

A concise synthesis of indole-fused azepino- and azocino-indoles via acid-catalyzed 1,2-migration

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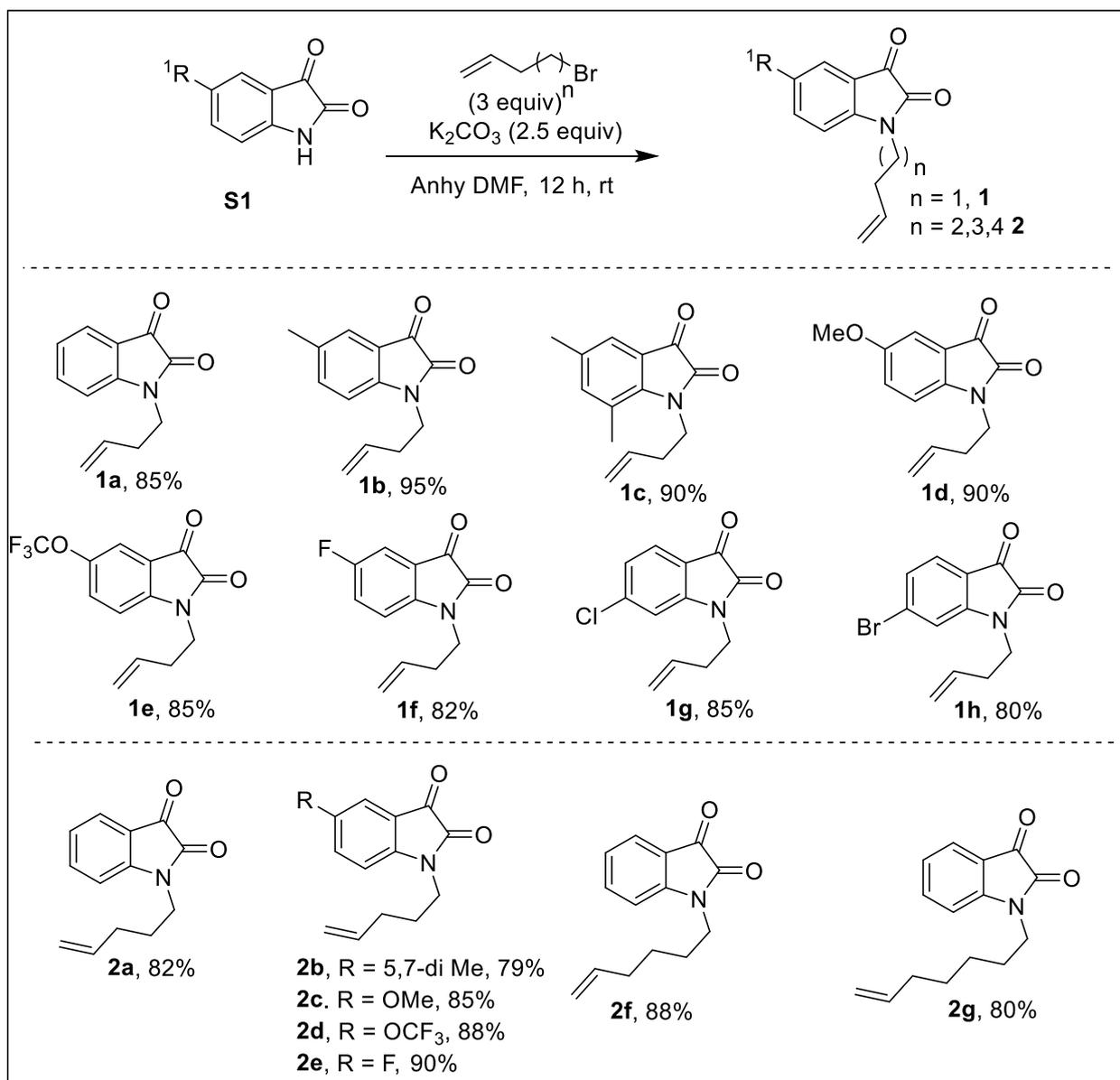
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1.0 General information

All solvents and reagents were purified by standard techniques or used as supplied from commercial sources. All experiments were carried out under an inert atmosphere of argon in flame-dried flasks. TLC was performed on Kieselgel 60 F254 plates, and spots were visualized under UV light. Products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh). Unless otherwise stated, yields refer to analytical pure samples. NMR spectra were recorded in chloroform (CDCl₃) at 298K. ¹H spectra were recorded using 600 MHz, 400 MHz or 300 MHz instruments at 298K. Signals are quoted as δ values in ppm using the residual protonated solvent signal as internal standard (CDCl₃: δ 7.26 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet), and coupling constants (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on 600 MHz (150 MHz), 400 MHz (100 MHz) instruments at 298K with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal reference (CDCl₃: δ 77.16 ppm). Coupling constants are quoted in Hertz and are denoted as *J*. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analyses were performed with Q-TOF YA263 high-resolution instruments by +ve mode electrospray ionization. Single Crystal XRD was recorded on Micro-focus diffractometer equipped with PHOTON II Detector.

2.0 Synthesis of *N*-protected isatins

N-alkylated isatin derivatives **1a-h** and **2a-g** were prepared using reported procedures¹ from commercially available isatins **S1** by reaction with the corresponding alkyl bromides in the presence of K_2CO_3 in DMF at room temperature for 12 h (Scheme S1).

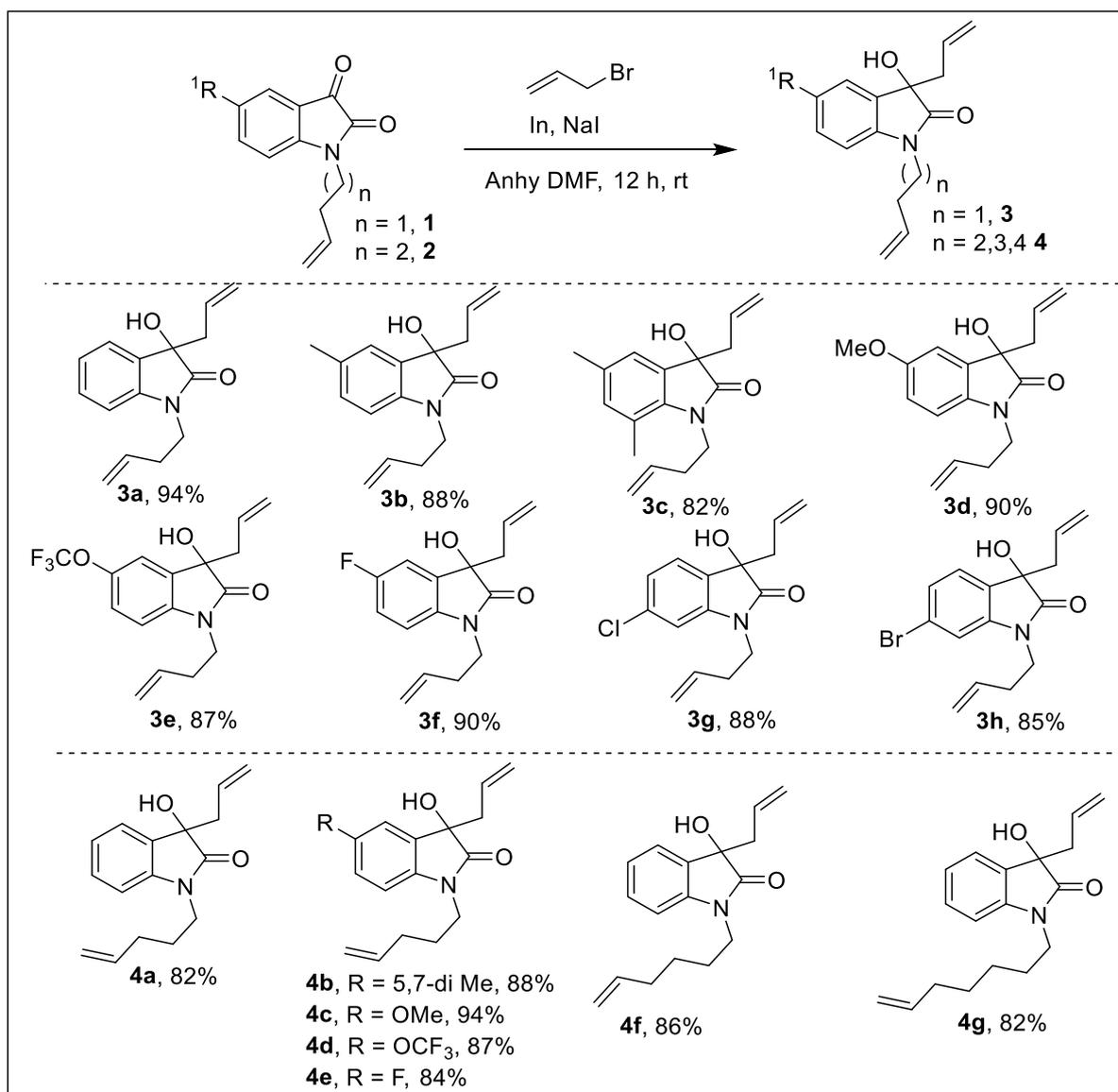


Scheme S1. Synthesis of *N*-protected isatins **1a-h** and **2a-g**.

3.0 General procedure for the preparation of 3-allyl-3-hydroxy 2-oxindole derivatives

Using reported procedures,² a mixture of indium metal (1.0 mmol, cut into small pieces), alkene-containing alkyl bromide (1.6 mmol), *N*-protected isatin **1** or **2** (0.8 mmol) and NaI (1.6

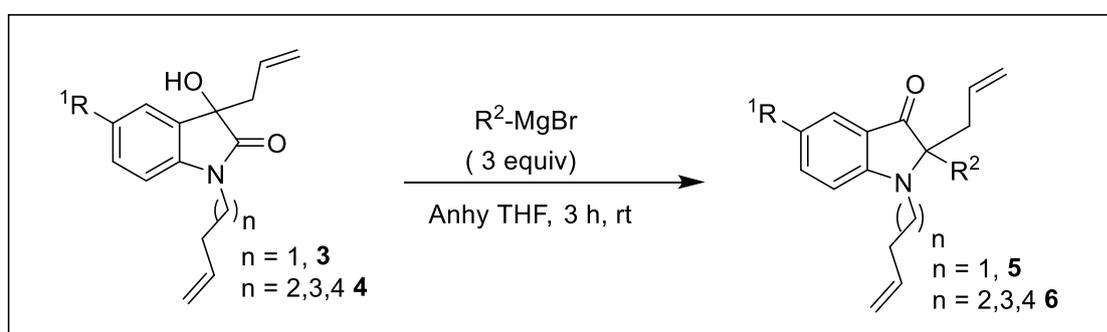
mmol) was stirred in DMF (6 mL) at rt until complete consumption of the isatin, as monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was then quenched with a few drops of 1 N HCl and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with aq. sat. NaHCO₃ solution (15 mL), brine (15 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (30% EtOAc-hexane) to obtain the desired 3-allyl-3-hydroxy-2-oxindole derivatives **3a-h** or **4a-g** (Scheme S2).



Scheme S2. Synthesis of 3-allyl-3-hydroxy 2-oxindole derivatives **3a-h** and **4a-g**.

4. General procedure for the Grignard reaction of 3-allyl-3-hydroxy-2-oxindole derivatives (GP-1)

To a solution of 3-allyl-3-hydroxy 2-oxindole derivative **3** or **4** in anhydrous THF, alkyl/aryl magnesium bromide solution (3 equiv) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc–hexane (5/95 to 10/90) as the eluent to afford compounds **5a-n** or **6a-a''** (Scheme S3).



Scheme S3. Synthesis of 2-allyl-2-aryl/alkyl-3-oxindole **5a-n** and **6a-a''**.

2-Allyl-1-benzyl-7-bromo-2-(but-3-en-1-yl)indolin-3-one (5a): Using the general procedure

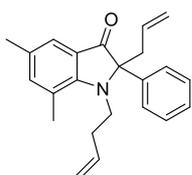
GP-1, compound **3a** (400 mg, 1.64 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (5.0 mL, 4.93 mmol) provided compound **5a** (409 mg, 90%) as a green fluorescent oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 5.81 – 5.70 (m, 1H), 5.63 – 5.53 (m, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.11 – 5.01 (m, 3H), 3.47 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.35 – 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.29 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.1, 161.2, 137.9, 135.1, 131.9, 129.0, 128.1, 126.5, 125.4, 119.4, 119.3, 117.3, 117.1, 108.2, 75.9, 43.7, 38.0, 33.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO [M+H]⁺: 304.1701; Found: 304.1702.

2-Allyl-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5-methyl-2-phenylindolin-3-one (5b): Using the general procedure

GP-1, compound **3b** (400 mg, 1.56 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (4.7 mL, 4.67 mmol) provided compound **5b** (410 mg, 83%) as a green fluorescent oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz,

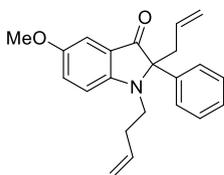
1H), 5.79 – 5.70 (m, 1H), 5.57 – 5.49 (m, 1H), 5.21 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 – 5.01 (m, 3H), 3.41 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.30 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 14.3, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 – 2.26 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 159.8, 139.2, 138.0, 135.1, 131.9, 128.9, 128.0, 126.5, 126.4, 124.8, 119.3, 119.2, 116.9, 107.9, 76.1, 43.7, 37.9, 33.3, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 318.1858; Found: 318.1859.

2-Allyl-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5,7-dimethyl-2-phenylindolin-3-one (5c): Using the general procedure



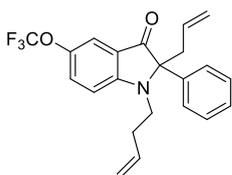
GP-1, compound **3c** (250 mg, 0.92 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (2.8 mL, 2.75 mmol) provided compound **5c** (255 mg, 84%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.69 – 5.62 (m, 1H), 5.57 – 5.50 (m, 1H), 5.24 – 5.20 (m, 1H), 5.04 – 4.97 (m, 3H), 3.63 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.47 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.27 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.40 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 2.05 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.8, 159.1, 143.3, 139.1, 135.1, 132.4, 130.2, 129.5, 128.7, 127.5, 127.3, 123.3, 121.0, 119.8, 119.5, 117.4, 116.0, 76.6, 44.7, 38.4, 36.9, 20.7, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 332.2014; Found: 332.2015.

2-Allyl-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5-methoxy-2-phenylindolin-3-one (5d): Using the general procedure



GP-1, compound **3d** (400 mg, 1.45 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (4.4 mL, 4.37 mmol) provided compound **5d** (410 mg, 84%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 8.7, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.78 – 5.70 (m, 1H), 5.58 – 5.49 (m, 1H), 5.22 (dd, $J = 17.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 – 5.02 (m, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.41 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.31 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.99 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 – 2.24 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.4, 157.6, 152.1, 137.8, 135.1, 131.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 126.4, 119.3, 116.9, 109.3, 105.4, 76.5, 55.8, 43.8, 38.0, 33.6.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 334.1807; Found: 334.1808.

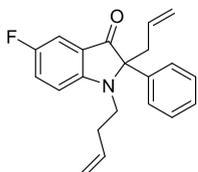
2-Allyl-(but-3-en-1-yl)-2-phenyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)indolin-3-one (5e): Using the general



procedure **GP-1**, compound **3e** (400 mg, 1.22 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (3.7 mL, 3.67 mmol) provided compound **5e** (350 mg, 74%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (dd, $J = 2.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 7.7, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.78 – 5.64 (m, 1H), 5.58 – 5.44 (m, 1H), 5.24 – 5.17 (m, 1H), 5.09 – 5.02 (m, 3H), 3.43 – 3.20 (m, 3H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 14.3, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.39

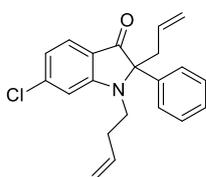
– 2.18 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.1, 160.1, 141.0, 137.7, 135.3, 132.1, 131.9, 129.7, 129.0, 127.0, 123.0, 120.4, 119.9, 118.4, 117.9, 109.3, 77.5, 44.3, 38.6, 33.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 388.1524; Found: 388.1525.

2-Allyl-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5-fluoro-2-phenylindolin-3-one (5f): Using the general procedure



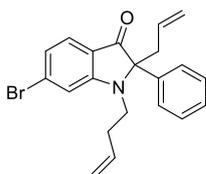
GP-1, compound **3f** (500 mg, 1.91 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (5.8 mL, 5.74 mmol) provided compound **5f** (450 mg, 73%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.80 (dd, $J = 8.8, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.80 – 5.66 (m, 1H), 5.59 – 5.45 (m, 1H), 5.25 – 5.17 (m, 1H), 5.11 – 5.01 (m, 3H), 3.43 – 3.19 (m, 3H), 3.02 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.24 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 156.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 237.9$ Hz), 154.6, 138.1, 135.5, 132.1, 129.6, 128.9, 127.0, 126.5, 126.1, 120.2, 119.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 6.9$ Hz), 117.8, 111.0, 110.7, 109.38 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.3$ Hz), 77.4, 44.4, 38.7, 33.9; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -127.67; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 322.1607; Found: 322.1608.

2-Allyl-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-6-chloro-2-phenylindolin-3-one (5g): Using the general procedure



GP-1, compound **3g** (400 mg, 1.44 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (4.4 mL, 4.33 mmol) provided compound **5g** (414 mg, 85%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.78 – 5.69 (m, 1H), 5.58 – 5.49 (m, 1H), 5.23 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 – 5.04 (m, 3H), 3.41 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 3.31 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.00 (dd, $J = 14.3, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 – 2.24 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.8, 161.3, 144.4, 137.3, 134.7, 131.4, 129.0, 128.3, 126.4, 126.3, 119.7, 118.0, 118.0, 117.3, 108.1, 76.5, 43.6, 37.8, 33.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 338.1312; Found: 338.1313.

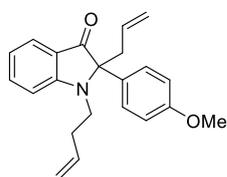
2-Allyl-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-6-chloro-2-phenylindolin-3-one (5h): Using the general procedure



GP-1, compound **3h** (600 mg, 1.57 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (4.72 mL, 4.72 mmol) provided compound **5h** (580 mg, 82%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 7.8, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.78 – 5.64 (m, 1H), 5.58 – 5.44 (m, 1H), 5.24 – 5.17 (m, 1H), 5.10 – 5.00 (m, 3H), 3.40 – 3.18 (m, 3H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 14.3, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 – 2.19 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.04, 161.3, 137.2, 134.6, 133.4, 131.3, 129.0, 128.3,

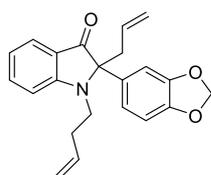
126.4, 126.3, 120.8, 119.8, 118.3, 117.3, 111.1, 76.4, 43.6, 37.8, 32.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{21}H_{21}BrNO$ $[M+H]^+$: 382.0807; Found: 382.0808.

2-Allyl-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)indolin-3-one (5i): Using the general



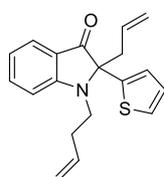
procedure **GP-1**, compound **3a** (300 mg, 1.23 mmol) and 4-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (3.7 mL, 3.70 mmol) provided compound **5i** (324 mg, 79%) as a green fluorescent oil; 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.60 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 12.5, 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 9.3, 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 6.75 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.79 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.56 – 5.50 (m, 1H), 5.22 – 5.19 (m, 1H), 5.10 – 5.01 (m, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.40 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.30 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 2.96 (dd, $J = 14.1, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 – 2.25 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 201.6, 161.1, 159.4, 137.7, 135.1, 131.8, 129.7, 127.7, 125.4, 119.3, 117.1, 117.0, 114.3, 108.7, 108.0, 75.5, 55.3, 43.5, 38.0, 33.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{24}NO_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 334.1807; Found: 334.1808.

2-Allyl-2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)indolin-3-one (5j): Using the general



procedure **GP-1**, compound **3a** (300 mg, 1.23 mmol) and benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmagnesium bromide (3.7 mL, 3.70 mmol) provided compound **5j** (385 mg, 90%) as a green fluorescent oil; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 – 6.63 (m, 4H), 5.92 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.82 – 5.69 (m, 1H), 5.57 – 5.43 (m, 1H), 5.21 – 4.98 (m, 4H), 3.42 – 3.15 (m, 3H), 2.93 (dd, $J = 14.0, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 – 2.26 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 201.2, 161.1, 148.2, 147.5, 137.8, 135.0, 131.6, 131.5, 125.4, 119.9, 119.4, 119.2, 117.2, 117.0, 108.5, 108.0, 106.9, 101.2, 75.5, 43.5, 38.1, 33.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}NO_3$ $[M+H]^+$: 348.1600; Found: 348.1601

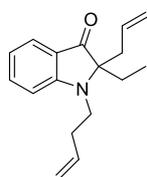
2-Allyl-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)indolin-3-one (5k): Using the general procedure



GP-1, compound **3a** (300 mg, 1.23 mmol) and thiophen-2-ylmagnesium bromide (3.7 mL, 3.70 mmol) provided compound **5k** (260 mg, 68%) as a green fluorescent oil; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 4.4, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 5.90 – 5.71 (m, 1H), 5.58 – 5.44 (m, 1H), 5.25 – 5.00 (m, 4H), 3.44 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 3.23 (dd, $J = 14.3, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, $J = 14.4, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 – 2.31 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.4, 160.4, 141.8, 137.9, 135.0, 131.2, 127.2, 125.6, 125.3,

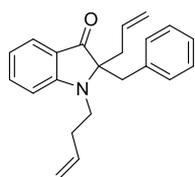
125.2, 119.7, 118.7, 117.6, 117.0, 108.4, 73.8, 43.5, 39.6, 33.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NOS [M+H]⁺: 310.2264; Found: 310.2265.

2-Allyl-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-2-ethylindolin-3-one (5l): Using the general procedure GP-1,



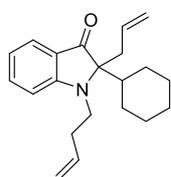
compound **3a** (250 mg, 1.02 mmol) and ethylmagnesium bromide (3.1 mL, 3.1 mmol) provided compound **5l** (199 mg, 76%) as a green fluorescent oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.95 – 5.81 (m, 1H), 5.44 – 5.01 (m, 4H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.63 – 2.39 (m, 4H), 1.91 (dt, *J* = 14.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 0.60 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.4, 160.9, 137.5, 135.0, 131.8, 124.3, 120.6, 118.5, 117.1, 116.5, 108.0, 74.5, 42.2, 40.9, 33.6, 29.0, 7.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO [M+H]⁺: 256.1701; Found: 256.1702.

2-Allyl-2-benzyl-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)indolin-3-one (5m): Using the general procedure GP-1,



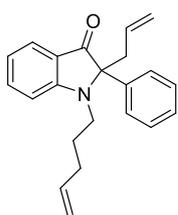
compound **3a** (300 mg, 1.23 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (3.70 mL, 3.70 mmol) provided compound **5m** (266 mg, 68%) as a green fluorescent oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 6.98 (m, 5H), 6.58 – 6.52 (m, 2H), 5.92 – 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.56 – 5.42 (m, 1H), 5.21 – 5.08 (m, 3H), 4.99 – 4.95 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.51 – 2.32 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.6, 160.3, 137.3, 135.1, 134.9, 131.7, 129.6, 127.8, 126.6, 124.2, 120.6, 119.0, 117.2, 116.5, 108.0, 74.7, 42.8, 41.8, 40.8, 33.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO [M+H]⁺: 318.1858; Found: 318.1859.

2-Allyl-1-(but-3-en-1-yl)-2-cyclohexylindolin-3-one (5n): Using the general procedure GP-1,



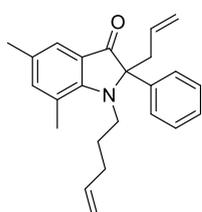
compound **3a** (300 mg, 1.23 mmol) and cyclohexylmagnesium bromide (3.70 mL, 3.70 mmol) provided compound **5n** (301 mg, 76%) as a green fluorescent oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 – 6.64 (m, 2H), 5.95 – 5.81 (m, 1H), 5.32 – 5.00 (m, 4H), 4.88 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 – 2.36 (m, 3H), 1.81 – 1.56 (m, 9H), 1.24 – 1.08 (m, 3H), 0.94 – 0.80 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.5, 160.8, 137.3, 135.0, 132.3, 124.1, 120.9, 118.4, 117.1, 116.4, 107.8, 76.3, 44.5, 42.7, 38.2, 33.2, 27.1, 26.6, 26.6, 26.2, 25.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₈NO [M+H]⁺: 310.2171; Found: 310.2172.

2-Allyl-1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (6a): Using the general procedure **GP-1**,



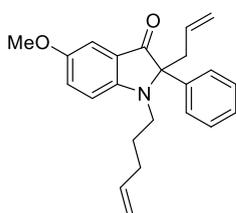
compound **4a** (400 mg, 1.56 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (4.7 mL, 4.6 mmol) provided compound **6a** (299 mg, 88%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.74 – 5.60 (m, 1H), 5.50 – 5.37 (m, 1H), 5.14 – 5.07 (m, 1H), 4.95 – 4.88 (m, 3H), 3.29 – 3.04 (m, 3H), 2.88 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.97 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.52 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.4, 161.5, 138.0, 137.9, 137.5, 131.9, 129.0, 128.2, 126.6, 125.6, 119.4, 119.4, 117.2, 115.6, 108.1, 76.1, 43.6, 38.1, 31.4, 27.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 318.1858; Found: 318.1859.

2-Allyl-5,7-dimethyl-1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (6b): Using the general



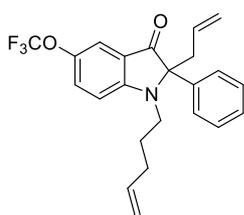
procedure **GP-1**, compound **4b** (300 mg, 1.10 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (3.3 mL, 3.30 mmol) provided compound **6b** (276 mg, 76%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 5.75 – 5.47 (m, 2H), 5.23 – 5.17 (m, 1H), 5.03 – 4.91 (m, 3H), 3.58 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.37 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.97 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.40 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.1, 158.8, 142.6, 138.7, 137.4, 131.9, 128.9, 128.1, 126.7, 126.7, 122.7, 120.7, 119.2, 118.9, 115.4, 76.1, 44.5, 37.9, 31.2, 31.1, 20.1, 20.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 346.2171; Found: 346.2172.

2-Allyl-5-methoxy-1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (6c): Using the general



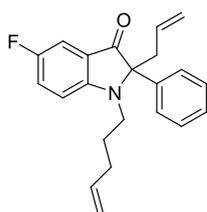
procedure **GP-1**, compound **4c** (300 mg, 1.04 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (3.13 mL, 3.13 mmol) provided compound **6c** (290 mg, 80%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.80 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.56 – 5.48 (m, 1H), 5.21 (dd, $J = 17.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 – 4.99 (m, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.34 – 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.19 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.96 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.63 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.3, 157.7, 152.0, 138.0, 137.5, 131.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 126.4, 119.2, 118.8, 115.4, 109.2, 105.4, 76.5, 55.9, 43.6, 38.0, 31.2, 28.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 348.1964; Found: 348.1965.

2-Allyl-1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-2-phenyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)indolin-3-one (6d): Using the



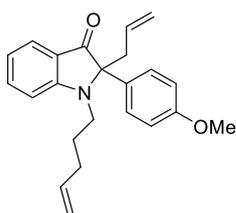
general procedure **GP-1**, compound **4d** (300 mg, 0.88 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (2.64 mL, 2.64 mmol) provided compound **6d** (254 mg, 72%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.80 – 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.56 – 5.49 (m, 1H), 5.23 (dd, $J = 17.1, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.06 – 5.01 (m, 3H), 3.37 – 3.31 (m, 1H), 3.28 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.60 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.6, 159.6, 140.2, 137.2, 137.1, 131.5, 131.3, 129.0, 128.3, 126.3, 120.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 256.7$ Hz), 119.7, 119.2, 117.8, 115.7, 108.6, 76.9, 43.5, 38.0, 31.1, 27.6; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (565 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -58.67; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 402.1681; Found: 402.1682.

2-Allyl-5-fluoro-1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (6e): Using the general procedure



GP-1, compound **4e** (400 mg, 1.45 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (4.36 mL, 4.36 mmol) provided compound **6e** (365 mg, 75%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.80 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 5.80 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.56 – 5.49 (m, 1H), 5.22 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 5.01 (m, 3H), 3.35 – 3.26 (m, 2H), 3.21 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 14.3, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.73 – 1.61 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 158.3, 155.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 237.7$ Hz), 137.55 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.1$ Hz), 137.3, 131.5, 129.0, 128.2, 126.4, 125.71 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.1$ Hz), 119.6, 119.1, 115.6, 110.14 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.8$ Hz), 108.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.5$ Hz), 76.7, 43.6, 38.0, 31.2, 27.8; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (565 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -127.84; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 336.1764; Found: 336.1765.

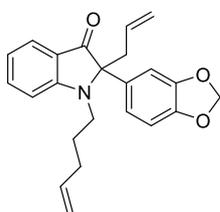
2-Allyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)indolin-3-one (6f): Using the general



procedure **GP-1**, compound **4a** (300 mg, 1.16 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (3.50 mL, 3.50 mmol) provided compound **6f** (303 mg, 75%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 14.4, 8.7$ Hz, 3H), 6.73 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.84 – 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.58 – 5.48 (m, 1H), 5.23 – 5.17 (m, 1H), 5.05 – 4.99 (m, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.36 – 3.16 (m, 3H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.74 – 1.63 (m,

2H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.6, 161.3, 159.3, 137.7, 137.4, 131.8, 129.8, 127.7, 125.4, 119.2, 116.9, 115.5, 114.3, 107.9, 75.5, 55.3, 43.3, 38.0, 31.3, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 348.1964; Found: 348.1965.

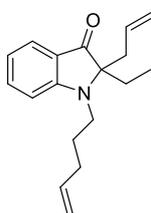
2-Allyl-2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)indolin-3-one (6g): Using the general



procedure **GP-1**, compound **4a** (150 mg, 0.58 mmol) and benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmagnesium bromide (1.74 mL, 1.74 mmol) provided compound **6g** (179 mg, 85%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.70 (m, 4H), 6.63 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz,

2H), 5.85 – 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.56 – 5.42 (m, 1H), 5.21 – 5.14 (m, 1H), 5.06 – 4.97 (m, 3H), 3.36 – 3.13 (m, 3H), 2.90 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.74 – 1.63 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.3, 161.2, 148.1, 147.4, 137.8, 137.4, 131.6, 131.5, 125.4, 119.9, 119.3, 119.1, 117.1, 115.5, 108.5, 107.9, 106.9, 101.2, 75.5, 43.3, 38.1, 31.3, 27.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 362.1756; Found: 362.1757.

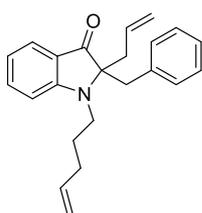
2-Allyl-2-ethyl-1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)indolin-3-one (6h): Using the general procedure **GP-1**,



compound **4a** (300 mg, 1.16 mmol) and ethylmagnesium bromide (3.50 mL, 3.50 mmol) provided compound **6h** (226 mg, 72%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.91 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.40 – 5.26 (m, 1H), 5.11 – 4.95 (m, 3H), 4.84 (dd, $J = 10.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.28

(t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 14.3, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, $J = 14.4, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.15 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 0.55 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.4, 161.0, 137.4, 137.4, 131.9, 124.2, 120.5, 118.4, 116.3, 115.6, 107.9, 74.5, 41.9, 40.9, 31.4, 29.0, 28.1, 7.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 270.1858; Found: 270.1859.

2-Allyl-2-benzyl-1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)indolin-3-one (6i): Using the general procedure **GP-1**,

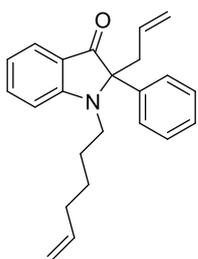


compound **4a** (350 mg, 1.36 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (4.1 mL, 4.08 mmol) provided compound **6i** (293 mg, 65%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (dd, $J = 7.3, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.97 (m, 5H), 6.53 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.92 – 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.53 – 5.40 (m, 1H), 5.13 – 5.04 (m, 3H), 4.98 – 4.93

(m, 1H), 3.46 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 3.20 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J

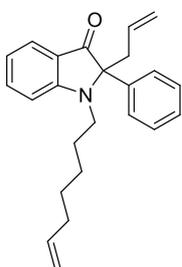
= 14.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, $J = 14.4, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.14 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.68 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.3, 161.1, 138.0, 137.9, 135.8, 132.3, 130.2, 128.4, 127.2, 124.9, 121.1, 119.5, 117.0, 116.3, 108.5, 75.3, 43.3, 42.4, 41.4, 32.0, 28.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 332.2014; Found: 332.2015.

2-Allyl-1-(hex-5-en-1-yl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (6a'): Using the general procedure GP-1,



compound **4f** (300 mg, 1.11 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (3.50 mL, 3.32 mmol) provided compound **6a'** (285 mg, 78%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.82 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.60 – 5.52 (m, 1H), 5.23 (dd, $J = 17.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 4.98 (m, 3H), 3.37 – 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.23 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 3.00 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.38 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.3, 161.4, 138.2, 137.9, 137.8, 131.8, 128.9, 128.0, 126.4, 125.4, 119.3, 119.2, 117.0, 115.0, 108.0, 76.0, 43.9, 38.0, 33.3, 28.2, 26.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 332.2014; Found: 332.2015.

2-Allyl-1-(hept-6-en-1-yl)-2-phenylindolin-3-one (6a''): Using the general procedure GP-1,

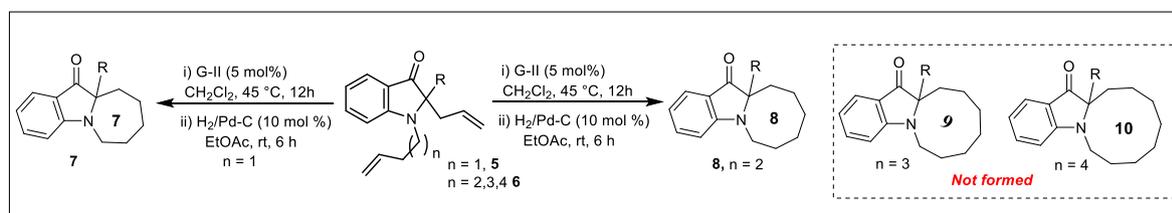


compound **4g** (300 mg, 1.05 mmol) and phenylmagnesium bromide (3.2 mL, 3.16 mmol) provided compound **6a''** (225 mg, 84%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.86 – 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.61 – 5.47 (m, 1H), 5.22 (dd, $J = 17.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 – 4.95 (m, 3H), 3.37 – 3.12 (m, 3H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 14.2, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.25 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 161.5, 138.6, 137.8, 137.8, 131.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.0, 126.4, 125.5, 119.3, 119.1, 117.0, 115.4, 114.6, 108.0, 76.0, 44.1, 37.9, 33.6, 28.6, 28.5, 26.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 346.2171; Found: 346.2172.

5.0 General procedure for the synthesis of azepino[1,2-a]indolones **7a-n** and azocino[1,2-a]indolones **8a-i** (GP-2)

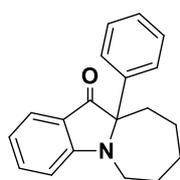
To a solution of compound **5** or **6** (1.0 equiv) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added Grubbs second-generation catalyst (G-II)³ (5 mol%), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 12 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*.

The crude residue was then dissolved in EtOAc (10 mL), and Pd/C (10 mol%) was added. The resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 6 h. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the mixture was filtered through a Celite pad and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/hexane (5:95 to 10:90) as the eluent to afford the corresponding azepino[1,2-a]indolones **7a-n** or azocino[1,2-a]indolones **8a-i** (Scheme S4).



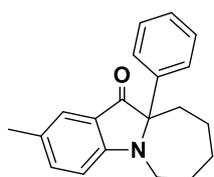
Scheme S4. Synthesis of azepino[1,2-a]indolones **7a-n** and azocino[1,2-a]indolones **8a-i**.

10a-Phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7a): Using the



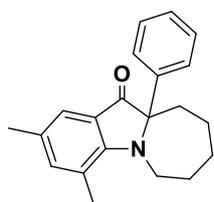
general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5a** (200 mg, 0.67 mmol) and **G-II** (28 mg, 0.03 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 20 mg) provided compound **7a** (137 mg, 75%) as a green fluorescent oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 1.90 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.03 – 0.89 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.9, 160.7, 140.0, 137.5, 128.8, 127.5, 125.6, 119.1, 117.0, 108.8, 76.1, 43.1, 39.0, 30.3, 26.1, 23.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO [M+H]⁺: 278.1545; Found: 278.1546.

2-Methyl-10a-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7b):



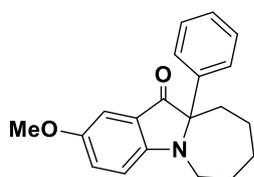
Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5b** (150 mg, 0.47 mmol) and **G-II** (20 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 15 mg) provided compound **7b** (125 mg, 76%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.05 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.26 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd, $J = 14.5, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.05 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 1H), 0.96 – 0.86 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.0, 159.4, 140.4, 139.1, 128.8, 127.5, 126.4, 125.7, 125.0, 119.3, 108.8, 76.4, 43.2, 39.2, 30.4, 26.2, 23.7, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 292.1701; Found: 292.1702.

2,4-Dimethyl-10a-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7c):



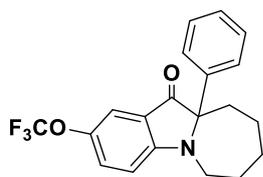
Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5c** (150 mg, 0.45 mmol) and **G-II** (19 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 15 mg) provided compound **7c** (103 mg, 75%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 4.39 – 4.31 (m, 1H), 3.23 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.94 (dd, $J = 14.4, 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.57 (m, 5H), 1.31 – 1.19 (m, 1H), 0.93 – 0.80 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.4, 159.1, 142.4, 141.2, 129.3, 128.0, 127.9, 126.3, 123.3, 121.7, 121.1, 77.5, 45.4, 39.9, 30.2, 29.7, 24.1, 21.2, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 306.1858; Found: 306.1859.

2-Methoxy-10a-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7d):



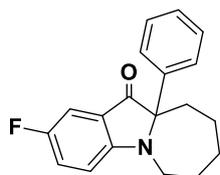
Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5d** (210 mg, 0.63 mmol) and **G-II** (27 mg, 0.03 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 21 mg) provided compound **7d** (156 mg, 81%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.28 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd, $J = 14.3, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 (dd, $J = 14.0, 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.81 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 0.94 – 0.87 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.6, 157.7, 152.6, 140.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.0, 126.2, 119.4, 110.8, 106.1, 77.3, 56.5, 43.9, 39.8, 30.9, 26.9, 24.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 308.1651; Found: 308.1652.

10a-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-



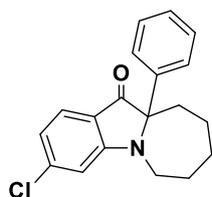
one (7e): Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5e** (150 mg, 0.46 mmol) and **G-II** (20 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 15 mg) provided compound **7e** (105 mg, 75%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 6.91 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 – 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 14.5, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dd, $J = 14.4, 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.26 (m, 1H), 1.00 – 0.91 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.7, 159.6, 140.9, 140.0, 131.9, 129.5, 128.4, 126.1, 123.1, 121.4 (q, $J = 255.2$ Hz), 119.8, 118.7, 109.9, 44.0, 39.7, 30.8, 26.7, 24.2; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -58.03; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 362.1368; Found: 362.1369.

2-Fluoro-10a-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7f):



Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5f** (200 mg, 0.62 mmol) and **G-II** (27 mg, 0.03 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 20 mg) provided compound **7f** (134 mg, 73%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 7.4, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, $J = 14.7, 12.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, $J = 14.5, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (dd, $J = 14.4, 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.87 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 0.95 – 0.87 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.2, 158.2, 156.10 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 237.7$ Hz), 140.4, 129.5, 128.2, 126.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.5$ Hz), 126.1, 119.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.1$ Hz), 111.0, 110.7, 110.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.3$ Hz), 77.5, 43.9, 39.8, 30.8, 26.6, 24.3; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -128.01; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 296.1451; Found: 296.1452.

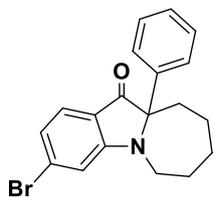
3-Chloro-10a-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7g):



Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5g** (190 mg, 0.56 mmol) and **G-II** (24 mg, 0.03 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 19 mg) provided compound **7g** (127 mg, 73%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 6.90 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.28 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 3.00 (dd, $J = 14.5, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.23 (m, 1H), 0.96 – 0.83 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75

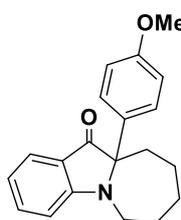
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.0, 161.4, 144.8, 140.1, 129.5, 128.3, 127.2, 126.1, 118.5, 118.3, 109.2, 77.3, 43.9, 39.5, 30.8, 26.7, 24.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ClNO [M+H]⁺: 312.1155; Found: 312.1156.

3-Bromo-10a-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7h):



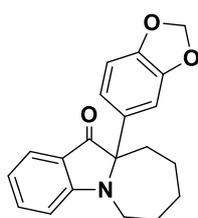
Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5h** (550 mg, 1.44 mmol) and **G-II** (61 mg, 0.07 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 55 mg) provided compound **7h** (394 mg, 77%) as a green fluorescent oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30 – 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 0.99 – 0.86 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.6, 160.8, 139.4, 133.2, 128.9, 127.7, 126.6, 125.4, 120.6, 118.0, 111.7, 76.6, 43.2, 38.9, 30.2, 26.0, 23.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₉BrNO [M+H]⁺: 356.0650; Found: 356.0651.

10a-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7i):



Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5i** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **G-II** (13 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 10 mg) provided compound **7i** (63 mg, 69%) as a green fluorescent oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.6 Hz, 3H), 6.63 – 6.57 (m, 1H), 3.95 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.18 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.93 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.23 – 1.17 (m, 1H), 0.86 – 0.73 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.3, 160.7, 159.2, 137.6, 132.1, 126.9, 125.7, 119.2, 117.1, 114.3, 108.8, 75.7, 55.4, 43.1, 39.0, 30.4, 26.2, 23.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 308.1651; Found: 308.1652.

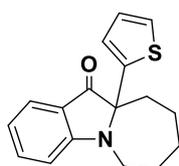
10a-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7j):



Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5j** (210 mg, 0.60 mmol) and **G-II** (30 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 21 mg) provided compound **7j** (159 mg, 82%) as a green fluorescent oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.82 (m, 3H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 4.03 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (dd, *J* = 14.3,

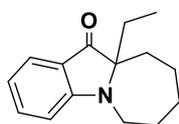
11.2 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.37 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 0.94 – 0.81 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.9, 160.5, 148.0, 147.0, 137.5, 133.8, 125.6, 119.0, 118.7, 117.1, 108.7, 108.4, 106.4, 101.1, 75.7, 43.0, 38.9, 30.2, 26.0, 23.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 322.1443; Found: 322.1444.

10a-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one



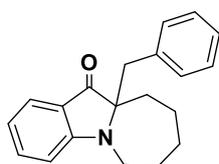
(7k): Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5k** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **G-II** (13 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 10 mg) provided compound **7k** (59 mg, 65%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 14.4, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dd, $J = 13.8, 11.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.38 – 1.23 (m, 1H), 0.90 – 0.78 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.7, 160.5, 144.8, 137.6, 127.7, 125.7, 124.2, 123.4, 119.0, 117.6, 109.3, 74.4, 43.2, 39.6, 30.2, 26.0, 23.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 284.1109; Found: 284.1110.

10a-Ethyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7l): Using the general



procedure **GP-2**, compound **5l** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **G-II** (13 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 10 mg) provided compound **7l** (64 mg, 72%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.37 (dd, $J = 14.6, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.80 – 1.45 (m, 8H), 1.26 – 1.11 (m, 1H), 0.58 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.4, 161.2, 137.1, 124.3, 121.1, 116.3, 109.1, 74.5, 41.9, 38.7, 30.4, 30.3, 26.0, 23.5, 7.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 230.1545; Found: 230.1546.

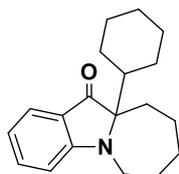
10a-Benzyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7m): Using the



general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5m** (150 mg, 0.47 mmol) and **G-II** (20 mg, 0.03 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 15 mg) provided compound **7m** (89 mg, 65%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 6.66 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 3.87 –

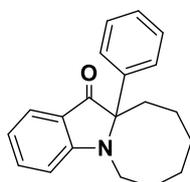
3.81 (m, 1H), 3.06 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.92 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.79 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, $J = 14.6, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.75 – 1.47 (m, 5H), 1.22 – 1.07 (m, 1H), 0.66 – 0.54 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.7, 160.7, 137.1, 135.7, 130.1, 127.6, 126.5, 124.3, 120.8, 116.5, 109.3, 74.6, 43.0, 42.7, 37.3, 30.2, 26.2, 23.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 292.1701; Found: 292.1702.

10a-cyclohexyl-6,7,8,9,10,10a-hexahydro-11H-azepino[1,2-a]indol-11-one (7n): Using the



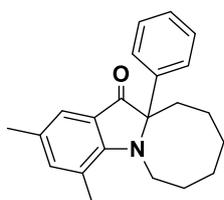
general procedure **GP-2**, compound **5n** (150 mg, 0.48 mmol) and **G-II** (20 mg, 0.03 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 15 mg) provided compound **7n** (98 mg, 72%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.24 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.42 (dd, $J = 14.4, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.73 – 1.53 (m, 11H), 1.26 – 1.01 (m, 5H), 0.90 – 0.81 (m, 1H), 0.64 – 0.51 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.9, 161.2, 136.9, 124.1, 121.7, 116.3, 109.2, 76.2, 46.1, 42.8, 35.7, 30.4, 27.3, 26.8, 26.6, 26.3, 26.2, 25.5, 23.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 284.2014; Found: 284.2015.

11a-Phenyl-7,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indol-12(6H)-one (8a): Using the



general procedure **GP-2**, compound **6a** (200 mg, 0.63 mmol) and **G-II** (26 mg, 0.03 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 20 mg) provided compound **8a** (150 mg, 82%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 6.88 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.71 – 6.66 (m, 1H), 3.89 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.26 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.71 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.30 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 160.7, 138.6, 137.7, 129.0, 127.7, 126.2, 125.8, 118.9, 116.7, 108.1, 76.1, 43.2, 30.9, 26.7, 26.5, 24.2, 22.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 292.1701; Found: 292.1702.

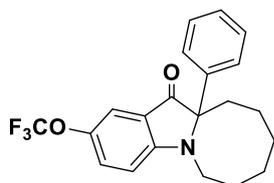
2,4-Dimethyl-11a-phenyl-7,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indol-12(6H)-one (8b):



Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **6b** (150 mg, 0.43 mmol) and **G-II** (18 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 15 mg) provided compound **8b** (104 mg, 75%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 4.34 – 4.26 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.74 –

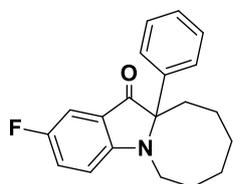
2.65 (m, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.58 – 1.27 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 157.9, 142.3, 139.5, 128.8, 127.5, 126.4, 126.1, 122.8, 120.3, 119.0, 76.9, 44.7, 30.7, 30.7, 26.3, 24.4, 22.4, 20.1, 20.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 320.2014; Found: 320.2015.

11a-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)-7,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indol-12(6H)-



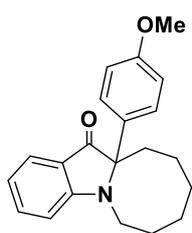
one (8d): Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **6d** (200 mg, 0.50 mmol) and **G-II** (22 mg, 0.03 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 20 mg) provided compound **8d** (134 mg, 72%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.22 (m, 7H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.28 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.31 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.4, 158.9, 140.0, 138.0, 131.5, 129.1, 128.0, 126.1, 121.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 256.7 Hz), 118.8, 118.1, 108.8, 77.1, 43.4, 31.0, 26.5, 26.3, 24.1, 22.6; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -58.65; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 376.1524; Found: 376.1525.

2-Fluoro-11a-phenyl-7,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indol-12(6H)-one (8e):



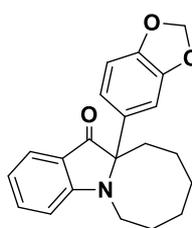
Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **6e** (200 mg, 0.72 mmol) and **G-II** (31 mg, 0.04 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 20 mg) provided compound **8e** (154 mg, 70%) as a green fluorescent oil; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 – 7.19 (m, 7H), 6.80 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.27 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.70 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.29 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.4 Hz), 158.0, 155.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 237.2 Hz), 138.9, 129.6, 128.4, 126.7, 126.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 25.4 Hz), 119.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 7.0 Hz), 111.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.3 Hz), 109.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 7.3 Hz), 77.4, 43.9, 31.6, 27.2, 26.9, 24.7, 23.2; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -128.50; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 310.1607; Found: 310.1608.

11a-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indol-12(6H)-one (8f):



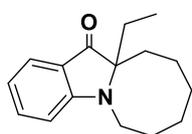
Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **6f** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and **G-II** (13 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 10 mg) provided compound **8f** (66 mg, 72%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.80 (m, 3H), 6.67 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.24 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.23 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.44 (m, 5H), 1.41 – 1.29 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.4, 160.4, 159.1, 137.5, 130.4, 127.3, 125.7, 118.7, 116.5, 114.3, 107.9, 75.5, 55.3, 42.9, 30.8, 26.6, 26.4, 24.0, 22.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 322.1807; Found: 322.1808.

11a-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-7,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indol-12(6H)-one (8g):



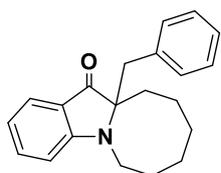
Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **6g** (150 mg, 0.42 mmol) and **G-II** (13 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 15 mg) provided compound **8g** (111 mg, 80%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 – 6.62 (m, 4H), 5.88 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.42 (m, 5H), 1.36 – 1.26 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.1, 160.4, 148.1, 147.1, 137.7, 132.3, 125.7, 119.5, 118.7, 116.6, 108.5, 108.0, 106.7, 101.1, 75.6, 43.0, 30.8, 26.5, 26.4, 24.1, 22.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 336.1600; Found: 336.1601.

11a-Ethyl-7,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indol-12(6H)-one (8h):



Using the general procedure **GP-2**, compound **6h** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) and **G-II** (13 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 10 mg) provided compound **8h** (68 mg, 75%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.30 – 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.07 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.53 (m, 3H), 1.46 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.24 – 1.06 (m, 2H), 0.49 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.4, 160.6, 137.4, 124.3, 120.4, 115.7, 108.2, 73.5, 41.3, 32.6, 30.2, 26.6, 26.5, 24.2, 22.6, 7.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 244.1701; Found: 244.1702.

11a-Benzyl-7,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indol-12(6H)-one (8i): Using the



general procedure **GP-2**, compound **6i** (150 mg, 0.45 mmol) and **G-II** (19 mg, 0.02 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with Pd-C (10 mol %, 15 mg) provided compound **8i** (93 mg, 68%) as a green fluorescent oil; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H),

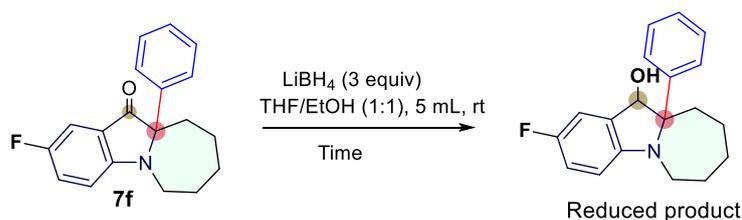
7.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.98 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.41 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.00 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.36 (m, 3H), 1.31 (dd, $J = 8.2, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.10 – 1.02 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.1, 160.4, 137.6, 135.8, 130.4, 128.2, 127.1, 124.9, 121.0, 116.4, 109.0, 74.7, 44.6, 43.0, 31.6, 27.0, 25.9, 24.7, 23.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 306.1858; Found: 306.1859.

6.0 Use of LiCl and NaBH₄

LiCl was not used as an independent reducing agent. Its role is to generate LiBH₄ in situ from NaBH₄, as reported in the literature.⁴ This approach was adopted because commercially available LiBH₄ is significantly more expensive, and in situ generation using LiCl provides a cost-effective alternative.

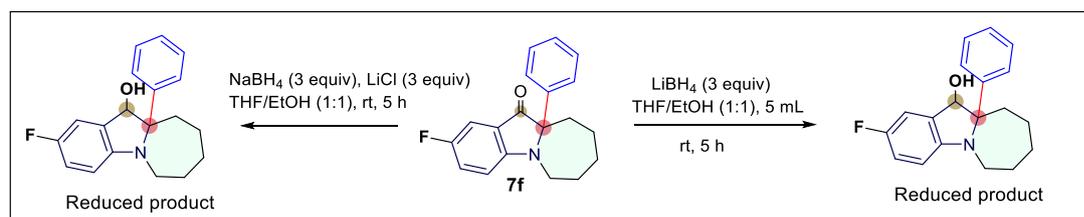
Optimization studies were initially performed using commercial LiBH₄ (Sigma-Aldrich), which showed that 3 equivalents are required for complete reduction of the ketone; lower equivalents led to incomplete conversion (Table S1). Based on these results, 3 equivalents each of NaBH₄ and LiCl were employed to ensure efficient in situ formation of LiBH₄ (Scheme S5).

Table S1. Optimization studies for the reduction of ketone 7f to the corresponding alcohol^a



Entry	LiBH ₄ (equiv.)	Time	Conversion (%)
1.	1 equiv	5 h	Trace
2.	2 equiv	5 h	60%
3.	2 equiv	12 h	60%
4.	3 equiv	5 h	100%

^aReactions were carried out with **7f** (0.14 mmol, 1 equiv) and LiBH₄ under an argon atmosphere. Conversions refer to isolated yields of the reduced product.

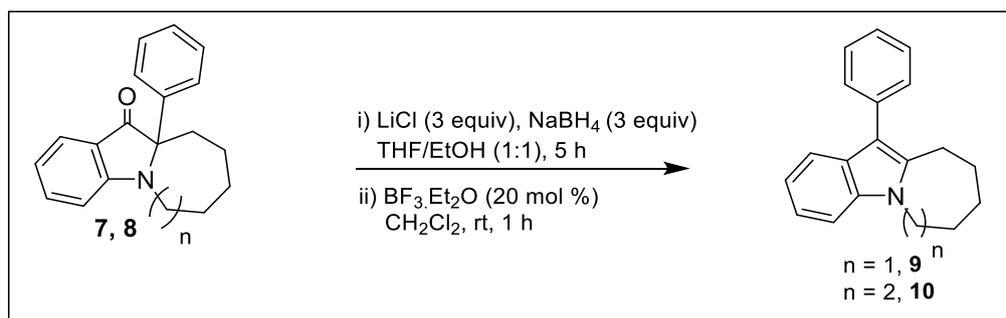


Scheme S5. Reduction of ketone to the corresponding alcohol using LiBH₄ and a mixture of NaBH₄/LiCl.

7.0 General procedure for the synthesis of azepino[1,2-a]indoles **9a-n** and azocino[1,2-a]indoles **10a-i** derivatives (GP-3)

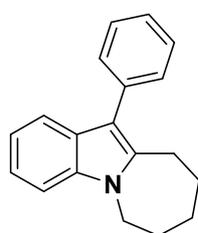
A mixture of anhydrous LiCl (3 equiv) and NaBH₄ (3 equiv) was added to anhydrous THF/EtOH (1:1, 15 mL) at 0 °C and stirred for 30 min. The corresponding indolone compound **7** or **8** (1.0 equiv) was then added, resulting in an immediate colour change of the solution to green. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h until the solution colour changed to white. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was quenched with aqueous NH₄Cl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (15 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude indolol intermediate.

The crude product was dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and BF₃·Et₂O (50% solution in CH₂Cl₂, 20 mol%) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane as the eluent to afford azepino[1,2-a]indoles **9a-n** or azocino[1,2-a]indoles **10a-i** (Scheme S6).



Scheme S6. Synthesis of azepino[1,2-a]indolones **9a-n** and azocino[1,2-a]indoles derivatives **10a-i**.

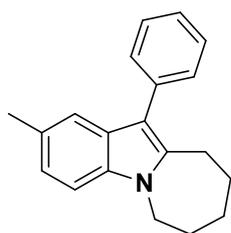
11-Phenyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9a): Using the general procedure



GP-3, anhydrous LiCl (55 mg, 1.29 mmol) NaBH₄ (49 mg, 1.29 mmol) and compound **7a** (120 mg, 0.43 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃·Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (172 μL, 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **9a** (95 mg, 88%) as a white solid with a melting point of 135-137 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 3.13 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.87 – 1.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.7, 135.9, 130.1, 128.4, 127.0, 125.7, 121.0, 119.3, 118.9, 113.6, 108.6, 44.7, 31.1, 29.4, 27.9, 25.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N [M+H]⁺: 262.1596; Found:

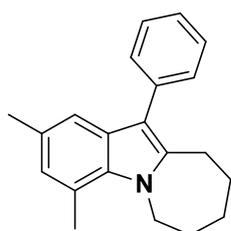
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2-Methyl-11-phenyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9b): Using the general



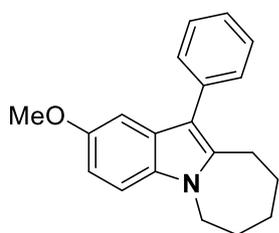
procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (43 mg, 1.03 mmol) NaBH₄ (39 mg, 1.03 mmol) and compound **7b** (100 mg, 0.34 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (136 μL, 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **9b** (95 mg, 88%) as a white solid with a melting point of 144-146 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 5H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.29 (m, 2H), 3.10 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.01 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.92 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (h, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.9, 136.1, 134.4, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 125.7, 122.6, 118.7, 113.2, 108.4, 44.8, 31.2, 29.5, 28.0, 25.9, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₂N [M+H]⁺: 276.1752; Found: 276.1750.

2,4-Dimethyl-11-phenyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9c): Using the



general procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (42 mg, 0.98 mmol) NaBH₄ (37 mg, 0.98 mmol) and compound **7c** (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (132 μL, 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **9c** (95 mg, 83%) as a yellowish solid with a melting point of 142-144 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 4.59 – 4.58 (m, 2H), 3.02 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.91 (m, 4H), 1.79 (p, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.5, 136.2, 132.8, 130.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.5, 125.7, 119.6, 116.8, 113.6, 46.1, 30.6, 29.7, 28.0, 25.5, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₄N [M+H]⁺: 290.1909; Found: 290.1908.

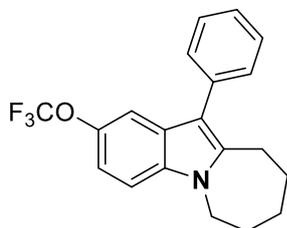
2-Methoxy-11-phenyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9d): Using the general



procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (42 mg, 0.98 mmol) NaBH₄ (39 mg, 0.98 mmol) and compound **7d** (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (132 μL, 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **9d** (95 mg, 90%) as a white solid with a melting point of 75-77 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 4H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.23 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.02 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.93 (p, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (p, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 140.4, 136.0, 131.2, 130.0, 128.5, 127.1, 125.7, 113.3, 111.1, 109.3,

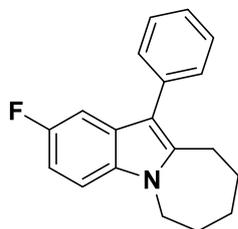
101.0, 56.1, 44.9, 31.1, 29.4, 27.9, 25.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₂N [M+H]⁺: 292.1701; Found: 292.1700.

11-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9e): Using



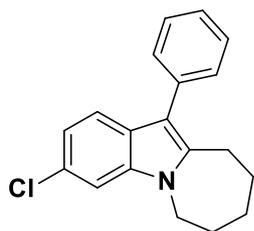
the general procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (53 mg, 1.24 mmol) NaBH₄ (47 mg, 1.24 mmol) and compound **7e** (150 mg, 0.41 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (164 μL, 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **9e** (117 mg, 82%) as a white solid with a melting point of 100-102 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.27 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.03 – 3.01 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.81 – 1.77 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.0, 141.6, 135.0, 134.2, 129.9, 128.6, 127.0, 126.1, 120.87 (q, *J* = 255.2 Hz) , 114.9, 114.0, 111.5, 109.1, 45.1, 31.0, 29.2, 27.7, 25.9; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -58.03; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₉F₃NO [M+H]⁺: 346.1419; Found: 346.1418.

2-Fluoro-11-phenyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9f): Using the general



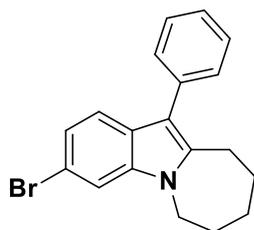
procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (52 mg, 1.22 mmol) NaBH₄ (46 mg, 1.22 mmol) and compound **7f** (120 mg, 0.41 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (164 μL, 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **9f** (89 mg, 79%) as a brown solid with a melting point of 144-146 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 4.26 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.04 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 1.93 (p, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.80 (h, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 233.5 Hz), 141.4, 135.4, 132.5, 129.9, 128.6, 127.18 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 9.6 Hz), 126.0, 113.65 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 4.7 Hz), 109.2, 109.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 13.6 Hz), 103.79 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 23.6 Hz), 45.0, 31.0, 29.3, 27.7, 25.9; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -125.50; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₉FN [M+H]⁺: 280.1502; Found: 280.1500.

3-Chloro-11-phenyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9g): Using the general



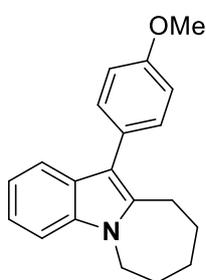
procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (49 mg, 1.15 mmol) NaBH₄ (44 mg, 1.15 mmol) and compound **7g** (120 mg, 0.39 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃·Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (156 μL, 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **9g** (97 mg, 85%) as a white solid with a melting point of 169-171 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.02 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.93 (q, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (p, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (p, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.4, 136.3, 135.3, 130.0, 128.6, 127.0, 126.1, 125.6, 119.9, 119.8, 113.8, 108.8, 44.9, 31.0, 29.3, 27.8, 25.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₉ClN [M+H]⁺: 296.1206; Found: 296.1205.

3-Bromo-11-phenyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9h): Using the general



procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (28 mg, 0.67 mmol) NaBH₄ (26 mg, 0.67 mmol) and compound **7h** (80 mg, 0.23 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃·Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (92 μL, 0.05 mmol) to furnish compound **9h** (66 mg, 87%) as a yellowish solid with a melting point of 171-173 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.00 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 1.91 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (p, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (p, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.3, 136.7, 135.2, 130.0, 128.5, 126.0, 125.9, 122.4, 120.2, 114.6, 113.8, 111.7, 44.9, 30.9, 29.3, 27.8, 25.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₉BrN [M+H]⁺: 340.0701; Found: 340.0702.

