

# ***Supplementary data***

## ***Ligand-free Copper(I)-Catalysed Intramolecular Direct C-H Functionalization Of Azaheterocycles***

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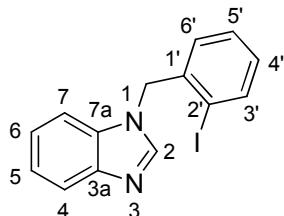
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## General Remarks

### General procedures.

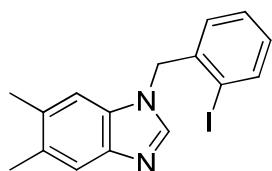
All reagents were purchased and used as received. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm downfield from Me<sub>4</sub>Si and refer as internal standard to the residual solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>: ( $\delta$  = 7.26 for <sup>1</sup>H and 77.0 for <sup>13</sup>C). Coupling constants,  $J$ , are reported in hertz (Hz). Melting points were determined in a capillary tube and are uncorrected. TLC was carried out on SiO<sub>2</sub>, and the spots were located with UV light. Flash chromatography was carried out on SiO<sub>2</sub>. Drying of organic extracts during work-up of reactions was performed over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of solvents was accomplished with a rotatory evaporator.

### General Procedure for the N-benzylation<sup>1</sup>

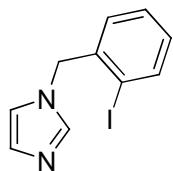


**Preparation of 1-(2-Iodobenzyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (1a).** Commercial DMSO (13.5 mL) was added to previously crushed KOH (760 mg, 13.5 mmol) and the solution was stirred vigorously for 5 minutes. After adding the benzimidazole (807.7 mg, 6.89 mmol) the mixture was stirred for additional 45 minutes. Then, 2-iodobenzyl bromide (2.5 g, 8.46 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with distilled water (15 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3x20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with distilled H<sub>2</sub>O, and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting brown oily residue was redissolved and purified by flash chromatography (AcOEt) affording the title **1a** compound as a white solid. (1.79 g, 78%). Mp 102-104°C; IR <sub>max</sub>(film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 1202, 1360, 1496, 3048; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta$ <sub>H</sub>, ppm): 5.29 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.68 (d,  $J$ =7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 6.97 (apparent t,  $J$ =7.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>),

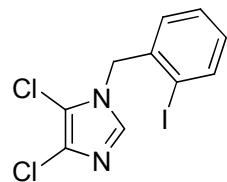
7.15-7.30 (m, 4H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.83-7.90 (m, 3H, H<sub>arom</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm) 53.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 97.6 (C<sub>arom</sub>-I), 109.8 (C<sub>7</sub>), 120.3, 122.2, 123.0, 127.8, 128.6, 129.7 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 133.6 (C<sub>7a</sub>), 137.5 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 139.6 (C<sub>3'</sub>), 143.2 (C<sub>2</sub>), 143.7 (C<sub>1'</sub>); MS-EI (CI) m/z 335 (M+1, 100), 334 (M<sup>+</sup>, 20), 237 (17), 235 (11), 217 (14), 209 (75), 208 (35), 207 (41); HRMS (CI) calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>IN<sub>2</sub> 335.0045, found 335.0036.



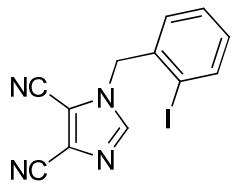
**1-(2-Iodobenzyl)-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (1b)** (63%): Mp: 120-122°C; IR <sub>max</sub>(film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 1490, 1432; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$ , ppm): 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.30 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.66 (d, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 6.98-7.03 (m, 2H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.21 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.61 (s, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.82 (s, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 7.90 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>2'</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm) 20.2, 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 97.4 (C<sub>arom</sub>-I), 110.0 (C<sub>7</sub>), 120.4, 127.8, 128.8, 129.7 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 131.3, 132.3, 132.4, 137.8 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 139.7 (C<sub>3'</sub>), 142.4 (C<sub>1'</sub>), 142.6 (C<sub>2</sub>); MS-EI (CI) m/z 363 (M+1, 100), 362 (M<sup>+</sup>, 38); HRMS (CI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>IN<sub>2</sub> 363.0358, found 363.0341.



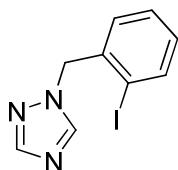
**1-(2-Iodobenzyl)- 1H-imidazole (1c)** (66%): Mp: 55-57°C. The experimental data were compared to those reported on the bibliography.<sup>2</sup>



**4,5-Dichloro-1-(2-iodobenzyl)-1*H*-imidazole (**1d**) (33%):** Mp: 71-73°C; IR  $\text{max}(\text{film})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  1249, 1420, 1473, 1508;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$ , ppm): 5.10 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.83 (d,  $J=7.6$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.05 (apparent t,  $J=7.6$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.32-7.37 (m, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.90 (d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm) 54.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 97.8 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-I}$ ), 113.7, 16.5 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-Cl}$ ), 128.2, 129.0, 130.2, 134.6 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ), 136.6 ( $\text{C}_1$ ), 139.9 ( $\text{C}_2$ ); HRMS (CI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{ICl}_2\text{N}_2$  352.9109, found 352.9097.



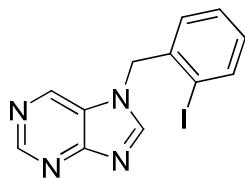
**1-(2-Iodobenzyl)-1*H*-imidazole-4,5-dicarbonitrile (**1e**) (48%):** Mp: 172-174°C; IR  $\text{max}(\text{film})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  1414, 1525, 1672, 2226;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$ , ppm): 5.45 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.57 (d,  $J=7.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.06-7.11 (m, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.33-7.39 (m, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.90-7.95 (m, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 8.06 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm) 54.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 97.7 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-I}$ ), 113.8, 114.4 ( $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ ) 127.1, 128.8, 129.8 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ), 134.5, 138.3 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-C}$ ), 139.3 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ), 142.0 ( $\text{C}_2$ ), 159.2 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-C}$ ); MS-EI (CI) m/z 335 (M+1, 5), 286 (100), 266 (32), 217 (12); HRMS (CI) calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{IN}_4$  334.9794, found 334.9794.



**1-(2-Iodobenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (**1f**) (56%):** Mp: 59-61°C; IR  $\text{max}(\text{film})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  1014, 1132, 1273, 1502, 3131;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$ , ppm): 5.31 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.91 (apparent dt,  $J=7.8, 7.7, 1.6$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.0 (dd,  $J=7.7, 1.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.24 (apparent dt,  $J=7.6, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.77 (dd,  $J=7.9, 1.1$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.89 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_3$ ), 8.09 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_5$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm) 57.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 98.4

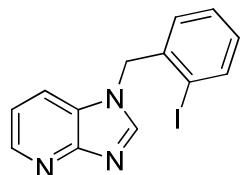
(C<sub>arom</sub>-I), 128.6, 129.4, 130.0 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 136.7 (C<sub>1'</sub>), 139.5 (C<sub>3'</sub>), 143.4 (C<sub>5</sub>), 151.9 (C<sub>3</sub>);

HRMS (CI) calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>IN<sub>3</sub> 285.9841, found 285.9841.



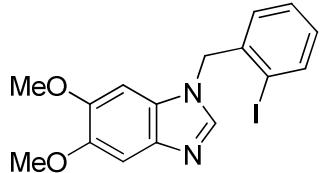
**1-(2-Iodobenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (1h)** (32%): Mp: 101-103°C; IR <sub>max</sub>(film)/cm<sup>-1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1702, 1508, 1443, 1361, 1190; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta$ <sub>H</sub>, ppm): 5.49 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.99-7.04 (m, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.15-7.18 (m, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.28 (apparent t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.87 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 8.14 (s, 1H, H<sub>2</sub>), 8.98 (s, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 9.13 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta$ <sub>C</sub>, ppm) 51.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 98.7 (C<sub>arom</sub>-I), 128.9, 129.6, 130.3 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 133.7, 137.1 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 139.9 (C<sub>3'</sub>), 145.0 (C<sub>7</sub>), 148.7 (C<sub>2</sub>), 151.4 (C<sub>3a</sub>), 152.7 (C<sub>5</sub>) ; MS-EI (CI) m/z 338 (M+2, 13), 337 (M+1, 100), 217 (10), 209 (21); HRMS (CI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>IN<sub>4</sub> 336.9950, found 336.9939.

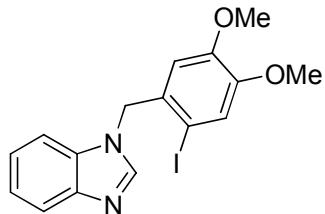


**1-(2-Iodobenzyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*b*]pyridine (1i)** (35%): Mp: 120-122°C (from

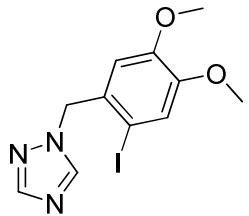
hexane); IR <sub>max</sub>(KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 1191, 1279, 1396, 1484; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta$ <sub>H</sub>, ppm): 5.48 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.92-7.01 (m, 2H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.18-7.24 (m, 2H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.83 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 8.04-8.07 (m, 2H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 8.37-8.39 (m, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta$ <sub>C</sub>, ppm): 51.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 98.3 (C<sub>arom</sub>-I), 118.3, 127.9, 128.6, 128.9, 129.8 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 135.0, 137.9 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 139.6, 143.8, 144.4 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 146.9 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C); MS (CI) m/z: 337 (M+2, 14), 336 (M+1, 100), 282 (18, 11), 208 (43). HRMS (CI) [M+1]: calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>I, 335.9998; found, 335.9982.



**1-(2-Iodobenzyl)-5,6-dimethoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (1k)** (75%): Mp: 158-161°C (from hexane); IR <sub>max</sub>(KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3072, 1490, 1237; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta$ <sub>H</sub>, ppm): 3.74 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.17 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.61 (s, 2H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 6.89 (apparent t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.10 (apparent t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.21 (s, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.69 (s, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.78 (d, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta$ <sub>C</sub>, ppm): 53.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.9, 56.0 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 92.5 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 97.4 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 101.9 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 127.2 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 127.6, 128.5, 129.5, (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 136.9, 137.3 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 139.3, 141.4 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 146.5, 147.3 (C<sub>arom</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>); MS (CI) m/z: 395 (M+1, 100), 394 (M<sup>+</sup>, 51), 269 (24). HRMS (CI) [M+1]: calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 395.0257; found, 395.0245.

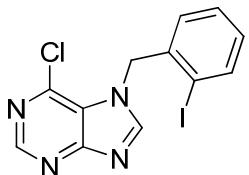


**1-(2-Iodo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (1l)** (82%): Mp: 136-138°C (from hexane); IR <sub>max</sub>(KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 1496, 1255, 1202; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta$ <sub>H</sub>, ppm): 3.60 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.32 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.38 (s, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.26-7.32 (m, 4H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.82-7.85 (m, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.92 (s, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta$ <sub>C</sub>, ppm): 53.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.7, 56.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 86.3 (C<sub>arom</sub>-I), 110.0, 111.3, 120.3, 121.8, 122.3, 123.1 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 129.6, 133.7 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 143.0 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 143.7, 149.4, 149.7 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C); MS (CI) m/z: 395 (M+1, 46), 394 (M<sup>+</sup>, 27), 277 (100), 268 (25). HRMS (CI) [M+1]: calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>I, 395.0257; found, 395.0242.

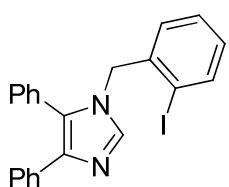


**1-(2-Iodo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (1m)** (17%): Mp: 101-103°C

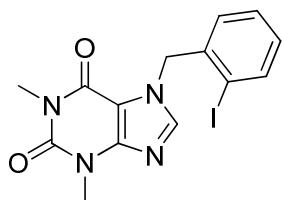
(from hexane); IR  $\text{max}(\text{KBr})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  3566, 1504, 1262, 1210, 1158;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$ , ppm): 3.73, 3.79 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 5.28 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.71 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.18 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.90 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 8.08 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm): 55.7, 56.0 ( $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 57.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 87.2 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-C}$ ), 112.6, 121.5 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ), 129.0 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-C}$ ), 143.2 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ), 149.53, 149.58 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-OCH}_3$ ), 151.9 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ); MS (CI) m/z: 346 ( $\text{M}+1$ , 10), 345 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 5), 277 (100). HRMS (CI) [M+1]: calculated for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{IN}_3\text{O}_2$ , 346.0053; found, 346.0039.



