## **Supporting Information**

# K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>-Mediated Tandem Annulation of 1,3-Acetonedicarboxylates with 2-Fluoro-1-nitroarenes: Synthesis of Indoles

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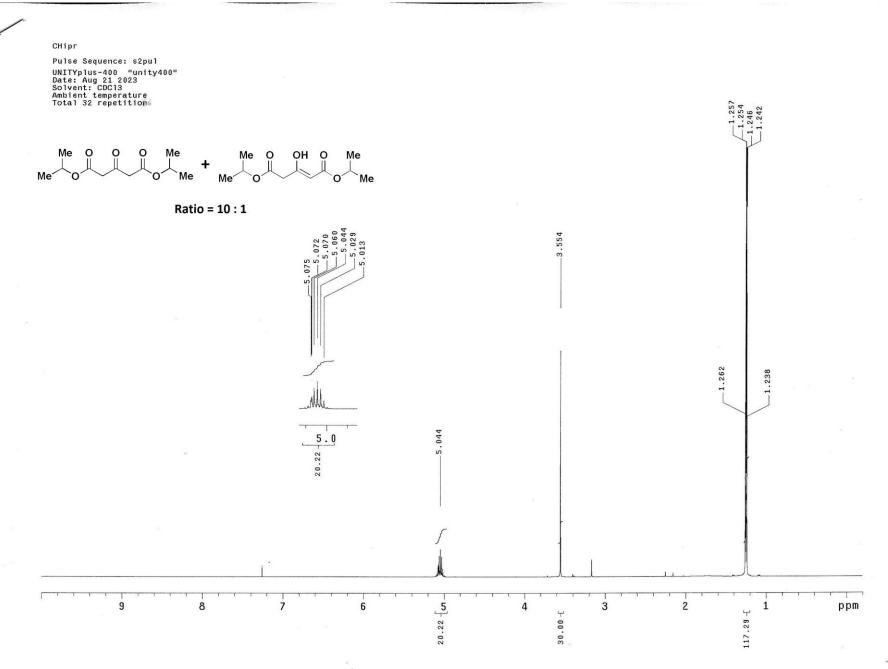
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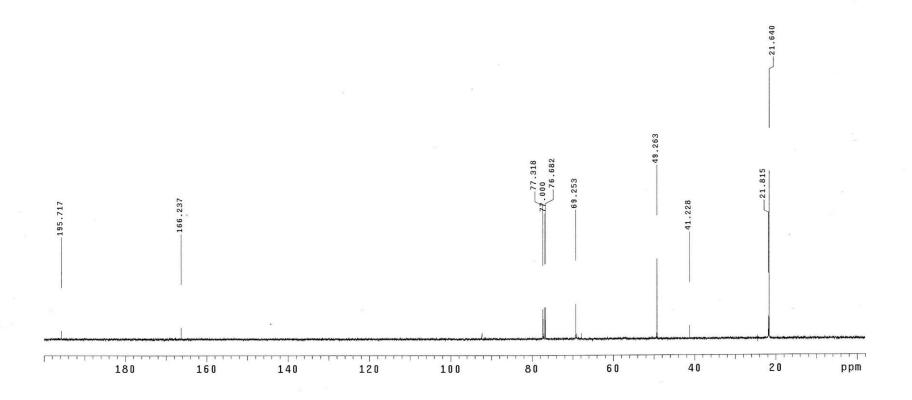


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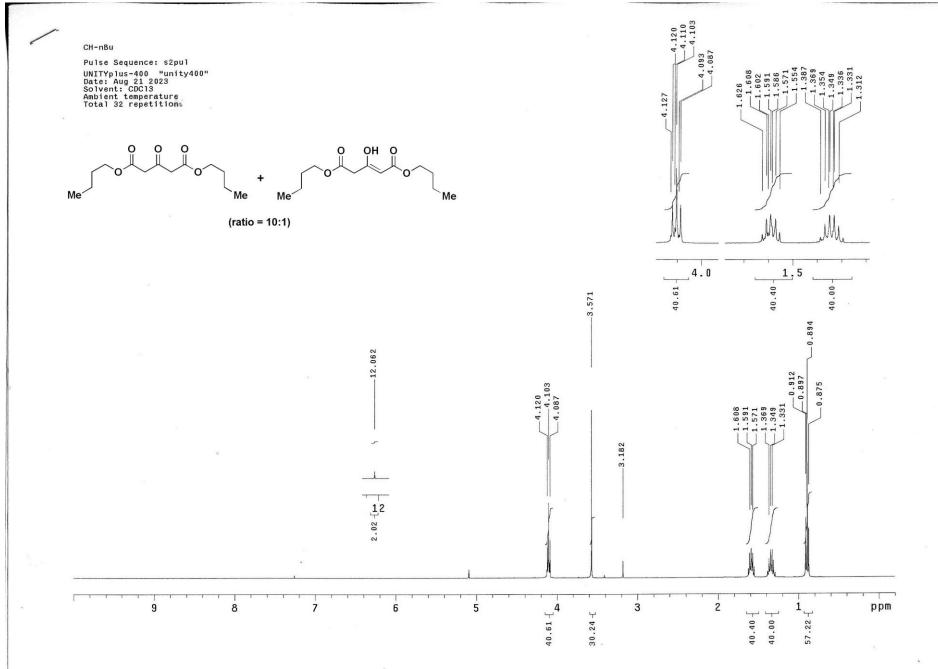
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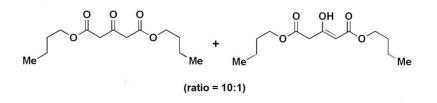
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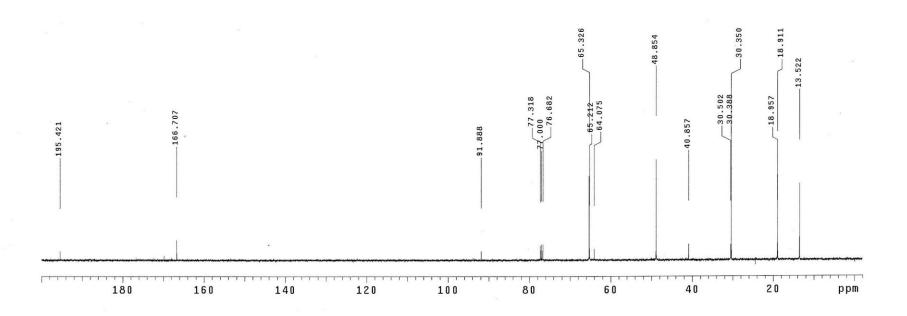


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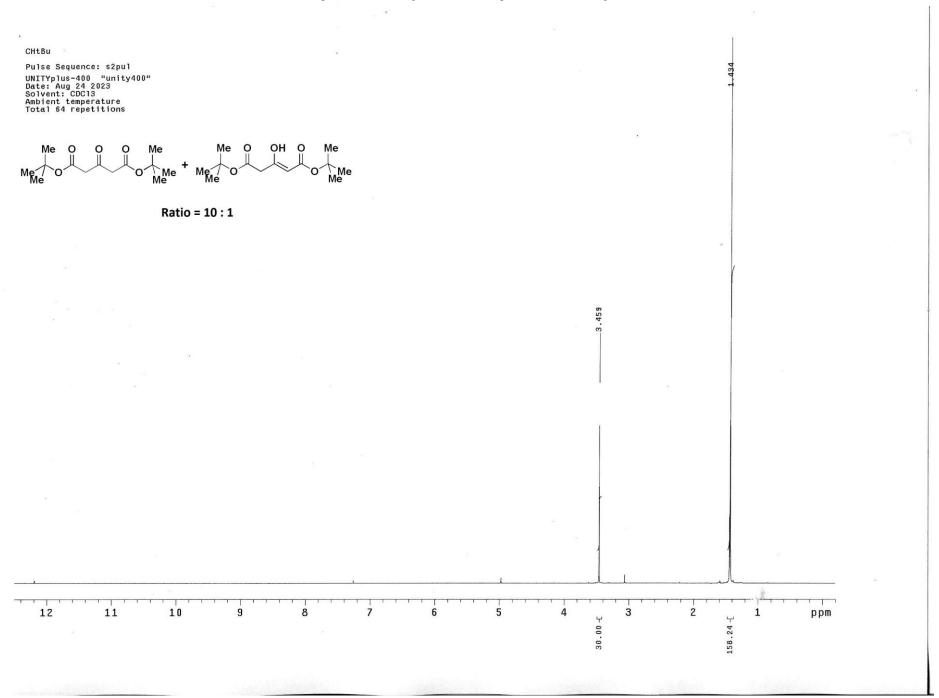
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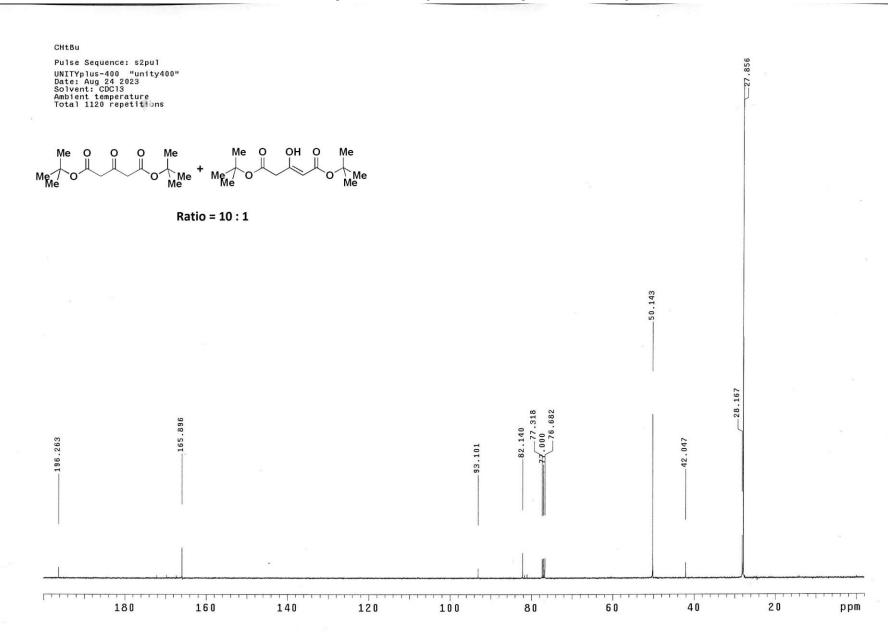




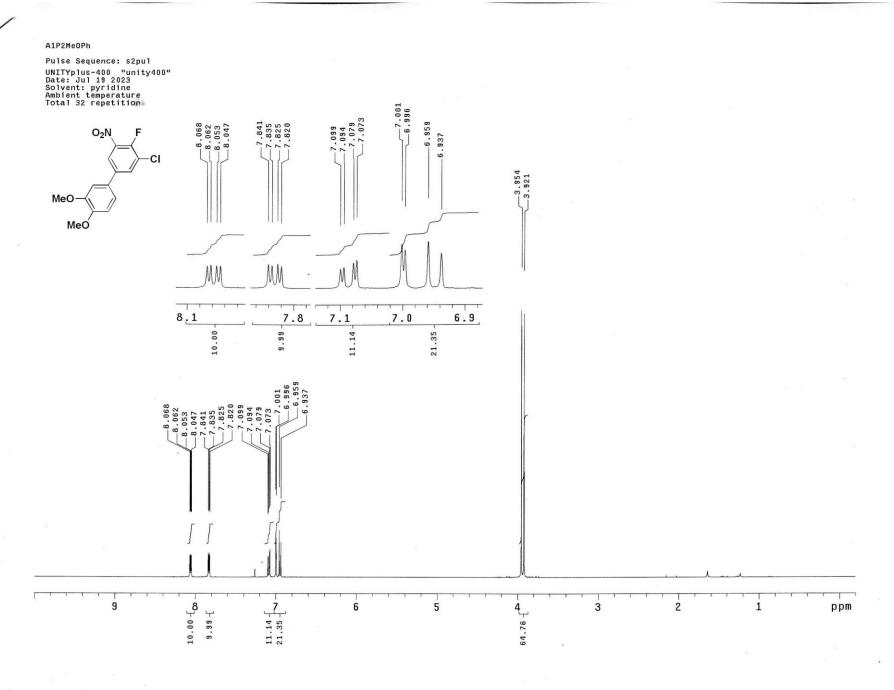
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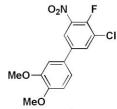


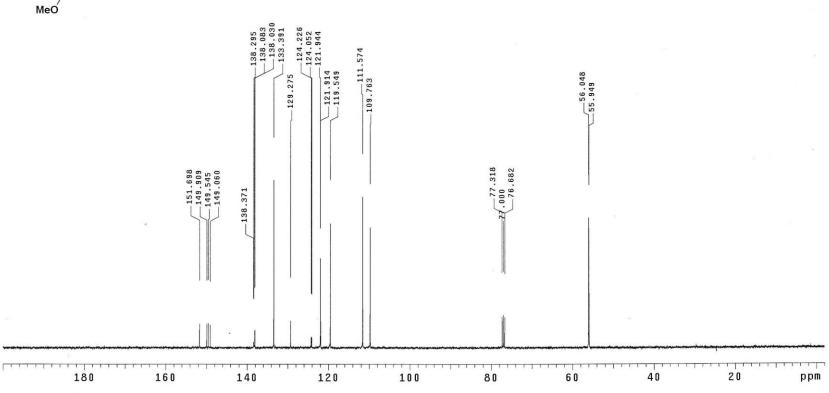
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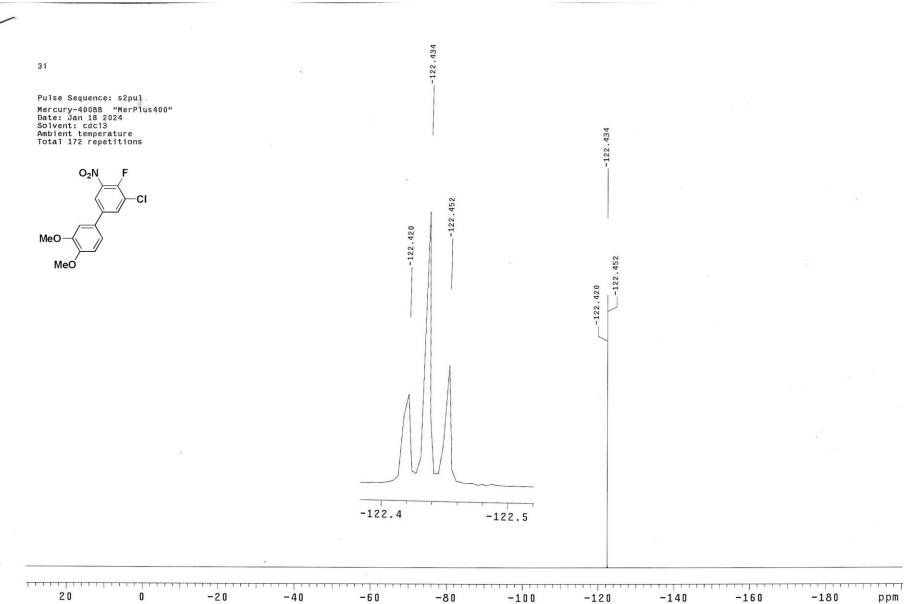
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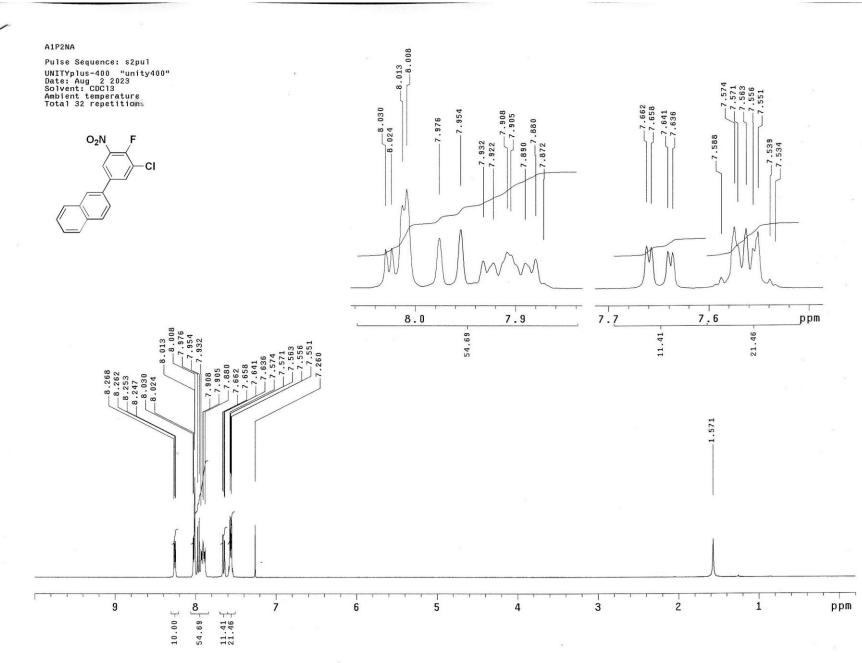




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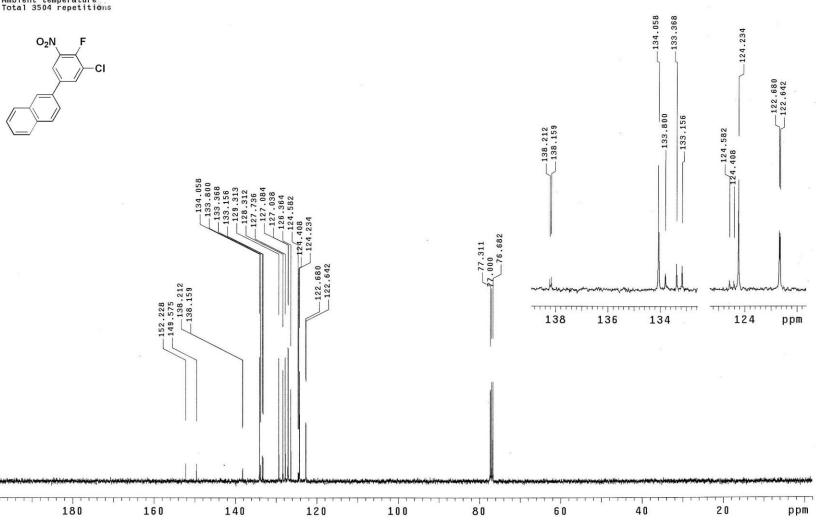


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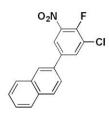


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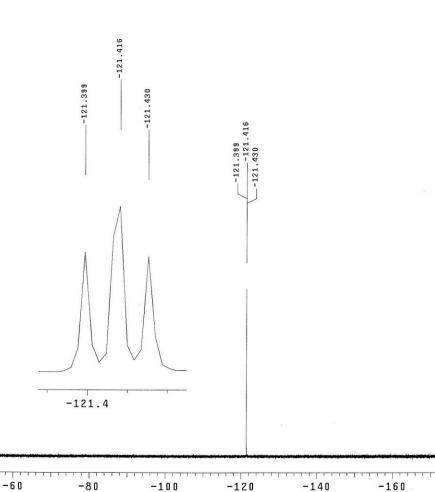
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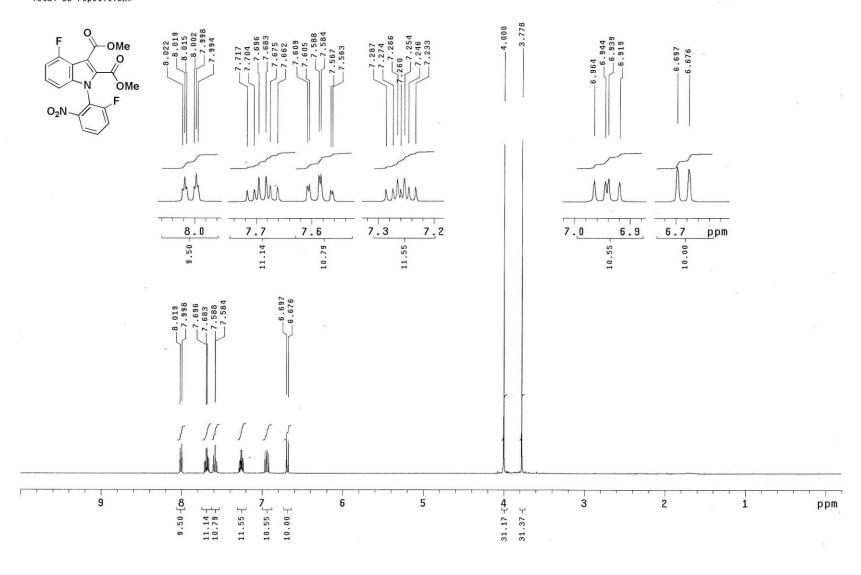


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Ambient temperature
Total 32 repetitions

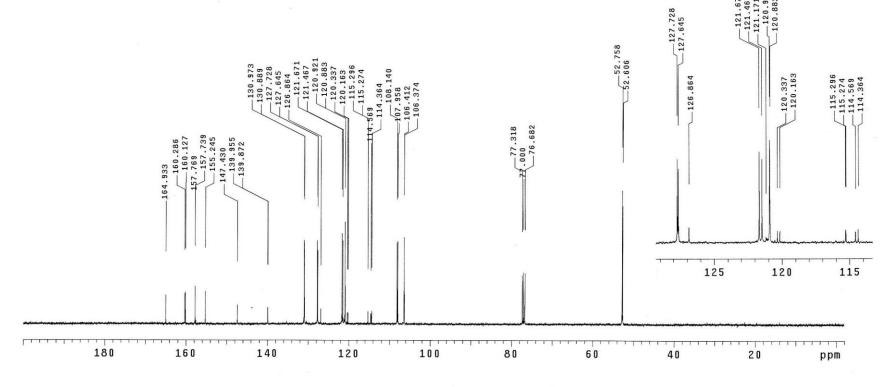


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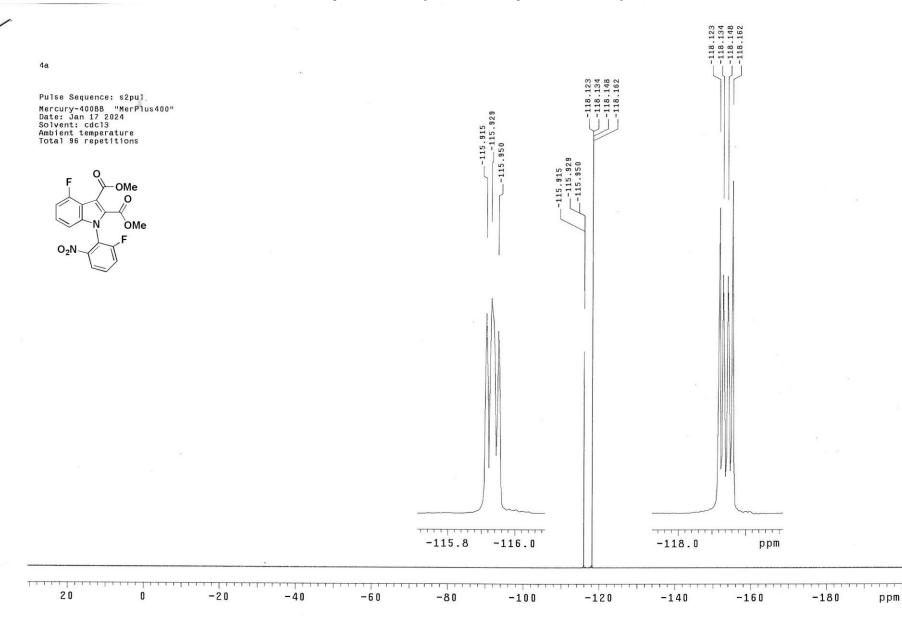


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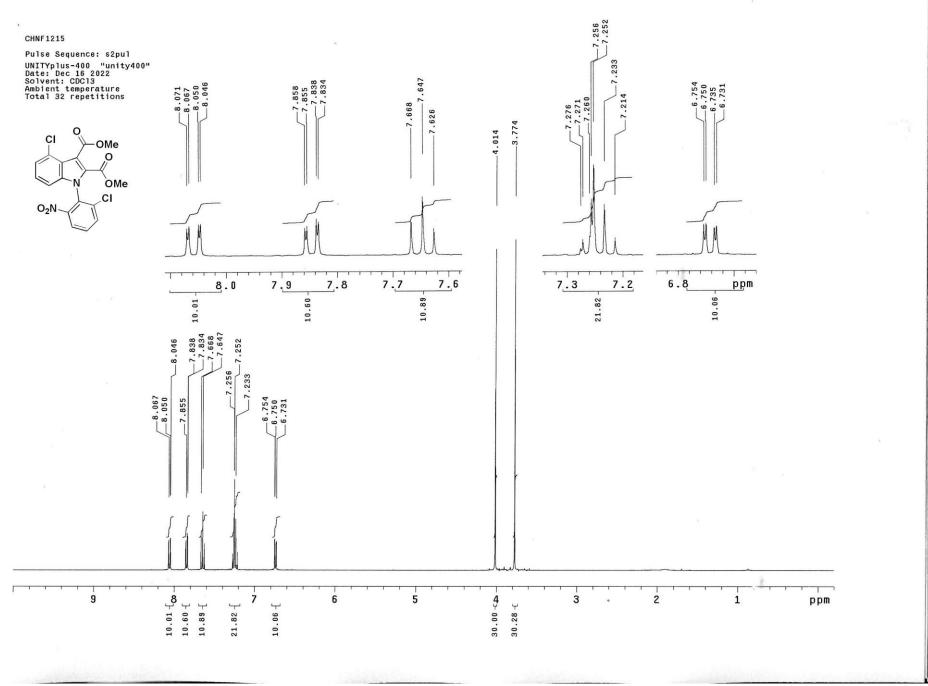




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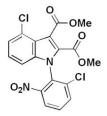
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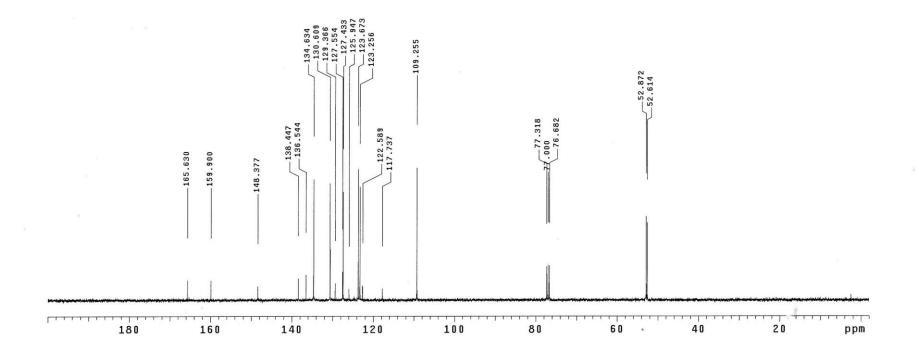


