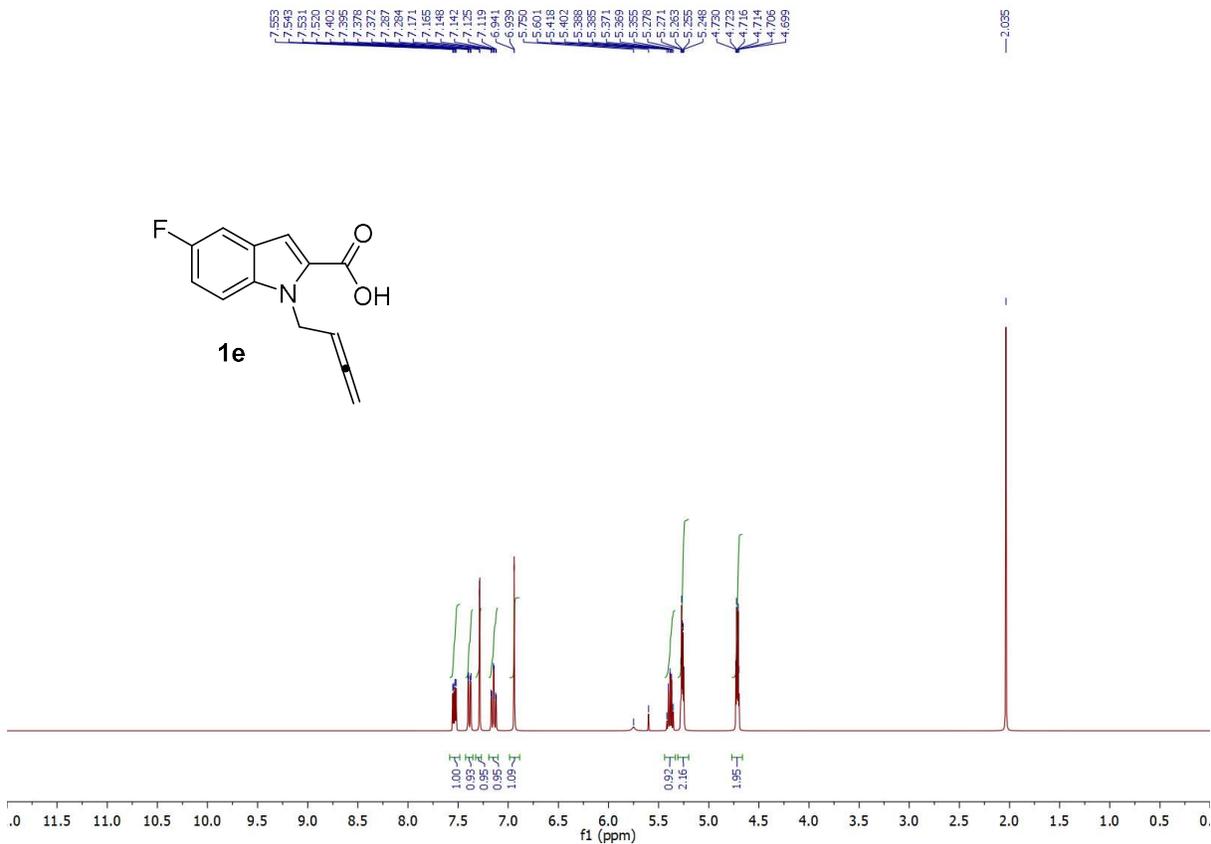
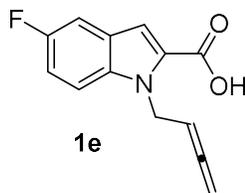


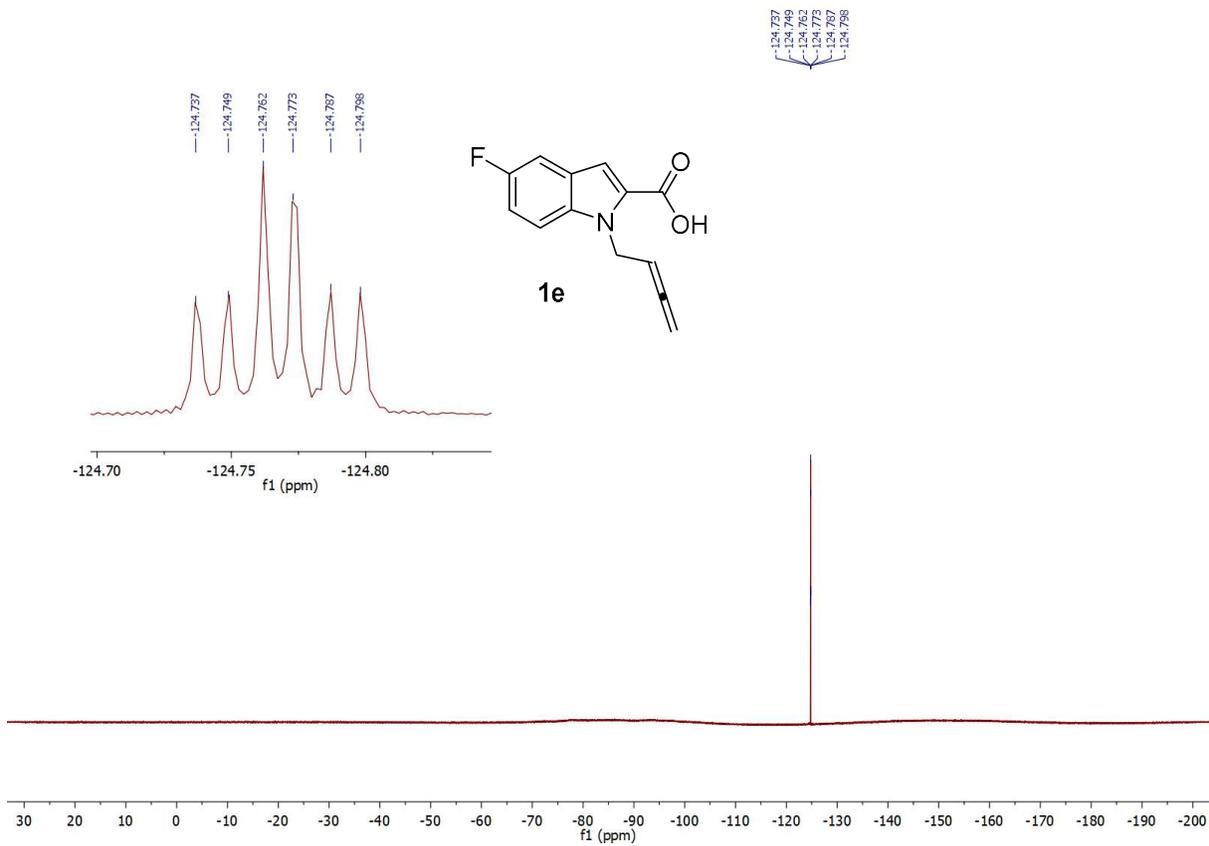


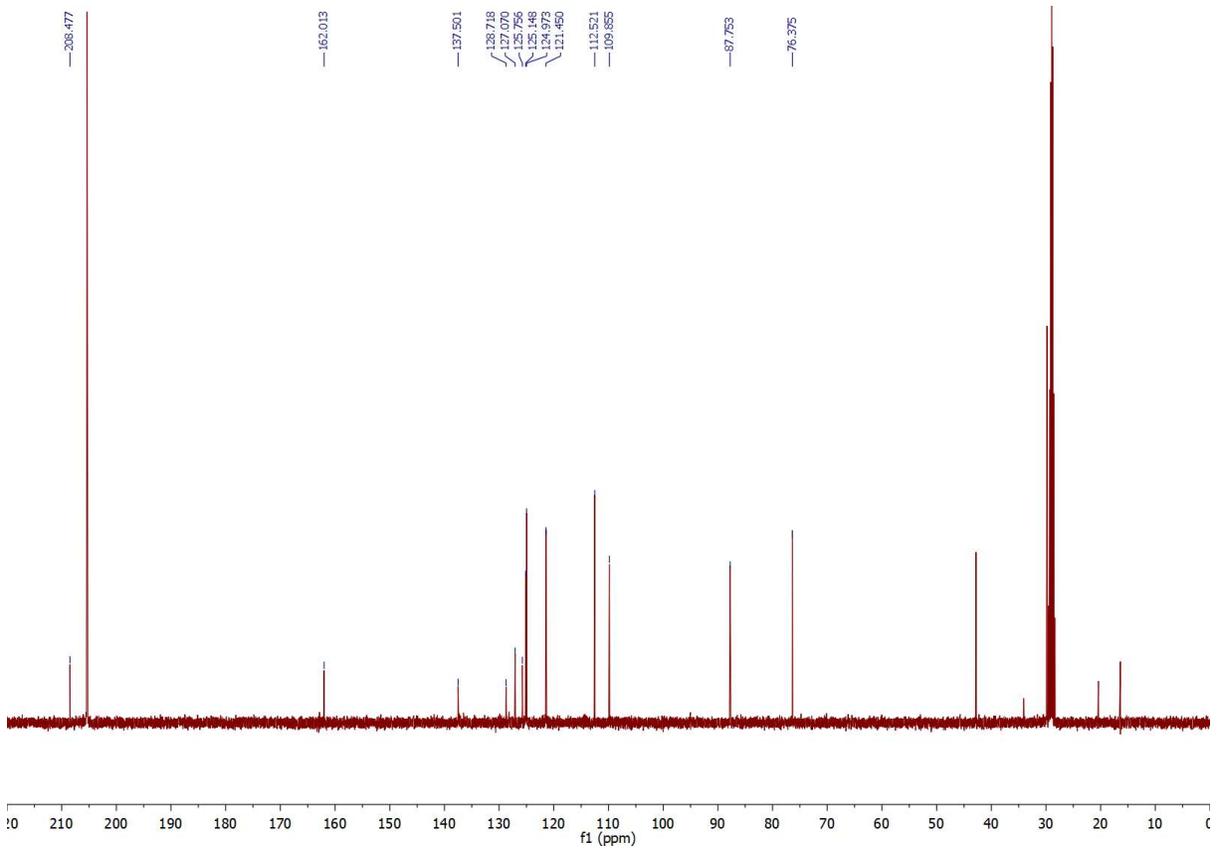
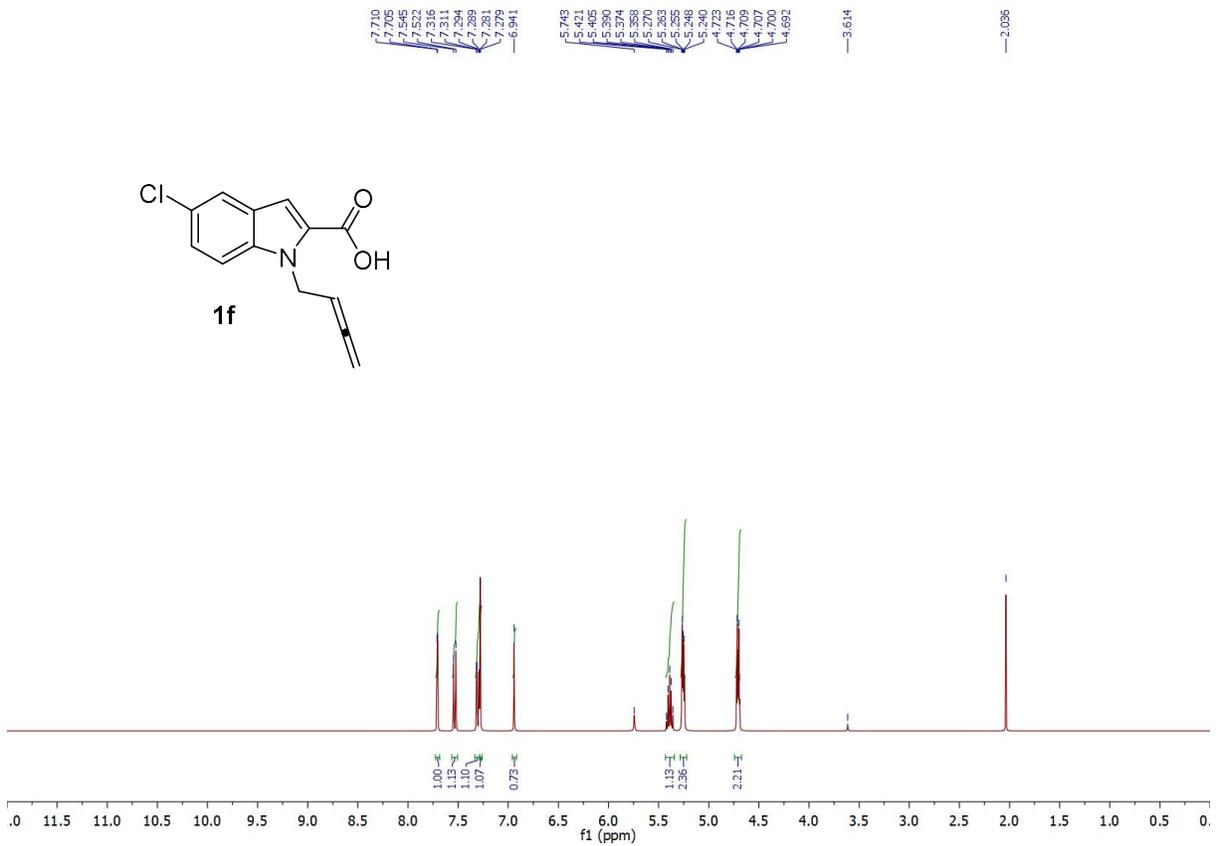
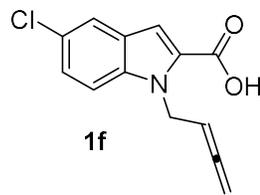


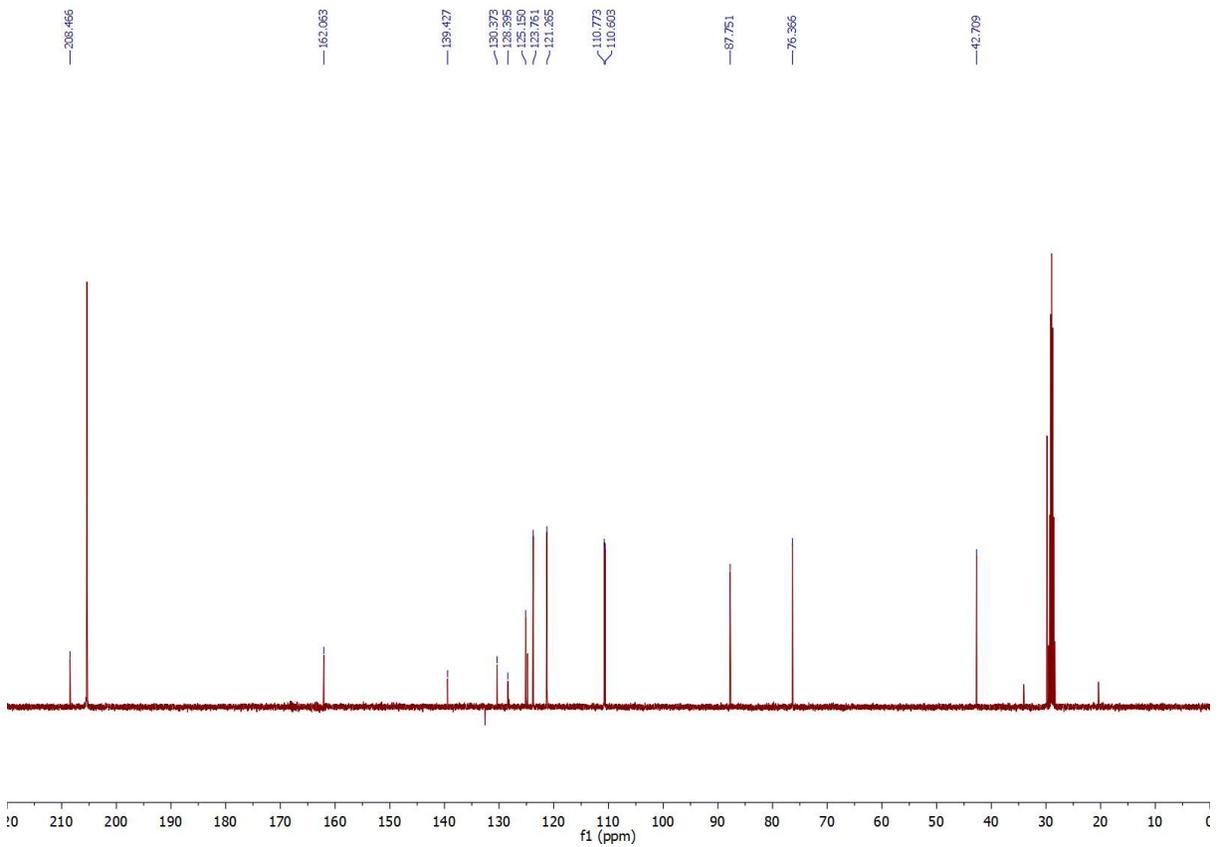
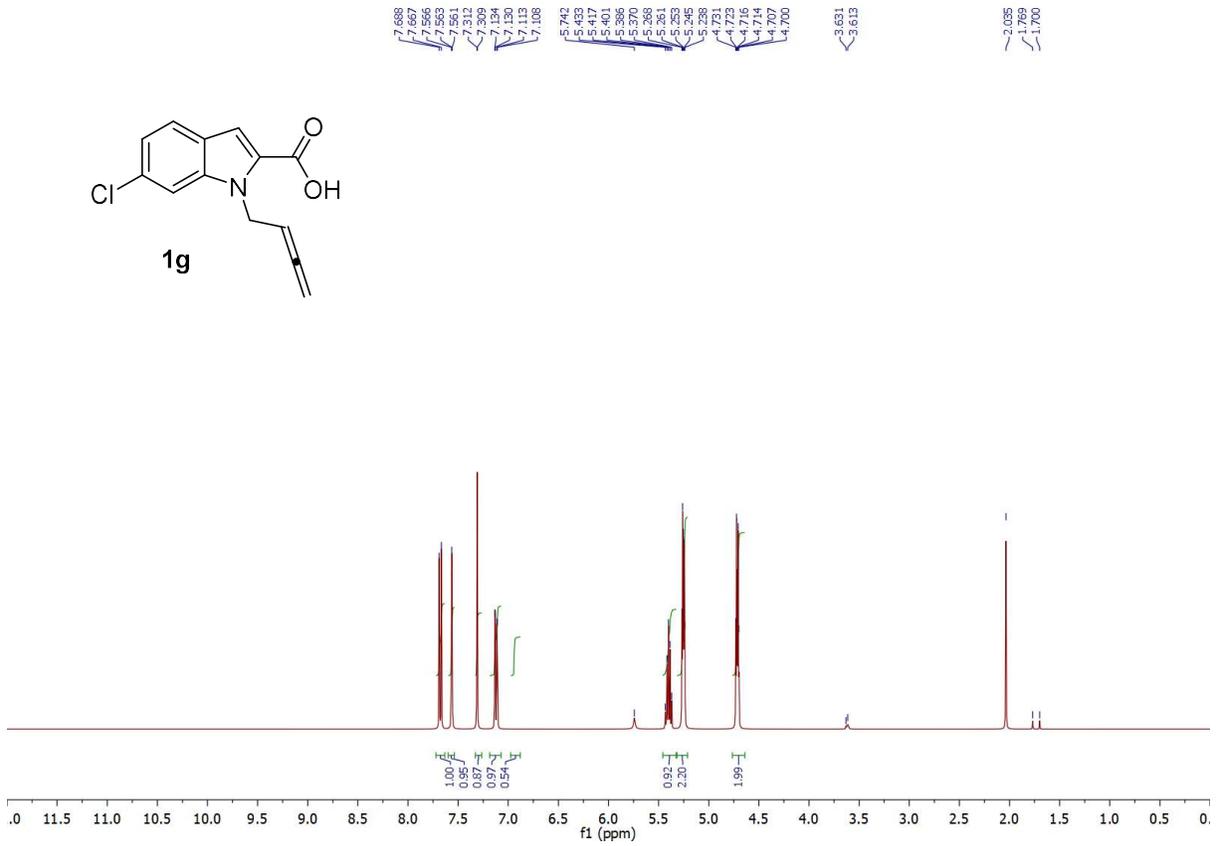
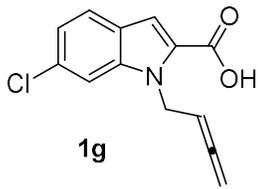


