

Copper-Catalyzed Direct Synthesis of 3-Methylene-2-arylisindolin-1-ones with Calcium Carbide as a Surrogate of Gaseous Acetylene

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1. Experimental Section

1.1 General Information

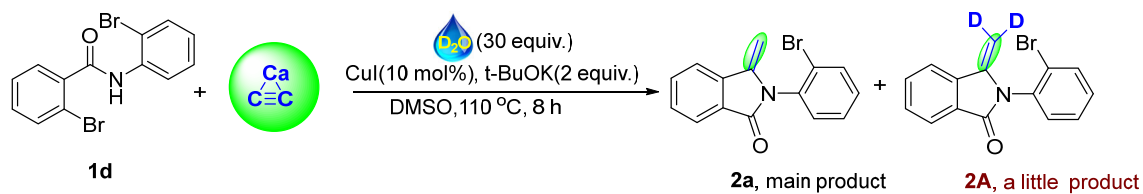
^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Mercury-600 MB or 400 MB instrument using CDCl_3 as solvent and Me_4Si as internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) (ESI) were obtained with a Bruker Daltonics APEX II 47e and quadrupole Orbitrap Elite (Q-Exactive) mass spectrometer. Melting points were observed in an electrothermal melting point apparatus (X-5, Beijing Tech Instrument Co. Ltd, China). Calcium carbide was purchased from Macklin Chemical Company (China, purity: 98%), and ground into powder (ca. 50-100 mesh) in a ceramic mortar prior to use. Column chromatography was carried out on a flash chromatographic system using silica gel, and petroleum ether (60-90 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluent. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), silica gel plates precoated with GF-254 were used. Various benzimidazoles were synthesized by the reactions of corresponding o-phenylenediamines and o-bromobenzaldehydes according to literature procedure^[1].

1.2 Mechanism inquiry experiment

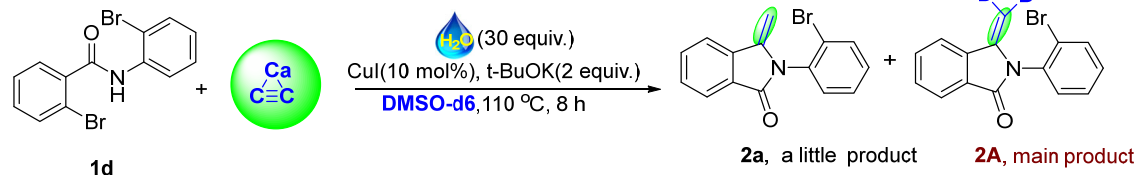
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D₂O experiment



DMSO-d₆ experiment



Scheme S1. Experiment of deuteration

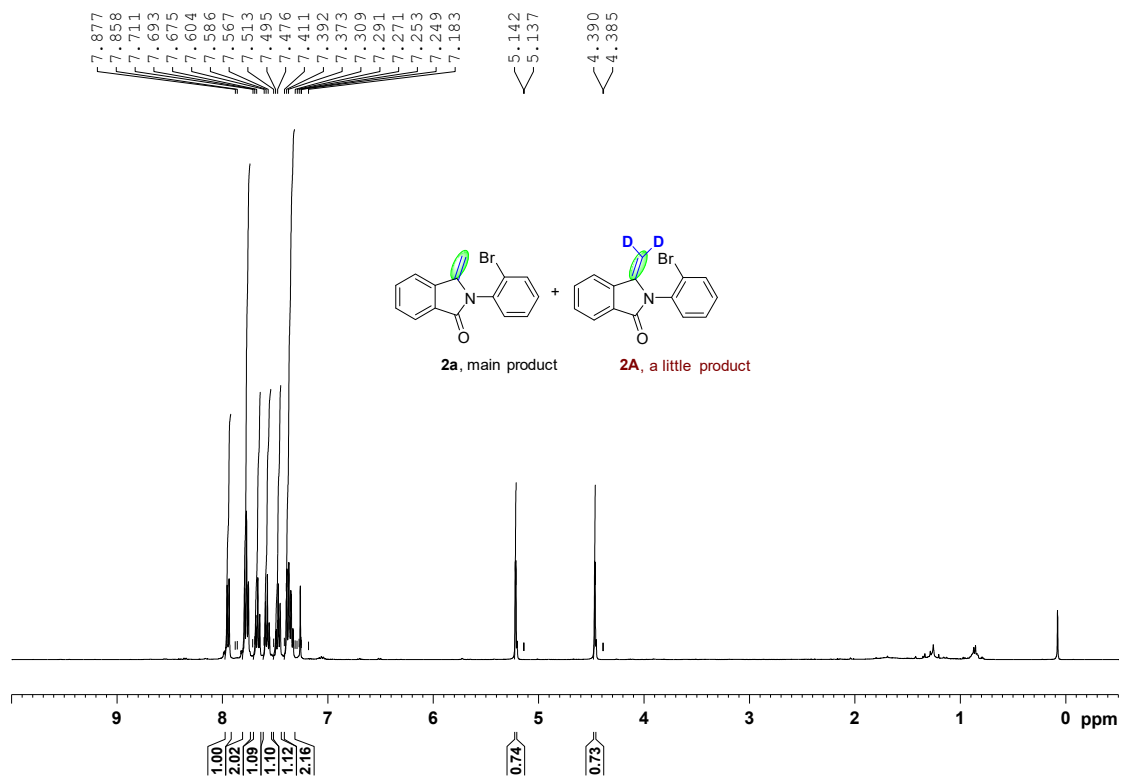


Figure S1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of D₂O experiment

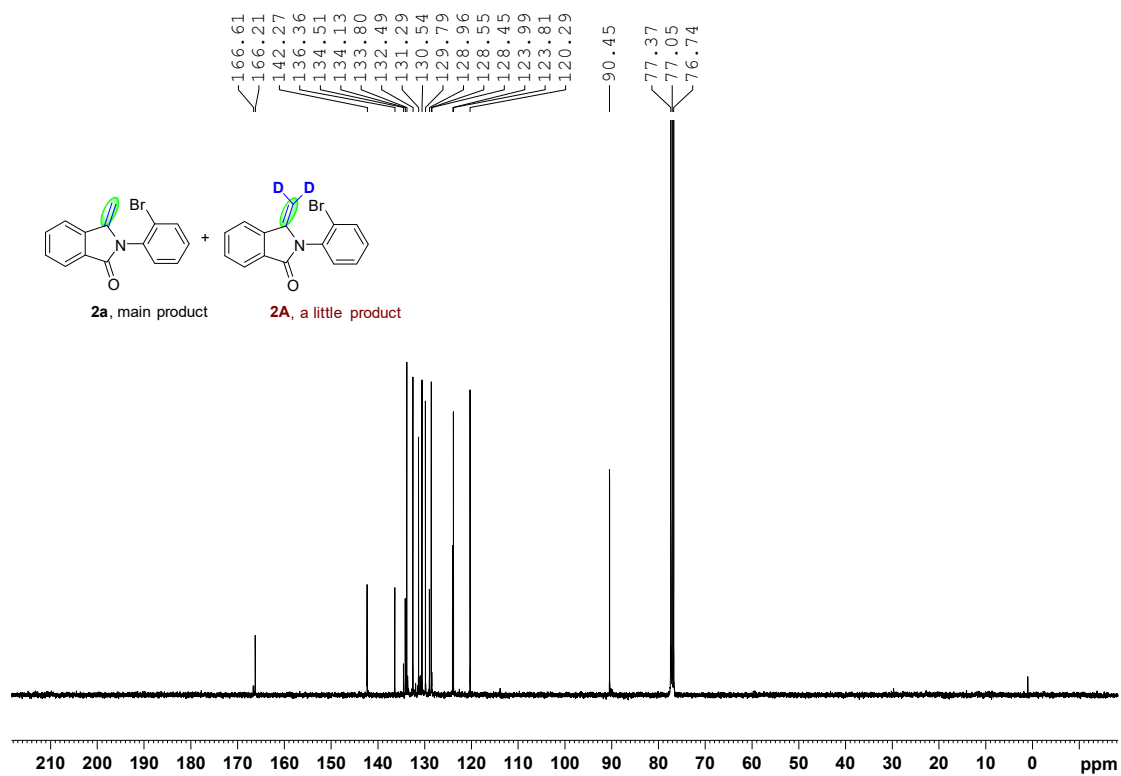


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of D₂O experiment

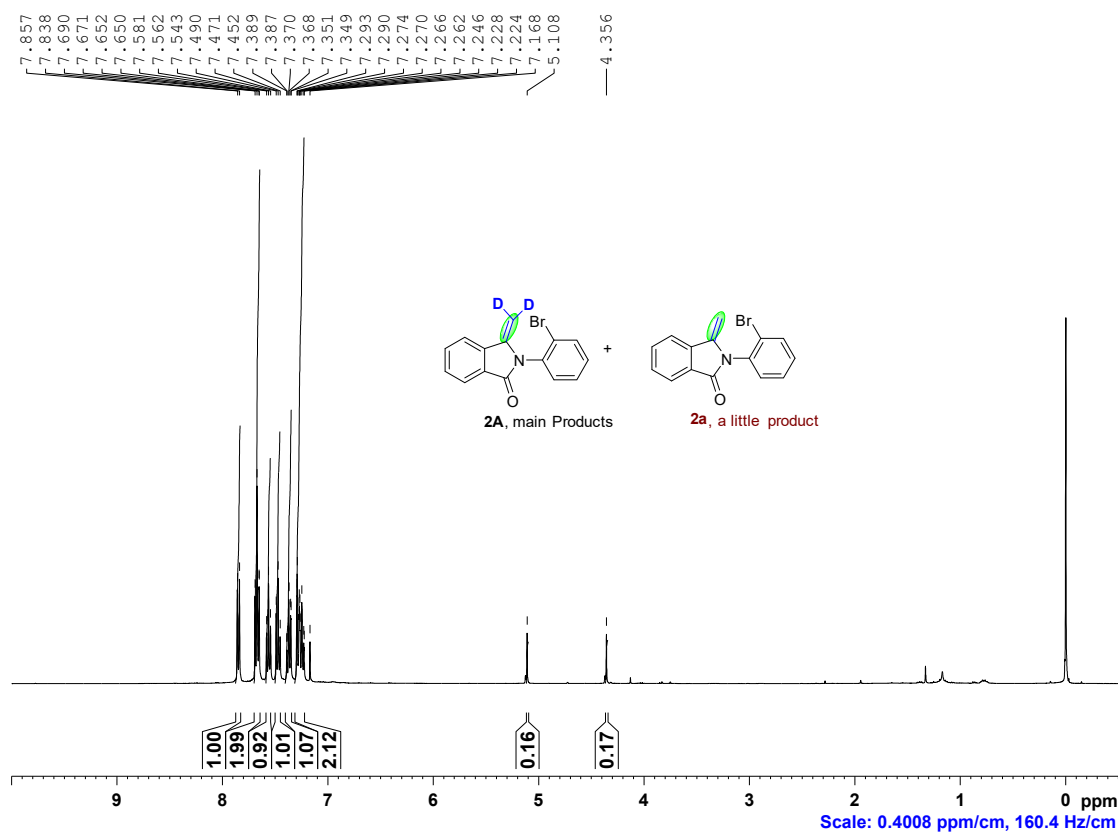
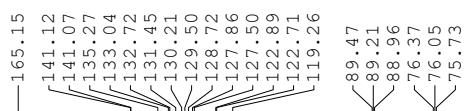


Figure S3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of DMSO-d₆ experiment



DMSO-d₆ experiment

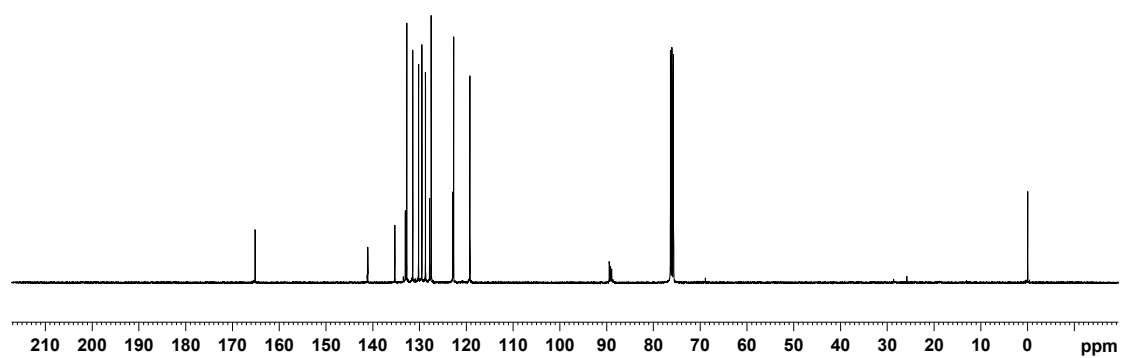
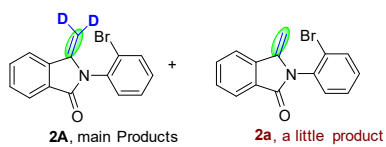
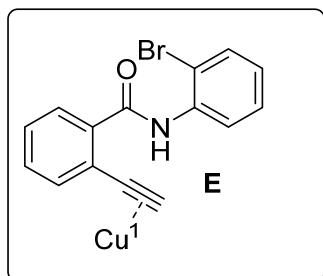


Figure S4. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of DMSO-d₆ experiment

(b) HRMS for Intermediate E

HRMS (ESI): m/z (M-Cu+H)⁺ calcd for: C₁₅H₁₀BrNO: 300.0018; Found: 300.0015.



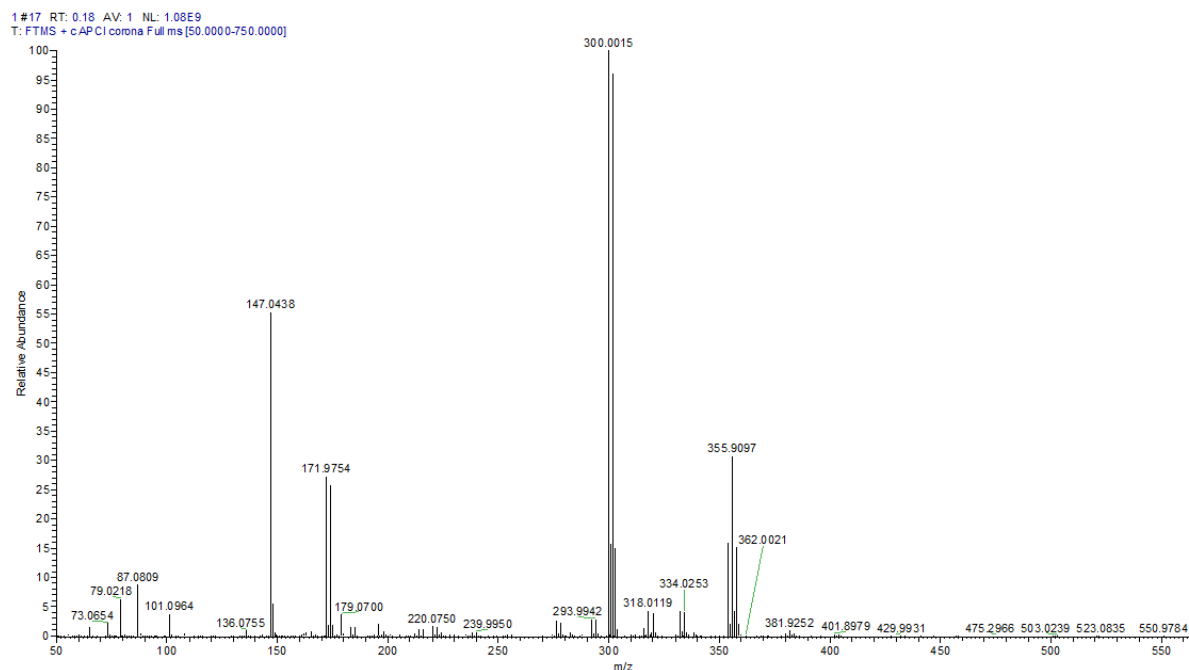
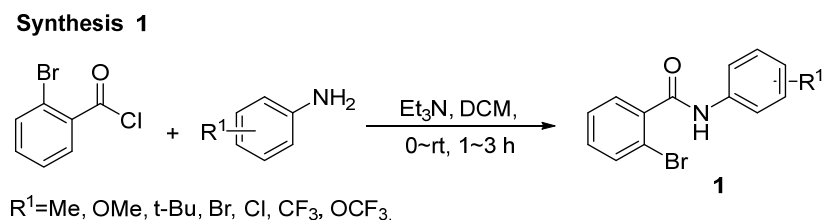


Figure S5. HRMS spectra for intermediate E

2. General Procedure

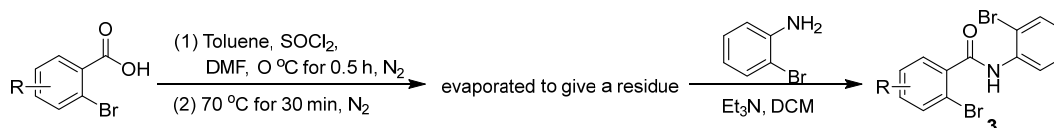
2.1 Synthesis Procedure of Substrates.



Scheme S2. Synthesis procedure of substrate **1**

The appropriate amine (5 mmol) was added dropwise to 2-bromobenzoyl chloride (1.10 g, 5.0 mmol) THF (20 mL) and NEt₃ (1.7 mL) at 0 °C. After the addition of amine, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then poured into 30 mL of ethyl acetate and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (30 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated using a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure (20 mmHg). This resulted in the formation of a solid, which was then dried under high-vacuum conditions to afford the desired amide.

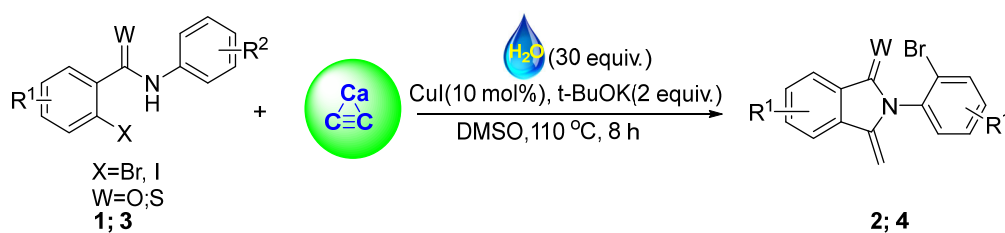
Synthesis 3



Scheme S3. Synthesis procedure of substrate **3**

Under nitrogen atmosphere, add 2 g (10 mmol) o-o-benzoic acid, 25 mL of toluene, 2 mL of aluminum dichloride, and several drops of DMF to a 50 mL eggplant-shaped flask, and stop heating after refluxing for 2-3 h. The solvent and potassium dichloride were evaporated to obtain a pale yellow oily liquid. Add 20 mL of dichloromethane, and simultaneously add 1.5 mL of benzylamine and 3 mL of triethylamine with a syringe under ice bath conditions. The reaction is basically completed by TLC, washed with 20 mL of hydrochloric acid for 2 times, and washed with saturated saline once. Acetyl acetate was recrystallized to obtain pure product 1.53 g (76%).

2.2 The General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3-methylene-2-arylisindolin-1-ones **2x-4i**

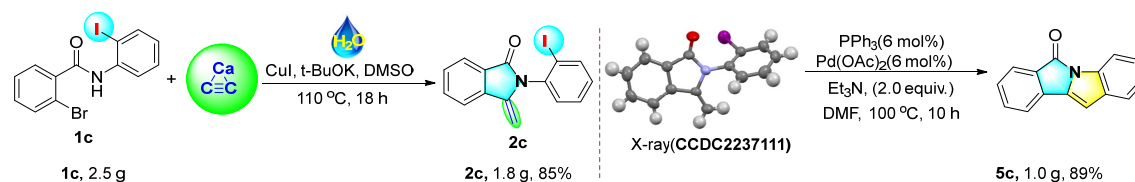


Scheme S4. Synthesis procedure of substrate **2** and **4**

2-Bromo-N-phenylbenzamide (0.2 mmol), calcium carbide (CaC₂)(0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv), t-BuOK (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), CuI (10 mol%) and H₂O(6 mmol, 30 equiv.) in 1 mL Dimethyl sulfoxide were stirred at 110 °C for 8 h under the air atmosphere. After the completion of the reaction, the resulting mixture was filtered to remove the solid, and the liquor was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), and washed with saturated brine (3×10 mL). The resulting organic phase was dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was isolated by column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (v/v 20:1 to 6:1) as eluent to give the pure products.

2.3 Gram-Scale Synthesis of **2a** and Pd-catalyzed Heck Annulation for Synthesis of Tetracyclic Isoindolinone Derivative

(a) Gram-Scale Synthesis of **2a**



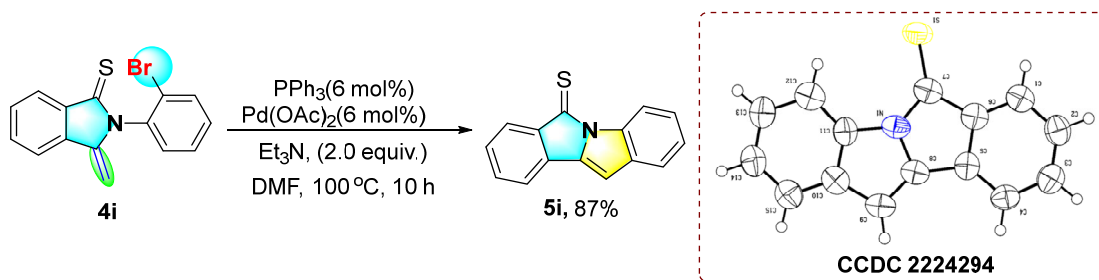
Scheme S5. Gram-scale synthesis of **2a**

2-Bromo-N-phenylbenzamide (6.25 mmol), calcium carbide (CaC_2) (25 mmol, 4.0 equiv), t-BuOK (12.5 mmol, 2 equiv), CuI (10 mol%) and H_2O (187 mmol, 30 equiv.) in 30 mL Dimethyl sulfoxide were stirred at 110 °C for 24 h under the air atmosphere. After the completion of the reaction, the resulting mixture was filtered to remove the solid, and the liquor was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), and washed with saturated brine (3×10 mL). The resulting organic phase was dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was isolated by column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (v/v 10:1) as eluent to give **2c** white solid the pure product.

(b) Pd-catalyzed Heck Annulation for Synthesis of Tetracyclic Isoindolinone Derivative

2c (1800 mg, 5.2 mmol), PPh_3 (81 mg, 0.3 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (69 mg, 0.3 mmol) and Et_3N (1050 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 25 mL N, N-dimethylformamide were stirred at 100 °C for 10 h. After the completion of the reaction, the resulting mixture was filtered to remove the solid, and the liquor was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), and washed with saturated brine (3×10 mL). The resulting organic phase was dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was isolated by column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (v/v 20:1) as eluent to give **5c** white yellow solid the pure product.

(c) Pd-catalyzed for Synthesis of **5i**



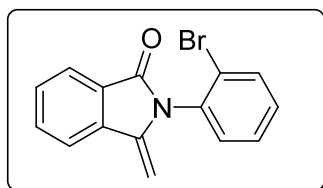
Scheme S6. Pd-catalyzed for synthesis of **5i**

4i (50 mg, 0.15 mmol), PPh₃ (3 mg, 0.01 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (2 mg, 0.01 mmol) and Et₃N (45 mg, 0.4 mmol) in 10 mL N, N-dimethylformamide were stirred at 100 °C for 10 h. After the completion of the reaction, the resulting mixture was filtered to remove the solid, and the liquor was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), and washed with saturated brine (3×10 mL). The resulting organic phase was dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was isolated by column chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (v/v 20:1) as eluent to give **5i** brownish red solid pure product.

Analytical Data for Compounds **5i**

Brownish red crystals (32 mg, 87% yield). m.p. 64-67 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 188.9, 142.5, 141.9, 135.2, 134.9, 133.1, 132.0, 128.9, 127.7, 125.3, 125.2, 122.6, 120.5, 114.3, 104.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₅H₉NS + H]⁺: 236.0528; Found: 236.0524.

3. Analytical Data for Compounds **2a-5i**

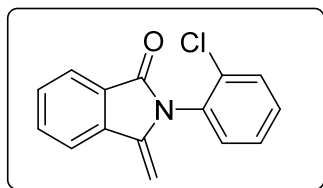


2-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(2a)^[2]

Yellow oil liquid (51 mg, 86% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.00-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.81-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.67 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.25, 142.23, 136.34, 134.52, 134.07, 133.79, 133.58, 132.51, 131.88, 131.27,

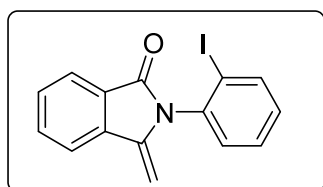
130.95, 130.84, 130.56, 129.79, 128.91, 128.55, 128.45, 123.99, 123.96, 123.80, 120.30, 90.55 ppm;

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[C_{15}H_{11}BrNO + H]^+$: 300.00162; Found: 300.00165.



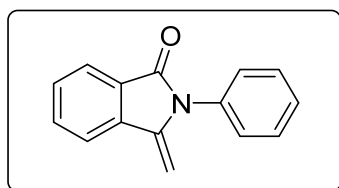
2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(2b)

Yellow solid (39 mg, 76% yield). m.p. 104-107 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.94 (dd, J = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 7.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 3H), 5.21 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 166.3, 142.3, 136.4, 133.9, 132.5, 132.4, 131.2, 130.6, 130.3, 129.7, 128.9, 127.8, 123.7, 120.2, 90.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[C_{15}H_{10}ClNO + H]^+$: 256.0524; Found: 256.0527.



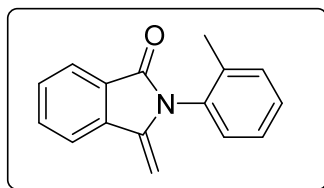
2-(2-iodophenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one (2c)^[3]

White solid (60 mg, 89% yield). m.p. 100-102 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.00-7.97 (m, 1H), 7.96(d, J =8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15(m, 1H), 5.22 (d, J =4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, J =4.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 166.1, 142.1, 140.1, 137.7, 136.3, 132.6, 130.7, 130.6, 129.8, 129.5, 129.0, 123.8, 120.4 ppm.



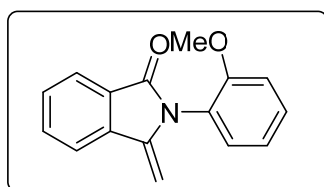
3-methylene-2-phenylisoindolin-1-one(2d)^[4]

White solid (35 mg, 78%); m.p. 94-95 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65(t, J =8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 5.23 (d, J =4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80(d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 166.7, 143.2, 136.2, 134.6, 132.3, 131.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.1, 126.6, 123.7, 123.6, 120.0, 90.5 ppm.



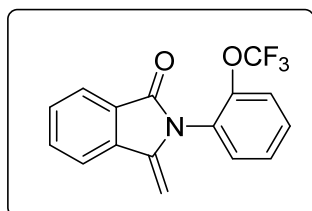
3-methylene-2-(o-tolyl)isoindolin-1-one(2e)

Colorless liquid (34 mg, 72% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.83-7.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 4.0$, Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H), 5.15-5.11 (m, 1H), 5.07(d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.37(d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.0 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 167.4, 166.5, 165.7, 142.9, 137.2, 136.5, 134.4, 133.4, 132.3, 132.0, 131.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 127.0, 126.9, 123.7, 123.5, 120.52, 90.4, 77.36, 17.8, 17.7(d, $J = 4.0$ Hz) ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$: 236.1069; Found: 236.1067.



2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(2f)

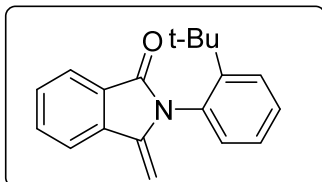
White solid (43 mg, 86% yield). m.p. 111-114 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.54(t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.27(d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 2H), 5.15(d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.53(d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.76(s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.1, 141.9, 138.1, 136.4, 134.8, 133.2, 132.8, 131.7, 131.4, 130.6, 130.3, 130.0, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 124.5, 124.2, 123.9, 121.8, 120.4, 90.6, 55.9, 55.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}]^+$: 252.1019; Found: 252.1015.



3-methylene-2-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)isoindolin-1-one(2g)

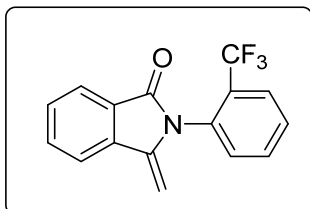
White solid (45 mg, 75% yield). m.p. 121-124 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.93(d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, $J = 4.0$, Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 5.22 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz,

Chloroform-d) δ -57.32; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.2, 145.9(q, $^3J_{\text{CF}_3}=1$ Hz), 142.2, 136.4, 132.4, 131.1, 130.1, 119.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.0, 123.6, 121.5, 120.2(q, $^1J_{\text{CF}_3}=257$ Hz), 120.1, 90.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}]^+$: 306.07363; Found: 306.07336.



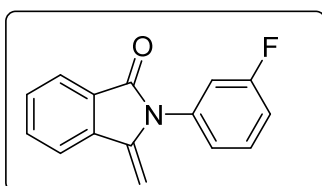
2-(2-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(2h)

White solid (33 mg, 60% yield). m.p. 101-103 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1H), 5.23 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.8 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 168.0, 149.6, 145.3, 137.7, 136.6, 133.0, 132.6, 132.3, 131.9, 131.3, 130.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 123.6, 120.1, 91.9, 35.8, 31.8, 31.6, ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$: 278.15395; Found: 278.15366.



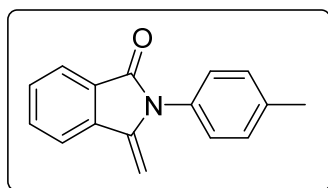
3-methylene-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)isoindolin-1-one(2i)

White solid (39 mg, 69% yield). m.p. 110-112 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.94 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.9 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.67 (m, 5H), 7.60 (t, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.1, 141.8, 138.0, 136.3, 134.7, 133.1, 132.8, 131.3, 130.41(q, $J=33$ Hz), 130.0, 128.46, 128.39, 128.36, 127.1(q, $J=4$ Hz), 123.9, 123.1 (q, $J=271$ Hz), 120.3, 90.5 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$: 290.0787; Found: 290.0782.



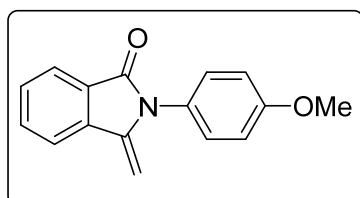
2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(2j)

Colorless liquid (36 mg, 74% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.14 (m, 2H), 5.27 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -111.14; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.4, 162.9(d, $J=246$ Hz), 142.6, 136.2, 136.01(d, $J=10$ Hz), 132.5 (d, $J=9$ Hz) 129.9, 128.6, 123.8(d, $J=3$ Hz), 123.6, 120.1, 115.5(d, $J=23$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J=21$ Hz), 90.6 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNO}+\text{H}]^+$: 240.0819; Found: 240.0813.



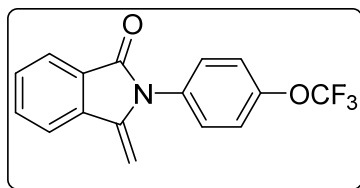
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White solid (42 mg, 88%); m.p. 130-133 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 5.24 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.8, 143.2, 138.0, 136.2, 132.2, 131.9, 130.0, 129.7, 129.0, 127.9, 123.5, 120.0, 90.4, 21.3, 21.2 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$: 236.10699; Found: 236.10674.



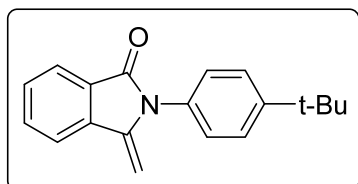
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one (2l)^[5]

White solid (41 mg, 80%); m.p. 124-125 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 2H), 5.52 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.9, 159.2, 143.6, 136.1, 132.2, 129.7, 129.3, 129.0, 127.1, 123.5, 120.0, 114.7, 90.4, 55.6 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}]^+$: 252.1019; Found: 252.1013.



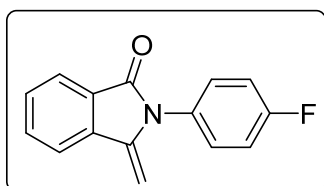
3-methylene-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)isoindolin-1-one(2m)

White solid (57 mg, 93%), m.p. 112-113 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.55(m, 1H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d)δ -57.82; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.6, 148.4, 142.8, 136.2, 133.1, 132.5, 129.9, 129.5, 128.6, 123.7, 121.8, 120.41(q, *J*=256 Hz), 120.1, 90.4 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₆H₁₀F₃NO₂ +H]⁺: 306.0736, Found:306.0732.



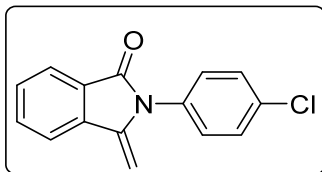
2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one (2n)^[6]

White solid (39 mg, 72%); m.p. 155-157 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.61(m, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.29 (m, 2H), 5.22 (d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 39H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.8, 150.9, 143.2, 136.3, 132.3, 131.8, 129.7, 129.0, 127.5, 126.4, 125.7, 123.5, 121.4, 120.2, 90.7, 34.8, 31.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₉H₁₉NO +H]⁺: 278.1539, Found: 278.1532.