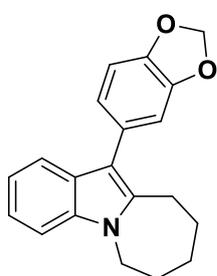
11-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9i): Using the general



procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (41 mg, 0.98 mmol) NaBH₄ (37 mg, 0.98 mmol) and compound **7i** (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃·Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (132 μL, 0.06 mmol) to furnish compound **9i** (81 mg, 86%) as a white solid with a melting point of 159-161 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.31 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.06 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.88 (m, 4H), 1.82 (q, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9,

139.5, 135.8, 131.1, 128.2, 127.2, 121.0, 119.2, 119.0, 114.0, 113.2, 108.6, 55.4, 44.7, 31.2, 29.5, 28.0, 25.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₂NO [M+H]⁺: 292.1701; Found: 292.1700.

11-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9j): Using the



general procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (47 mg, 1.12 mmol) NaBH₄ (42 mg, 1.12 mmol) and compound **7j** (120 mg, 0.37 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (148 μL, 0.07 mmol) to furnish compound **9j** (92 mg, 84%) as a colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 –

6.98 (m, 3H), 6.06 (s, 2H), 4.29 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.05 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.76 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.7, 145.8, 139.6, 135.7, 129.7, 127.1, 123.3, 121.1, 119.3, 118.9, 113.3, 110.6, 108.6, 108.5, 100.9, 44.7, 31.1, 29.4, 28.0, 25.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 306.1494; Found: 306.1495.

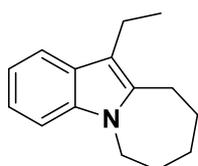
11-(Thiophen-2-yl)-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9k): Using the general



procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (42 mg, 1.1 mmol) NaBH₄ (38 mg, 1.1 mmol) and compound **7k** (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (140 μL, 0.07 mmol) to furnish compound **9k** (74 mg, 78%) as a colorless liquid; ¹H

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.12 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.73 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.9, 137.4, 135.8, 127.3, 127.2, 125.4, 123.9, 121.3, 119.6, 119.1, 108.6, 106.4, 44.8, 31.0, 29.2, 27.6, 26.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NS [M+H]⁺: 268.1160; Found: 268.1161.

11-Ethyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9l): Using the general procedure **GP-**

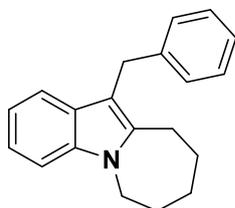


3, anhydrous LiCl (55 mg, 1.31 mmol) NaBH₄ (50 mg, 1.31 mmol) and compound **7i** (100 mg, 0.43 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (172 μL, 0.08 mmol) to

furnish compound **9l** (76 mg, 82%) as a colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 2.96 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.81 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.96 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

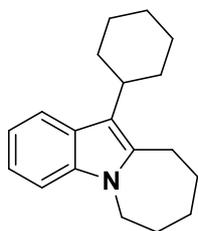
138.6, 135.8, 127.3, 120.3, 118.3, 118.2, 112.6, 108.4, 44.5, 31.2, 29.7, 28.2, 25.4, 17.6, 16.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₂₀N [M+H]⁺: 214.1596; Found: 214.1597.

11-Benzyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9m): Using the general procedure



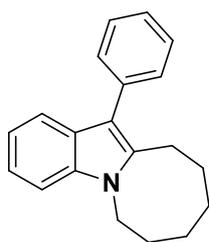
GP-3, anhydrous LiCl (65 mg, 1.54 mmol) NaBH₄ (59 mg, 1.54 mmol) and compound **7m** (150 mg, 0.51 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (204 μL, 0.11 mmol) to furnish compound **9m** (106 mg, 75%) as a yellowish solid with a melting point of 75-77 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 2.99 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 1.93 (q, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (q, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (q, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 140.0, 136.0, 128.3, 127.9, 125.6, 120.6, 118.7, 118.6, 109.0, 108.4, 44.7, 31.2, 30.3, 29.7, 28.0, 25.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₂N [M+H]⁺: 276.1752; Found: 276.1750.

11-cyclohexyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6H-azepino[1,2-a]indole (9n): Using the general



procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (40 mg, 0.95 mmol) NaBH₄ (36 mg, 1.54 mmol) and compound **7n** (0.32 mg, 0.51 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (204 μL, 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **9n** (66 mg, 78%) as a white solid with a melting point of 70-72 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 2.97 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.89 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.71 (m, 13H), 1.51 – 1.34 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.2, 135.9, 126.5, 120.0, 119.8, 117.9, 115.9, 108.5, 44.3, 36.9, 33.7, 31.1, 29.5, 28.3, 27.5, 26.5, 25.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₆N [M+H]⁺: 268.2065; Found: 268.2066.

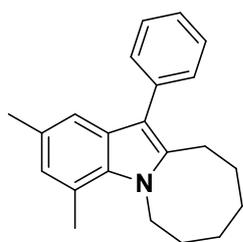
12-Phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,11-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indole (10a): Using the general procedure



GP-3, anhydrous LiCl (41mg, 0.98 mmol) NaBH₄ (37 mg, 0.98 mmol) and compound **8a** (100 mg, 0.34 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (136 μL, 0.07 mmol) to furnish compound **10a** (79 mg, 84%) as a white solid with a melting point of 146-148 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz,

1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 3.01 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.67 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.38 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.7, 136.1, 135.3, 129.8, 128.5, 127.5, 125.7, 121.0, 119.5, 119.0, 113.3, 109.0, 40.8, 33.1, 29.8, 25.9, 24.3, 24.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 276.1752; Found: 276.1750.

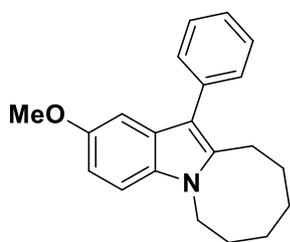
2-Methyl-12-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,11-hexahydroazocino[1,2-*a*]indole (10b): Using the general



procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (42 mg, 0.98 mmol) NaBH_4 (37 mg, 0.98 mmol) and compound **8b** (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (50% in CH_2Cl_2) (132 μL , 0.07 mmol) to furnish compound **10b** (76 mg, 80%) as a yellowish solid with a melting point of 152-154 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.53 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.98 – 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.67 (p, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.41 (p, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.6, 136.4, 132.4, 130.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 126.2, 125.8, 120.0, 116.7, 113.5, 42.1, 33.0, 32.8, 26.3, 24.1, 24.1, 21.2, 20.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 304.2065; Found: 304.2066.

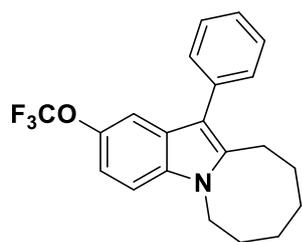
2-Methoxy-12-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,11-hexahydroazocino[1,2-*a*]indole (10c): Using the general



procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (59 mg, 1.40 mmol) NaBH_4 (53 mg, 1.40 mmol) and compound **8c** (150 mg, 0.47 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (50% in CH_2Cl_2) (188 μL , 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **10c** (115 mg, 81%) as a brown solid with a melting point of 80-82 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR

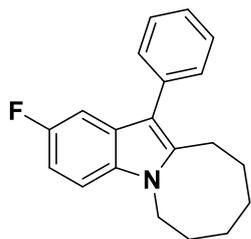
(600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.98 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.83 (m, 4H), 1.64 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.34 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.4, 139.4, 136.2, 130.6, 129.7, 128.5, 127.7, 125.7, 112.9, 111.0, 109.7, 101.0, 56.0, 40.9, 33.1, 29.9, 25.9, 24.3, 24.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 306.1858; Found: 306.1857.

12-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)-6,7,8,9,10,11-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indole (10d): Using



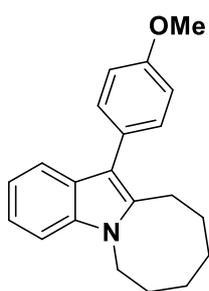
the general procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (51 mg, 1.20 mmol) NaBH₄ (45 mg, 1.20 mmol) and compound **8d** (150 mg, 0.40 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (160 μL, 0.10 mmol) to furnish compound **10d** (110 mg, 76%) as a yellowish solid with a melting point of 94-96 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (p, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 2.99 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.88 (m, 4H), 1.67 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.36 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.3, 140.7, 135.4, 133.8, 129.7, 128.7, 127.7, 126.2, 212.0 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 256.7 Hz), 114.9, 113.8, 111.6, 109.5, 41.2, 33.1, 29.9, 25.9, 24.3, 24.1; ¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.90; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁F₃NO [M+H]⁺: 360.1575; Found: 360.1576.

2-Fluoro-12-phenyl-6,7,8,9,10,11-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indole (10e): Using the general



procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (41 mg, 0.97 mmol) NaBH₄ (37 mg, 0.97 mmol) and compound **8e** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (128 μL, 0.06 mmol) to furnish compound **10e** (77 mg, 82%) as a brown solid with a melting point of 135-137 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 4.32 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (h, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 1.62 (p, *J* = 6.9, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.38 – 1.34 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.26 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 233.3 Hz), 140.4, 135.6, 131.9, 129.6, 128.6, 127.72 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 9.8 Hz), 125.9, 113.32 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 4.4 Hz), 109.45 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 9.8 Hz), 109.07 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 26.0 Hz), 103.91 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 24.0 Hz), 41.0, 33.0, 29.8, 25.9, 24.3, 24.1; ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -125.18; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₁FN [M+H]⁺: 294.1658; Found: 294.1659.

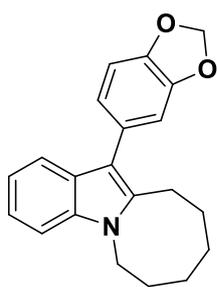
12-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6,7,8,9,10,11-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indole (10f): Using the



general procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (39 mg, 0.93 mmol) NaBH₄ (35 mg, 0.93 mmol) and compound **8f** (100 mg, 0.31 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃.Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (124 μL, 0.06 mmol) to furnish compound **10f** (79 mg, 83%) as a white solid with a melting point of 169-171 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28

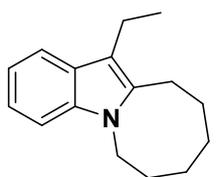
– 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.35 – 4.31 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.96 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.62 (dd, $J = 10.8, 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8, 138.4, 135.2, 130.8, 128.4, 127.7, 120.8, 119.4, 118.9, 113.9, 112.8, 108.9, 55.3, 40.8, 33.1, 29.8, 25.9, 24.3, 23.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 306.1858; Found: 306.1857.

12-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-6,7,8,9,10,11-hexahydroazocino[1,2-*a*]indole (10g): Using the



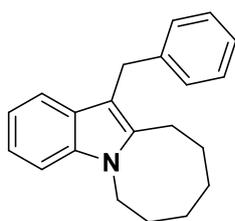
general procedure **GP-3**, anhydrous LiCl (38 mg, 0.90 mmol) NaBH_4 (34 mg, 0.90 mmol) and compound **8g** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (50% in CH_2Cl_2) (120 μL , 0.06 mmol) to furnish compound **10g** (84 mg, 88%) as a colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.04 (s, 2H), 4.34 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 2.97 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.33 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.7, 145.8, 138.5, 135.2, 129.9, 127.6, 123.0, 121.0, 119.5, 118.9, 112.9, 110.4, 109.0, 108.5, 100.9, 40.8, 33.1, 29.8, 25.9, 24.3, 23.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 320.1651; Found: 320.1652.

12-Ethyl-6,7,8,9,10,11-hexahydroazocino[1,2-*a*]indole (10h): Using the general procedure



GP-3, anhydrous LiCl (52 mg, 1.23 mmol) NaBH_4 (47 mg, 1.23 mmol) and compound **8h** (100 mg, 0.41 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (50% in CH_2Cl_2) (164 μL , 0.08 mmol) to furnish compound **10h** (73 mg, 78%) as a colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.31 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 2.97 – 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.86 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.81 (m, 4H), 1.61 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.6, 135.3, 127.9, 120.2, 118.5, 118.3, 112.2, 108.8, 40.8, 32.5, 30.3, 25.9, 24.4, 23.3, 17.7, 16.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 228.1752; Found: 228.1753.

12-Benzyl-6,7,8,9,10,11-hexahydroazocino[1,2-a]indole (10i): Using the general procedure



GP-3, anhydrous LiCl (49 mg, 1.18 mmol) NaBH₄ (45 mg, 1.18 mmol) and compound **8i** (120 mg, 0.39 mmol) provided the intermediate, which was then treated with BF₃·Et₂O (50% in CH₂Cl₂) (156 μL, 0.08 mmol) to furnish compound **10i** (83 mg, 73%) as a yellowish solid with a melting point of 74-76 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* =

7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 2.90 – 2.88 (m, 2H), 1.84 (p, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (p, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (p, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (p, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 139.0, 135.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 125.6, 120.4, 118.8, 118.6, 108.8, 108.5, 40.8, 31.8, 30.2, 30.1, 25.8, 24.3, 23.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₄N [M+H]⁺: 290.1909; Found: 290.1908.

8.0 X-Ray Crystallography of compounds 9f and 10a: Intensity data were collected on a Bruker's Kappa Apex II CCD Duo diffractometer with graphite monochromated MoK α radiation (0.71073 Å) at the temperature of 296 K. Scaling and multi-scan absorption correction were employed using SADABS. The structure was solved by direct methods and all the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically while the hydrogen atoms fixed in the predetermined positions by Shelxs-97 and Shelxl-97 packages respectively.

Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 12, -15 ≤ k ≤ 18, -23 ≤ l ≤ 21
Reflections collected	19064
Independent reflections	9745 [R _{int} = 0.0805, R _{sigma} = 0.1255]
Data/restraints/parameters	9745/0/523
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.147
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.1217, wR ₂ = 0.2924
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Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.95/-1.05

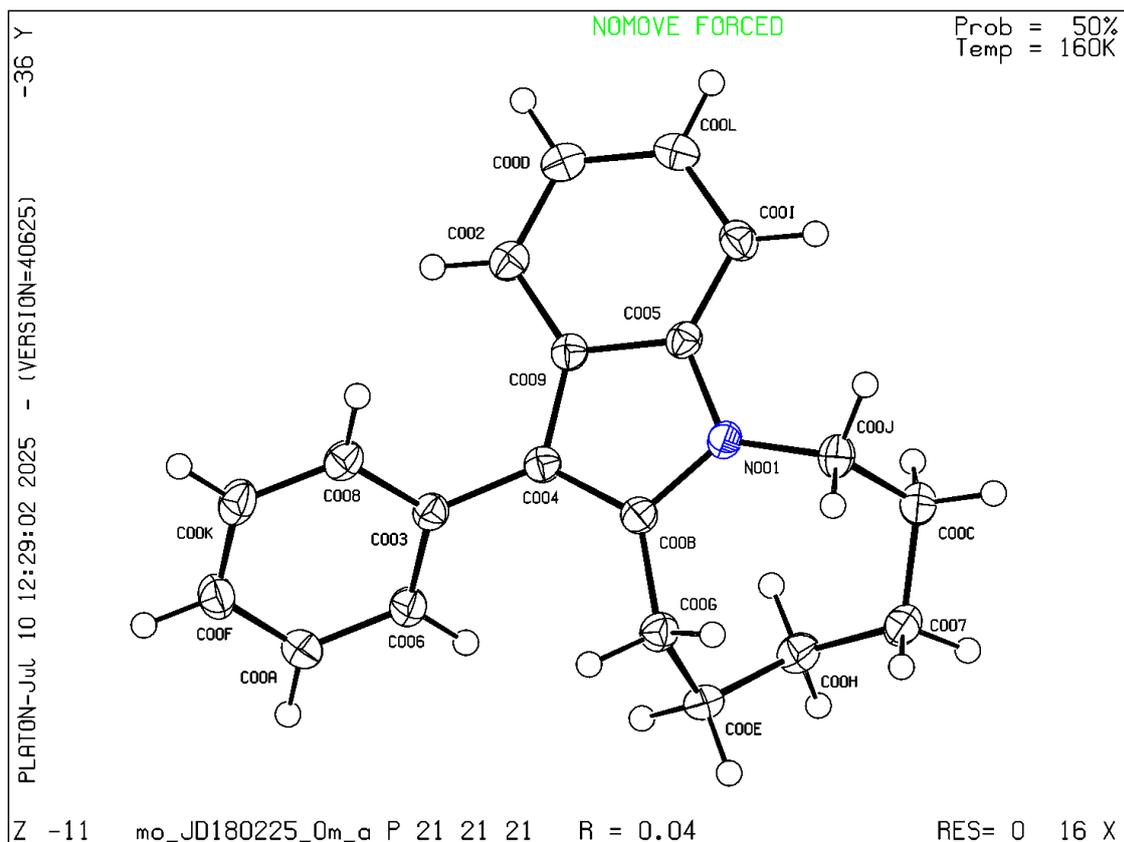


Figure S2. The ORTEP diagram of **10a** showing 50% probability thermal ellipsoid.

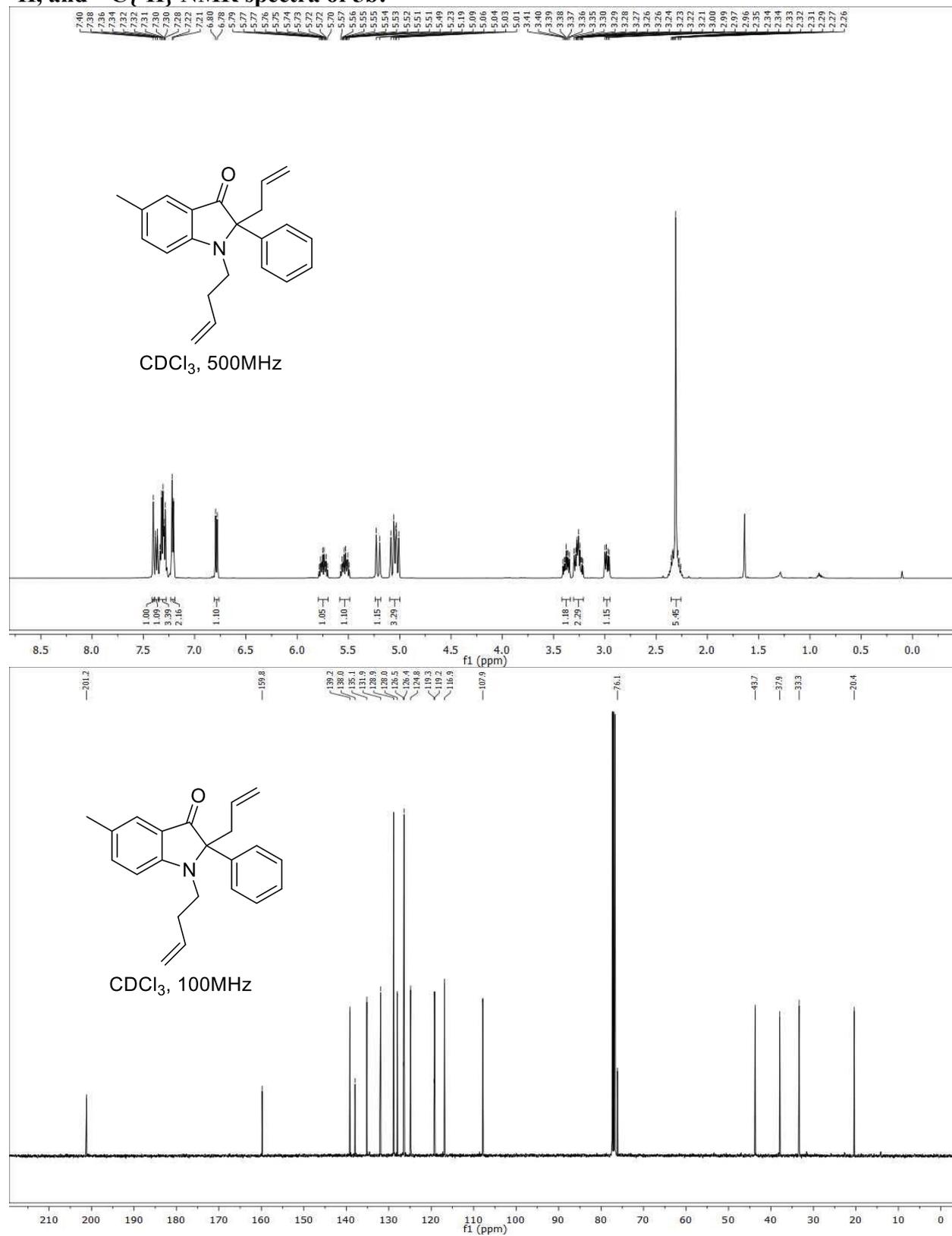
Table S3: Crystal data and structure refinement for 10a.	
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Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₂₁ N
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Temperature/K	160.00
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
a/Å	6.9325(2)
b/Å	11.0390(4)
c/Å	19.2749(8)
α/°	90

$\beta/^\circ$	90
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/ \AA^3	1475.07(9)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	1.240
μ/mm^{-1}	0.071
F(000)	592.3
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.2 \times 0.15 \times 0.15$
Radiation	Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2 Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	4.22 to 56.02
Index ranges	$-9 \leq h \leq 8, -14 \leq k \leq 14, -25 \leq l \leq 25$
Reflections collected	34507
Independent reflections	3546 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0587, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0297$]
Data/restraints/parameters	3546/0/190
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	0.950
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0381, wR_2 = 0.1117$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0399, wR_2 = 0.1127$
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Flack parameter	-0.7(11)

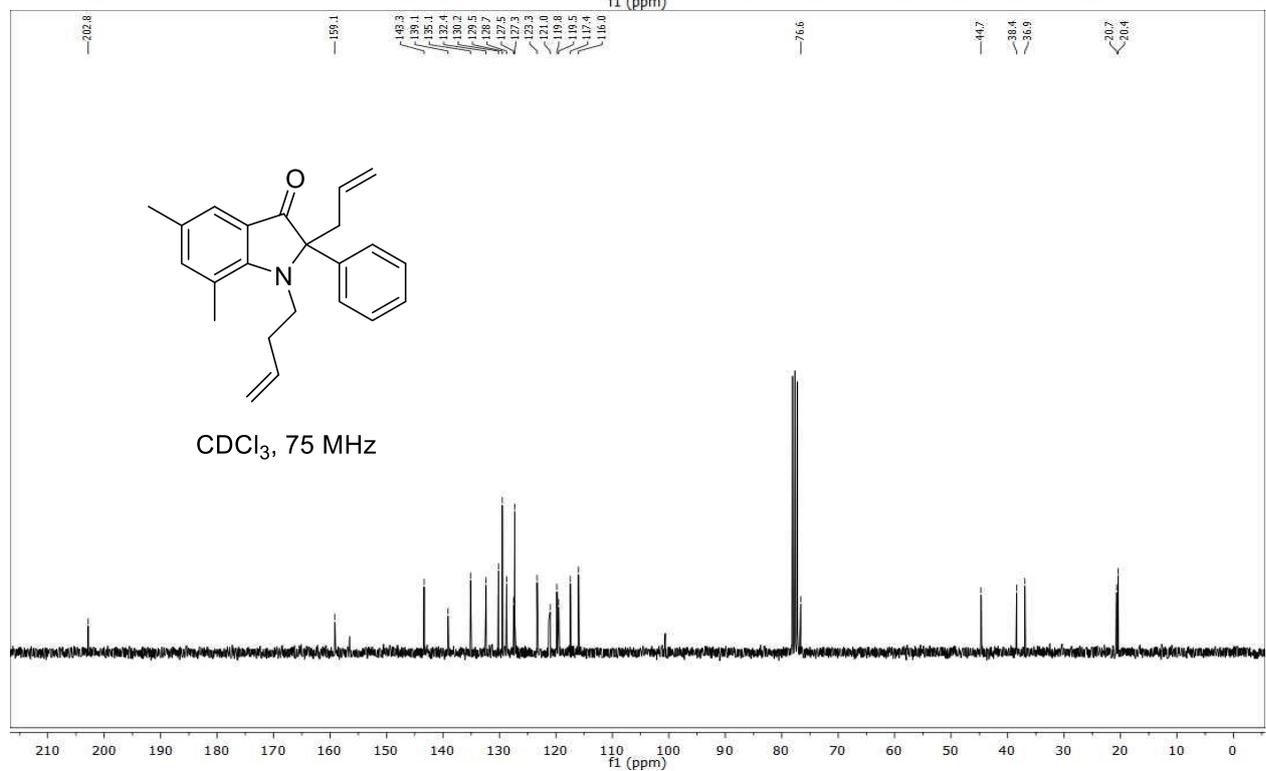
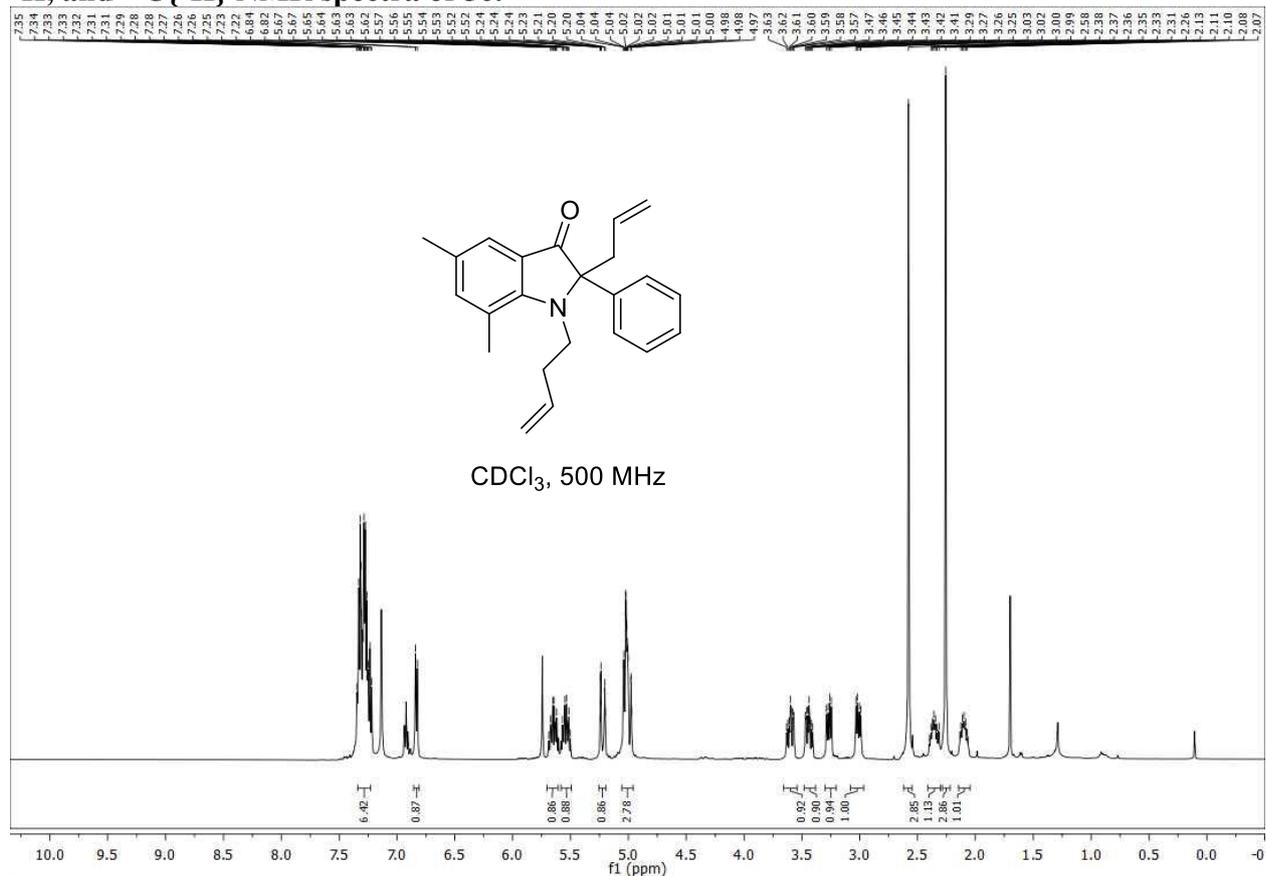
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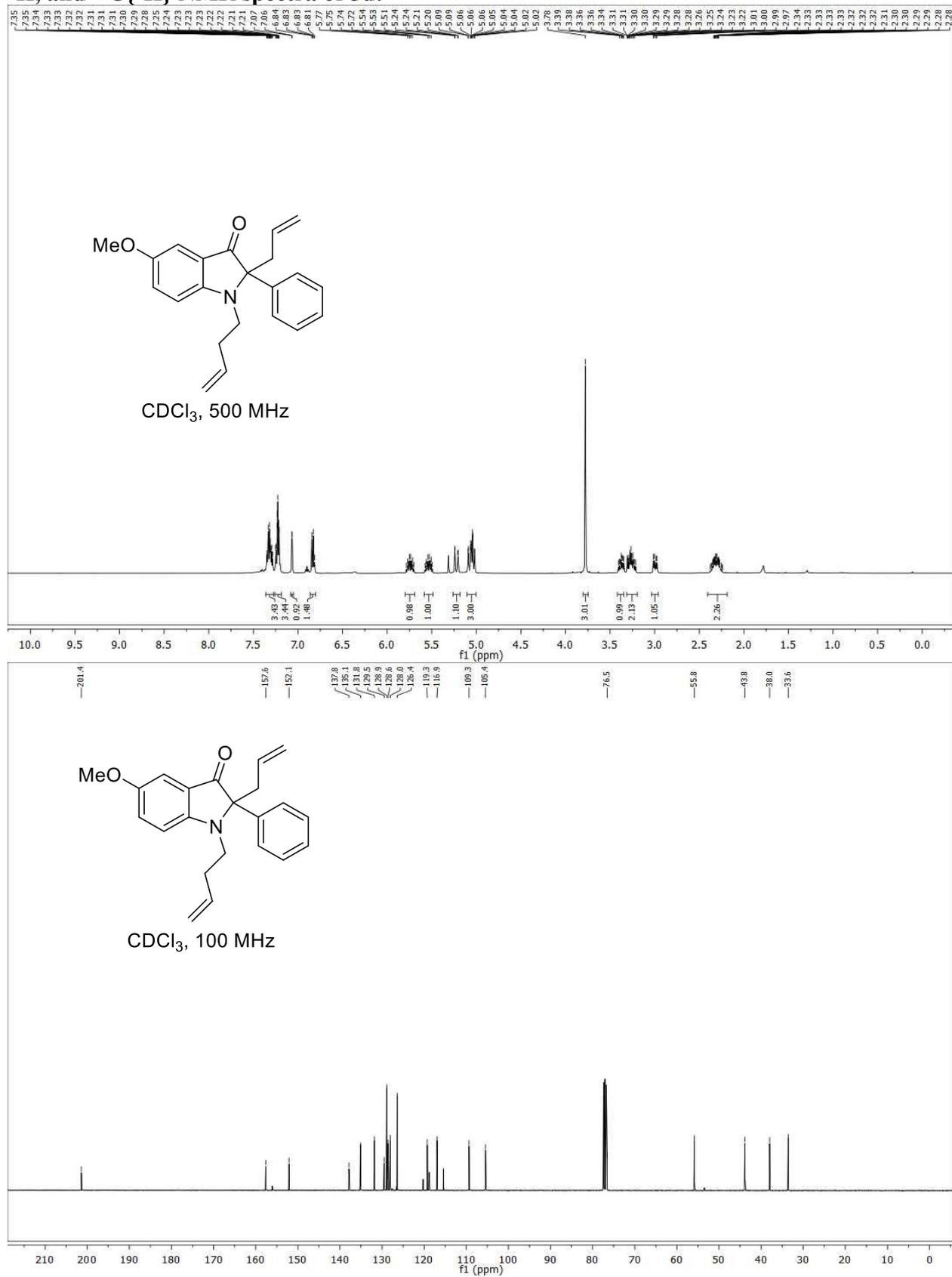
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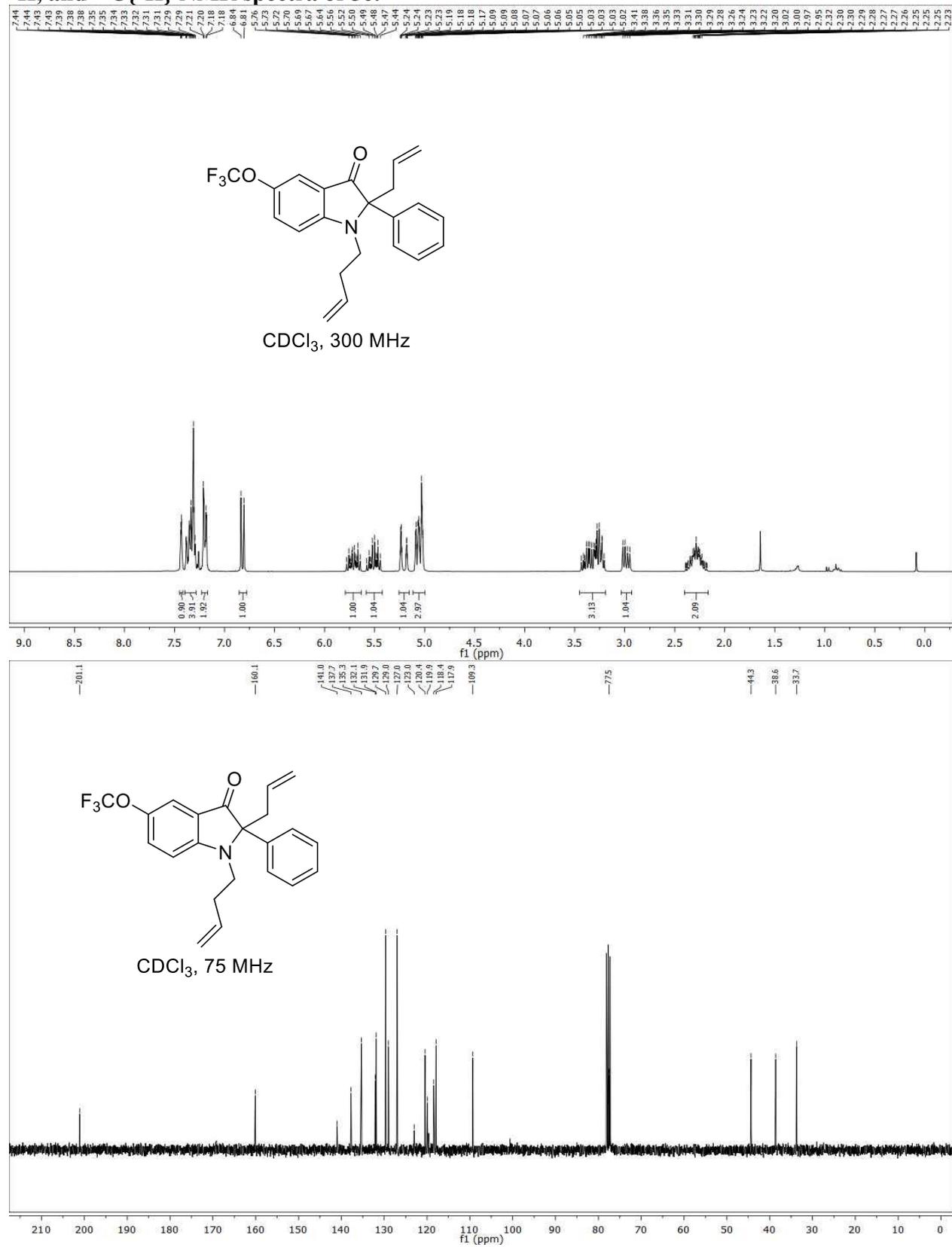
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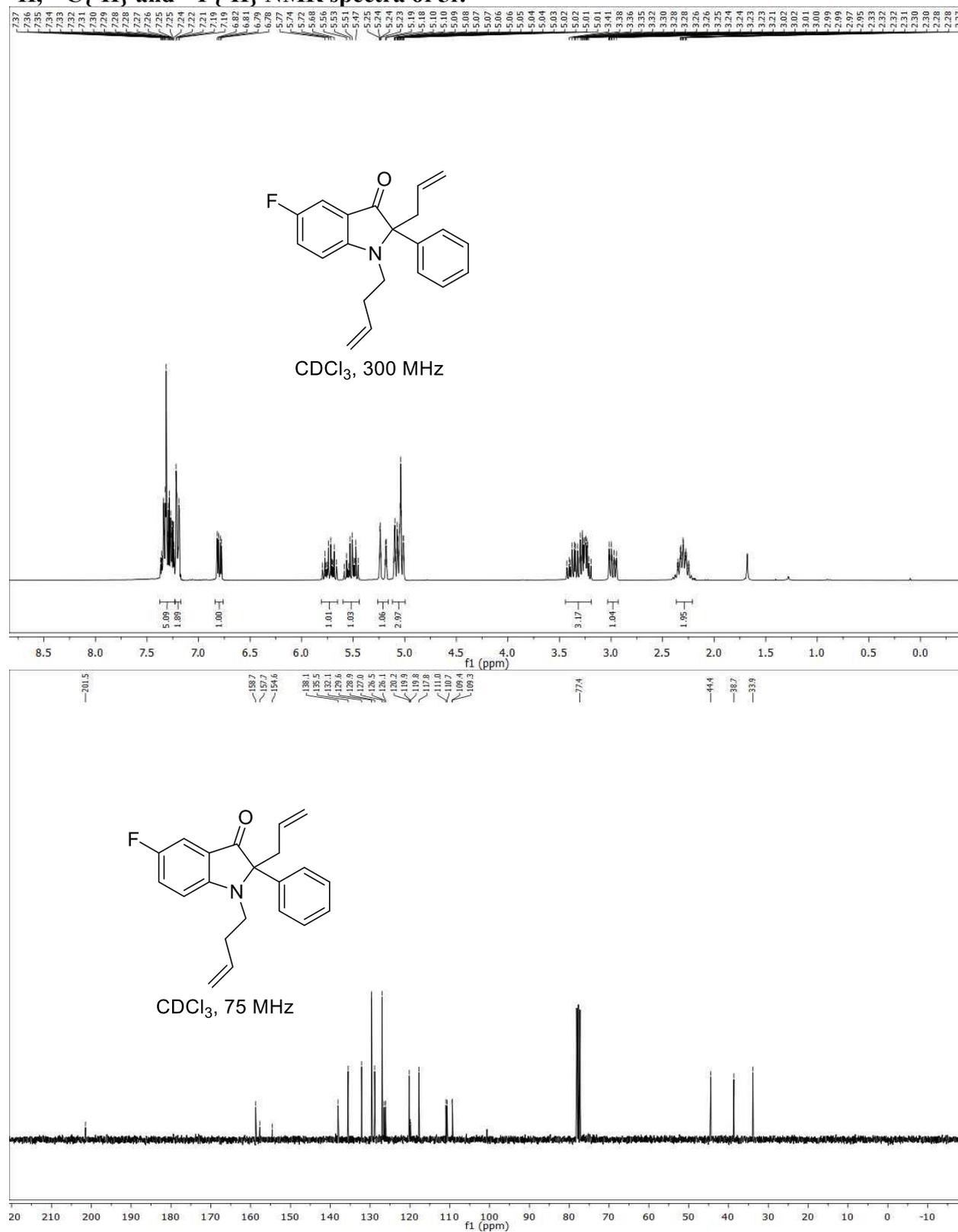
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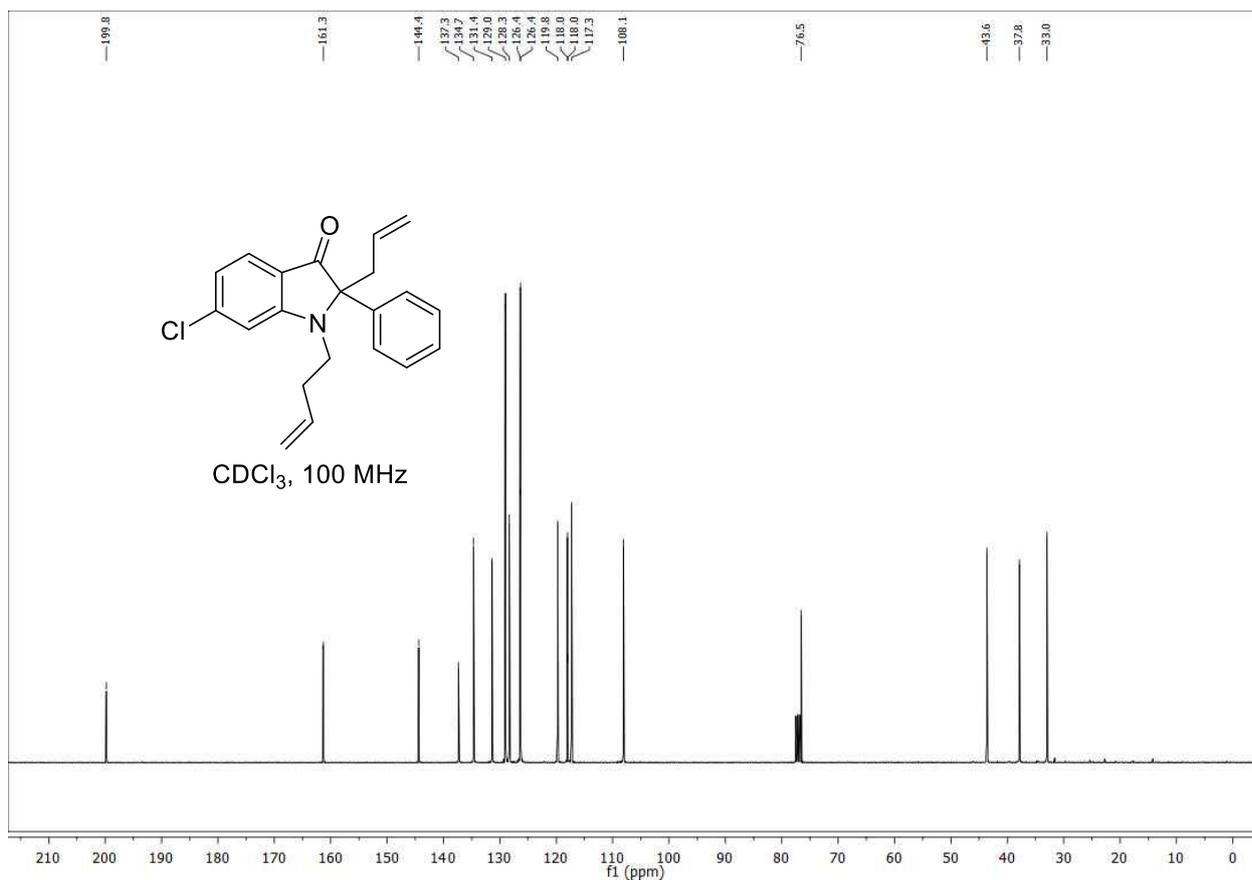


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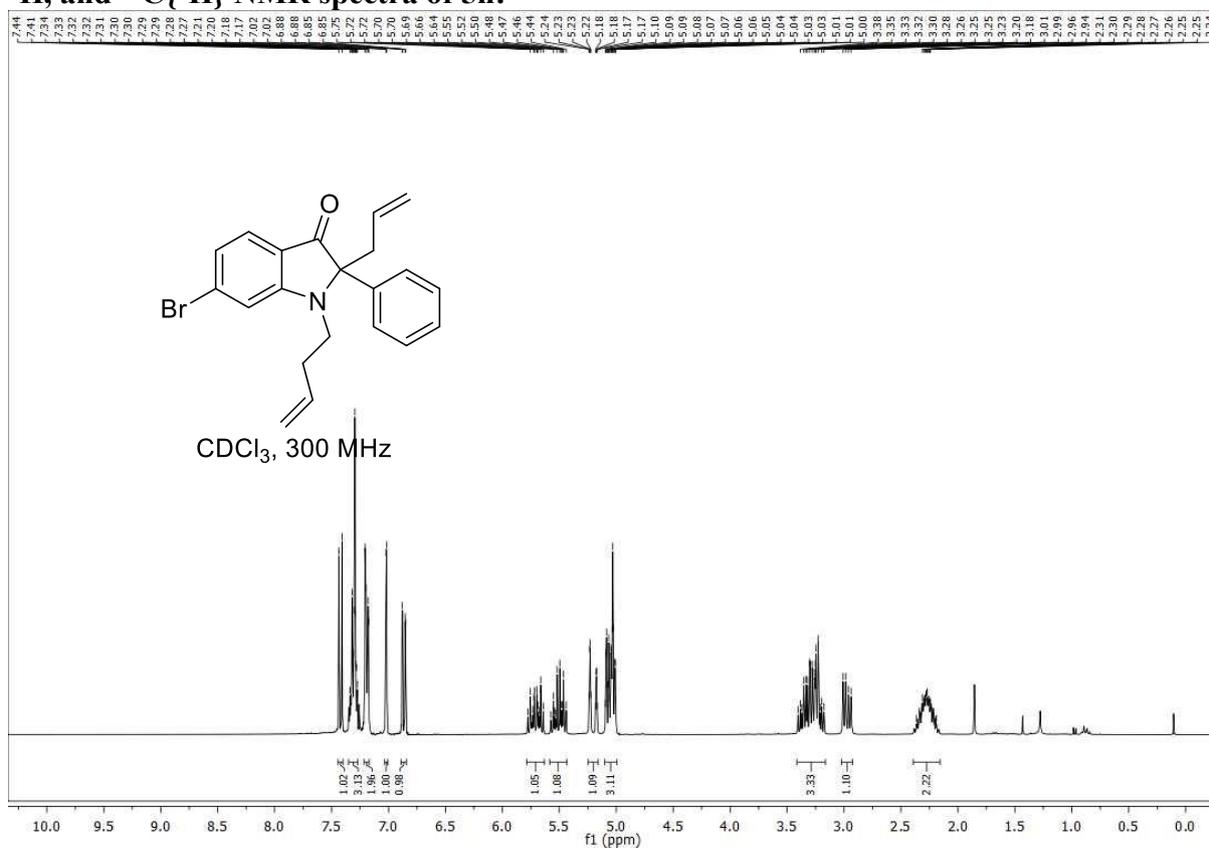


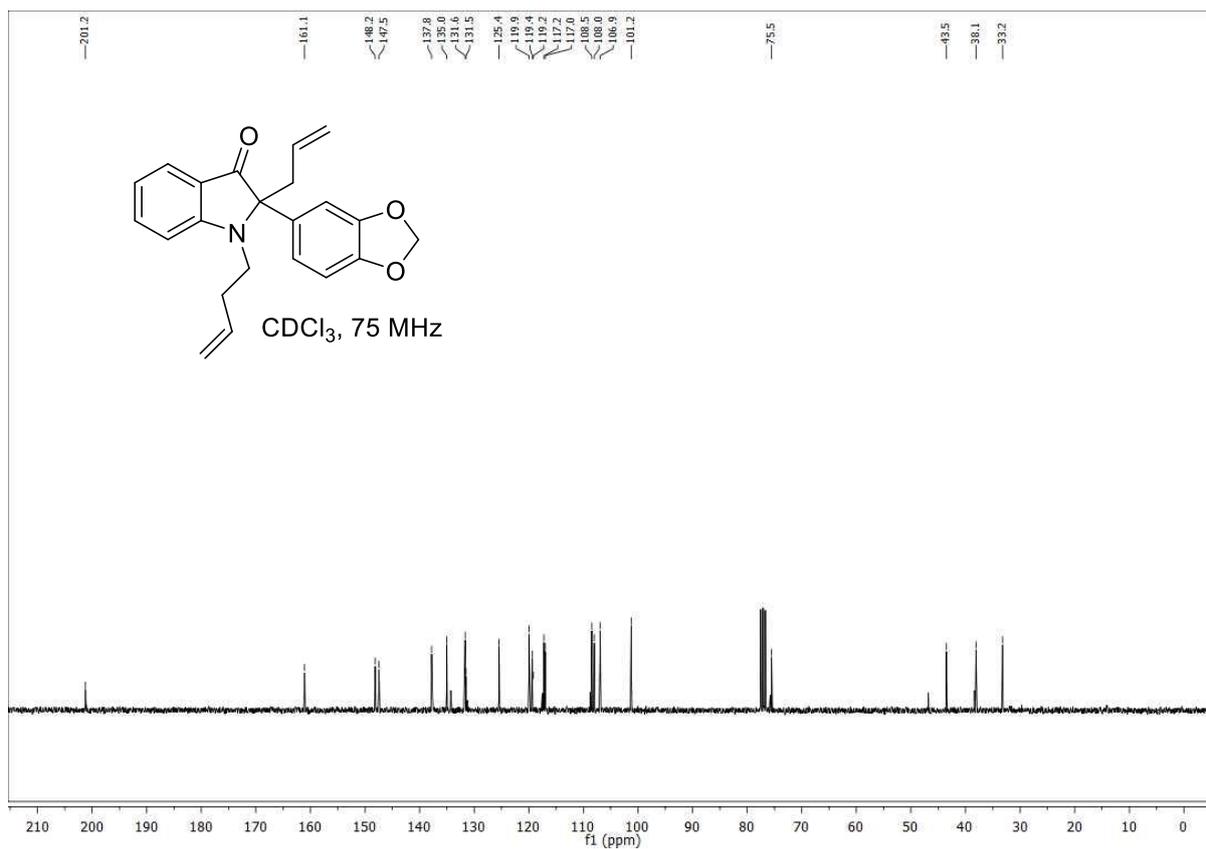
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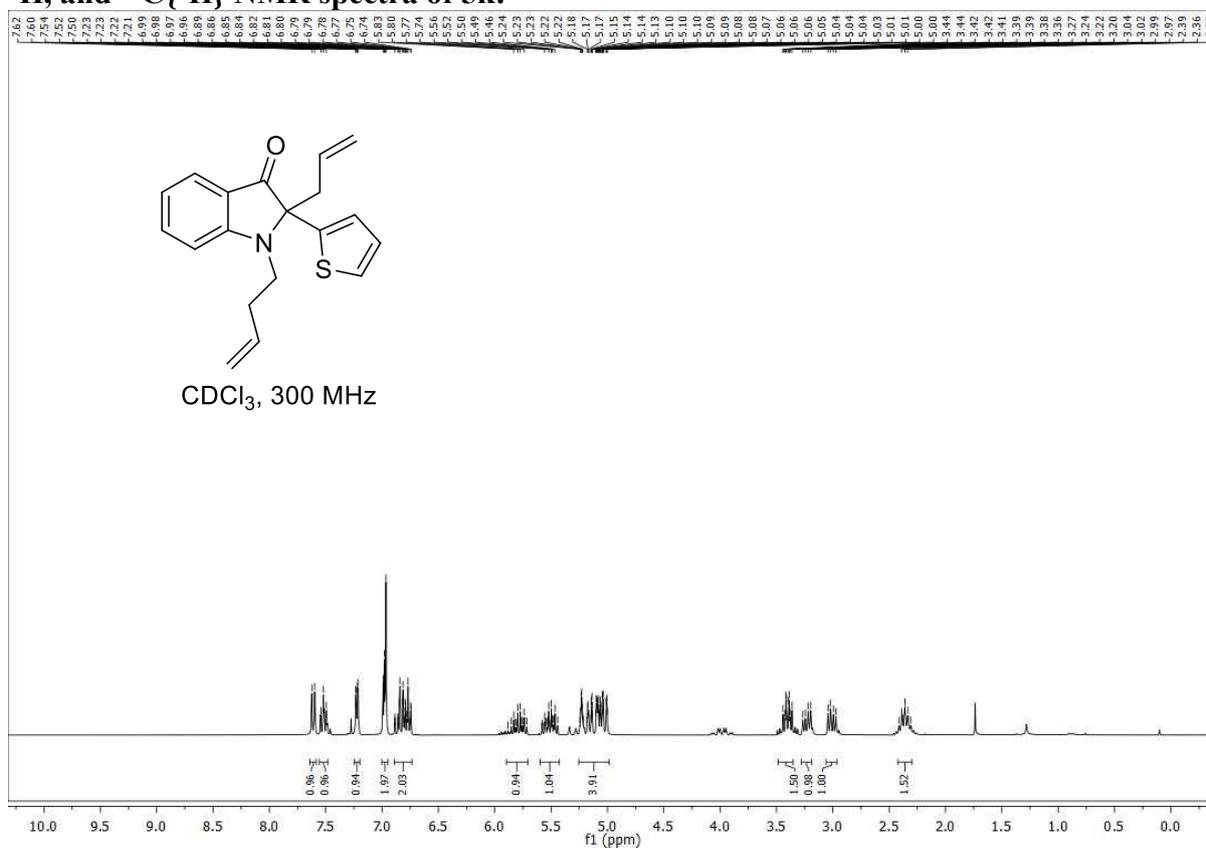


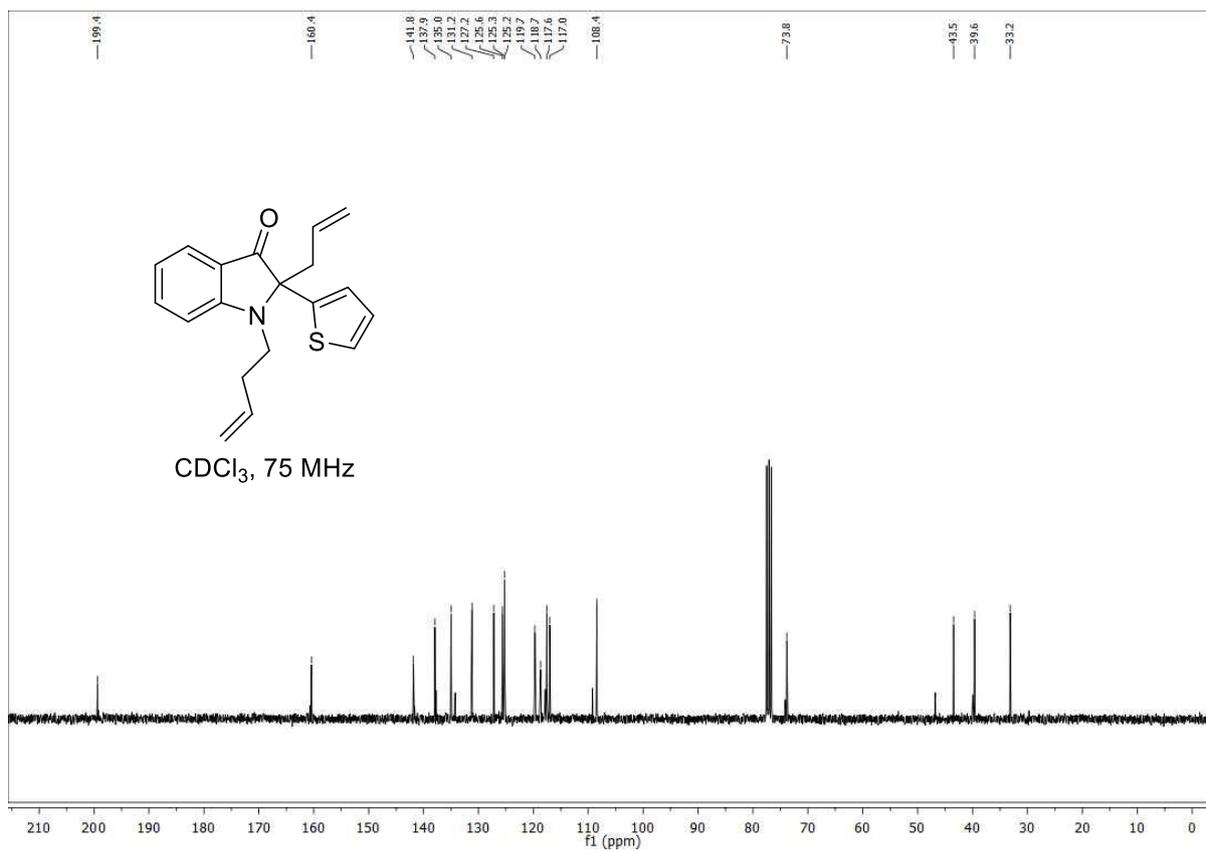
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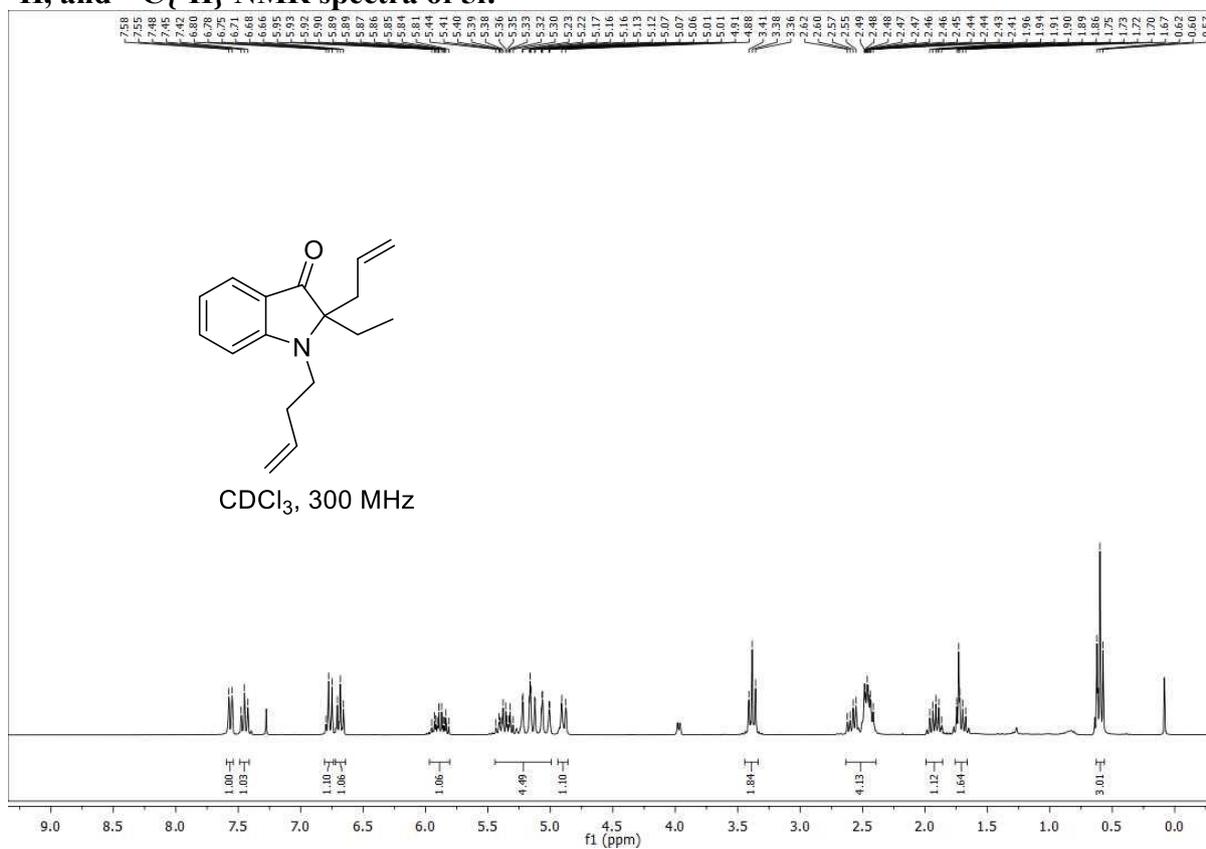


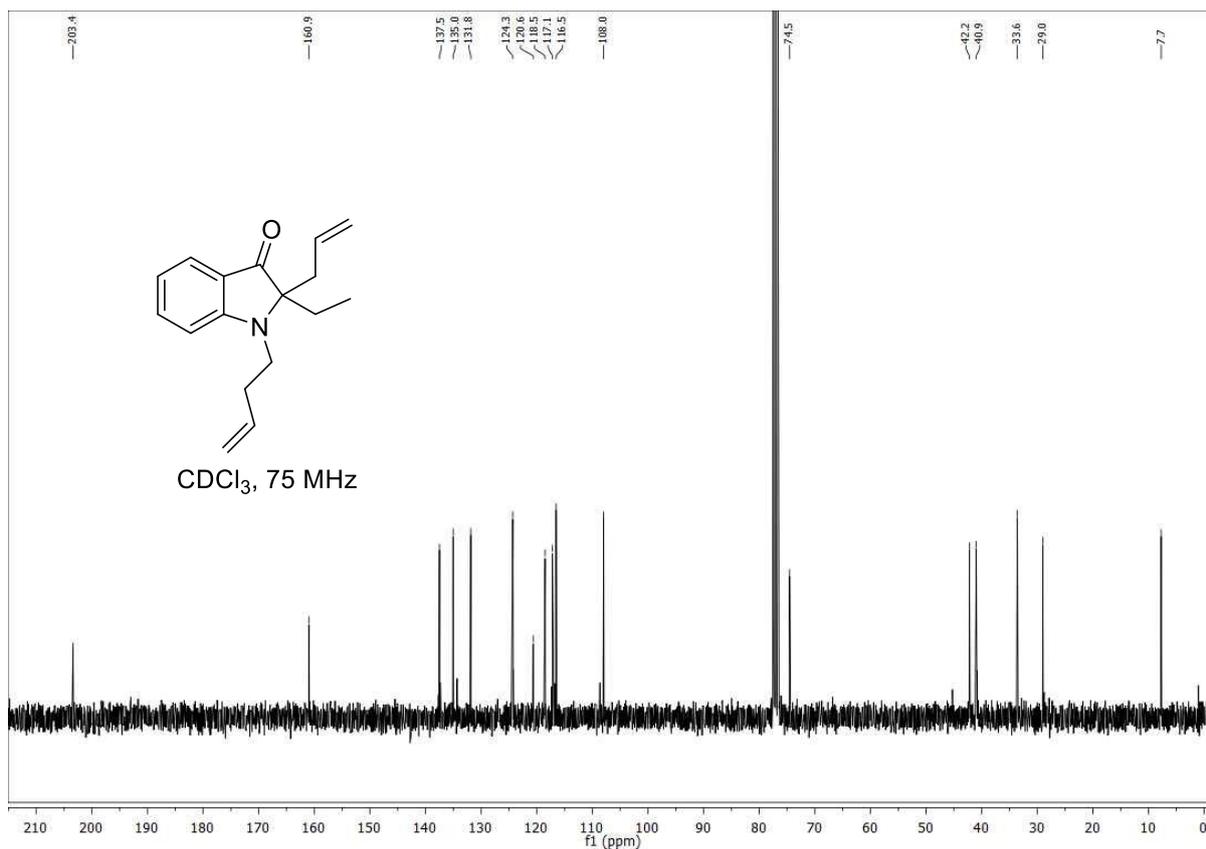
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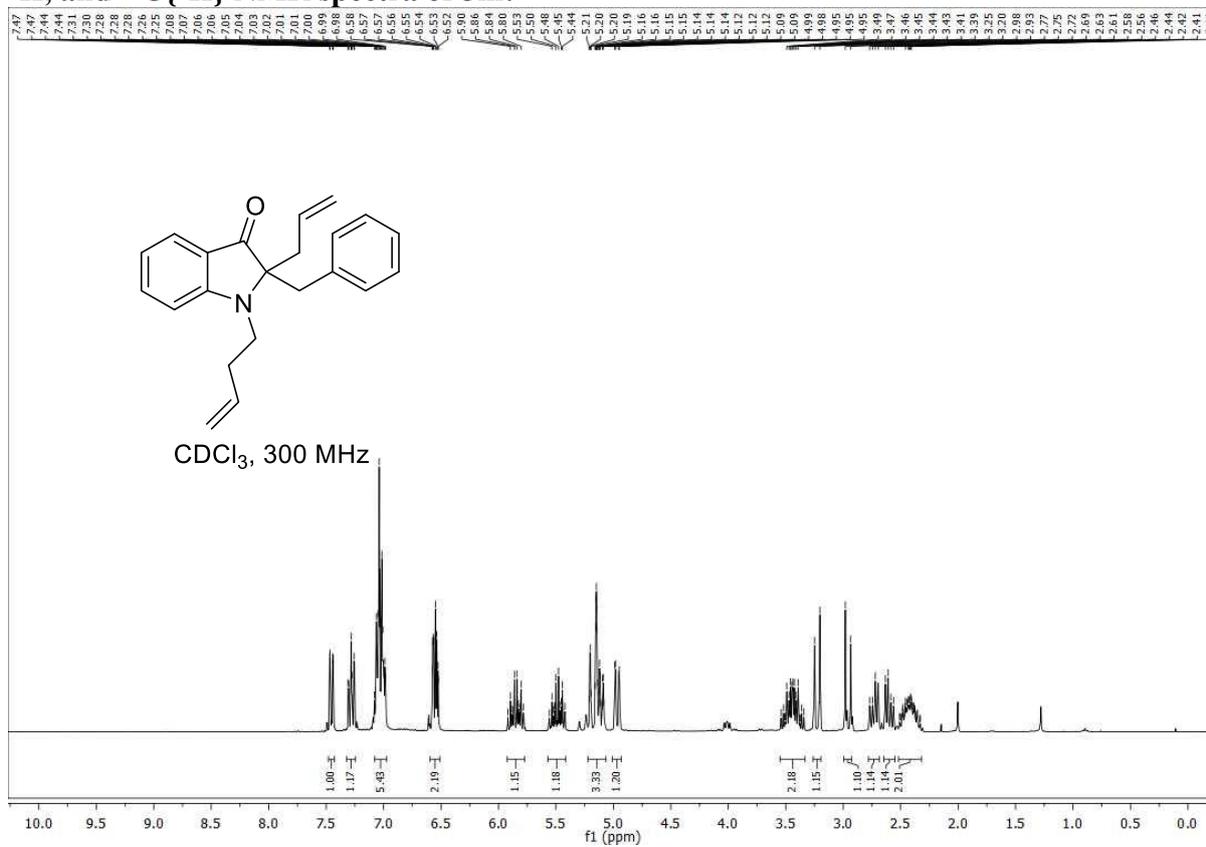