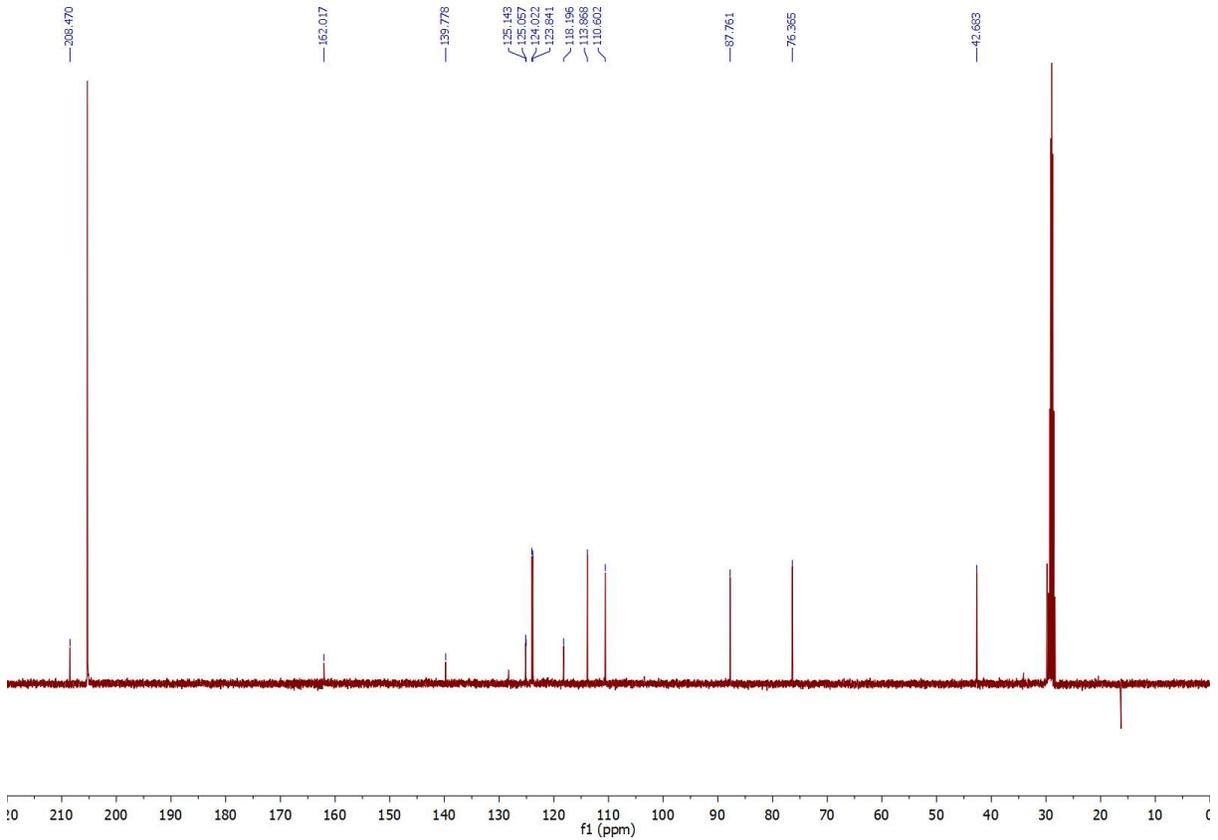
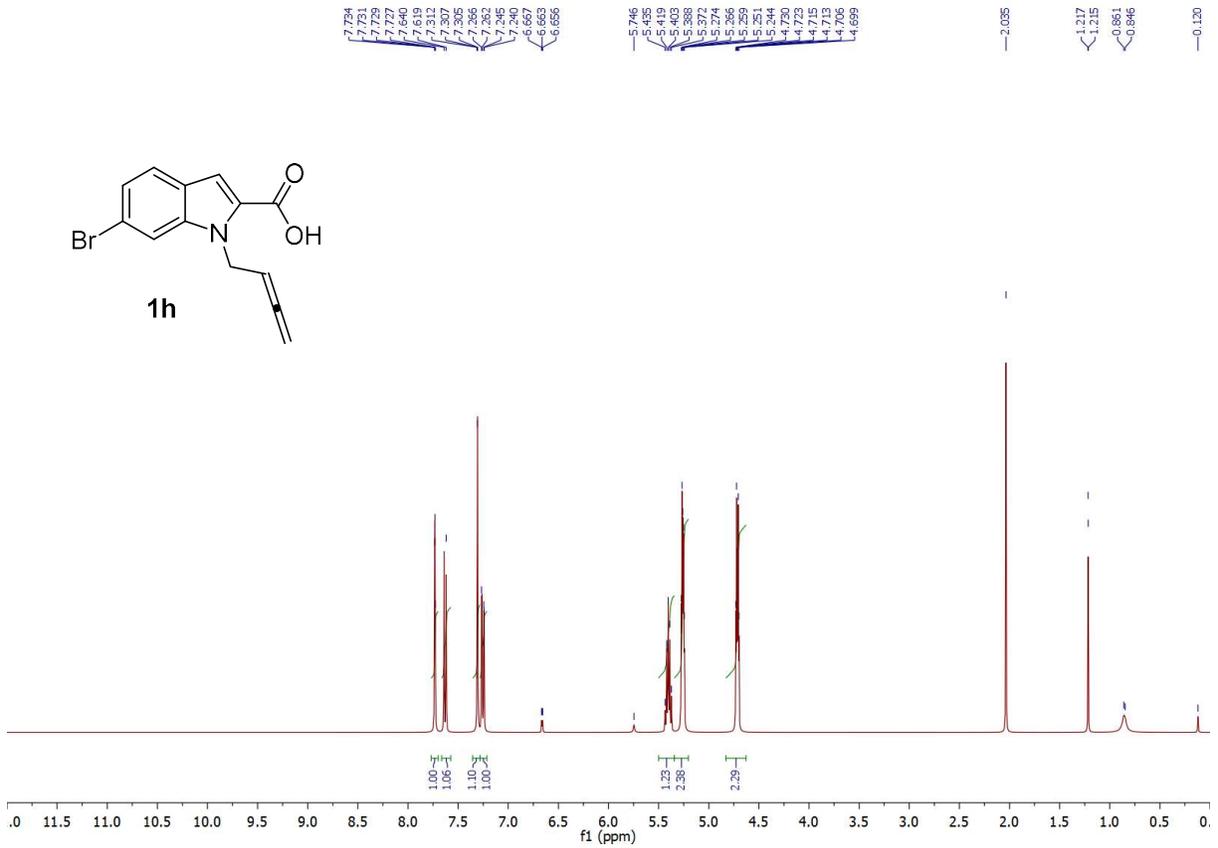
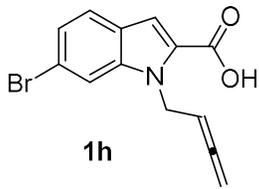


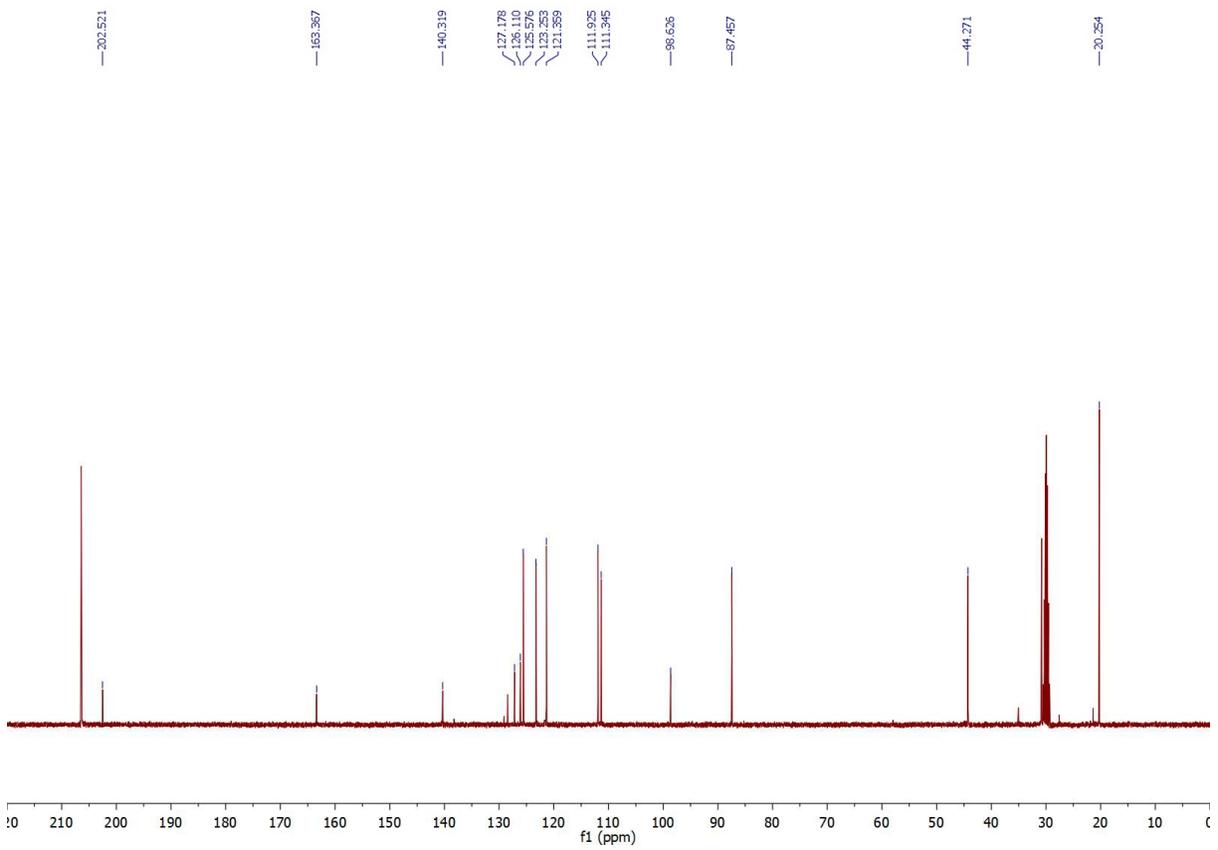
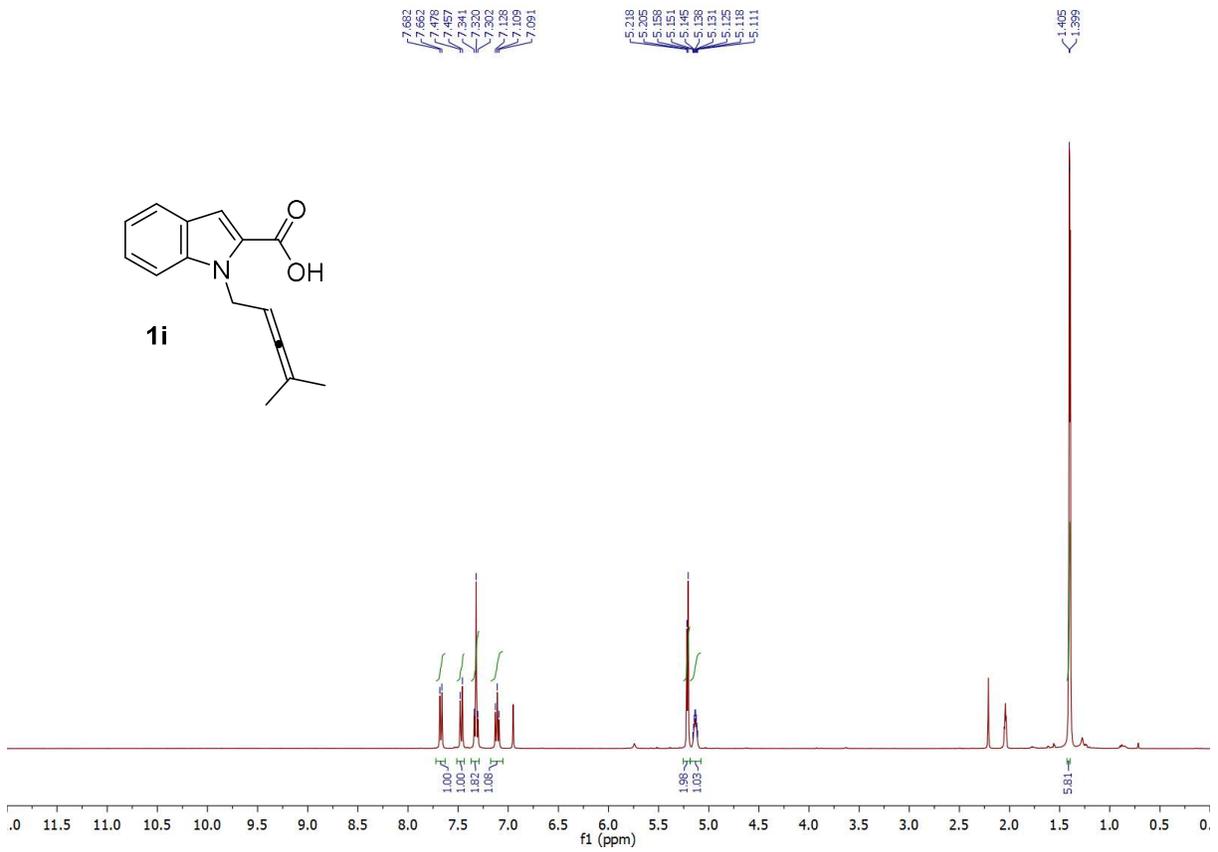