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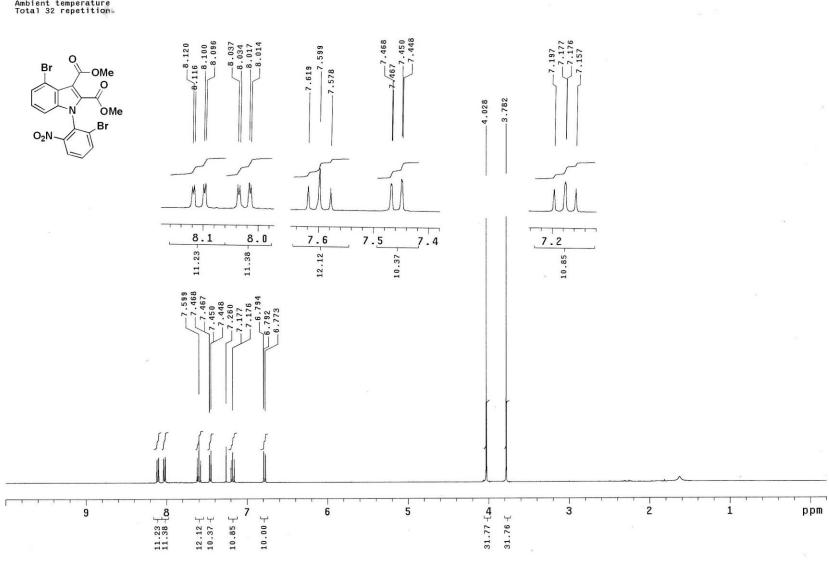
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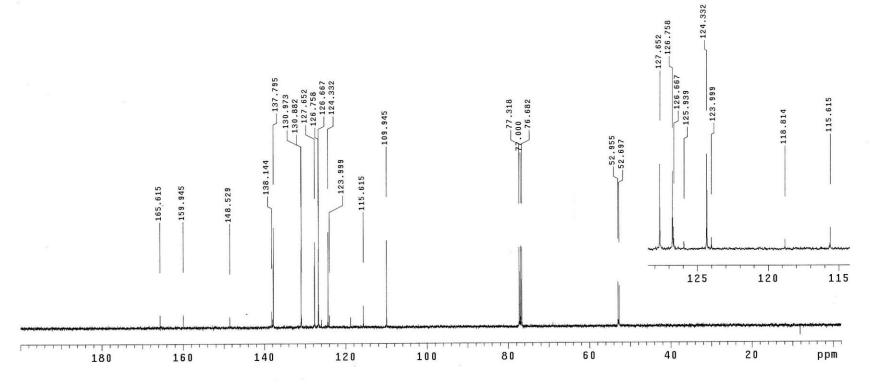


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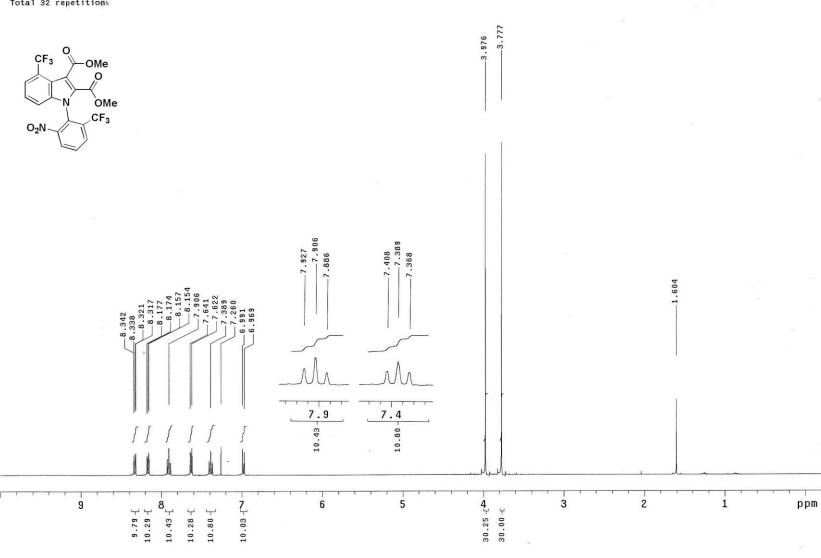




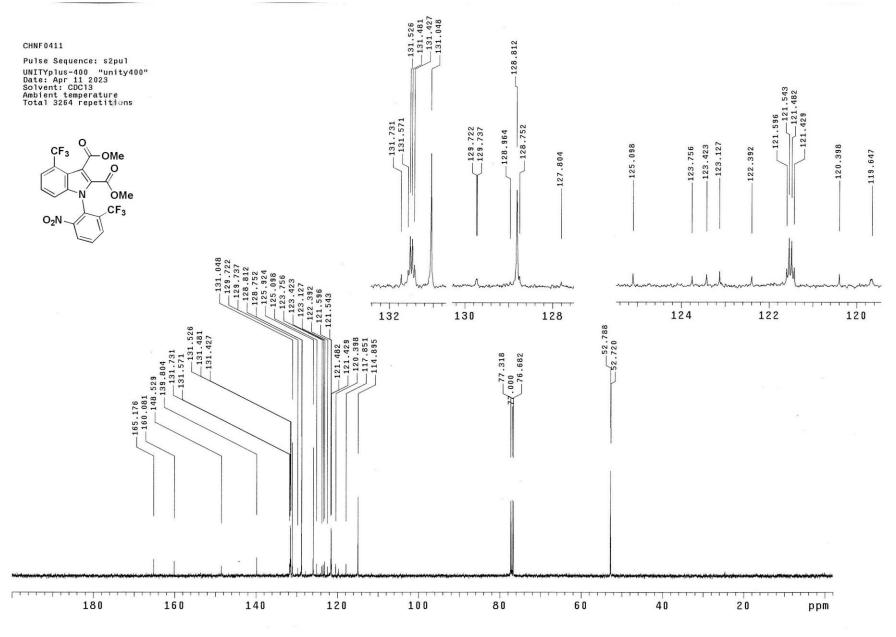
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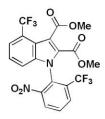
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### Compound 4d (19F-NMR spectral data)

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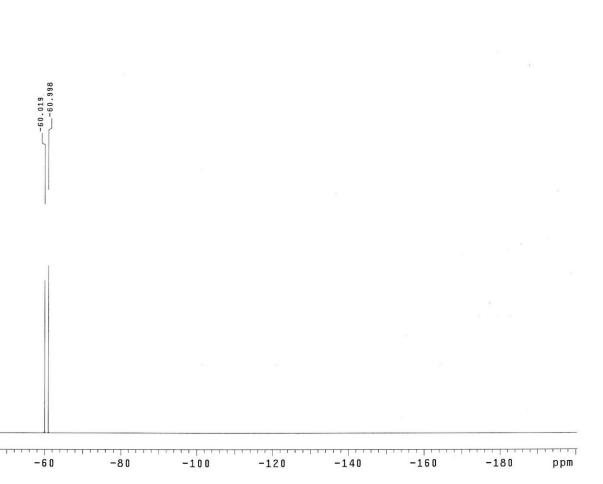
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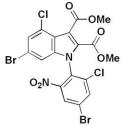
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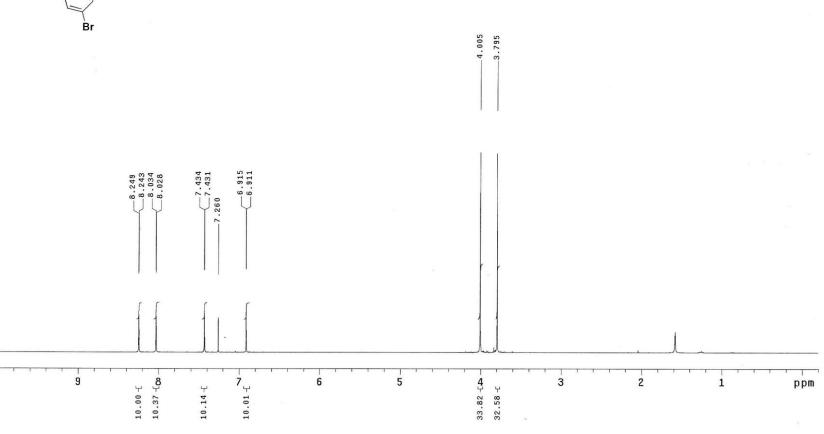


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Ambient temperature
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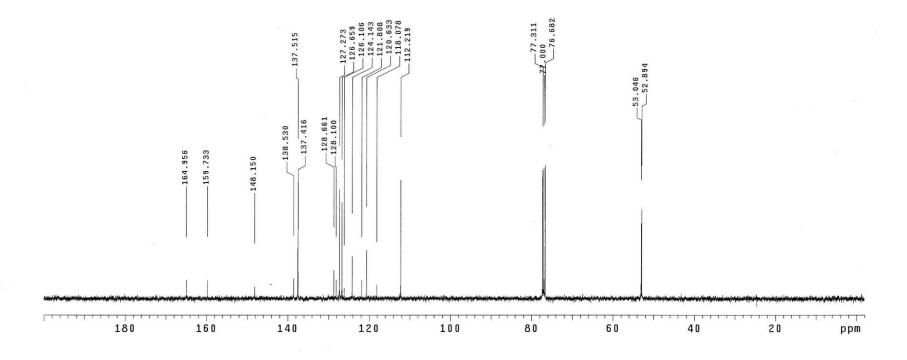




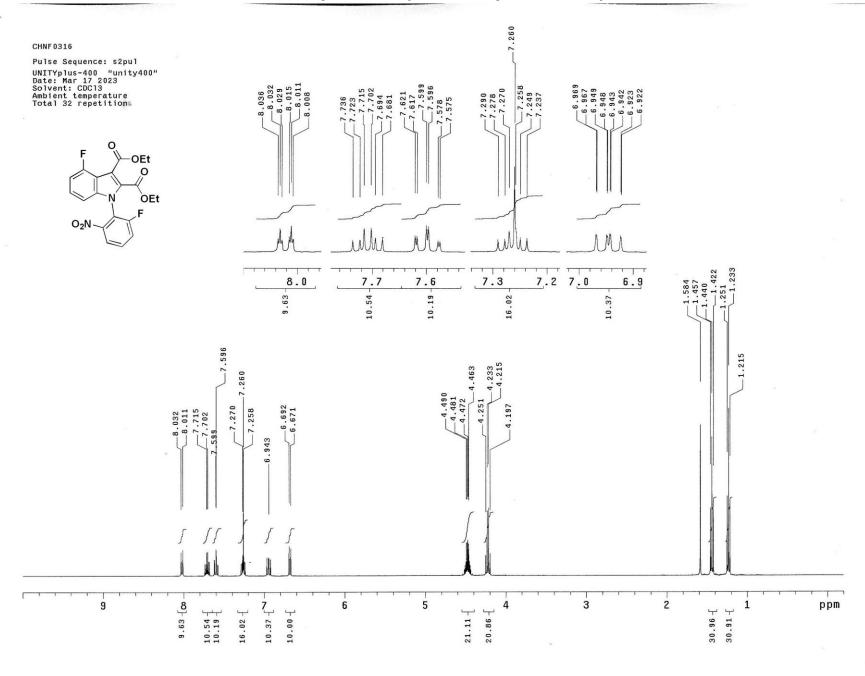
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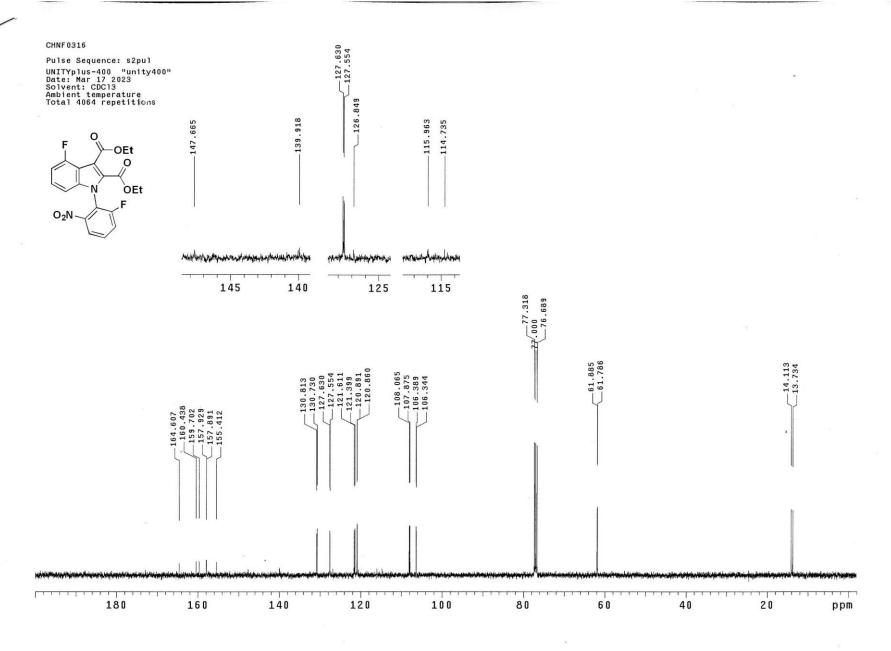
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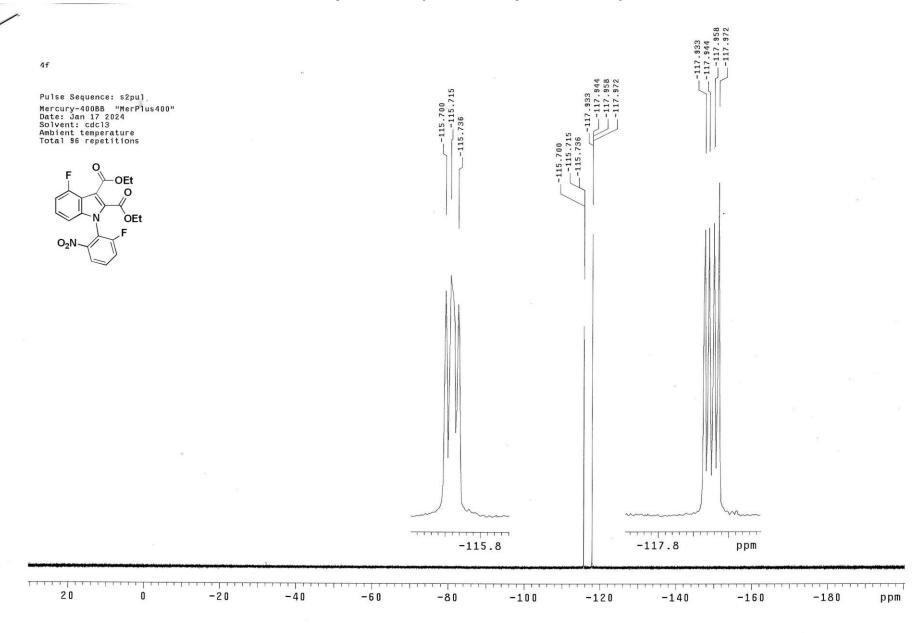
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### Compound 4f (13C-NMR spectral data)



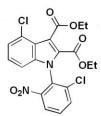
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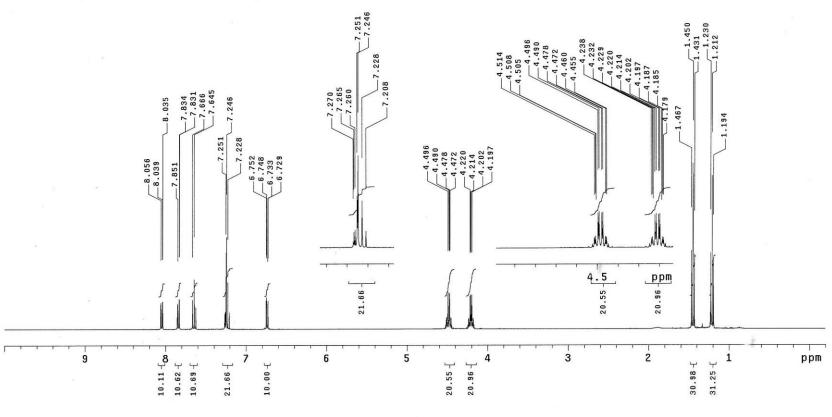


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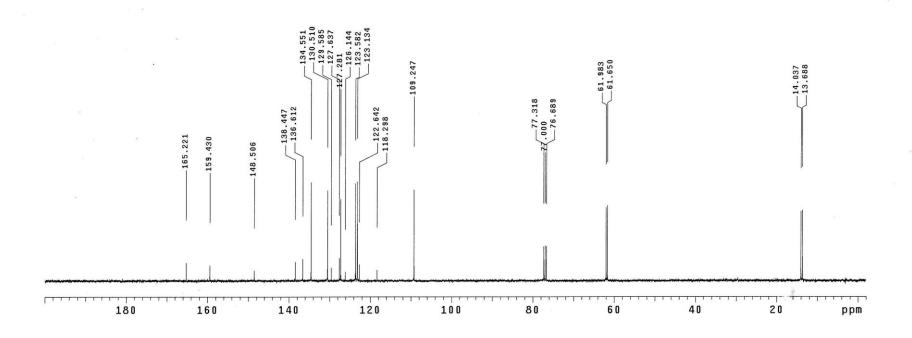




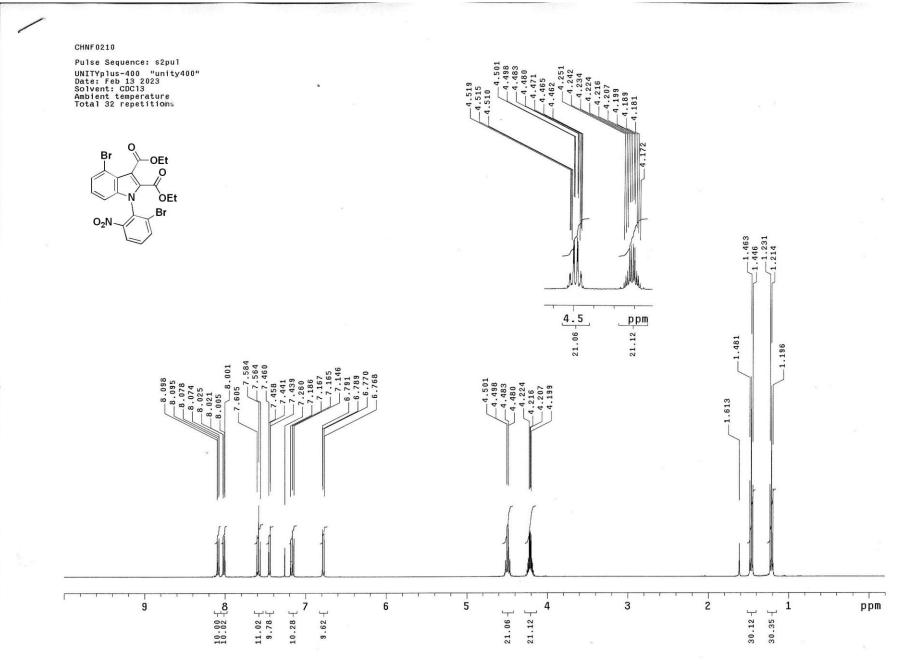
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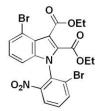


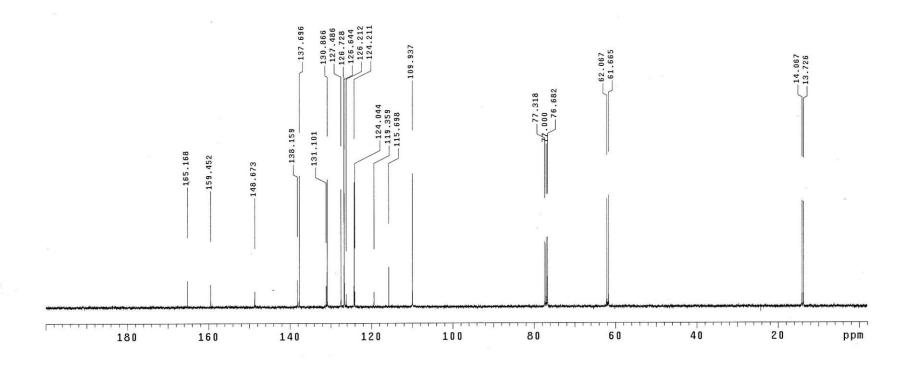
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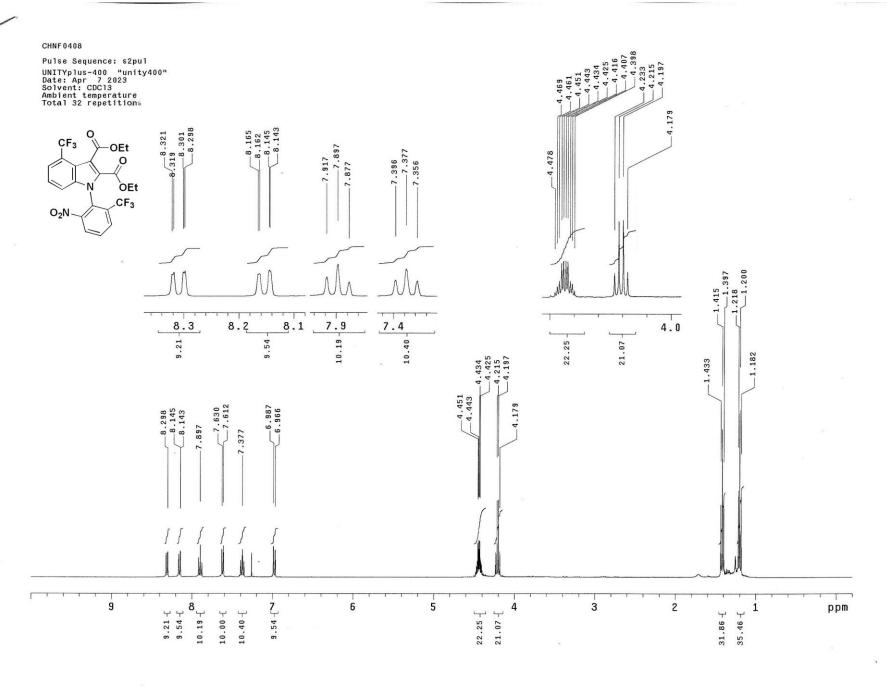
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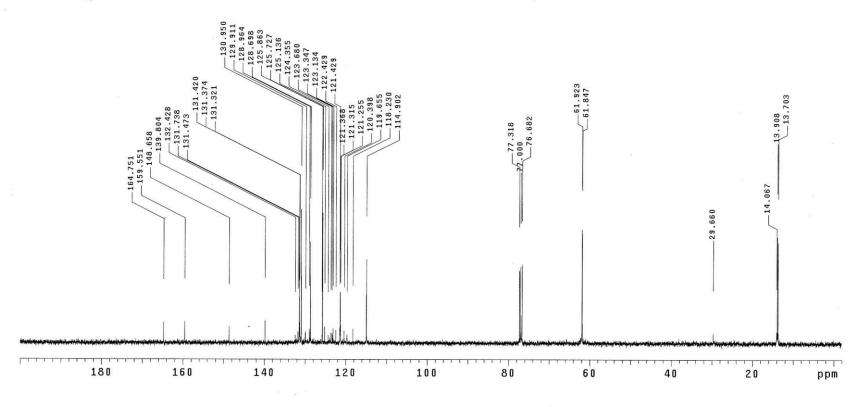
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### Compound 4i (13C-NMR spectral data)

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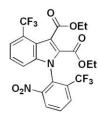
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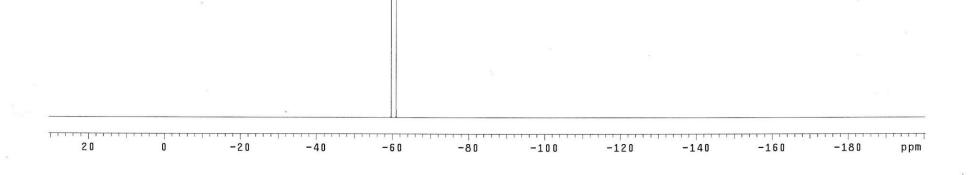
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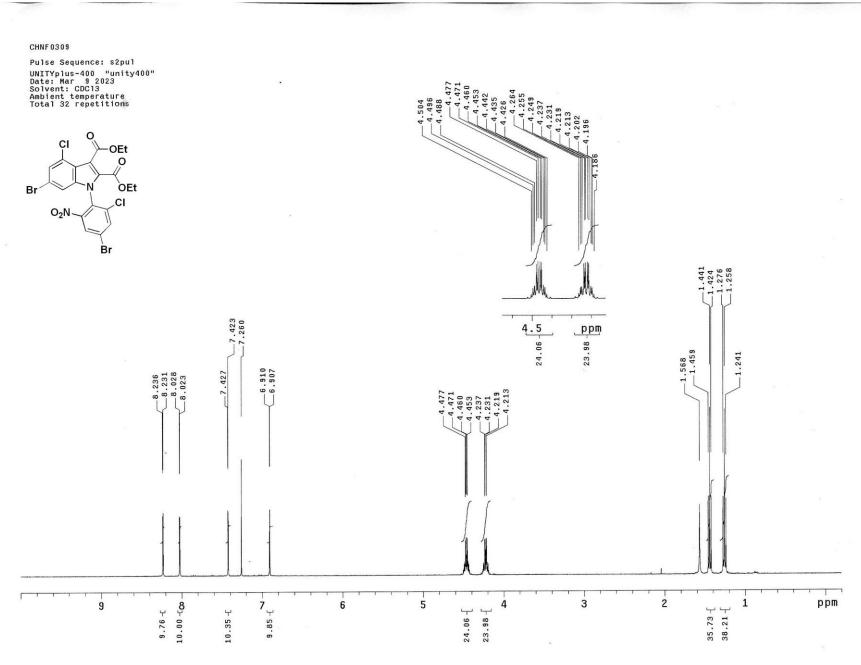
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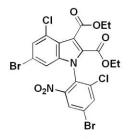
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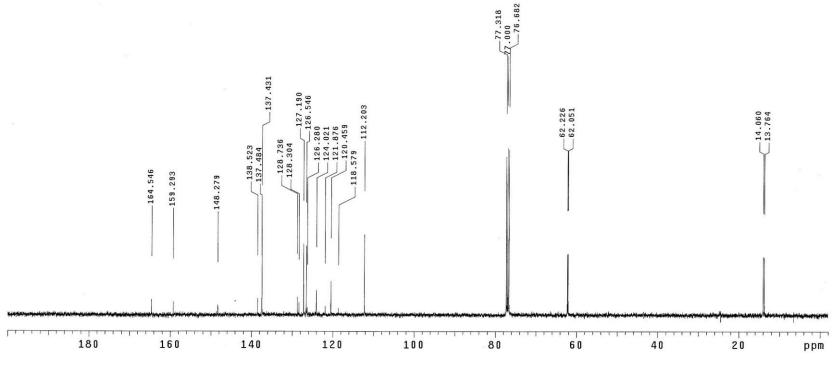