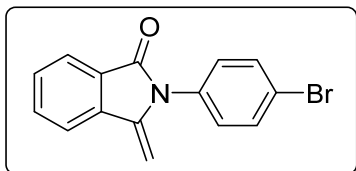
2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one (2o)^[4]

White solid(40 mg, 85%), m.p. 107-108 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.90 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2H), 5.19 (d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 2H), 5.23 (d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.19; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.7, 162.0 (d, *J*=246 Hz), 143.1, 136.1, 132.4, 130.4(d, *J*=3 Hz), 129.9, 129.84, 129.82, 128.7, 123.6, 120.1, 116.3(d, *J*=33 Hz), 90.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₅H₁₀FNO +H]⁺: 240.0819, Found: 240.0812.



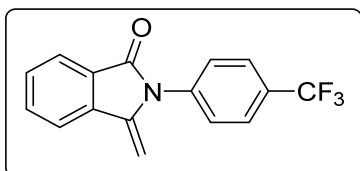
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one (2p)^[7]

White solid (40 mg, 80%); m.p. 118.2-119.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.84 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J*=8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.5, 142.8, 136.2, 133.8, 133.1, 132.5, 129.9, 129.6, 129.39, 128.7, 123.7, 120.1, 90.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₅H₁₀ClNO +H]⁺: 256.05236; Found: 256.05232.



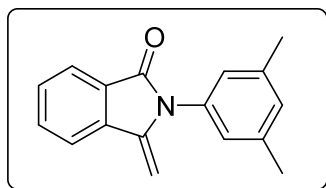
2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one (2q)^[5]

White solid (49 mg, 82%); m.p. 138-139 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.5, 142.7, 136.2, 133.6, 132.6, 132.5 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 129.9, 129.7, 128.7, 123.6, 121.9, 120.1, 90.5 ppm.



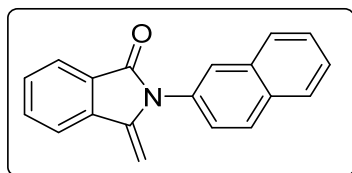
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White solid (43 mg, 76%), m.p. 116-117 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.26 (m, 3H), 5.29 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -62.55; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.4, 142.4, 137.8, 136.2, 132.7, 123.76, 130.0, 129.9 (d, *J*=33 Hz), 128.3, 126.3 (q, *J*=4 Hz), 123.81 (q, *J*=270 Hz), 120.2, 90.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₆H₁₀F₃NO +H]⁺: 290.0787, Found: 290.0783.



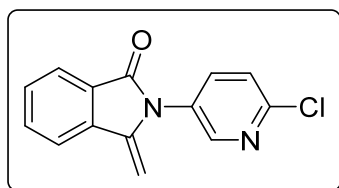
2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(2t)

White solid (38 mg, 76%), m.p. 94-96 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.91 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.61(m, 1H), 7.57-7.53(m, 1H), 7.25-6.05(m, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 5.21 (d, *J* =4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, *J* =4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.8, 142.3, 139.1, 138.9, 137.4, 136.2, 134.3, 133.4, 132.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 125.8, 123.5, 120.0, 117.7, 90.5, 21.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₇H₁₅NO +H]⁺: 250.1226, Found: 250.1220.



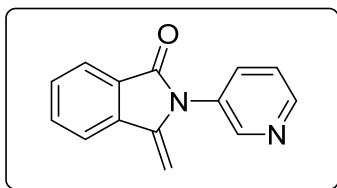
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White solid (37 mg, 69%); m.p. 143-144 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.98 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.92-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.79 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.09, 143.2, 136.2, 133.6, 132.7, 132.4, 132.0, 129.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.1, 127.8, 127.1, 126.7, 126.6, 125.8, 123.7, 120.1, 90.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₉H₁₃NO +H]⁺: 250.1226, Found: 250.1220.



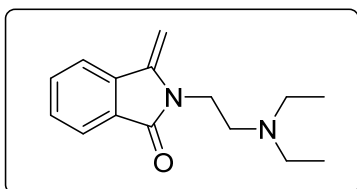
2-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(2v)^[2]

White solid (35 mg, 68%); m.p. 115-118 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.70 (t, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.5, 150.3, 148.8, 142.2, 138.1, 136.2, 132.9, 130.5, 130.2, 128.2, 124.9, 123.8, 120.3, 190.6 ppm.



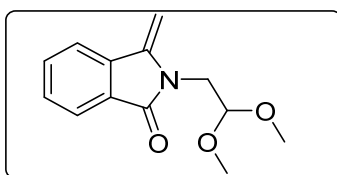
3-methylene-2-(pyridin-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one(2w)

White solid (32 mg, 72%); m.p. 120-125 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.68-8.64 (m, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.75(m, 2H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J*= 4.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.6, 149.1, 148.9, 142.3, 136.3, 135.6, 132.7, 131.5, 130.1, 128.5, 124.0, 123.7, 120.2, 90.6, 90.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₄H₁₀N₂O +H]⁺: 223.0866, Found: 223.0862.



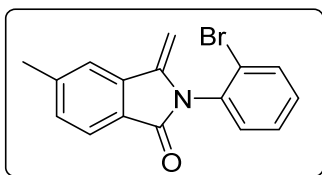
2-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(2y)

Yellow oil (43 mg, 89%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.79 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J*=6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.63-2.58 (m, 4H), 1.03 (t, *J*=4.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 167.0 , 141.9.2 , 136.4 , 131.8 , 129.4 , 123.0 , 119.8, 88.6 , 50.4 , 47.5, 37.9, 12.1. ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₅H₂₀N₂O +H]⁺ : 245.1648, Found: 245.1645.



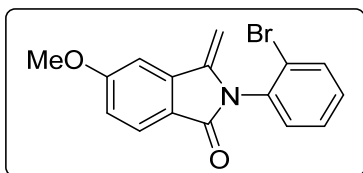
2-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(2z)

Yellow oil (29 mg, 64%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.84-7.82 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (t, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.47(t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23-5.22(d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02-5.01(d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.66-5.63 (t, *J*=4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.90(d, *J*=4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.41(s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 167.4, 142.0, 136.4, 132.0, 129.4, 128.9, 123.2, 119.9, 102.1, 89.7, 54.5, 54.4, 41.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for [C₁₃H₁₅NO₃ +H]⁺ : 234.1124, Found: 234.1125



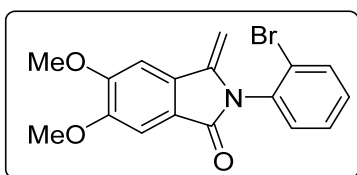
2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-methyl-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(4a)

White solid (51 mg, 82% yield). m.p. 80-91 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.82 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 3H), 5.17 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.1, 143.1, 142.2, 136.6, 134.1, 133.6, 131.1, 130.7, 130.4, 128.4, 126.4, 123.9, 123.5, 120.5, 89.9, 21.9, 21.8 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNO} + \text{H}]^+$: 314.0175, Found: 314.0169.



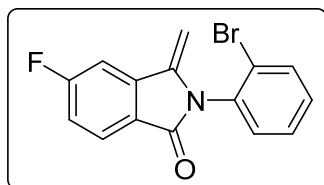
2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-methoxy-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(4b)

White solid (46 mg, 71% yield). m.p. 95-97 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.84 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J=8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 1H), 5.15 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.1, 163.6, 142.2, 138.6, 134.2, 133.7, 131.4, 130.4, 128.6, 125.3, 124.1, 121.7, 116.5, 104.5, 90.1, 55.9, 55.8 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNO}_2 + \text{H}]^+$: 330.0124, Found: 330.0118.



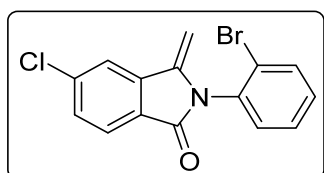
2-(2-bromophenyl)-5,6-dimethoxy-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(4c)

White solid (61 mg, 85% yield). m.p. 112-114 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.75 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 5.08 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 168.6, 166.4, 153.3, 151.2, 142.2, 134.3, 133.7, 131.4, 130.5, 130.3, 128.5, 124.1, 121.8, 104.9, 102.3, 102.2, 89.6, 56.4, 56.3 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO}_3 + \text{H}]^+$: 360.0229, Found: 360.0223.



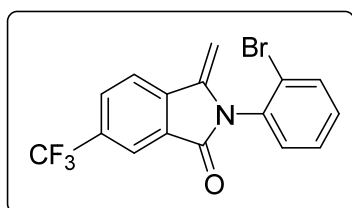
2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-fluoro-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(4d)

Colorless liquid (57 mg, 91% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.97-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 5.21 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -105.70; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 165.8 (d, $J=251$ Hz), 165.1, 141.4 (d, $J=4$ Hz), 138.7 (d, $J=10$ Hz), 133.83, 133.79, 131.2, 130.6, 128.6, 126.0 (d, $J=10$ Hz), 125.01 (d, $J=2$ Hz), 123.8, 117.5 (d, $J=24$ Hz), 107.5 (d, $J=24$ Hz), 91.4 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{BrFNO}+\text{H}]^+$: 317.9924, Found: 317.9917.



2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-chloro-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(4e)

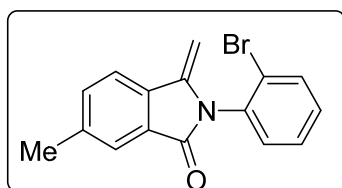
White solid (61 mg, 93% yield). m.p. 129-131 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.87 (d, $J=8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 5.21 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 164.9, 140.9, 138.7, 137.6, 133.7, 133.6, 131.0, 130.5, 130.0, 128.5, 127.1, 124.9, 123.6, 120.5, 91.6, 91.5 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{BrClNO} + \text{H}]^+$: 333.9628, Found: 333.9623.



2-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methylene-6-(trifluoromethyl)isoindolin-1-one(4f)

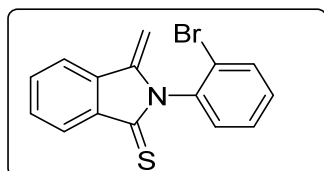
White solid (57 mg, 79% yield). m.p. 145-148 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.79-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 5.33 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 164.0, 163.9, 140.6, 139.2, 136.5, 133.4, 133.2, 131.6, 131.3, 130.5 (q, $J=32$ Hz), 129.1, 128.7, 126.9 (q, $J=4$ Hz), 124.3, 123.8 (q, $J=27$ Hz), 123.71 (q, $J=271$ Hz), 123.0, 122.6, 120.1 (q, $J=4$ Hz), 118.9 (q, $J=4$ Hz), 90.4,

93.7 ppm.; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[C_{16}H_9BrF_3NO + H]^+$: 367.9892, Found: 367.9891.



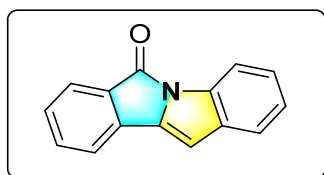
2-(2-bromophenyl)-6-methyl-3-methyleneisoindolin-1-one(4g)

White solid (46 mg, 73% yield). m.p.196-198 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J=4.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m,2H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 2H), 5.14 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (m, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.4 , 142.3 , 140.2 , 134.2 , 133.8 , 133.7 , 133.5, 131.3 , 129.1 , 128.5 , 124.1 , 123.9 , 120.1 , 89.8, 21.7, 21.6 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[C_{16}H_{12}BrNO + H]^+$: 314.0175; Found: 314.0169.



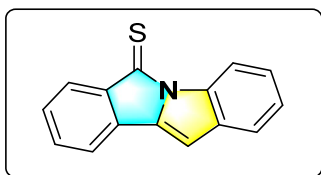
2-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methyleneisoindoline-1-thione(4i)

White solid (42 mg, 68%); m.p. 143-144 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.94 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J=6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J=6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), 5.21 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 166.6, 166.2, 142.2, 136.3, 134.6, 134.0, 133.8, 132.5, 131.3, 130.6, 129.8, 128.9, 128.6, 124.0, 123.9, 123.7, 120.3, 90.6 ppm; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[C_{15}H_{10}BrNS + H]^+$: 315.9967; Found: 315.9962.



6H-isoindolo[2,1-a]indol-6-one(5c)^[1]

Yellow solid (1000 mg, 89% yield). m.p.157-158 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.88(d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J=4$ Hz, 1H), 7.357.25 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 162.5, 138.7, 134.6, 134.4, 133.8, 133.6, 133.5, 128.7, 126.2, 125.1, 123.8, 122.2, 121.1, 113.2, 103.4, 103.3 ppm.



6H-indolo[2,1-a]indol-6-one(5i)

Red solid (32 mg, 87% yield). m.p.64-67 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J=4$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J=8$ Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 188.9, 142.5, 141.9, 135.2, 134.9, 133.1, 132.0, 128.9, 127.7, 125.3, 125.2, 122.6, 120.5, 114.3, 104.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calc. for $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{NS} + \text{H}]^+$: 236.0528; Found: 236.0524.

4. X-ray Spectra of 2c, 5c and 5i.

4.1 Single crystal data for compound 2c

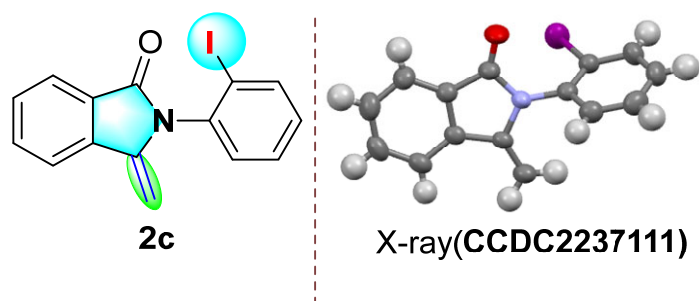


Figure S6. X-ray(CCDC2237111) Spectra of 2c

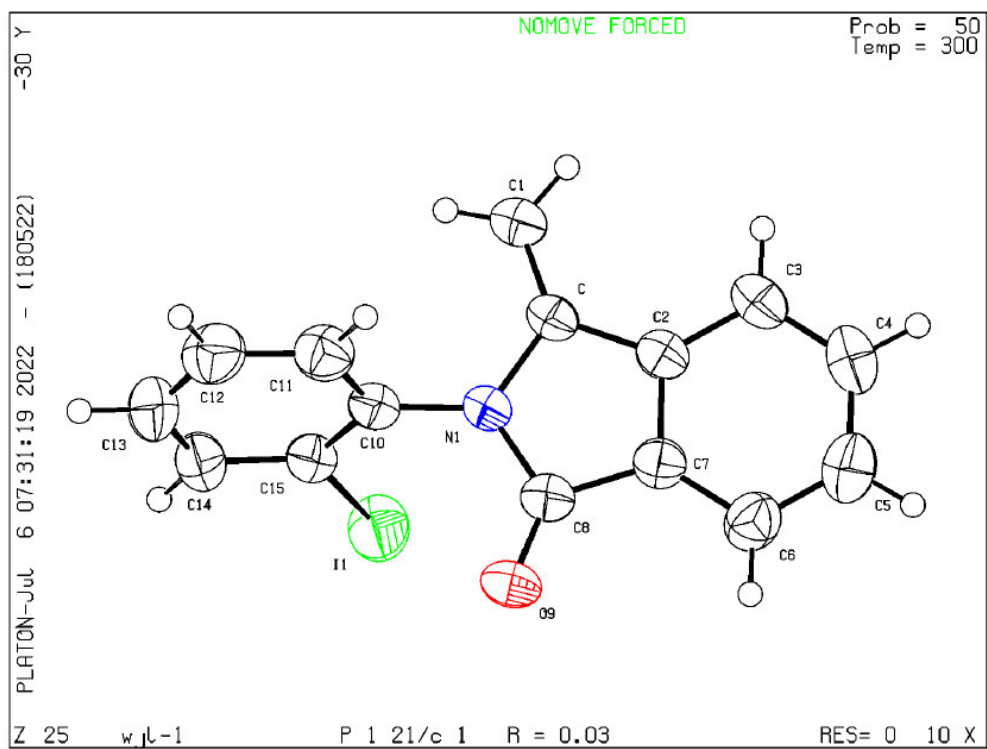


Figure S7. X-ray (CCDC2237111) Spectra of **2c**

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 alpha=90 beta=101.381(2) gamma=90
Temperature: 300 K

	Calculated	Reported
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Space group	P 21/c	P 1 21/c 1
Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc
Moiety formula	C15 H10 I N O	C15 H10 I N O
Sum formula	C15 H10 I N O	C15 H10 I N O
Mr	347.14	347.14
Dx, g cm-3	1.739	1.739
Z	4	4
Mu (mm-1)	2.402	2.402
F000	672.0	672.0
F000'	670.34	
h, k, lmax	16, 9, 17	16, 9, 17
Nref	2772	2735
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Data completeness= 0.987 Theta(max)= 26.578

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S = 0.997 Npar= 163 0.0982(2735)

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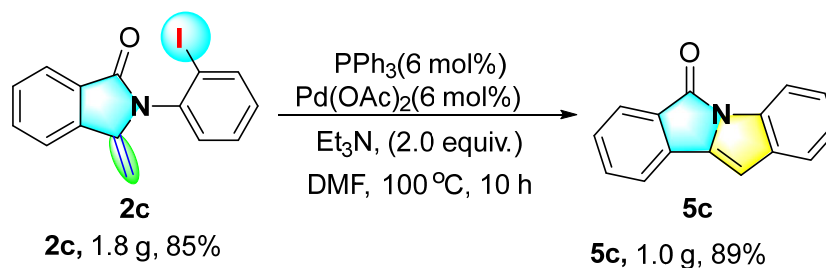
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Figure S8. Single crystal data of **2c** (X-ray(CCDC2237111))

4.2 Single crystal data for compound **5c**



Scheme S7. Synthesis of substrates **5c**

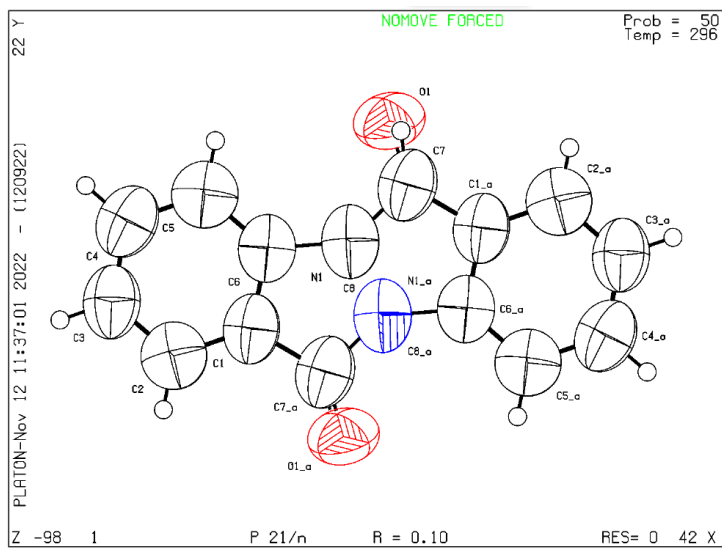


Figure S9. X-ray (CCDC2219270) Spectra of **5c**

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Cell: a=6.52 (2) b=5.62 (2) c=14.76 (5)
alpha=90 beta=94.416 (5) gamma=90
Temperature: 296 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	539 (3)	539 (3)
Space group	P 21/n	P 21/n
Hall group	-P 2yn	-P 2yn
Moiety formula	C15 H9 N O	?
Sum formula	C15 H9 N O	C15 H9 N O
Mr	219.23	219.23
Dx, g cm-3	1.351	1.350
Z	2	2
Mu (mm-1)	0.085	0.085
F000	228.0	228.0
F000'	228.10	
h, k, lmax	7, 6, 17	7, 6, 17
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S = 1.037 Npar= 71

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PLAT084_ALERT_3_C	High wR2 Value (i.e. > 0.25)	0.32 Report
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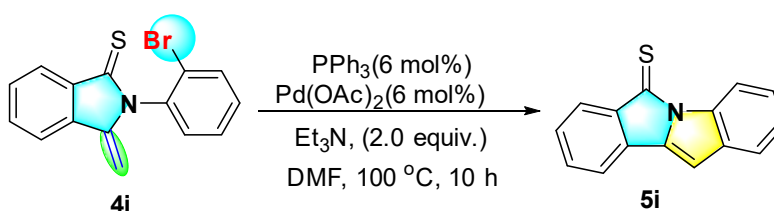
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Figure S10. Single crystal data of **5c** (X-ray (CCDC2219270))

4.3 Single crystal data for compound **5i**



Scheme S8. Synthesis of substrates **5i**

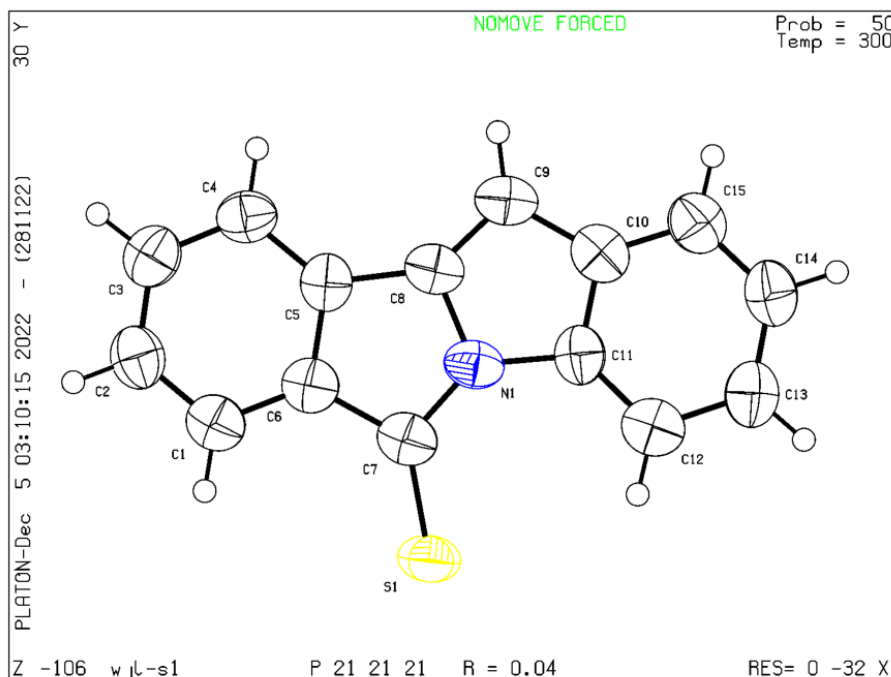


Figure S11. X-ray (CCDC 2224294) Spectra of **5i**

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 Temperature: 300 K


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Hall group	P 2ac 2ab	P 2ac 2ab
Moiety formula	C15 H9 N S	C15 H9 N S
Sum formula	C15 H9 N S	C15 H9 N S
Mr	235.29	235.29
Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.391	1.391
Z	4	4
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.260	0.260
F000	488.0	488.0
F000'	488.65	
h, k, lmax	16, 21, 5	16, 21, 5
Nref	2205 [1321]	1753
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Data completeness= 1.33/0.80 Theta(max)= 26.020


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 S = 1.149 Npar= 154

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Author Response: The completeness of data is less than the usual 99-100% for this compound, however it is only the very high angle data that is incomplete and above 0.75 angstroms we have 100% coverage. This will always be a problem with area detector data that is not truncated.

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Figure S12. Single crystal data of **5i** (X-ray (CCDC 2224294))

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6. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR Spectra for Products **2a-5i**

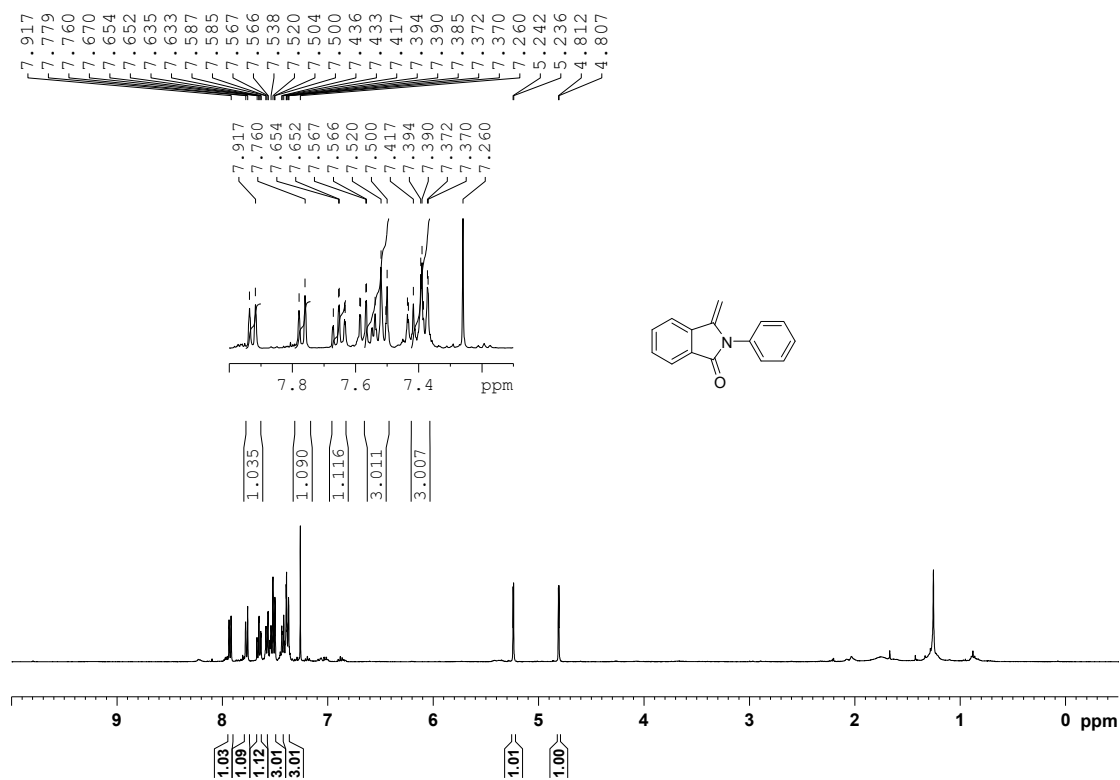


Figure S13. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of **2a**

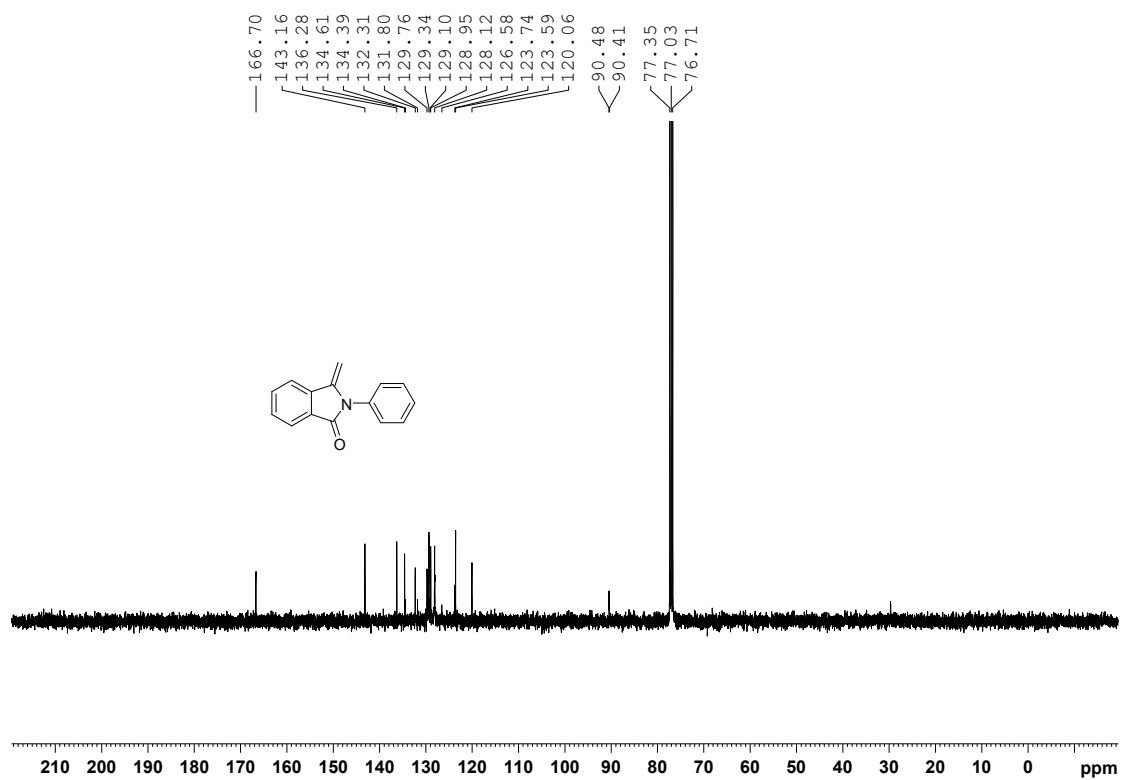


Figure S14. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2a

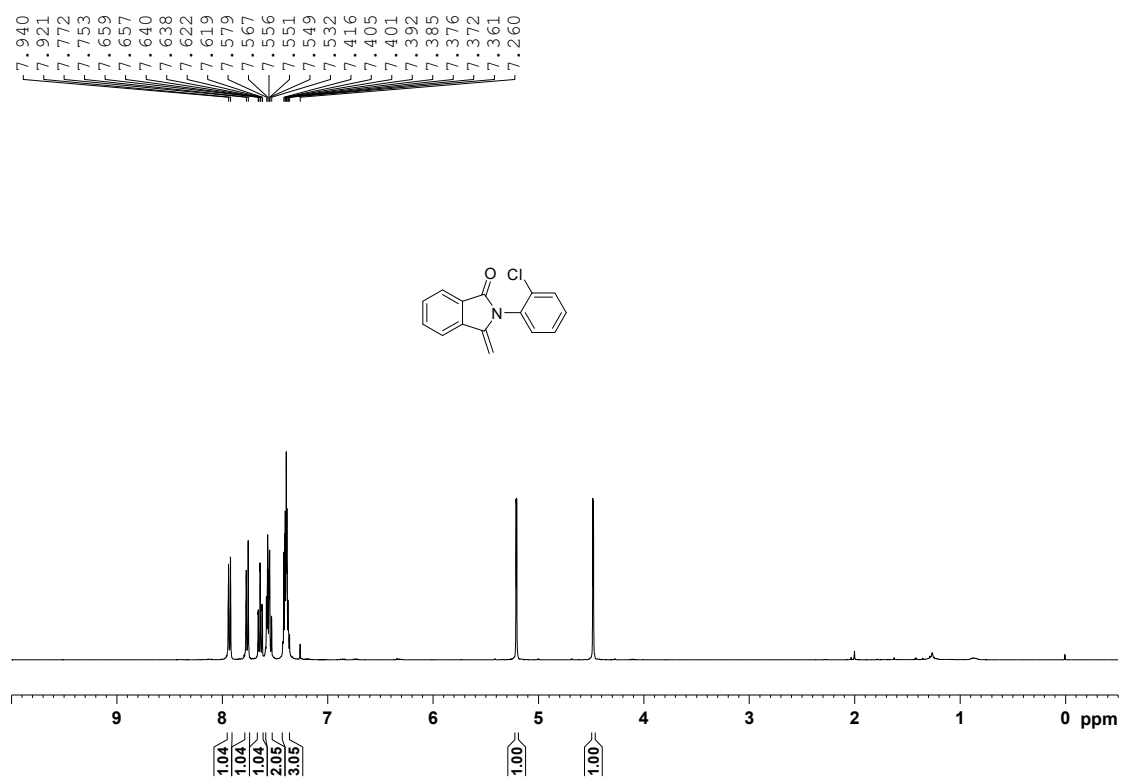


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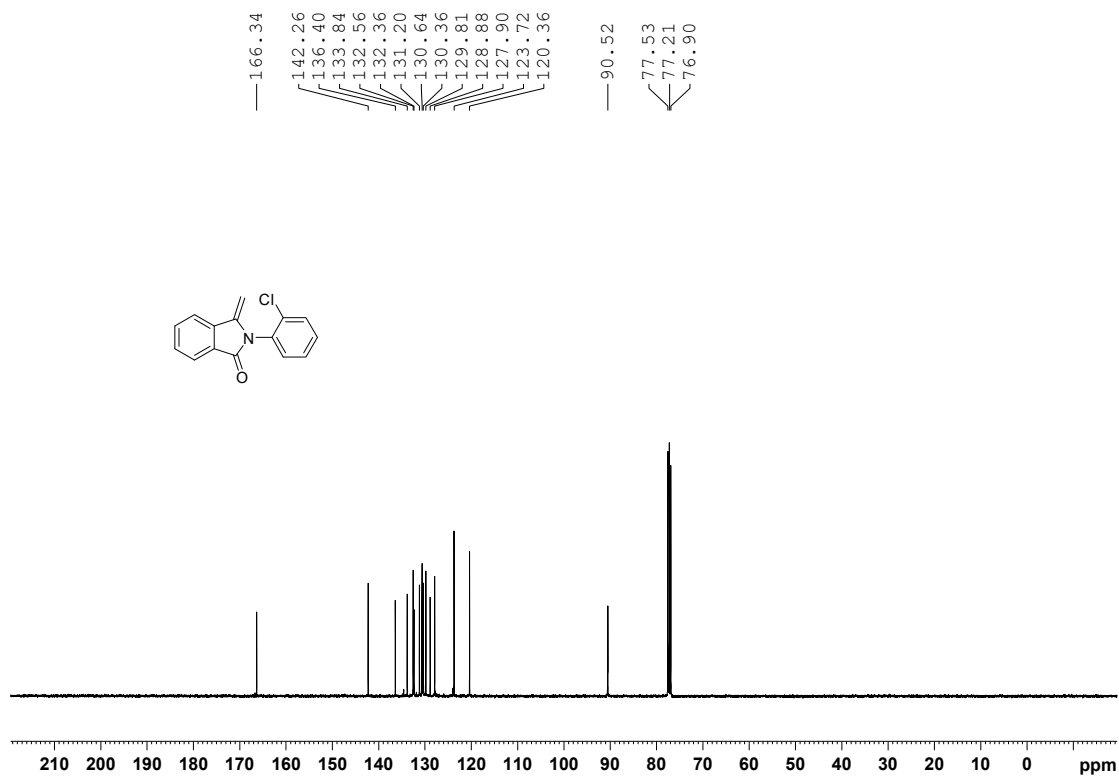


