

Supplementary information

Visible-Light Excited Copper Activating Unactivated Alkyl Iodides for Radical Cascade Addition/Cyclization to Access Oxindole Derivatives

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1. General Information

1.1 Materials and methods

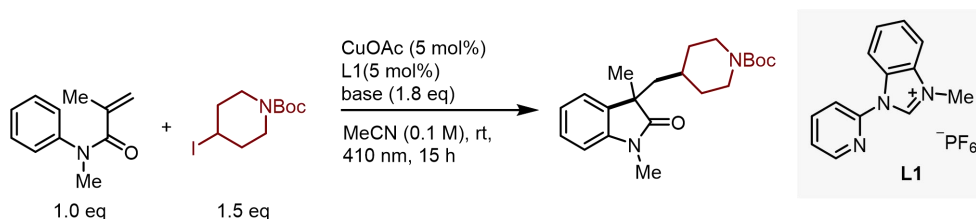
Unless otherwise noted, all the materials were commercially available and used without further purification. All solvents were dried before use according to the standard methods. All reactions were performed in an N₂-filled glovebox using standard Schlenk techniques unless otherwise noted. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC), visualized by UV and KMnO₄ staining. Chromatographic purification of products was accomplished by silica gel chromatography. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance II 400. NMR data is reported relative to internal CHCl₃ (¹H, δ = 7.26), CDCl₃ (¹³C, δ = 77.0). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ) in ppm; multiplicities are indicated s (singlet), brs (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet); coupling constants (J) are in Hertz (Hz) ¹³C NMR spectra were reported as chemical shifts in ppm. The HRMS were obtained by using a Q Exactive high resolution liquid chromatography mass spectrometer (Q Exactive Plus) in ESI⁺ mode or ESI⁻ mode. The eight-position parallel light reaction system (RLH-18) and the large volume light reaction system (RLH-054) with 410 nm blue LEDs were purchased from Beijing Roger Technologies.

2. Experimental details for radical cascade cyclization

2.1 Reaction optimization

Procedure for optimization : To an oven-dried 10 mL reaction vial were added Cu salt (5 mol%), L1 (5 mol%), and 1 mL solvent in a nitrogen-filled glove box. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 min, followed by adding base, *N*-Arylacrylamides (1.0 equiv) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (1.5 equiv) in sequence, and sealed with a screwed cap. The sealed vial was placed on a photo-reactor under irradiation of 6W LEDs. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 15 h, quenched with H₂O, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was analyzed by ¹H NMR with 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

Table S1 base effect



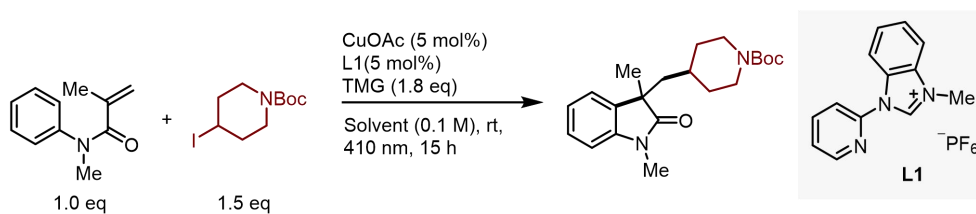
CuOAc (5 mol%)
L1 (5 mol%)
base (1.8 eq)
MeCN (0.1 M), rt,
410 nm, 15 h

1.0 eq 1.5 eq

Yield (%)

entry	base	Yield(%)
1	MTBD	38
2	Et ₃ N	15
3	DIPEA	18
4	DBU	trace
5	TMG	47
6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	trace
7	K ₃ PO ₄	18
8	BTMG	15
9	DBACO	15

Table S2 solvent effect



CuOAc (5 mol%)
L1 (5 mol%)
TMG (1.8 eq)
Solvent (0.1 M), rt,
410 nm, 15 h

1.0 eq 1.5 eq

Yield (%)

entry	solvent	Yield(%)
1	THF	72
2	DMF	54
3	DME	42
4	DMSO	27

Table S3 copper salt effect

entry	Cu salt	Yield(%)
1	CuBr	75
2	CuI	63
3	Cu(OAc) ₂	69
4	Cu(OTf) ₂	90 (88)

Isolated yield in parentheses.

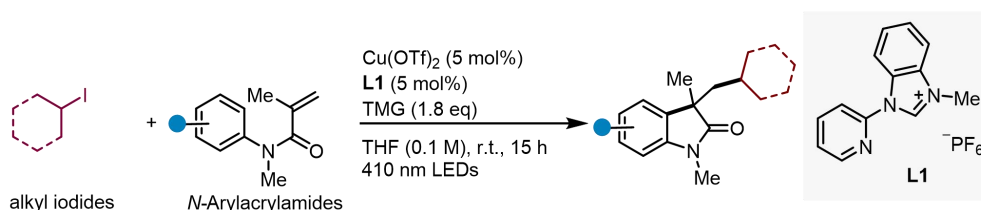
Table S4 ligand effect

entry	Ligand	Yield(%)
1	BINAP	16
2	1,10-Phenanthroline	trace
3	dtbbpy	trace
4	terpyridine	trace
5	IMes NHC	5

Table S5 Control experiments

entry	variants from standard conditions	Yield(%)
1	w/o light	n.d.
2	w/o Cu(OTf) ₂	8%
3	w/o L1	trace
4	open in air	n.d.

2.2 General procedure of C(sp³)-C formation (general procedure)

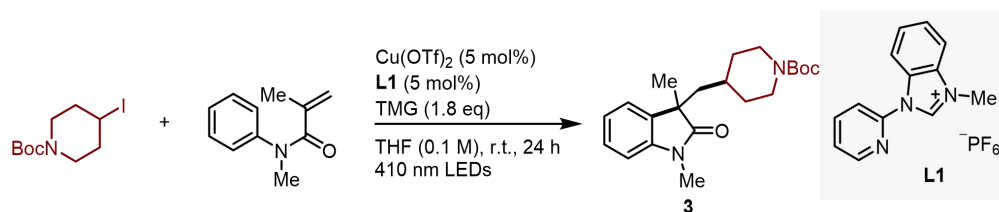


To an oven-dried 10 mL reaction vial were added $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (1.81 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol%), **L1** (1.77 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol%), and 1 mL THF in a nitrogen-filled glove box. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 min, followed by adding 1,1,3,3-Tetramethylguanidine (TMG) (23 μL , 0.18 mmol, 1.8 equiv), *N*-Arylacrylamides (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and alkyl iodides (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in sequence, and sealed with a screwed cap. The sealed vial was placed on a photo-reactor under irradiation of LEDs (410 nm, 6 W). The mixture was stirred at 25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 15 h, quenched with H_2O , and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the coupling product.



Figure S1. The eight-position parallel light reaction system (RLH-18)

2.3 scale up reaction



6 mmol scale for synthesis of **3**:

To an oven-dried 250 mL round-bottomed flask were added $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (108.6 mg, 0.30 mmol, 5 mol%), **L1** (106.2 mg, 0.30 mmol, 5 mol%), and 60 mL THF in a nitrogen-filled glove box. The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min, followed by adding 1,1,3,3-Tetramethylguanidine (TMG) (1.38 mL, 10.8 mmol, 1.8 equiv), *N*-Arylacrylamides (1.05 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (2.80 g, 9.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in sequence, and sealed with a screwed cap. The sealed flask was placed on a large volume photo-reactor under irradiation of LEDs (410 nm, 50 W \times 2). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 24 h, quenched with H_2O , and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the coupling product **3** (1.72 g, 80% yield).

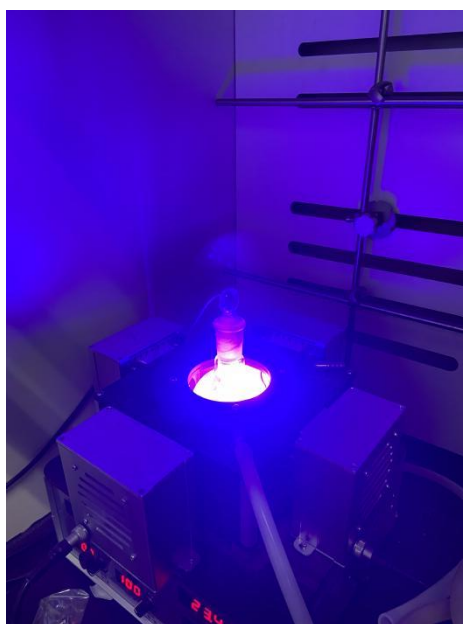
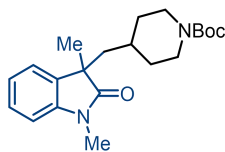


Figure S2. The large volume light reaction system (RLH-054)

3. Characterization data of cyclization products

tert-butyl 4-((1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**3**)

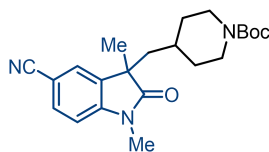


Prepared according to the **general procedure** from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (46.7 mg, 0.15 mmol). The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **3** (28.9 mg, 88% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (brs, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.41 (q, *J* = 13.3, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.33 – 1.24 (m, 4H), 1.12 – 0.99 (m, 3H), 0.96 – 0.84 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.7, 154.6, 142.9, 134.0, 127.8, 122.6, 122.5, 108.1, 79.1, 47.7, 44.4, 33.1, 33.0, 32.4, 28.4, 26.2, 26.1.

All other spectroscopic analyses were in agreement with the literature¹.

N-(4-cyanophenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide (**4**)

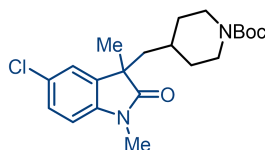


Prepared according to the **general procedure** from *N*-(4-cyanophenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide (20.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (46.7 mg, 0.15 mmol). The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **4** (35.1 mg, 92% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (brs, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.49 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.26 – 1.19 (m, 1H), 1.11 – 0.89 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.3, 154.5, 146.8, 135.0, 133.3, 126.0, 119.2, 108.6, 105.7, 79.3, 47.5, 44.1, 33.1, 33.0, 32.2, 28.3, 26.5, 26.0. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₂₂H₂₉N₃O₃Na [M+Na]⁺:406.2101, found 406.2099

tert-butyl

4-((5-chloro-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**5**)



Prepared according to the **general procedure** from *N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide (21.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate

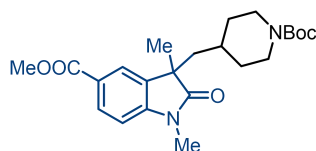
te (46.7 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **5** (34.6 mg, 88% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (brs, 2H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.28 – 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.15 – 0.90 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.1, 154.6, 141.5, 135.7, 128.0, 127.8, 123.2, 109.0, 79.2, 47.9, 44.3, 33.1, 33.0, 32.3, 28.4, 26.3, 26.2.

All other spectroscopic analyses were in agreement with the literature².

methyl

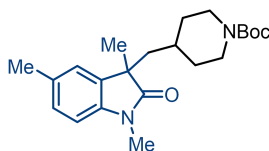
3-((1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindoline-5-carboxylate (**6**)



Prepared according to the **general procedure** from methyl 4-(*N*-methylmethacrylamido)benzoate (23.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (46.7 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **71** (27.0 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.84 (brs, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.46 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.29 – 1.20 (m, 1H), 1.12 – 0.98 (m, 3H), 1.12 – 0.98 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 181.0, 166.9, 154.6, 147.1, 133.9, 130.6, 124.5, 123.9, 107.7, 79.2, 52.1, 47.5, 44.2, 33.1, 33.0, 32.3, 28.4, 26.4, 26.1. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₂₃H₃₂N₂O₅Na [M+Na]⁺:439.2203, found 439.2198

tert-butyl 4-((1,3,5-trimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (**7**)



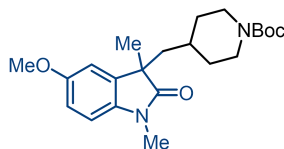
Prepared according to the **general procedure** from *N*-methyl-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)methacrylamide (18.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (46.7 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **7** (32.4 mg, 87% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (brs, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.50 – 2.29 (m, 5H), 1.95 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.31 – 1.28 (m, 4H), 1.15 – 0.85 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.6, 154.6, 140.5, 134.0, 132.0, 128.0, 123.4,

107.8, 79.1, 47.7, 44.4, 33.1, 33.0, 32.4, 28.4, 26.2, 26.2, 21.2. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for $C_{22}H_{32}N_2O_3Na$ $[M+Na]^+$:395.2305, found 395.2303

tert-butyl

4-((5-methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (8)



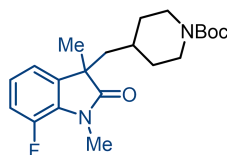
Prepared according to the **general procedure** from *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide (20.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (46.7 mg, 0.15 mmol). The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **70** (23.1 mg, 59% yield) as a colorless oil.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 6.81 – 6.73 (m, 3H), 3.92 – 3.78 (m, 5H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.49 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 1.97 (dd, J = 14.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (dd, J = 14.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.27 – 1.21 (m, 1H), 1.15 – 0.99 (m, 3H), 0.95 – 0.84 (m, 1H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ 180.4, 156.0, 154.6, 136.5, 135.5, 111.5, 110.5, 108.3, 79.1, 55.8, 48.1, 44.4, 33.1, 33.0, 32.4, 28.4, 26.3, 26.3.

All other spectroscopic analyses were in agreement with the literature³.

tert-butyl

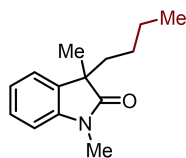
4-((7-fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (9)



Prepared according to the **general procedure** from *N*-(2-fluorophenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide (19.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (46.7 mg, 0.15 mmol). The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **9** (15.7 mg, 41% yield) as a colorless oil.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.02 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 3.87 (brs, 2H), 3.44 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 3H), 2.45 (q, J = 11.8, 10.2 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (dd, J = 14.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (dd, J = 14.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.28 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.13 – 1.01 (m, 3H), 0.94 – 0.83 (m, 1H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ 180.3, 154.7, 147.8 (d, J = 243.9 Hz), 137.0 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 129.5 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 123.1 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 118.5 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 19.3 Hz), 79.2, 48.1 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 44.5, 33.1, 33.0, 32.4, 28.7 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 28.4, 26.4. **^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, $CDCl_3$):** δ -136.3. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for $C_{21}H_{29}FN_2O_3Na$ $[M+Na]^+$:399.2054, found 399.2049

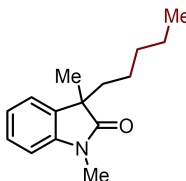
3-butyl-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (10)



Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 1-iodopropane (25.5 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **10** (8.8 mg, 40% yield) as a colorless oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.23 – 1.12 (m, 2H), 1.01 – 0.89 (m, 1H), 0.86 – 0.80 (m, 1H), 0.79 – 0.74 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.9, 143.3, 134.3, 127.5, 122.4, 122.4, 107.8, 48.4, 38.3, 26.6, 26.1, 23.8, 22.8, 13.8. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NONa [M+Na]⁺:240.1359, found 240.1353

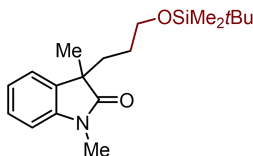
1,3-dimethyl-3-pentylindolin-2-one (11)



Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 1-iodobutane (27.6 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **11** (10.4 mg, 45% yield) as a colorless oil

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.20 – 1.10 (m, 4H), 1.03 – 0.92 (m, 1H), 0.87 – 0.80 (m, 1H), 0.79 – 0.75 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.9, 143.3, 134.3, 127.5, 122.4, 122.4, 107.8, 48.4, 38.4, 31.9, 26.1, 24.1, 23.8, 22.3, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NONa [M+Na]⁺:254.1515, found 254.1518

3-(3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propyl)-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (12)

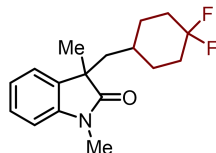


Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl(2-iodoethoxy)dimethylsilane (42.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **12** (17.3 mg, 52% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 3.50 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.28 – 1.15 (m, 1H), 1.11 – 1.01 (m, 1H), 0.84 (s, 9H), -0.02 – -0.05 (m,

6H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.6, 143.3, 134.0, 127.6, 122.5, 122.4, 107.8, 62.9, 48.1, 34.7, 27.8, 26.1, 25.9, 23.8, 18.3, -5.4, -5.4. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₉H₃₁NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺:356.2016, found 356.2021

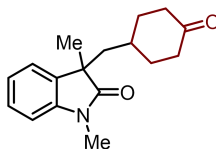
3-((4,4-difluorocyclohexyl)methyl)-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (13)



Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 1,1-difluoro-4-iodocyclohexane (36.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **13** (19.7 mg, 67% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.01 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.77 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.51 – 1.39 (m, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.28 – 1.19 (m, 2H), 1.13 – 1.01 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.6, 143.0, 133.9, 132.2 (t, *J* = 242.4 Hz), 127.9, 122.6, 122.6, 108.2, 47.8, 43.4 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 33.1 (m, 2C), 32.8, 29.61 (dd, *J* = 54.6, 9.0 Hz, 2C), 26.2, 26.1. **¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ -92.4 (d, *J* = 234.6 Hz), -101.8 (d, *J* = 234.2 Hz). **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁F₂NONa [M+Na]⁺:316.1483, found 316.1484

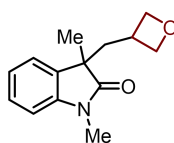
1,3-dimethyl-3-((4-oxocyclohexyl)methyl)indolin-2-one (14)



Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 4-iodocyclohexan-1-one (33.6 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **14** (23.0 mg, 85% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.27 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 2.00 (m, 3H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.44 – 1.31 (m, 5H), 1.31 – 1.16 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 211.6, 180.6, 143.0, 133.7, 127.9, 122.6, 122.6, 108.2, 47.8, 43.1, 40.4, 40.3, 33.6, 33.0, 33.0, 26.3, 26.1. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺:294.1464, found 294.1465

1,3-dimethyl-3-(oxetan-3-ylmethyl)indolin-2-one (15)

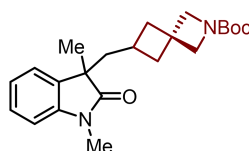


Prepared according to the **general procedure** from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 3-iodooxetane (27.6 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **15** (22.2 mg, 96% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.32 (m, 1H), 4.15 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dt, *J* = 14.9, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.0, 143.0, 132.9, 128.1, 122.7, 122.5, 108.0, 77.6, 77.4, 47.4, 42.0, 32.1, 26.1, 23.3. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺:254.1152, found 254.1149

tert-butyl

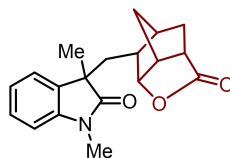
6-((1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate (**16**)



Prepared according to the **general procedure** from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 6-iodo-2-azaspiro[3.3]heptane-2-carboxylate (48.5 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **16** (25.0 mg, 67% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.67 (m, 2H), 3.67 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.02 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78 – 1.70 (m, 3H), 1.54 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 4H), 1.31 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 180.4, 156.1, 143.1, 133.6, 127.8, 122.7, 122.3, 107.9, 79.0, 47.8, 45.0, 39.7, 39.1, 34.4, 28.3, 26.6, 26.1, 24.0. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₂₂H₃₀N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺:393.2149, found 393.2144

1,3-dimethyl-3-((2-oxohexahydro-2H-3,5-methanocyclopenta[b]furan-6-yl)methyl)indolin-2-one (**17**)

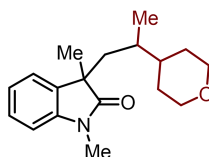


Prepared according to the **general procedure** from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 6-iodohexahydro-2H-3,5-methanocyclopenta[b]furan-2-one (39.6 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **17** (29.7 mg, 95% yield, d.r. = 1:1) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers): δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.51 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.23 (m, 3H), 3.04 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.60

(m, 3H), 1.47 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.34 (m, 3H), 1.22 – 0.94 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers):** δ 181.1, 180.9, 180.3, 180.2, 143.4, 143.0, 133.0, 132.8, 128.3, 128.2, 122.8, 122.7, 122.6, 122.3, 108.5, 108.5, 86.5, 85.5, 47.8, 47.3, 46.3, 46.1, 45.9, 45.4, 43.4, 41.6, 41.1, 40.6, 38.6, 35.2, 35.0, 34.9, 34.8, 26.3, 26.2, 24.9, 24.0. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁NO₃Na [M+Na]⁺:334.1414, found 334.1409

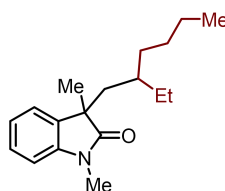
1,3-dimethyl-3-(2-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)propyl)indolin-2-one (18)



Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and (4-(1-iodoethyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran (36.0 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **18** (20.7 mg, 72% yield, d.r. = 1:1) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers): δ 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 20.8, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.30 – 3.15 (m, 5H), 1.94 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.30 – 1.19 (m, 4H), 1.17 – 1.07 (m, 1H), 1.05 – 0.91 (m, 1H), 0.63 – 0.42 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers):** δ 181.1, 180.6, 143.3, 143.1, 134.3, 133.8, 127.7, 123.0, 122.7, 122.4, 122.3, 108.0, 108.0, 68.5, 68.4, 68.3, 48.2, 47.8, 42.6, 41.7, 41.1, 40.8, 34.6, 34.4, 30.4, 29.9, 28.8, 27.8, 26.2, 26.1, 26.0, 25.5, 17.0, 16.3. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₈H₂₅NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺:310.1778, found 310.1770

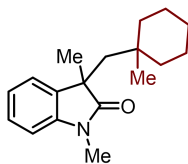
3-(2-ethylhexyl)-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (19)



Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 3-iodoheptane (33.9 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **19** (20.2 mg, 74% yield, d.r. = 1:1) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers): δ 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 – 3.17 (m, 3H), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.15 – 1.06 (m, 3H), 1.05 – 0.95 (m, 5H), 0.93 – 0.84 (m, 2H), 0.81 – 0.74 (m, 3H), 0.71 – 0.62 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers):** δ 181.1, 143.3, 134.3, 127.5, 122.9, 122.8, 122.2, 122.2, 107.8, 76.7, 48.1, 48.0, 42.0, 41.9, 35.7, 35.6, 33.2, 32.7, 28.2, 28.2, 26.4, 26.1, 26.1, 25.6, 25.5, 22.8, 22.7, 14.0, 10.3, 10.3. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₈H₂₇NONa [M+Na]⁺:296.1985, found 296.1982

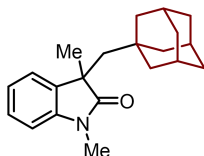
1,3-dimethyl-3-((1-methylcyclohexyl)methyl)indolin-2-one (**20**)



Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 1-iodo-1-methylcyclohexane (33.6 mg, 0.15 mmol). The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **20** (17.0 mg, 63% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.10 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.39 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.26 – 1.22 (m, 1H), 1.20 – 1.11 (m, 2H), 1.05 – 0.97 (m, 1H), 0.92 – 0.84 (m, 2H), 0.49 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 181.2, 142.7, 134.5, 127.4, 123.8, 121.9, 108.0, 47.0, 39.1, 38.9, 34.2, 28.6, 26.2, 26.2, 21.9, 21.8. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₈H₂₅NONa [M+Na]⁺:294.1828, found 294.1825

3-(adamantan-1-yl)methyl-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (**21**)

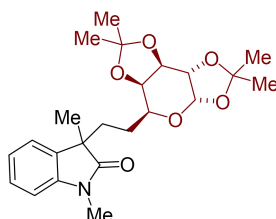


Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 1-iodoadamantane (39.3 mg, 0.15 mmol). The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **21** (30.9 mg, 99% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.99 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 – 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.21 – 1.10 (m, 6H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 181.2, 142.6, 134.7, 127.5, 123.6, 122.0, 107.9, 52.0, 46.6, 43.3, 36.7, 33.9, 28.6, 28.5, 26.2. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₂₁H₂₇NONa [M+Na]⁺:332.1985, found 332.1980

All other spectroscopic analyses were in agreement with the literature¹.

1,3-dimethyl-3-(2-(2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-5H-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-d]pyran-5-yl)ethyl)indolin-2-one (**22**)

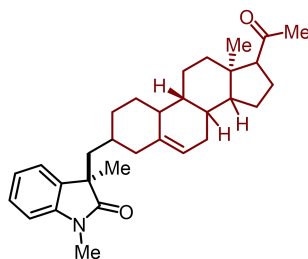


Prepared according to the *general procedure* from *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 5-iodo-2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-5H-bis([1,3]d

ioxolo)[4,5-b:4', 5'-d]pyran (53.4 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **22** (32.5 mg, 78% yield, d.r. = 1:1) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers): δ 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.50 – 5.42 (m, 1H), 4.55 – 4.47 (m, 1H), 4.26 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 4.06 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 3H), 2.14 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 5H), 1.32 – 1.28 (m, 6H), 1.26 – 1.24 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers):** δ 180.64, 180.50, 143.24, 143.15, 133.96, 133.66, 127.64, 127.59, 122.74, 122.69, 122.59, 122.33, 108.97, 108.93, 108.33, 108.24, 107.96, 107.93, 96.46, 96.39, 72.75, 72.23, 70.83, 70.80, 70.45, 70.35, 67.95, 67.69, 48.24, 47.89, 34.71, 34.18, 26.15, 26.14, 26.08, 26.04, 25.91, 25.80, 25.14, 24.99, 24.89, 24.85, 24.50, 24.41, 24.30, 23.32. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₂₃H₃₁NO₆Na [M+Na]⁺: 440.2044, found 440.2045

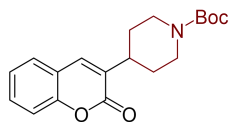
(3S)-3-(((8R,9S,13S,14S)-17-acetyl-13-methyl-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)methyl)-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (23)



Prepared according to the *general procedure* from N-methyl-N-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and 3-iodo-13-methyl-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)ethan-1-one (61.8 mg, 0.15 mmol), The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **23** (31.9 mg, 69% yield, d.r. = 1:1.3:1:1) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers): δ 7.39 – 6.82 (m, 4H), 5.31 – 4.97 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.15 (m, 3H), 2.61 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 0.57 (m, 32H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, diastereomers):** δ 209.7, 181.1, 180.9, 180.7, 143.3, 143.2, 143.1, 142.9, 142.6, 140.3, 139.8, 134.4, 134.3, 134.0, 129.2, 127.6, 127.6, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 122.9, 122.8, 122.7, 122.5, 122.4, 122.3, 122.2, 121.5, 121.0, 119.3, 119.1, 119.0, 107.9, 107.9, 107.8, 63.7, 63.7, 57.0, 56.9, 50.2, 50.0, 48.2, 48.2, 47.7, 45.3, 45.1, 44.0, 44.0, 43.9, 40.4, 39.8, 39.4, 39.2, 39.1, 38.9, 38.8, 38.0, 37.8, 37.1, 37.1, 36.7, 36.6, 36.6, 36.5, 34.1, 34.0, 31.7, 31.7, 31.6, 31.6, 31.5, 31.5, 31.4, 31.1, 30.1, 29.1, 27.2, 26.9, 26.2, 26.2, 26.1, 26.1, 25.9, 25.6, 25.0, 24.4, 24.4, 22.8, 22.7, 20.8, 20.7, 20.3, 19.3, 19.2, 19.2, 13.2, 13.2, 13.1. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₃₂H₄₃NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 496.3186, found 496.3195

tert-butyl 4-(2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (24)



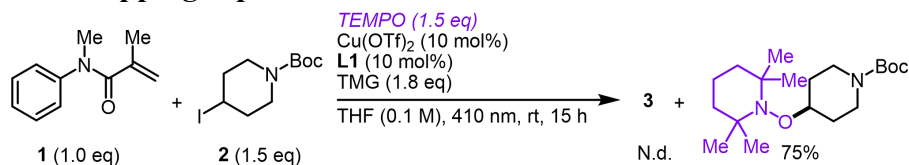
Prepared according to the **general procedure** from 2H-chromen-2-one (14.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (46.7 mg, 0.15 mmol). The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to yield **24** (15.5 mg, 47% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 2.97 – 2.73 (m, 3H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.41 (m, 11H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 161.3, 154.7, 152.8, 136.9, 132.8, 130.9, 127.5, 124.4, 119.3, 116.4, 79.6, 43.9, 36.5, 30.8, 28.4. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₉H₂₃NO₄Na [M+Na]⁺:352.1519, found 352.1528

All other spectroscopic analyses were in agreement with the literature⁴.

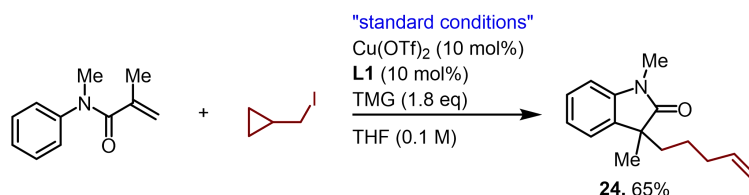
3. Mechanistic study

3.1 TEMPO trapping experiments



Experimental Procedure: To an oven-dried 10ml reaction vial were added Cu(OTf)₂ (3.72 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), **L1** (3.55 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), and 1 mL THF in a nitrogen-filled glove box. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 min, followed by adding 1,1,3,3-Tetramethylguanidine (22.6 μ L, 0.18 mmol, 1.8 equiv), with tert-butyl 4-iodopiperidine-1-carboxylate (46.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), N-methyl-N-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TEMPO (23.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in sequence, and sealed with a screwed cap. The sealed vial was placed on a photo-reactor under irradiation of LEDs (410 nm, 6W). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 15 h, quenched with H₂O, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was analyzed by ¹H NMR, with 13.5-Timethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

3.2 Radical clock experiments: involvement of alkyl radicals



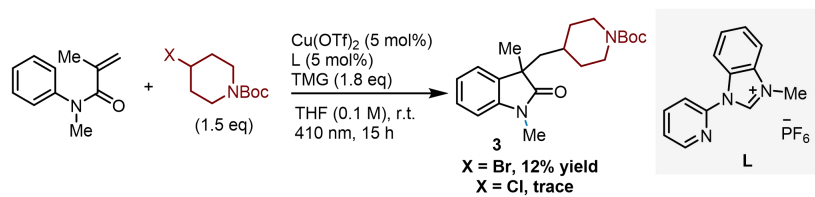
Experimental Procedure: To an oven-dried 10ml reaction vial were added Cu(OTf)₂ (3.72 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), **L1** (3.55 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), and 1 mL THF in a nitrogen-filled glove box. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 min, followed by adding 1,1,3,3-Tetramethylguanidine (22.6 μ L, 0.18 mmol, 1.8 equiv), with N-methyl-N-phenylmethacrylamide (17.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (iodomethyl)cyclopropane (27.3 mg, 0.15 mol, 1.5 equiv) in sequence and sealed with a screwed cap. The sealed vial was placed on a photo reactor under irradiation of LEDs (410 nm, 6 W). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 15 h, quenched with H₂O, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the product **25** (14.9 mg, 65% yield).

1,3-dimethyl-3-(pent-4-en-1-yl)indolin-2-one (**25**)

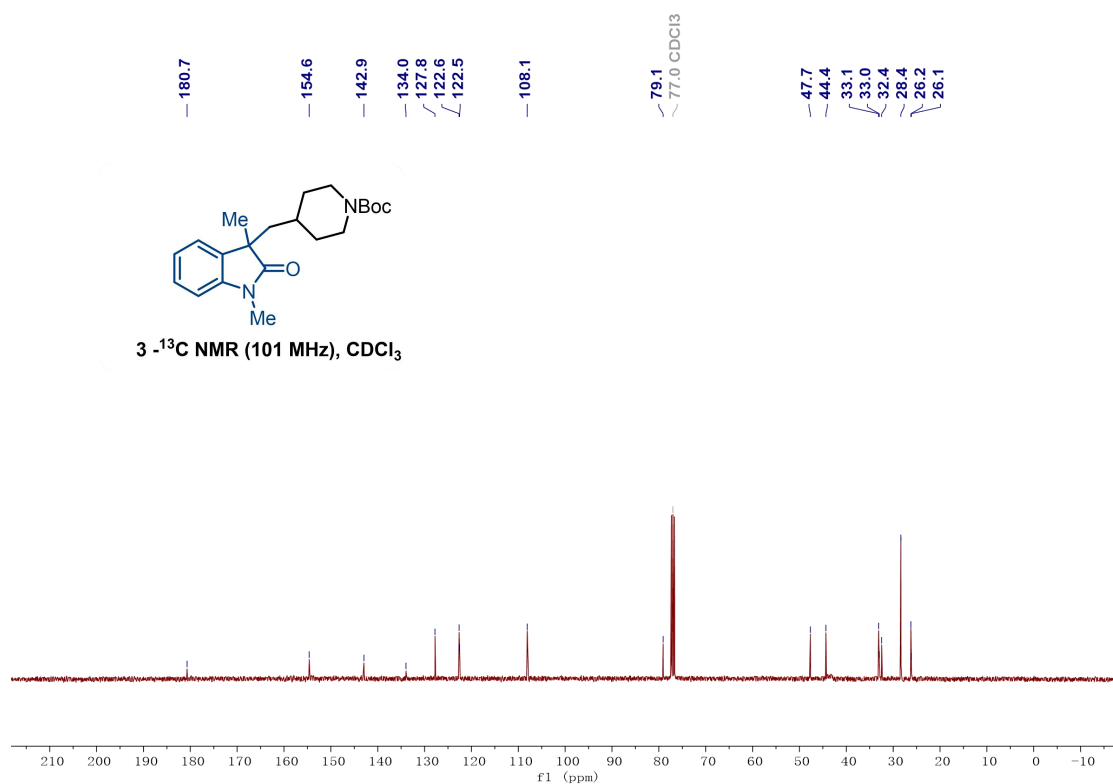
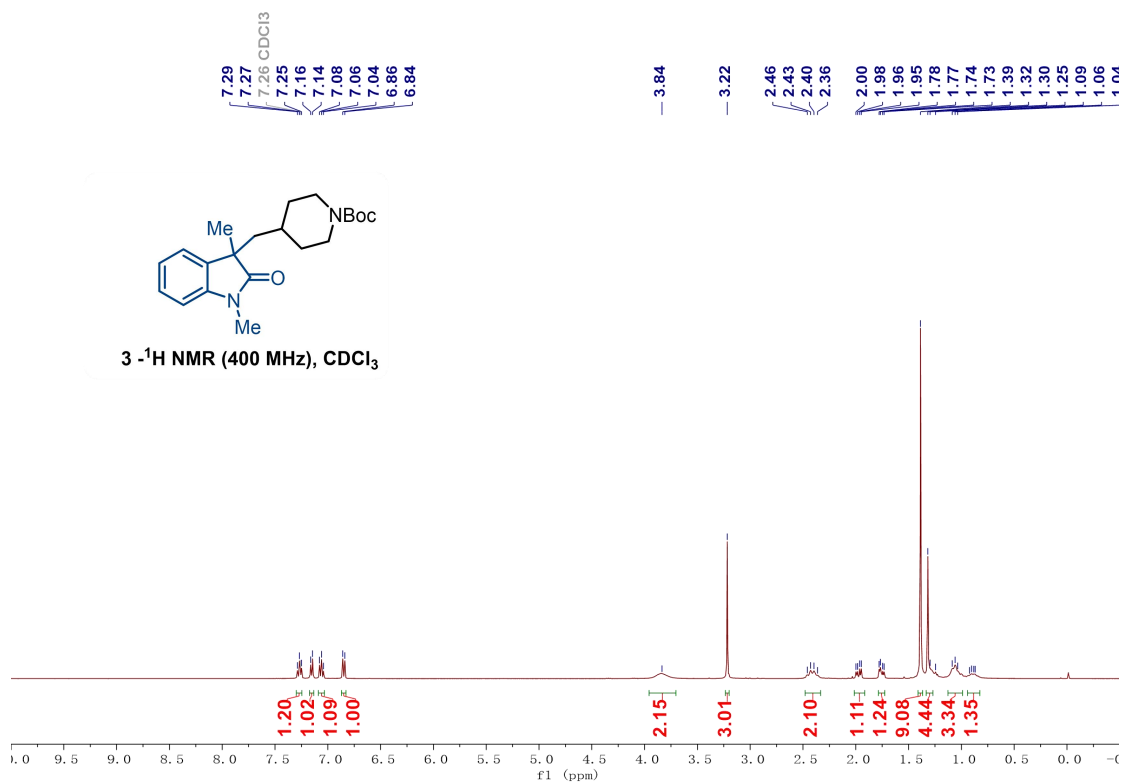
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.69 – 5.60 (m, 1H), 4.94 – 4.85 (m, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.97 – 1.86 (m, 3H), 1.77 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.14 – 1.04 (m, 1H), 0.97 – 0.89 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 181.3, 144.4, 138.2, 134.1, 127.6, 122.4, 115.4, 108.7, 49.6, 37.9, 34.4, 27.6, 23.7. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉NONa [M+Na]⁺: 252.1359, found 252.1362

