

## ***Supplementary Information Material***

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# **A facile synthesis of pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolines via a Rh(I)-catalyzed carbodiimide-Pauson–Khand reaction**

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#### **General information**

All melting points were determined on a Yanaco melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Horiba FT-710 model spectrophotometer.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data were obtained with a Bruker Avance-600, a JEOL JNM-EX 500, or a JEOL JNM-EX 300 instrument and chemical shifts are reported in ppm down field from tetramethylsilane (TMS) using an internal standard of TMS or  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . HRMS analysis were performed on a Bruker Daltonics microTOF. 2-Azidobenzaldehyde<sup>17</sup> and 1-(2-azidophenyl)-ethanone<sup>18</sup> were prepared according to the reported method.

**Typical procedure for preparation of alcohols 7 and 8: 1-(2-Azidophenyl)-4,4-dimethylpent-2-yn-1-ol (7c).**

**Typical procedure for preparation of 9 and 10: 1-Azido-2-(but-2-ynyl)benzene (9b).**

**Typical procedure for preparation of 11: 1-Azido-2-(2-methoxypent-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (11a).**

**Typical procedure for preparation of iminophosphoranes 12–14: 2-(But-2-ynyl)-*N*-(triphenylphosphonylidene)-benzen-amine (12b).**

**Typical procedure for preparation of carbodiimides 4, 5, and 6: (2-But-2-ynyl)propylcarbodiimide (4e).**

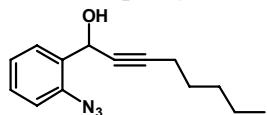
**Typical procedure for the catalytic Pauson–Khand reaction using  $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}]_2$ -dppp to produce 15: 3-Pentyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15a) (Table 2, Entry 1).**

**Typical procedure for the catalytic Pauson–Khand reaction using  $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}]_2$  to produce 17 and 18 (Table 3, Entry 3), and 19a and 20.**

**Typical procedure for preparation of alcohols 7 and 8: 1-(2-Azidophenyl)-4,4-dimethylpent-2-yn-1-ol (7c).**

*n*-Butyllithium/*n*-hexane solution (1.6 M, 9.6 mL, 15.1 mmol) was added to a solution of 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne (1.80 mL, 15.1 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C. After stirring for 2 h, a solution of 2-azidobenzaldehyde (1.50 g, 10.1 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for a further 2 h. The mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:4) to give alcohol 7c (2.18 g, 8.97 mmol, 89%) as a yellow oil.

**1-(2-Azidophenyl)oct-2-yn-1-ol (7a). 99%**



Brown oil.

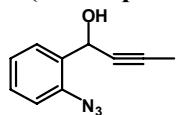
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3394, 2931, 2229, 2129, 1589, 1295.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.66 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 1.5, 7.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 2H), 5.64 (dt, *J* = 2.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61–2.57 (m, 1H), 2.26 (dt, *J* = 2.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.58–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.27–1.41 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.32 (C), 132.17 (C), 129.55 (CH), 128.35 (CH), 125.01 (CH), 118.23 (CH), 87.81 (C), 78.93 (C), 60.78 (CH), 31.04 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.21 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.14 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.79 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.93 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO, 266.1264; found, 266.1267.

**1-(2-Azidophenyl)but-2-yn-1-ol (7b). 99%**



Yellow solid; mp: 50.0–51.5 °C.

IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3301, 2291, 2129, 1581, 1303, 748.

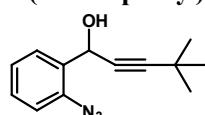
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.65 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, *J* = 1.5, 7.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.12 (m, 2H), 5.64–5.56 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.68 (br, 1H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.15 (C), 132.05 (C), 129.50 (CH), 128.22 (CH), 124.99 (CH), 118.16 (CH), 83.03 (C), 78.17 (C), 60.60 (CH), 3.70 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO, 210.0638; found, 210.0633.

Anal calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: C 64.16, H 4.85, N 22.45, found: C 64.20, H 5.23, N 22.06.

**1-(2-Azidophenyl)-4,4-dimethylpent-2-yn-1-ol (7c). 89%**



Yellow oil.

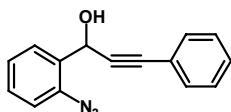
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2129, 1589, 1481, 1296, 987, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.68 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd, *J* = 1.5, 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 2H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.53 (C), 132.23 (C), 129.62 (CH), 128.49 (CH), 125.03 (CH), 118.26 (CH), 95.99 (C), 77.30 (C), 60.65 (CH), 38.89 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.51 (C).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO, 252.1107; found, 252.1105.

**1-(2-Azidophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (7d). 96%**



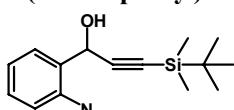
Yellow oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3016, 2237, 2114, 1589, 1489, 1296, 1026, 910, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.73 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 (ddd, *J*= 1.1, 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.20 (dd, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J*= 6.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (d, *J*= 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.79–2.71 (br, 1H),  
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.46 (C), 131.77 (CH×2), 131.55 (C), 129.83 (CH), 128.60 (CH), 128.51 (CH), 128.27 (CH×2), 125.14 (CH), 122.35 (C), 118.37 (CH), 87.84 (C), 86.61 (C), 61.16 (CH).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO, 272.0794; found, 272.0786.

**1-(2-Azidophenyl)-3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilanyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (7e). 78%**



Yellow oil.

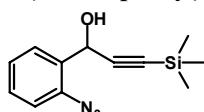
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2954, 2854, 2129, 1728, 1466, 1296, 1041, 833, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.67 (dd, *J*= 1.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J*= 1.3, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 2.68–2.56 (br, 1H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.13 (d, *J*= 4.3 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.53 (C), 131.41 (C), 129.79 (CH), 128.29 (CH), 125.06 (CH), 118.29 (CH), 104.67 (C), 90.04 (C), 61.03 (CH), 26.00 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 16.53 (C), -4.73 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.75 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaOSi, 310.1346; found, 310.1339.

**1-(2-Azidophenyl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (7f). 80%**



Yellow oil.

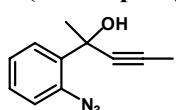
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2962, 2129, 1589, 1489, 1296, 1041, 849, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.67 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 2H), 5.56 (dd, *J*= 1.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.66–2.57 (br, 1H), 0.20 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.55 (C), 131.31 (C), 129.82 (CH), 128.52 (CH), 125.10 (CH), 118.32 (CH), 103.90 (C), 91.71 (C), 60.94 (CH), -0.20 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaOSi, 268.0877; found, 268.0874.

**2-(2-Azidophenyl)pent-3-yn-2-ol (8a). 55%**



Yellow oil.

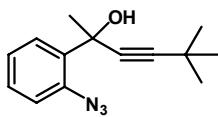
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2129, 1473, 1265, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.67 (dd, *J*= 1.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J*= 1.4, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, *J*= 1.2, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 1H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 136.58 (C), 135.67 (C), 128.96 (CH), 127.05 (CH), 124.91 (CH), 119.12 (CH), 82.21 (C), 80.83 (C), 69.14 (C), 30.44 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.75 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO, 224.0794; found, 224.0789.

**2-(2-Azidophenyl)-5,5-dimethylhex-3-yn-2-ol (8b). 80%**



Yellow oil.

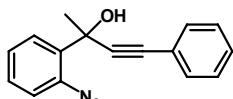
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 1805, 1627, 1473, 1365, 1196, 1119, 941, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.69 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J*= 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J*= 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71–3.67 (br, 1H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 136.66 (C), 136.10 (C), 128.88 (CH), 127.15 (CH), 124.89 (CH), 119.24 (CH), 93.58 (C), 81.56 (C), 69.25 (C), 30.96 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.78 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.39 (C).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO, 266.1264; found, 266.1254.

**2-(2-Azidophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol (8c). 53%**



Yellow oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2978, 2121, 1612, 1466, 1103, 995, 941, 725.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.70 (dd, *J*= 1.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, *J*= 1.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, *J*= 1.2, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H).

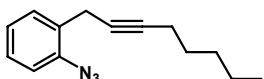
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 136.80 (C), 135.24 (C), 131.71 (CH×2), 129.13 (CH), 128.36 (CH), 128.20 (CH×2), 126.86 (CH), 125.00 (CH), 122.63 (C), 119.22 (CH), 91.94 (C), 84.36 (C), 69.14 (C), 30.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO, 286.0951; found, 286.0948.

**Typical procedure for preparation of 9 and 10: 1-Azido-2-(but-2-ynyl)benzene (9b).**

Trifluoroacetic acid (0.22 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added to a mixture of alcohol **7b** (374 mg, 2.0 mmol) and triethylsilane (0.48 mL, 3.00 mmol) in dichloromethane (7 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring for 10 h at 0 °C, the mixture was quenched by addition of saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate. The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane) to give alkyne **9b** (142 mg, 0.83 mmol, 41%) as a yellow solid.

**1-Azido-2-(oct-2-ynyl)benzene (9a). 61%**



Brown oil.

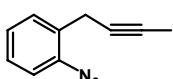
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.54 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (t, *J*= 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (tt, *J*= 2.3, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.57–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.28 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.51 (C), 129.57 (CH), 128.93 (C), 127.82 (CH), 124.80 (CH), 117.74 (CH), 83.17 (C), 76.57 (C), 31.11 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.70 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.22 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.59 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.82 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na, 250.1315; found, 250.1312.

**1-Azido-2-(but-2-ynyl)benzene (9b). 41%**



Yellow solid; mp: 49.5–50.5 °C.

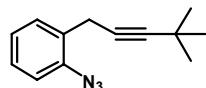
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2916, 2283, 2121, 1581, 1288, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.04 (m, 2H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.45 (C), 129.57 (CH), 128.75 (C), 127.81 (CH), 124.75 (CH), 117.69 (CH), 78.14 (C), 75.79 (C), 20.49 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na, 194.0689; found, 194.0691.

**1-Azido-2-(4,4-dimethylpent-2-ynyl)benzene (9c). 85%**



Yellow oil.

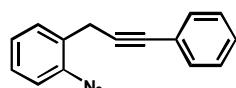
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2121, 1705, 1581, 1489, 1288, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.45 (C), 129.30 (CH), 128.95 (C), 127.71 (CH), 124.79 (CH), 117.63 (CH), 91.98 (C), 74.91 (C), 31.28 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.50 (C), 20.39 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na, 236.1158; found, 236.1159.

**1-azido-2-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)benzene (9d). 51%**



Colorless oil.

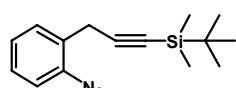
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2954, 2121, 1589, 1489, 1288, 1072, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.53 (C), 131.59 (CH×2), 129.55 (CH), 128.10 (CH×2), 128.01 (CH), 127.92 (C), 127.79 (CH), 124.82 (CH), 123.52 (C), 117.75 (CH), 86.61 (C), 83.01 (C), 21.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na, 256.0845, found 256.0842.

**(3-(2-Azidophenyl)prop-1-ynyl)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (9e). 87%**



Yellow oil.

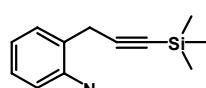
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2129, 1643, 1265, 833, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.53 (C), 129.44 (CH), 127.97 (CH), 127.81 (C), 124.87 (CH), 117.74 (CH), 103.83 (C), 85.68 (C), 26.08 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 21.64 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.57 (C), -4.48 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaSi, 294.1397; found, 294.1394.

**(3-(2-Azidophenyl)prop-1-ynyl)trimethylsilane (9f). 58%**



Yellow oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2962, 2129, 1265, 849, 741.

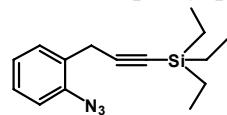
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,

*J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 0.19 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 137.54 (C), 129.48 (CH), 128.01 (CH), 127.67 (C), 124.89 (CH), 117.77 (CH), 103.36 (C), 87.46 (C), 21.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.07 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Si, 230.1108; found, 230.1111.

**(3-(2-Azidophenyl)prop-1-ynyl)triethylsilane (9g). 20%**



Yellow oil.

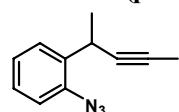
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2952, 2120, 1254, 850, 746.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.59 (d, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J*=7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J*=7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J*=7.9 Hz, 9H), 0.62 (q, *J*=7.9 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 137.53 (C), 129.44 (CH), 127.95 (CH), 127.87 (C), 124.86 (CH), 117.72 (CH), 104.34 (C), 84.83 (C), 21.68 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.47 (CH<sub>2</sub>×3), 4.50 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Si, 272.1578; found, 272.1575.

**1-Azido-2-(pent-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (10a). 40%**



Yellow oil.

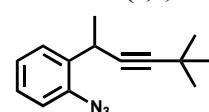
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3054, 2121, 1265, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.59 (dd, *J*=1.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (ddd, *J*=1.5, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd, *J*=1.2, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J*=1.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dq, *J*=2.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, *J*=2.4 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (d, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 136.57 (C), 135.23 (C), 128.40 (CH), 127.83 (CH), 125.02 (CH), 117.95 (CH), 81.58 (C), 77.25 (C), 26.62 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.36 (CH), 3.60 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na, 208.0845; found, 208.0841.

**1-Azido-2-(1,4,4-trimethylpent-2-ynyl)benzene (10b). 47%**



Yellow oil.

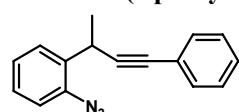
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2970, 2129, 1265, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.61 (dd, *J*=1.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, *J*=1.1, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J*=1.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (q, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d, *J*=0.5 Hz, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 136.55 (C), 135.64 (C), 128.43 (CH), 127.70 (CH), 124.99 (CH), 117.86 (CH), 90.88 (C), 80.77 (C), 31.33 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.39 (C), 26.70 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.94 (CH).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na, 250.1315; found, 250.1307.

**1-Azido-2-(4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (10c). 35%**



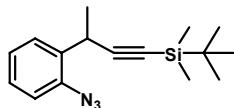
Yellow oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2978, 2129, 1581, 1489, 1296, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 7.67 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.16 (dd, *J*=7.7, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (q, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 136.66 (C), 134.59 (C), 131.63 (CH×2), 128.52 (CH), 128.20 (CH×2), 128.04 (CH), 127.79 (CH), 125.13 (CH), 123.62 (C), 118.03 (CH), 92.18 (C), 82.11 (C), 27.29 (CH), 23.25 (CH<sub>3</sub>)  
 HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Na, 270.1002; found, 270.1002.

**(3-(2-Azidophenyl)but-1-ynyl)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (10d).** 39%



Yellow oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2121, 1458, 1288, 833, 771.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.61 (d, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J*=7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J*=7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (q, *J*=7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J*=7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.11 (d, *J*=3.4 Hz, 6H).

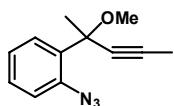
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 136.59 (C), 134.42 (C), 128.45 (CH), 127.96 (CH), 125.05 (CH), 117.94 (CH), 109.62 (C), 84.27 (C), 27.78 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.08 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 23.50 (CH), 16.59 (C), -4.49 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaSi, 308.1553; found, 308.1560.

**Typical procedure for preparation of 11: 1-Azido-2-(2-methoxypent-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (11a).**

A solution of azide alcohol **8a** (2.44 g, 12.1 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added to a cold (-50 °C) stirred suspension of 60% NaH (726 mg, 18.1 mmol) in THF (15 mL). After stirring for 10 min, methyl iodide (1.1 mL, 18.1 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, stirred for a further 3 h then quenched with water. The resulting mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:4) to provide methyl ether **11a** as a yellow oil (2.30 g, 88%).

**1-Azido-2-(2-methoxypent-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (11a).**



Yellow oil.

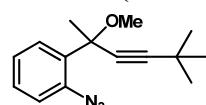
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2121, 1481, 1296, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.80 (dd, *J*=1.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J*=1.6, 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J*=1.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, *J*=1.0, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.18 (C), 132.55 (C), 129.64 (CH), 129.13 (CH), 124.39 (CH), 119.58 (CH), 83.39 (C), 79.30 (C), 76.26 (C), 52.18 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.11 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.63 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>N<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO, 238.0951; found, 238.0949.

**1-Azido-2-(2-methoxy-5,5-dimethylhex-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (11b).**



Yellow oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2121, 1473, 1219, 1126, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.70 (dd, *J*=1.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J*=1.5, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J*=1.2, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, *J*=1.2, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.33 (C), 133.02 (C), 129.57 (CH), 129.05 (CH), 124.40 (CH), 119.72 (CH), 96.49 (C), 78.59 (C), 76.10 (C), 52.11 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 31.03 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 29.38 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.57 (C).

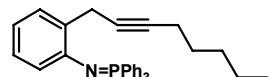
HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO, 280.1420; Found, 280.1413.

**Typical procedure for preparation of iminophosphoranes 12–14: 2-(But-2-ynyl)-*N*-(triphenylphosphonylidene)-**

**benzen-amine (12b).**

Triphenylphosphine (228.7 mg, 0.82 mmol) was added to a solution of alkynyl azide **9b** (135.7 mg, 0.79 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) at room temperature. After stirring for 10 h, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:4) to give iminophosphorane **12b** (318.8 mg, 0.78 mmol, 99%) as a yellow solid.

**2-(Oct-2-ynyl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (12a). 87%**



Yellow solid; mp: 78.6–80.3 °C.

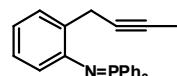
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2923, 1581, 1481, 1311.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.74 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 11.5 Hz, 6H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.45–7.35 (m, 7H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 2.28–2.14 (m, 2H), 1.52 (tt, *J* = 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.44–1.23 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 148.54 (C), 132.52 (CH×6, d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 131.70 (C, d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 131.62 (C×3, d, *J* = 99.8 Hz), 131.50 (CH×3, d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 128.50 (CH×6, d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 127.90 (CH), 126.35 (CH), 120.28 (CH, d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 117.20 (CH), 82.11 (C), 79.33 (C), 31.15 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.96 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.34 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.23 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.98 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.98 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NP, 462.2345; found, 462.2349.

**2-(But-2-ynyl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (12b).**



Yellow solid; mp: 139.6–141.0 °C.

IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3047, 1589, 1481, 1442, 1342, 1103, 748.

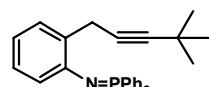
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.84–7.68 (m, 6H), 7.55–7.35 (m, 10H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.49–6.38 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 2.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 148.54 (C), 132.49 (CH×6, d, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 131.63 (C×3, d, *J* = 100.0 Hz), 131.59 (C, d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 131.50 (CH×3, d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 128.49 (CH×6, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 127.92 (CH), 126.39 (CH), 120.36 (CH, d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 117.23 (CH), 78.61 (C), 77.00 (C), 22.24 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.67 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NP, 406.1719; found, 406.1718.

Anal calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NP: C 82.94, H 5.97, N 3.45, found: C 82.56, H 6.05, N 3.43.

**2-(4,4-Dimethylpent-2-ynyl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (12c). 97%**



White solid; mp: 143–145 °C.

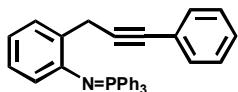
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3054, 2962, 1897, 1589, 1481, 1349, 717.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.69–7.79 (m, 6H), 7.36–7.52 (m, 10H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.31 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 148.60 (C), 132.51 (CH×6, d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 131.71 (C, d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 131.57 (C×3, d, *J* = 99.8 Hz), 131.53 (CH×3), 128.51 (CH×6, d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 127.70 (CH), 126.27 (CH), 120.10 (CH, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 117.08 (CH), 90.86 (C), 77.77 (C), 31.50 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.51 (C), 22.25 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NP, 448.2189; found, 448.2194.

**2-(3-Phenylprop-2-ynyl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (12d). 99%**



Brown solid; mp: 121.3–123.6 °C.

IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2222, 1589, 1481, 1442, 1349, 1111, 756.

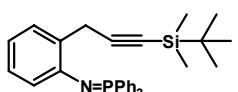
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.81–7.73 (m, 6H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.36 (m, 8H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 3H), 6.81 (ddd, *J*=1.5, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J*=7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 148.78 (C), 132.54 (CH×6, d, *J*=9.3 Hz), 131.60 (CH×2), 131.56 (CH×3, d, *J*=2.6 Hz), 131.51 (C, d, *J*=99.6 Hz), 130.90 (C×3, d, *J*=22.5 Hz), 128.55 (CH×6, d, *J*=12.1 Hz), 128.17 (CH), 128.06 (CH×2), 127.23 (CH), 126.67 (CH), 124.48 (C), 120.42 (CH, d, *J*=9.8 Hz), 117.26 (CH), 90.13 (C), 82.00 (C), 23.11 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NP, 468.1876; found, 468.1875.

Anal calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NP: C 84.77, H 5.61, N 3.00, found: C 84.37, H 5.95, N 2.93.

**2-(3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)prop-2-ynyl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (12e). 94%**



Yellow solid; mp: 159.9–160.3 °C.

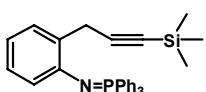
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2947, 2854, 2168, 1589, 1481, 1342, 1111, 1018, 833, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.74 (dd, *J*=9.4, 9.4 Hz, 6H), 7.60–7.33 (m, 10H), 6.79 (dd, *J*=6.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J*=6.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J*=6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 148.61 (C), 132.49 (CH×6, d, *J*=9.3 Hz), 131.54 (CH×3, d, *J*=1.8 Hz), 131.47 (C×3, d, *J*=99.6 Hz), 130.54 (C), 128.53 (CH×6, d, *J*=11.9 Hz), 127.88 (CH), 126.50 (CH), 120.14 (CH, d, *J*=10.1 Hz), 117.10 (CH), 107.48 (C), 84.07 (C), 26.19 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 23.53 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.59 (C), -4.29 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NPSi, 506.2427; found, 506.2424.

**2-(3-(Trimethylsilyl)prop-2-ynyl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (12f). 94%**



Yellow solid; mp: 105.6–107.3 °C.

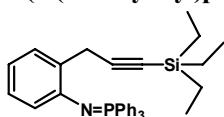
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2954, 2175, 1589, 1481, 1358, 1103, 841, 748, 694.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.78–7.72 (m, 6H), 7.51 (dd, *J*=7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J*=7.4, 7.4 Hz, 6H), 6.79 (ddd, *J*=1.2, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J*=7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 0.15 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 148.68 (C), 132.53 (CH×6, d, *J*=9.8 Hz), 131.55 (C×3, d, *J*=2.6 Hz), 131.48 (C×3, d, *J*=99.3 Hz), 130.45 (C, d, *J*=22.5 Hz), 128.53 (CH×6, d, *J*=12.4 Hz), 127.97 (CH, d, *J*=2.1 Hz), 126.60 (CH), 120.28 (CH, d, *J*=9.8 Hz), 117.18 (CH), 107.09 (C), 85.74 (C), 23.59 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.25 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NPSi, 464.1958; found, 464.1964.

**2-(3-(Triethylsilyl)prop-2-ynyl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (12g). 92%**



Yellow solid; mp: 96.3–99.5 °C.

IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2946, 2869, 2168, 1589, 1481, 1358, 1103, 1018, 709.

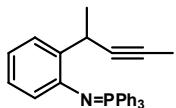
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.78–7.71 (m, 6H), 7.56–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.46–7.39 (m, 6H), 6.79 (ddd, *J*=1.3, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J*=7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J*=7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J*=7.9 Hz, 9H), 0.61 (q, *J*=7.9 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 132.51 (CH×6, d, *J*=9.6 Hz), 131.57 (CH×3, d, *J*=1.6 Hz), 131.48 (C×3, d, *J*=96.7 Hz),

130.69 (C), 130.52 (C), 128.56 (CH<sub>x</sub>6, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 127.88 (CH, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 126.48 (CH), 120.20 (CH), 117.17 (CH), 107.91 (C), 83.33(C), 23.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.55 (CH<sub>2</sub><sub>x</sub>3), 4.66 (CH<sub>3</sub><sub>x</sub>3).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NPSi, 506.2427; found, 506.2427.

**2-(Pent-3-yn-2-yl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (13a). 99%**



Yellow solid; mp: 144.0–144.3 °C.

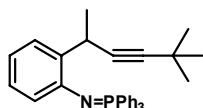
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2916, 1589, 1481, 1350, 1103, 694.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.80–7.67 (m, 6H), 7.55–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.45–7.35 (m, 6H), 6.79–6.72 (m, 1H), 6.70–6.64 (m, 1H), 6.45–6.37 (m, 1H), 4.81–4.69 (m, 1H), 1.85 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 147.61 (C), 137.78 (C, d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 132.48 (CH<sub>x</sub>6, d, *J* = 9.31 Hz), 131.63 (C<sub>x</sub>3, d, *J* = 99.3 Hz), 131.47 (CH<sub>x</sub>3, d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 128.50 (CH<sub>x</sub>6, d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 126.84 (CH), 126.36 (CH), 120.73 (CH, d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 117.32 (CH), 84.26 (C), 75.87 (C), 27.42 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.89 (CH), 3.70 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NP, 420.1876; found, 420.1867.

**2-(5,5-Dimethylhex-3-yn-2-yl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (13b). 66%**



Yellow solid; mp: 162.8–163.0 °C.

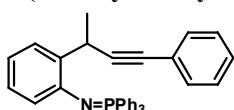
IR (KBr/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2962, 1589, 1481, 1350, 1110, 1018, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.80–7.69 (m, 6H), 7.56–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.38 (m, 6H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 147.62 (C), 138.03 (C), 132.50 (CH<sub>x</sub>6, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 131.60 (C<sub>x</sub>3, d, *J* = 99.6 Hz), 131.47 (CH<sub>x</sub>3, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 128.51 (CH<sub>x</sub>6, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 126.88 (CH), 126.25 (CH), 126.58 (CH, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 117.19 (CH), 89.76 (C), 83.39 (C), 31.59 (CH<sub>3</sub><sub>x</sub>3), 27.49 (CH), 27.45 (C), 23.25 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NP, 462.2345; found, 462.2350.

**2-(4-Phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (13c). 98%**



Yellow solid; mp: 56.2–56.7 °C.

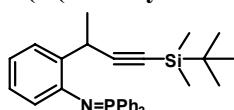
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2970, 2222, 1589, 1481, 1342, 1111, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.86–7.15 (m, 21H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 1.63 (s, 3H)

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 147.77 (C), 137.06 (C, d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 132.46 (CH<sub>x</sub>6, d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 131.55 (CH<sub>x</sub>3, d, *J* = 7.2), 131.52 (CH<sub>x</sub>2), 131.46 (C<sub>x</sub>3, d, *J* = 99.3 Hz), 128.53 (CH<sub>x</sub>6, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 128.02 (CH<sub>x</sub>2), 127.15 (CH), 126.94 (CH), 126.57 (CH), 124.52 (C), 120.74 (CH, d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 117.35 (CH), 95.43 (C), 81.09 (C), 28.11 (CH), 25.56 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NP, 482.2032; found, 482.2032.

**2-(4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)-N-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (13d). 80%**



Yellow solid; mp: 45.2–46.0 °C.

IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2954, 2854, 2160, 1589, 1481, 1350, 1111, 833, 687.

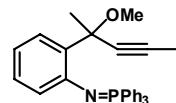
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.82–7.73 (m, 6H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 6H), 6.79 (dd, *J* =

7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.90–4.83 (m, 1H), 1.58 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 147.62 (C), 136.90 (C, d,  $J$  = 22.2 Hz), 132.43 ( $\text{CH} \times 6$ , d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz), 131.52 ( $\text{CH} \times 3$ , d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz), 131.40 ( $\text{C} \times 3$ , d,  $J$  = 100.2 Hz), 128.52 ( $\text{CH} \times 6$ , d,  $J$  = 12.1 Hz), 126.92 (CH), 126.47 (CH), 120.60 (CH, d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz), 117.25 (CH), 113.05 (C), 82.62 (C), 28.64 (CH), 26.20 ( $\text{CH}_3 \times 3$ ), 22.92 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 16.64 (C), –4.28 ( $\text{CH}_3 \times 2$ ).

HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{39}\text{NPSi}$ , 520.2584; found, 520.2592.

**2-(2-Methoxypent-3-yn-2-yl)-*N*-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (14a).**



Yellow solid; mp: 140.9–141.3 °C.

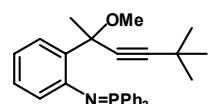
IR (KBr/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3055, 2977, 2931, 2245, 1913, 1581, 1473, 1342, 1111, 741.

$^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.91–7.80 (m, 6H), 7.65–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.36 (m, 9H), 6.84–6.77 (m, 1H), 6.67–6.60 (m, 1H), 6.46–6.40 (m, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 134.11 (C, d,  $J$  = 22.2), 132.57 ( $\text{CH} \times 6$ , d,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz), 132.00 (C, d,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz), 131.80 (C  $\times 3$ , d,  $J$  = 99.8 Hz), 131.28 ( $\text{CH} \times 3$ ), 128.39 ( $\text{CH} \times 6$ , d,  $J$  = 11.9 Hz), 127.49 (CH), 127.47 (CH), 122.29 (CH, d,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz), 116.29 (CH), 81.72 (C), 80.46 (C), 77.07 (C), 51.80 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 27.56 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.55 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{29}\text{NOP}$ , 450.1981; found, 450.1986.

**2-(2-Methoxy-5,5-dimethylhex-3-yn-2-yl)-*N*-(triphenylphosphonylidene)benzenamine (14b).**



Yellow solid; mp: 94.9–96.0 °C.

IR (KBr/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3055, 2970, 1589, 1473, 1442, 1342, 1111, 856, 748, 717.

$^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.88–7.82 (m, 6H), 7.63 (ddd,  $J$  = 2.0, 2.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 6H), 6.80 (ddd,  $J$  = 1.6, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.16 (d,  $J$  = 0.5 Hz, 9H).

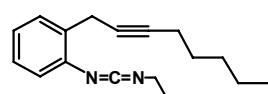
$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 135.96 (C), 133.95 (C), 132.74 ( $\text{CH} \times 6$ , d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz), 131.78 ( $\text{CH} \times 3$ , d,  $J$  = 99.6 Hz), 131.35 (CH), 131.33 ( $\text{CH} \times 3$ ,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz), 128.46 ( $\text{CH} \times 6$ ,  $J$  = 12.4 Hz), 127.96 (CH), 127.51 (CH), 116.11 (CH), 100.56 (C), 93.50 (C), 77.34 (C), 51.77 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 31.18 ( $\text{CH}_3 \times 3$ ), 27.76 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 27.46 (C).

HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{35}\text{NOP}$ , 492.2451; Found, 492.2450.

**Typical procedure for preparation of carbodiimides 4, 5, and 6: (2-But-2-ynyl)propylcarbodiimide (4e).**

Propyl isocyanate (0.16 mL, 1.66 mmol) was added to a solution of iminophosphorane **12b** (446.0 mg, 1.10 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) at room temperature. After stirring for 10 h, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:4) to give carbodiimide **4e** (220.3 mg, 1.03 mmol, 94%) as a colorless oil.

**(2-Oct-2-ynylphenyl)propylcarbodiimide (4a). 95%**



Colorless oil.

IR (neat/ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2314, 2136, 1265, 740.

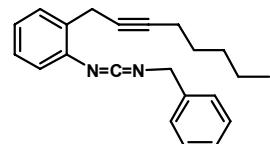
$^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.07 (m, 2H), 3.60 (dd,  $J$  = 2.3, 2.3 Hz,

2H), 3.38 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.22 (tt,  $J = 2.4, 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.70 (tq,  $J = 7.1, 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.53 (tq,  $J = 7.2, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.42–1.28 (m, 4H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 138.36 (C), 135.31 (C), 131.30 (C), 129.01 (CH), 127.37 (CH), 124.58 (CH), 123.57 (CH), 82.86 (C), 77.18 (C), 48.59 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.13 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.76 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.73 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 22.22 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 21.27 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 18.86 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.00 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 11.45 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ , 291.1832; found, 291.1842.

**Benzyl-(2-oct-2-ynylphenyl)carbodiimide (4b). 67%**



Colorless oil.

IR (neat/  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2931, 2137, 1219, 771.

$^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 7.4, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (ddd,  $J = 1.4, 7.5, 7.5, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd,  $J = 1.5, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.54 (t,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.21 (tt,  $J = 2.4, 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.53 (tt,  $J = 7.4, 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.42–1.28 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 137.85 (C), 137.60 (C), 136.46 (C), 131.38 (C), 128.98 (CH), 128.76 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 127.77 (CH), 127.37 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 124.90 (CH), 123.86 (CH), 82.94 (C), 77.02 (C), 50.47 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.11 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.73 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 22.21 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 21.29 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 18.84 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 13.99 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ , 339.1832; found, 339.1830.

**Cyclohexyl-(2-oct-2-ynylphenyl)carbodiimide (4c). 85%**



Colorless oil.

IR (neat/  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2854, 2129, 1643, 1265, 741.

$^1\text{H}$ -NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.53 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd,  $J = 1.5, 7.5, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd,  $J = 1.3, 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J = 1.5, 7.5, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd,  $J = 2.4, 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.50–3.44 (m, 1H), 2.22 (tt,  $J = 2.4, 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.04–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.44 (m, 6H), 1.41–1.30 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 138.55 (C), 135.48 (C), 131.25 (C), 128.98 (CH), 127.37 (CH), 124.53 (CH), 123.34 (CH), 82.84 (C), 77.21 (C), 56.58 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 34.93 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.12 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.76 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.32 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 24.39 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 22.22 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 21.23 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 18.86 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.00 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ):  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{Na}$ , 331.2145; found, 331.2150.

**(2-Oct-2-ynylphenyl)phenylcarbodiimide (4d). 83%**



Colorless oil.

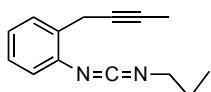
IR (neat/  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2924, 2144, 1643, 1265, 741.

$^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.55 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.14 (m, 6H), 3.67 (dd,  $J = 2.3, 2.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.21 (tt,  $J = 2.4, 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.52 (tq,  $J = 7.4, 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.42–1.28 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 138.62 (C), 136.13 (C), 131.86 (C), 129.48 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 129.28 (CH), 127.63 (CH), 125.73 (CH), 125.60 (C), 125.43 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 124.64 (CH), 124.12 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 83.21 (C), 76.75 (C), 31.13 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.71 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 22.22 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 21.67 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 18.85 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.00 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 303.1856; found, 303.1858.

**(2-But-2-ynyl)propylcarbodiimide (4e).** 94%



Colorless oil.

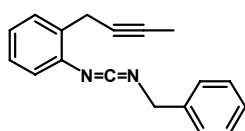
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2877, 2144, 1496, 1265, 1088, 740.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.49 (d, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.04 (m, 3H), 3.61–3.54 (m, 2H), 3.36 (t, *J*= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (dd, *J*= 2.6, 2.6 Hz, 3H), 1.69 (tq, *J*= 7.1, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.00 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.33 (C), 135.20 (C), 131.11 (C), 129.02 (CH), 127.38 (CH), 124.52 (CH), 123.54 (CH), 77.75 (C), 76.38 (C), 48.48 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.65 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.17 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.37 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.56 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 213.1386; found, 213.1385.

**Benzyl-((2-but-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (4f).** 85%



Colorless oil.

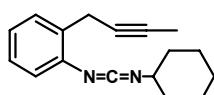
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2923, 2136, 1589, 1496, 1450, 1265, 746.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.47 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J*= 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (dt, *J*= 4.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, *J*= 1.4, 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (ddd, *J*= 1.3, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.51 (dd, *J*= 2.5, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (t, *J*= 2.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.86 (C), 137.65 (C), 136.46 (C), 131.28 (C), 129.08 (CH), 128.77 (CH×2), 127.78 (CH), 127.46 (CH), 127.38 (CH×2), 124.94 (CH), 123.93 (CH), 77.92 (C), 76.31 (C), 50.47 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.26 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.64 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 283.1206; found, 283.1207.

**((2-But-2-ynyl)phenyl)cyclohexylcarbodiimide (4g).** 74%



Colorless oil.

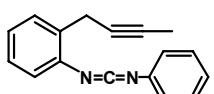
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2306, 2129, 1736, 1265, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.50 (d, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J*= 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J*= 1.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (ddd, *J*= 1.1, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J*= 2.4, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.52–3.42 (m, 1H), 2.06–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.86 (dd, *J*= 2.6, 2.6 Hz, 3H), 1.81–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.53–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.38–1.30 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.21 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.57 (C), 135.48 (C), 131.14 (C), 129.06 (CH), 127.44 (CH), 124.56 (CH), 123.40 (CH), 77.82 (C), 76.49 (C), 56.58 (CH), 34.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 25.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 24.38 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.21(CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.65(CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 275.1519; found, 275.1521.

**((2-But-2-ynyl)phenyl)phenylcarbodiimide (4h).** 71%



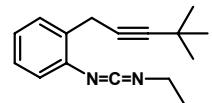
Colorless oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2924, 2144, 1643, 910, 733.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.53 (d, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.14 (m, 6H), 3.64 (dd, *J*= 2.5, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (dd, *J*= 2.6, 2.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.57 (C), 136.15 (C), 134.34 (C), 131.74 (C), 129.47 (CH×2), 129.34 (CH), 127.71 (CH), 125.75 (CH), 125.44 (CH), 124.70 (CH), 124.12 (CH×2), 78.22 (C), 76.03 (C), 21.64 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.62 (CH<sub>3</sub>).  
HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 247.1230; found, 247.1224.

**(2-(4,4-Dimethylpent-2-ynyl)phenyl)propylcarbodiimide (4i).** 92%



Yellow oil.

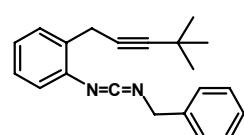
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2137, 1643, 910, 733.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.54 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J*=7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 2H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 3.55 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (tq, *J*=6.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H), 1.00 (dt, *J*=7.4, 1.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.28 (C), 135.25 (C), 131.26 (C), 128.73 (CH), 127.22 (CH), 124.50 (CH), 123.40 (CH), 91.53 (C), 75.53 (C), 48.49 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.28 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.45 (C), 24.69 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.04 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.39 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 277.1675; found, 277.1680.

**Benzyl-(2-(4,4-dimethylpent-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (4j).** 88%



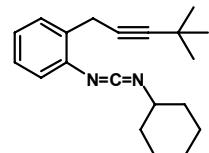
Colorless oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2137, 1705, 1450, 1265, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.52 (d, *J*=7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.34–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.12 (ddt, *J*=1.6, 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddt, *J*=1.6, 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J*=1.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.87 (C), 137.57 (C), 136.49 (C), 131.44 (C), 128.78 (CH×3), 127.79 (CH), 127.40 (CH×2), 127.28 (CH), 124.90 (CH), 123.76 (CH), 91.72 (C), 75.41 (C), 50.50 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.32 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.50 (C), 21.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>).  
HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 325.1675; found, 325.1675.

**Cyclohexyl-(2-(4,4-dimethylpent-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (4k).** 70%



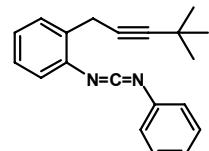
Colorless oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2129, 1666, 1265, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.54 (dd, *J*=0.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J*=7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J*=1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd, *J*=1.3, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 3.47 (tt, *J*=3.9, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.04–1.96 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.23 (m, 4H), 1.26 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.52 (C), 135.49 (C), 131.32 (C), 128.77 (CH), 127.26 (CH), 124.51 (CH), 123.24 (CH), 91.63 (C), 75.61 (C), 56.56 (CH), 34.44 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 31.34 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 25.34 (C), 24.38 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 21.07 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.07 (CH<sub>2</sub>).  
HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 317.1988; found, 317.1985.

**(2-(4,4-Dimethylpent-2-ynyl)phenyl)phenylcarbodiimide (4l).** 78%



Colorless oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2144, 1589, 1265, 1211, 748.

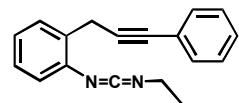
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.58 (d, *J*=7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 6H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.36 (C), 136.06 (C), 135.33 (C), 129.50 (CH×2), 129.07 (CH), 127.52 (CH), 125.72 (CH),

125.42 (CH), 124.54 (CH), 124.19 (C), 124.09 (CH×2), 91.95 (C), 75.13 (C), 31.29 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.52 (C), 2.48 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 311.1519; found, 311.1529.

**(2-(3-Phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)propylcarbodiimide (4m).** 80%



Colorless oil.

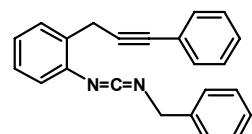
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2854, 2129, 1581, 1496, 1450, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.58 (dd, *J*=0.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.08 (m, 3H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 3.39 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (tq, *J*=0.7, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.55 (C), 135.22 (C), 131.64 (CH×2), 130.40 (C), 129.12 (CH), 128.18 (CH×2), 127.72 (CH), 127.65 (CH), 124.67 (CH), 123.76 (C), 123.68 (CH), 87.42 (C), 82.69 (C), 48.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.72 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.88 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.43 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 297.1362; found, 297.1371.

**Benzyl-(2-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (4n).** 80%



Colorless oil.

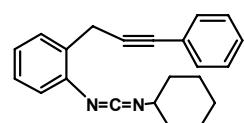
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2137, 1497, 1265, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.55 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J*=4.5 Hz, 4H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.16 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, *J*=1.3, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J*=1.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.81 (C), 136.41 (C), 131.65 (CH×2), 130.52 (C), 129.11 (CH), 128.80 (CH×2), 128.58 (C), 128.20 (CH×2), 127.82 (CH), 127.75 (CH), 127.66 (CH), 127.40 (CH×2), 125.01 (CH), 123.99 (CH), 123.74 (C), 87.27 (C), 82.77 (C), 50.51 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.91 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 345.1362; found, 345.1353.

**Cyclohexyl-(2-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (4o).** 72%



Colorless oil.

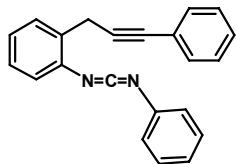
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2962, 2129, 1589, 1489, 1296, 1041, 849, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.58 (d, *J*=7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.21 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, *J*=1.5, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 3.48 (tt, *J*=3.7, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.05–1.98 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.45 (m, 3H), 1.38–1.20 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.77 (C), 131.66 (CH×2), 130.41 (C), 129.12 (CH), 128.18 (CH×2), 127.71 (CH), 127.66 (CH), 124.63 (CH), 123.81 (C), 123.48 (CH), 120.37 (C), 87.50 (C), 82.68 (C), 56.63 (CH), 34.95 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 25.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 24.38 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.90 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 337.1675; found, 338.1685.

**Phenyl-(2-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (4p).** 80%



Colorless oil.

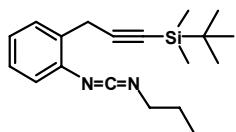
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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 5H), 3.93 (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.45 (C), 137.89 (C), 136.36 (C), 131.70 (CH×2), 130.97 (C), 129.52 (CH×2), 129.43 (CH), 129.05 (CH×2), 128.24 (CH), 127.95 (CH), 125.85 (CH), 125.54 (CH), 124.80 (CH), 124.18 (CH×2), 123.62 (C), 86.95 (C), 82.94 (C), 22.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 309.1386; found, 309.1395.

**(2-(3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)prop-2-ynyl)phenyl)propylcarbodiimide (4q).** 72%



Colorless oil.

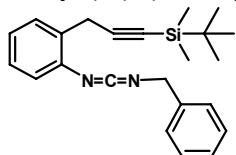
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2954, 2854, 2137, 1581, 1496, 1265, 833, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (tq, *J* = 6.8, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.41 (C), 135.21 (C), 130.17 (C), 128.89 (CH), 127.53 (CH), 124.62 (CH), 123.54 (CH), 104.66 (C), 85.23 (C), 48.59 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 24.74 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.59 (C), 11.45 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.44 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaSi, 335.1914; found, 335.1917.

**Benzyl-(2-(3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)prop-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (4r).** 75%



Colorless oil.

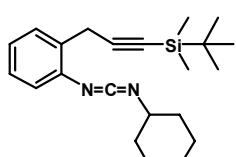
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2854, 2137, 1350, 1026, 833, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.88 (C), 137.72 (C), 136.38 (C), 130.32 (C), 128.91 (CH), 128.81 (CH×2), 127.83 (CH), 127.54 (CH), 127.41 (CH×2), 124.96 (CH), 123.85 (CH), 104.53 (C), 85.36 (C), 50.53 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.14 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 22.34 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.57 (C), -4.43 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaSi, 383.1914; found, 383.1912.

**(2-(3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)prop-2-ynyl)phenyl)cyclohexylcarbodiimide (4s).** 84%



Colorless oil.

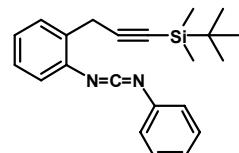
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2137, 1697, 1527, 1234, 1018, 833, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 1.5, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd, *J* = 1.4, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.47 (tt, *J* = 3.9, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.04–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.53 (m, 1H), 1.52–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.39–1.21 (m, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.60 (C), 135.37 (C), 130.13 (C), 128.87 (CH), 127.51 (CH), 124.56 (CH), 123.30 (CH), 104.72 (C), 85.20 (C), 56.59 (CH), 34.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 26.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 25.33 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.37 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.29 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 16.58 (C), –4.43 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaSi, 375.2227; found, 375.2228.

**(2-(3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)prop-2-ynyl)phenyl)phenylcarbodiimide (4t). 82%**



Colorless oil.

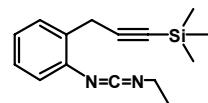
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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.24 (m, 6H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.46 (C), 136.17 (C), 134.39 (C), 130.72 (C), 129.52 (CH×2), 129.16 (CH), 127.79 (CH), 125.79 (CH), 125.53 (CH), 124.65 (CH), 124.14 (CH×2), 104.08 (C), 85.66 (C), 26.13 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 22.64 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.59 (C), –4.45 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si, 347.1938; found, 347.1944.

**Propyl-(2-(3-trimethylsilylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (4u). 94%**



Colorless oil.

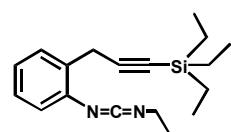
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2144, 1265, 849, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.52 (d, *J* = 1.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 1.6, 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (tq, *J* = 6.9, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.19 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.45 (C), 135.20 (C), 130.02 (C), 128.94 (CH), 127.58 (CH), 124.63 (CH), 123.57 (CH), 104.19 (C), 86.99 (C), 48.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.73 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.28 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.44 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaSi, 293.1444; found, 293.1453.

**Propyl-(2-(3-triethylsilylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (4v). 85%**



Colorless oil.

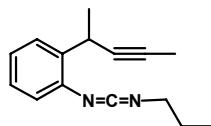
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2962, 2137, 1643, 1265, 1018, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (tq, *J* = 7.1, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 12H), 0.62 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.40 (C), 135.21 (C), 130.21 (C), 128.89 (CH), 127.50 (CH), 124.60 (CH), 123.51 (CH), 105.16 (C), 84.58 (C), 48.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.73 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.34 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.43 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.49 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 4.53 (CH<sub>2</sub>×3).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si, 313.2095; found, 313.2088.

**(2-(1-Methylbut-2-ynyl)phenyl)propylcarbodiimide (5a).** 90%



Colorless oil.

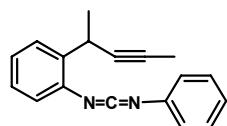
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2137, 1589, 1496, 1265, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.56 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.08 (m, 3H), 4.20–4.14 (m, 1H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 1.71 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.50 (C), 137.46 (C), 135.62 (C), 127.82 (CH), 127.36 (CH), 124.82 (CH), 123.84 (CH), 82.18 (C), 76.88 (C), 48.61 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.09 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.76 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.50 (CH), 11.45 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.64 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 249.1362; found, 249.1361.

**(2-(1-Methylbut-2-ynyl)phenyl)phenylcarbodiimide (5b).** 63%



Colorless oil.

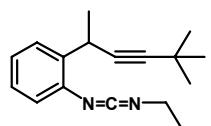
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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.63–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 6H), 4.25–4.17 (m, 1H), 1.85 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 3H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.63 (C), 137.94 (C), 135.27 (C), 129.50 (CH×2), 128.03 (CH), 127.60 (CH), 125.96 (CH), 125.44 (CH), 124.96 (CH), 124.19 (C), 124.10 (CH×2), 81.78 (C), 77.26 (C), 27.56 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.47 (CH), 3.63 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 261.1386, found 261.1374.

**Propyl-(2-(1,4,4-trimethylpent-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (5c).** 91%



Colorless oil.

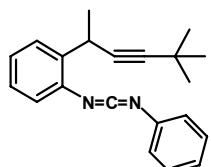
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2137, 1643, 1257, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.58 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.08 (m, 2H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (tq, *J* = 7.1, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (s, 9H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.90 (C), 137.41 (C), 135.67 (C), 127.87 (CH), 127.23 (CH), 124.78 (CH), 123.77 (CH), 90.58 (C), 81.34 (C), 48.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.37 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.39 (C), 27.16 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.77 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.07 (CH), 11.45 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na, 291.1832; found, 291.1843.

**Phenyl-(2-(1,4,4-trimethylpent-2-ynyl)phenyl)carbodiimide (5d).** 80%



Colorless oil.

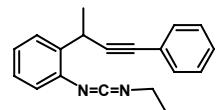
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2970, 2144, 1651, 1589, 1489, 1211, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.64–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 5H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.68 (C), 138.36 (C), 135.19 (C), 129.53 (CH×2), 128.10 (CH), 127.51 (CH), 125.97 (CH), 125.62 (C), 125.45 (CH), 124.92 (CH), 124.10 (CH×2), 90.34 (C), 80.96 (C), 31.37 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 27.60 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.43 (C), 24.11 (CH).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 303.1856; found, 303.1856.

**(2-(1-Methyl-3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)propylcarbodiimide (5e). 90%**



Colorless oil.

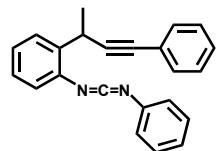
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2924, 2138, 1581, 1496, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (t, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (tq, *J* = 6.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 137.60 (C), 136.86 (C), 135.54 (C), 131.63 (CH×2), 128.15 (CH×2), 127.93 (CH), 127.64 (CH), 127.57 (CH), 124.90 (CH), 123.91 (CH), 123.83 (C), 92.93 (C), 81.80 (C), 48.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.77 (CH), 24.78 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.37 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.46 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 289.1699; found, 289.1694.

**(2-(1-Methyl-3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)phenylcarbodiimide (5f). 37%**



Colorless oil.

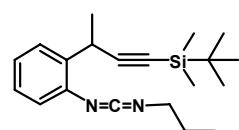
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2924, 2854, 1650, 1404, 1211, 903, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.25–7.15 (m, 6H), 4.49 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.44 (C), 137.24 (C), 135.39 (C), 134.79 (C), 131.64 (CH×2), 129.51 (CH×2), 128.18 (CH×2), 128.11 (CH), 127.82 (CH), 127.74 (CH), 126.04 (CH), 125.51 (CH), 125.04 (CH), 124.12 (CH×2), 123.65 (C), 92.42 (C), 82.08 (C), 28.19 (CH), 23.29 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, 323.1543; found, 323.1540.

**(2-(3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilanyl)-1-methylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)propylcarbodiimide (5g). 39%**



Colorless oil.

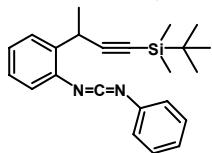
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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.59 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, *J* = 1.6, 7.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 2H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (tq, *J* = 7.0, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.11 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 146.57 (C), 137.51 (C), 136.73 (C), 127.88 (CH), 127.47 (CH), 124.82 (CH), 123.81 (CH), 110.44 (C), 83.84 (C), 48.60 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.26 (CH), 26.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 24.77 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.67 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 15.60 (C), 11.44 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.44 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaSi, 349.2070; found, 349.2077.

**(2-(3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilanyl)-1-methylprop-2-ynyl)phenyl)phenylcarbodiimide (5h). 27%**



Colorless oil.

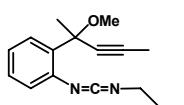
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2144, 1589, 1489, 1211, 833, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.65–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 6H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.51 (C), 137.18 (C), 135.30 (C), 134.70 (C), 129.52 (CH×2), 128.10 (CH), 127.74 (CH), 125.98 (CH), 125.51 (CH), 124.95 (CH), 124.11 (CH×2), 109.89 (C), 84.29 (C), 28.65 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 23.70 (CH), 16.00 (C), -4.45 (CH<sub>3</sub>×2).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaSi, 383.1914; found, 383.1918.

**Propyl -(2-(2-methoxypent-3-yn-2-yl))carbodiimide (6a). 51%**



Colorless oil.

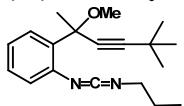
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2939, 2144, 1496, 1095, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd, *J* = 1.5, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (ddd, *J* = 1.3, 7.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.70 (tq, *J* = 7.1, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.07 (C), 134.33 (C), 134.30 (C), 128.97 (CH), 128.69 (CH), 125.61 (CH), 124.02 (CH), 82.93 (C), 79.77 (C), 76.61 (C), 52.13 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.50 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.00 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.74 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.47 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.72 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 279.1468; found, 279.1462.

**(2-(1-Methoxy-1,4,4-trimethylpent-2-ynyl)phenyl)propylcarbodiimide (6b). 66%**



Colorless oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2144, 1219, 1095, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.74 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 1.5, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (ddd, *J* = 1.3, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.69 (tq, *J* = 7.0, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 138.10 (C), 134.55 (C), 134.30 (C), 129.07 (CH), 128.61 (CH), 125.68 (CH), 123.97 (CH), 96.06 (C), 78.92 (C), 76.54 (C), 52.02 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.46 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.06 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 29.25 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.57 (C), 24.77 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.48 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

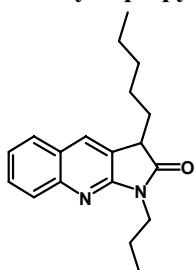
HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 299.2122; found, 299.2118.

**Typical procedure for the catalytic Pauson–Khand reaction using [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub>-dppp to produce 15: 3-Pentyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15a) (Table 2, Entry 1).**

1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (dppp) (28.4 mg, 0.069 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> (12.5 mg, 0.032 mmol) in *p*-xylene (5 mL), and the mixture was degassed and charged with carbon monoxide. The resulting pale yellow suspension was heated at 130 °C, and a solution of carbodiimide **4a** (123.7 mg, 0.462 mmol) in *p*-xylene (1 mL) was added slowly. After heating at the same temperature for 2.5 h, the mixture was evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:10) to provide pyrroloquinoline **15a** (109.6 mg, 0.370 mmol, 80%) as a

yellow oil.

**3-Pentyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15a).**



Yellow oil.

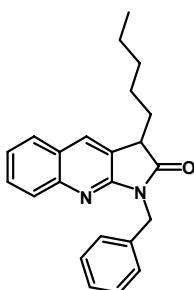
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2862, 1728, 1643, 1581, 1450, 1219, 1088, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 1.4, 7.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (ddd, *J* = 0.9, 7.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95–3.85 (m, 2H), 3.55 (ddd, *J* = 1.1, 5.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.09–2.01 (m, 1H), 1.99–1.91 (m, 1H), 1.84 (tq, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.48–1.24 (m, 6H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.48 (C), 156.94 (C), 146.91 (C), 130.23 (CH), 129.19 (CH), 127.75 (CH×2), 125.95 (C), 124.63 (C), 124.34 (CH), 44.15 (CH), 40.88 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.66 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.44 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.35 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.85 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.93 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 319.1781; found, 319.1775.

**1-Benzyl-3-pentyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15b).**



Yellow oil.

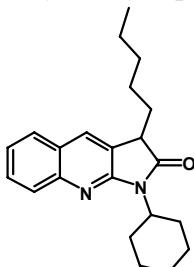
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 1720, 1643, 1442, 1219, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 1.5, 7.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (ddd, *J* = 1.2, 7.0, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.15–5.07 (m, 2H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.21 (m, 6H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.25 (C), 156.44 (C), 146.83 (C), 136.75 (C), 130.45 (CH), 129.23 (CH), 128.71 (CH×2), 128.41 (CH×2), 127.91 (CH), 127.74 (CH), 127.50 (CH), 126.12 (C), 124.52 (C), 124.44 (CH), 44.22 (CH), 42.73 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.43 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.91 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 364.1781; found, 367.1791.

**1-Cyclohexyl-3-pentyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15c).**



Brownish solid; mp: 67.8–69.0 °C.

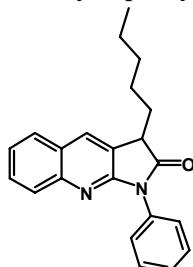
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 1720, 1635, 1581, 1435, 1219, 895, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.92 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, *J*=1.3, 7.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J*=0.8, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (tt, *J*=3.8, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (t, *J*=5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.61–2.49 (m, 2H), 2.06–1.84 (m, 4H), 1.76–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.22 (m, 10H), 0.85 (t, *J*=6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.35 (C), 157.04 (C), 146.69 (C), 129.99 (CH), 129.03 (CH), 127.85 (CH), 127.59 (CH), 125.57 (C), 124.59 (C), 124.25 (CH), 51.98 (CH), 44.00 (CH), 31.64 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.65 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.83 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.71 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.01 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.99 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.29 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.14 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.32 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.91 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 359.2094; found, 359.2097.

**3-Pentyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15d).**



Yellow solid; mp: 103.4–106.3 °C.

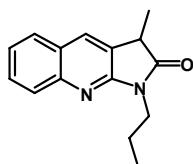
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2924, 1736, 1581, 1427, 1219, 910, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J*=8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J*=8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd, *J*=7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J*=7.7, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J*=7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J*=6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.18–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.27 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 176.69 (C), 156.56 (C), 146.59 (C), 133.33 (C), 130.89 (CH), 129.29 (CH), 128.96 (CH×2), 128.16 (CH), 127.91 (CH), 127.58 (CH), 126.70 (CH×2), 126.22 (C), 124.74 (CH), 124.15 (C), 44.21 (CH), 31.65 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.94 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.42 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.35 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.94 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 353.1624; found, 353.1621.

**3-Methyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15e).**



Yellow solid; mp: 105.0–105.8 °C.

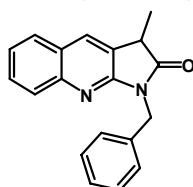
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2939, 2360, 1712, 1635, 1442, 1373, 1219, 957, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.92 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 7.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J*=1.0, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (q, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (tq, *J*=7.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.97 (C), 156.44 (C), 146.84 (C), 129.88 (CH), 129.10 (CH), 127.67 (CH), 127.61 (CH), 125.92 (C), 125.74 (C), 124.26 (CH), 40.76 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.97 (CH), 20.76 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.33 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.24 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 241.1335; found, 241.1343.

**1-Benzyl-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15f).**



Yellow solid; mp: 135.0–135.2 °C.

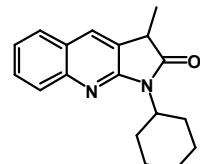
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2978, 1813, 1720, 1643, 1581, 1442, 1211, 957, 733.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.94 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J*= 1.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J*= 1.3, 7.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (ddd, *J*= 1.1, 7.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J*= 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, *J*= 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.14–5.06 (m, 2H), 3.55 (dq, *J*= 1.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.80 (C), 156.08 (C), 146.87 (C), 136.69 (C), 130.19 (CH), 129.24 (CH), 128.74 (CH×2), 128.44 (CH×2), 127.93 (CH), 127.69 (CH), 127.53 (CH), 126.17 (C), 125.70 (C), 124.47 (CH), 42.73 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.20 (CH), 15.32 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 311.1155; found, 311.1149.

### 1-Cyclohexyl-3-methyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15g).



Yellow solid; mp: 135.0–137.8 °C.

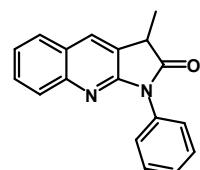
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2924, 2854, 1720, 1635, 1581, 1427, 1219, 949, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.92 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, *J*= 1.3, 8.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J*= 1.1, 8.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (tt, *J*= 3.8, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddt, *J*= 3.6, 12.3, 21.8 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (d, *J*= 13.1 Hz, 2H), 1.78–1.68 (m, 3H), 1.52 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.50–1.30 (m, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.89 (C), 156.61 (C), 146.69 (C), 129.73 (CH), 129.00 (CH), 127.84 (CH), 127.50 (CH), 125.79 (C), 125.25 (C), 124.25 (CH), 51.90 (CH), 38.99 (CH), 28.72 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 25.95 (CH<sub>2</sub>×2), 25.23 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.42 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 303.1568; found, 303.1463.

### 3-Methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15h).



Yellow solid; mp: 155.0–156.3 °C.

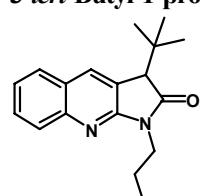
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 1720, 1643, 1435, 1227, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.60 (ddd, *J*= 1.4, 7.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 2H), 3.76 (q, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.25 (C), 156.22 (C), 146.65 (C), 133.29 (C), 130.70 (CH), 129.34 (CH), 129.00 (CH×2), 128.20 (CH), 127.95 (CH), 127.55 (CH), 126.67 (CH×2), 126.31 (C), 125.38 (C), 124.81 (CH), 39.24 (CH), 15.68 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 297.0998; found, 297.1001.

### 3-*tert*-Butyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15i).



Yellow oil.

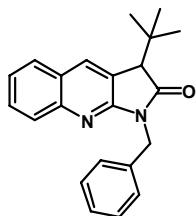
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2962, 1720, 1635, 1365, 1219, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.90 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J*= 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J*= 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.94–3.81 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 1.87–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 0.99 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.96 (C), 157.02 (C), 146.70 (C), 132.14 (CH), 129.14 (CH), 127.78 (CH), 127.43 (CH), 125.45 (C), 124.07 (CH), 122.87 (C), 53.79 (CH), 40.54 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.04 (C), 27.30 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 20.80 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 305.1624; found, 305.1633.

**1-Benzyl-3-*tert*-butyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15j).**



Yellow solid; mp: 115.2–115.7 °C.

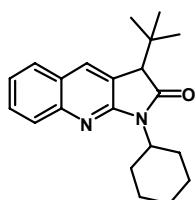
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2954, 1720, 1635, 1442, 1219, 1157, 887, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.93 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J*= 7.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J*= 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J*= 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J*= 14.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J*= 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 1H), 1.10 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.92 (C), 156.70 (C), 146.75 (C), 136.83 (C), 132.50 (CH), 129.32 (CH), 128.76 (CH×2), 128.32 (CH×2), 127.88 (CH), 127.69 (CH), 127.42 (CH), 125.75 (C), 124.31 (CH), 122.93 (C), 54.03 (CH), 42.57 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.40 (C), 27.42 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 353.1624; found, 353.1628.

**3-*tert*-Butyl-1-cyclohexyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15k).**



Yellow solid; mp: 139.1–139.4 °C.

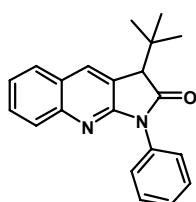
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2931, 2862, 1720, 1628, 1581, 1427, 1350, 1219, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.90 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J*= 0.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J*= 1.4, 7.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, *J*= 1.0, 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (tt, *J*= 3.7, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 1H), 2.60–2.47 (m, 2H), 1.92–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.75–1.67 (m, 3H), 1.51–1.29 (m, 3H), 1.13 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 176.17 (C), 157.33 (C), 146.70 (C), 132.17 (CH), 129.20 (CH), 127.81 (CH), 127.70 (CH), 125.27 (C), 124.20 (CH), 123.06 (C), 53.81 (CH), 51.91 (CH), 35.38 (C), 28.85 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 26.09 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.06 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.36 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 345.1937; found, 345.1931.

**3-*tert*-Butyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15l).**



Yellow solid; mp: 90.4–91.1 °C.

IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2947, 1728, 1635, 1589, 1496, 1427, 1358, 1227, 1165, 748.

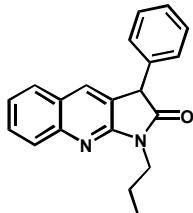
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J*= 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.52 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 2H), 3.43 (d, *J*= 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.48 (C), 156.92 (C), 146.58 (C), 133.35 (C), 132.97 (CH), 129.42 (CH), 129.00 (CH×2), 128.02 (CH), 127.97 (CH), 127.76 (CH), 126.92 (CH×2), 125.87 (C), 124.65 (CH), 122.59 (C), 54.07 (CH), 35.85 (C), 27.39

(CH<sub>3</sub>×3).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 339.1468; found, 339.1462.

**3-Phenyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15m).**



Yellow solid; mp: 102.1–103.7 °C.

IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2962, 1720, 1643, 1442, 1365, 1211, 1095, 725.

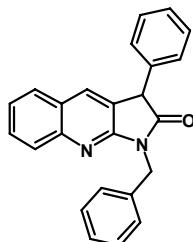
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.96 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J*=7.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 1.84 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (tq, *J*=7.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.00 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.45 (C), 156.81 (C), 147.18 (C), 136.03 (C), 131.75 (CH), 129.55 (CH), 129.06 (CH×2), 128.29 (CH×2), 127.93 (CH), 127.88 (CH), 127.83 (CH), 126.13 (C), 124.53 (CH) 124.43 (C), 50.60 (CH), 41.19 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.87 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 325.1311; found, 325.1327.

Anal calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C 79.44, H 6.00, N 9.26, found: C 79.82, H 6.04, N 8.97.

**1-Benzyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15n).**



Brown solid; mp: 135.0–135.8 °C.

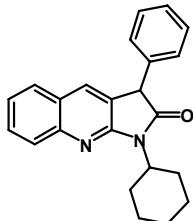
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3032, 1728, 1635, 1581, 1442, 1358, 1173, 1026, 849, 725.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.98 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J*=7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J*=7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (d, *J*=14.3 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J*=14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.21 (C), 156.31 (C), 147.11 (C), 136.62 (C), 135.82 (C), 131.96 (CH), 129.59 (CH), 129.06 (CH×2), 128.81 (CH×2), 128.48 (CH×2), 128.31 (CH×2), 127.99 (CH), 127.91 (CH), 127.91 (CH), 127.61 (CH), 124.47 (C), 124.63 (CH), 124.26 (C), 50.66 (CH), 43.07 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 373.1311; found, 373.1316.

**1-Cyclohexyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15o).**



Yellow solid; mp: 185.0–187.2 °C.

IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2924, 2854, 1720, 1643, 1581, 1427, 1211, 1072, 756, 663.

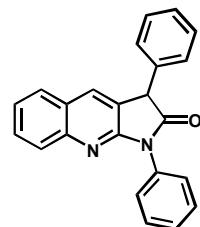
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.96 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.67–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, *J*=6.9

Hz, 2H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.53 (tt,  $J$  = 3.9, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (ddt,  $J$  = 3.6, 12.6, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddt,  $J$  = 3.6, 12.6, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.95–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.70 (m, 3H), 1.52–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.36 (tt,  $J$  = 3.2, 12.5 Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 175.36 (C), 156.97 (C), 147.03 (C), 136.42 (C), 131.61 (CH), 129.45 (CH), 129.06 (CH $\times$ 2), 128.26 (CH $\times$ 2), 128.26 (C), 128.20 (CH), 127.83 (CH $\times$ 2), 125.80 (C), 124.51 (CH), 52.38 (CH), 50.63 (CH), 28.91 (CH $_2$ ), 28.79 (CH $_2$ ), 26.05 (CH $_2$ ), 26.01 (CH $_2$ ), 25.31 (CH $_2$ ).

HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , 343.1805; found, 343.1817.

### 1,3-Diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15p).



Yellow solid; mp: 227.3–228.1 °C.

IR (KBr/ cm $^{-1}$ ): 3062, 1728, 1643, 1496, 1427, 1219, 756, 694.

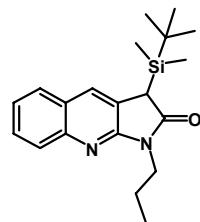
$^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.32 (m, 7H), 4.92 (s, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 174.62 (C), 156.49 (C), 146.92 (C), 135.95 (C), 133.31 (C), 132.51 (CH), 129.70 (CH), 129.17 (CH $\times$ 2), 129.02 (CH $\times$ 2), 128.41 (CH $\times$ 2), 128.29 (CH), 128.07 (CH), 128.07 (CH), 127.79 (CH), 126.76 (CH $\times$ 2), 126.44 (C), 124.96 (CH), 123.91 (C), 50.69 (CH).

HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): [M+Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}$ , 359.1155; found, 359.1155.

Anal calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : C 82.12, H 4.79, N 8.33, found: C 81.74, H 4.88, N 8.22.

### 3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15q).



Brown oil.

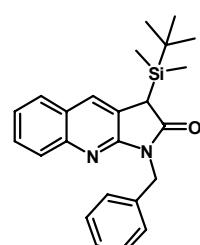
IR (neat/ cm $^{-1}$ ): 2954, 2862, 1705, 1635, 1358, 1219, 1049, 833, 733.

$^1\text{H}$ -NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98–3.83 (m, 2H), 3.50 (s, 1H), 1.90–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.26 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 176.84 (C), 156.55 (C), 146.17 (C), 128.74 (CH), 128.64 (CH), 127.61 (CH), 127.49 (CH), 125.75 (C), 124.07 (CH), 124.05 (C), 41.07 (CH $_2$ ), 38.27 (CH), 26.95 (CH $_3\times$ 3), 21.04 (CH $_2$ ), 18.22 (C), 11.51 (CH $_3$ ), -5.55 (CH $_3$ ), -6.28 (CH $_3$ ).

HRMS-ESI ( $m/z$ ): [M+Na] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{NaOSi}$ , 363.1863; found, 363.1860.

### 1-Benzyl-3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15r).



Brown solid; mp: 112.5–113.1 °C.

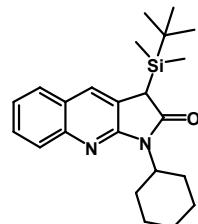
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2947, 2854, 1697, 1628, 1581, 1435, 1358, 1072, 910, 841, 741.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.96 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 3H), 7.38 (dd, *J*=7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J*=7.7, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.49 (d, *J*=1.0 Hz, 1H), 0.80 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 176.47 (C), 156.11 (C), 146.15 (C), 136.89 (C), 129.20 (CH×2), 128.89 (CH), 128.66 (CH), 128.33 (CH×2), 127.79 (CH), 127.49 (CH×2), 125.93 (C), 124.16 (CH), 124.02 (C), 42.92 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.38 (CH), 26.87 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 18.15 (C), -5.54 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -6.32 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaOSi, 411.1863; found, 411.1873.

**3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-1-cyclohexyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15s).**



Brown oil.

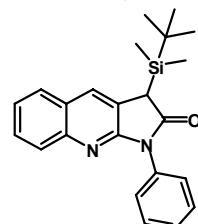
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2978, 2129, 1736, 1612, 1466, 1196, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.97 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.65 (ddd, *J*=1.5, 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J*=1.0, 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (tt, *J*=4.0, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J*=1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.67–2.55 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.47 (m, 2H), 1.45–1.35 (m, 2H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.30 (s, 3H), 0.21 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 176.81 (C), 156.56 (C), 145.95 (C), 128.52 (CH), 128.50 (CH), 127.72 (CH), 127.36 (CH), 125.38 (C), 124.02 (CH), 124.02 (C), 52.05 (CH), 38.51 (CH), 28.89 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.68 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.00 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 26.10 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.07 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.33 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.28 (C), -5.54 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -6.26 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaOSi, 411.1863; found, 411.1873.

**3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15t).**



Brown oil.

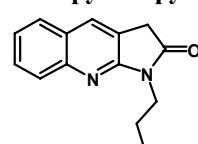
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3016, 1712, 1635, 1427, 1219, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.87 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J*=1.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J*=8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 2H), 3.70 (d, *J*=1.2 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.32 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 176.00 (C), 156.08 (C), 145.87 (C), 133.65 (C), 129.24 (CH), 129.03 (CH×2), 128.73 (CH), 128.08 (CH), 127.83 (CH), 127.33 (CH), 126.74 (CH×2), 126.03 (C), 124.52 (CH), 123.57 (C), 38.72 (CH), 27.03 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 18.39 (C), -5.55 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -6.08 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaOSi, 397.1707; found, 397.1698.

**1-Propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (15u).**



Brown oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2946, 1712, 1643, 1581, 1365, 1219, 1103, 849, 756.

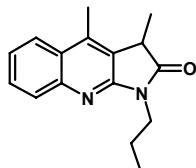
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 1.84 (tq, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 174.41 (C), 157.42 (C), 146.90 (C), 130.76 (CH), 129.27 (CH), 127.80 (CH), 127.68 (CH), 125.95 (C), 124.44 (CH), 119.81 (C), 41.01 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.09 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.80 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.38 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 249.0998; found, 249.1002.

**Typical procedure for the catalytic Pauson–Khand reaction using [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> to produce 17 and 18 (Table 3, Entry 3), and 19a and 20.** A solution of [Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> (14.0 mg, 0.036 mmol) in *p*-xylene (5 mL) was degassed, charged with carbon monoxide, and was heated to 130 °C. A solution of carbodiimide **5c** (138.4 mg, 0.516 mmol) in *p*-xylene (1 mL) was added, and the mixture was heated at the same temperature for 2.0 h. The mixture was evaporated, and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane = 1:10) to give pyrroloquinoline **17c** (13.1 mg, 0.041 mmol, 8% as a yellow oil) and **18a** (94.9 mg, 0.299 mmol, 58%).

#### 3,4-Dimethyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (17a).



Brown solid; mp: 89.7–90.3 °C.

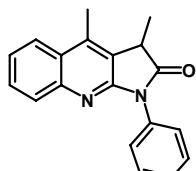
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3070, 2962, 1720, 1635, 1581, 1465, 1265, 1119, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.92–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.61 (ddd, *J* = 1.4, 7.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 1.2, 6.9, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94–3.83 (m, 2H), 3.57 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.83 (tq, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 178.21 (C), 156.07 (C), 146.69 (C), 138.56 (C), 128.92 (CH), 128.28 (CH), 126.24 (C), 124.12 (CH), 123.43 (CH), 123.43 (C), 40.73 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.99 (CH), 20.86 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 15.81 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.52 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.30 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 277.1311; found, 277.1312.

#### 3,4-Dimethyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (17b).



Brown solid; mp: 185.2–186.7 °C.

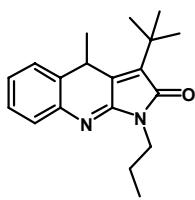
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2969, 1720, 1635, 1589, 1435, 1227, 748.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.38 (m, 2H), 3.76 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.40 (C), 155.77 (C), 146.36 (C), 139.42 (C), 133.30 (C), 129.03 (CH), 128.93 (CH×2), 128.71 (CH), 127.86 (CH), 126.76 (CH×2), 126.48 (C), 124.53 (CH), 123.29 (CH), 122.98 (C), 39.14 (CH), 16.11 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.67 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 311.1155; found, 311.1145.

#### 3-*tert*-butyl-4-methyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(4*H*)-one (18a).



Yellow oil.

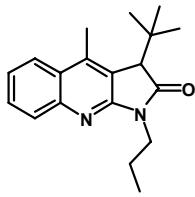
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2962, 1712, 1635, 1450, 1365, 1088, 941, 764.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.42 (dd, *J* = 1.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (ddd, *J* = 1.6, 7.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, 1.2, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.75–3.65 (m, 2H), 1.73 (dtq, *J* = 1.2, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 170.32 (C), 155.57 (C), 141.87 (C), 141.64 (C), 134.08 (C), 132.00 (C), 128.16 (CH), 127.87 (CH), 127.62 (CH), 125.91 (CH), 40.10 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.51 (C), 33.11 (CH), 29.27 (CH<sub>3</sub> × 3), 28.16 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.91 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.36 (CH<sub>3</sub>)

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 319.1781; found, 319.1782.

**3-tert-Butyl-4-methyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (17c).**



Yellow oil.

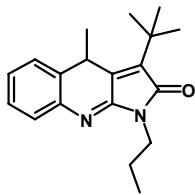
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3070, 2962, 1720, 1628, 1466, 1358, 1288, 1219, 1103, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 1.4, 7.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 1.2, 6.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90–3.84 (m, 1H), 3.81–3.74 (m, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.88–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.08 (s, 9H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.04 (C), 157.19 (C), 146.39 (C), 139.58 (C), 128.98 (CH), 128.00 (CH), 126.29 (C), 124.03 (CH), 123.82 (CH), 122.10 (C), 53.87 (CH), 40.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.84 (C), 28.07 (CH<sub>3</sub> × 3), 21.00 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.91 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.61 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 319.1781; found, 319.1775.

**3-tert-butyl-4-methyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(4*H*)-one (18a).**



Yellow oil.

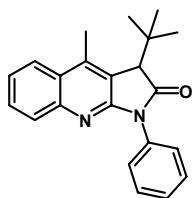
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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.42 (dd, *J* = 1.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (ddd, *J* = 1.6, 7.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, 1.2, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.75–3.65 (m, 2H), 1.73 (dtq, *J* = 1.2, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 170.32 (C), 155.57 (C), 141.87 (C), 141.64 (C), 134.08 (C), 132.00 (C), 128.16 (CH), 127.87 (CH), 127.62 (CH), 125.91 (CH), 40.10 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.51 (C), 33.11 (CH), 29.27 (CH<sub>3</sub> × 3), 28.16 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.91 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.36 (CH<sub>3</sub>)

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 319.1781; found, 319.1782.

**3-tert-Butyl-4-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (17d).**



Yellow solid; mp: 157.8–158.8 °C.

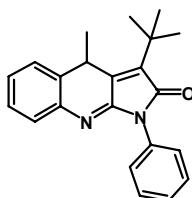
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3054, 2954, 1727, 1427, 1288, 1227, 1173, 918, 764.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.91 (dd, *J*= 1.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 3H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 2H), 3.52 (s, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 176.17 (C), 156.84 (C), 146.03 (C), 140.40 (C), 133.27 (C), 129.05 (CH), 128.98 (CH×2), 128.46 (CH), 127.88 (CH), 126.90 (CH×2), 126.47 (C), 124.42 (CH), 123.66 (CH), 121.47 (C), 53.02 (CH), 38.57 (C), 27.95 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 17.96 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 353.1624; found, 353.1634.

**3-*tert*-Butyl-4-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(4*H*)-one (18b).**



Yellow oil.

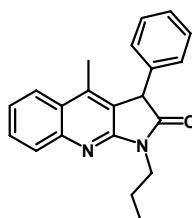
IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2954, 1720, 1627, 1589, 1496, 1427, 1227, 918, 764.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.54 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd, *J*= 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J*= 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J*= 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J*= 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (q, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.47 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 169.23 (C), 155.01 (C), 141.47 (C), 141.37 (C), 134.96 (C), 133.07 (C), 131.92 (C), 128.67 (CH), 128.67 (CH×2), 127.68 (CH), 127.66 (CH), 127.07 (CH), 127.03 (CH×2), 126.40 (CH), 34.76 (C), 33.28 (CH), 29.31 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 28.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO, 353.1624; found, 353.1624.

**4-Methyl-3-phenyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (17e).**



Yellow solid; mp: 193.3–194.2 °C.

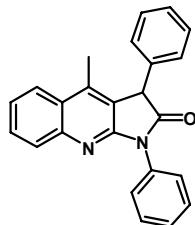
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2962, 1720, 1635, 1589, 1442, 1080, 763.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.97 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J*= 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 3.94–3.88 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.85 (tq, *J*= 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 175.42 (C), 156.67 (C), 147.12 (C), 140.07 (C), 135.70 (C), 129.29 (CH), 129.06 (CH×2), 128.43 (CH), 128.07 (CH×2), 127.78 (CH), 126.39 (C), 124.28 (CH), 123.68 (CH), 121.96 (C), 50.44 (CH), 41.04 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.88 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.86 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.33 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 317.1648; found, 317.1646.

**4-Methyl-1,3-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (17f).**



Yellow solid; mp: 218.8–219.5 °C.

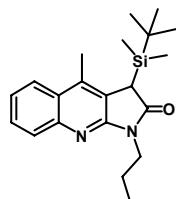
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3055, 2985, 2306, 1581, 1489, 1412, 1265, 740.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.92 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66–7.62 (m, 3H), 7.53 (dd, *J*=7.9, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (ddd, *J*=1.2, 7.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J*=7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 2H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 174.58 (C), 156.36 (C), 146.82 (C), 140.97 (C), 135.57 (C), 133.20 (C), 129.42 (CH), 129.16 (2CH), 128.96 (2CH), 128.90 (CH), 128.19 (2CH), 127.98 (CH), 127.95 (CH), 126.81 (2CH), 126.65 (C), 124.70 (CH), 123.55 (CH), 121.46 (C), 50.50 (CH), 15.04 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 373.1311; found, 373.1321.

