

Supporting Information

Synthesis of Cytochalasan Analogues with Aryl Substituents at Position 10

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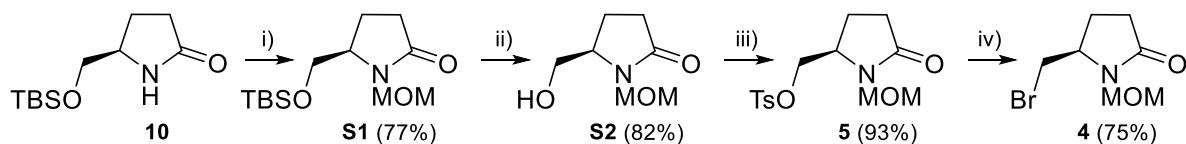
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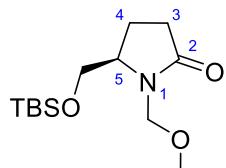
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Synthesis of compounds 4 and 5



Scheme S1. Reagents and conditions: i) 1. $(\text{MeO})_2\text{CH}_2$, AcCl , ZnBr_2 , toluene, RT, 4 h, 2. BuLi , THF, RT, 16 h; ii) $(\text{HF})_3\text{NEt}_3$, DCM/THF, RT, 6 h; iii) TsCl , pyridine, RT, 24 h; iv) LiBr , acetone, 40°C , 24 h.

(R)-5-{{[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]methyl}-1-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (S1)}



Preparation of MOMCl: First, zinc bromide (15 mg, 65.4 μmol) was dried under high vacuum (heatgun 150-200 $^\circ\text{C}$). Then, dry toluene (5 mL) and dimethoxymethane (1.16 mL, 13.1 mmol) were added at RT under argon atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred while acetyl chloride (930 μL , 13.1 mmol) was slowly added dropwise (exothermic reaction). The mixture was then stirred for an additional 4 h at RT under argon atmosphere.

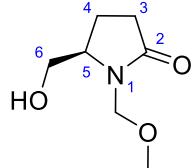
Preparation of pyrrolidin-2-one salt: To a solution of (R)-5-{{[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]methyl}pyrrolidin-2-one (**10**) (1.5 g, 6.54 mmol) in dry toluene (8 mL) and dry THF (2 mL), $n\text{-BuLi}$ (3.9 mL, 2.5 M in hexanes, 9.81 mmol) was added at -78°C under argon atmosphere and stirred at 0°C for 1 h. **Preparation of product:** The mixture containing pyrrolidin-2-one salt was slowly added to the mixture containing MOMCl at 0°C under argon atmosphere and stirred at RT for 16 h. Then, EtOAc (20 mL) and a solution of NH_4Cl (20 mL) were added and resulting mixture was vigorously stirred for an additional 2 h. The layers were separated and aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2×20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with a solution of NaHCO_3 (25 mL), brine (25 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc in hexane 0% to 100%, product elutes at 50%) to give **S1** (1.37 mg, 77%) as a yellowish oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.80 (d, $J_{\text{gem}} = 10.5$ Hz, 1H, NCH_2a), 4.64 (d, $J_{\text{gem}} = 10.5$ Hz, 1H, NCH_2b), 3.78 – 3.71 (m, 2H, OCH_2a , H-5), 3.62 (m, $\Sigma J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H, OCH_2b), 3.27 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 2.51 (m, $\Sigma J = 35.3$ Hz, 1H, H-3a), 2.33 (ddd, $J_{\text{gem}} = 17.1$, $J_{3b,4b} = 10.0$, $J_{3b,4a} = 4.6$ Hz, 1H, H-3b), 2.15 – 2.01 (m, $\Sigma J = 48.3$ Hz, 1H, H-4a), 1.91 (dddd, $J_{\text{gem}} = 13.4$, $J_{4b,3b} = 10.0$, $J_{4b,3a} = 4.7$, $J_{4b,5} = 3.6$ Hz, 1H, H-4b), 0.85 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 0.03 (s, 3H, SiCH_3), 0.02 (s, 3H, SiCH_3) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.91 (C-2), 72.58 (NCH₂), 63.74 (OCH₂), 58.46 (CH-5), 56.03 (OCH₃), 30.47 (CH₂-3), 25.71 (SiCCH₃), 21.48 (CH₂-4), 18.08 (SiCCH₃), -5.63 (2xSiCH₃) ppm.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3\text{NNaSi} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 296.1652; found 296.1653.

(R)-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (S2)



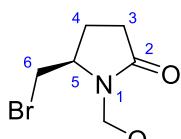
This compound was synthesized following the procedure for the preparation of compound **19**. Triethylamine trihydrofluoride (4.10 mL, 25.2 mmol) was added to a solution of **S1** (1.15 g, 4.19 mmol) in dry DCM (10 mL) and dry THF (10 mL) at RT under argon atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred until full conversion (18 h, TLC, $\text{EtOAc}/\text{MeOH} : 20/1$). A solution of NaHCO_3 (30 mL) was slowly added (release of gas) and the resulting mixture was extracted with DCM (5×50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: MeOH in EtOAc 0% to 5%, product elutes at 5%) to give **S2** (550 mg, 82%) as a colorless oil.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.05 (d, $J_{\text{gem}} = 10.3$ Hz, 1H, NCH_2a), 4.40 (d, $J_{\text{gem}} = 10.4$ Hz, 1H, NCH_2b), 3.76 – 3.67 (m, 2H, H-5,6a), 3.52 (m, $\Sigma J = 26.7$ Hz, 1H, H-6b), 3.40 (dd, $J_{\text{OH},6a} = 8.1$, $J_{\text{OH},6b} = 5.7$ Hz, 1H, OH), 3.38 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 2.49 (ddd, $J_{\text{gem}} = 17.5$, $J_{3a,4b} = 10.0$, $J_{3a,4a} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, H-3a), 2.38 (ddd, $J_{\text{gem}} = 17.4$, $J_{3b,4a} = 10.1$, $J_{3b,4b} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, H-3b), 2.12 (dddd, $J_{\text{gem}} = 13.2$, $J_{4a,3b} = 10.1$, $J_{4a,5} = 8.2$, $J_{4a,3a} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, H-4a), 1.80 (m, $\Sigma J = 36.5$ Hz, 1H, H-4b) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.70 (C-2), 73.56 (NCH₂), 65.01 (CH₂-6), 61.30 (CH-5), 56.37

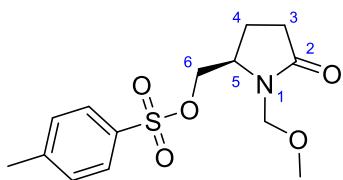
(OCH₃), 30.18 (CH₂-3), 20.55 (CH₂-4) ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₇H₁₃O₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 182.0788; found 182.0787.

(R)-5-(bromomethyl)-1-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (4)



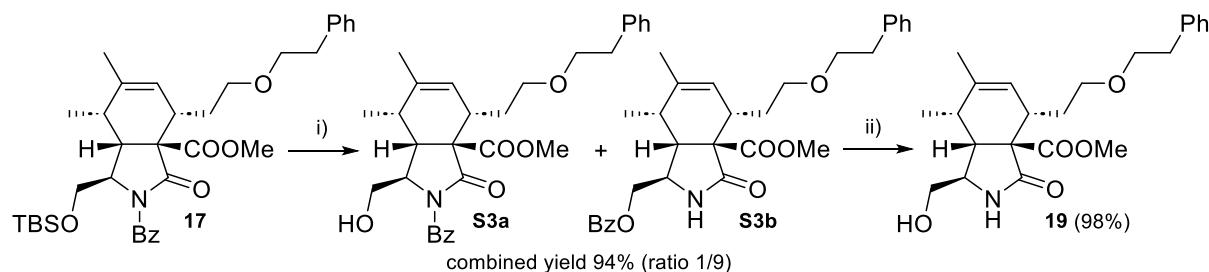
First, lithium bromide (108 mg, 1.25 mmol) was dried under high vacuum (heatgun 150–200 °C). Then, dry acetone (5 mL) and **5** (80 mg, 0.26 mmol) were added at RT under argon atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C until full conversion (24 h, TLC, EtOAc). After cooling reaction mixture to RT, H₂O (5 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was extracted with Et₂O (1 × 10 mL) and EtOAc (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (15 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc in hexane 0% to 100%, product elutes at 100%) to give **4** (43 mg, 75%) as a colorless oil. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.76 (d, *J*_{gem} = 10.9 Hz, 1H, NCH₂a), 4.67 (d, *J*_{gem} = 10.8 Hz, 1H, NCH₂b), 3.98 (tdt, *J*_{5,4a} = 8.4, *J*_{5,4b} = *J*_{5,6a} = 4.8, *J*_{5,6b} = 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.57 (m, ΣJ = 28.1 Hz, 2H, H-6a,b), 3.30 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.58 (ddd, *J*_{gem} = 17.3, *J*_{3a,4b} = 10.1, *J*_{3a,4a} = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H-3a), 2.39 (ddd, *J*_{gem} = 17.3, *J*_{3b,4a} = 10.3, *J*_{3b,4b} = 5.6 Hz, 1H, H-3b), 2.22 (dddd, *J*_{gem} = 13.2, *J*_{4a,3b} = 10.2, *J*_{4a,5} = 8.3, *J*_{4a,3a} = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H-4a), 1.98 (dddt, *J*_{gem} = 13.3, *J*_{4b,3a} = 10.1, *J*_{4b,3b} = 5.6, *J*_{4b,5} = 4.4 Hz, 1H, H-4b) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.17 (C-2), 72.74 (NCH₂), 57.22 (CH₂-5), 56.43 (OCH₃), 35.52 (CH₂-6), 29.84 (CH₂-3), 23.03 (CH₂-4) ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₇H₁₂O₂N⁷⁹BrNa [M+Na]⁺ 243.9944; found 243.9944.

(R)-(1-(methoxymethyl)-5-oxopyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (5)



A solution of **S2** (522 mg, 3.28 mmol) in dry pyridine (5 mL) was treated with TsCl (988 mg, 5.18 mmol) at RT under argon atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred until full conversion (24 h, TLC, EtOAc). Next, H₂O (45 mL) was added and the solution was stirred for an additional 5 min. Then, DCM (50 mL) was added, the resulting phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (2 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 10% citric acid (30 mL), 8% NaHCO₃ (45 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The FC of the residue on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc in hexane 0% to 100%, product elutes at 100%) furnished compound **5** (957 mg, 93%) as a yellowish oil. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J*_{H-o-Ts,H-m-Ts} = 8.2 Hz, 2H, 2xH-*o*-Ts), 7.35 (d, *J*_{H-m-Ts,H-o-Ts} = 7.9 Hz, 2H, 2xH-*m*-Ts), 4.63 (d, *J*_{gem} = 10.8 Hz, 1H, NCH₂a), 4.51 (d, *J*_{gem} = 10.7 Hz, 1H, NCH₂b), 4.12 (m, ΣJ = 29.8 Hz, 2H, H-6a,b), 3.88 (dq, *J*_{5,4a} = 8.3, *J*_{5,4b} = *J*_{5,6a} = *J*_{5,6b} = 4.1 Hz, 1H, H-5), 3.18 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.55 – 2.43 (m, 4H, OTs-CH₃, H-3a), 2.34 (ddd, *J*_{gem} = 17.3, *J*_{3b,4a} = 10.0, *J*_{3b,4b} = 5.0 Hz, 1H, H-3b), 2.16 (dddt, *J*_{gem} = 13.2, *J*_{4a,3b} = 10.0, *J*_{4a,5} = 8.6, *J*_{4a,3a} = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H-4a), 1.91 (dddt, *J*_{gem} = 13.3, *J*_{4b,3a} = 9.9, *J*_{4b,3b} = 4.9, *J*_{4b,5} = 4.1 Hz, 1H, H-4b) ppm. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.08 (C-2), 145.26 (C-*p*-OTs), 132.32 (C-*i*-OTs), 129.96 (C-*m*-OTs), 127.85 (C-*o*-OTs), 72.62 (NCH₂), 69.46 (CH₂-6), 56.04 (OCH₃), 55.82 (CH₂-5), 29.77 (CH₂-3), 21.63 (OTs-CH₃), 21.16 (CH₂-4) ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₉O₅NNaS [M+Na]⁺ 336.0876; found 336.0875.

Synthesis of compound 16 using an alternative approach

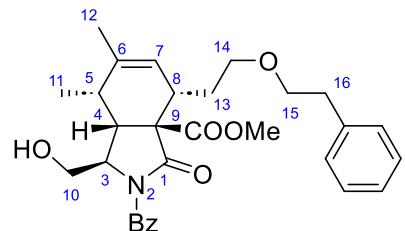


Scheme S2. Reagents and conditions: i) (HF)₃.NEt₃, CH₃CN, RT, 24 h ii) Na, MeOH, RT, 30 min.

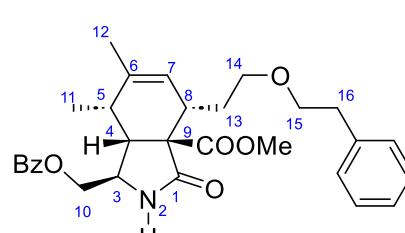
Mixture of methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,4*S*,7*S*,7*a**R*)-2-benzoyl-1-(hydroxymethyl)-6,7-dimethyl-3-oxo-4-(2-phenethoxyethyl)-1,2,3,4,7,7*a*-hexahydro-3*a**H*-isoindole-3*a*-carboxylate (S3a) and methyl (1*R*,3*a**R*,4*S*,7*S*,7*a**R*)-1-[(benzoyloxy)methyl]-6,7-dimethyl-3-oxo-4-(2-phenethoxyethyl)-1,2,3,4,7,7*a*-hexahydro-3*a**H*-isoindole-3*a*-carboxylate (S3b)**

Triethylamine trihydrofluoride (284 μ L, 1.74 mmol) was added to a solution of **17** (157 mg, 0.25 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (3 mL) at RT under argon atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred until full conversion (24 h, TLC, hexanes/EtOAc : 1/1). A solution of NaHCO₃ (5 mL) was slowly added (release of gas) and the resulting mixture was extracted with DCM (3×15 mL) and EtOAc (1×15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc in hexane 0% to 100%, product elutes at 40%) to give inseparable mixture (120 mg, 94%) of two products **S3b** and unstable **S3a** in ratio 9/1 as a colorless dense oil. Product **S3a** undergoes spontaneous isomerization to product **S3b**. Due to the instability of **S3a**, it is not possible to obtain clean ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra. Therefore, only the ¹H NMR of the compound **S3a** in the mixture is presented. HRMS (ESI) (mixture) *m/z* calcd for C₃₀H₃₅O₆NNa [M+Na]⁺ 528.2357; found 528.2349.

Methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,4*S*,7*S*,7*a**R*)-2-benzoyl-1-(hydroxymethyl)-6,7-dimethyl-3-oxo-4-(2-phenethoxyethyl)-1,2,3,4,7,7*a*-hexahydro-3*a**H*-isoindole-3*a*-carboxylate (S3a)**

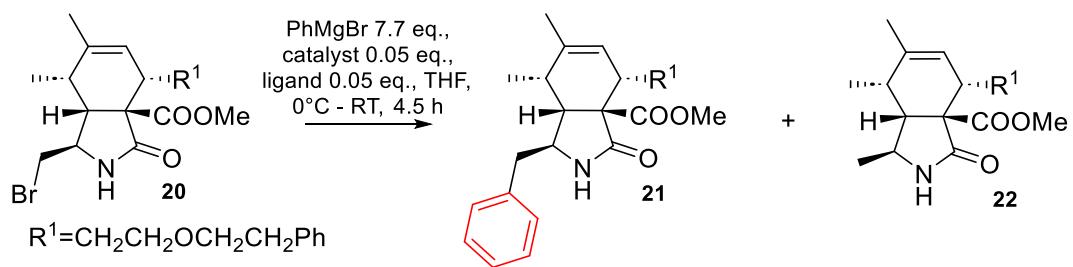


Methyl (1*R*,3*aR*,4*S*,7*S*,7*a**R*)-1-[(benzoyloxy)methyl]-6,7-dimethyl-3-oxo-4-(2-phenethoxyethyl)-1,2,3,4,7,7*a*-hexahydro-3*a**H*-isoindole-3*a*-carboxylate (S3b)**



Ph), 71.38 (C-15), 69.86 (C-14), 68.43 (C-10), 59.80 (C-9), 53.21 (C-3), 52.70 (COOCH₃), 50.64 (C-4), 36.43 (C-8), 36.33 (C-16), 33.90 (C-5), 29.99 (C-13), 20.27 (C-12), 14.03 (C-11) ppm. **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₀H₃₅O₆NNa [M+Na]⁺ 528.2357; found 528.2354.

Screening of alternative ligands



Scheme S3. Optimization of the cross-coupling reaction using cytochalasan bromide **20**

Table 1. Optimization of the cross-coupling reaction using cytochalasan bromide **20**

Entry	Catalyst	Ligand	NMR ratio 20:21:22
S1	-	TMEDA	86: 14 :0
S2	Fe(acac) ₃	-	18: 36 :46
S3	Fe(acac) ₃	Ipr	12: 41 :47
S4	Fe(acac) ₃	IMes	21: 30 :49
S5	Fe(acac) ₃	Bipy	15: 35 :50

HPLC purity of final cytochalasan analogues

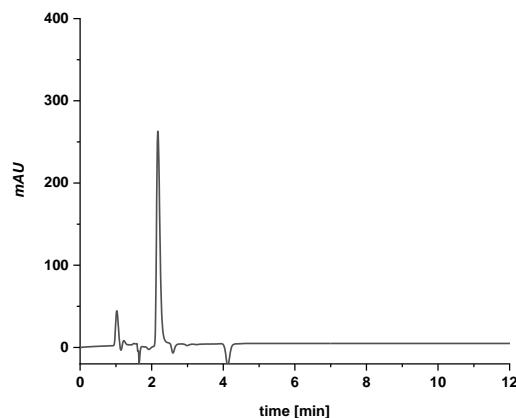
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A: Galo-RP (3 μ m, 120 \AA , 3.0 \times 150 mm i.d.), mobile phase: MeCN/H₂O (7/3), flow rate: 0.6 mL/min.

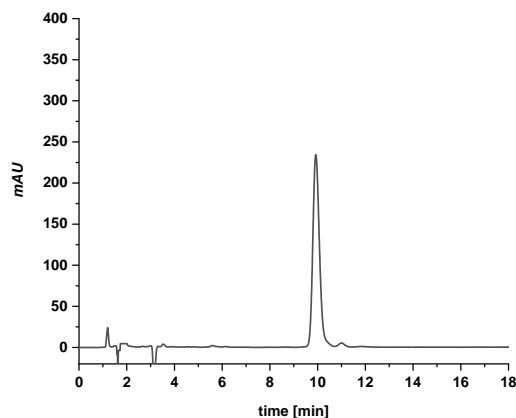
B: XBridge C18 (5 μ m, 130 \AA , 4.0 \times 100 mm i.d.), mobile phase: MeCN/H₂O (7/3), flow rate: 0.75 mL/min.

Sample	Purity (%)	Separation conditions	Retention time (min)
22	98.1	A	2.18
23	98.0	B	9.83
24	96.5	B	9.80
25	99.9	A	3.18
26	95.2	B	11.95
27	96.8	B	7.96
28	98.7	A	2.53

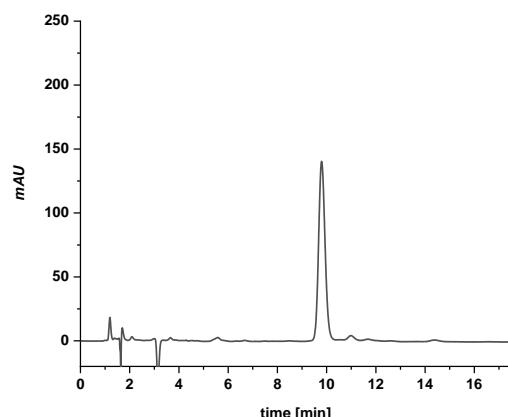
22 – purity 98.1, T_R = 2.18 min



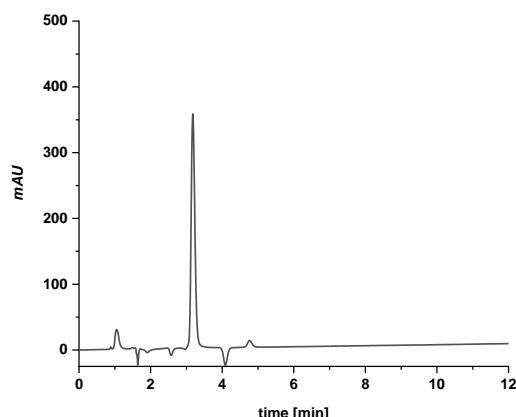
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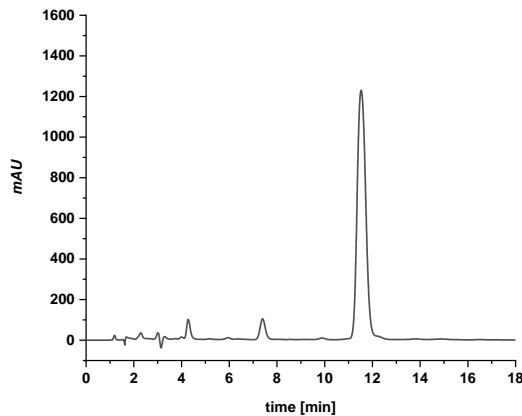
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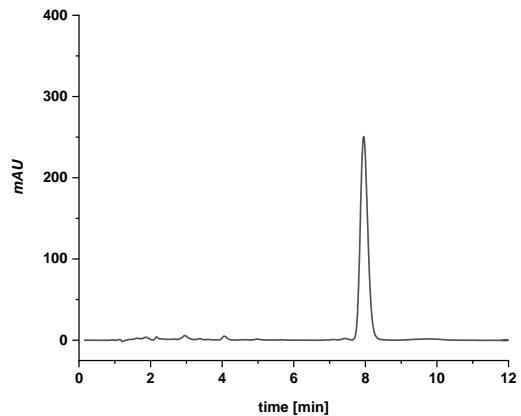
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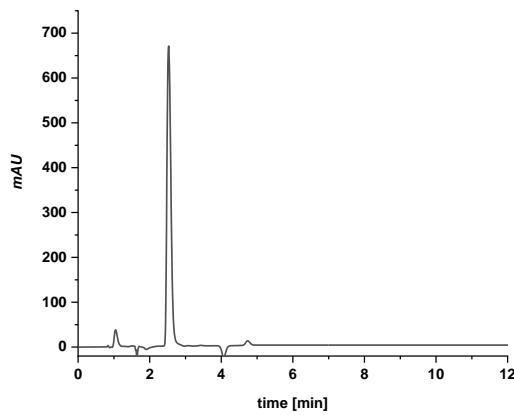
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27 – purity 96.8, $T_R = 7.96$ min



