

# Reassembly and Functionalization of *N*-CF<sub>3</sub> Pyridinium Salts: Synthesis of Nicotinaldehydes

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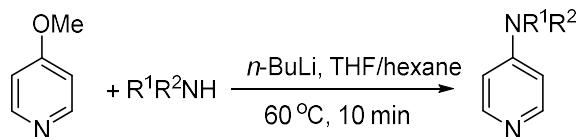
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## **1. General Information.**

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without treatment, unless otherwise indicated. The products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel (particle size 300-400 mesh ASTM, purchased from Taizhou, China).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C on a Bruker 600 MHz or Varian 500 MHz, 400 MHz, and 151 MHz or 125 MHz spectrometer, respectively by using TMS as internal standard.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR were recorded at 25 °C on a Bruker 565 MHz or Varian 470 MHz spectrometer. Data for  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$  were recorded as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, dq = doublet of quartets, td = triplet of doublets). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using a Bruker micro TOF II focus spectrometer (ESI).

## 2. Experimental Data for *N*-CF<sub>3</sub> Pyridinium Preparation

Preparation of 4-dialkylamino-pyridins.<sup>1</sup>



A round-bottomed flask reaction tube (50 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, and the reaction tube was vacuumed and filled with N<sub>2</sub> three times at -78 °C. Then the aliphatic amine (10 mmol) was added under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, followed by THF (6.2 mL) and *n*-BuLi (11 mmol, 4.4 mL, 2.5 M in hexane) by syringe at -78 °C. The round-bottomed flask was stirred at room temperature for 10 min. Then 4-methoxypyridine (16 mmol) was added quickly by syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred in a 60 °C oil bath for 10 min. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature, quenched by water (36 mL), and then extracted with DCM (3 × 20 mL). The solvent layer was dried with dried Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by flash column chromatography eluting with EtOAc (1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give the target compound.

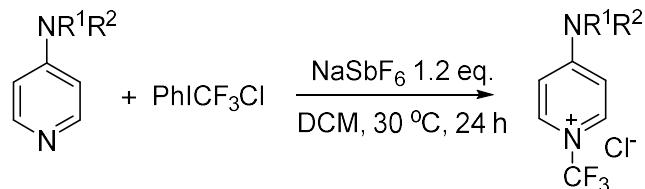
Trifluoromethylation of 4-alkylamino-pyridine

Method A:



A dry Schlenk tube (20 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a rubber septum was charged with PhICl<sub>3</sub>Cl (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), KPF<sub>6</sub> (1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and solution of 4-substituted-pyridine in DCM (1.0 mmol, 1.0 mL) was added with a syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred for 24 h at 30 °C, a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl (30 mL) was added, aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel chromatography or recrystallization to give *N*-CF<sub>3</sub> pyridinium salt **1a-f**.

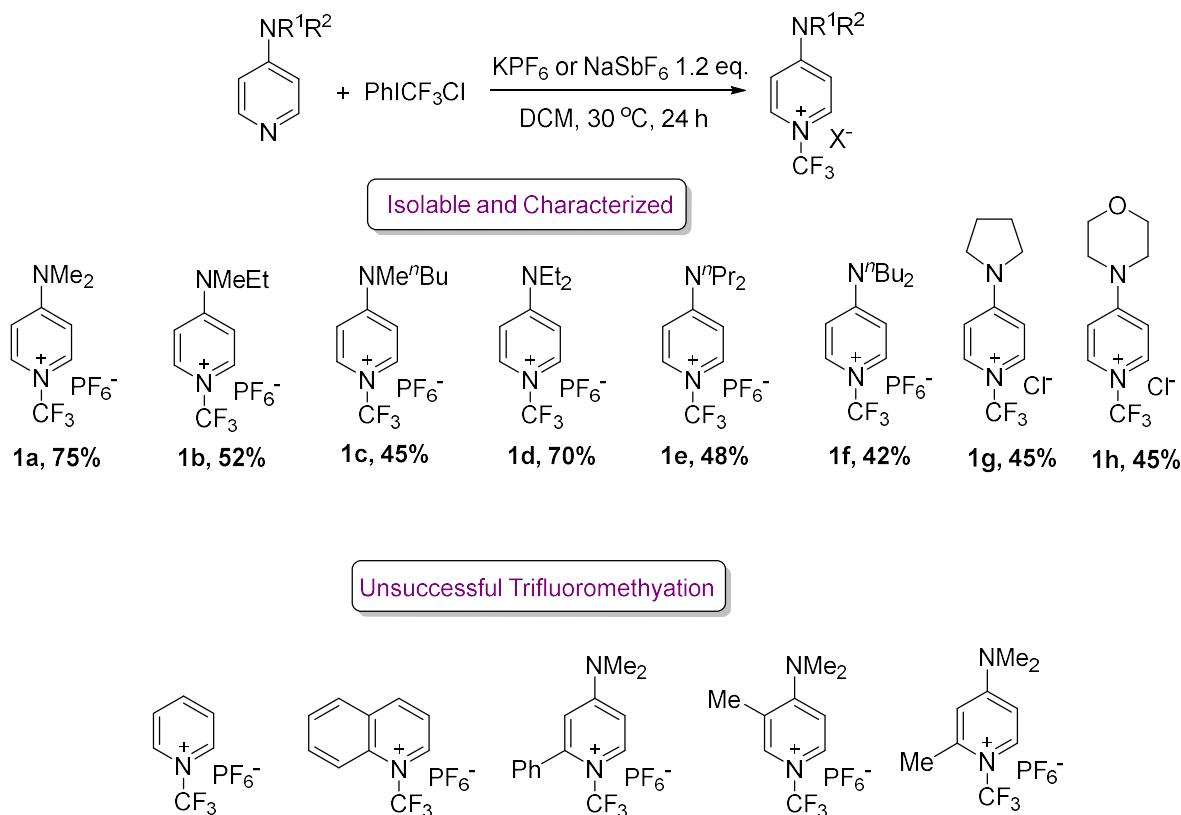
Method B:



A dry Schlenk tube (20 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a rubber septum was charged with PhICl<sub>3</sub>Cl (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), NaSbF<sub>6</sub> (1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and solution

of 4-substituted-pyridine in DCM (1.0 mmol, 1.0 mL) was added with a syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred for 24 h at 30 °C, a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl (30 mL) was added, aqueous phase was extracted with DCM ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel chromatography or recrystallization to give *N*-CF<sub>3</sub> pyridinium salt **1g** and **1h**.

Table S1. Scope of Trifluoromethylation of Pyridine.



#### 4-(dimethylamino)-1-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate(V) (**1a**)

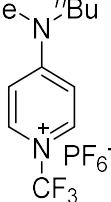
Yellow solid. mp: 134.4–134.8 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.70 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.8, 136.3, 136.2, 118.7 (q, *J*=268.8 Hz, 1C), 108.5 (2C), 41.3 (2C). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -55.0 (s, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -65.4 (d, *J*=228.0 Hz, 6F, PF<sub>6</sub>). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) 191.0791, found 191.0795.

#### 4-(ethyl(methyl)amino)-1-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate(V) (**1b**)

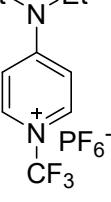
Yellow solid. mp: 78.3–78.6 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.62 (dd, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (dd, *J*=8.1 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J*=8.1 Hz, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J*=8.1 Hz, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (q, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.5, 135.8 (d, *J*=3.0 Hz, 1C), 135.7 (d, *J*=3.0 Hz, 1C), 118.7 (q, *J*=268.8 Hz, 1C), 108.6,

108.06, 48.5, 38.5, 10.8. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (471 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -56.6 (s, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -67.5 (d, *J* = 228.0 Hz, 6F, PF<sub>6</sub>). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) 205.0947, found 205.0954.

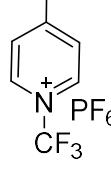
#### 4-(butyl(methyl)amino)-1-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate(V) (1c)

 Yellow solid. mp: 37.2-37.5 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.62 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 1.83 - 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.48 - 1.41 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.7, 135.8 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 135.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 118.7 (q, *J* = 268.8 Hz, 1C), 108.5, 108.2, 53.3, 39.2, 28.5, 19.5, 13.1. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (471 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -56.6 (s, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -67.5 (d, *J* = 228.0 Hz, 6F, PF<sub>6</sub>). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) 233.1260, found 233.1267.

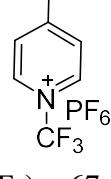
#### 4-(diethylamino)-1-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate(V) (1d)

 Yellow solid. mp: 82.1-82.5 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 156.9, 135.9 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2C), 118.7 (q, *J* = 268.8 Hz, 1C), 108.3 (2C), 46.5 (2C), 11.3 (2C). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (471 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -56.6 (s, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -67.5 (d, *J* = 228.0 Hz, 6F, PF<sub>6</sub>). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) 219.1104, found 219.1096.

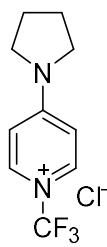
#### 4-(dipropylamino)-1-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate(V) (1e)

 Yellow solid. mp: 130.0-130.5 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.85 - 1.81 (m, 4H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.4, 135.8 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2C), 118.7 (q, *J* = 268.8 Hz, 1C), 108.5 (2C), 53.3 (2C), 19.9 (2C), 10.1 (2C). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (471 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -56.6 (s, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -67.5 (d, *J* = 228.0 Hz, 6F, PF<sub>6</sub>). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) 247.1417, found 247.1419.

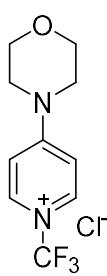
#### 4-(dibutylamino)-1-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-1-ium hexafluorophosphate(V) (1f)

 Yellow solid. mp: 100.5-100.8 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.81 - 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.48 (m, 4H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.2, 135.8 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2C), 118.7 (q, *J* = 268.8 Hz, 1C), 108.5 (2C), 51.8 (2C), 28.7, 19.5 (2C), 13.1 (2C). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (471 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -56.6 (s, 3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -67.5 (d, *J* = 228.0 Hz, 6F, PF<sub>6</sub>). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) 275.1730, found 275.1736.

**4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-1-i um chloride (1g)**



Yellow solid (22.7 mg, 45%), mp: 133.3-133.8 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 2.24 - 2.16 (m, 4H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 155.1, 136.5, 135.4, 118.8 (q, *J* = 268.2 Hz, 1C), 109.0 (2C), 50.0 (2C), 24.7 (2C). **19F NMR** (565 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -61.8 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) 217.0947, found 217.0955.

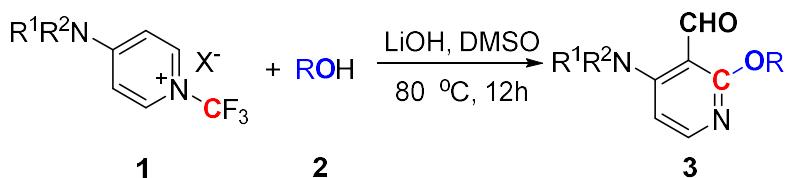


**4-morpholino-1-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-1-i um chloride (1h)**

Yellow solid (24.2 mg, 45%), mp: 158.4-158.7 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.77 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.2, 137.1, 137.1, 118.7 (q, *J* = 269.3 Hz, 1C), 108.5 (2C), 66.0 (2C), 48.2 (2C). **19F NMR** (565 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -59.8 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) 233.0896, found 233.0895.

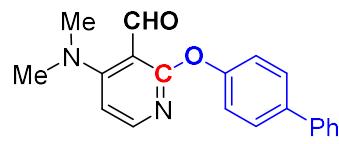
### 3. Synthetic Procedures/Analytical Data of Compounds 3.

General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 3.



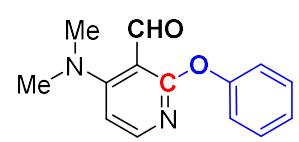
**1** (0.2 mmol), ROH (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.), LiOH (0.7 mmol, 3.5 eq.) and DMSO (2 mL) were added in a glass tube in sequence. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, and a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl (30 mL) was added. Aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl (3 × 30 mL), then the organic extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate: 20/1, v/v) to give **3**.

#### 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yloxy)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (**3a**)



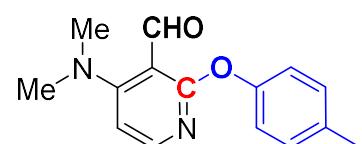
White solid (61.1 mg, 96%), mp: 112.1-112.9 °C. **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.5, 167.6, 158.1, 153.3, 149.7, 140.6, 138.0, 128.8 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.2, 127.1 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 106.7, 106.4, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 319.1436, found 319.1441.

#### 3-(dimethylamino)-2-phenoxynicotinaldehyde (**3b**)



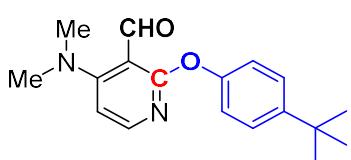
White solid (40.2 mg, 83%), mp: 72.1-72.4 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.5, 167.6, 158.1, 153.8, 149.7, 129.6 (2C), 124.9, 121.5 (2C), 106.6, 106.6, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 243.1135, found 243.1128.

#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(p-tolyloxy)nicotinaldehyde (**3c**)



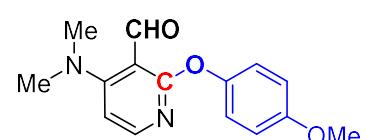
Yellow solid (43.6 mg, 85%), mp: 88.1-88.3 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 6H), 2.35 (s, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.6, 167.9, 158.1, 151.4, 149.8, 134.5 (2C), 130.1 (2C), 121.4, 106.4, 106.3, 43.6 (2C), 20.9. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 257.1286, found 257.1285.

### 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenoxy)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (3d)



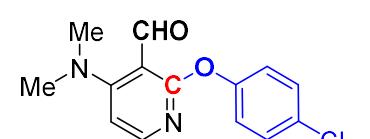
Yellow solid (47.7 mg, 80%), mp: 94.1-94.5 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.46 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 6H), 1.33 (s, 9H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.6 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1C), 167.7, 158.1, 151.4, 149.7, 147.4, 126.5 (2C), 120.8 (2C), 106.5, 106.4, 43.6 (2C), 34.4, 31.5 (3C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 299.1758, found 299.1754.

### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)nicotinaldehyde (3e)



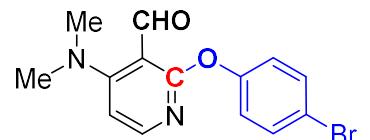
Orange solid (45.7 mg, 84%), mp: 97.9-98.1 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.03 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.6 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 167.9, 158.1, 156.7, 149.7, 147.0, 122.6 (2C), 114.7 (2C), 106.4, 106.1, 55.6, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 273.1204, found 273.1234.

### 2-(4-chlorophenoxy)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (3f)



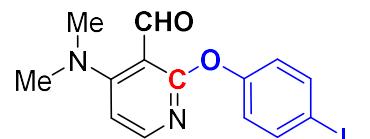
White solid (48.7 mg, 88%), mp: 117.6-117.9 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.2 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 167.2, 158.1, 152.2, 149.4, 130.2, 129.6 (2C), 123.0 (2C), 106.9, 106.2, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 277.0735, found 277.0738.

### 2-(4-bromophenoxy)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (3g)



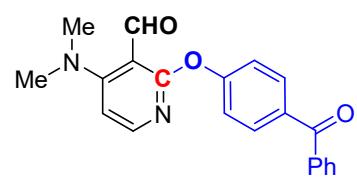
White solid (54.6 mg, 85%), mp: 117.9-118.3 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.2 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 167.1, 158.1, 152.8, 149.4, 132.6 (2C), 123.5 (2C), 117.9, 106.9, 106.3, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 321.0235, found 321.0233.

### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(4-iodophenoxy)nicotinaldehyde (3h)



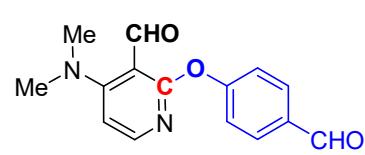
White solid (59.6 mg, 81%), mp: 131.8-132.0 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.2 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1C), 167.1, 158.1, 153.6, 149.4, 138.5 (2C), 123.9 (2C), 106.9, 106.3, 88.8, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 369.0069, found 369.0095.

### 2-(4-benzoylphenoxy)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (3i)



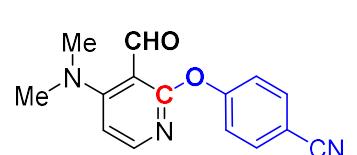
White solid (61.7 mg, 89%), mp: 106.7-107.1 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.46 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.5, 187.1 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 166.8, 158.1, 157.6, 149.4, 137.8, 133.8, 132.3, 132.0 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 121.0 (2C), 107.3, 106.7, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 347.1393, found 347.1390.

### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(4-formylphenoxy)nicotinaldehyde (3j)



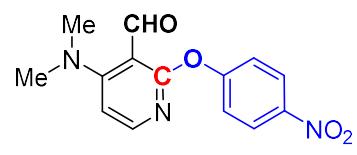
Yellow solid (42.2 mg, 78%), mp: 109.4-111.3 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.44 (s, 1H), 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 190.9, 187.0 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1C), 166.6, 159.0, 158.1, 149.4, 133.0, 131.5 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 107.5, 106.7, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 271.1084, found 271.1077.

### 4-((4-(dimethylamino)-3-formylpyridin-2-yl)oxy)benzonitrile (3k)



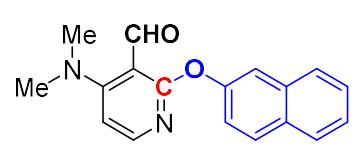
Yellow solid (26.7 mg, 50%), mp: 134.3-134.6 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.41 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 186.8 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1C), 166.3, 158.1, 157.4, 149.2, 133.8 (2C), 122.3 (2C), 118.6, 108.3, 107.6, 106.6, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 290.0905, found 290.0900.

### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(4-nitrophenoxy)nicotinaldehyde (3l)



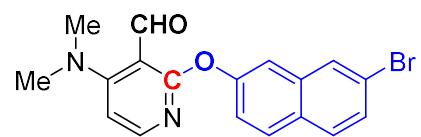
White solid (27.0 mg, 47%), mp: 137.5-138.0 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.42 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 186.8 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 166.2, 159.0, 158.2, 149.2, 144.4, 125.5 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 107.8, 106.6, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 288.0967, found 288.0979.

### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)nicotinaldehyde (3m)



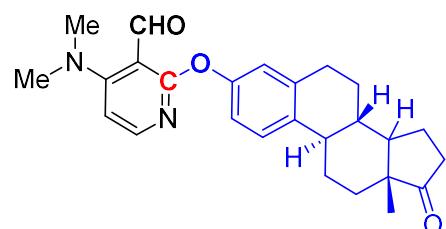
Orange solid (52.0 mg, 89%), mp: 112.1-112.9 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.5, 167.7, 158.1, 151.5, 149.7, 134.2, 131.1, 129.5, 127.8, 127.5, 126.4, 125.3, 121.7, 118.0, 106.7, 106.4, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 293.1281, found 293.1285.

**4-((7-bromonaphthalen-2-yl)oxy)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (3n)**



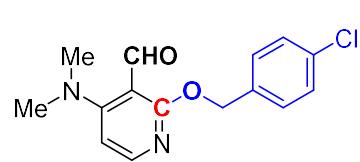
Orange solid (60.9 mg, 82%), mp: 175.9-176.5 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.53 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.4 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1C), 167.4, 158.1, 152.3, 149.5, 135.3, 129.4 (4C), 128.7, 122.2, 120.6, 117.1, 106.9, 106.4, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 371.0378, found 371.0390.

**5-(dimethylamino)-2-(((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-2-yl)oxy)nicotinaldehyde (3o)**



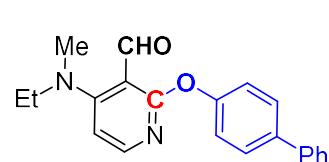
Yellow solid (79.5 mg, 95%), mp: 196.5-197.0 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 6H), 2.95-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 19.1 Hz, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.44-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.20-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.41 (m, 4H), 0.91 (s, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 220.8, 187.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 167.8, 158.1, 151.6, 149.8, 138.1, 136.4, 126.5, 121.5, 118.9, 106.5, 106.4, 50.5, 48.0, 44.2, 43.6 (2C), 38.0, 35.9, 31.6, 29.5, 26.4, 25.8, 21.6, 13.9. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 419.2323, found 419.2329.

**2-((4-chlorobenzyl)oxy)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (3p)**



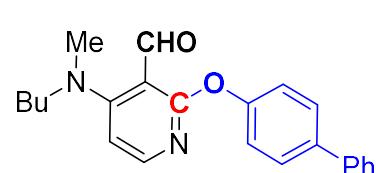
White solid (25.0 mg, 43%), mp: 63.5-63.9 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 2.99 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.4 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 167.1, 158.1, 149.3, 135.6, 133.7, 129.2 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.2, 105.8, 67.2, 43.5 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 291.0895, found 291.0902.

**2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yloxy)-4-(ethyl(methyl)amino)nicotinaldehyde (3q)**

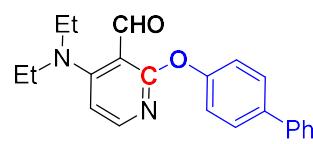


White solid (51.1 mg, 77%), mp: 124.1-124.5 °C. **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.5, 167.6, 157.6, 153.3, 149.5, 140.7, 138.0, 128.7 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.1 (3C), 121.8 (2C), 107.1, 106.7, 49.0, 41.1, 12.2. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 355.1417, found 355.1415.

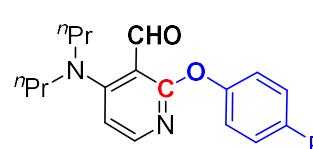
### 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yloxy)-4-(butyl(methyl)amino)nicotinaldehyde (3r)

 White solid (51.9 mg, 72%), mp: 82.8-83.3 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 1.71-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.32 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.3 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1C), 167.6, 157.7, 153.4, 149.4, 140.7, 138.0, 128.8 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.1 (3C), 121.8 (2C), 107.2, 106.7, 54.3, 42.2, 29.2, 20.0, 13.8. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 383.1730, found 383.1734.

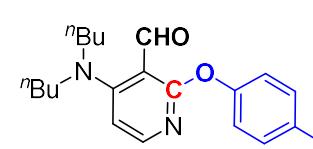
### 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yloxy)-4-(diethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (3s)

 Yellow solid (59.5 mg, 86%), mp: 107.1-107.4 °C. **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.3, 167.4, 157.3, 153.4, 149.8, 140.7, 138.0, 128.7 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.1 (3C), 121.8 (2C), 108.4, 107.9, 46.9 (2C), 12.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 347.1754, found 347.1763.

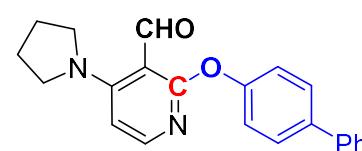
### 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yloxy)-4-(dipropylamino)nicotinaldehyde (3t)

 Yellow solid (52.4 mg, 70%), mp: 119.4-119.9 °C. **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.41 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 186.9, 167.5, 158.0, 153.4, 149.8, 140.7, 138.0, 128.8 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.1 (3C), 121.8 (2C), 108.5, 107.9, 54.6 (2C), 20.8 (2C), 11.3 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 397.1886, found 397.1892.

### 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yloxy)-4-(dibutylamino)nicotinaldehyde (3u)

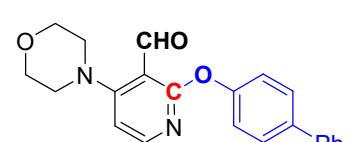
 Green solid (60.3 mg, 75%), mp: 55.3-55.7 °C. **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.41 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.59-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.31-1.27 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 186.8 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1C), 167.5, 158.0, 153.4, 149.7, 140.7, 137.9, 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.2, 127.1 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 108.6, 108.0, 52.7 (2C), 29.6 (2C), 20.1 (2C), 13.9 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 425.2199, found 425.2199.

**2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yloxy)-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (3v)**



White solid (58.5 mg, 85%), mp: 189.8-190.5 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 2.02 - 1.98 (m, 4H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.3, 166.9, 154.1, 153.3, 148.8, 140.7, 137.9, 128.8 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 106.2, 106.1, 52.4 (2C), 25.7 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 367.1417, found 367.1410.

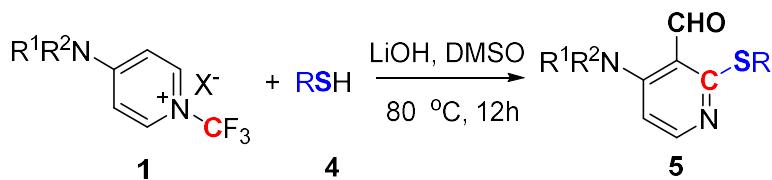
**2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yloxy)-4-morpholinonicotinaldehyde (3w)**



White solid (59.1 mg, 82%), mp: 211.7-212.1 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 4H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.1, 167.9, 158.9, 153.0, 151.6, 140.5, 138.3, 128.8 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.2, 127.1 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 108.4, 108.0, 66.7 (2C), 52.0 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 383.1366, found 383.1361.

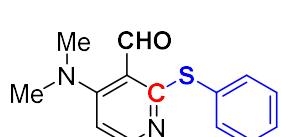
#### 4. Synthetic Procedures/Analytical Data of Compounds 5

General procedure for the synthesis of compounds **5**.



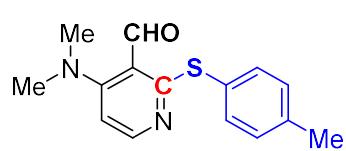
**1** (0.2 mmol), RSH (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.), LiOH (0.7 mmol, 3.5 eq.) and DMSO (2 mL) were added in a glass tube in sequence. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, and a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl (30 mL) was added. Aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10$  mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl ( $3 \times 30$  mL), then the organic extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate: 20/1, v/v) to give **5**.

#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(phenylthio)nicotinaldehyde (**5a**)



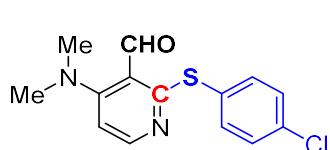
Brown solid (38.8 mg, 75%), mp: 110.3-110.7 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.34 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 3H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.4 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1C), 164.6, 159.5, 151.2, 134.7 (2C), 131.6, 129.0 (2C), 128.5, 116.5, 107.8, 44.1 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 259.0893, found 259.0900.

#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(p-tolylthio)nicotinaldehyde (**5b**)



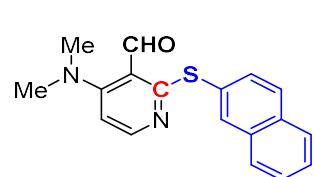
Orange solid (53.9 mg, 99%), mp: 138.6-139.2 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 6H), 2.37 (s, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.4, 165.1, 159.6, 151.3, 138.7, 134.9 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 127.7, 116.3, 107.6, 44.1 (2C), 21.4. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 273.1066, found 273.1056.

#### 2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (**5c**)



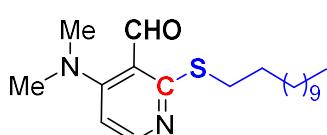
Orange solid (49.8 mg, 85%), mp: 94.8-95.0 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.29 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 163.8, 159.9, 151.2, 136.3 (2C), 134.8, 129.8, 129.2 (2C), 116.3, 107.9, 44.2 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 293.0507, found 293.0510.

#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)nicotinaldehyde (**5d**)



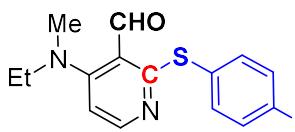
White solid (58.0 mg, 94%), mp: 117.6-120.2 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.30 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.36 (m, 3H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.4, 164.6, 159.6, 151.2, 133.8, 133.6, 133.0, 131.9, 129.1, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 126.7, 126.3, 116.5, 107.9, 44.1 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 309.1035, found 309.1056.

#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(propylthio)nicotinaldehyde (**5e**)



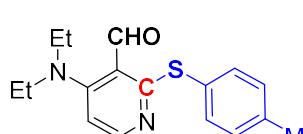
Orange solid (8.4 mg, 12%), mp: 42.0-42.5 °C. **1H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.23 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 6H), 1.69 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.32 - 1.25 (m, 16H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.2 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1C), 165.3, 159.6, 150.7, 116.5, 106.9, 44.1 (2C), 31.9, 30.3, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 29.0, 22.7, 14.1. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 351.2465, found 351.2457.

#### 4-(ethyl(methyl)amino)-2-(p-tolylthio)nicotinaldehyde (**5f**)



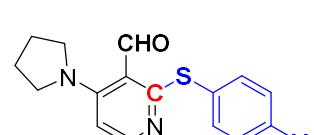
Yellow solid (37.8 mg, 66%), mp: 113.9-114.3 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.25 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.5, 164.8, 159.8, 151.38, 138.7, 135.1 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 127.7, 117.0, 108.2, 51.0, 40.4, 21.4, 12.4. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 287.1213, found 287.1219.

#### 4-(diethylamino)-2-(p-tolylthio)nicotinaldehyde (**5g**)



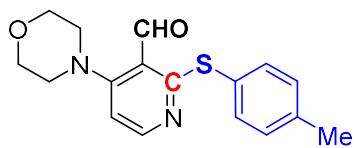
Yellow solid (33.6 mg, 56%), mp: 102.2-102.5 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.16 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.8, 164.2, 160.1, 151.5, 138.7, 135.3 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 127.6, 118.5, 109.6, 47.6 (2C), 21.4, 12.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 301.1369, found 301.1375.

#### 4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-(p-tolylthio)nicotinaldehyde (**5h**)



Yellow solid (45.3 mg, 76%), mp: 159.1-159.7 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.49 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.00 - 1.93 (m, 4H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.6, 164.1, 154.0, 150.2, 138.5, 134.5 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 128.1, 115.8, 106.8, 52.6 (2C), 25.8 (2C), 21.3. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaOS<sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 321.1032, found 321.1029.

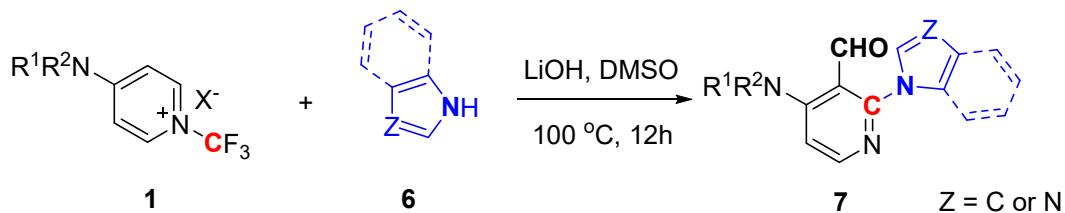
**4-morpholino-2-(p-tolylthio)nicotinaldehyde (**5i**)**



Yellow solid (44.0 mg, 70%), mp: 168.2-168.8 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.32 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 3.22 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.5, 165.0, 161.0, 153.0, 139.0, 135.3 (2C), 129.9 (2C), 127.1, 118.5, 108.8, 66.6 (2C), 53.1 (2C), 21.4. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>) 337.0981, found 337.0976.

## 5. Synthetic Procedures/Analytical Data of Compounds 7

General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 7.



**1** (0.2 mmol), **6** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.), LiOH (0.7 mmol, 3.5 eq.) and DMSO (2 mL) were added in a glass tube in sequence. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h, and a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl (30 mL) was added. Aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10$  mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl ( $3 \times 30$  mL), then the organic extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate: 10/1, v/v) to give **7**.

### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(1H-indol-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (**7a**)

Orange solid (35.0 mg, 66%), mp: 157.8-158.5 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.42 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.9, 157.9, 157.5, 151.2, 137.2, 130.2, 129.1, 123.3, 121.6, 121.3, 111.4, 110.7, 108.2, 105.8, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 266.1282, found 266.1288.

### 2-(4-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (**7b**)

Brown solid (53.8 mg, 90%), mp: 158.5-159.1 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.39 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 3.5, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 6.2, 1H), 3.18 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.5, 157.9, 157.2, 151.0, 137.8, 129.7, 128.8, 126.4, 123.9, 121.3, 110.8, 110.2, 108.7, 104.0, 43.7 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 300.0899, found 300.0898.

### 2-(4-bromo-1H-indol-1-yl)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (**7c**)

Orange solid (44.6 mg, 65%), mp: 147.5-147.9 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.5, 157.9, 157.2, 151.0, 137.4, 130.7, 129.7, 124.5, 124.2, 115.0, 110.8,

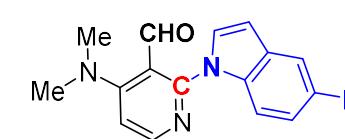
110.8, 108.7, 105.7, 43.7 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{15}BrN_3O^+$  ( $[M+H]^+$ ) 344.0403, found 344.0393.

#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(4-methoxy-1H-indol-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (7d)



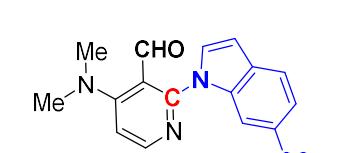
Brown solid (40.1 mg, 68%), mp: 129.1–129.5 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.40 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.17 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  185.9, 157.8, 157.6, 153.4, 151.1, 138.6, 127.6, 124.2, 120.6, 110.8, 108.3, 104.6, 102.8, 101.6, 55.4, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{18}N_3O_2^+$  ( $[M+H]^+$ ) 296.1401, found 296.1394.

#### 3-(dimethylamino)-2-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (7e)



Orange solid (40.2 mg, 71%), mp: 156.9–157.3 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.41 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (td,  $J = 9.1$ , 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 3.19 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  185.6, 159.5 (d,  $J = 237.1$  Hz, 1C), 158.0, 157.4, 151.1, 133.6, 130.8, 130.7 (d,  $J = 10.6$  Hz, 1C), 112.6 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1C), 111.4 (d,  $J = 27.2$  Hz, 1C), 110.5, 108.4, 106.2 (d,  $J = 22.6$  Hz, 1C), 105.6 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1C), 43.7 (2C). **19F NMR** (471 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  (-122.40) - (-122.45) (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{15}FN_3O^+$  ( $[M+H]^+$ ) 284.1200, found 284.1194.

#### methyl 1-(4-(dimethylamino)-3-formylpyridin-2-yl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylate (7f)



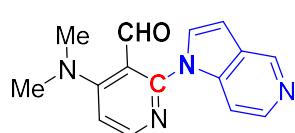
Yellow solid (54.9 mg, 85%), mp: 169.1–169.4 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.38 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  185.4, 167.7, 157.9, 156.7, 151.1, 136.7, 133.7, 132.0, 125.0, 122.6, 120.9, 113.7, 110.9, 108.7, 105.7, 52.0, 43.6 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{18}N_3O_3^+$  ( $[M+H]^+$ ) 324.1345, found 324.1343.

#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(1H-pyrrolo[3,2-b]pyridin-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (7g)



Orange solid (42.0 mg, 79%), mp: 157.9–158.4 °C. **1H NMR** (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.42 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 6H). **13C NMR** (151 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  185.1, 158.1, 156.9, 151.0, 148.4, 145.0, 132.4, 130.2, 119.4, 118.0, 110.2, 108.6, 106.7, 43.7 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{15}N_4O^+$  ( $[M+H]^+$ ) 267.1244, found 267.1240.

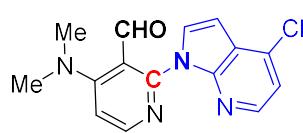
#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (7h)



Orange solid (42.6 mg, 80%), mp: 163.6-164.3 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.40 (s, 1H), 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 6H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.0, 157.9, 156.4, 151.0, 144.3, 142.7, 140.9, 130.0, 126.6, 110.7, 109.0, 106.8, 104.5, 43.7 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 267.1247, found 267.1240.

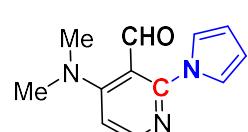
#### 4-(4-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)-4-(dimethylamino)nicotinaldehyde (7i)



Yellow solid (49.0 mg, 82%), mp: 144.9-150.1 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.44 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 6H).

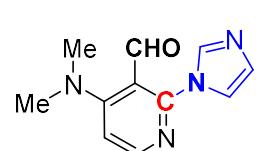
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 186.1, 157.6, 154.4, 150.5, 149.0, 144.2, 136.4, 129.2, 121.3, 117.9, 112.0, 109.0, 101.6, 43.7 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 301.0849, found 301.0851.

#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (7j)



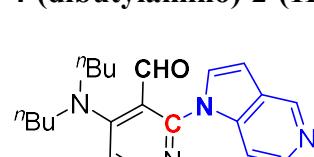
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#### 4-(dimethylamino)-2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (7k)



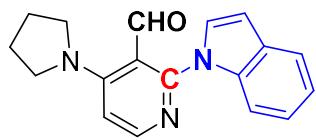
Yellow solid (20.2 mg, 44%), mp: 101.8-102.5 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 - 7.77 (m, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.54 - 6.48 (m, 1H), 3.12 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.7, 157.7, 156.5, 149.5, 142.9, 130.4, 110.4, 109.1, 107.9, 43.7 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 217.1084, found 217.1088.

#### 4-(dibutylamino)-2-(1H-pyrrolo[3,2-c]pyridin-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (7l)



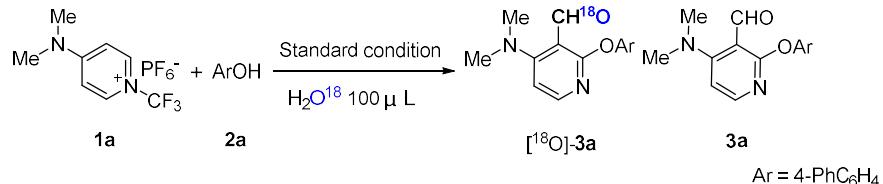
Yellow oil. (49.7 mg, 71%). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.70 - 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.32 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.2, 157.7, 156.5, 151.1, 144.2, 142.6, 141.0, 130.1, 126.7, 112.1, 110.5, 106.8, 104.4, 53.0 (2C), 29.9 (2C), 20.1 (2C), 13.8 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 351.2179, found 351.2181.

**2-(1H-indol-1-yl)-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)nicotinaldehyde (7m)**



Yellow solid (39.6 mg, 68%), mp: 138.1-138.5 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.53 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 2.10-2.04 (m, 4H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.1, 156.5, 154.4, 150.4, 137.1, 130.0, 129.1, 123.2, 121.4, 121.2, 111.5, 110.6, 108.1, 105.4, 52.4 (2C), 25.7 (2C). **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) 292.1445, found 292.1450.

## 6. Mechanistic Studies



**1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.), LiOH (0.7 mmol, 3.5 eq.), DMSO (2 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>18</sup> 100  $\mu$ L were added in a glass tube in sequence. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, and a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl (30 mL) was added. Aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NaCl (3 × 30 mL), then the organic extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the crude product, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate: 20/1, v/v) to give **3a** (31.8 mg, 50%).

To trace the source of oxygen in the CHO of product, H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O was added in the reaction mixture, isotope labeling experiments led to the formation of [<sup>18</sup>O]-**3a** and **3a**, and this result was unambiguously confirmed by mass spectrometry (Figure S1). This provided direct evidence of the fact that the O atom originates from aqueous reaction mixture.

