

## Supporting Information

### Concise synthesis of pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinolines via a P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-catalyzed [4 + 2] annulation followed by a Zn/AcOH-mediated reduction-hydroamination-isomerization

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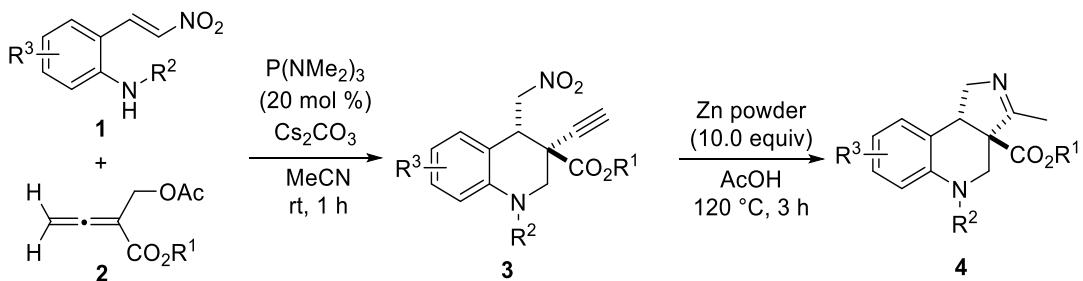
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## I. General Information

Unless otherwise specified, **all reactions** were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature. **All solvents** were purified according to the standard procedures. **All chemicals** which are commercially available were employed without further purification. **Thin-layer chromatography (TLC)** was performed on silica gel plates (GF254) using UV-light (254 and 365 nm). **Flash chromatography** was conducted on silica gel (200–300 mesh).  **$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra** were recorded at ambient temperature in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm). The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) chemical shifts were measured relative to  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or DMSO-d6 as the internal reference ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ :  $\delta = 7.260$  ppm, DMSO-d6:  $\delta = 2.500$  ppm). The  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz) chemical shifts were given using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or DMSO-d6 as the internal standard ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ :  $\delta = 77.00$  ppm, DMSO-d6: 40.00 ppm). **All high-resolution mass spectra (HR-MS)** were obtained on a Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance (FT-ICR) mass spectrometer solariX (Bruker Daltonik GmbH, Bremen, Germany). **Crystal measurement** was performed by Bruker D8 Venture X-ray diffractionmeter.

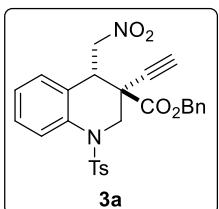
## II. Representative Procedure of the Reaction



To a stirred solution of 2-amino- $\beta$ -nitrostyrenes **1** (0.1 mmol) and  $\beta'$ -acetoxy allenotes **2** (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in  $MeCN$  (1.0 mL) was added  $P(NMe_2)_3$  (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and  $Cs_2CO_3$  (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash chromatography on silica gel ( $PE:EtOAc = 10:1$ ) to afford compounds **3**. To a stirred solution of compounds **3** (0.1 mmol) and zinc powder (65.4 mg, 1.0 mmol, 10 equiv) in  $AcOH$  (2 mL) at  $120\text{ }^\circ C$  for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was quenched with saturated aq.  $NaHCO_3$  (5 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 30 mins. Then it was extracted with  $EtOAc$  (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over dry  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel ( $PE:EtOAc = 3:1$ ) to afford compounds **4**.

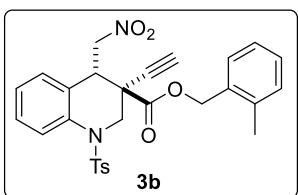
### III. Analytical Data

#### Benzyl 3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3a)



The **3a** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1a** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (37.8 mg, 75% yield, >20:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **1H NMR** (**400 MHz**, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 5.08 – 4.97 (m, 2H), 4.61 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 12.8, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **13C{1H} NMR** (**100 MHz**, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.3, 144.8, 135.1, 134.4, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 126.8, 125.3, 125.1, 123.2, 78.2, 76.0, 68.5, 49.9, 46.3, 42.0, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup>(M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 527.1247, found 527.1250.

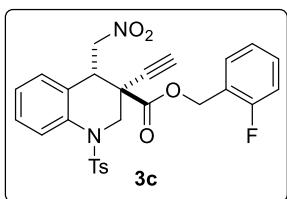
#### 2-Methylbenzyl 3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3b)



The **3b** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1a** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2b** (39.6 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (39.0 mg, 70% yield, 13:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **1H NMR** (**400 MHz**, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 6.97 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H). **13C{1H} NMR** (**100 MHz**, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.3, 144.8, 137.2, 135.0, 134.9, 132.3, 130.4, 130.1, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 126.8, 126.0, 125.3, 125.1, 123.2, 78.2, 76.03,

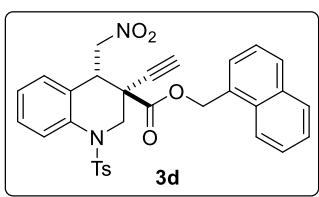
75.97, 67.0, 49.8, 46.3, 42.0, 21.6, 18.8. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $C_{28}H_{26}N_2NaO_6S^+$  ( $M + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> 541.1404, found 541.1413.

**2-Fluorobenzyl 3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3c)**



The **3c** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1a** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2c** (39.6 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (38.1 mg, 73% yield, 17:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1).  
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.09 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (ddd, *J* = 10.0, 3.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 167.2, 160.9 (*J* = 247.5 Hz), 144.8, 135.0 (*J* = 3.5 Hz), 130.70, 130.66, 130.6, 130.1, 129.3 (*J* = 14.1 Hz), 126.7, 125.2, 125.1, 124.2 (*J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.2, 121.5 (*J* = 14.5 Hz), 115.5 (*J* = 20.8 Hz), 78.0, 76.1, 75.9, 62.3, 49.8, 46.2, 41.9, 21.6. **<sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -117.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $C_{27}H_{23}FN_2NaO_6S^+$  ( $M + Na$ )<sup>+</sup> 545.1153, found 545.1147.

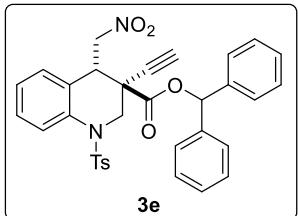
**Naphthalen-1-ylmethyl-3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3d)**



The **3d** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1a** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2d** (44.4 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (40.1 mg, 72% yield, >20:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1).  
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.85 – 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m,

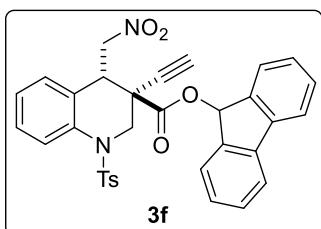
1H), 6.83 (dd,  $J = 7.7$ , 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (td,  $J = 7.5$ , 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.64 – 4.60 (dd,  $J = 13.2$ , 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 – 4.56 (dd,  $J = 12.8$ , 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (ddd,  $J = 10.0$ , 4.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d,  $J = 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd,  $J = 13.2$ , 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  167.3, 144.8, 134.98, 134.95, 133.2, 133.1, 131.7, 130.1, 129.24, 129.22, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 126.5, 126.3, 125.8, 125.1, 124.9, 123.1, 78.2, 76.1, 76.0, 68.6, 49.8, 46.2, 42.0, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_6\text{S}^+$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ )<sup>+</sup> 577.1404, found 577.1398.

**Benzhydryl 3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3e)**



The **3e** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1a** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2e** (48.3 mg, 0.15 mmol),  $\text{P}(\text{NMe}_2)_3$  (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (36.5 mg, 63% yield, 5:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1).  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.70 (dd,  $J = 8.4$ , 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.91 (td,  $J = 7.5$ , 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd,  $J = 7.6$ , 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.59 (dd,  $J = 13.3$ , 3.6 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (dd,  $J = 10.3$ , 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d,  $J = 12.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd,  $J = 13.3$ , 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  166.4, 144.8, 138.54, 138.51, 135.0, 134.8, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.3, 126.74, 126.71, 125.2, 125.1, 123.4, 79.4, 78.1, 76.1, 75.8, 49.7, 46.4, 42.0, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_6\text{S}^+$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ )<sup>+</sup> 603.1560, found 603.1556.

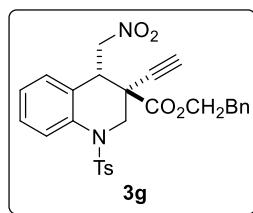
**9H-fluoren-9-yl 3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3f)**



The **3f** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1a** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2f** (48.0 mg, 0.15 mmol),  $\text{P}(\text{NMe}_2)_3$  (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and

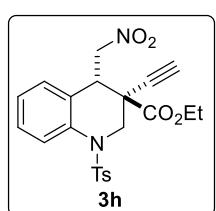
$\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a white solid (35.2 mg, 61% yield, 8:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). m.p.: 149.7 – 151.3 °C. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.80 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.11 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 4.63 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.62 – 4.56 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.4, 3.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). **13C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  168.2, 144.9, 141.0, 140.9, 140.6, 140.4, 135.0, 134.8, 130.1, 129.82, 129.77, 129.7, 129.6, 127.92, 127.87, 126.7, 125.7, 125.5, 125.14, 125.10, 123.4, 120.1, 120.0, 78.0, 76.1, 75.8, 49.5, 46.3, 42.0, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 601.1404, found 601.1407.

**Phenethyl 3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3g)**



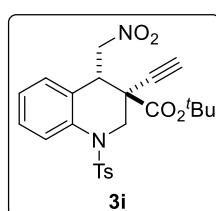
The **3g** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1a** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2g** (39.0 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (26.4 mg, 51% yield, 8:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 6.80 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd,  $J$  = 13.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd,  $J$  = 12.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dt,  $J$  = 10.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dt,  $J$  = 10.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd,  $J$  = 9.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d,  $J$  = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd,  $J$  = 13.4, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). **13C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  167.4, 144.8, 137.0, 135.1, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 126.78, 126.76, 125.4, 125.0, 123.1, 78.2, 76.0, 75.9, 67.3, 49.8, 46.2, 42.0, 34.5, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 541.1404, found 541.1414.

**Ethyl 3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3h)**



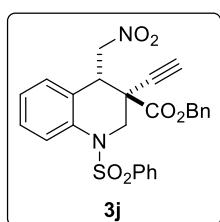
The **3h** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1a** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2h** (27.6 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (29.6 mg, 67% yield, 8:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.14 – 4.02 (m, 3H), 3.66 – 3.63 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H) 3.62 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 167.4, 144.8, 135.2, 135.1, 130.1, 129.4, 129.3, 126.8, 125.4, 125.0, 123.1, 78.3, 76.1, 75.9, 63.0, 49.8, 46.1, 42.0, 21.6, 13.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 465.1091, found 465.1091.

**Tert-butyl 3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3i)**



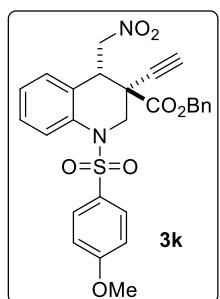
The **3i** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1a** (31.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2i** (31.8 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (14.5 mg, 31% yield, 1.2 :1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 7.16 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 9H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 166.2, 144.7, 135.9, 134.6, 130.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.7, 125.9, 125.8, 125.2, 84.2, 79.4, 75.4, 74.8, 53.1, 48.7, 42.3, 27.3, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 493.1404, found 493.1395.

**Benzyl 3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3j)**



The **3j** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1b** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a white solid (33.8 mg, 69% yield, 10:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). m.p.: 84.5 - 86.2 °C, **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.98 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 – 4.03 (m, 1H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 1H). **13C{1H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.3, 138.3, 135.1, 134.4, 133.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.60, 128.59, 128.3, 126.8, 125.3, 125.2, 123.0, 78.1, 76.11, 76.08, 68.5, 50.0, 46.3, 42.0. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 491.1271, found 491.1271.

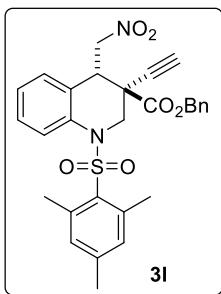
**Benzyl 3-ethynyl-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3k)**



The **3k** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1c** (34.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (27.0 mg, 52% yield, 10:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.88 (m, 4H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 1H). **13C{1H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.3, 163.6, 135.1, 134.4, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 125.2, 125.0, 123.2,

114.7, 78.1, 76.1, 76.0, 68.5, 55.7, 49.8, 46.2, 42.0. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $C_{27}H_{25}N_2O_7S^+ (M + H)^+$  521.1377, found 521.1382.

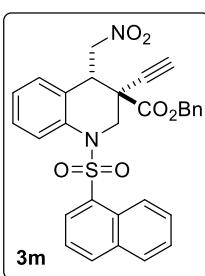
**Benzyl 3-ethynyl-1-(mesitylsulfonyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3l)**



The **3l** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1d** (34.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (44.2 mg, 83% yield, >20:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.21 (dt, *J* = 4.6, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 6H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 167.8, 143.4, 139.6, 136.1, 134.6, 134.5, 132.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 125.8, 124.9, 122.0, 78.0, 76.4, 68.5, 49.1, 46.2, 41.9, 22.9, 21.0. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $C_{29}H_{28}N_2NaO_6S^+ (M + Na)^+$  555.1560, found 555.1550.

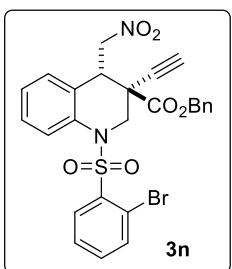
**Benzyl 3-ethynyl-1-(naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3m)**



The **3m** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1e** (35.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (33.8 mg, 53% yield, 3:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.21 – 8.16 (m, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 9.4,

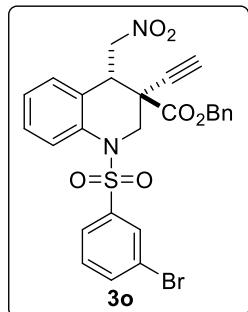
3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd,  $J$  = 13.5, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d,  $J$  = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.6, 135.6, 134.7, 134.6, 134.5, 134.4, 129.1, 129.02, 129.00, 128.61, 128.59, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 125.4, 125.0, 124.4, 124.1, 123.2, 77.9, 76.1, 75.5, 68.5, 50.0, 46.6, 42.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_6\text{S}^+$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ )<sup>+</sup> 563.1247, found 563.1256.

**Benzyl 1-((2-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinoline-3-carboxylate (3n)**



The **3n** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1f** (38.19 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol),  $\text{P}(\text{NMe}_2)_3$  (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (31.2 mg, 55% yield, >20:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.17 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.99 (m, 1H), 5.16 (d,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd,  $J$  = 13.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd,  $J$  = 13.9, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d,  $J$  = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d,  $J$  = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.9, 140.1, 136.1, 135.7, 134.5, 134.2, 131.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 125.1, 124.9, 121.3, 120.2, 77.7, 77.1, 68.6, 50.9, 46.2, 41.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}_2\text{NaO}_6\text{S}^+$  ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ )<sup>+</sup> 591.0196, found 591.0187.

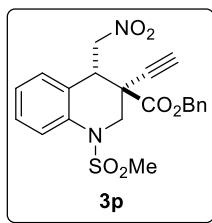
**Benzyl 1-((3-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-quinoline-3-carboxylate (3o)**



The **3o** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1g** (34.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol),  $\text{P}(\text{NMe}_2)_3$  (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (44.2 mg, 57% yield, >20:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica

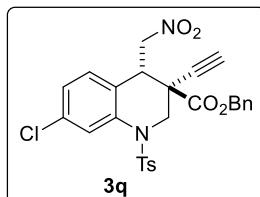
gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.93 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, *J* = 12.8 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 167.4, 140.3, 136.6, 134.8, 134.3, 131.0, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 125.4, 125.24, 125.23, 123.5, 122.6, 77.9, 76.4, 76.2, 68.6, 50.3, 46.3, 41.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 591.0196, found 591.0197.

**Benzyl 3-ethynyl-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-(nitromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3p)**



The **3p** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1h** (24.1 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (27.0 mg, 54% yield, 10:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 167.6, 135.3, 134.4, 129.8, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 123.9, 122.5, 118.7, 77.8, 77.6, 68.6, 48.8, 44.3, 41.9, 38.3. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 451.0934, found 451.0926.

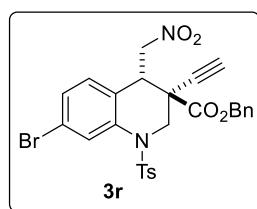
**Benzyl 7-chloro-3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3q)**



The **3q** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1i** (35.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1

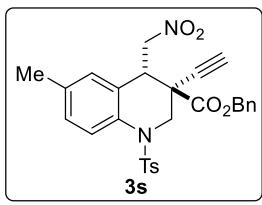
mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (30.6 mg, 57% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 166.9, 145.2, 135.9, 135.0, 134.4, 134.2, 130.3, 130.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.8, 125.0, 123.2, 123.0, 77.8, 76.3, 75.8, 68.6, 49.3, 45.7, 41.6, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 561.0858, found 561.0869.

**Benzyl 7-bromo-3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3r)**



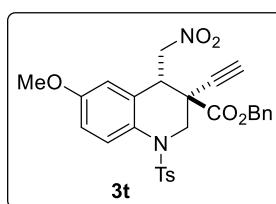
The **3r** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1j** (39.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (36.1 mg, 62% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.64 – 4.58 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.57 – 4.52 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 3.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 166.9, 145.3, 136.0, 134.4, 134.2, 130.5, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 126.8, 125.8, 123.7, 123.0, 77.7, 76.3, 75.7, 68.6, 49.3, 45.7, 41.7, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 605.0352, found 605.0357.

**Benzyl 3-ethynyl-6-methyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3s)**



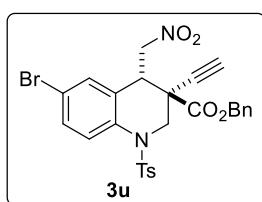
The **3s** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1k** (30.1 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (36.1 mg, 58% yield, 16:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.72 – 6.66 (m, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.3, 144.7, 135.0, 134.8, 134.4, 132.3, 130.12, 130.07, 129.6, 128.53, 128.49, 128.2, 126.7, 125.2, 123.3, 78.2, 75.97, 75.95, 68.4, 49.7, 46.2, 41.8, 21.5, 20.7. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 541.1404, found 541.1404.