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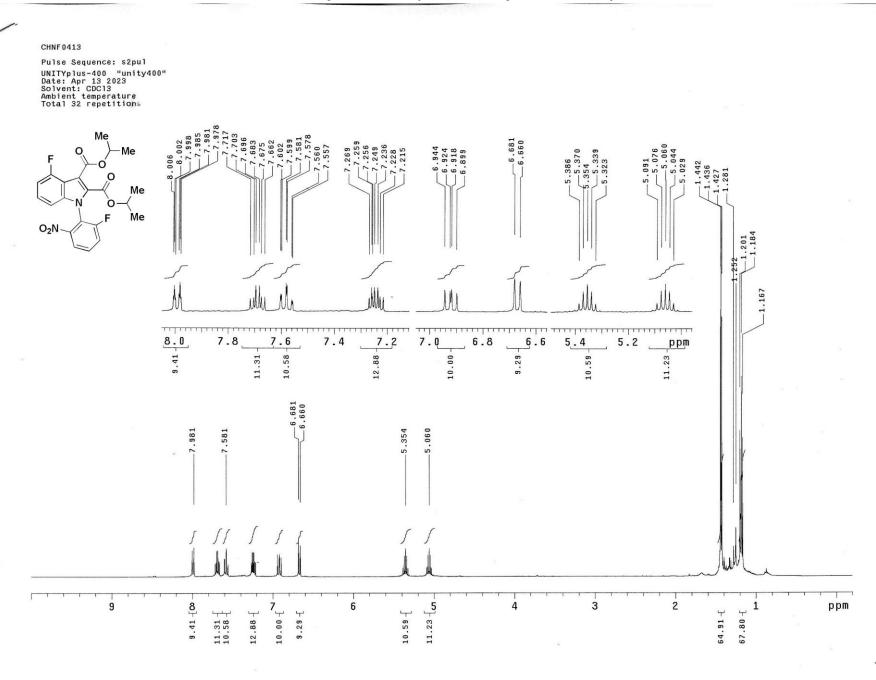
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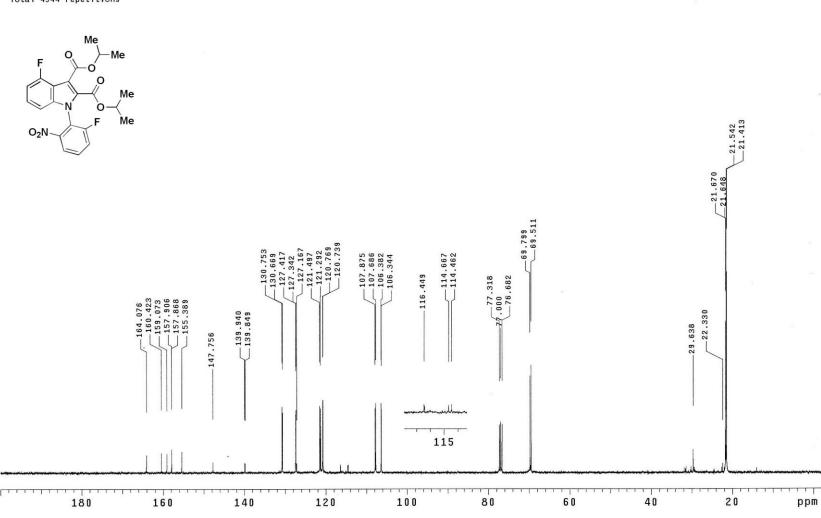


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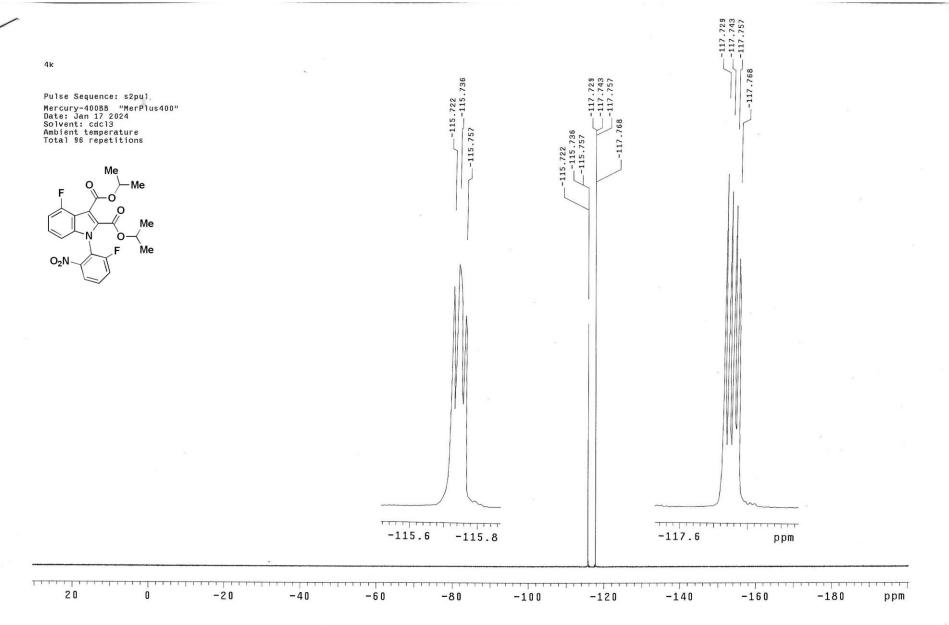




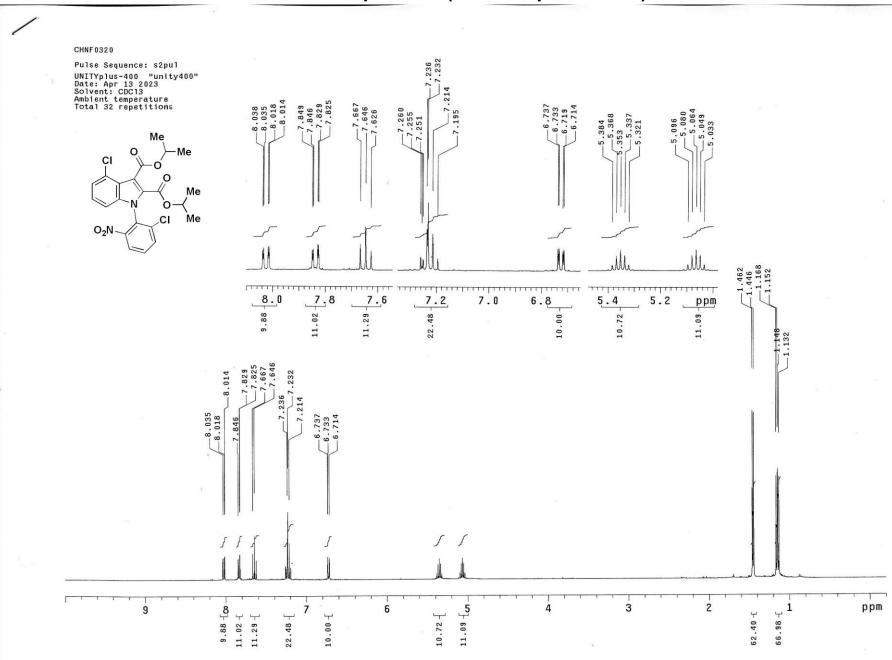
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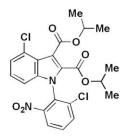
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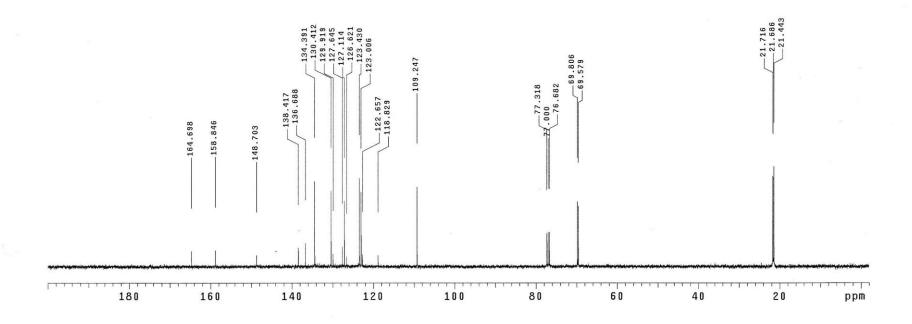


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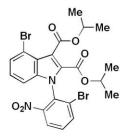


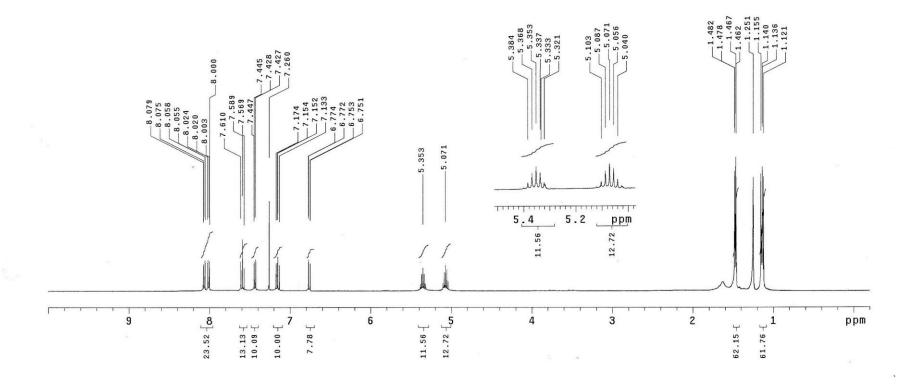


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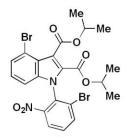


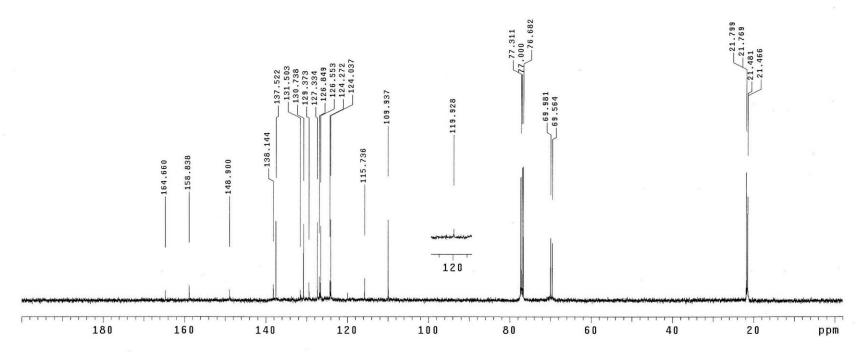


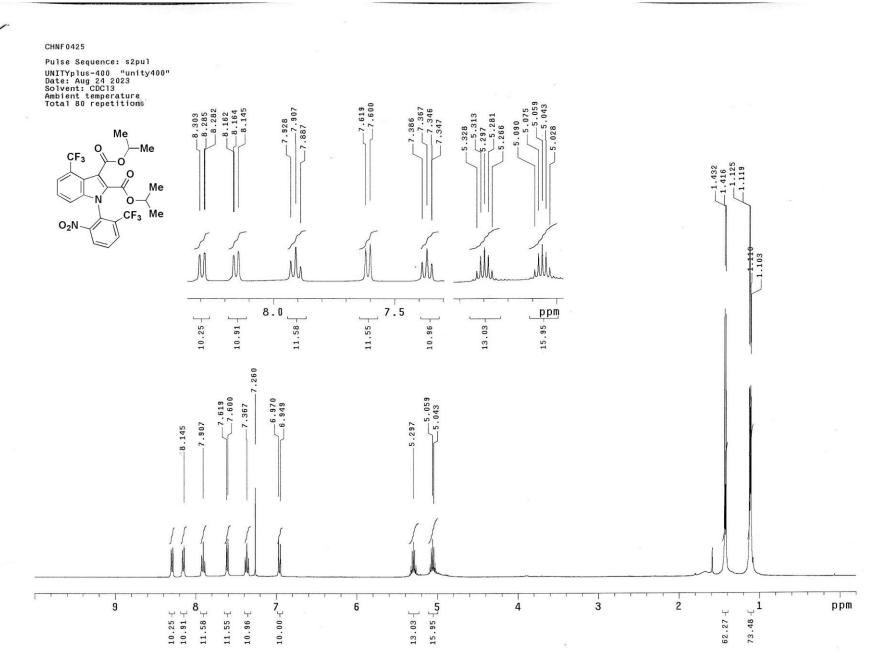
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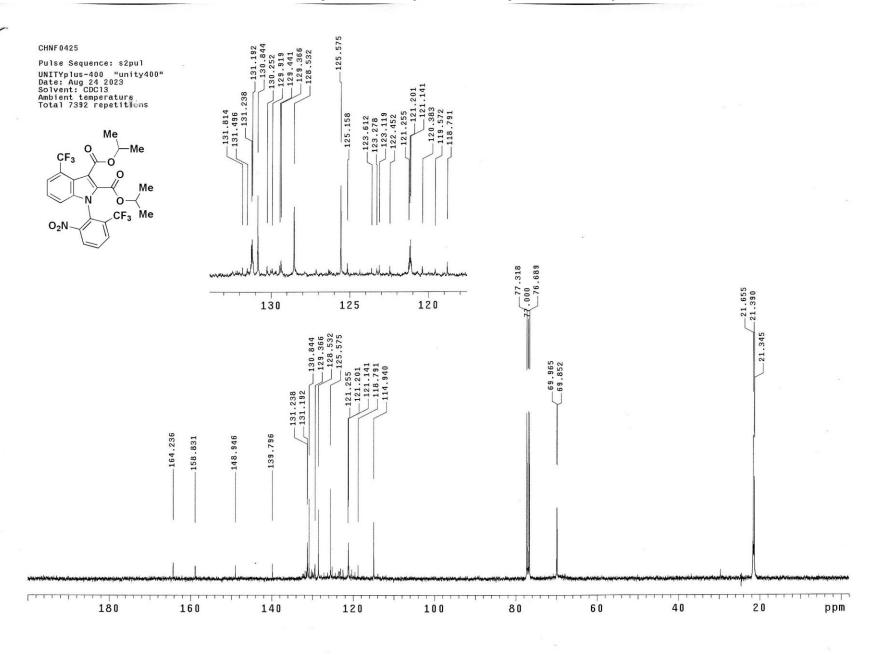
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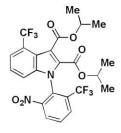
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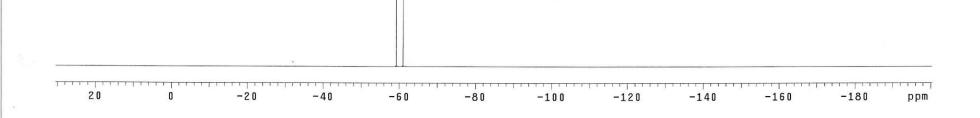
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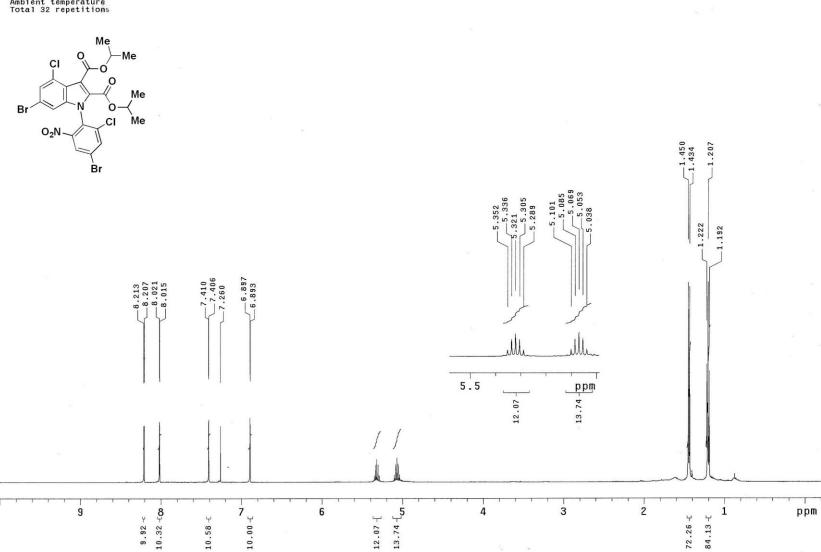








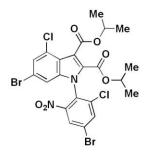
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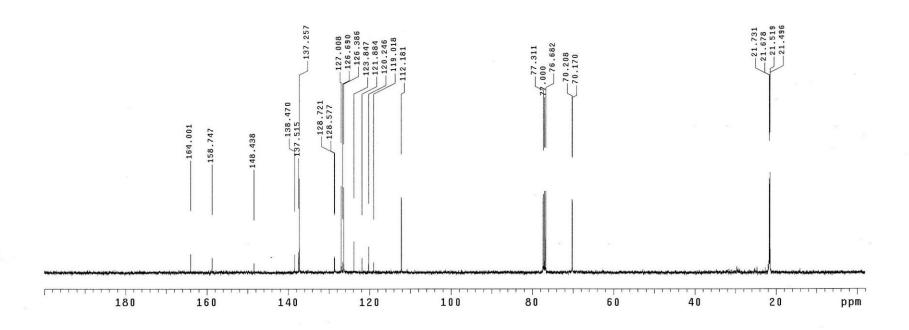


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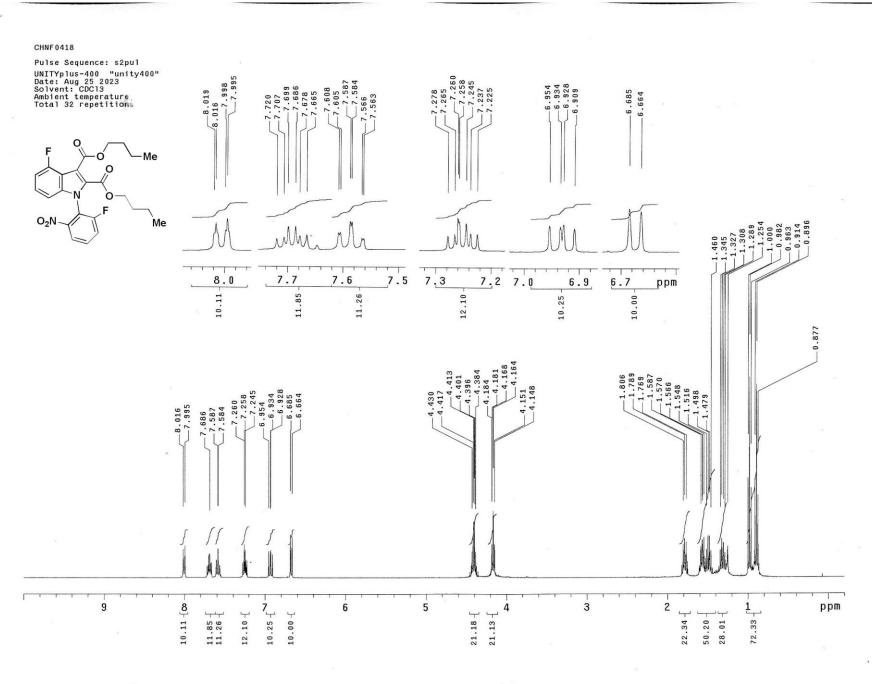
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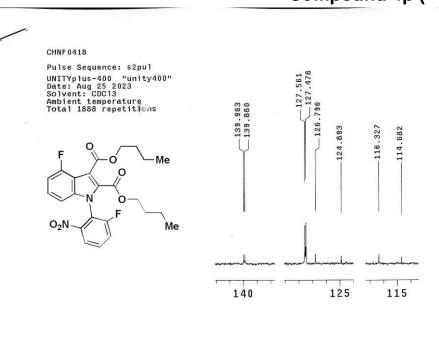


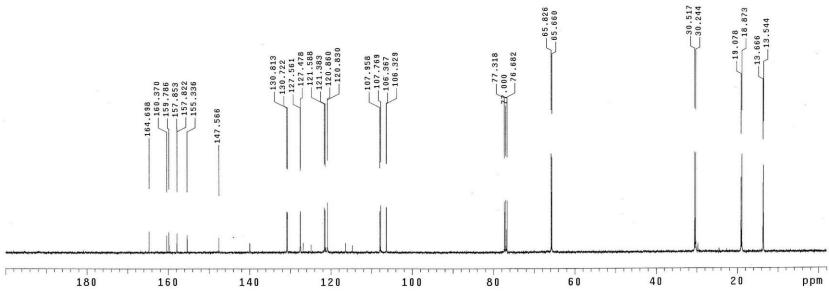


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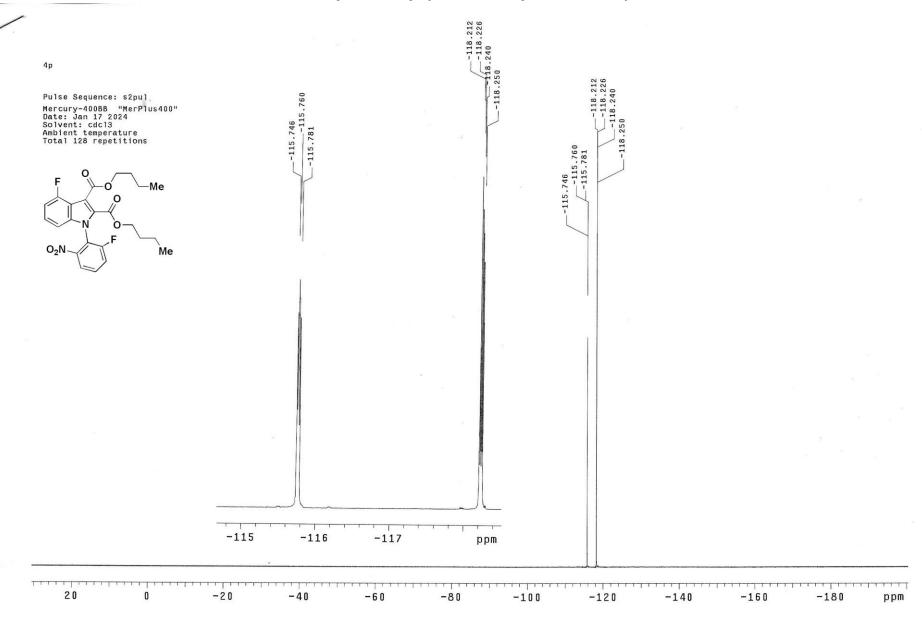


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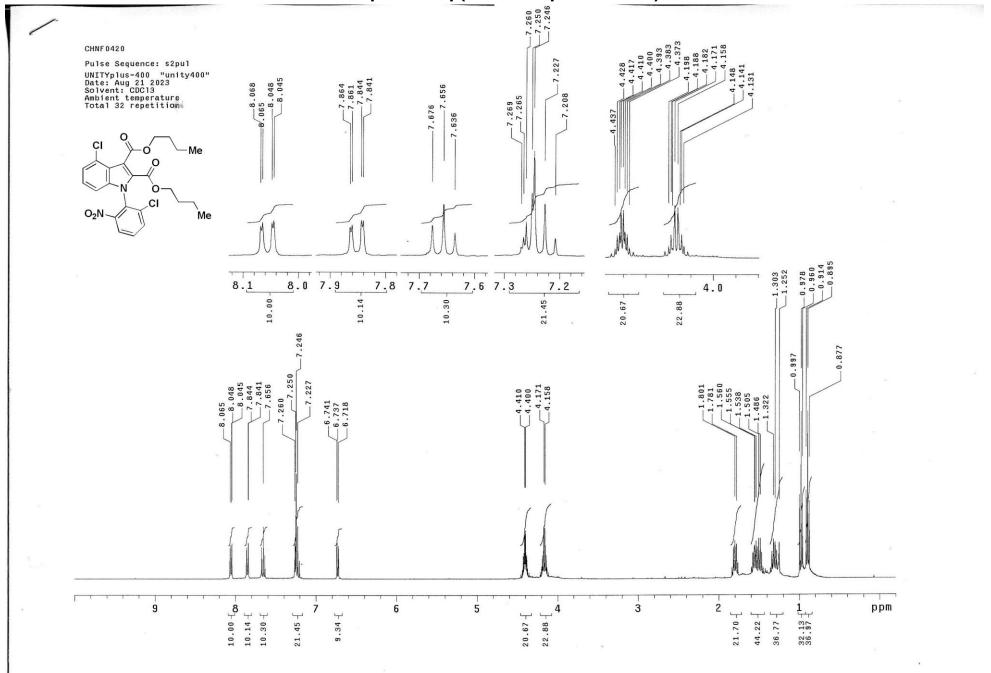




# Compound 4p (19F-NMR spectral data)



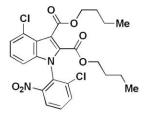
#### Compound 4q (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

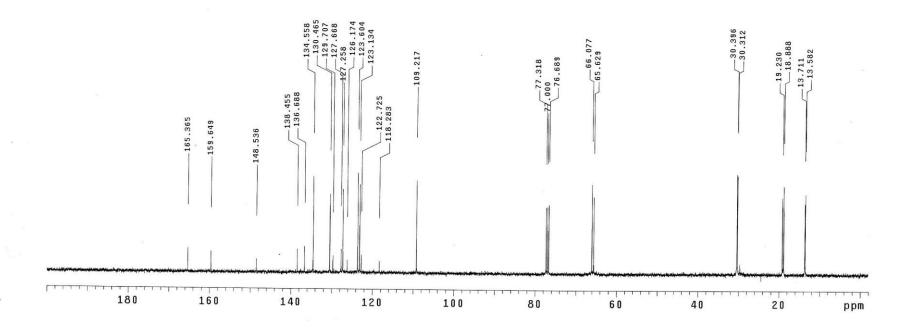


# Compound 4q (<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectral data)

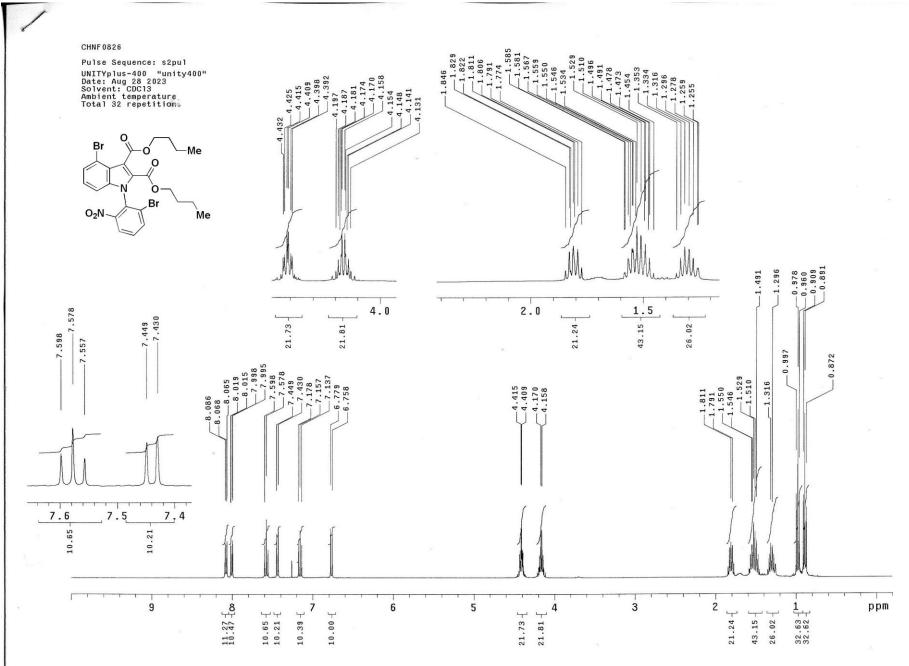
#### CHNF 0420

Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Aug 21 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 1872 repetitions

