Supporting Information

A general and direct synthesis of imidazolium ionic liquids using orthoester

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1. General remark

1.1 Chemical sources and general procedure

Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Chemical sources of chemicals are shown below

Chemicals from C-TRI company (http://www.c-tri.co.kr/ctri_eng).
[BMIM][BF ₄], Batch. No. ILI04C-131113
Halide content: 10 ppm, water content: 31.9 ppm according to the certificate of analysis

Chemicals from Aldrich 1-Butylimidazole, 98%, Cat. No. 348414 Trimethyl orthoformate, 99%, Cat. No. 108456 Ammonium tetrafluoroborate, 97+%, Cat. No. 223727 Tetrafluoroboric acid solution 48 wt. % in H₂O, Cat. No. 207934 Imidazole ACS reagent, \geq 99%, Cat. No. 436151 Ammonium hexafluorophosphate, \geq 98.0 %, Cat. No. 0-9820 Ammonium iodide, \geq 99%, Cat. No. 0-9874 Ammonium nitrate, 98+ %, Cat. No. 221244 Bis(trifluoromethane)sulfonimide \geq 95.0%, Cat. No. 15220 Nitric acid ACS reagent, 70%, Cat. No. 438073 Hexafluorophosphoric acid ~55 wt. % in H₂O, Cat. No. 200956

Chemicals from TCI

1-Phenylimidazole >98.0%(GC), Cat. No. P2030 Trifluoromethanesulfonic acid >98.0%(T), Cat. No. T0751 Isoquinoline >95.0%(GC), Cat. No. I0182 1-Vinylimidazole >98.0%(GC)(T), Cat. No. V0045 Triethyl orthoformate >98%(GC), Cat. No. 00066 Triisopropyl orthoformate >97.0%(GC), Cat. No. 00215 Tributyl orthoformate >95.0%(GC), Cat. No. 00269

Chemical from Wako Ammonium bromide >98%, Cat. No. 1294

Chemicals from Junsei Ammonium chloride >98%, Cat. No. 9D1547 *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid (chemical pure), Cat. No. 811572

Chemicals from Daesung Ethyl acetate 99%, Dichloromethane 99.5% Acetone 99.5% Acetonitrile 99.5% Methyl alcohol 99.5% 1-alkyl imidazole (1 eq) and ammonium salt (1.2 eq) were mixed with trialkyl orthoformate (5 eq) under N_2 atmosphere. In some reactions, protic acids (HX, 1 eq) were used to protonate imidazole. All reactions were monitored by ¹H NMR using DMSO-d6. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Reaction mixture was dissolved in suitable solvent. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. And then solvent was removed under reduced pressure to have the desired product.

1.2 Instrumentation

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO-d6 and CDCl₃ (Cambridge isotope) at a Varian Mercury Plus 300MHz spectrometers. ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO-d6 at Unity-Inova 500 MHz spectrometers. TG analysis were performed on DSC Q200 (TA Instruments Korea) and STA6000/8000 (Perkin Elmer). Mass spectra (FAB) were obtained using a Jeol JMS700 high-resolution mass spectrometer at the Korea Basic Science Center, Daegu, Korea. Mass spectra (ESI) were obtained using Agilent, Q-TOF 6530 at PNU Center for Research Facilities, Pusan, Korea. Ion chromatographic analysis was performed using Dionex (ICS-5000), equipped with an Dionex IonPacTM As15 column (4 x 250mm). Karl-Fisher test was performed using 831 KFC coulometer.

2. Experimental section

NH_4BF_4 Yield^a Temp. Time Entry Alkylating agent $(^{\circ}C)$ (h) (%) $CH_3(OCH_3)_3$ 1 110 22 97 2 $(CH_3)_2(OCH_3)_2$ 80 22 NR (CH₃)₂N(OCH₃)₃ 100 22 NR 3

2.1 Screen of other alkylating agents

^{*a*} isolated yield

2.2 Synthesis of ionic liquids

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide^[1]

1-butylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) and ammonium bromide (2.18 mmol, 213 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 22 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.74 mmol, 383 mg) was collected in 96% yield.

¹H NMR δ0.83 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.19 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.74 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz. 2H) 3.88 (s, 3H) 4.21 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 7.82 (s, 1H) 7.91 (s, 1H) 9.45 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.70 19.17 31.85 36.25 48.83 122.67 123.94 137.98

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium iodide^[1]

1-butylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) and ammonium iodide (2.18 mmol, 316 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 20 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.77 mmol, 472 mg) was collected in 97% yield.

¹H NMR δ0.89 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.24 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.76 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz. 2H) 3.85 (s, 3H) 4.17 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 7.72 (s, 1H) 7.80 (s, 1H) 9.16 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.99 19.45 32.03 36.56 49.18 122.95 124.27 137.16

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate^[1]

1-butylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) and ammonium nitrate (2.18 mmol, 174 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 48 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.75 mmol, 353 mg) was collected in 96% yield.

¹H NMR δ0.86 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.21 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.74 (quintet, J=7.5Hz. 2H) 3.85 (s, 3H) 4.17 (t, J=7.5Hz, 2H) 7.72 (s, 1H) 7.80 (s, 1H) 9.24 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.85 19.43 32.05 36.27 49.15 122.95 124.25 137.37

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate^[2]

1-butylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) and ammonium tetrafluoroborate (2.18 mmol, 229 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 17 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.76 mmol, 400 mg) was collected in 97% yield.

¹H NMR δ0.89 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.24 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.76 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 3.85 (s, 3H) 4.16 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 7.65 (s, 1H) 7.72 (s, 1H) 9.02 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.83 19.40 31.99 36.29 49.18 122.86 124.19 137.10

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate^[2]

1-butylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) and ammonium hexafluorophosphate (2.18 mmol, 356 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 17 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.61 mmol, 460 mg) was collected in 88% yield.

¹H NMR δ0.90 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.28 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.77 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 3.84 (s, 3H) 4.15 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 7.65 (s, 1H) 7.71 (s, 1H) 9.05 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.80 19.40 31.97 36.28 49.20 122.83 124.19 137.12

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

Aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (1.82 mmol, 0.237 mL) was added to 1-butylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) at 0 °C and water was removed under reduced pressure using phosphorus pentoxide. And then trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL) was added to the residue. The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 20 h. After the reaction, triethyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and the mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent removed under vacuum and then the resulting product (1.74 mmol, 394 mg) was collected in 96% yield.

¹H NMR δ0.89 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.24 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.76 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 3.85 (s, 3H) 4.16 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 7.65 (s, 1H) 7.72 (s, 1H) 9.02 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.83 19.40 31.99 36.29 49.18 122.86 124.19 137.10

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate

Aqueous hexafluorophosphoric acid (1.82 mmol, 0.247 mL) was added to 1-butylimidazole(1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C and water was removed under reduced pressure using phosphorus pentoxide. And then trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL) was added to the residue. The reaction mixture was heated to 110 $^{\circ}$ C for 20 h. After the reaction, triethyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and the mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.73 mmol, 494 mg) was collected in 95% yield.

¹H NMR δ0.90 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.28 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.77 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 3.84 (s, 3H) 4.15 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 7.65 (s, 1H) 7.71 (s, 1H) 9.05 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.80 19.40 31.97 36.28 49.20 122.83 124.19 137.12

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)amide^[1]

1-butylimidazole (1.69 mml, 0.22 mL) and bis(trifluoromethane)sulfonimide (1.69 mmol, 475 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 20 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.66 mmol, 645 mg) was collected in 99% yield.

¹H NMR δ0.90 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.26 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.78 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz. 2H) 3.85 (s, 3H) 4.16 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 7.66 (s, 1H) 7.72 (s, 1H) 9.09 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.37 19.12 31.75 35.98 48.96 113.51 117.77 122.03 122.58 123.92 126.28 136.90

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethanesulfonate^[3]

1-butylimidazole (1.82 mml, 0.24 mL) and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (1.82 mmol, 0.16 mL) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 20 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.72 mmol, 496 mg) was collected in 95% yield.

¹H NMR δ0.89 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.27 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.76 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz. 2H) 3.85 (s, 3H) 4.16 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 7.68 (s, 1H) 7.75 (s, 1H) 9.08 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.56 19.15 31.75 36.07 48.93 114.66 118.92 122.62 123.19 123.97 127.45 136.90

1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium 4-methylbezenensulfonate^[4]

1-butylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1.82 mmol, 346 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 $^{\circ}$ C for 20 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in dichloromethane. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.71 mmol, 532 mg) was collected in 94% yield.

¹H NMR $\delta 0.8$ (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.22 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.74 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz. 2H) 3.84 (s, 3H) 4.15 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 7.11 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 2H) 7.48 (d, J=7.8 Hz, 2H) 7.71 (s, 1H) 7.77 (s, 1H) 9.15 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ 13.73 19.21 21.23 31.82 36.15 48.90 122.74 124.05 125.92 128.52 137.01 138.09 146.18

1,3-dimethylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate^[5]

1-methylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.145 mL) and ammonium hexafluorophosphate (2.18 mmol, 356 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 $^{\circ}$ C for 20 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.79 mmol, 433 mg) was collected in 98% yield.

¹H NMR δ3.84 (s, 6H) 7.66 (s, 2H) 9.00 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ36.28 124.08 137.6

1,3-dimethylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate^[6]

1-methylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.145 mL) and ammonium tetrafluoroborate (2.18 mmol, 229 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 20 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.71 mmol, 314 mg) was collected in 94% yield.

¹H NMR δ3.84 (s, 6H) 7.66 (s, 2H) 9.00 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ36.09 123.89 137.46

1-allyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate

1-allylimidazole (1.82 mml, 0.195 mL) and ammonium hexafluorophosphate (2.18 mmol, 356 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 22 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.81 mmol, 487 mg) was collected in 97% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C₇H₁₁N₂:123.0922; found, 123.0921

¹H NMR δ 3.86 (s, 3H) 4.83 (d, J=6 Hz, 2H) 5.28 (d, J=17 Hz, 1H) 5.39 (d, J=11.5 Hz, 1H) 6.01 (m, 1H) 7.66 (s, 2H) 9.06 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ 36.14 51.25 12.68 122.70 124.16 131.96 137.04

1-allyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate^[7]

1-allylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.195 mL) and ammonium tetrafluoroborate (2.18 mmol, 229 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 22 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl

acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.79 mmol, 376 mg) was collected in 96% yield.

¹H NMR δ3.85 (s, 3H) 4.83 (d, J=6 Hz, 2H) 5.28 (d, J=17 Hz, 1H) 5.39 (d, J=11.5 Hz,1H) 6.02 (m, 1H) 7.70 (s, 2H) 9.08 (s, 1H) 13 C NMR δ36.16 51.20 120.63 122.73 124.17 132.11 136.99

1-benzyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate^[8]

1-benzylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 288 mg) and ammonium hexafluorophosphate (2.18 mmol, 356 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 19 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.80 mmol, 576 mg) was collected in 99% yield.

 $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR $\delta3.86$ (s, 3H) 5.42 (s, 2H) 7.42 (s, 5H) 7.70 (s, 1H) 7.78 (s, 1H) 9.20 (s, 1H) $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR $\delta36.30$ 52.36 122.80 124.45 128.70 129.19 129.44 135.25 137.13

1-benzyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate^[8]

1-benzylimidazole (1.82 mml, 288 mg) and ammonium tetrafluoroborate (2.18 mmol, 229 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 19 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.77 mmol, 461 mg) was collected in 97% yield.

¹H NMR δ3.85 (s, 3H) 5.41 (s, 2H) 7.42 (s, 5H) 7.71(s, 1H) 7.78 (s, 1H) 9.19 (s,1H) ¹³C NMR δ36.29 52.30 122.78 124.44 128.73 129.19 129 45 135.32 137.07

3-methyl-1-phenylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate

1-phenylimidazole (1.03 mml, 0.13 mL) and ammonium hexafluorophosphoate (1.24 mmol, 201 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (5.15 mmol, 0.56 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 20 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and acetone. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.00 mmol, 318 mg) was collected in 97% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for $C_{10}H_{11}N_2$: 159.0922; found, 159.0923

¹H NMR δ3.94 (s, 1H) 7.59 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 1H) 7.67 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 2H) 7.77 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H) 7.93 (s, 1H) 8.28 (s, 1H) 9.73 (s, 1H) 13 C NMR δ36.56 121.47 122.30 124.88 130.23 130.67 135.21 136.41

3-methyl-1-phenylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

1-phenylimidazole (1.03 mmol, 0.13 mL) and ammonium tetrafluoroborate (1.24 mmol, 130 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (5.15 mmol, 0.56 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 20 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.00 mmol, 244 mg) was collected in 96% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C₁₀H₁₁N₂: 159.0922; found, 159.0925

 ^1H NMR $\delta3.94$ (s, 1H) 7.59 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 1H) 7.69 (t , J=7.2 Hz, 2H) 7.76 (d, J=7.2 Hz, 2H) 7.94 (s, 1H) 8.29 (s, 1H) 9.73(s, 1H) ^{13}C NMR $\delta36.56$ 121.41 122.25 124.87 130.20 130.68 135.20 136.38

3-methyl-1-vinylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate

1-vinylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.165 mL) and ammonium hexafluorophosphate (2.18 mmol, 356 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 22 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in acetonitrile. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.76 mmol, 452 mg) was collected in 97% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for $C_6H_9N_2$: 109.0766; found, 109.0765

¹H NMR δ3.88 (s, 3H) 5.39 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 1H) 5.90 (d, J=15.7 Hz, 1H) 7.26 (dd, J₁=15.7 Hz, J₂=8.8 Hz) 7.82 (s, 1H) 8.15 (s, 1H) 9.38 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ36.42 108.86 119.27 124.83 129.28 136.50