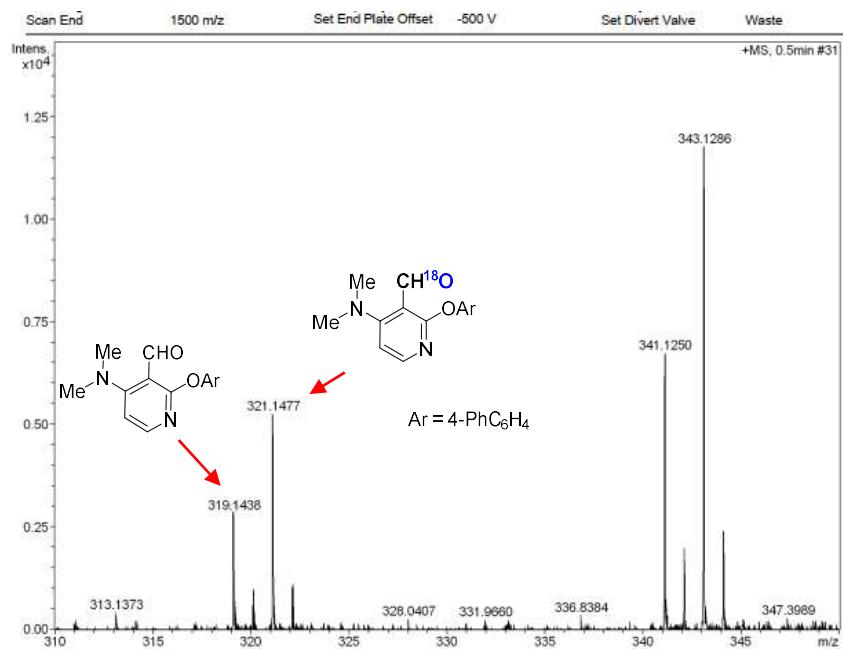
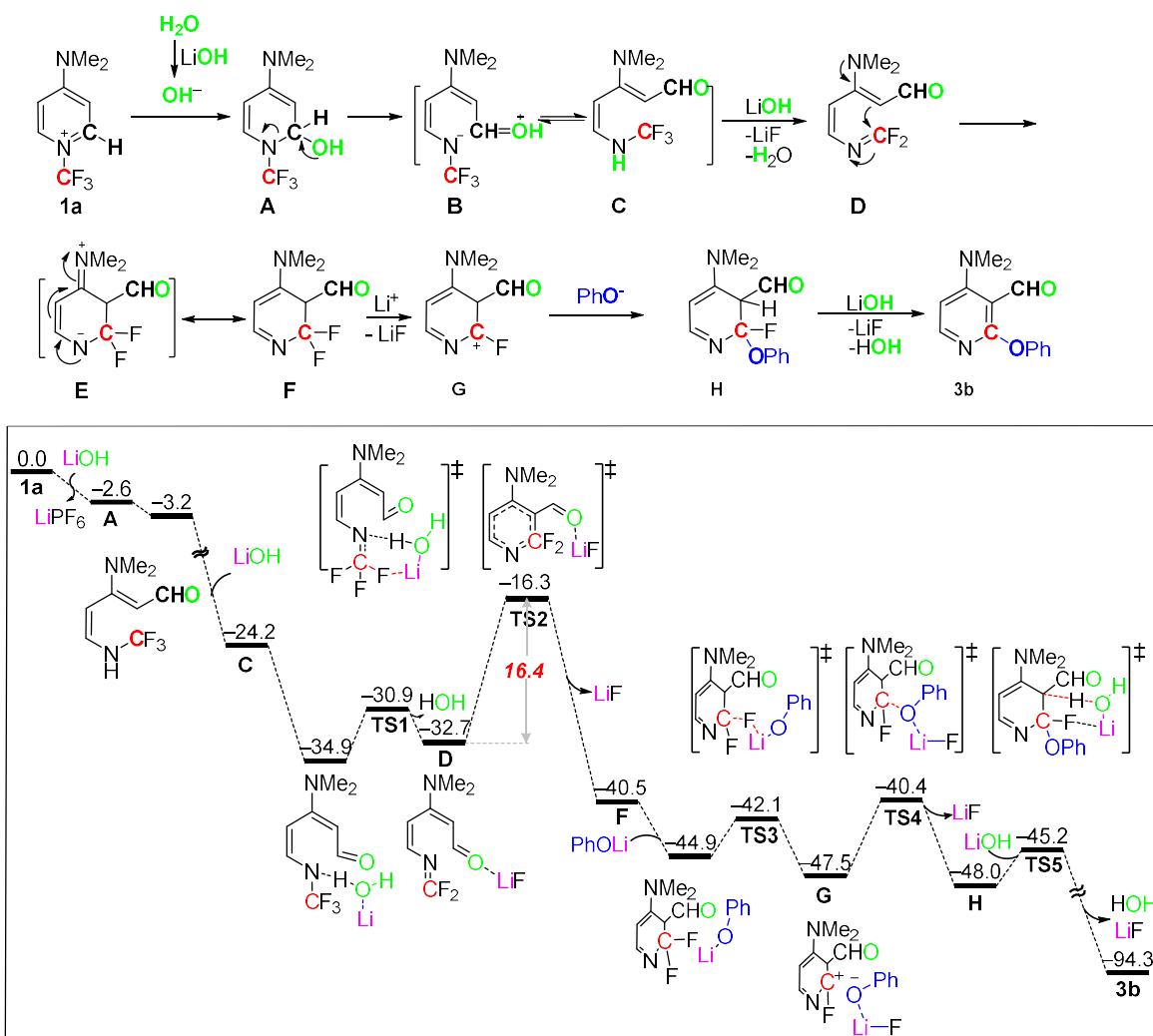


Figure S1 <sup>18</sup>O labelling experiment and HRMS analysis

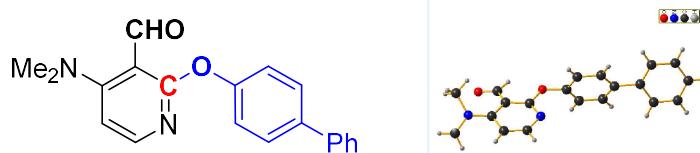
**DFT Calculations** All density functional theory (DFT) calculations were carried out with the Gaussian 16 package.<sup>2</sup> The M06<sup>3</sup> method was used for all calculations. The 6-31G(d) basis set

was used for optimization of molecular geometries. Frequency analyses were calculated to ensure whether it is a saddle point or minimum at 353.15 K and 1 atm at the same level. Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC)<sup>4</sup> calculations were calculated to confirm that the transition states indeed lead to the right reactants and products. The single-point energies of all stationary points were performed at the M06/6-311++G(d, p) level. Both geometry optimizations and single-point energies were considered the solvent effects with the SMD<sup>5</sup> model in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) solvent. In addition, the translational entropy was corrected with the method developed by Whitesides et al.<sup>6</sup> In all the energy changes and profiles, the calculated relative Gibbs free energies (in kcal/mol) are presented.



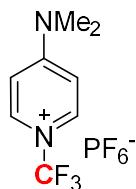
Scheme S1. Gibbs energy profile of the progress from **1a** to **3b**.

## 7. Crystal data and ORTEP drawing of compound 3a



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Space group	P-1
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b/Å	15.5045(10)
c/Å	19.5700(13)
α/°	102.996(6)
β/°	90.040(6)
γ/°	100.425(6)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3265.0(4)
Z	2
ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.295
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.085
F(000)	1344.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.320 × 0.300 × 0.280
Radiation	MoKα ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
2Θ range for data collection/°	7.068 to 58.802
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 15, -21 ≤ k ≤ 15, -23 ≤ l ≤ 26
Reflections collected	24544
Independent reflections	14992 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0240, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0584]
Data/restraints/parameters	14992/3/963
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.996
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0765, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1798
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1665, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2502
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.41/-0.28

## 8. Cartesian coordinates of optimized structures



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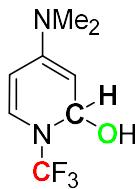
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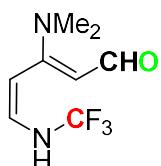
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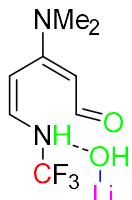


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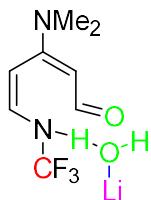
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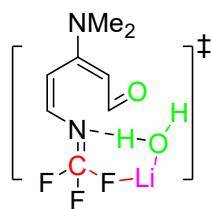
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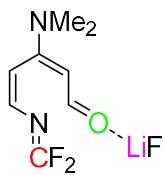
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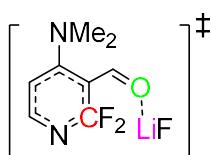
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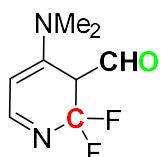


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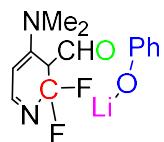
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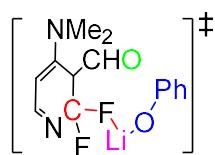
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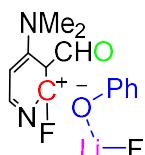
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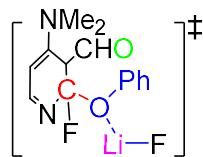
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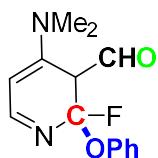
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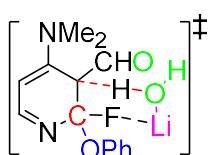


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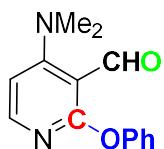
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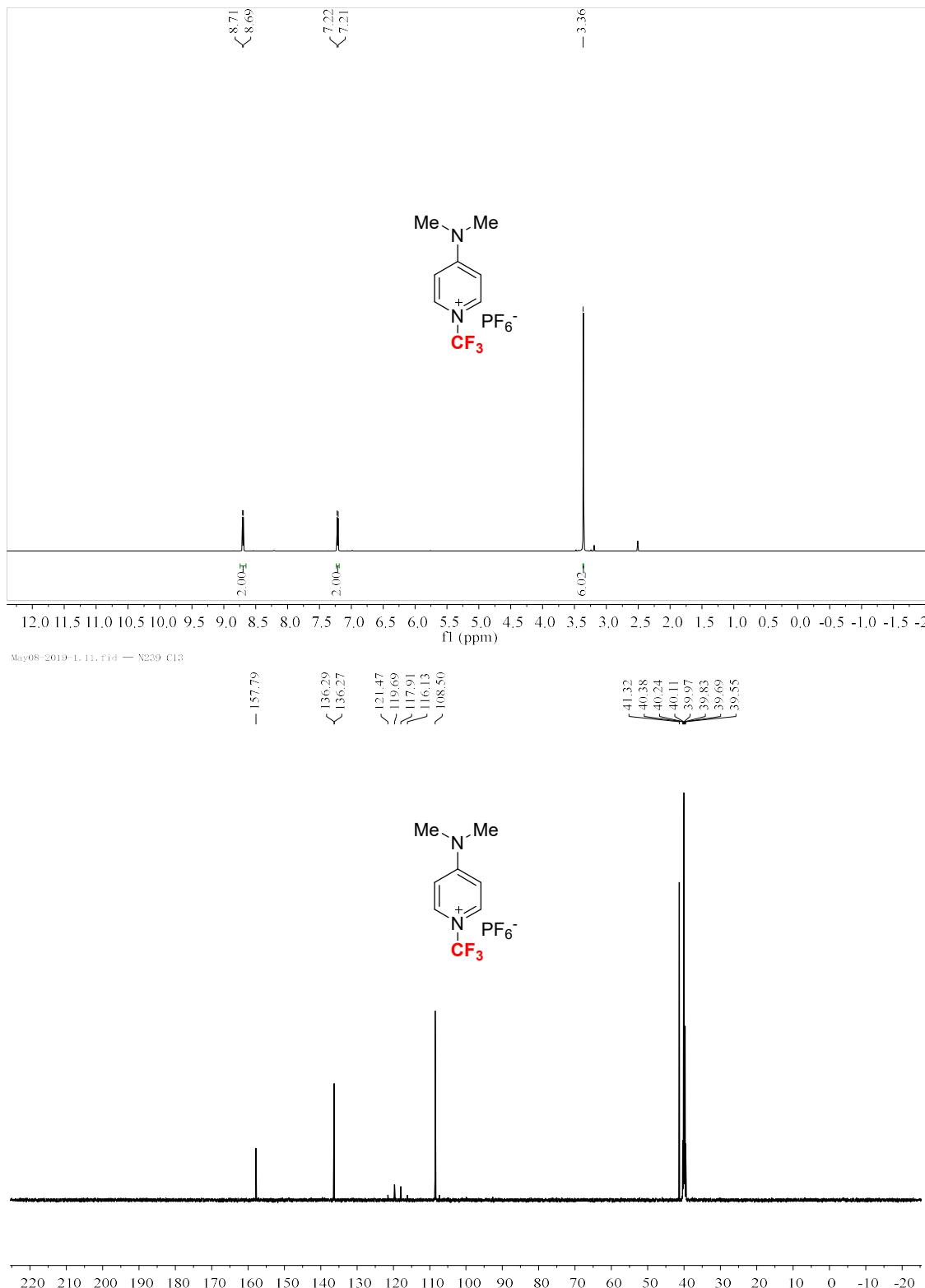
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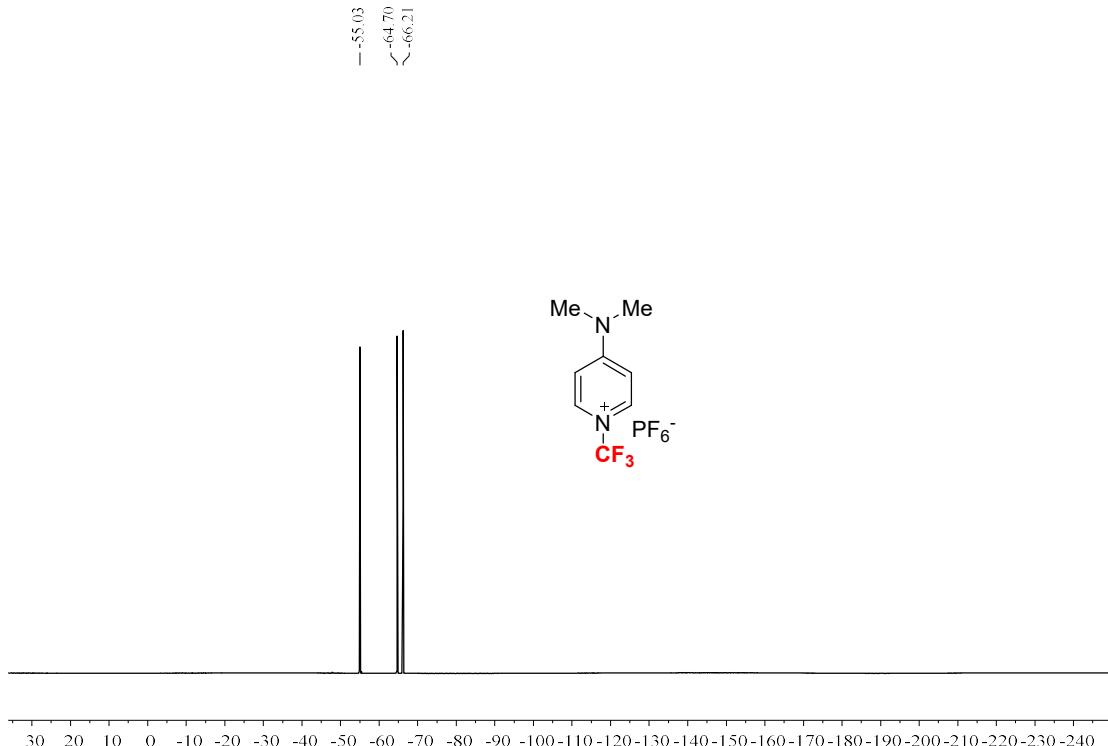
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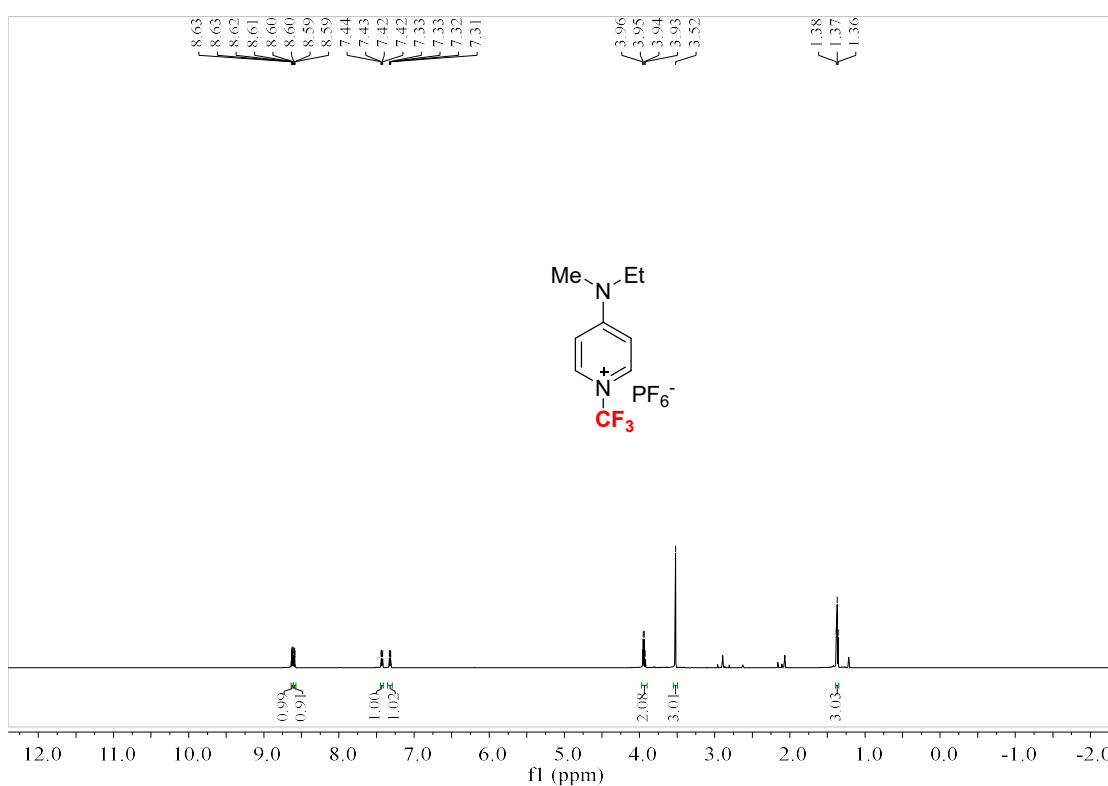
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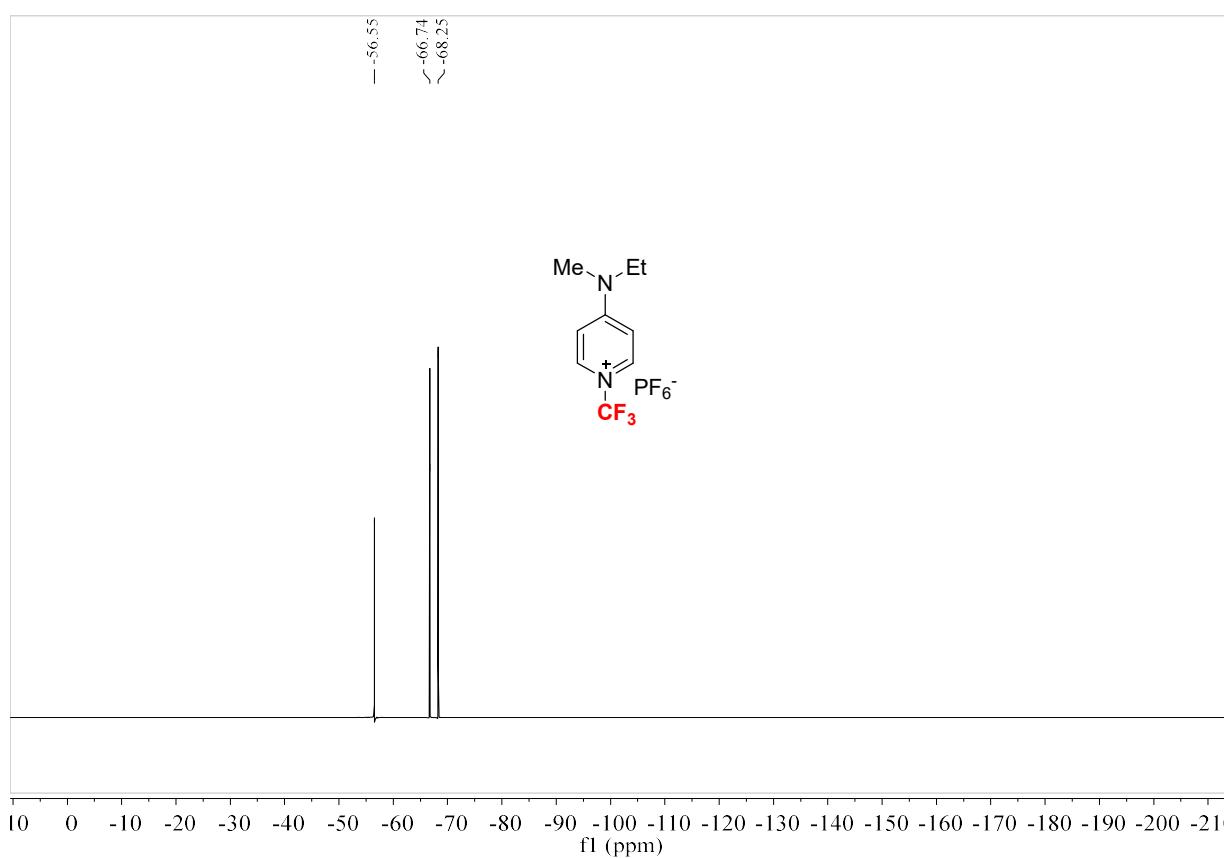
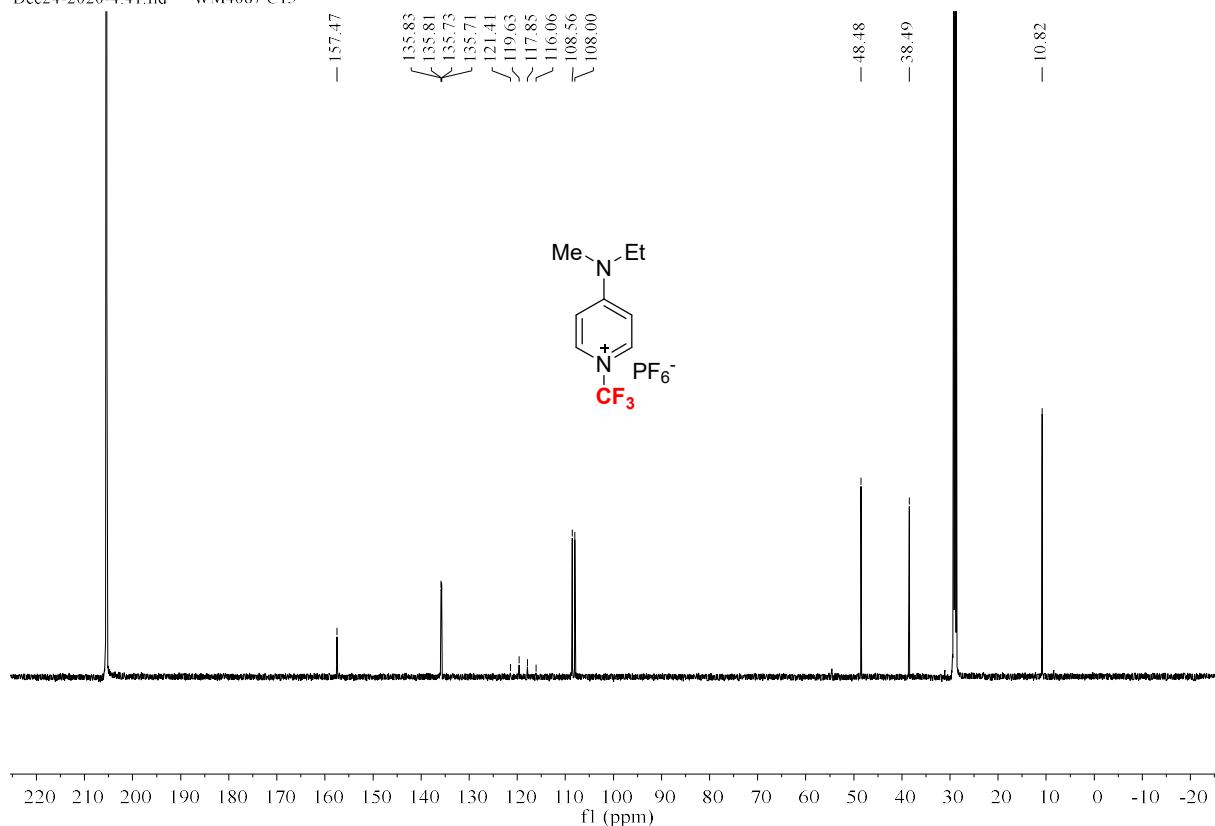
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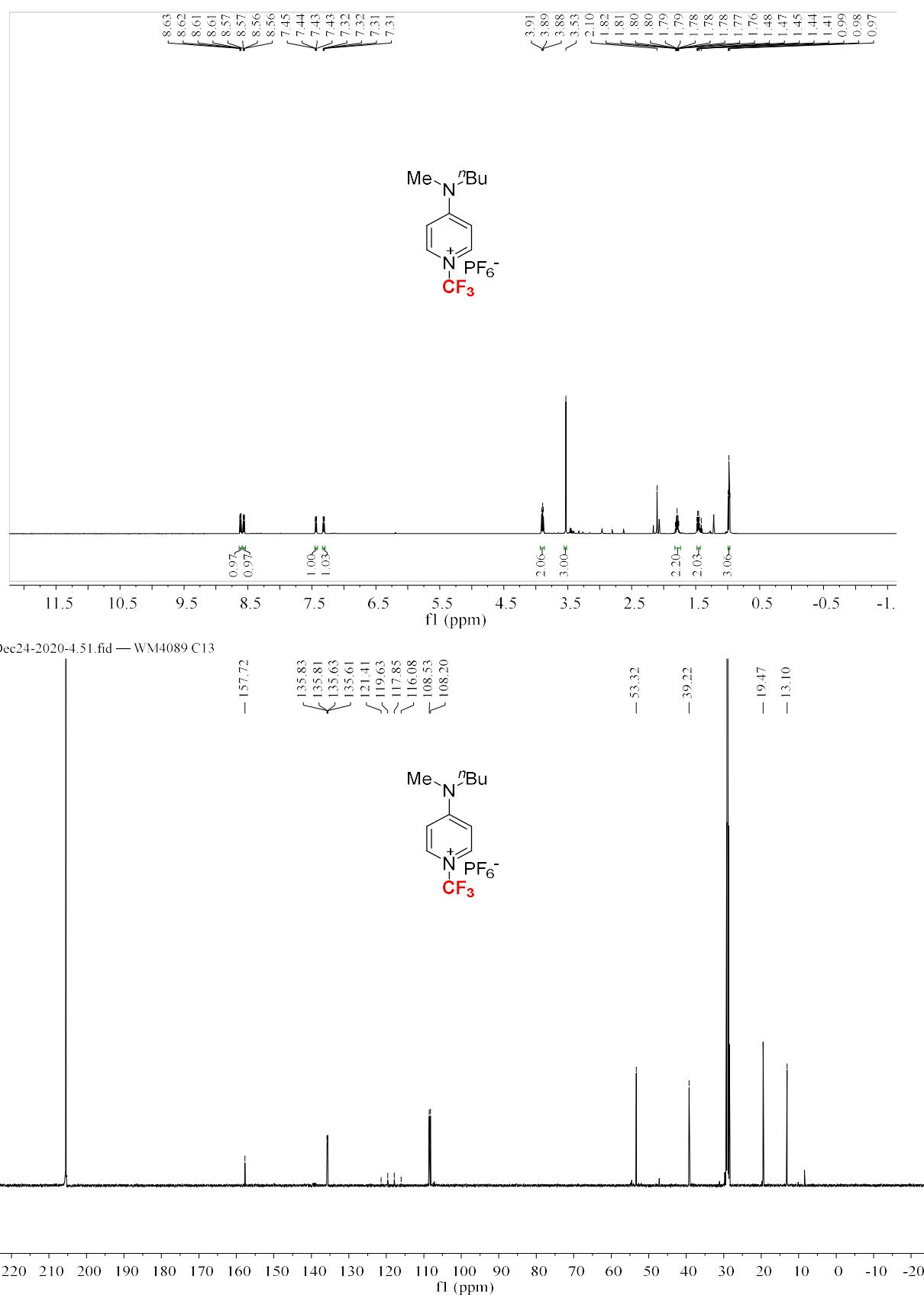


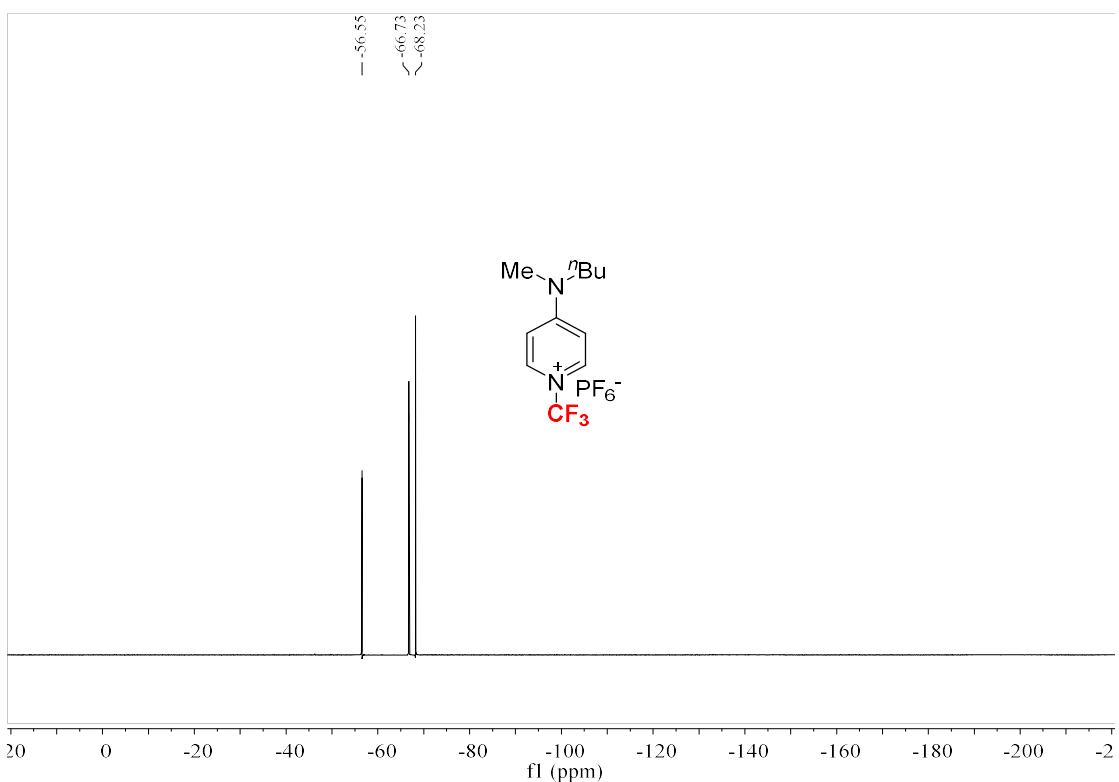
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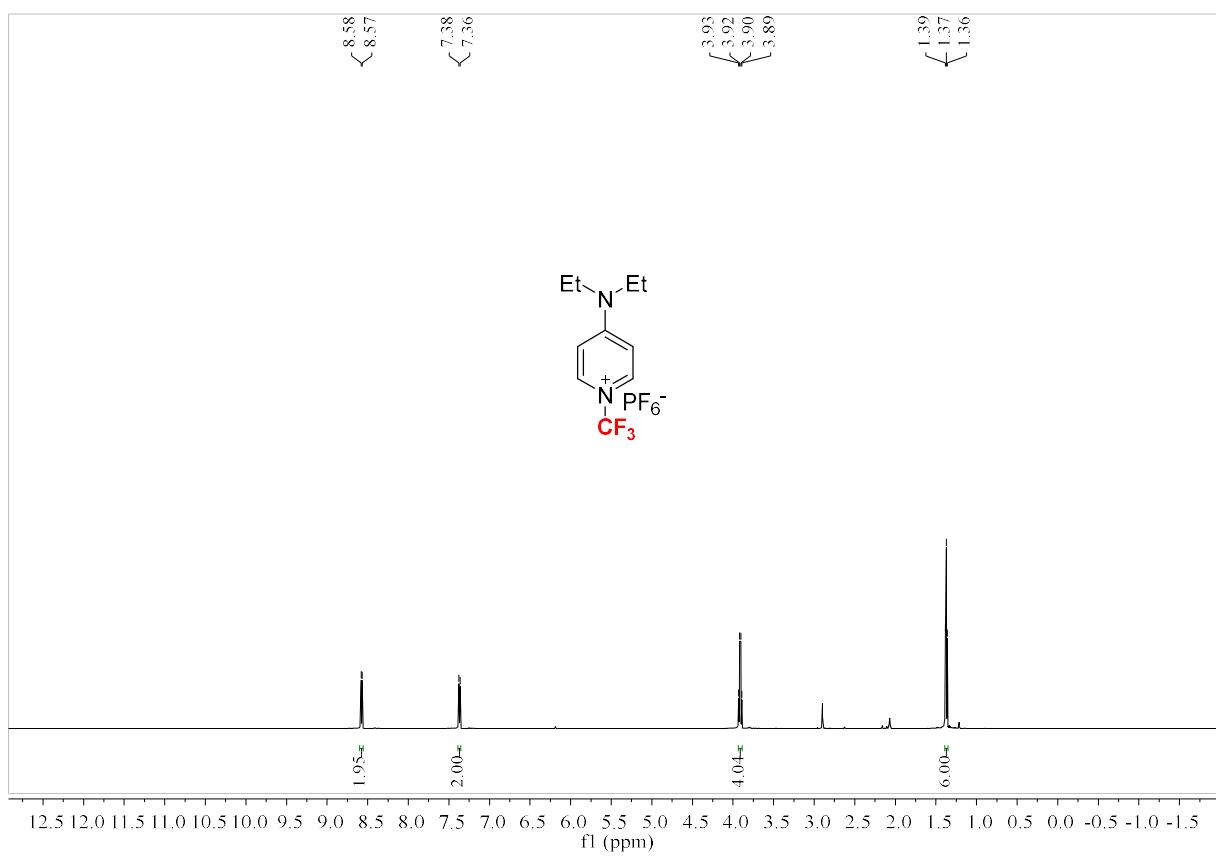


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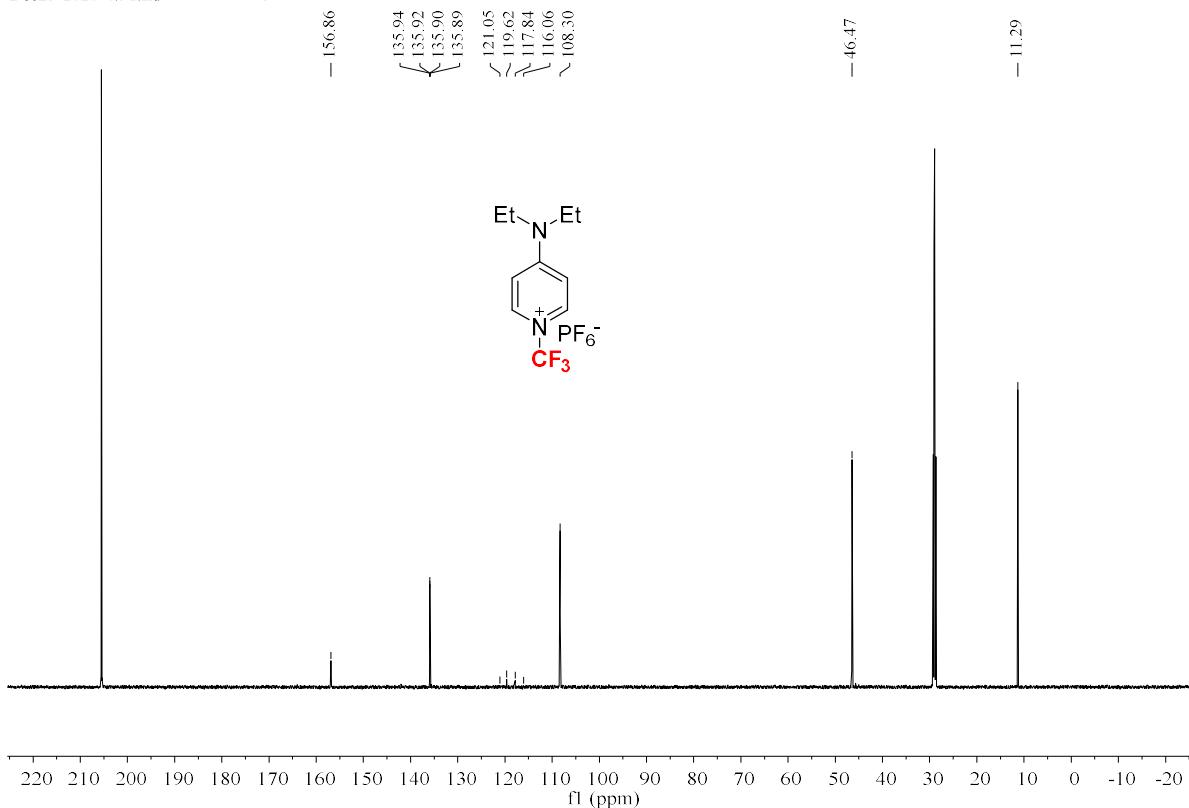