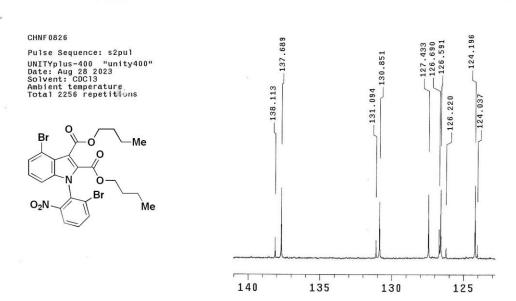


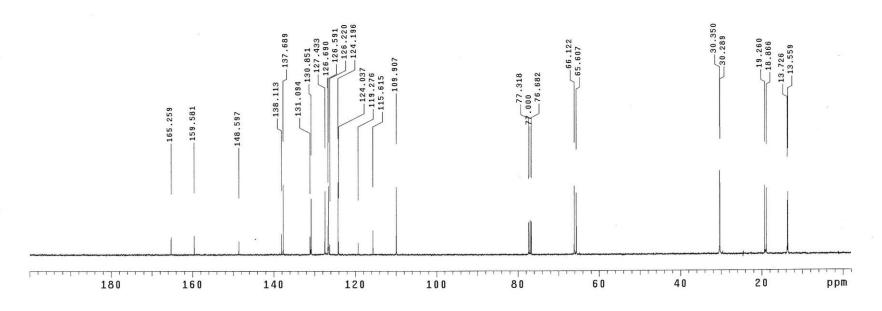


# Compound 4r (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

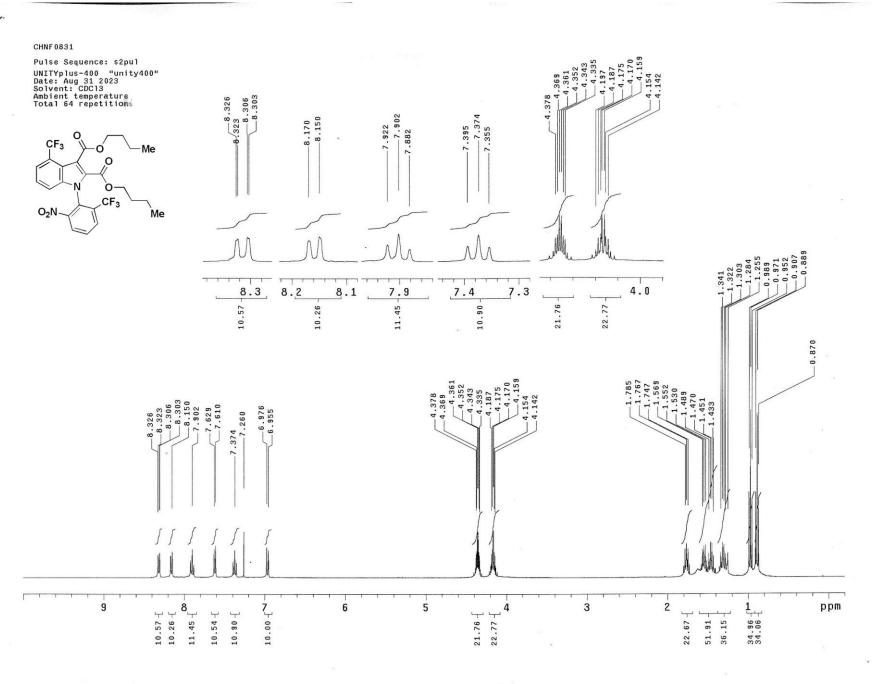


# Compound 4r (13C-NMR spectral data)

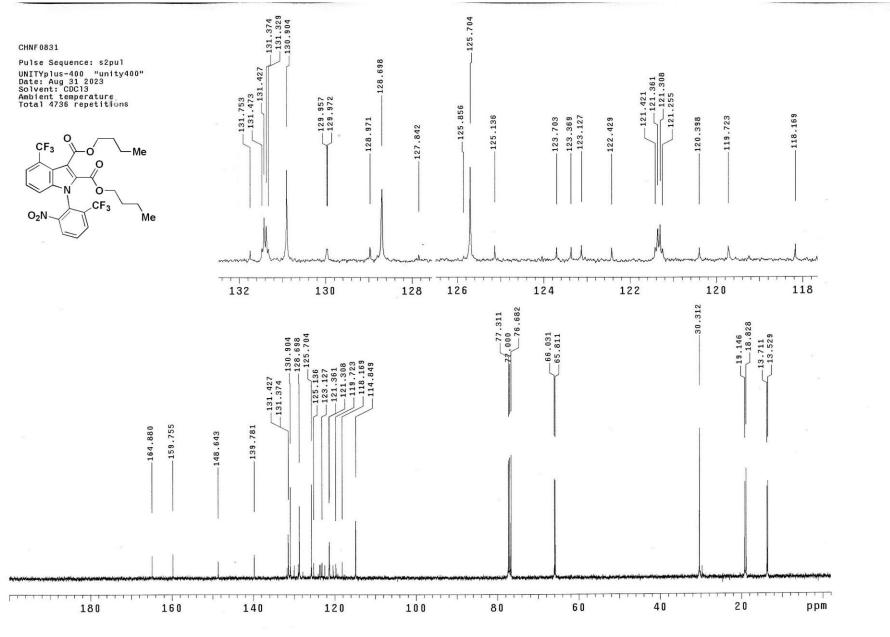




# Compound 4s (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



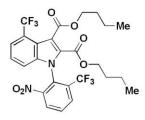
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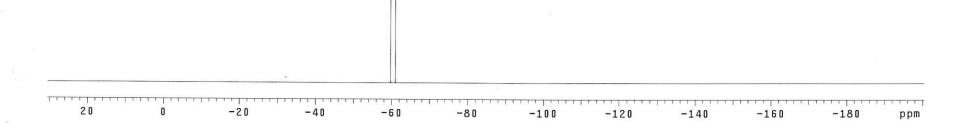
# Compound 4s (19F-NMR spectral data)



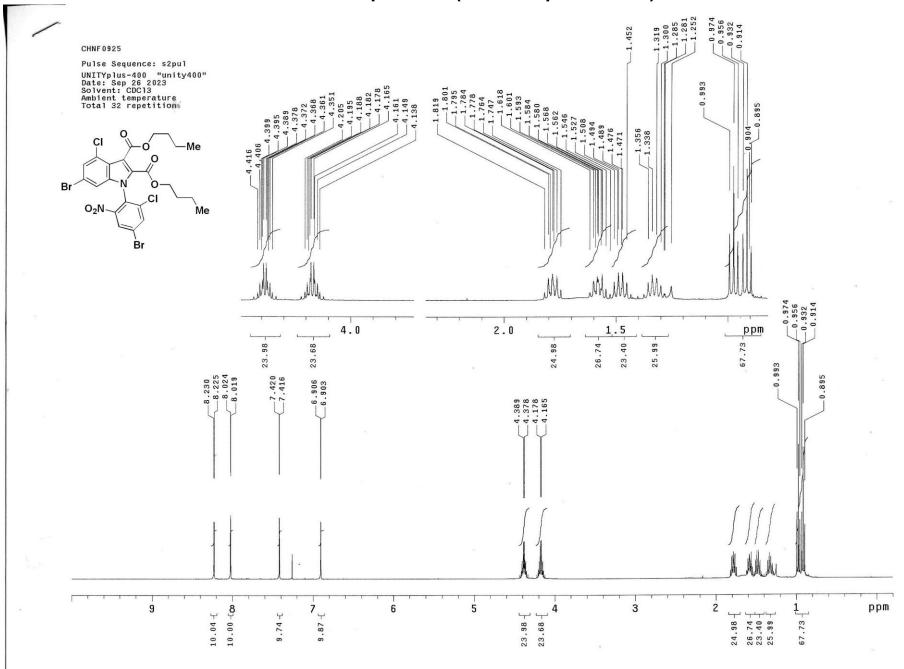
Pulse Sequence: s2pul,
Mercury-400BB "MerPlus400"
Date: Jan 18 2024
Solvent: cdc13
Ambient temperature
Total 16 repetitions



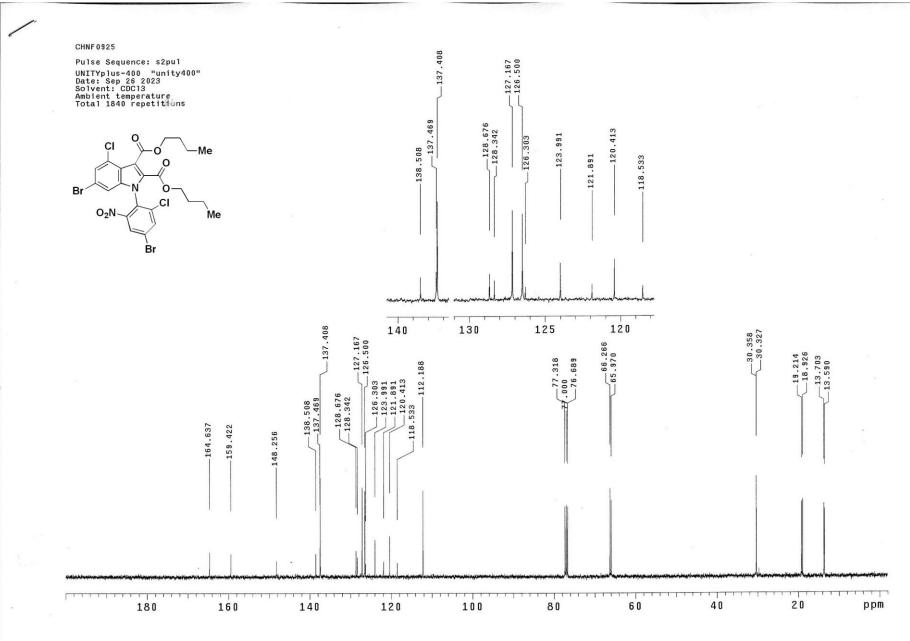




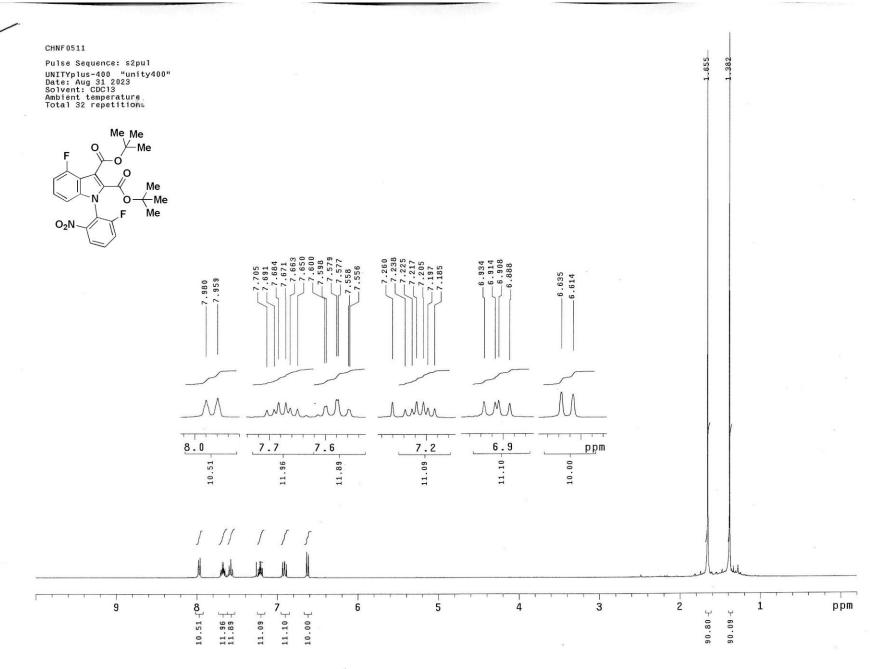
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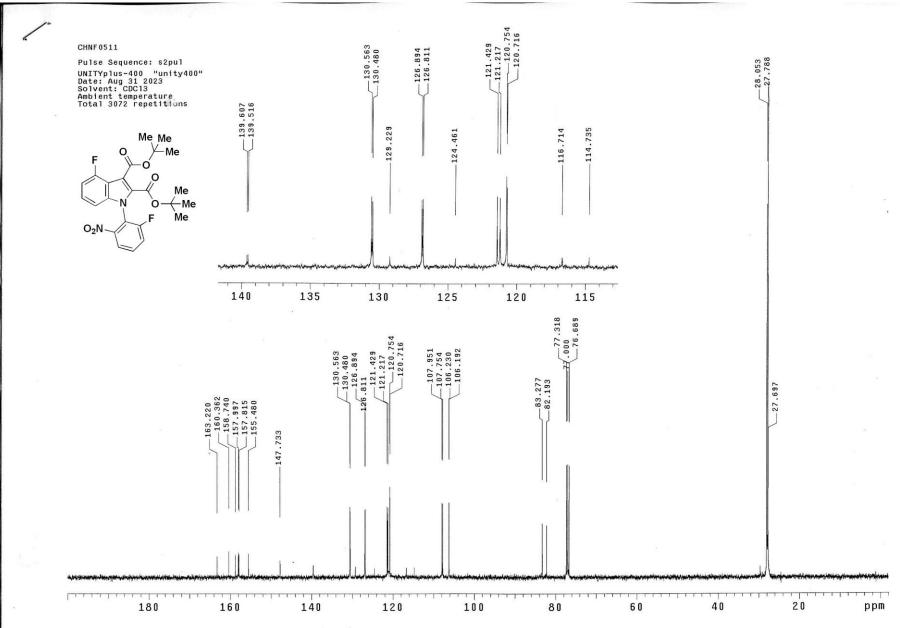
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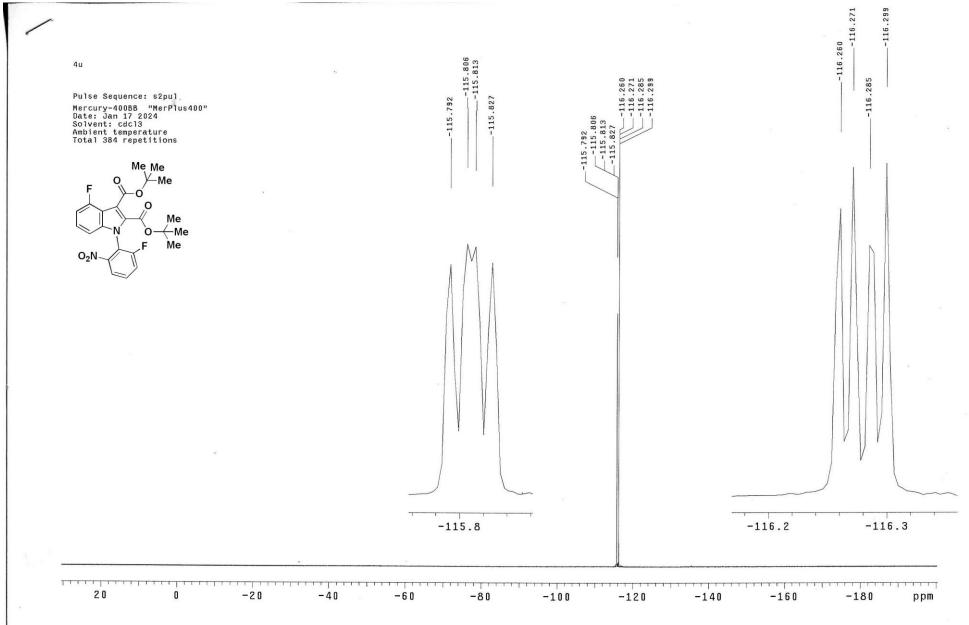
#### Compound 4u (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



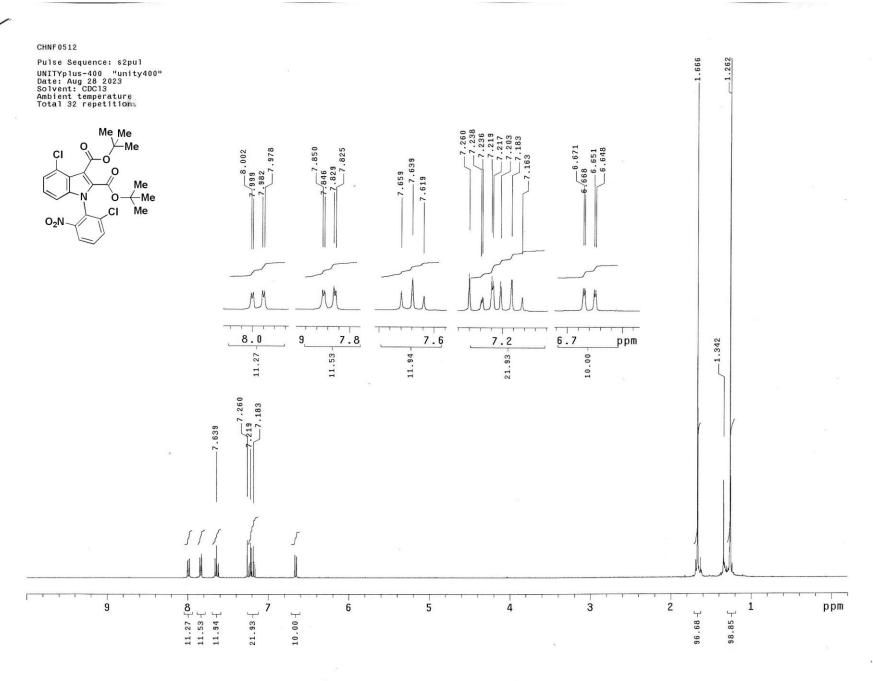
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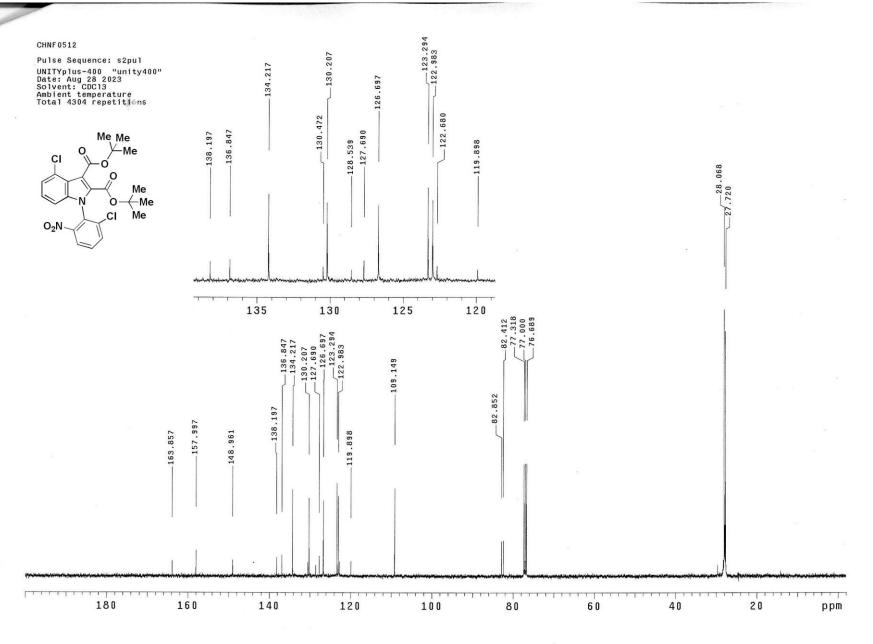
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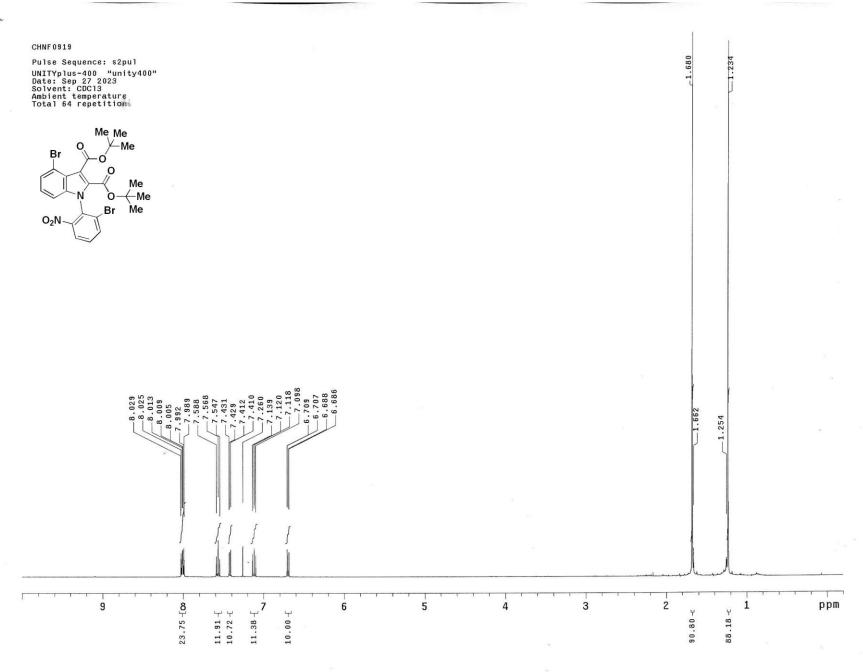
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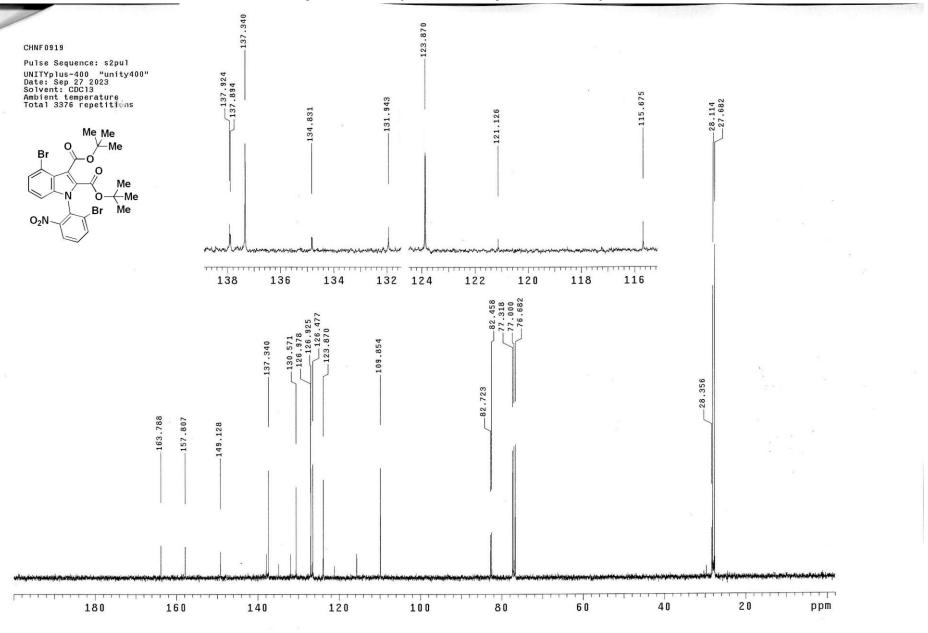
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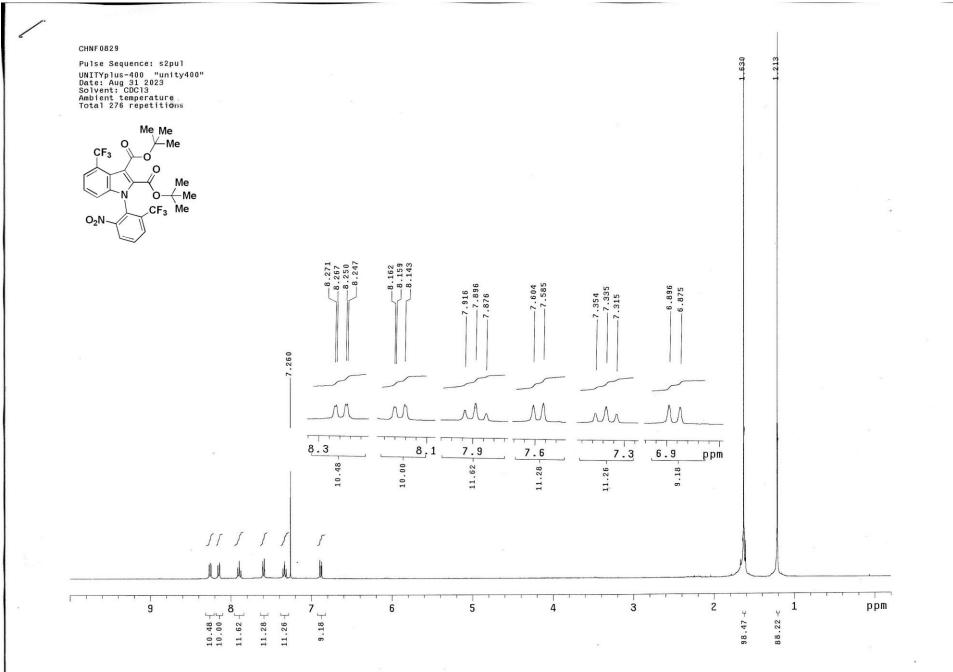
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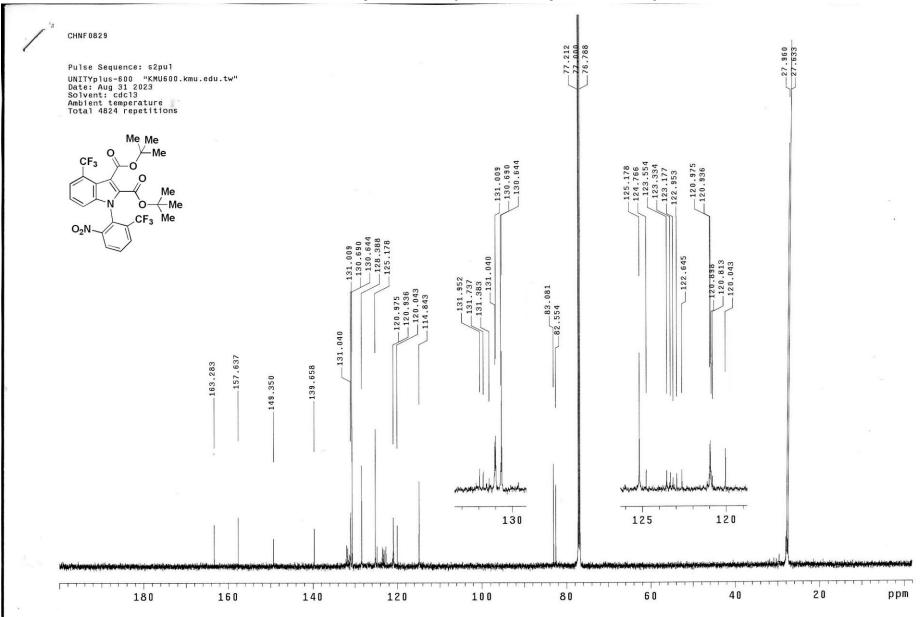
# Compound 4w (13C-NMR spectral data)



#### Compound 4x (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



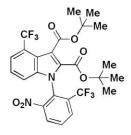
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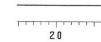
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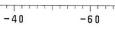
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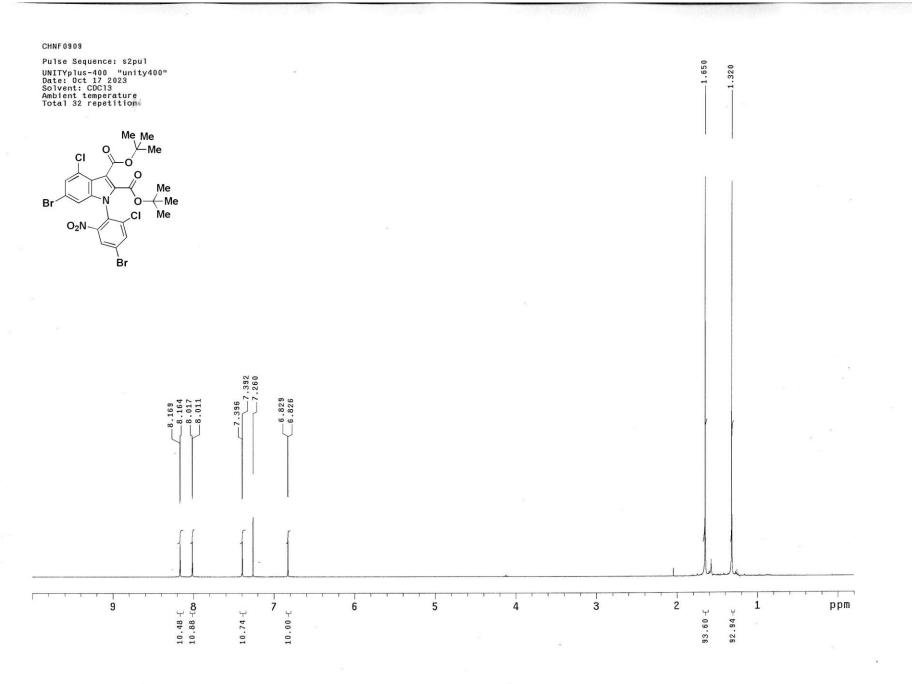