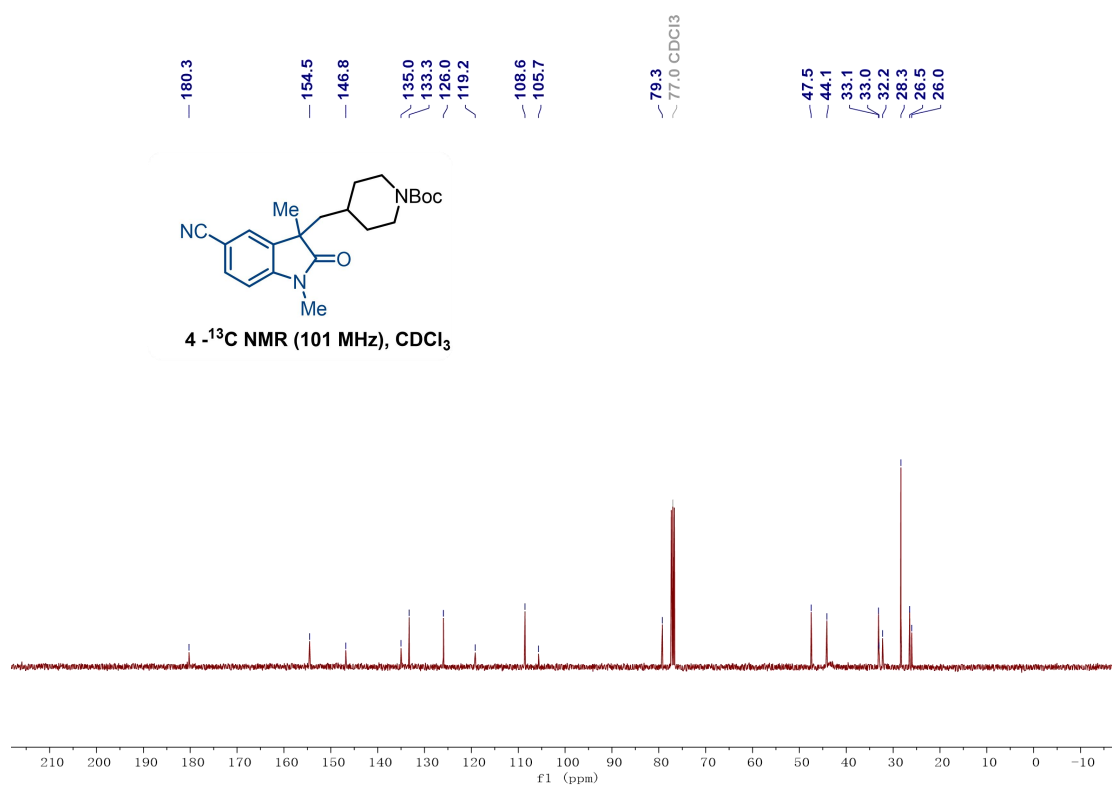
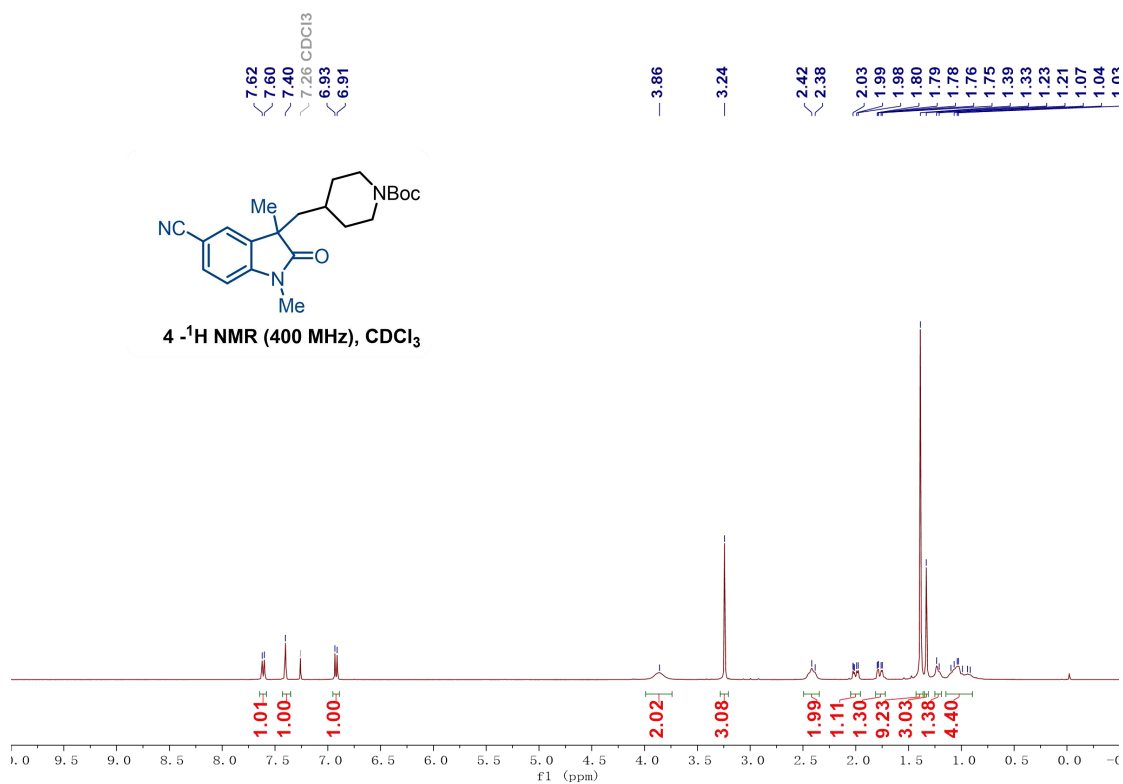
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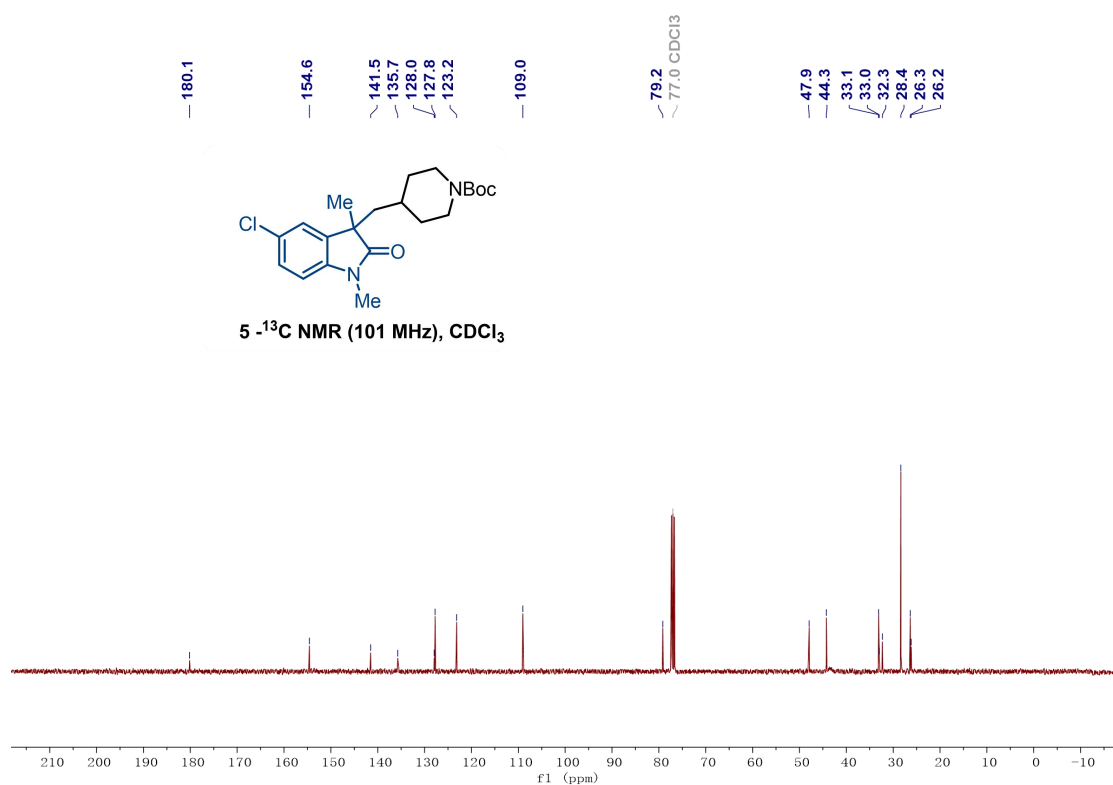
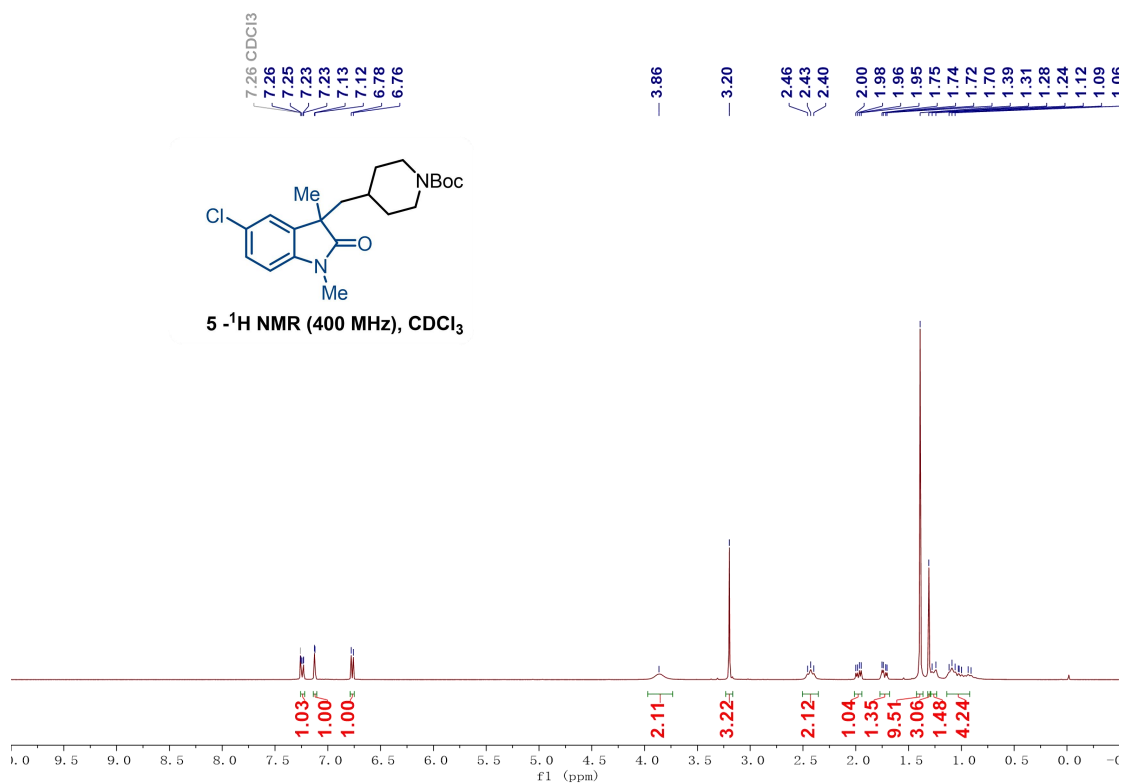
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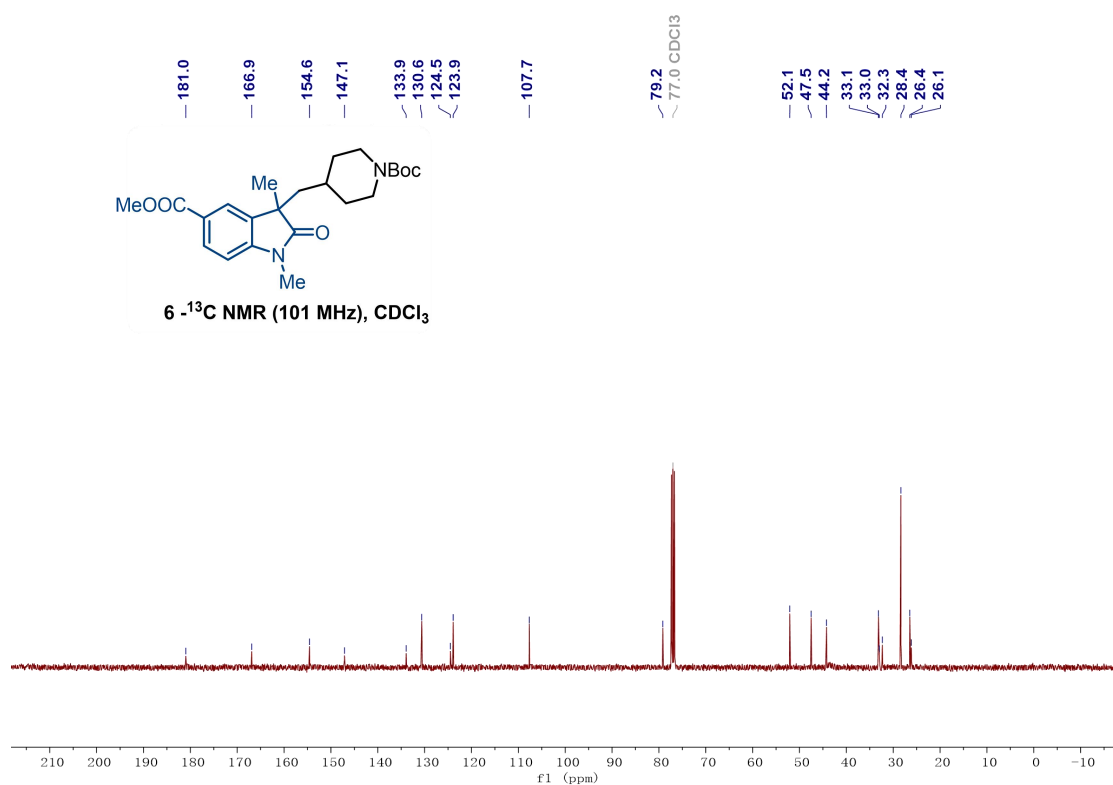
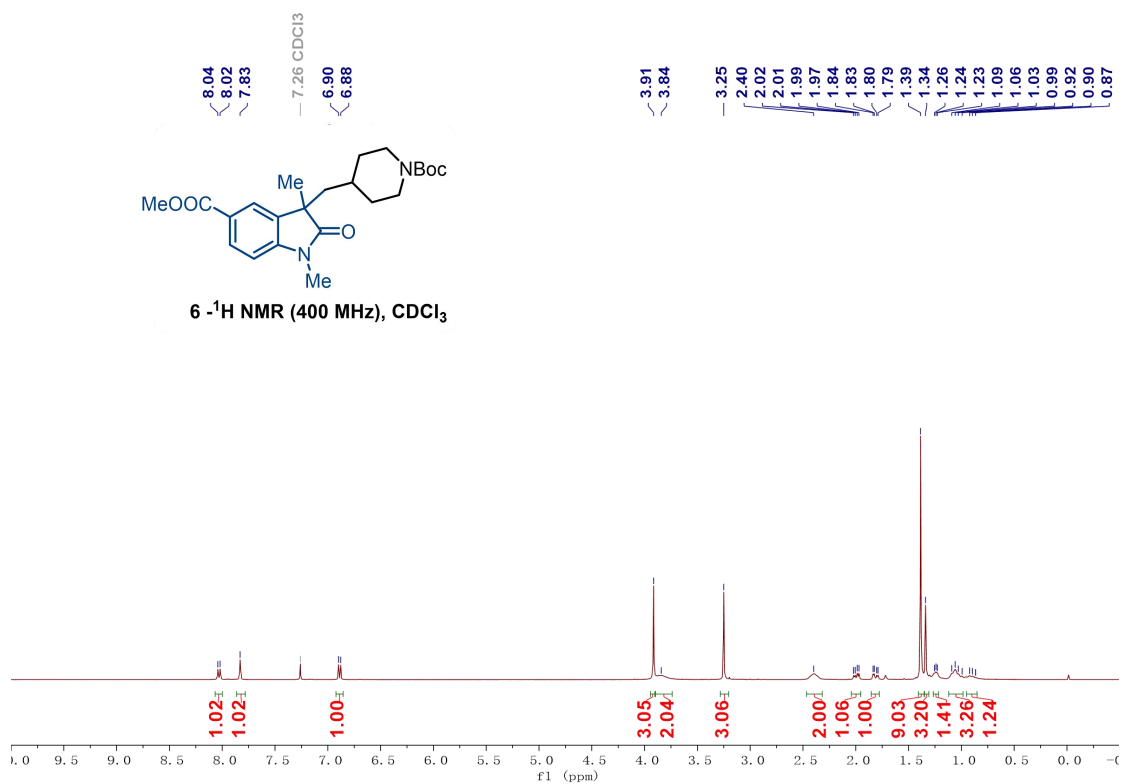


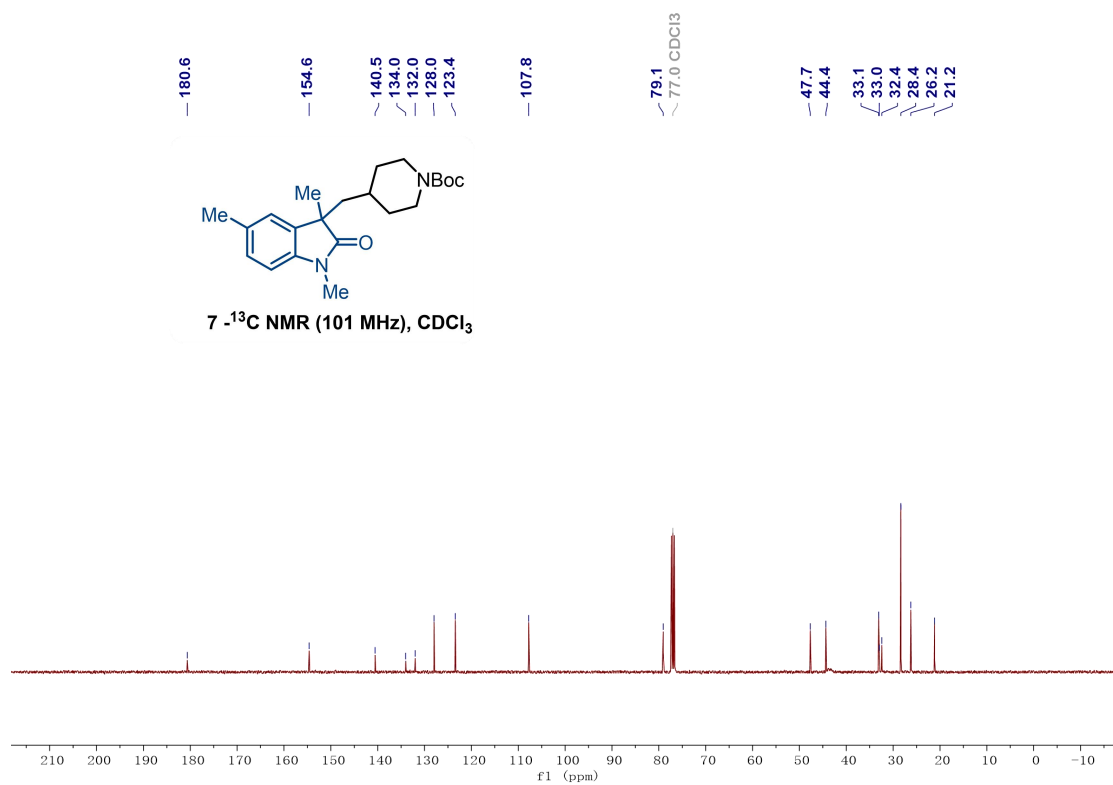
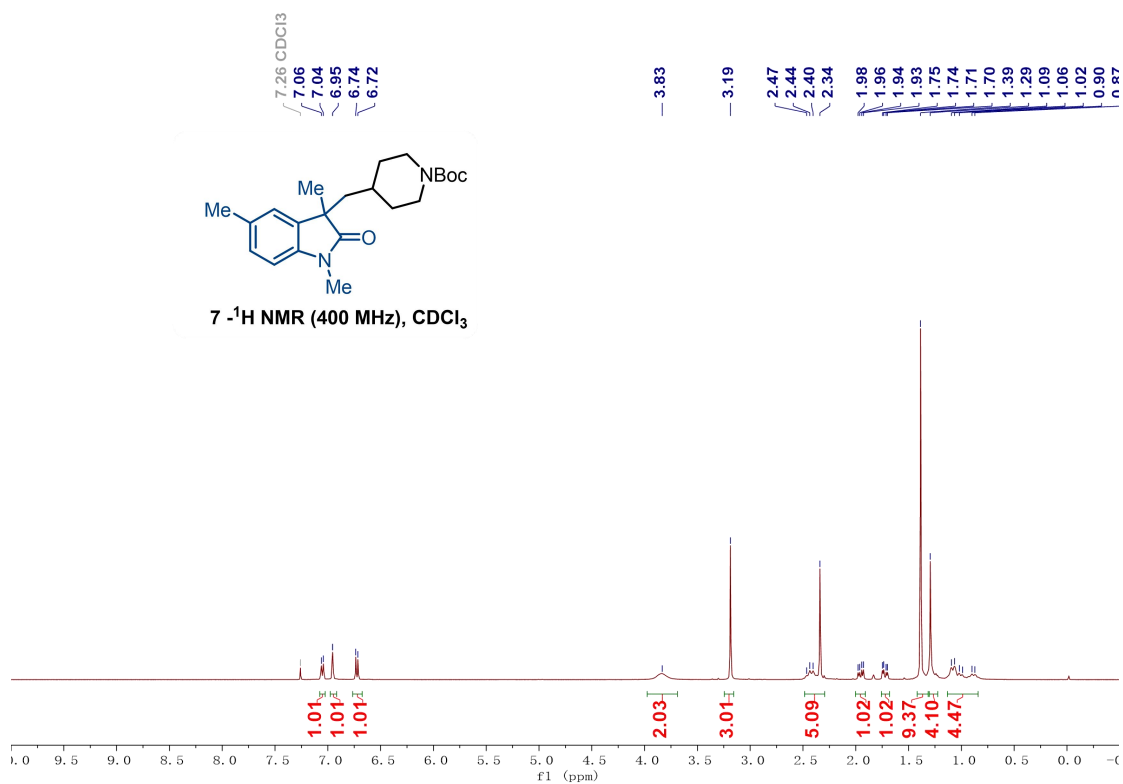
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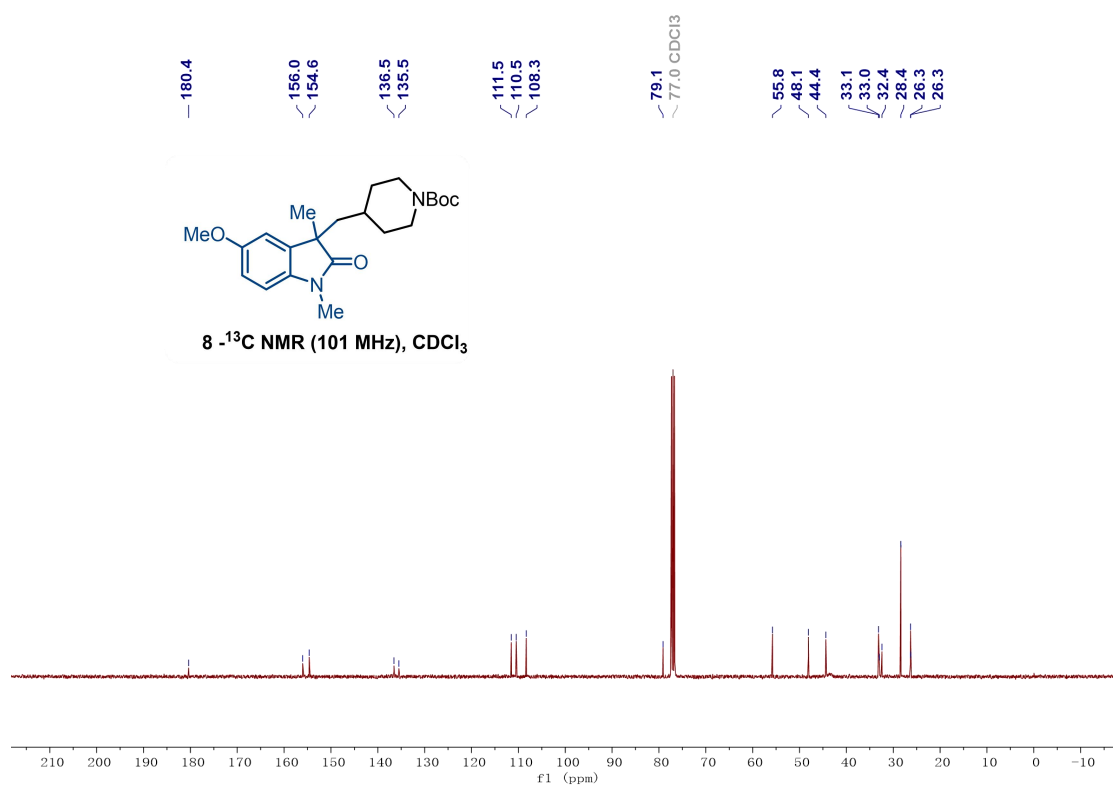
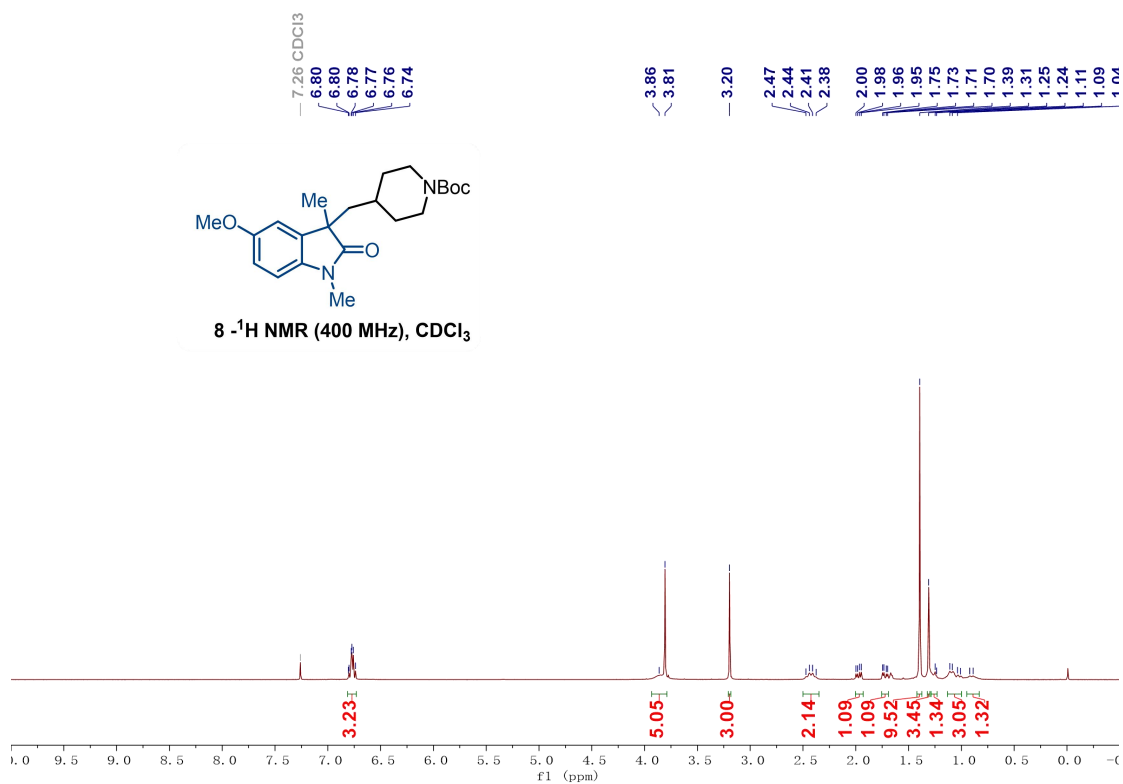


