Supporting Information

For

Green and sustainable dearomative cycloaddition of arenes via visible-light energy transfer catalysis: an atom economic synthesis of N-heterocyclic skeletons

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1. MATERIALS AND METHODS

All air- and moisture-insensitive reactions were carried out under ambient atmosphere and monitored by thin

layer chromatography (TLC). Concentration under reduced pressure was performed by rotary evaporation at 35-

45 °C at an appropriate pressure. Purified compounds were further dried under high vacuum. Yields refer to

purified and spectroscopically pure compounds, unless otherwise stated. Mass spectra and High-Resolution Mass

spectral (HRMS) data was carried out using an Agilent6890N GC (JEOL JMS-700) TOF instrument, and the ion

source is electrospray ionization (ESI), electronic ionization (EI), CI, and FAB as ion source at National Taiwan

Normal University, Taipei City, Taiwan and ESI-TOF(FT-MS solariX) at National Sun Yat-Sen University,

Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and LTQ Orbitrap XL (Thermo Fischer Scientific) at National Chung Hsing University.

Liquid-chromatography mass spectra (LCMS) were measured using the LC-MS/MS-8045 (Shimadzu

Corporation, Japan) at Kaohsiung Medical University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Melting points were determined on

an EZ-Melt (Automated melting point apparatus).

Solvents

Bottle grade 2-MeTHF, MeOH, DMSO, Anisole and Ethyl acetate were purchased from Alfa acer. All deuterated

solvents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich.

Chromatography

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck TLC aluminum sheets (silica gel 60 F254) and

visualized by fluorescence quenching under UV light. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica

gel (40-63 µm particle size) purchased from Merck.

Photochemistry

All reactions with blue light were carried out using 1 x 40 W Kessil Blue LED (Kessil A160WE Controllable

LED Aquarium Light) lamp purchased from Amazon (Taiwan) with an output centered at a wavelength of

approximately λ max = 456 nm. The reaction vials were cooled with a fan while being irradiated under blue light.

See the following links for more details.

https://www.kessil.com/aquarium/saltwater_A160.php

https://www.kessil.com/support/downloadfiles/aquarium/A160WE_UserManual.pdf

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Spectroscopy and Instruments

 1 H, 13 C, and DEPT NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 and 600 MHz Varian Unity Plus or Varian Mercury plus spectrometer or JEOL ECS-400. The chemical shift (δ) values are reported in ppm, and the coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. For 1 H NMR: CDCl₃, δ 7.26; CD₃CN, δ 1.96; CD₂Cl₂, δ 5.32; (CD₃)₂SO, δ 2.50; For 13 C NMR: CDCl₃, δ 77.16; 1.32; CD₂Cl₂, δ 53.84; (CD₃)₂SO, δ 39.52. The abbreviations used are as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublet, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublet, dt = doublet of triplets, td = triplet of doublet, m = multiplet, br = broad; coupling constants in Hz; integration.

Starting materials

All substrates were used as received from commercial suppliers, or prepared according to published procedures, respectively, unless otherwise stated. Photocatalysts were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, TCI and Alfa Aesar, and stored in an under vacuum/dark hood cabinet. Aldehydes, Alkenes, *N*-substituted amines were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Acros, TCI, or Alfa Aesar.

2. EXPERIMENTAL DATA

General procedure and reaction condition optimization for cascade dearomatization

a) General procedure for dearomatization

A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **3** (0.2 mmol) 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 40 W blue LED lamp, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **2-42** derivatives.

b) General procedure for gram scale synthesis of 2.

A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1a** (3.0 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (30.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 40 W blue LED lamp, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **2** derivatives in 73% (803 mg) yield.

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c. General Procedure for the Synthesis of analogous (1).¹

A reaction tube was charged with (*E*)-1-Formyl-2-(2-aryl-(alkene) alkenyl) benzene (**S1**) (1.0 equiv), **S2** derivatives (1.2 equiv), acetic acid (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%), in 3.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature and progress of reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion water was added to quench the reaction mixture and then extracted with the ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). Finally combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the corresponding **1** derivative.

3. CONTROL STUDIES

a) Light On-Off Experiment

A light on/off

experiment was performed separately by using the model reaction of **1a** irradiated under the standard catalytic system respectively. The reaction proceeded over a period of time under alternating cycles of irradiation and darkness (0-240 minutes for product **2**), and the progress was monitored by TLC analysis. As shown in Figure S1, cyclization product **2** was only formed under irradiation with blue LED.

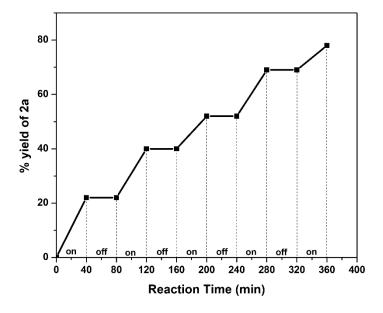


Figure S1. Visible-light Irradiation ON/OFF Experiments for product 2 respectively.

b. Fluorescence Quenching Study

A solution of 4CzIPN in acetonitrile at 25 °C was excited at 320 nm and the intensity of emission spectrum was measured at 480 nm (emission maximum). The fluorescence quenching experiments demonstrated that substrates **1a** efficiently quenches the excited state of the 4CzIPN photocatalyst under the standard reaction conditions respectively (Figure S2).

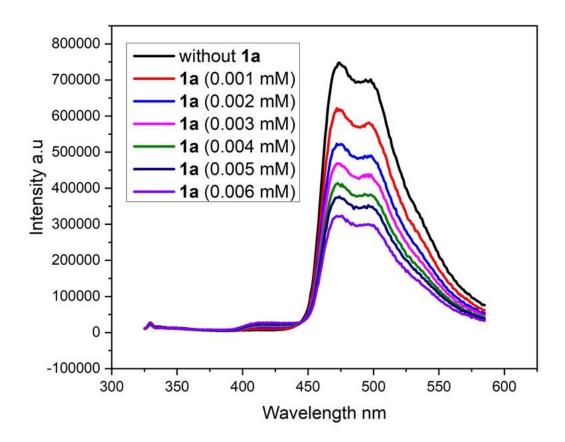


Figure S2. Fluorescence quenching of 4CzIPN (0.05 mM) of 1a in acetonitrile.

4. Evaluation of Green Metrics of the Process.

Atom economy defined as "how much of the reactants remain in the final desired product"

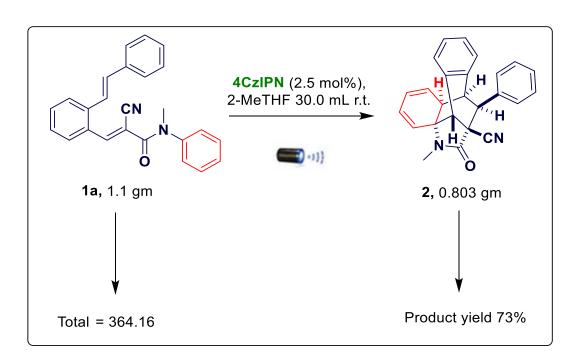
Atom economy (AE) =
$$\frac{\text{Molecular mass of desired product}}{\text{Molecular mass of all reactants}} \times 100$$

Reaction mass efficiency (RME) defined as "the percentage of the mass of the reactants that remain in the product"

Reaction mass efficiency =
$$\frac{\text{mass of desired product}}{\text{mass of all reactants}} \times 100$$

Evaluation of Green metrics for the current process

Reaction Scheme



| Reactant 1 | ((<i>E</i>)-2-cyano-N-methyl-N-phenyl-3- (2-((<i>E</i>)-styryl)phenyl)acrylamide (1a) | 1.1 gm | 0.003021 mol | FW 364.16 |
|------------|--|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Auxiliary | 4CzIPN | 0.0596 gm | 0.00000755 mol | 788.89 |
| Product | 3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12 <i>b</i> -tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[<i>e</i> , <i>h</i>]indole-1(7a <i>H</i>)-carbonitrile (2) | 0.803 gm | 0.002205 mol | FW 364.16 |

E-factor =
$$\frac{1.1 \text{ gm} + 0.0596 \text{ gm} - 0.803 \text{ gm}}{0.803}$$
 = 0.444 kg waste / 1 kg product

Atom economy = $\frac{364.16}{364.16} \times 100$ = 100%

Atom efficiency = $\frac{73 \times 100}{100}$ = 73%

Carbon efficiency = $\frac{25}{25}$ = 100%

Reaction mass = $\frac{0.803 \text{ gm}}{1.1 \text{ gm}} \times 100$ = 73%

5. Computational Methods

The DFT calculations were done by using the Gaussian 16 package.² The M06-2X functional³ in combination with the double-zeta quality basis sets Def2-SVP was adopted for geometry optimization and vibrational frequency calculations. Additional single-point-energy calculations with the triple-zeta quality basis sets Def2-TZVP were performed to provide more accurate electronic energies. All the calculations include the solvent effect (solvent = N,N-dimethylacetamide) treated by the SMD solvation model.⁴ The open-shell singlet diradical states involved in the reaction mechanism were tackled by the broken-symmetry approach. The free energies were evaluated at the standard conditions of 1 atm and 298.15 K. The values of spin density were provided by the natural population analysis (NPA).

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6. SPECTRAL CHARACTERIZATION

(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-methyl-N-phenyl-3-(2-((E)-styryl)phenyl)acrylamide (1a): A reaction tube was charged

Ph CN N with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl

acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1a** (10.9:1) as a mixture of E/Z isomers. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.25 (m, 11H), 7.19 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.11, 151.71, 142.68, 138.48, 136.70, 134.37, 133.84, 131.43, 130.75, 130.32, 129.85, 129.12, 128.76, 128.69, 128.54, 128.38, 128.20, 127.86, 127.62, 127.20, 127.02, 126.89, 126.63, 125.94, 124.89, 124.62, 114.60, 109.68, 38.87. Yield: 94%, pale yellow solid, m.p. 109-111 °C; **HRMS-EI (m/z)**: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₅H₂₀N₂O 387.1473 found 387.1471.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-methyl-N-phenyl-3-(6-((E)-styryl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)acrylamide (1b): A reaction

tube was charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then

extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1b** as a mixture of E/Z isomers. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 16.2, 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.2, 6.0, 2.5 Hz, 4H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.31 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 3H), 3.22 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.51, 150.88, 150.38, 147.36, 144.99, 142.83, 142.29, 136.59, 135.49, 133.40, 132.99, 130.40, 129.76, 129.12, 128.97, 128.72, 128.65, 128.26, 128.20, 128.00, 127.93, 126.96, 126.94, 126.77, 126.50, 126.00, 124.38, 124.29, 124.22, 115.06, 114.05, 108.12, 107.48, 106.68, 106.57, 101.90, 38.91, 37.84, 37.25, 33.85, 25.35. Yield: 87%, yellow solid, m.p. 151-153 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m**/**z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₀N₂O₃ 431.1372 found 431.1368.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-methyl-3-(5-methyl-2-((E)-styryl)phenyl)-N-phenylacrylamide (1d): A reaction tube was

charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with

ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1d** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (8:2). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.29 (m, 7H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 3H), 3.24 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.38, 151.43, 142.82, 142.15, 138.67, 136.76, 134.15, 129.80, 128.73, 128.55, 128.46, 128.30, 128.07, 127.82, 127.64, 127.00, 126.86, 124.95, 114.92, 108.35, 38.88, 21.58; . Yield: 91%, yellow solid, m.p. 114-115 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₂N₂O 401.1629 found 401.1629.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-3-(5-fluoro-2-((E)-styryl)phenyl)-N-methyl-N-phenylacrylamide (1e): A reaction tube was

charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench

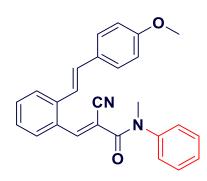
the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1e** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (7:3). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.23 (m, 10H), 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (td, J = 8.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (dd, J = 16.6, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.26 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.56, 163.05, 162.92, 162.73, 162.59, 160.25, 150.31, 150.18, 150.15, 142.64, 142.47, 141.33, 141.24, 136.53, 136.18, 135.29, 134.75, 134.72, 134.28, 134.26, 131.79, 131.71, 130.85, 130.75, 129.90, 129.86, 129.26, 129.18, 129.09, 129.01, 128.80, 128.77, 128.70, 128.42, 128.37, 128.23, 128.02, 127.04, 127.00, 126.83, 126.78, 126.58, 126.51, 126.48, 125.91, 123.86, 123.68, 123.65, 123.56, 118.68, 118.47, 115.11, 115.02, 114.88, 114.80, 114.55, 113.99, 113.76, 113.54, 110.85, 109.38, 38.89, 38.86; Yield: 80%, light brown solid, m.p. 125-127 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₅H₁₉FN₂O 403.1565 found 403.1561.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-3-(4-methoxy-2-((E)-styryl)phenyl)-N-methyl-N-phenylacrylamide (1g): A reaction tube was charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-N-methyl-N-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH

(20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium

sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1g** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (2:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.1 Hz, 3H), 7.44 – 7.24 (m, 11H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (dd, J = 134.6, 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.99, 162.26, 158.65, 151.22, 145.35, 142.64, 141.75, 136.92, 136.54, 132.42, 132.10, 131.97, 131.32, 131.03, 130.09, 129.77, 129.14, 128.65, 128.58, 128.42, 128.14, 127.96, 127.92, 127.90, 126.96, 126.62, 126.35, 125.95, 124.35, 124.23, 118.78, 117.99, 116.78, 114.64, 112.37, 112.04, 111.17, 109.45, 55.51, 55.38, 38.81, 37.10; Yield: 91%, yellow solid, m.p. 100-102 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₂N₂O₂Na 417.1578 found 417.1575.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-3-(2-((E)-4-methoxystyryl)phenyl)-N-methyl-N-phenylacrylamide (1h): A reaction tube was



charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column

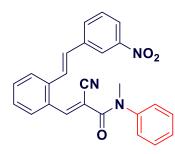
chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1h** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (2:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.33 (m, 8H), 7.30-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.15 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.83 (m, 4H), 6.61 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.83 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.17, 162.36, 159.84, 159.79, 151.79, 145.67, 142.72, 141.95, 138.84, 137.84, 133.91, 133.39, 132.55, 131.38, 131.04, 130.68, 130.07, 129.82, 129.72, 129.54, 129.14, 129.07, 128.86, 128.49, 128.20, 128.14, 127.94, 127.80, 127.19, 127.01, 126.98, 126.95, 126.84, 125.93, 122.64, 122.43, 116.98, 114.66, 114.38, 114.17, 114.10, 110.85, 109.41, 55.31, 38.83, 37.09; Yield: 94%, yellow solid, m.p. 141-143 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₂N₂O₂Na 417.1578 found 417.1575.

(E/Z)-3-(2-((E)-4-chlorostyryl)phenyl)-2-cyano-N-methyl-N-phenylacrylamide (1j): A reaction tube was

charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered,

and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1j** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (2:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 16.4, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (ddd, J = 10.1, 8.0, 4.4 Hz, 6H), 7.34 (ddd, J = 14.1, 6.8, 3.4 Hz, 5H), 7.23-7.07 (m, 4H), 6.87 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.99, 162.17, 151.57, 145.34, 142.61, 141.90, 138.05, 137.02, 135.16, 134.76, 133.97, 132.96, 132.30, 131.42, 131.29, 130.75, 130.33, 129.83, 129.06, 128.94, 128.90, 128.85, 128.57, 128.21, 128.04, 127.80, 127.75, 127.48, 127.18, 127.05, 126.99, 125.93, 125.43, 125.16, 116.84, 114.49, 111.29, 109.82, 38.85, 37.10; Yield: 85%, pale yellow solid, m.p. 121-123 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₅H₁₉ClN₂O 421.1084 found 421.1080.

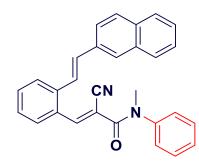
(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-methyl-3-(2-((E)-3-nitrostyryl)phenyl)-N-phenylacrylamide (11): A reaction tube was



charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated

under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the 11 as a mixture of E/Z isomers (3:1). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.16 (ddd, J = 10.2, 5.1, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dt, J = 15.7, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (dt, J = 15.0, 6.4 Hz, 4H), 7.41 – 7.15 (m, 7H), 6.96 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 1H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.86, 162.05, 151.29, 148.61, 145.09, 142.57, 142.00, 138.42, 138.05, 137.36, 136.34, 132.55, 132.23, 131.87, 131.62, 131.50, 131.00, 130.85, 130.62, 129.87, 129.72, 129.64, 129.20, 129.05, 128.69, 128.41, 128.30, 128.13, 128.07, 127.88, 127.85, 127.55, 127.33, 127.03, 126.03, 122.73, 122.67, 121.40, 121.16, 116.71, 114.41, 111.75, 110.19, 38.88, 37.14; Yield: 70%, yellow solid, m.p. 95-97 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₅H₁₉N₃O₃Na 432.1323 found 432.1323.

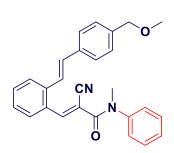
(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-methyl-3-(2-((E)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)-N-phenylacrylamide (1m): A reaction



tube was charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate,

filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1m** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (3:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.79 (m, 5H), 7.74 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.38-7.23 (m, 6H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, J = 20.6, 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.10, 151.61, 145.55, 142.69, 138.47, 137.39, 134.35, 134.16, 133.65, 133.51, 133.42, 133.30, 131.43, 131.32, 130.74, 130.34, 129.84, 129.11, 128.98, 128.57, 128.43, 128.38, 128.17, 128.12, 128.05, 127.88, 127.69, 127.63, 127.41, 127.30, 127.24, 127.14, 127.01, 126.49, 126.44, 126.32, 126.28, 125.96, 125.05, 124.79, 123.49, 123.15, 114.62, 109.76, 38.85, 37.11; Yield: 84%, pale yellow solid, m.p. 119-121 °C; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): (M)⁺ calcd. for C₂₉H₂₂N₂O 414.1732 found 414.1729.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-3-(2-((E)-4-(methoxymethyl)styryl)phenyl)-N-methyl-N-phenylacrylamide (1n): A reaction



tube was charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated

under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1n** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (2.9:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.25 (m, 12H), 7.24 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 – 6.58 (m, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 3.24 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.10, 151.67, 145.53, 142.67, 141.90, 138.47, 138.44, 137.43, 136.10, 135.69, 134.01, 133.45, 131.42, 131.25, 130.73, 130.29, 129.84, 129.64, 129.09, 128.91, 128.54, 128.19, 128.07, 128.00, 127.84, 127.60, 127.26, 127.16, 127.10, 127.01, 126.93, 126.66, 125.92, 124.79, 124.52, 116.91, 145.59, 109.67, 74.27, 58.08, 38.86, 37.12; Yield: 75%, yellow liquid; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₇H₂₄N₂O₂Na 431.1735 found 431.1735.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-methyl-3-(2-((E)-4-(phenoxymethyl)styryl)phenyl)-N-phenylacrylamide (10): A reaction

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of toluene. The reaction was in the reaction mixture,

tube was charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally,

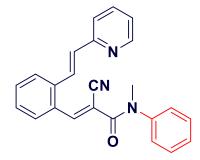
the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1o** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (4.3:1). ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 13.3, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 7.37 – 7.10 (m, 9H), 7.04 – 6.85 (m, 5H), 6.65 – 6.56 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.01, 162.23, 158.54, 151.62, 145.43, 142.63, 141.87, 138.31, 137.31, 137.24, 137.21, 136.33, 135.94, 133.84, 133.27, 131.38, 131.23, 130.70, 130.28, 129.80, 129.42, 129.05, 128.87, 128.51, 128.14, 127.80, 127.76, 127.71, 127.62, 127.28, 127.15, 127.09, 127.04, 126.96, 126.77, 125.88, 125.01, 124.76, 120.95, 120.93, 116.87, 114.77, 114.74, 114.55, 111.09, 109.68, 69.45, 69.41, 38.82, 37.07; Yield: 77%, yellow solid, m.p. 127-129 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₃₂H₂₆N₂O₂Na 493.1892 found 493.1888.

(E/Z) - 2 - cyano - 3 - (2 - ((E) - 4 - ((1, 3 - dioxoisoindolin - 2 - yl)methyl) styryl) phenyl) - N - methyl - N - phenylacrylamide

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(1q): A reaction tube was charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The

residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the $\mathbf{1q}$ as a mixture of E/Z isomers (2.9:1). $^{\mathbf{1}}\mathbf{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 7.78 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.42 (ddd, J = 9.2, 4.3, 3.0 Hz, 4H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 – 6.54 (m, 1H), 6.32 (dd, J = 16.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dd, J = 16.1, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 1H); $^{\mathbf{13}}\mathbf{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.98, 163.03, 151.64, 145.40, 142.67, 138.33, 136.47, 136.34, 134.04, 134.00, 133.82, 133.25, 132.03, 131.38, 130.72, 130.45, 130.33, 129.84, 129.10, 129.07, 128.96, 128.90, 128.54, 128.18, 127.86, 127.67, 127.33, 127.21, 127.16, 127.00, 126.91, 125.92, 125.25, 124.97, 123.35, 114.57, 109.70, 41.30, 38.86, 37.12; Yield: 74%, yellow solid, m.p. 121-123 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na] + calcd. for C₃₄H₂₅N₃O₃Na 546.1794 found 546.1788. (E/Z)-2-cyano-N-methyl-N-phenyl-3-(2-((E)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)vinyl)phenyl)acrylamide (1t): A reaction tube



was charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered,

and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1t** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (9:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 – 8.61 (m, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.25 (m, 8H), 7.21 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, J = 30.4, 13.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.01, 154.73, 151.66, 149.71, 145.42, 142.59, 137.67, 136.64, 136.49, 133.24, 133.09, 131.32, 130.83, 130.77, 129.83, 129.10, 128.94, 128.66, 128.54, 128.15, 127.82, 127.71, 127.52, 127.08, 125.82, 122.74, 122.66, 114.48, 110.06, 38.79; Yield: 91%, yellow solid, m.p. 100-102 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₄H₁₉N₃ONa 388.1435 found 388.1428.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-ethyl-N-phenyl-3-(2-((E)-styryl)phenyl)acrylamide (1v): A reaction tube was charged with

Ph CN N respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-ethyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15).

mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the $1\mathbf{v}$ as a mixture of E/Z isomers (2.9:1). $^1\mathbf{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.21 (m, 12H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\mathbf{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.49, 161.67, 151.45, 144.96, 140.85, 140.30, 138.31, 137.32, 136.66, 136.25, 134.20, 133.81, 131.26, 131.19, 130.68, 130.32, 130.00, 129.68, 129.43, 129.14, 129.11, 128.67, 128.47, 128.27, 128.21, 128.00, 127.96, 127.51, 127.17, 127.09, 126.92, 126.83, 126.56, 124.86, 124.64, 116.96, 114.63, 111.43, 110.06, 46.04, 44.50, 12.58, 12.34; Yield: 89%, pale yellow solid, m.p. 105-107 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for $\mathbf{C}_{26}\mathbf{H}_{22}\mathbf{N}_{2}\mathbf{O}$ 378.1732 found 378.1729.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-methyl-3-(2-((E)-styryl)phenyl)-N-(p-tolyl)acrylamide (1w): A reaction tube was charged

with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-(*p*-tolyl)acetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the

combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1w** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (2.6:1). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.25 (m, 9H), 7.15 (ddd, J = 11.2, 8.4, 5.4 Hz, 6H), 6.97-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.45 (dd, J = 20.1, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.06, 162.26, 151.35, 145.38, 140.02, 139.29, 138.34, 138.15, 137.94, 137.27, 136.67, 136.26, 134.21, 133.50, 131.35, 131.28, 130.57, 130.38, 130.22, 129.68, 128.93, 128.71, 128.64, 128.50, 128.44, 128.30, 127.90, 127.55, 127.21, 127.11, 127.00, 126.82, 126.74, 126.59, 126.49, 125.65, 124.85, 124.59, 116.91, 114.61, 111.26, 109.88, 38.85, 37.08, 29.60, 21.07, 20.70; Yield: 86%, pale yellow solid, m.p. 72-74 °C. **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₂N₂ONa 378.1732 found 378.1731.

(E)-2-cyano-N-methyl-N-phenyl-3-(2-vinylphenyl)acrylamide (1ad): A reaction tube was charged with

respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-ethyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the

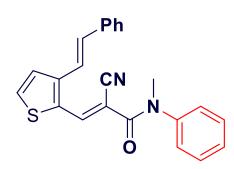
combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1ad** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (9.7:0.3). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 6.70 (dd, J = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (dd, J = 17.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.04, 151.67, 142.73, 138.61, 133.56, 131.27, 130.06, 129.83, 128.25, 128.08, 127.80, 126.97, 126.65, 119.50, 114.53, 109.89, 109.72, 38.79; Yield: 87%, yellow solid, m.p. 100-102 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₁₉H₁₆N₂ONa 311.1160 found 311.1157.

(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-cyclohexyl-N-phenyl-3-(2-((E)-styryl)phenyl)acrylamide (1ag): A reaction tube was

charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-hexyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under

vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1ag** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (9.7:0.3). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.62 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 – 4.46 (m, 1H), 1.94 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 1.84 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.49 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.18 (m, 1H), 1.06 – 0.79 (m, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.80, 161.69, 150.74, 143.89, 138.10, 137.61, 137.30, 137.20, 136.73, 136.30, 134.09, 133.96, 131.34, 131.07, 130.96, 130.74, 130.50, 129.43, 129.11, 128.96, 128.88, 128.86, 128.73, 128.66, 128.49, 128.47, 128.31, 128.29, 127.52, 127.31, 127.18, 127.04, 126.83, 126.59, 124.99, 124.80, 117.05, 114.88, 112.02, 110.97, 56.74, 55.44, 31.24, 30.81, 25.71, 25.52, 25.21, 25.09; Yield: 91%, yellow solid, m.p. 100-102 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): (M+Na) calcd. for $C_{30}H_{28}N_2ONa$ 455.2075 found 455.2071.

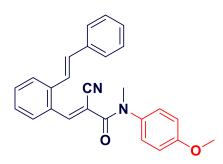
(E)-2-cyano-N-methyl-N-phenyl-3-(3-((E)-styryl)thiophen-2-yl)acrylamide (1al): A reaction tube was



charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-hexyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer

was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1al** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (9.8:0.2). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 7.47 – 7.30 (m, 9H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.50, 146.79, 143.11, 142.88, 136.27, 134.01, 133.70, 132.30, 131.35, 129.81, 129.50, 128.79, 128.66, 128.12, 127.04, 126.90, 126.74, 125.98, 125.62, 119.20, 115.38, 101.85, 39.25; Yield: 80%, yellow solid, m.p. 121-123 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈N₂OSNa 393.1017 found 393.1015.

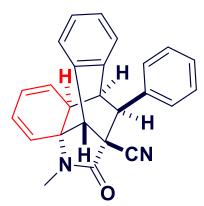
(E/Z)-2-cyano-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-methyl-3-(2-((E)-styryl)phenyl)acrylamide (1aq): A reaction tube



was charged with respective styryl aldehyde (1.0 equiv), 2-cyano-*N*-hexyl-*N*-phenylacetamide (1.5 equiv), AcOH (20 mol%) and piperidine (20 mol%) in 5.0 mL of toluene. The reaction suspension was stirred at room temperature, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, which was then extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over

sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the **1aq** as a mixture of E/Z isomers (3:1). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dt, J = 5.7, 4.9 Hz, 3H), 6.98 – 6.88 (m, 3H), 6.65 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 25.3, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.17, 159.25, 158.93, 151.48, 145.27, 138.38, 137.32, 136.71, 136.33, 135.27, 134.64, 134.24, 133.69, 131.34, 130.66, 130.44, 129.01, 128.77, 128.66, 128.57, 128.40, 128.36, 127.62, 127.34, 127.14, 127.09, 127.03, 126.87, 126.63, 124.91, 124.75, 114.95, 114.66, 114.22, 109.94, 55.44, 55.01, 39.08, 37.28, 30.92; Yield: 87%, yellow solid, m.p. = 137-138 °C; **HRMS** (**EI**) **m/z**: [M+Na]⁺ calcd. for C₂₆H₂₂N₂O₂Na 417.1578 found 417.1575.

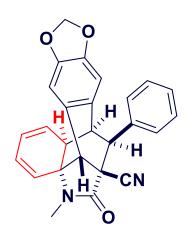
$\textbf{3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12} \textit{b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo} [\textit{e,h}] \textbf{indole-1} (\textit{7}\textit{a}\textit{H}) \textbf{-carbonitrile} \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{(2):} \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{A}$



clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1a** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80;20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **2**

derivative. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.47 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.48-5.37 (m, 1H), 5.36-5.24 (m, 2H), 3.73 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 3.40 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.28, 138.31, 137.78, 132.02, 128.97, 128.78, 128.34, 127.94, 127.91, 127.87, 127.77, 127.50, 127.44, 122.40, 120.97, 116.82, 64.98, 53.72, 51.73, 50.87, 47.21, 44.17, 27.49; Yield: 91% d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p. = 292-294 °C; **HRMS (EI) m/z:** calc'd for C₂₅H₂₀N₂O [M+Na]⁺, 364.1576; found, 364.1574.

3-methyl-2-oxo-14-phenyl-2,3,8,13*b-tetrahydro*-1,8-methano[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-



e]benzo[h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile (3): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1b (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 3 derivatives. 1 H NMR (597 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.19 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H),

7.14 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 6.01 (dd, J = 14.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.50 – 5.43 (m, 1H), 5.32 – 5.22 (m, 2H), 3.68 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 1H), 3.14 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, major diastereomer) δ 171.29, 147.95, 146.91, 138.39, 131.61, 129.05, 128.74, 128.05, 127.86, 125.04, 122.51, 121.17, 116.82, 108.86, 108.63, 101.08, 64.98, 54.05, 52.03, 50.83, 47.49, 44.54, 27.56; Yield: 73%, d.r. 20:1 Off-white solid, m.p.= 173-175 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₂₆H₂₀N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺, 431.1372; found, 431.1370.

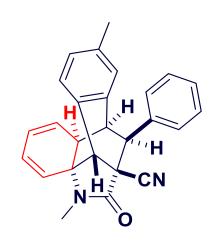
10,11-dimethoxy-3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12*b-tetrahydro-***1,8-methanodibenzo**[*e,h*]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile (4): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1c** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN



(2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 4 derivatives. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixer of diastereomers) δ 7.20-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H),

6.84 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.49-5.40 (m, 1H), 5.28 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.71 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixer of diastereomers) δ 171.44, 159.05, 138.47, 133.19, 129.74, 129.64, 129.07, 129.02, 128.34, 128.12, 127.91, 127.80, 122.36, 120.99, 116.82, 113.92, 113.46, 65.04, 55.35, 54.21, 52.12, 46.59, 44.45, 27.51; Yield: 70%, d.r. 7:1 Off-white solid, m.p.= 142-144 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₂₇H₂₄N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 447.1684; found, 447.1680.

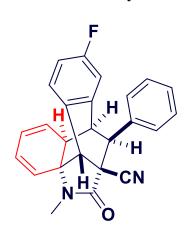
3,11-dimethyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile



(5): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1d (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 5 derivatives. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.34 (d, J = 7.5 Hz,

1H), 7.21-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.48-5.36 (m, 1H), 5.28 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.43, 138.45, 138.21, 137.59, 129.07, 128.91, 128.65, 128.20, 128.17, 127.89, 127.86, 127.76, 127.66, 127.23, 122.53, 120.98, 116.87, 65.09, 53.56, 51.88, 50.98, 47.27, 46.88, 44.30, 27.50, 21.43; Yield: 84%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 194-196 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₂₆H₂₂N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺, 401.1630; found, 401.1625.

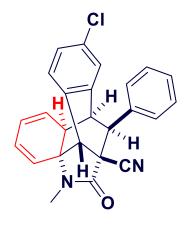
11-fluoro-3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-



carbonitrile (6): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1e** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **6** derivatives. ¹H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.49-6.99 (m, 6H), 6.77 (ddd, J = 10.6, 8.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.91 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.44 (ddd, J = 11.9, 5.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.36-5.20 (m, 2H), 3.74 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.98, 164.18, 163.22, 161.70, (d, $J_{C-F} = 245$ Hz), 160.77, 140.16 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.7$ Hz), 138.10 (d, $J_{C-F} = 12$ Hz), 137.98, 134.04 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8$ Hz), 133.96, 133.56 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3$ Hz), 129.52, 129.44 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8$ Hz), 128.92, 128.87, 128.66, 128.38, 128.17, 128.10, 128.01, 127.95, 122.37, 122.22 (d, $J_{C-F} = 15$ Hz), 121.29, 121.17 (d, $J_{C-F} = 12$ Hz), 116.68, 116.57 (d, $J_{C-F} = 11$ Hz), 115.47, 115.45 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2$ Hz), 115.23, 115.05, 114.83, 114.61 (dd, $J_{C-F} = 44$ Hz), 114.39, 64.84, 53.78, 53.16, 51.78, 51.45, 50.66, 47.52, 46.77, 44.25, 44.11, 27.55, 27.53; Yield: 76%, d.r. 20:1, Off-white solid, m.p.= 298-300 °C; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): calc'd for C₂₅H₁₉FN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 405.1379; found, 405.1376.

11-chloro-3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2, 3, 8, 12 b-tetrahydro-1, 8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1 (7 aH)-1 b-tetrahydro-1, 8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1 (7 e,h] indole-1 (7 e,h) indole-1 (7 e,h

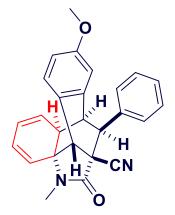


carbonitrile (8): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1f** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **7** derivatives. ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.46 (t, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.89 (dd, J = 16.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.50-5.40 (m, 1H), 5.34-5.22 (m, 2H), 3.74 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 6.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 170.93, 138.00, 136.42, 133.96, 133.25, 129.17, 128.92, 128.88, 128.67, 128.60, 128.48, 128.43, 128.25, 128.13, 128.08, 128.01, 127.77, 127.57, 122.31, 122.22, 121.39, 121.31, 116.54, 114.08, 64.84, 53.53, 53.26, 51.64, 51.50, 50.67, 47.28, 46.91, 44.21, 44.13, 27.54; Yield: 80%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 241-243 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₂₅H₁₉ClN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 421.1084; found, 421.1080.

11-methoxy-3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2, 3, 8, 12 b-tetrahydro-1, 8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1 (7 aH)-1 b-tetrahydro-1, 8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1 (7 e,h) indole-1 (7 e

carbonitrile (8): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1g (0.2 mmol) 4CzIPN

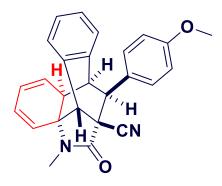


(2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the

dearomative cyclization product **8** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.16 (ddd, J = 6.4, 3.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dt, J = 14.1, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (dd, J = 9.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (ddd, J = 10.1, 5.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dd, J = 15.4, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 3H), 3.71 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (s, 1H), 3.34 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.32, 159.03, 138.47, 133.18, 130.00, 129.63, 129.05, 128.99, 128.87, 128.69, 128.32, 128.09, 127.88, 127.77, 125.15, 122.32, 120.96, 116.81, 113.90, 113.45, 65.04, 55.33, 54.18, 52.09, 50.90, 46.57, 44.43, 35.97, 27.48; Yield: 85%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 288-290°C; **HRMS-EI (m/z)** calc'd for C₂₆H₂₄N₂O₂ [M+H] + 395.1755; found, 395.1759.

13-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3,8,12*b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo*[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-

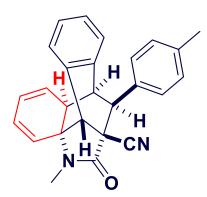
carbonitrile (9): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1g (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN



(2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 9 derivatives. ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.46 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dtd, J = 18.4, 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (dd, J = 9.9, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.45-5.36 (m, 1H), 5.33-5.24 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 1H), 3.37 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.35, 158.95, 137.95, 132.10, 130.62, 130.11, 128.86, 128.33, 127.92, 127.49, 127.47, 122.45, 120.94, 116.91, 113.22, 64.98, 55.02, 53.79, 51.20, 51.09, 47.47, 44.21, 27.47; Yield: 83%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 288-290°C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₂₆H₂₄N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 395.1755; found, 395.1759.

3-methyl-2-oxo-13-(p-tolyl)-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile (10):

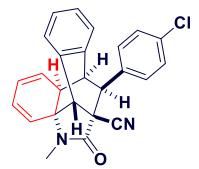


A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1h** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with

Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **10** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (597 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.45 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (ddd, J = 8.9, 5.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.32-5.26 (m, 2H), 3.69 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 1H), 3.37 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.36, 137.96, 137.42, 135.43, 132.11, 128.87, 128.85, 128.59, 128.29, 127.91, 127.46, 127.45, 122.48, 120.94, 116.88, 65.00, 53.82, 51.50, 51.05, 47.36, 44.24, 27.46, 20.95; Yield: 82%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 279-281 °C; **HRMS-EI(m/z):** calc'd for C₂₆H₂₂N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺, 401.1630; found, 401.1625.

13-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-2-oxo-2, 3, 8, 12 b-tetrahydro-1, 8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1 (7 aH)-1 + (2 - chlorophenyl) - (2 - chloropheny

carbonitrile (11): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1i (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN

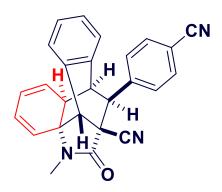


(2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-

60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **11** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.47 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.46-5.37 (m, 1H), 5.35-5.24 (m, 2H), 3.72 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 3.35 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.03, 137.41, 136.80, 133.79, 131.98, 130.31, 128.62, 128.51, 128.11, 128.04, 127.74, 127.51, 122.33, 121.11, 116.69, 64.98, 53.66, 51.09, 50.78, 47.16, 44.15, 27.54; Yield: 75%, d.r. 20:1, Off-white solid, m.p.= 303-305 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₂₅H₁₉ClN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 421.1084; found, 421.1080.

13-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1(7aH)-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1(7aH)-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1,8-m

carbonitrile (12): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1j (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN

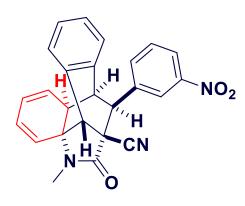


(2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 12 derivatives. ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.49 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.29 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36 – 5.21 (m, 2H), 3.80 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 1H), 3.37 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 170.64, 143.36, 136.92, 131.87, 131.67, 129.78, 128.68, 128.31, 128.15, 128.01, 127.43, 122.16, 121.29, 118.34, 116.48, 111.79, 64.99, 53.49, 51.49, 50.40, 46.79, 44.10, 27.57; Yield: 73%, d.r. 20:1, Off-white solid, m.p.= 275-277 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₂₆H₁₉N₃ONa [M+Na]⁺ 412.1425; found, 412.1418.

3-methyl-13-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1(7aH)-1,8-methyl-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1,8-methyl-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1,8-methyl-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1,8-methyl-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1,8-methyl-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-1,8-methyl-1,8-m

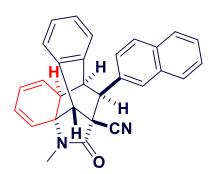
carbonitrile (13): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1k (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN



(2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 13 derivatives. ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 8.04 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.50-5.41 (m, 1H), 5.38-5.25 (m, 2H), 3.89 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 170.64, 147.66, 140.12, 136.79, 135.05, 131.88, 128.82, 128.35, 128.31, 128.19, 127.46, 124.20, 122.92, 122.22, 121.34, 116.44, 65.02, 53.56, 51.19, 50.61, 46.87, 44.12, 27.61; Yield: 60%, d.r. 20:1, Off-white solid, m.p.= 307-309 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₂₅H₁₉N₃O₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 432.1323; found, 432.1320.

3-methyl-13-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxo-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-



carbonitrile (14): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 11 (0.2 mmol4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed

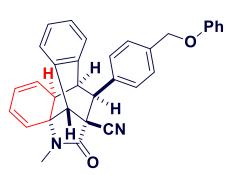
under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **14** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.70 (dd, J = 6.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, J = 10.9, 7.6, 4.0 Hz, 3H), 7.46-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.48-5.39 (m, 1H), 5.38-5.26 (m, 2H), 3.92 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 3.45 (s, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.32, 137.93, 135.87, 132.76, 132.69, 132.16, 128.81, 128.49, 128.43, 128.07, 128.02, 127.97, 127.62, 127.57, 127.40, 127.36, 126.58, 126.07, 125.92, 122.48, 121.08, 116.86, 65.06, 53.86, 51.95, 50.94, 47.46, 44.28, 27.57; Yield: 74%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 318-320 °C; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): calc'd for C₂₉H₂₂N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 437.1630; found, 437.1625.

13-(4-(methoxymethyl)phenyl)-3-methyl-2-oxo-2, 3, 8, 12 b-tetrahydro-1, 8-methanodibenzo[e,h] indole-2-oxo-2, 3, 8-

1(7aH)-carbonitrile (15): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1m (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column

chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **15** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.44 – 5.37 (m, 1H), 5.33 – 5.25 (m, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.73 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 1H), 3.37 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.19 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.29, 137.76, 137.71, 132.03, 129.05, 128.81, 128.38, 127.96, 127.93, 127.53, 127.22, 122.45, 121.00, 116.80, 74.20, 65.01, 58.16, 53.80, 51.56, 50.92, 47.28, 44.22, 27.50. Yield: 79%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 318-320 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₂₇H₂₅N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 431.1735; found, 431.1732.

3-methyl-2-oxo-13-(4-(phenoxymethyl)phenyl)-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-



1(7aH)-carbonitrile (16): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1n** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2- MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified

by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **16** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.47 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 – 6.88 (m, 4H), 6.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.45 – 5.38 (m, 1H), 5.33 – 5.25 (m, 2H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 3.75 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 3.39 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.25, 158.68, 138.02, 137.71, 136.58, 132.03, 129.40, 129.21, 128.77, 128.41, 127.97, 127.95, 127.57, 127.53, 126.98, 122.41, 121.02, 120.89, 116.80, 114.74, 69.43, 65.02, 53.76, 51.54, 50.92, 47.19, 44.22, 27.50; Yield: 80%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 310-312 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₃₂H₂₆N₂O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 493.1889; found, 493.1885.

4-ethyl-1-cyano-3-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,7a,8,12 b-hexahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo [e,h] indol-13-yl) benzoate

(17): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 10 (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column

chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **17** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.47 – 5.38 (m, 1H), 5.36 – 5.24 (m, 2H), 4.30 (qd, J = 7.1, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 3.38 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 3.00 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 170.98, 166.10, 143.08, 137.35, 131.94, 129.87, 129.13, 129.01, 128.57, 128.52, 128.04, 128.03, 127.75, 127.47, 122.31, 121.13, 116.62, 77.31, 76.99, 76.67, 65.00, 60.86, 53.65, 51.53, 50.56, 47.01, 44.13, 27.54, 14.23. Yield: 86%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 318-320 °C; **HRMS-EI (m/z):** calc'd for C₂₈H₂₅N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺ 437.1867; found, 437.1869.

13-(4-((1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)methyl)phenyl)-3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3,8,12*b-tetrahydro*-1,8-

methanodibenzo[*e,h*]indole-1(7*aH*)-carbonitrile (18): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1p (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL)at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified

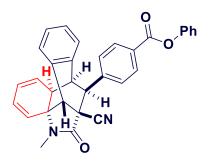
by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **18** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.82 (dt, J = 7.0, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (td, J = 5.3, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.45 – 5.35 (m, 1H), 5.33 – 5.20 (m, 2H), 4.72 (q, J = 14.7 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (s, 1H), 3.34 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.20 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.19, 167.91, 137.91, 137.59, 135.80, 133.92, 132.00, 131.91, 129.30, 128.74, 128.47, 128.18, 127.95, 127.91, 127.54, 127.48,

123.30, 122.37, 120.98, 116.72, 64.97, 53.68, 51.43, 50.82, 47.08, 44.16, 41.02, 27.48. Yield: 66%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 281-283 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₃₄H₂₅N₃O₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 546.1793; found, 546.1786. **3-methyl-13-(4-((((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6***H*-

cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile (19): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1q (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for

6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **19** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers.) δ 7.47 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 5.4, 4.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.5 Hz, 3H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (ddd, J = 8.4, 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.35 – 5.25 (m, 2H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 4.12 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 3.39 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.32 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 1H), 2.18 – 1.88 (m, 6H), 1.66 – 1.38 (m, 11H), 1.31 – 1.24 (m, 6H), 0.90 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers) δ 221.04, 171.29, 156.75, 137.94, 137.74, 137.72, 136.79, 132.28, 132.02, 129.20, 128.78, 128.42, 127.99, 127.96, 127.58, 127.54, 126.93, 126.29, 124.74, 123.97, 123.44, 122.41, 121.03, 116.78, 115.85, 114.75, 112.38, 69.50, 65.04, 53.77, 51.55, 50.94, 50.38, 47.99, 47.21, 44.24, 43.95, 38.29, 35.85, 34.70, 34.27, 31.89, 31.59, 31.54, 30.26, 29.66, 29.62, 29.59, 27.51, 26.49, 25.86, 21.55, 14.09, 13.82. Yield: 57%, d.r. 4;1, White solid, m.p.= 256-258 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₄₄H₄₂N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 669,3085; found, 669,3082.

4-phenyl-1-cyano-3-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,7a,8,12*b-hexahydro-***1,8-methanodibenzo**[*e,h*]indol-13-yl)benzoate (**20**): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1r** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%)

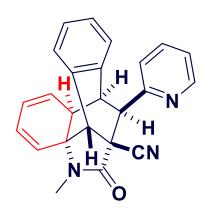


and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to

afford the dearomative cyclization product 20 derivatives. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.93 (d,

J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.48 – 5.38 (m, 1H), 5.36 – 5.26 (m, 2H), 3.86 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 1H), 3.41 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 170.90, 164.67, 150.78, 143.91, 137.27, 131.92, 129.78, 129.42, 129.27, 128.94, 128.61, 128.52, 128.10, 127.86, 127.48, 125.82, 122.28, 121.60, 121.19, 116.64, 77.31, 76.99, 76.67, 65.00, 53.60, 51.55, 50.54, 46.96, 44.13, 27.58; Yield: 84%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p. = 242-244 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₃₂H₂₄N₂O₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 507.1684; found, 507.1680.

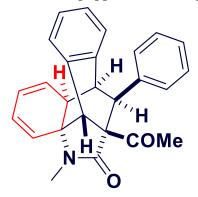
3-methyl-2-oxo-13-(pyridin-2-yl)-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile



(21): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1s (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80;20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization

product **21** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 -7.23 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd, J = 6.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.92 -5.79 (m, 2H), 5.46 -5.38 (m, 1H), 5.35 -5.24 (m, 2H), 4.10 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 1H), 3.51 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 5.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 170.82, 157.45, 148.84, 137.60, 135.54, 132.03, 128.81, 128.28, 128.00, 127.90, 127.51, 127.13, 123.10, 122.61, 122.44, 121.04, 116.96, 65.02, 53.80, 53.40, 49.44, 46.04, 43.79, 27.53; Yield: 64%, d.r. 20:1, Off-White solid, m.p.= 292-294 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₂₄H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺ 366.4360; found, 366.4362.

1-acetyl-3-methyl-13-phenyl-1,7a,8,12*b-tetrahydro-***1,8-methanodibenzo**[*e,h*]**indol-2**(3*H*)**-one** (22): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1t** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF

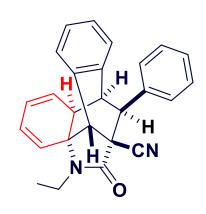


(3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 22 derivatives. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃.

mixture of diastereomers) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, J = 8.5, 6.1, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 6H), 7.09 – 6.95 (m, 11H), 6.76 (q, J = 12.1 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H),

6.48 – 6.40 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (dd, J = 11.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.22 (dd, J = 17.8, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.31 (dd, J = 18.1, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers) δ 205.79, 169.16, 162.81, 160.70, 141.28, 138.56, 137.89, 137.75, 136.34, 136.27, 136.04, 136.02, 133.74, 131.81, 131.16, 130.48, 129.91, 129.36, 129.30, 129.03, 128.83, 128.76, 128.68, 128.25, 128.11, 127.69, 127.63, 127.51, 127.45, 127.03, 124.62, 123.46, 120.50, 119.47, 111.21, 65.68, 55.30, 41.50, 38.54, 30.53, 29.33; Yield: 68%, d.r. 1:1, White solid, m.p.= 256-258 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₂₆H₂₃NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 404.1626; found, 404.1624.

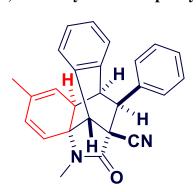
3-ethyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile (23): A



clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1u** (0.2 mmol), (4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **23** derivatives. ¹H NMR (597)

MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.45 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 10.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.44-5.37 (m, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30-5.23 (m, 1H), 3.74 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 1H), 3.54 (dt, J = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.47-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.37 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.41, 138.43, 137.76, 132.23, 129.00, 128.65, 128.29, 127.89, 127.86, 127.75, 127.71, 127.47, 122.95, 120.82, 116.97, 65.31, 54.25, 51.74, 51.01, 47.41, 46.56, 37.04, 14.79; Yield: 93%, d.r. 20;1, White solid, m.p.= 298-300°C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₂₆H₂₂N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 401.1630; found, 401.1628.

3,6-dimethyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile

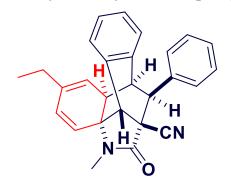


(24): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1v (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA

= 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **24** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.44 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07

(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (dd, J = 9.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 1H), 3.34 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.41, 138.46, 137.96, 132.20, 131.90, 129.00, 128.31, 128.29, 127.85, 127.78, 127.72, 127.47, 127.36, 123.08, 122.48, 116.88, 64.65, 53.70, 51.71, 50.99, 47.67, 44.27, 27.44, 21.02; Yield: 89%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 296-298 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₂₆H₂₂N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 401.1630; found, 401.1625.

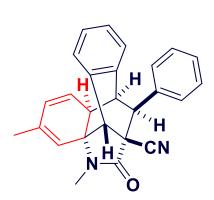
6-ethyl-3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-



carbonitrile (25): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1w** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography

on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **25** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_{3,} major isomer) δ 7.43 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 3.72 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (s, 1H), 3.36 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 1.75 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 0.63 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.45, 138.52, 138.08, 134.32, 131.90, 131.36, 129.03, 128.21, 127.87, 127.73, 127.42, 127.25, 122.64, 121.74, 116.90, 65.01, 53.71, 51.65, 50.97, 47.73, 43.91, 27.99, 27.47, 12.39; Yield: 90%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 298-300°C; **HRMS-EI (m/z):** calc'd for C₂₇H₂₄N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 415.1787; found, 415.1784.

3,5-dimethyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12*b-tetrahydro*-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile

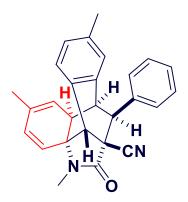


(26): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1x (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel

eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **26** derivatives. **¹H NMR** (597 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers) δ 7.45 (dd, J = 16.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dtd, J = 8.6, 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (tdd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J =

7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.32 – 5.25 (m, 1H), 5.24 – 5.19 (m, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J = 14.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.54 (s, 1H), 3.38 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (s, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 3H), 1.63 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers) δ 171.28, 171.11, 138.51, 138.44, 137.74, 137.12, 136.25, 134.68, 132.34, 132.31, 129.02, 128.78, 128.33, 128.30, 128.21, 127.92, 127.88, 127.86, 127.82, 127.74, 127.59, 127.47, 127.37, 126.81, 125.24, 120.43, 118.71, 117.04, 116.92, 116.90, 65.59, 65.45, 54.19, 53.86, 51.85, 51.75, 50.95, 50.26, 48.27, 47.31, 44.28, 43.67, 27.41, 27.39, 21.66, 20.17; Yield: 86%, d.r. 8:1, White solid, m.p.= 234-236 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₂₆H₂₂N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 401.1630; found, 401.1625.