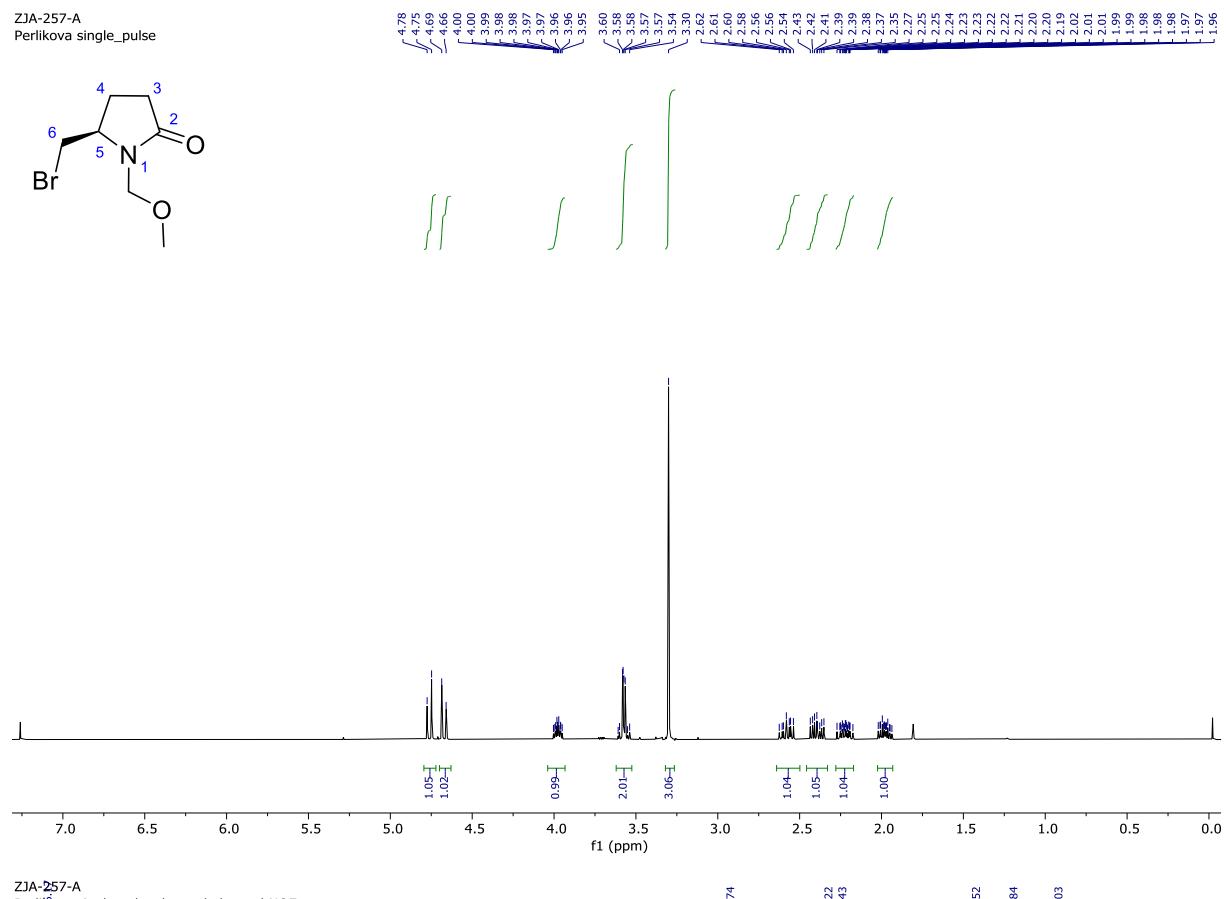
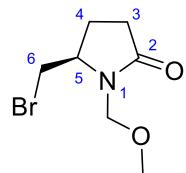
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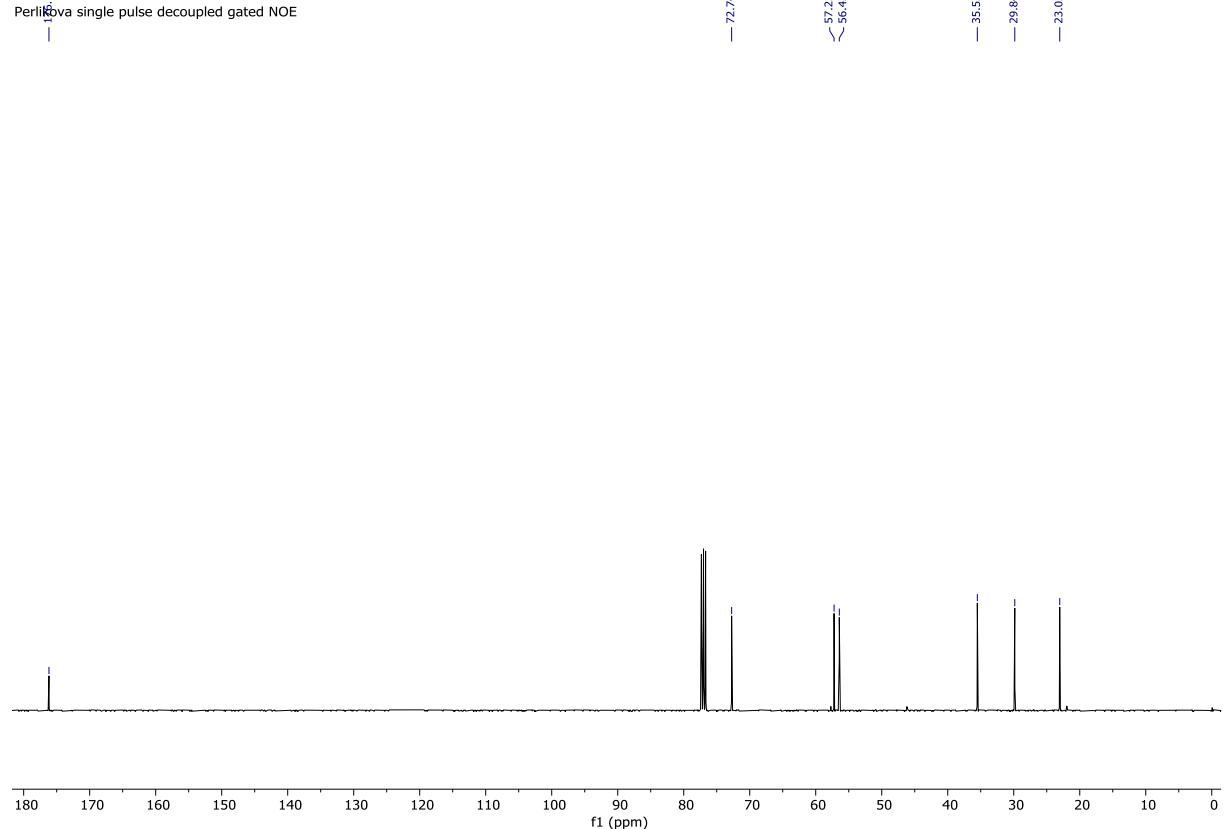
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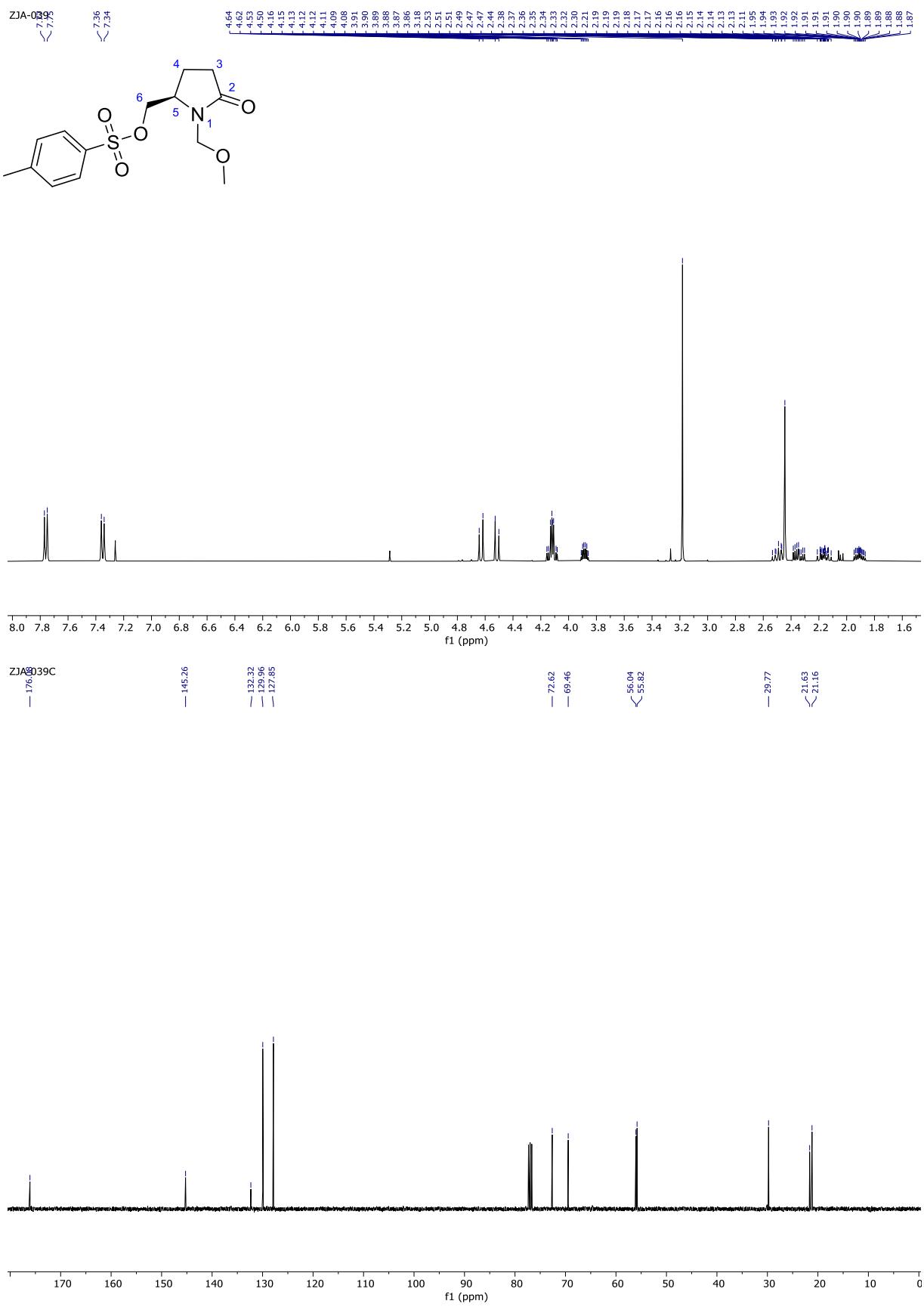
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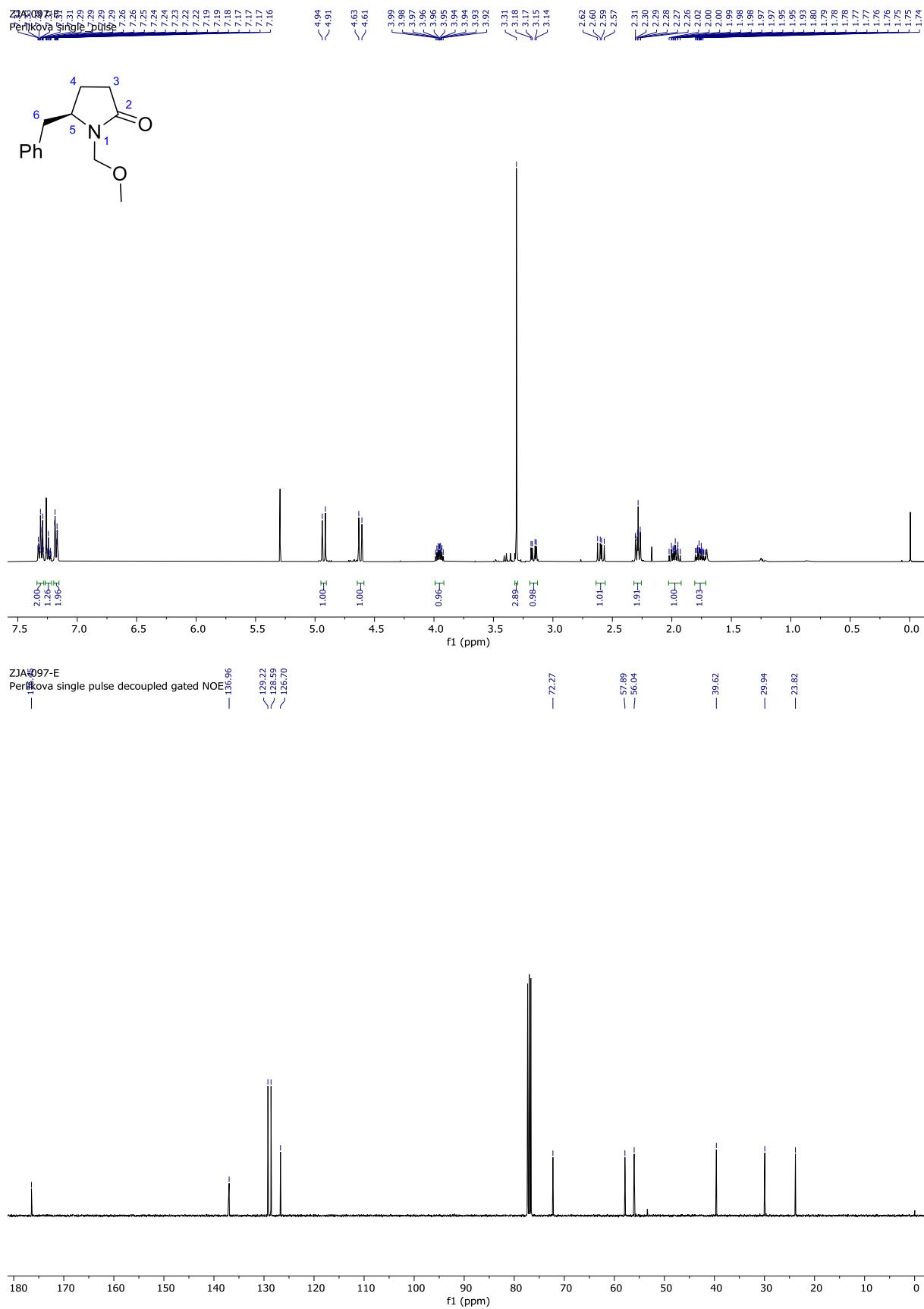
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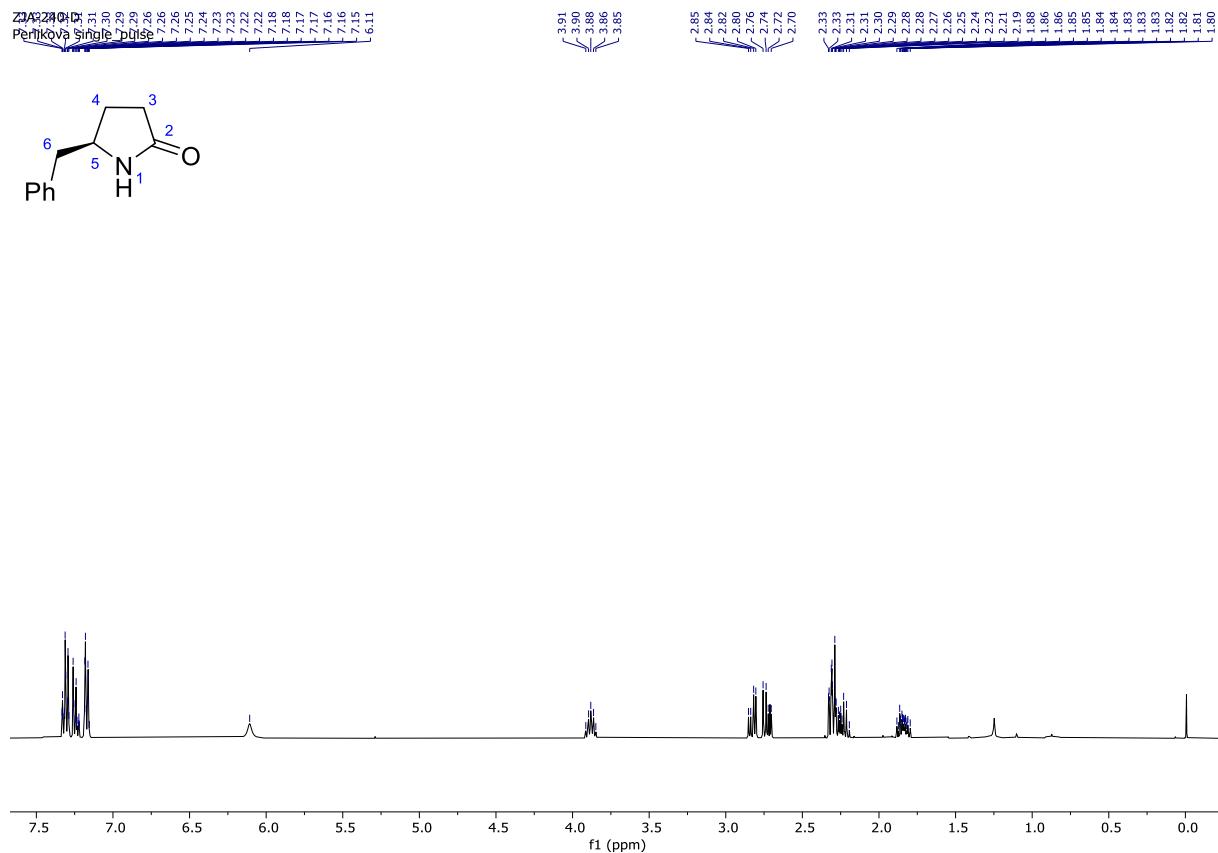


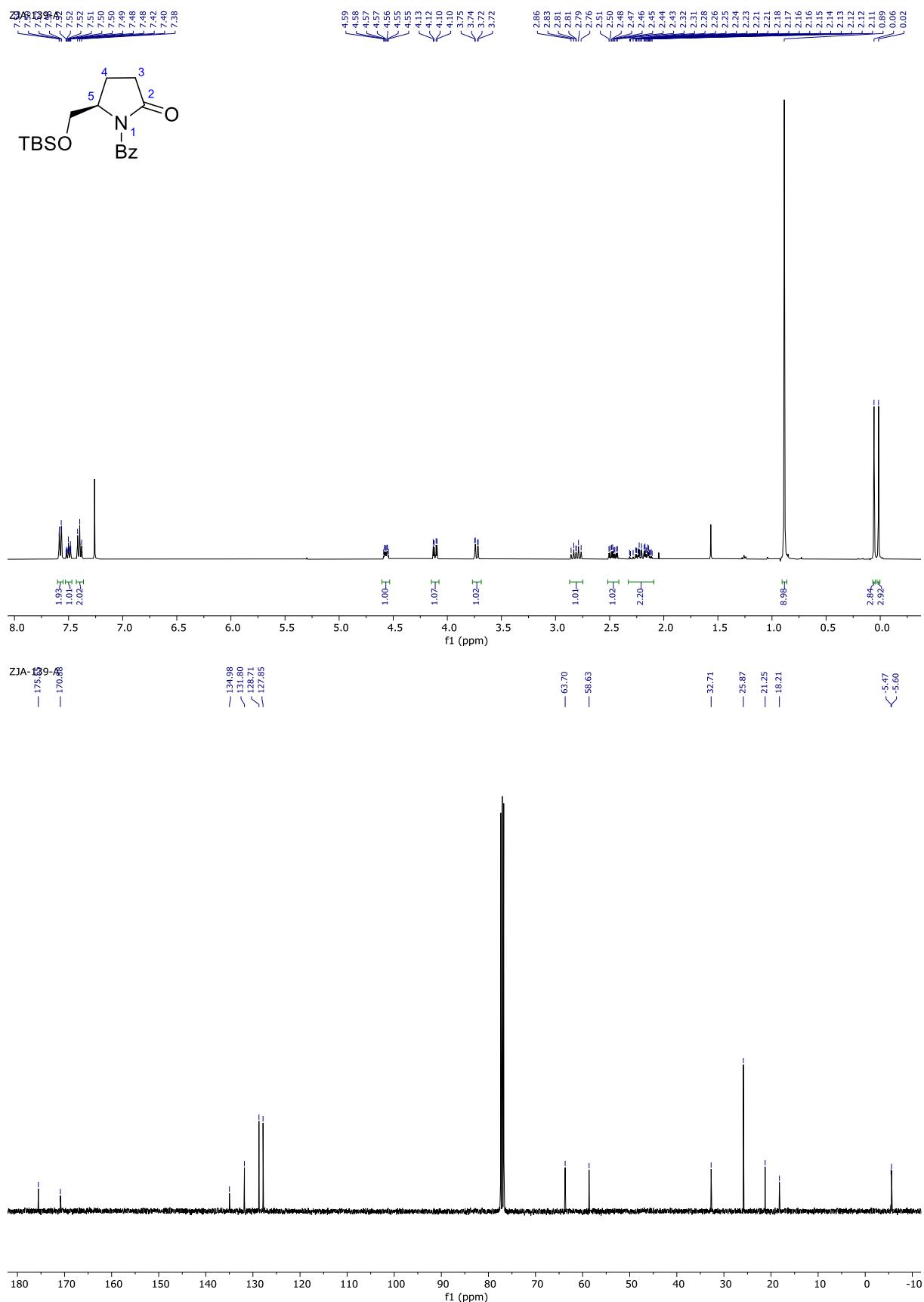
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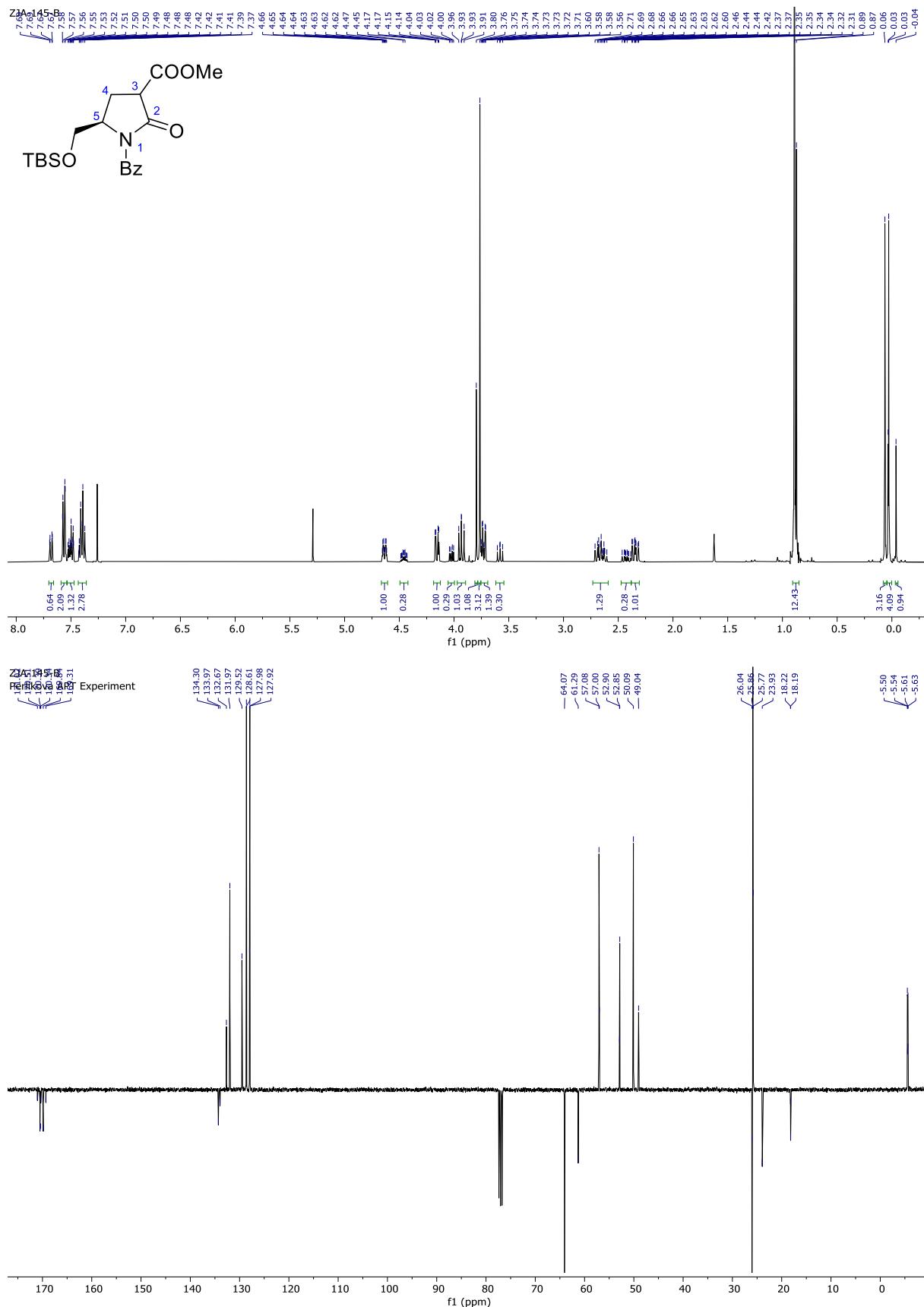