3-methyl-1-vinylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

1-vinylimidazole (1.82 mmol, 0.165 mL) and ammonium tetrafluoroborate (2.18 mmol, 229 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 22 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol. The mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.76 mmol, 346 mg) was collected in 96% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for $C_6H_9N_2$:109.0766; found, 109.0765

¹H NMR $\delta 3.85$ (s, 3H) 5.39 (d, J=8.8 Hz,1H) 5.90 (d, J=15.7 Hz, 1H) 7.26 (dd, J₁=15.7 Hz, J₂=8.8 Hz) 7.78 (s, 1H) 8.12 (s, 1H) 9.35 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR $\delta 36.42$ 108.86 119.27 124.83 129.28 136.50

1-butyl-3-ethyllimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

Aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (1.82 mmol, 0.237 mL) was added to 1-butylimidazole(1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) at 0 °C and water was removed under reduced pressure using phosphorus pentoxide. And then triethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1.5 mL) was added to residue. The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 25 h. After the reaction, triethyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and the mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.66 mmol, 399 mg) was collected in 91% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for C₉H₁₇N₂: 153.1392; found, 153.1391

¹H NMR $\delta 0.89$ (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.25 (sextet, H=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.41 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) 1.78 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 4.17 (m, 4H) 7.77 (s, 2H) 9,12 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR $\delta 13.62$ 15.34 19.22 31.72 44.66 49.02 122.51 122.79 136.02

1-butyl-3-propylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

Aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (1.82 mmol, 0.237 mL) was added to 1-butylimidazole(1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) at 0 °C and water was removed under reduced pressure using phosphorus pentoxide. And then tripropyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1.9 mL) was added to residue. The reaction mixture was heated to 130 °C for 28 h. After the reaction, tripropyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and the mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under vacuum and then the resulting product (1.68 mmol, 429 mg) was collected in 93% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for $C_{10}H_{19}N_2$: 167.1548; found, 167.1546

¹H NMR δ0.87 (m, 6H) 1.25 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.82 (m, 4H) 4.14 (m, 4H) 7.79 (s, 2H) 9.17 (s, 1H) 13 C NMR δ10.90 13.80 19.42 23.43 31.93 49.27 51.02 123.05 136.53

1-butyl-3-isopropylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

Aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (1.82 mmol, 0.237 mL) was added to 1-butylimidazole(1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) at 0 °C and water was removed under reduced pressure using phosphorus pentoxide. And then triisopropyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1.9 mL) was added to the residue. The reaction mixture was heated to 130 °C for 24 h. After the reaction, triisopropyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and the mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.44 mmol, 366 mg) was collected in 79% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for $C_{10}H_{19}N_2$: 167.1548; found, 167.1551

¹H NMR δ0.90 (t, J=7.5Hz 3H) 1.26 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 1.48 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 6H) 1.80 (quintet, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 4.16 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 2H) 4.62 (septet, J=6.0 Hz, 1H) 7.77 (s, 1H) 7.87 (s, 1H) 9.16 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ13.62 19.26 31.71 49.06 52.71 120.97 122.88 135.06

1,3-dibutylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate^[9]

Aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (1.82 mmol, 0.237 mL) was added to 1-butylimidazole(1.82 mmol, 0.24 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C and water was removed under reduced pressure using phosphorus pentoxide. And then tributyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 2.4 mL) was added to the residue. The reaction mixture was heated to 140 $^{\circ}$ C for 24 h. After the reaction, tributyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and the mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.70 mmol, 457 mg) was collected in 94% yield.

¹H NMR 0.90 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 6H) 1.24 (sextet, J=7.5 Hz, 4H) 1.77 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 4H) 4.16 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 4H) 7.79 (s, 2H) 9.18 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ 13.62 19.19 31.71 49.02 122.85 136.30

N-methylisoquinolinium tetrafluoroborate

Isoquinoline (1.82 ml, 0.21 mL) and ammonium tetrafluoroborate (2.18 mmol, 229 mg) was mixed with trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C for 24 h. After the reaction, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate was added to the residue for recrystallization. The resulting product (1.61 mmol, 372 mg) was obtained as orange solid in 89% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for $C_{10}H_{10}N$: 144.0813; found, 144.0811

¹H NMR 4.47 (s, 3H) 8.06 (t, J=7.8 Hz, 1H) 8.24 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H) 8.33 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H) 8.46 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H) 8.54 (d, J=6.6 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, J=6.6 Hz, 1H) 9.97 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ 48.33 125.84 127.48 127.66 130.59 131.60 136.30 137.05 137.14 151.13

1,3-dimethylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

Aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (1.82 mmol, 0.237 mL) was added to imidazole (1.82 mmol, 124 mg) in at 0 $^{\circ}$ C and water was removed under reduced pressure using phosphorus pentoxide. And then trimethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1 mL) was added to the residue. The reaction mixture was heated to 110 $^{\circ}$ C for 20 h. After the reaction, triethyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol and the mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.54 mmol, 284 mg) was collected in 84% yield.

¹H NMR δ3.84 (s, 6H) 7.64 (s, 2H) 8.99 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ36.28 124.08 137.64

1,3-diethylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

Aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (1.82 mmol, 0.237 mL) was added to imidazole (1.82 mmol, 124 mg) at 0 °C and water was removed under reduced pressure using phosphorus pentoxide. And then triethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1.5 mL) was added to the residue. The reaction mixture was heated to 130 °C for 20 h. After the reaction, triethyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and methanol and the mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.54 mmol, 284 mg) was collected in 68% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for $C_7H_{13}N_2$: 125.1079; found, 125.1079

¹H NMR 1.42 (t, J= 7.5 Hz, 6H), 4.17 (q, J=7.5 Hz, 4H) 7.80 (s, 2H) 9.16 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ15.45 44.62 122.54 135.80

1,3-diisopropylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

Aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (1.82 mmol, 0.237 mL) was added to imidazole (1.82 mmol, 124 mg) at 0 °C and water was removed under reduced pressure using phosphorus pentoxide. And then triisopropyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1.5 mL) was added to the residue. The reaction mixture was heated to 130 °C for 48 h. After the reaction, triisopropyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Recrystallization was performed in the presence of ethyl acetate and the resulting product (0.57 mmol, 137 mg) was collected in 31% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for $C_9H_{17}N_2$: 153.1392; found, 153.1393

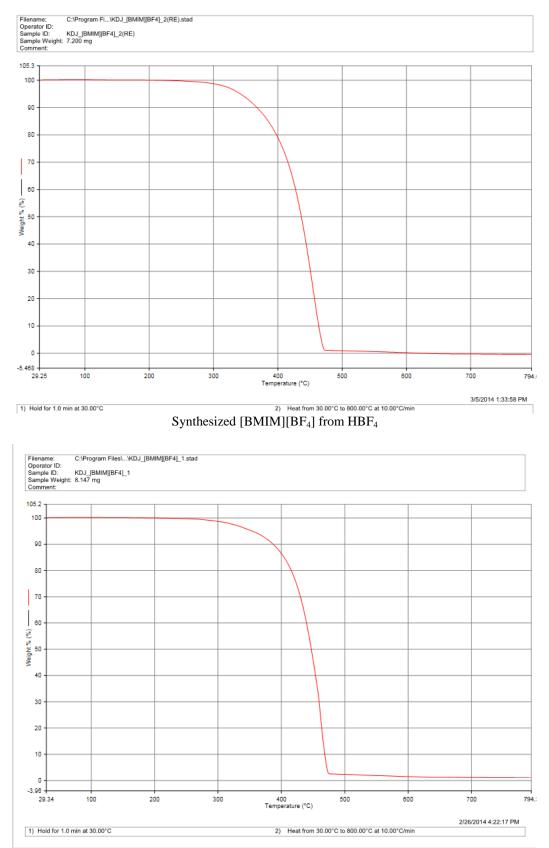
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1,3-diethylimidazolium 4-methylbenzenesulfonate

1-butylimidazole (1.82 mml, 124 mg) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1.82 mmol, 346 mg) was mixed with triethyl orthoformate (9.1 mmol, 1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 130 °C for 24 h. After the reaction, triethyl orthoformate was removed under reduced pressure. Residue was dissolved in dichloromethane and the mixture was filtered through basic alumina. Solvent removed under reduced pressure and then the resulting product (1.61 mmol, 479 mg) was collected in 89% yield. HRMS (FAB+) calcd for $C_7H_{13}N_2$: 125.1079; found, 125.1076

¹H NMR 1.38 (t, J= 7.5 Hz, 6H), 2.28 (s, 3H) 4.16 (q, J=7.5 Hz, 4H) 7.13 (d, J=6.9 Hz, 2H) 7.53 (d, J=6.9 Hz, 2H) 7.82 (s, 2H) 9.29 (s, 1H) ¹³C NMR δ15.50 21.20 44.55 122.53 125.89 128.61 135.98 138.29 145.98

2.3 TGA data for [BMIM][BF₄]



Commercial [BMIM][BF₄] (c-tri)

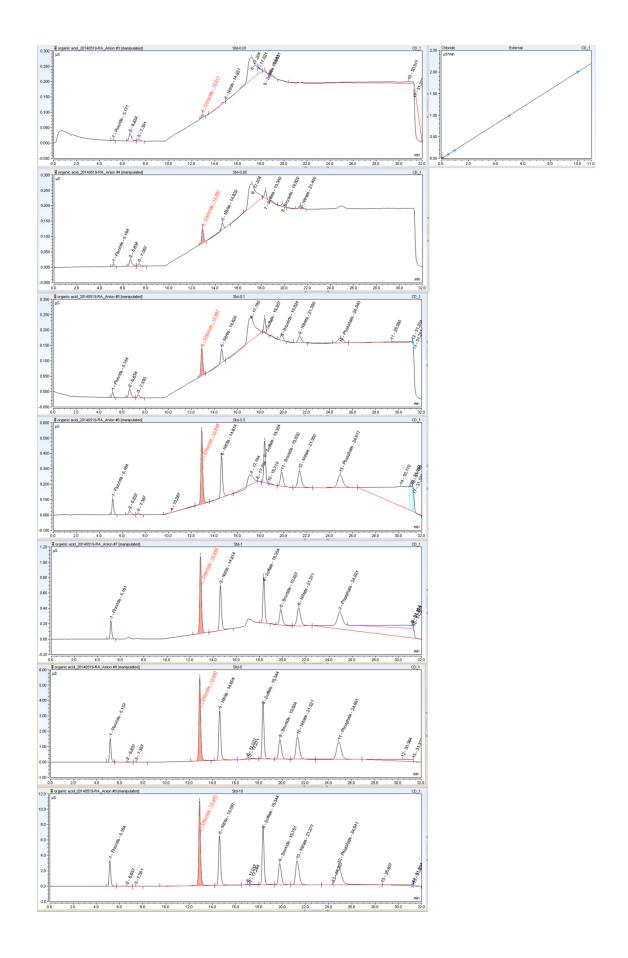
2.4 Ion chromatography

- * Reagents and Standards: Deionized water, 18 MΩ-cm, Chloride Standard, 100 mg/L (seven anion standard II, Dionex)
- * Instrument: Dionex ICS-5000 system
- * Column: Analytical column AS15(Dionex, USA) (4x250mm), Guard column AS15 (Dionexm, USA) (4x50mm)
- * Flow : 1.5mL/min
- * Eluent 32mM KOH
- * Temperature: 35 °C
- * Sampling: [BMIM]Br (from NH₄Br): 0.1408 g [BMIM]BF₄ (from HBF₄): 0.9285 g [BMIM]BF₄ (C-TRI): 0.9905 g [BMIM]NO₃ (from NH₄NO₃): 0.7092 g [BMIM]OTs (from TsOH): 0.1204 g