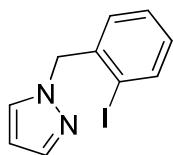
**6-Chloro-7-(2-iodobenzyl)-7*H*-purine** (31%): Mp: 89-91°C (from hexane); IR  $\text{max}(\text{KBr})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  1570, 1561, 1437, 1337, 1173;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$ , ppm): 5.49 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.06 (apparent t,  $J=7.3$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.19 (d,  $J=7.1$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.30 (apparent t,  $J=7.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.87 (d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 8.11 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 8.74 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm): 52.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 98.8 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-I}$ ), 129.0, 129.9, 130.6 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ), 131.4, 136.8 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-C}$ ), 140.1, 145.1 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ), 151.1, 151.9 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-C}$ ), 152.1 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ); MS (CI) m/z: 371 ( $\text{M}+1$ , 100), 335 (13), 243 (38), 217 (30). HRMS (CI) [M+1]: calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{N}_4\text{ICl}$ , 370.9561; found, 370.9544.



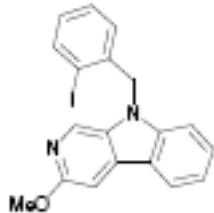
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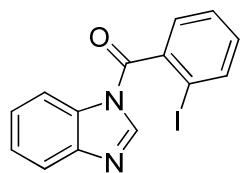
**7-(2-Iodobenzyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione (1p) (19%):** Mp: 171-173°C (from hexane); IR  $\text{max}(\text{KBr})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  1649, 1543, 1461, 1226;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$ , ppm): 3.38 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.57 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 5.56 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.02 (apparent t,  $J=7.5$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.15 (d,  $J=7.4$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.31 (apparent t,  $J=7.45$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.60 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ ), 7.87 (d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{arom}}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm): 27.9, 29.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 54.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 98.6, 106.9 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-C}$ ), 128.9, 129.3, 130.2 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ), 137.6 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-C}$ ), 139.9, 141.1 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-H}$ ), 148.7, 151.5, 155.1 ( $\text{C}_{\text{arom}}\text{-C}$ ); MS (CI) m/z: 398 ( $\text{M}+2$ , 16), 397 ( $\text{M}+1$ , 100), 396 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 13), 269 (21). HRMS (CI) [M+1]: calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{I}$ , 397.0162; found, 397.0153.



**1-(2-iodobenzyl)-1H-pyrazole (1g)** (96%): Mp: 83-85°C (from hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$ , ppm): 6.29 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.24 (apparent t,  $J=2.1$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 6.78 (d,  $J=7.7$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 6.89 (apparent dt,  $J=7.8, 1.6$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.19 (apparent dt,  $J=7.6, 1.1$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.39 (d,  $J=2.1$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.54 (d,  $J=1.3$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.72 (dd,  $J=7.9, 1.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>arom</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm): 59.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 97.7 (C<sub>arom</sub>-I), 105.6, 128.3, 128.4, 129.1, 129.5 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 138.8 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 138.9, 139.4 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H).

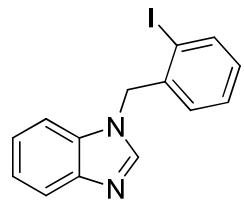


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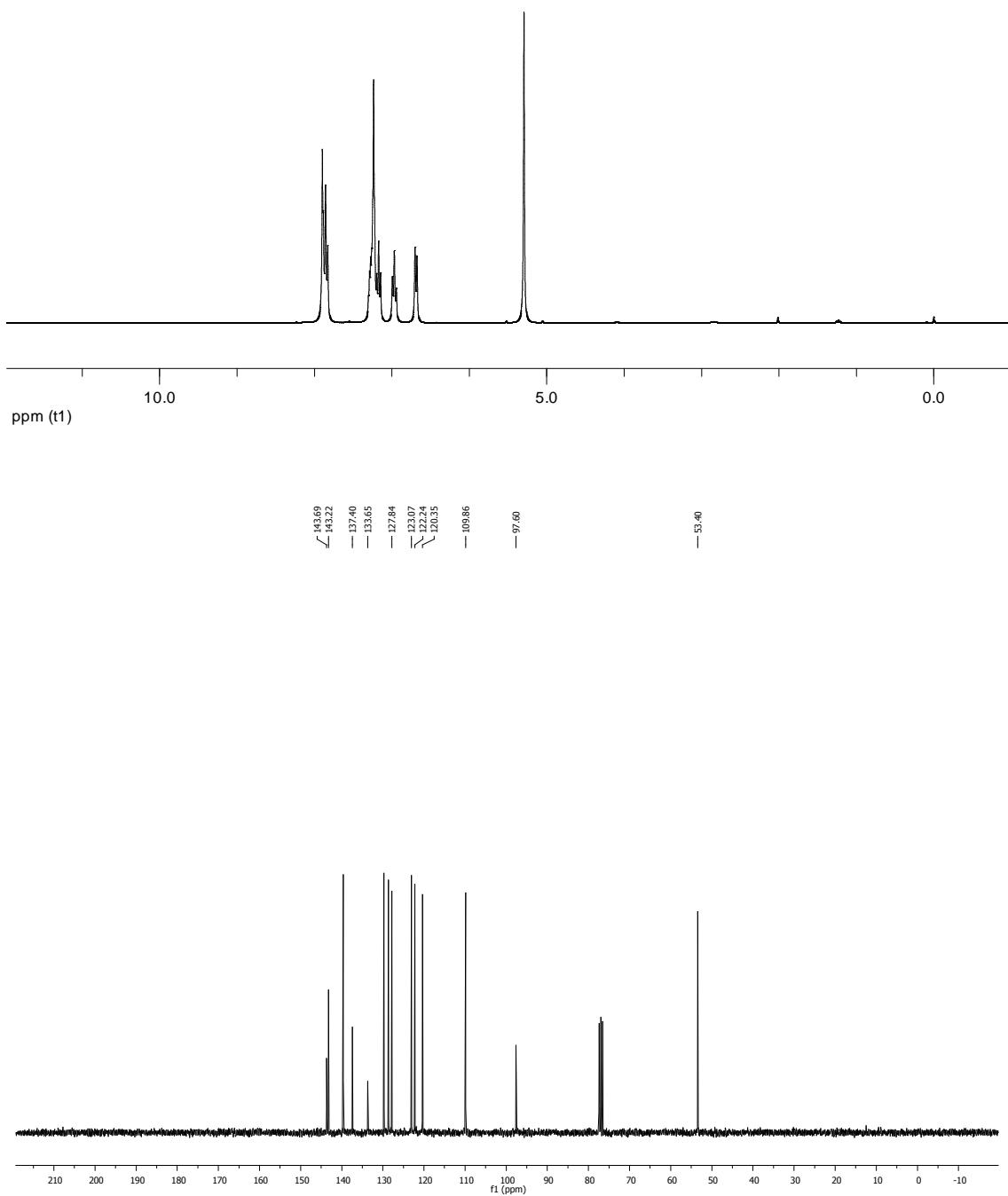


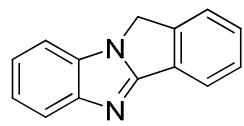
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1H, H<sub>arom</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, SiMe<sub>4</sub>) ( $\delta_{\text{C}}$ , ppm): 92.3 (C<sub>arom</sub>-I), 115.3, 120.4, 125.4, 125.8, 128.3, 128.6 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 131.1 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 132.3 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 139.1 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C), 139.7, 142.5 (C<sub>arom</sub>-H), 144.1, 166.4 (C<sub>arom</sub>-C); MS (CI) m/z: 349 (M+1, 100), 348 (M<sup>+</sup>, 21), 231 (86). HRMS (CI) [M+1]: calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OI, 348.9838; found, 348.9823.