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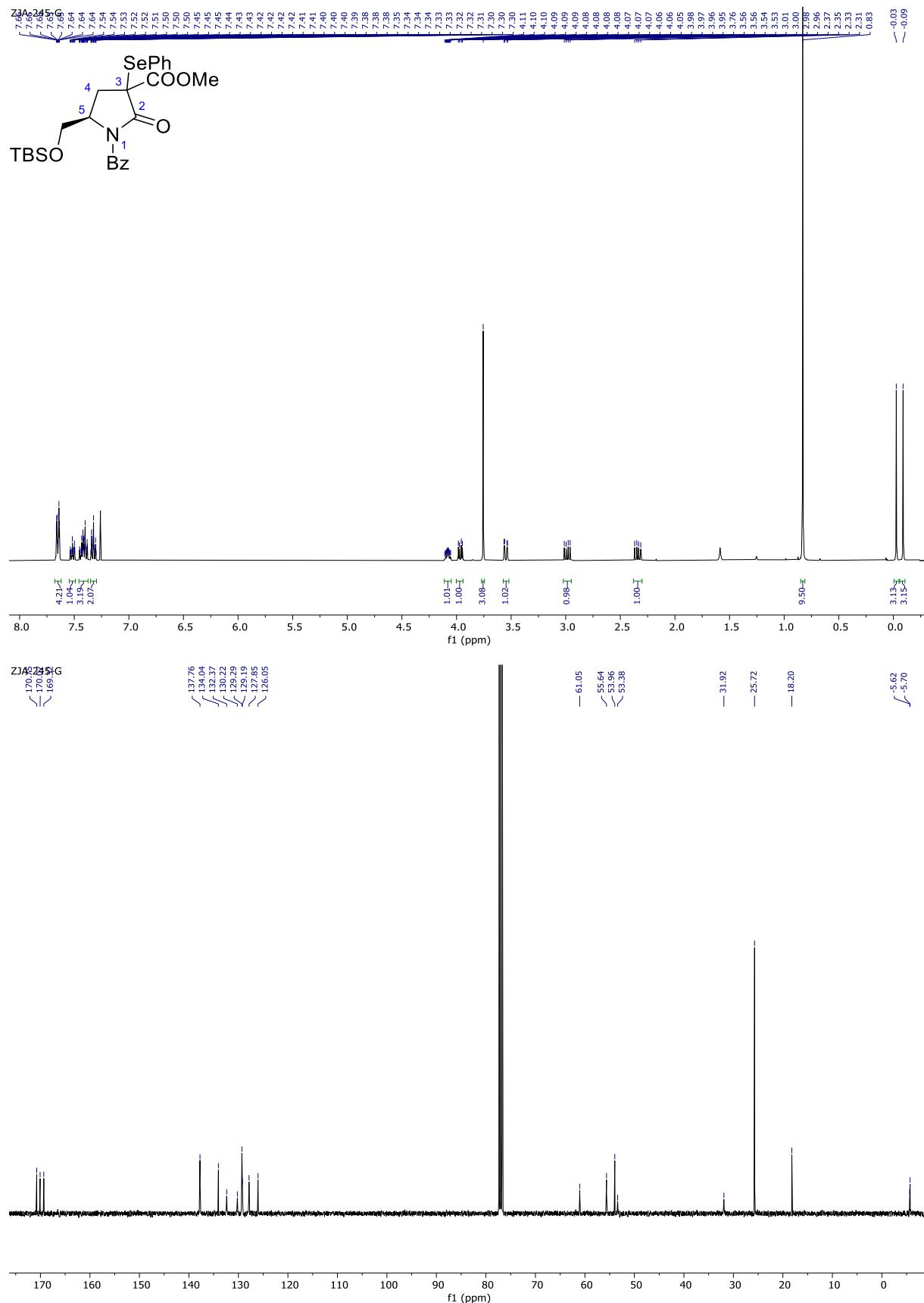