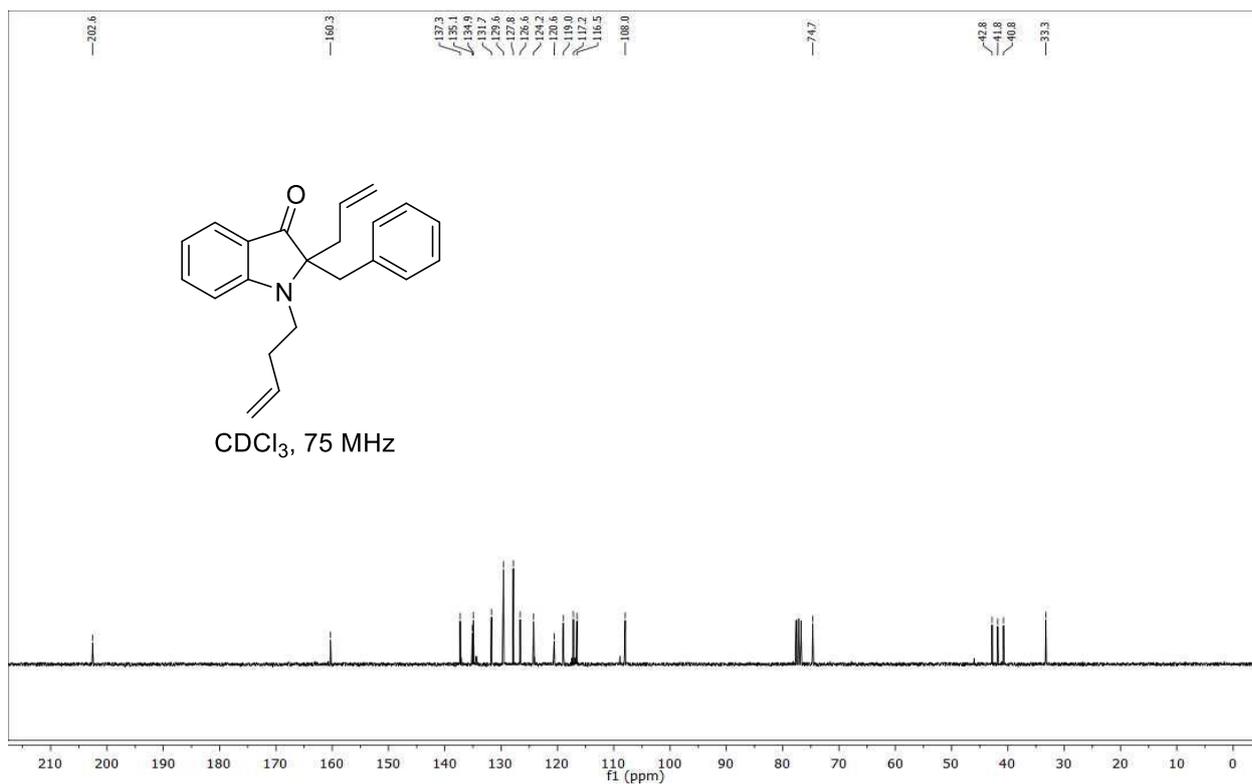
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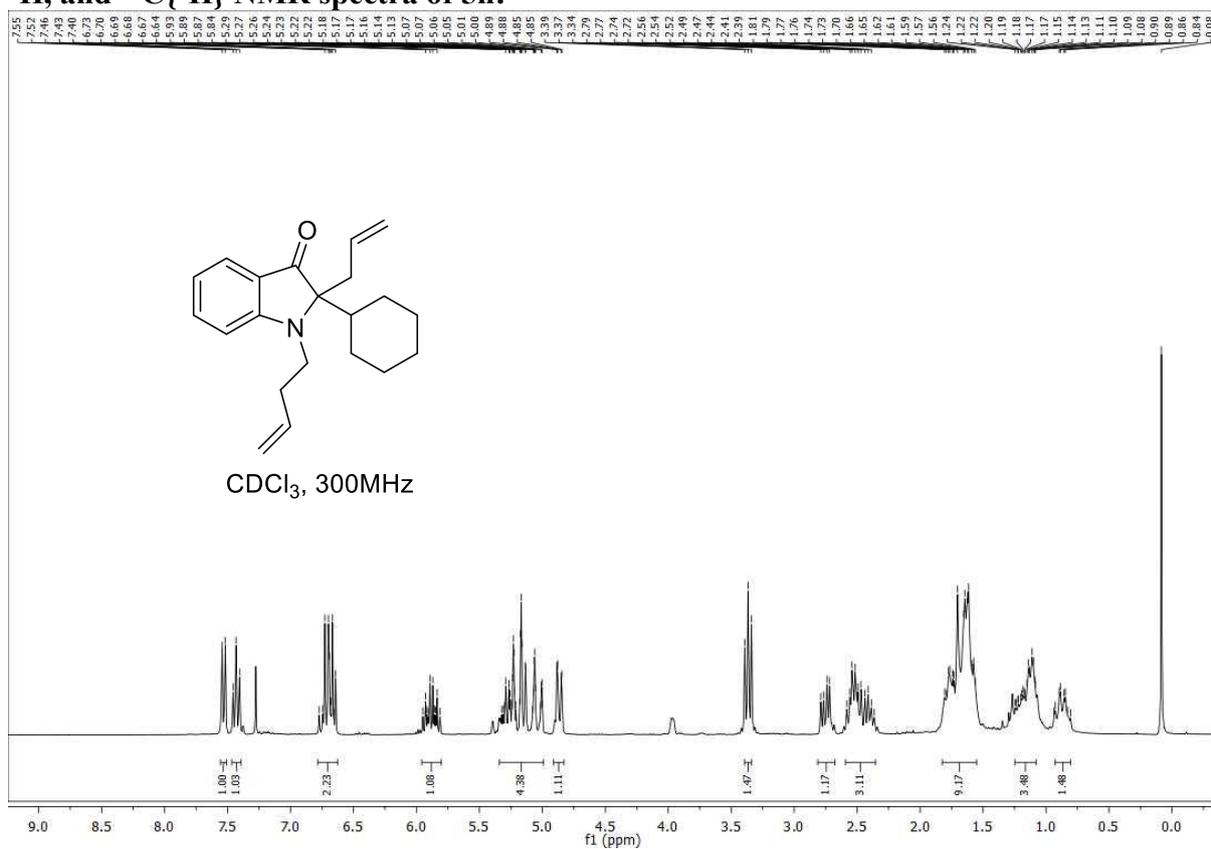


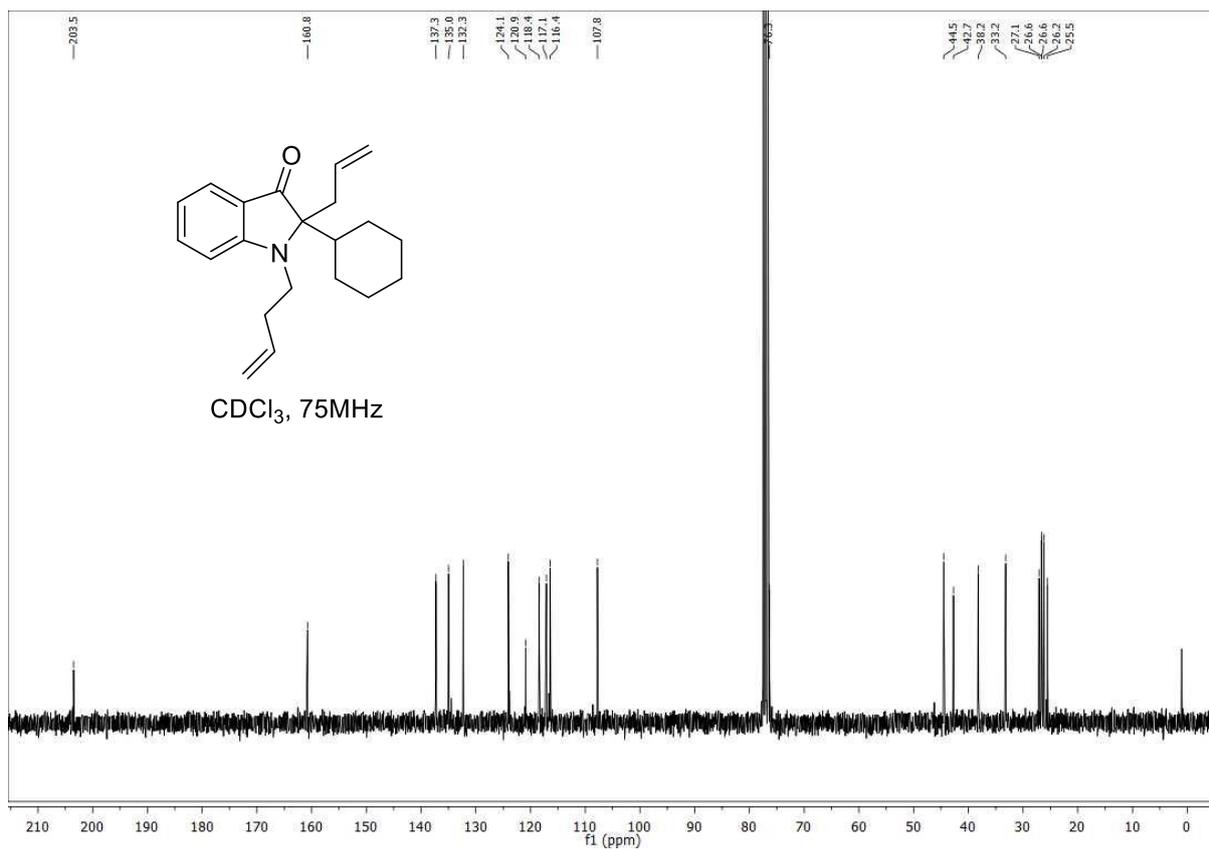
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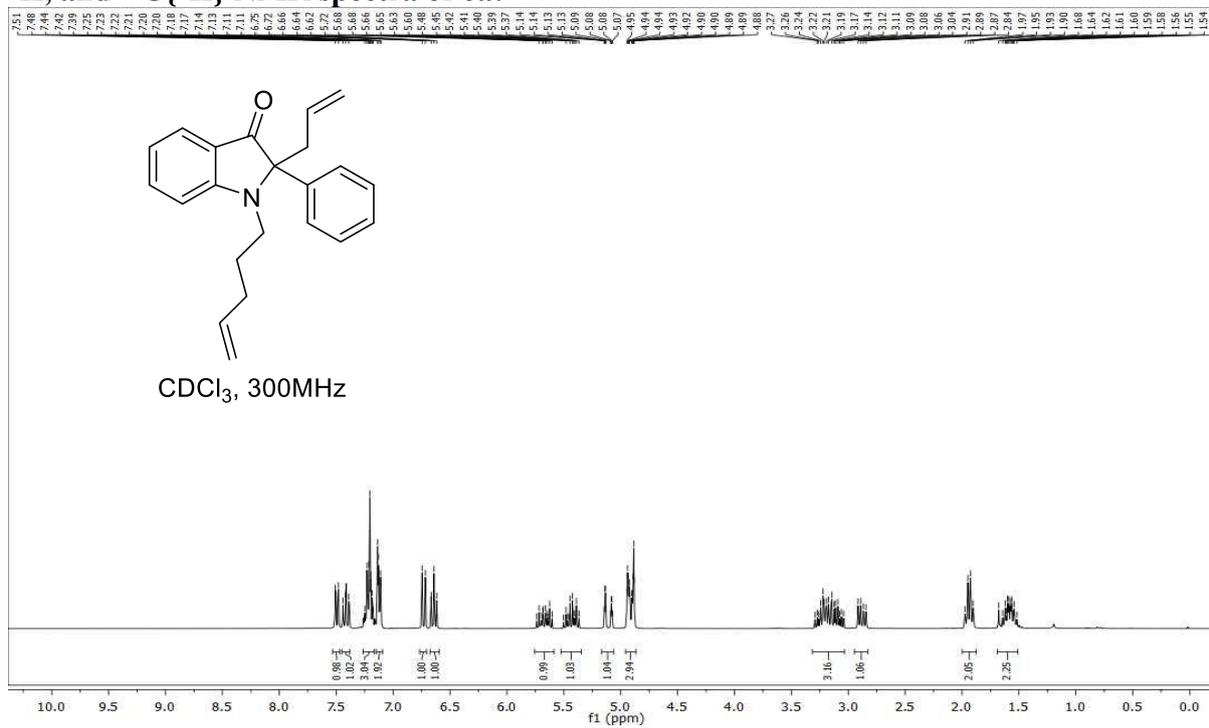


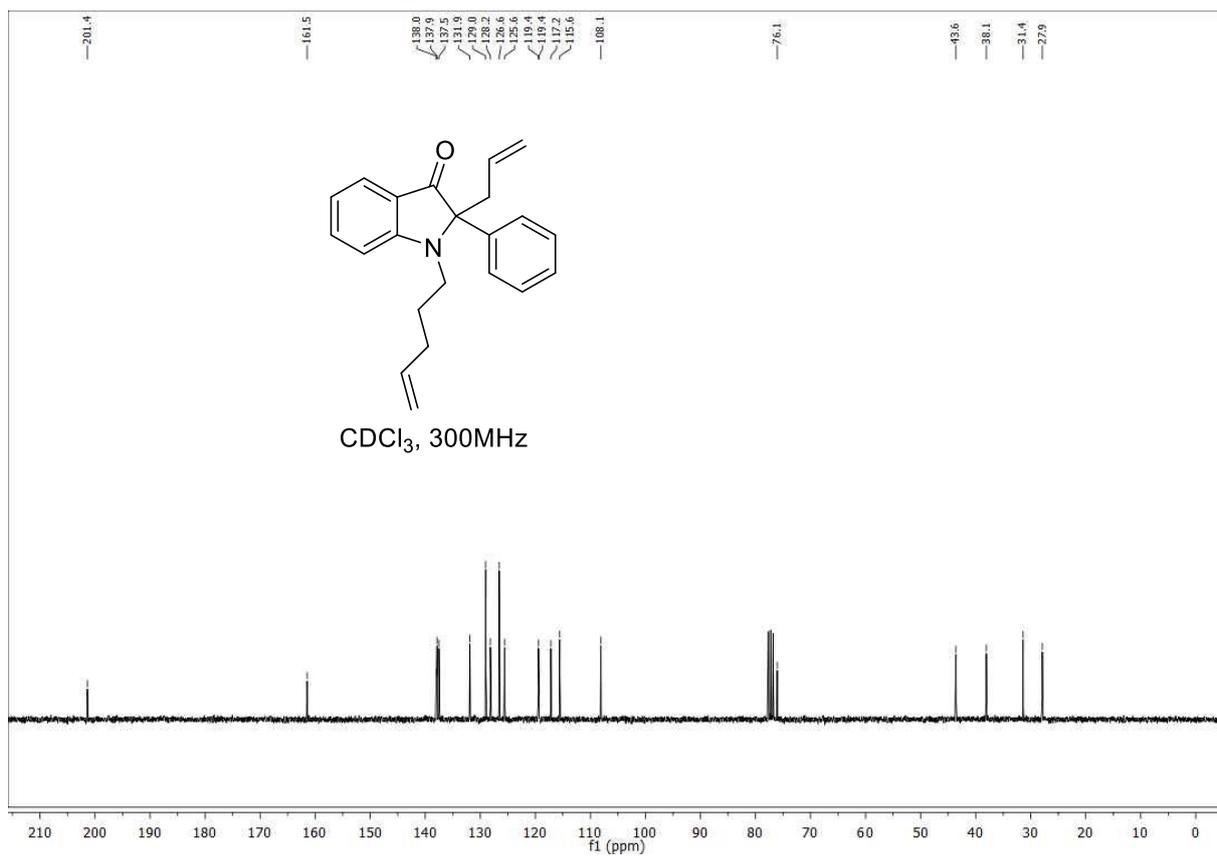
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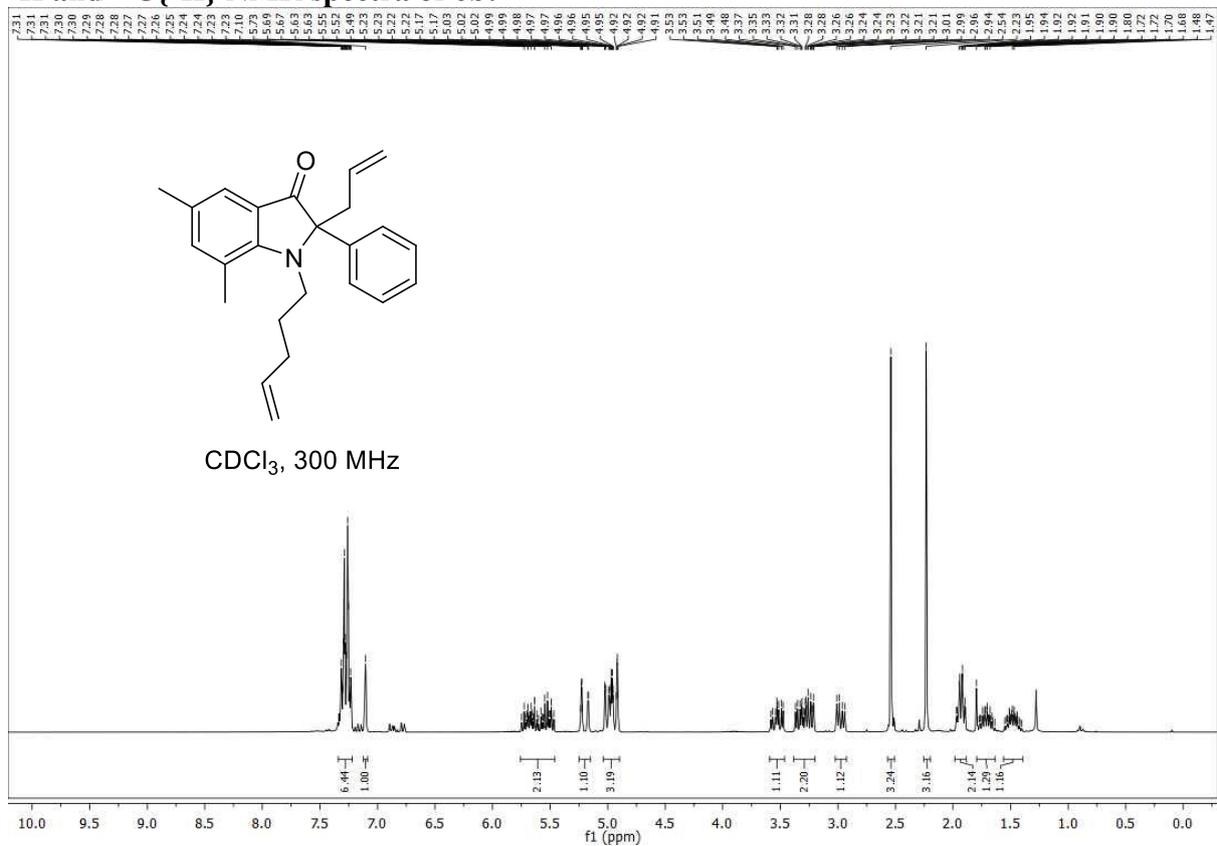


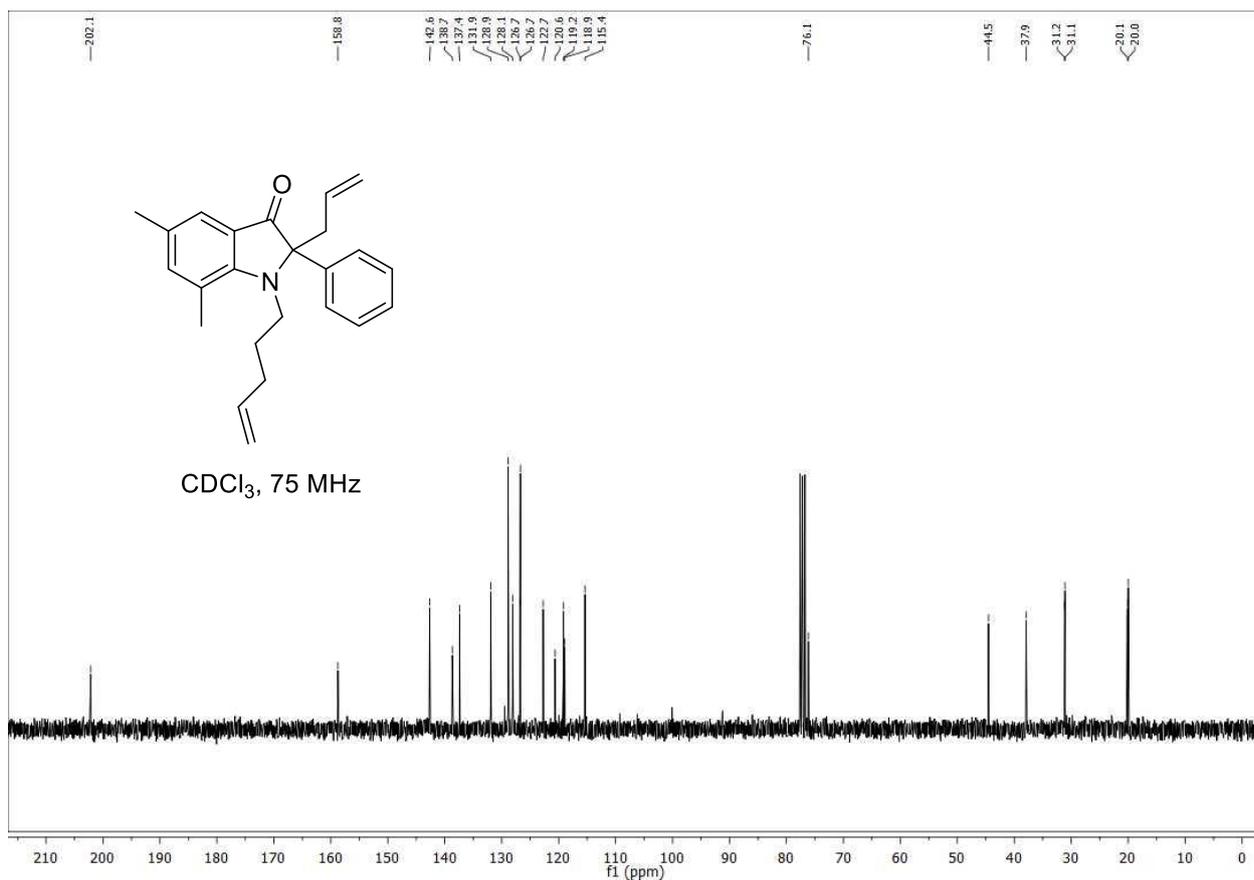
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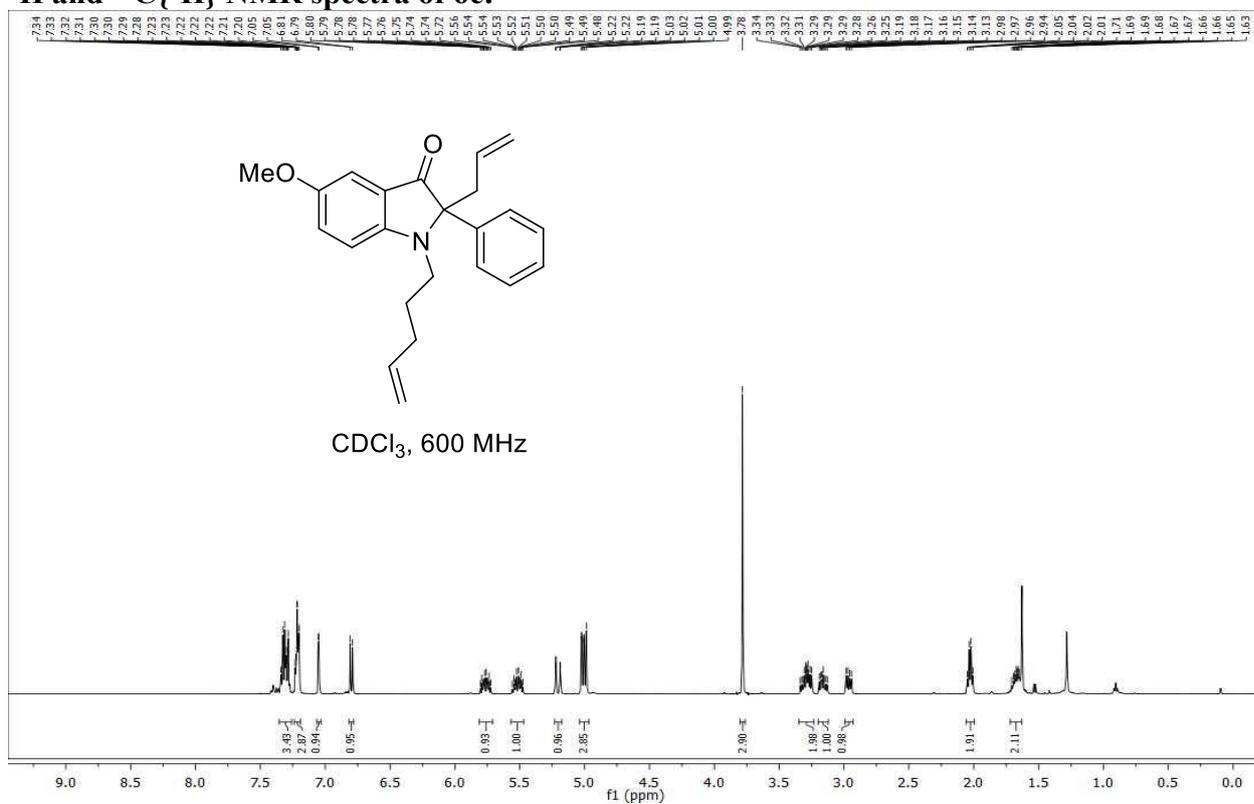


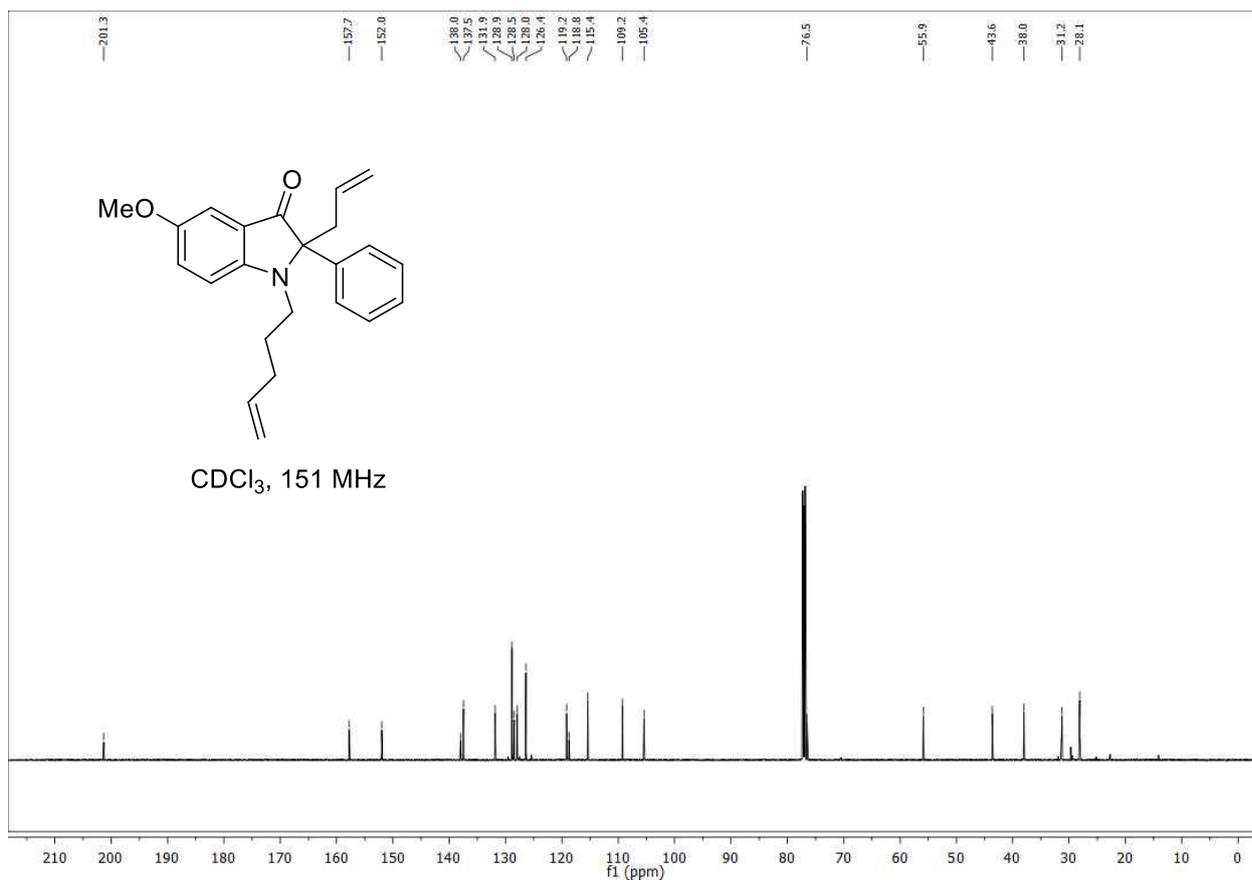
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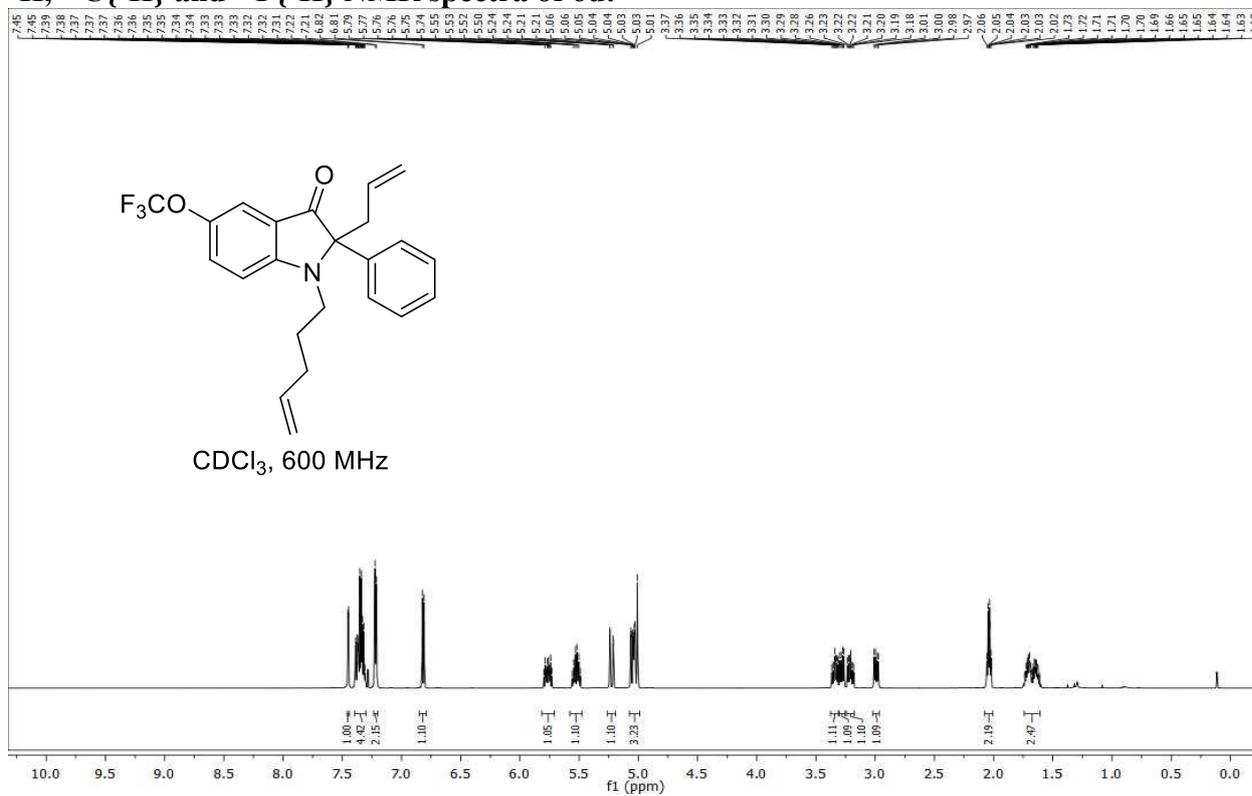


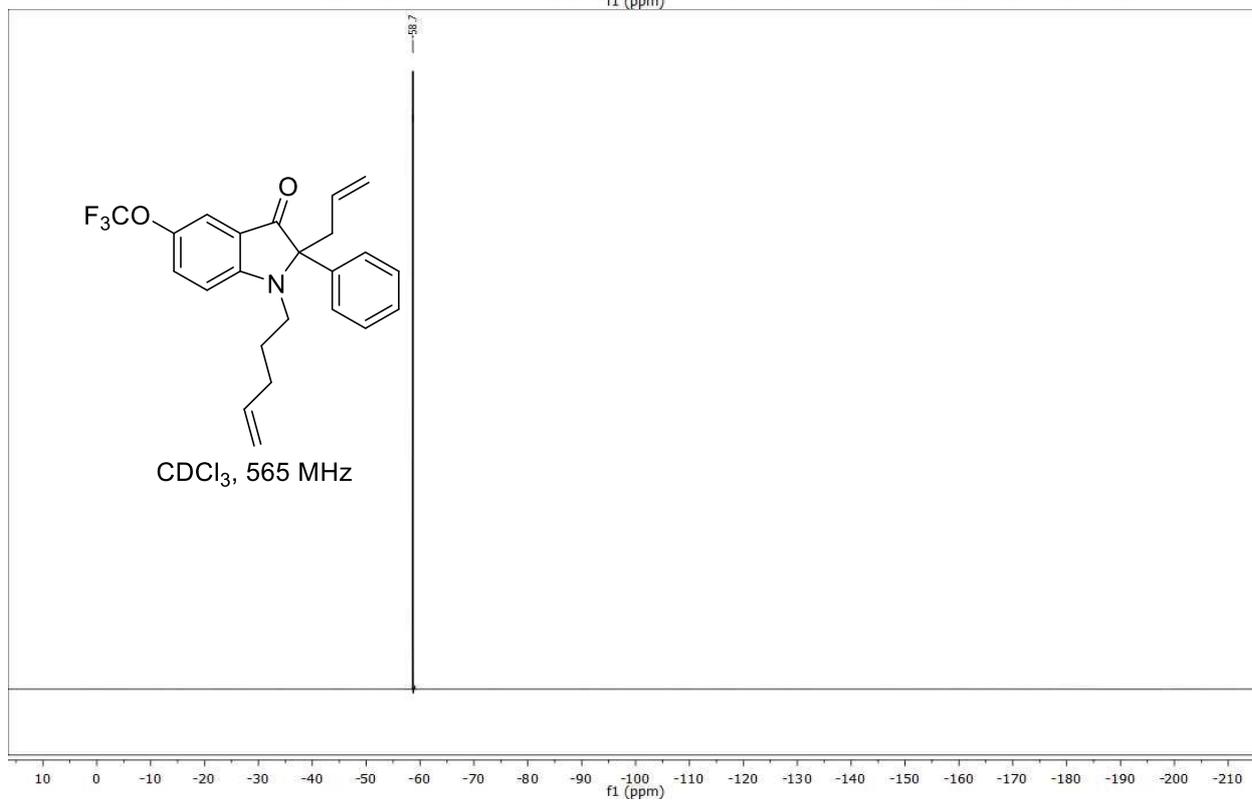
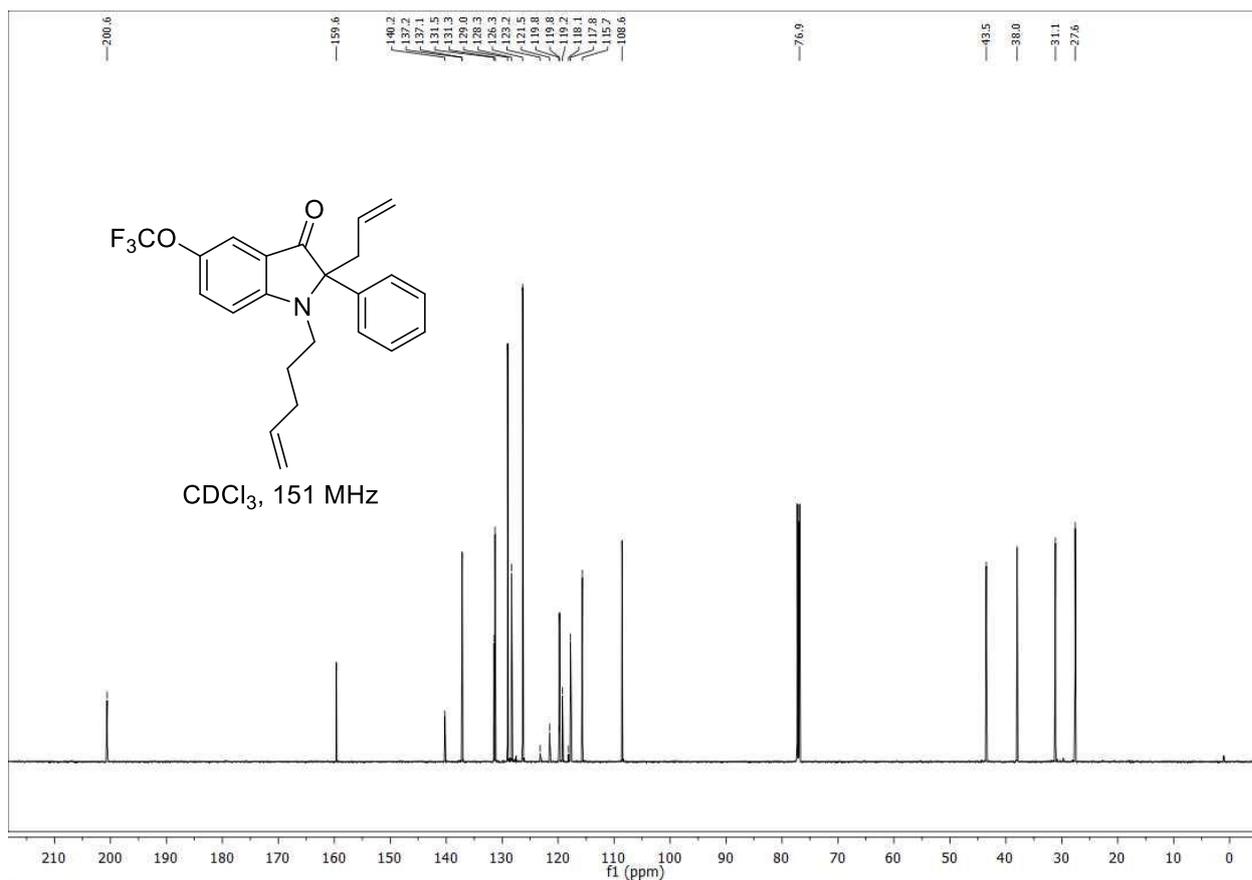
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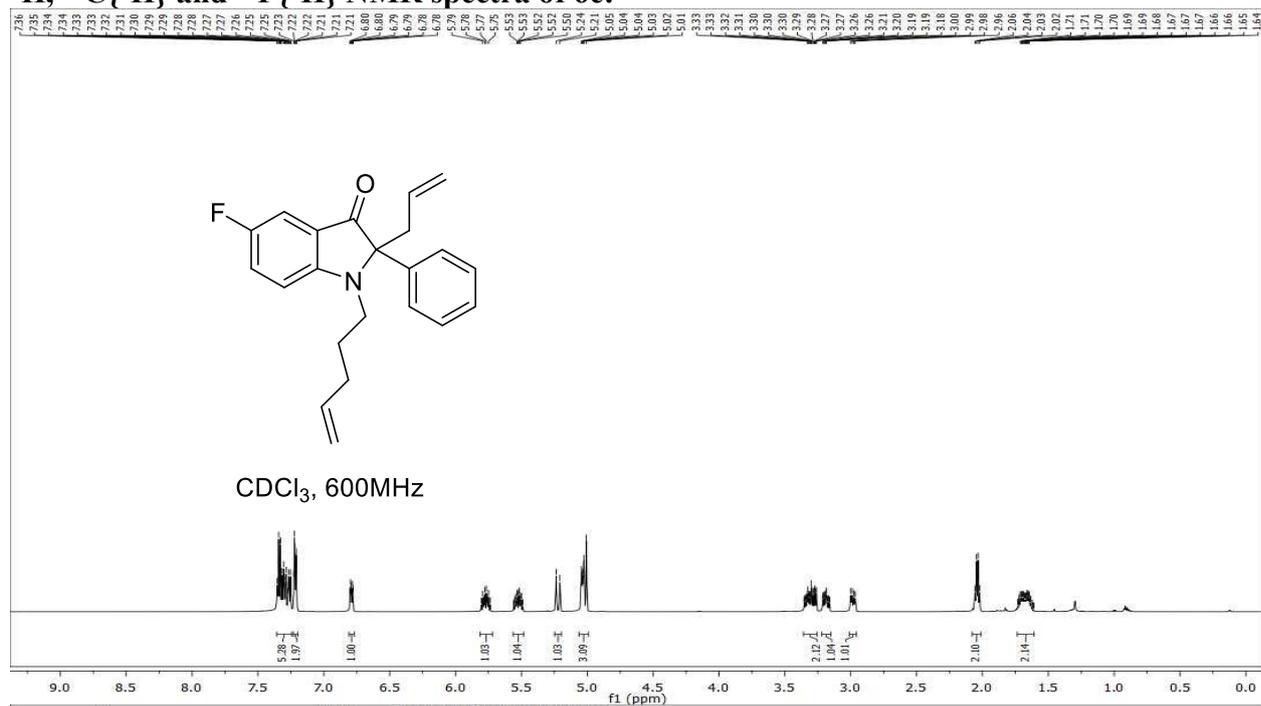


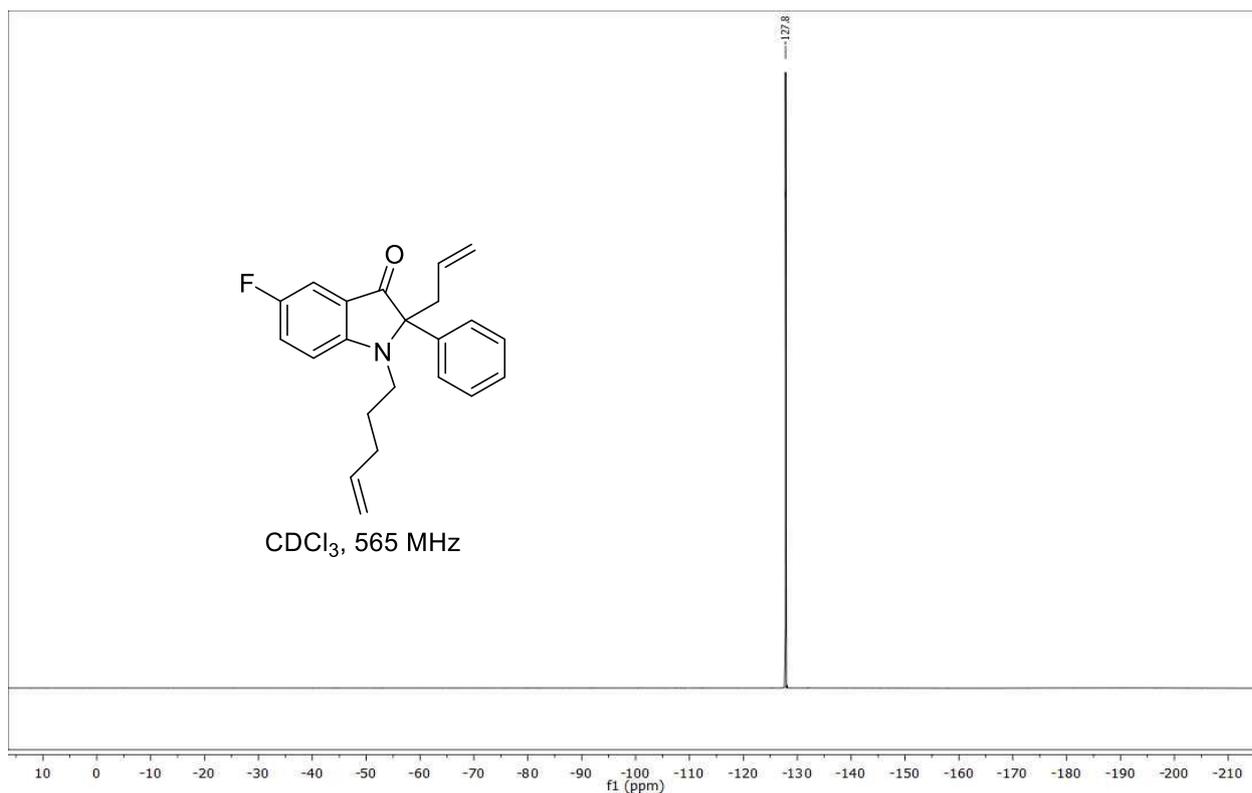
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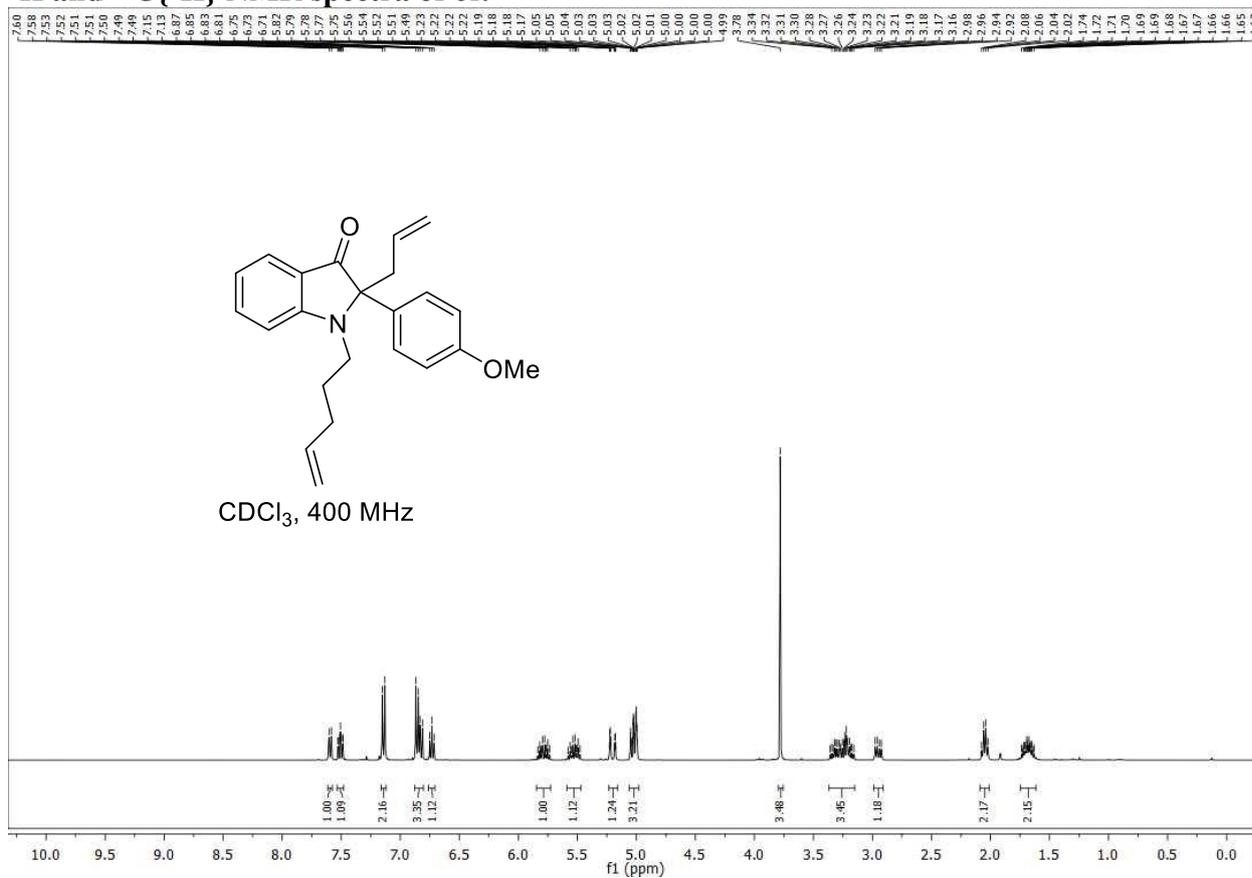


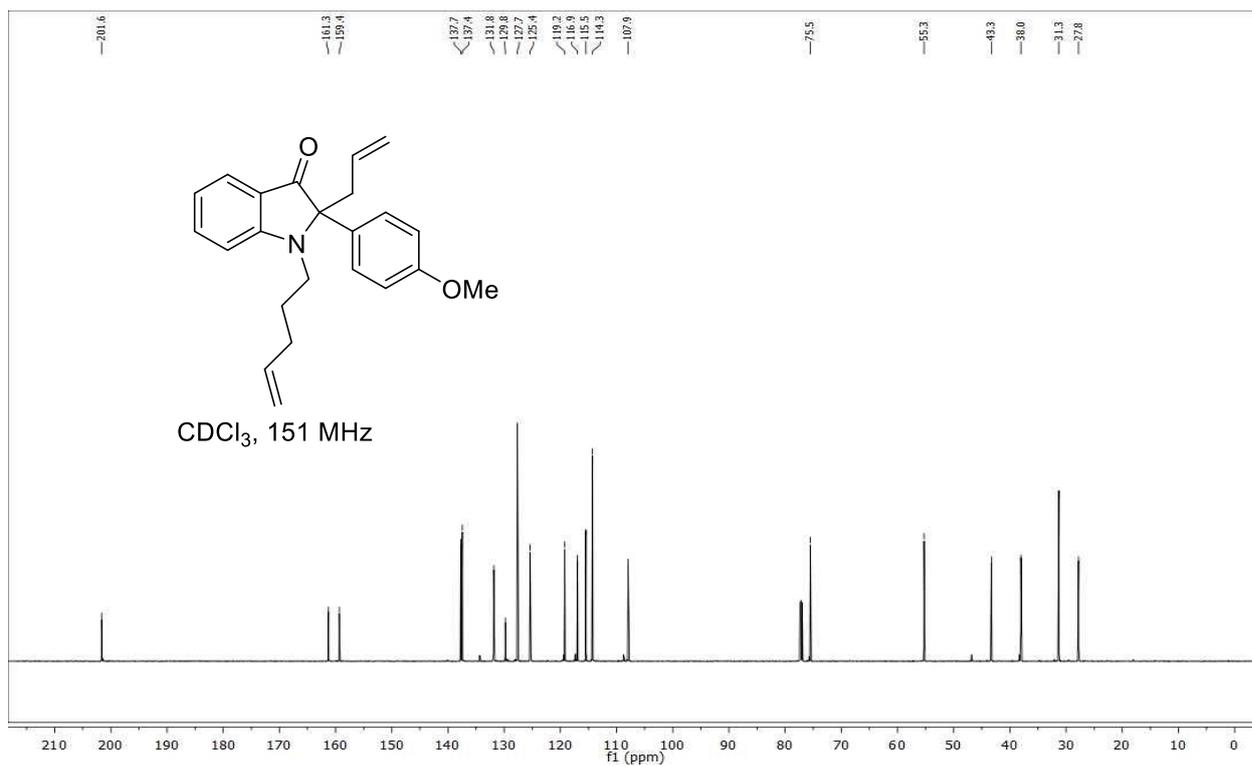
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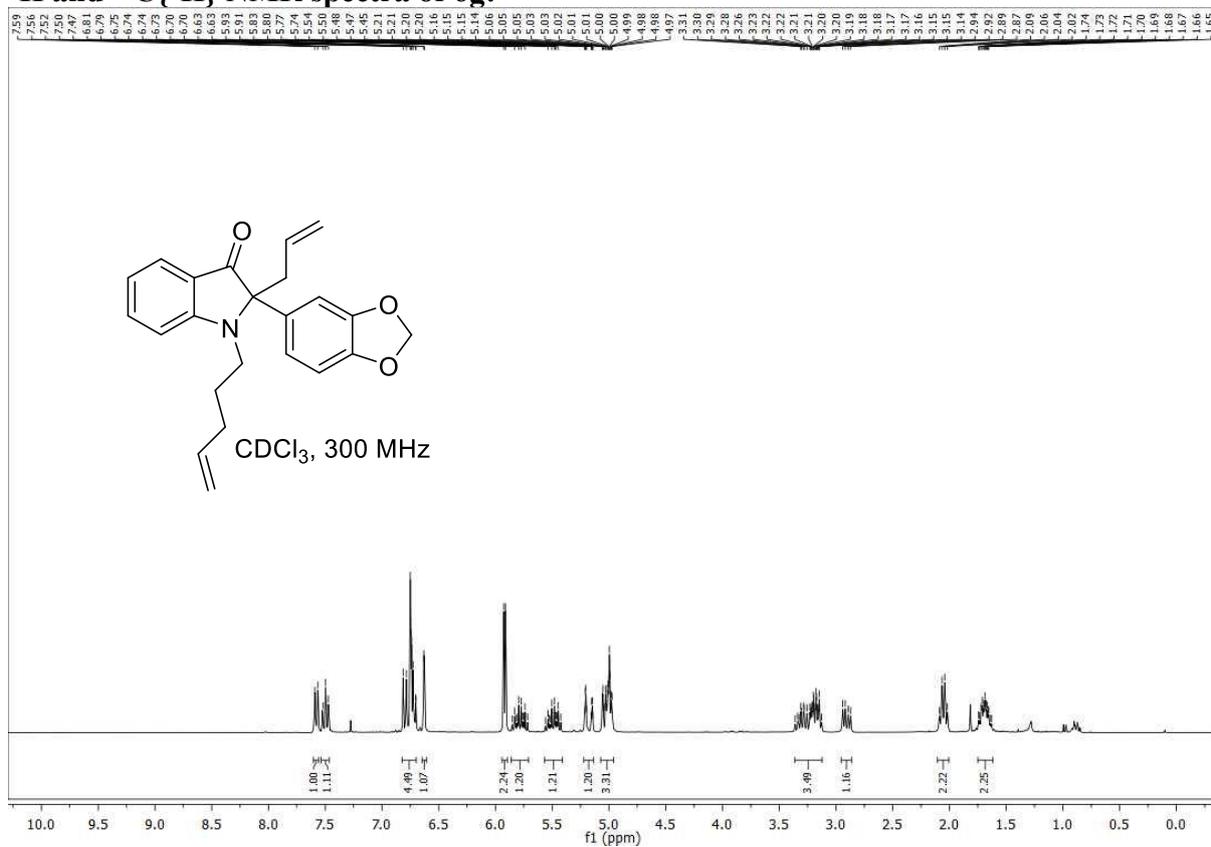


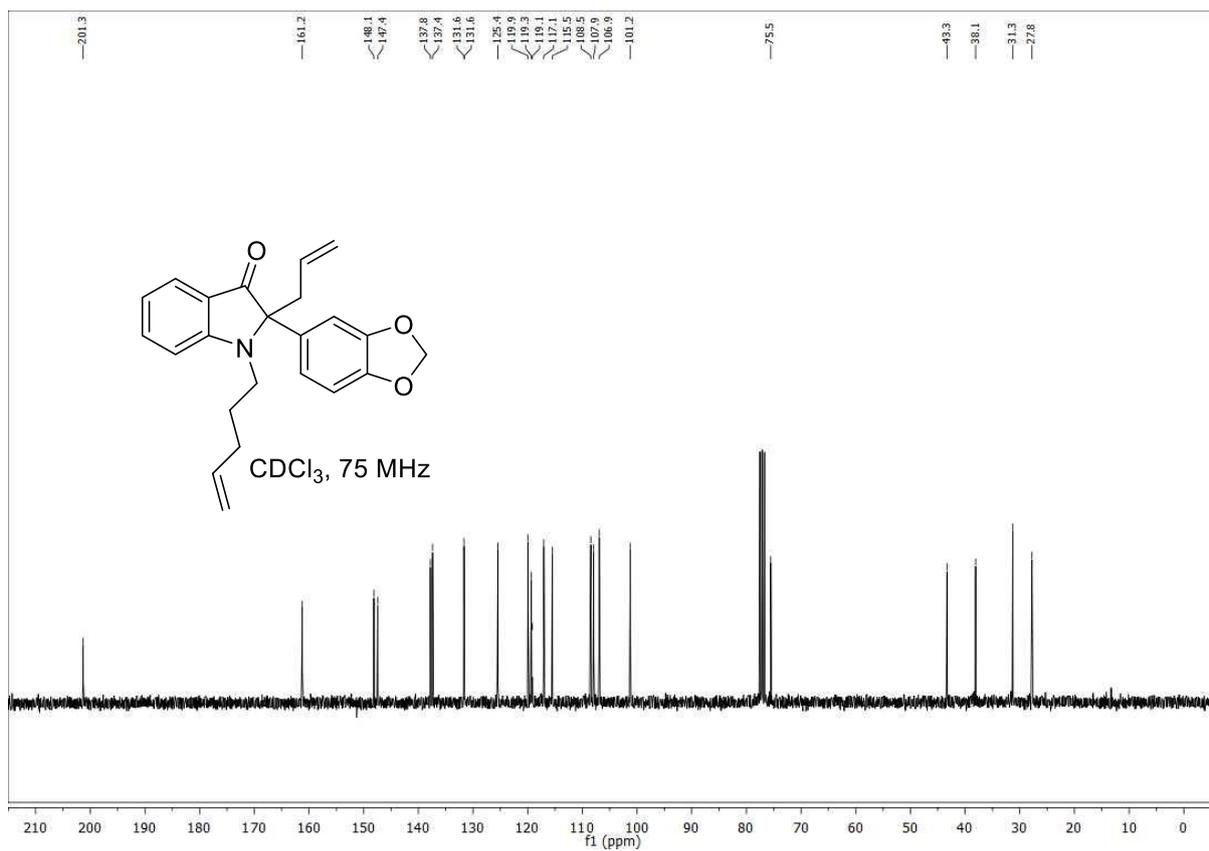
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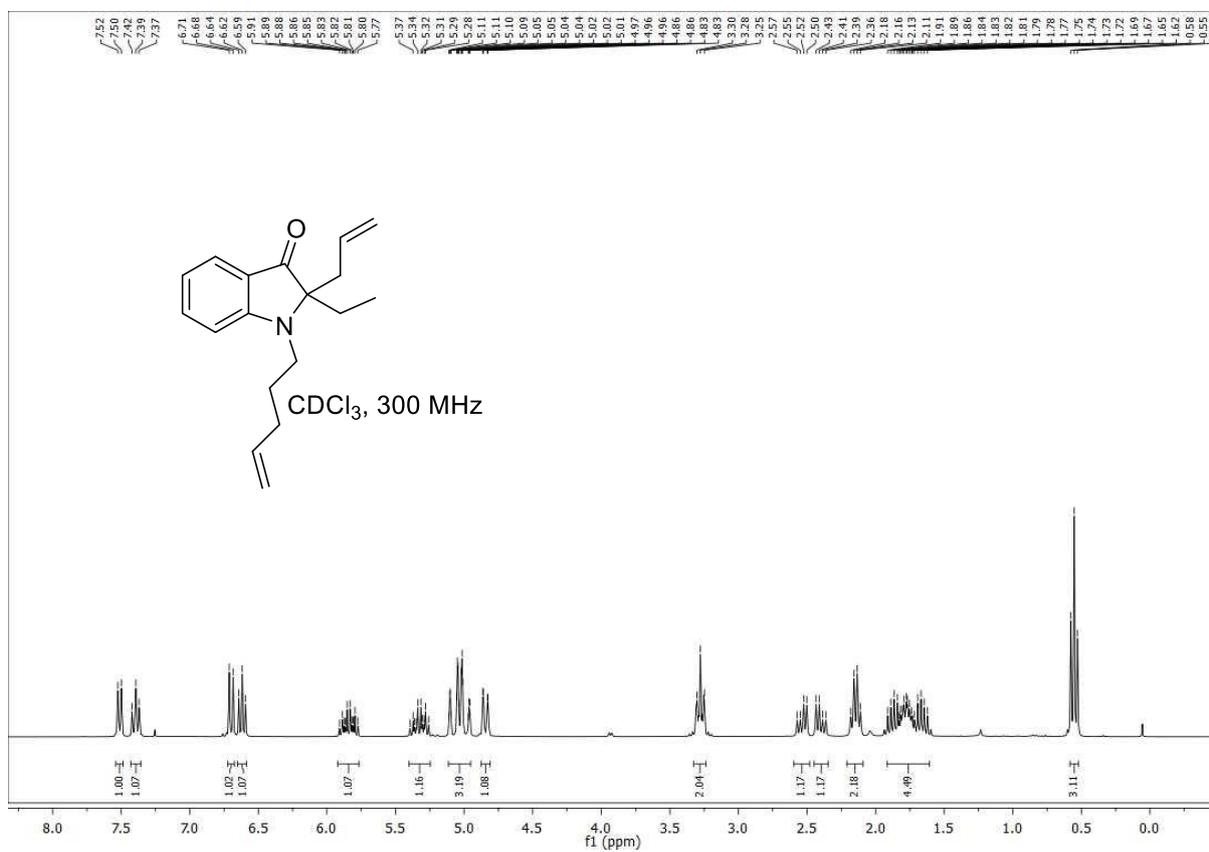