**3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-4-methyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (17g).**



Brown solid; mp: 99.8–100.1 °C.

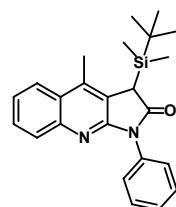
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2931, 2854, 1712, 1628, 1581, 1442, 1219, 1049, 841, 756.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.91 (dd, *J*=1.0, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J*=1.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J*=1.3, 6.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (ddd, *J*=1.3, 6.9, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93–3.86 (m, 1H), 3.85–3.78 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.90–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.01 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.01 (d, *J*=3.2 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 177.45 (C), 156.06 (C), 145.93 (C), 135.48 (C), 128.30 (CH), 128.07 (CH), 126.08 (C), 123.82 (CH), 123.30 (CH), 122.72 (C), 40.92 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.44 (CH), 26.80 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 21.17 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.10 (C), 16.68 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.56 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -5.00 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -6.04 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaOSi, 377.2020; found, 377.2016.

**3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-4-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(3*H*)-one (17h).**



Brown solid; mp: 153.0–154.0 °C.

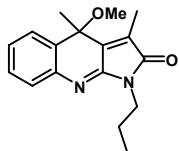
IR (KBr/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 2931, 2854, 1720, 1589, 1496, 1396, 1219, 1041, 818, 764.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.86 (dd, *J*=8.3, 12.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61–7.48 (m, 5H), 7.45–7.37 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 176.62 (C), 155.64 (C), 145.64 (C), 136.13 (C), 133.71 (C), 128.96 (CH×2), 128.56 (CH), 128.38 (CH), 127.71 (CH), 126.85 (CH×2), 126.33 (C), 124.25 (CH), 123.17 (CH), 122.22 (C), 37.85 (CH), 26.85 (CH<sub>3</sub>×3), 18.23 (C), 16.75 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -5.06 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -5.87 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaOSi, 411.1863; found, 411.1874.

**4-Methoxy-3,4-dimethyl-1-propyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]quinolin-2(4*H*)-one (19a).**



Yellow oil.

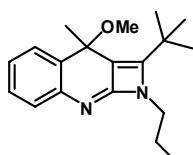
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<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 7.54 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 1.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, *J* = 1.4, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (ddd, *J* = 1.3, 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76–3.67 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.76 (tq, *J* = 7.3, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 170.74 (C), 156.46 (C), 143.75 (C), 135.83 (C), 133.31 (C), 131.33 (C), 129.04 (CH), 128.51 (CH), 126.75 (CH), 125.97 (CH), 74.40 (C), 52.47 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.36 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.01 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.98 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 11.32 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>, 307.1417; found, 307.1415.

**2-*tert*-Butyl-3-methoxy-3-methyl-1-propyl-1,3-dihydro-1,8-diaza-cyclobuta[*b*]naphthalene (20).**



Yellow oil.

IR (neat/ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2962, 1643, 1219, 1111, 756.

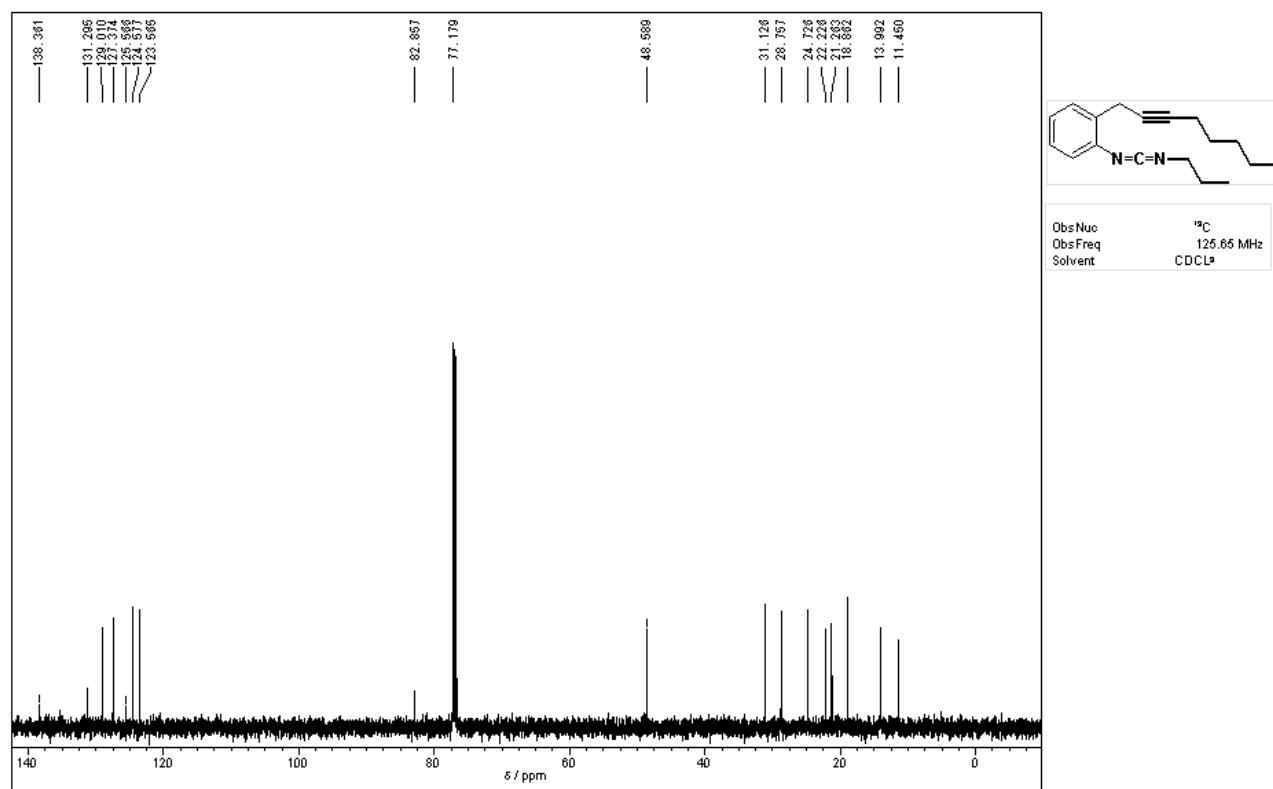
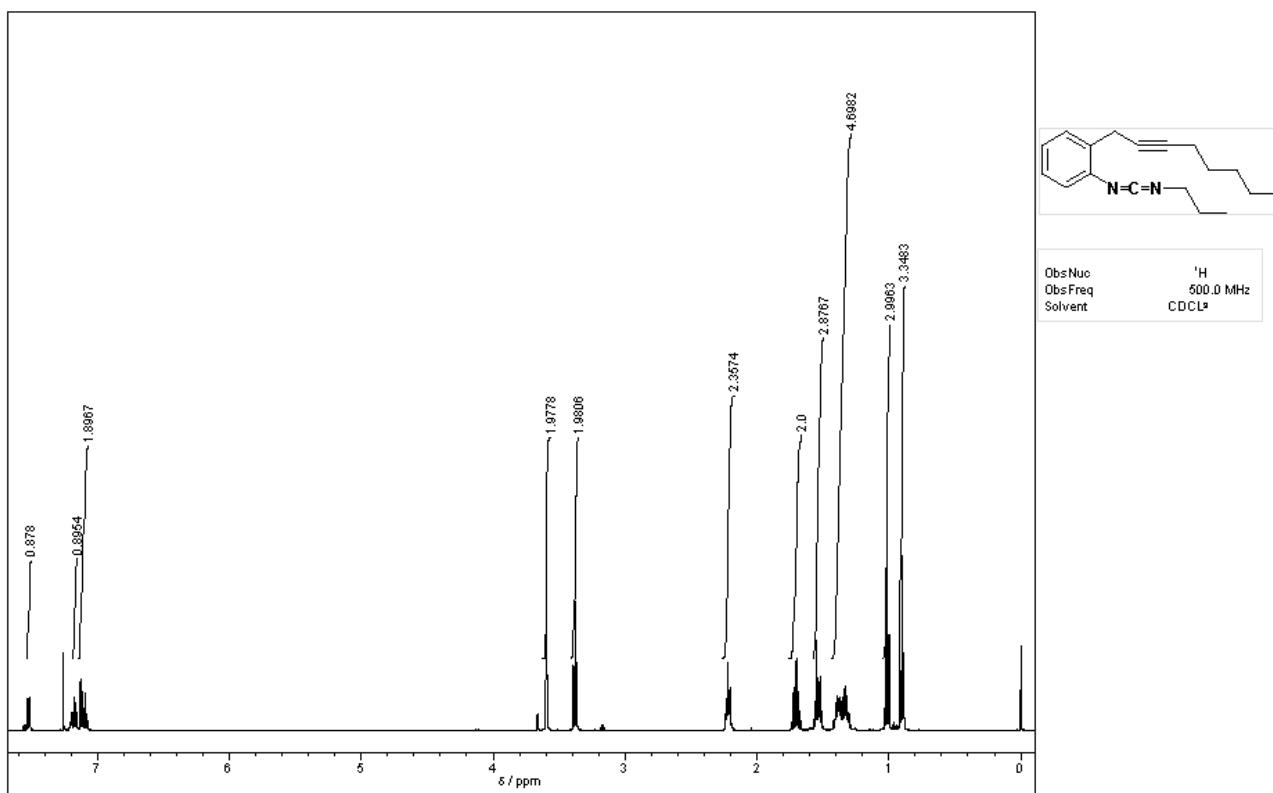
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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 163.90 (C), 149.88 (C), 132.53 (C), 129.20 (C), 128.44 (CH), 126.28 (CH), 126.11 (C), 123.95 (CH), 121.63 (CH), 110.41 (C), 52.43 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 45.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.10 (C), 26.27 (CH<sub>3</sub> × 3), 22.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.84 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.84 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

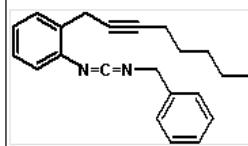
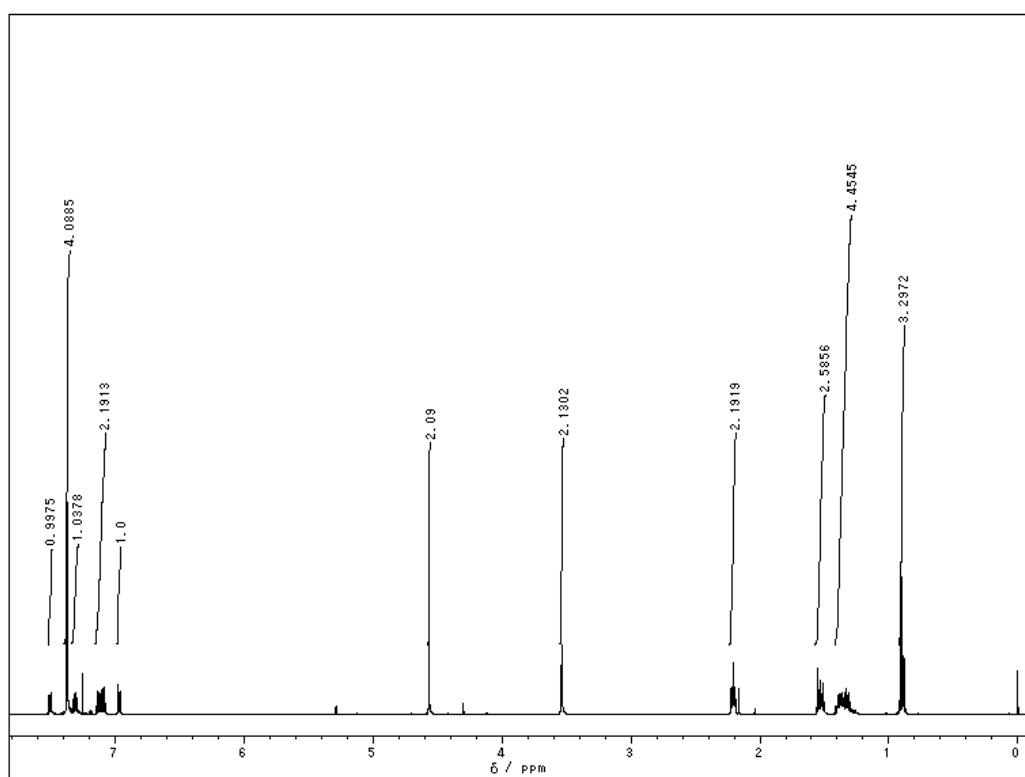
HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, 299.2118; found, 299.2104.

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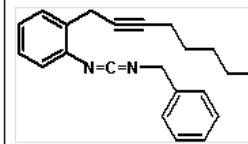
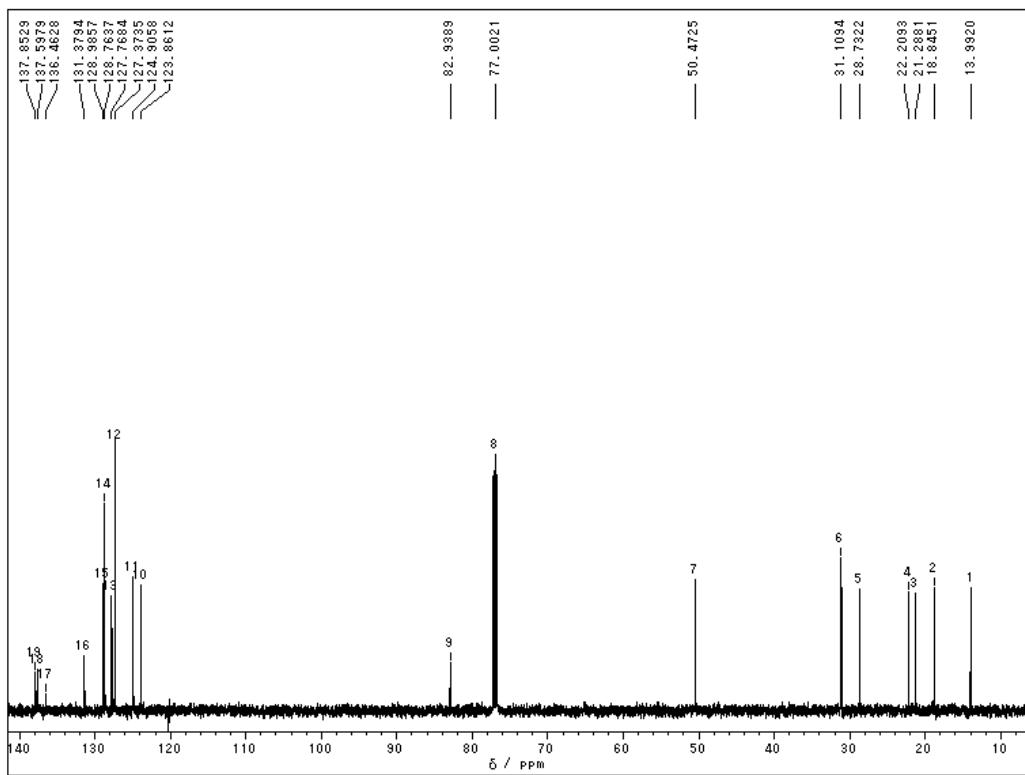
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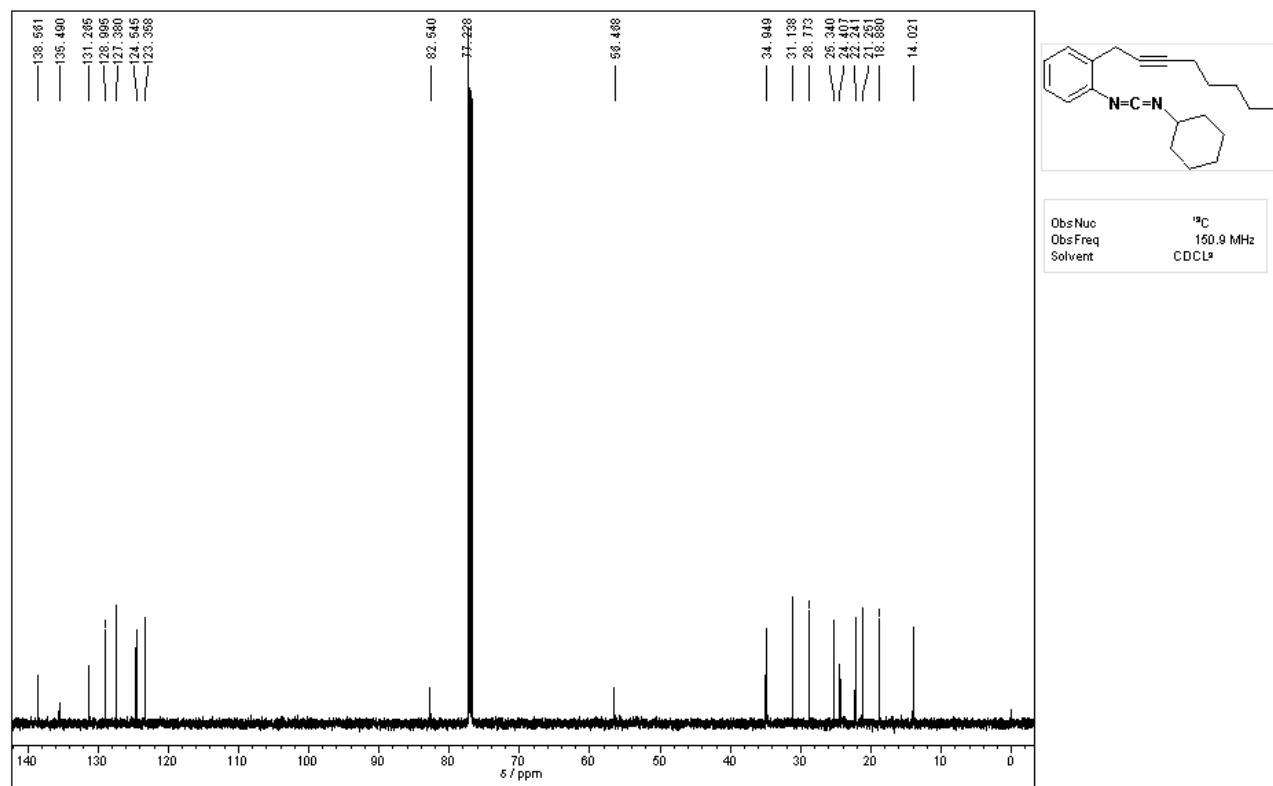
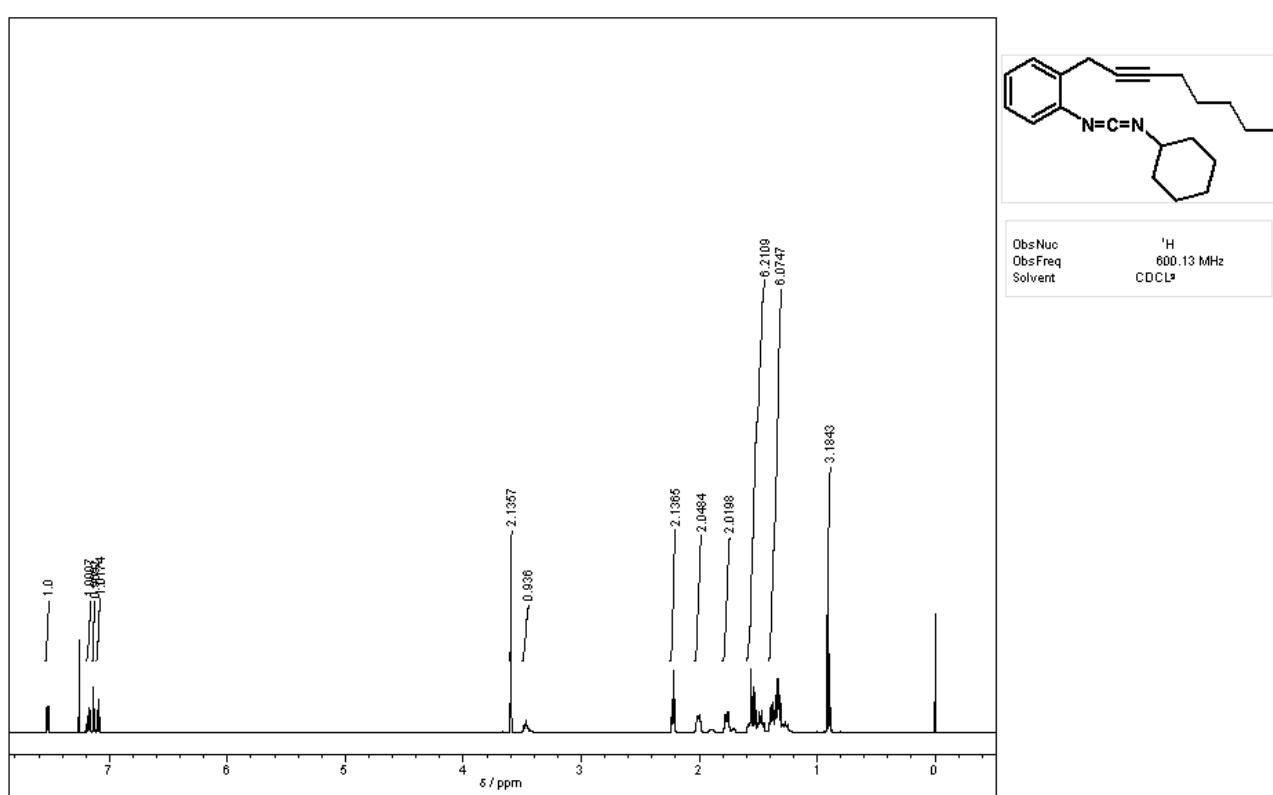


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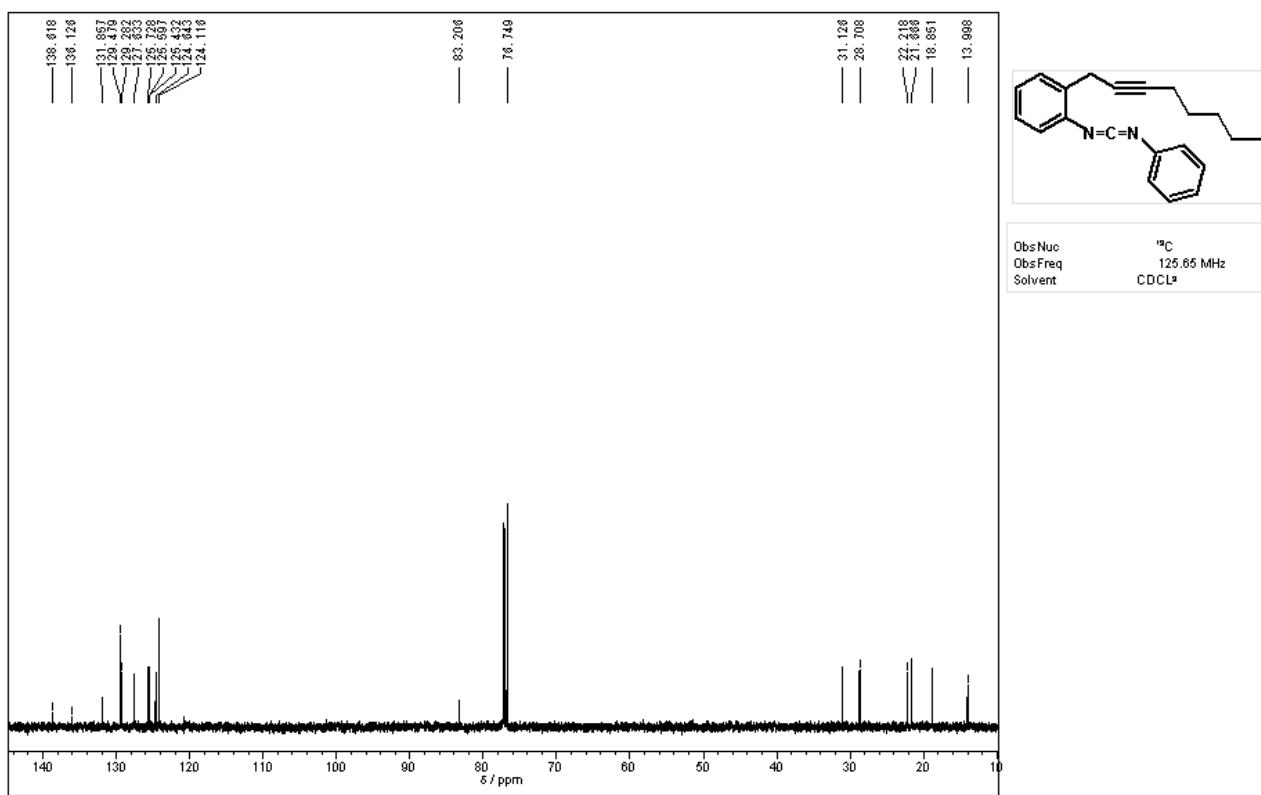
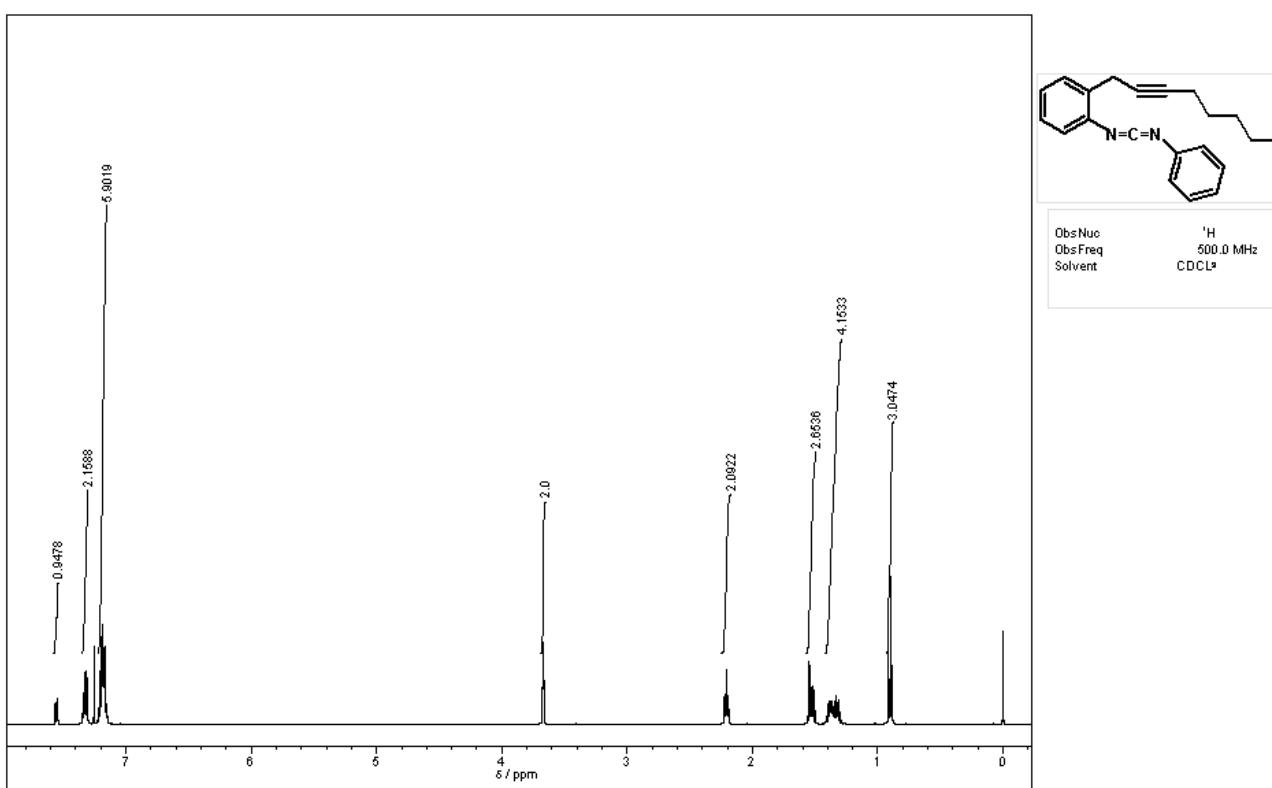


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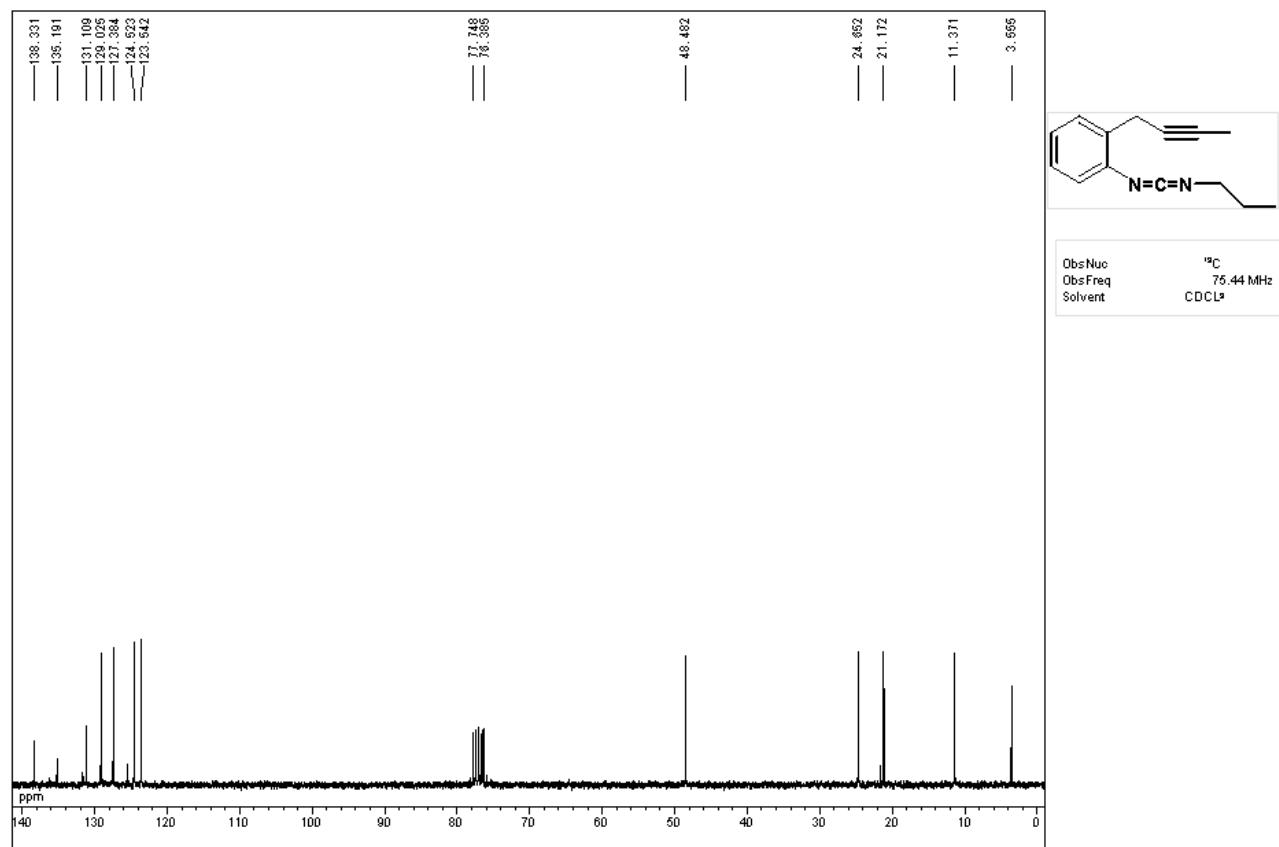
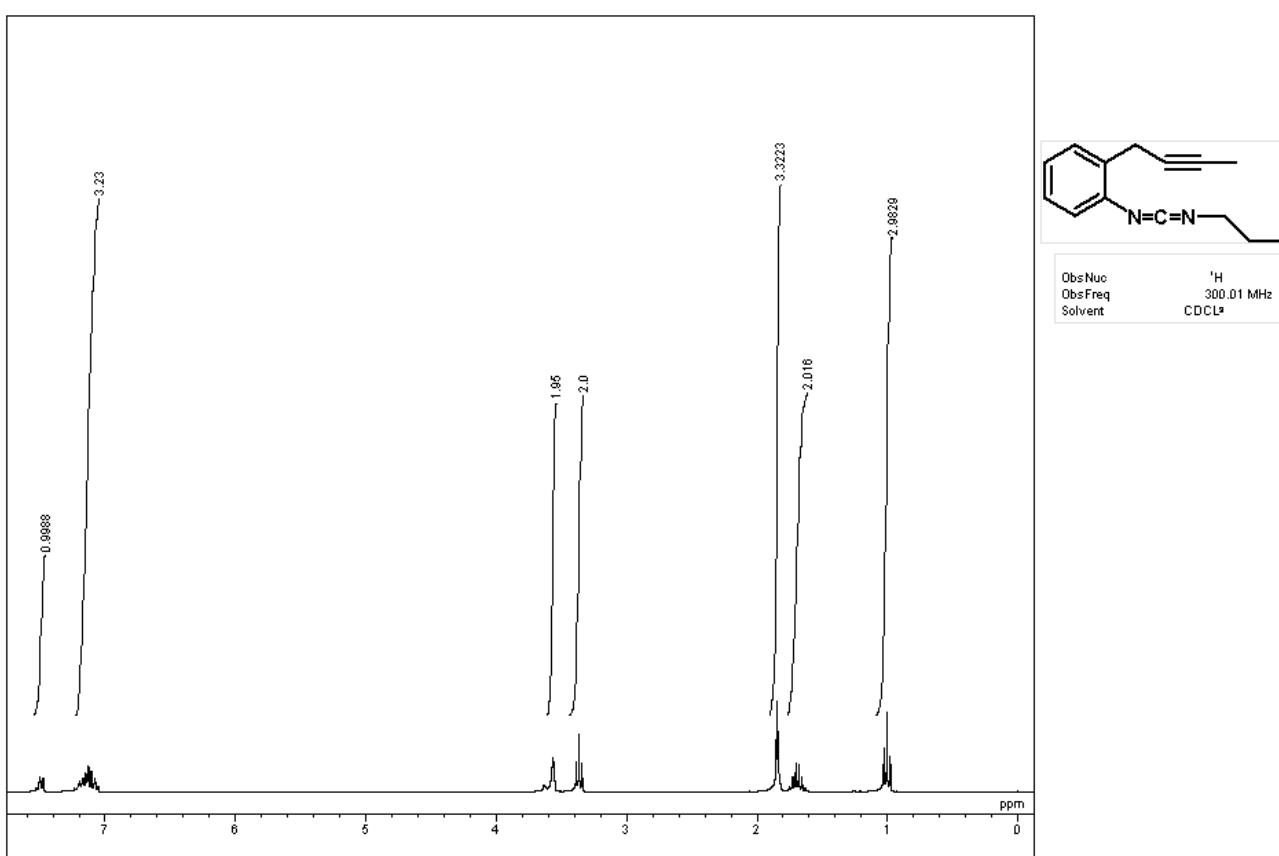
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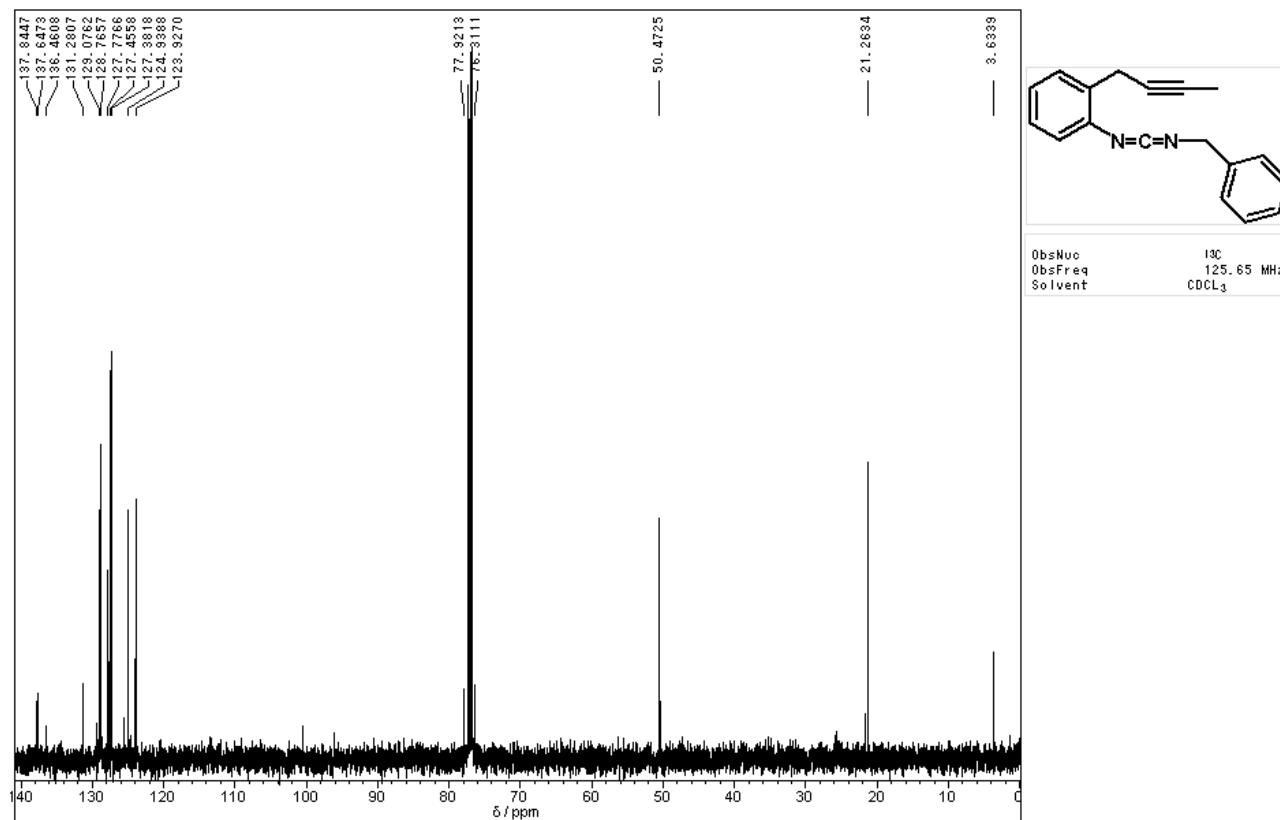
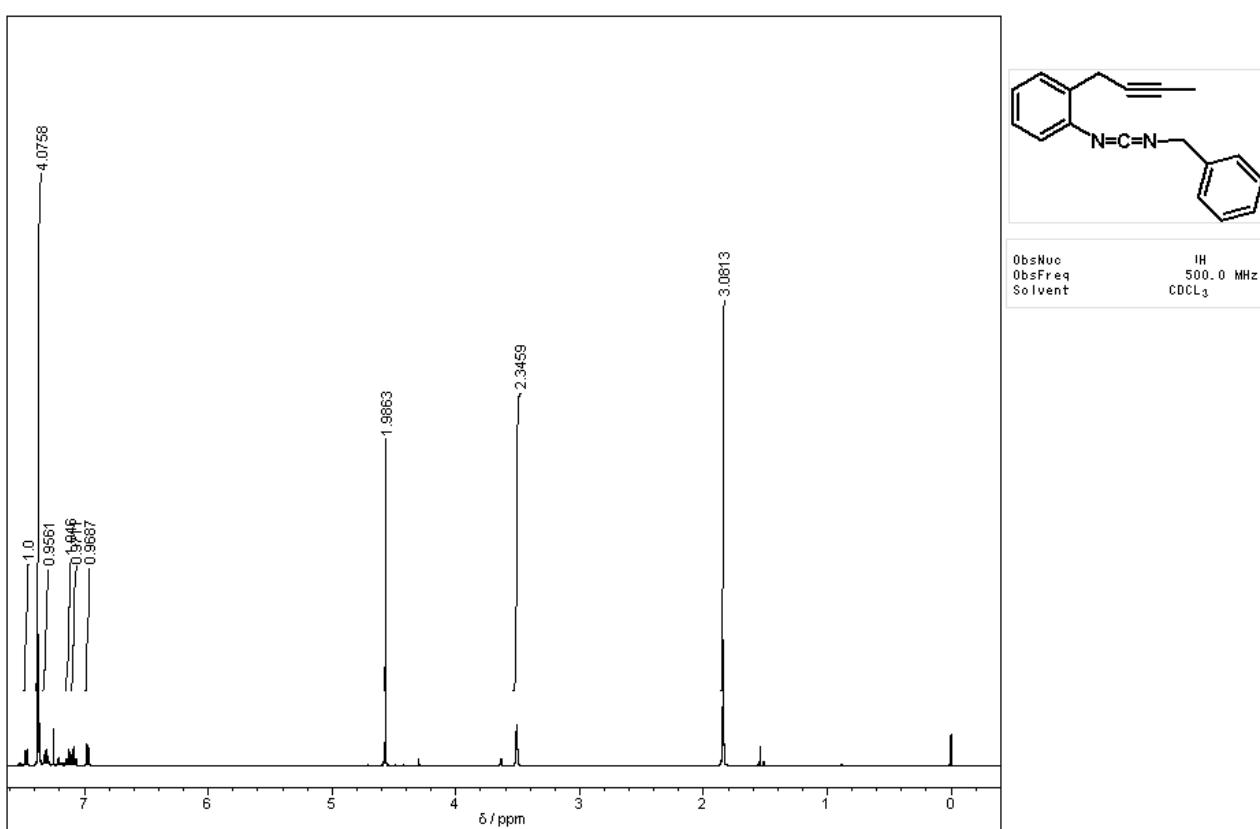
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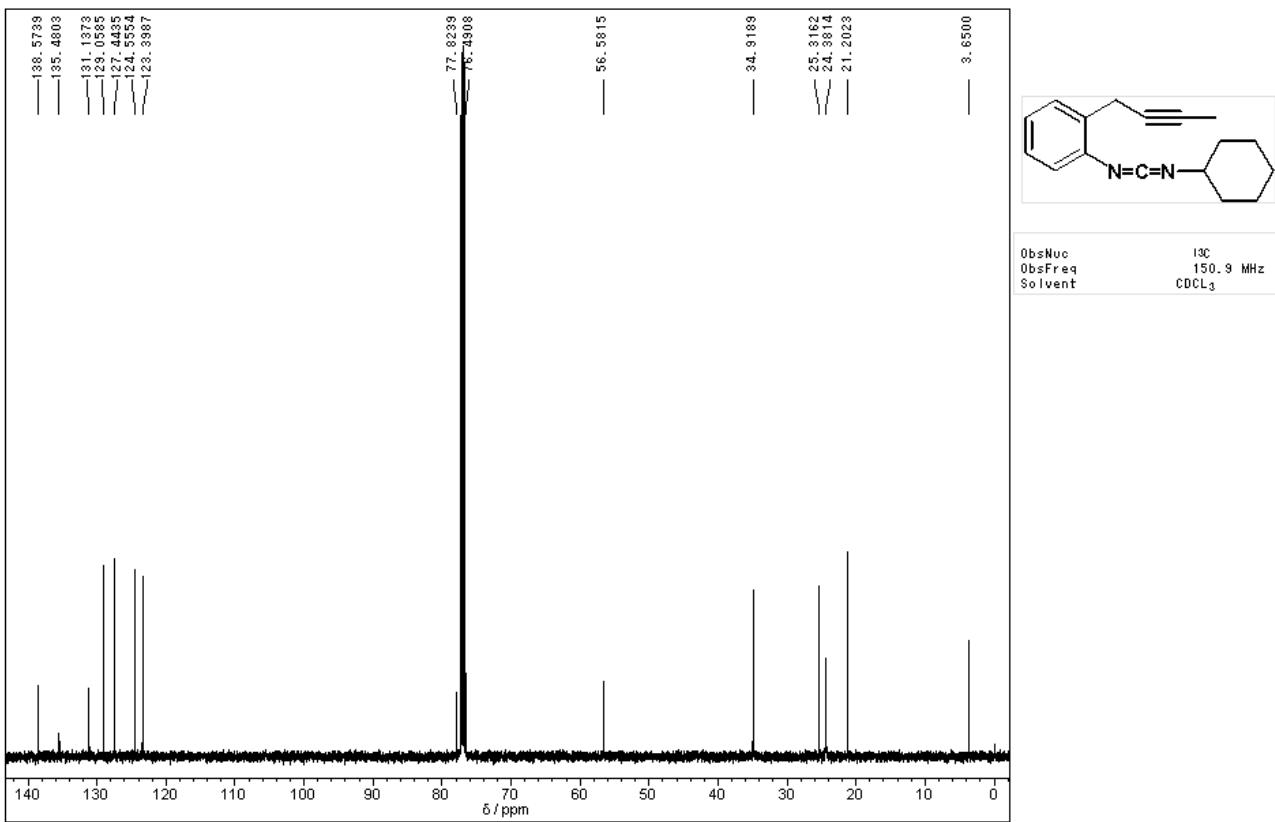
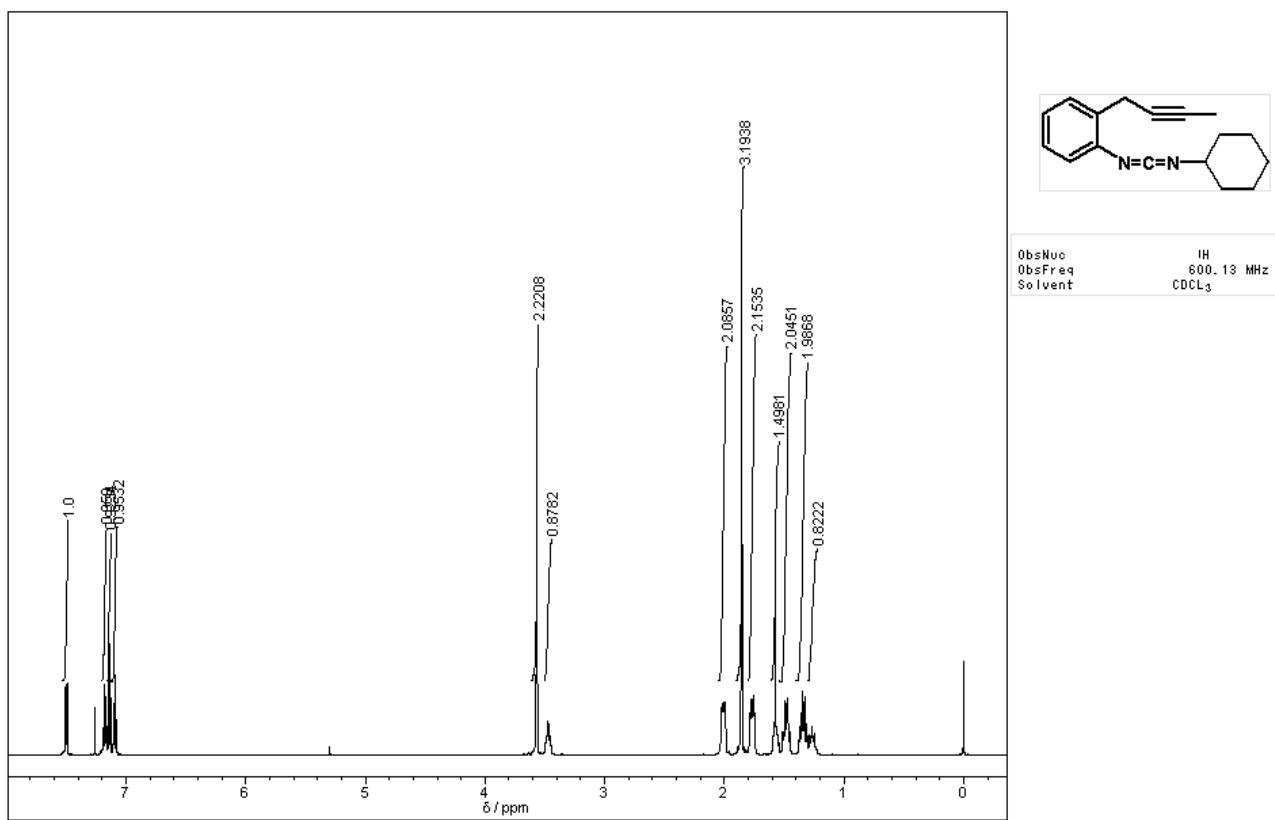
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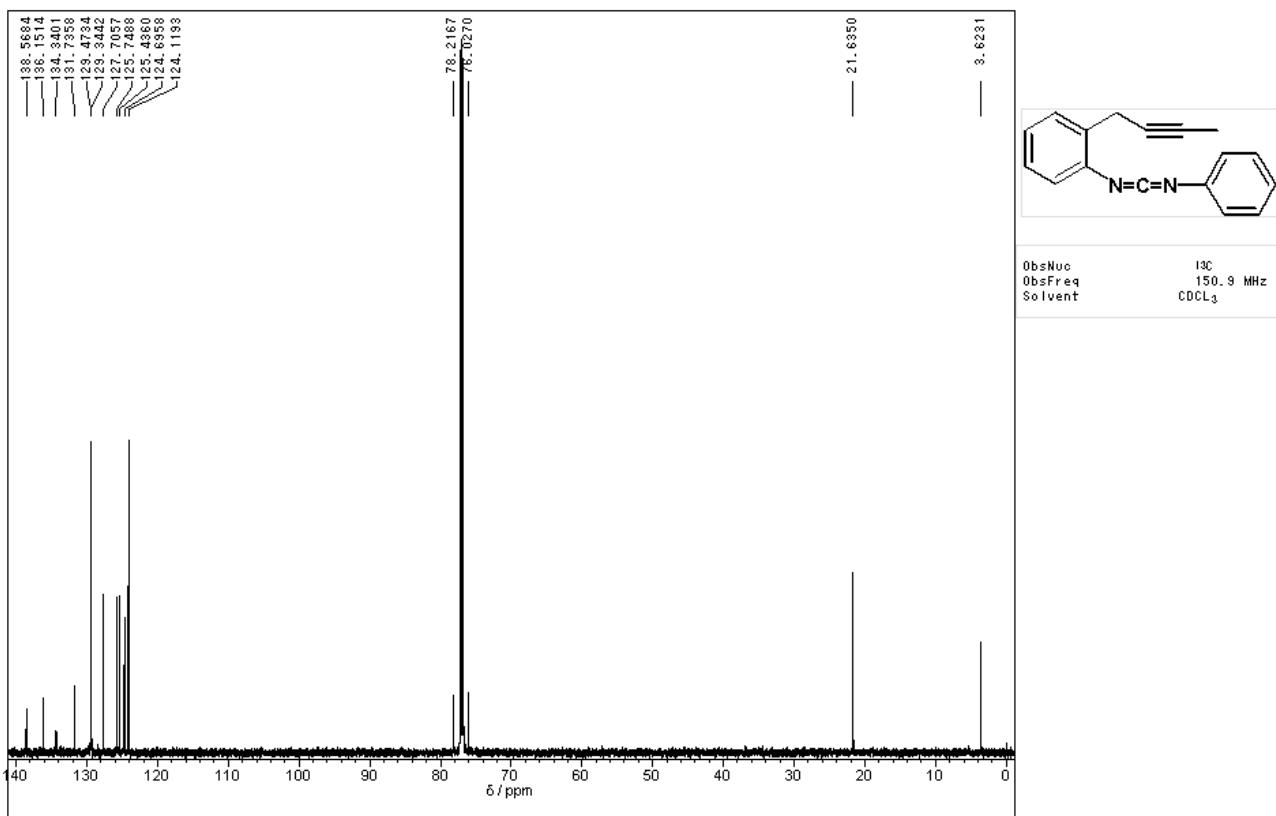
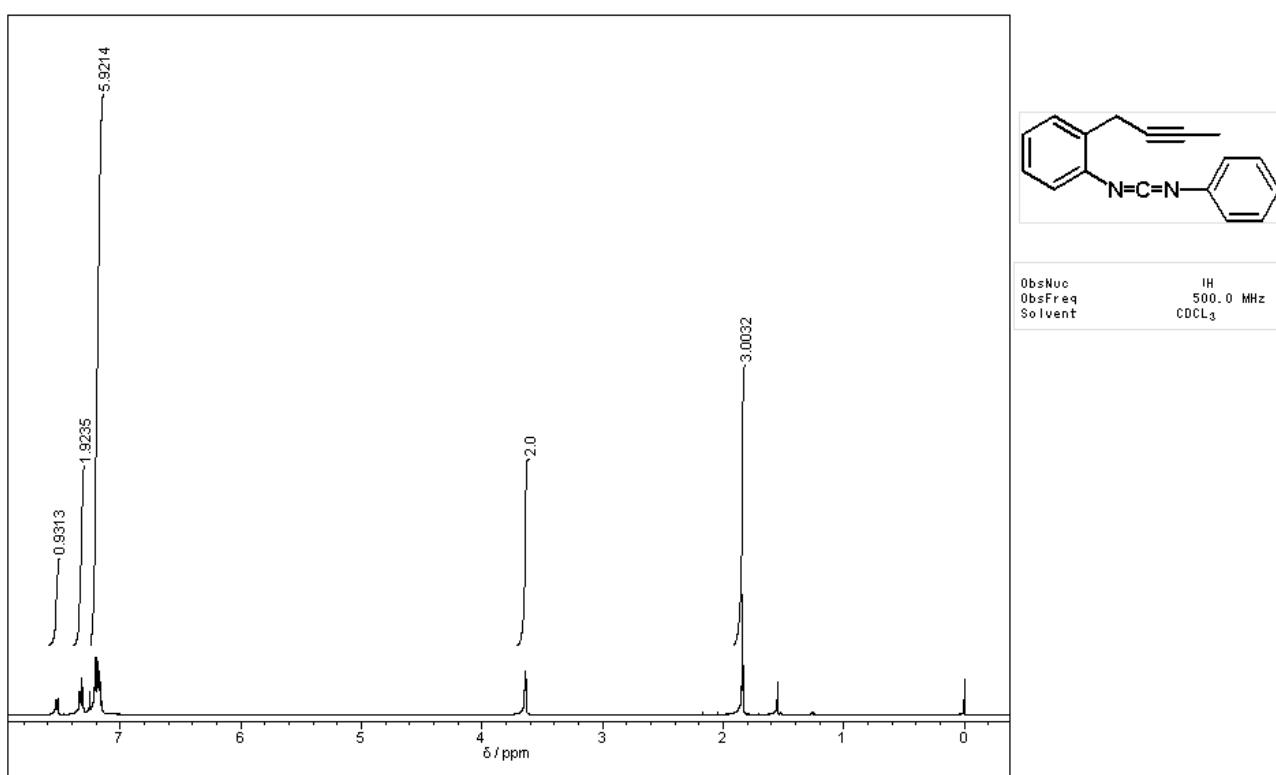
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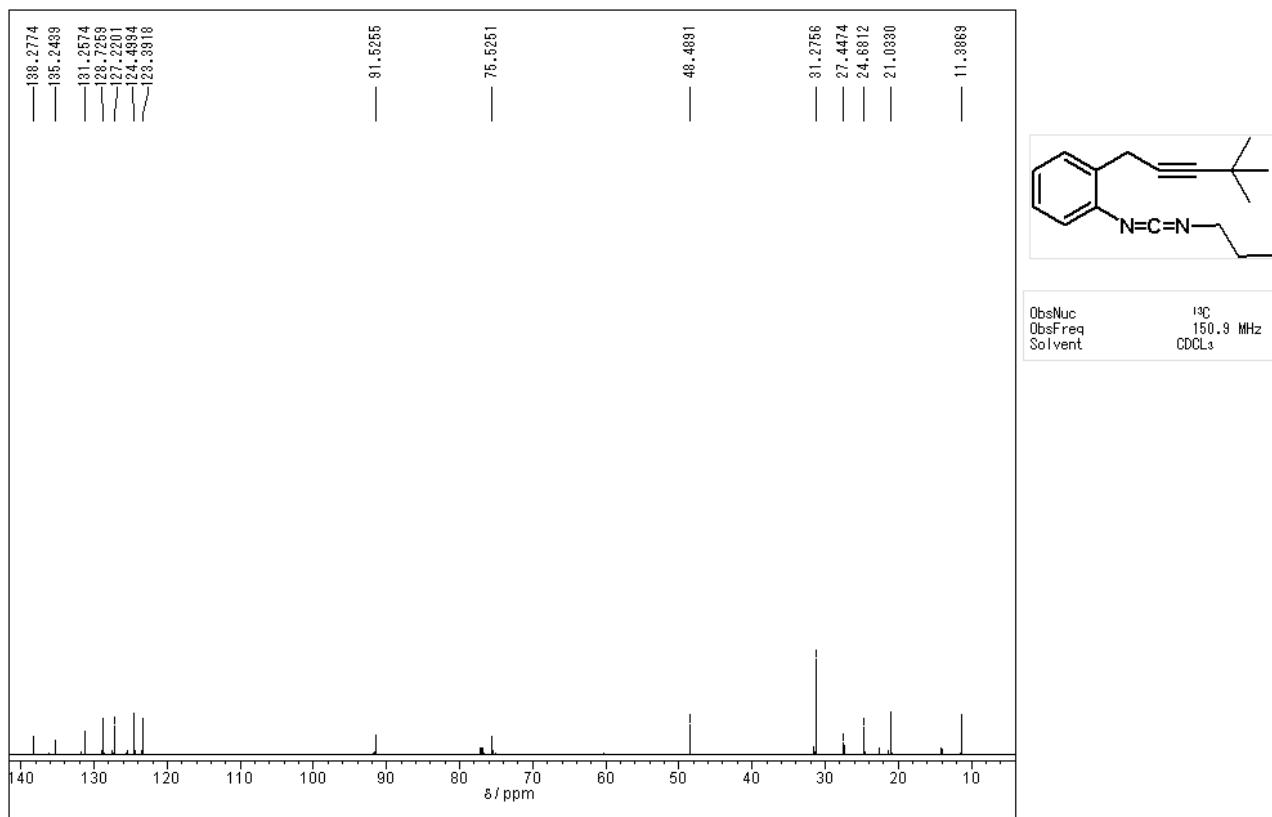
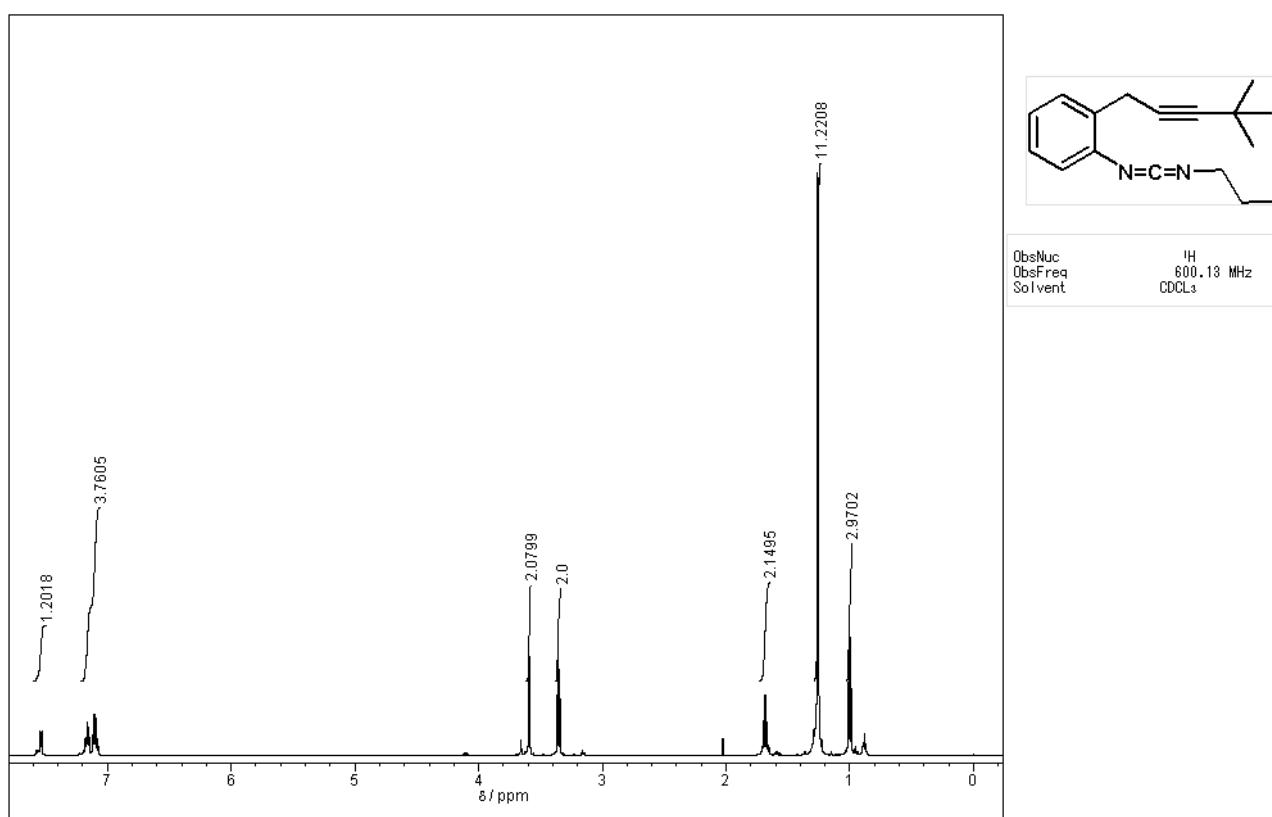
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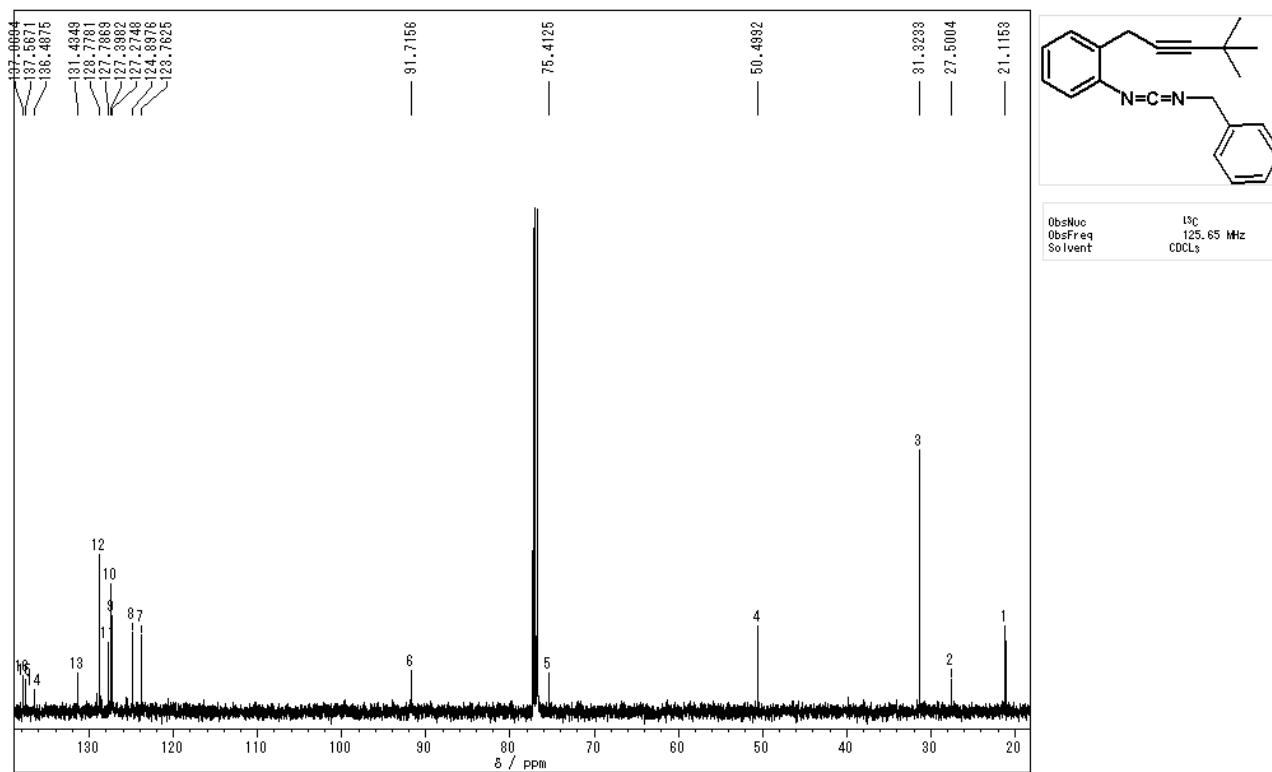
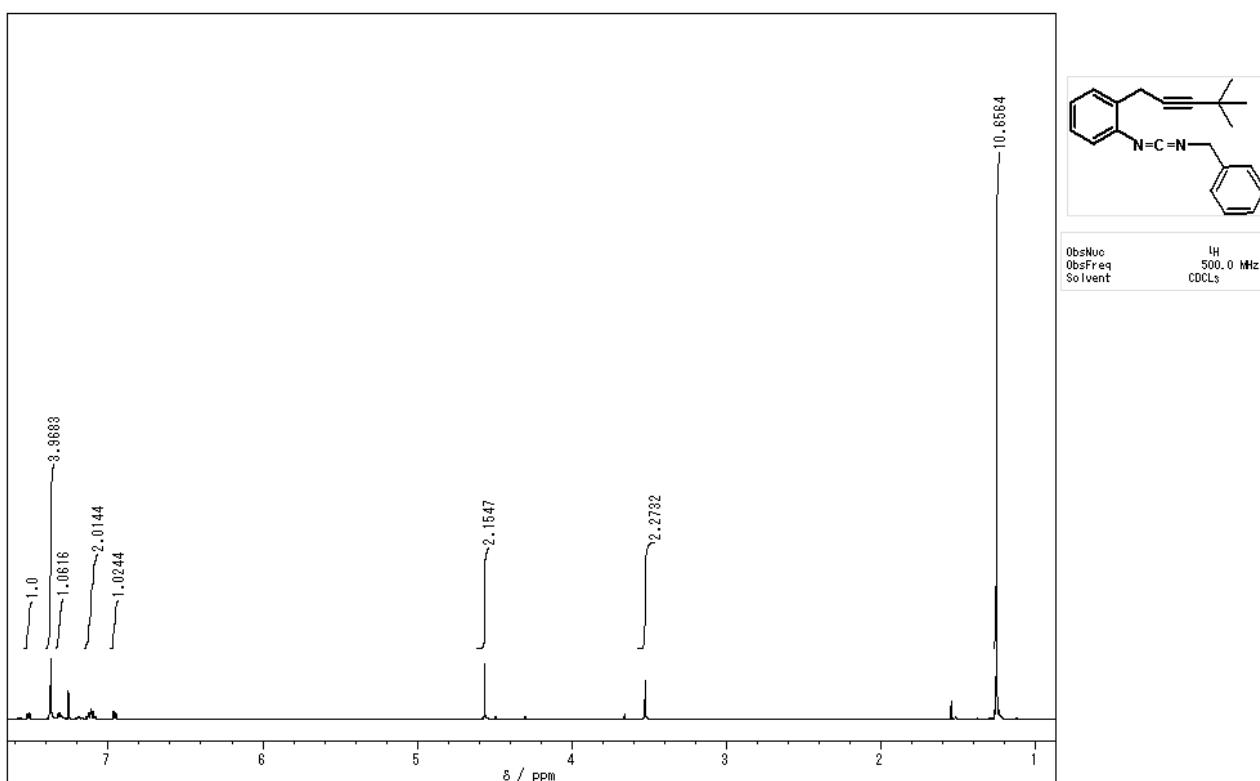
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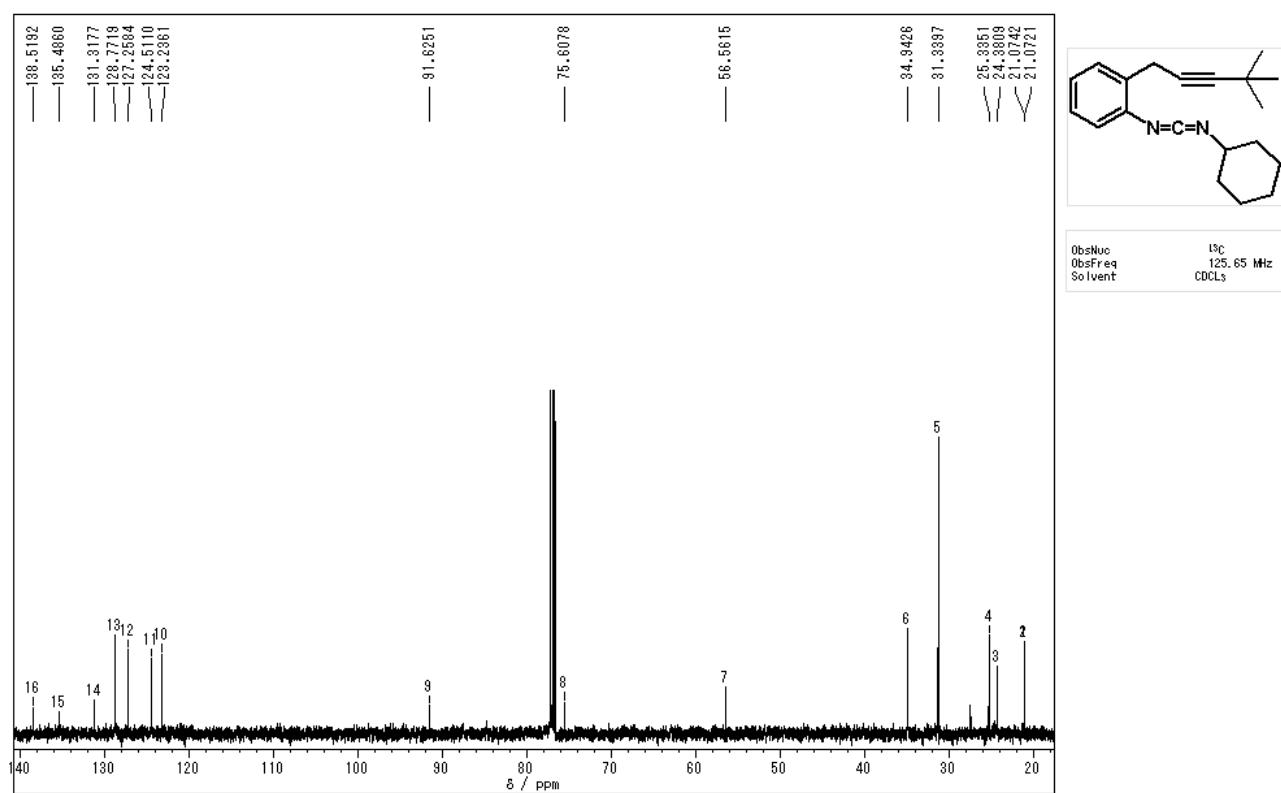
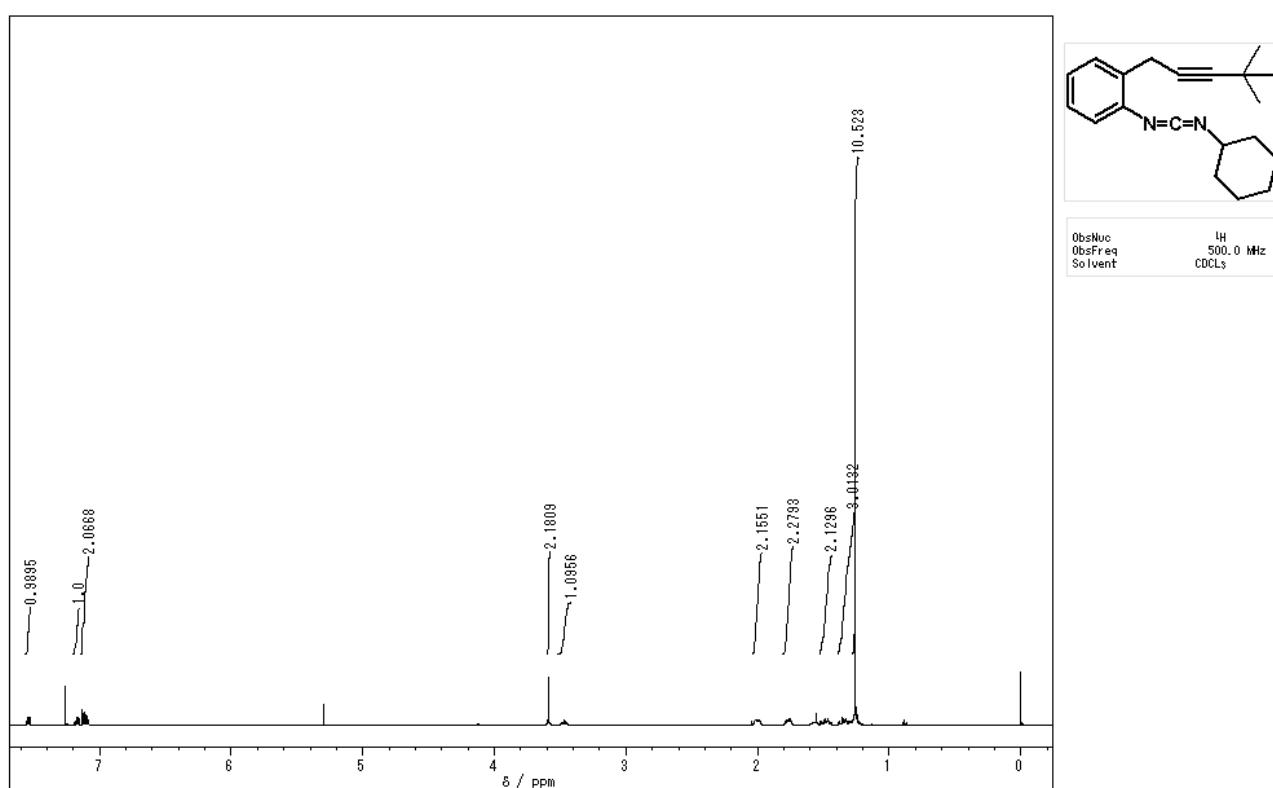
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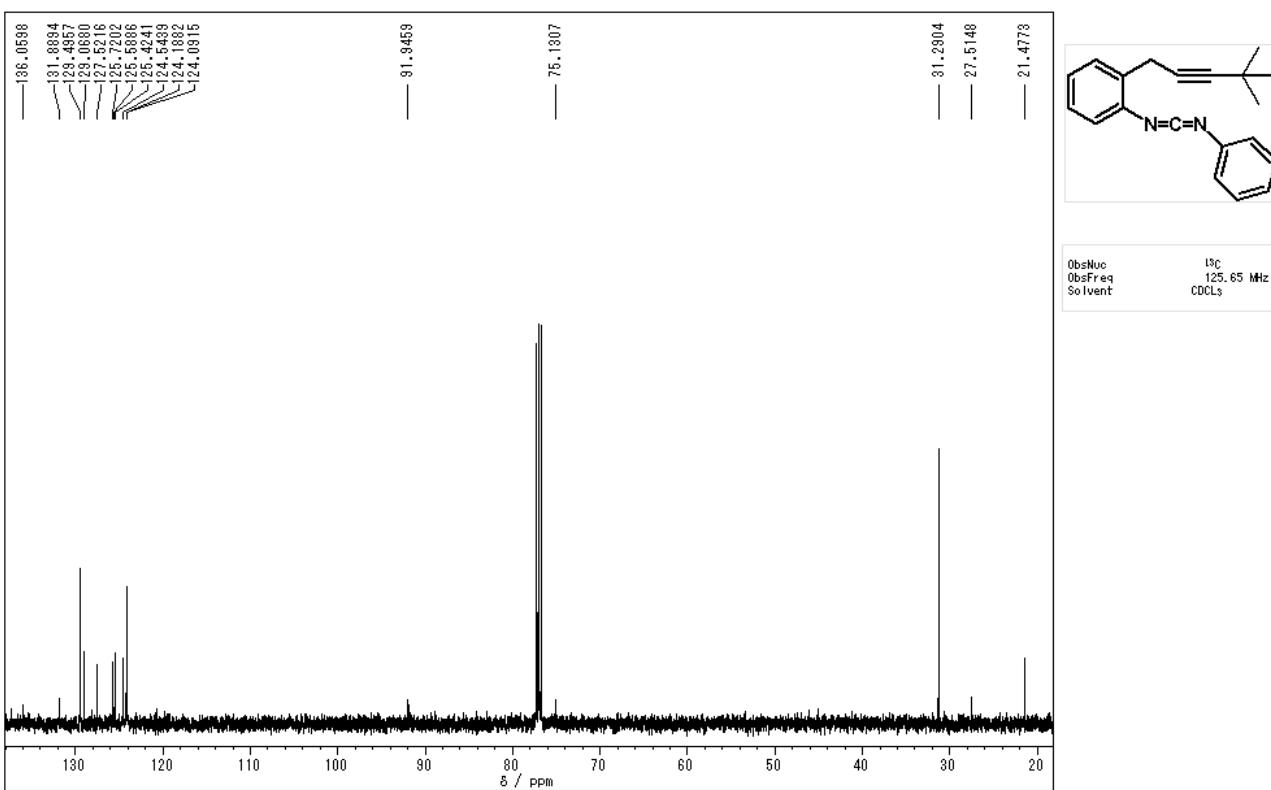
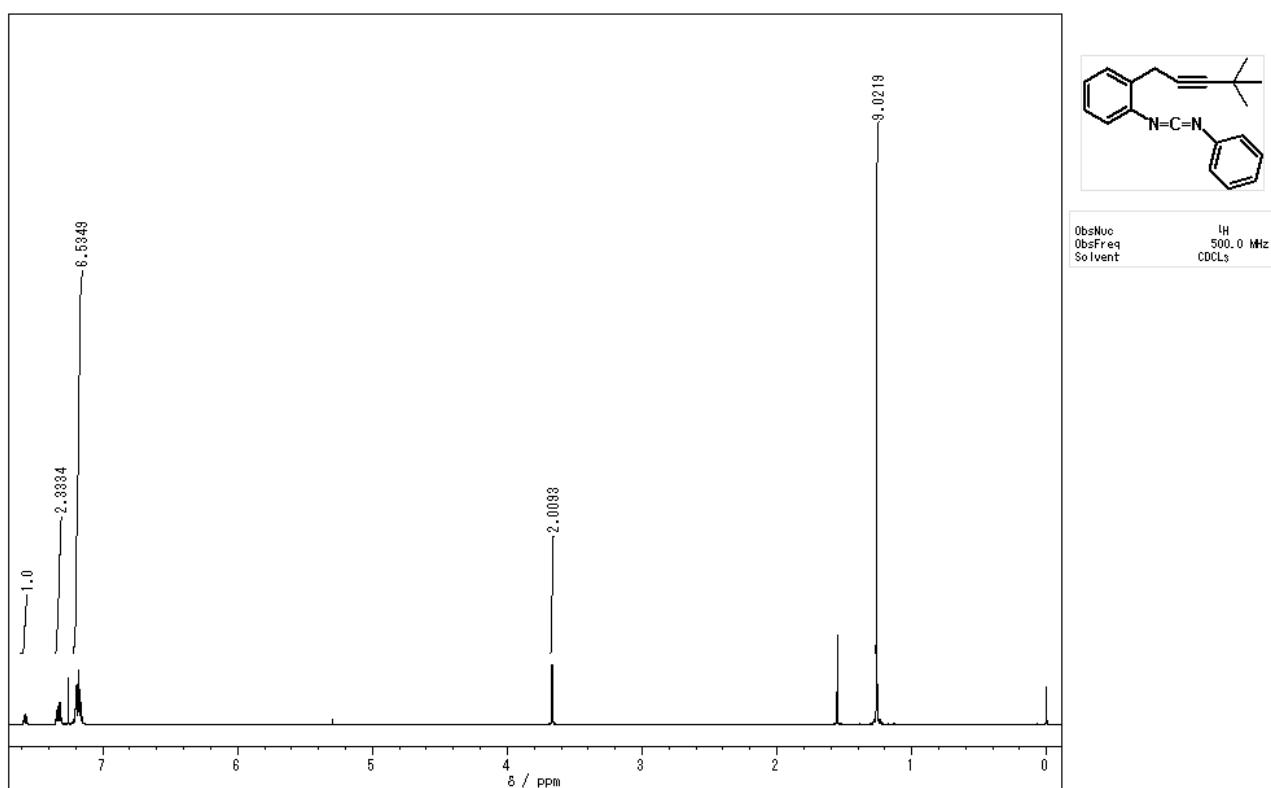
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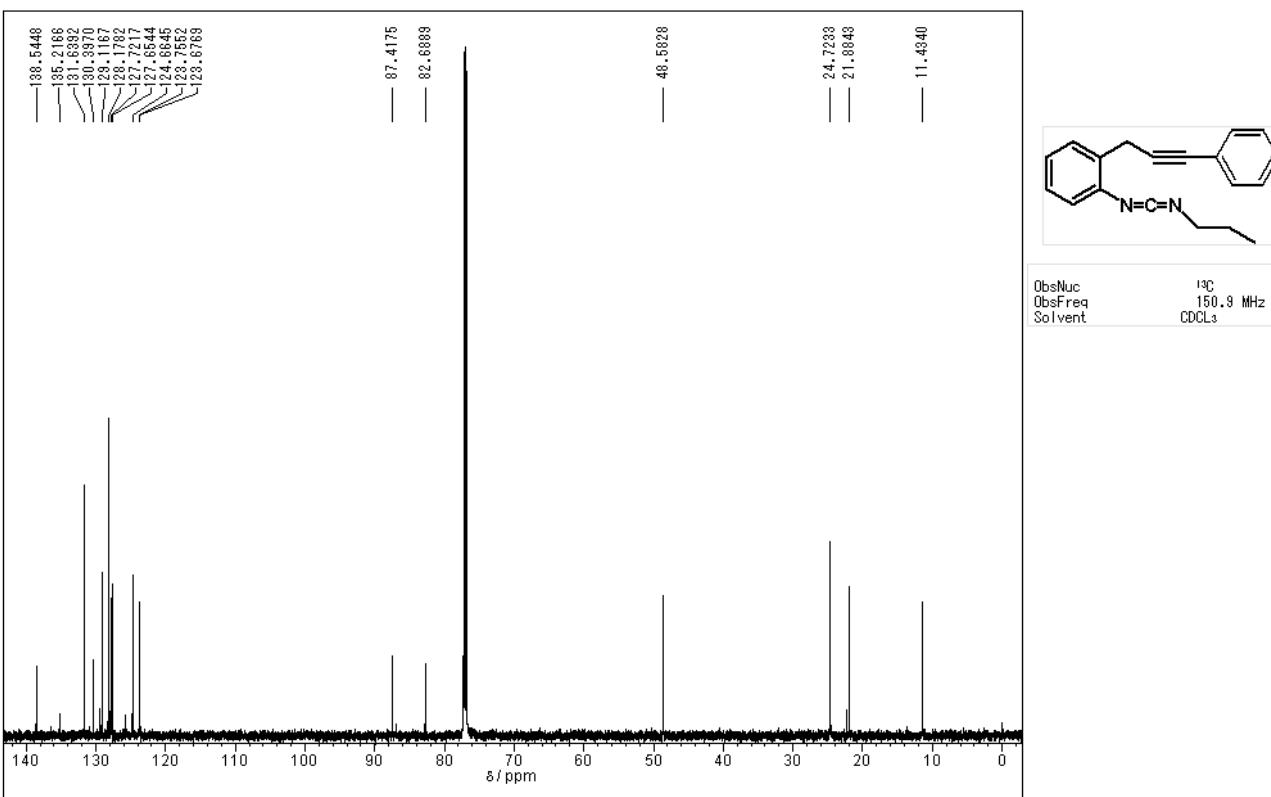
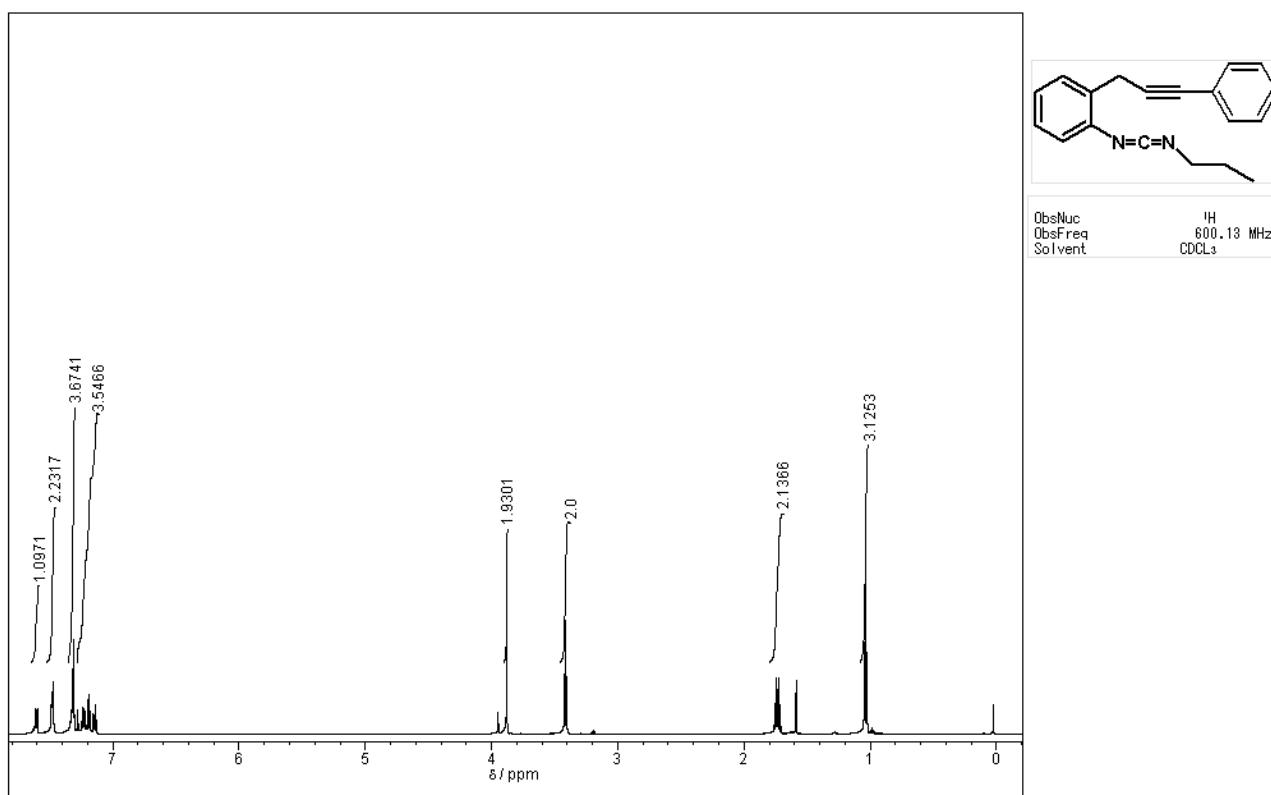
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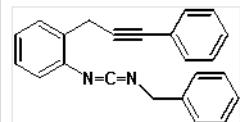
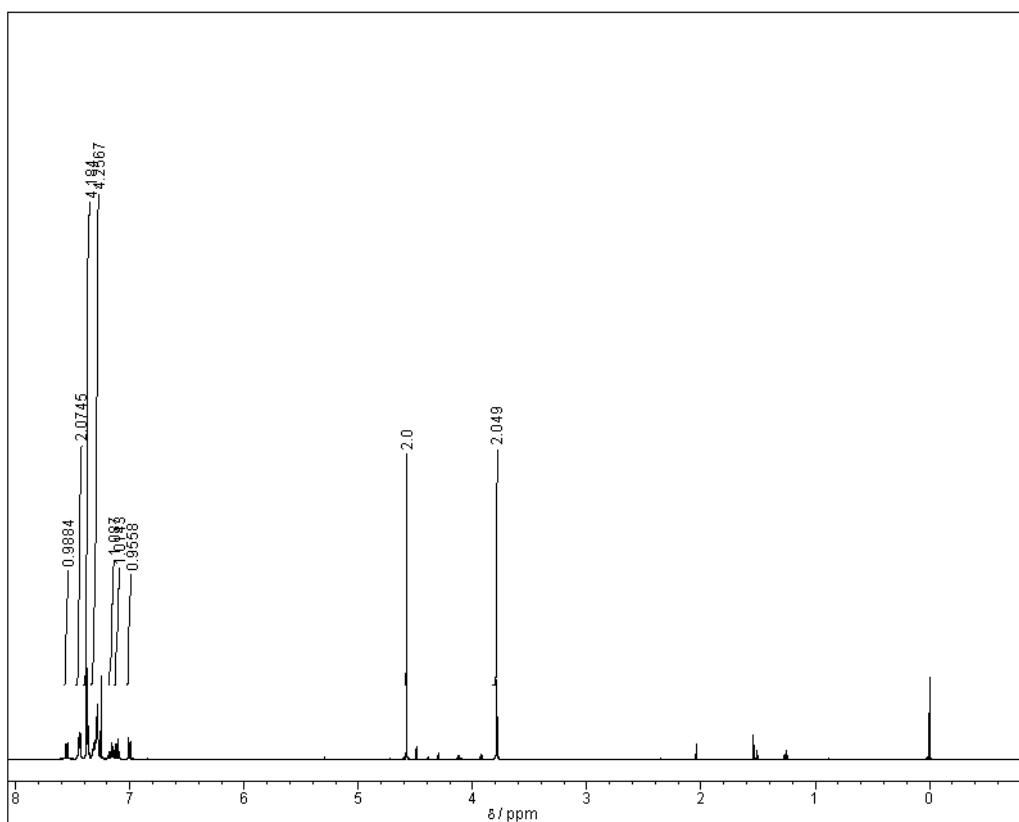
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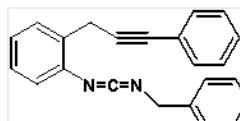
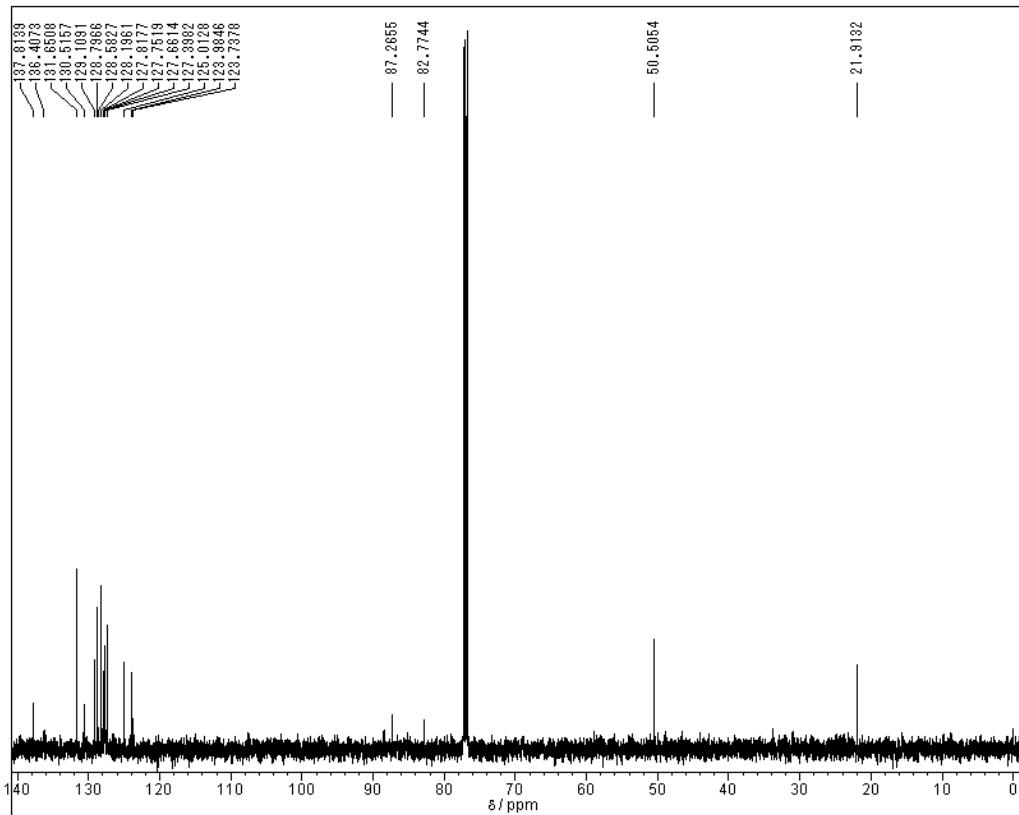
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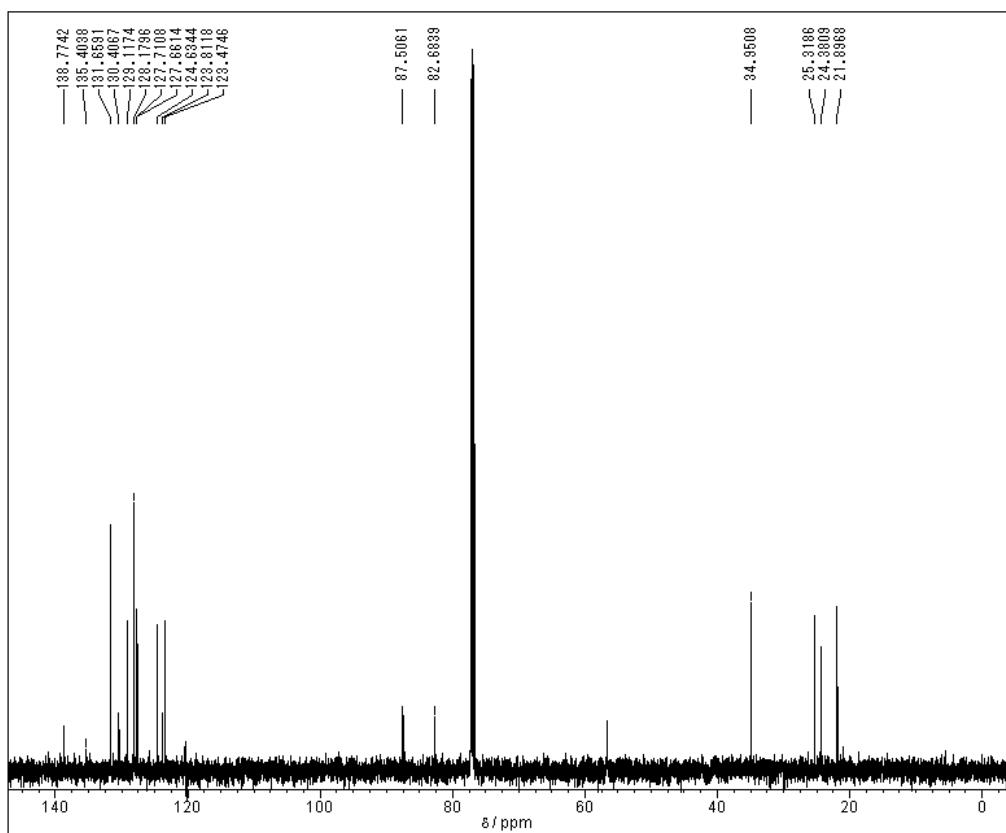
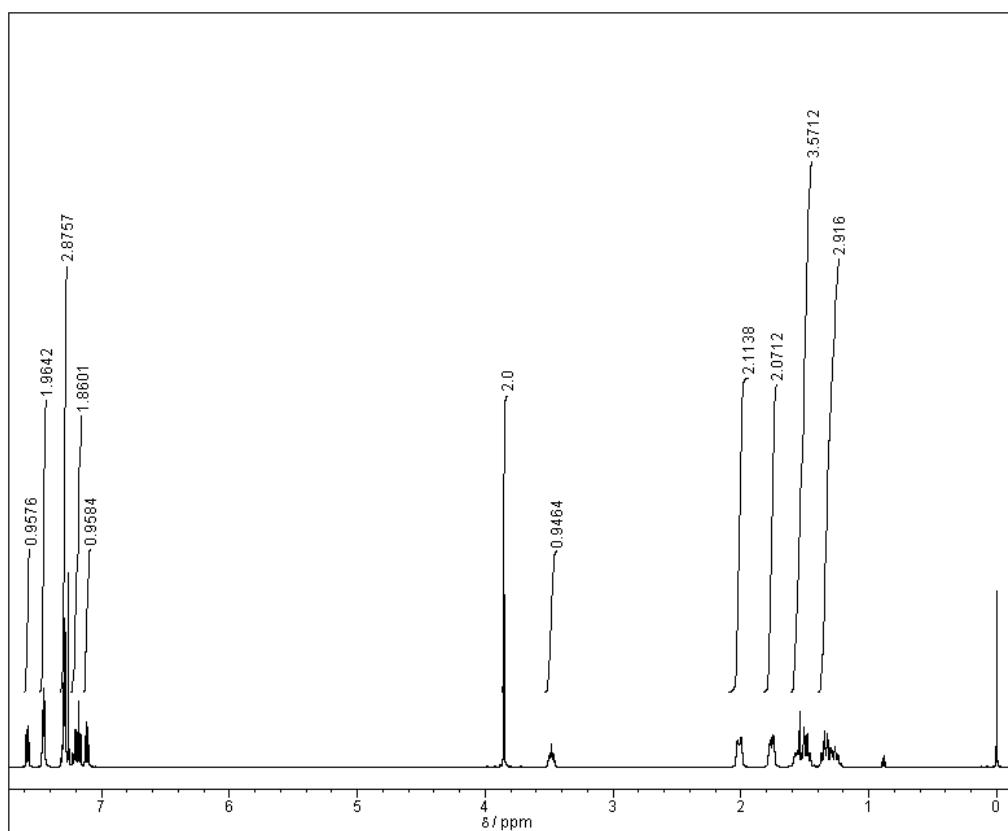