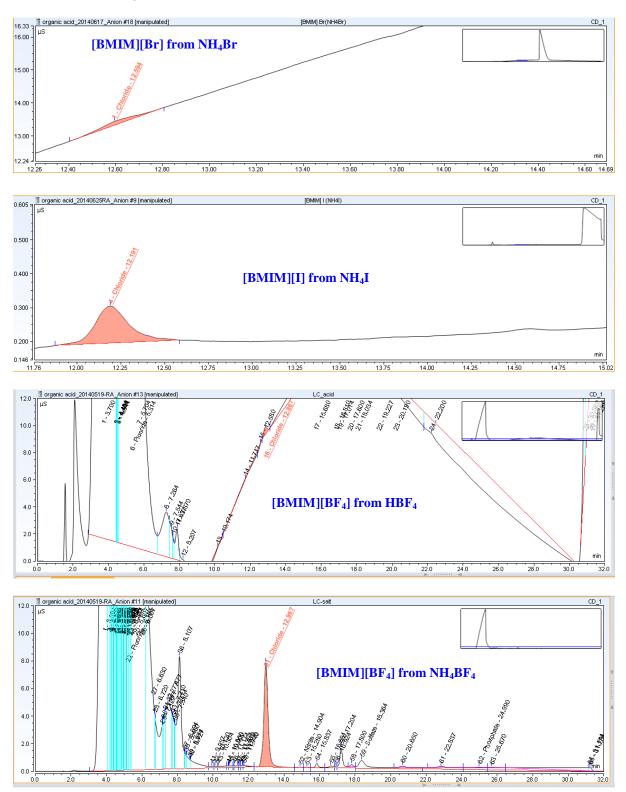
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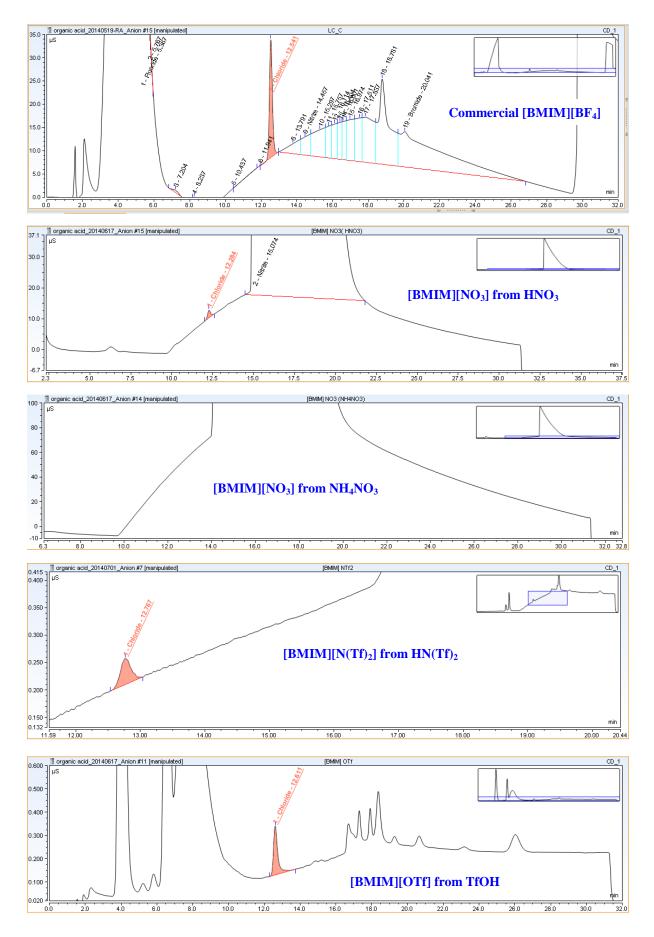
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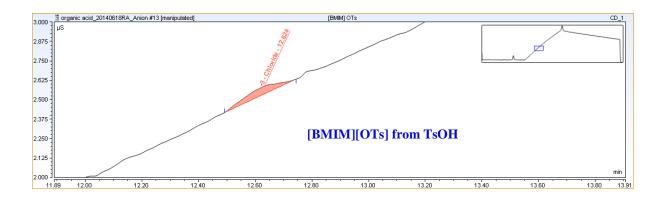
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(2) Chromatogram





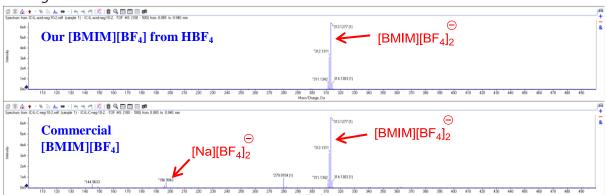


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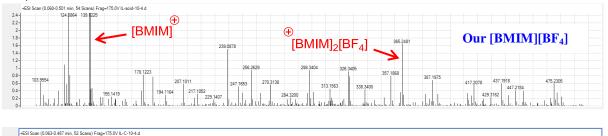
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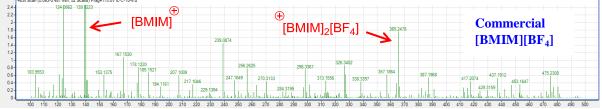
2.5 High resolution mass spectra

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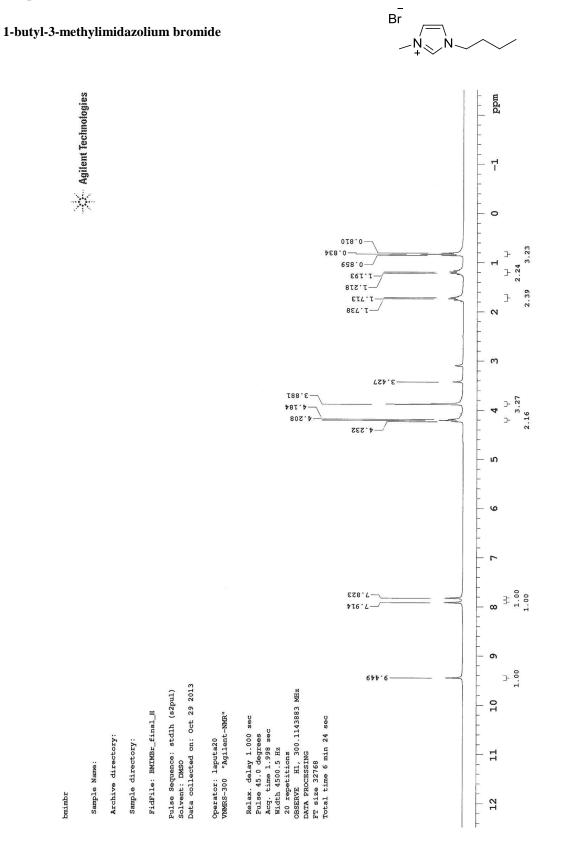
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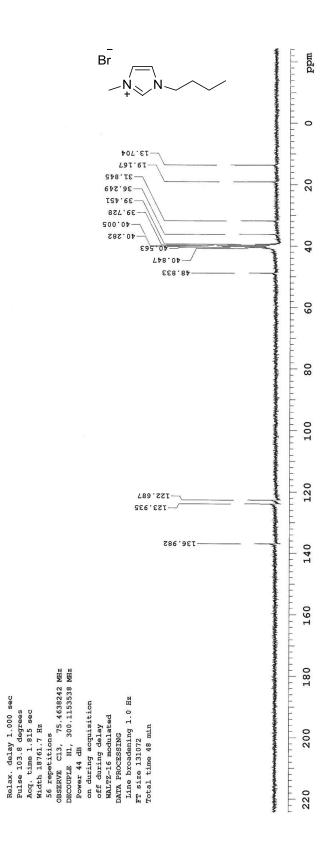
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4. Spectral data







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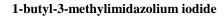
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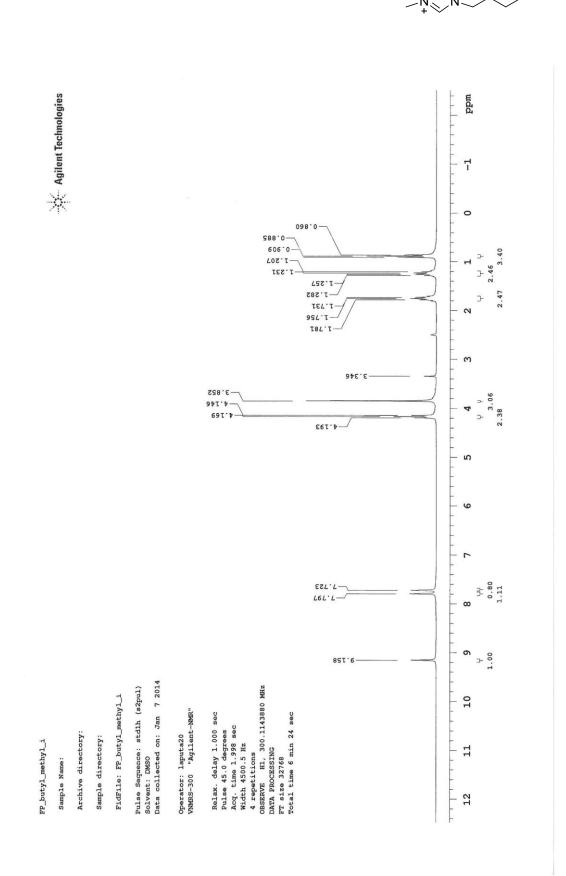
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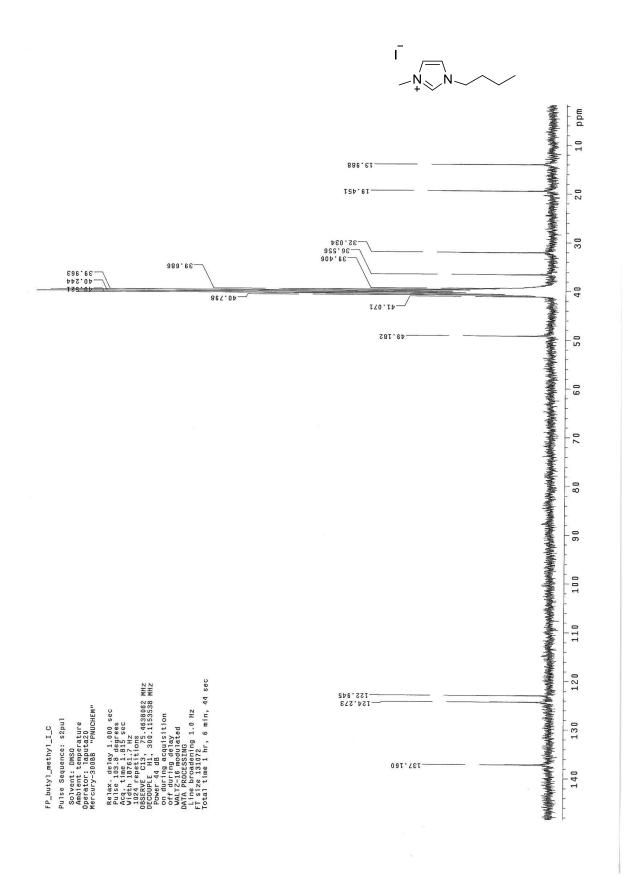
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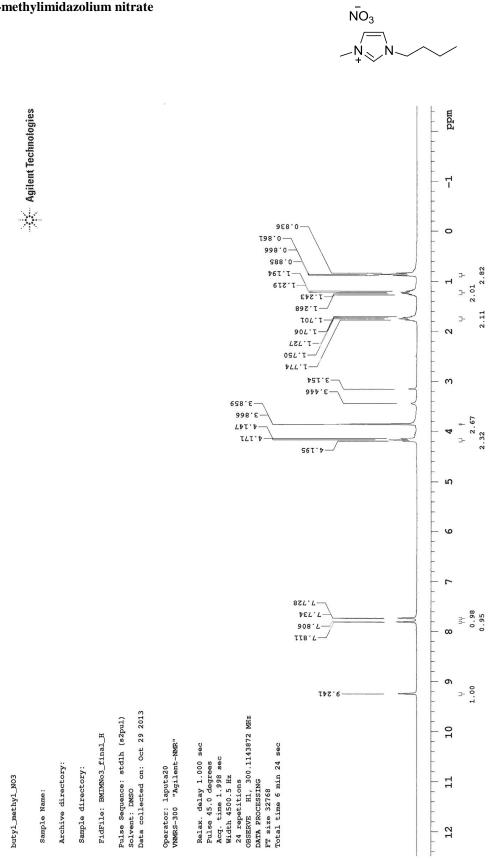


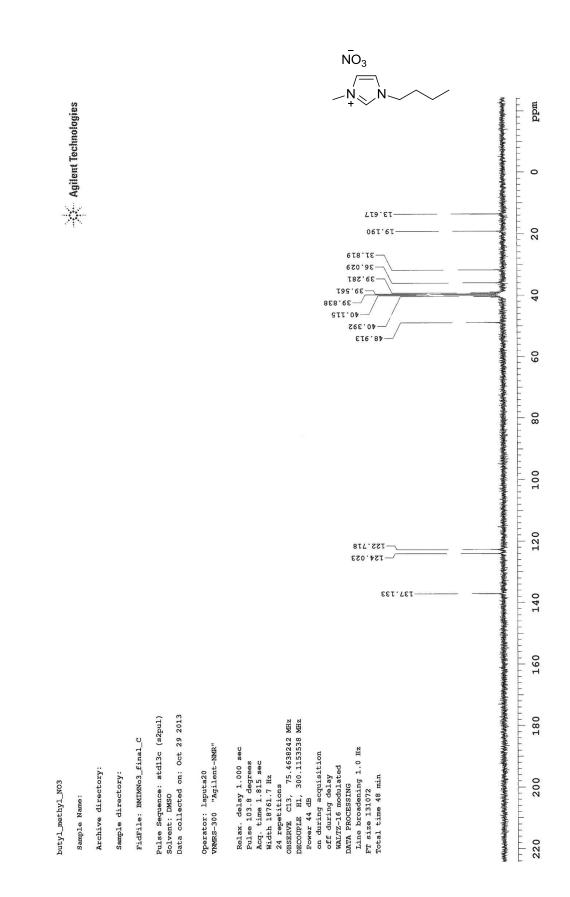


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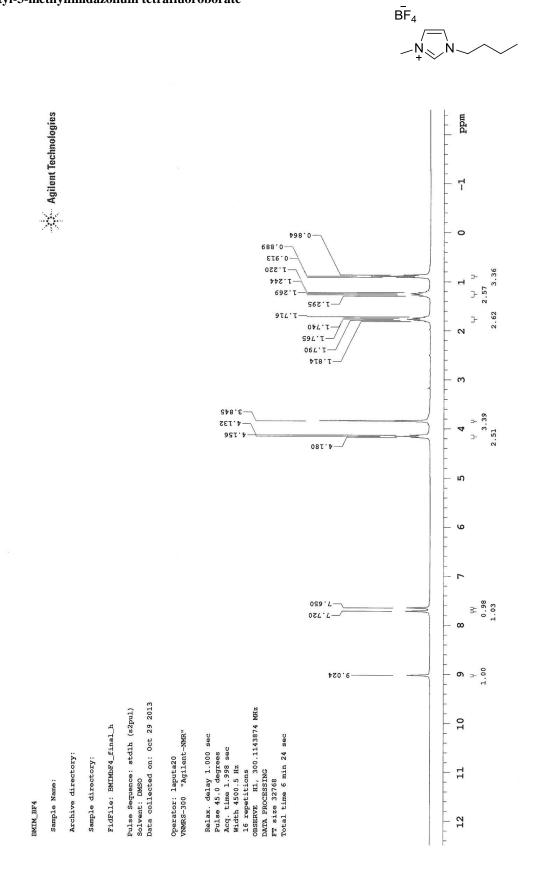