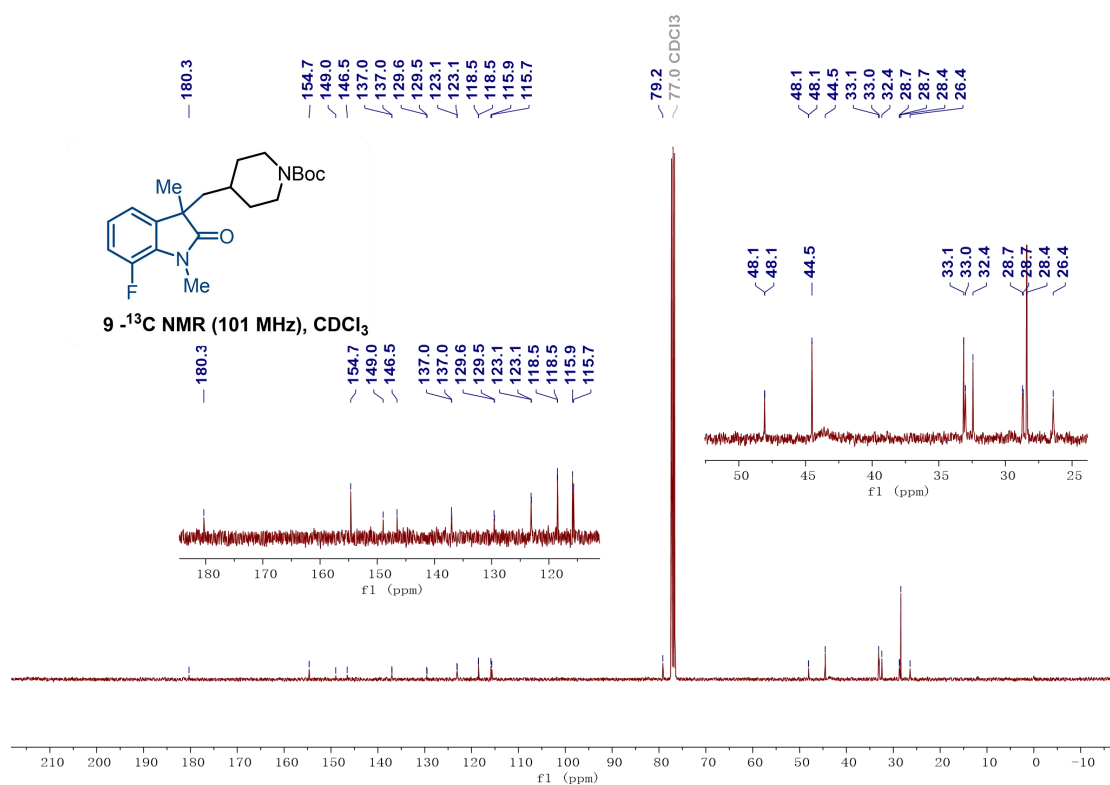
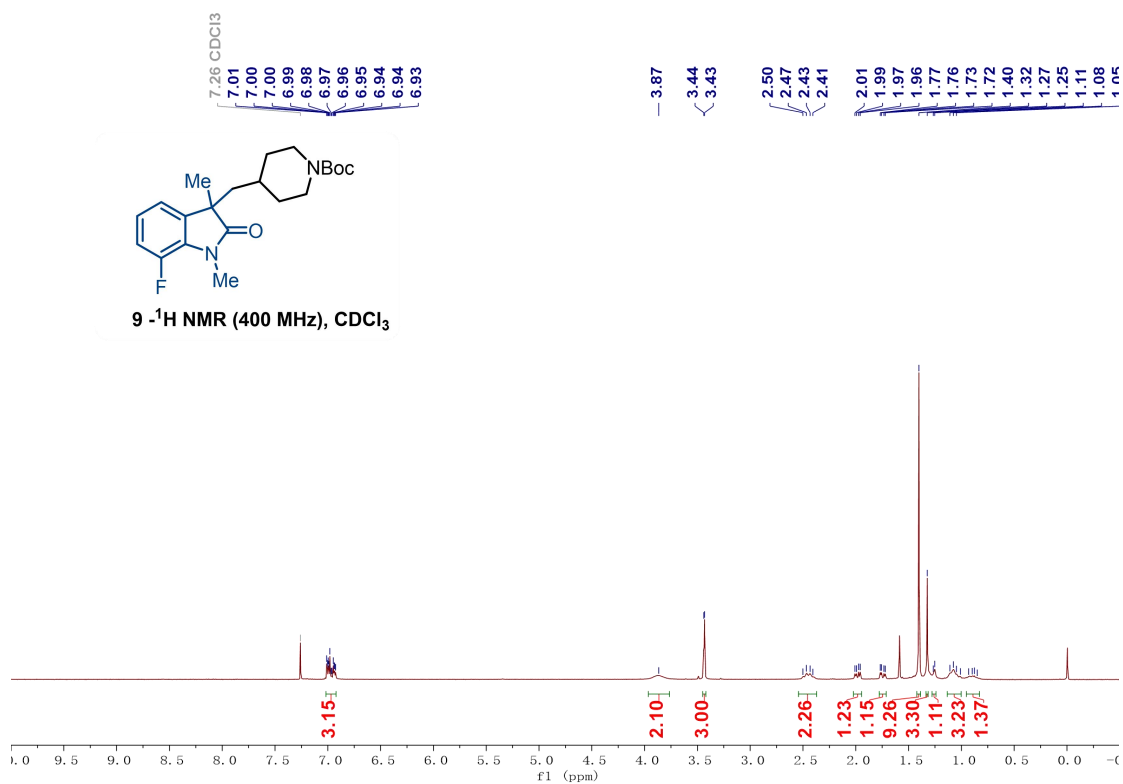


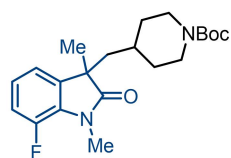




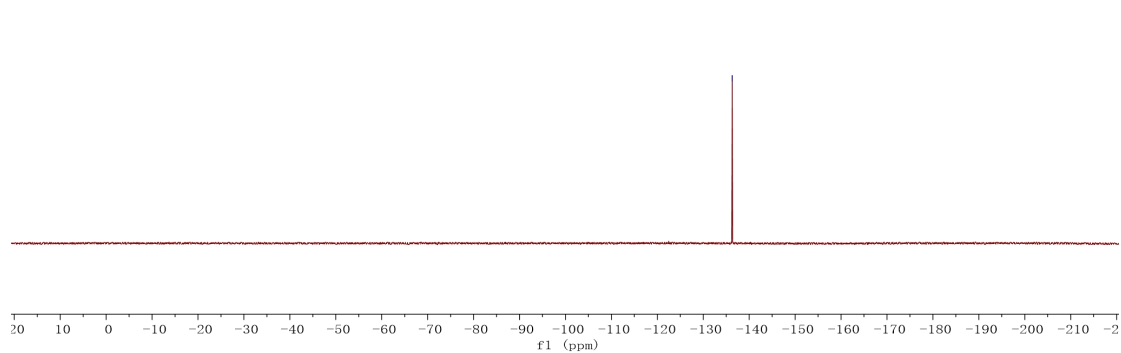


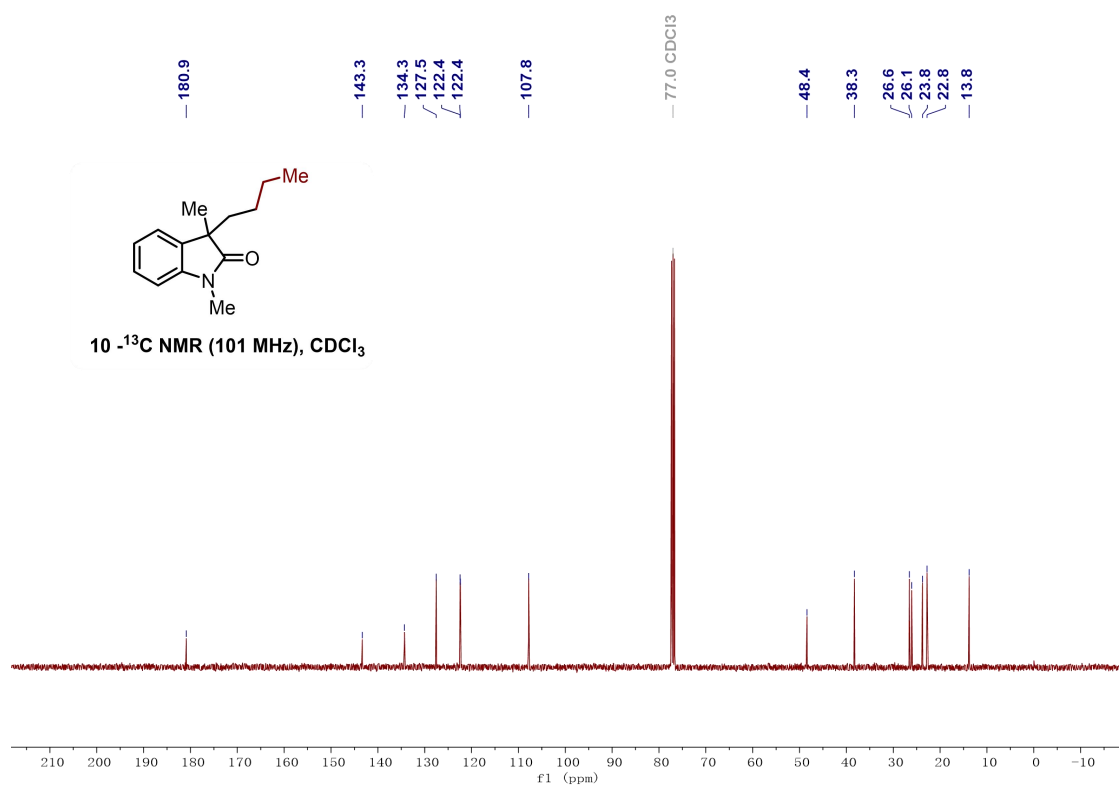
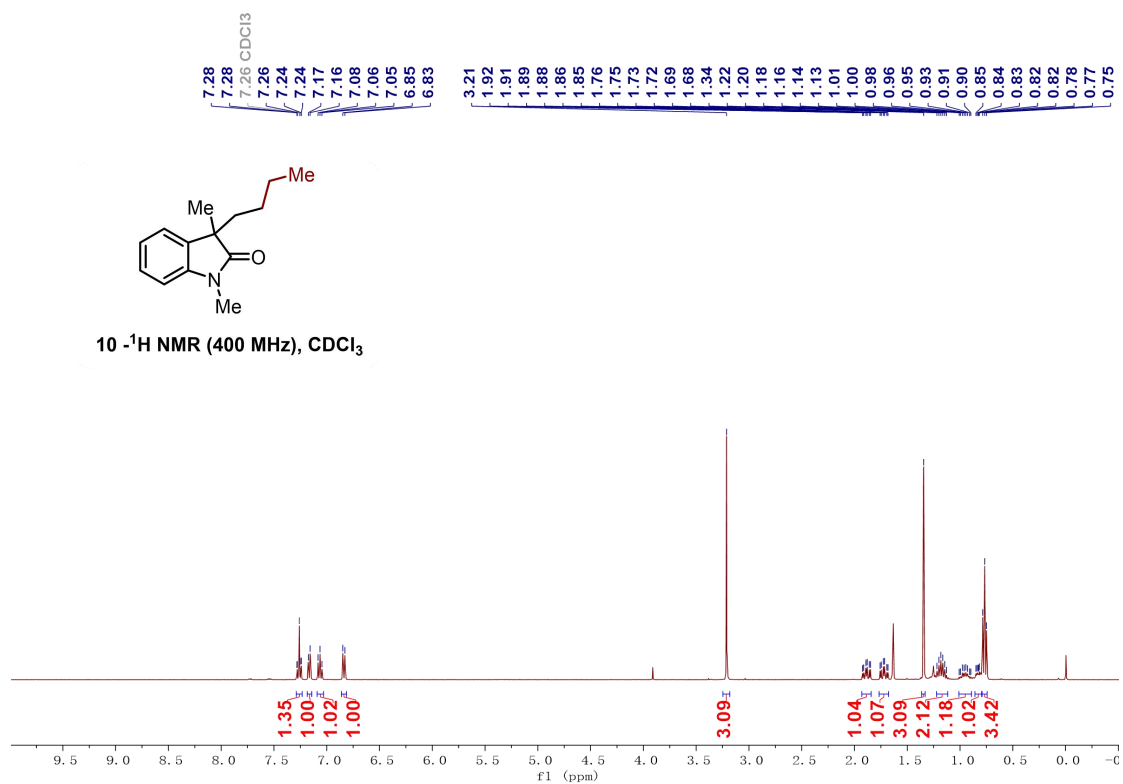


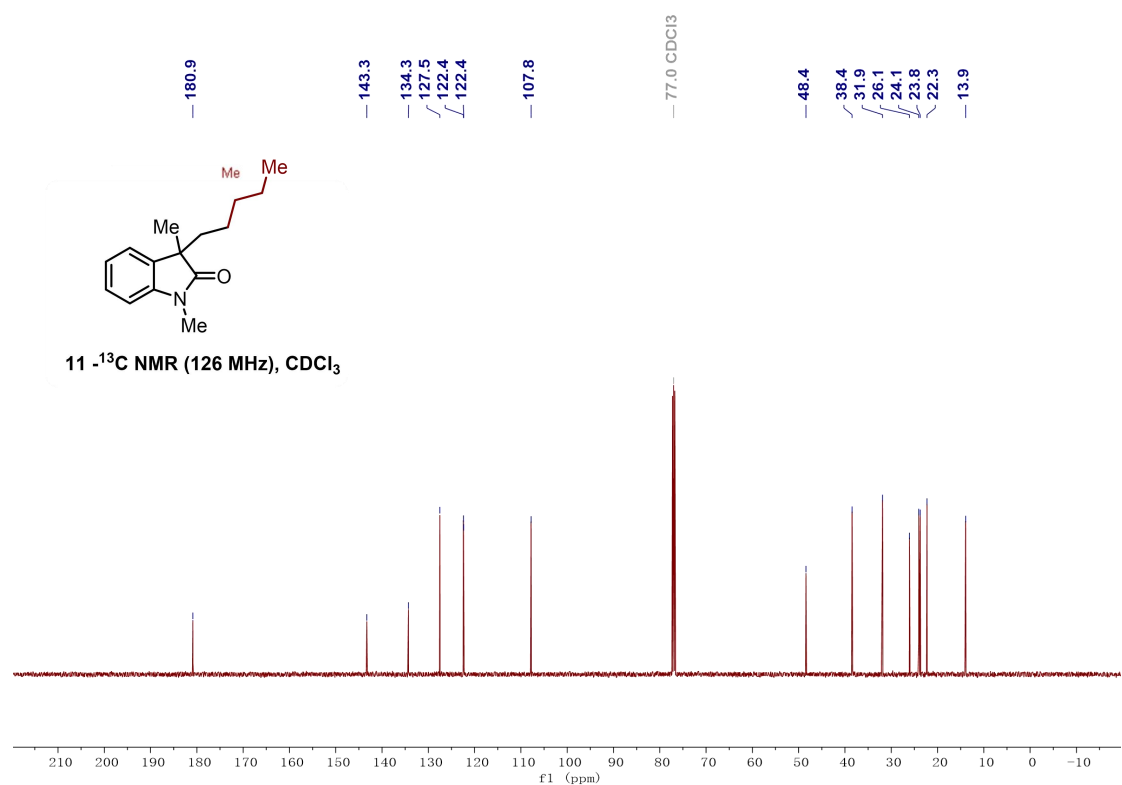
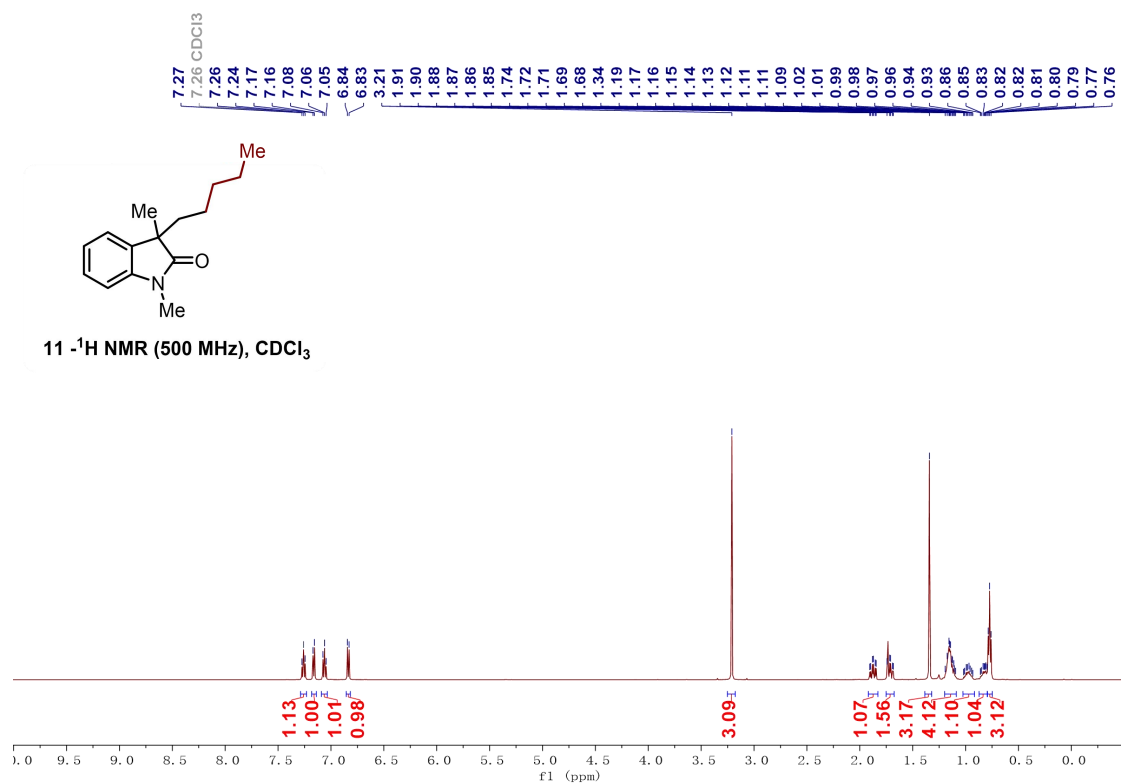