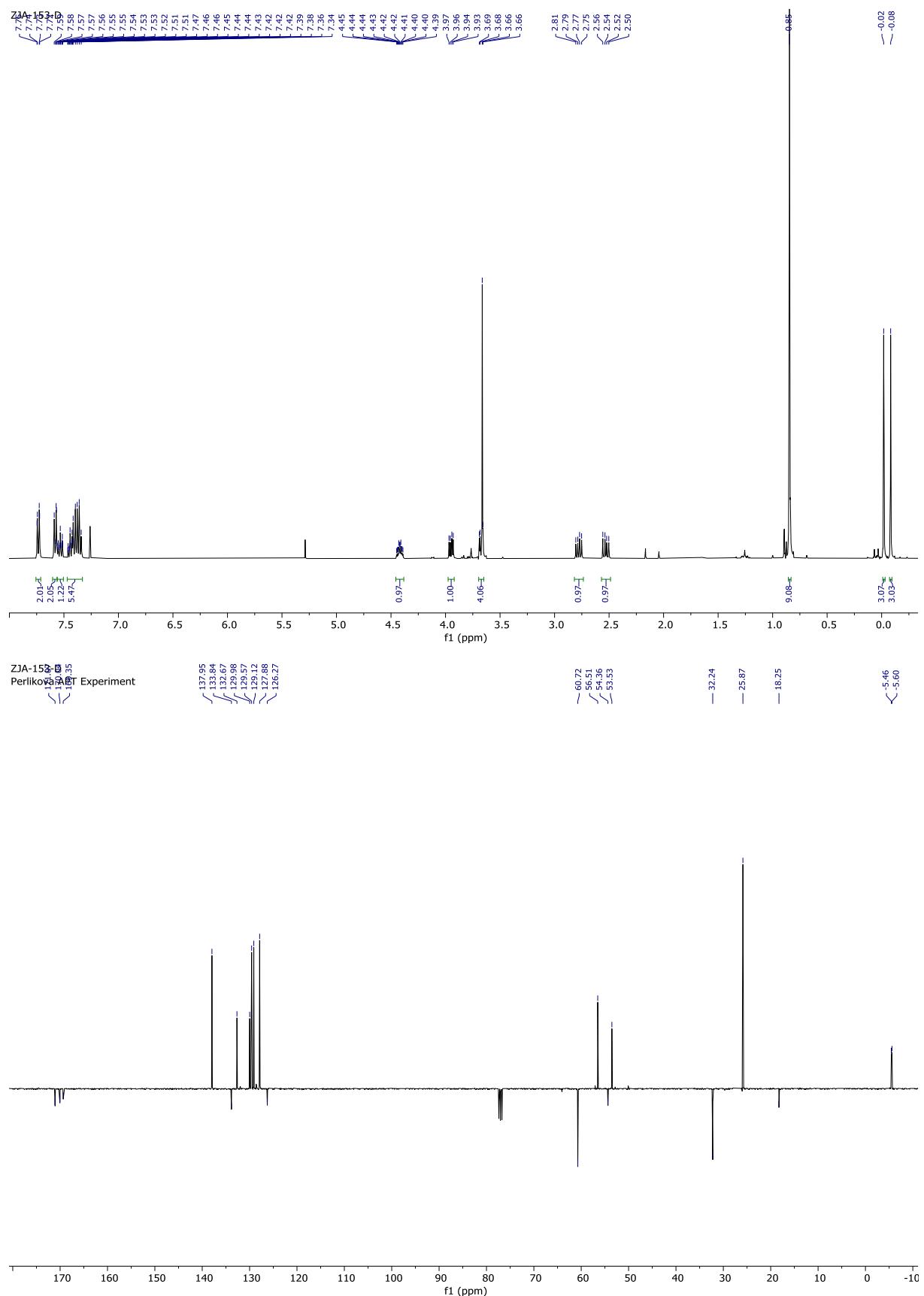




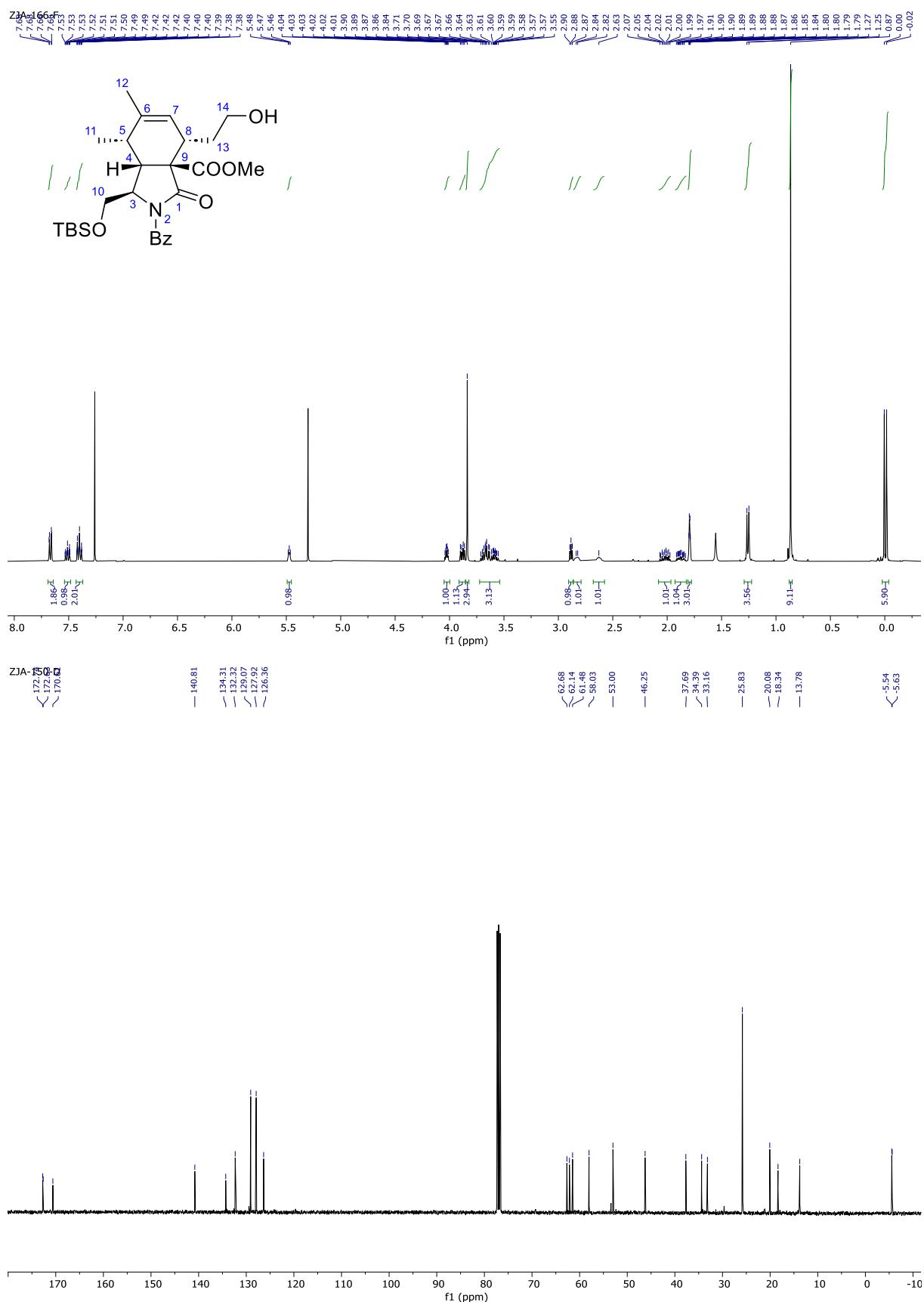
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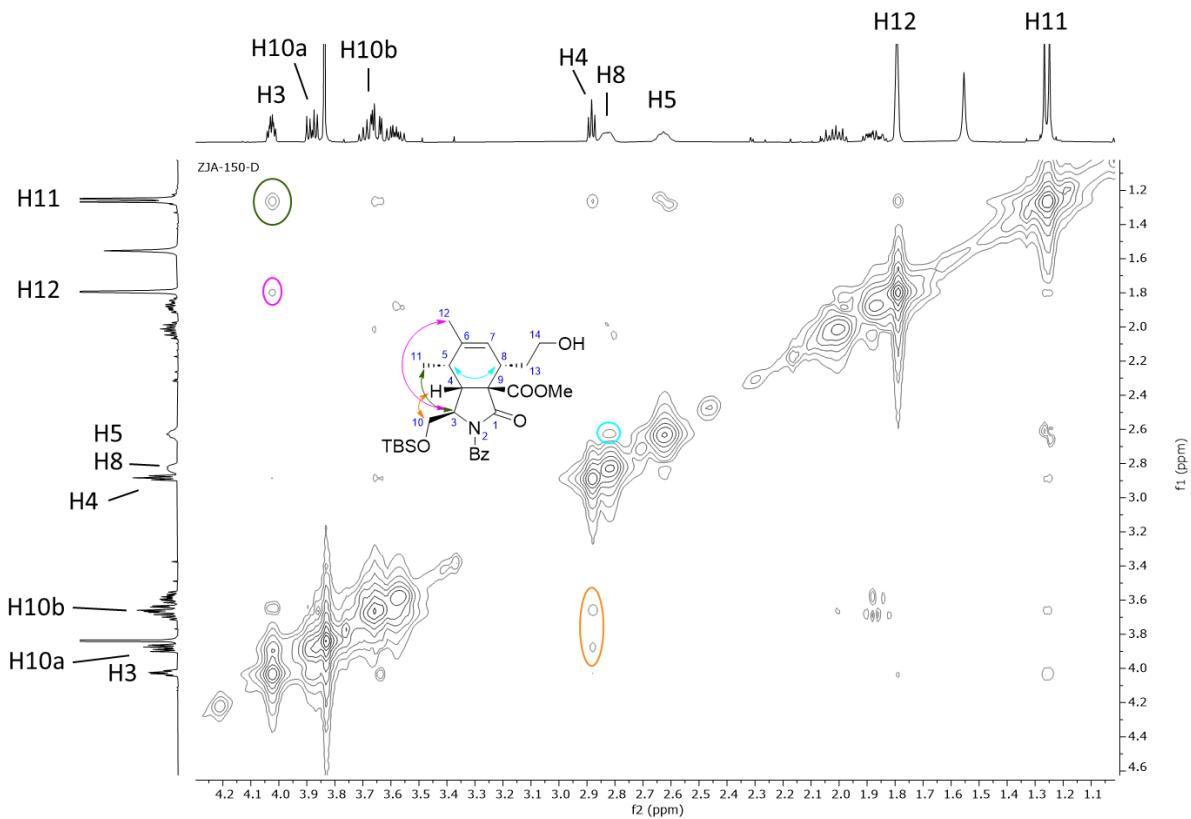
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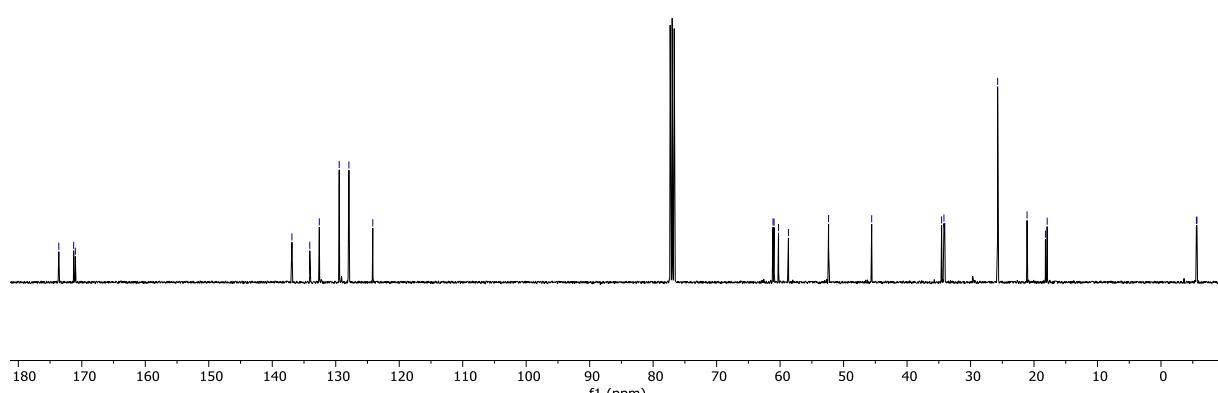
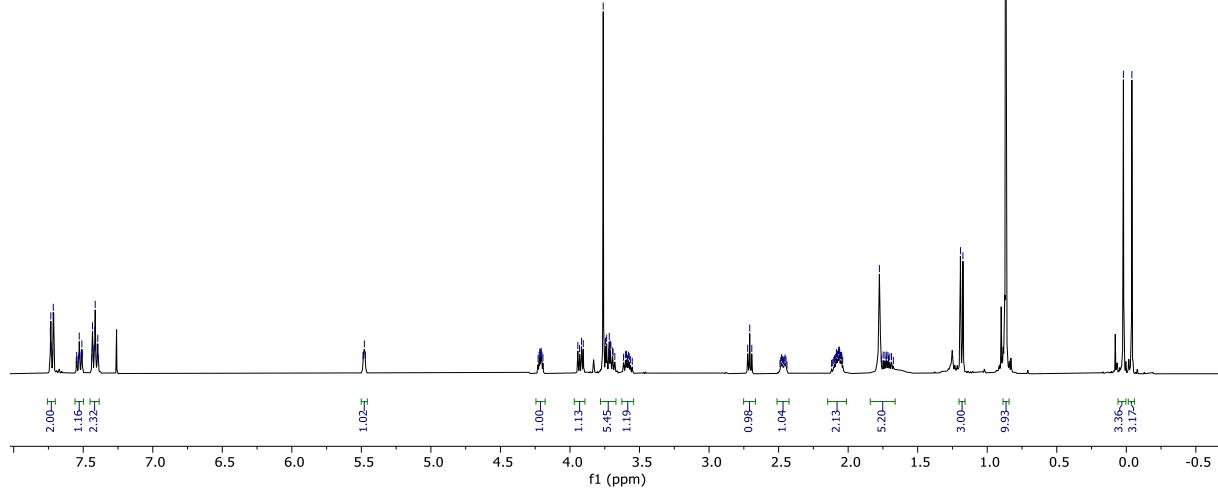
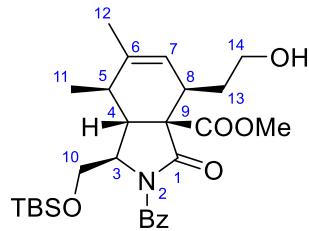
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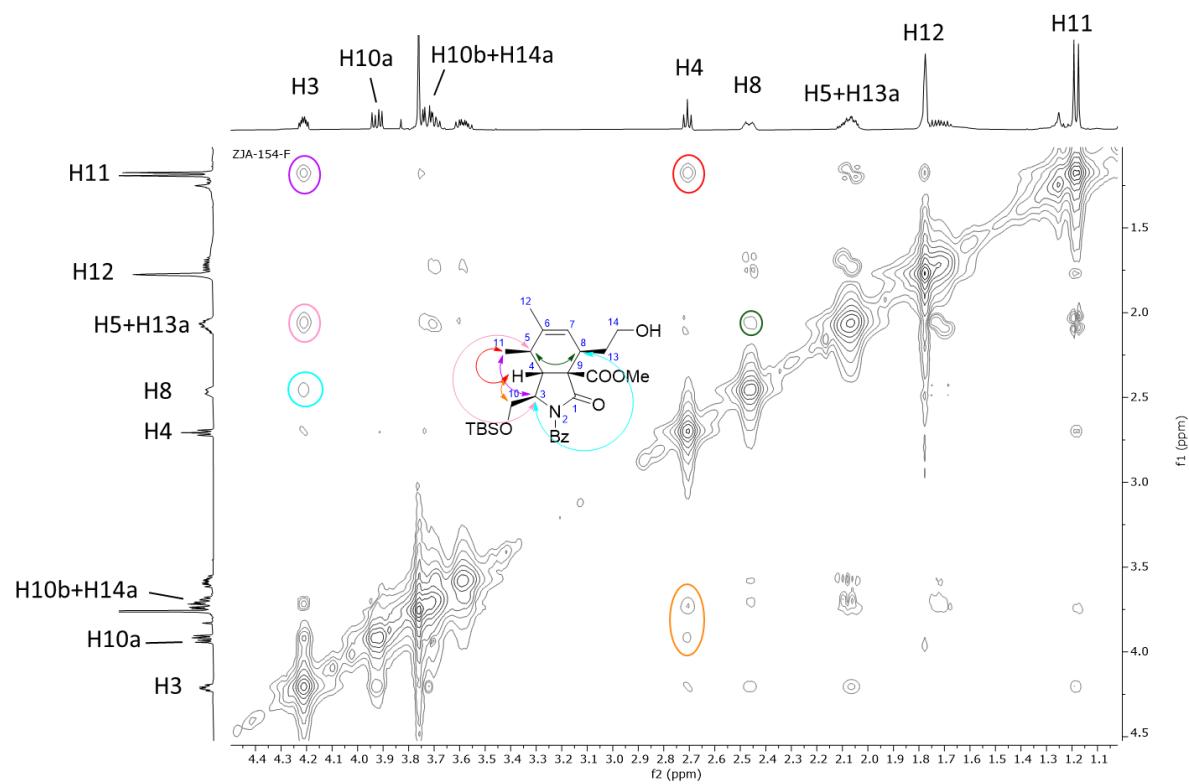
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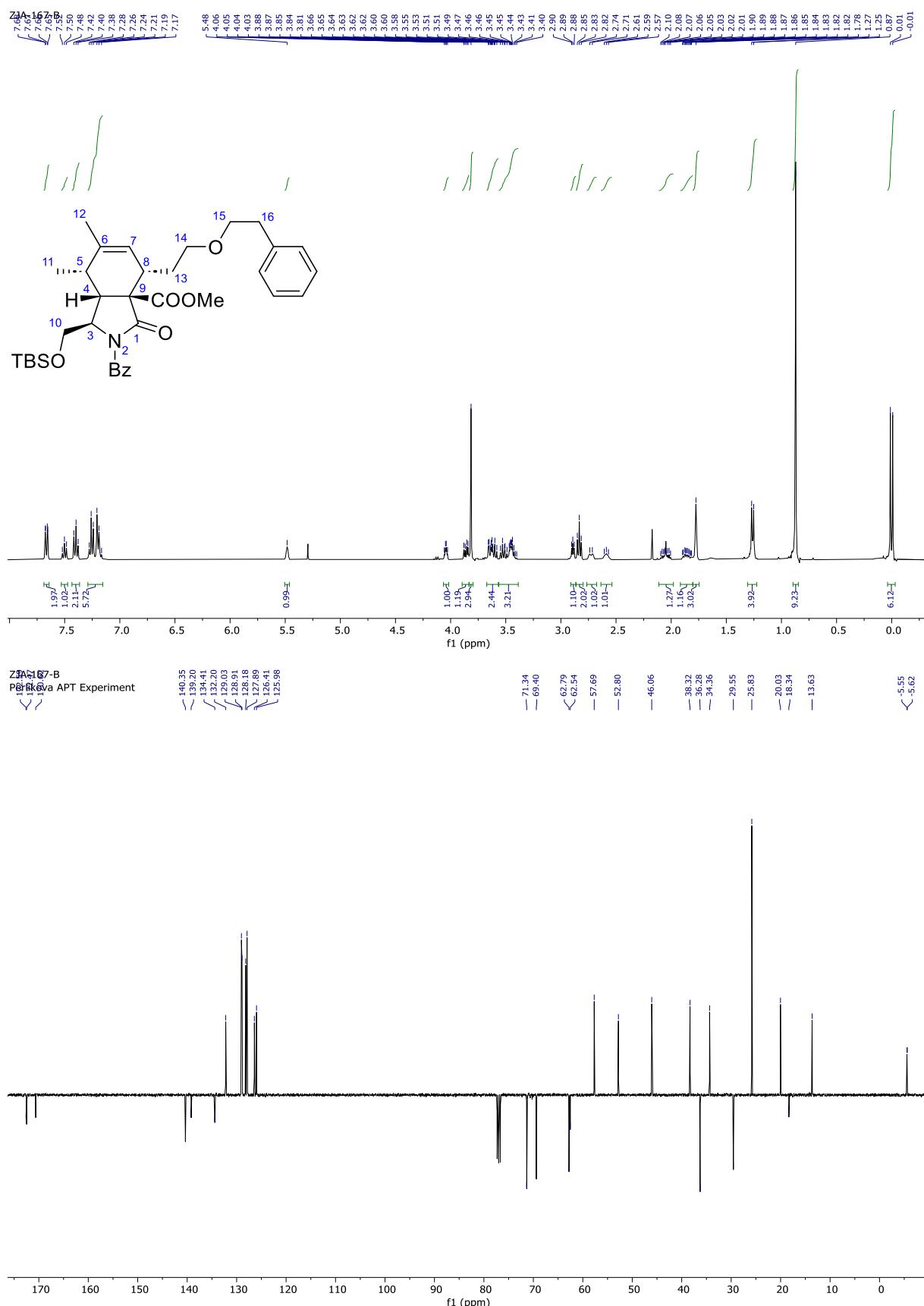


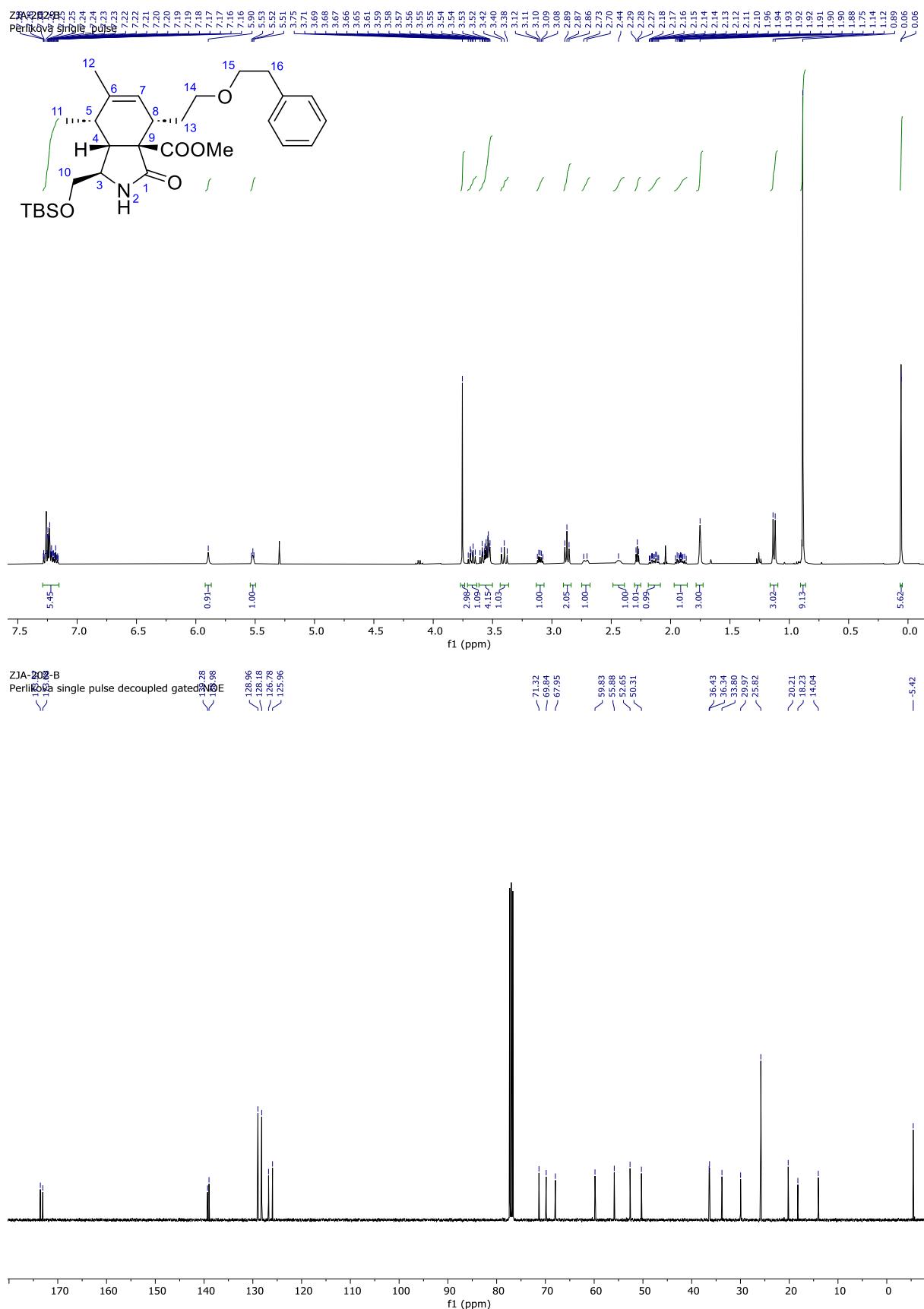
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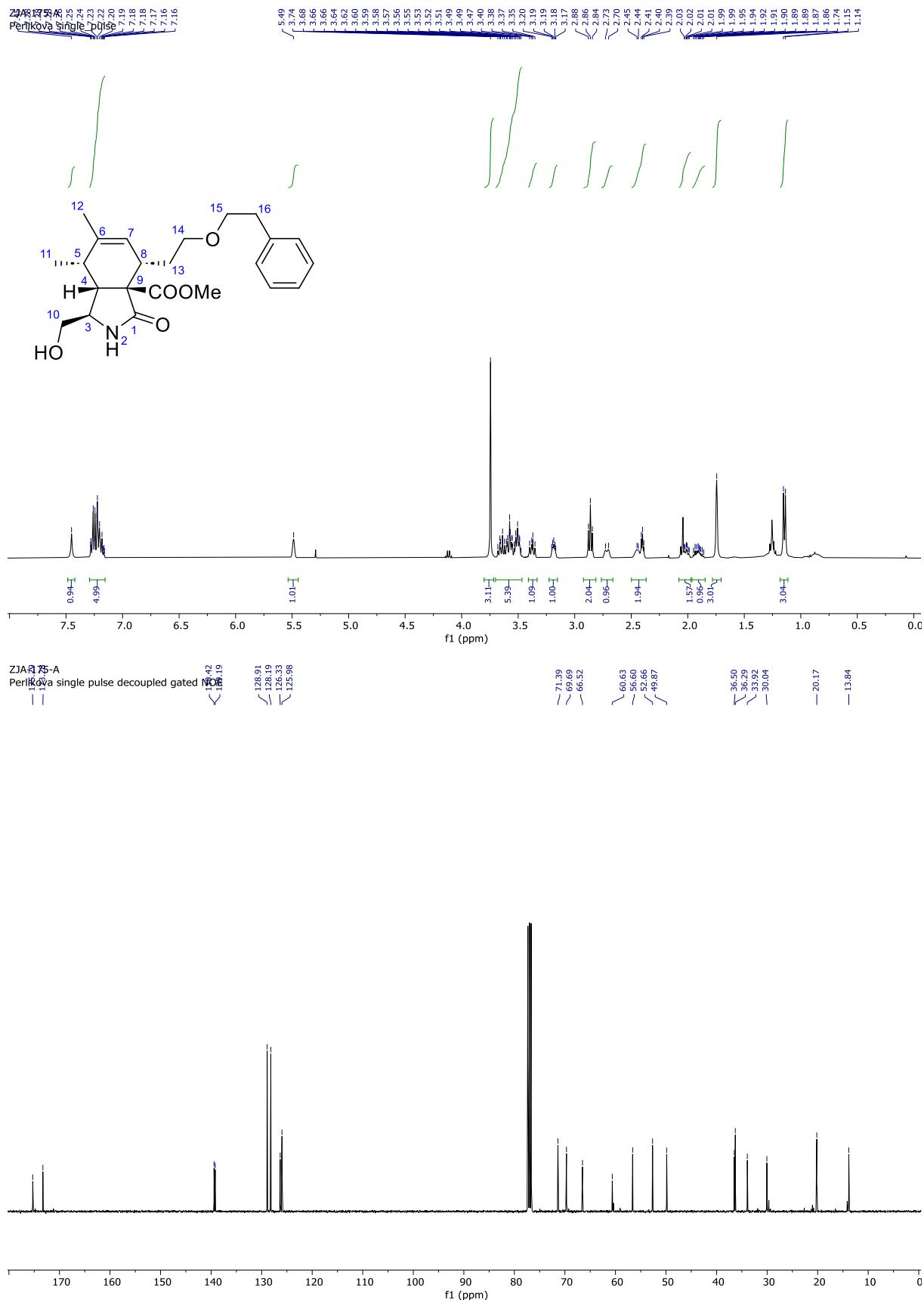