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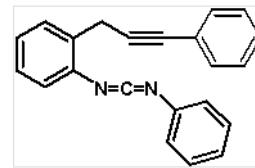
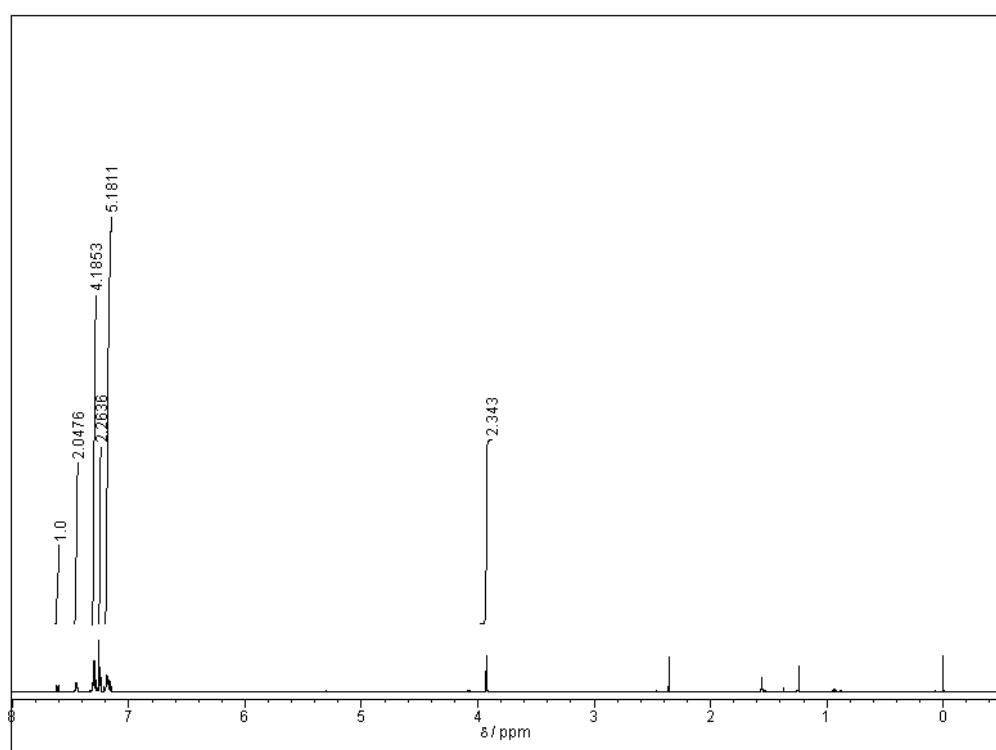


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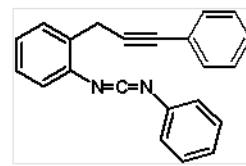
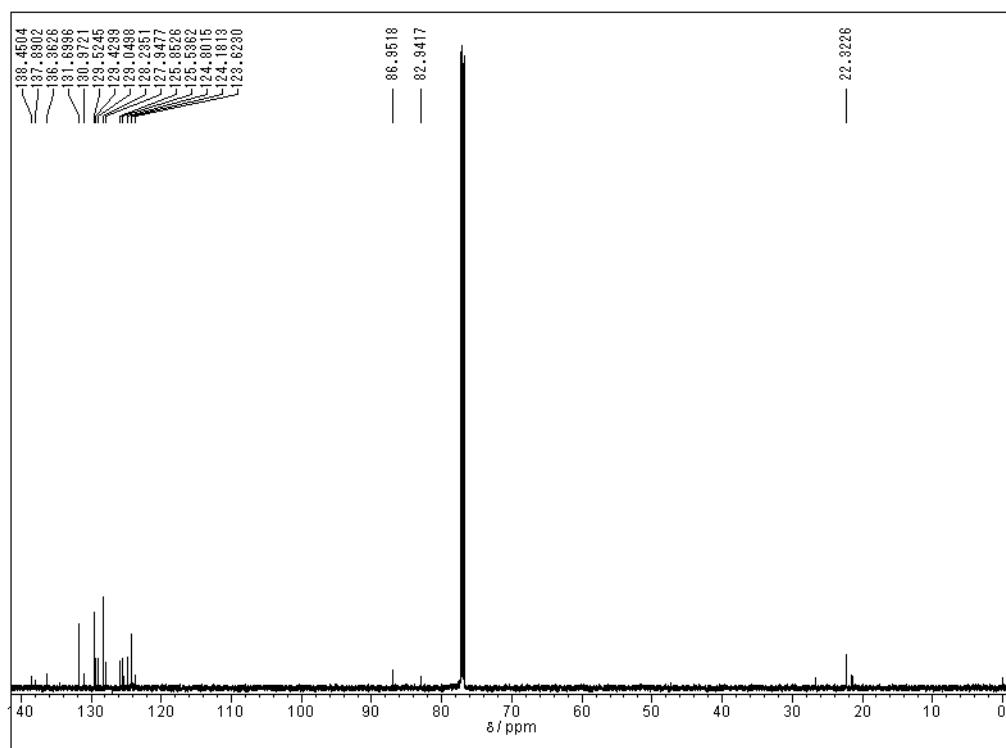
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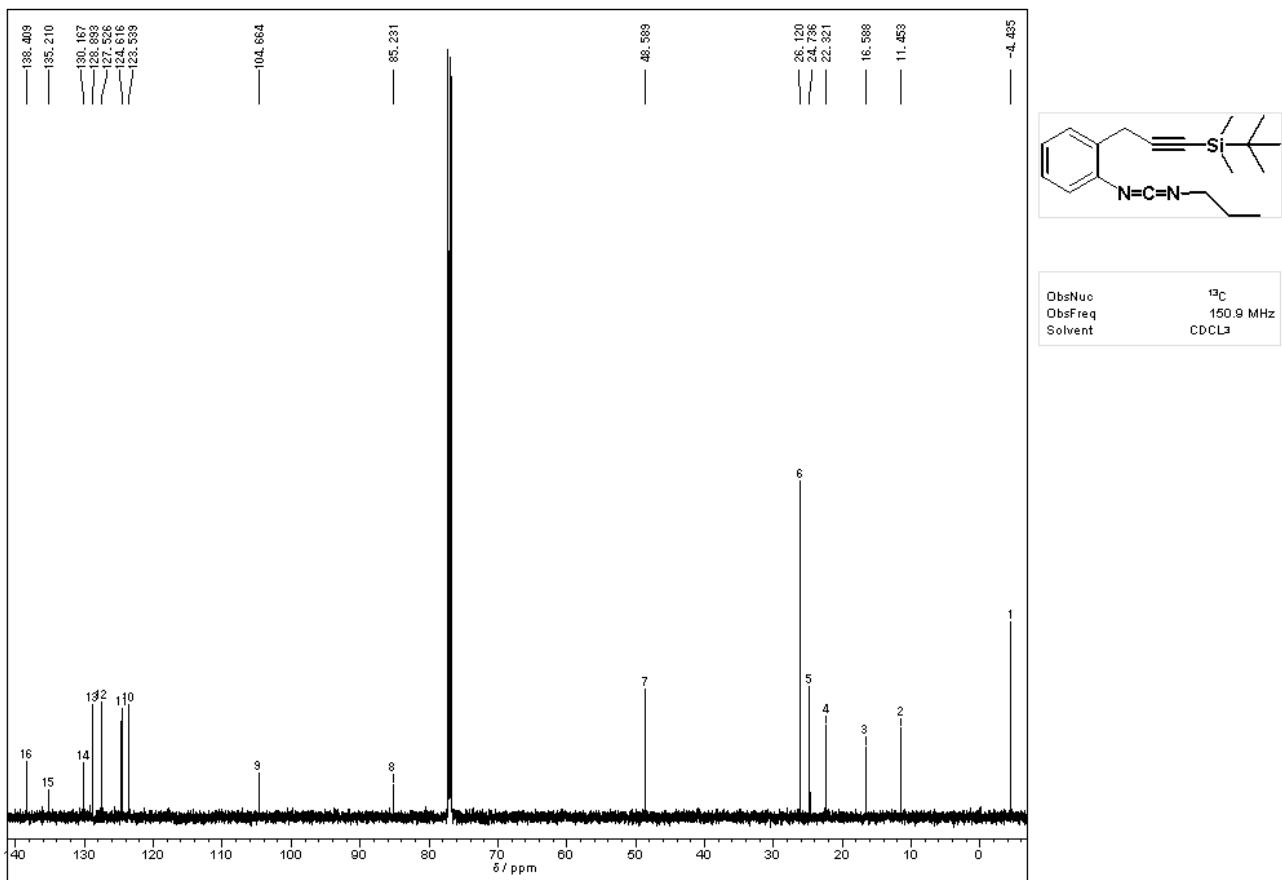
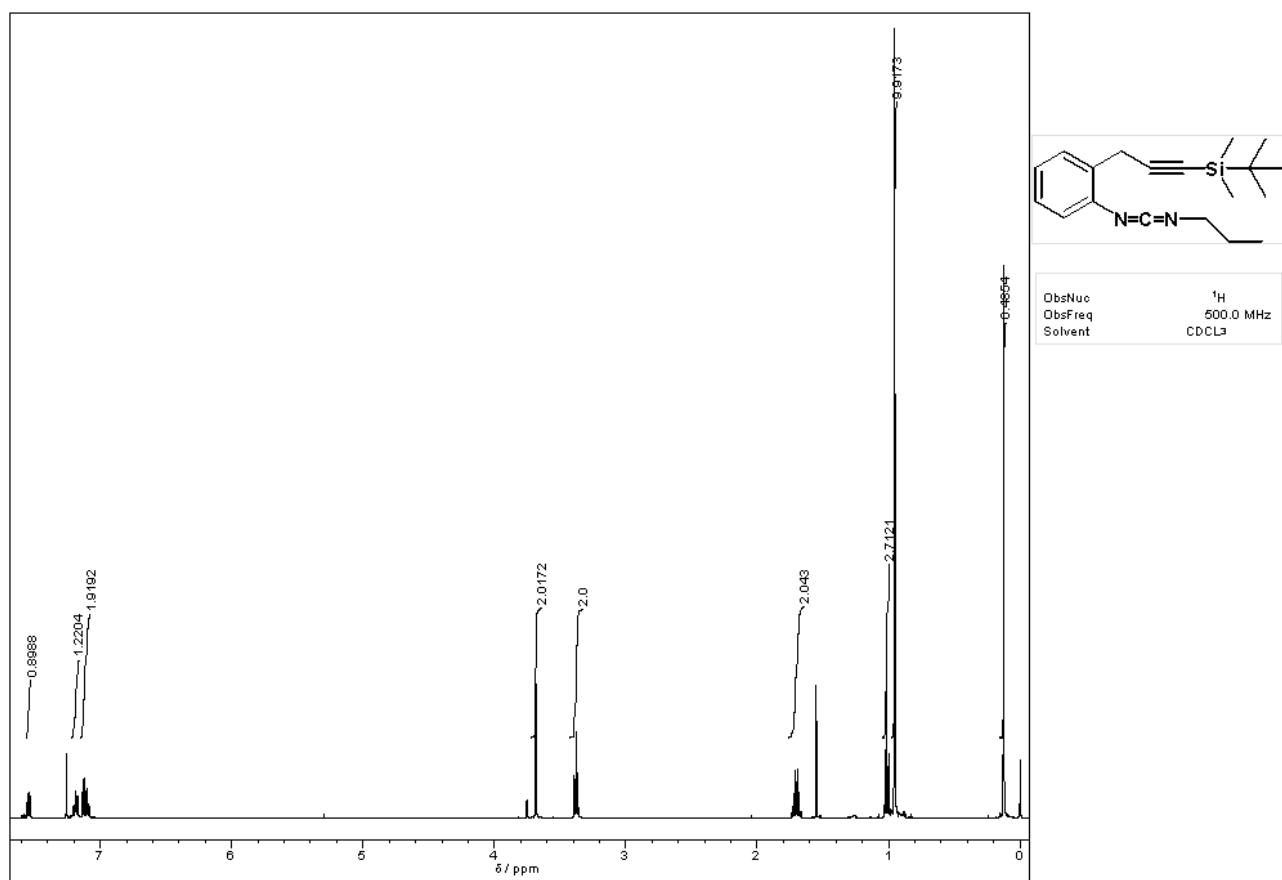


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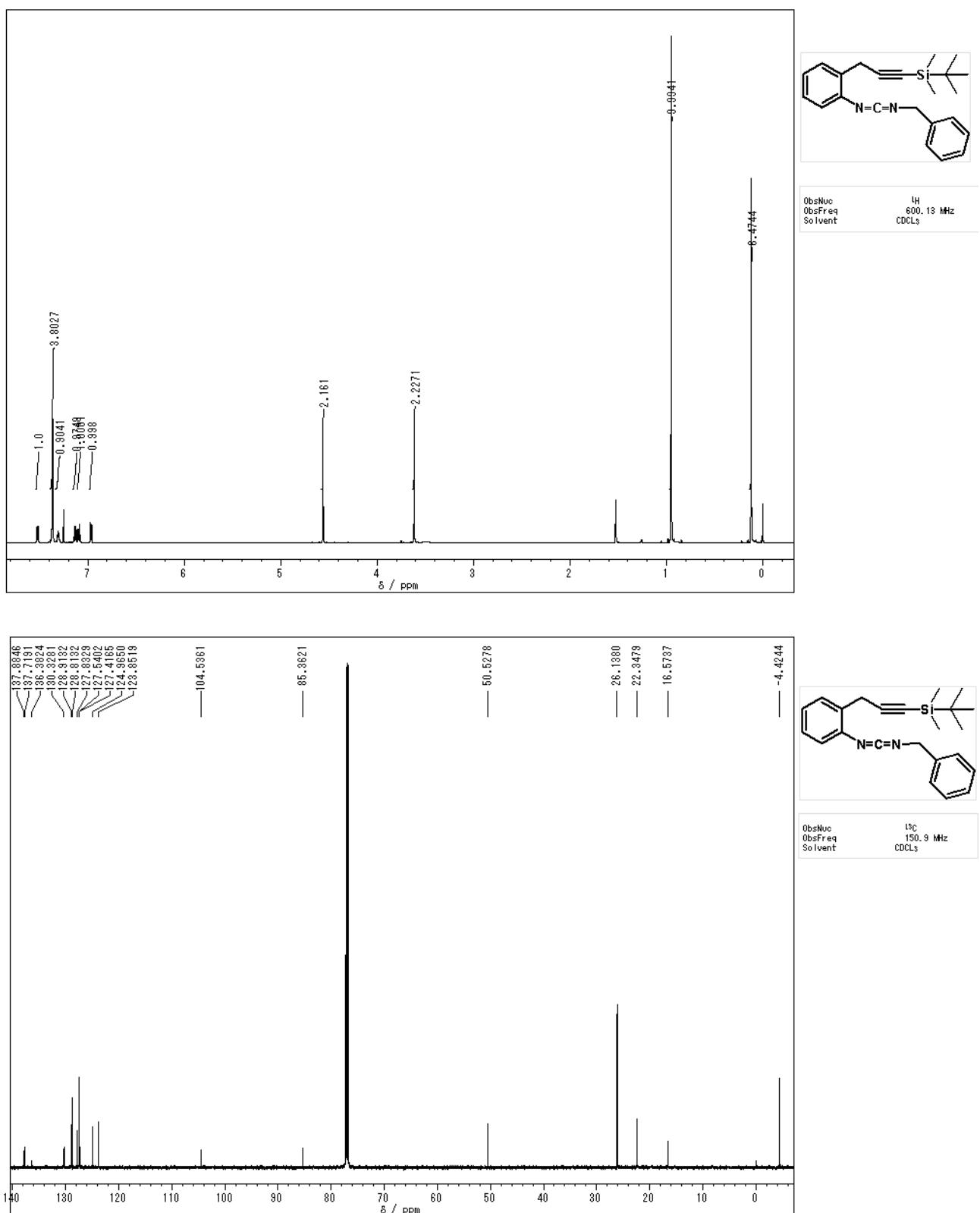


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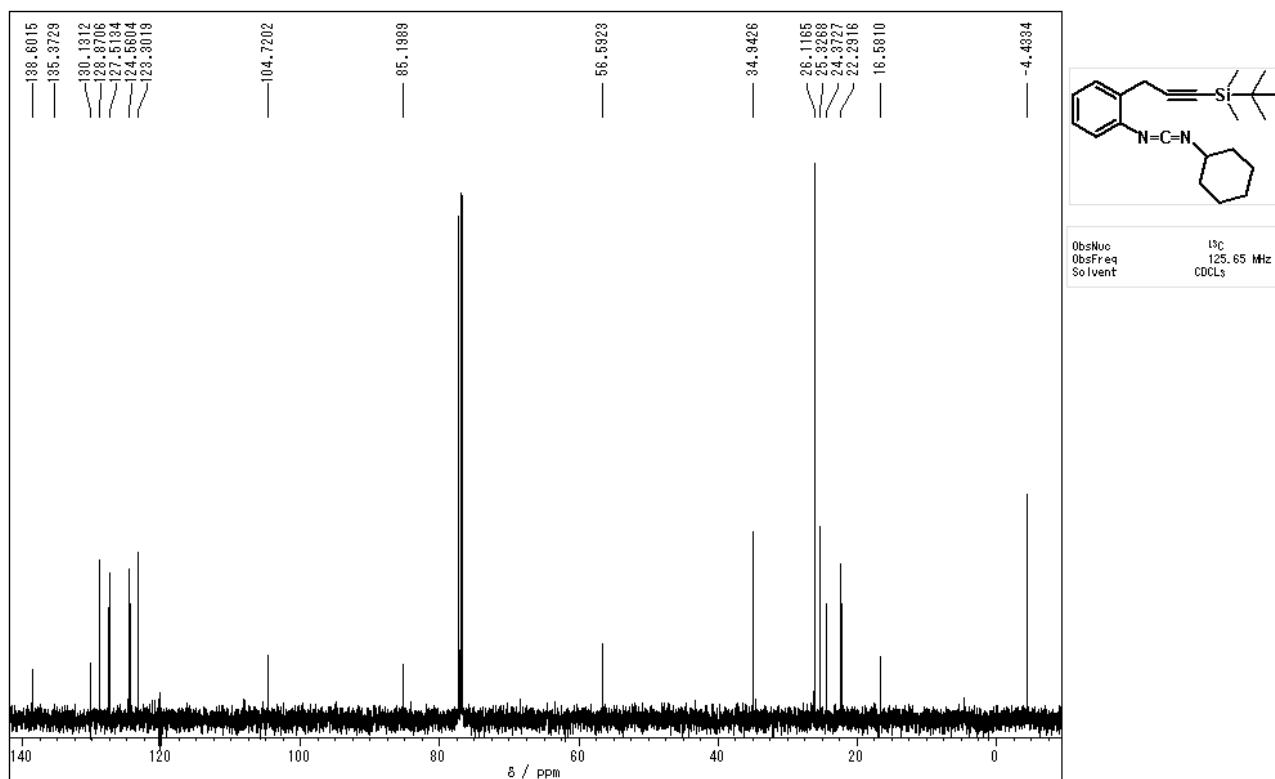
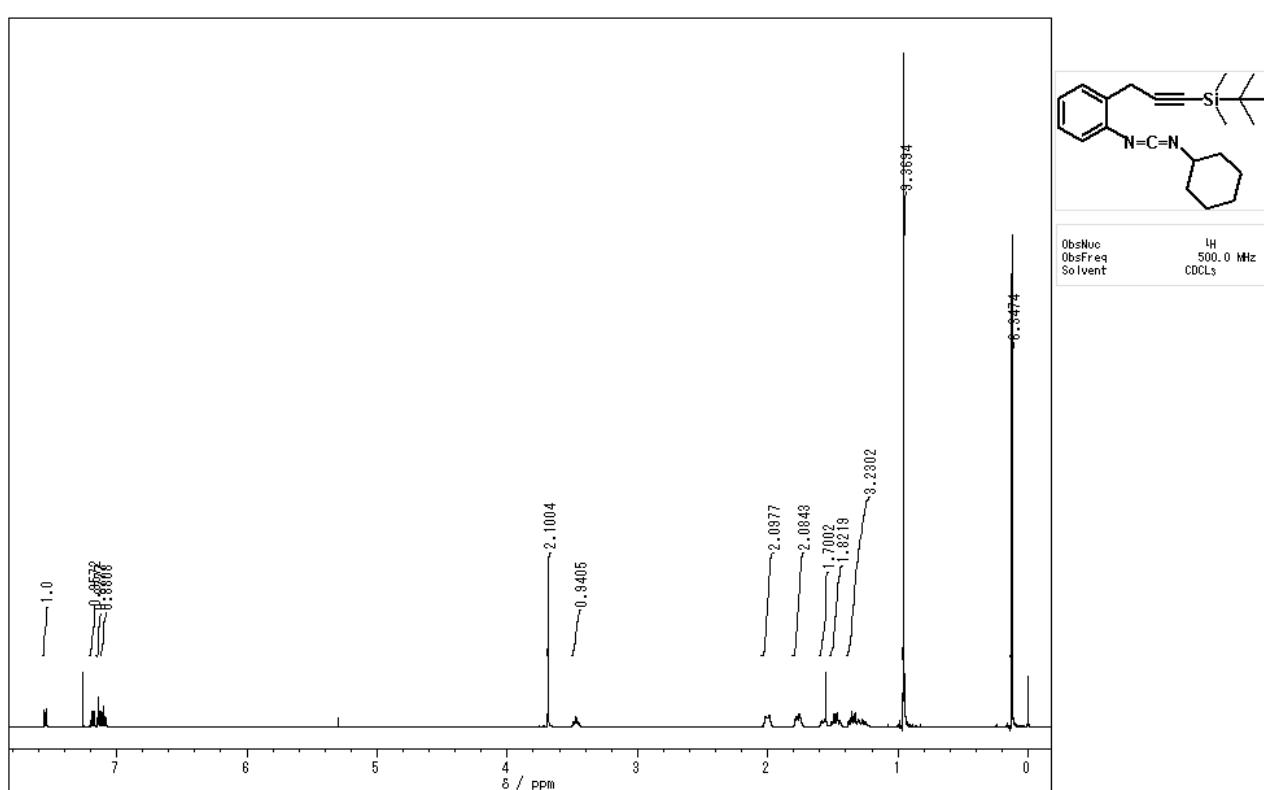
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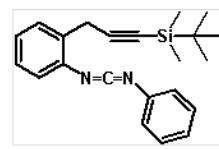
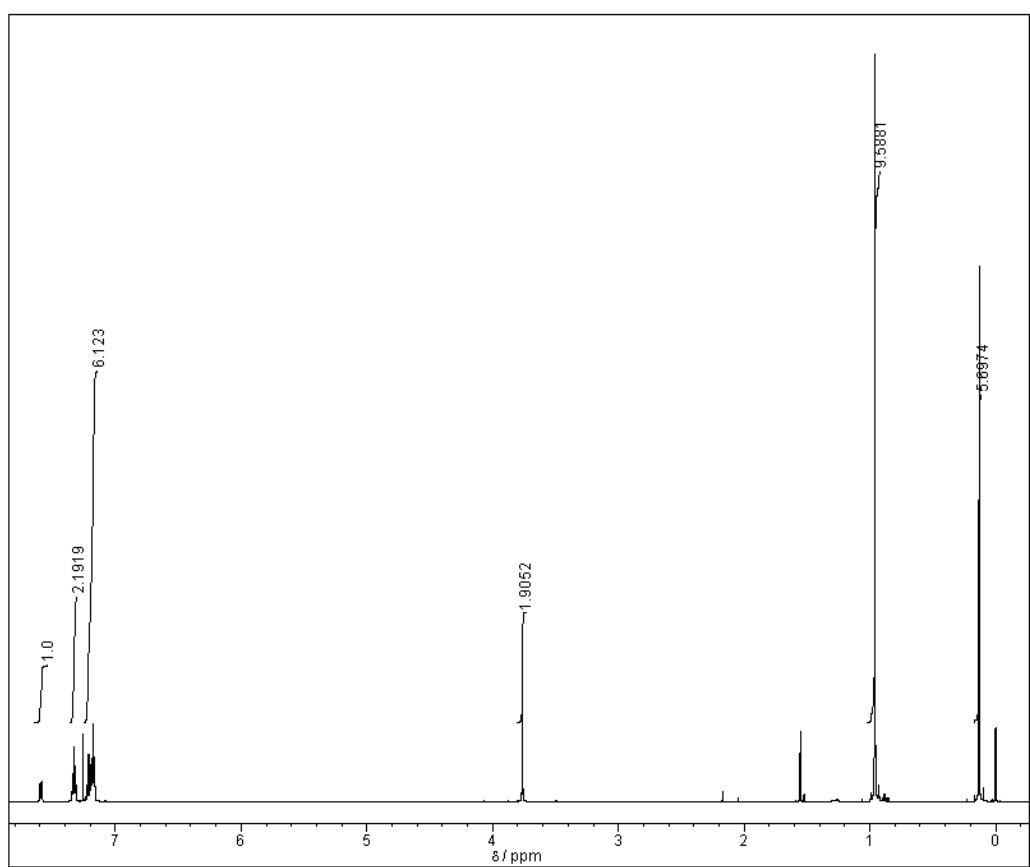
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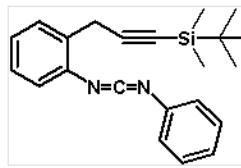
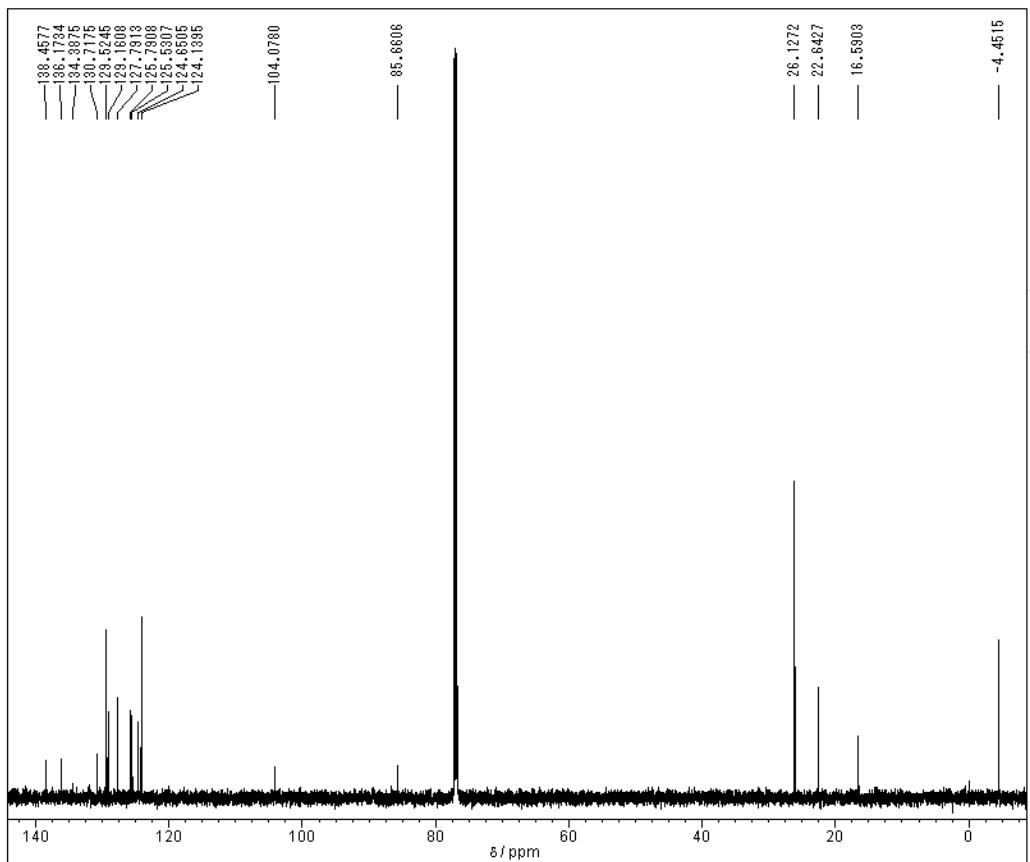
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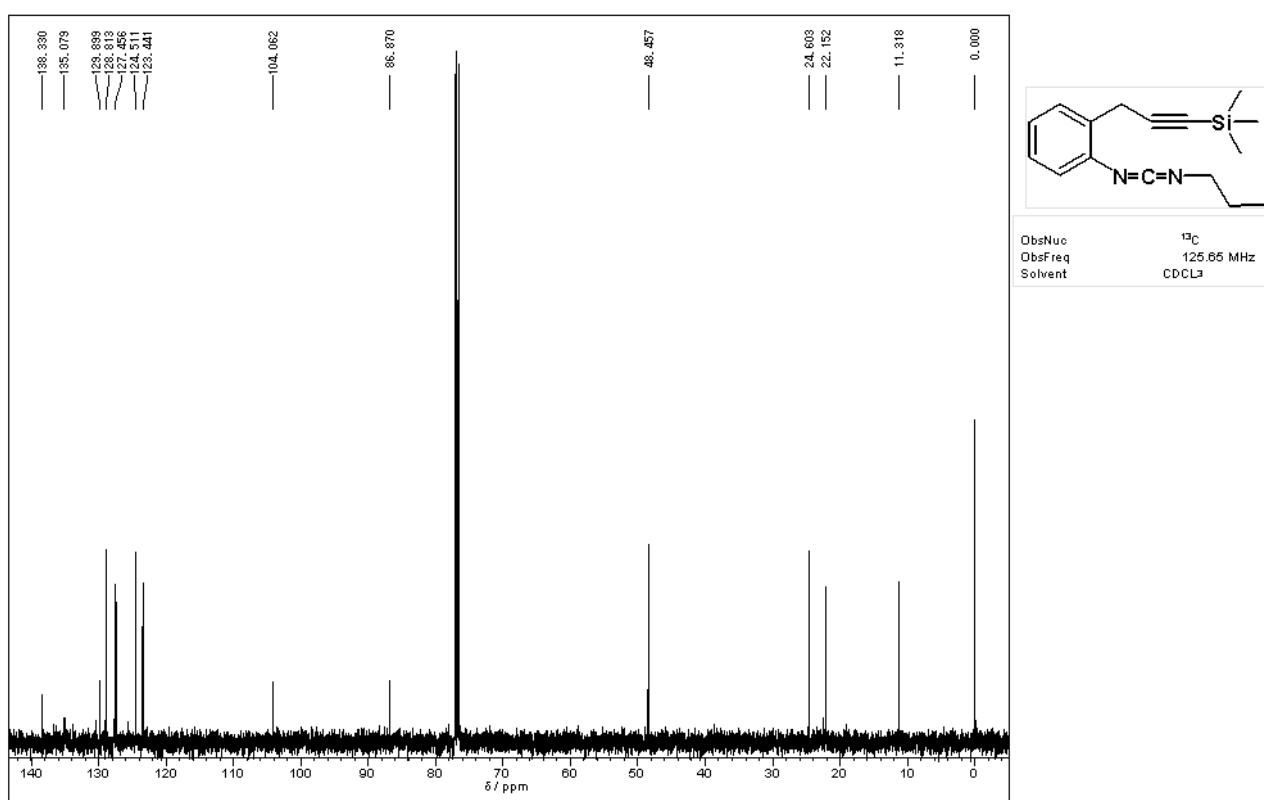
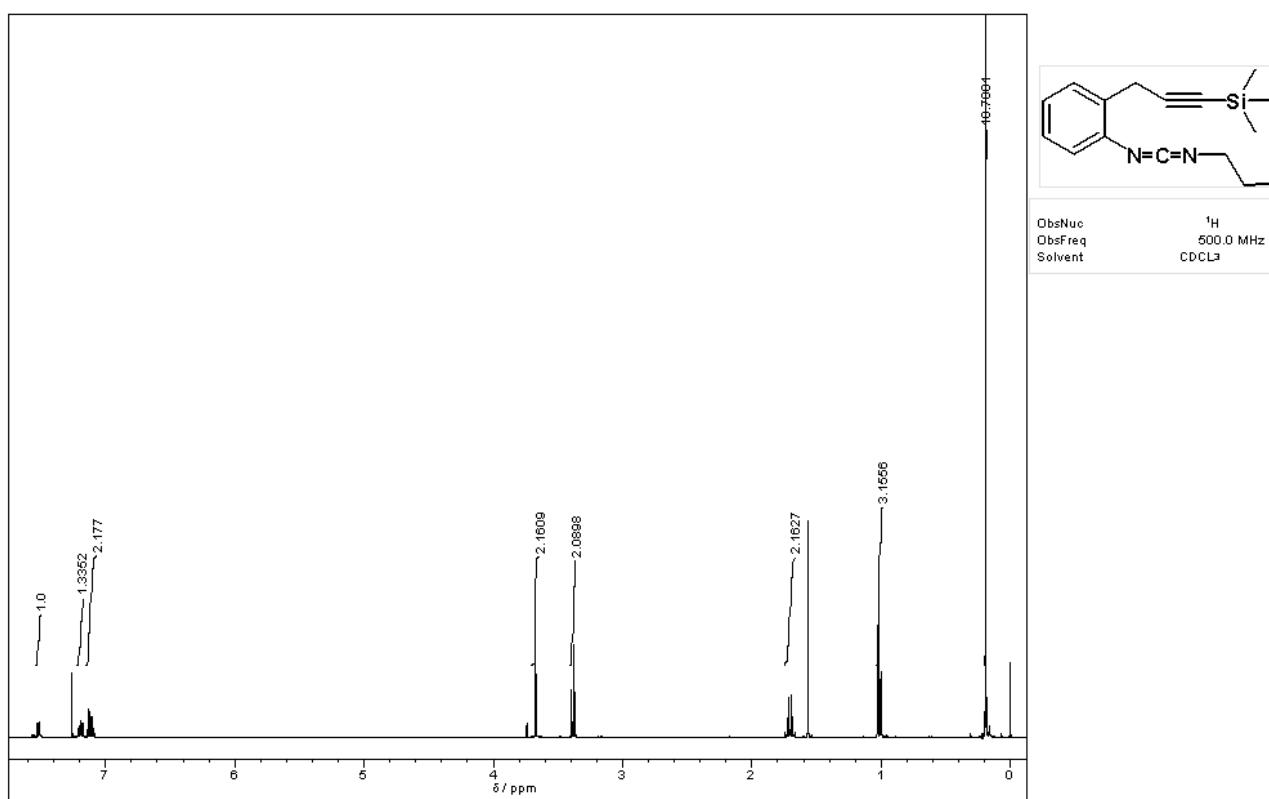


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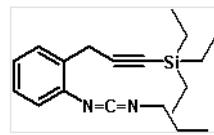
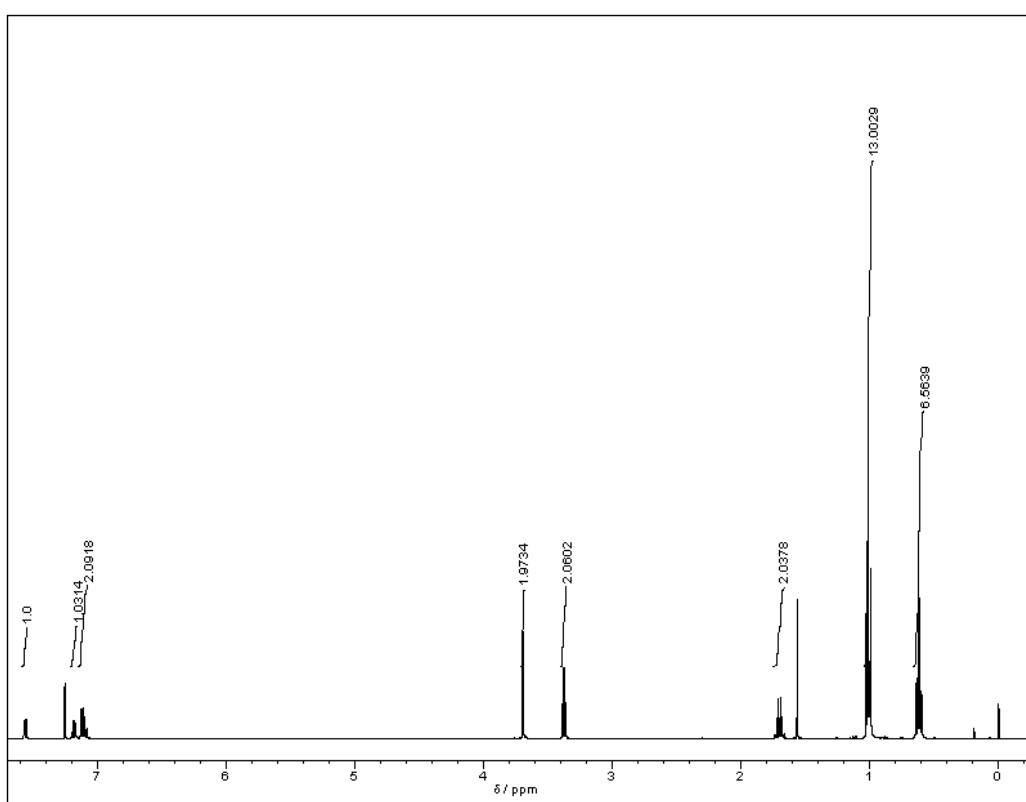


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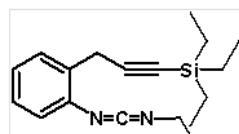
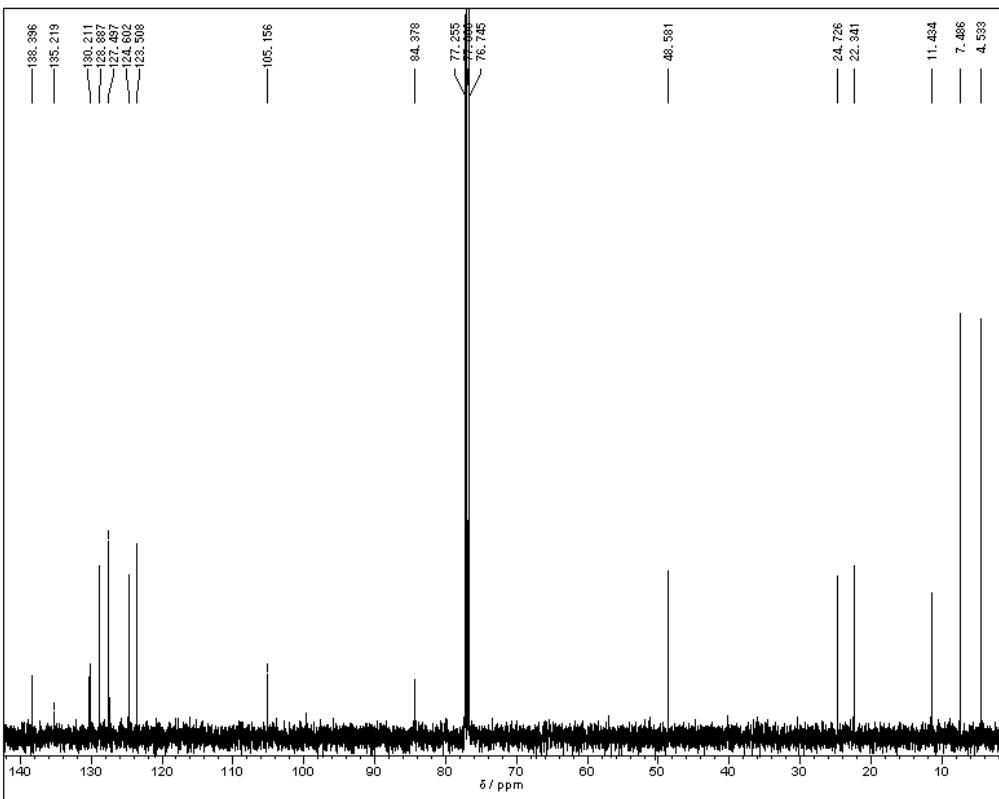
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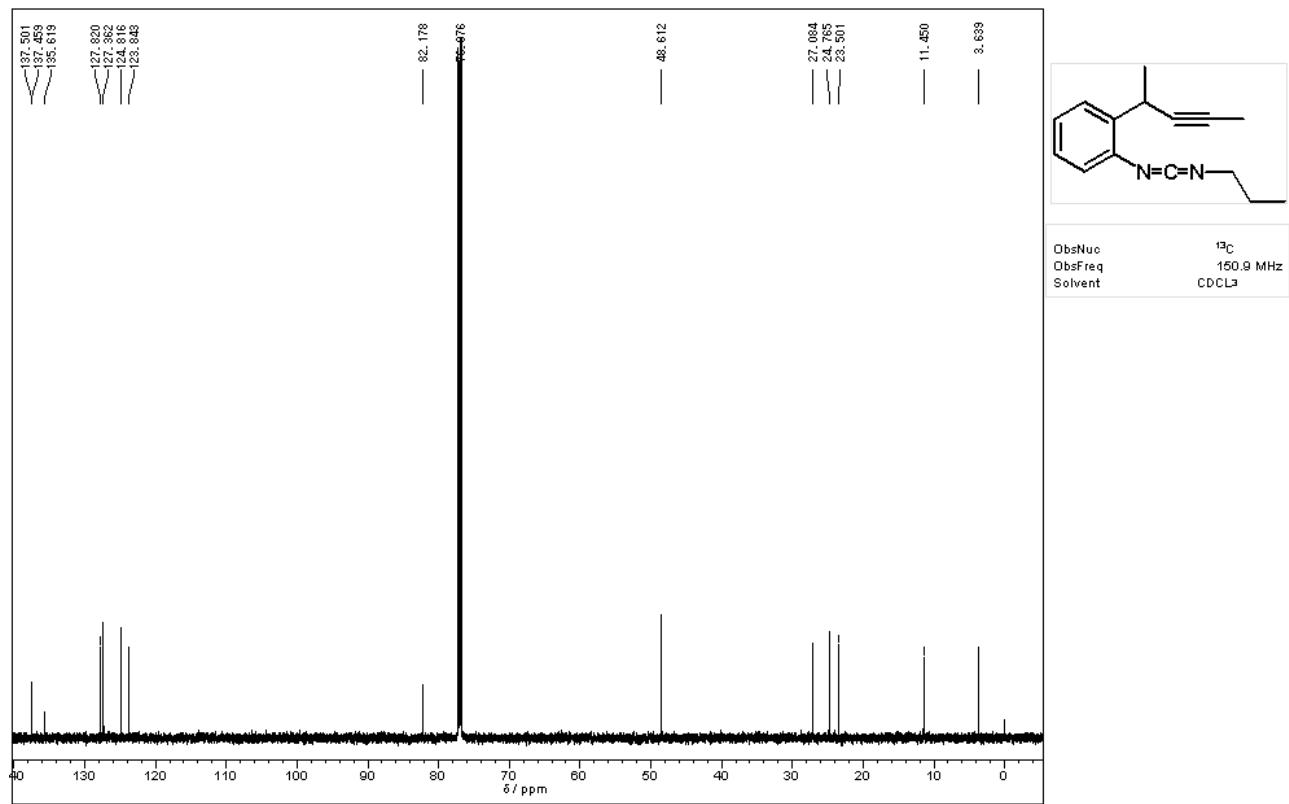
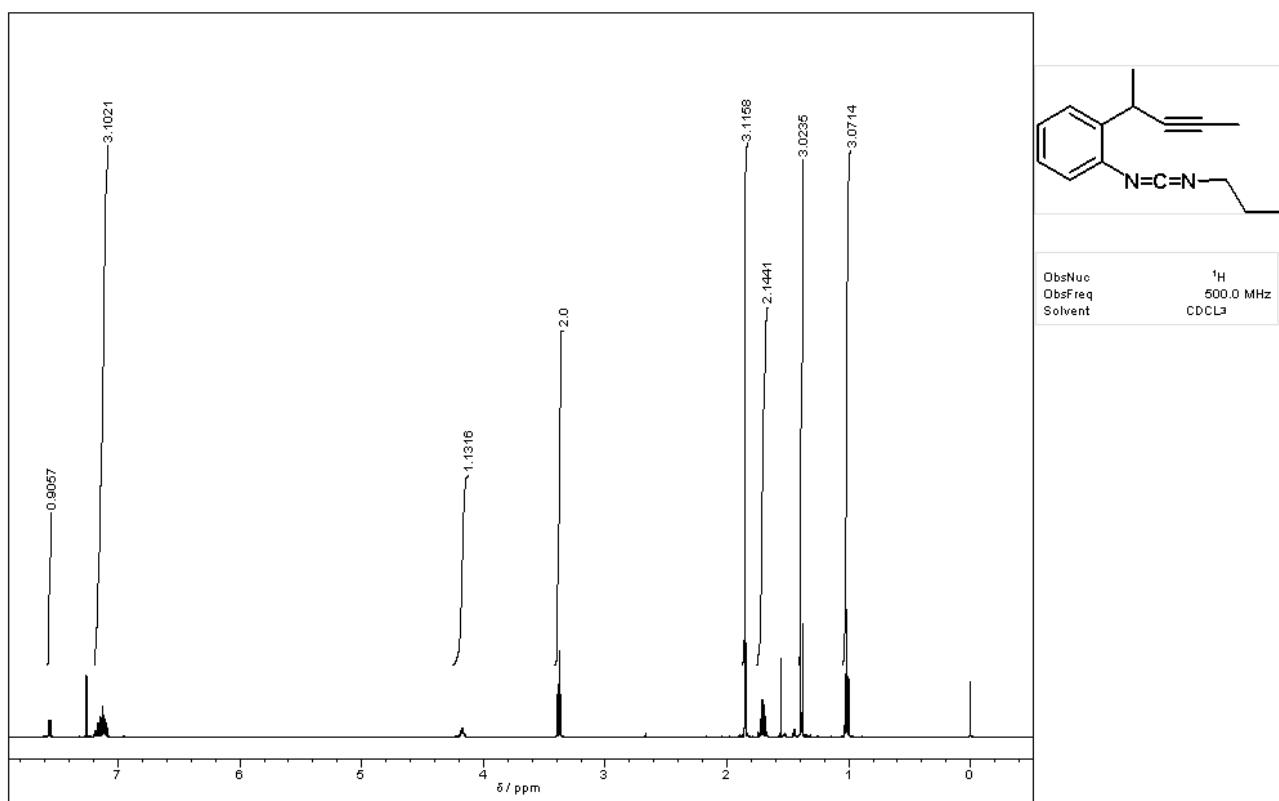


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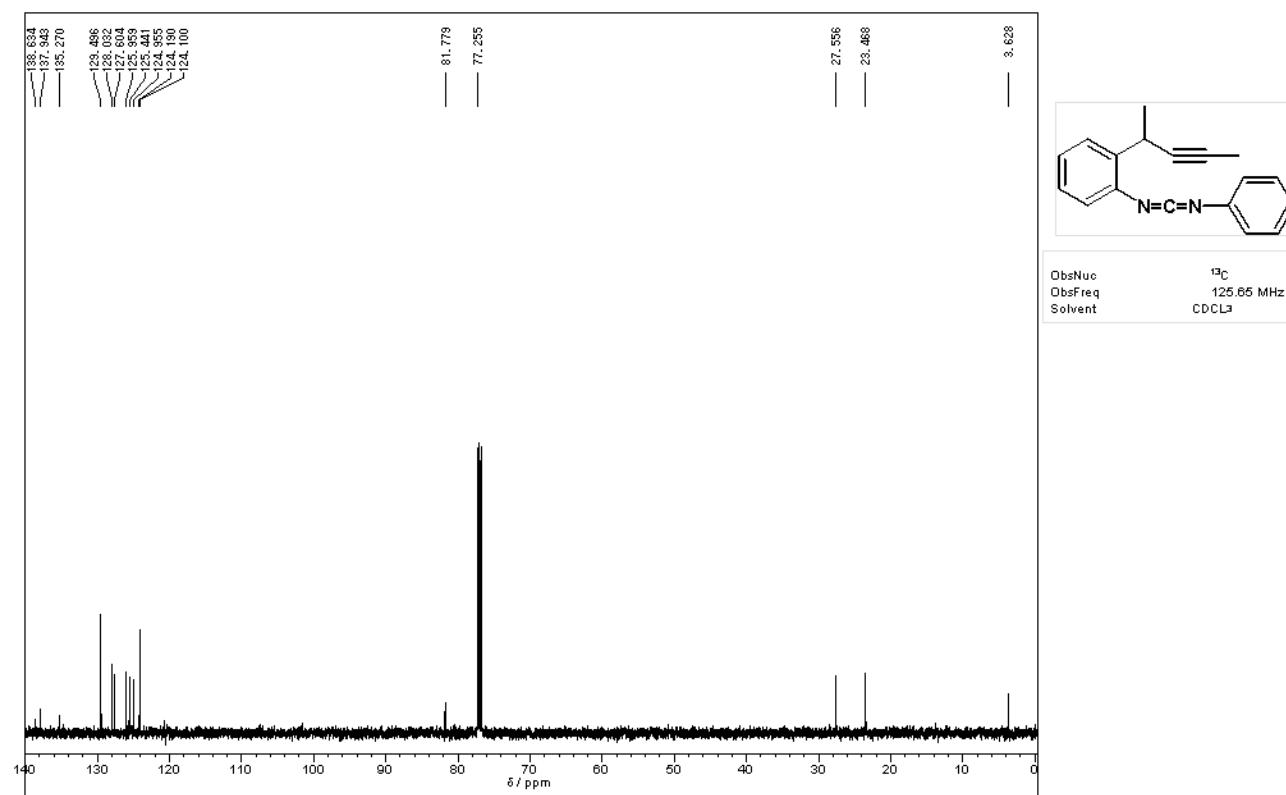
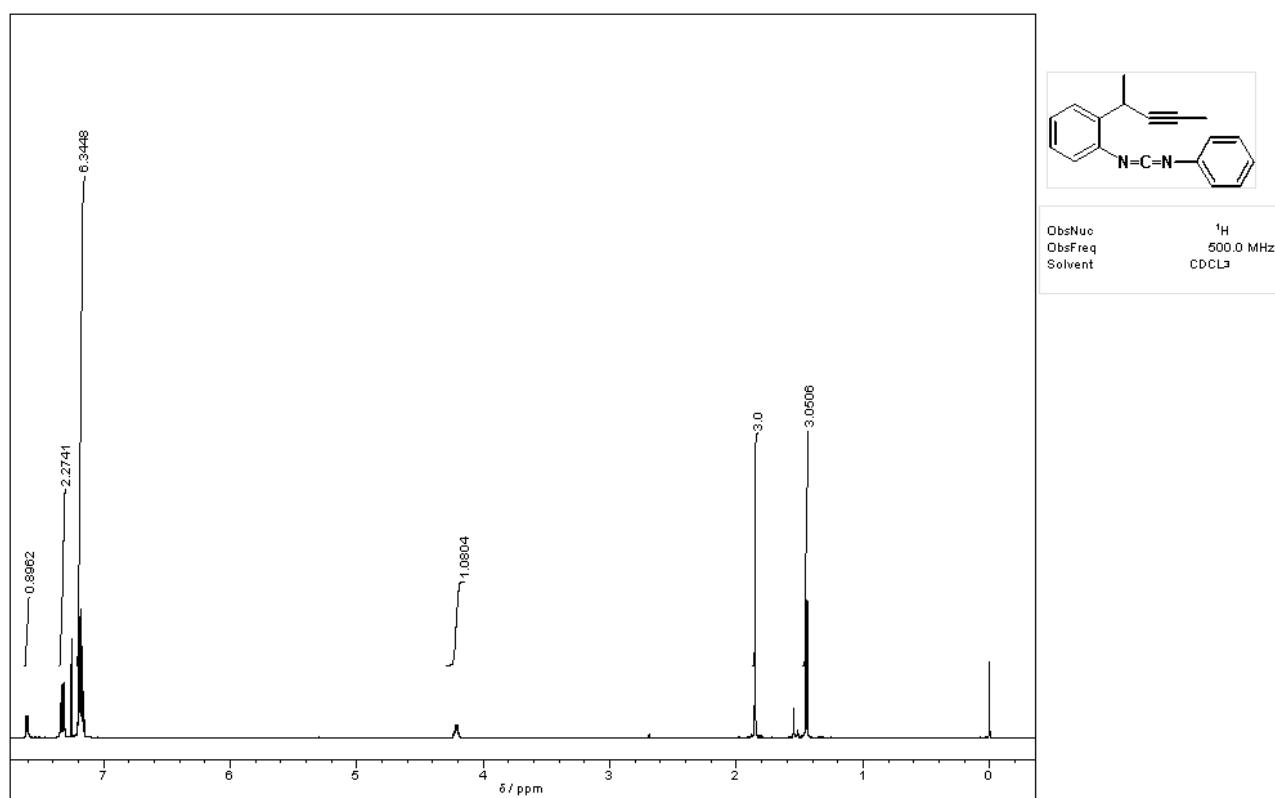


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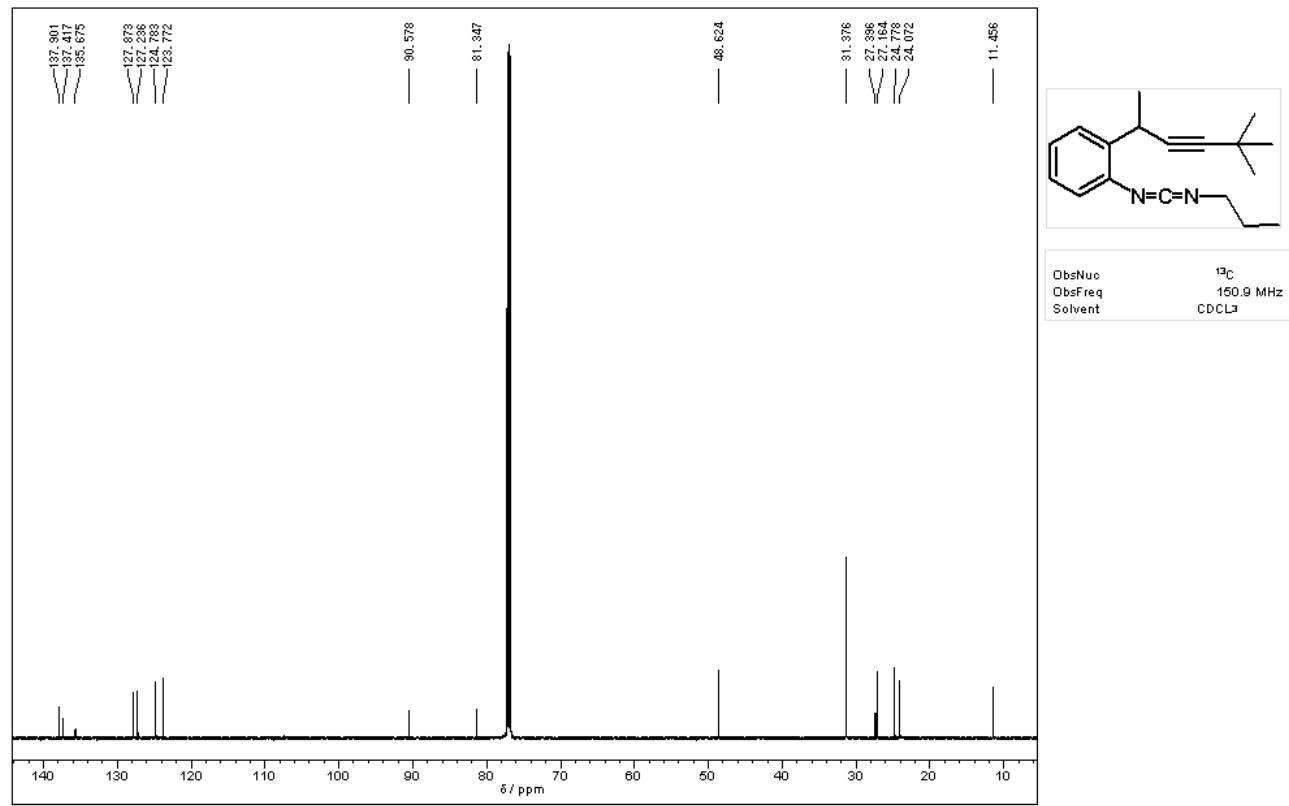
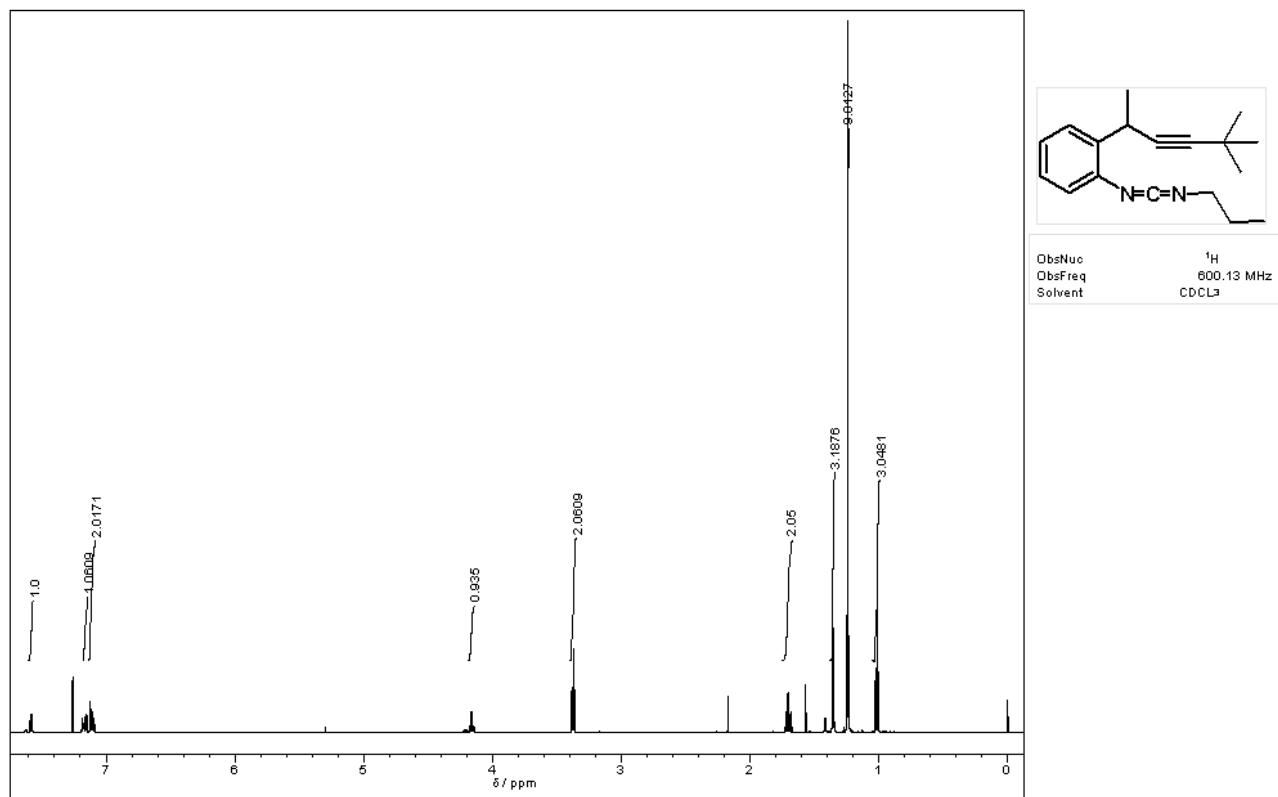
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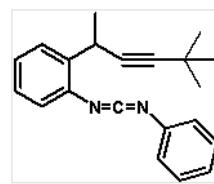
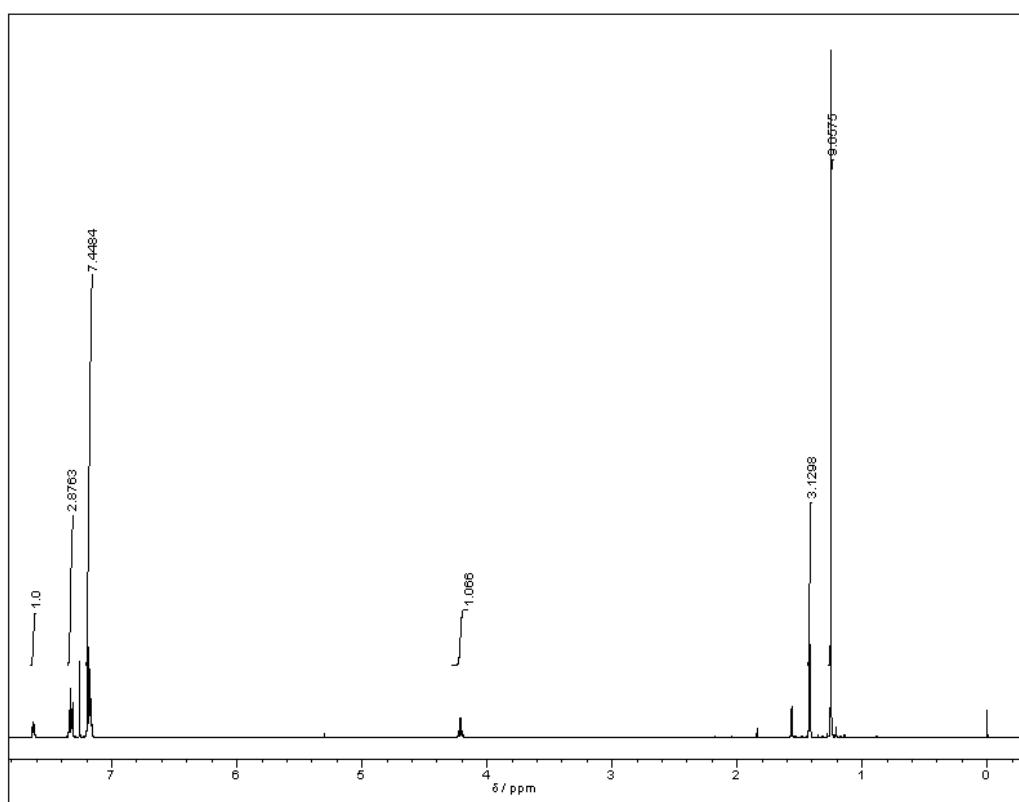
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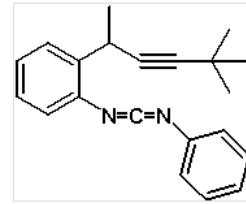
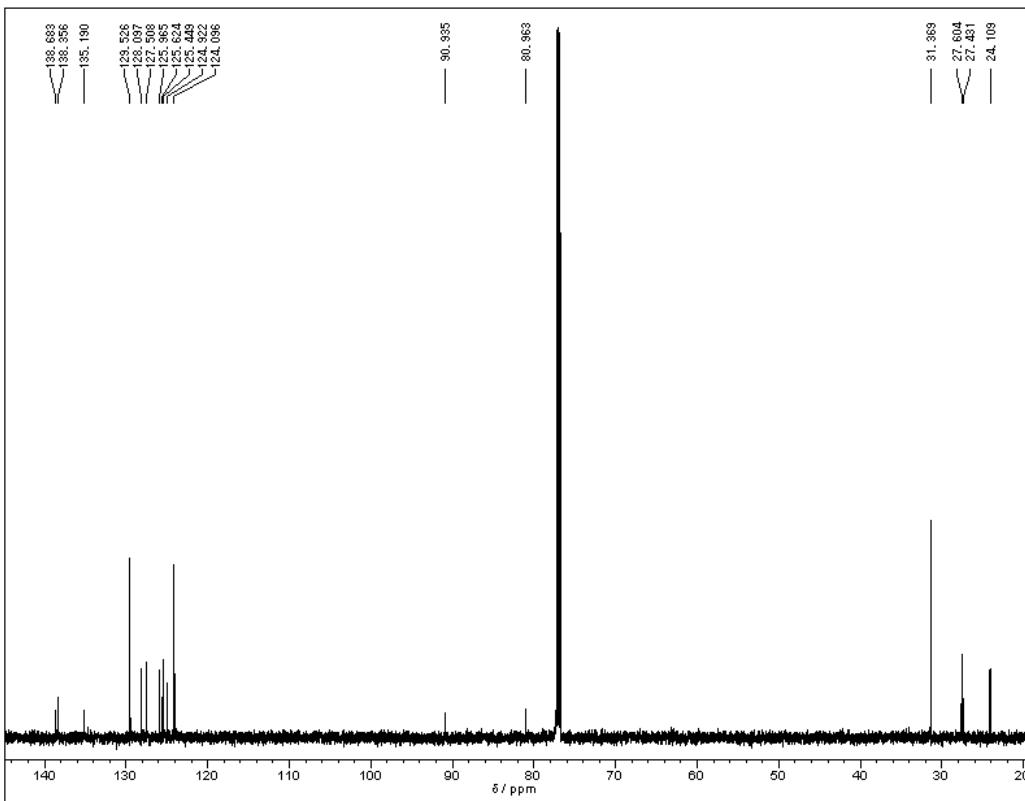
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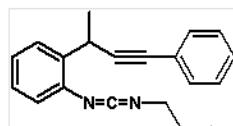
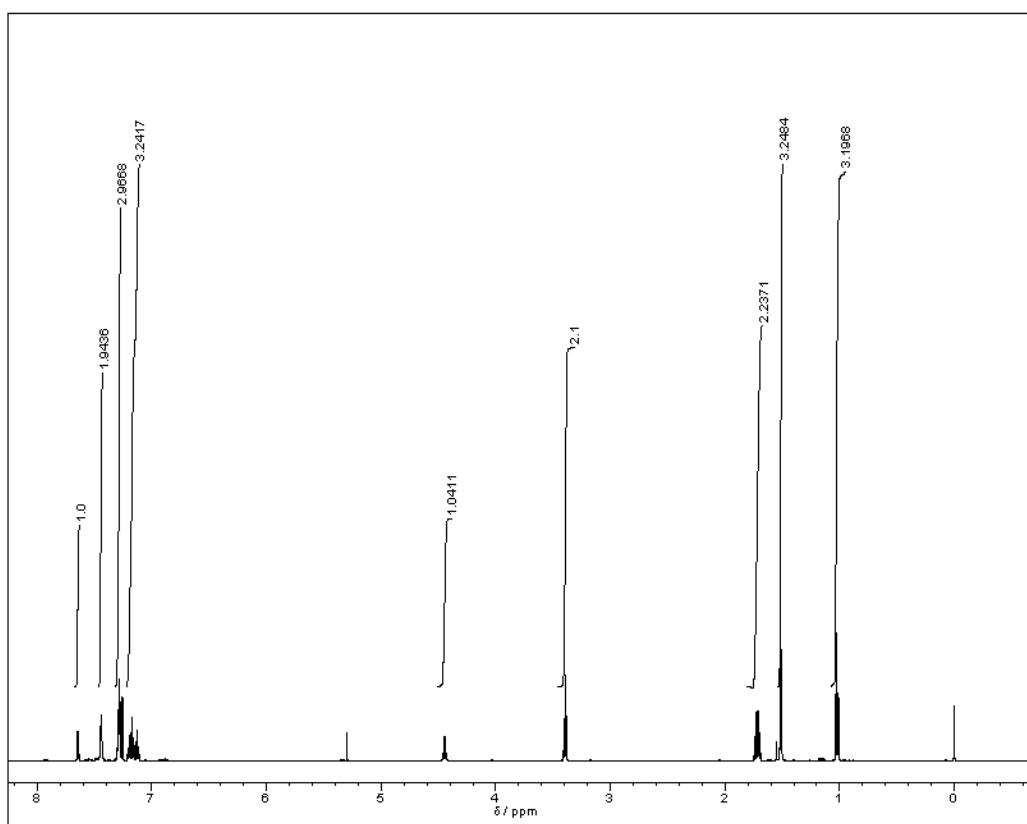