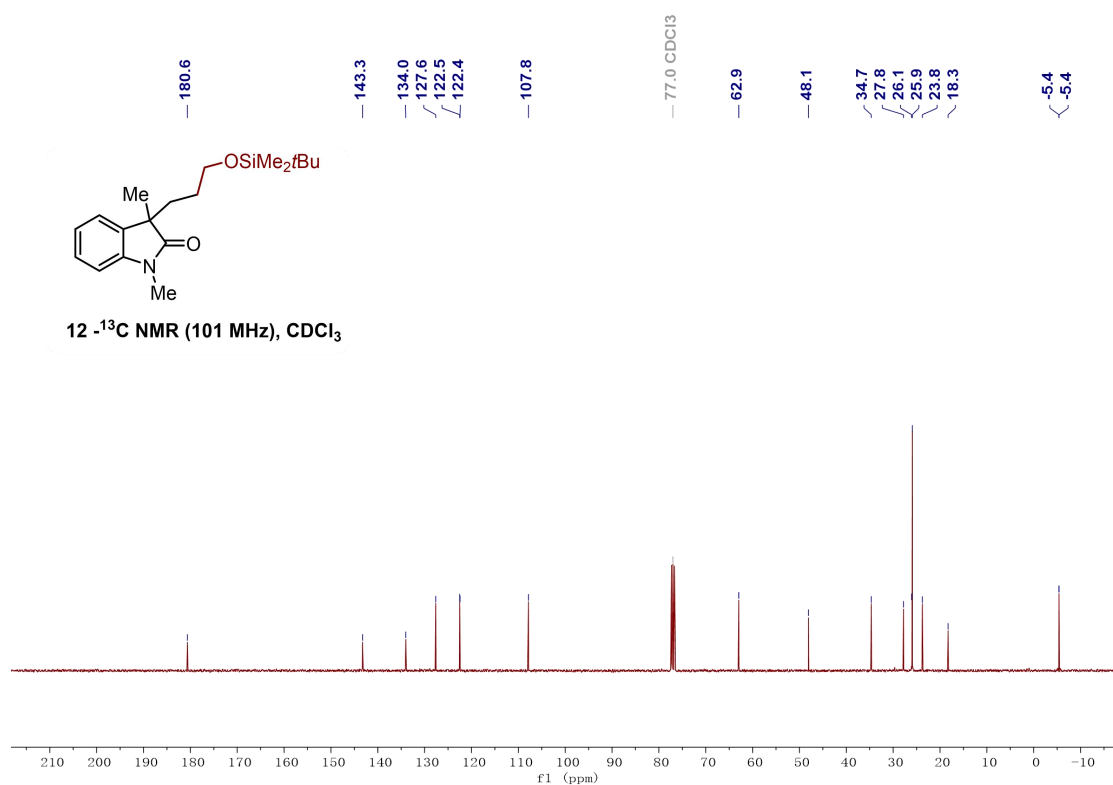
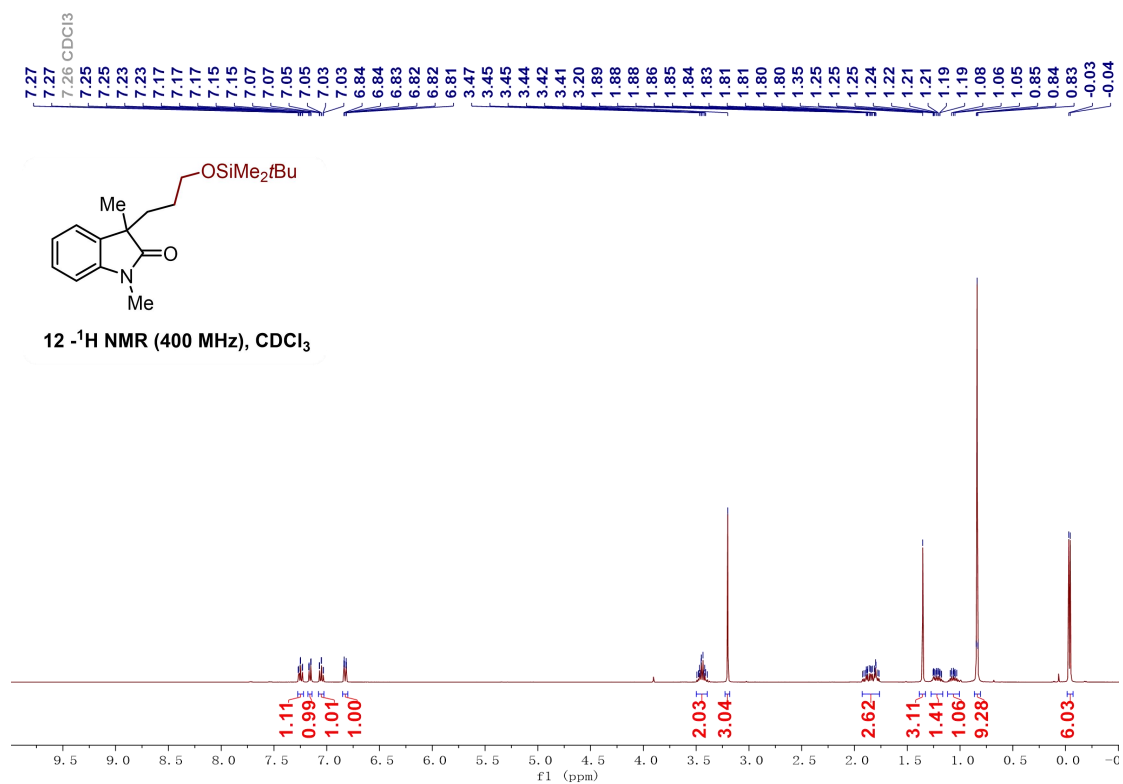


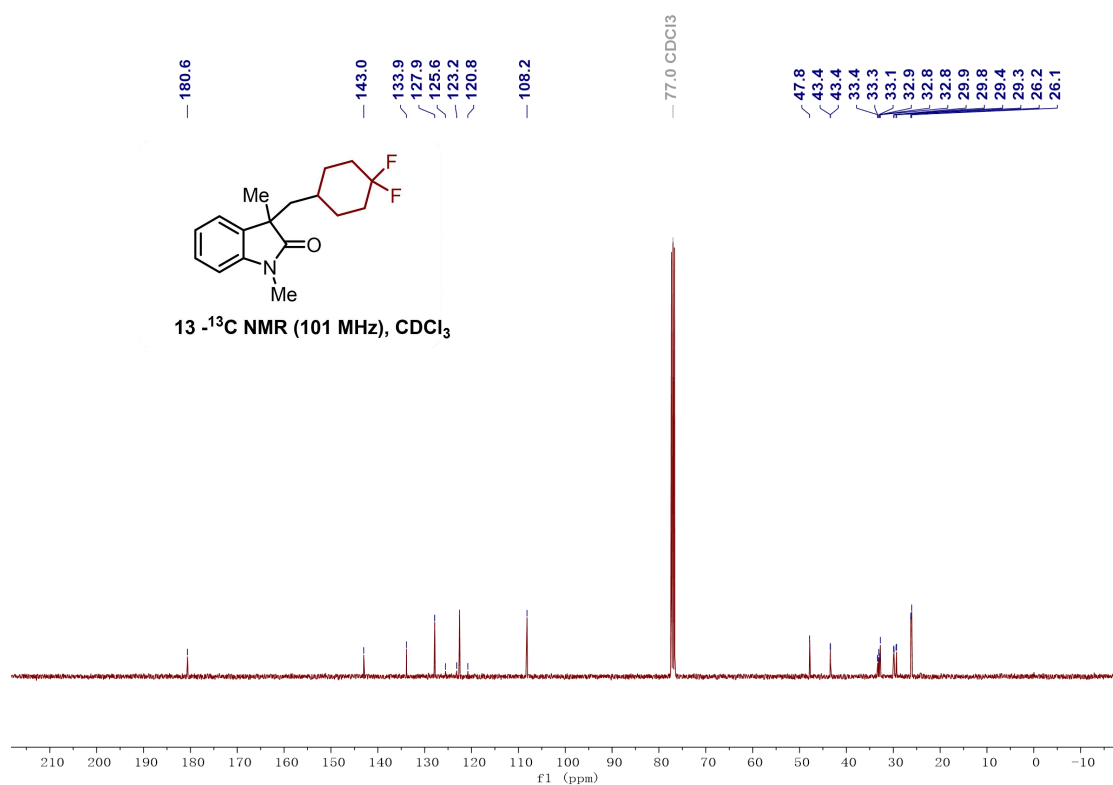
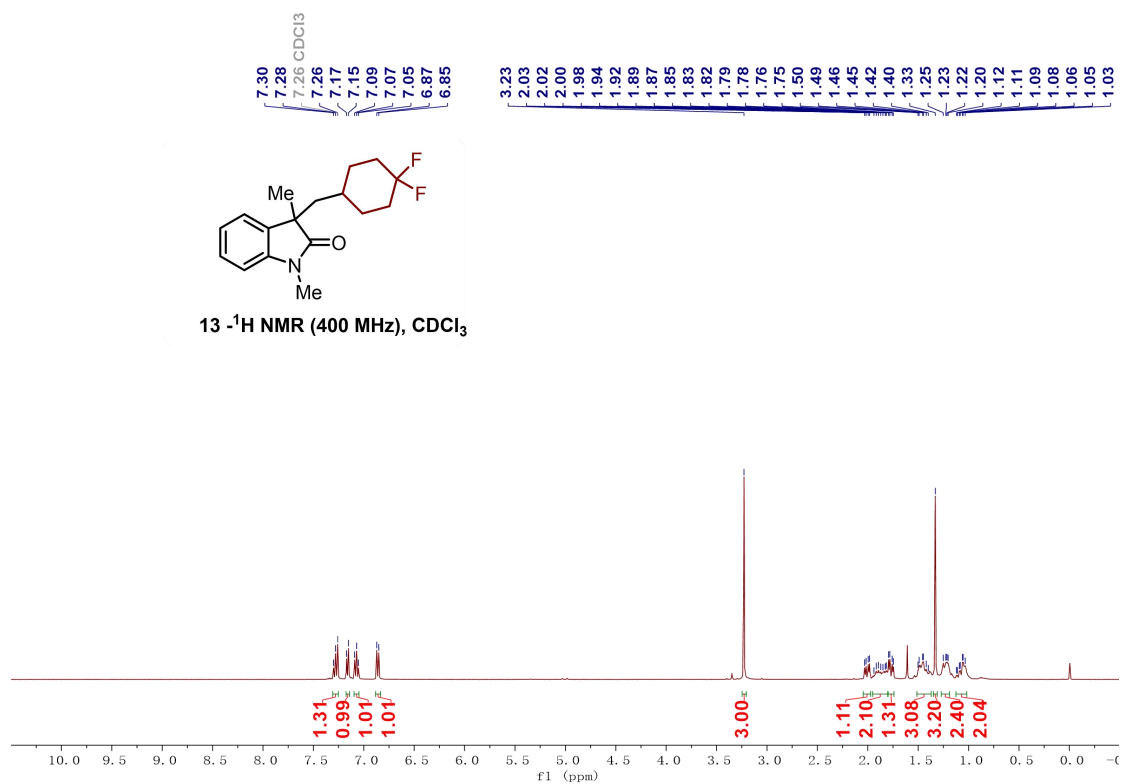
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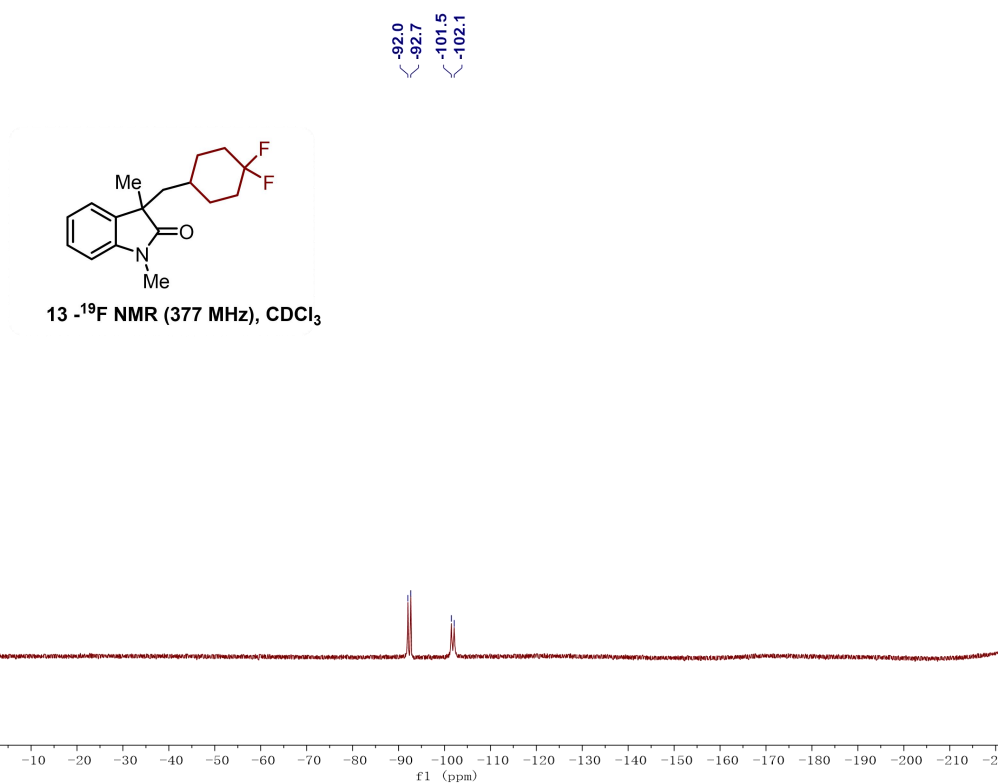


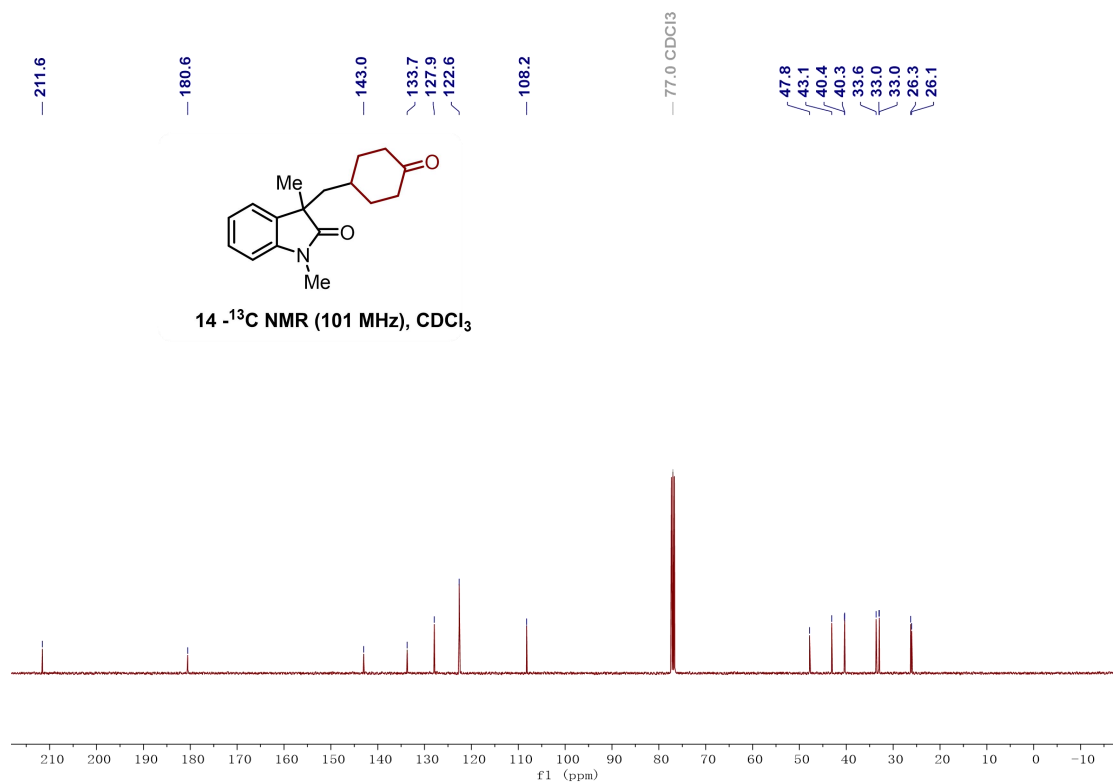
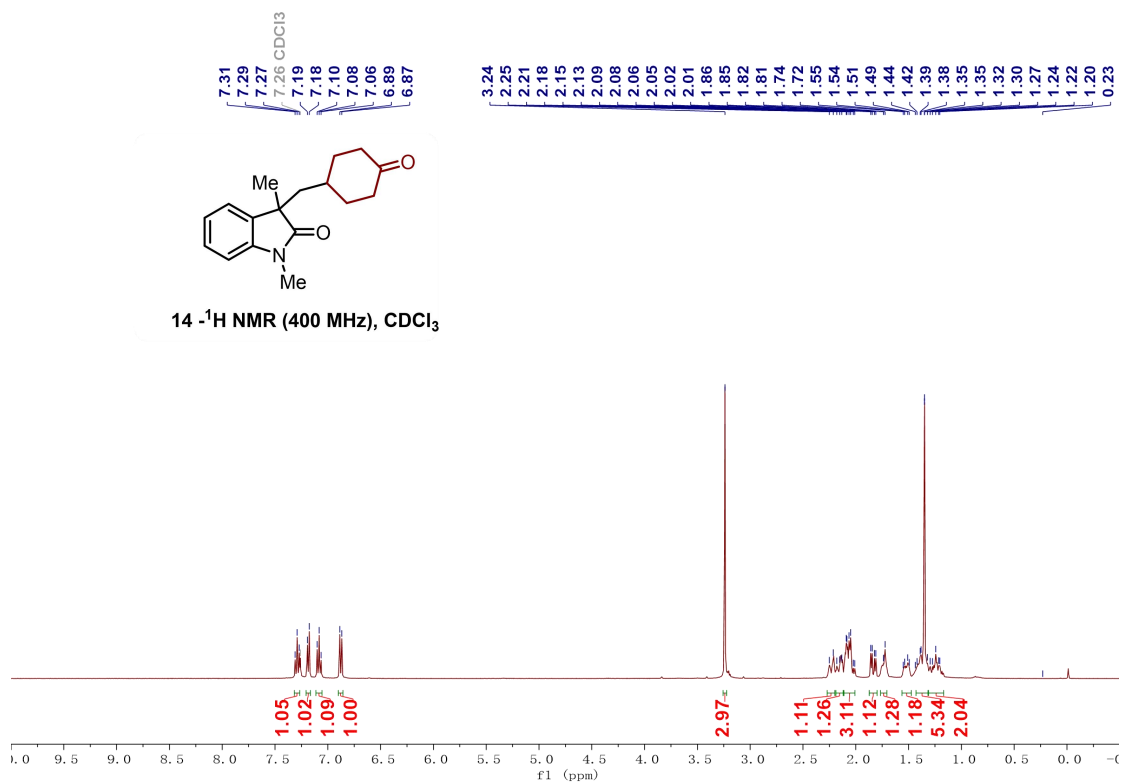