Figure S16. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2b

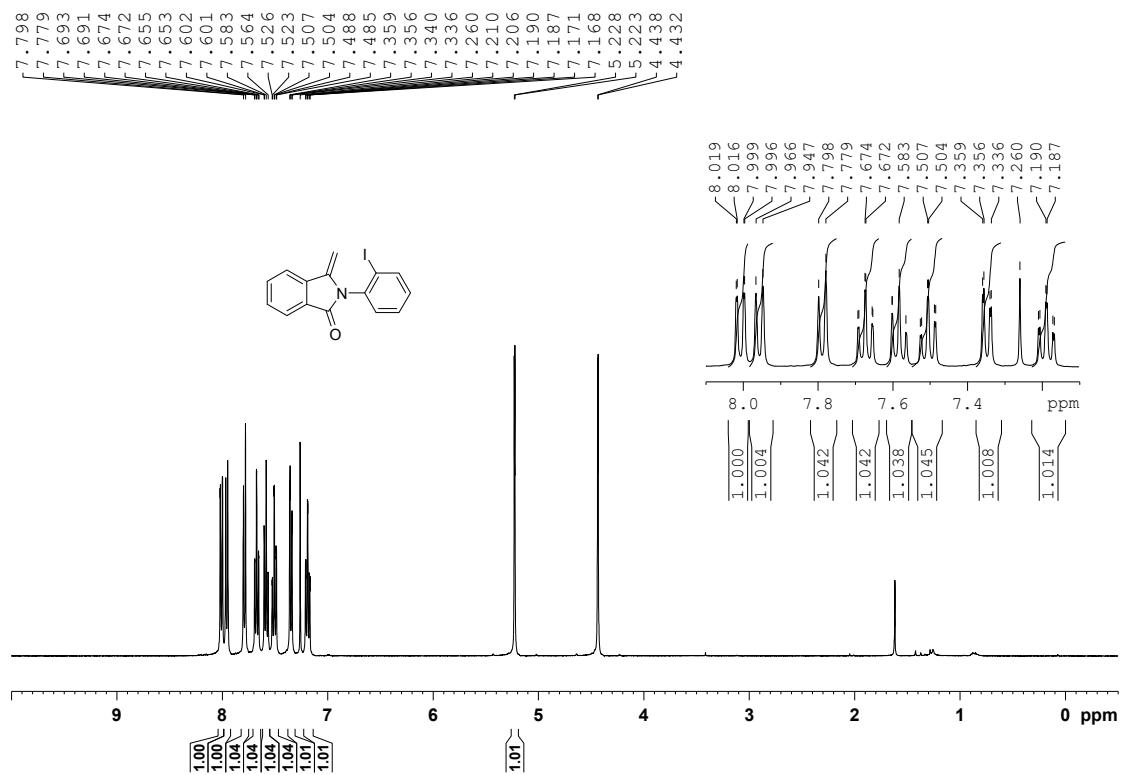


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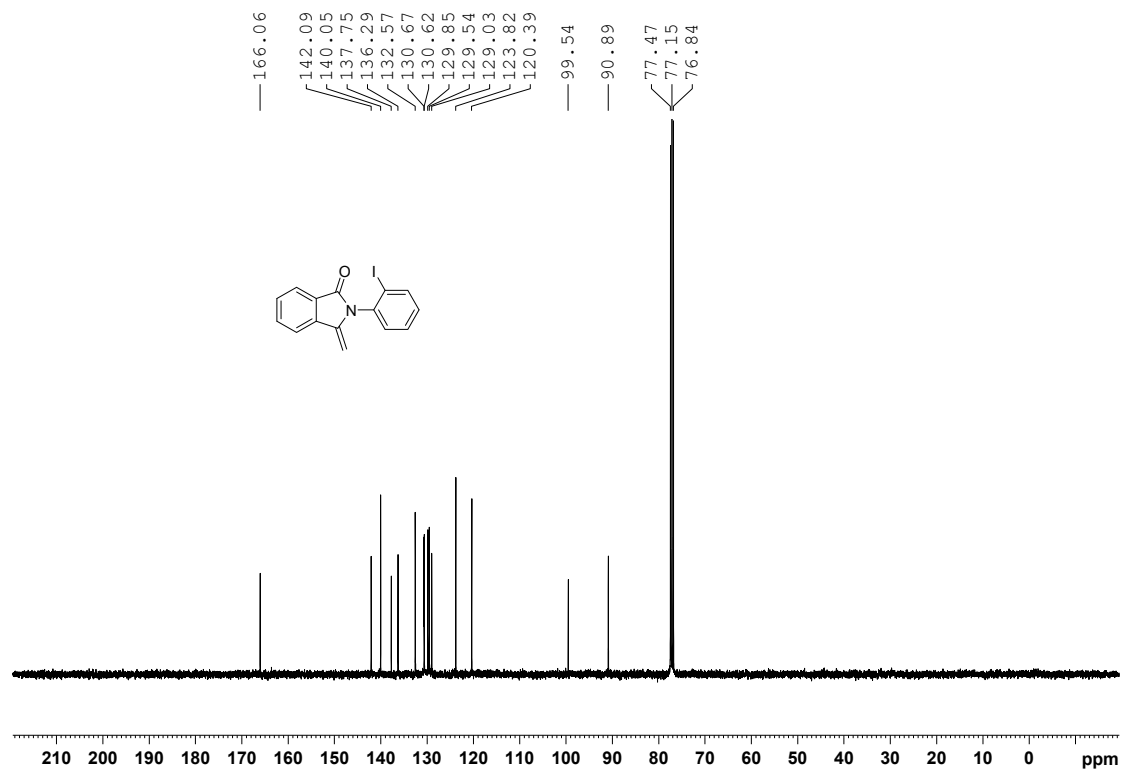


Figure S18. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2c

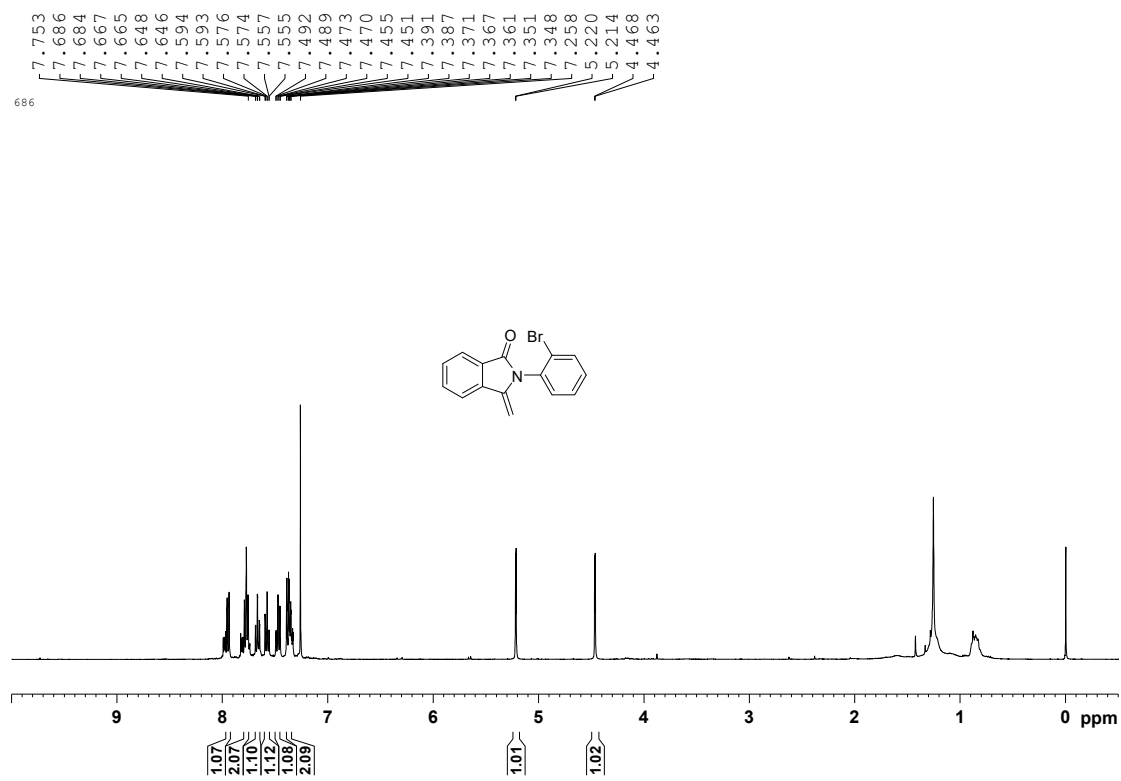


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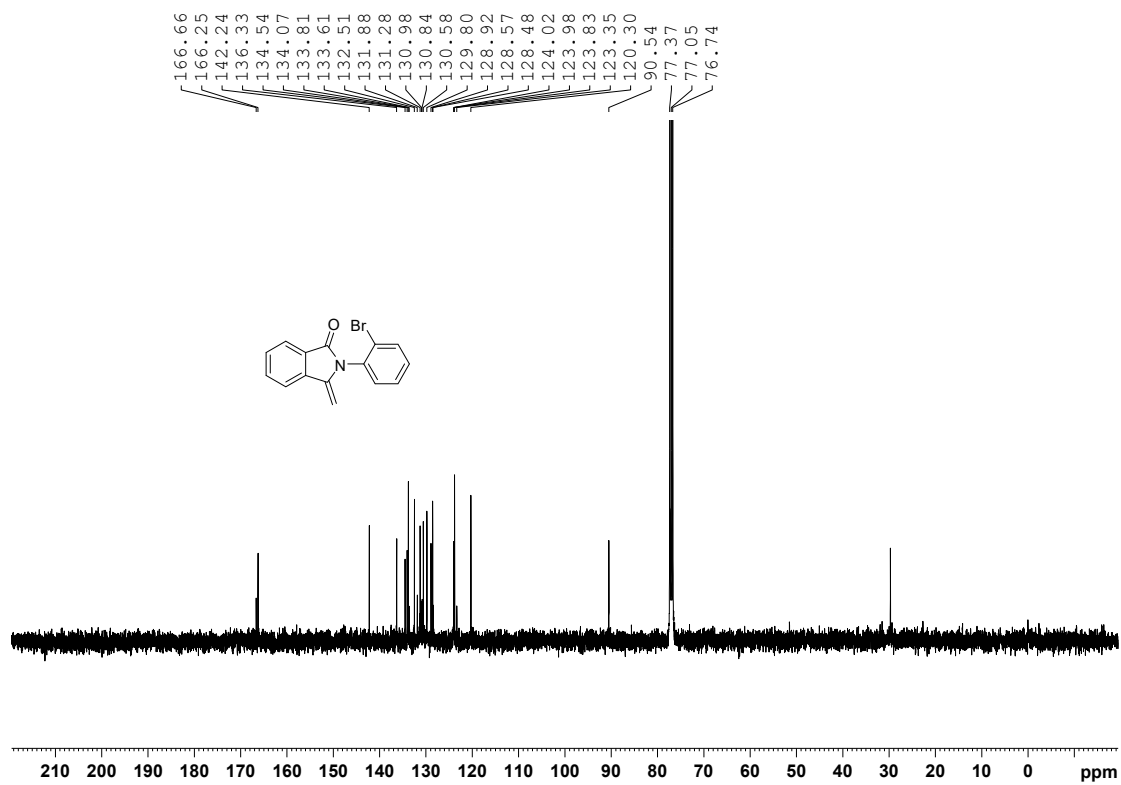


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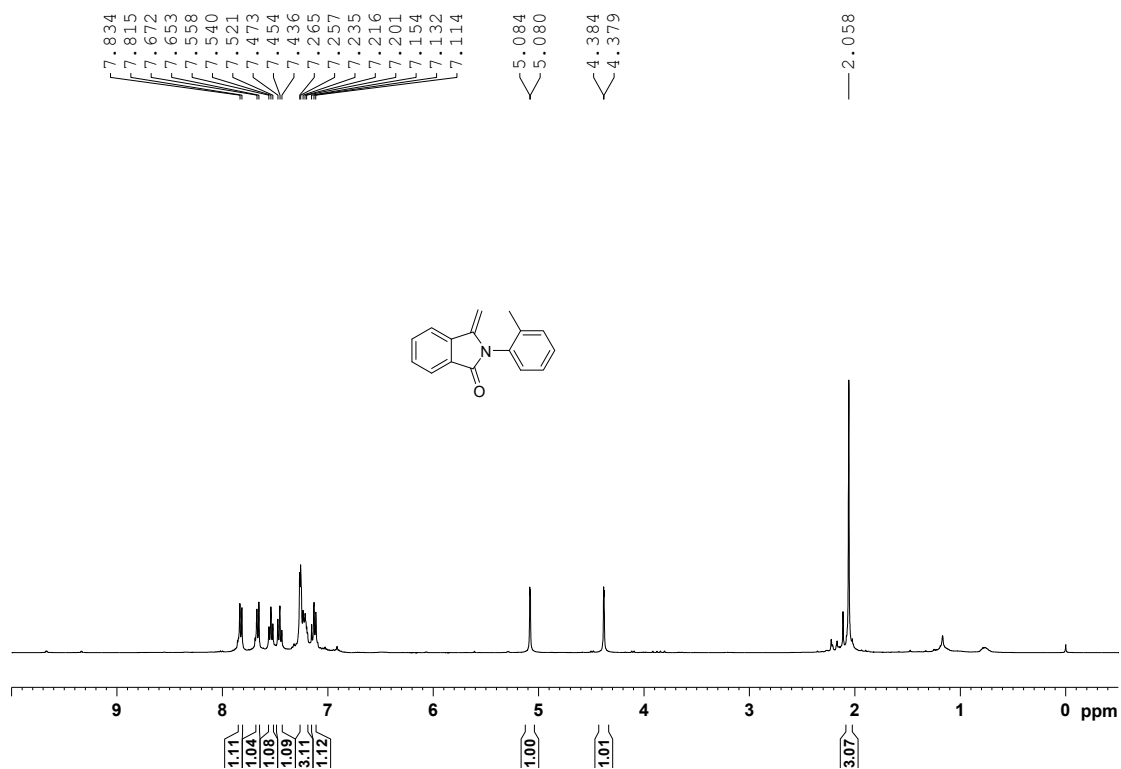


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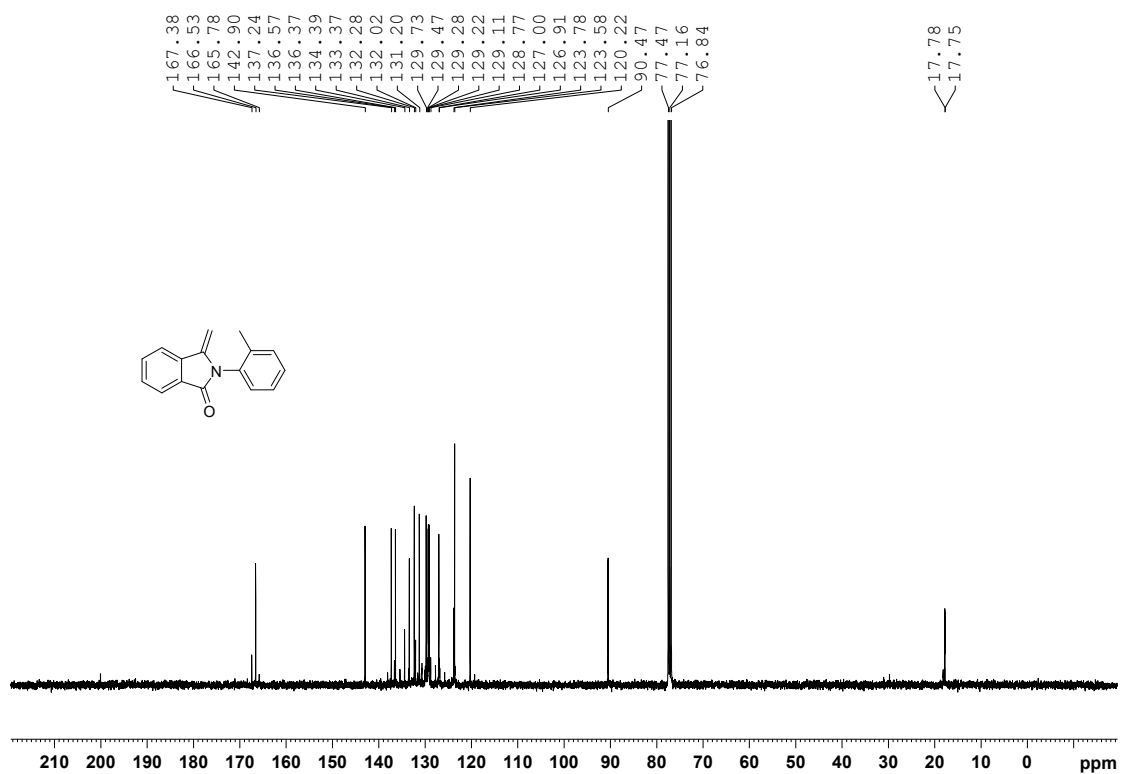


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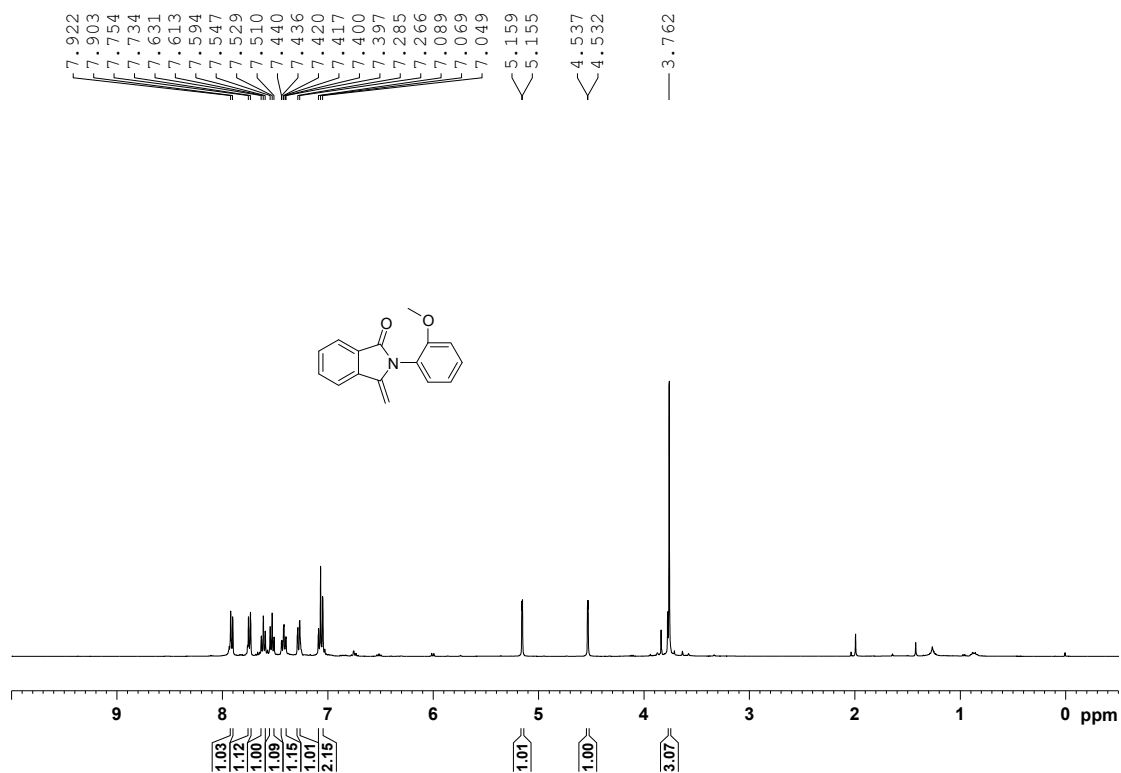


Figure S23. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2f

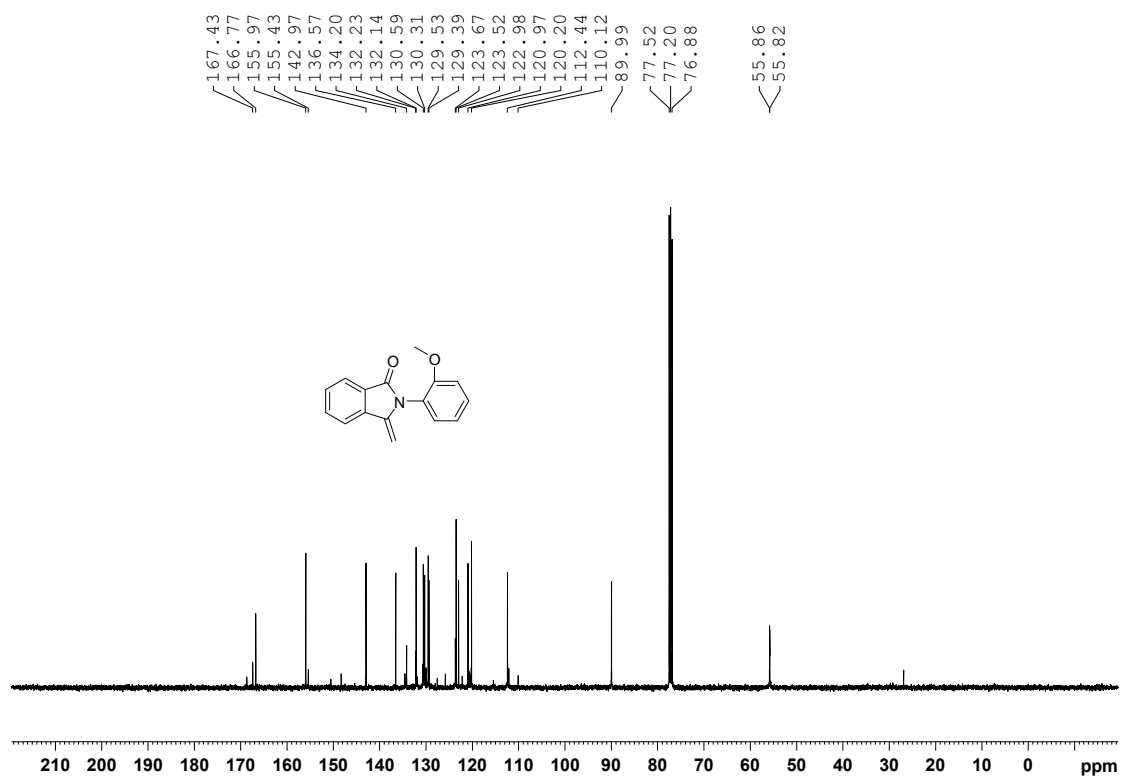


Figure S24. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2f

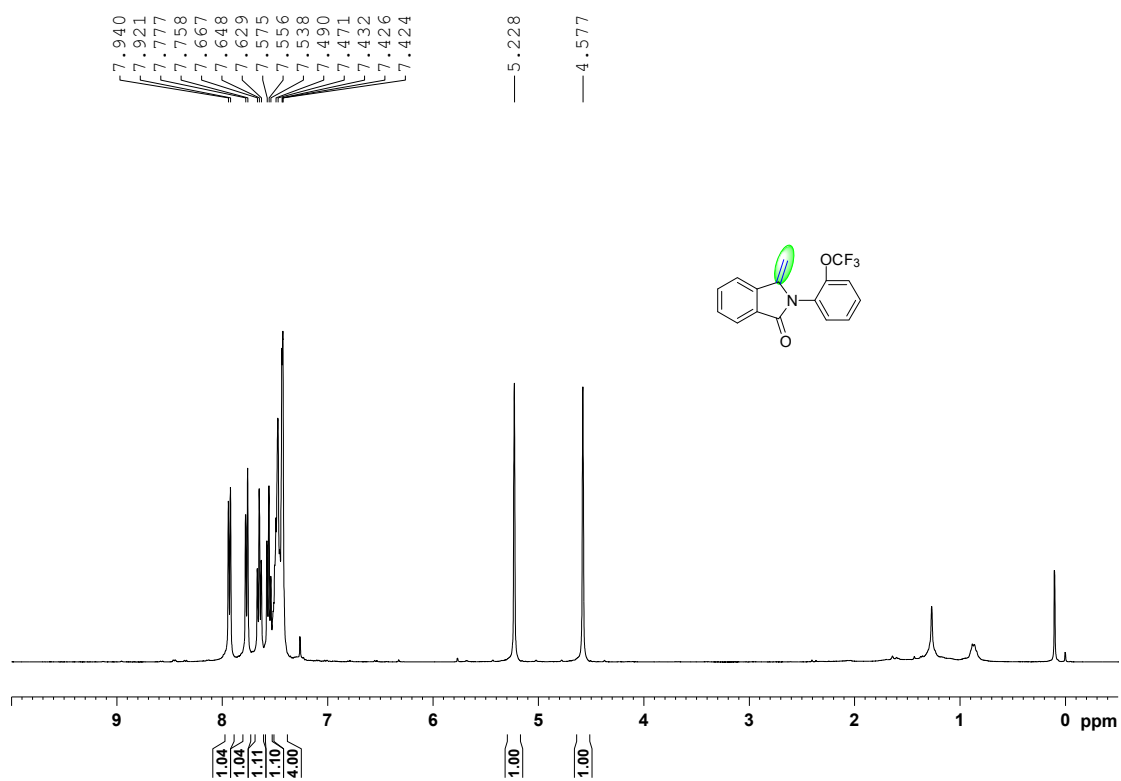


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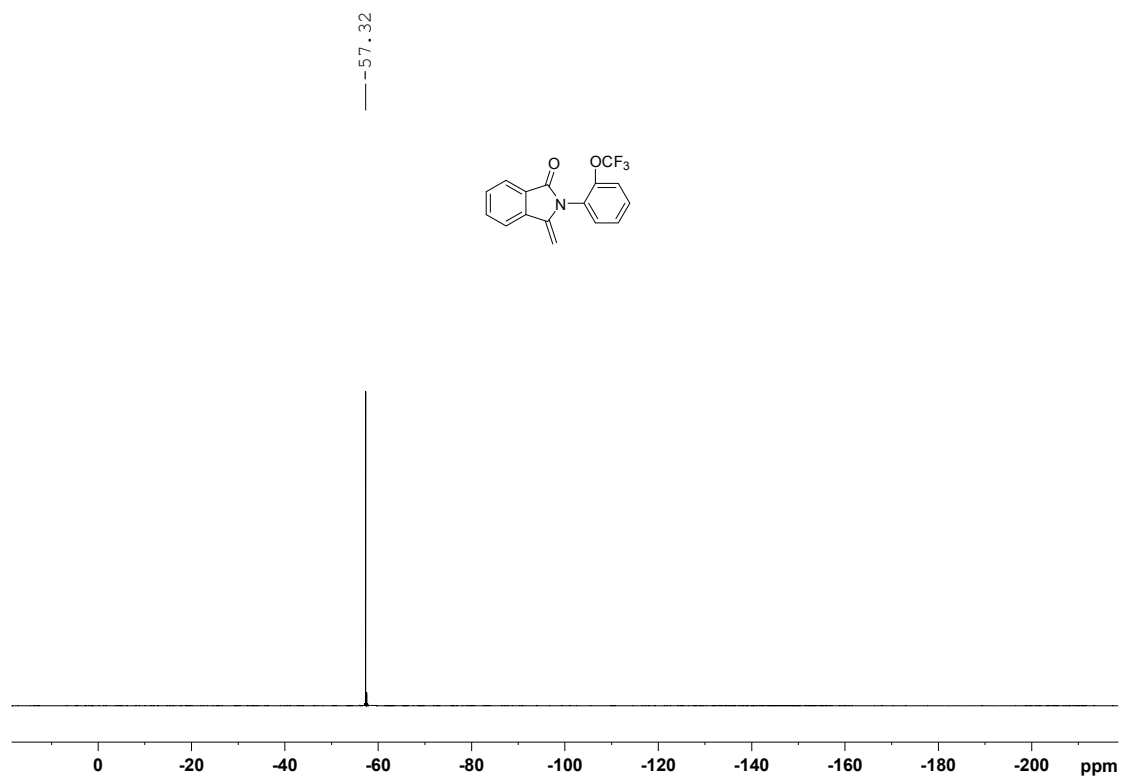