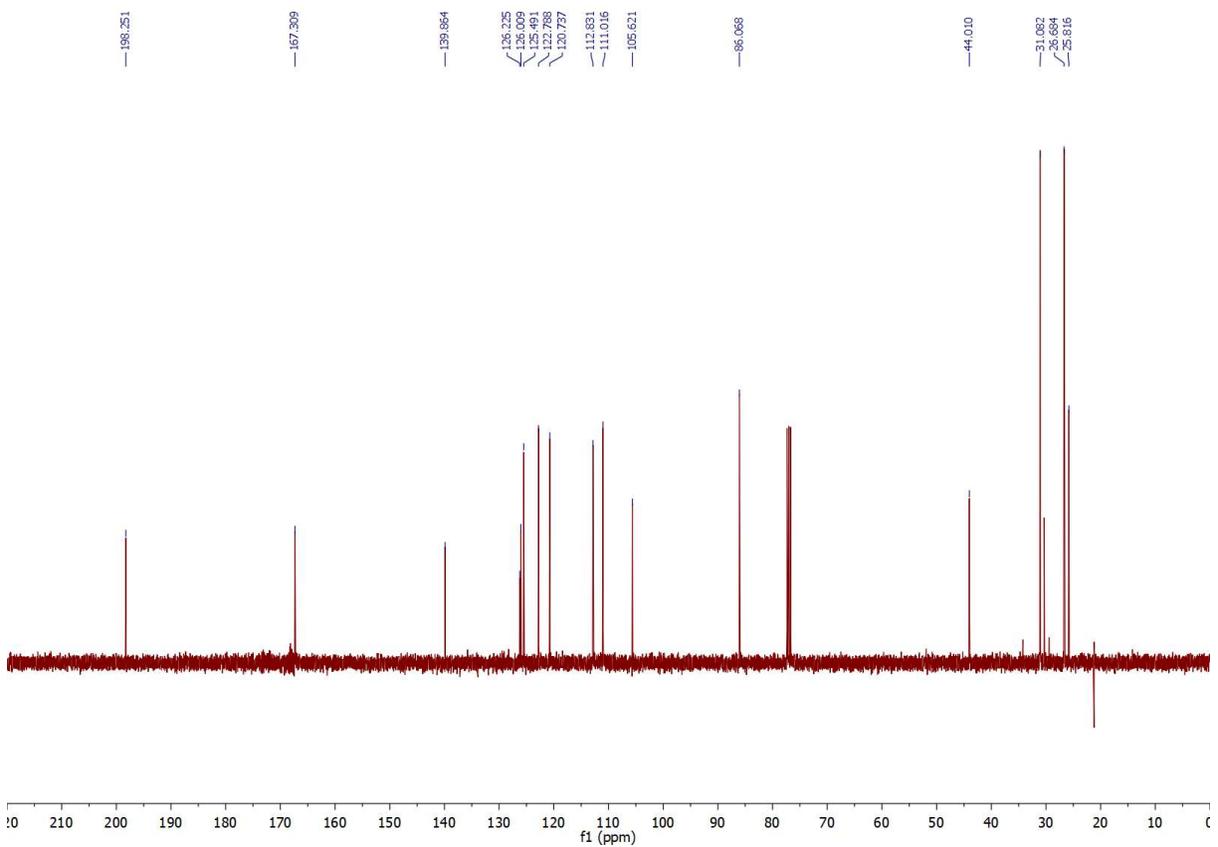
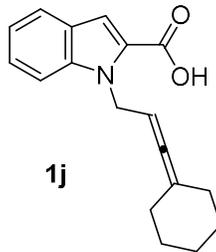
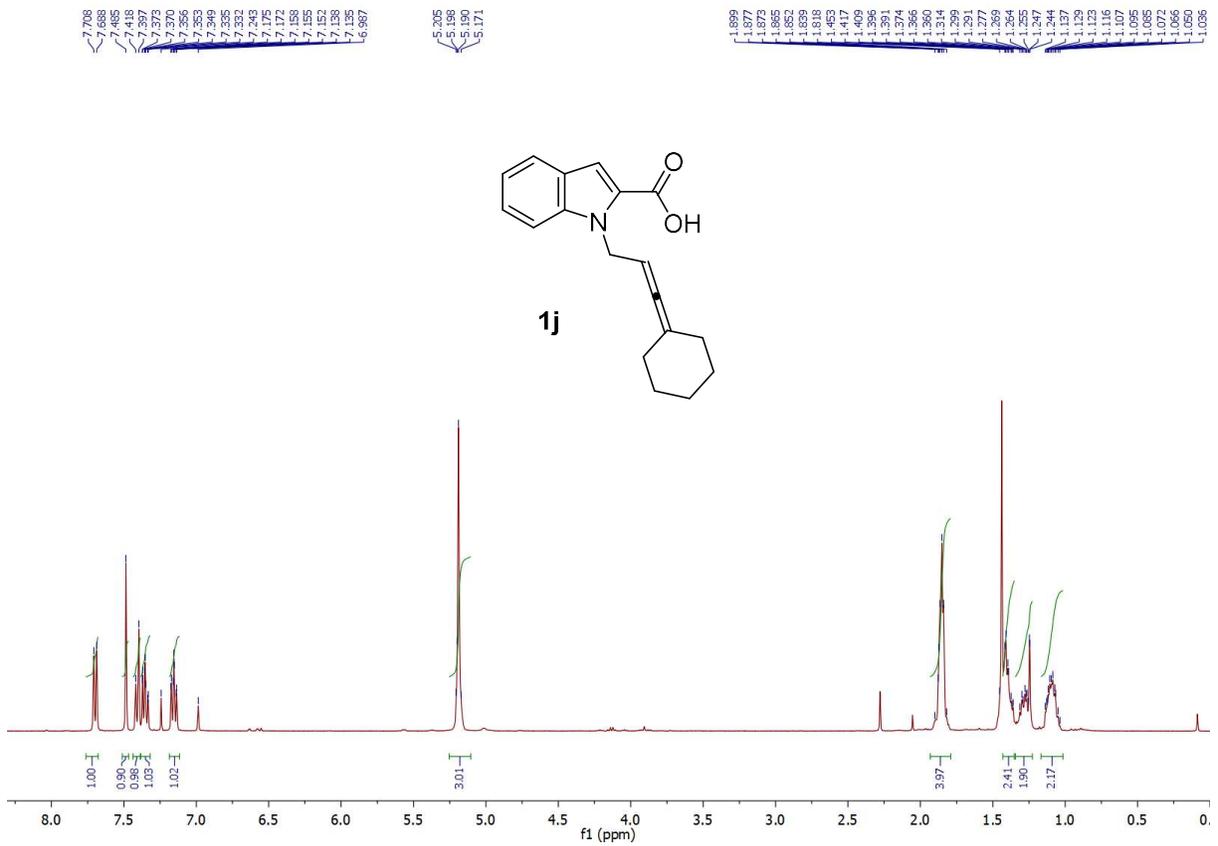


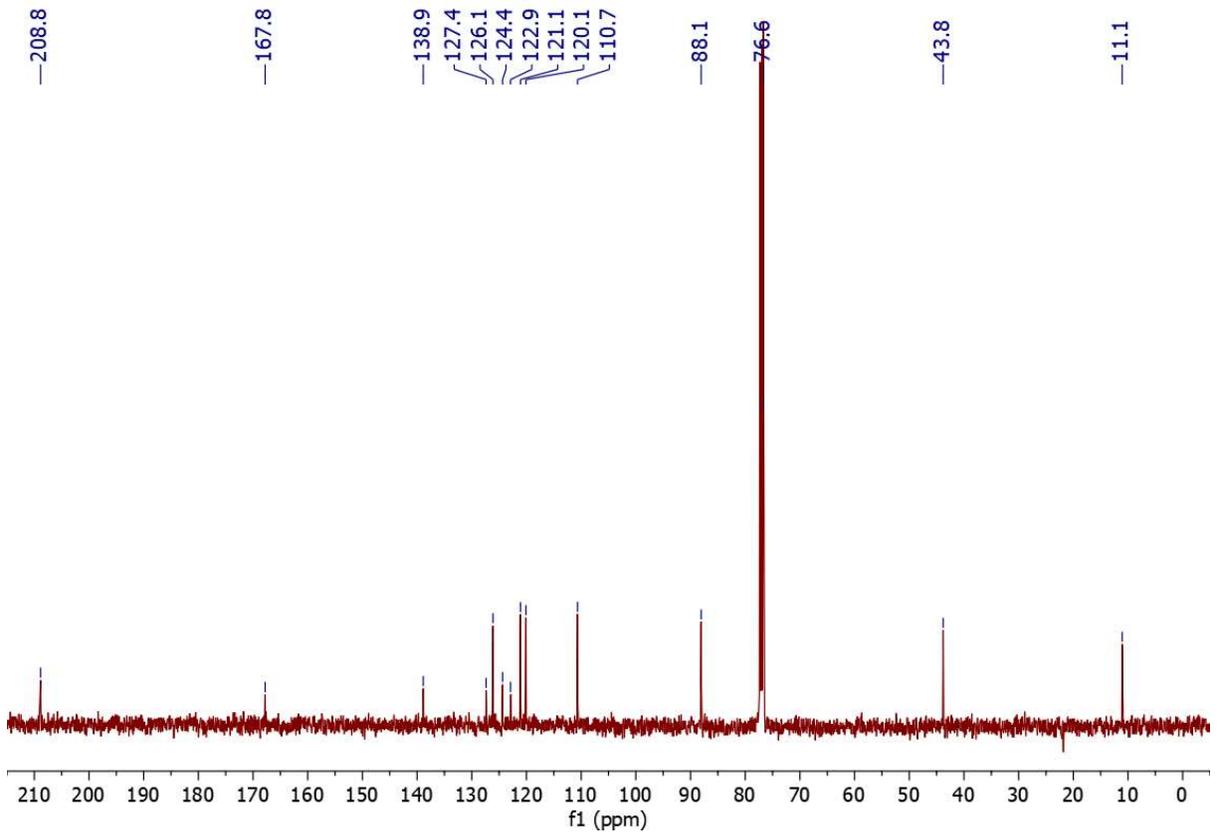
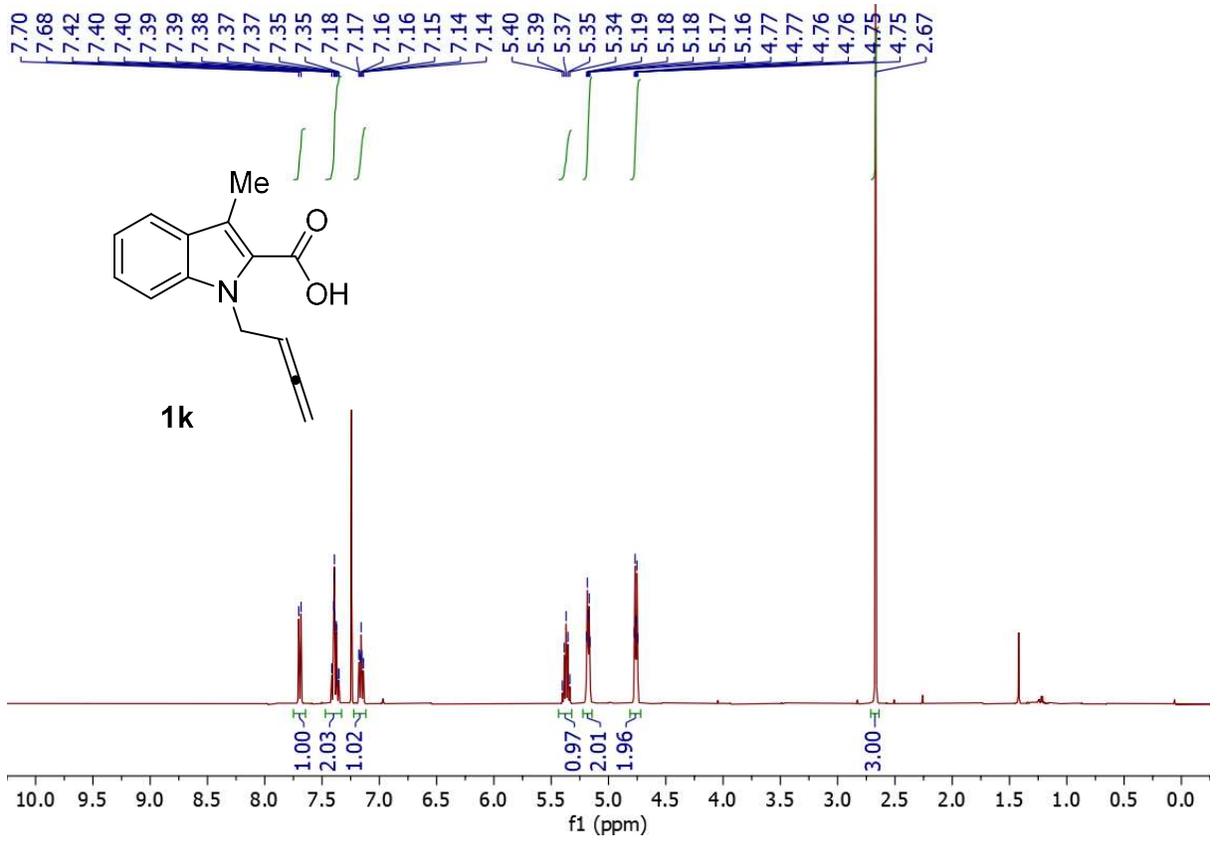


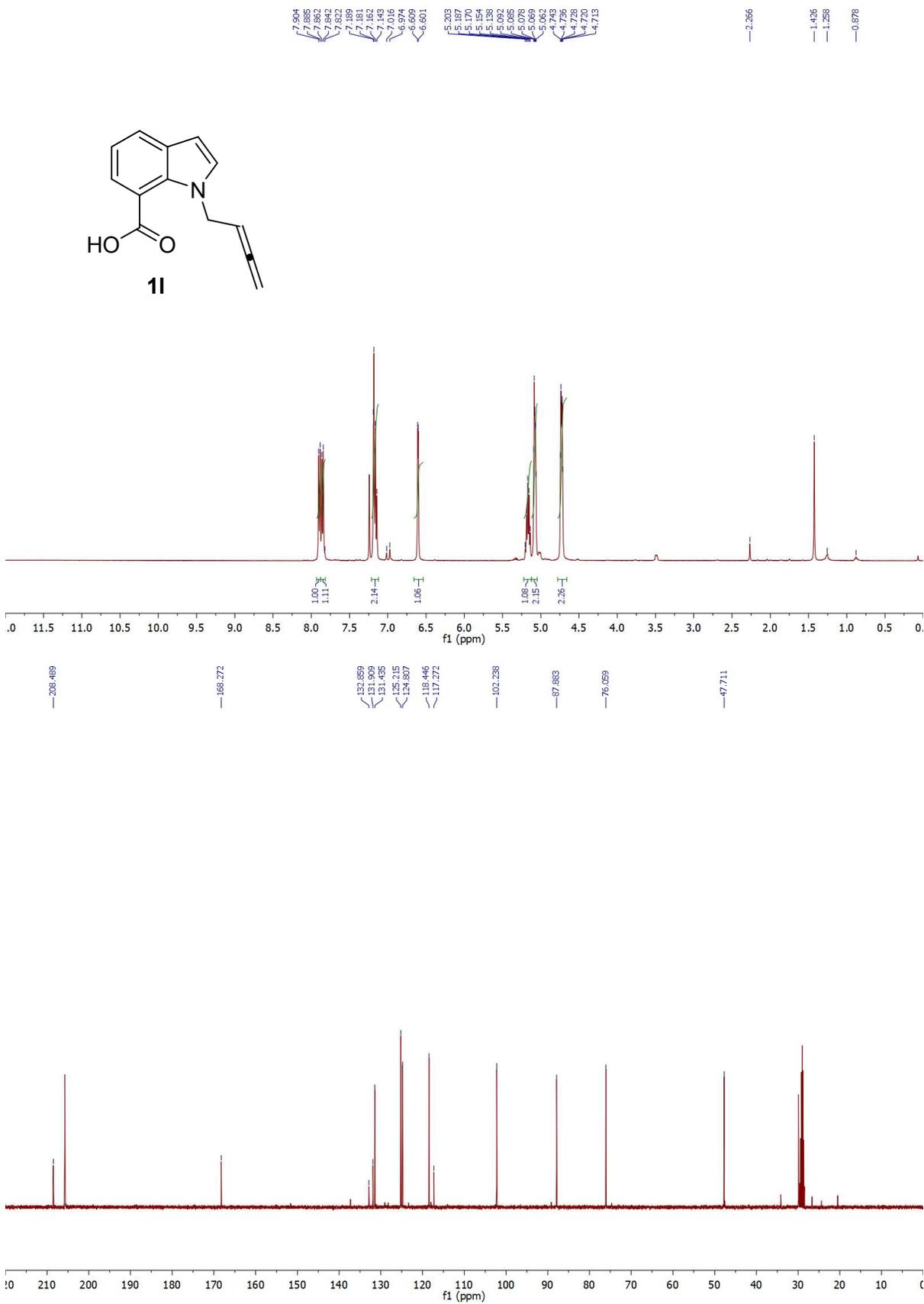
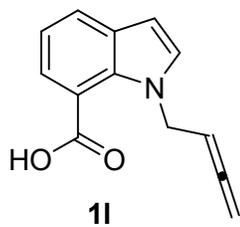