**Benzyl 3-ethynyl-6-methoxy-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3t)**



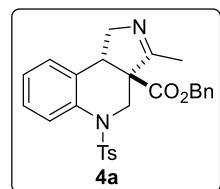
The **3t** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1l** (34.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (35.4 mg, 66% yield, 8:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.3, 156.9, 144.8, 134.42, 134.38, 130.1, 128.60, 128.55, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 125.7, 115.0, 113.7, 78.3, 75.9, 75.5, 68.5, 55.3, 50.1, 46.7, 41.9, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>7</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 557.1353, found 557.1360.

**Benzyl 6-bromo-3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (3u)**



The **3u** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **1m** (39.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3.3 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (39.1 mg, 120 mol %) and isolated as a yellow liquid (32.0 mg, 55% yield, >20:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.60 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 4.56 – 4.52 (m, 1H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.9, 145.2, 134.4, 134.08, 134.06, 132.5, 132.0, 130.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.2, 126.7, 124.8, 118.1, 77.7, 76.4, 75.5, 68.8, 49.5, 45.9, 41.6, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 605.0352, found 605.0332.

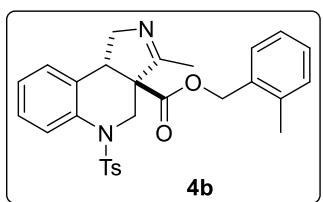
**Benzyl 3-methyl-5-tosyl-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4a)**



The **3a** (37.8 mg, 75% yield, >20:1 d.r.) was obtained according to the general procedure. The **4a** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3a** (25.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), zinc powder (32.7 mg, 0.5 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and isolated as a white solid (19.6 mg, 83% yield, >20:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p.: 107.6 – 108.9 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (m, 1H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.40 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.10 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.5, 170.0, 144.0, 137.4, 137.1, 134.9, 132.5, 129.7, 129.2, 128.71, 128.67, 128.4, 127.3, 127.1, 125.1, 120.8, 70.0, 68.8, 67.7, 48.1, 44.0, 21.5, 16.6.

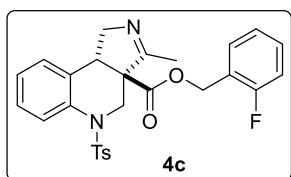
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**2-Methylbenzyl 3-methyl-5-tosyl-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4b)**



The **3b** (39.0 mg, 70% yield, 13:1 d.r.) was obtained according to the general procedure. The **4b** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3b** (29.0 mg, 0.056 mmol), zinc powder (36.6 mg, 0.56 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and isolated as a yellow liquid (22.1 mg, 81% yield, >20:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1). **1H NMR** (**400 MHz**,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 5.23 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 14H), 5.18 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.93 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.10 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 3H). **13C{1H} NMR** (**100 MHz**,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  170.6, 170.1, 144.0, 137.4, 137.04, 137.02, 132.9, 132.5, 130.5, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 125.1, 120.8, 70.0, 68.9, 66.1, 48.1, 44.0, 21.5, 18.9, 16.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $C_{28}H_{29}N_2O_4S^+(M + H)^+$  489.1843, found 489.1849.

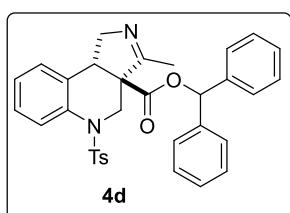
**2-Fluorobenzyl 3-methyl-5-tosyl-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4c)**



The **3c** (38.1 mg, 73% yield, 17:1 d.r.) was obtained according to the general procedure. The **4c** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3c** (26.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), zinc powder (32.9 mg, 0.5 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and isolated as a white solid (19.1 mg, 78% yield, >20:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p.: 82.6 – 84.7 °C. **1H NMR** (**400 MHz**,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 5.25 (t,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.42 –

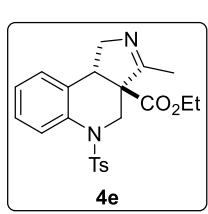
3.30 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.13 (t,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  170.4, 170.1, 161.1 ( $J = 247.6$  Hz), 144.0, 137.4, 137.1, 132.4, 130.9 ( $J = 2.8$  Hz), 130.8 ( $J = 1.8$  Hz), 129.7, 129.2, 127.3, 127.1, 125.1, 124.3 ( $J = 3.7$  Hz), 122.1 ( $J = 14.3$  Hz), 120.8, 115.7 ( $J = 20.8$  Hz), 69.9, 68.8, 61.8, 48.1, 43.9, 21.5, 16.5.  **$^{19}\text{F}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  -117.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}^+(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$  493.1592, found 493.1602.

**Benzhydryl 3-methyl-5-tosyl-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4d)**



The **3e** (36.5 mg, 63% yield, 5:1 d.r.) was obtained according to the general procedure. The **4d** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3e** (29.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), zinc powder (32.9 mg, 0.5 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and isolated as a yellow solid (23.1 mg, 84% yield, 10:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p.: 100.1- 101.6 °C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.73 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 10H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.71 (d,  $J = 13.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 3.91 (dd,  $J = 9.3, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d,  $J = 13.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.40 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.05 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  170.2, 169.7, 144.0, 139.19, 139.16, 137.5, 137.0, 132.6, 129.7, 129.2, 128.71, 128.67, 128.33, 128.28, 127.3, 127.12, 127.05, 126.9, 125.1, 120.9, 78.4, 70.2, 69.1, 48.0, 44.2, 21.5, 16.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}^+(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$  551.1999, found 551.1993.

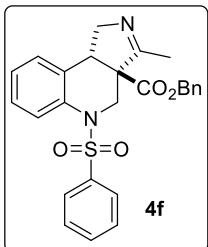
**Ethyl 3-methyl-5-tosyl-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4e)**



The **3h** (29.6 mg, 67% yield, 8:1 d.r.) was obtained according to the general procedure. The **4e** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3h** (18 mg, 0.04 mmol), zinc powder (26.6 mg, 0.4 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and isolated as a yellow liquid (13.4 mg, 81% yield, 10:1 d.r.) after flash column chromatography on

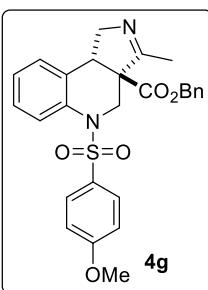
silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.76 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.42 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.20 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 170.6, 170.5, 144.0, 137.4, 137.1, 132.4, 129.8, 129.2, 127.3, 127.0, 125.0, 120.7, 69.8, 68.7, 62.1, 48.1, 43.9, 21.5, 16.6, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 435.1349, found 435.1349.

**Benzyl 3-methyl-5-(phenylsulfonyl)-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4f)**



The **3j** (33.8 mg, 69% yield, 10:1 *d.r.*) was obtained according to the general procedure. The **4f** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3j** (33.1 mg, 0.067 mmol), zinc powder (44 mg, 0.67 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and isolated as a yellow liquid (25.1 mg, 81% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 5.23 – 5.14 (m, 2H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 – 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.09 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 170.5, 169.9, 140.2, 137.3, 134.9, 133.1, 132.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.72, 128.68, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 125.3, 121.0, 70.0, 68.8, 67.7, 48.2, 44.0, 16.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 461.1530, found 461.1526.

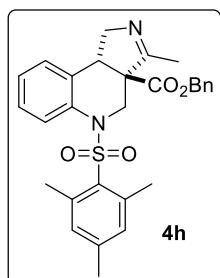
**Benzyl 5-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-3-methyl-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4g)**



The **3k** (27.0 mg, 52% yield, 10:1 *d.r.*) was obtained according to the general procedure. The **4g** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3k** (28.5 mg, 0.055 mmol), zinc powder (36.5 mg, 0.55 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and

isolated as a yellow liquid (22.8 mg, 85% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (m, 1H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.39 – 3.31 (m, 1H), 2.11 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 170.5, 170.2, 163.2, 137.5, 134.9, 132.5, 131.3, 129.6, 129.1, 128.71, 128.66, 128.3, 127.0, 125.0, 120.8, 114.2, 70.0, 68.9, 67.7, 55.6, 47.9, 43.9, 16.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 513.1455, found 513.1459.

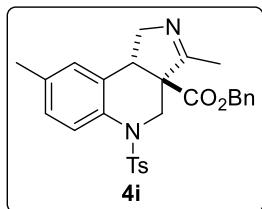
**Benzyl 5-(mesitylsulfonyl)-3-methyl-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo-[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4h)**



The **3l** (44.2 mg, 83% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) was obtained according to the general procedure. The **4h** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3l** (69.0 mg, 0.13 mmol), zinc powder (84.8 mg, 1.3 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and isolated as a white solid (52.1 mg, 80% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p.: 110.7 – 112.9 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 5H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (m, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 – 3.79 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 6H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 170.9, 169.9, 143.0, 139.8, 137.7, 135.4, 135.0, 133.8, 132.3, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.1, 125.8, 121.9, 69.8, 68.9, 67.6, 48.3, 43.9, 22.8, 21.0, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 525.1818, found 525.1809.

**Benzyl 3,8-dimethyl-5-tosyl-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo-[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4i)**

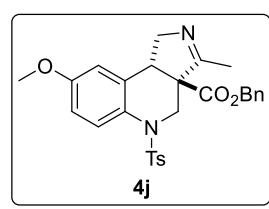
The **3s** (36.1 mg, 58% yield, 16:1 *d.r.*) was obtained according to the general



procedure. The **4i** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3s** (32.0 mg, 0.06 mmol), zinc powder (41.7 mg, 0.6 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and isolated as a white solid (25.7 mg, 88% yield, >20:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1).

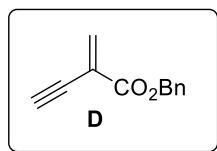
m.p.: 152.7–155.3 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.38 – 3.28 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.10 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (**100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**) δ 170.6, 170.1, 143.9, 137.2, 134.9, 134.81, 134.75, 132.3, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 120.8, 69.9, 68.7, 67.6, 48.1, 43.9, 21.5, 20.7, 16.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 511.1662, found 511.1671.

**Benzyl 8-methoxy-3-methyl-5-tosyl-1,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-3aH-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline-3a-carboxylate (4j)**



The **3t** (35.4 mg, 66% yield, 8:1 *d.r.*) was obtained according to the general procedure. The **4j** was prepared according to the general procedure described above using **3t** (45.9 mg, 0.086 mmol), zinc powder (56.3 mg, 0.86 mmol) and AcOH (2 mL) and isolated as a white solid (33.5 mg, 77% yield, 10:1 *d.r.*) after flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 3:1). m.p.: 127.8 – 130.2 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (**400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.71 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 – 4.32 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.34 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.09 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (**100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>**) δ 170.6, 170.1, 156.9, 143.9, 137.2, 134.9, 134.3, 130.2, 129.6, 128.71, 128.67, 128.3, 127.3, 122.7, 114.1, 112.4, 69.7, 68.9, 67.7, 55.4, 48.4, 44.2, 21.5, 16.5. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 505.1792, found 505.1791.

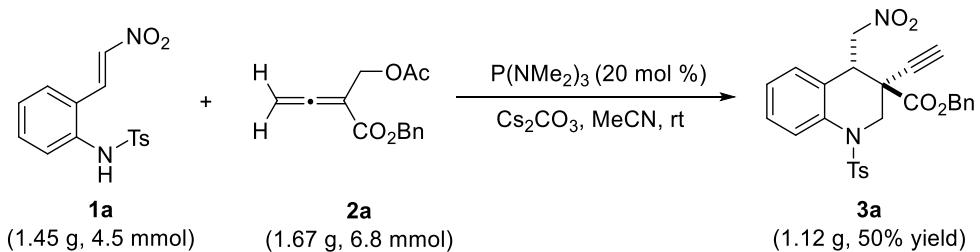
**Benzyl 2-methylenebut-3-yneate (**D**)**



To a stirred solution of  $\beta'$ -acetoxy allenate **2a** (49.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL) was added P(NMe<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (6.5 mg, 20 mol %) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (78.2 mg, 120 mol %) at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 100:1) to afford the intermediate **D** (33.9 mg, 91% yield) as a pale yellow oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 3.12 (s, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)**  $\delta$  163.6, 136.2, 135.4, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 123.3, 80.6, 78.6, 67.3.

## IV. Gram-Scale and Synthetic Manipulations

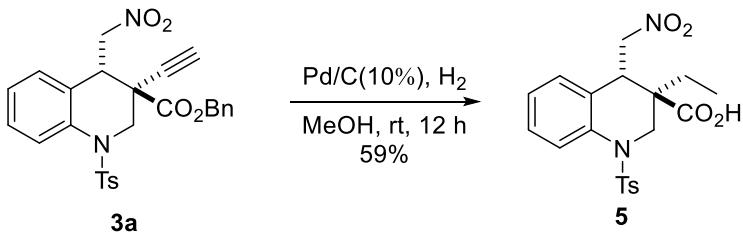
### (a) Synthesis of **3a** on gram-scale.



To a stirred solution of 2-amino- $\beta$ -nitrostyrenes **1a** (1.45 g, 4.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and  $\beta'$ -acetoxy allenoate **2a** (1.67 g, 6.8 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in MeCN (30.0 mL) was added  $\text{P}(\text{NMe}_2)_3$  (146.7 mg, 20 mol %) and  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.76 g, 120 mol %) at room temperature for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 8:1) to afford product **3a** (1.12 g) in 50% yield with >20:1 *d.r.*.

### (b) Synthetic manipulations of **3a**.

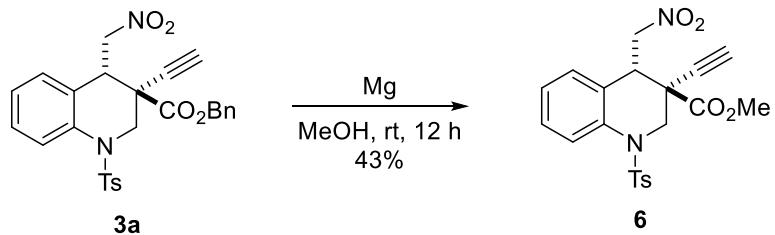
#### *4-(Aminomethyl)-3-ethyl-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylic acid (5)*



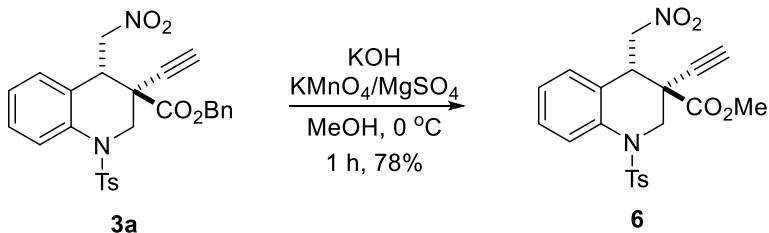
The According to the known procedure.<sup>1</sup> A round-bottomed flask with magnetic stir bar was charged with the **3a** (25.2 mg, 0.05 mmol) and MeOH (1 mL), then was added Pd/C (10%, 2.5 mg). The flask was evacuated and back-filled with  $\text{H}_2$ . After stirring for 12 h under a  $\text{H}_2$  atmosphere (balloon), the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite that was carefully rinsed with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc 1:1 as the eluent) to afford a yellow liquid **5** (12.3 mg, 59% yield).  **$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)**  $\delta$  7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 4.84 (dd,  $J$  = 12.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 – 3.75 (m,

1H), 3.66 (dd,  $J$  = 12.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.76 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)**  $\delta$  173.7, 144.8, 135.7, 135.5, 130.6, 130.2, 128.9, 127.4, 127.3, 124.0, 121.1, 77.1, 49.7, 49.6, 41.7, 27.7, 21.5, 9.2. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_6\text{S}^+$  ( $M + \text{Na}$ )<sup>+</sup> 441.1091, found 441.1086.

*Methyl-3-ethynyl-4-(nitromethyl)-1-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate*  
**(6)**



According to the known procedure.<sup>2</sup> Mg powder (2.43 mg, 0.1 mmol) were added to a solution of **3a** (25.2 mg, 0.05 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) at room temperature. After stirring at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite that was carefully rinsed with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc 8:1 as the eluent) to afford a yellow liquid **6** (9.1 mg, 43% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 4.69 – 4.63 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 4.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.71 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.69 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 168.1, 144.8, 135.3, 135.2, 130.1, 129.3, 129.1, 126.78, 126.75, 125.1, 123.0, 78.1, 76.2, 76.0, 53.7, 50.0, 46.2, 41.9, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>S<sup>+</sup> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 451.0934, found 451.0936.



According to the known procedure.<sup>3</sup> To a solution of **3a** (50.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) in MeOH (1.0 mL) was added 1.6 M KOH in MeOH (0.1 mL, 1.6 M, 0.16 mmol, 1.6 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min, cooled to 0 °C, and a freshly prepared aq. solution of KMnO<sub>4</sub> (0.05 M, 1.05 eq)/MgSO<sub>4</sub> (0.043 M, 0.9 eq) was added slowly keeping internal temperature below 10 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C. After 25 min, saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mL) was added at 0 °C followed by 1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with MTBE (3 x 5 mL) and the organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc 8:1 as the eluent) to afford a yellow liquid **6** (33.4 mg, 78% yield).

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## VI. X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis

**Crystal Growth Method:** 15 mg of **3j** was added in a HPLC vial and dissolved by 1.0 mL EtOAc, closed the lid. Then put it in a large bottle, added petroleum ether to the same level of the liquid in the HPLC vial, tighten the lid, put it in a fumehood and waited for growth.