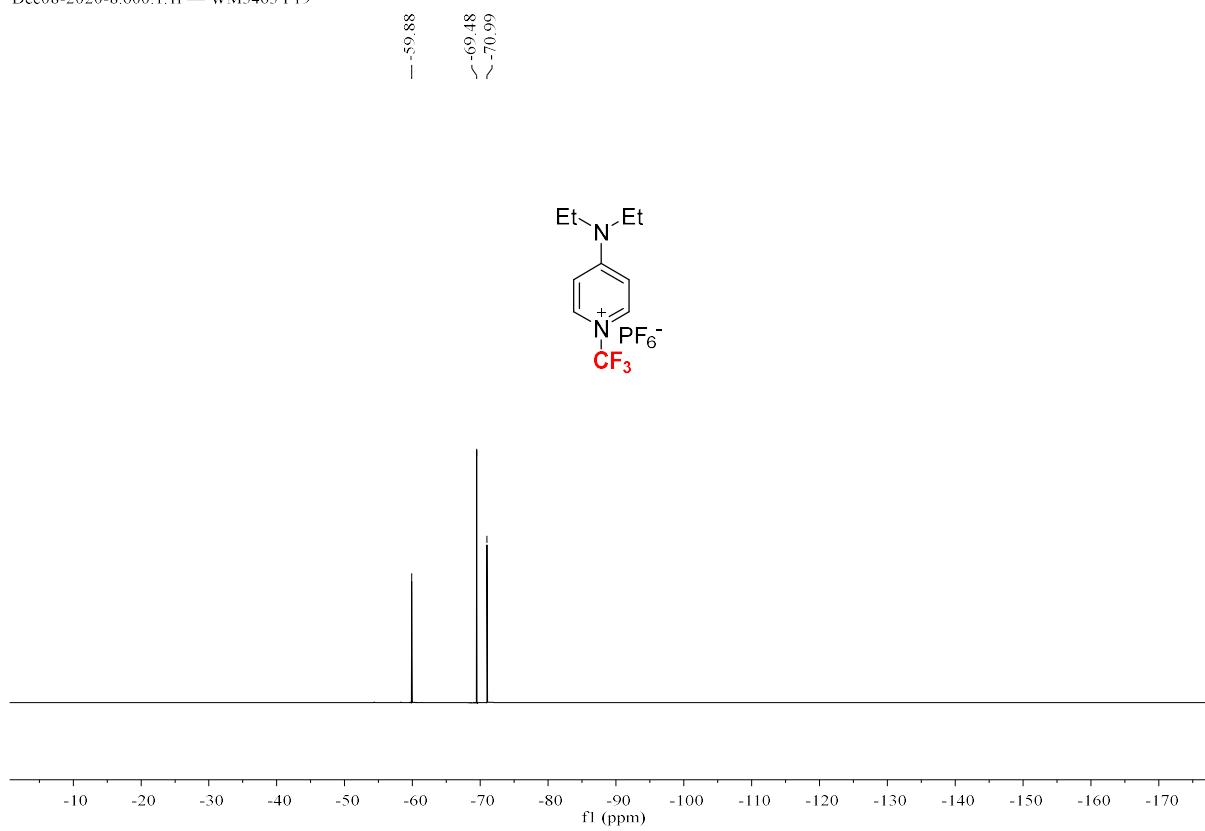
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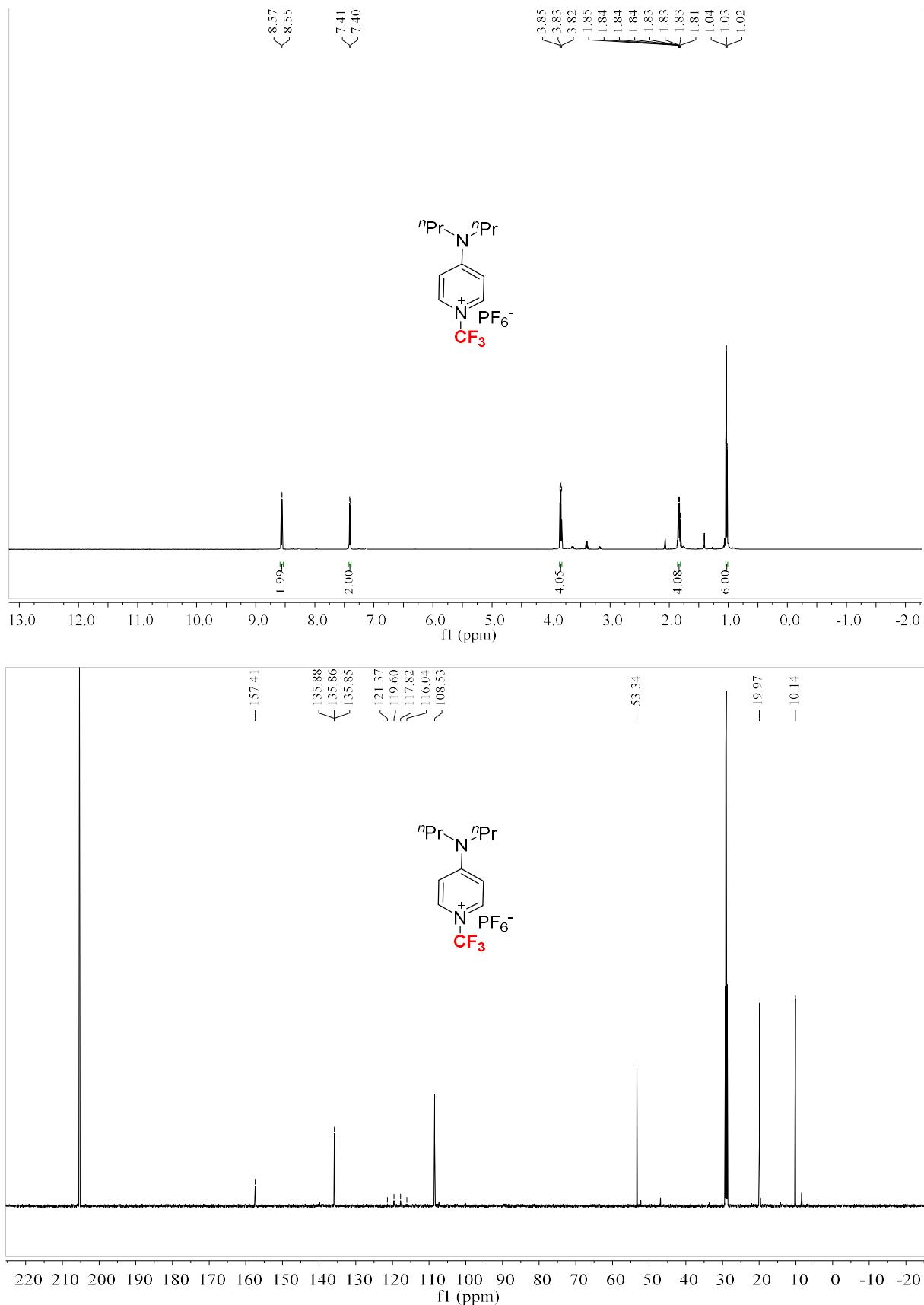
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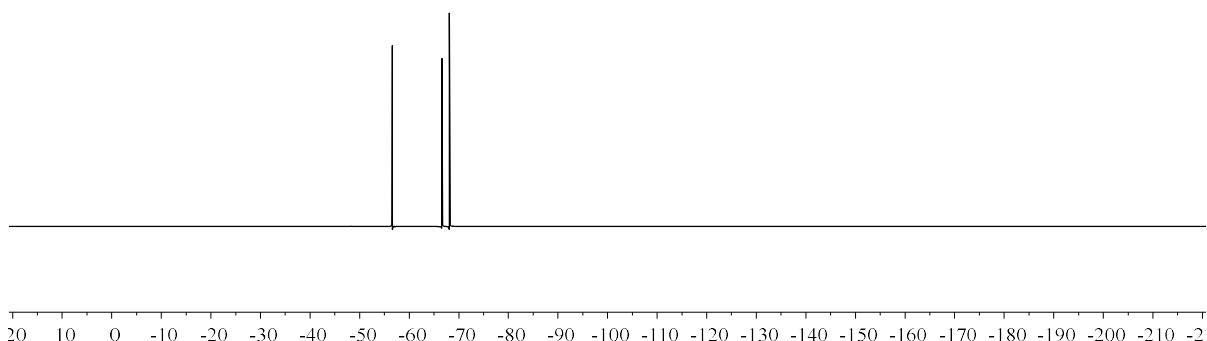
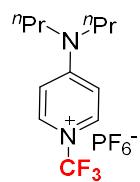
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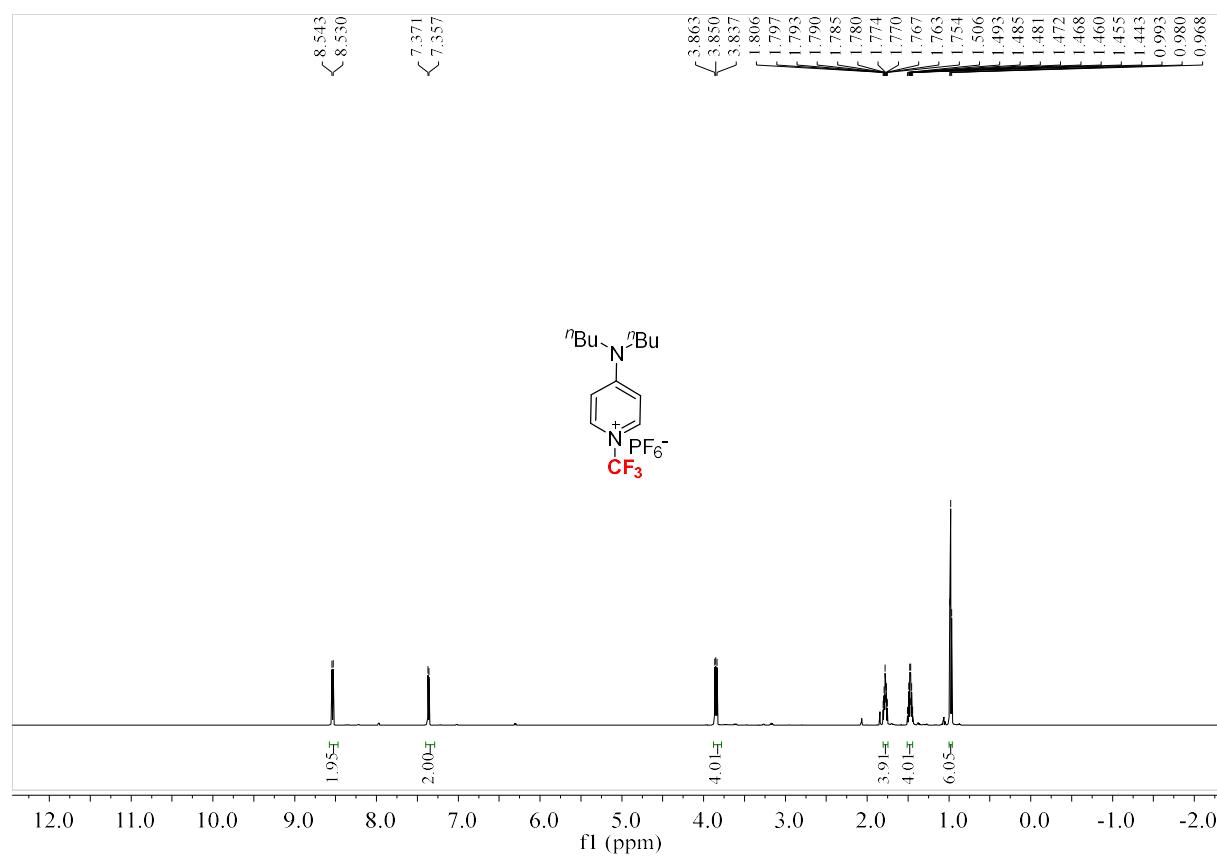
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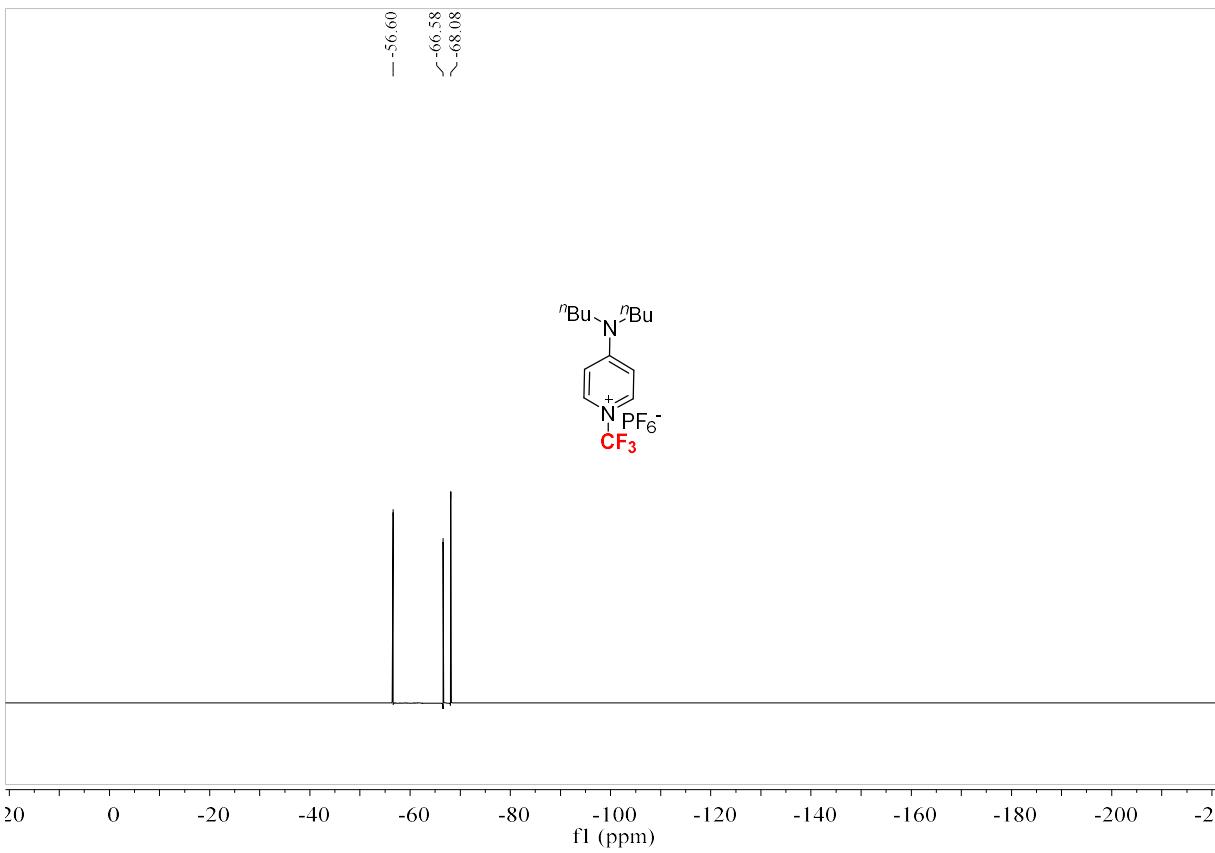
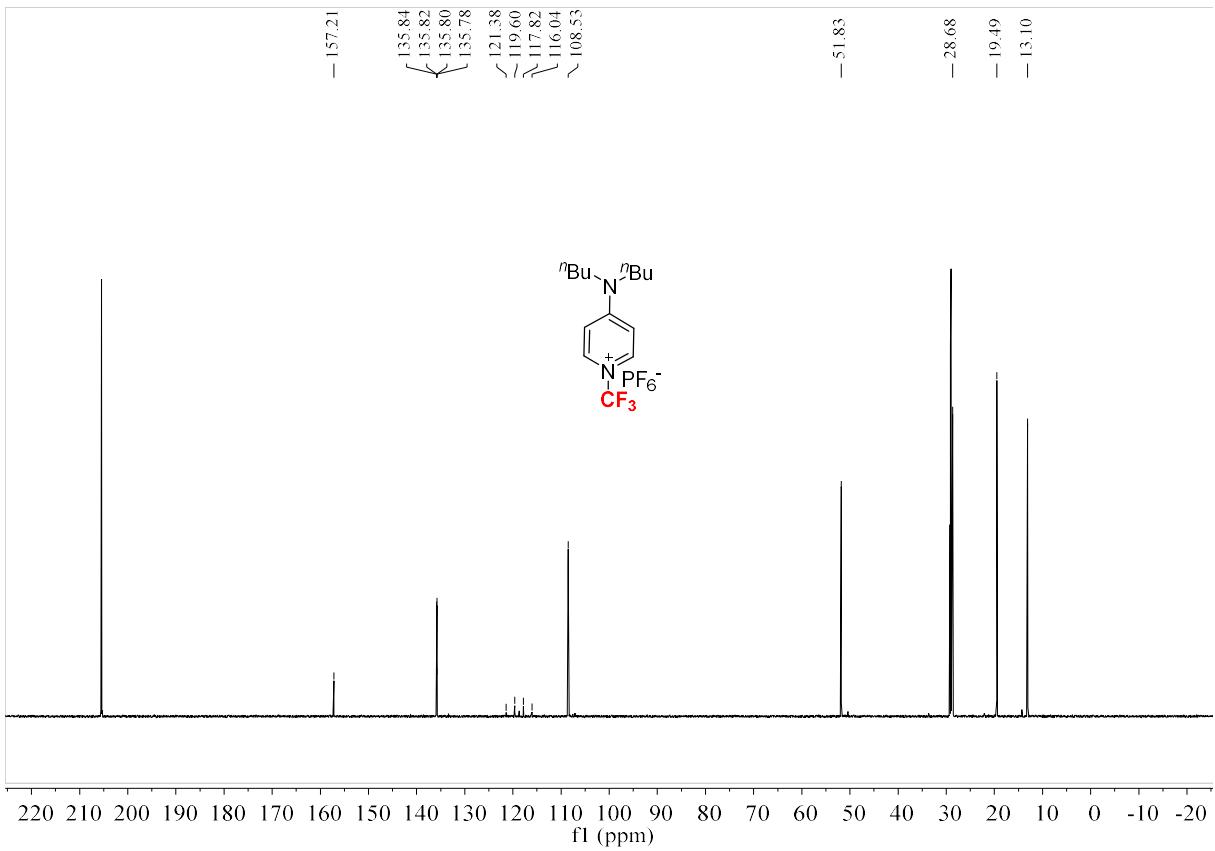


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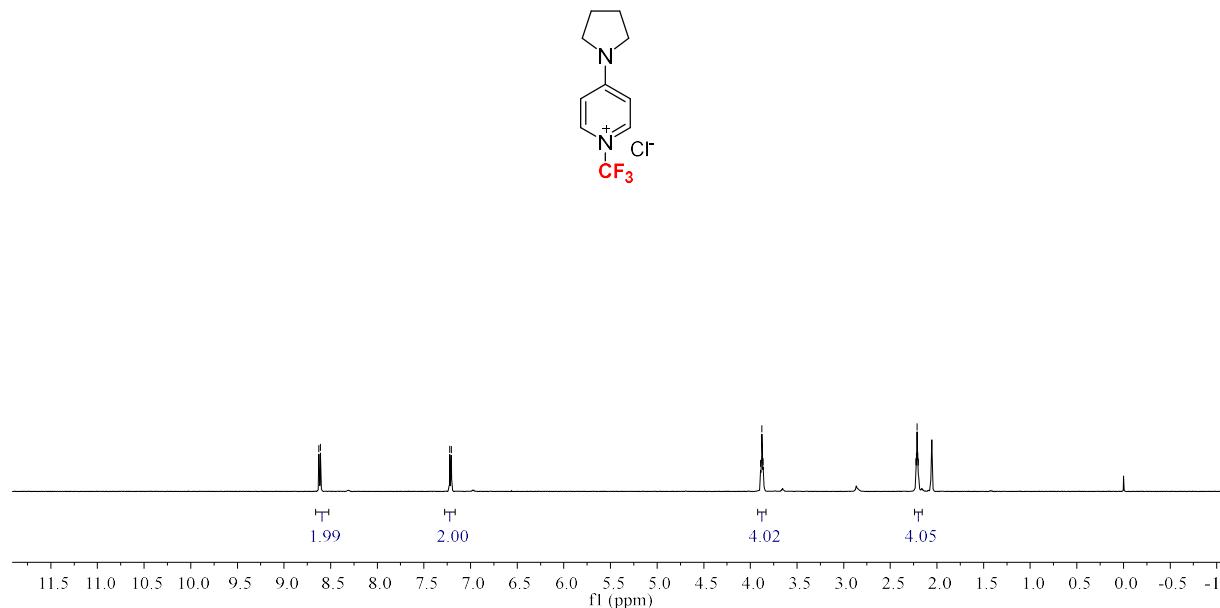
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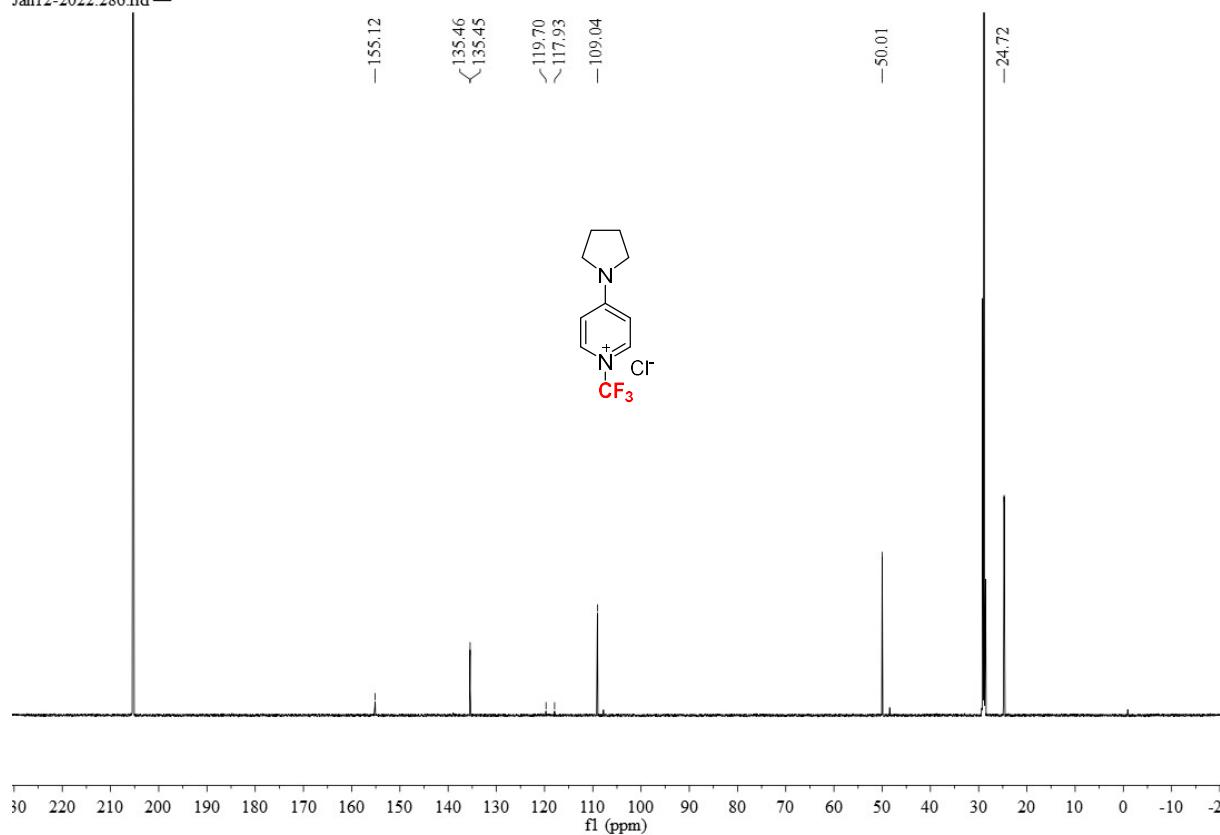


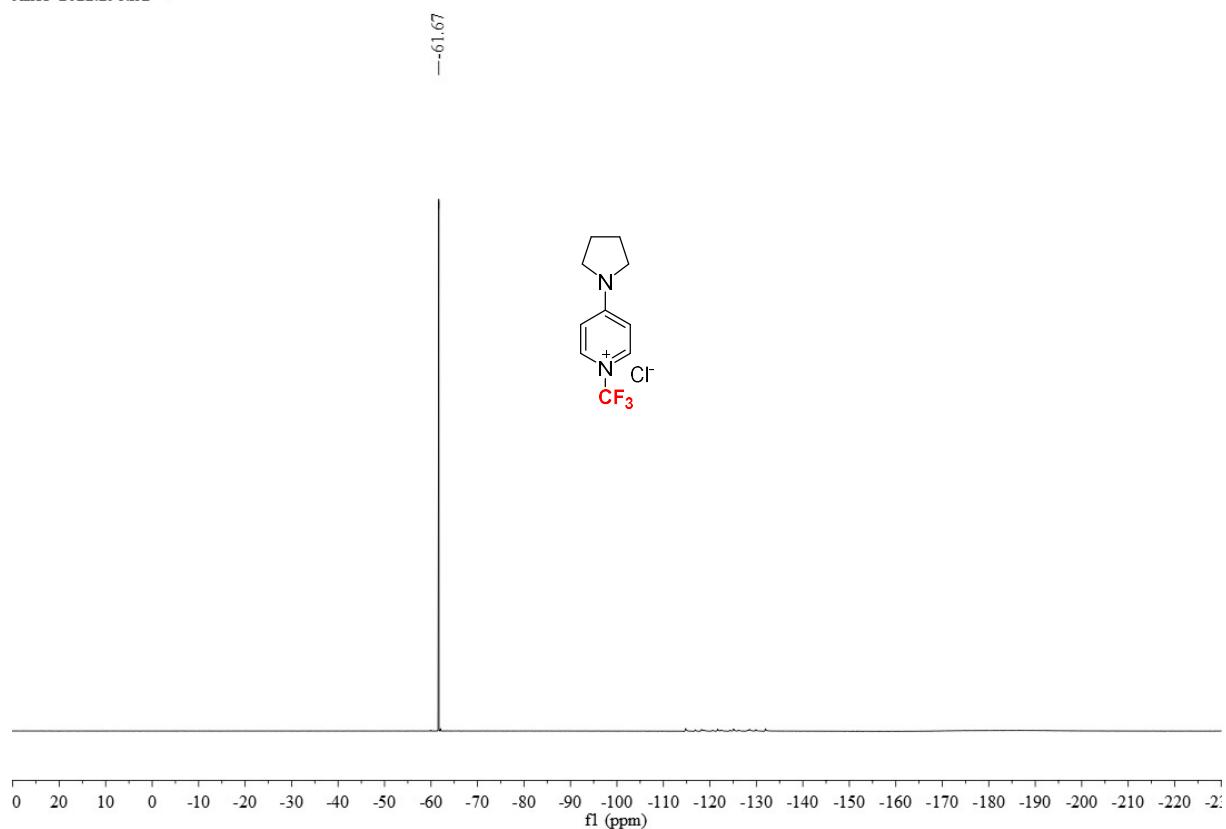
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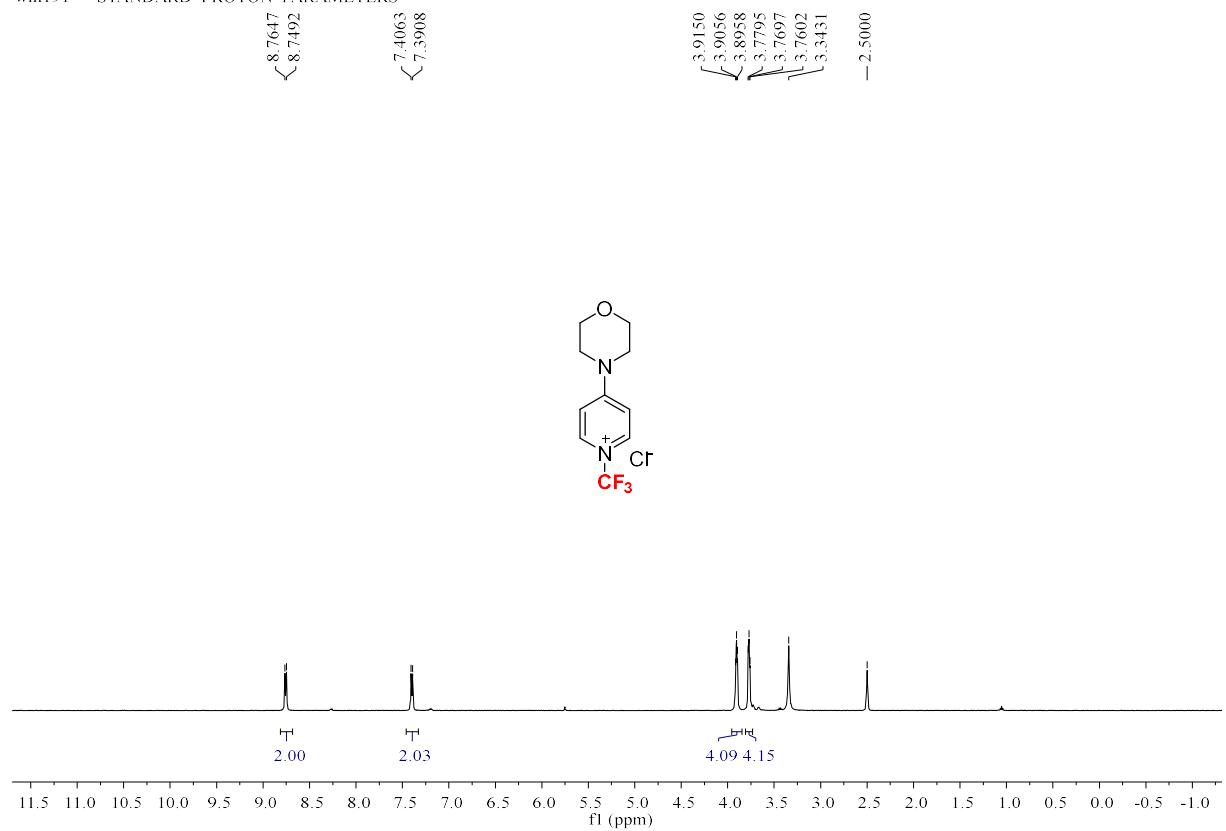
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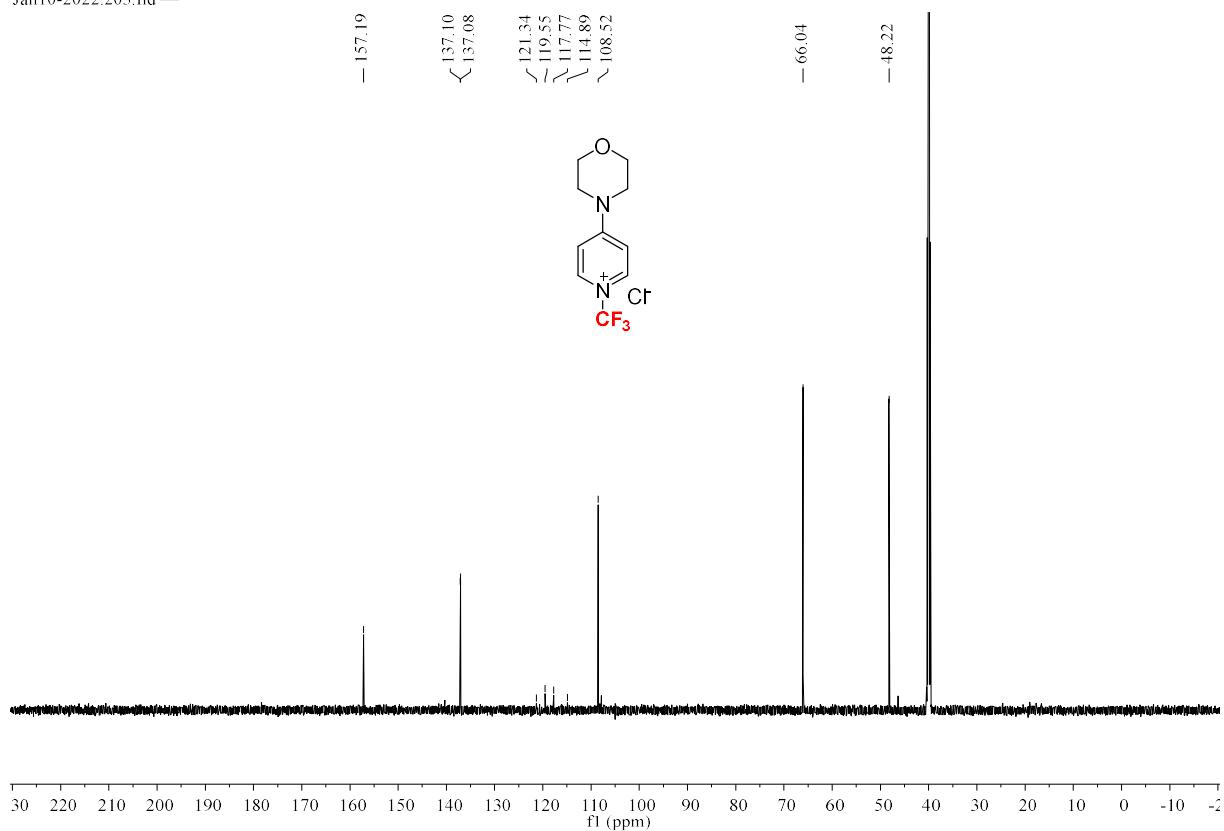


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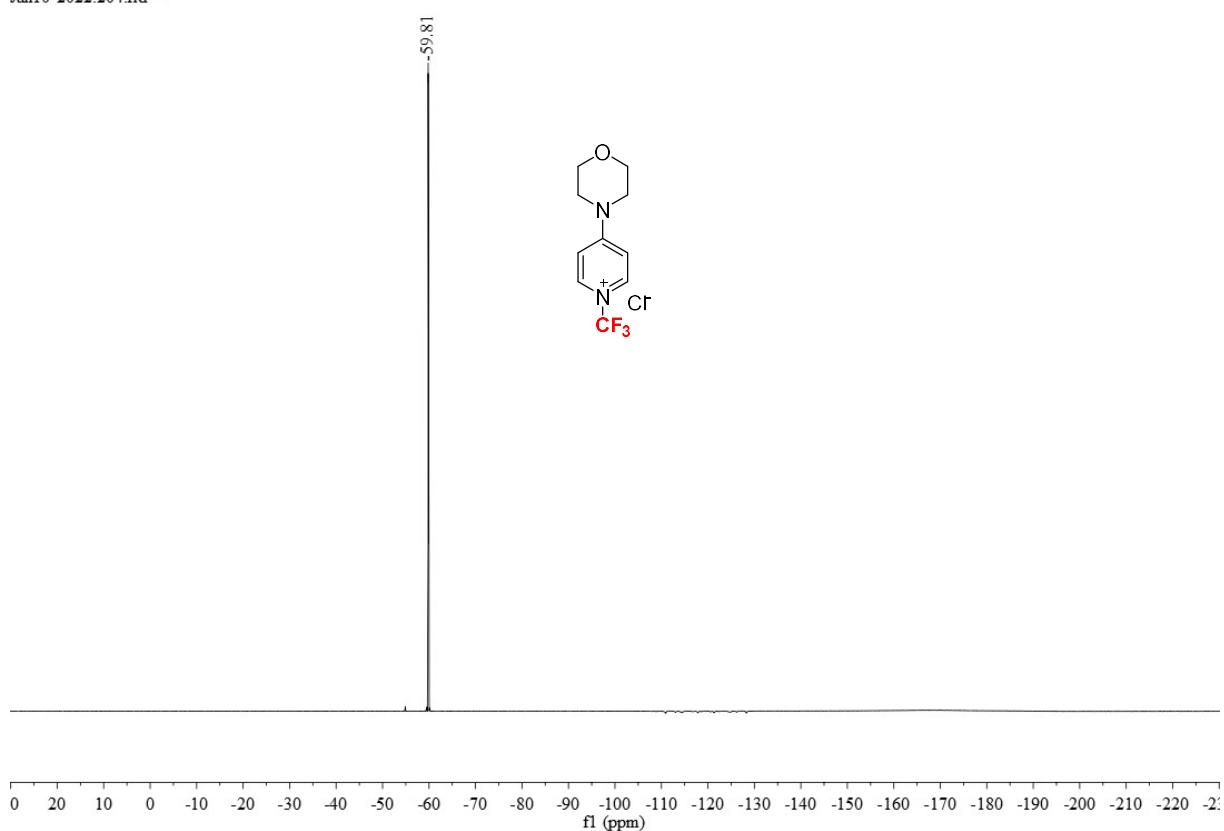
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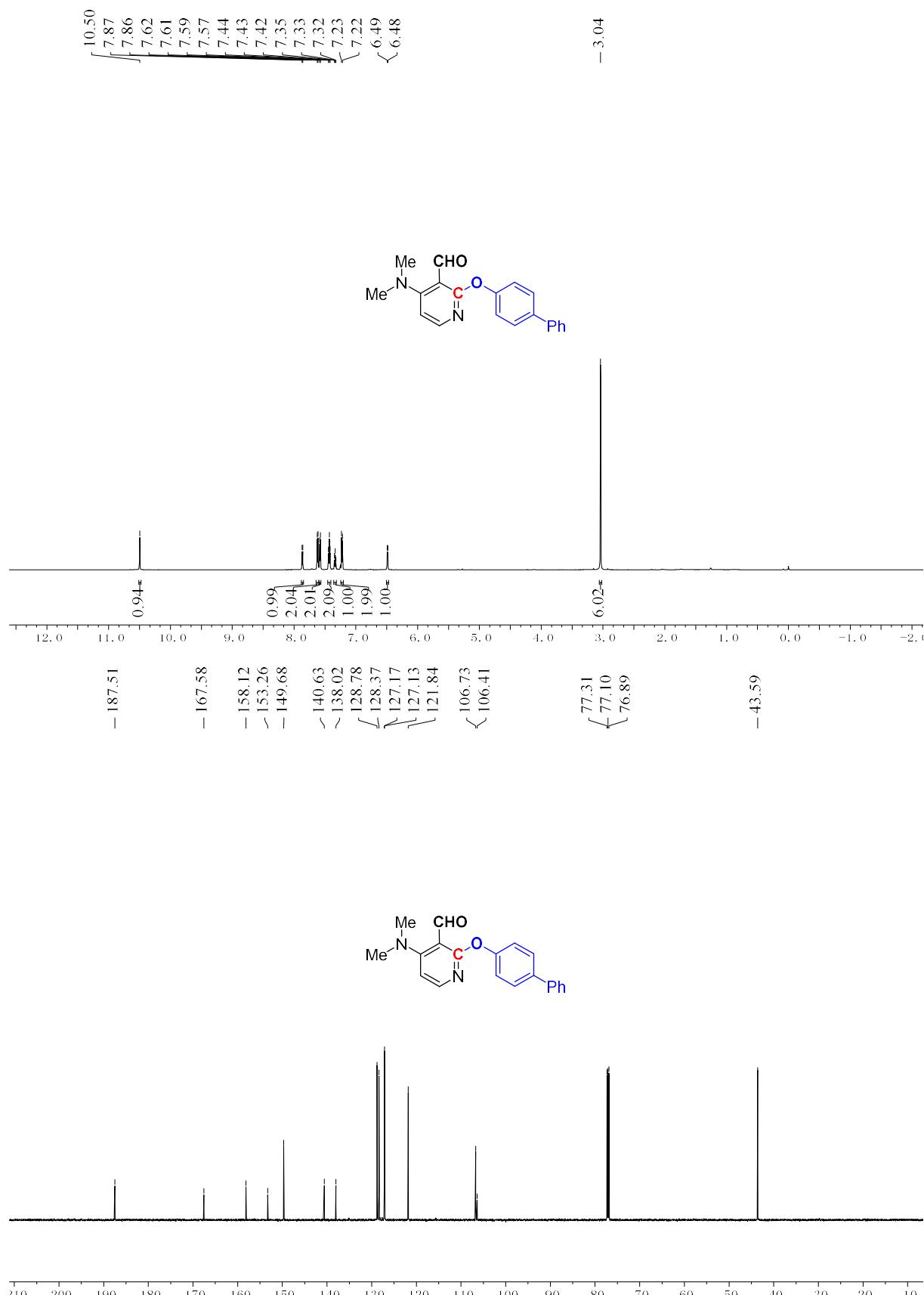
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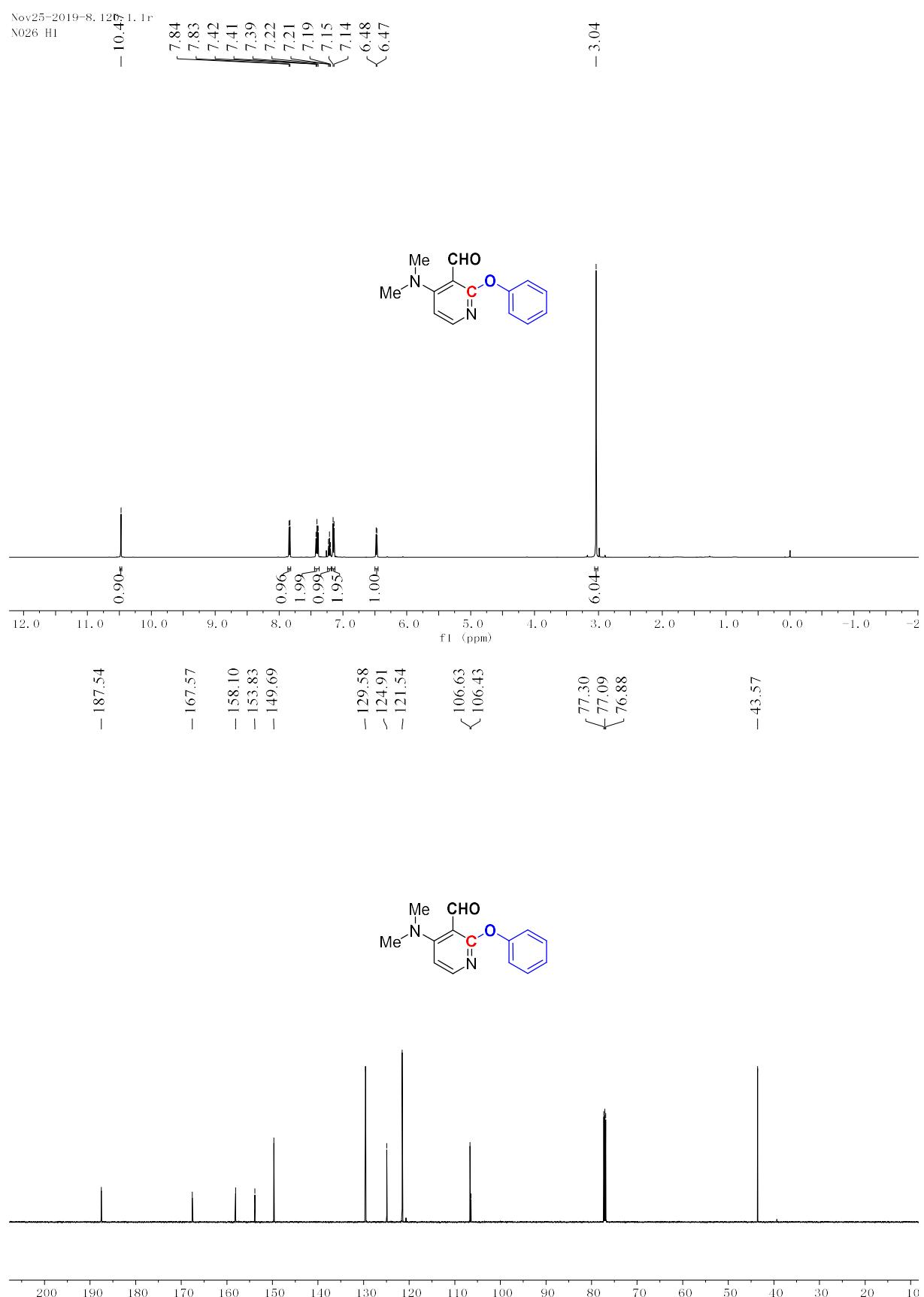
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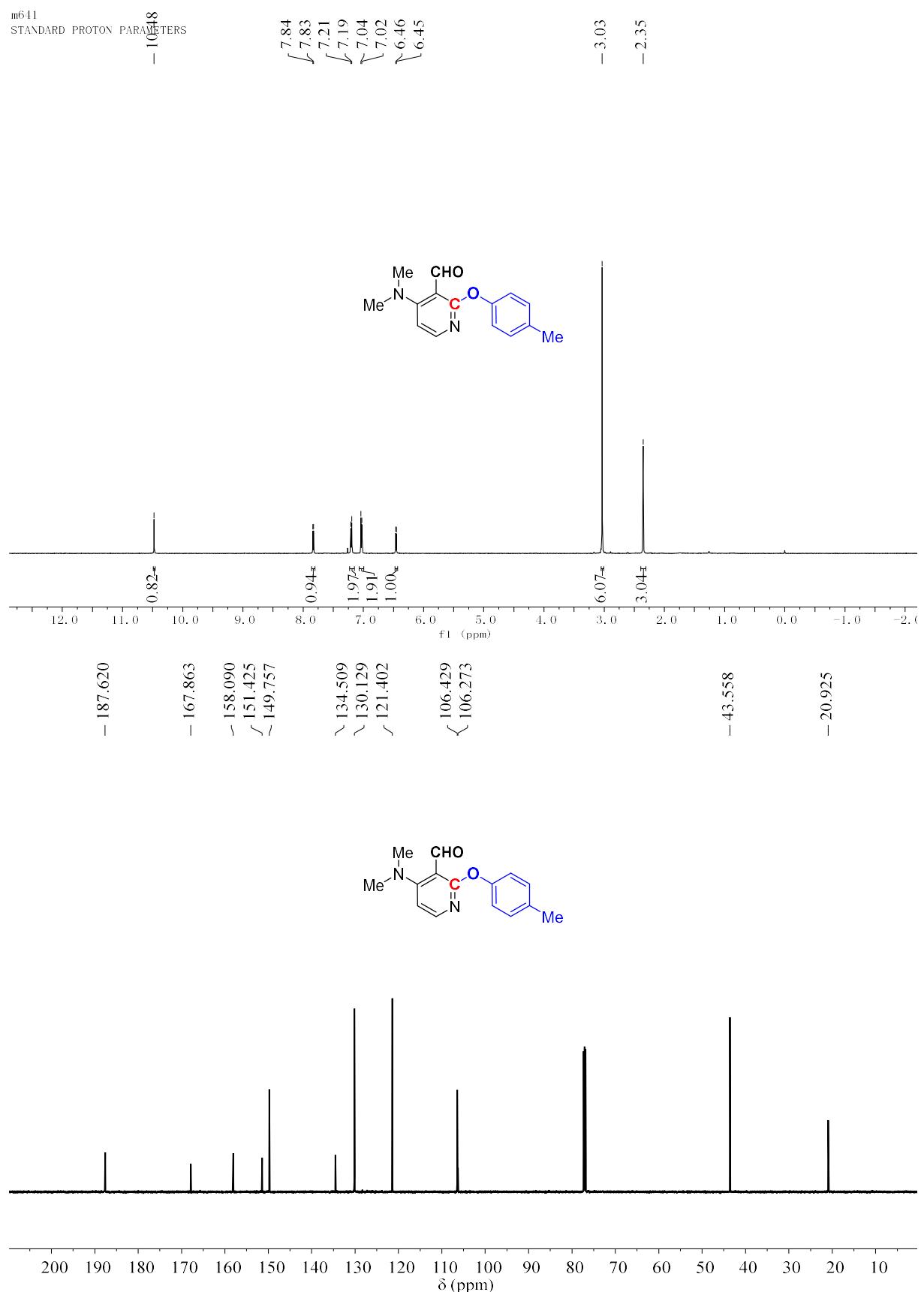
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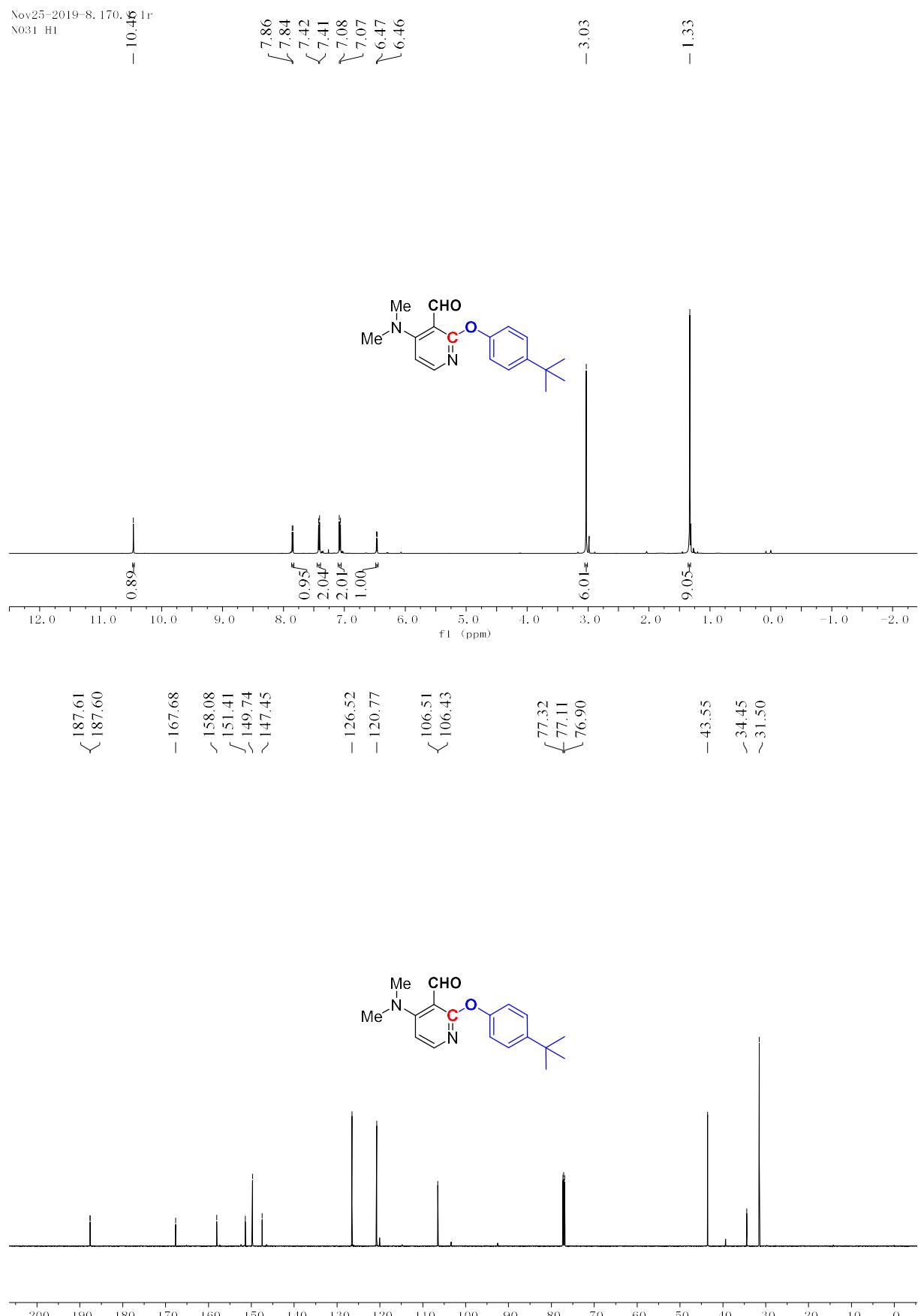