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-160

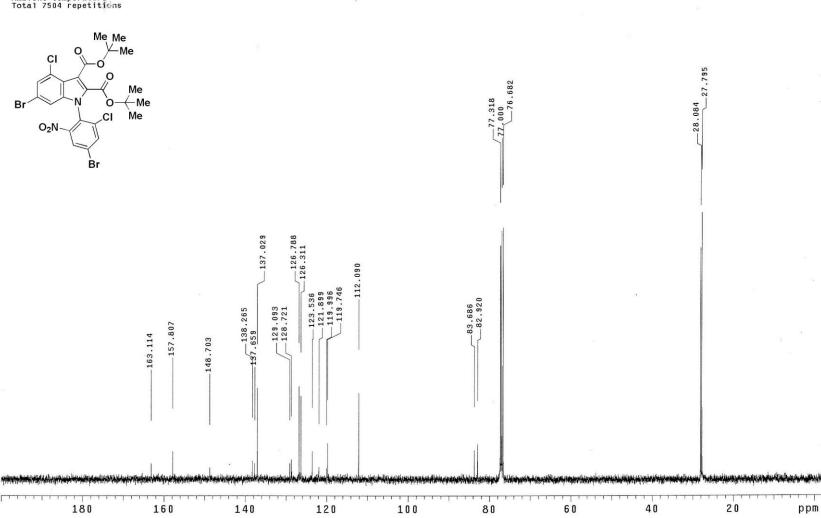
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# Compound 4y (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

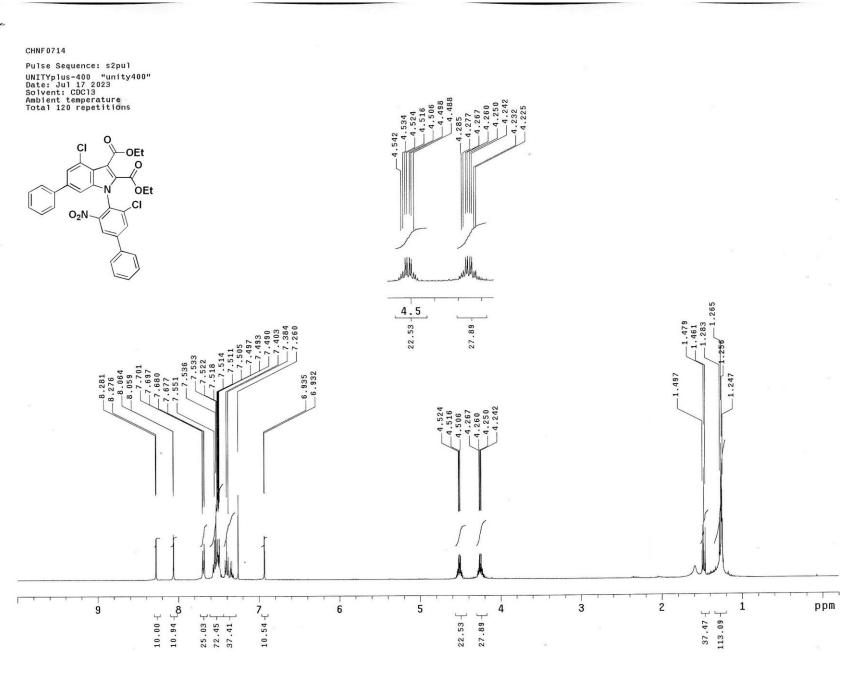




Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Oct 17 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 7504 repetitions

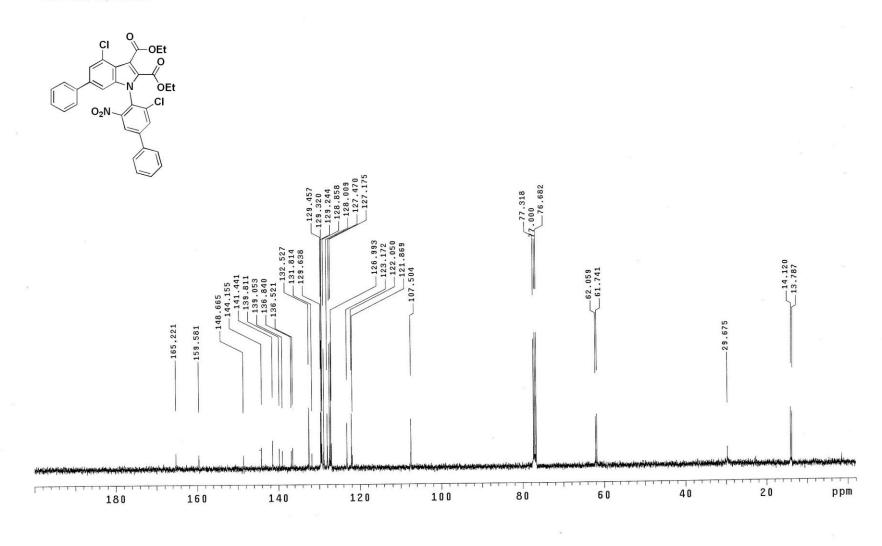


# Compound 4z (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

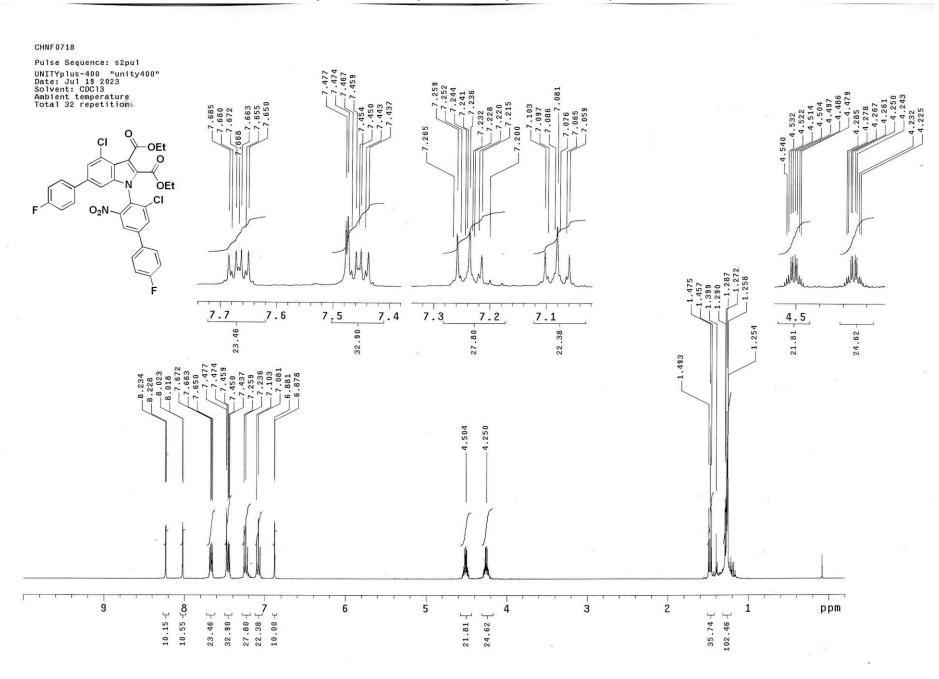


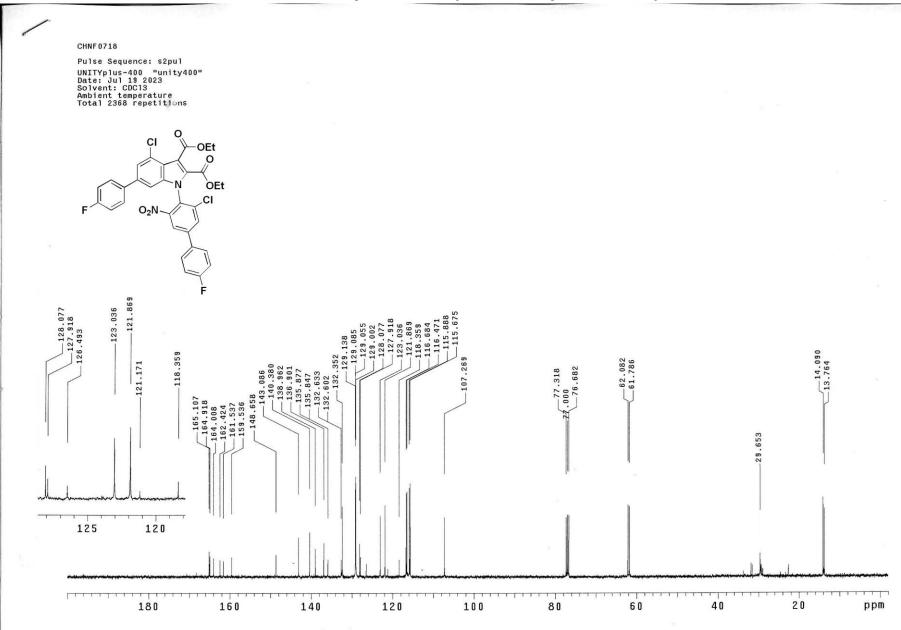


Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Jul 17 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 4608 repetitions

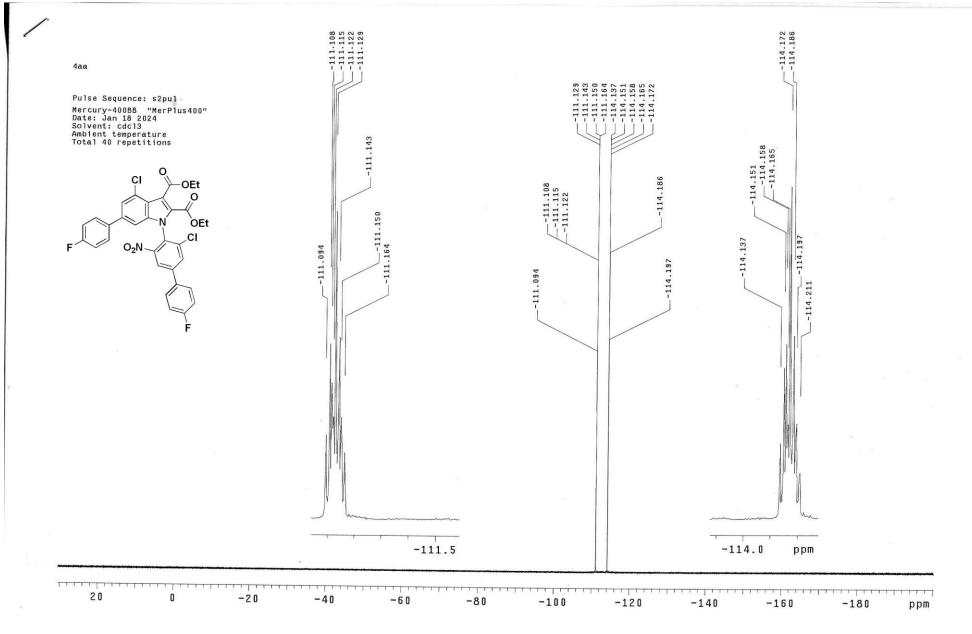


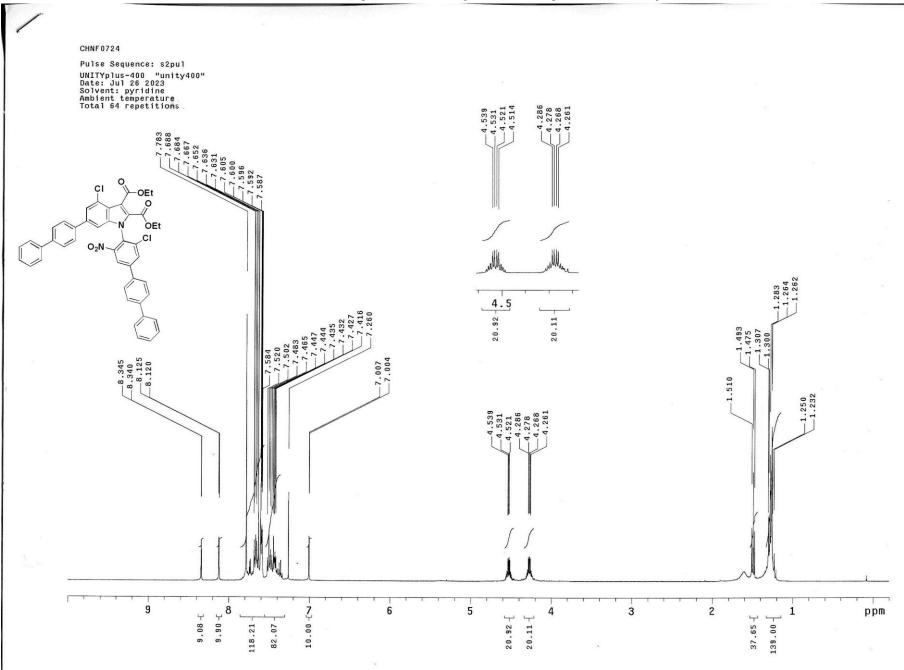
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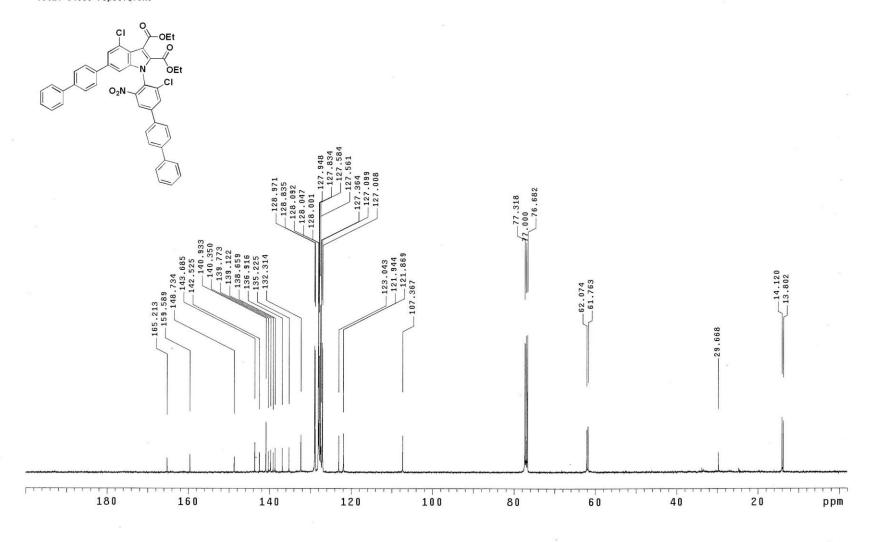
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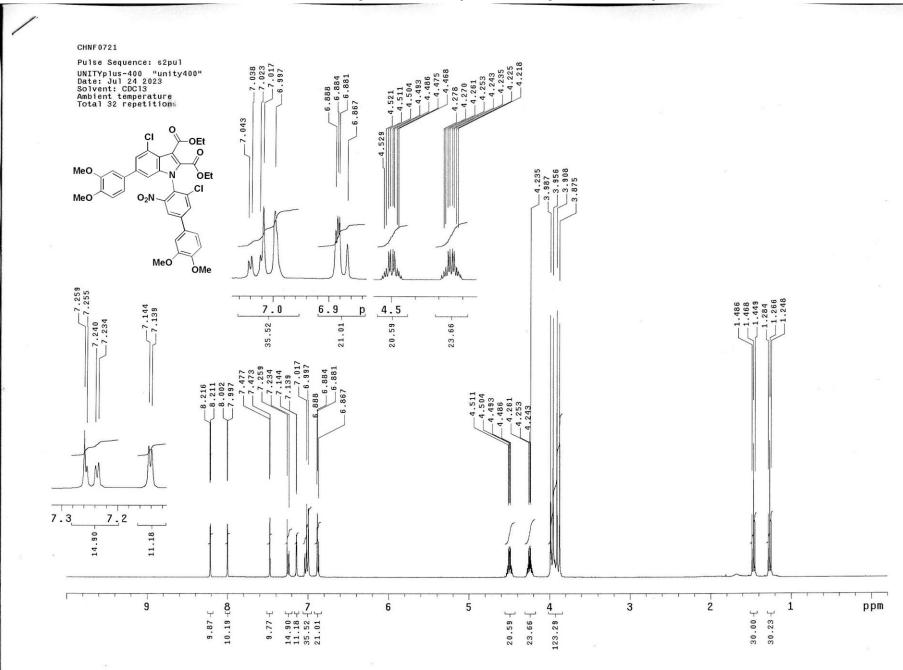


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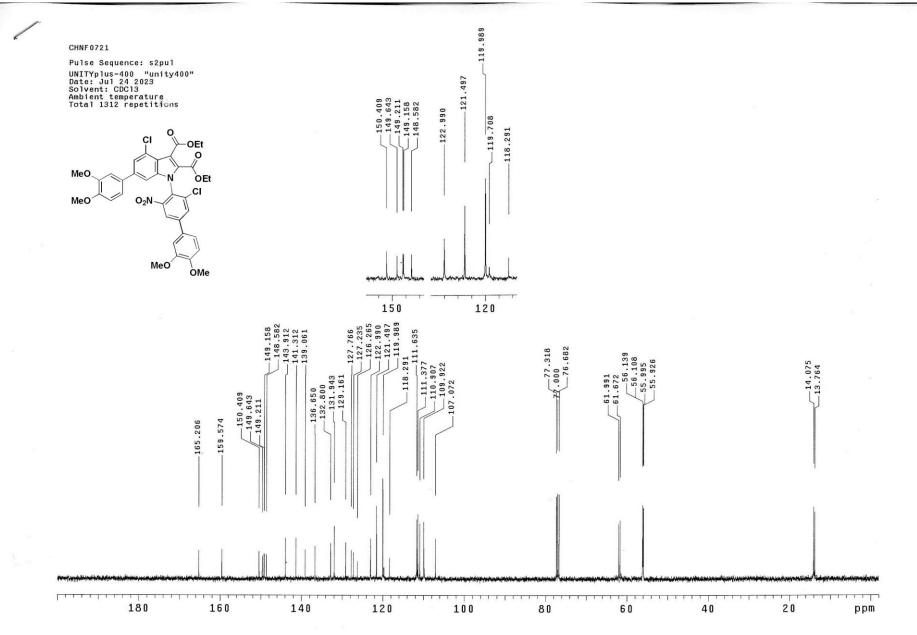
Pulse Sequence: s2pul
UNITYplus-400 "unity400"
Date: Jul 26 2023
Solvent: CDC13
Ambient temperature
Total 64000 repetitions



# Compound 4ac (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

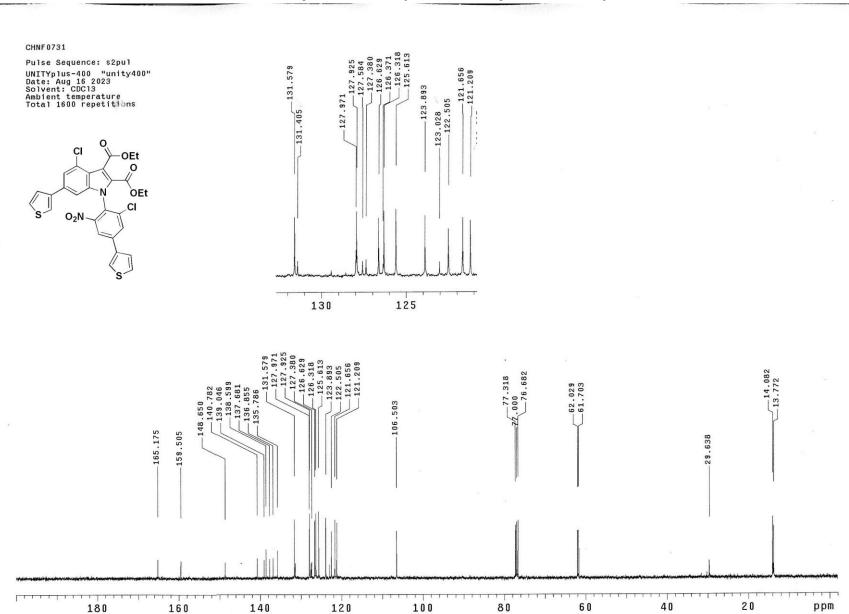


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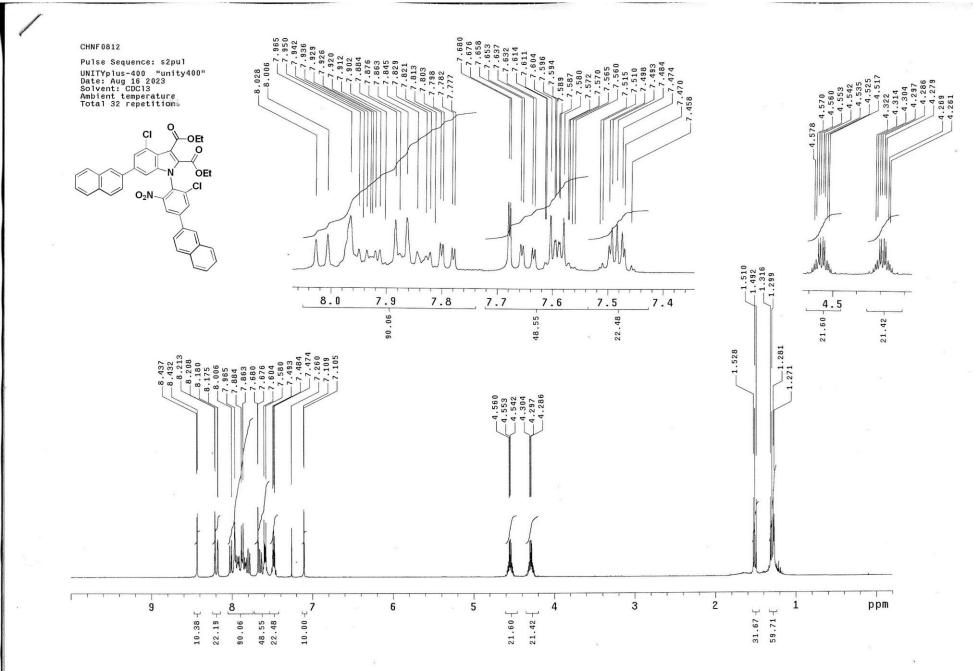


# CHNF 0731 Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Aug 16 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 32 repetitions ← mineral oil ppm 3 36.79 <del>[</del> 64.32 <del>[</del> 50.74 11.26 13.58 22.22

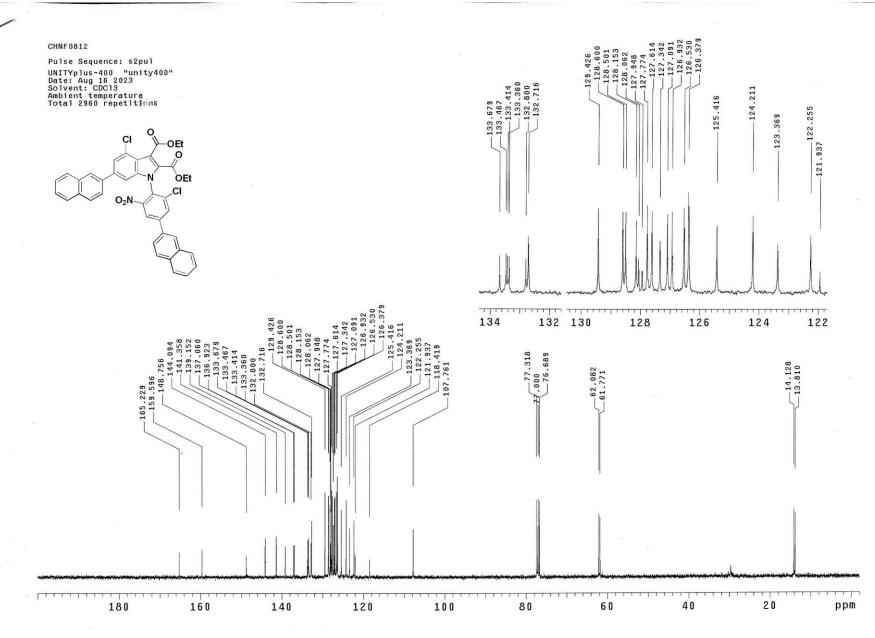
# Compound 4ad (13C-NMR spectral data)



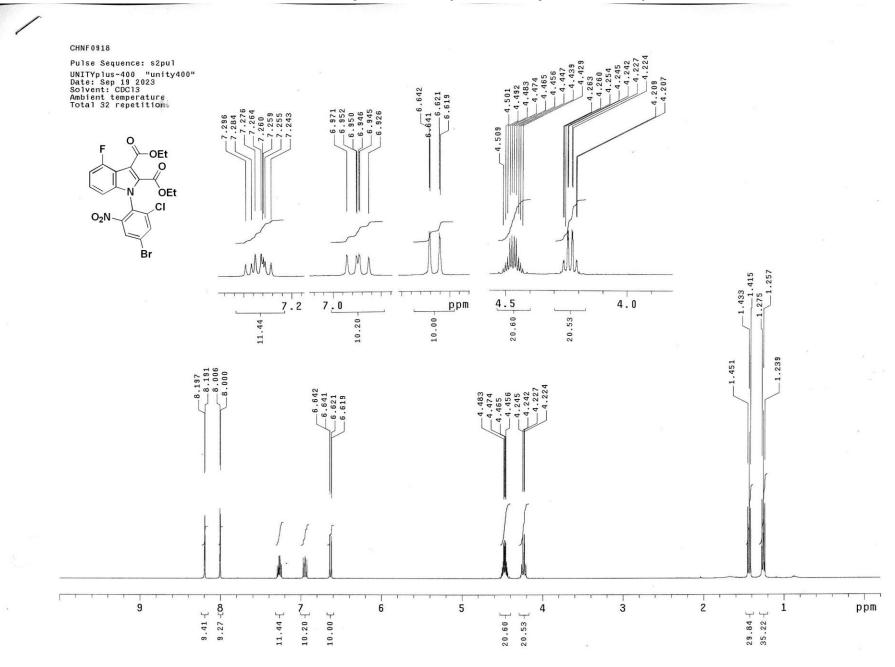
# Compound 4ae (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