Figure S26. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2g

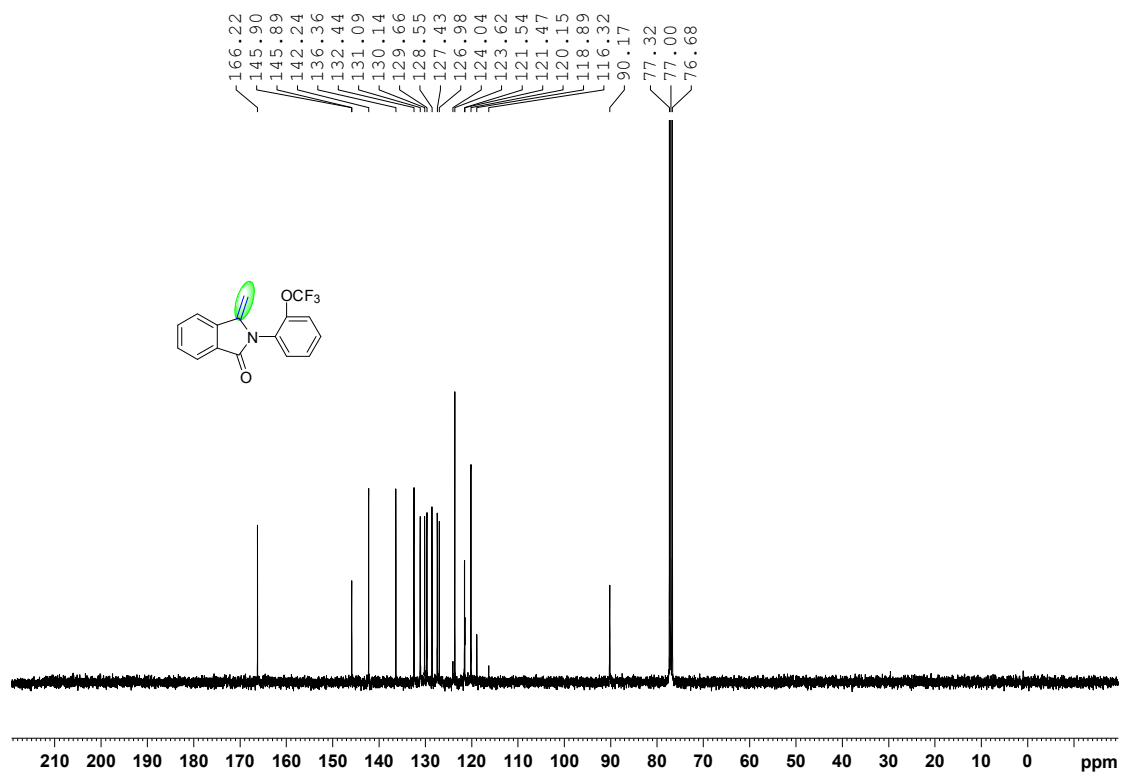


Figure S27. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2g

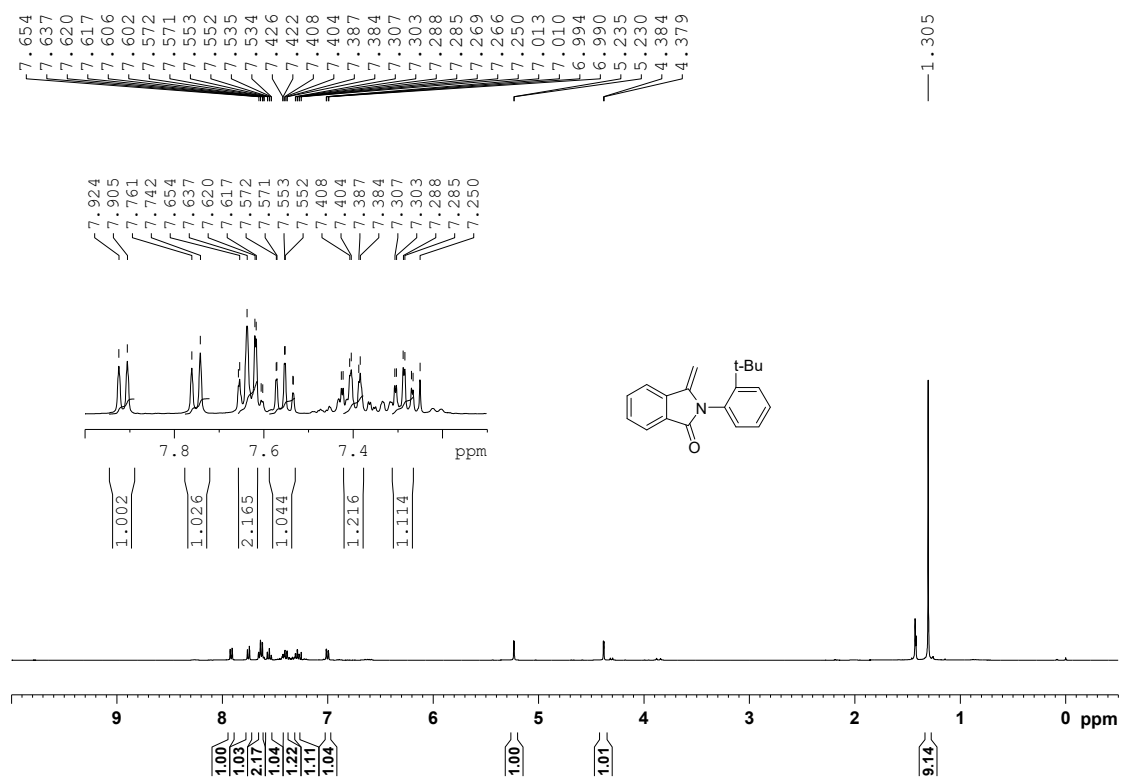


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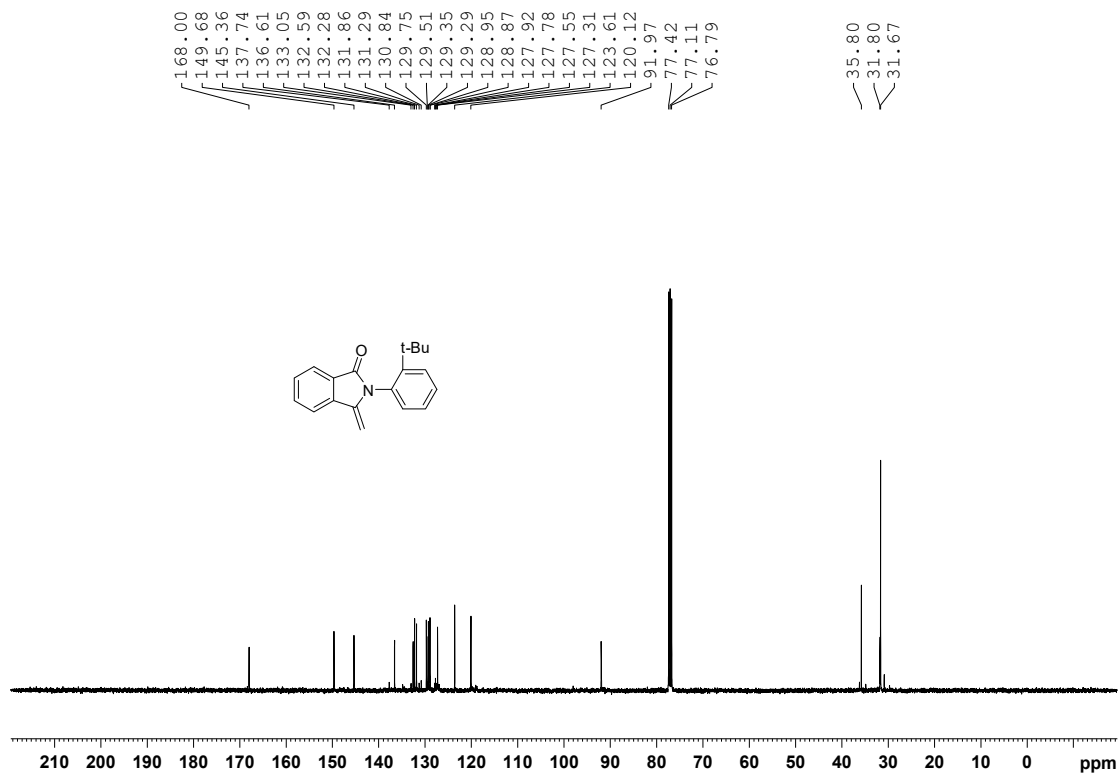


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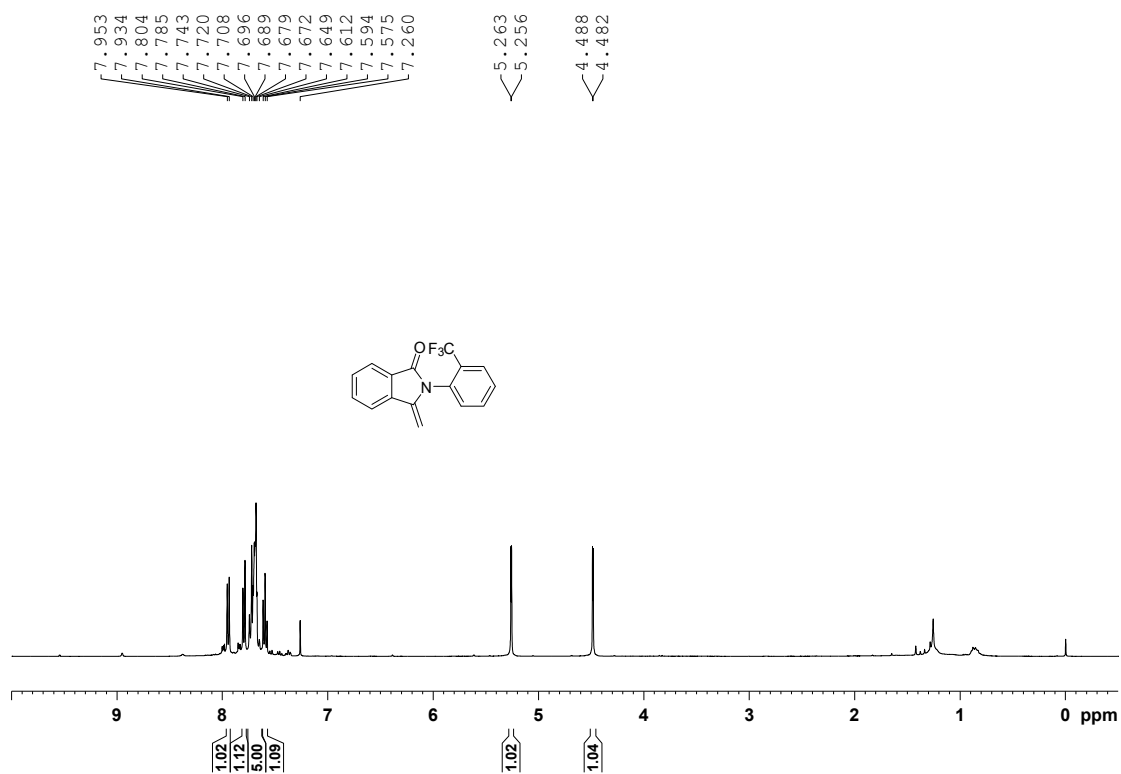


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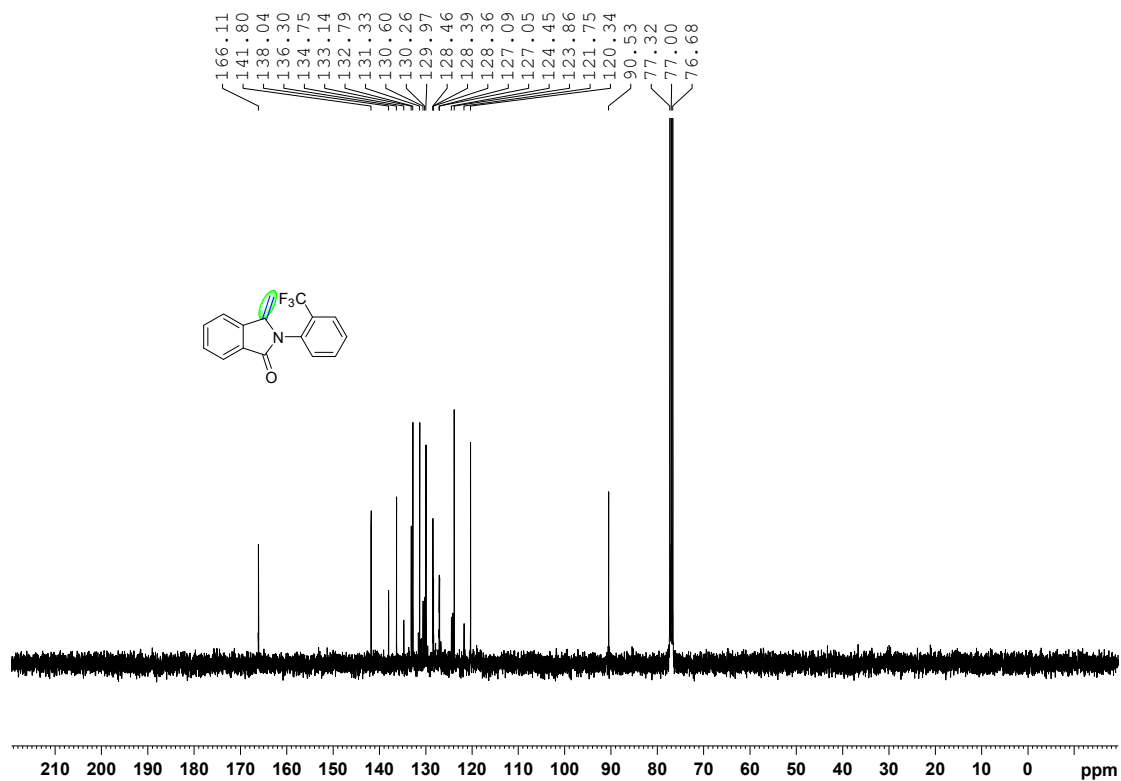


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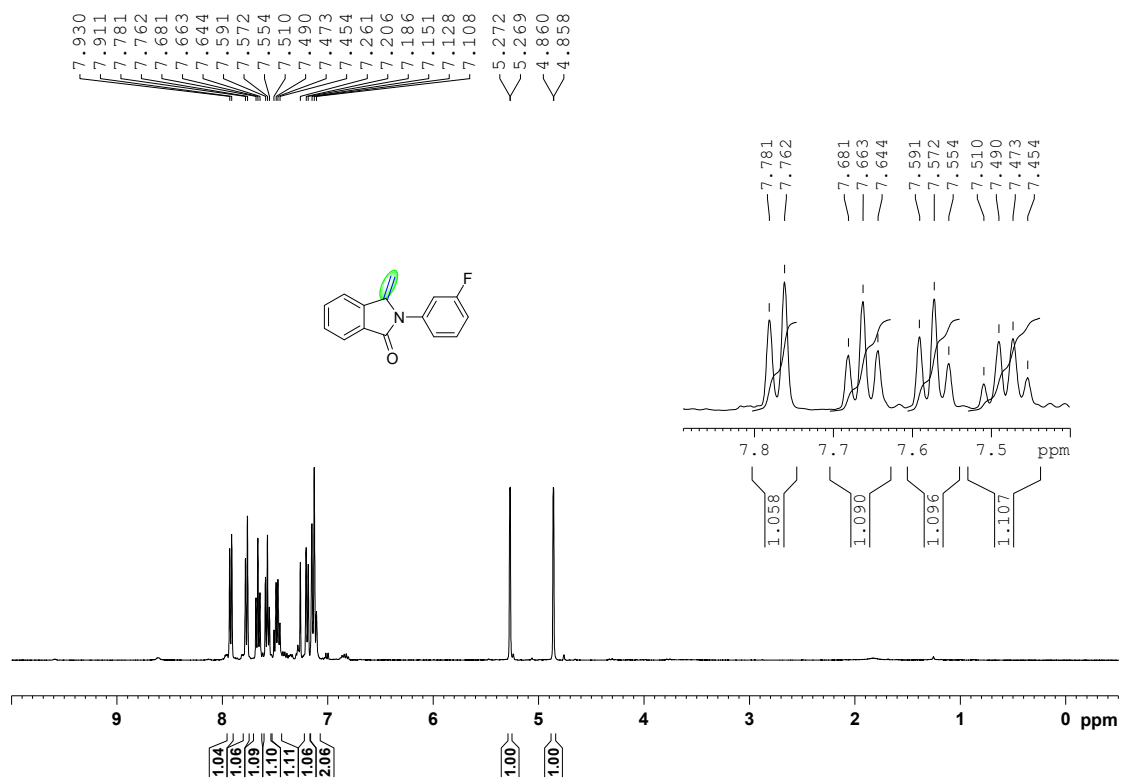


Figure S32. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of **2j**

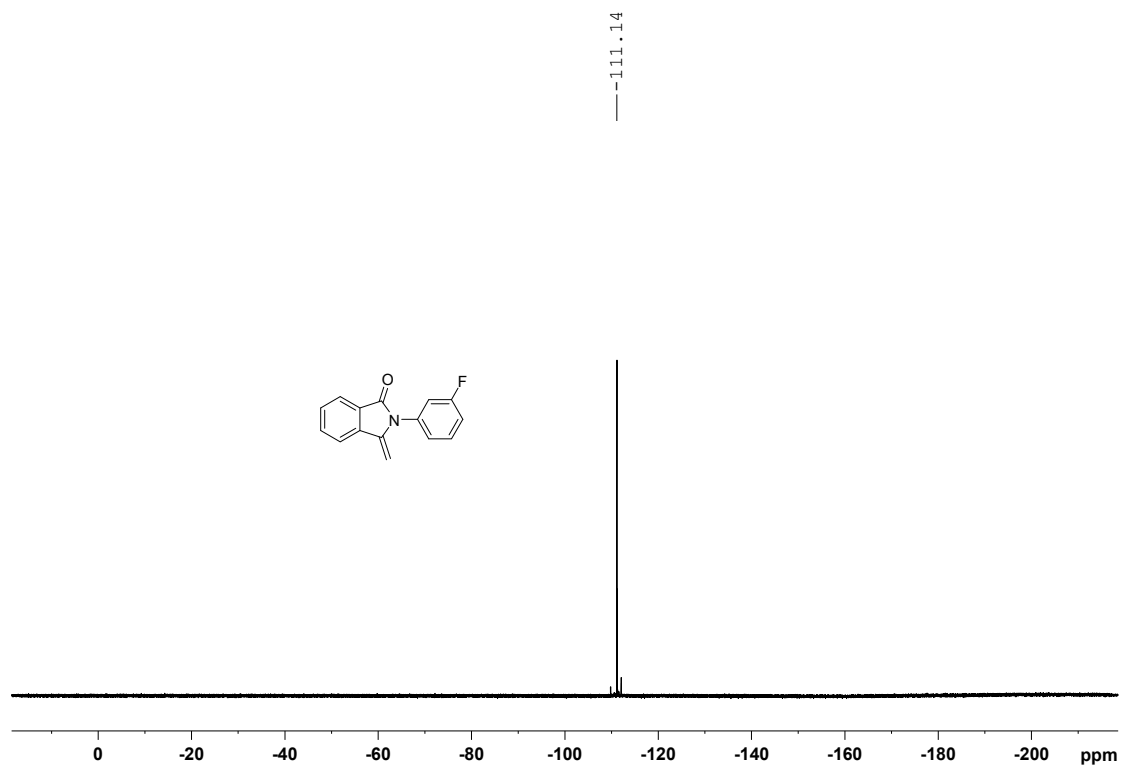


Figure S33. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of **2j**

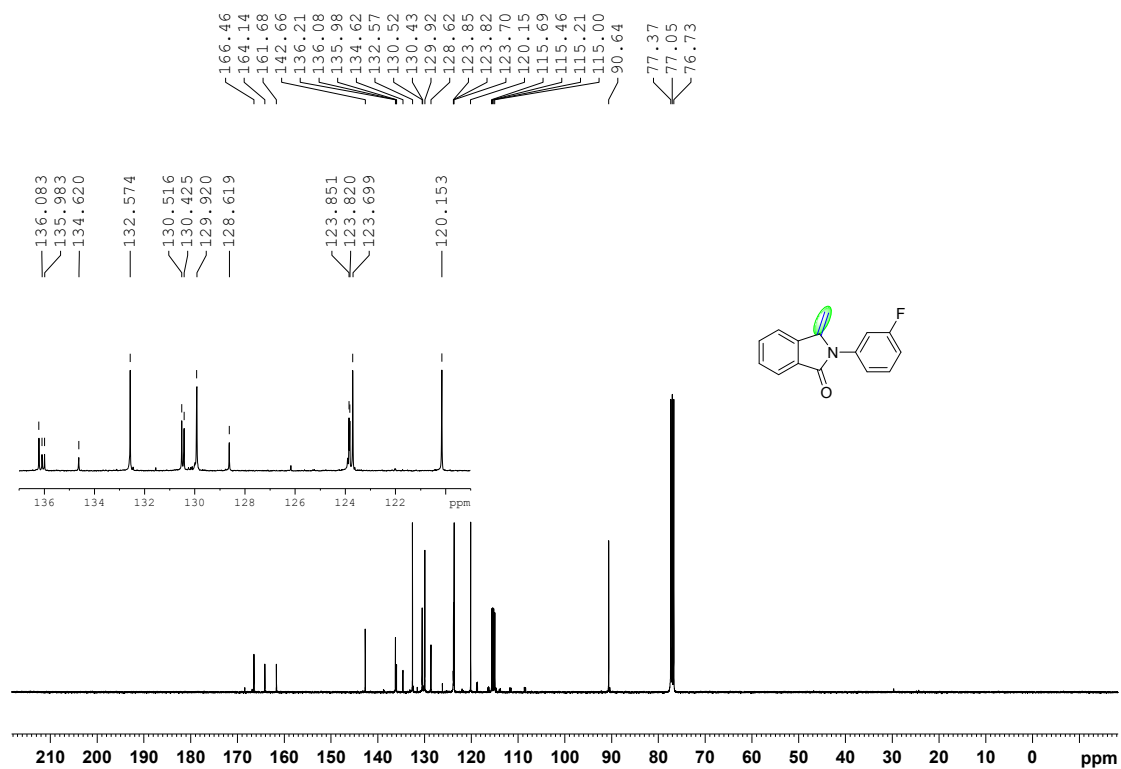


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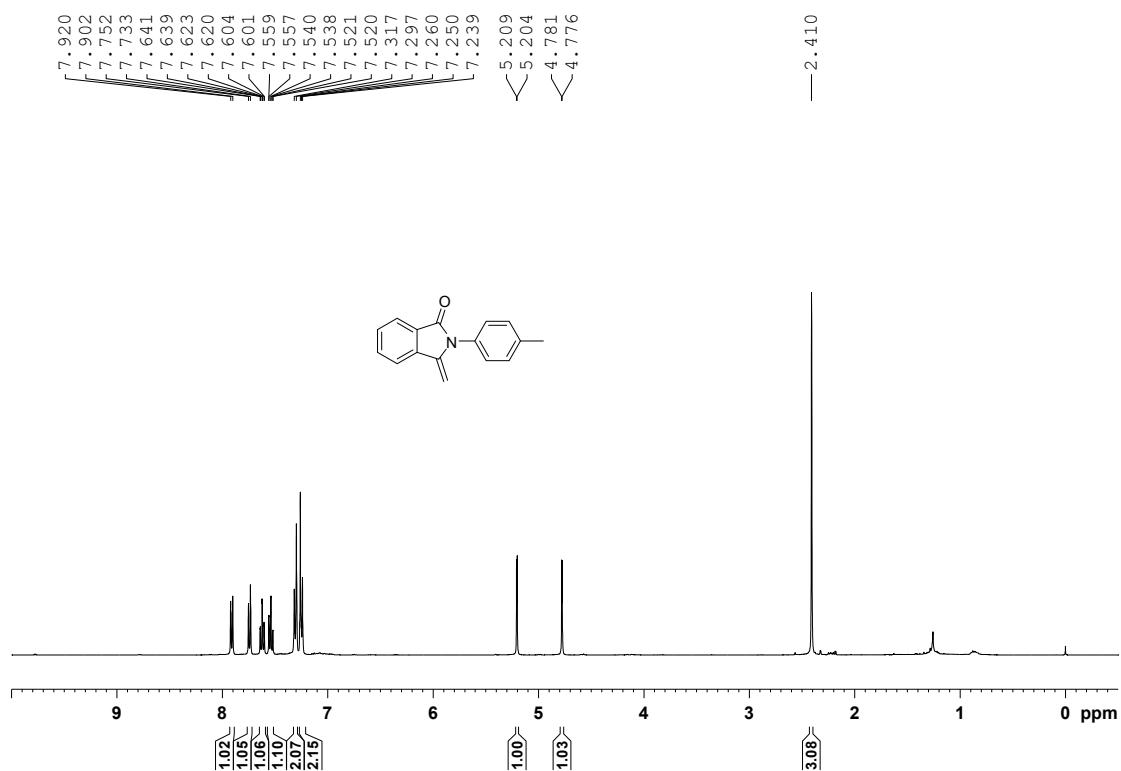


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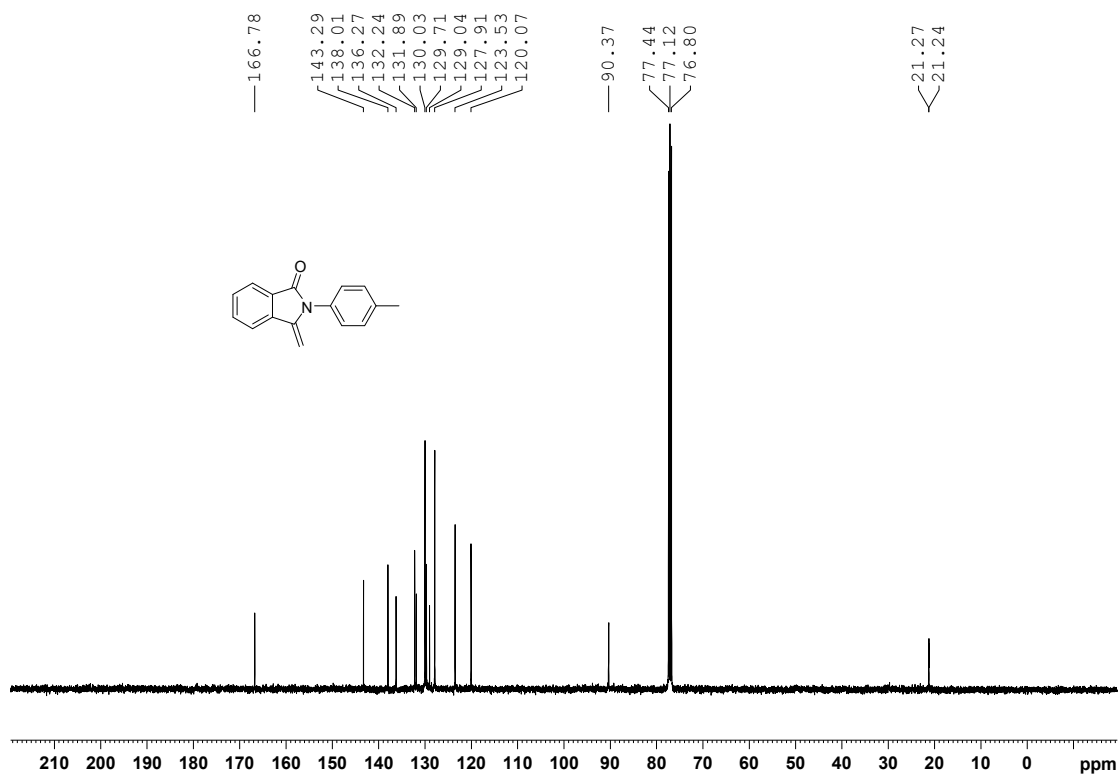


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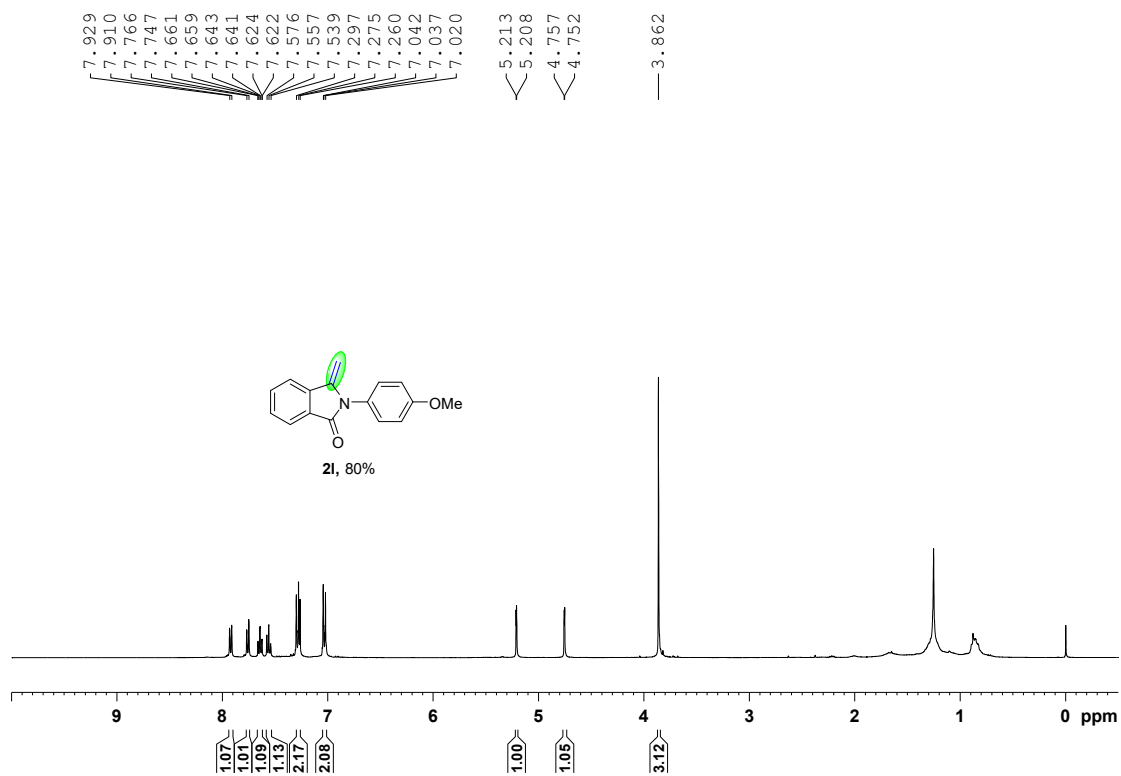


Figure S37. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of **21**

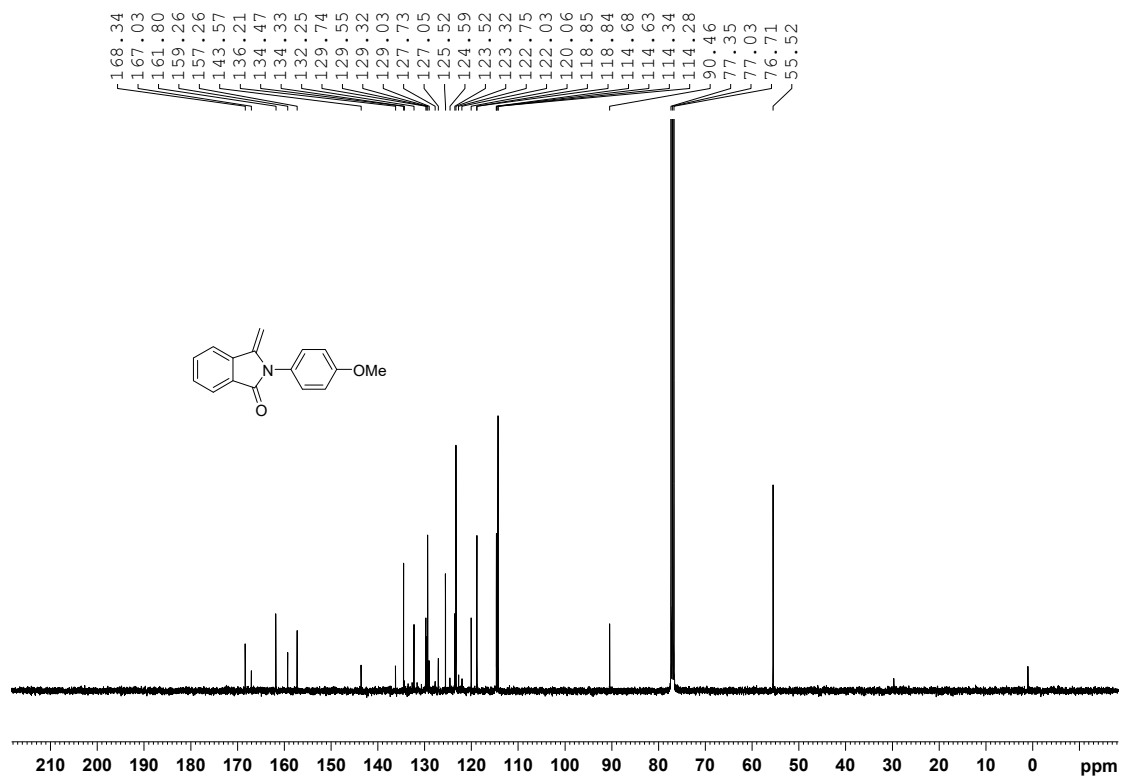


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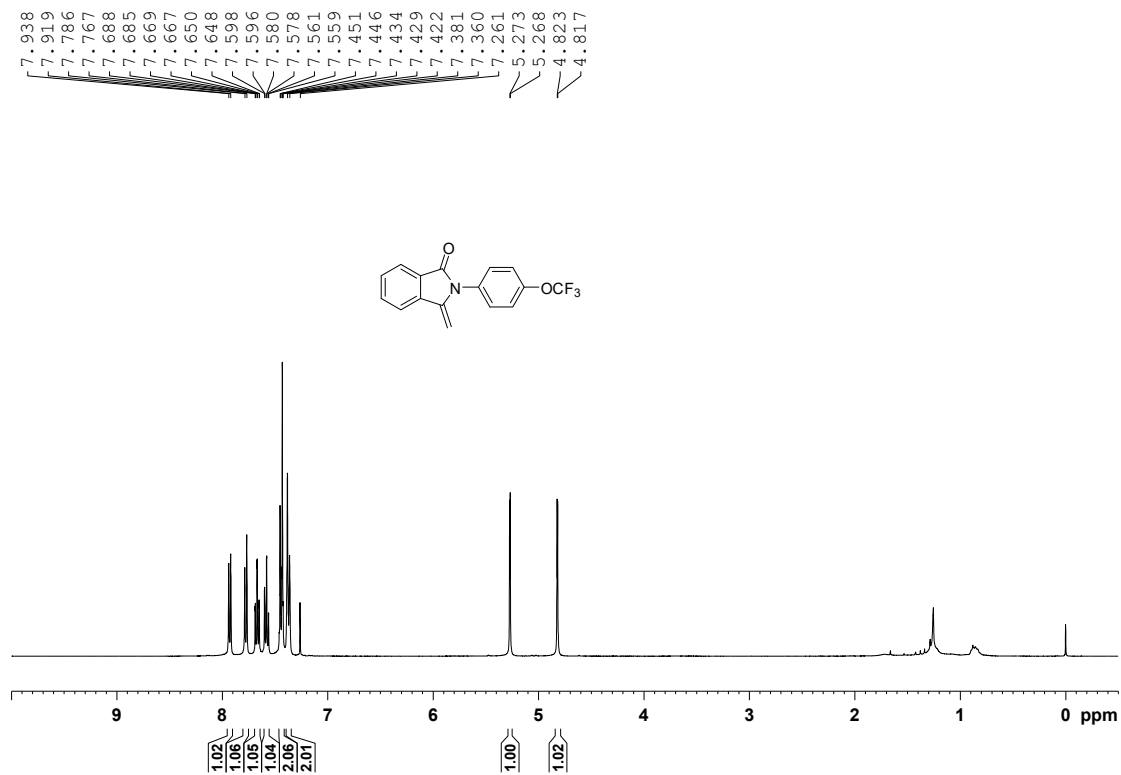