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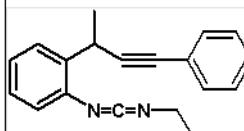
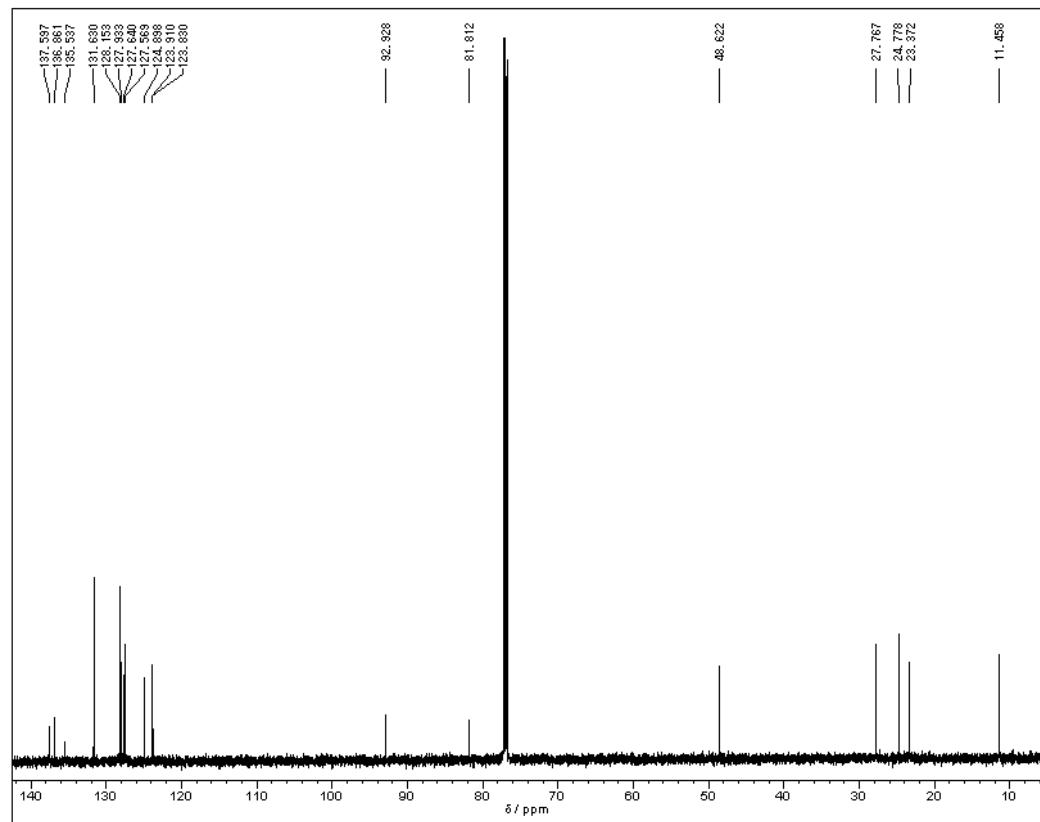


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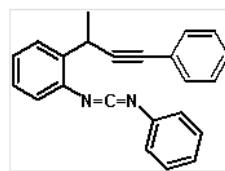
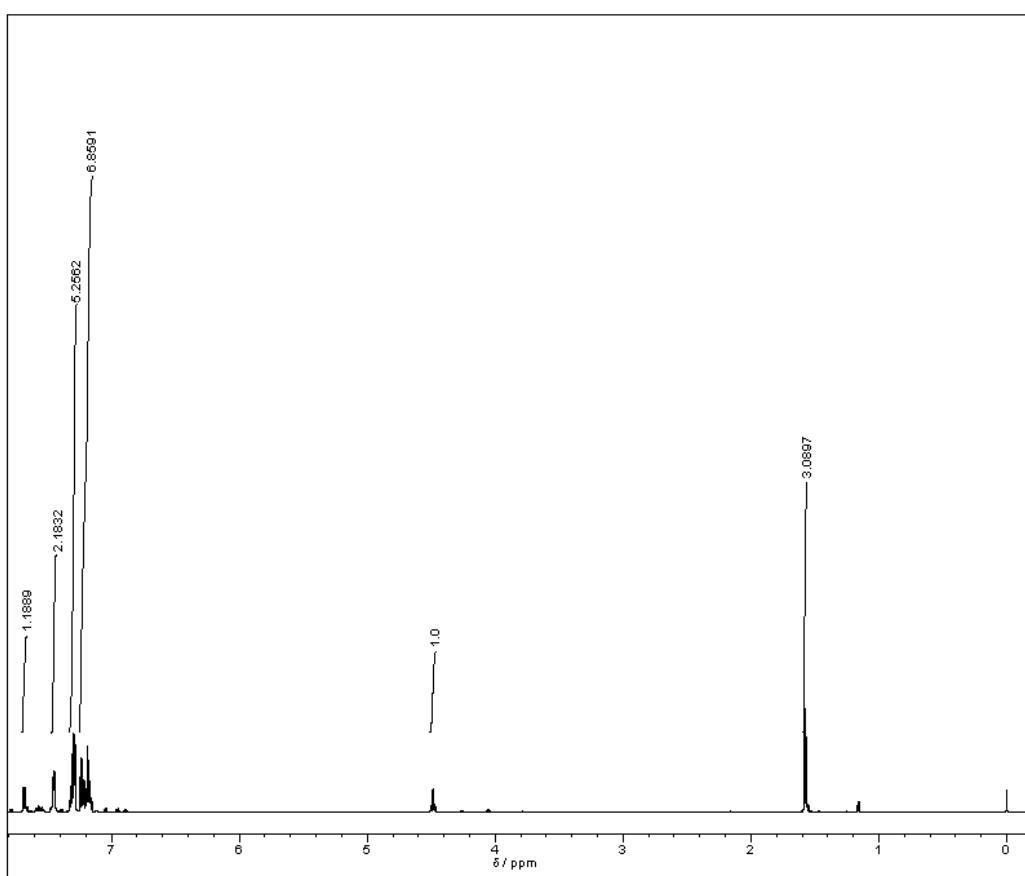


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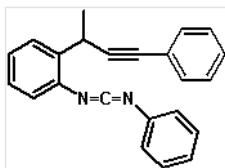
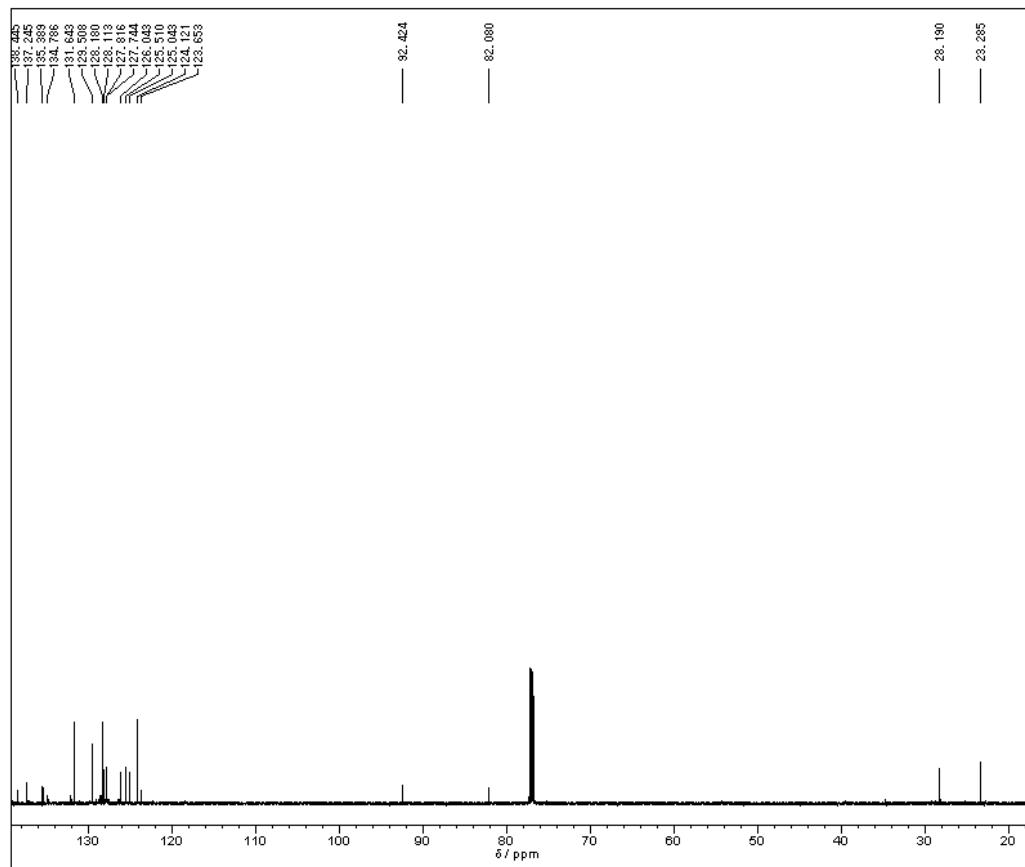


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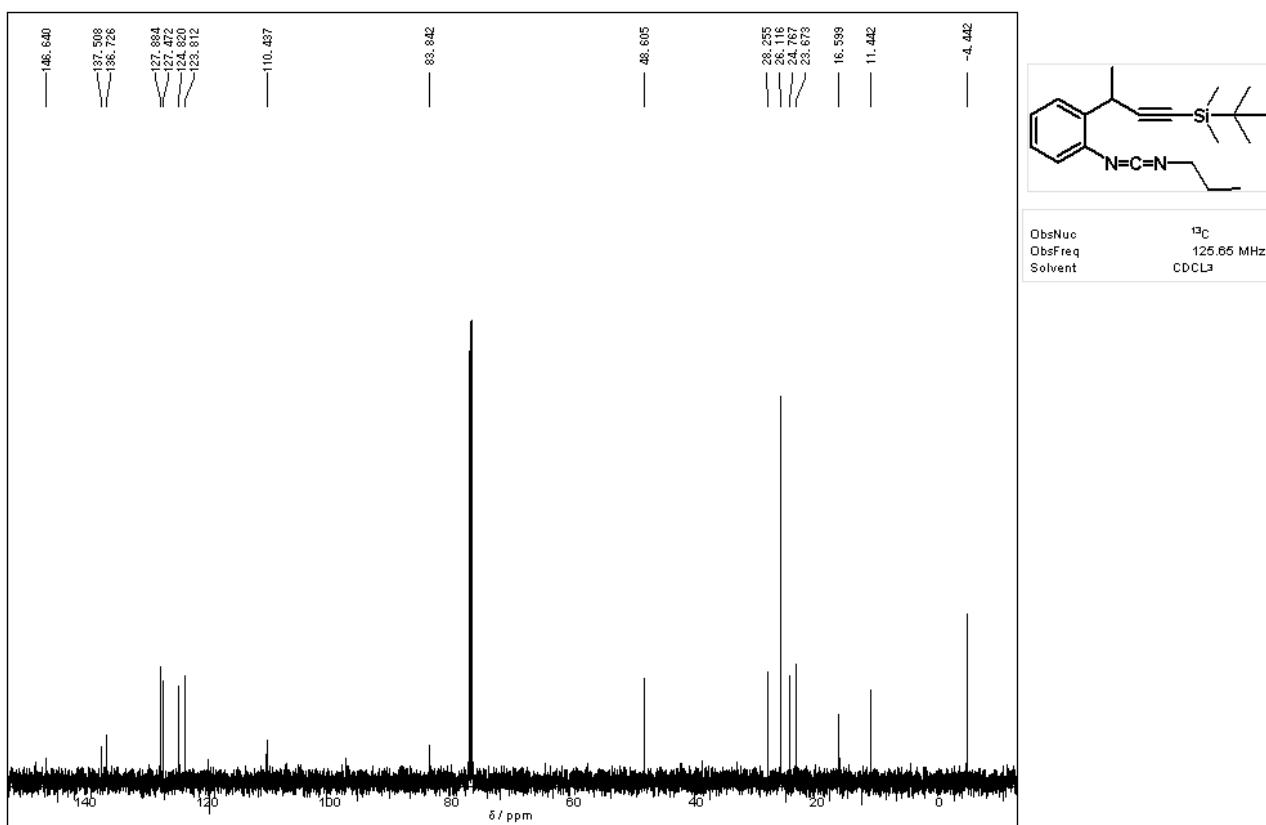
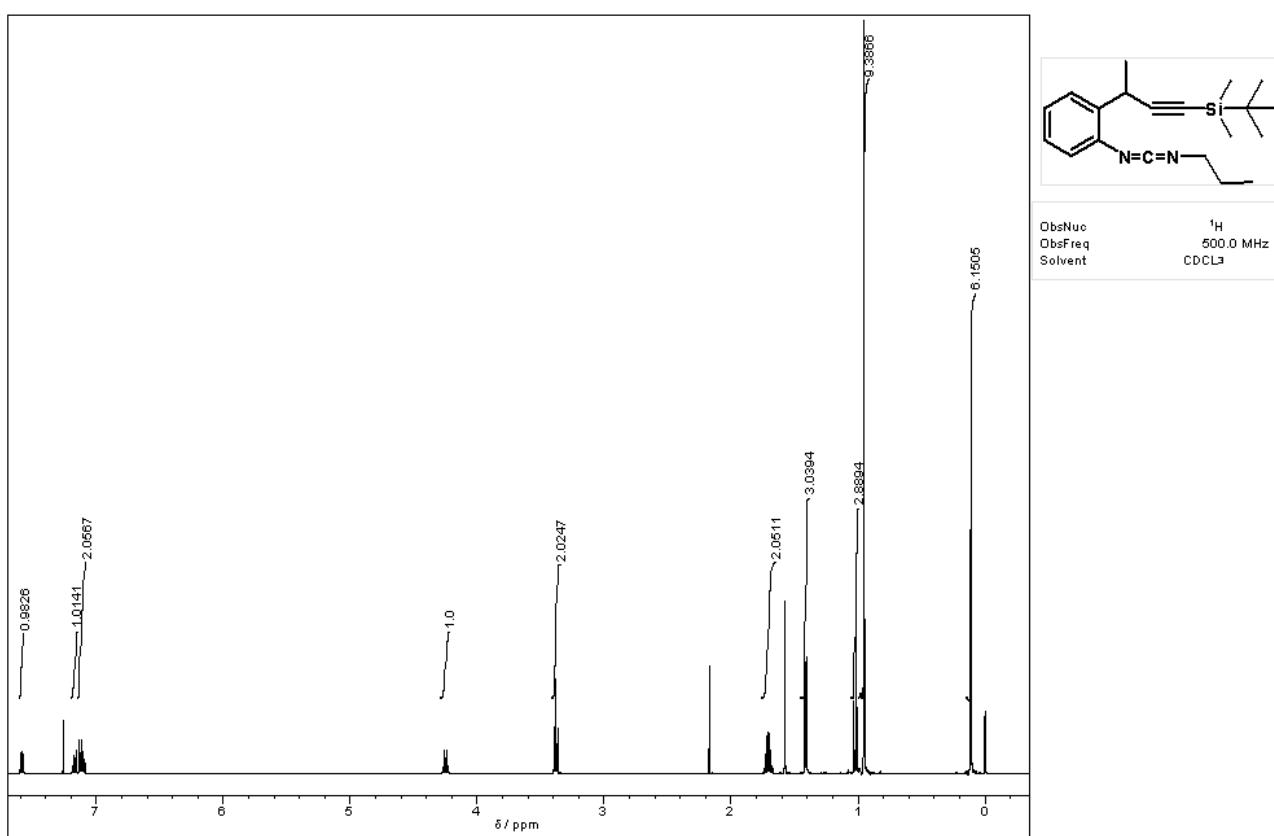


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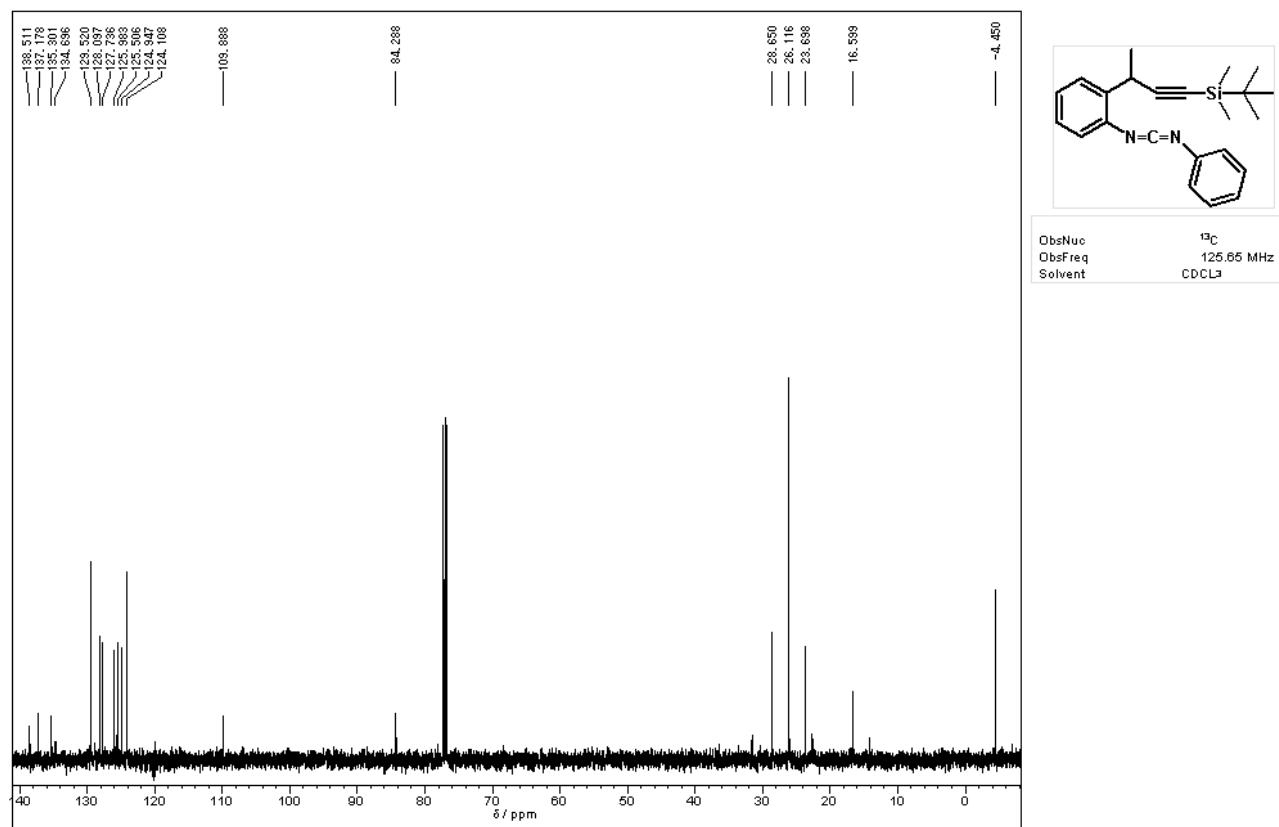
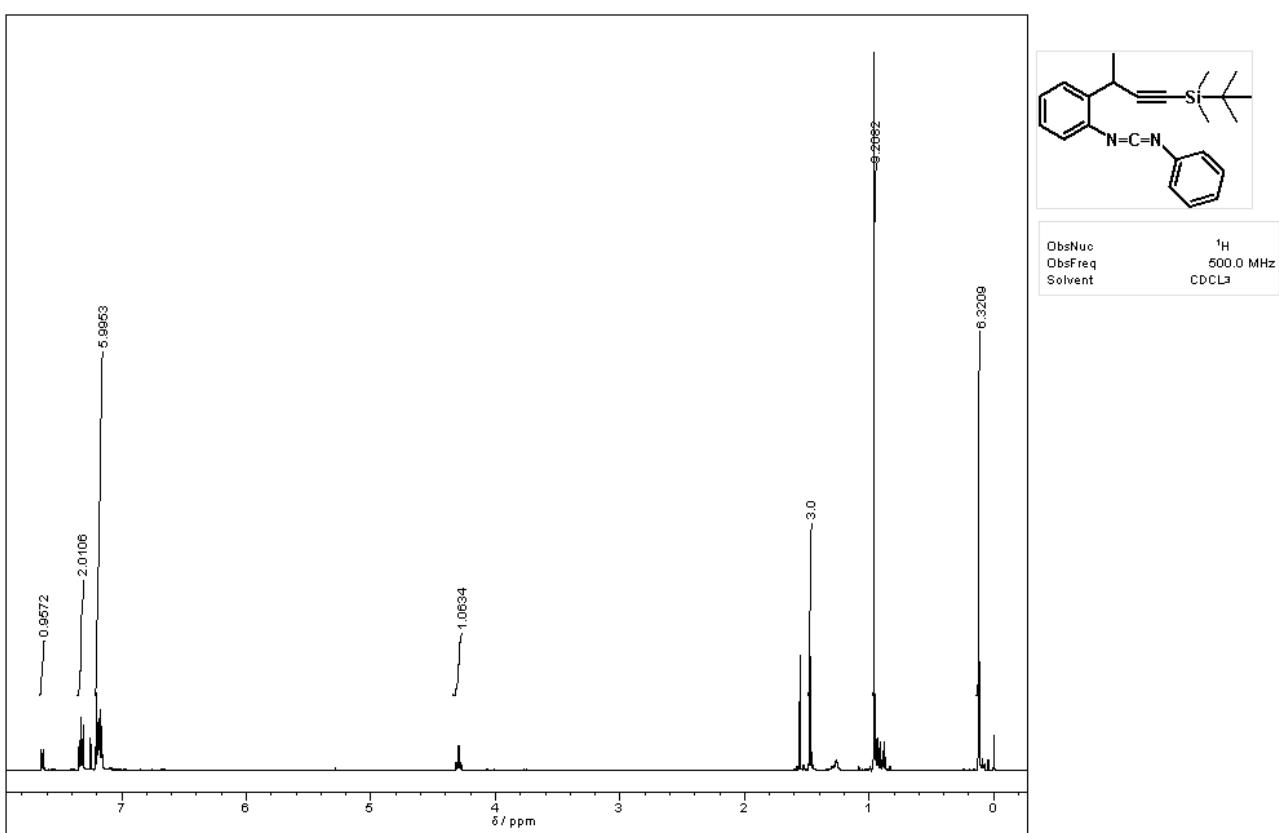


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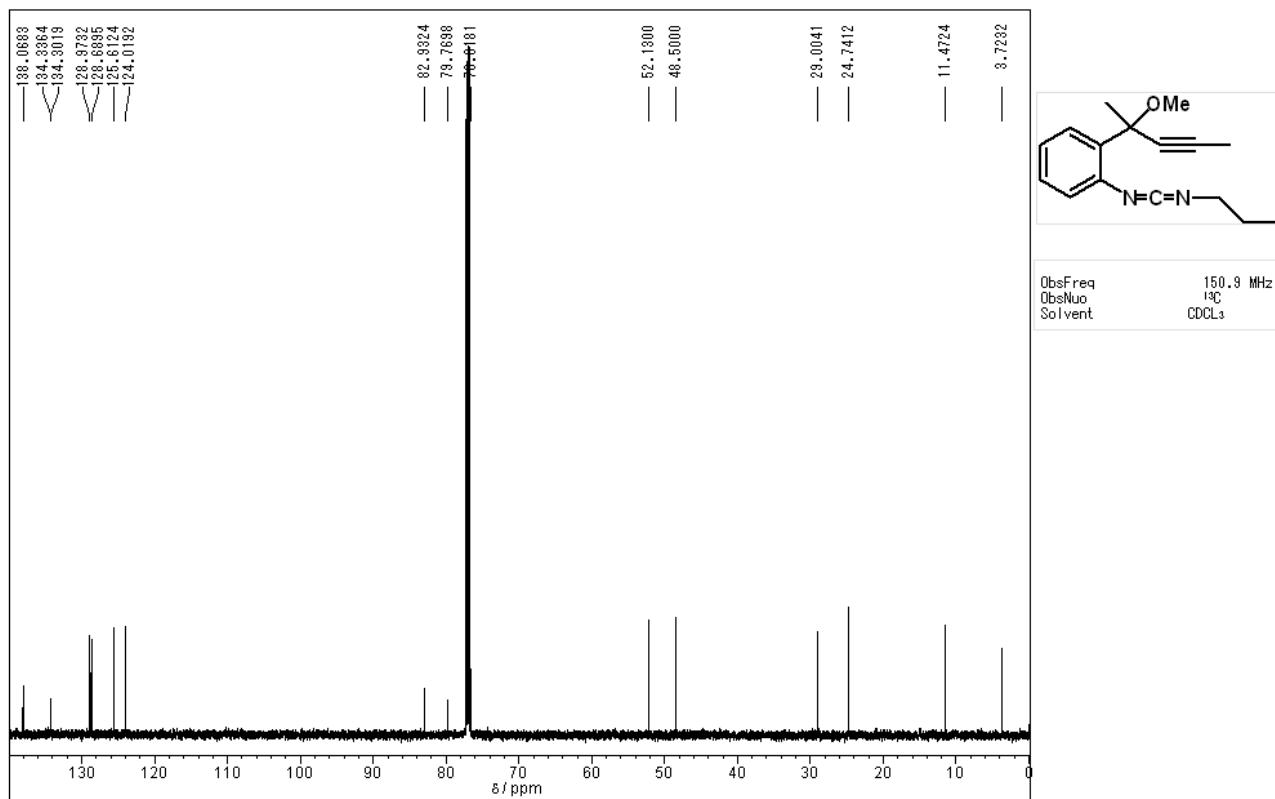
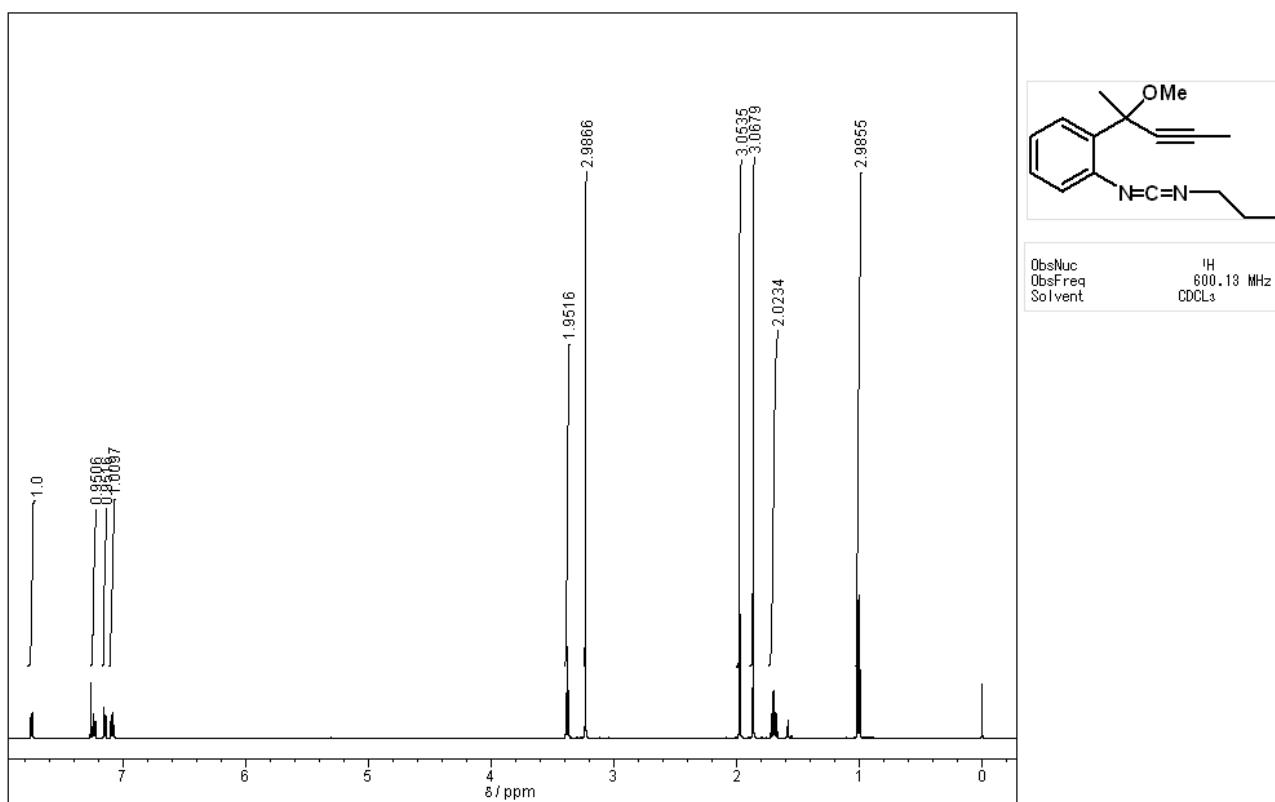
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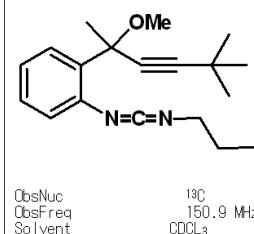
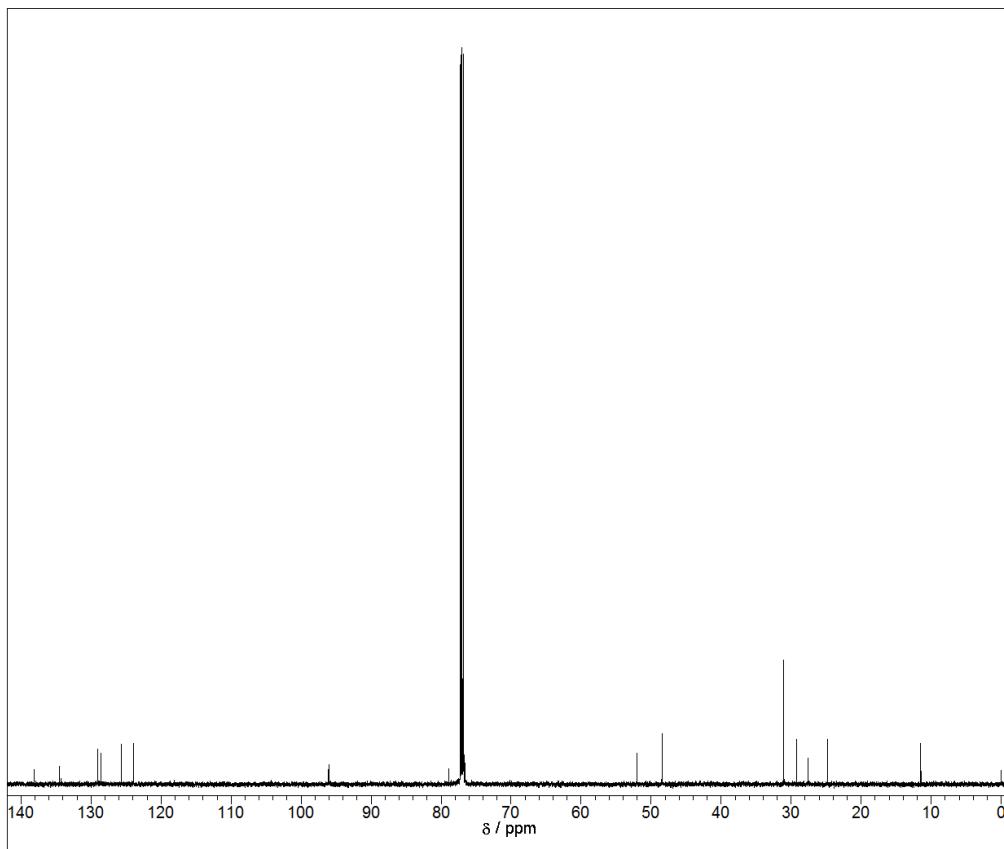
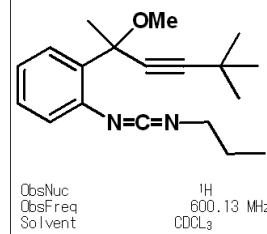
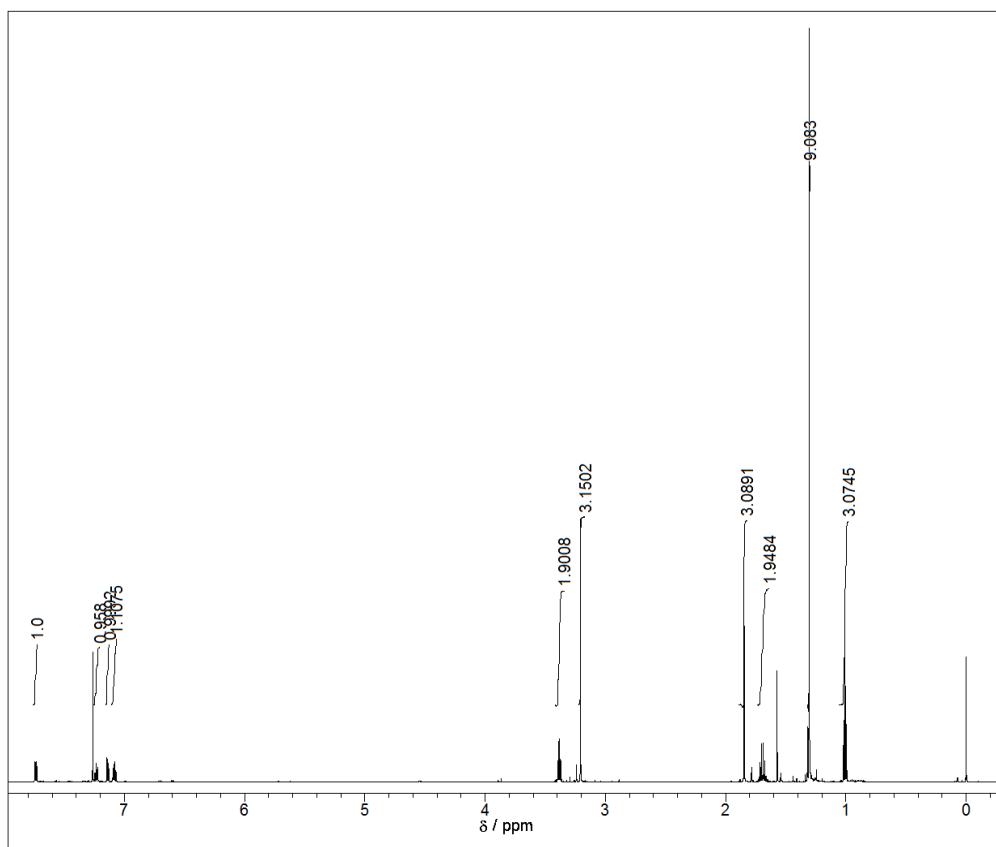
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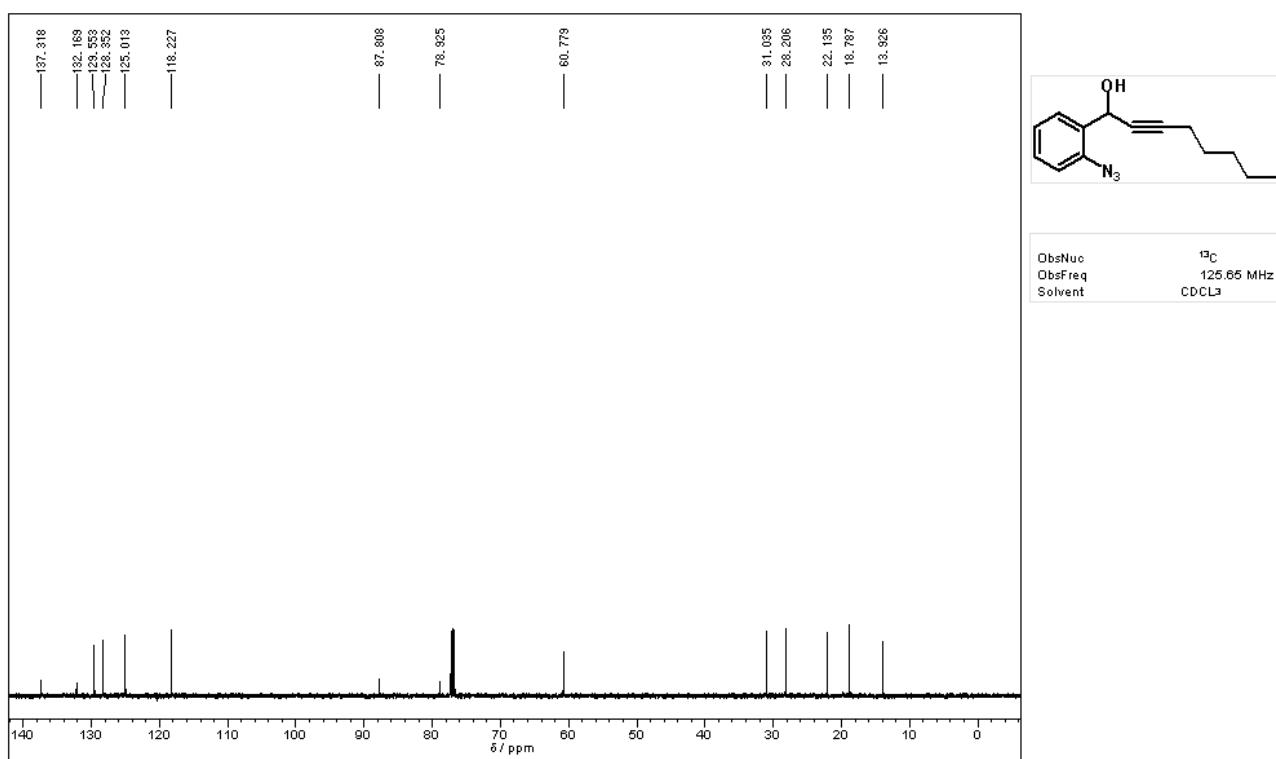
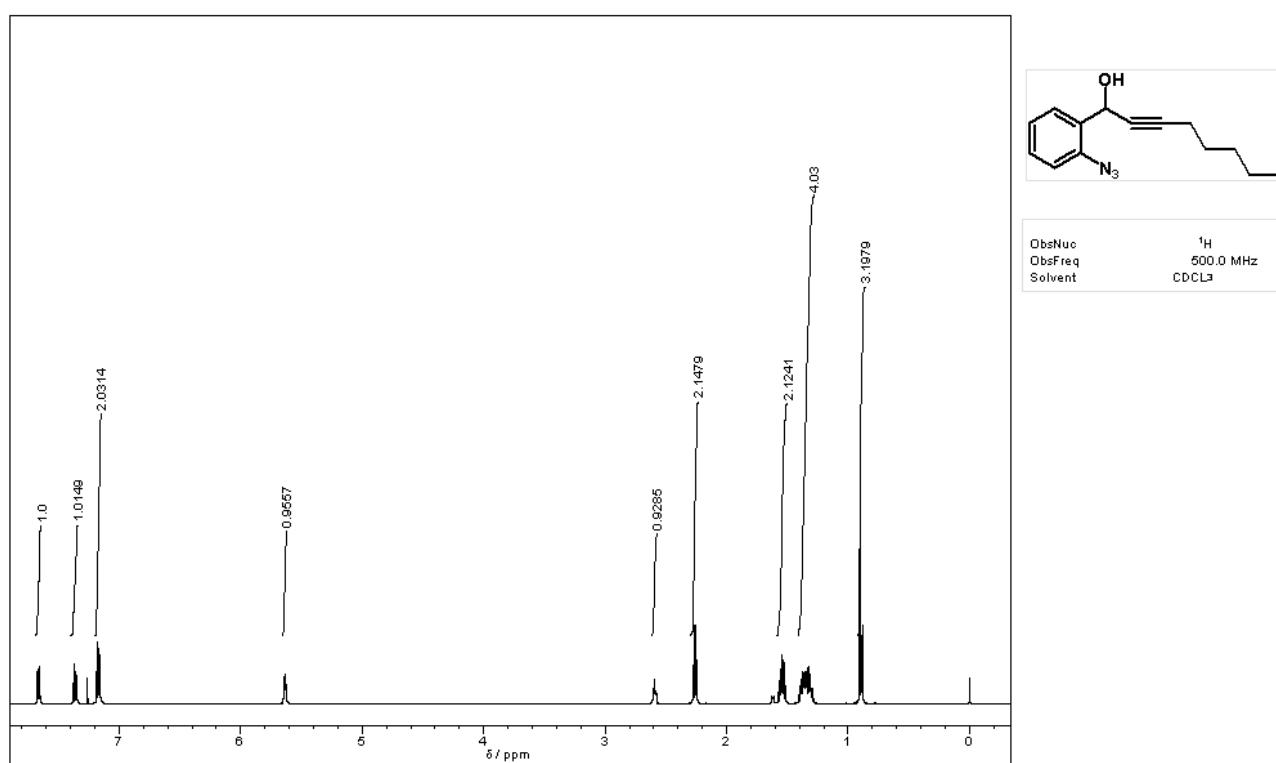
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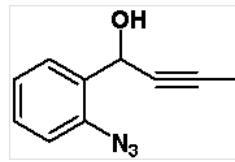
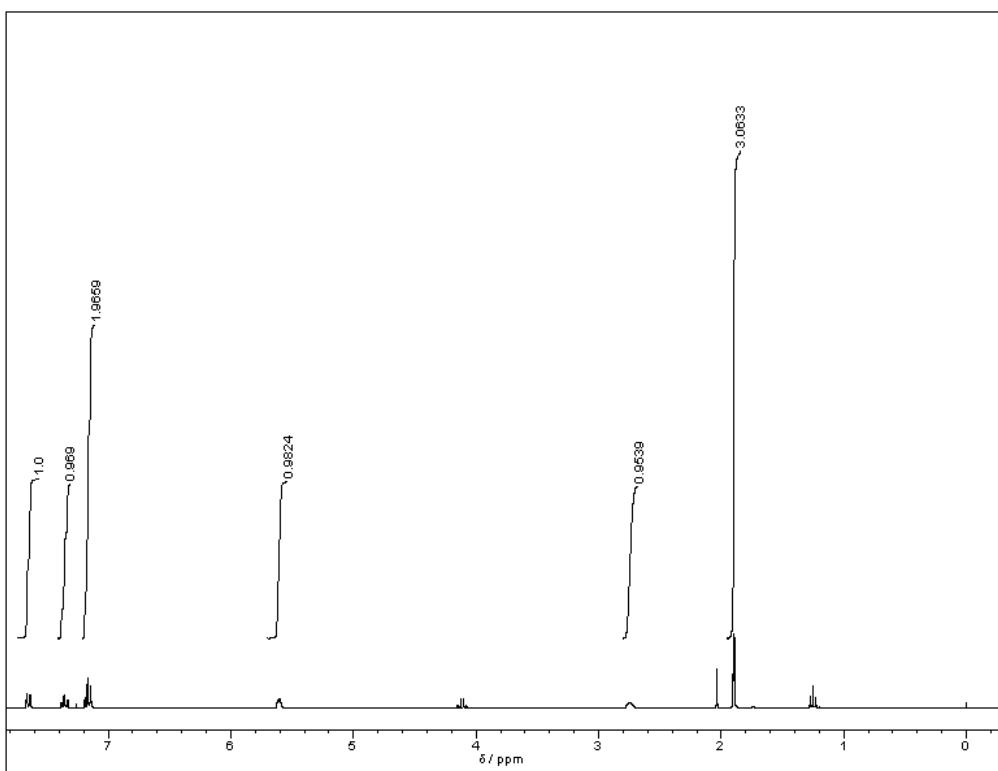
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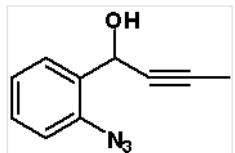
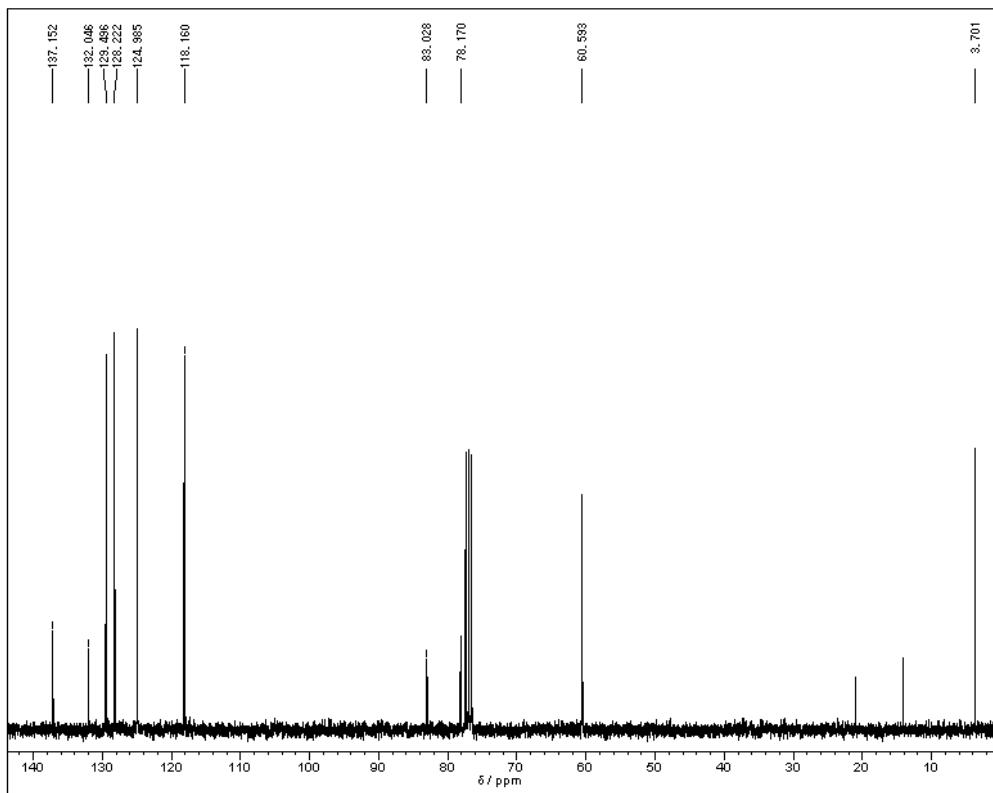
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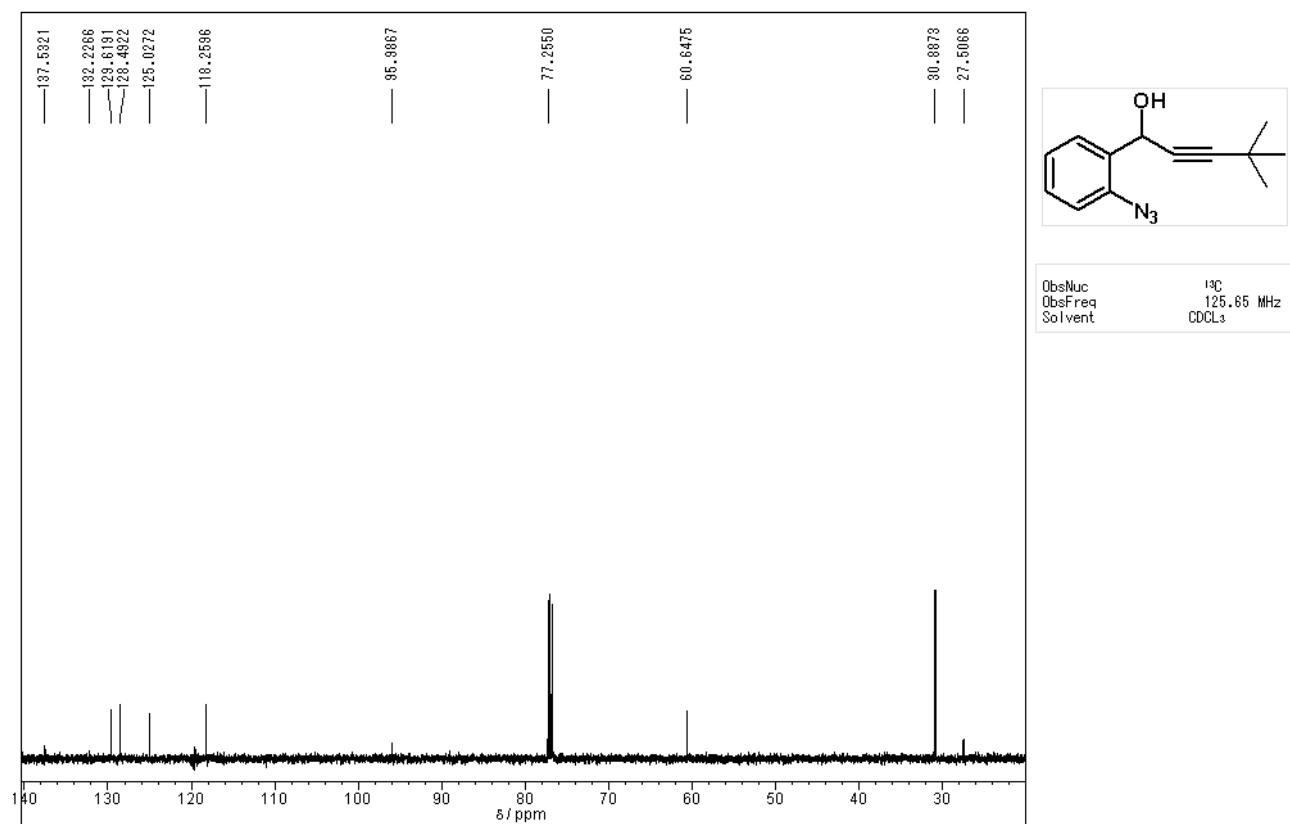
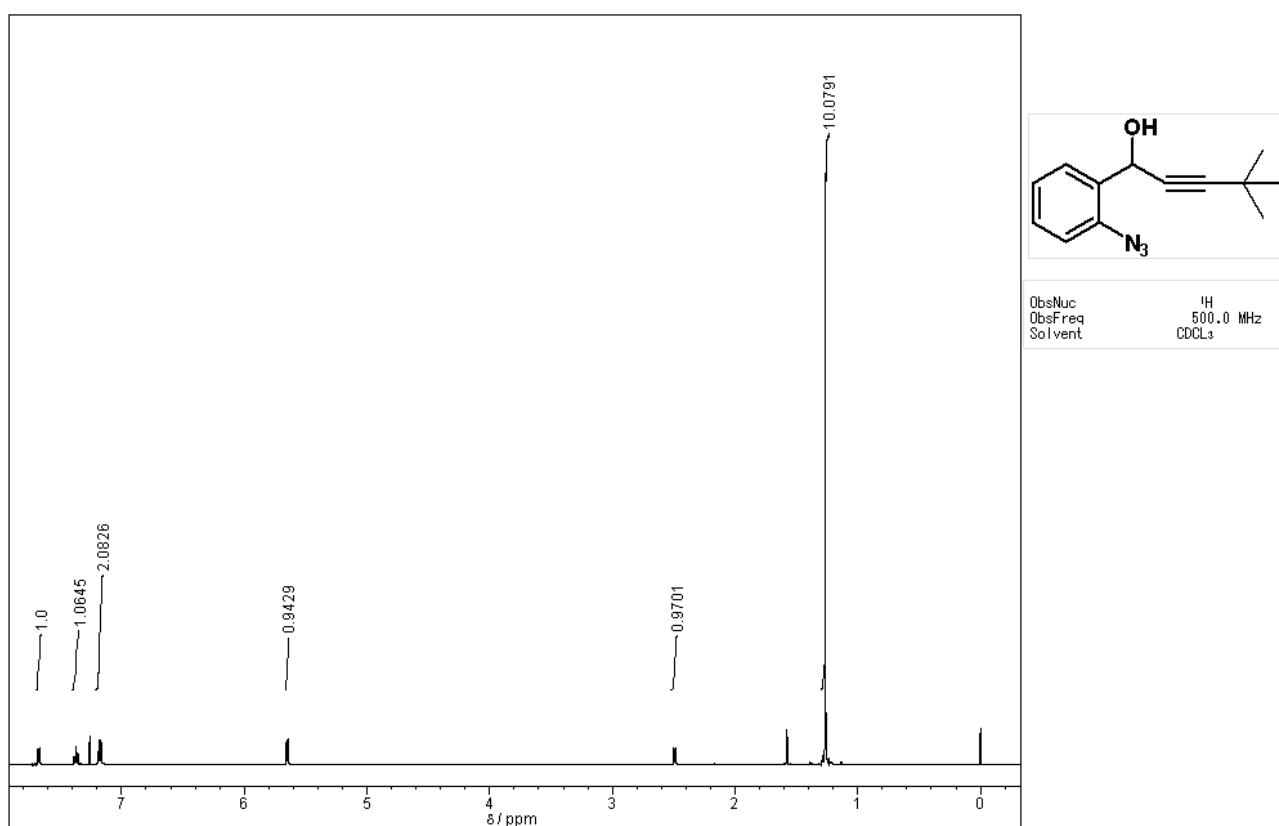


ObsNuc 1H  
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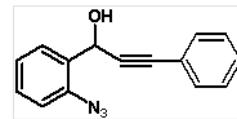
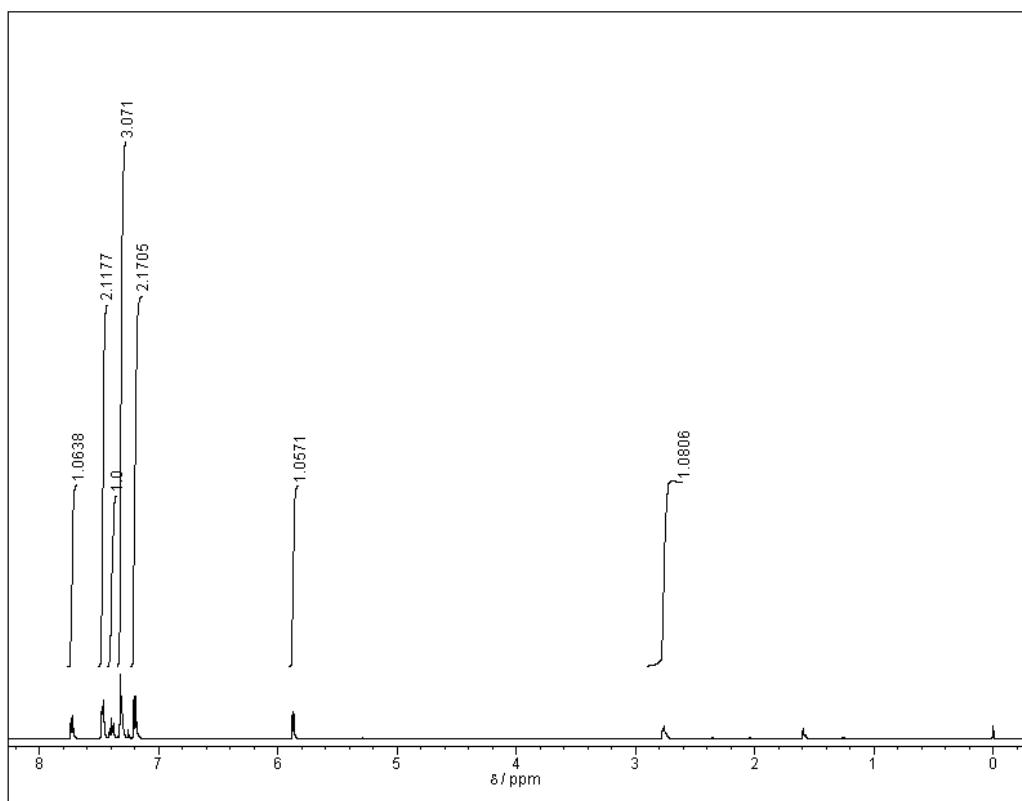


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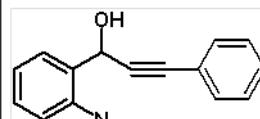
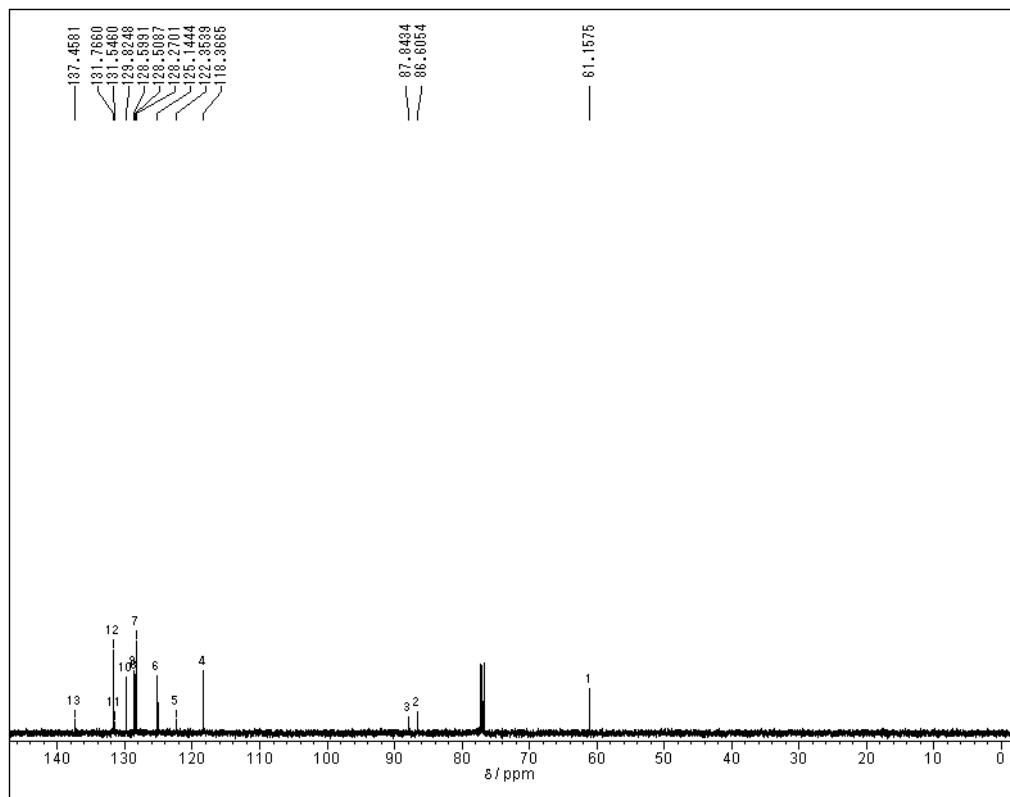
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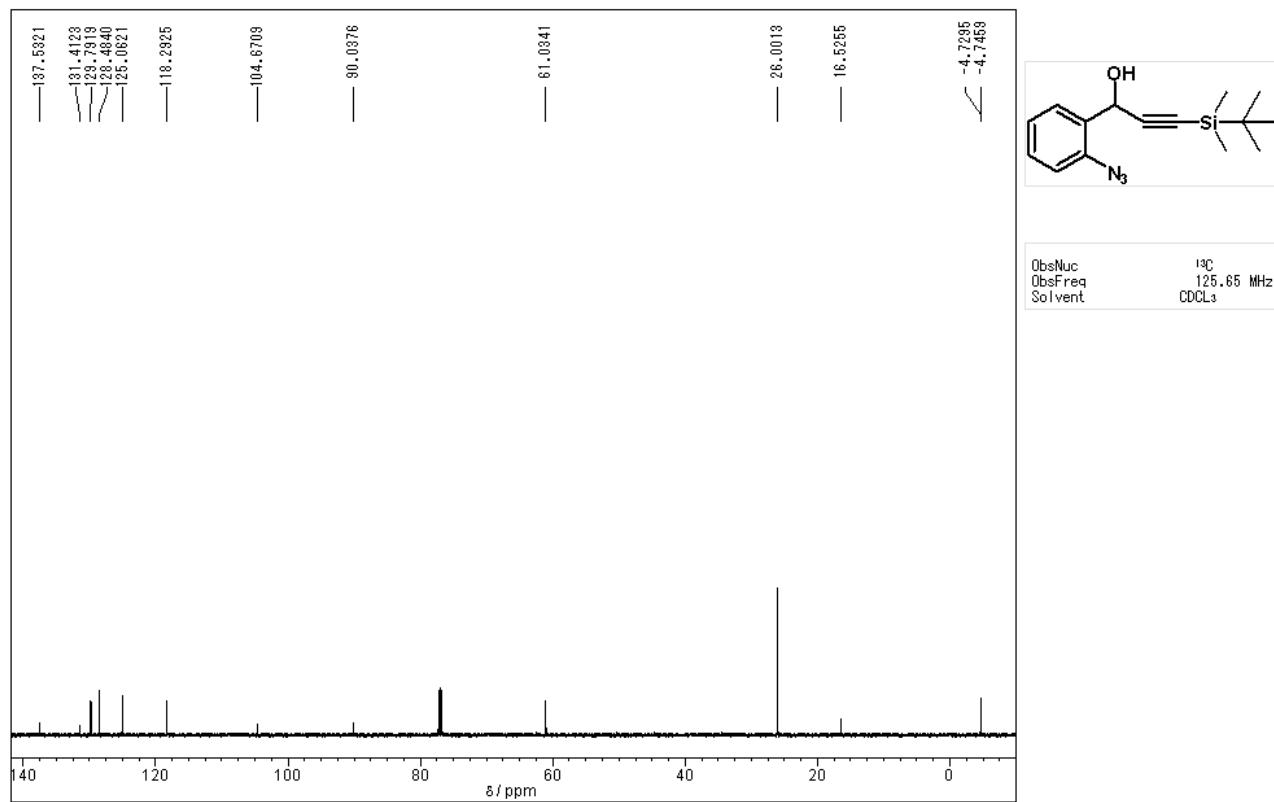
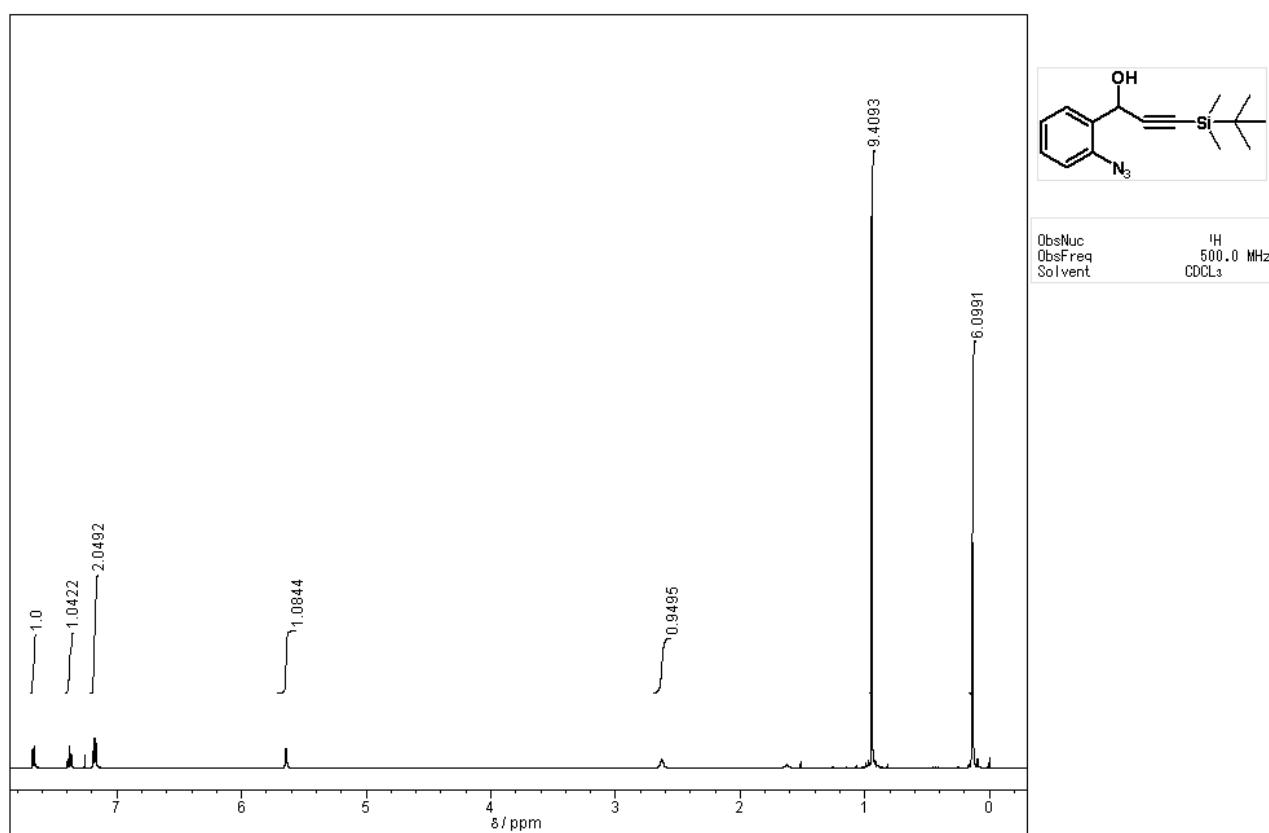


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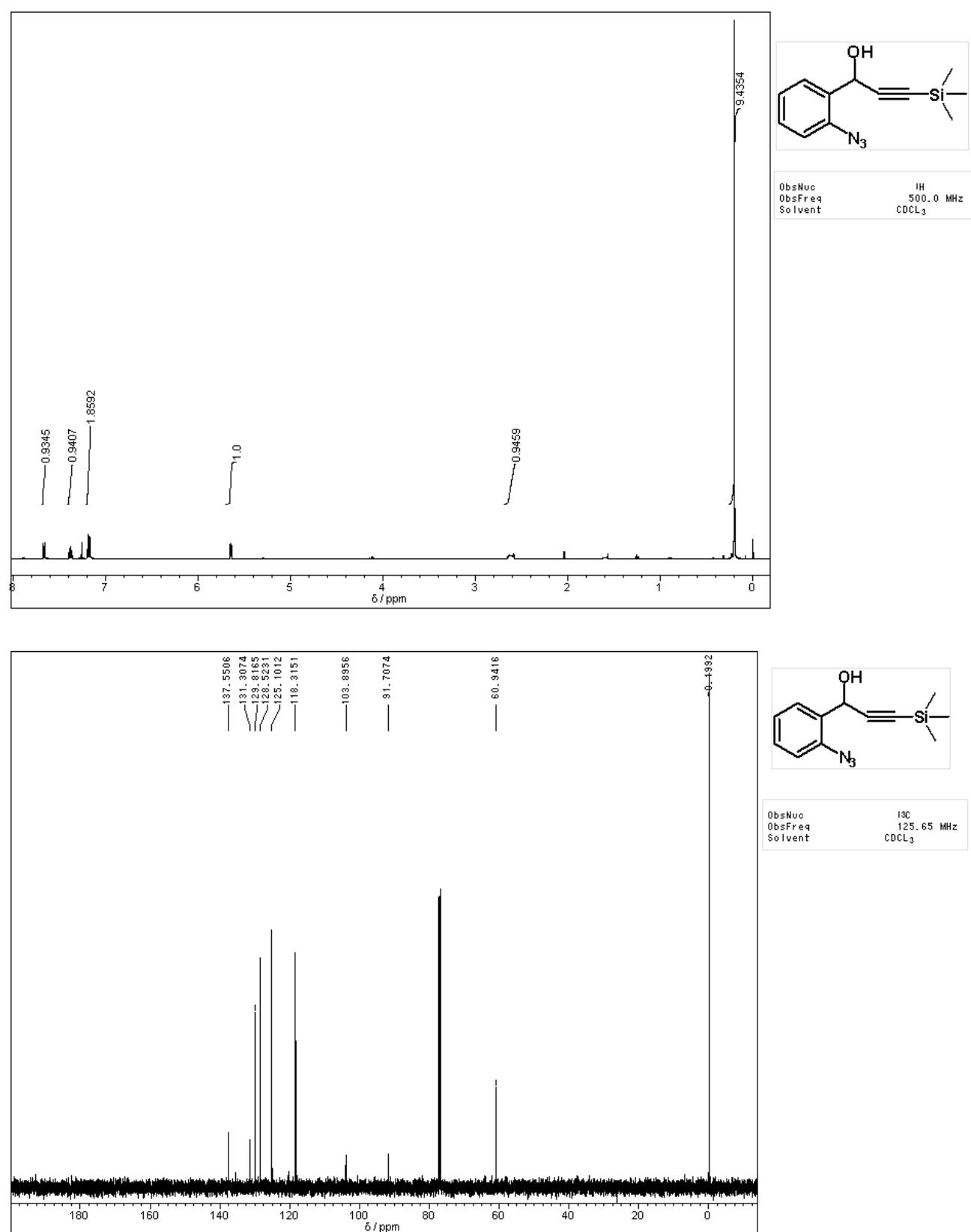


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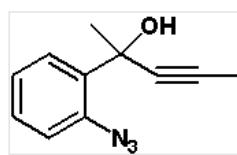
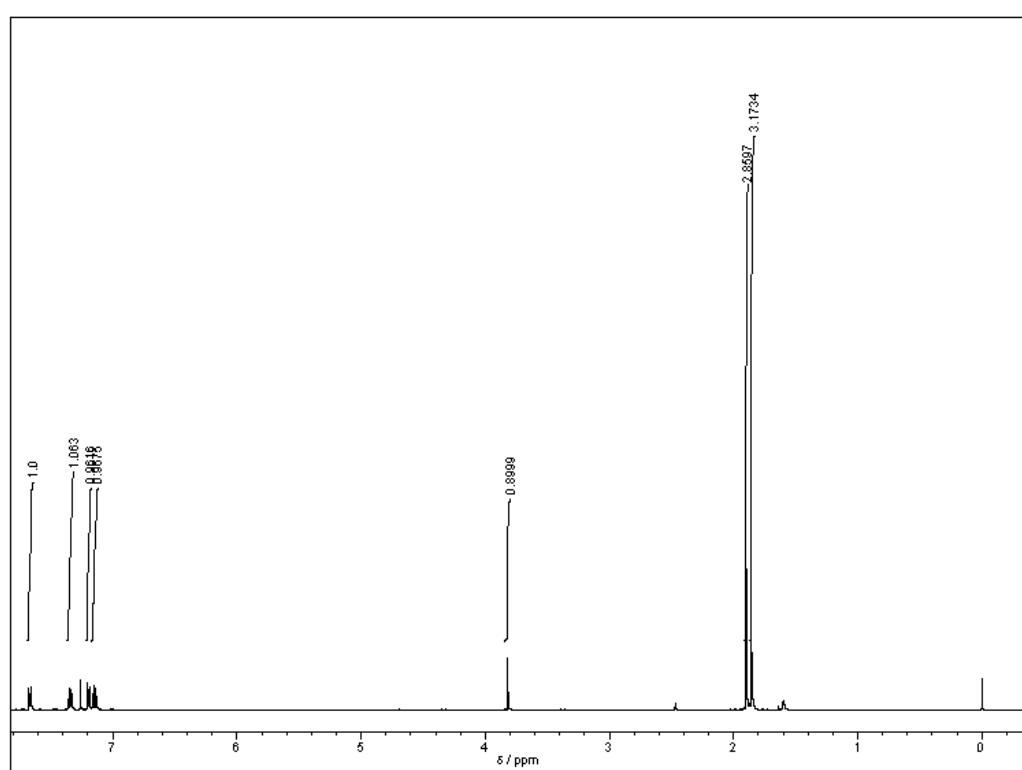
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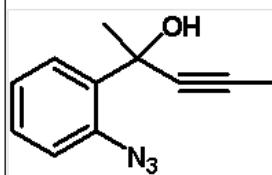
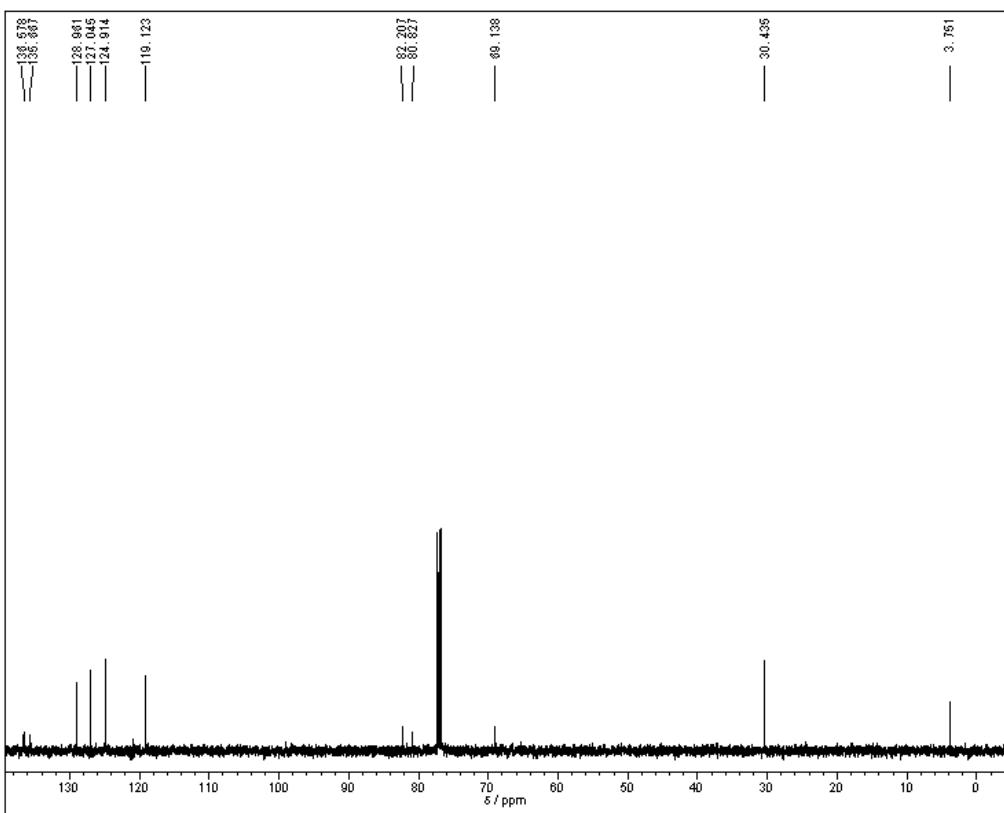
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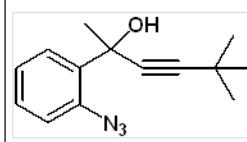
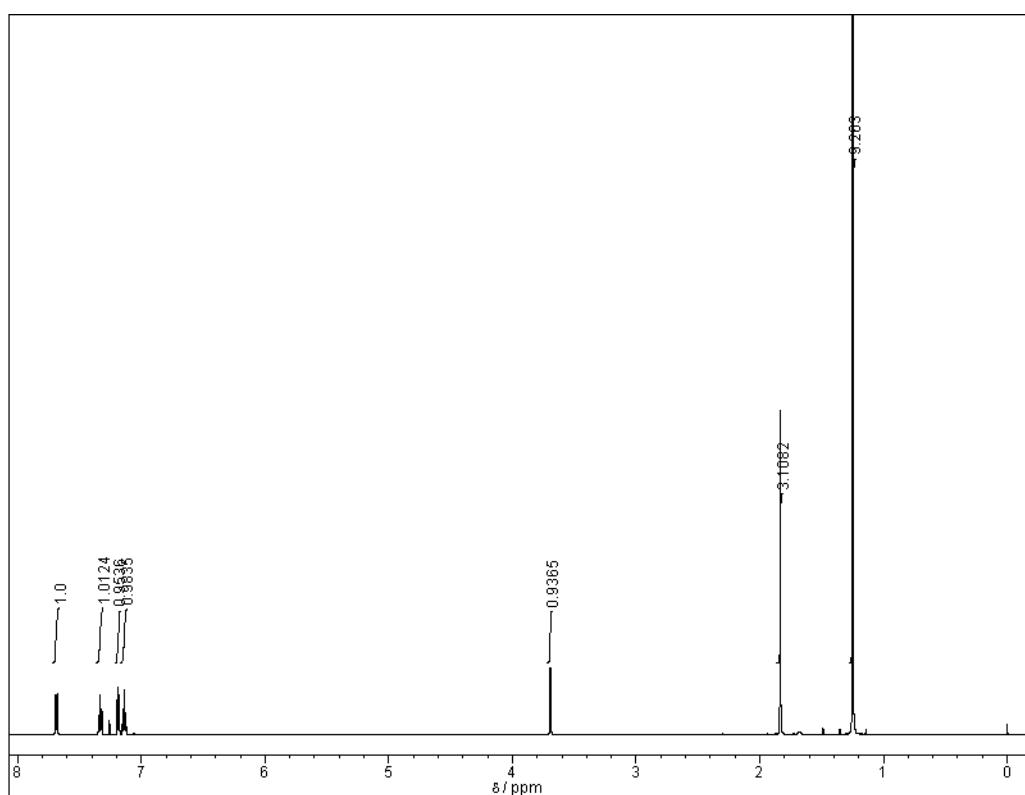