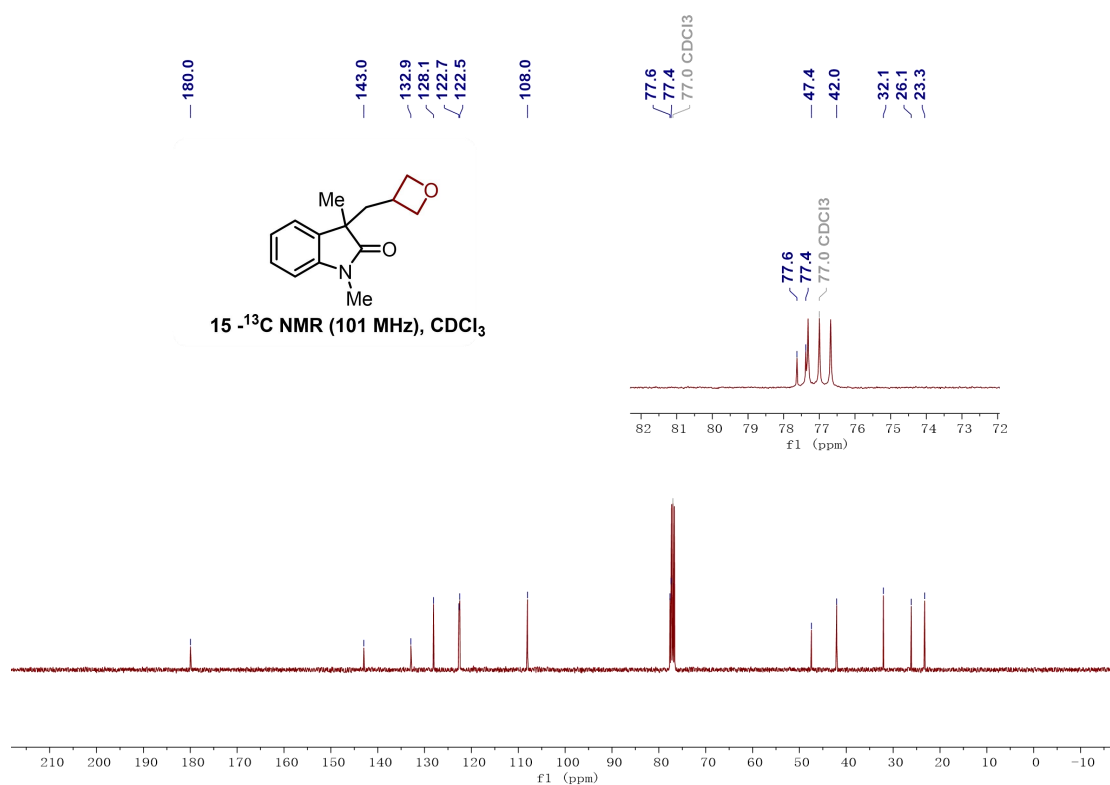
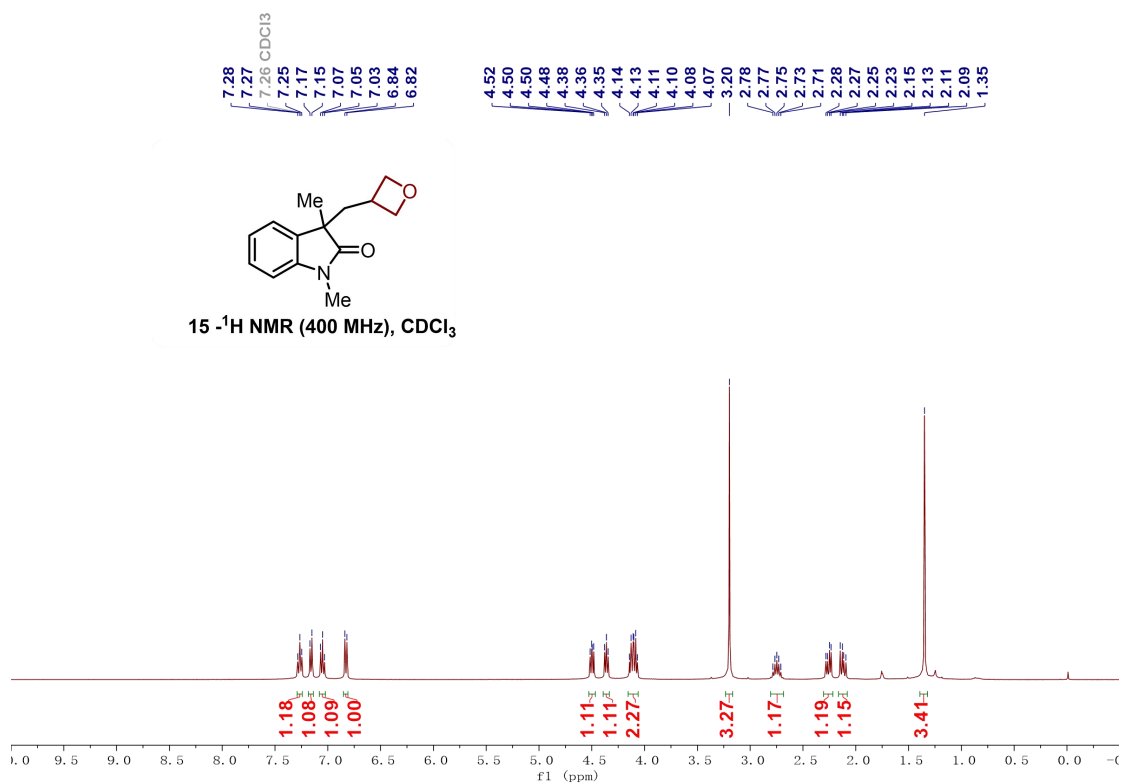


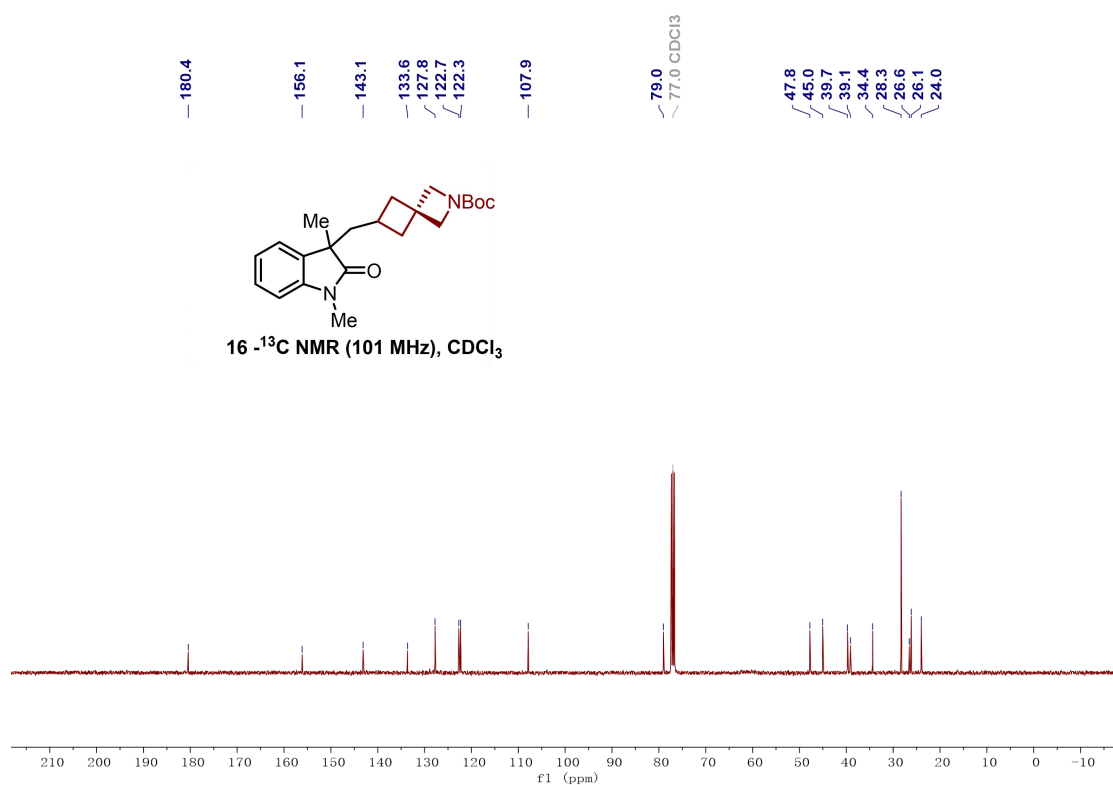
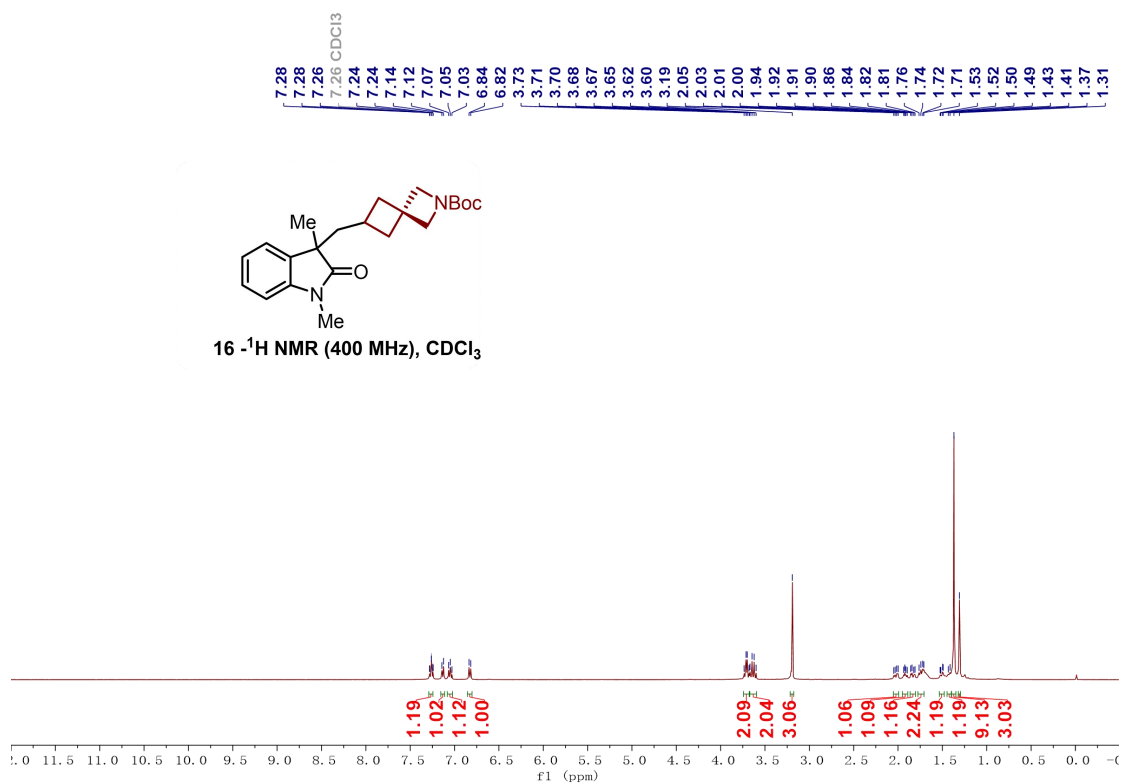


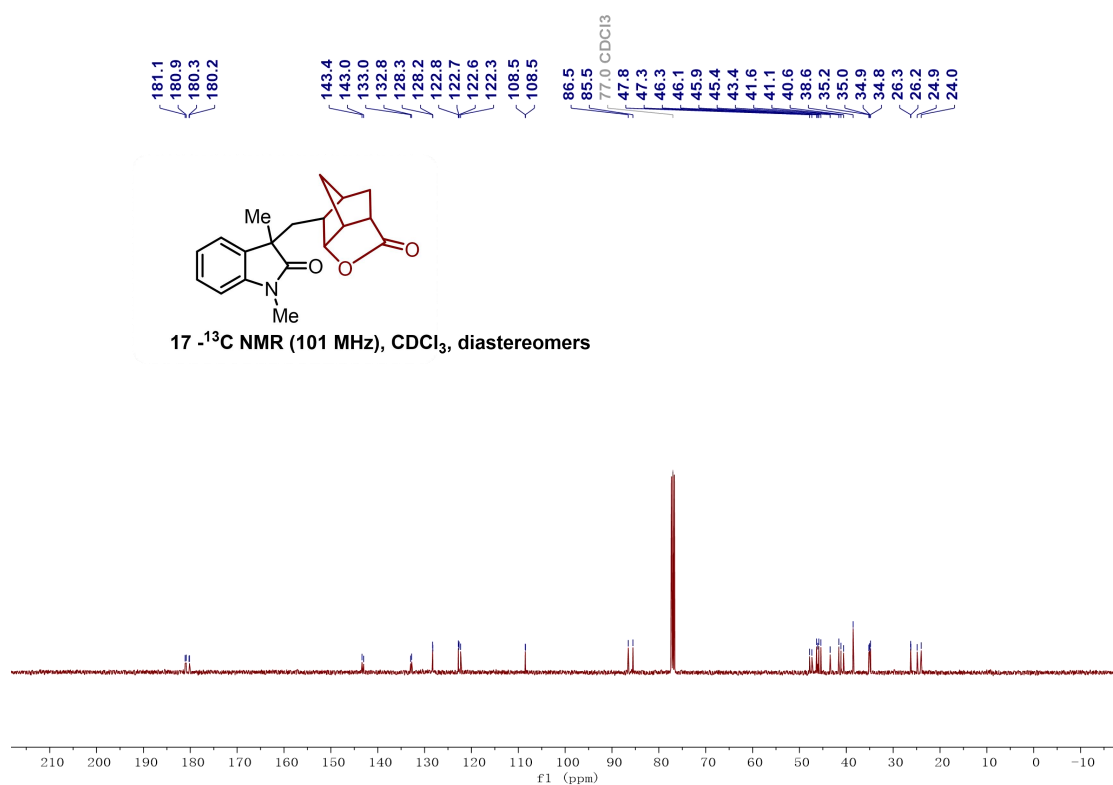
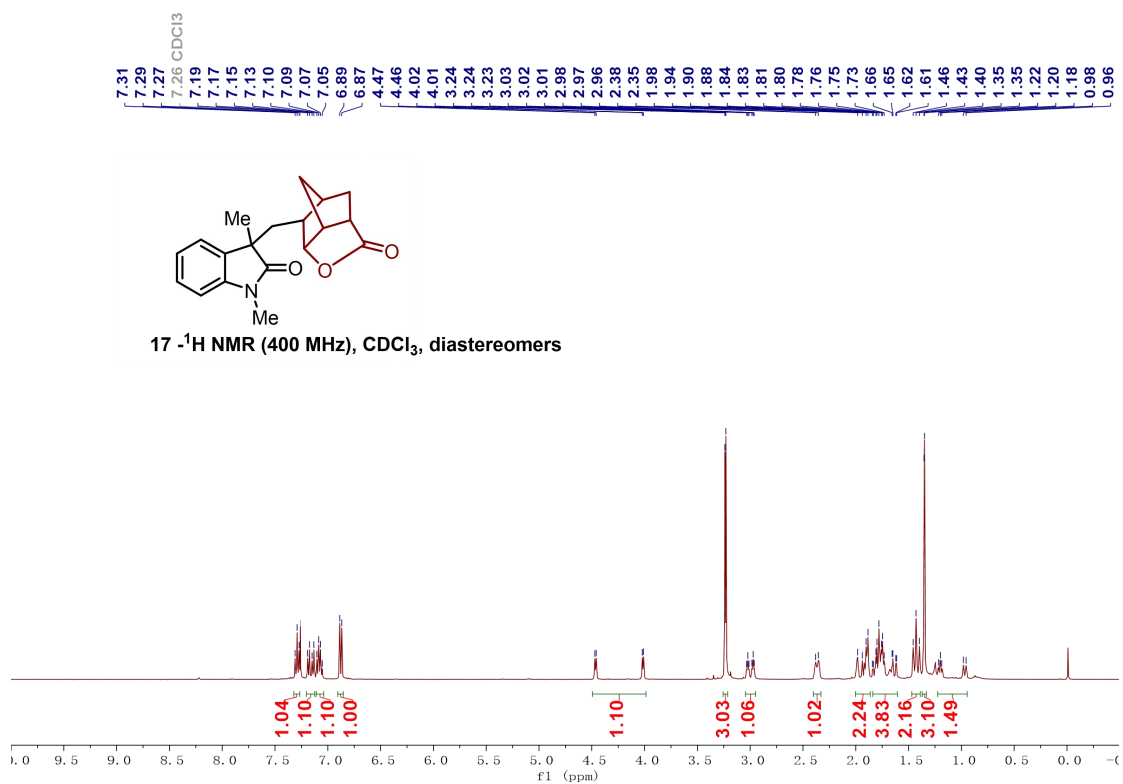


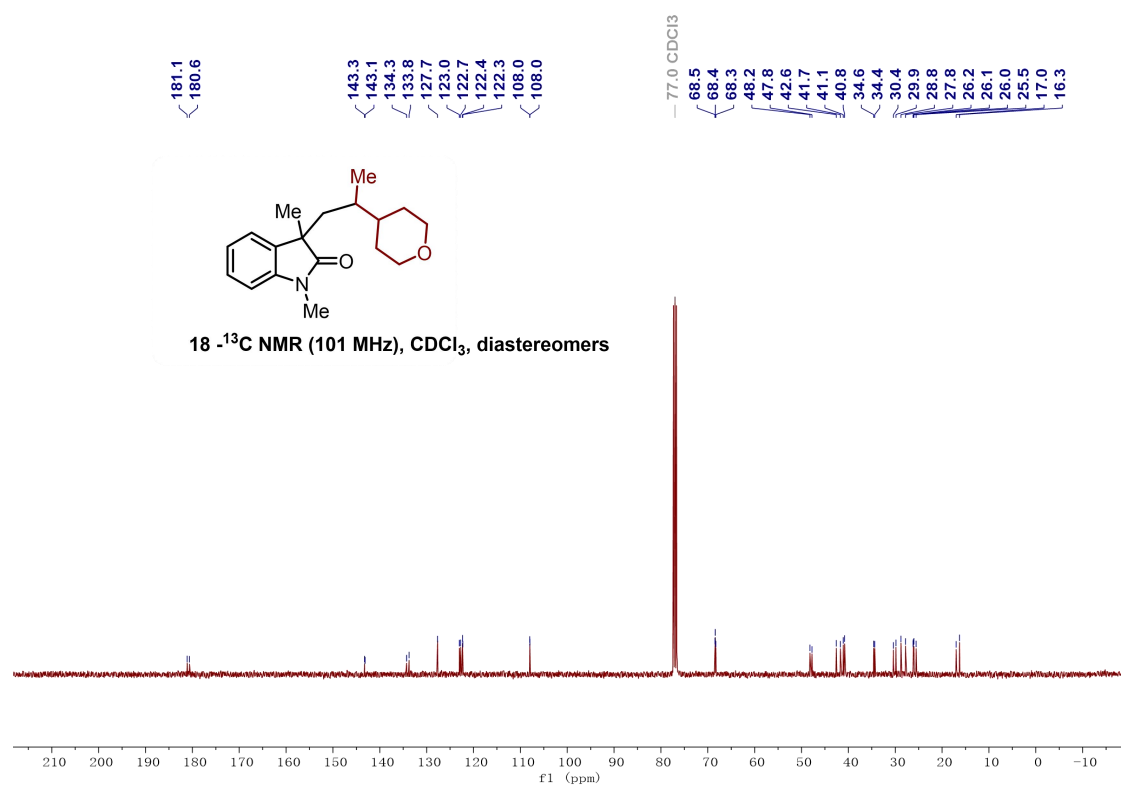
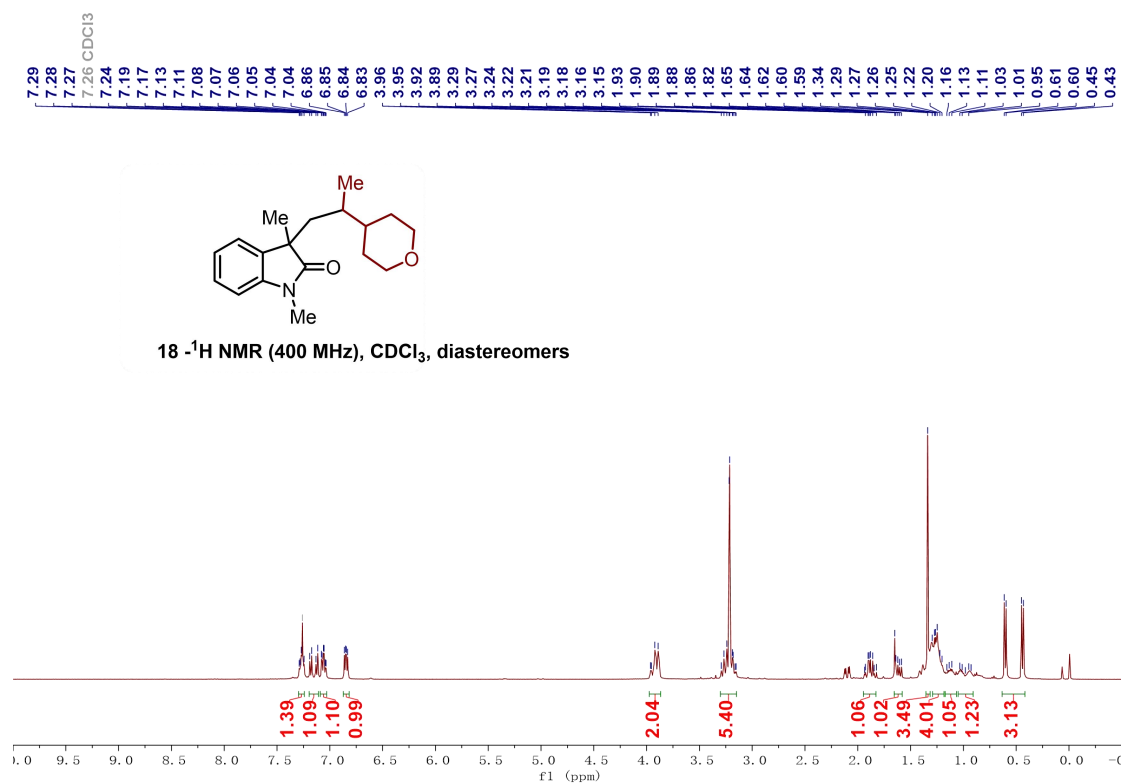