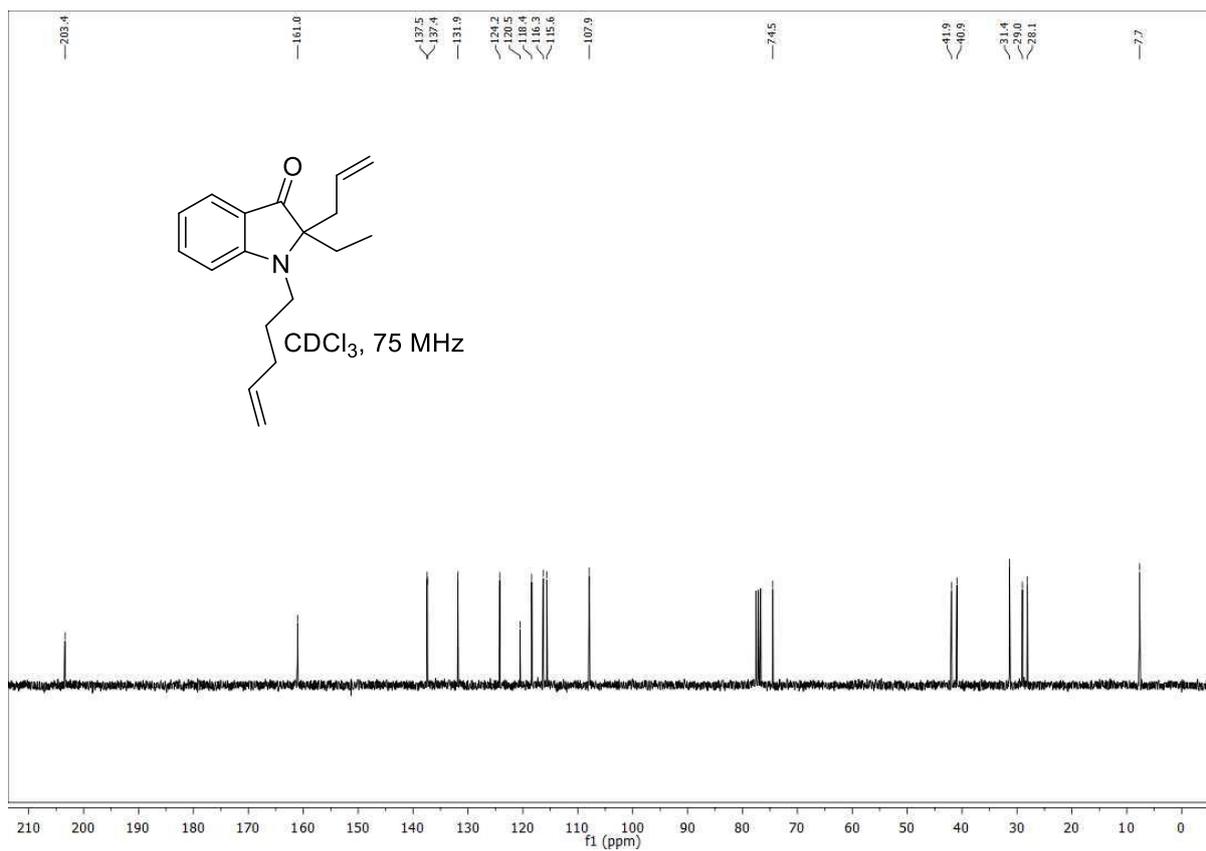
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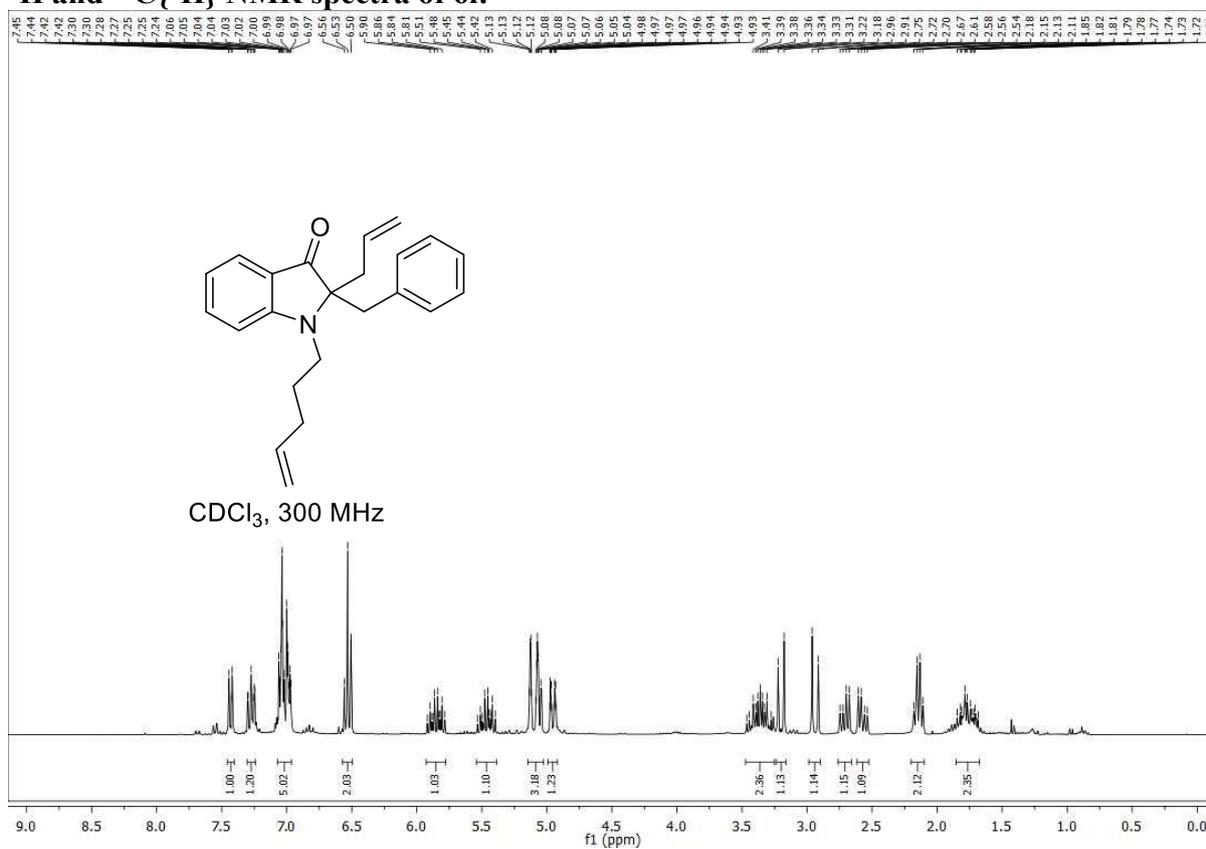


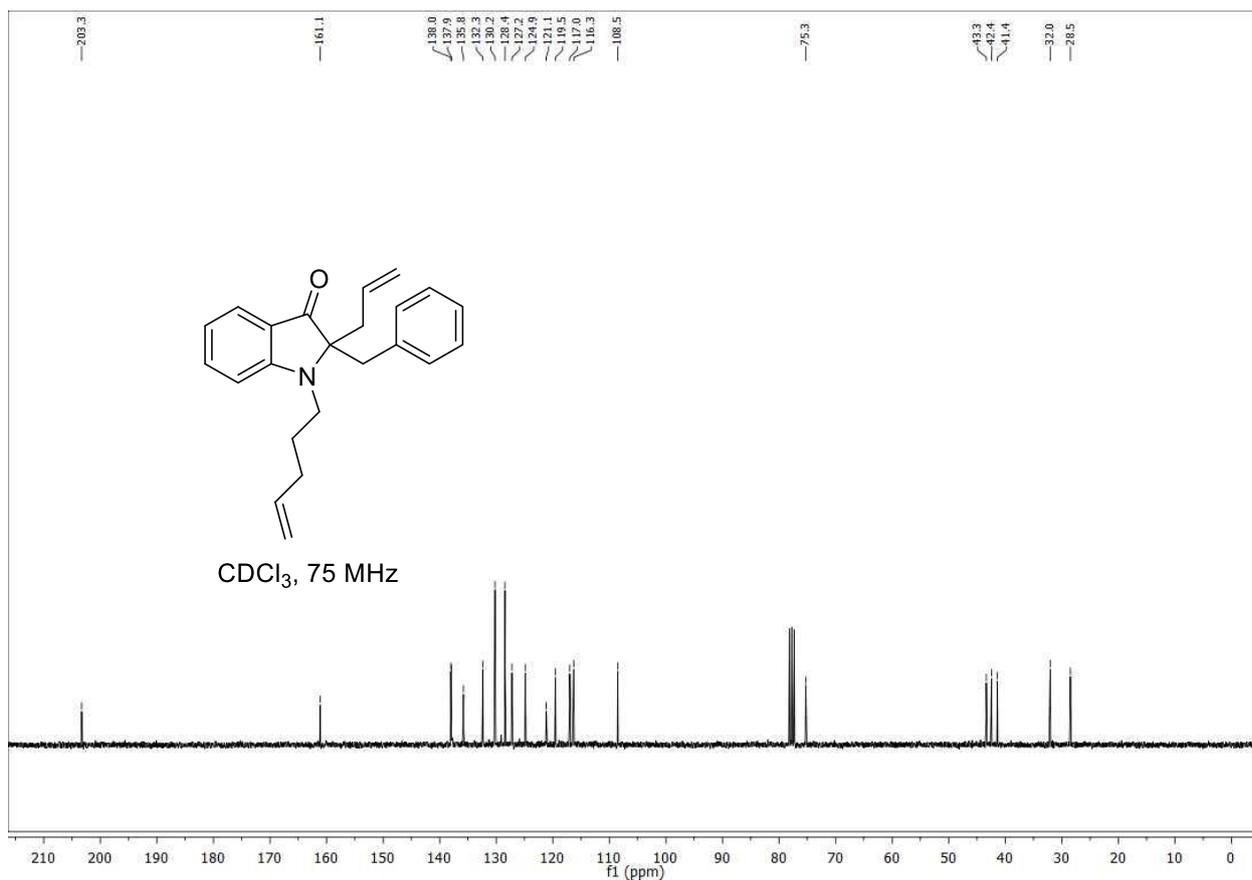
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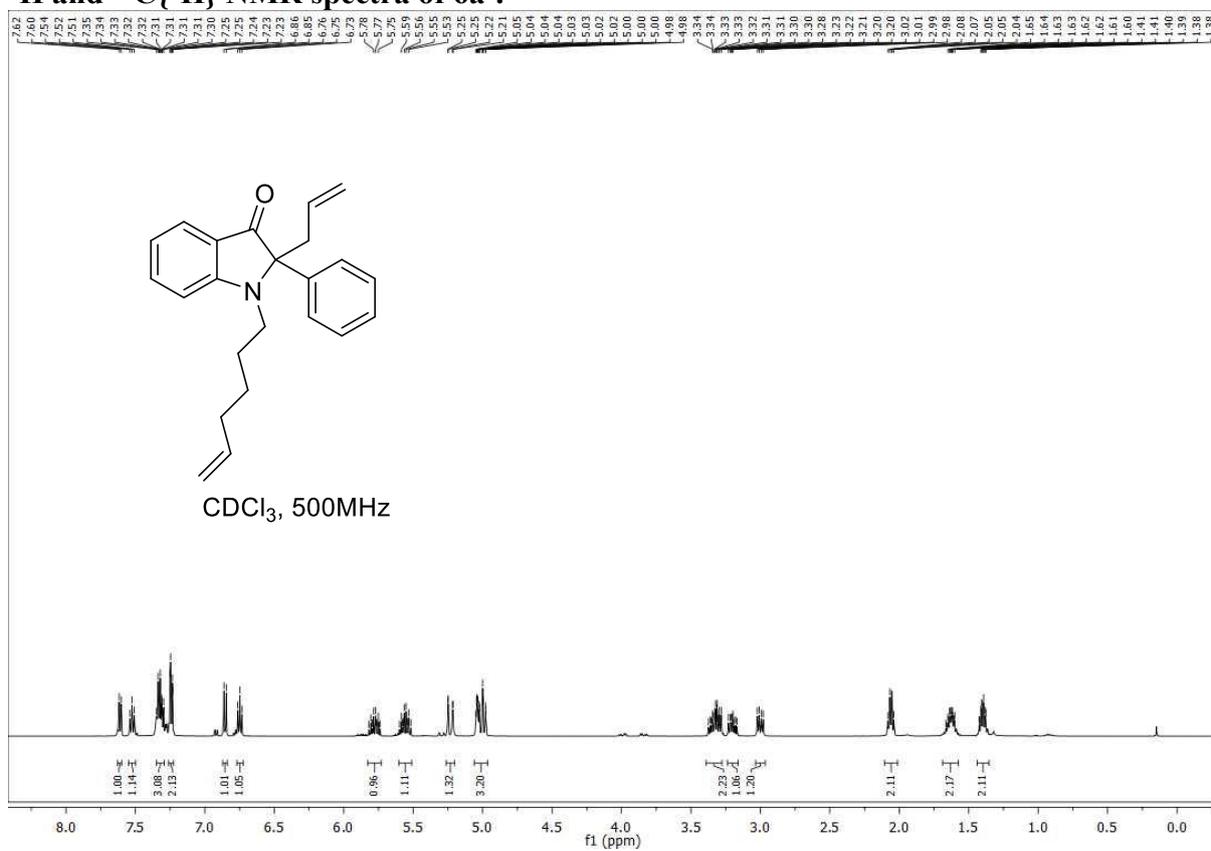


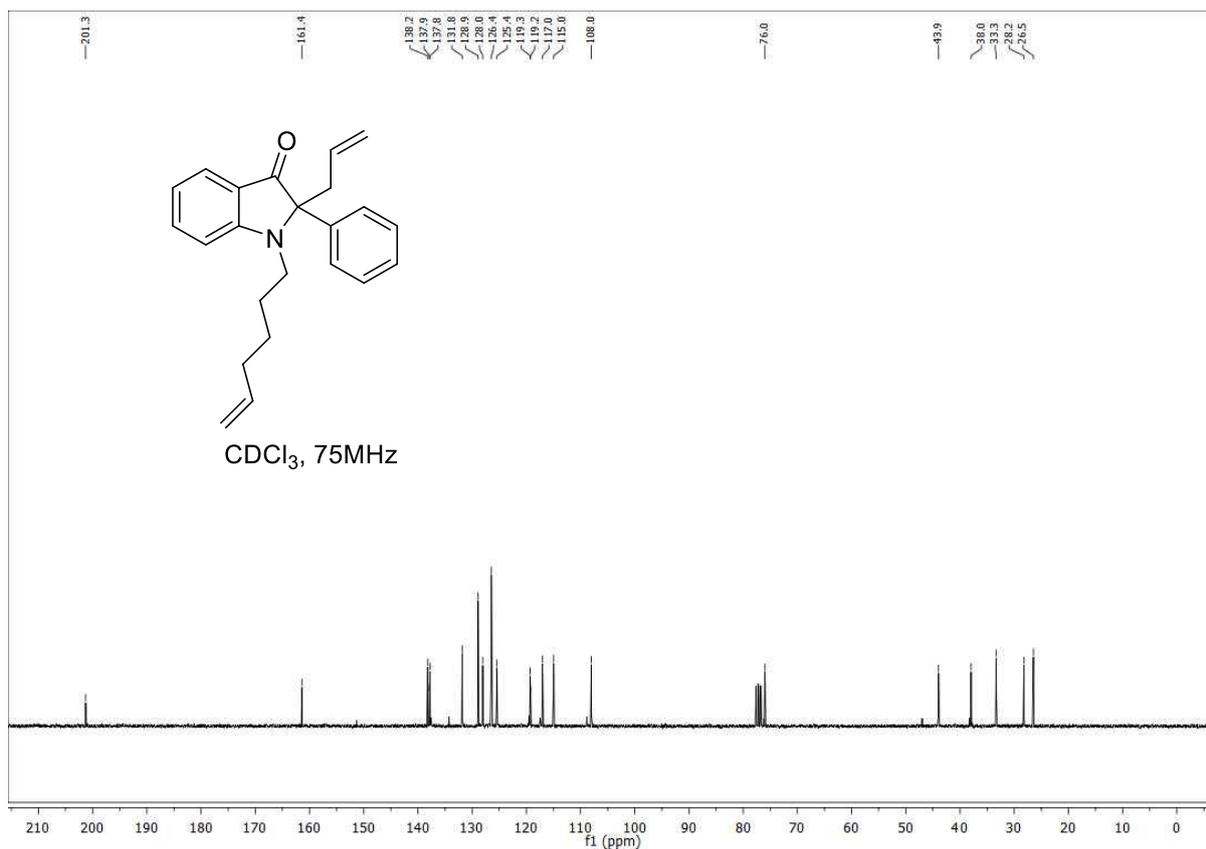
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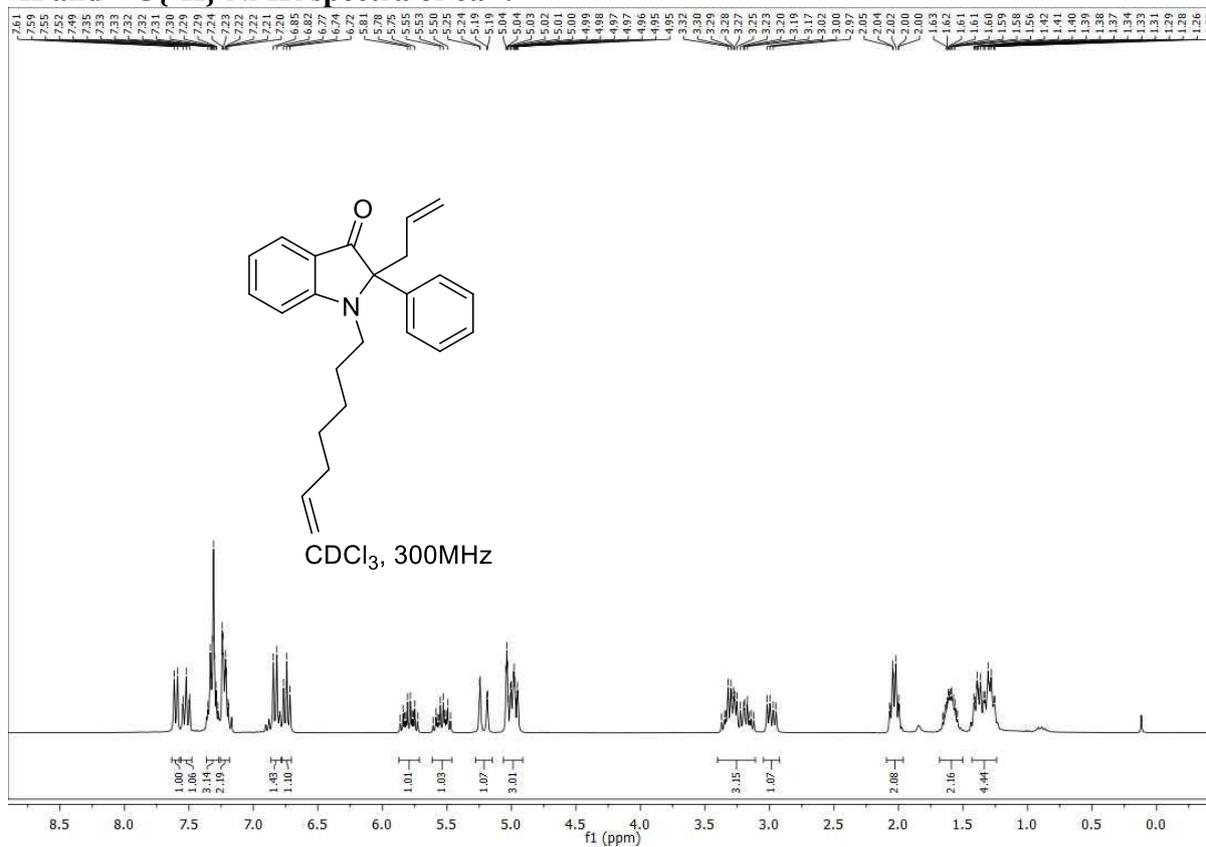


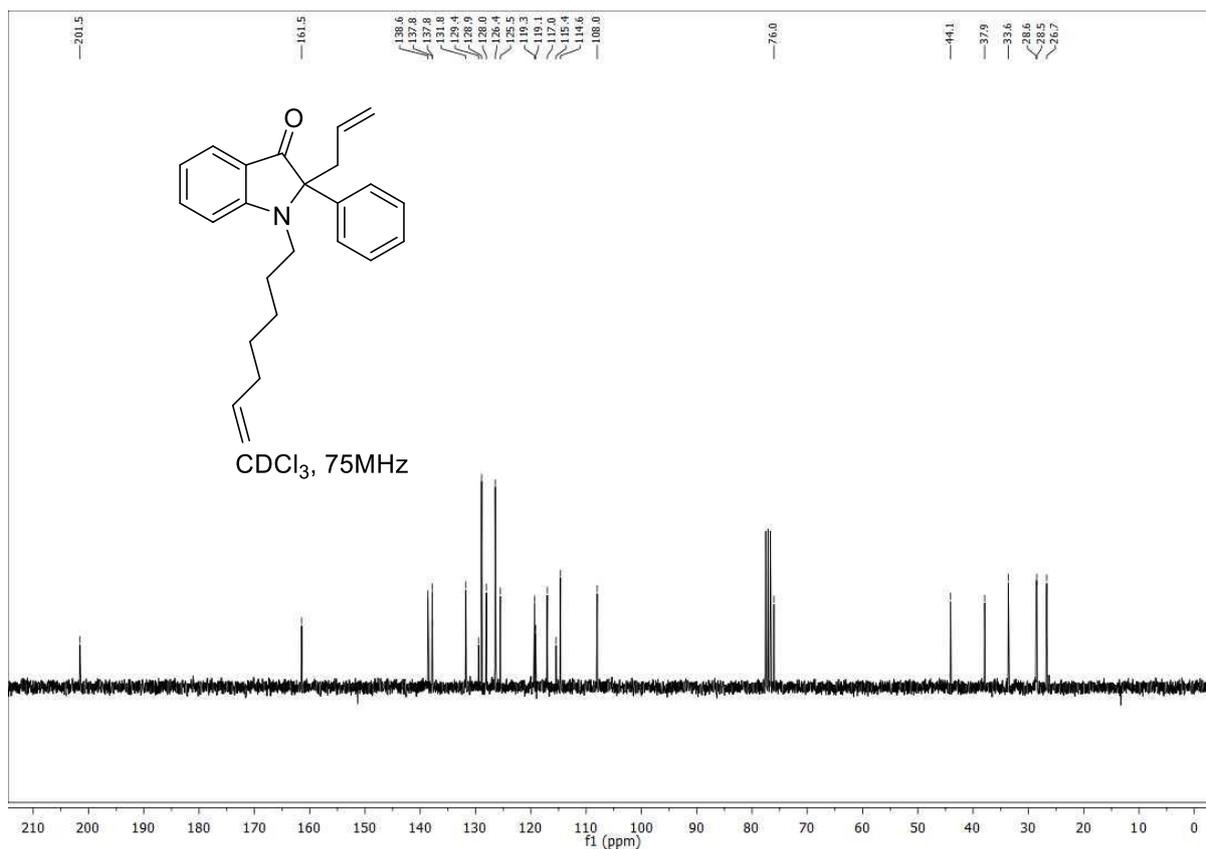
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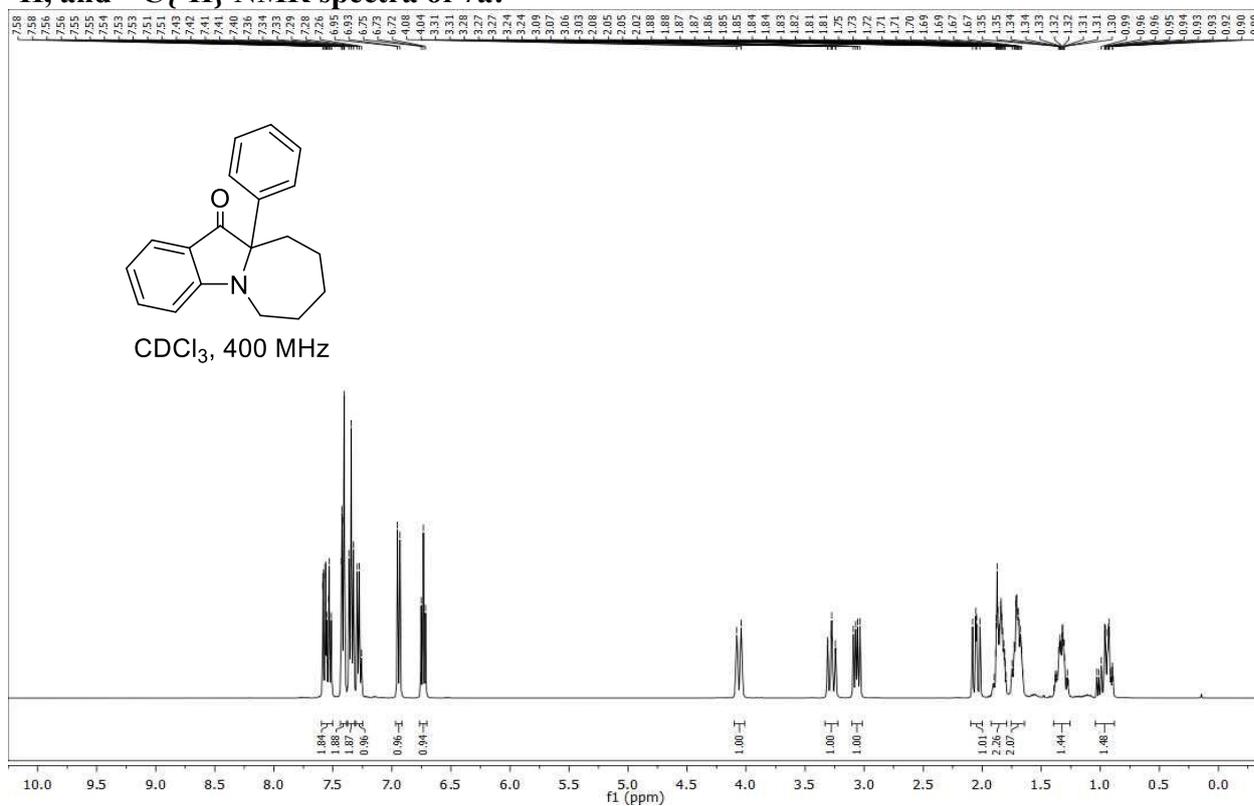


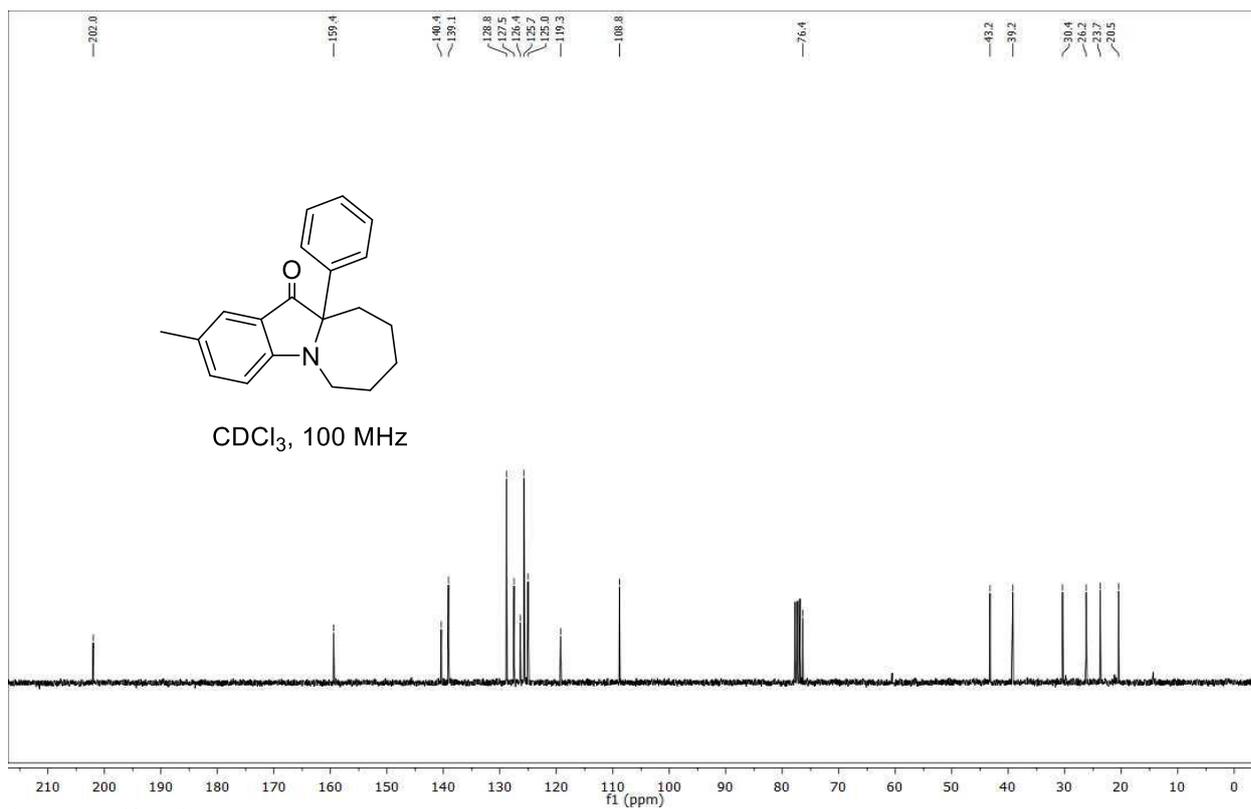
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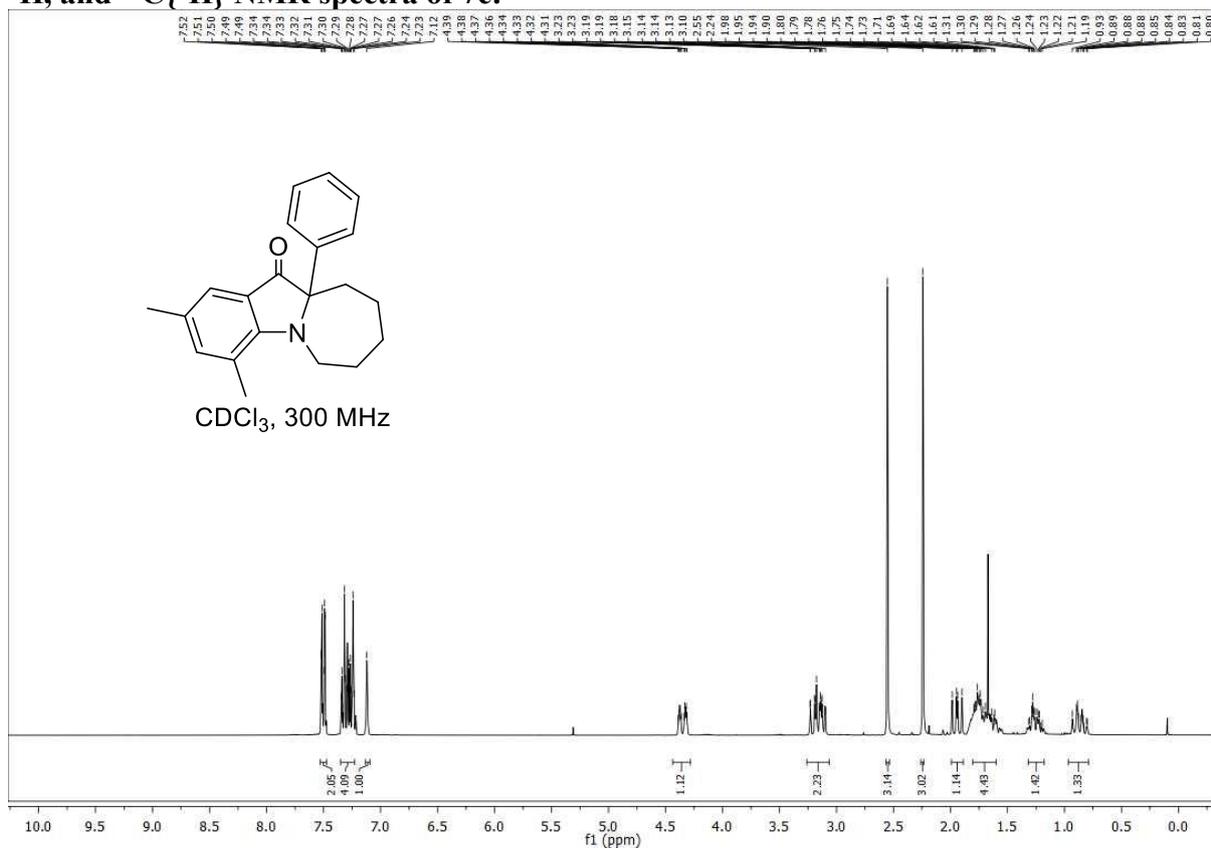


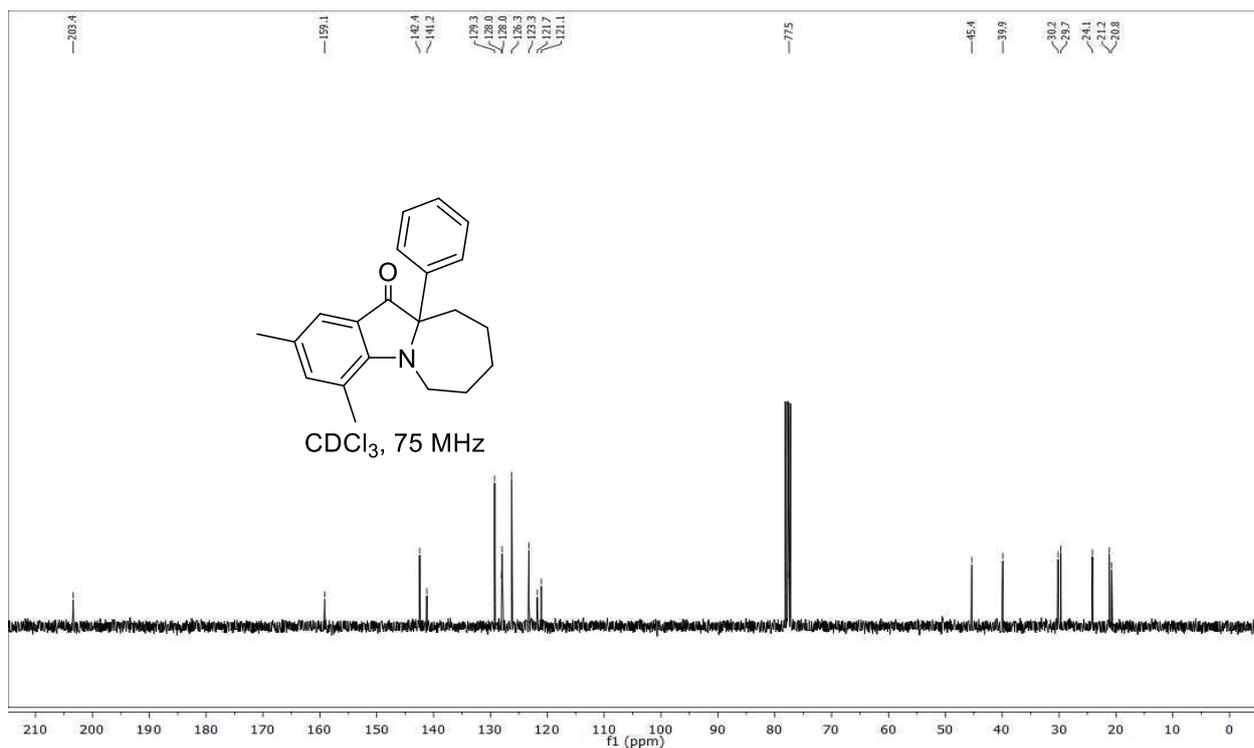
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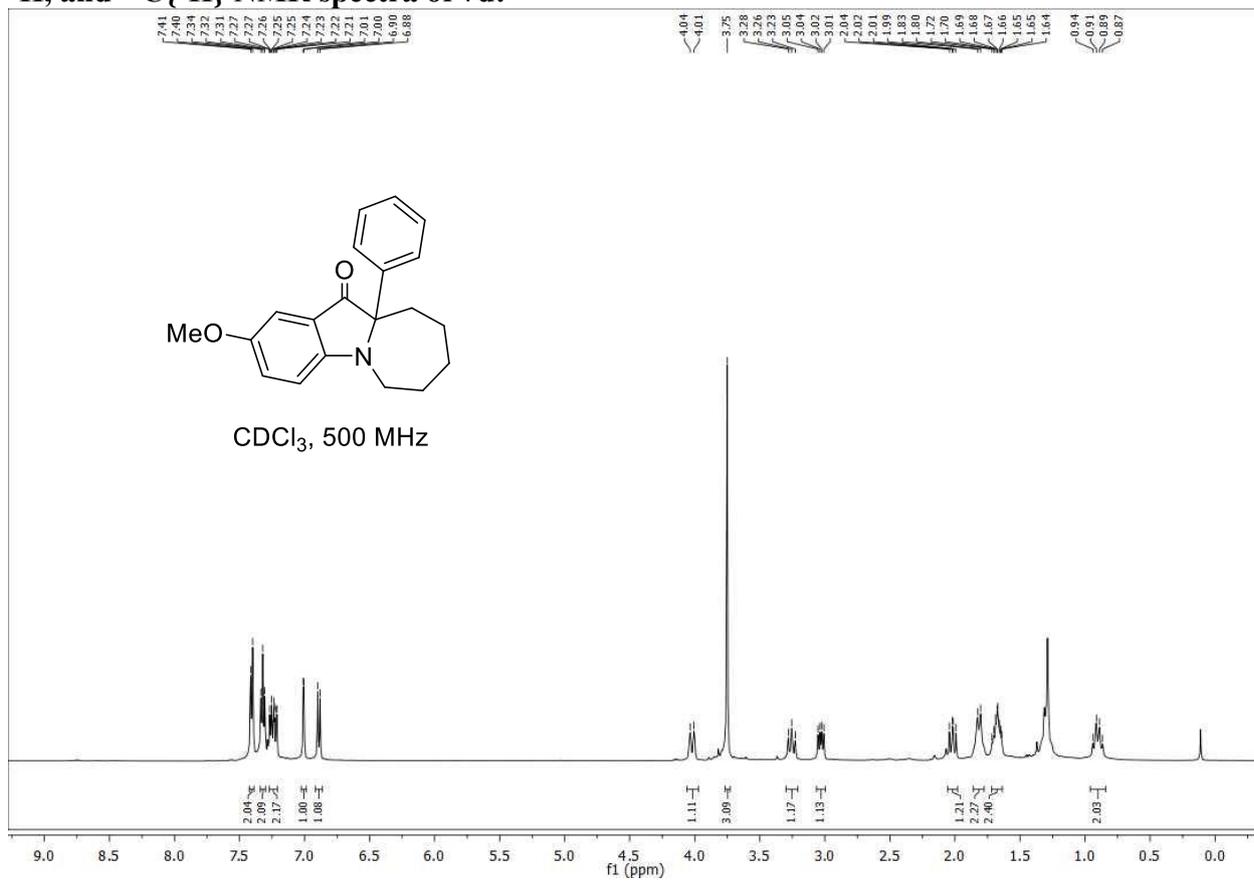


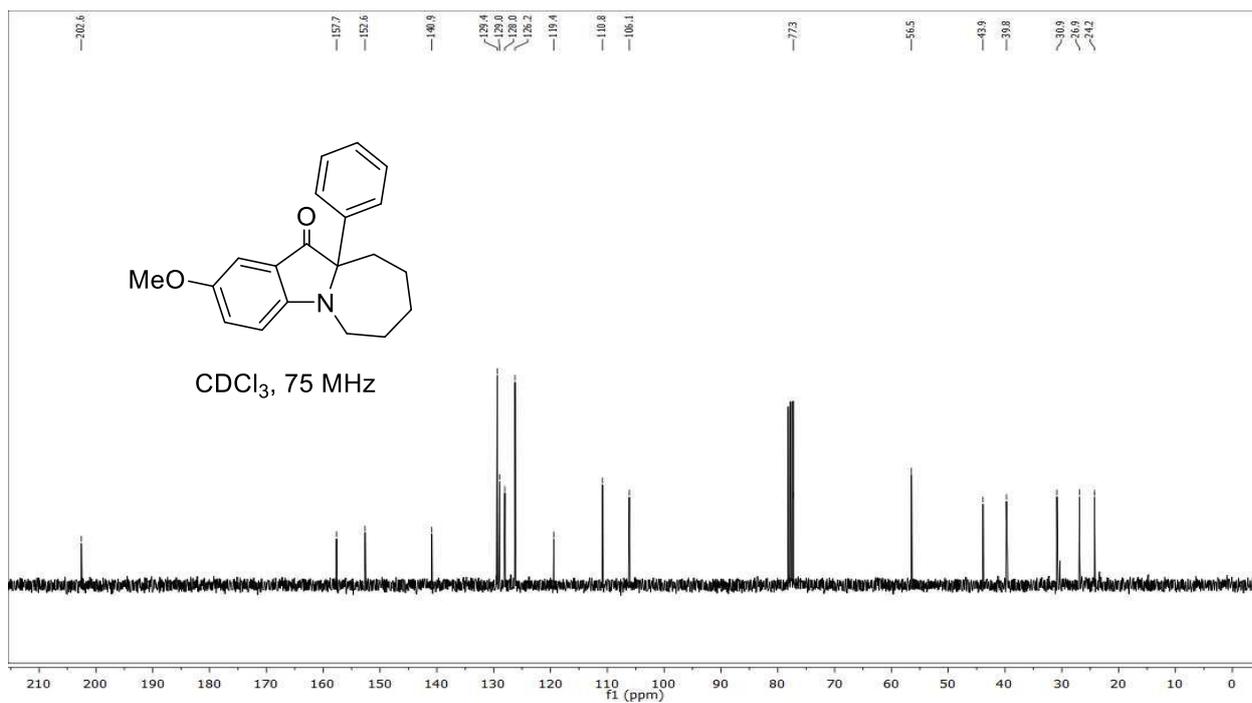
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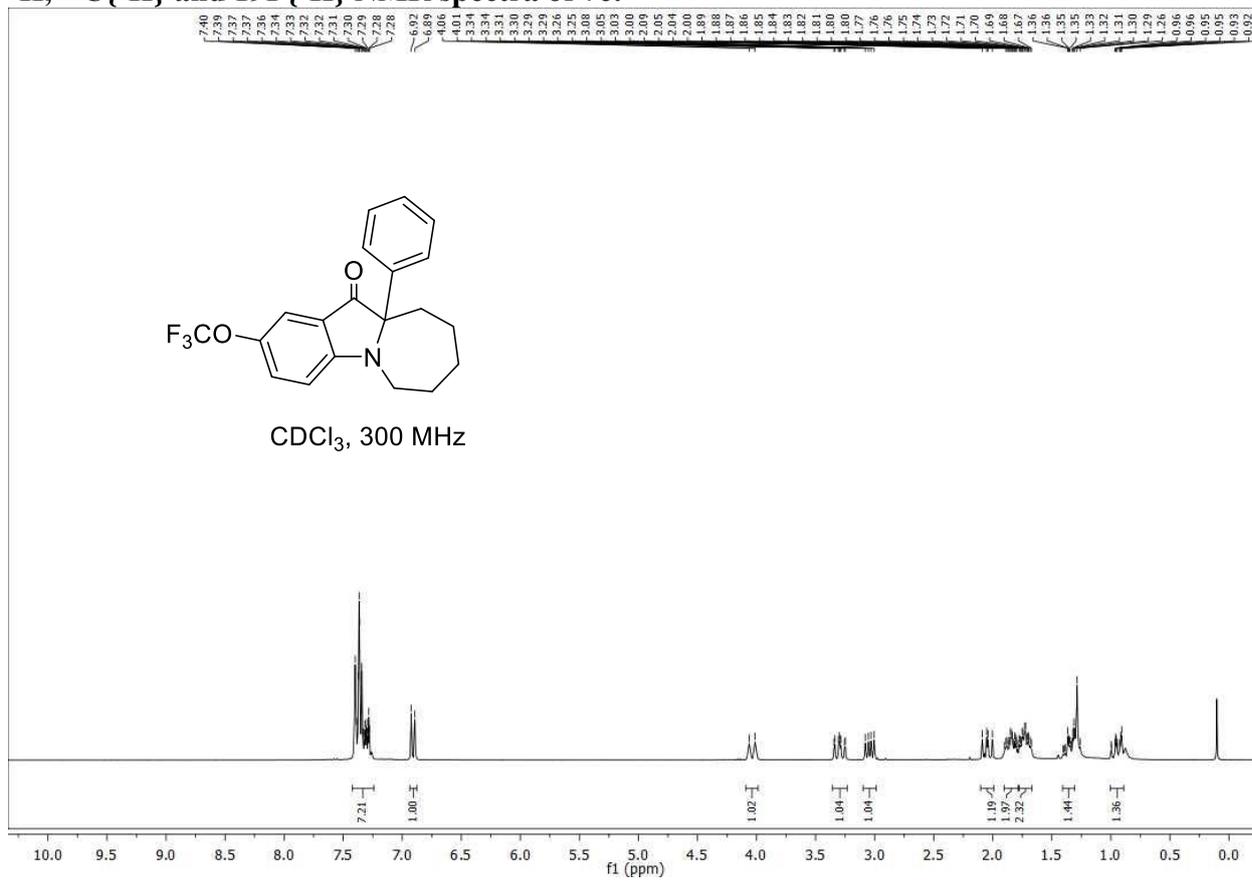


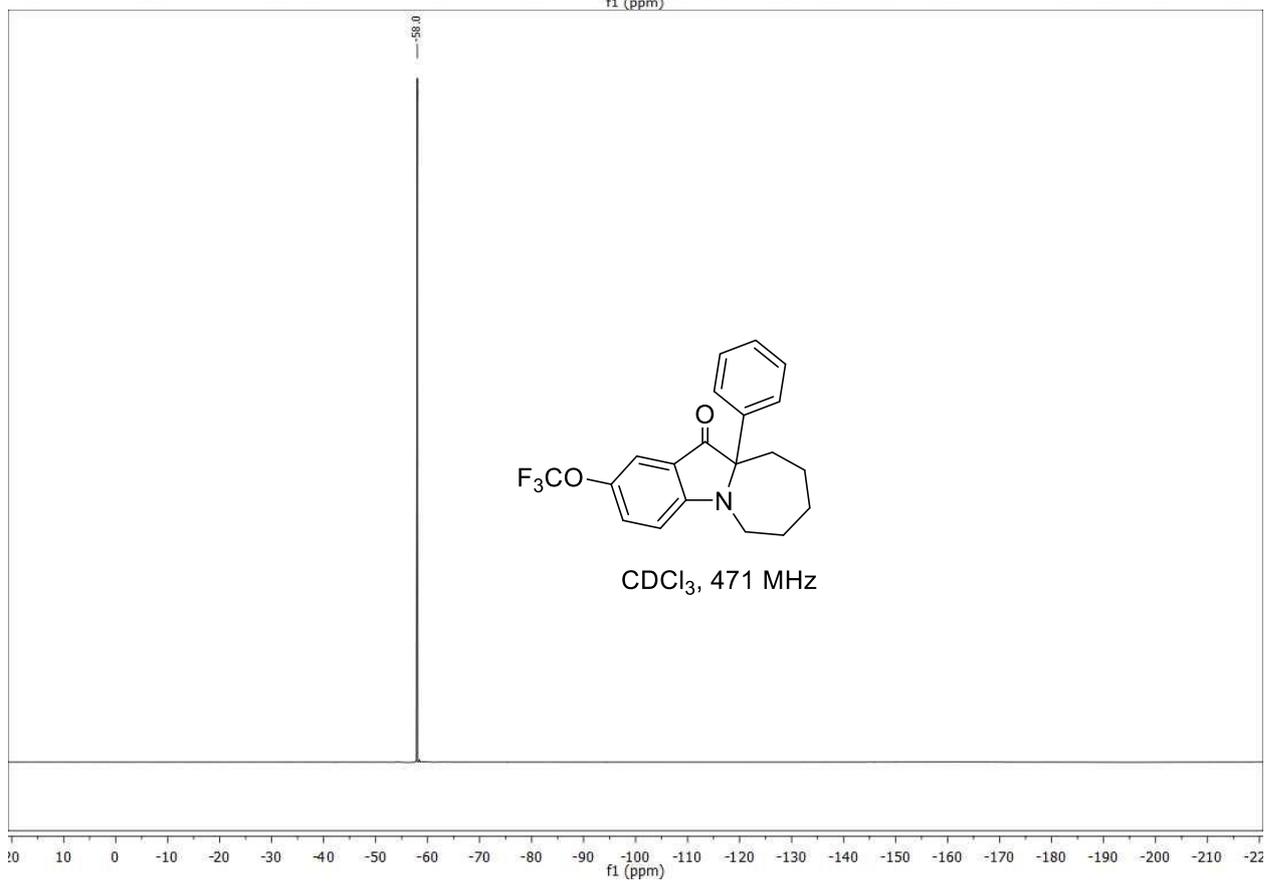
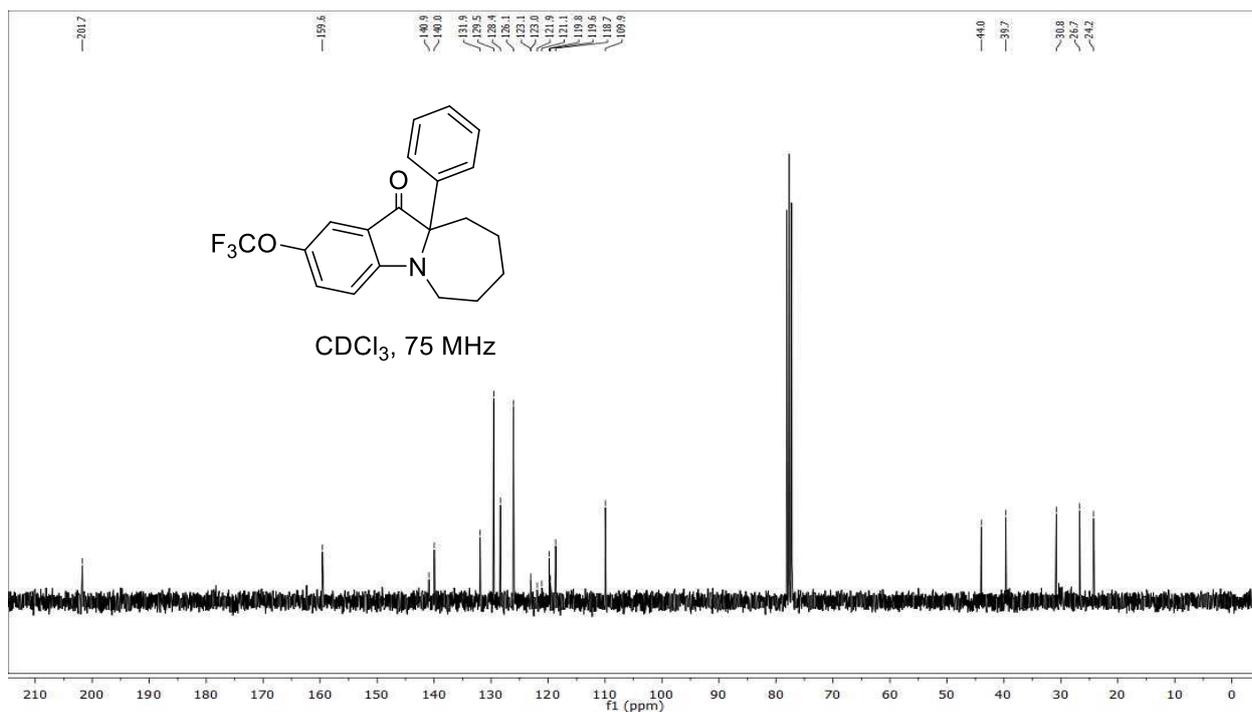
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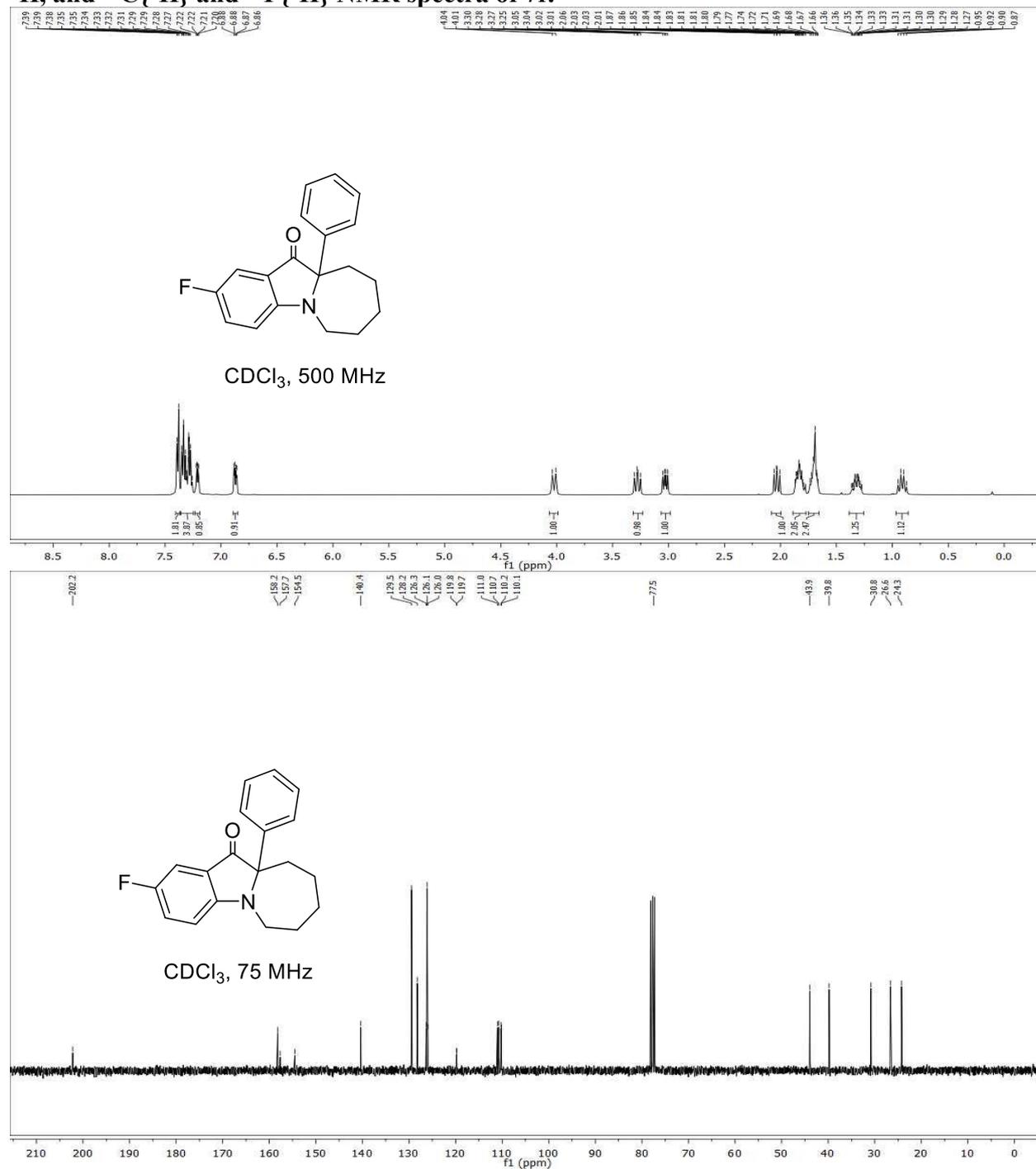


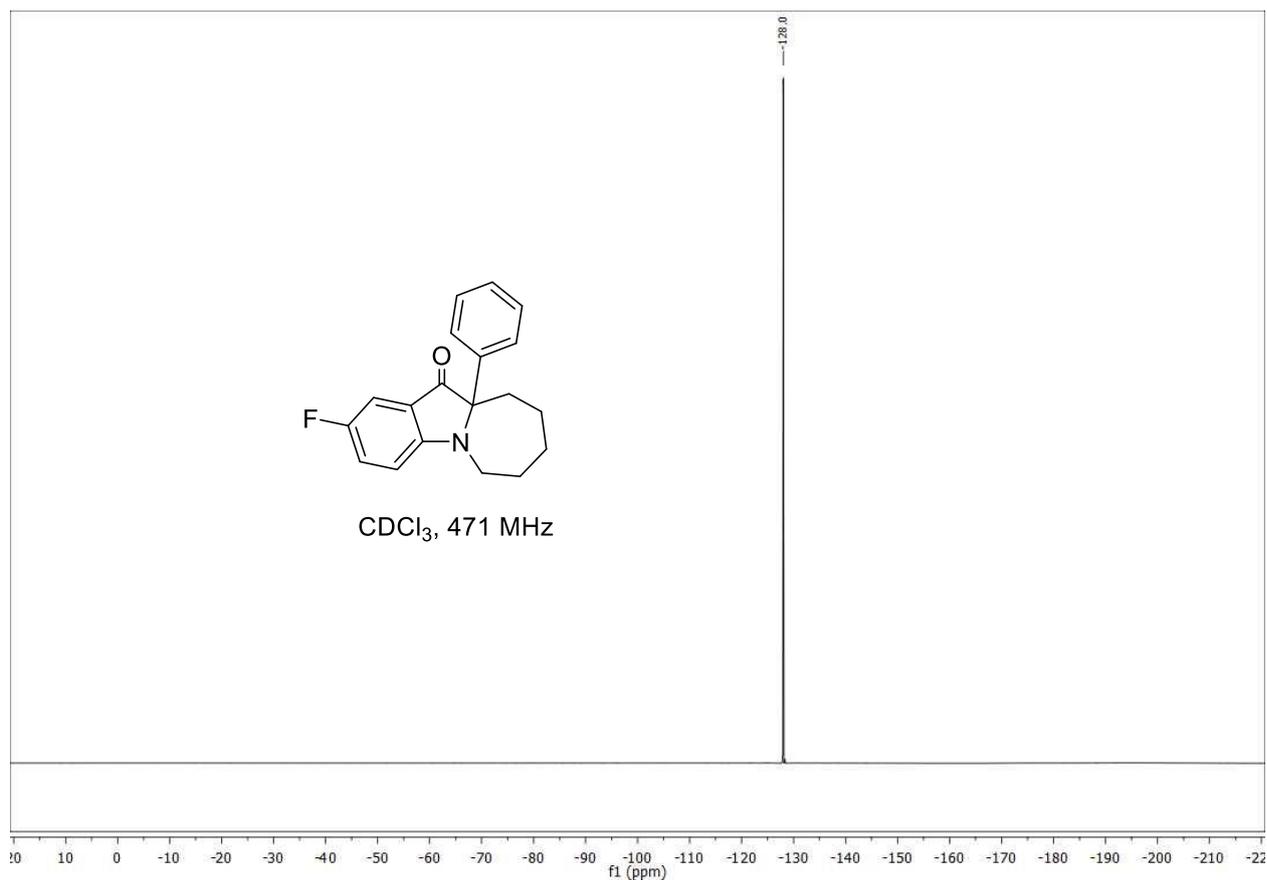
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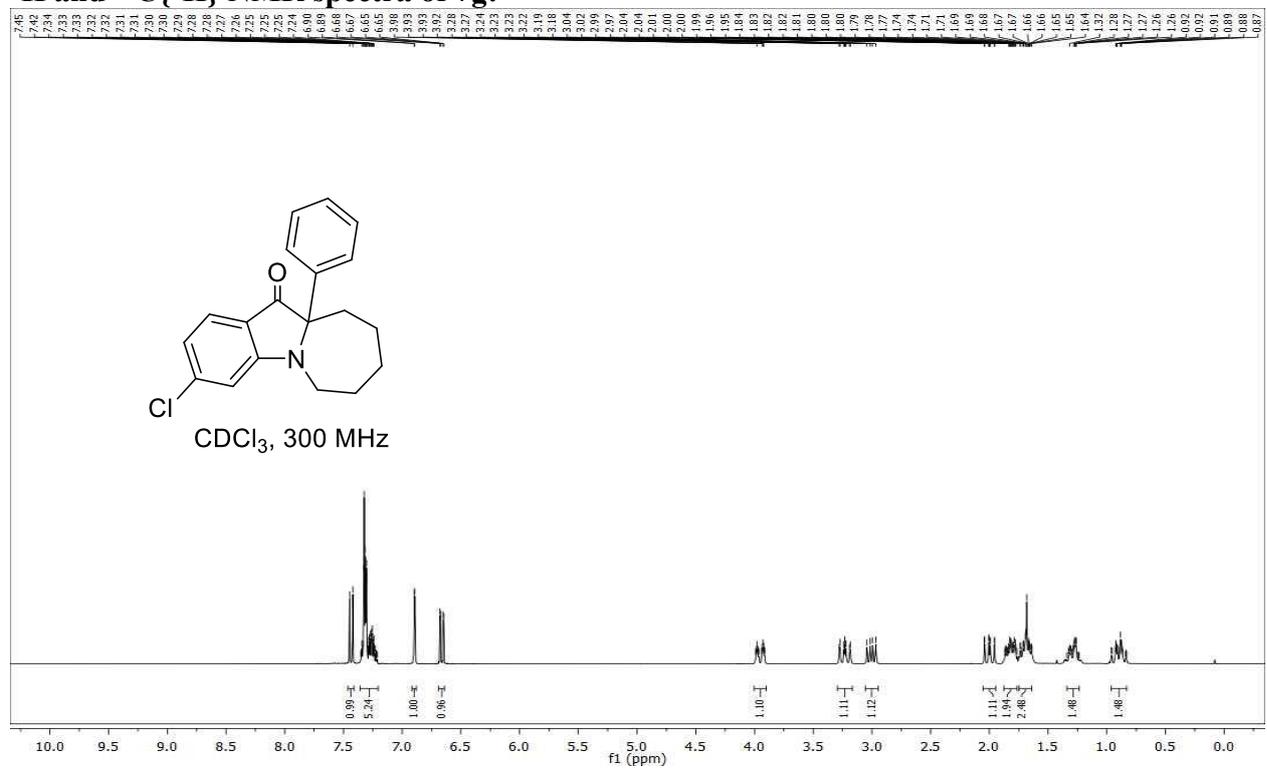