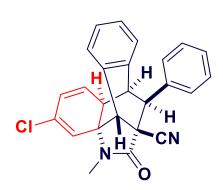
3,6,11-trimethyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile



(27): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1y (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to

afford the dearomative cyclization product **27** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.43 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.9 Hz, 3H), 6.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (dd, J = 9.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 3.32 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 5.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.45 – 1.40 (m, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.50, 138.12, 137.40, 135.54, 132.20, 131.94, 128.88, 128.59, 128.29, 128.26, 127.79, 127.50, 127.32, 123.17, 122.54, 116.96, 64.66, 53.75, 51.45, 51.15, 47.79, 44.30, 27.43, 21.03, 20.97.; Yield: 81%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 298-300°C; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): calc'd for C₂₇H₂₄N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺, 415.1787; found, 415.1784.

5-chloro-3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-

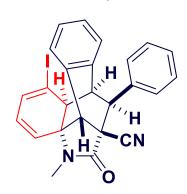


carbonitrile (28): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1z (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 4-10 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography

on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 28 derivatives. ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers) δ 7.49 (dd, J = 12.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 14.3, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, J = 17.1, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 5.41 – 5.36 (m, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 3.94 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, J = 11.2, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 3.42 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 18.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers) δ 170.90, 138.06, 137.99, 137.24, 136.51, 134.51, 133.15, 131.58, 131.27, 129.00, 128.96, 128.70, 128.67, 128.14, 128.00, 127.96, 127.89, 127.80, 127.62, 127.42, 126.68, 124.24, 121.94, 120.57, 118.28, 116.58, 116.48, 67.02, 66.54, 53.73, 53.62, 51.68, 51.15, 50.69, 50.01, 49.28, 46.91, 44.22, 43.50, 27.63, 27.59; Yield: 70%, d.r. 2:1, Off-white solid, m.p.= 303-305 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc 'd for C₂₅H₁₉ClN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 421.1084; found, 421.1080.

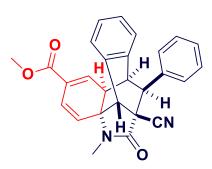
7-iodo-3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile



(29): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1aa (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2- MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to

afford the dearomative cyclization product **29** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.56 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (tt, J = 3.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 – 6.35 (m, 2H), 5.34 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.13 – 5.04 (m, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 3.07 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.20, 140.69, 137.95, 137.82, 131.23, 129.38, 129.00, 128.73, 127.99, 127.97, 127.40, 121.76, 116.63, 99.63, 69.93, 52.44, 51.75, 50.37, 47.82, 45.64, 28.05. Yield: 54%, d.r. 20:1, Off-white solid, m.p.= 303-305 °C; **HRMS-EI** (m/z): calc'd for C₂₅H₁₉IN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 513.0440; found, 513.0438.

methyl-1-cyano-3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-1,2,3,7a,8,12*b-hexahydro*-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-6-

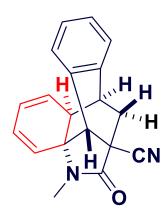


carboxylate (30): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1ab** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed

under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **30** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major

isomer) δ 7.97 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 6.96 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.80 (t, J = 10.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 166.82, 166.30, 144.71, 142.54, 140.28, 139.67, 138.57, 128.84, 128.73, 128.61, 128.17, 128.12, 127.69, 127.17, 126.55, 126.35, 125.68, 123.68, 119.38, 56.32, 53.11, 52.42, 52.09, 49.53, 27.44. Yield: 66%, d.r.20:1, White solid, m.p.= 308-310 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₂₇H₂₂N₂O₃Na[M+Na]⁺ 445.1528; found, 445.1526.

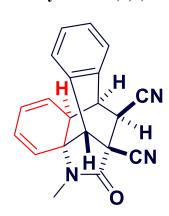
3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile (31): A clean vial



(5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1ac** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **31** derivatives. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture

of diasteriomers) δ 7.97 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 6.96 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.82 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers) δ 166.82, 166.30, 144.71, 142.54, 140.28, 139.67, 138.57, 128.84, 128.73, 128.61, 128.17, 128.12, 127.69, 127.17, 126.55, 126.35, 125.68, 123.68, 119.38, 56.32, 53.11, 52.42, 52.09, 49.53, 27.44. Yield: 55%, d.r. 1:1, White solid, m.p.= 261-263 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₁₉H₁₆N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 311.1161; found, 311.1157.

3-methyl-2-oxo-2,3,8,12*b-tetrahydro*-1,8-methanodibenzo[*e*,*h*]indole-1,13(7*aH*)-dicarbonitrile (32): A clean

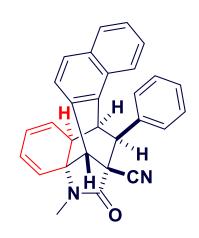


vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to **1ad** (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **32** derivatives. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major

isomer) δ 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.46 (s, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 2.85 (dd, J = 17.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 17.1, 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR**

(100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 162.18, 141.62, 141.28, 138.78, 137.72, 130.60, 129.87, 129.68, 129.42, 129.18, 127.31, 125.24, 123.61, 117.38, 116.08, 114.72, 55.97, 50.92, 49.86, 40.92, 38.76, 37.07, 21.37; Yield: 53%, d.r. 18:1, White solid, m.p.= 232-234 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₂₀H₁₅N₃O [M+H]⁺ 313.1215; found, 314.1420.

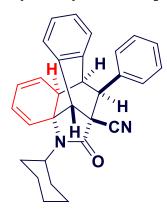
3-methyl-2-oxo-15-phenyl-2,3,8,14b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanobenzo[h]naphtho[2,1-e]indole-1(7aH)-



carbonitrile (33): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1ae (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 33 derivatives. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.89 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz,

2H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (t, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 5.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.49, 138.11, 135.14, 133.24, 131.25, 129.72, 129.00, 128.66, 128.04, 128.01, 127.77, 127.55, 126.76, 125.91, 125.54, 122.82, 121.97, 121.37, 116.89, 65.02, 54.56, 52.34, 51.15, 44.94, 42.41, 27.72; Yield: 57%, d.r. 18:1, White solid, m.p.= 215-217 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for $C_{29}H_{22}N_2O$ [M+H]⁺ 437.1630; found, 437.1628.

3-cyclohexyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12*b-tetrahydro*-1,8-methanodibenzo[*e*,*h*]indole-1(7*aH*)-carbonitrile

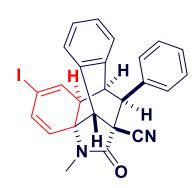


(34): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1af (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product 34 derivatives. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃,

major isomer) δ 7.43 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.78 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dd, J = 18.1, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 1H), 3.61 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 7.9,

4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.32 (dt, J = 12.4, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (tt, J = 12.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 4H), 1.67 (s, 1H), 1.27 (ddd, J = 20.2, 16.6, 13.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 170.87, 138.53, 137.74, 132.35, 129.03, 128.61, 128.21, 127.87, 127.84, 127.71, 127.41, 127.40, 127.13, 123.81, 120.83, 117.07, 66.17, 55.04, 54.46, 51.59, 51.48, 47.32, 46.99, 31.21, 30.80, 26.11, 26.07, 25.08; Yield: 87%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 263-265 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₃₀H₂₈N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 455.2099; found, 455.2096.

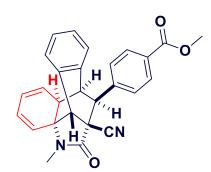
6-iodo-3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,8,12b-tetrahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(7aH)-carbonitrile



(35): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1ag (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel

eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **35** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.48 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dtd, J = 16.6, 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (ddd, J = 6.6, 3.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.99 (dd, J = 10.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 1H), 3.39 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.22, 137.97, 137.27, 136.86, 136.20, 131.46, 129.05, 128.97, 128.12, 128.07, 128.01, 127.46, 124.46, 116.59, 85.72, 63.26, 53.58, 51.35, 50.82, 47.93, 47.04, 27.69; Yield: 75%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 223-225 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for C₂₅H₁₉IN₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 513.0440; found, 513.0438.

methyl 1-cyano-3-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,7a,8,12*b-hexahydro-*1,8-methanodibenzo[*e,h*]indol-13-yl)benzoate



(36): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1ah (0.2 mmol), (4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced

pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **36** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.97 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 5.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 9.6, 5.0, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H),

2.97 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 166.84, 166.32, 144.70, 142.55, 140.26, 139.67, 138.54, 128.81, 128.73, 128.64, 128.19, 128.16, 127.71, 127.20, 126.57, 126.39, 125.70, 123.69, 119.40, 56.31, 53.07, 52.48, 52.13, 49.52, 27.47; Yield: 73%, d.r. 20:1, White solid, m.p.= 223-225 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for $C_{27}H_{22}N_2O_3Na$ [M+Na]⁺ 445.1528; found, 445.1526.

3-methyl-2,6-dioxo-13-phenyl-2,3,7,7a,8,12b-hexahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(6H)-

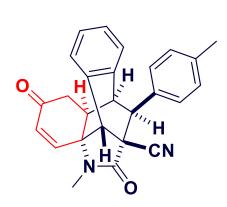
carbonitrile (43): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1ai (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN



(2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-

60:40 to afford the dearomative cyclization product **43** derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (597 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomers) δ 7.52 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.16 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.81 (ddd, J = 10.8, 7.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, J = 16.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (dd, J = 16.7, 10.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomers) δ 195.99, 171.04, 143.87, 137.76, 136.98, 134.70, 130.51, 129.33, 129.07, 129.02, 128.59, 128.16, 128.07, 116.29, 62.96, 52.77, 51.13, 51.09, 48.83, 40.31, 40.07, 27.15; Yield: 85%, d.r. 20:1, Off-white solid, m.p.= 201-203 °C; **HRMS-EI (m/z):** calc'd for C₂₅H₂₀N₂O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 403.1423; found, 403.1421.

3-methyl-2,6-dioxo-13-(p-tolyl)-2,3,7,7a,8,12b-hexahydro-1,8-methanodibenzo[e,h]indole-1(6H)-

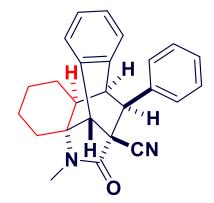


carbonitrile (43'): A clean vial (5 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar were added to 1aj (0.2 mmol), 4CzIPN (2.5 mol%) and 2-MeTHF (3.0 mL) at room temperature, and then placed at a distance of approx. 3 cm from a 24 W blue LED, and the solution was stirred at room temperature under visible-light irradiation for 6-24 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with Hex/EA = 80:20-60:40

to afford the dearomative cyclization product **43**' derivatives. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomers) δ 7.44 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dtd, J = 25.7, 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (dd, J = 10.6, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.27 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 1H), 3.31 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, major

isomers) δ 171.44, 150.50, 138.14, 137.46, 135.51, 131.63, 129.06, 128.91, 128.64, 128.41, 127.91, 127.74, 127.47, 124.97, 116.89, 94.79, 65.08, 54.24, 53.52, 51.30, 51.13, 48.80, 43.35, 27.52, 21.02; Yield: 83%, d.r. 20:1, Off-white solid, m.p.= 205-207 °C; **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for $C_{26}H_{22}N_2O_2Na$ [M+Na]⁺ 417.1579; found, 417.1577.

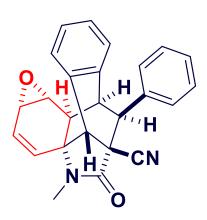
3-methyl-2-oxo-13-phenyl-2,3,5,6,7,7a,8,12*b-octahydro*-1,8-methanodibenzo[*e*,*h*]indole-1(4*H*)-carbonitrile (44): To a 25 mL Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar were added 2 (0.22 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL) was added Pd/C



(10 mmol%), the resulted mixture was stirred at room temperature under H_2 (balloon) for 24 hours. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. When the reaction was complete, water was added to quench the reaction mixture, followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). Finally, the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Hex/EA = 60:40) on silica gel to afford the corresponding 44.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers) δ 7.50 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.43-6.35 (m, 2H), 6.26-6.09 (m, 1H), 5.40 (dt, J = 46.9, 23.4 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 1H), 3.63 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 1H), 3.14 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.83 (s, 1H), 2.26 (ddd, J = 12.6, 5.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (ddd, J = 12.4, 4.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.66 (m, 3H), 1.60-1.19 (m, 5H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 0.60-0.50 (m, 1H), 0.41 (dd, J = 12.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of diastereomers) δ 171.19, 138.63, 138.19, 138.10, 131.70, 131.36, 129.09, 129.03, 128.33, 128.25, 128.04, 127.92, 127.74, 127.67, 127.56, 127.52, 125.73, 117.21, 63.14, 54.23, 53.89, 51.85, 51.80, 51.31, 48.79, 48.67, 43.60, 42.25, 27.10, 26.77, 26.12, 24.91, 22.90, 19.45, 17.39. white solid, 91% yield, d.r. 7:1 m.p.= 261-263 °C; HRMS-EI (m/z): calc'd for C₂₅H₂₄N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 391.1787; found, 391.1785.

4-methyl-5-oxo-12-phenyl-4,5,6*a*,11,11*a*,11*b-hexahydro*-6,11-methanobenzo[*e*]oxireno[2',3':5,6]benzo[1,2-



h]indole-6(1aH)-carbonitrile (45): To a 25 mL Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar were added 2 (1.0 eq, 0.14 mmol) and m-CPBA (1.2 eq, 1.2 mmol) in DCM (2.0 mL) at r.t. After the reaction was finished, the reaction mixture was washed with water (3 mL), extracted with DCM (3×10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1:1) to afford 45 as offwhite solid (92% yield, d.r. 20:1), m.p.= 198-200 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 7.49-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.13-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.38

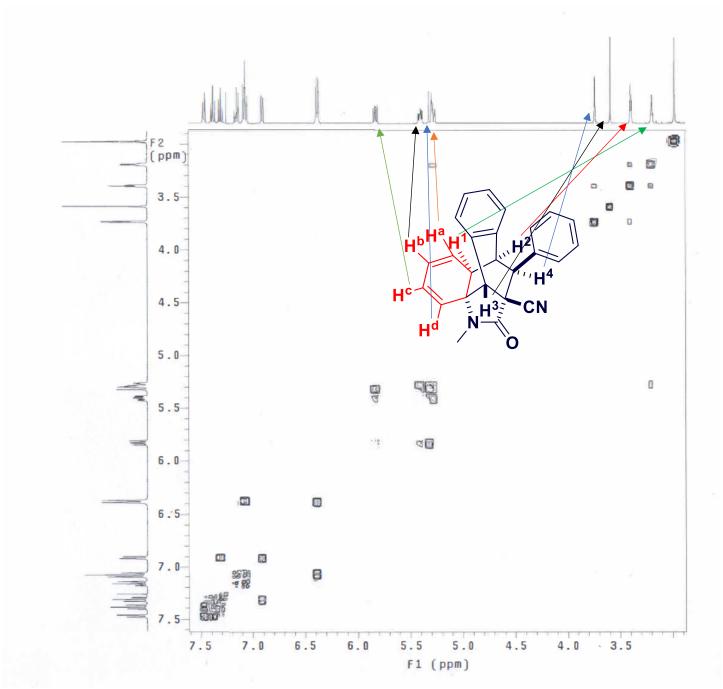
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Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.64 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃, major isomer) δ 171.19, 137.75, 136.26, 131.23, 131.20, 129.82, 128.95, 128.90, 128.23, 127.99, 127.96, 127.95, 127.25, 116.73, 63.90, 56.10, 53.56, 51.06, 50.41, 47.14, 45.26, 42.15, 27.10. **HRMS-EI** (**m/z**): calc'd for $C_{25}H_{20}N_2O_2Na$ [M+Na]⁺ 403.1423; found, 403.1421.

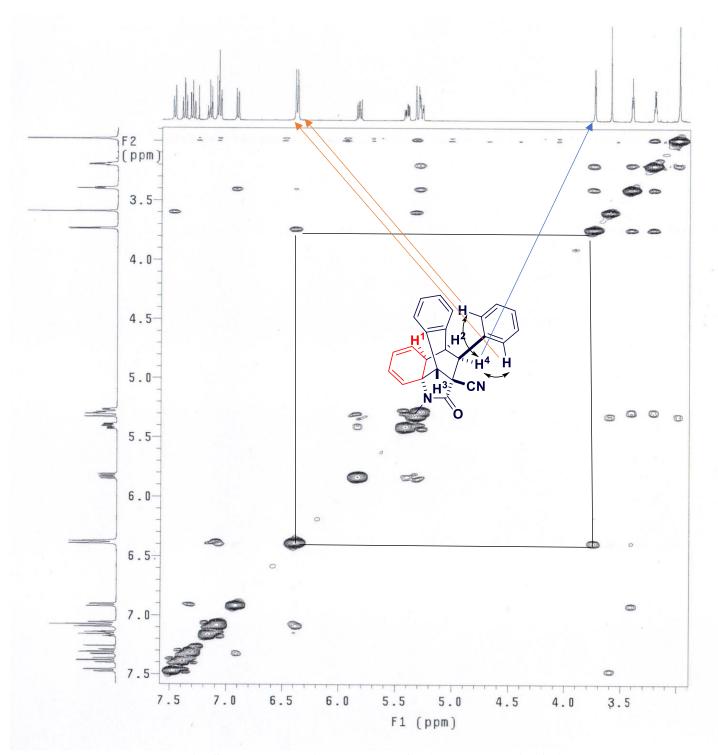
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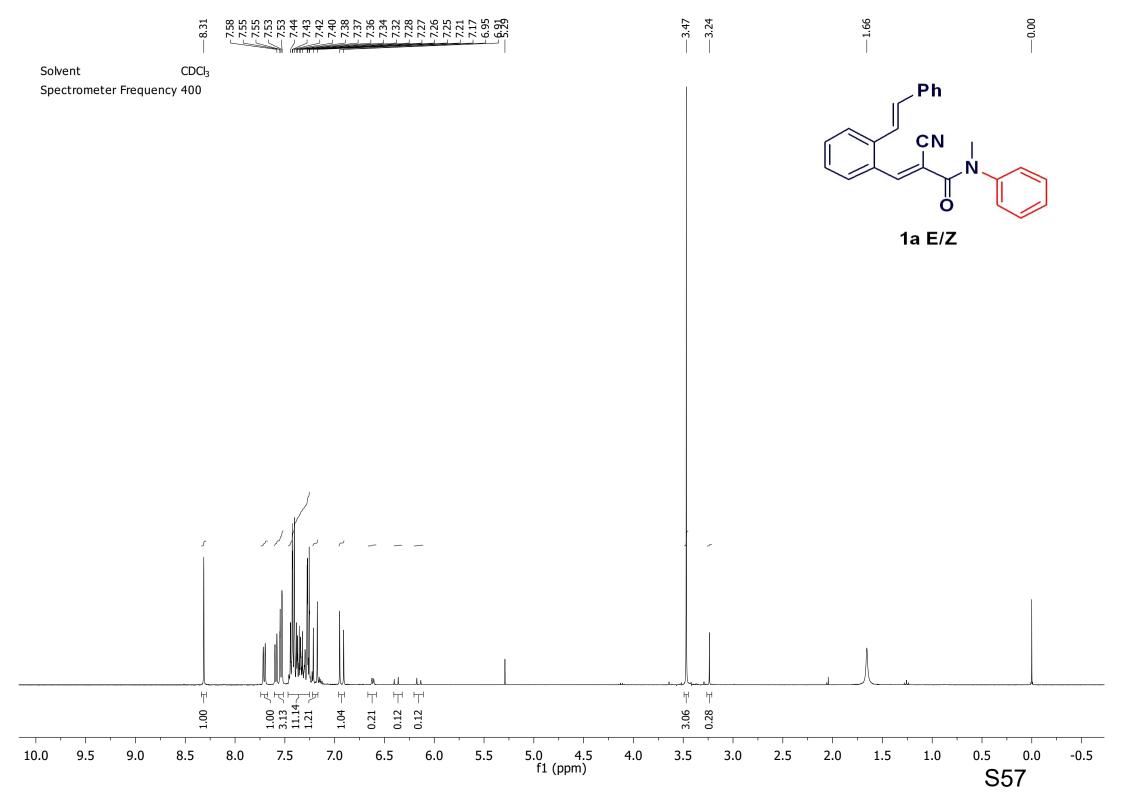
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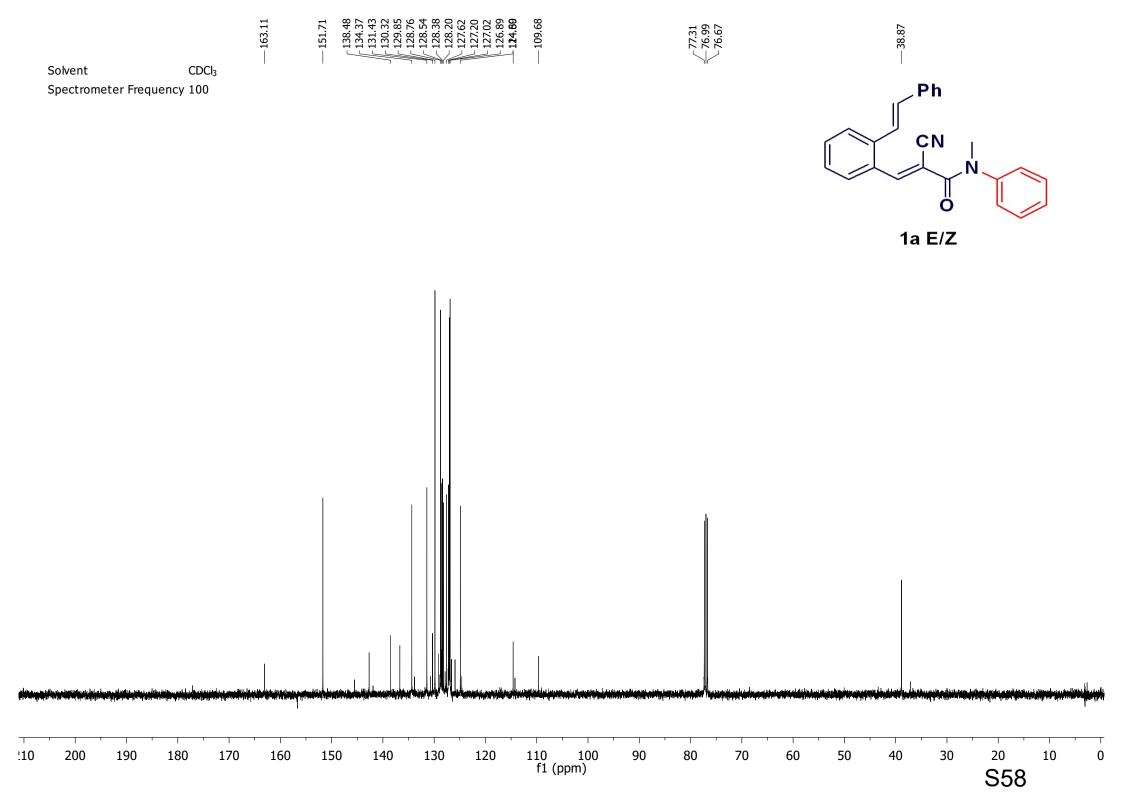


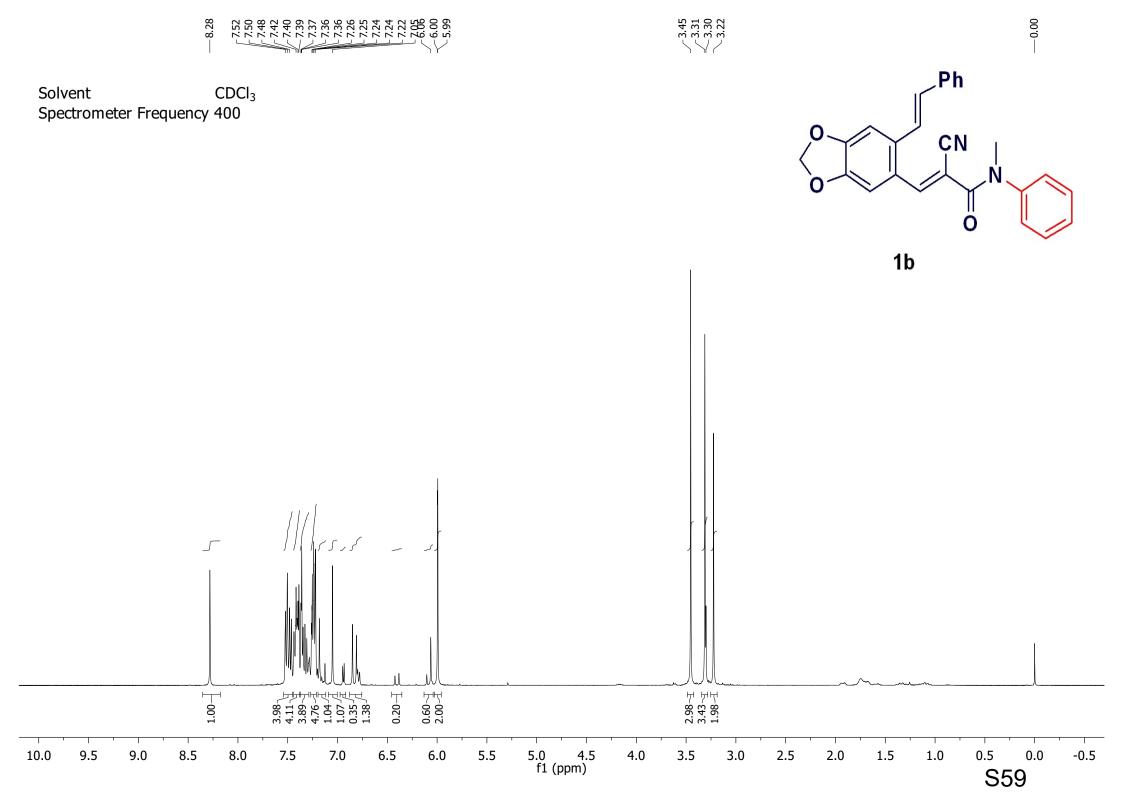
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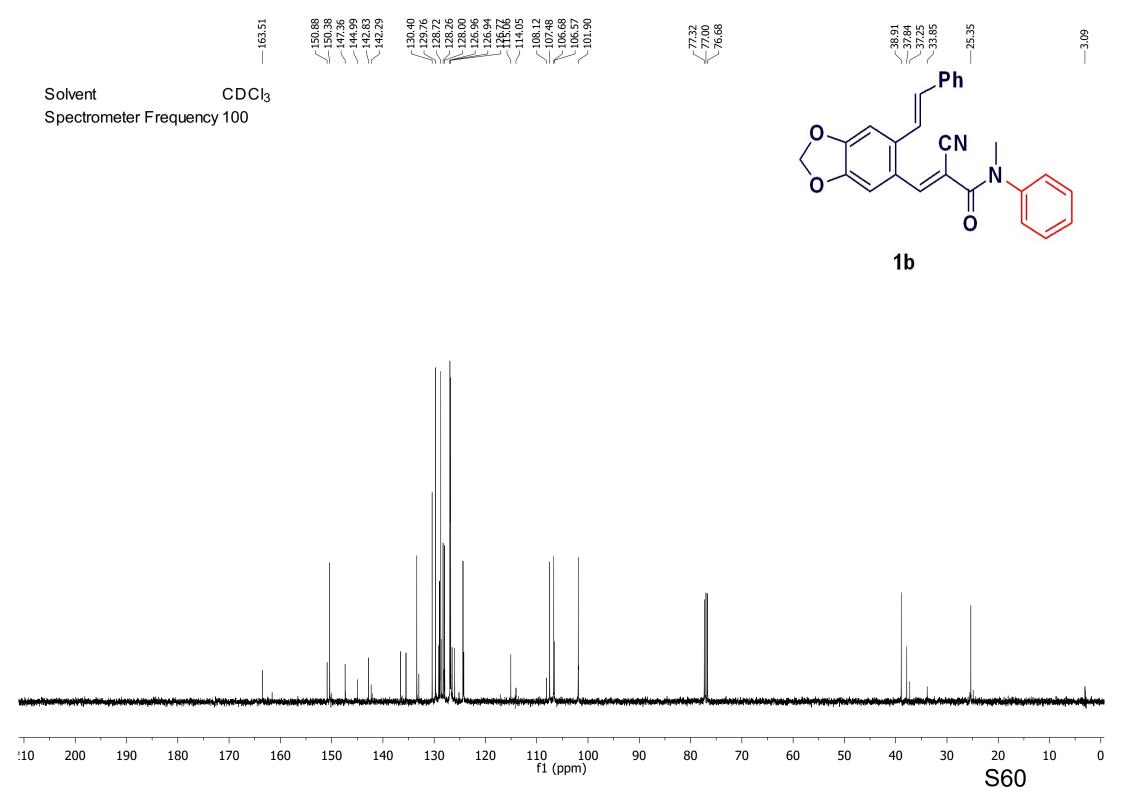


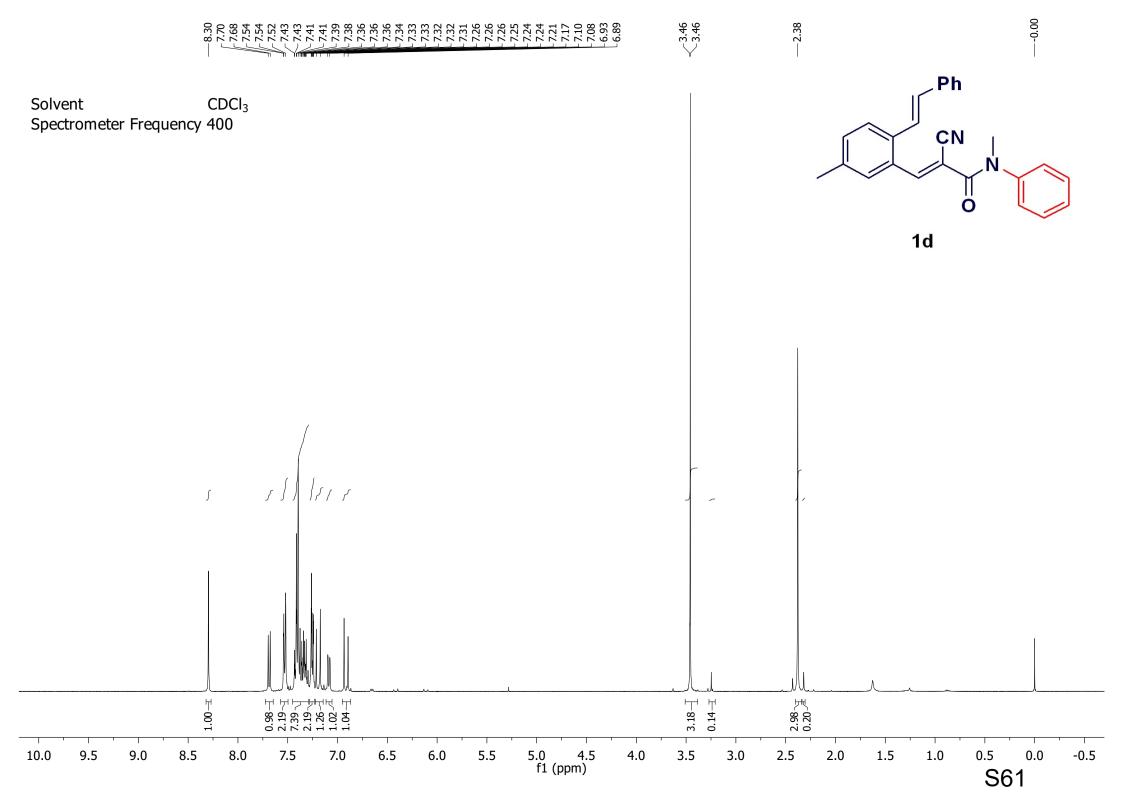
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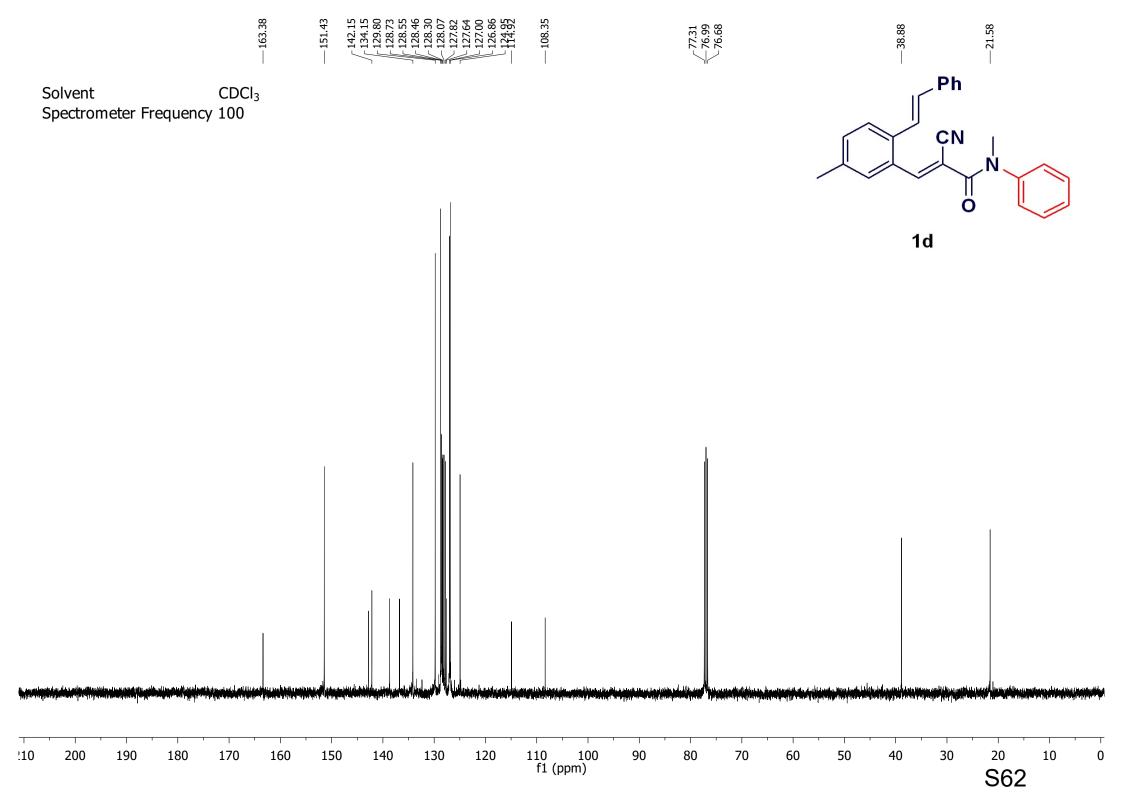