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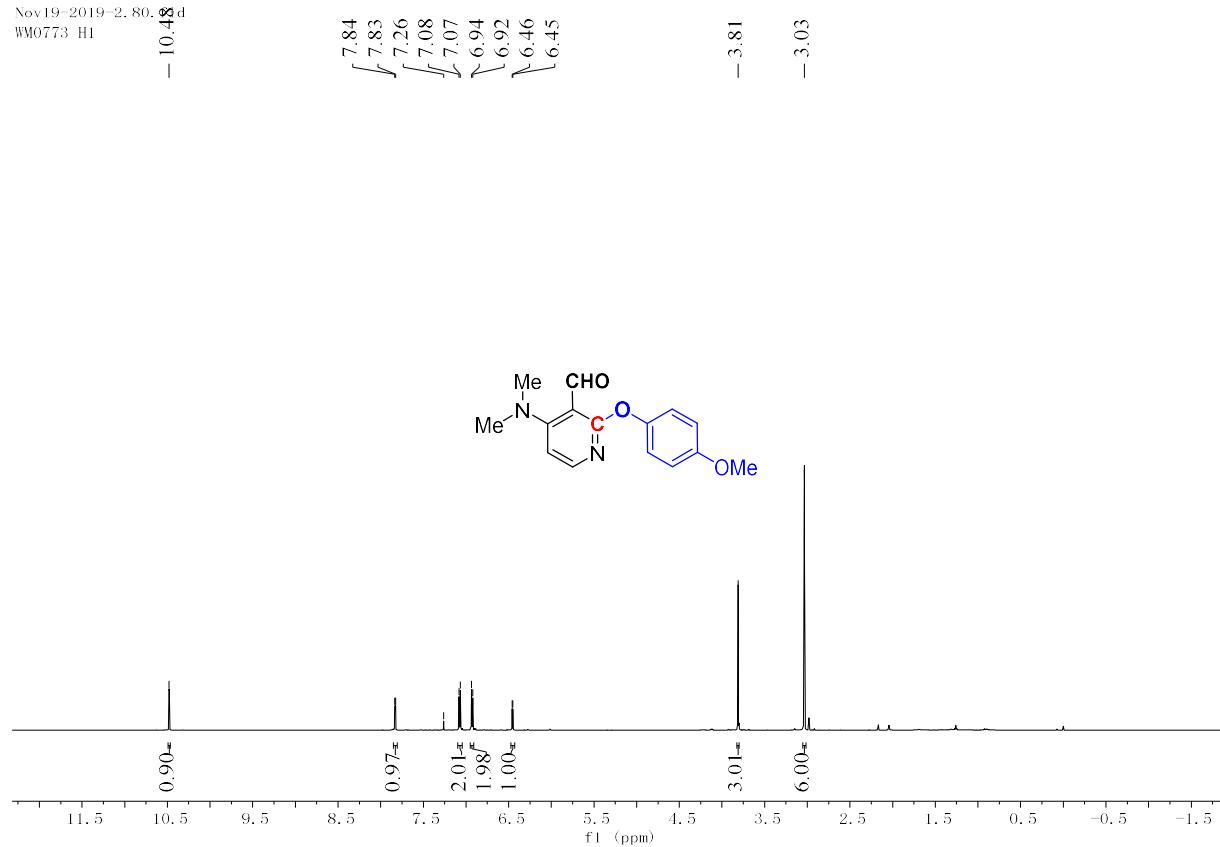
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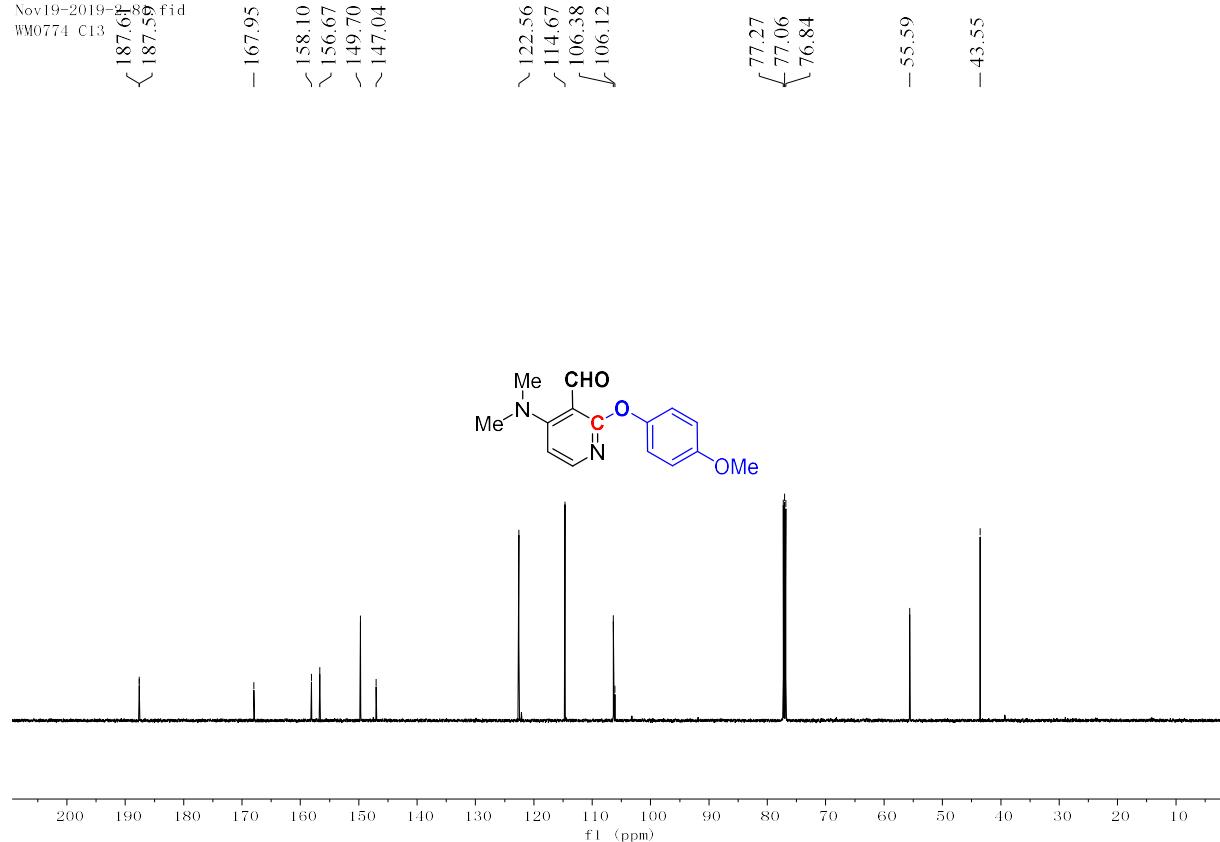


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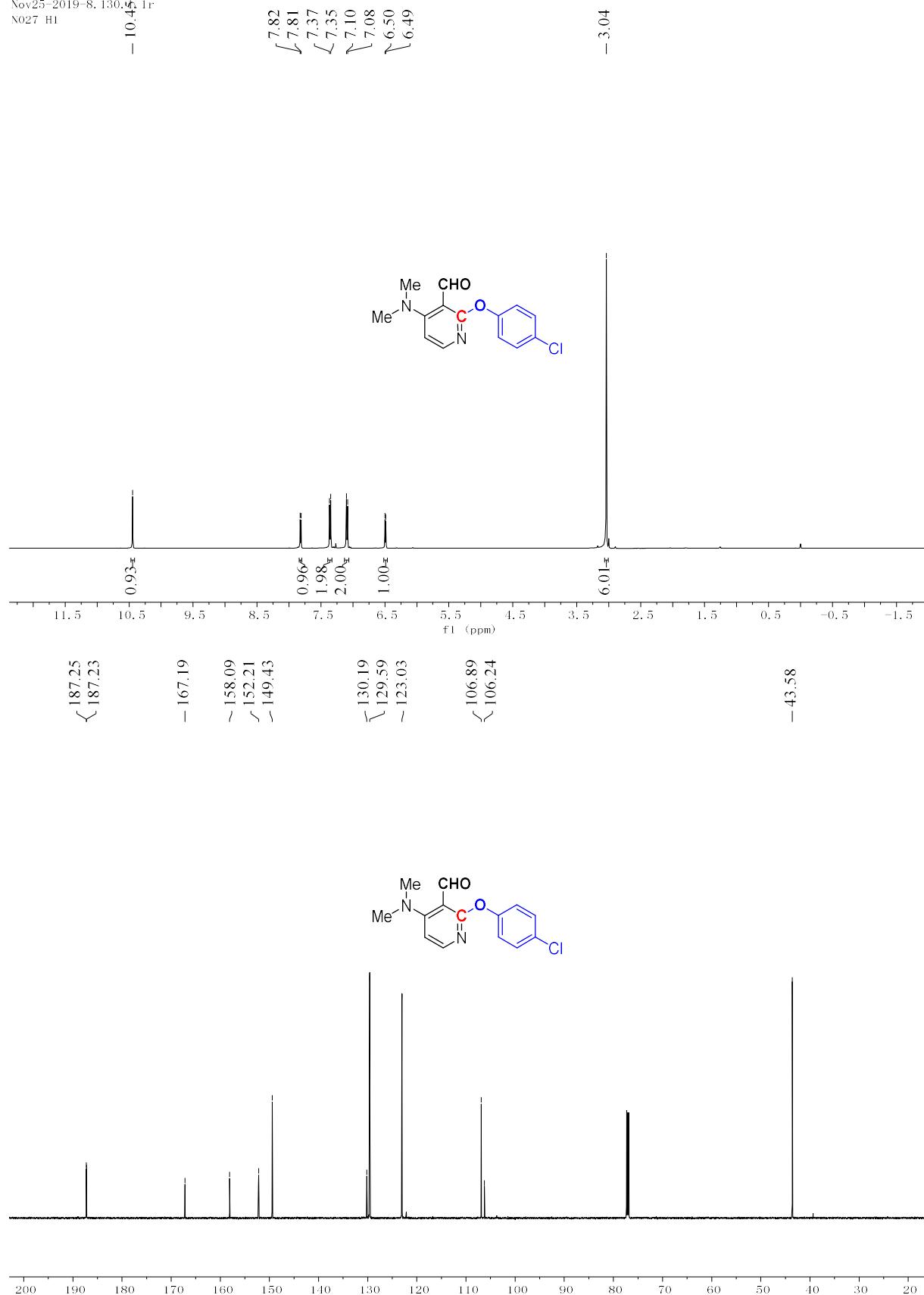


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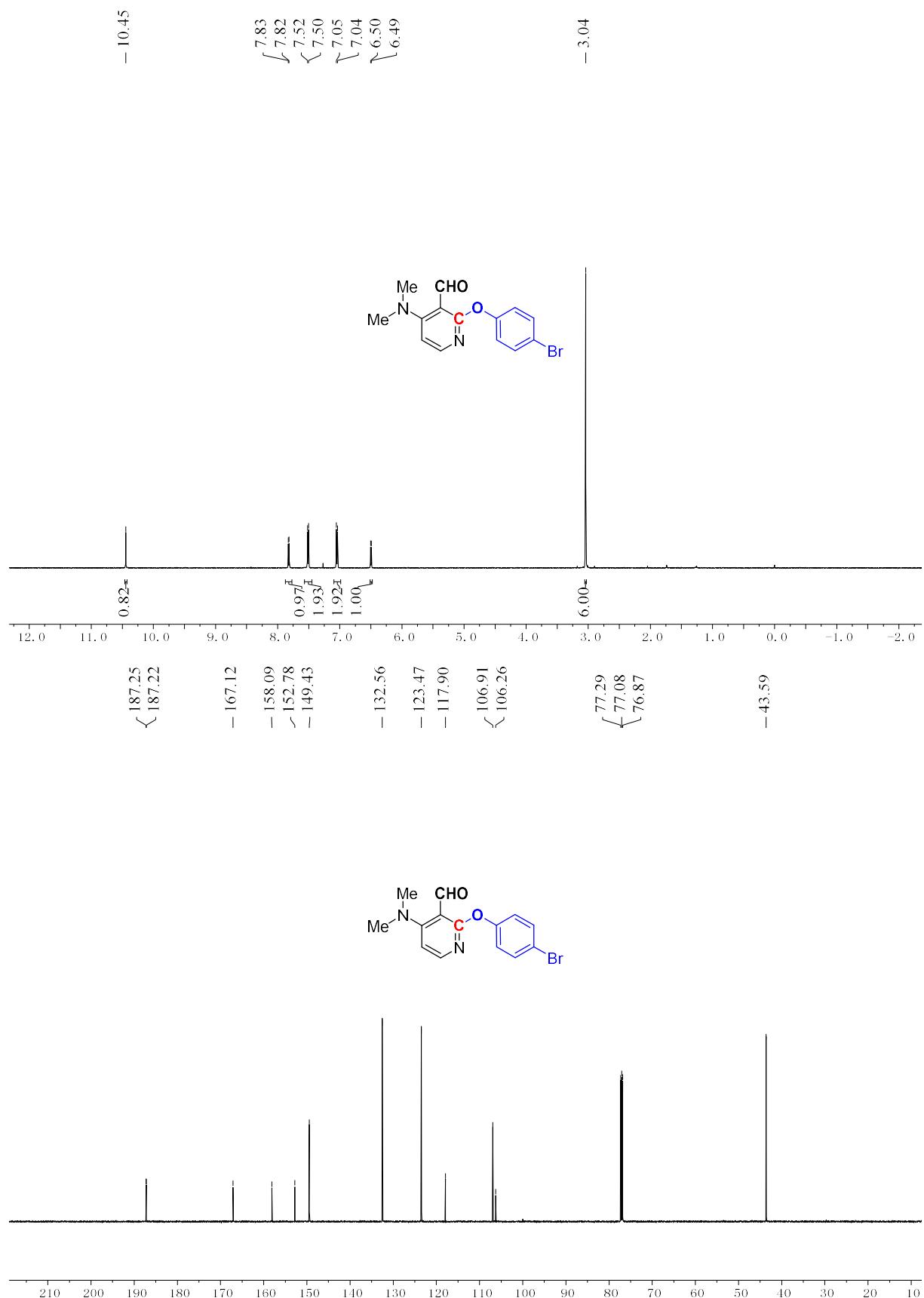


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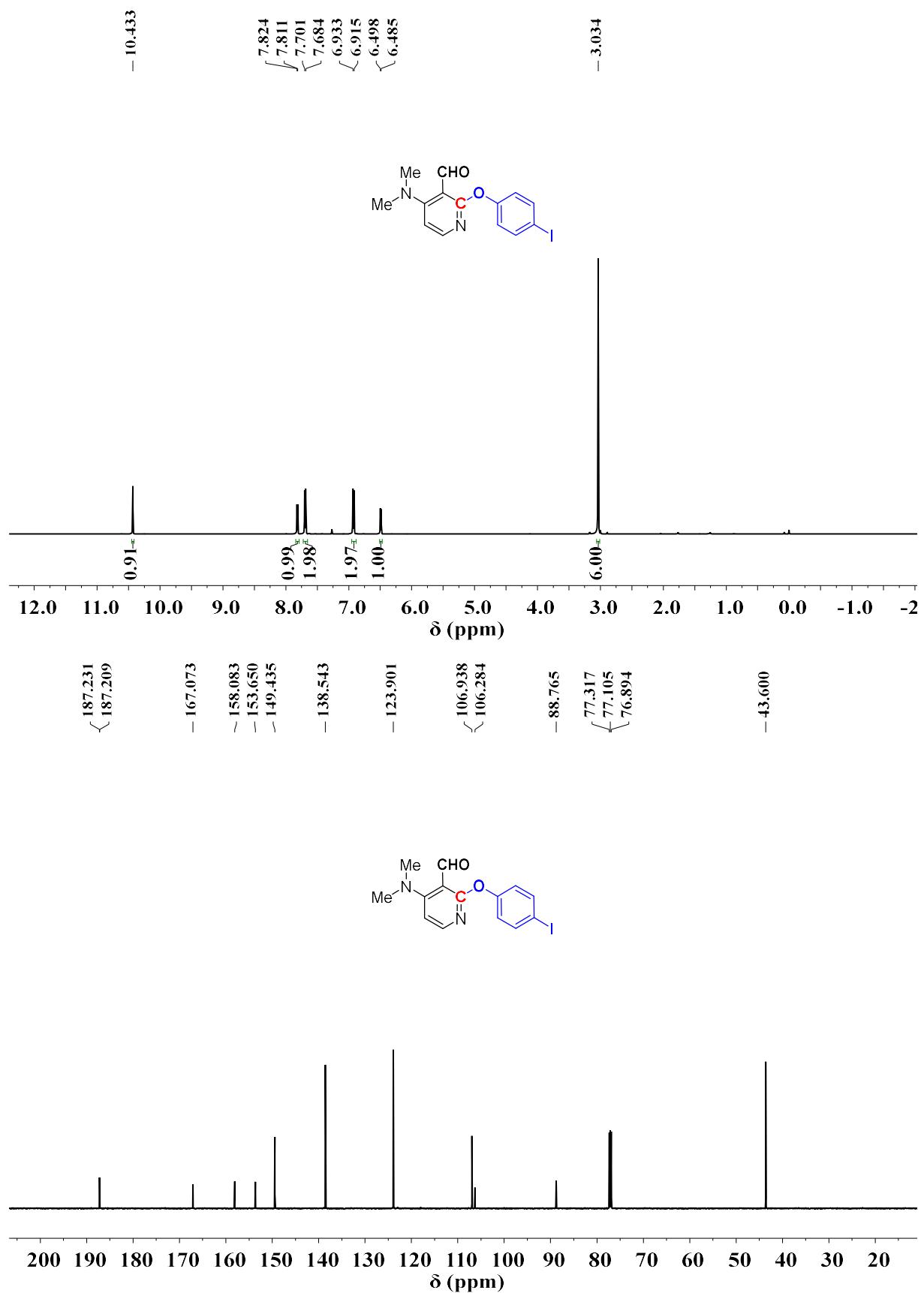
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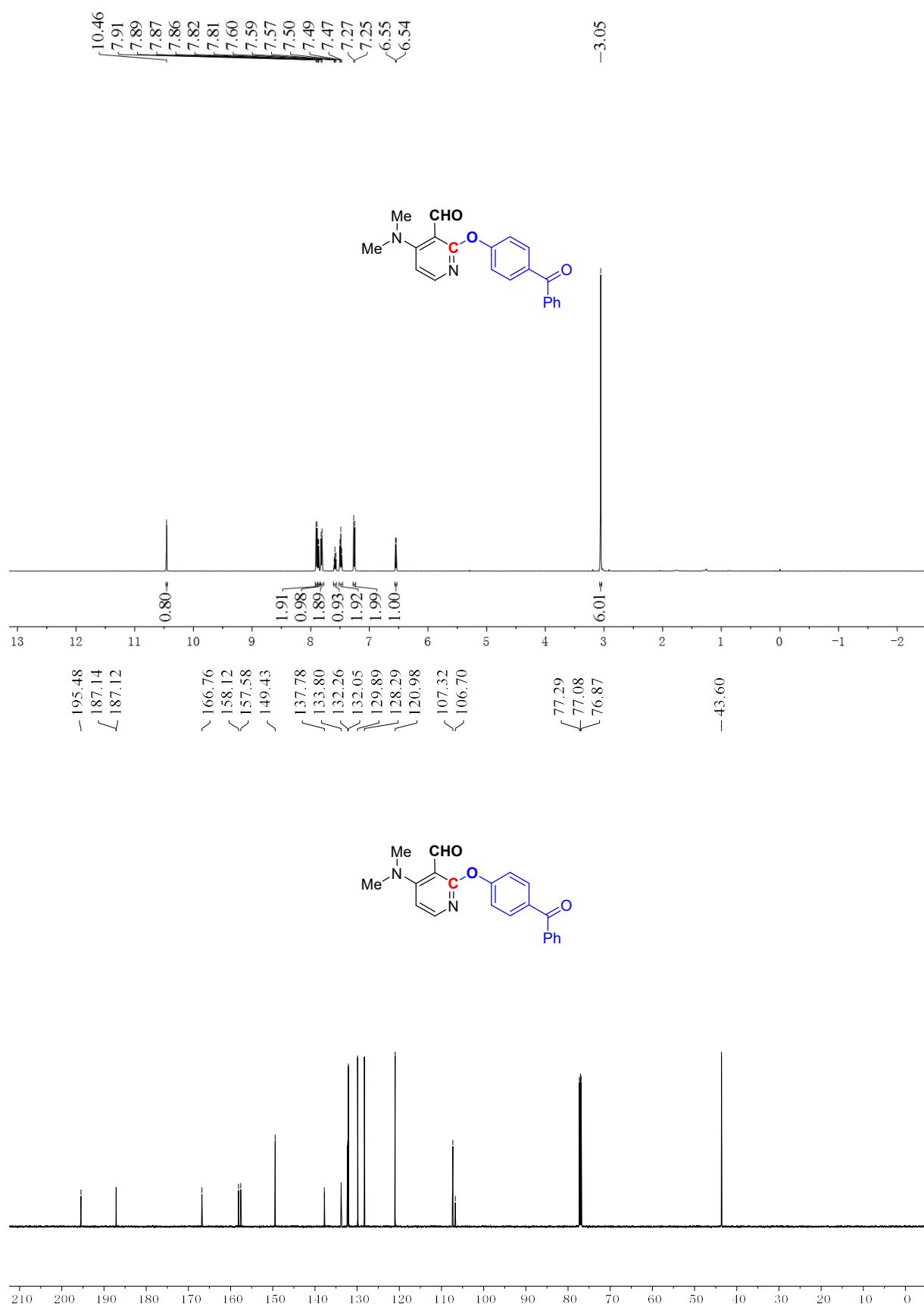
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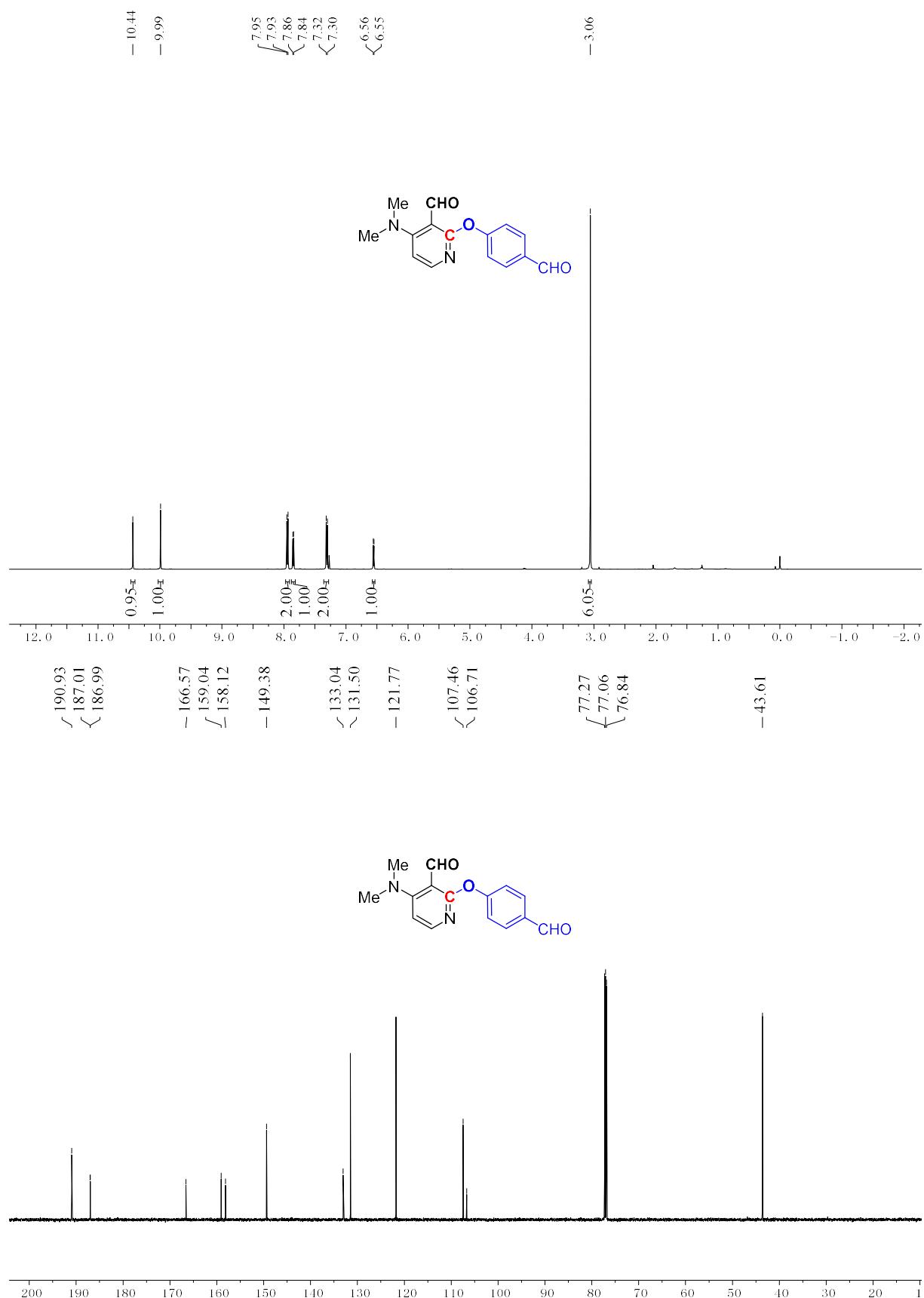
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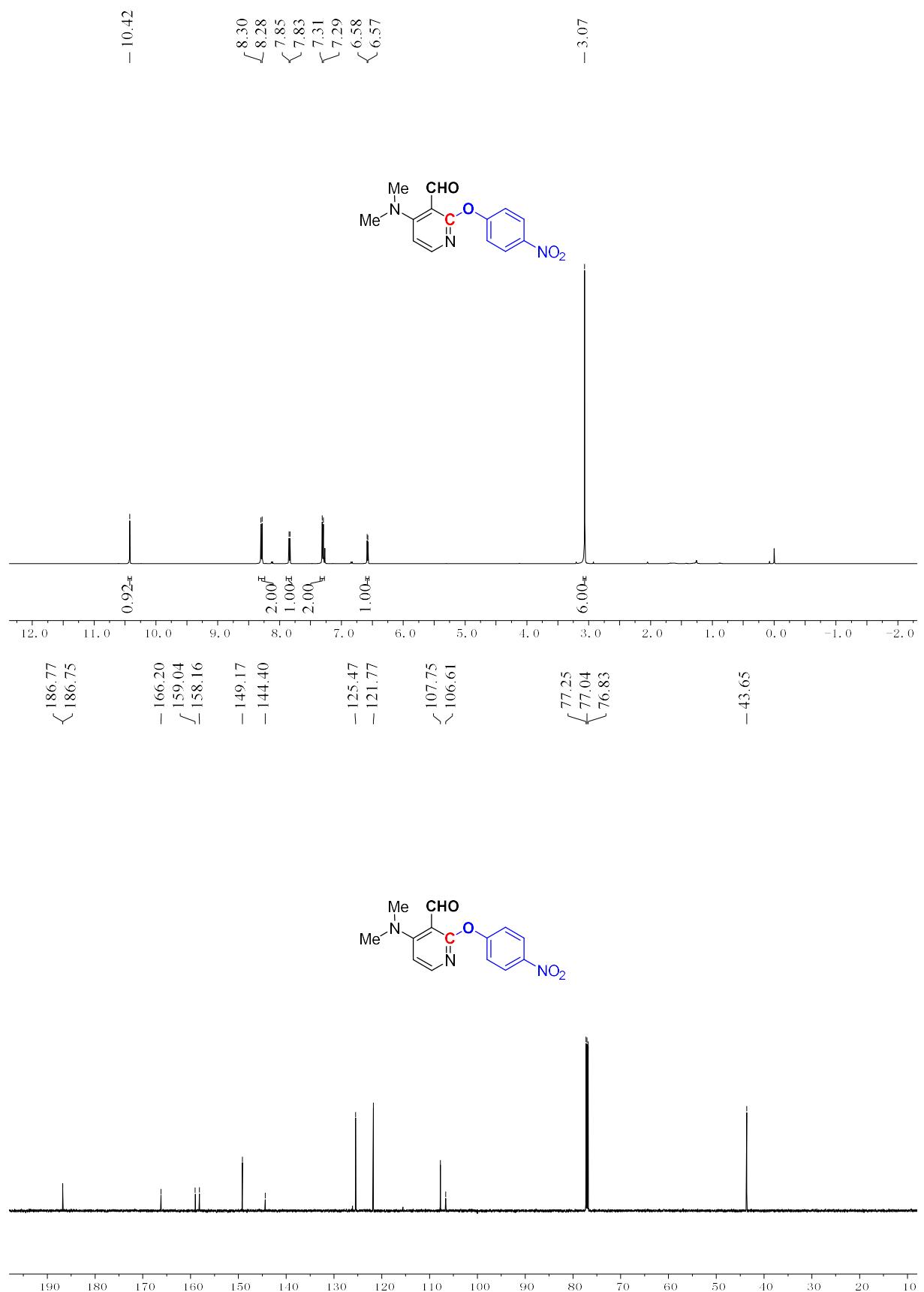