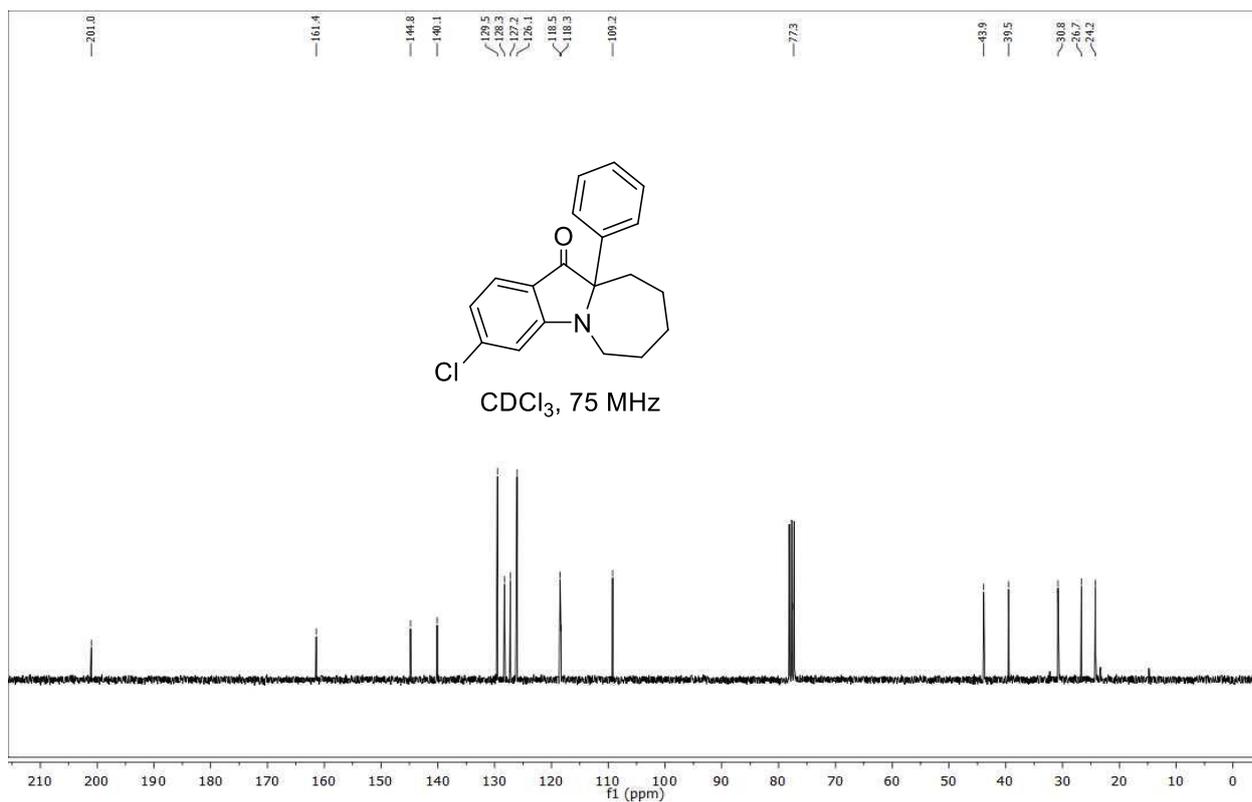
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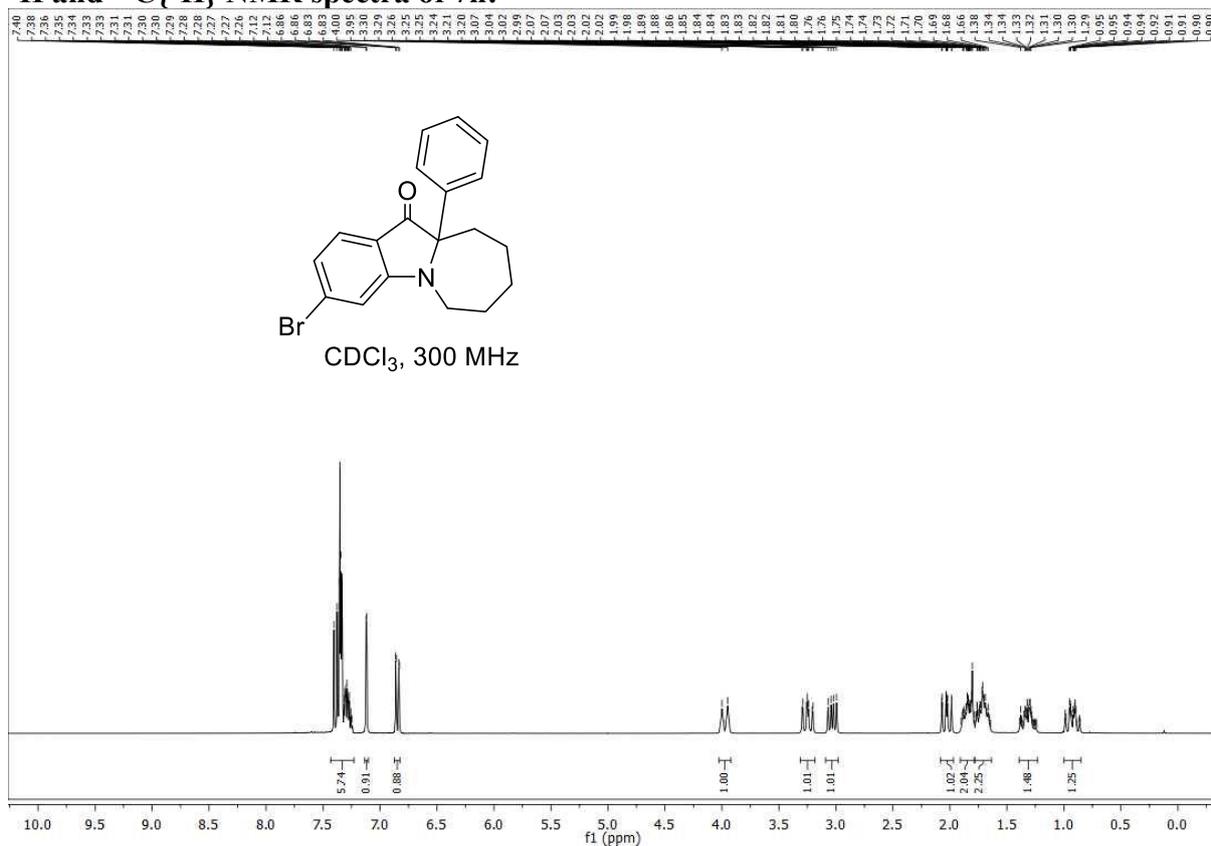


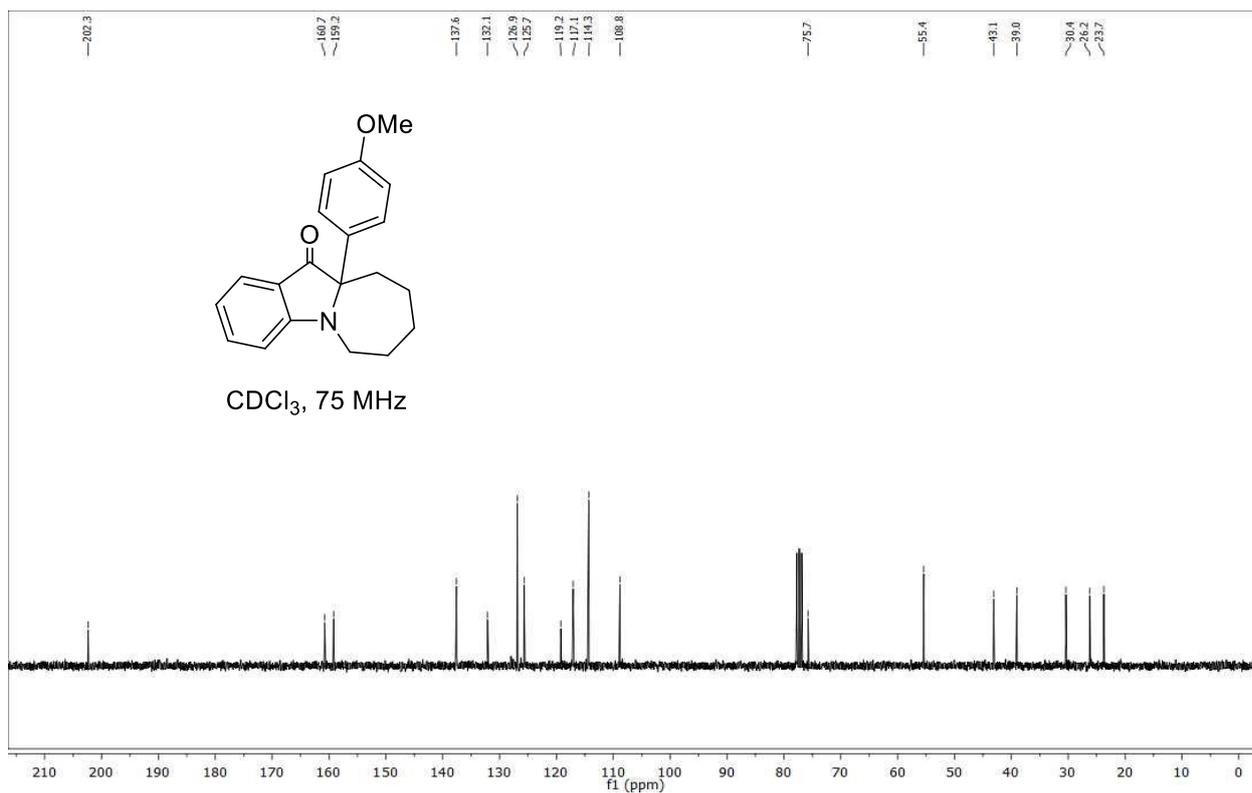
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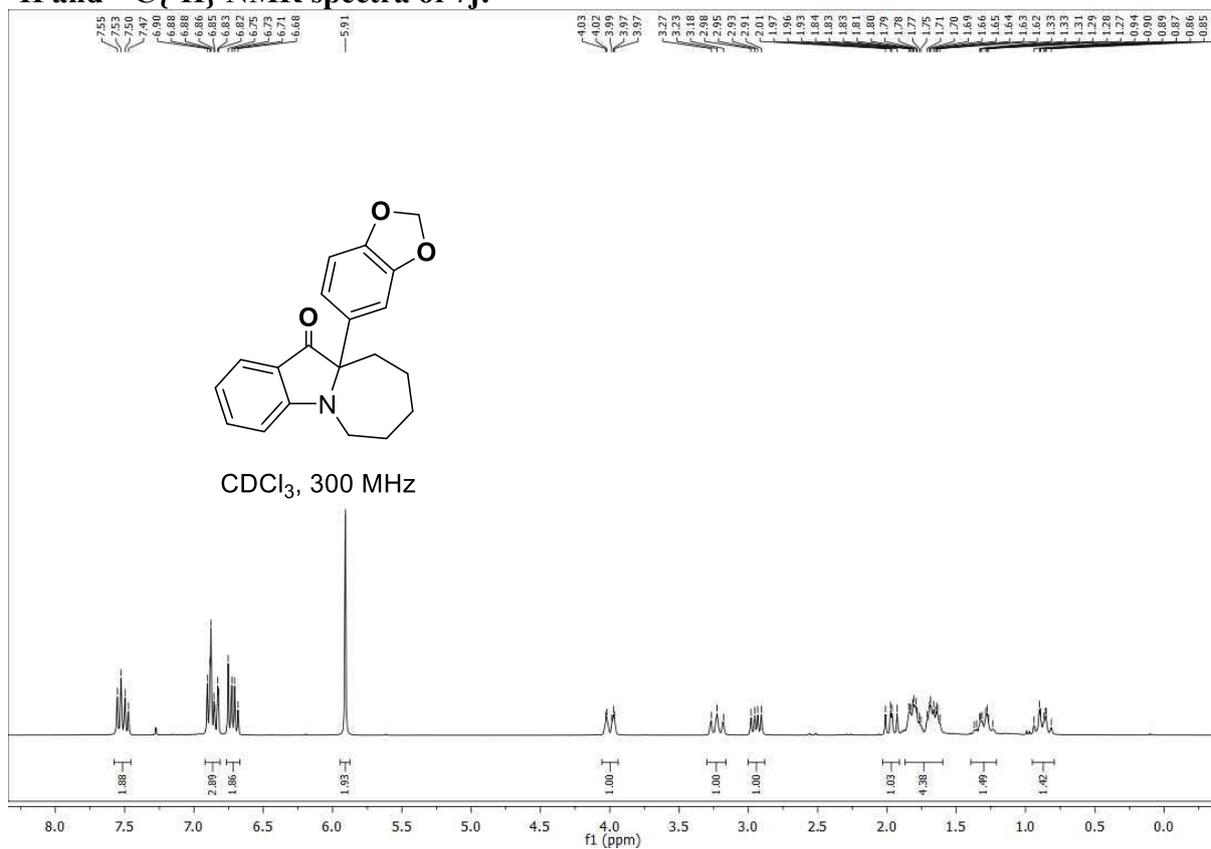


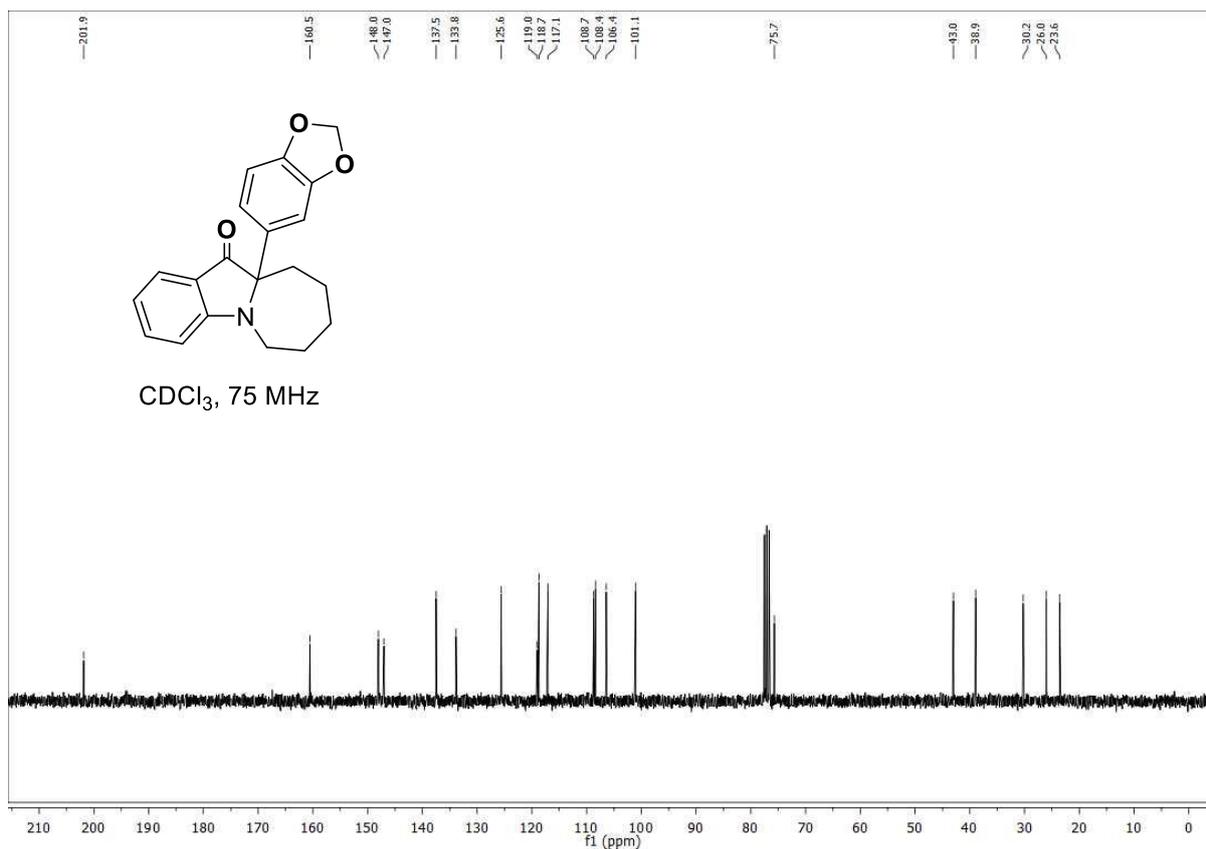
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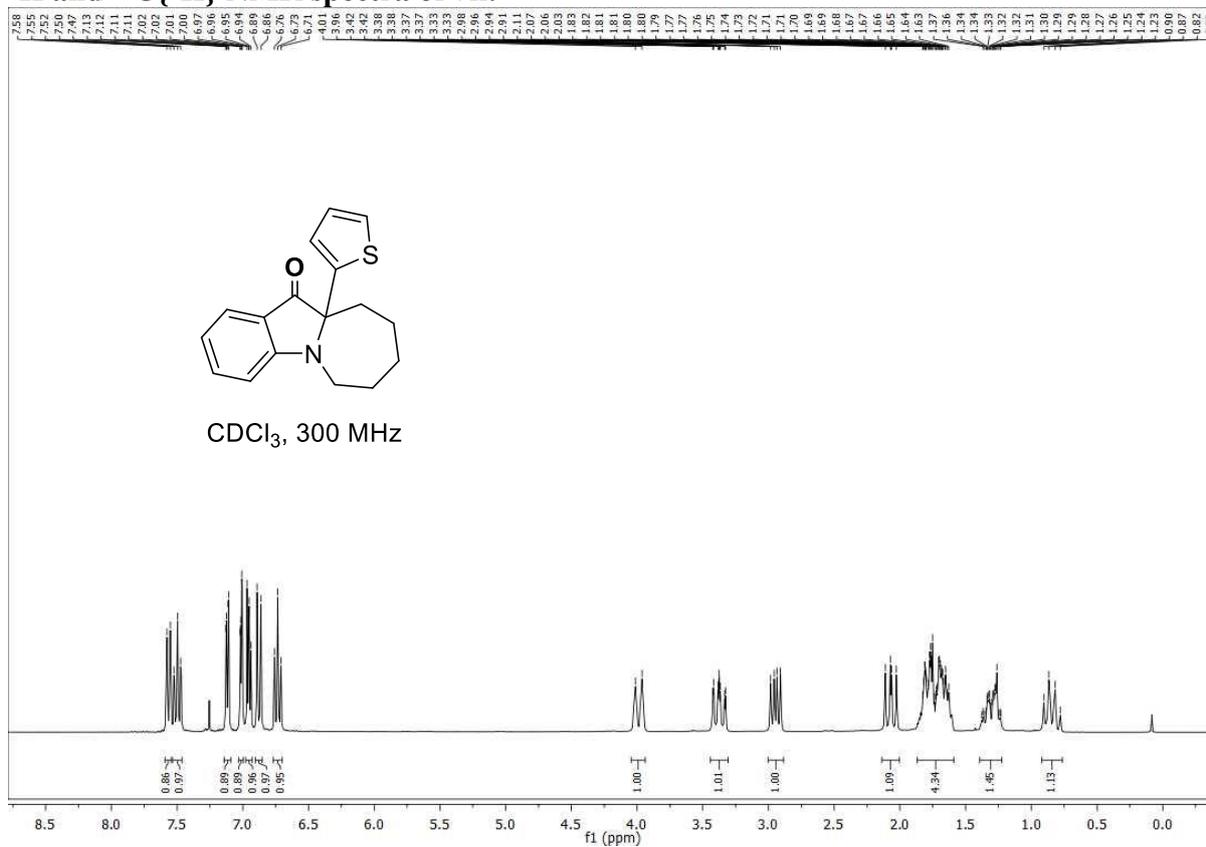


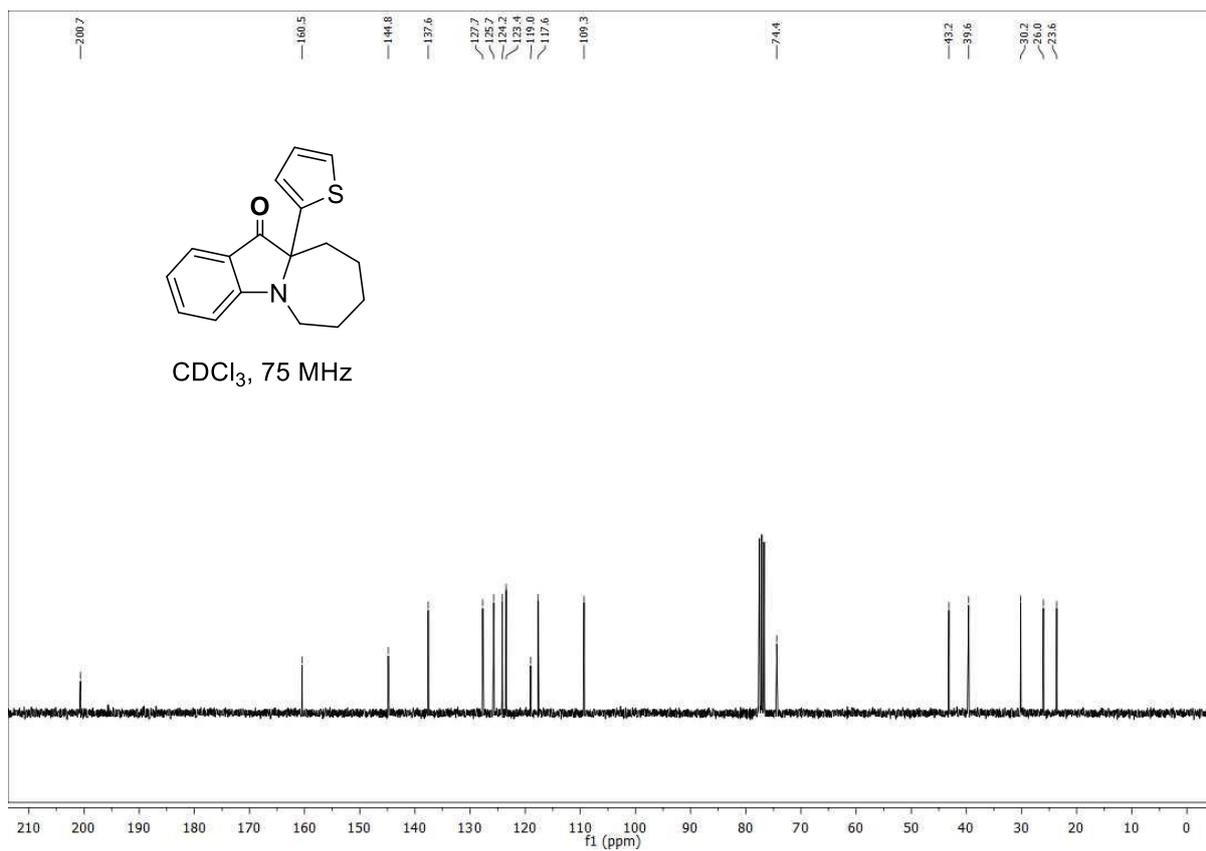
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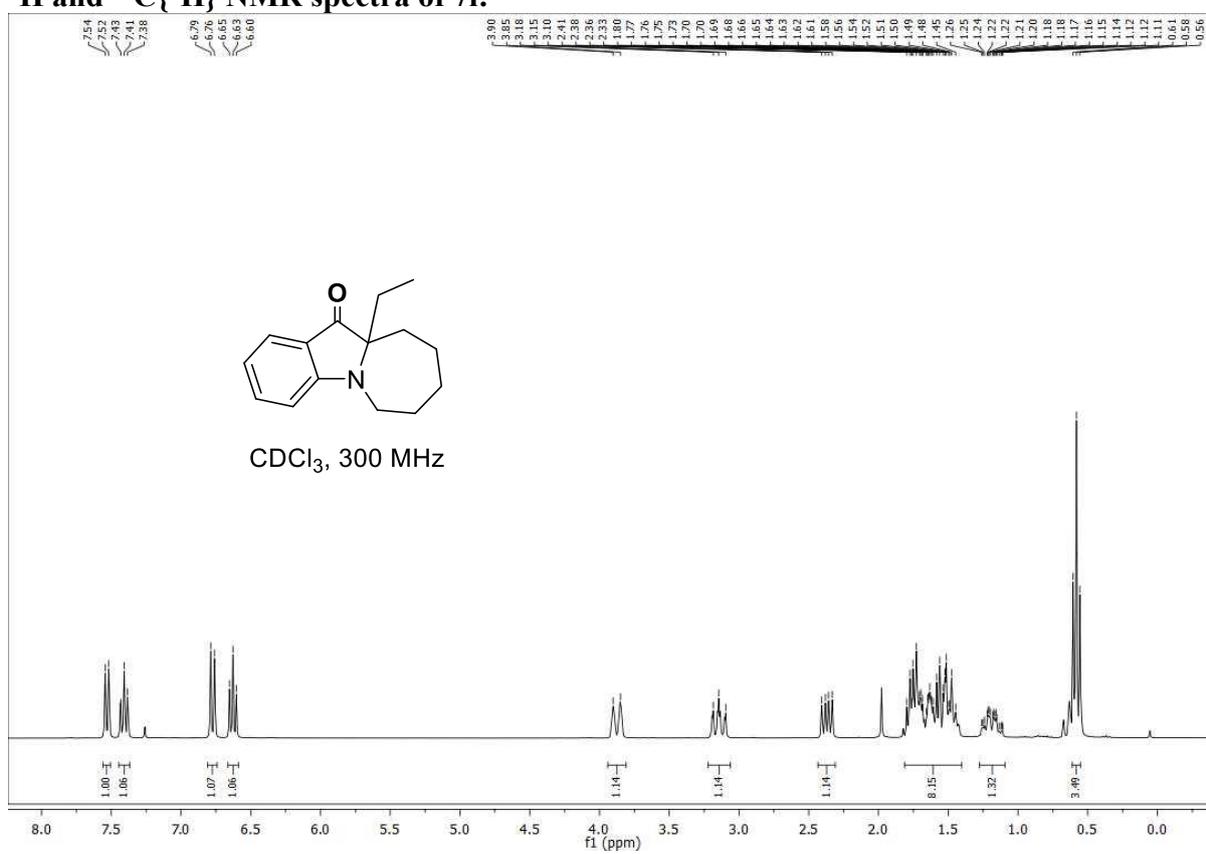


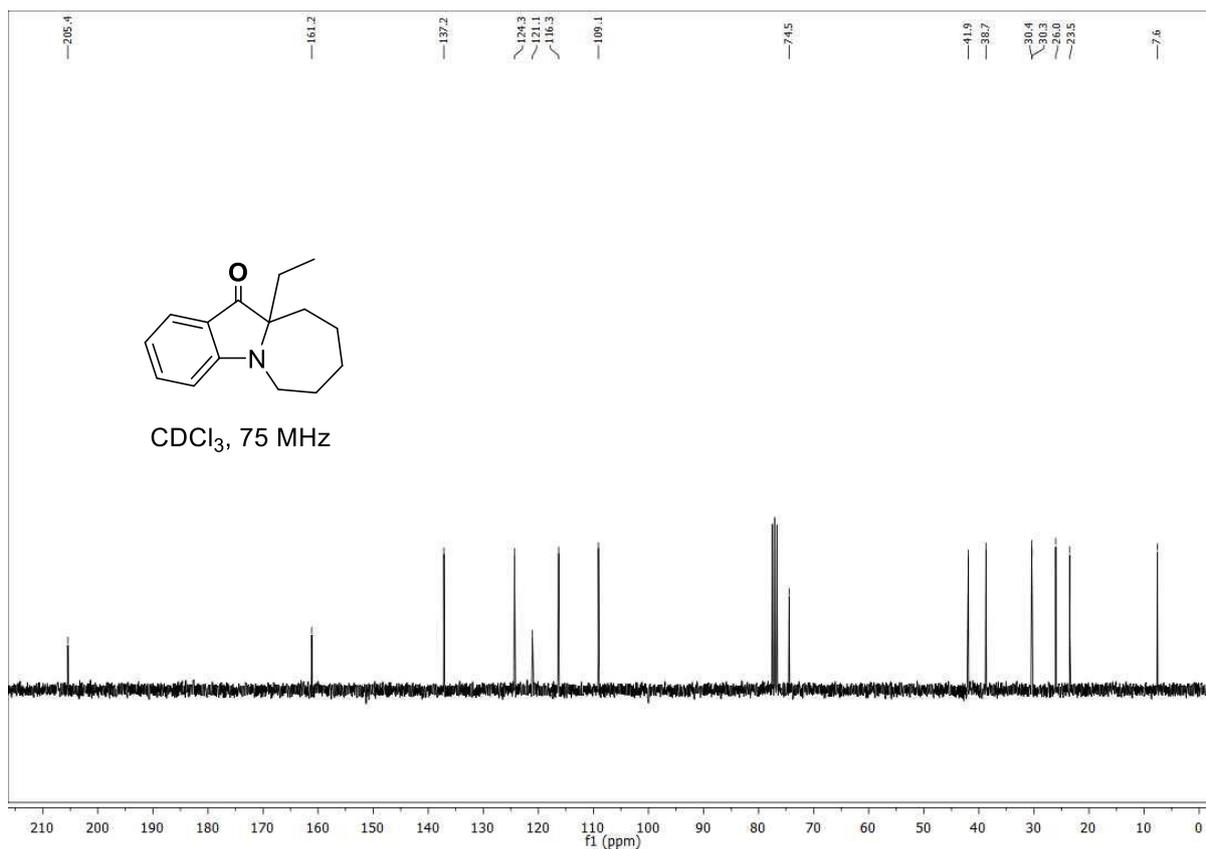
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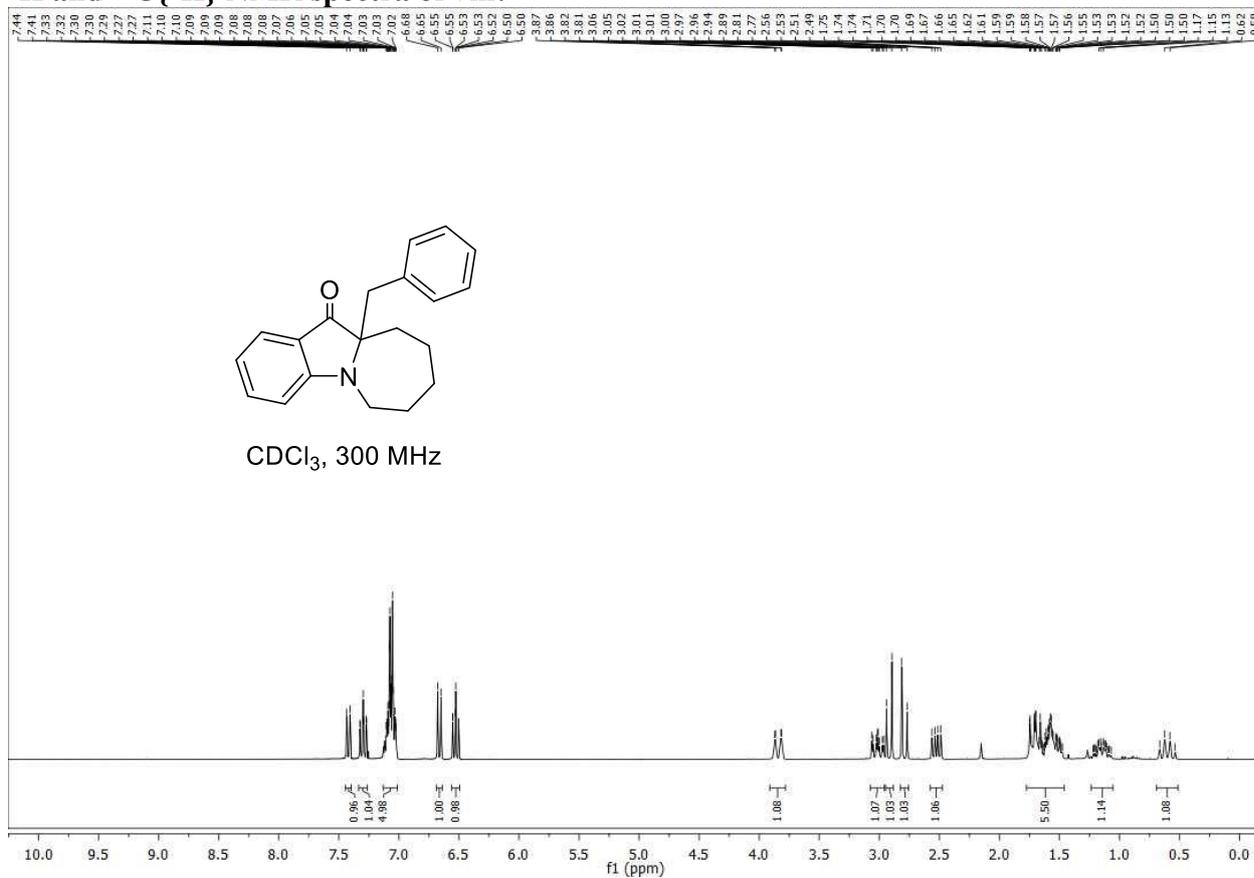


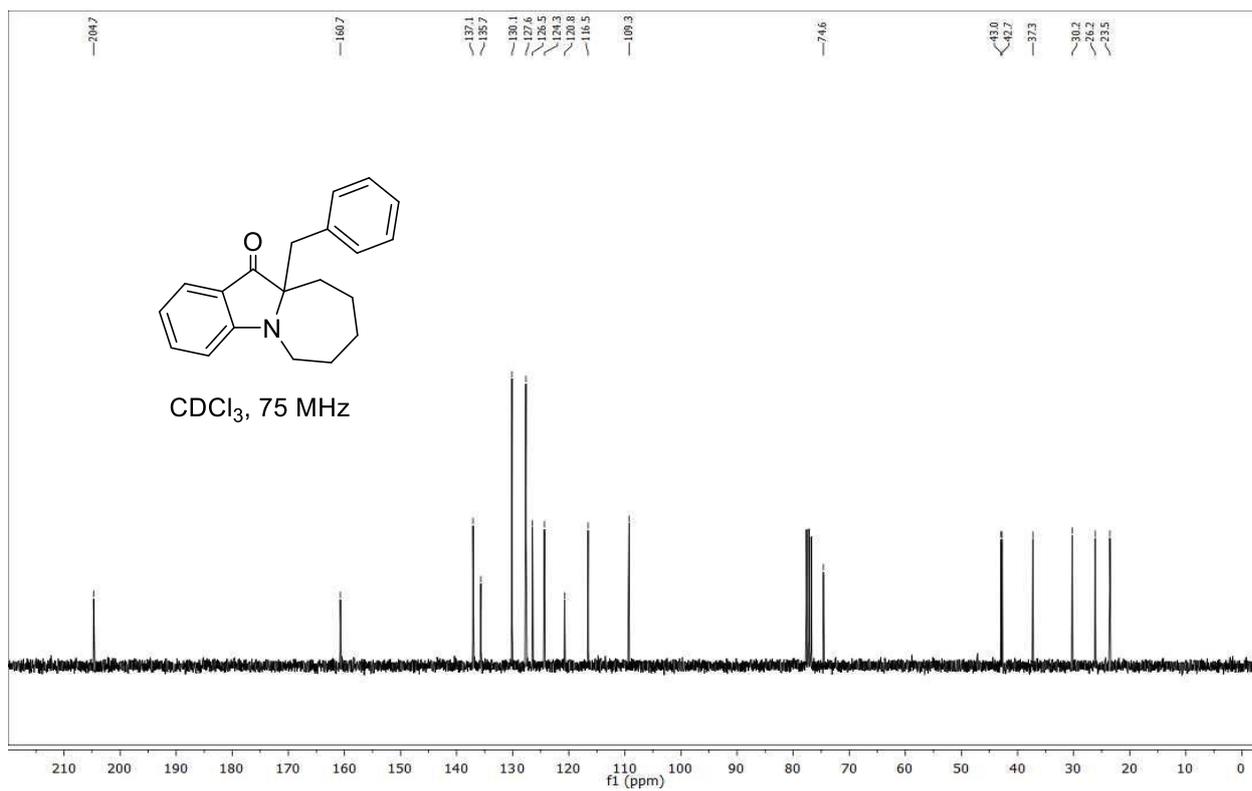
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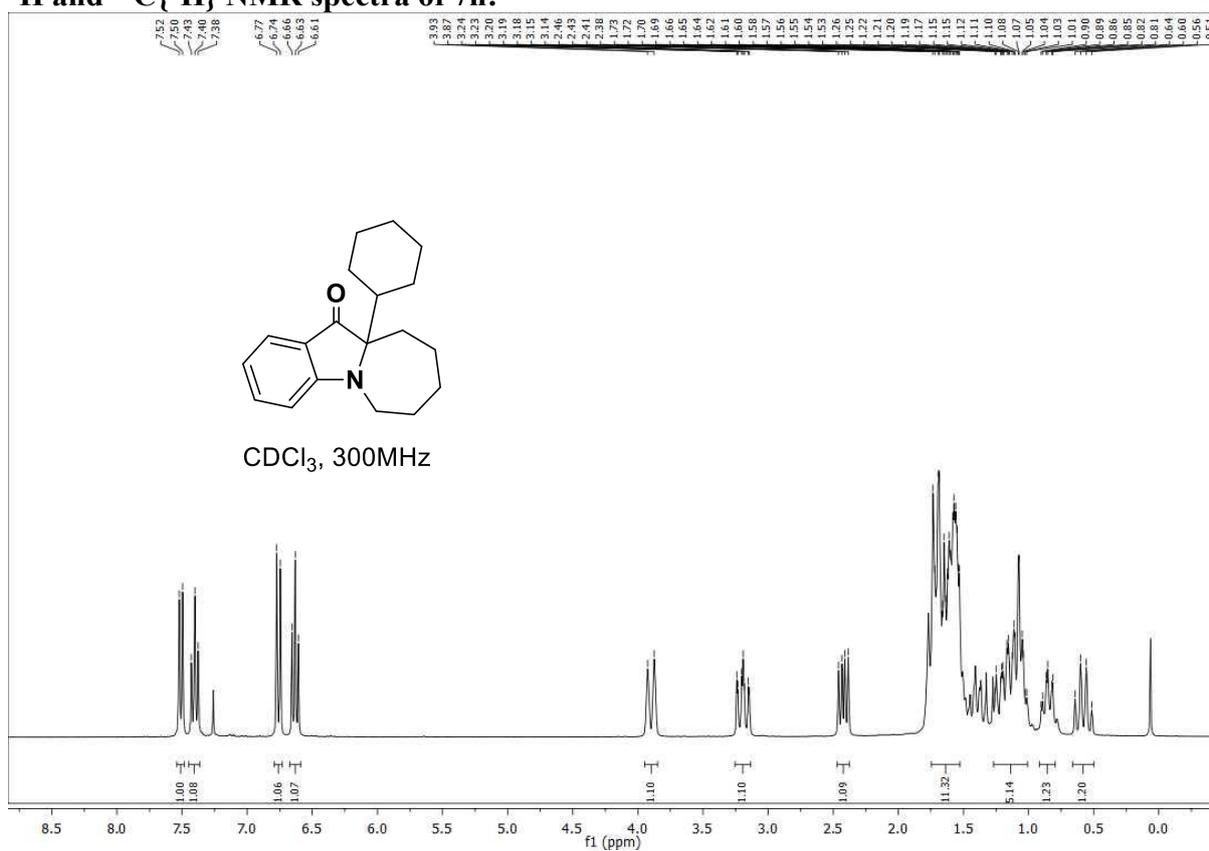


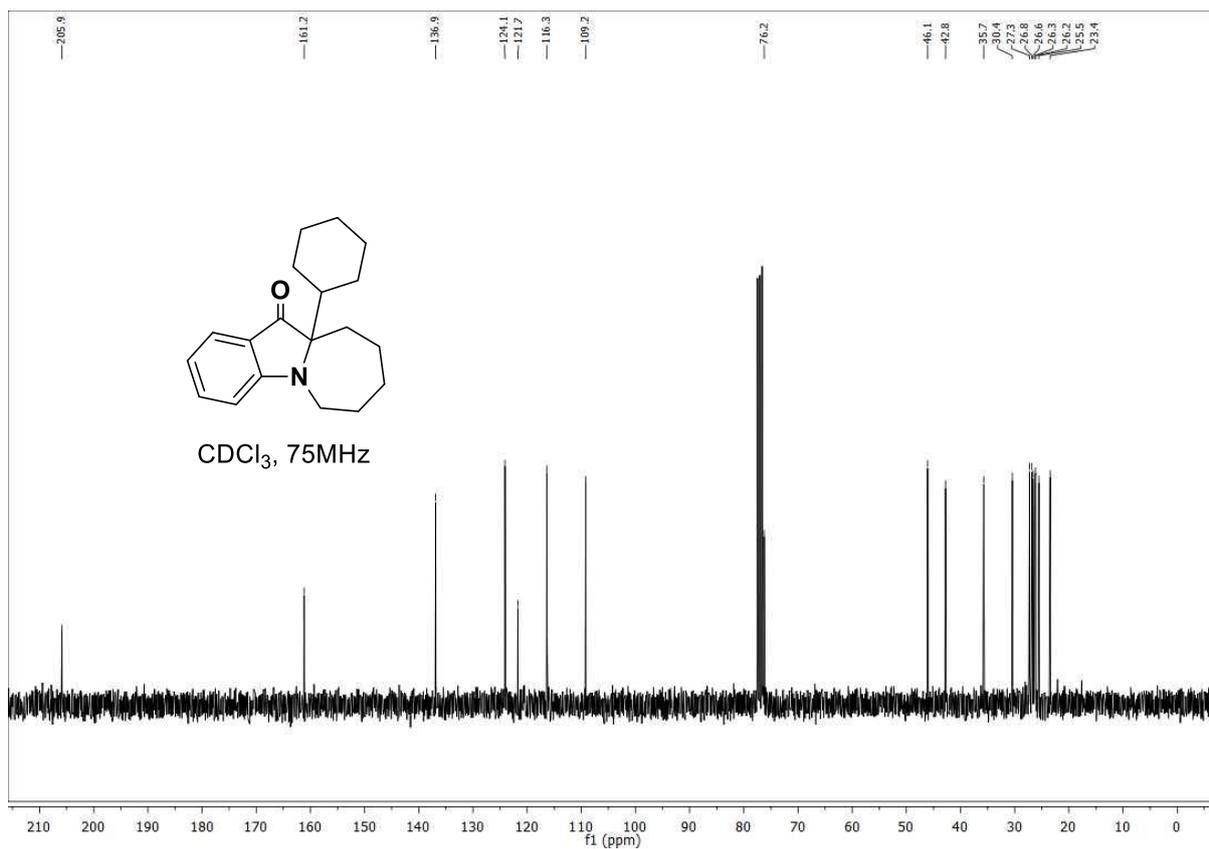
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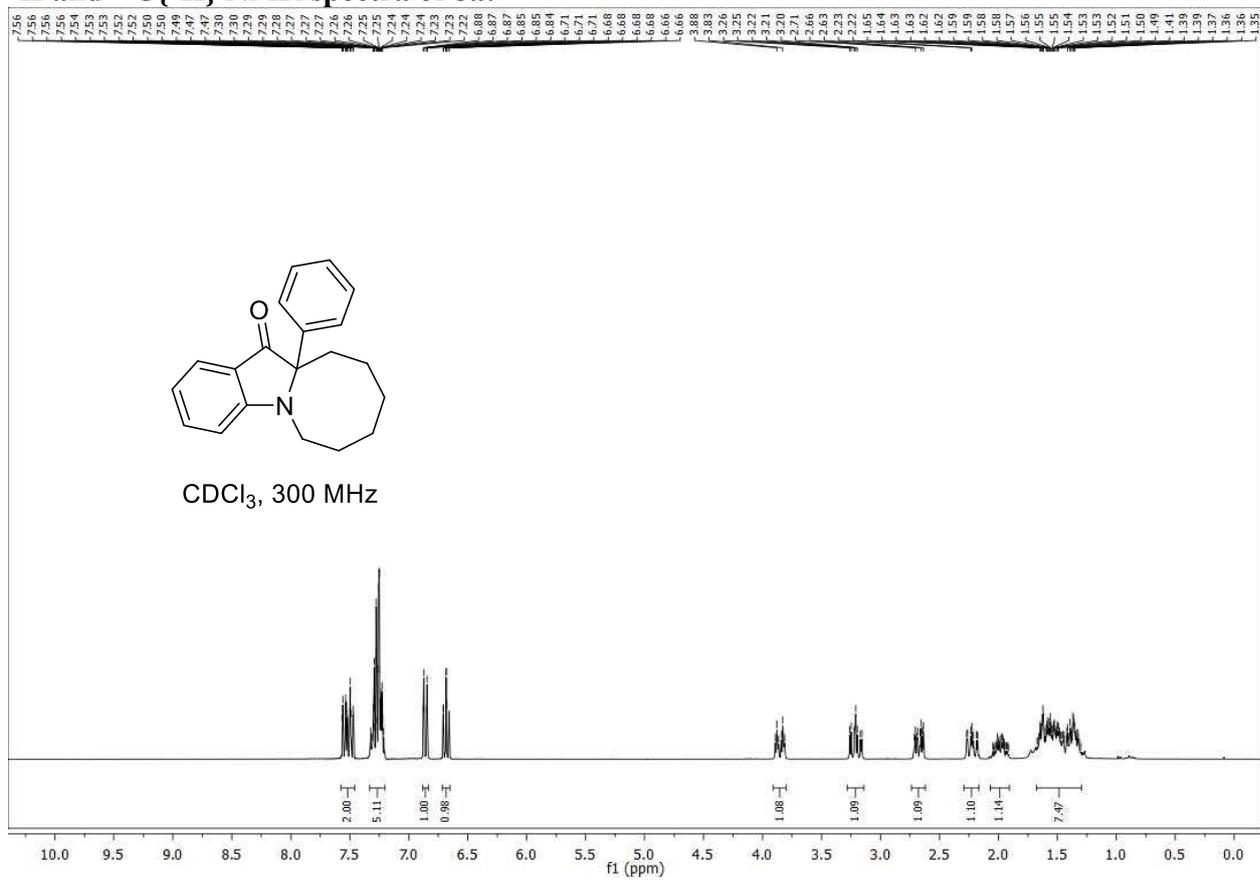


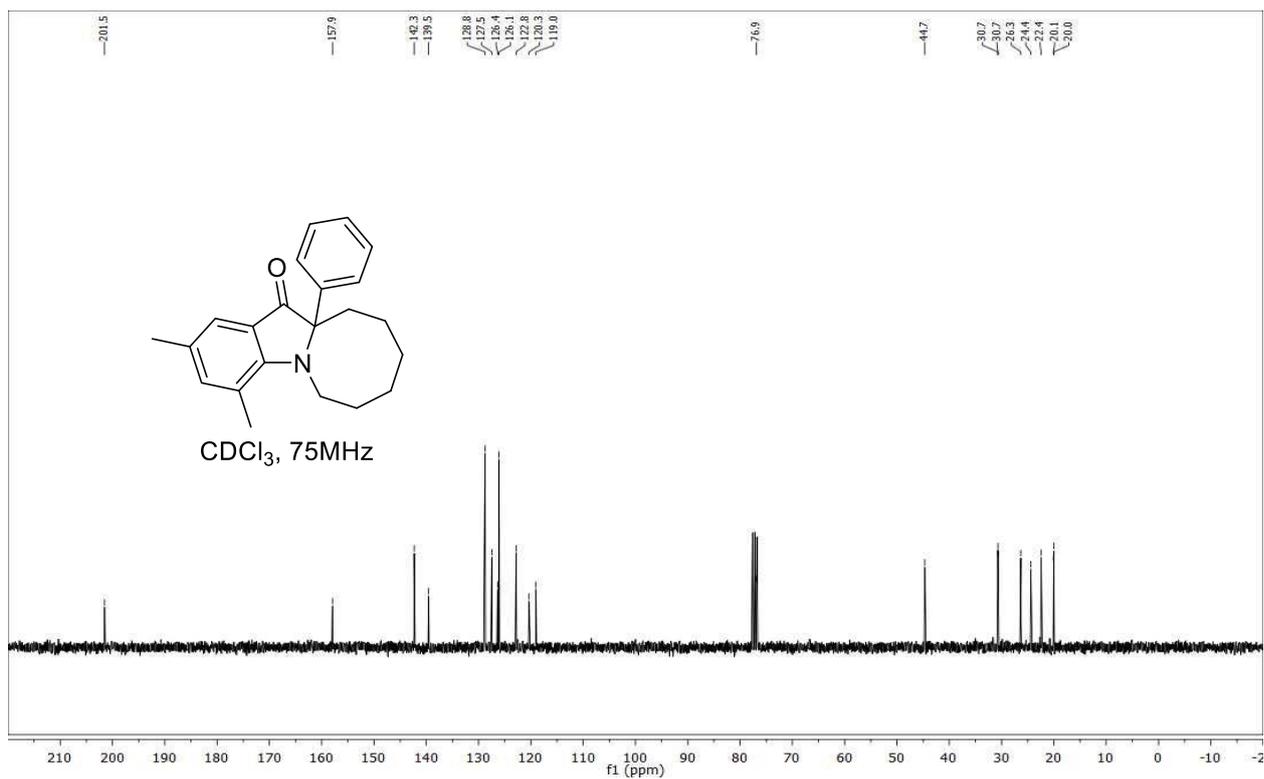
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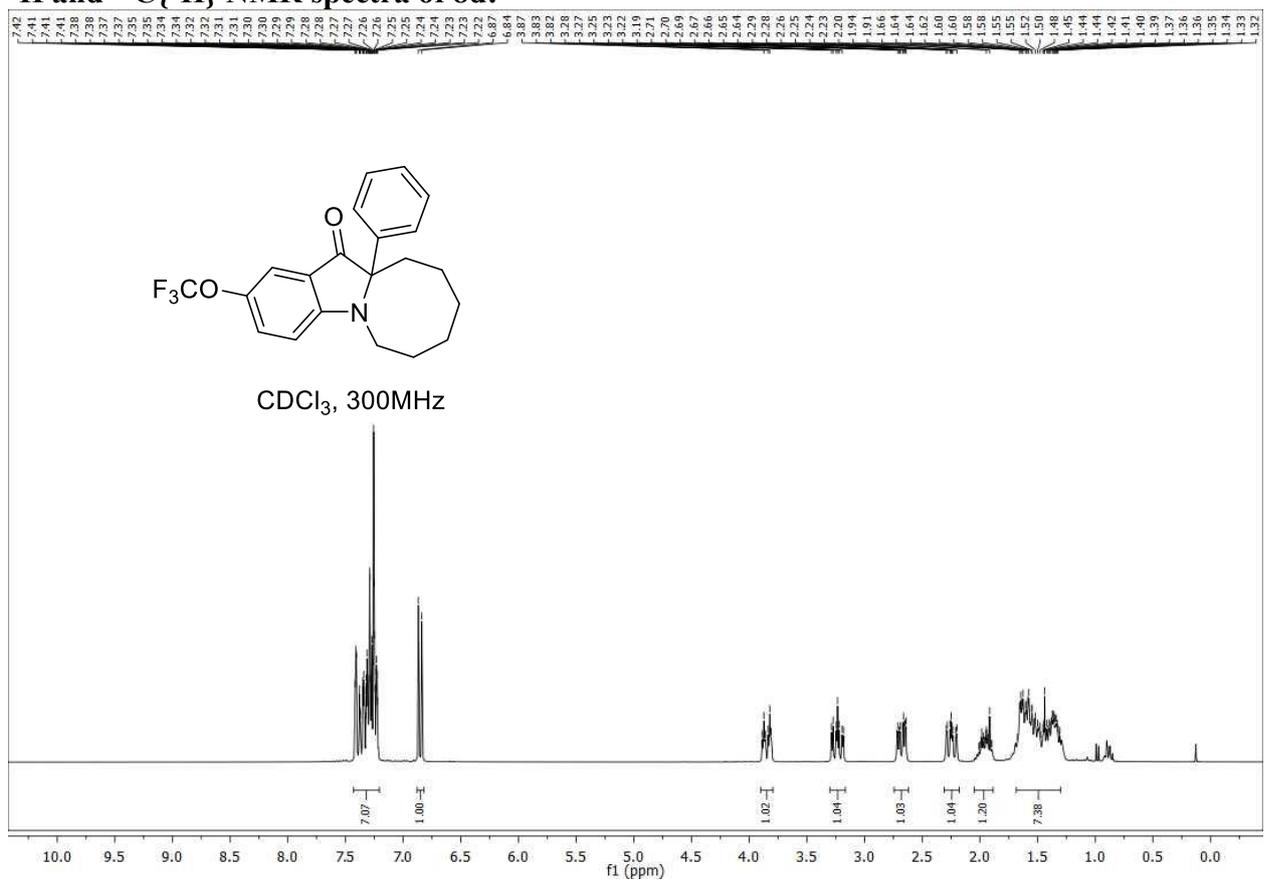


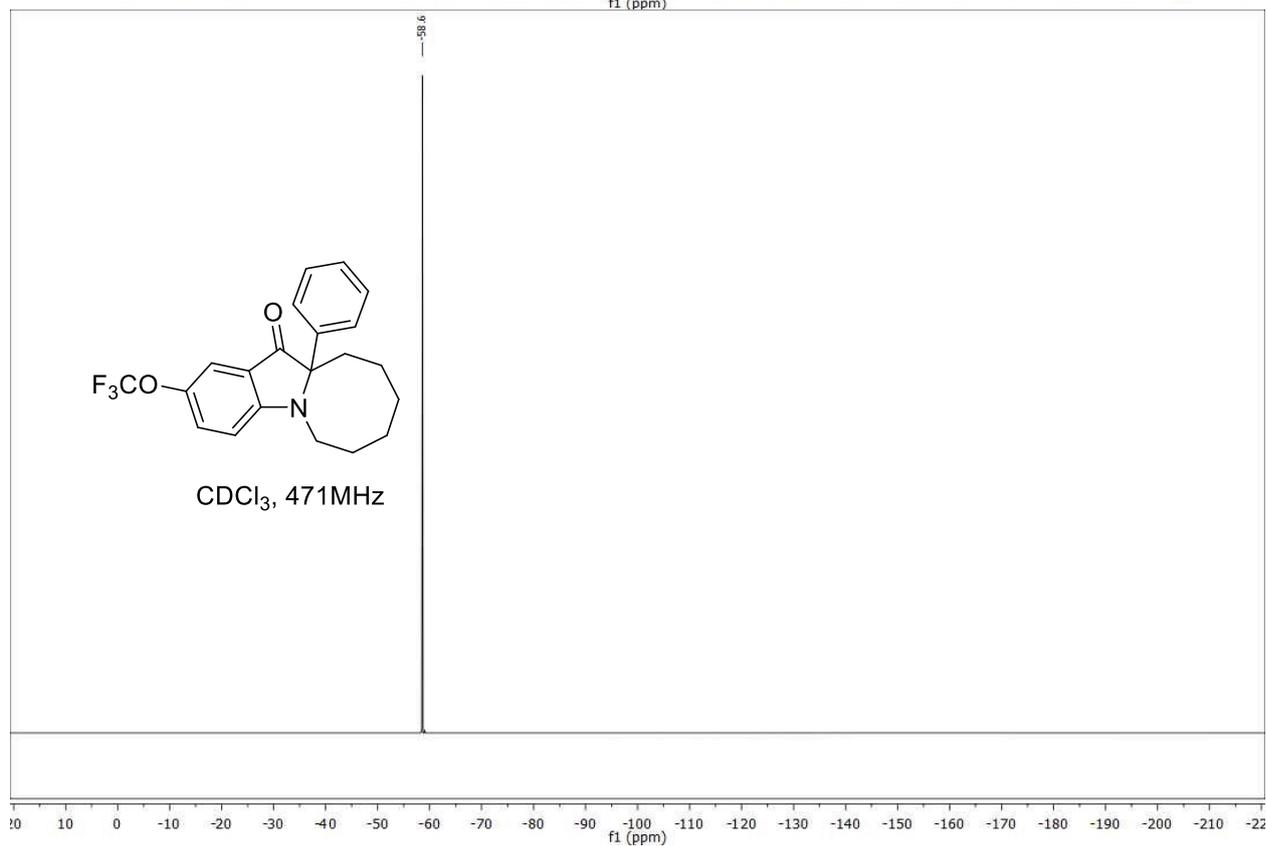
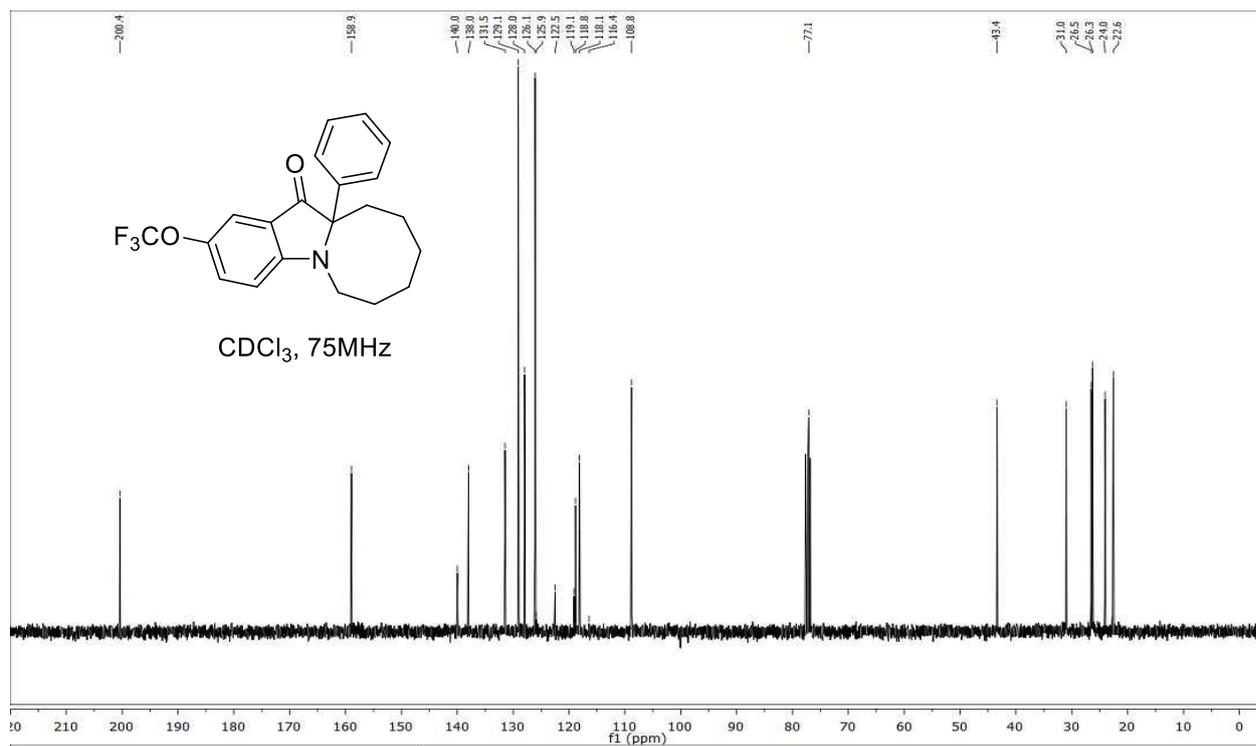
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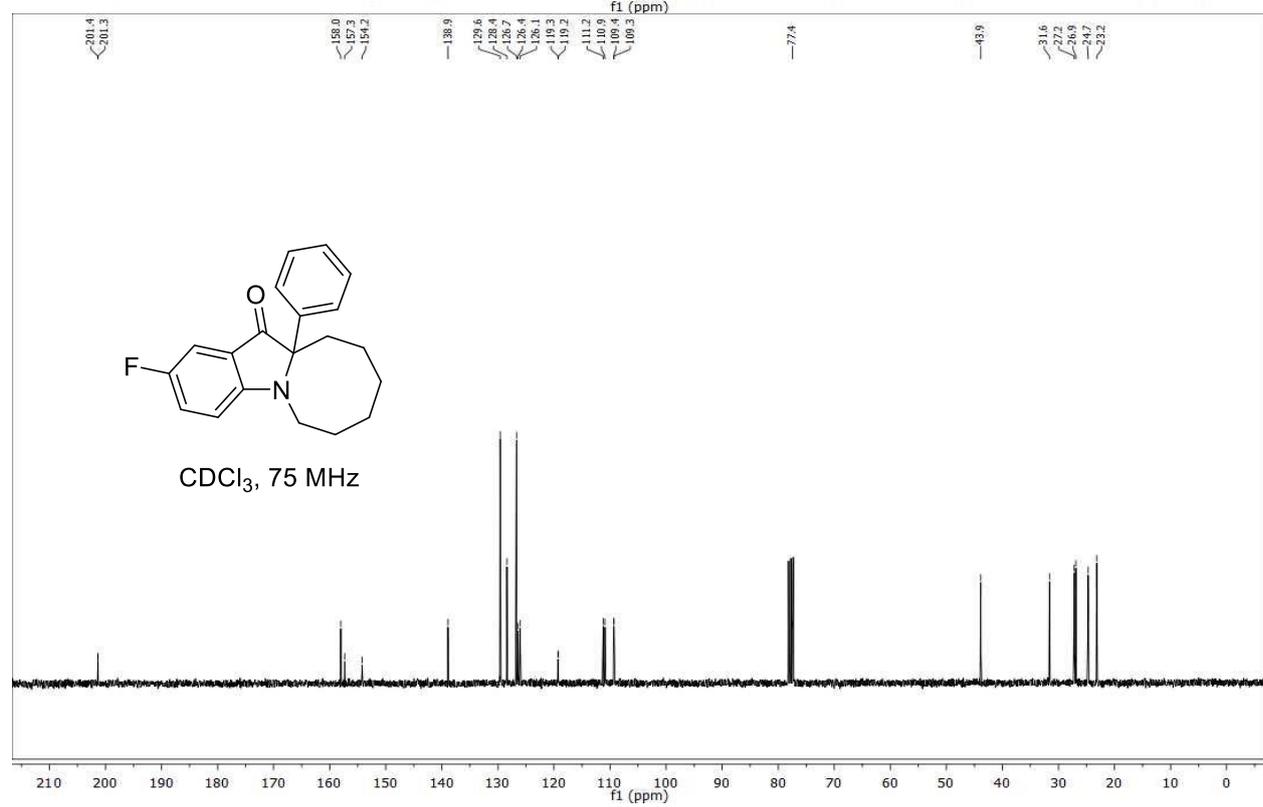
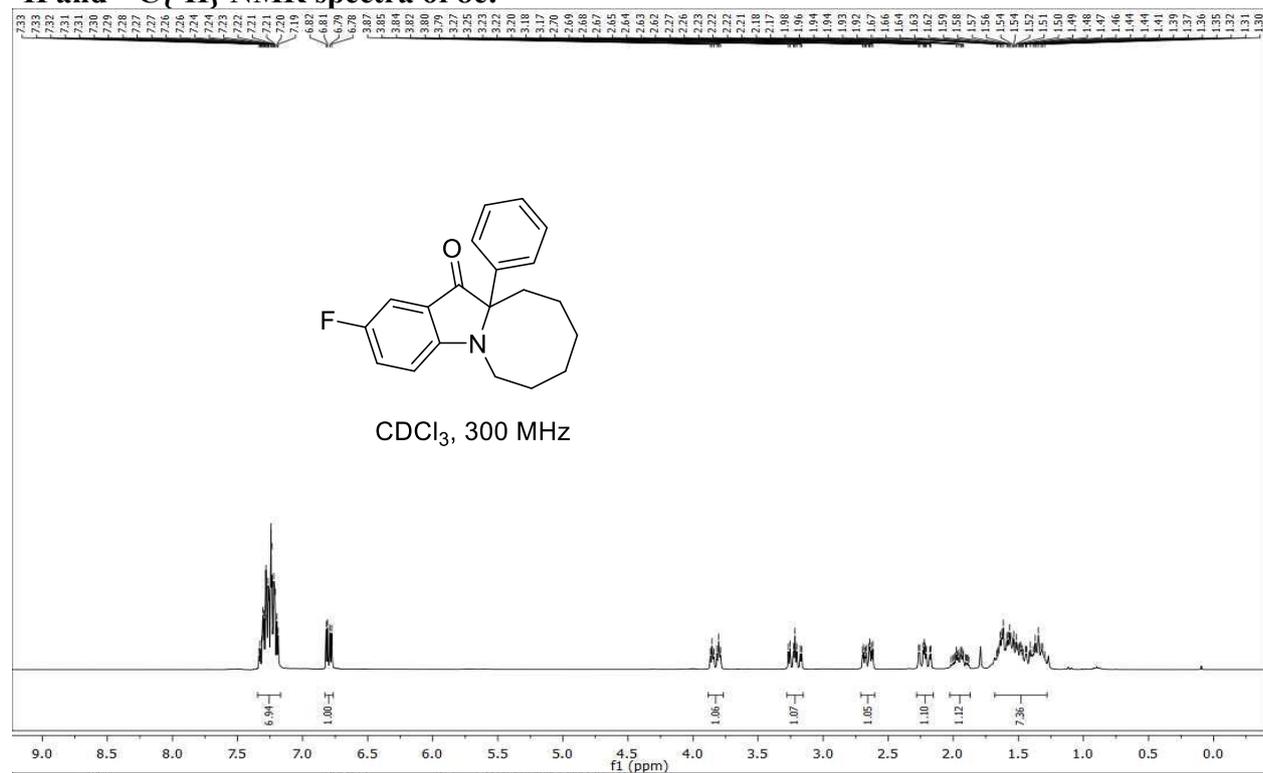