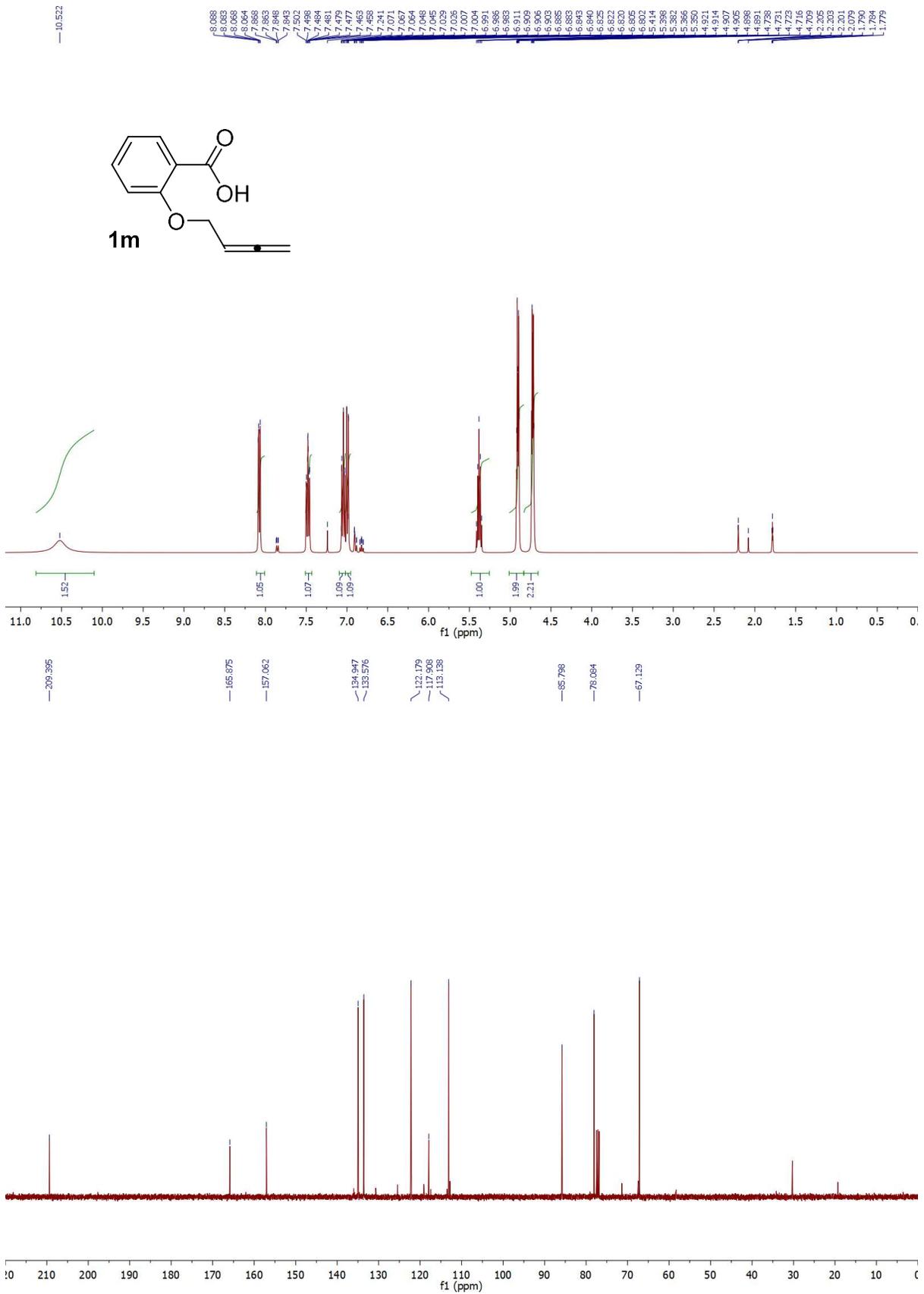


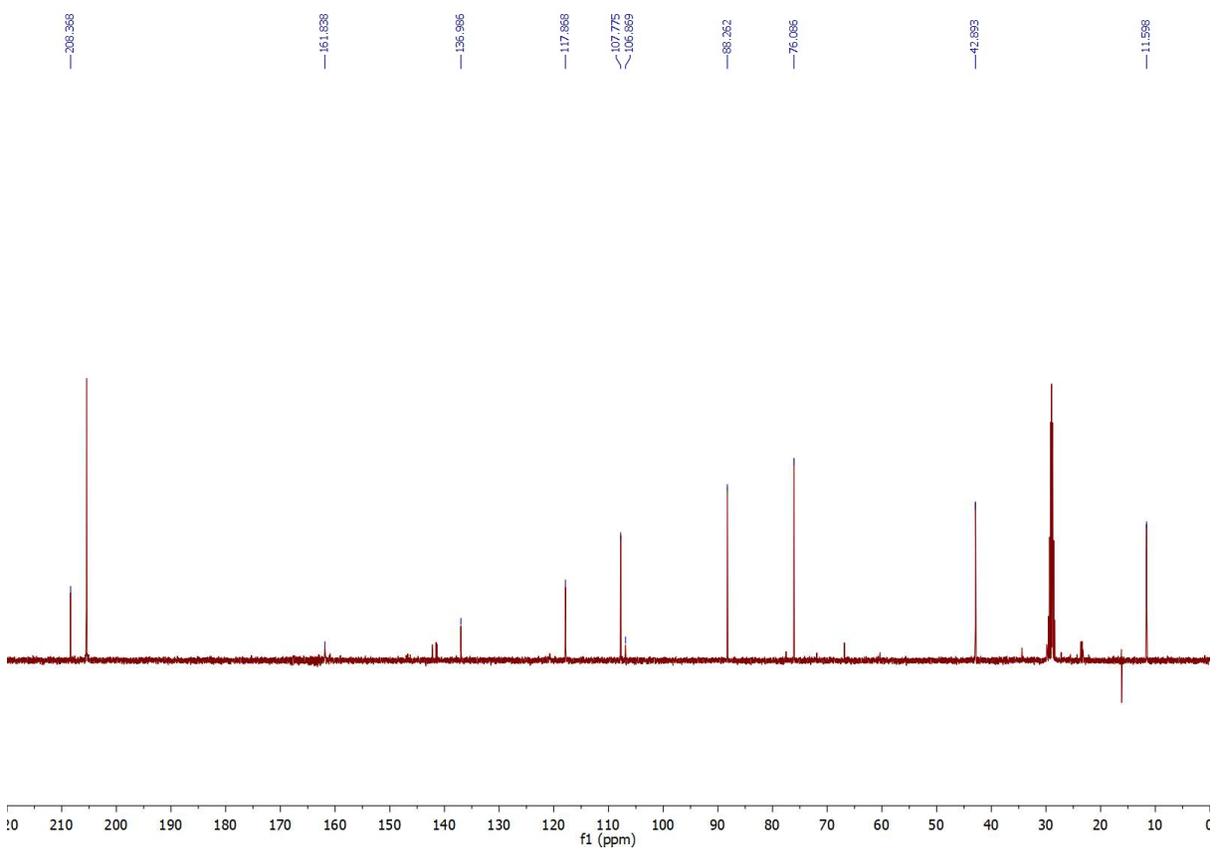
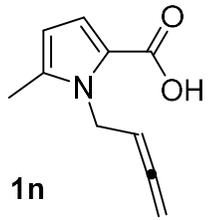
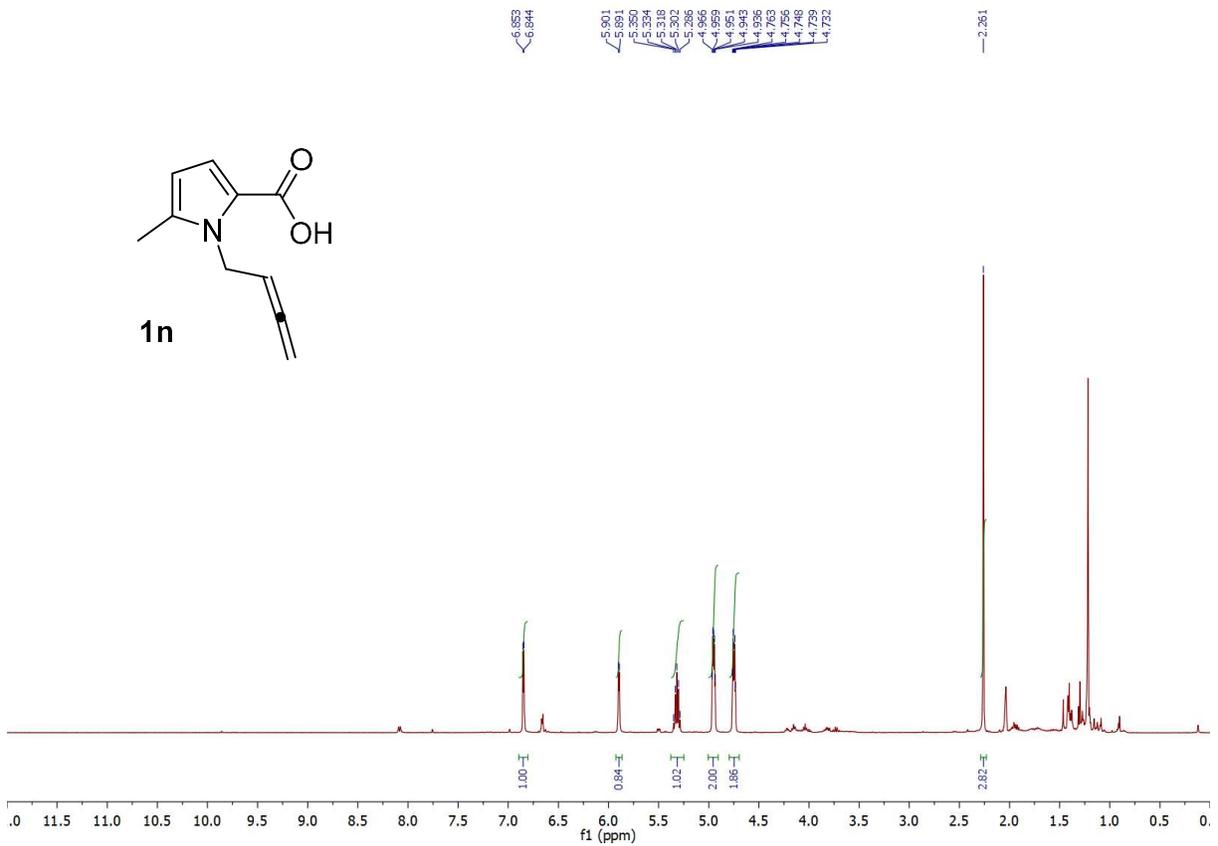


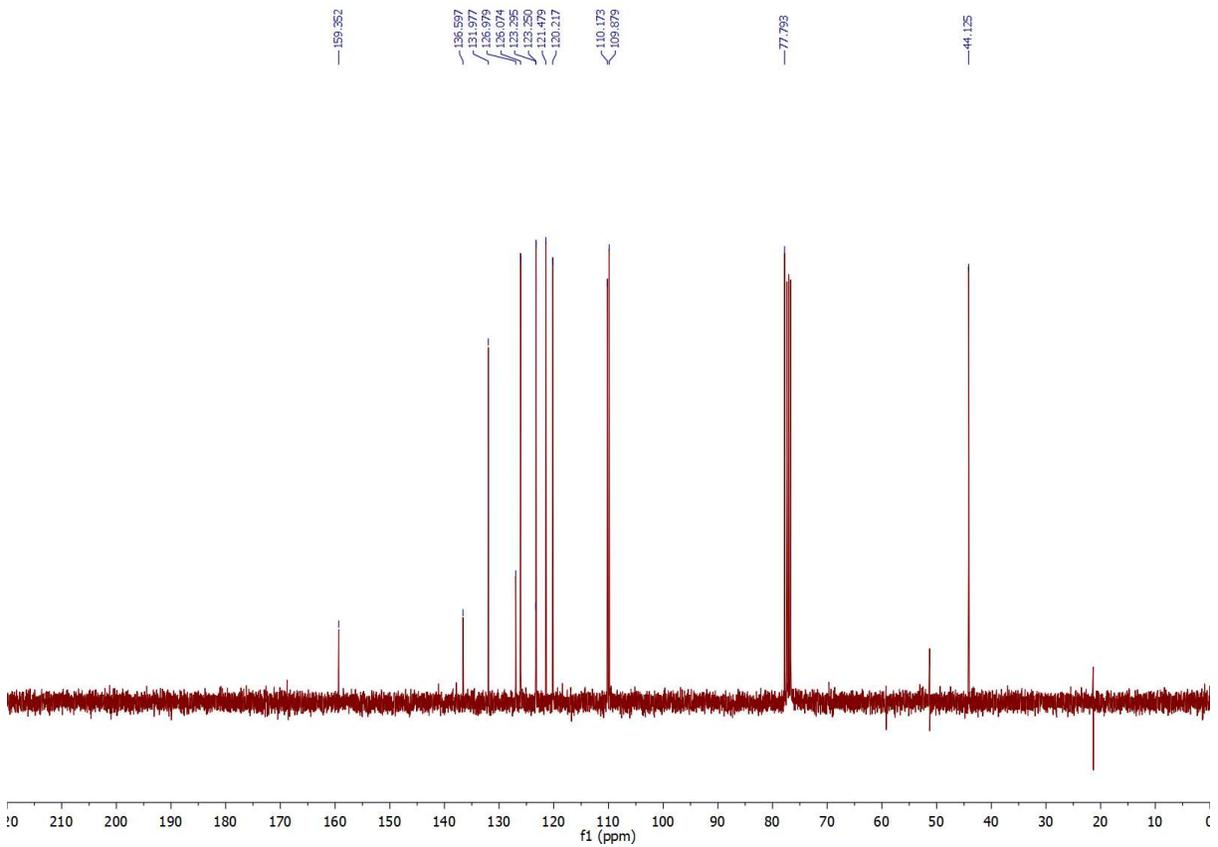
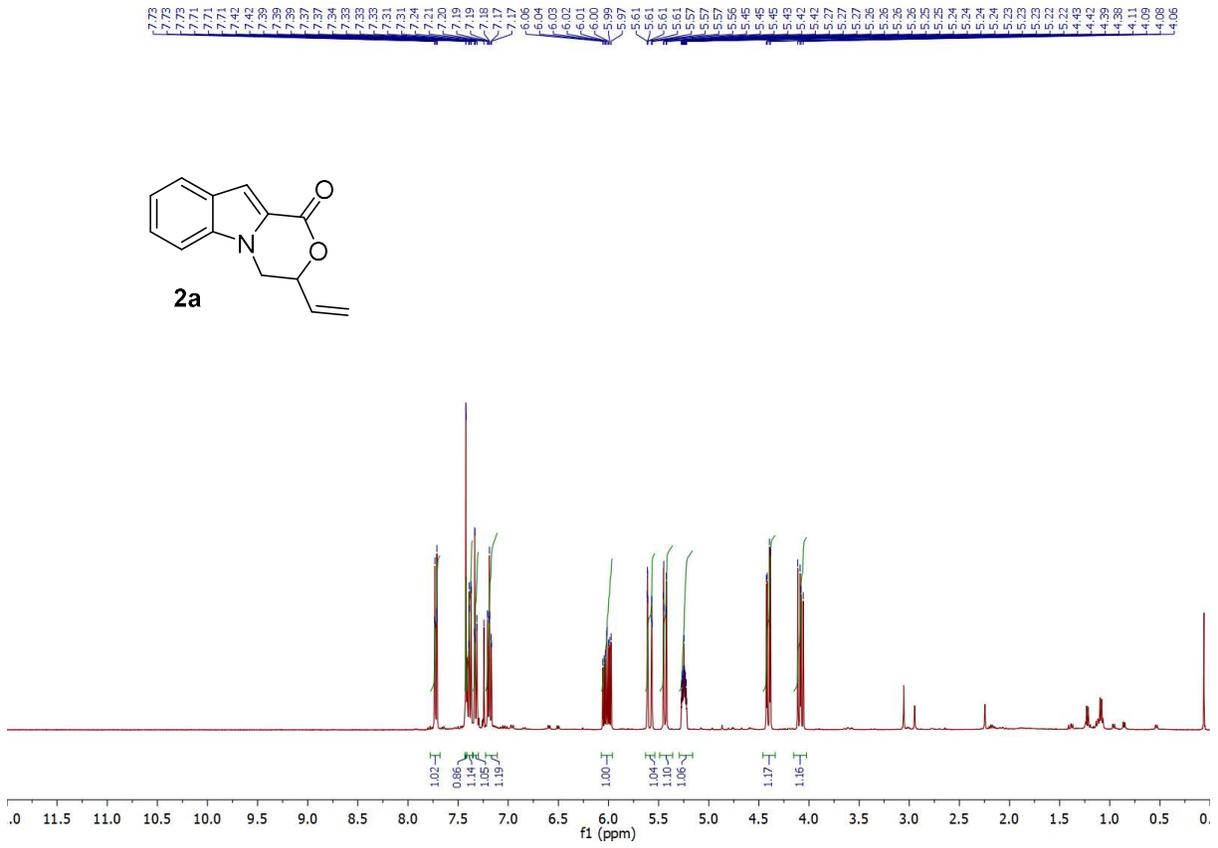
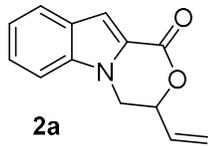