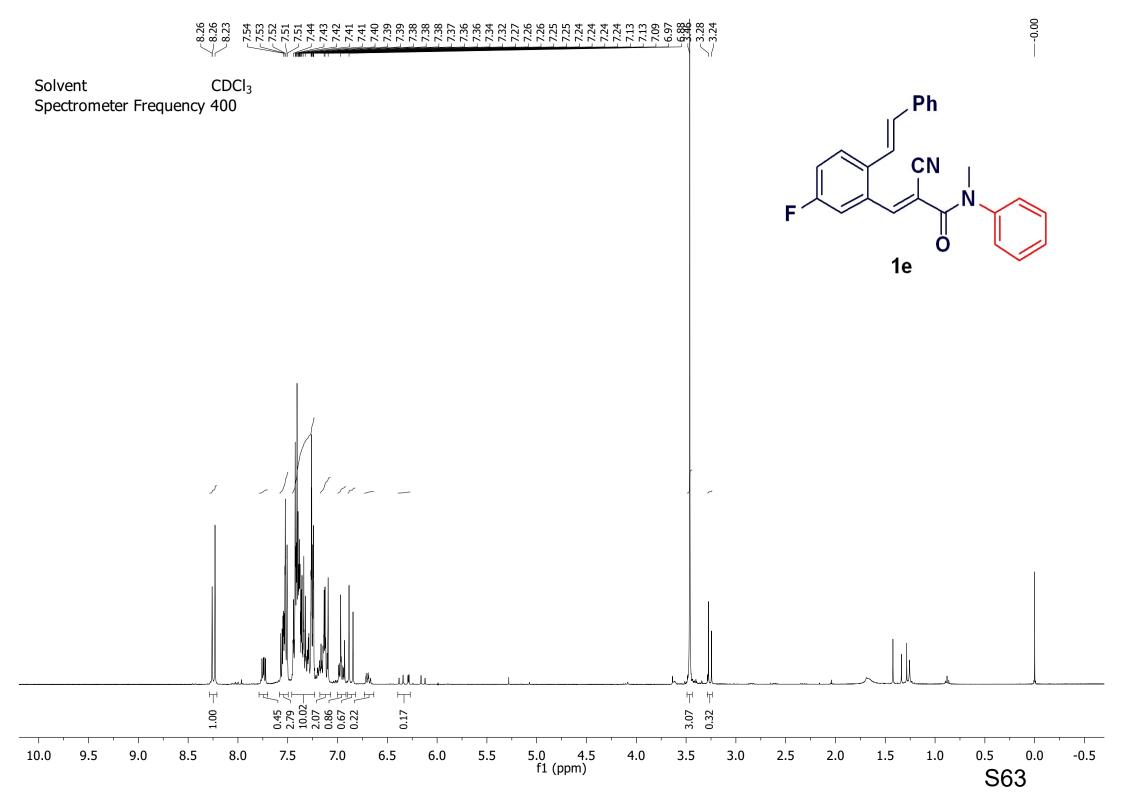


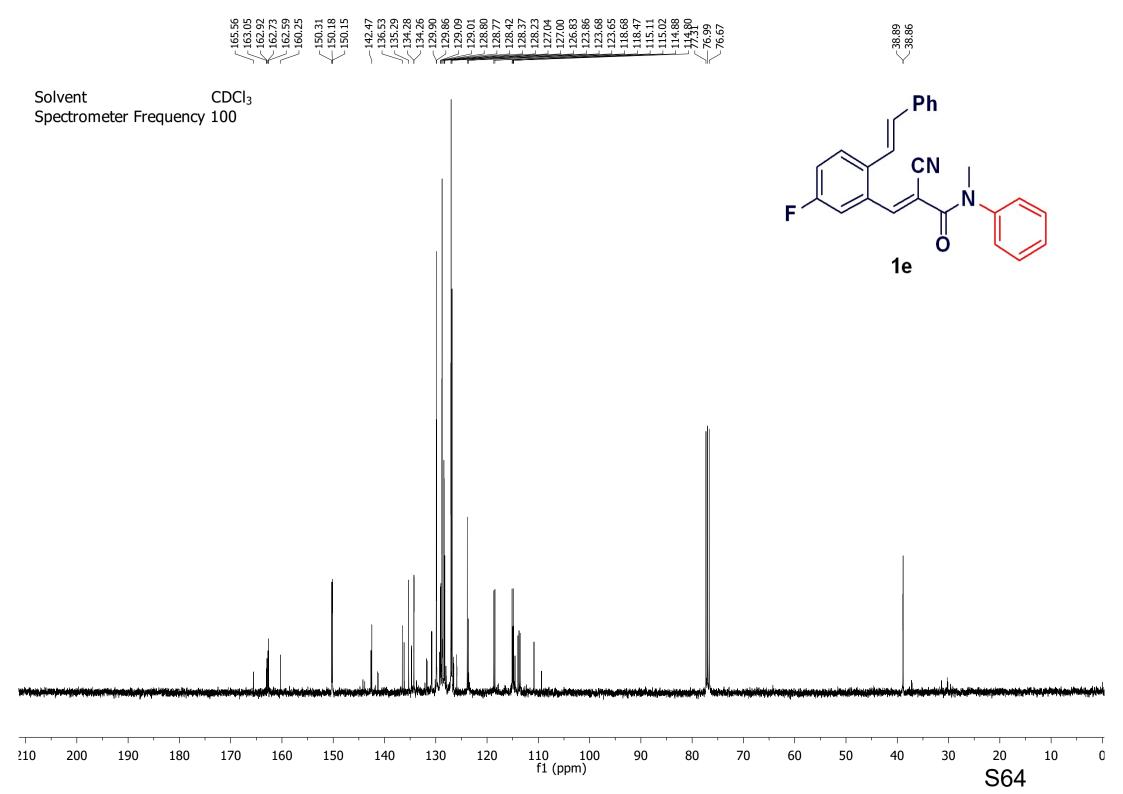


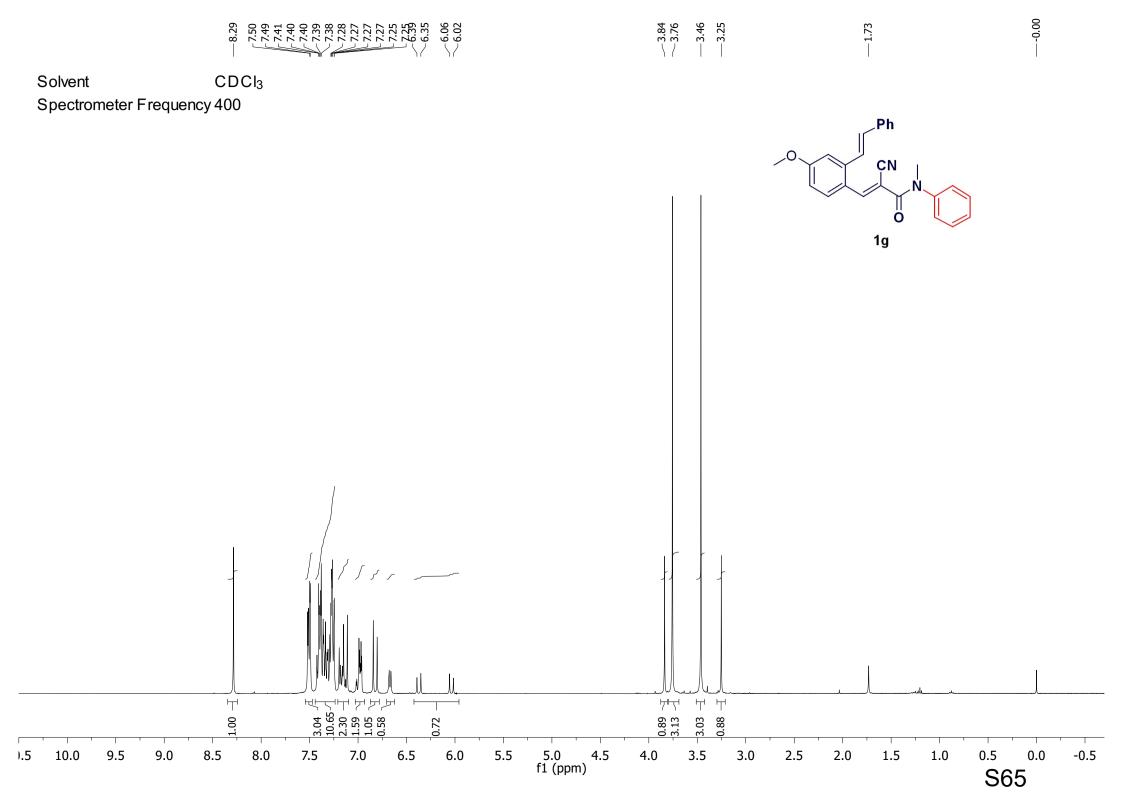


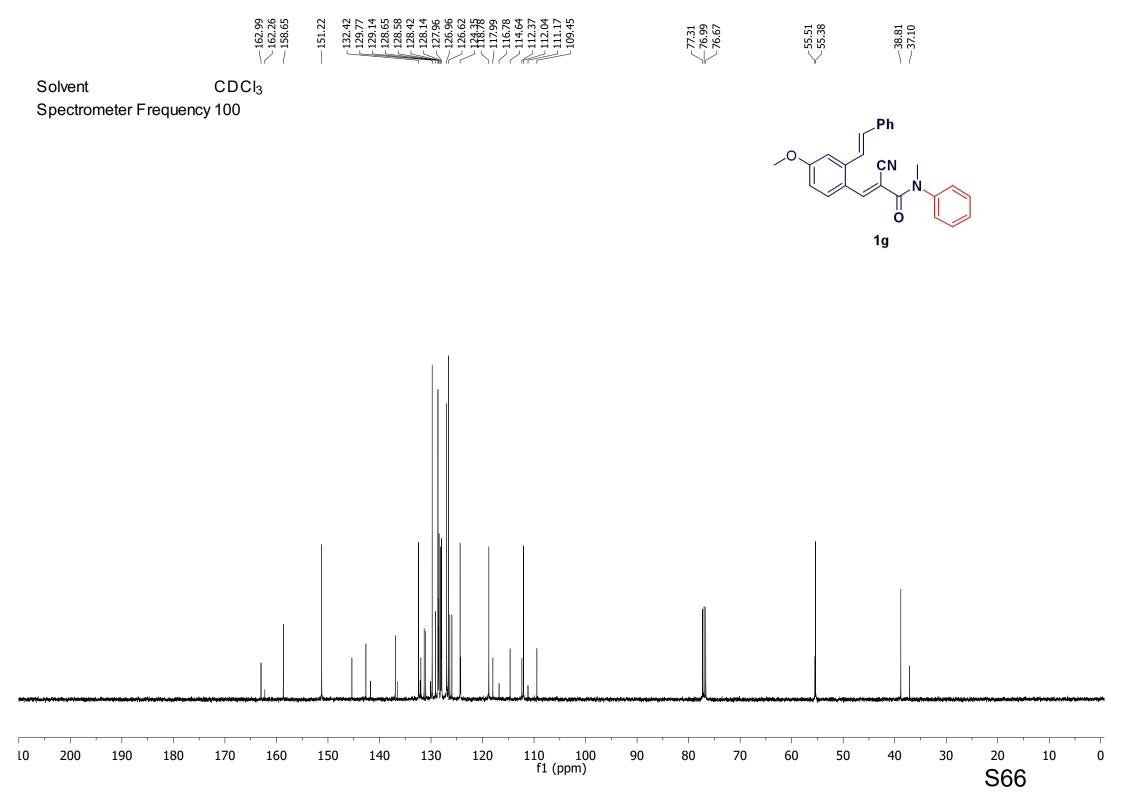


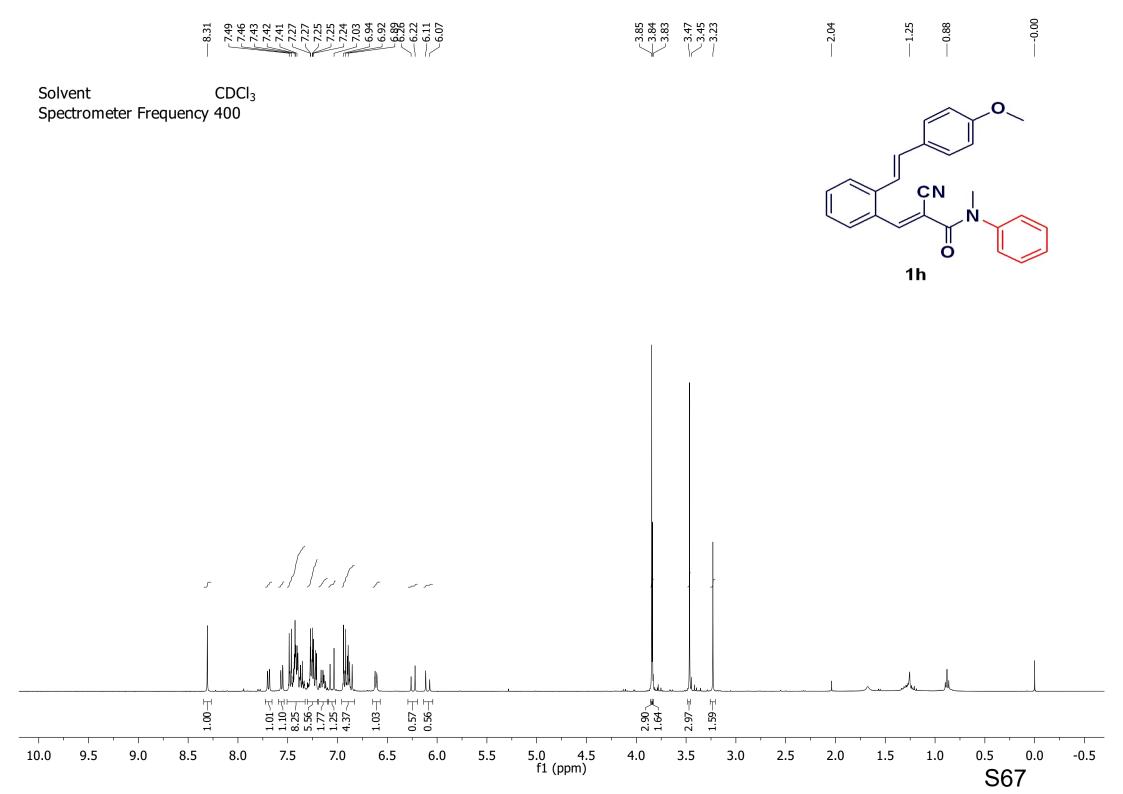


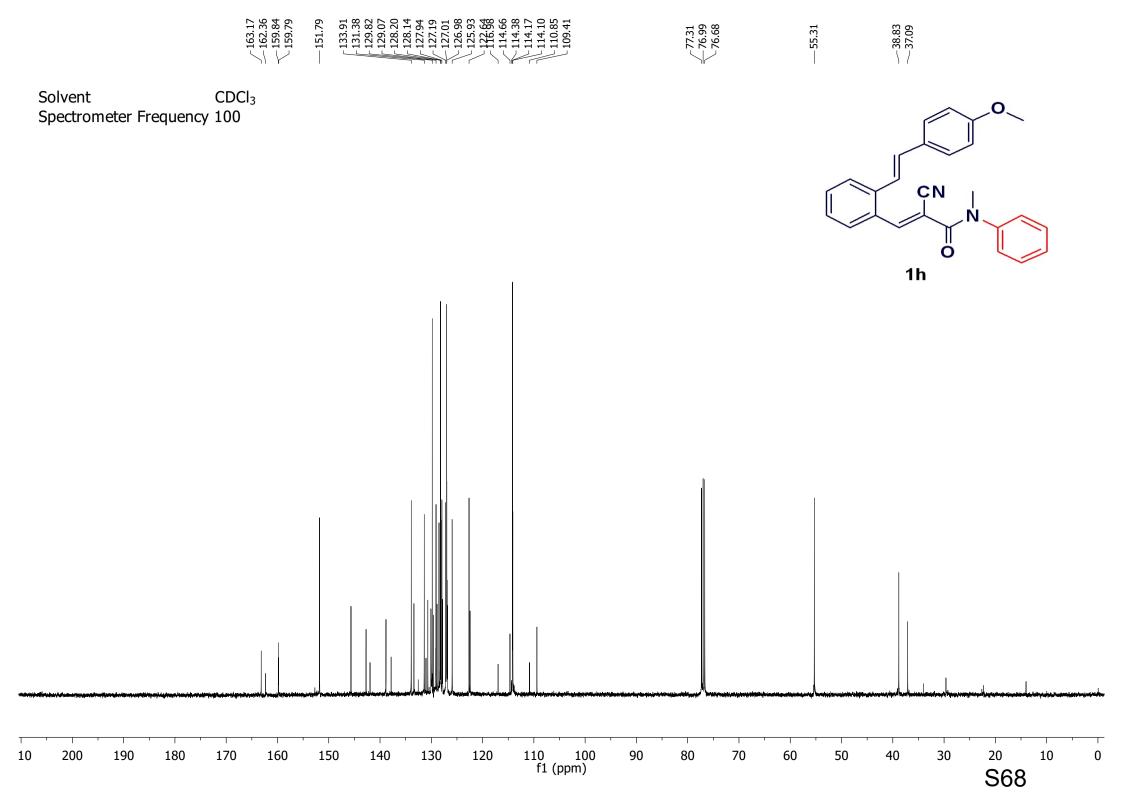


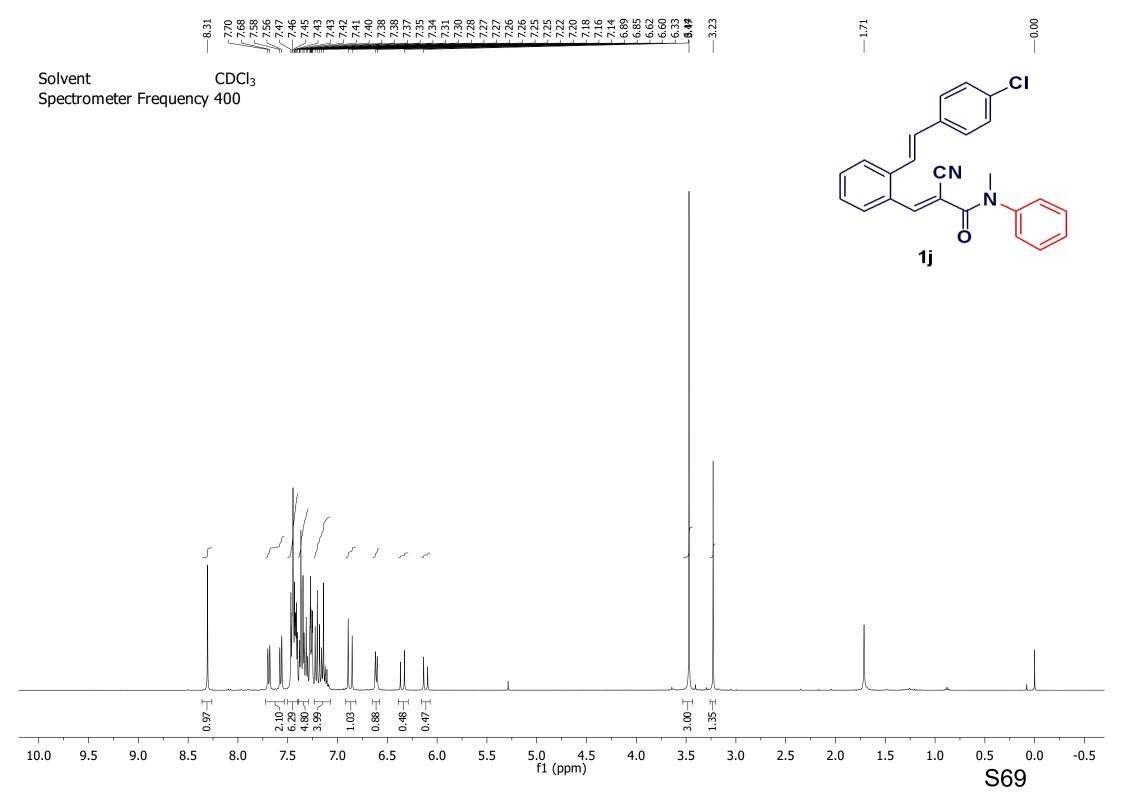


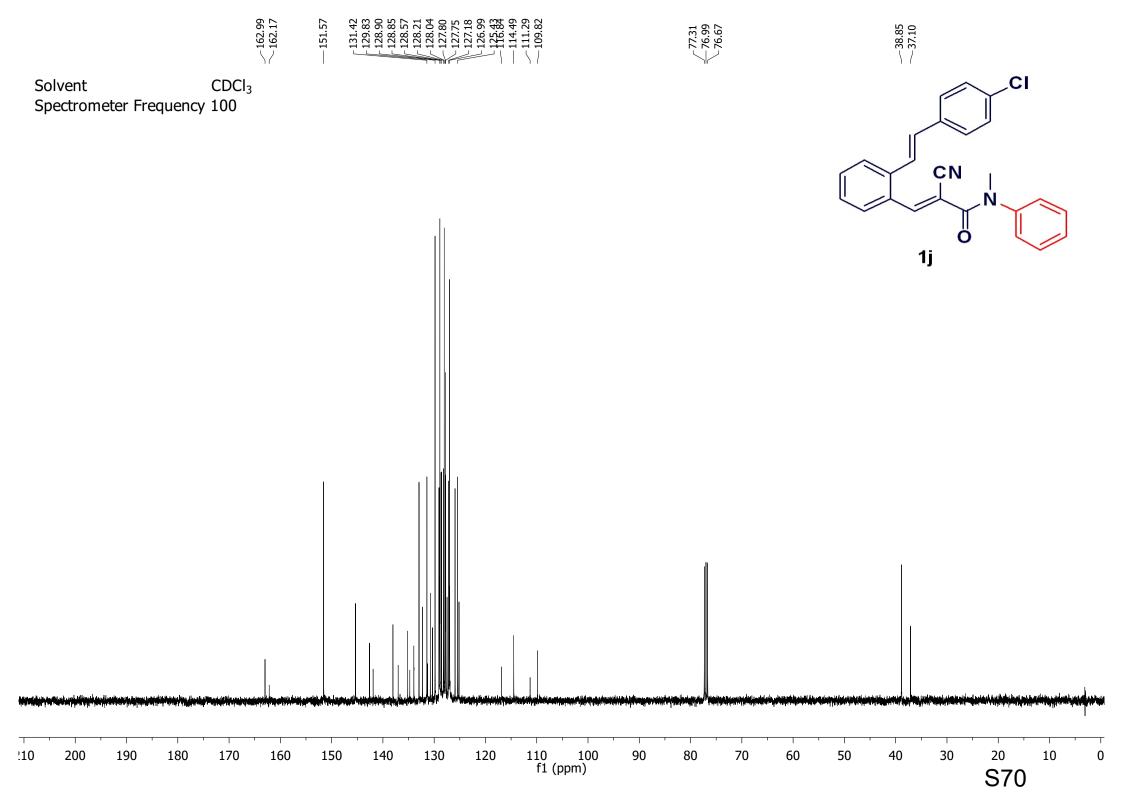


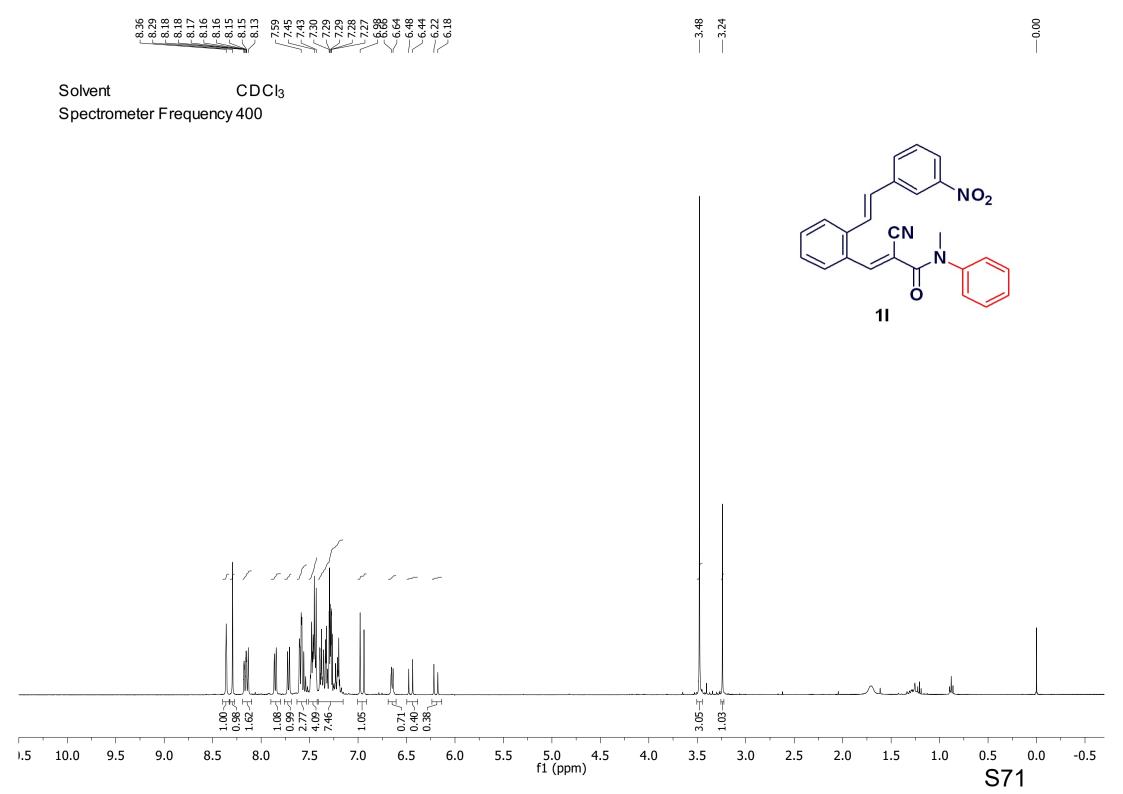


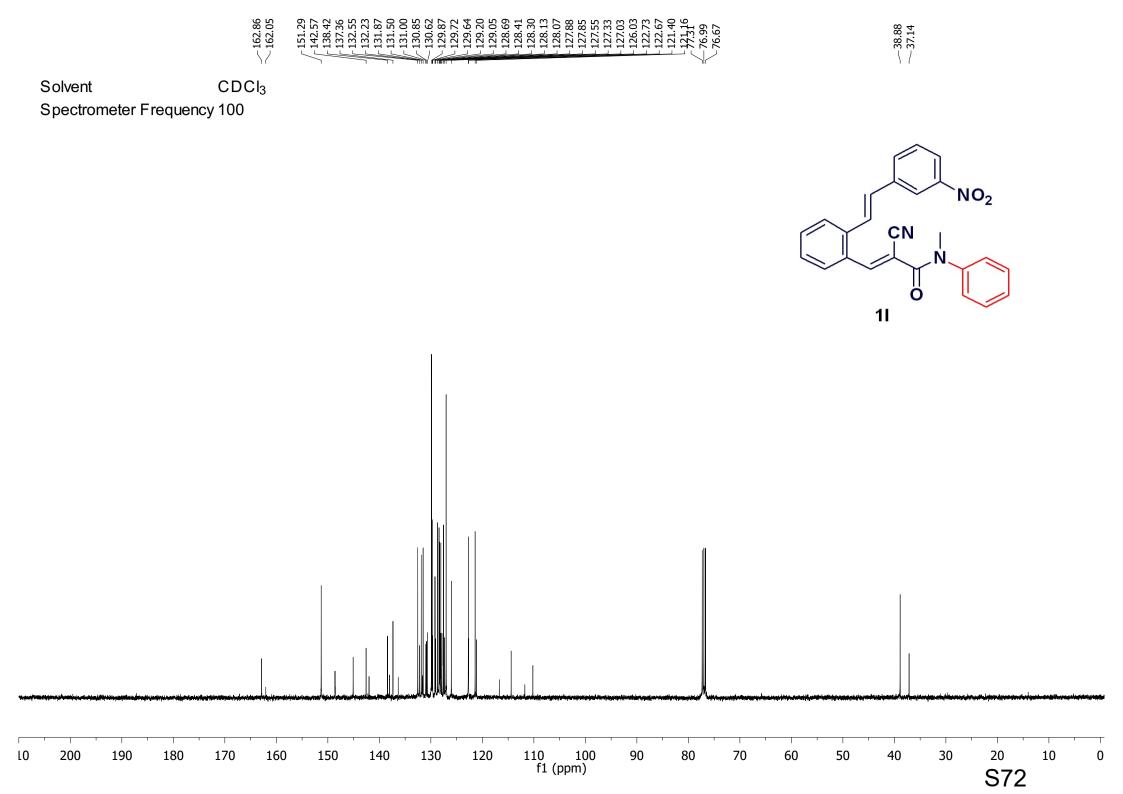


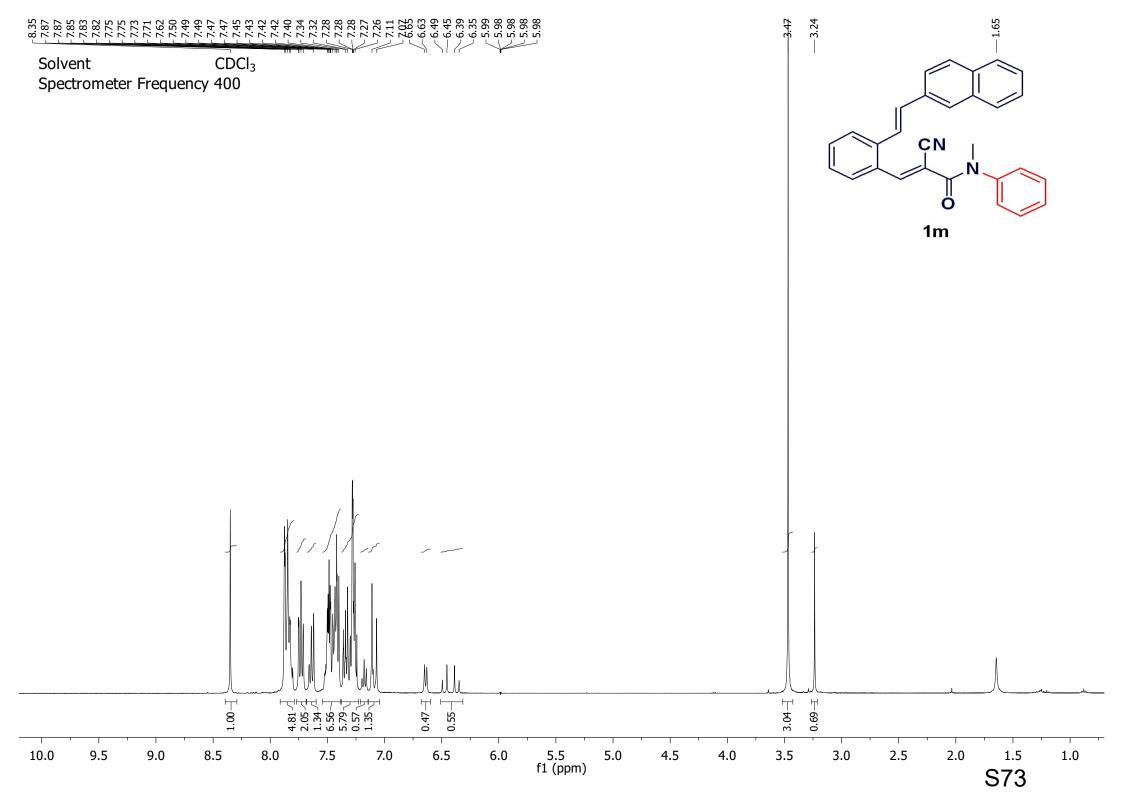


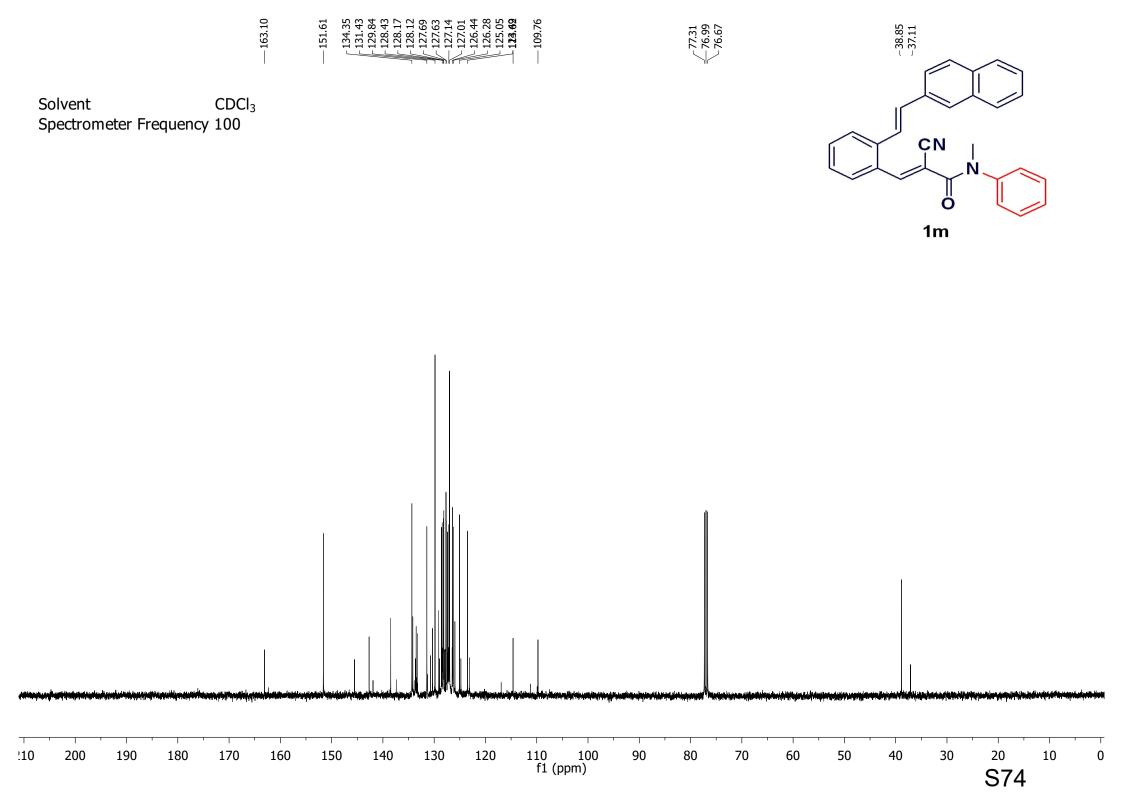


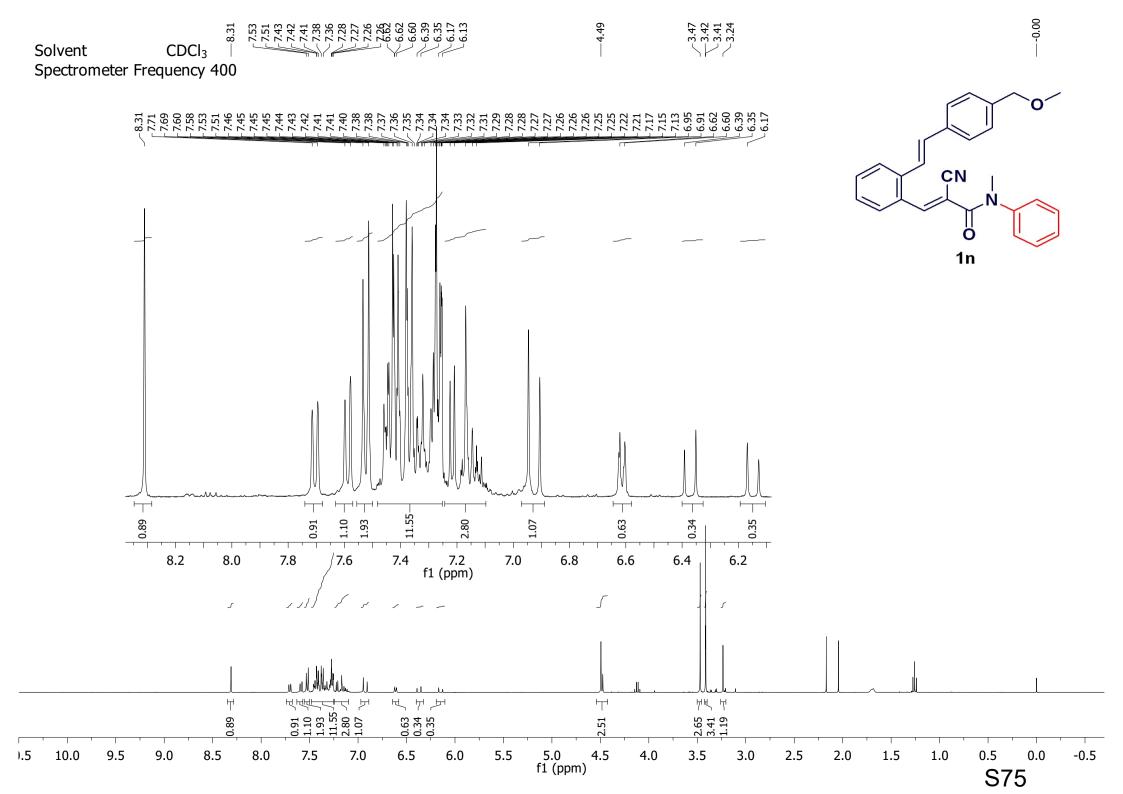


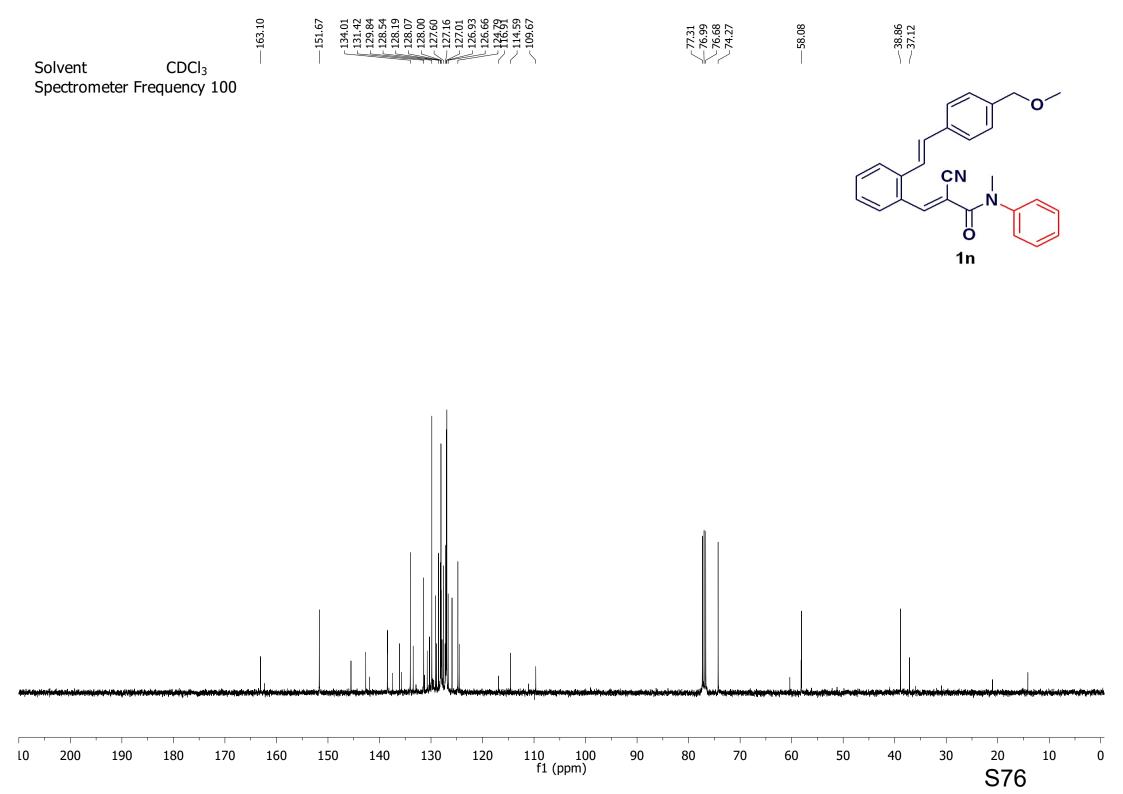


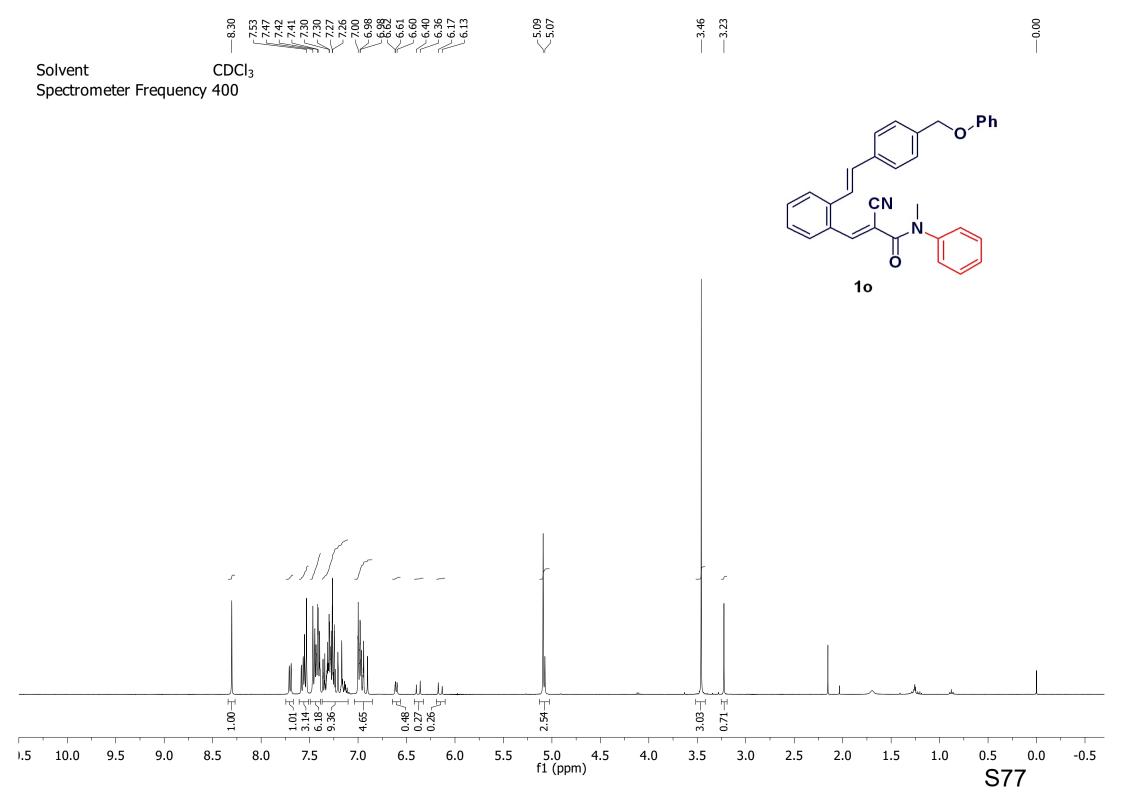


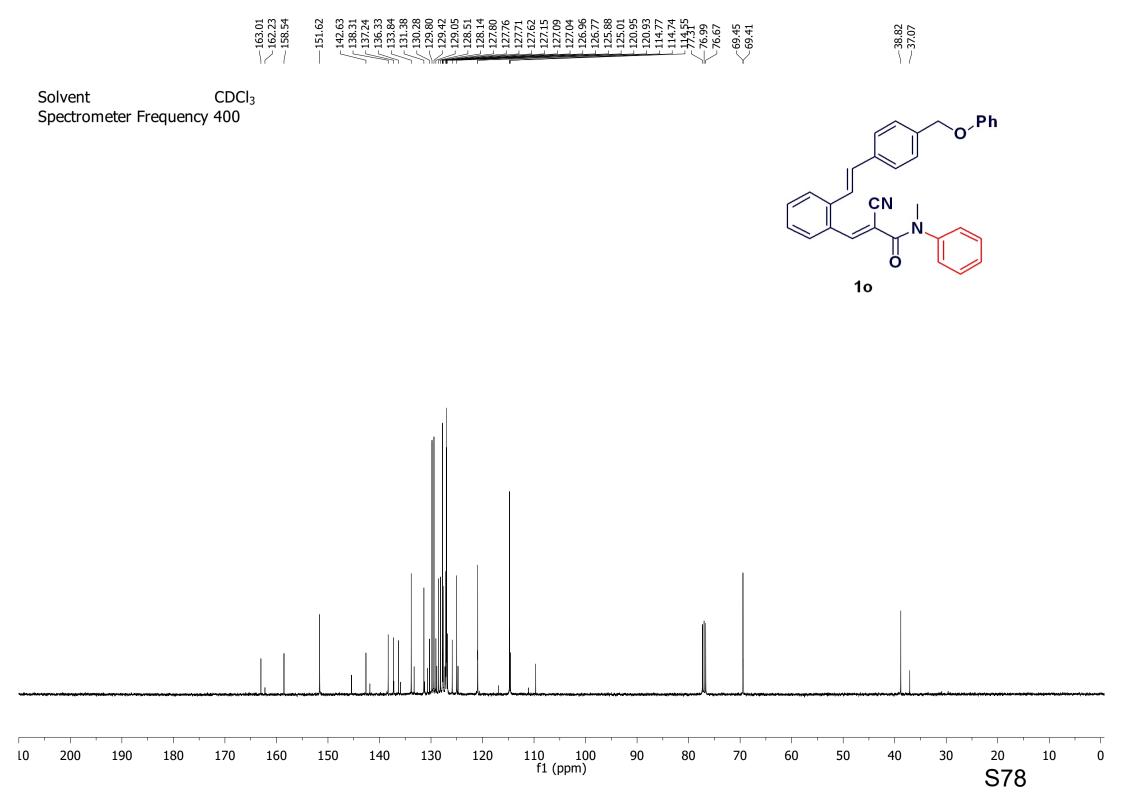


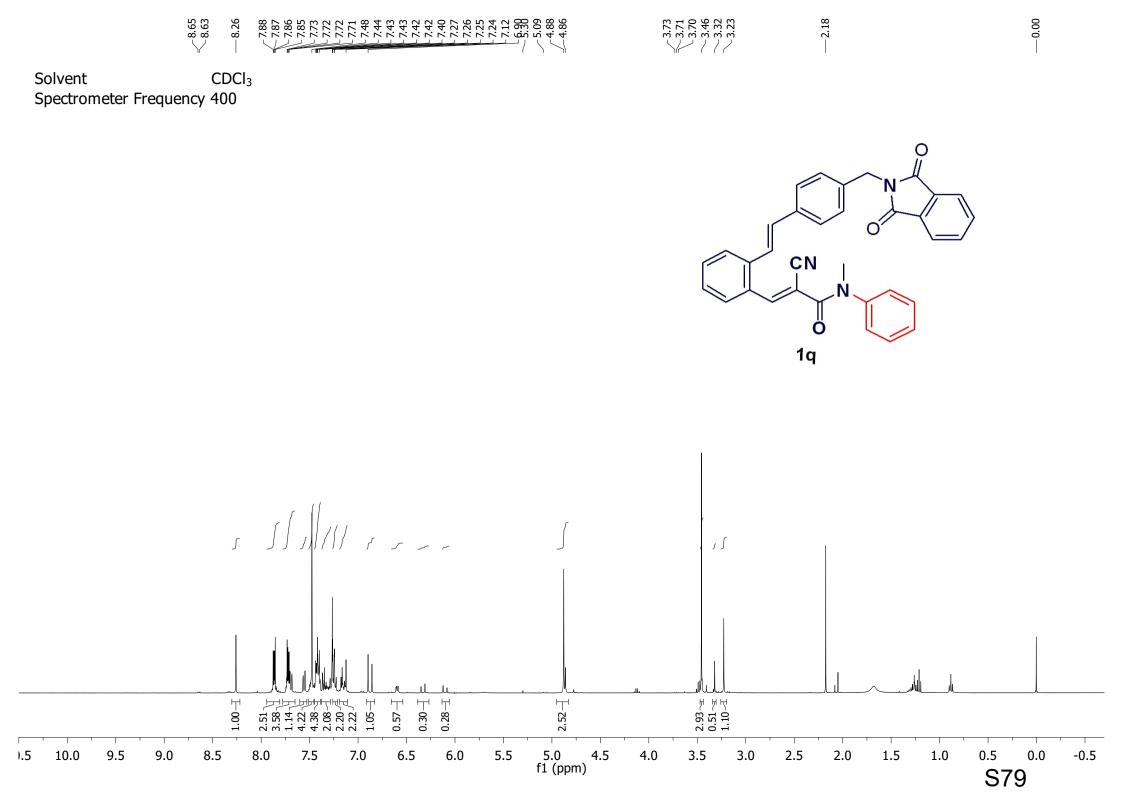