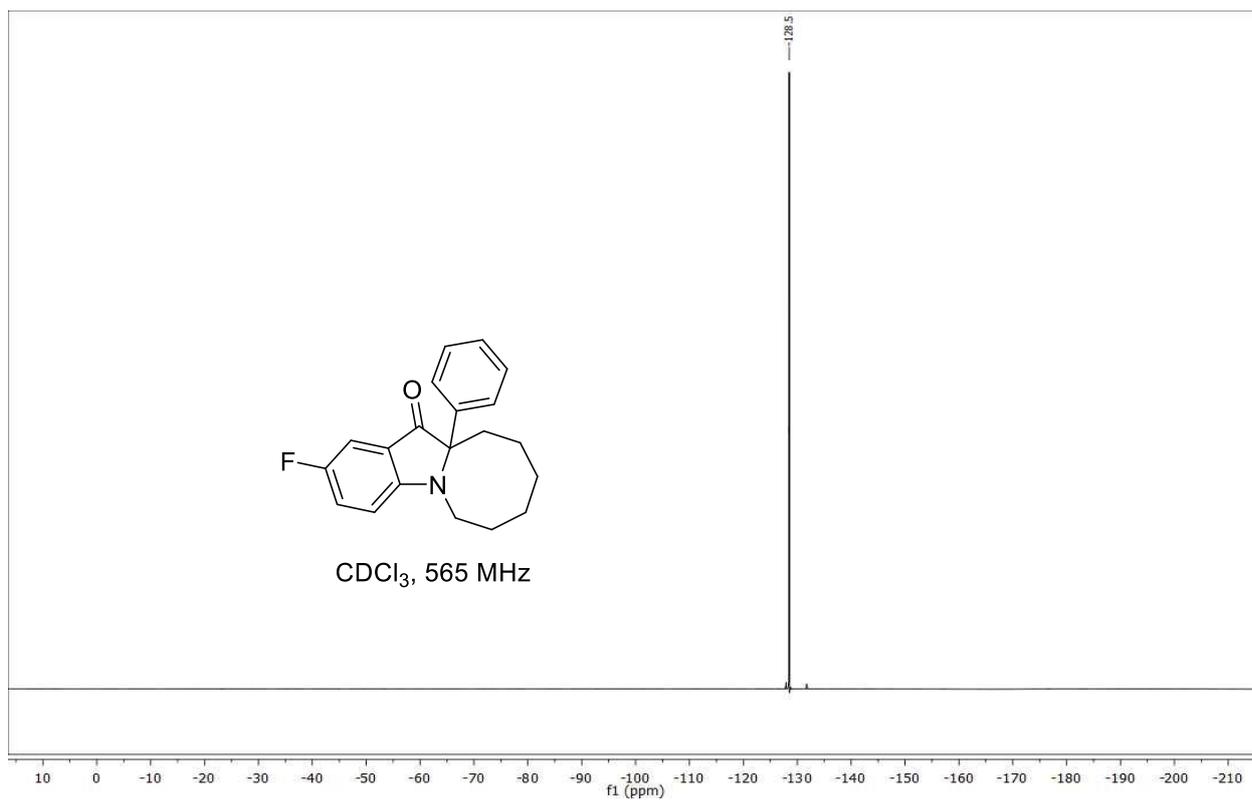
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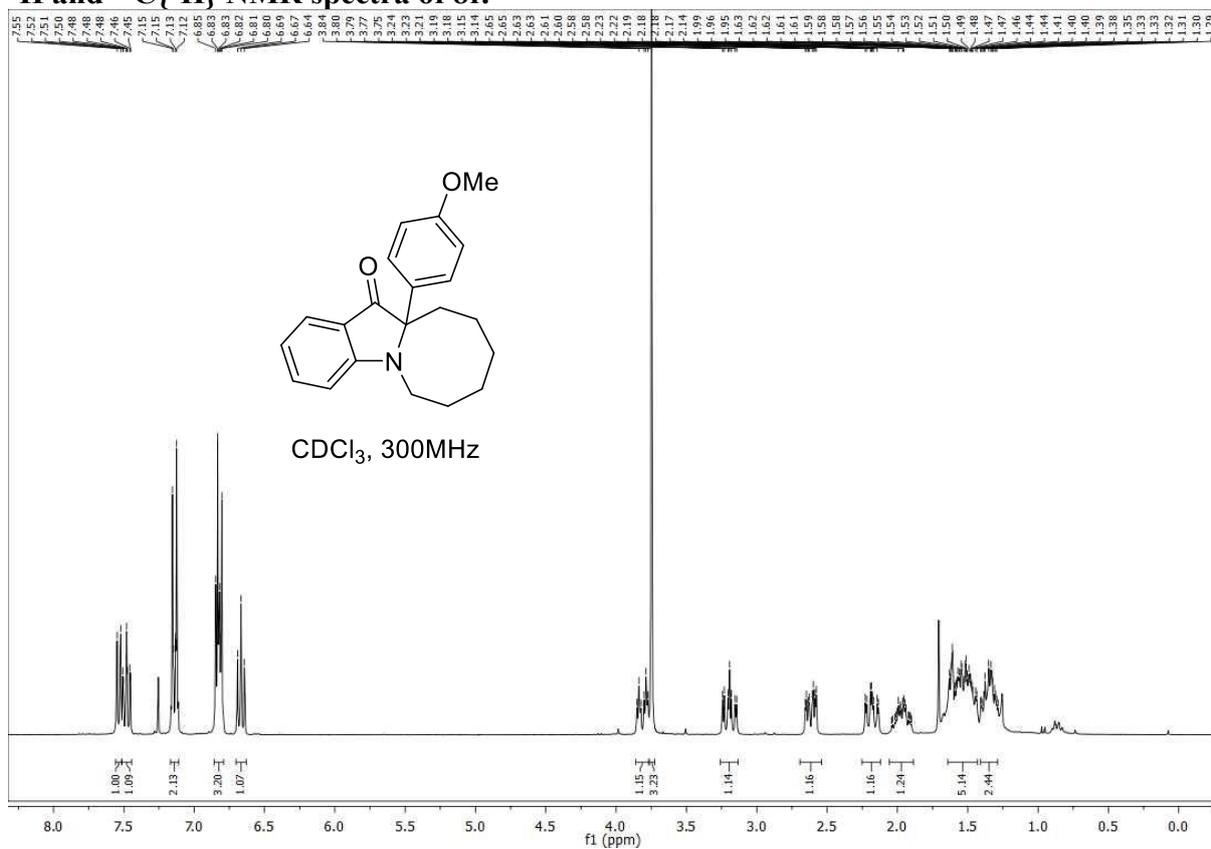


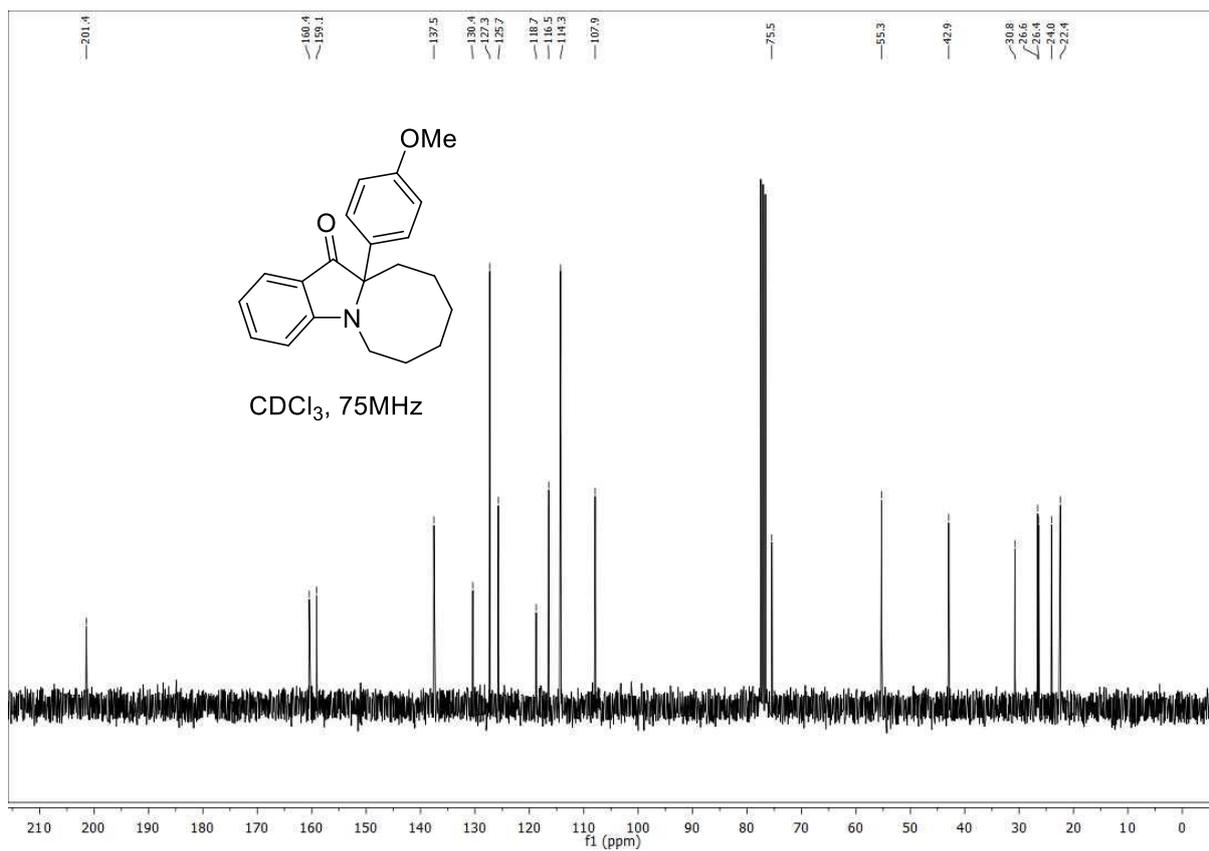
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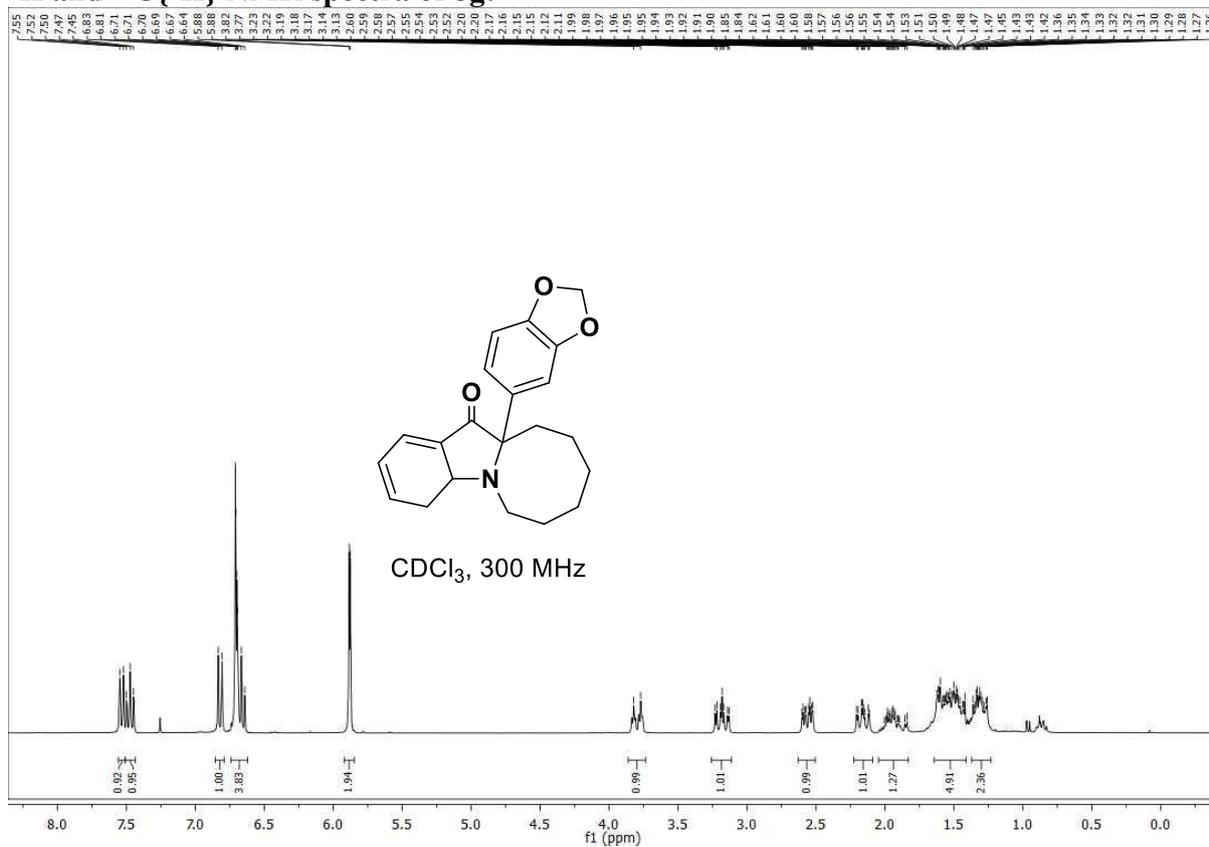


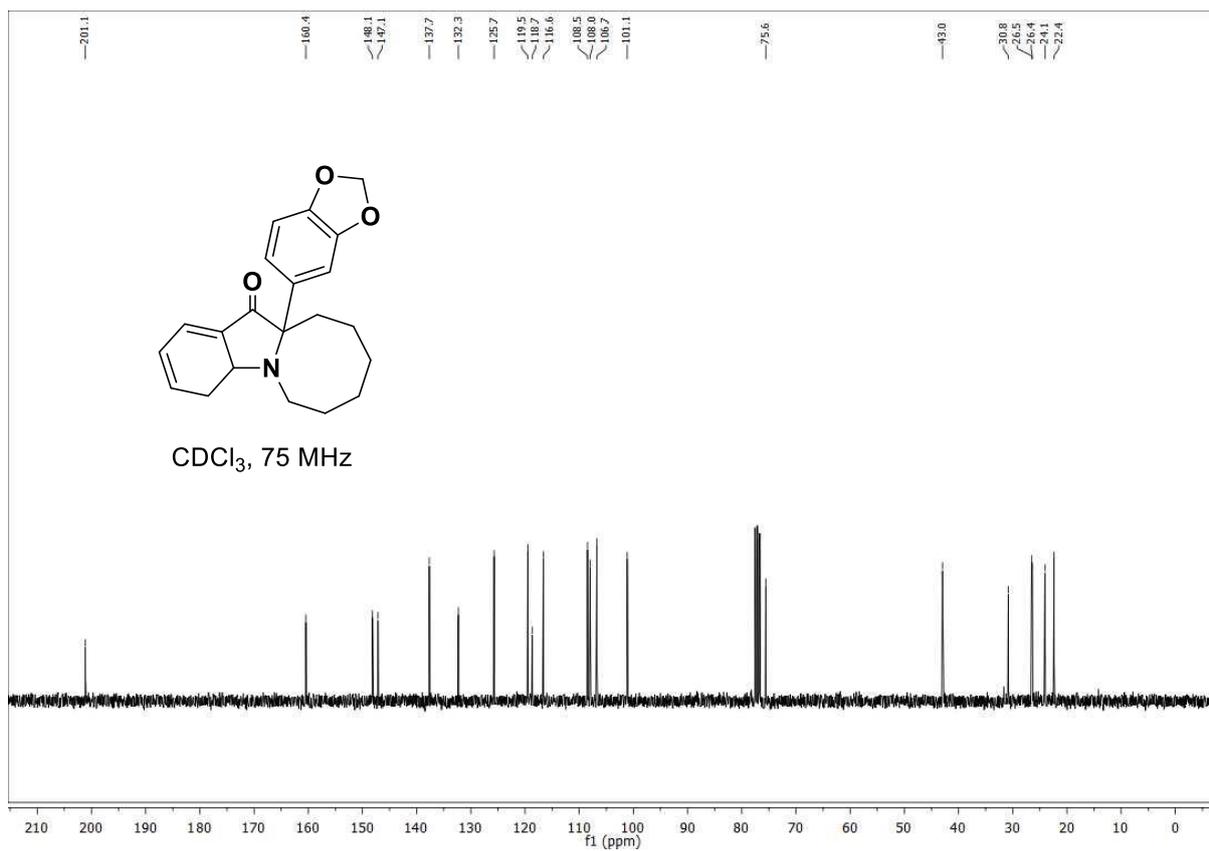
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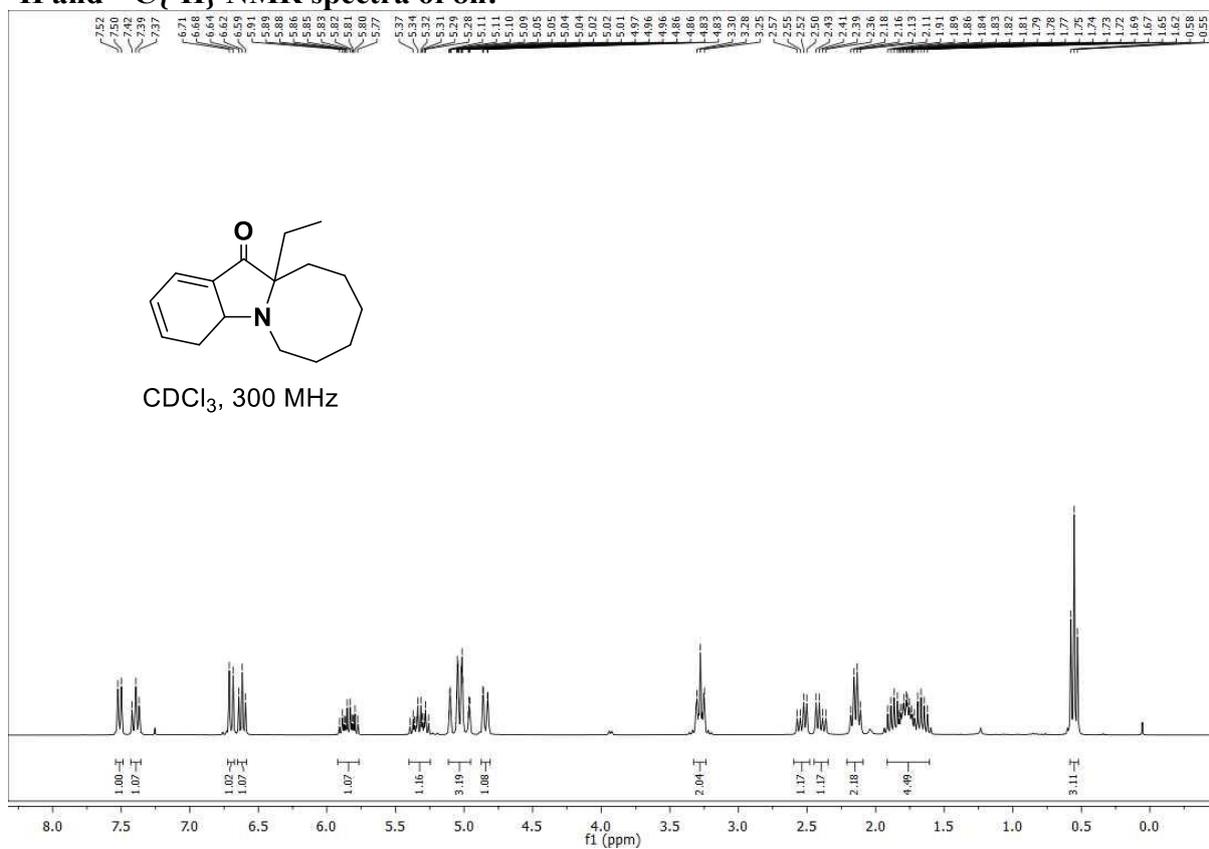


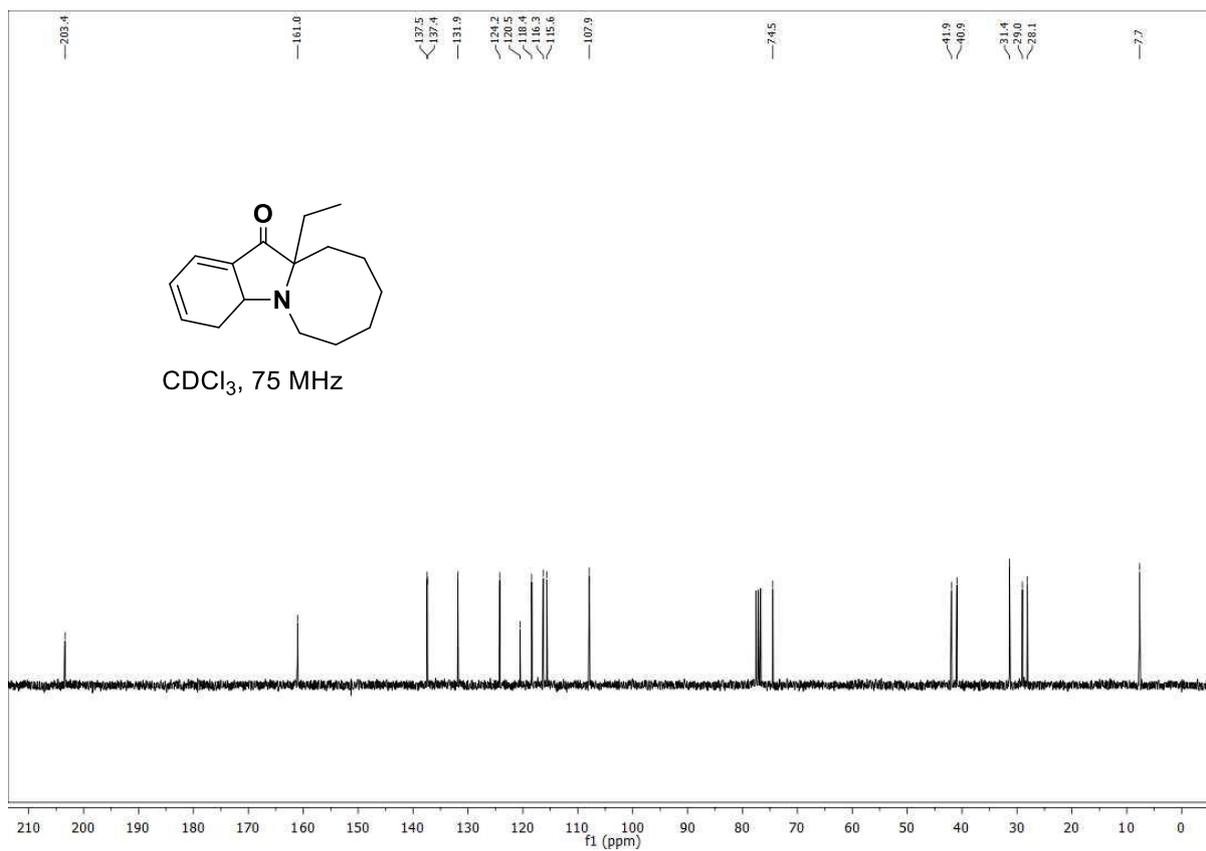
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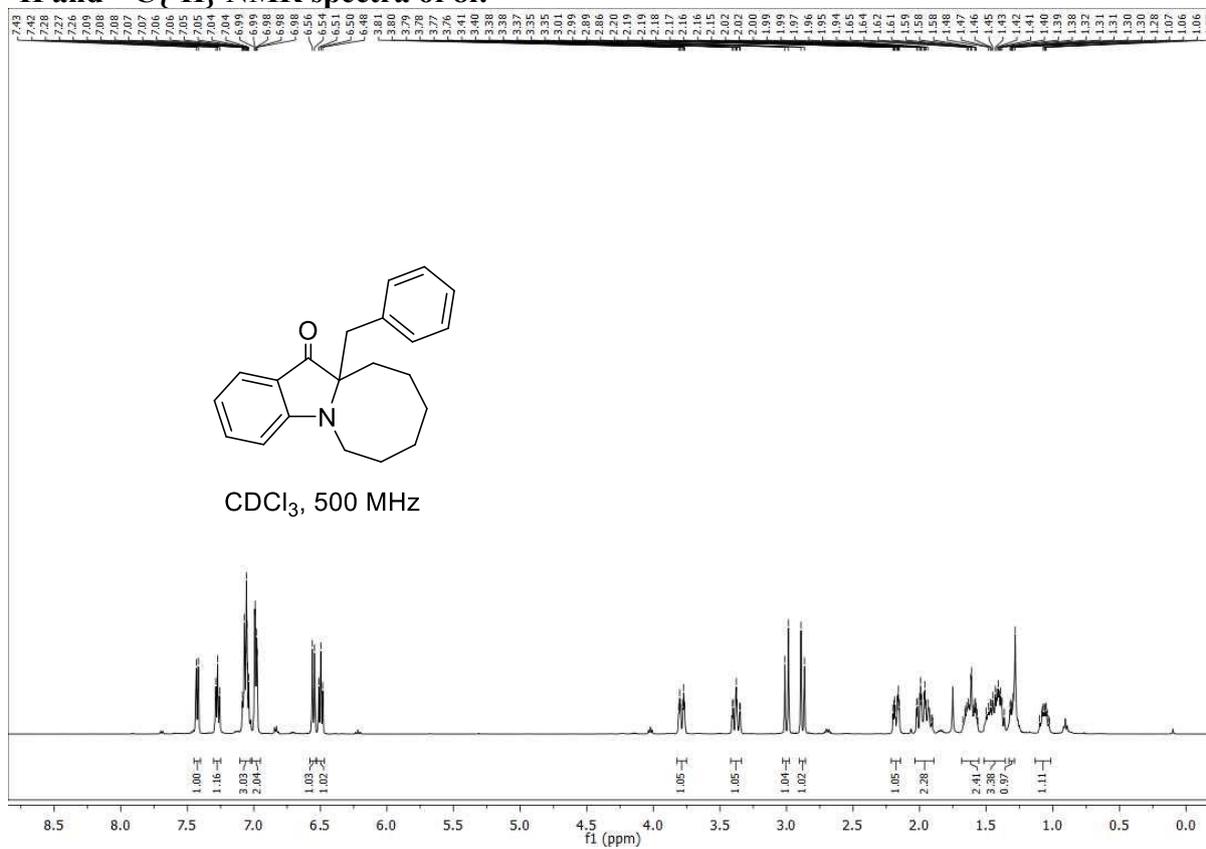


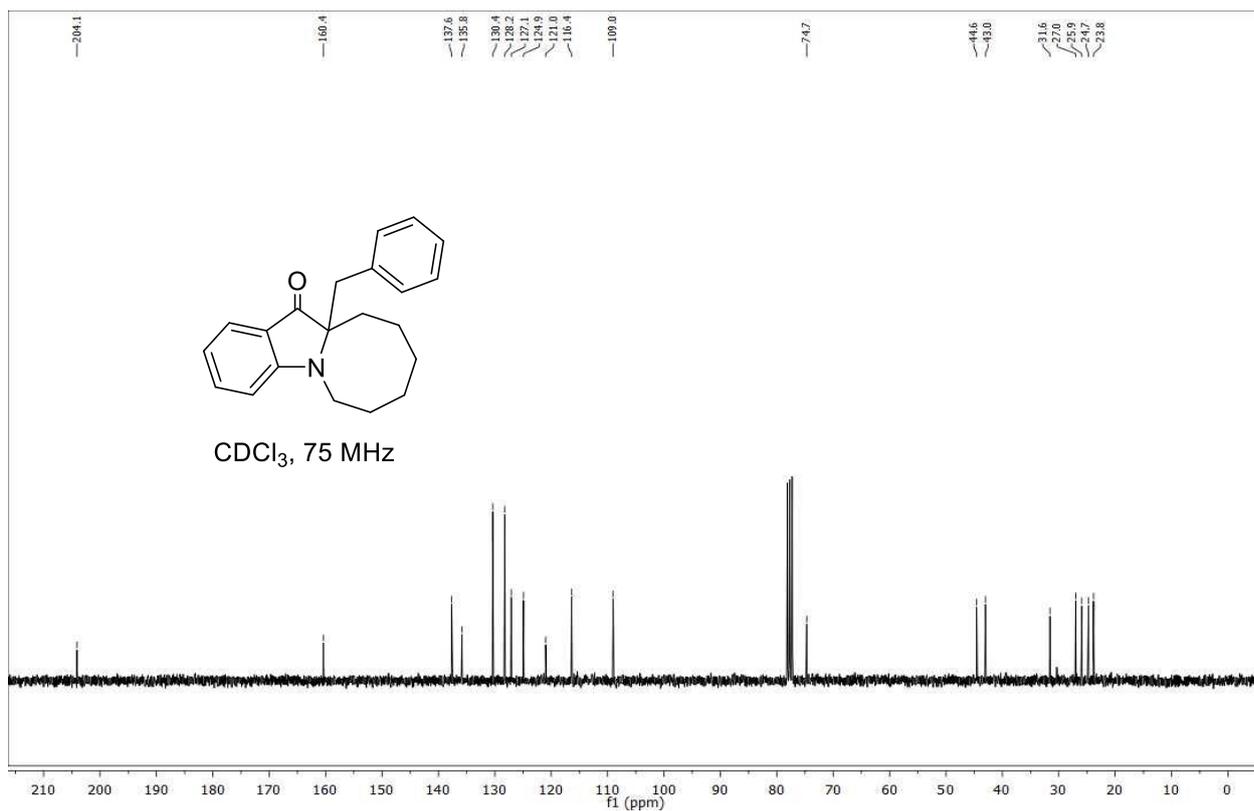
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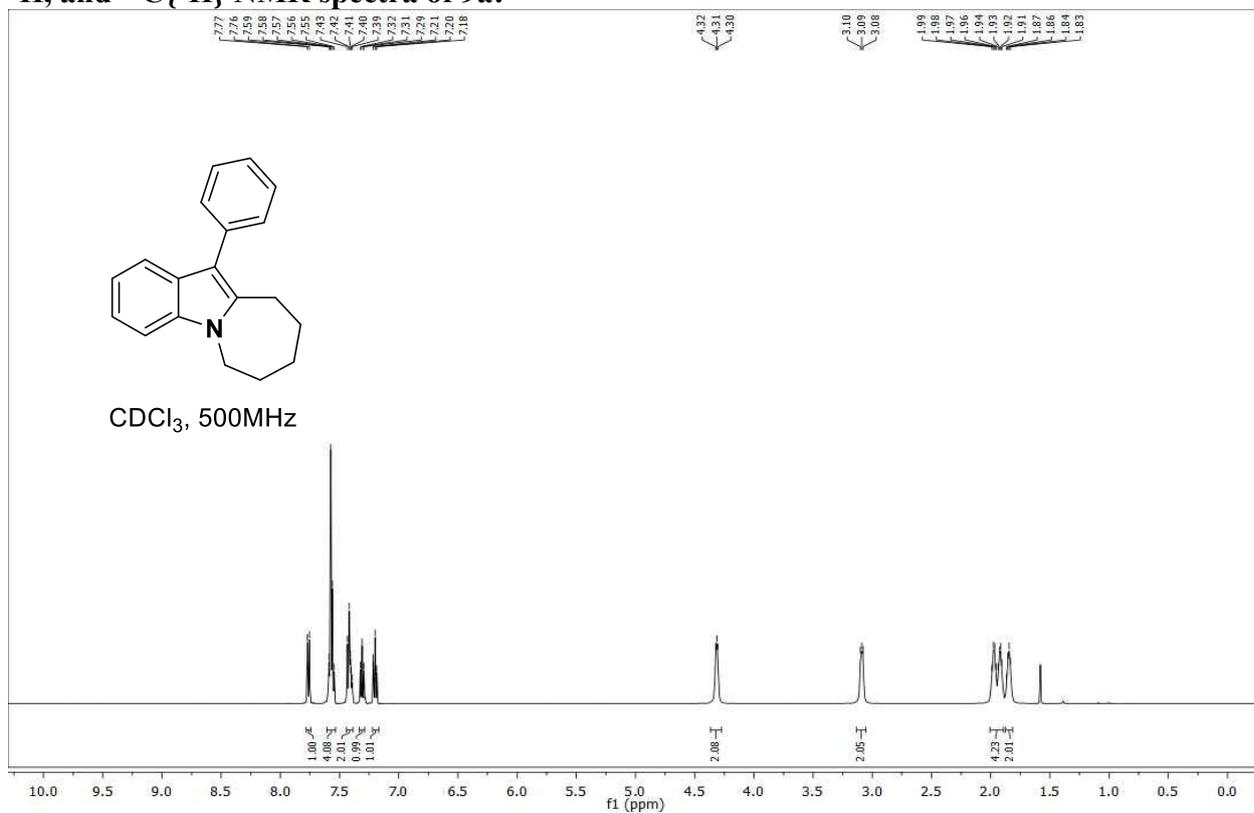


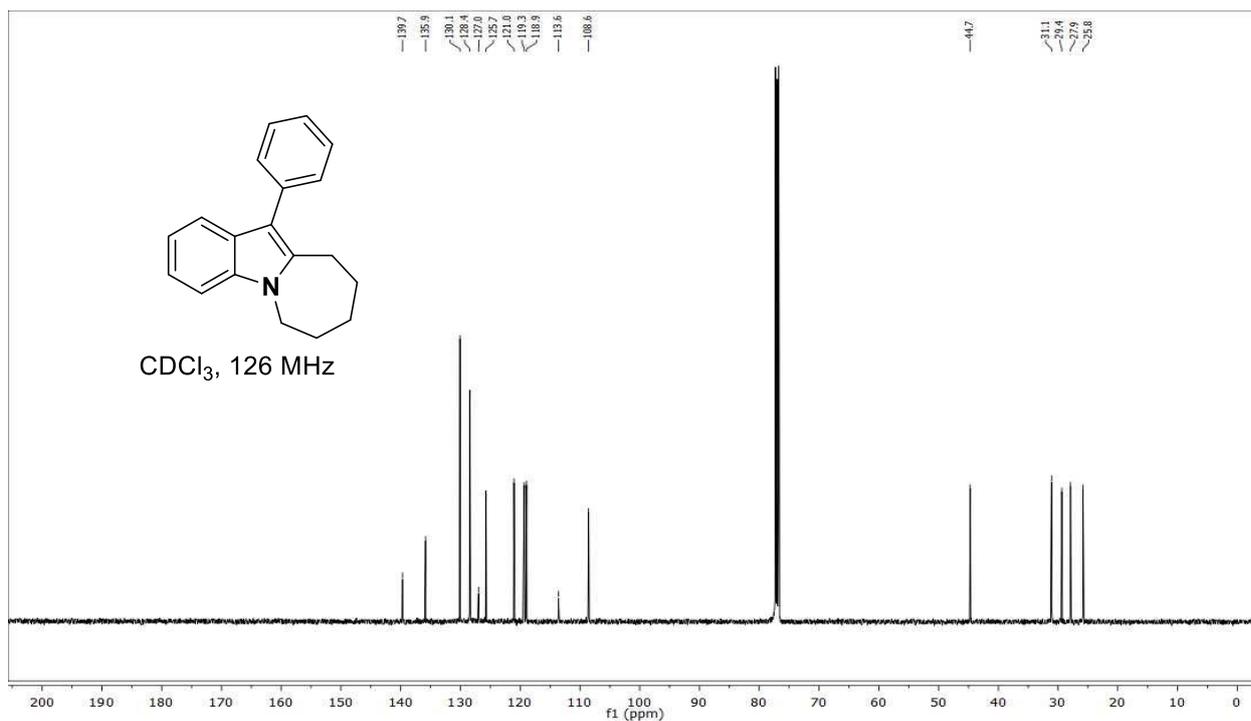
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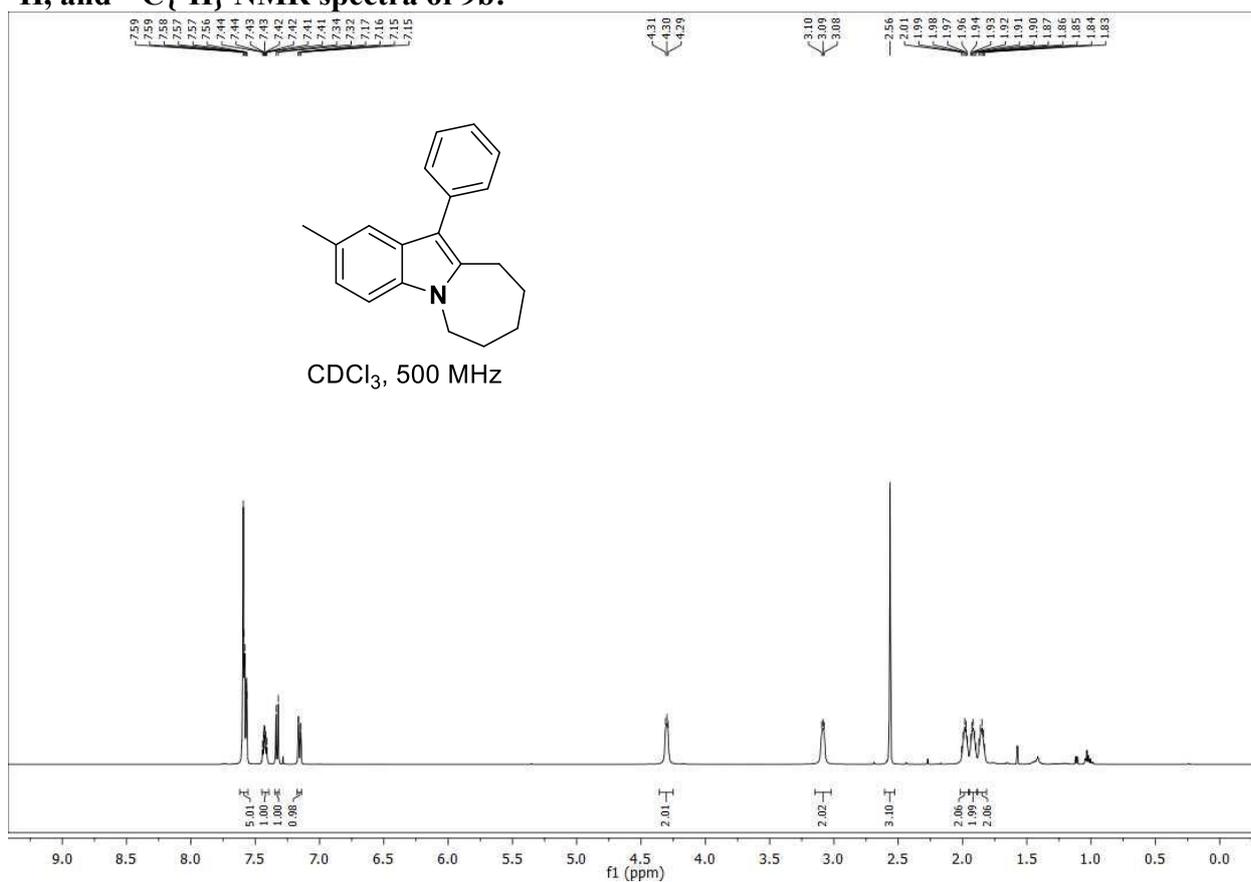


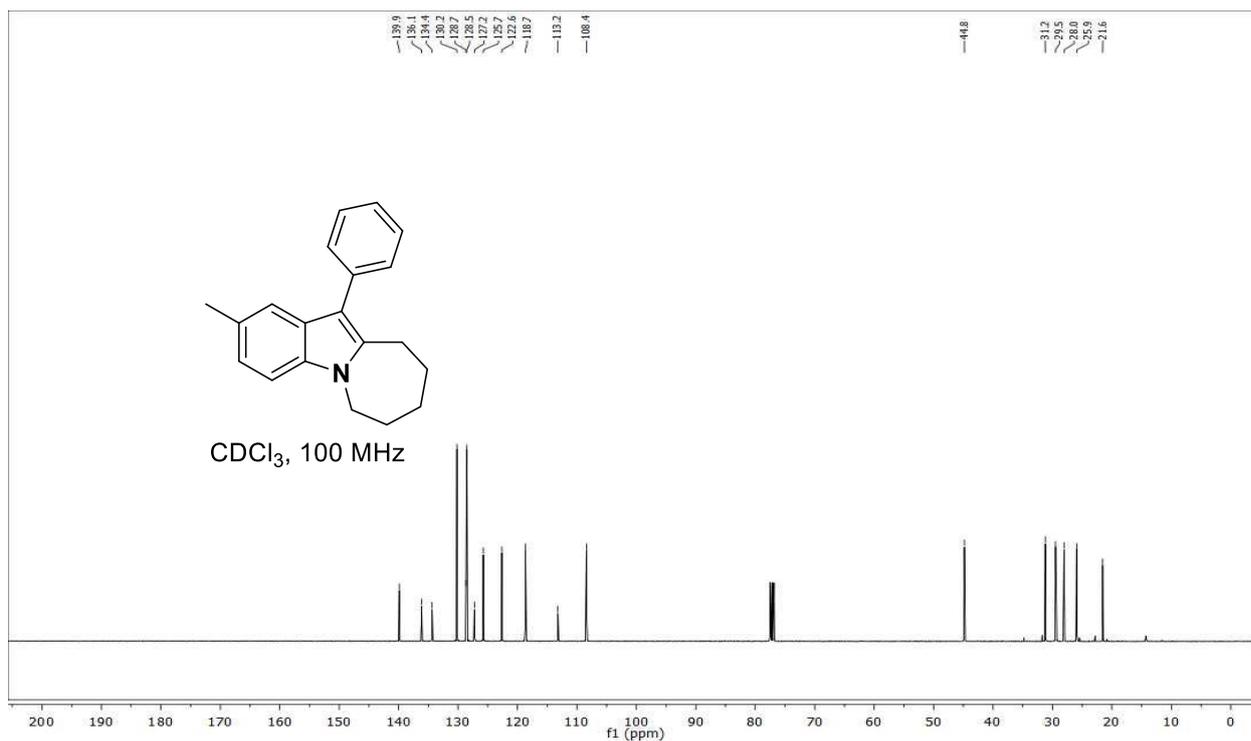
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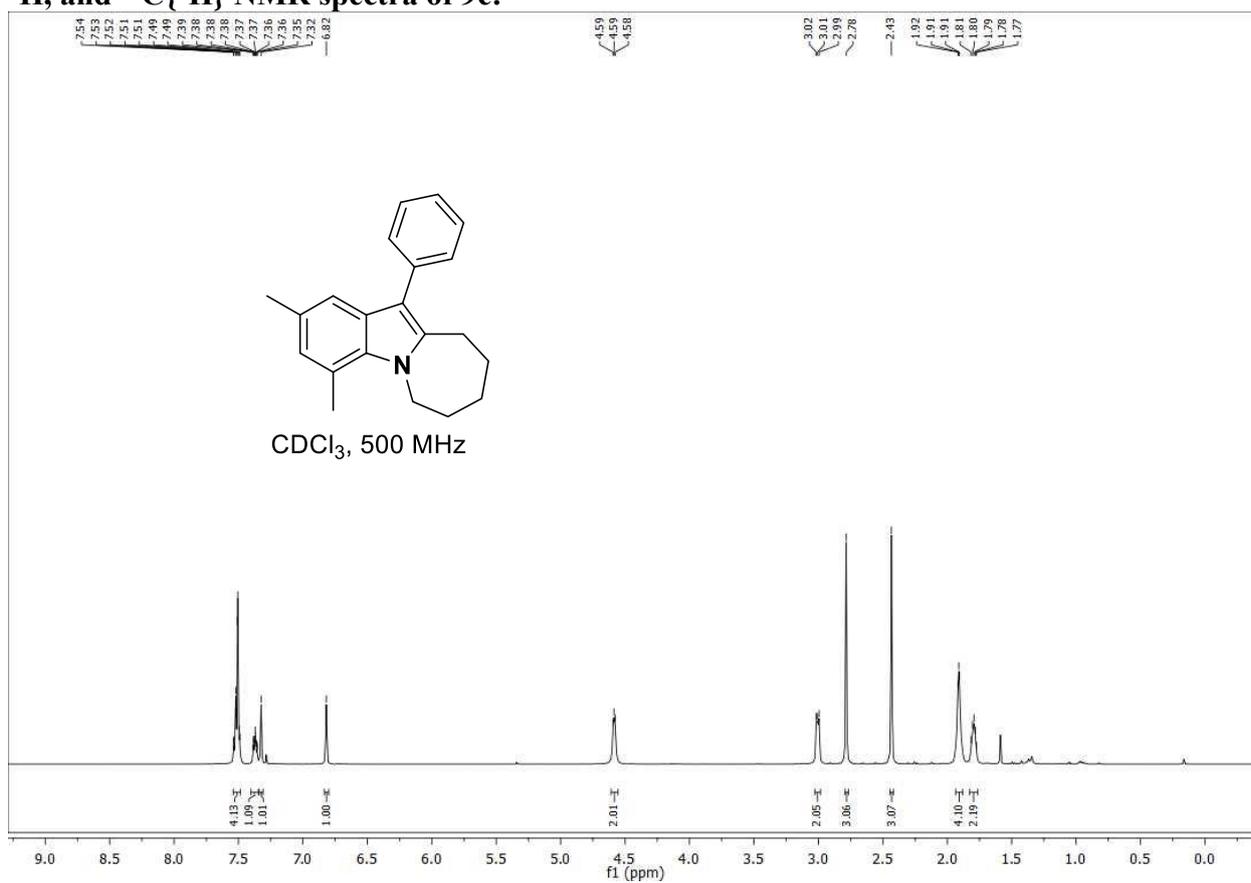


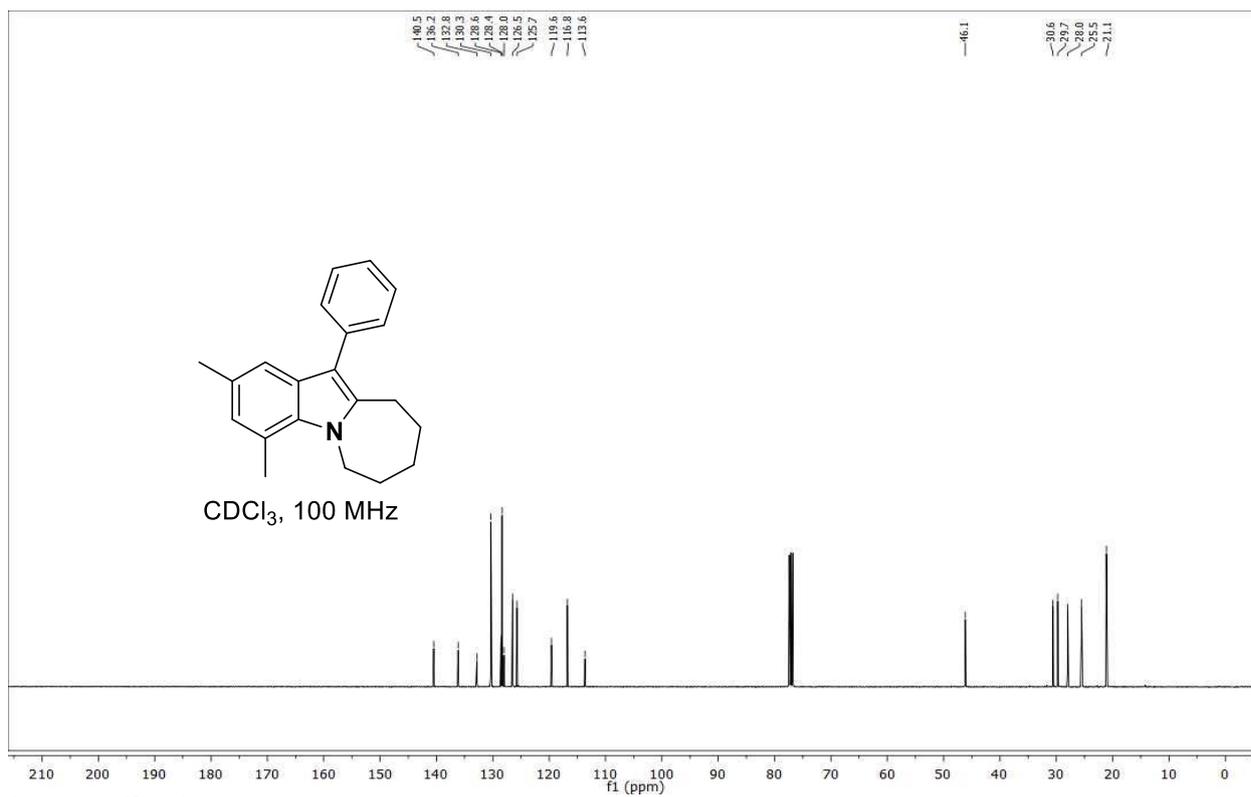
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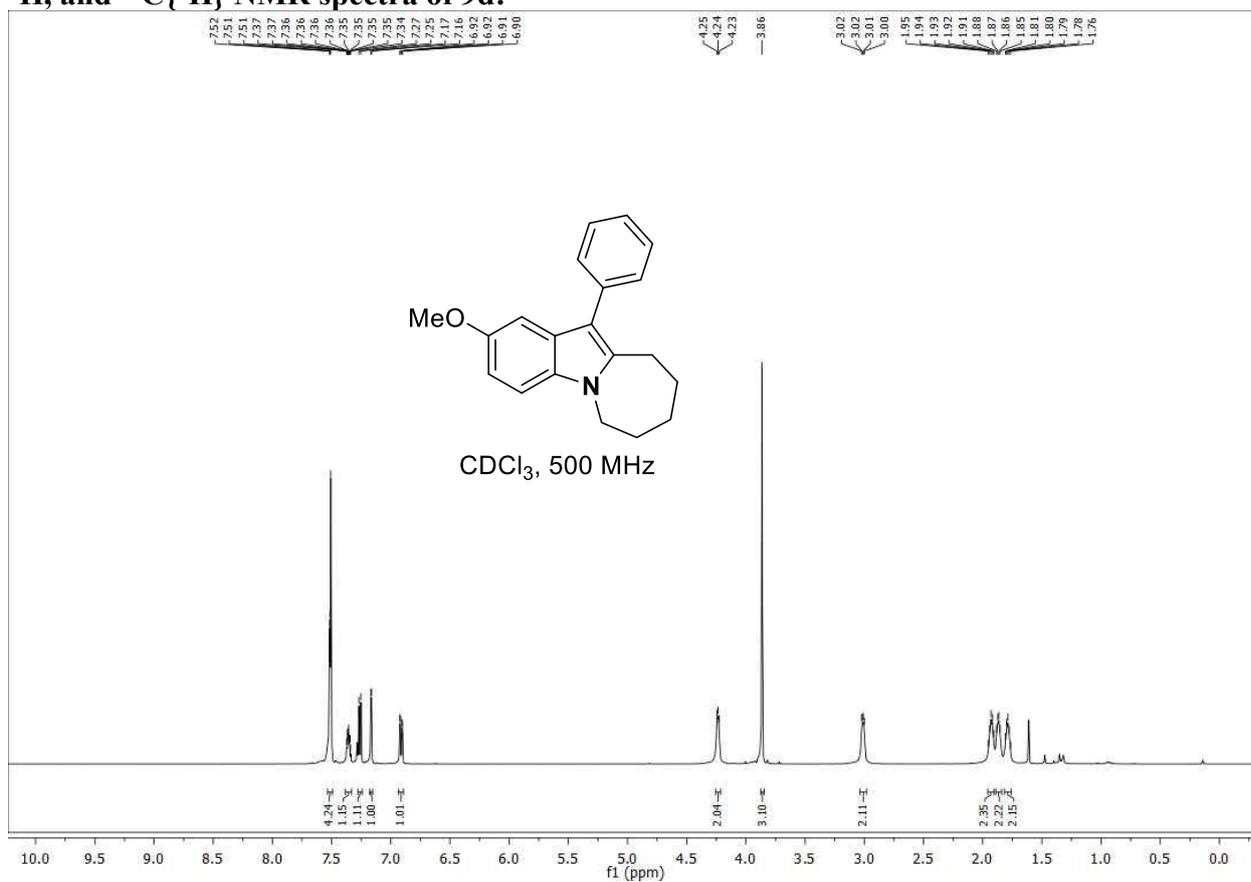


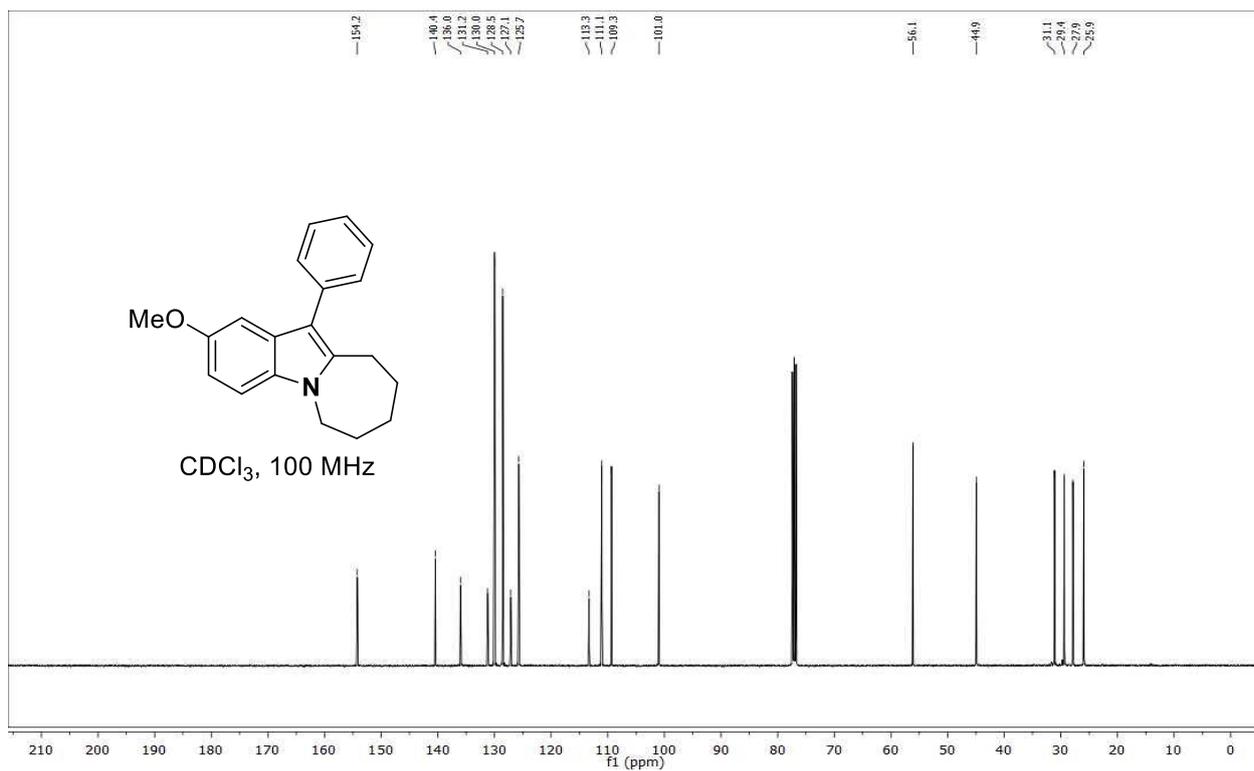
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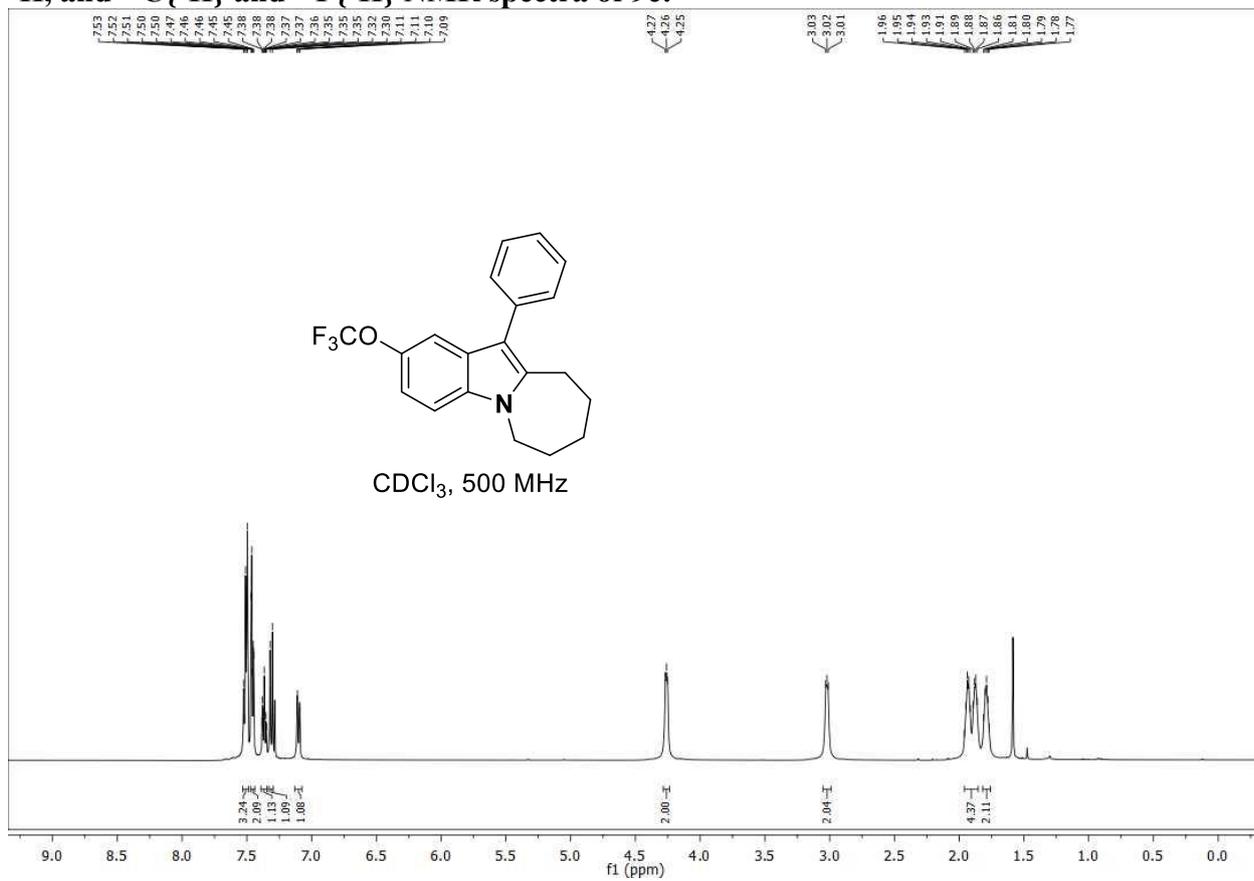