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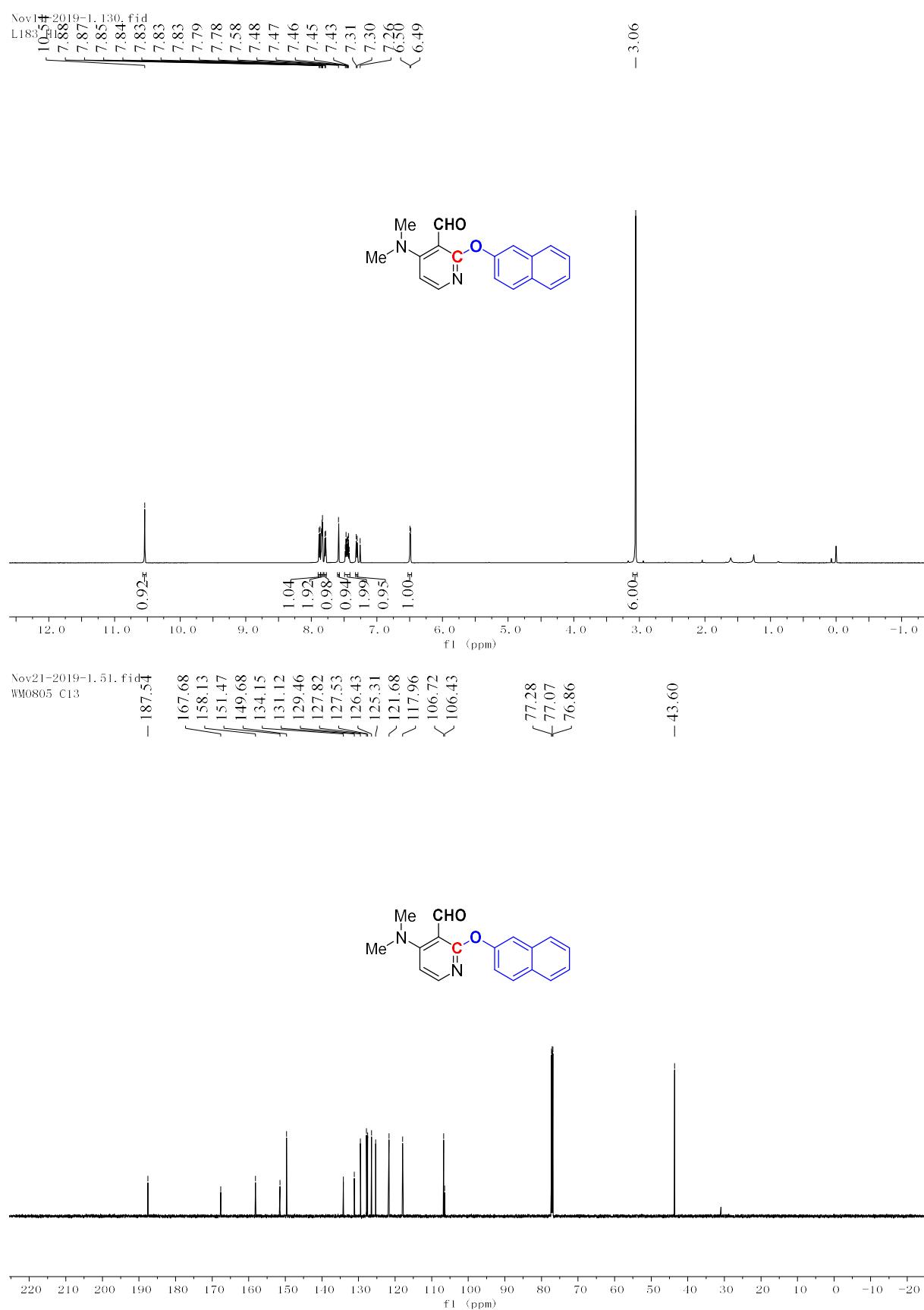
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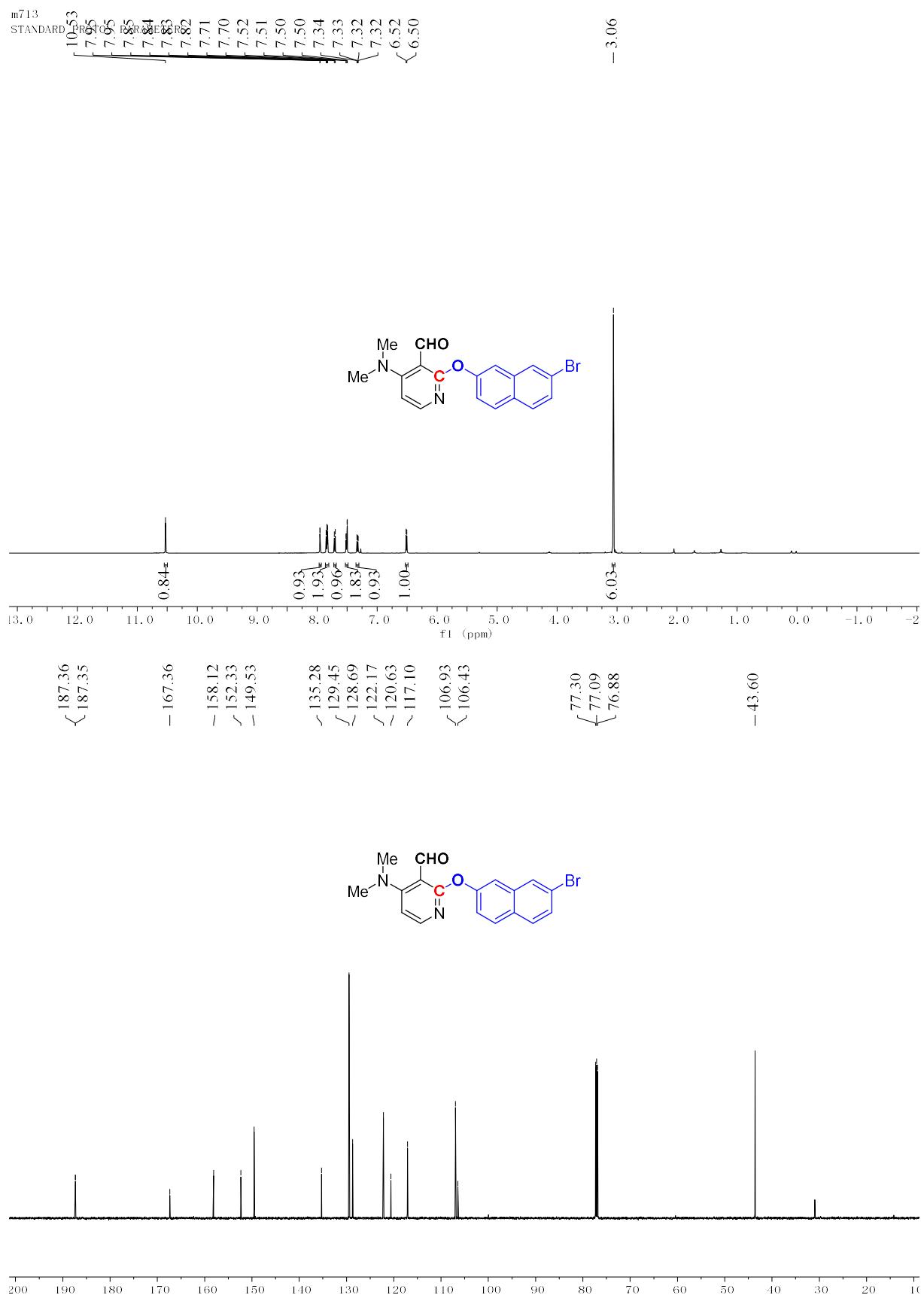
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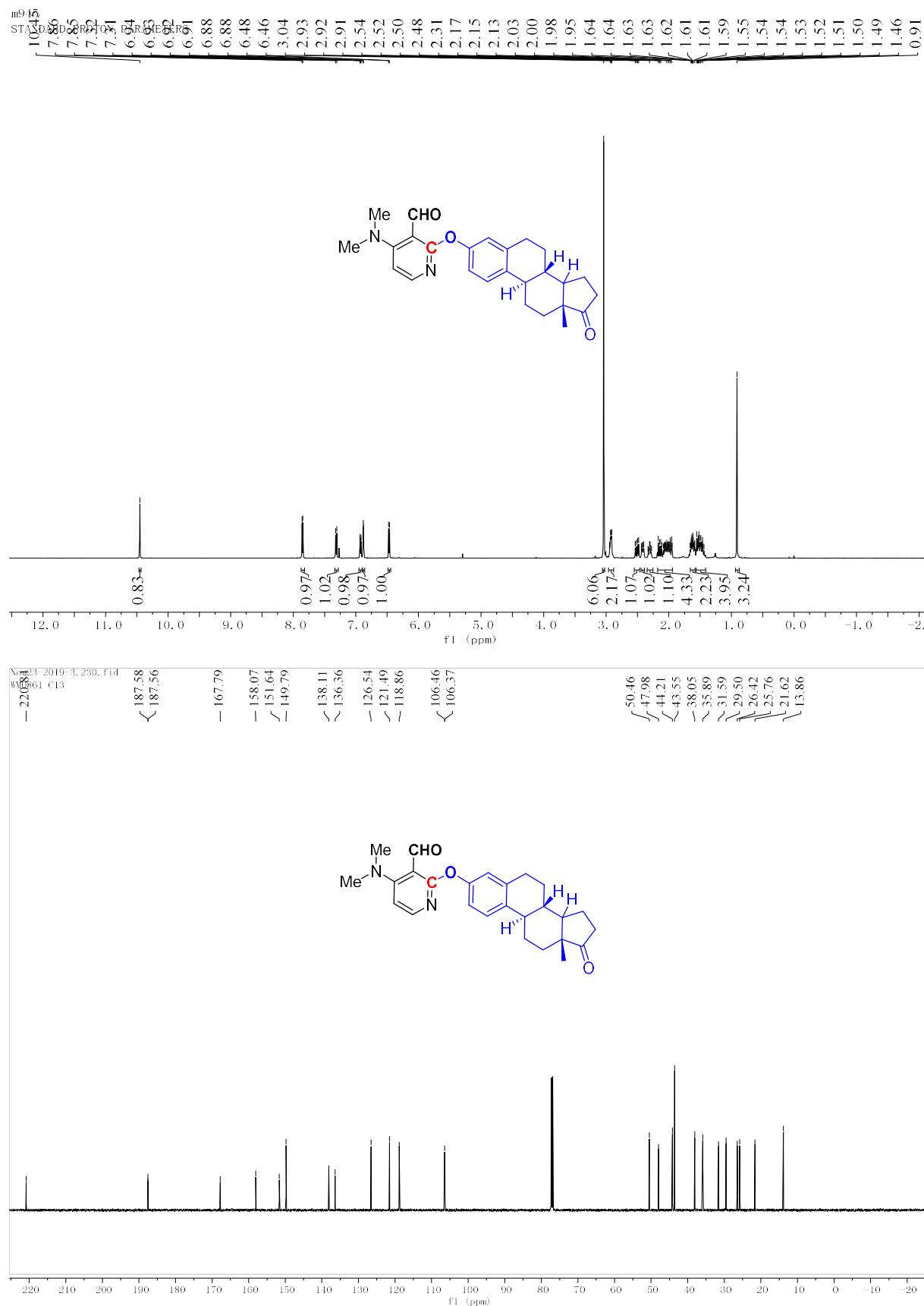
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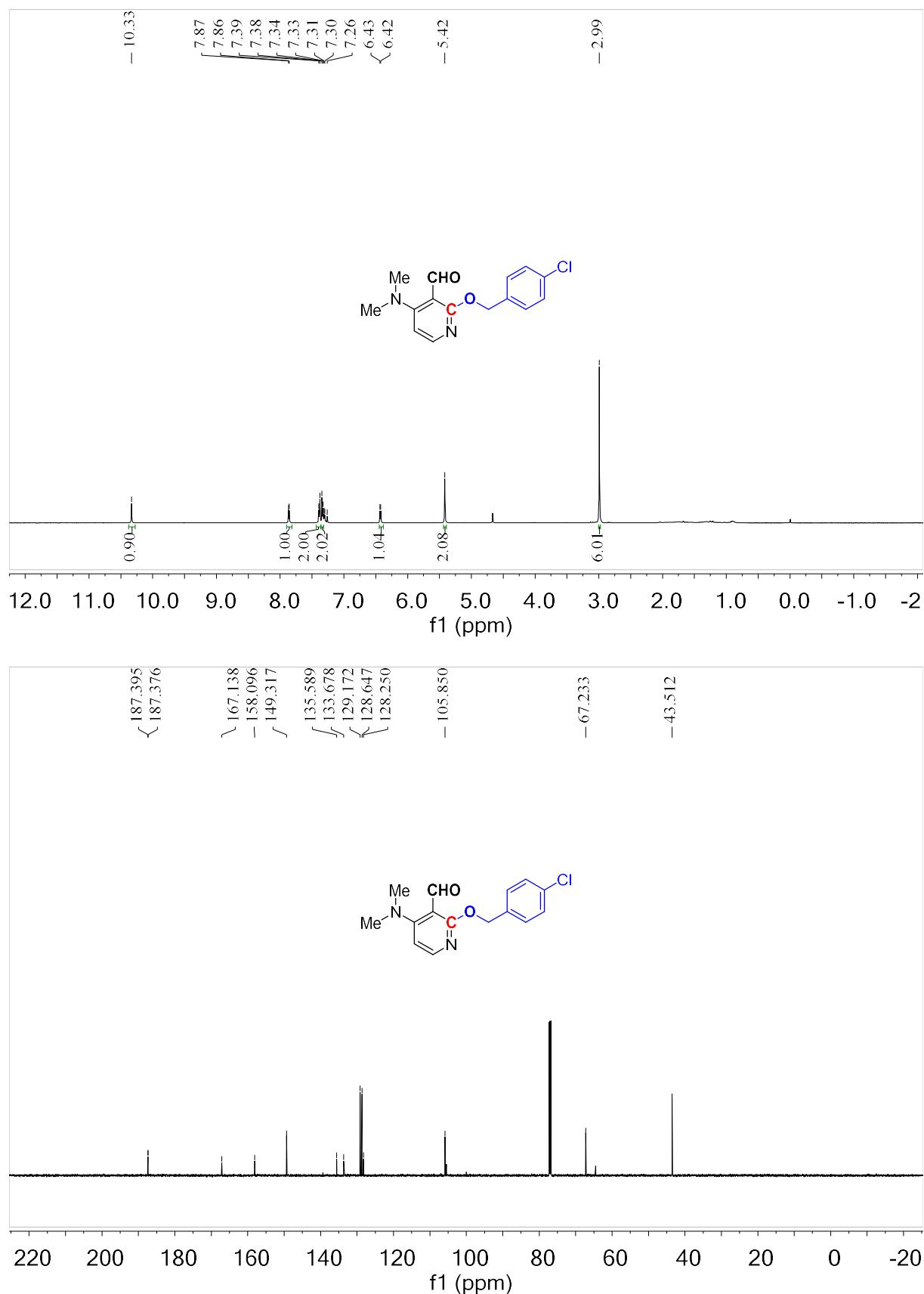
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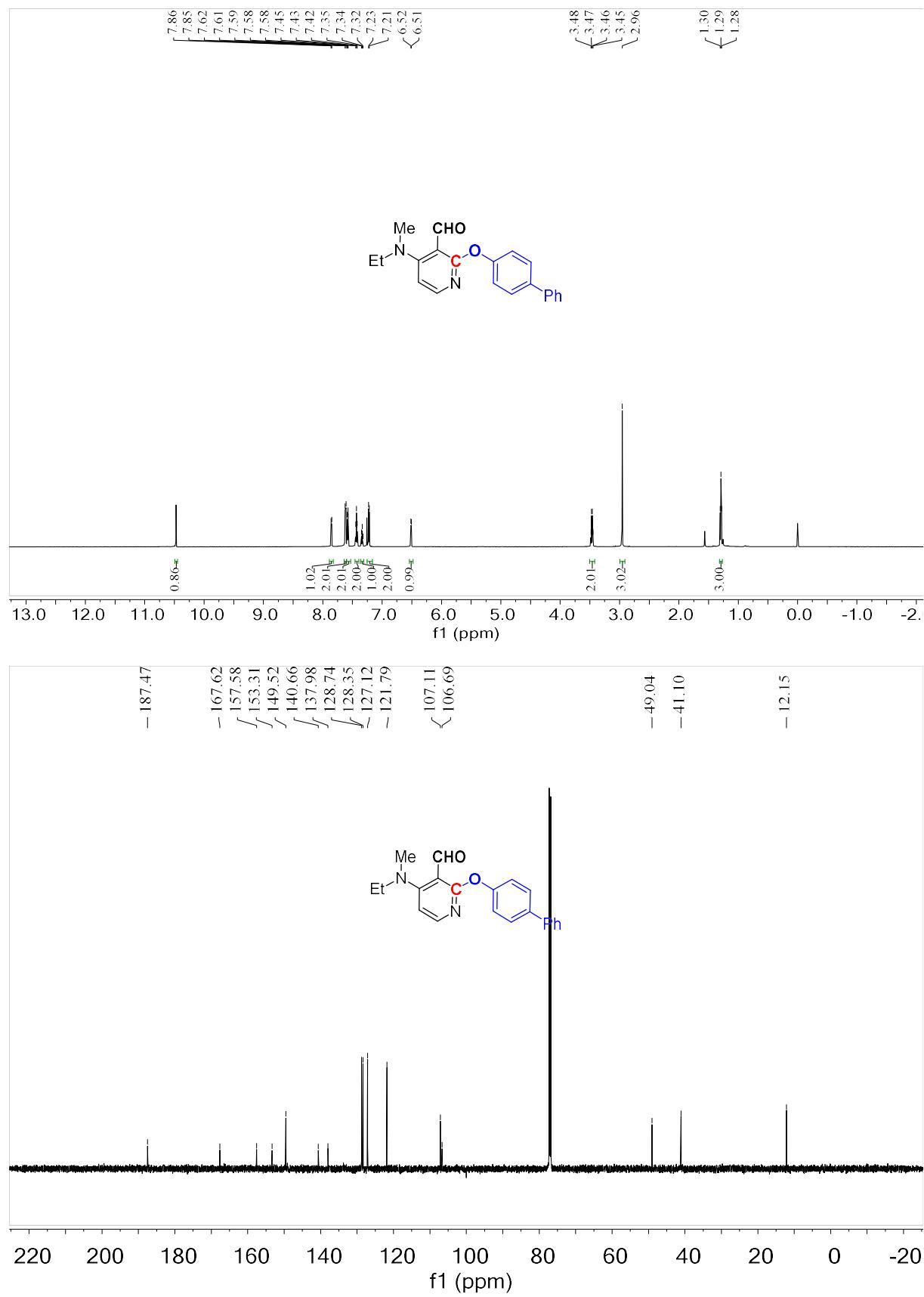
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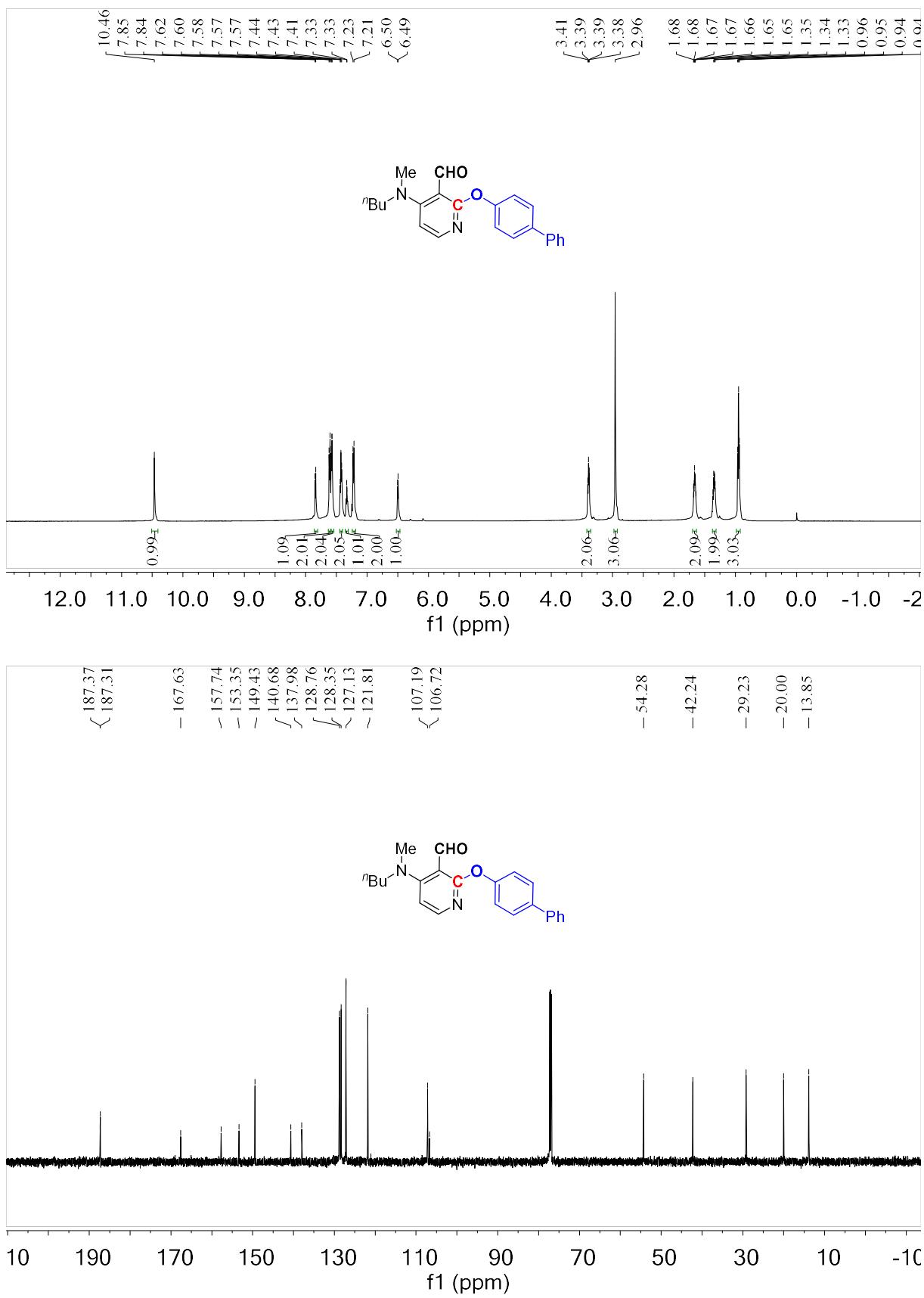
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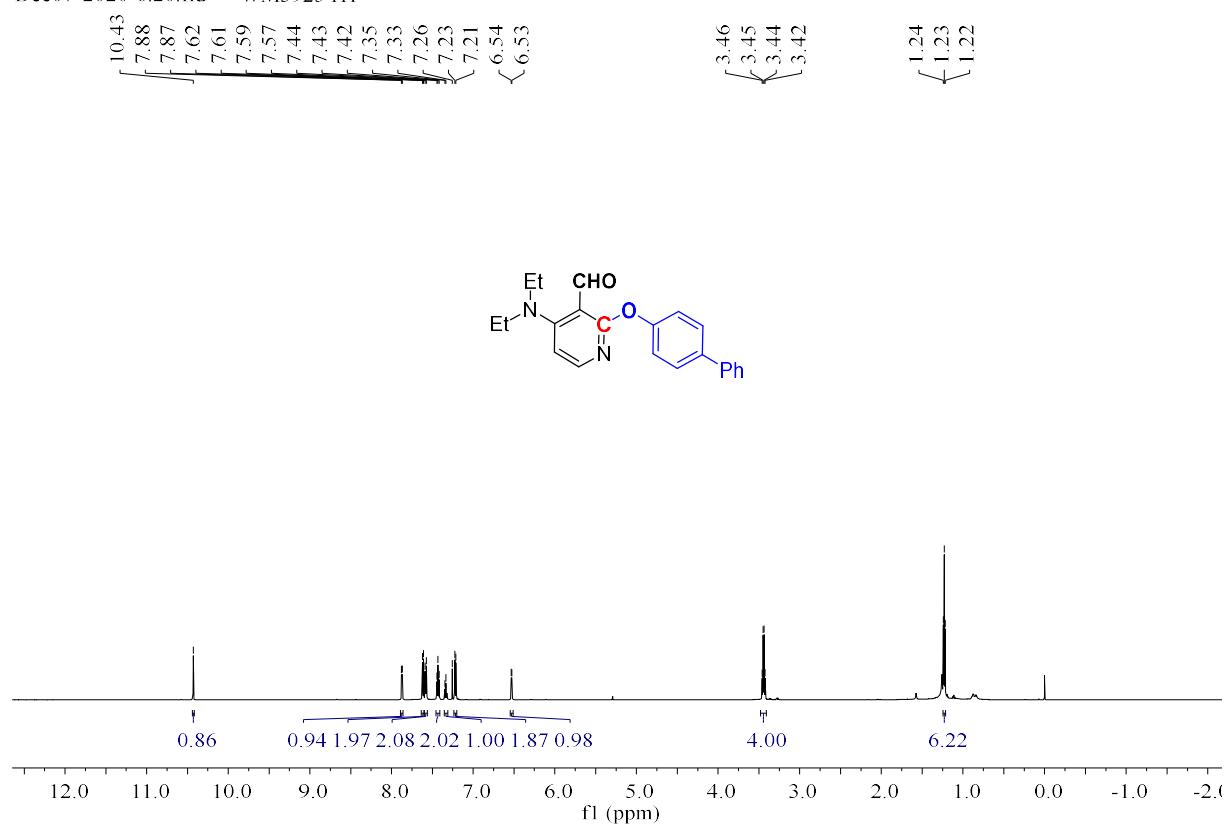


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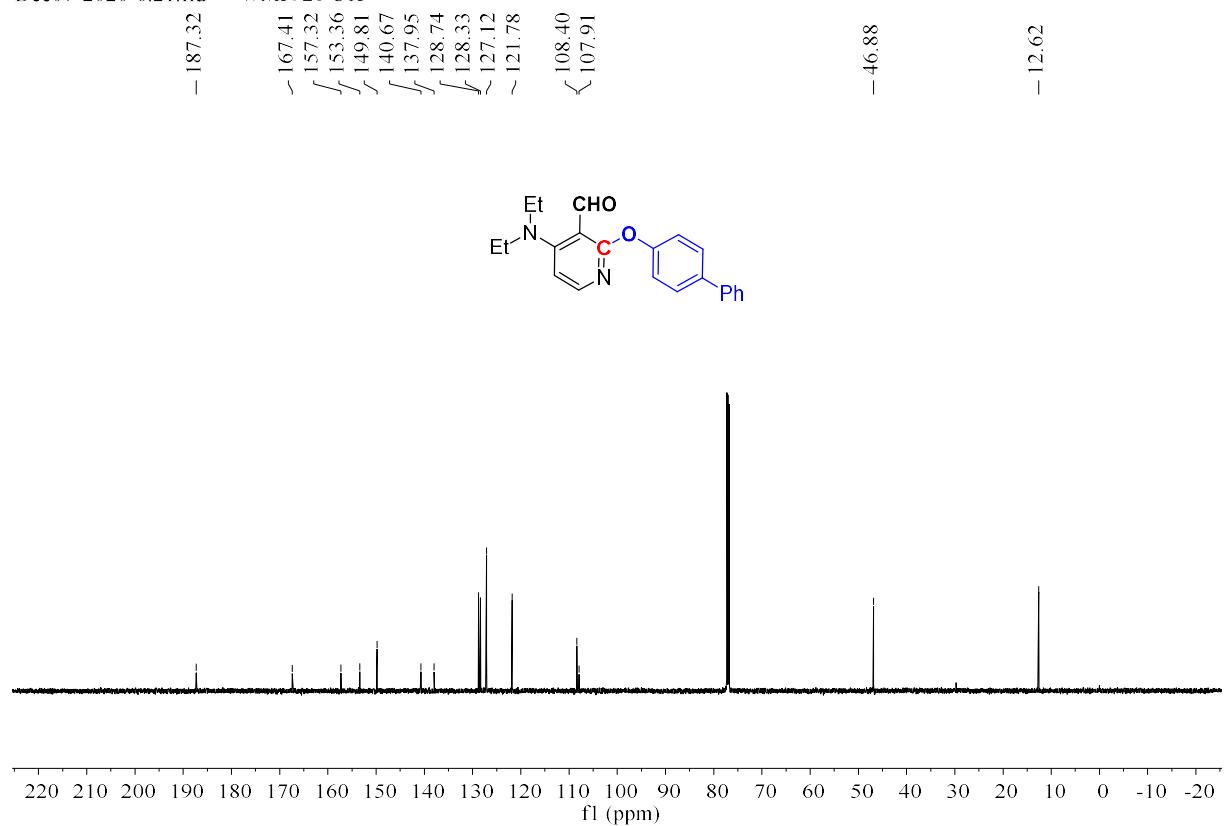


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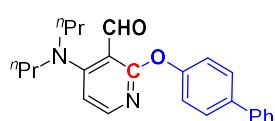
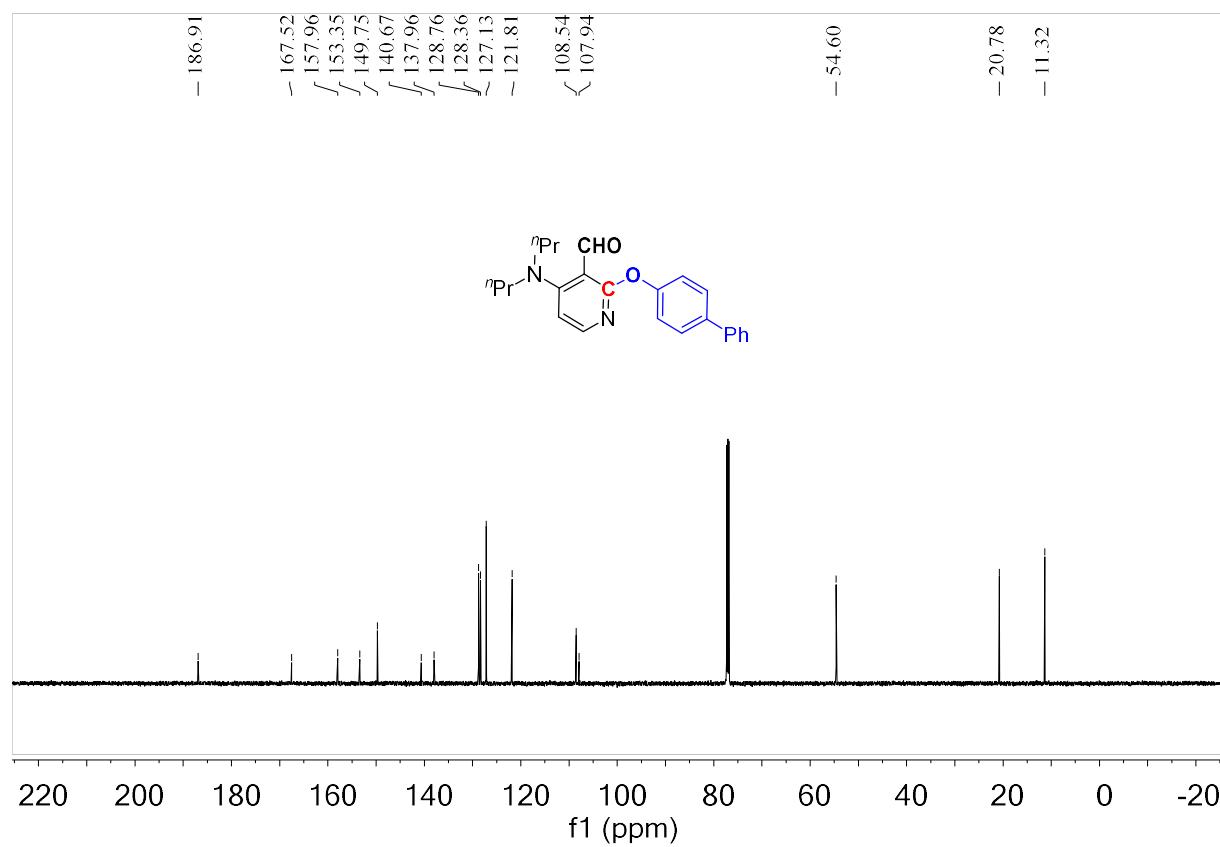
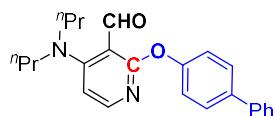
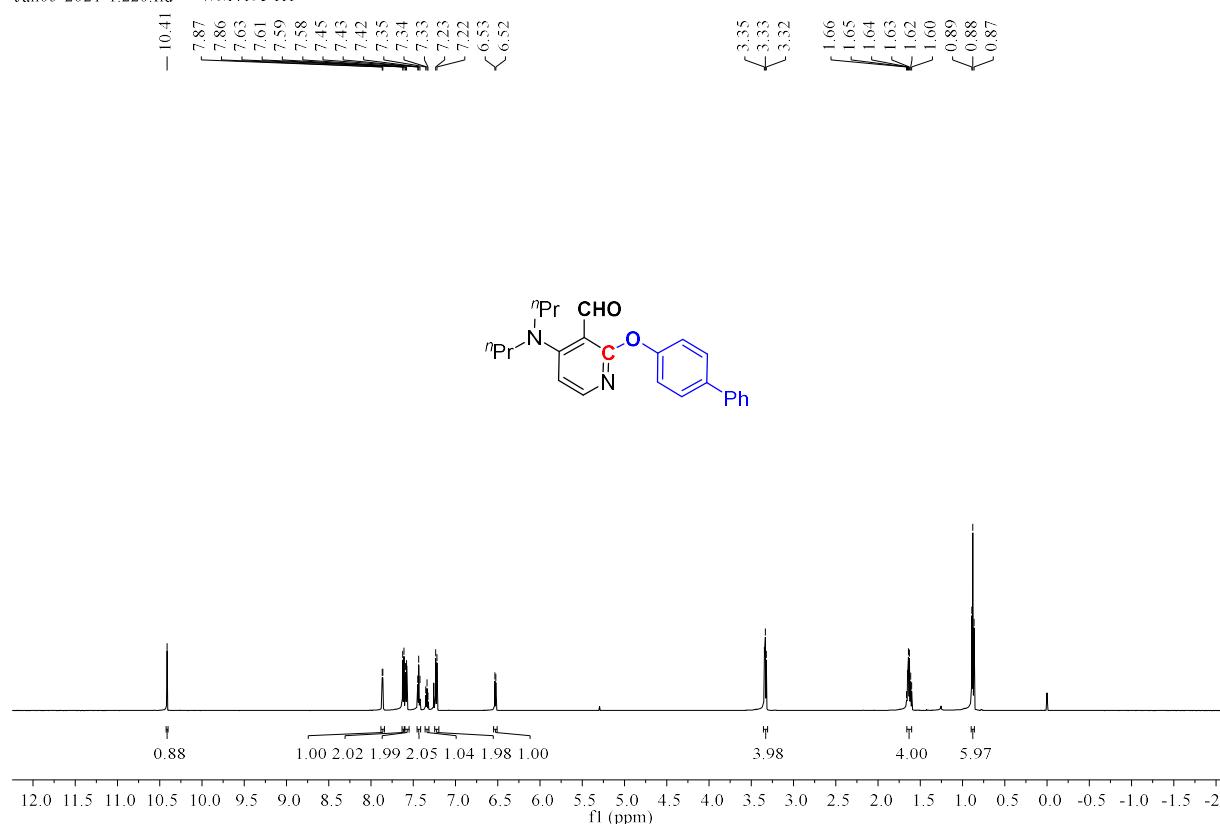


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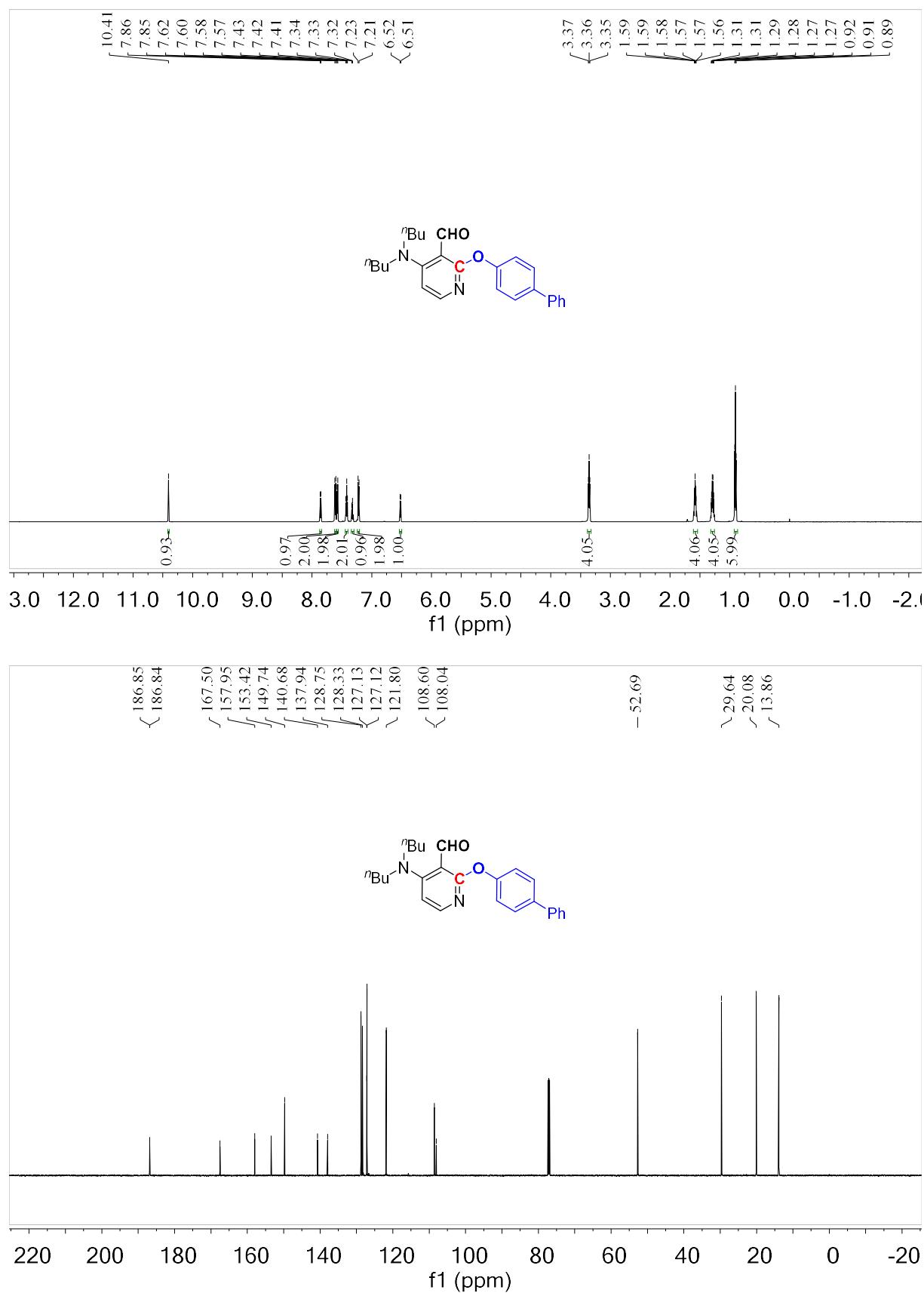


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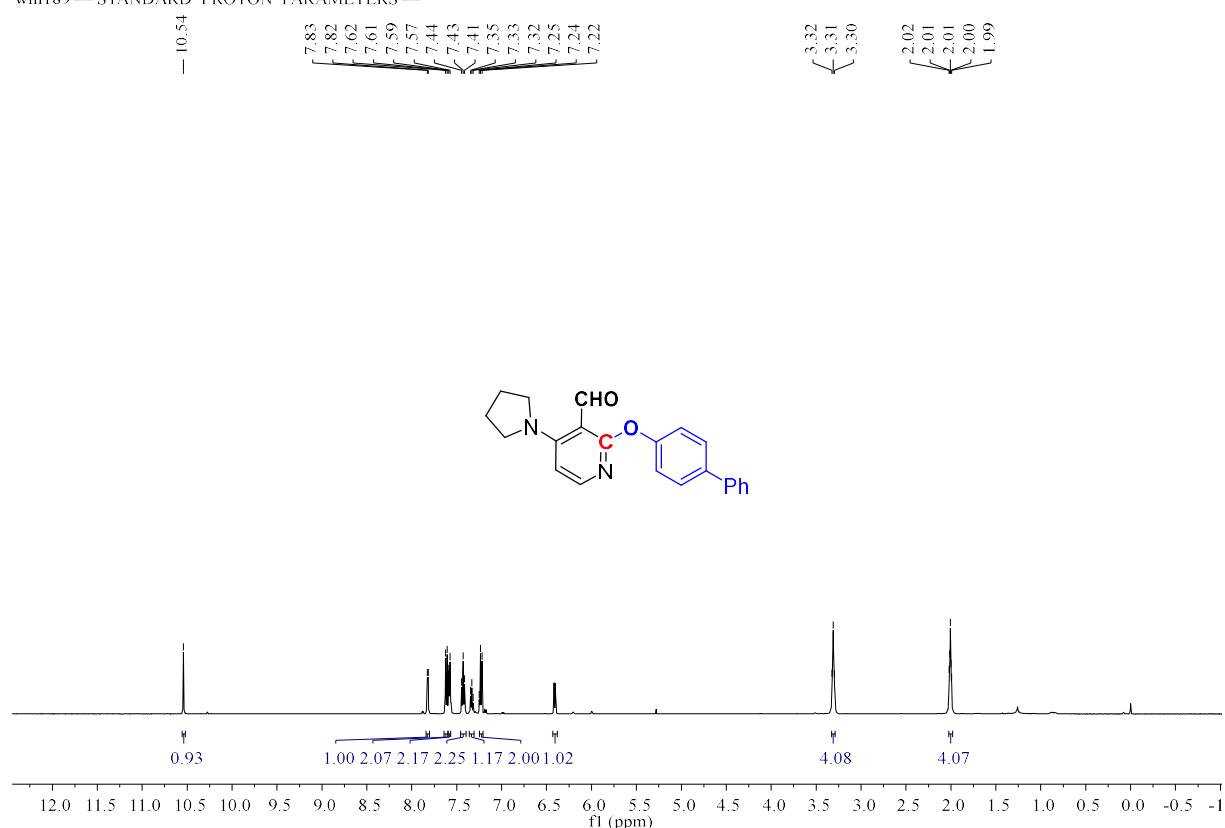