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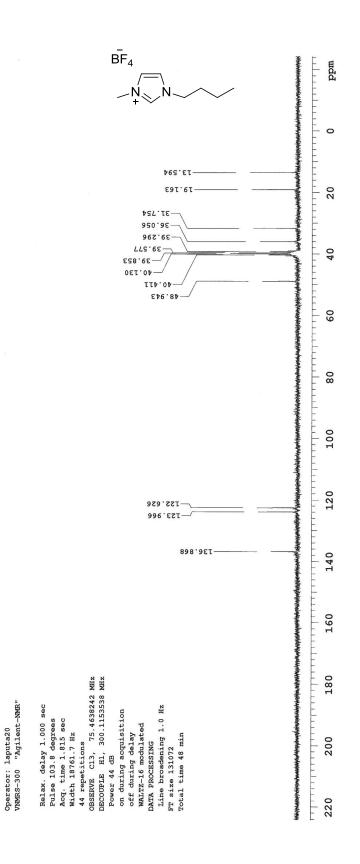




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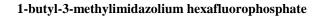
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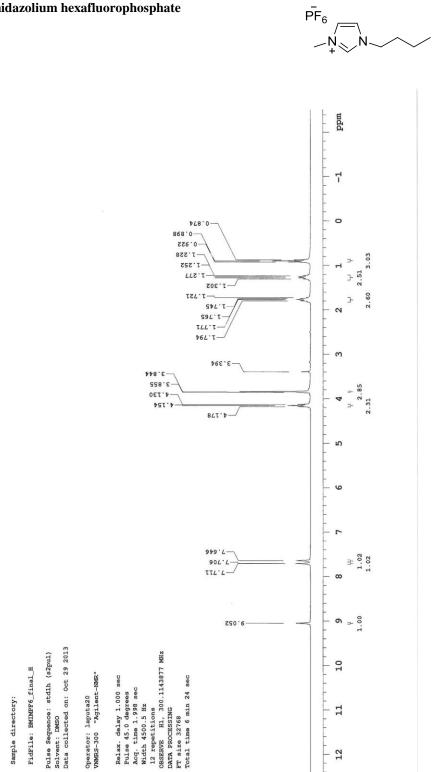
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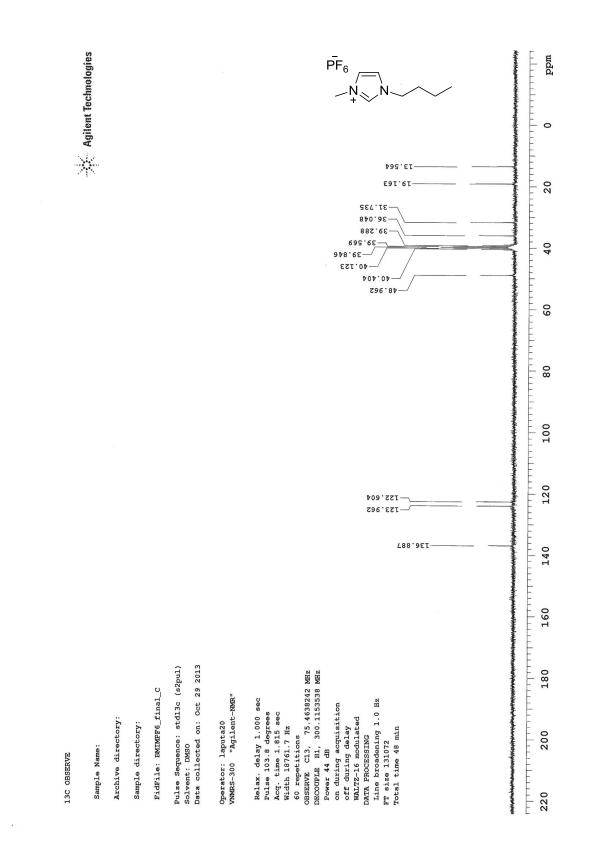


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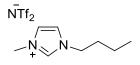
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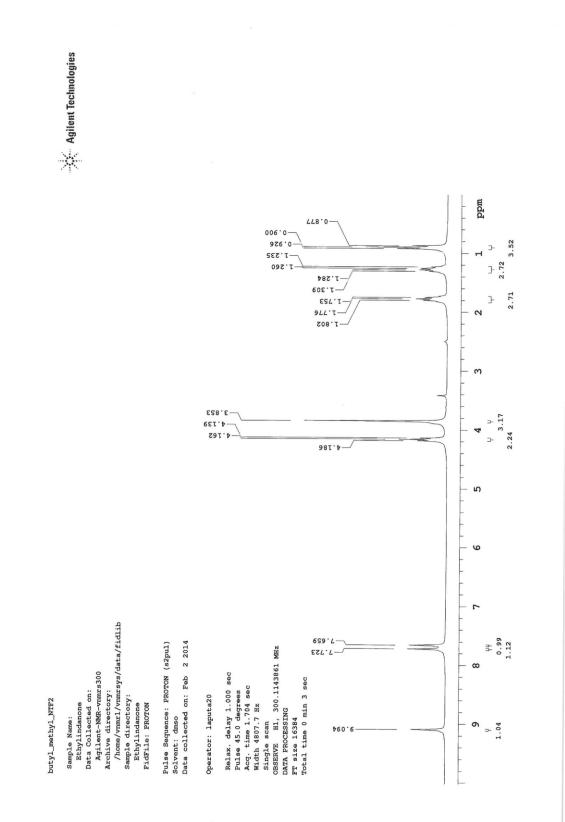
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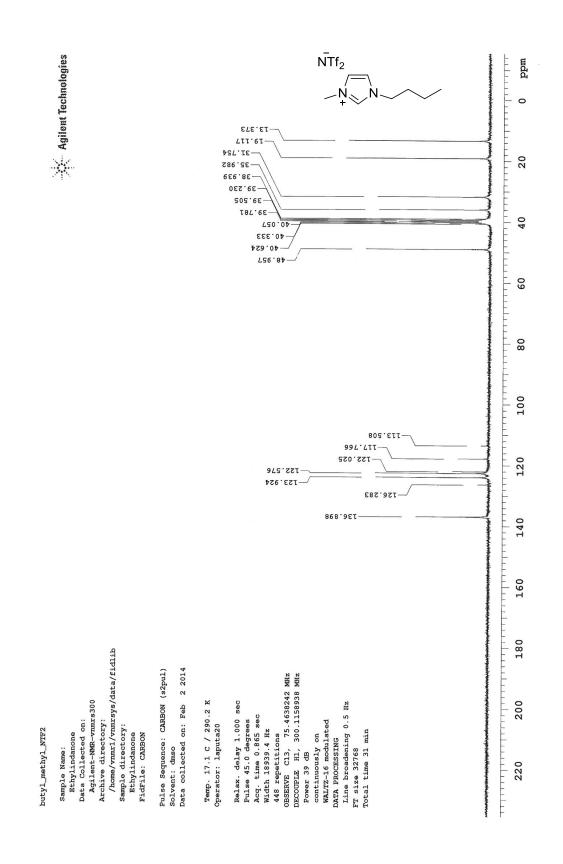
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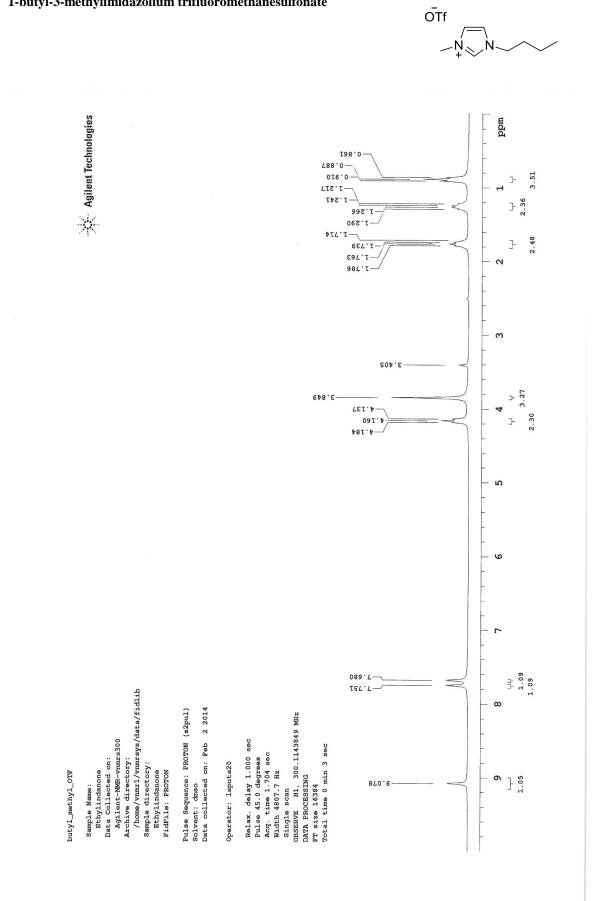


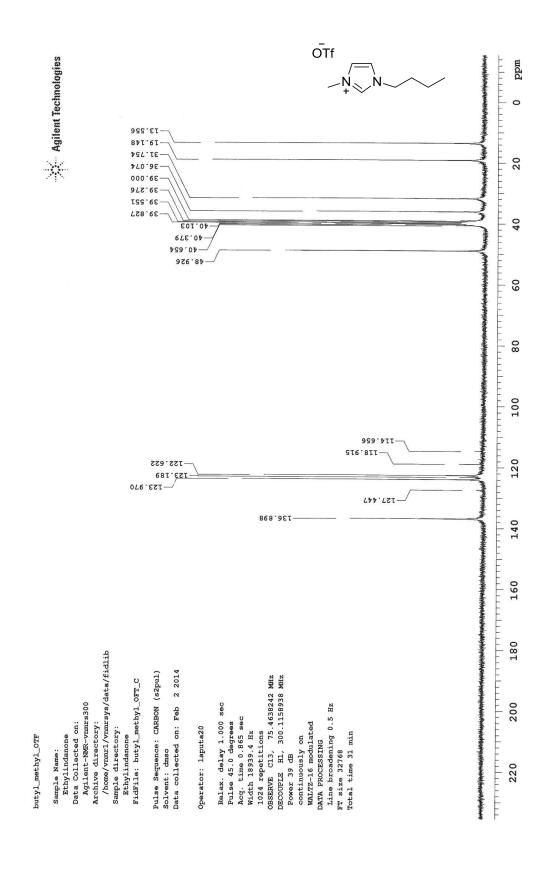




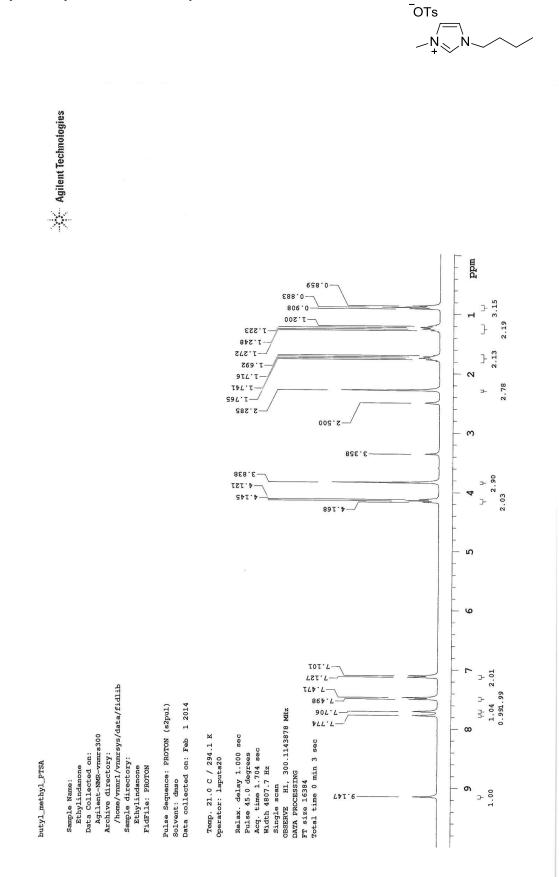


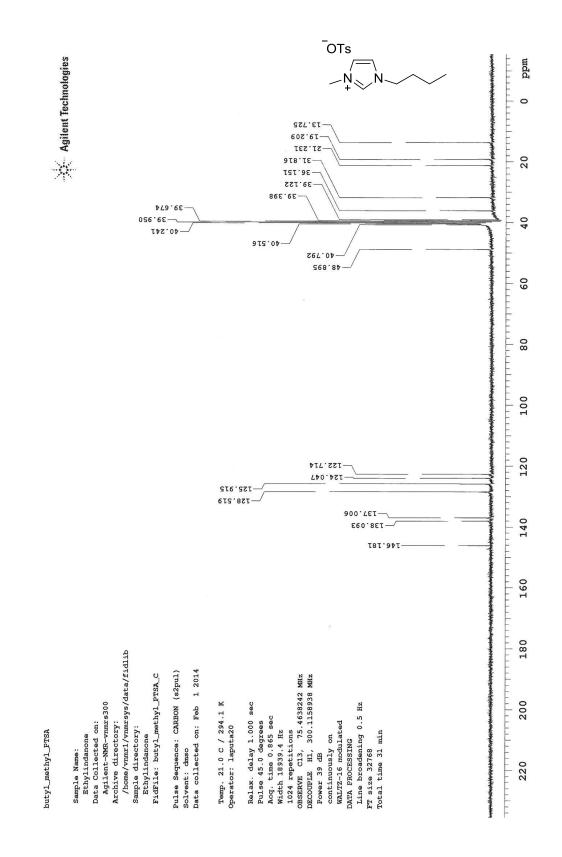
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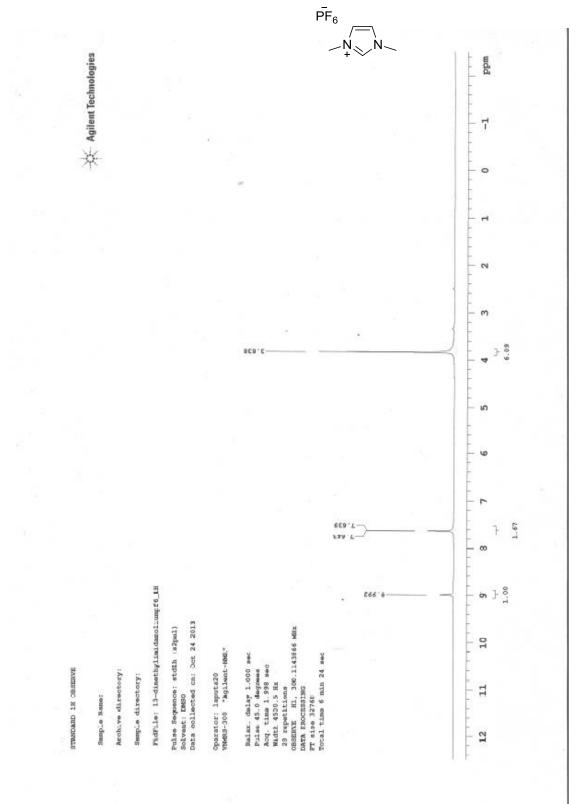