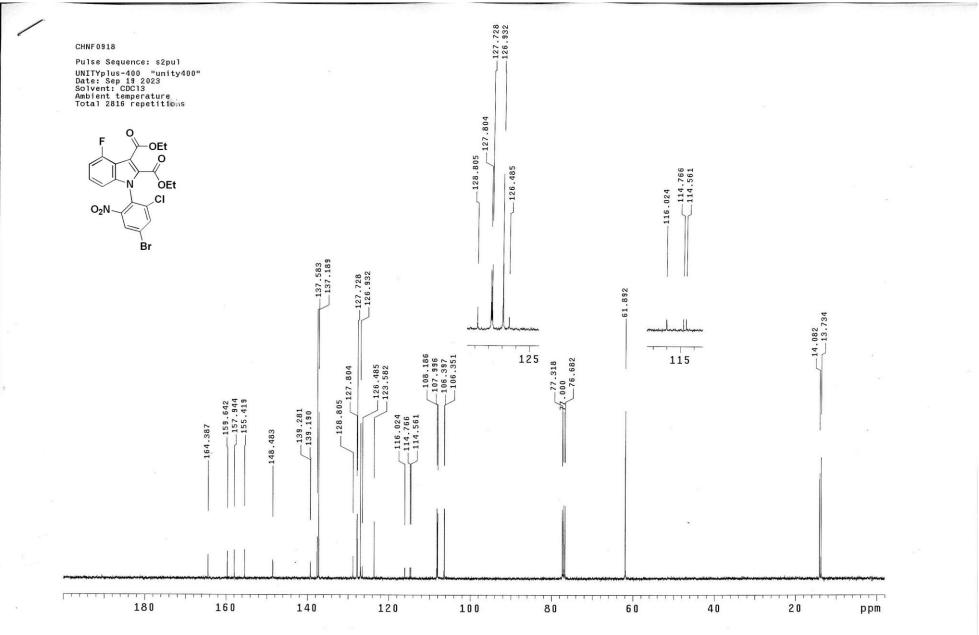
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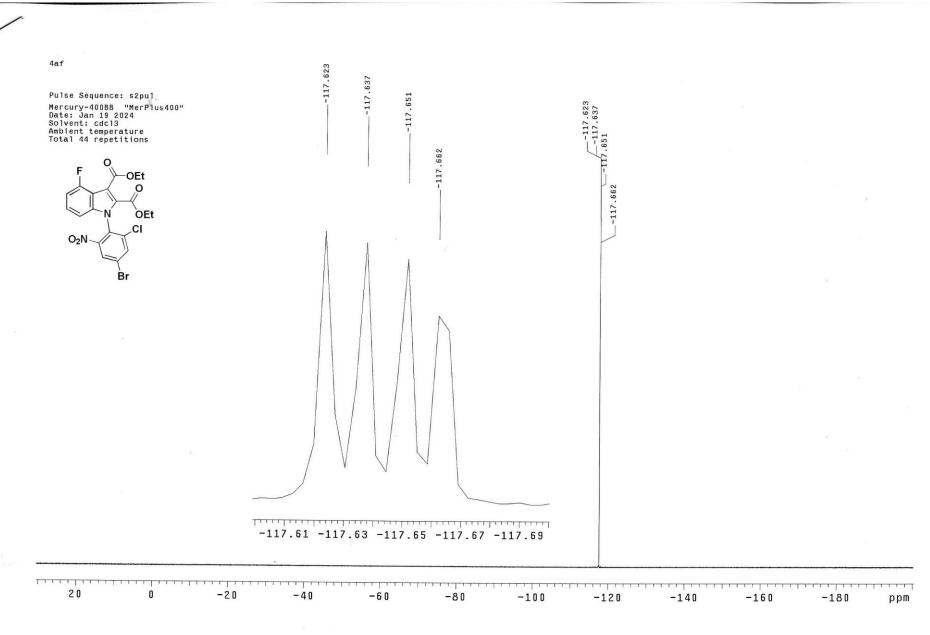
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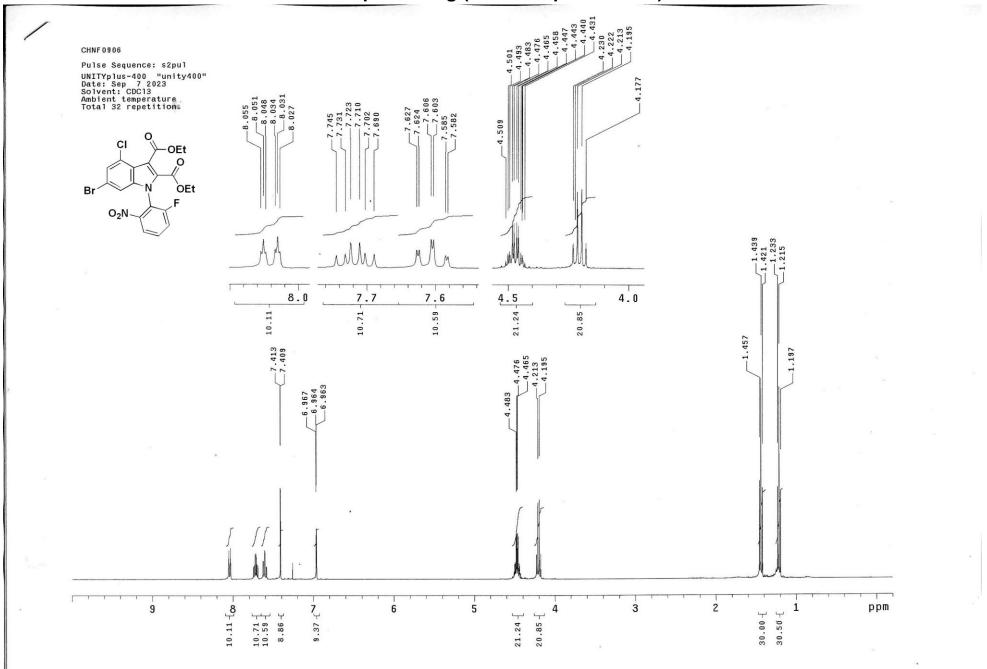
# Compound 4af (13C-NMR spectral data)



# Compound 4af (19F-NMR spectral data)

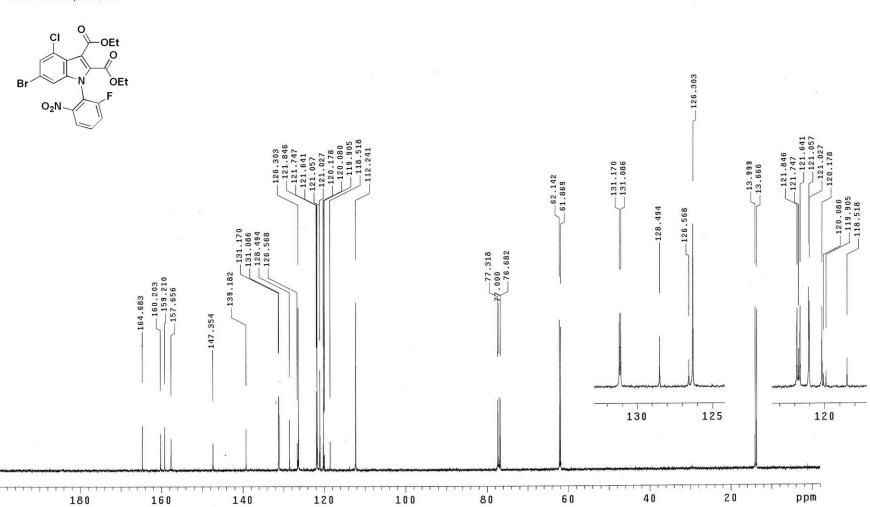


# Compound 4ag (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

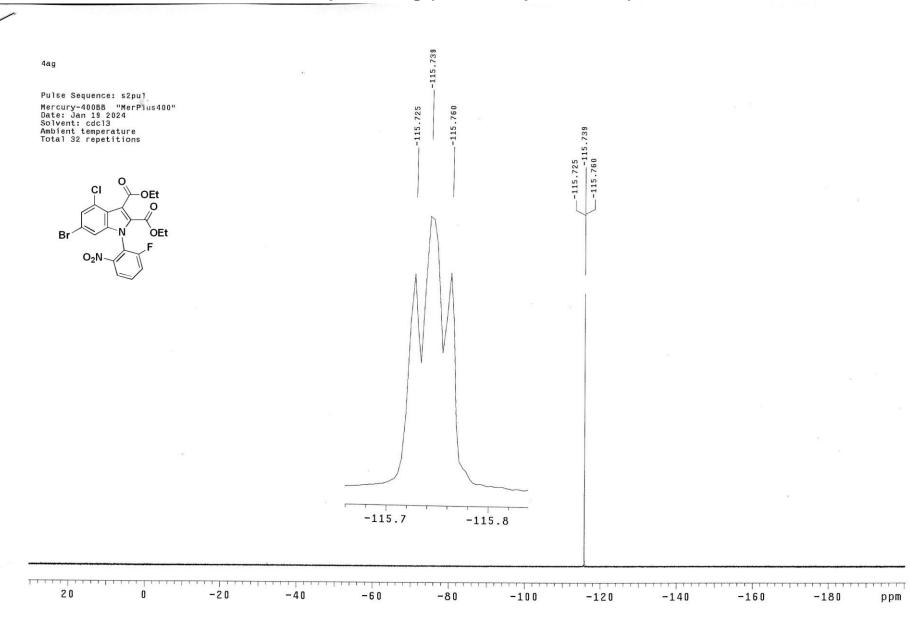


#### CHNF 09 06

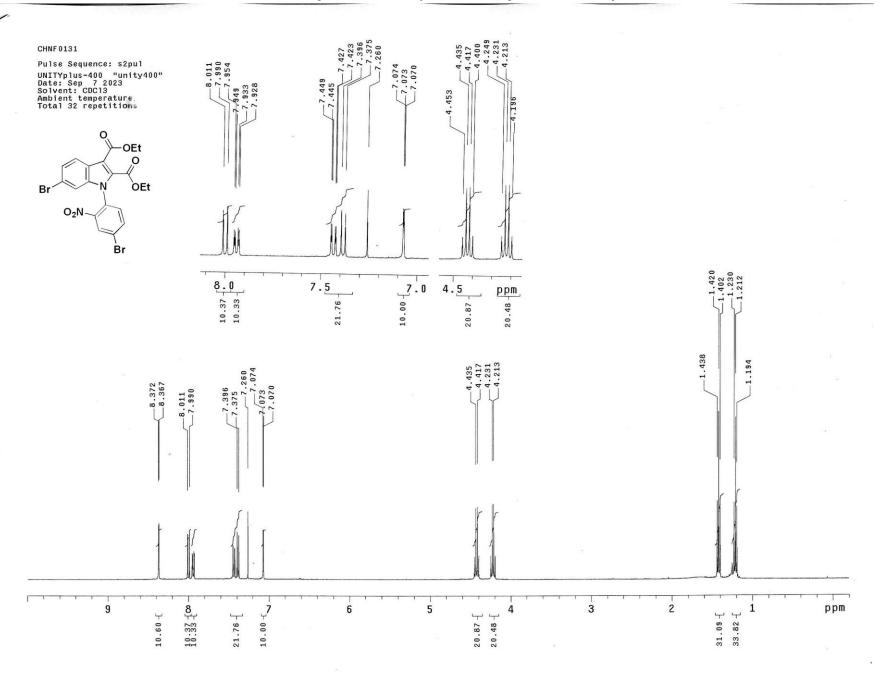
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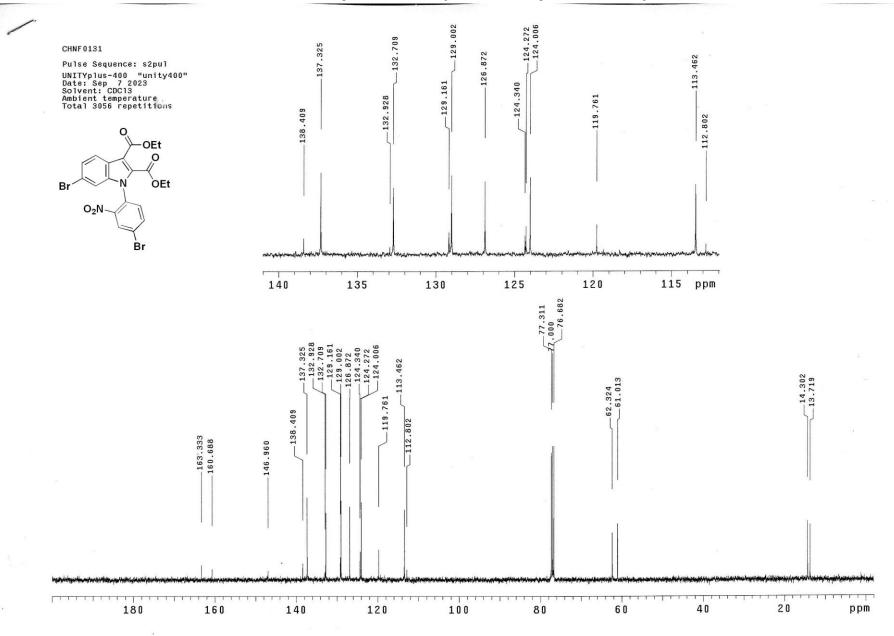
# Compound 4ag (19F-NMR spectral data)



# Compound 4ah (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



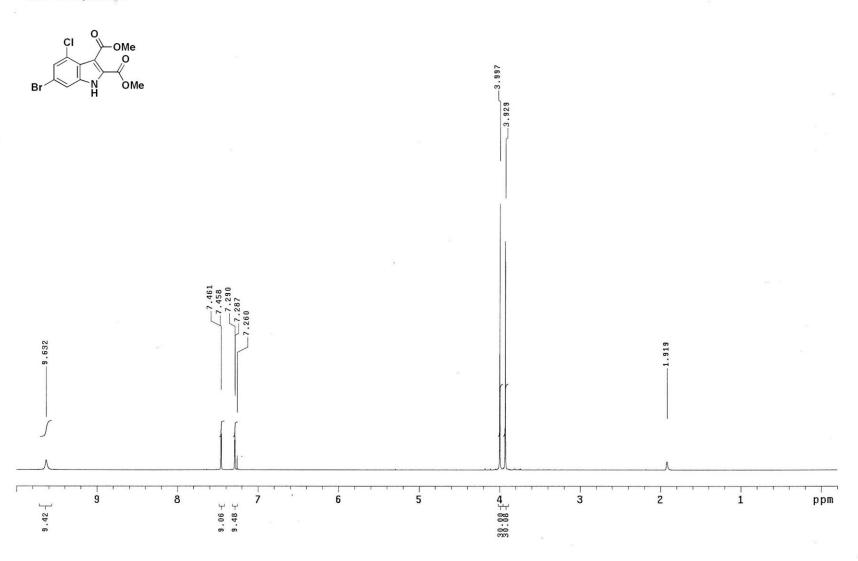
# Compound 4ah (13C-NMR spectral data)



# Compound 5a (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



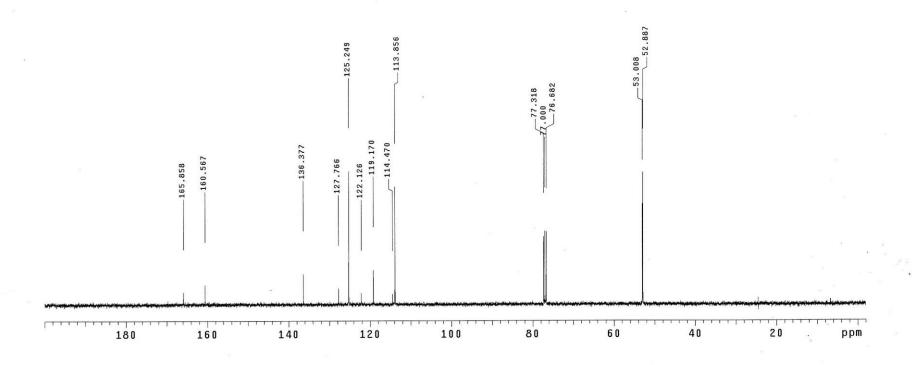
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# Compound 5a (13C-NMR spectral data)

CHNF 0317

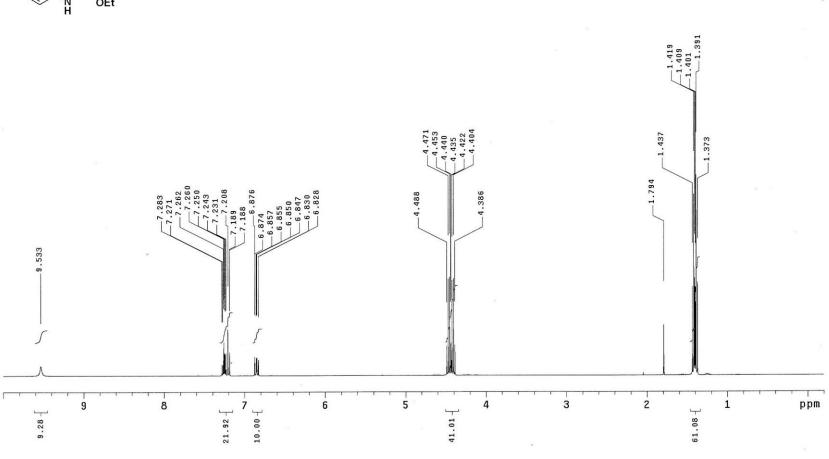
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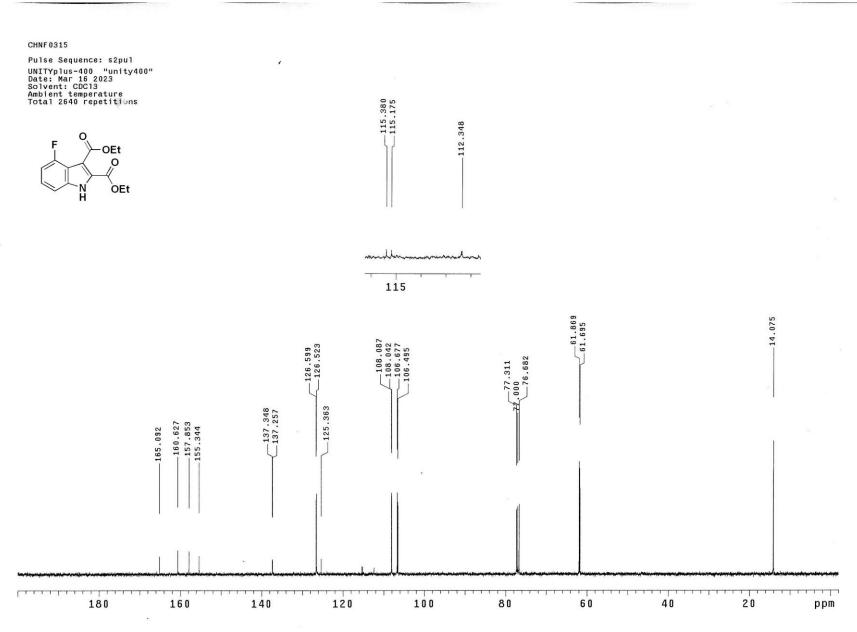


#### CHNF 0315

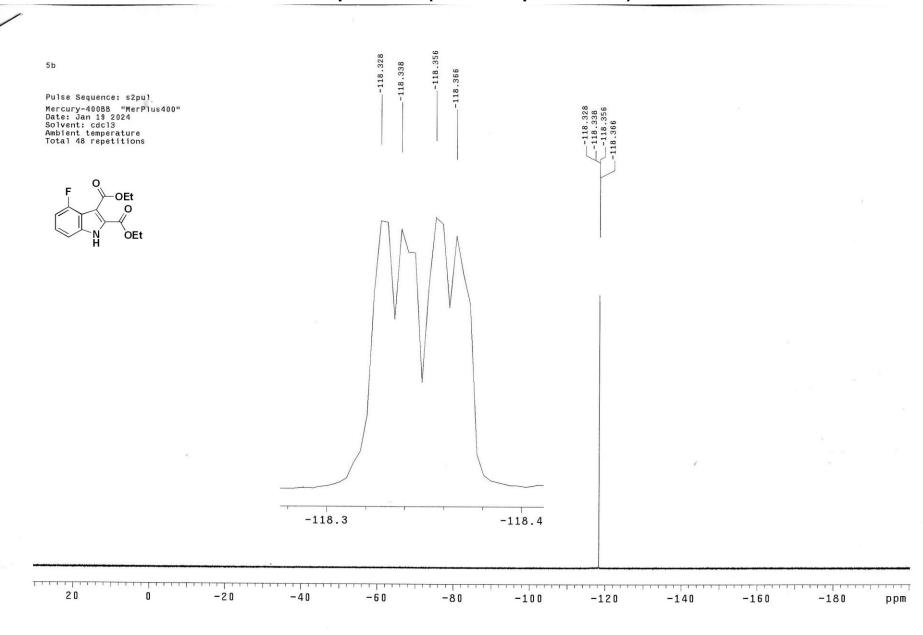
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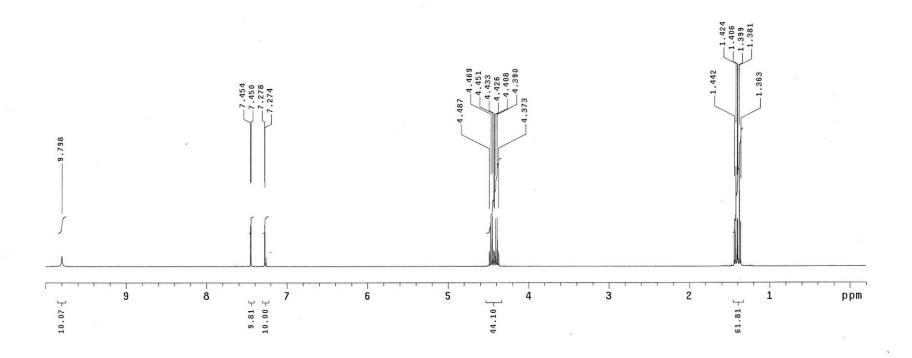
# Compound 5b (19F-NMR spectral data)



# Compound 5c (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

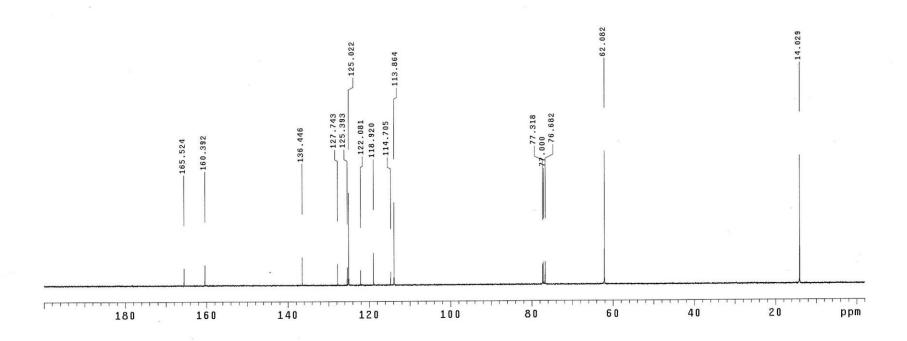
#### CHQ4148

Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Mar 9 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 32 repetitions

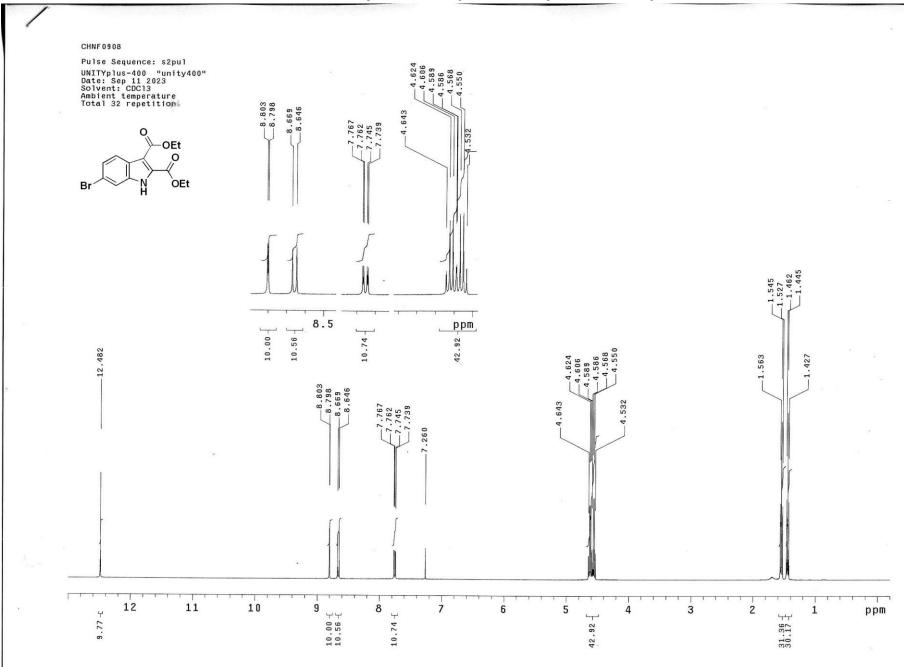


#### CHQ4148

Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Mar 9 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 2032 repetitions



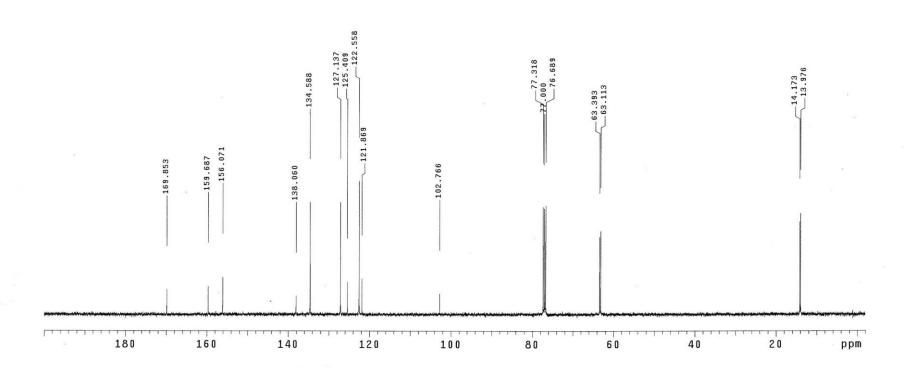
# Compound 5d (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

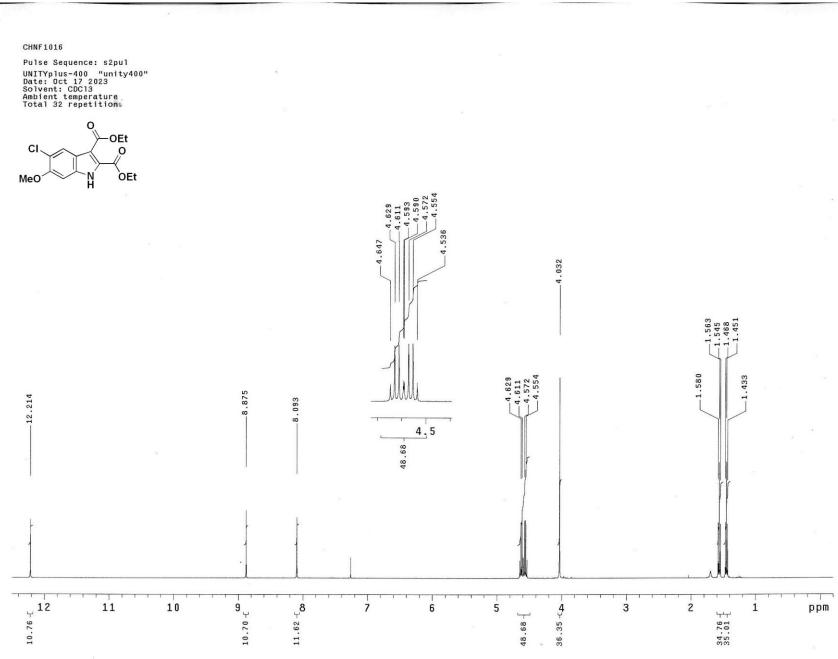


# Compound 5d (13C-NMR spectral data)

#### CHNF 0908

Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Sep 11 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 4688 repetitions