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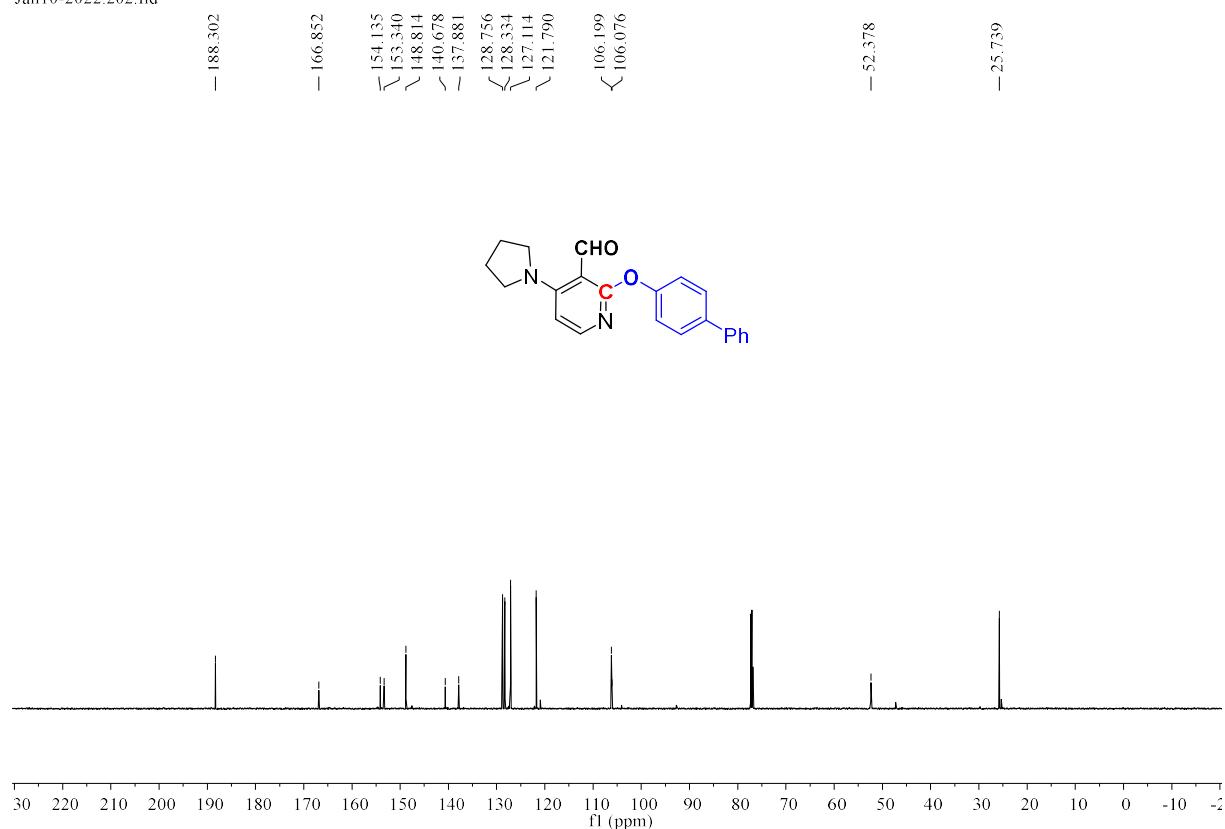


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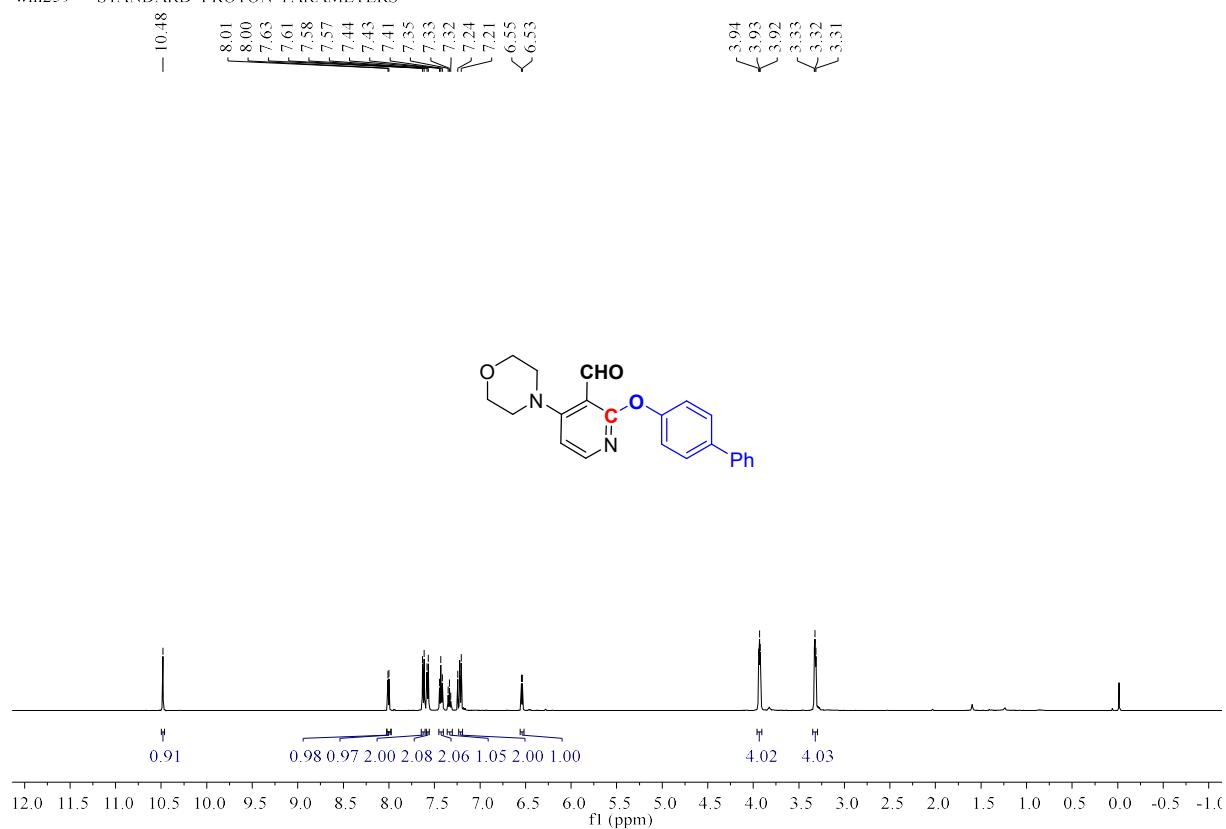


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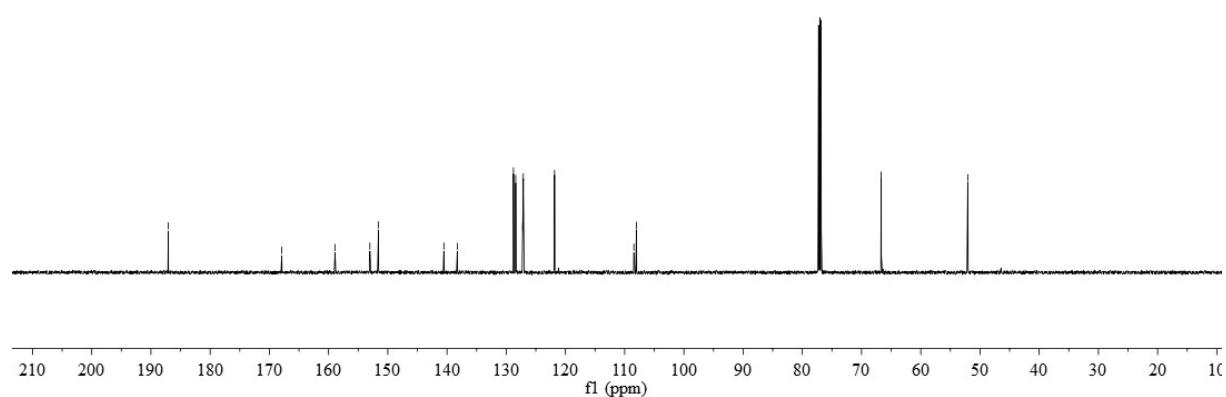
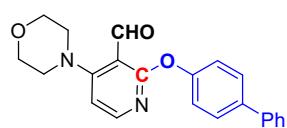


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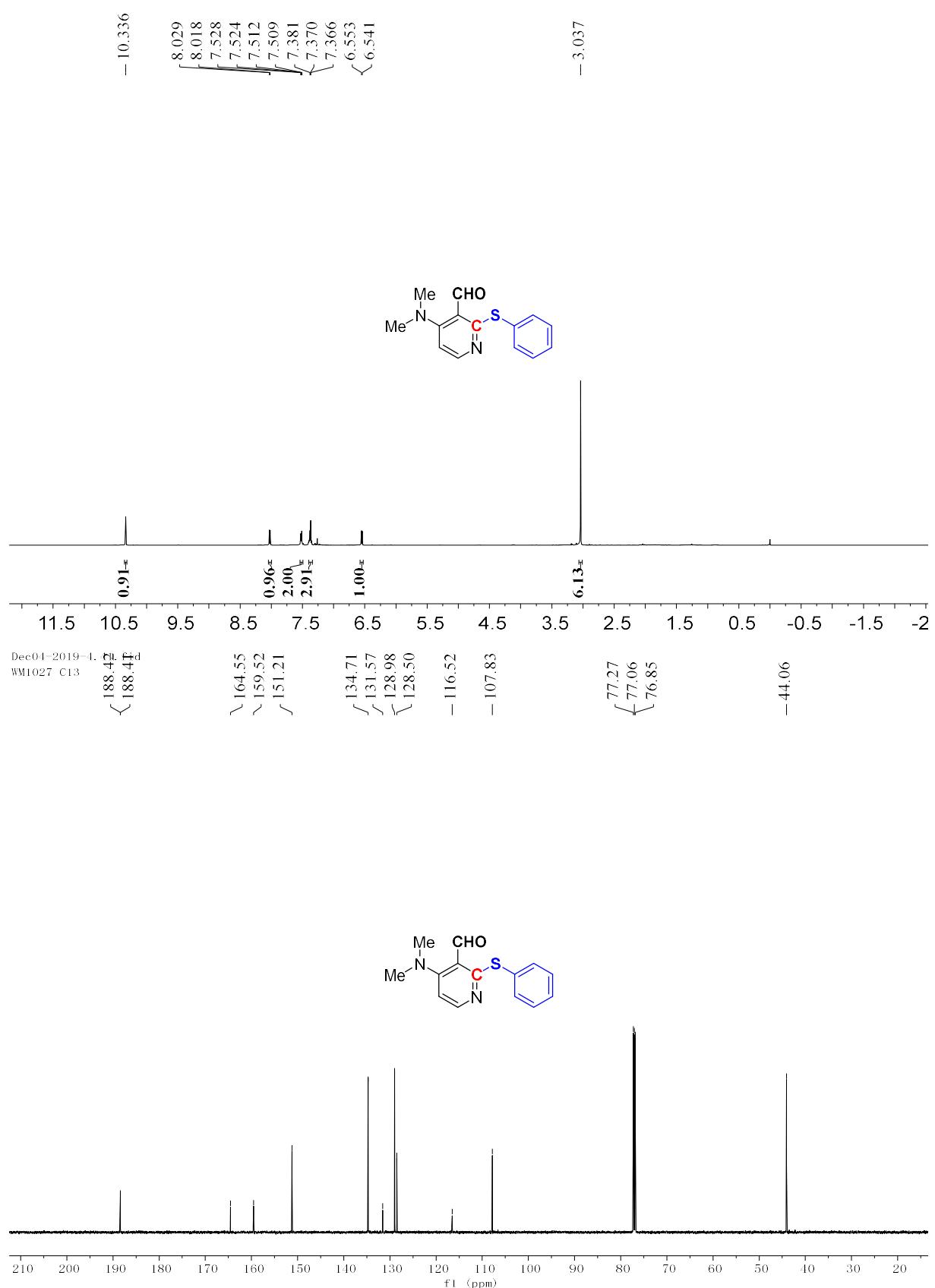


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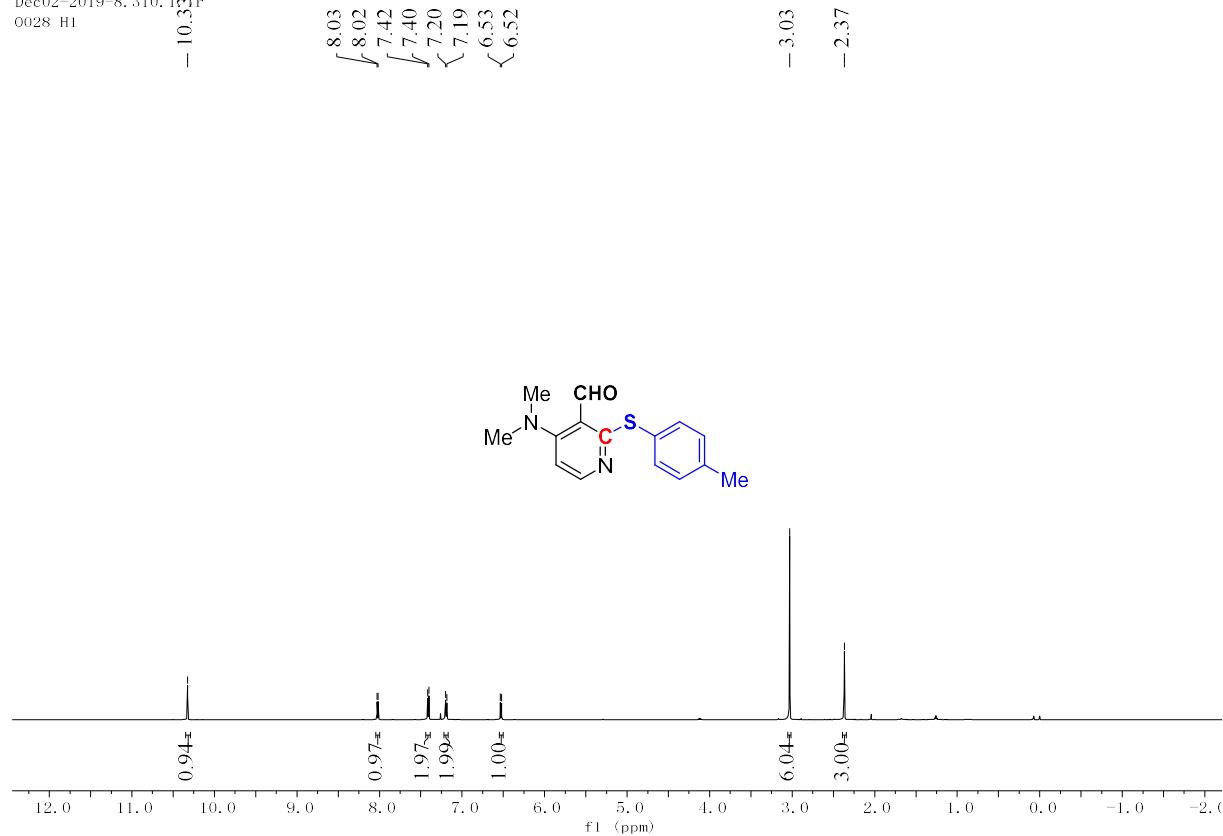
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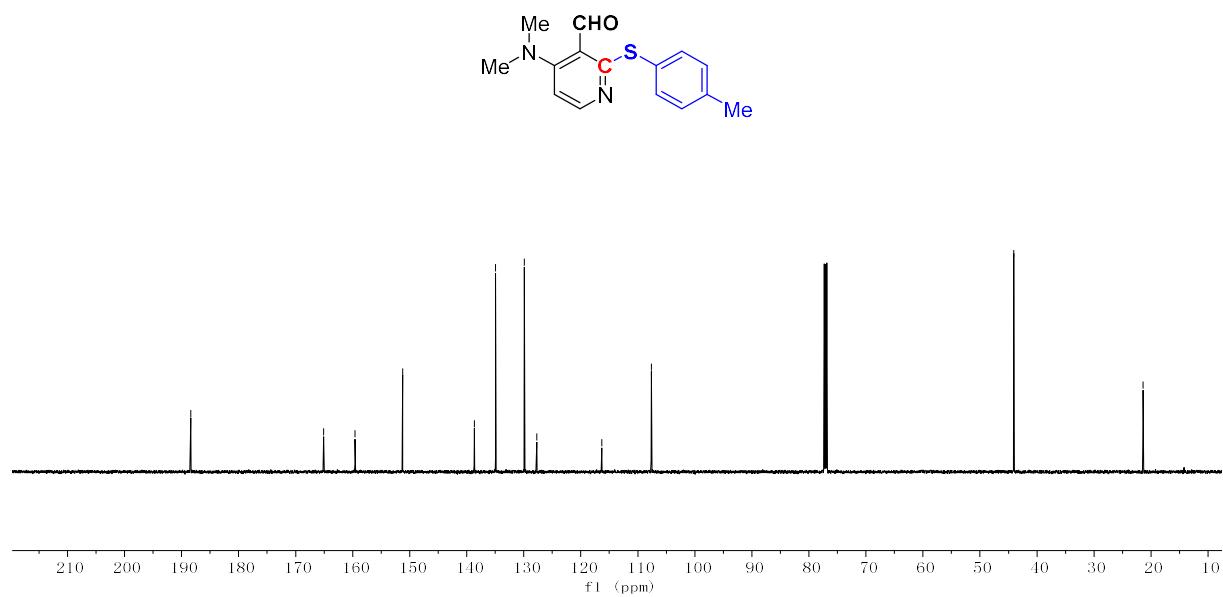


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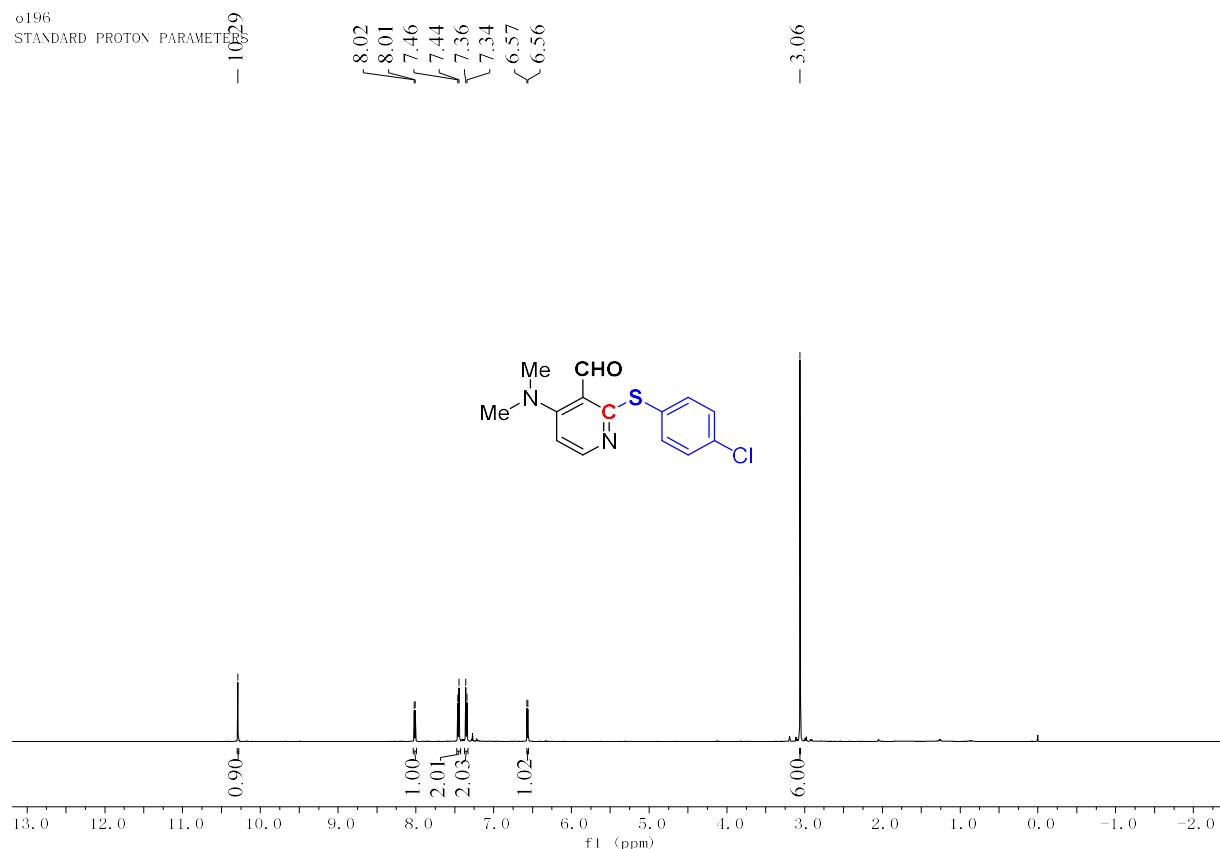


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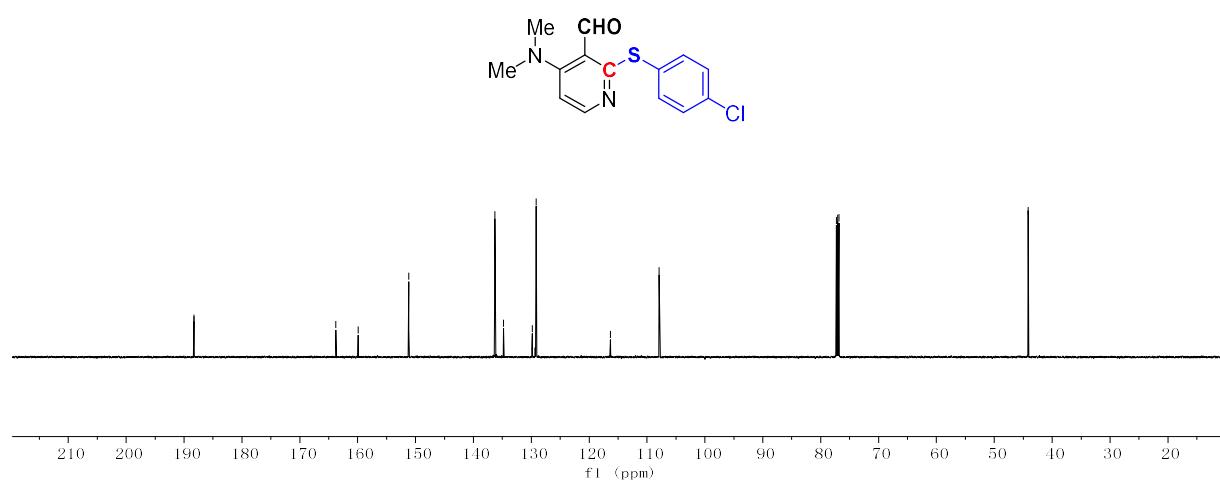


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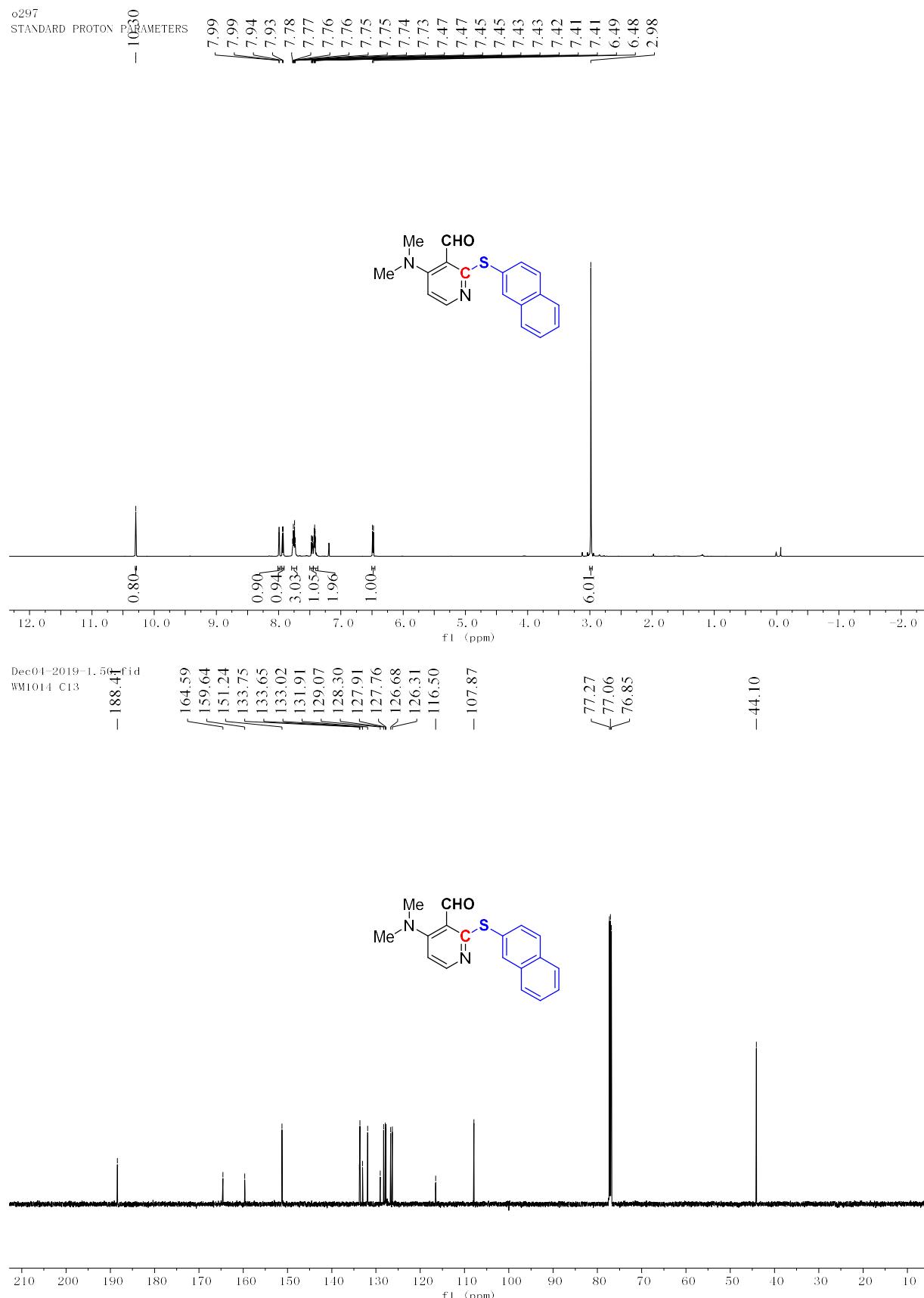
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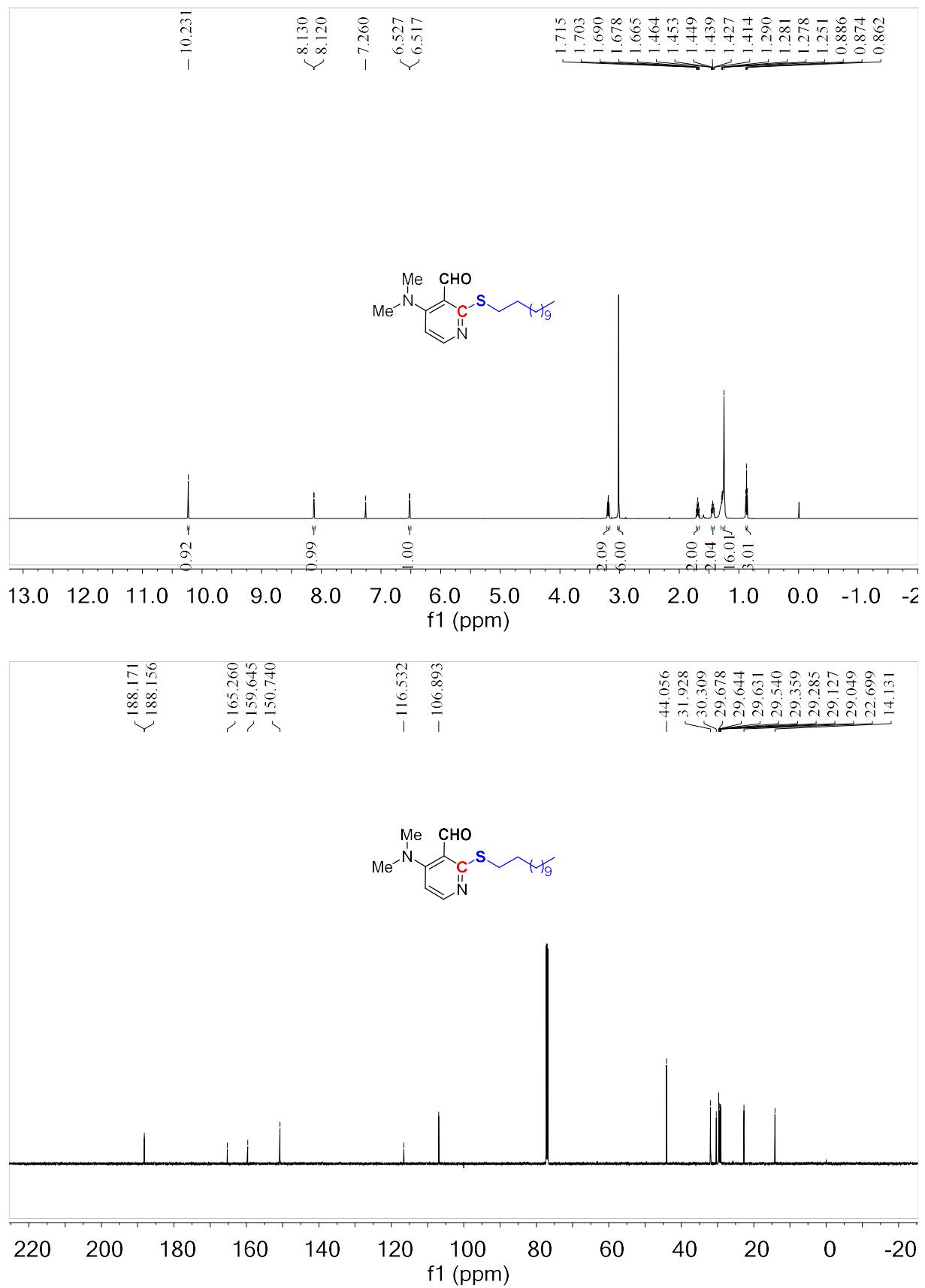
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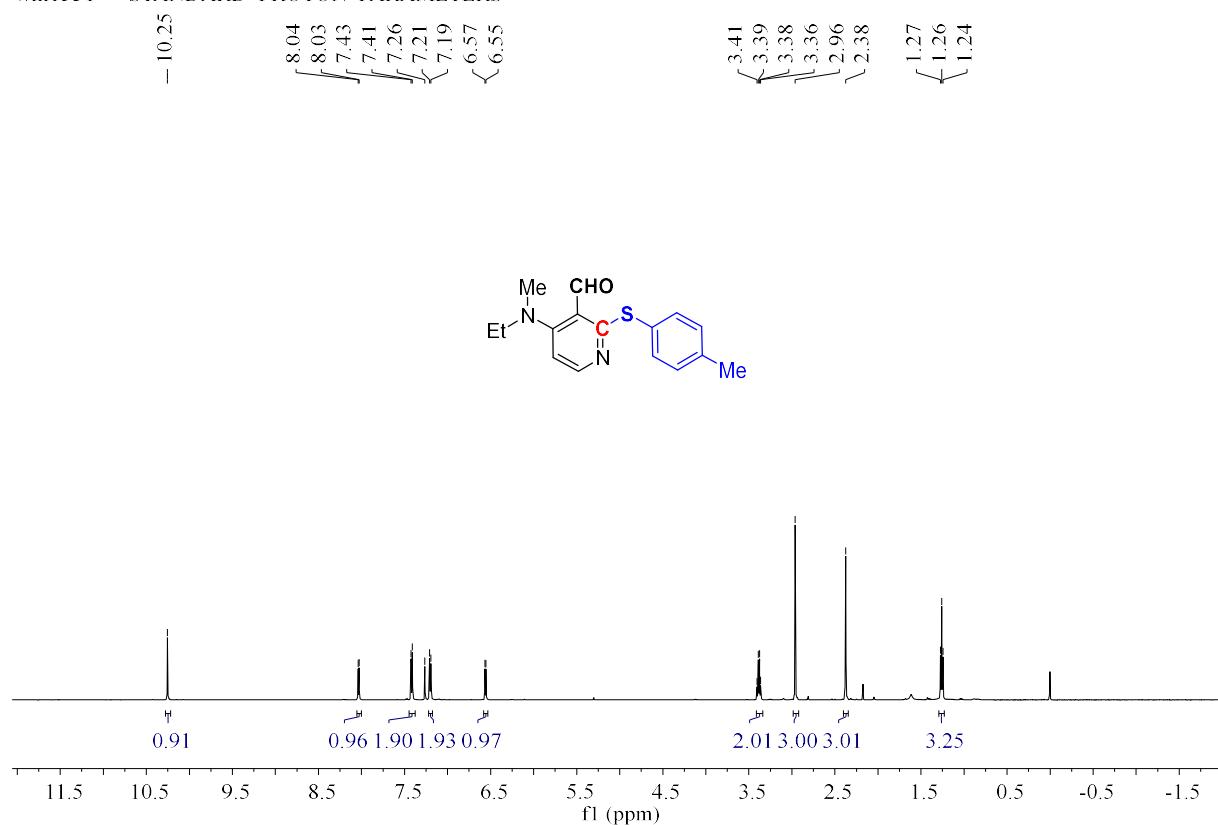


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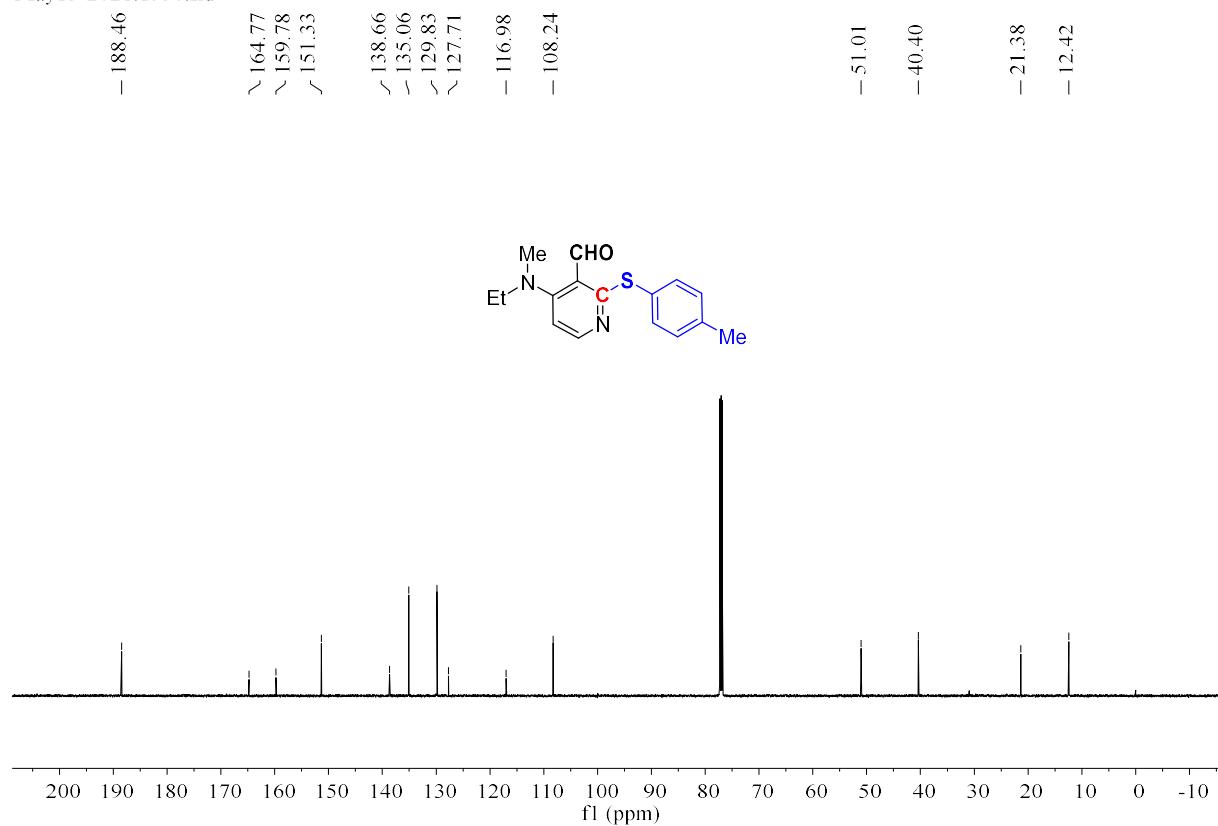


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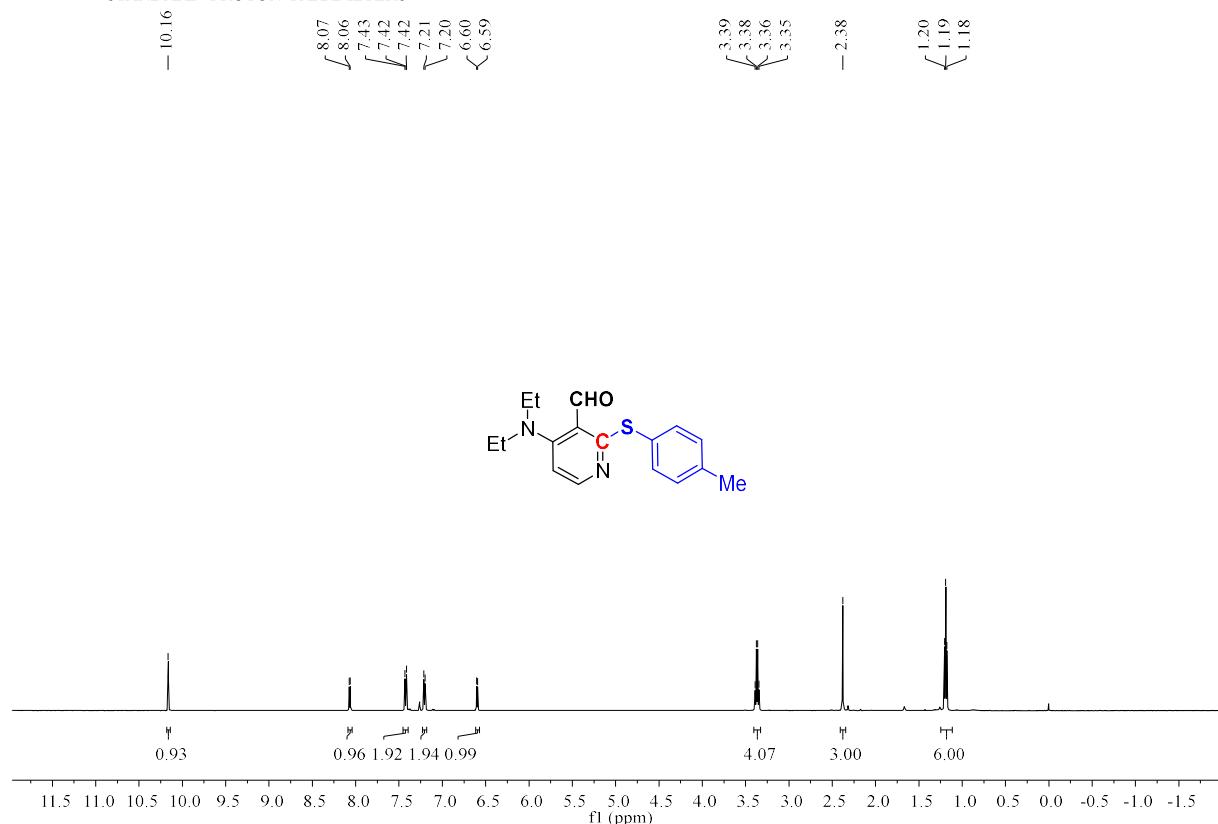