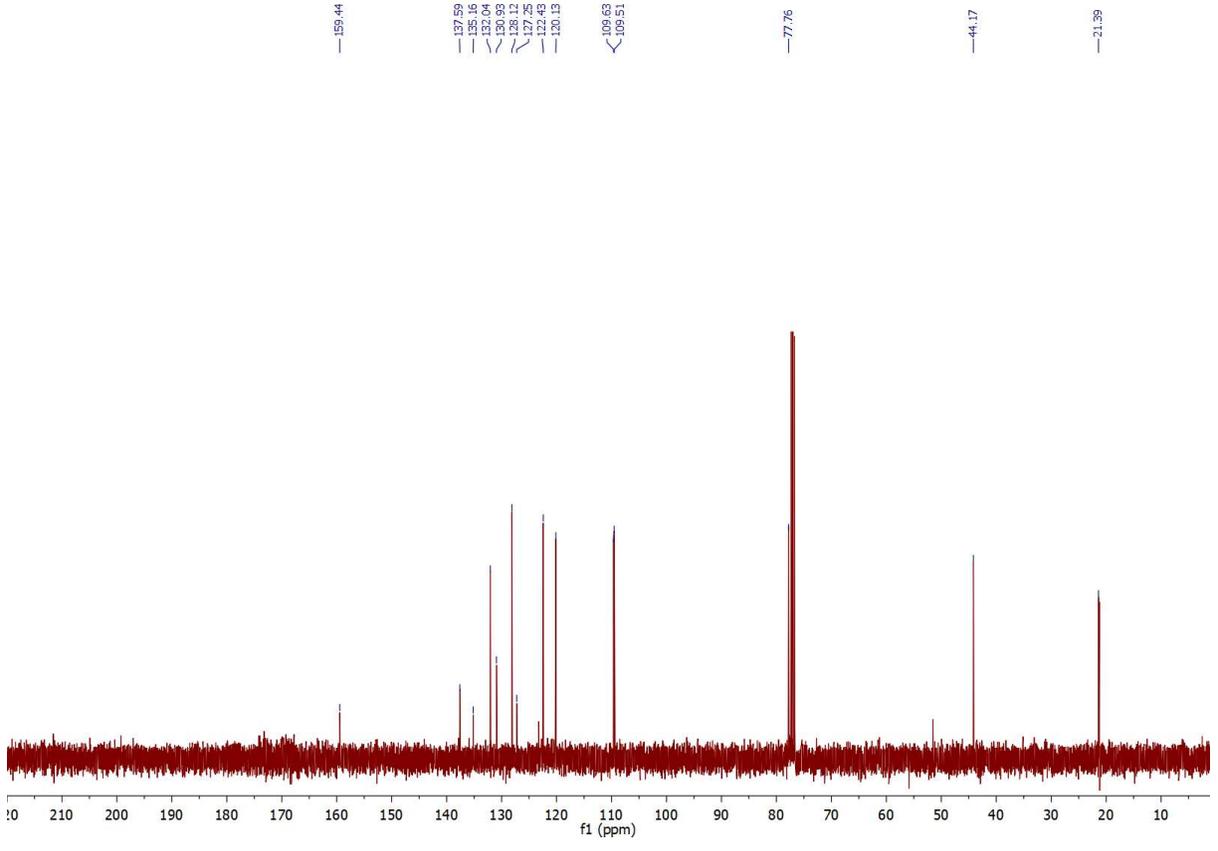
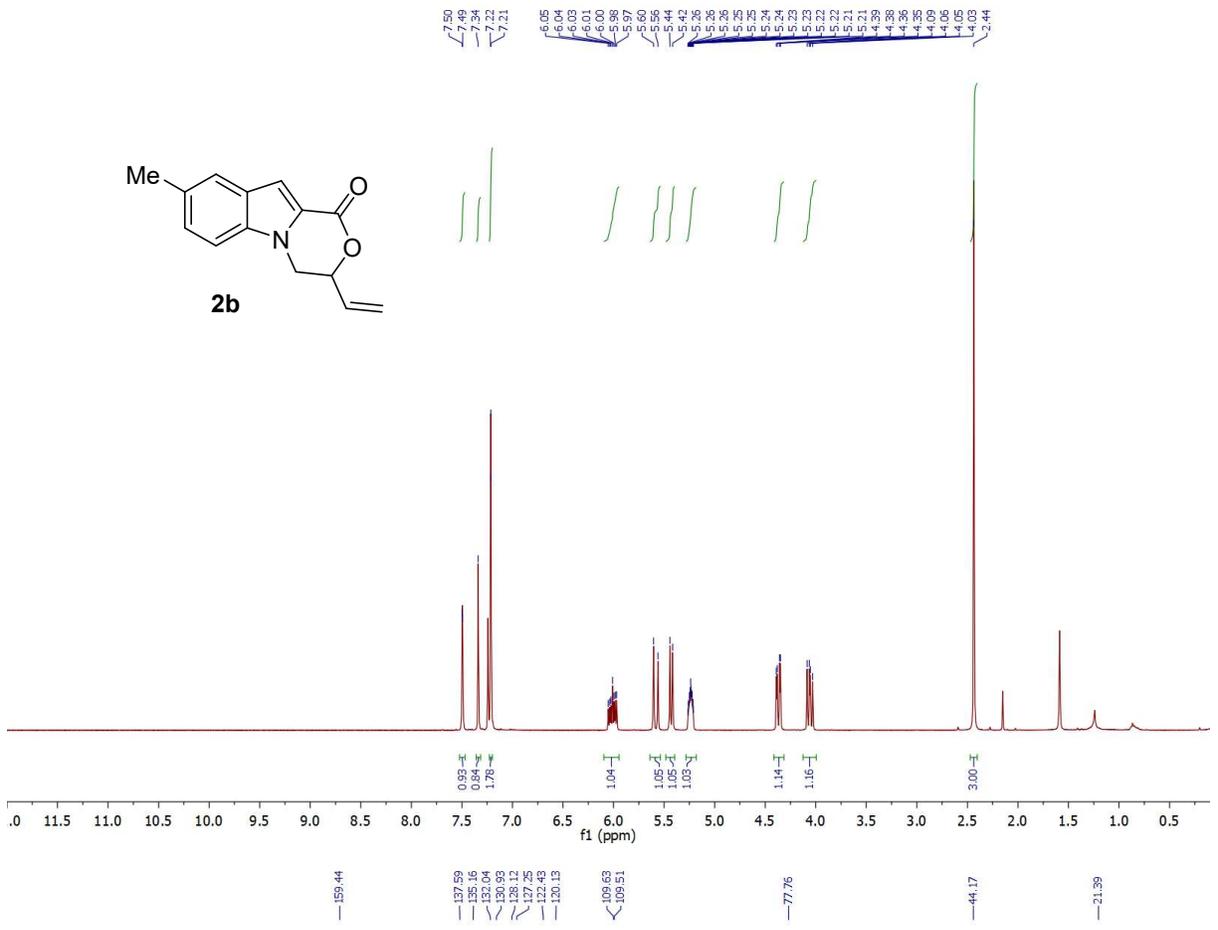


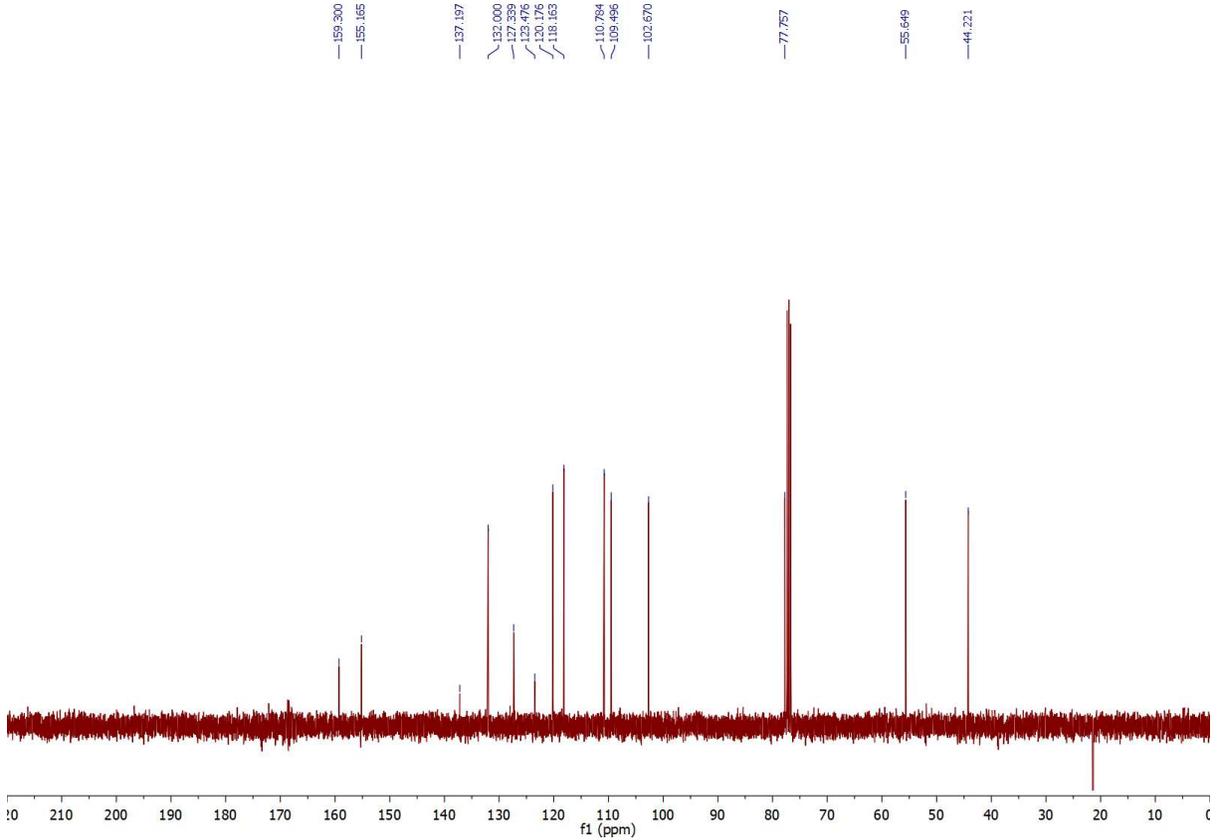
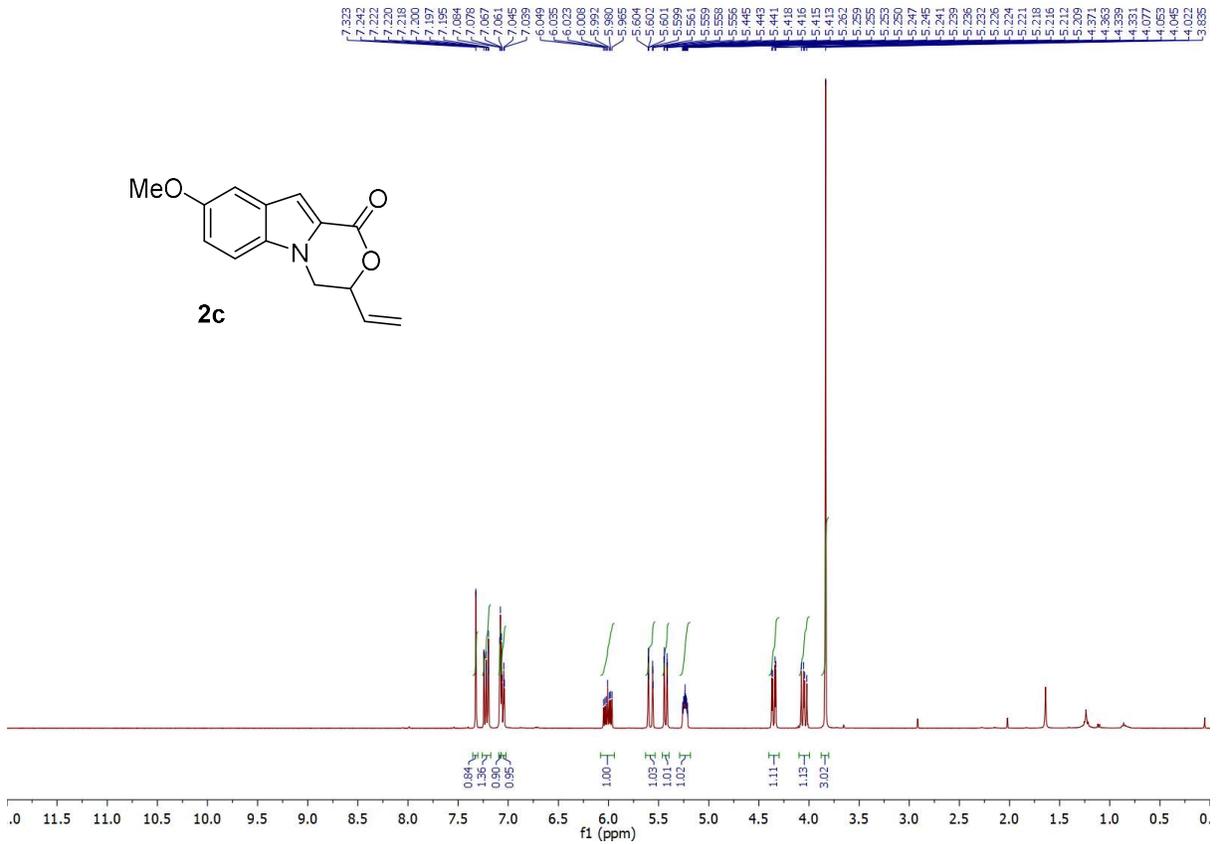


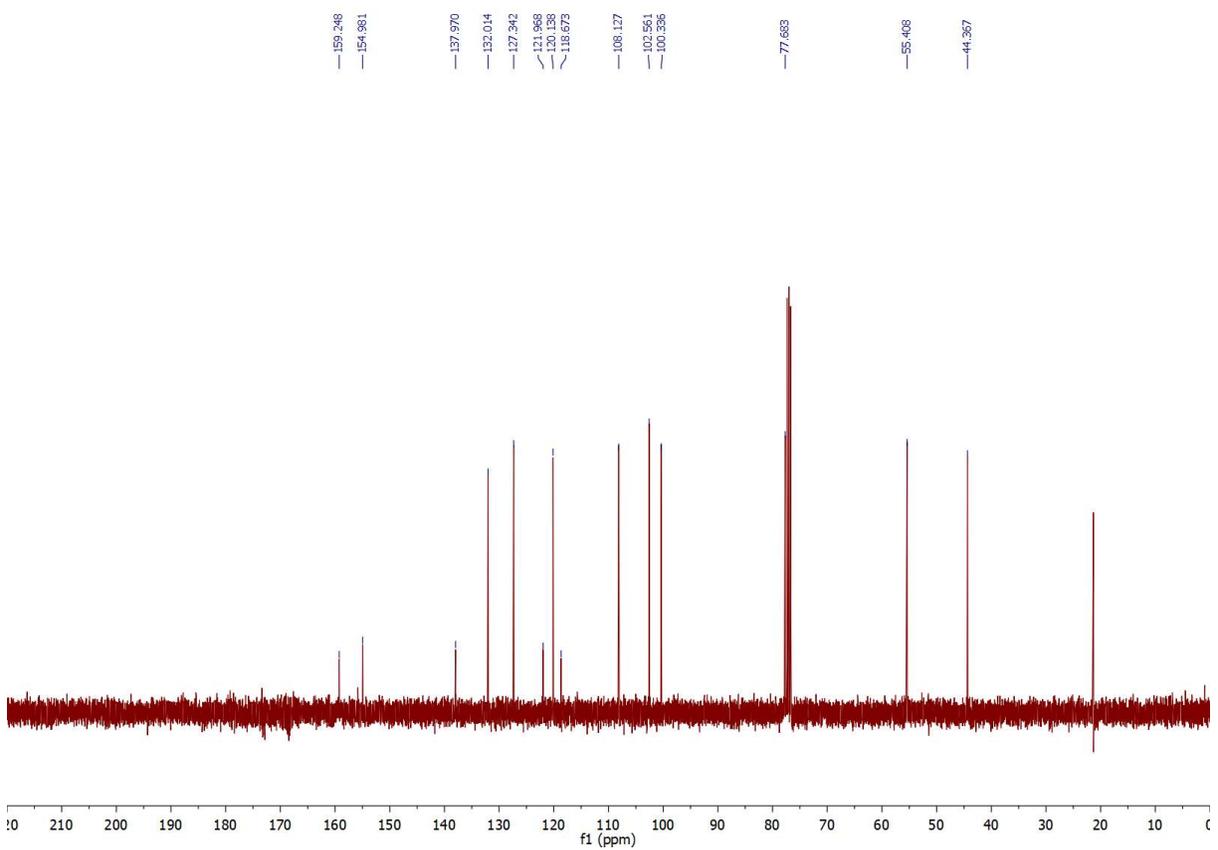
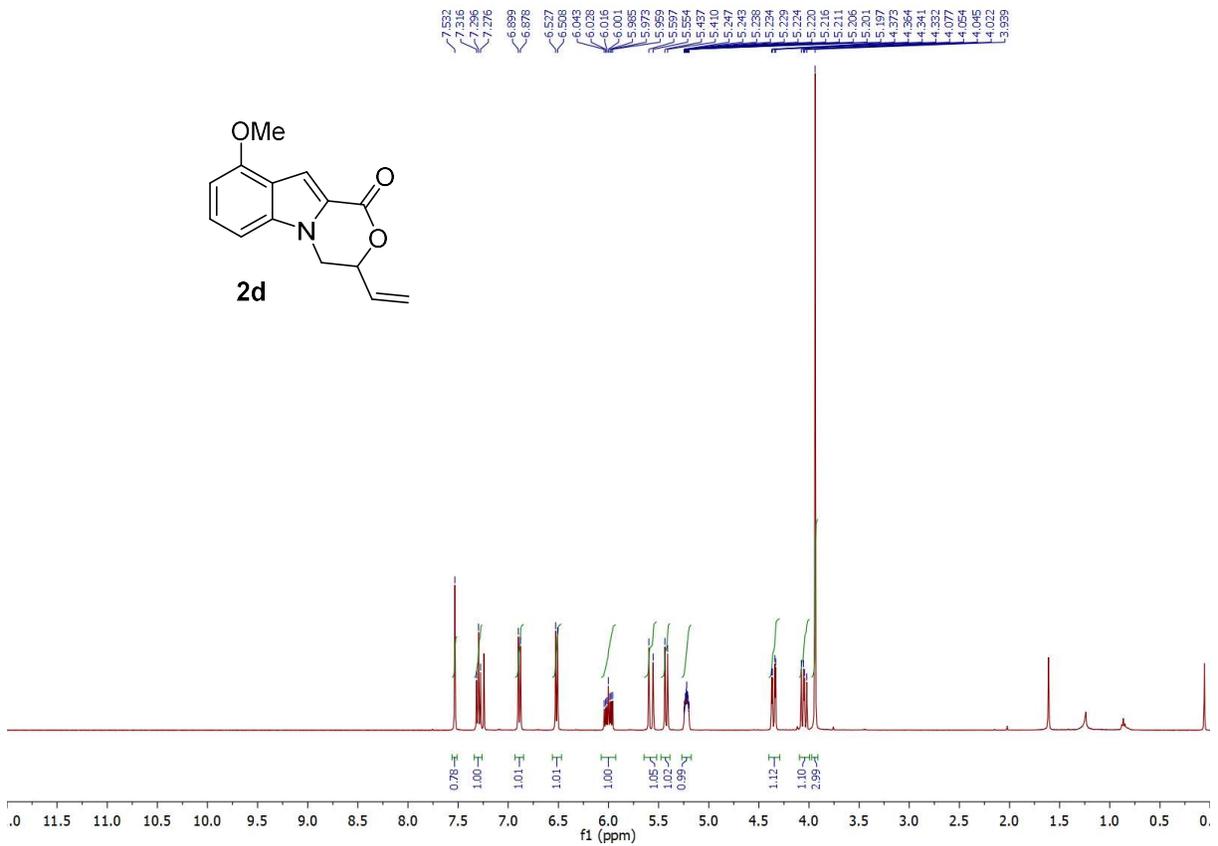
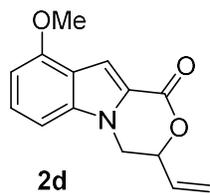