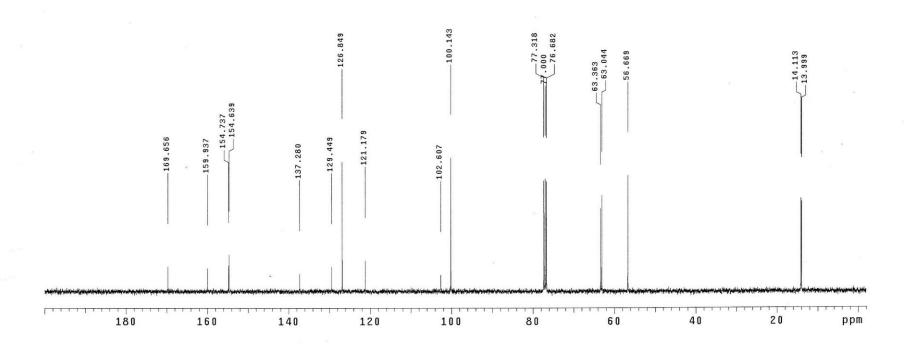




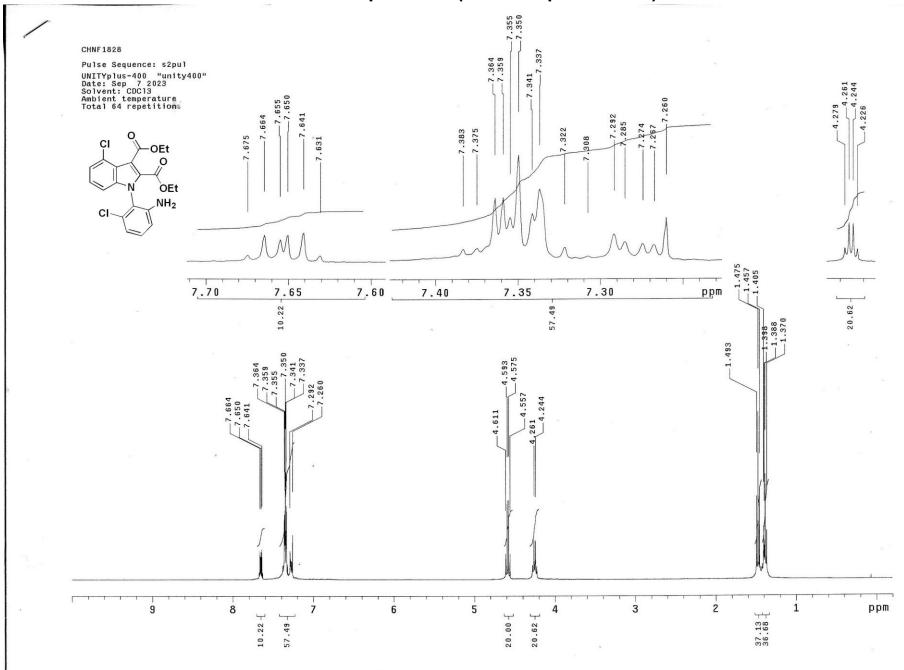
# Compound 5e (13C-NMR spectral data)

#### CHNF 1016

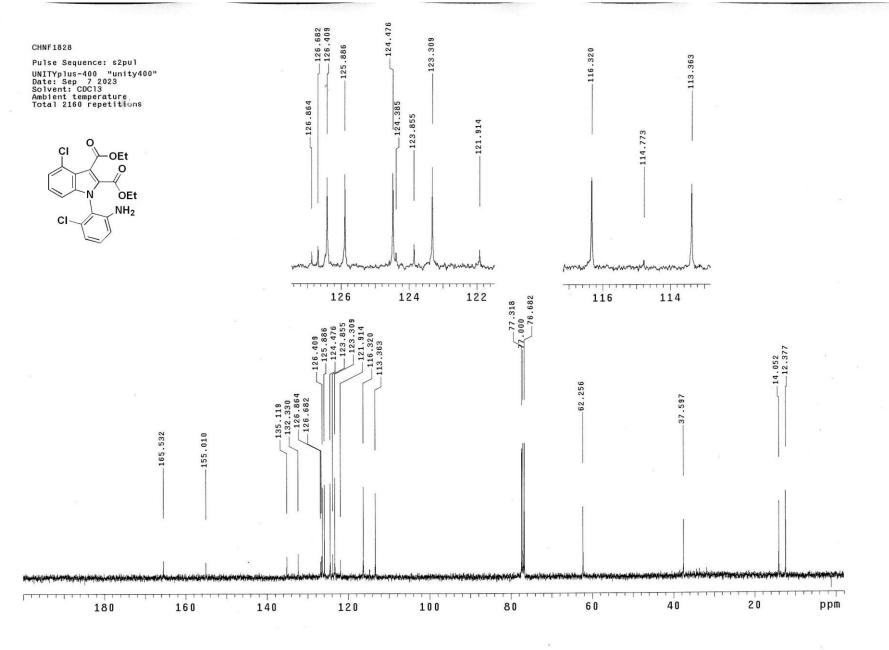
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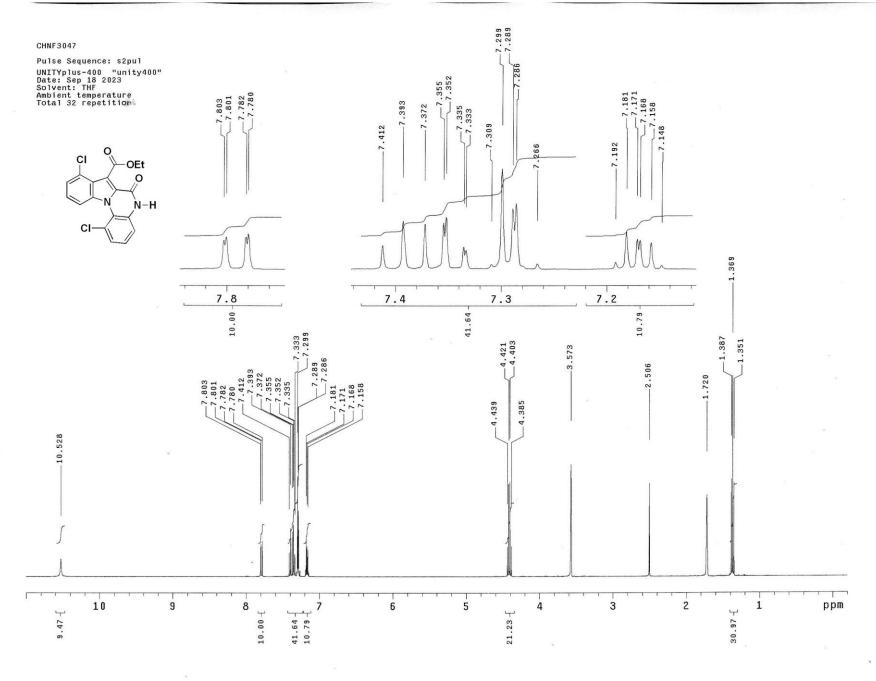
# Compound 6a (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



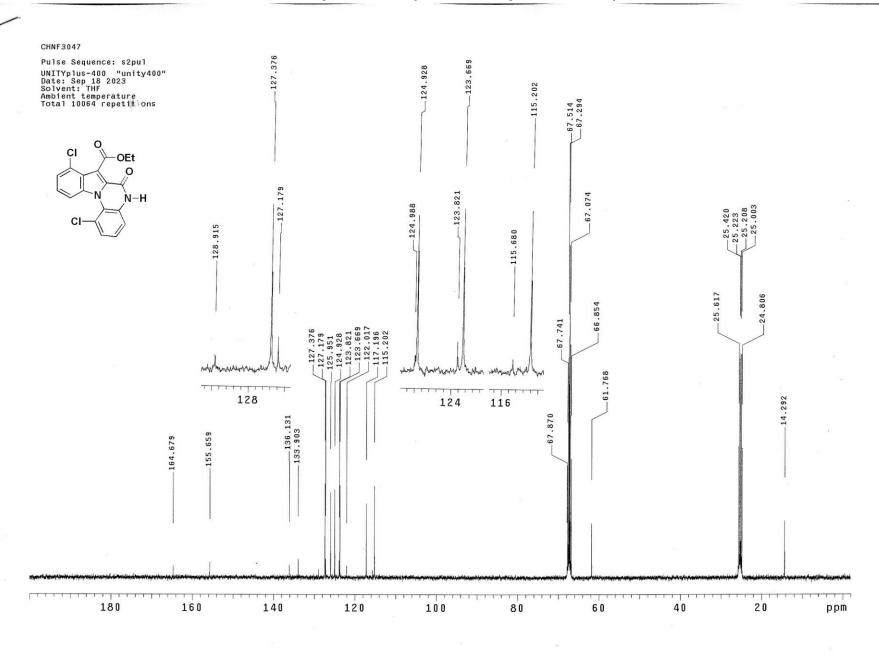
# Compound 6a (13C-NMR spectral data)



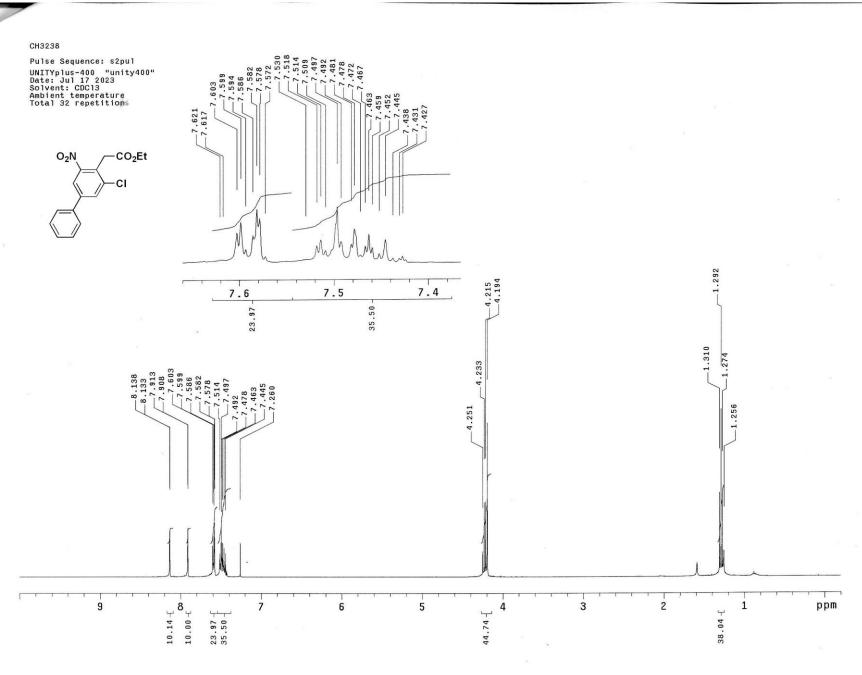
# Compound 6b (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



# Compound 6b (13C-NMR spectral data)



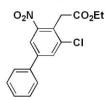
# Compound 7a (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

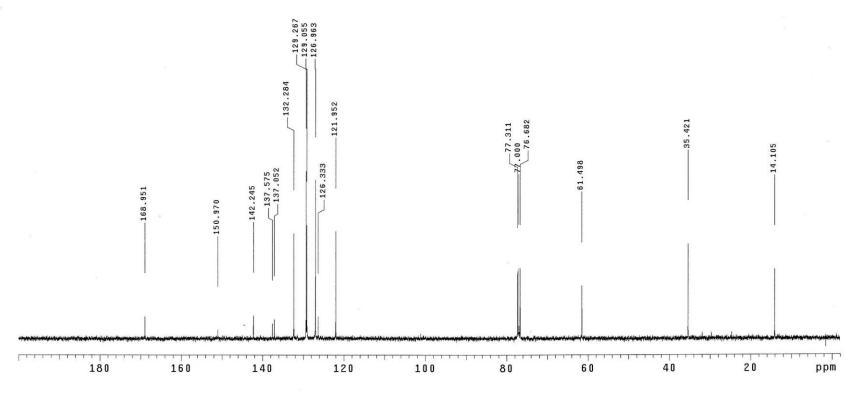


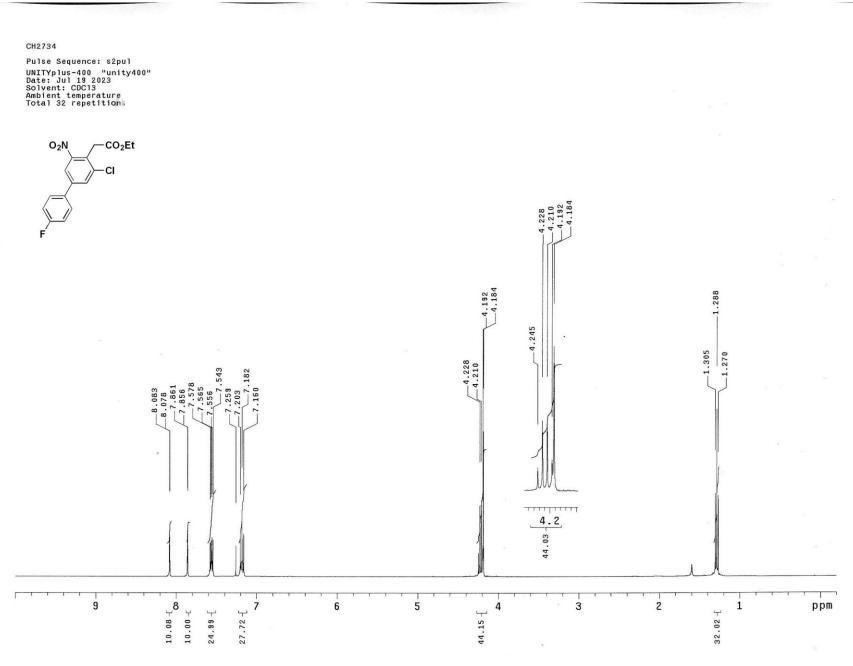
# Compound 7a (13C-NMR spectral data)



Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Jul 17 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 2368 repetitions



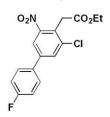


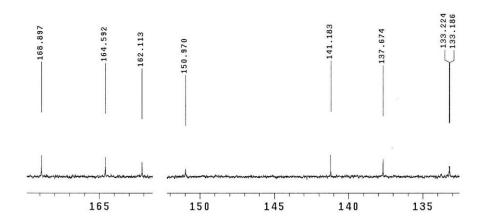


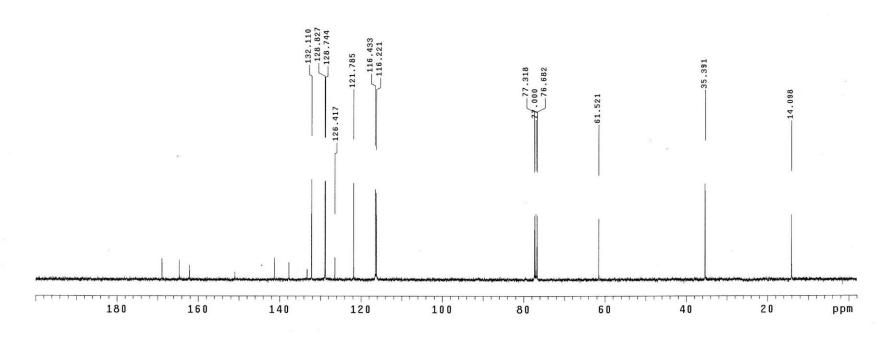
# Compound 7b (13C-NMR spectral data)



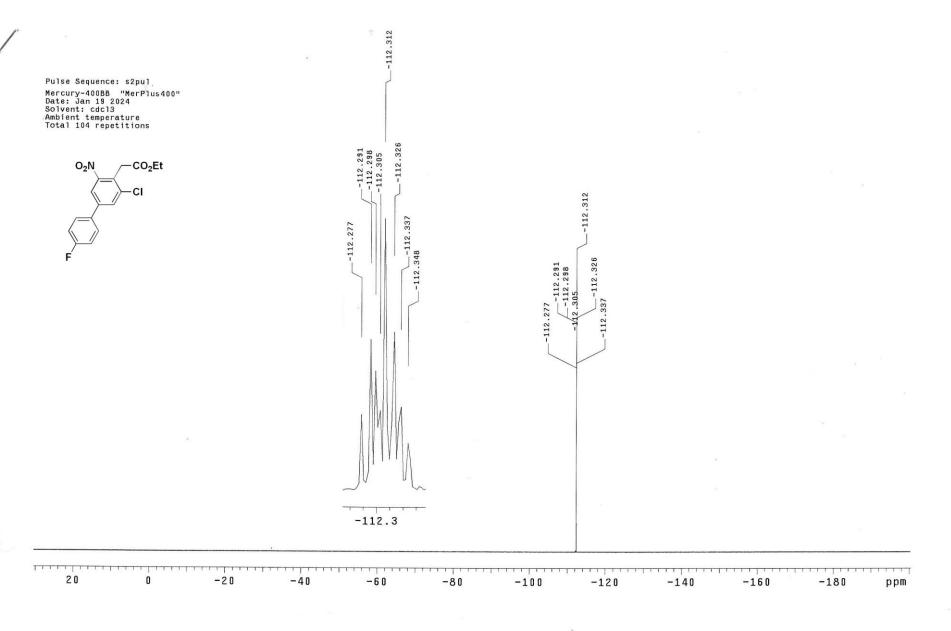
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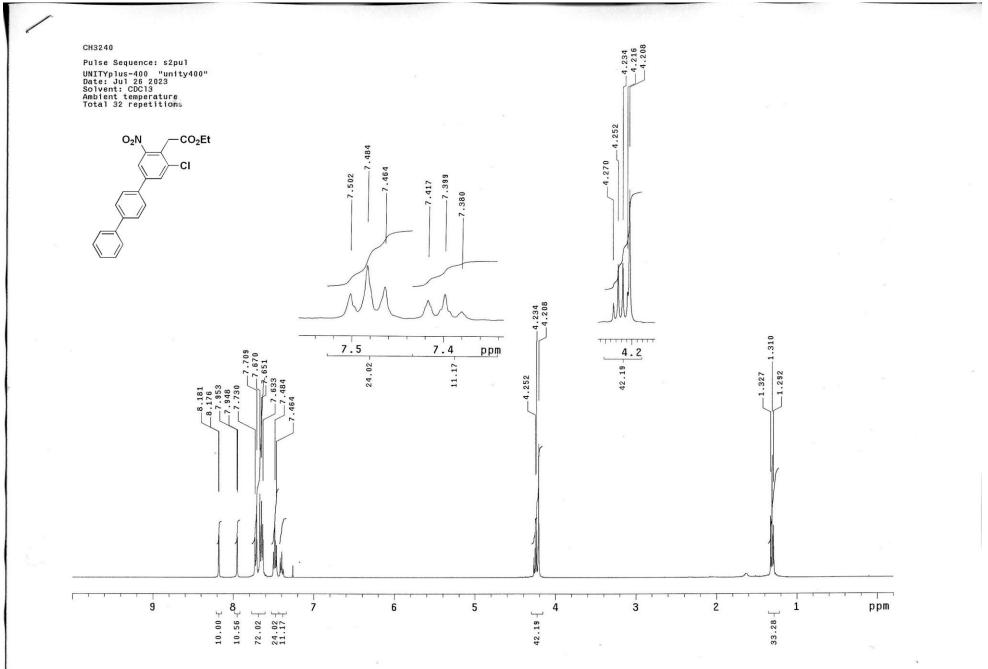


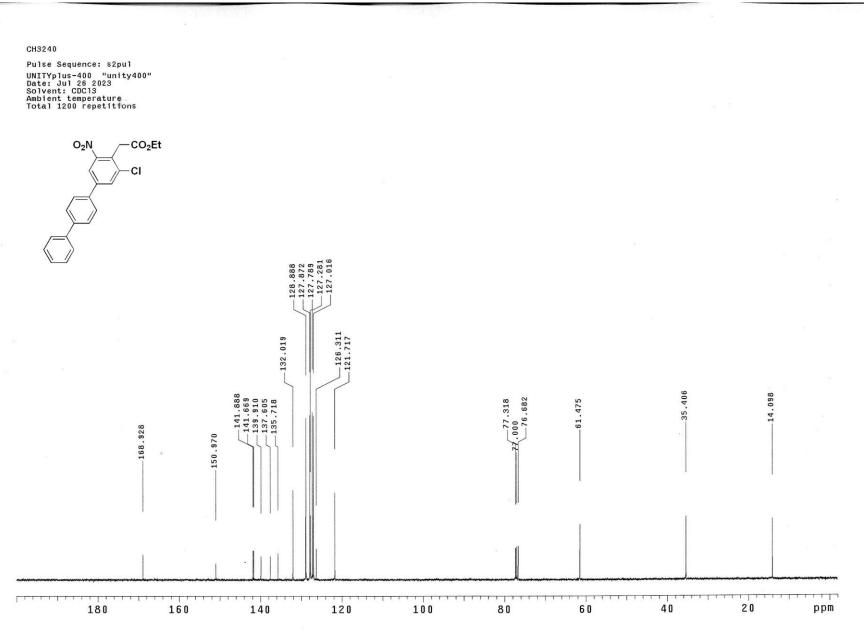


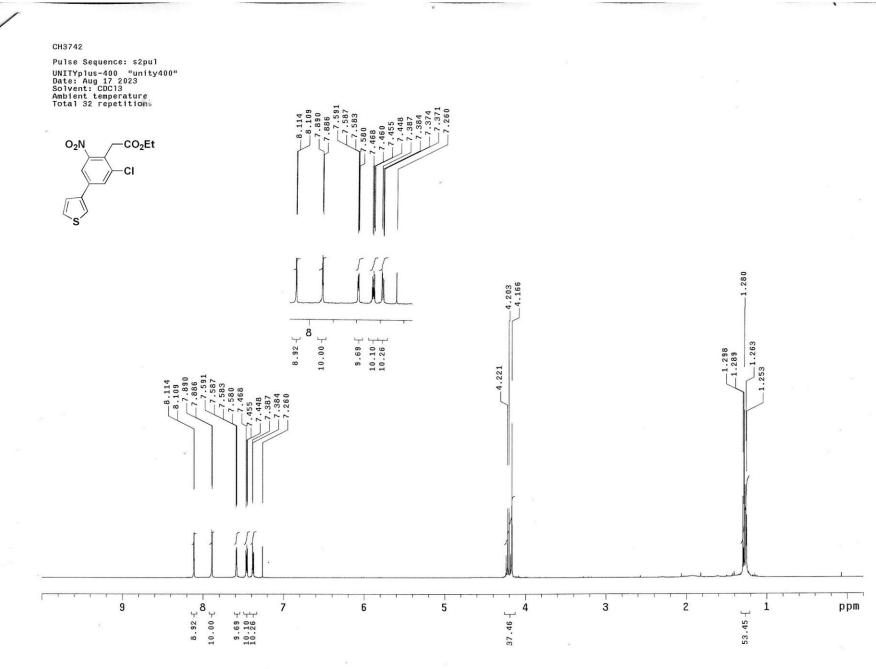
# Compound 7b (19F-NMR spectral data)



# Compound 7c (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



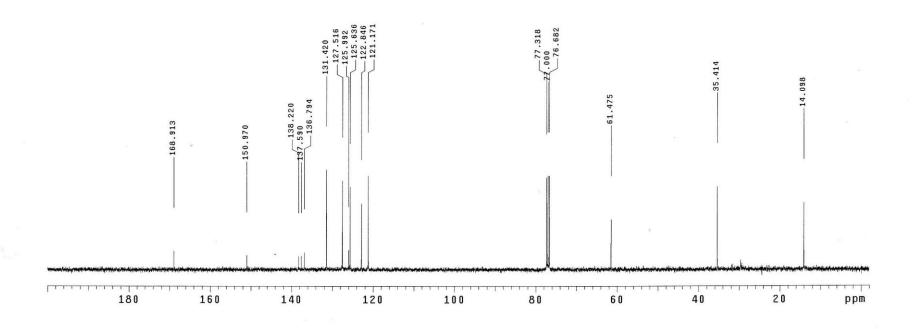




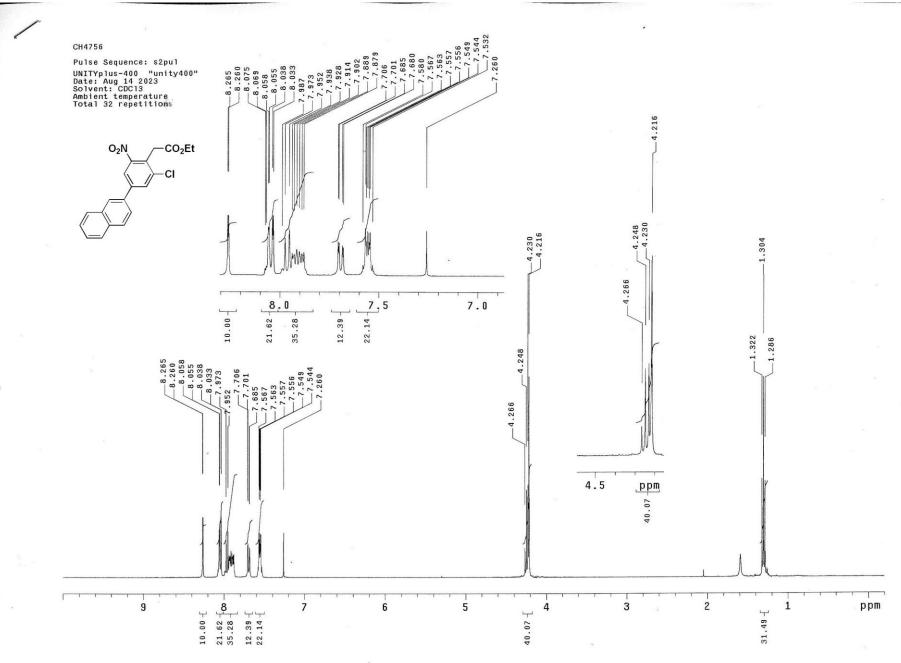
# Compound 7d (13C-NMR spectral data)

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Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Aug 17 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 2048 repetitions



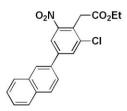
# Compound 7e (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)