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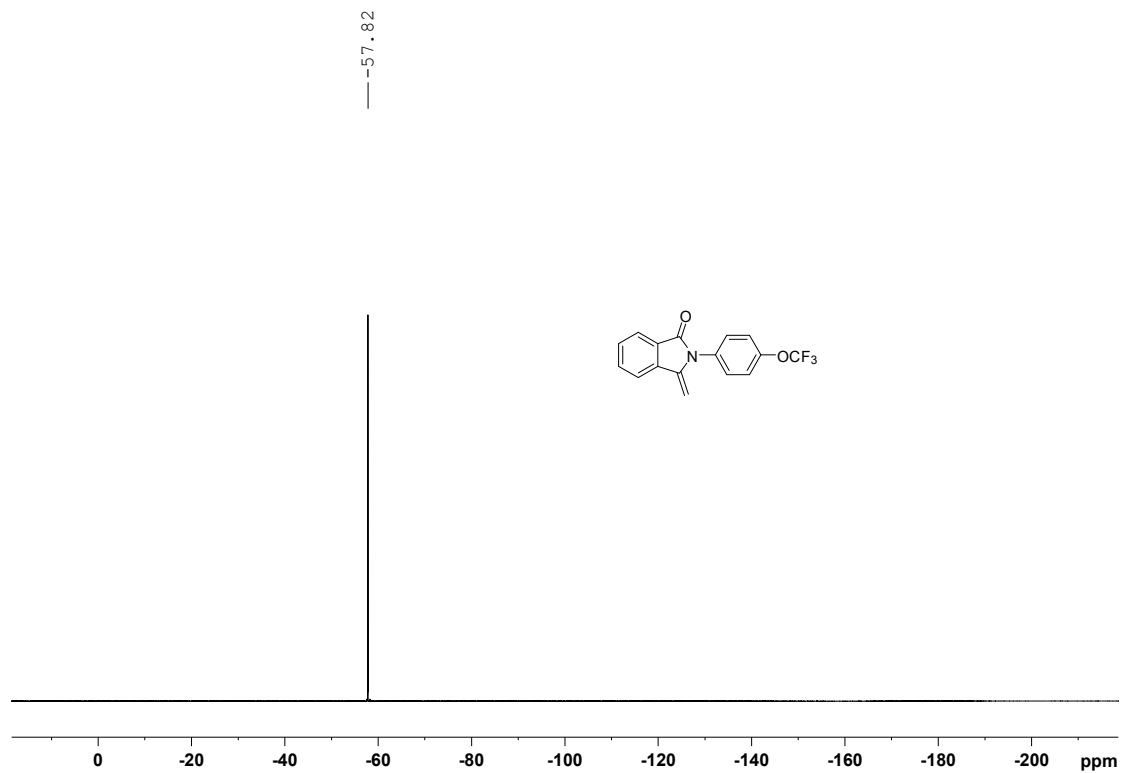


Figure S40. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) of **2m**

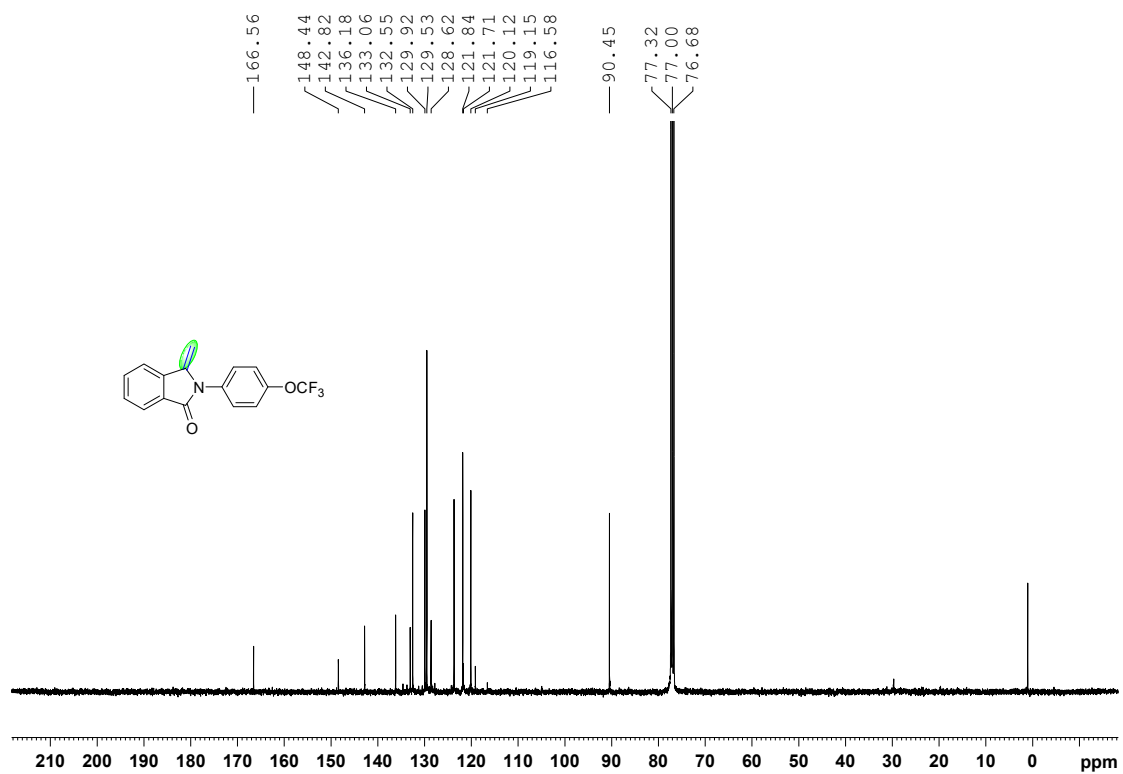
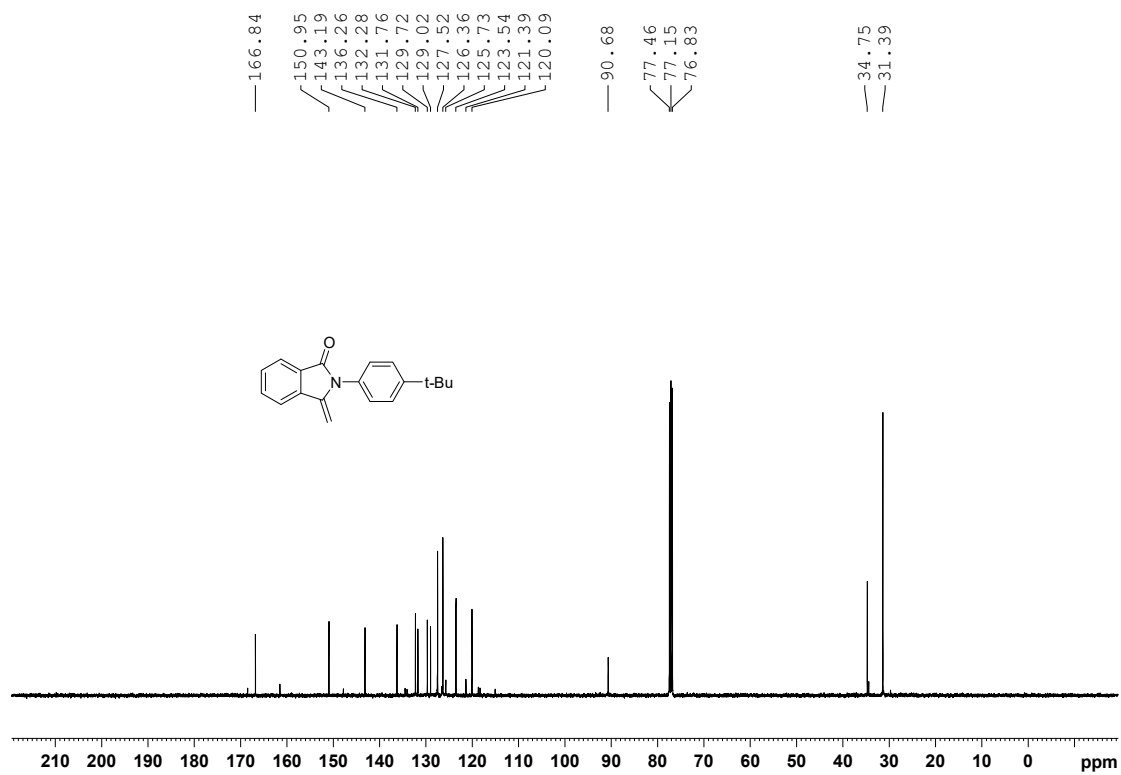
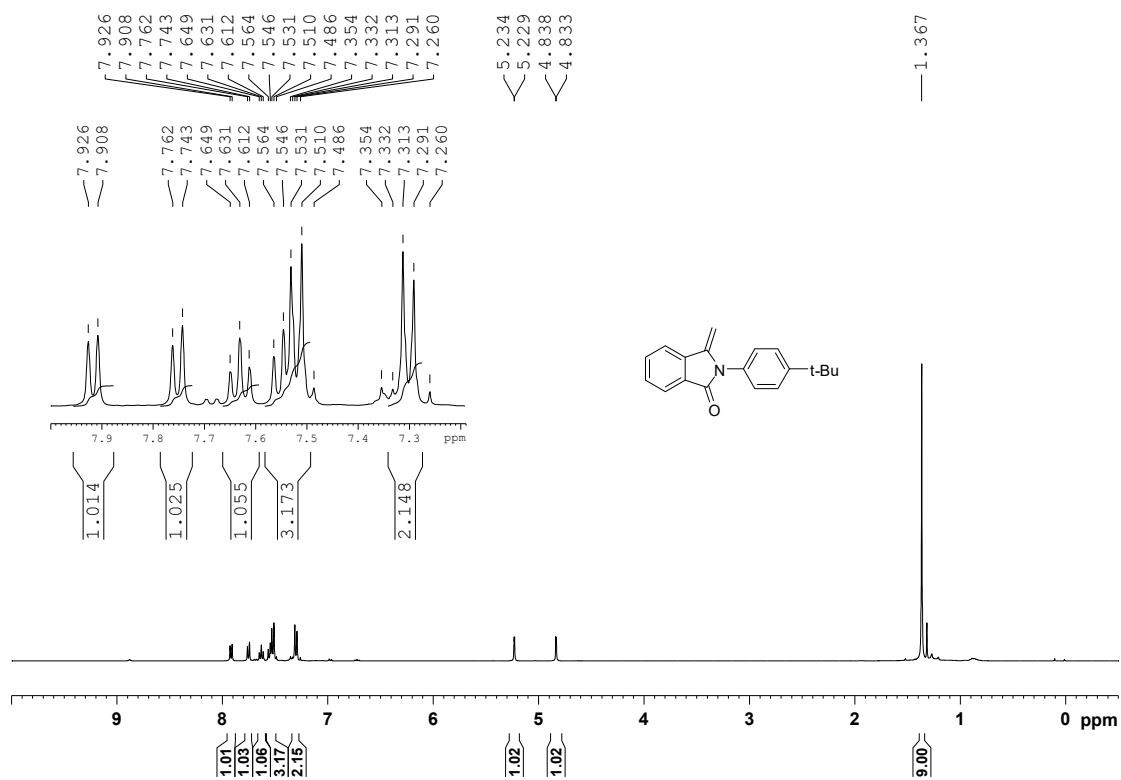


Figure S41. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of **2m**



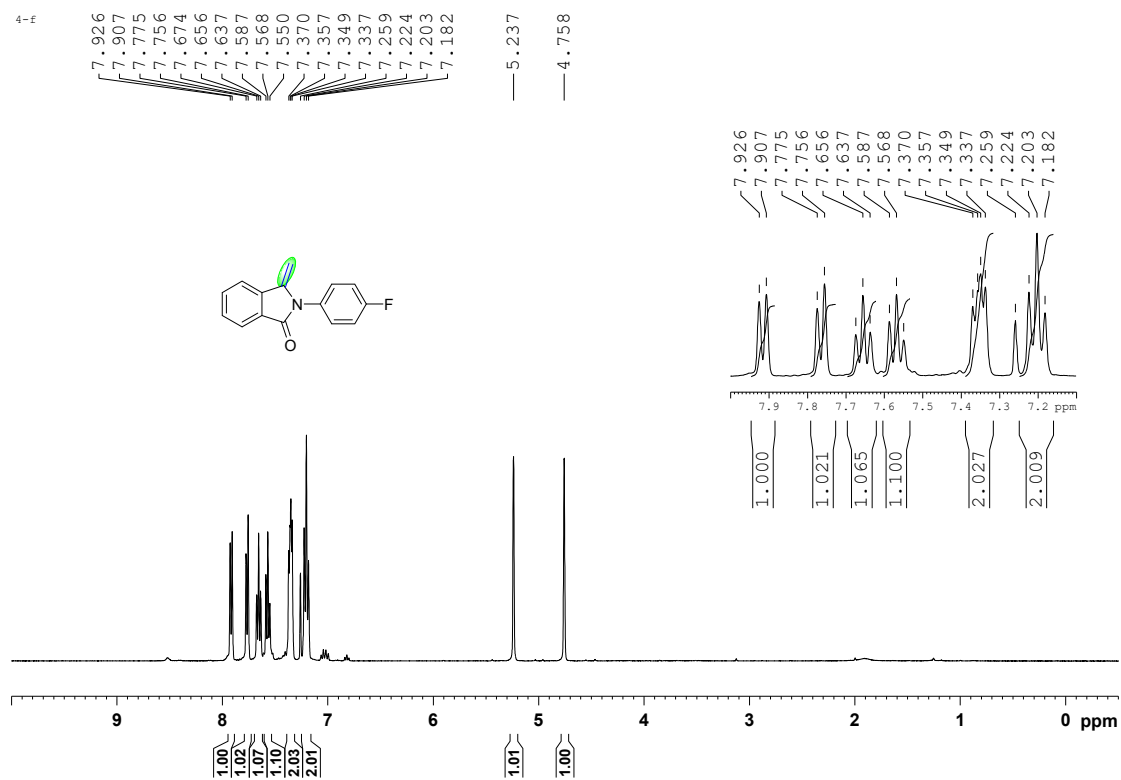


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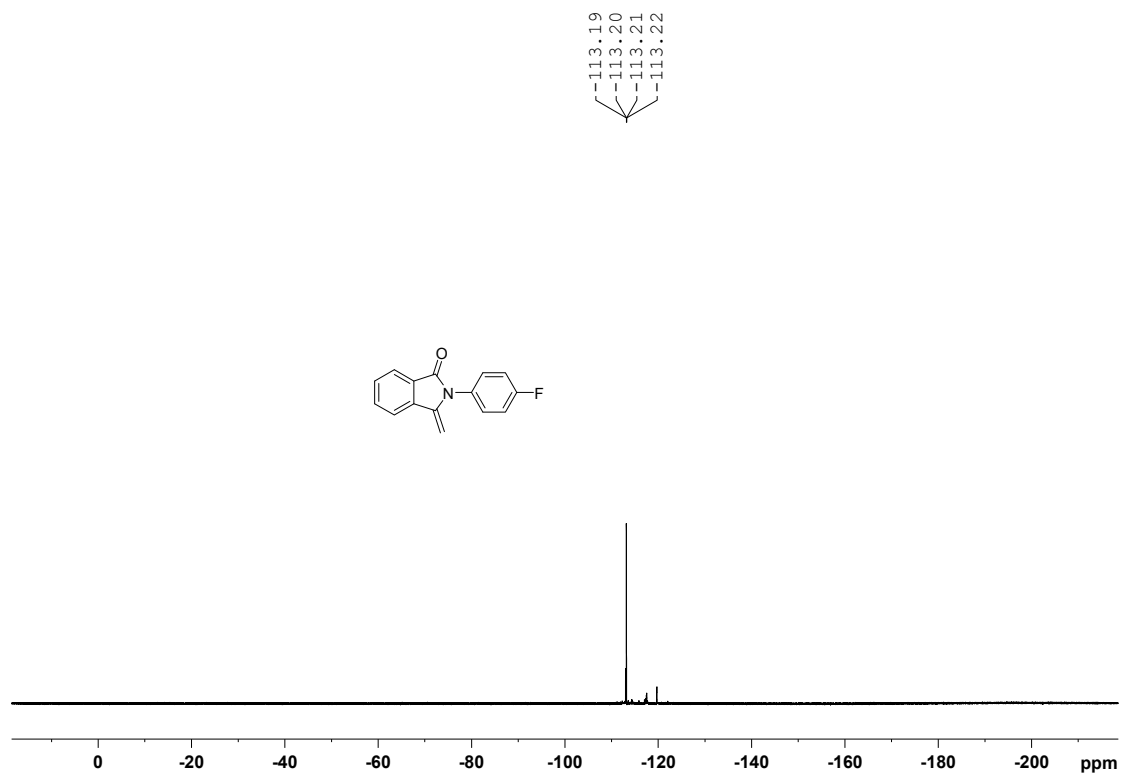