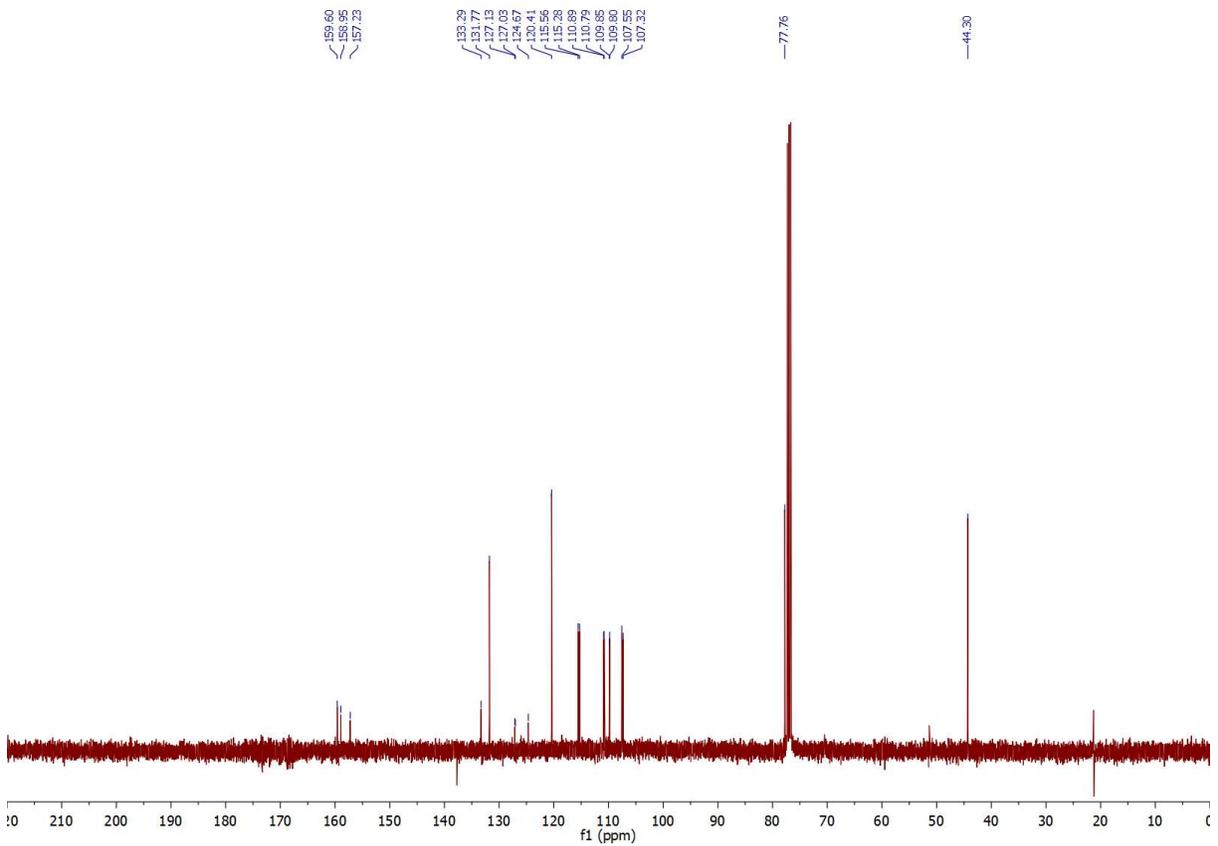
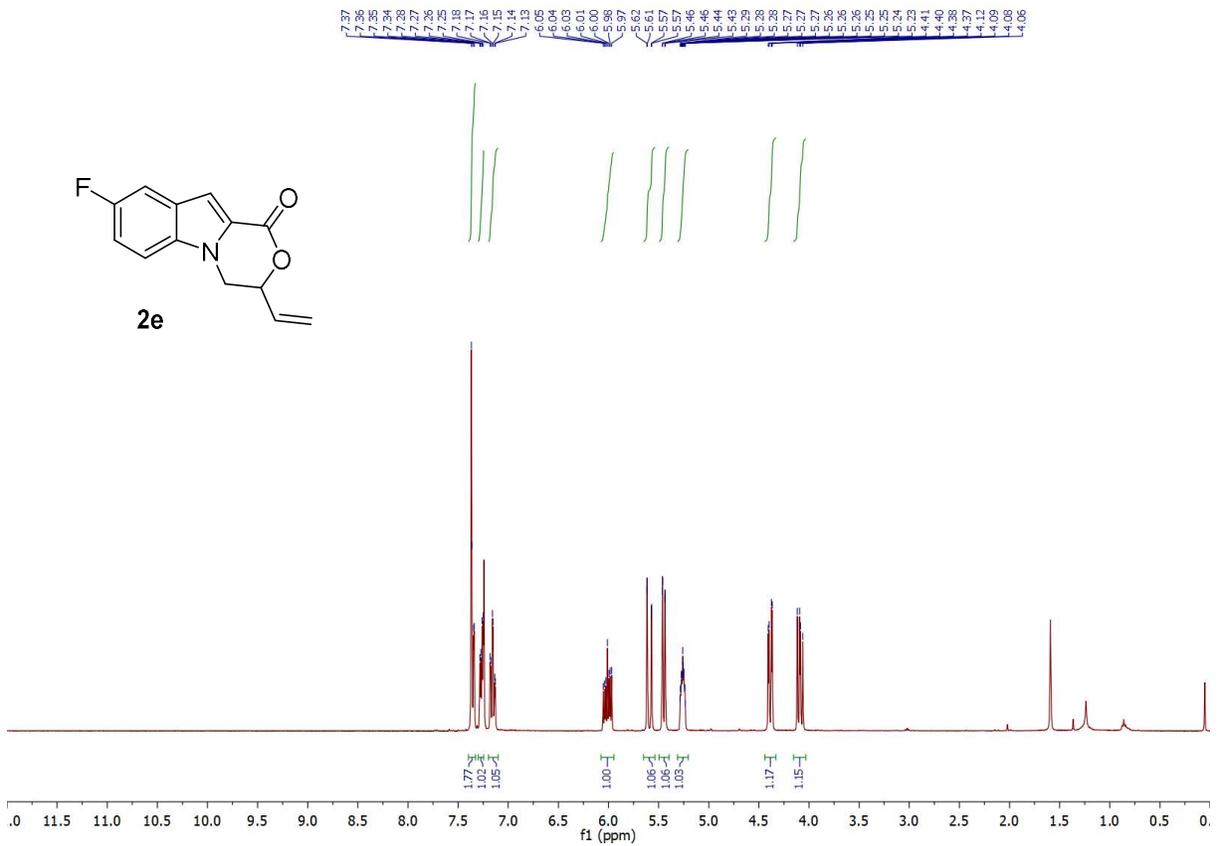


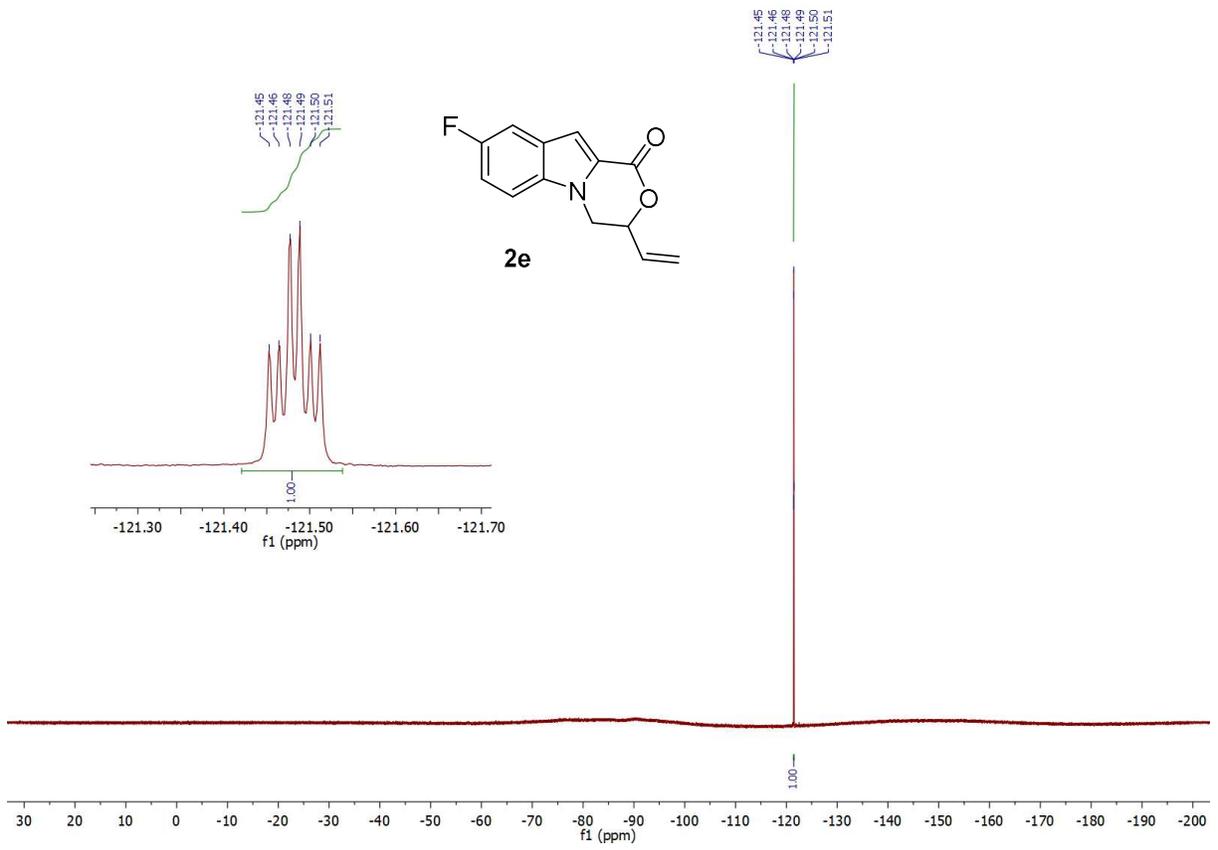


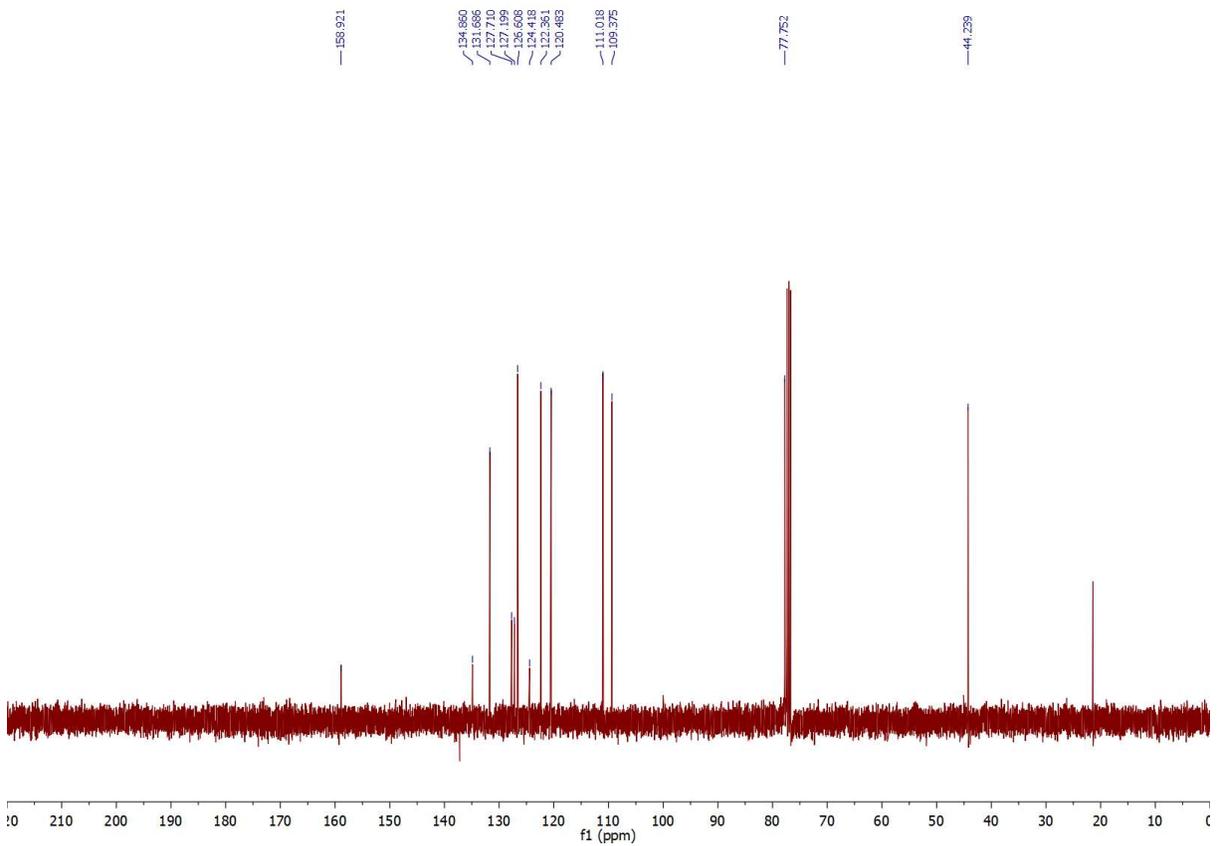
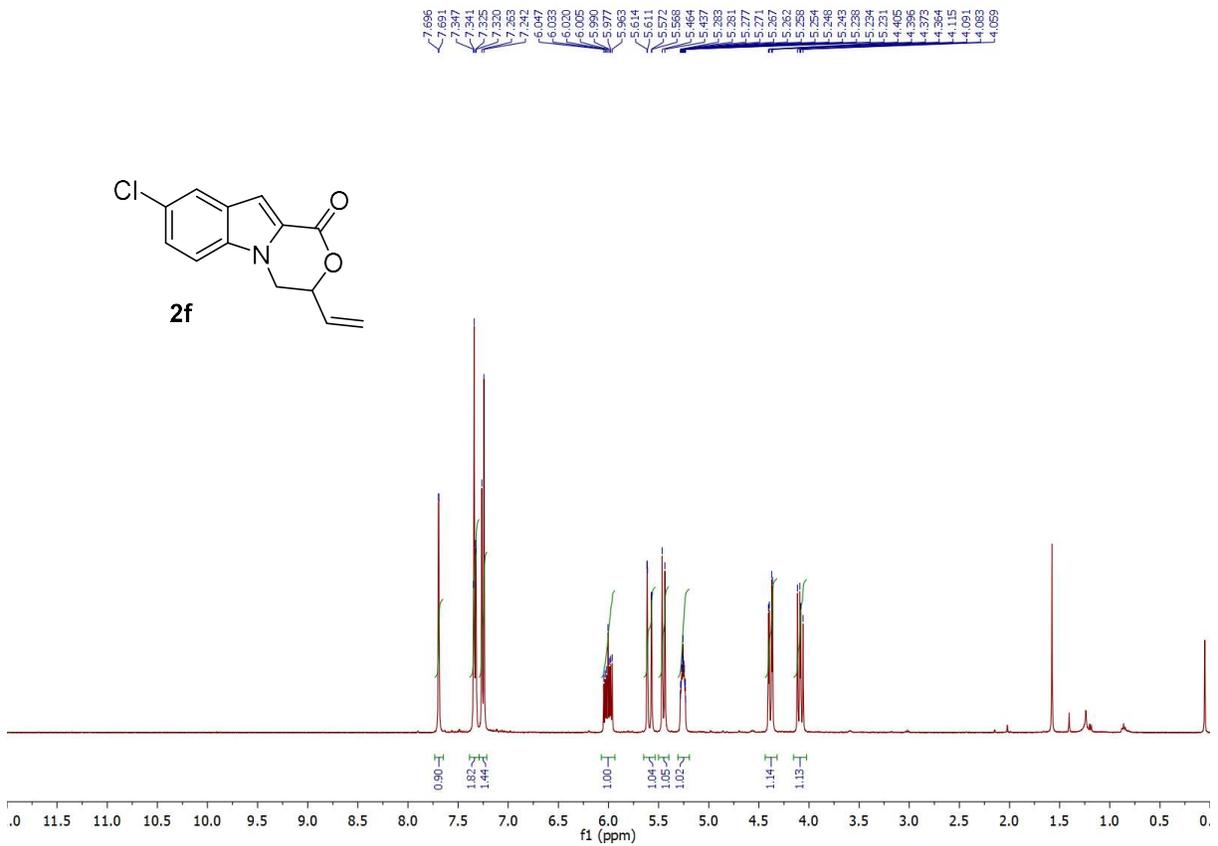