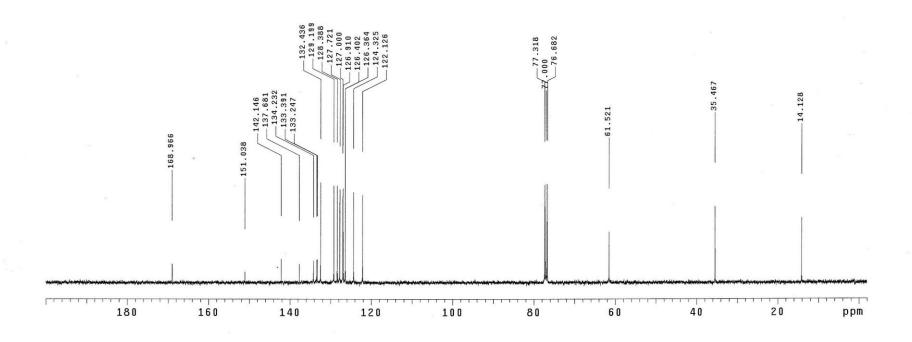


# Compound 7e (13C-NMR spectral data)

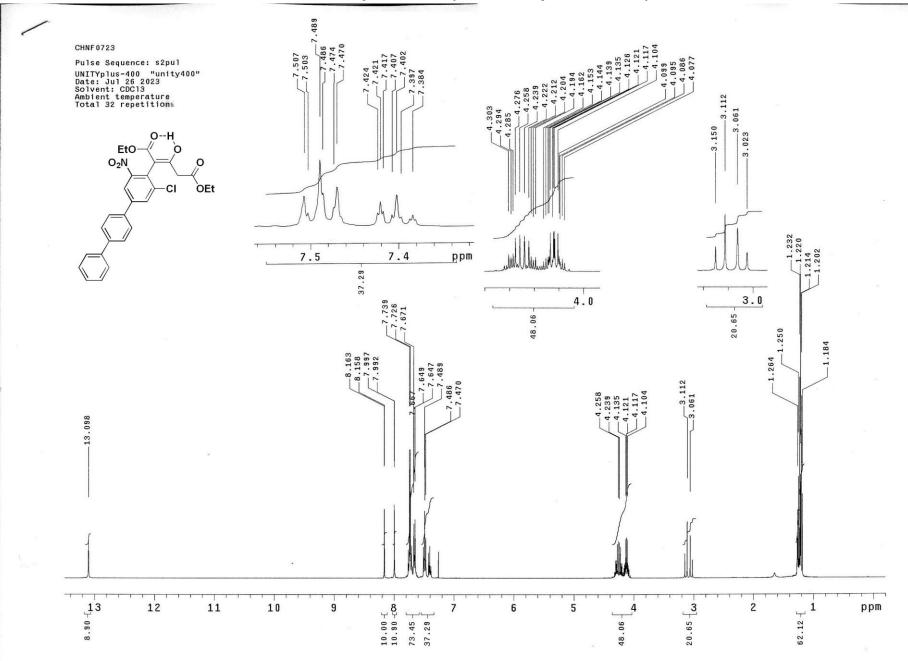
#### CH475

Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Aug 14 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 3888 repetitions





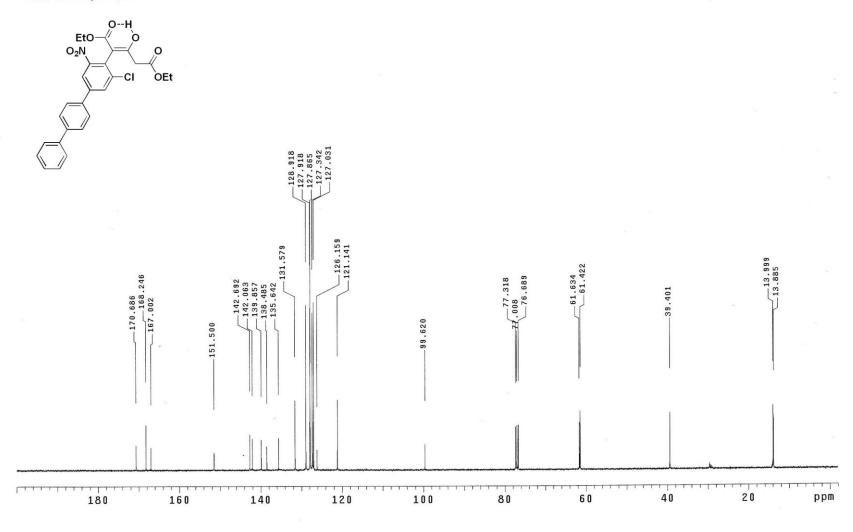
# Compound 8a (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



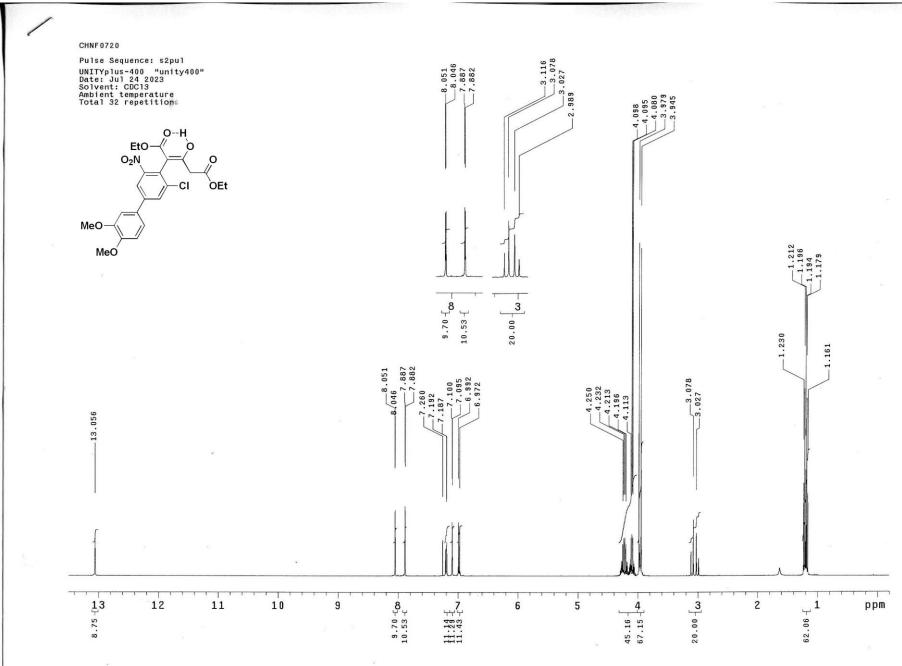
# Compound 8a (13C-NMR spectral data)



Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Jul 26 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 3824 repetitions



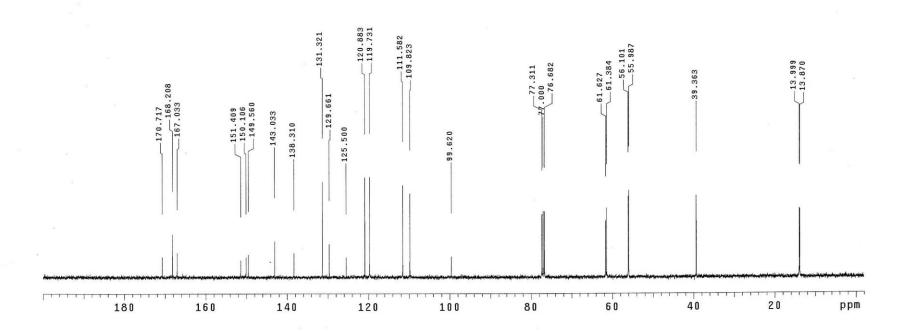
# Compound 8b (1H-NMR spectral data)



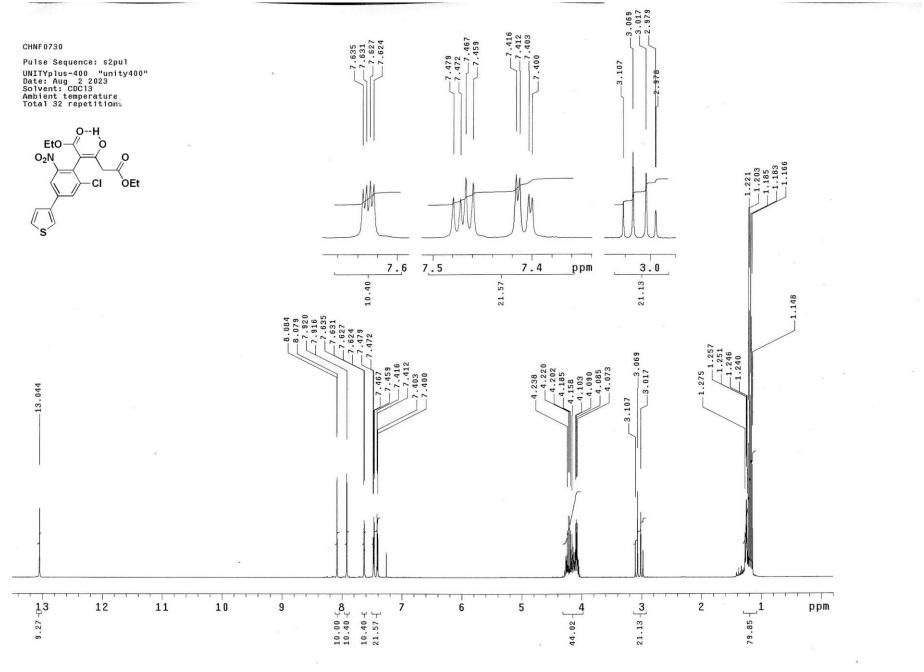
# Compound 8b (13C-NMR spectral data)

### CHNF 0720

Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Jul 24 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature Total 1648 repetitions



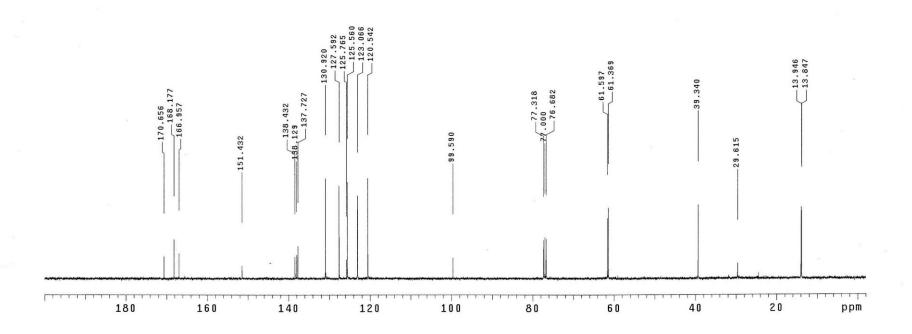
# Compound 8c (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



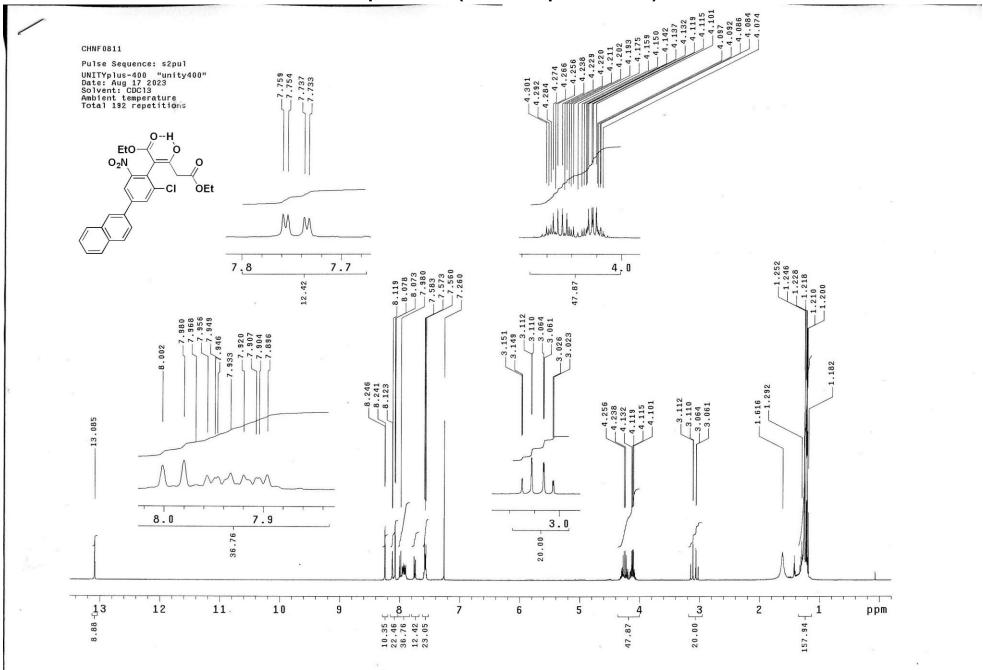
# Compound 8c (13C-NMR spectral data)

### CHNF 0730

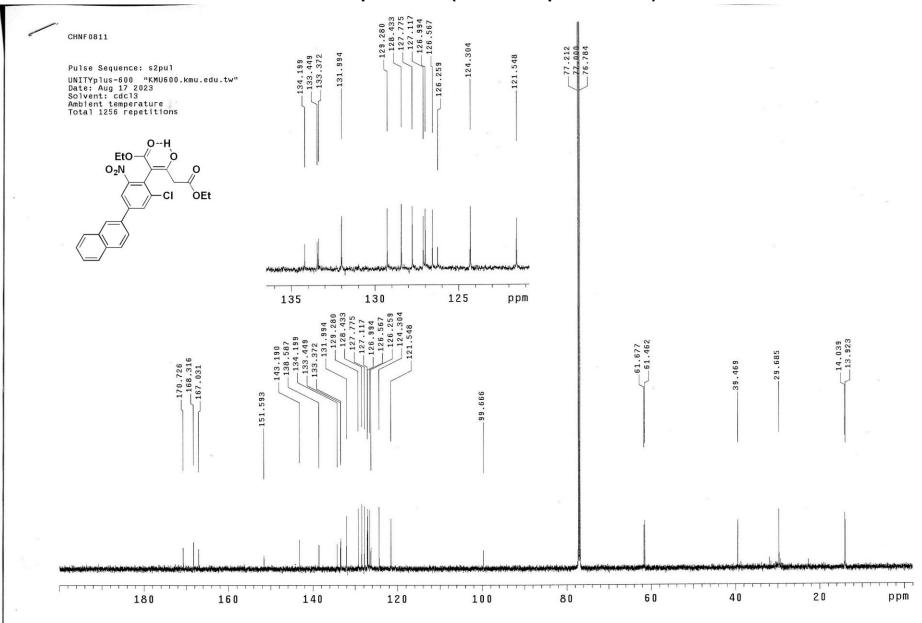
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UNITYplus-400 "unity400"
Date: Aug 2 2023
Solvent: CDC13
Ambient temperature
Total 1072 repetitions



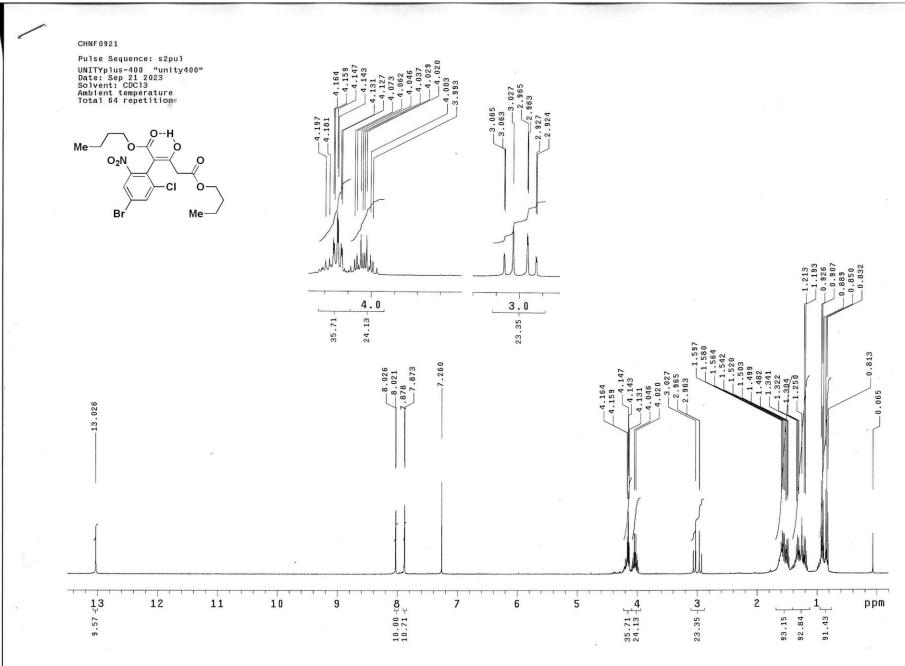
# Compound 8d (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data)



# Compound 8d (13C-NMR spectral data)



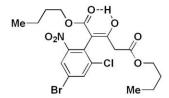
# Compound 8e (1H-NMR spectral data)

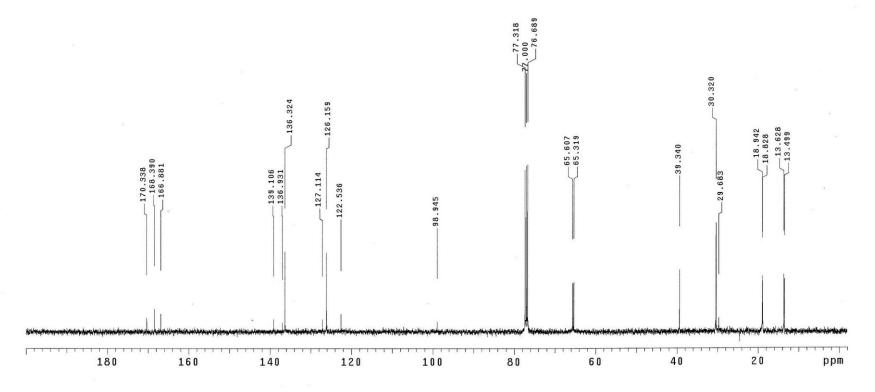


# Compound 8e (13C-NMR spectral data)

### CHNF 0921

Pulse Sequence: s2pul UNITYplus-400 "unity400" Date: Sep 21 2023 Solvent: CDC13 Ambient temperature File: U0315-4 Total 8672 repetitions

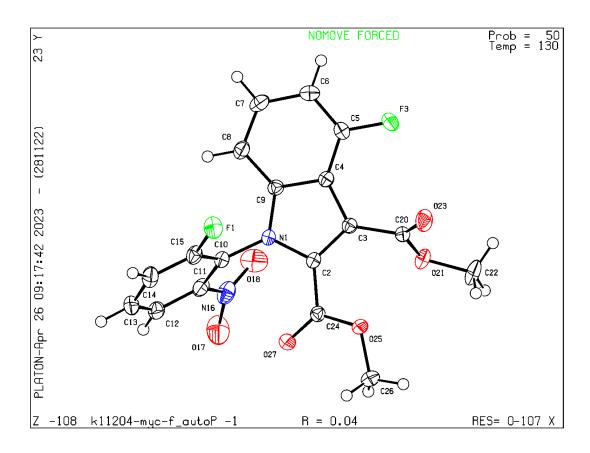




### X-ray crystal data of compound 4a

**Sample preparation**: A solution of compound **4a** (30 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was placed in a tube (10 mL). EtOAc (2 mL) was added slowly to the vial with a dropper. The vial was closed with little cotton and kept at room temperature for 2 days. Then, colorless prisms were observed.

**Crystal measurement**: X-ray crystal structures were determined with a Bruker Enraf-Nonius single-crystal diffractometer (CAD4, Kappa CCD). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability level.



Empirical formula C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

Formula weight 390.30
Temperature/K 130(2)
Crystal system triclinic
Space group P-1

a/Å7.8953(2)b/Å10.6880(2)c/Å10.9838(2) $\alpha/^{\circ}$ 68.919(2) $\beta/^{\circ}$ 77.025(2) $\gamma/^{\circ}$ 82.949(2)Volume/Å  $^3$ 841.86(3)

 $\begin{array}{ccc} Z & & 2 \\ & & \\ \rho_{calc}g/cm^3 & & 1.540 \\ & \mu/mm^{-1} & & 0.131 \\ F(000) & & 400.0 \end{array}$ 

Crystal size/mm<sup>3</sup>  $0.5 \times 0.4 \times 0.4$ 

Radiation Mo  $K\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )

 $2\Theta$  range for data collection/° 4.052 to 53.942

Index ranges  $-9 \le h \le 9, -13 \le k \le 13, -13 \le l \le 13$ 

Reflections collected 22714

Independent reflections  $3516 [R_{int} = 0.0359, R_{sigma} = 0.0240]$ 

Data/restraints/parameters 3516/0/256

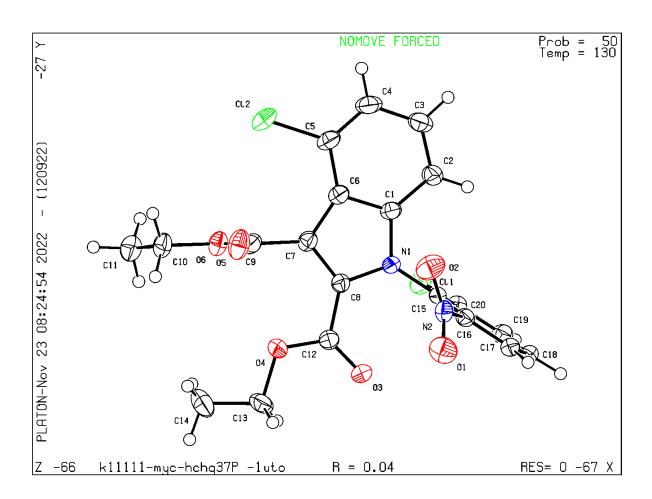
Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup> 1.068

Largest diff. peak/hole / e  $\mbox{Å}^{-3}$  0.44/-0.23

### X-ray crystal data of compound 4g

**Sample preparation**: A solution of compound **4g** (30 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was placed in a tube (10 mL). EtOAc (2 mL) was added slowly to the vial with a dropper. The vial was closed with little cotton and kept at room temperature for 2 days. Then, colorless prisms were observed.

**Crystal measurement**: X-ray crystal structures were determined with a Bruker Enraf-Nonius single-crystal diffractometer (CAD4, Kappa CCD). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability level.



Empirical formula C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

Formula weight 451.25
Temperature/K 130(2)
Crystal system triclinic
Space group P-1

a/Å8.0746(2)b/Å8.2867(3)c/Å16.9277(3) $\alpha/^{\circ}$ 95.590(2) $\beta/^{\circ}$ 98.647(2) $\gamma/^{\circ}$ 114.340(3)Volume/Å  $^3$ 1004.16(5)

Z 2

 $\begin{array}{lll} \rho_{calc} g/cm^{3} & 1.492 \\ \mu/mm^{-1} & 0.365 \\ F(000) & 464.0 \end{array}$ 

Crystal size/mm<sup>3</sup>  $0.5 \times 0.4 \times 0.4$ 

Radiation Mo K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )

2Θ range for data collection/° 4.946 to 49.98

Index ranges  $-9 \le h \le 9, -9 \le k \le 9, -20 \le l \le 20$ 

Reflections collected 25407

Independent reflections  $3539 [R_{int} = 0.0369, R_{sigma} = 0.0228]$ 

Data/restraints/parameters 3539/1/273

Goodness-of-fit on  $F^2$  1.055

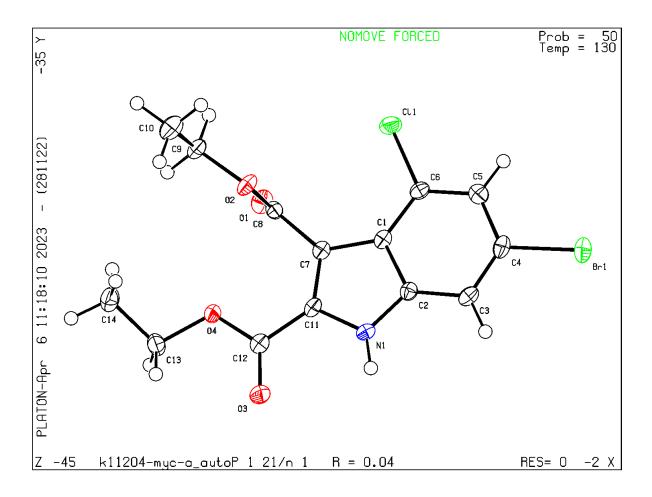
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$  (I)] R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0397, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.1030 Final R indexes [all data] R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0464, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.1073

Largest diff. peak/hole / e  $\text{Å}^{-3}$  0.63/-0.36

### X-ray crystal data of compound 5c

**Sample preparation**: A solution of compound **5c** (30 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was placed in a tube (10 mL). EtOAc (2 mL) was added slowly to the vial with a dropper. The vial was closed with little cotton and kept at room temperature for 2 days. Then, colorless prisms were observed.

**Crystal measurement**: X-ray crystal structures were determined with a Bruker Enraf-Nonius single-crystal diffractometer (CAD4, Kappa CCD). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability level.



Empirical formula C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrClNO<sub>4</sub>

Formula weight 374.61 Temperature/K 130(2)

Crystal system monoclinic

 Space group
 P21/n

 a/Å
 7.4292(3)

 b/Å
 16.5544(8)

 c/Å
 12.3299(5)

 $\alpha$ /° 90

 $\beta$ /° 96.297(4)

γ/° 90

Volume/Å <sup>3</sup> 1507.26(11)

 $Z \qquad \qquad 4 \\ \rho_{calc} g/cm^3 \qquad \qquad 1.651$ 

 $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$  2.918 F(000) 752.0

Crystal size/mm<sup>3</sup>  $0.5 \times 0.4 \times 0.2$ 

Radiation Mo K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )

2Θ range for data collection/° 4.136 to 54.166

Index ranges  $-9 \le h \le 8, -21 \le k \le 21, -15 \le l \le 15$ 

Reflections collected 20549

Independent reflections 3138 [ $R_{int} = 0.0520$ ,  $R_{sigma} = 0.0447$ ]

Data/restraints/parameters 3138/0/192

Goodness-of-fit on  $F^2$  1.024

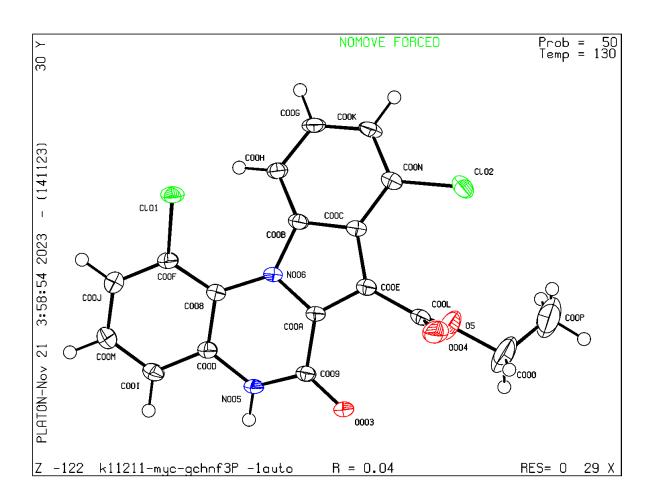
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$  (I)]  $R_1 = 0.0387$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.0854$ Final R indexes [all data]  $R_1 = 0.0478$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.0884$ 

Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å -3 1.25/-0.96

### X-ray crystal data of compound 6b

**Sample preparation**: A solution of compound **6b** (30 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was placed in a tube (10 mL). EtOAc (2 mL) was added slowly to the vial with a dropper. The vial was closed with little cotton and kept at room temperature for 2 days. Then, colorless prisms were observed.

**Crystal measurement**: X-ray crystal structures were determined with a Bruker Enraf-Nonius single-crystal diffractometer (CAD4, Kappa CCD). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability level.



Empirical formula C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Formula weight 375.20
Temperature/K 130(2)
Crystal system triclinic
Space group P-1

a/Å8.2481(2)b/Å10.2725(2)c/Å10.6752(2) $\alpha/^{\circ}$ 68.739(2) $\beta/^{\circ}$ 77.265(2) $\gamma/^{\circ}$ 87.293(2)Volume/Å  $^3$ 821.67(3)

 $\begin{array}{ccc} Z & & 2 \\ & & \\ \rho_{calc}g/cm^3 & & 1.516 \end{array}$ 

 $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$  0.416 F(000) 384.0

Crystal size/mm<sup>3</sup>  $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5$ 

Radiation Mo K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )

 $2\Theta$  range for data collection/° 4.196 to 54.088

Index ranges  $-10 \le h \le 10, -13 \le k \le 13, -13 \le l \le 13$ 

Reflections collected 22394

Data/restraints/parameters 3443/402/227

Goodness-of-fit on  $F^2$  1.067

Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$  (I)] R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0382, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.0997 Final R indexes [all data] R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0431, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.1031

Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å -3 0.58/-0.43

Figure S1. Free energy profile from INT-3 to INT-4.