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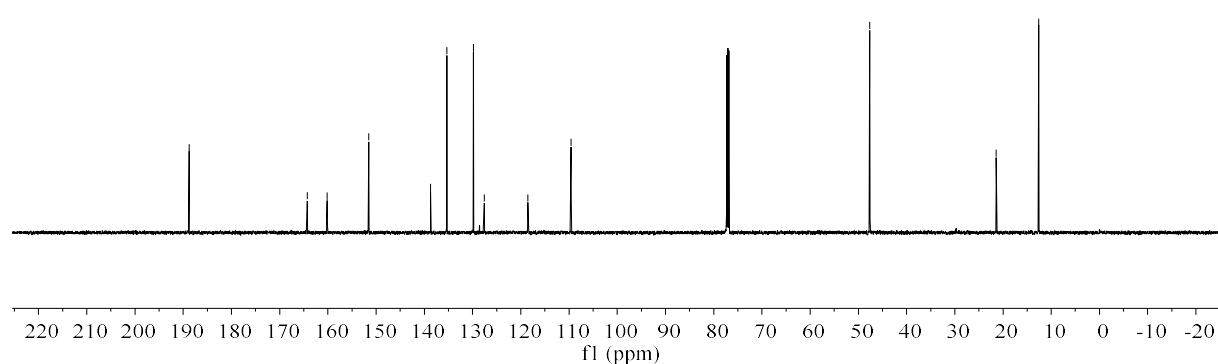
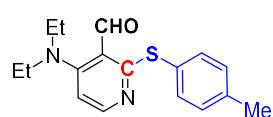


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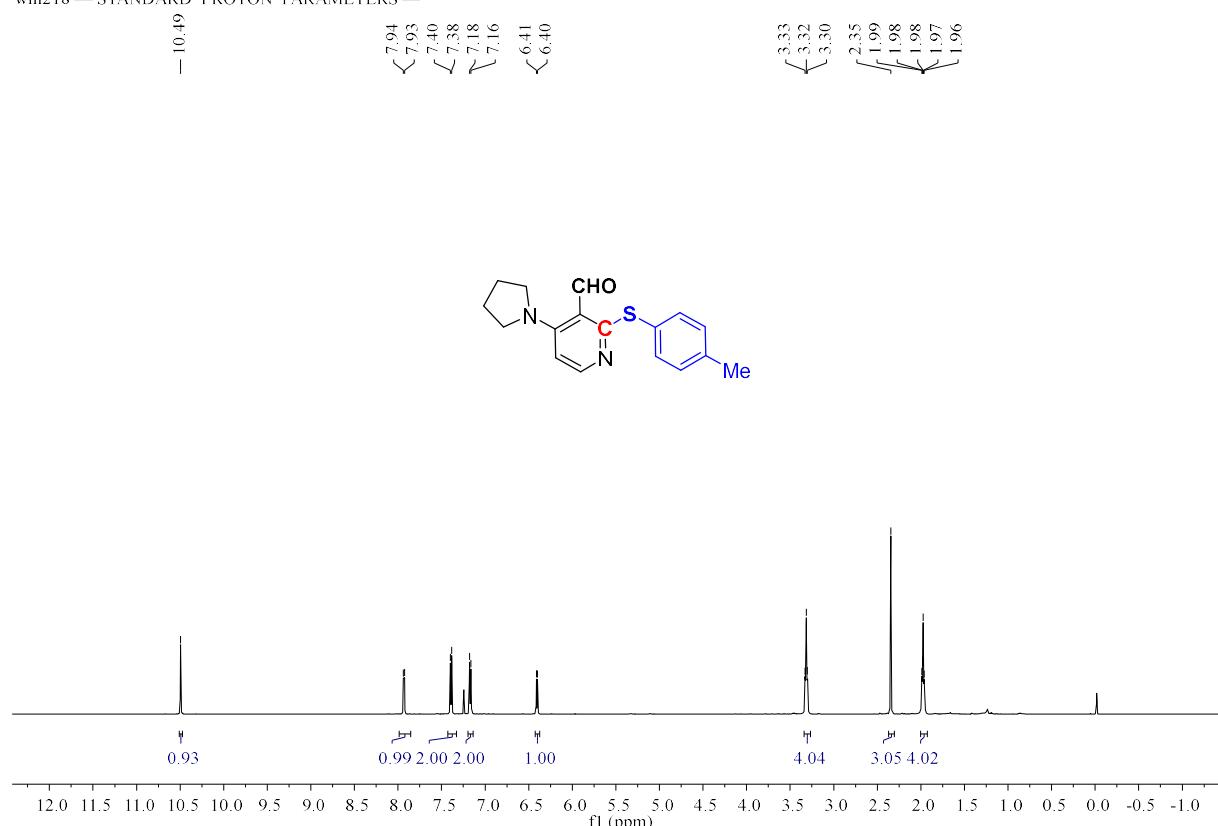


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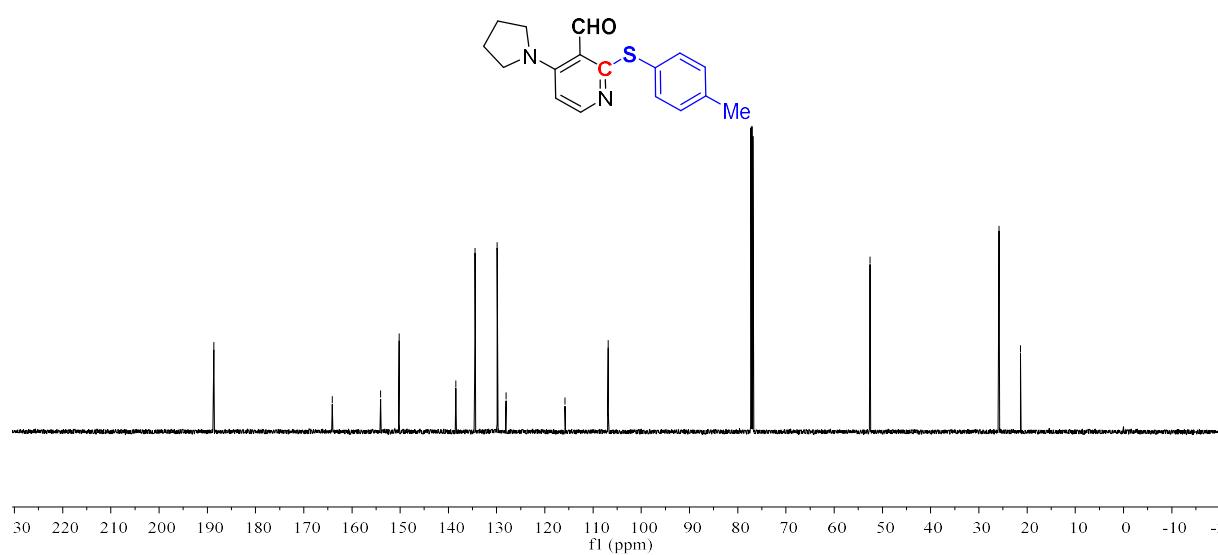


## Compound 5h

wm218—STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS—

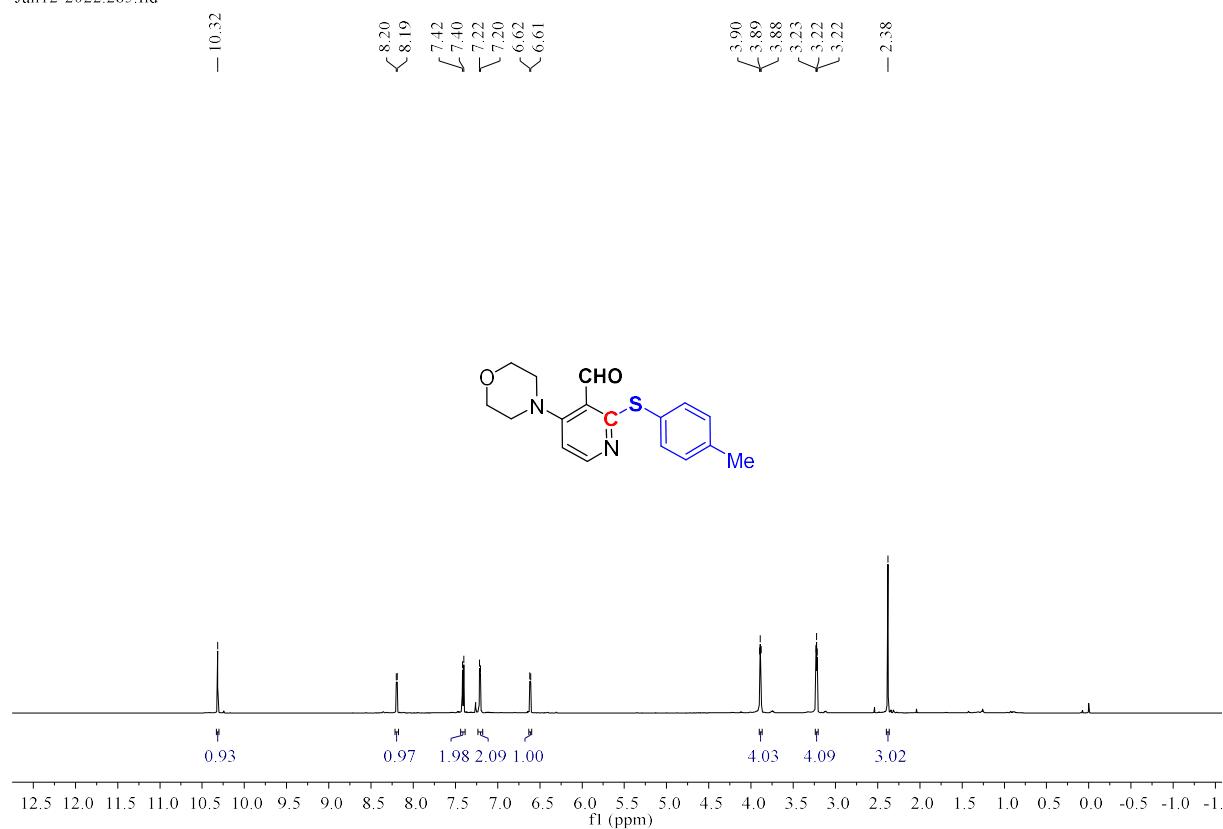


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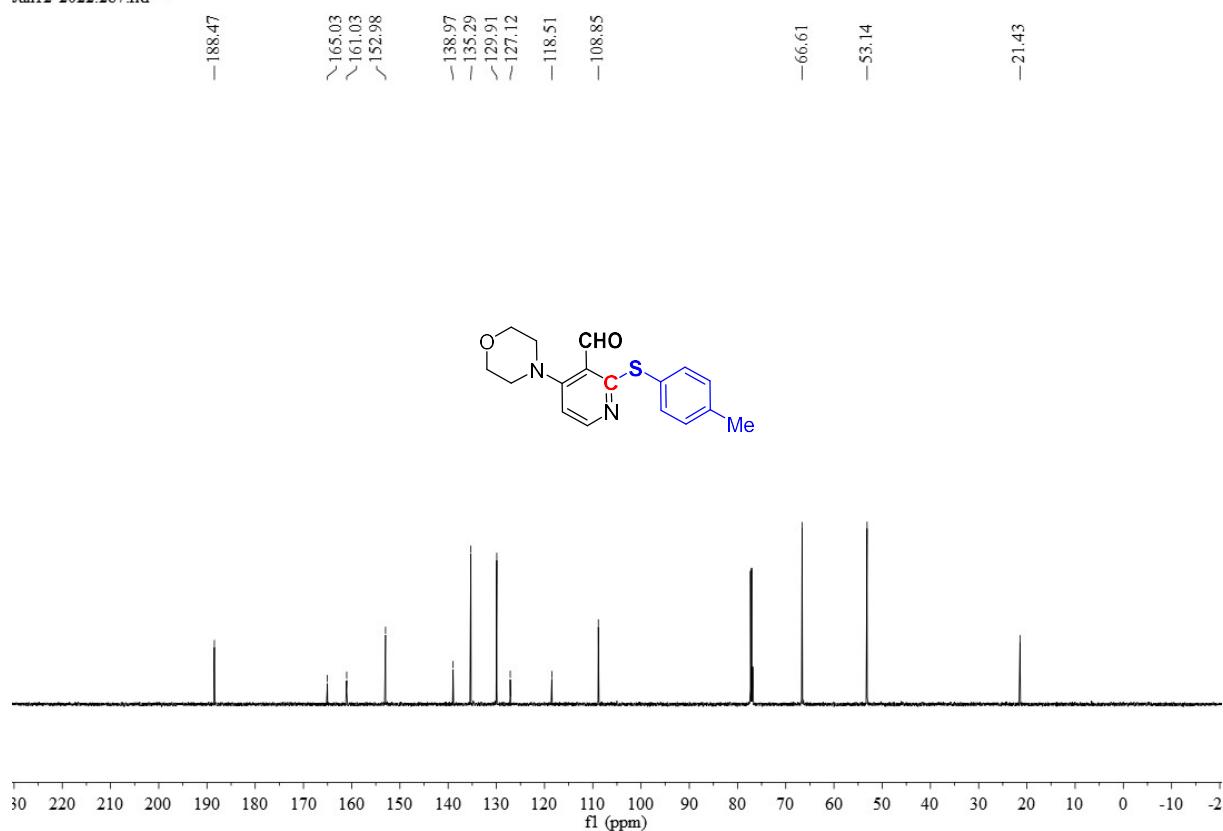


## Compound 5i

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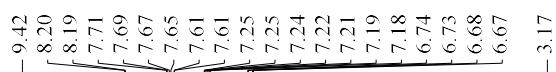


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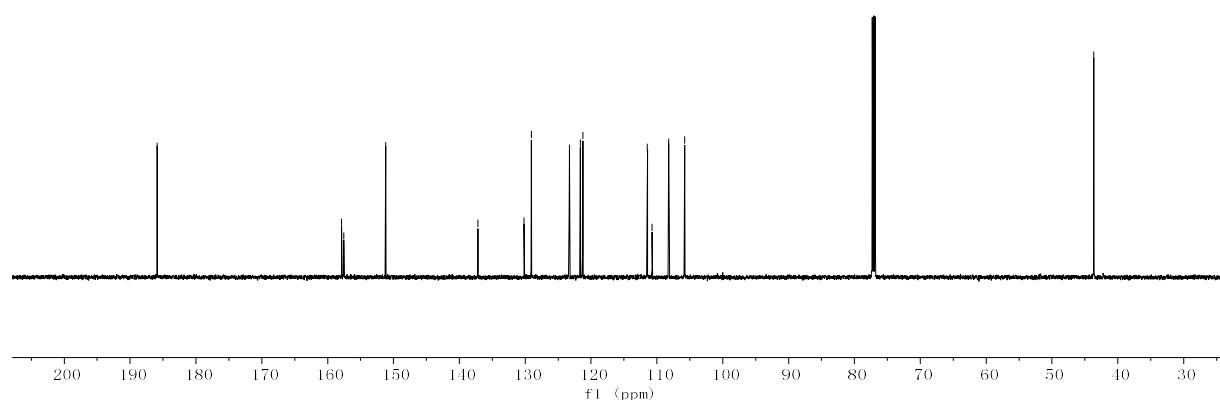
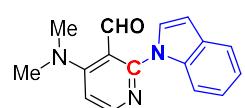


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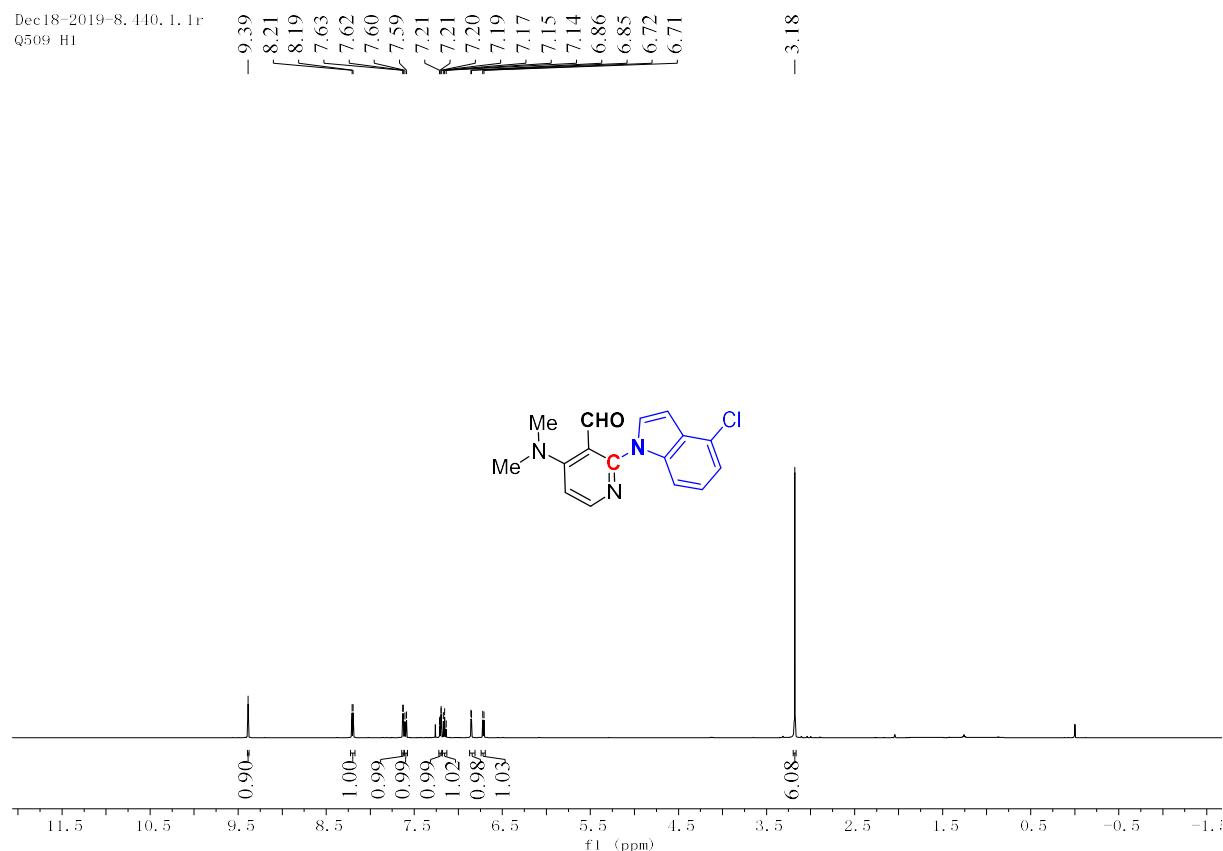


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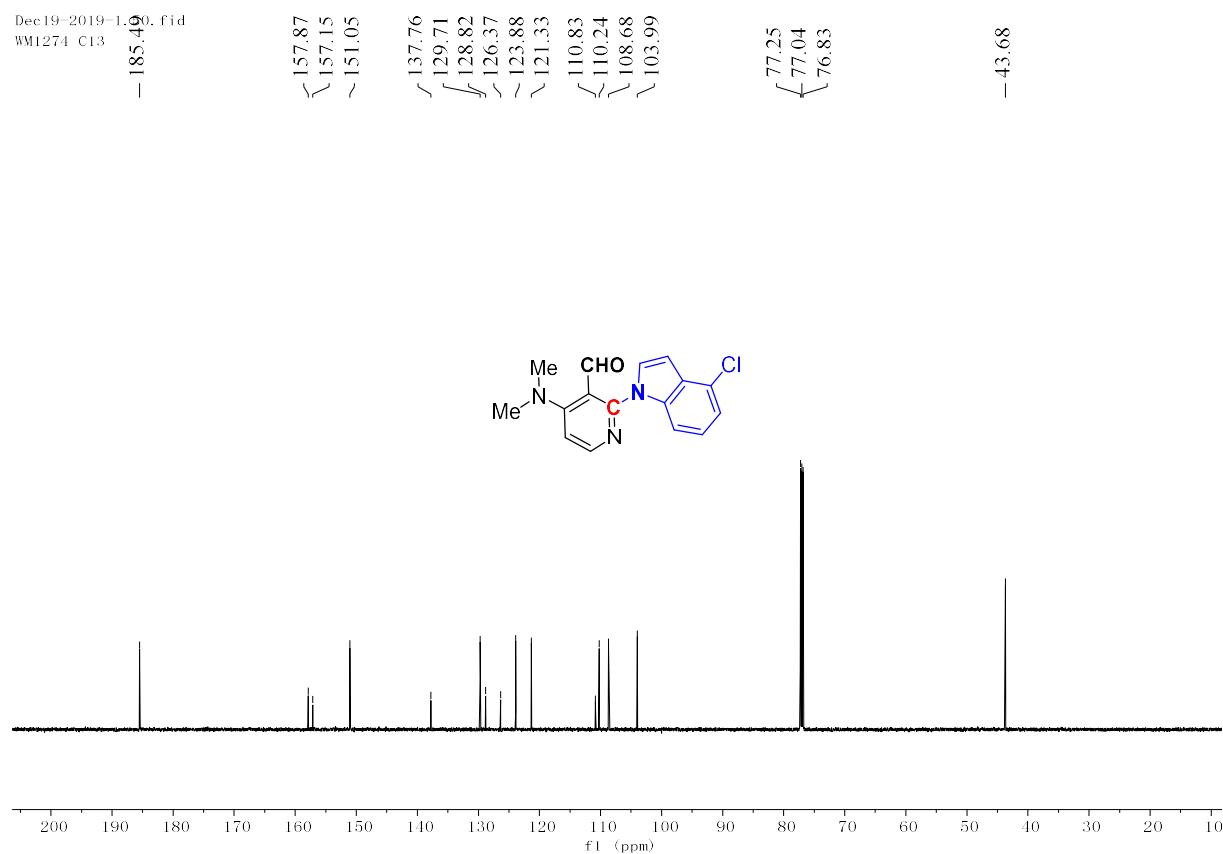


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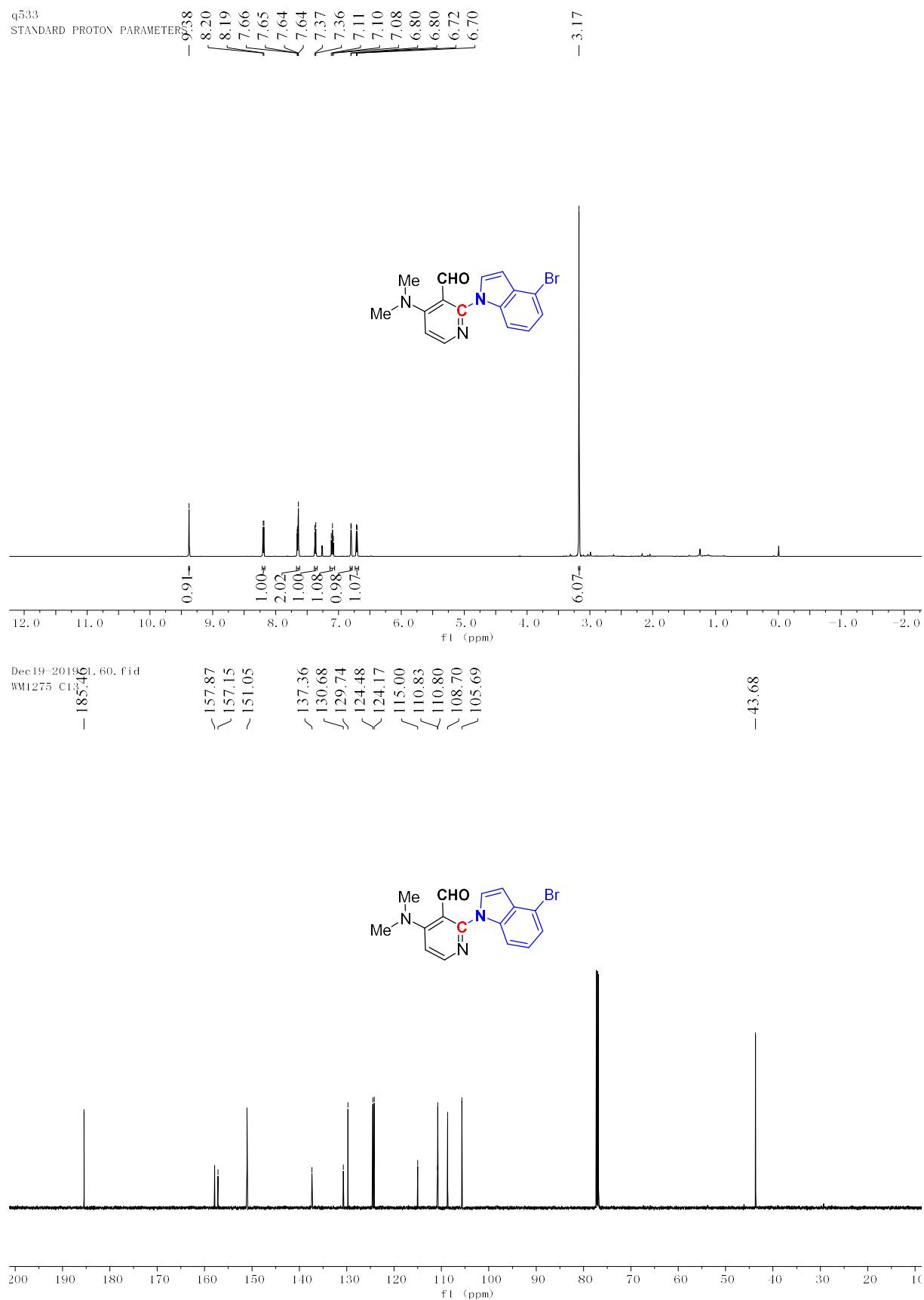
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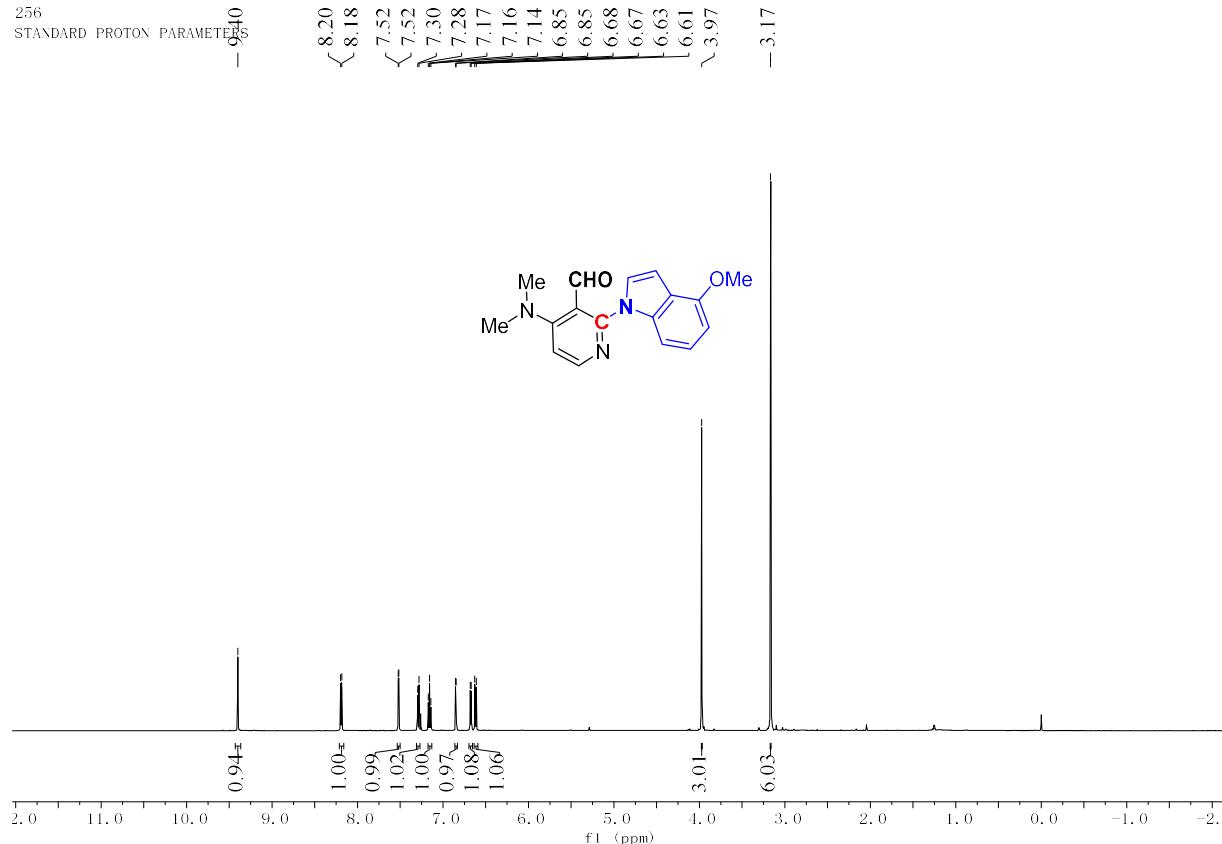


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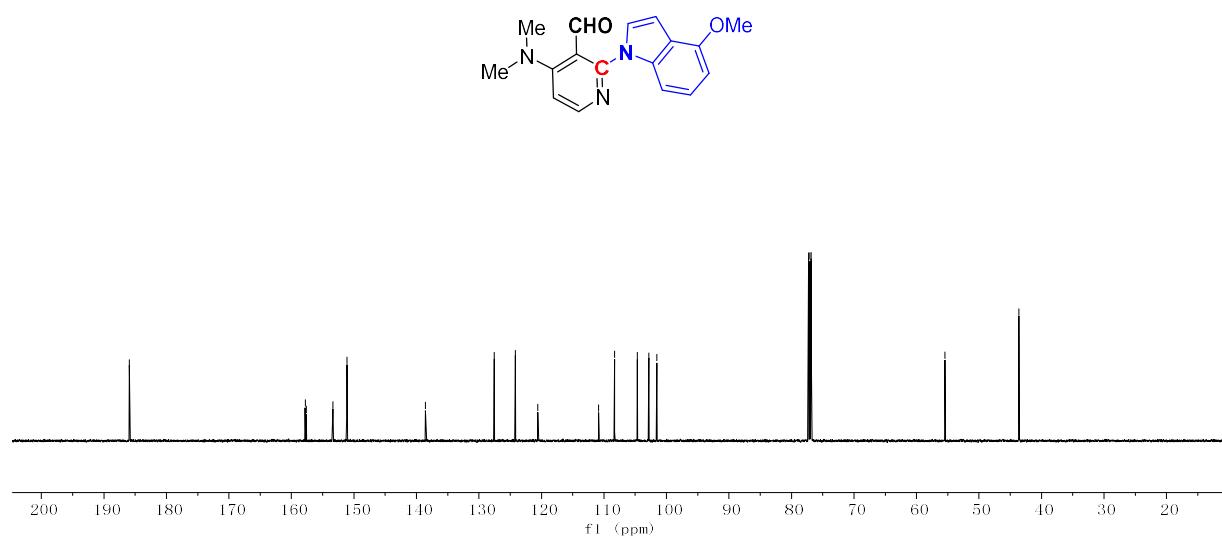


## Compound 7d

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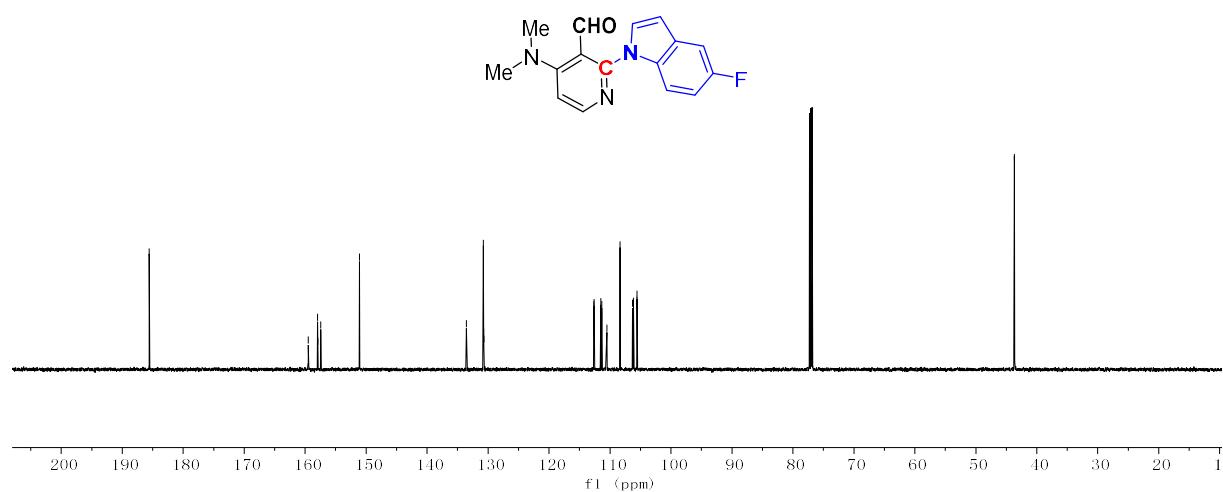
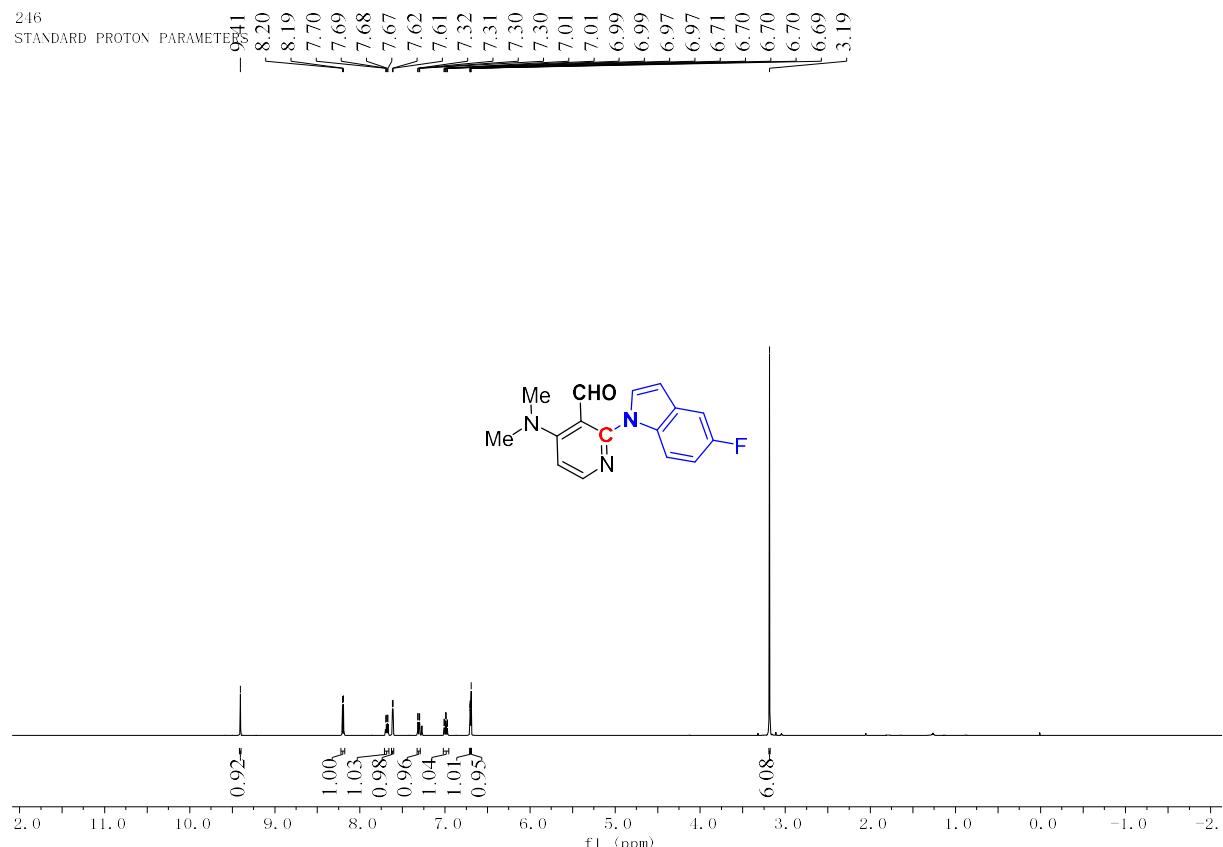
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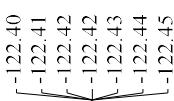


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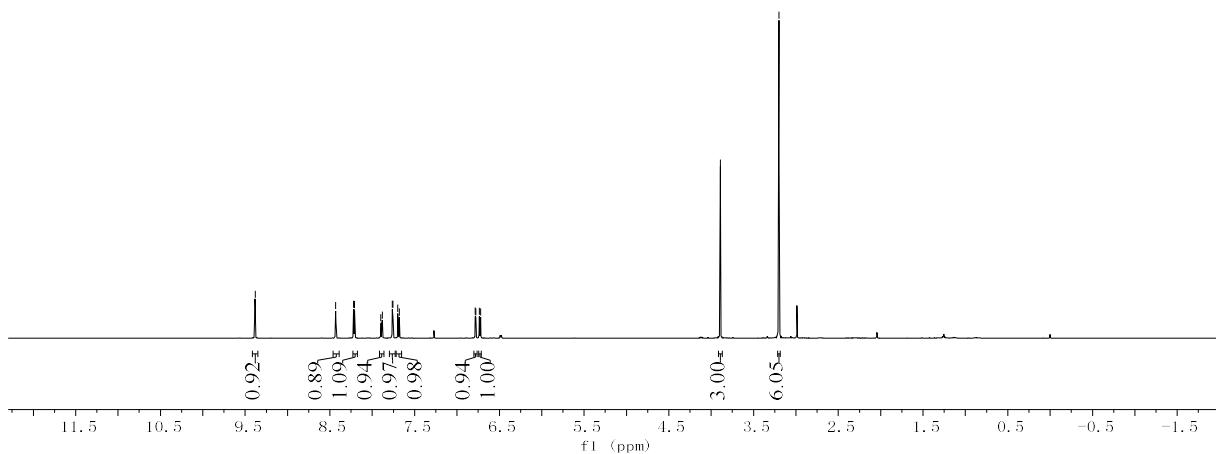
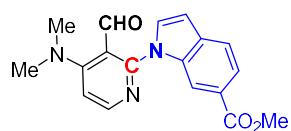
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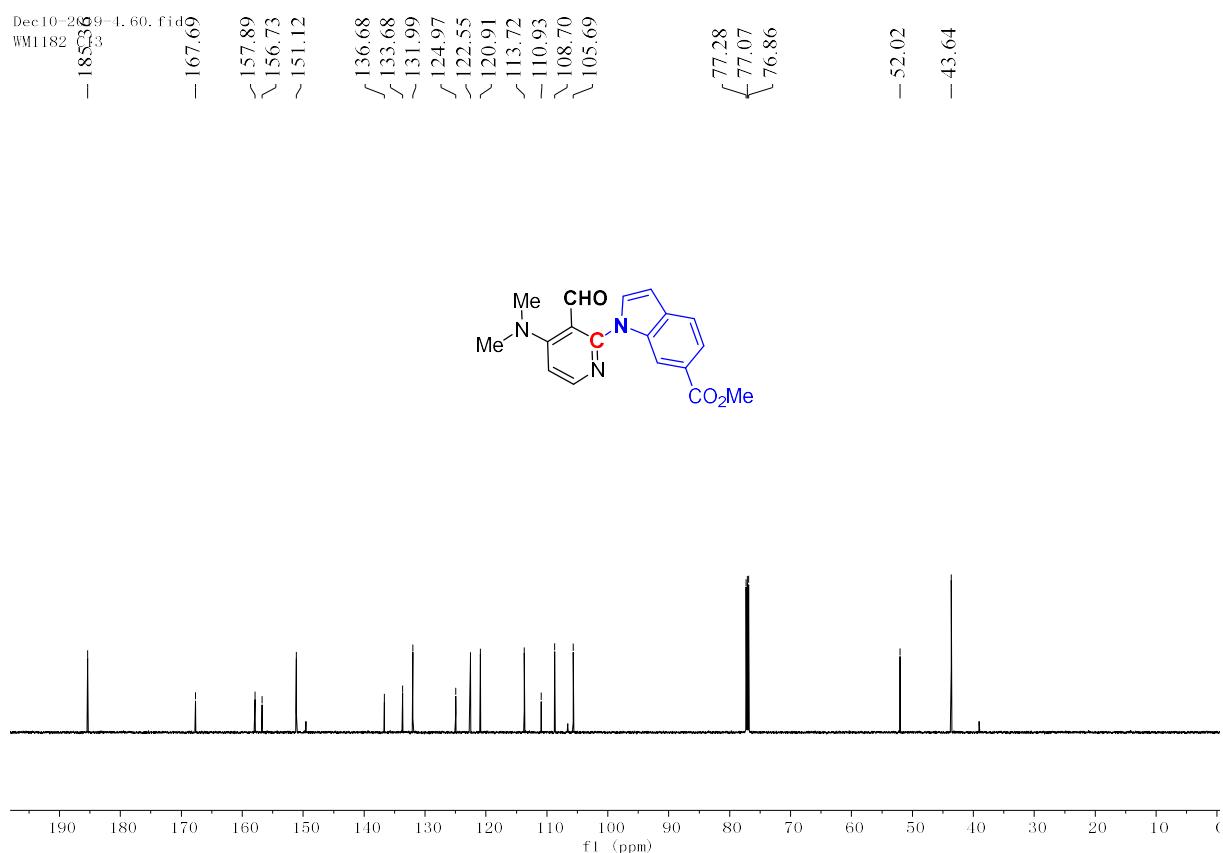
STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS