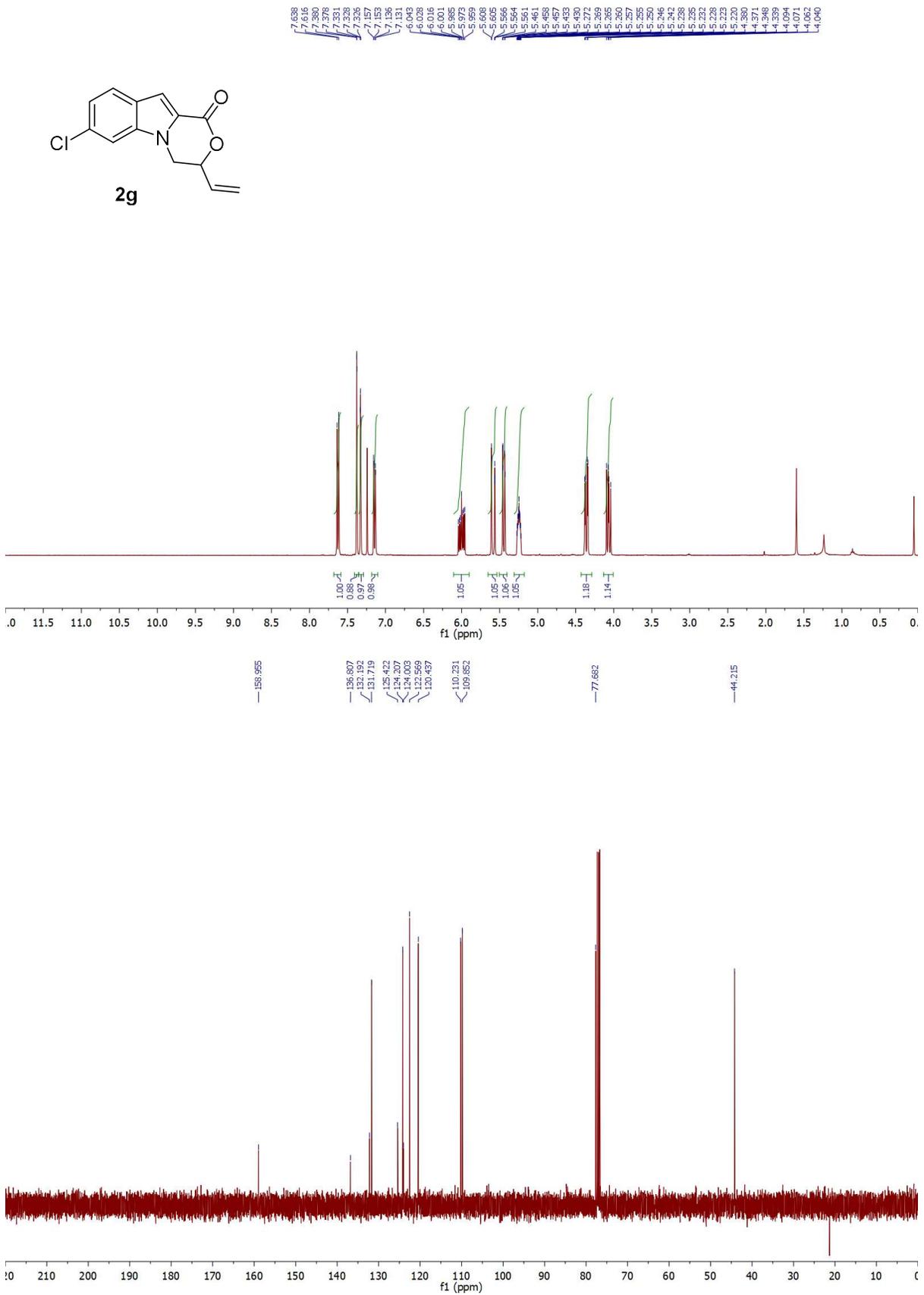
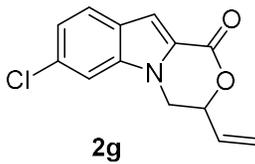


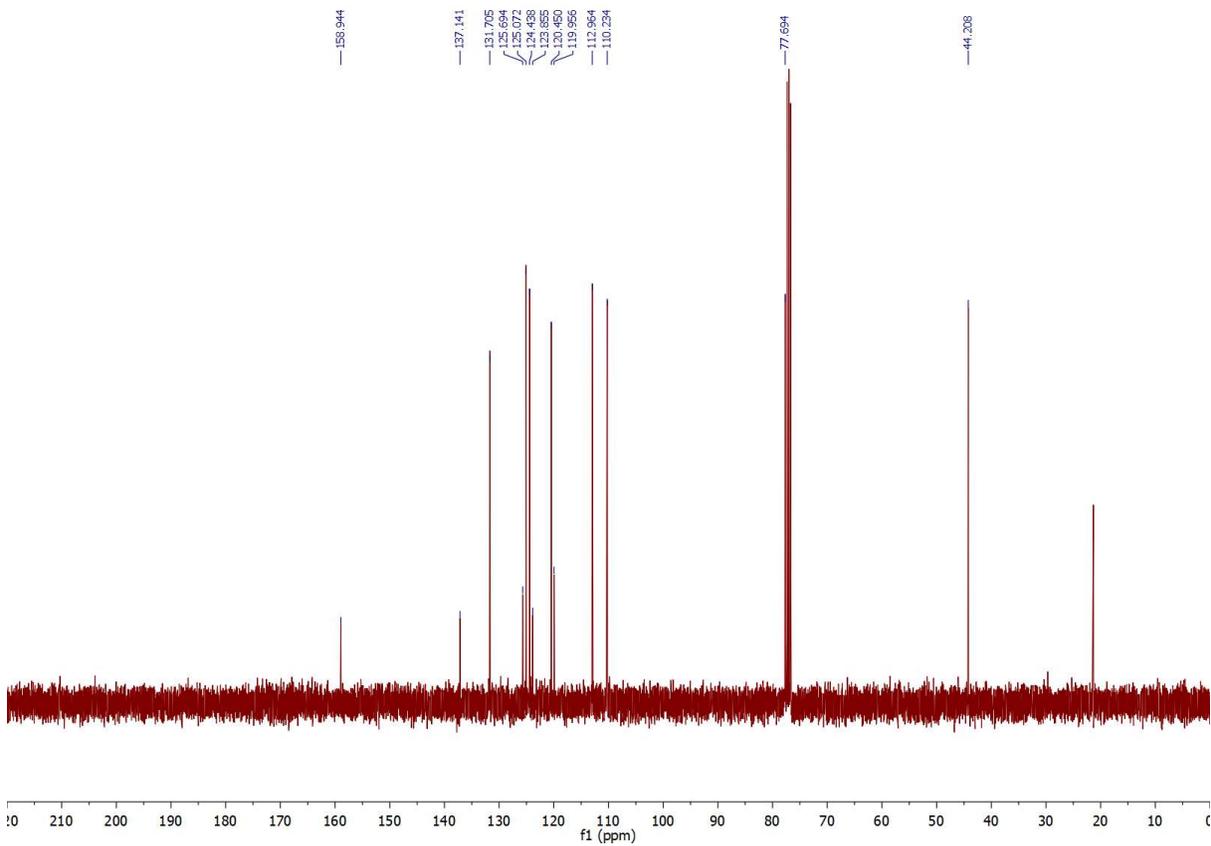
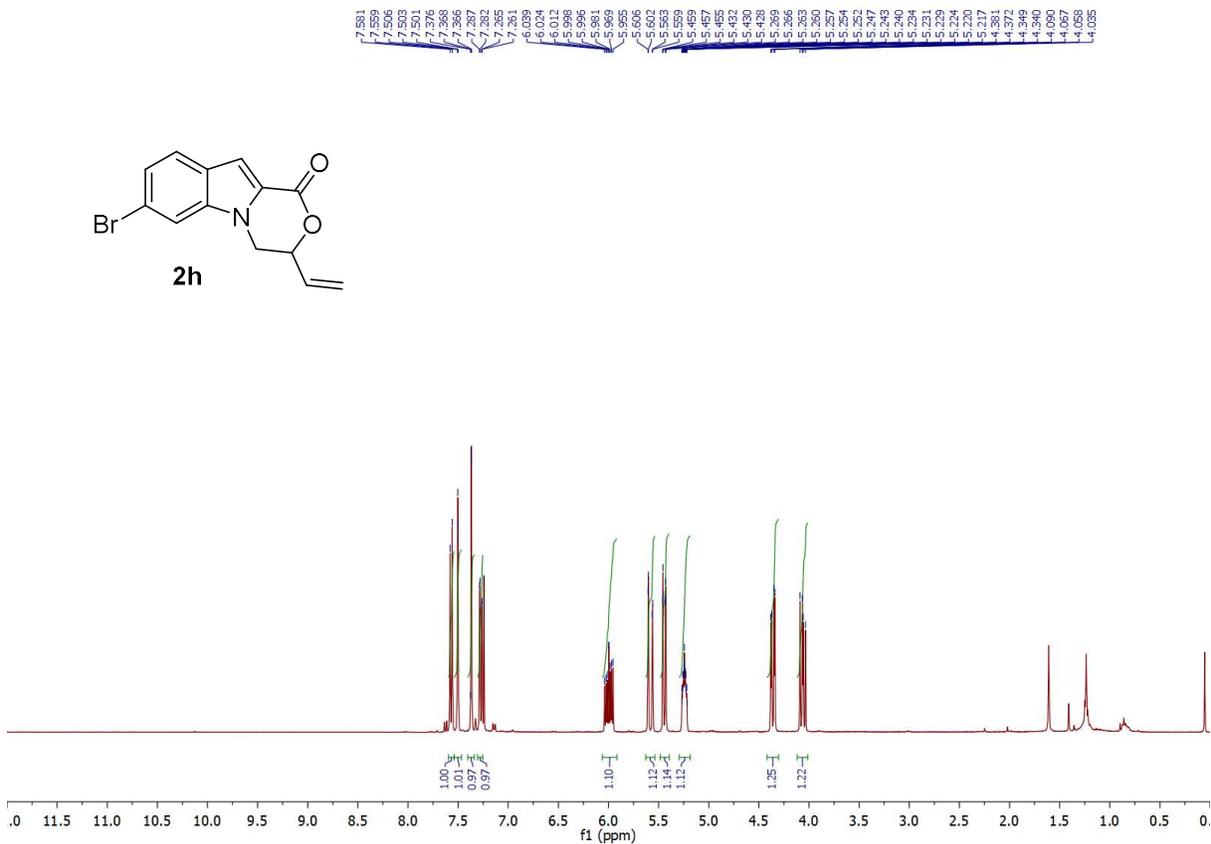
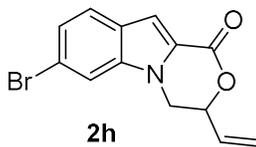


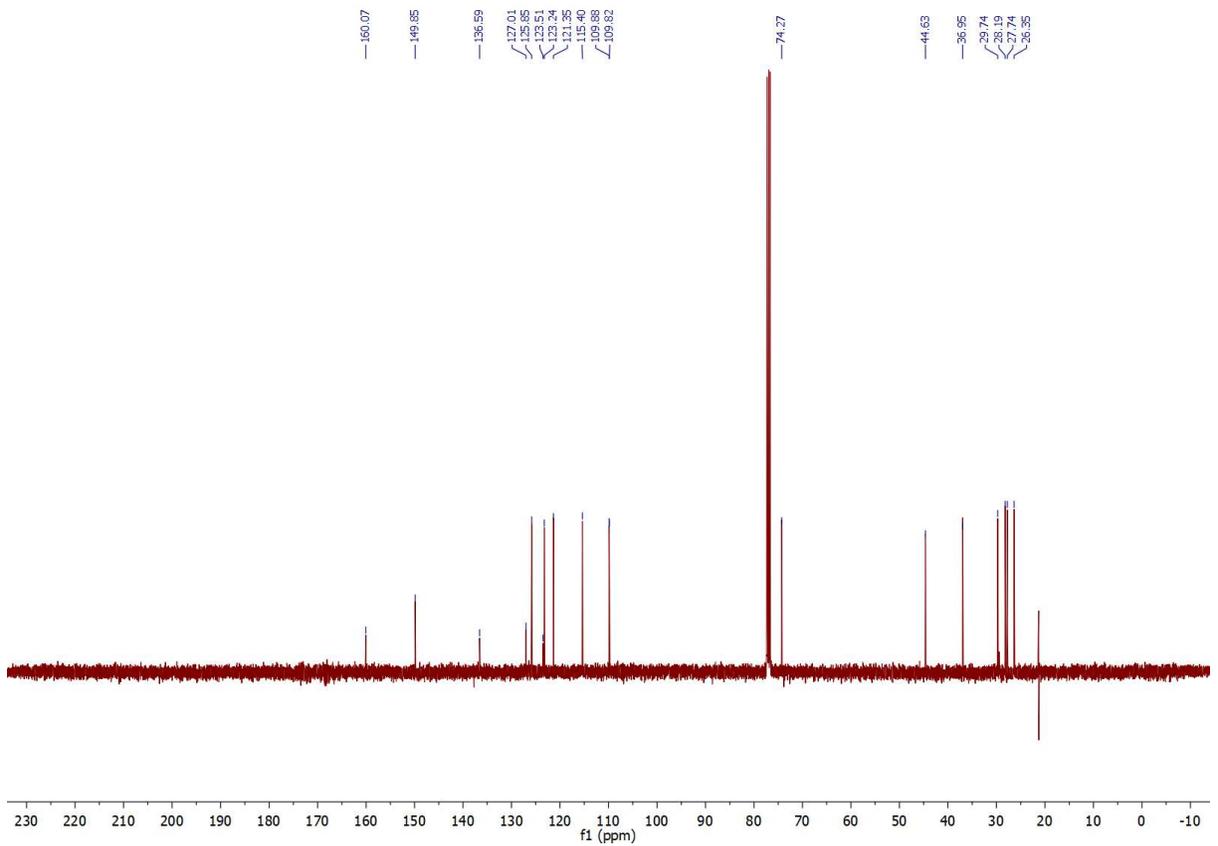
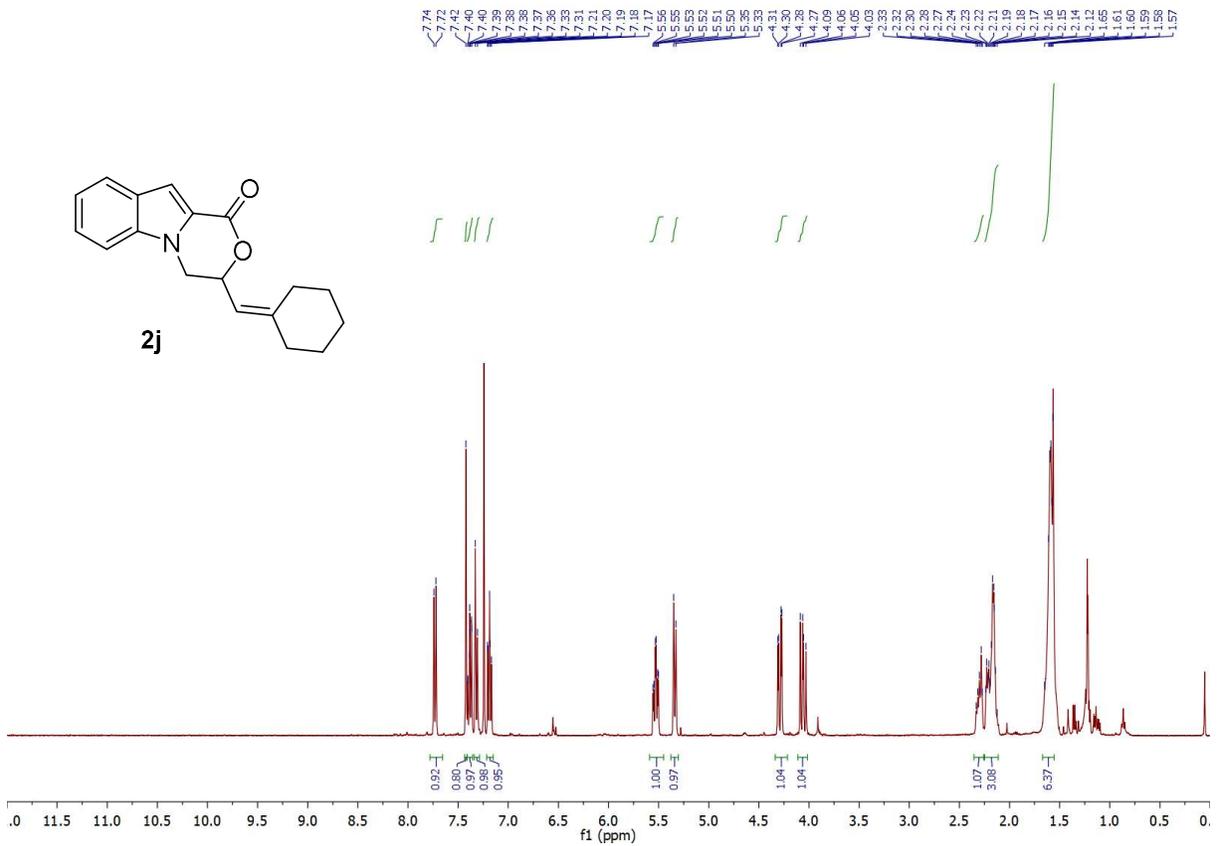