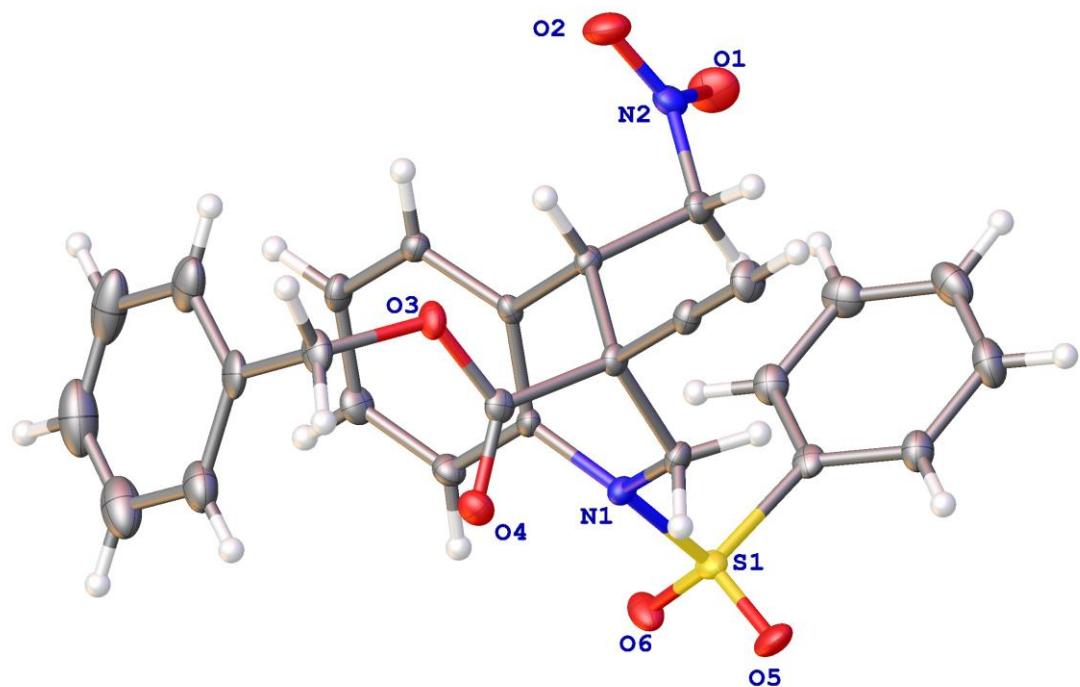


Figure S1. X-ray structure of **3j** (ellipsoid contour at 50% probability CCDC 2287287)

**Crystal Growth Method:** 15 mg of **4d** was added in a HPLC vial and dissolved by EtOAc 1.0 mL , closed the lid. Then put it in a large bottle, added petroleum ether to the same level of the liquid in the HPLC vial, tighten the lid, put it in a fumehood and waited for growth.

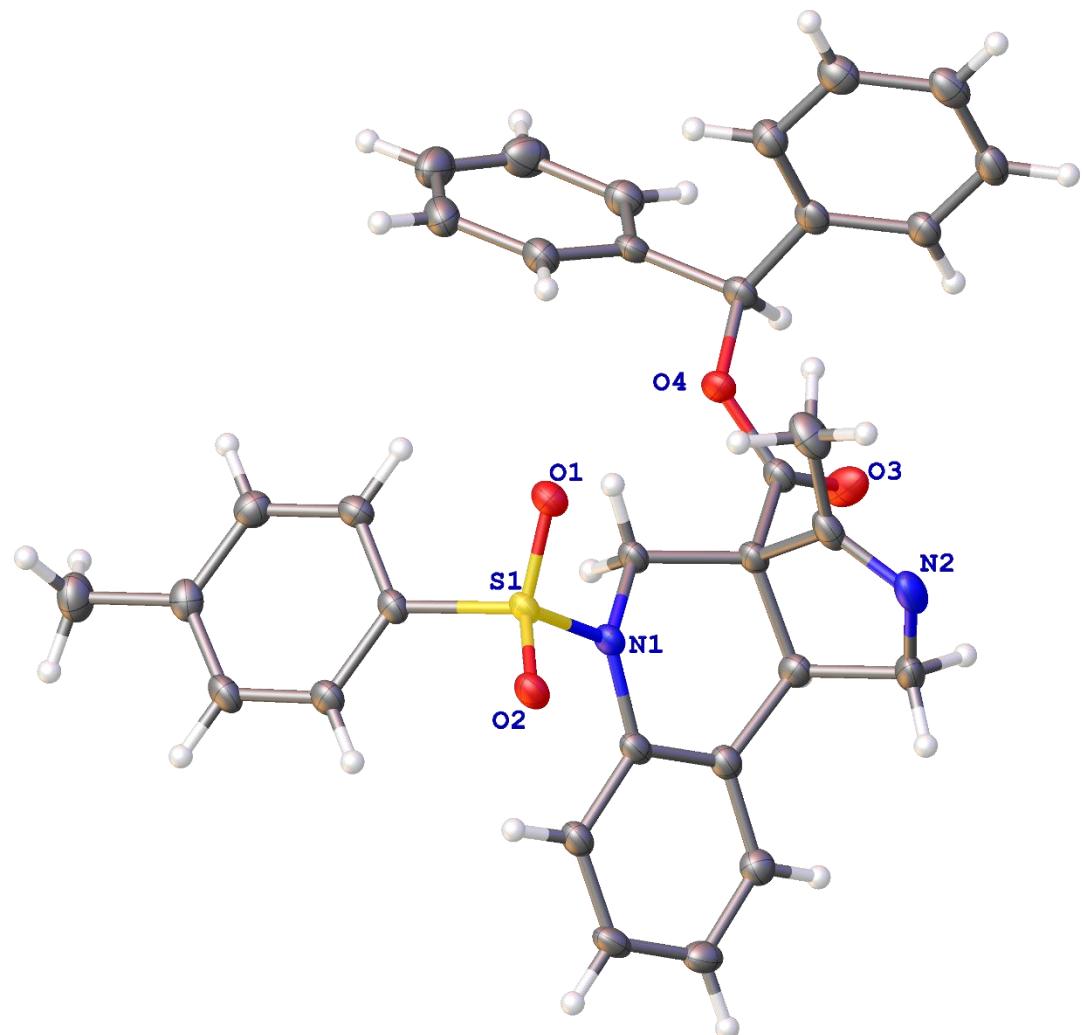
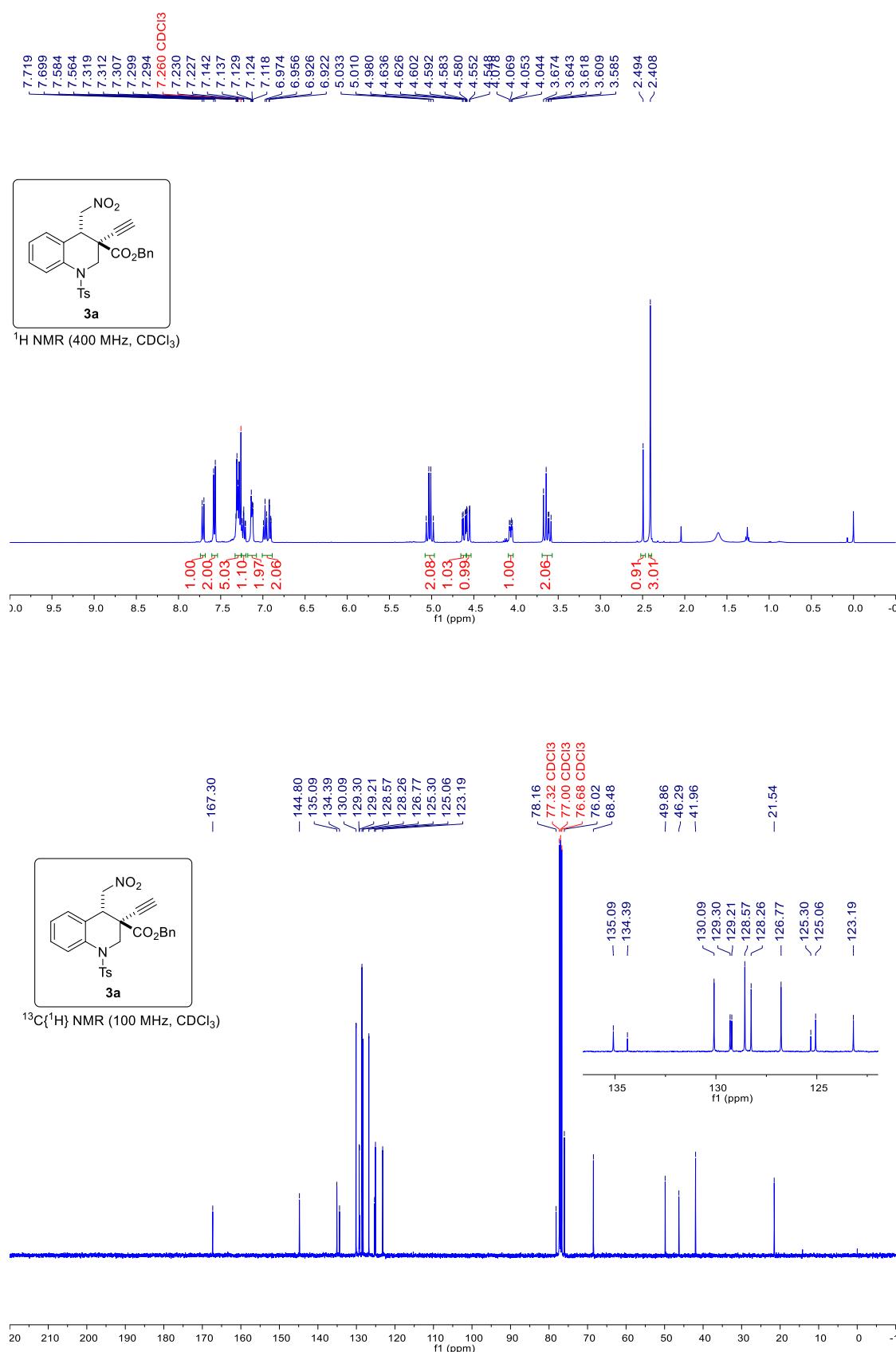


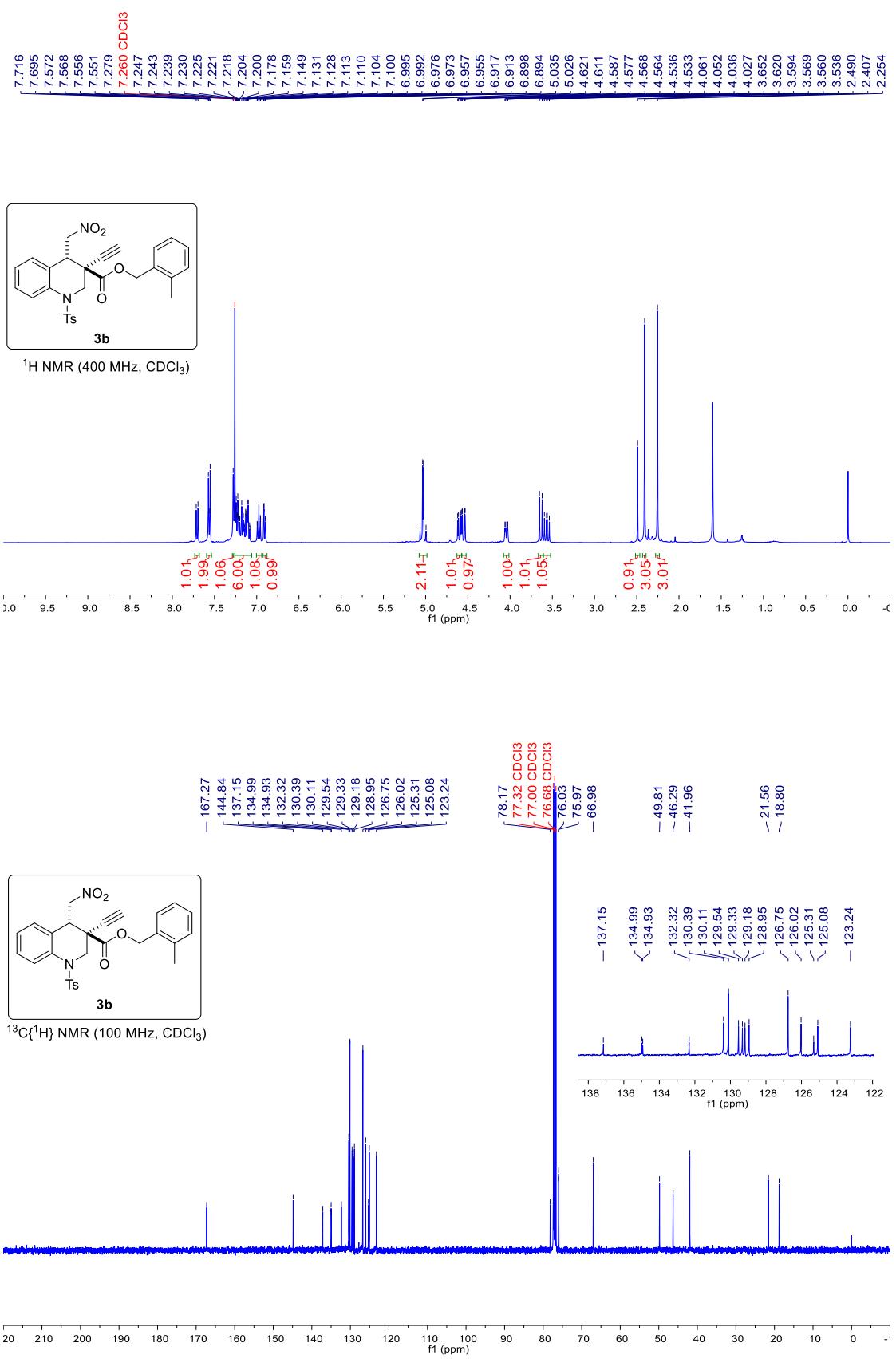
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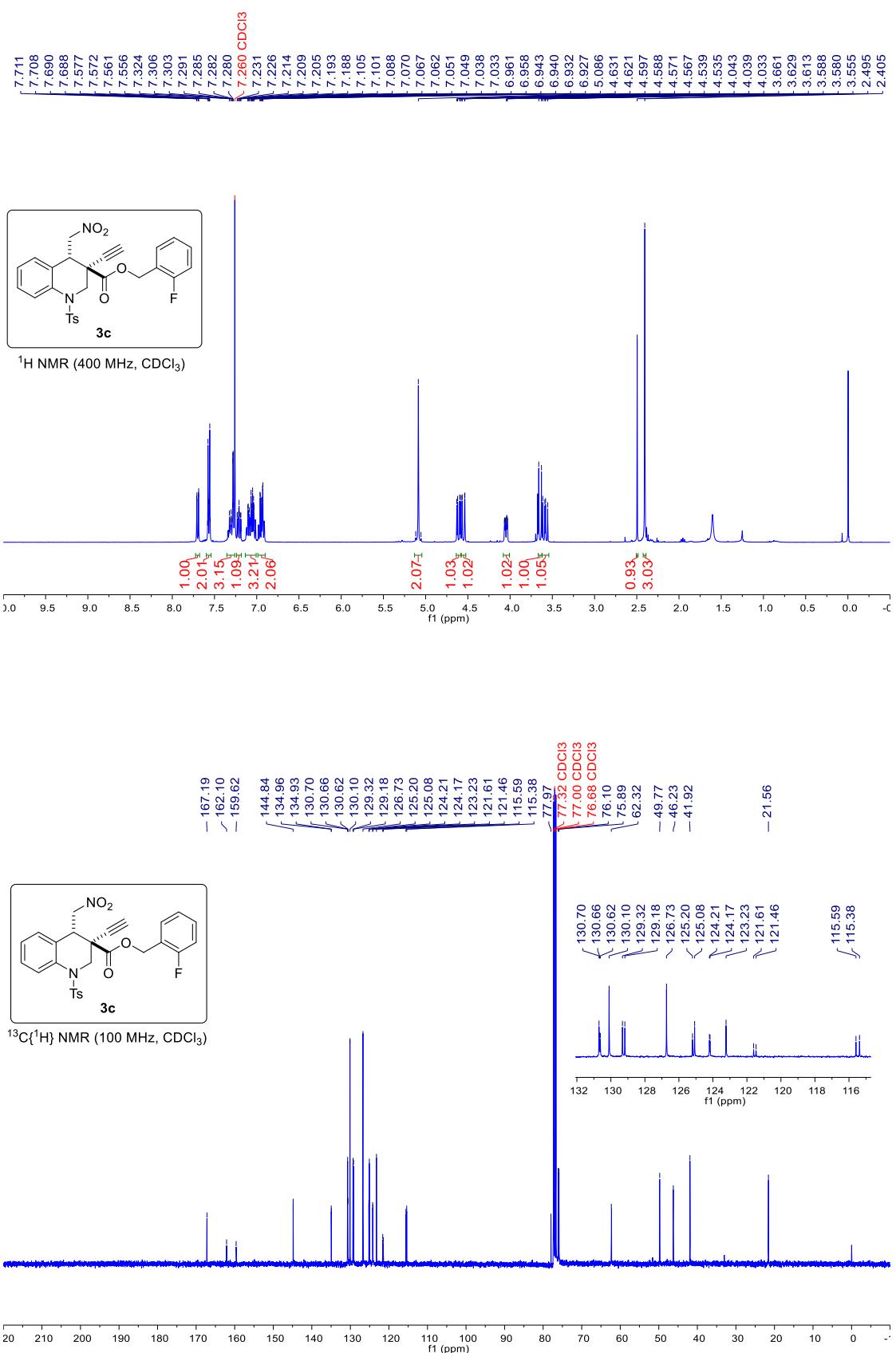
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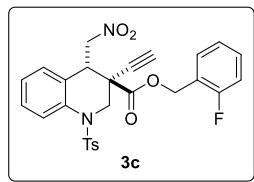
Identification code	<b>3j</b>	<b>4d</b>
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Formula weight	490.51	550.65
Temperature/K	119.99(14)	158(14)
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1
a/Å	9.3636(5)	10.0509(5)
b/Å	14.6831(6)	11.7269(5)
c/Å	18.2931(7)	12.5630(5)
α/°	103.066(3)	100.660(4)
β/°	102.730(4)	98.042(4)
γ/°	91.504(4)	109.309(5)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2382.05(19)	1340.68(11)
Z	4	2
ρ <sub>calc</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.368	1.364
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.181	1.420
F(000)	1024.0	580.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.15 × 0.12 × 0.1	0.14 × 0.13 × 0.1
Radiation	Mo Kα ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	Cu Kα ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.108 to 50	7.334 to 147.714
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 11, -17 ≤ k ≤ 17, -21 ≤ l ≤ 21	-12 ≤ h ≤ 11, -14 ≤ k ≤ 9, -15 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	22002	9131
Independent reflections	8386 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0439, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0540]	5230 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1152, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0879]
Data/restraints/parameters	8386/0/631	5230/0/363
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.081	0.989
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0542, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1555	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0792, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2000
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0679, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1682	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0878, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2061
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.41/-0.45	1.01/-0.71