Figure S45. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2o

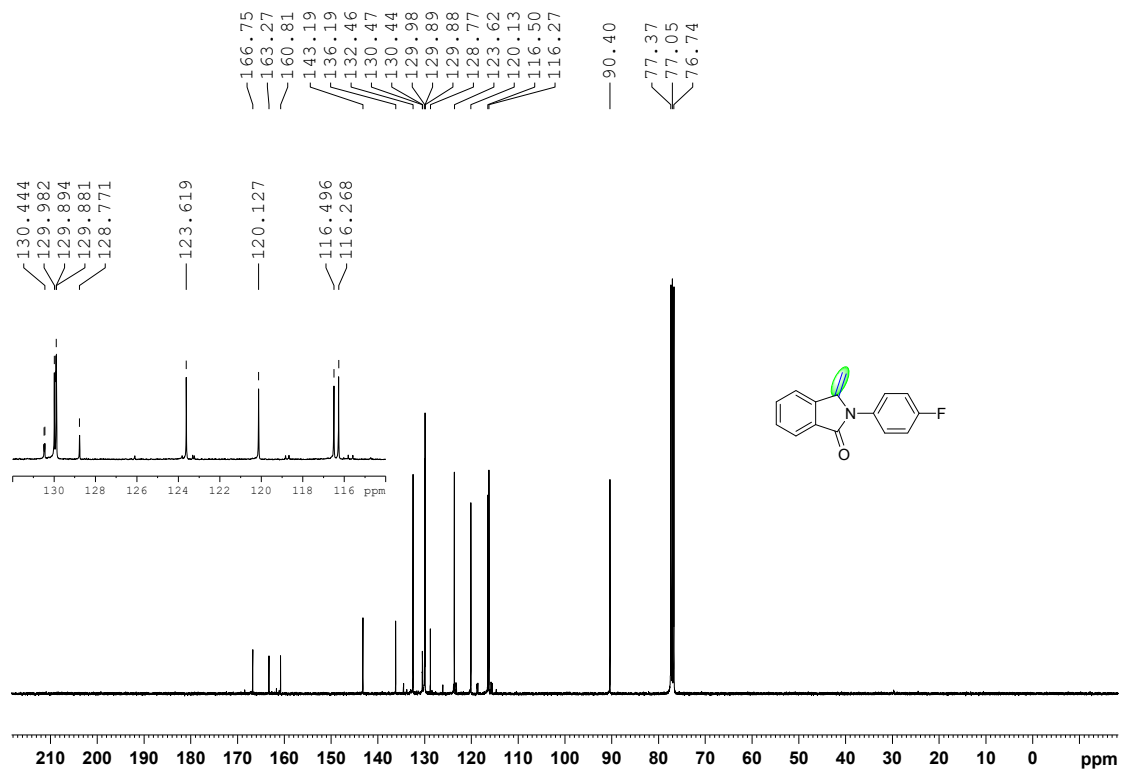


Figure S46. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of **2o**

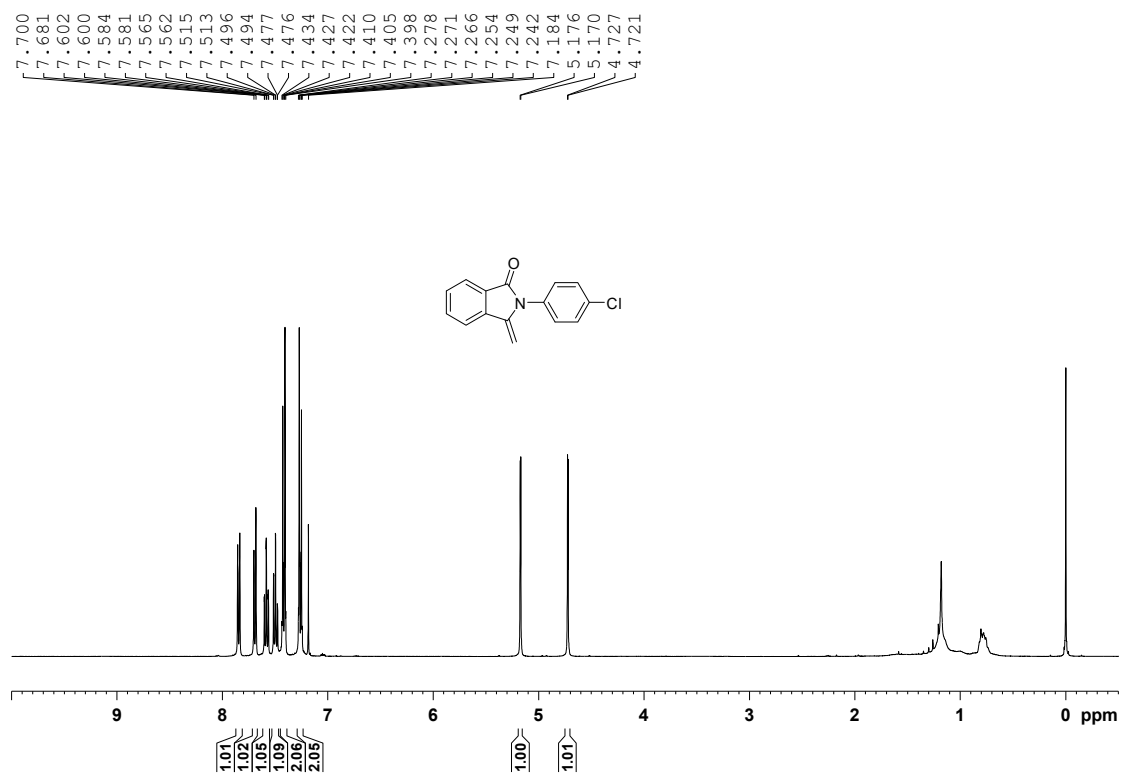


Figure S47. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of **2p**

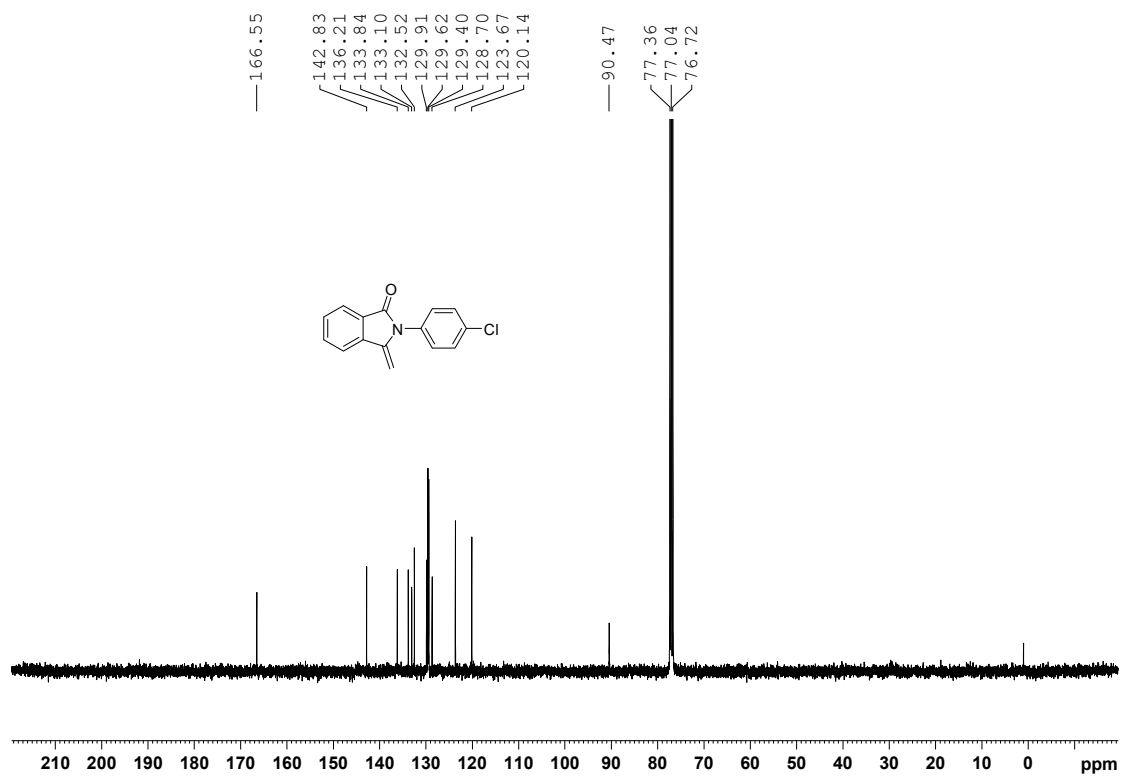


Figure S48. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2p

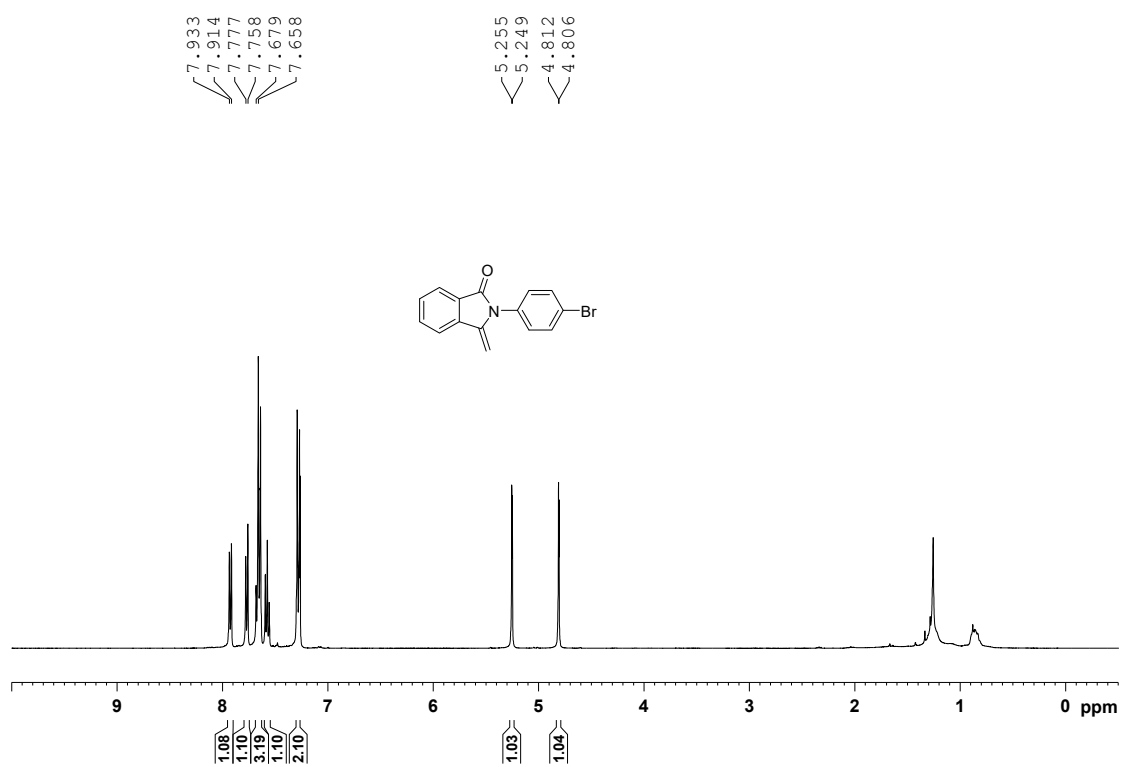


Figure S49. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2q

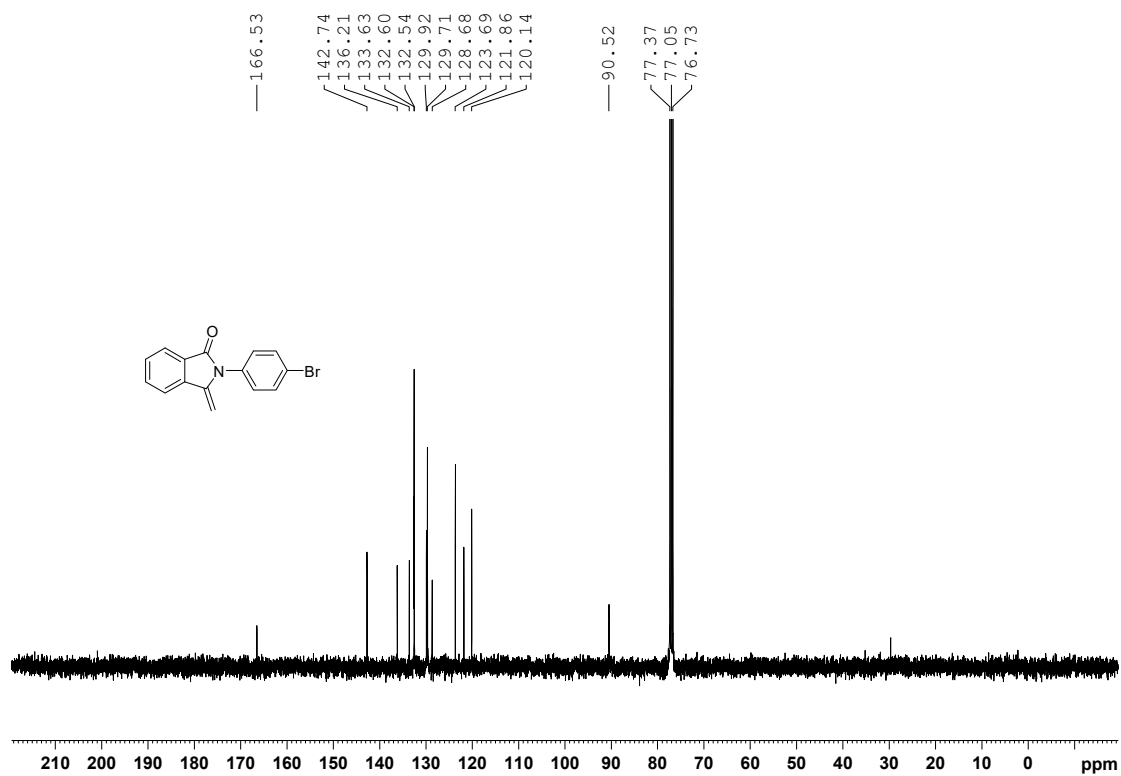


Figure S50. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2q

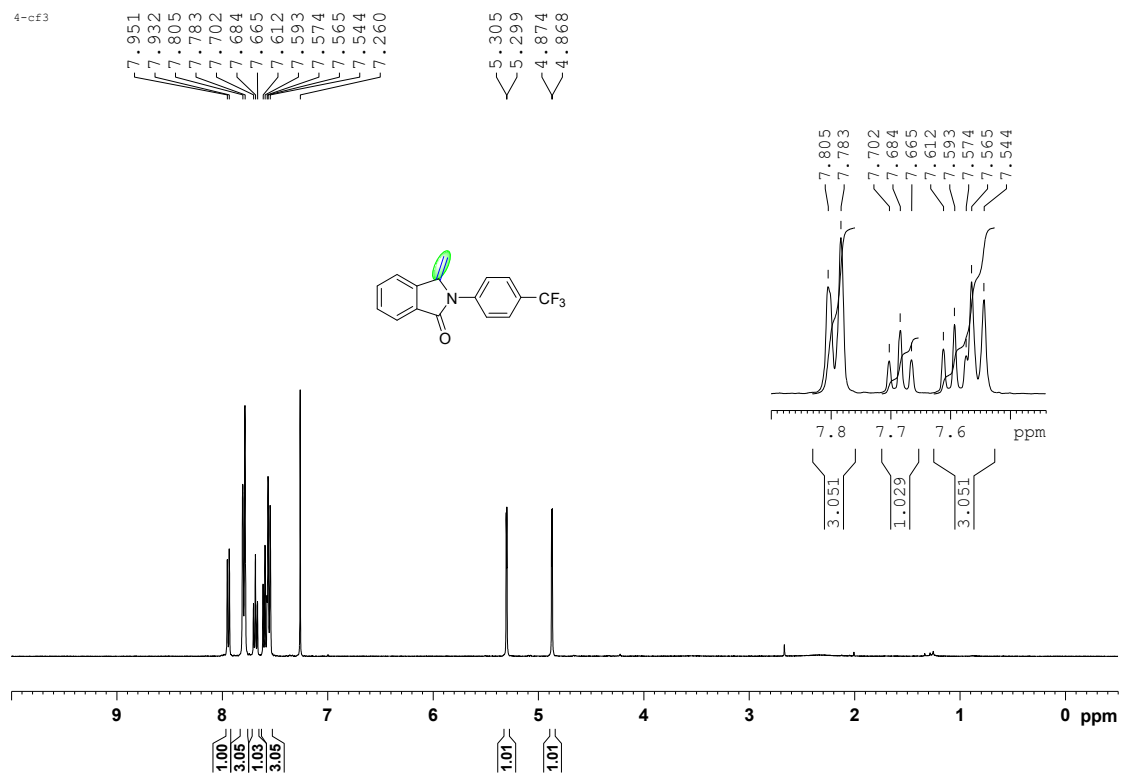


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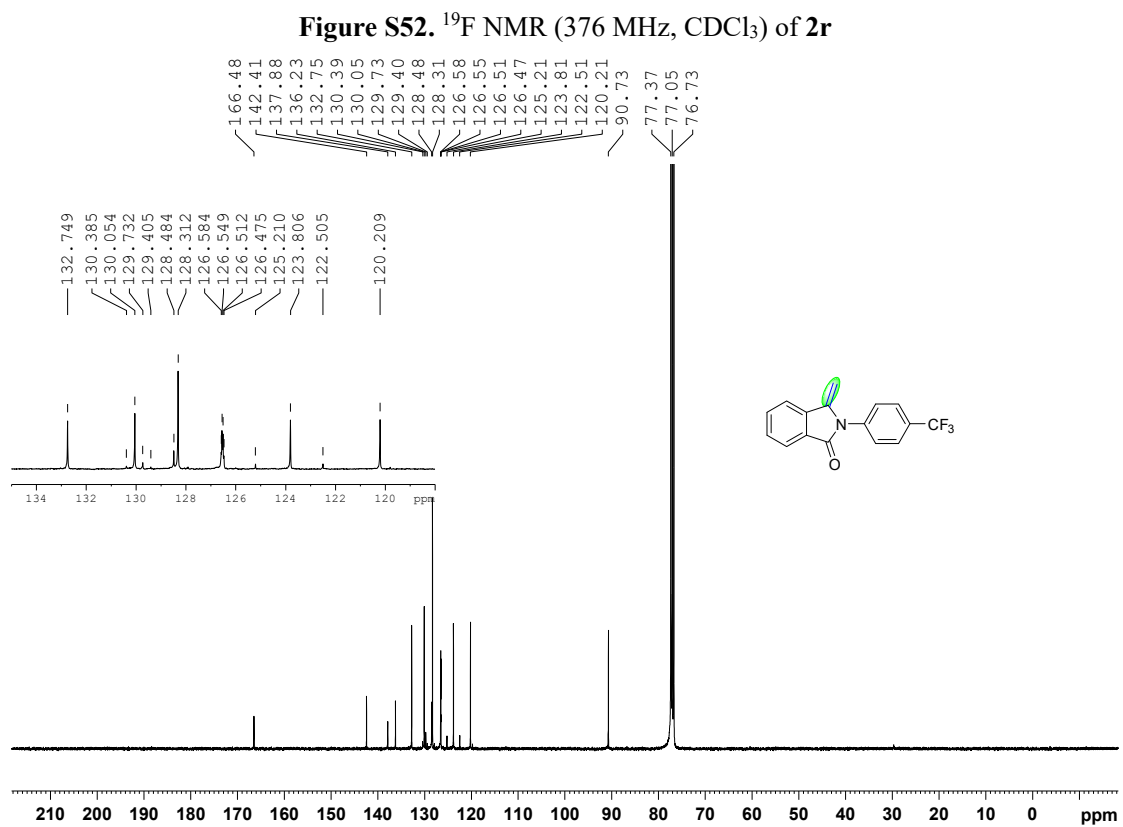
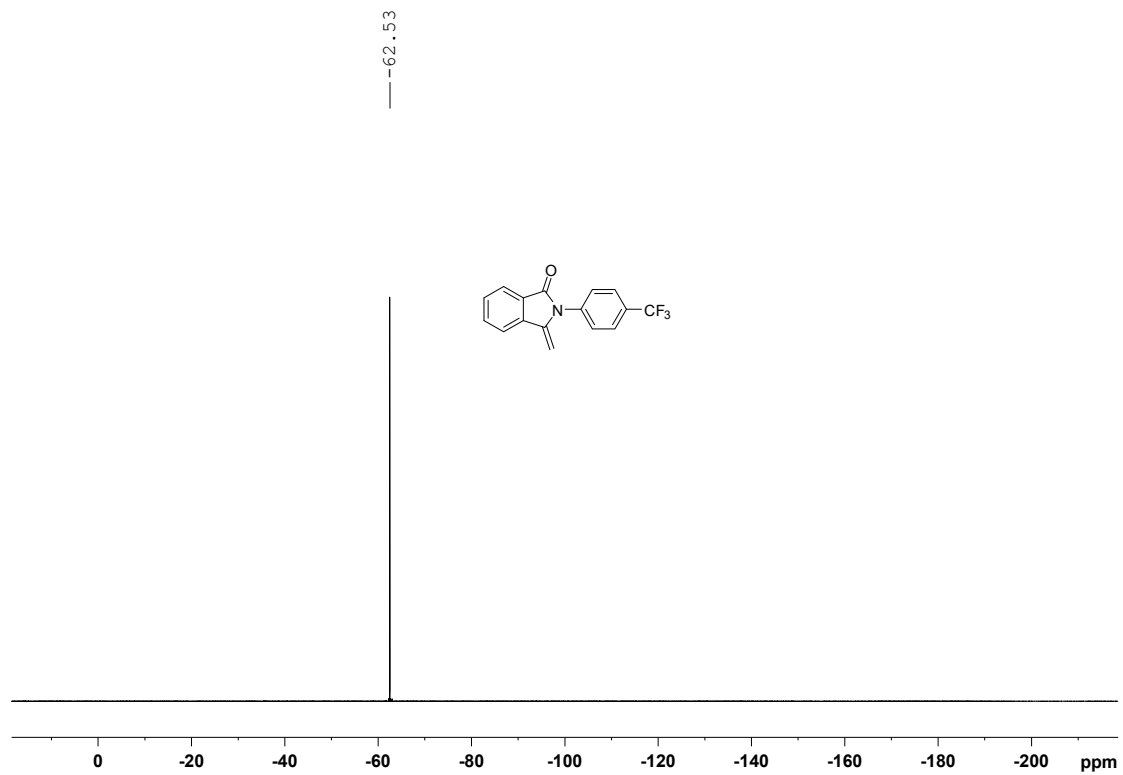


Figure S53. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2r

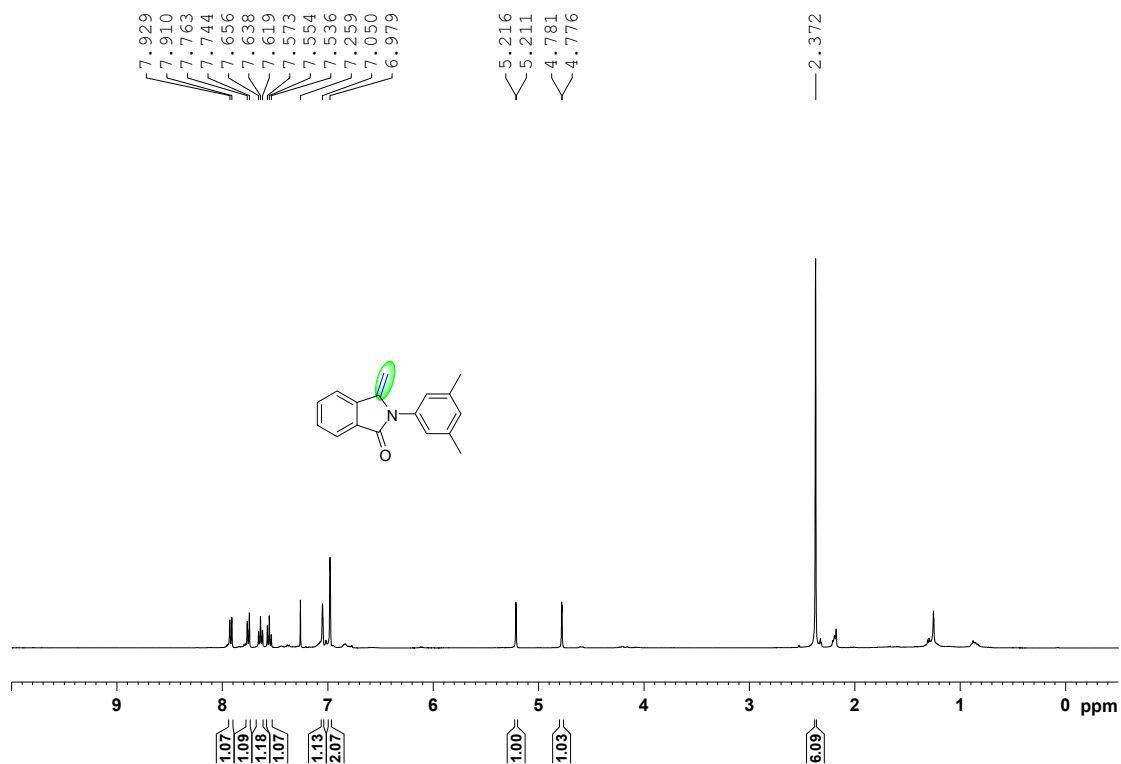


Figure S54. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2t

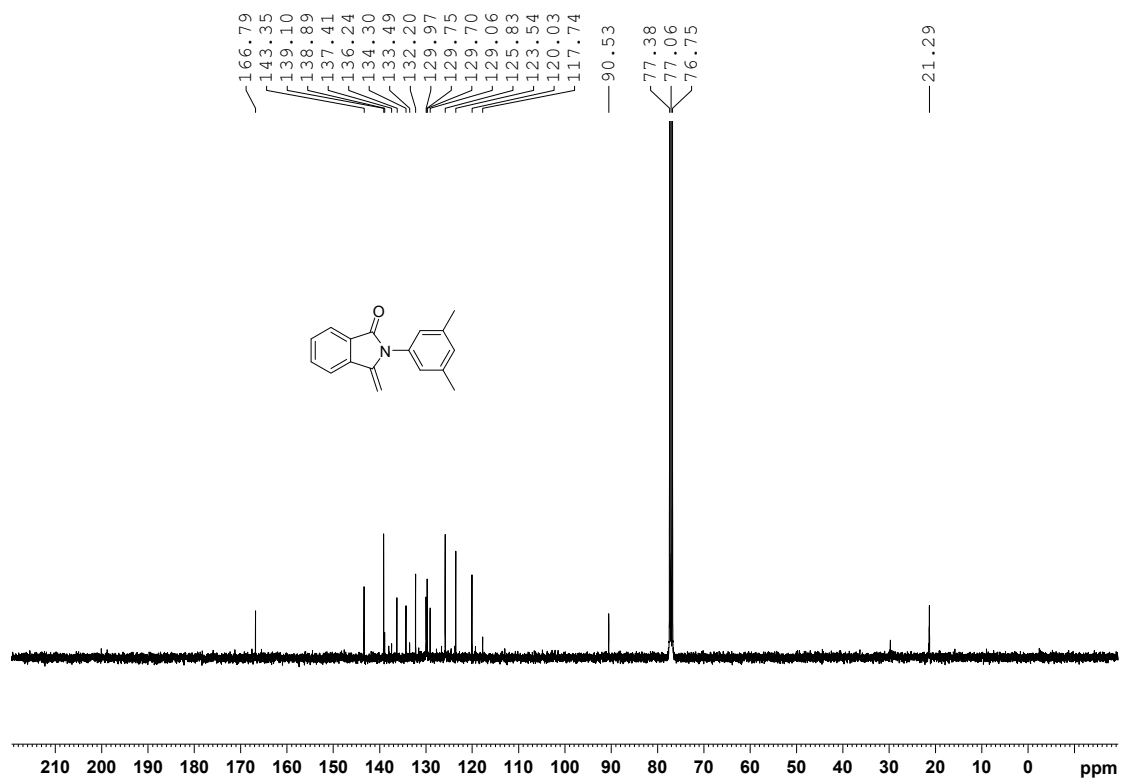


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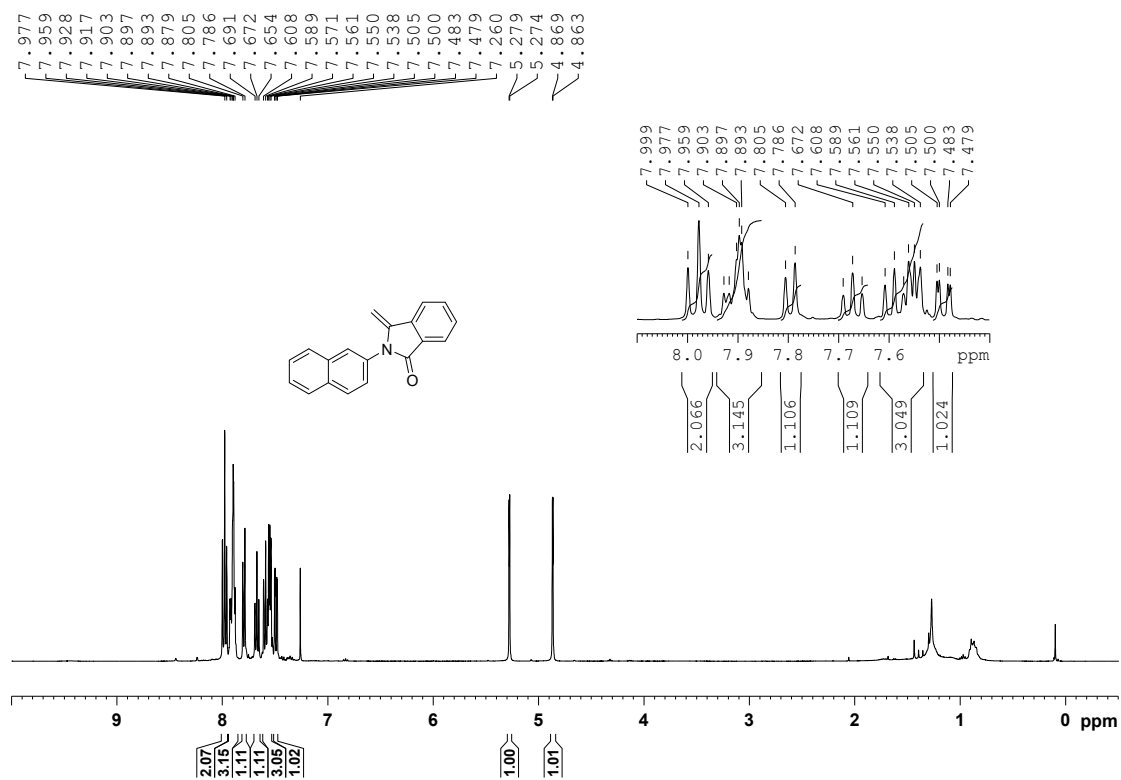


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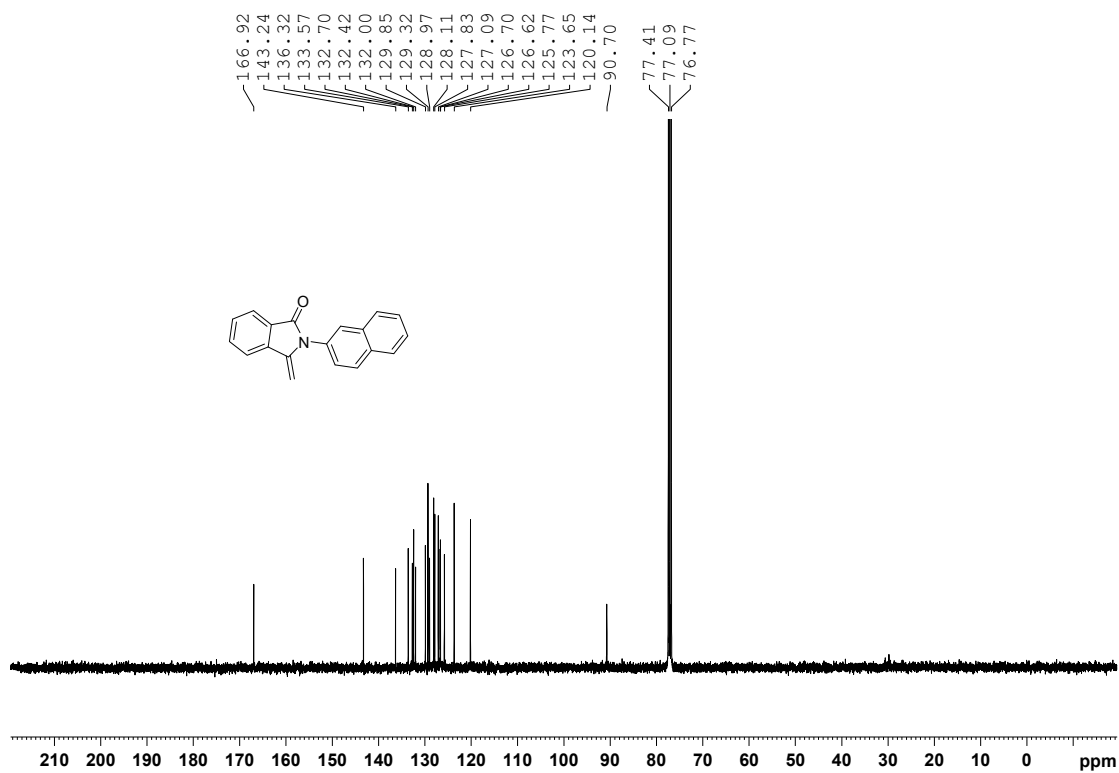


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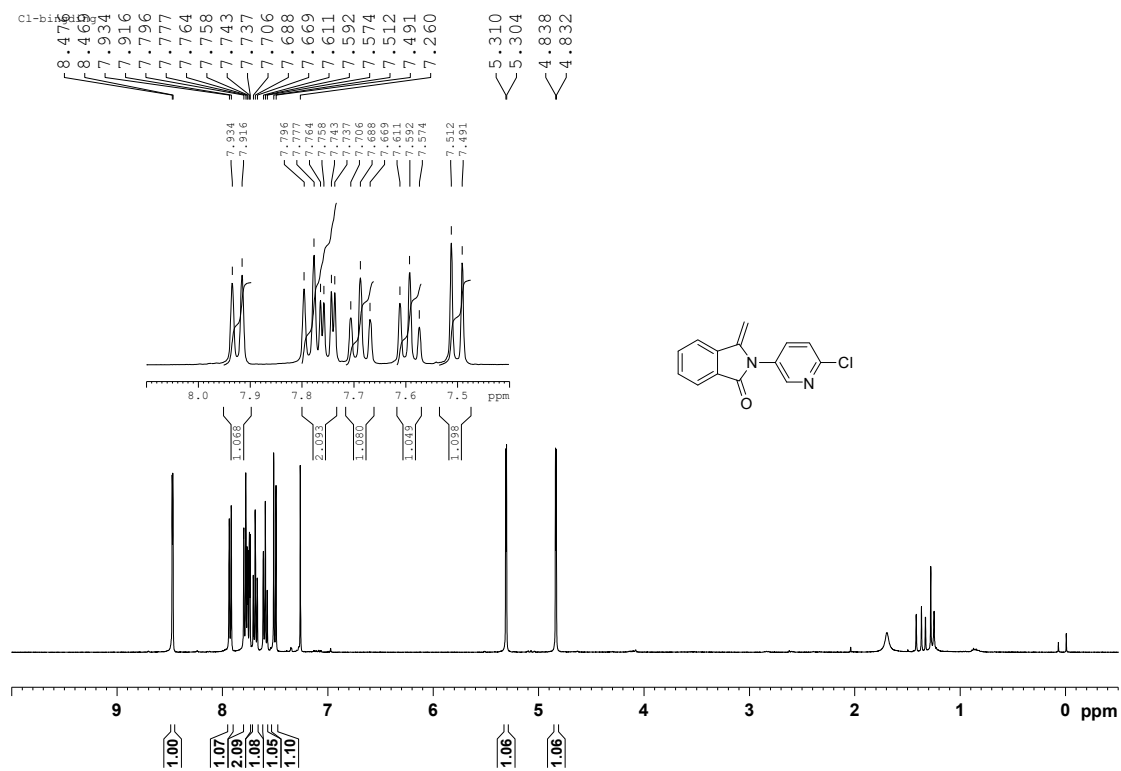


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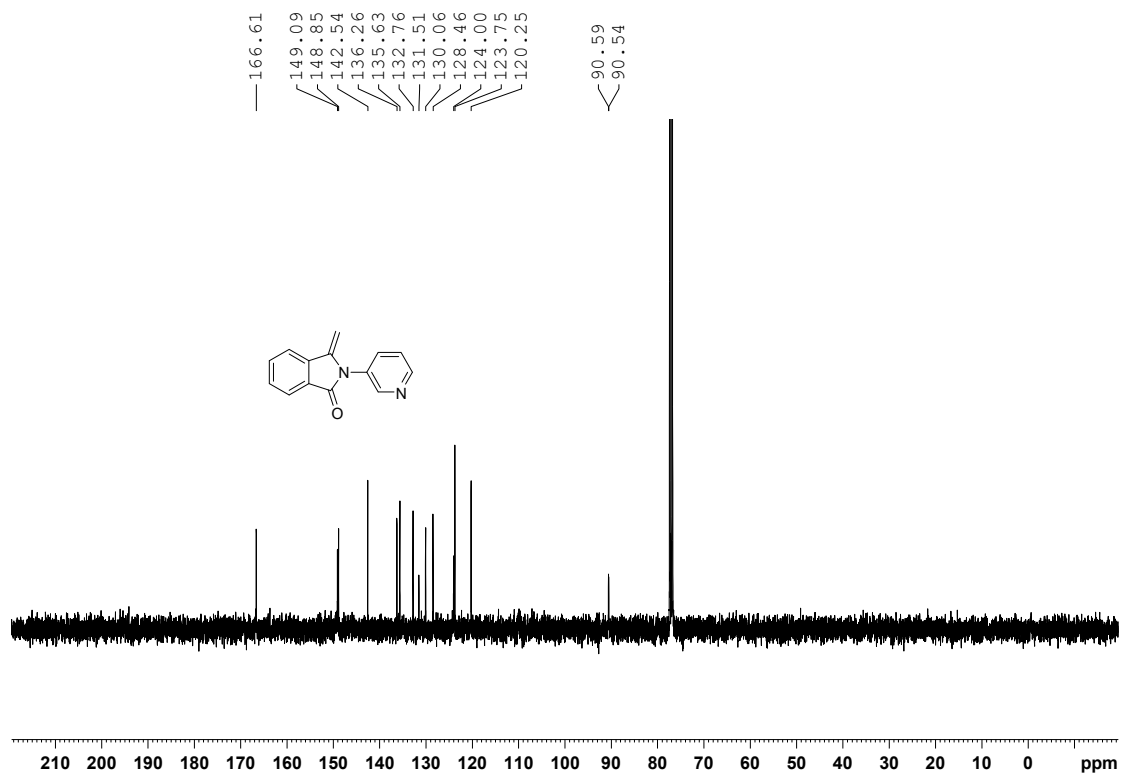


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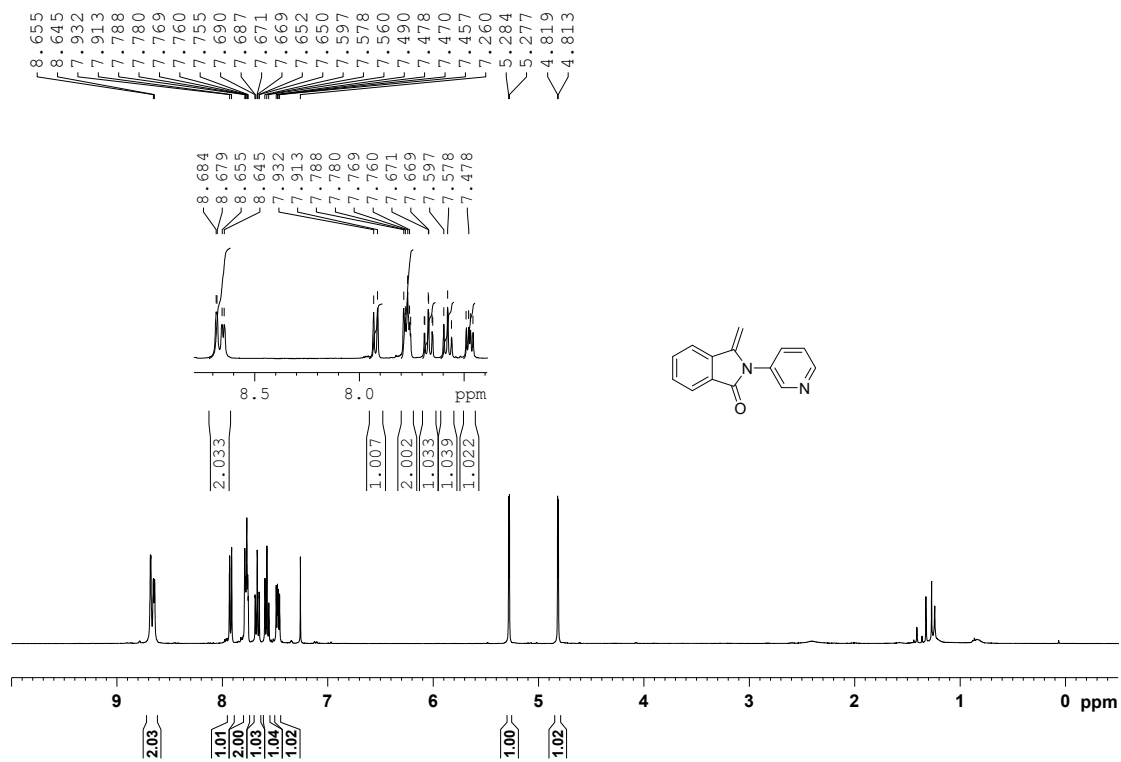


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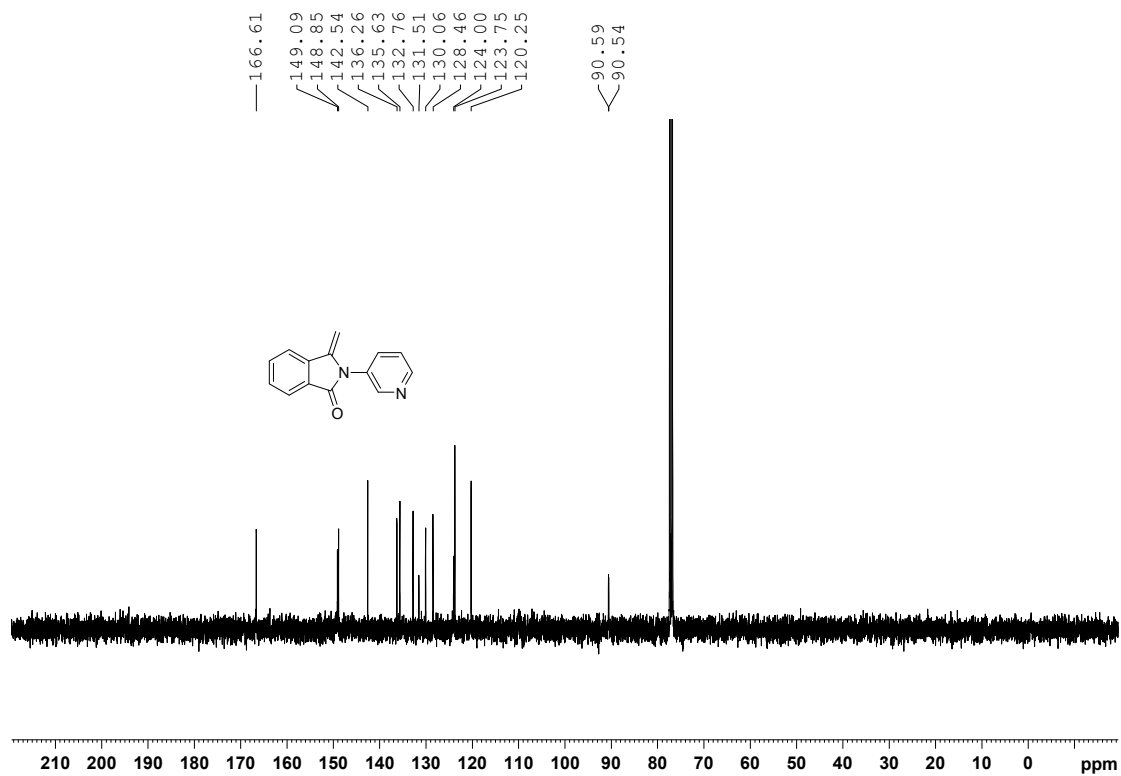


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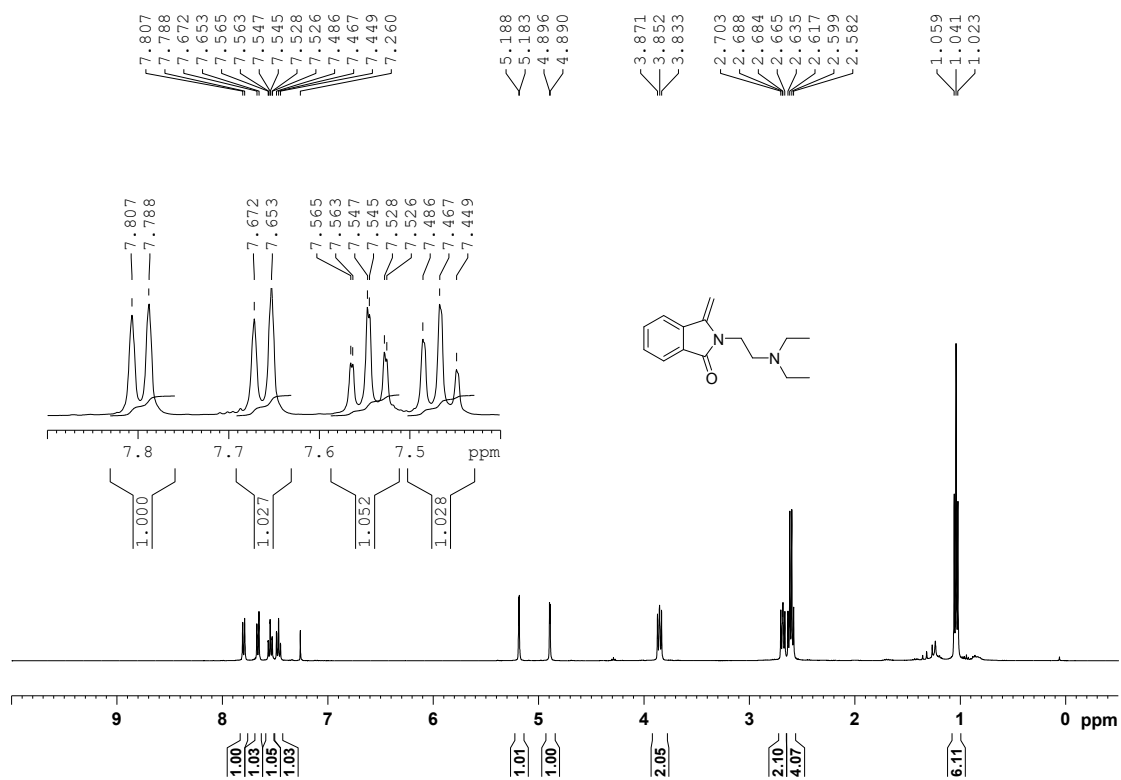


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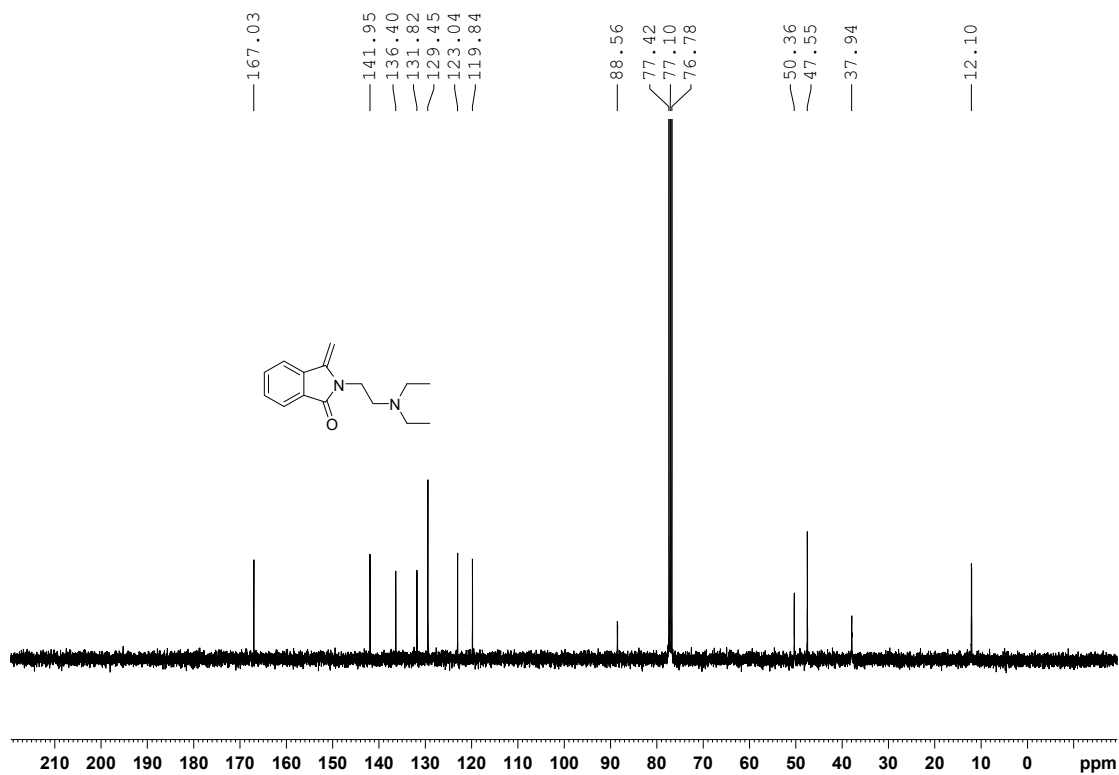