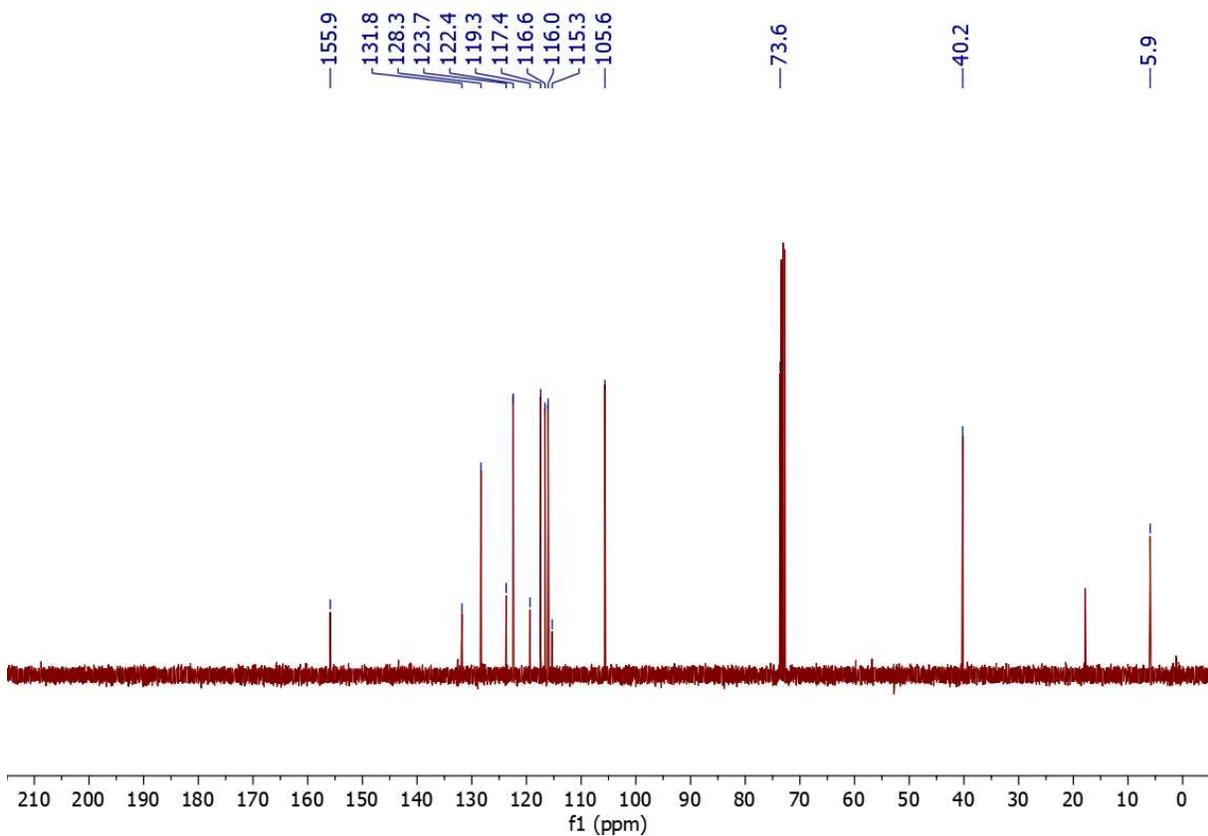
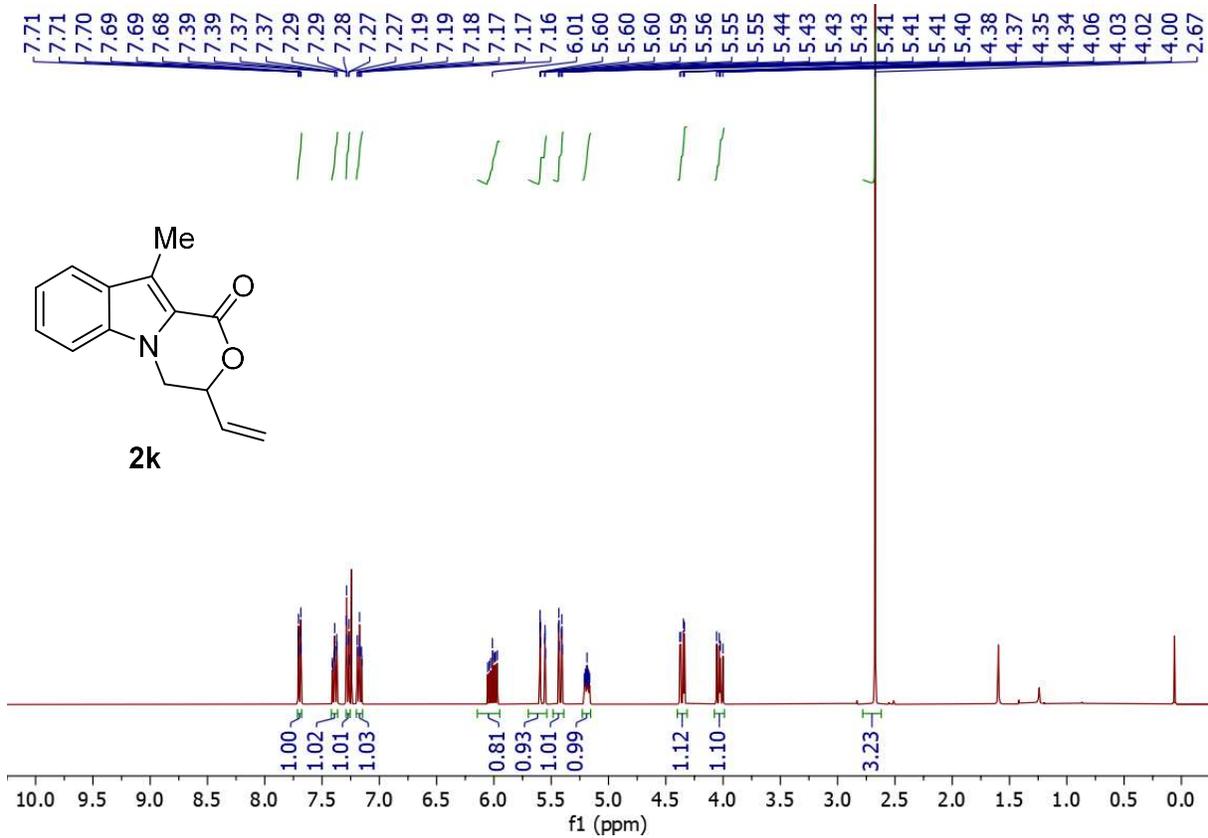


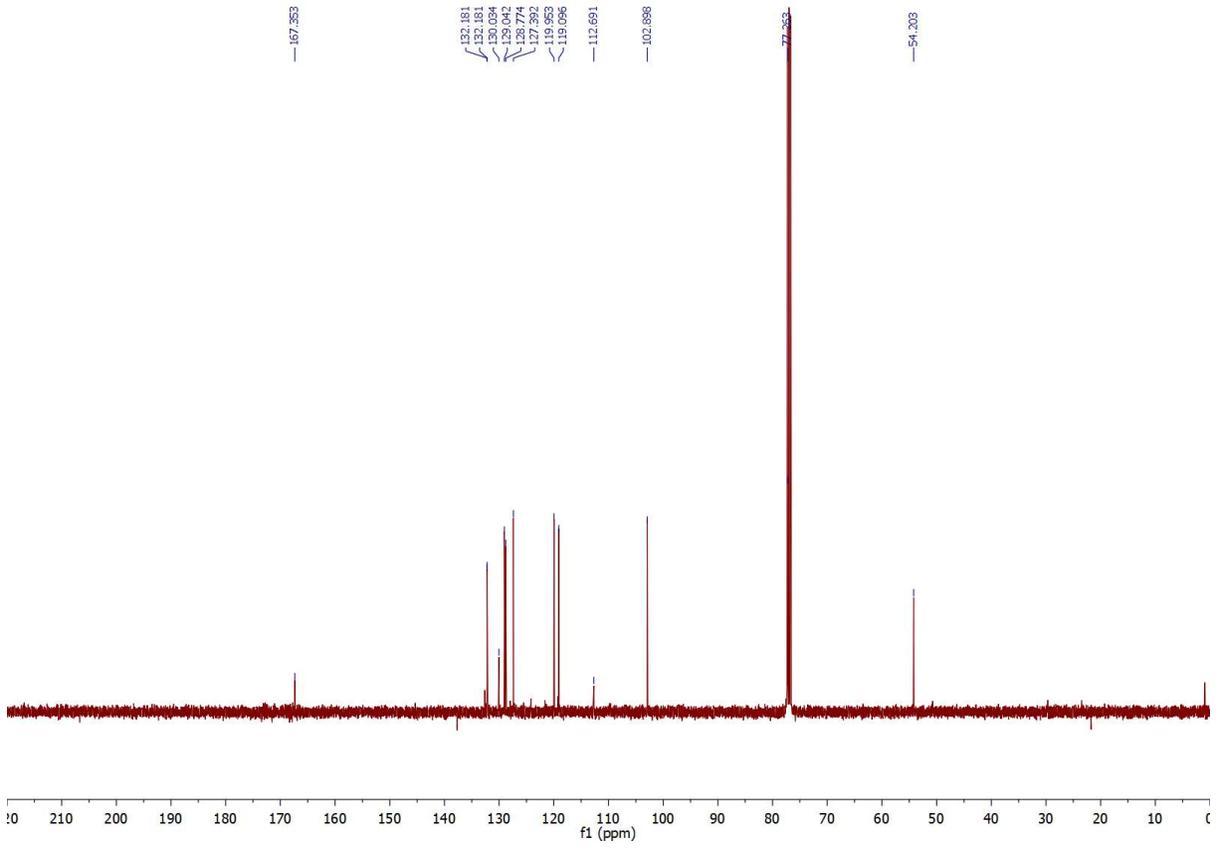
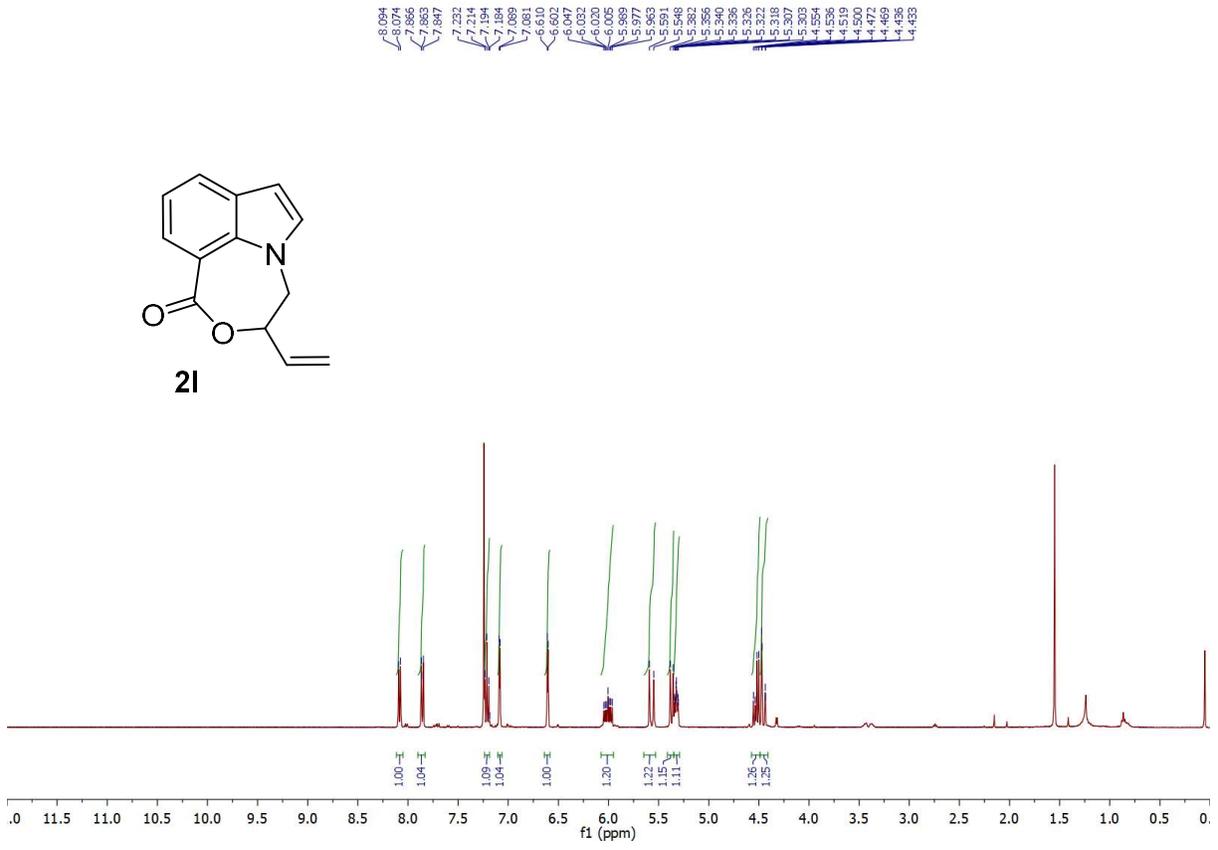
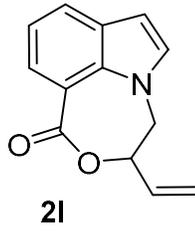


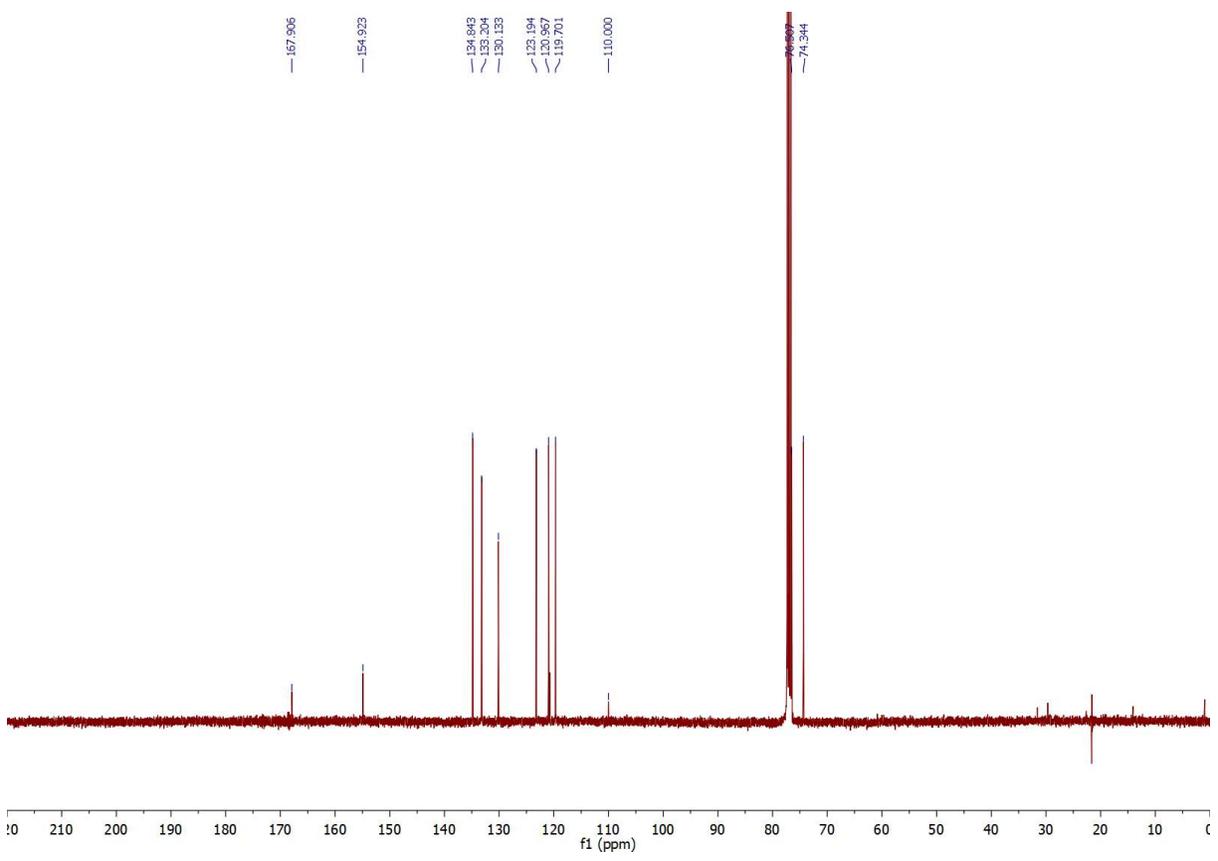
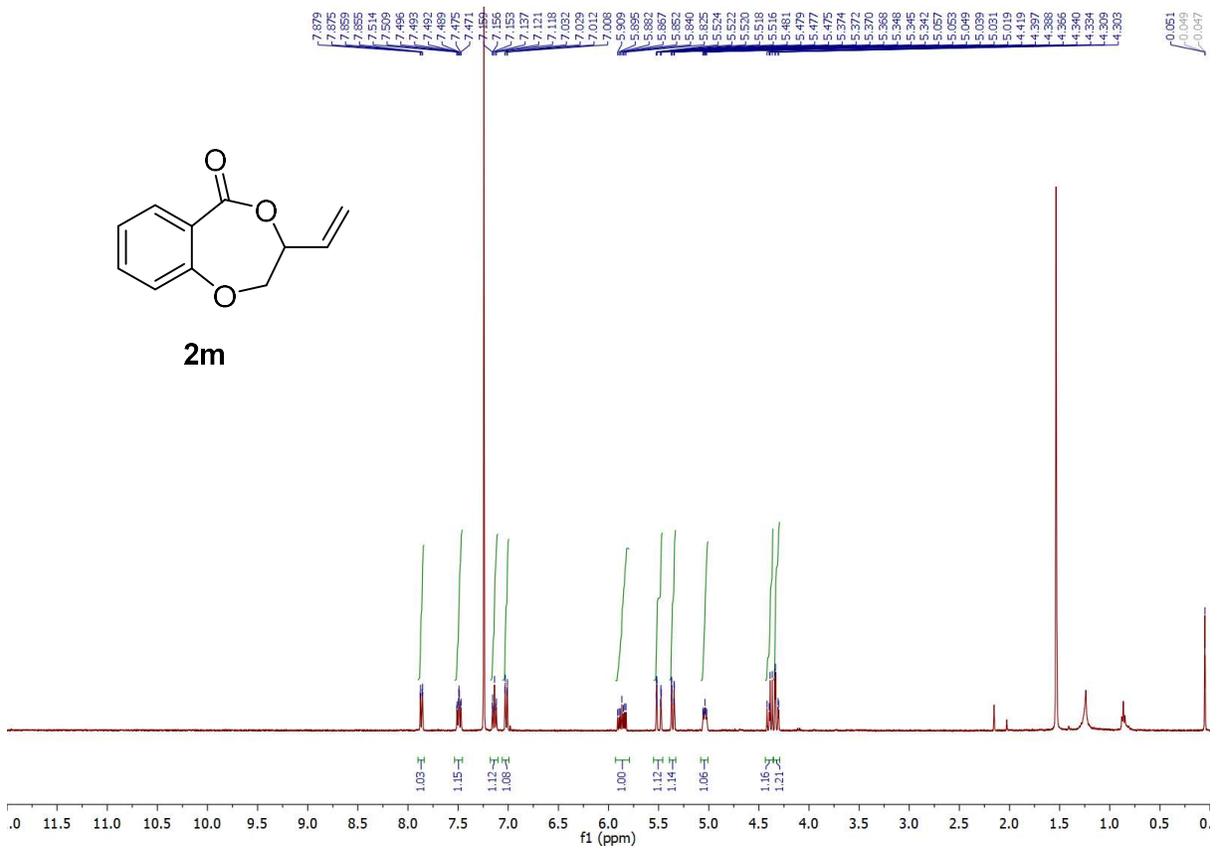












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