## VII. Copies of $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR Spectra



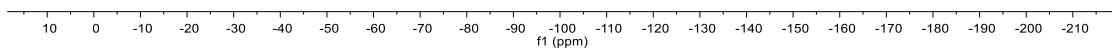


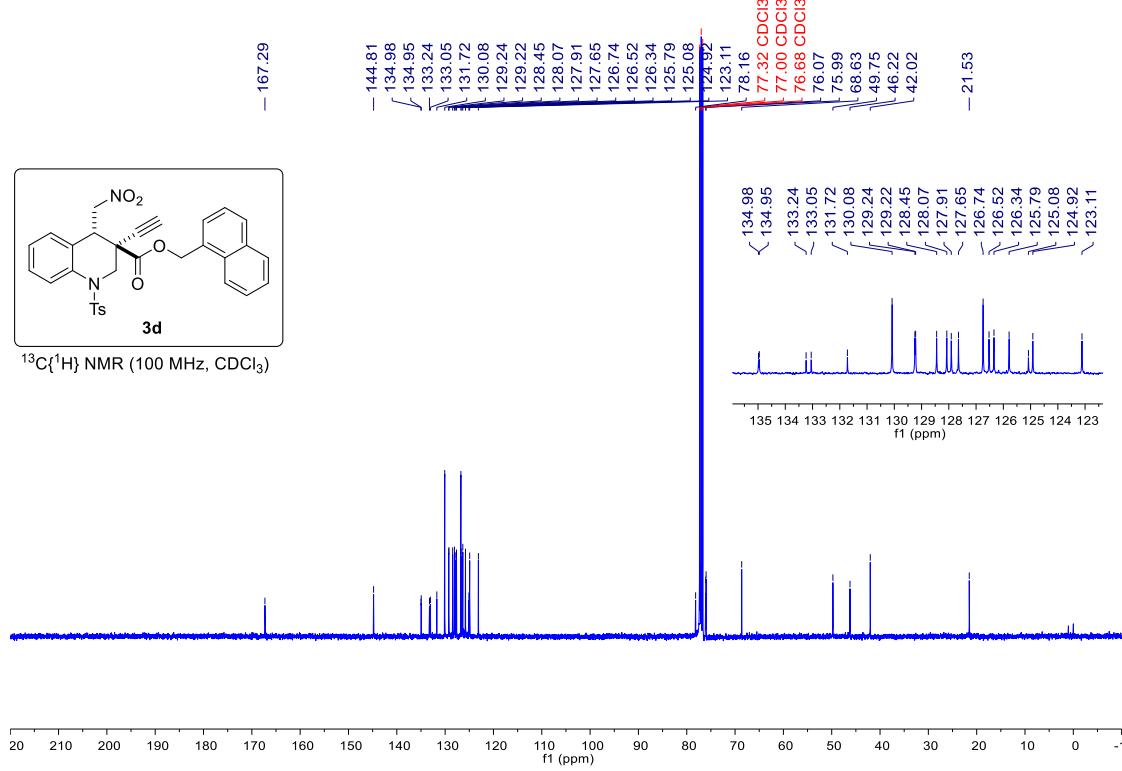
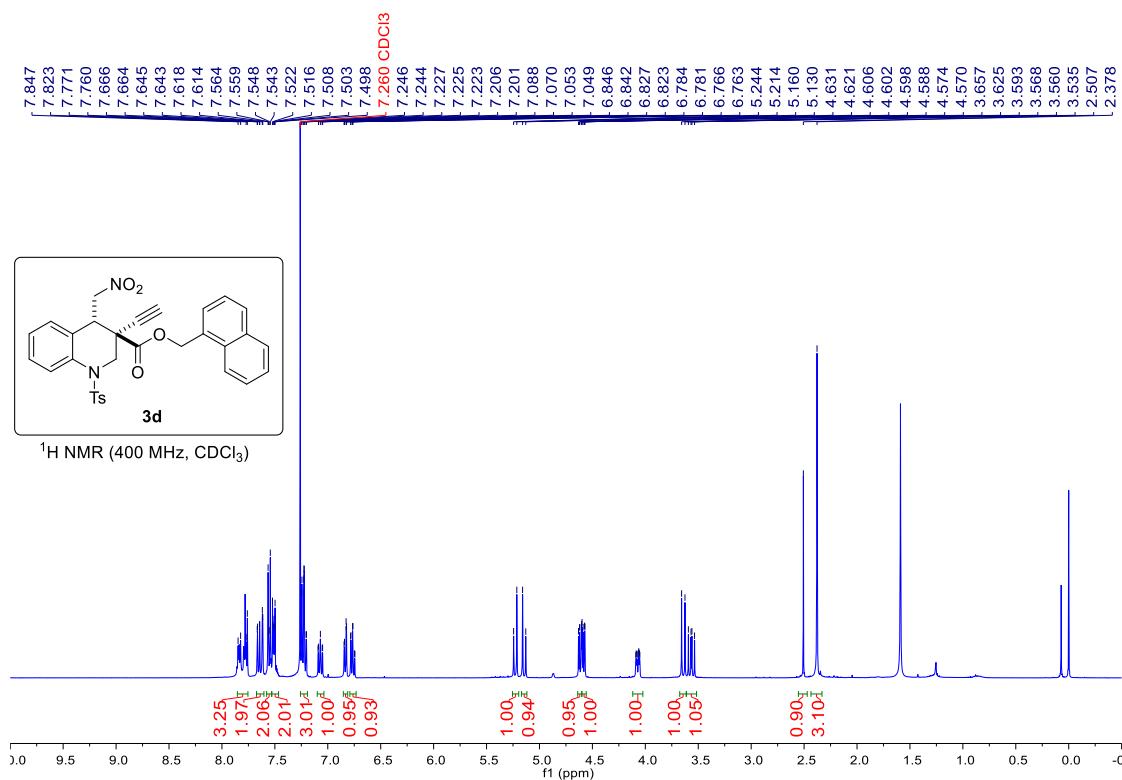


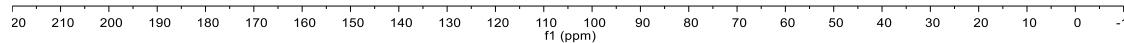
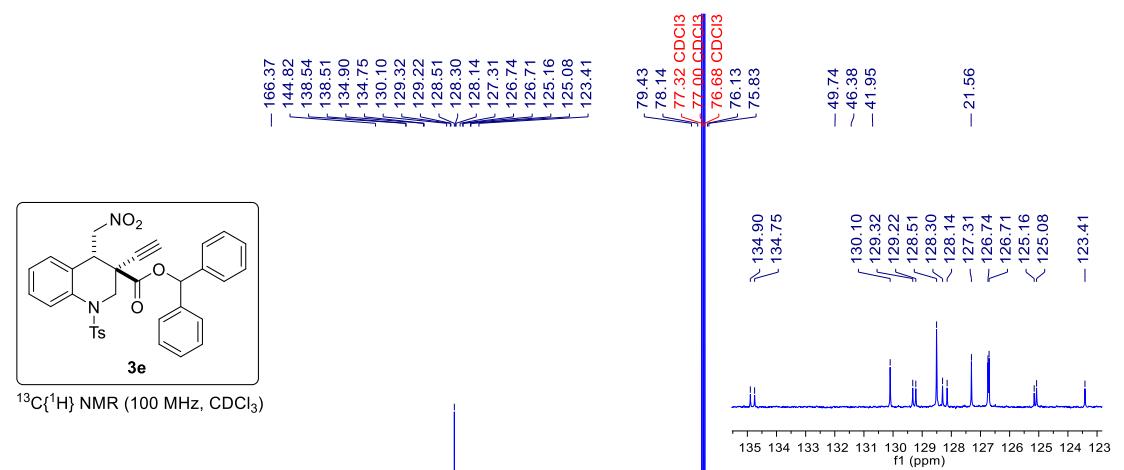
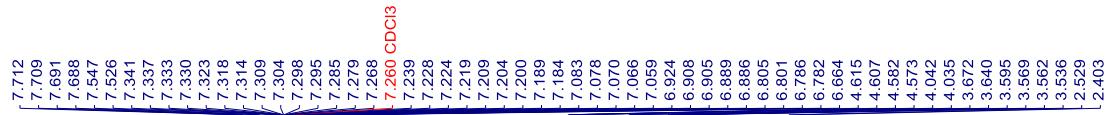


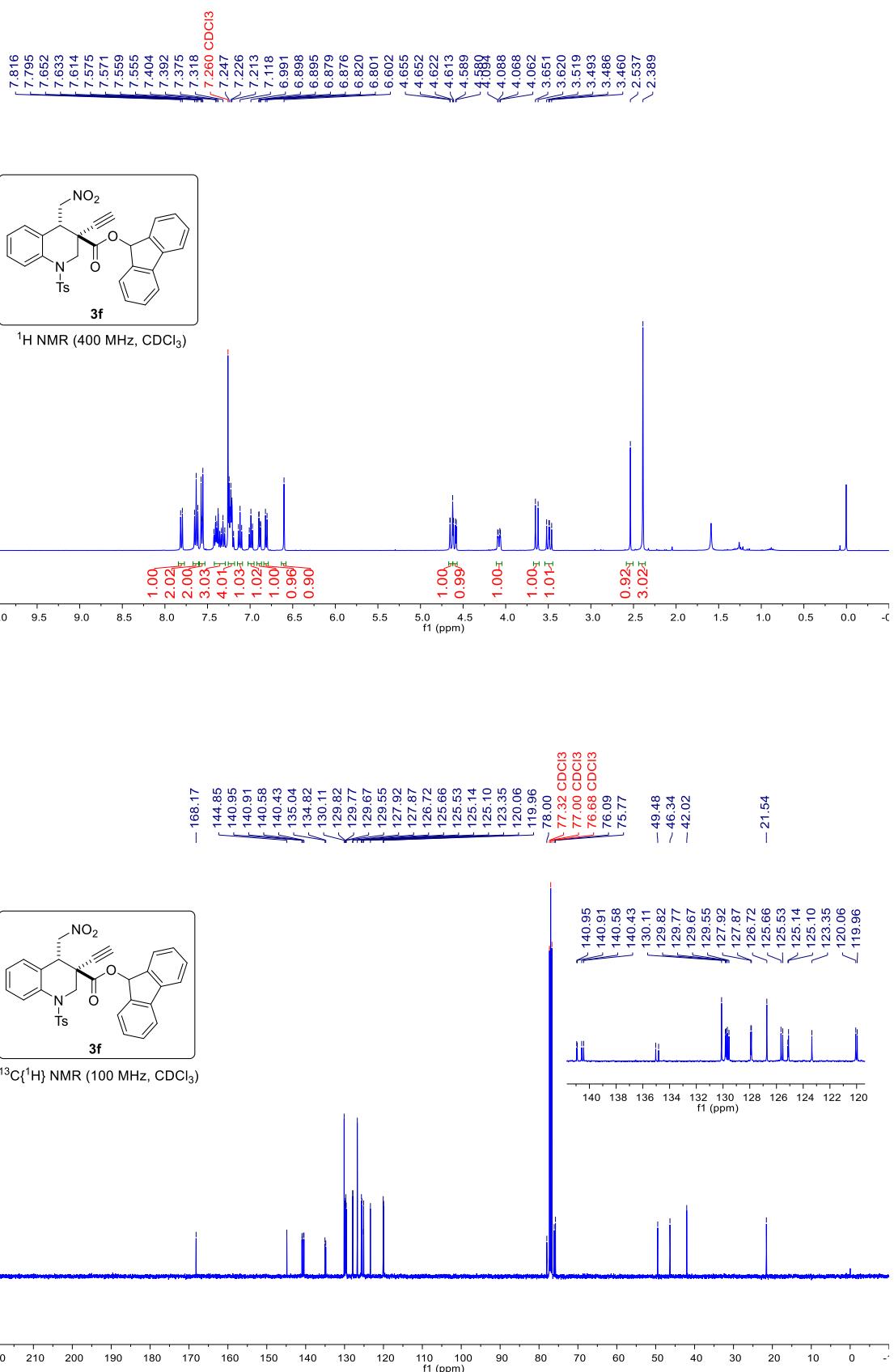
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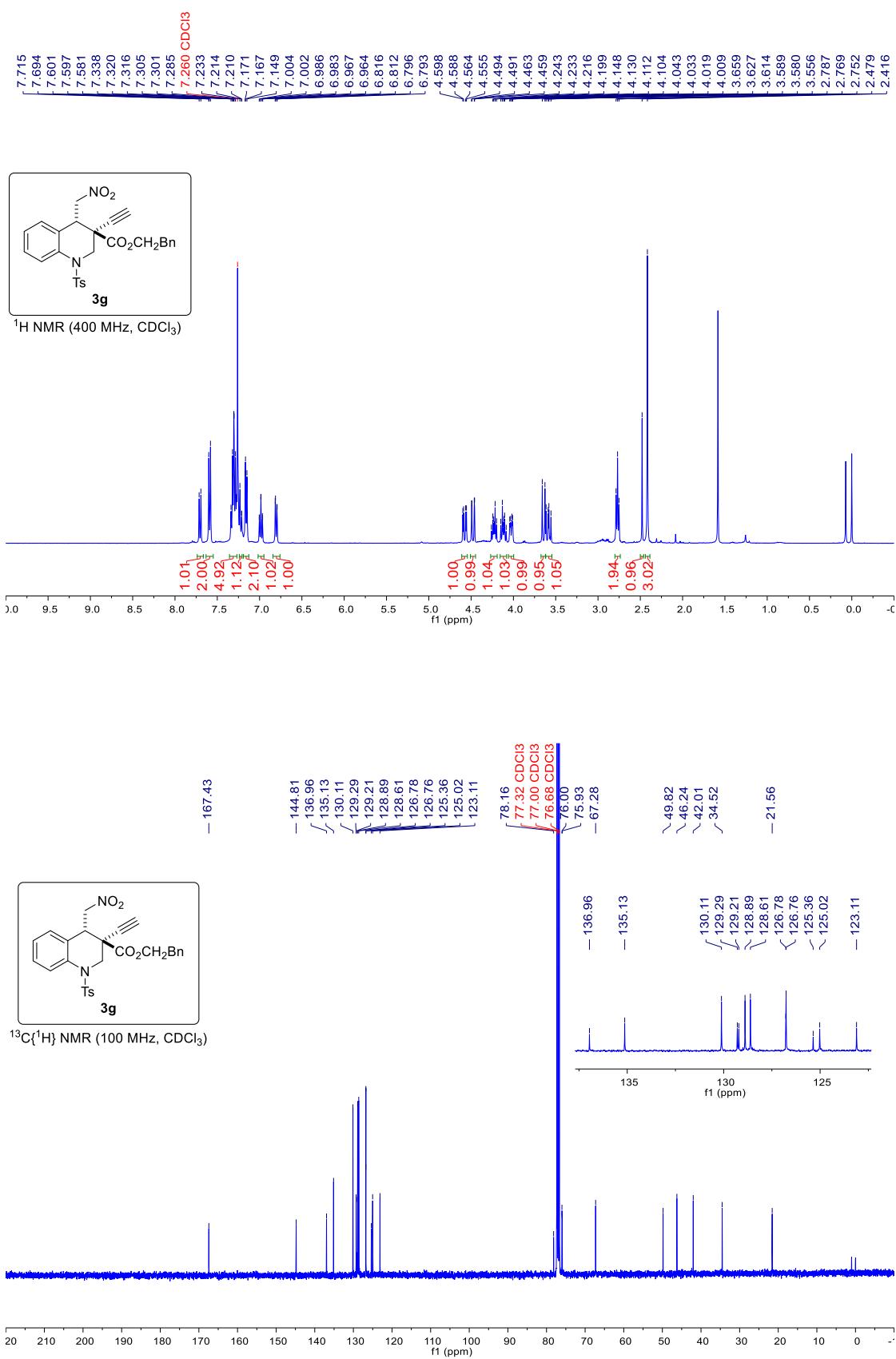
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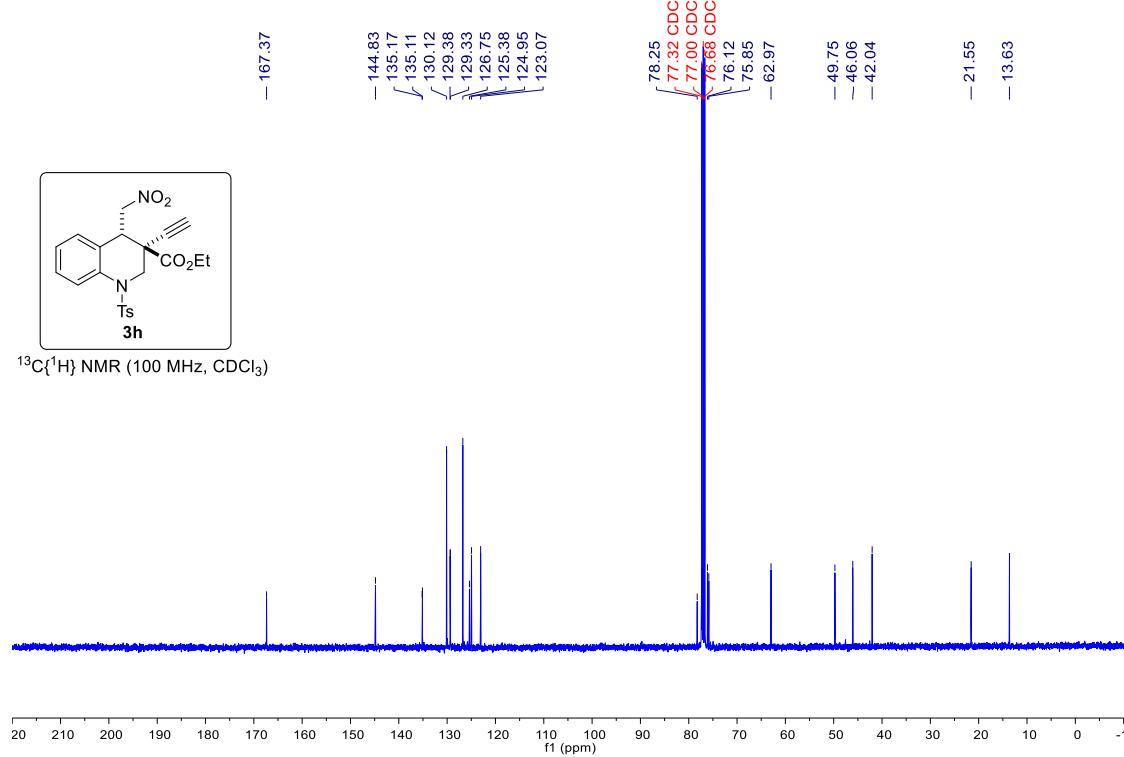
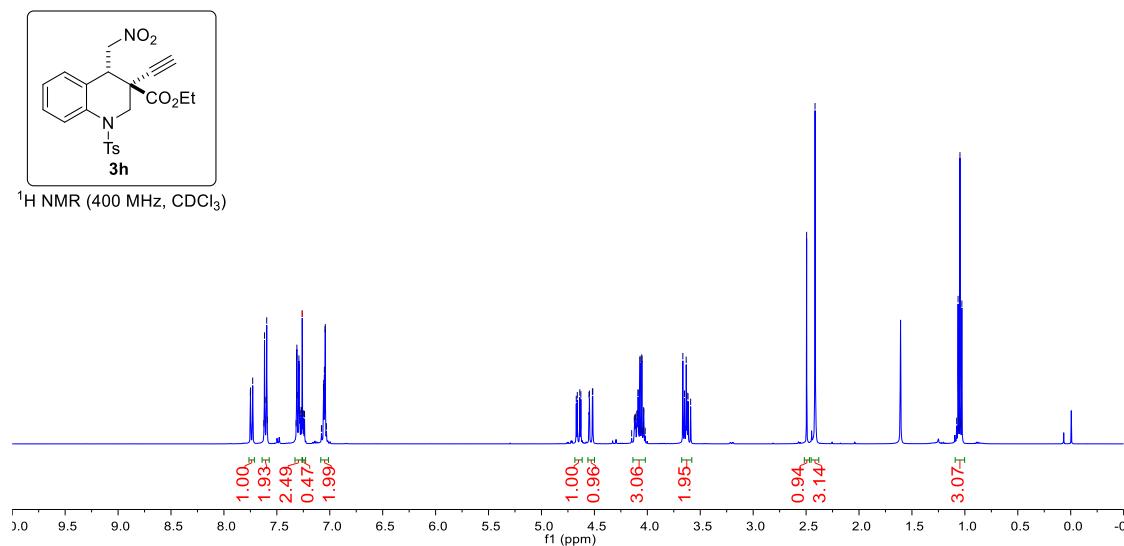
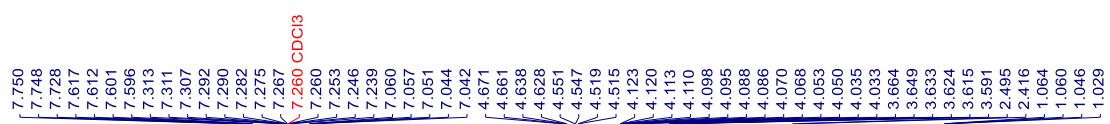