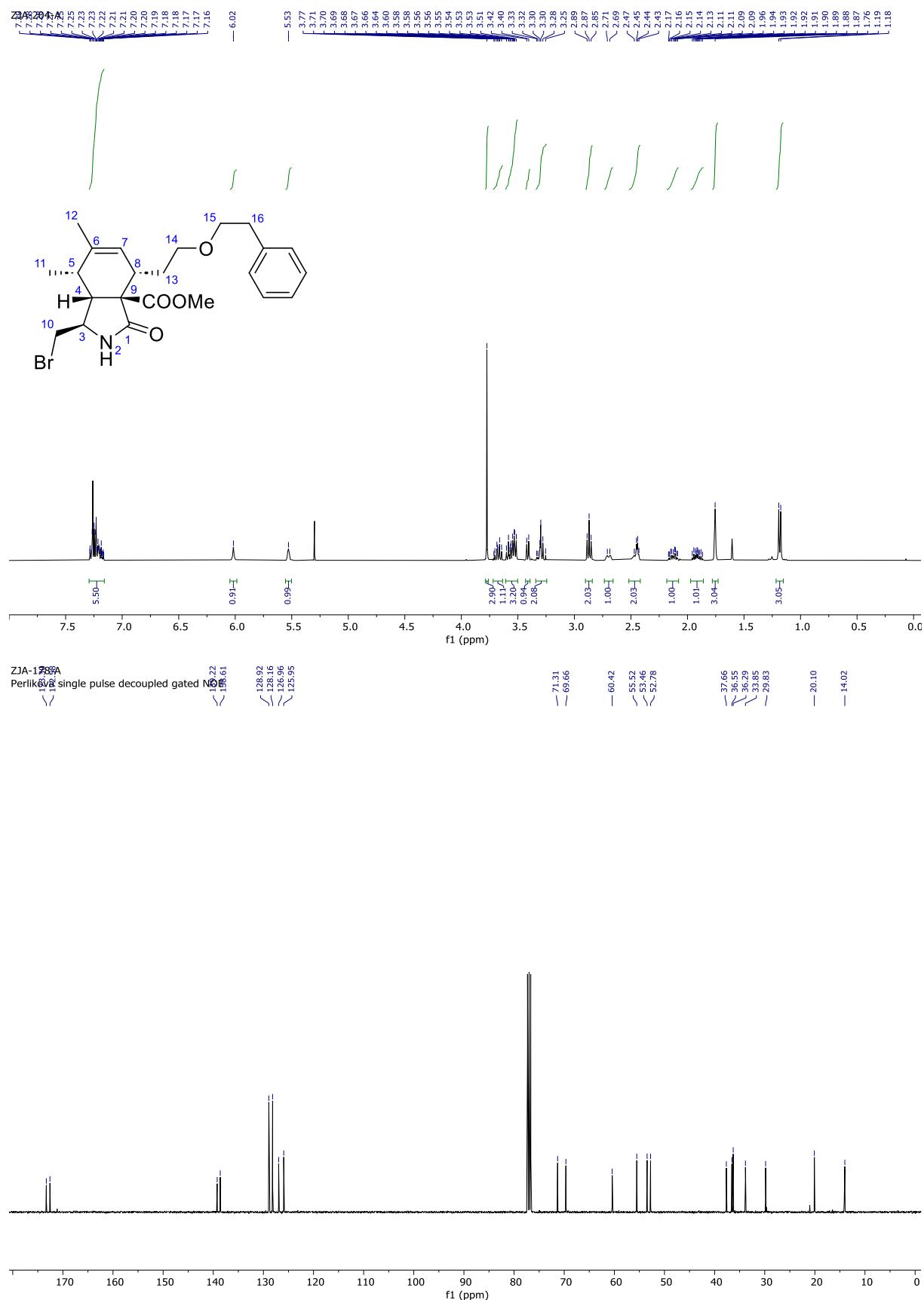
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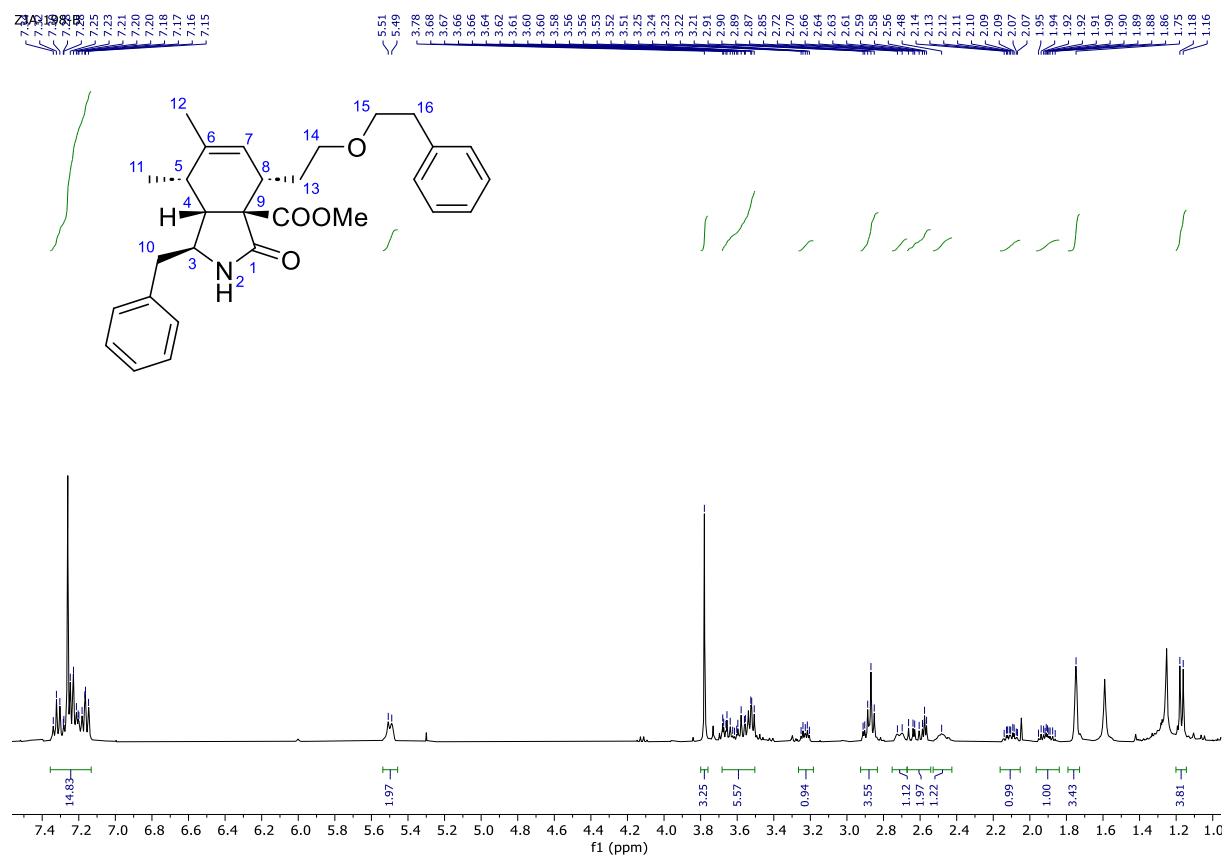


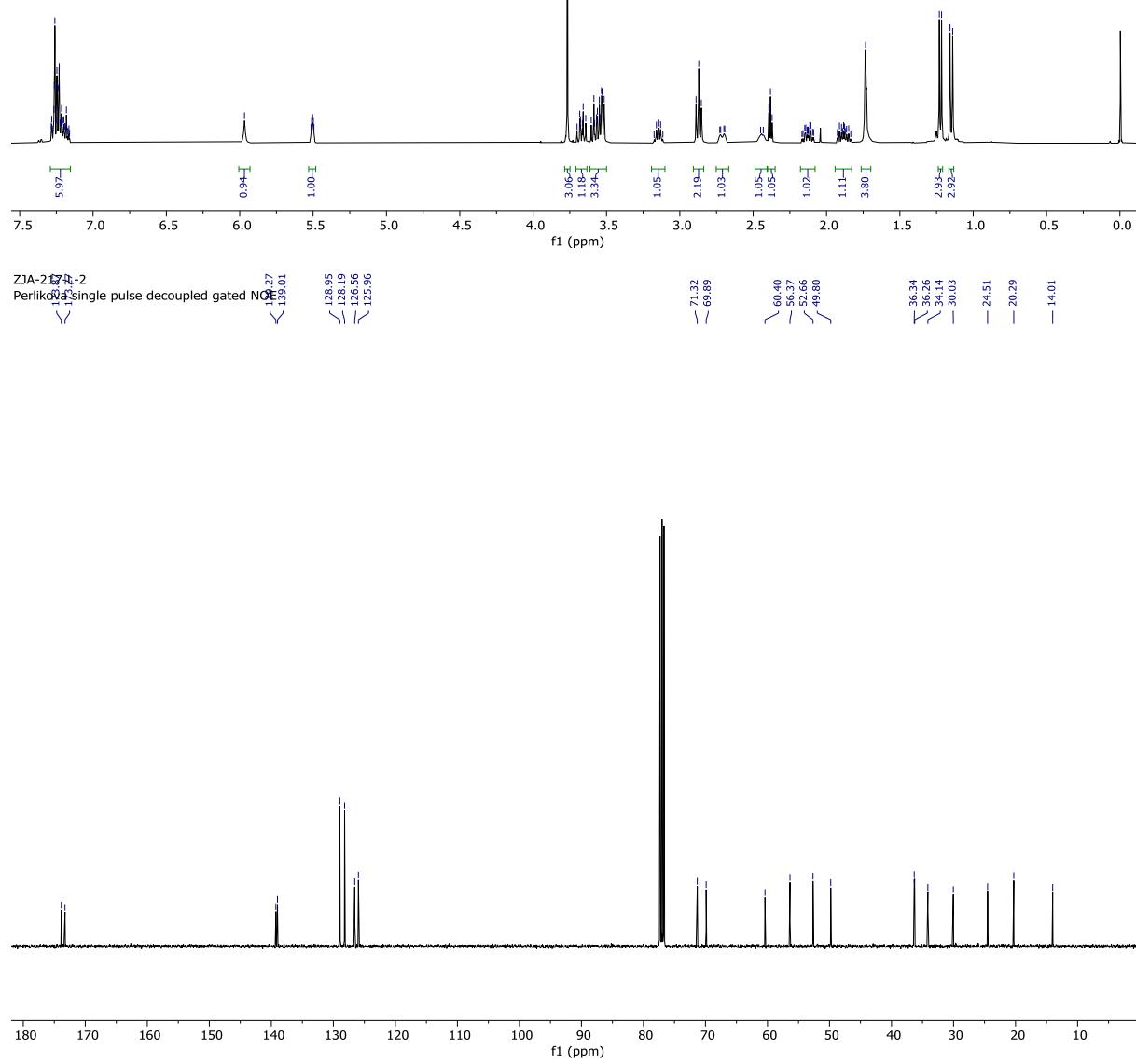
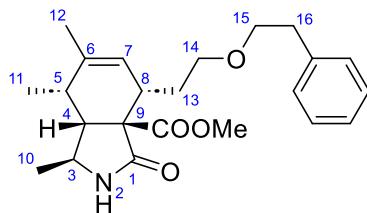