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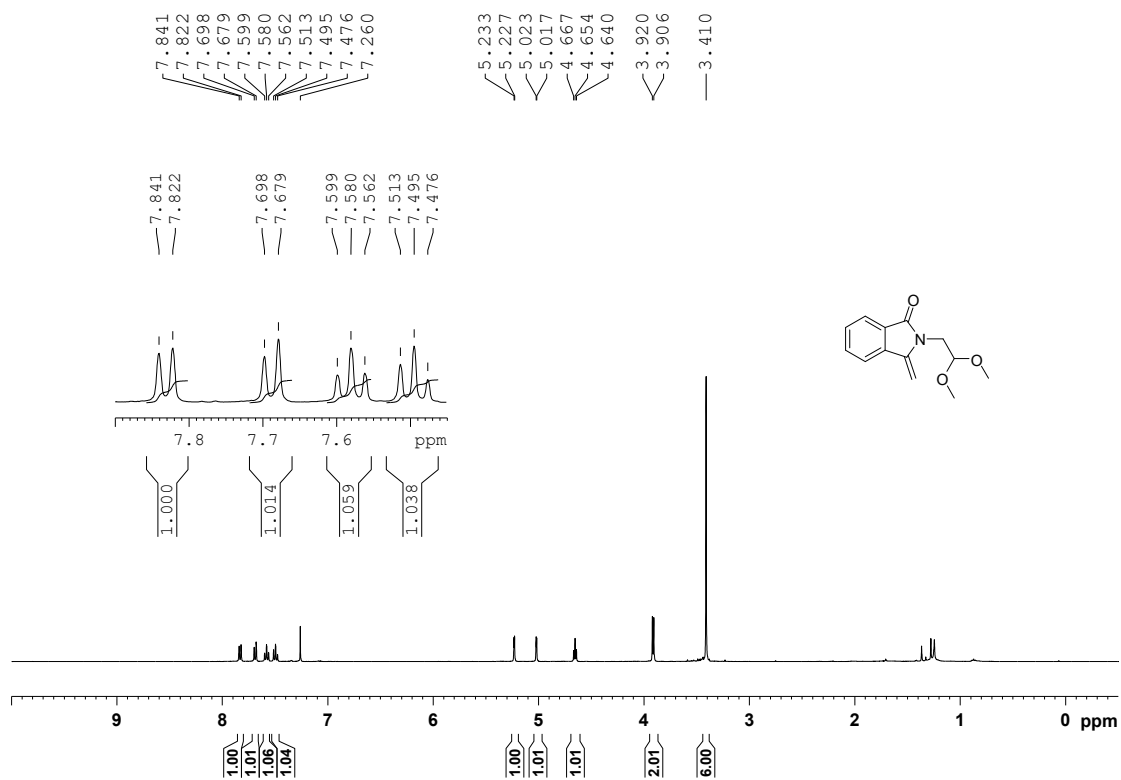


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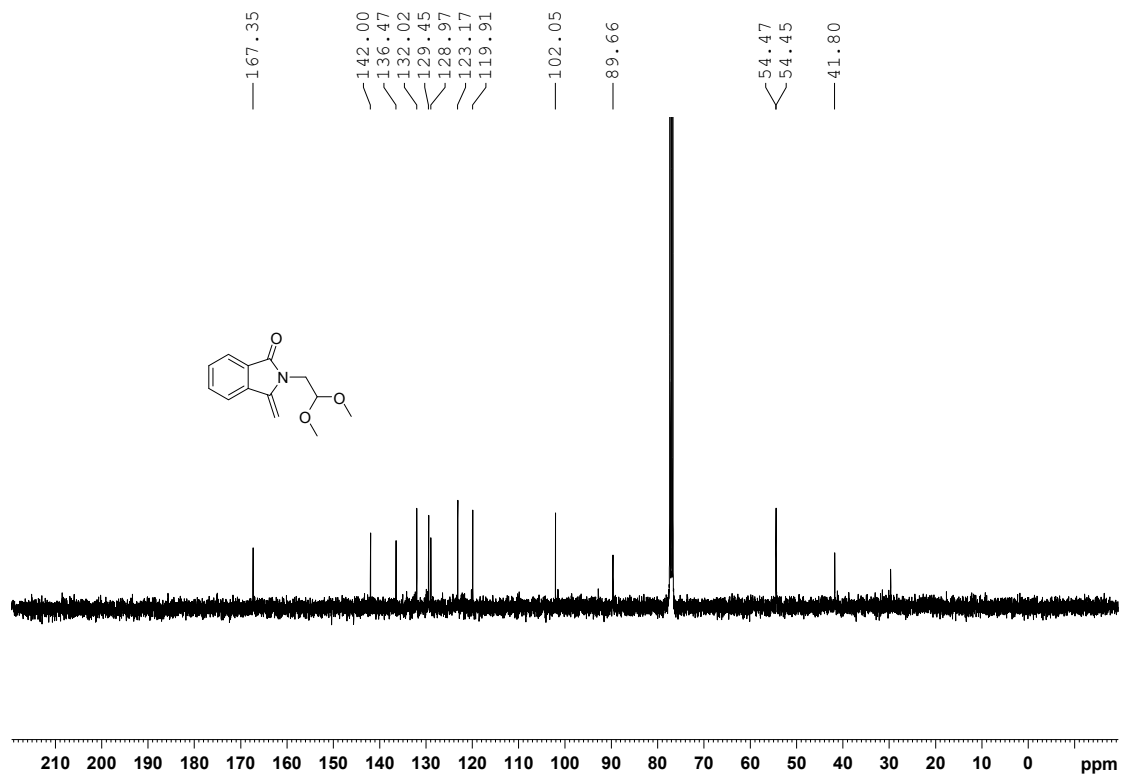


Figure S65. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of **2z**

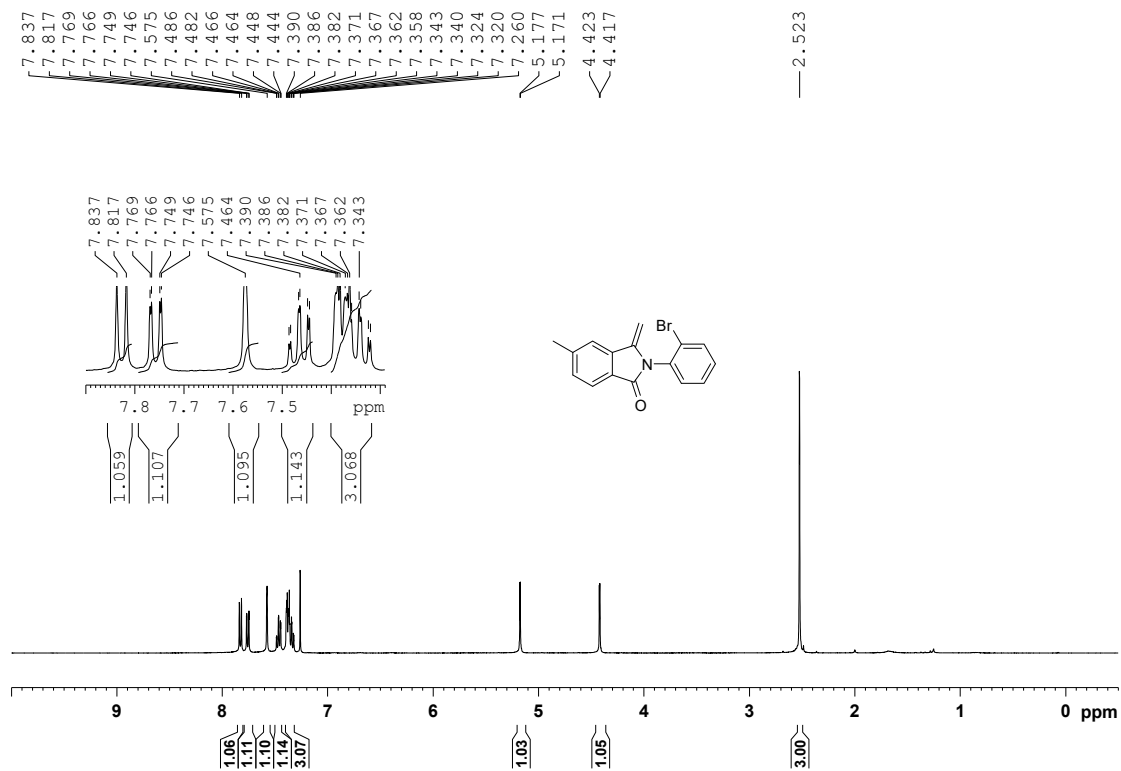


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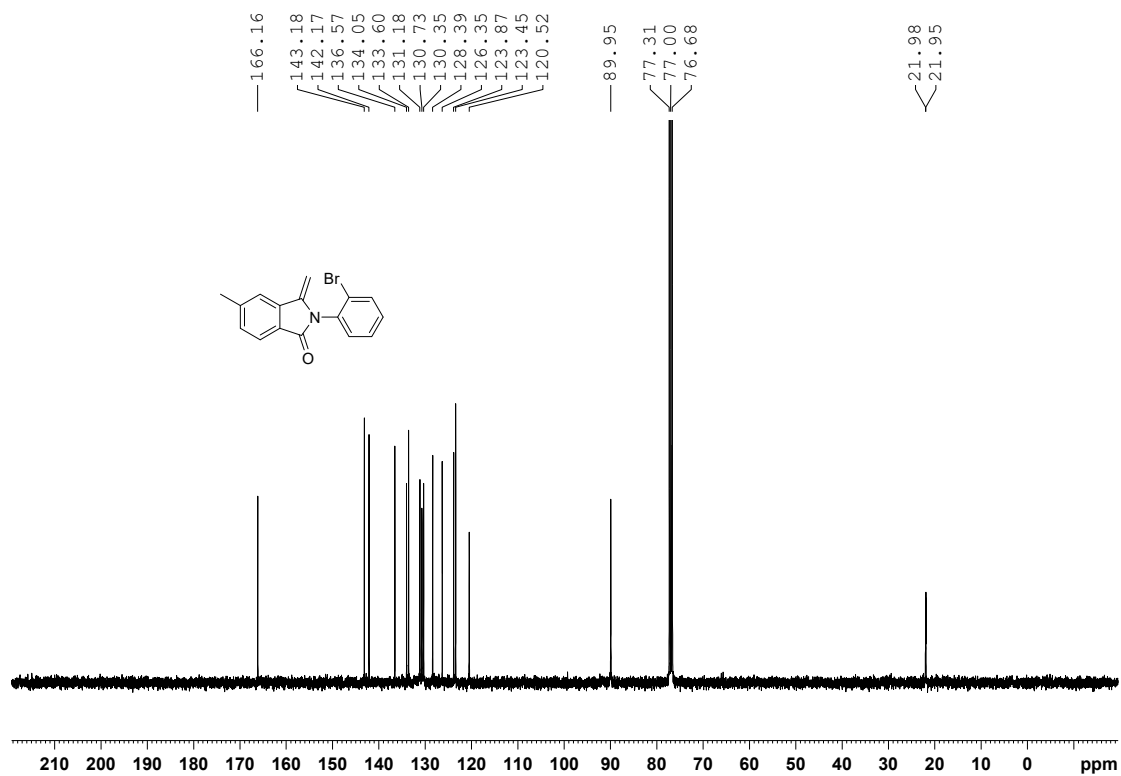


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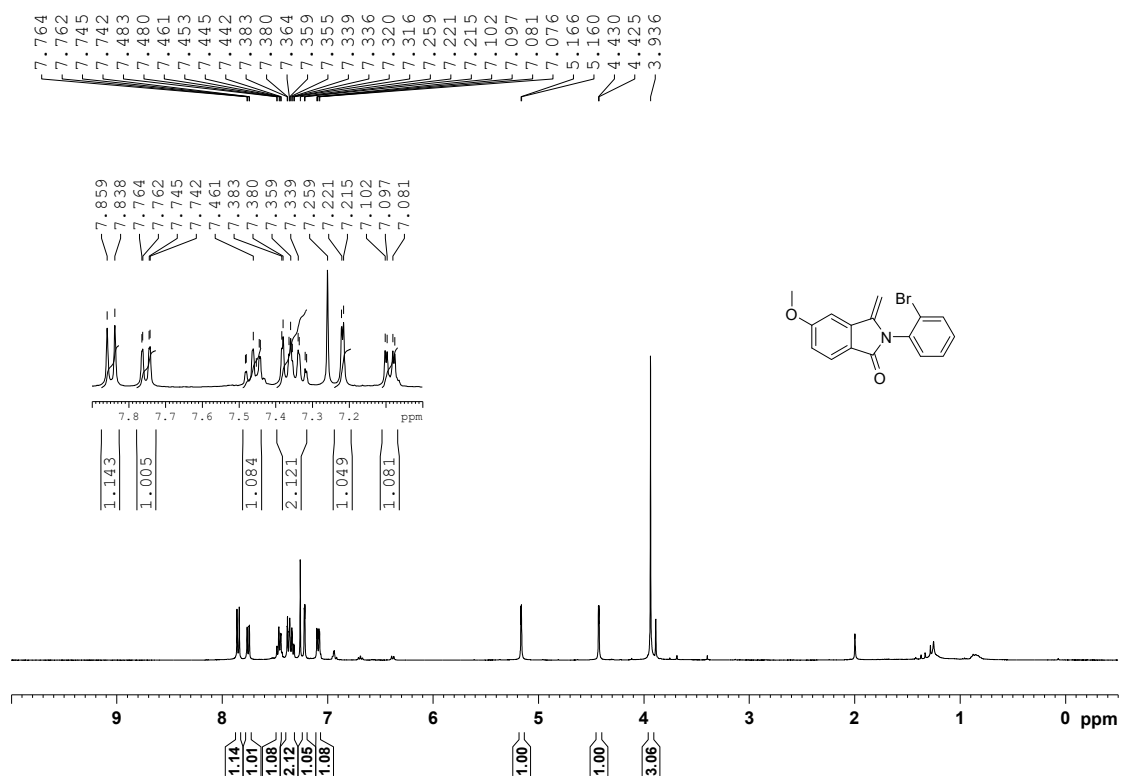


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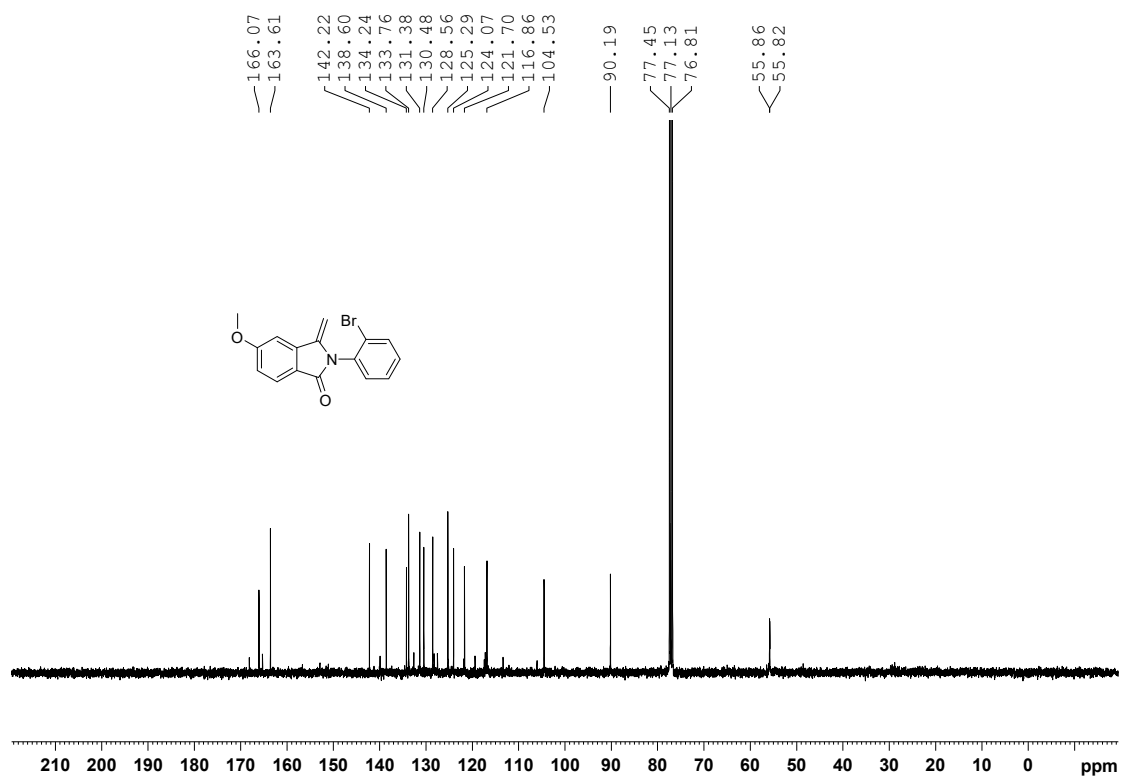


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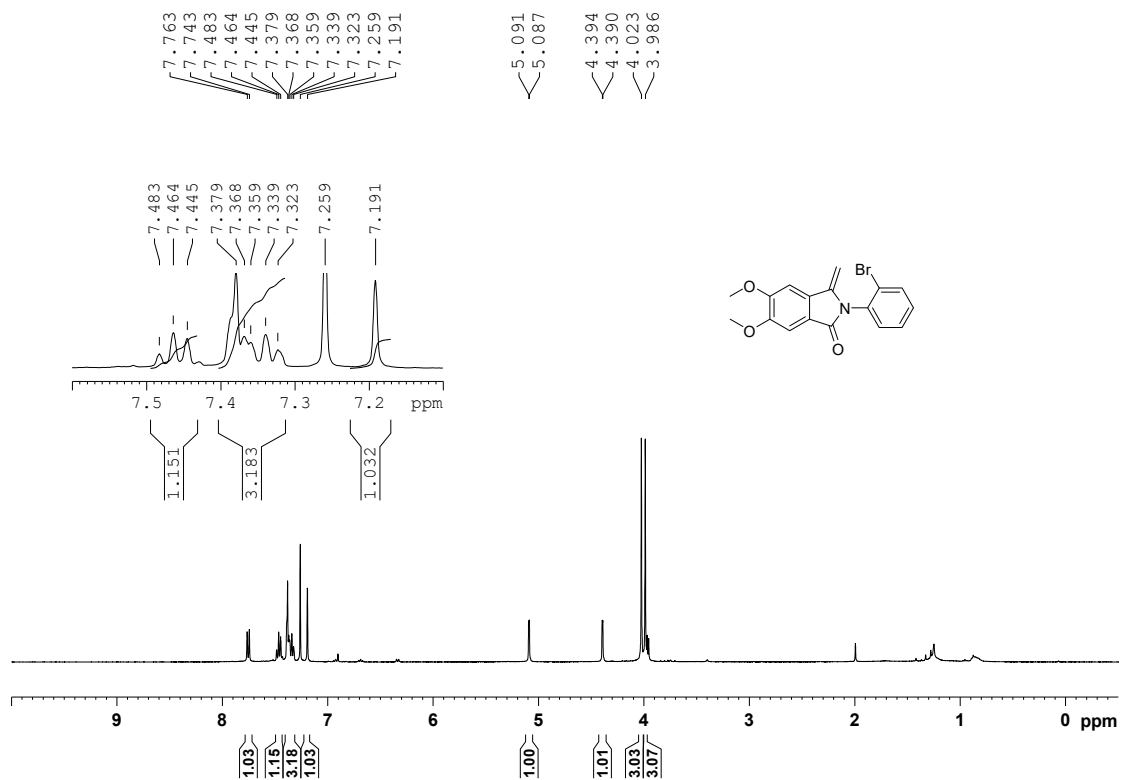


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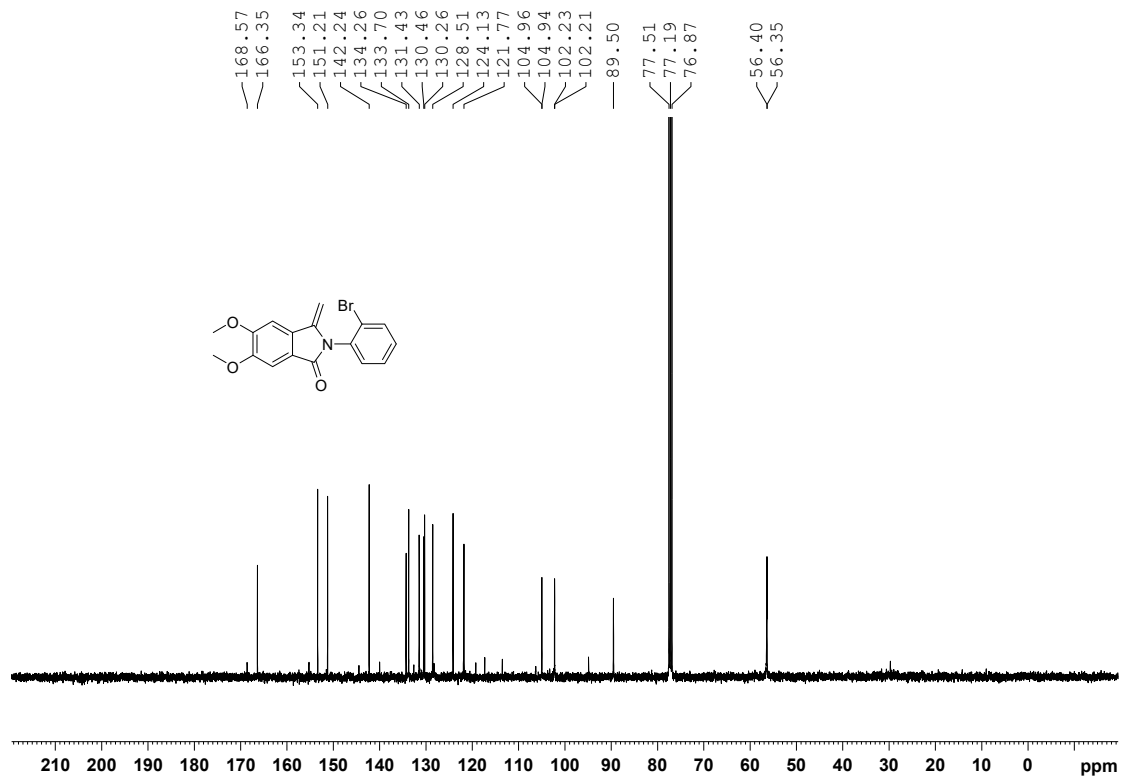


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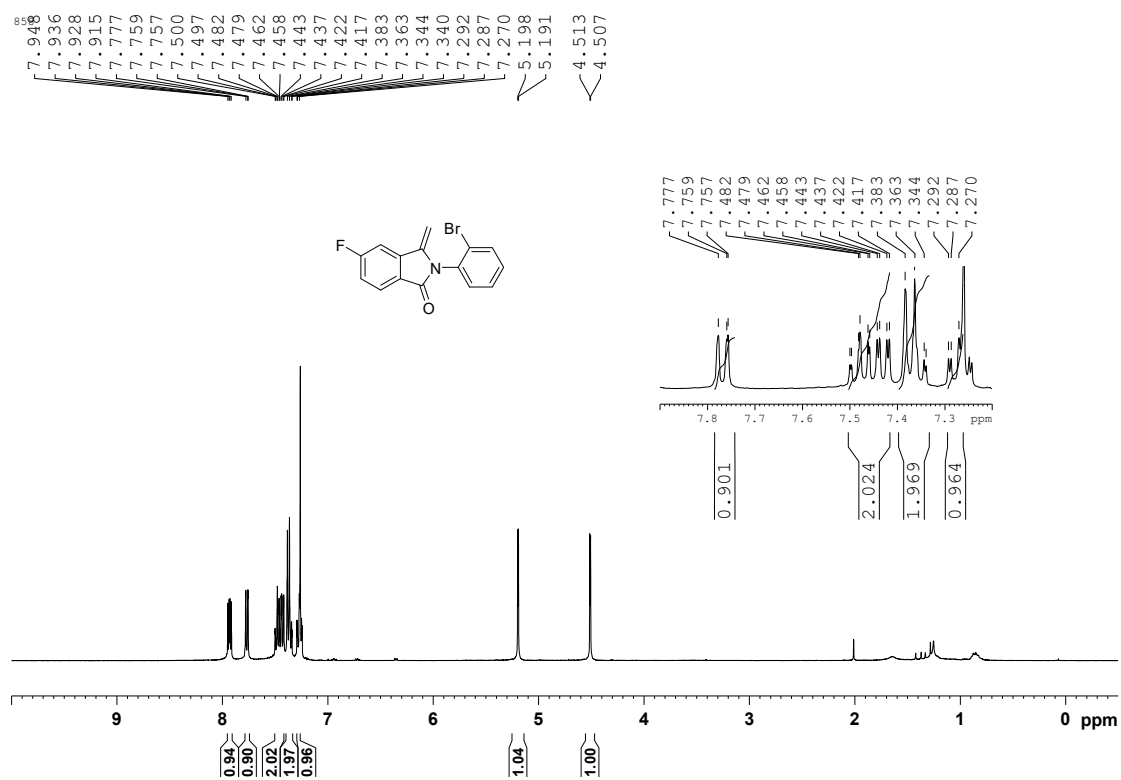


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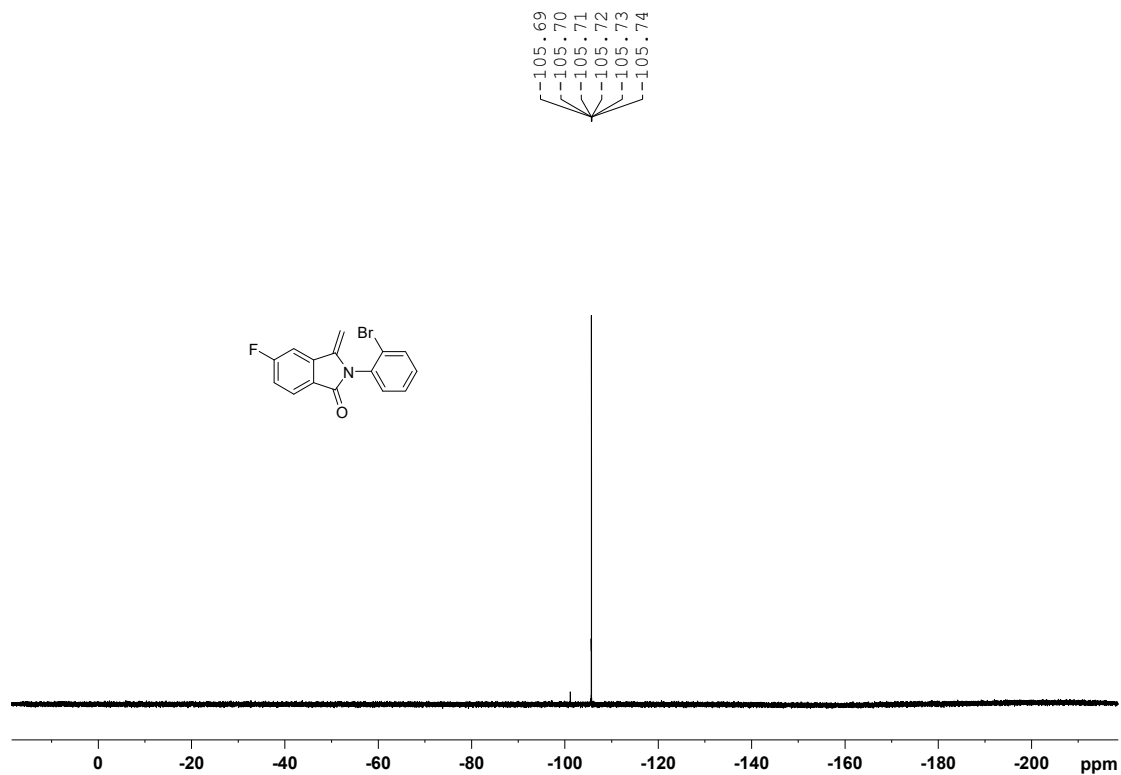


Figure S73. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4d

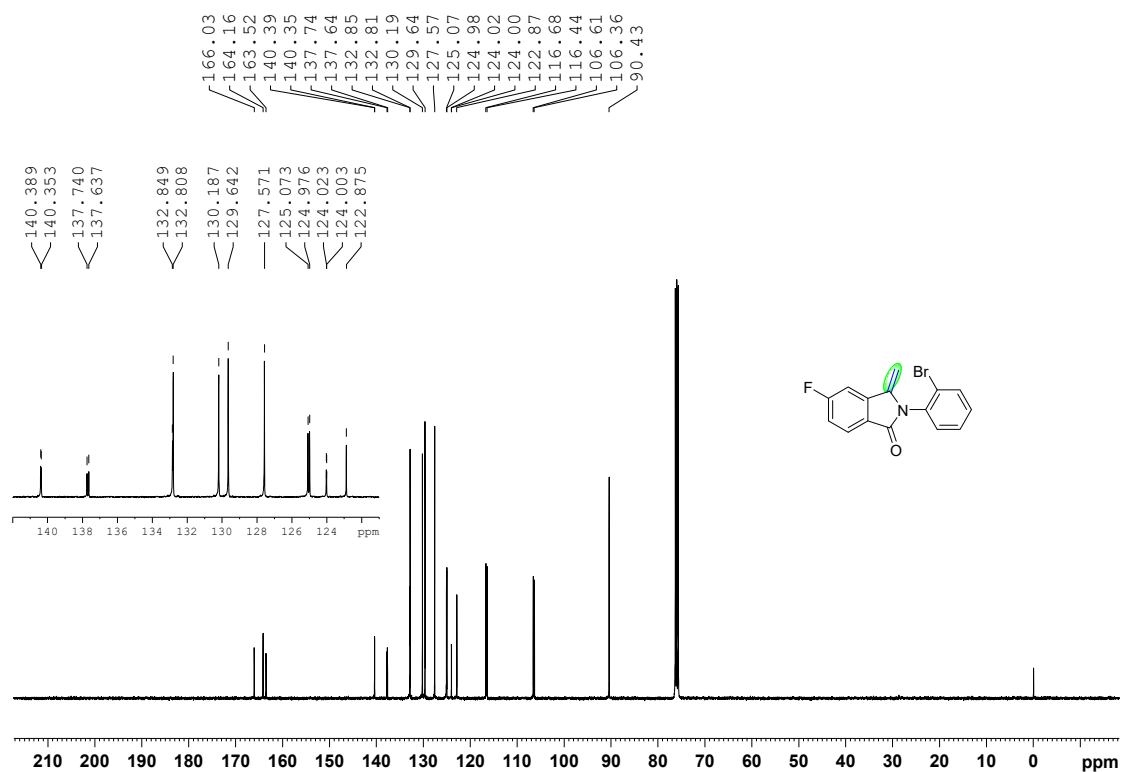


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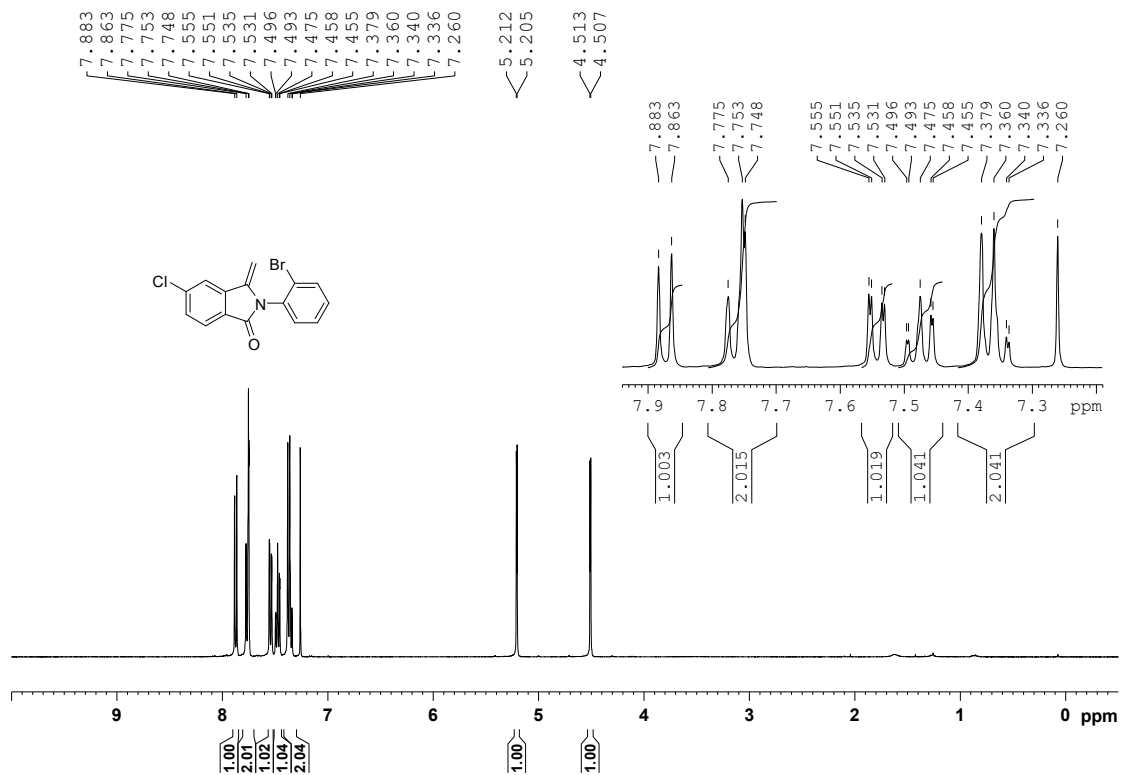