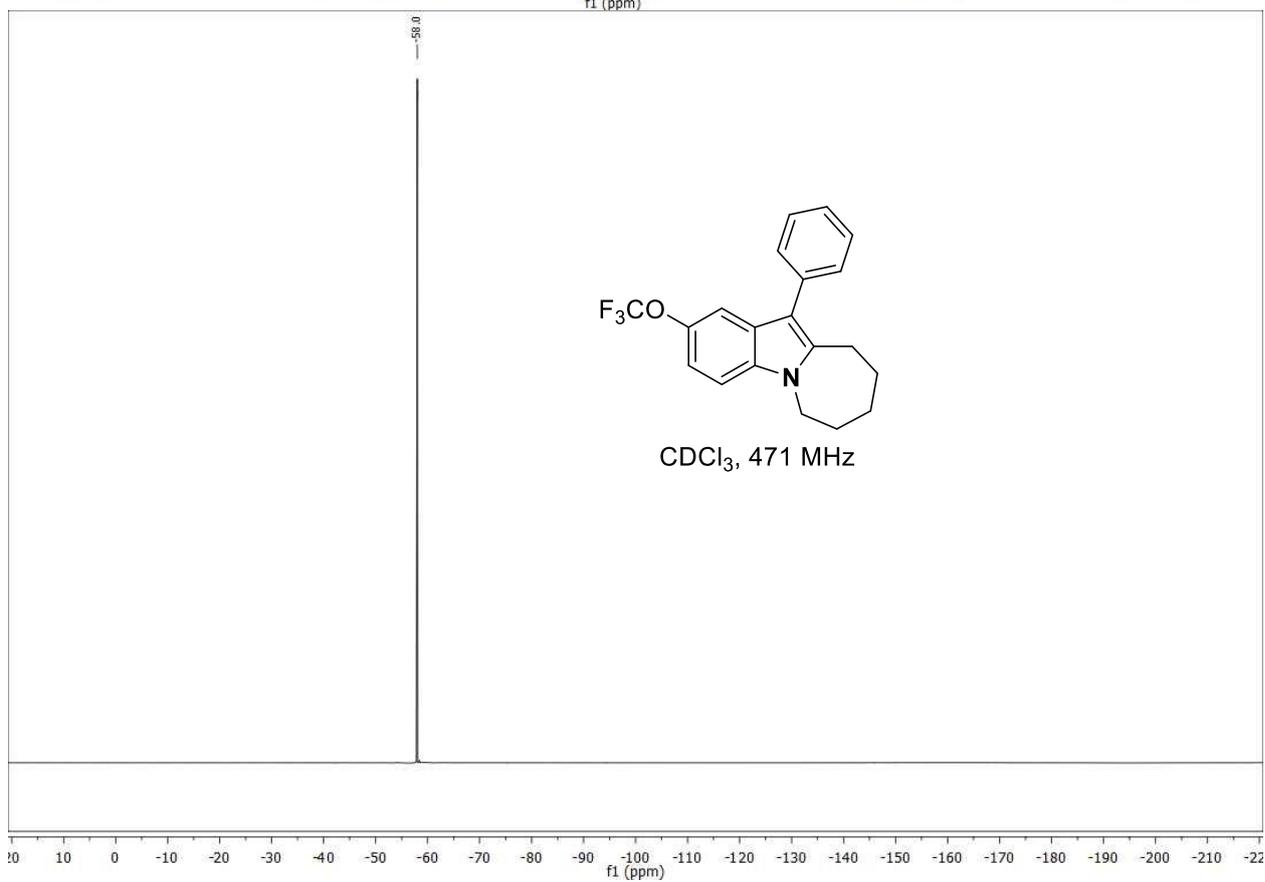
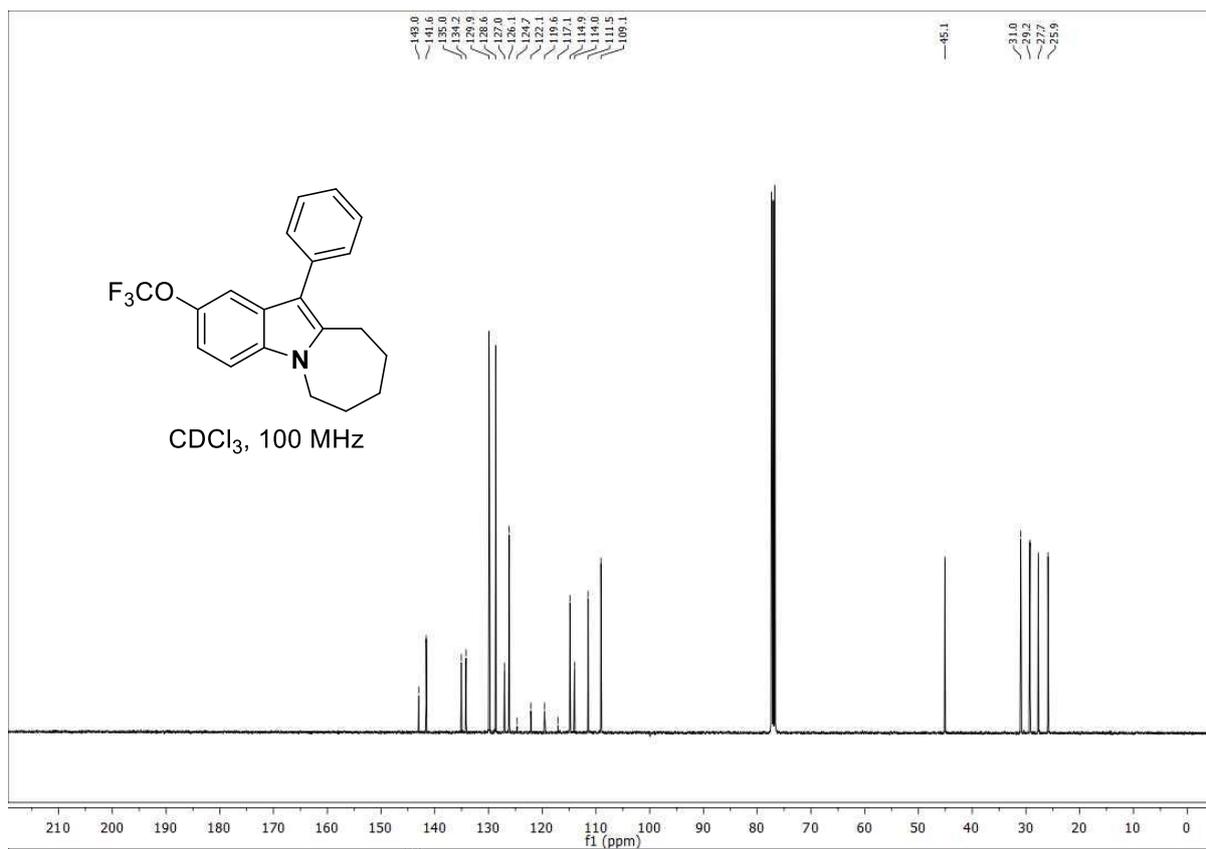
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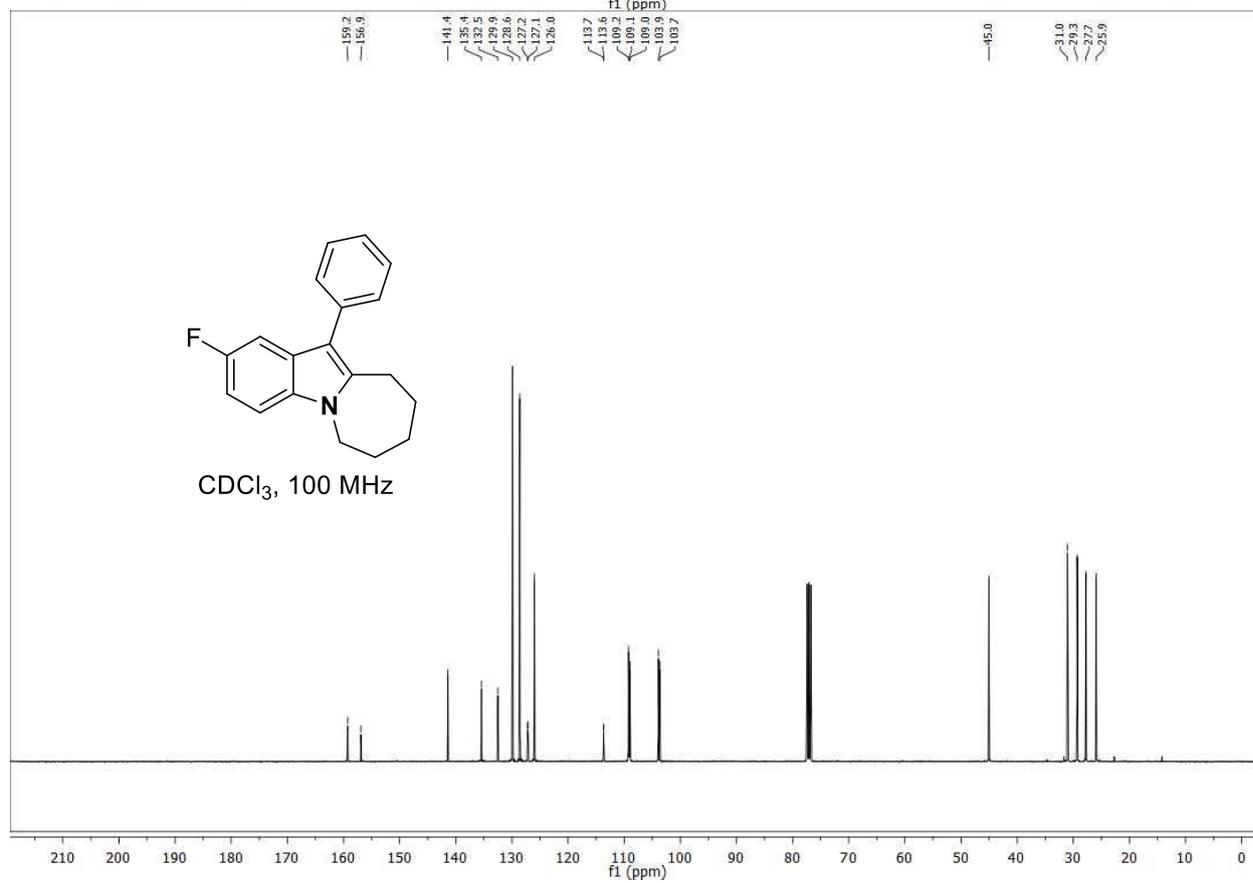
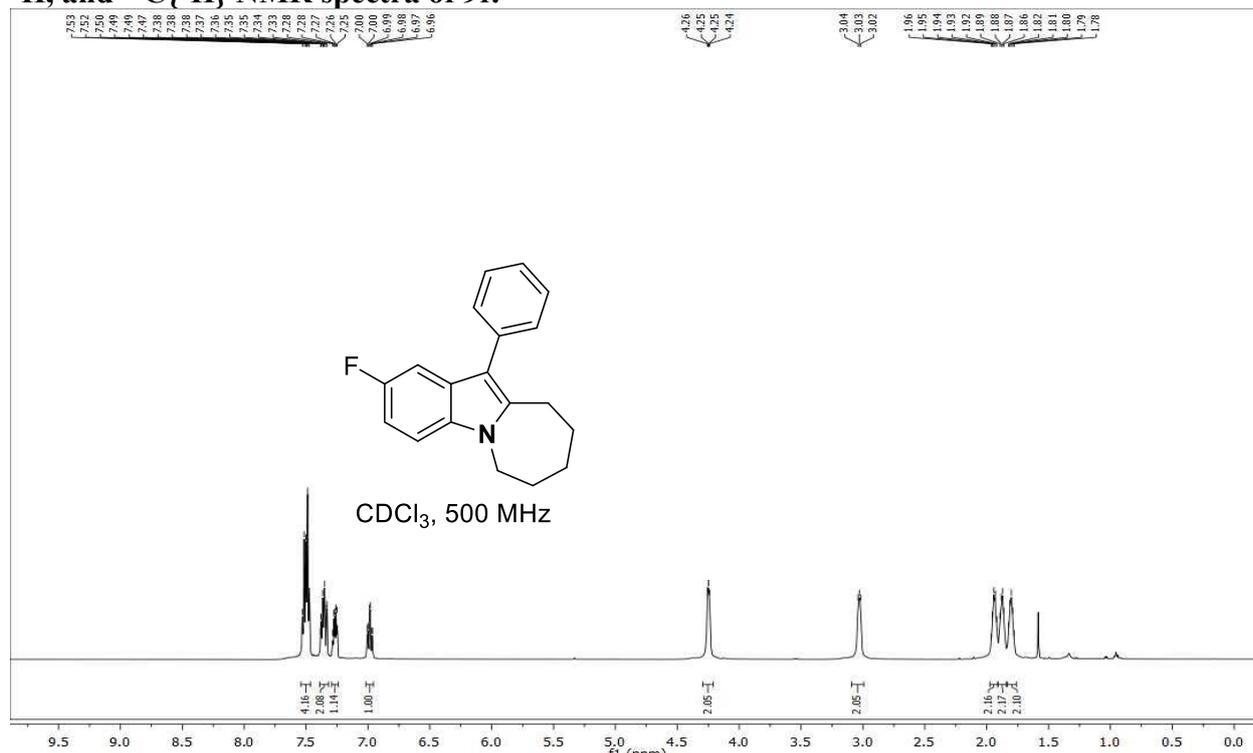


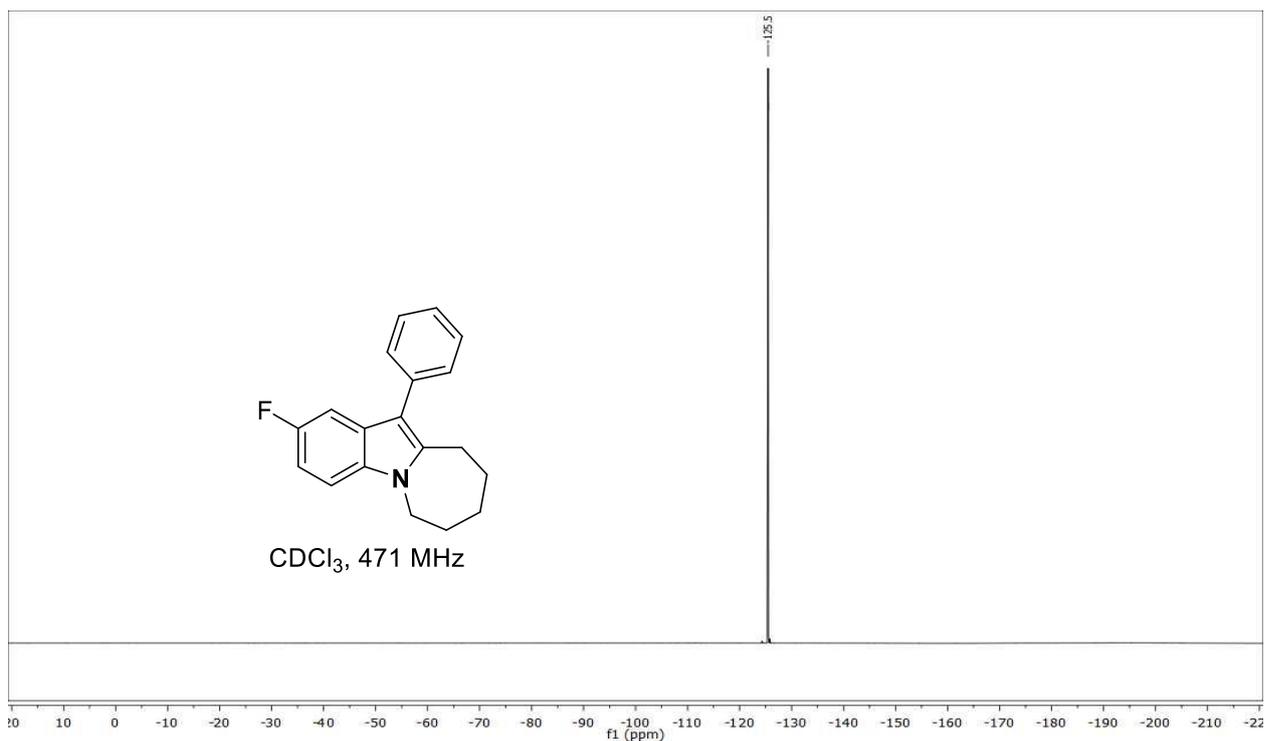
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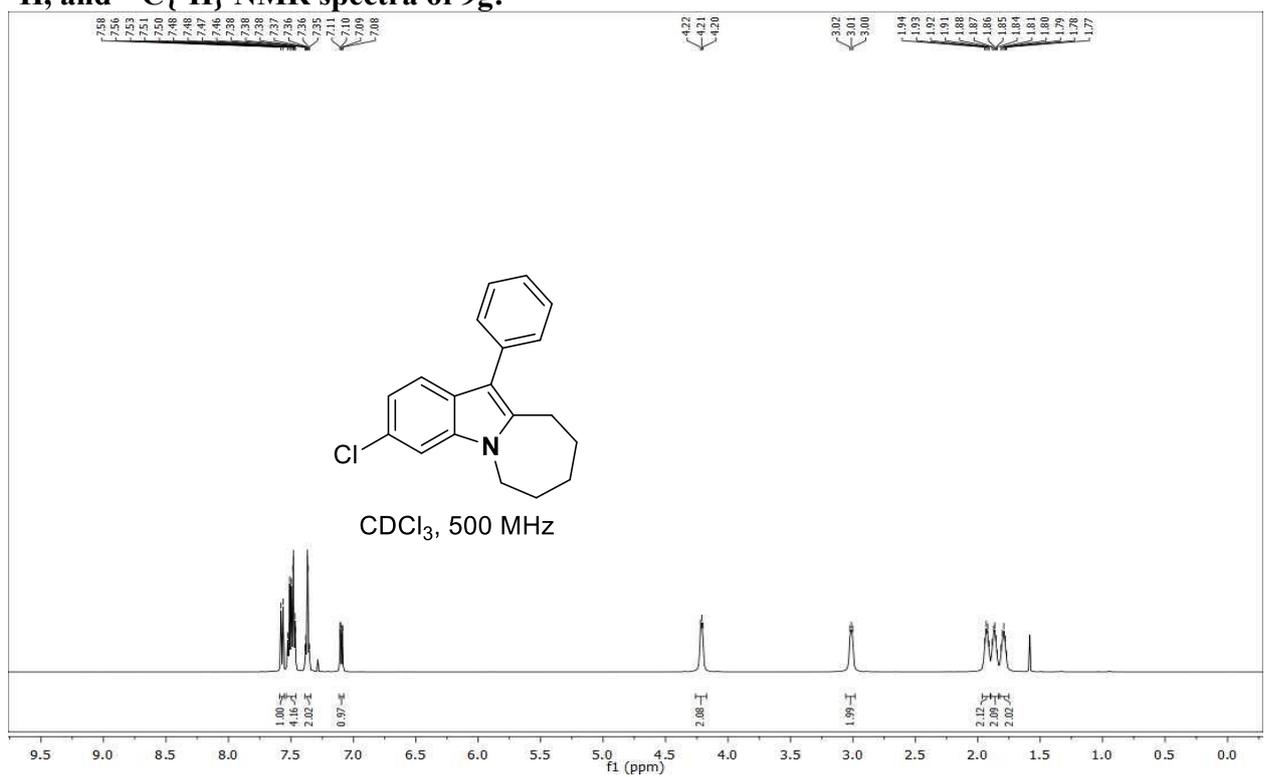


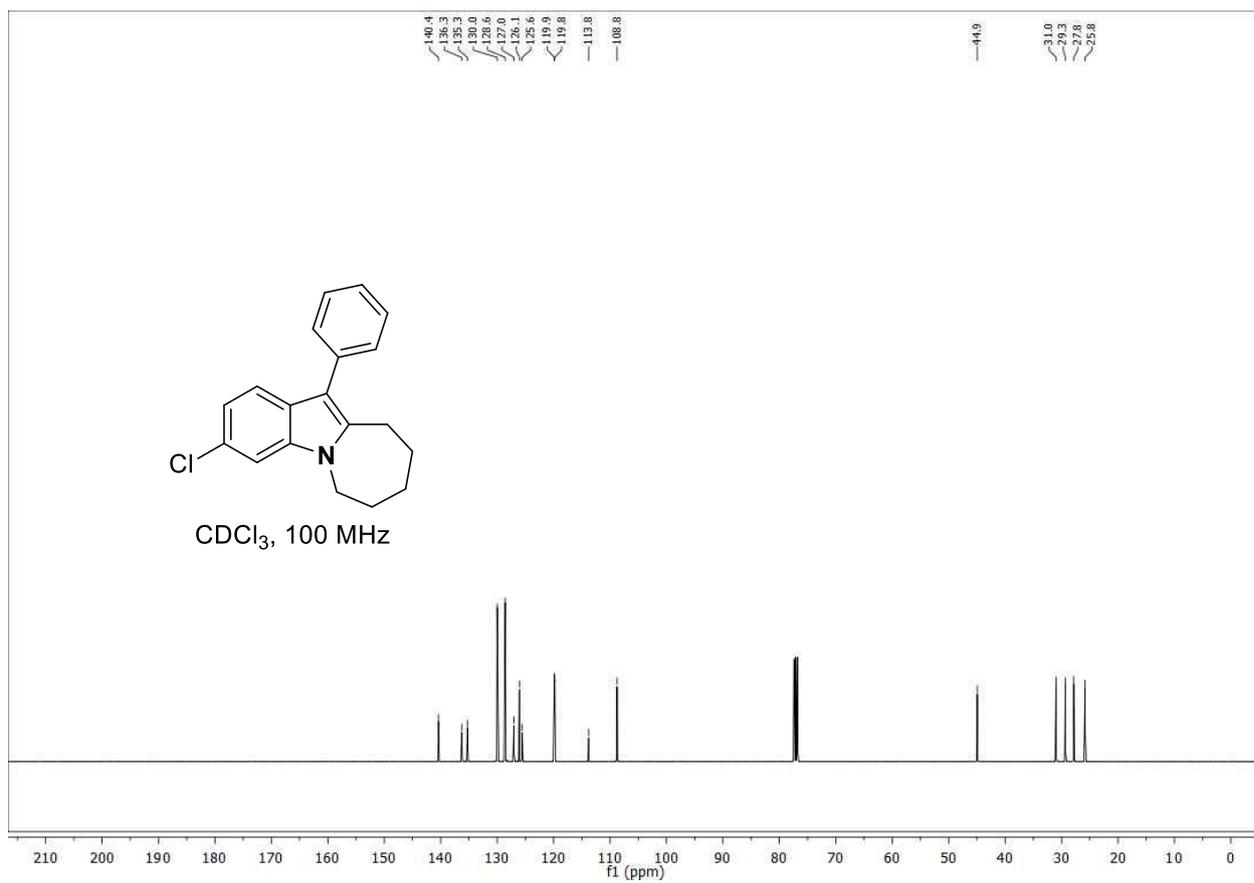
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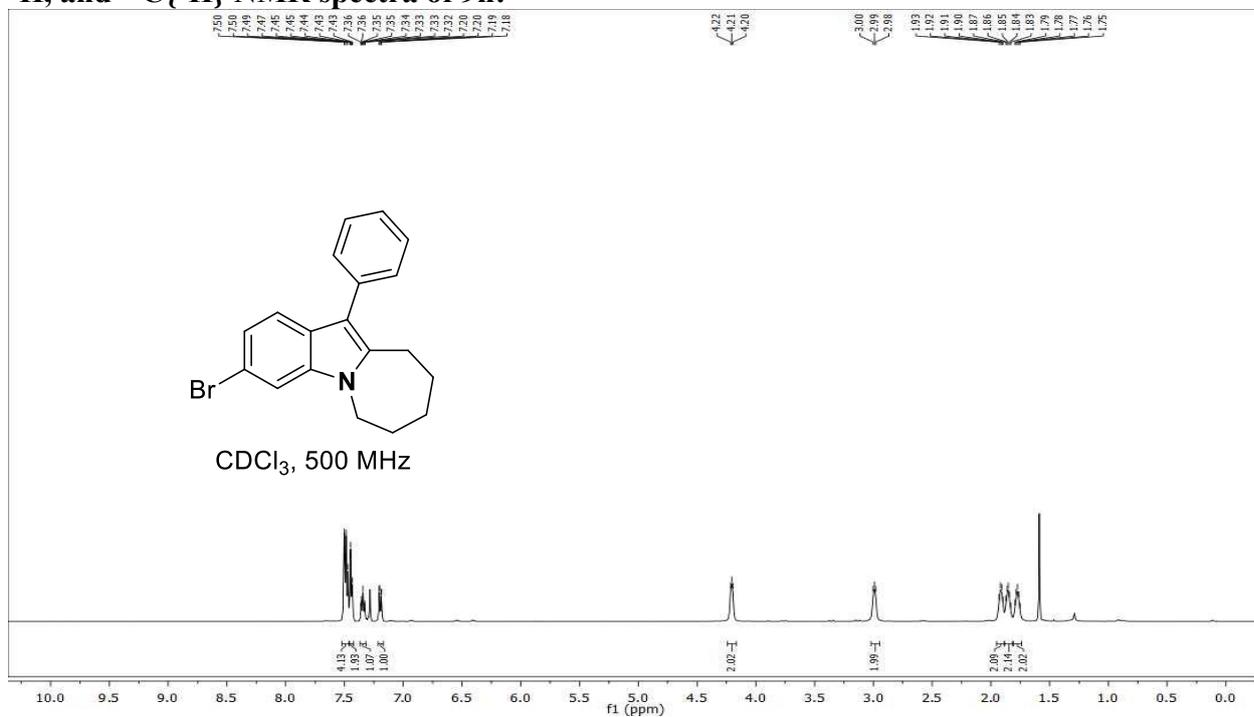


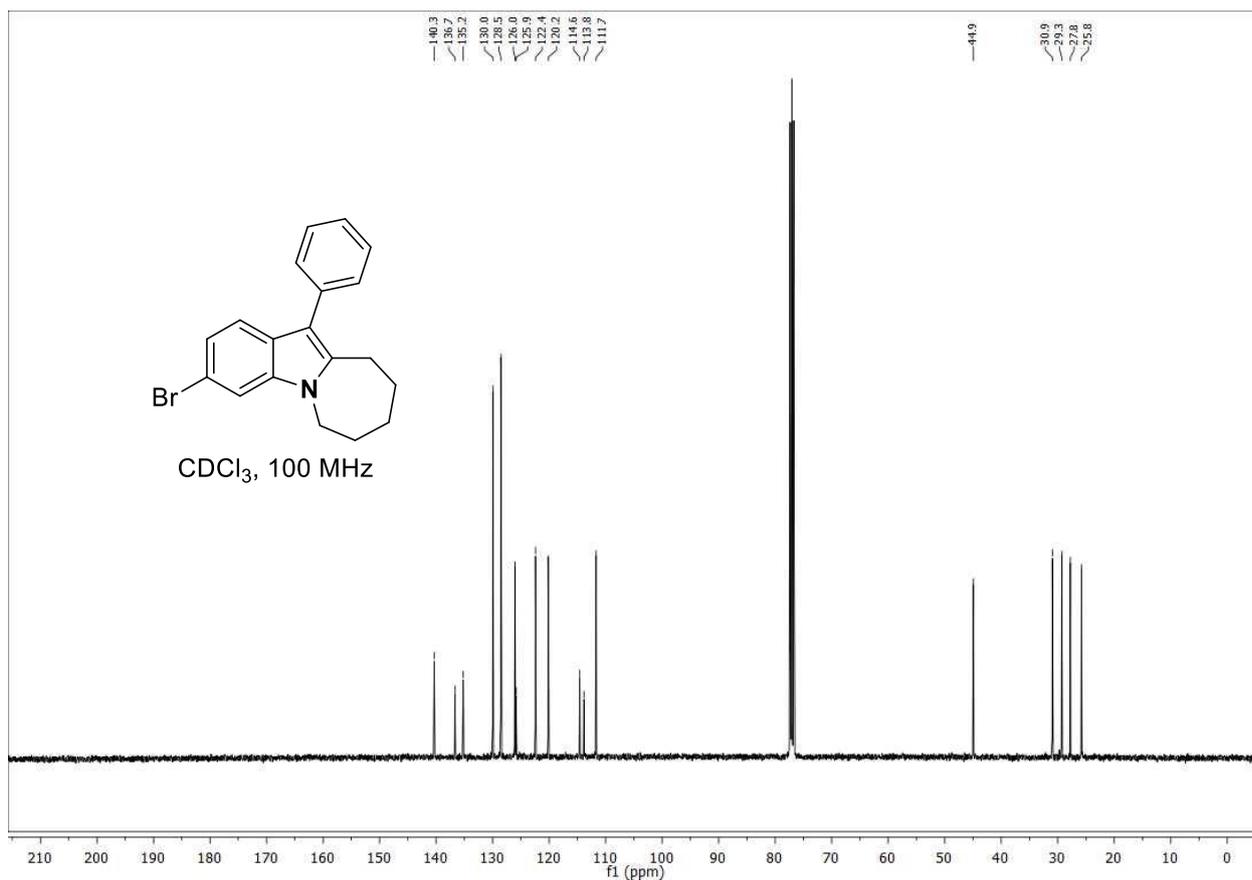
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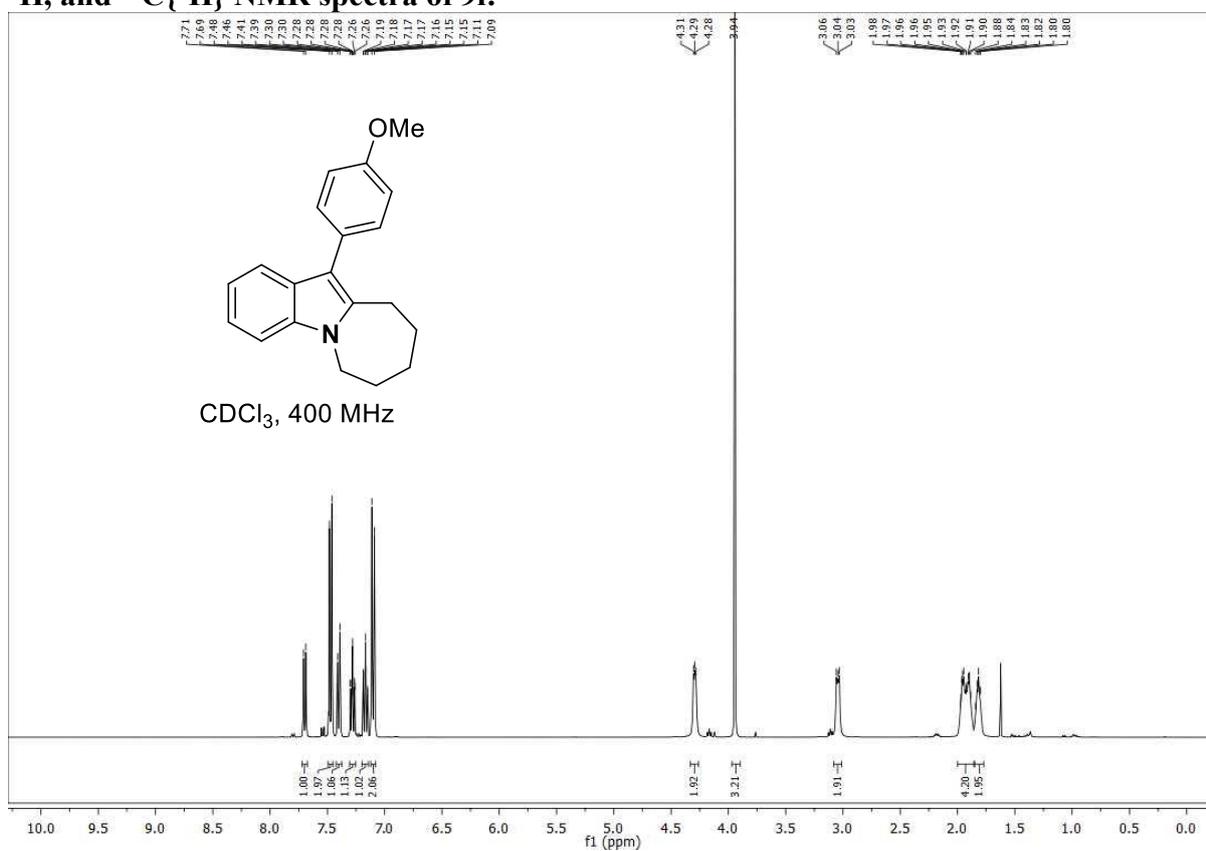


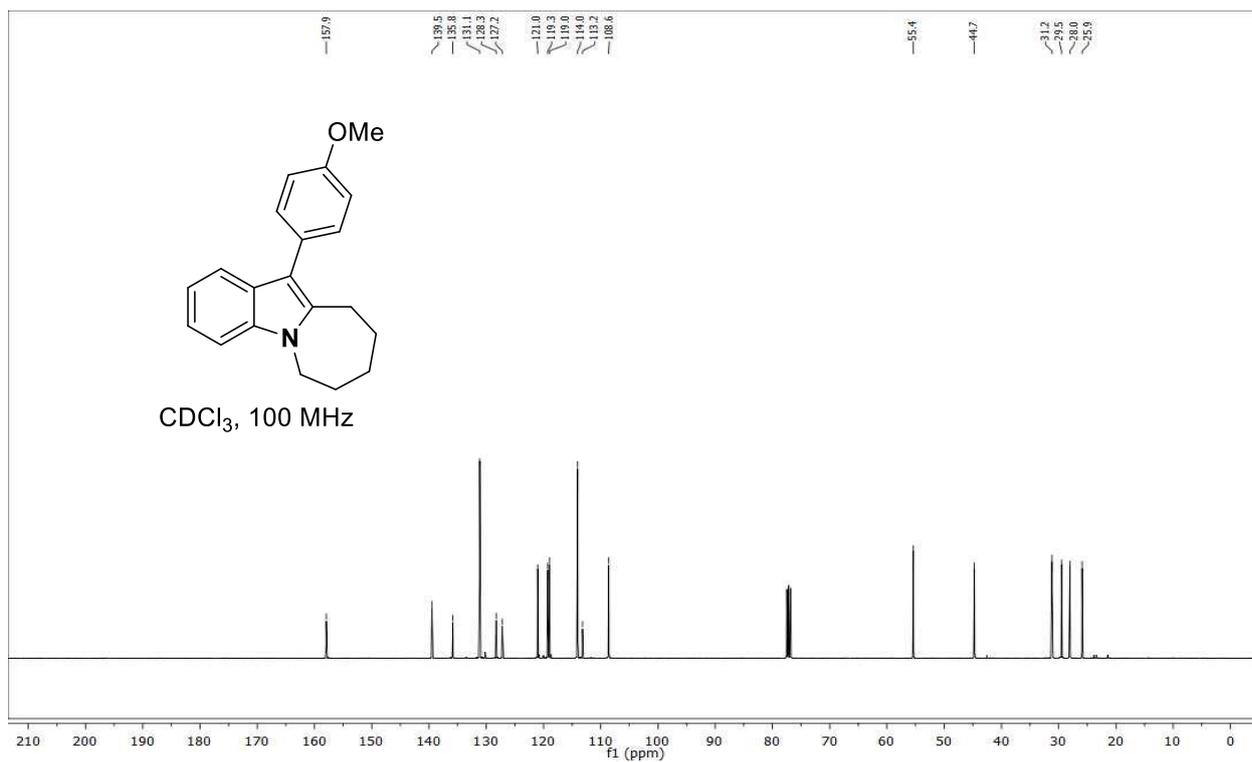
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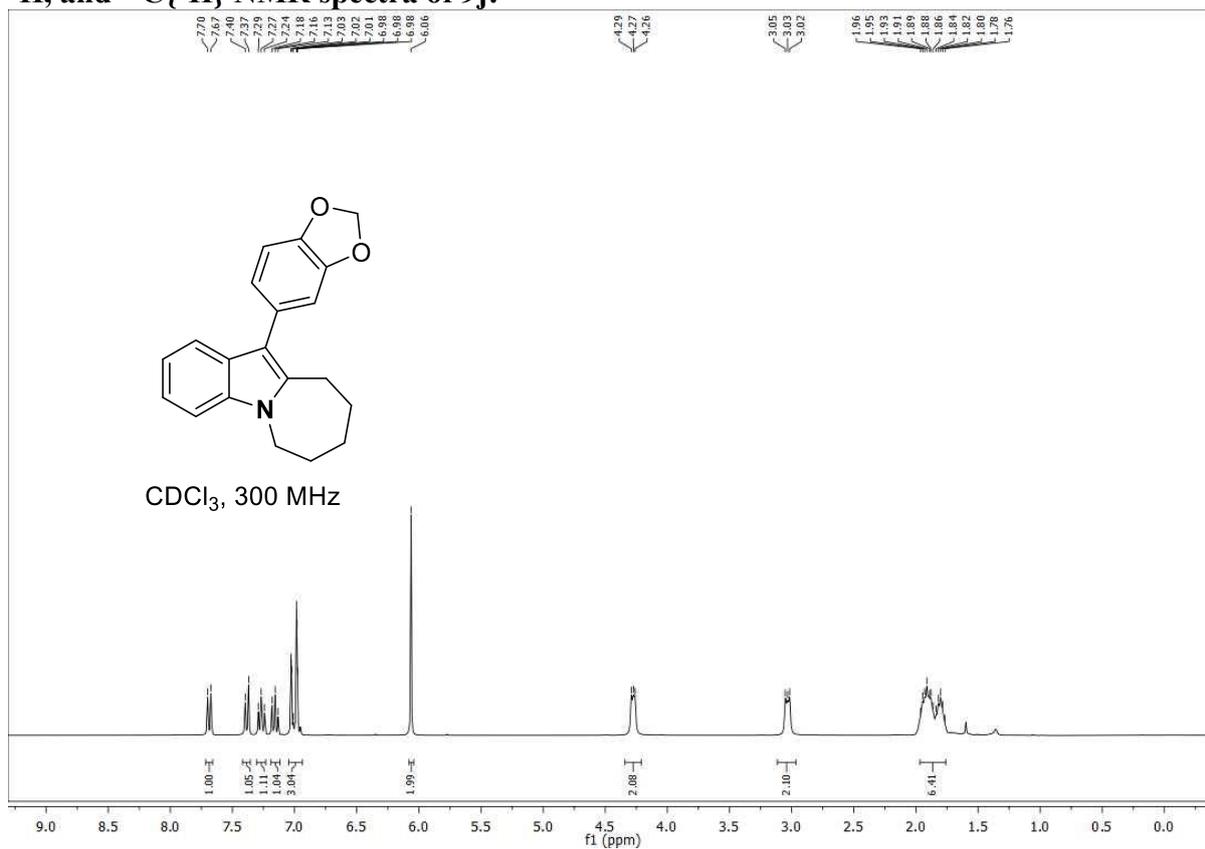


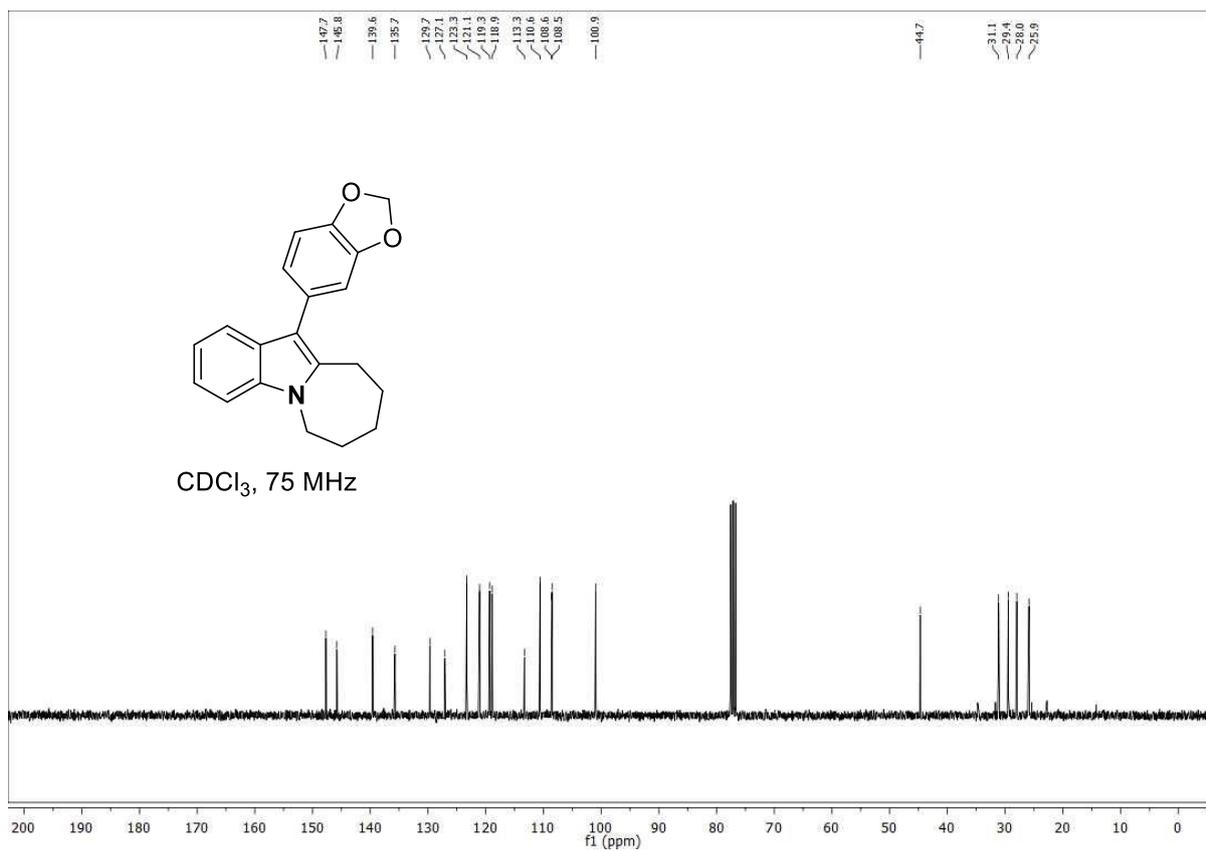
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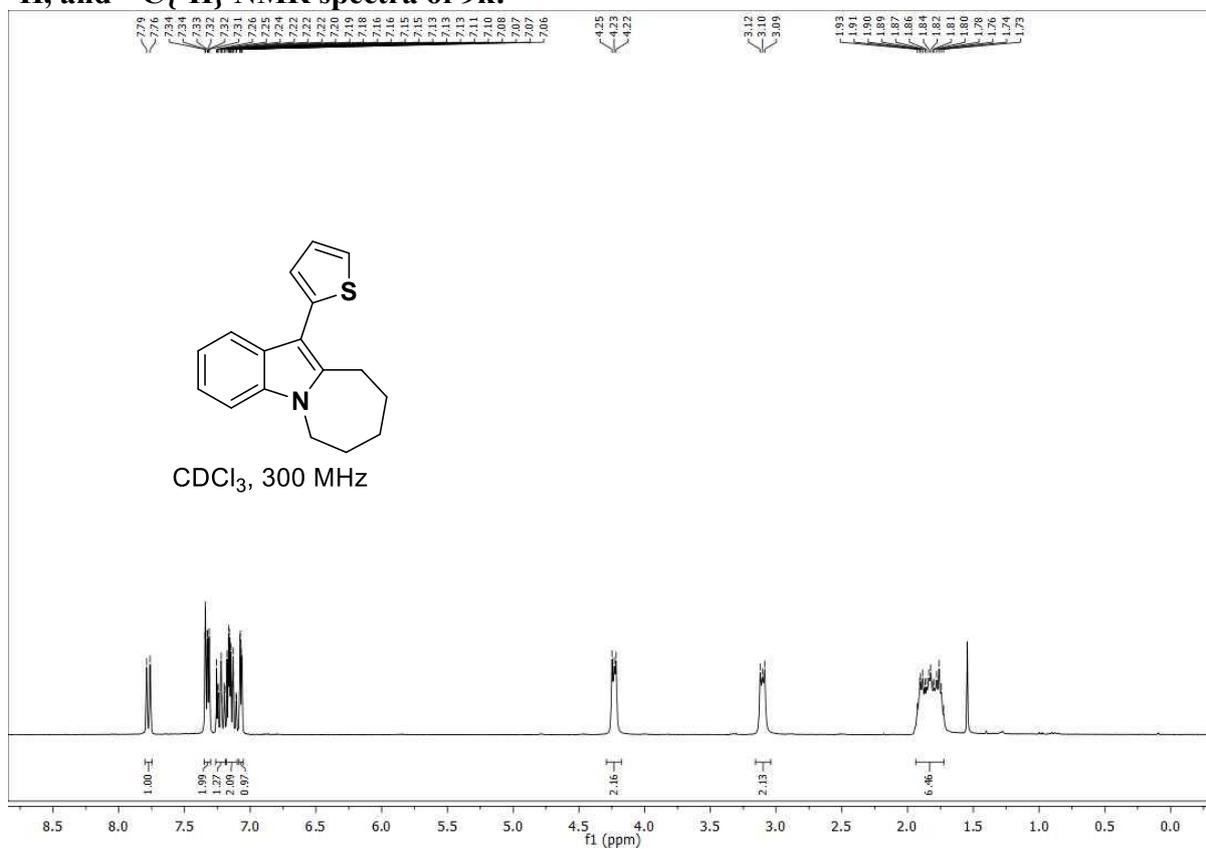


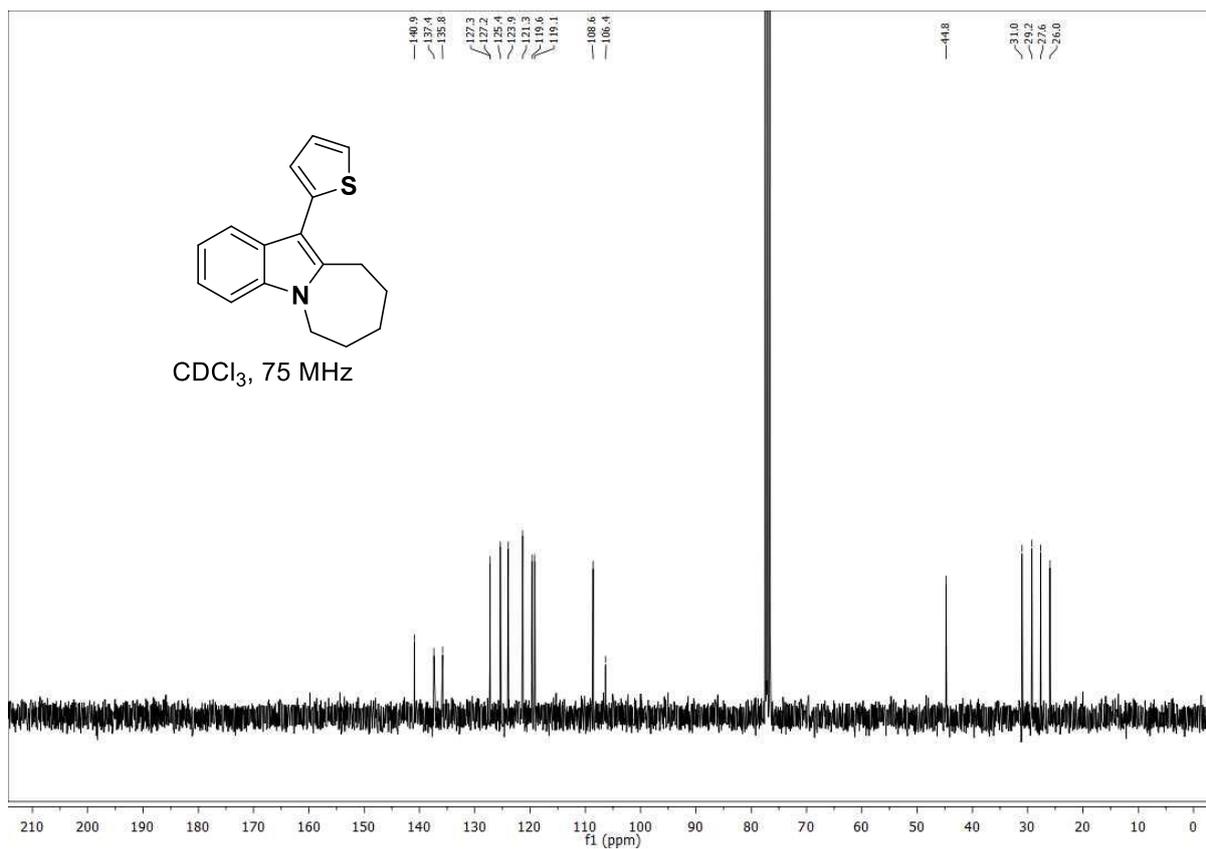
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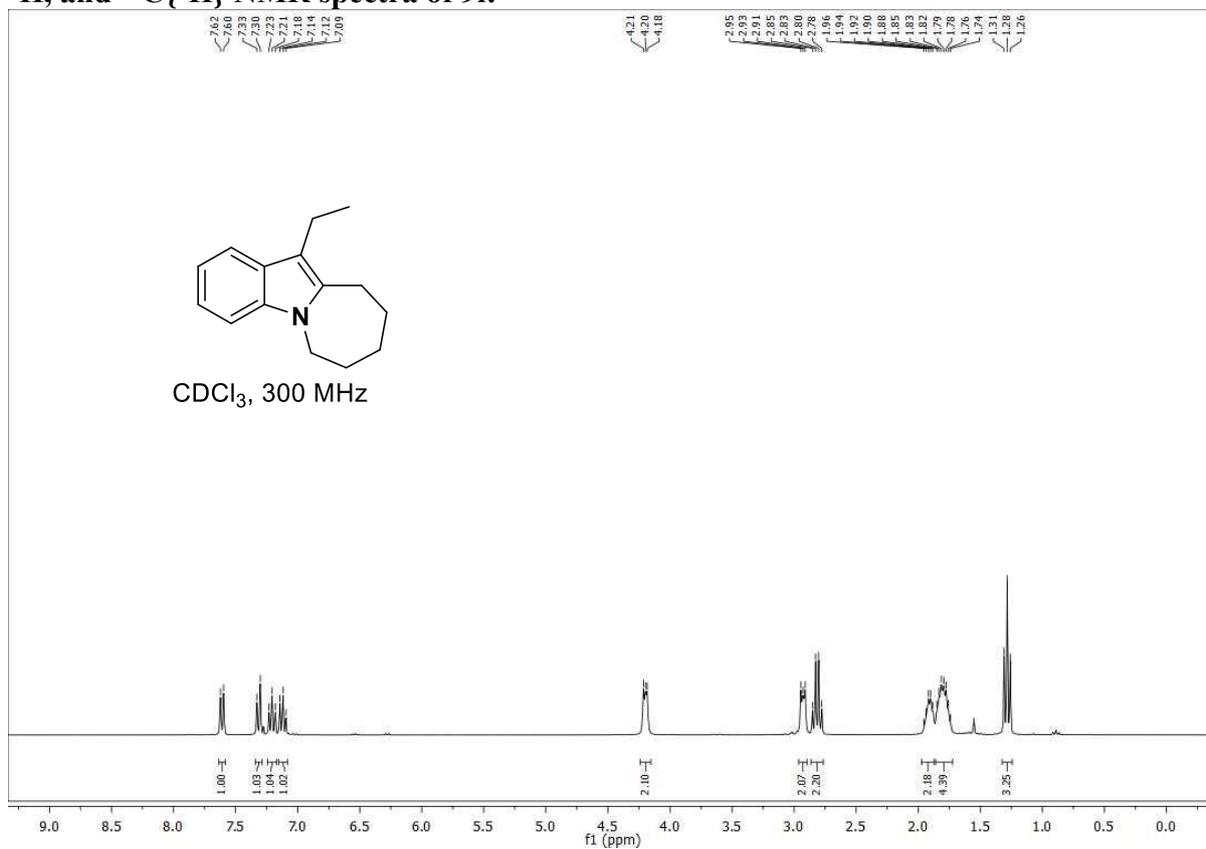


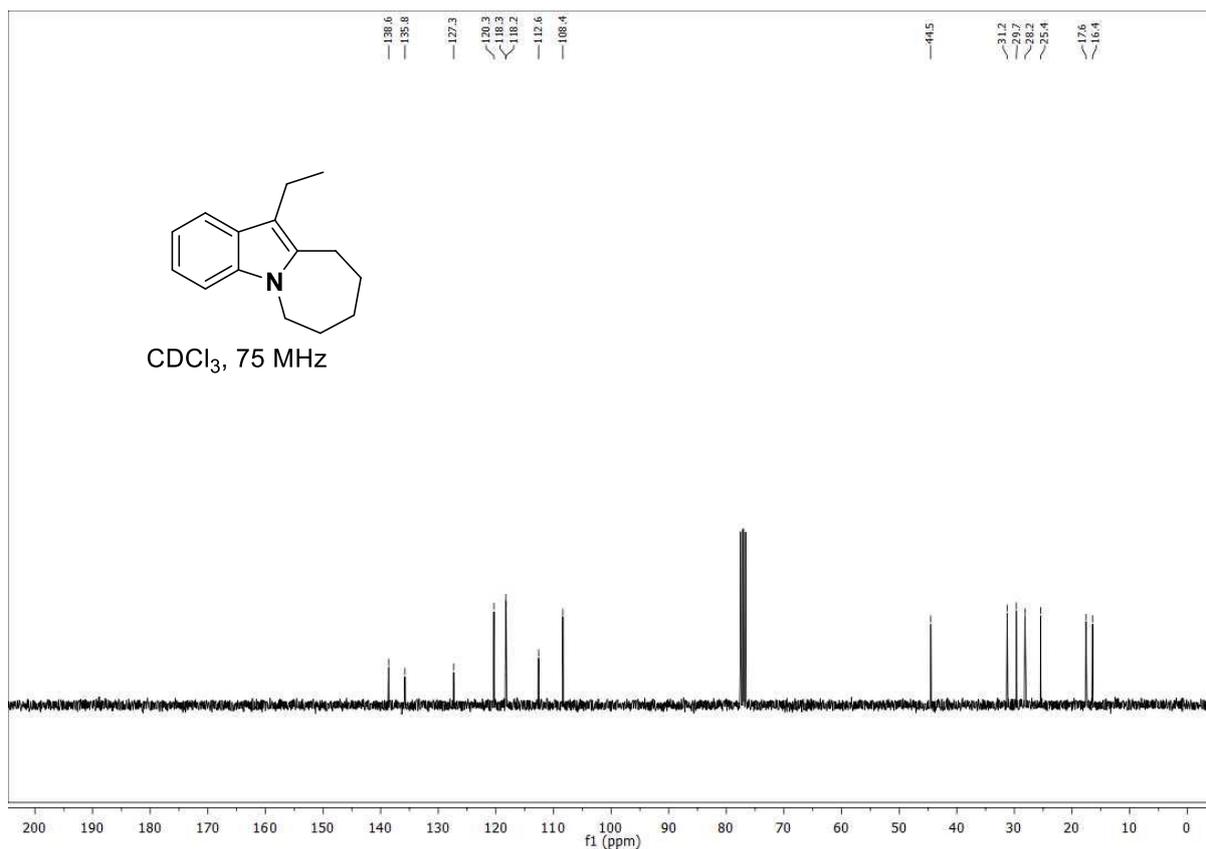
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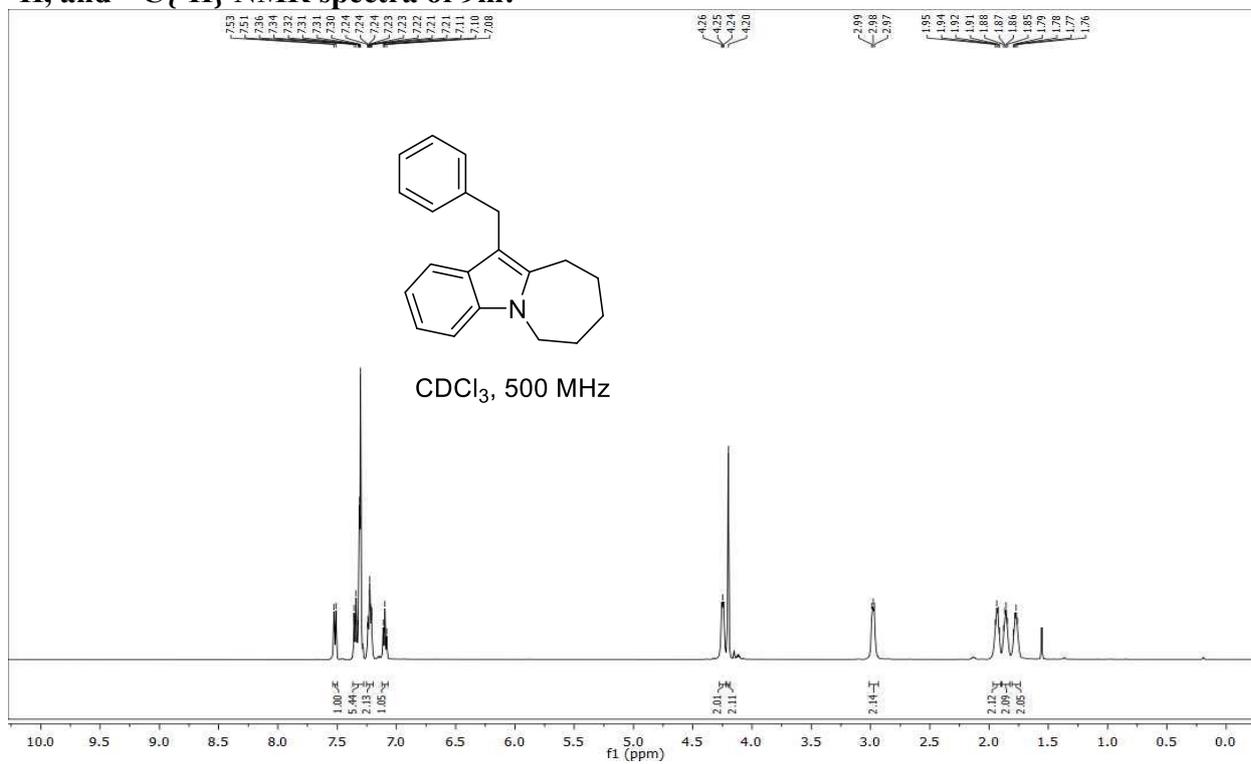


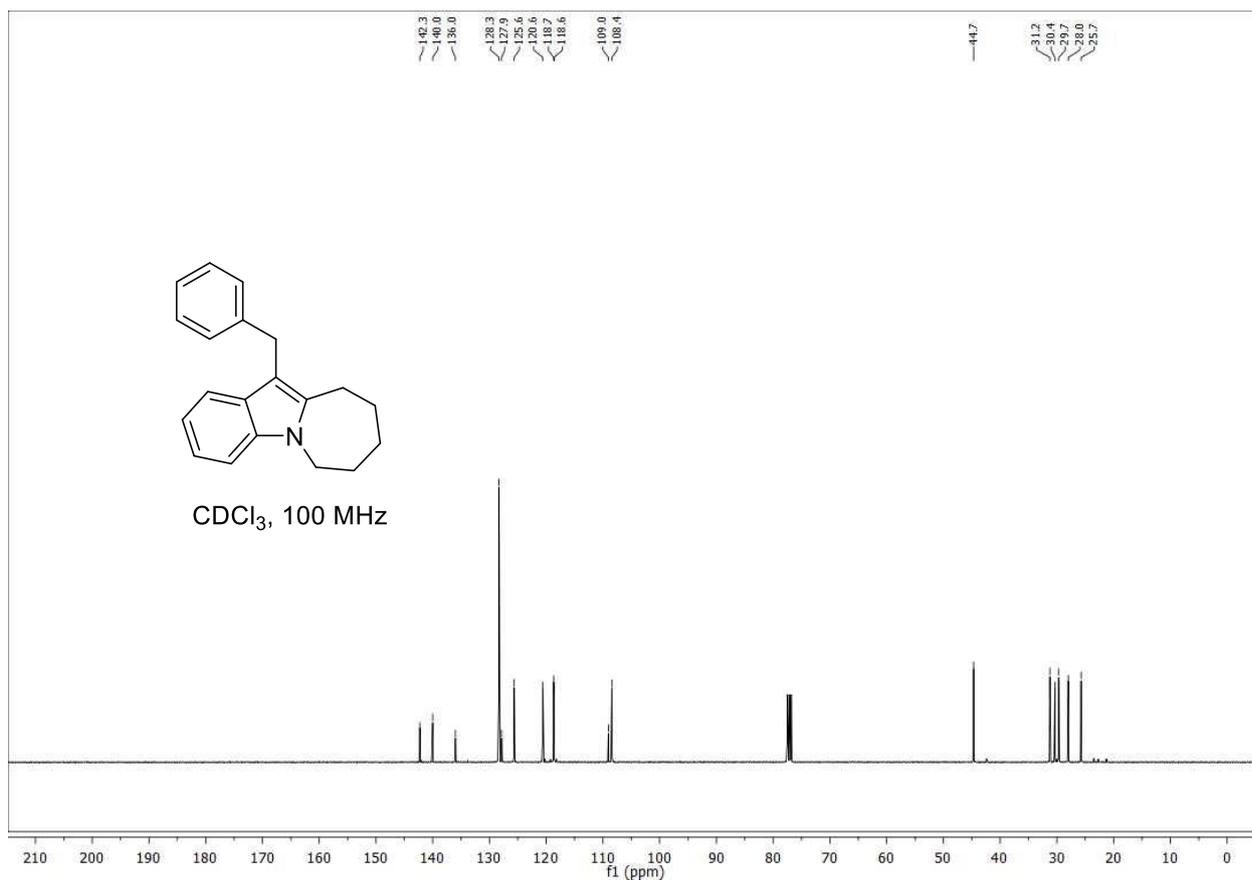
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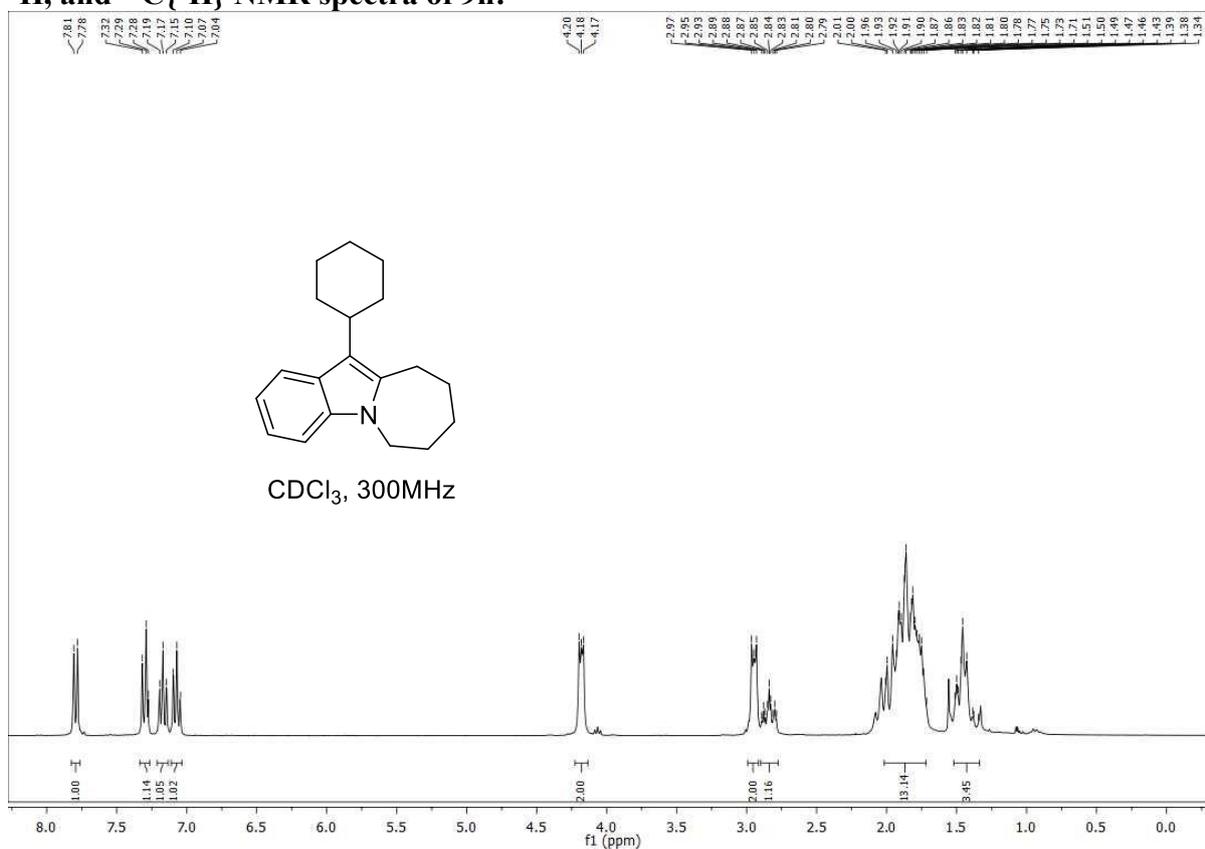