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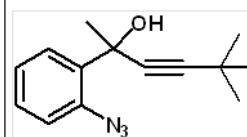
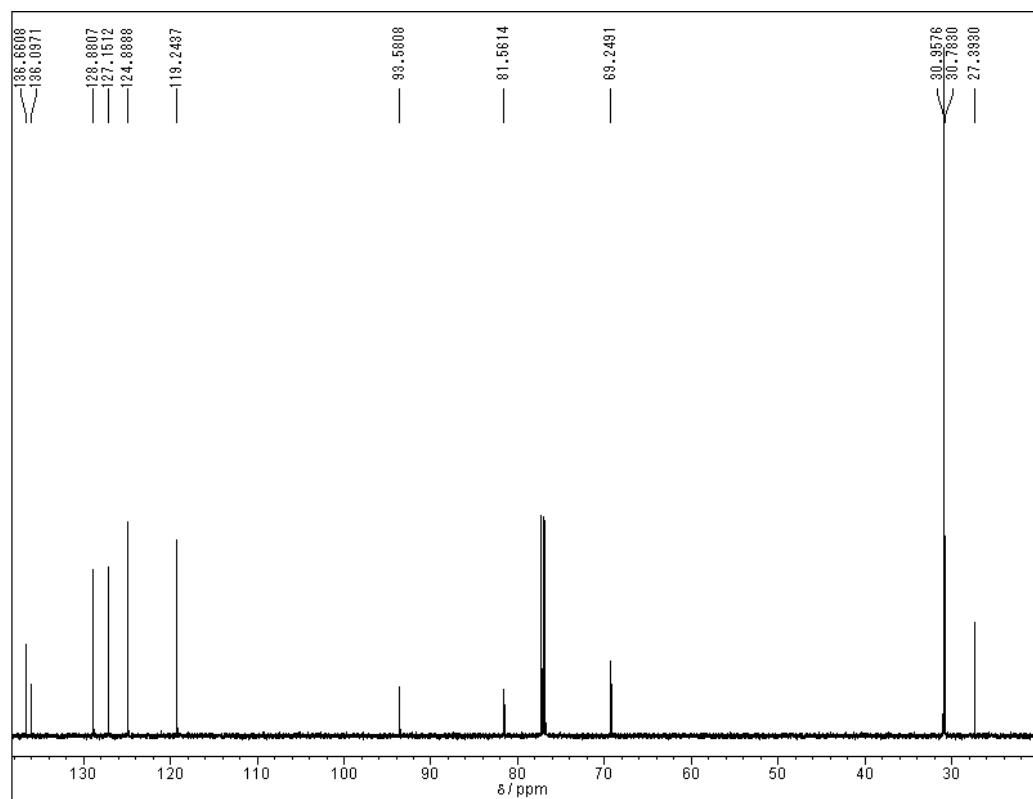


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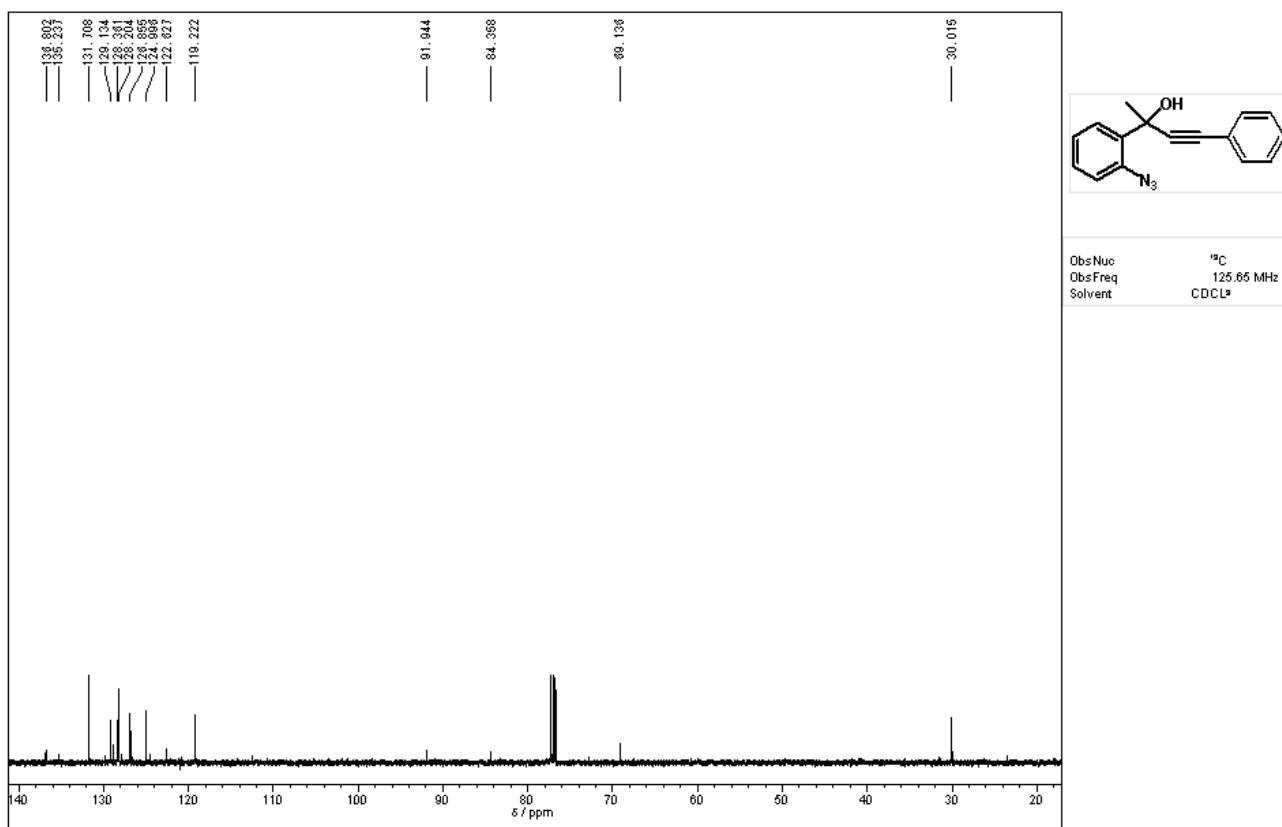
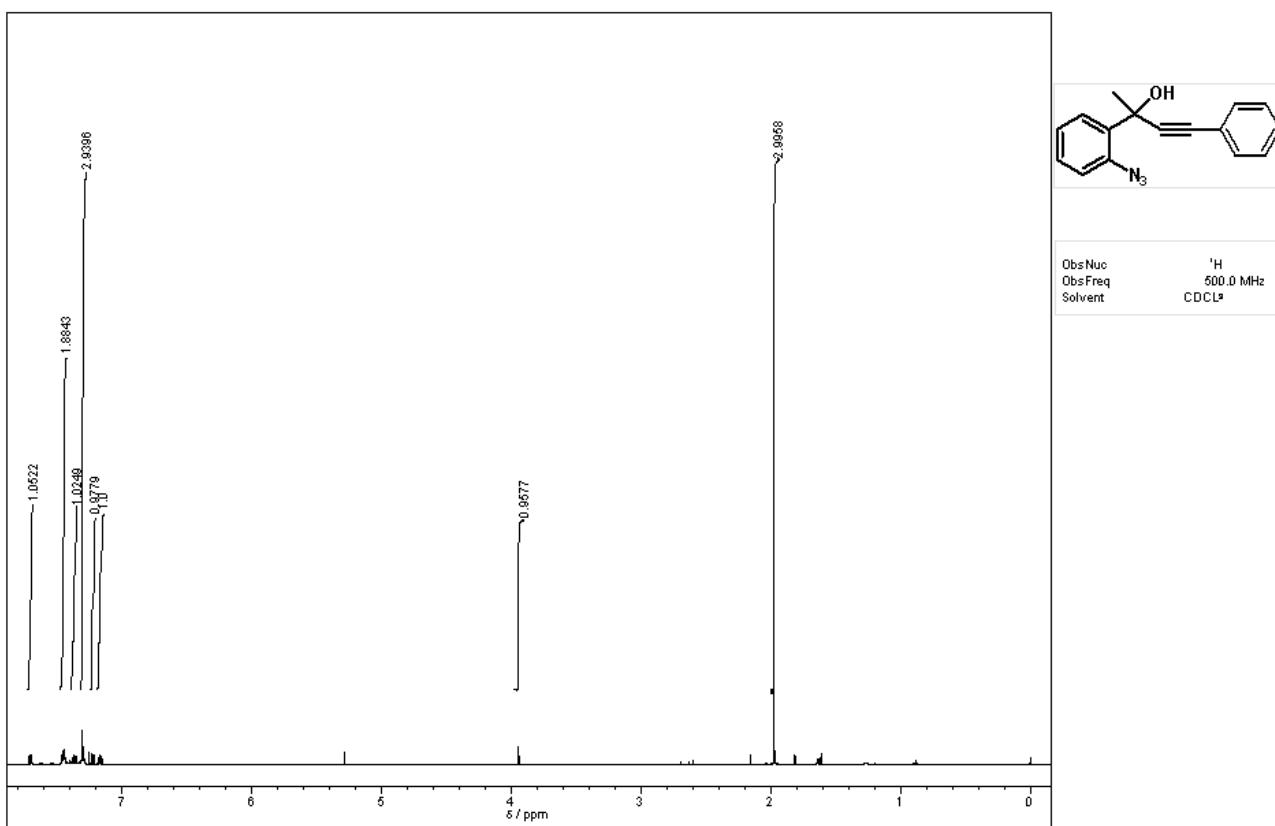


ObsFreq 600.13 MHz  
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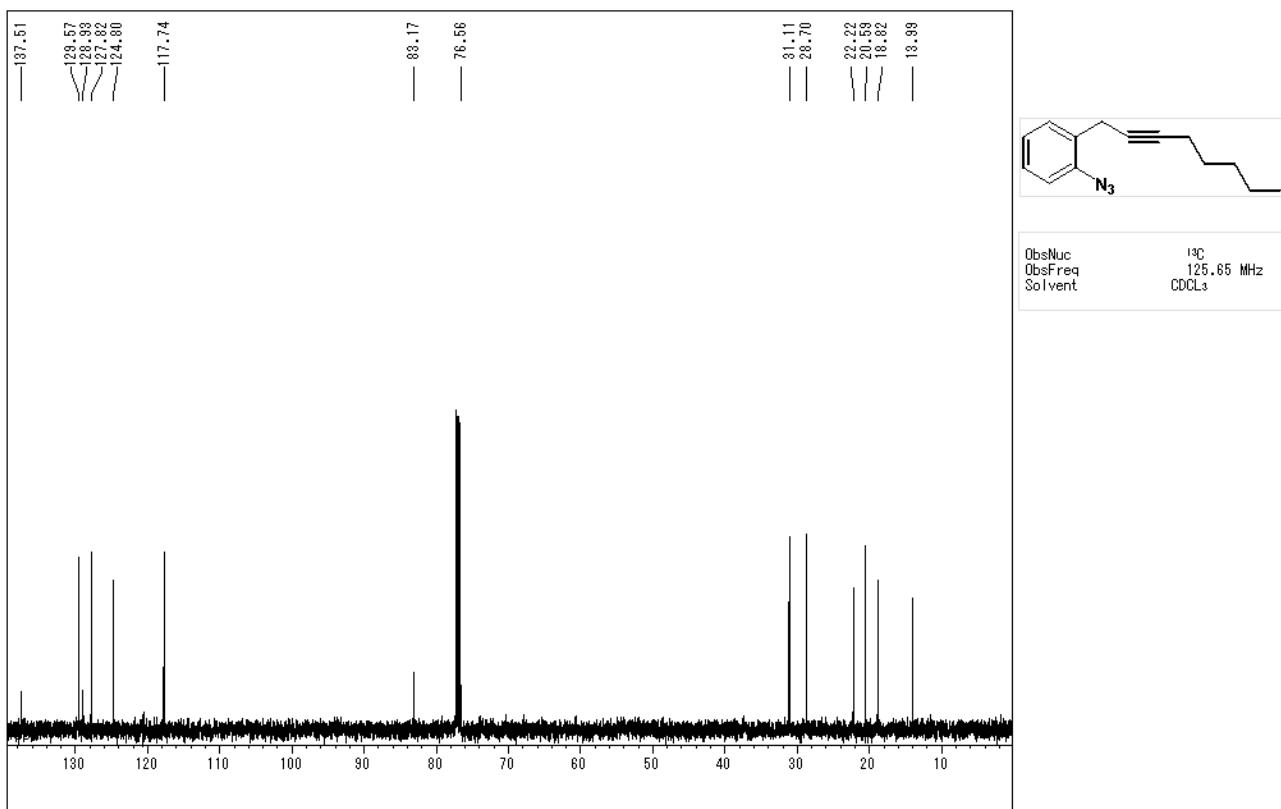
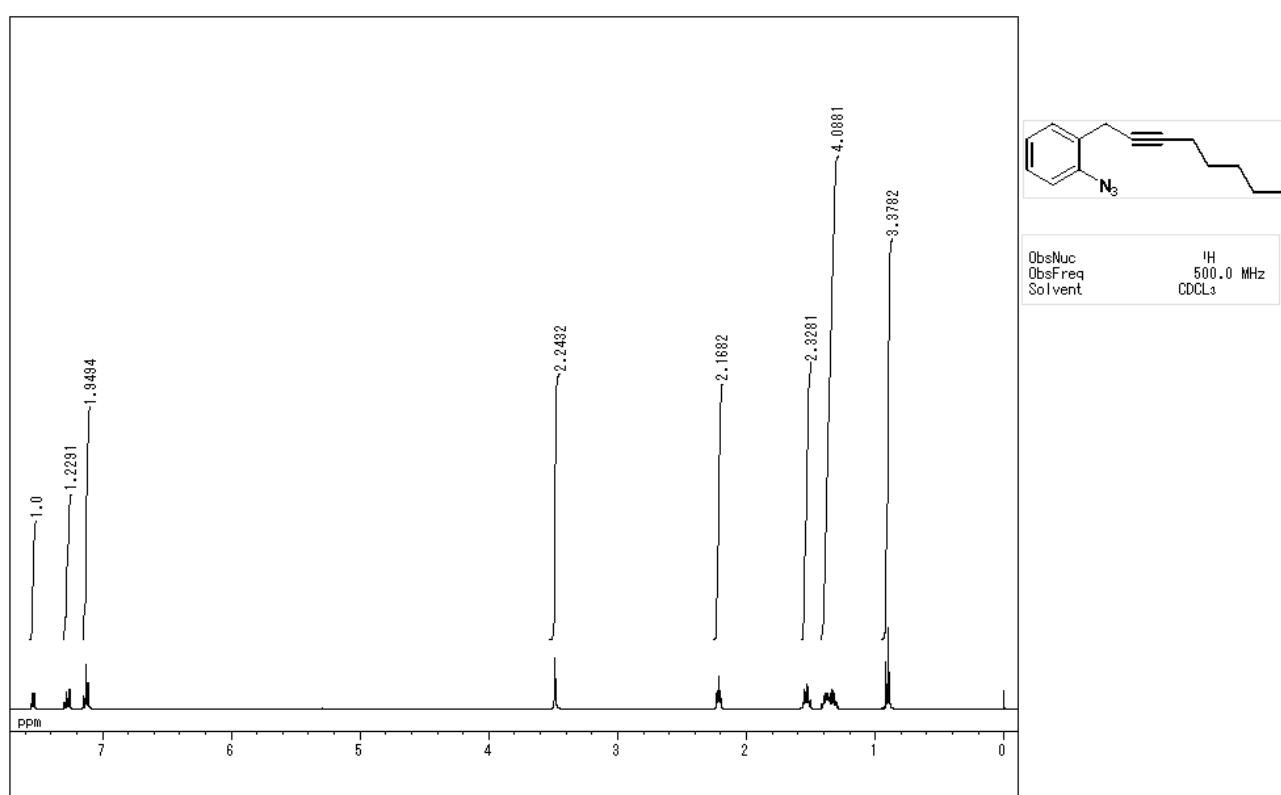


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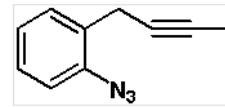
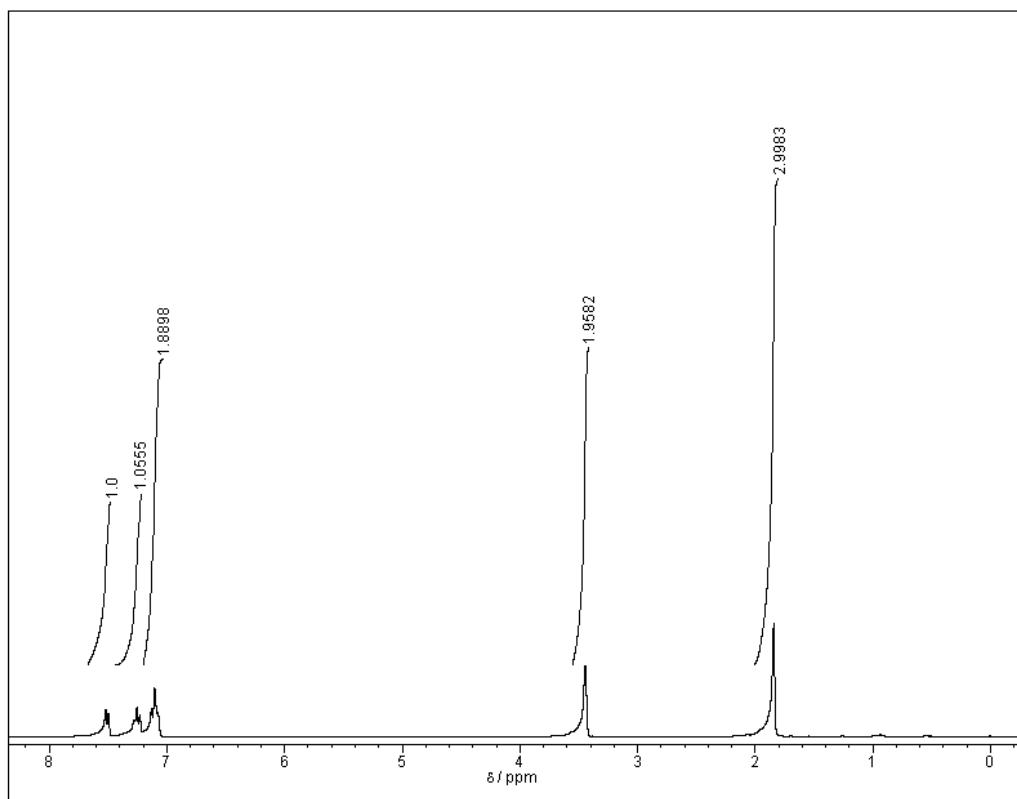
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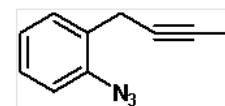
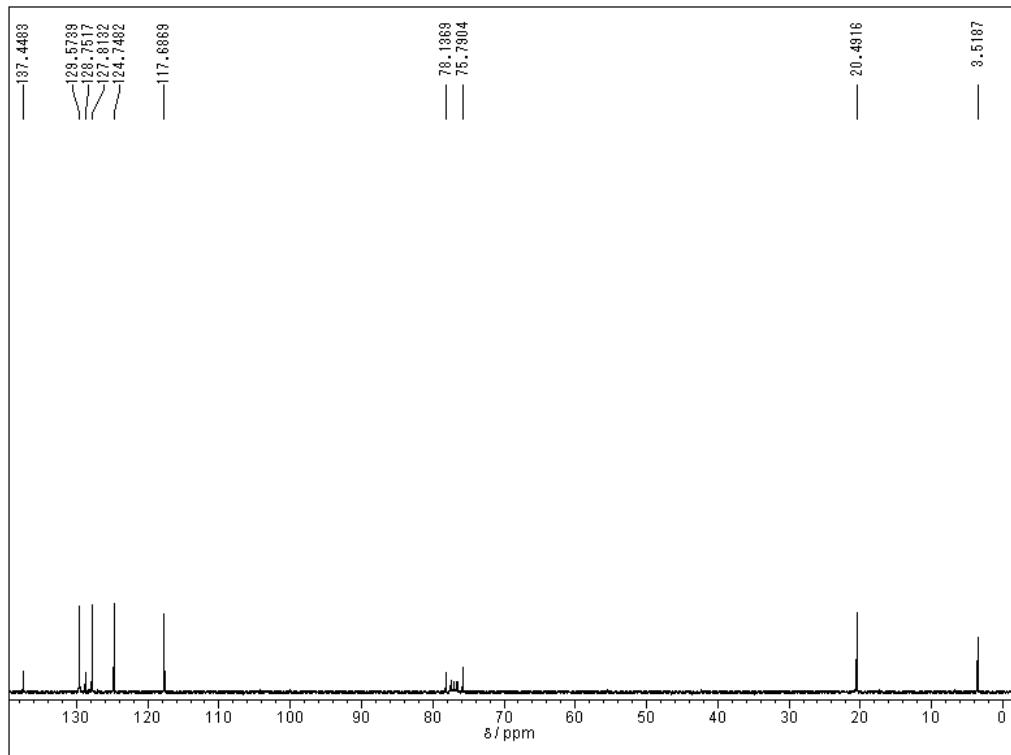
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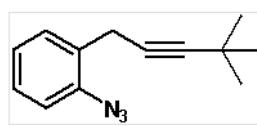
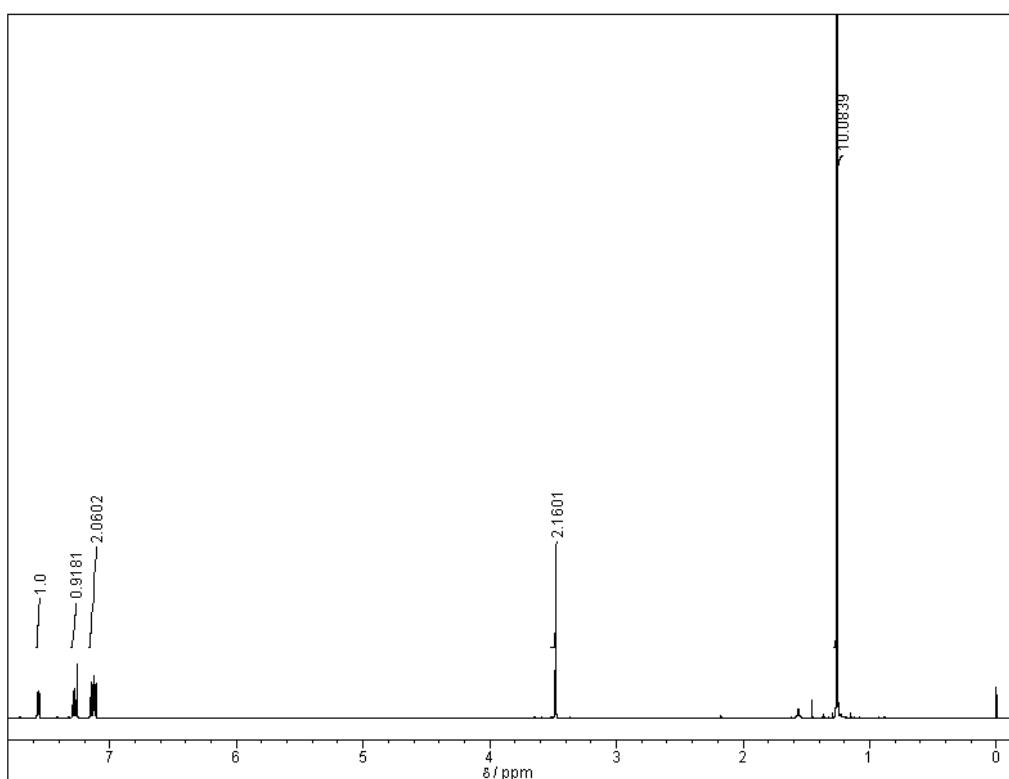


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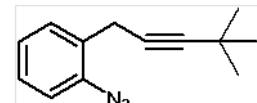
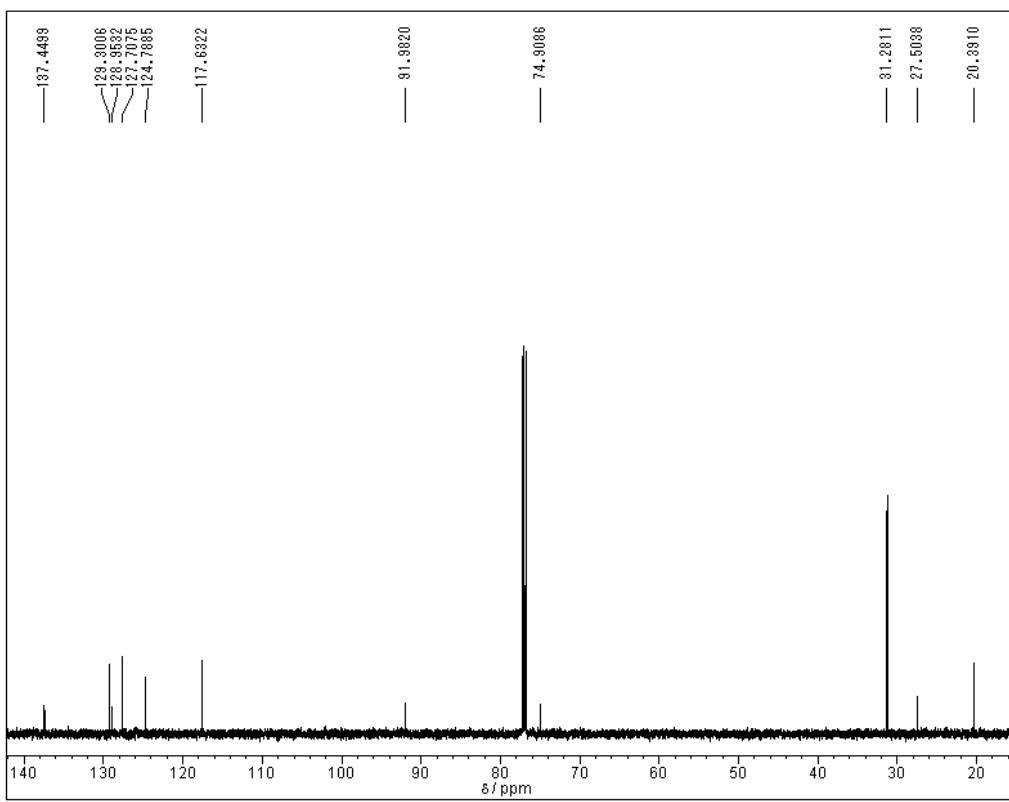


ObsNuc               $^{13}\text{C}$   
ObsFreq              75.44 MHz  
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9c

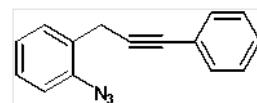
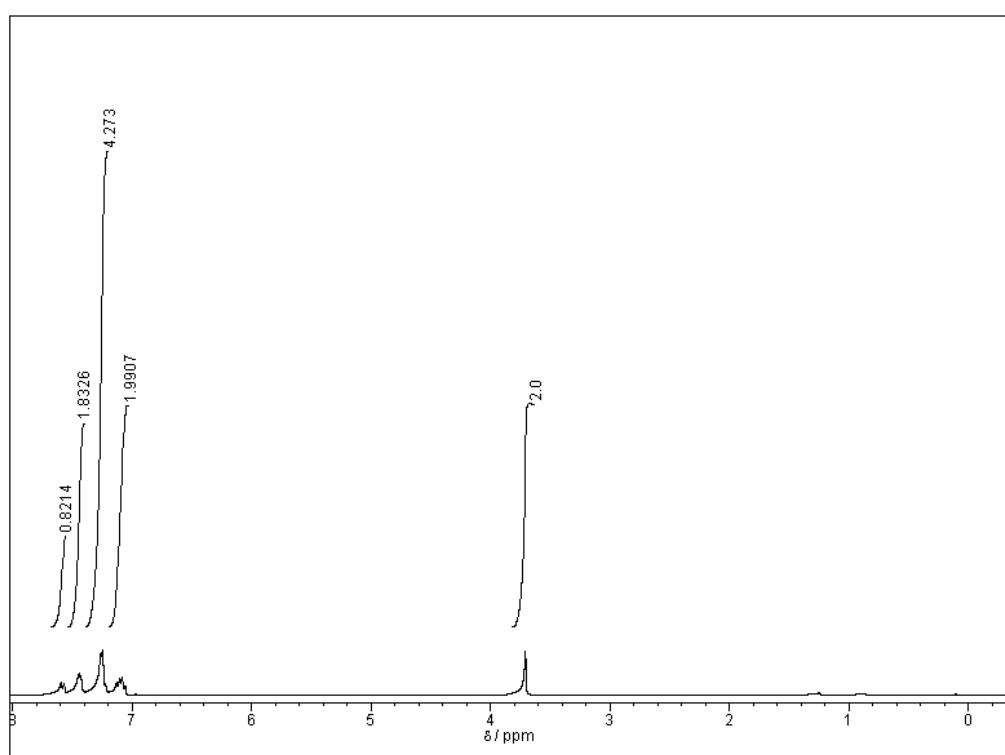


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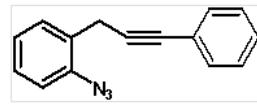
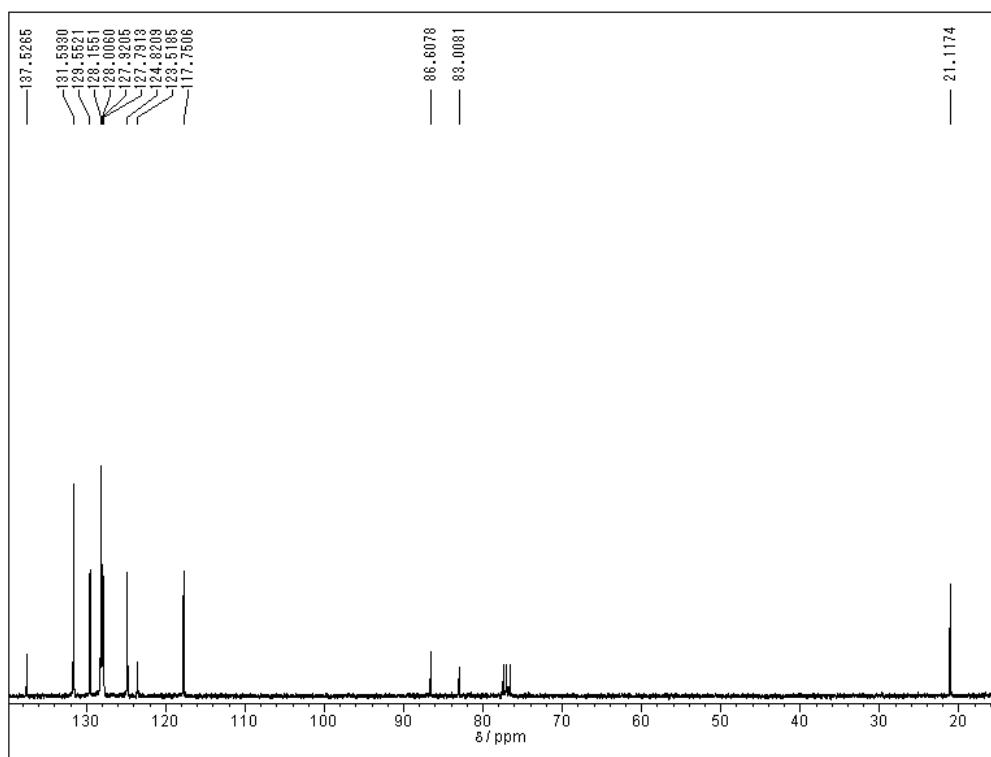


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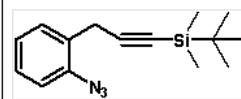
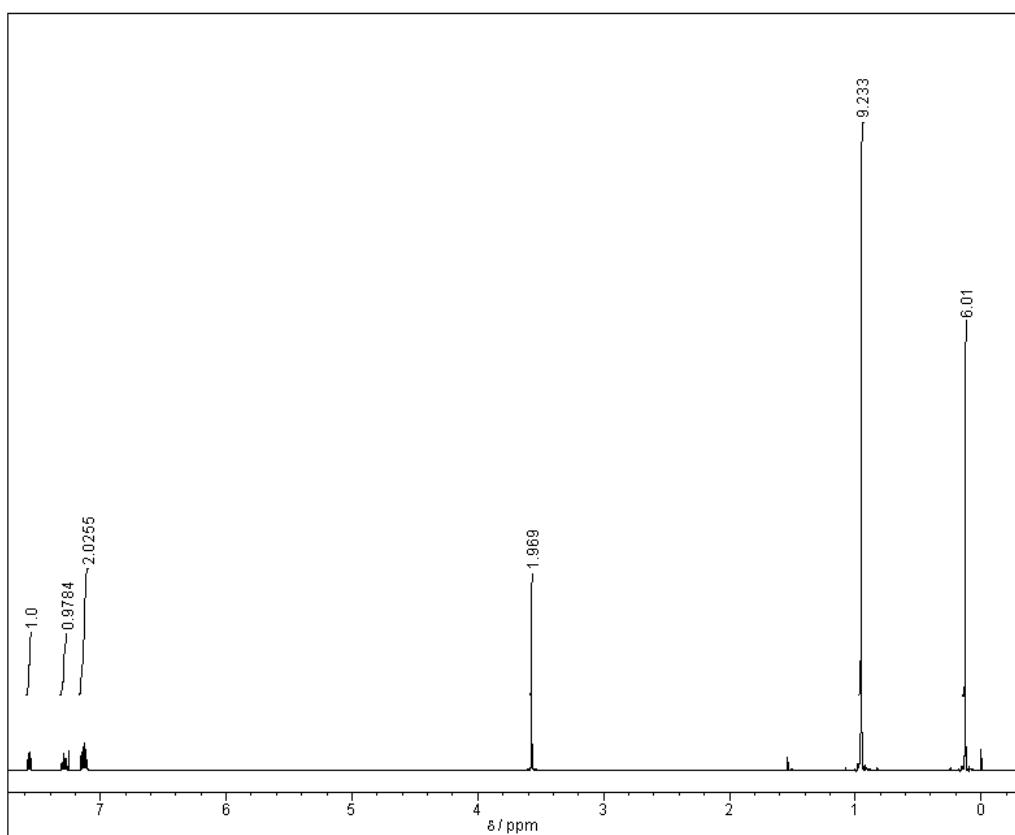


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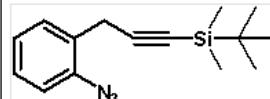
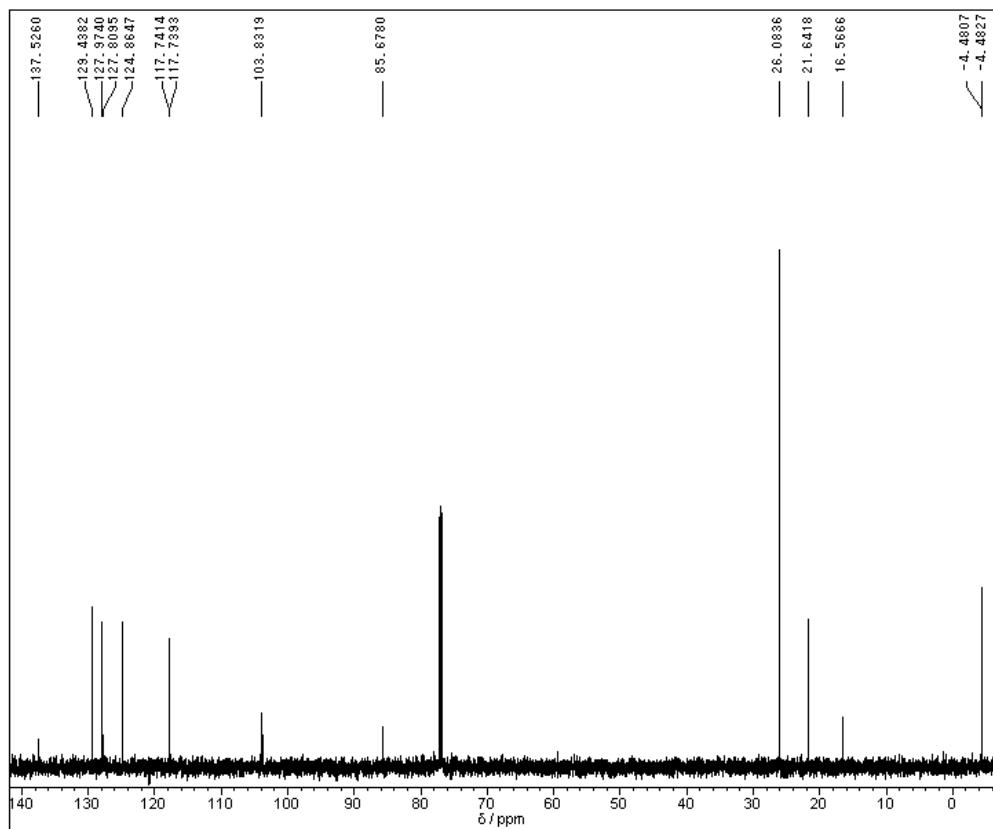


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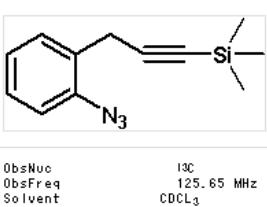
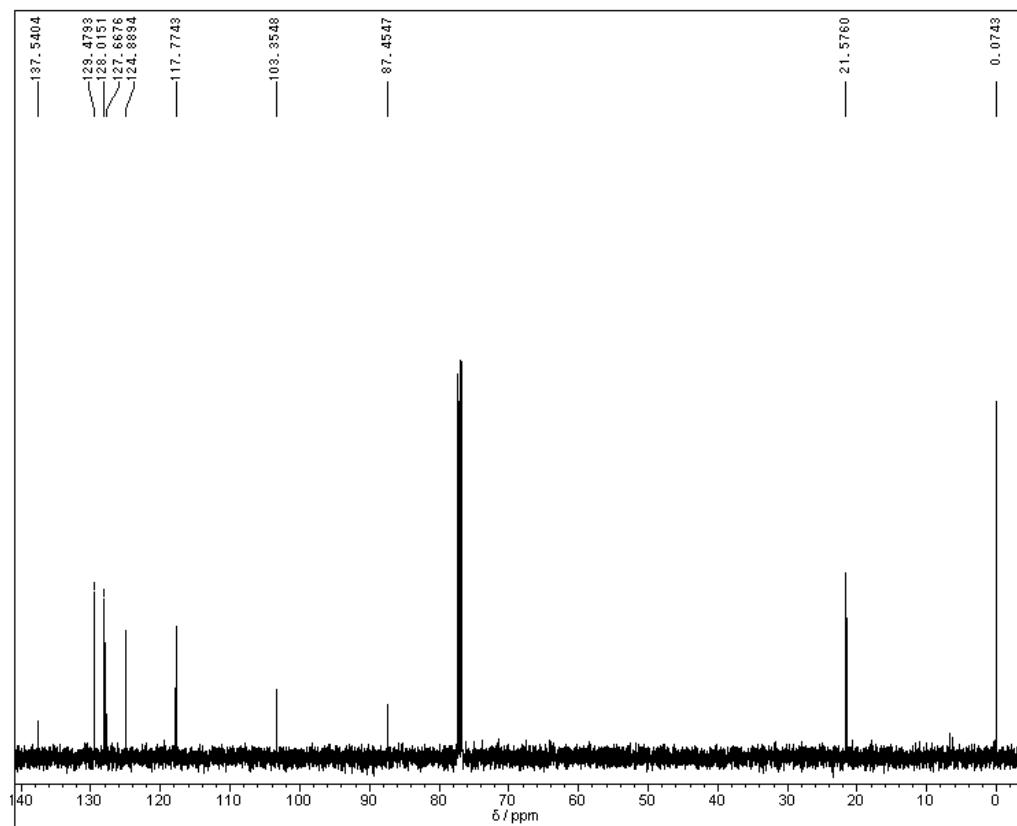
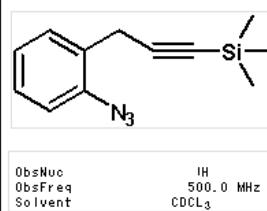
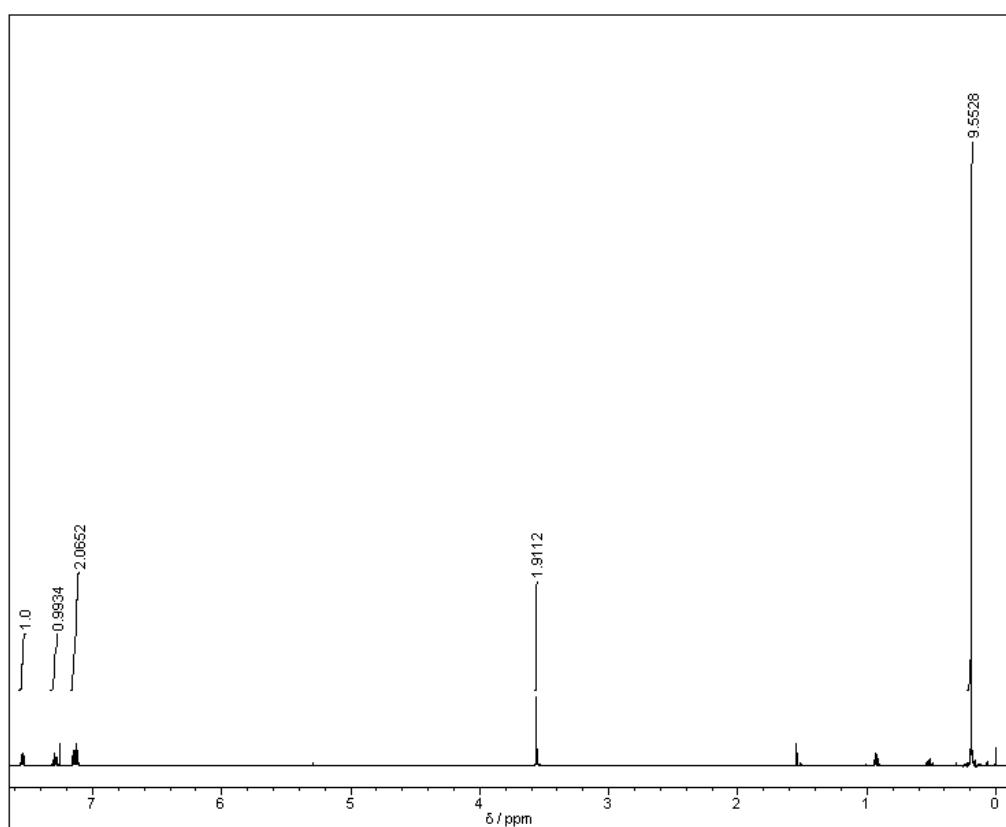


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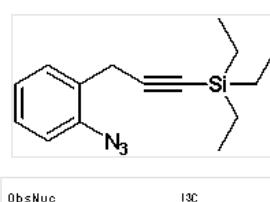
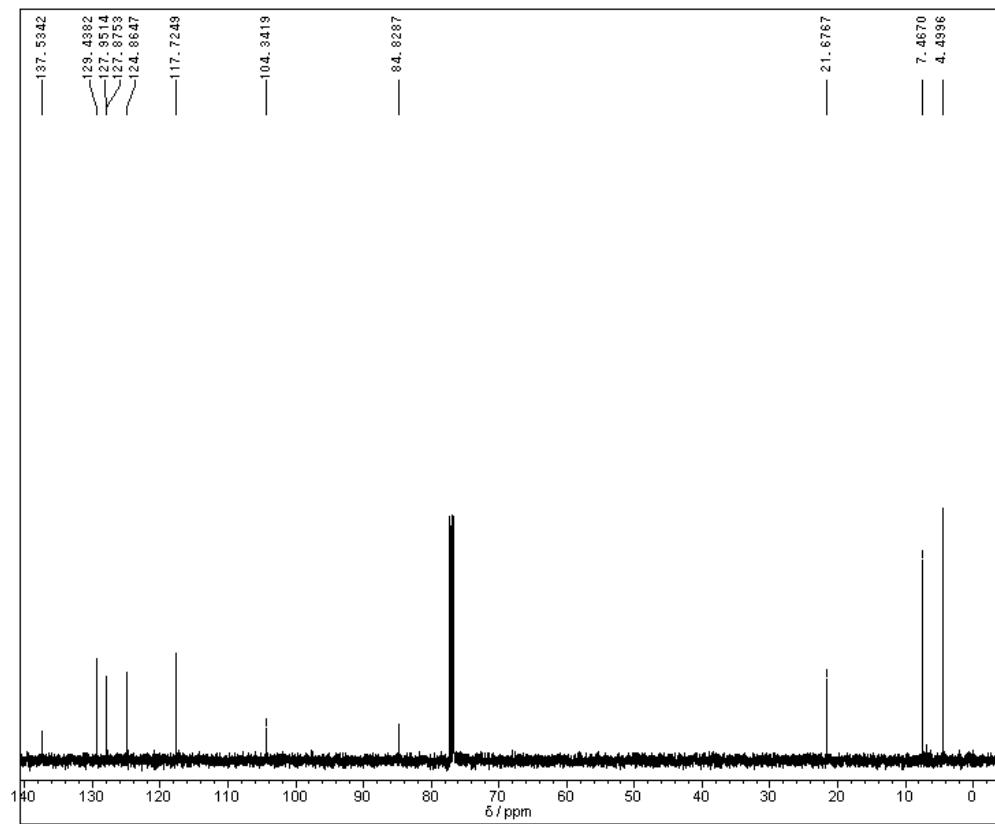
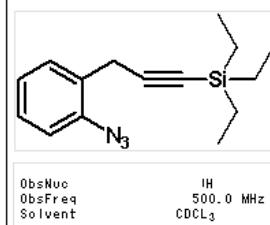
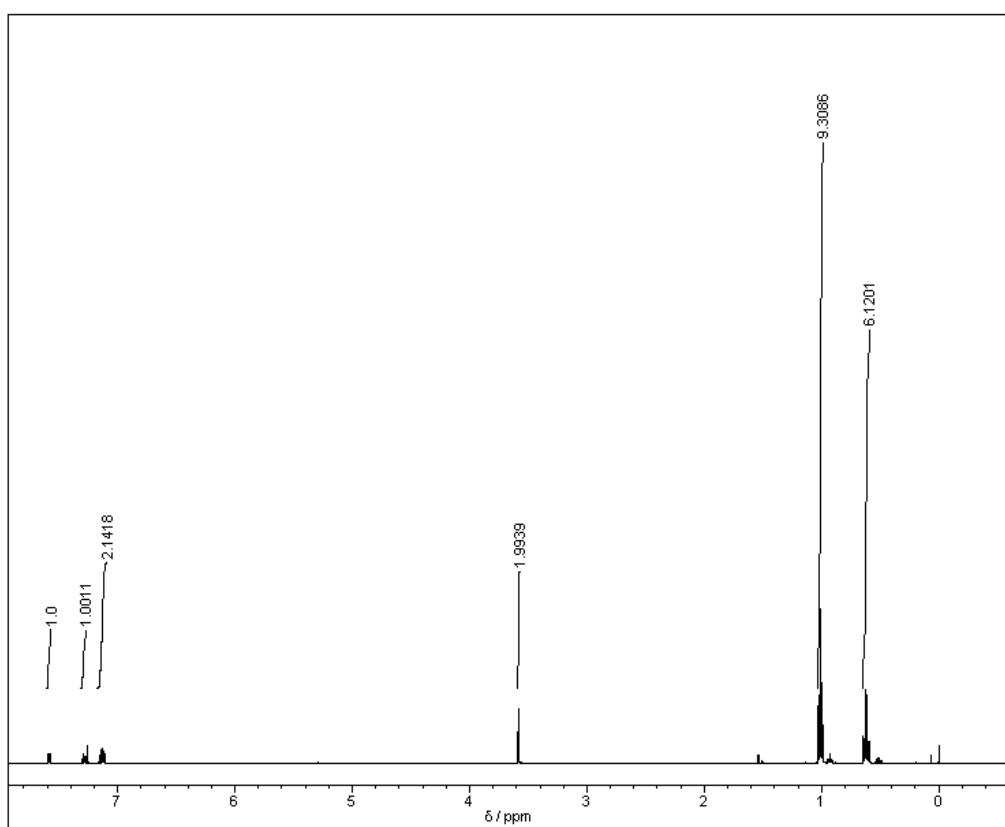


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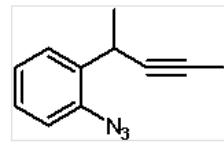
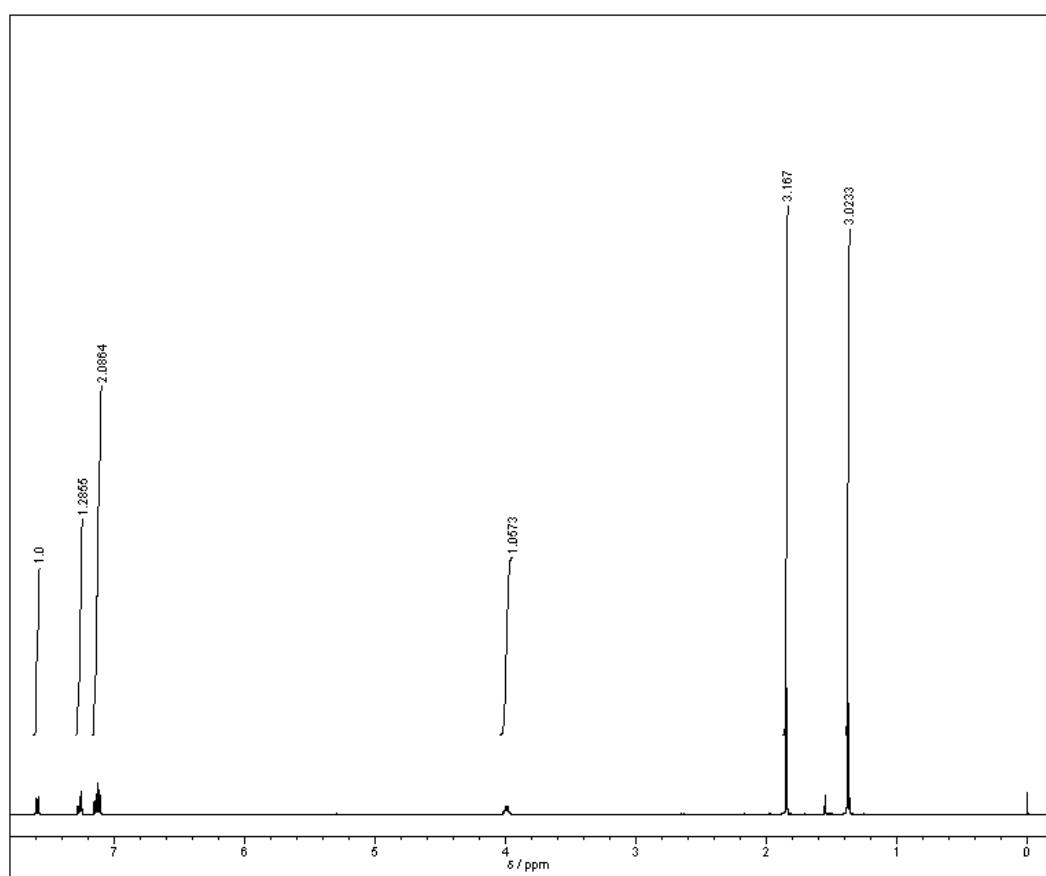
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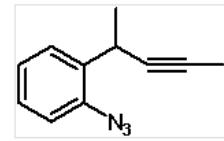
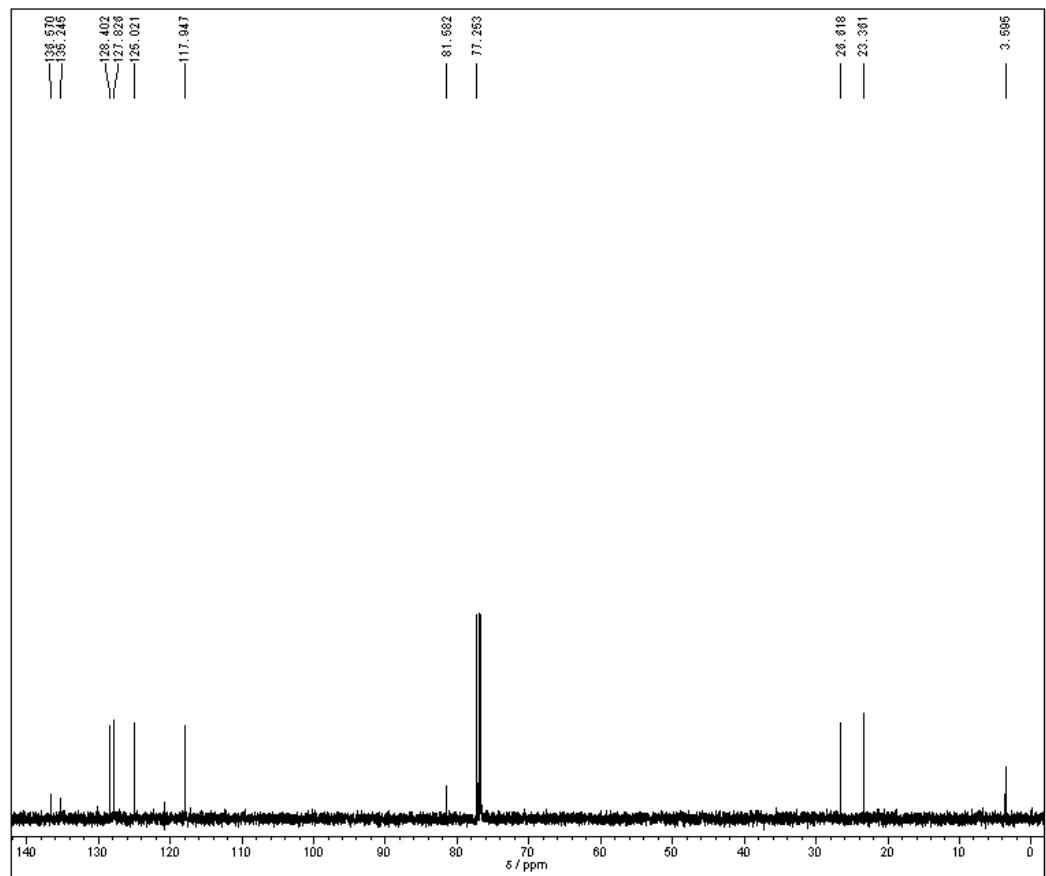
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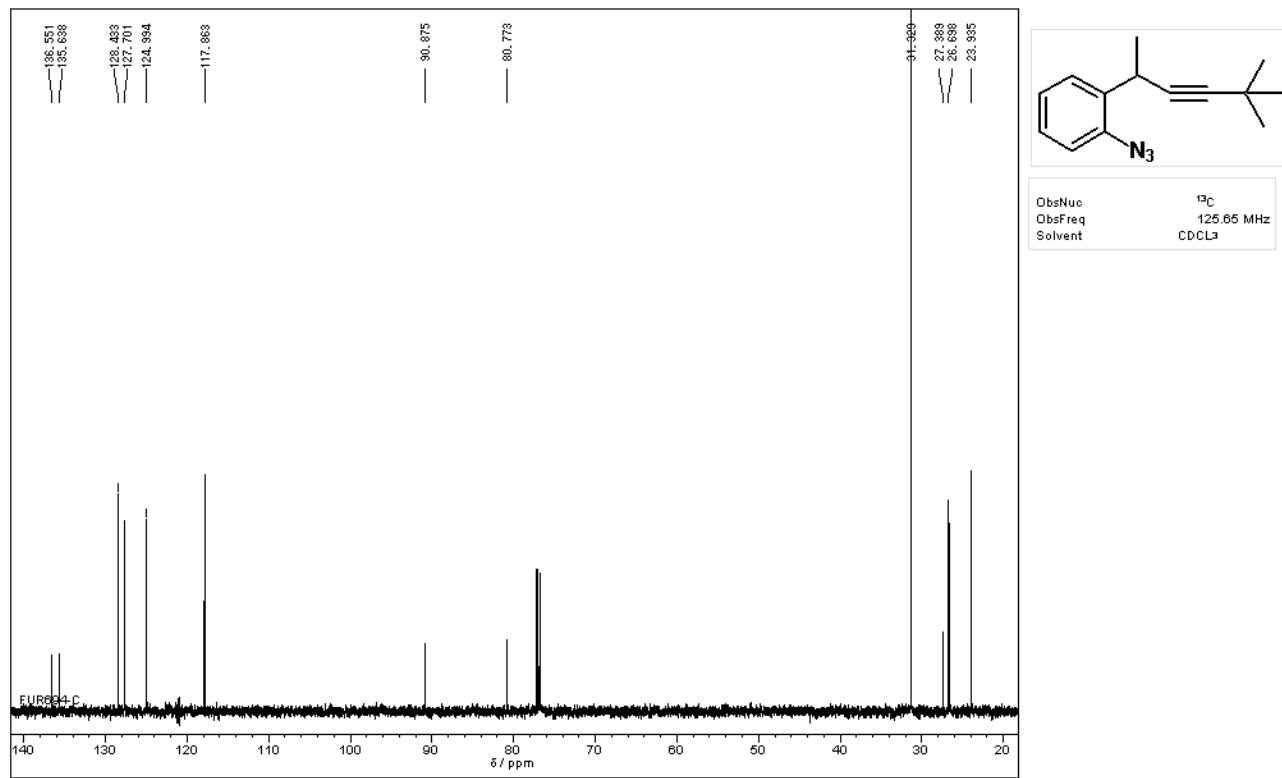
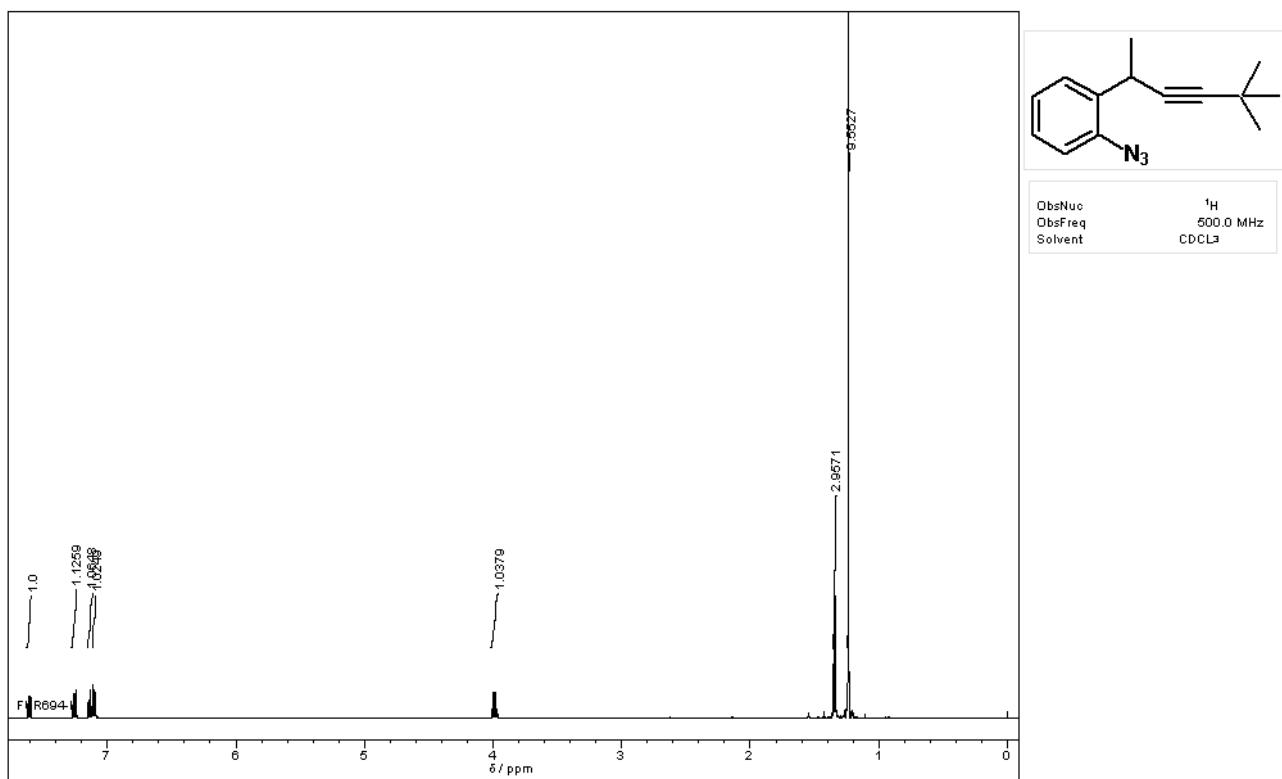


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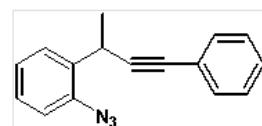
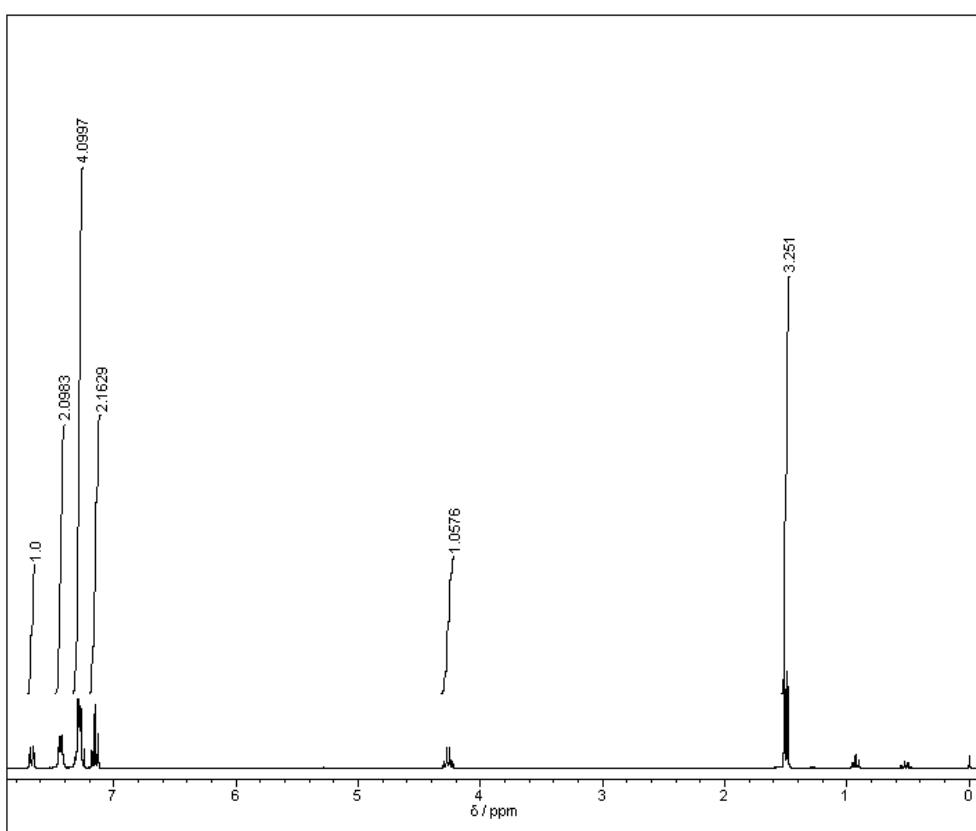


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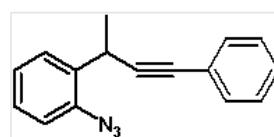
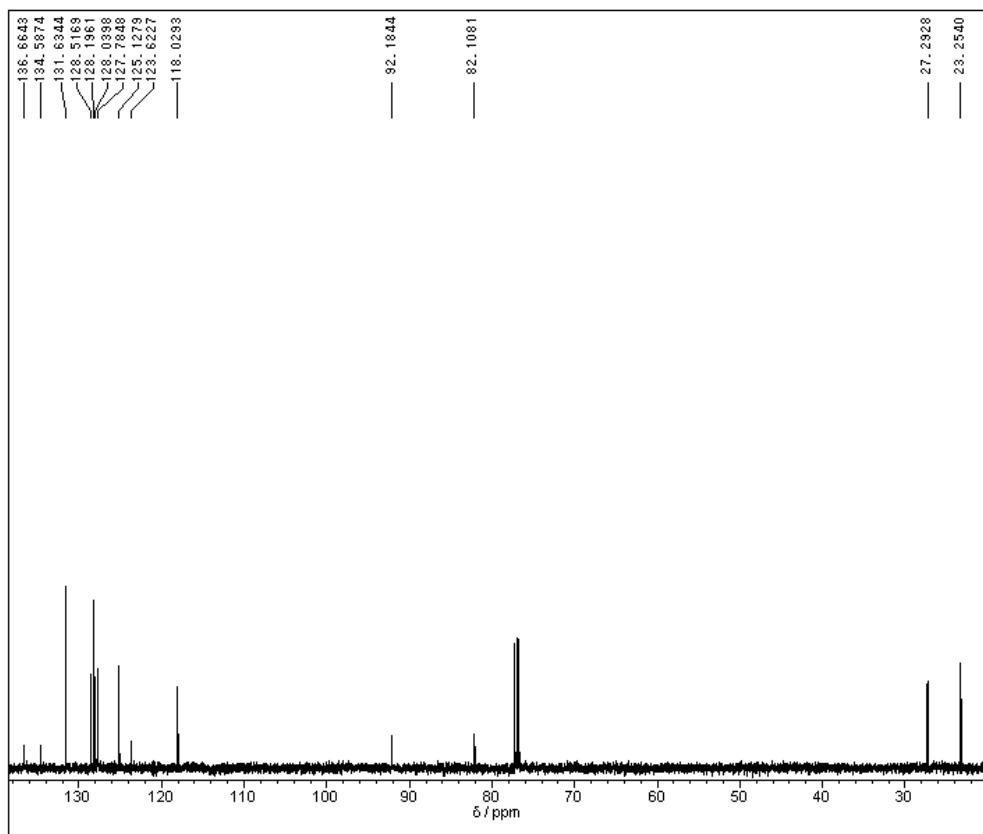
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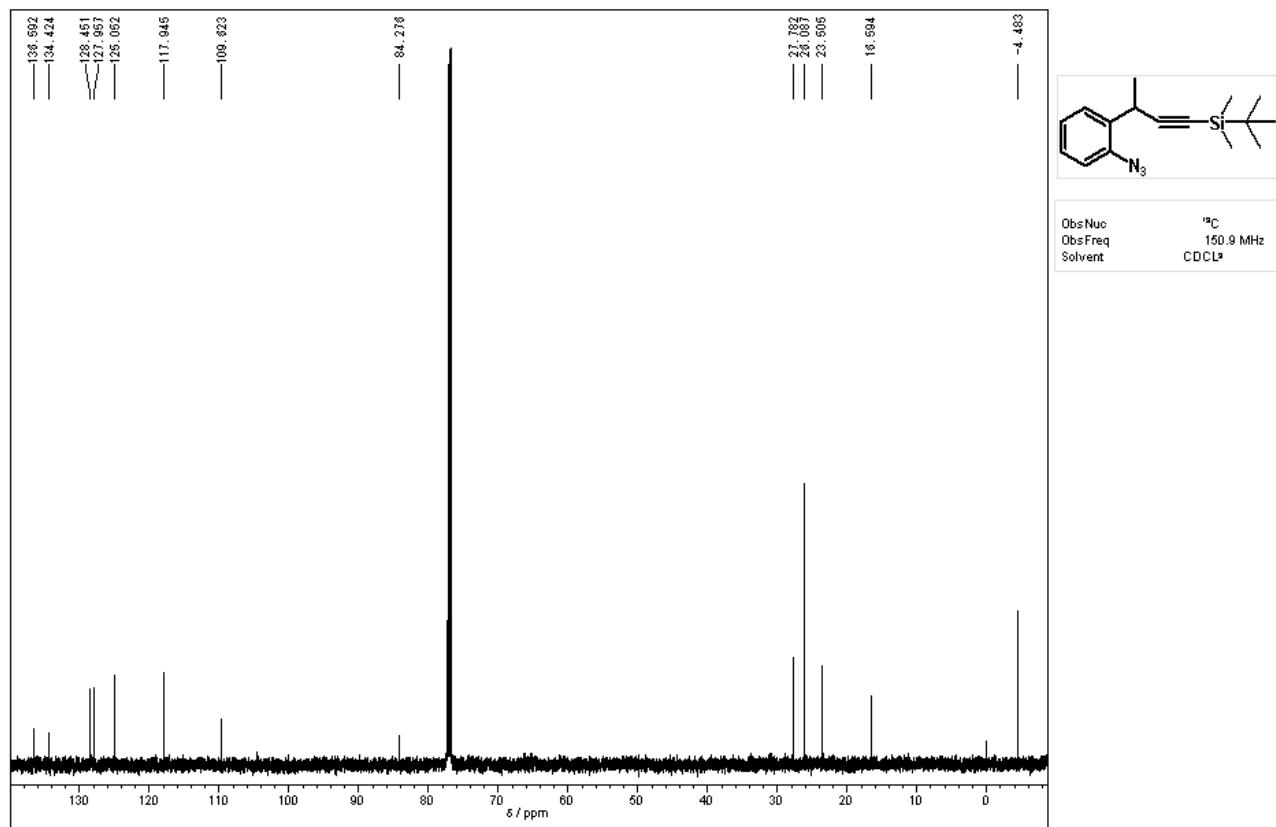
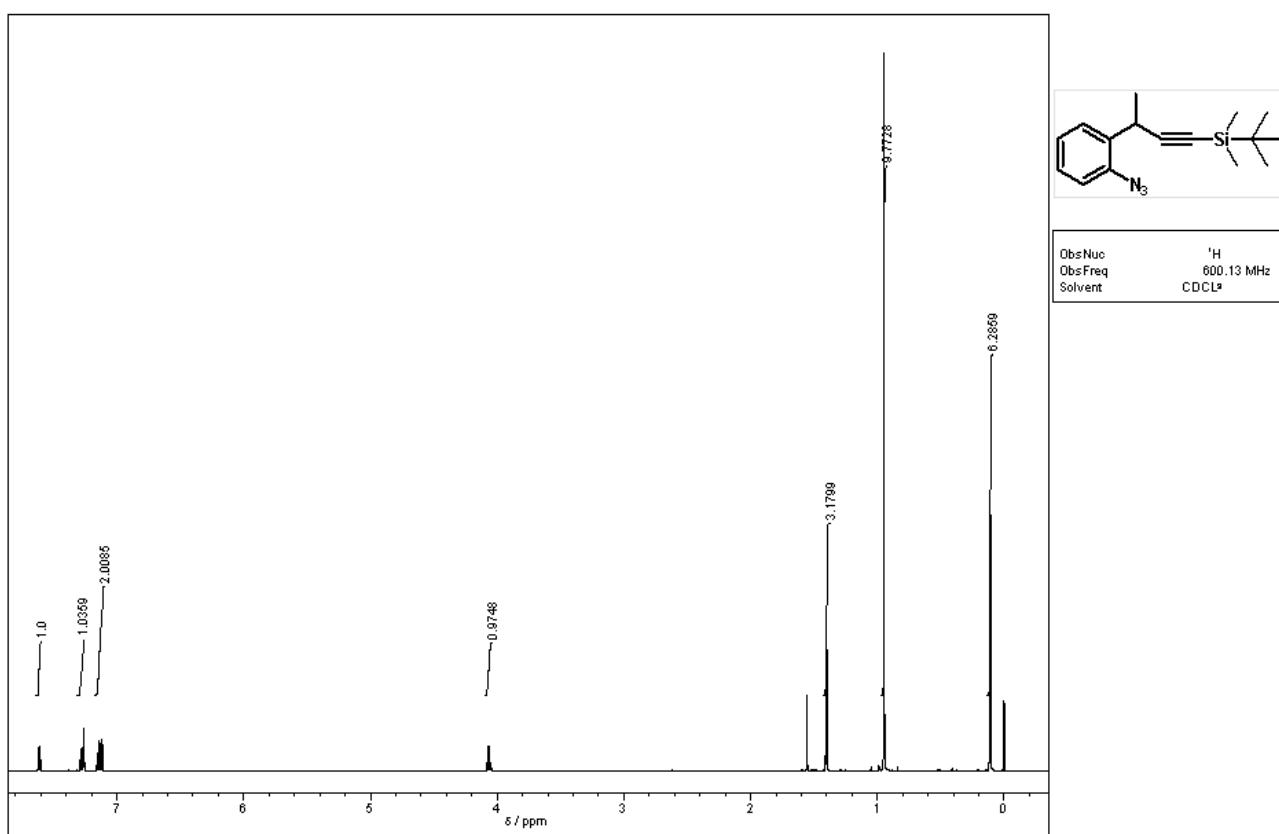


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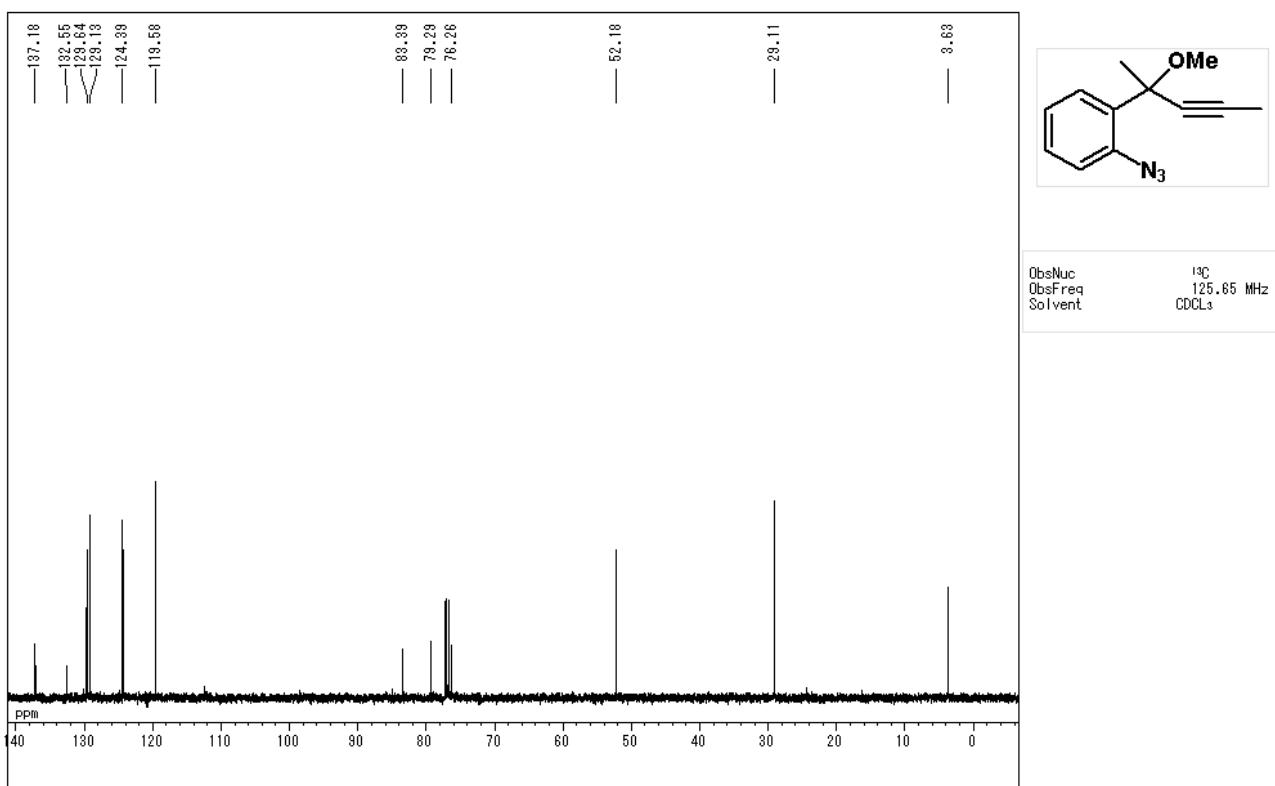
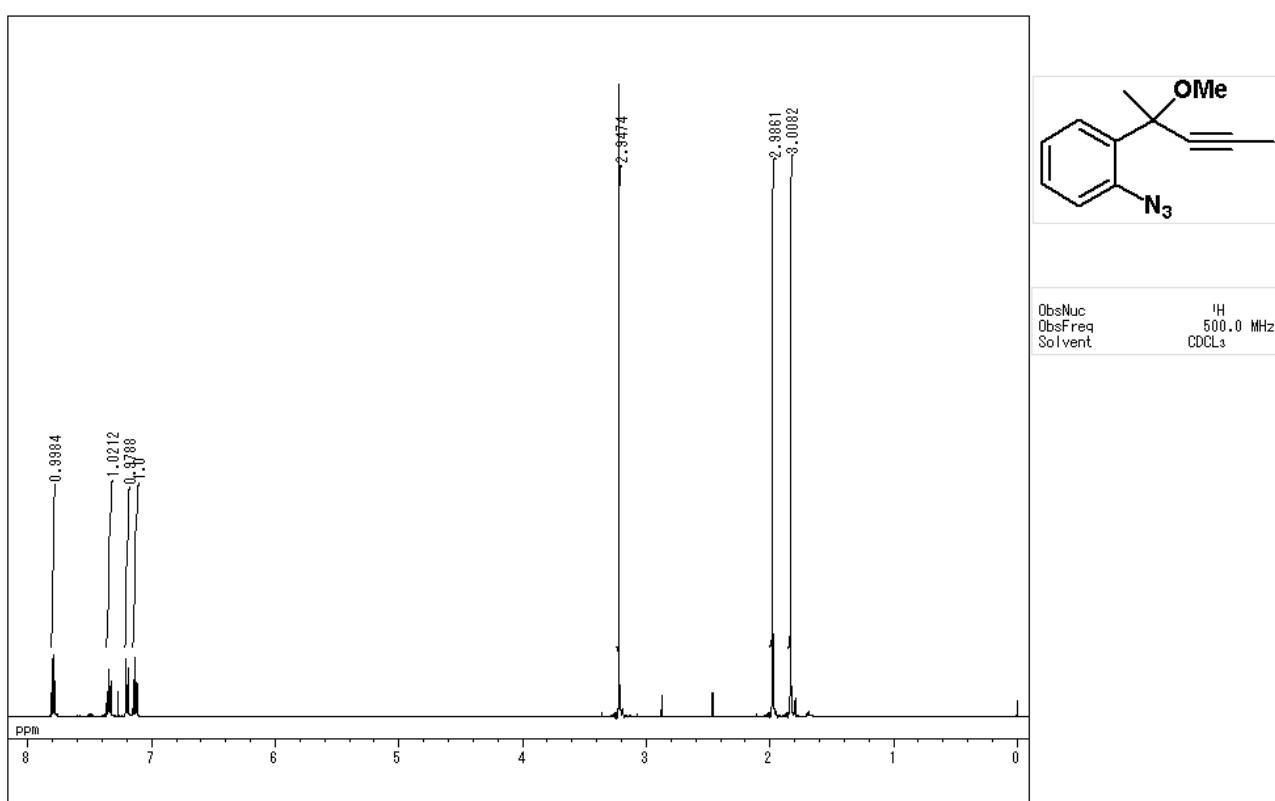