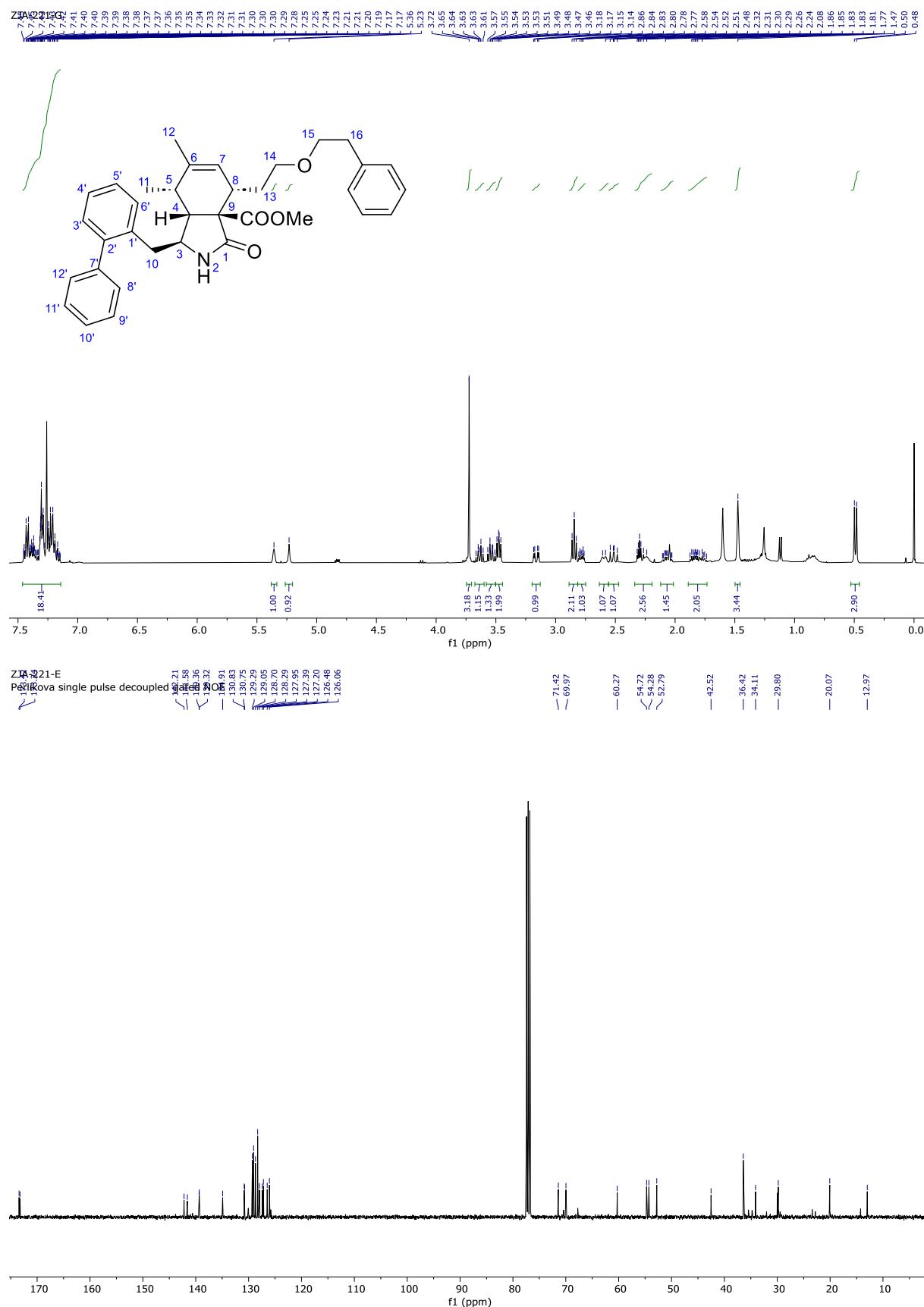


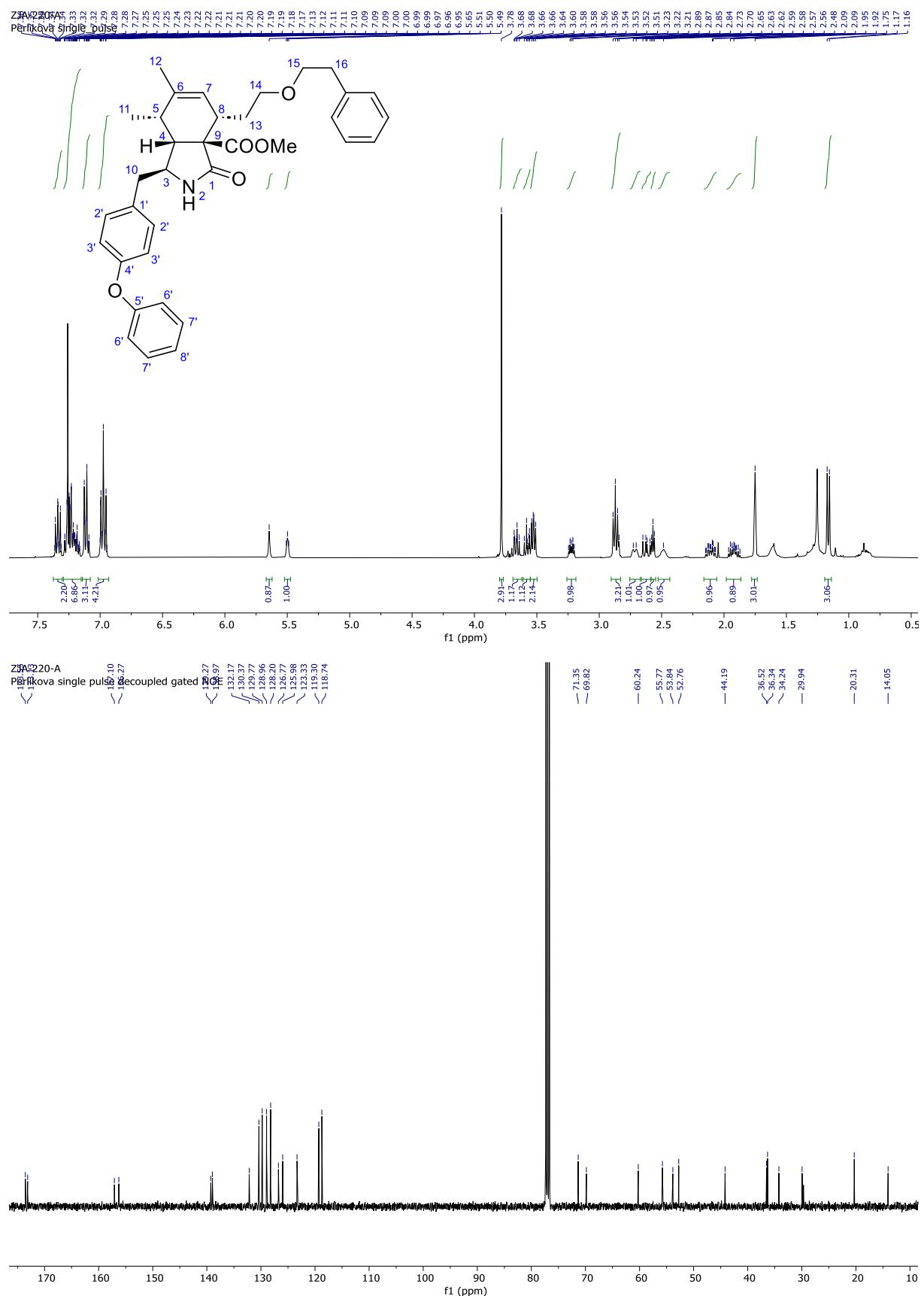


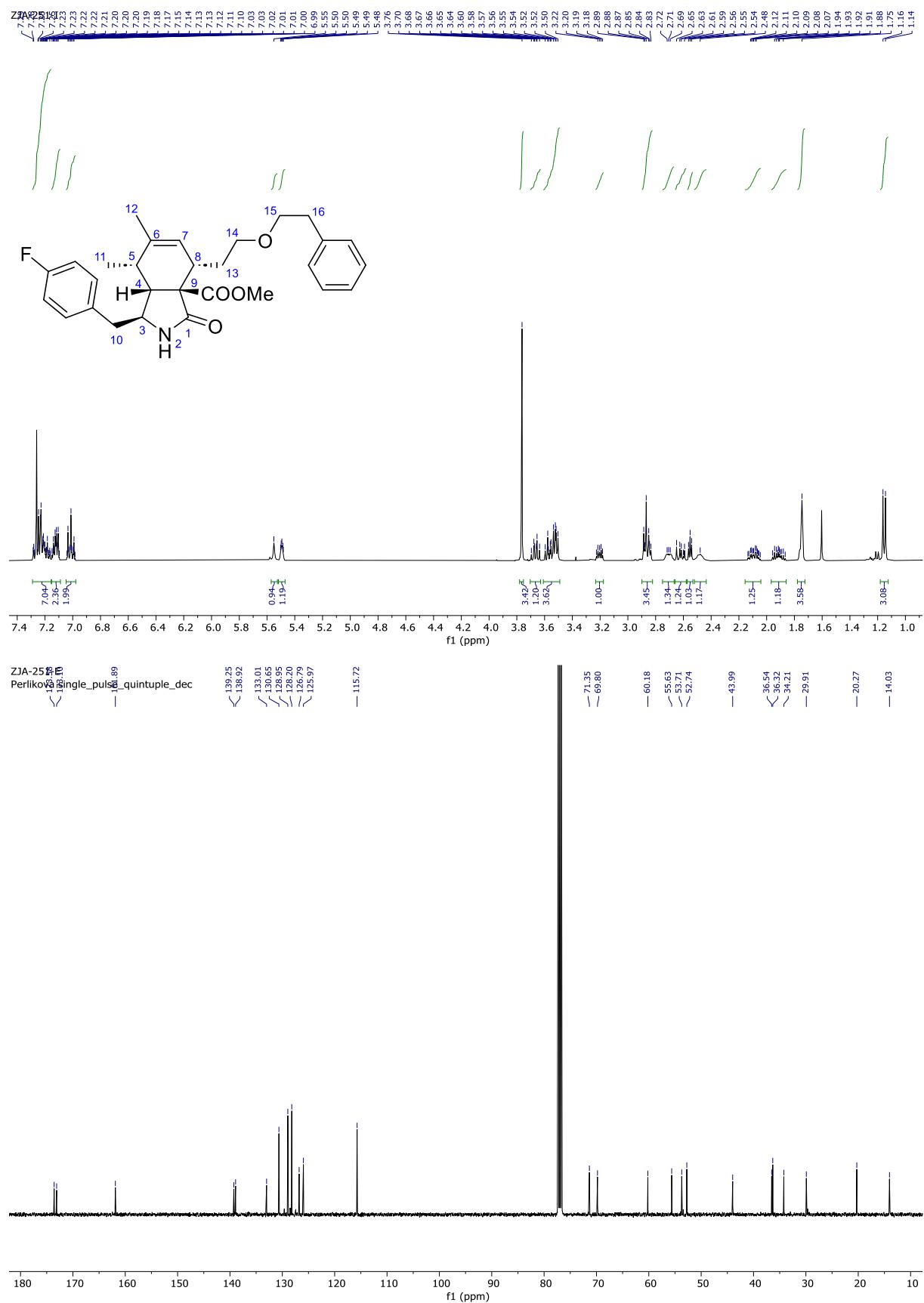


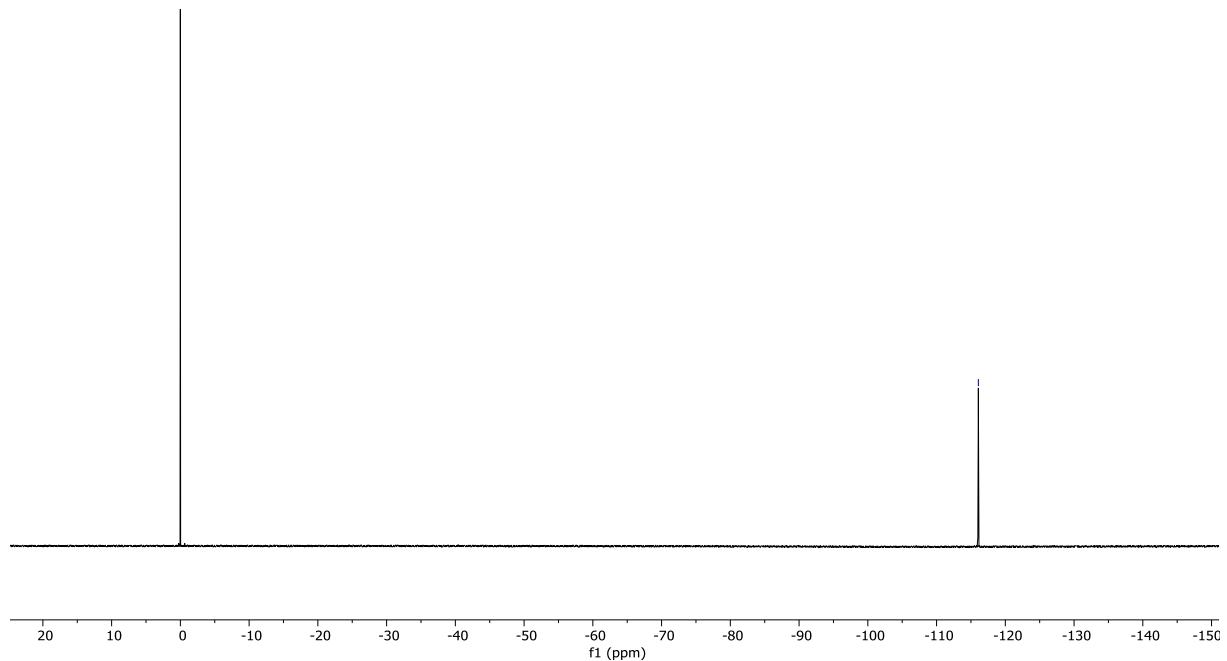


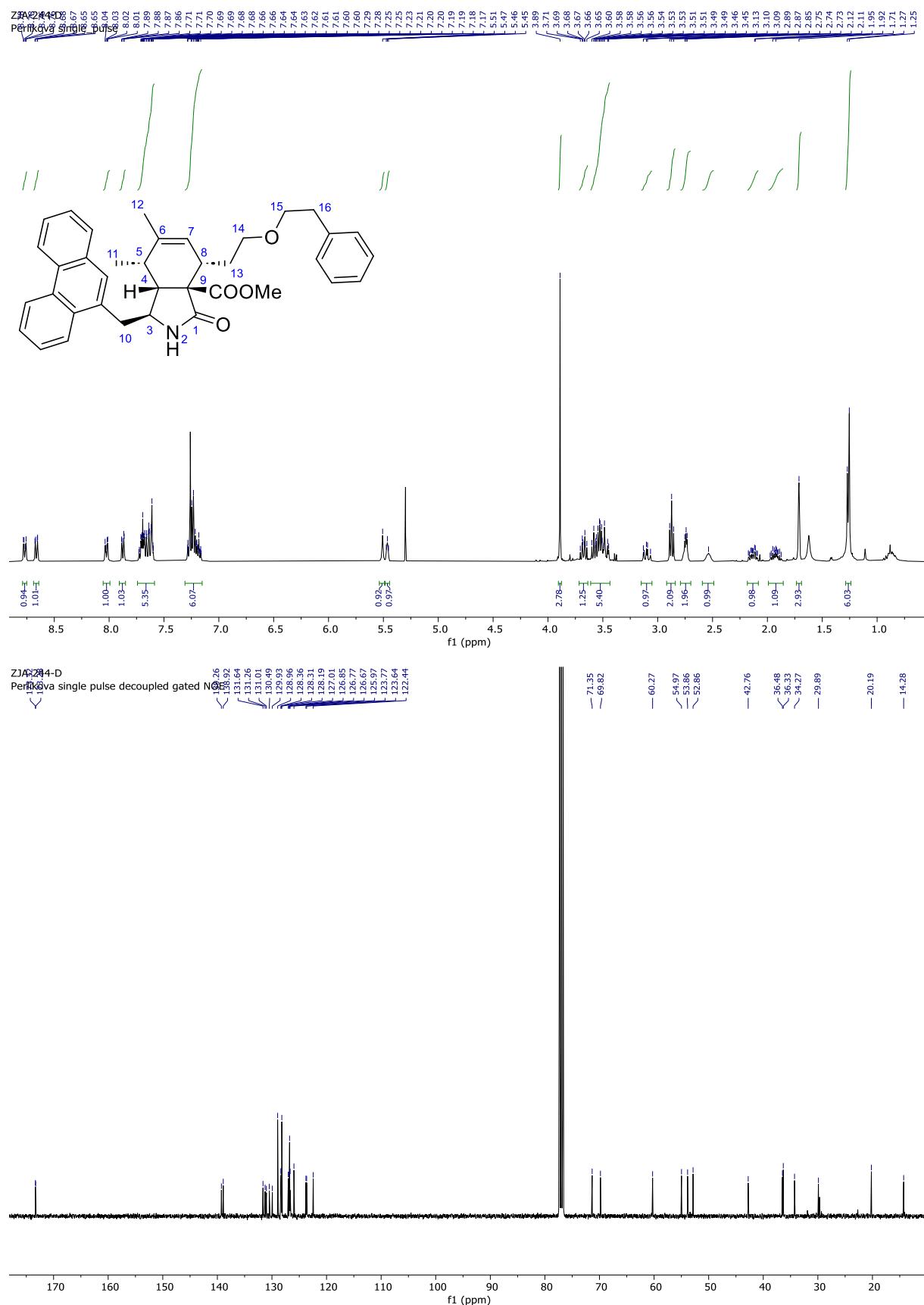




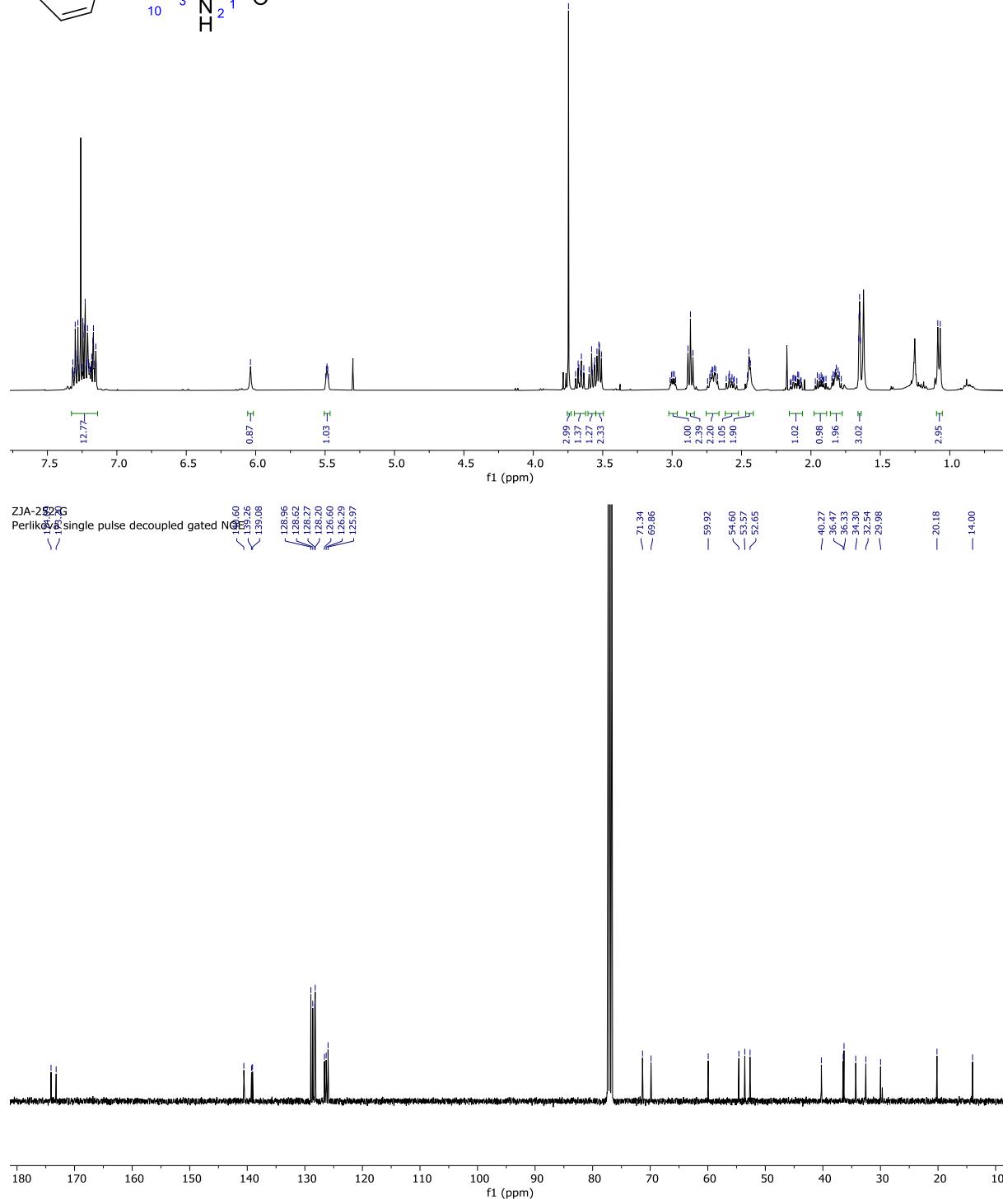
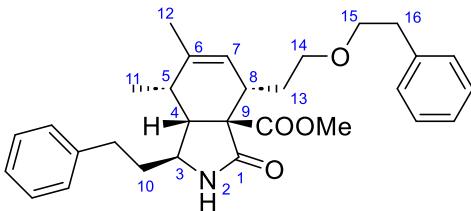