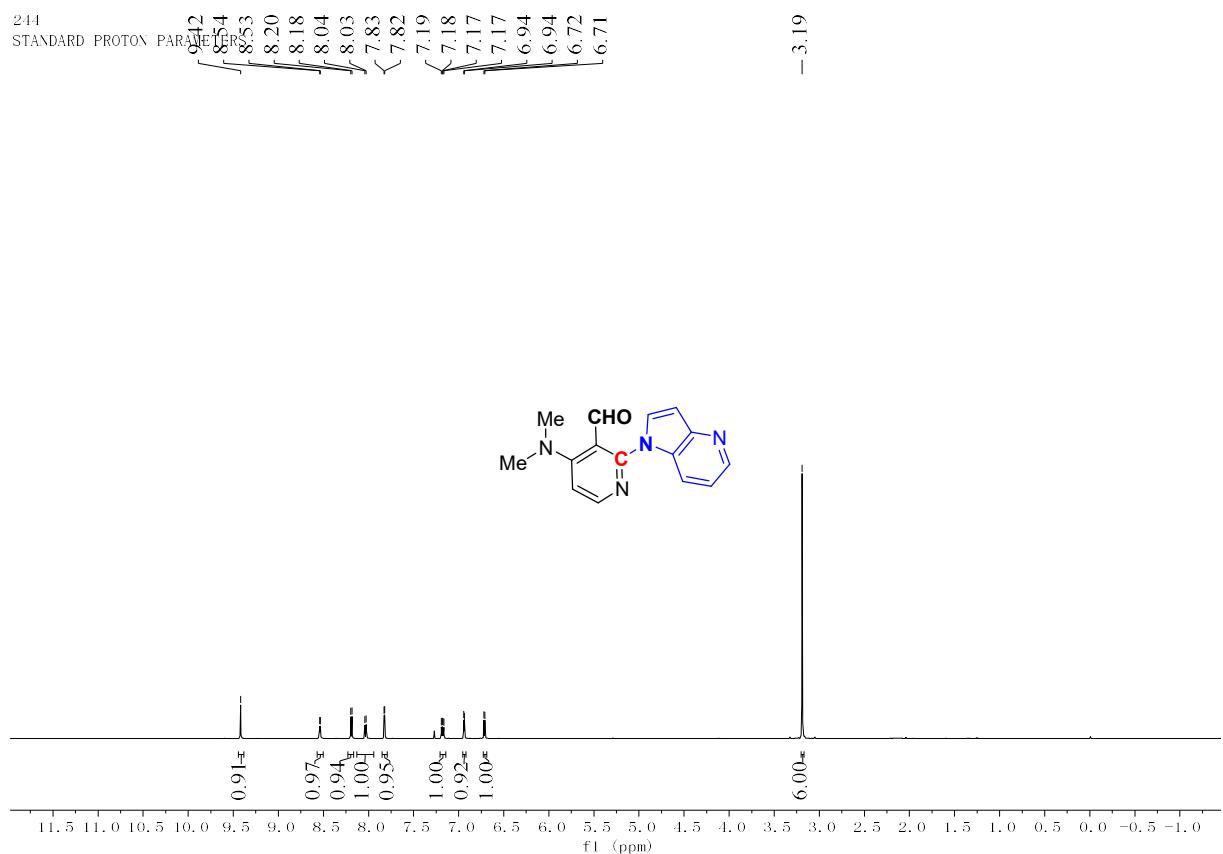


### Compound 7f





### Compound 7g



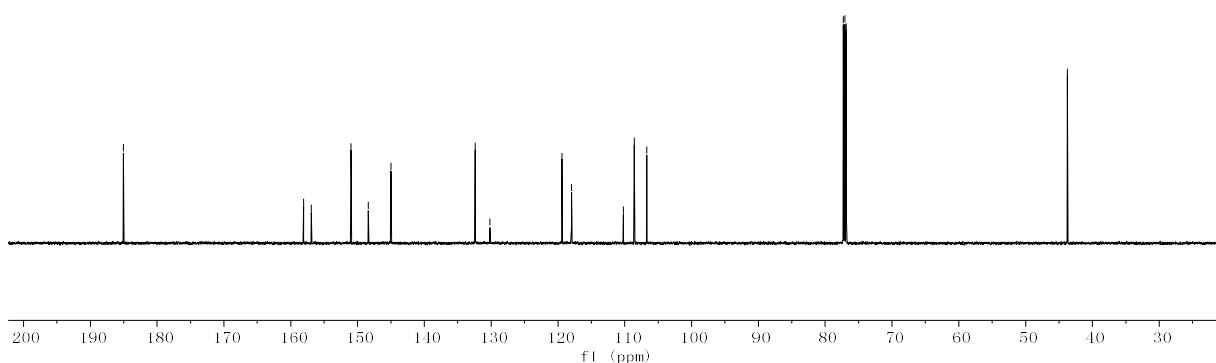
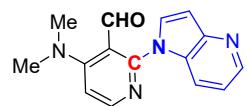
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~158.07  
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~145.01  
~132.38  
~130.20  
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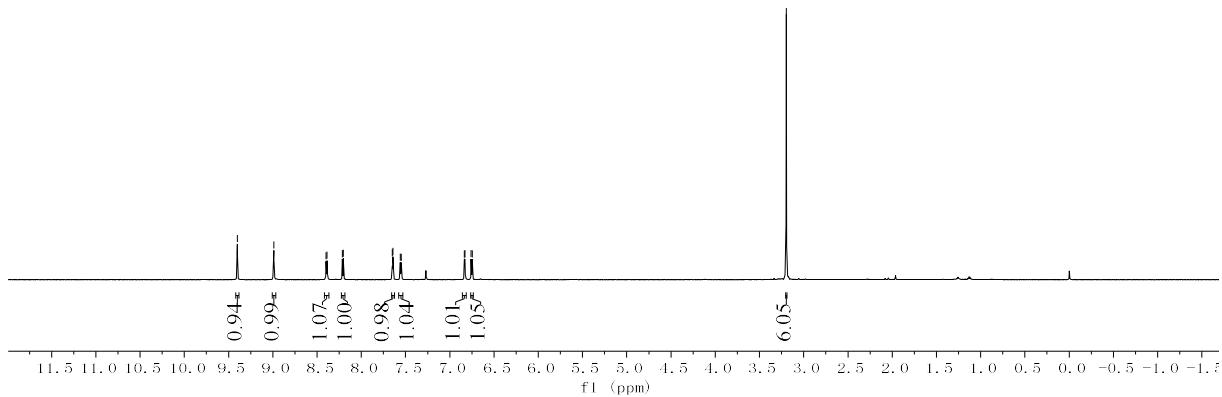
### Compound 7h

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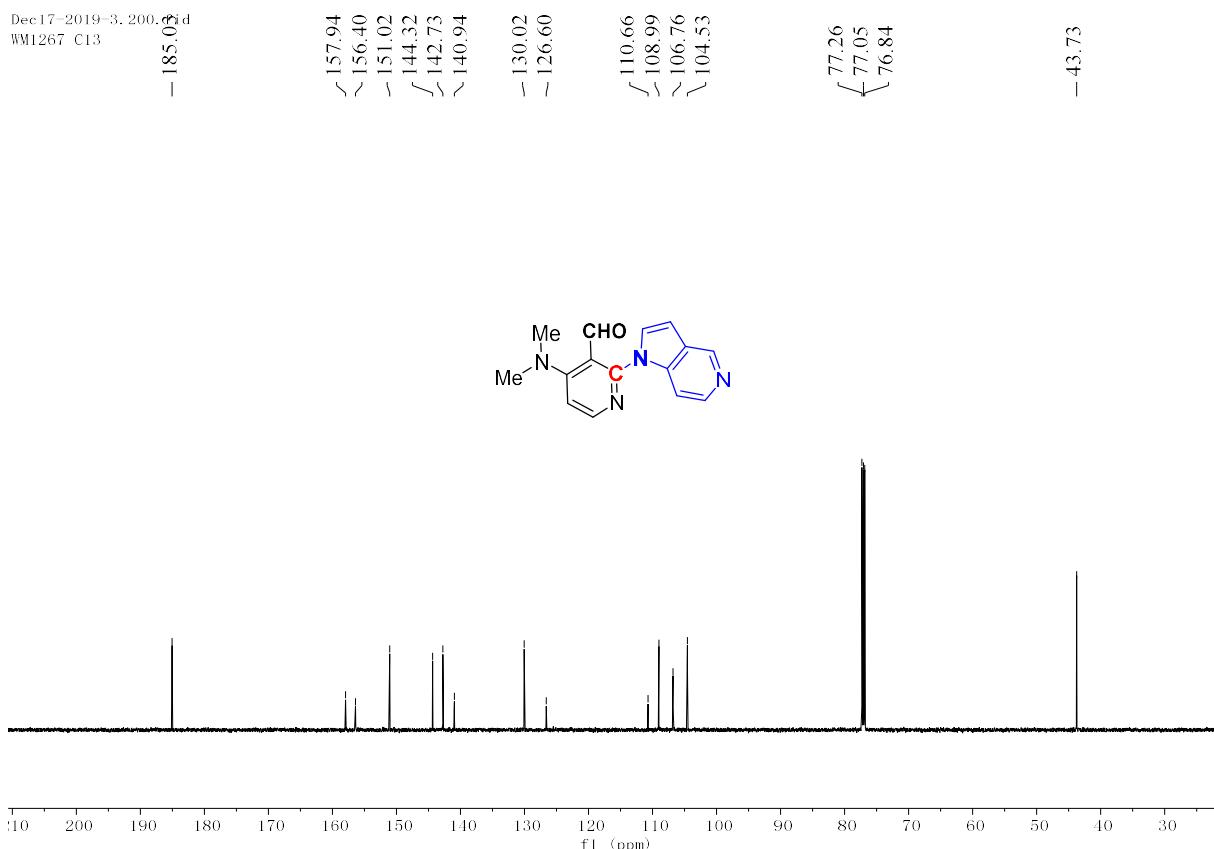
STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS

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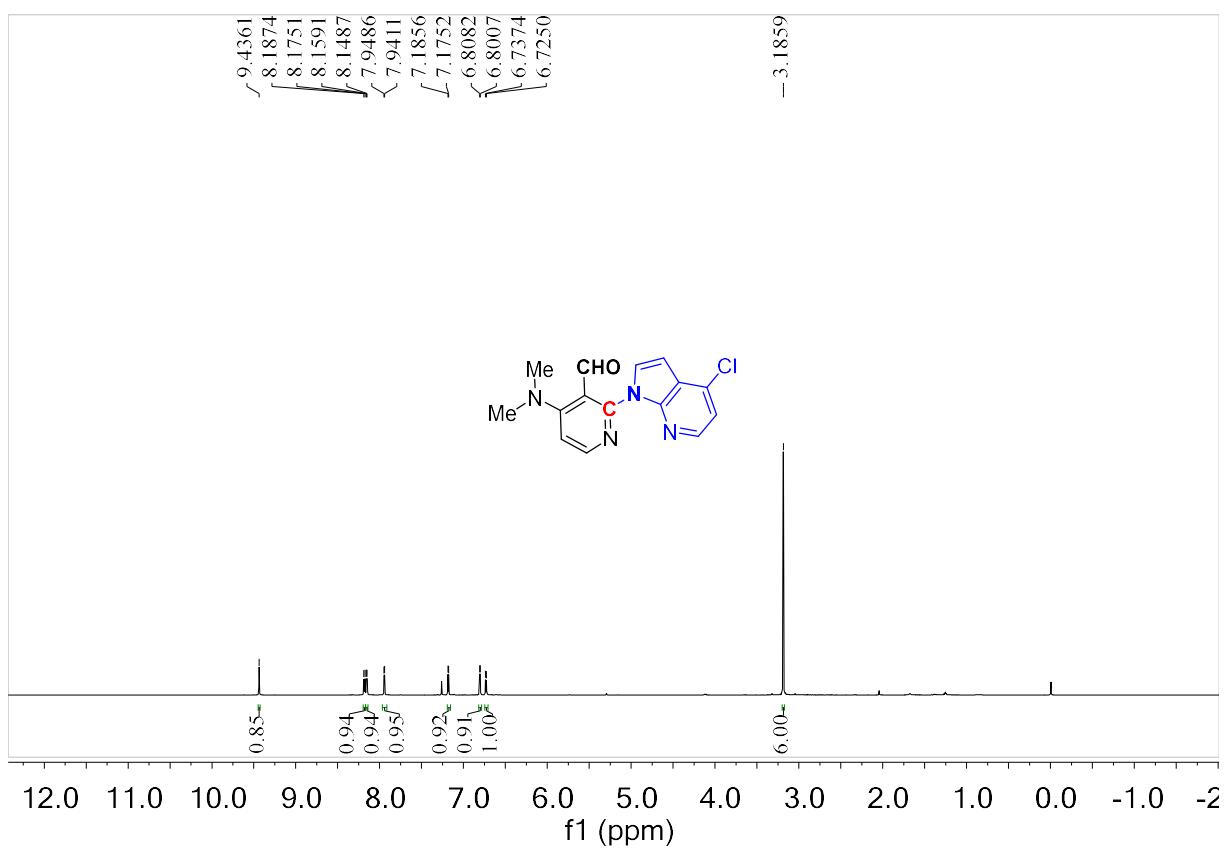
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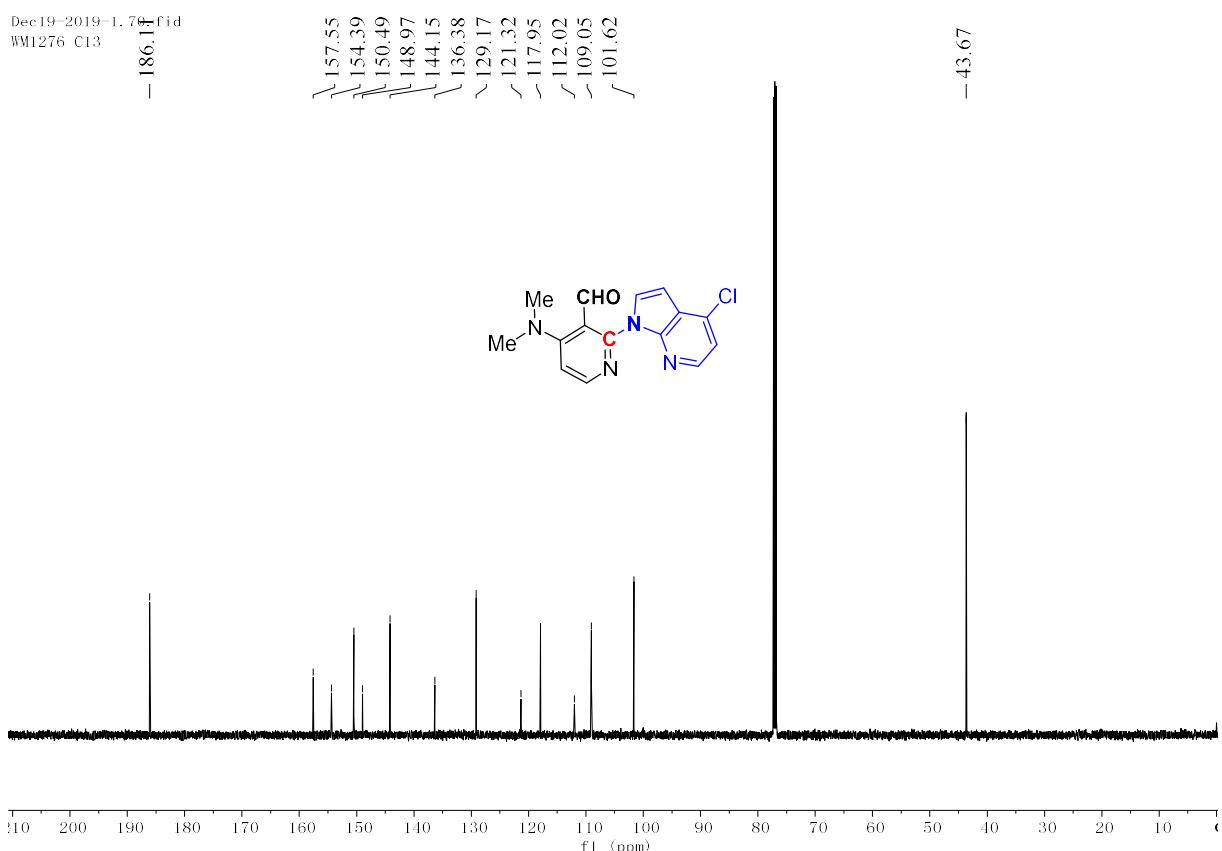
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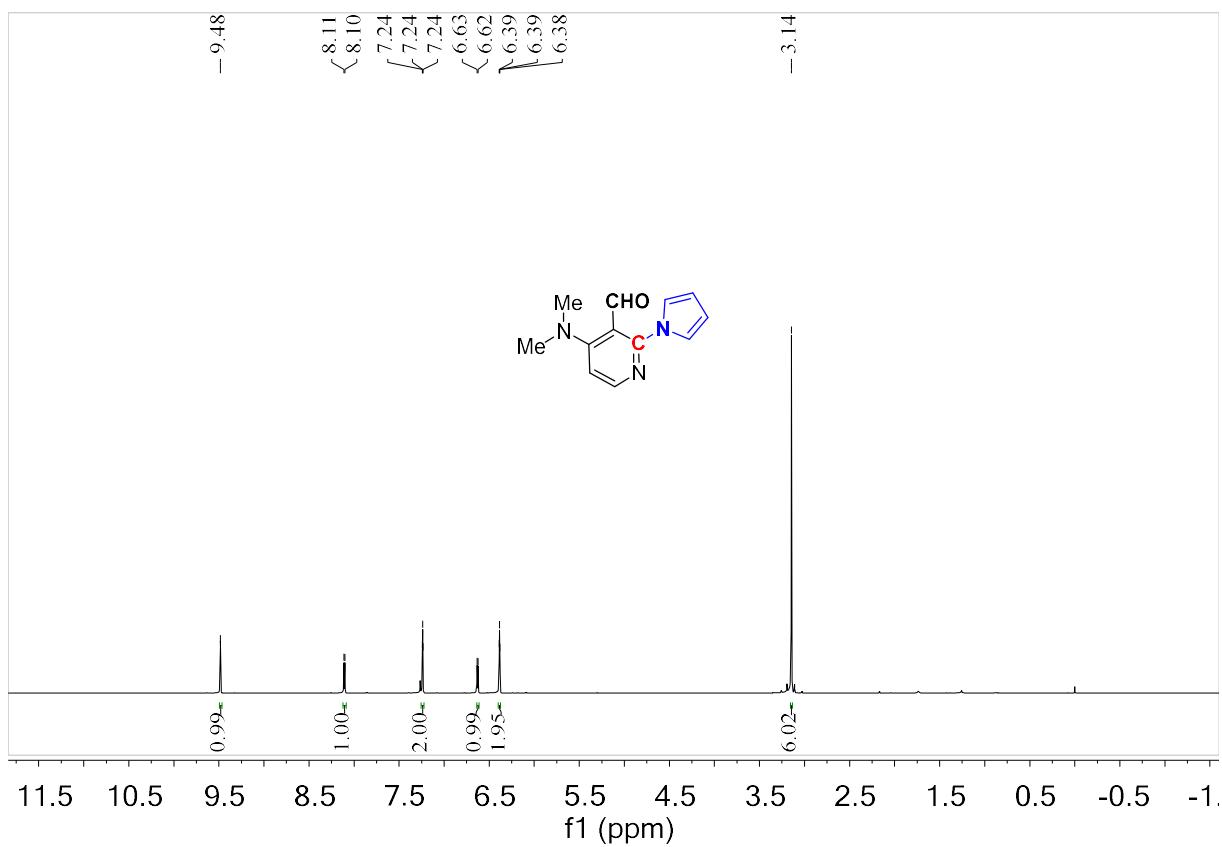
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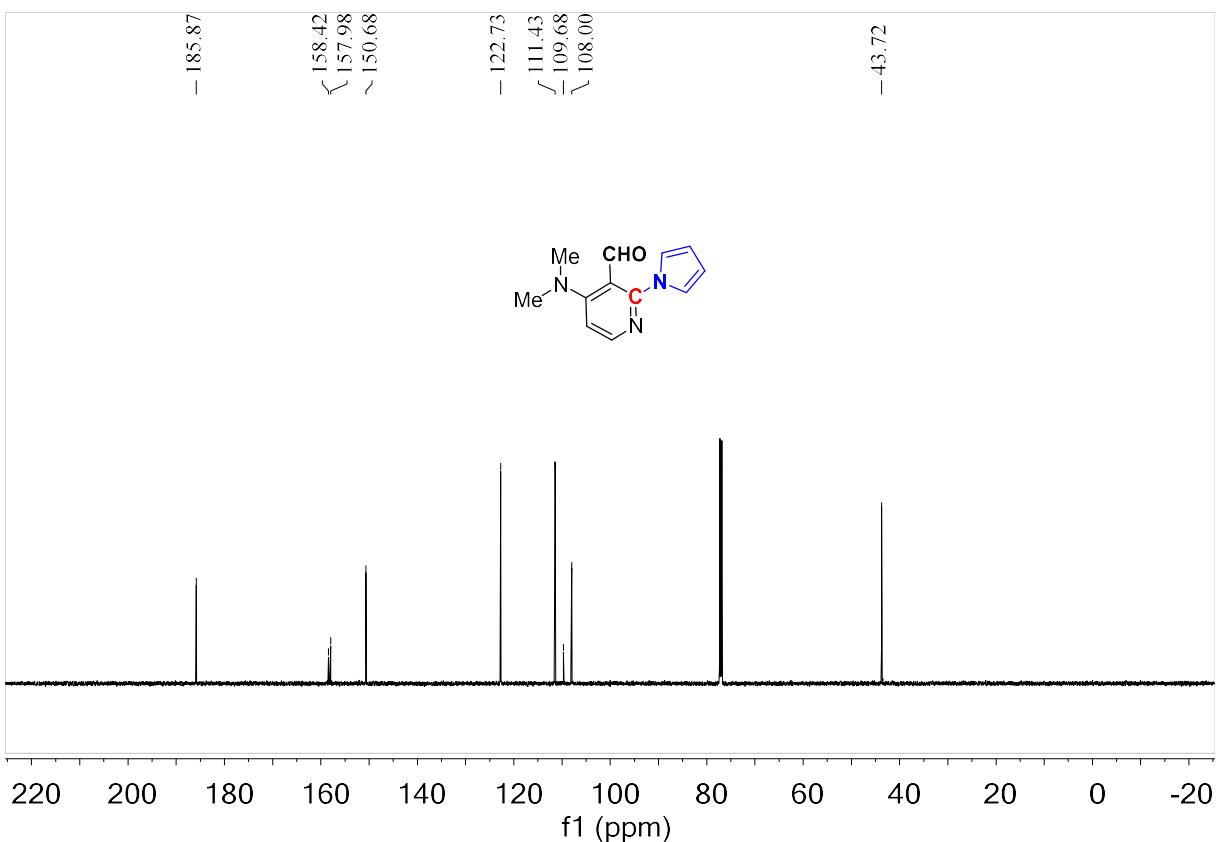


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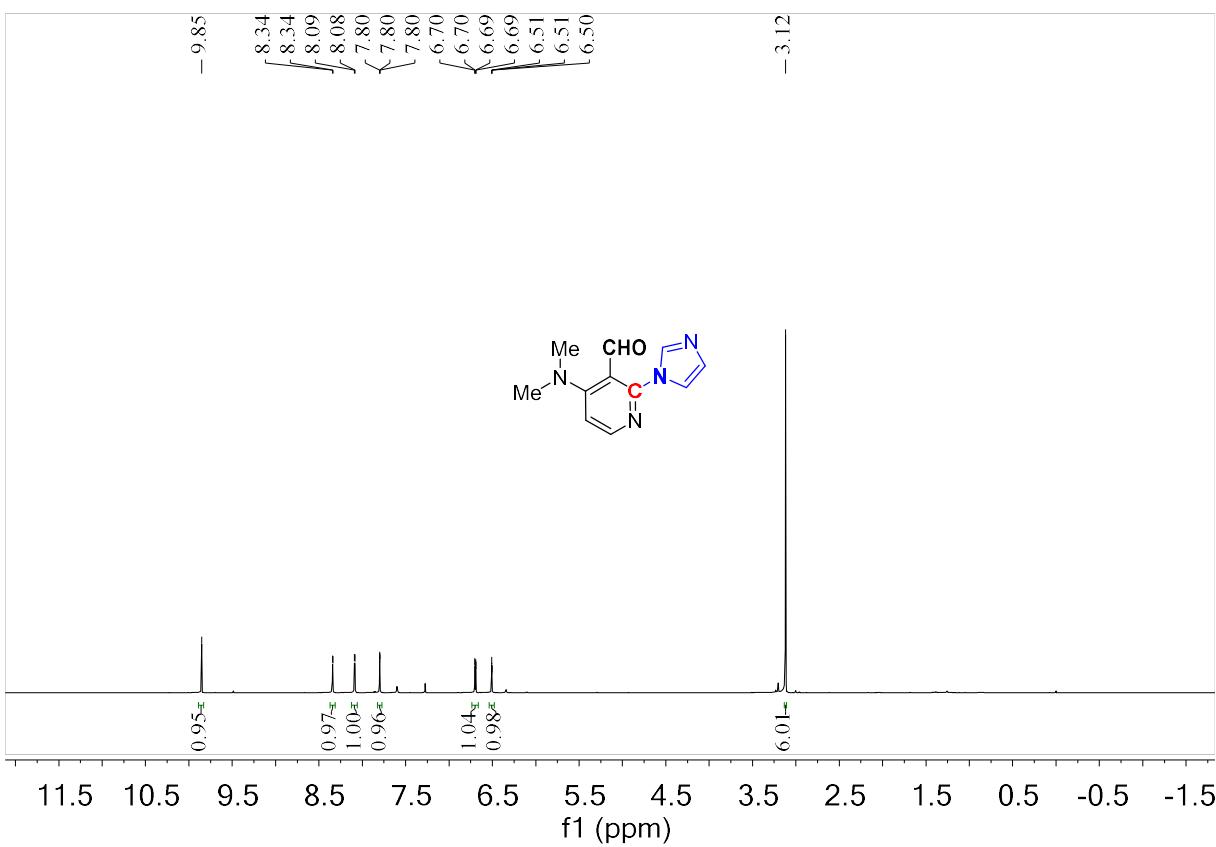


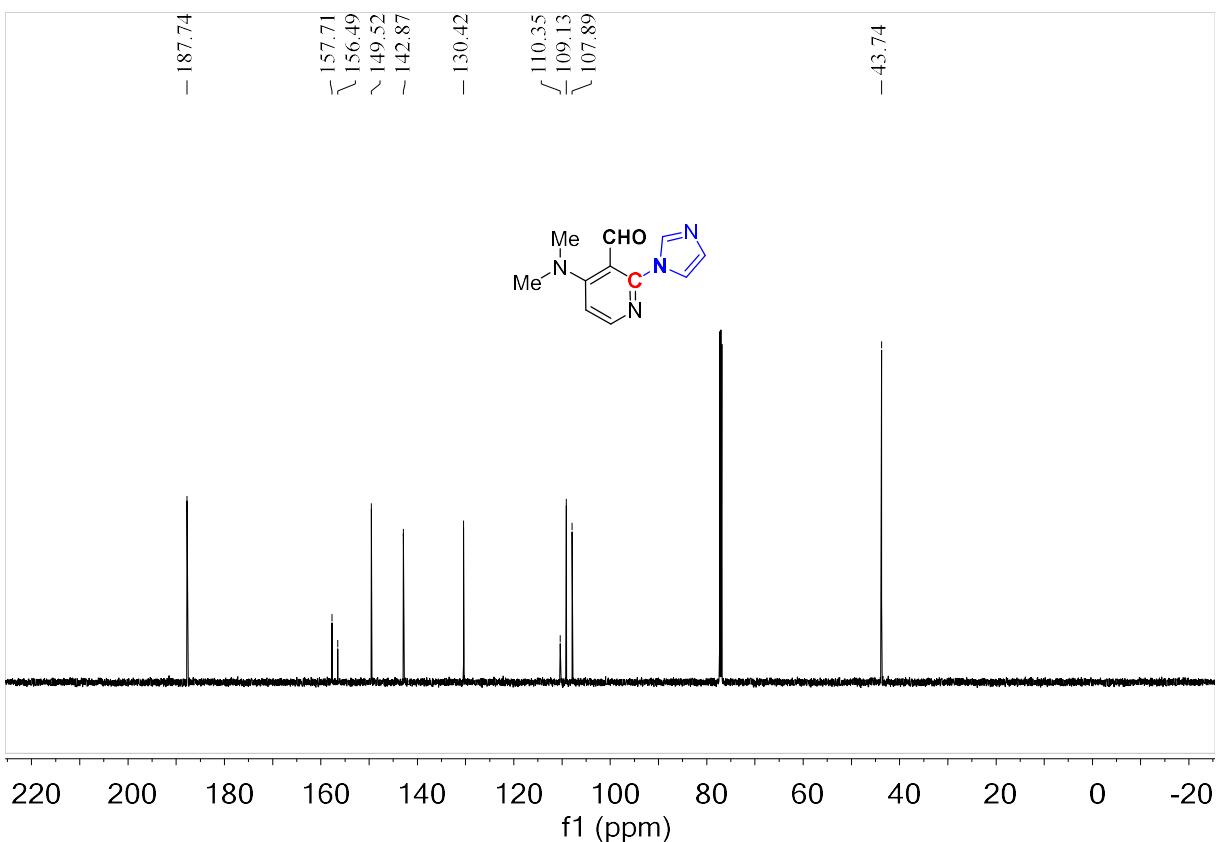
### Compound 7j





**Compound 7k**



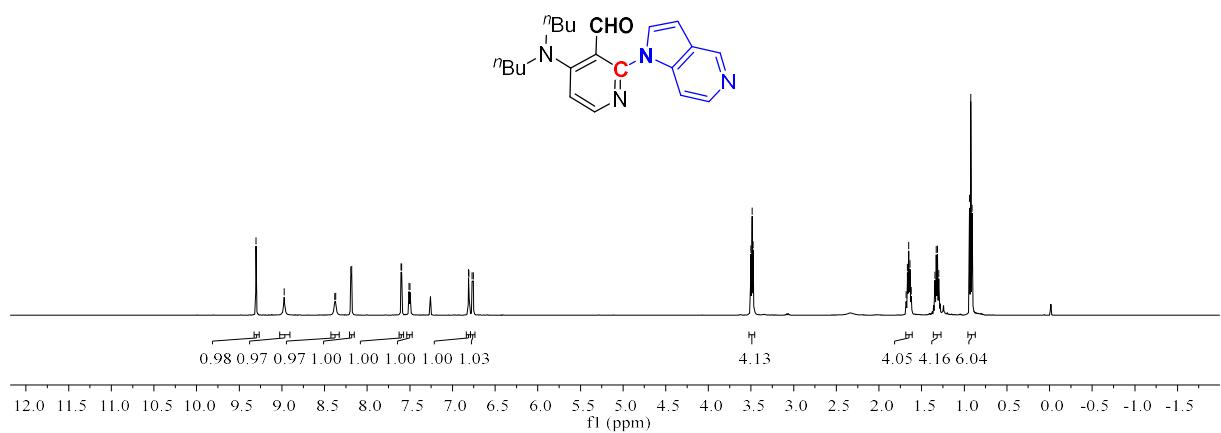


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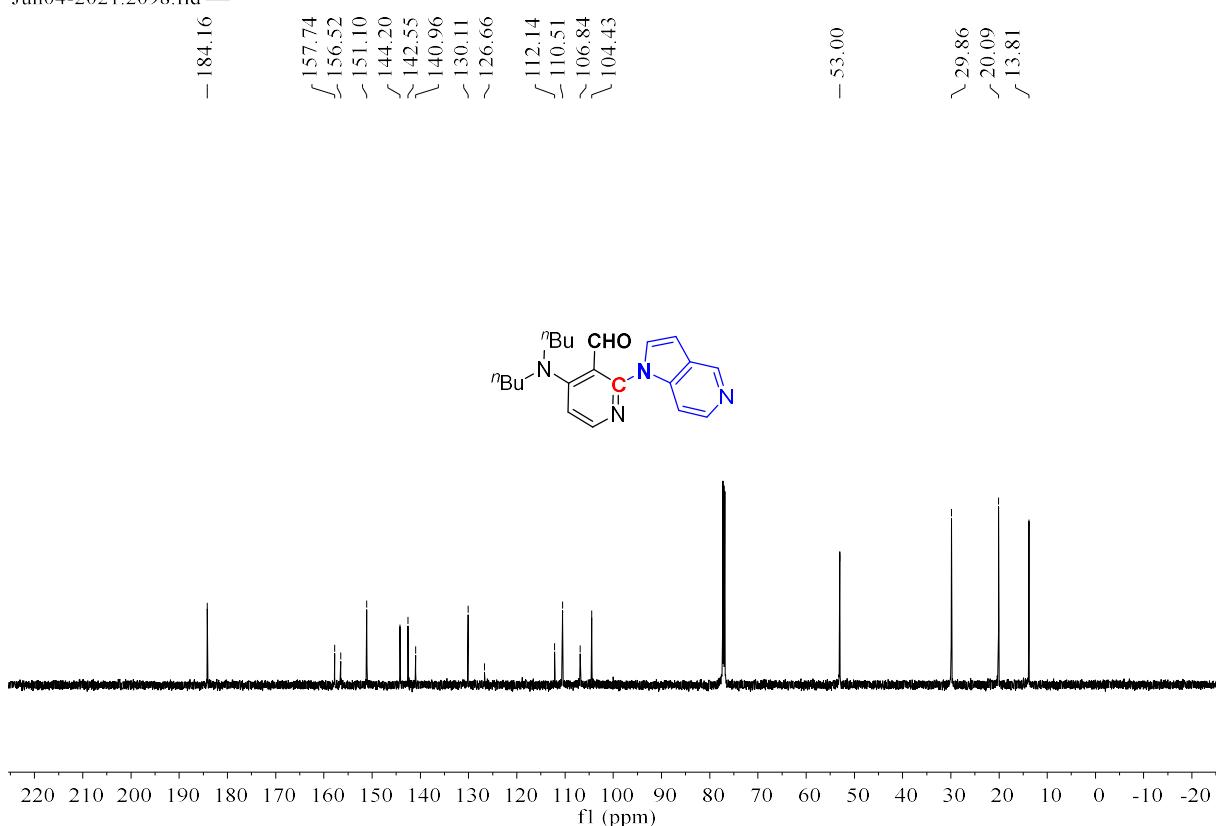
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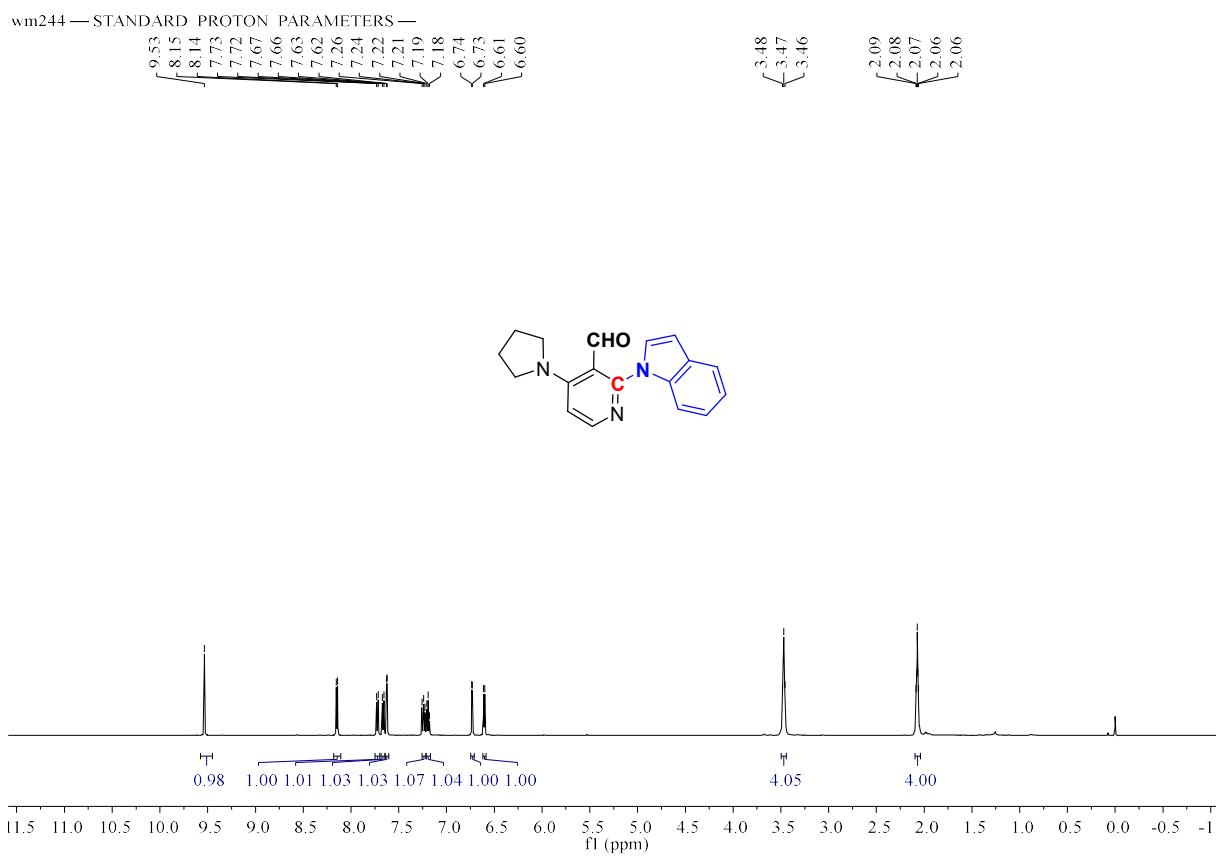
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### Compound 7m



— 187.06

✓ 156.47  
✓ 154.42  
✓ 150.38

— 52.41

— 25.71