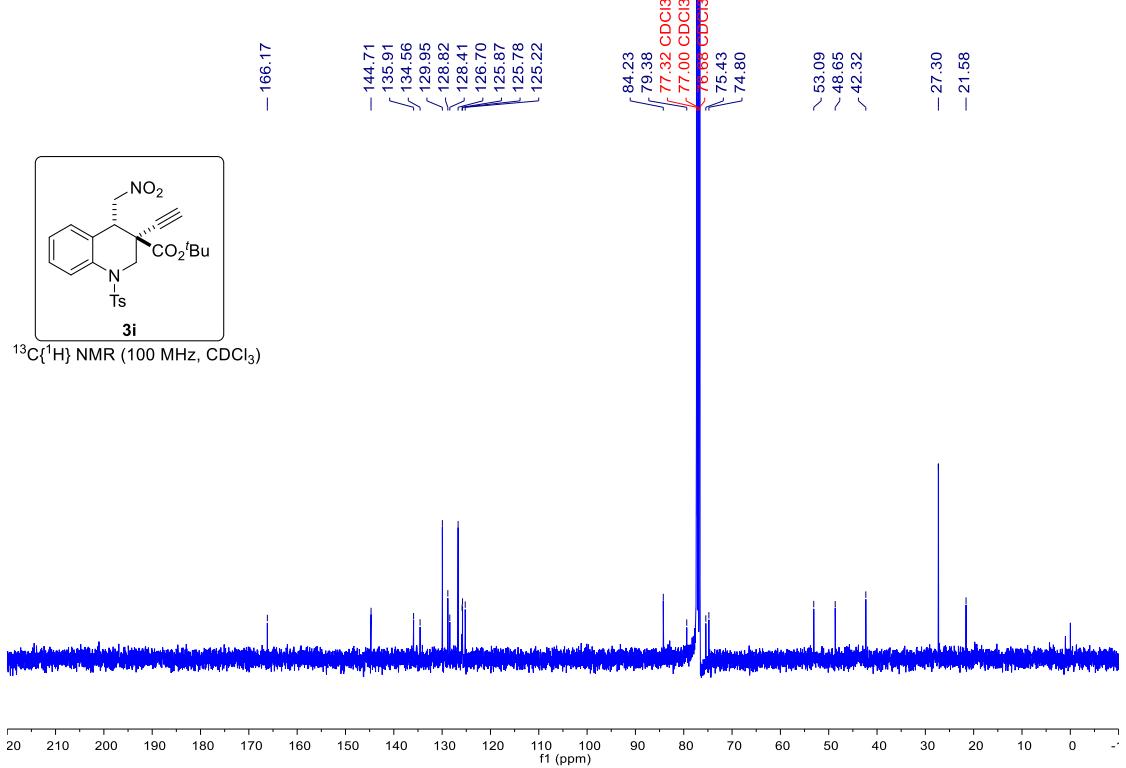
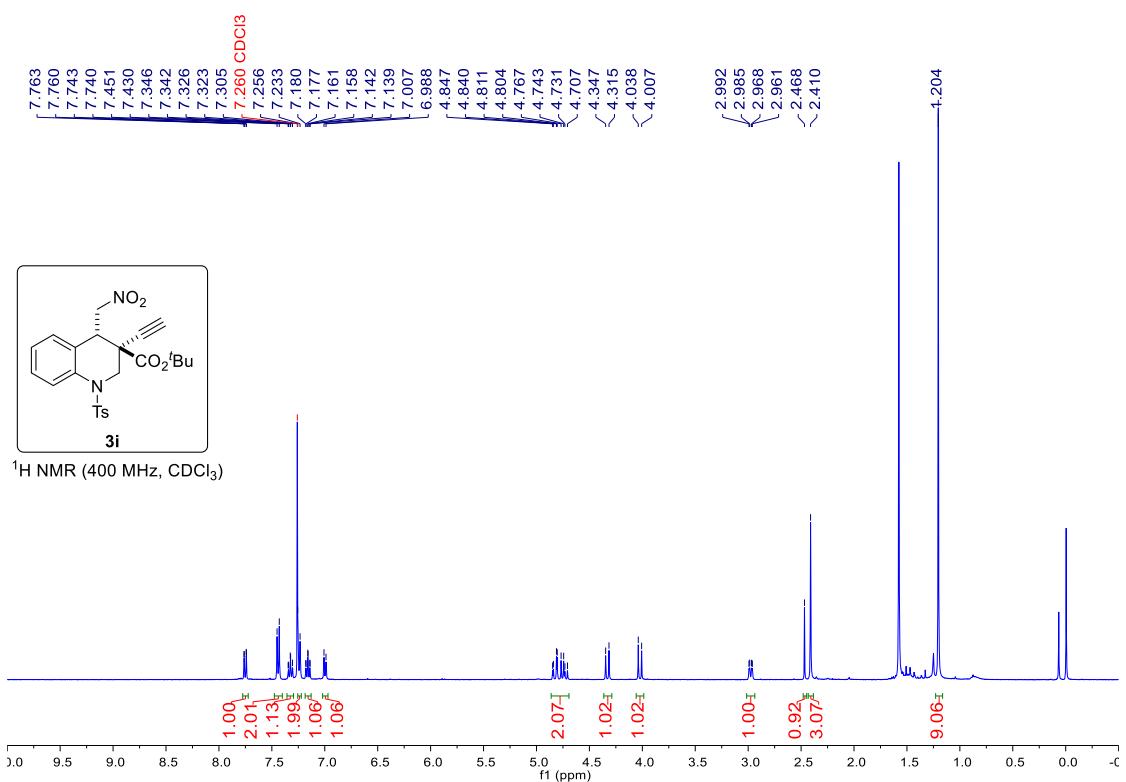