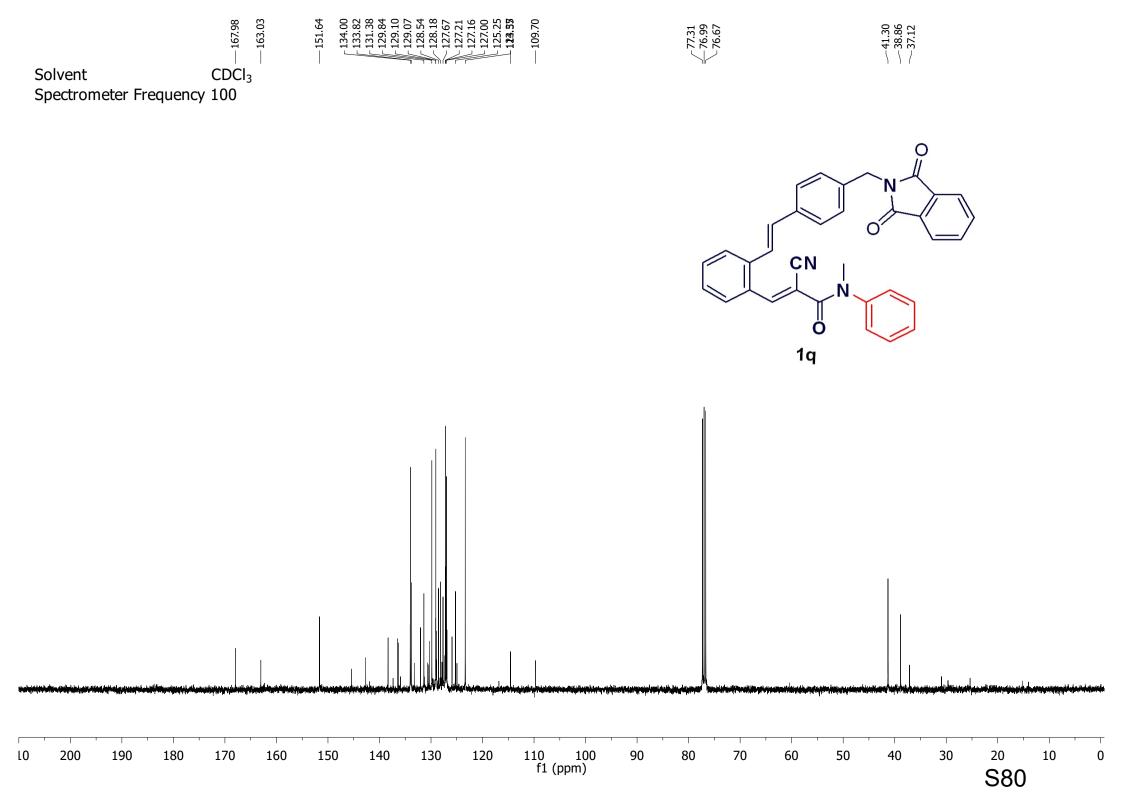


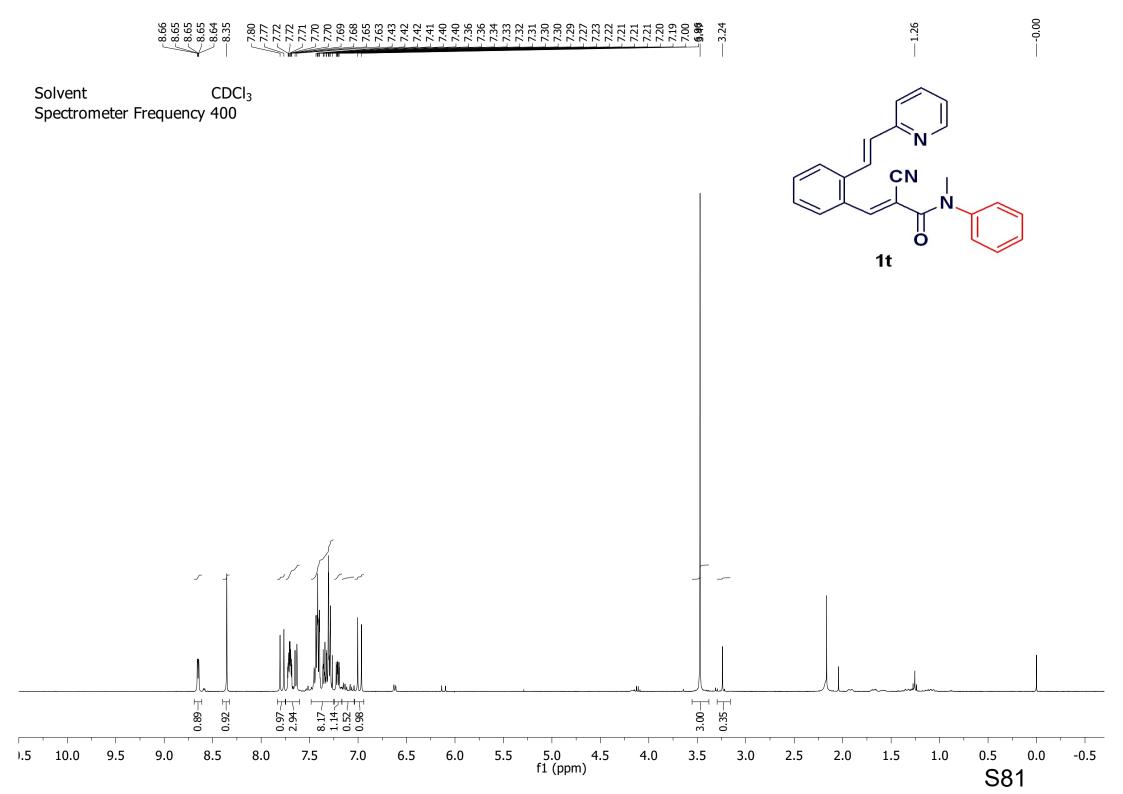


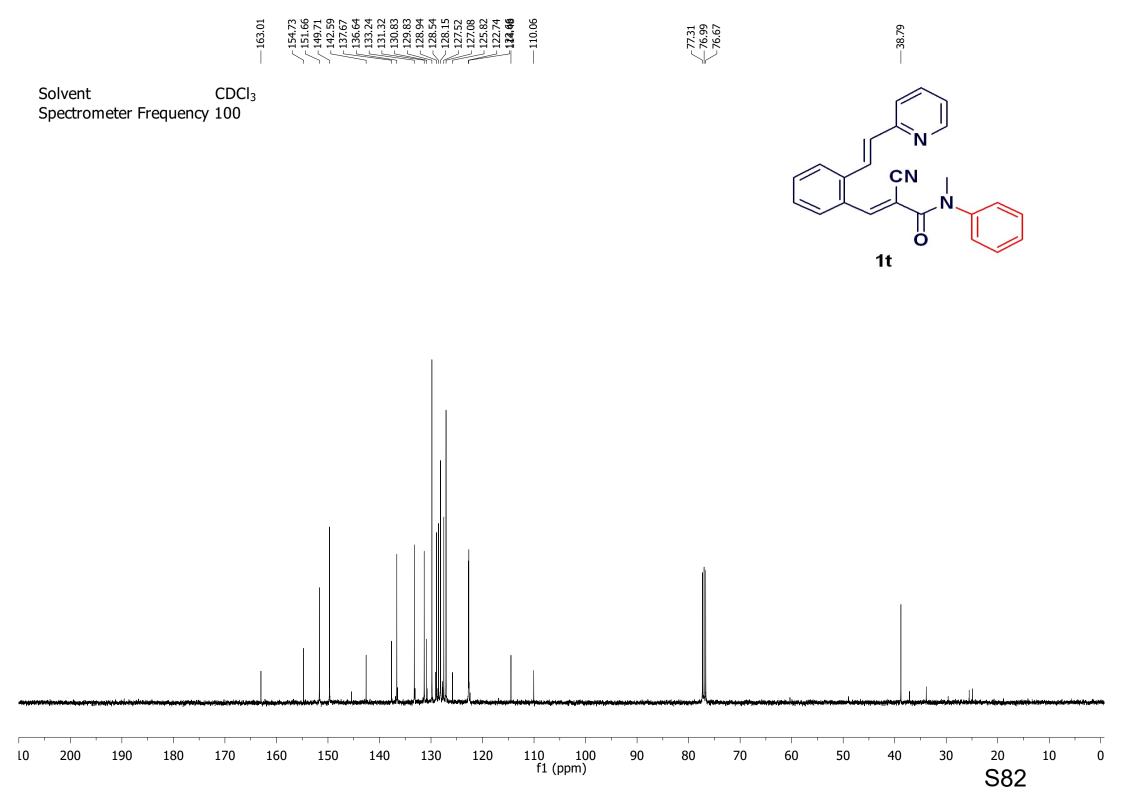


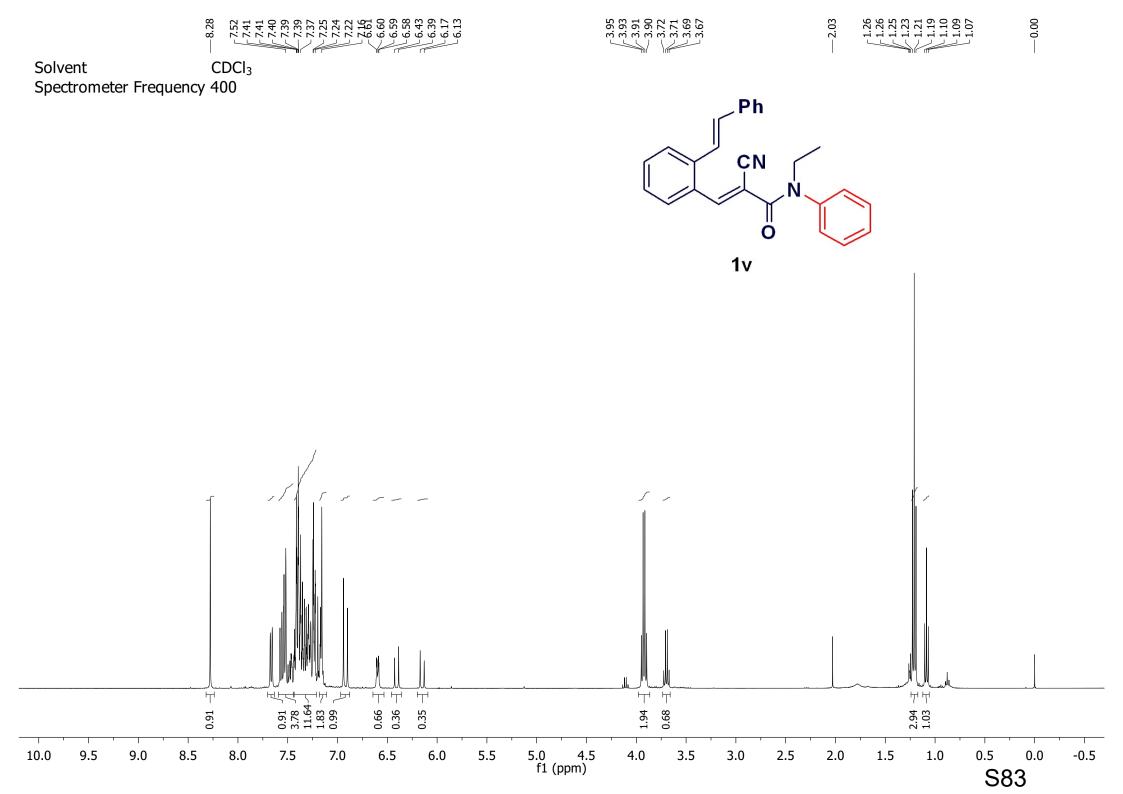


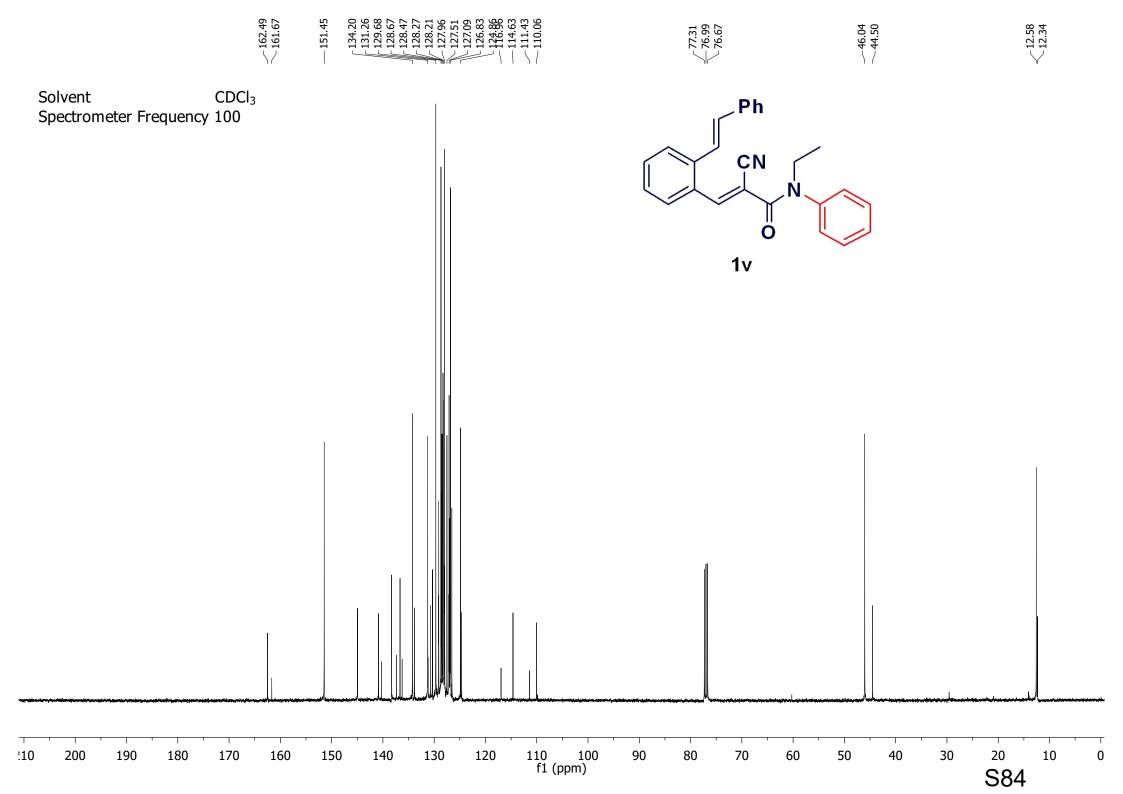


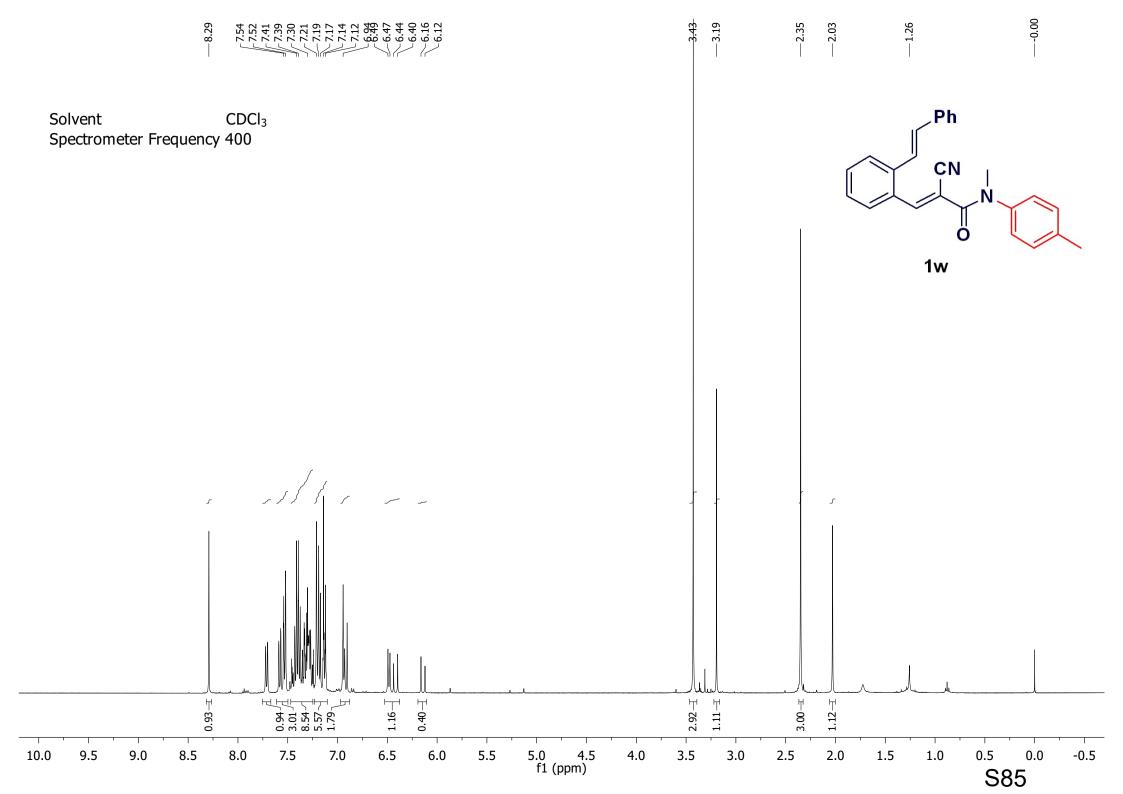


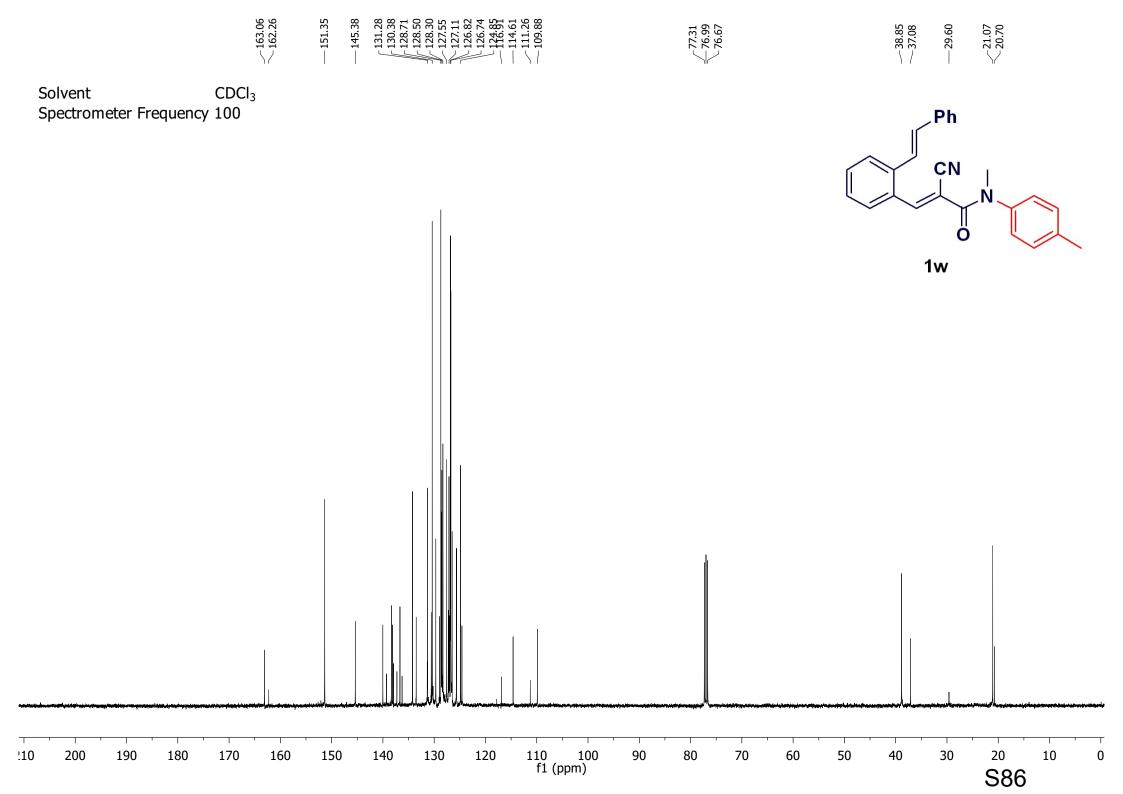


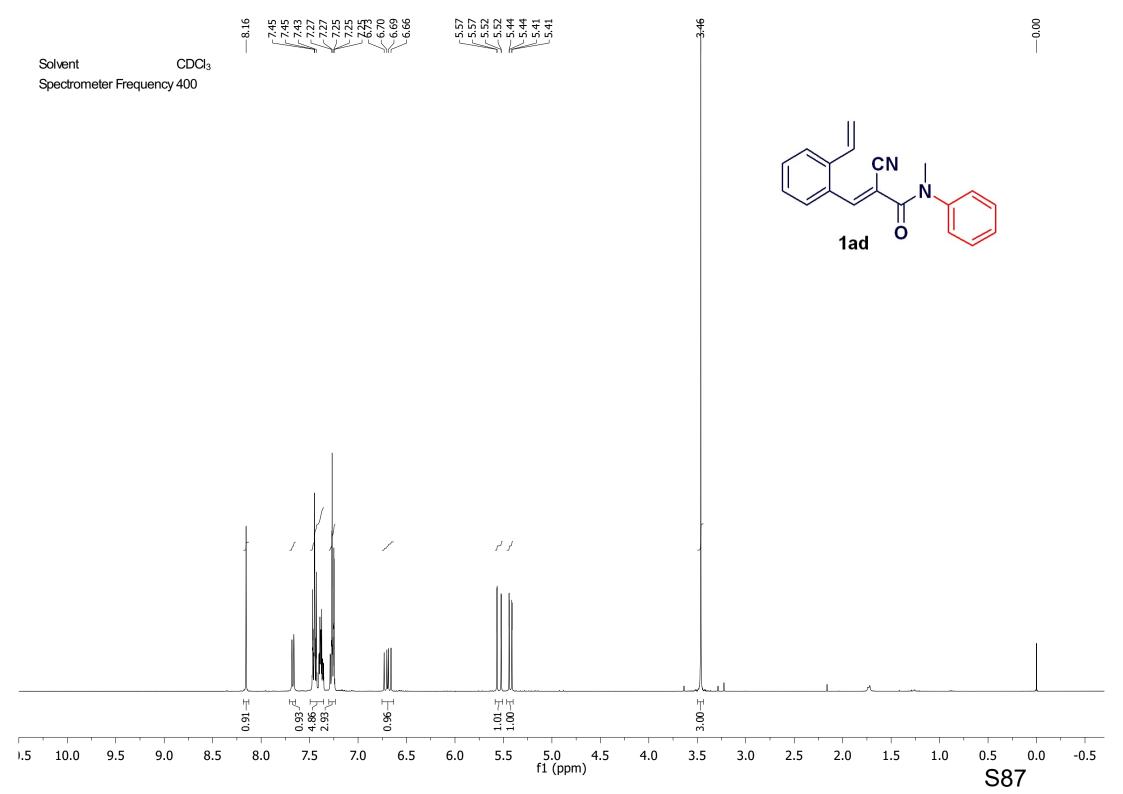


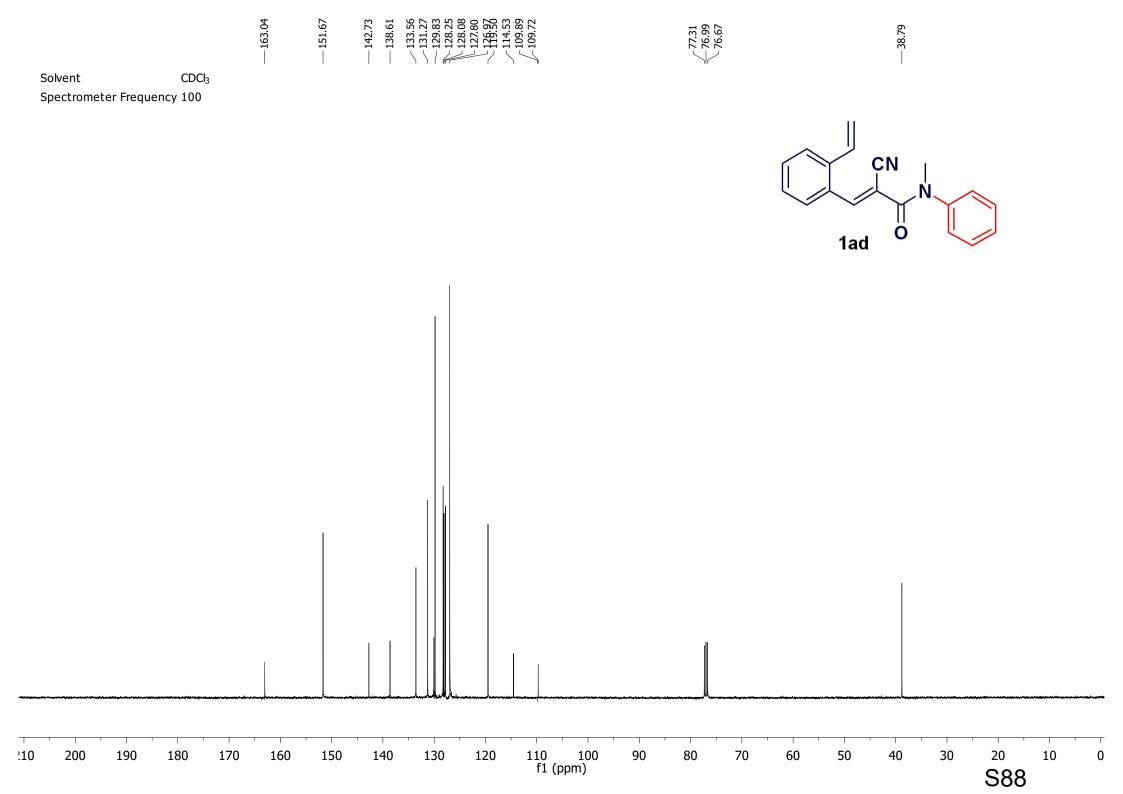








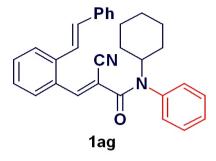


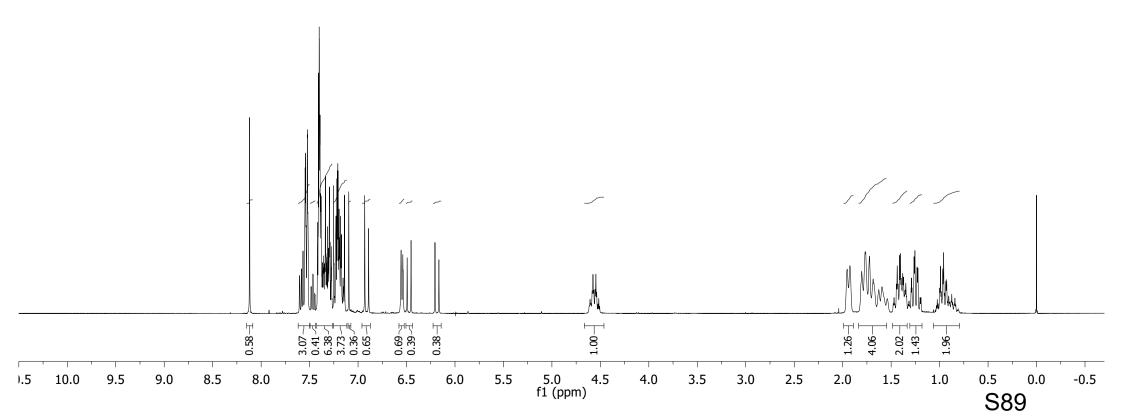


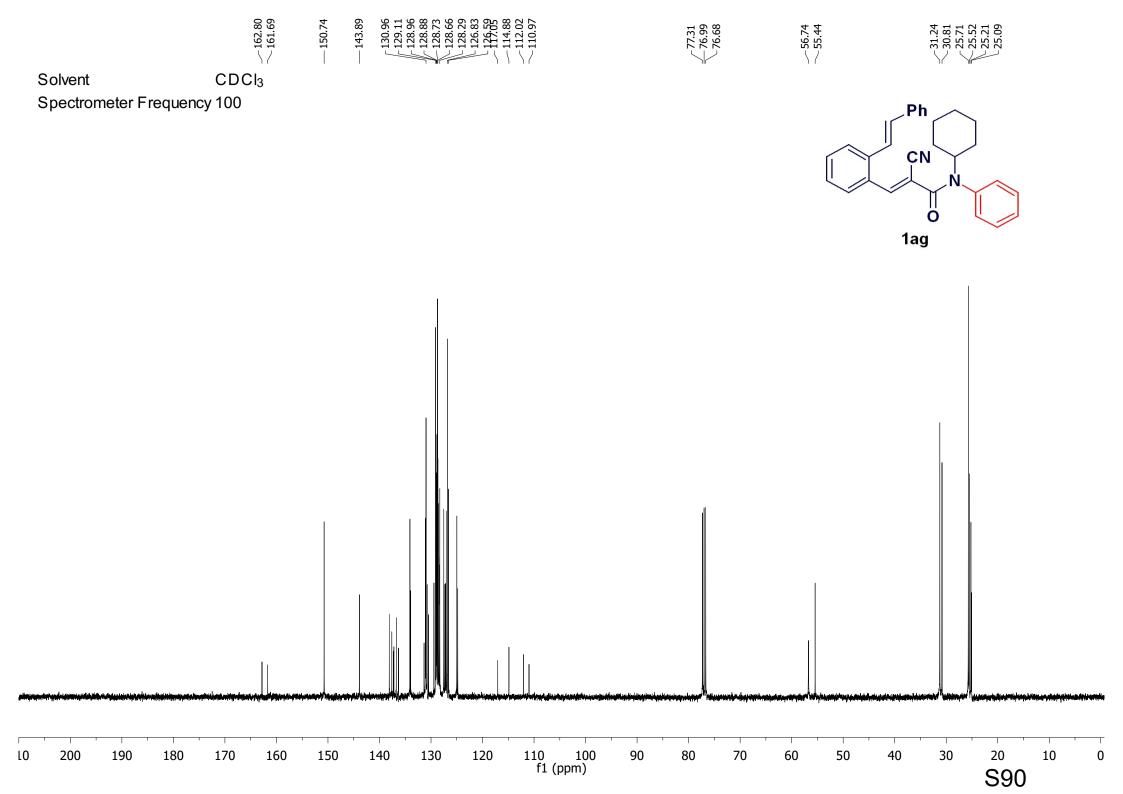


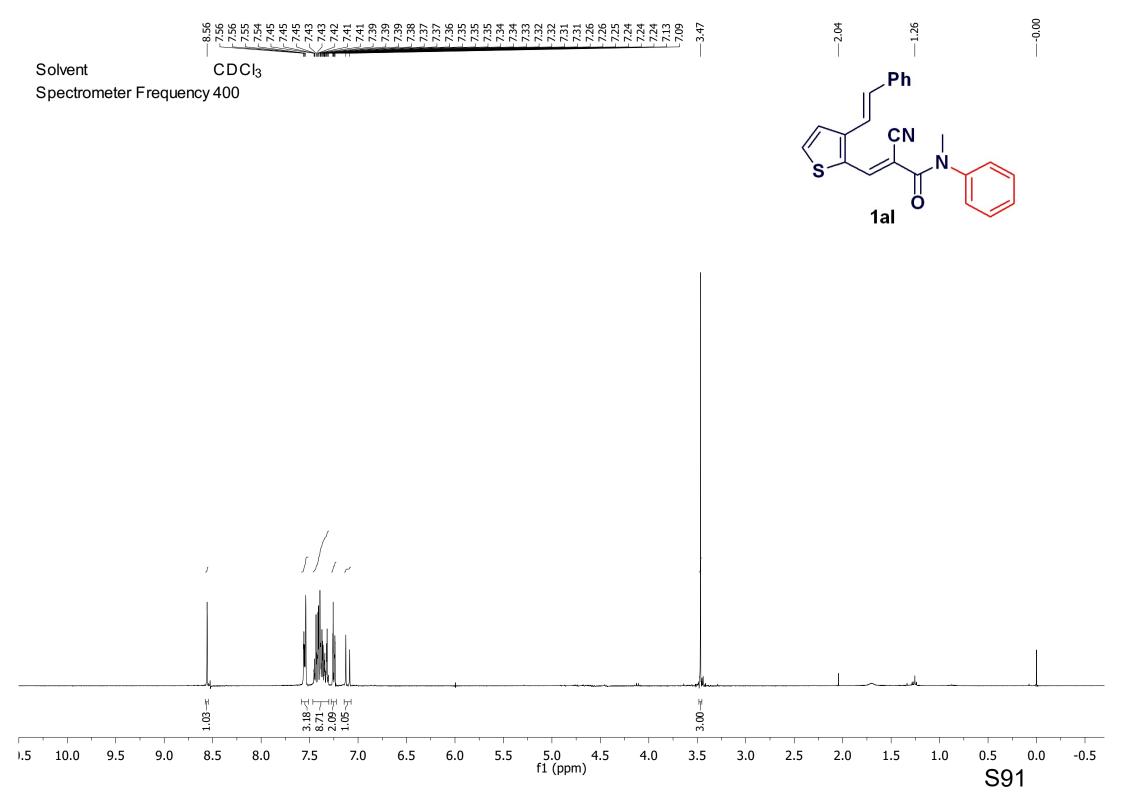
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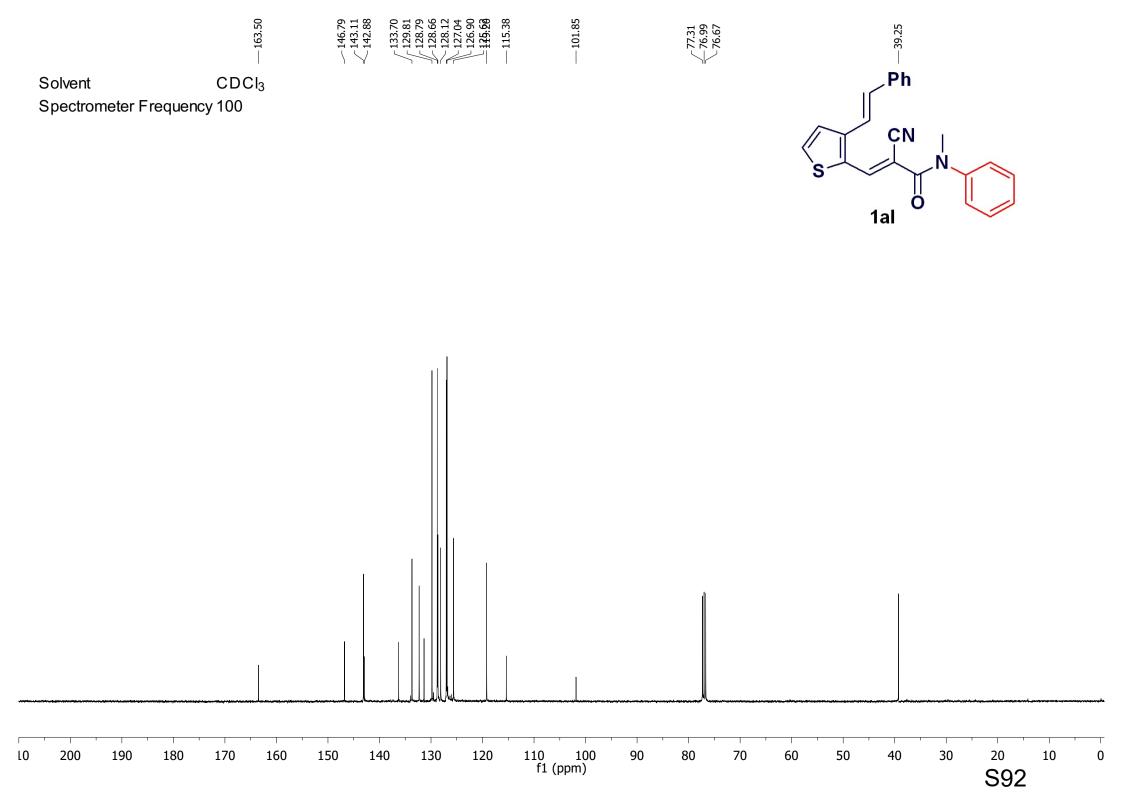
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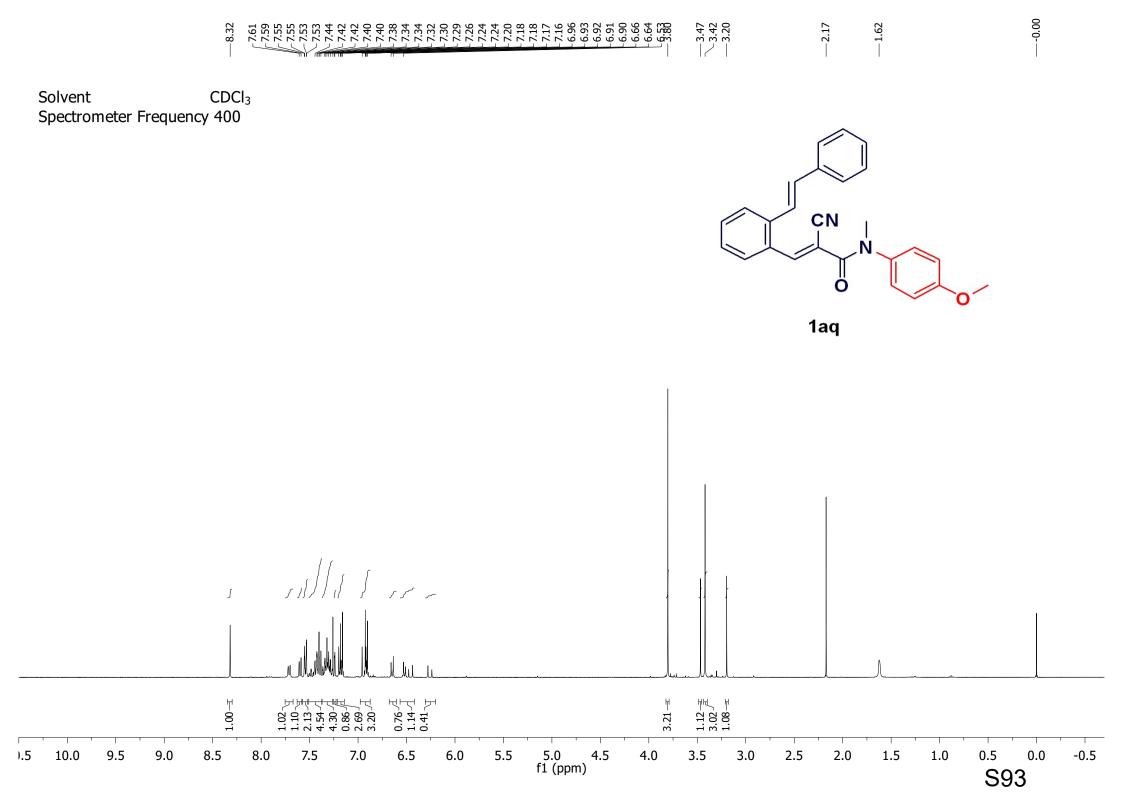