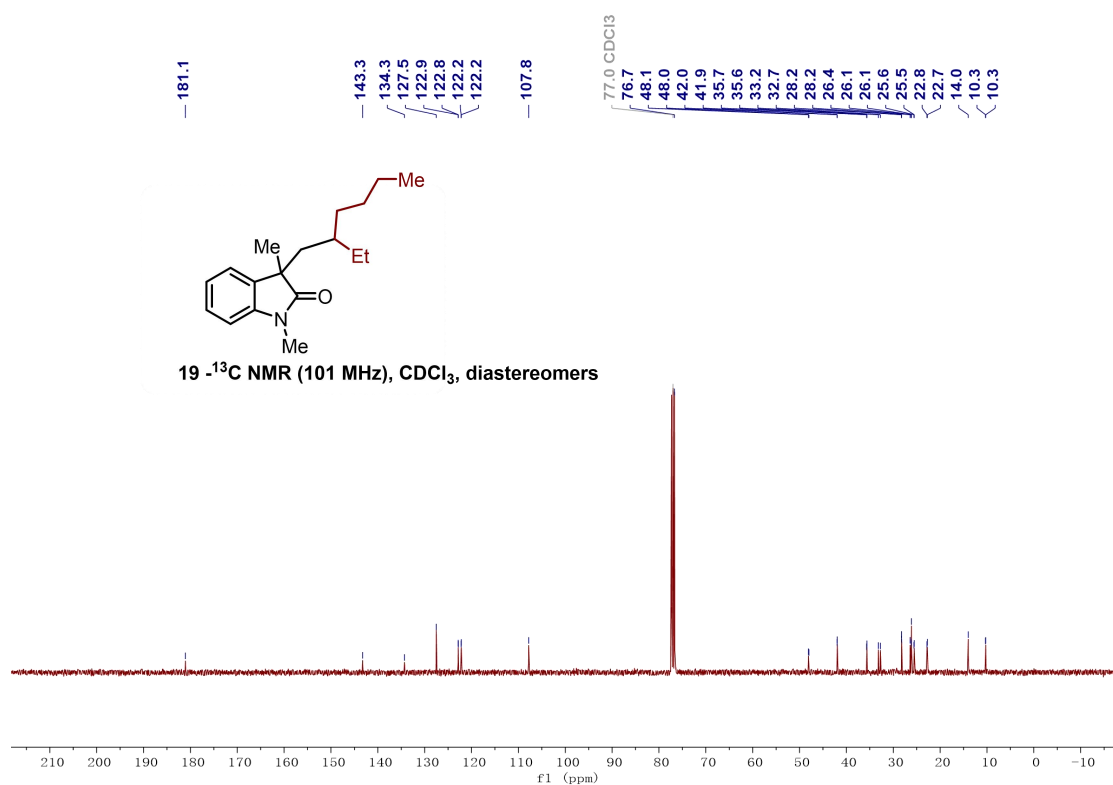
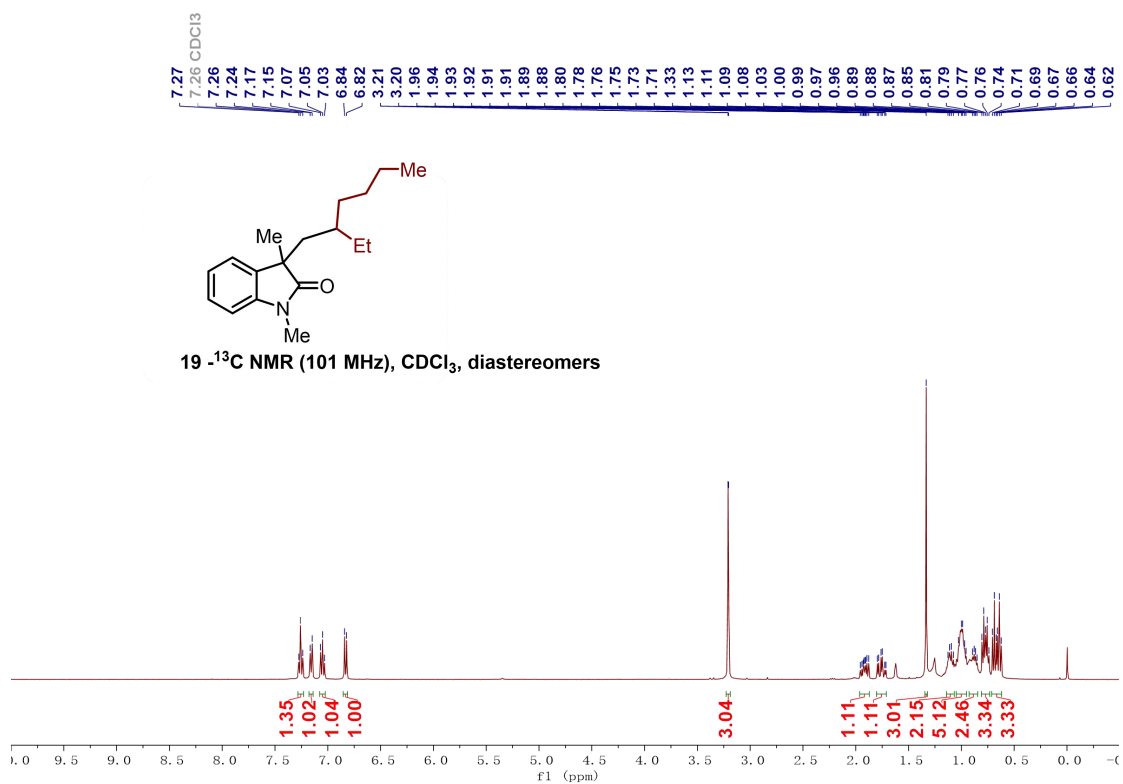


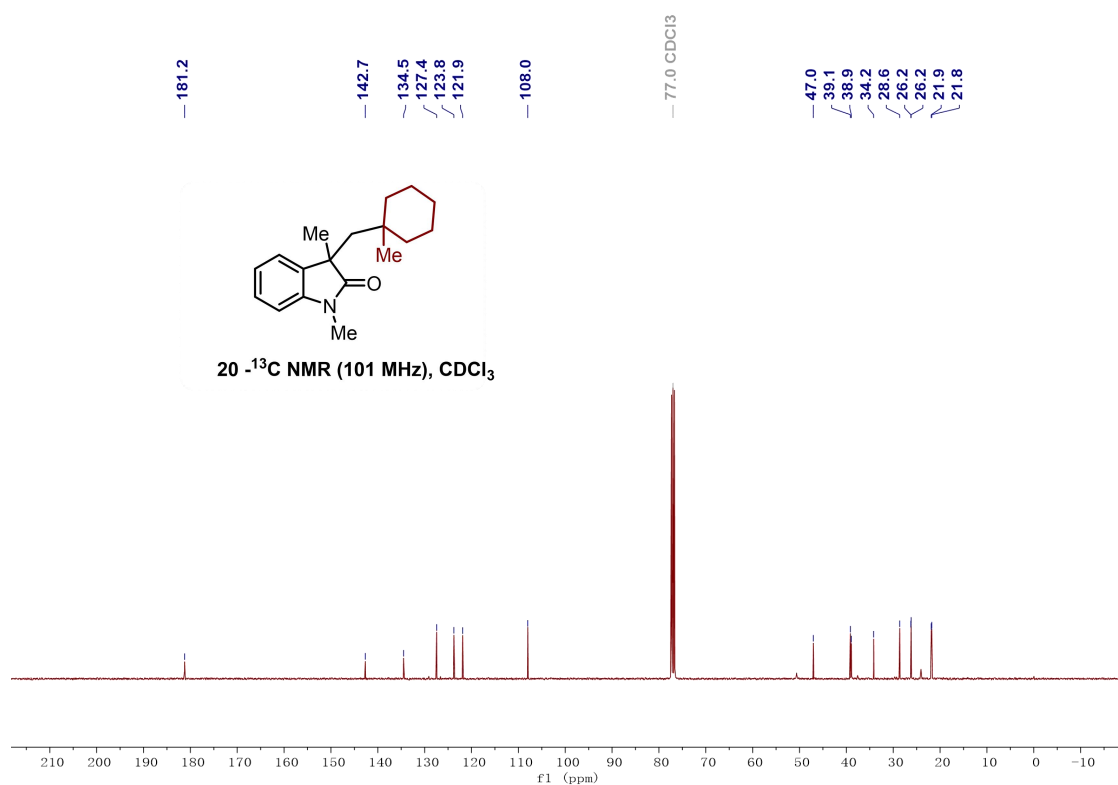
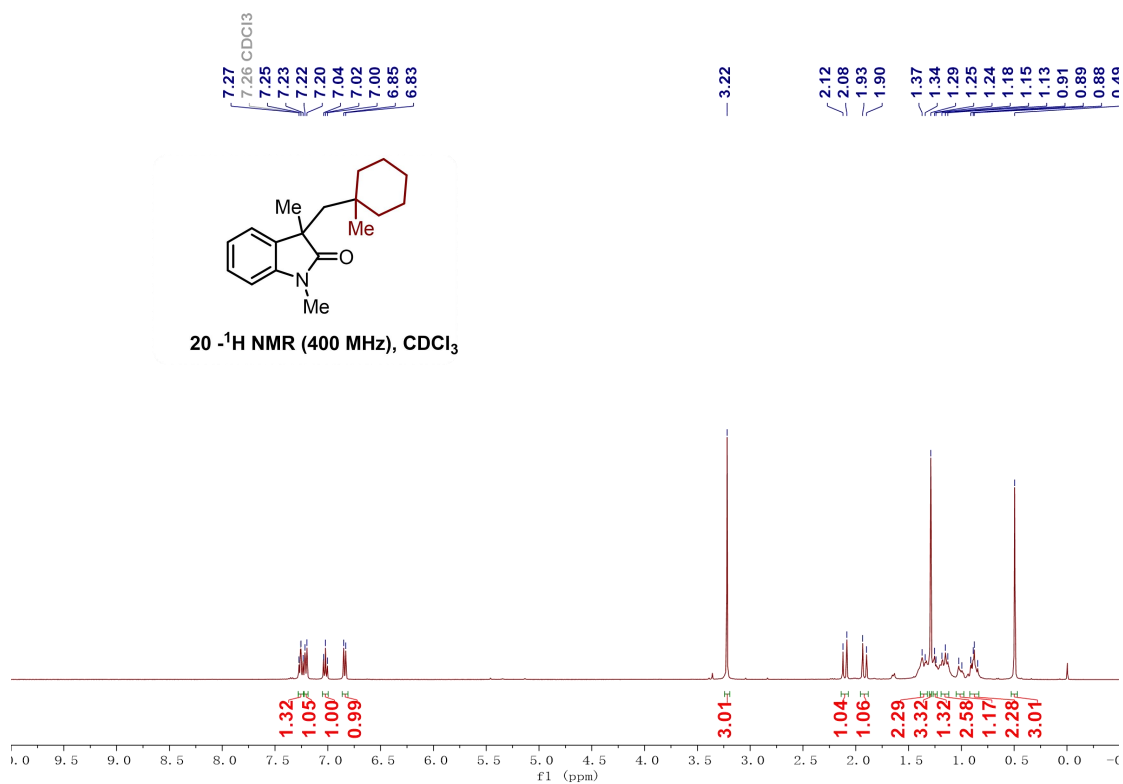


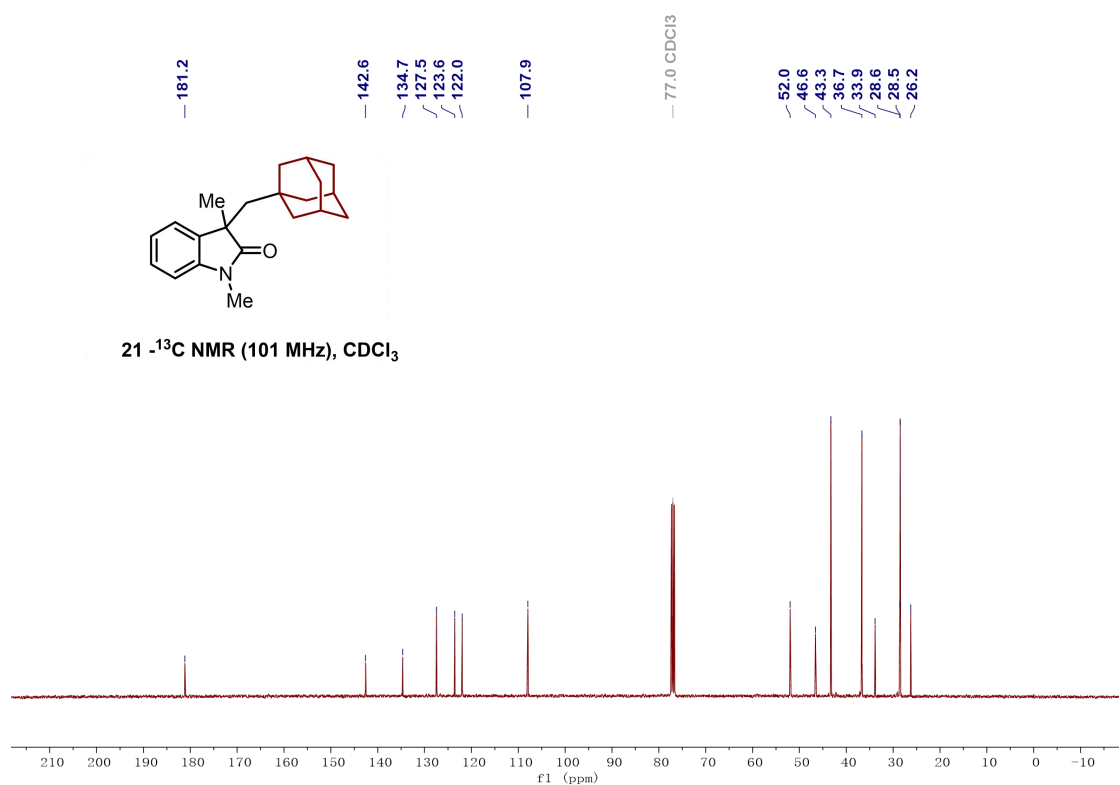
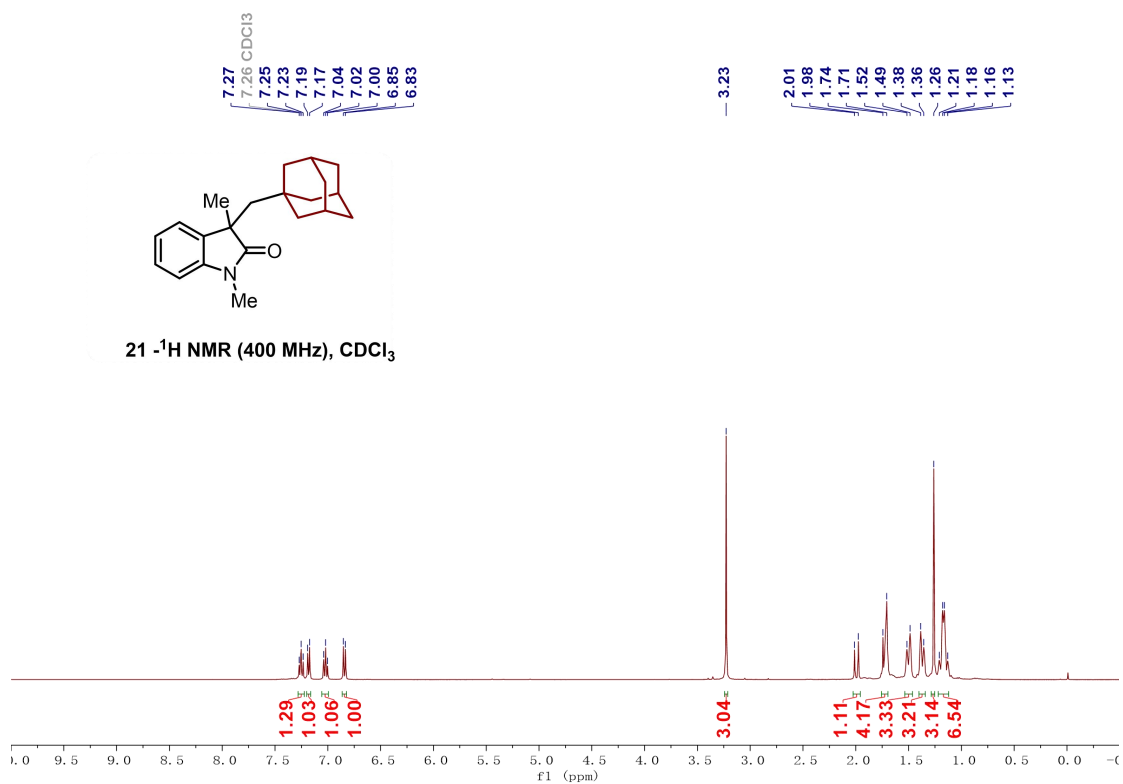