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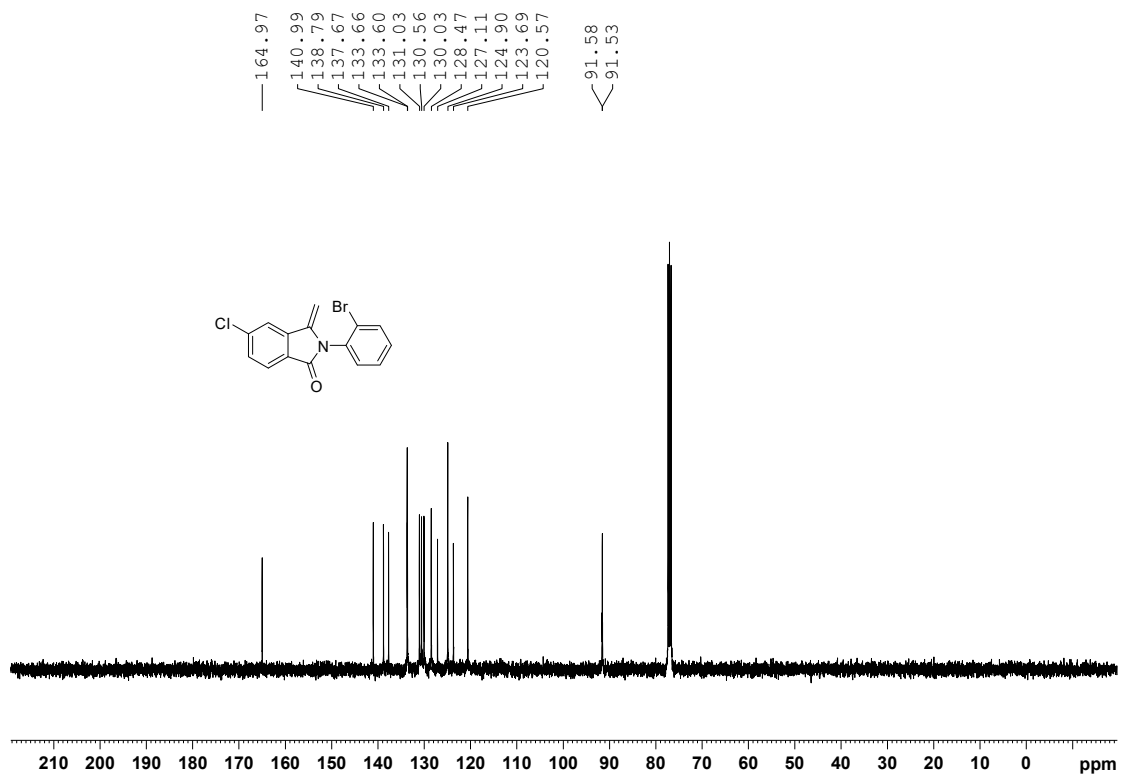


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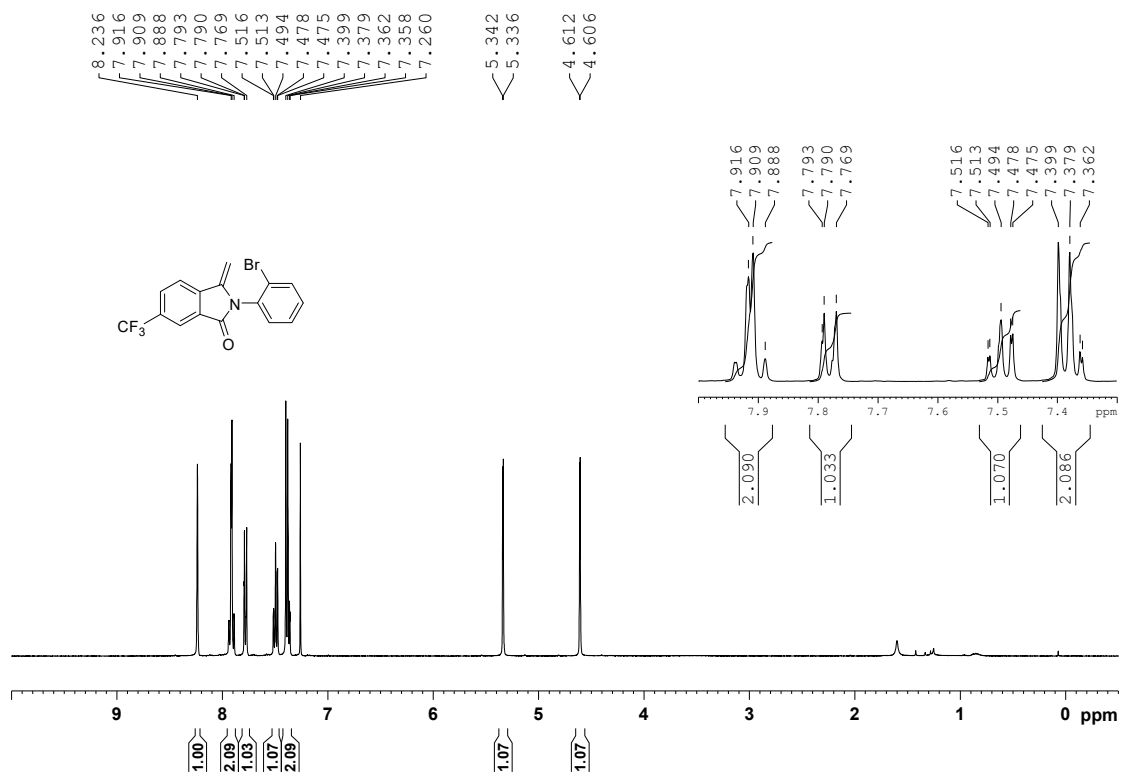


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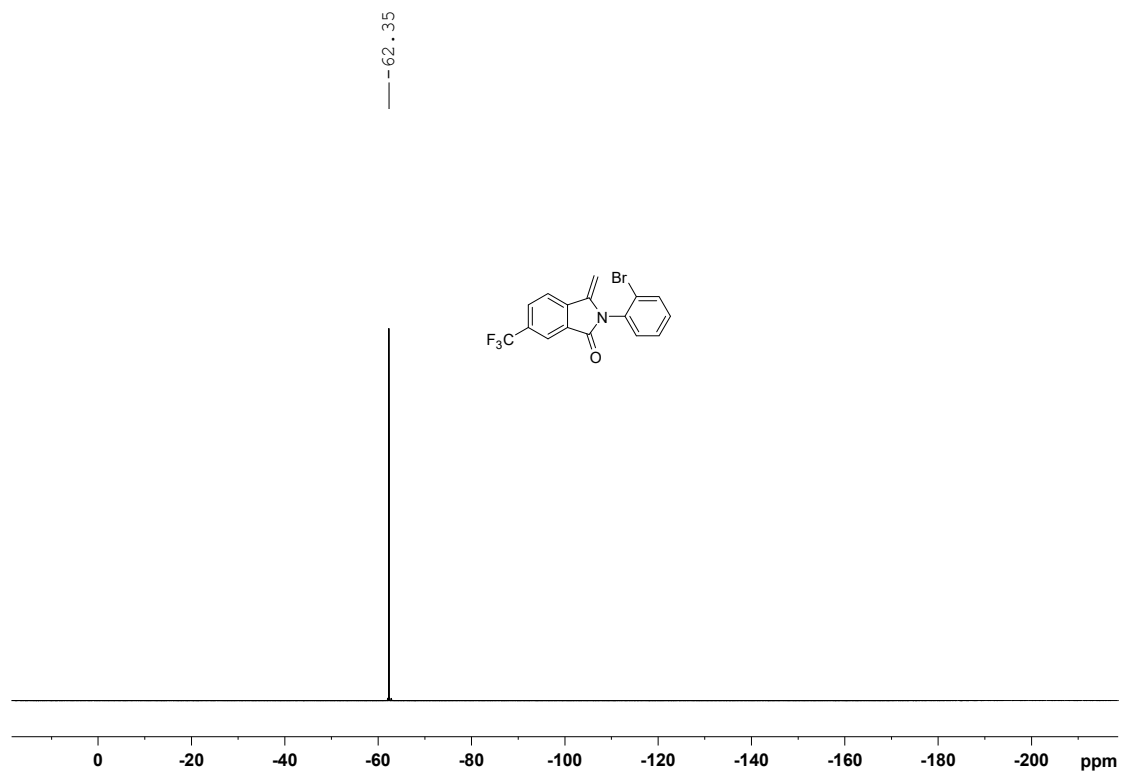


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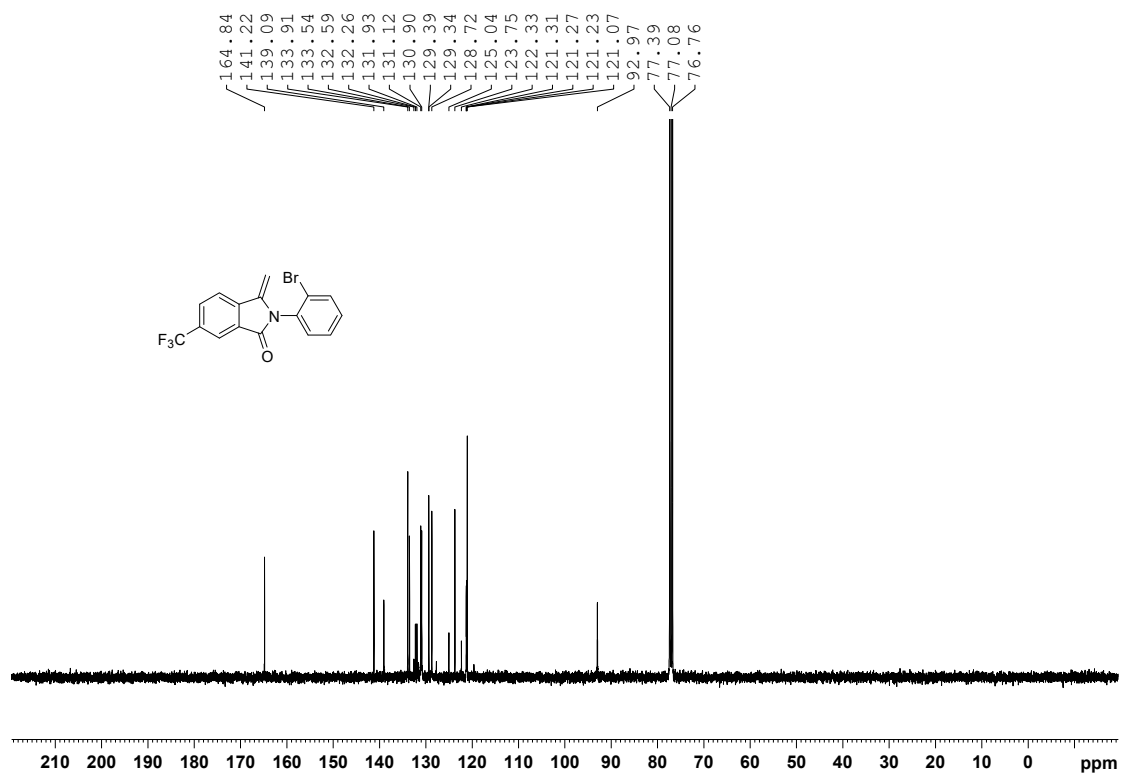


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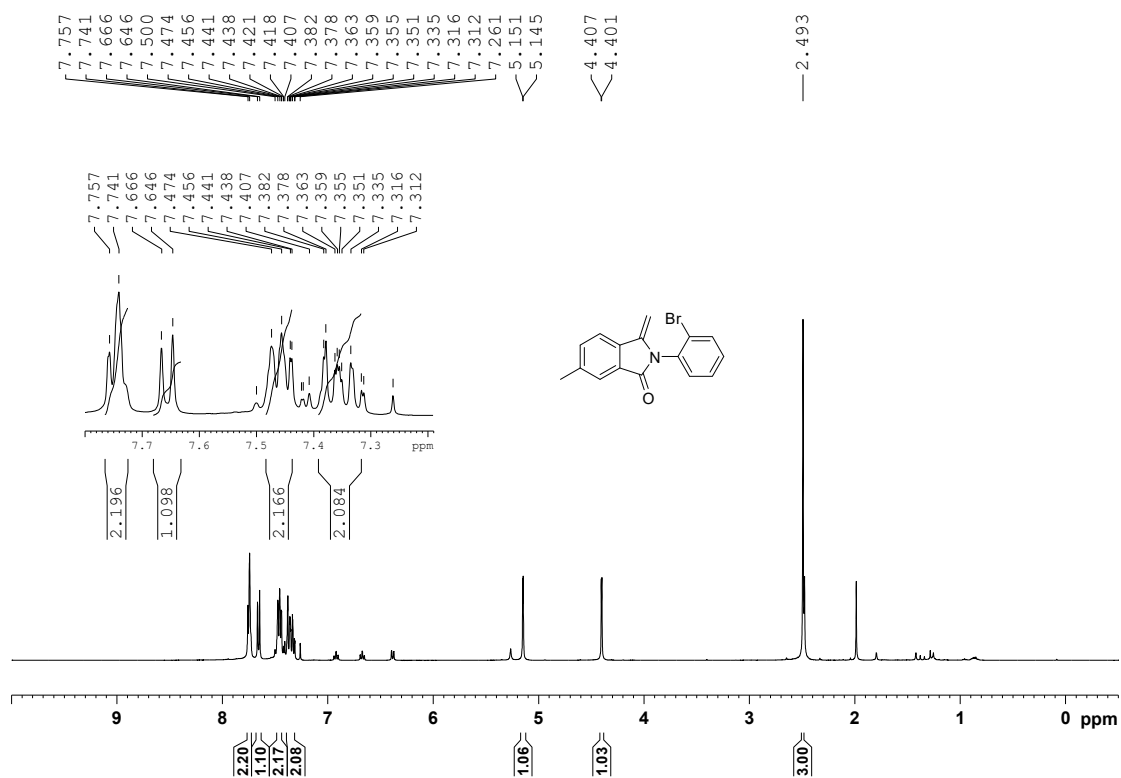


Figure S80. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of 4g

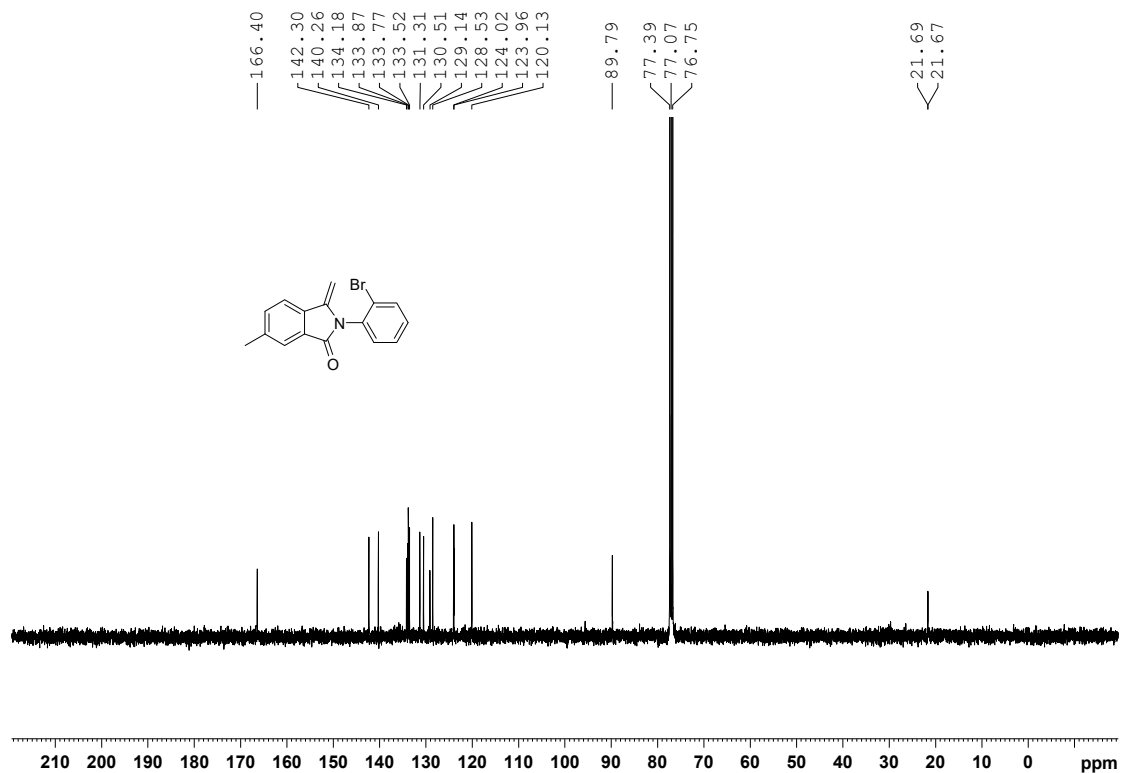


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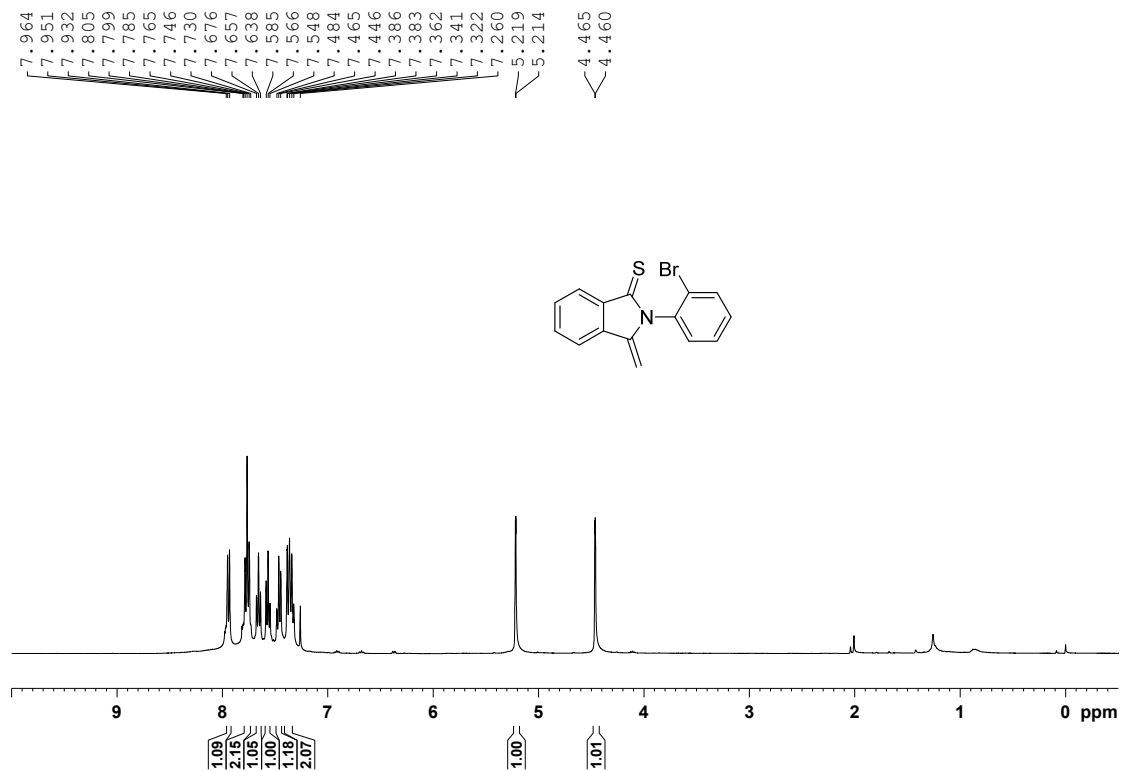


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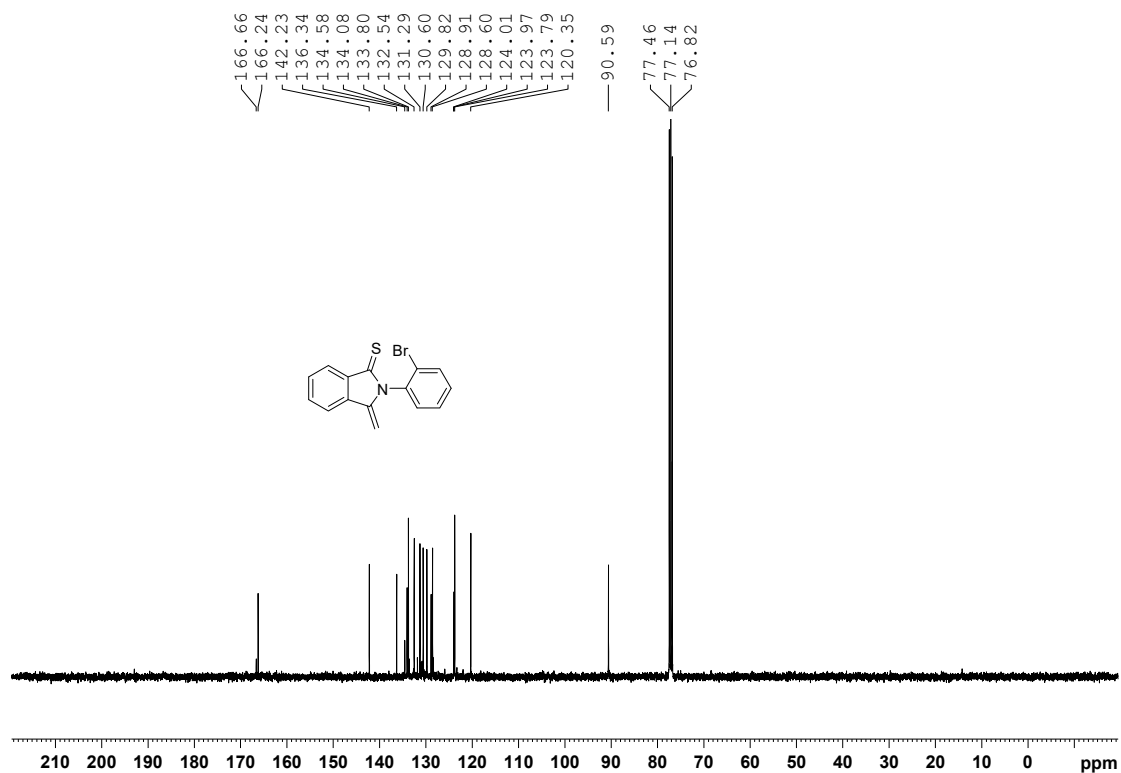


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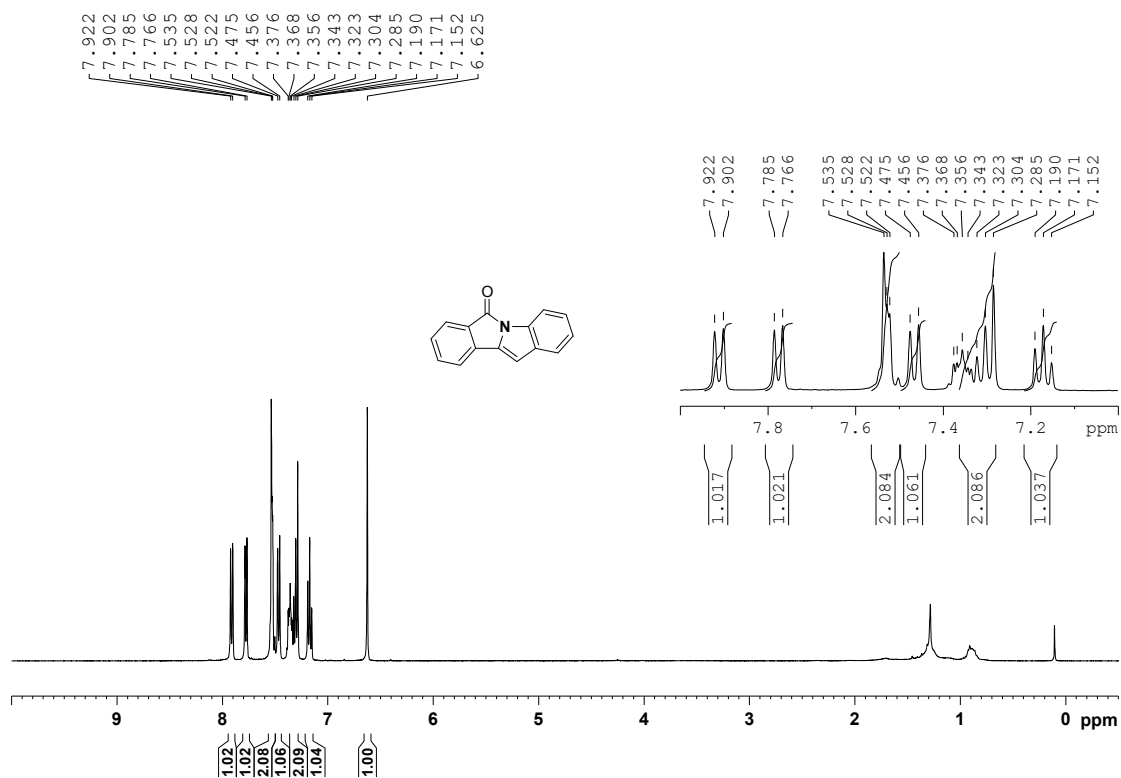


Figure S84. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of 5c

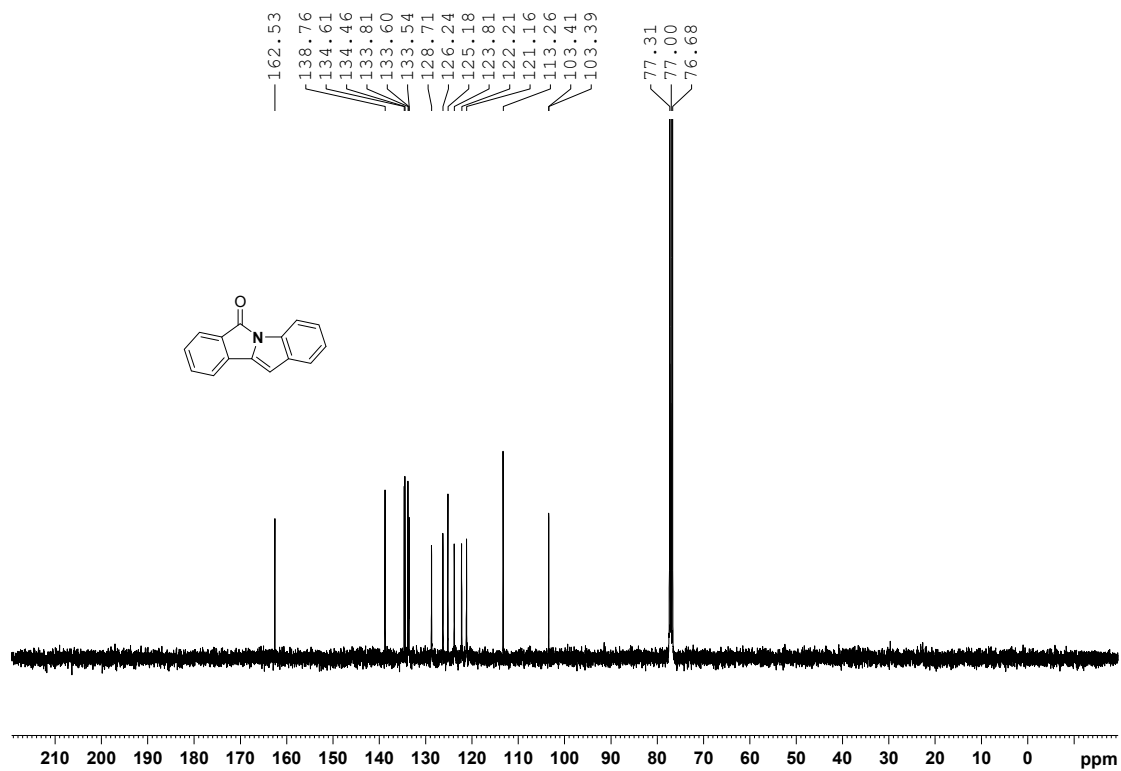


Figure S85. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of 5c

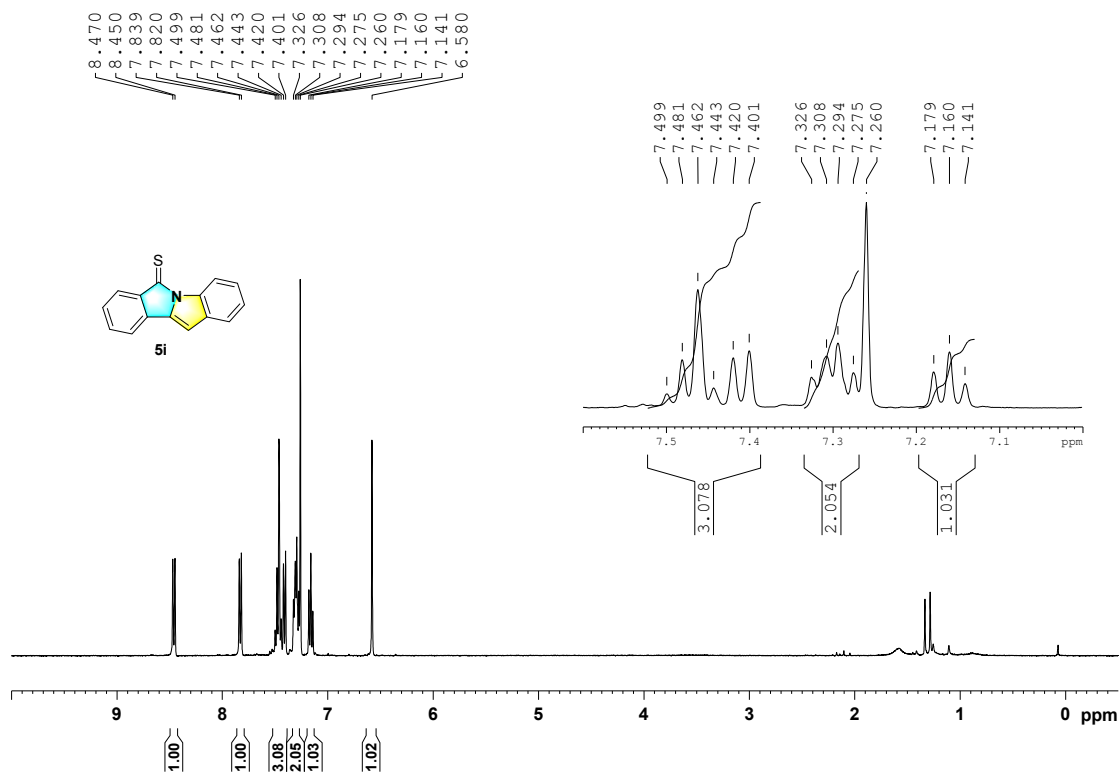


Figure S86. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) of **5i**

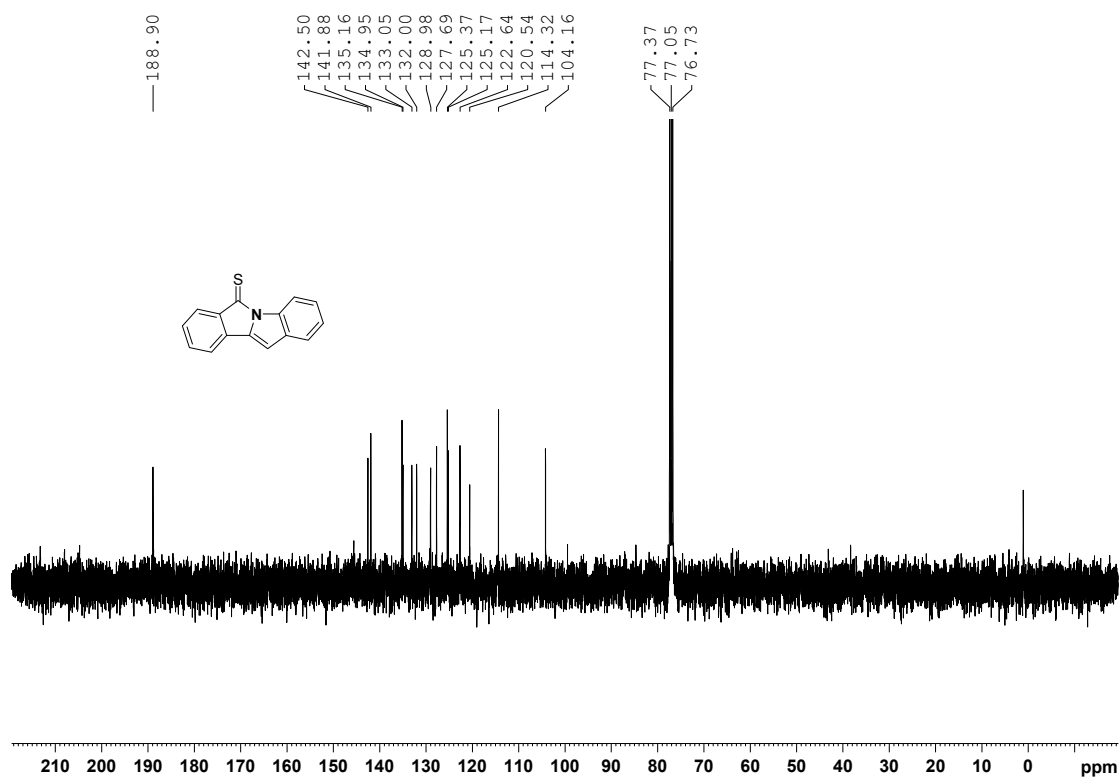


Figure S87. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) of **5i**