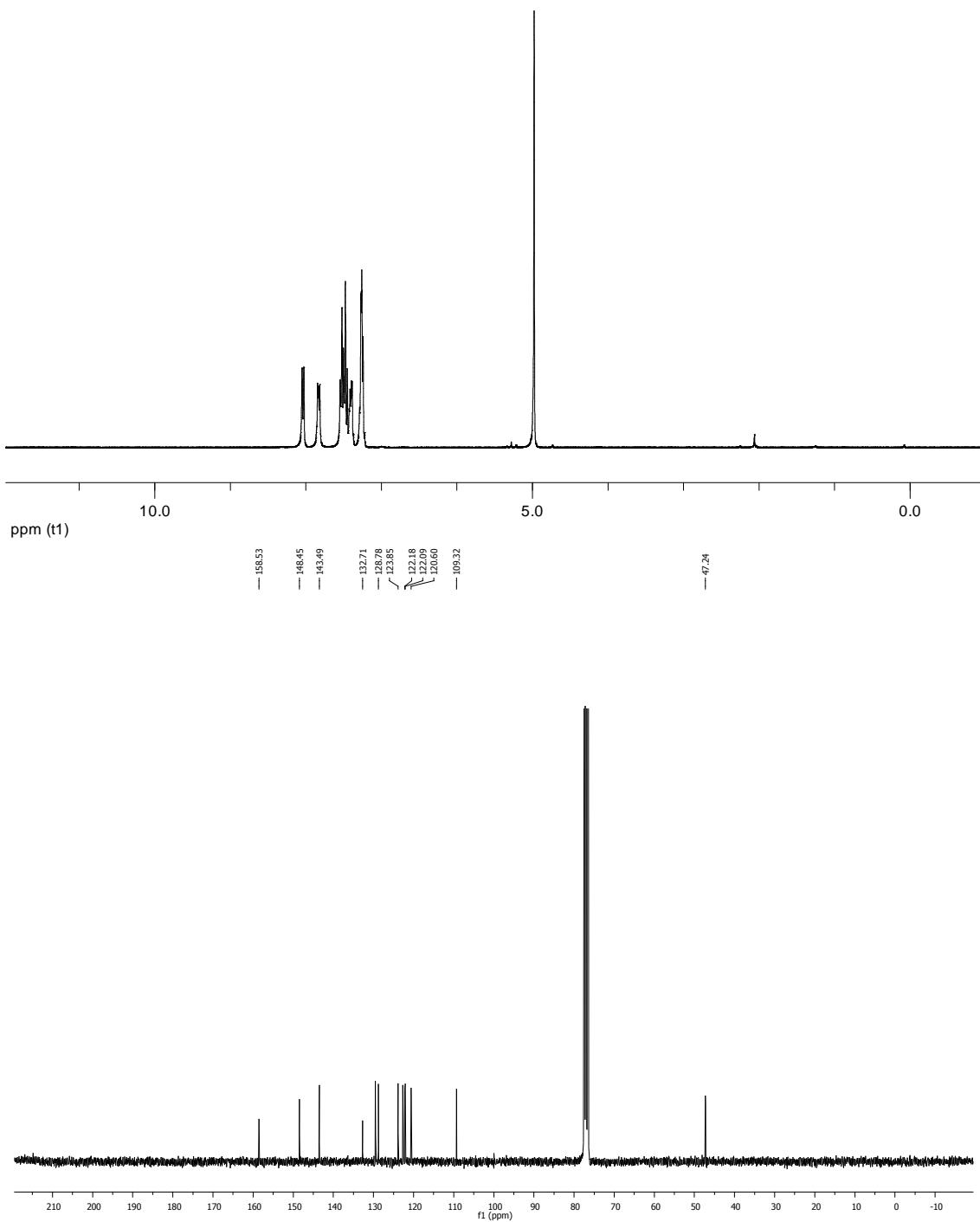


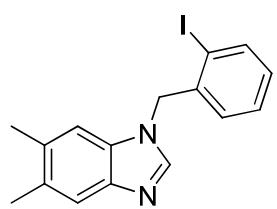
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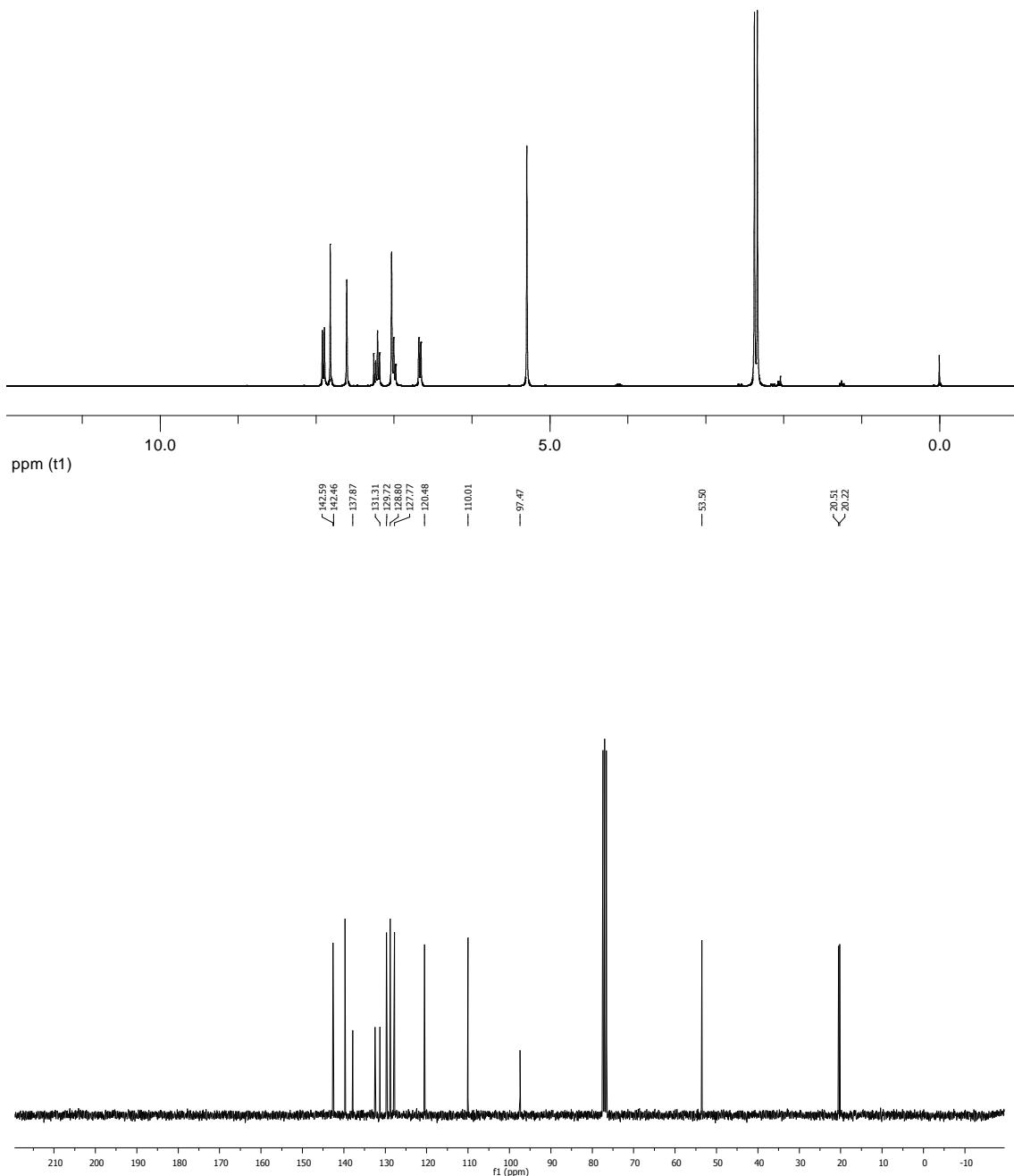


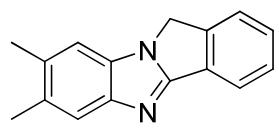
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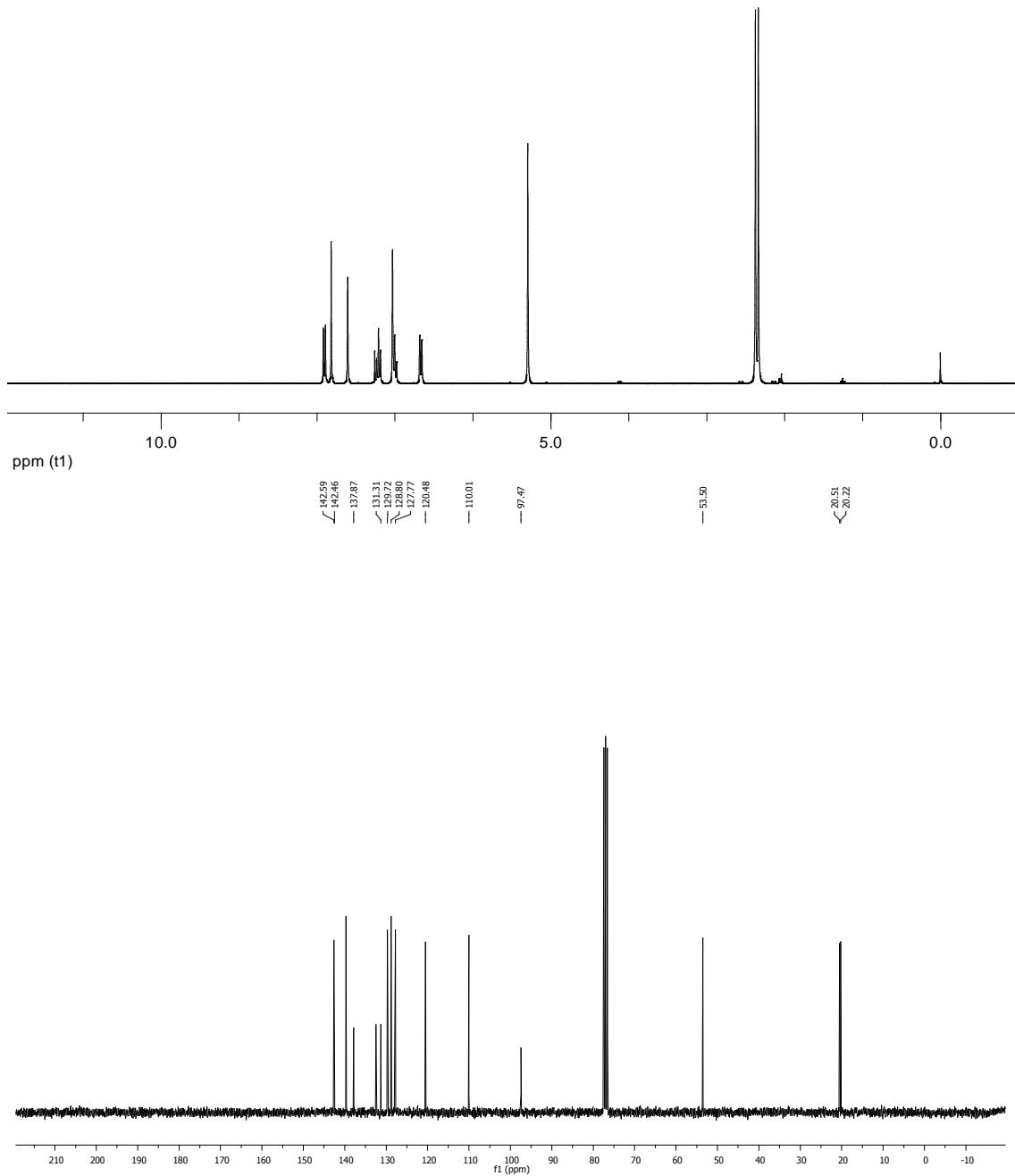


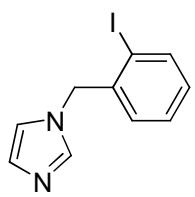
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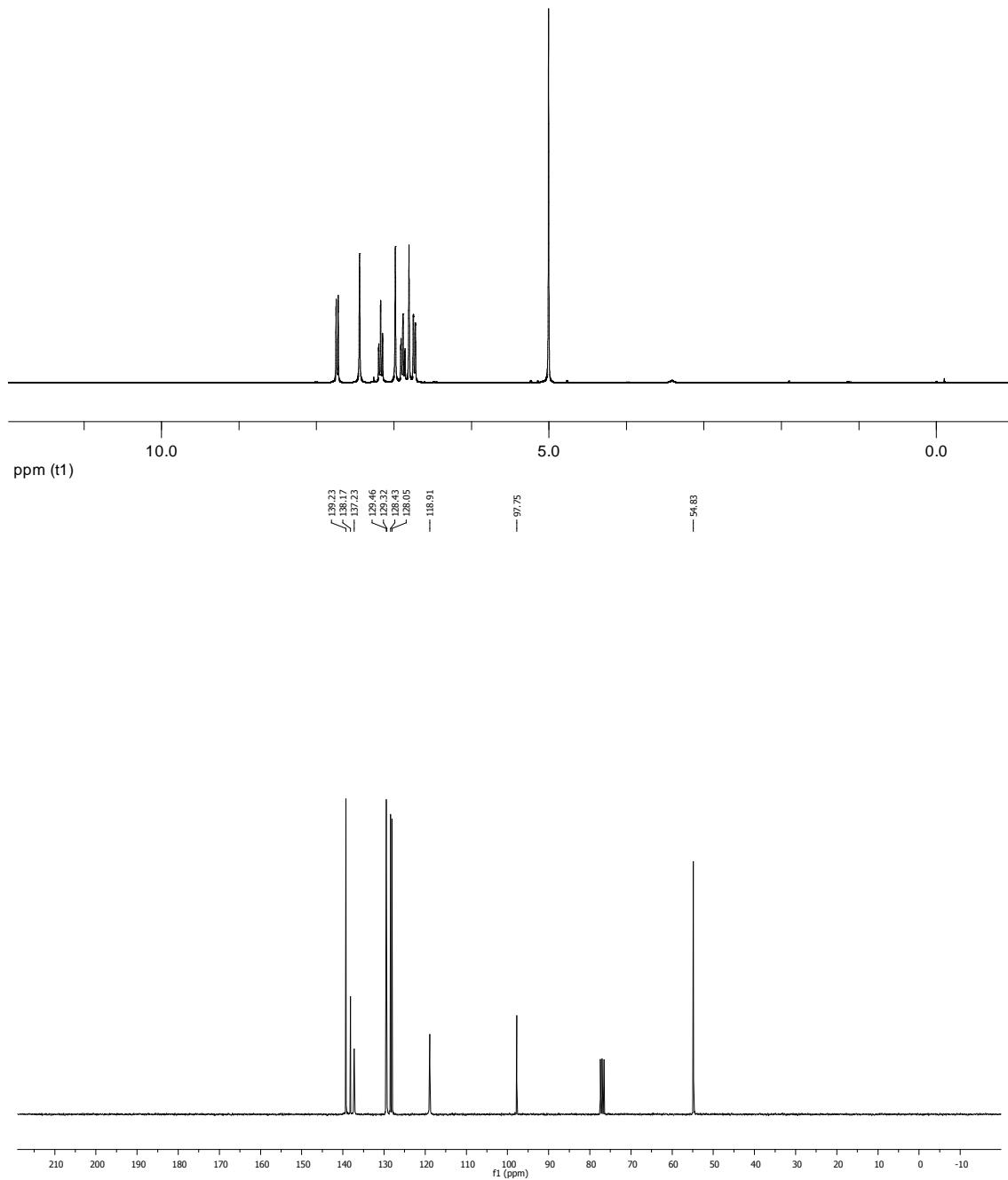


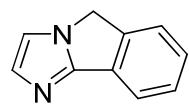
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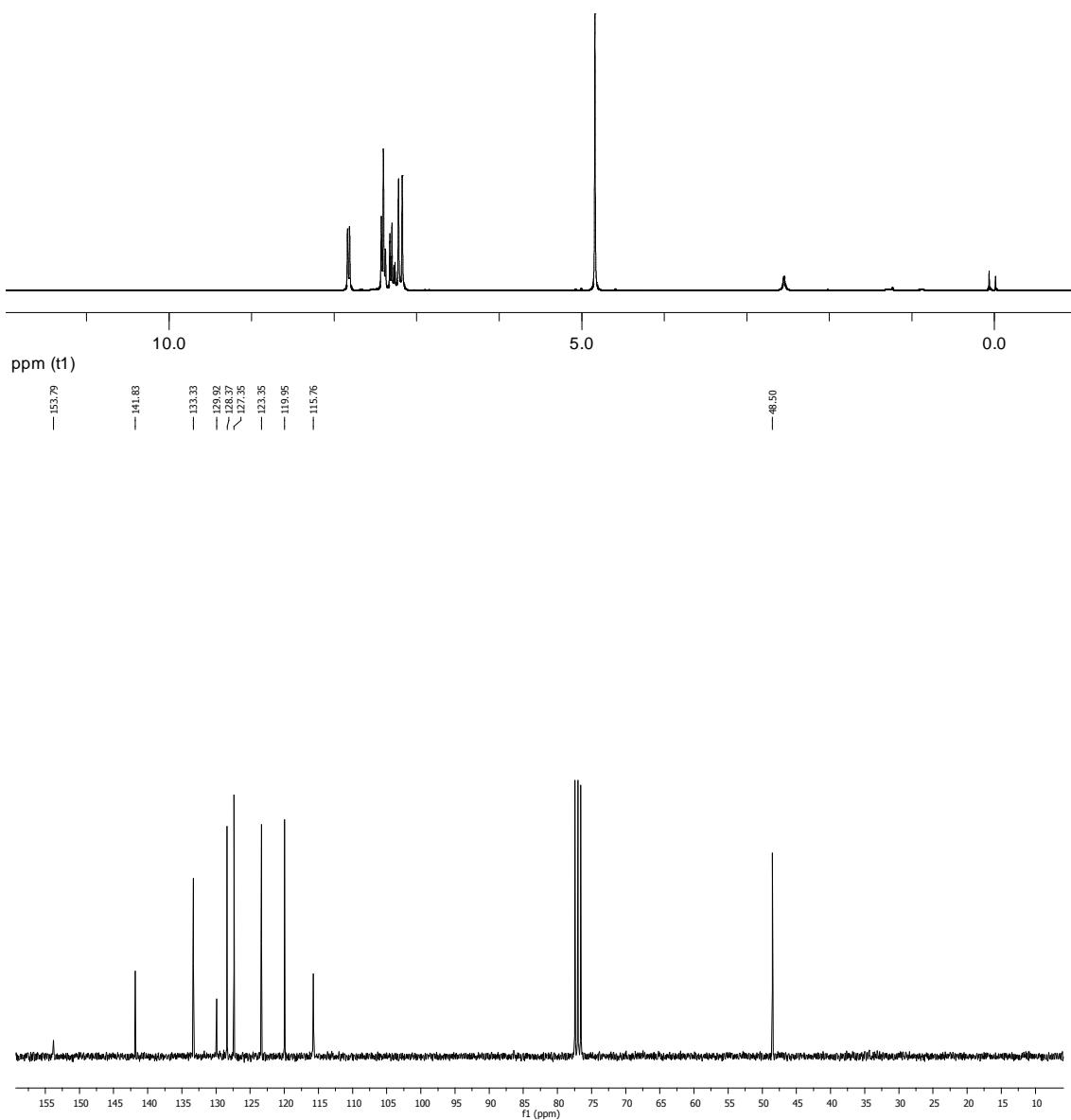