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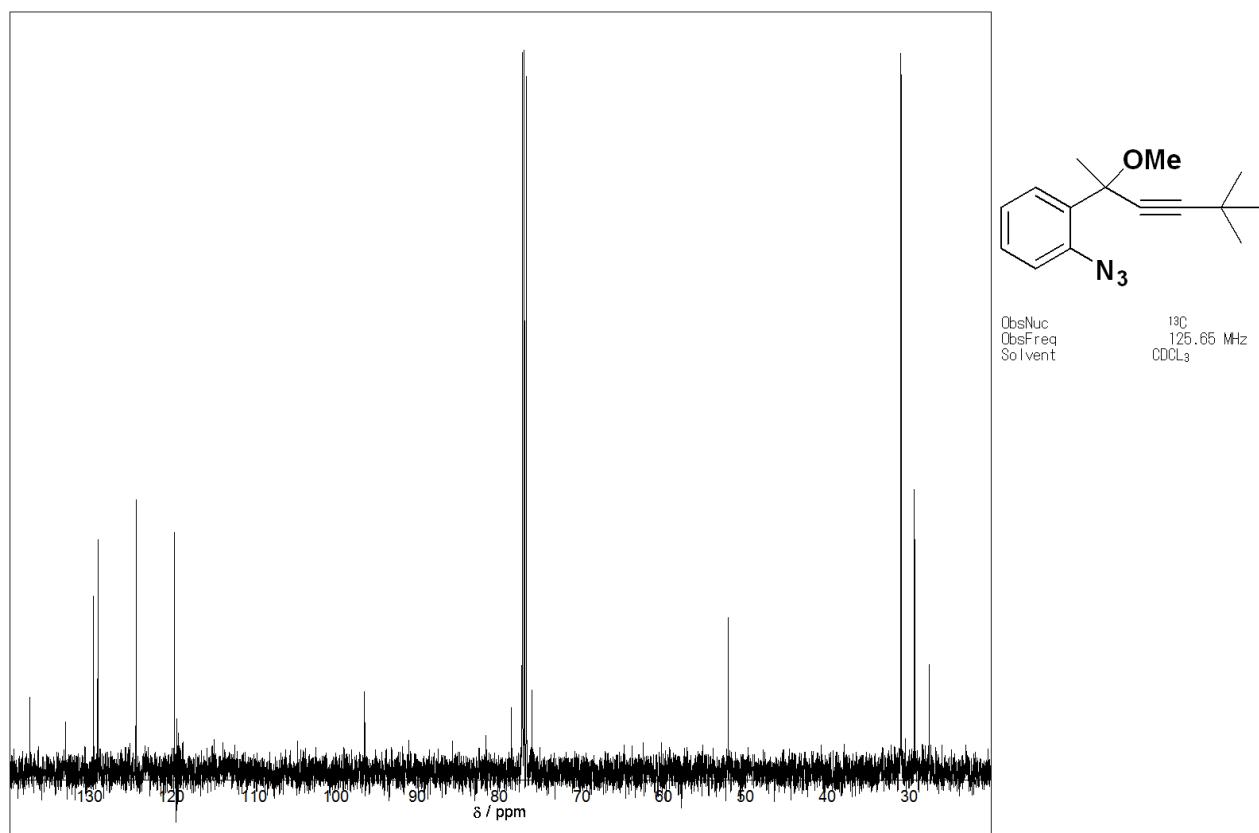
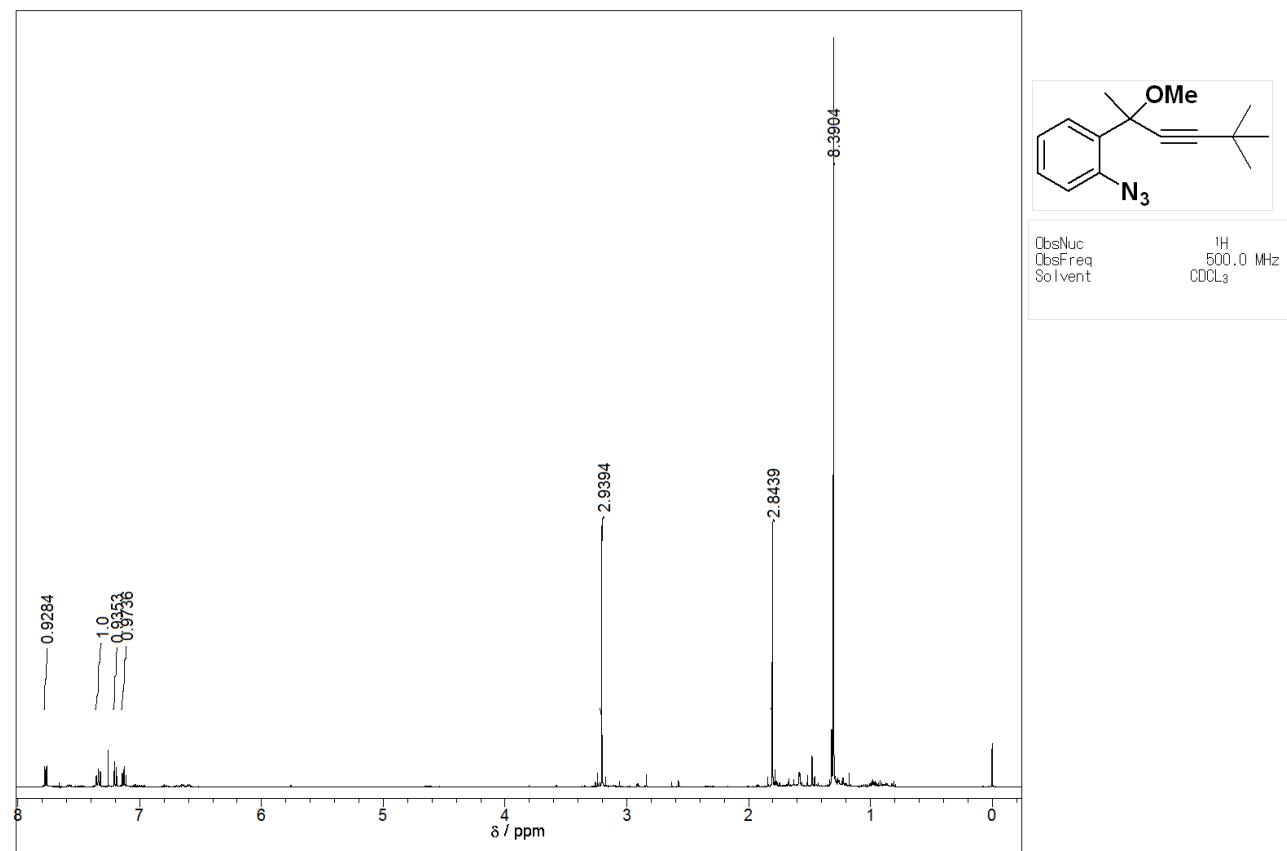
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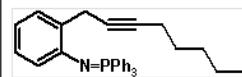
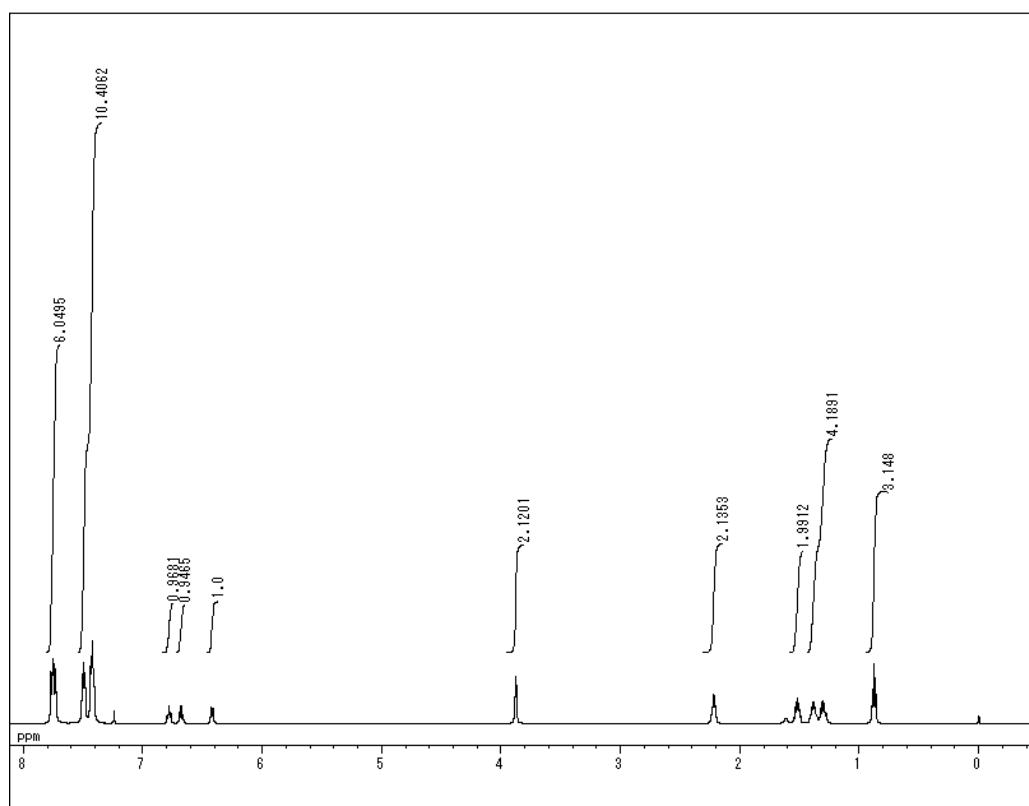
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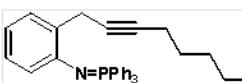
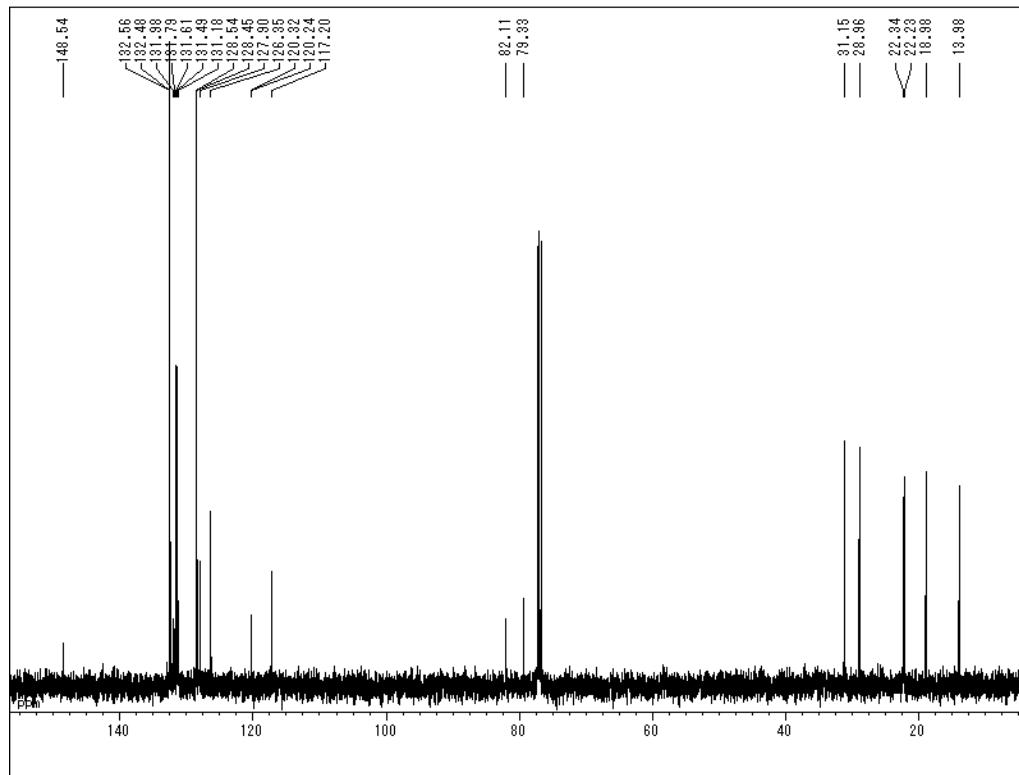
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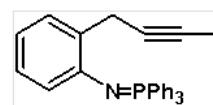
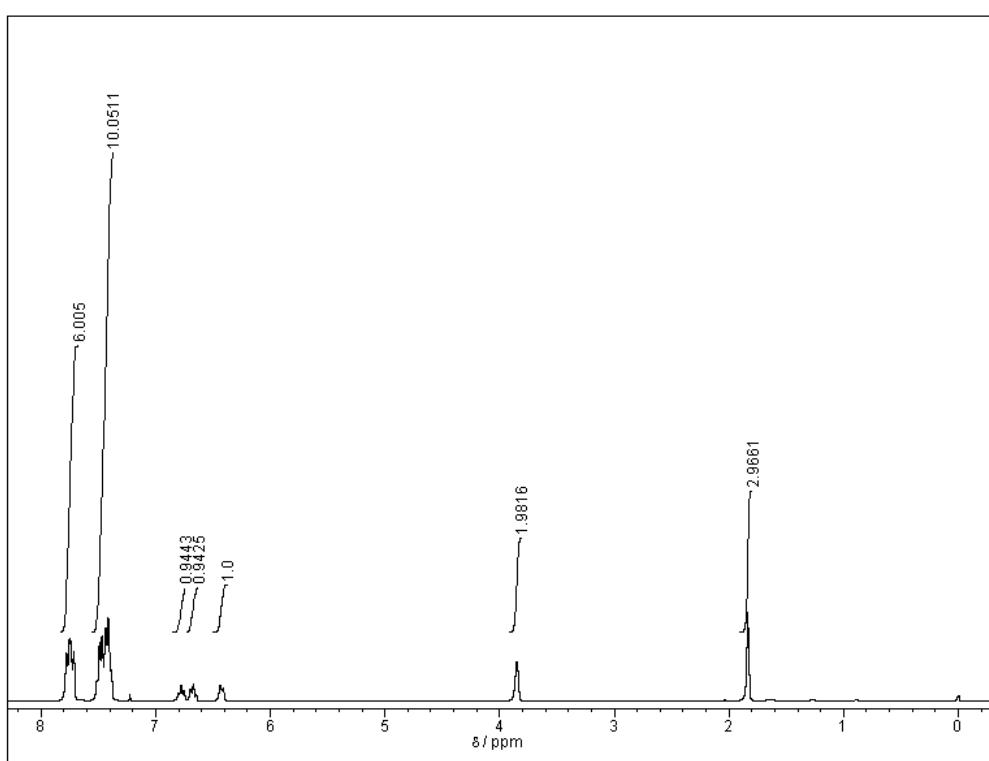


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Solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>

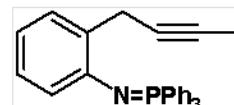
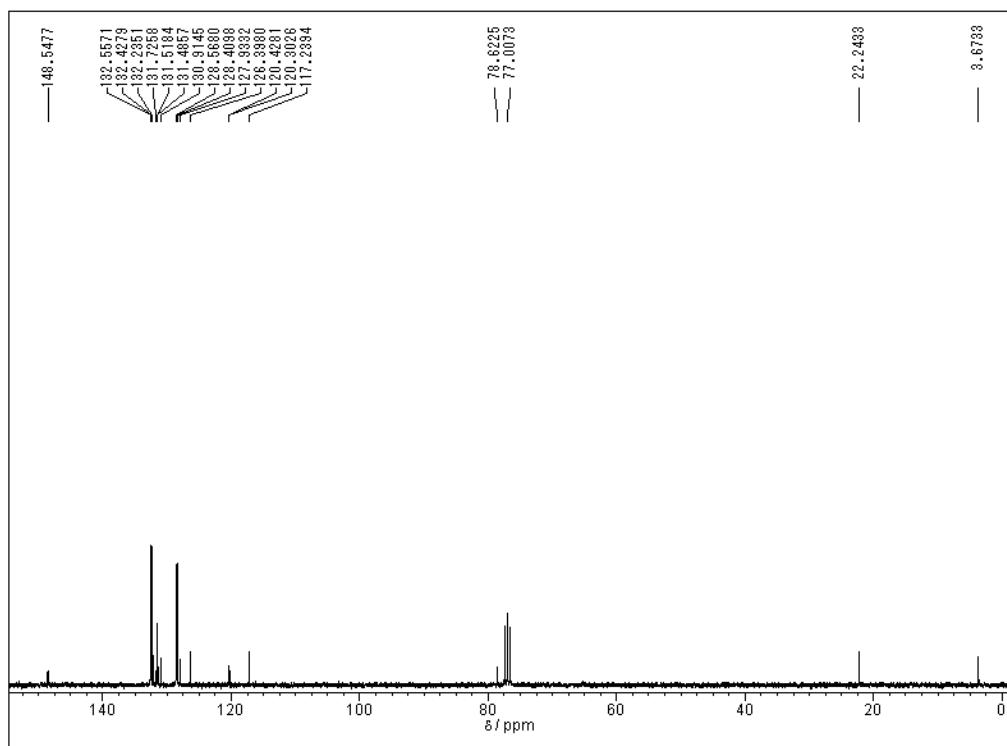


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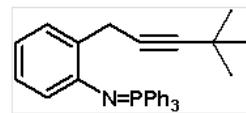
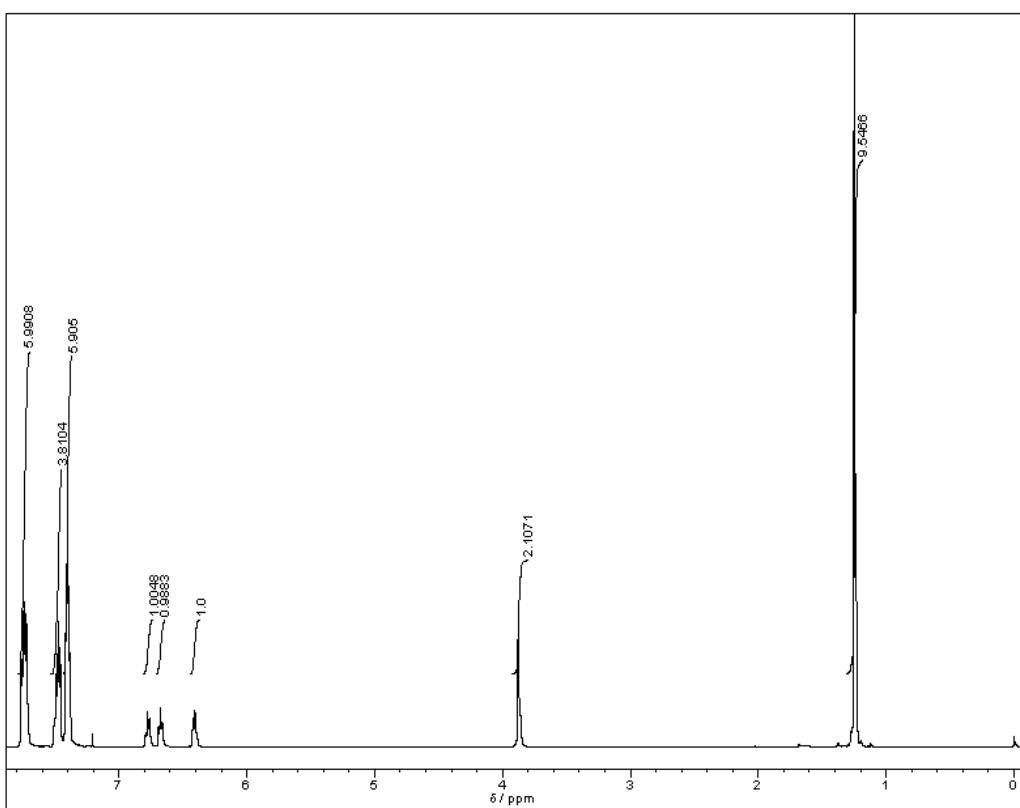


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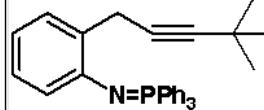
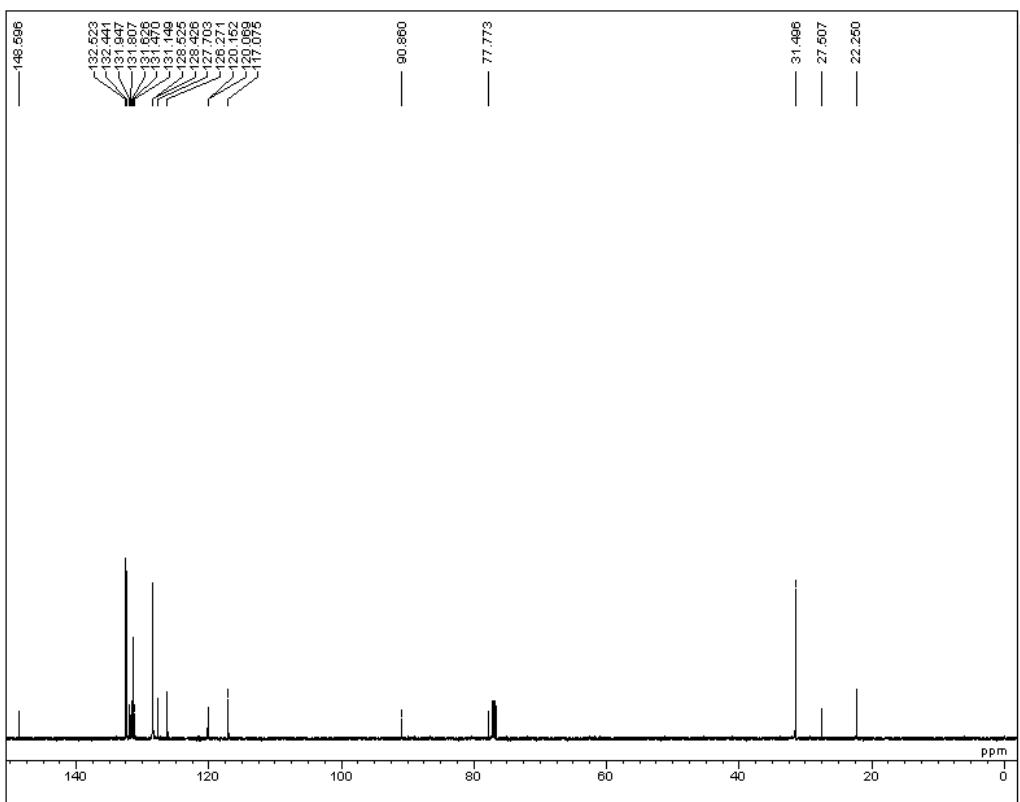


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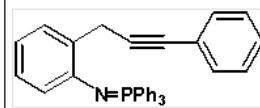
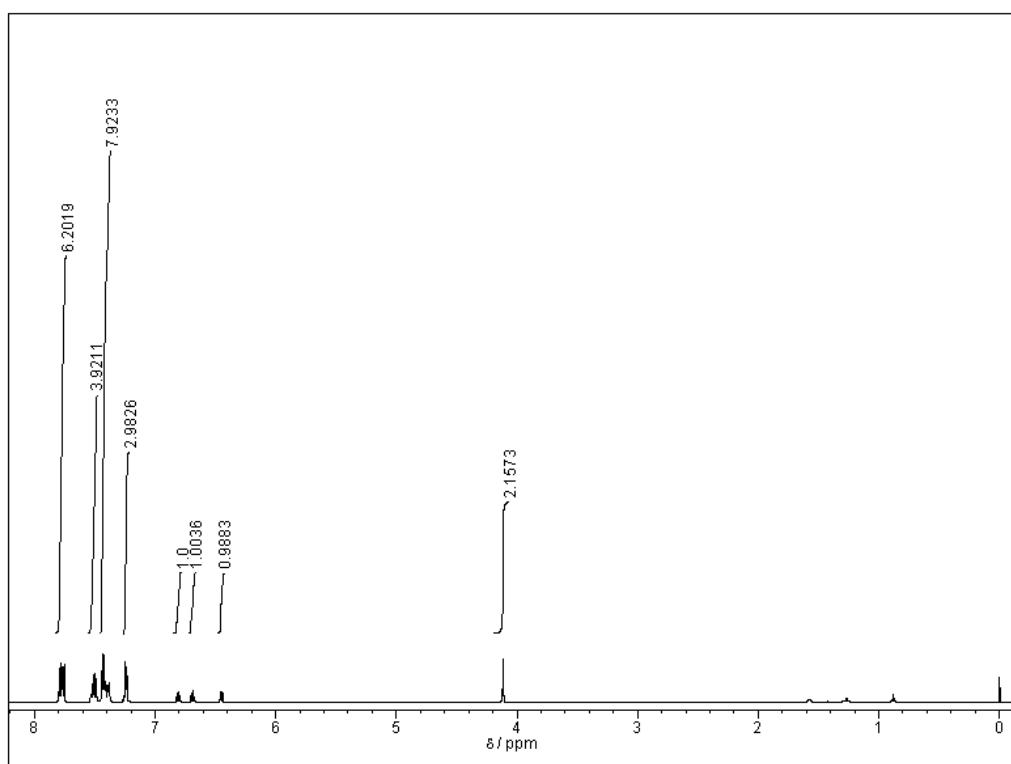


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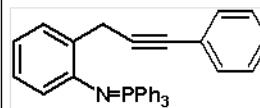
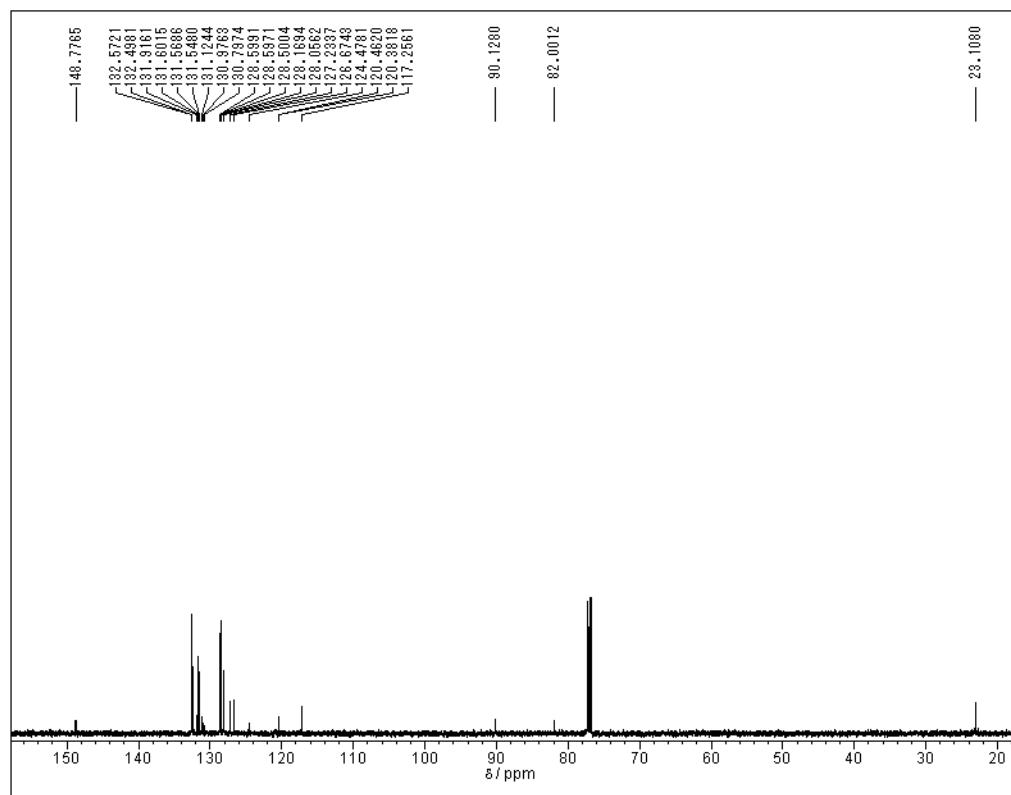
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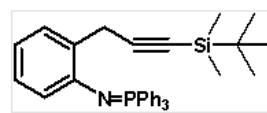
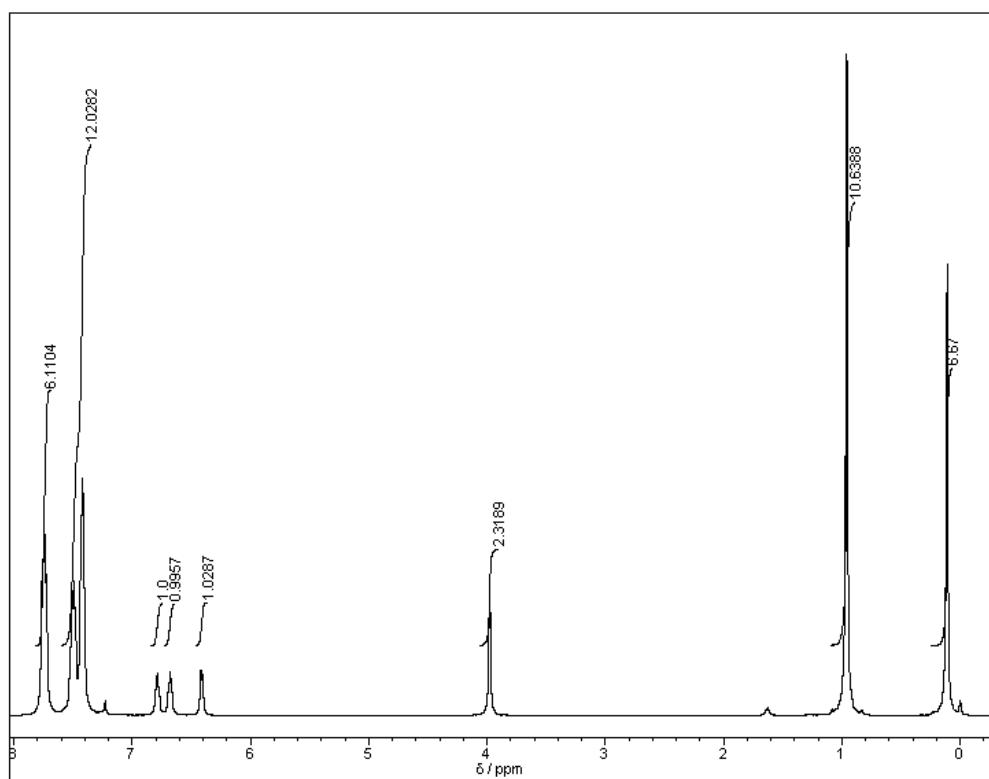
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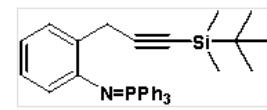
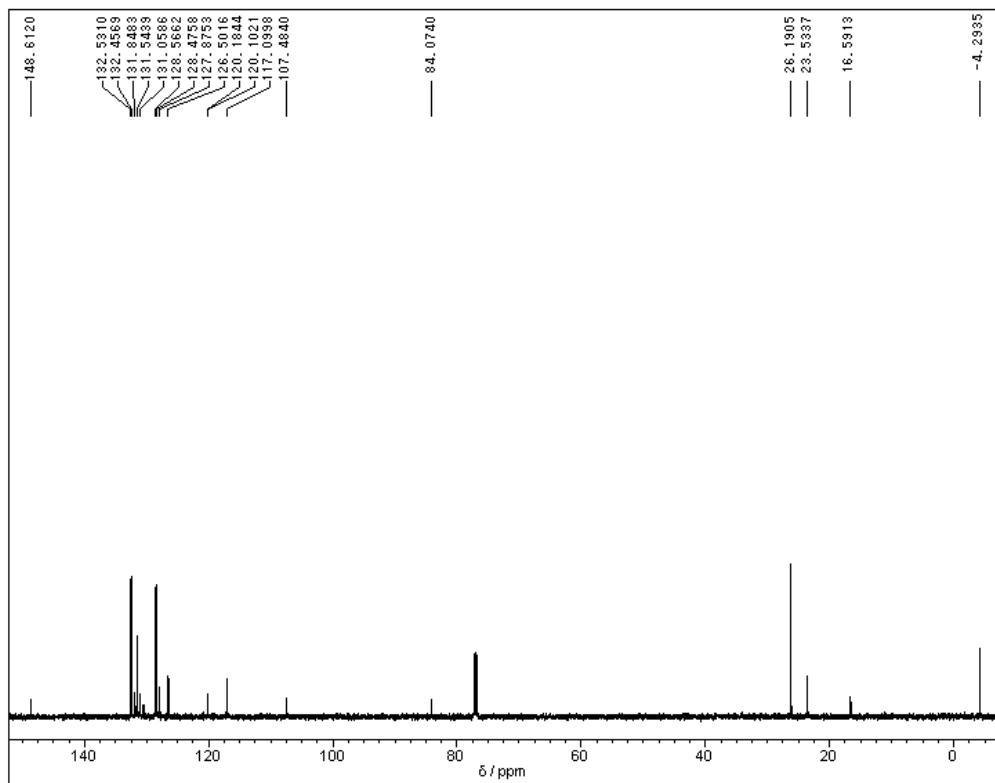
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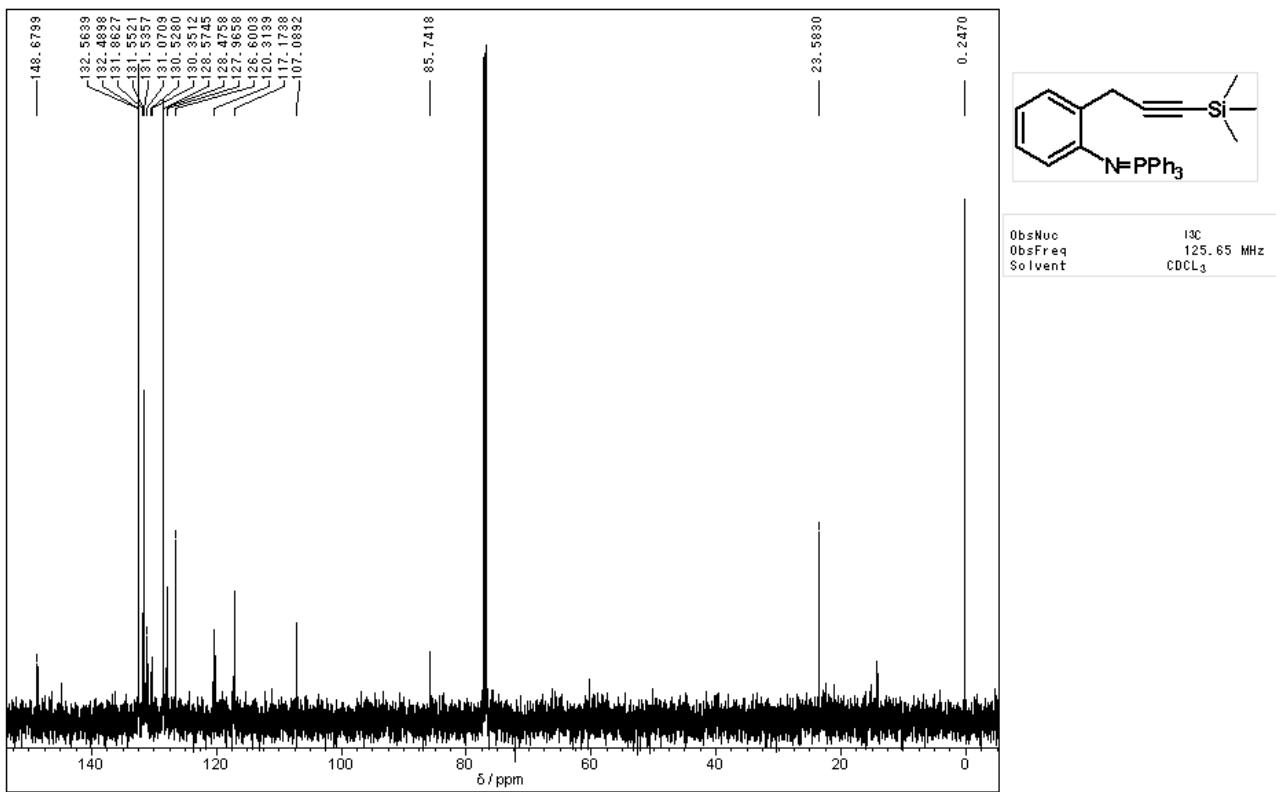
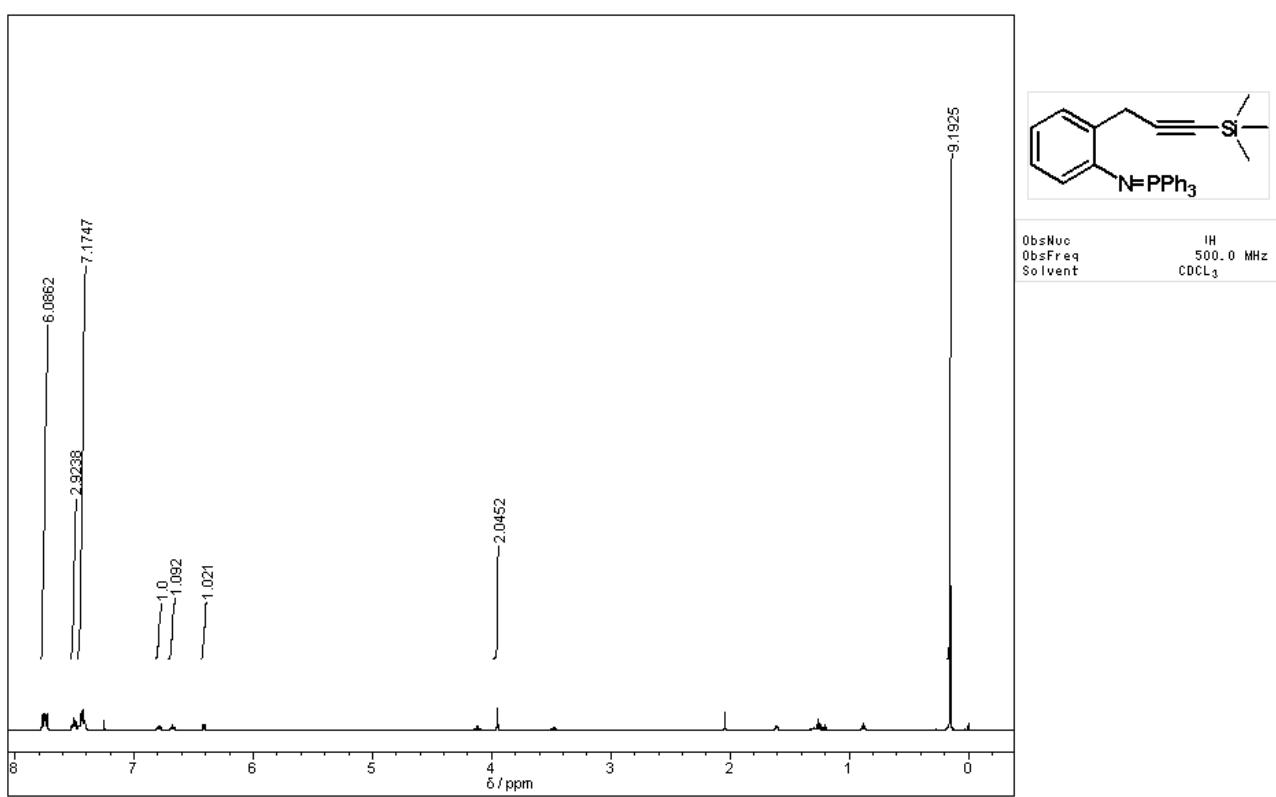


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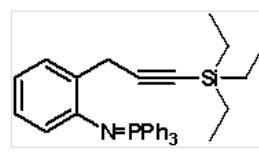
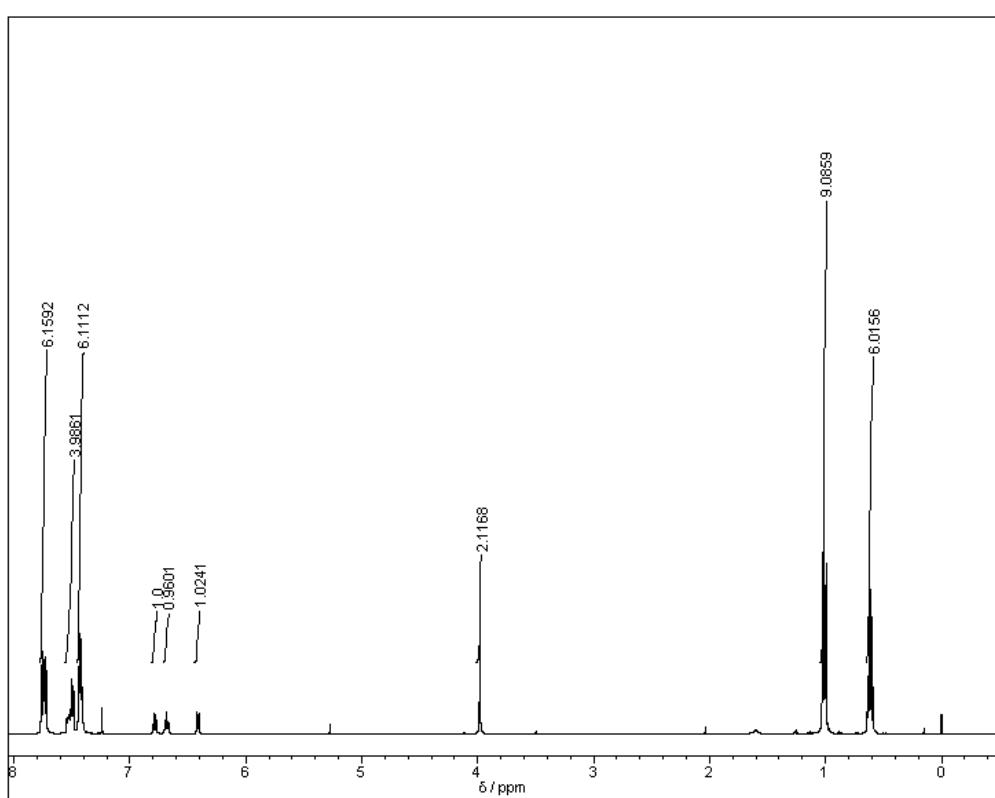


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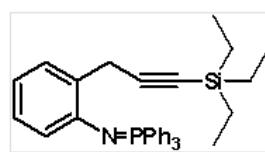
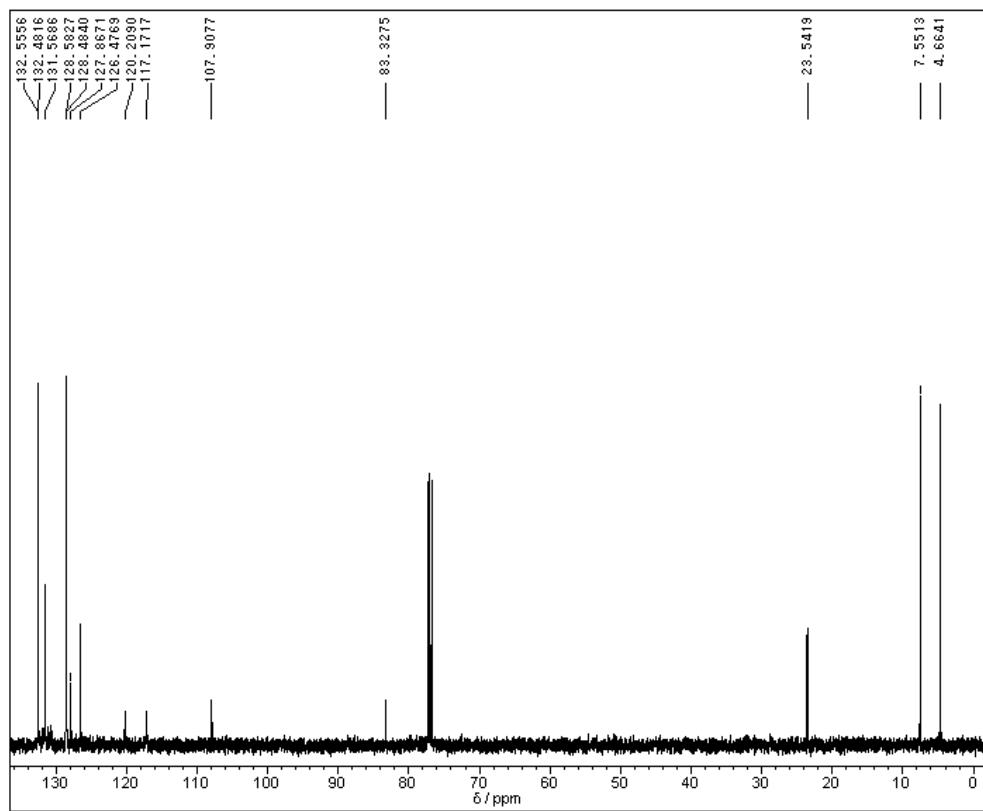
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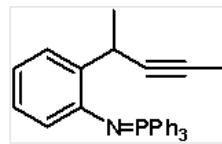
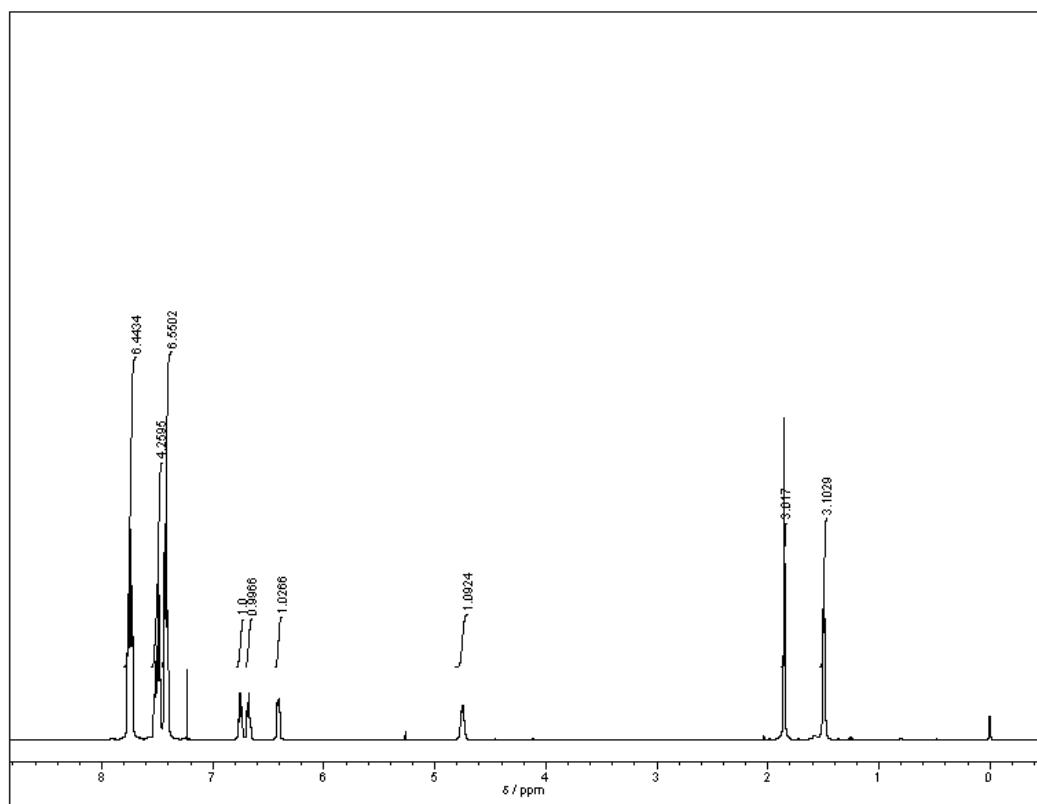


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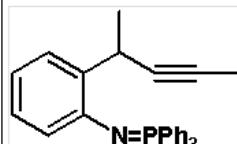
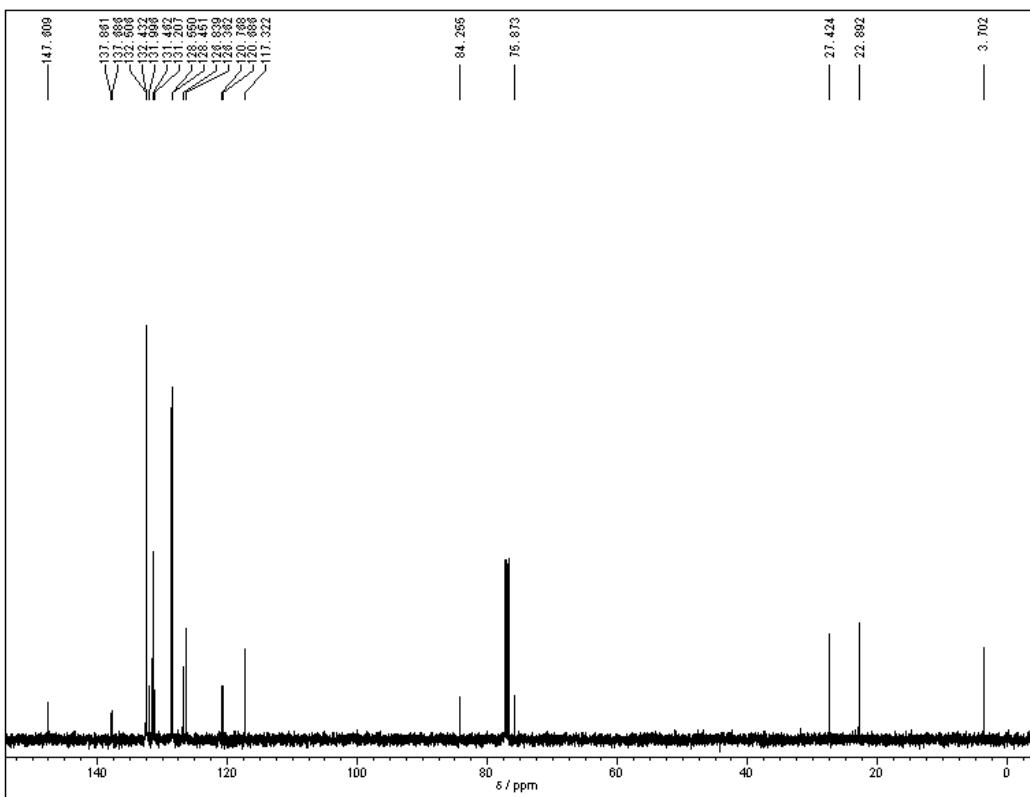


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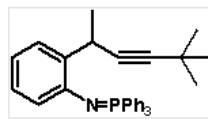
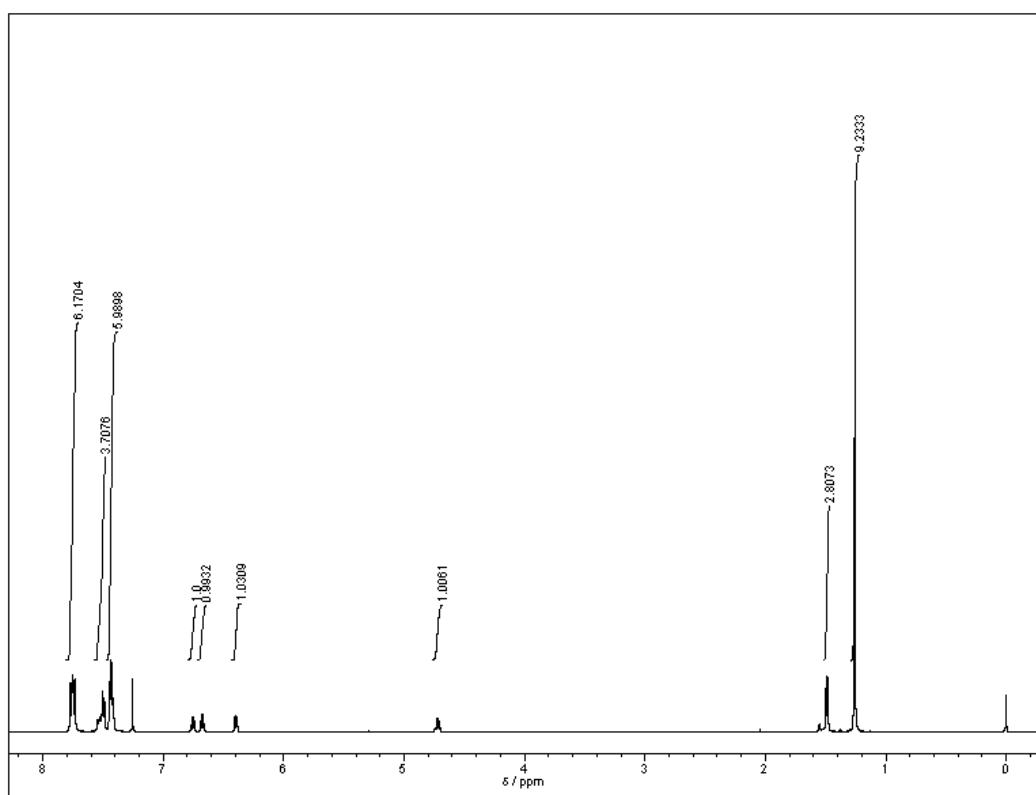


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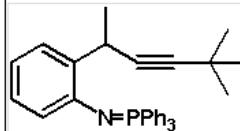
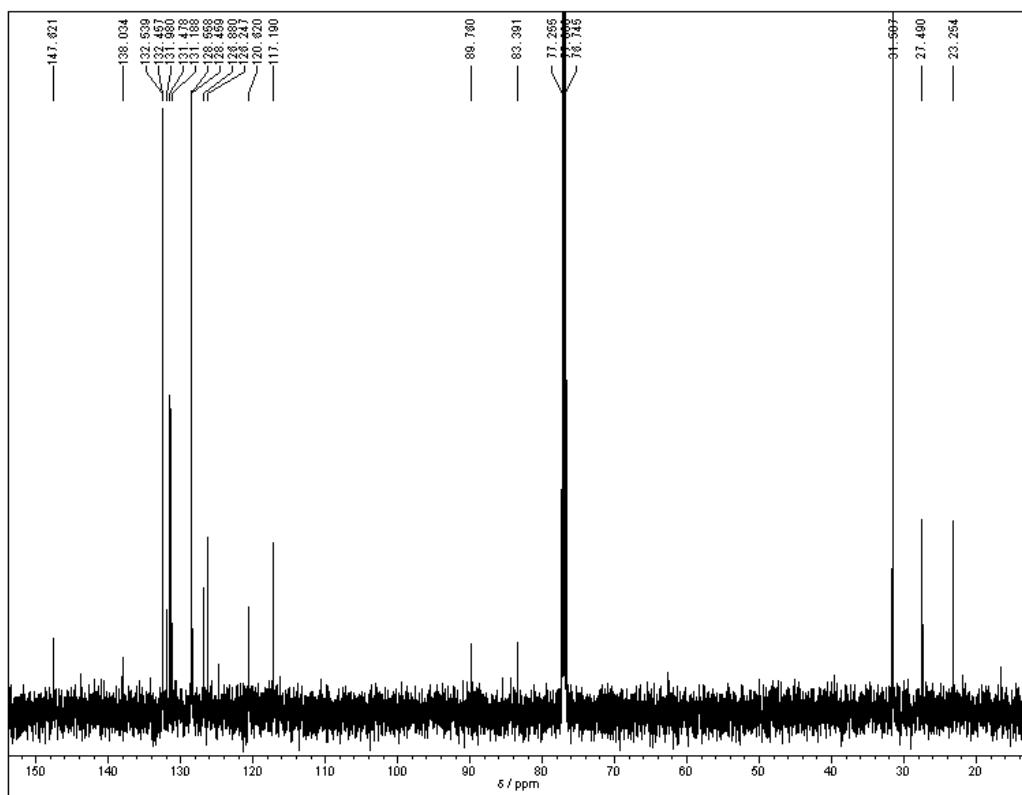


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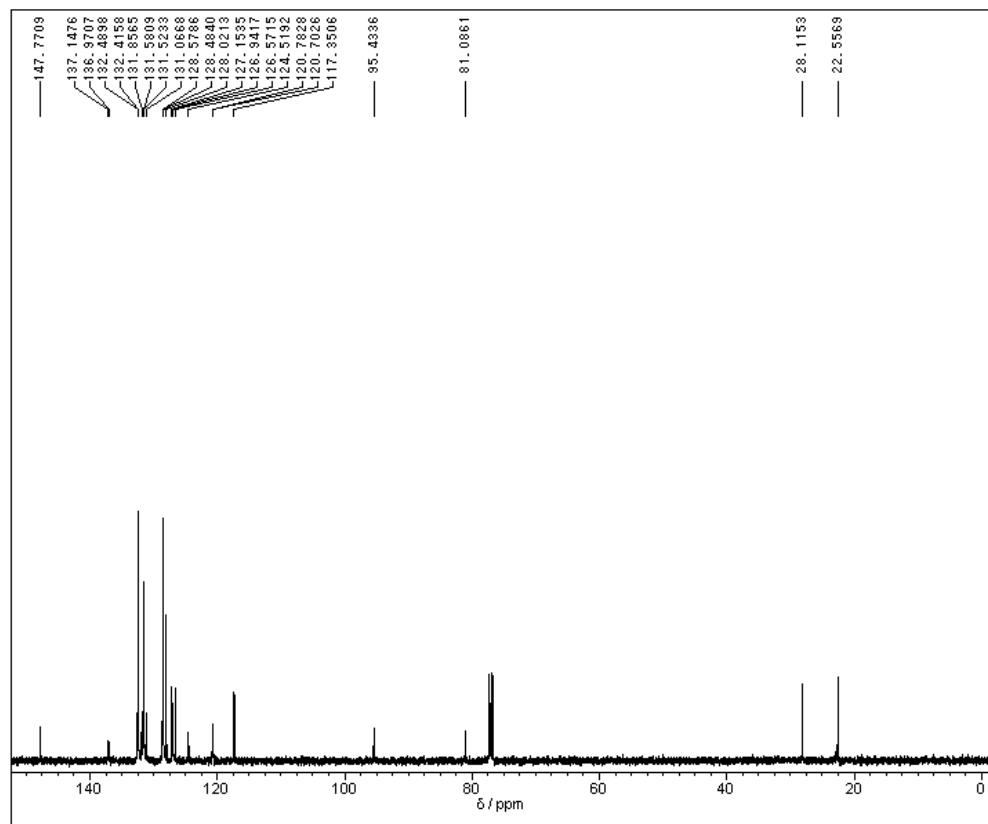
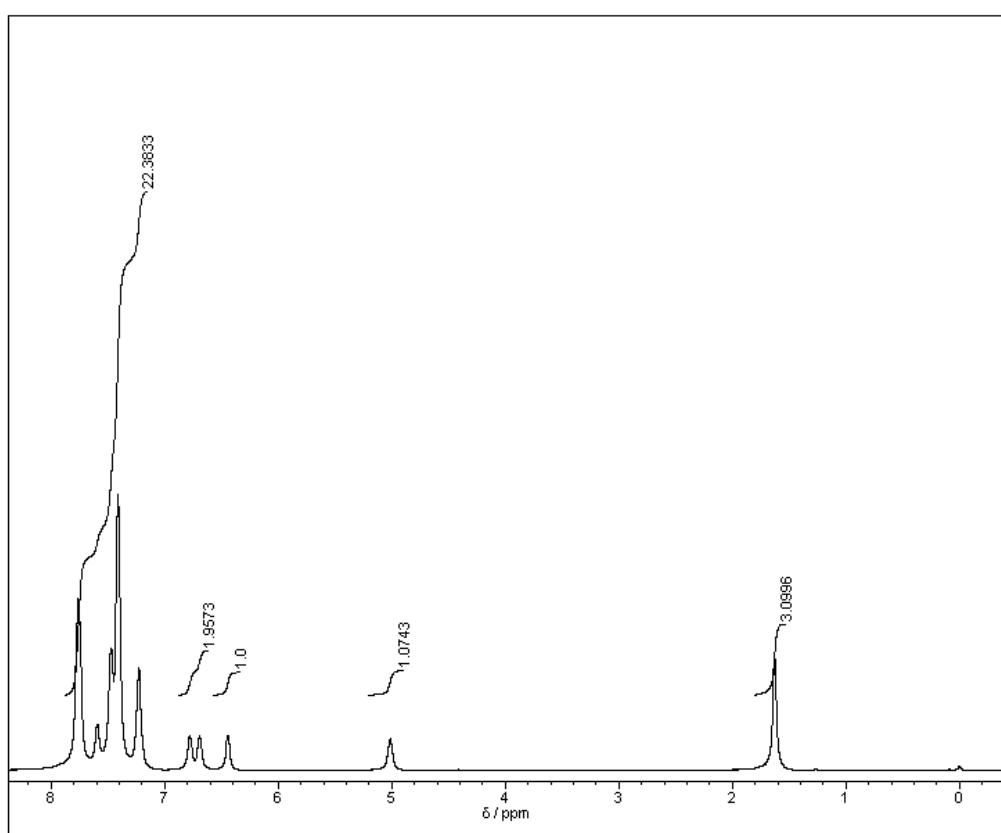


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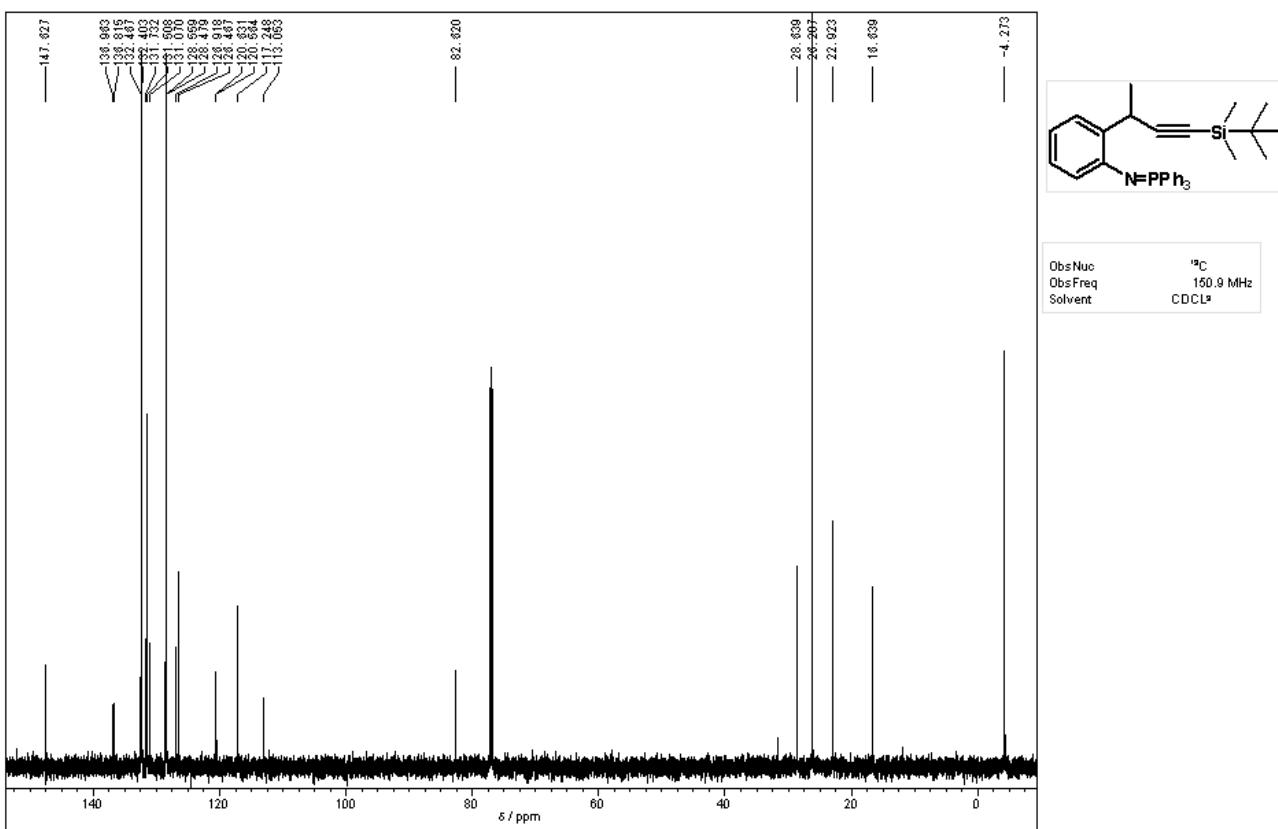
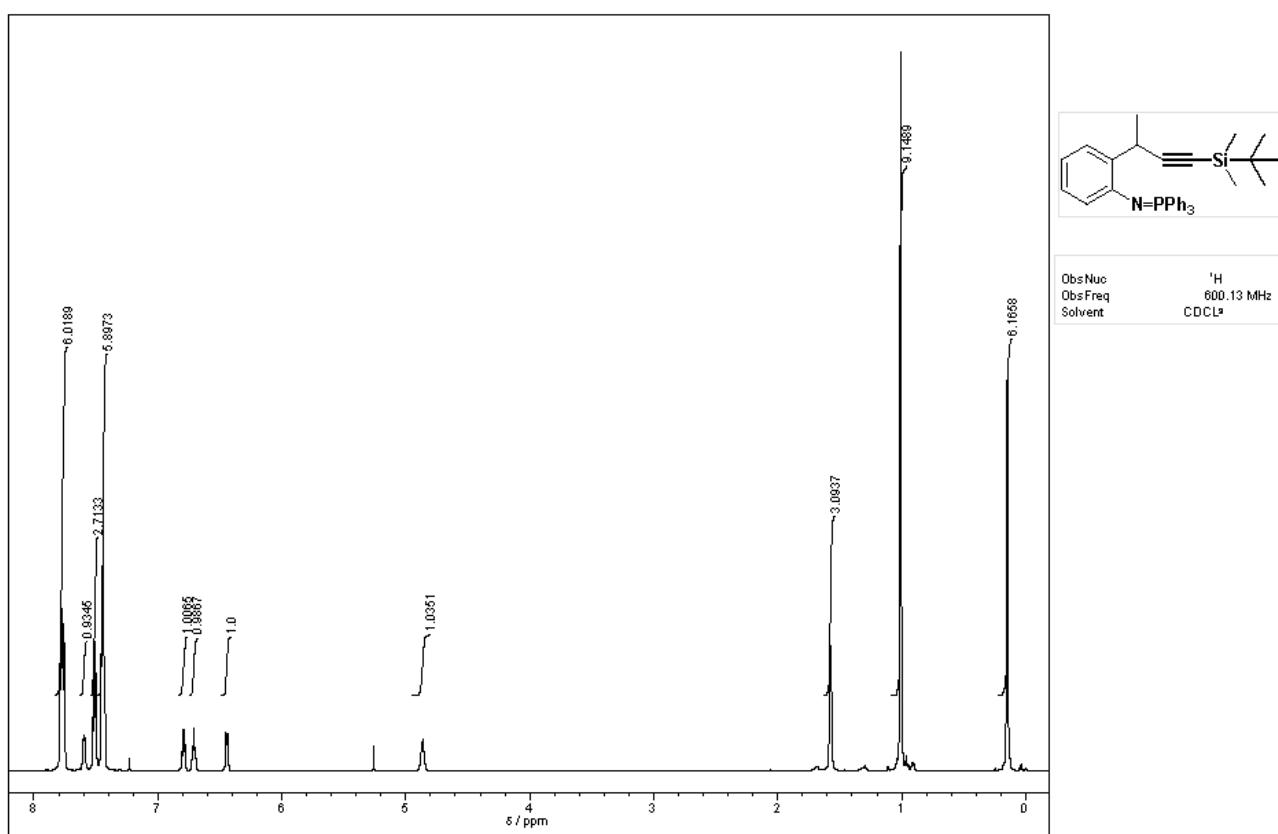