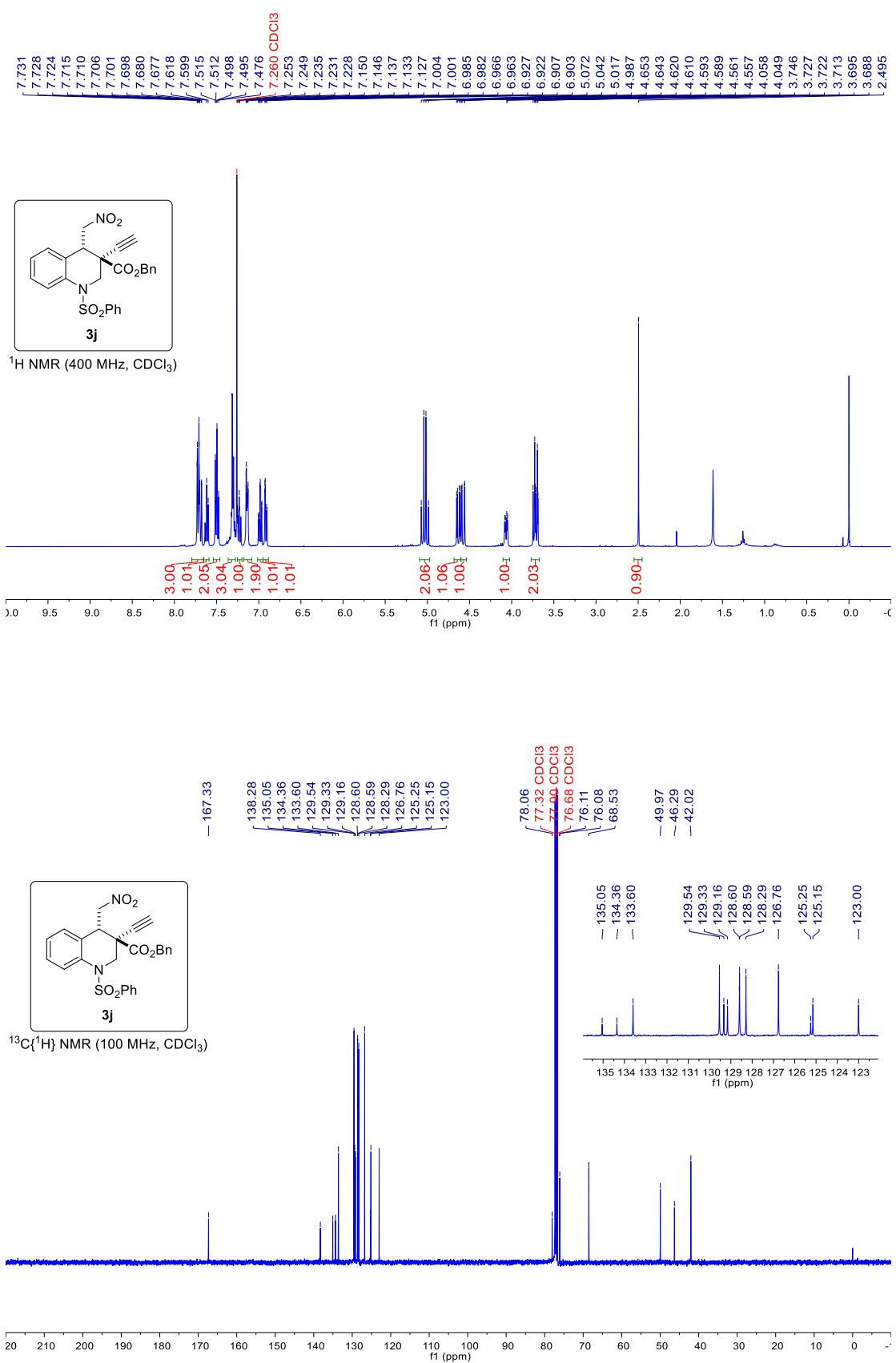


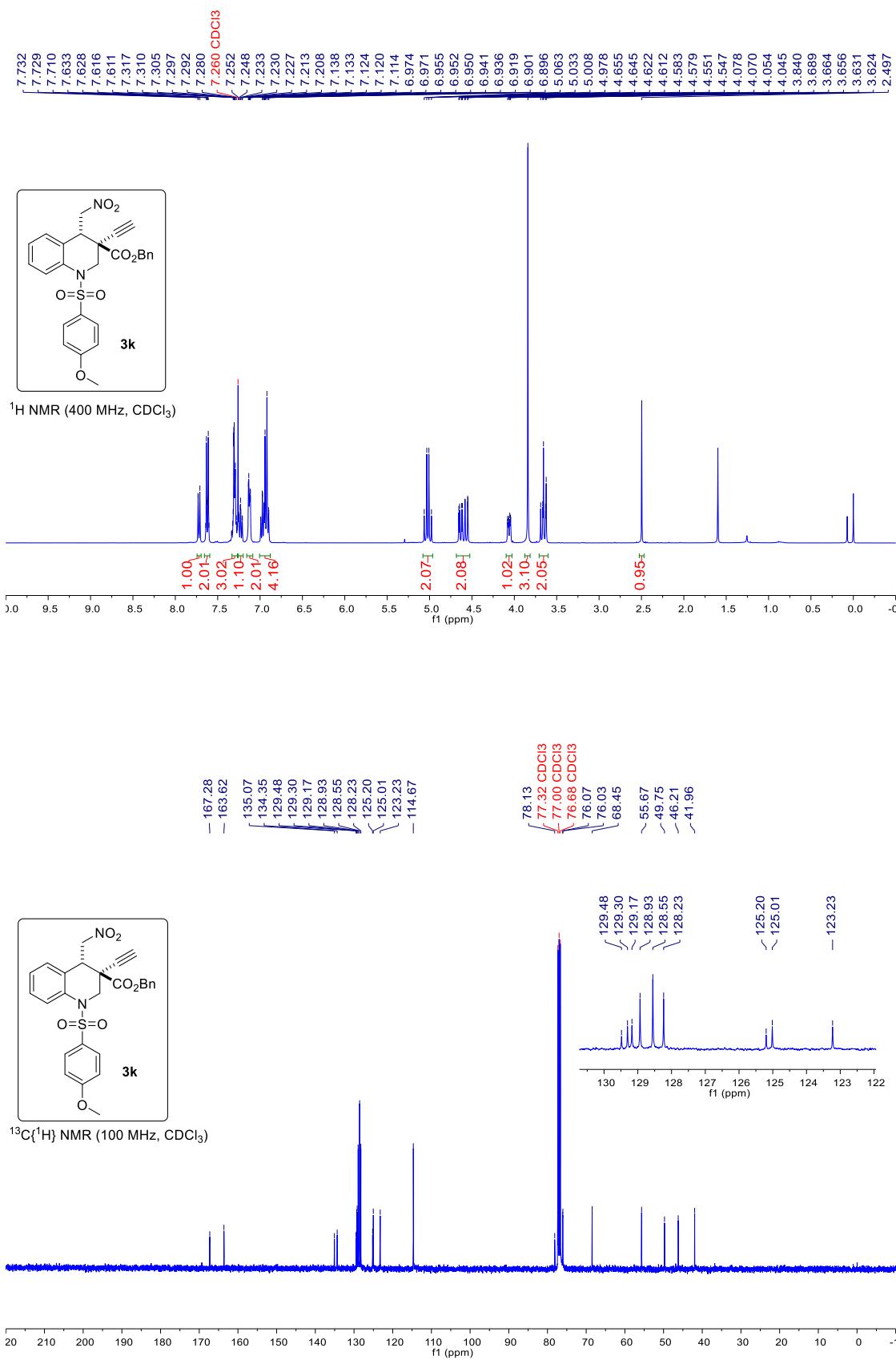


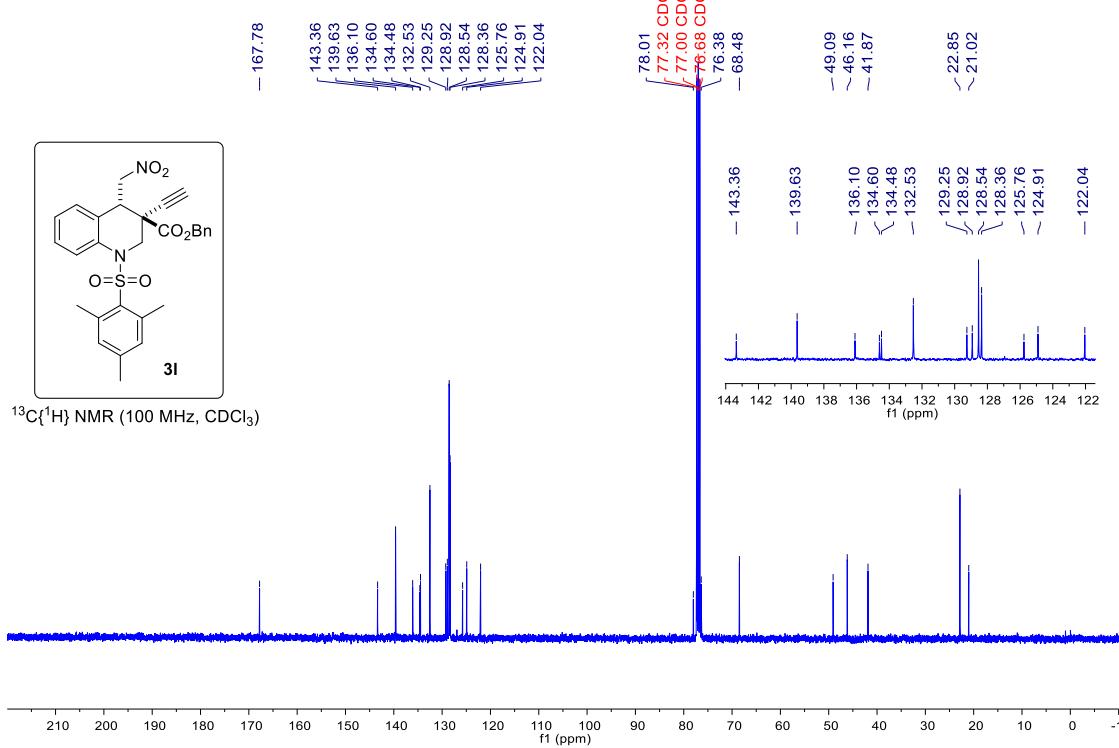
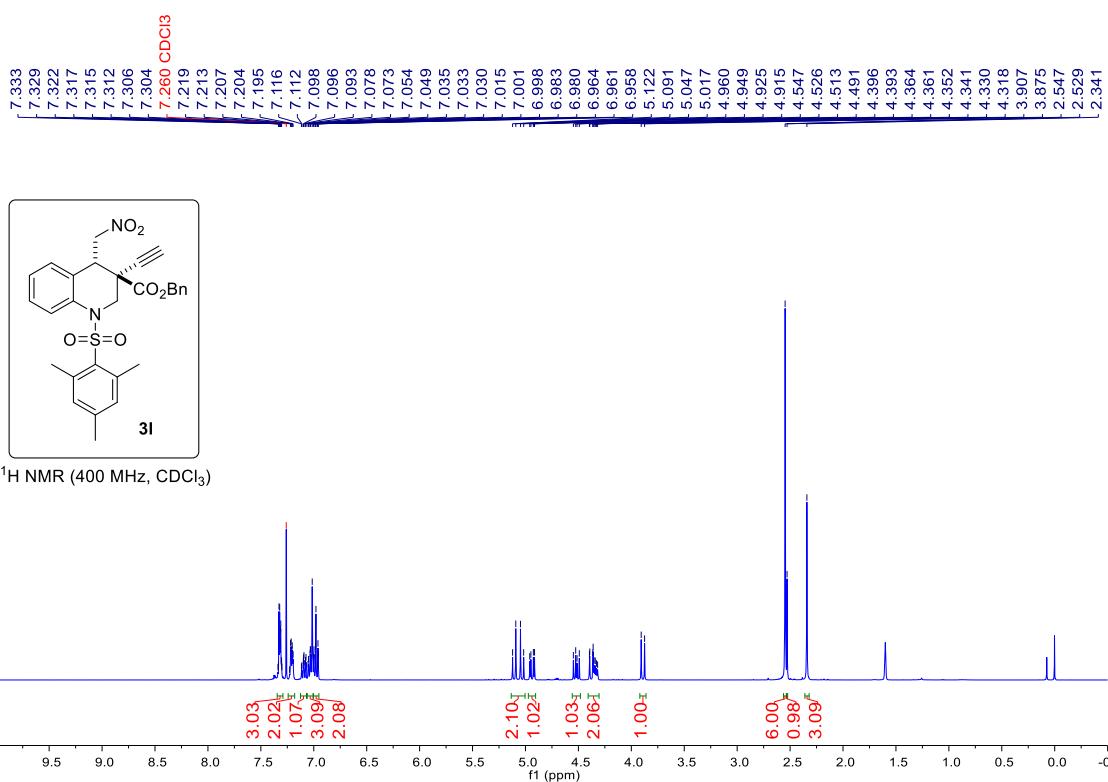


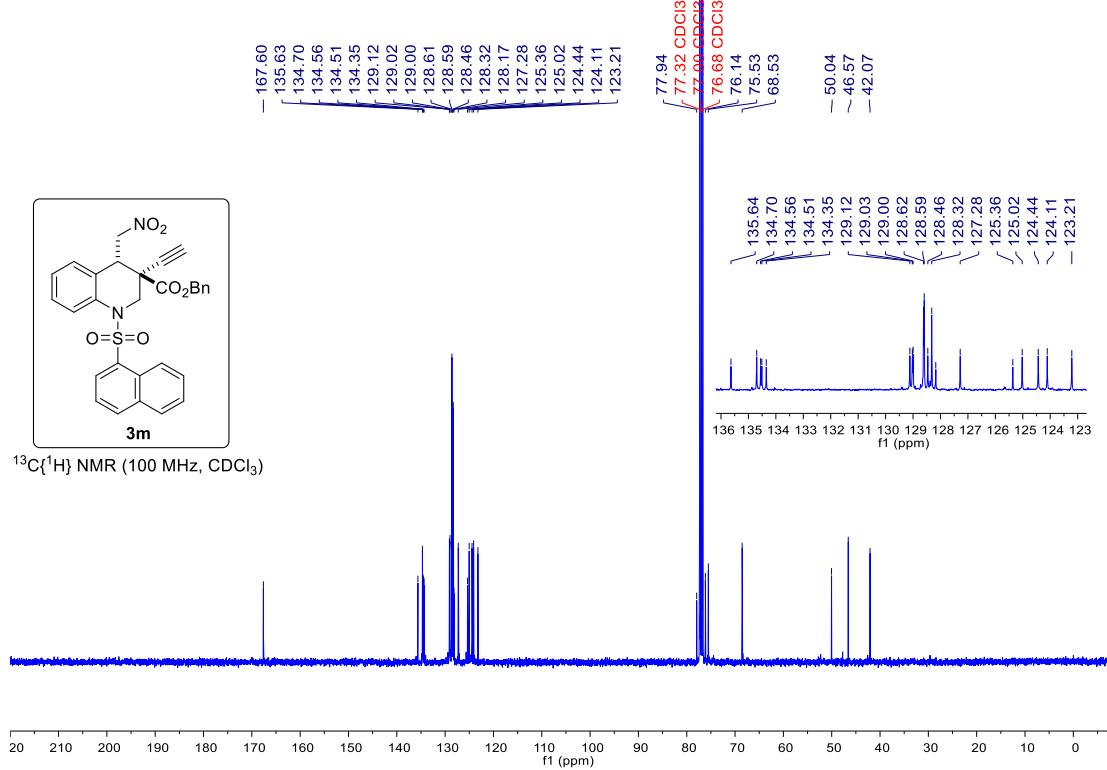
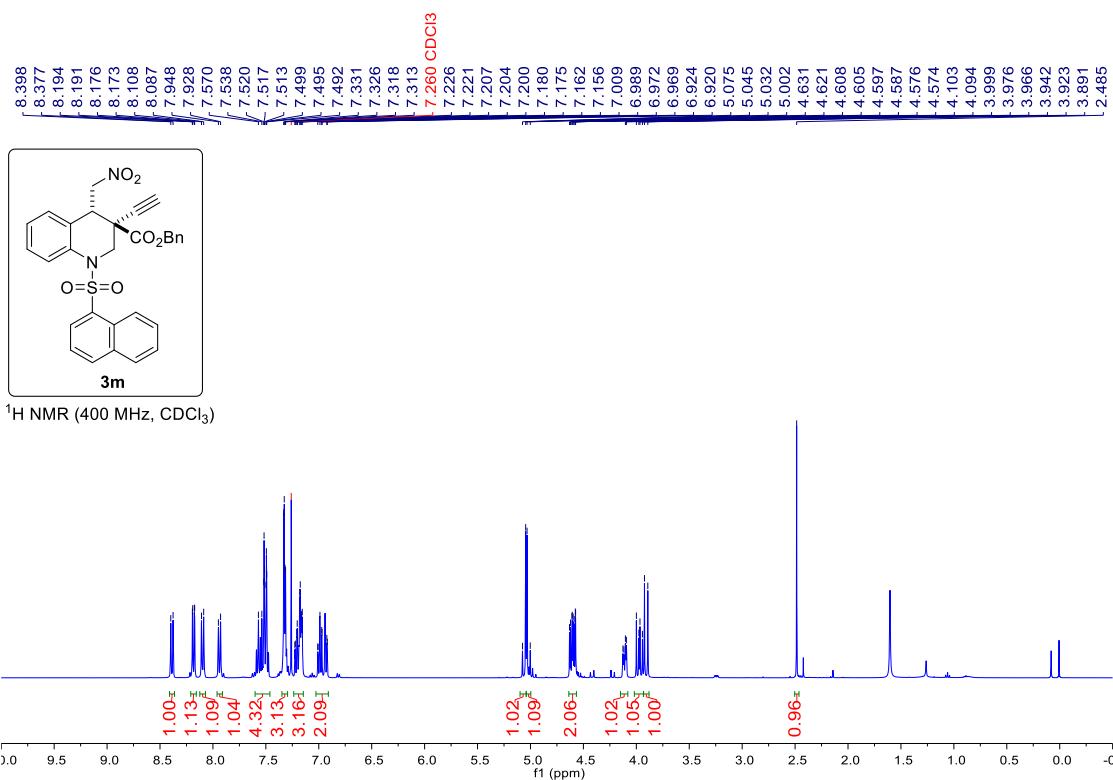


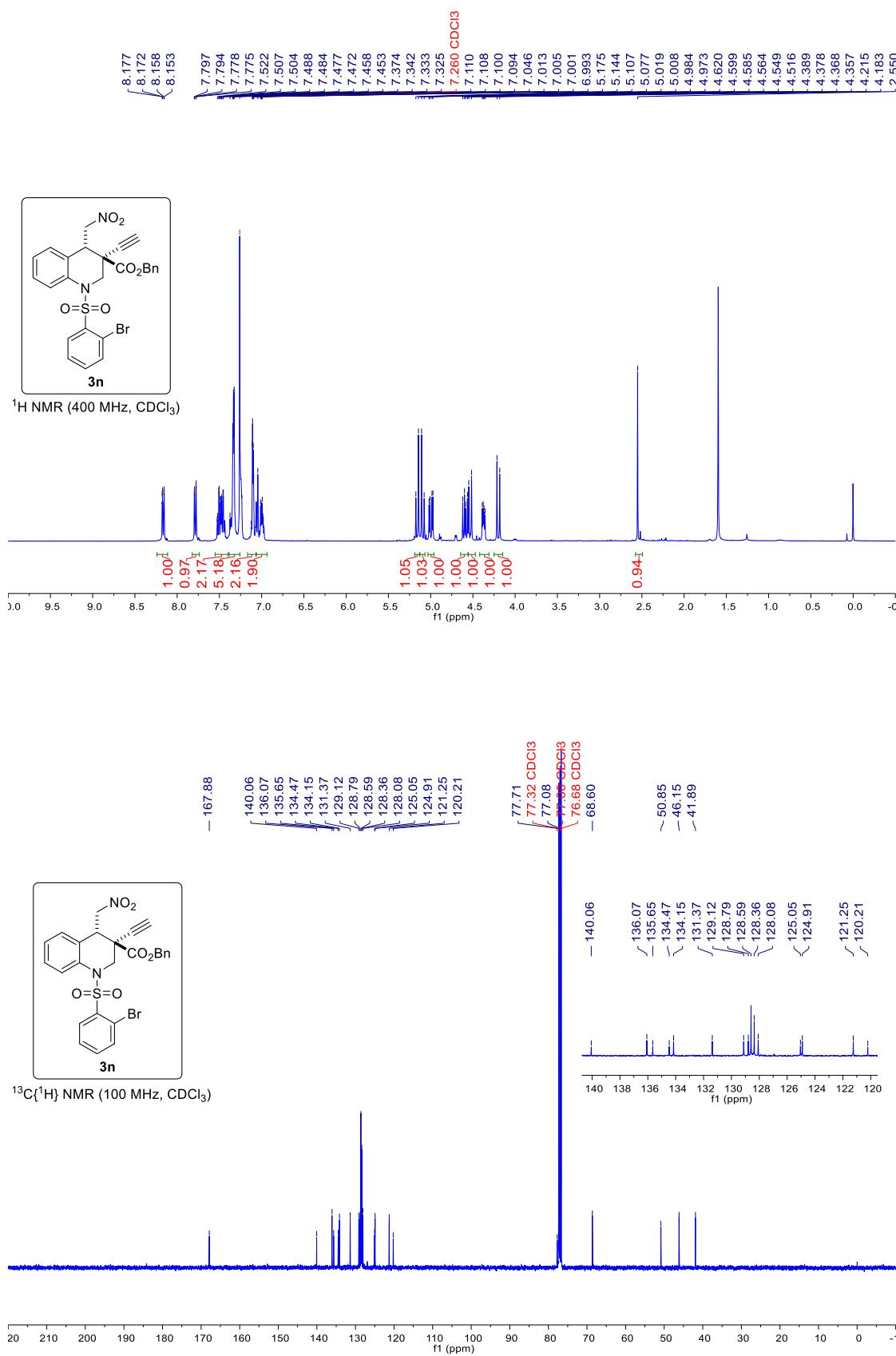


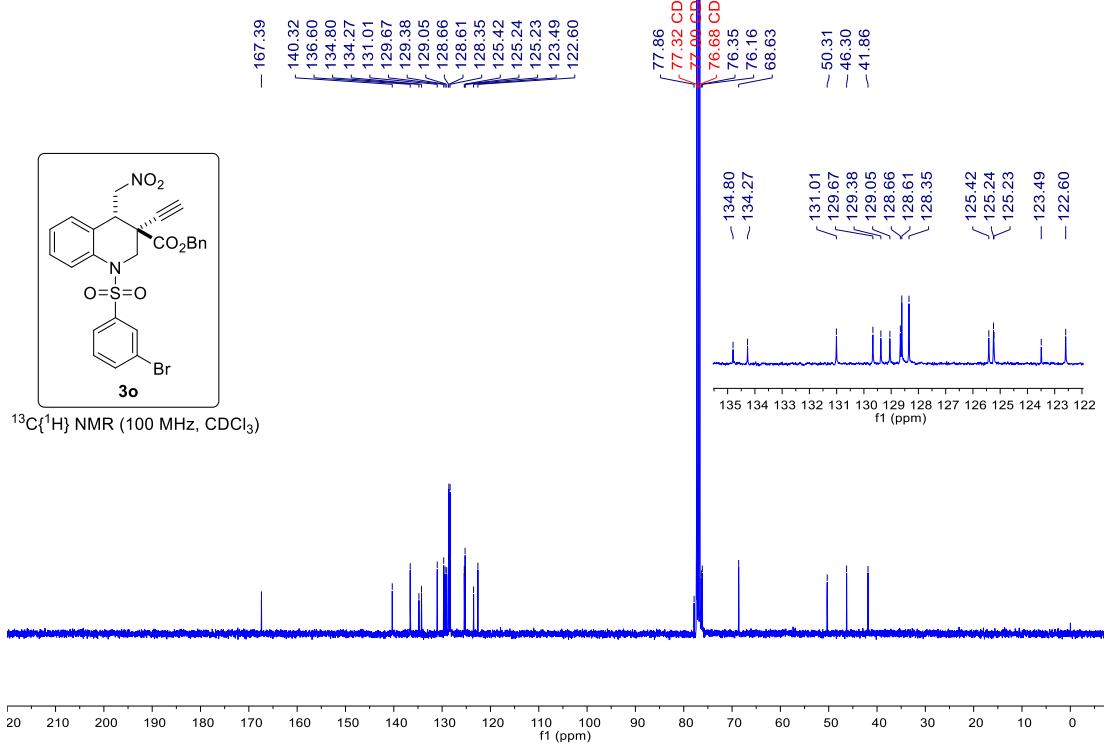
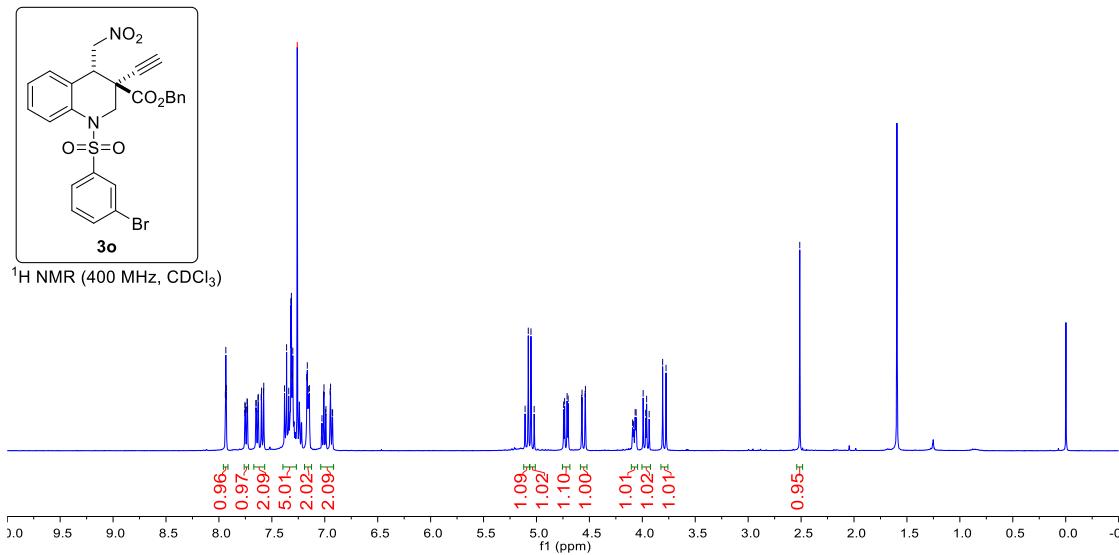