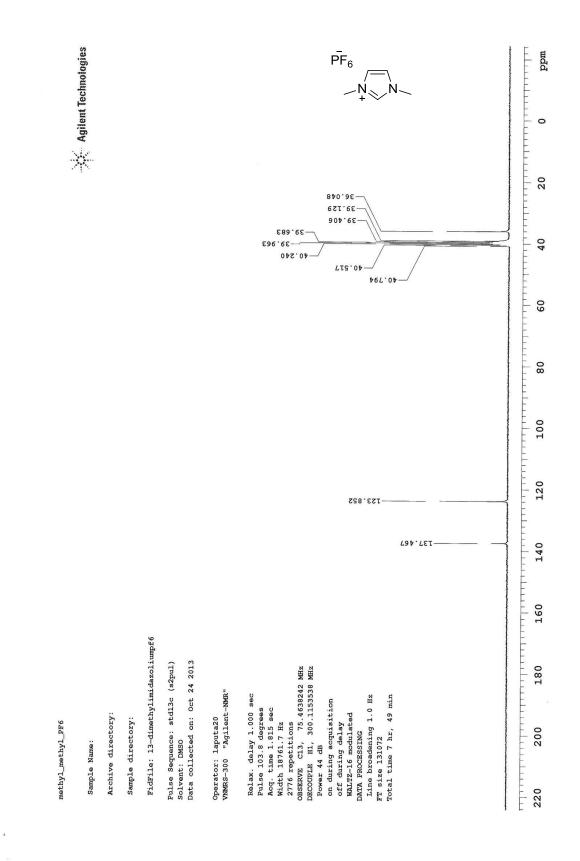
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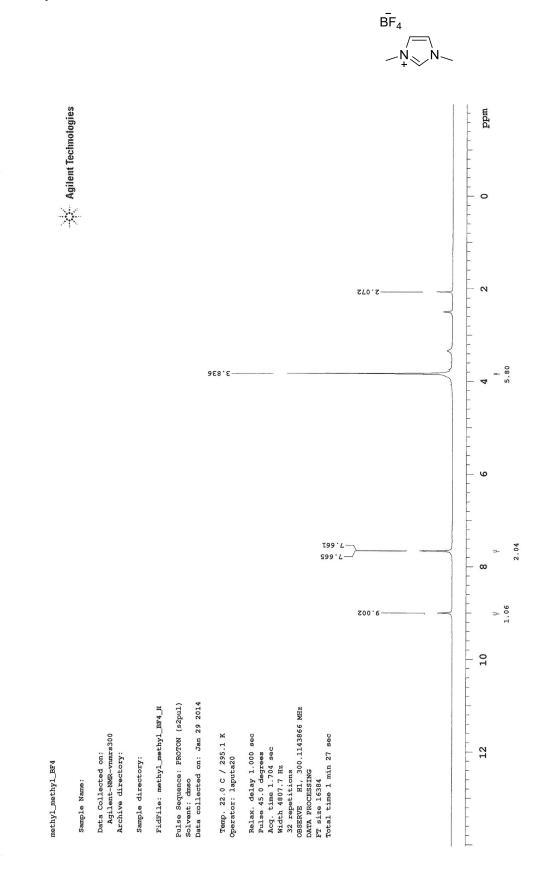


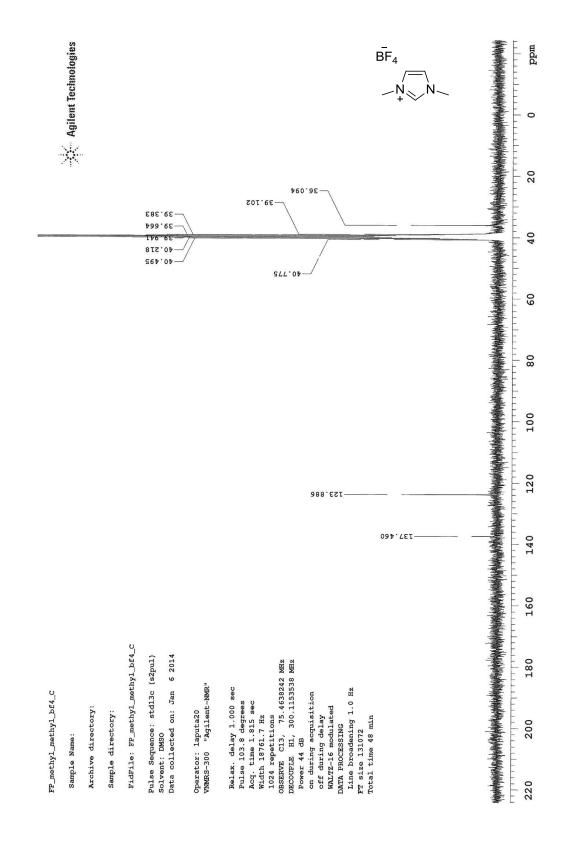
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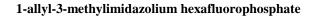


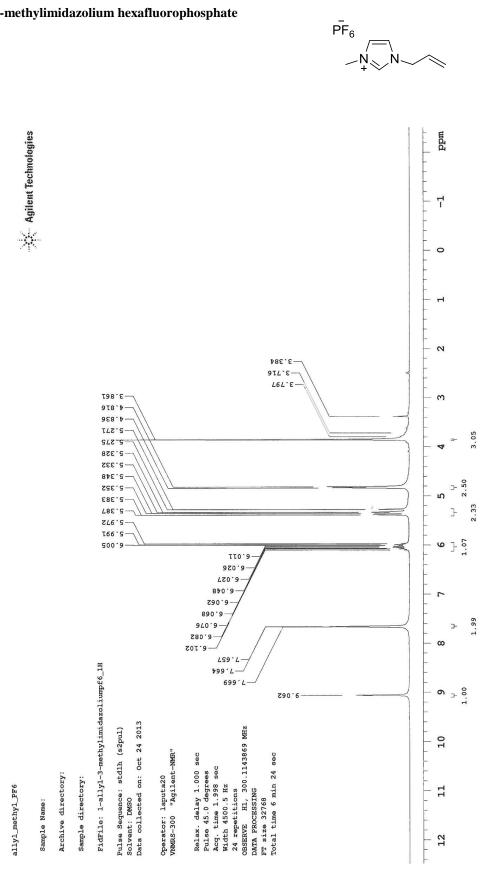


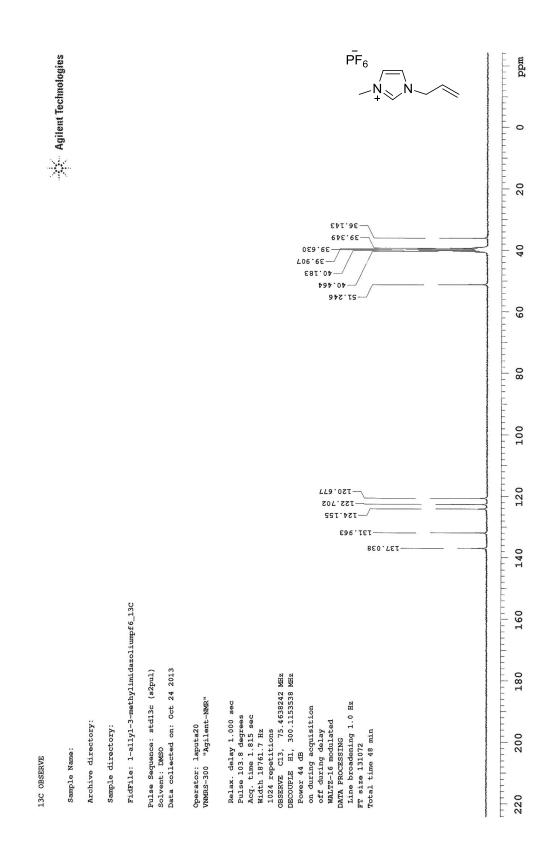
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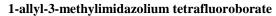