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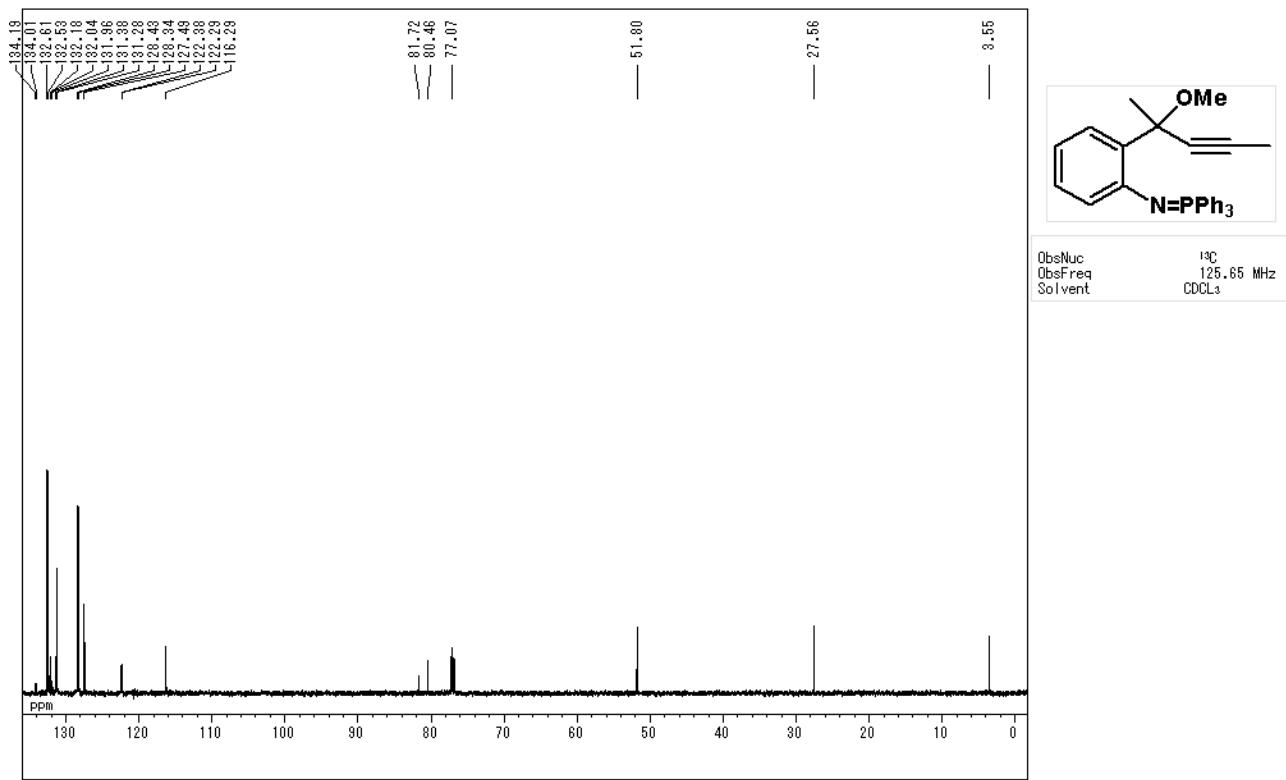
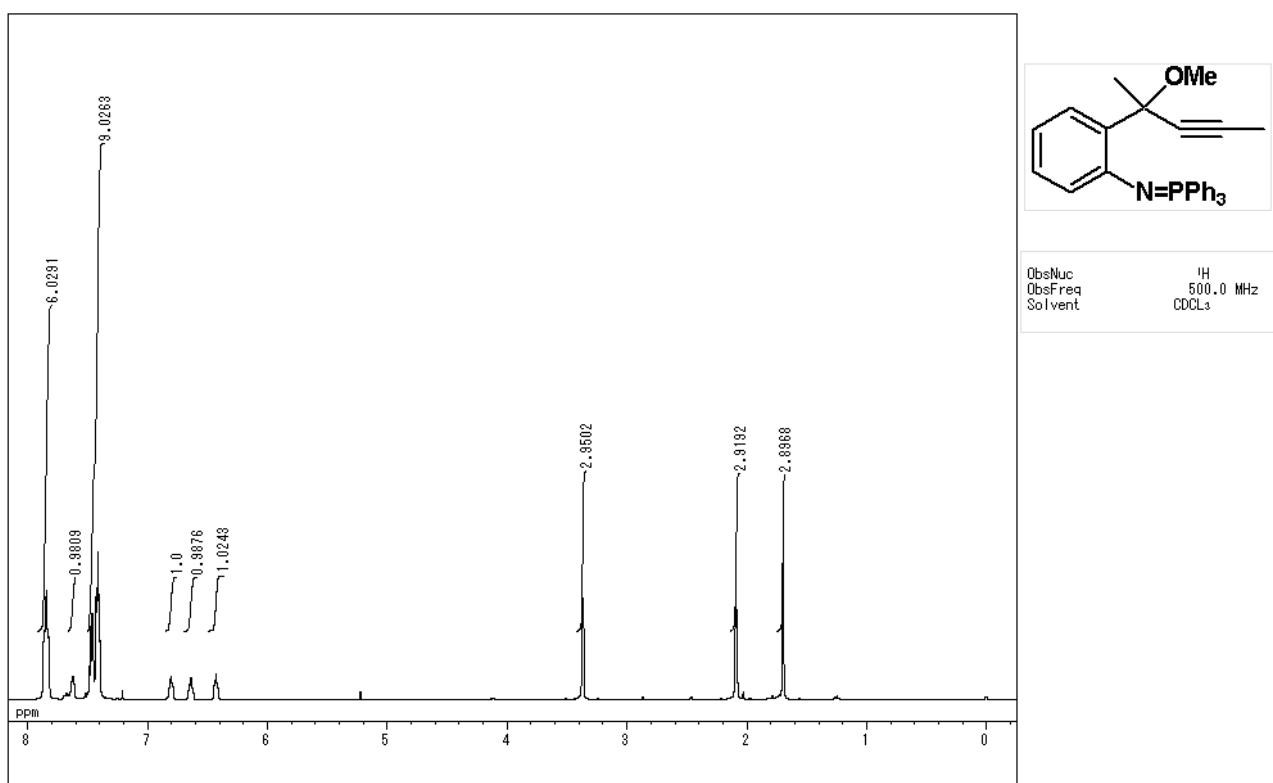
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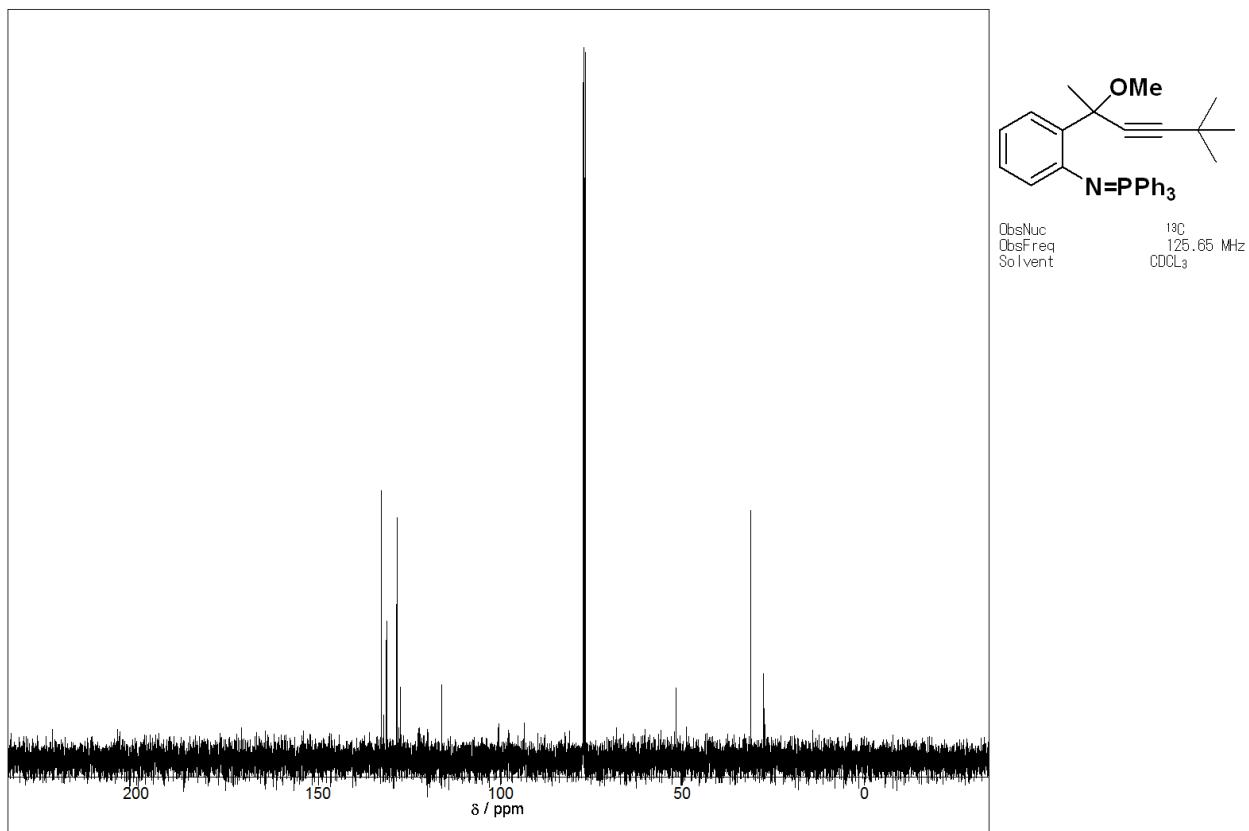
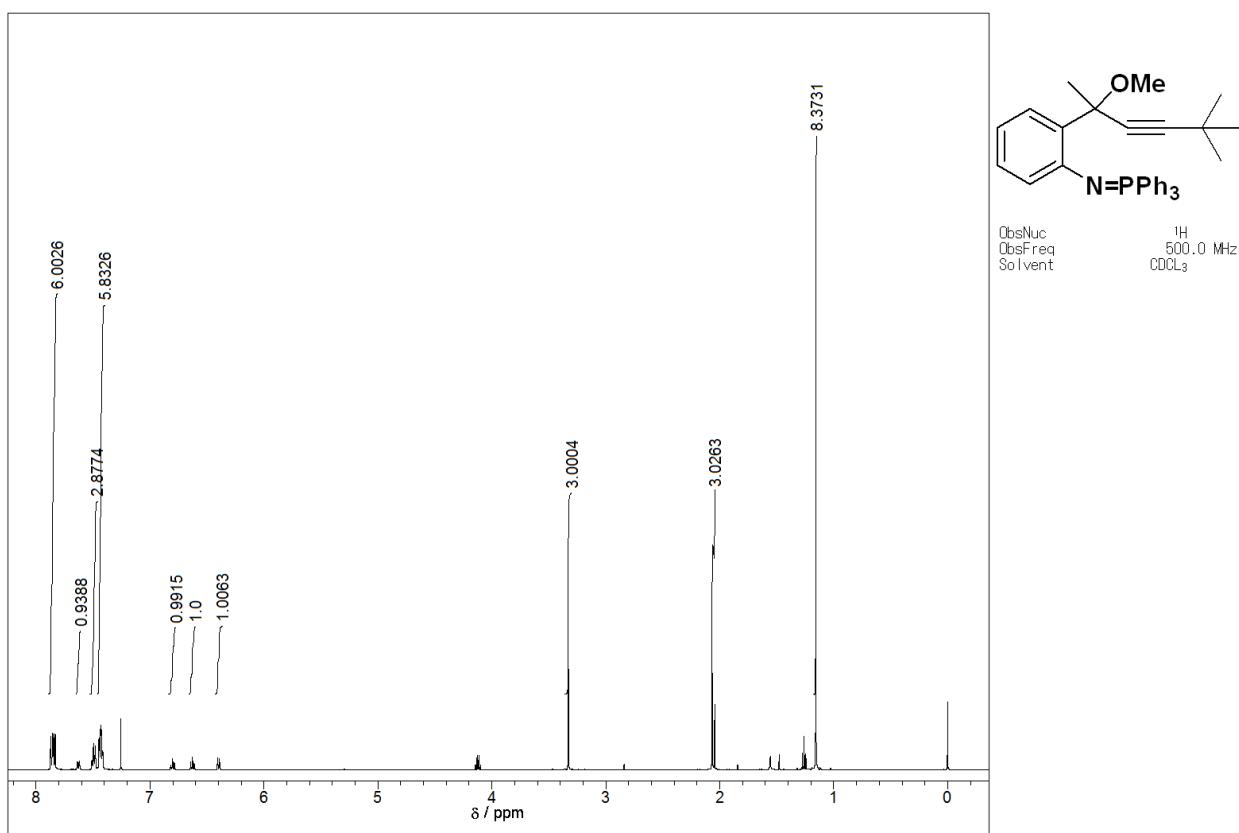
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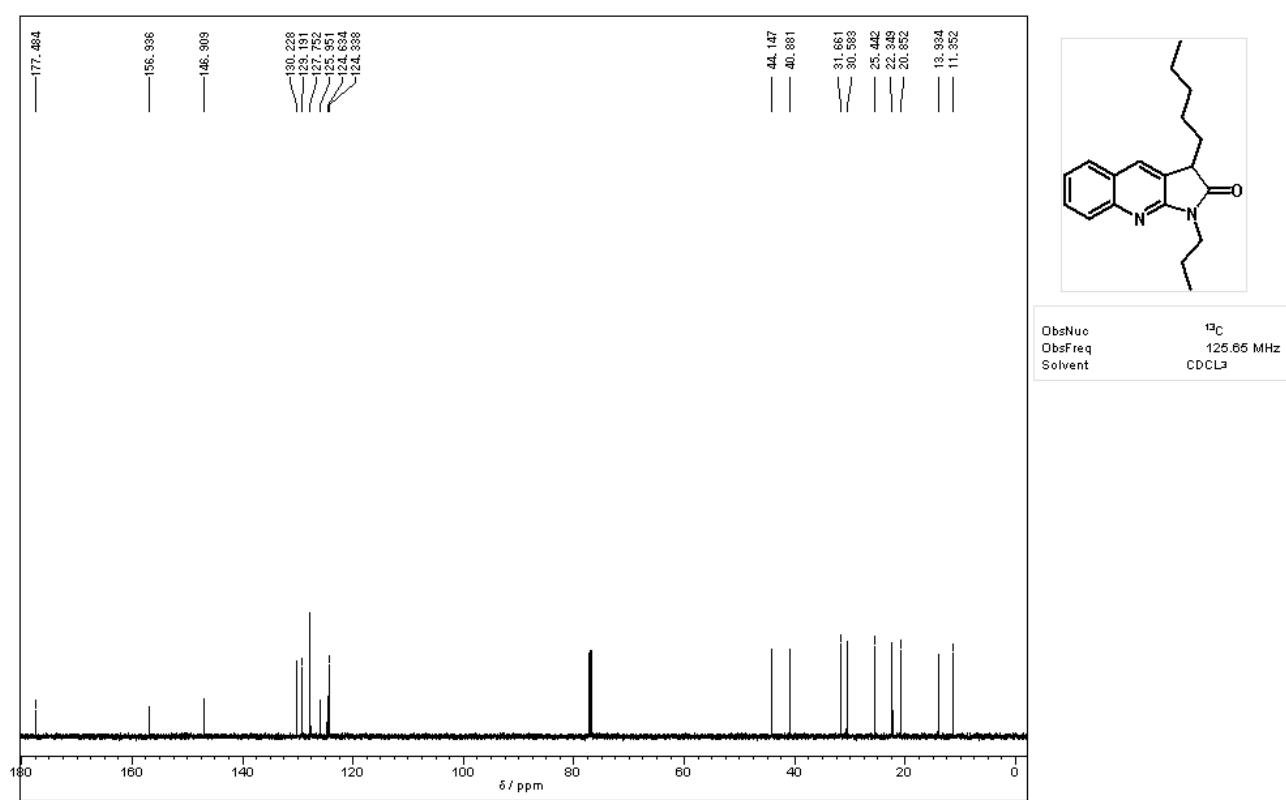
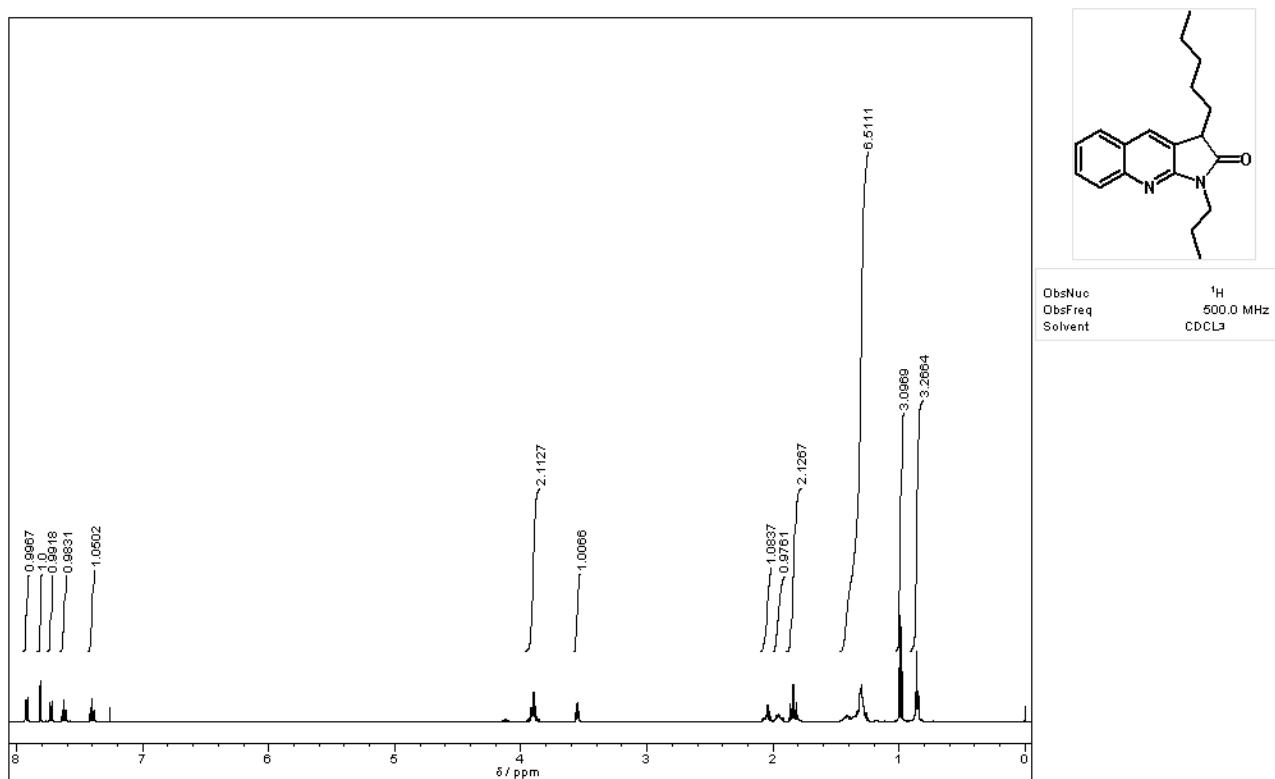
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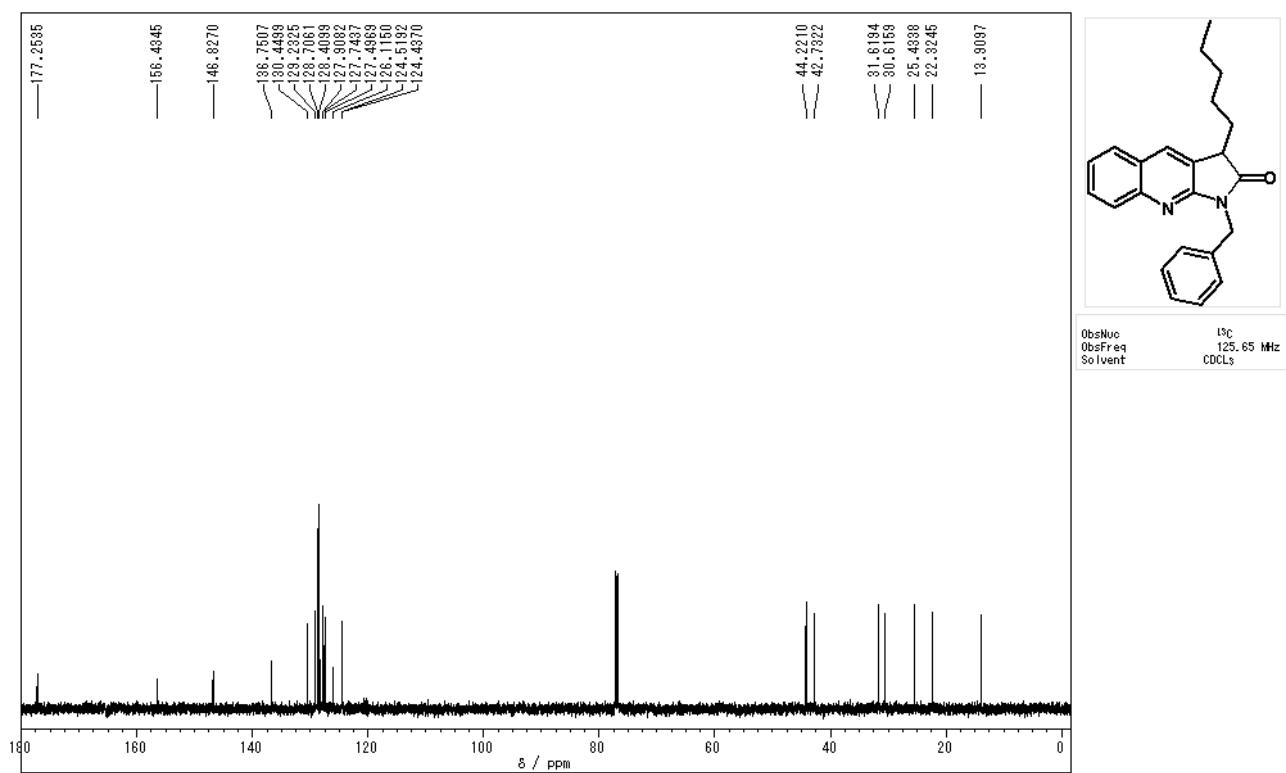
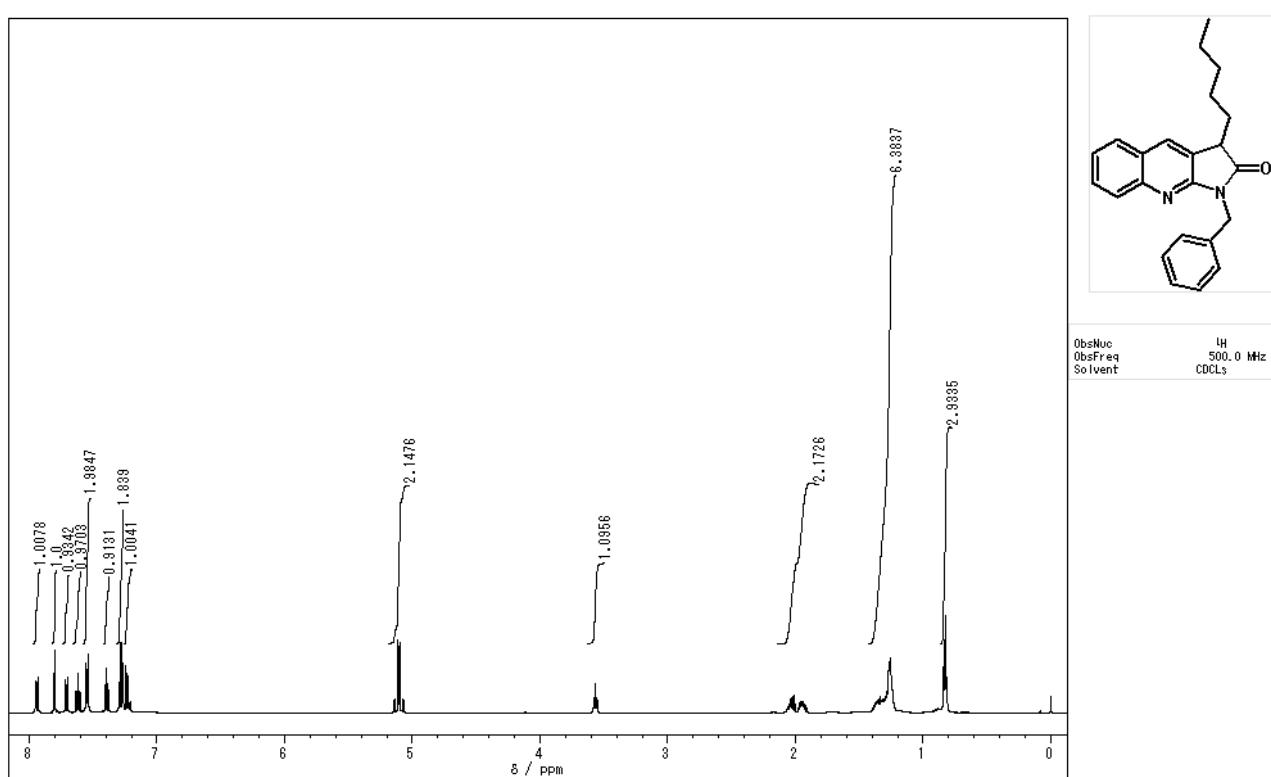
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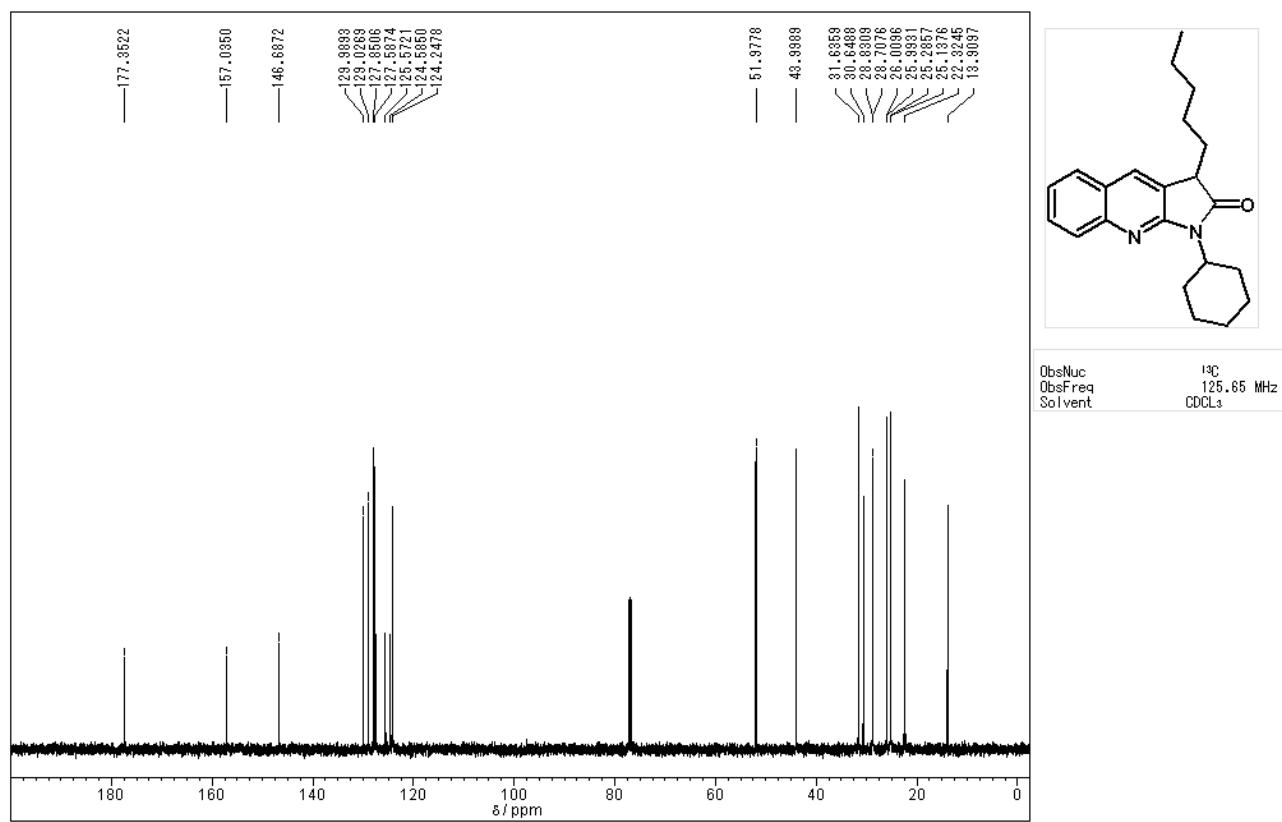
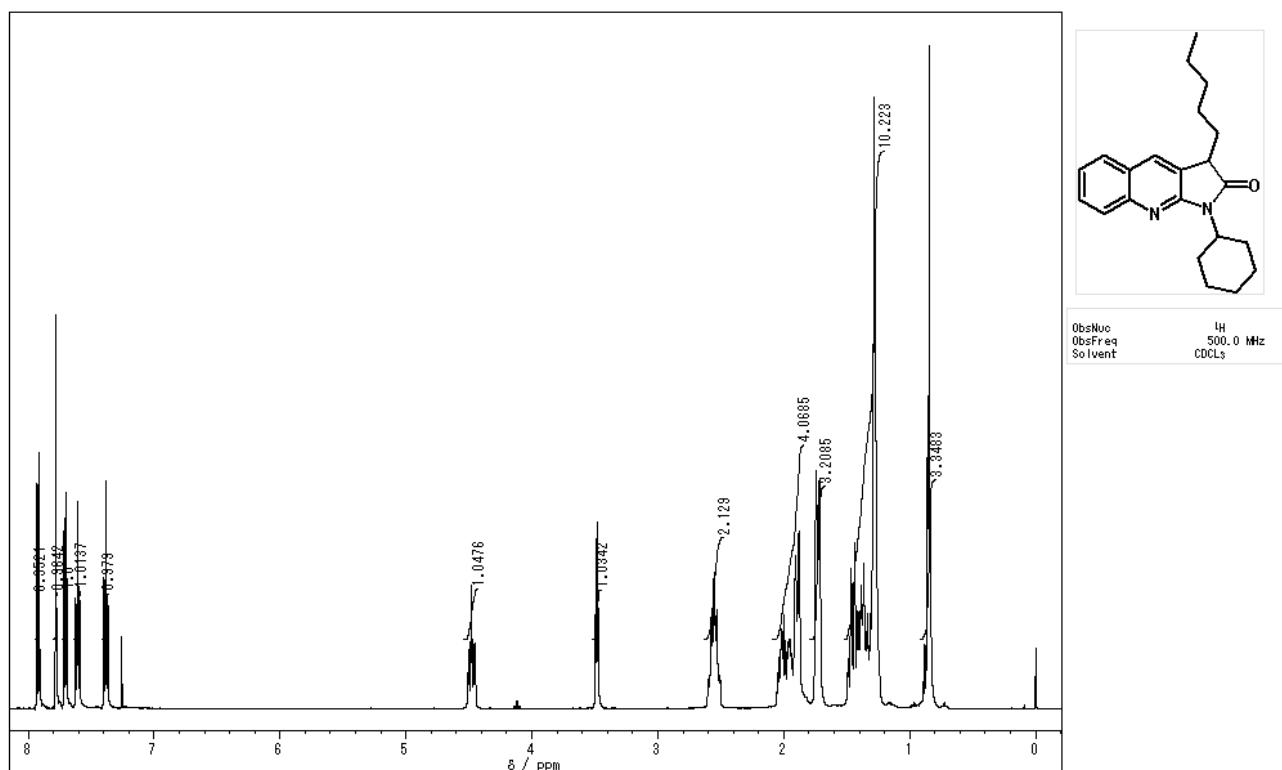
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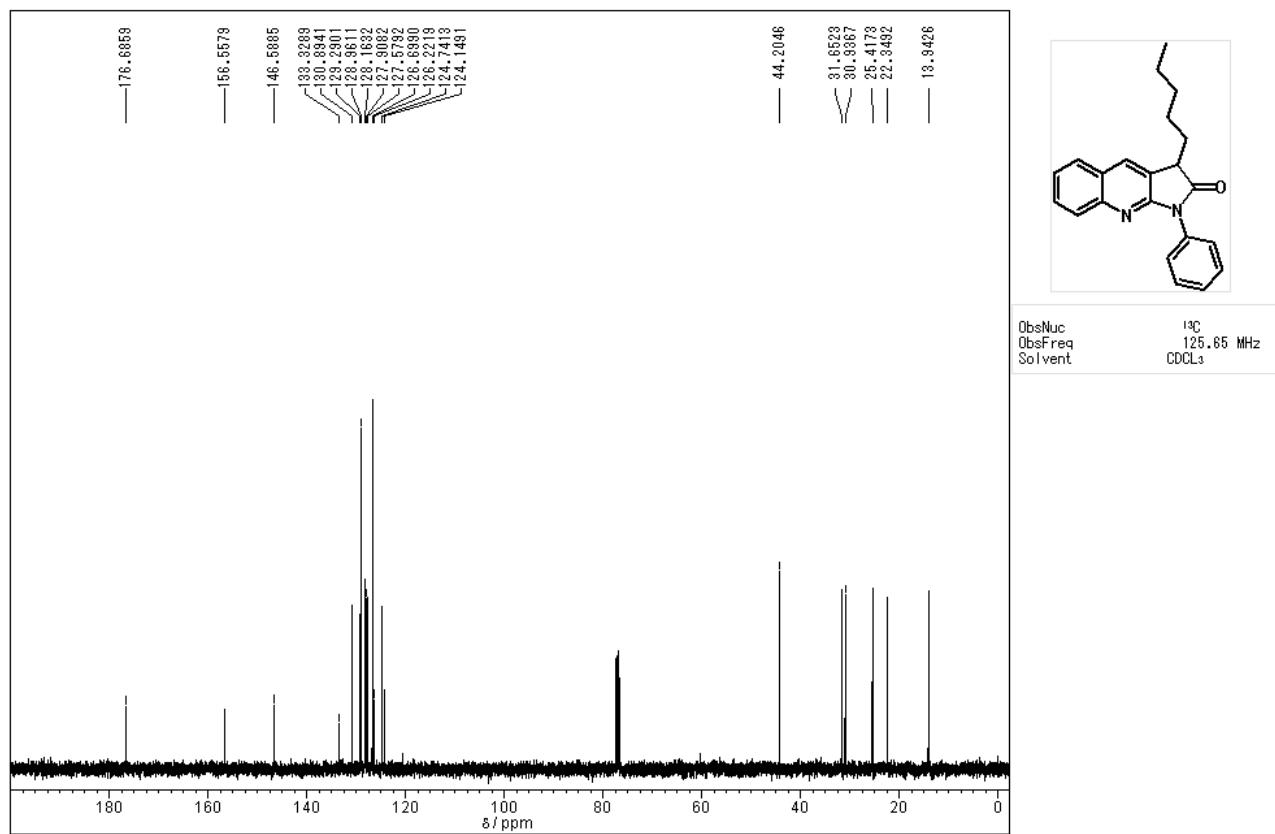
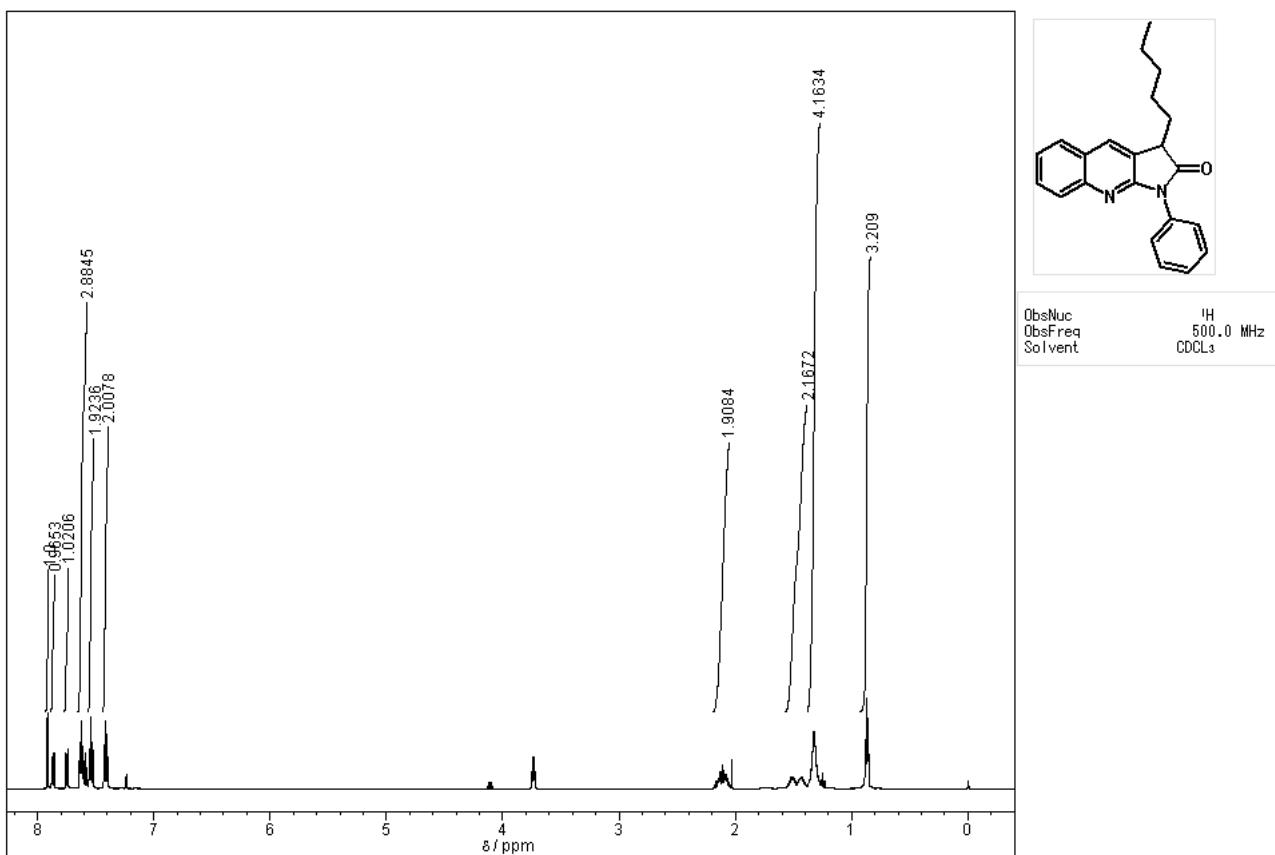
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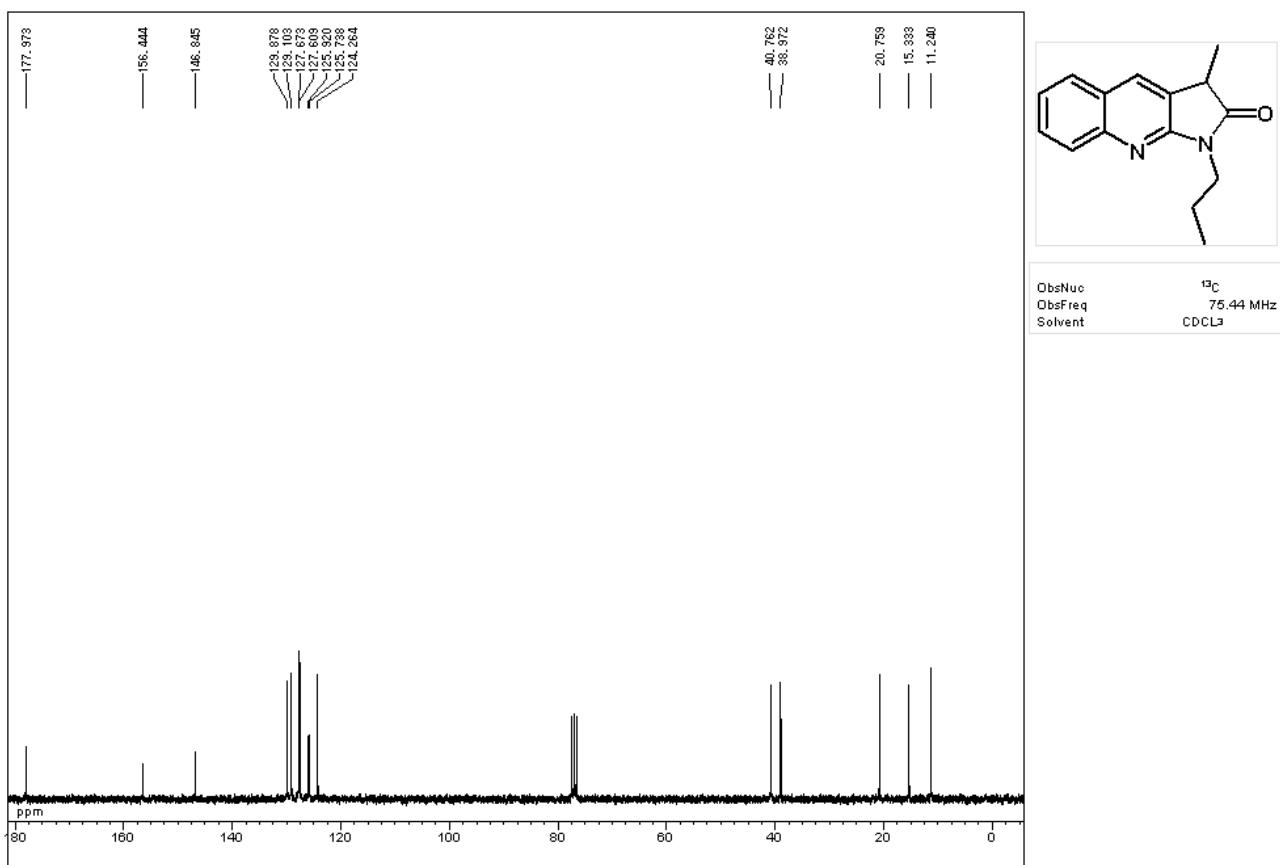
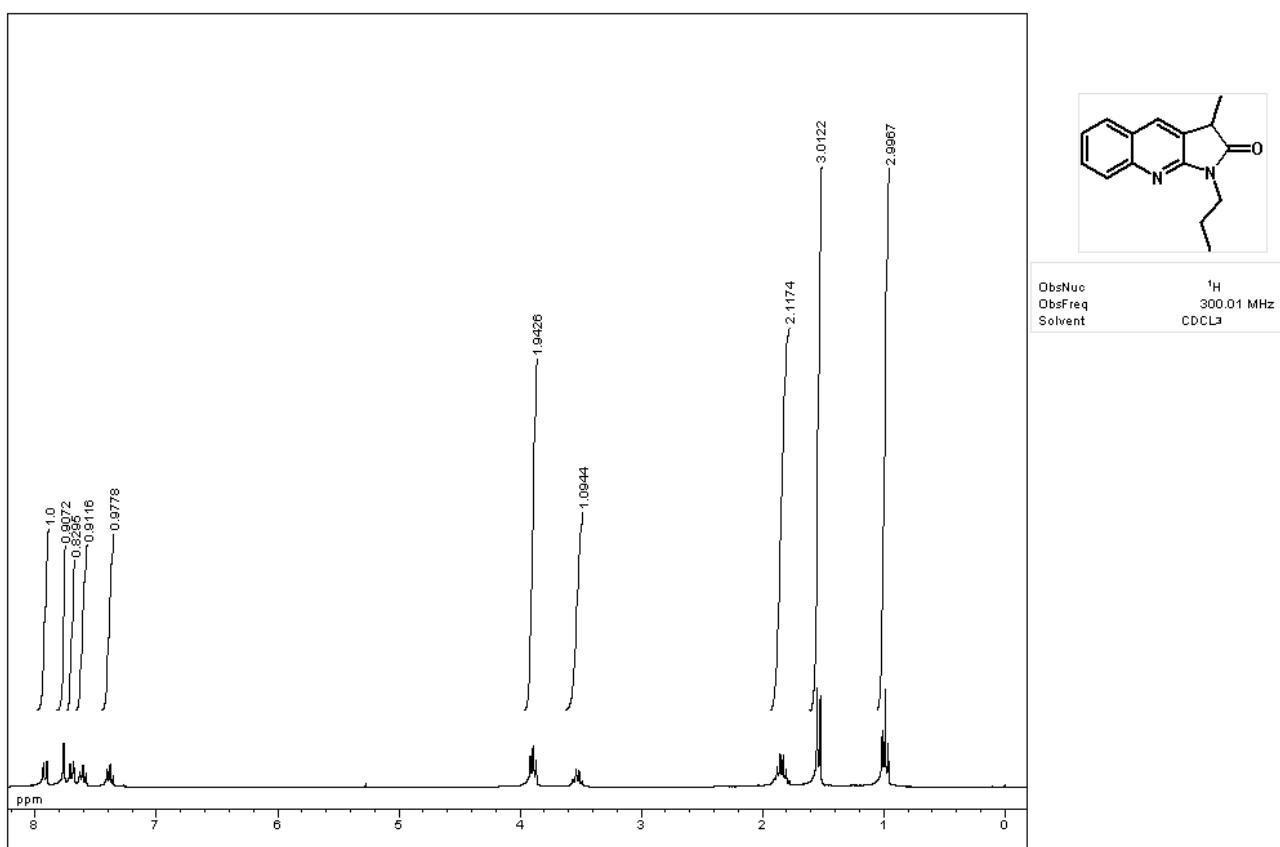
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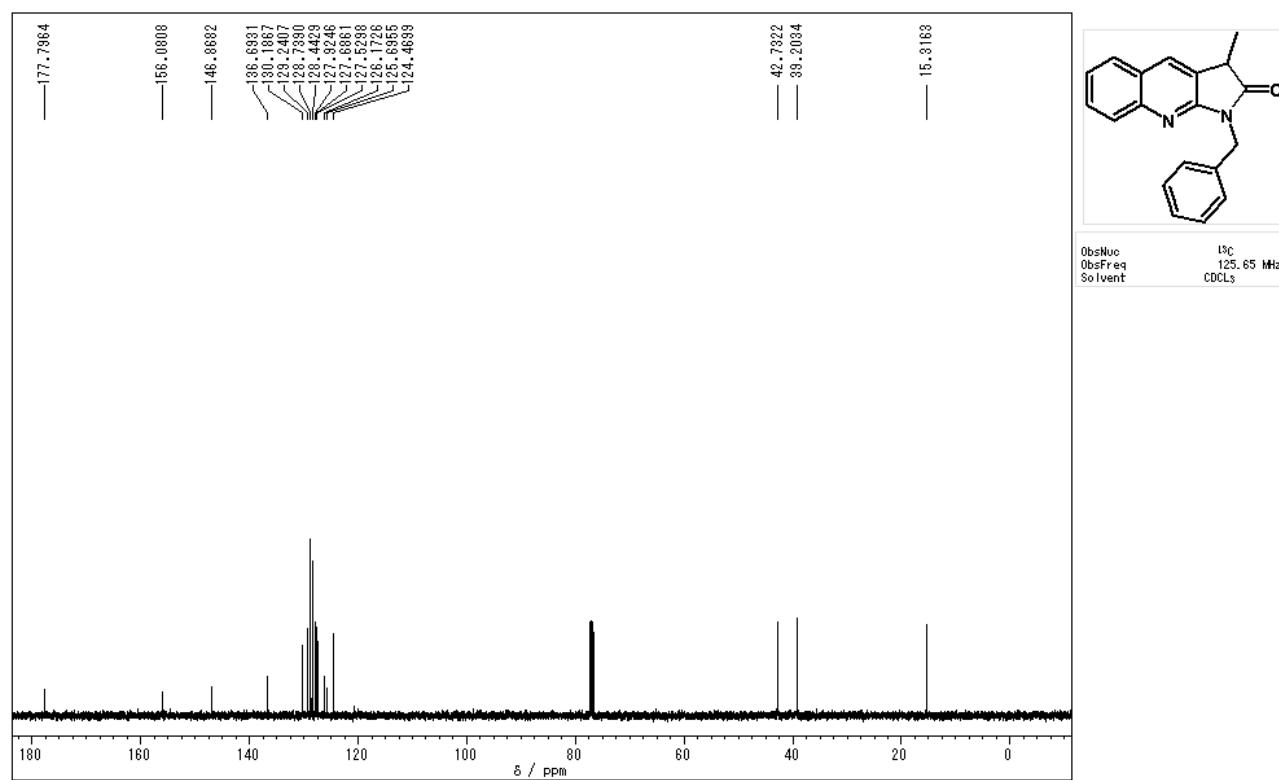
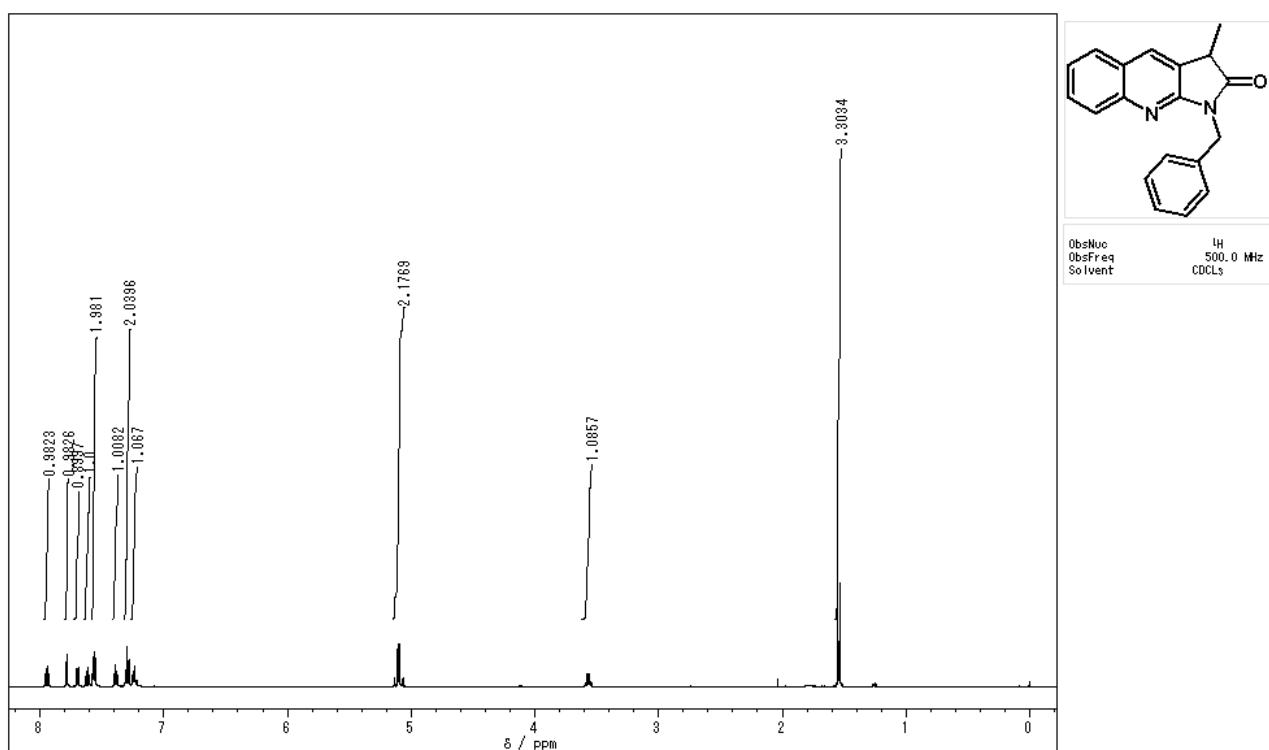
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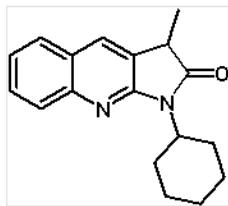
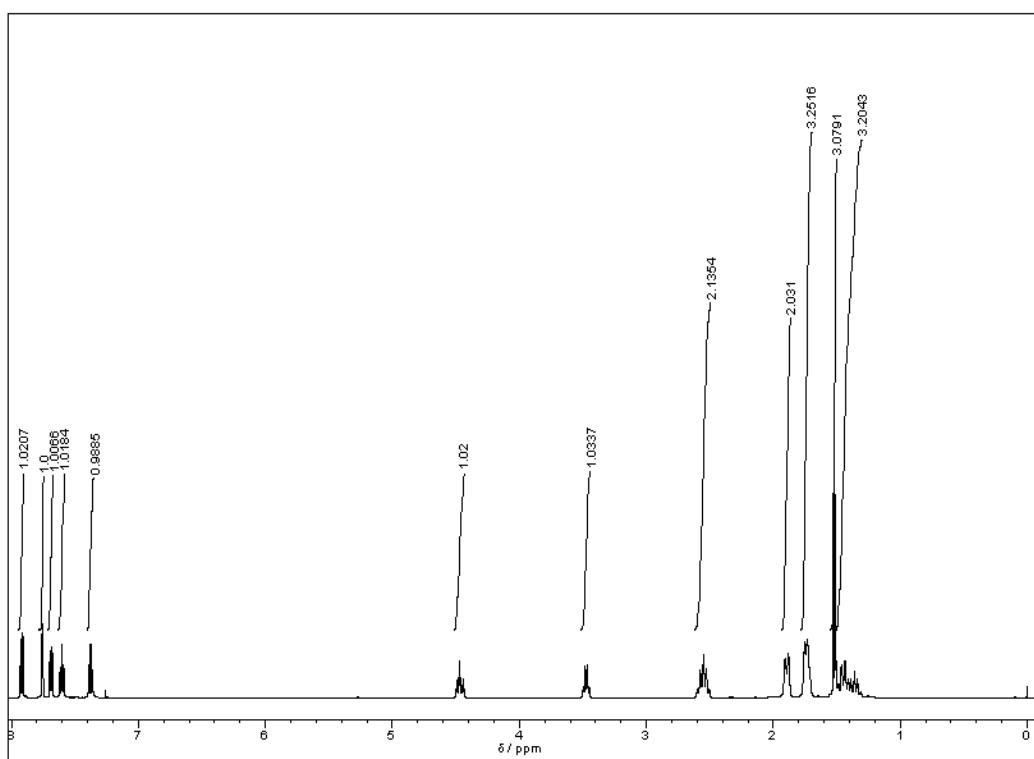
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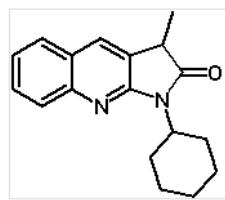
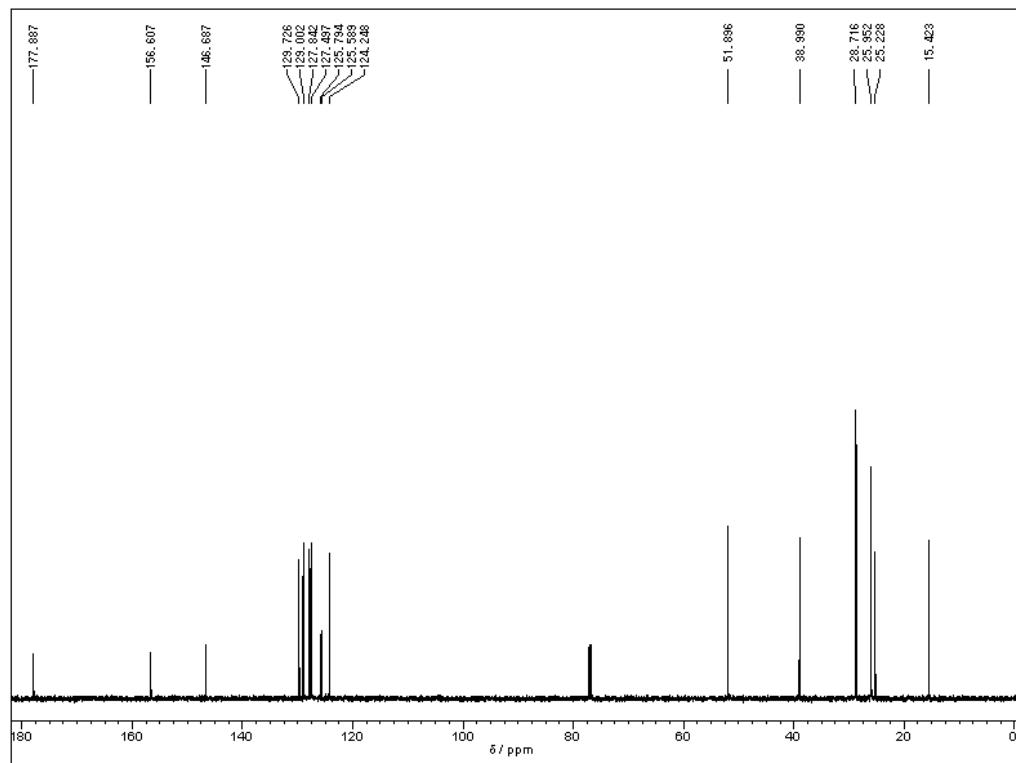
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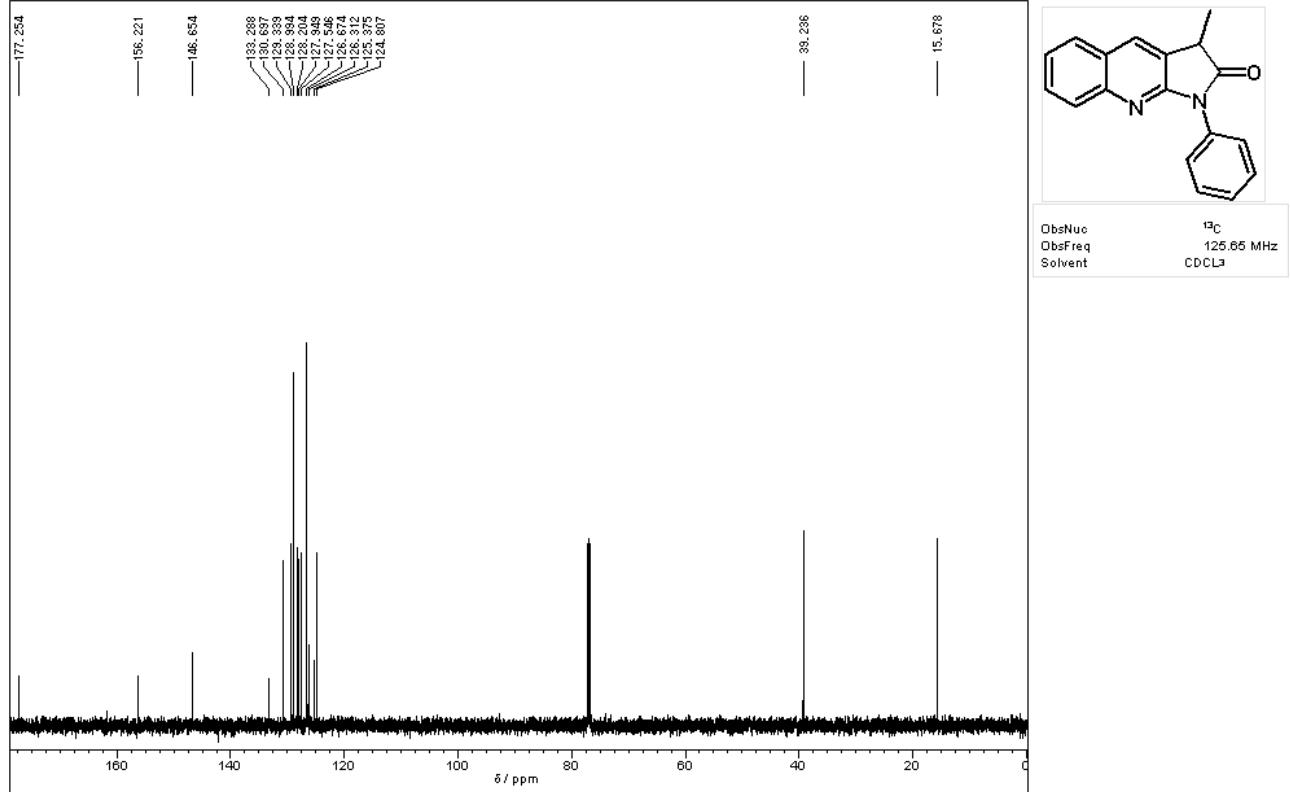
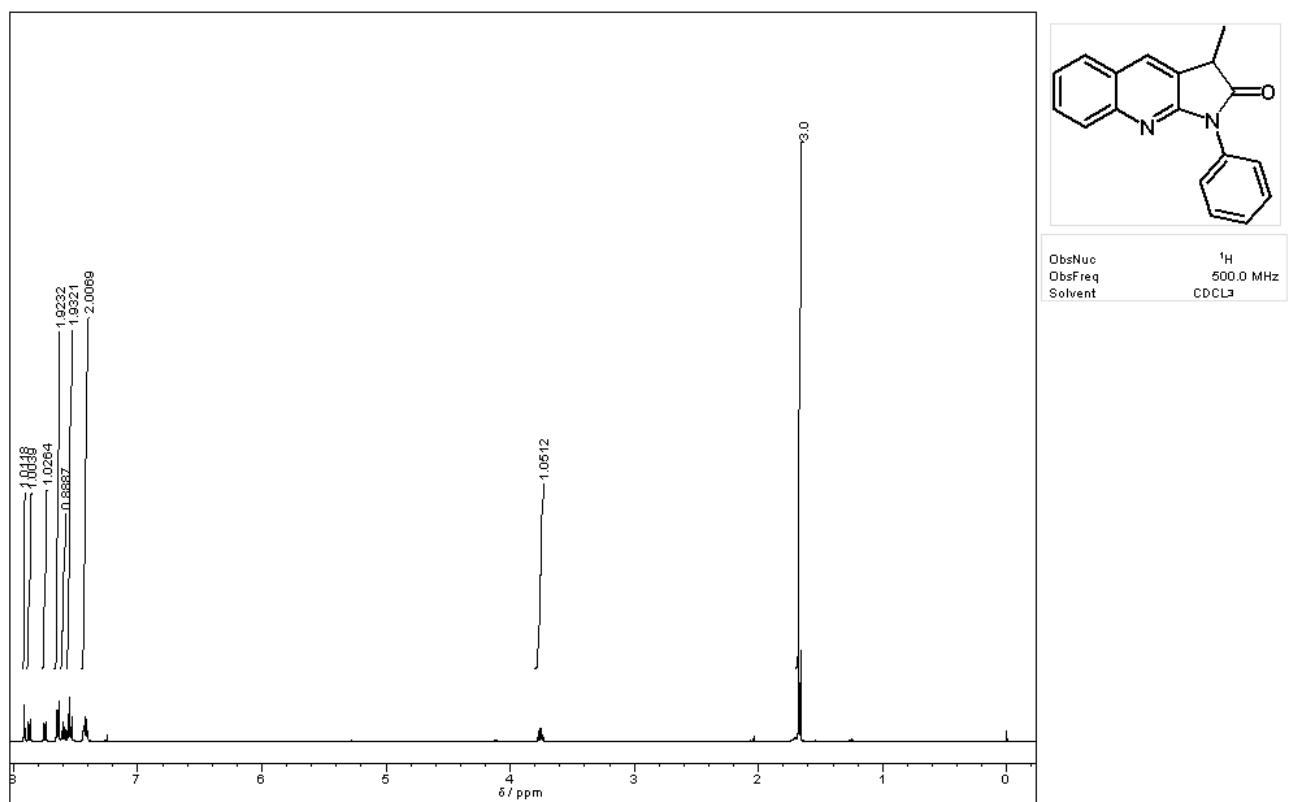


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Solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>

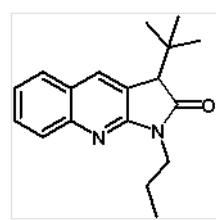
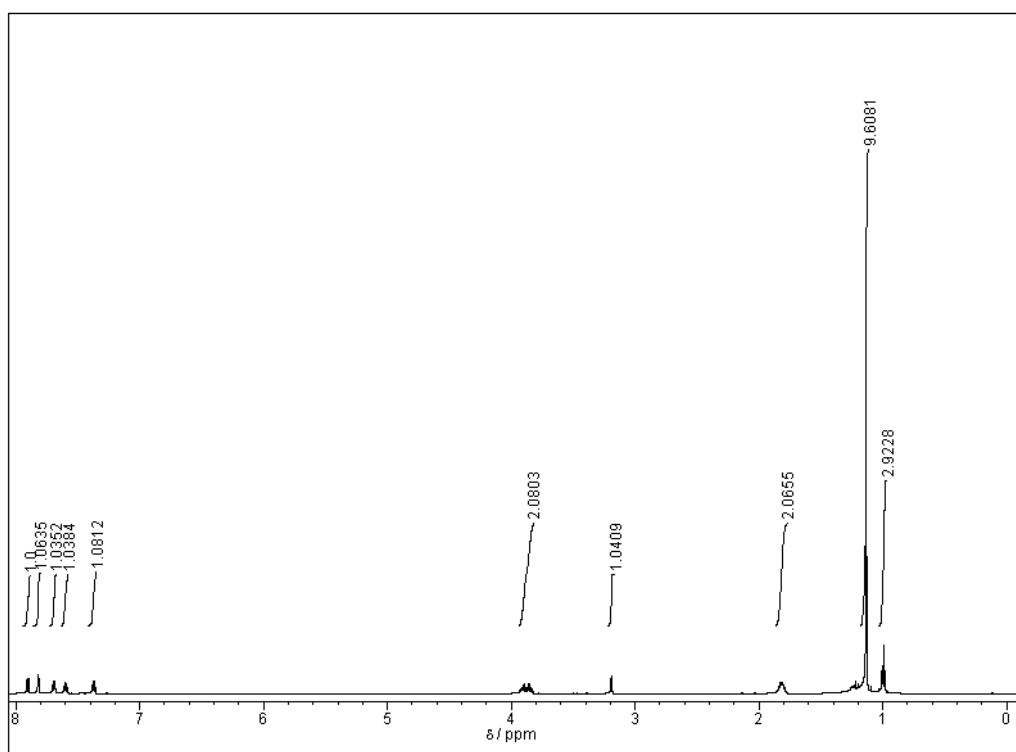


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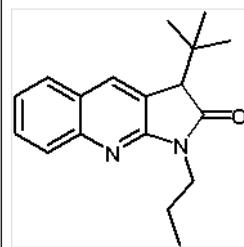
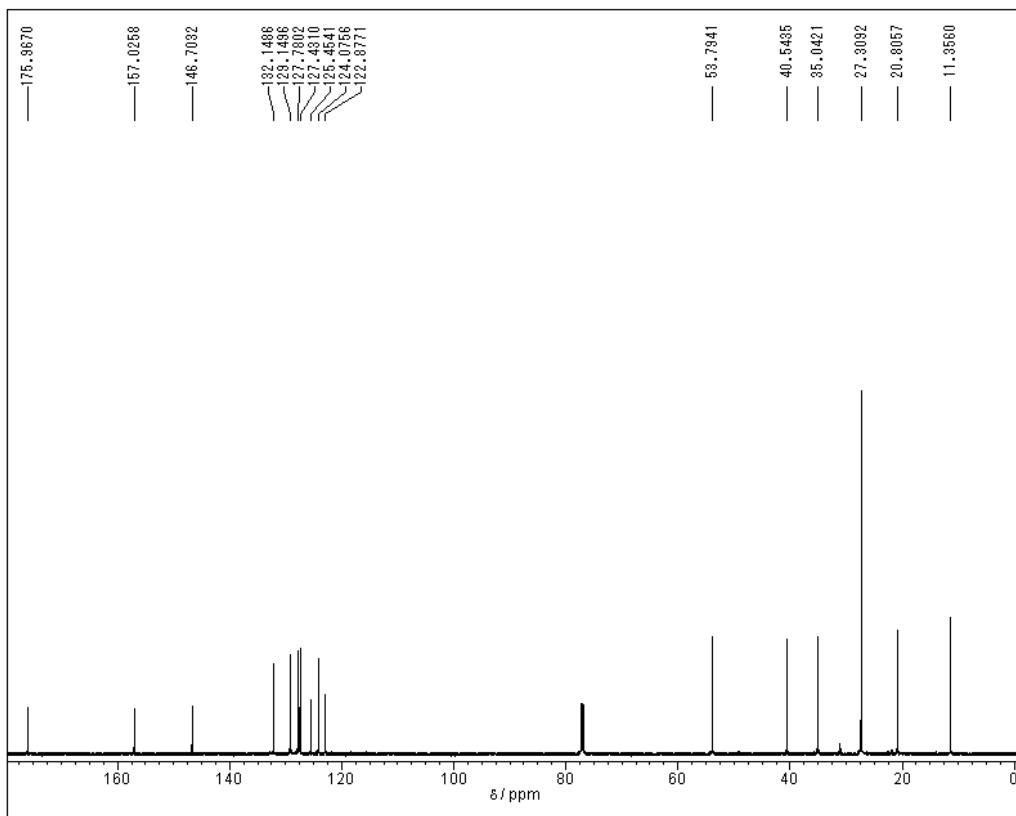
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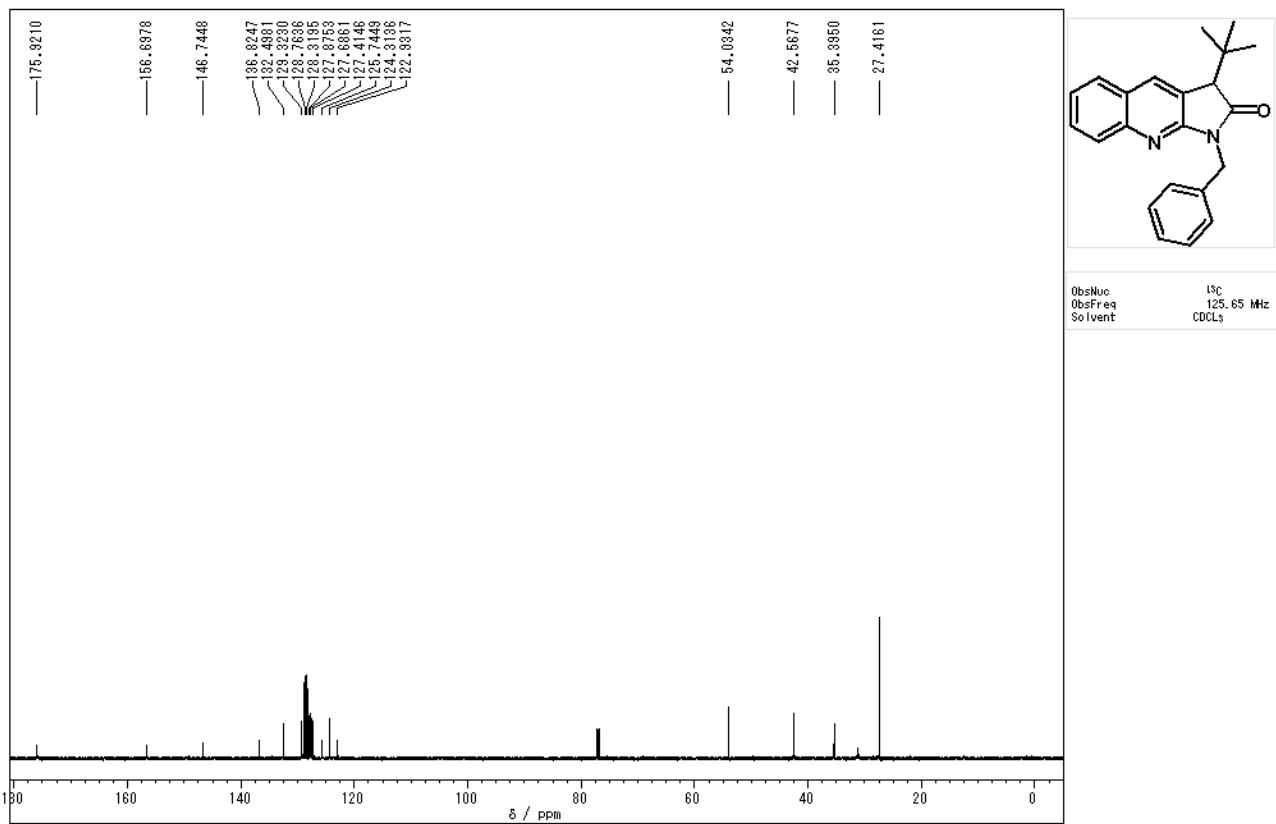
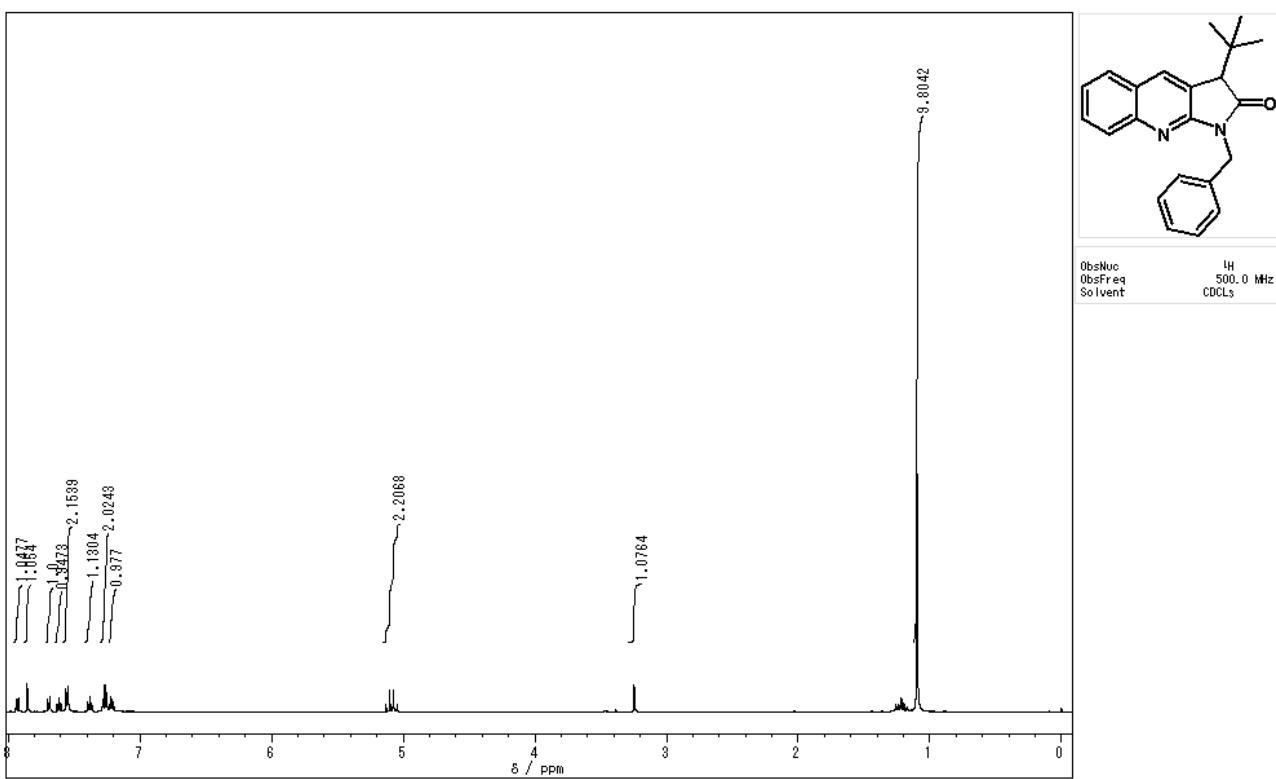


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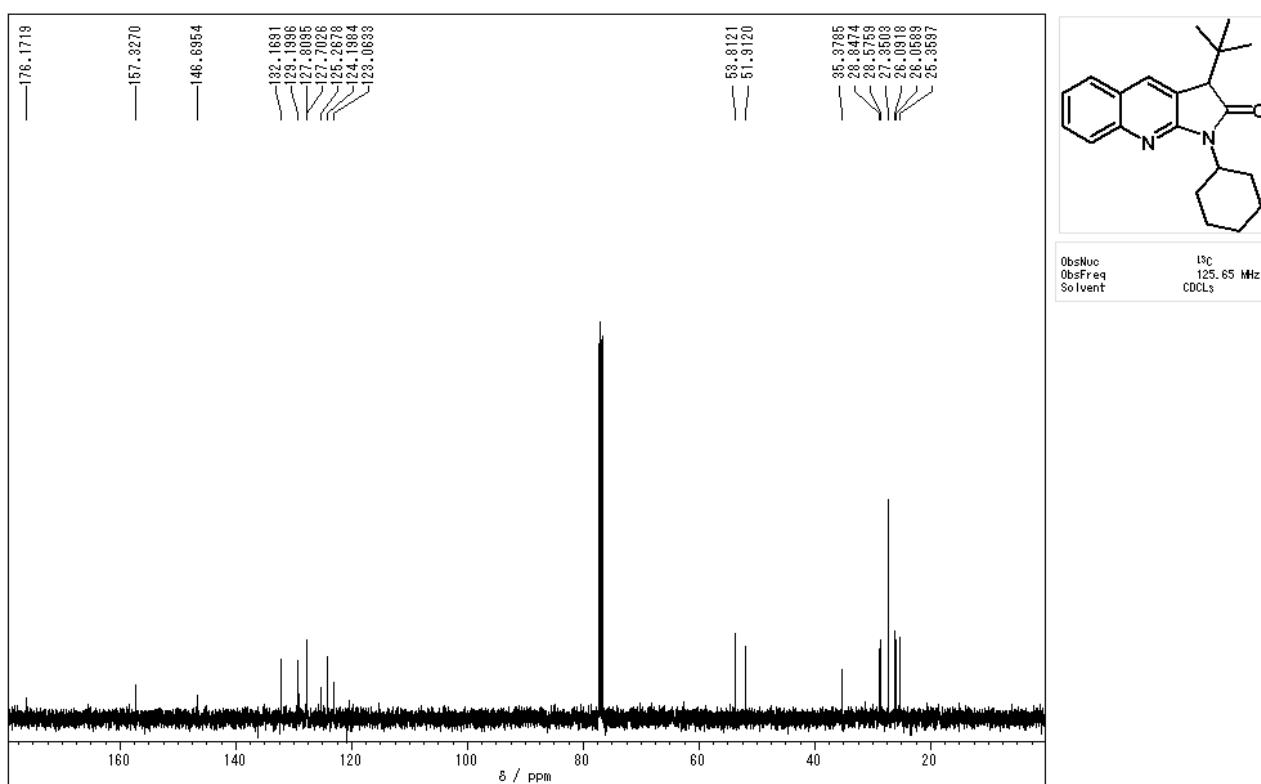
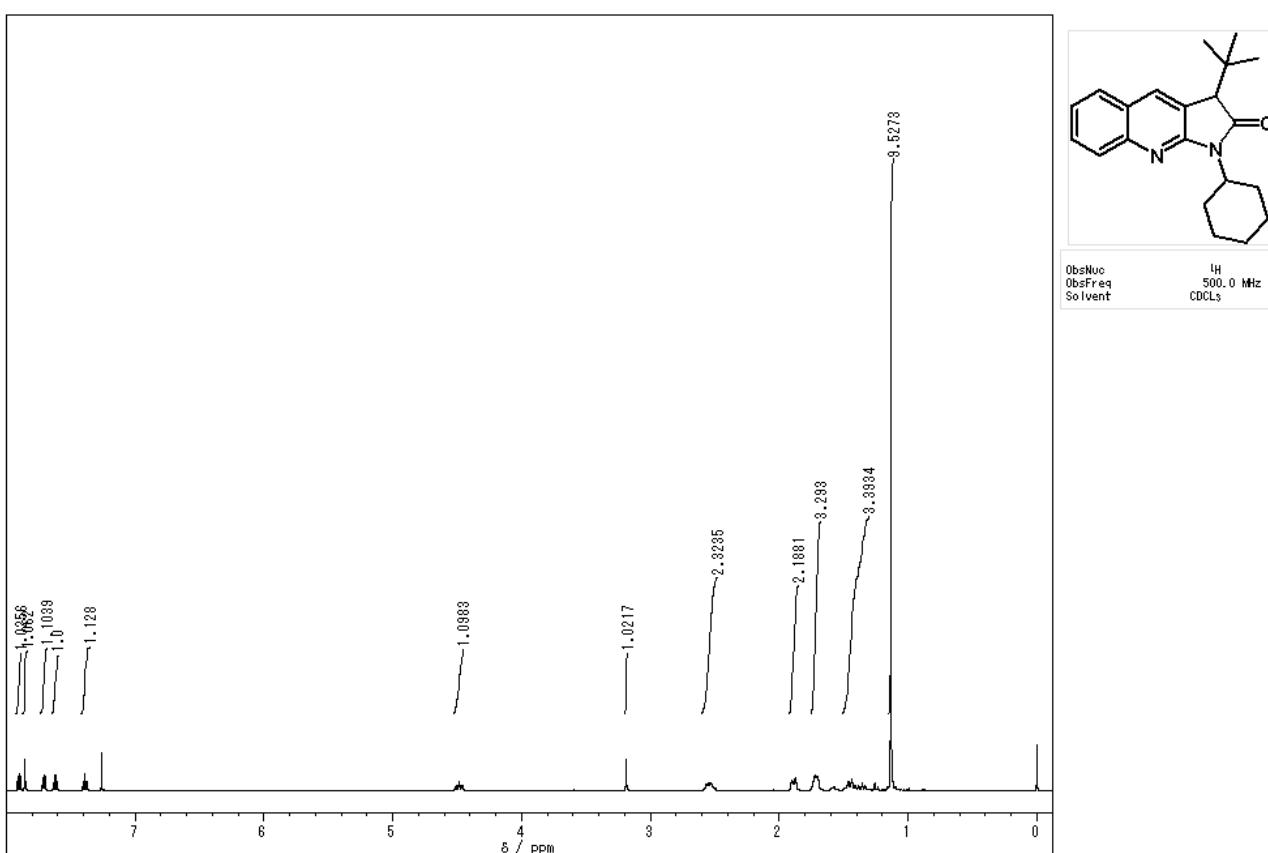


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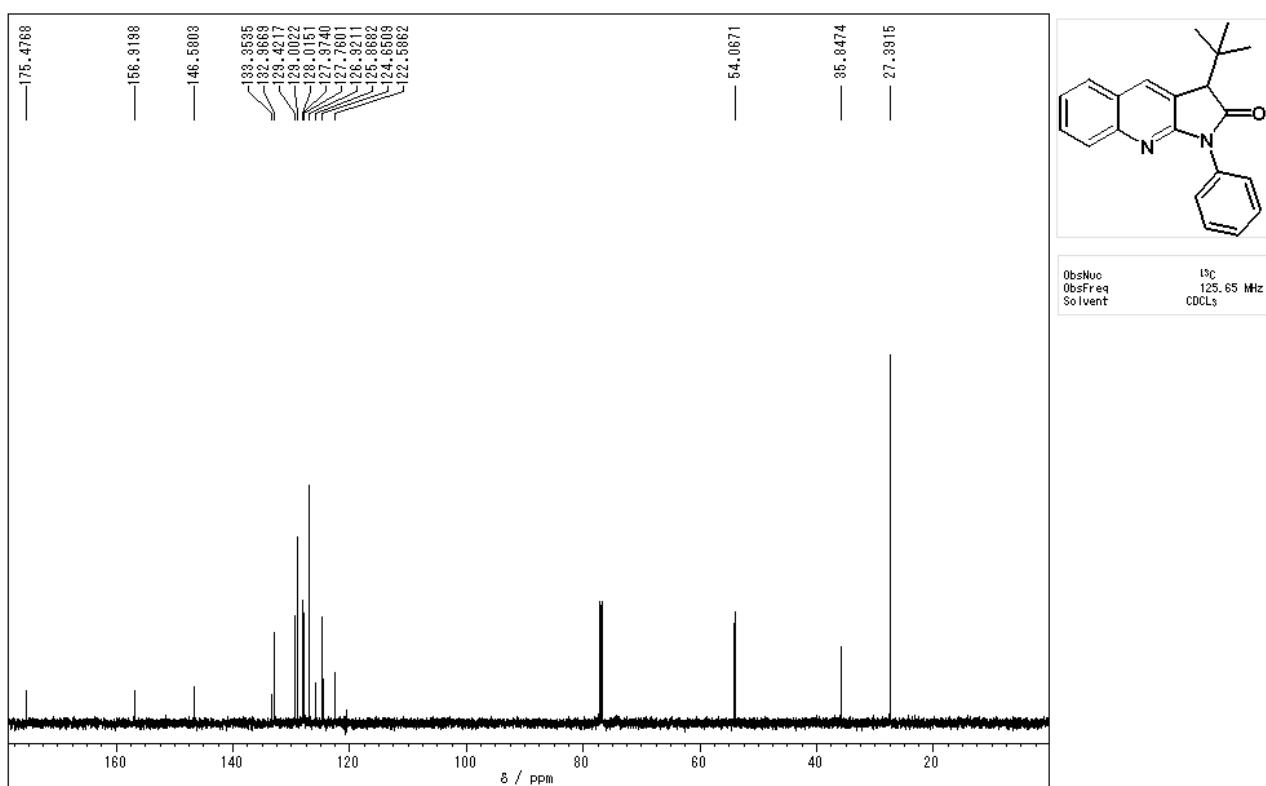
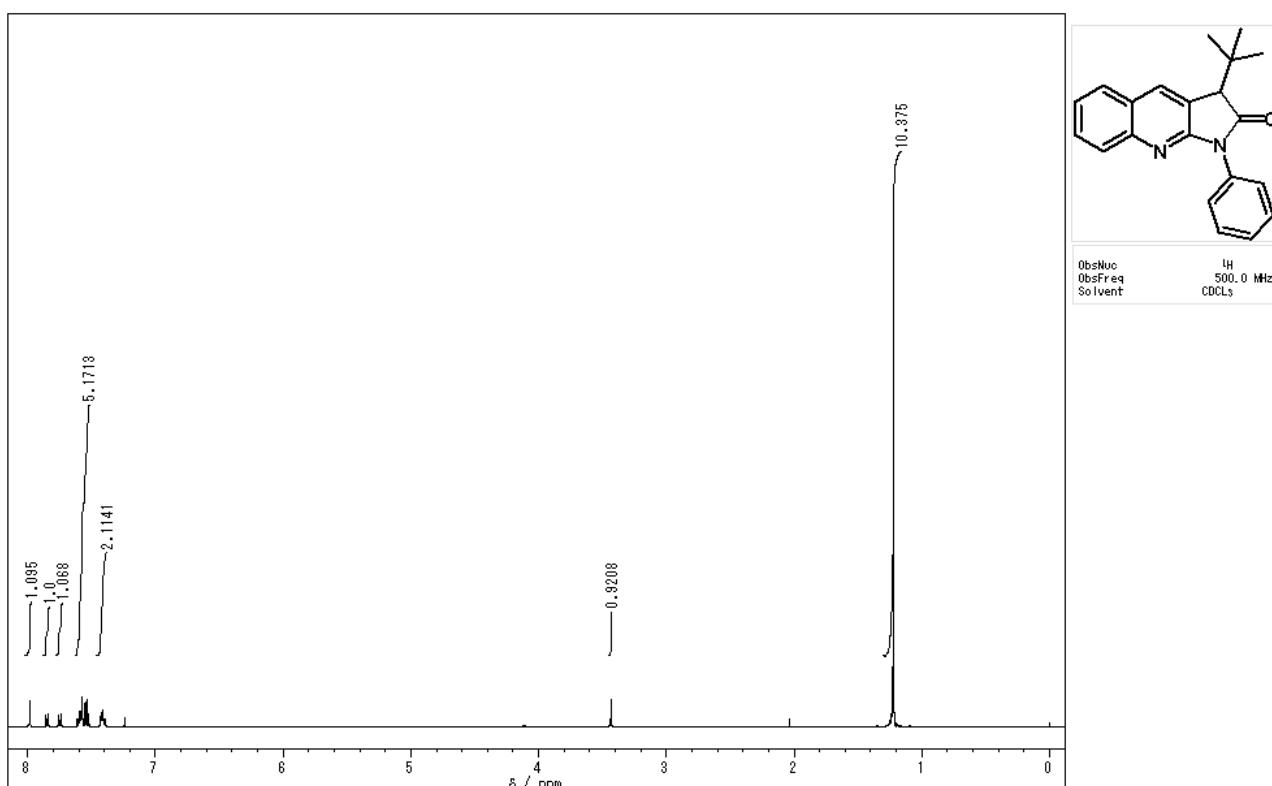
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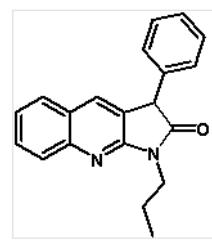
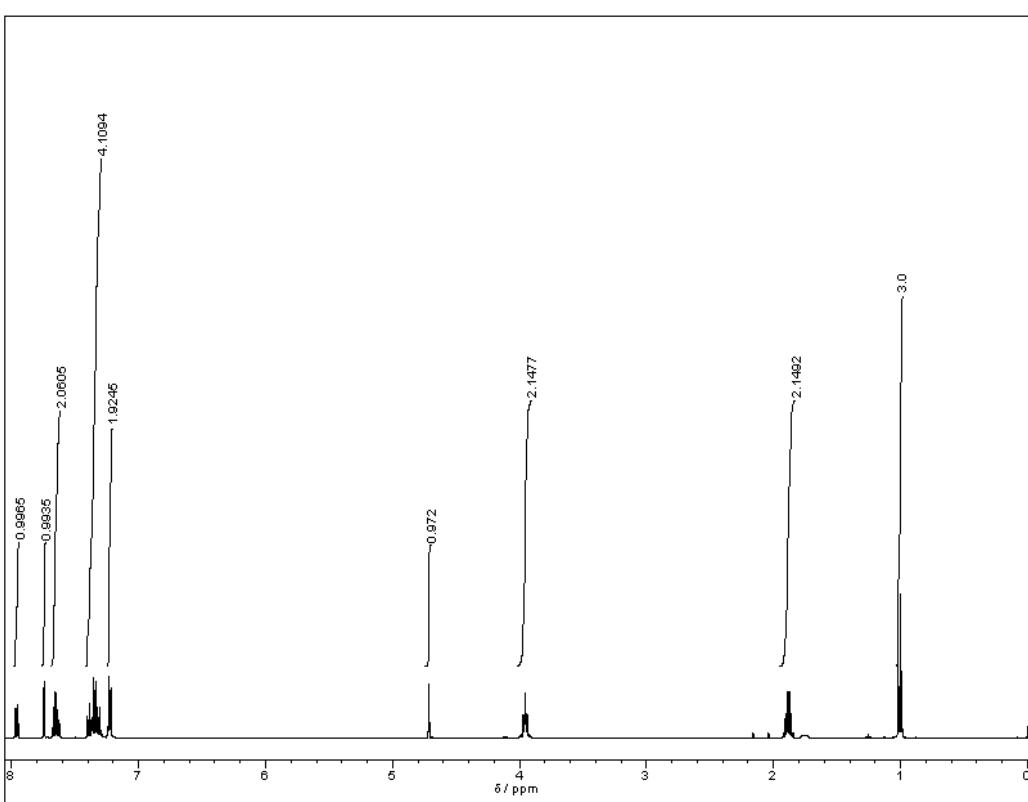
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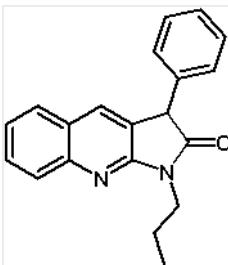
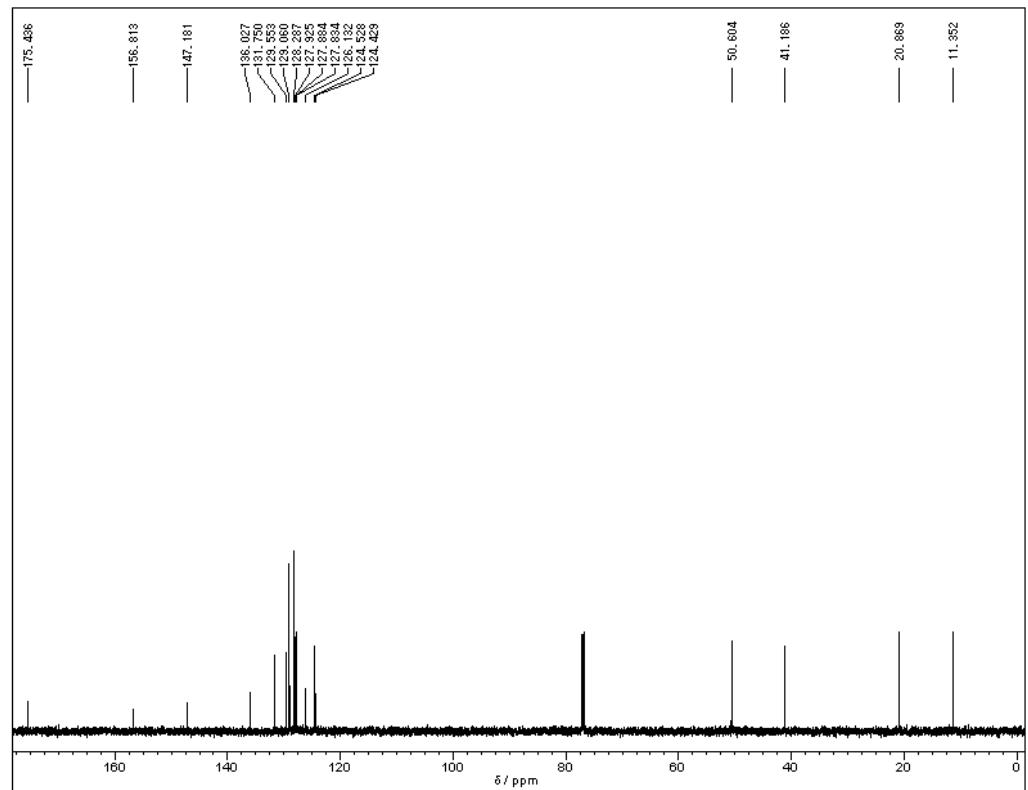
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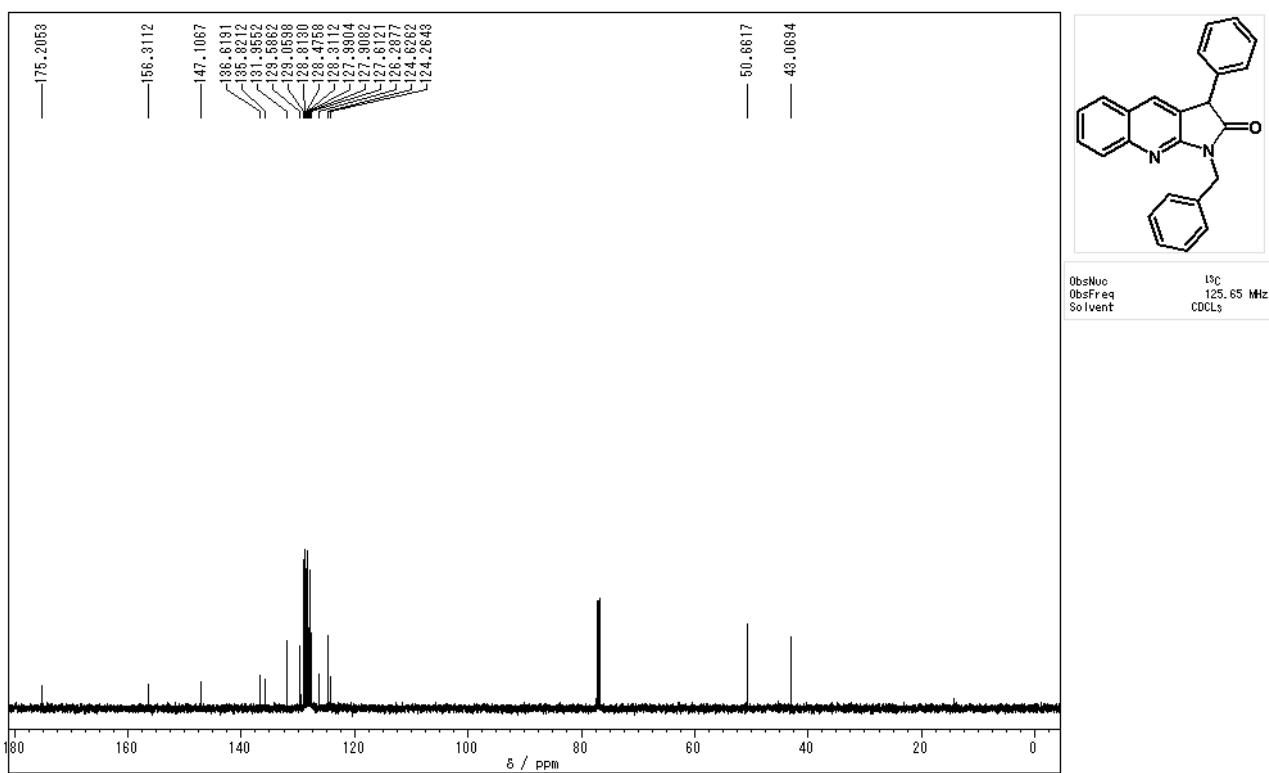
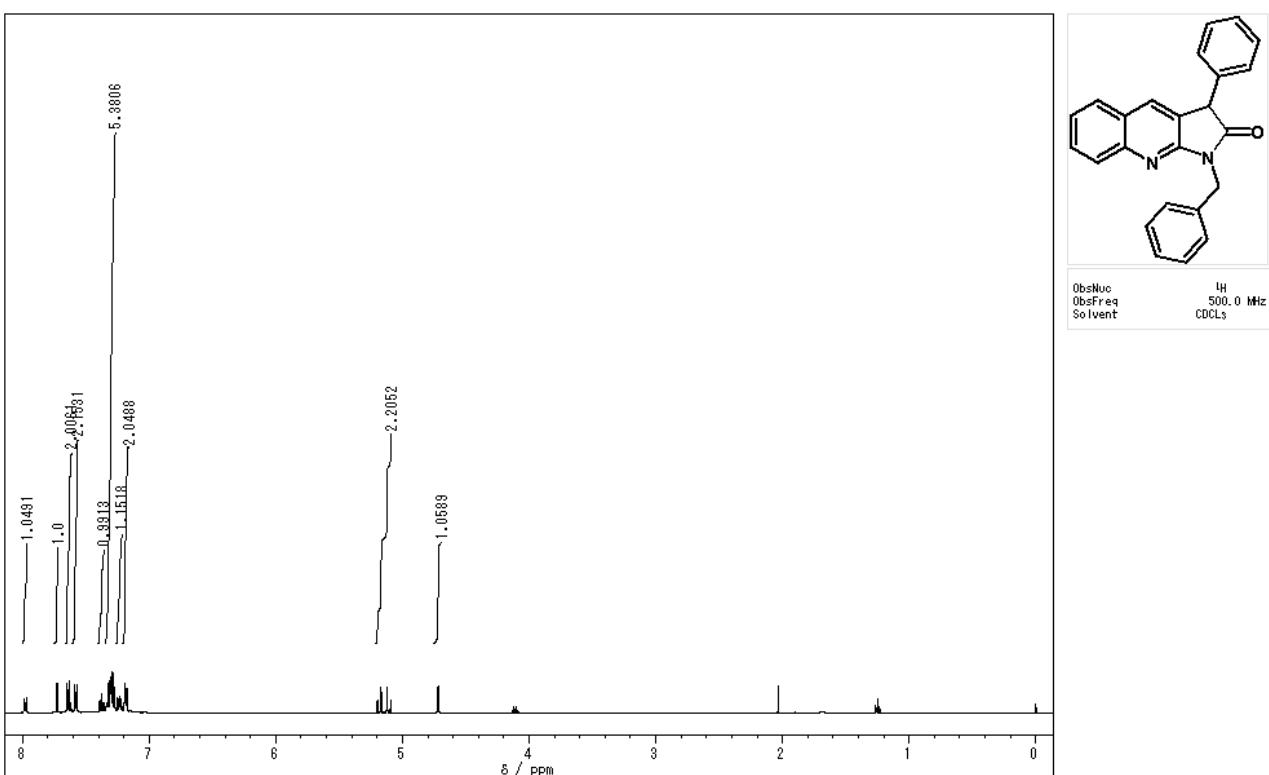