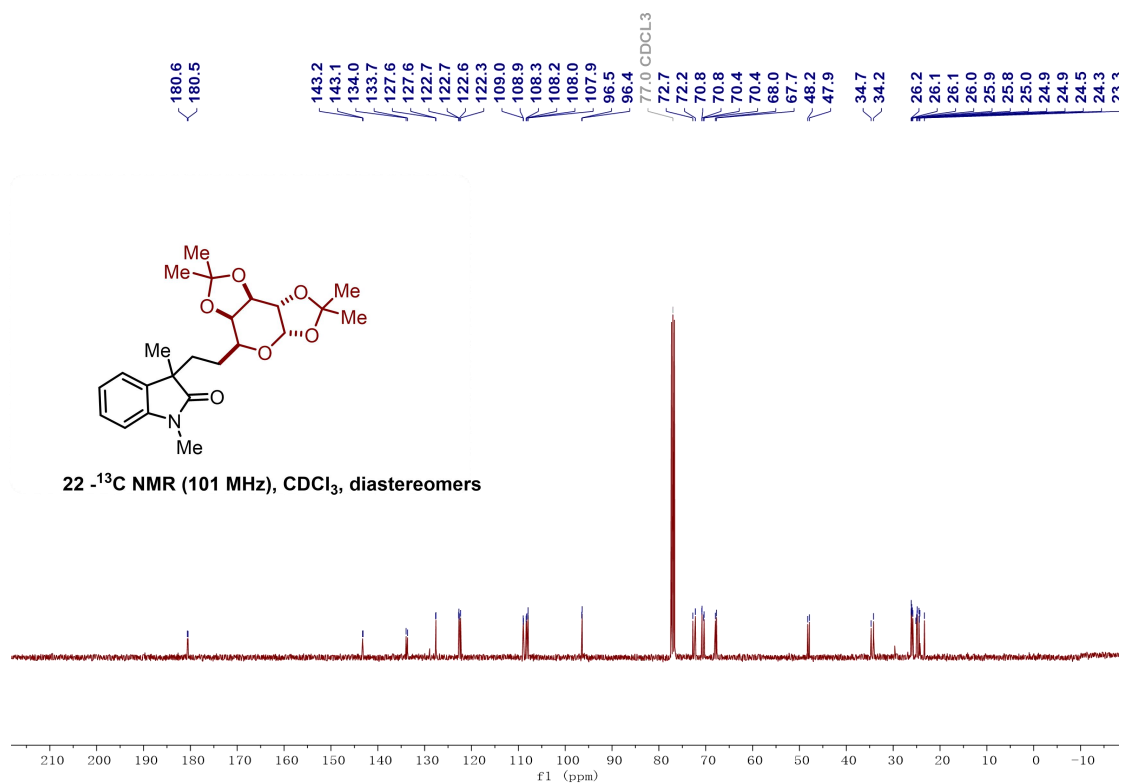
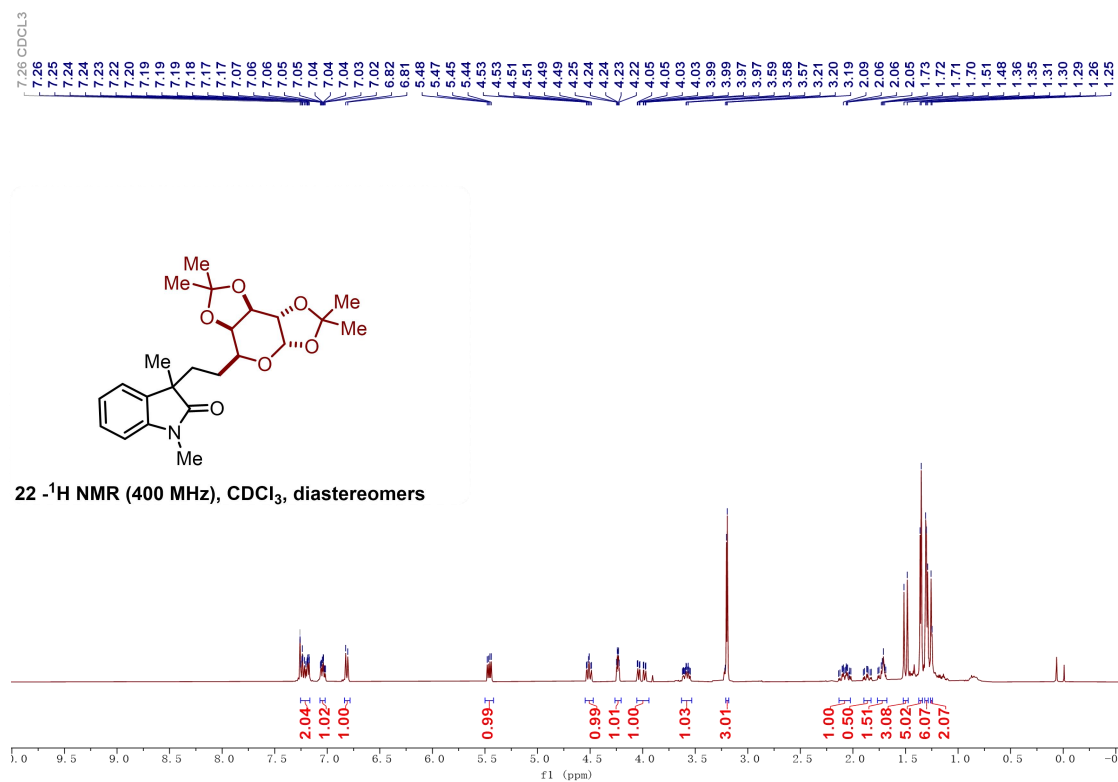


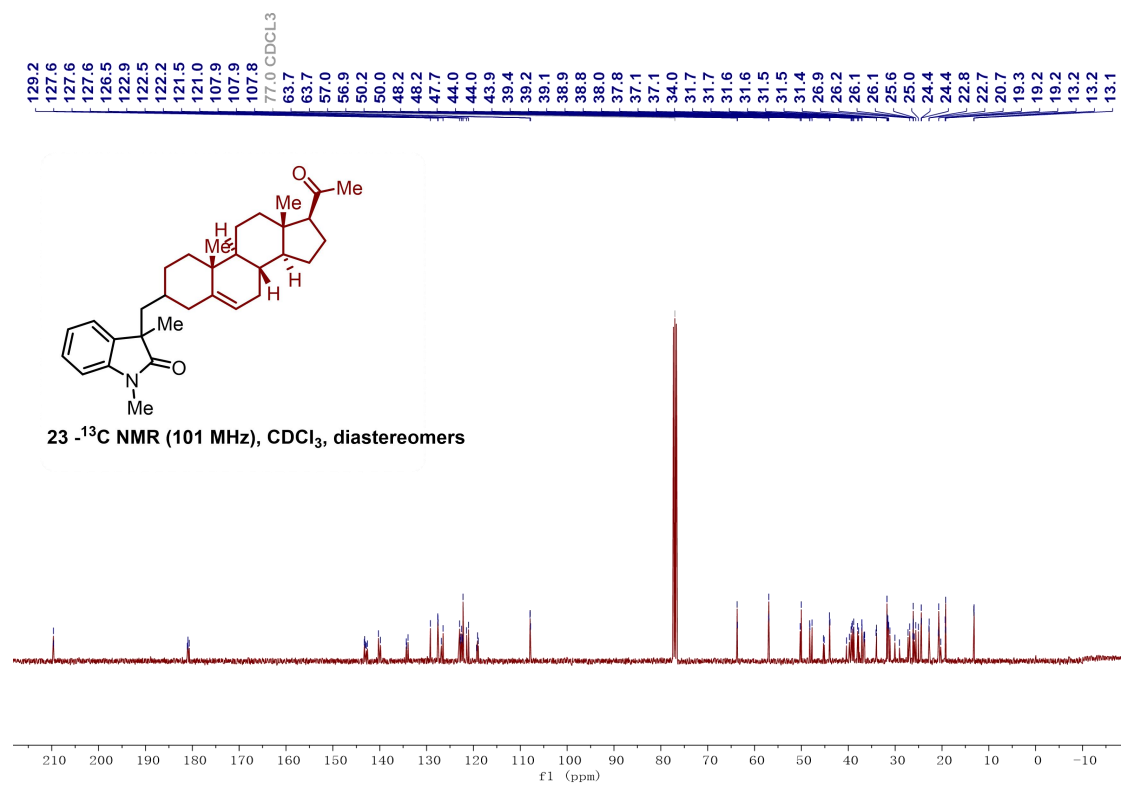
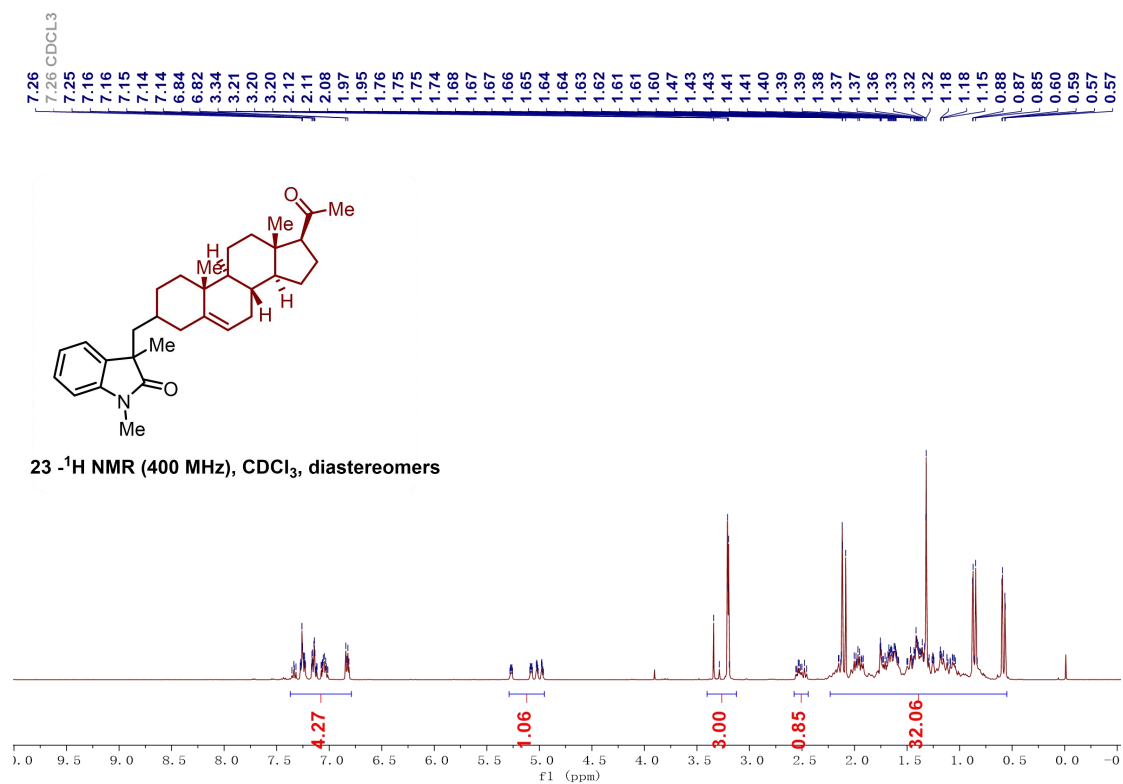


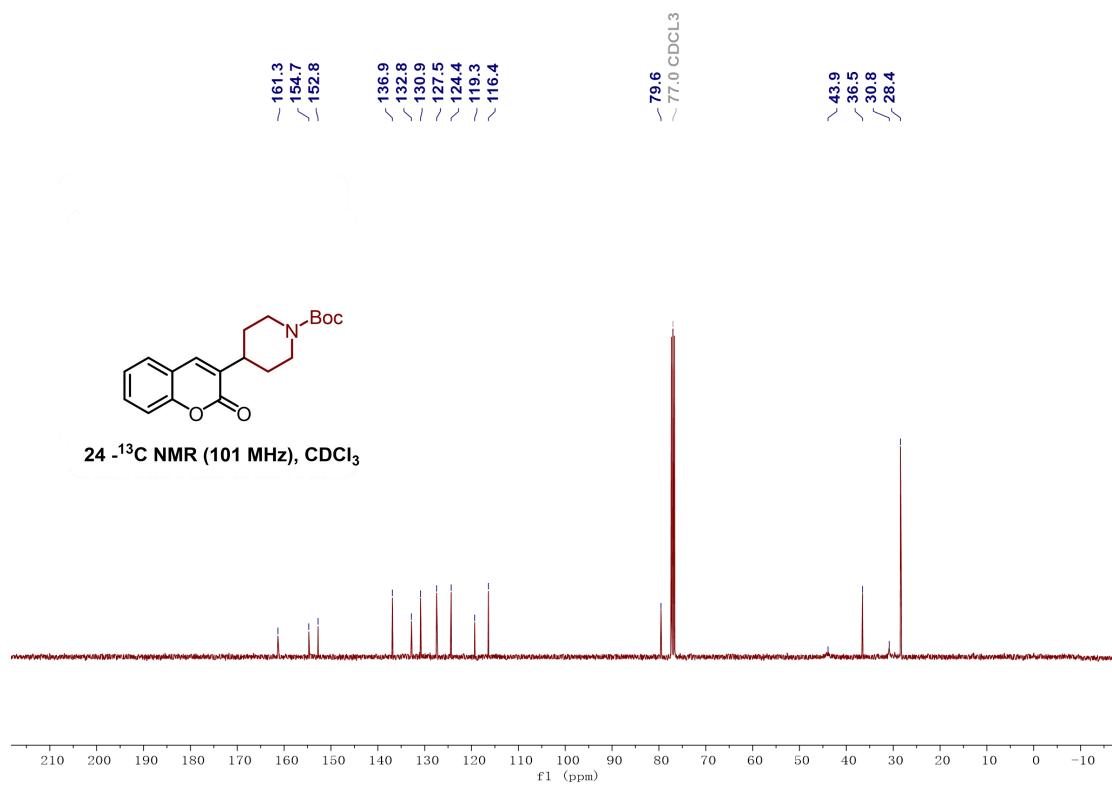
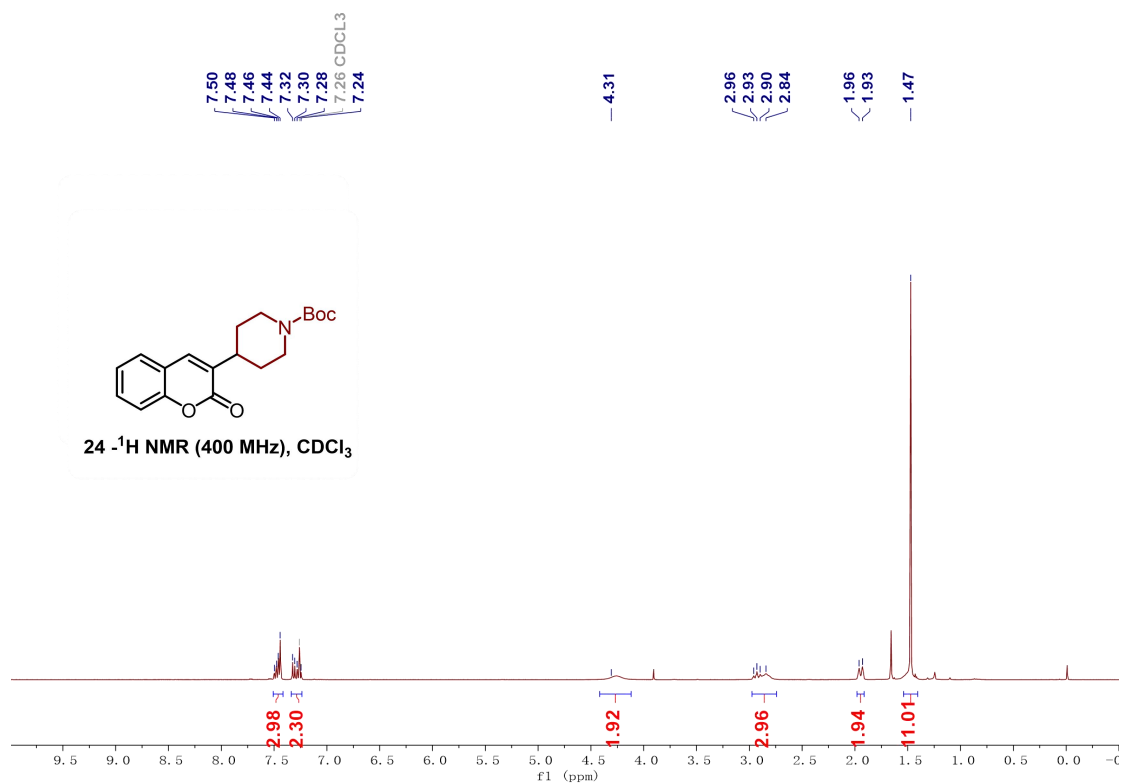


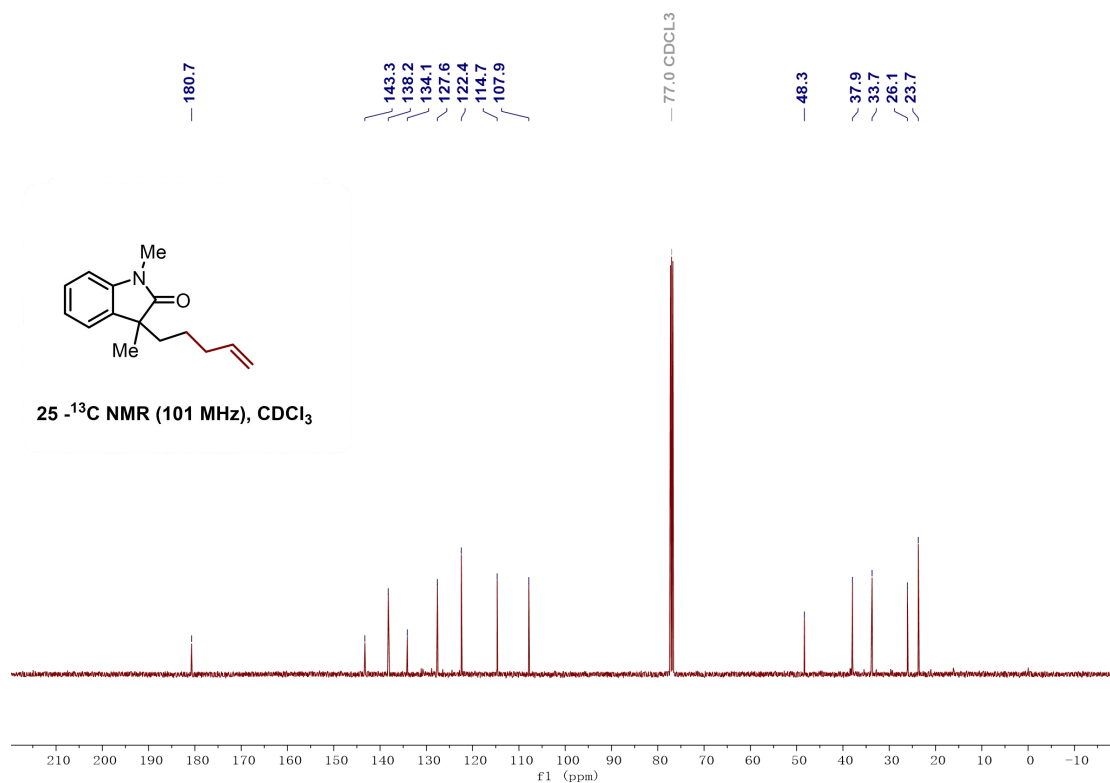
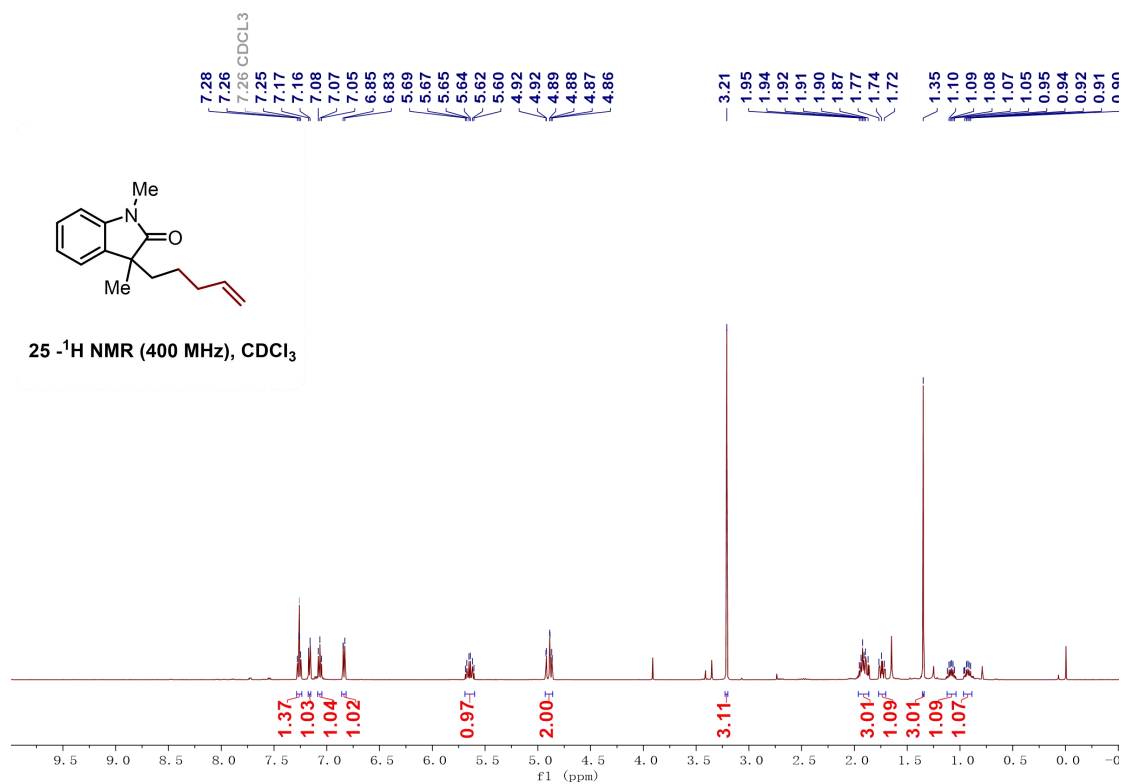












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