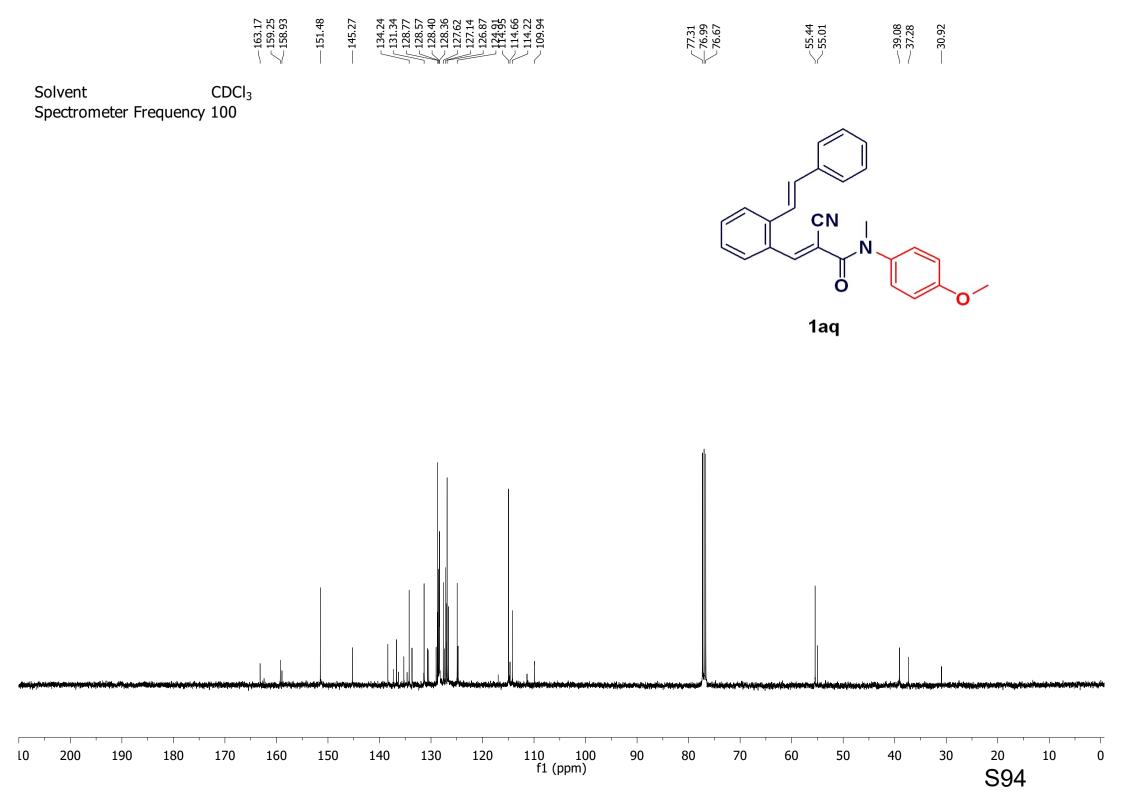


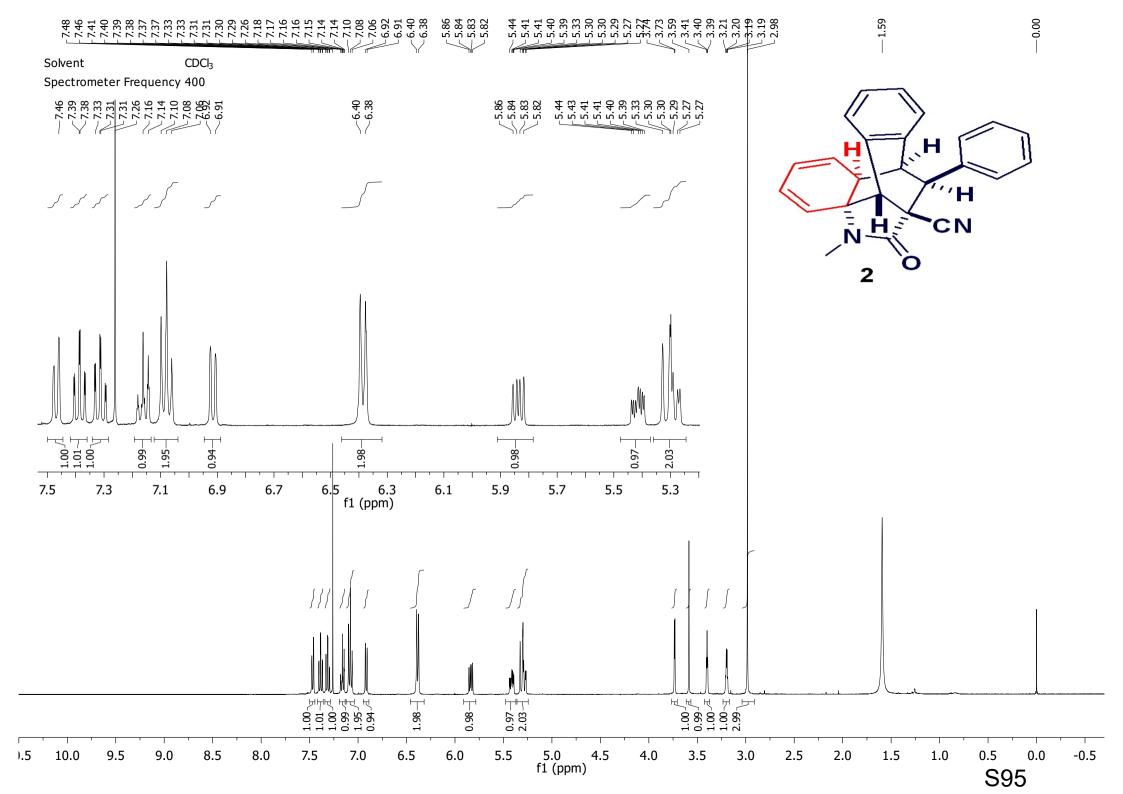


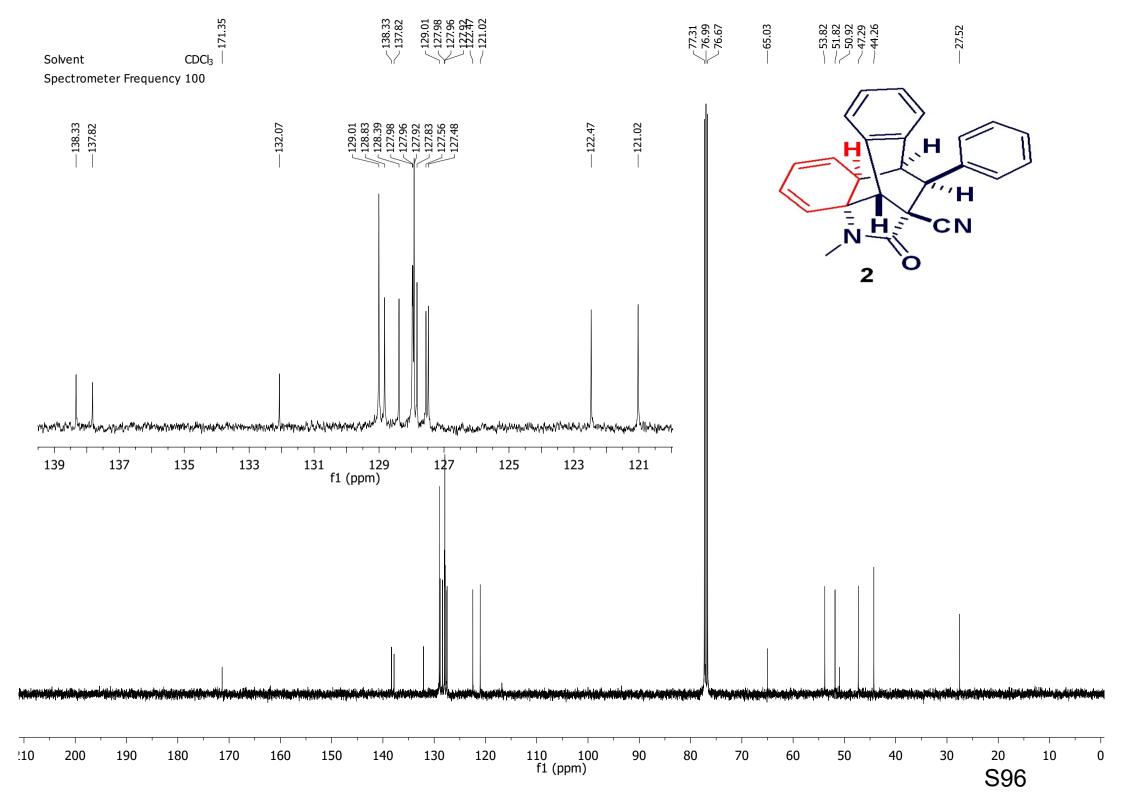


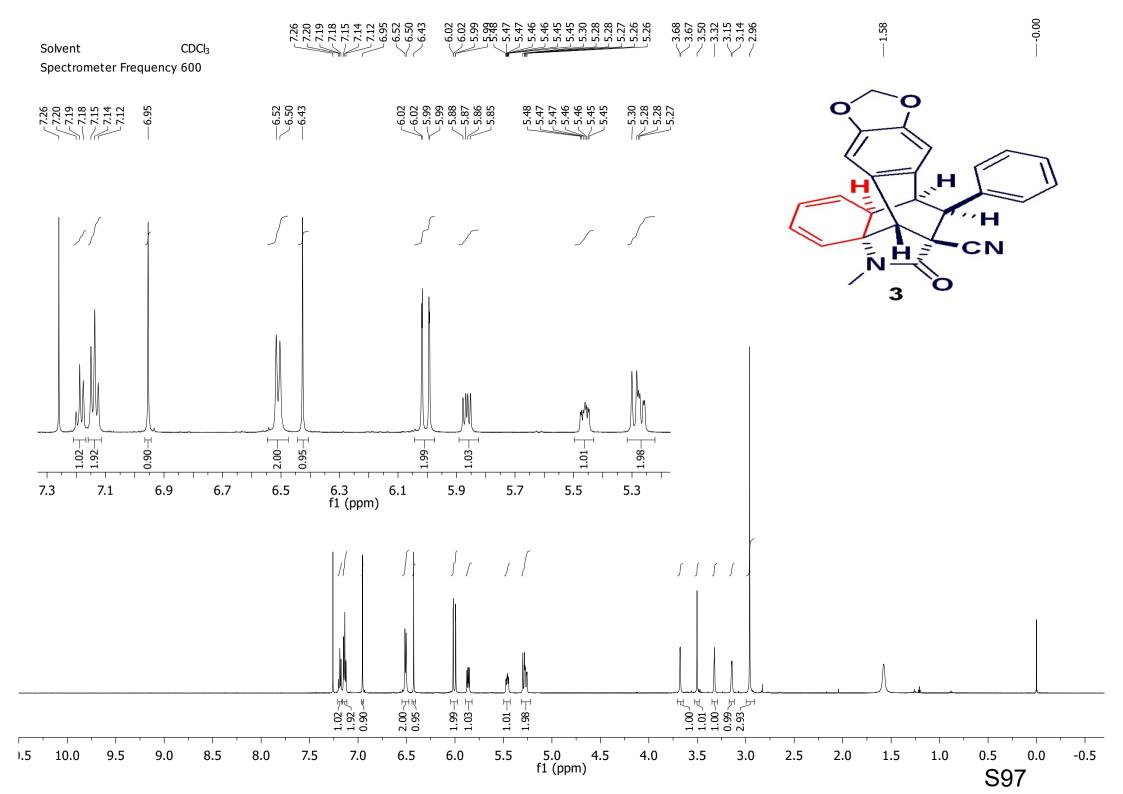


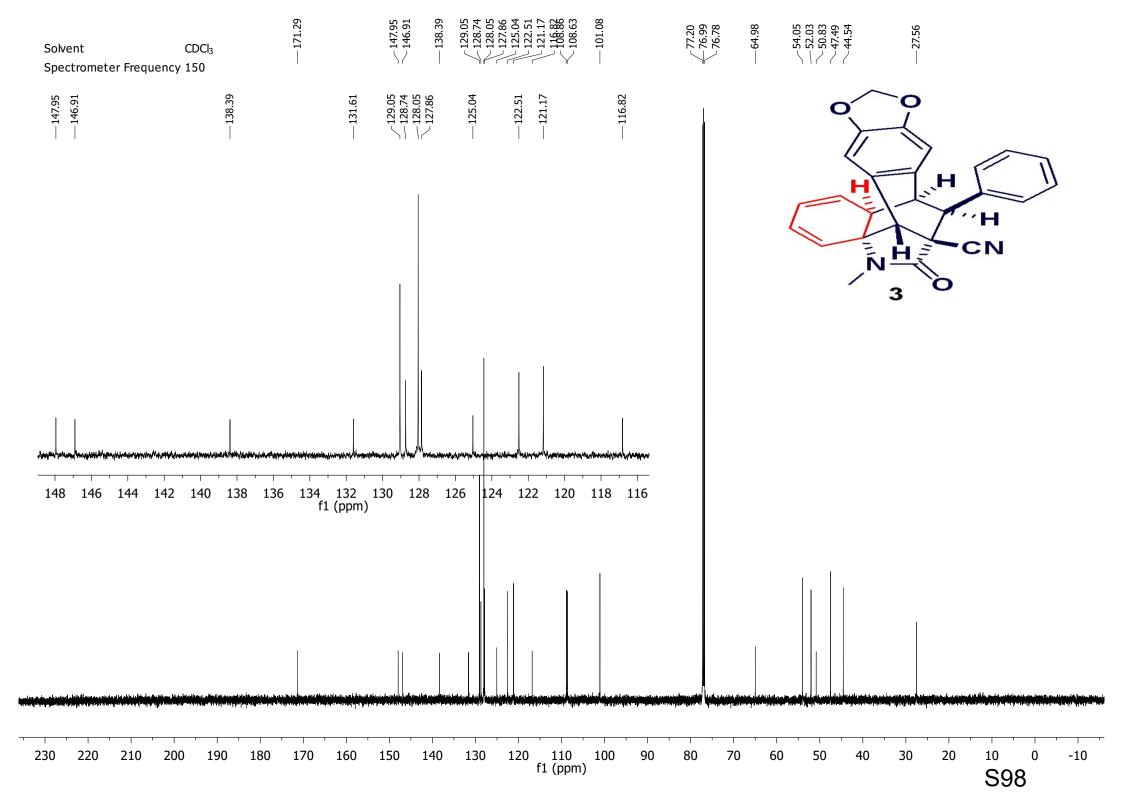


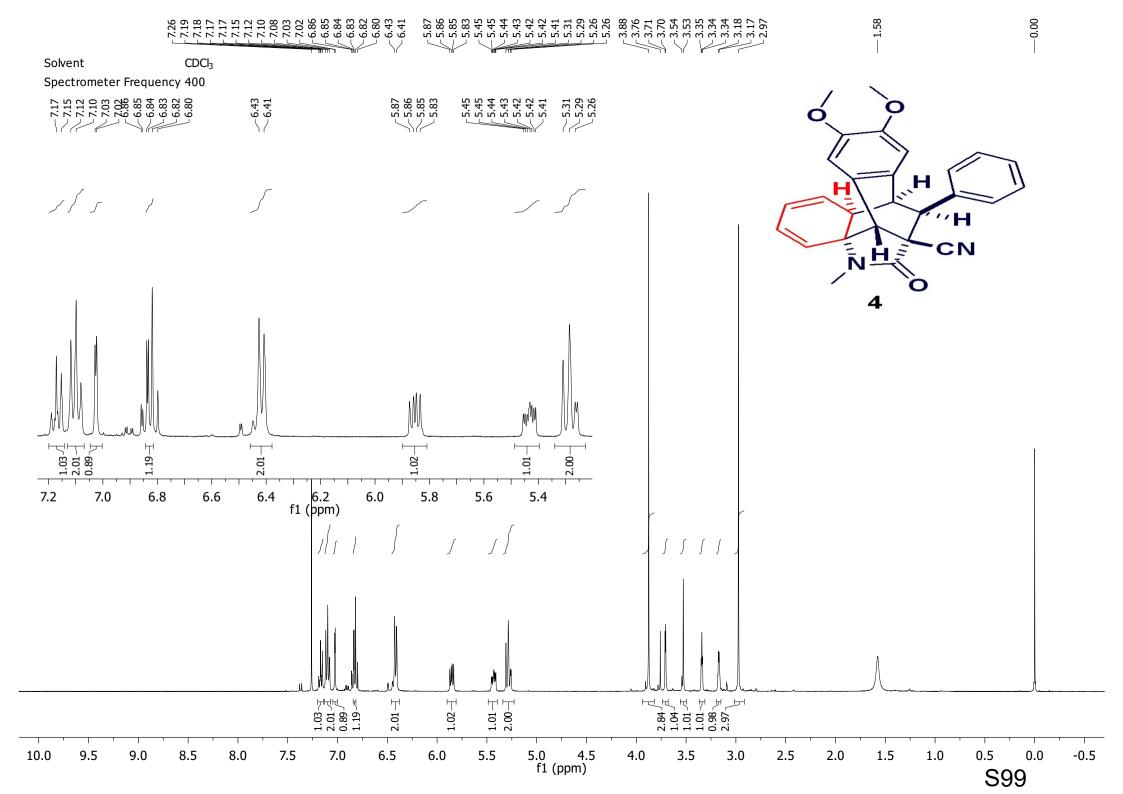


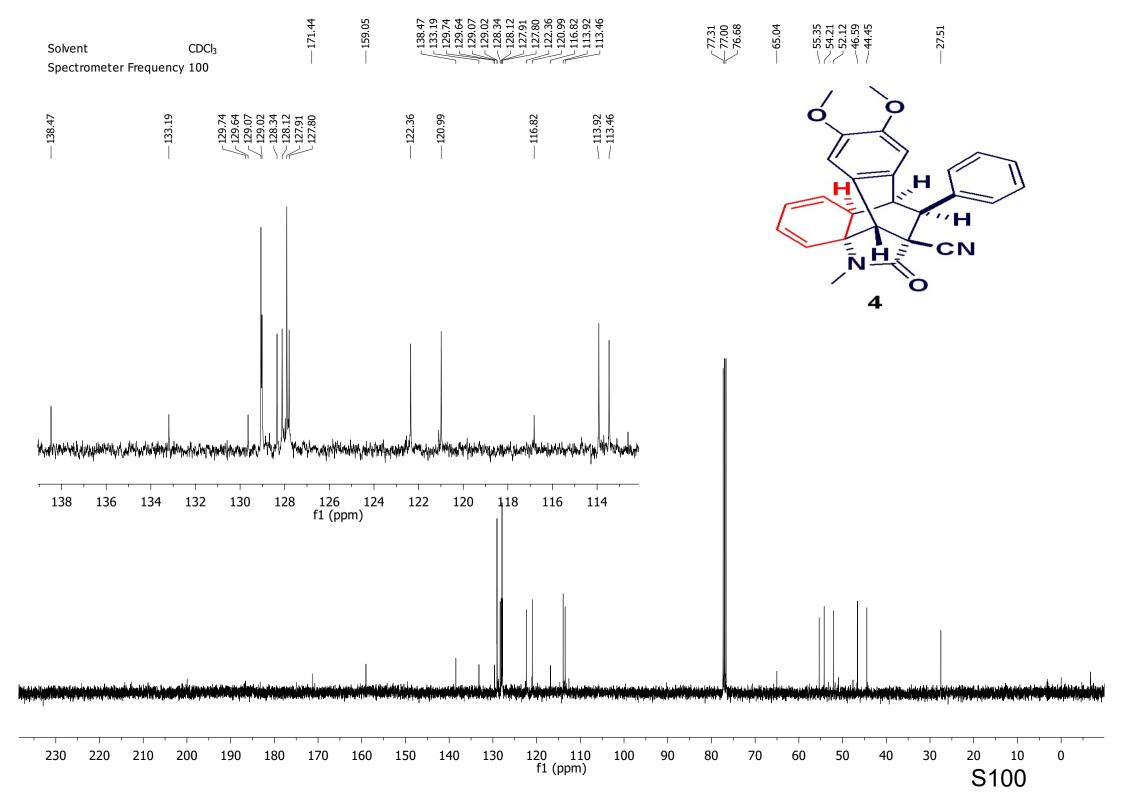


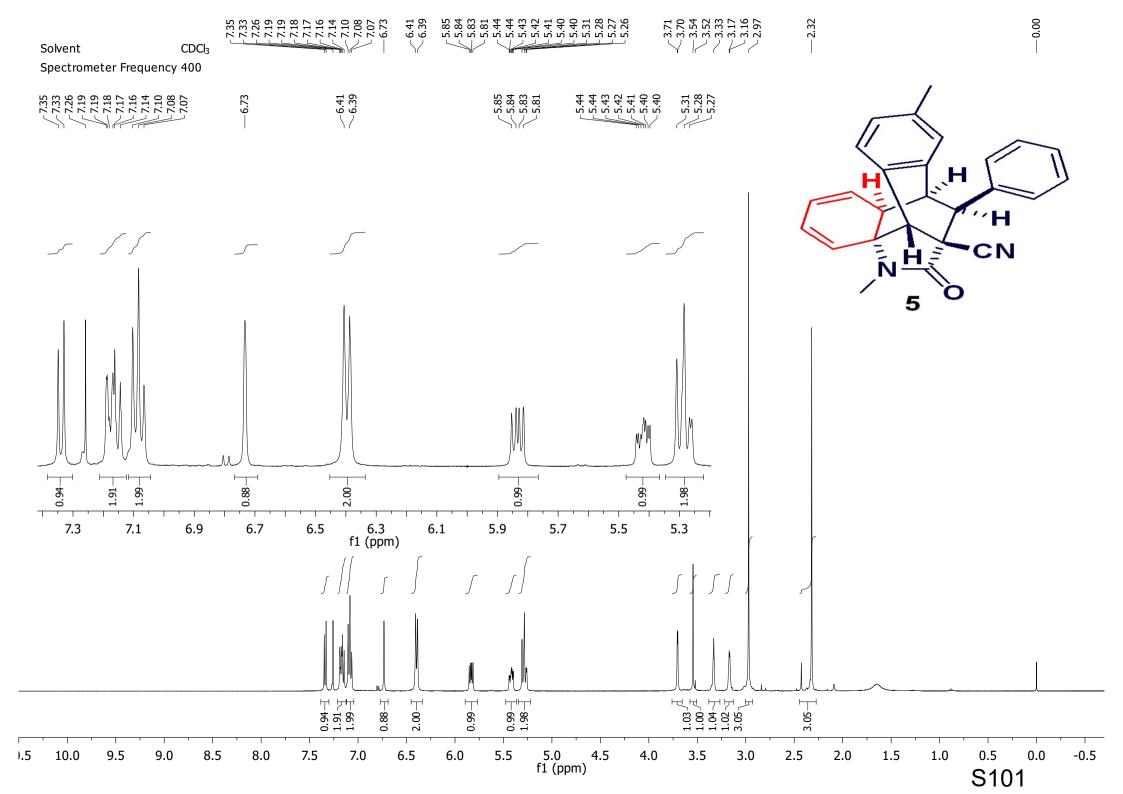


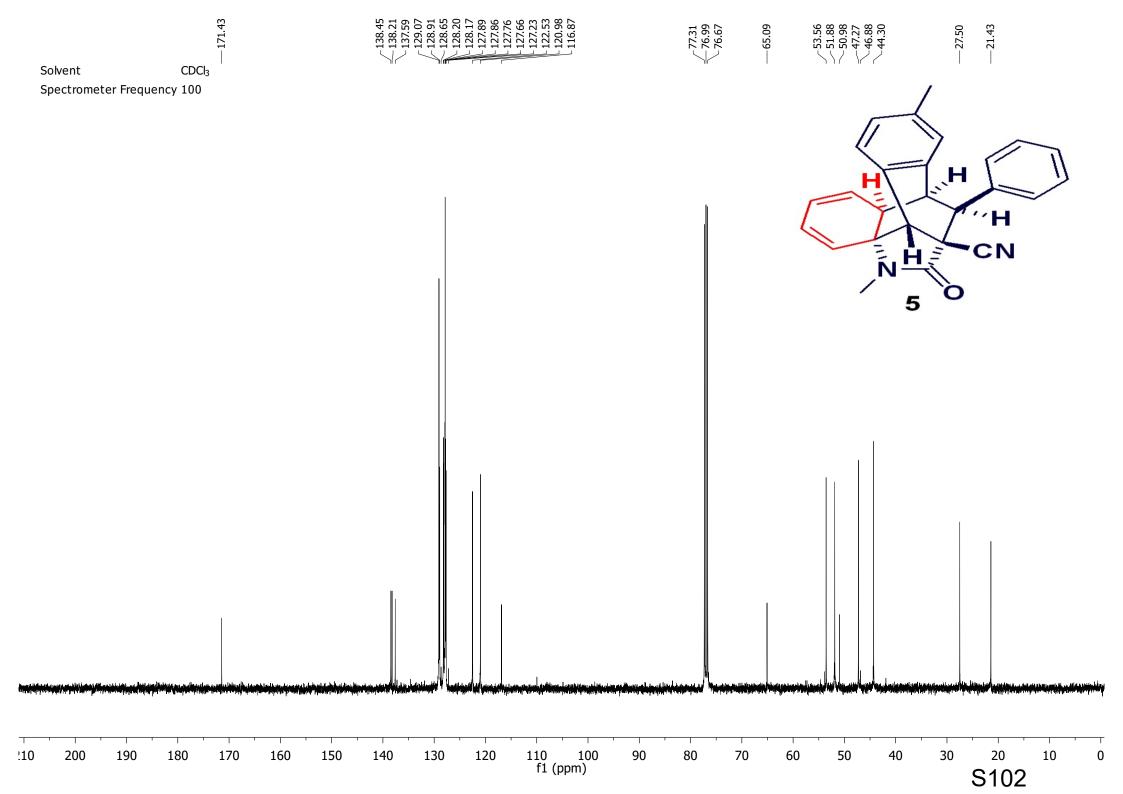


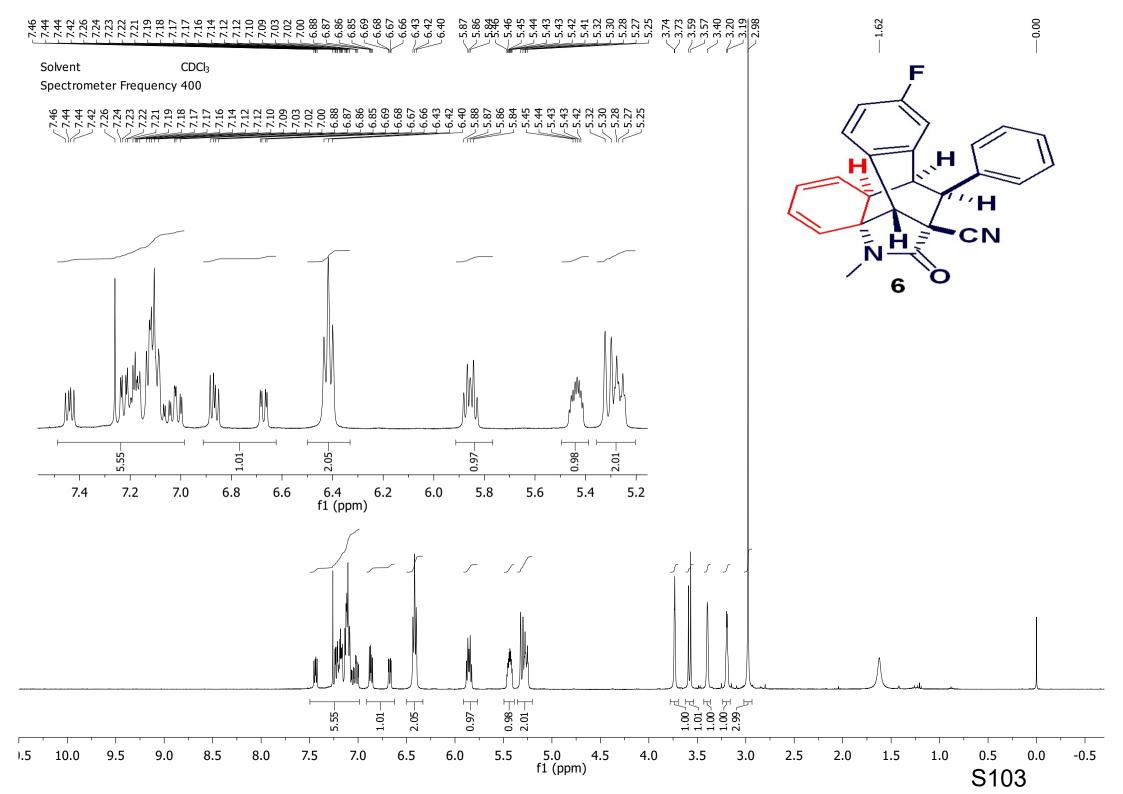


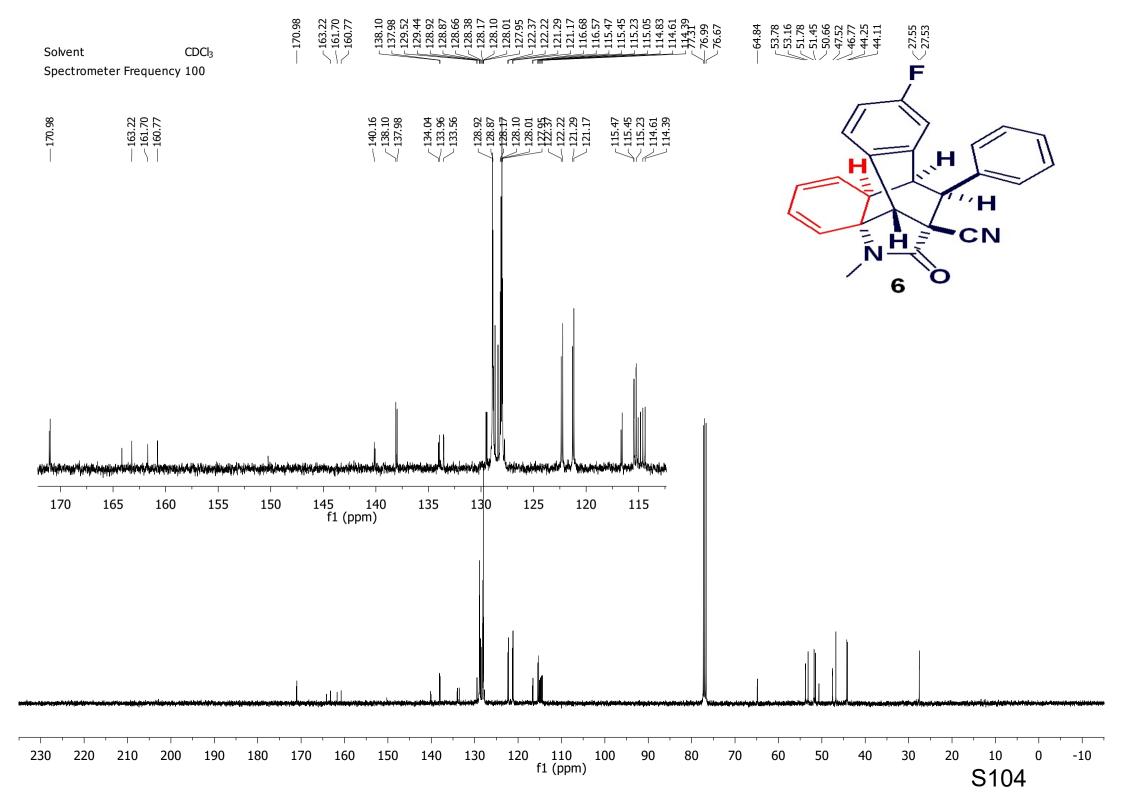


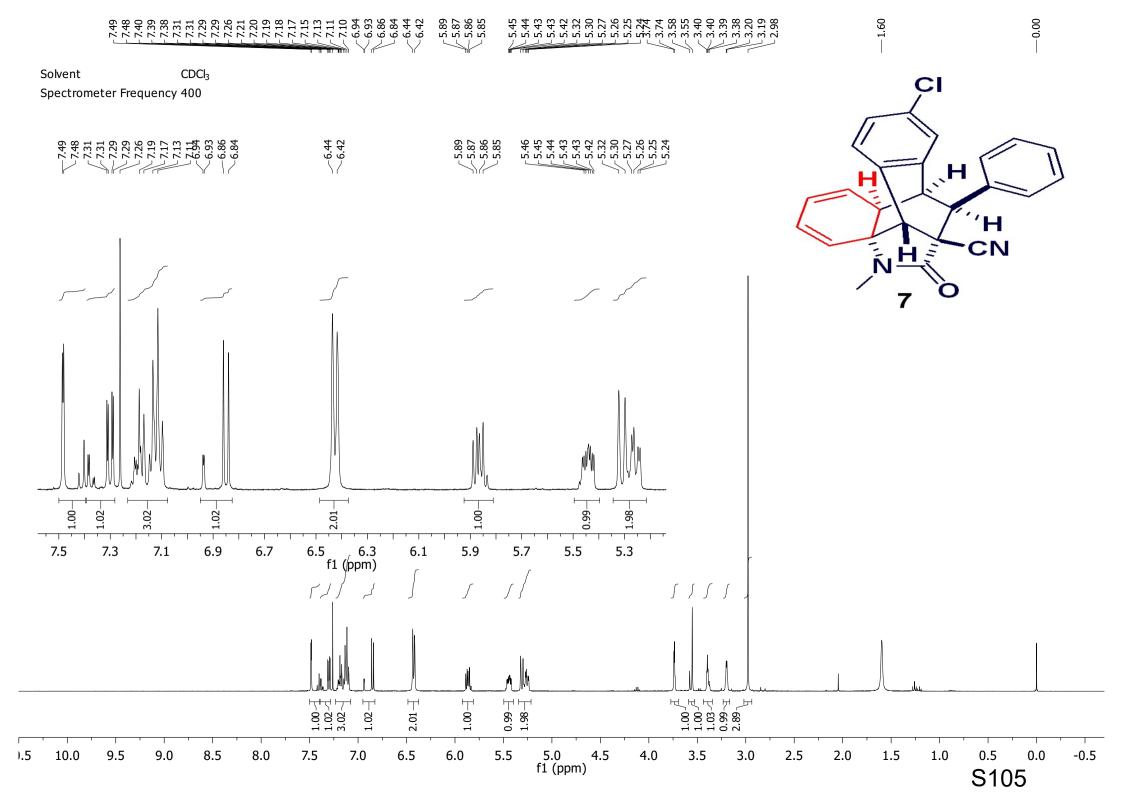


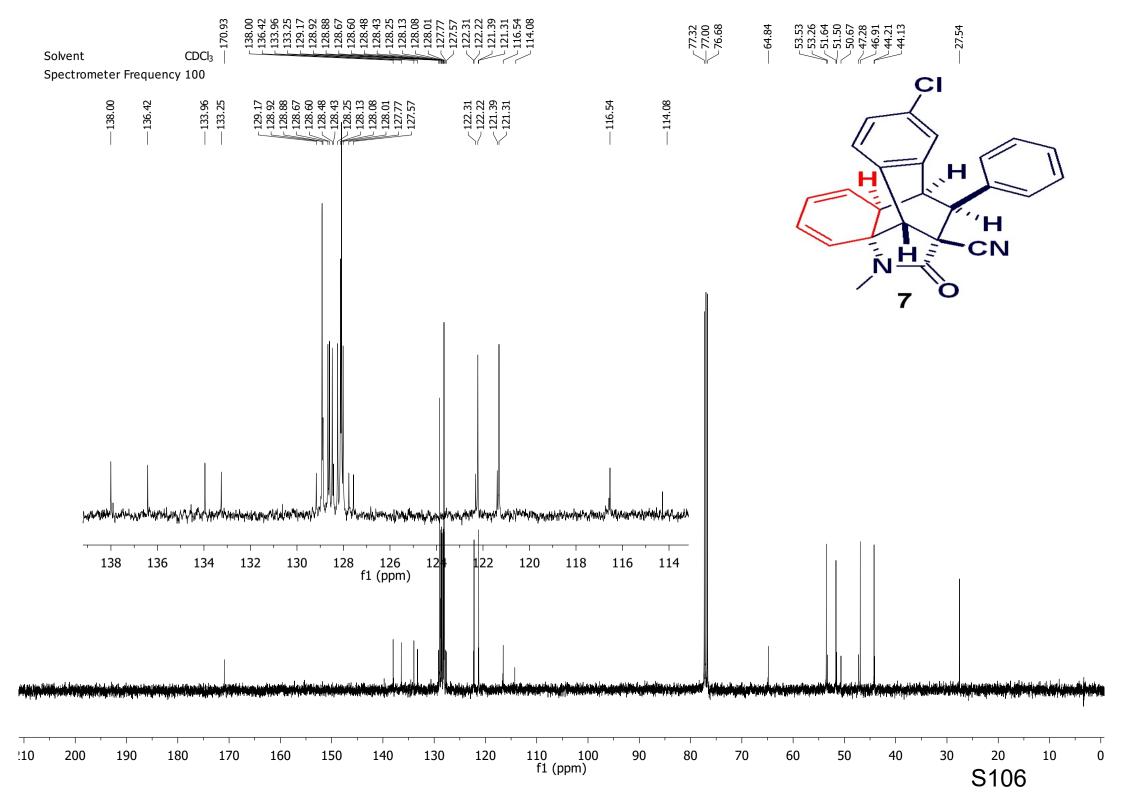


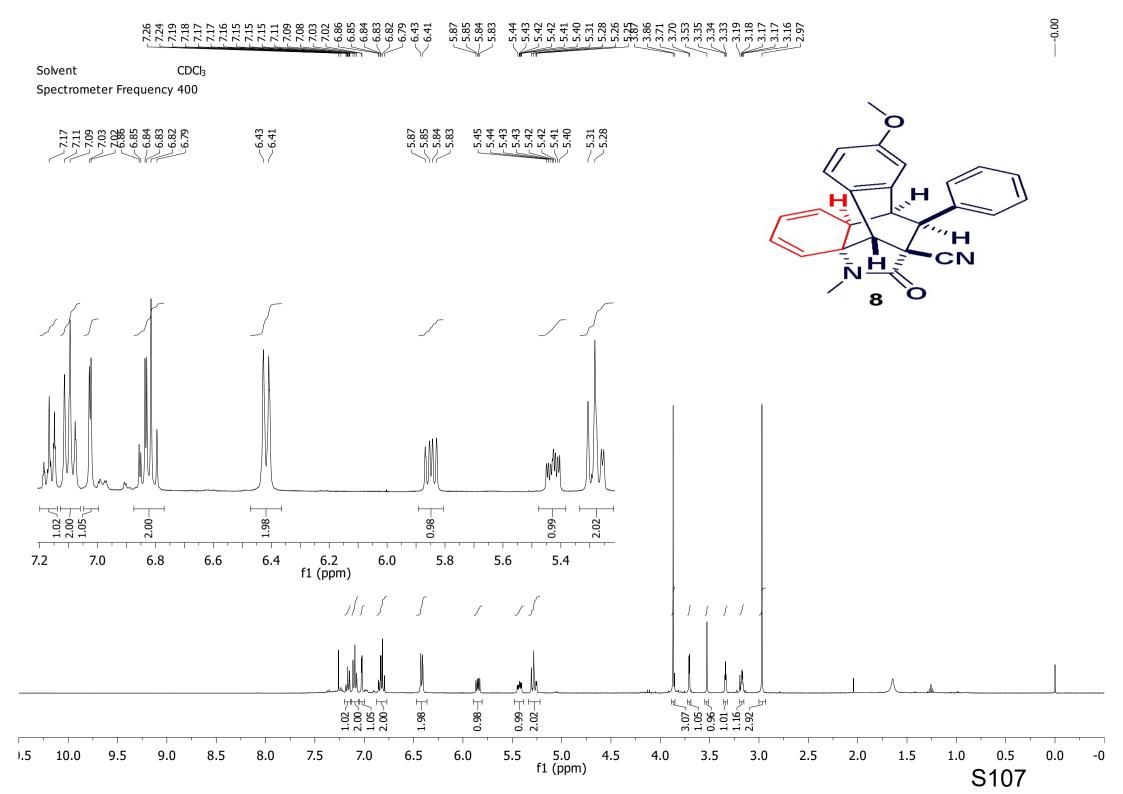


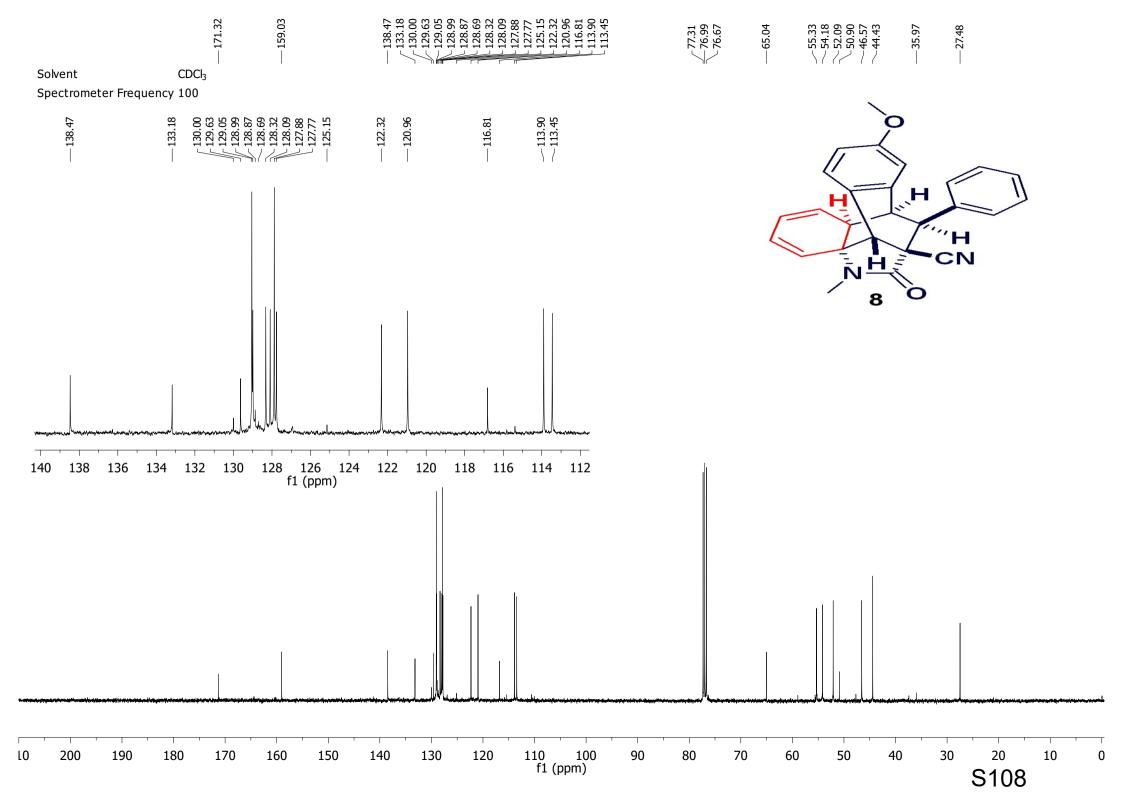


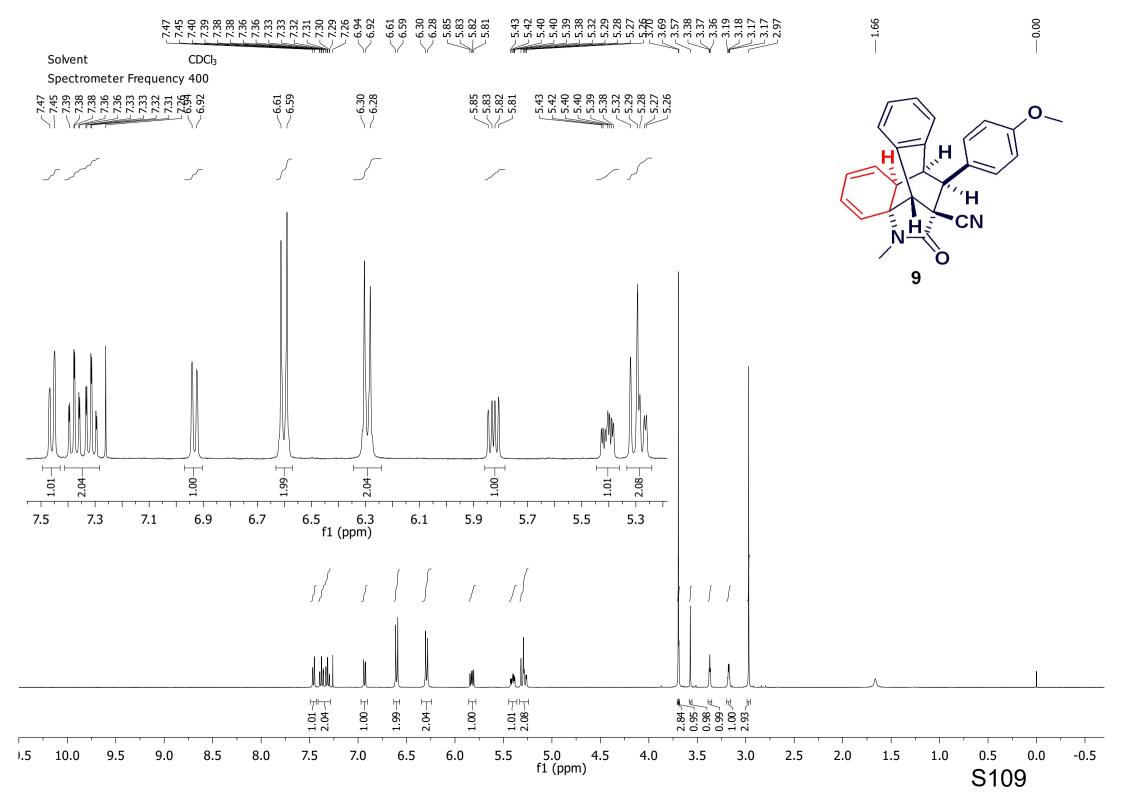


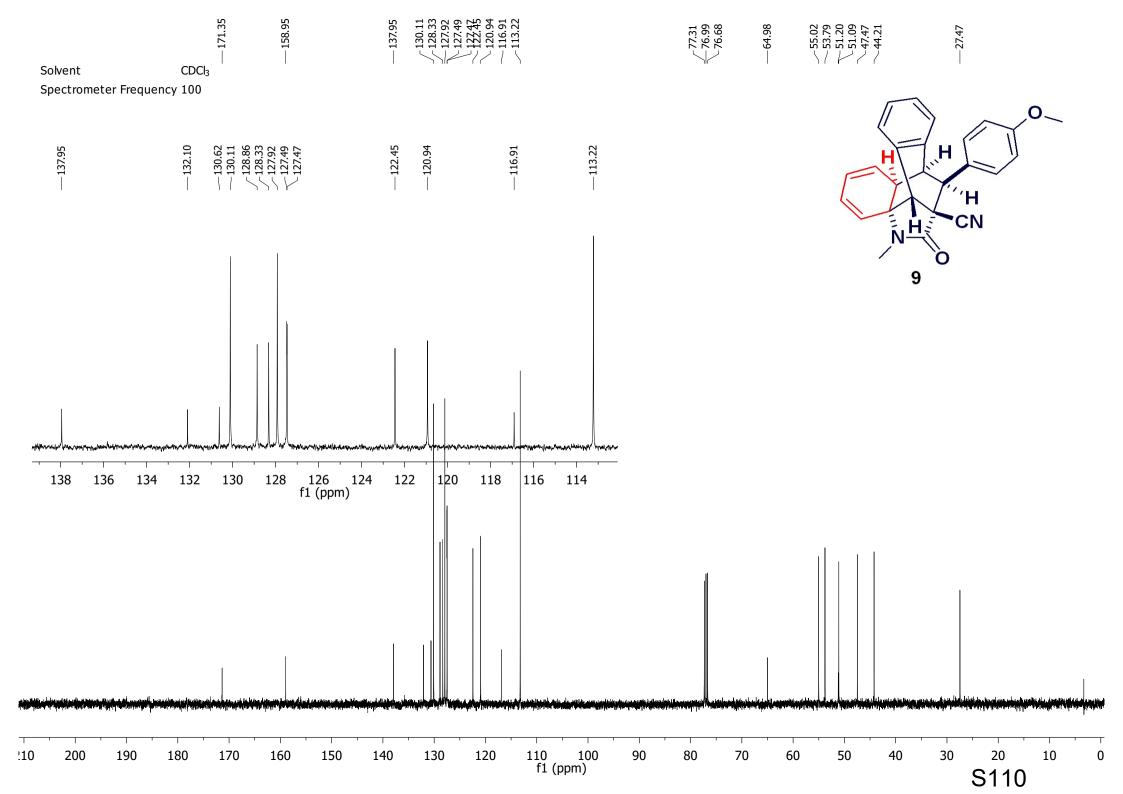


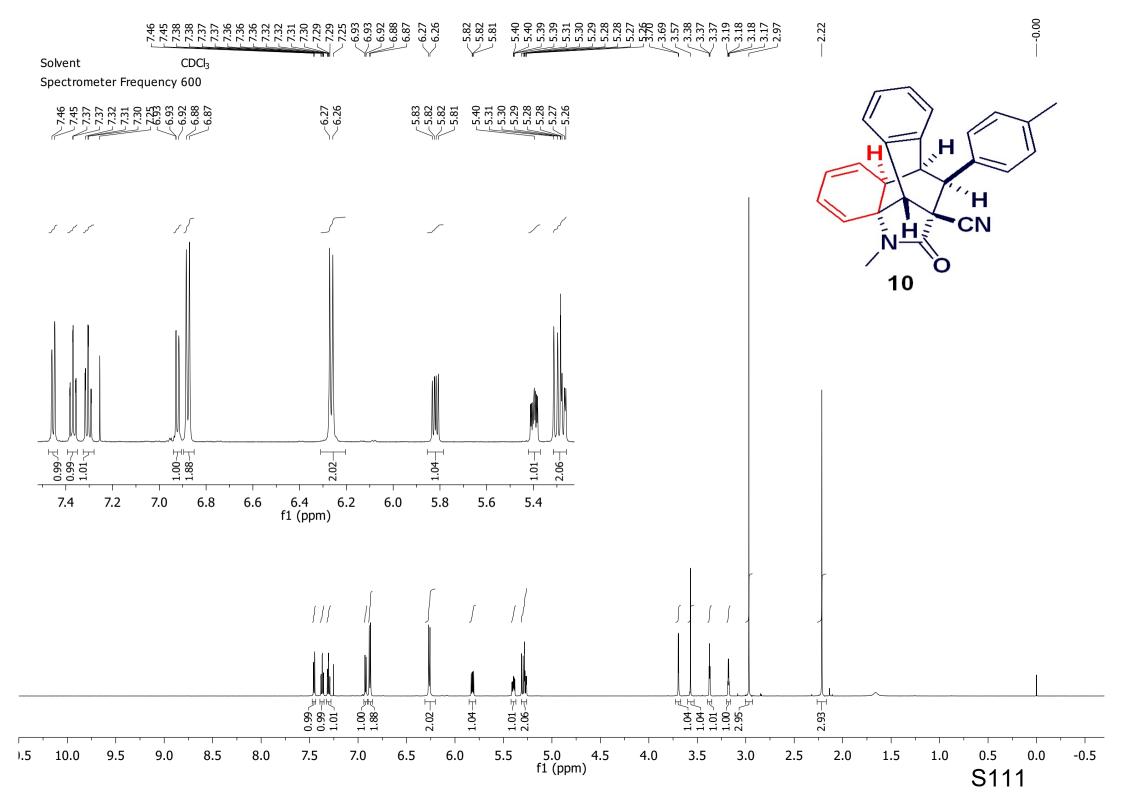


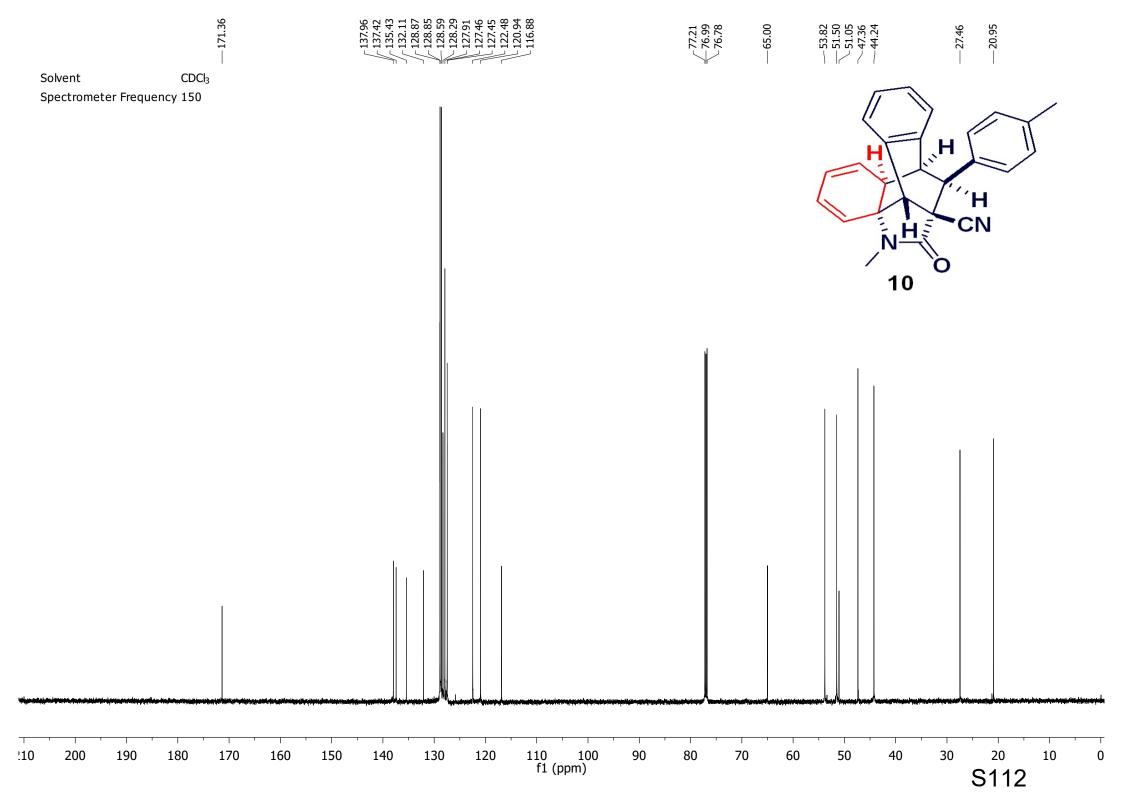


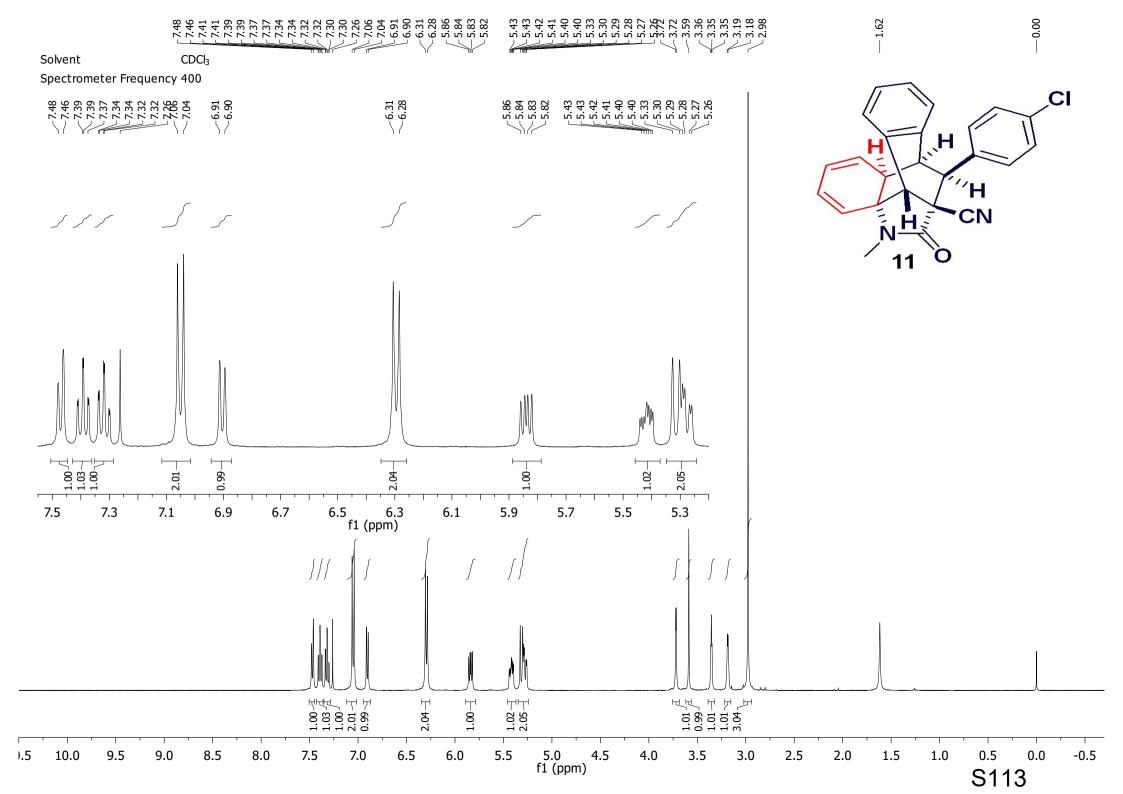


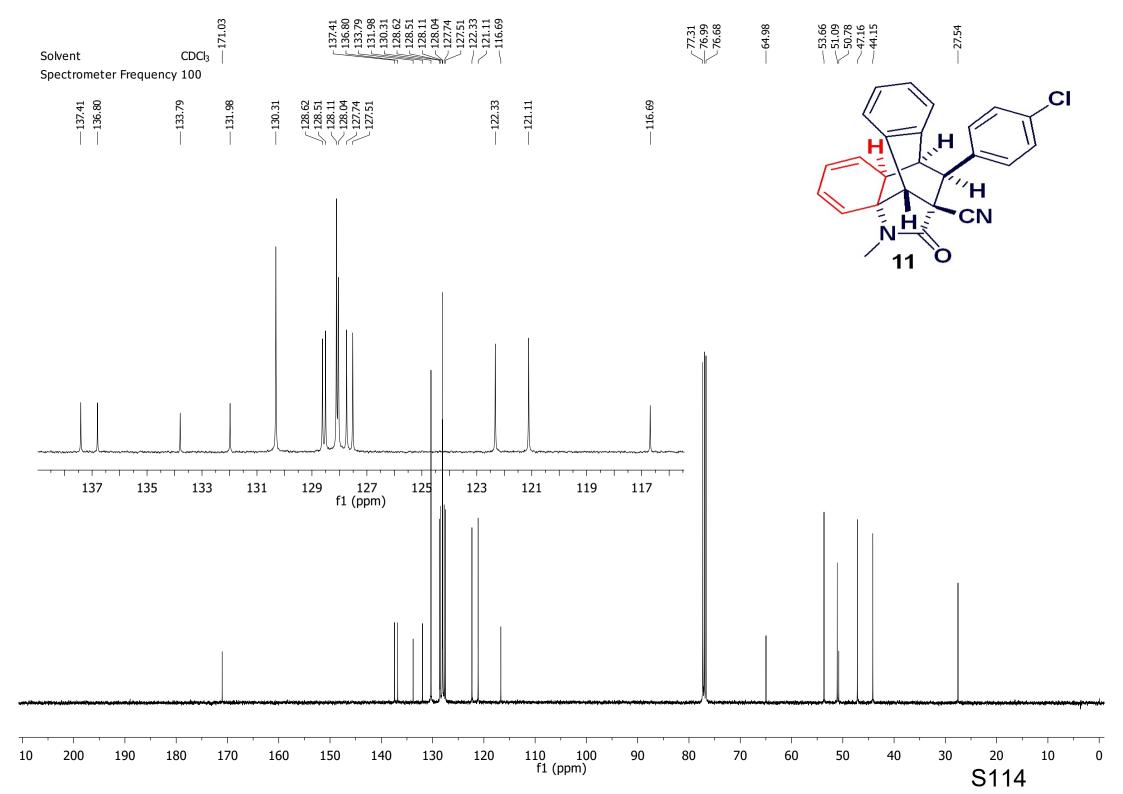


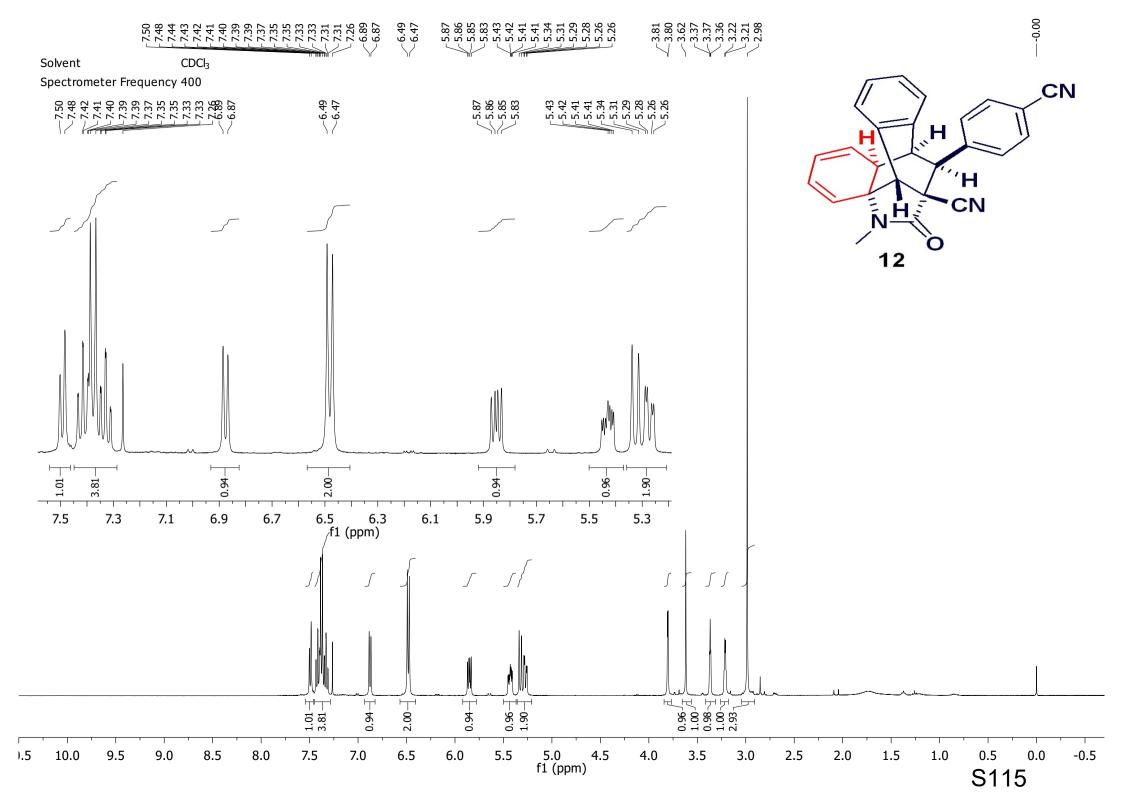


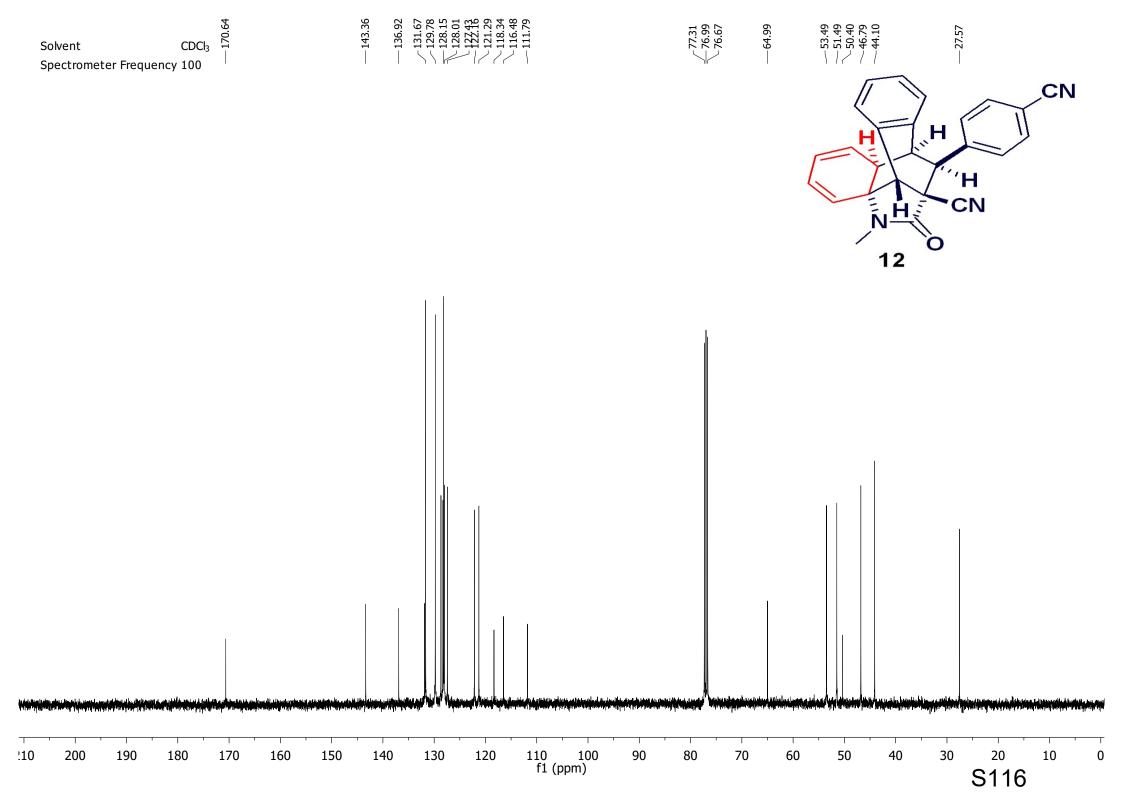


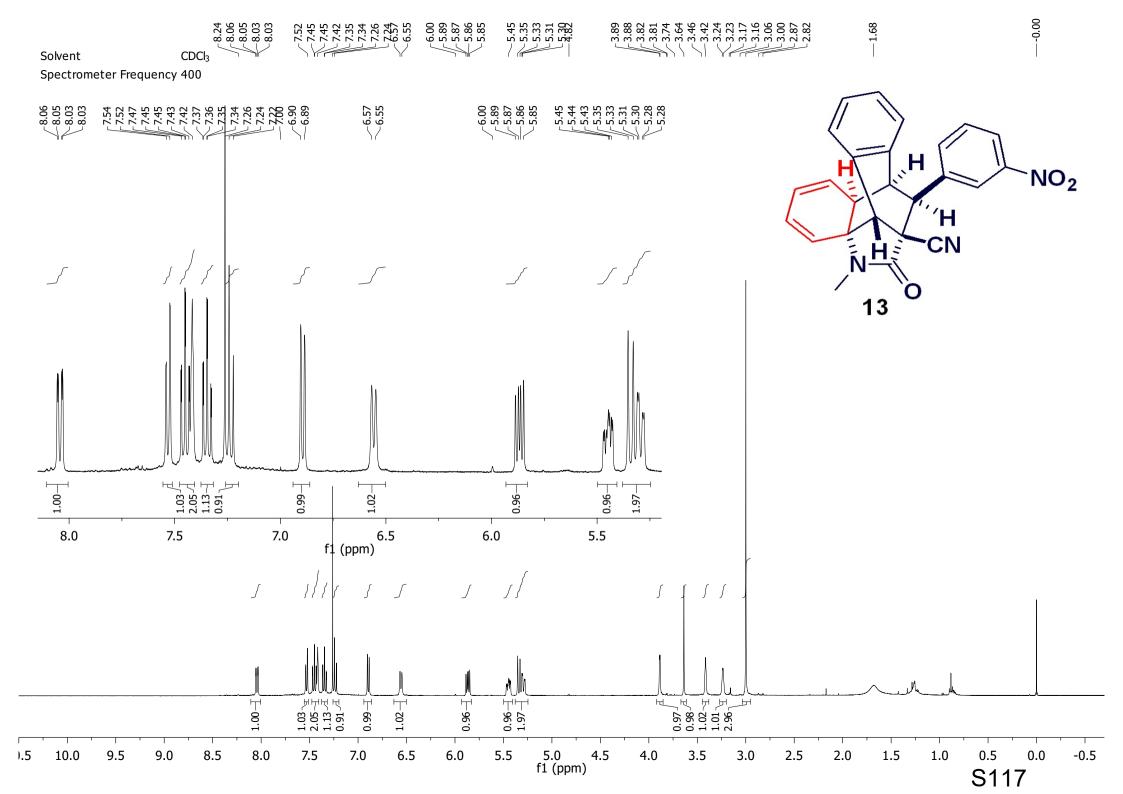


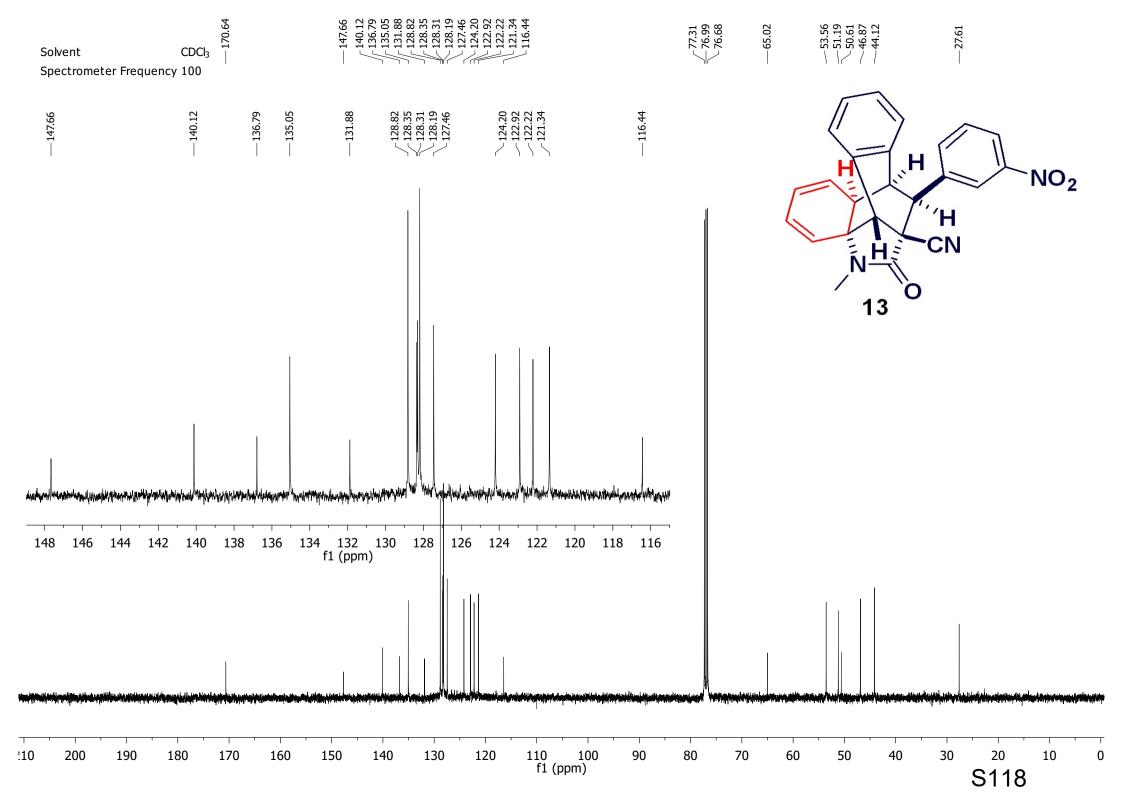


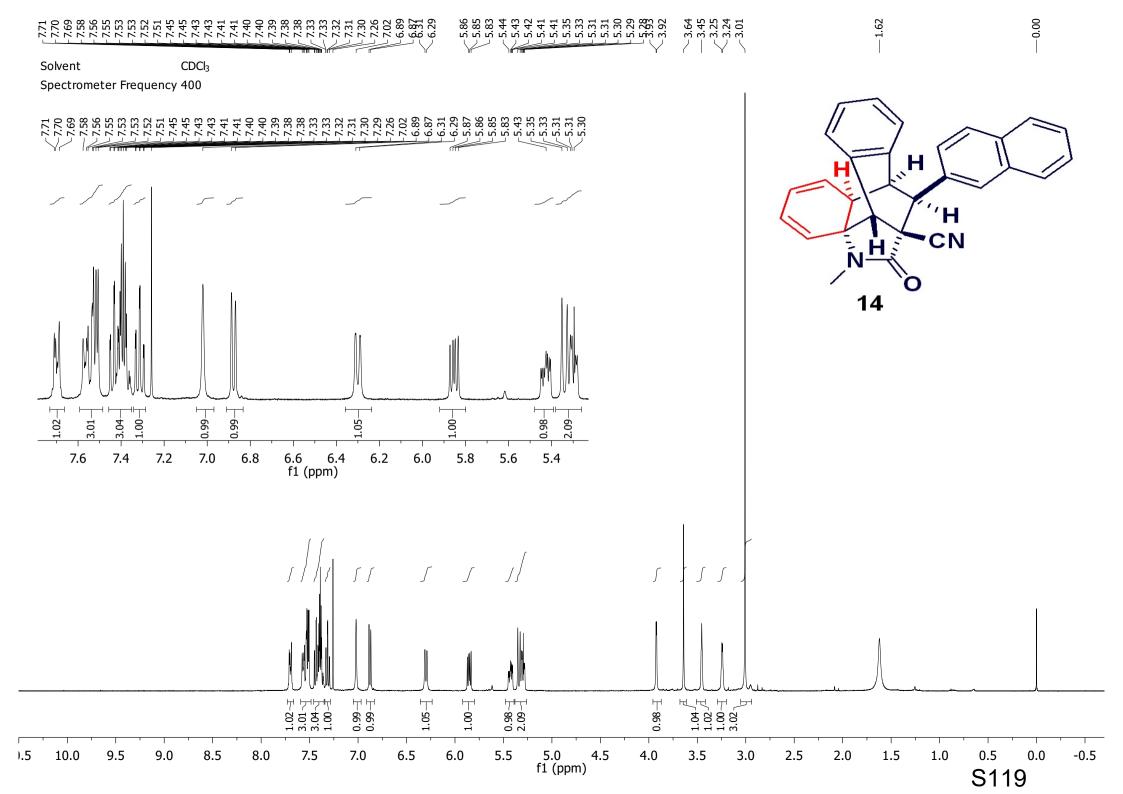


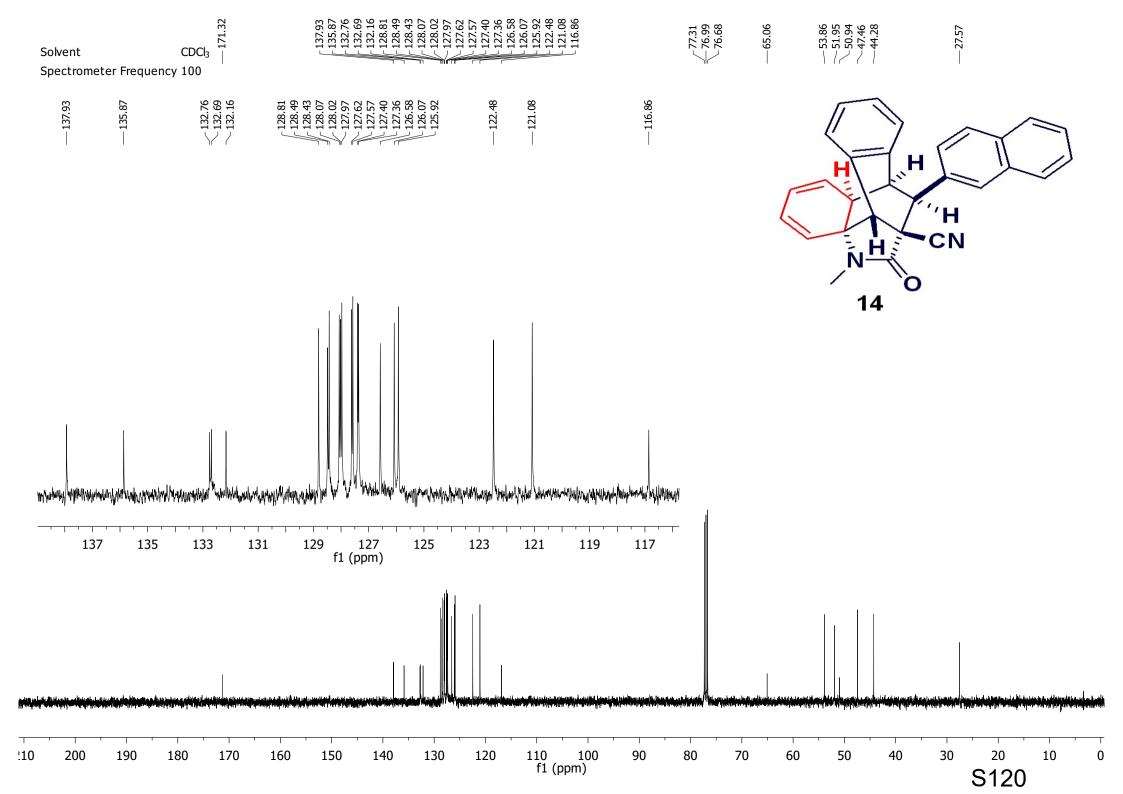


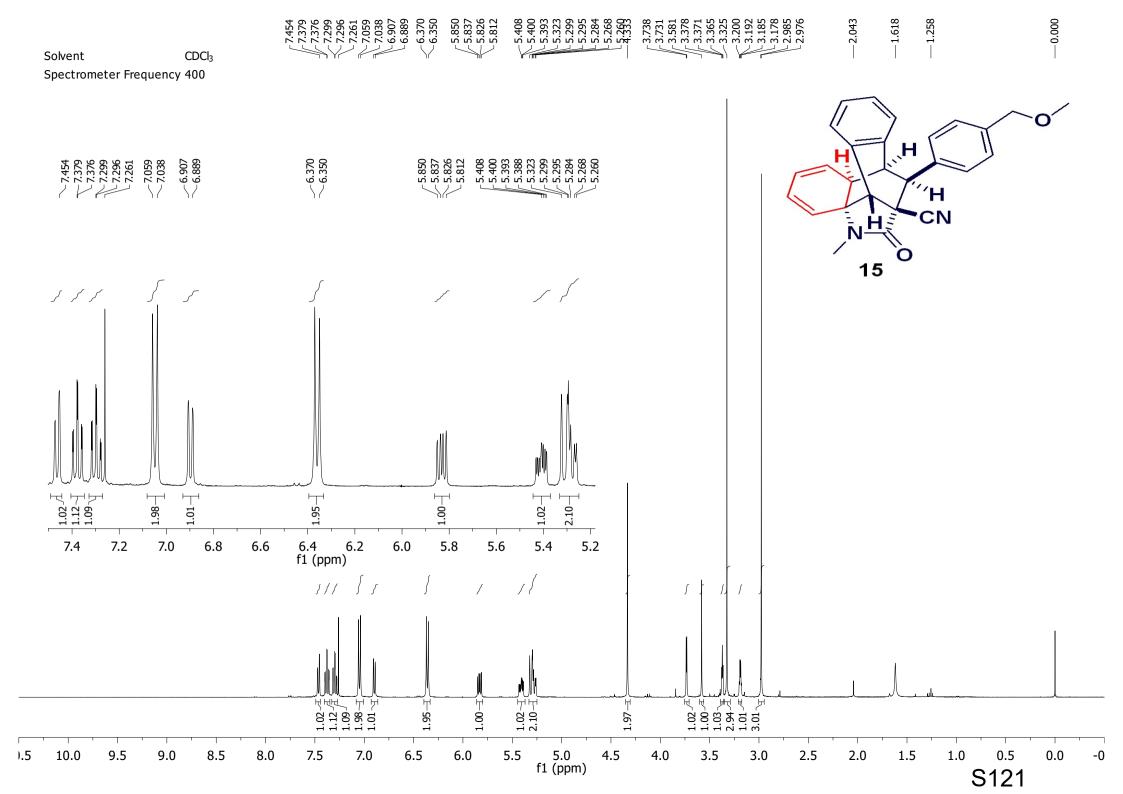


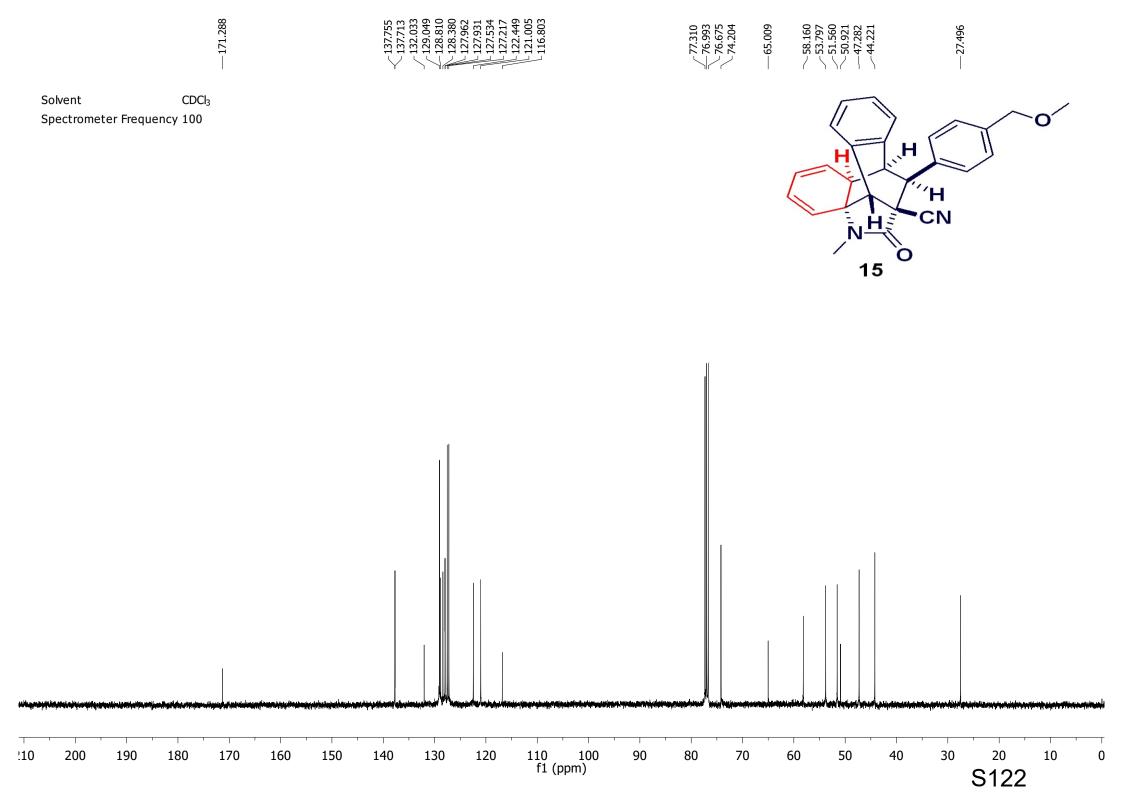


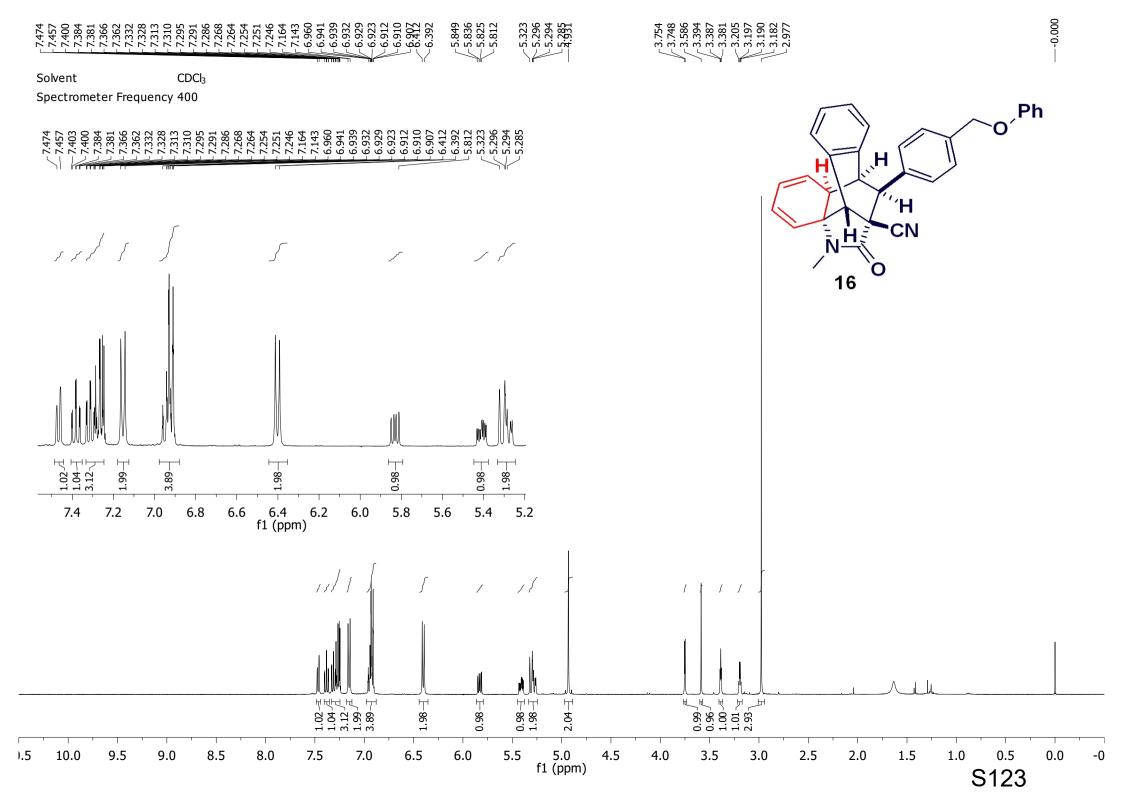


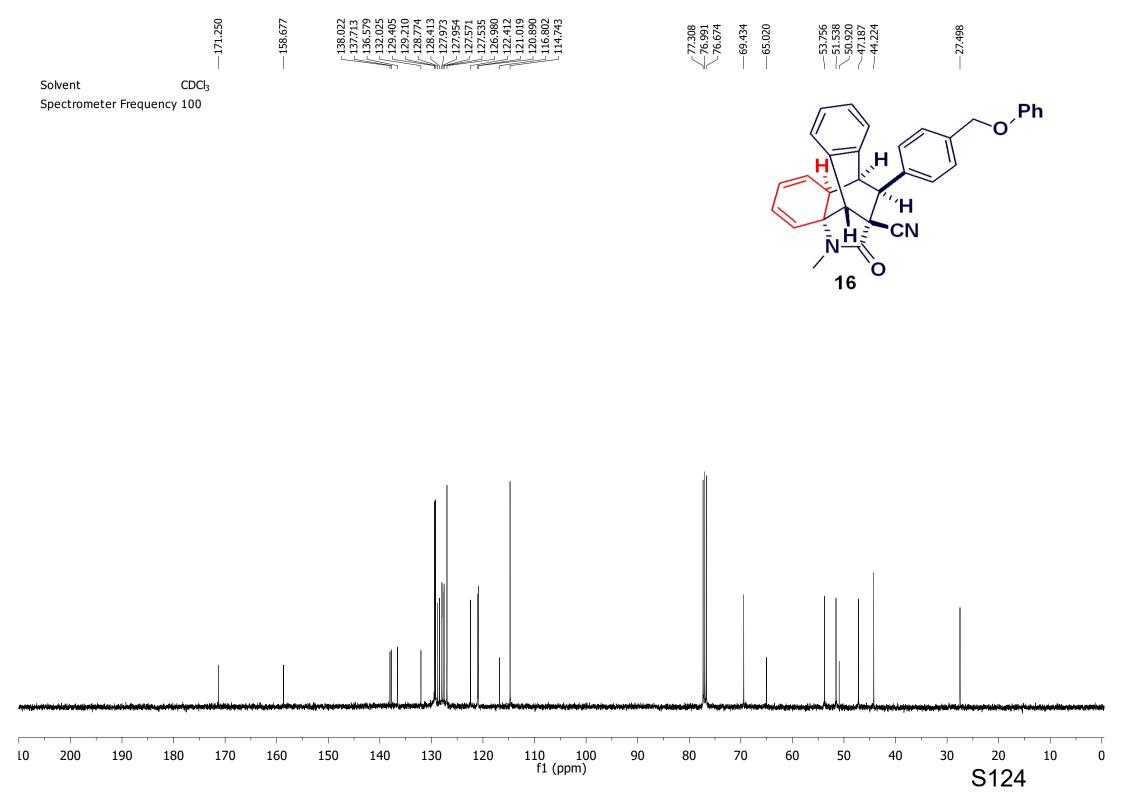


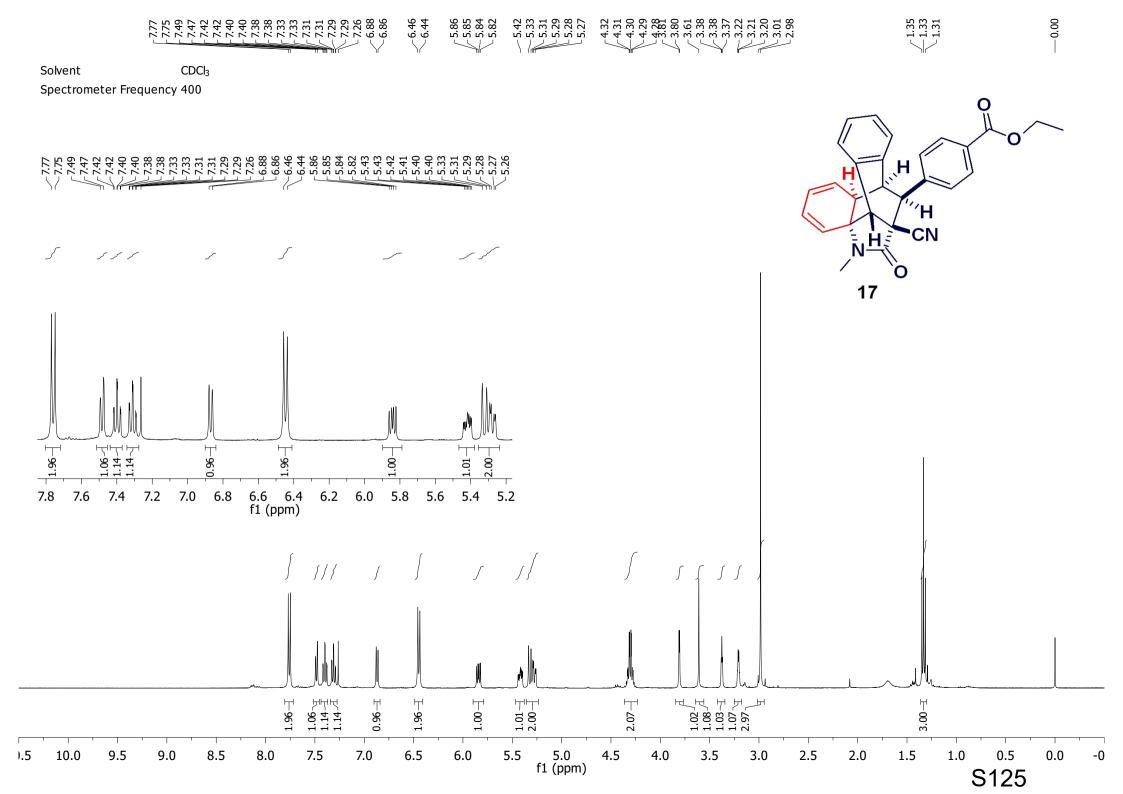


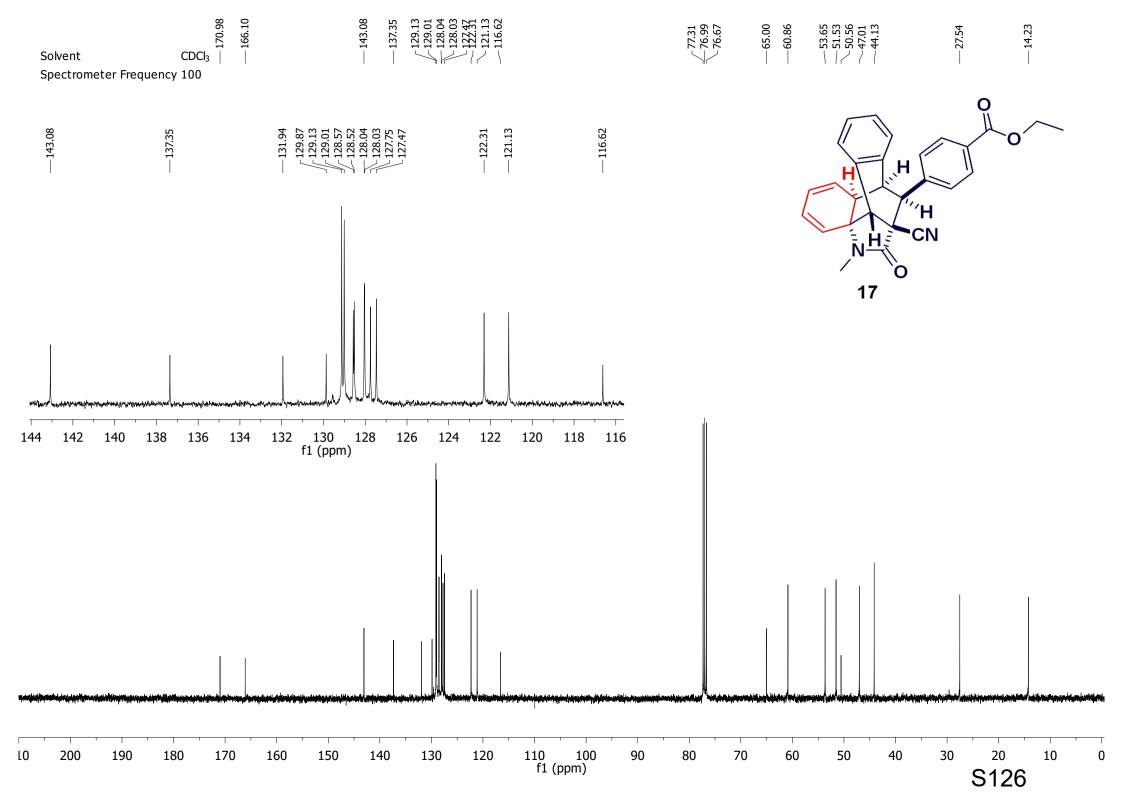


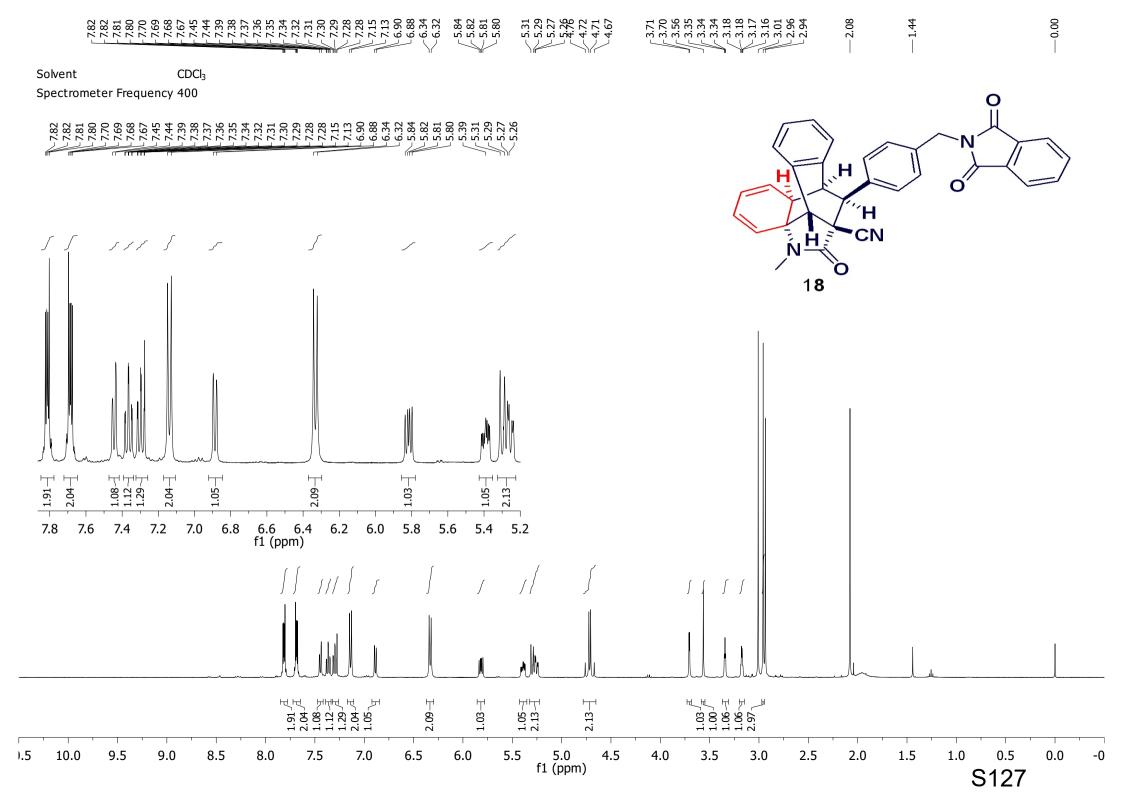


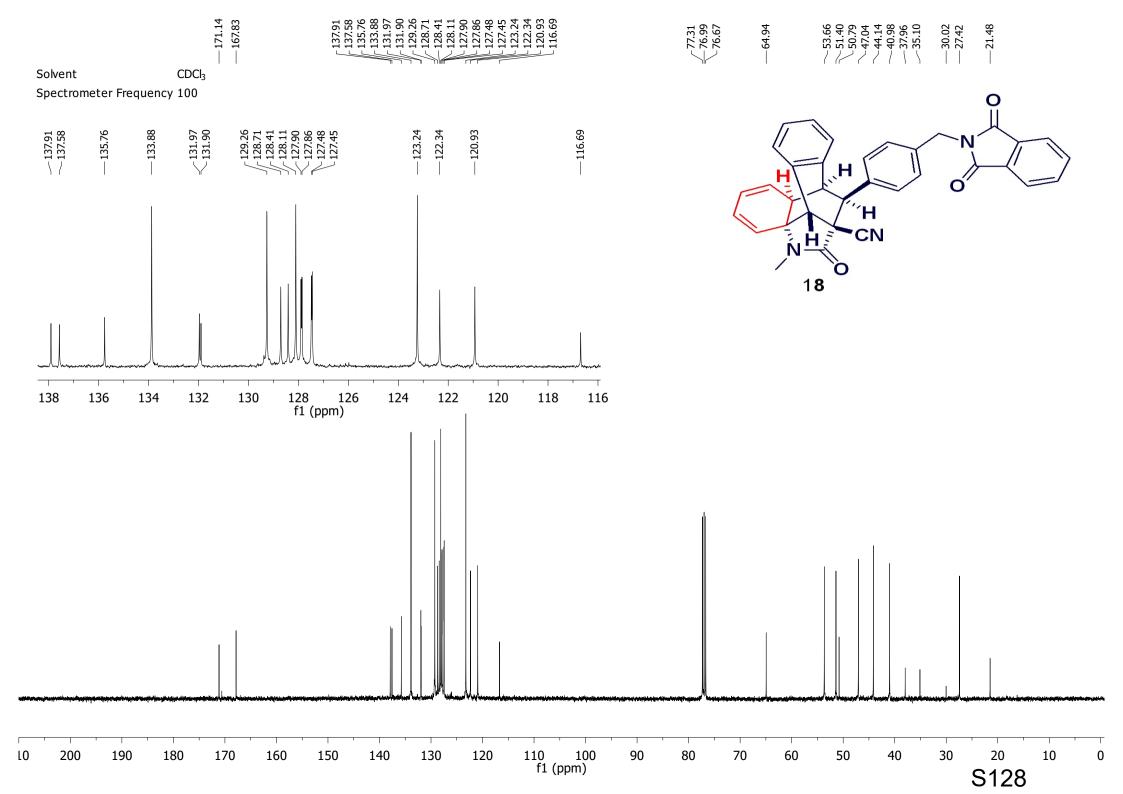


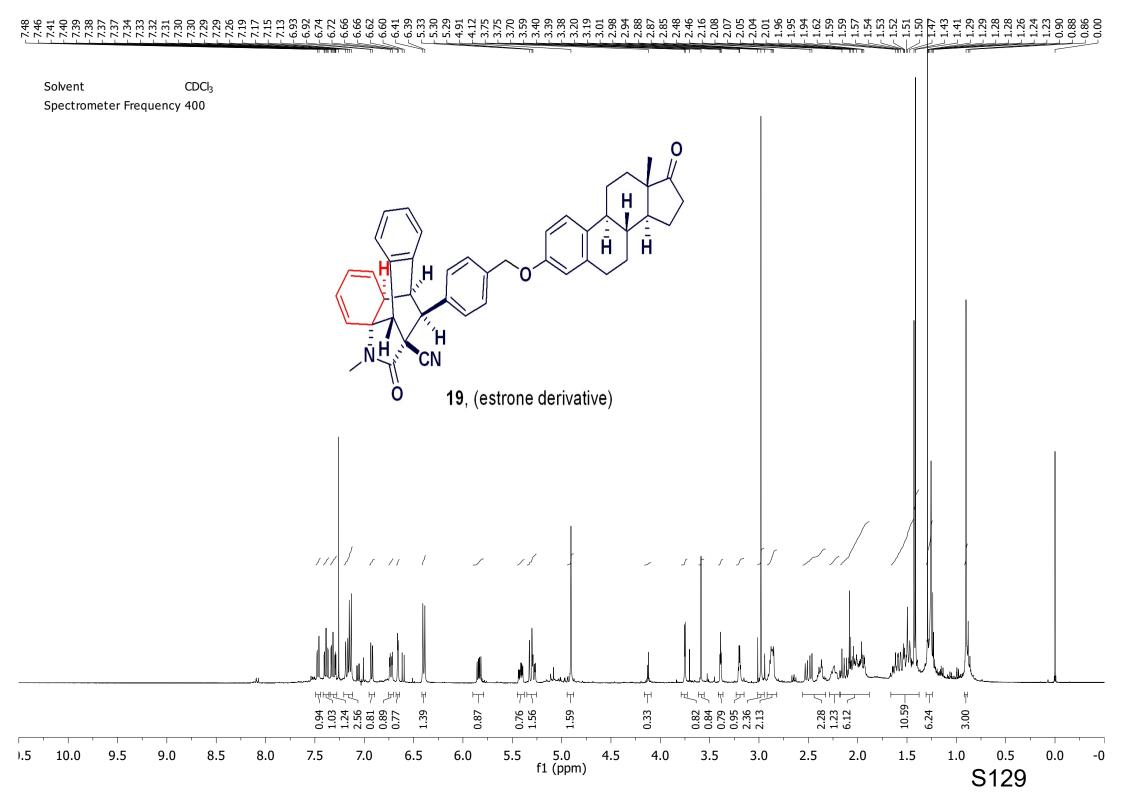


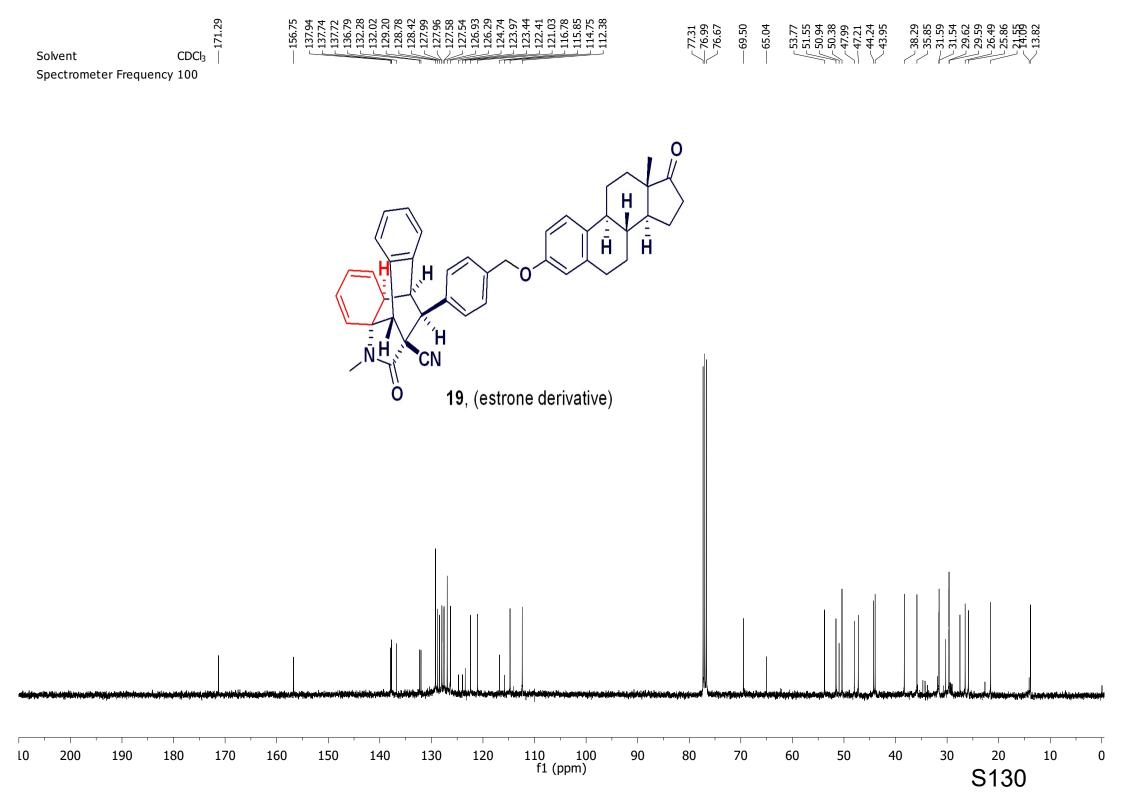


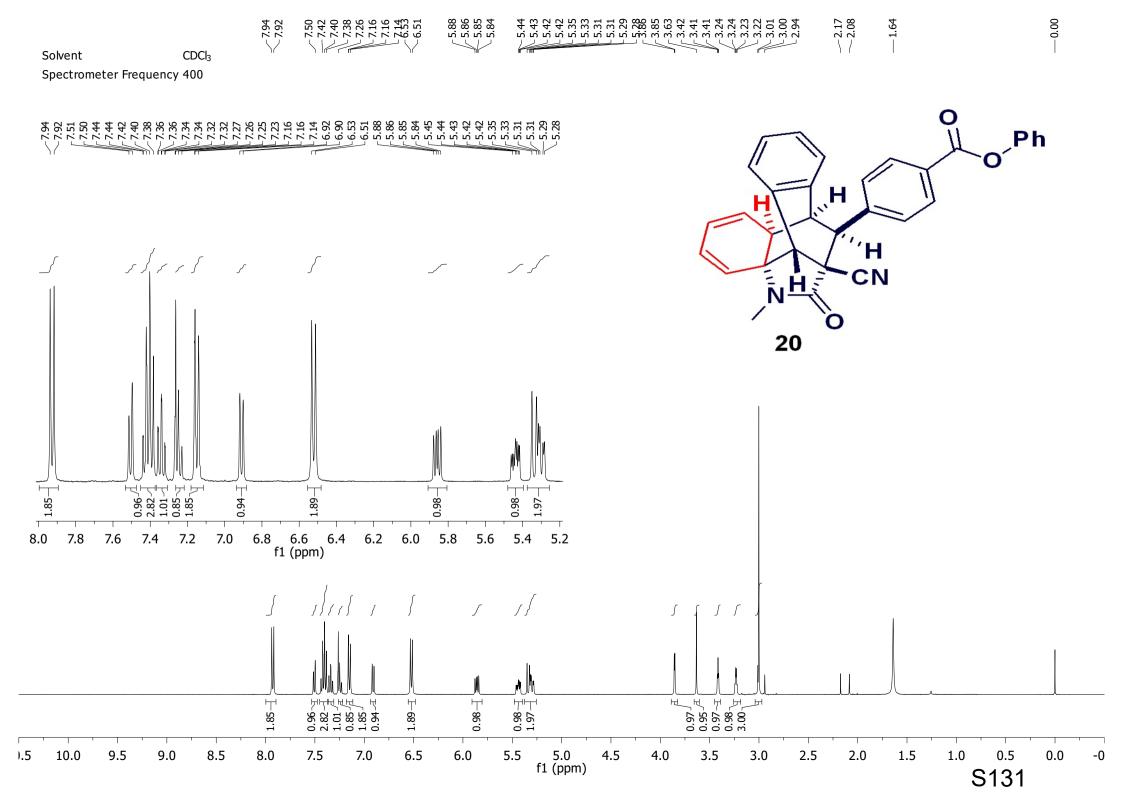


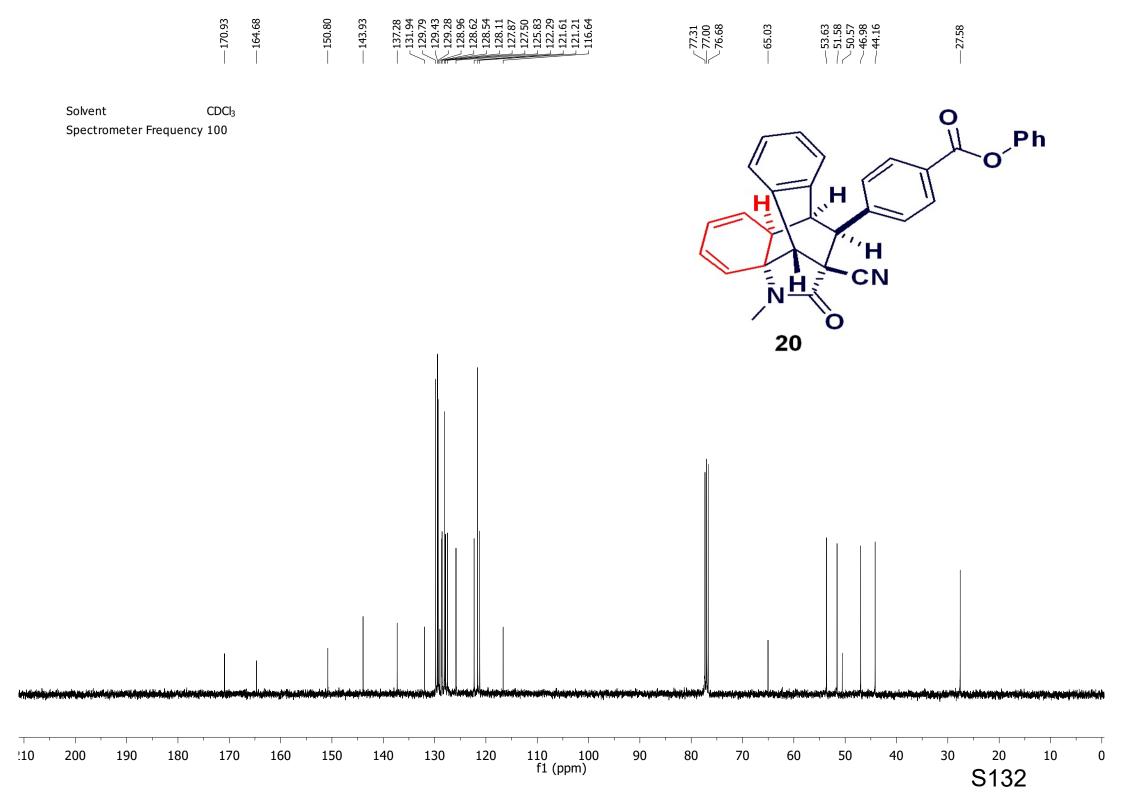


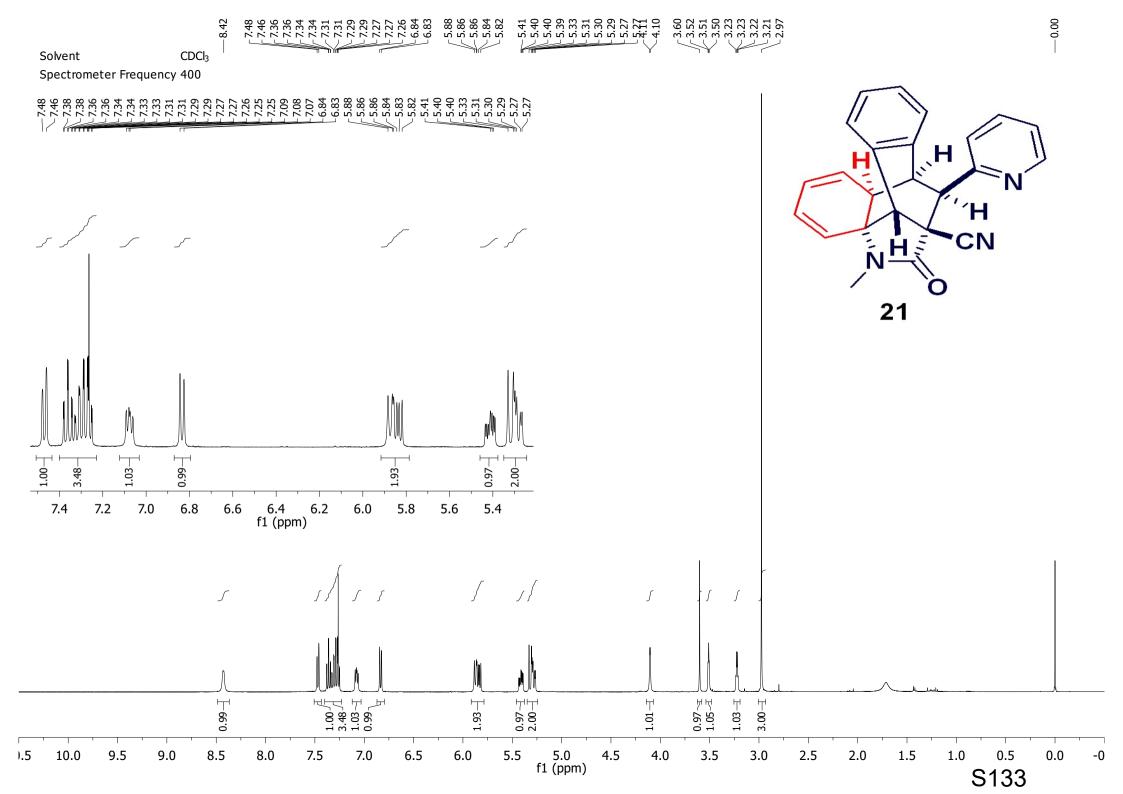


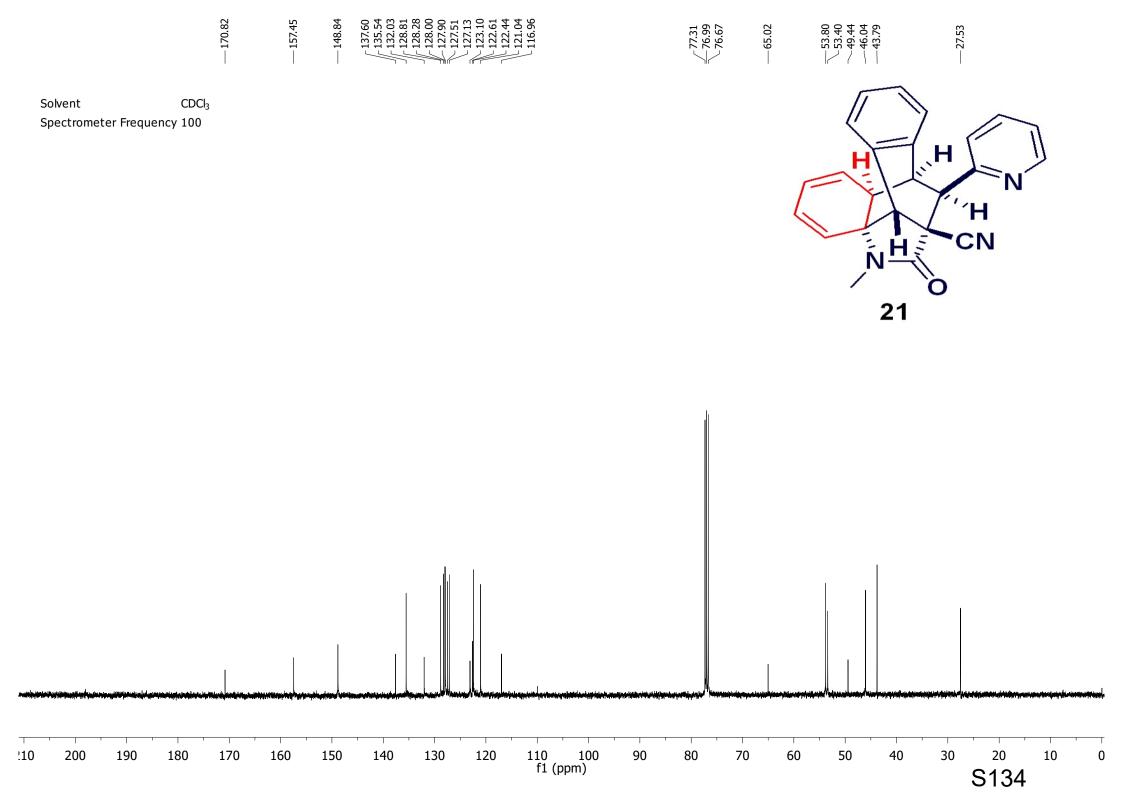


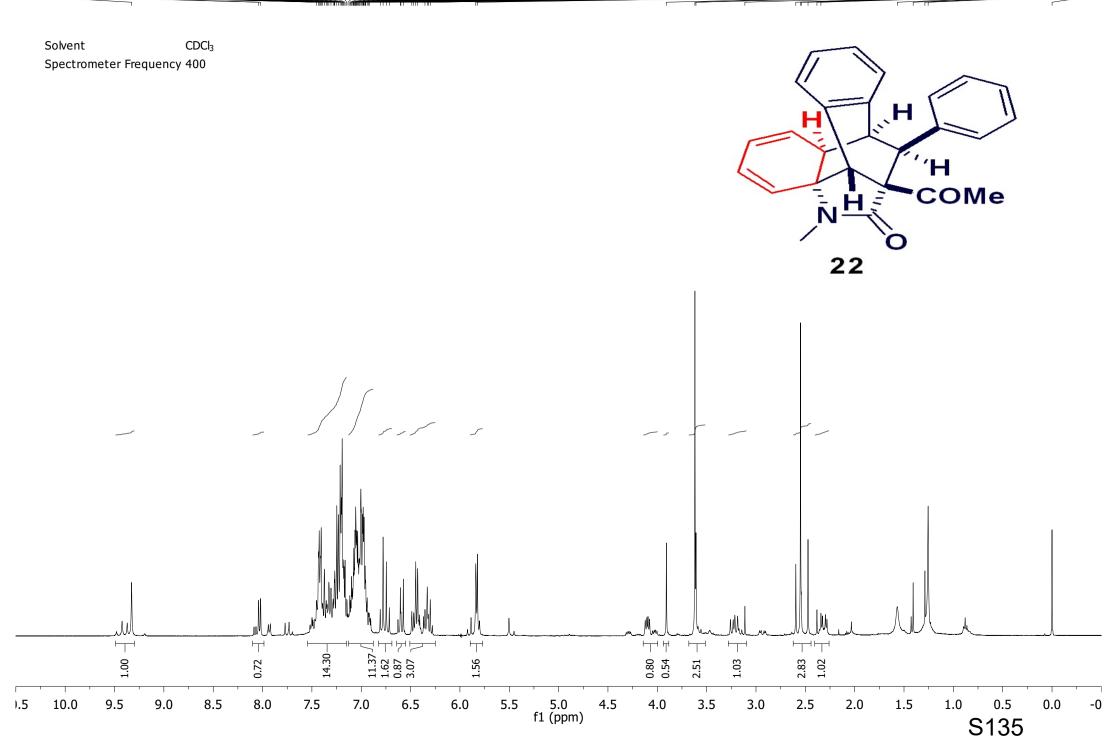


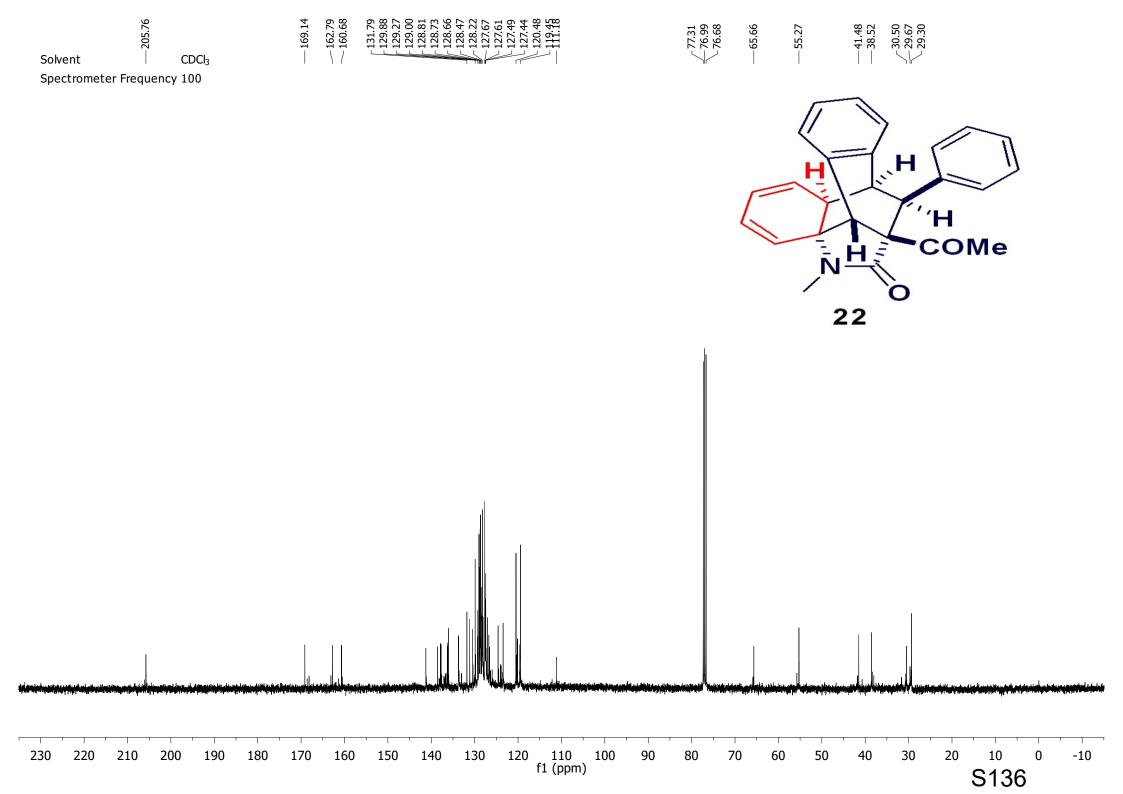


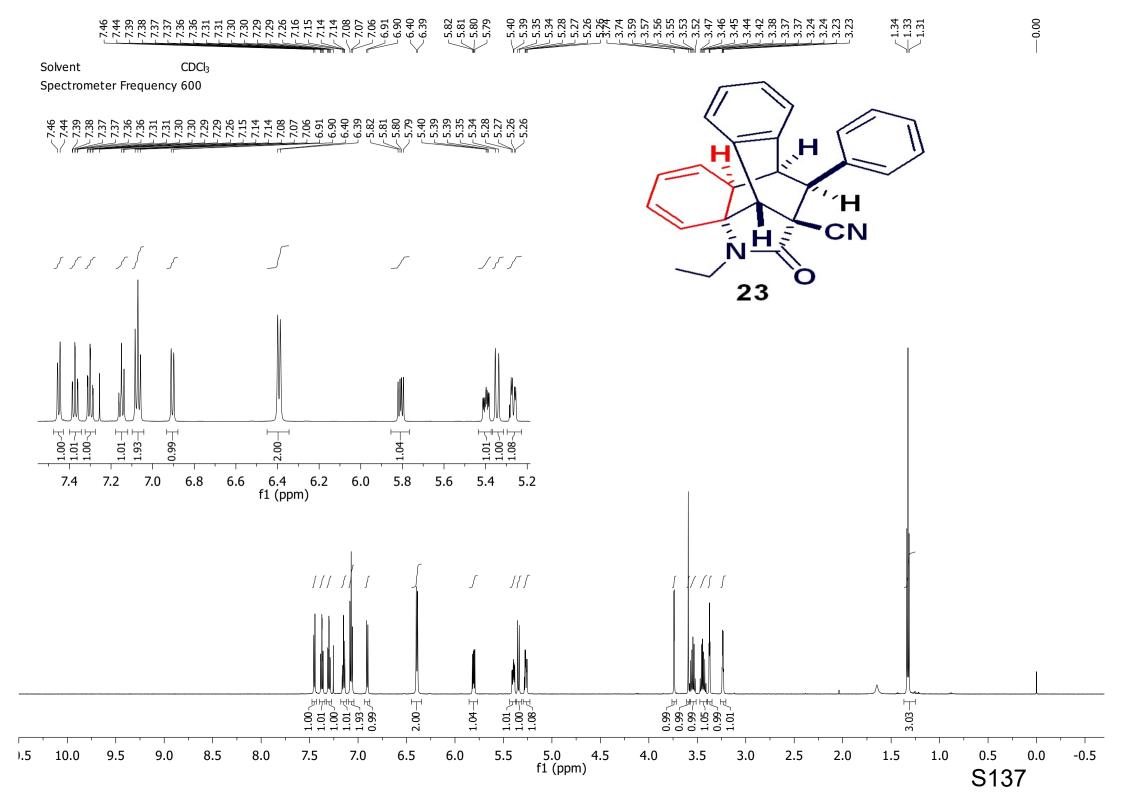


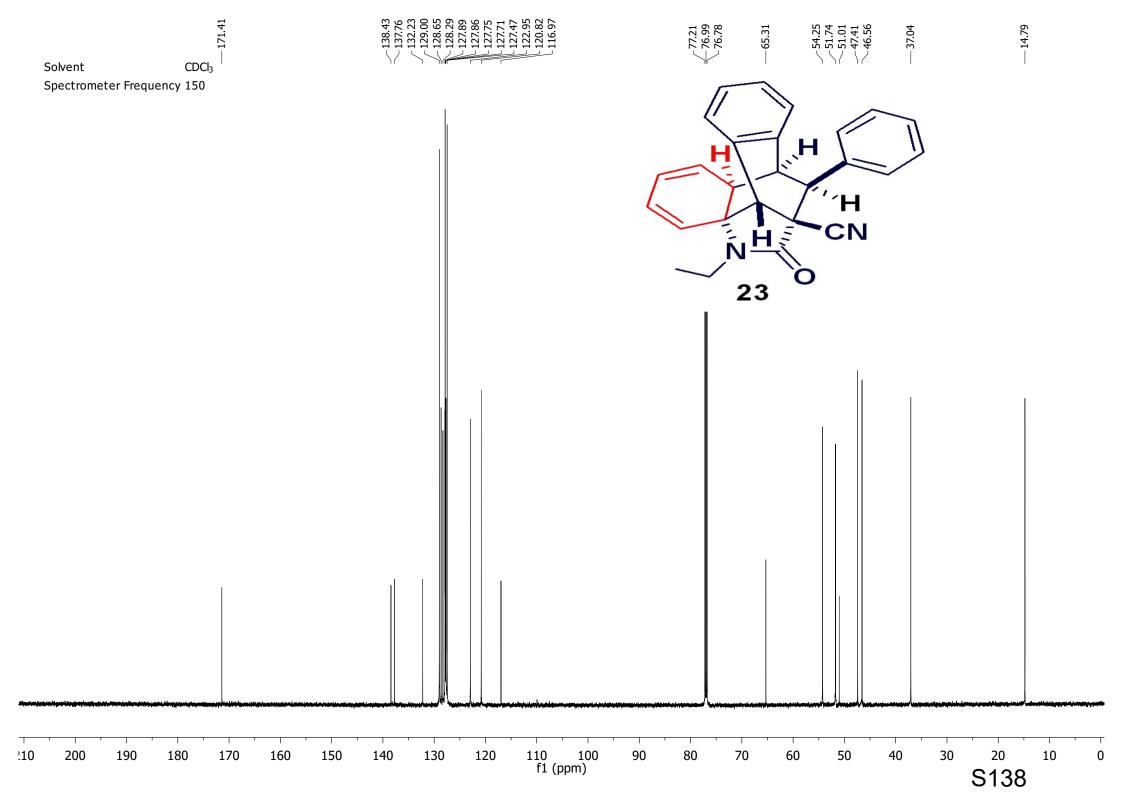


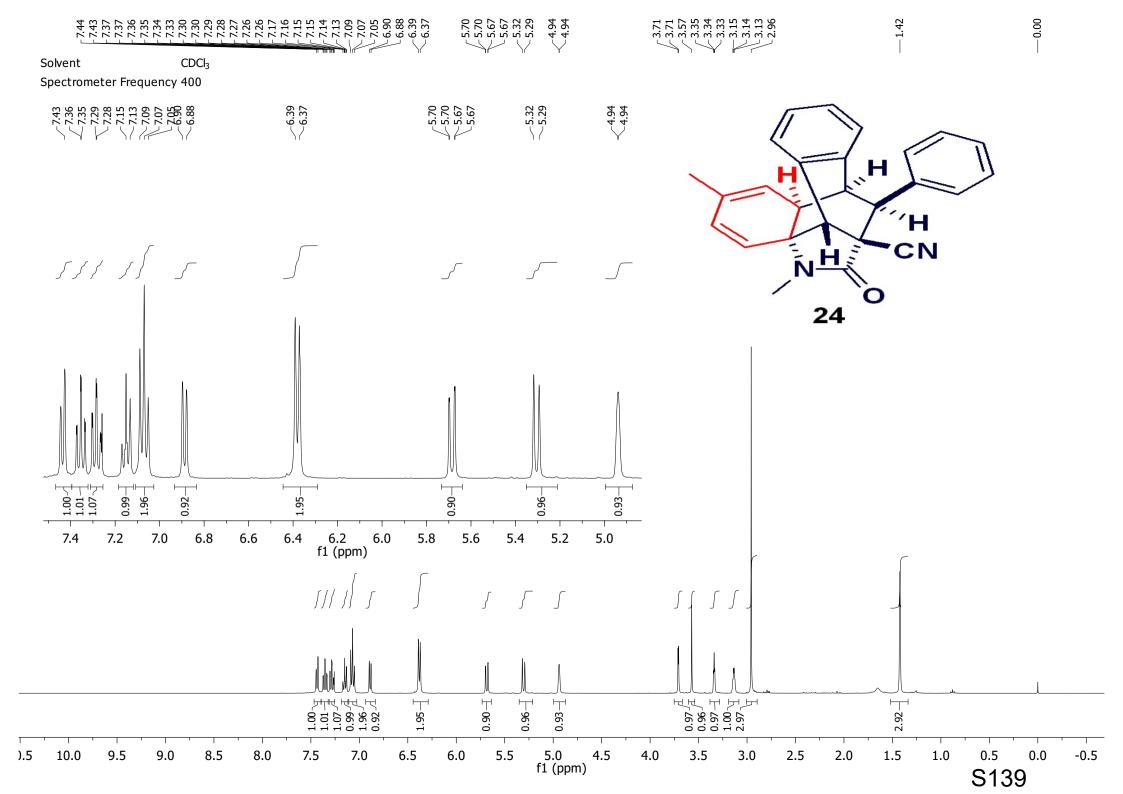


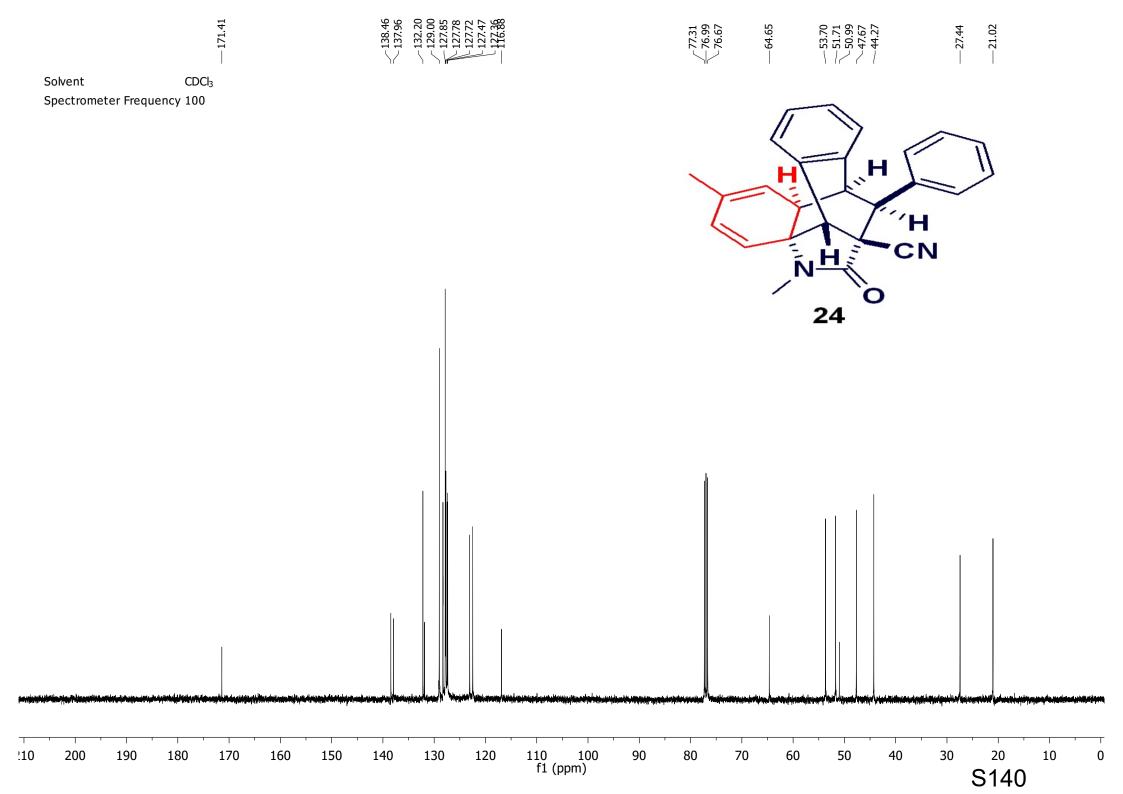


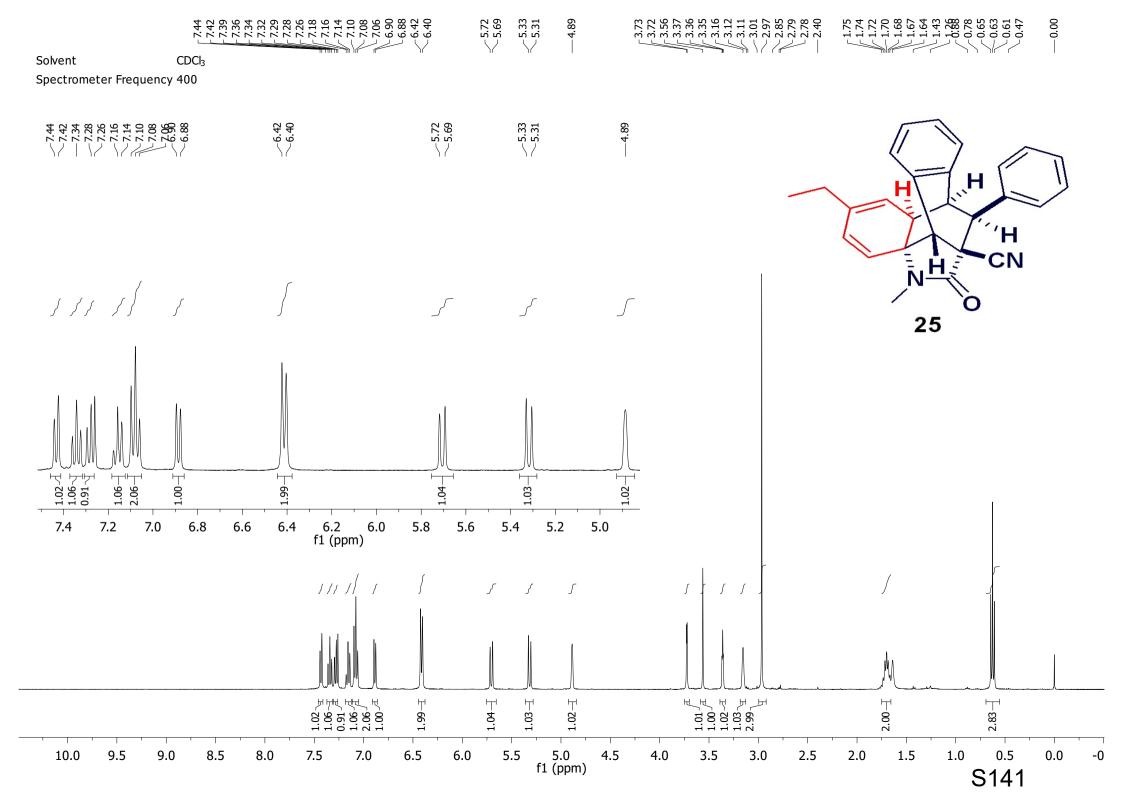


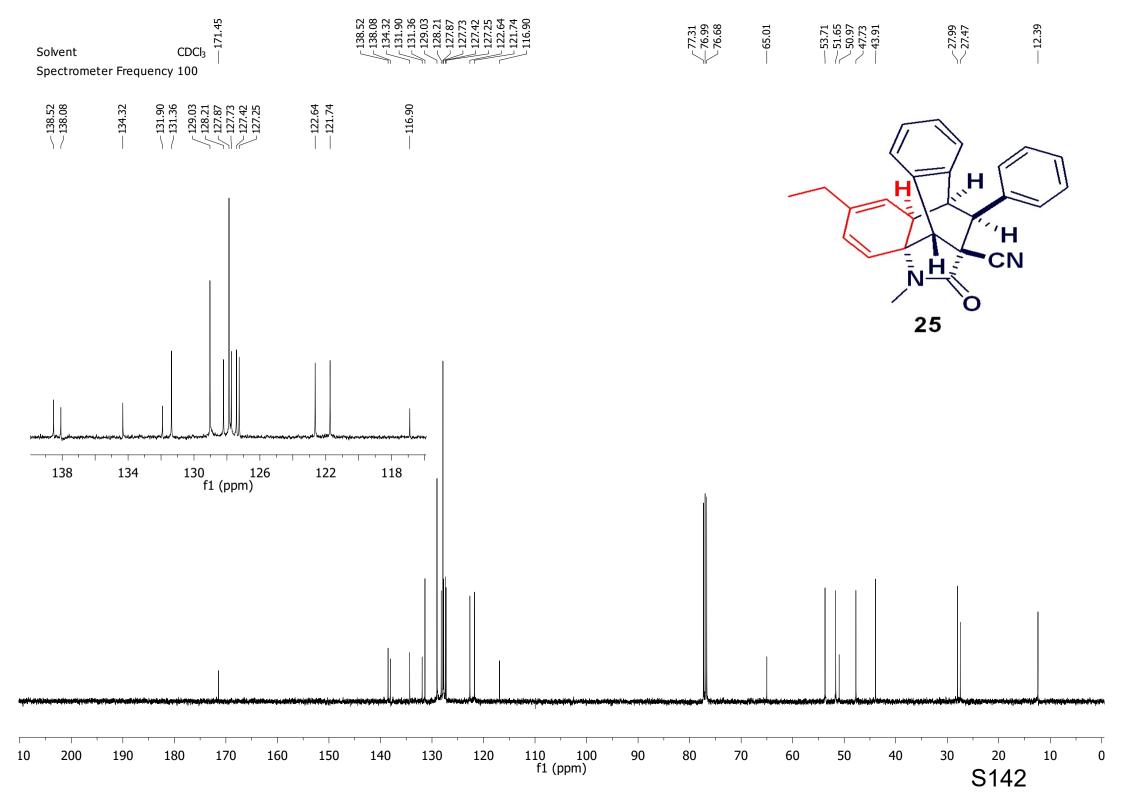


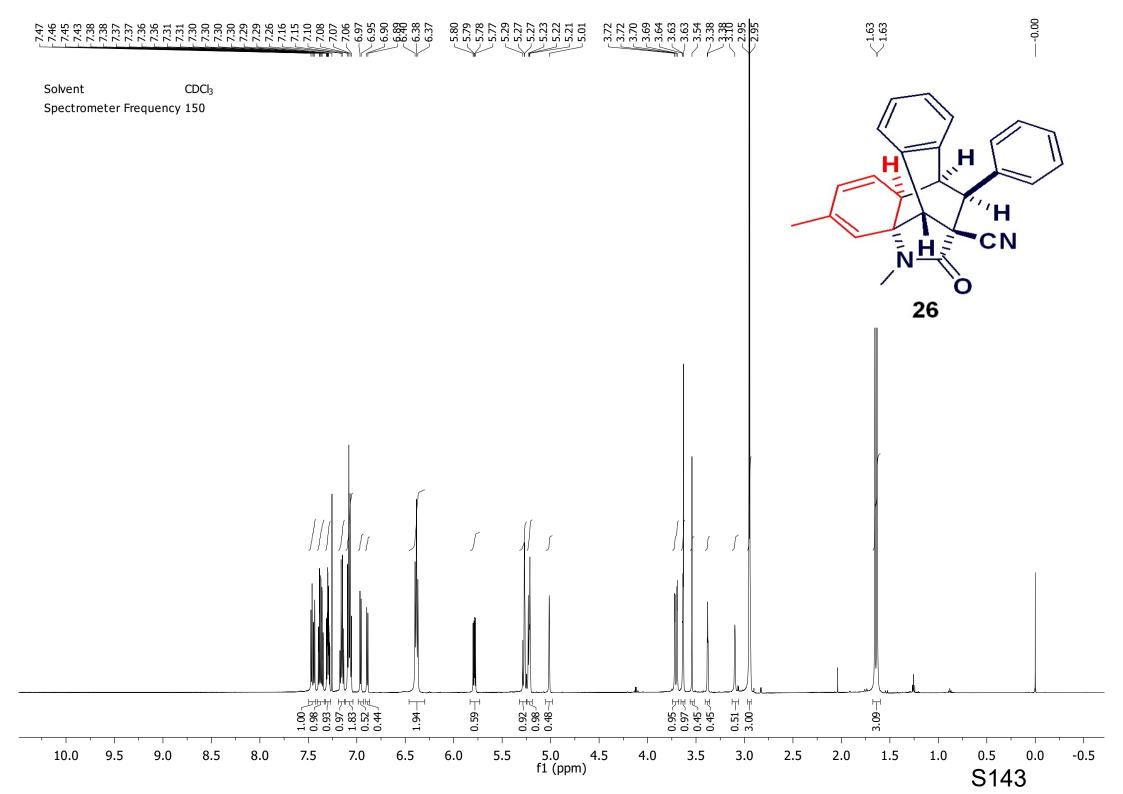


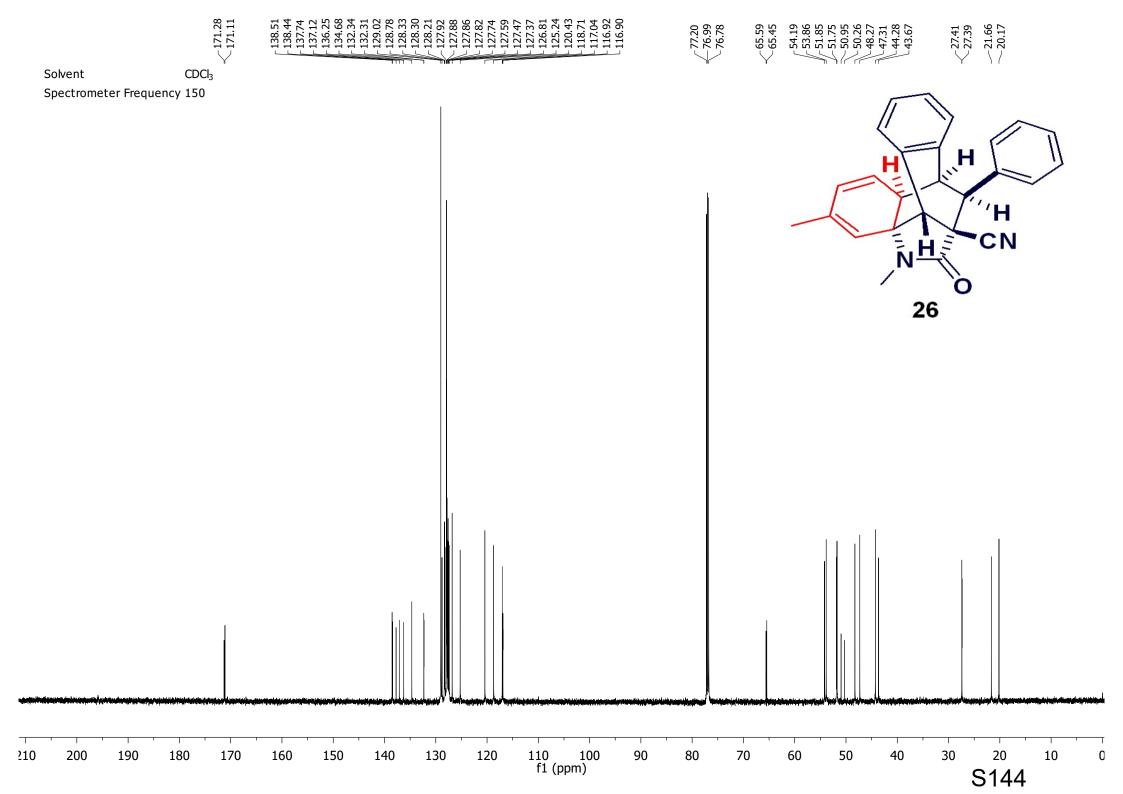


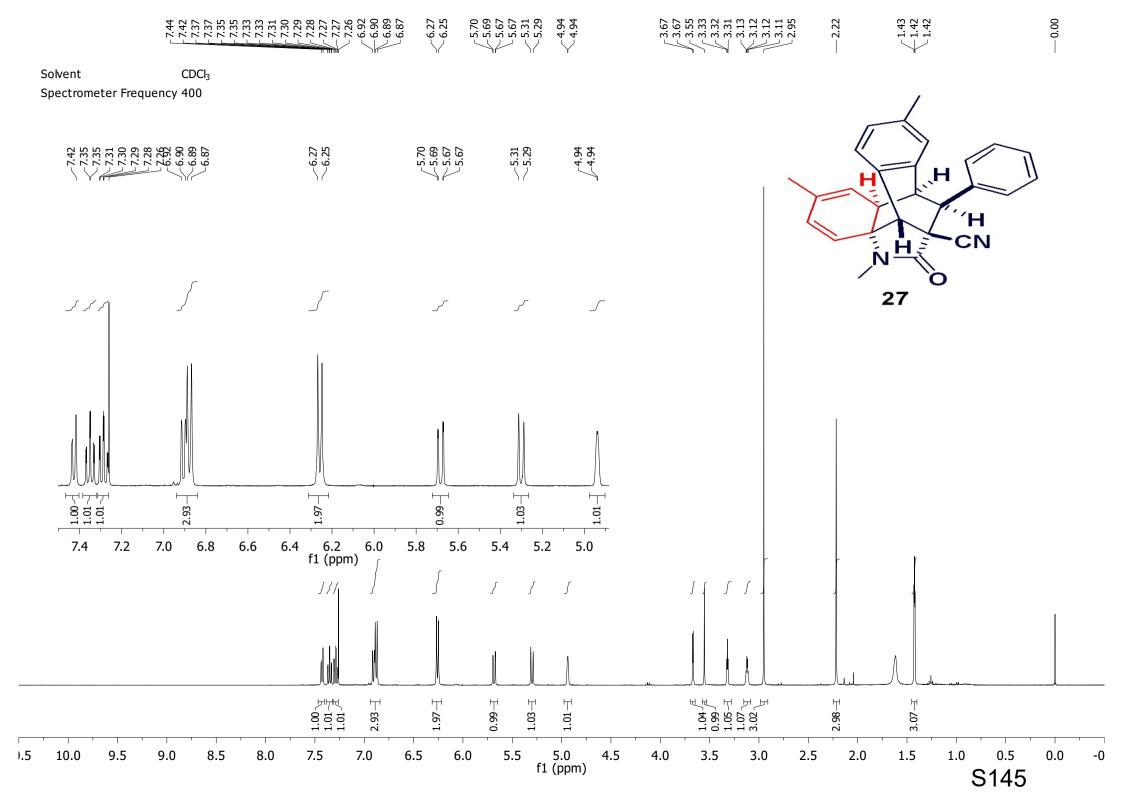


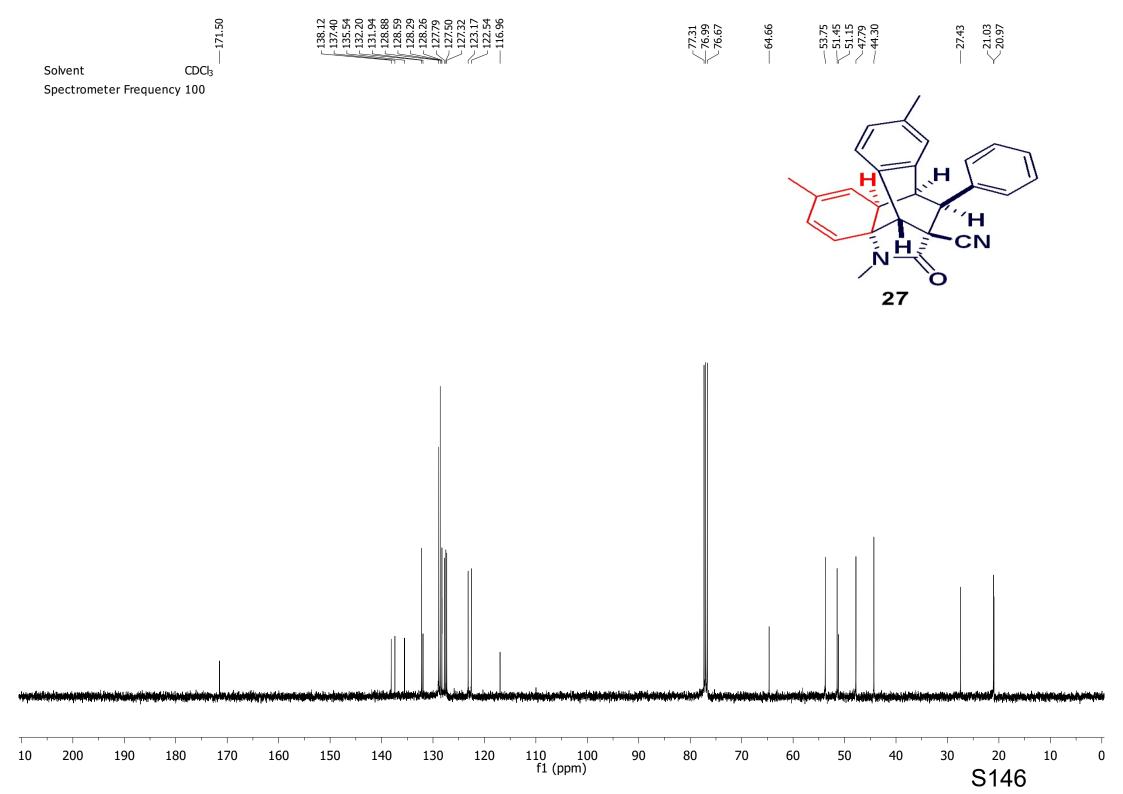


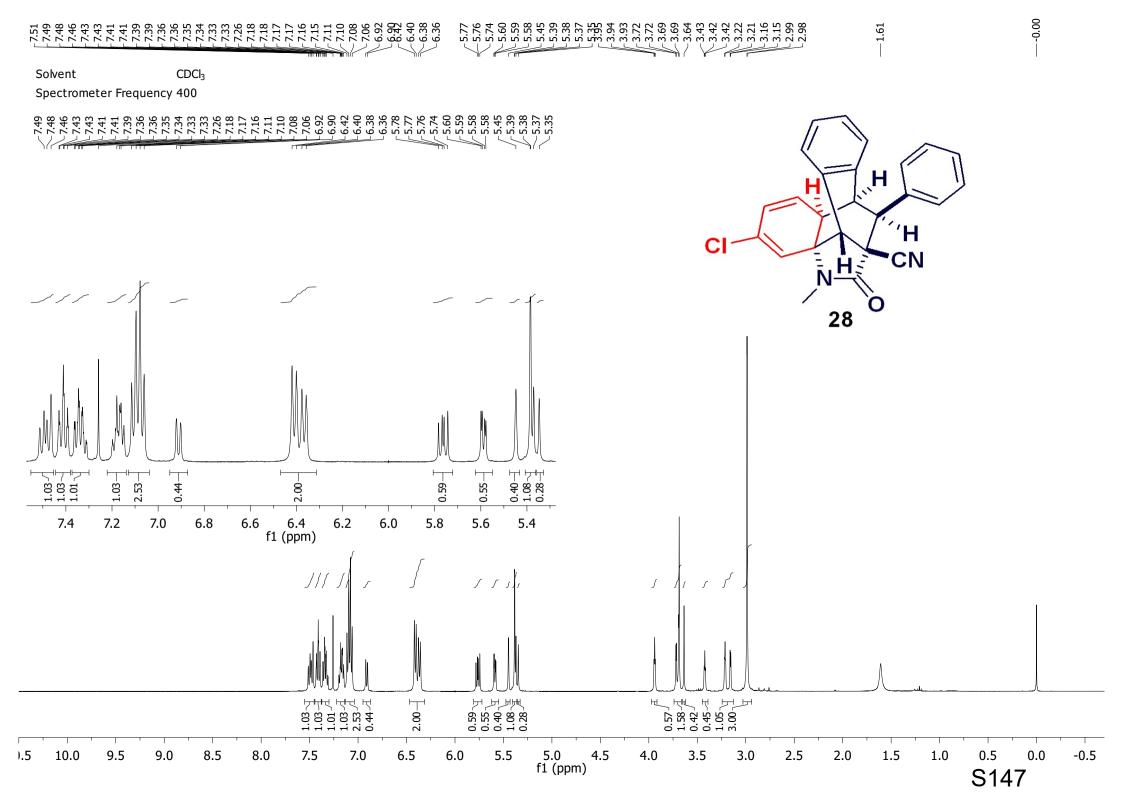


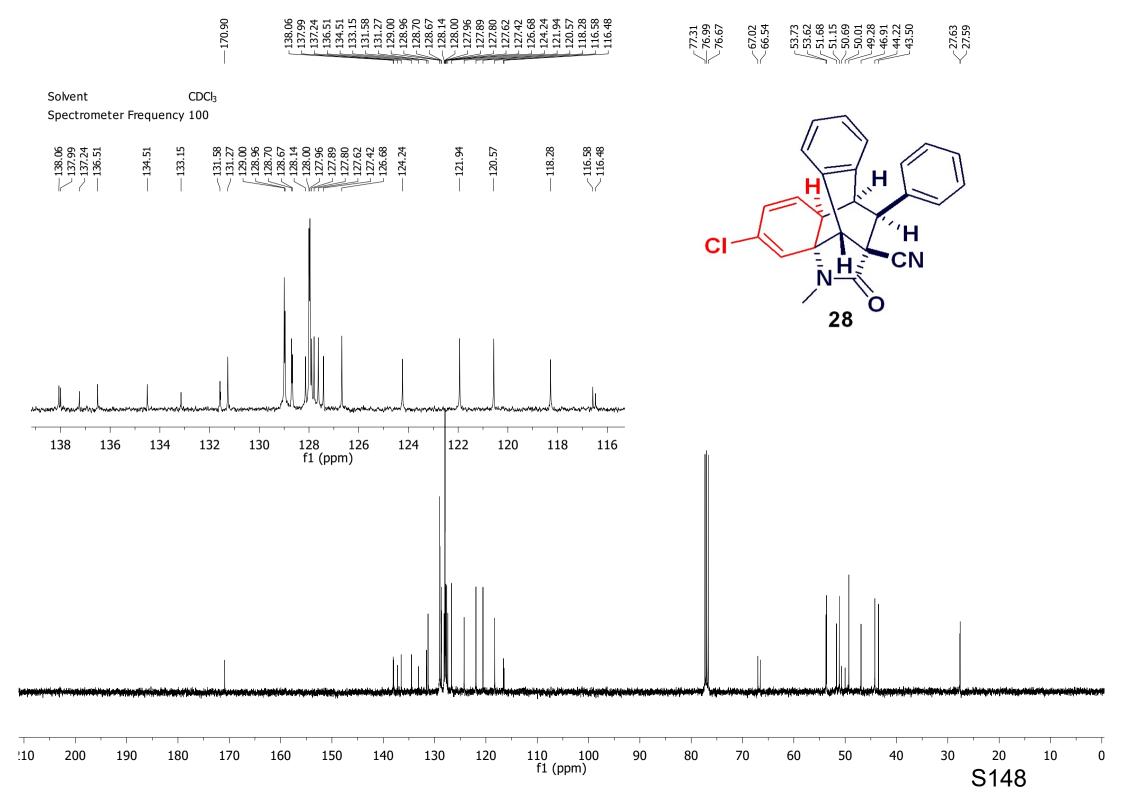


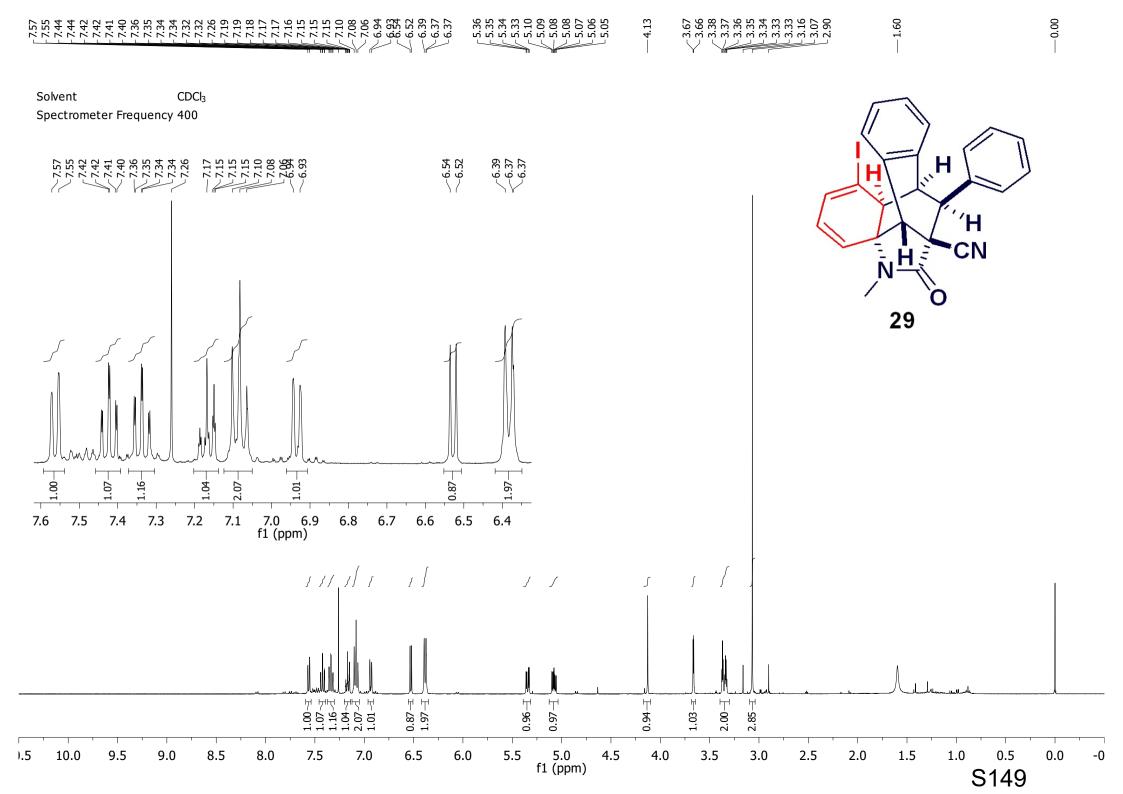


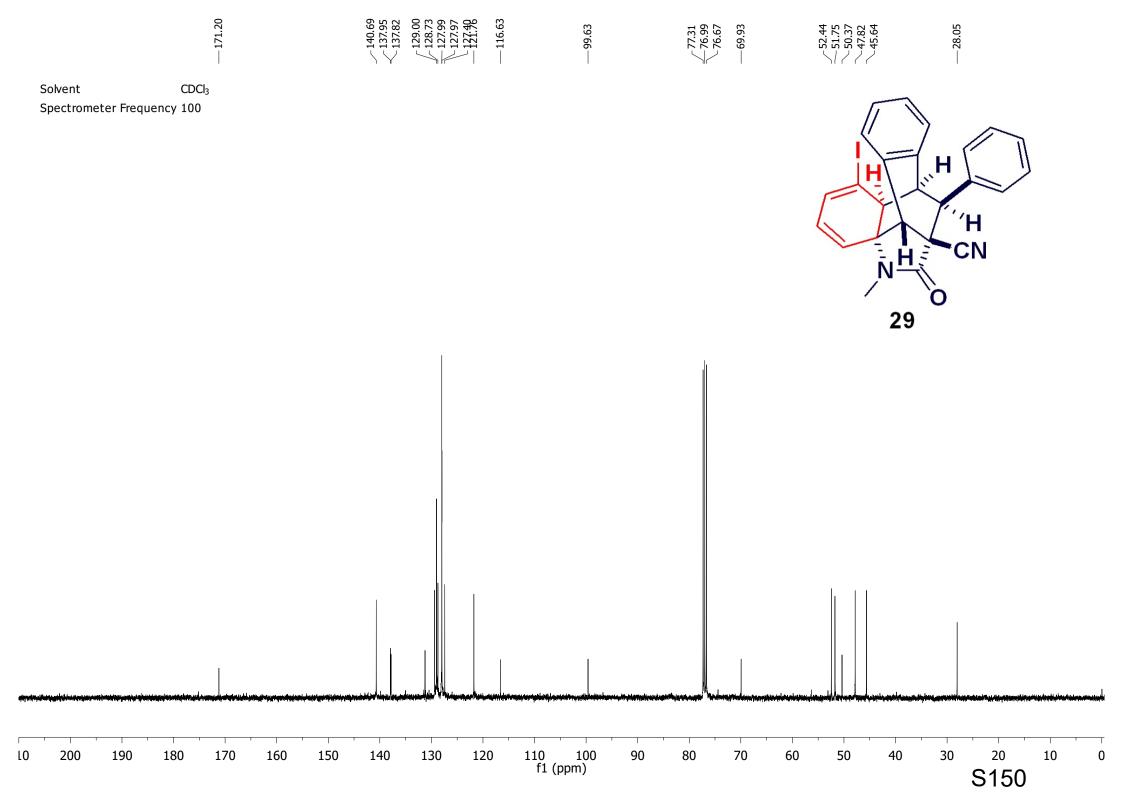


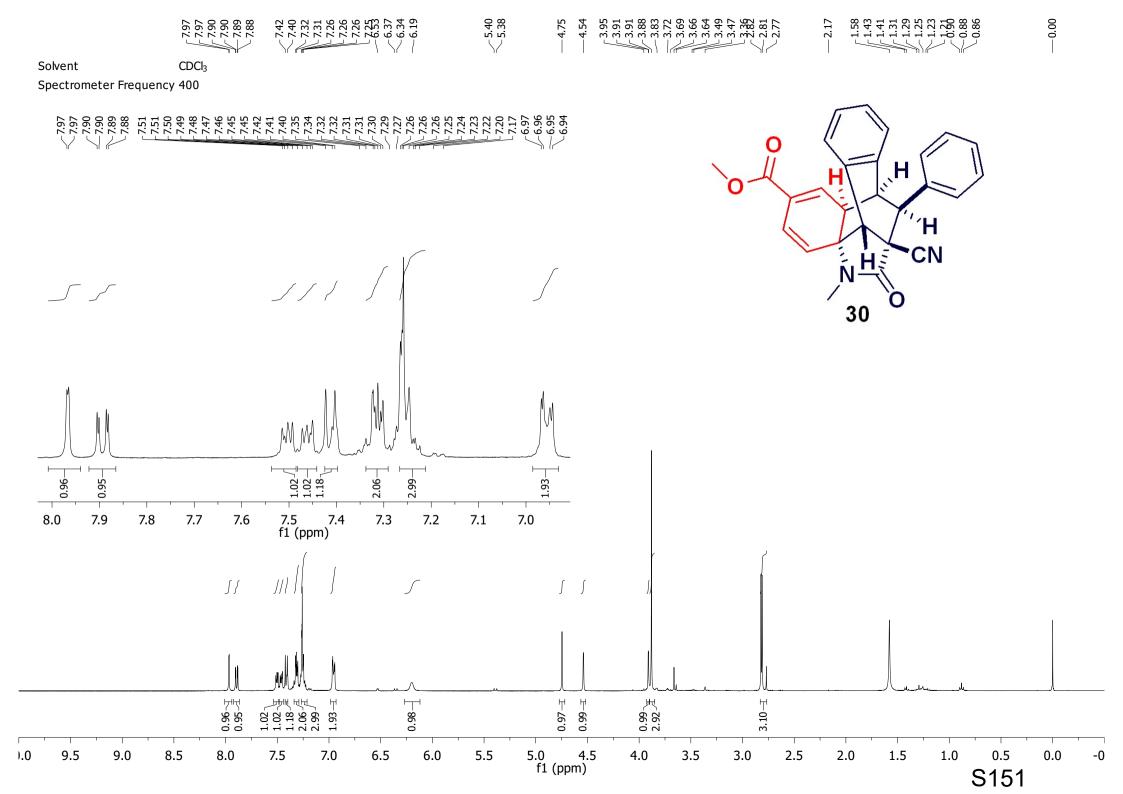


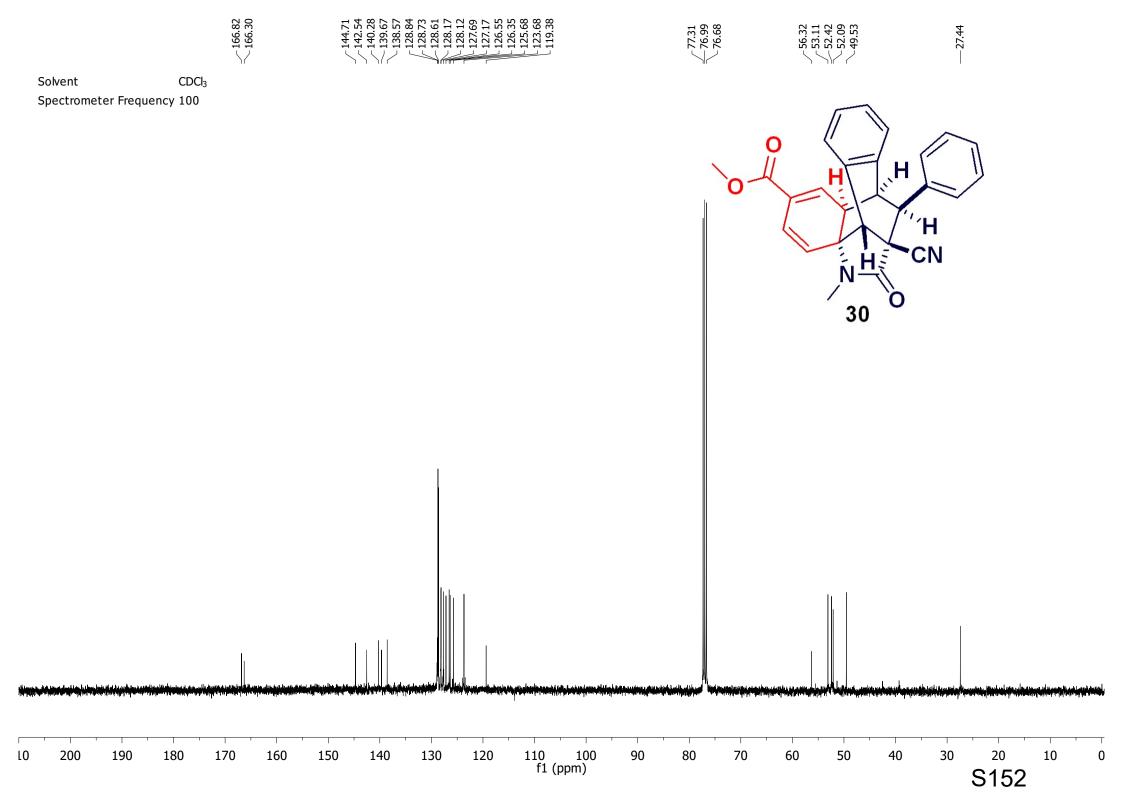


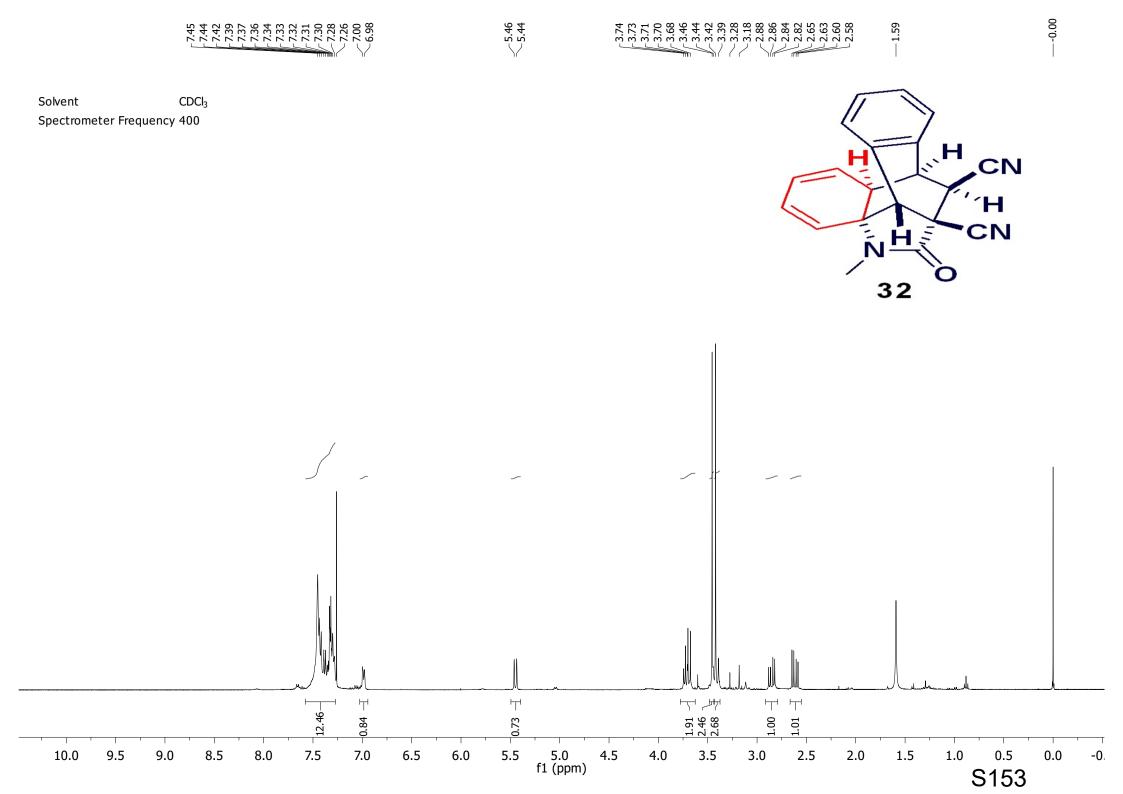


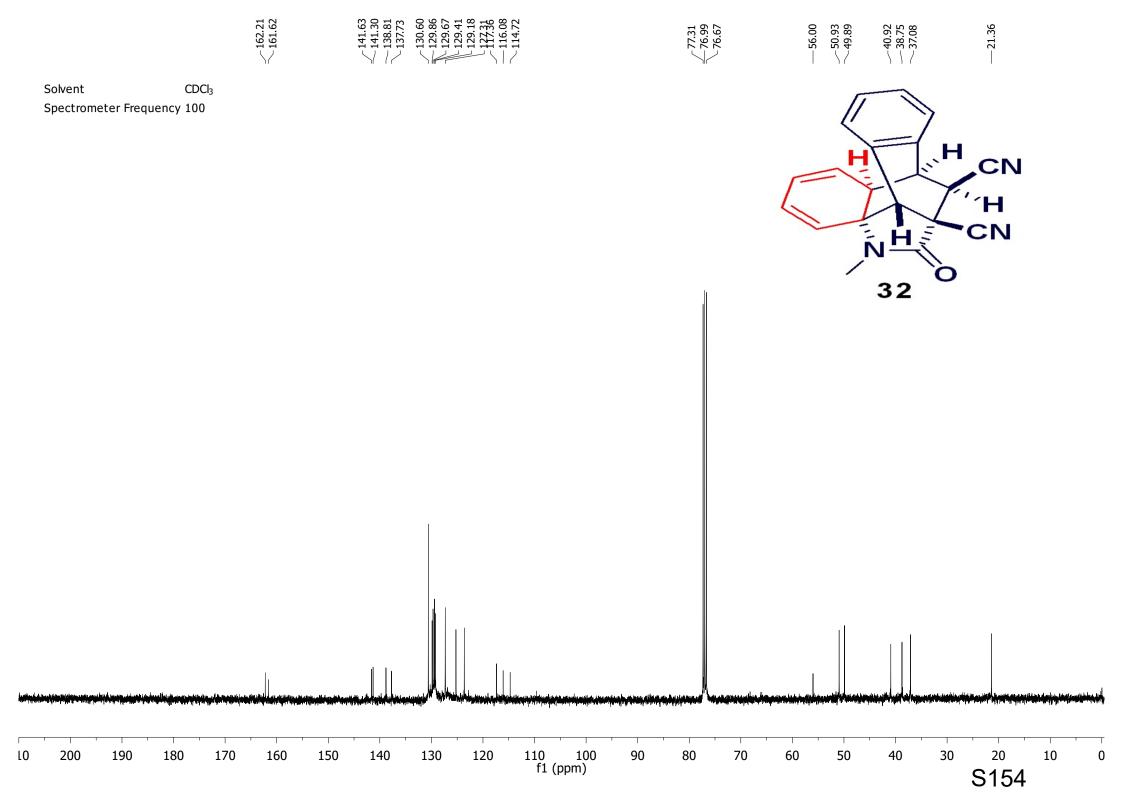


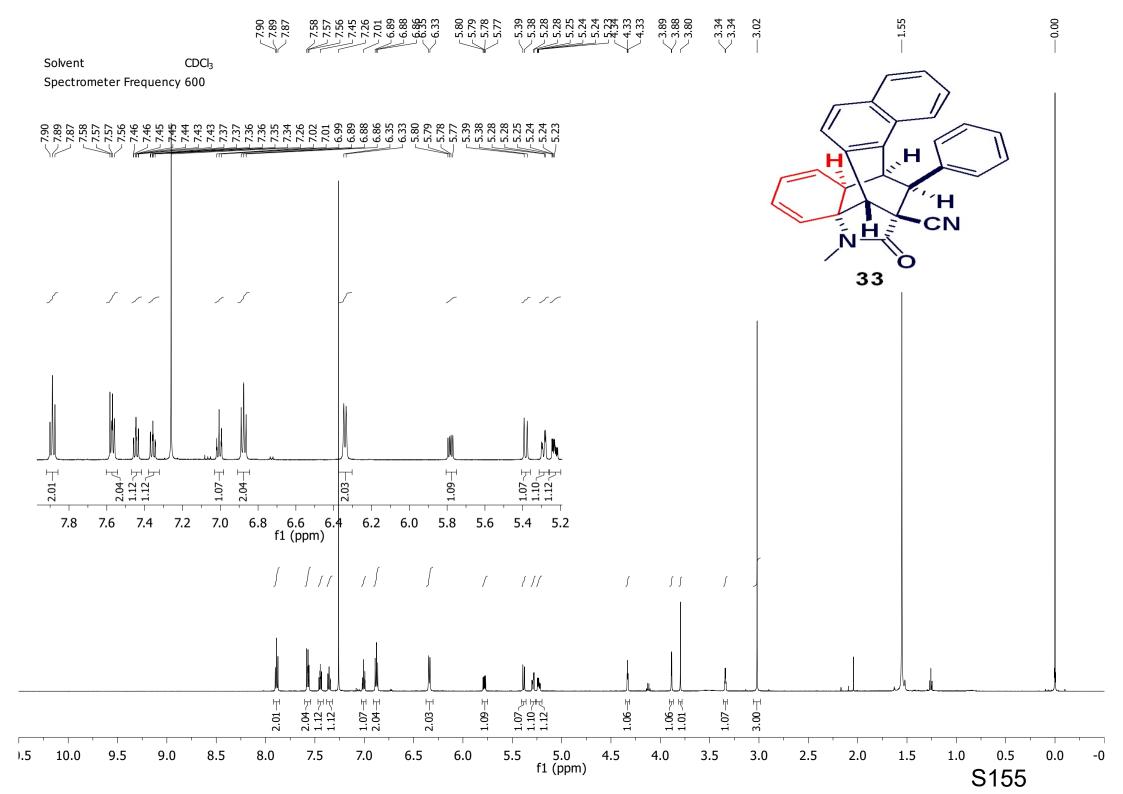


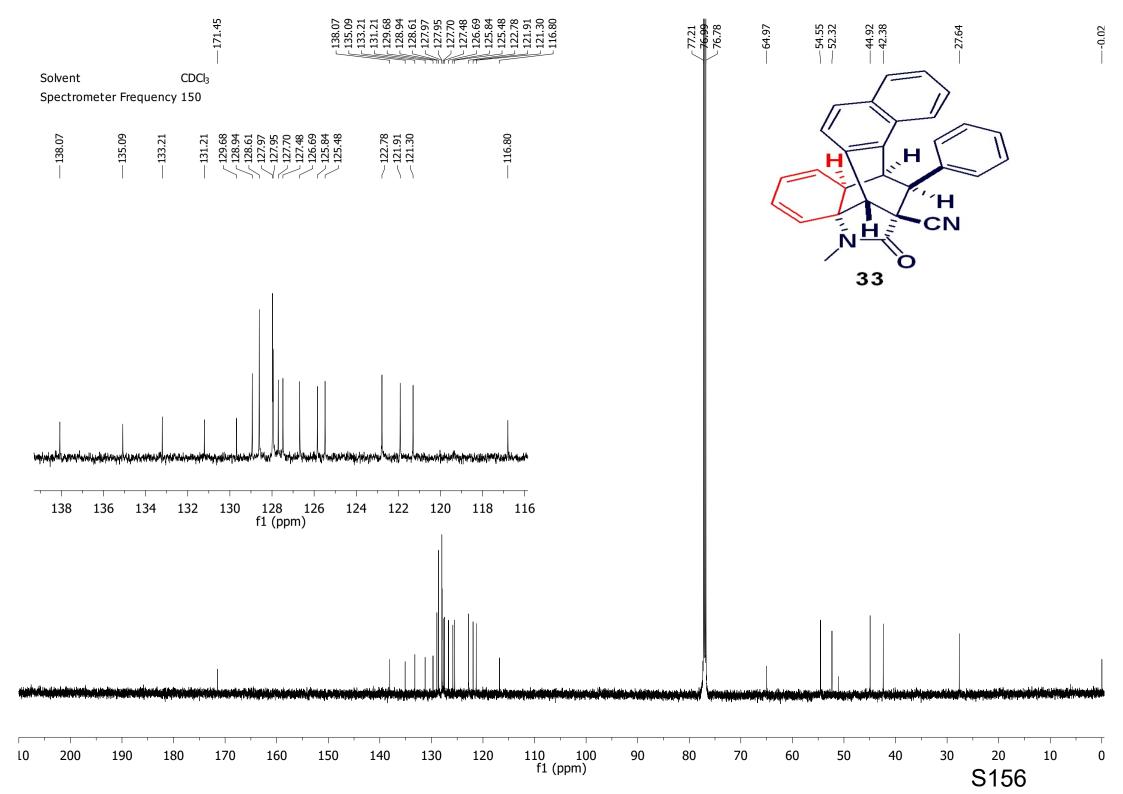


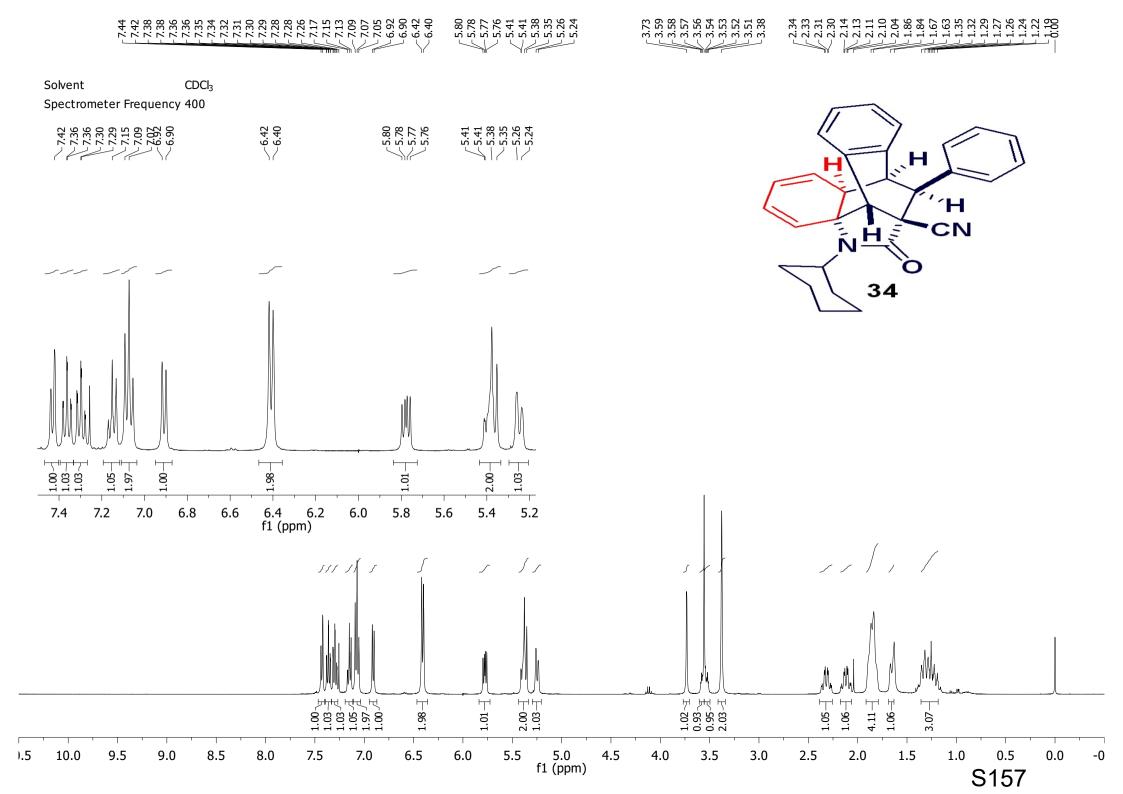


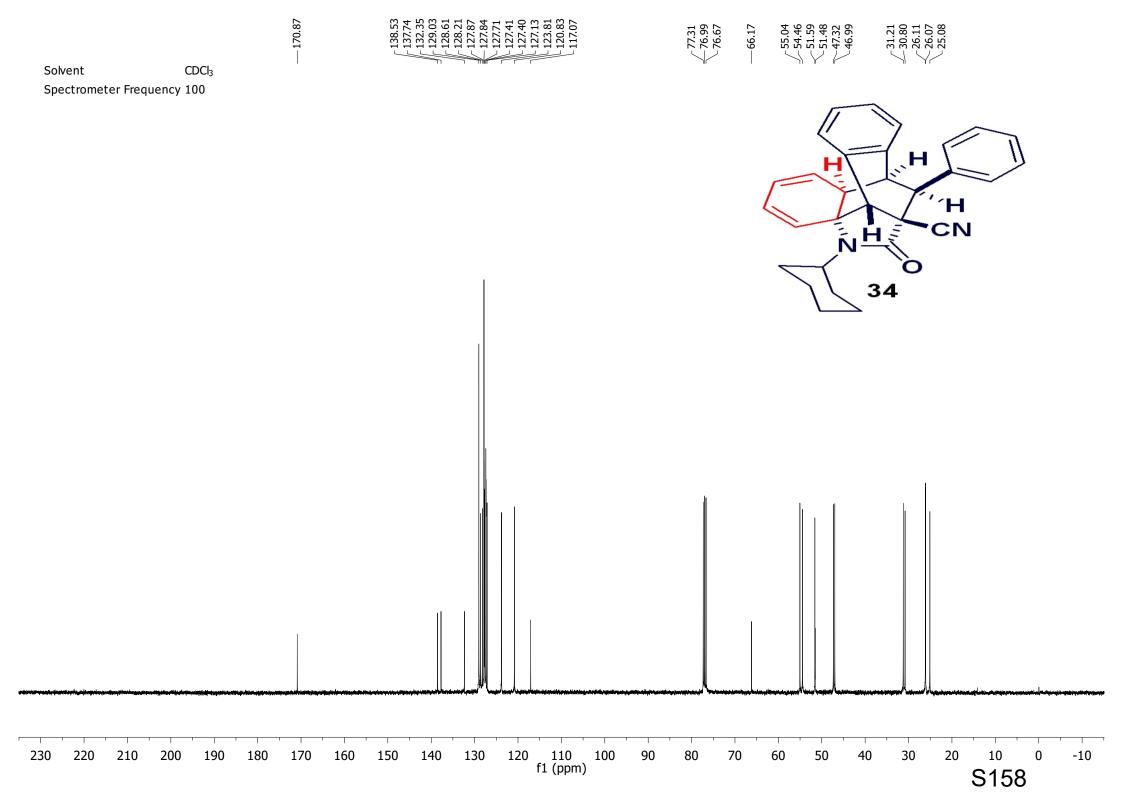


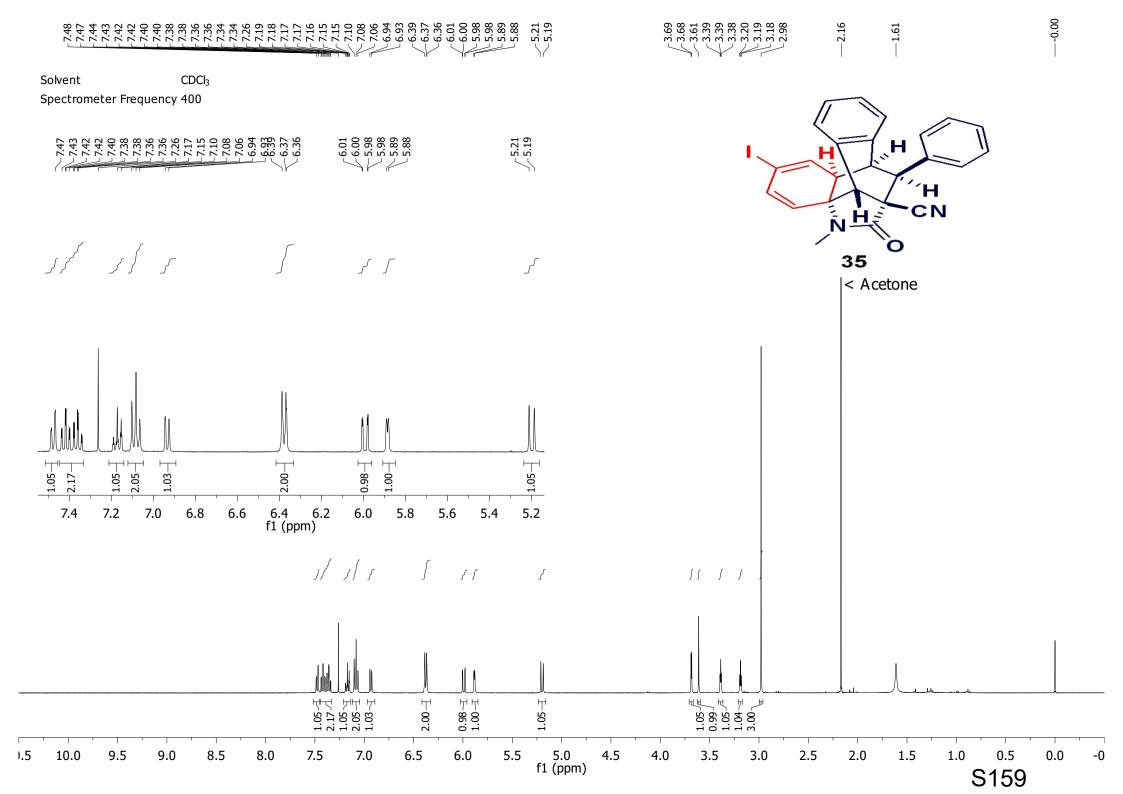


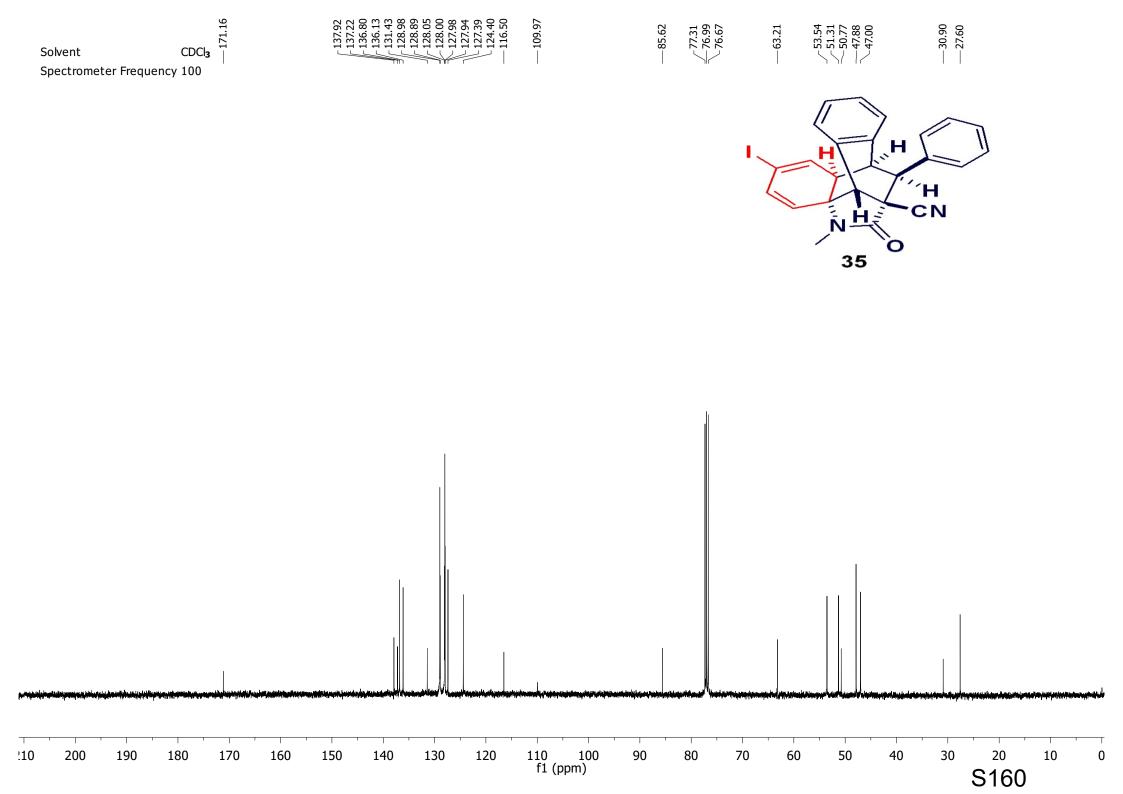


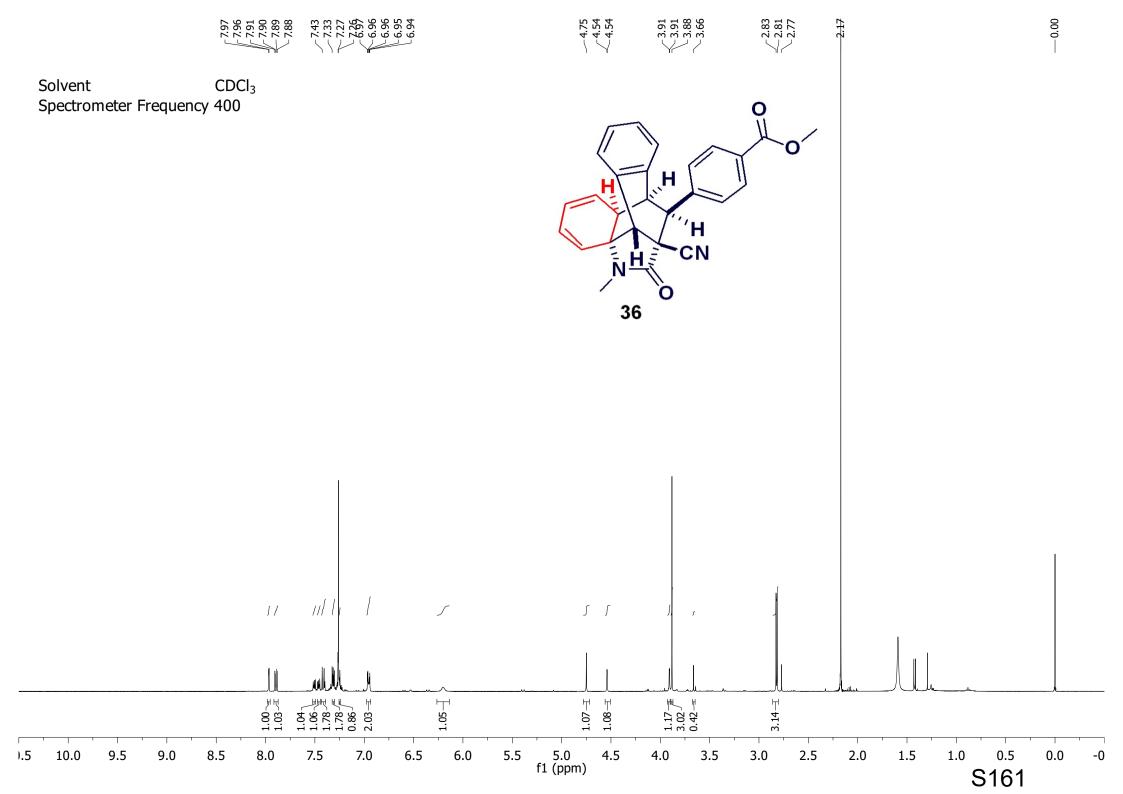


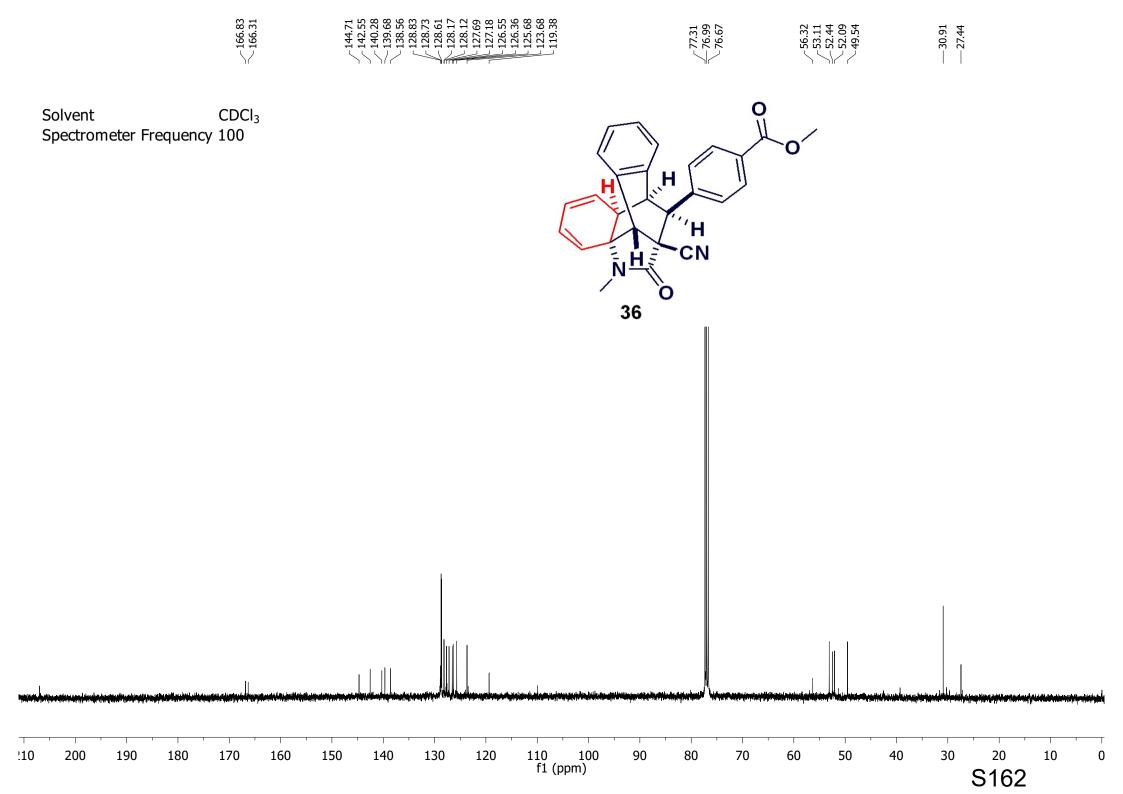


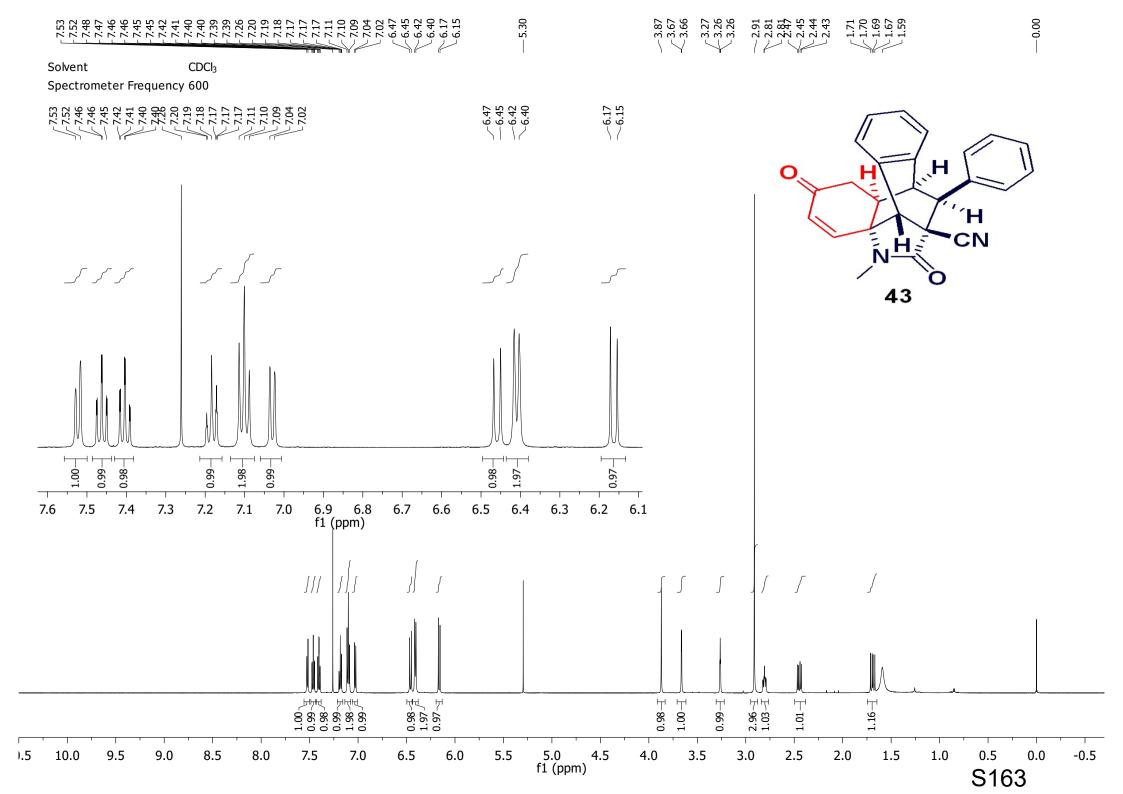


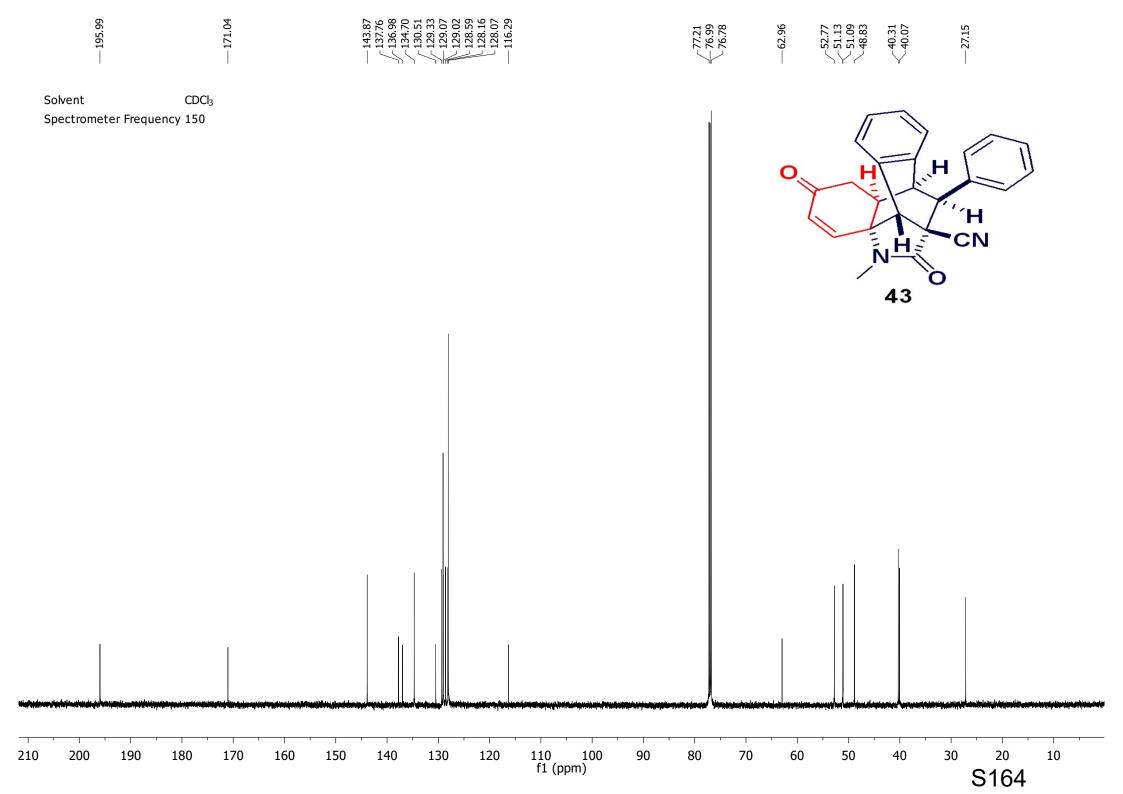


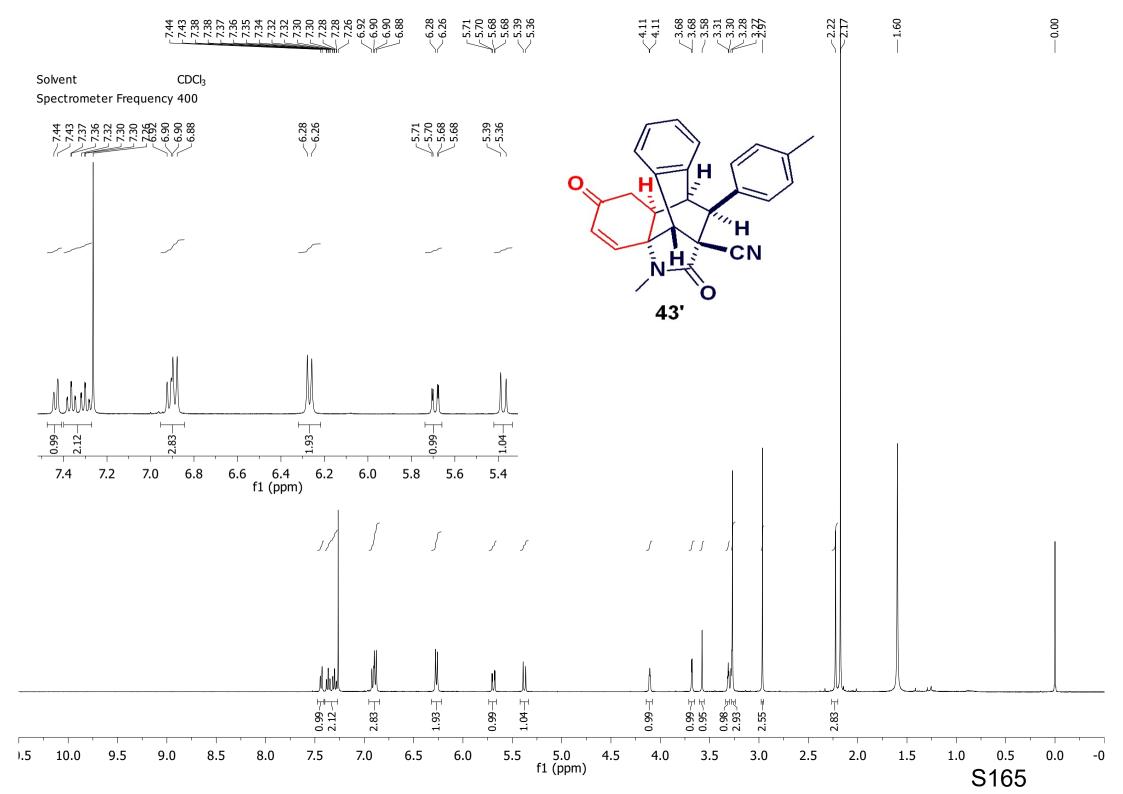


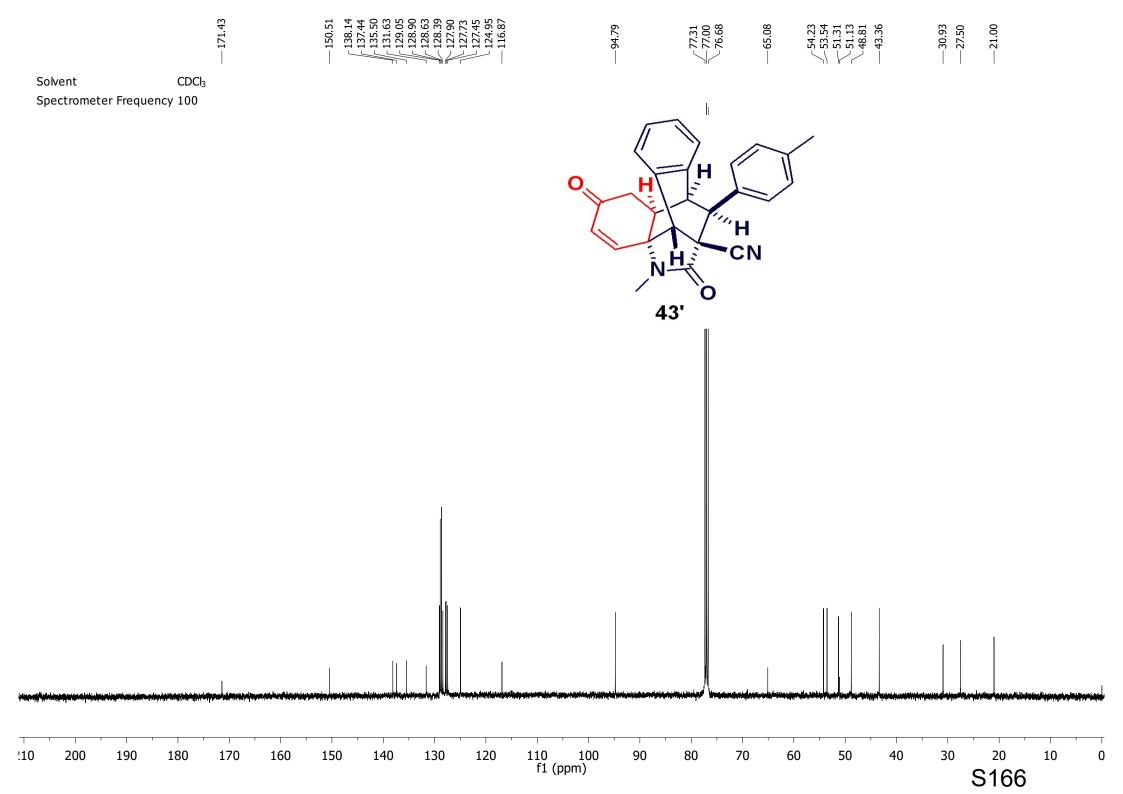


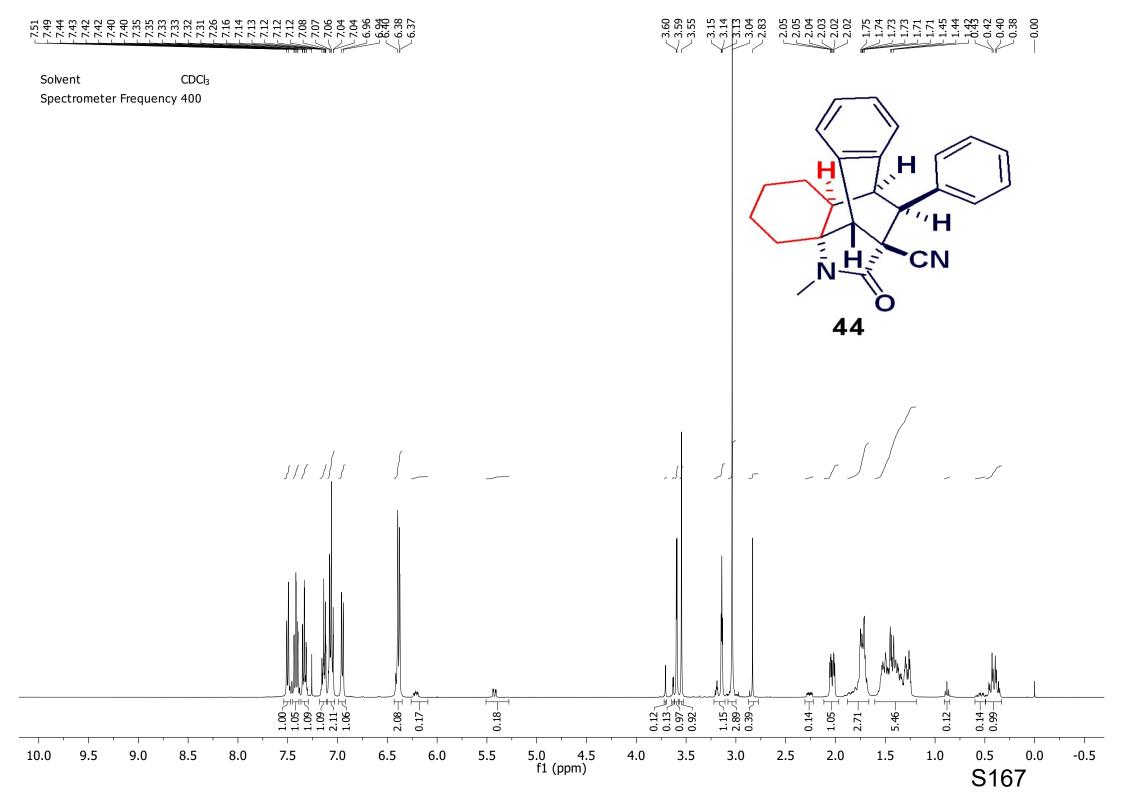


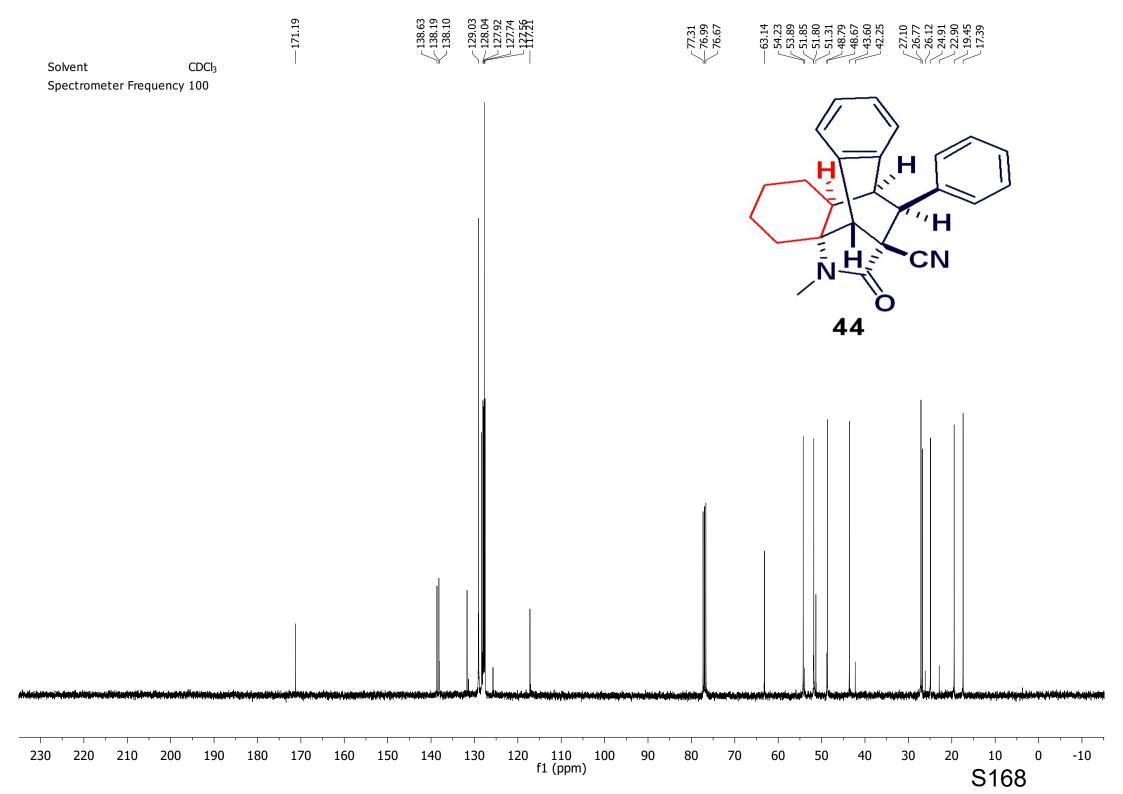


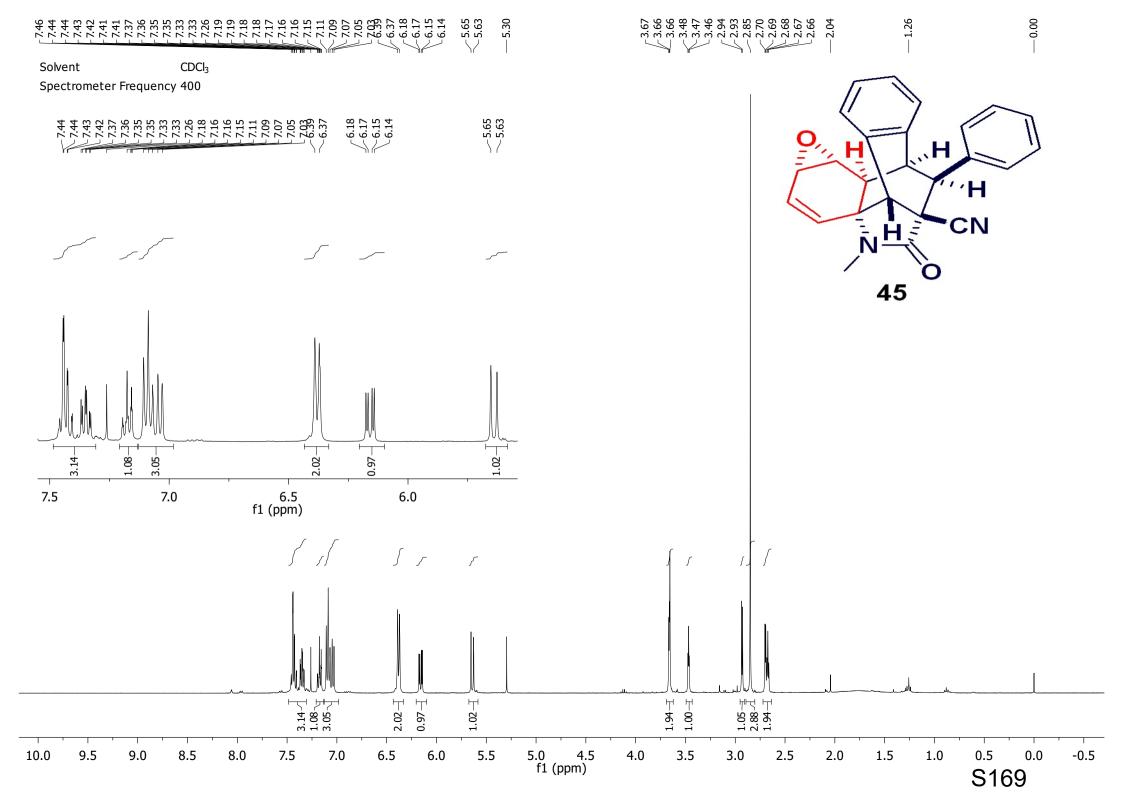


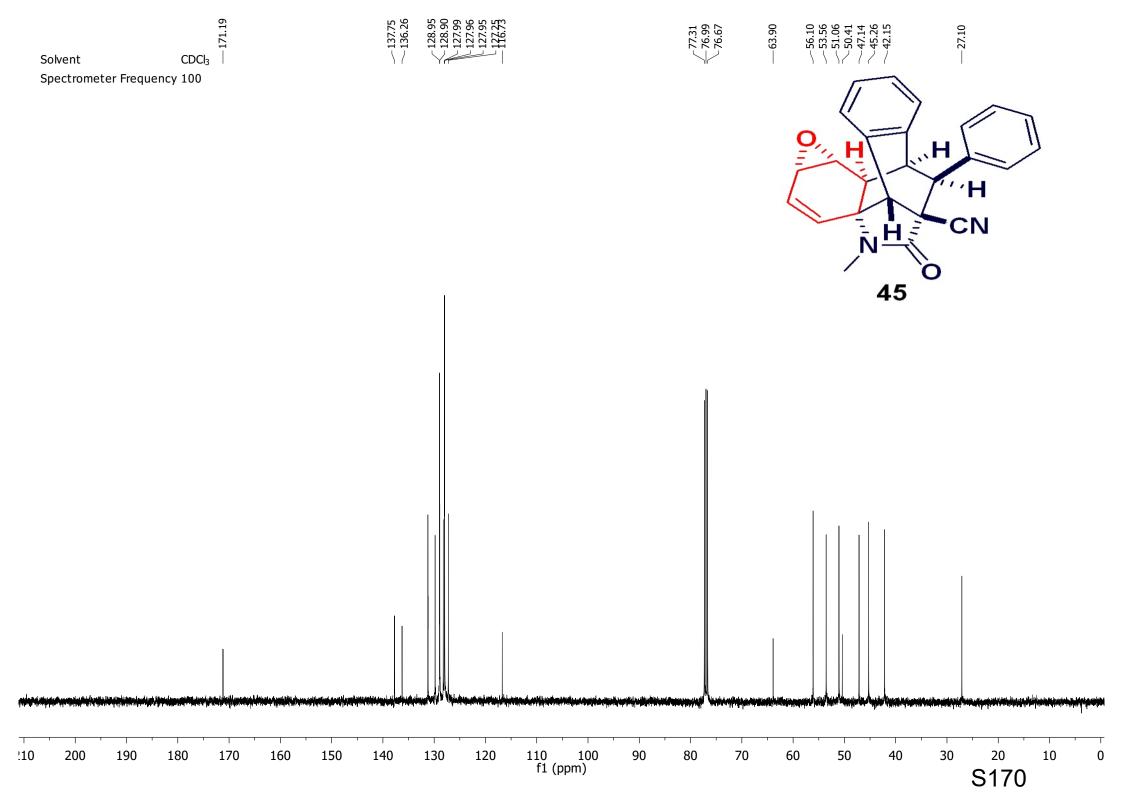












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Datablock: I

| Bond precision: | C-C = 0.0017 A | Wavelength= | =0.71073 | | |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Cell: | | b=11.1768(2) | | | |
| | alpha=90 | beta=92.894(2) | gamma=90 | | |
| Temperature: | 113 K | | | | |
| | Calculated | Reported | | | |
| Volume | 1839.54(5) | 1839.54(5) |) | | |
| Space group | P 21/c | P 1 21/c | | | |
| Hall group | | -P 2ybc | | | |
| Moiety formula | | C25 H20 N2 | 2 0 | | |
| - | C25 H20 N2 O | C25 H20 N2 | 2 0 | | |
| Mr | 364.43 | 364.43 | | | |
| Dx,g cm-3 | 1.316 | 1.316 | | | |
| Z | 4 | 4 | | | |
| Mu (mm-1) | 0.081 | 0.081 | | | |
| F000 | 768.0 | 768.0 | | | |
| F000' | 768.29 | | | | |
| h,k,lmax | 12,13,18 | 12,13,18 | | | |
| Nref | 3243 | 3243 | | | |
| Tmin, Tmax | 0.981,0.984 | 0.495,1.00 | 00 | | |
| Tmin' | 0.980 | | | | |
| Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.495 Tmax=1.000 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN | | | | | |
| Data completenes | ss= 1.000 | Theta(max) = 25.000 |) | | |
| R(reflections) = | 0.0335(2900) | | wR2(reflections)= | | |
| c = 1 066 | N | 5 <i>/</i> / | 0.0827(3243) | | |
| S = 1.066 | Npar= 2 | 34 | | | |

Click on the hyperlinks for more details of the test.

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Alert level G
PLAT003_ALERT_2_G Number of Uiso or Uij Restrained non-H Atoms ...
                                                                         28 Report
PLAT005_ALERT_5_G No Embedded Refinement Details Found in the CIF
                                                                    Please Do !
PLAT230_ALERT_2_G Hirshfeld Test Diff for C2
                                                 --C24 .
                                                                       7.6 s.u.
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C2
                                                   (Centro SPGR)
                                                                          S Verify
                                                                         R Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C3
                                                   (Centro SPGR)
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C4
                                                   (Centro SPGR)
                                                                         R Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C9
                                                   (Centro SPGR)
                                                                         S Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C10
                                             (Centro SPGR)
(Centro SPGR)
                                                                         S Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C17
                                                                         S Verify
PLAT860_ALERT_3_G Number of Least-Squares Restraints ......
                                                                        960 Note
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   1 ALERT type 5 Informative message, check
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checkCIF publication errors

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Publication of your CIF

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Validation response form

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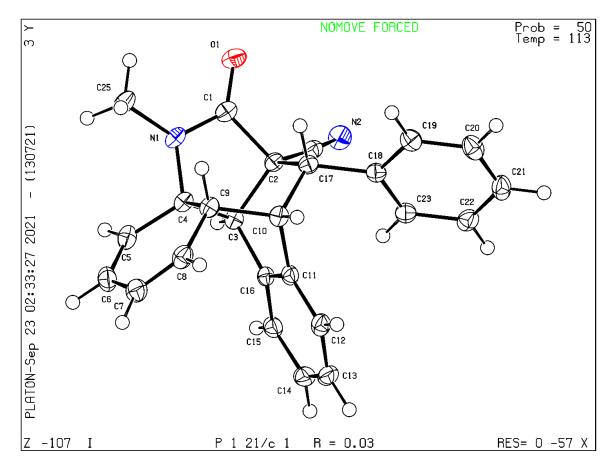
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# start Validation Reply Form
_vrf_PUBL004_GLOBAL
PROBLEM: The contact author's name and address are missing,
RESPONSE: ...
_vrf_PUBL005_GLOBAL
PROBLEM: _publ_contact_author_email, _publ_contact_author_fax and
RESPONSE: ...
_vrf_PUBL006_GLOBAL
PROBLEM: _publ_requested_journal is missing
RESPONSE: ...
_vrf_PUBL008_GLOBAL
PROBLEM: _publ_section_title is missing. Title of paper.
RESPONSE: ...
_vrf_PUBL009_GLOBAL
PROBLEM: _publ_author_name is missing. List of author(s) name(s).
RESPONSE: ...
_vrf_PUBL010_GLOBAL
PROBLEM: _publ_author_address is missing. Author(s) address(es).
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RESPONSE: ...
;
_vrf_PUBL012_GLOBAL
;
PROBLEM: _publ_section_abstract is missing.
RESPONSE: ...
;
# end Validation Reply Form
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Datablock I - ellipsoid plot



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Datablock: k11107-jjw-dtpg82_auto

| Bond precision: | C-C = 0.0021 A | Wavelength | =0.71073 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Cell: | a=10.3638(3) | b=11.3229(3) | c=16.6651(5) |
| | alpha=90 | beta=93.655(3) | gamma=90 |
| Temperature: | 113 K | | |
| | Calculated | Reported | |
| Volume | 1951.64(10) | 1951.64(1 | 0) |
| Space group | P 21/c | P 1 21/c | 1 |
| Hall group | -P 2ybc | -P 2ybc | |
| Moiety formula | C26 H22 N2 O | C26 H22 N | 2 0 |
| Sum formula | C26 H22 N2 O | C26 H22 N | 2 0 |
| Mr | 378.46 | 378.45 | |
| Dx,g cm-3 | 1.288 | 1.288 | |
| Z | 4 | 4 | |
| Mu (mm-1) | 0.079 | 0.079 | |
| F000 | 800.0 | 800.0 | |
| F000' | 800.30 | | |
| h,k,lmax | 12,13,19 | 12,13,19 | |
| Nref | 3441 | 3383 | |
| Tmin, Tmax | 0.984,0.988 | 0.746,1.0 | 00 |
| Tmin' | 0.984 | | |
| Correction methodals AbsCorr = MULTI- | - | Limits: Tmin=0.746 Tm | ax=1.000 |
| Data completenes | ss= 0.983 | Theta(max) = 24.99 | 9 |
| D/roflogtions\- | 0 04277 2750 | | wR2(reflections)= |
| R(reflections) = | 0.0437(2739) | | 0.1206(3383) |
| S = 1.097 | Npar= | 265 | |

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Alert level C

PLAT906_ALERT_3_C Large K Value in the Analysis of Variance 2.195 Check PLAT911_ALERT_3_C Missing FCF Refl Between Thmin & STh/L= 0.595 58 Report

Alert level G

| PLAT003_ALERT_2_G Number of Uiso or Uij Restrained non-H Atoms | 29 Report |
|--|-------------|
| PLAT178_ALERT_4_G The CIF-Embedded .res File Contains SIMU Records | 1 Report |
| PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C2 (Centro SPGR) | R Verify |
| PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C3 (Centro SPGR) | S Verify |
| PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C4 (Centro SPGR) | S Verify |
| PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C5 (Centro SPGR) | R Verify |
| PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C13 (Centro SPGR) | R Verify |
| PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C20 (Centro SPGR) | R Verify |
| PLAT860_ALERT_3_G Number of Least-Squares Restraints | 984 Note |
| PLAT909_ALERT_3_G Percentage of I>2sig(I) Data at Theta(Max) Still | 62% Note |
| PLAT933_ALERT_2_G Number of HKL-OMIT Records in Embedded .res File | 1 Note |
| PLAT967_ALERT_5_G Note: Two-Theta Cutoff Value in Embedded .res | 50.0 Degree |
| PLAT978_ALERT_2_G Number C-C Bonds with Positive Residual Density. | 6 Info |
| | |

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- 4 ALERT type 3 Indicator that the structure quality may be low
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- 1 ALERT type 5 Informative message, check

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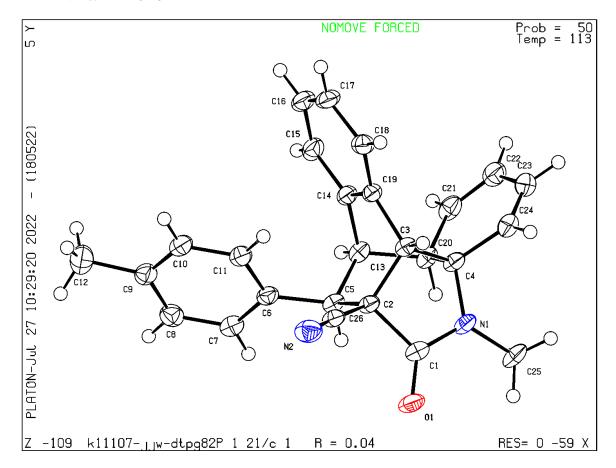
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Datablock: shelx

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                                 b=10.5230(6)
                                                     c=22.0654(12)
Cell:
                 alpha=90
                                 beta=99.639(2)
                                                   gamma=90
                 200 K
Temperature:
                Calculated
                                           Reported
Volume
                2415.4(2)
                                           2415.4(2)
Space group
               P 21/n
                                           P 21/n
Hall group
              −P 2yn
                                           -P 2yn
Moiety formula C27 H24 N2 O [+ solvent] C27 H24 N2 O
Sum formula C27 H24 N2 O [+ solvent]
                                           C27 H24 N2 O
Mr
                392.48
                                           392.48
               1.079
                                           1.079
Dx,g cm-3
                4
Mu (mm-1)
                0.066
                                           0.066
F000
                832.0
                                           832.0
F000'
                832.31
h,k,lmax
               12,12,26
                                           12,12,26
Nref
                4292
                                           4280
Tmin, Tmax
                0.984,0.998
                                           0.983,0.998
Tmin'
                0.983
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.983 Tmax=0.998
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN
                                   Theta(max) = 25.070
Data completeness= 0.997
                                                     wR2 (reflections) =
R(reflections) = 0.0557(3779)
                                                     0.1635( 4280)
S = 1.091
                          Npar= 273
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Alert level C
ABSTY02_ALERT_1_C An _exptl_absorpt_correction_type has been given without
           a literature citation. This should be contained in the
           _exptl_absorpt_process_details field.
           Absorption correction given as multi-scan
SHFSU01\_ALERT\_2\_C The absolute value of parameter shift to su ratio > 0.05
           Absolute value of the parameter shift to su ratio given 0.071
           Additional refinement cycles may be required.
PLAT080_ALERT_2_C Maximum Shift/Error .....
                                                                     0.07 Why ?
PLAT906_ALERT_3_C Large K Value in the Analysis of Variance .....
                                                                    2.518 Check
PLAT911_ALERT_3_C Missing FCF Refl Between Thmin & STh/L= 0.596
                                                                       10 Report
               1 2 0, -1 1 1, -2 1 2, -1 1 2, -1 0 3, 0 1 4, 0 2 5, -3 3 8, 7 1 19,
PLAT913_ALERT_3_C Missing # of Very Strong Reflections in FCF ....
                                                                        4 Note
              -1 1 1, 0 0 2, -2 1 2, 0 1 4,
PLAT918_ALERT_3_C Reflection(s) with I(obs) much Smaller I(calc) .
                                                                        2 Check
Alert level G
PLAT066_ALERT_1_G Predicted and Reported Tmin&Tmax Range Identical
                                                                       ? Check
PLAT230_ALERT_2_G Hirshfeld Test Diff for C19 --C20 .
                                                                     5.3 s.u.
PLAT605_ALERT_4_G Largest Solvent Accessible VOID in the Structure
                                                                     205 A**3
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C3
                                                (Centro SpGr)
                                                                       R Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C10
                                                 (Centro SpGr)
                                                                       S Verify
                                                                       S Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C11
                                                 (Centro SpGr)
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C18
                                                 (Centro SpGr)
                                                                       R Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C19
                                                                        S Verify
                                                 (Centro SpGr)
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C21
                                                                        S Verify
                                                 (Centro SpGr)
PLAT869_ALERT_4_G ALERTS Related to the Use of SQUEEZE Suppressed
                                                                        ! Info
                                                                   Please Do !
PLAT883_ALERT_1_G Absent Datum for _atom_sites_solution_primary ..
PLAT909_ALERT_3_G Percentage of I>2sig(I) Data at Theta(Max) Still
                                                                      74% Note
PLAT910_ALERT_3_G Missing # of FCF Reflection(s) Below Theta(Min).
                                                                        2 Note
              -1 0 1,
                        0 0 2,