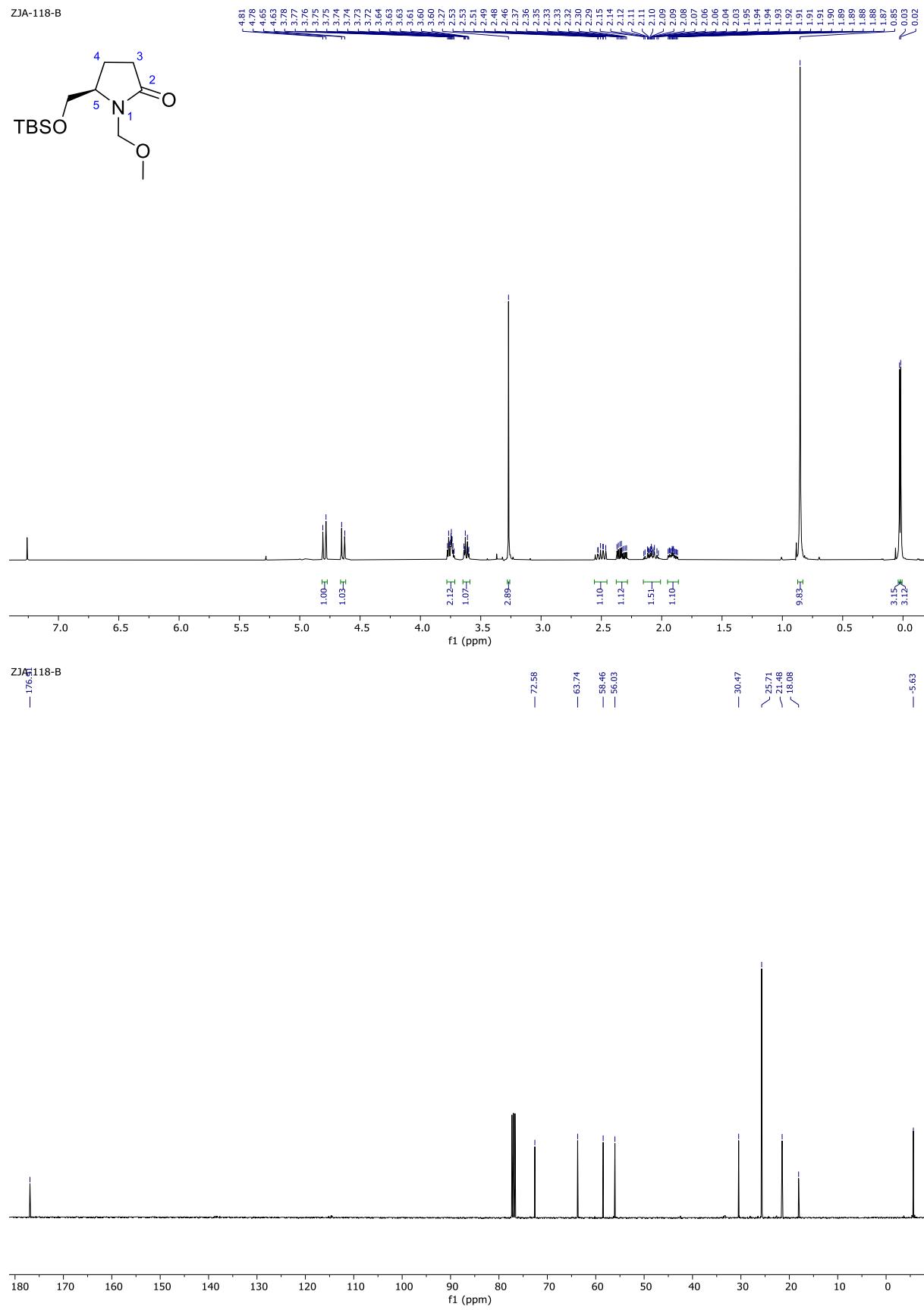
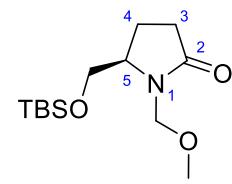




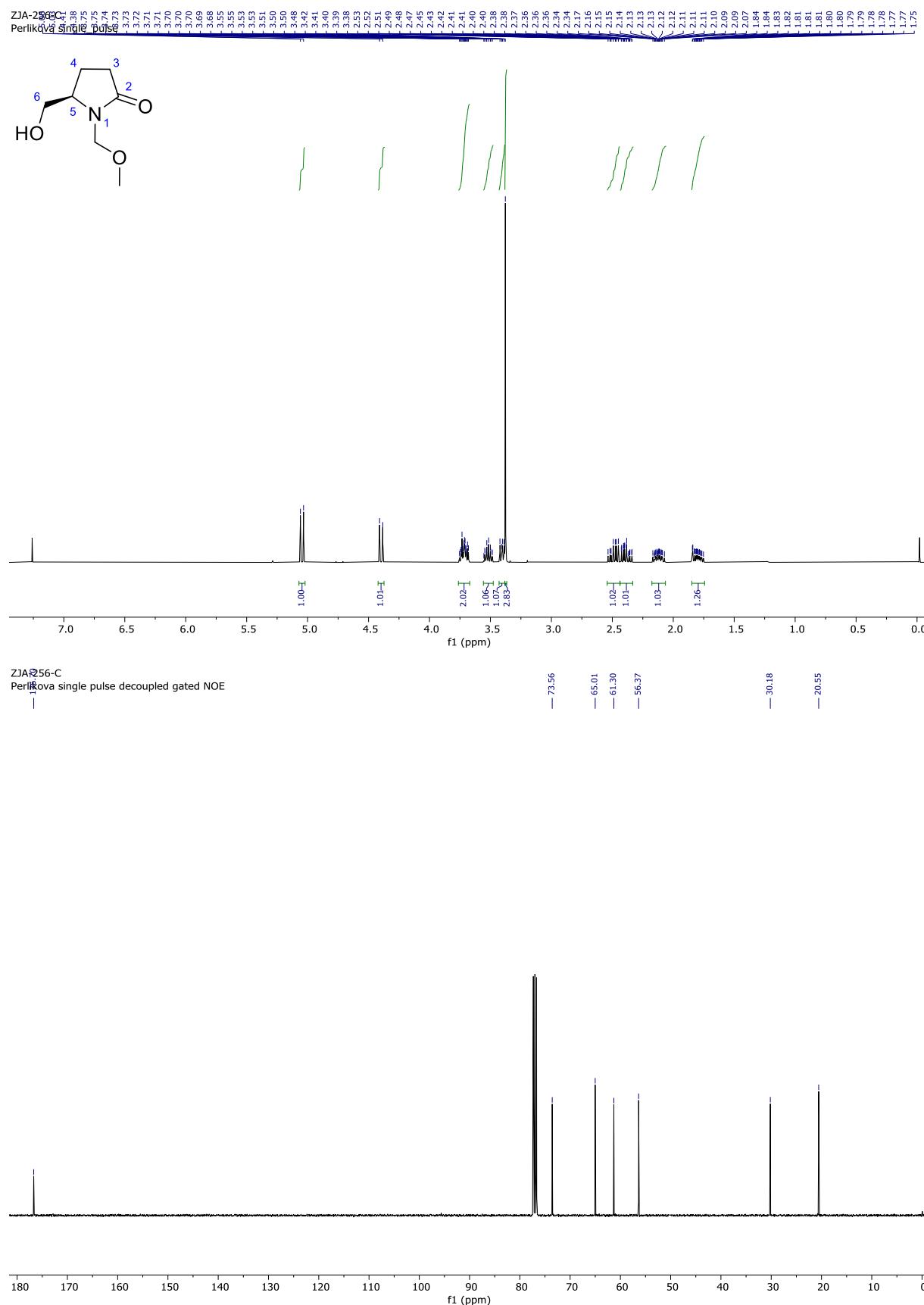


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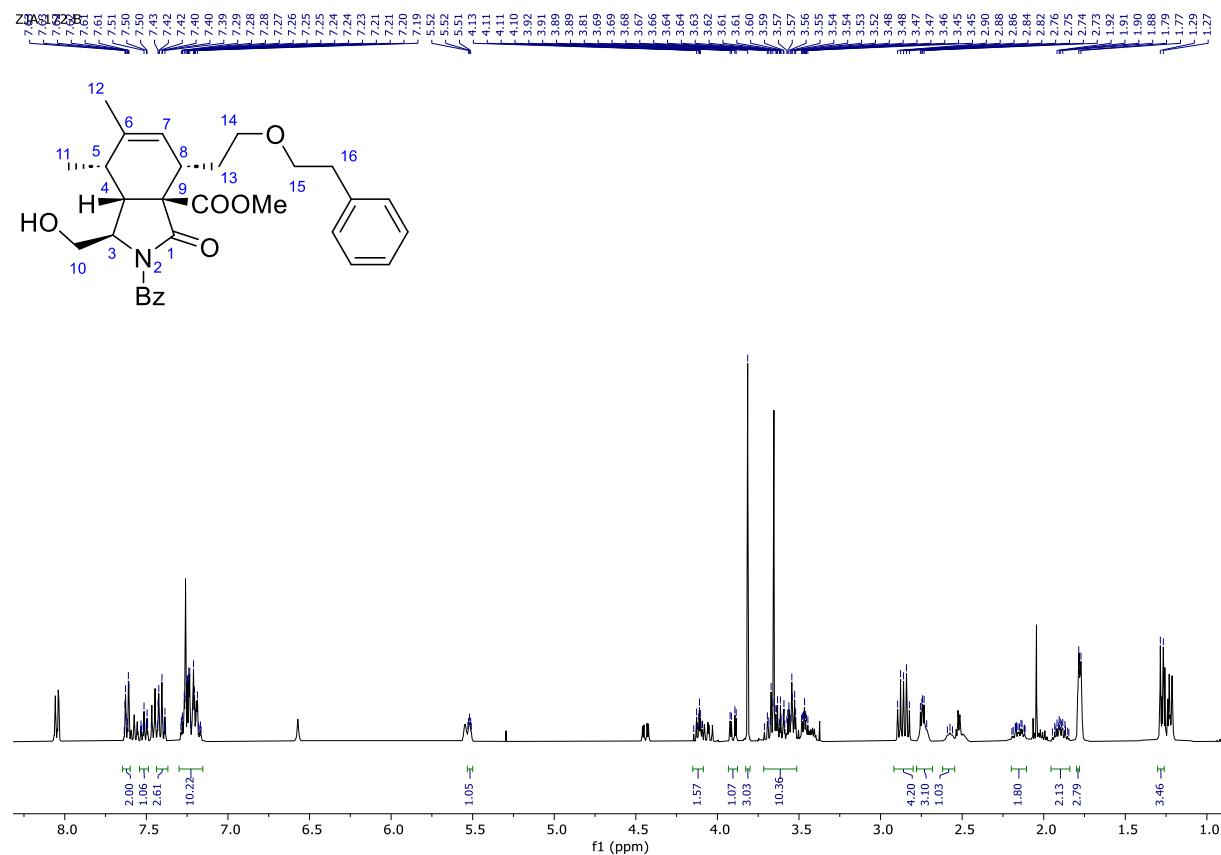


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