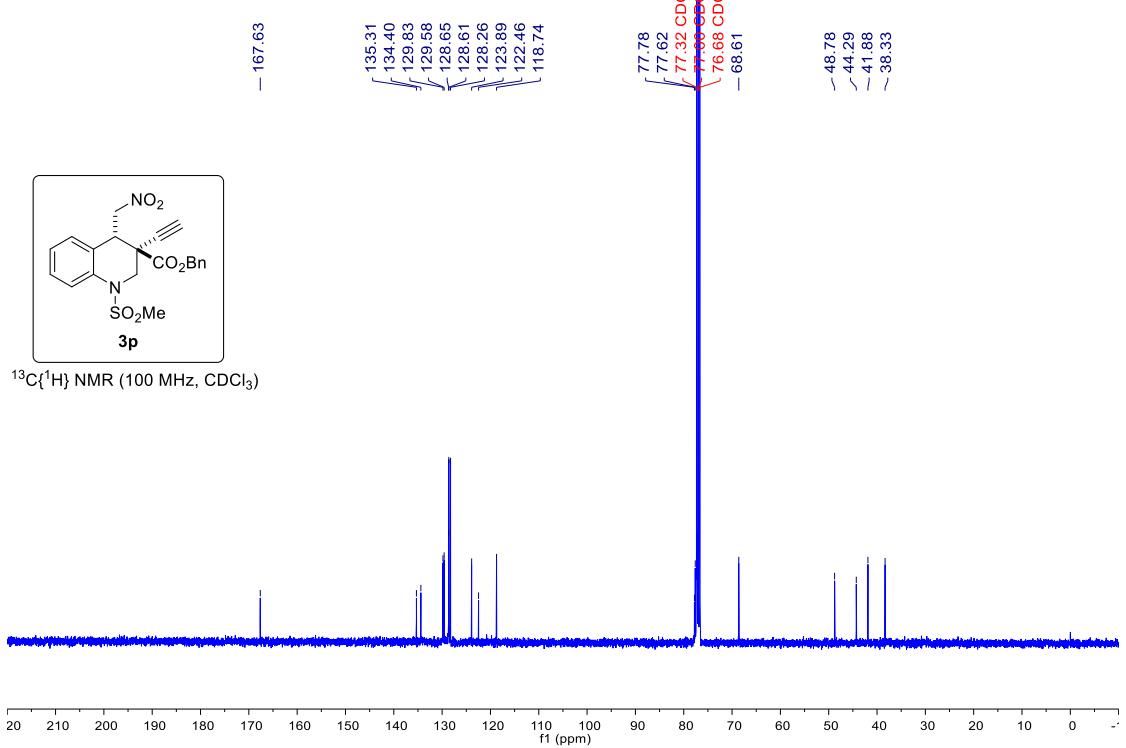
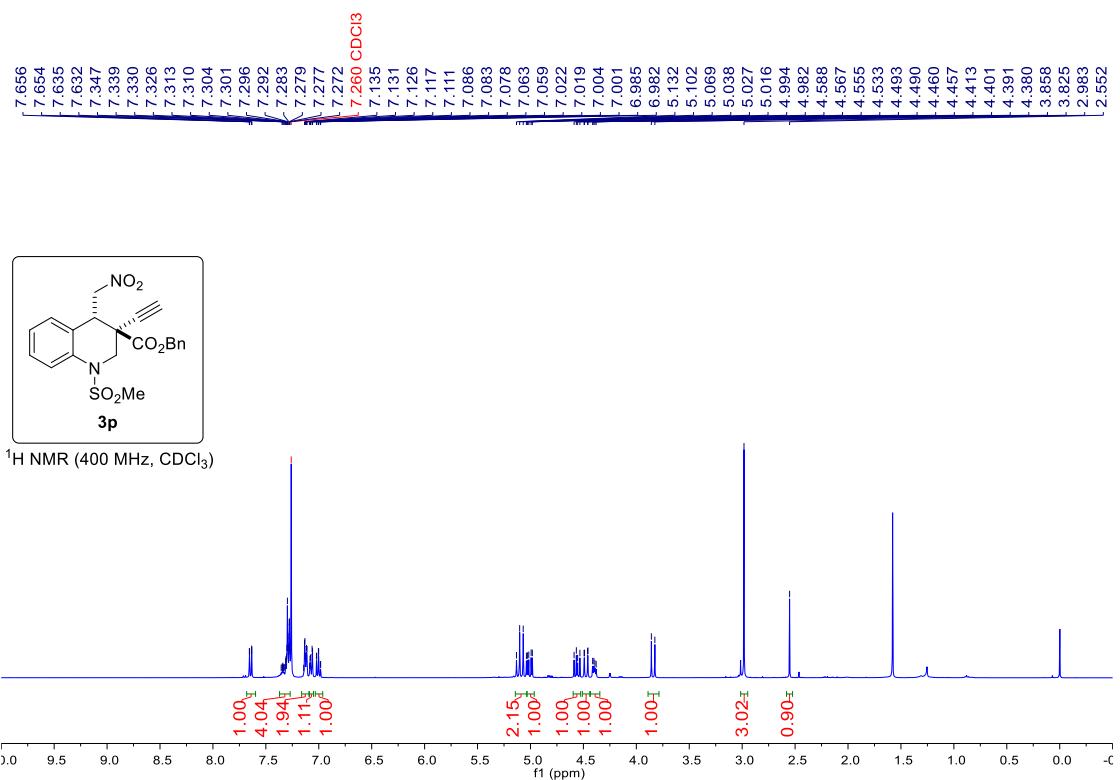