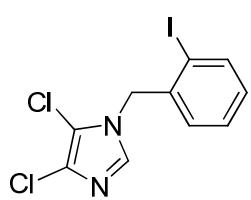
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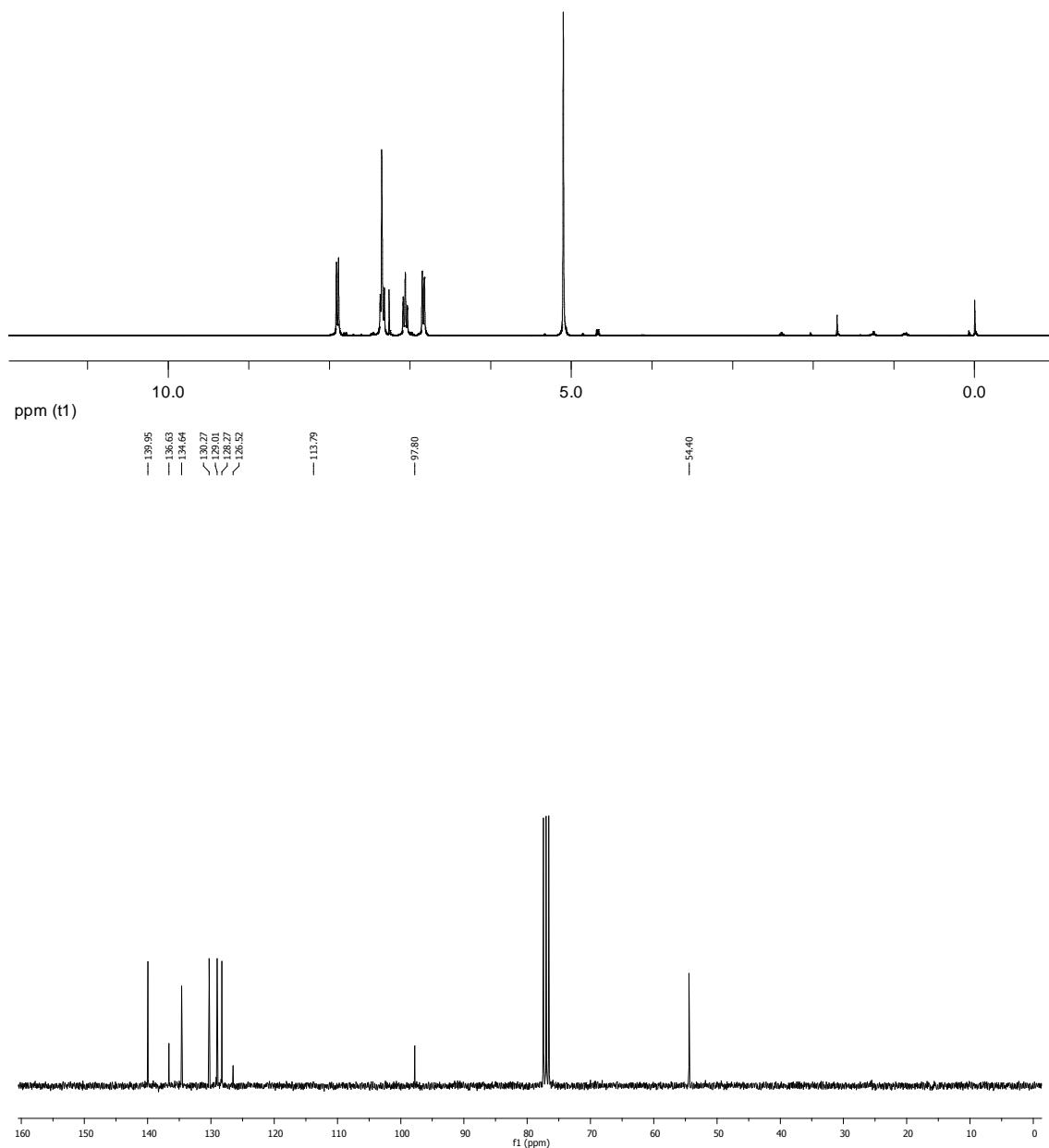


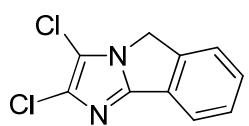
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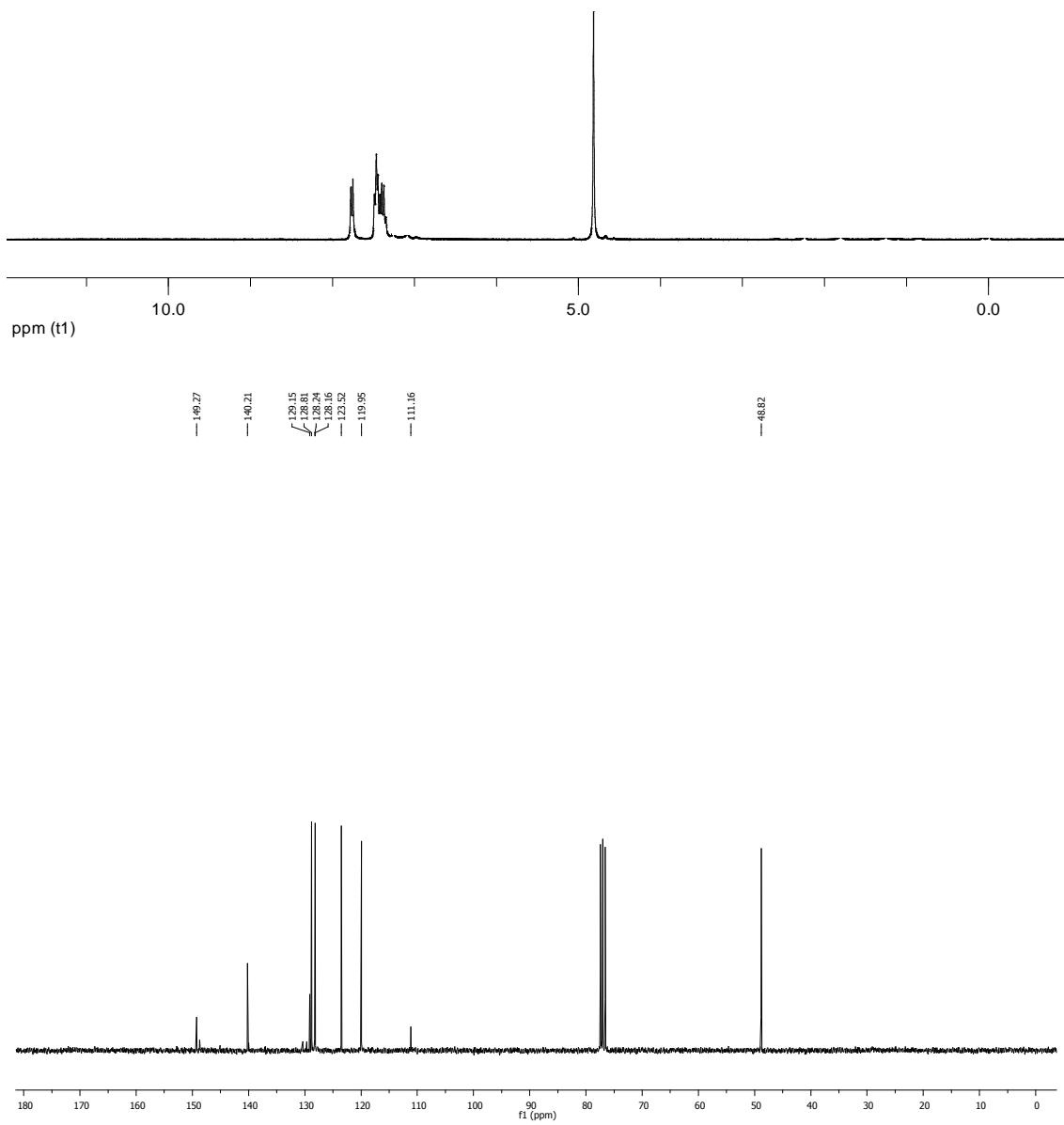


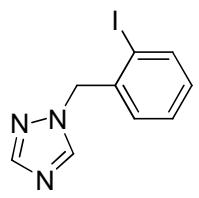
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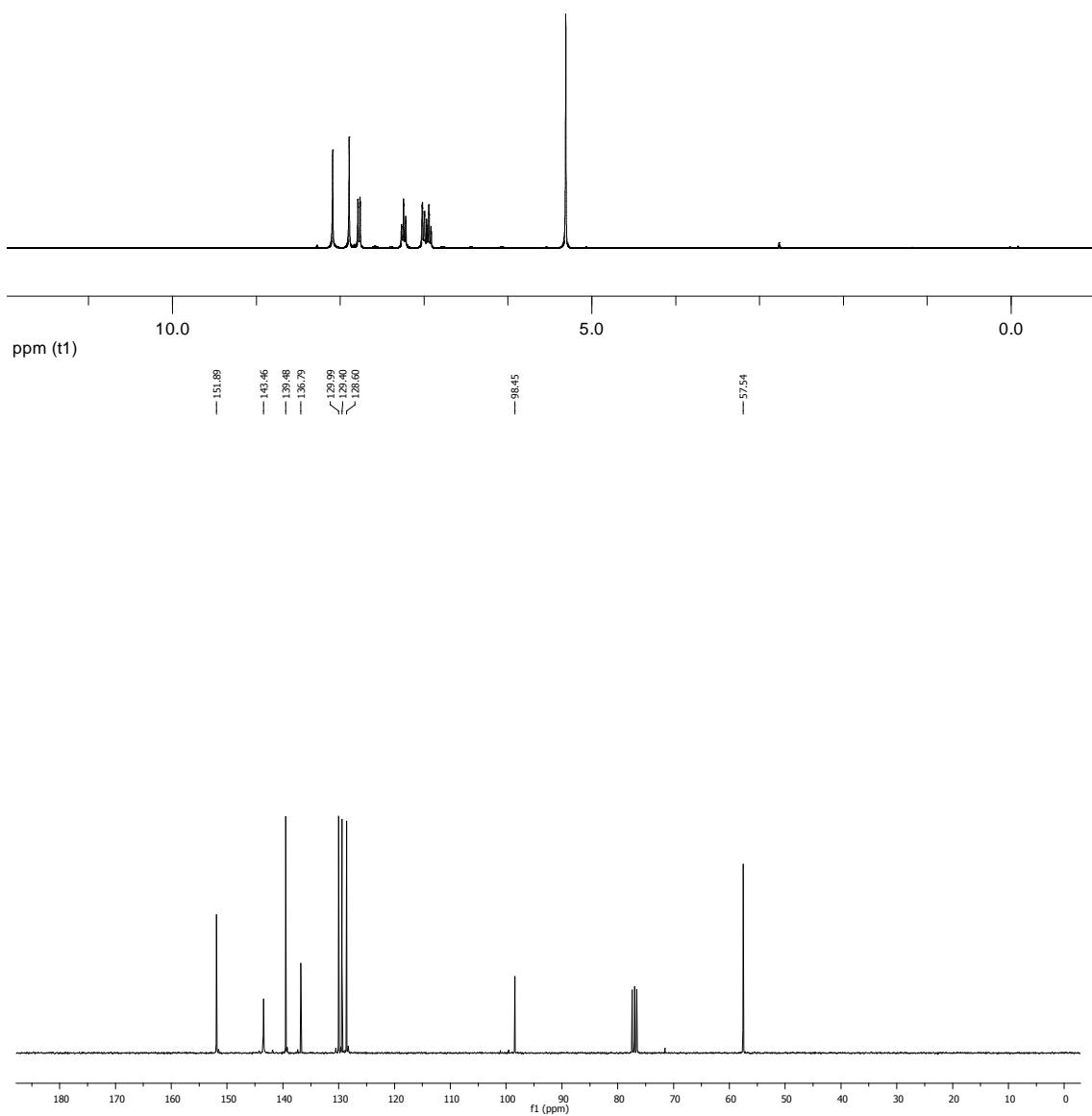