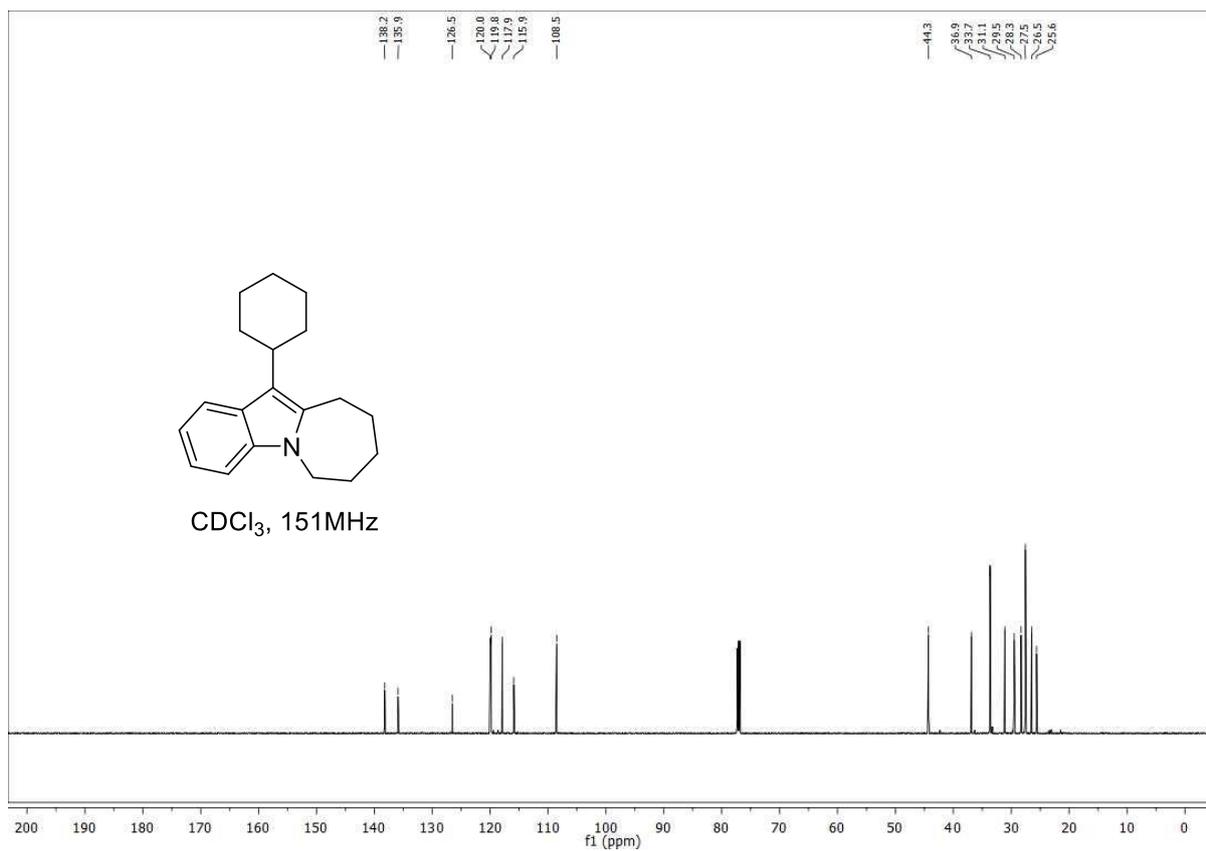
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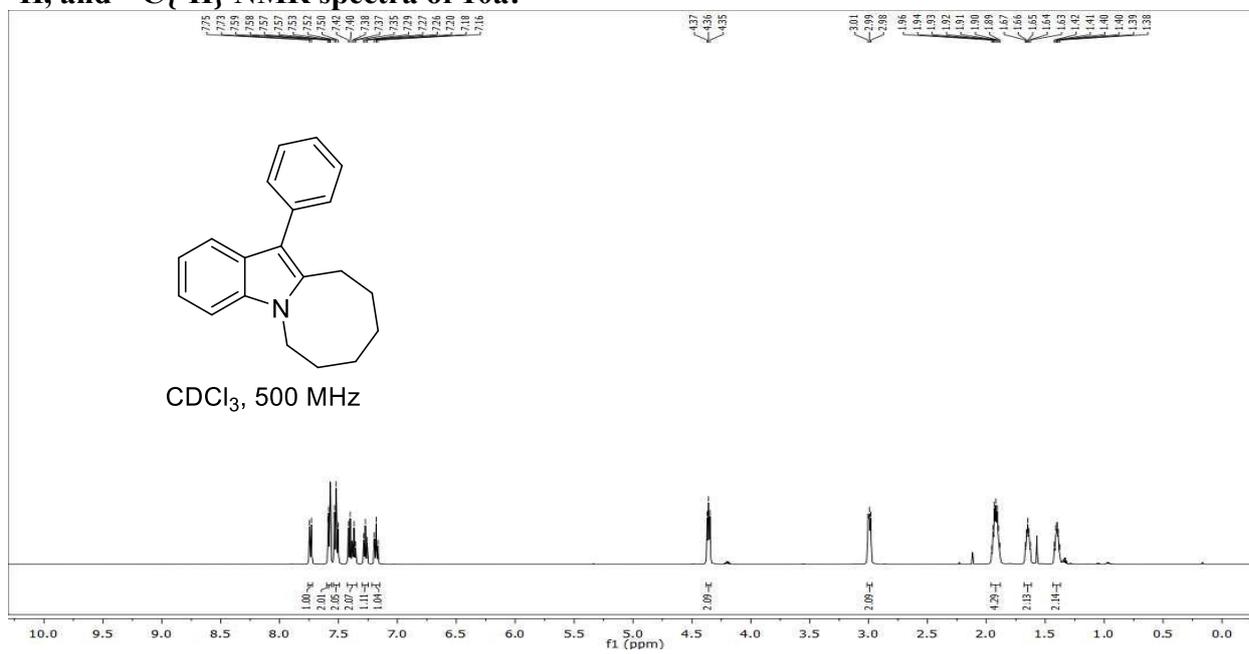


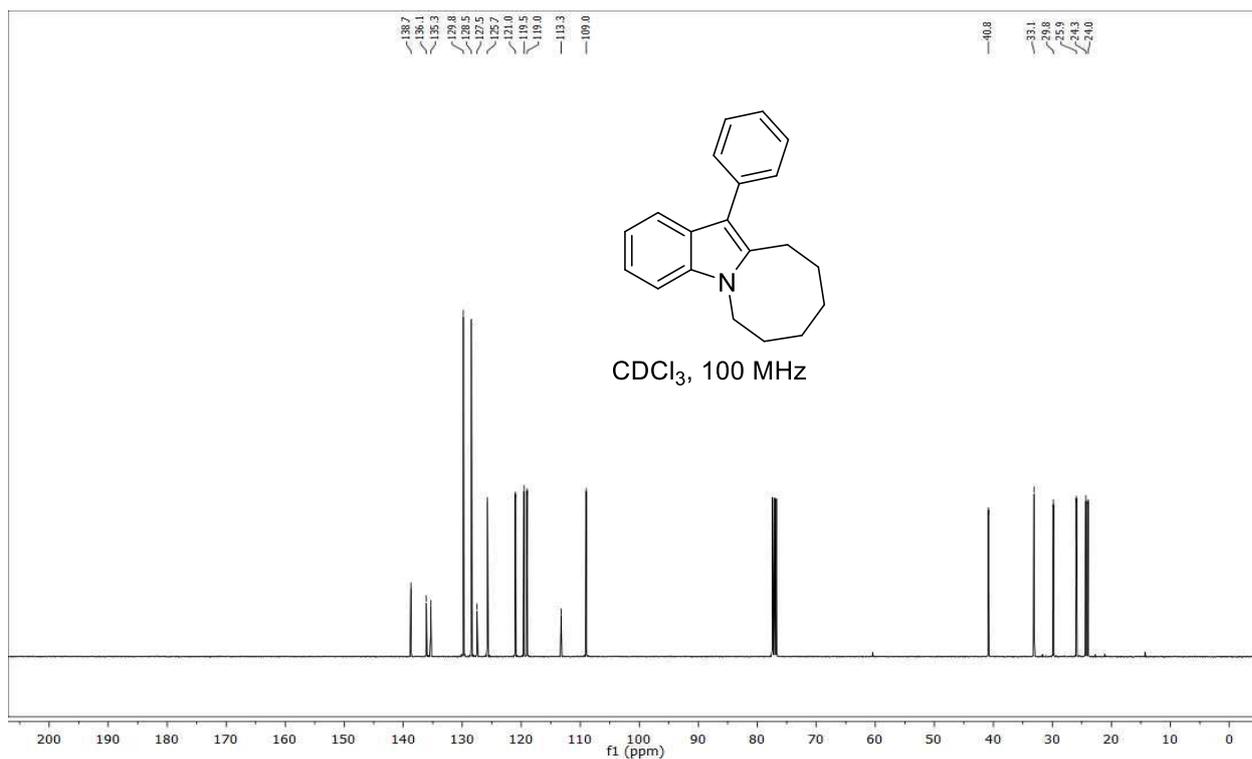
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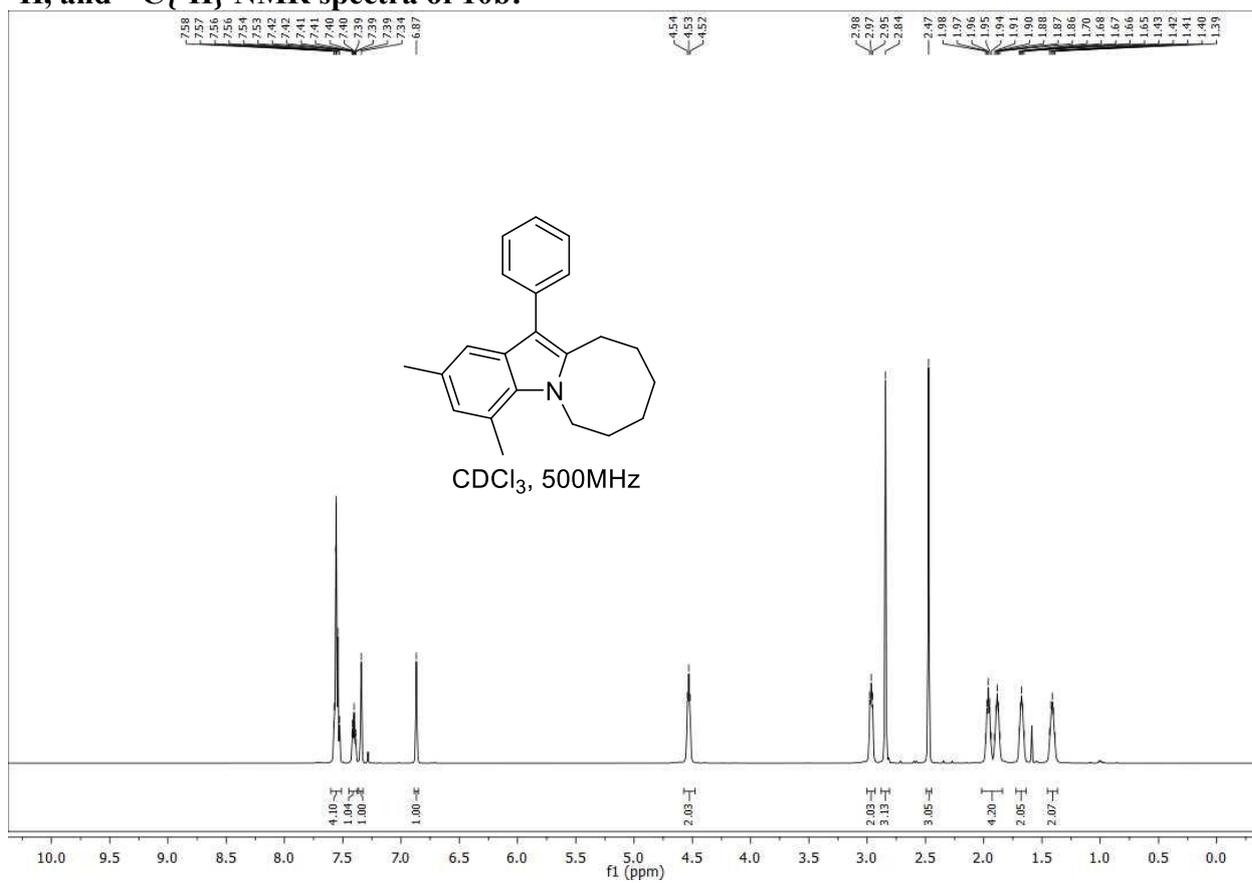


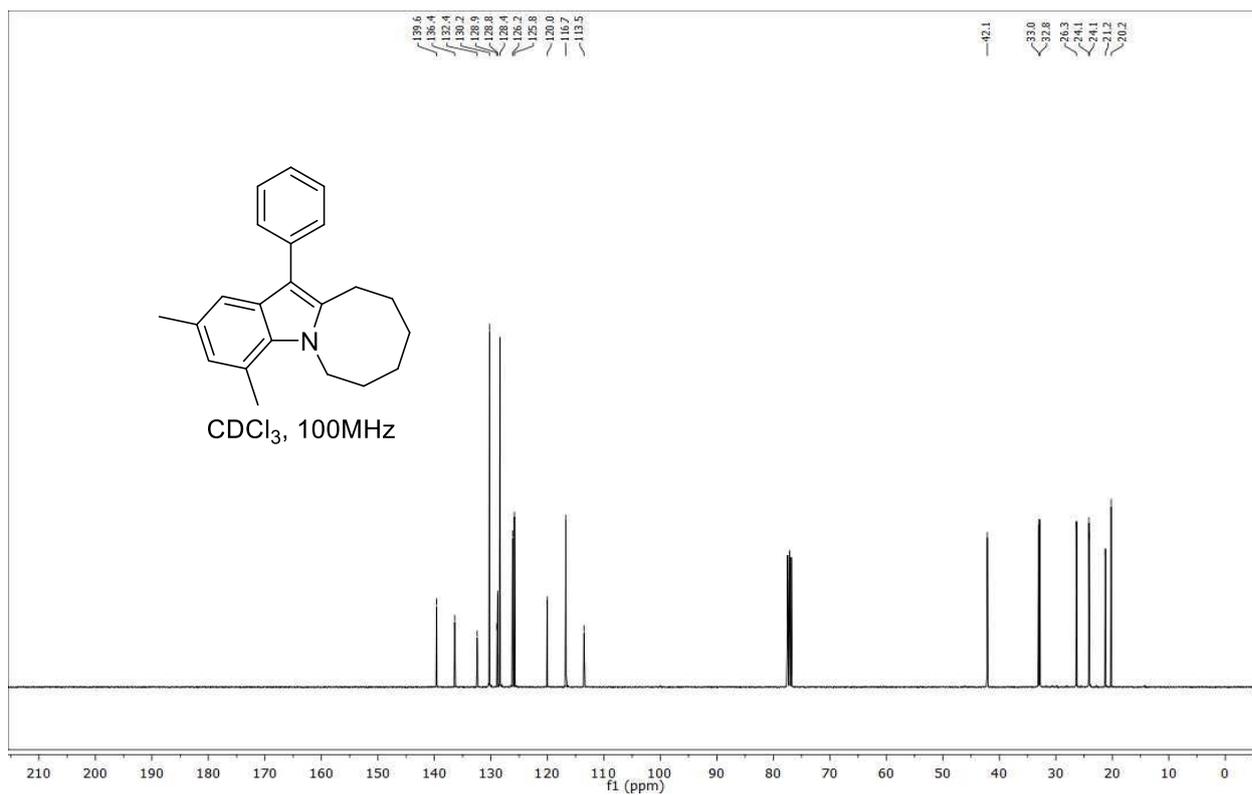
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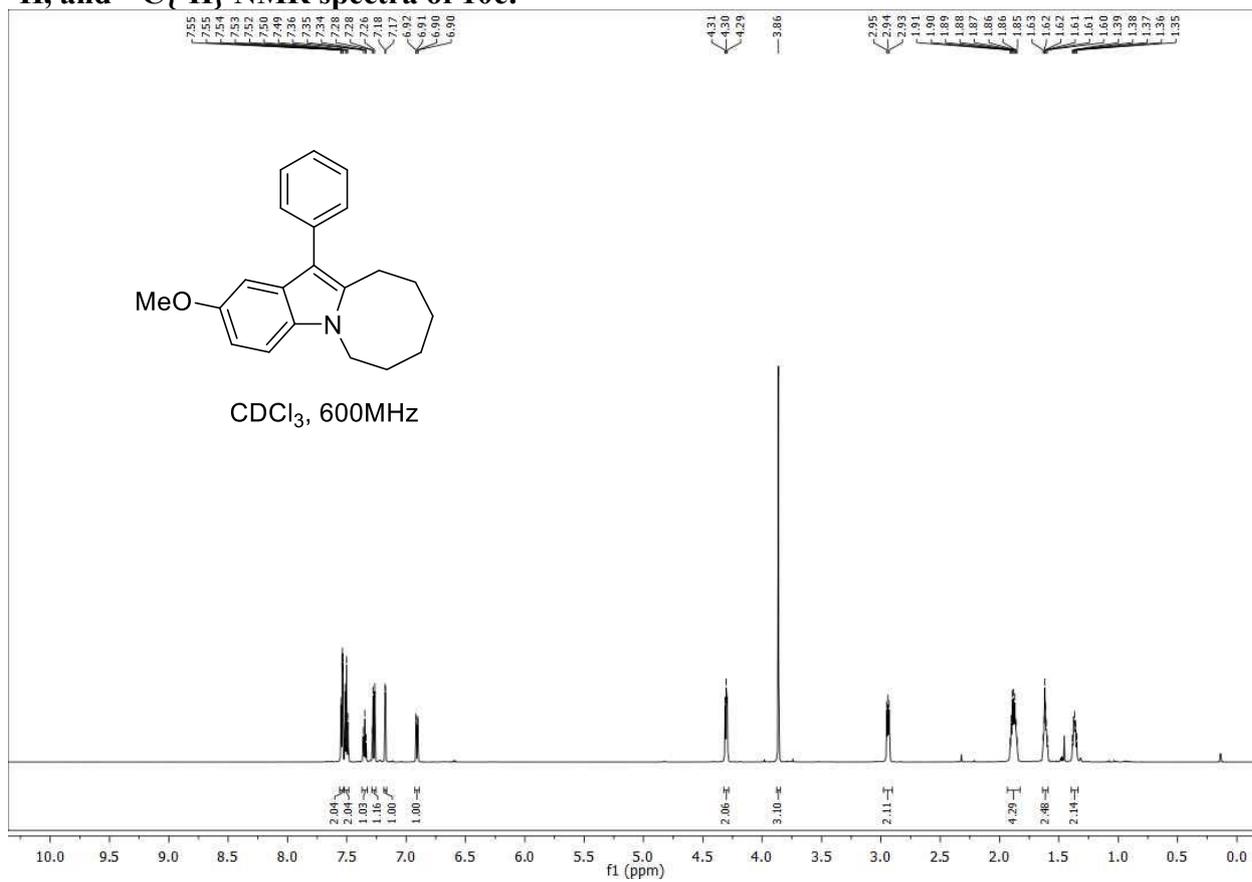


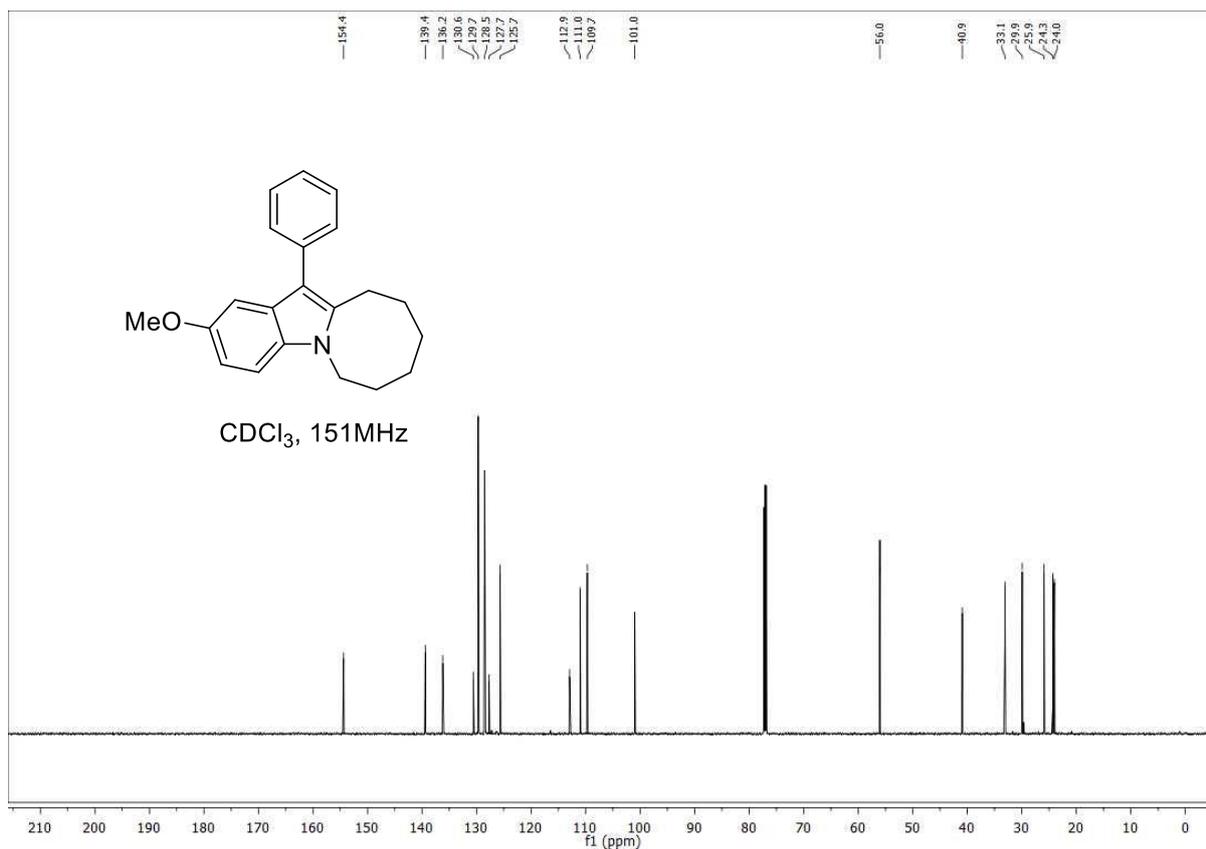
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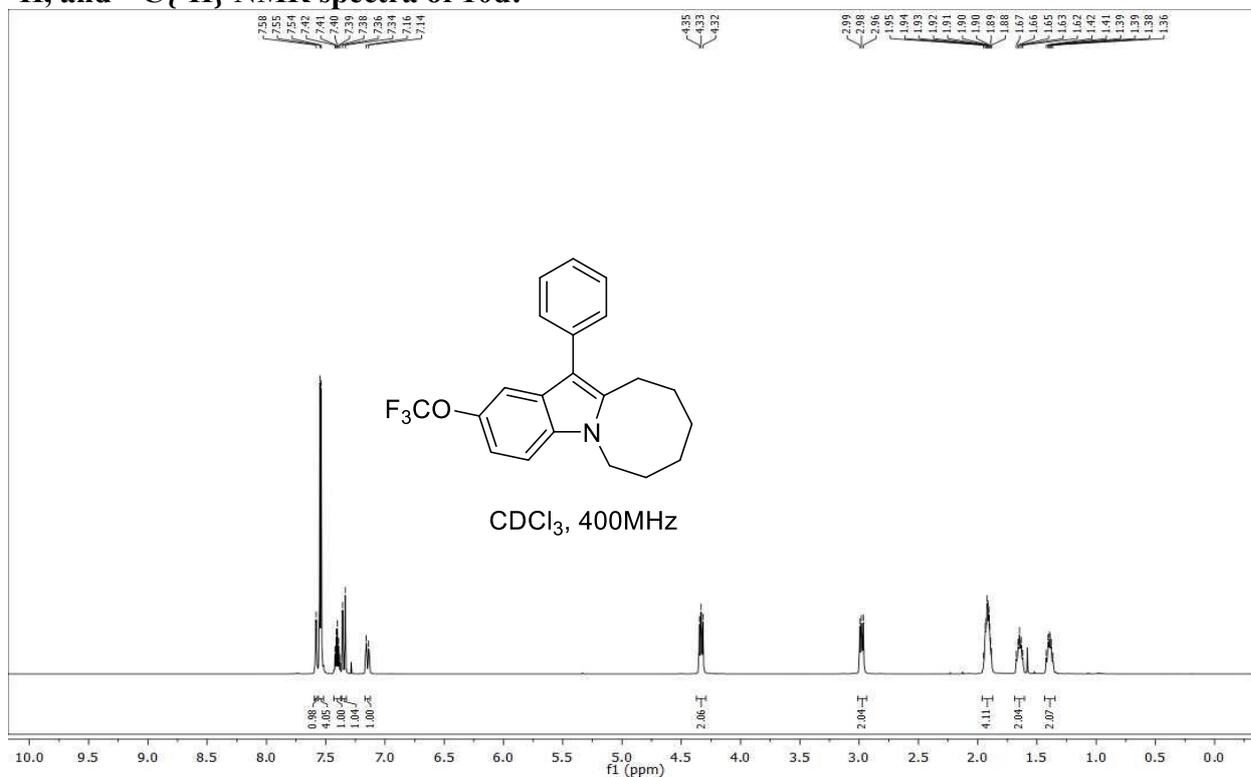


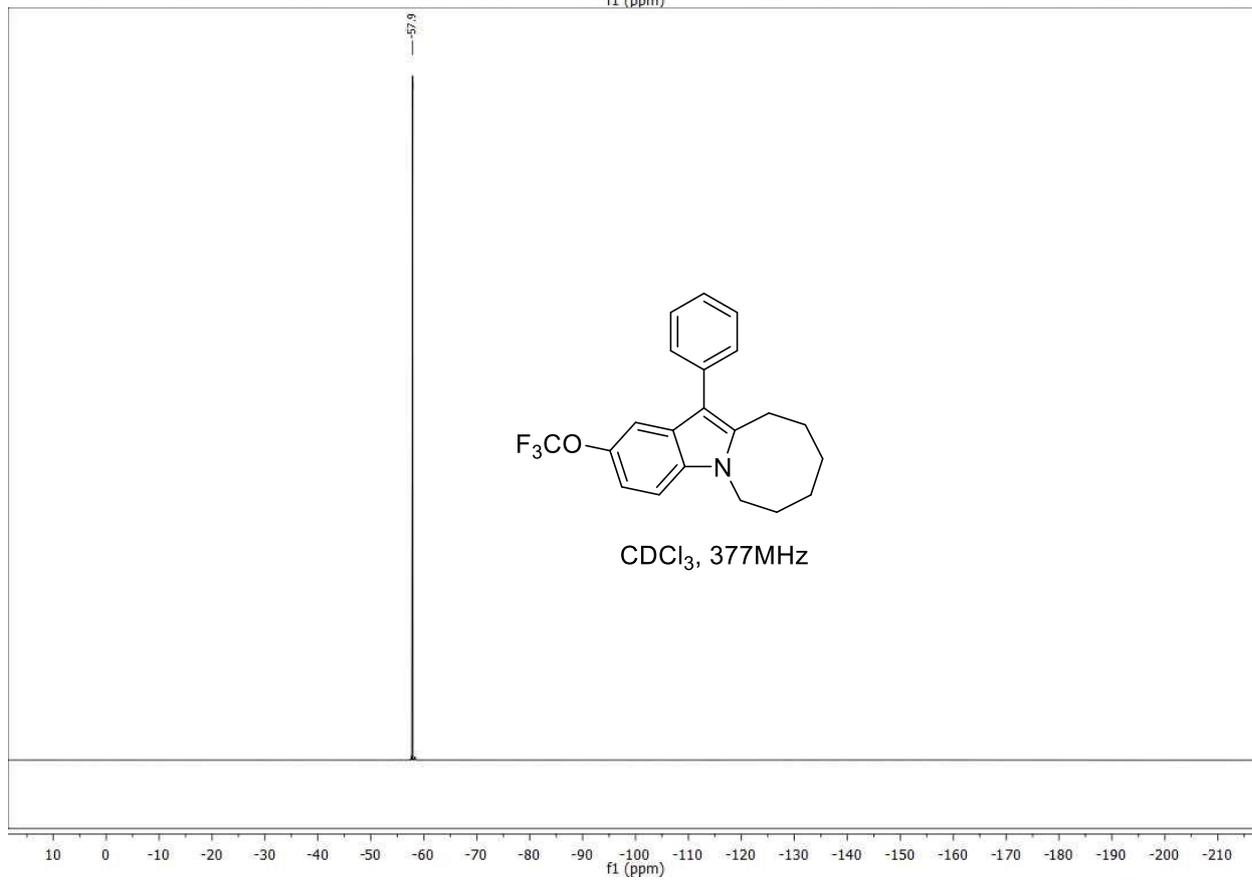
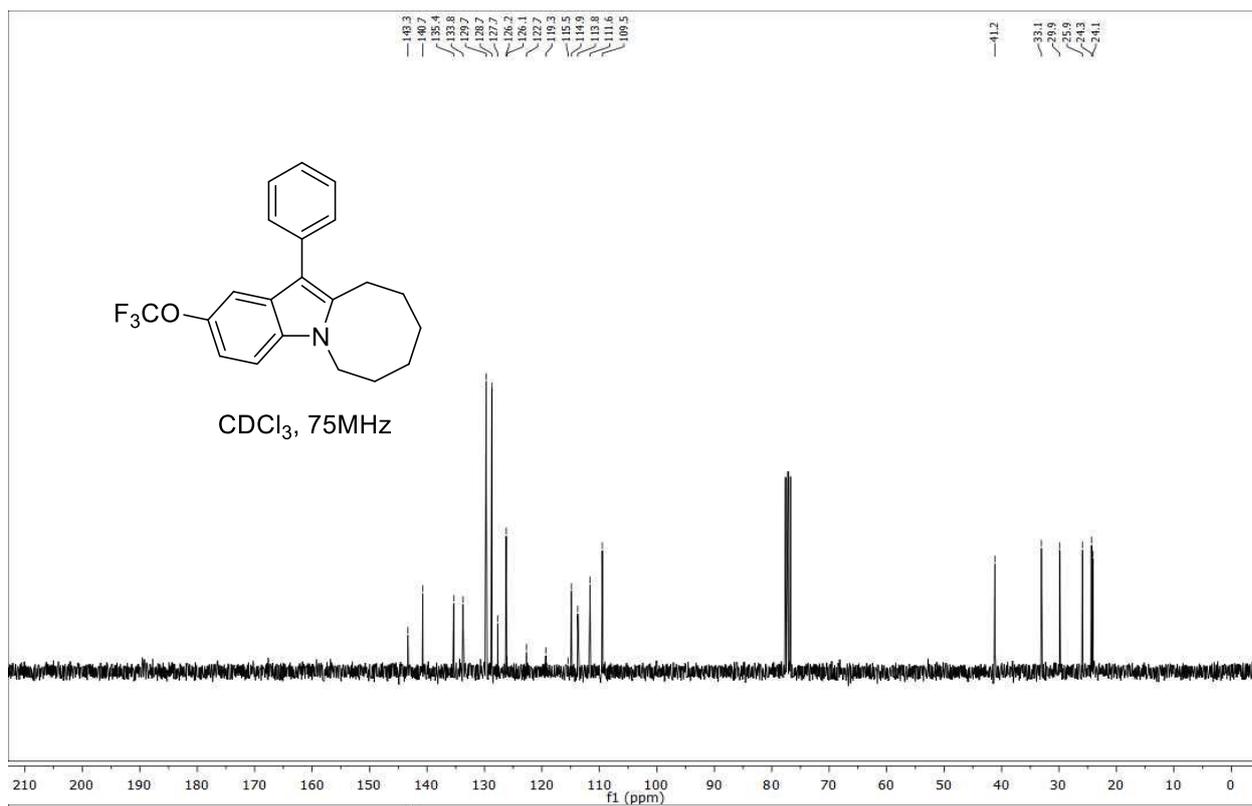
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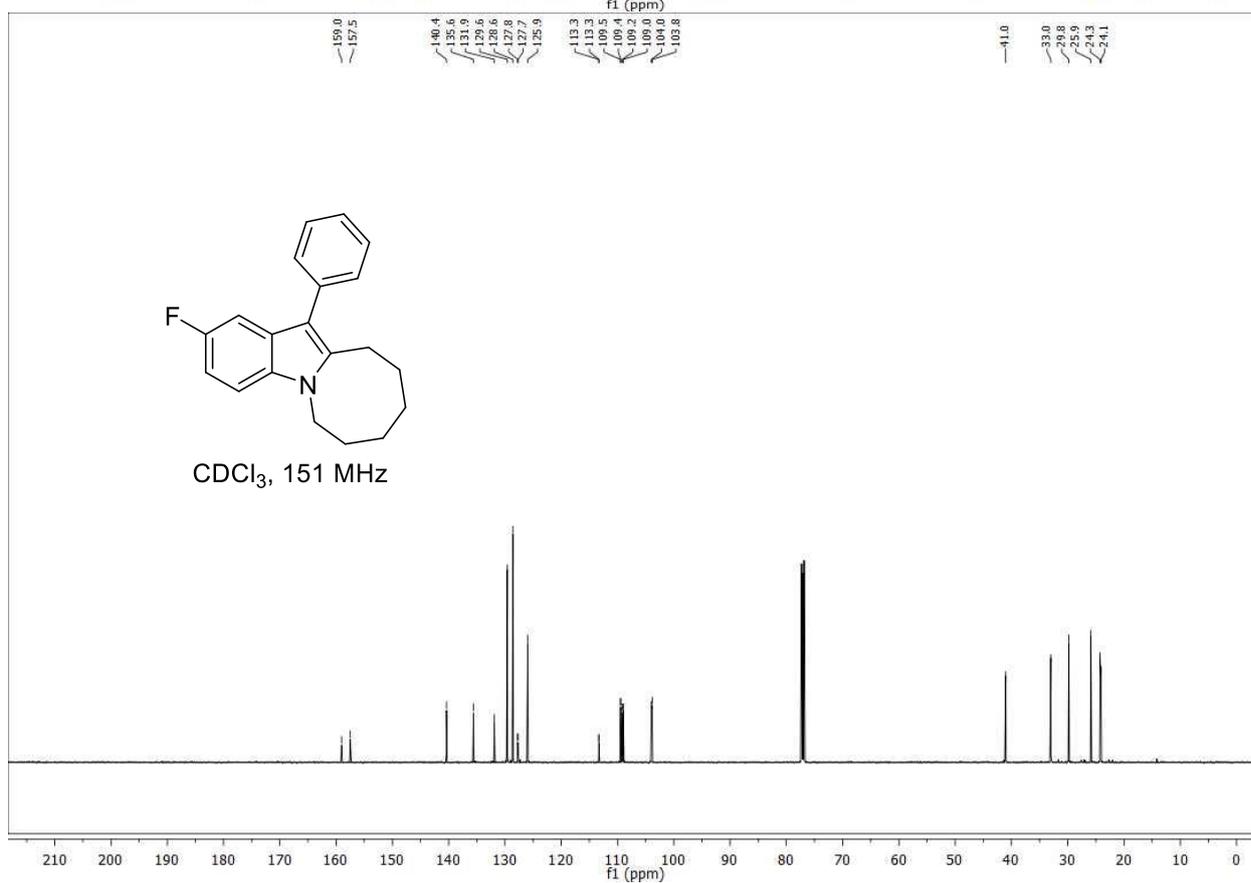
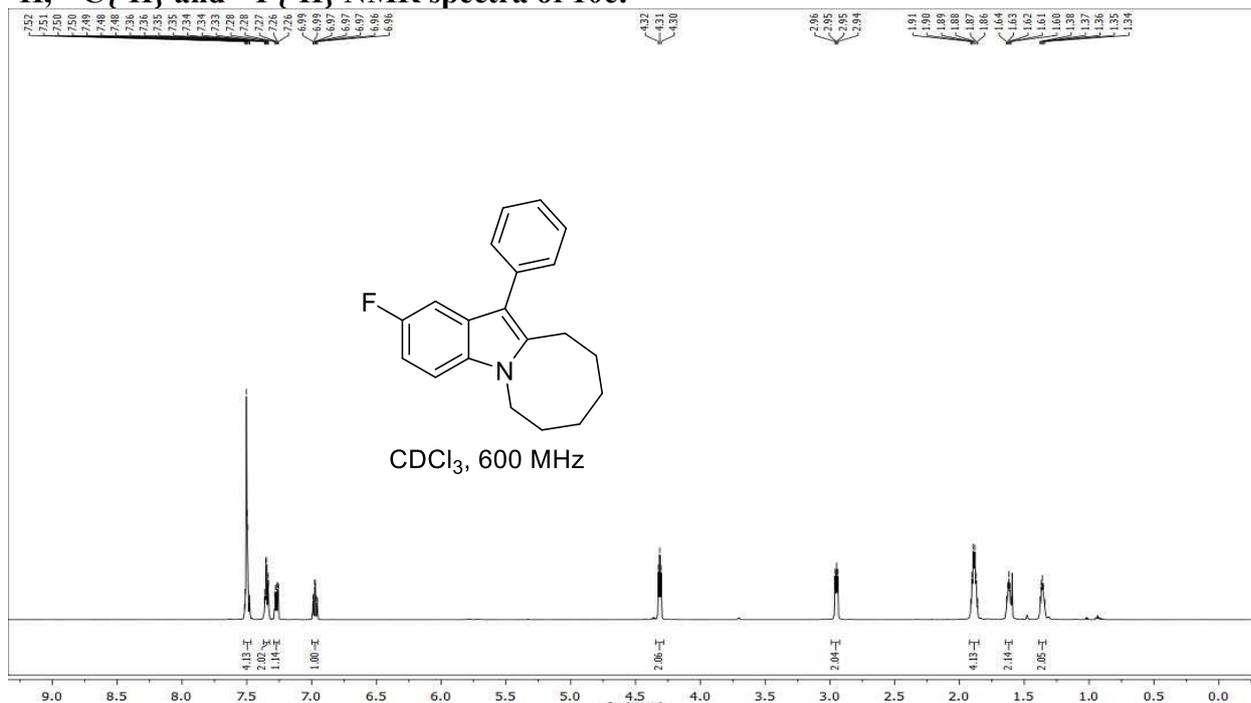


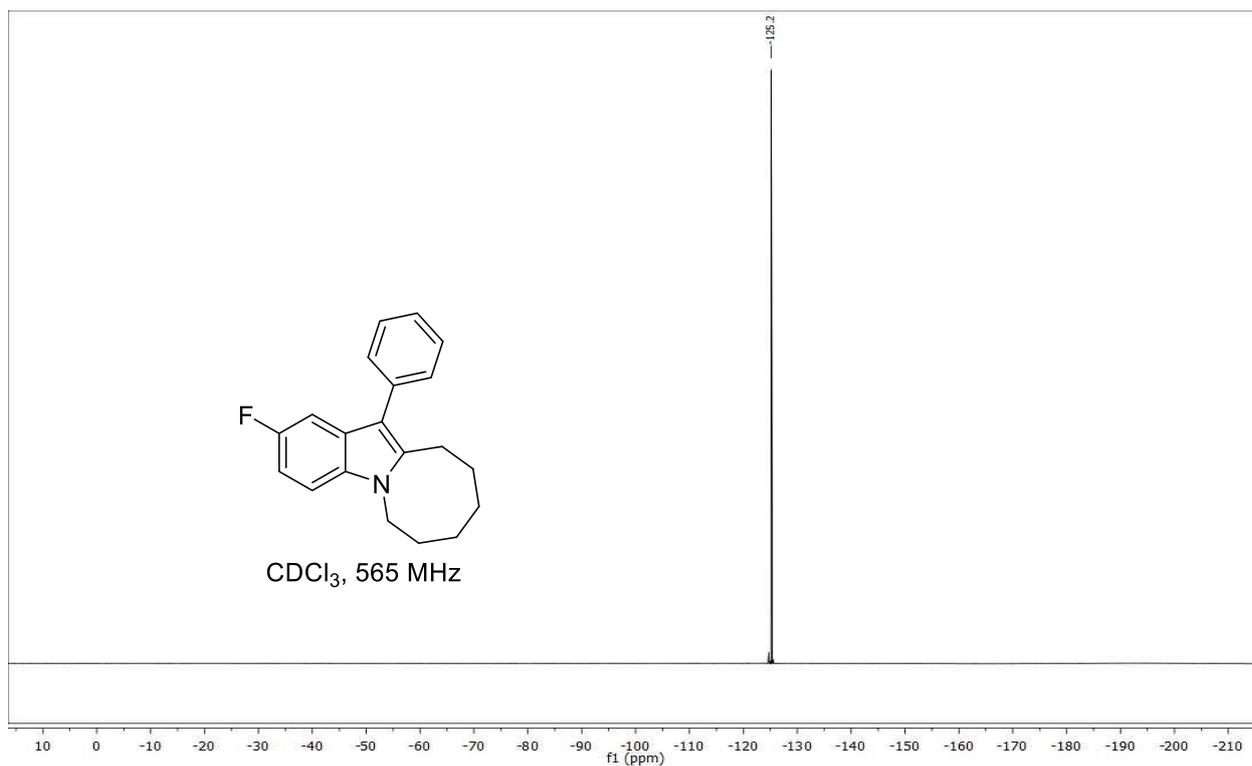
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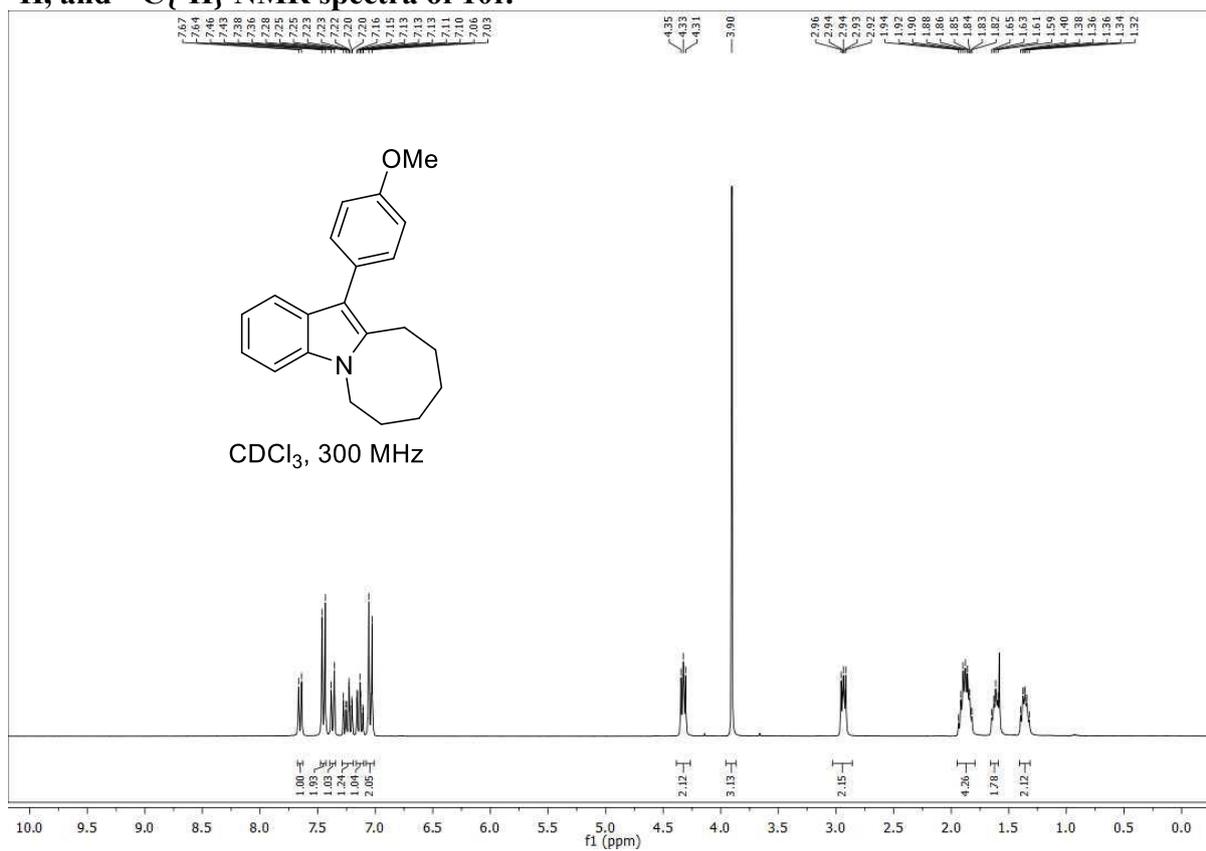


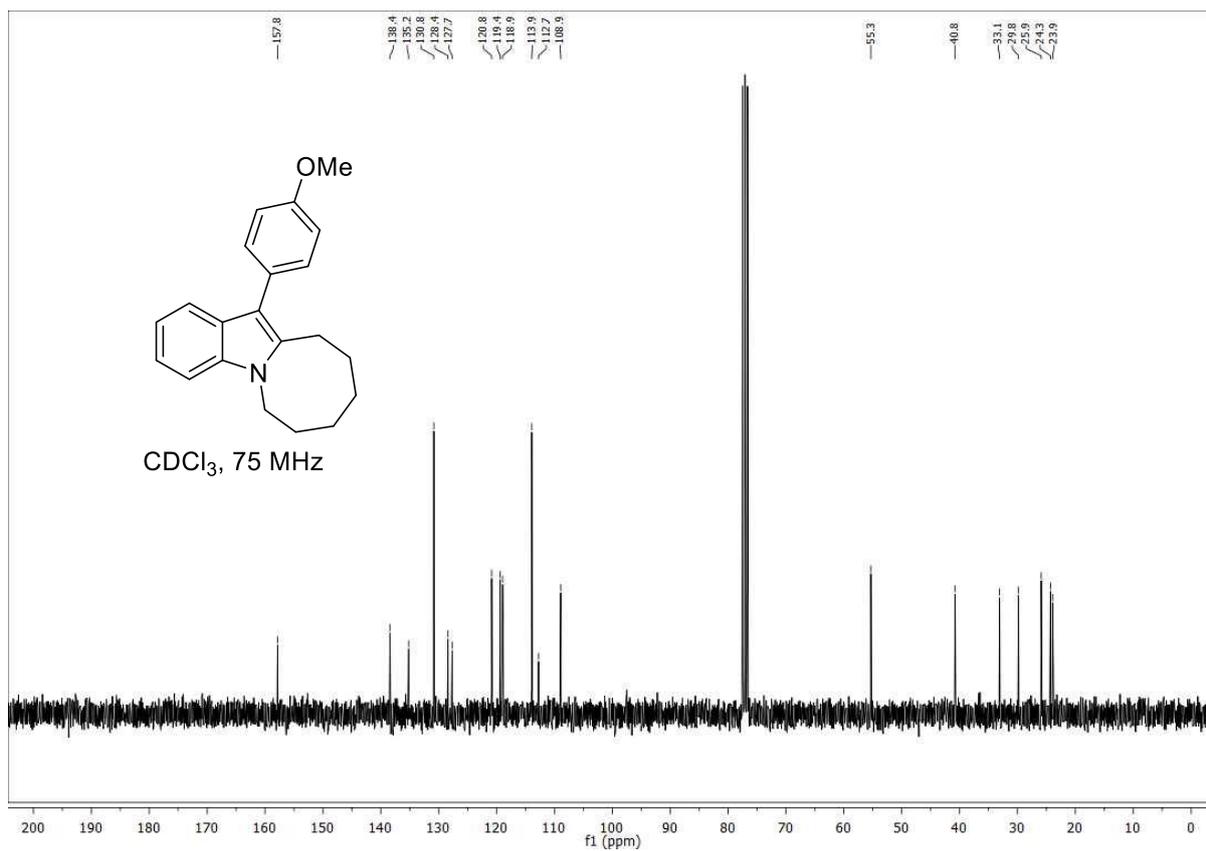
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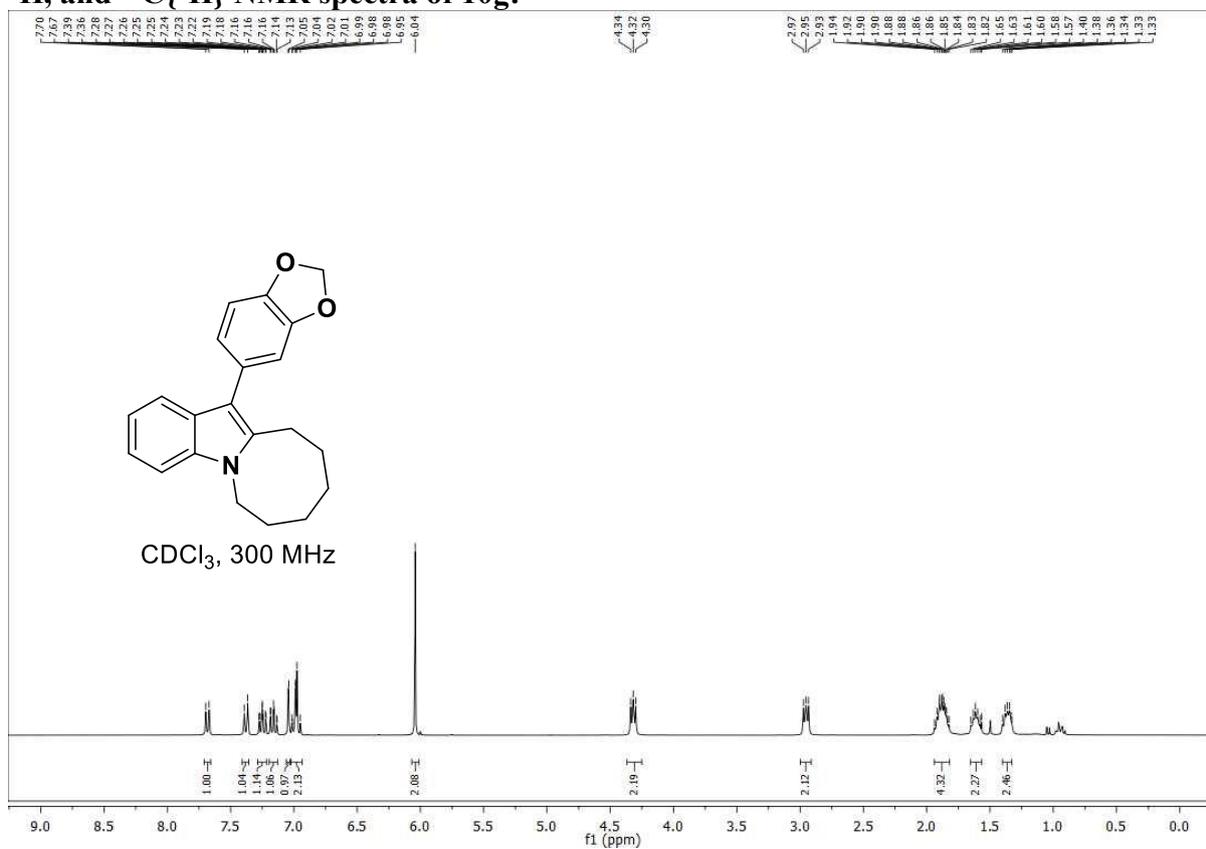


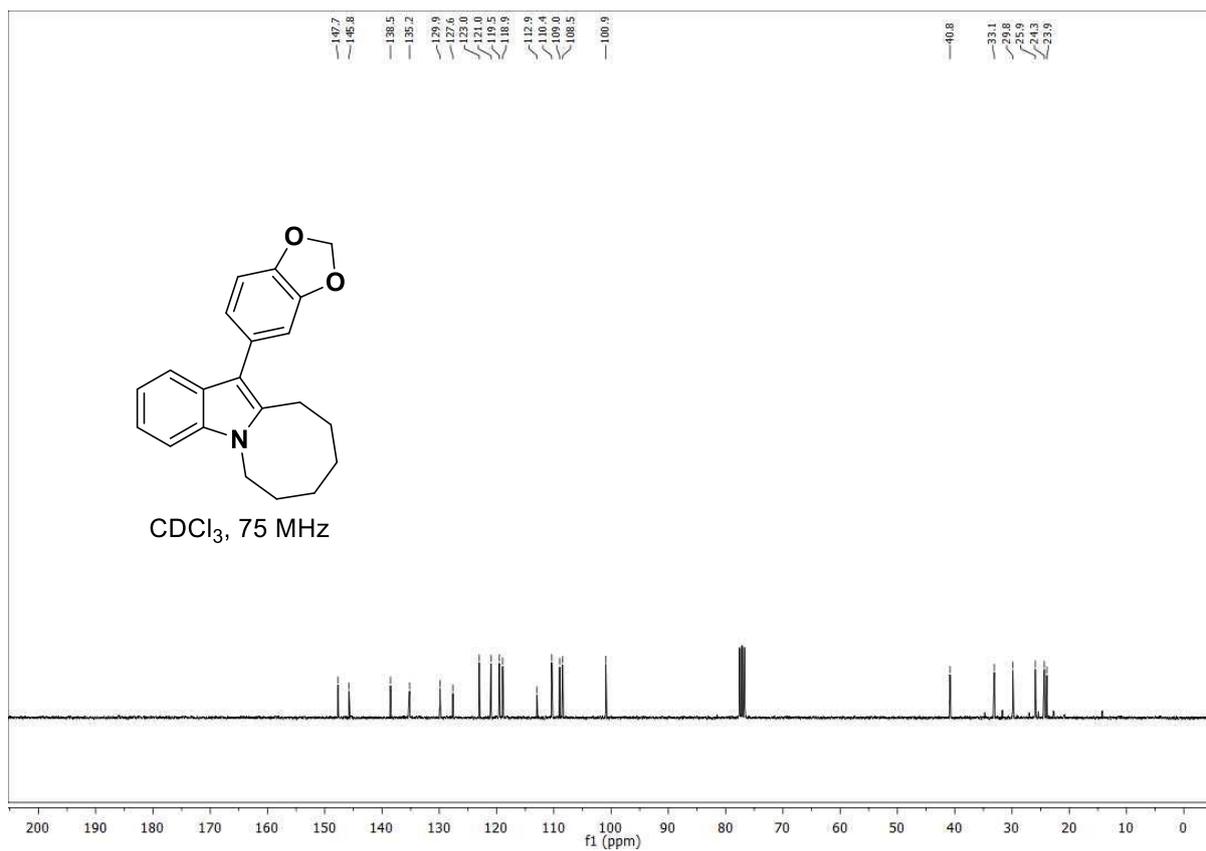
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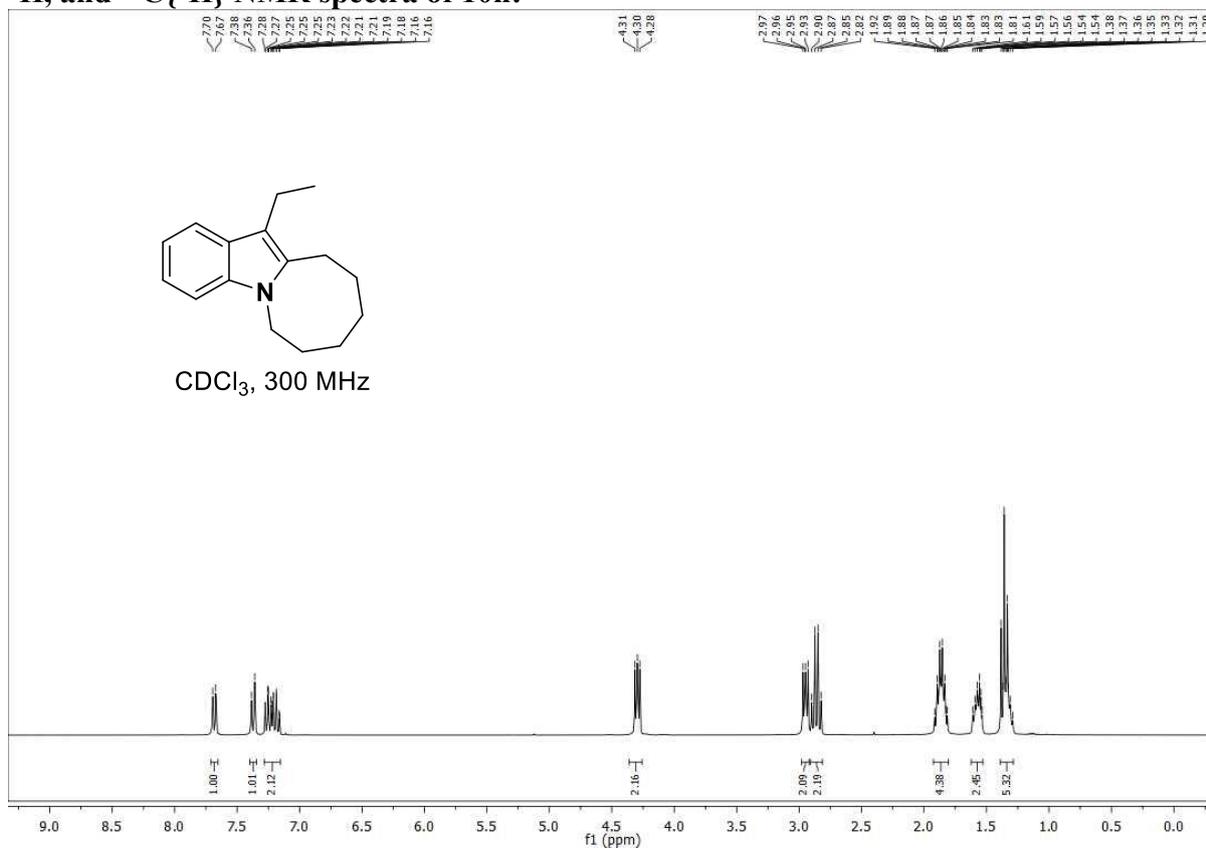


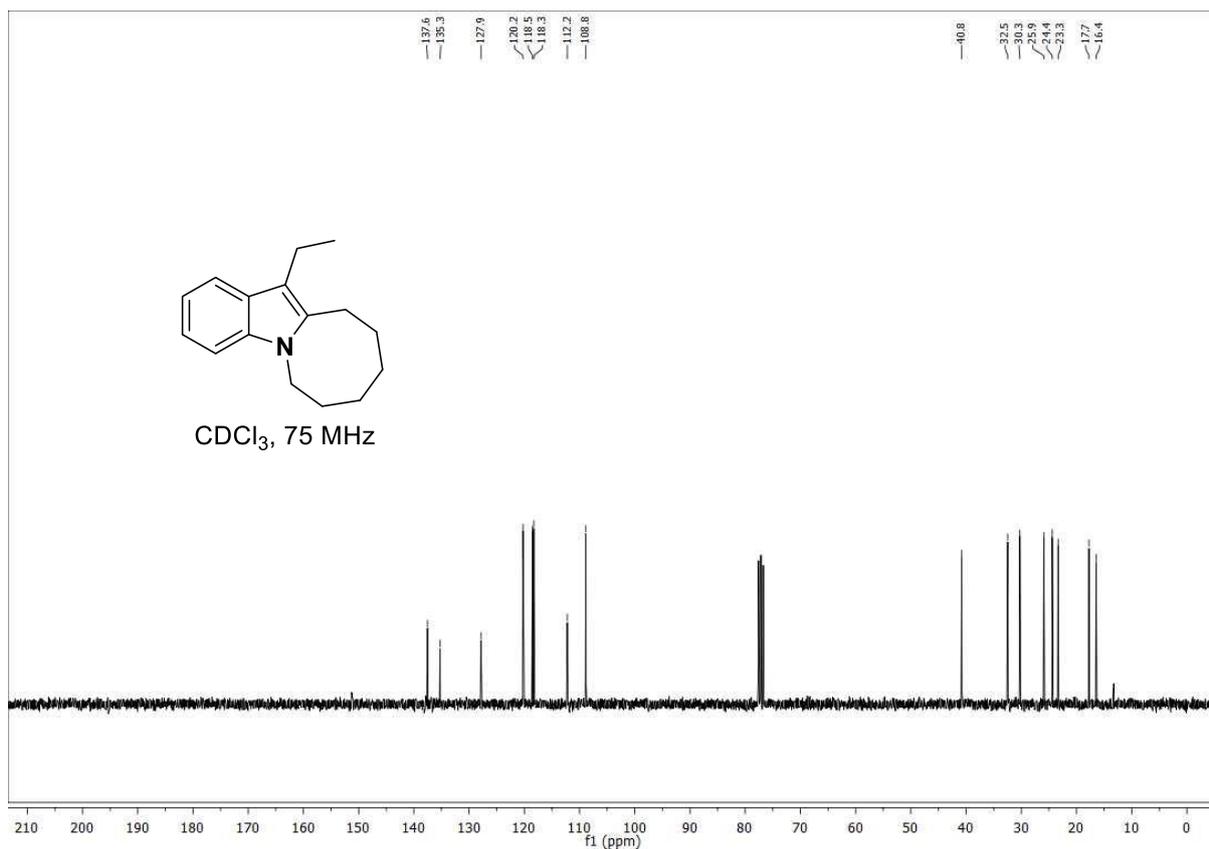
¹H, and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of 10g:





¹H, and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of 10h:





¹H, and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of 10i:

