

A Palladium Nanocatalyst Enabling Green Heteroaryl Suzuki Cross-Coupling and Anticancer Activity with Photophysical and TD-DFT Insights of Biaryl Products

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Appendix I: Spectral copies of GC-MS, ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR of compounds obtained in this study S30-S61**1. General considerations**

Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were exquisitely captured using a PerkinElmer spectrometer (L160000A, PerkinElmer, USA). The sophisticated gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis was performed using the Shimadzu GC-MS-TQ8030 system (Tokyo, Japan). Surface morphology and elemental distribution were meticulously examined using field-emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM) (JEOL JSM-7100F, JEOL, Singapore) combined with energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX). High-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HR-TEM) images were obtained using a JEOL/JEM 2100 microscope. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was analyzed by using PHI 5000 Versa Probe II, ULVAC-PHI Inc., USA. The total Pd content loaded on the nanocatalyst was precisely quantified by inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) (Optima 5300 DV, PerkinElmer, USA). Powder X-ray diffraction (*p*-XRD) measurements were conducted using an Ultima IV X-ray diffractometer (Rigaku, Japan). Thermogravimetric (TG) analysis was performed with a TGA Q500 V20.10 Build 36 analyzer at a heating rate of $10\text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ in an N_2 atmosphere. Proton, carbon-13, and fluorine-19 nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR) spectra were recorded at 400 MHz, 100 MHz, and 376 MHz in deuterated chloroform and dimethyl sulphoxide (CDCl_3 $\delta = 7.26$ ppm, 77.5 ppm; DMSO 2.50 ppm, 39.52 ppm). ^1H coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz), with multiplicities specified as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublets), t (triplet), q (quartet), and m (multiplet).

2. Experimental section**2.1 Materials**

All solvents were utilized without any prior purification. *Acacia pachyceras Mimosaceae* (APM) plant leaves were gathered from local farmers in the Yadavanahalli area of Bangalore, Karnataka, India. Sodium-montmorillonite (Na-MMT), Palladium acetate ($\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$), 3,5-dibromo pyridine, 3-bromoquinoline, 4,7-dichloroquinoline, and phenylboronic acids, along with various bases, were obtained from esteemed suppliers such as Sigma-Aldrich and Avra Chemical Company and employed directly without additional purification. All primary and secondary antibodies were procured from Cell Signaling Technologies (Danvers, MA, USA). Unless specified otherwise, all reactions were conducted in accurately oven-dried glassware, utilizing magnetic stirring and heating via a silicone oil bath under aerobic conditions. The progress of reactions was monitored using thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on 0.25 mm Merck TLC silica gel plates, with ultraviolet (UV) light serving as the visualizing agent. For the purification of reaction products, column chromatography was executed using silica gel (60-120 mesh, Merck) with hexane and ethyl acetate as eluents. The process of concentrating the solutions involved the removal of volatile solvents using a rotary evaporator attached to a dry

diaphragm pump (10-15 mm Hg), followed by further reduction to a constant weight using an oil pump (300 mTorr), a technique referred to as concentration in *vacuo*.

2.2 Methods

Preparation of APM leaves extract

APM leaves were collected from the Bangalore locality, washed with tap water followed by distilled water, and shade-dried. The dried leaves were ground into a fine powder, and 2.0 g of powder was mixed in a 100 ml ethanol-distilled water mixture (EtOH: H₂O) (1:1, v/v) and stirred at 80 °C for 2 h. The mixture was then filtered to obtain a clean extract, which was stored in the refrigerator for further use.

Synthesis of Palladium nanoparticles supported by APM leaves extract on Na-MMT (APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT)

In a 50 ml solution of APM leaves extract, Na-MMT was added and subjected to ultrasonication for 10 min to ensure uniform dispersion. Subsequently, Pd(OAc)₂ was added, followed by an additional 10 min of ultrasonication. The resulting suspension was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h, followed by solvent evaporation on a hot plate at the desired temperature. The obtained residue was ground, washed successively with distilled water and ethanol by centrifugation, and dried at 50 °C overnight to afford a black APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3,5-diphenylpyridines

A 25 mL round-bottom flask containing APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst (0.46 mol% Pd), 3,5-dibromo pyridine (**1a**) (0.42 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), phenylboronic acid (**2a**) (1.26 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), K₂CO₃ (3.5 equiv.), and EtOH: H₂O (5.0 mL) was allowed to react at 80 °C for the required time. TLC was used to track the reaction's development. The APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst was separated by centrifugation once the reaction was finished and the mixture had cooled to room temperature. The organic layer was separated using ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL) in a separatory funnel, and the reaction mixture was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ after being quenched with water. The dried organic layer was vacuum-concentrated, and the products were isolated by column chromatography using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate as eluents to afford the corresponding products in good to excellent yields. All of the separated products had their ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra recorded.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-phenylquinolines

APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst (0.46 mol% Pd), 3-bromoquinoline (**4**) (0.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.72 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), K₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), and PEG-200 (3.0 mL) were added to a 25 mL round-bottom flask and allowed to react at 100 °C for the necessary amount of time. The progress of the reaction was monitored using TLC. After the reaction was complete and the mixture had cooled to room temperature, the APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst was separated by centrifugation. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and then dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ after the organic layer was separated using ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL)

in a separatory funnel. After the dried organic layer was vacuum-concentrated, the respective products were obtained in good to excellent yields using column chromatography utilizing n-hexane and ethyl acetate as eluents. The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of every isolated product were recorded.

General procedure for the synthesis of 7-chloro-4-phenylquinolines

A 25 mL round-bottom flask was filled with APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst (0.46 mol% Pd), 4,7-dichloroquinole (**6**) (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), K_2CO_3 (2.0 equiv.), and PEG-200 (3.0 mL). The mixture was then allowed to react at 100 °C for the required period of time. Using TLC, the reaction's development was tracked. The APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst was separated by centrifugation after the reaction was completed, and the mixture was cooled to room temperature. After the organic layer was separated using ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL) in a separatory funnel, the reaction mixture was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and quenched with water. The corresponding compounds were produced in good to exceptional yields employing column chromatography with n-hexane and ethyl acetate as eluents after the dried organic layer was vacuum-concentrated. Each isolated product's ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were noted.

Procedure for recovery of the APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst

The catalyst's durability and recyclability are crucial elements in organic transformations, particularly in real-world industrial applications. To overcome this challenge, the APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst was separated by centrifugation after the reaction was complete, washed with water (2 × 20 mL) and methanol (2 × 20 mL), and then gently dried at 50 °C overnight. For the next round of reactions, the dried recycled R-APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst was used as such.

Theoretical calculations of synthesized molecules: DFT

Density functional theory (DFT) is a widely used theoretical technique for investigating a variety of chemical and physical properties. It can be used to assess the optical and electronic properties of atoms and molecules, ascertain the kinetic and thermodynamic stability of compounds, carry out structural optimizations, clarify reaction mechanisms, and examine molecular interactions. The Gaussian 16W software program was used for all theoretical computations in this investigation. DFT and time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) methods were used to perform geometry optimizations and electronic structure computations at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory. To account for the solvent effect, both the DFT and TD-DFT studies were associated with the conductor-like polarizable continuum model (CPCM) in a dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) medium. GaussView 6.1 was used to display and evaluate the generated molecular structures and characteristics, as displayed in Fig. S7, S9, S11, S14, S16, and S19. The electronic parameters, energies of frontier molecular orbitals (E_{HOMO} and E_{LUMO}), energy band gap (ΔE), which explains the eventual charge transfer interaction within the molecule, electronegativity (χ), chemical potential (μ), global hardness (η), global softness (S) and global electrophilicity index (ω) were calculated by means of equations SE1-E6.

$$\Delta E = E_{LUMO} - E_{HOMO} \text{ -----(SE1)}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{IP + EA}{2} \text{ -----(SE2)}$$

$$n = \frac{ELUMO - EHOMO}{2} \text{ -----(SE3)}$$

$$\epsilon = n^2 \text{ -----(SE4)}$$

$$\omega = \frac{\mu^2}{2\eta} \text{ -----(SE5)}$$

$$\chi = \frac{\mu}{\epsilon} \text{ -----(SE6)}$$

UV-Vis and Fluorescence studies

We recorded absorption and emission spectra using a UV-Visible spectrophotometer (UV-1900i, Shimadzu, Japan) and steady-state fluorescence spectra using a highly sensitive Horiba FluoroMax Plus instrument (USA), exciting the samples at their respective absorption maxima. As a standard reference, we used quinine sulfate (ref = 0.54 in 0.5 M H₂SO₄) to calculate the fluorescence quantum yield of the compounds. To reduce reabsorption effects, the absorbance values at the excitation wavelength were maintained below 0.1, and adjustments were made for variations in solvent refractive indices. The quantum yield was calculated using the equation below: to the new molecules' emission spectra to determine the luminescence quantum yields (ϕ_f) in 10% DMSO (aq).

$$\phi = \phi_R \times \frac{I_s}{I_R} \times \frac{ODR}{ODS} \times \frac{\eta_S}{\eta_R} \text{ -----(E7)}$$

Notations involved herein are as ϕ = quantum yield, I = peak area, OD = absorbance at λ_{max} of sample(s) and reference(R), η = refractive index of solvent (s) and reference (R). The subscript R refers to quinine sulfate. Also, the molar extinction coefficient (ϵ) and Stokes' Shift were calculated. The molar extinction coefficient (ϵ) was calculated using Beer–Lambert's law, $A = \epsilon cl$. All the compounds exhibited good molar extinction coefficients (ϵ). The Stoke's Shift (the difference in wavelength (or energy) between the absorption maximum and the emission maximum of a molecule) was calculated using the following equation:

$$\Delta \bar{\nu} = \bar{\nu}_{abs} - \bar{\nu}_{em} \text{ -----(E8)}$$

Cell lines and culture conditions

Human Colorectal cancer; HCT116 cell lines were procured from NCCS, Pune, India, authenticated by STR analysis, and the cells were tested for mycoplasma contamination. Cells were cultured in F12K media with 2 mM L-glutamine (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.; Waltham, MA, USA) containing 10% FBS (Gibco; Grand Island, NY, USA). Cells were cultured in a humidified Incubator with 5% CO₂ at 37 °C.

MTT and Trypan Blue Dye Exclusion Assay

MTT and Trypan Blue dye exclusion assays were performed as follows. Briefly, cells treated with different concentrations of Nanocomposites (10, 25 & 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$), incubated, and

subjected to MTT and Trypan Blue dye assays; DMSO was used as a negative control. The plates were subjected to spectrophotometric absorbance at 570 nm using a Tecan Microplate Reader (Tecan Instruments, Switzerland). The Trypan Blue-treated cells were counted using the Thermo Fisher Countess III FL for calculating the percentage of live and dead cells. The data were analyzed using Microsoft Excel.

Apoptotic analysis by Hoechst/ PI and Acridine orange/ PI dual Staining

The H/PI and AO/PI double staining assay was conducted following the protocol. Briefly, HCT116 cells were seeded at a density of 1×10^5 cells per well in 6-well plates and allowed to attach overnight. Subsequently, they were treated with increasing concentrations of nanocomposites and incubated for 48 h before undergoing H/PI and AO/PI double staining.

Migration assay / Wound Healing Assay

The migration assay was conducted following the protocol described. Briefly, cells were seeded at a density of 2×10^5 cells per well in a 12-well plate and allowed to attach overnight. The cells were allowed to grow until they reached complete confluency. Subsequently, a scar was created using a sterile tip, and the cells were treated with increasing concentrations of nano composites. After 24 h of incubation, the cells were imaged to assess the extent of scar/wound recovery.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Qualitative analysis of phytochemicals

Table S1 Qualitative analysis of phytochemicals present in the APM leaves extract

Sl. No	Secondary metabolite	Test	Result
1	Flavonoids	Concentrated H ₂ SO ₄ Test	Positive, as the solution turned orange-red
2	Alkaloids	Wagner's Test	Positive result, as evidenced by the formation of precipitate
3	Phenols	Ferric Chloride Test	Positive as the solution turned to bluish-black
4	Saponins	Foam Test	Persistent foam (lasting ≥ 10 minutes) indicates the presence of saponins
5	Triterpenoids	Liebermann-Burchard Test	Positive, as the solution turned red/orange
6	Tannins	10% NaOH Test	Positive, as the formation of an emulsion
7	Steroids	Salkowski Test	Positive, as the formation of a yellow-brown layer at the interface

3.2. EDX analysis

Table S2 Elemental composition of Na-MMT and APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT

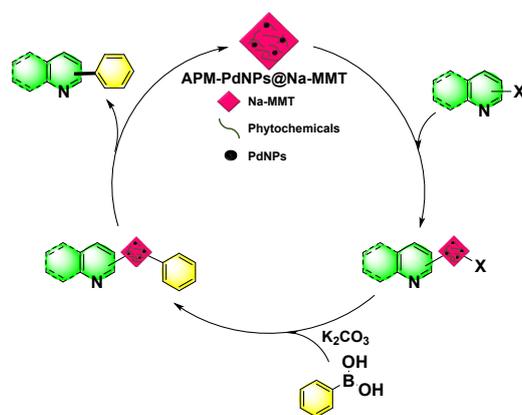
Sample	O (%)	Na (%)	Mg (%)	Al (%)	Si (%)	Pd (%)
Na-MMT	60	2	2	11	25	-
APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT	70	0.7	2.3	8.5	17	1.5

3.3. Comparison of Catalytic Parameters of Pd Sources in Optimization

Table S3 Comparison of catalytic parameters of different Pd sources evaluated in the optimization study

Sl. No	Catalyst (mol%)	Yield (%)	TON	TOF (h ⁻¹)
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	93	202	40.4
2	PdNPs	91	198	39.6
3	Pd/C	92	200	40.0
4	APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT	98	213	42.6

3.4. Plausible reaction mechanism



Scheme S1 Plausible reaction mechanism.

3.5. Characterization of recycled APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst

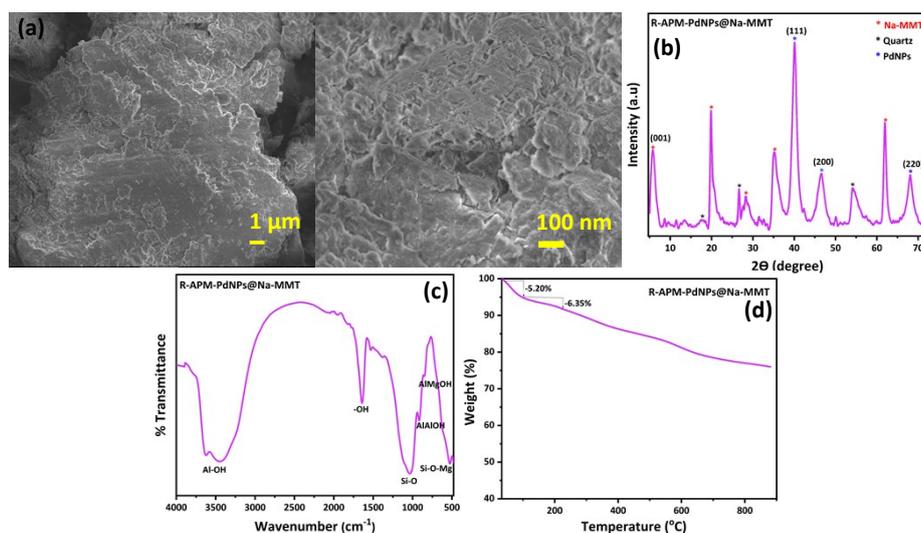


Fig. S1 FE-SEM, *p*-XRD, FTIR, and TG analysis of recycled R-APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst.

3.6. Hot filtration test for APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst

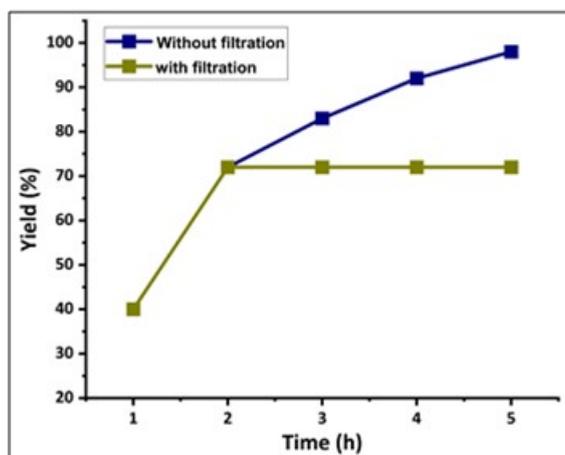


Figure S2. Hot filtration test for APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT nanocatalyst.

3.7. Catalytic Efficiency Comparison of Literature Pd Catalysts

Table S4 Comparison of the catalytic efficiency of APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT with literature-reported Pd catalysts for Suzuki-Miyaura coupling

Sl. No	Catalyst (mol%)	Substrate	Temperature (°C)	Yield (%)	TON	TOF	Ref.
1	Palladium-bis(NHC) complex (0.25)	N-heteroaryl chloride	80	12	100	8.3	1
2	PdNPs@oakgum (0.3)	Aryl chloride	80	70	233	12.9	2
3	Bis(oxamato)palladate(II) complex (5)	Aryl bromide	120	65	14	6.5	3
4	SiO ₂ -pA-Cyan-Cys-Pd (0.5)	Aryl bromide	100	88	176	32	4
		Aryl chloride	100	52	104	17.3	
5	Pd-ATBA-MNPs (0.82)	Aryl bromide	80	90	110	94	5
		Aryl chloride	100	68	83	36.8	
6	Pd(OAc) ₂ /L1-3 (2)	N-heteroaryl chloride	100	83	41.5	71	6
7	POPD (2.5)	N-heteroaryl chloride	100	84	33.6	1.6	7
		N-heteroaryl bromide	100	69	27.6	1.3	
8	PdNPs (3)	N-heteroaryl bromide	80	90	30	3.3	8
		Aryl chloride	80	70	23.3	1.1	
9	APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT (0.46)	N-heteroaryl bromide	80	98	213.1	42.6	This work

N-heteroaryl bromide	100	>99	245.9	163.7
N-heteroaryl chloride	100	97	251	62.75

3.8. TD-DFT analysis

The frontier molecular orbitals (FMOs), *i.e.*, the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO), were analysed in the DFT calculations. The HOMO represents a molecule's ability to donate electrons, with a higher E_{HOMO} value indicating stronger electron-donating capacity. Conversely, the LUMO corresponds to a molecule's ability to accept electrons, and a lower E_{LUMO} value suggests a greater electron-accepting ability. The computed DFT parameters for all optimized structures of all molecules in Figure S3, S5, S7, S10, S12, S15, and S17 were calculated by means of equations SE1-SE6 and listed in Table S3. Among the studied compounds, four derivatives, **3i**, **3g**, **3k**, and **5e**, exhibited the lowest energy gap values. The energy gap of all derivatives was determined by equation SE1 and is displayed in Table S3. The frontier molecular orbitals of all derivatives are illustrated in Figures S4, S6, S8, S9, S13, S16, and S18. Generally, larger $E_{\text{HOMO}}-E_{\text{LUMO}}$ gaps correspond to lower molecular stability and higher reactivity, whereas smaller gaps indicate more stable and less reactive compounds.

The molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) is a valuable tool for predicting the reactive sites of electrophilic and nucleophilic species within a molecule. MEP surface analysis for all synthesized compounds was performed using DFT calculations at the B3LYP/6-311G'(d, p) level of theory. The resulting MEP maps display colour variations corresponding to different electrostatic potential regions: green indicates regions of zero potential (neutral), blue represents the most positive potential (electrophilic sites), and red corresponds to the most negative potential (nucleophilic sites). Oxygen and nitrogen atoms, due to their lone pairs of electrons, generally act as nucleophilic centres, whereas hydrogen atoms commonly serve as electrophilic centres. Consequently, nucleophilic interactions are favoured in areas of high negative electrostatic potential, while electrophilic species preferentially interact with regions of lower potential. The electrostatic potential surfaces of these compounds are displayed in Figure S2, S4, S6, S9, S11, S14, and S16. The most negative and most positive electrostatic potential values of selected molecule **7b** with a band gap of 6.8 eV are highlighted in Table S3.

Time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) calculations yielded the corresponding wavelengths, excitation energies, oscillator strengths, and major orbital contributions for all synthesized derivatives. Theoretical UV-Vis absorption spectra of all derivatives are displayed in Figure S8, S13, and S18, and Table S4. For the synthesized derivatives under investigation, the computed absorption energies varied from **4.8** to **6.0** eV. Theoretical simulations indicate that of all compounds, **3i** displays electronic transitions mostly involving the HOMO \rightarrow LUMO and LUMO \rightarrow HOMO orbitals, with an estimated absorption wavelength of 252 nm and an excitation energy of **5.94** eV. Similarly, all the synthesized compounds exhibit an absorbance maximum

in the range of 200-500 nm in theoretical experiments, as displayed in Figures S9, S14, and S18. Comparably, the observed spectrum from experimental absorbance illustrates an absorption maximum range of 240-336 nm, whereas the theoretical results for compound **3a** show a dominating HOMO → LUMO transition with a predicted wavelength of 265 nm and an excitation energy of **5.0 eV**. The projected energy gap of **5.20 eV** for the molecules closely matches the experimentally observed UV-Vis absorption band at 260 nm, demonstrating the strong agreement between theoretical and experimental results Table S4.

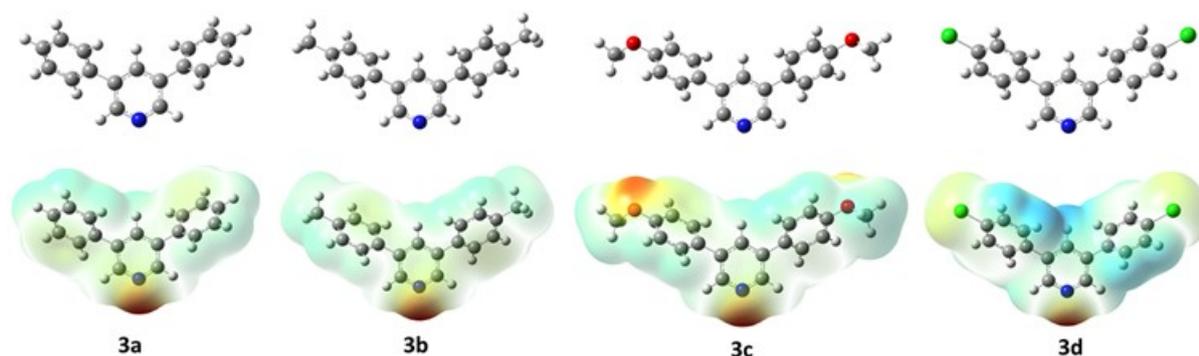


Fig. S3 Optimized molecular structures and electrostatic potential mapped (ESP) on the surface of compounds (**3a-3d**) using DFT/B3LYP- 6311-G (d,p) basis set.

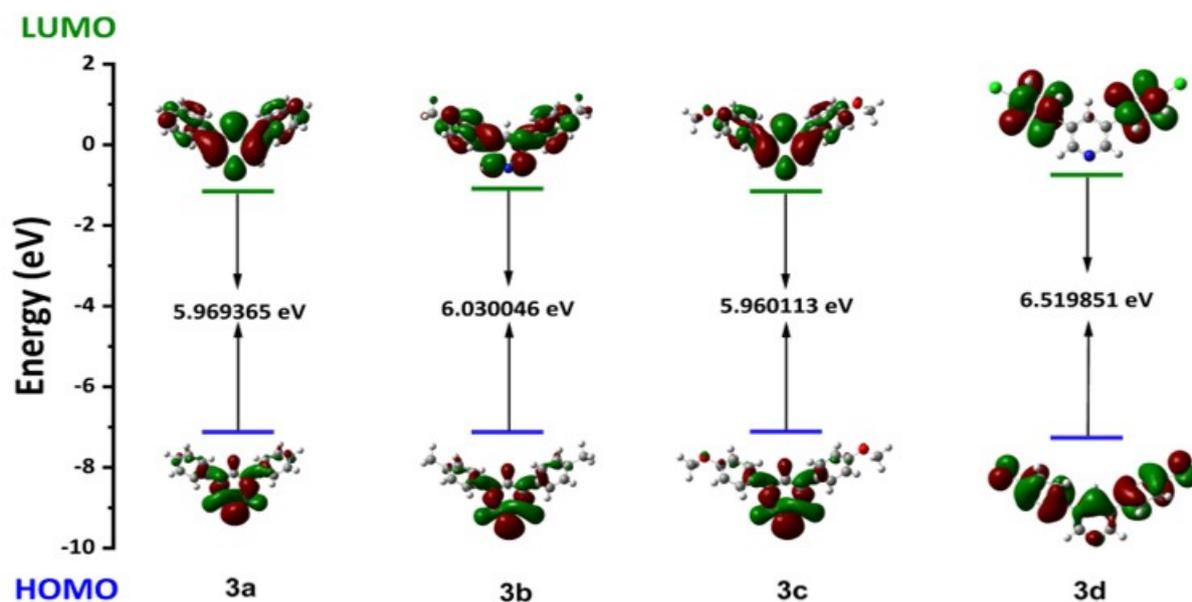


Fig. S4 FMOs of (**3a-3d**).

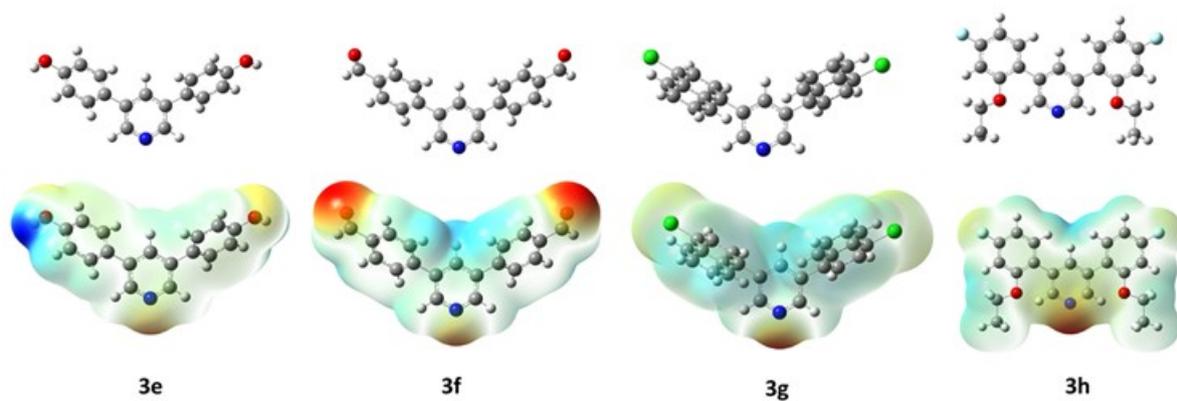


Fig. S5 Optimized molecular structures and electrostatic potential mapped (ESP) on the surface of compounds (**3e-3f**) using DFT/B3LYP- 6311-G (d,p) basis set.

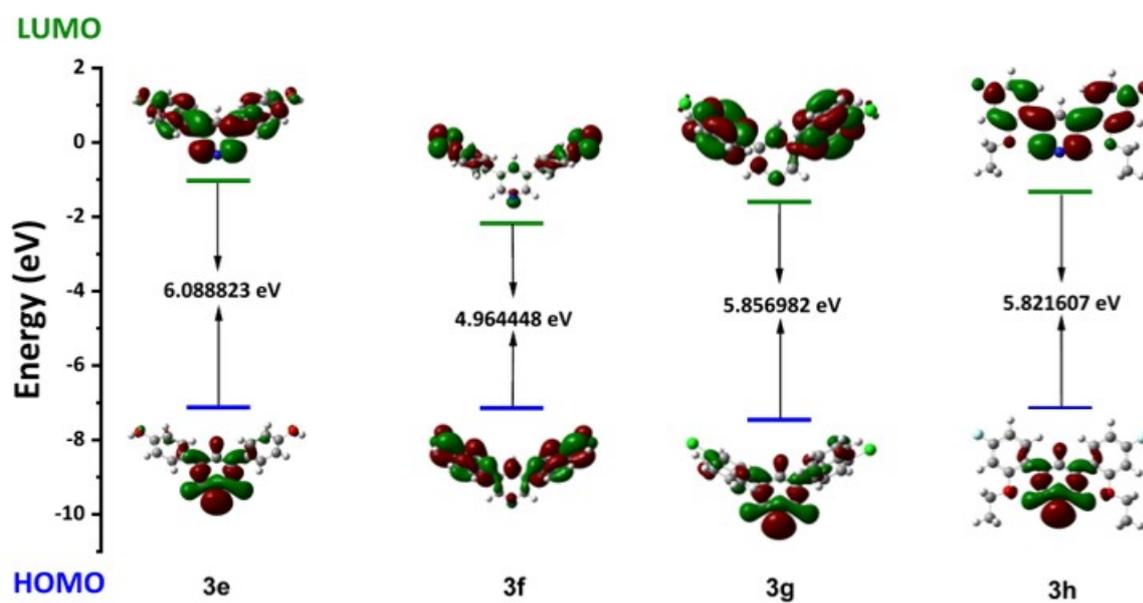


Fig. S6 FMOs of (**3e-3h**).

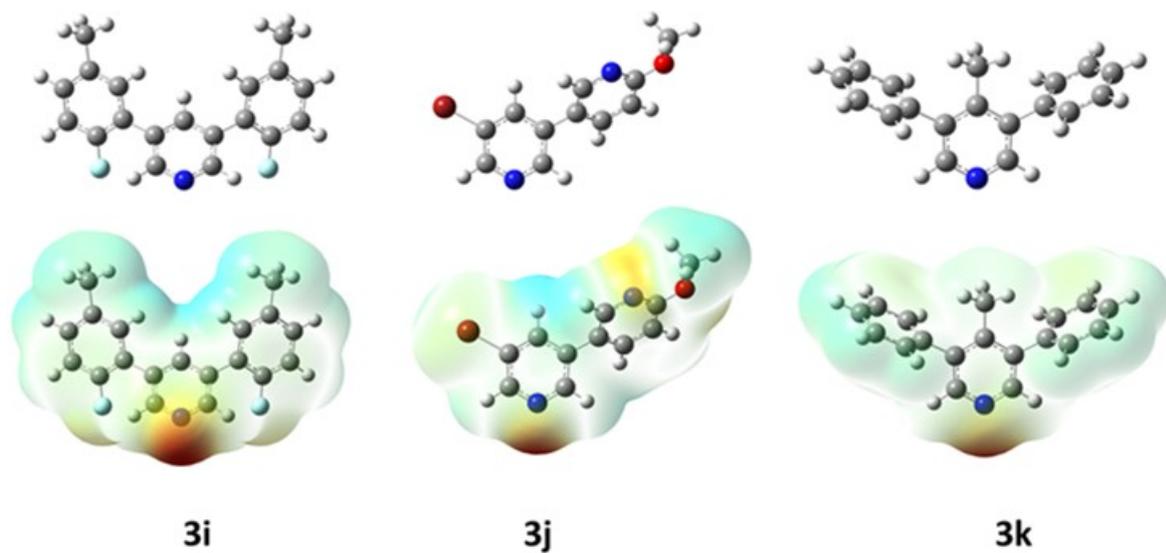


Fig. S7 Optimized molecular structures and electrostatic potential mapped (ESP) on the surface of compounds (**3i-3l**) using DFT/B3LYP- 6311-G (d,p) basis set.

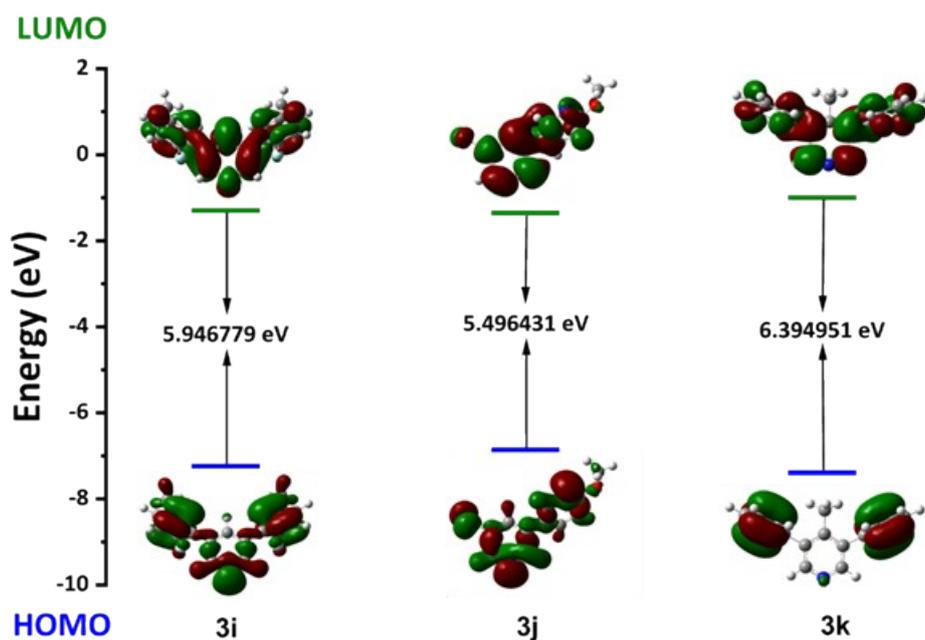


Fig. S8 FMOs of (**3i-3l**).

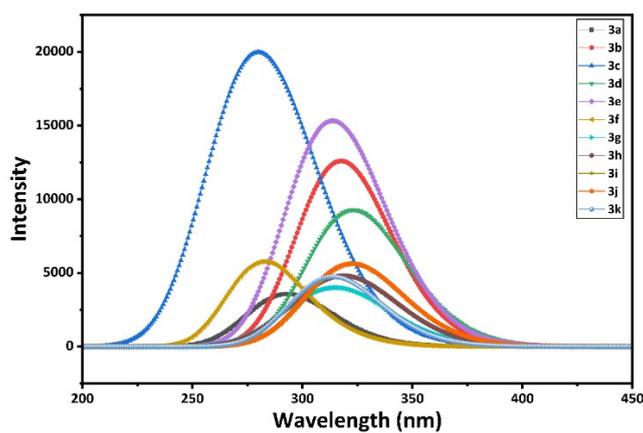


Fig. S9 TD-DFT UV-Vis spectra of (3a-3l) molecules in the DMSO medium.

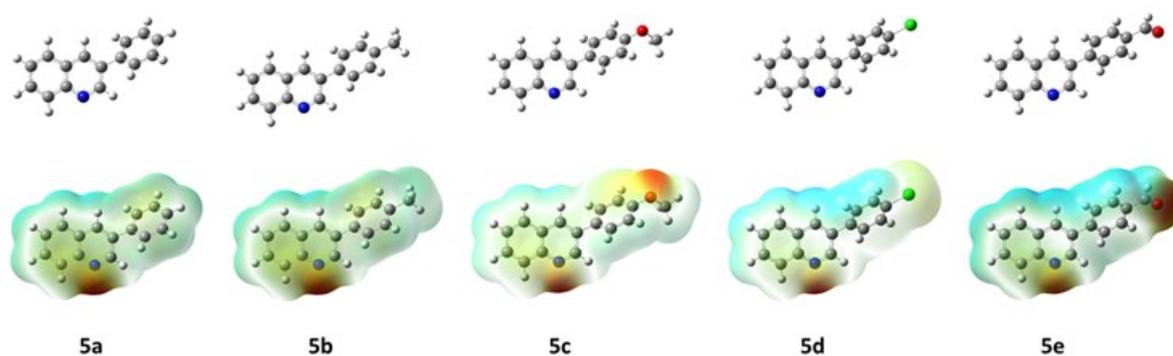


Fig. S10 Optimized molecular structures and electrostatic potential mapped (ESP) on the surface of compounds (5a-5e) using DFT/B3LYP- 6311-G (d,p) basis set.

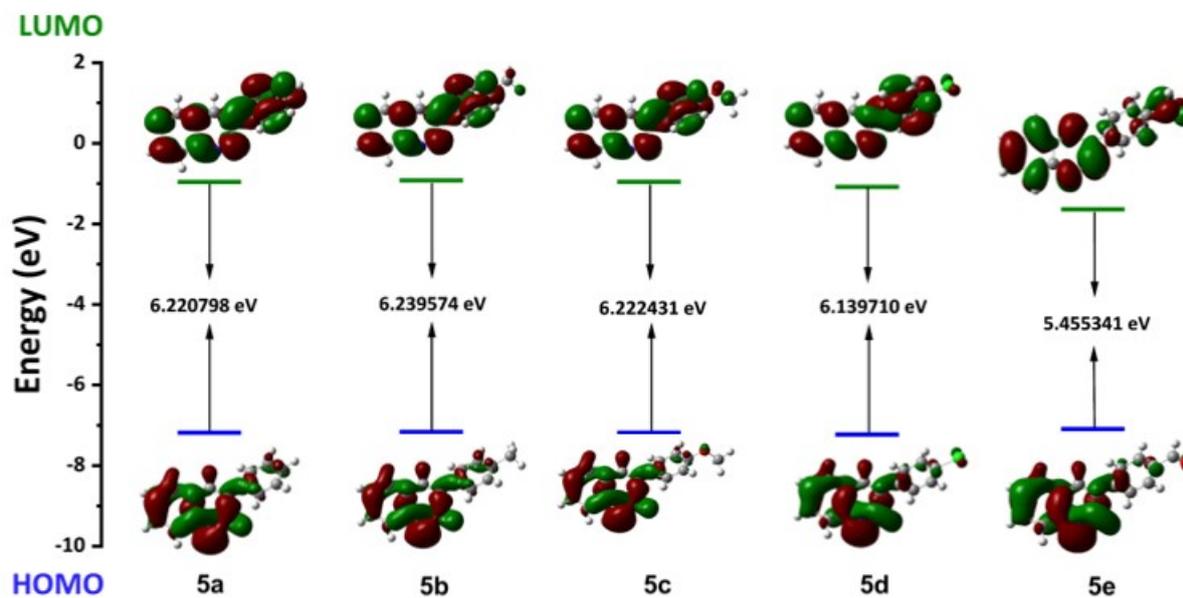


Fig. S11 FMOs of (5a-5e).

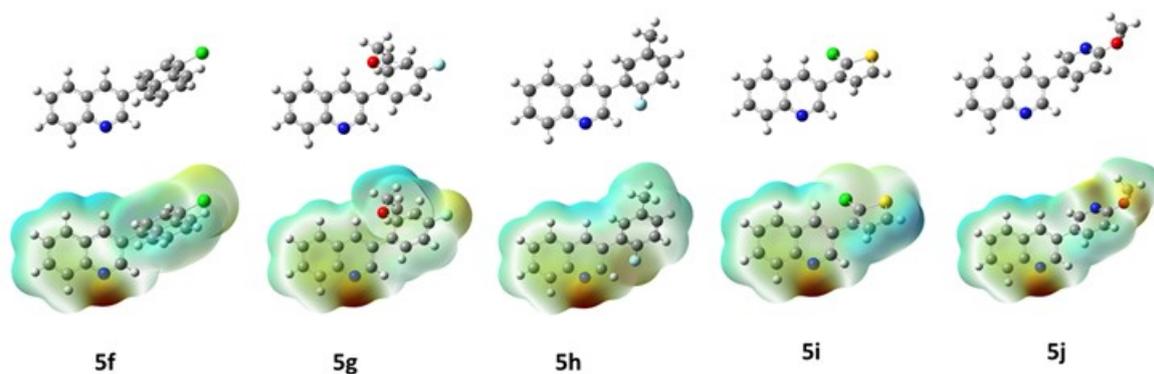


Fig. S12 Optimized molecular structures and electrostatic potential mapped (ESP) on the surface of compounds (**5f-5j**) using DFT/B3LYP- 6311-G (d,p) basis set.

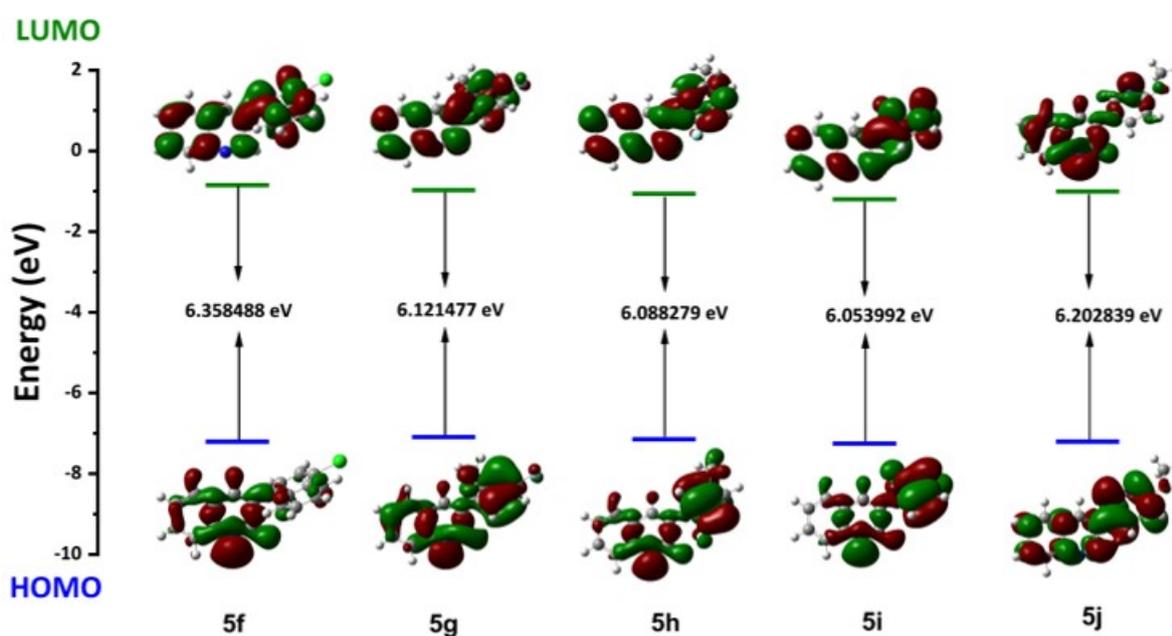


Fig. S13 FMOs of (**5f-5j**).

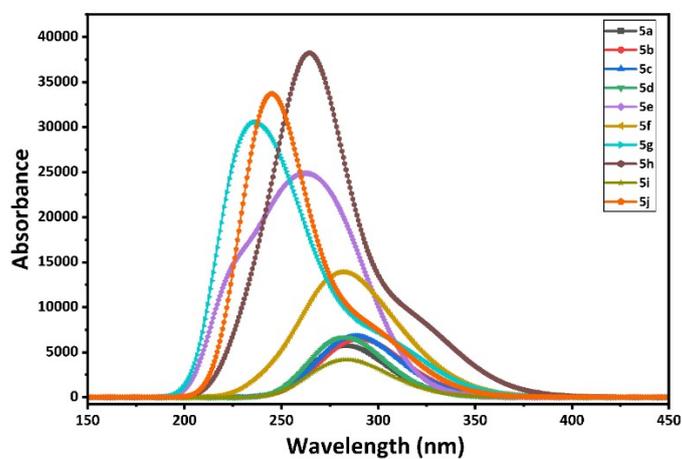


Fig. S14 TD-DFT UV-Vis spectra of (**5a-5k**) molecules in the DMSO medium.

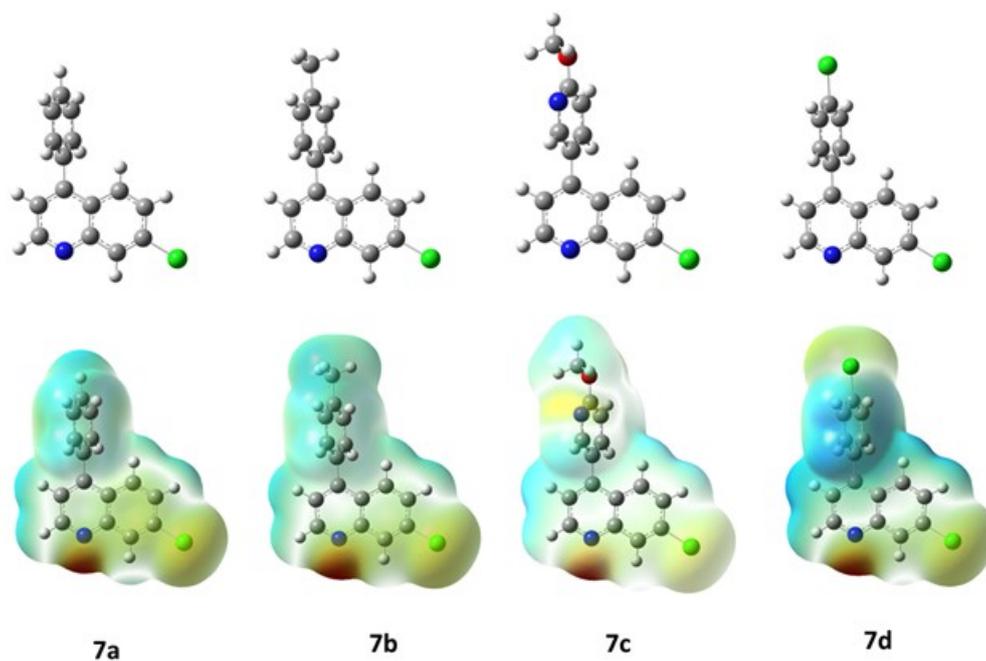


Fig. S15 Optimized molecular structures and electrostatic potential mapped (ESP) on the surface of compounds (7a-7d) using DFT/B3LYP- 6311-G (d,p) basis set.

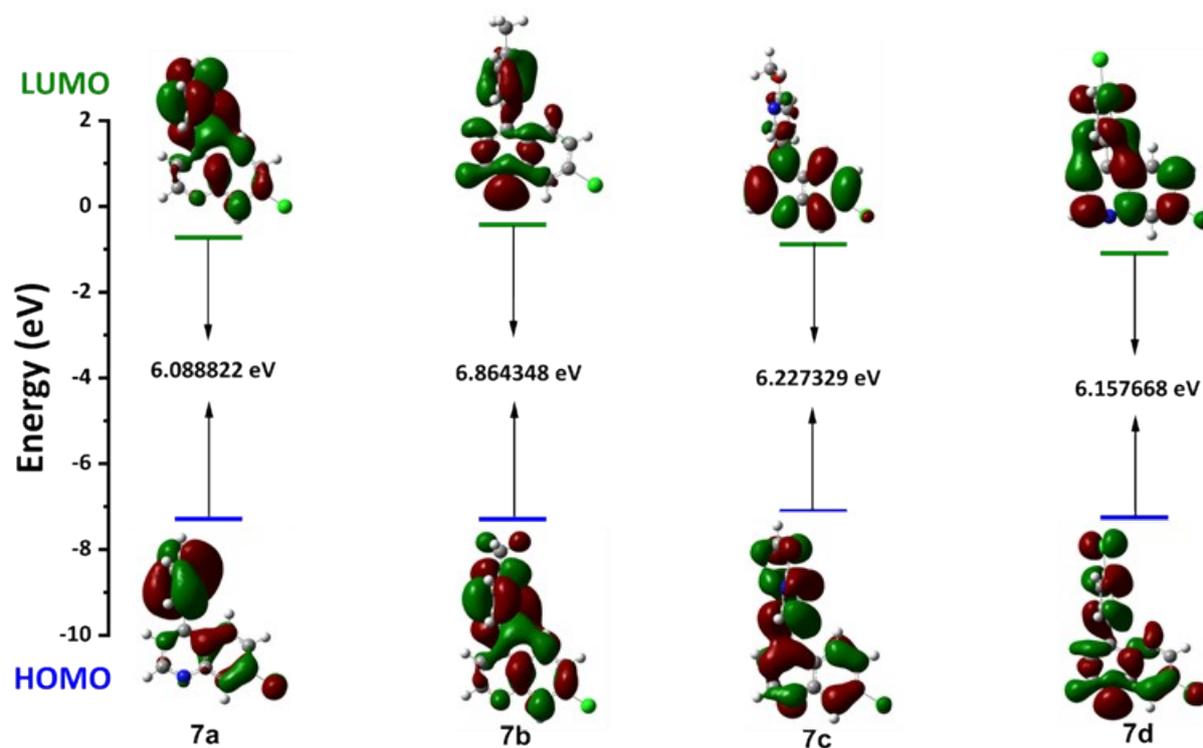


Fig. S16 FMOs of (7a-7d).

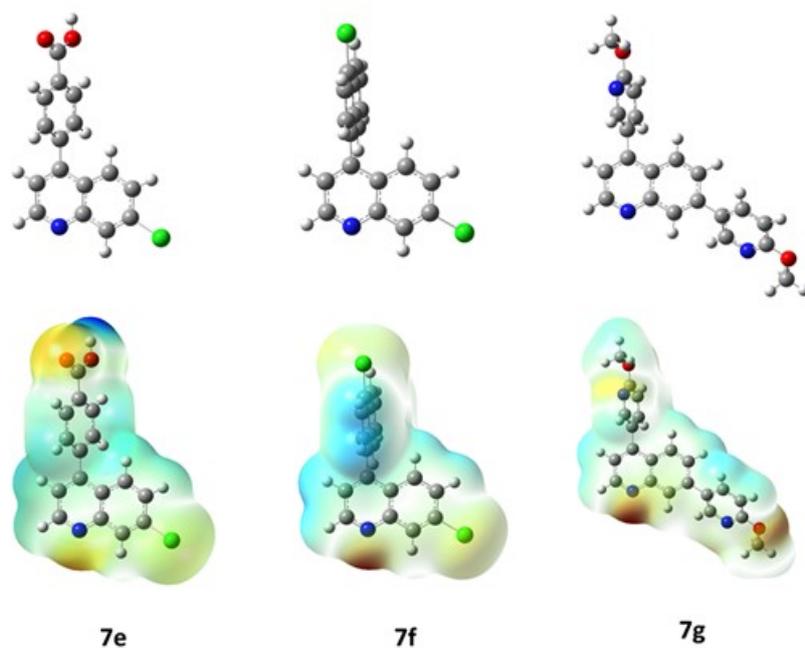


Fig. S17 Optimized molecular structures and electrostatic potential mapped (ESP) on the surface of compounds (**7e-7f**) using DFT/B3LYP- 6311-G (d,p) basis set.

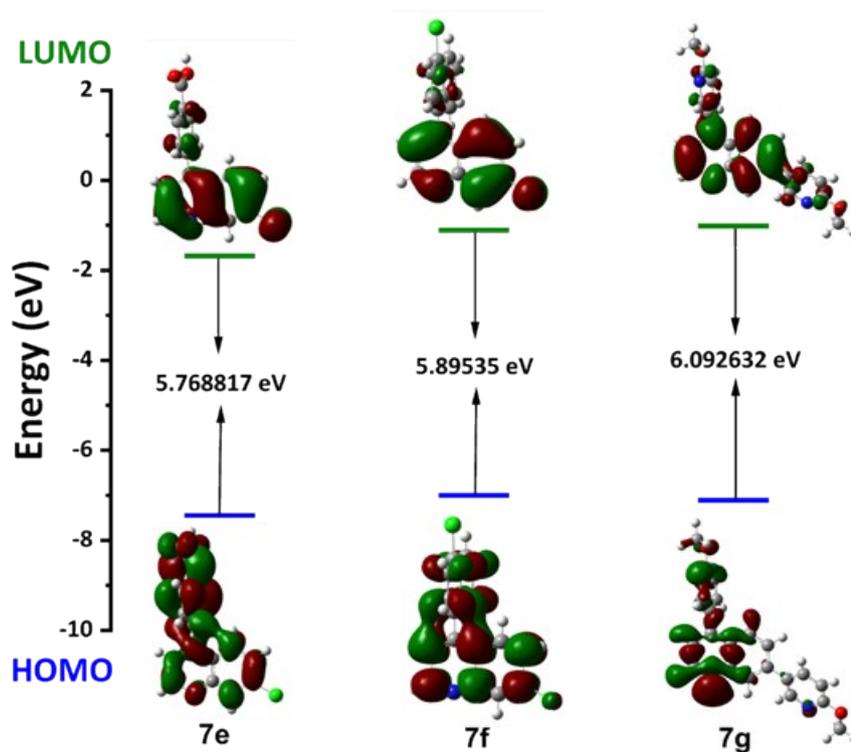


Fig. S18 FMOs of (**7e-7f**).

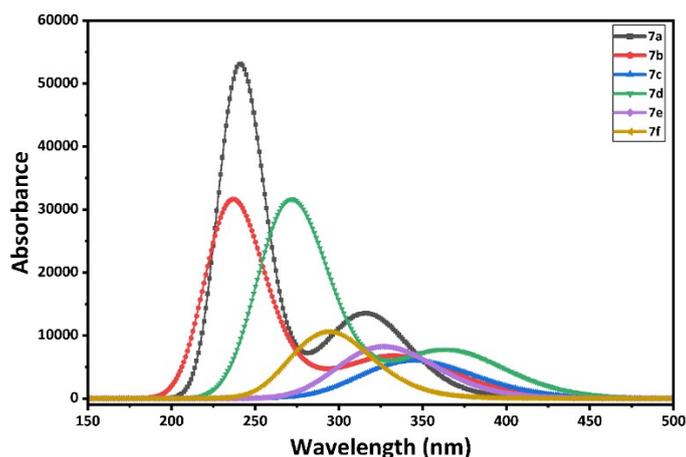


Fig. S19 TD-DFT UV-Vis spectra of (7a-7g) molecules in the DMSO medium.

Table S5 Calculated molecular electronic parameters of synthesized molecules.

Compounds	Energy (Kcal/mol)	DM ^a	HOMO ^b (ev)	LUMO ^c (ev)	(ΔE) ^d (ev)	χ^e (ev)	μ^f (ev)	η^g (ev)	S ^h (ev)	ω^i (ev)
3a	-445661.52	2.6	-7.12449	-1.15512	5.969365	4.139805	-4.13981	2.407125	0.415433	20.62664
3b	-495004.89	2.9	-7.12204	-1.09199	6.030046	4.107015	-4.10702	2.46903	0.405017	20.82327
3c	-589377.40	1.7	-7.11197	-1.15186	5.960113	4.131915	-4.13192	2.404125	0.415952	20.52248
3d	-1022475.45	0.1	-7.26354	-0.74369	6.519851	4.003615	-4.00362	2.88808	0.346251	23.14642
3e	-540067.530	1.5	-7.1136	-1.02478	6.088823	4.06919	-4.06919	2.53202	0.394942	20.96298
3f	-587899.26	3.9	-7.14435	-2.17991	4.964448	4.66213	-4.66213	1.392265	0.718254	15.13076
3g	-1215293.21	0.7	-7.45592	-1.59894	5.856982	4.52743	-4.52743	2.12902	0.4697	21.81992
3h	-763256.56	0.1	-7.15279	-1.33118	5.821607	4.241985	-4.24199	2.245215	0.445392	20.20069
3i	-619560.19	6.7	-7.2415	-1.29472	5.946779	4.26811	-4.26811	2.32603	0.429917	21.18637
3j	-1997487.39	2.4	-6.80911	-1.31268	5.496431	4.060895	-4.0609	2.091875	0.47804	17.24842
3k	-470325.37	3.1	-7.16639	-0.77144	6.394951	3.968915	-3.96892	2.811755	0.35565	22.14578
5a	-397095.49	2.3	-7.17837	-0.95757	6.220798	4.06797	-4.06797	2.631615	0.379995	21.77448
5b	-421767.97	2.5	-7.15796	-0.91838	6.239574	4.03817	-4.03817	2.6606	0.375855	21.69296
5c	-468953.90	2.6	-7.17782	-0.95539	6.222431	4.066605	-4.06661	2.63352	0.37972	21.77562
5d	-685502.16	2.6	-7.22109	-1.08138	6.139710	4.151235	-4.15124	2.529165	0.395387	21.79224
5e	-468214.65	3.3	-7.09701	-1.64166	5.455341	4.369335	-4.36934	1.906845	0.524426	18.20187
5f	-781912.30	2.1	-7.20939	-0.8509	6.358488	4.030145	-4.03015	2.753795	0.363135	22.36366
5g	-555907.34	3.3	-7.09701	-0.97553	6.121477	4.03627	-4.03627	2.572975	0.388655	20.95878
5h	-484044.45	4.5	-7.15143	-1.06315	6.088279	4.10729	-4.10729	2.512565	0.398	21.19327
5i	-886765.89	0.5	-7.25565	-1.20166	6.053992	4.228655	-4.22866	2.426165	0.412173	21.69176
5j	-479020.50	2.3	-7.20939	-1.00655	6.202839	4.10797	-4.10797	2.598145	0.38489	21.92239
7a	-685516.28	5.9	-7.28448	-0.72817	6.088822	4.006325	-4.00633	2.91407	0.343163	23.38634
7b	-710170.94	5.3	-7.28993	-0.42559	6.864348	3.85776	-3.85776	3.219375	0.310619	23.95587
7c	-742763.60	2.3	-7.11061	-0.88328	6.227329	3.996945	-3.99695	2.672025	0.374248	21.34356
7d	-973905.89	2.5	-7.25211	-1.09444	6.157668	4.173275	-4.17328	2.531615	0.395005	22.04559
7e	-803825.81	3.4	-7.44776	-1.67894	5.768817	4.56335	-4.56335	2.04494	0.489012	21.29208
7f	-1070319.10	3.2	-7.00095	-1.1056	5.89535	4.053275	-4.05328	2.394875	0.417558	19.67275
7g	-656607.79	2.5	-7.11007	-1.01743	6.092632	4.06375	-4.06375	2.537605	0.394072	20.95309

Table S6 Comparison of experimental and theoretical excitation spectral details. *H-HOMO, L-LUMO

Code	Experimental			Theoretical Prediction	
	Abs (nm)	Abs. max (nm)	Oscillator strength (f)	Transition	Orbital Contribution
3a	260	265	0.4095	S ₀ →S ₄	H → L 49.9%, H+1 → L+1 45.4%, H-1 → L+1 4.7%.
3b	255	268	0.4946	S ₀ →S ₇	H → L 55%, H-2 → L 12%, H-2 → L 2.3%, H → L+1 8%.
3c	252	271	0.5088	S ₀ →S ₅	H-1 → L 61.7%, H-2 → L 30.7%, H-3 → L 0.0%, H-4 → L 5.2%, H → L+1 2.4%.
3d	300	268	0.5490	S ₀ →S ₃	H → L 72.2%, H-1 → L 14.7%, H-2 → L 5.3%, H → L+1 7.8%.
3e	386	275	0.6481	S ₀ →S ₅	H-2 → L+1 53.4%, H → L+1 25.0%, H-1 → L 18.6%, H-6 → L 3.0%.
3f	294	247	0.4812	S ₀ →S ₆	H-1 → L 89.9%, H-4 → L+1 3.9%, H-2 → L+1 3.2%, H-6 → L+1 3.0%.
3g	272	228	0.5006	S ₀ →S ₈	L+1 51.1%, H → L+1 25.7%, H-1 → L 20.0%, H-6 → L 3.3%.
3h	320	266	0.6972	S ₀ →S ₆	H-2 → L+1 53.5%, H-1 → L 28.9%, H → L+1 15.3%, H-8 → L 2.2%.
3i	302	258	0.3974	S ₀ →S ₅	H-1 → L 28%, H-2 → L 10%, H → L 2%, H-3 → L 3%.
3j	275	256	0.5844	S ₀ →S ₆	H-2 → L 33%, H-3 → L+1 6%, H-2 → L+1 2%, H-3 → L+4 4%.
3k	258	246	0.6504	S ₀ →S ₄	H → L 23%, H-2 → L 9%, H-1 → L 2%, H-1 → L+2 4%, H → L+1 2%.
5a	255	281	0.4245	S ₀ →S ₄	H-1 → L 22%, H-2 → L 8%, H → L 3%, H-4 → L 2%.
5b	258	290	0.5411	S ₀ →S ₅	H → L 33%, H-2 → L 11%, H-1 → L 1%, H-1 → L+1 2%, H → L+1 1%.
5c	253	292	0.4868	S ₀ →S ₆	H-1 → L 22%, H → L+1 13%, H-2 → L 8%, H → L 3%, H-4 → L 2%.
5d	251	288	0.4103	S ₀ →S ₃	H-3 → L 2%, H-1 → L 13%, H-2 → L 11%, H → L 21%.
5e	269	265	0.6558	S ₀ →S ₂	H → L 29%, H-2 → L 15%, H-1 → L 2%, H → L+1 1%, H-1 → L+1 2%.
5f	272	282	0.3764	S ₀ →S ₁₂	H → L+1 17%, H → L 11%, H-3 → L 5%, H-2 → L 2%, H-1 → L 2%, H-2 → L+1 9%, H-3 → L+1 2%.
5g	300	230	0.6480	S ₀ →S ₁₀	H-2 → L 27%, H → L 8%, H → L+1 5%, H-2 → L+1 6%, H-1 → L 2%.
5h	259	268	0.3703	S ₀ →S ₈	H → L 32%, H-2 → L 9%, H → L+1 4%, H → L+2 1%.
5i	256	278	0.4583	S ₀ →S ₅	H-1 → L 23%, H → L+1 9%, H-2 → L 8%, H → L+2 3%, H → L 2%, H-3 → L 2%.
5j	255	248	0.5863	S ₀ →S ₁₀	H-3 → L 43%, H-3 → L+1 4%, H-3 → L+2 1%, H-3 → L+5 1%.
7a	262	245	0.5916	S ₀ →S ₉	H → L+1 20%, H-2 → L 19%, H-4 → L 7%, H-3 → L 2%.
7b	338	243	0.4666	S ₀ →S ₁₀	H-3 → L 2%, H-2 → L 22%, H-1 → L 8%, H → L 17%.
7c	248	338	0.4240	S ₀ →S ₄	H → L 44%, H-1 → L 1%, H → L+2 1%.
7d	250	286	0.5473	S ₀ →S ₇	H → L 39%, H-3 → L 4%, H → L+1 2%, H-1 → L 1%, H-3 → L+1 1%.
7e	258	278	0.5157	S ₀ →S ₃	H → L 48%, H-2 → L 1%.
7f	251	298	0.6959	S ₀ →S ₄	H-3 → L 25%, H-1 → L 19%, H-2 → L 1%, H → L 1%.
7g	295	218	0.5049	S ₀ →S ₃	H → L 27%, H-2 → L 18%, H-1 → L 2%, H-3 → L 1%.

3.9. Photophysical studies

The UV-Vis absorption spectra for all synthesized molecules (**3a-3k**, **5a-5j**, and **7a-7g**) were determined in DMSO at a concentration of 2×10^{-5} M at room temperature. Overall, the absorption bands of these compounds ranged from 200-500 nm. The experimental spectra displayed distinct absorption features, with compound **3e** exhibiting a high absorbance of 386 nm and compound **7c** displaying a lower absorbance of 248 nm. The experimental and theoretical UV-Vis spectra were obtained from TD-DFT calculations and were compared. The experimentally measured wavelengths and the theoretical wavelengths were highlighted in

Figures S9, S14, S18, and Table S4. All synthesized compounds **3a-k**, **5a-j**, and **7a-g** exhibited UV-Vis absorption values that closely matched the theoretical absorption band values, as represented in Table S4. The calculated theoretical and experimental absorption wavelengths, oscillator strengths, and energy values.

Furthermore, all compounds were subjected to fluorescence studies, and most exhibited favorable fluorescence emission within the range of 300-600 nm, as displayed in Figures S22, S23, and S24, and in Table S5. The introduction of various aryl and heteroaryl groups at the 3,5-diphenylpyridine, 3-phenylquinoline, and 7-chloro-4-phenylquinoline moieties resulted in notable differences in the intensity of absorption and emission spectra, despite exhibiting similar absorption and fluorescence maxima, as illustrated in Figures S9, S14, S18, S22, S23, and S24. The molecules **5d**, **7d**, and **7f**, chloro-substituted compounds, displayed the lowest blue-shifted emission maxima at 251, 251, and 250 nm. In contrast, compounds **3b** and **7b**, which incorporated methyl and hydroxy groups, displayed red-shifted emission maxima at 386 and 338 nm, respectively. This red shift was attributed to the electronic effects of the substituents.

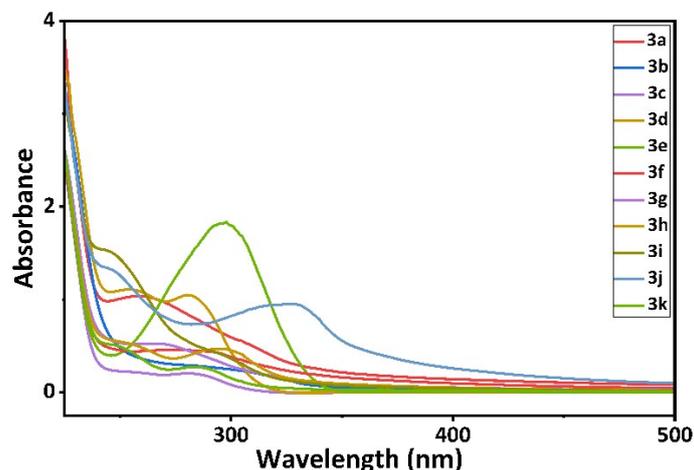


Fig. S20 UV-Vis spectra of (**3a-3l**) molecules in the DMSO medium.

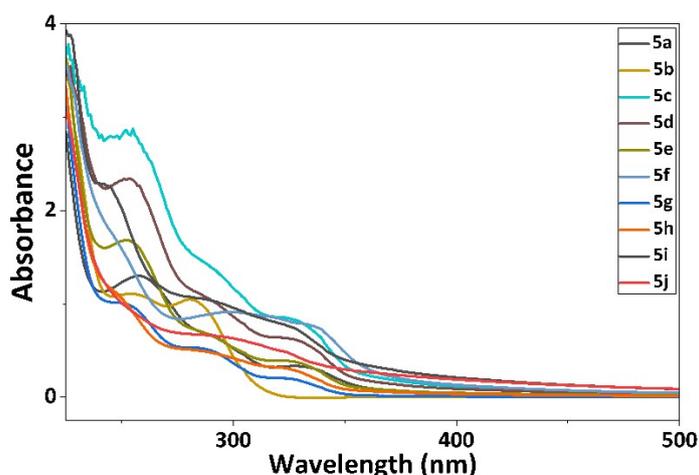


Fig. S21 UV-Vis spectra of (**5a-5j**) molecules in the DMSO medium.

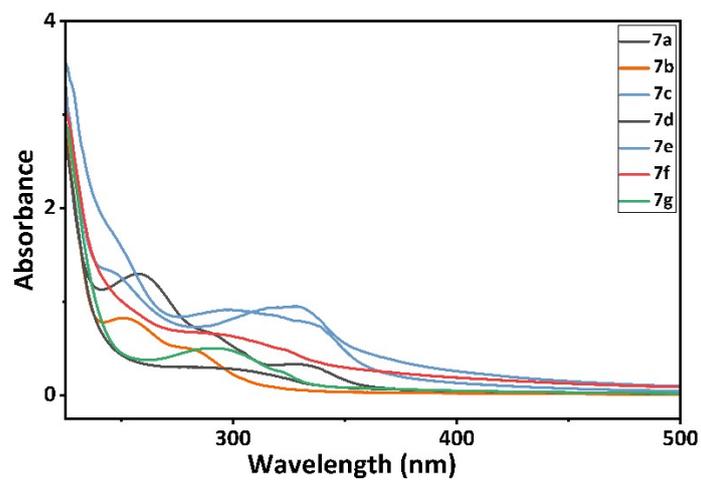


Fig. S22 UV-Vis spectra of (7a-7g) molecules in the DMSO medium.

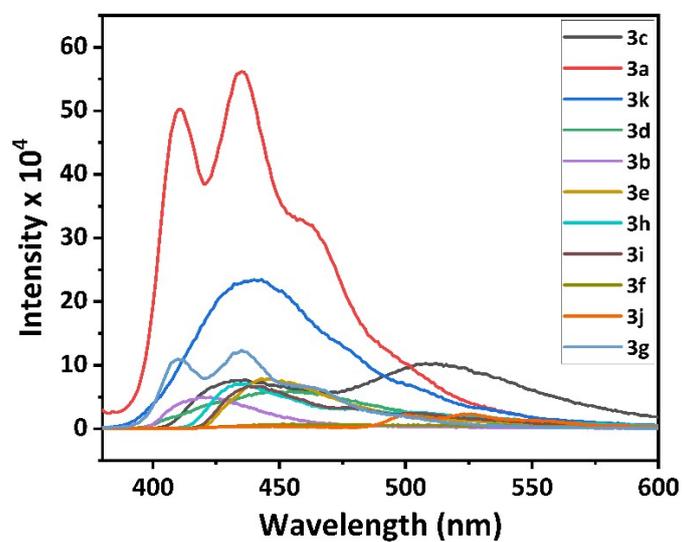


Fig. S23 Fluorescence spectra of (3a-3l) molecules in the DMSO medium.

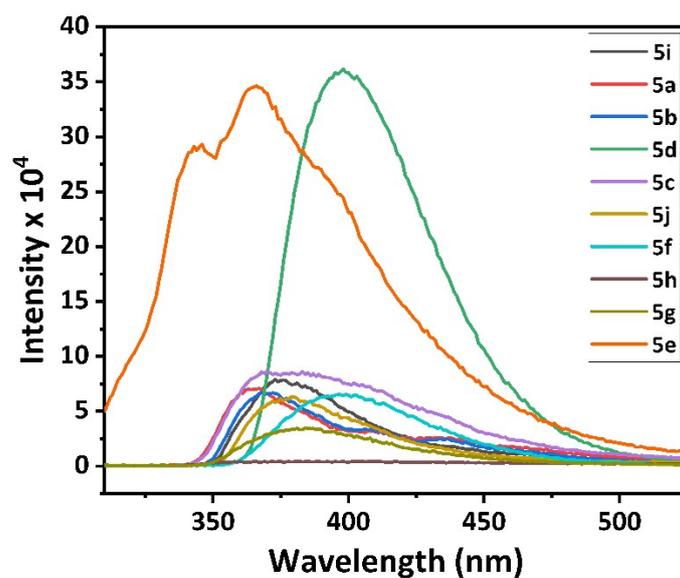


Fig. S24 Fluorescence spectra of (5a-5j) molecules in the DMSO medium.

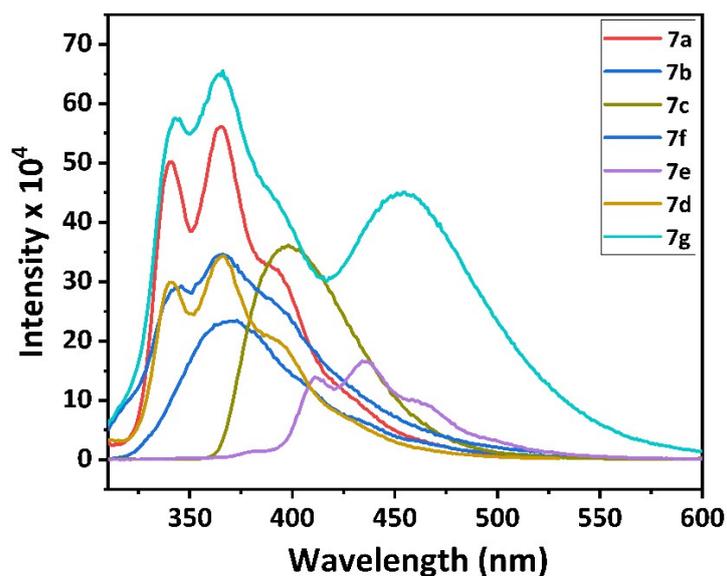


Fig. S25 Fluorescence spectra of (**7a-7g**) molecules in the DMSO medium.

Table S7 Photophysical characterization of all molecules: ^a Absorption maxima; ^b Wavelength of Emission spectra; ^c Stokes shift; ^d Optical density; ^e Extinction coefficient; and ^f Quantum yield.

Molecules	λ_{\max}^a (nm)	Energy eV	λ_f^b (nm)	Stoke's shift ^c	OD ^d	ϵ^e ($M^{-1}cm^{-1}$)	$(\phi_f)^f$
3a	260	4.76	371	111	1.7	85000	0.022354421
3b	255	4.86	398	143	1.6	80000	0.022140285
3c	252	4.92	378	126	1.7	85000	0.02194045
3d	300	4.13	386	86	2.8	140000	0.013044905
3e	386	3.21	365	21	1.5	75000	0.025751476
3f	294	4.21	410	116	2.7	135000	0.012736164
3g	272	4.55	397	125	2.3	115000	0.015440733
3h	320	3.87	385	65	2.2	110000	0.01664573
3i	302	4.10	380	78	1.9	95000	0.019527608
3j	275	4.50	387	112	2.2	110000	0.016559706
3k	258	4.80	436	178	2.4	120000	0.013473751
5a	255	4.86	435	180	2.3	115000	0.014091887
5b	258	4.80	435	177	3.3	165000	0.009821618
5c	253	4.90	371	118	2.3	115000	0.016522833
5d	251	4.94	434	183	2.4	120000	0.013535842
5e	269	4.60	371	102	2.0	100000	0.019001258
5f	272	4.55	439	167	1.9	95000	0.016903169
5g	300	4.13	351	51	2.3	115000	0.017464305

5h	259	4.78	431	172	3.2	160000	0.010222544
5i	256	4.84	436	180	2.4	120000	0.013473751
5j	255	4.86	356	101	2.3	115000	0.01721902
7a	262	4.73	362	100	1.9	95000	0.020498595
7b	338	3.66	338	18	1.5	75000	0.026402497
7c	248	5.02	428	180	0.8	40000	0.041176791
7d	250	4.96	436	186	2.3	115000	0.014059567
7e	258	4.80	434	176	1.8	90000	0.01804779
7f	251	4.94	434	183	1.3	65000	0.024989247
7g	295	4.20	435	140	1.3	65000	0.024931801

3.10 Cancer studies

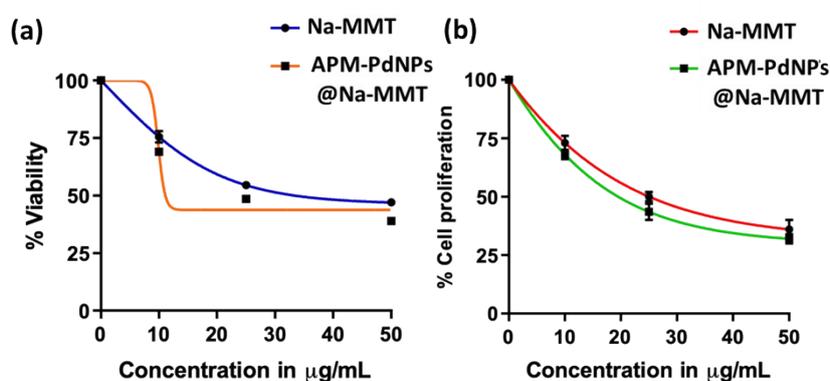


Fig. S26 Effect of Na-MMT and APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT against Normal Kidney (Hek) cells (a) MTT analysis of Na-MMT and APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT against Normal Kidney (Hek) cells, and (b) Trypan blue dye exclusion analysis of Na-MMT and APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT against Normal Kidney (Hek) cells.

3.11 Literature comparison of anticancer activity of Pd-based nanomaterials

Table S8 Comparison of anticancer activity of biogenic and clay Pd-based nanomaterials

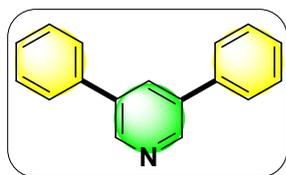
Entry	Catalyst / Nanomaterial	Synthesis source	Cancer cell line	Key anticancer results	Ref.
1	Biogenic PdNPs (CGPdNPs)	Couroupita guianensis fruit extract	A549 lung cancer cells	Exhibited strong cytotoxic activity toward lung cancer cells in the MTT assay while maintaining good hemocompatibility	⁹
2	Green-synthesized PdNPs	Urtica plant extract	MDA-MB-231 (breast), HT-29 (colon), MIA-PaCa-2 (pancreatic)	IC ₅₀ values of 31.17, 20.38, and 29.33 µg mL ⁻¹ , respectively; minimal toxicity toward healthy L929 fibroblast cells	¹⁰
3	Biogenic PdNPs	Agaricus bisporus mushroom extract	PK13 cell line	Maximum 79% growth inhibition with IC ₅₀ ≈ 26.1 µg mL ⁻¹ , demonstrating strong cytotoxic potential	¹¹

4	Neem gum-coated PdNPs (NG@Pd NPs)	Orthosiphon stamineus leaf extract + neem gum coating	A549 lung cancer cells	Showed dose-dependent antiproliferative activity, with ~50% inhibition at ~45.6 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ and ROS-mediated apoptosis	12
5	PdNPs biosynthesized using propolis	Saudi propolis extract	MCF-7 breast cancer cells	Demonstrated significant anticancer activity with $\text{IC}_{50} \approx 104.79 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$	13
6	Kaolin@CS-Pectin/Pd nanocomposite	Chitosan-pectin modified kaolin support	NCI-H661, NCI-H1563, NCI-H1299 lung cancer cells	Exhibited cytotoxic effects with IC_{50} values 66-85 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$, indicating potential anticancer activity	14
7	APM-PdNPs@Na-MMT	Acacia pachyceras leaf extract	HCT116 colon cancer cells	Selective cytotoxicity toward HCT116 cells while showing minimal toxicity toward normal HEK cells	This work

4. Spectroscopic data of newly obtained Products

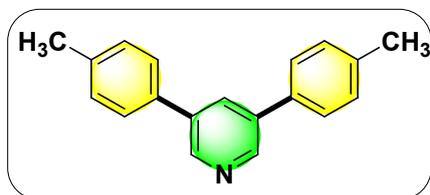
4.1. 3,5-diphenylpyridines ¹⁵

3,5-diphenylpyridine (3a)



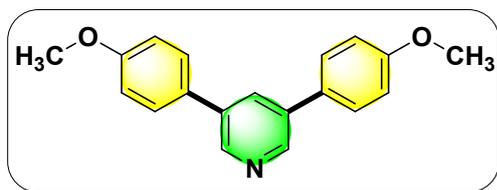
Purified by column chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale pink solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ) 8.81 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 8.04 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 4H, Ar H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H, Ar H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H, Ar H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ) 147, 137.8, 136.7, 133, 129.2, 128.3, 127.3.

3,5-di-p-tolylpyridine (3b)



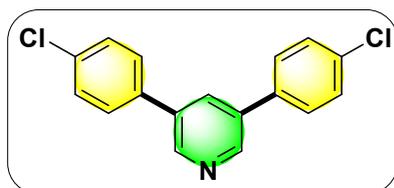
Purified by column chromatography (8% ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale pink crystalline solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ) 8.78 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 8.00 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H, Ar H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H, Ar H), 2.41 (s, 6H; CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ) 146.6, 138.2, 136.5, 135, 132.5, 129.9, 127.1, 21.2 (CH₃).

3,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl) pyridine (3c)



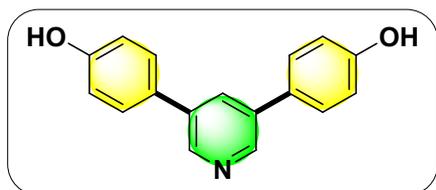
Purified by column chromatography (13 % ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ) 8.71 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 7.95 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 4H, Ar H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 4H, Ar H), 3.85 (s, 6H; CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ) 159.9, 145.9, 136.3, 132.1, 130.2, 128.4, 114.6, 55.4 (CH₃).

3,5-bis(4-chlorophenyl) pyridine (3d)



Purified by column chromatography (8% ethyl acetate in hexane), White solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ) 8.84 (s, 2H, Ar H), 7.97 (t, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 7.55-7.34 (m, 8H, Ar H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ) 145.7, 136.3, 135.5, 135.1, 135, 133.5, 129.6, 128.5, 128.

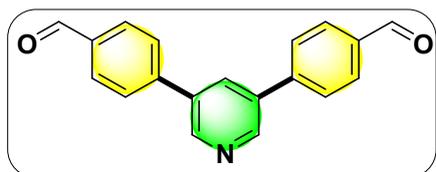
4,4'-(pyridine-3,5-diyl) diphenol (3e)



114.1, 108, 103.

Purified by column chromatography (23% ethyl acetate in hexane), White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 7.29-7.25 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.13-7.01 (m, 6H, Ar H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 2H, Ar H), 6.41-6.35 (m, 2H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 156.9, 155.9, 142.5, 130.5, 130, 119.7, 114.5,

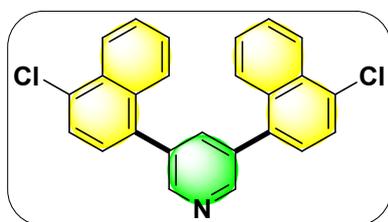
4,4'-(pyridine-3,5-diyl) di benzaldehyde (3f)



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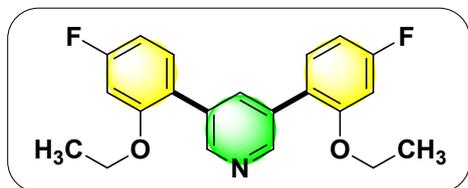
Purified by column chromatography (17% ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale pink solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 10.06 (s, 2H; CHO), 8.73 (d, $J = 32.4$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 8.05 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 7.99-7.96 (m, 4H, Ar H), 7.78-7.70 (m, 4H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 191.6 (CHO), 150.5,

3,5-bis(4-chloronaphthalen-1-yl)pyridine (3g)



Purified by column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexane), White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.81 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 8.40-8.37 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.94-7.89 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 4H, Ar H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 149.5, 138.7, 135.4, 135.2, 132.7, 132.6, 131.1, 127.5, 127.4, 125.8, 125.1.

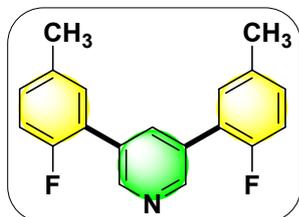
3,5-bis(2-ethoxy-4-fluorophenyl) pyridine (3h)



NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 164.8, 162.3, 157.2, 157.1, 148.4, 137.4, 132.9, 132.6, 131.5, 131.4, 123.3, 123.2, 107.5, 107.3, 100.6, 100.4, 64.4 (CH_2), 14.6 (CH_3). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) -110.91(-110.98) (m, 1F).

Purified by column chromatography (11% ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.68 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 7.90 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H, Ar H), 6.76-6.69 (m, 4H, Ar H), 4.04 (q, $J = 21.2$ Hz, 4H; CH_2), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H; CH_3).

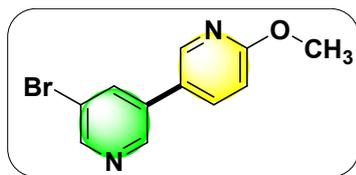
3,5-bis(2-fluoro-5-methylphenyl) pyridine (3i)



(-123.04) (m, 1F).

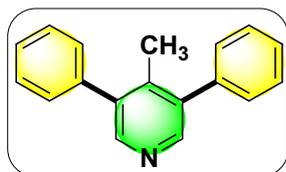
Purified by column chromatography (8% ethyl acetate in hexane), Orange solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.76 (s, 2H, Ar H), 8.02 (s, 1H, Ar H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.07 (dd, $J = 10.4, 8.4$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 2.38 (s, 6H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 159.4, 156.9, 148.4, 136.6, 134.2, 131.0, 130.9, 130.6, 130.5, 125, 124.9, 116.1, 115.9, 20.7 (CH_3). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) -112.98-

5-bromo-6'-methoxy-3,3'-bipyridine (3j)



Purified by column chromatography (45% ethyl acetate in hexane), White solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.78 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.63 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.35 (dd, $J = 2.6, 0.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.94 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.73 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 3.97 (s, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 164.5, 149.5, 145.9, 145.3, 137.3, 136.4, 135.3, 125.3, 121.1, 111.5, 53.8 (CH_3).

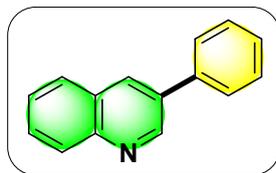
4-methyl-3,5-diphenylpyridine (3k)



Purified by column chromatography (13% ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale orange solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.42 (s, 2H, Ar H), 7.48-7.34 (m, 10H, Ar H), 2.16 (s, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.7, 142.4, 138.2, 129.5, 128.5, 127.7, 18 (CH_3).

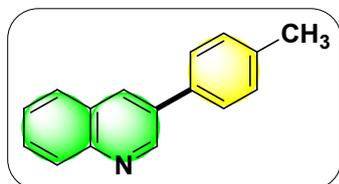
4.2. 3-phenylquinolines ¹⁶⁻¹⁸

3-phenylquinoline (5a)



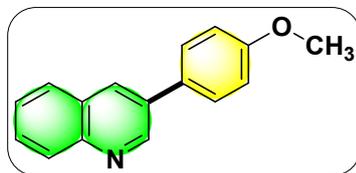
Purified by column chromatography (11% ethyl acetate in hexane), Orange solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 9.17 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.23 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.82 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.71-7.65 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.55-7.46 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 149.9, 147.3, 137.9, 133.9, 133.3, 129.5, 129.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1.

3-(p-tolyl) quinoline (5b)



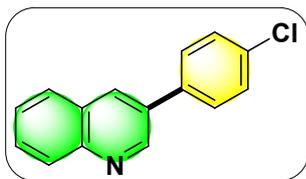
Purified by column chromatography (12% ethyl acetate in hexane), Orange solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 9.16 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.21 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.13 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.81 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 2.39 (s, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 149.9, 147.1, 138.1, 134.9, 133.8, 132.9, 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.1, 128, 127.2, 127, 21.2 (CH_3).

3-(4-methoxyphenyl) quinoline (5c)



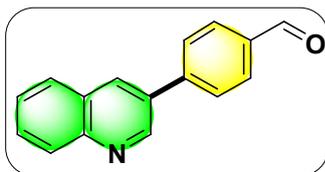
Purified by column chromatography (12% ethyl acetate in hexane), Orange solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 9.12 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.12 (dd, $J = 13.6, 6.4$ Hz, 2H, Ar H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.8$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.64-7.45 (m, 1H, Ar H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 2H, Ar H), 3.77 (s, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 159.9, 149.3, 146.4, 138.1, 133.5, 132.7, 129.9, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 114.7, 55.3 (CH_3).

3-(4-chlorophenyl) quinoline (5d)



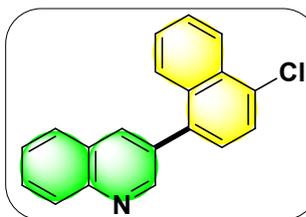
Purified by column chromatography (18% ethyl acetate in hexane), Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 9.08 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.17 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.79 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 149.5, 147.5, 136.3, 134.4, 133.1, 132.6, 129.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128, 127.2.

4-(quinolin-3-yl) benzaldehyde (5e)



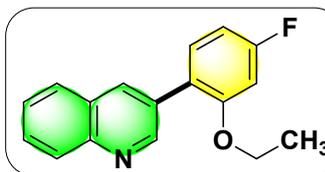
Purified by column chromatography (22% ethyl acetate in hexane), Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 10.08 (s, 1H; CHO), 9.19 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.37 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.03-8.00 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.91-7.85 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 1H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 191.7 (CHO), 174.2, 163.4, 149.2, 147.5, 143.7, 135.8, 134.3, 132.5, 130.6, 130.3, 129, 128.3, 128, 127.9, 127.5, 116.2.

3-(4-chloronaphthalen-1-yl) quinoline (5f)



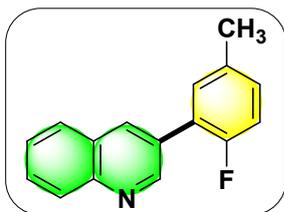
Purified by column chromatography (11% ethyl acetate in hexane), Orange solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 9.02 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H; Ar H), 8.37 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.22-8.18 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.85-7.73 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.64-7.45 (m, 4H, Ar H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 151.7, 151.4, 147.4, 137.2, 136.5, 135.7, 133, 132.8, 132.5, 131.1, 129.9, 129.4, 128, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126, 125.8, 125.1.

3-(2-ethoxy-4-fluorophenyl) quinoline (5g)



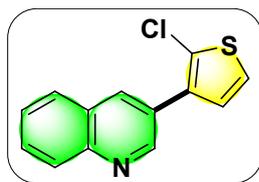
Purified by column chromatography (12% ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale orange solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 9.08 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.18 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H, Ar H), 6.78-6.70 (m, 2H, Ar H), 4.02 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H; CH_2), 1.33 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 164.9, 162.4, 157.3, 157.2, 151.9, 146.7, 135.5, 131.8, 131.7, 131.2, 129.3, 129.1, 127.9, 126.7, 123.2, 107.7, 107.5, 100.6, 100.3, 77.5, 77.1, 76.8, 64.4 (CH_2), 14.5 (CH_3). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) -110.46-(-110.53) (m, 1F).

3-(2-fluoro-5-methylphenyl) quinoline (5h)



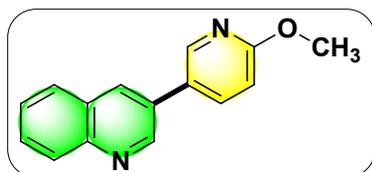
Purified by column chromatography (12% ethyl acetate in hexane), Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 9.09 (s, 1H, Ar H), 8.29 (s, 1H, Ar H), 8.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.18-7.06 (m, 2H, Ar H), 2.39 (s, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 159.5, 157.1, 150.8, 147.2, 135.6, 134.3, 131.1, 130.5, 130.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127, 125.3, 125.2, 20.80 (CH_3). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) -122.94-(-123) (m, 1F).

3-(2-chlorothiophen-3-yl) quinoline (5i)



Purified by column chromatography (16% ethyl acetate in hexane), Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 9.11 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.37 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.18 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 150.2, 135.3, 134.9, 129.9, 129, 128.1, 128, 127.2, 123.6.

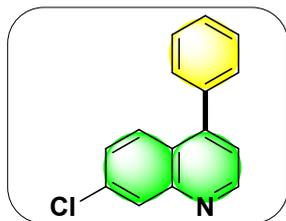
3-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl) quinoline (5j)



Purified by column chromatography (22% ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale orange solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 9.03 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.43 (dd, $J = 2.6, 0.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.12 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.81-7.75 (m, 2H, Ar H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H, Ar H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H, Ar H), 6.80 (dd, $J = 8.6, 0.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 3.93 (s, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 164.1, 149.2, 147.2, 145.4, 137.4, 132.6, 130.7, 129.5, 129.2, 127.9, 127.2, 126.8, 111.3, 53.7 (CH_3).

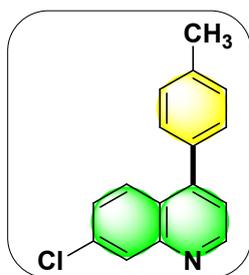
4.3. 7-chloro-4-phenylquinolines ¹⁹

7-chloro-4-phenylquinoline (7a)



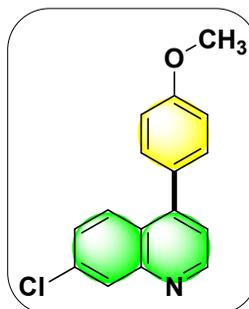
Purified by column chromatography (11% ethyl acetate in hexane), Brown gel. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.93 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.21 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.54-7.44 (m, 6H, Ar H), 7.35 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 151, 150.4, 137.3, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.5, 125.7, 121.5.

7-chloro-4-(p-tolyl) quinoline (7b)



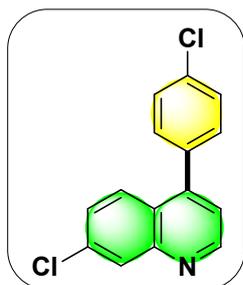
Purified by column chromatography (9% ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale orange gel. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.90 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.17 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 4H, Ar H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 2.45 (s, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 153.9, 150.8, 149.1, 148.9, 138.8, 135.5, 134.5, 130.1, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 125.4, 121.5, 115.2, 21.3 (CH_3).

7-chloro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl) quinoline (7c)



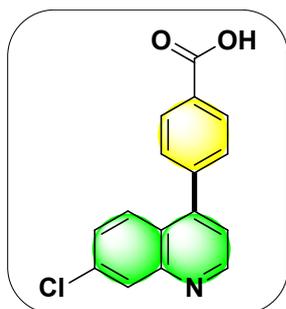
Purified by column chromatography (12% ethyl acetate in hexane), Pale orange gel. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.89 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.15 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.89 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 3H, Ar H), 7.30 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.5$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 6.78 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 3.89 (s, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 160.2, 150.8, 149, 148.6, 135.4, 130.8, 129.7, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 125.5, 121.5, 116.2, 114.9, 114.3, 55.5 (CH_3).

7-chloro-4-(4-chlorophenyl) quinoline (7d)



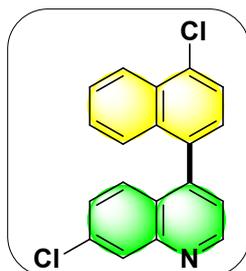
Purified by column chromatography (12% ethyl acetate in hexane), Orange gel. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.92 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.18 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.78 (q, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 4H, Ar H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1H, Ar H), 6.79-6.75 (m, 1H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 154.7, 150.8, 135.8, 135.7, 135.1, 130.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128, 127, 121.5, 116.8.

4-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl) benzoic acid (7e)



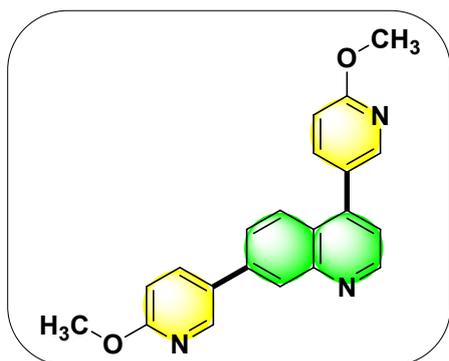
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7-chloro-4-(4-chloronaphthalen-1-yl) quinoline (7f)



Purified by column chromatography (8% ethyl acetate in hexane), Orange gel. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6 , δ) 8.42 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 3H, Ar H), 8.17 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.68-7.56 (m, 7H, Ar H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6 , δ) 137.3, 132.5, 132.3, 130.1, 129.8, 127.4, 127.1, 126, 124.2.

4,7-bis(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl) quinoline (7g)



Purified by column chromatography (72% ethyl acetate in hexane), Yellow gel. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 8.90 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.28 (dd, $J = 3.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 8.16 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.77 (dd, $J = 4.0, 0.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.2$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.32 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 9.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 8.4, 0.6$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 6.62 (dd, $J = 8.8, 0.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar H), 4.01 (s, 3H; CH_3), 3.83 (s, 3H; CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ) 171.5, 164.5, 158.3, 150.6, 148.3,

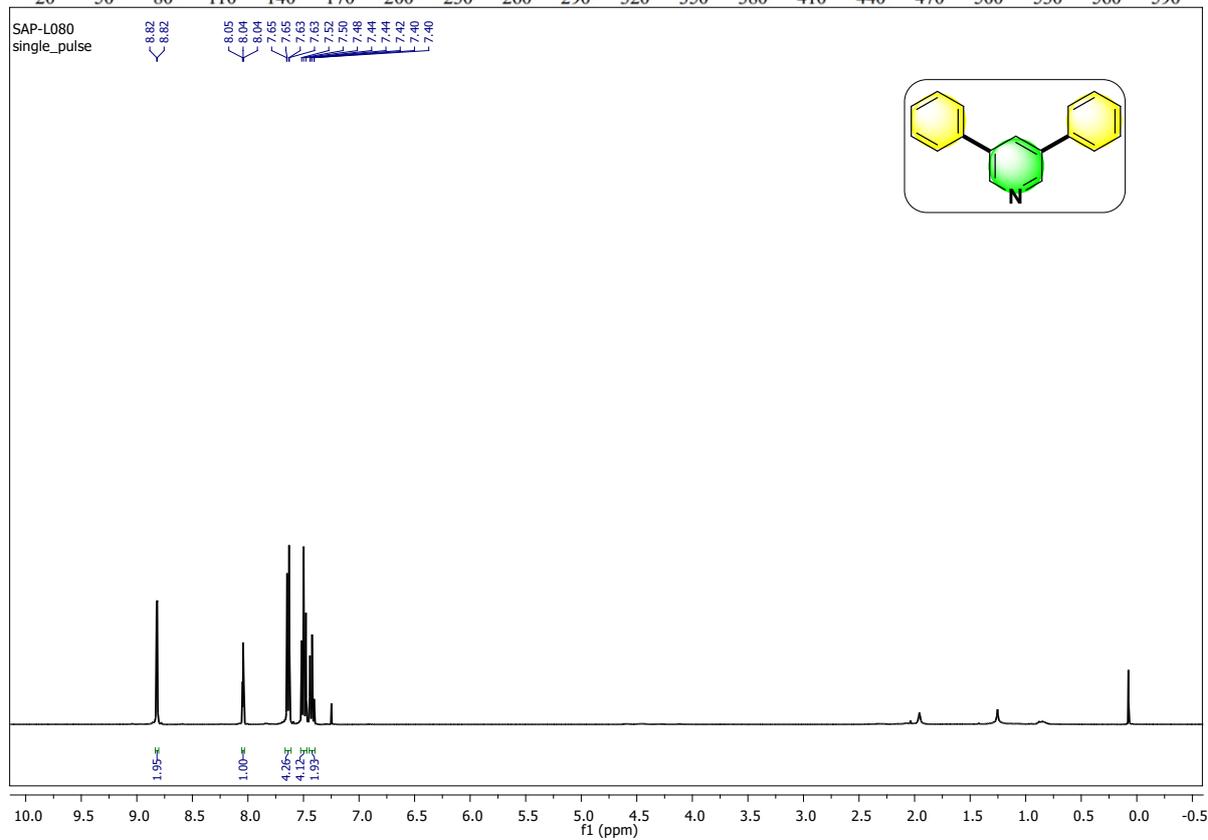
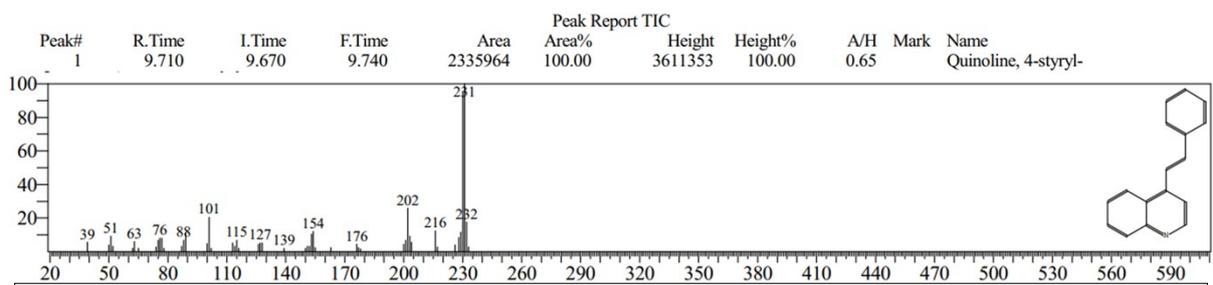
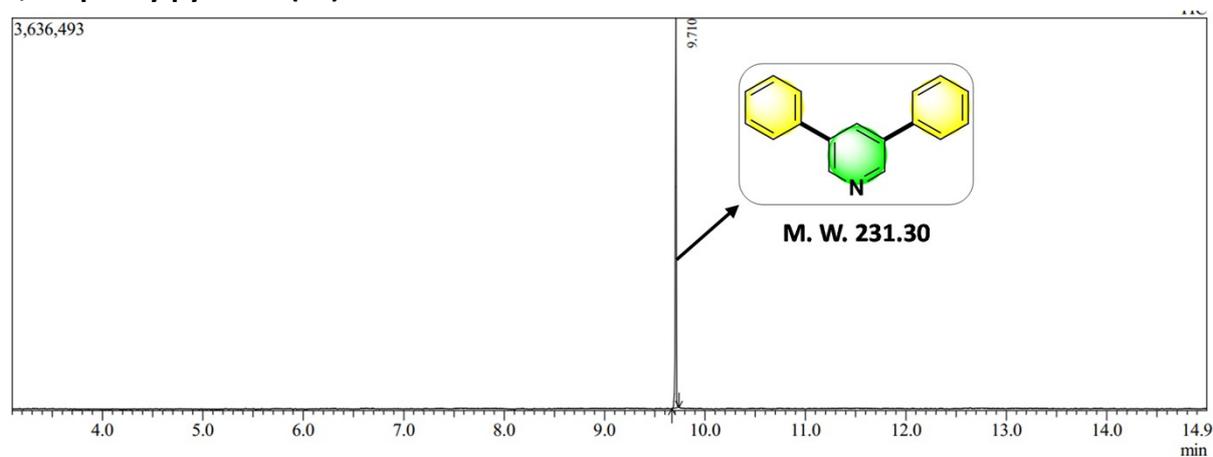
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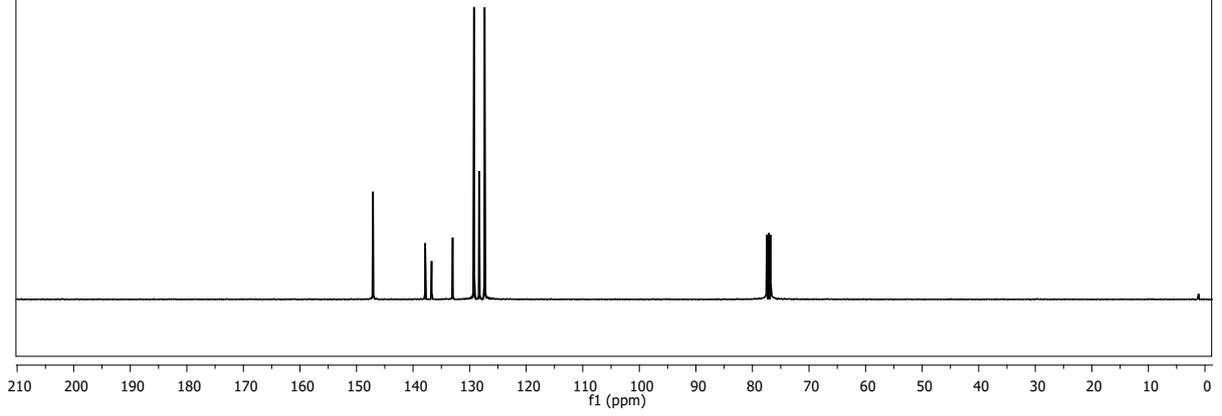
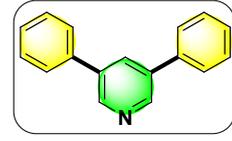
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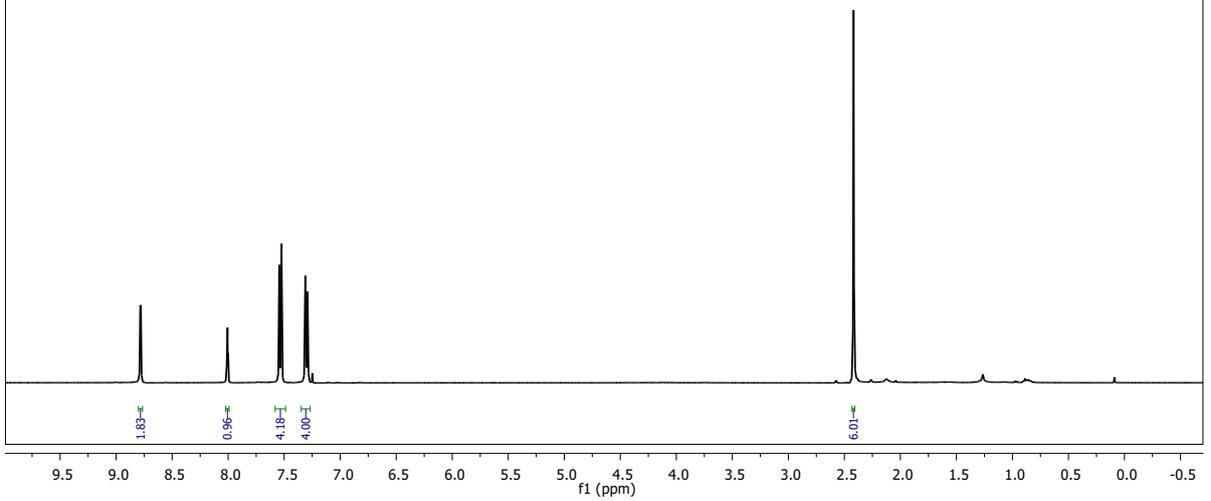
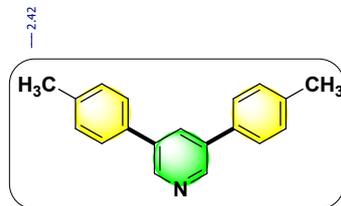
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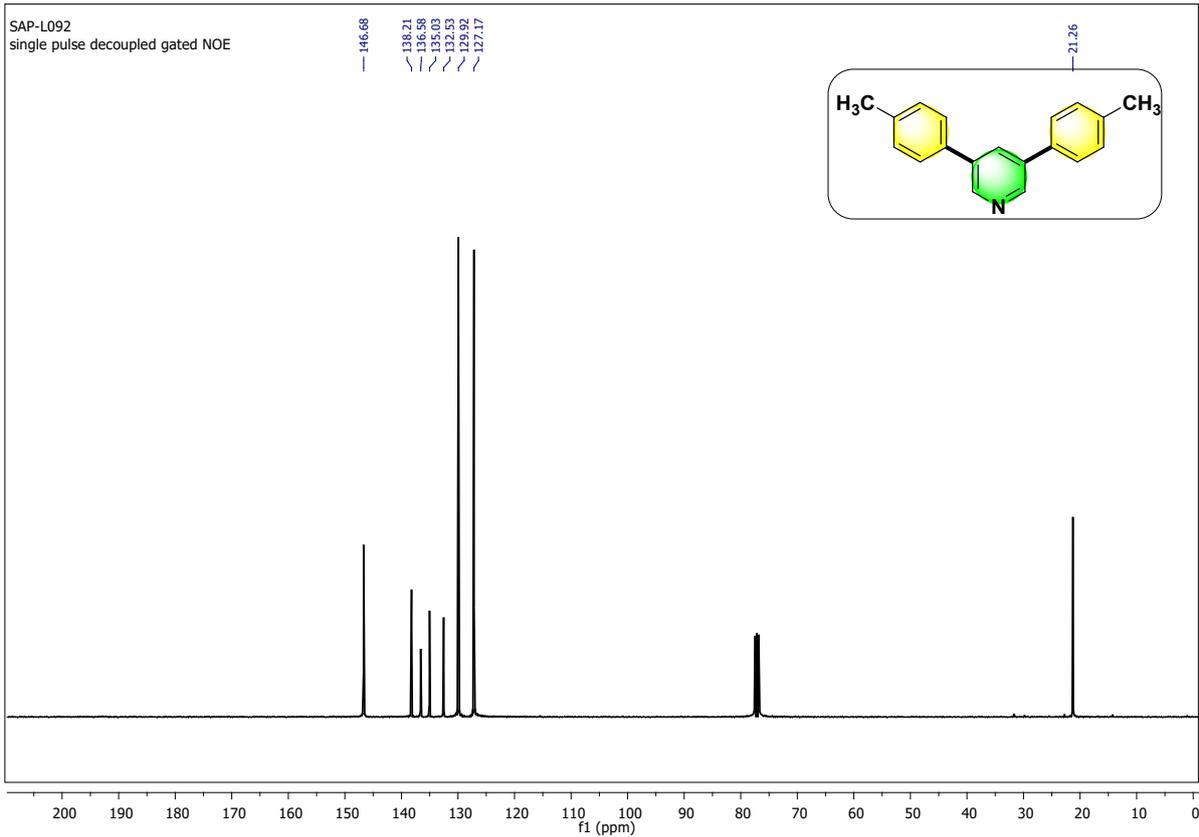


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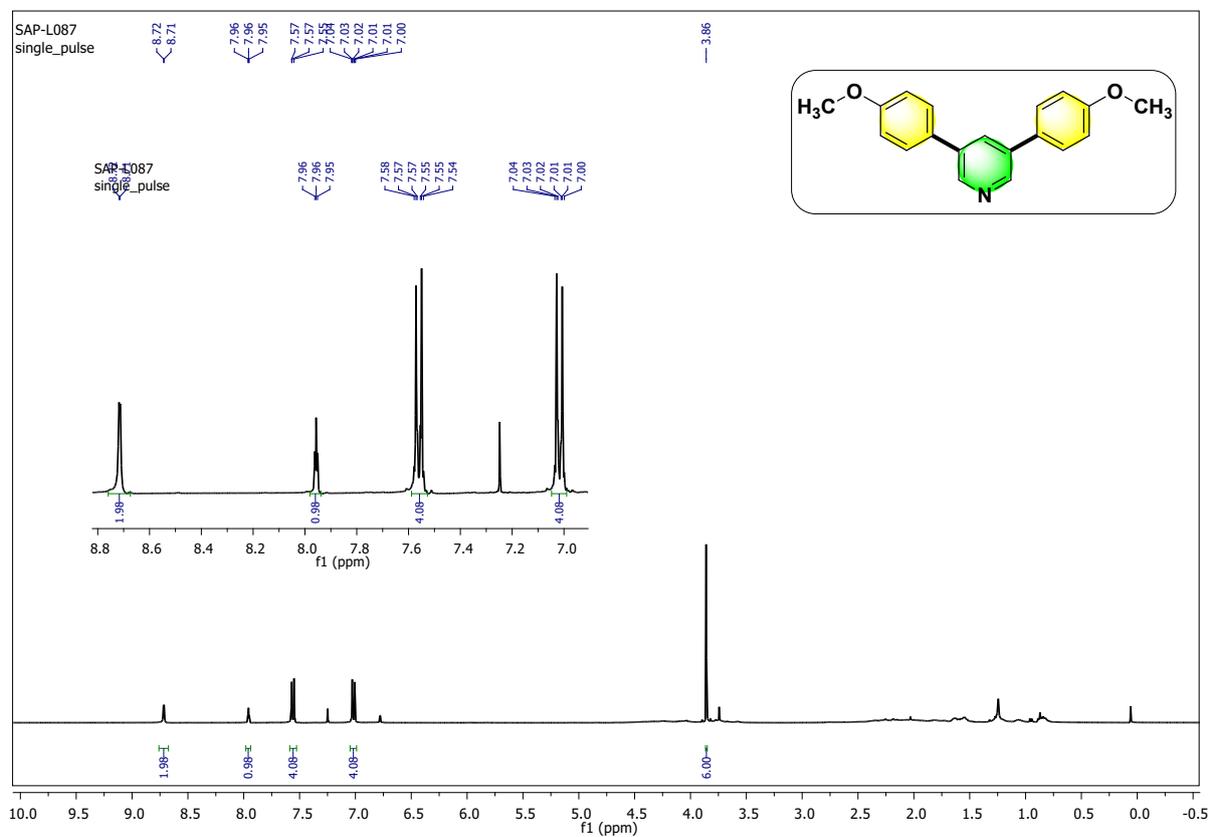
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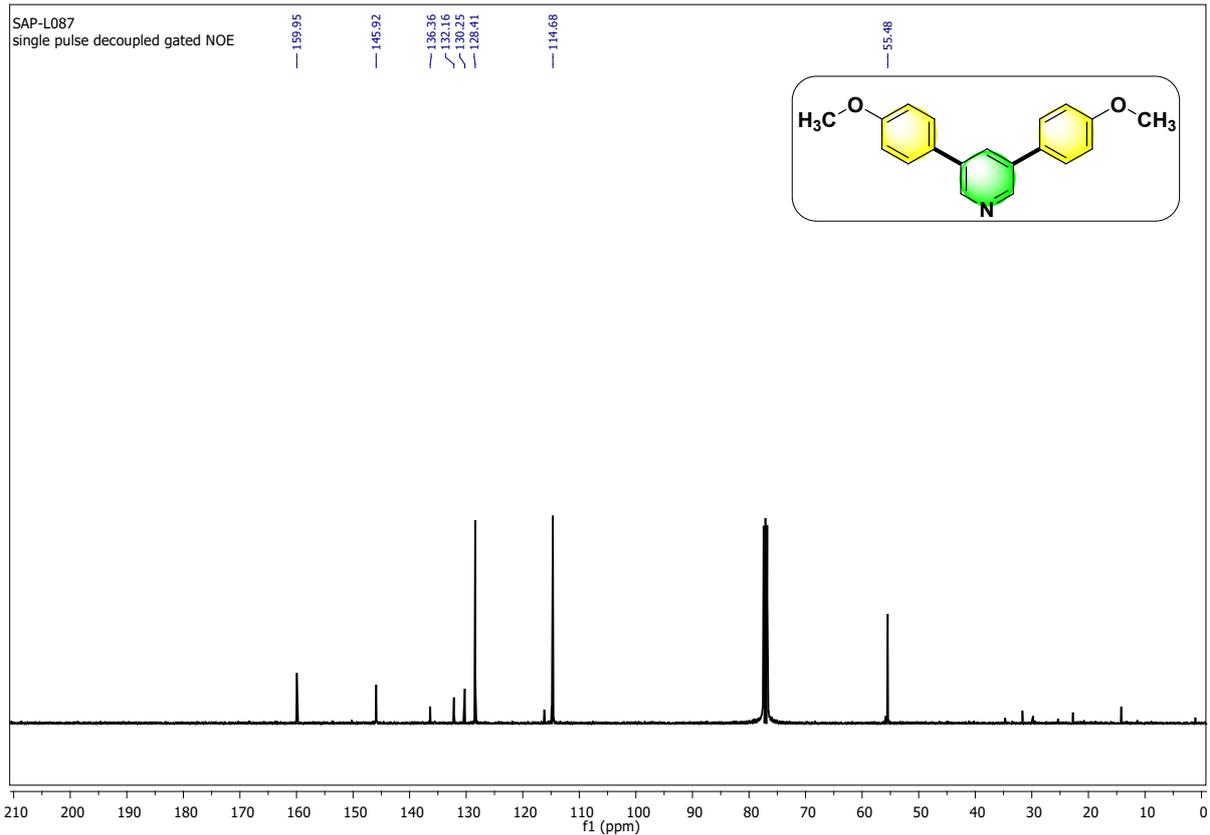
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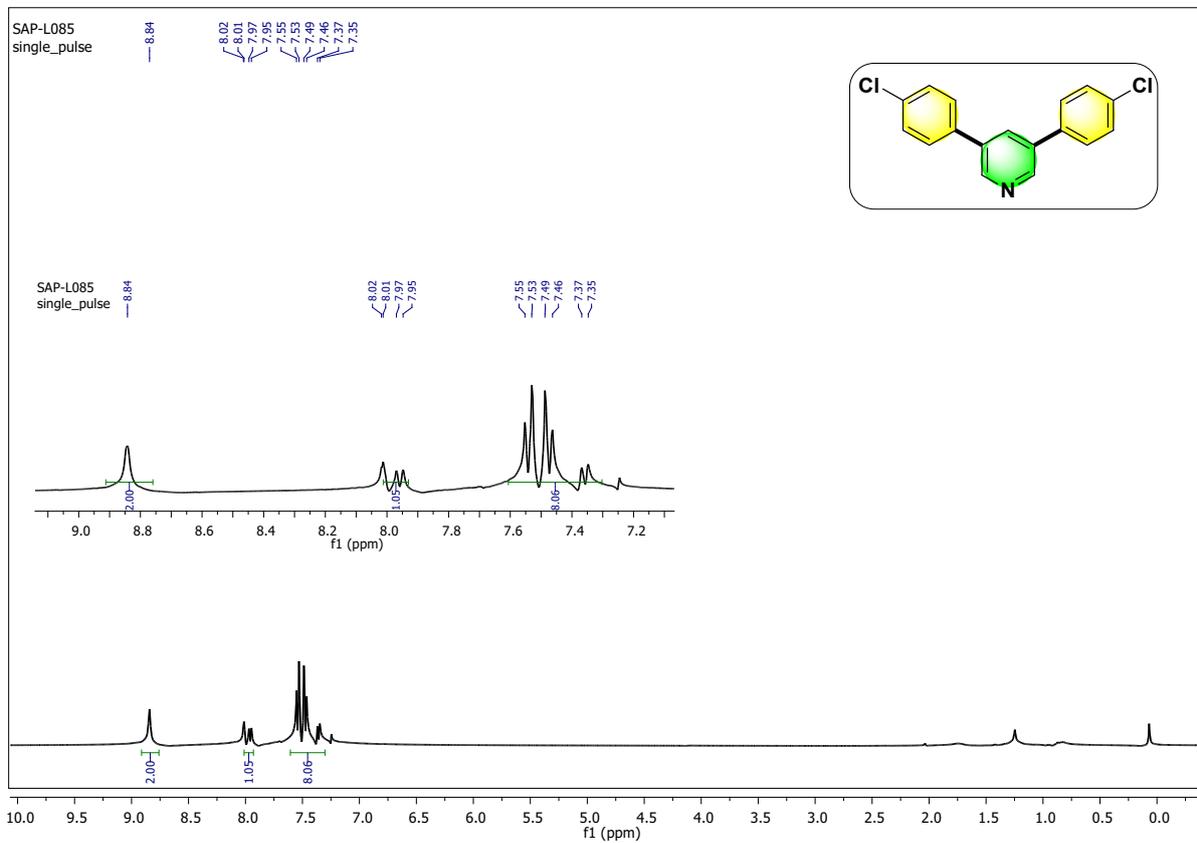


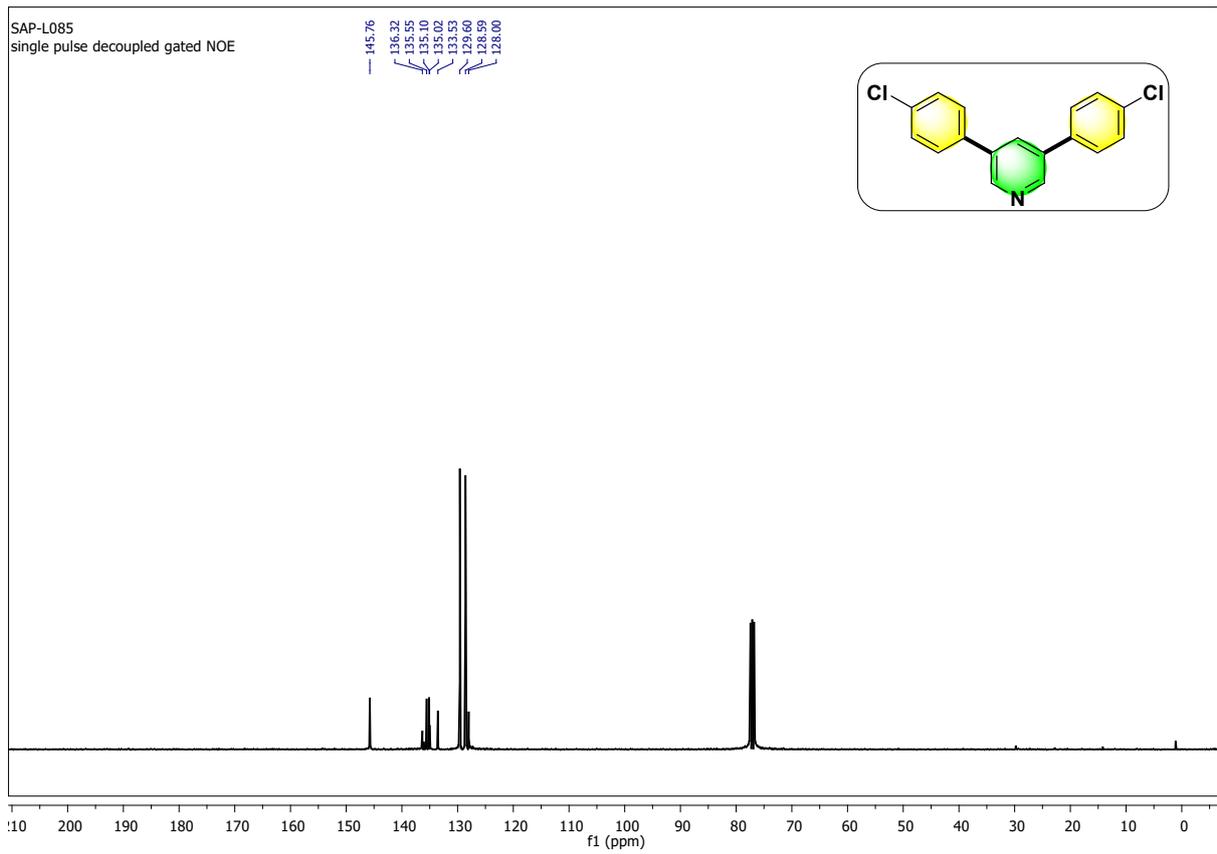
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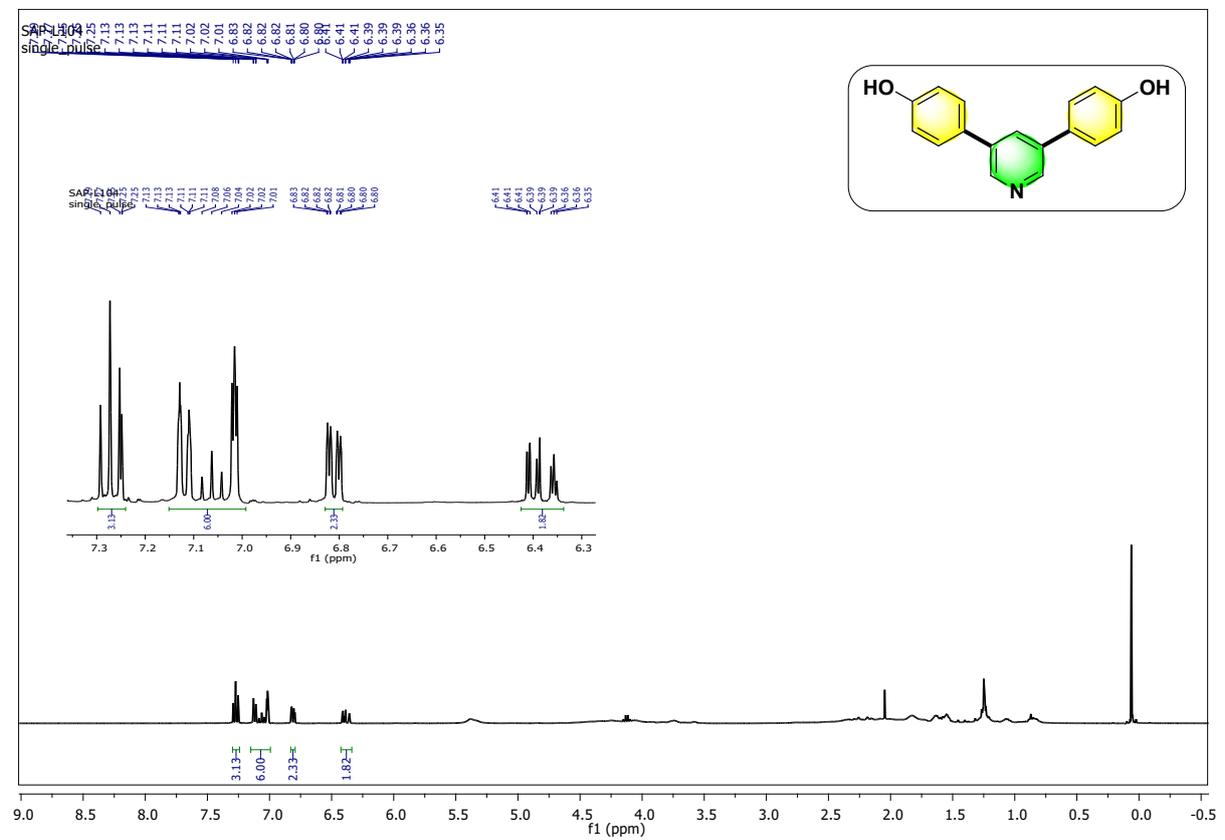


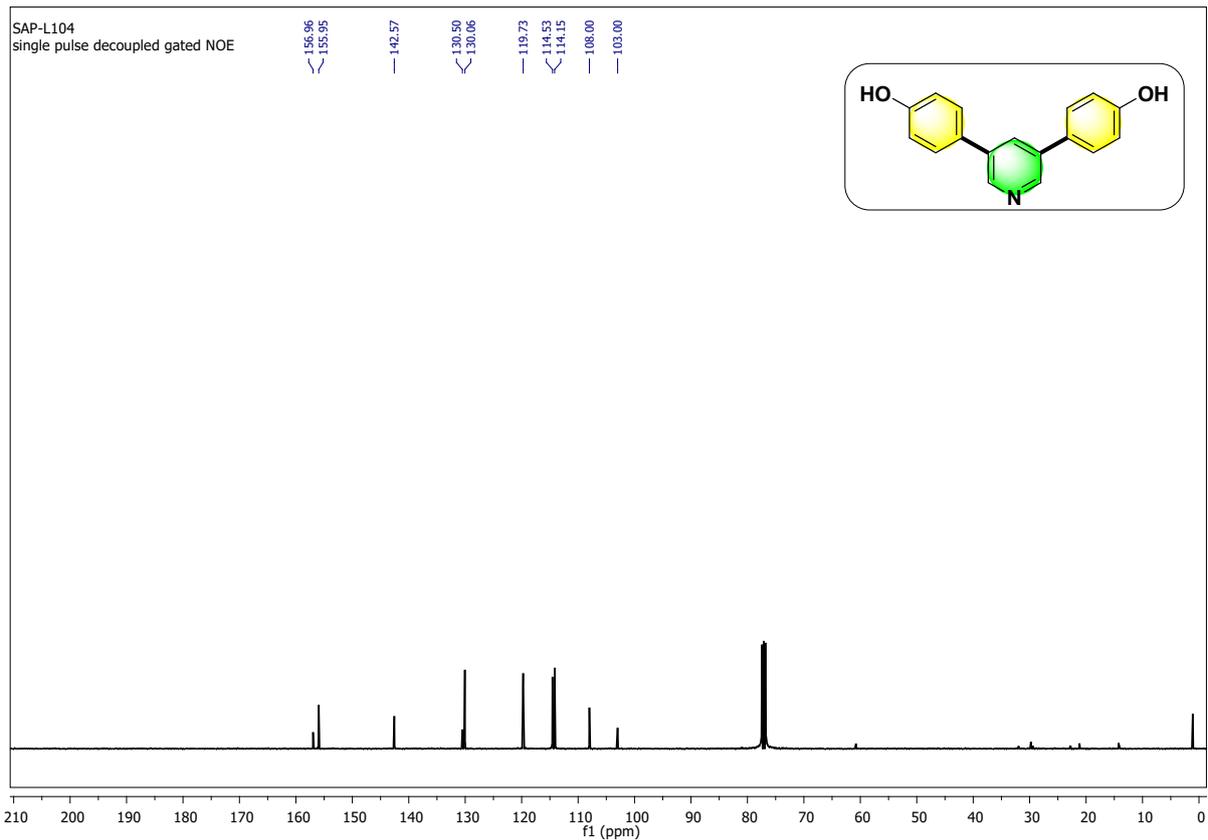
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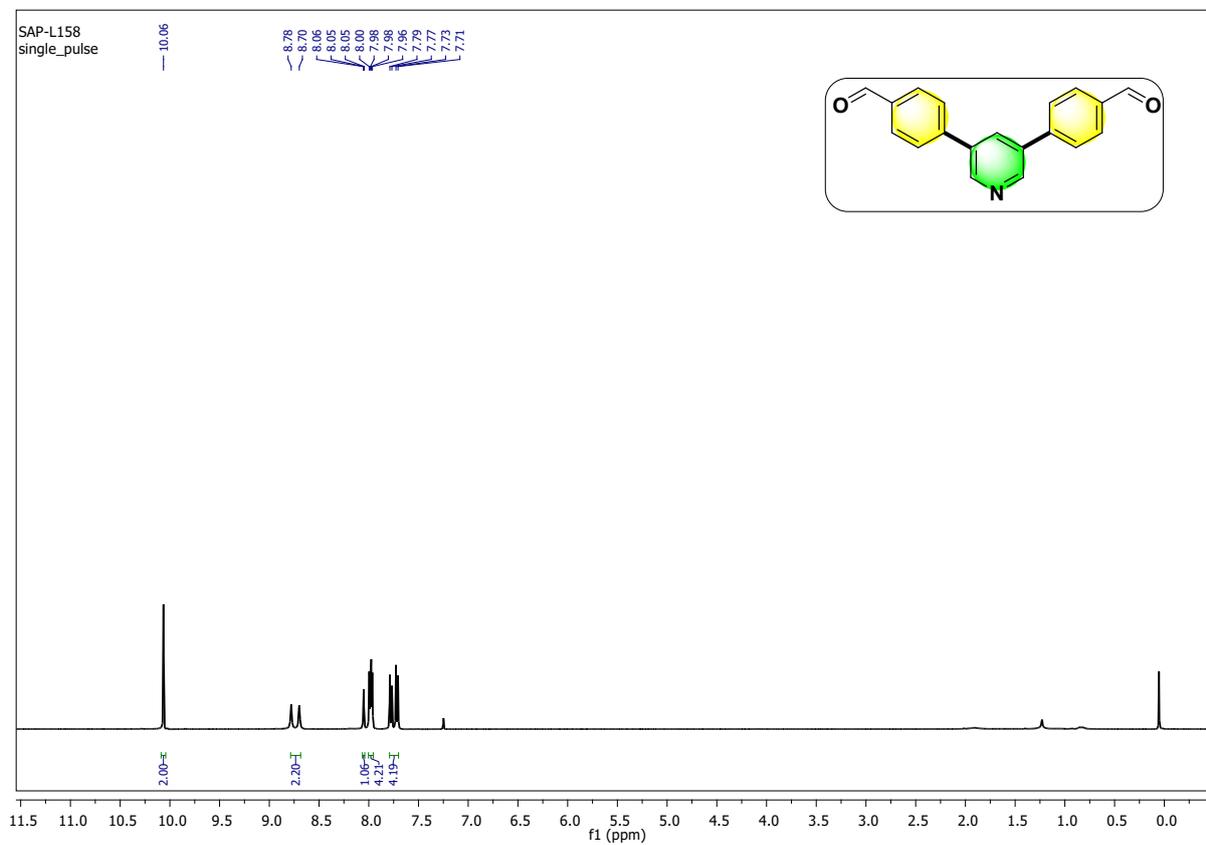


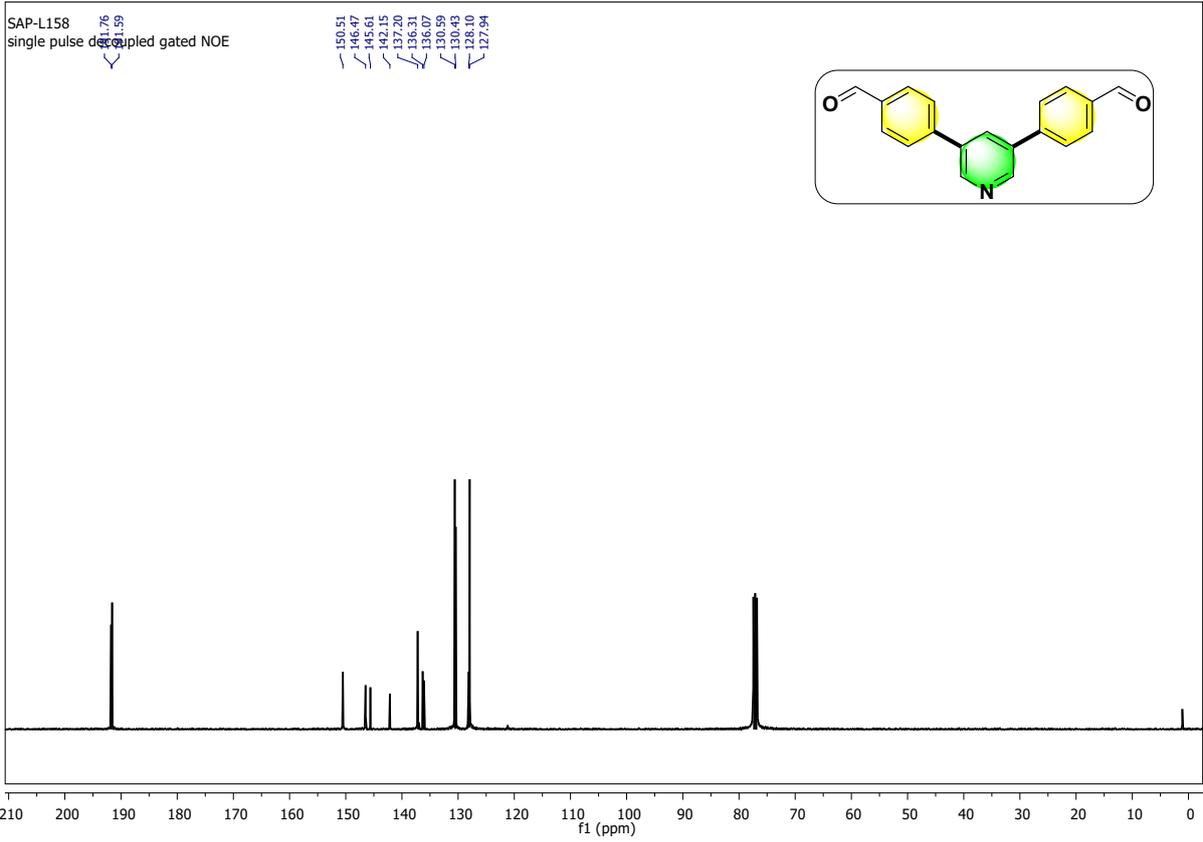
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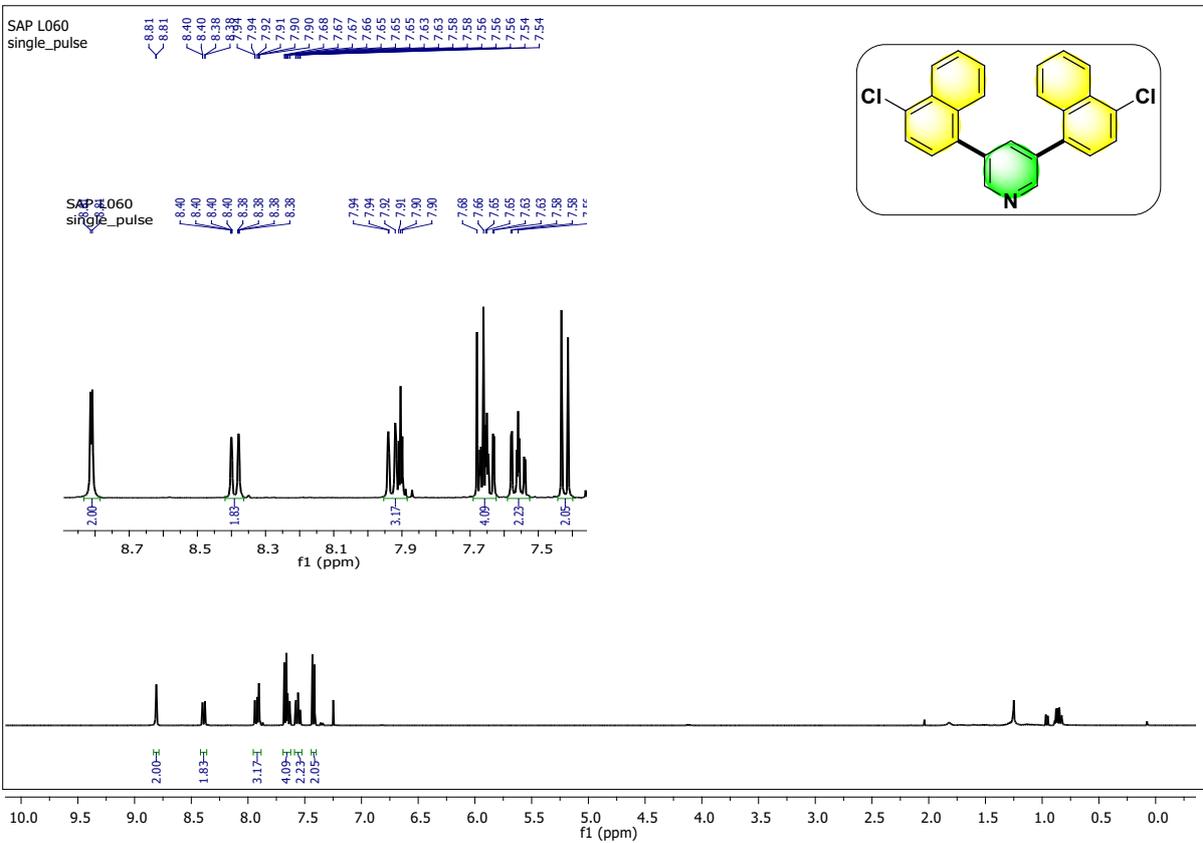


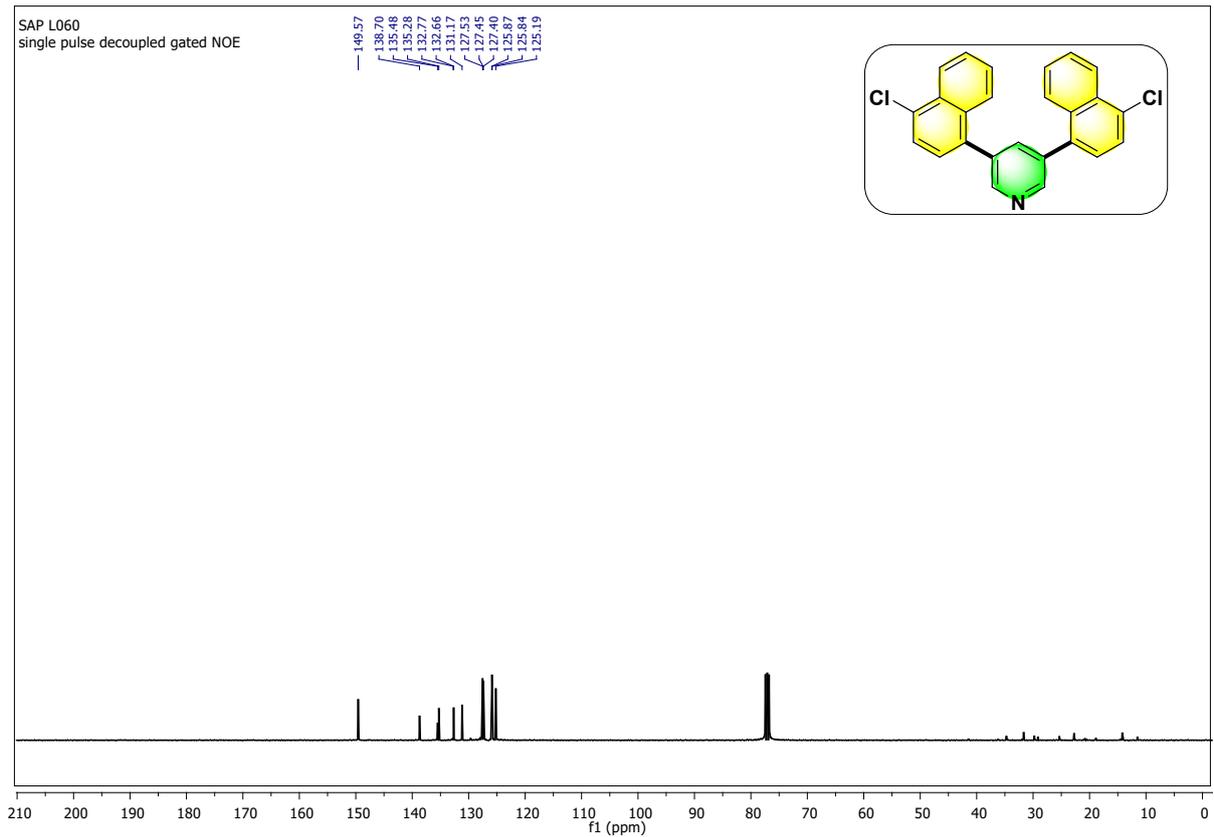
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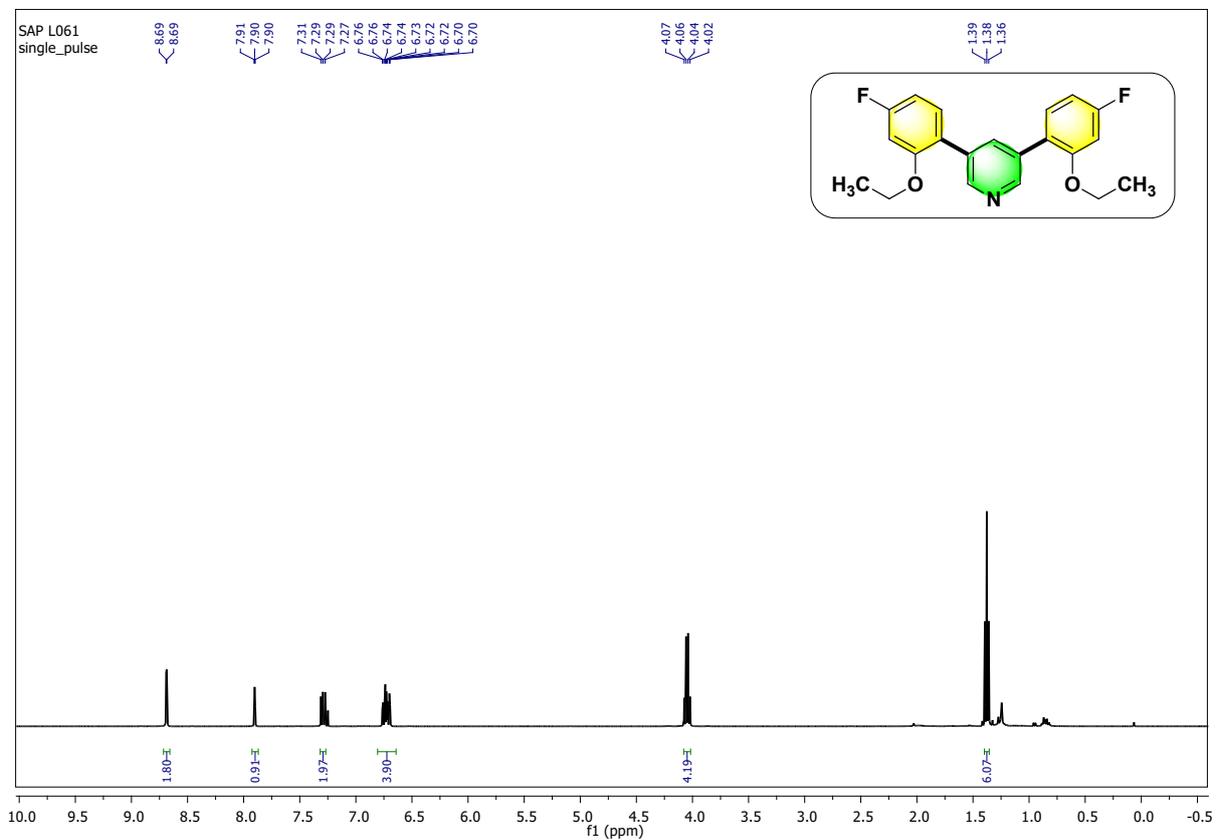


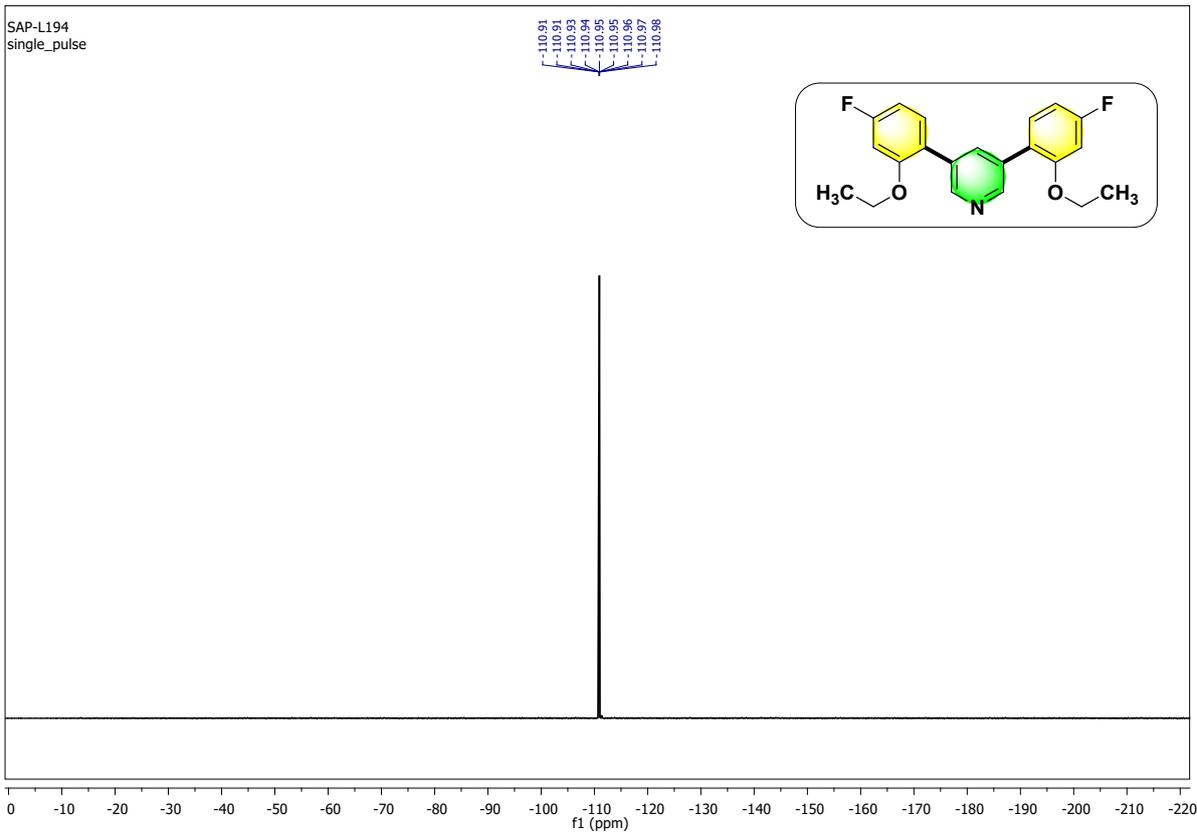
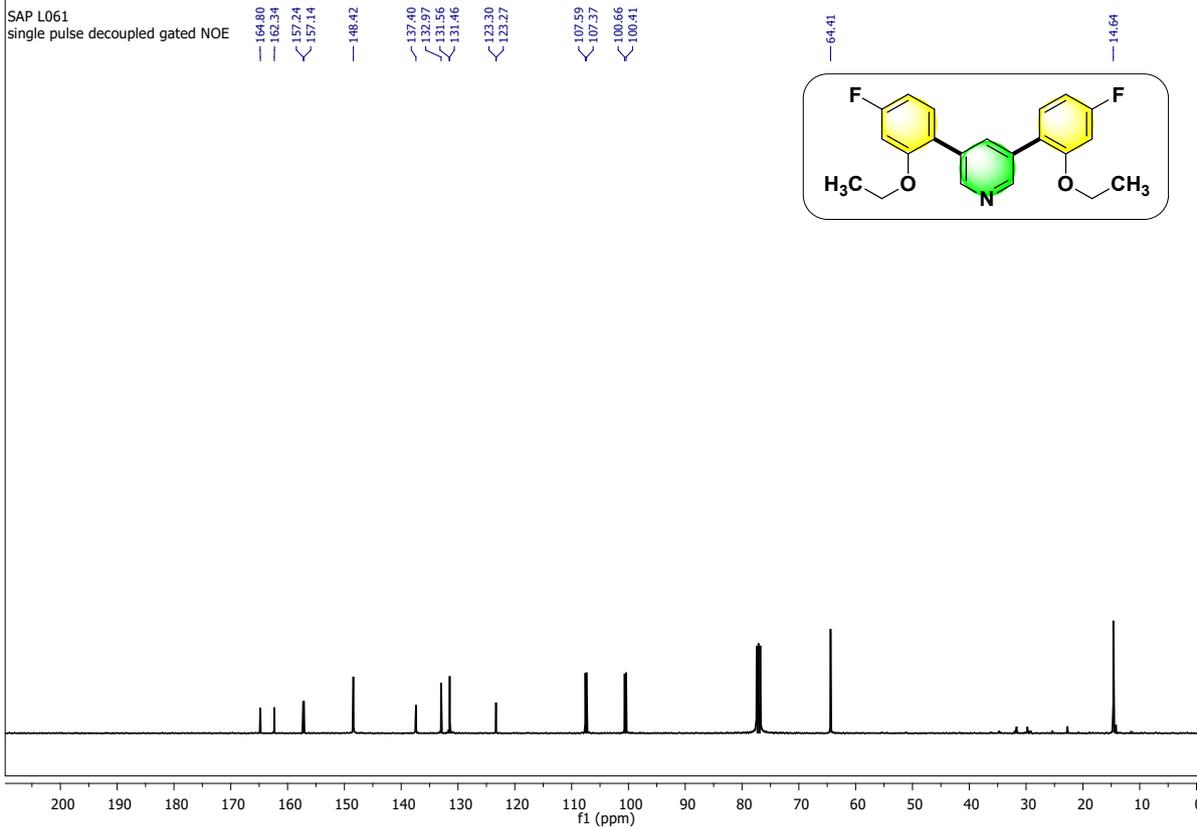
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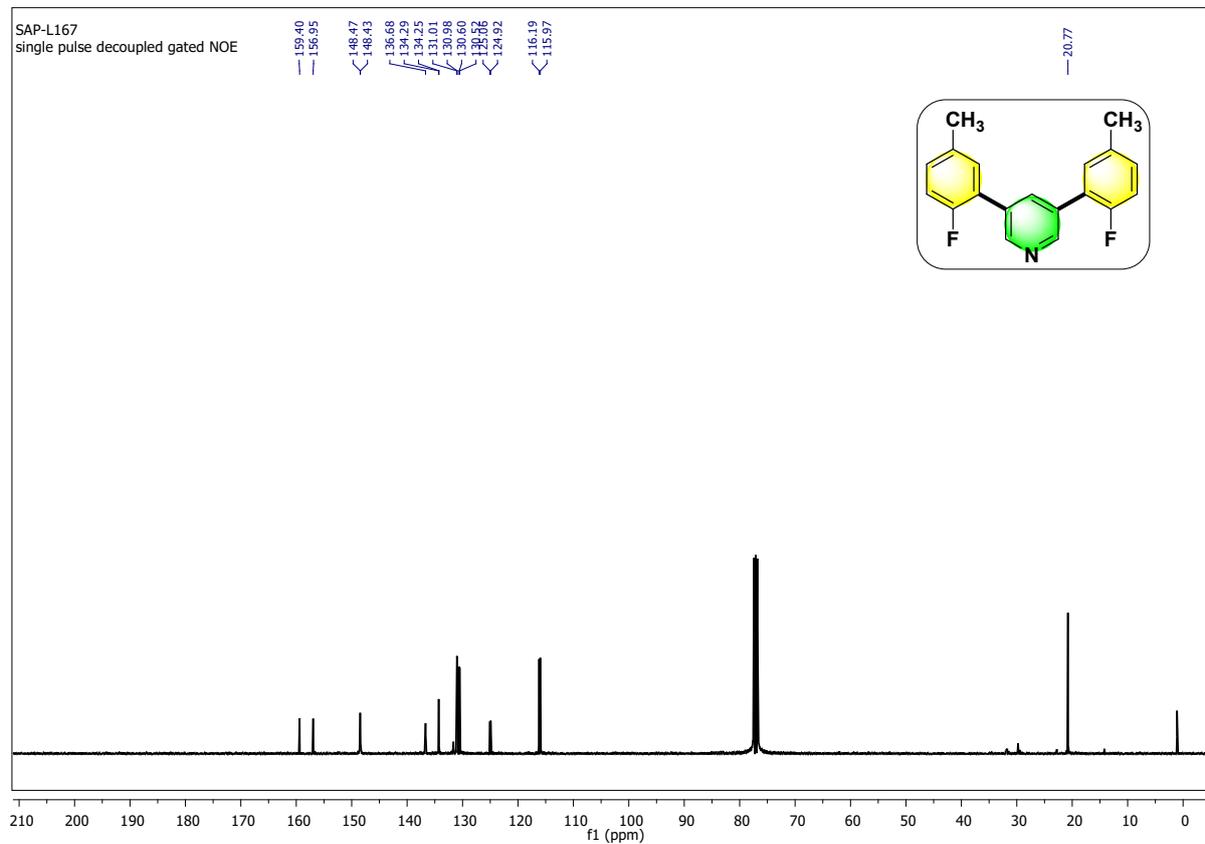
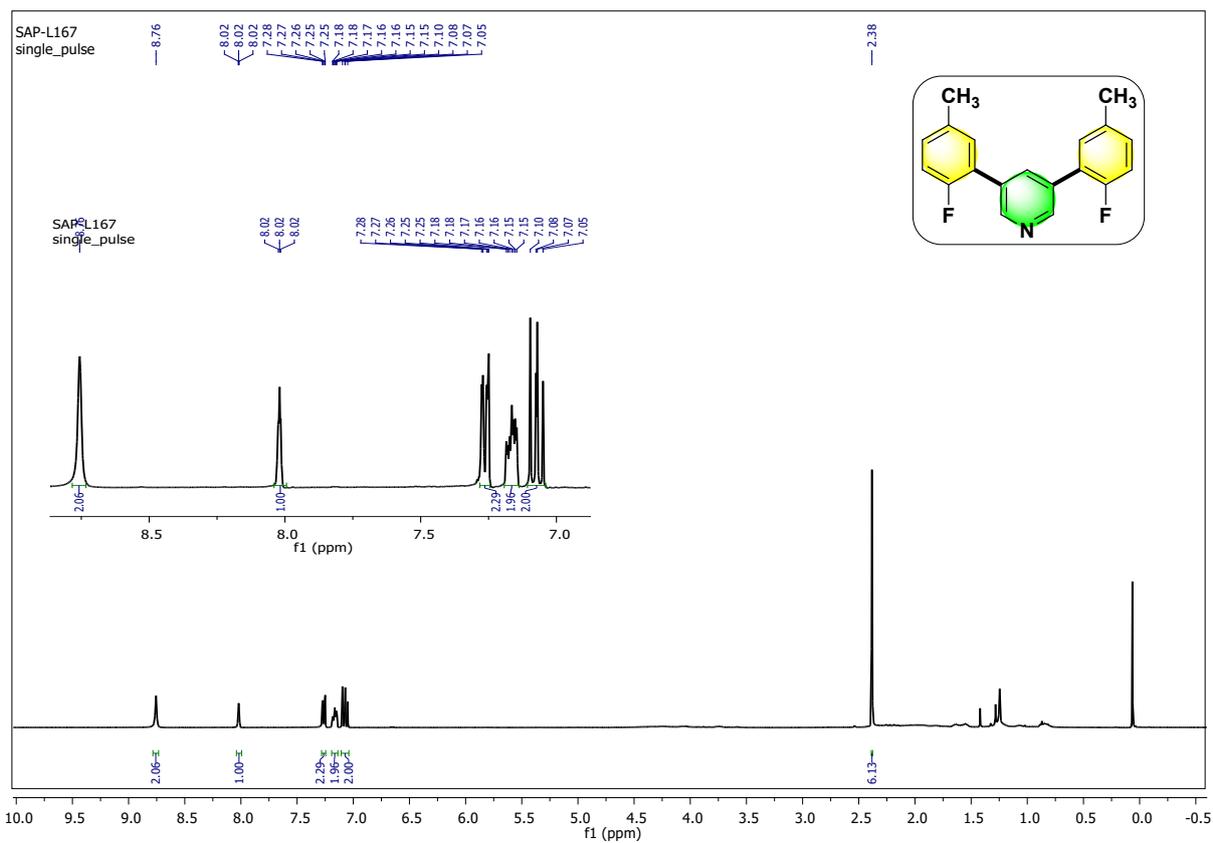


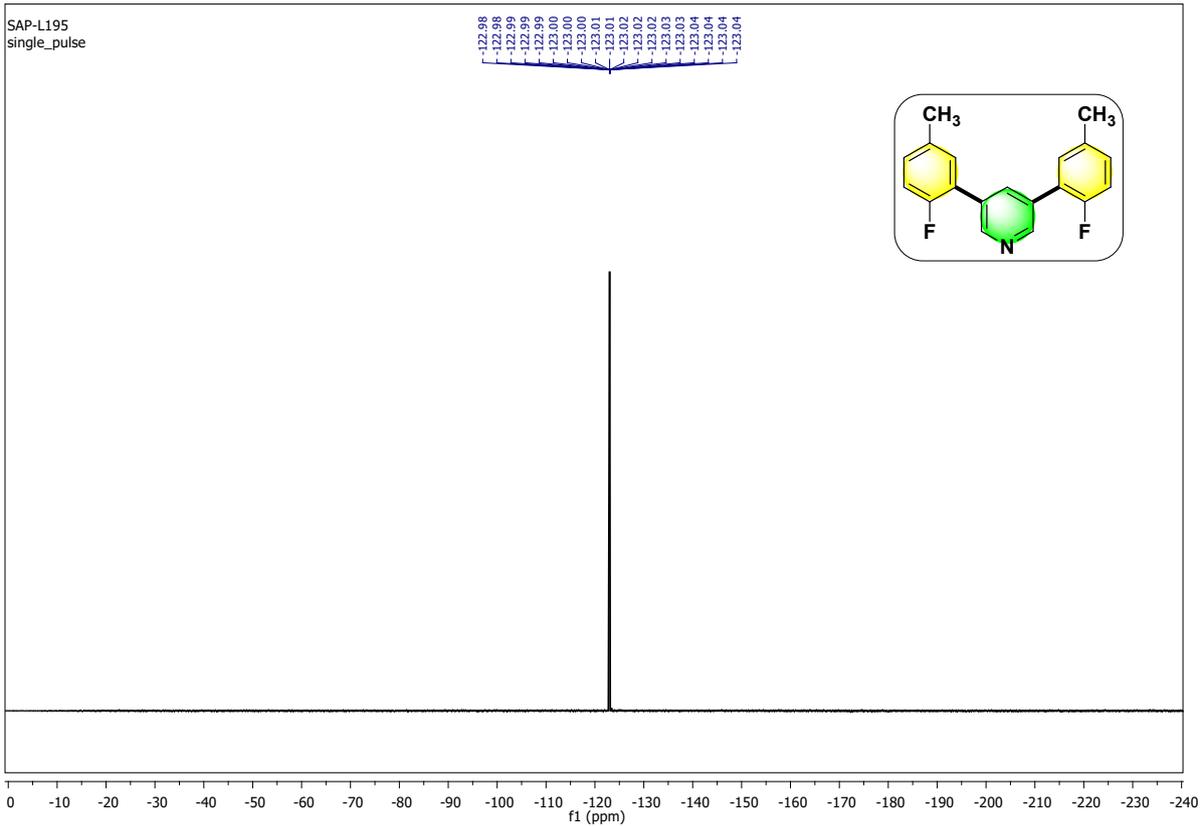
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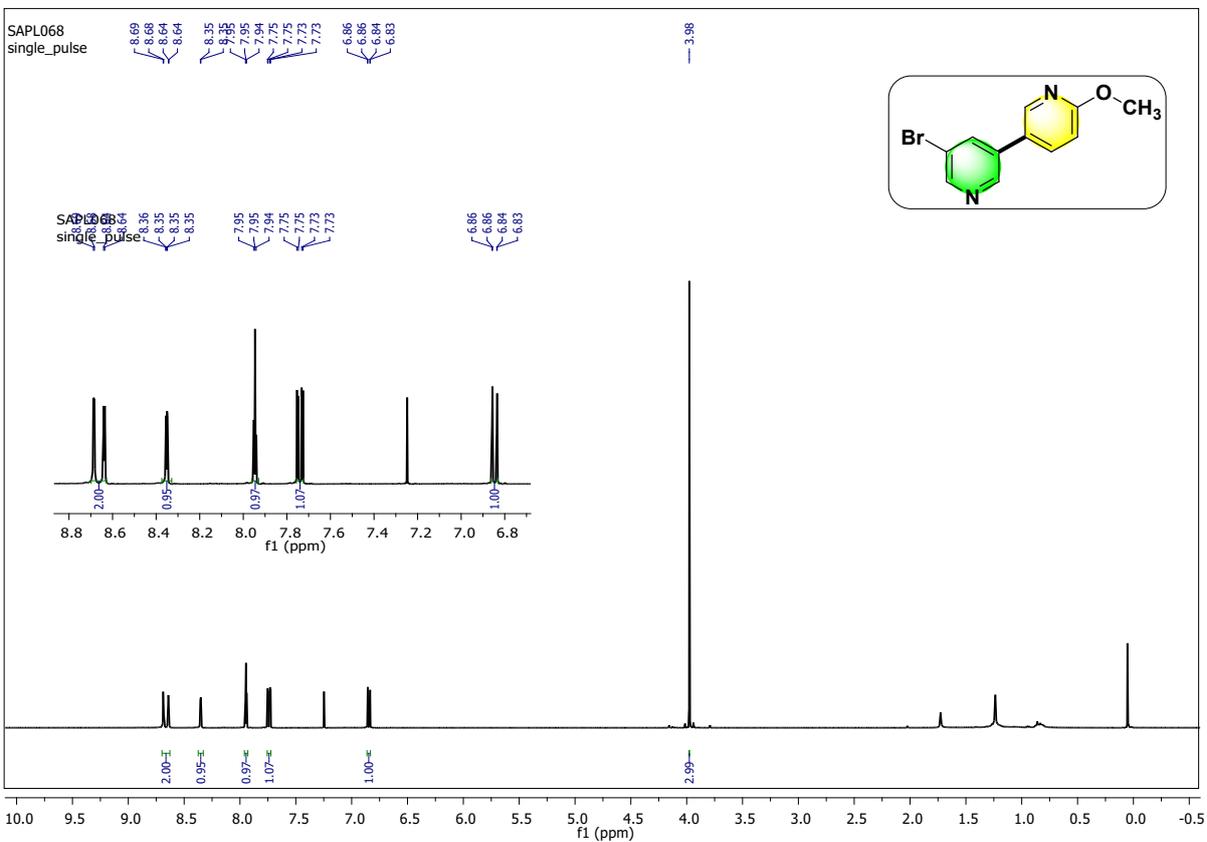


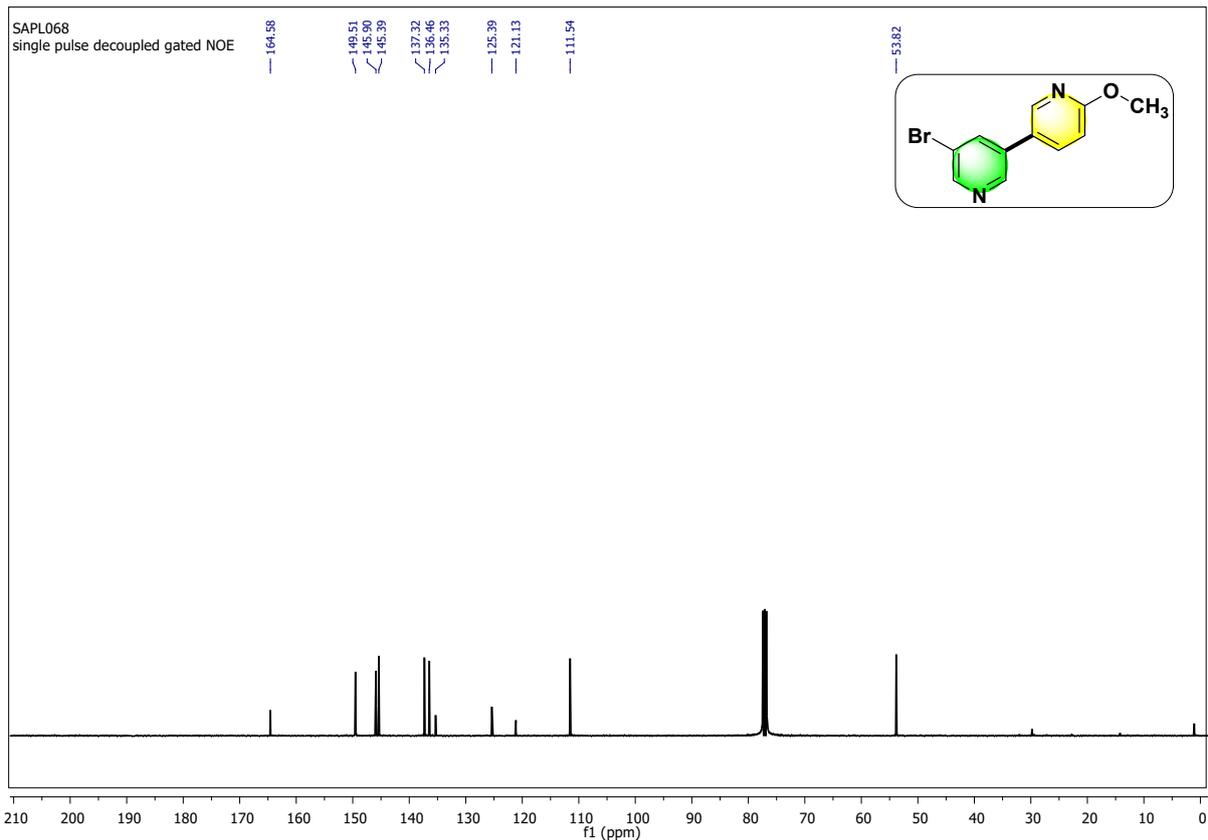
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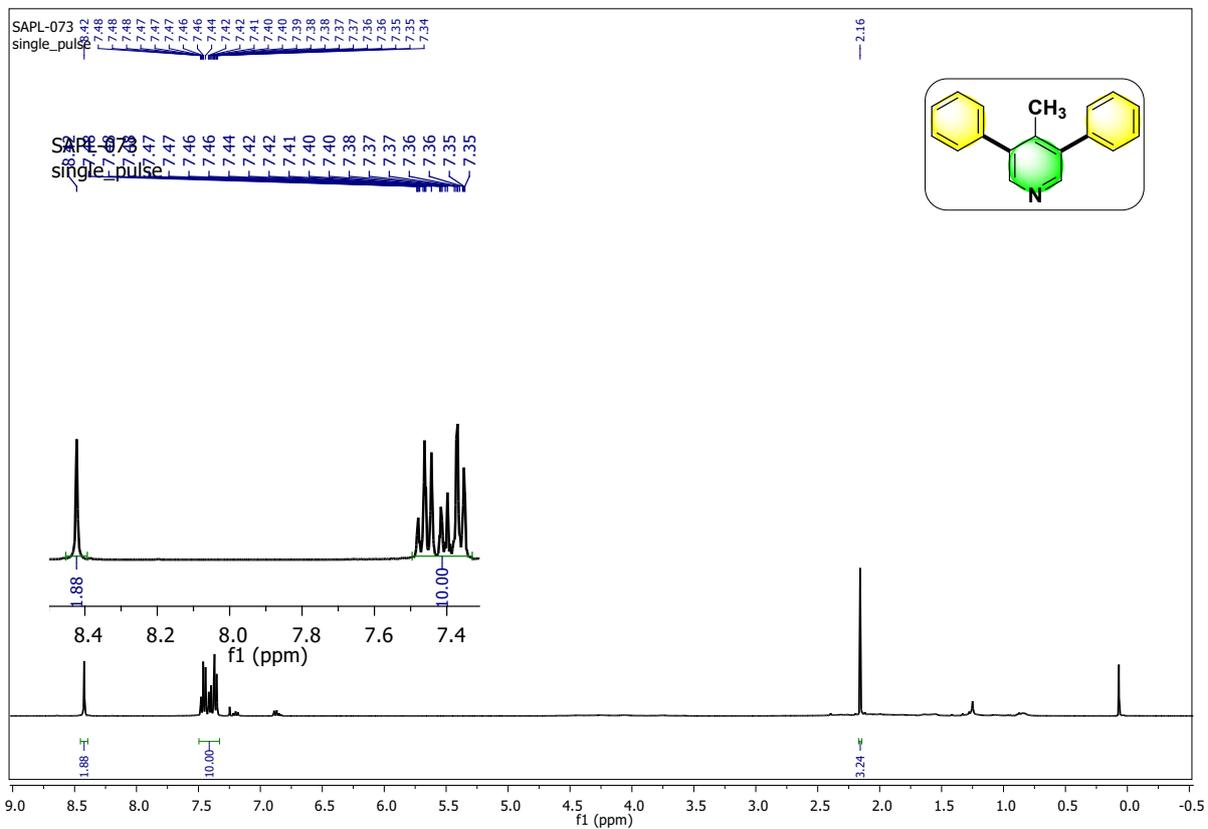


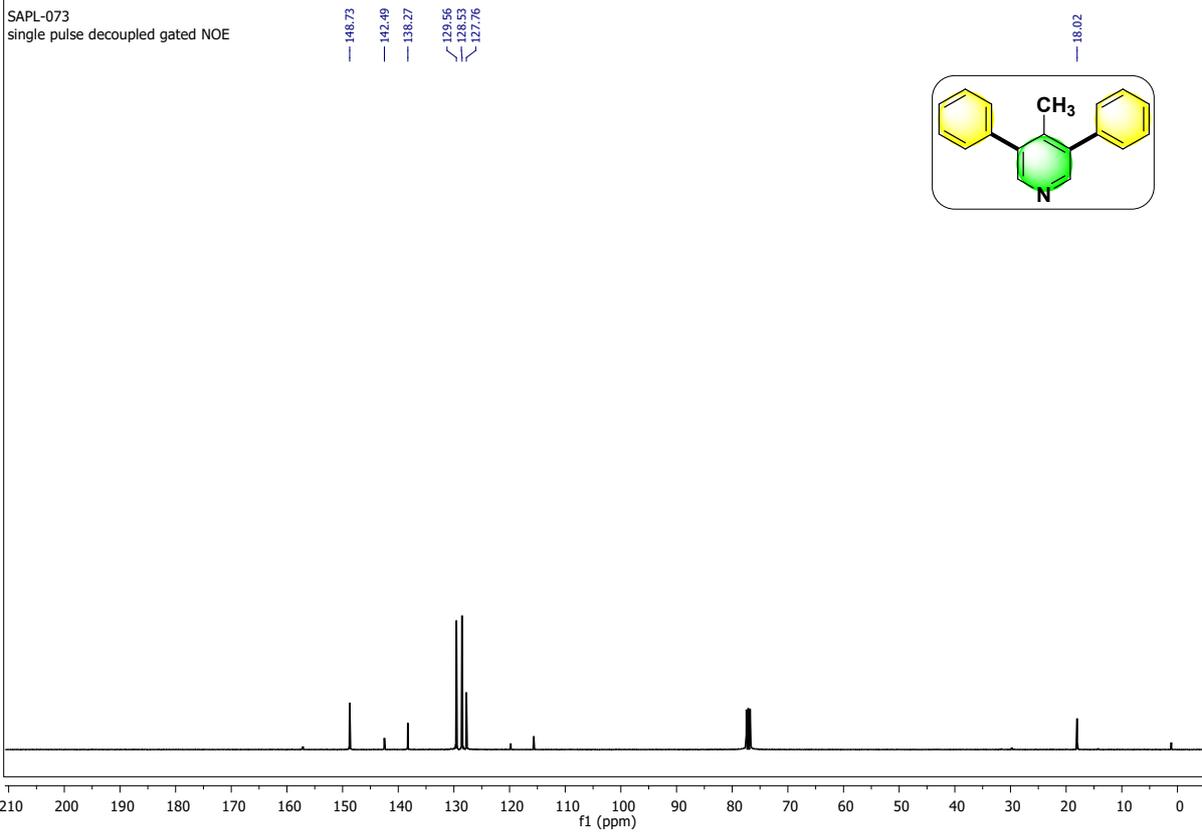
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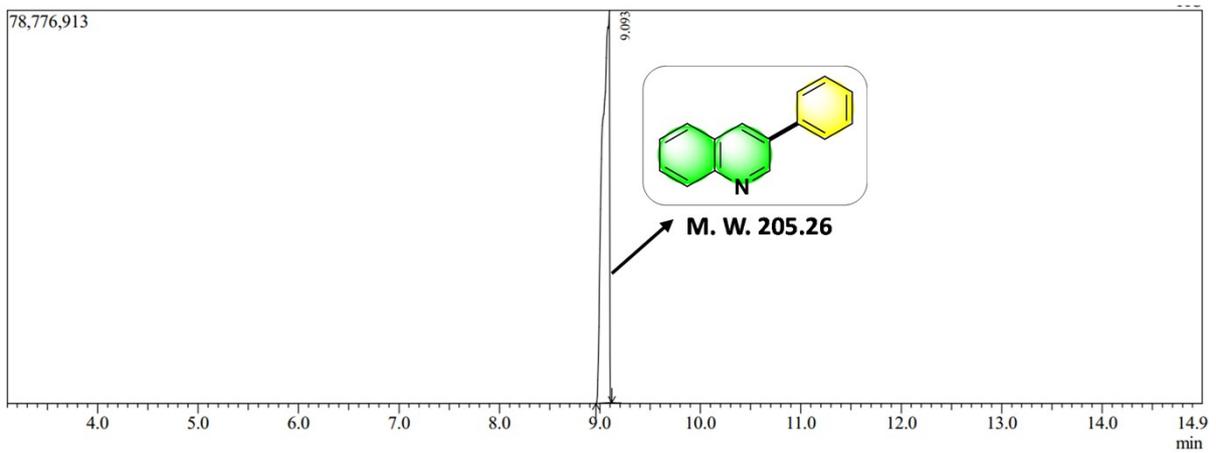


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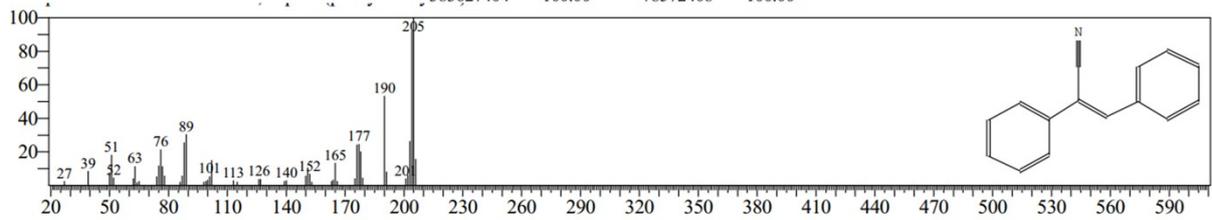


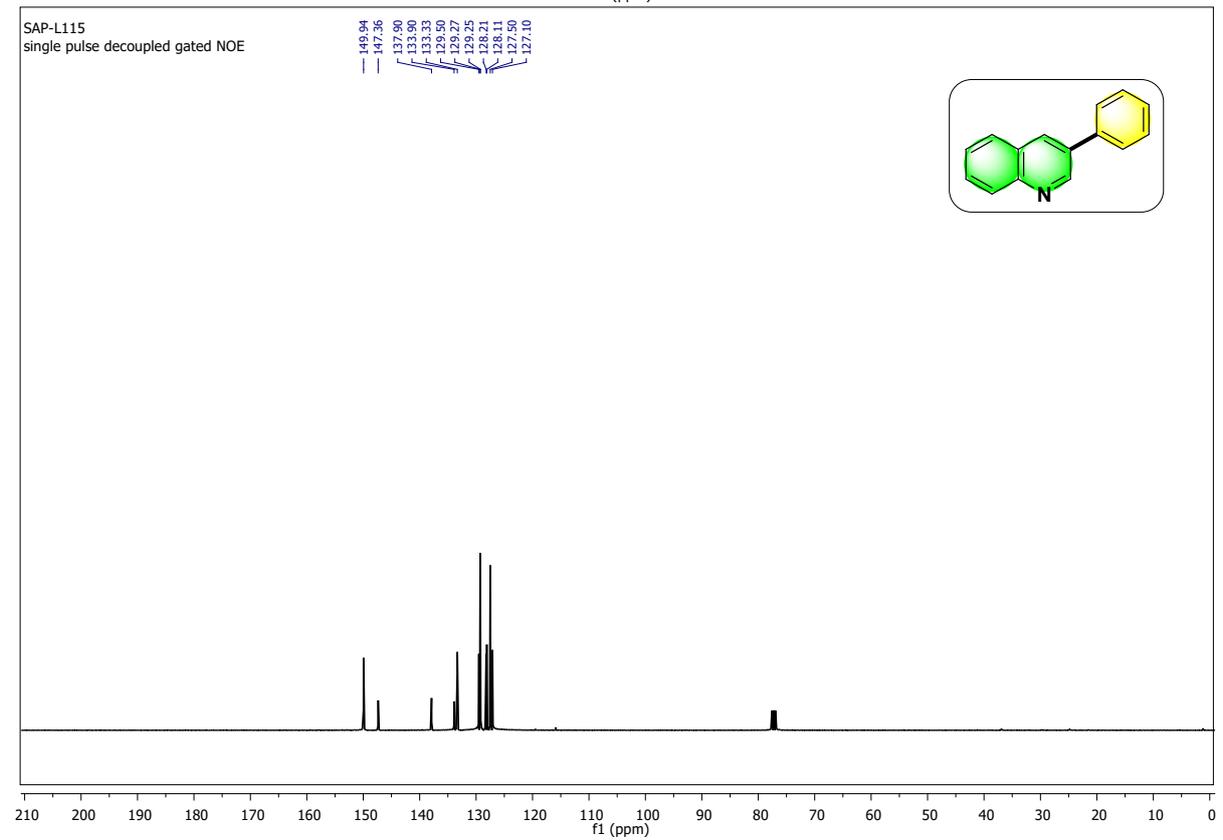
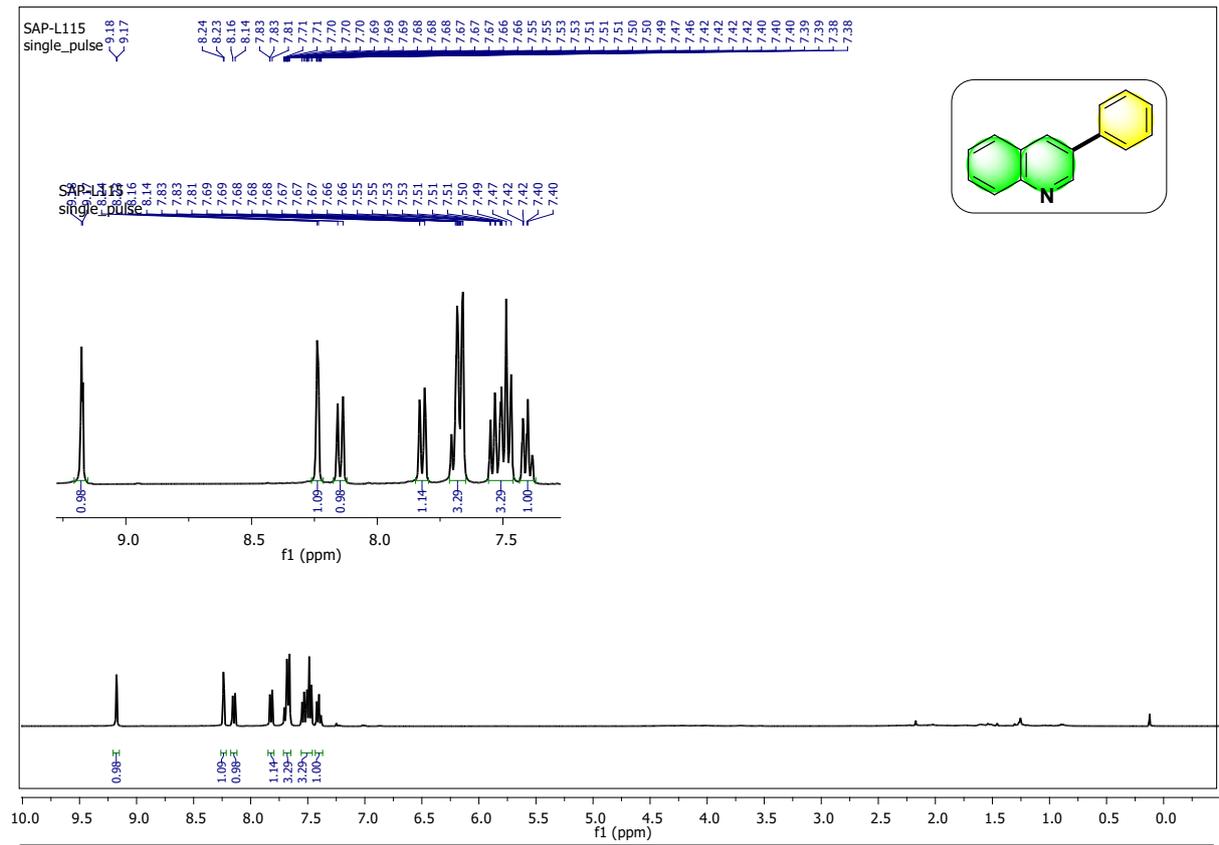
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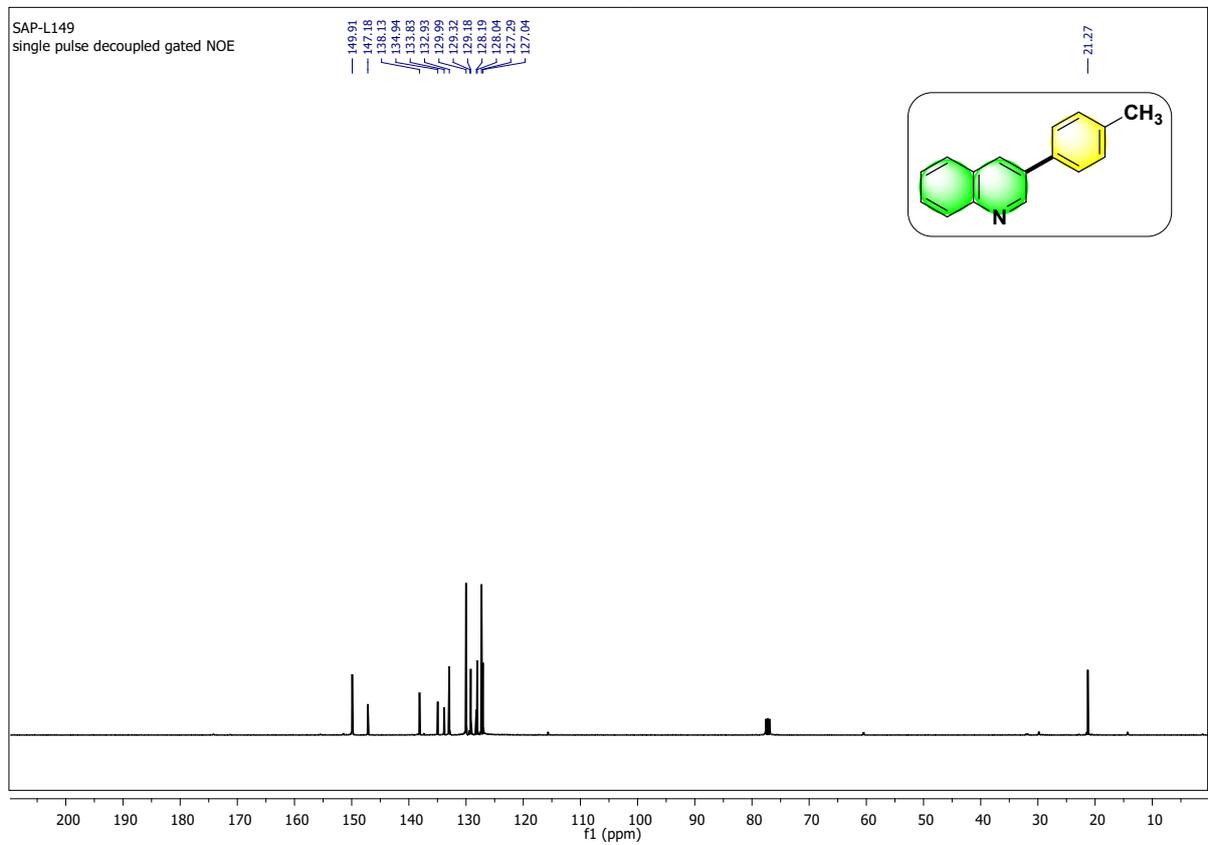
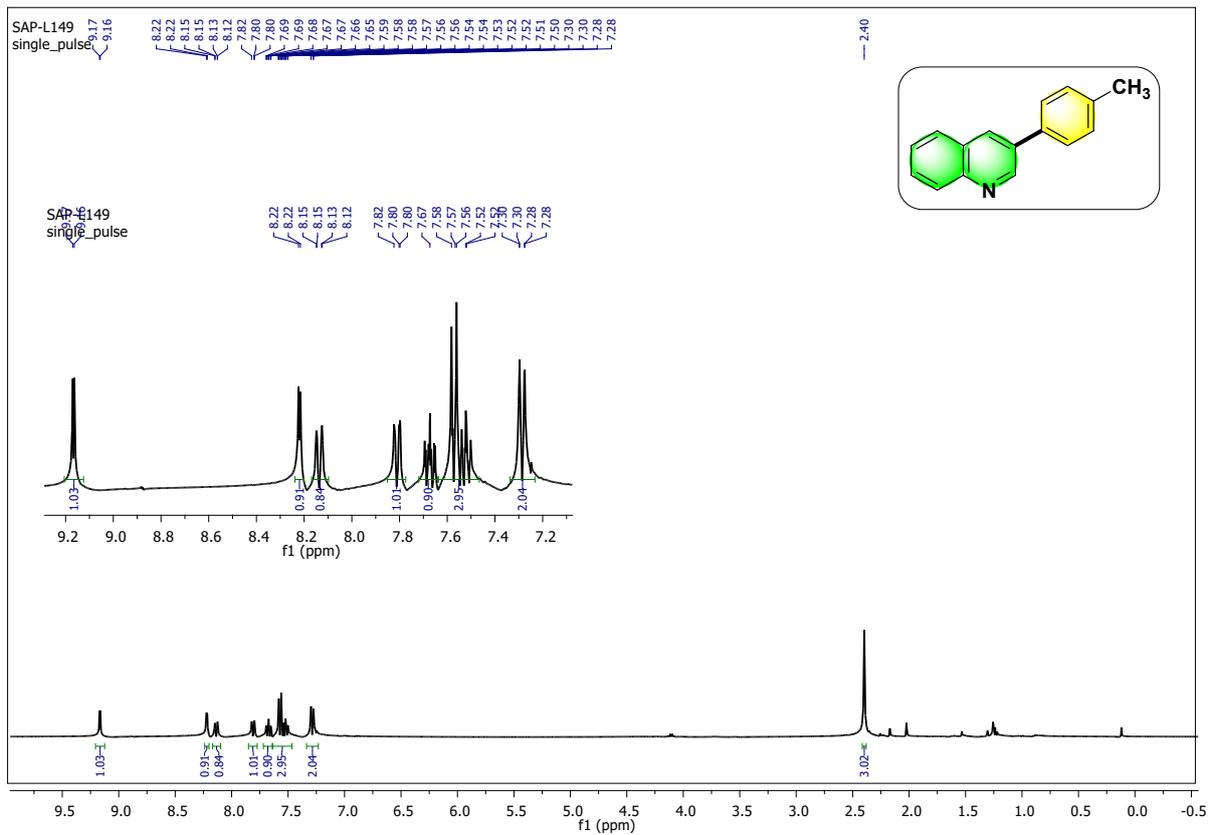
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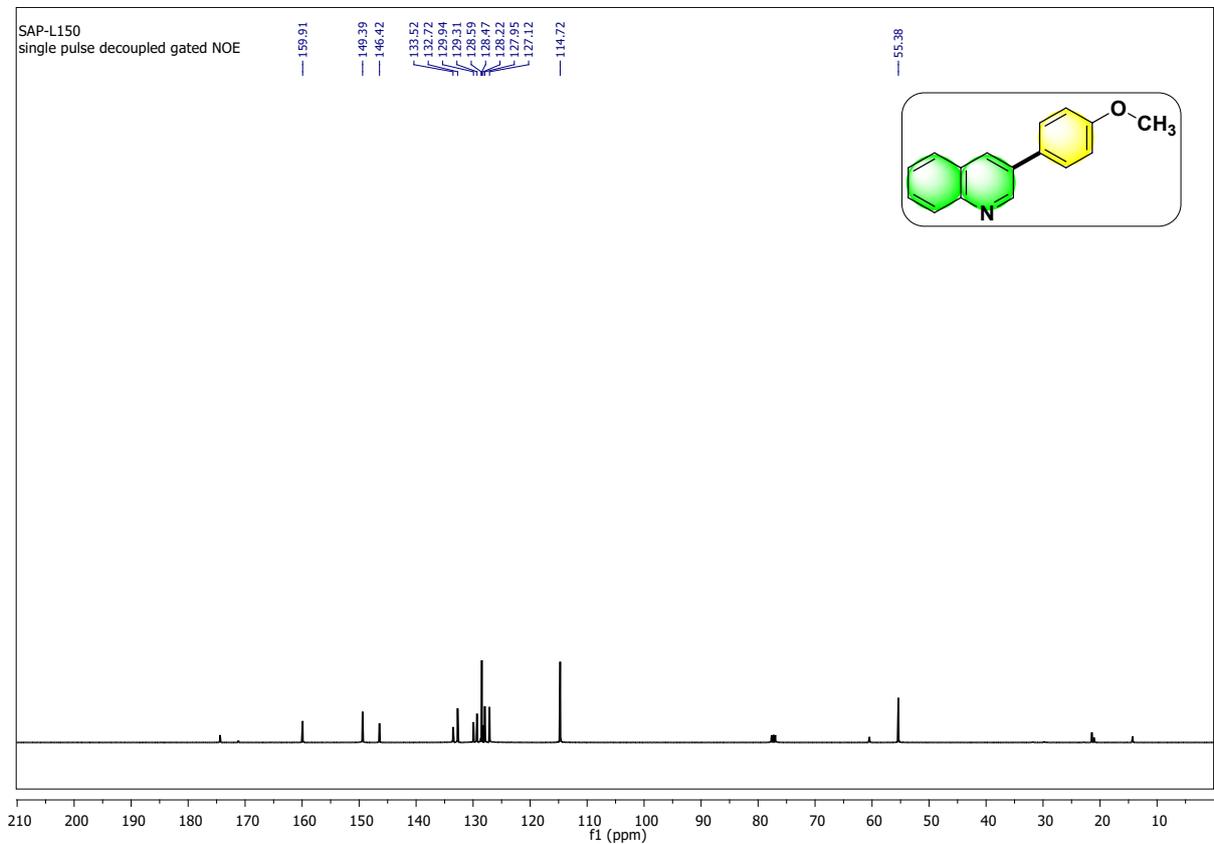
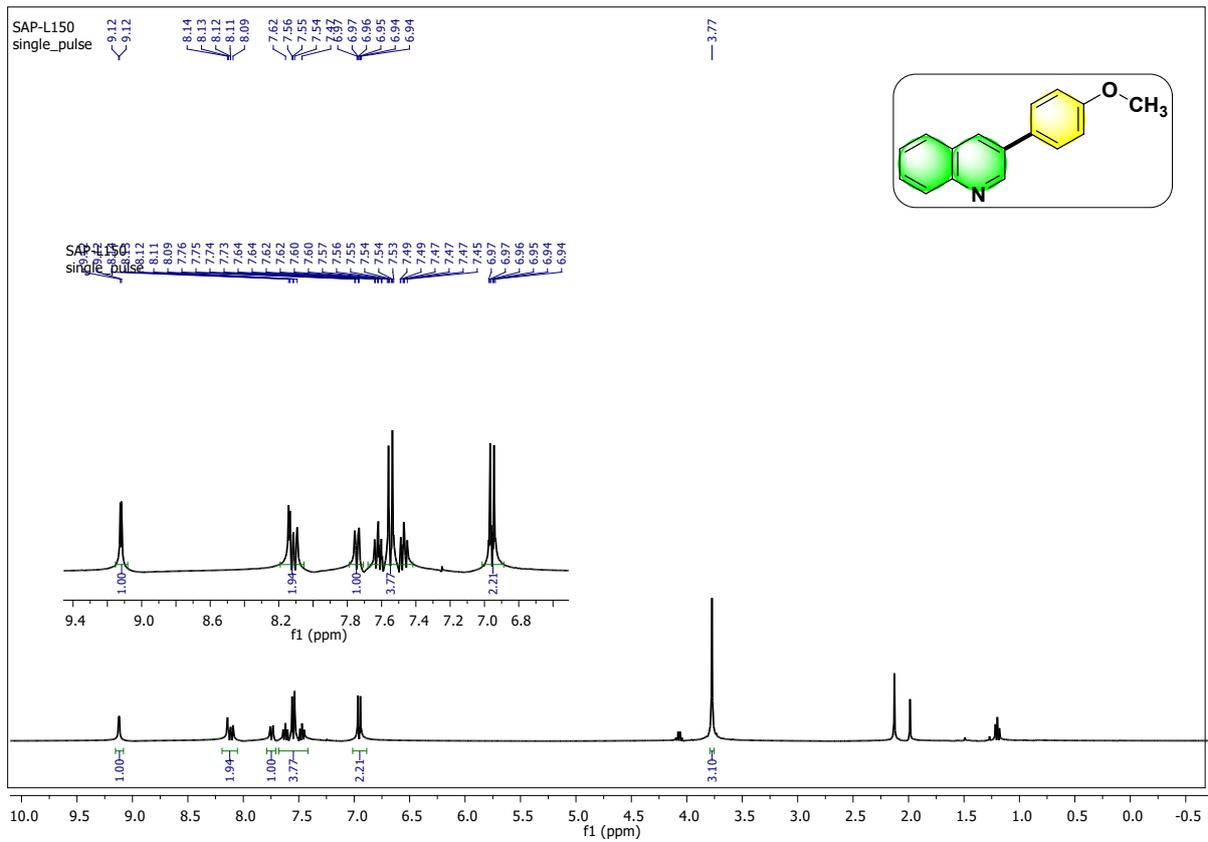




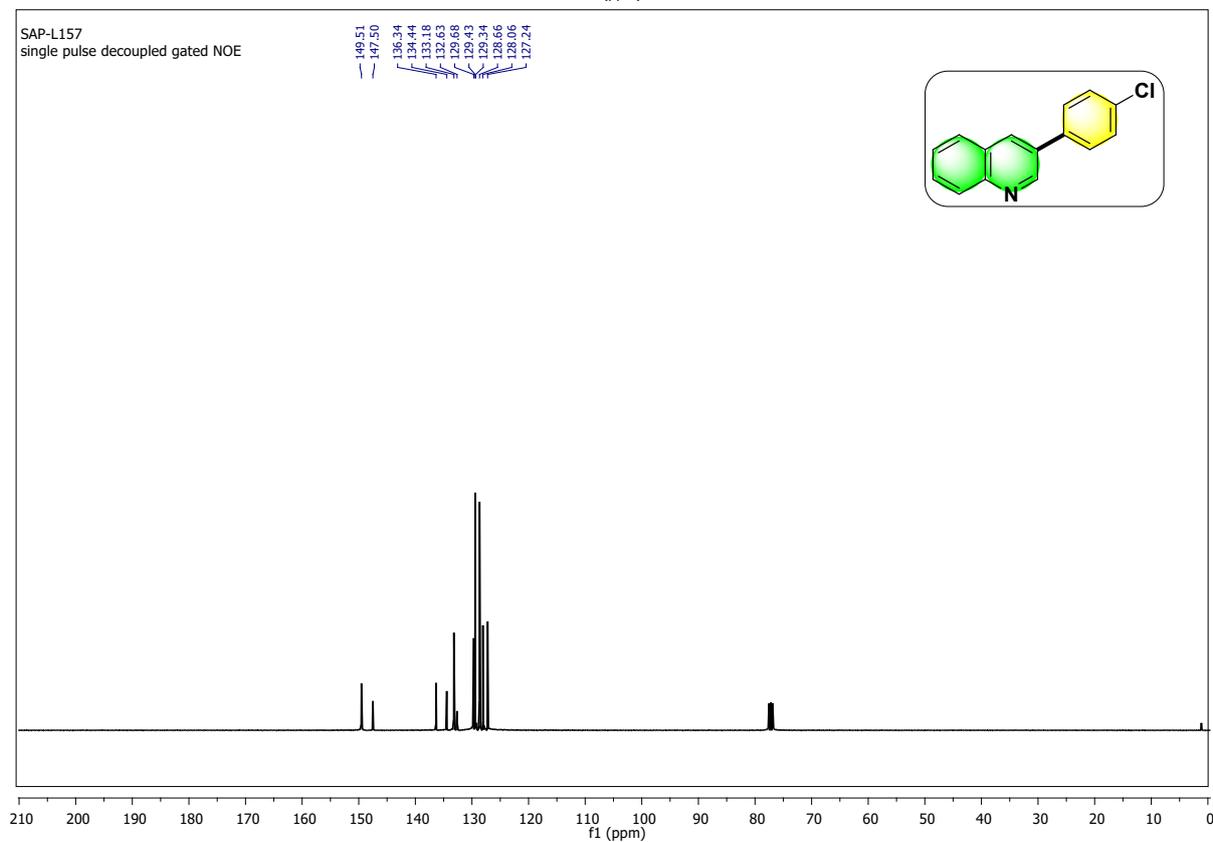
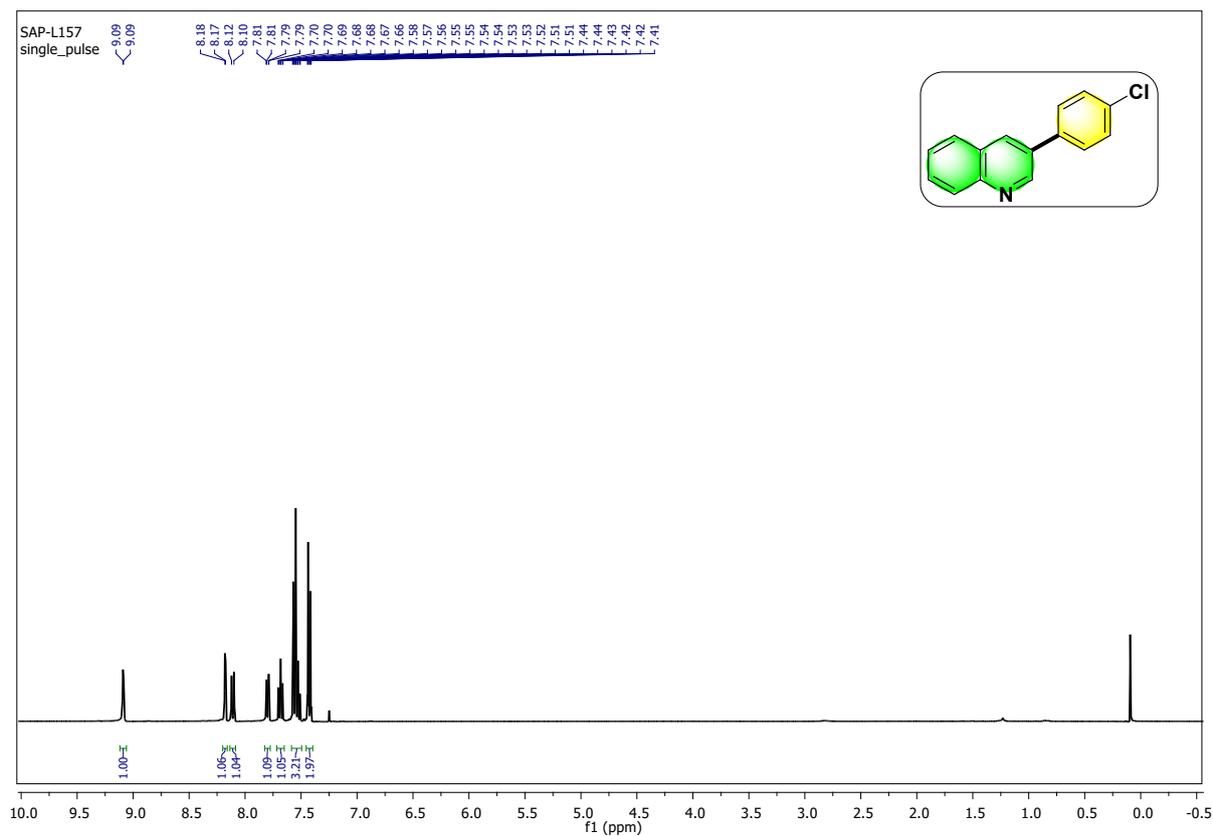
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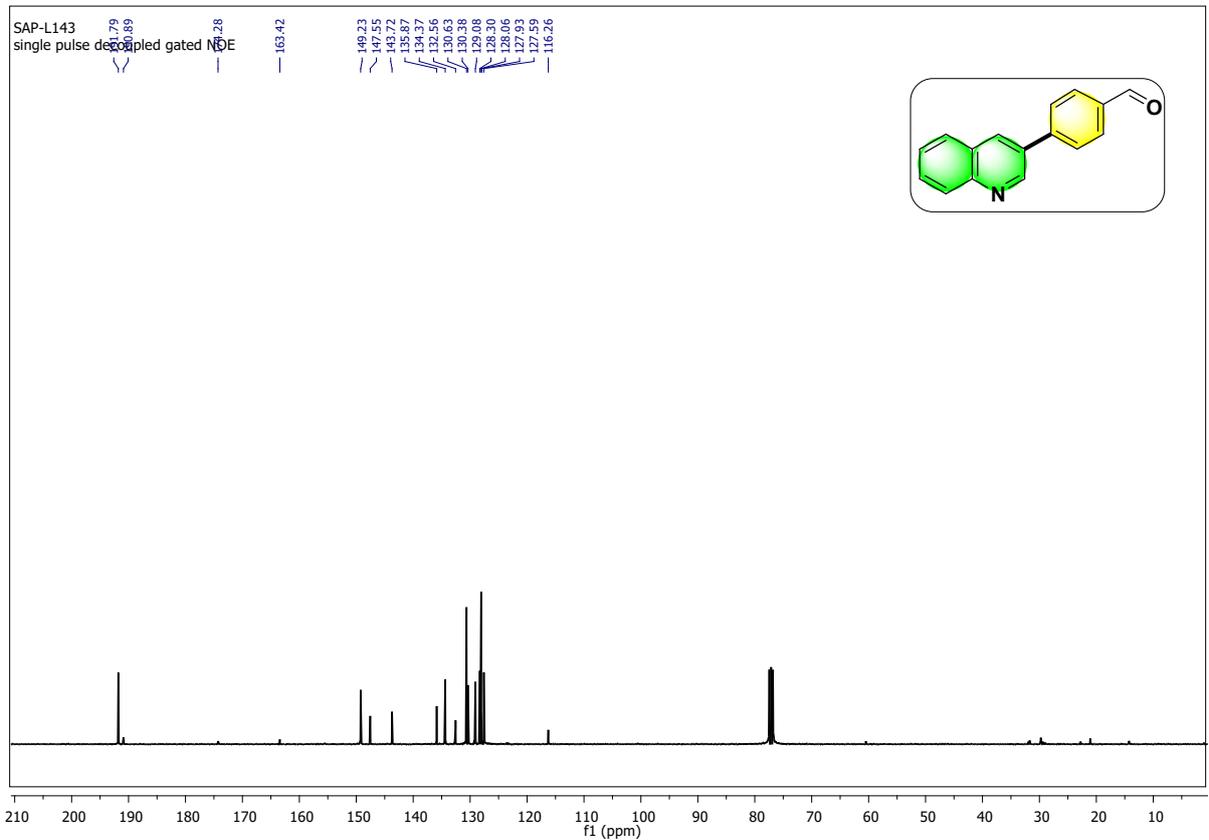
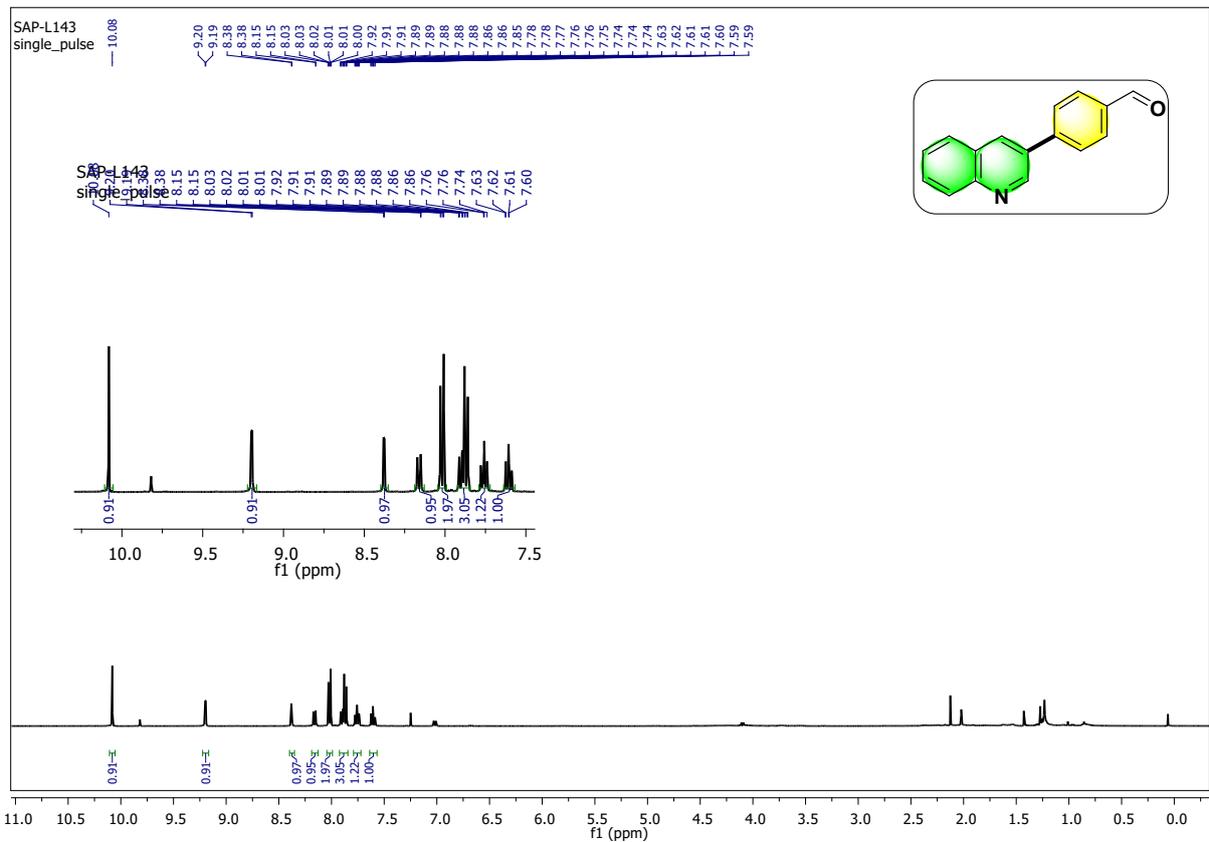
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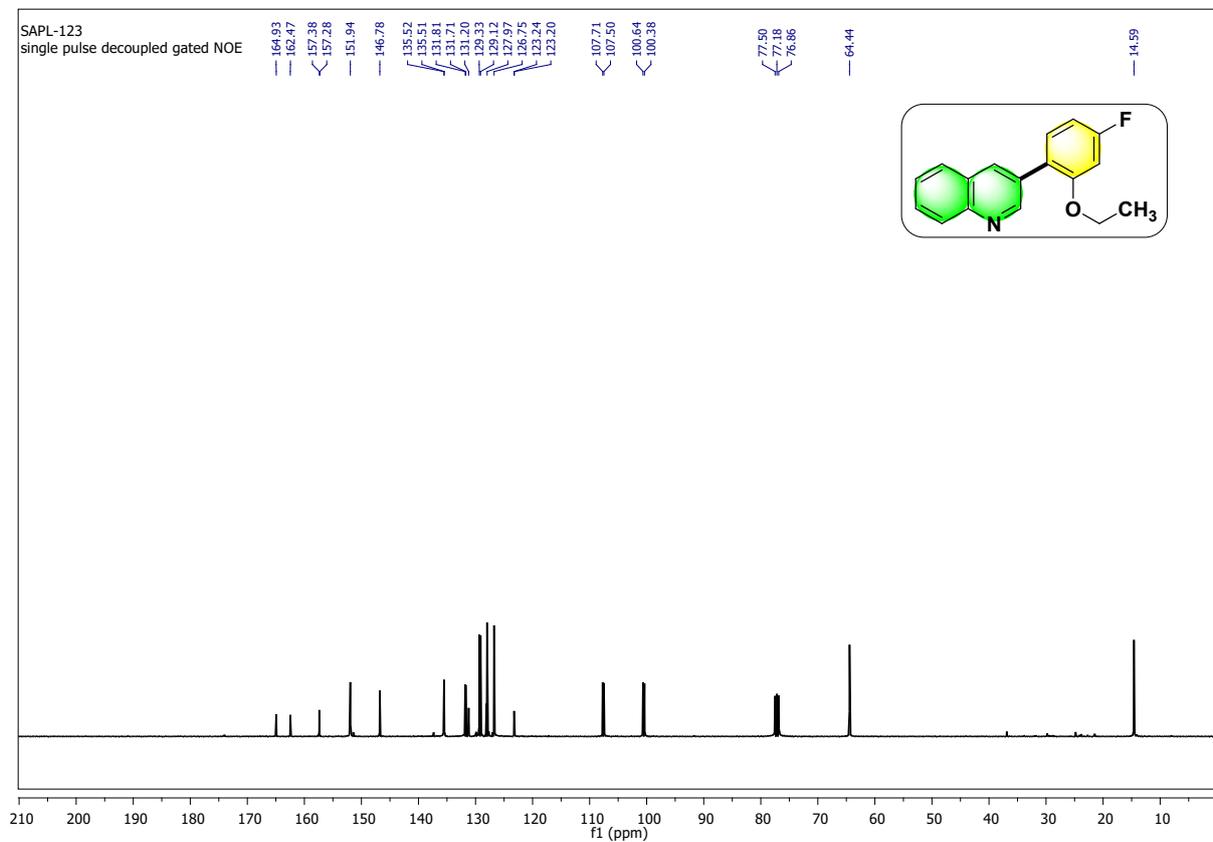
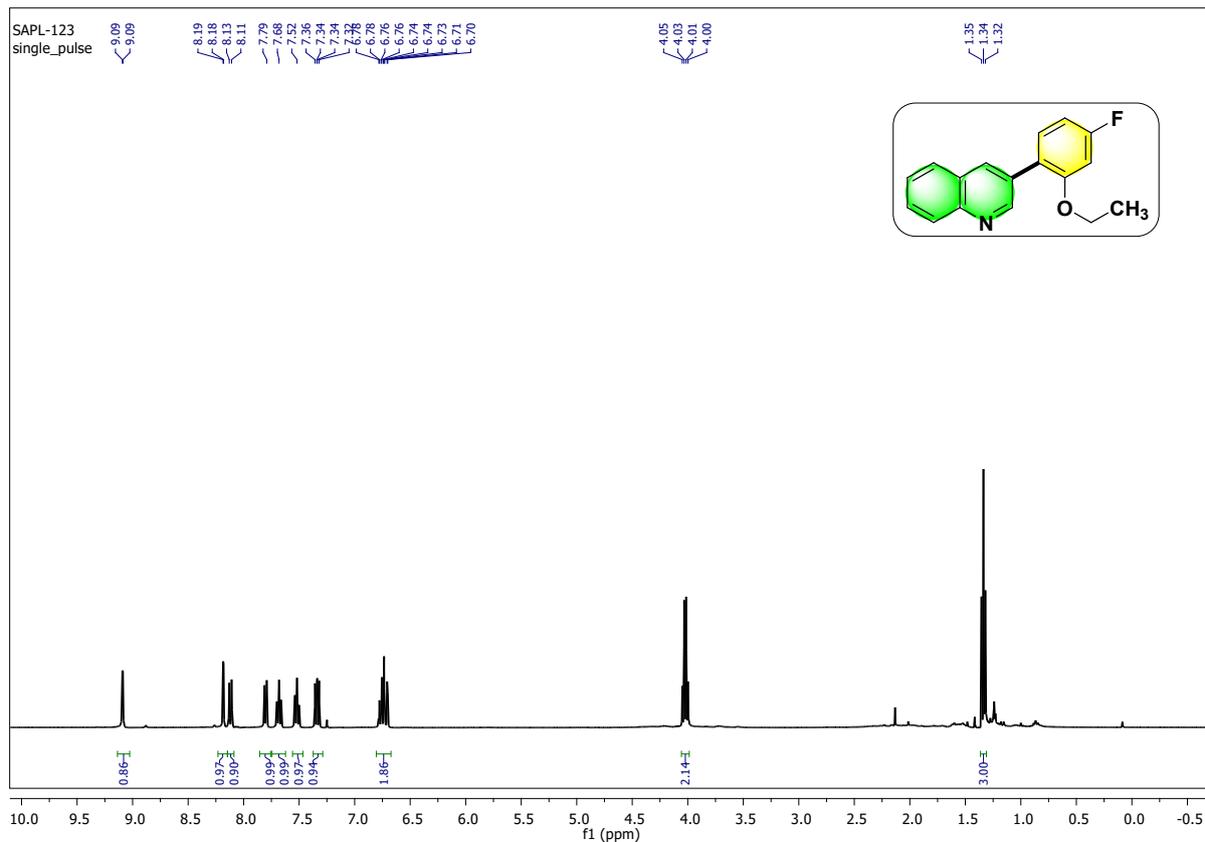
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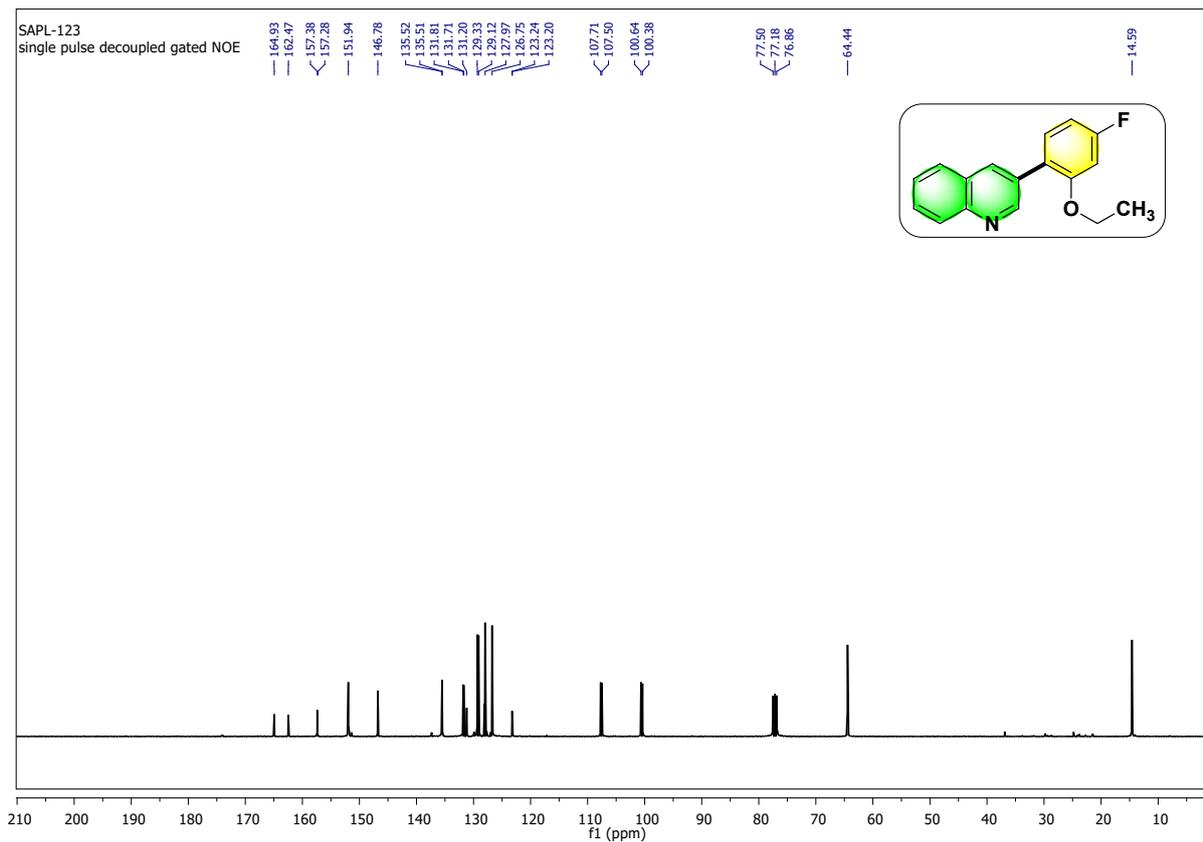


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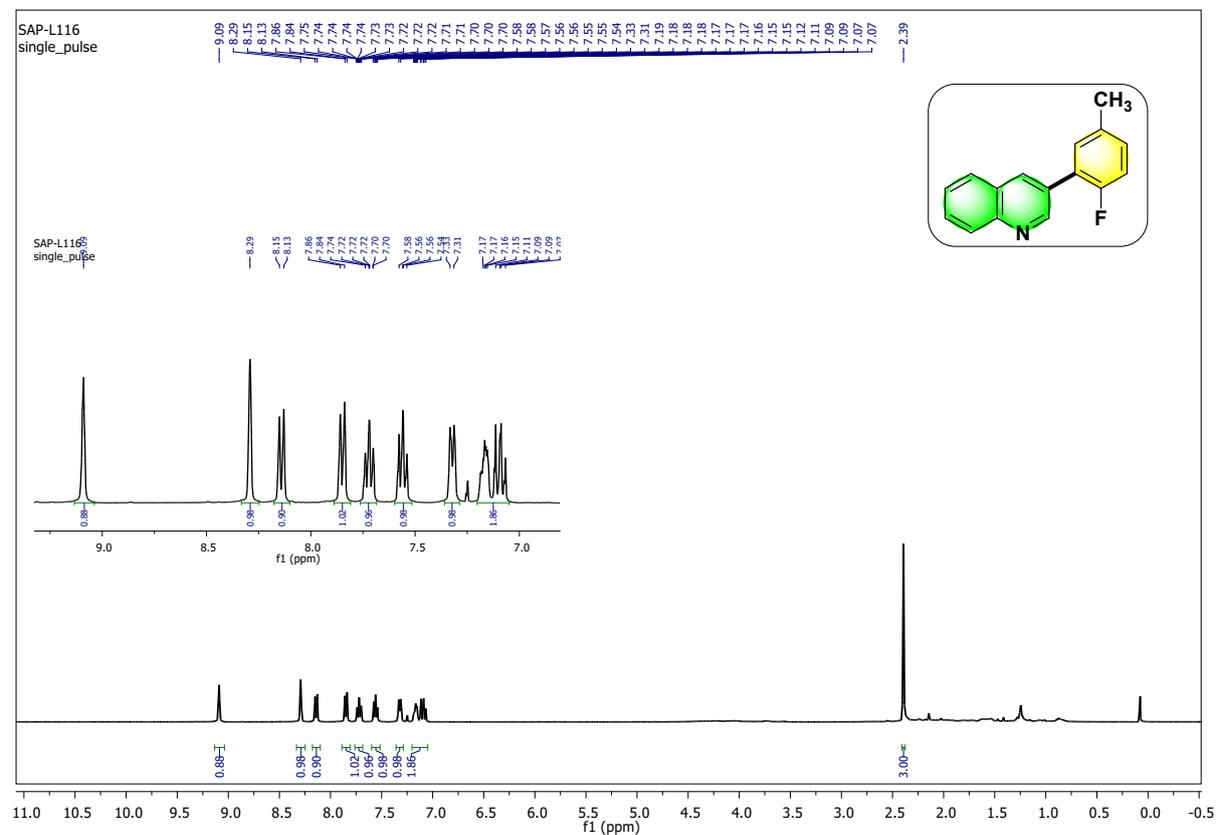


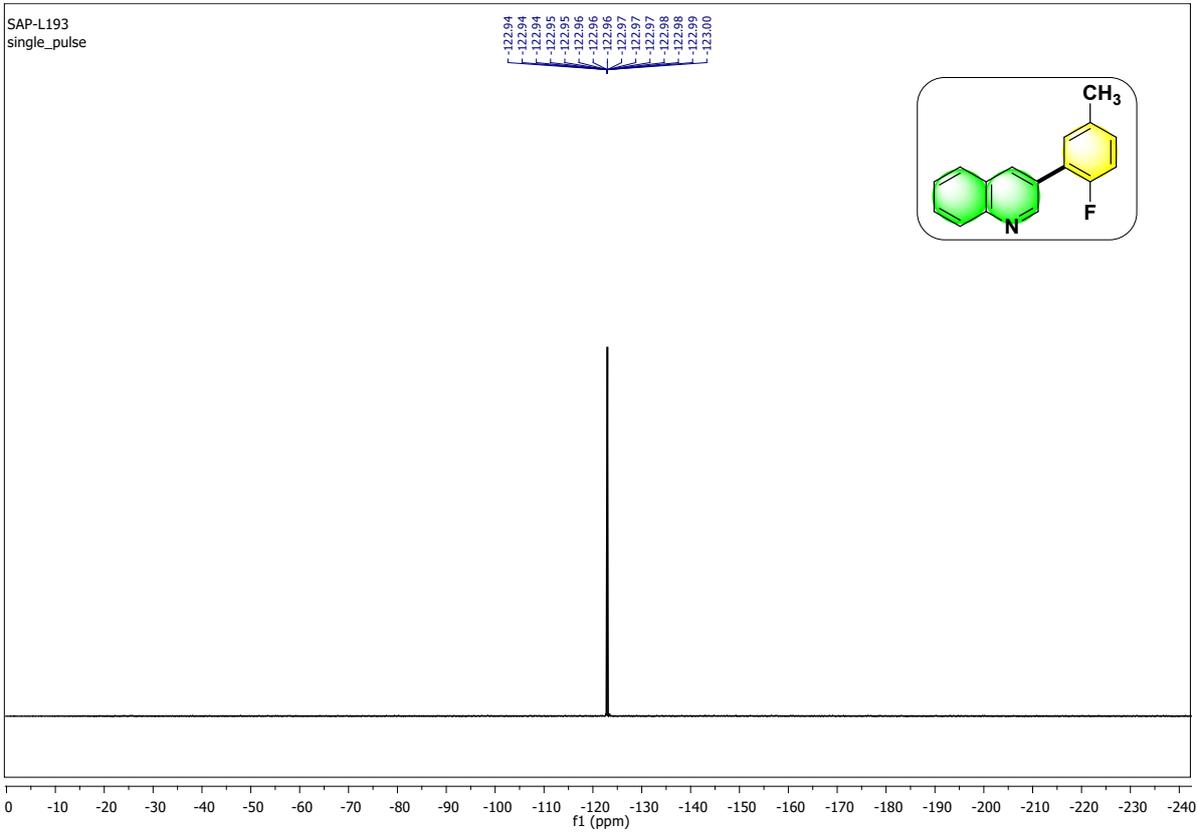
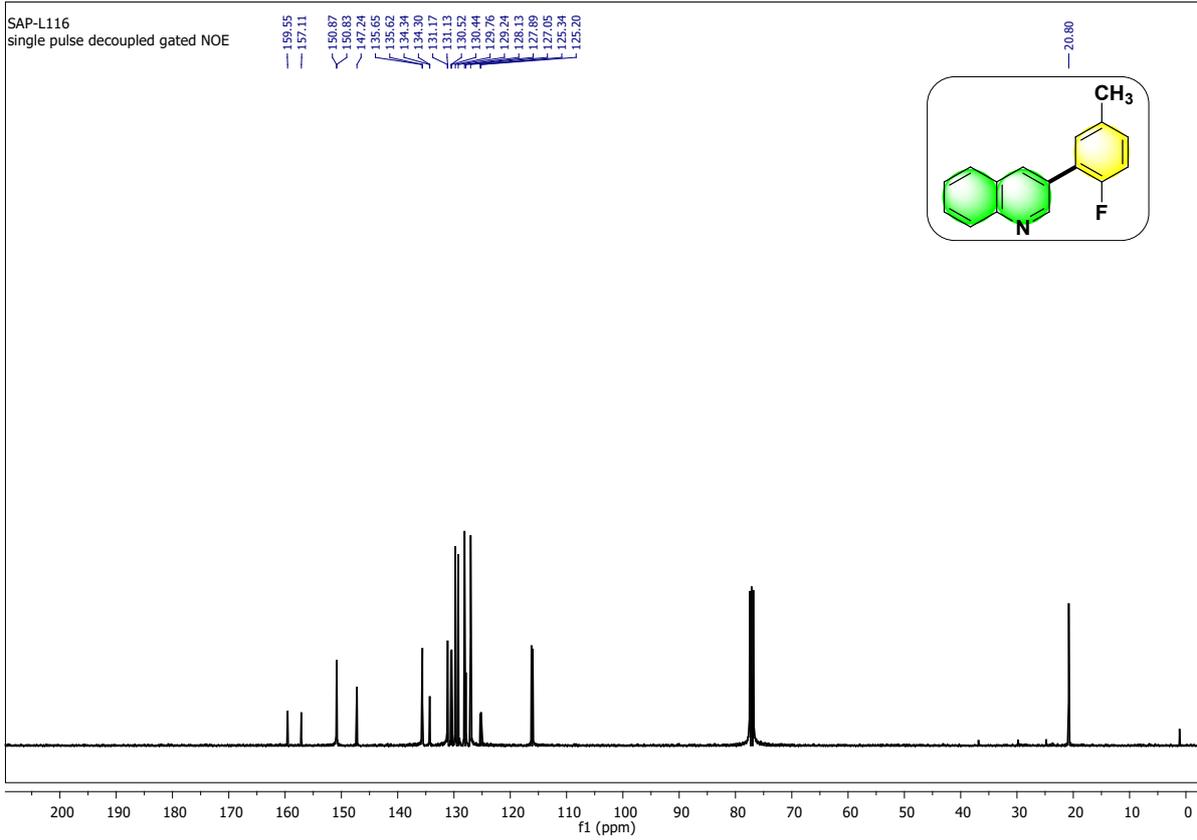
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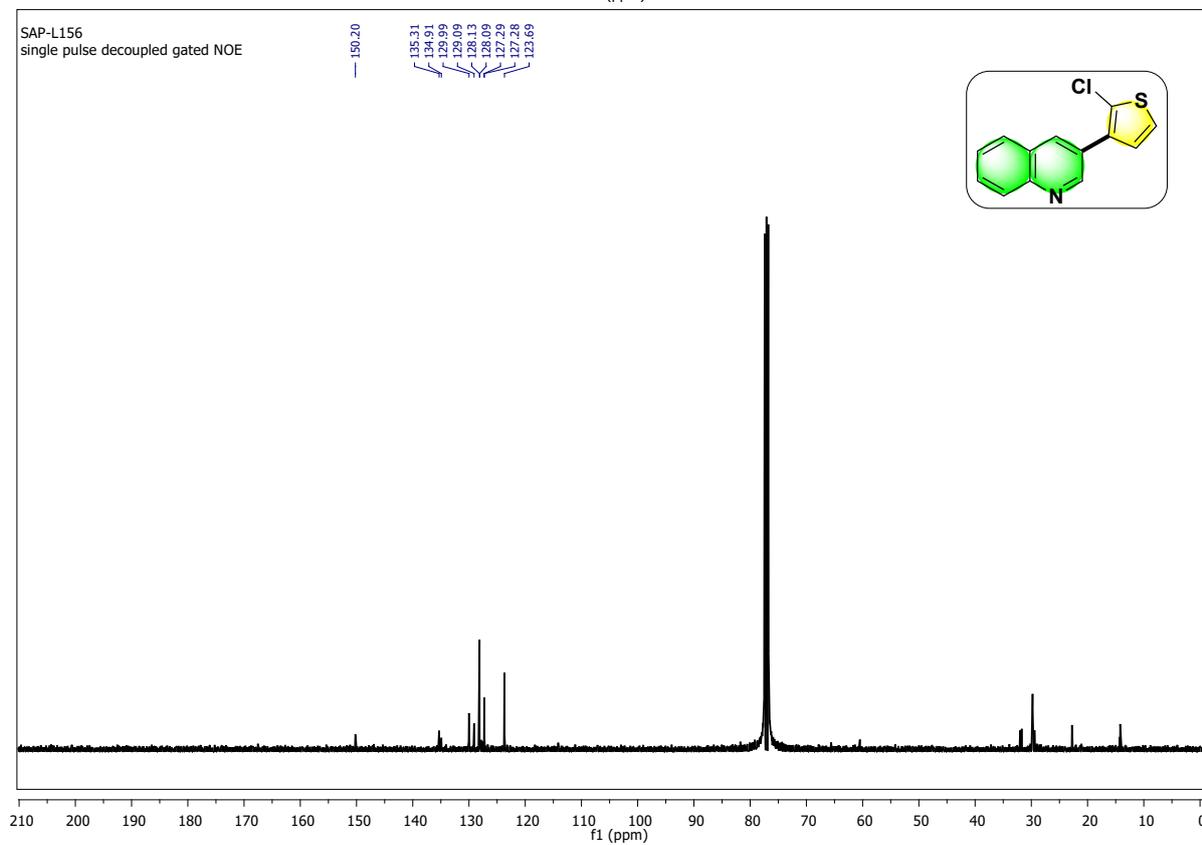
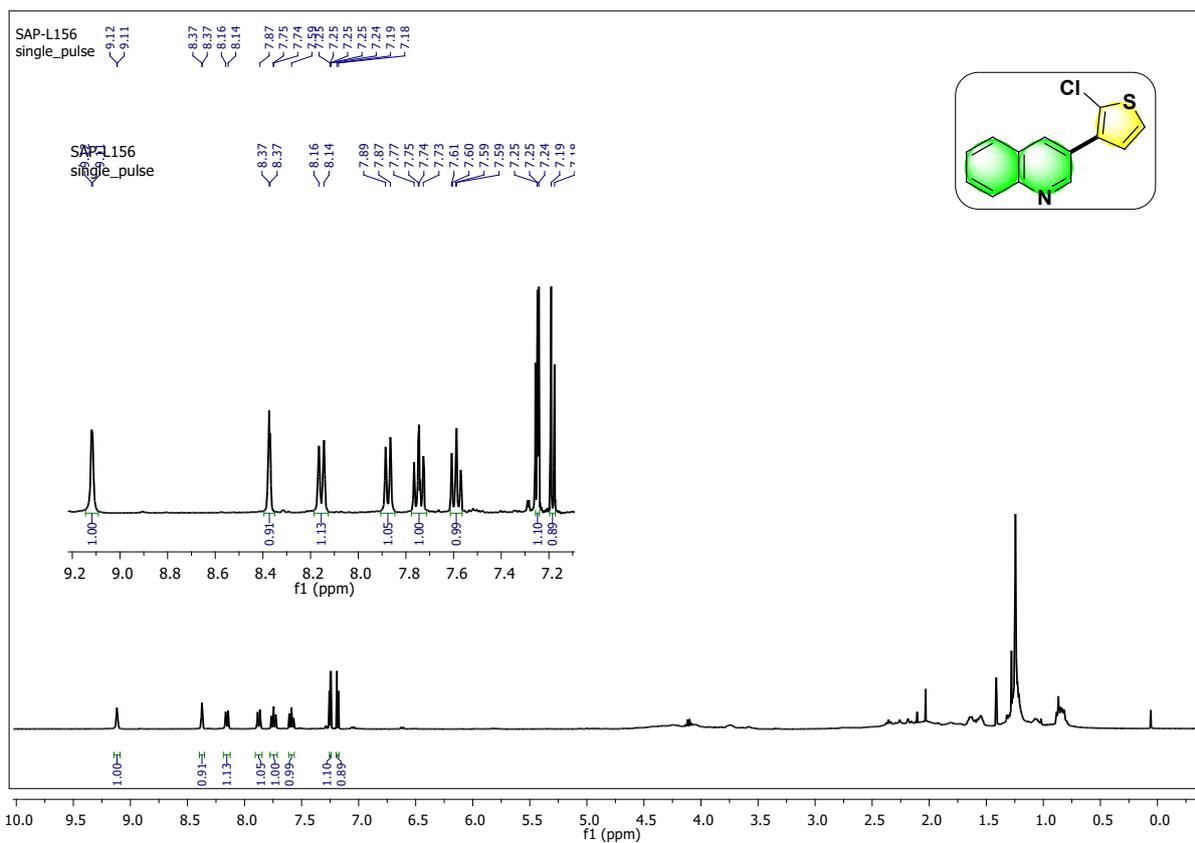


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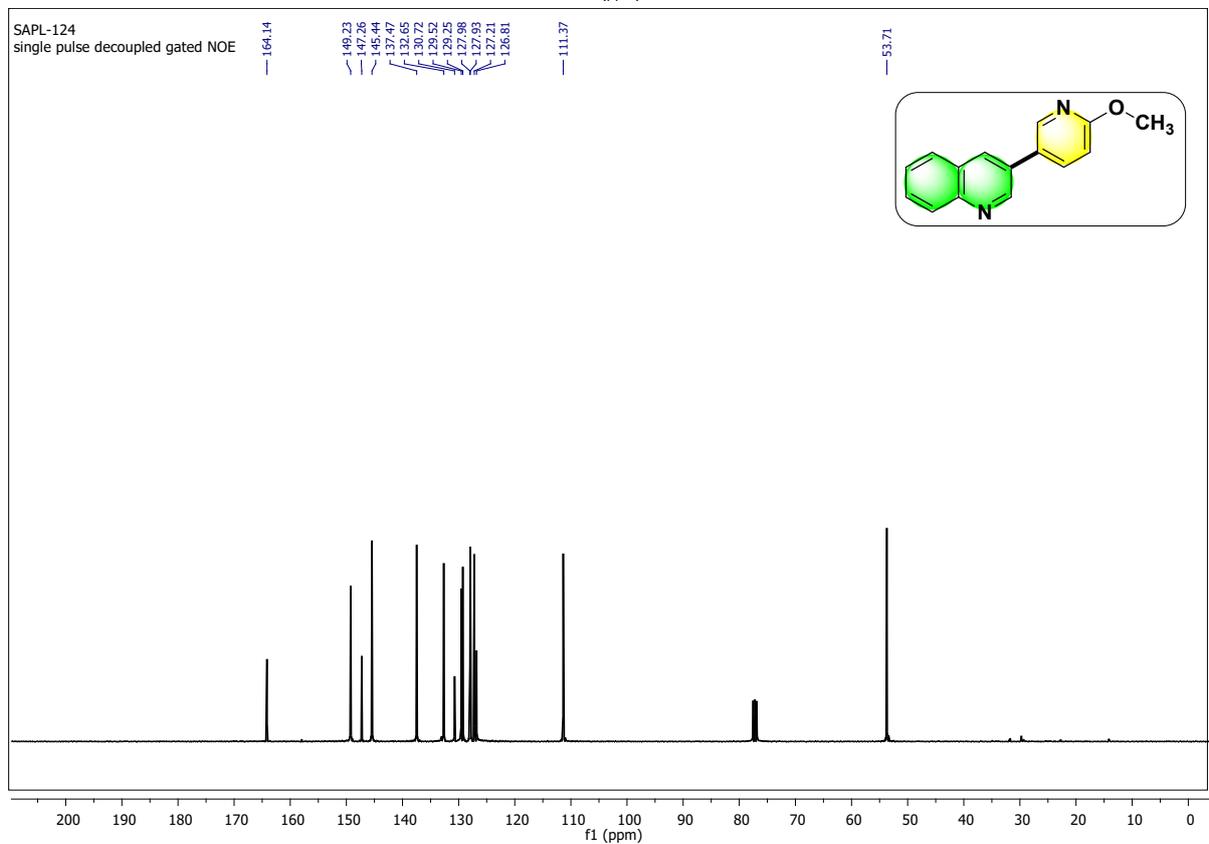
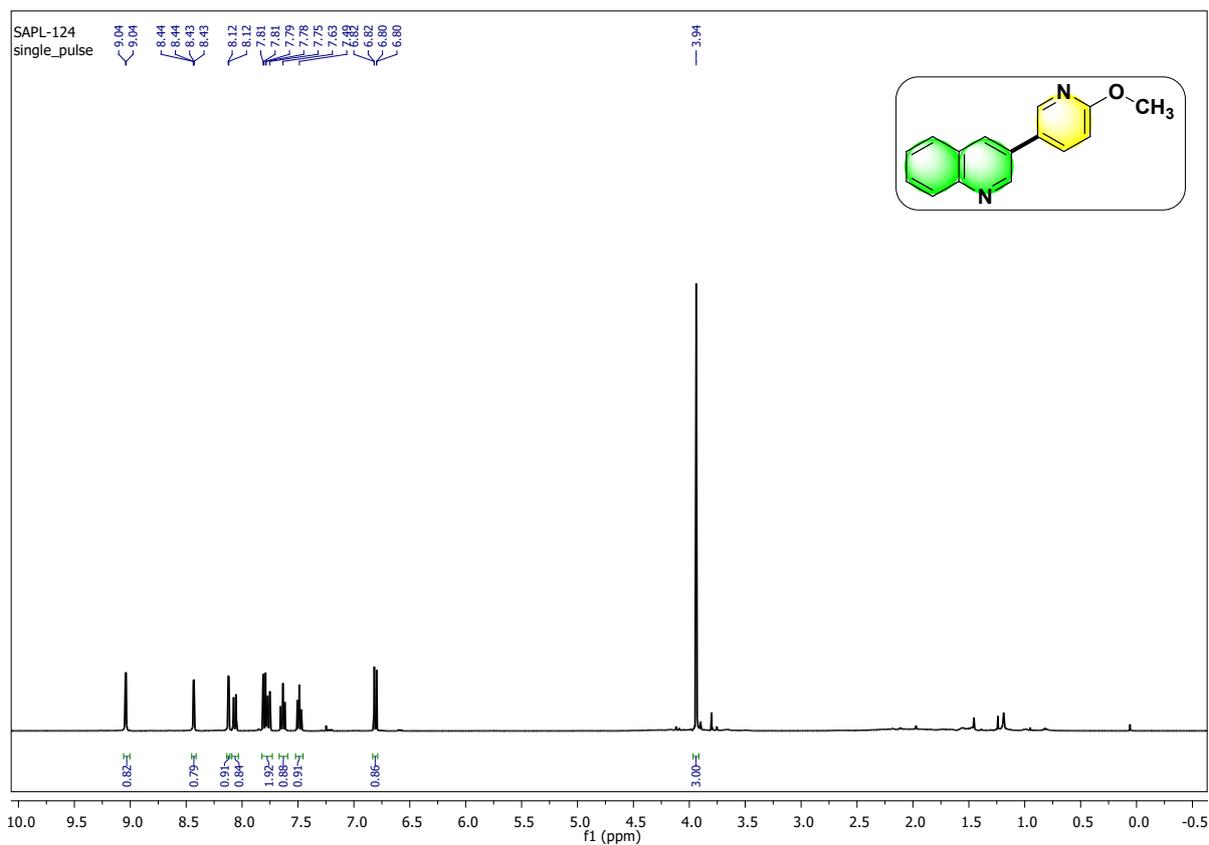




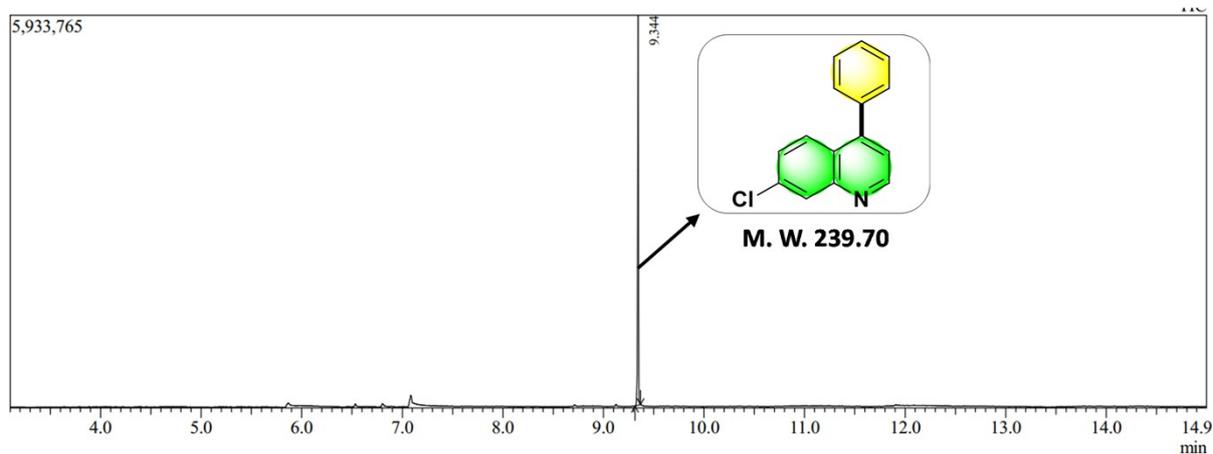
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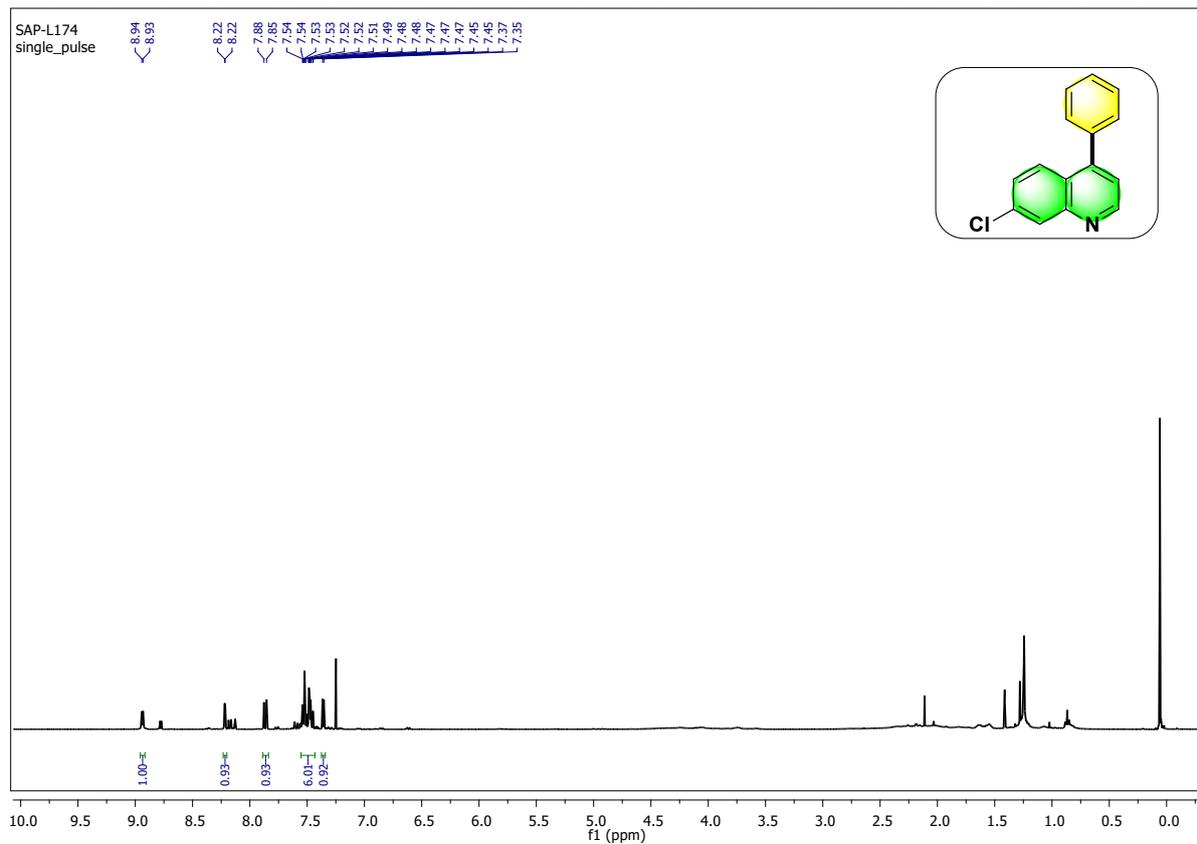
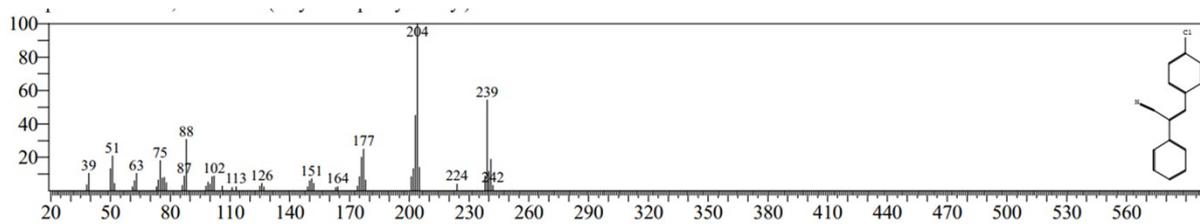


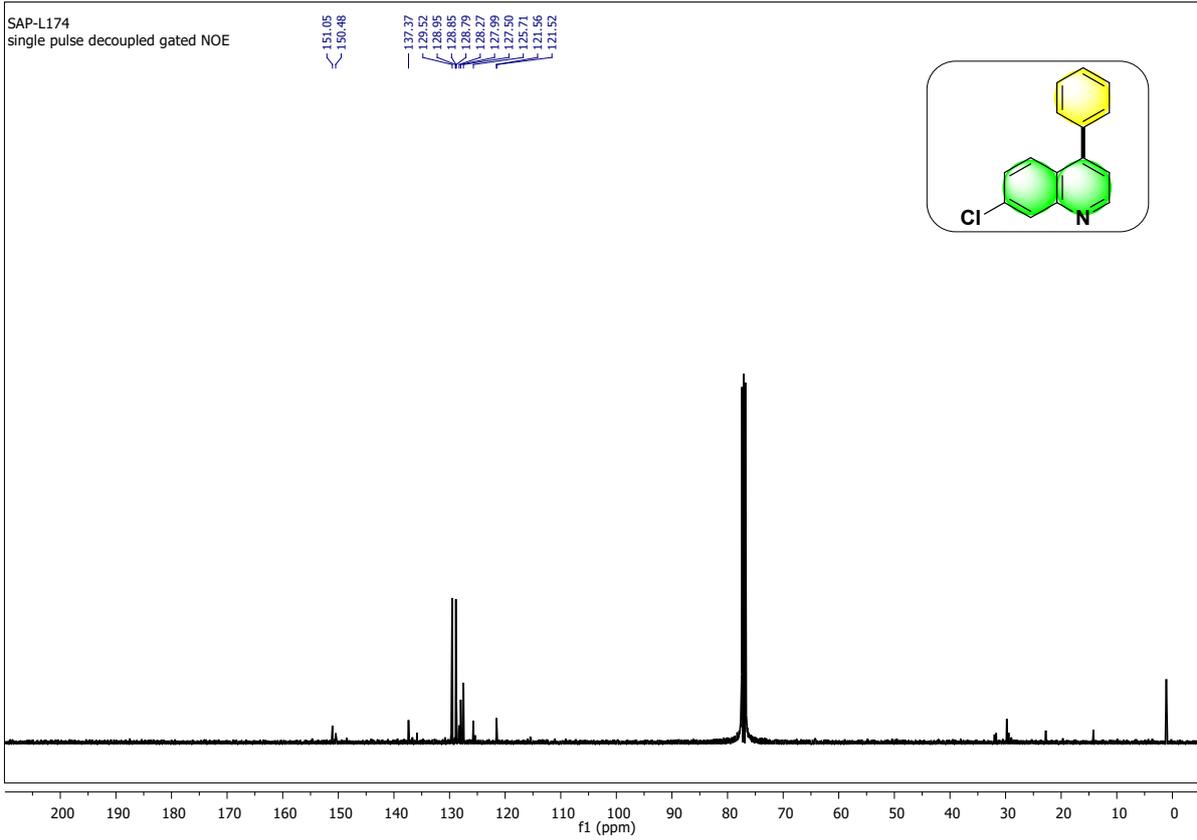
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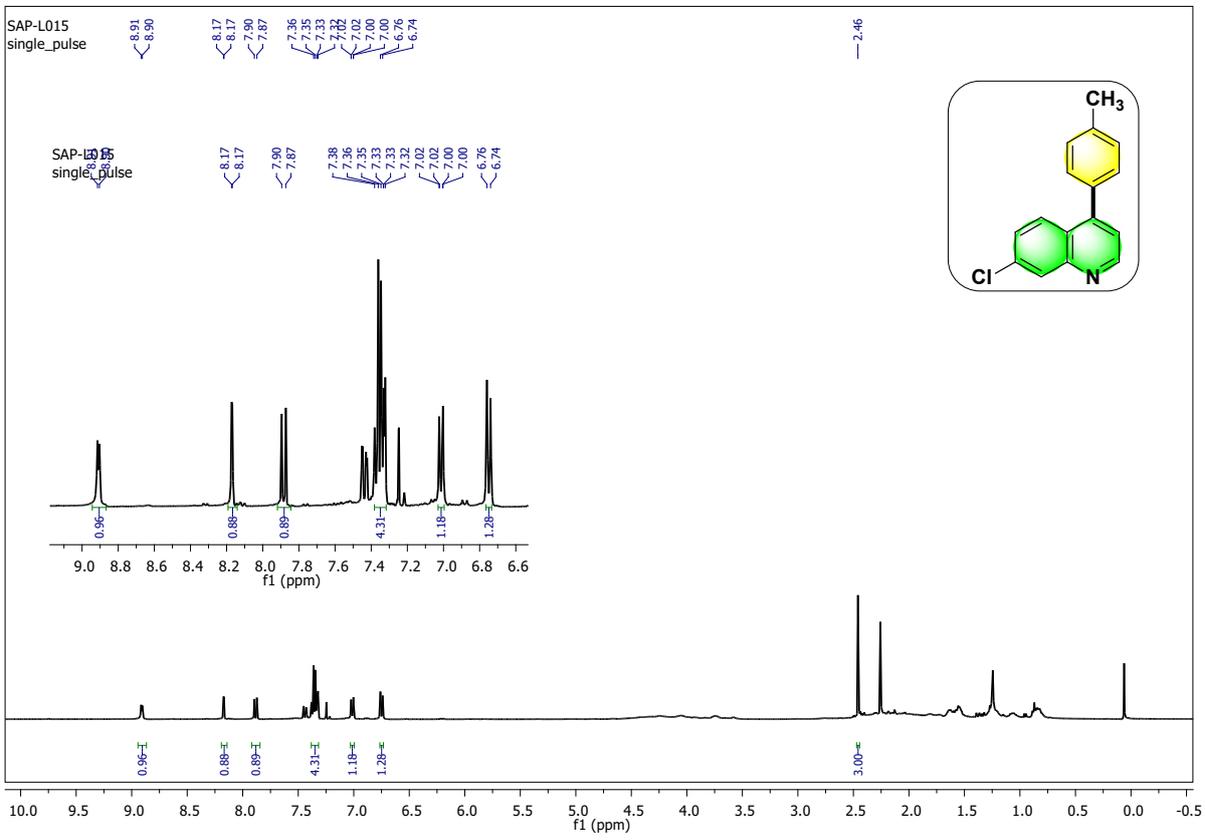
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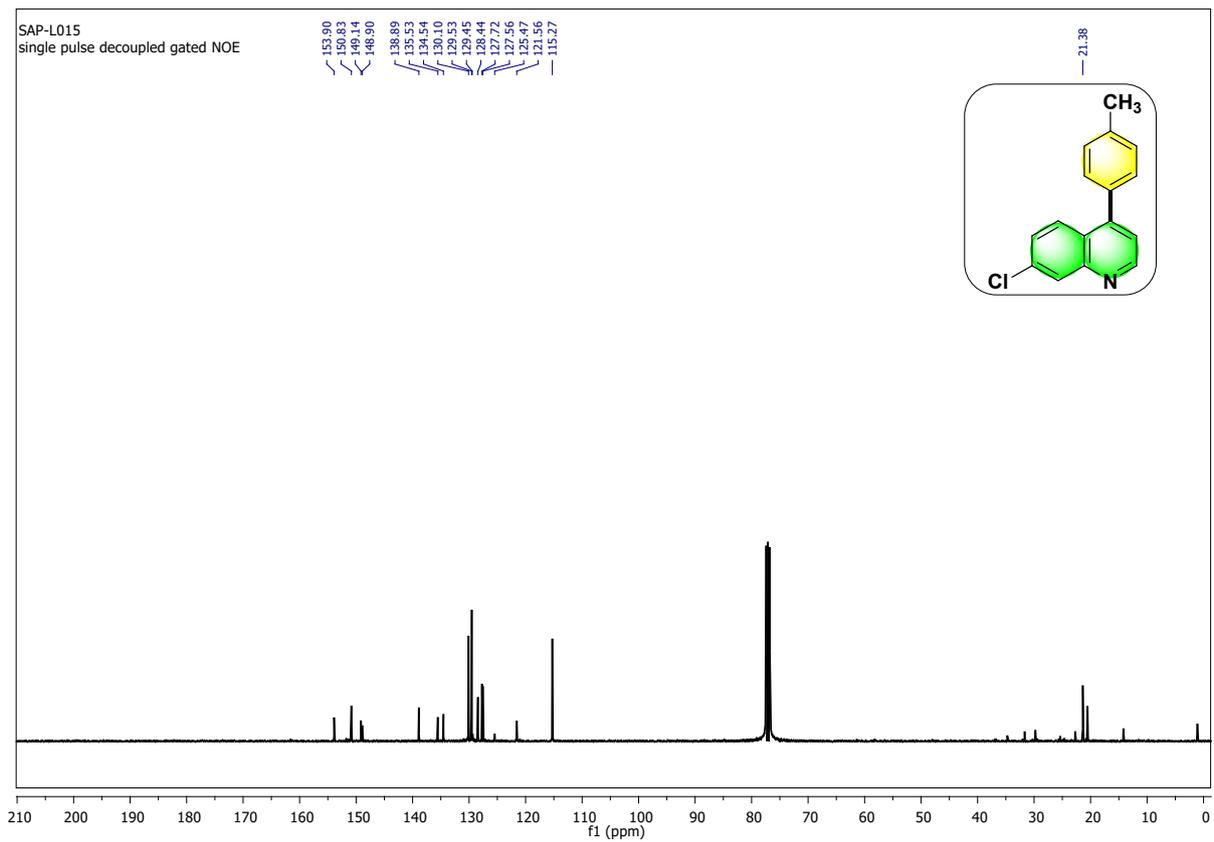
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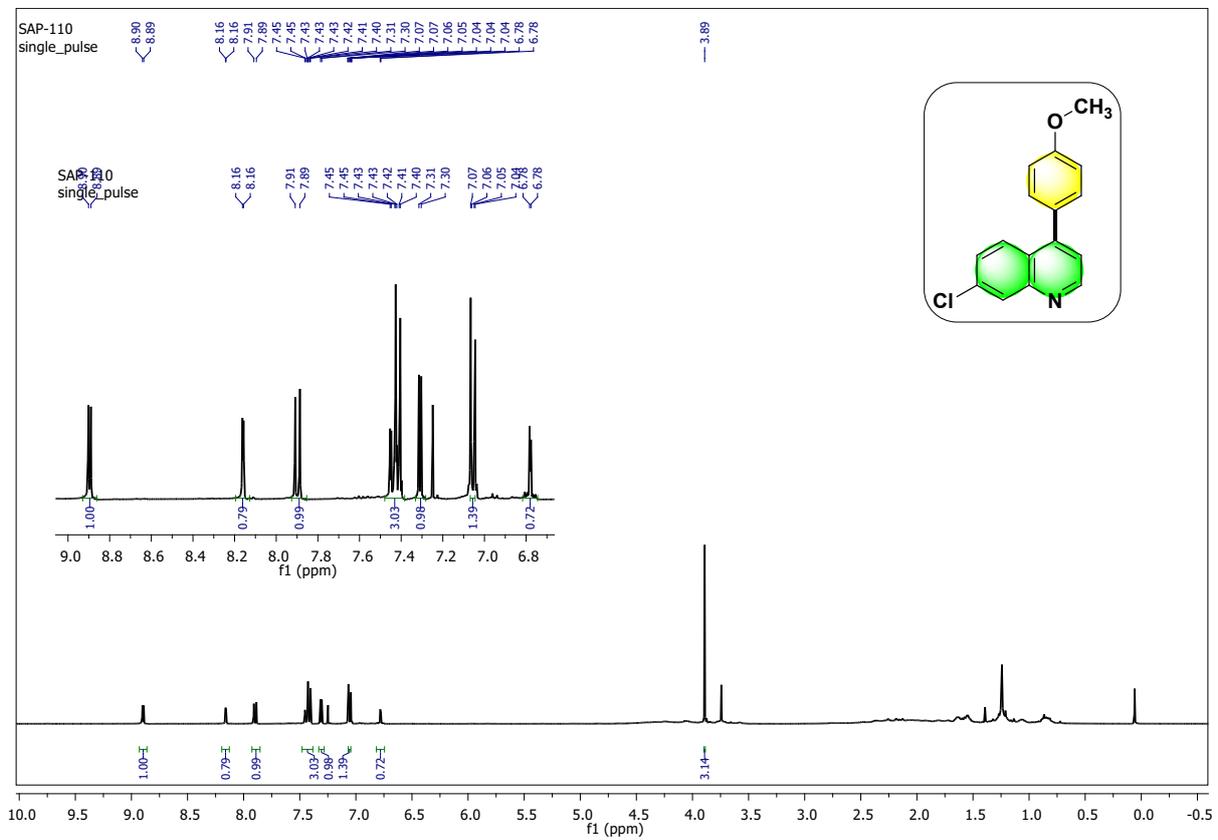


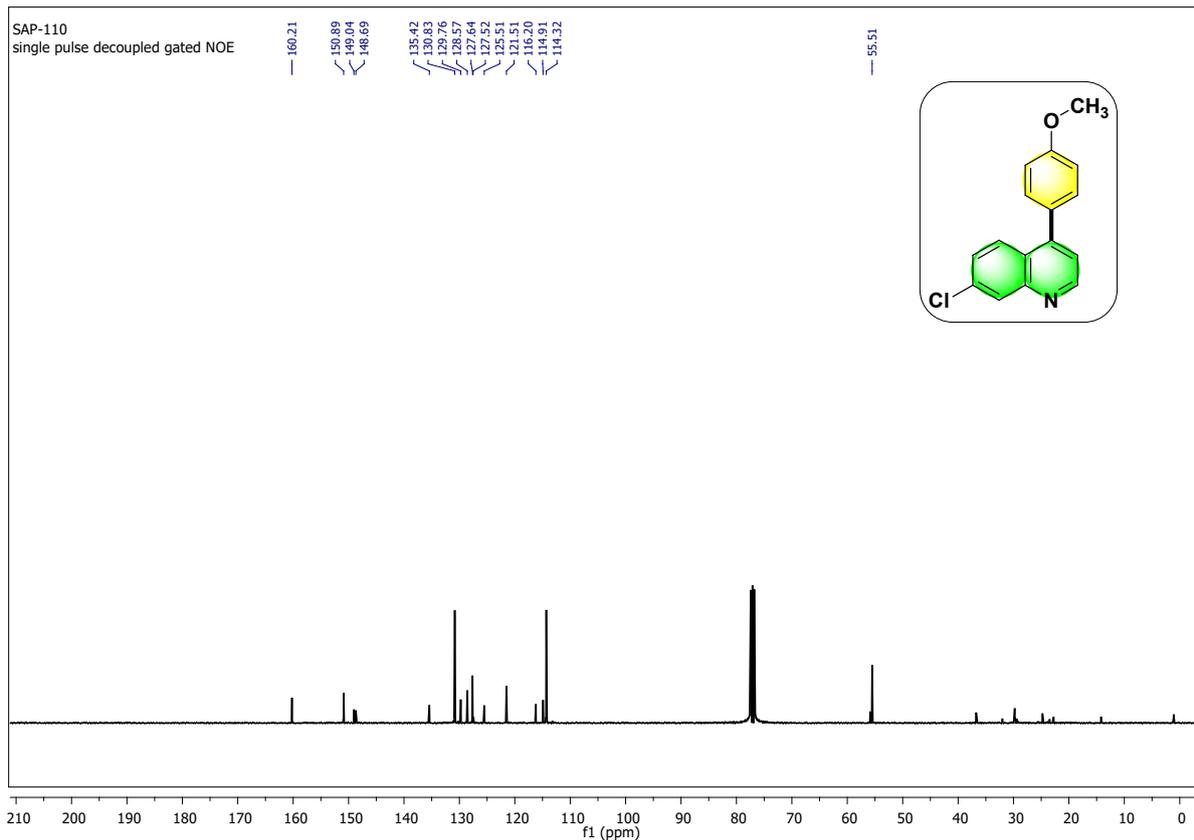
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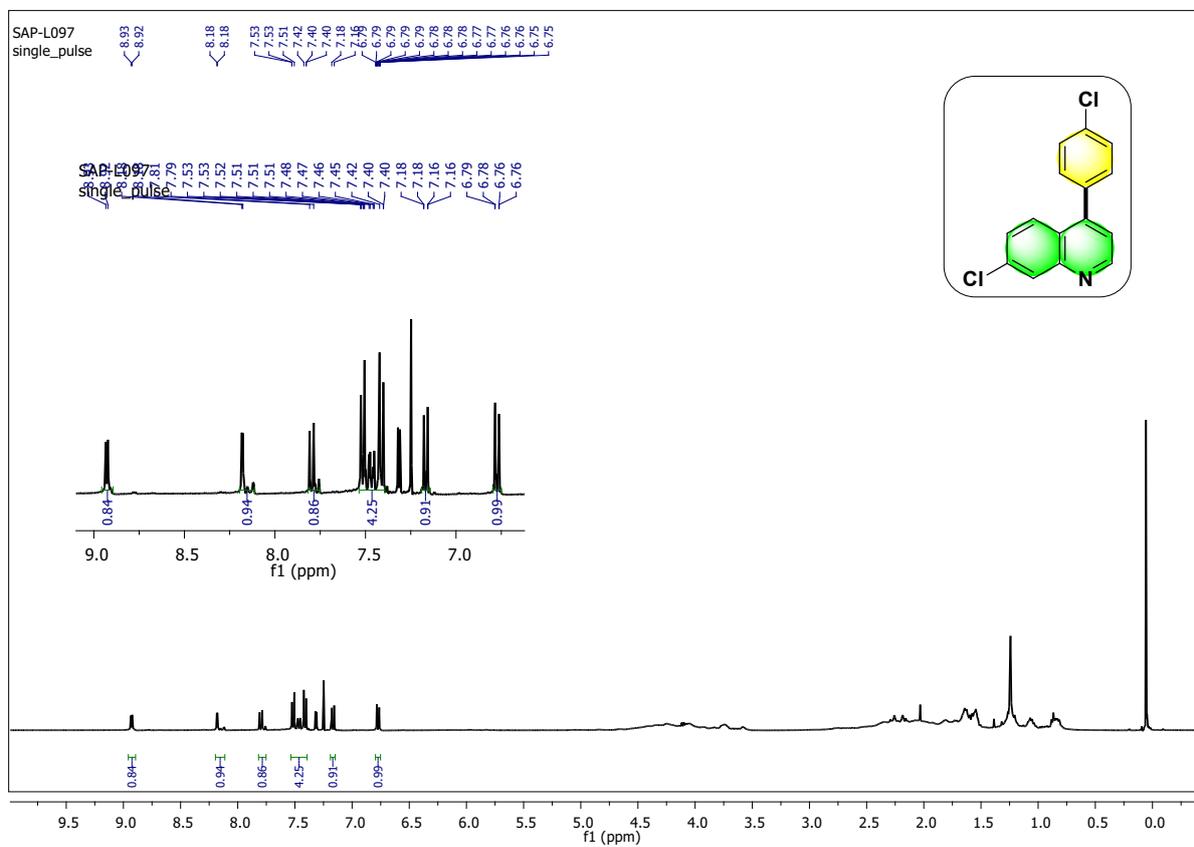


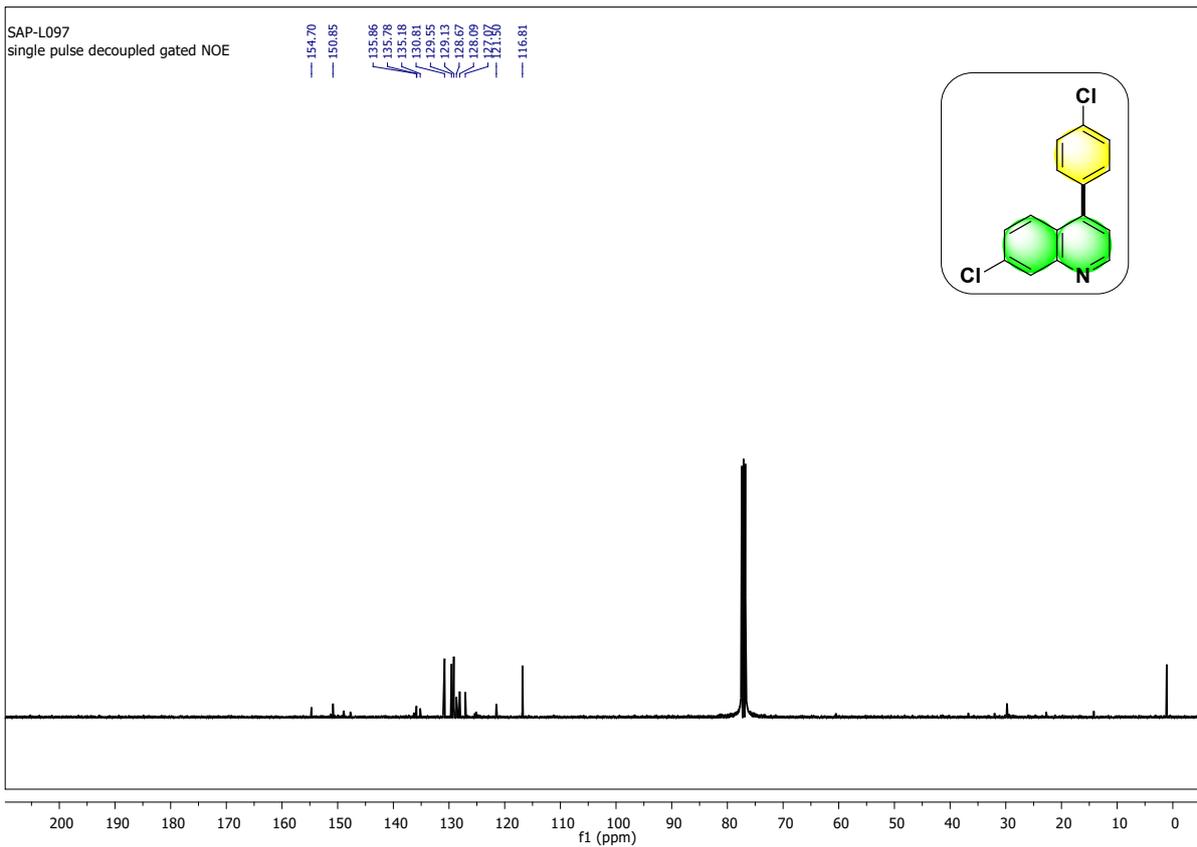
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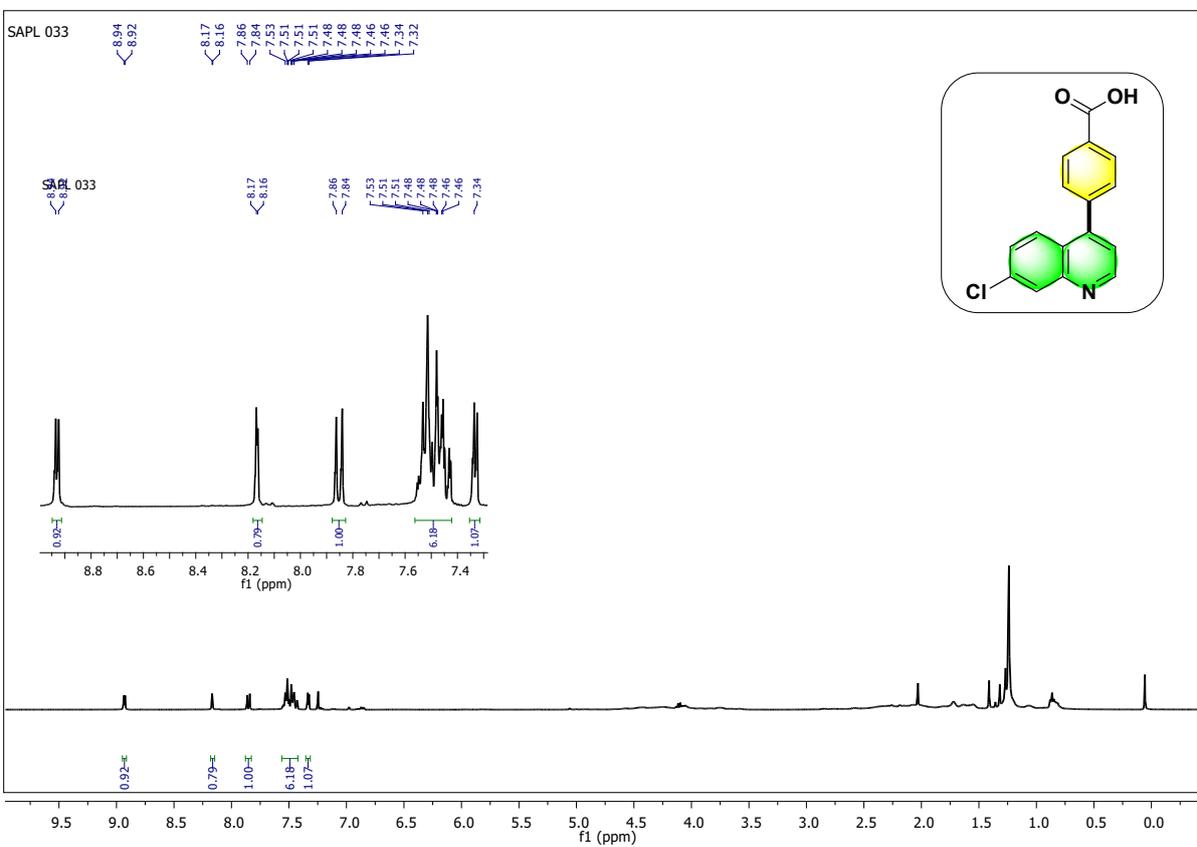


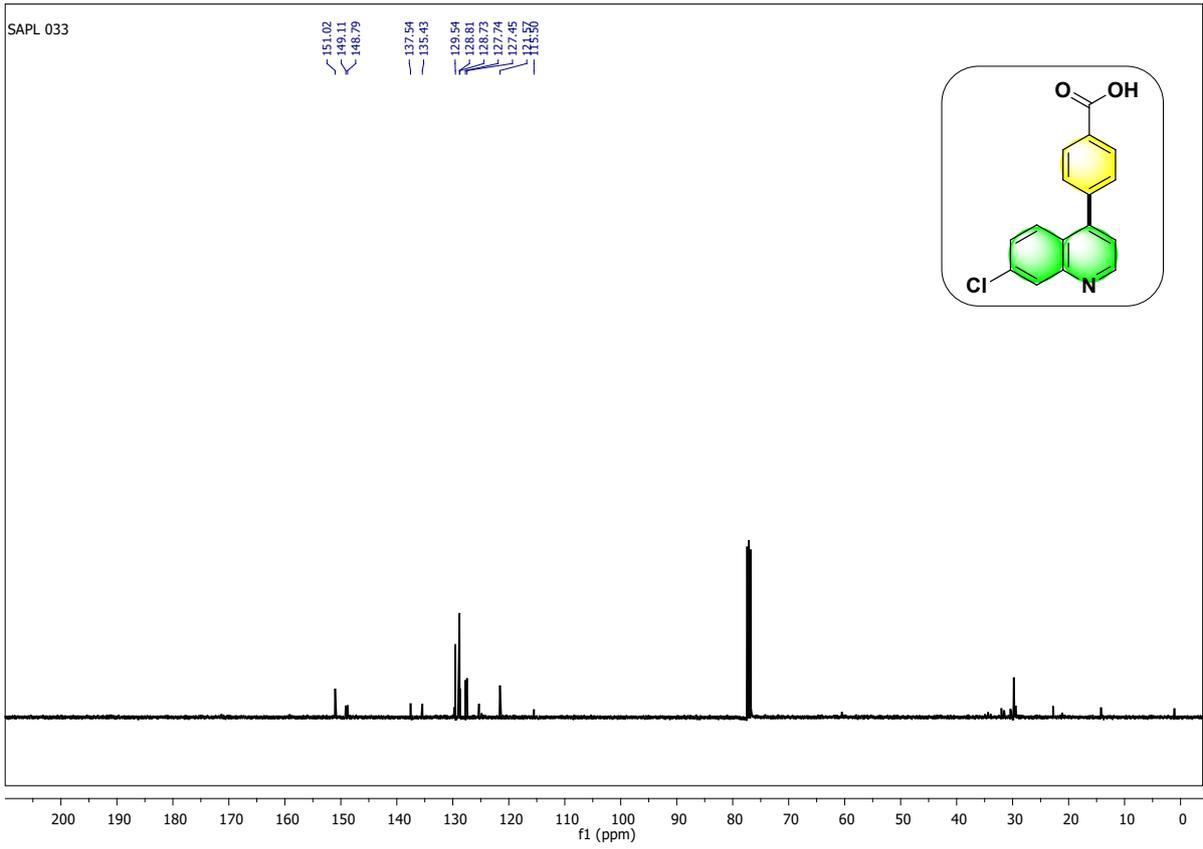
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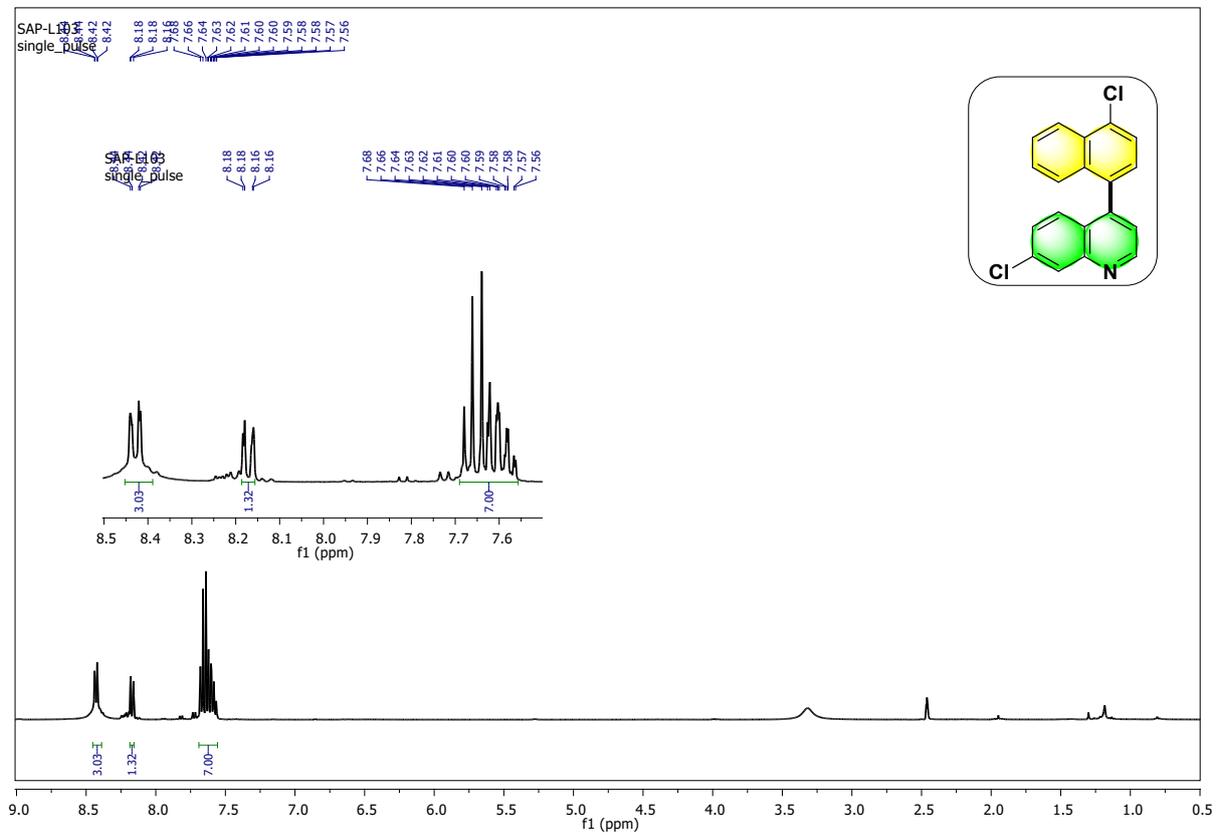


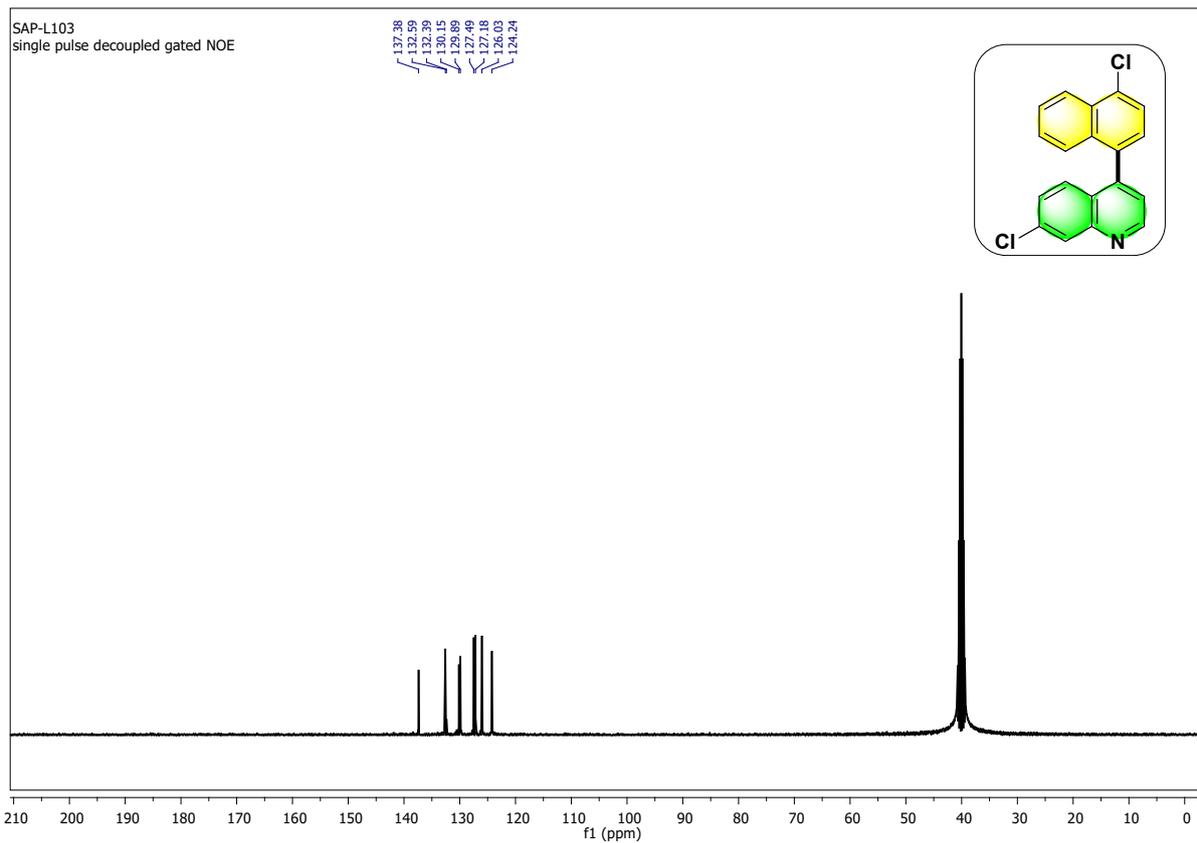
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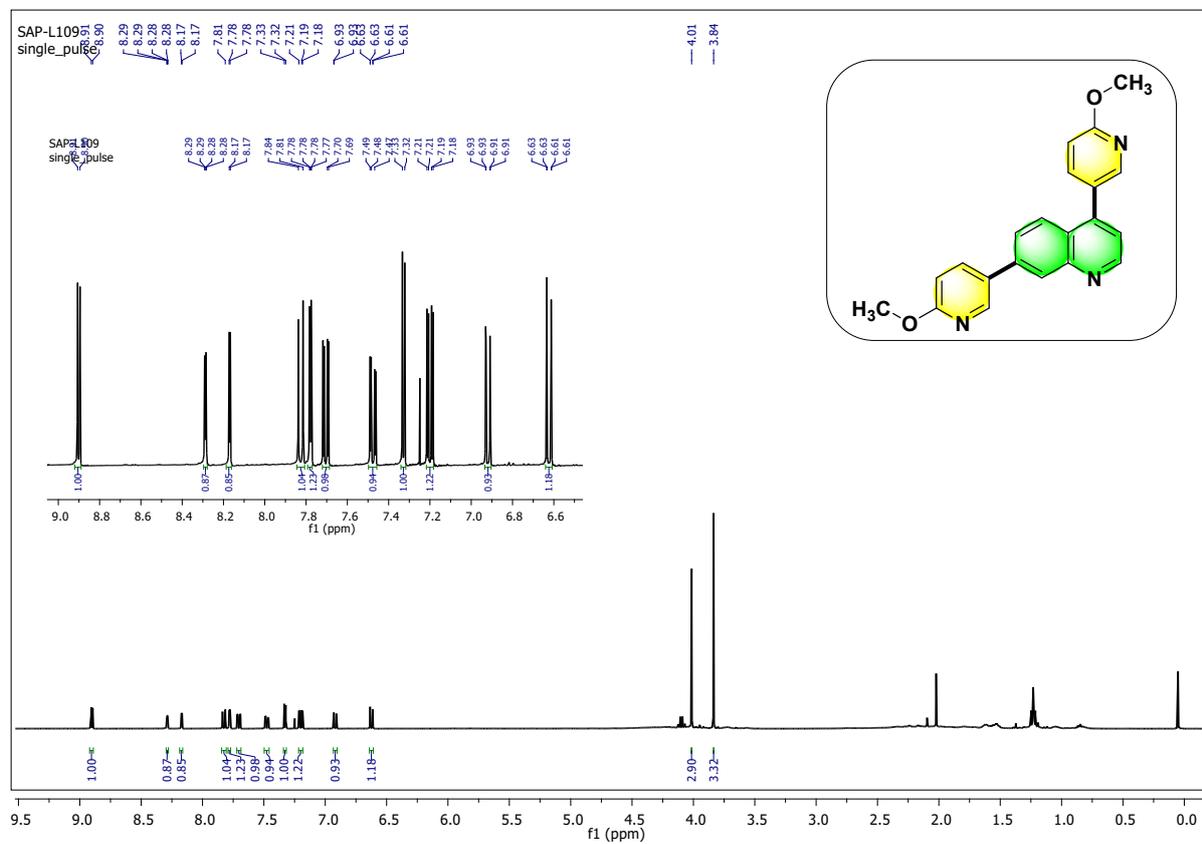


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