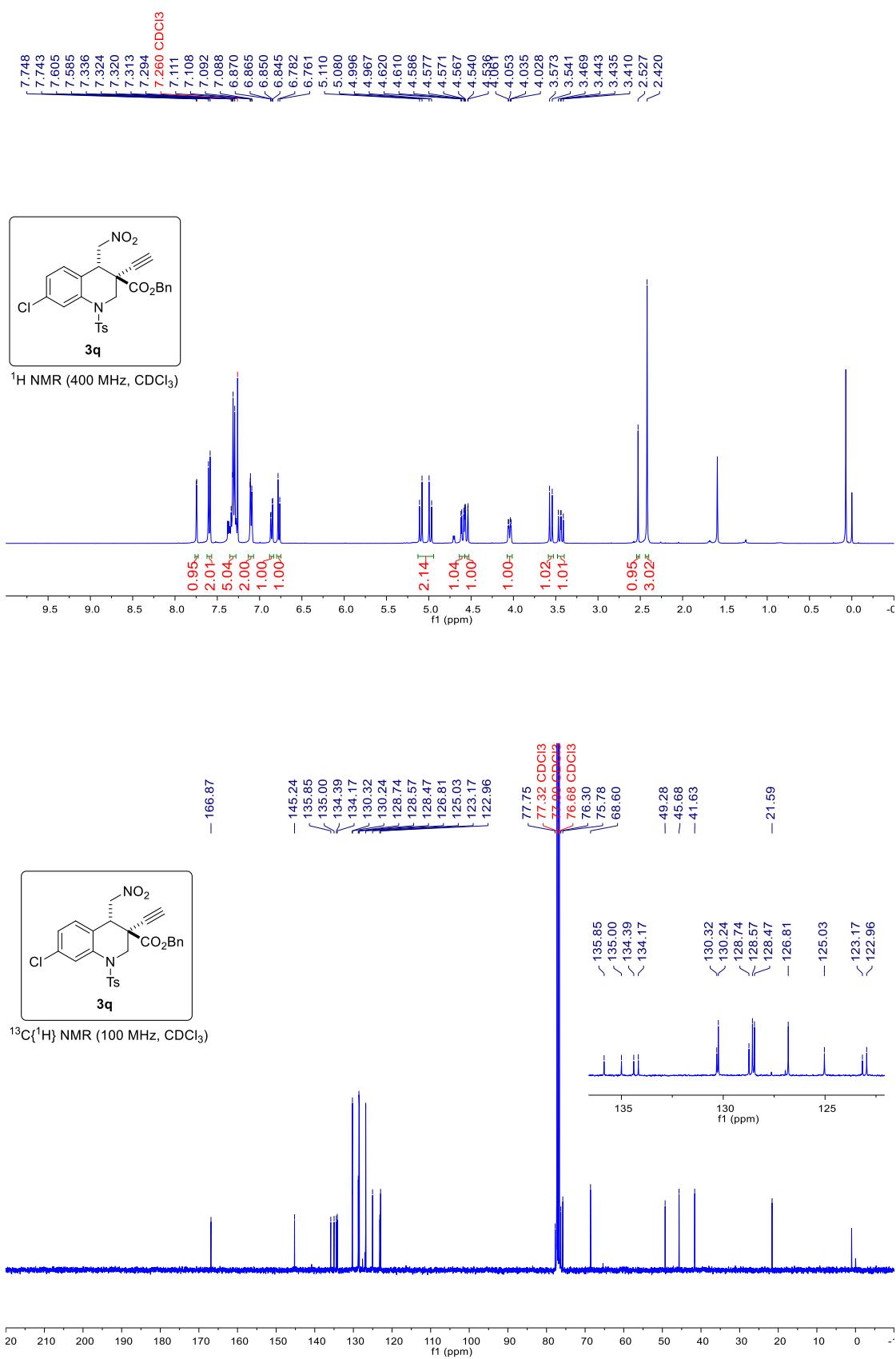


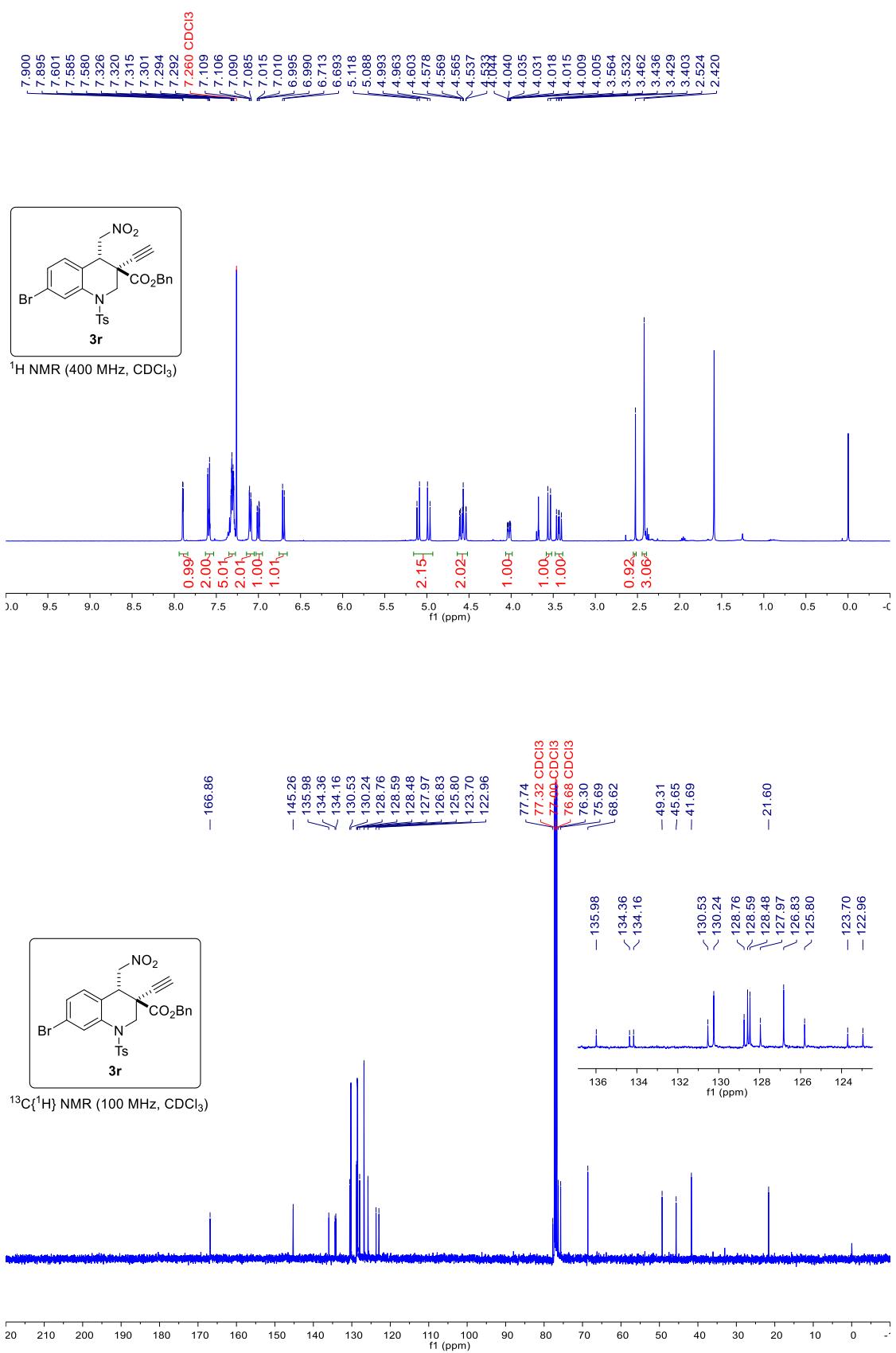


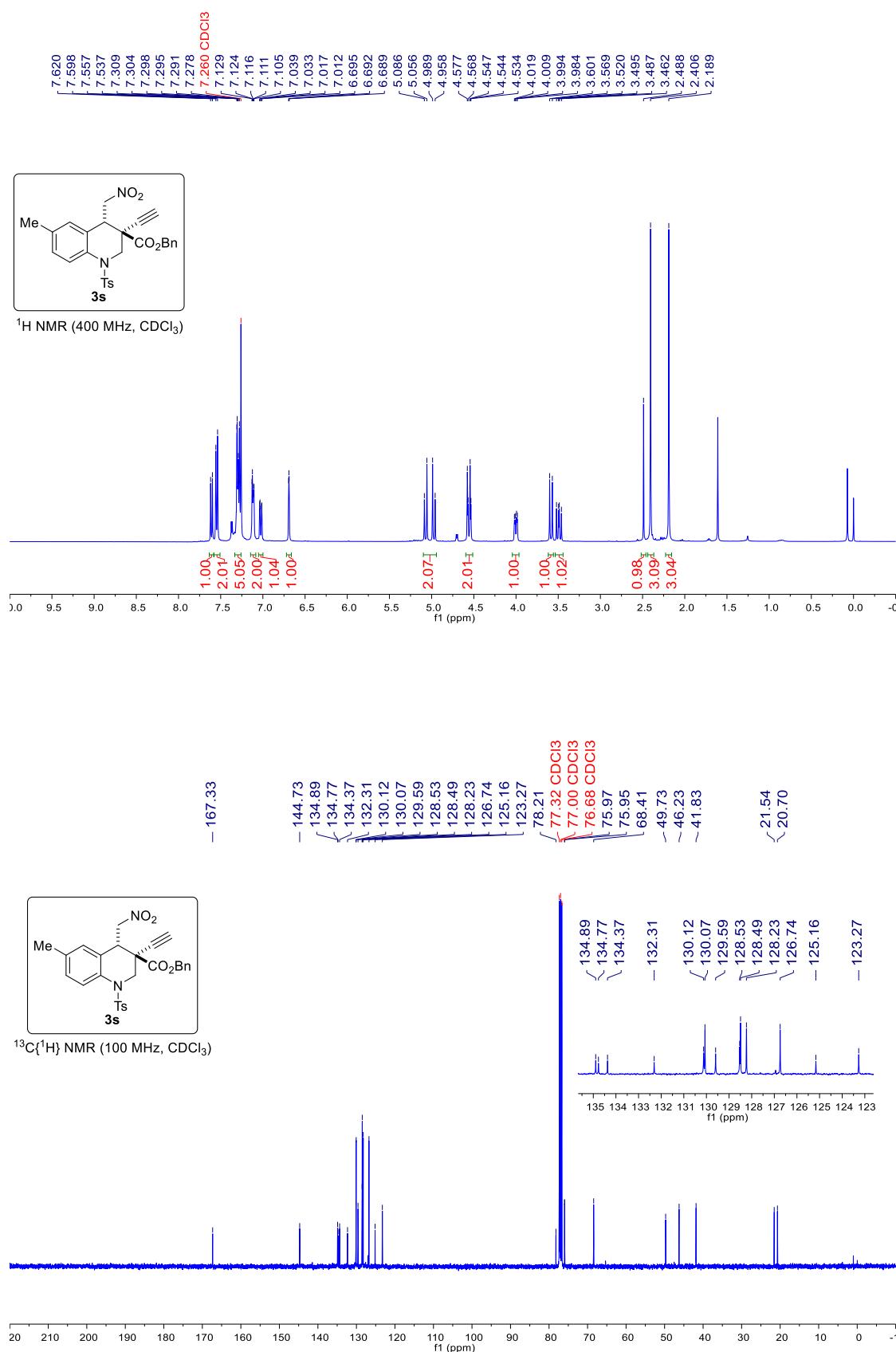


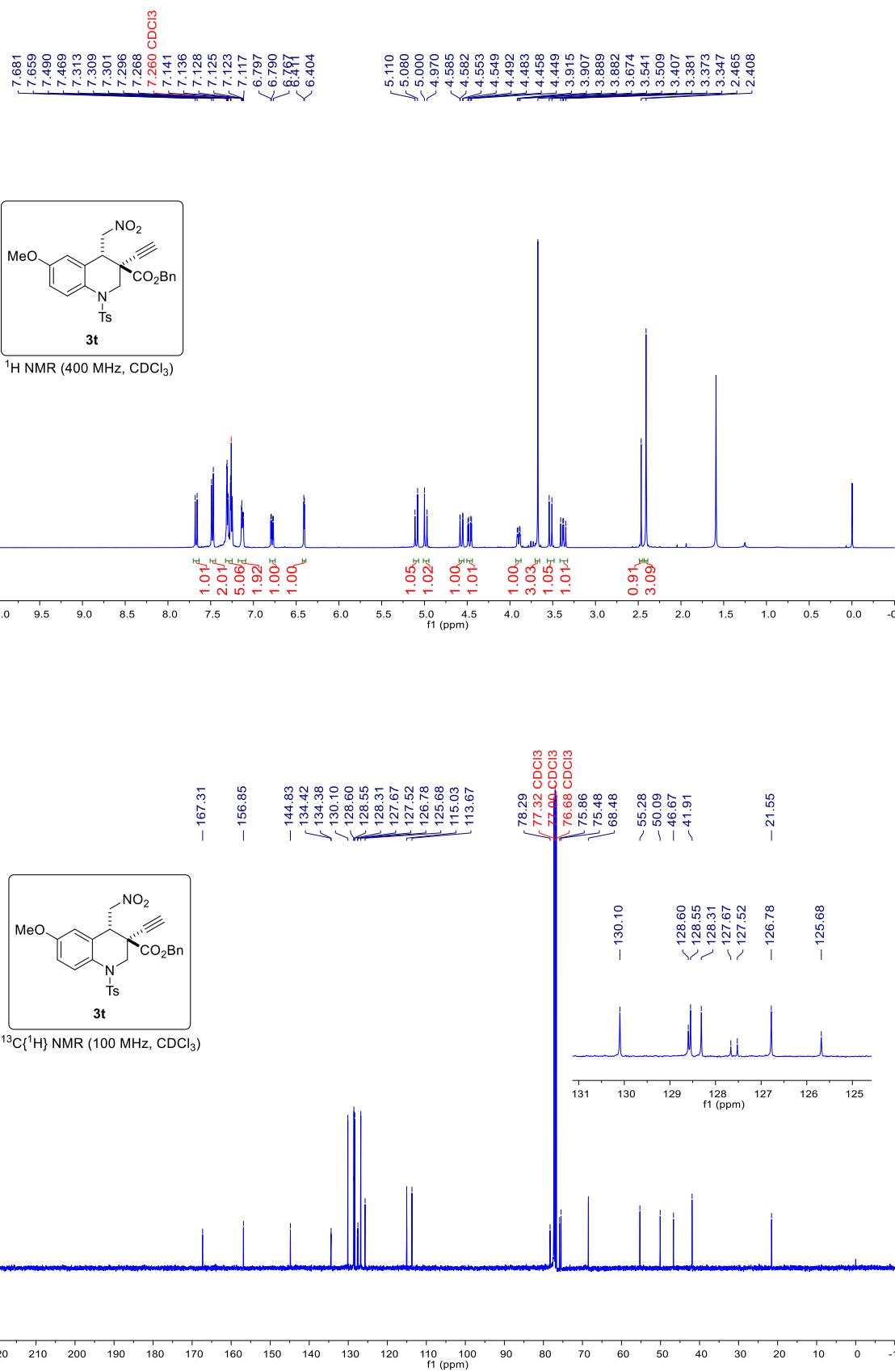


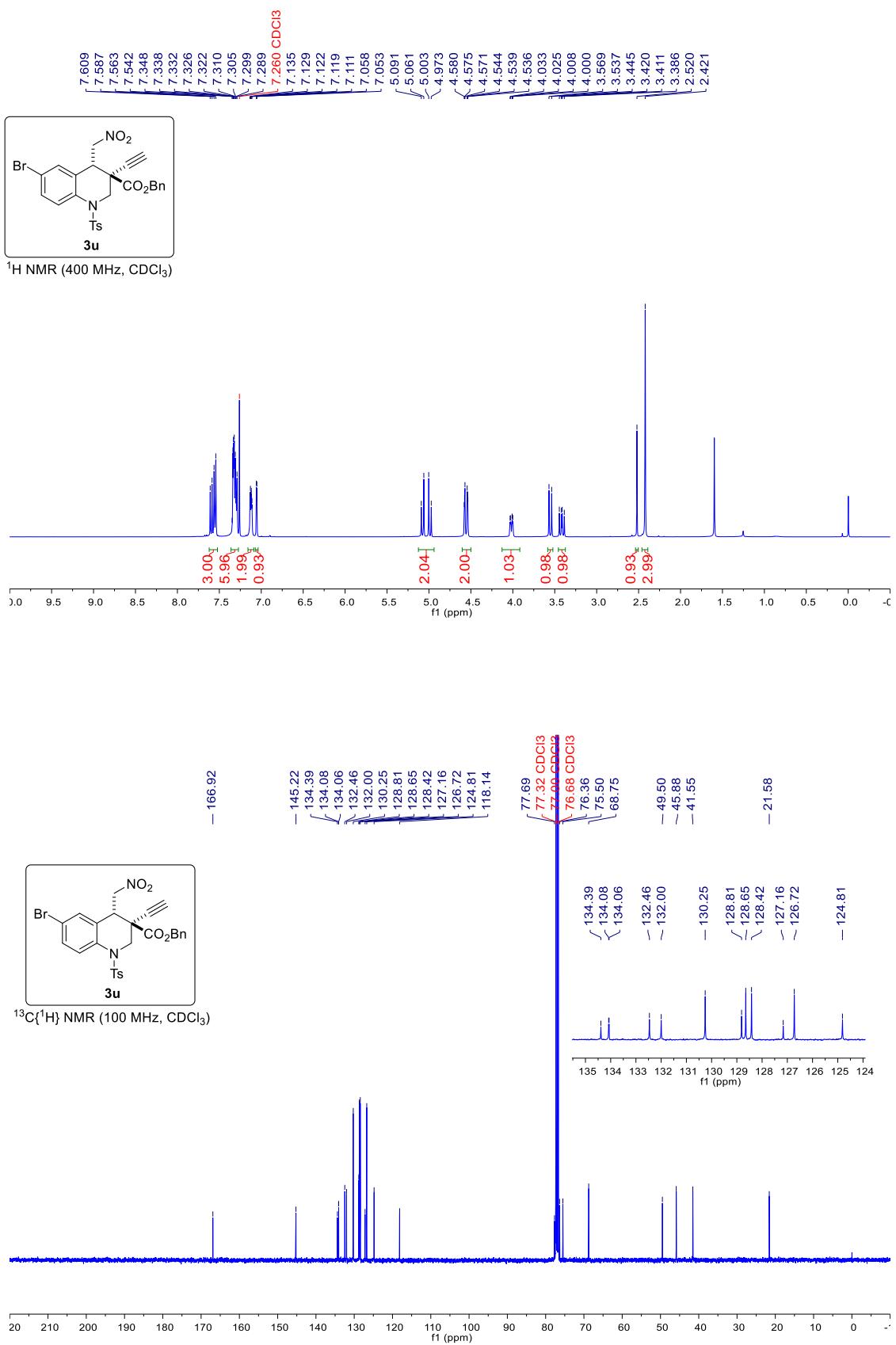


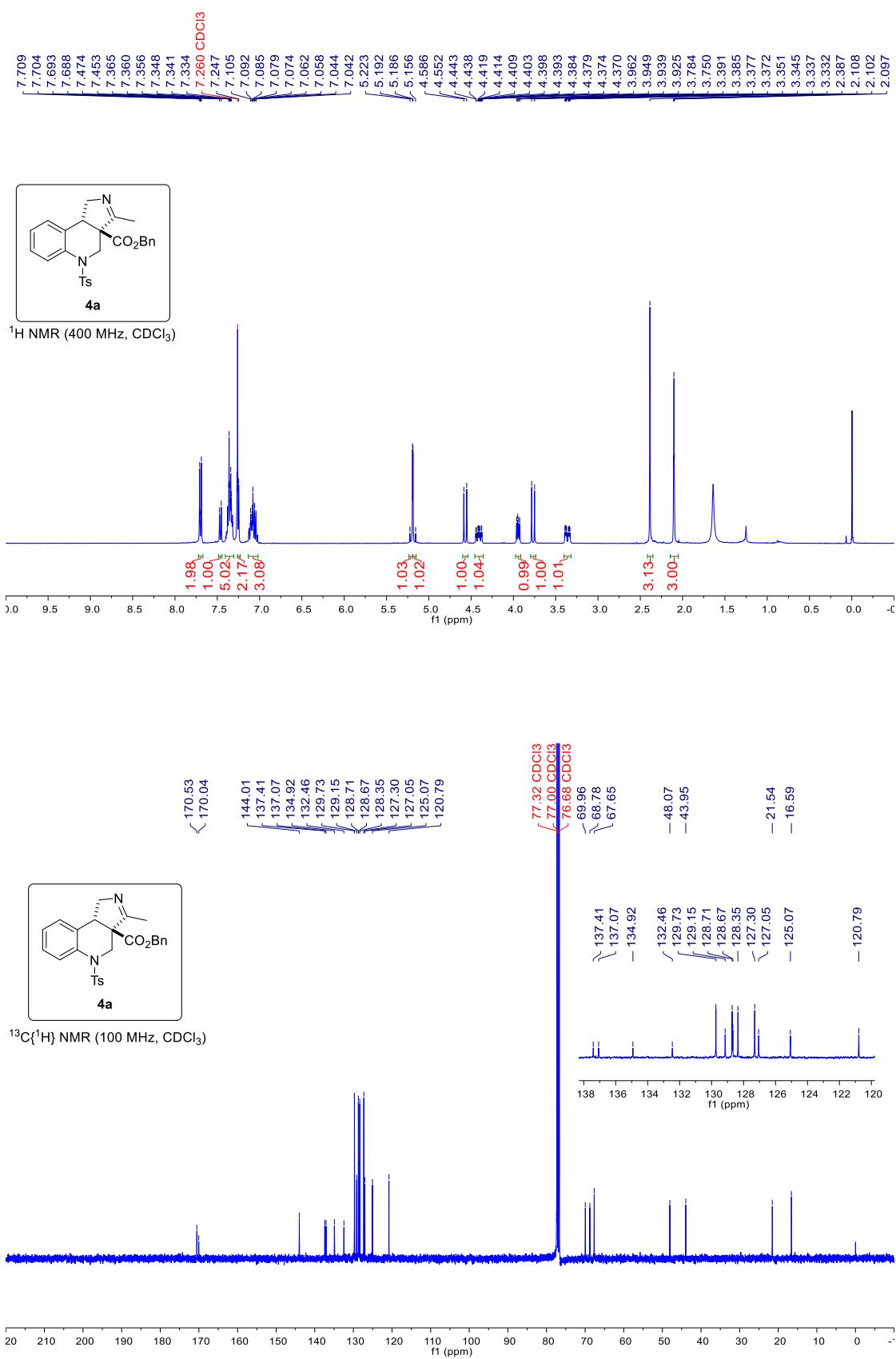


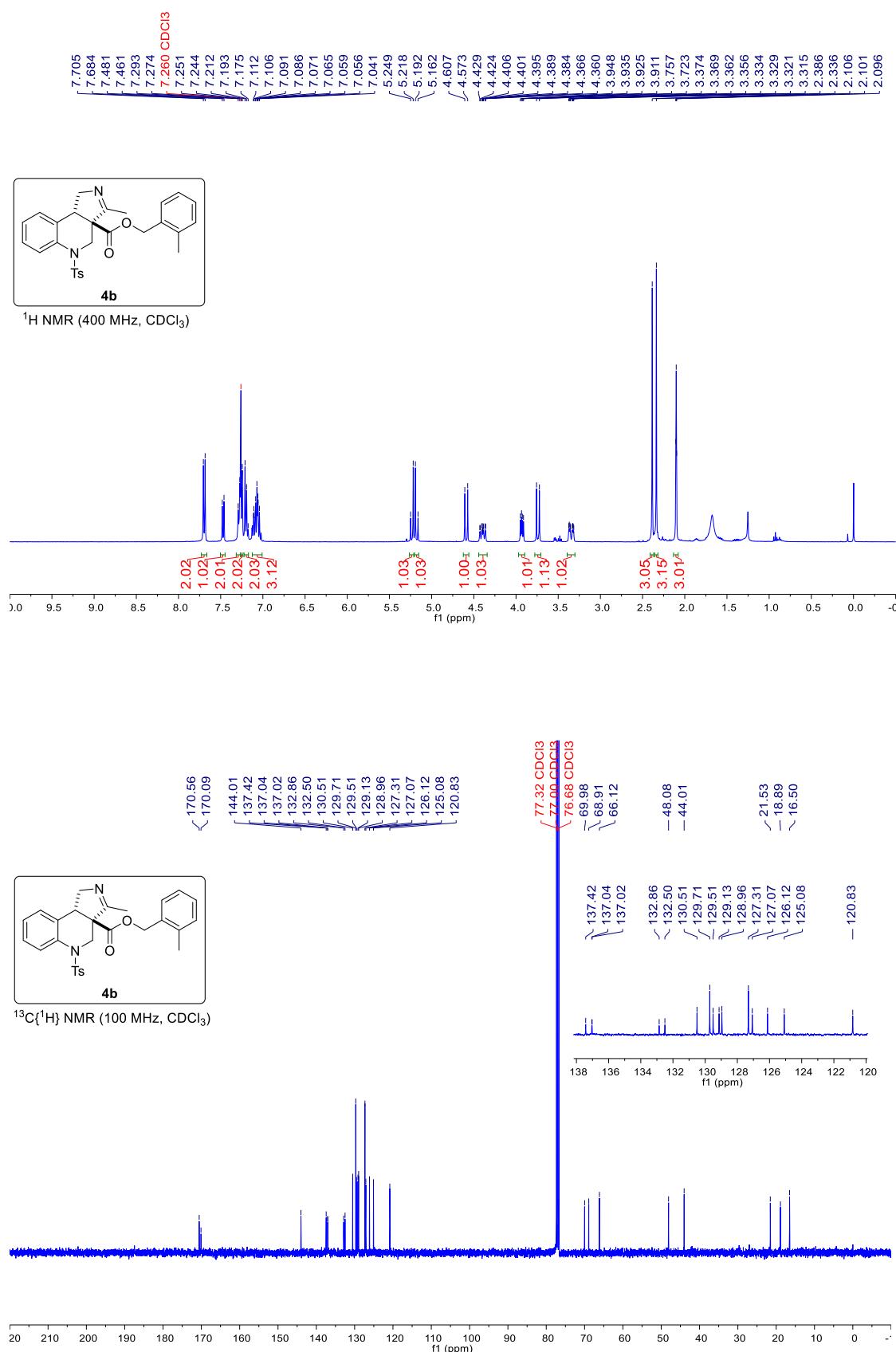


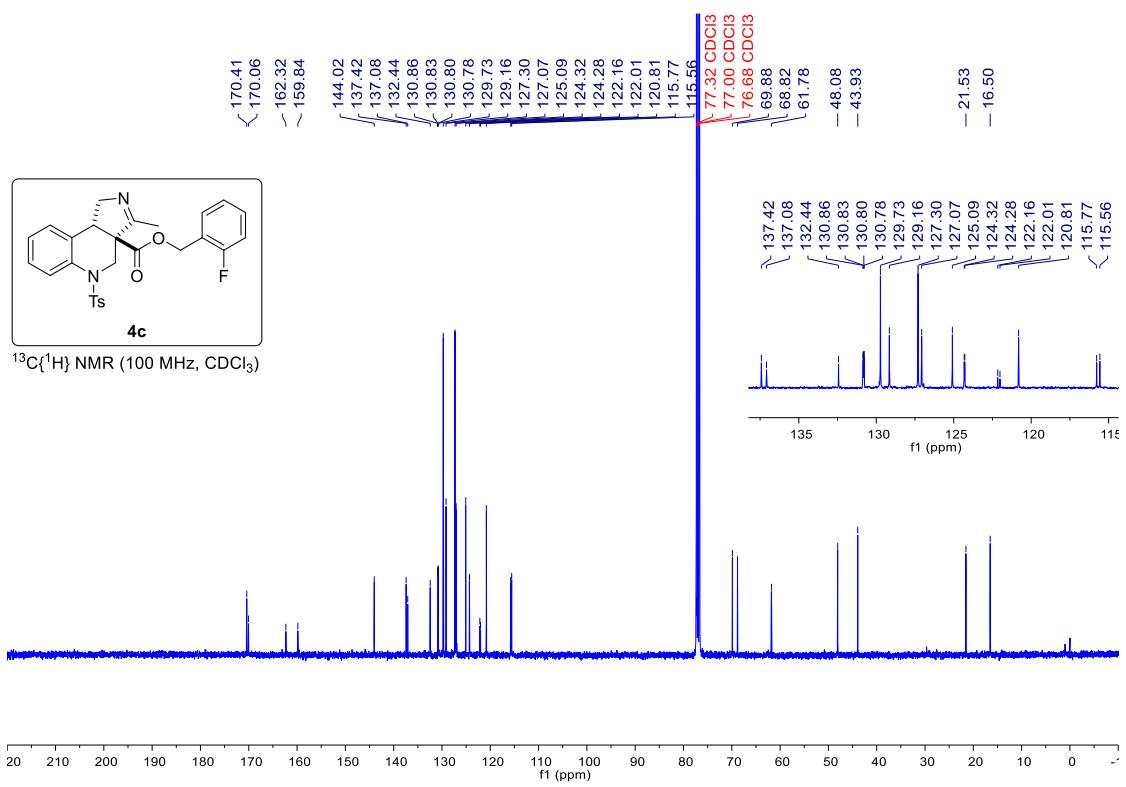
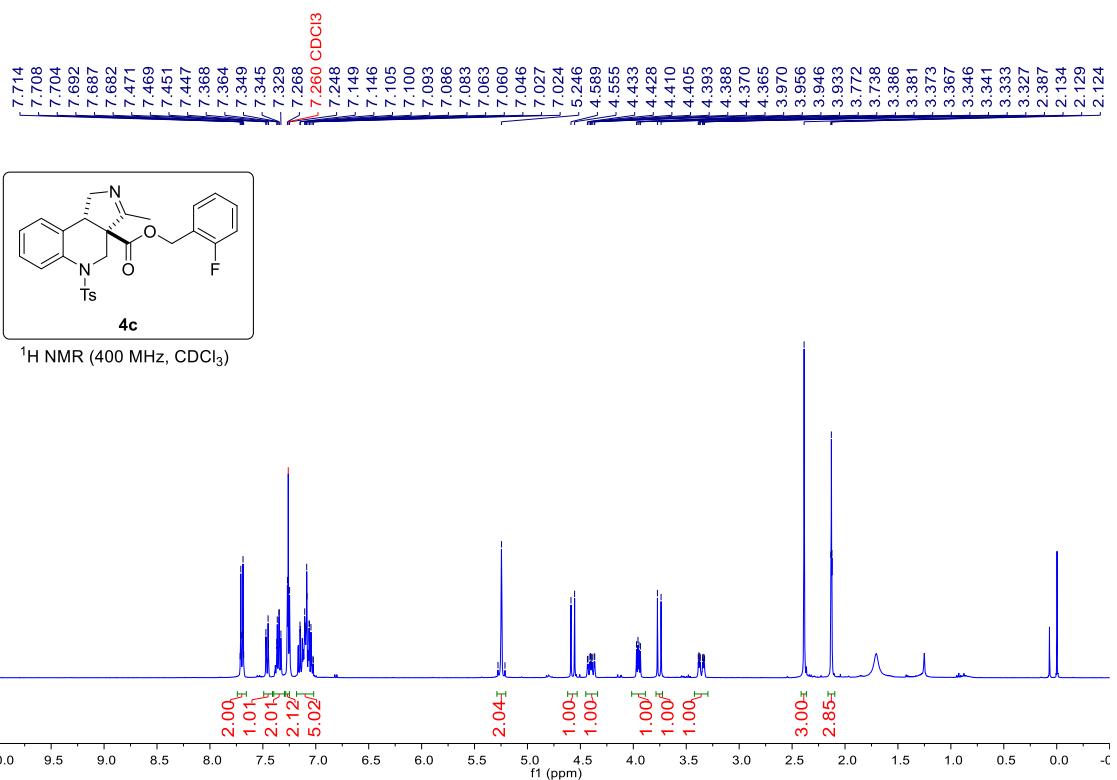


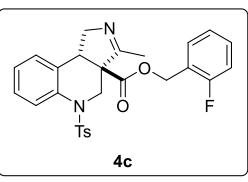












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