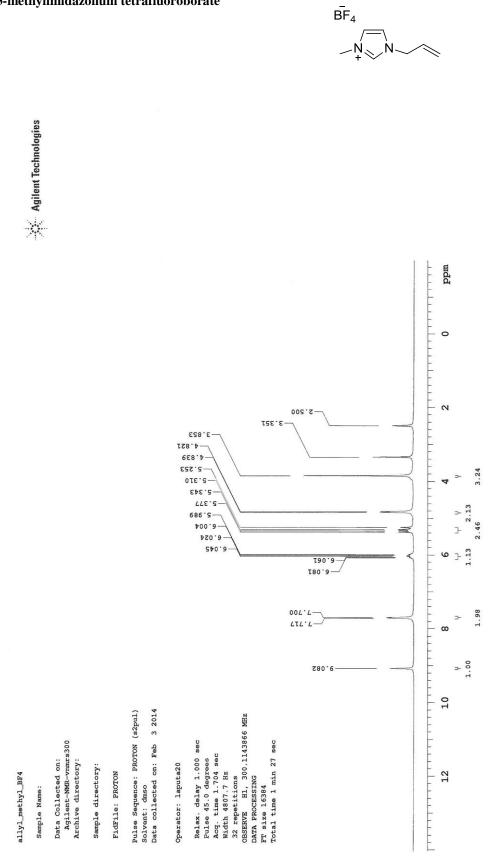


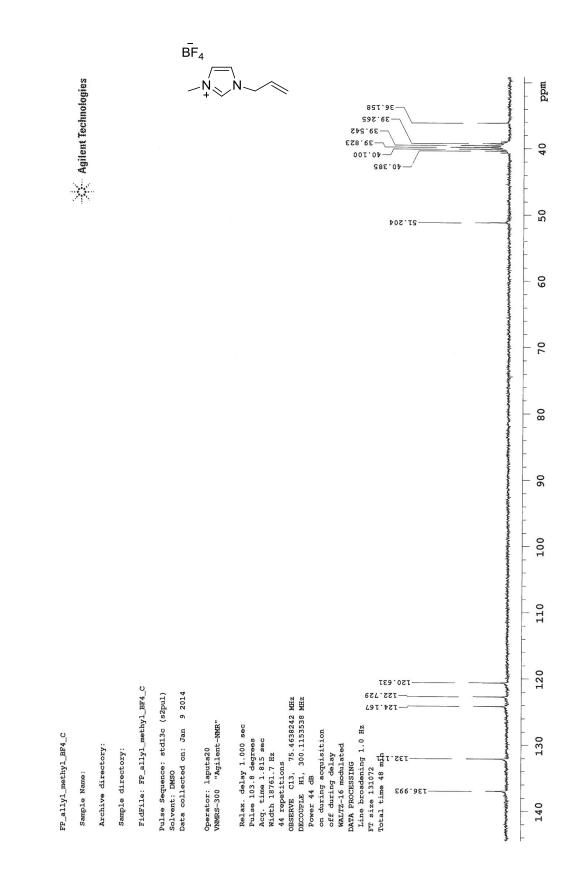


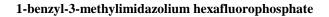


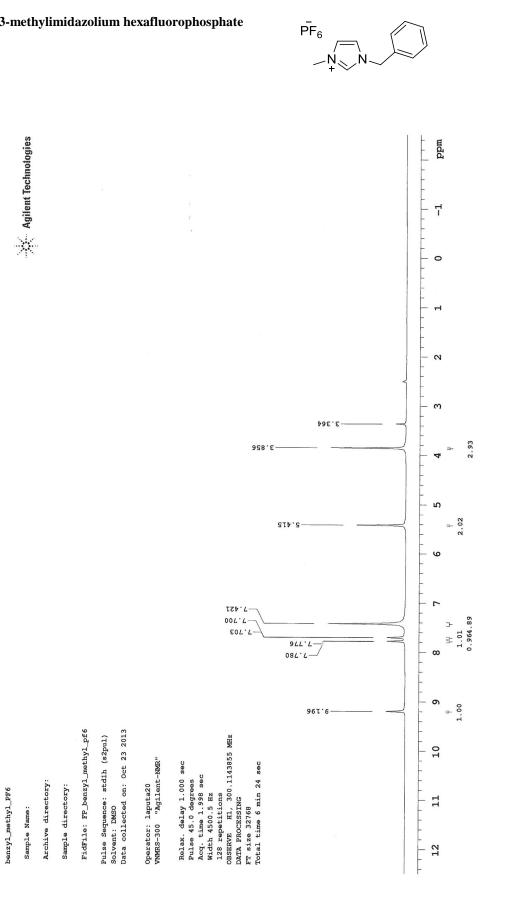


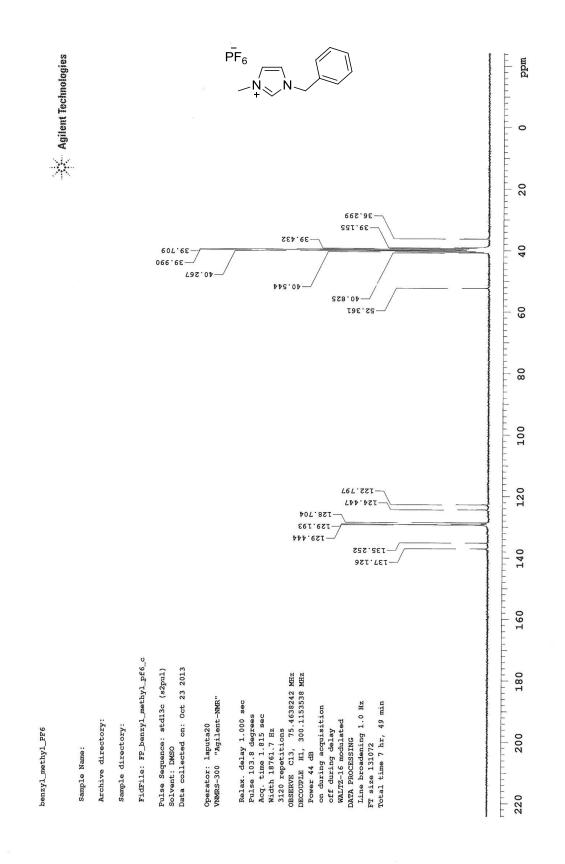


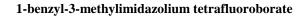


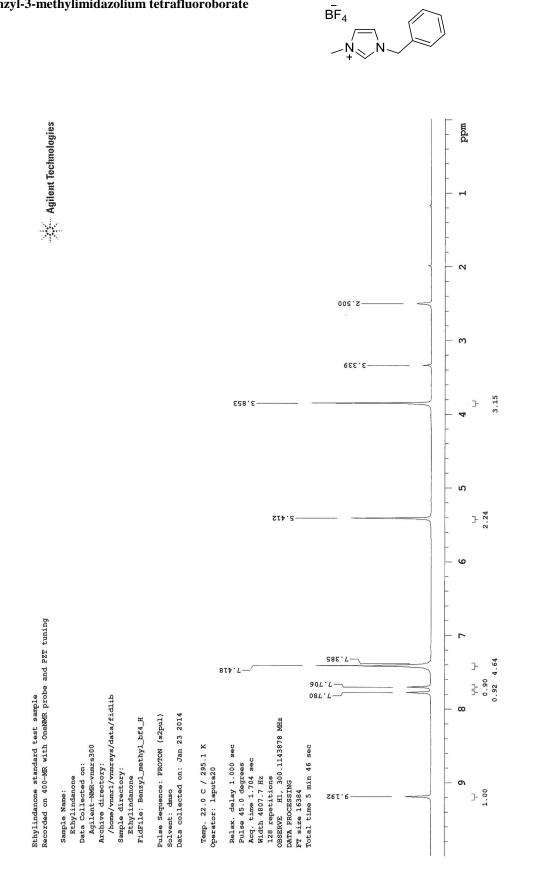


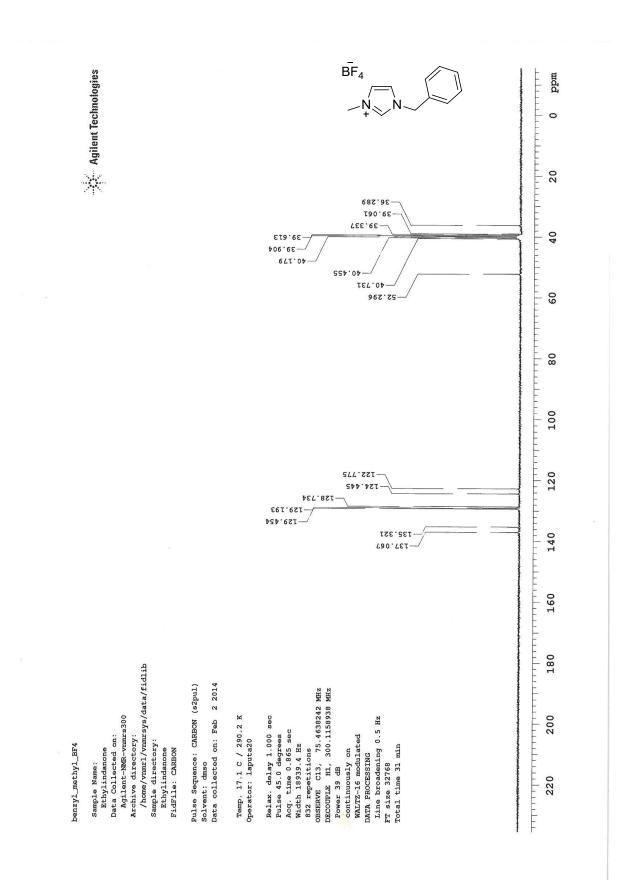


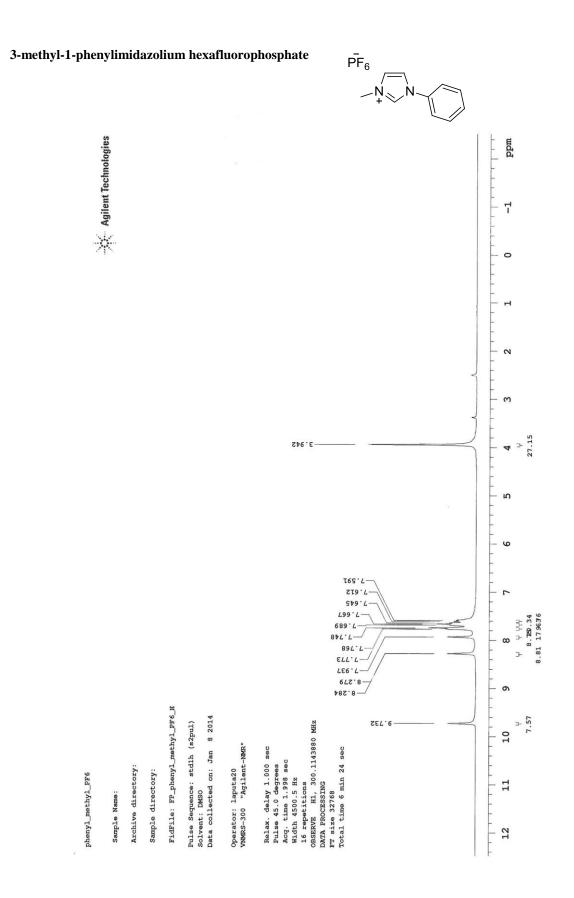


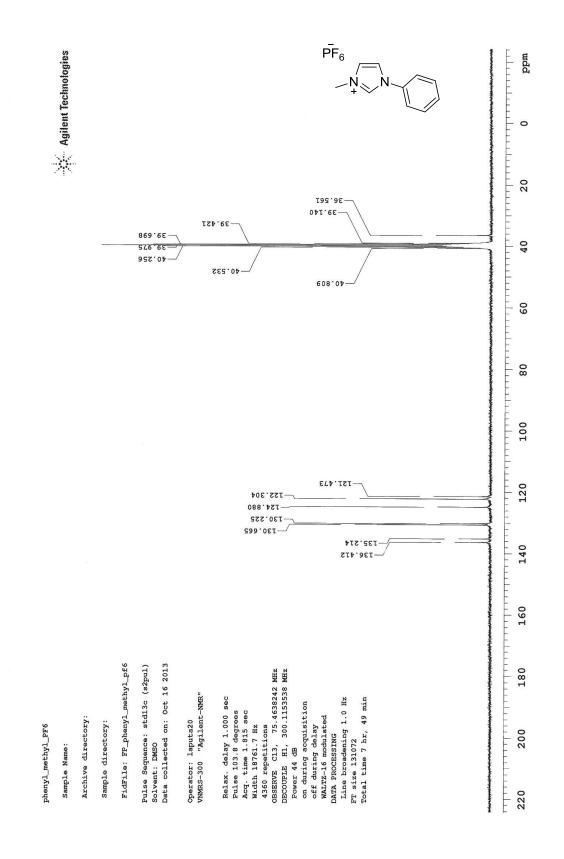


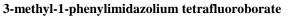


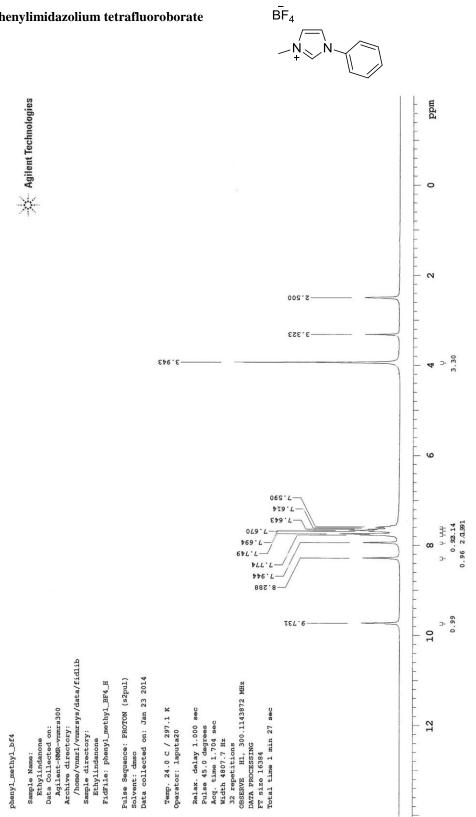


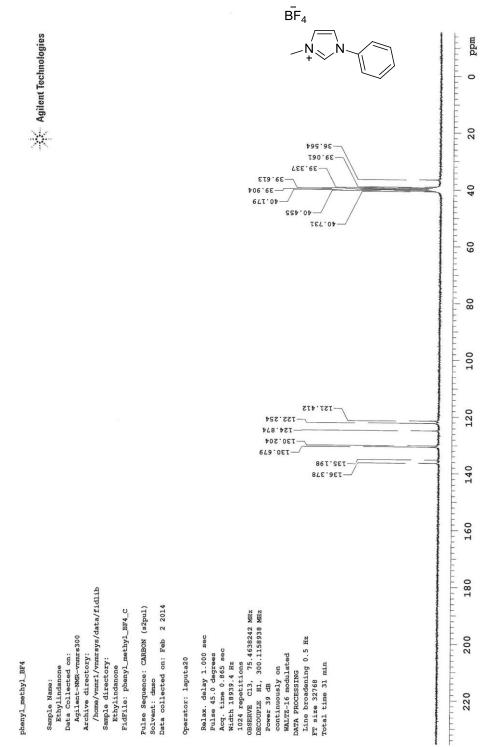


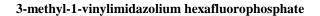






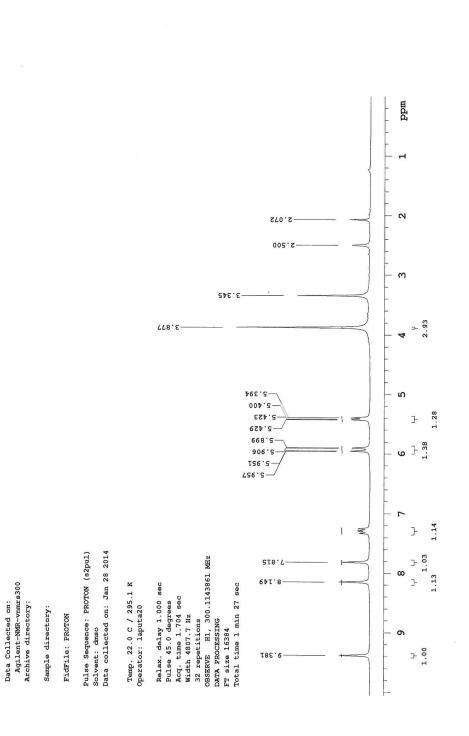






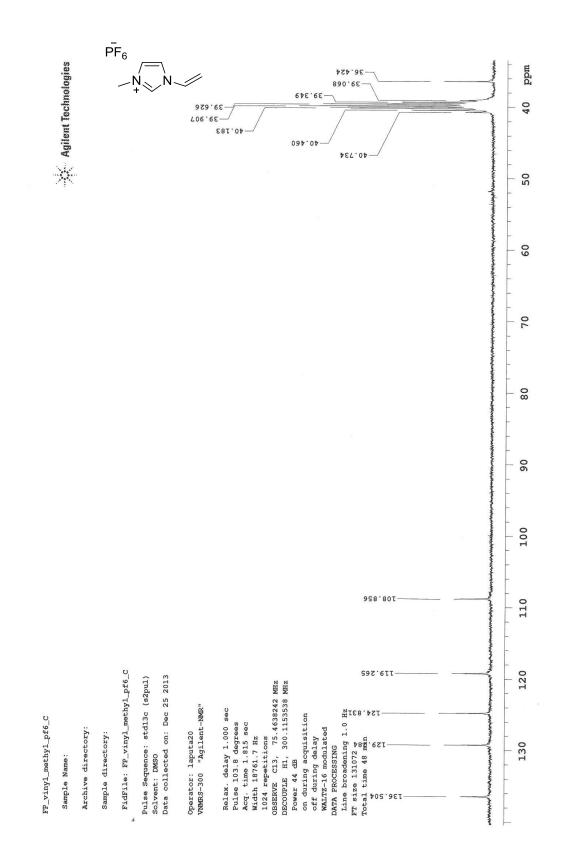
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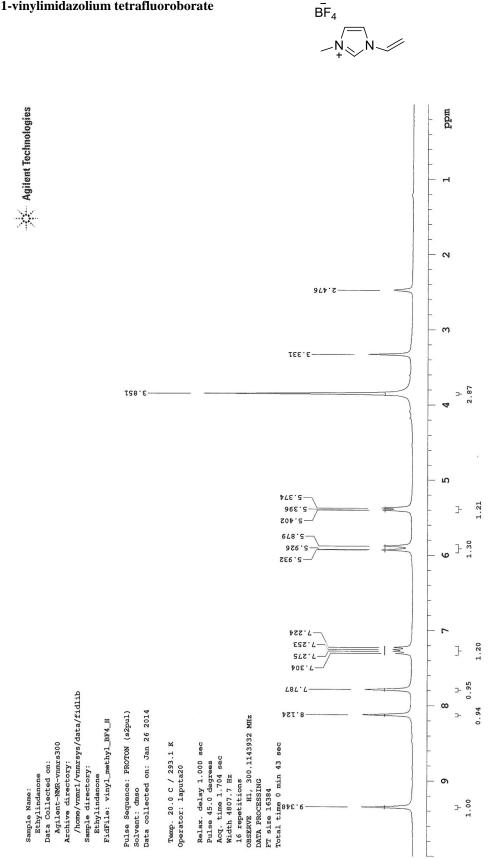


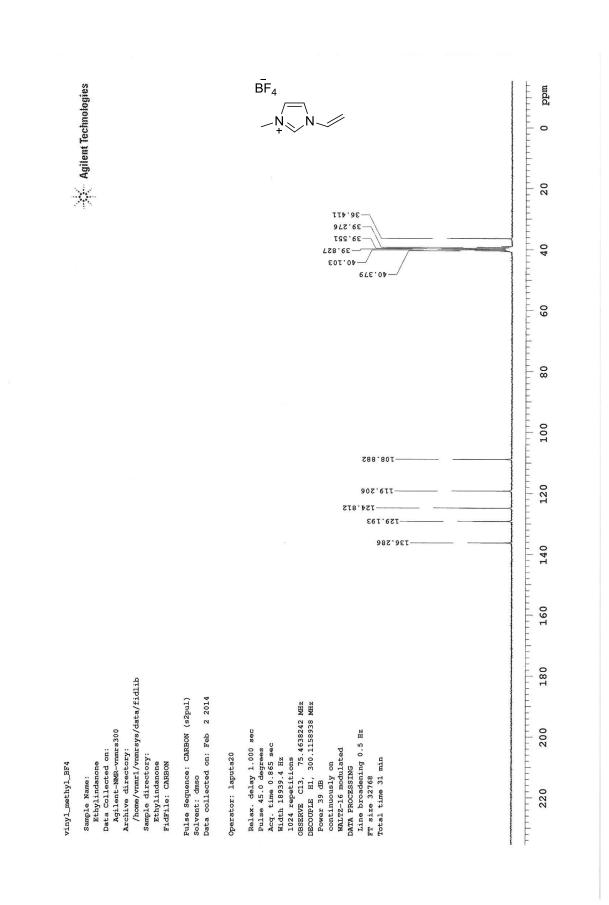
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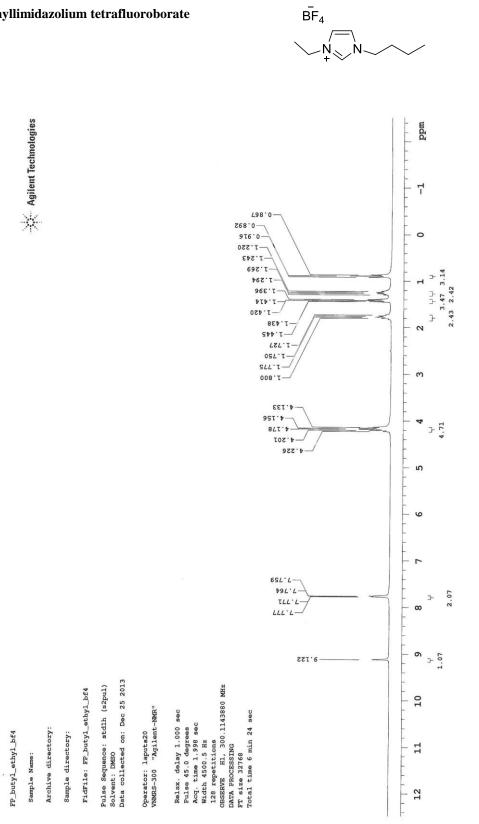


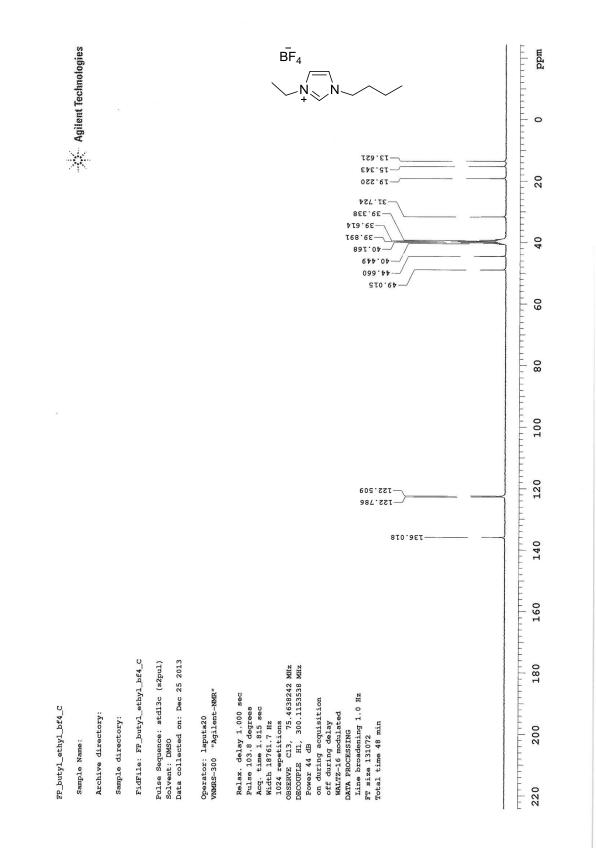
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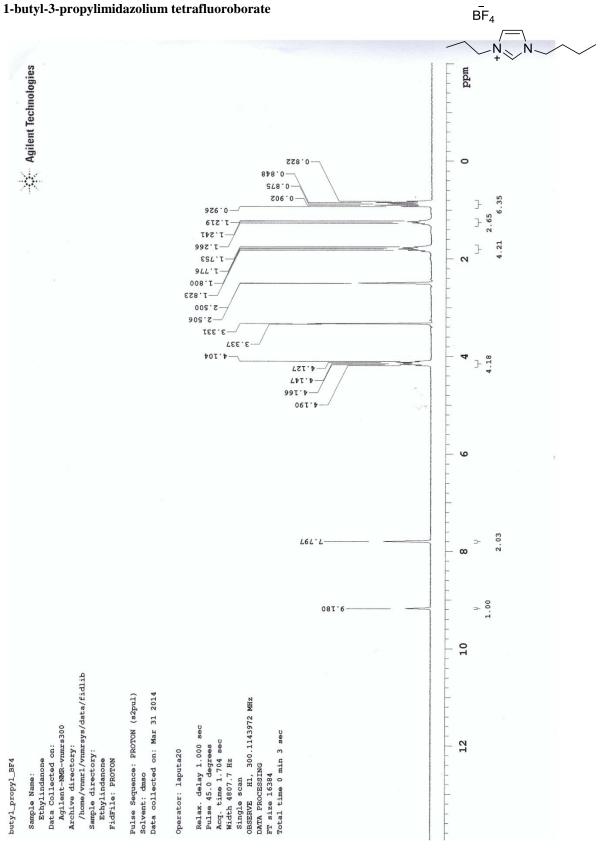


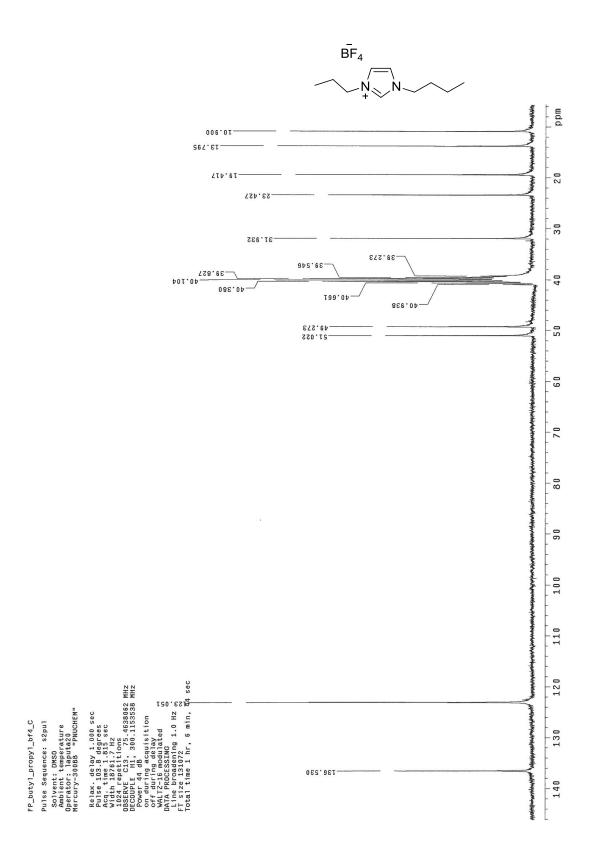
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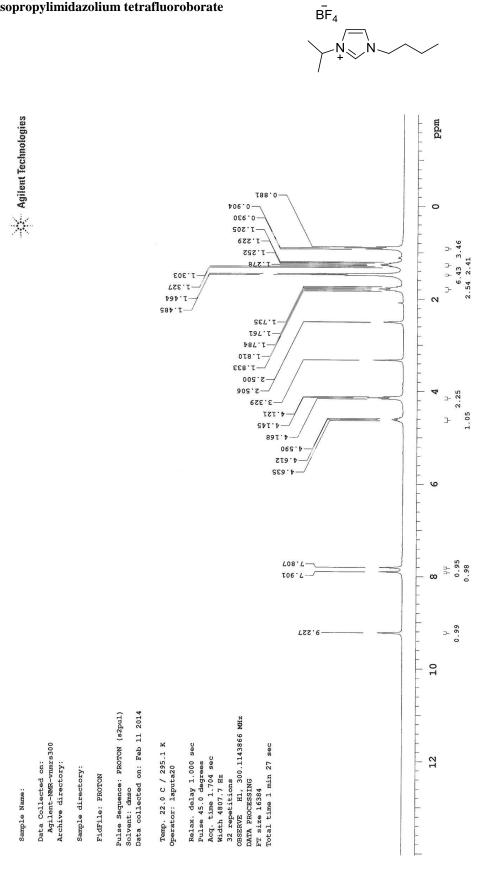


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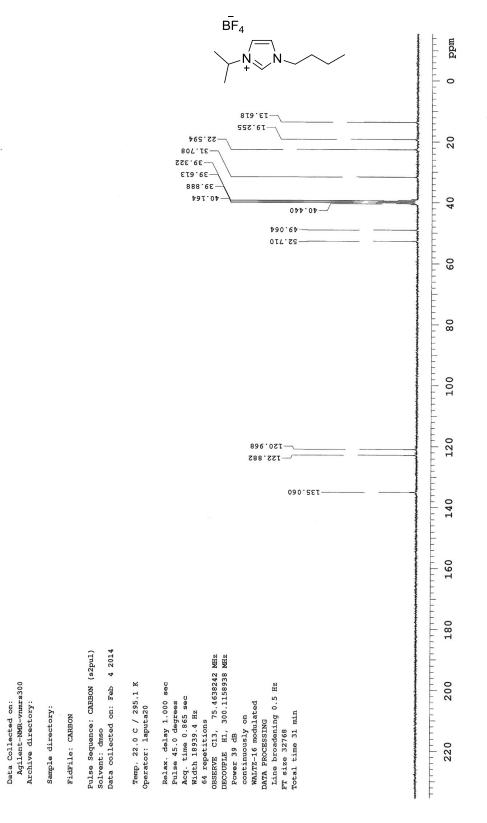


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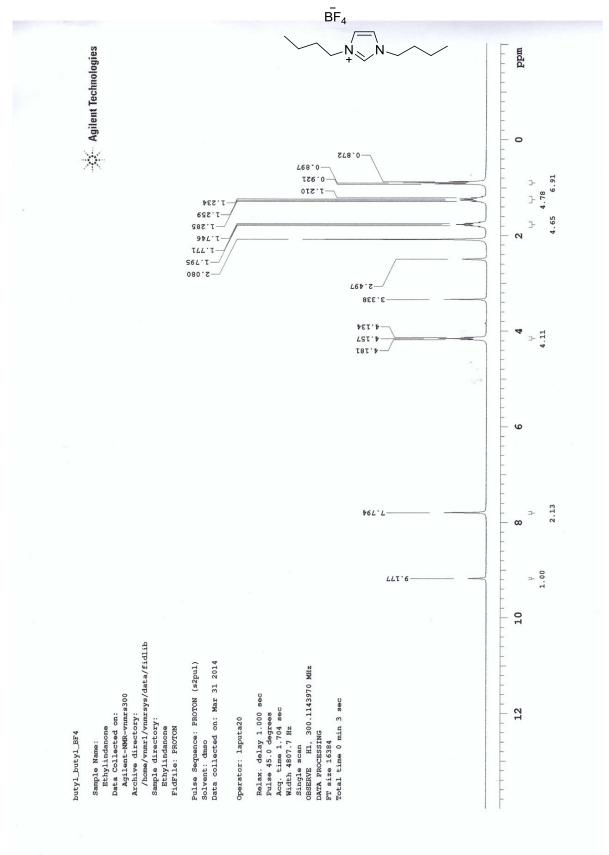
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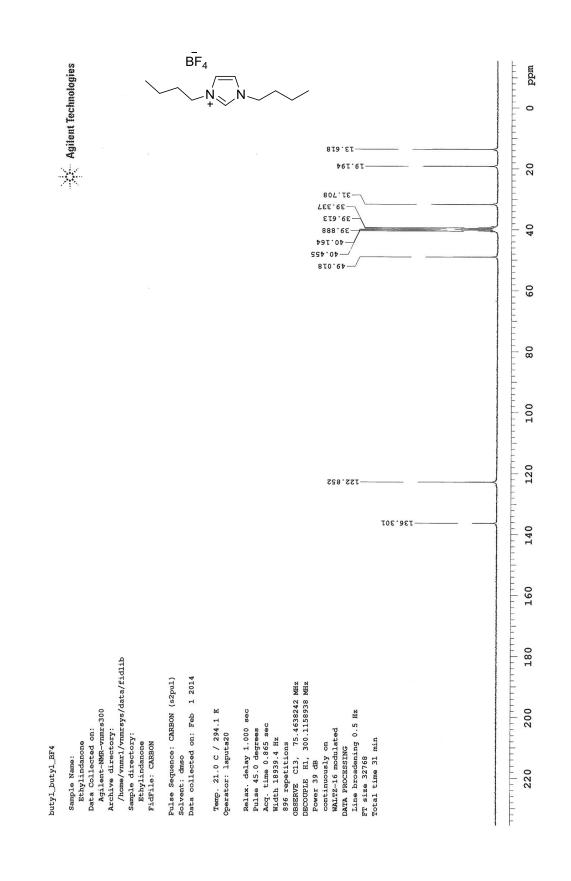
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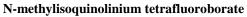
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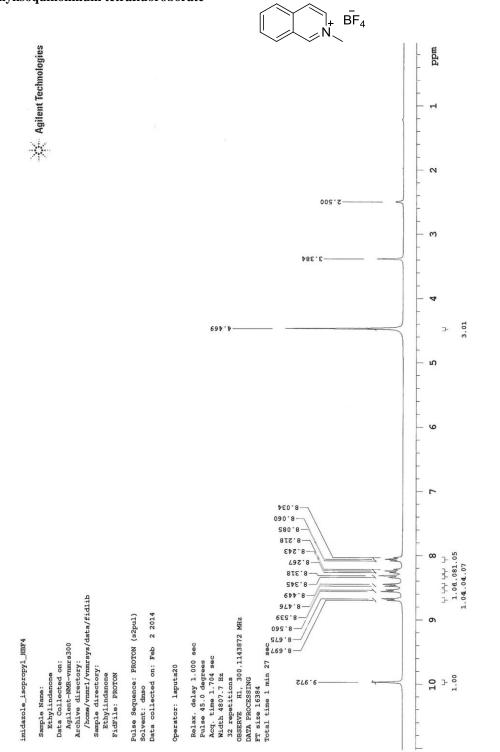


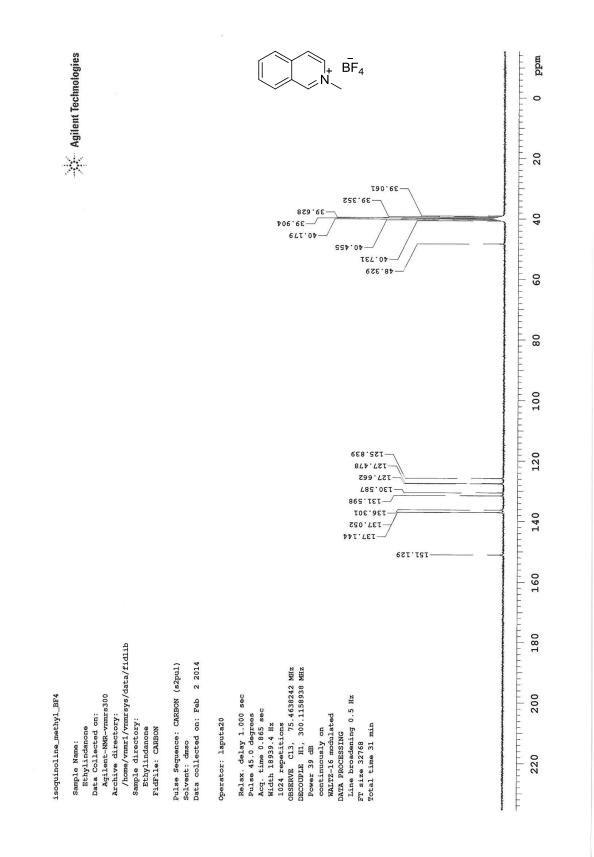
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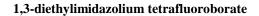


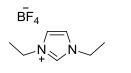




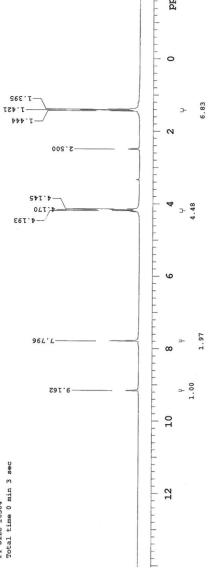








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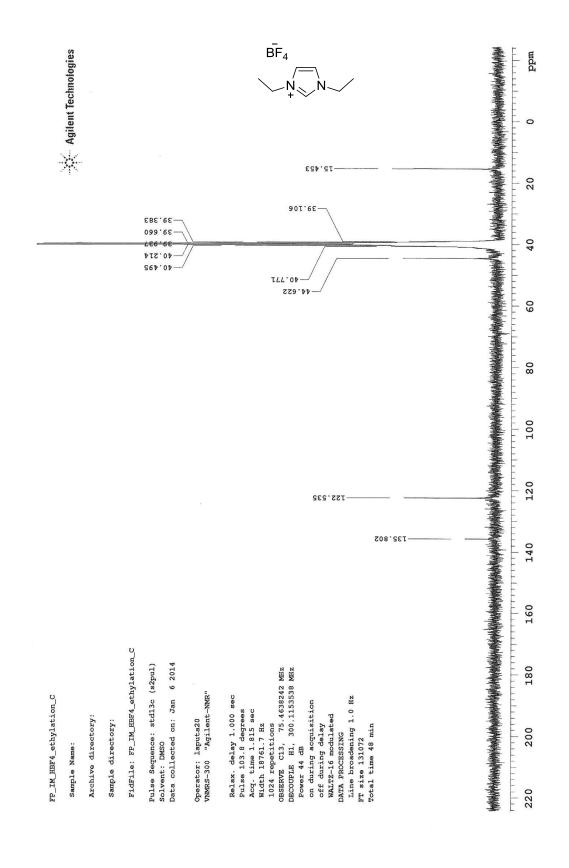
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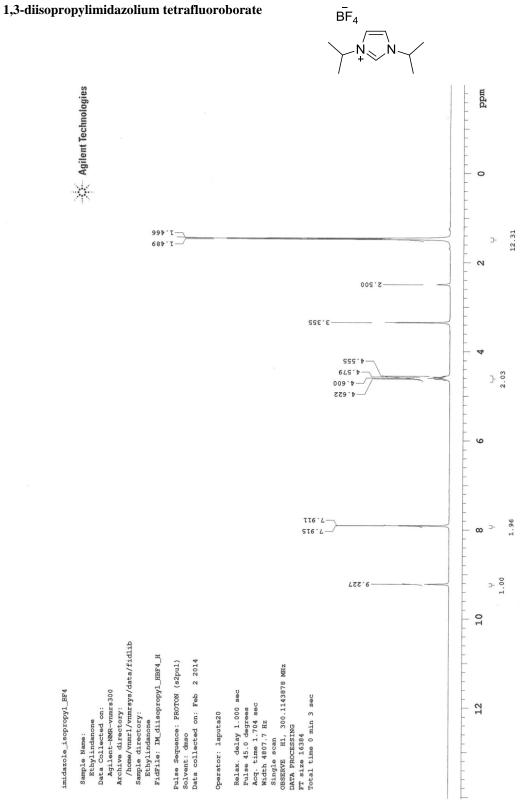
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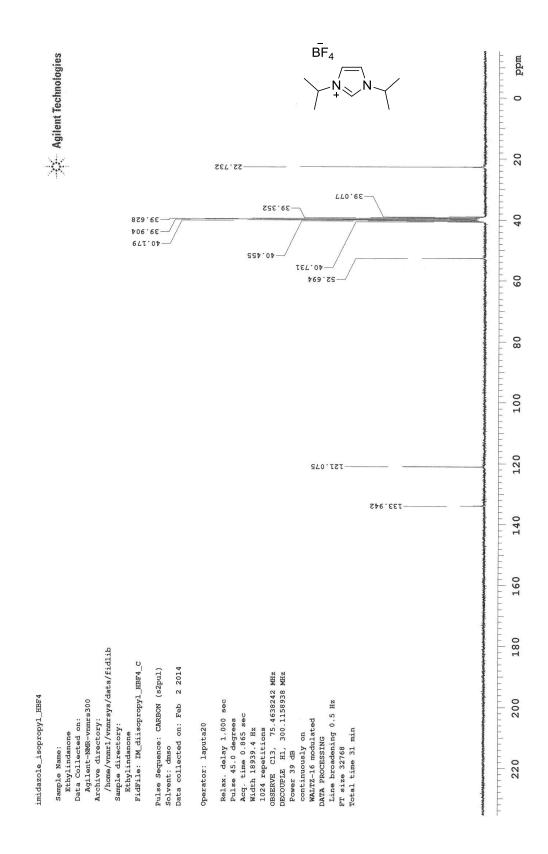
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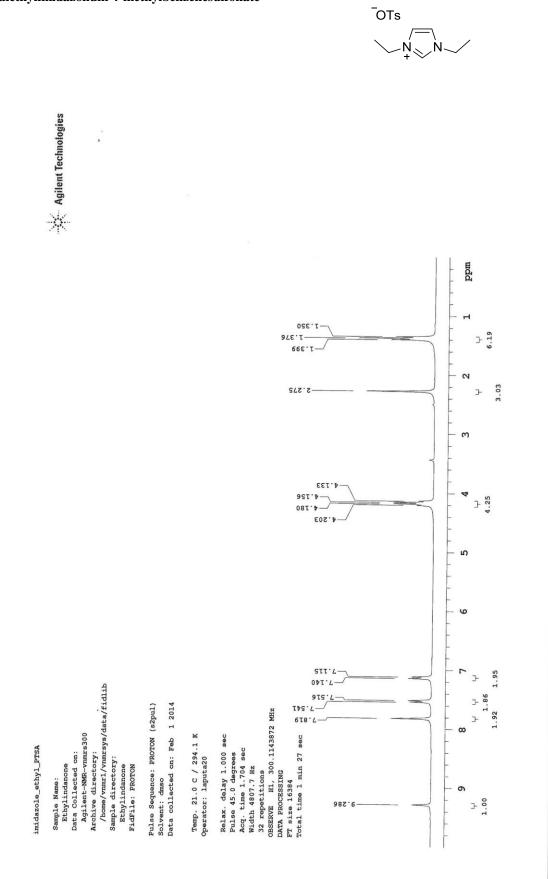


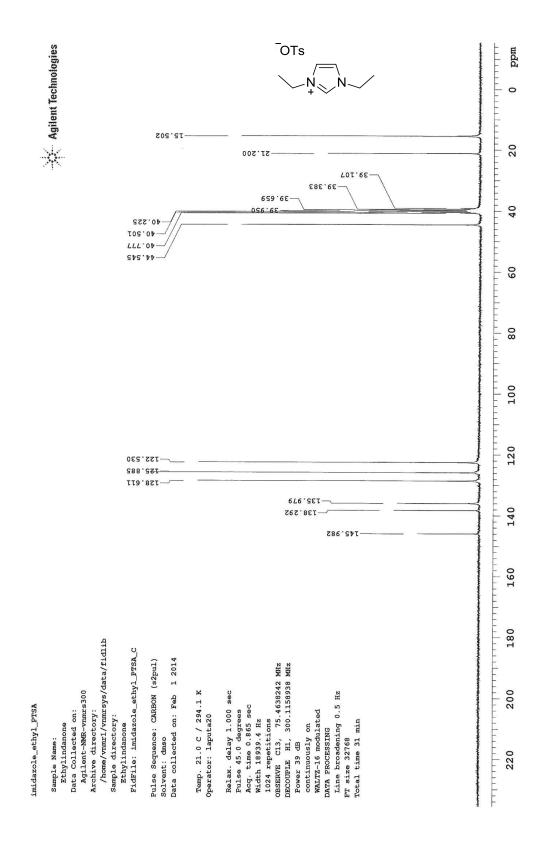
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¹⁹F NMR spectrum1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