PLAT933_ALERT_2_G Number of HKL-OMIT Records in Embedded .res File
                                                                         5 Note
              0 0 2, -1 0 1, 0 1 3, -1 1 2, 1 2 0,
PLAT969_ALERT_5_G The 'Henn et al.' R-Factor-gap value ........
                                                                     4.520 Note
             Predicted wR2: Based on SigI**2 3.62 or SHELX Weight 15.06
PLAT978_ALERT_2_G Number C-C Bonds with Positive Residual Density.
                                                                         9 Info
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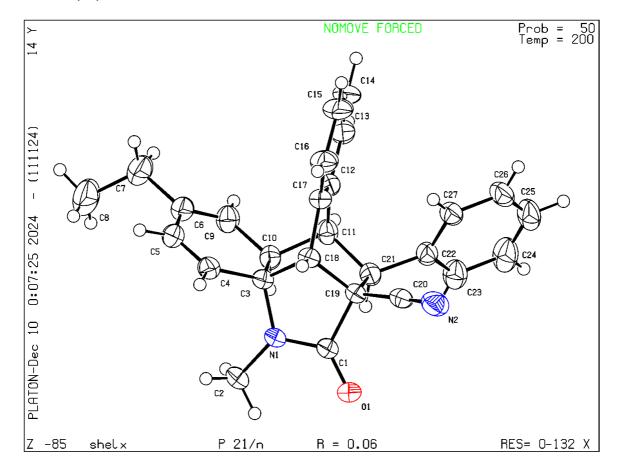
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|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cell: | a=10.3481(3) | b=11.4470(3) | c=15.7580(4) |
| | alpha=90 | beta=92.878(2) | gamma=90 |
| Temperature: | 130 K | | |
| | Calculated | Reported | |
| Volume | 1864.26(9) | 1864.25(9) |) |
| Space group | P 21/c | P 1 21/c 1 | 1 |
| Hall group | | -P 2ybc | |
| Moiety formula | C25 H20 N2 O2 | C25 H20 N2 | 2 02 |
| Sum formula | C25 H20 N2 O2 | C25 H20 N2 | 2 02 |
| Mr | 380.43 | 380.43 | |
| Dx,g cm-3 | 1.355 | 1.355 | |
| Z | 4 | 4 | |
| Mu (mm-1) | 0.087 | 0.087 | |
| F000 | 800.0 | 800.0 | |
| F000' | 800.33 | | |
| h,k,lmax | 12,13,18 | 12,13,18 | |
| Nref | 3283 | 3284 | |
| Tmin, Tmax | 0.990,0.991 | 0.785,1.00 | 00 |
| Tmin' | 0.974 | | |
| Correction methodabsCorr = MULTI- | _ | mits: Tmin=0.785 Tma | ax=1.000 |
| Data completenes | s= 1.000 | Theta(max) = 24.997 | 7 |
| R(reflections)= | 0.0392(2857) | | wR2(reflections) = 0.1036(3284) |
| S = 1.090 | Npar= 20 | 63 | 0.1000(0204) |
| | I | | |

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Alert level G
PLAT230_ALERT_2_G Hirshfeld Test Diff for C2
                                                  --C24
                                                                     6.4 s.u.
PLAT398_ALERT_2_G Deviating C-O-C Angle From 120 for O2
                                                                    60.3 Degree
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C2
                                                                       S Verify
                                                  (Centro SPGR)
                                                                       R Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C3
                                                  (Centro SPGR)
                                                                       S Verify
                                                  (Centro SPGR)
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C4
                                                                       S Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C7
                                                  (Centro SPGR)
                                                                       R Verify
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C8
                                                  (Centro SPGR)
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C9
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PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C10
PLAT793_ALERT_4_G Model has Chirality at C11
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PLAT909_ALERT_3_G Percentage of I>2sig(I) Data at Theta(Max) Still
PLAT967_ALERT_5_G Note: Two-Theta Cutoff Value in Embedded .res ..
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PLAT978_ALERT_2_G Number C-C Bonds with Positive Residual Density.
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- 0 ALERT level A = Most likely a serious problem resolve or explain
- 0 ALERT level B = A potentially serious problem, consider carefully
- 0 ${f ALERT}$ level ${f C}$ = Check. Ensure it is not caused by an omission or oversight
- 13 ALERT level G = General information/check it is not something unexpected
- 0 ALERT type 1 CIF construction/syntax error, inconsistent or missing data
- 3 ALERT type 2 Indicator that the structure model may be wrong or deficient
- 1 ALERT type 3 Indicator that the structure quality may be low
- 8 ALERT type 4 Improvement, methodology, query or suggestion
- 1 ALERT type 5 Informative message, check

It is advisable to attempt to resolve as many as possible of the alerts in all categories. Often the minor alerts point to easily fixed oversights, errors and omissions in your CIF or refinement strategy, so attention to these fine details can be worthwhile. In order to resolve some of the more serious problems it may be necessary to carry out additional measurements or structure refinements. However, the purpose of your study may justify the reported deviations and the more serious of these should normally be commented upon in the discussion or experimental section of a paper or in the "special_details" fields of the CIF. checkCIF was carefully designed to identify outliers and unusual parameters, but every test has its limitations and alerts that are not important in a particular case may appear. Conversely, the absence of alerts does not guarantee there are no aspects of the results needing attention. It is up to the individual to critically assess their own results and, if necessary, seek expert advice.

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