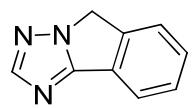
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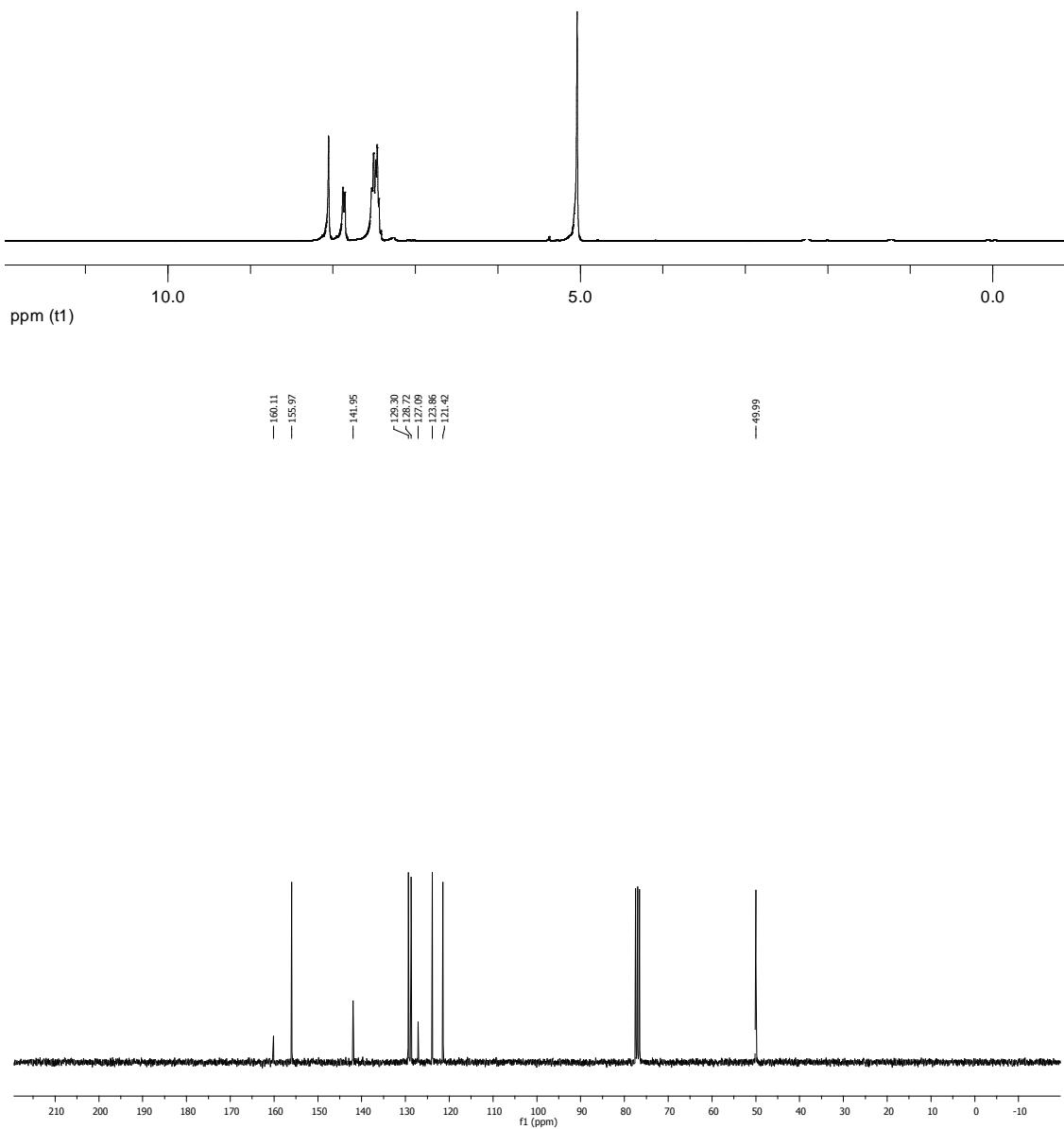


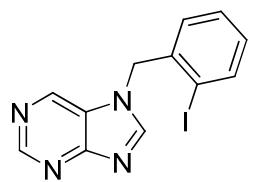
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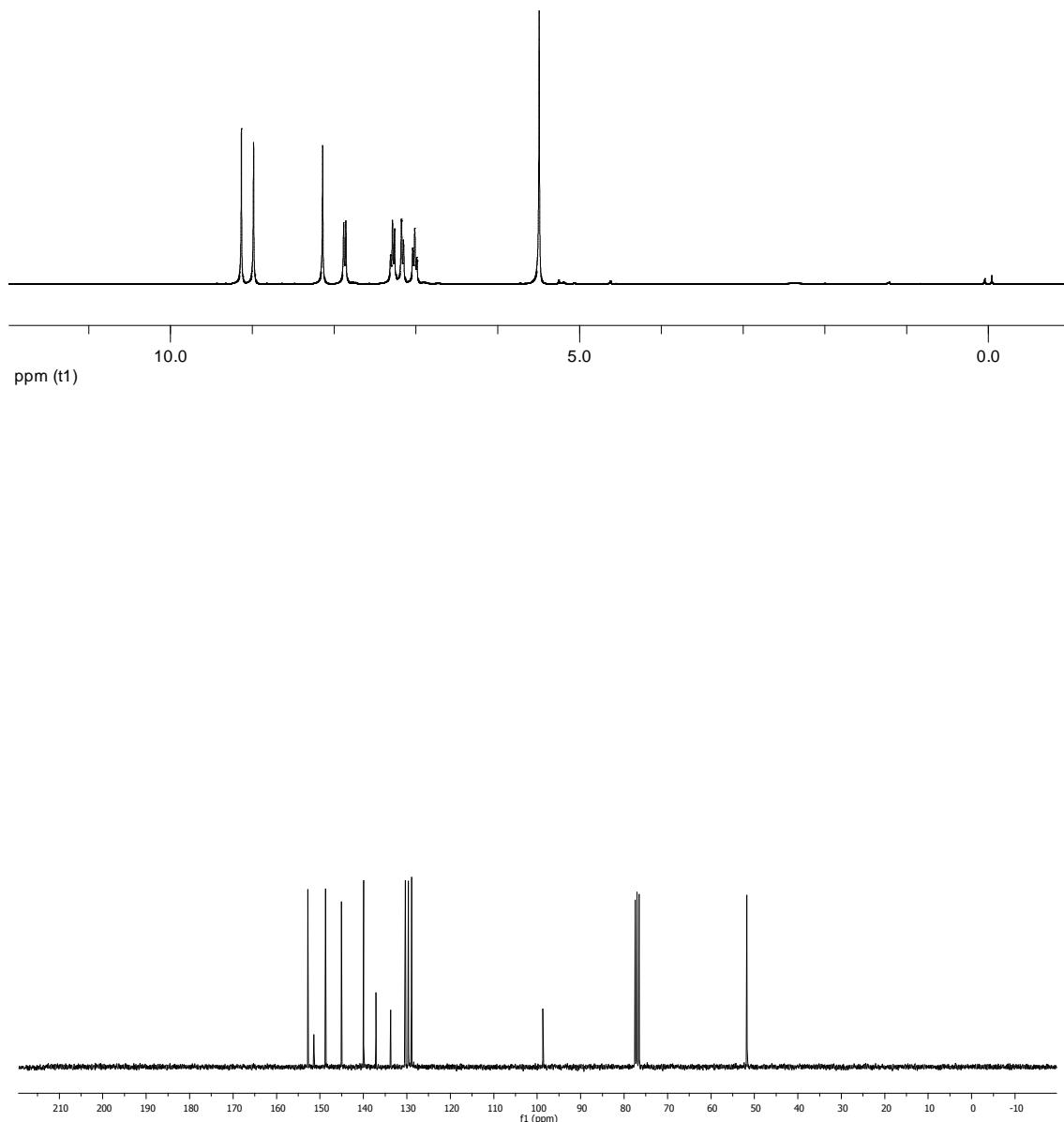


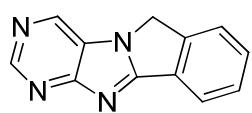
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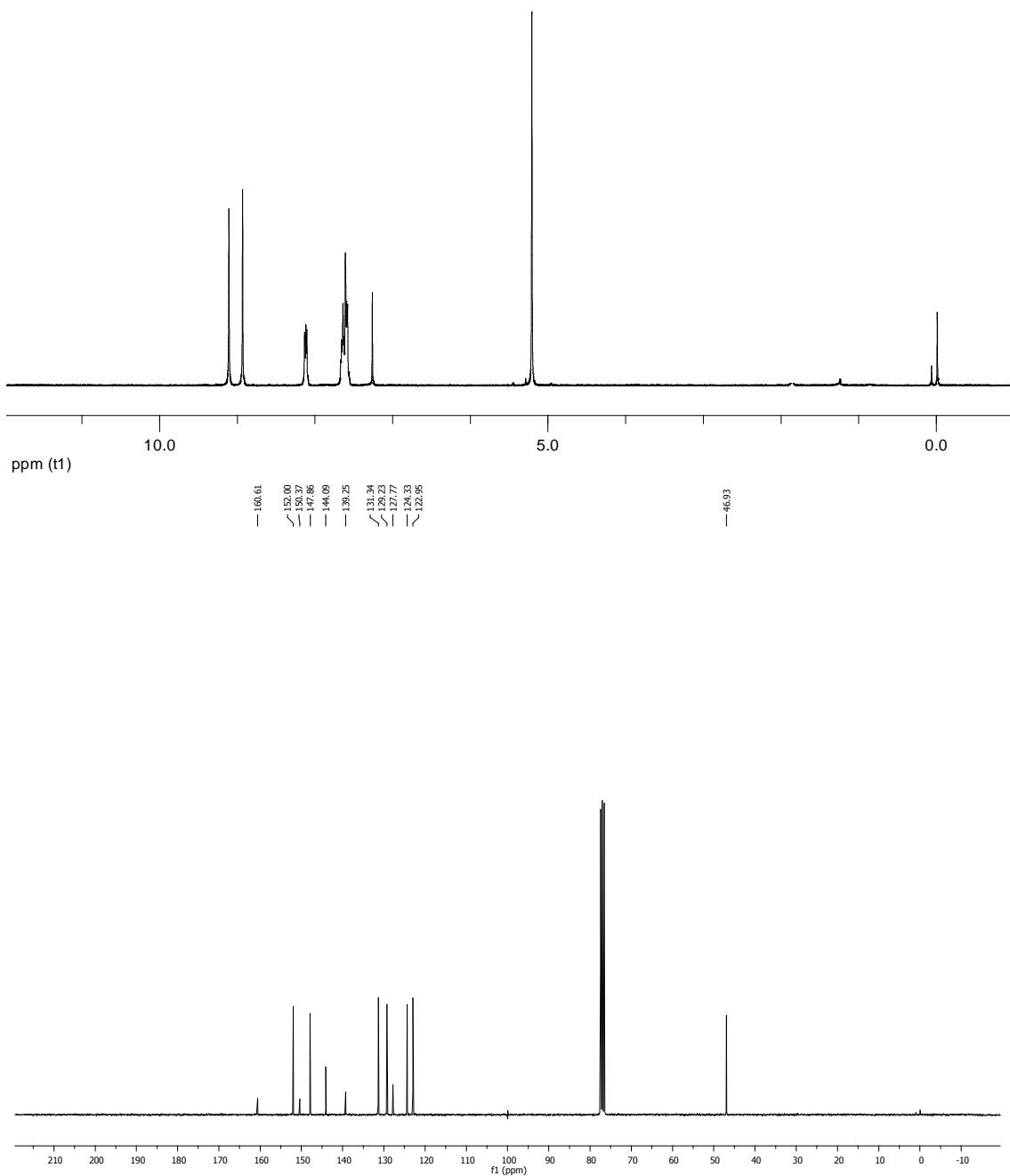


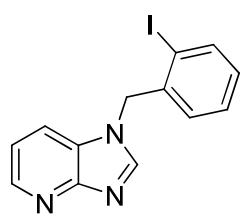
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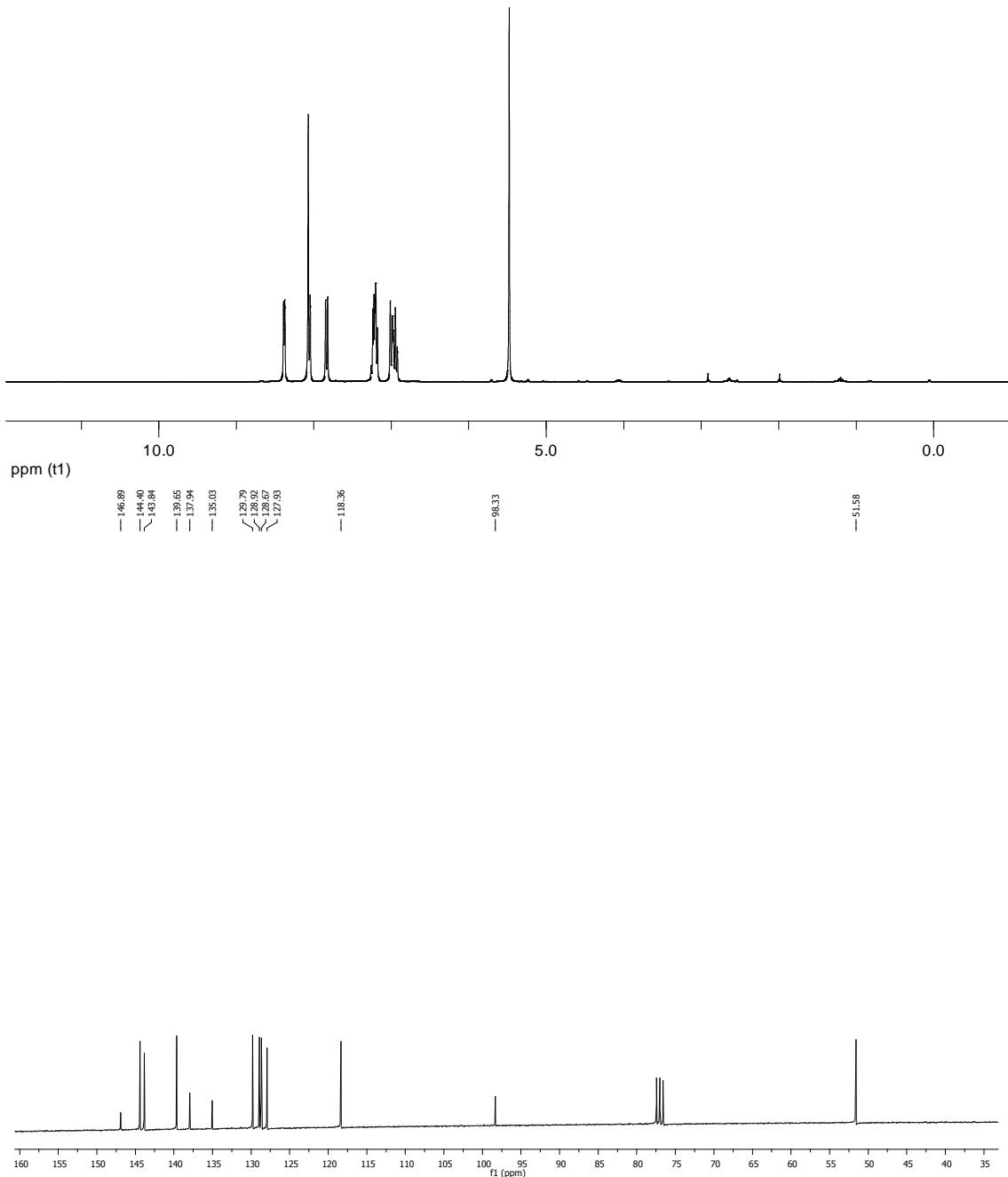


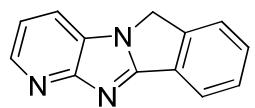
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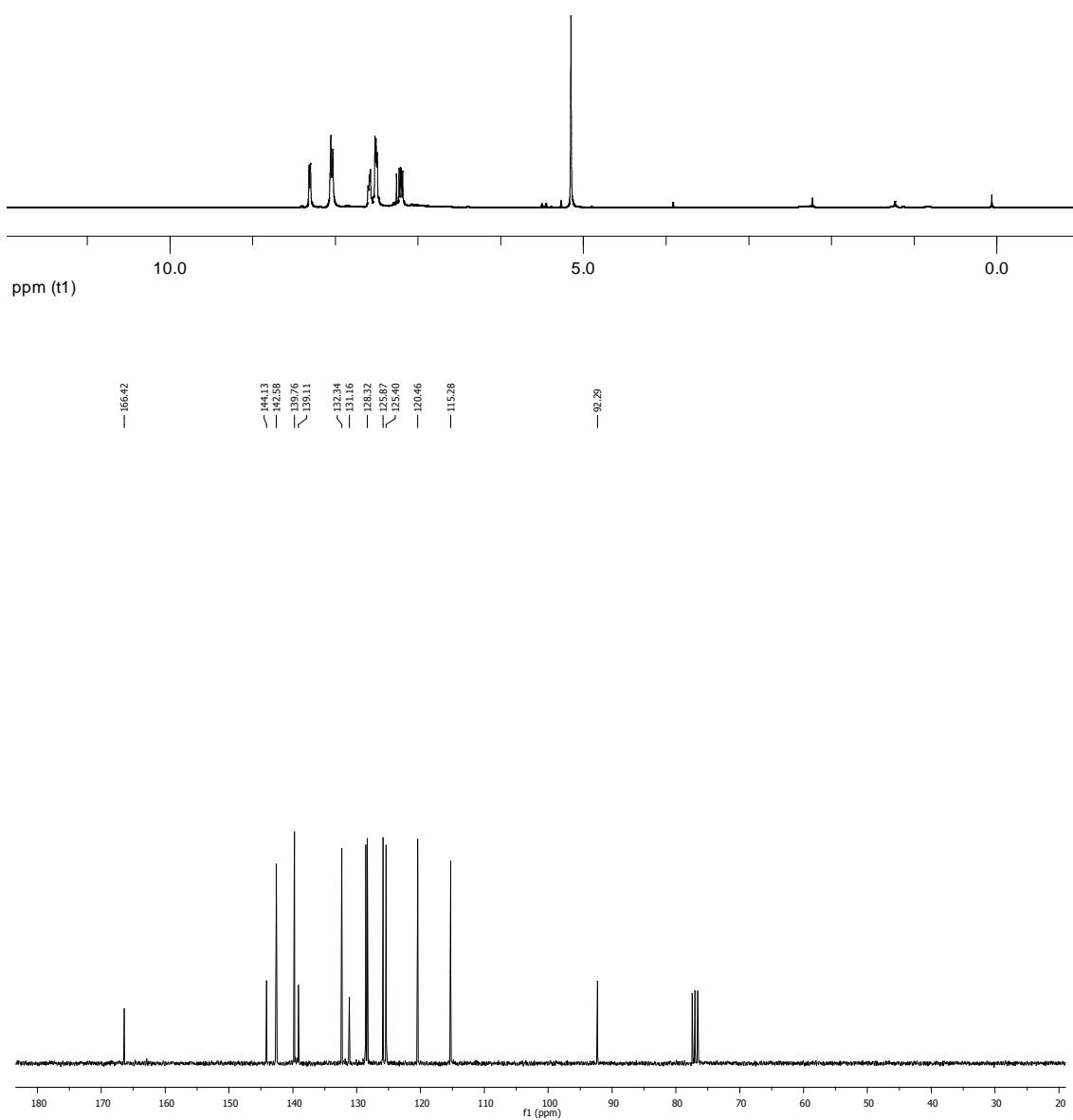


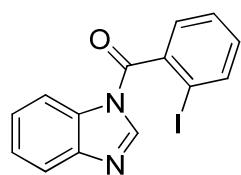
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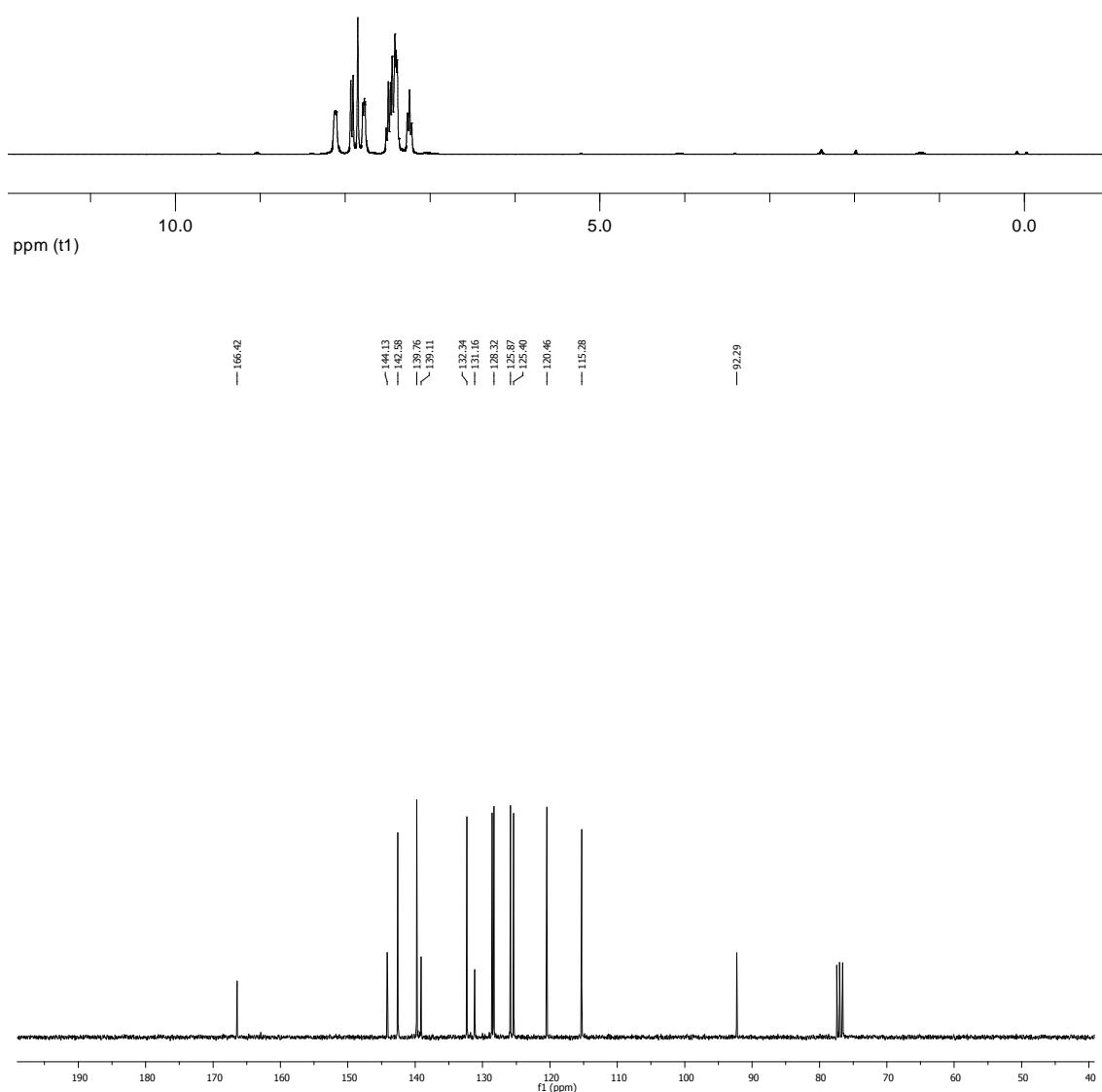


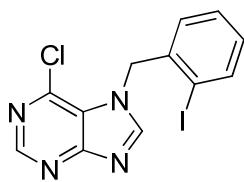
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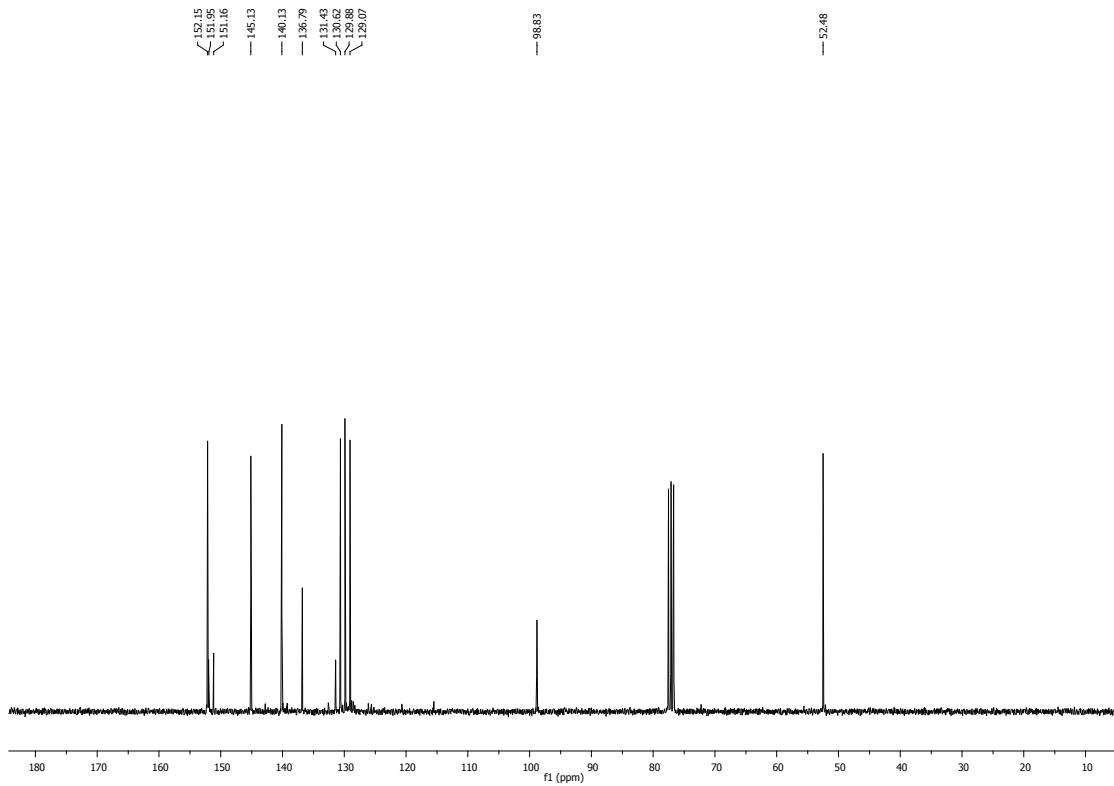
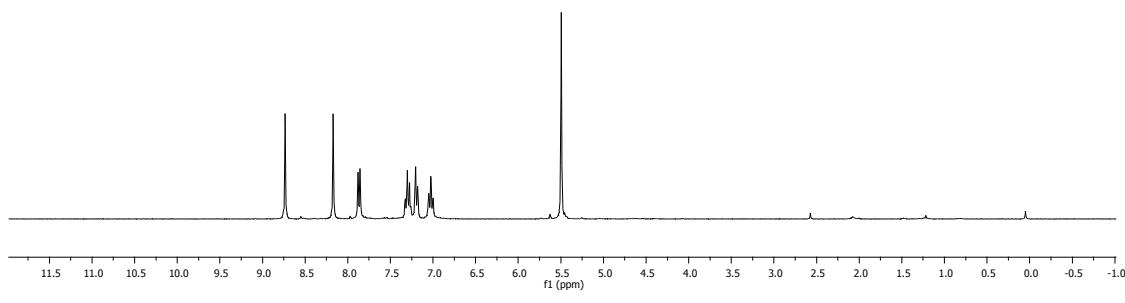


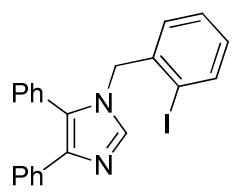
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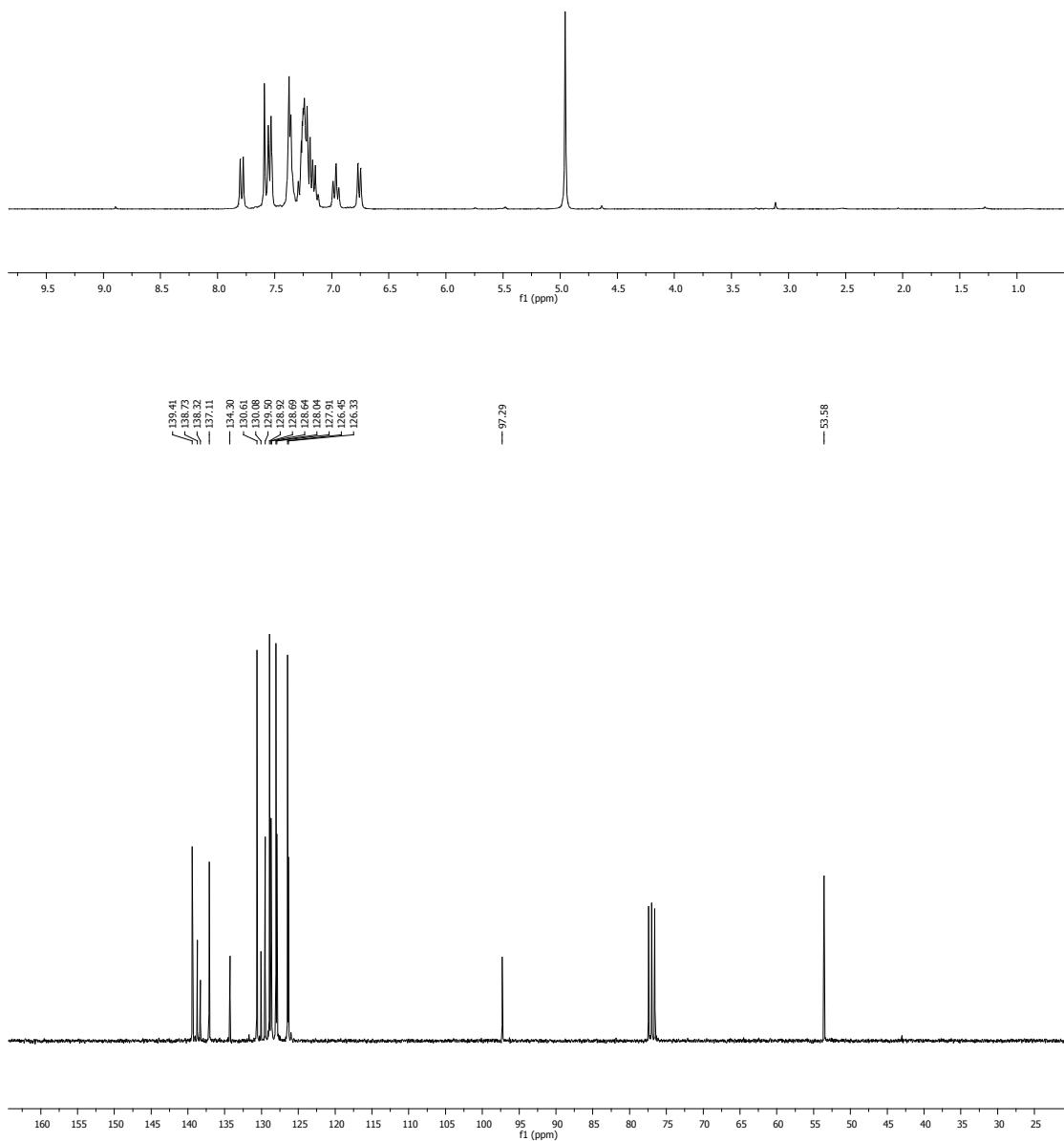


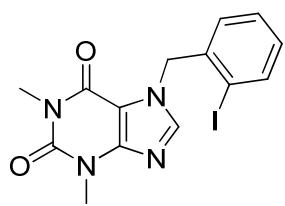
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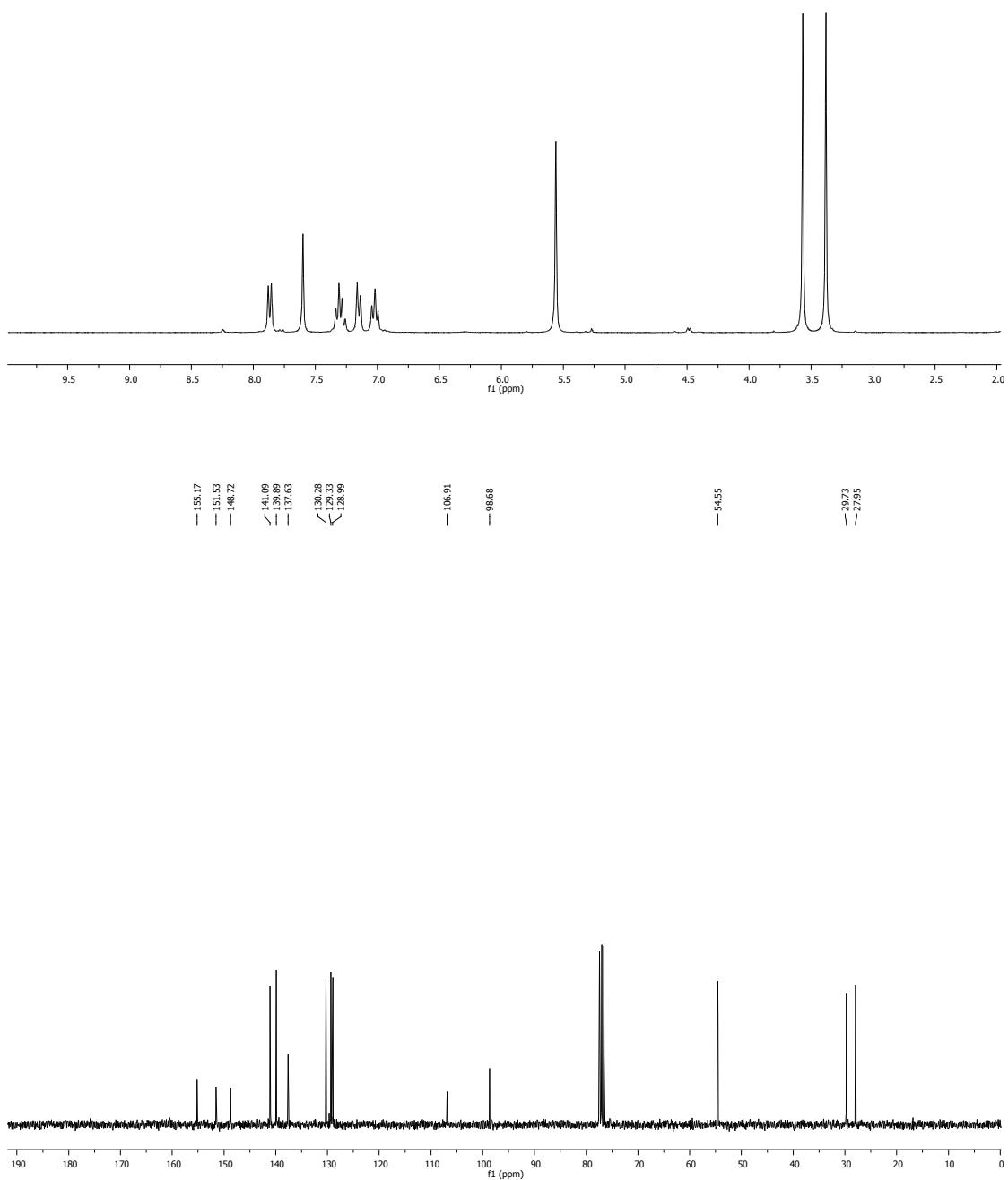


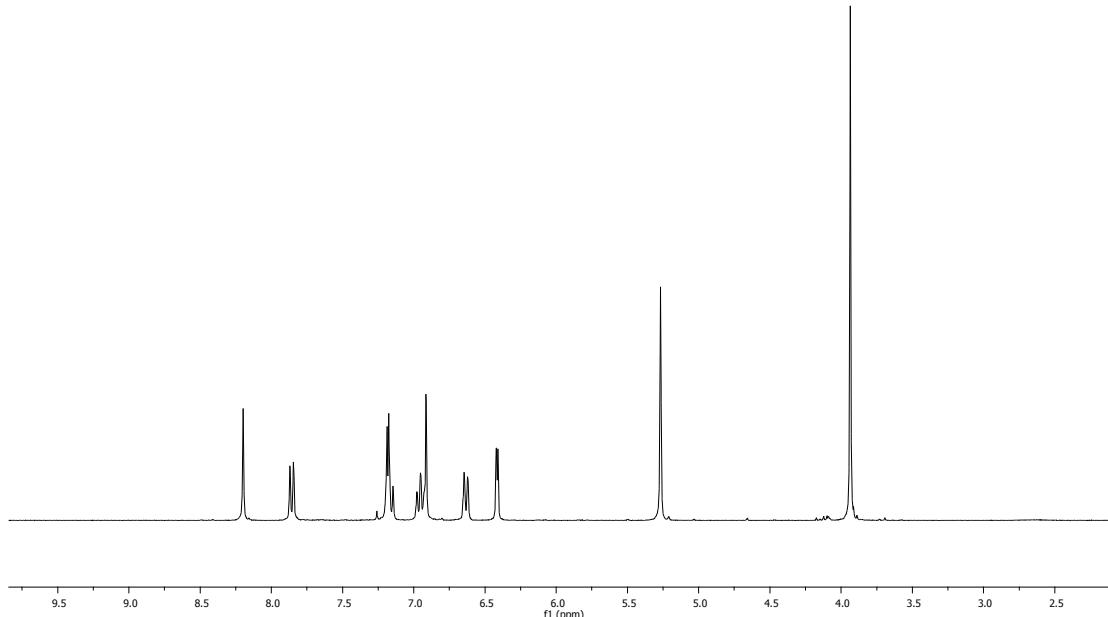
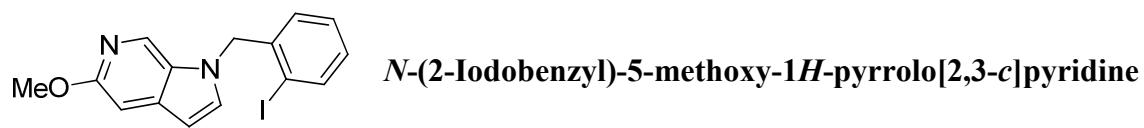
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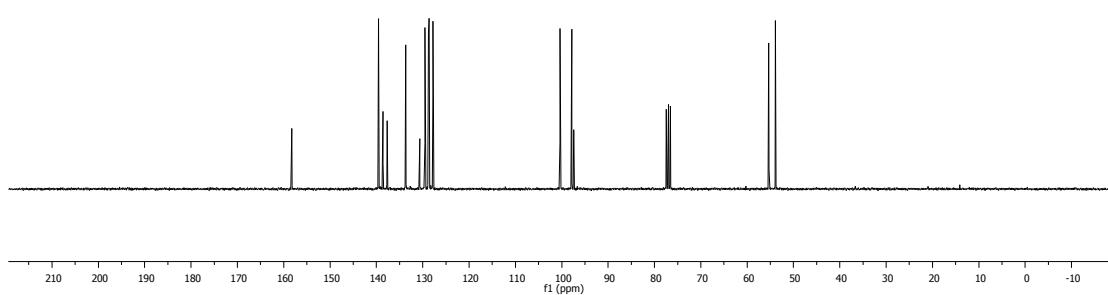


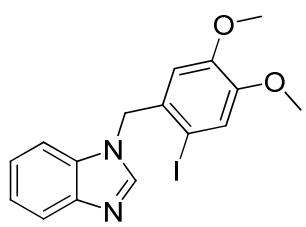
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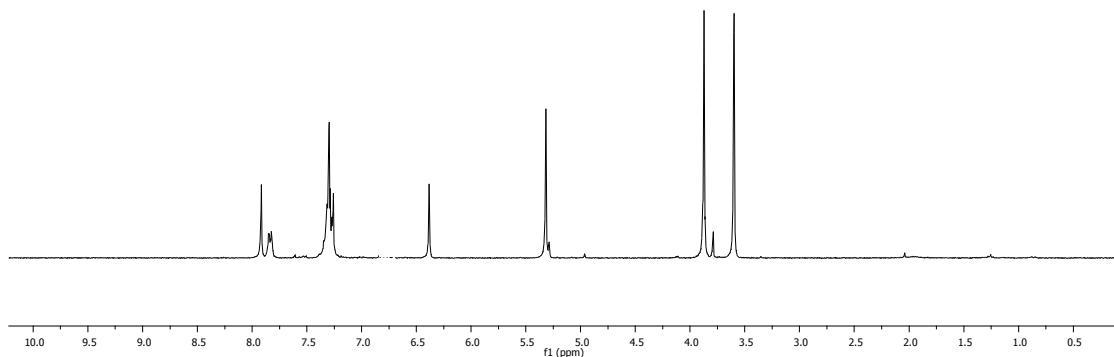


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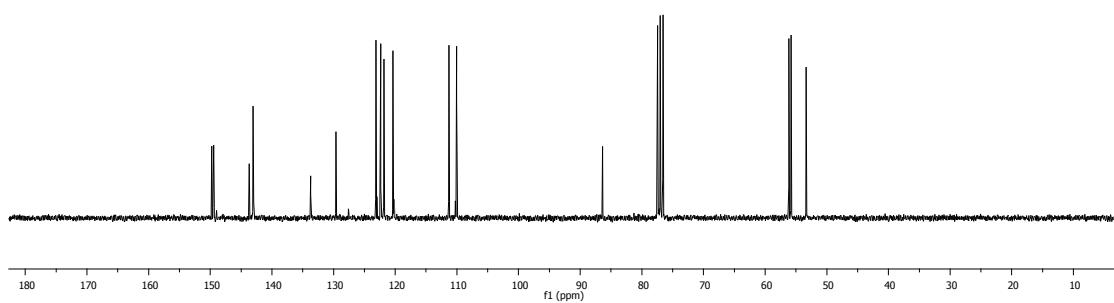


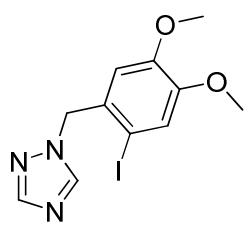


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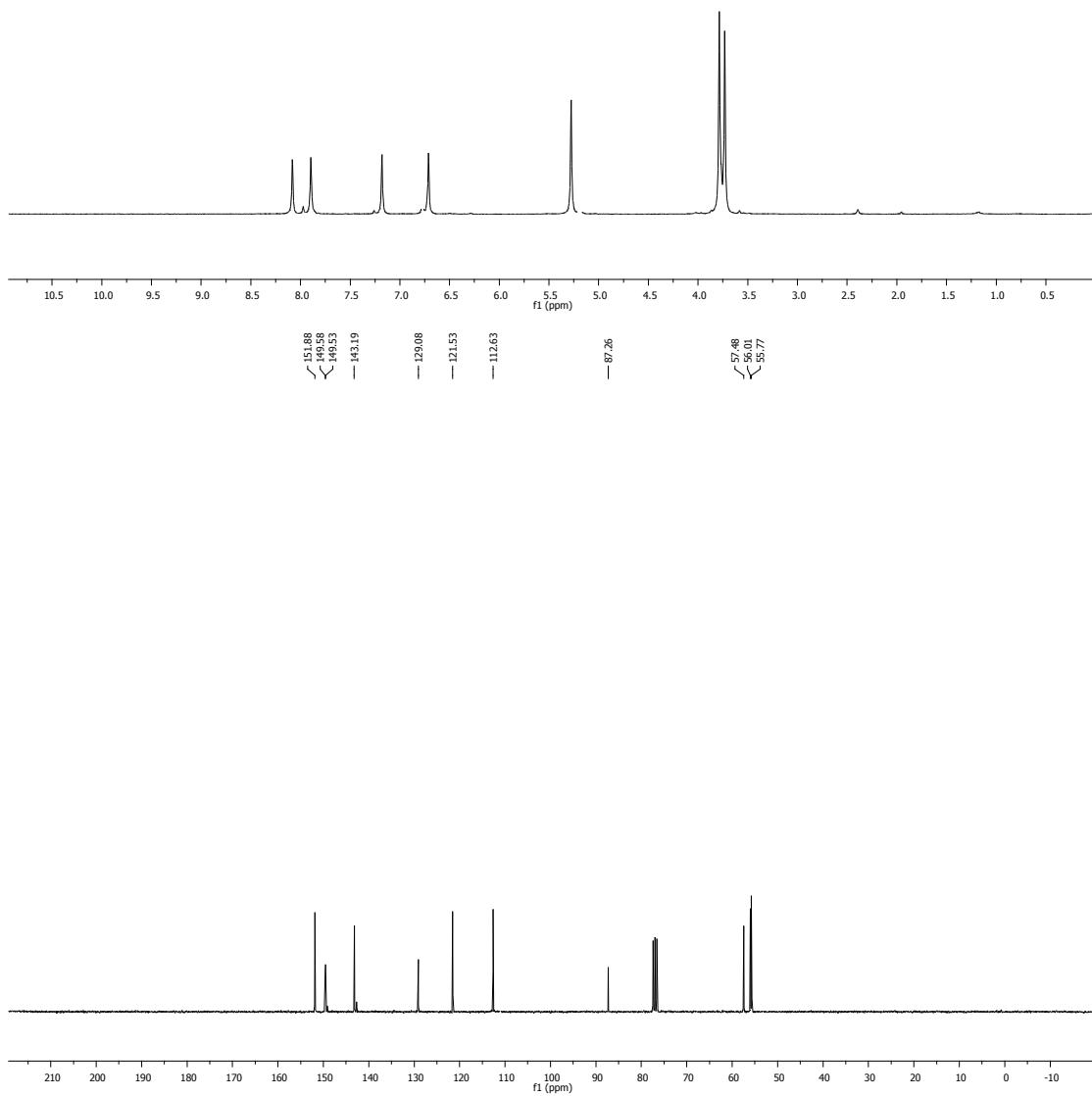


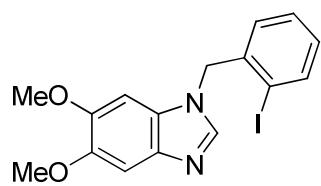
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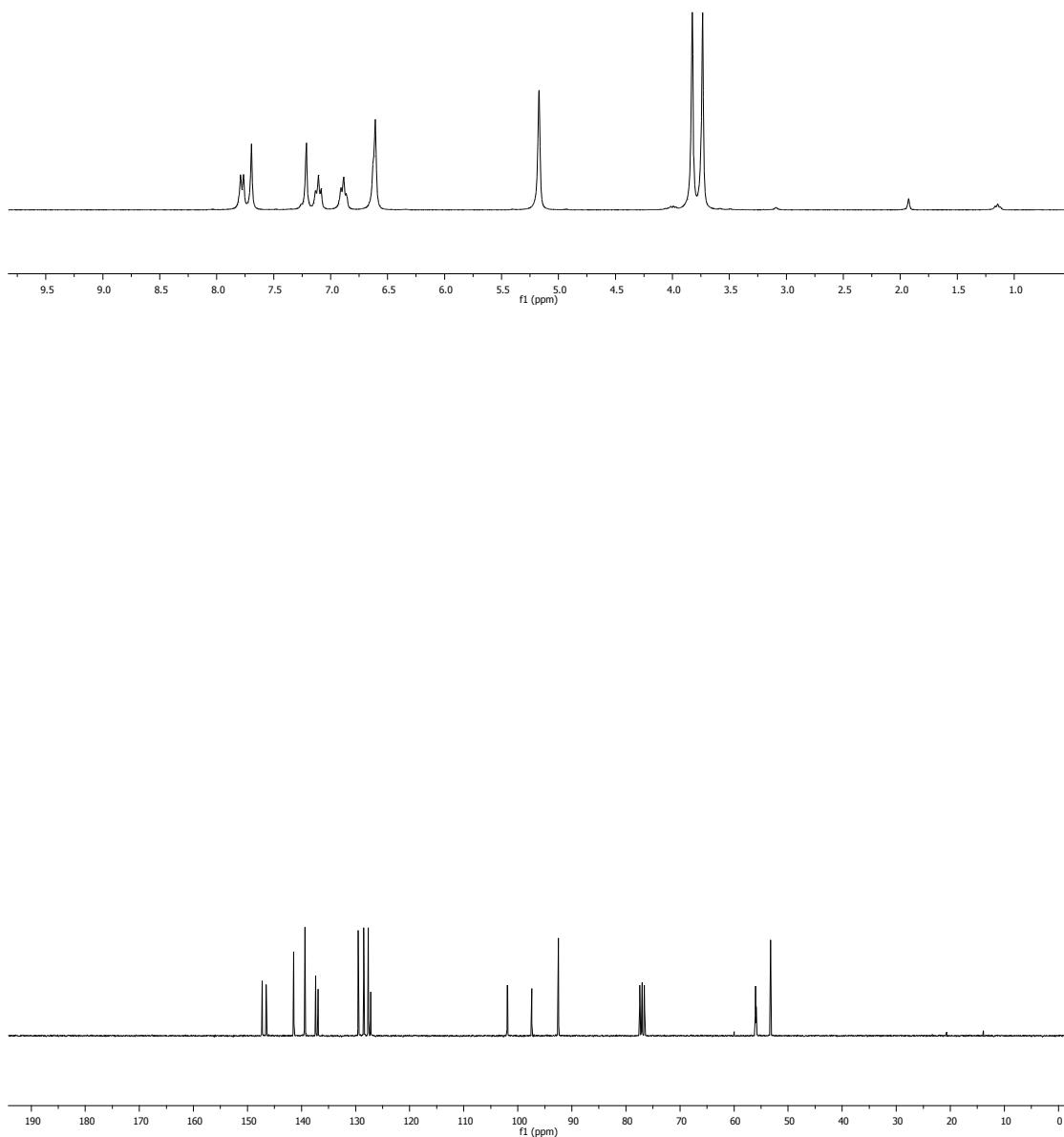


**1-(2-Iodo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole**





**1-(2-Iodobenzyl)-5,6-dimethoxy-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole**



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