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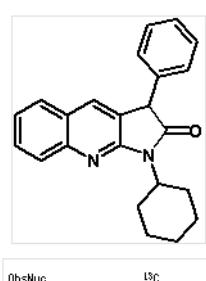
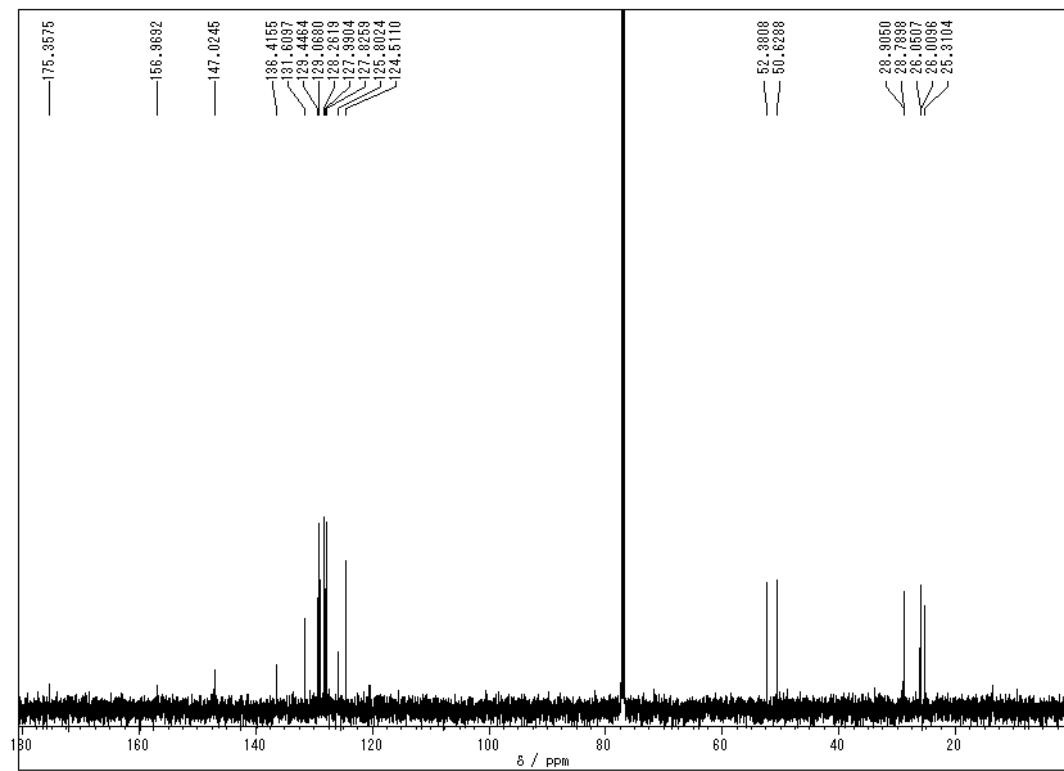
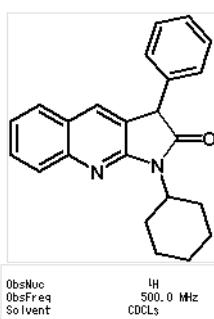
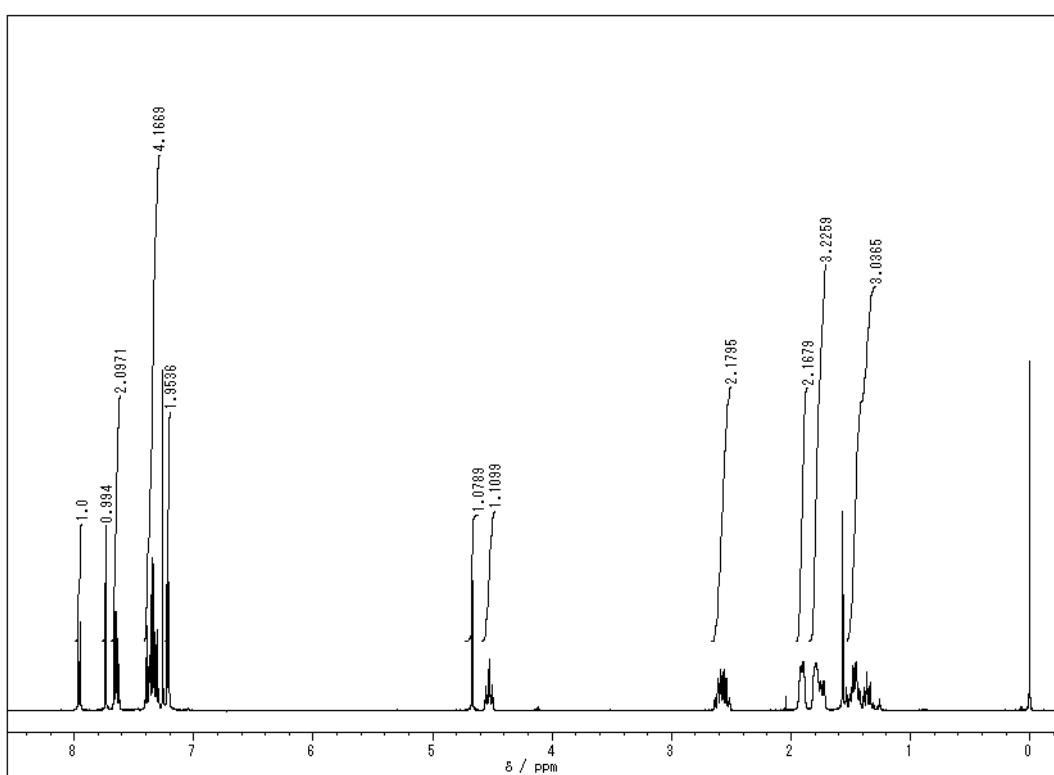


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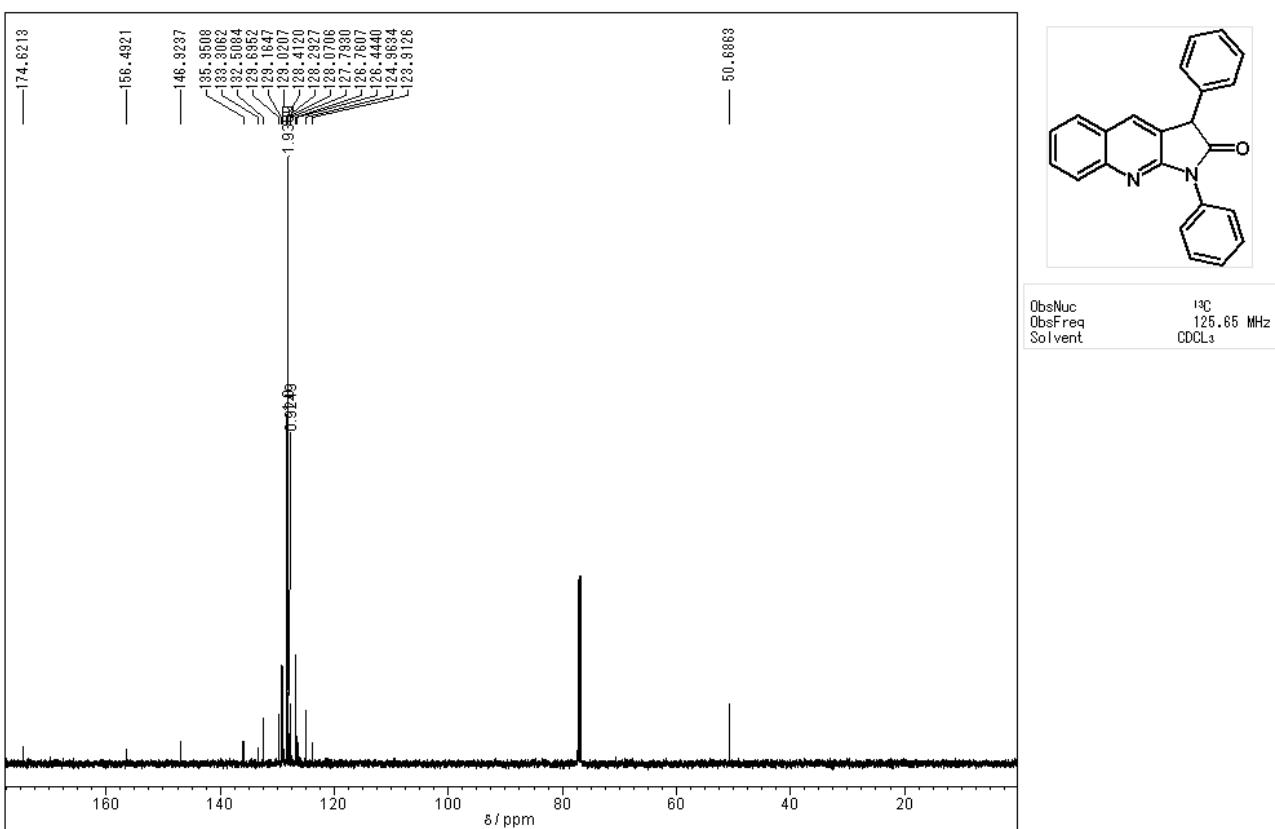
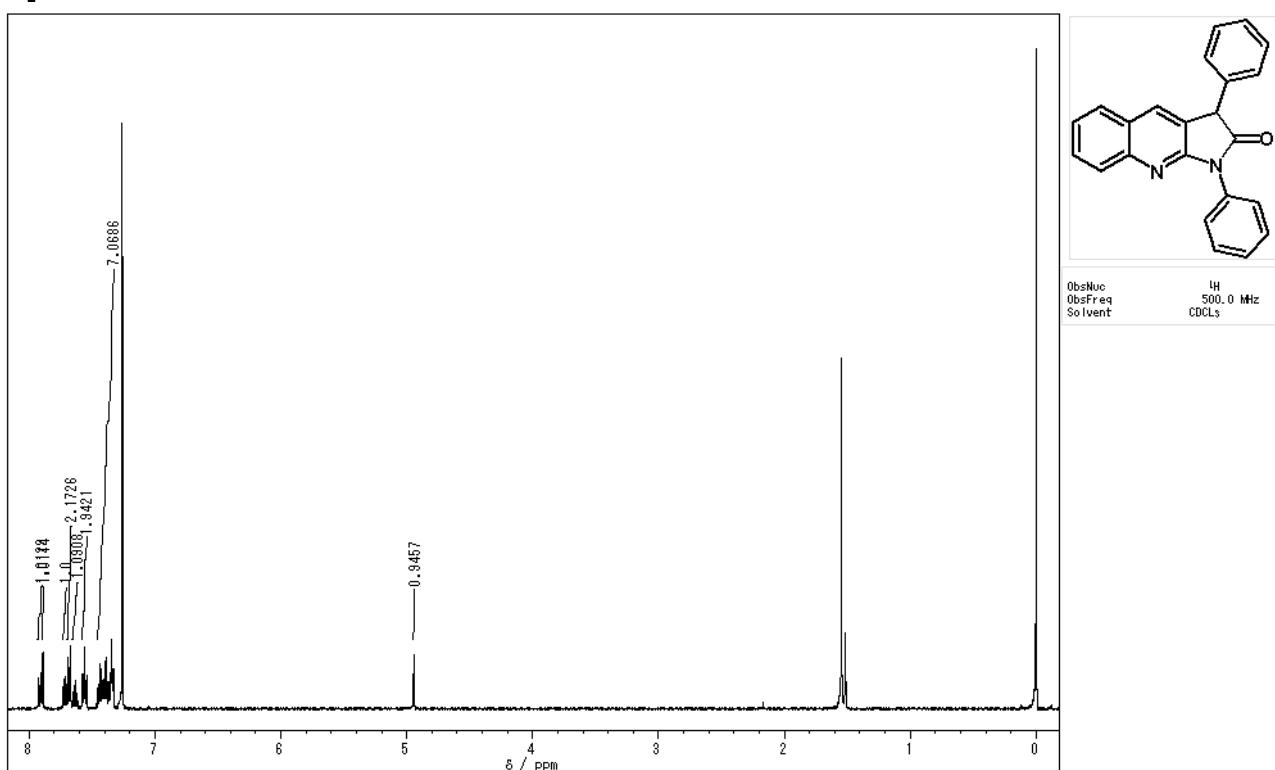
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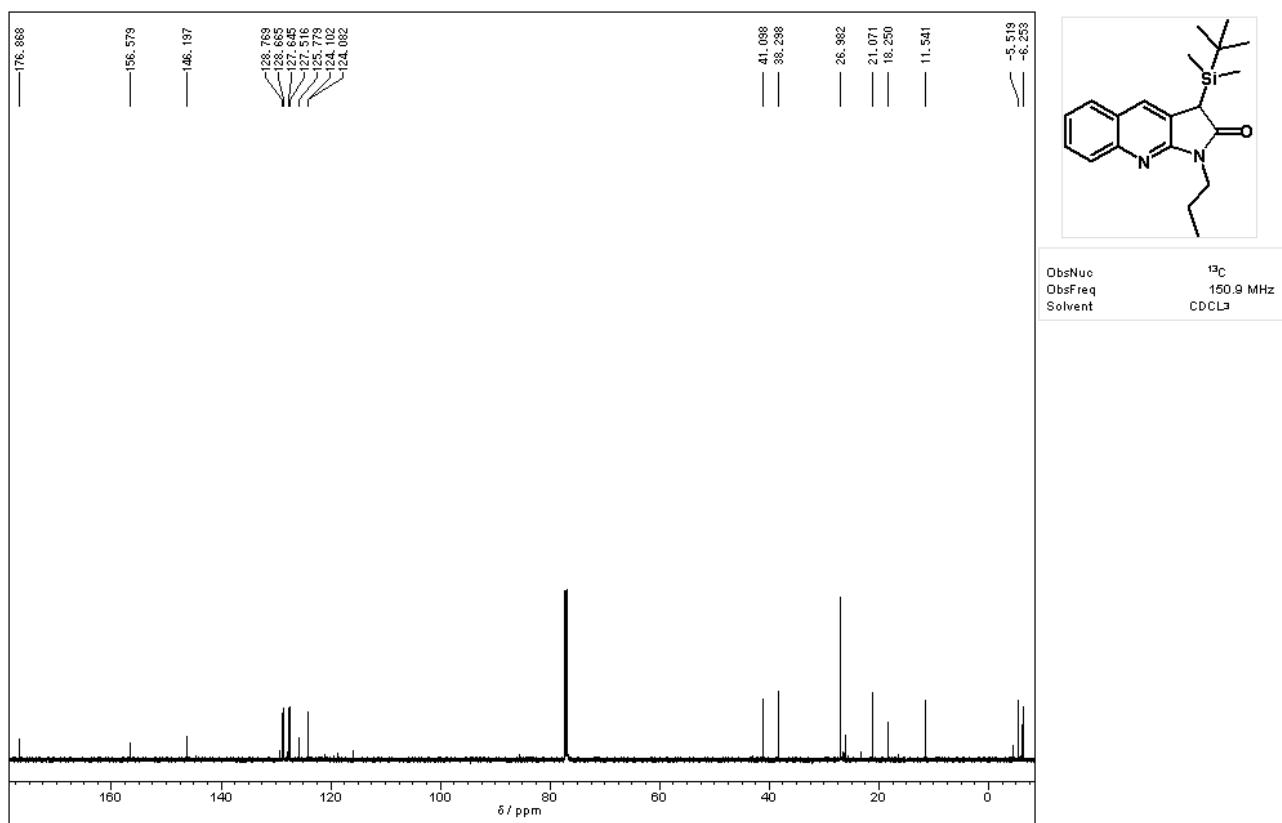
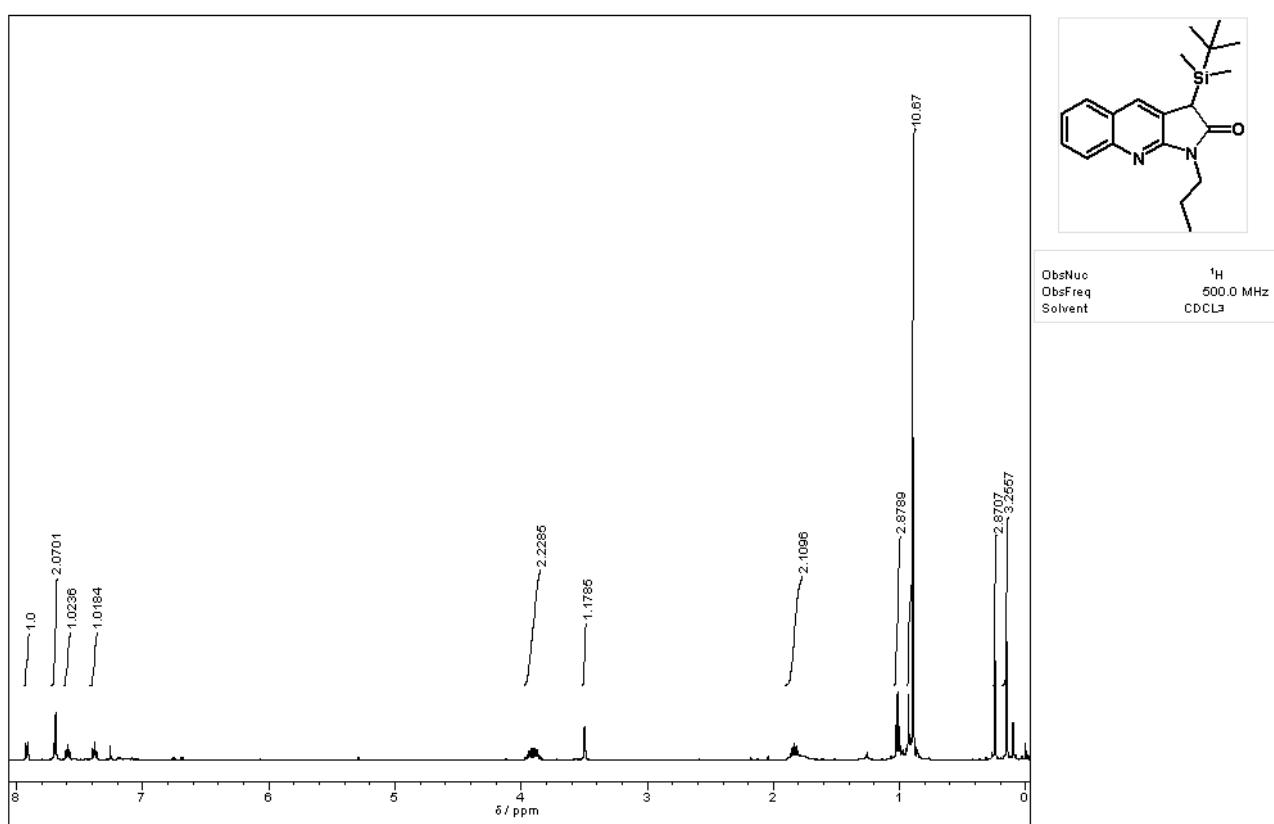
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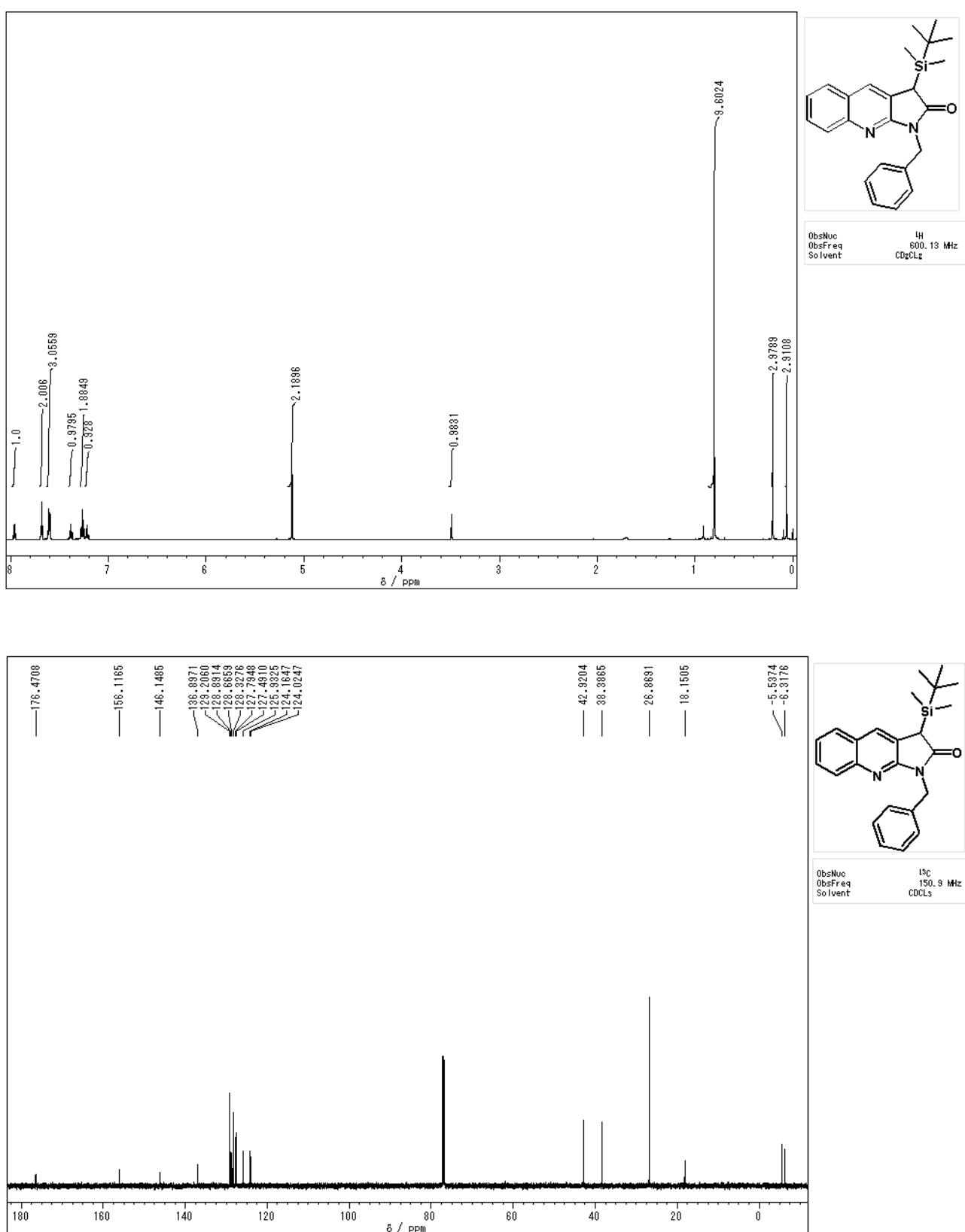
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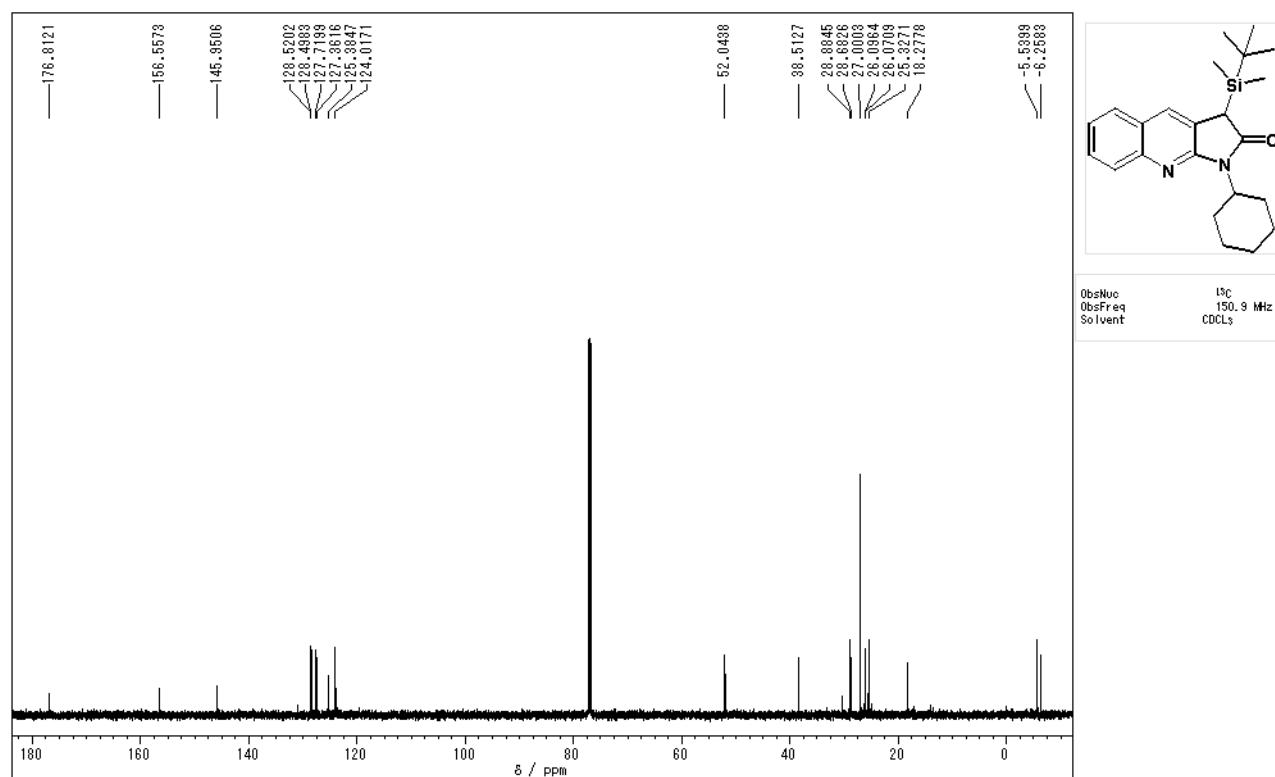
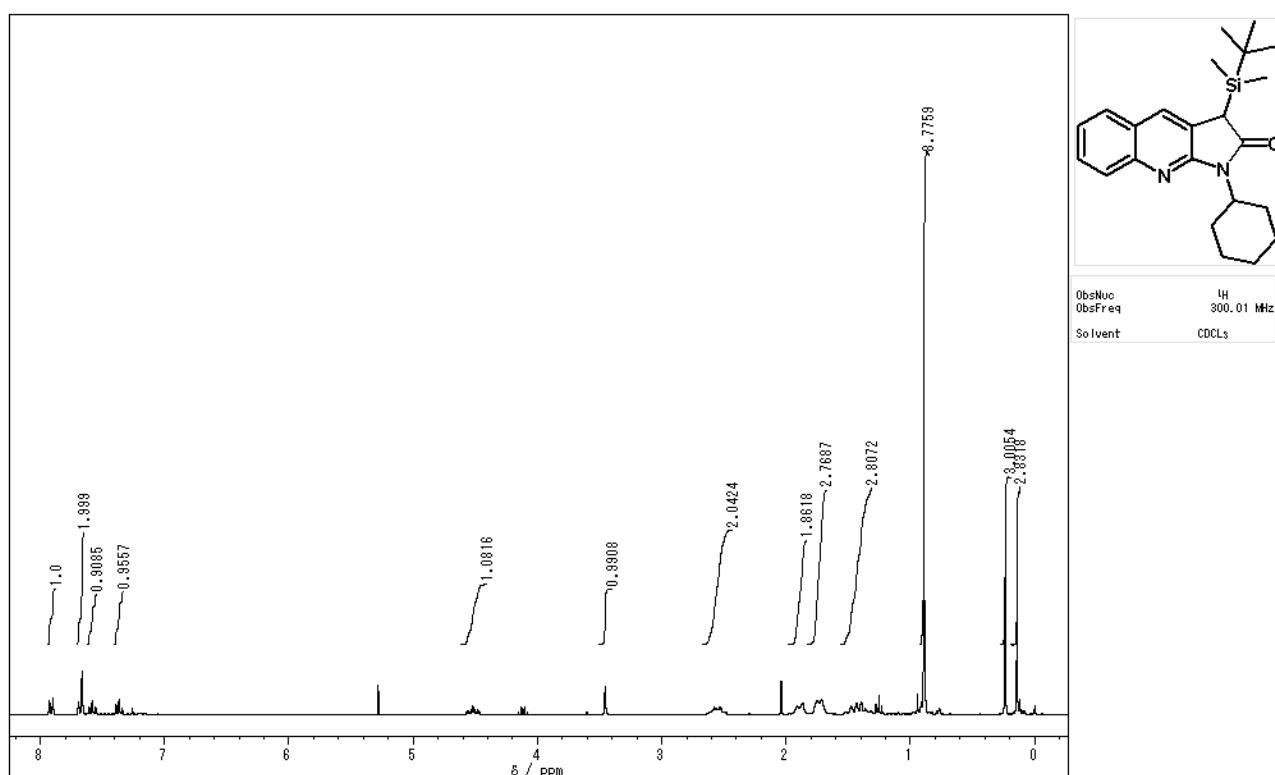
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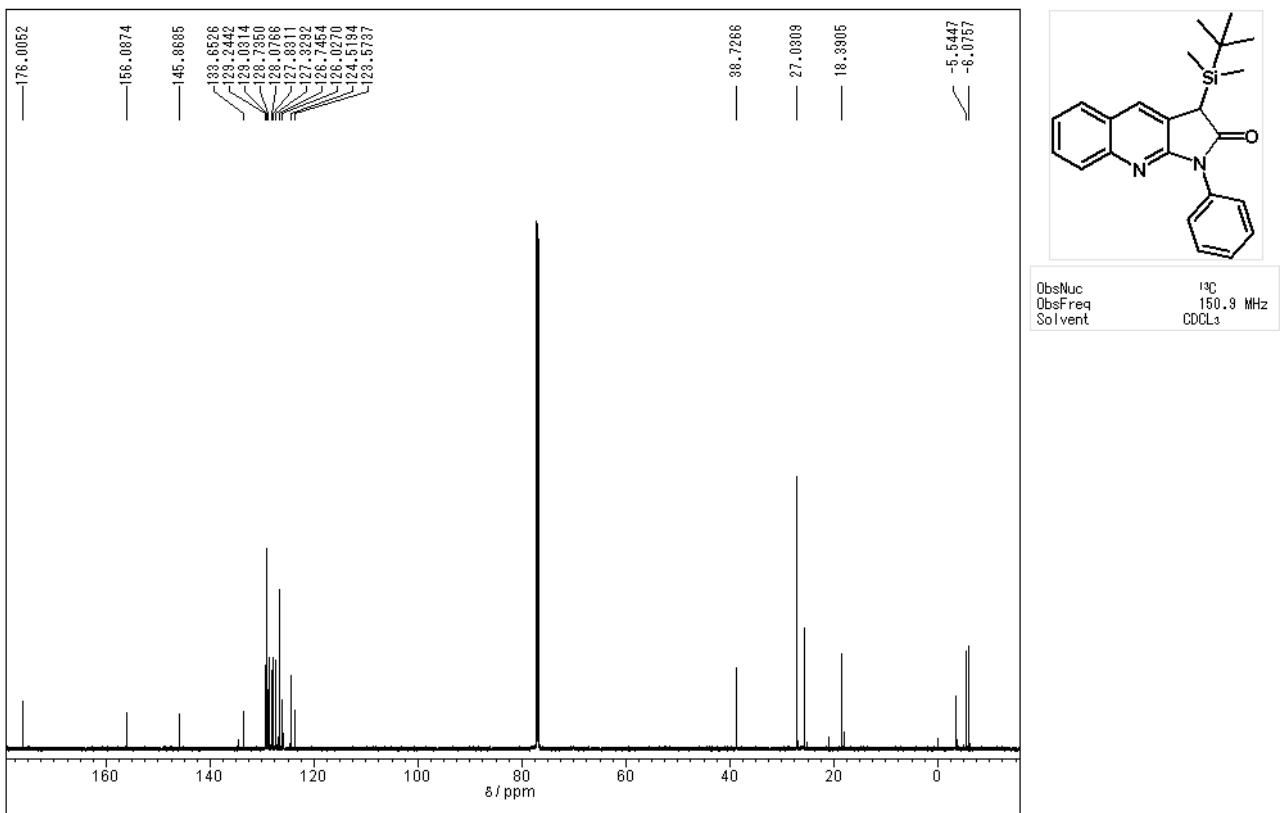
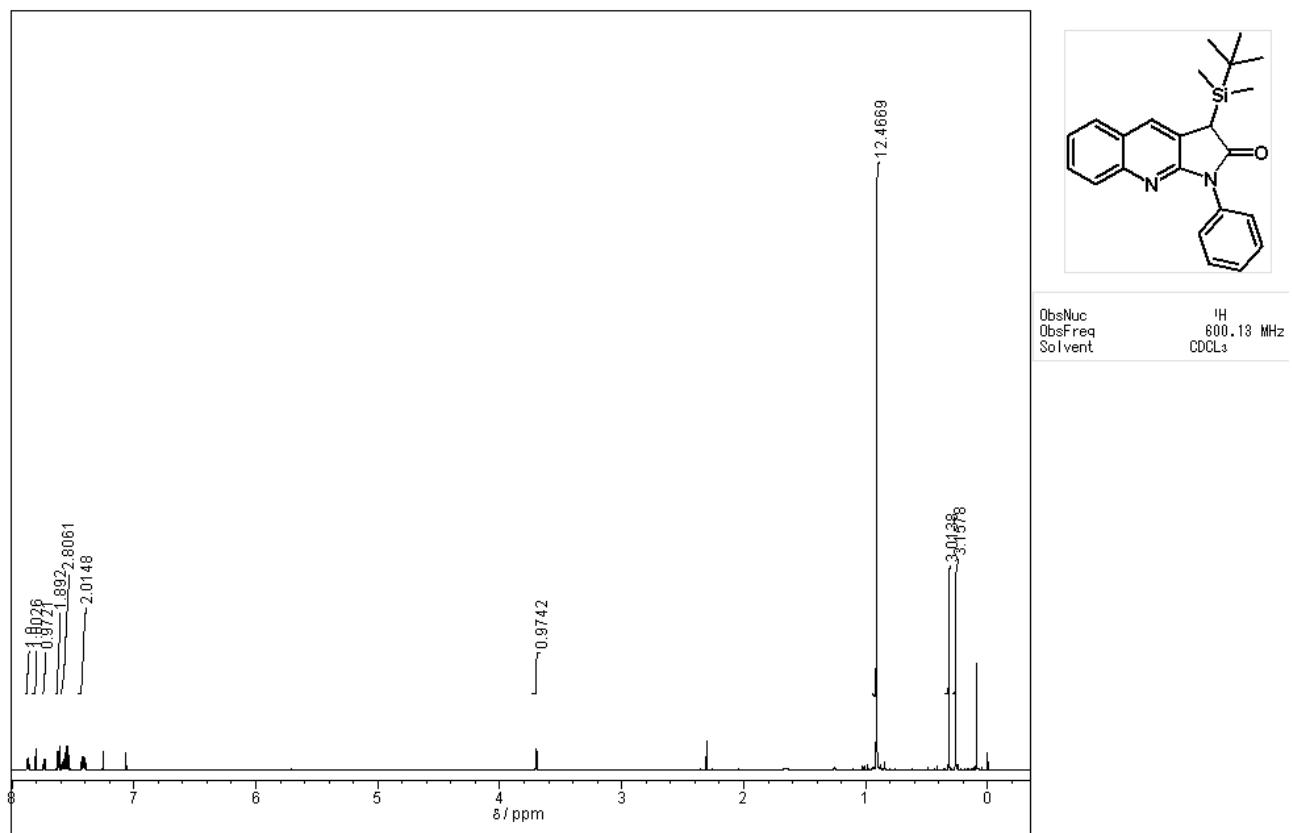
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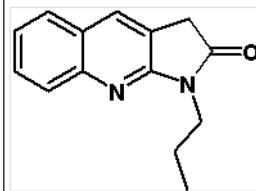
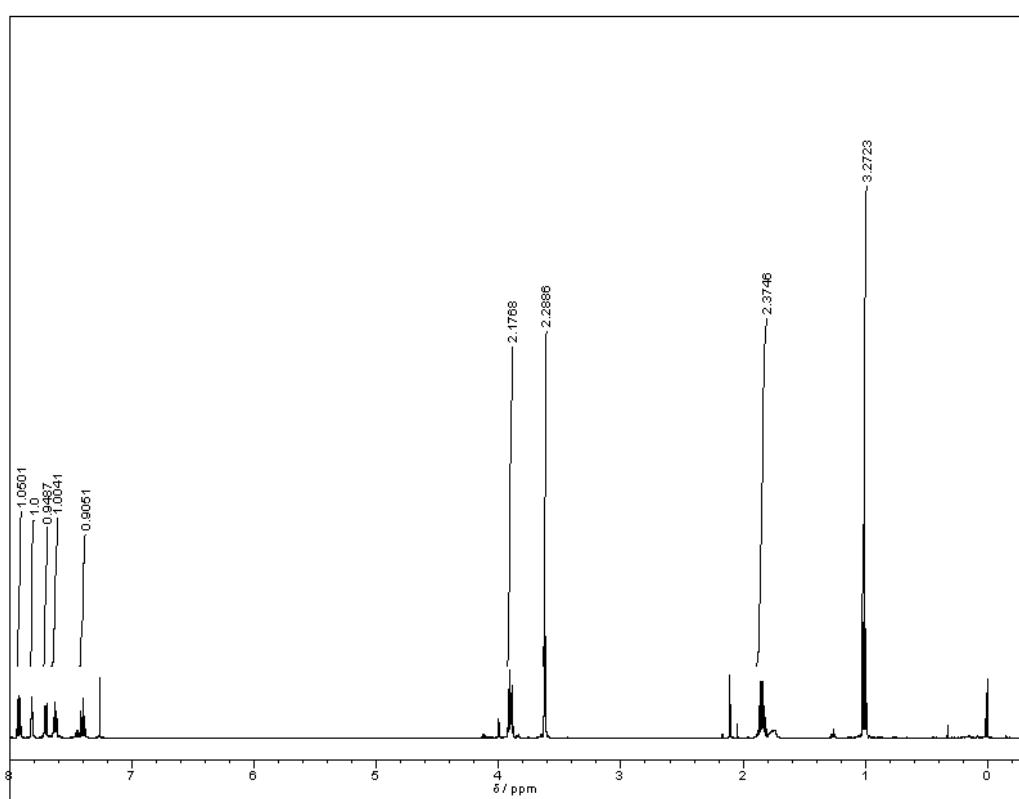
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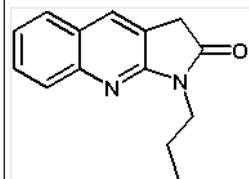
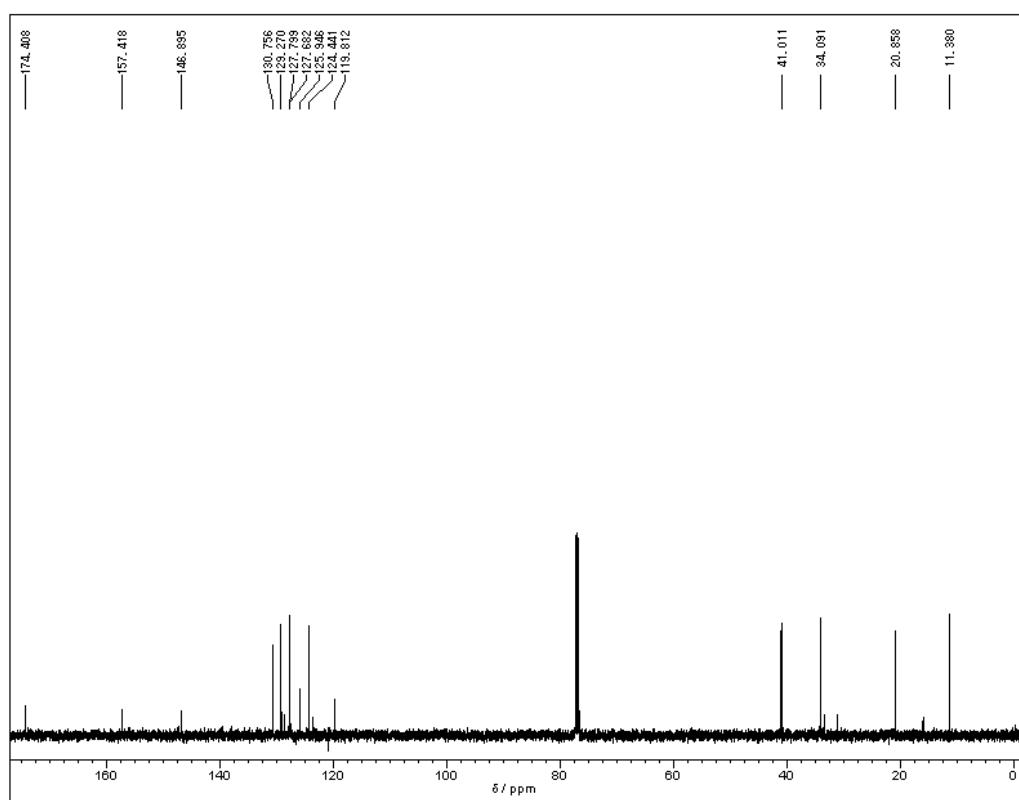
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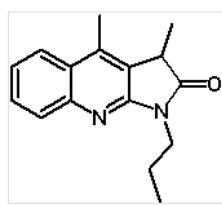
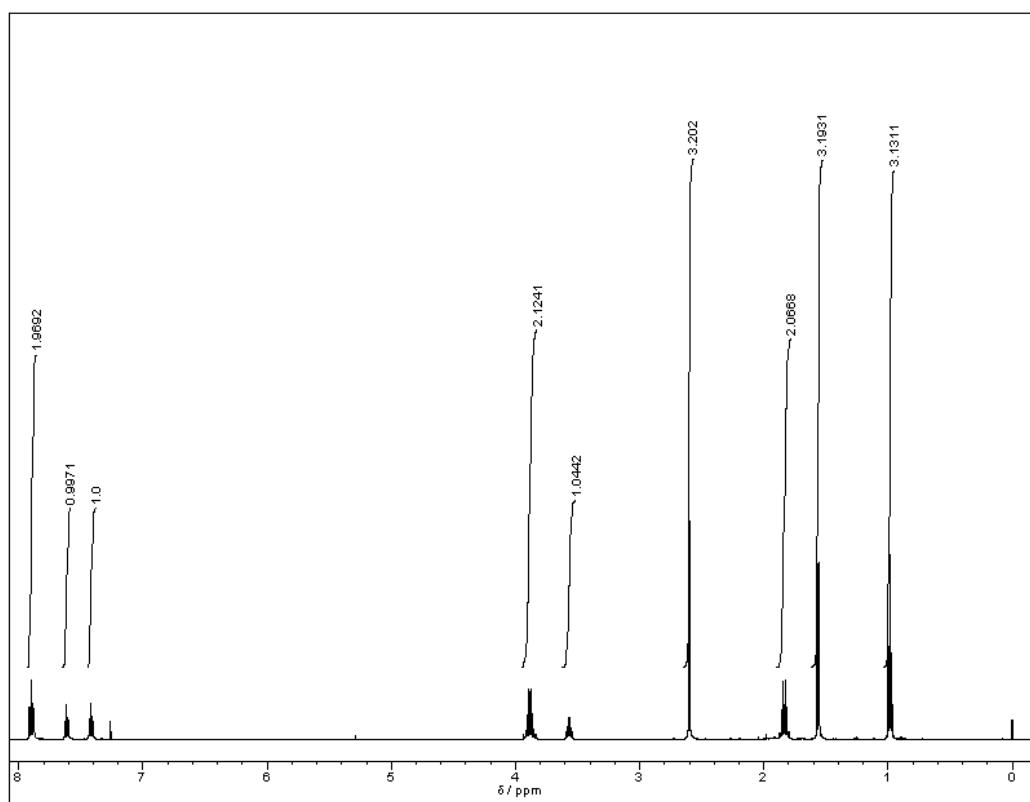


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ObsFreq 500.0 MHz  
Solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>

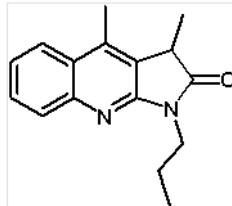
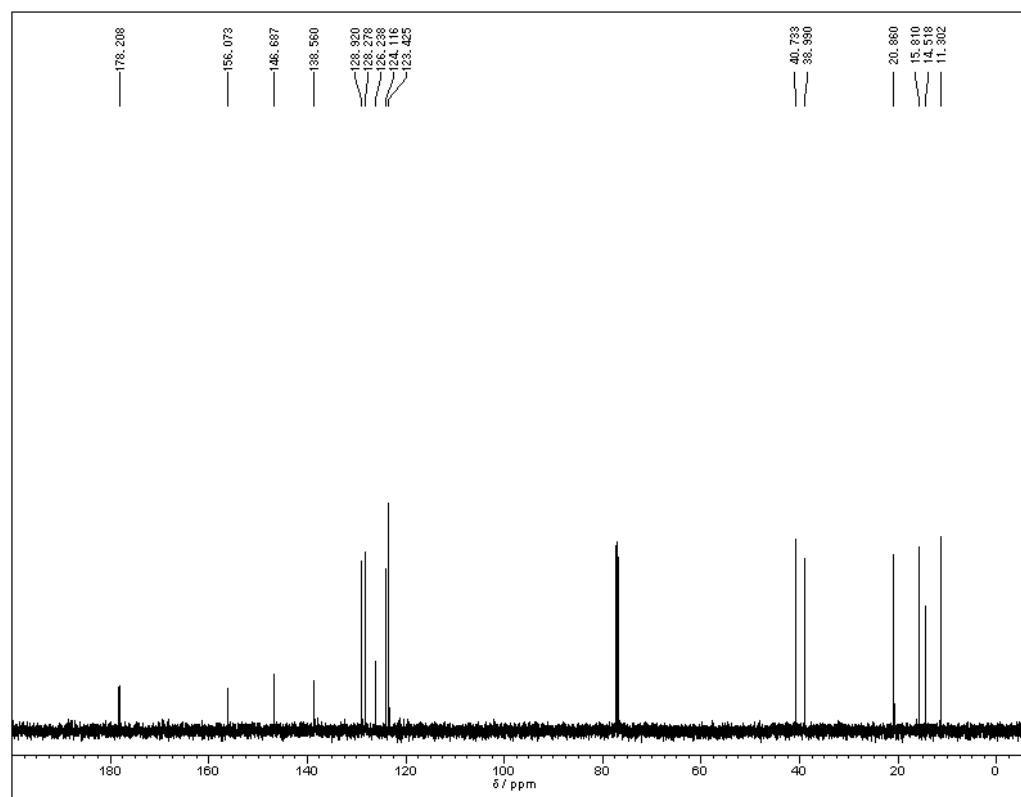


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ObsFreq 125.65 MHz  
Solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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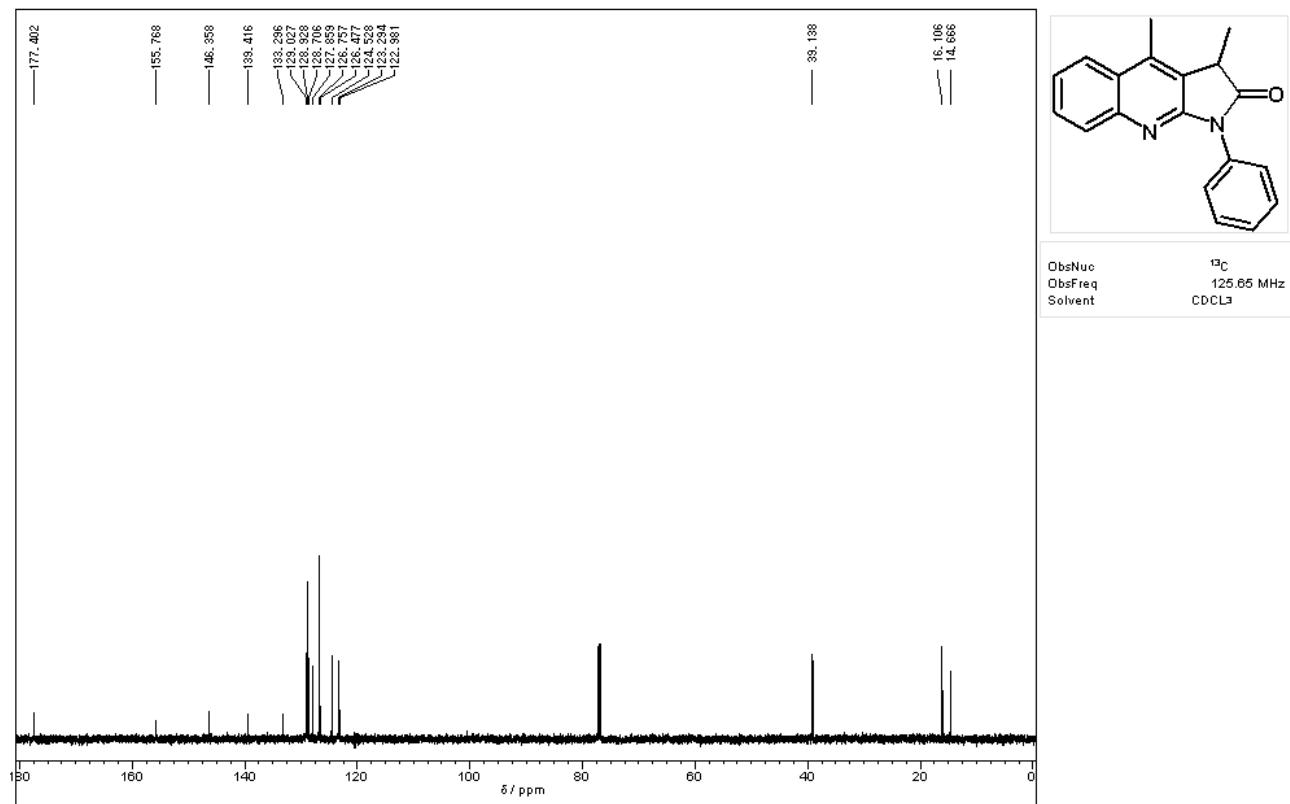
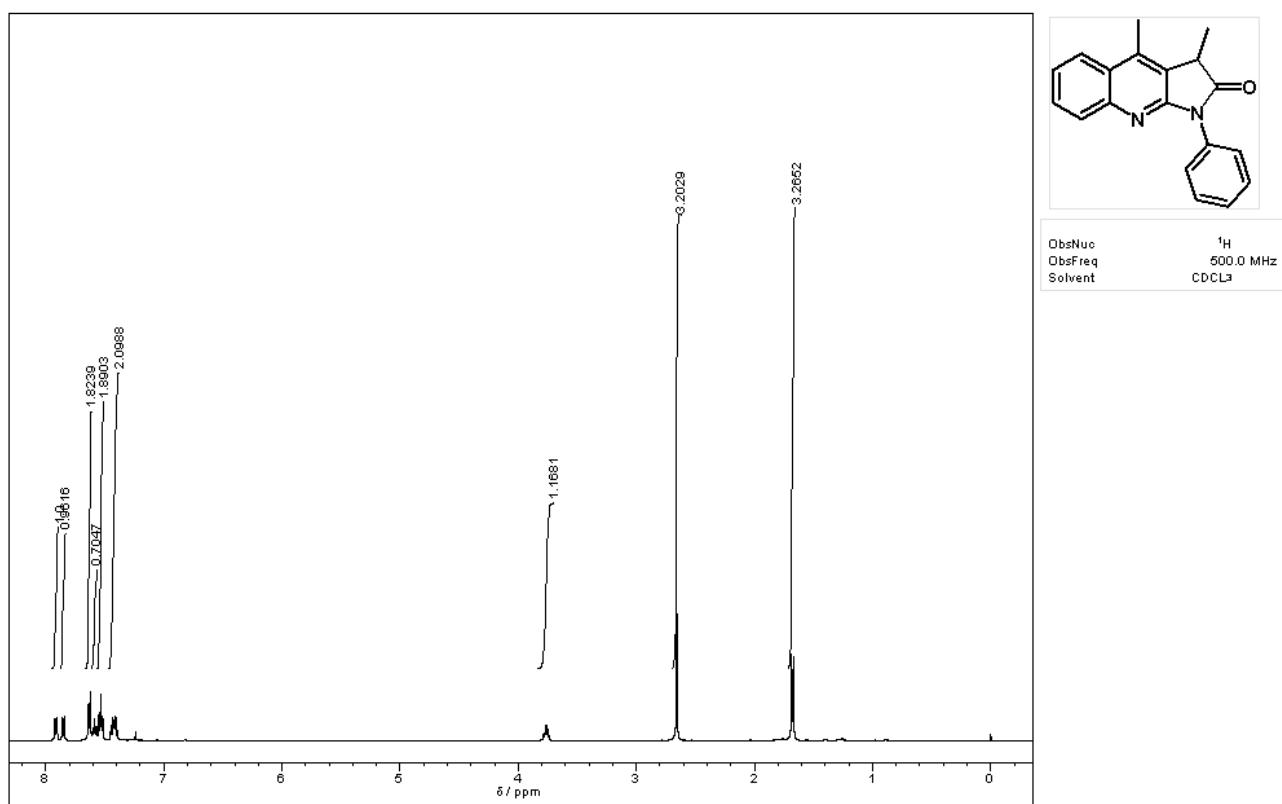


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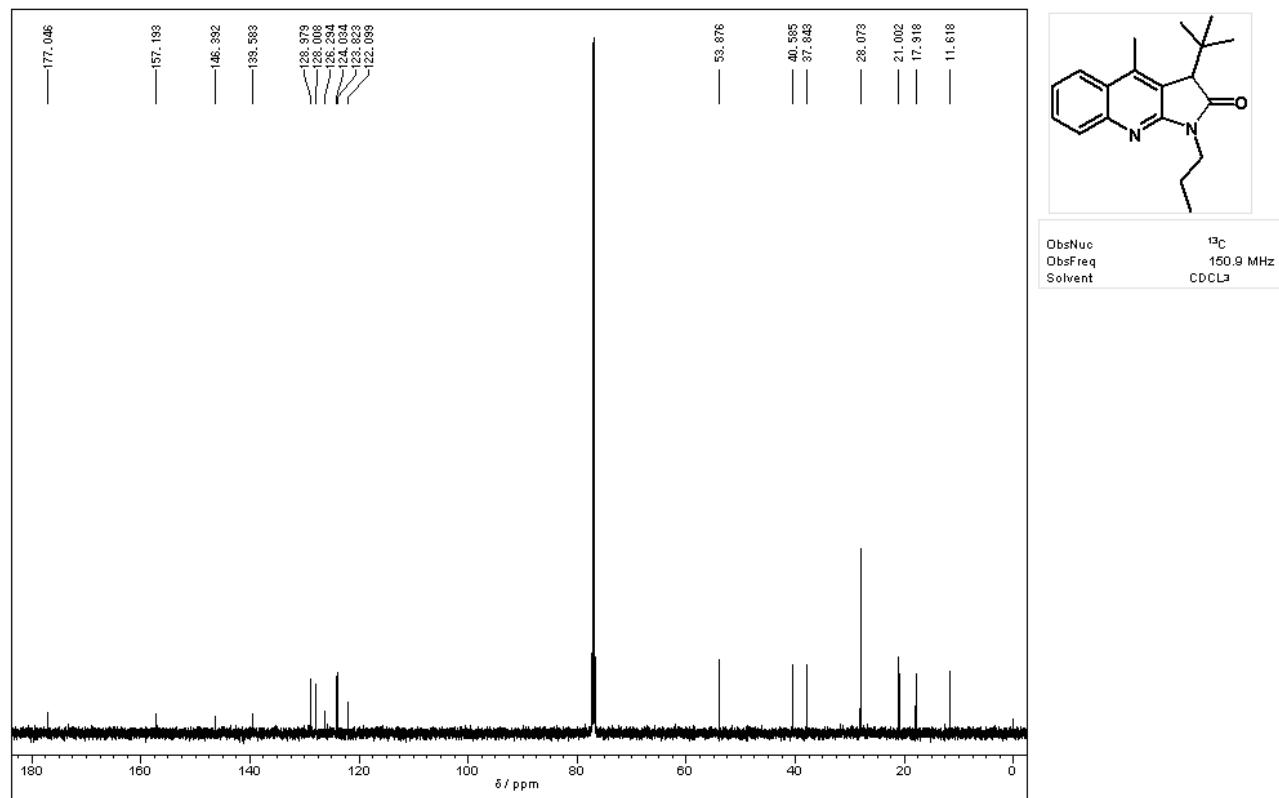
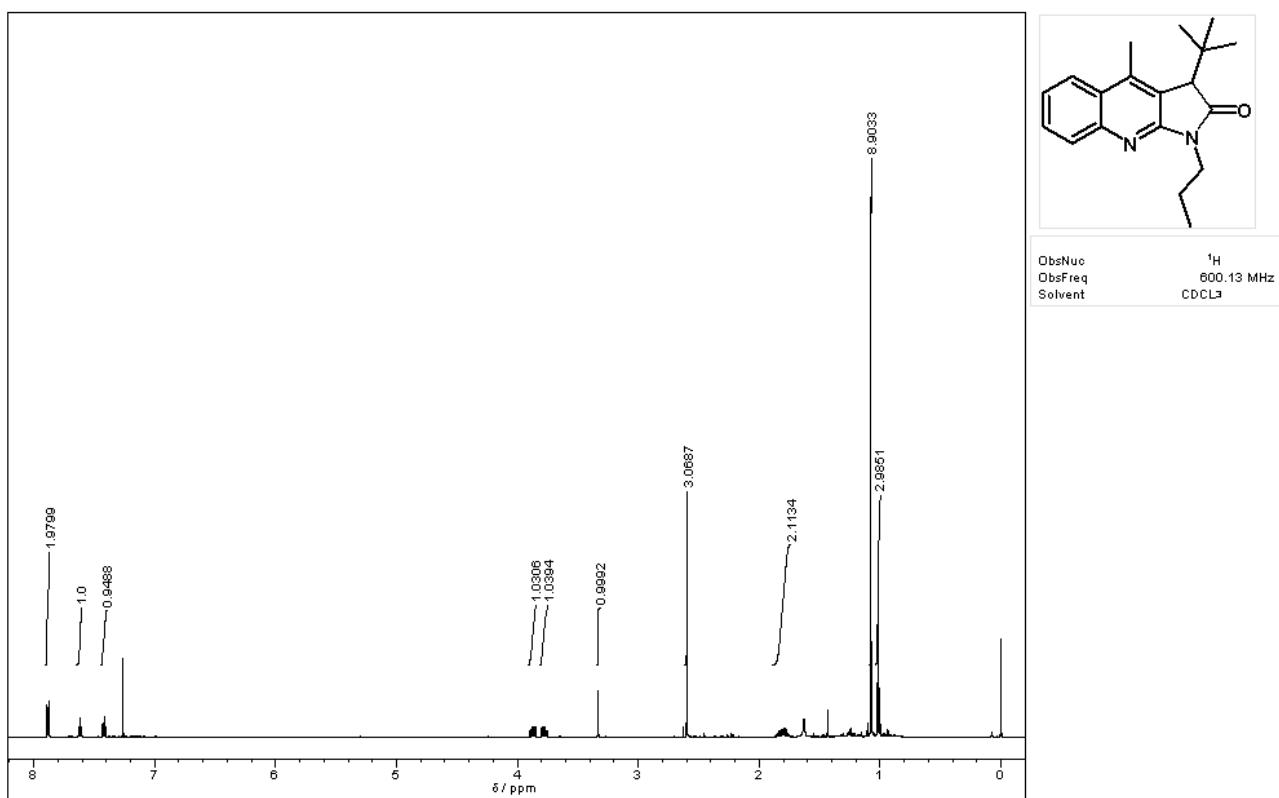


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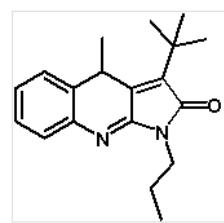
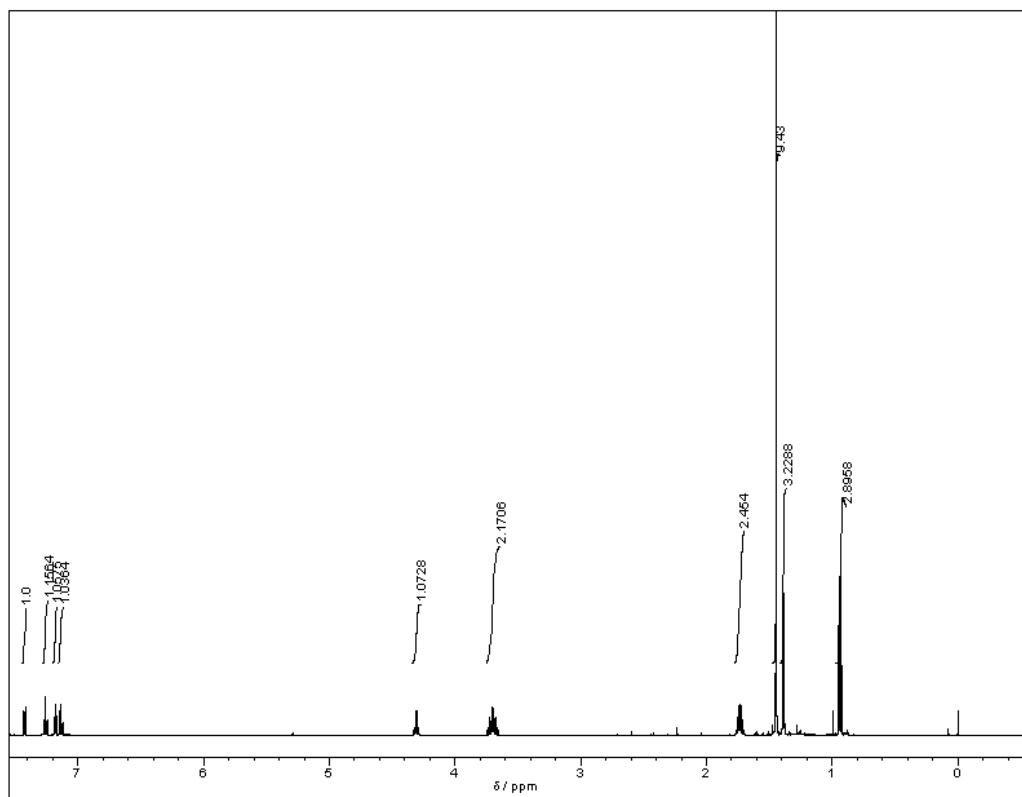
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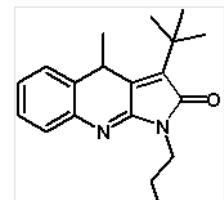
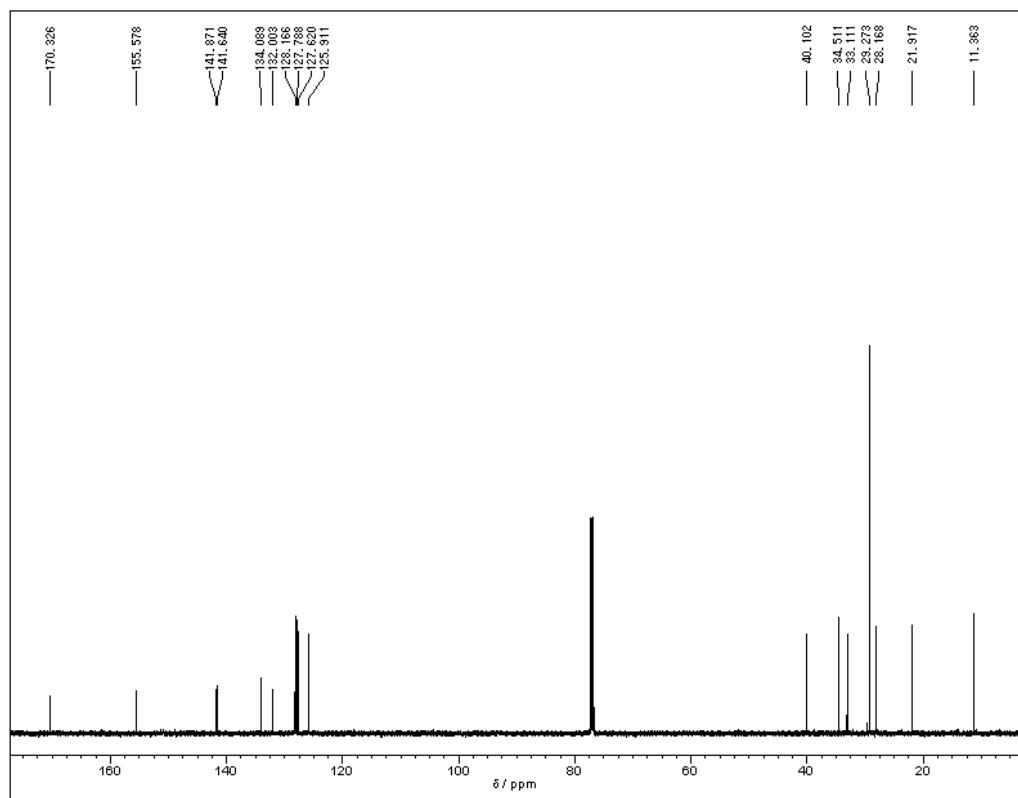
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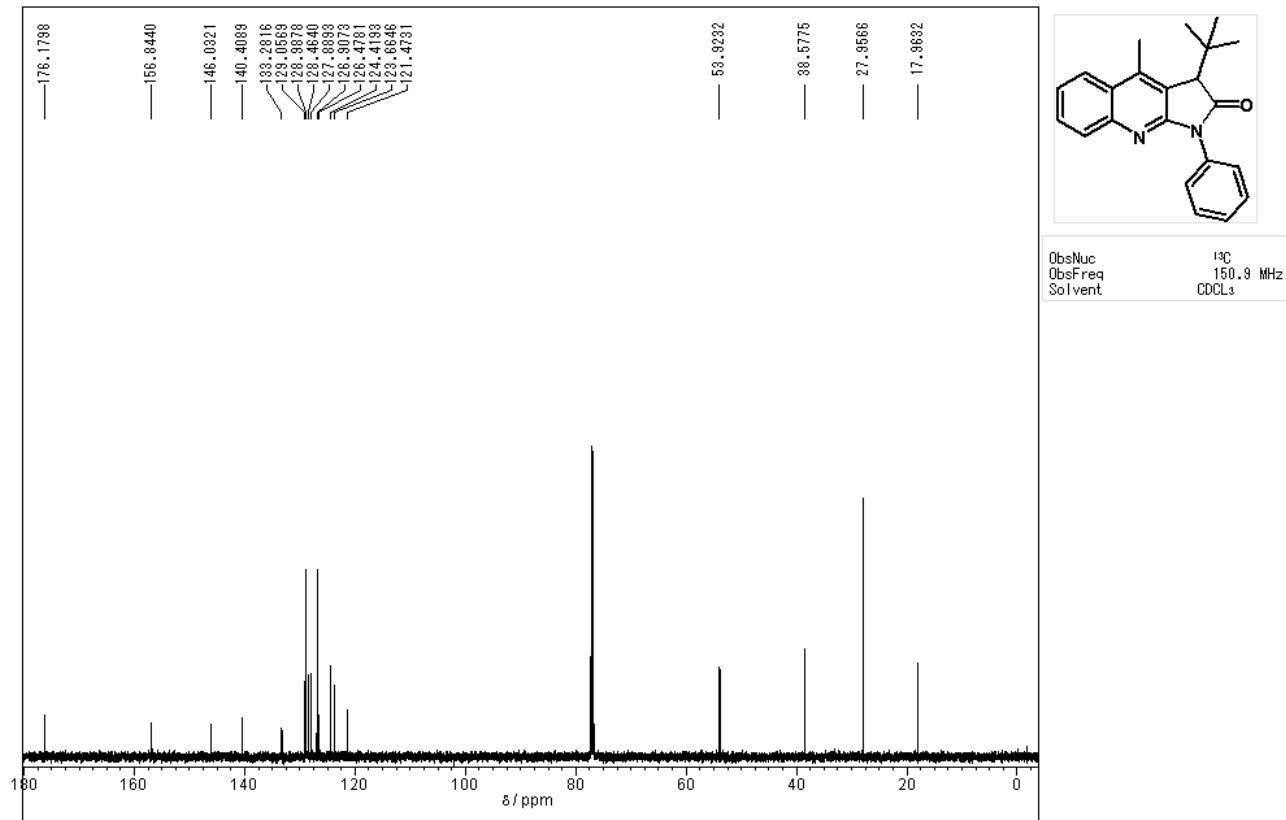
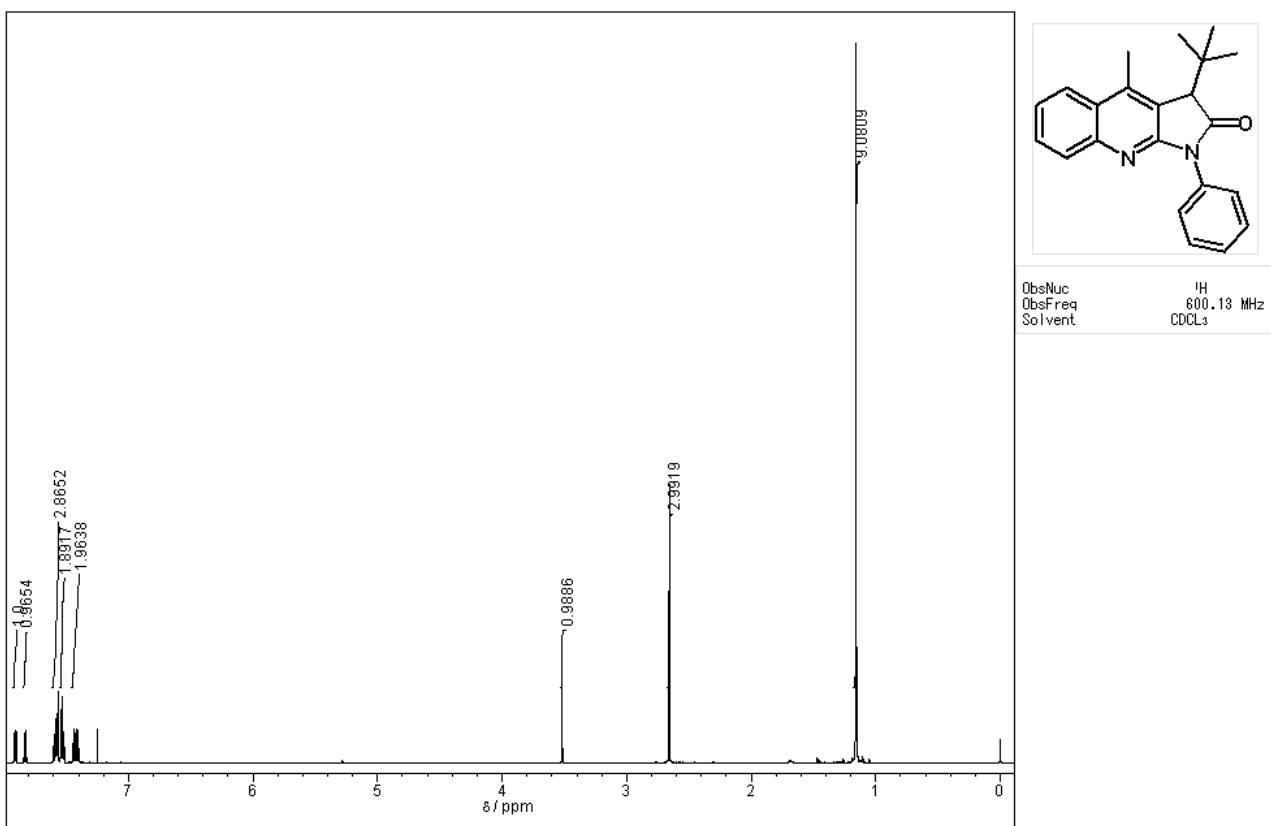


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Solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>

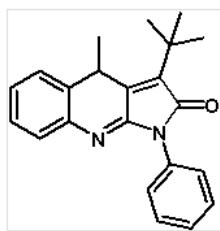
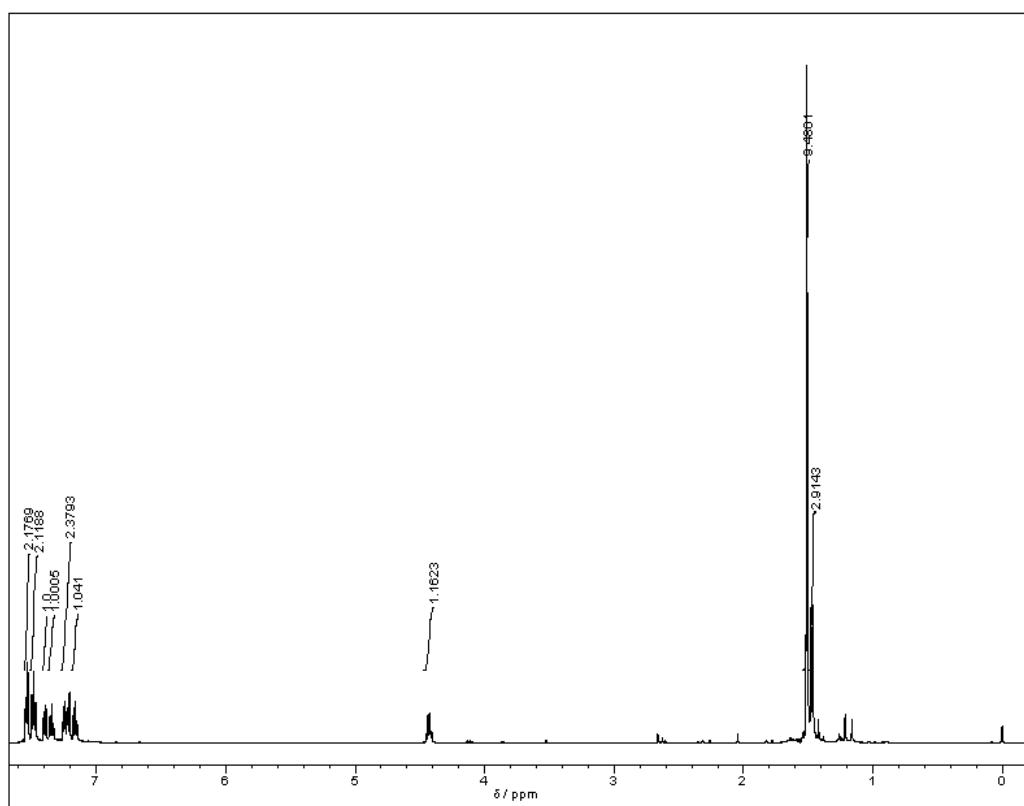


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Solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>

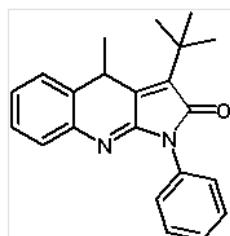
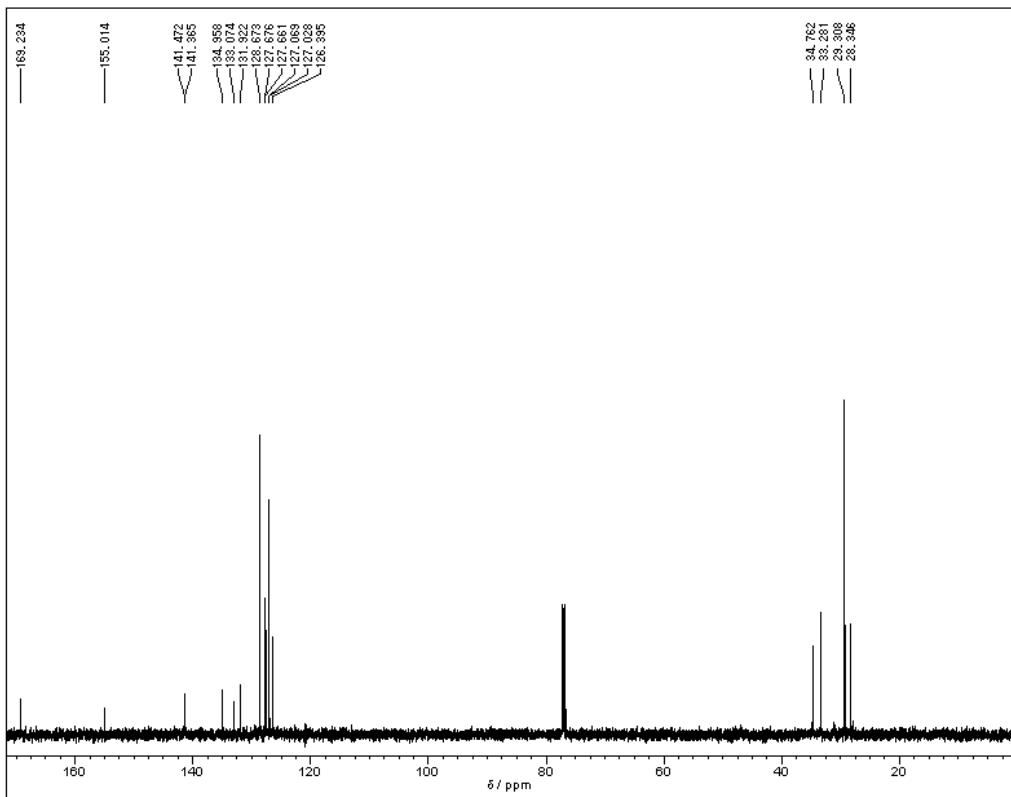
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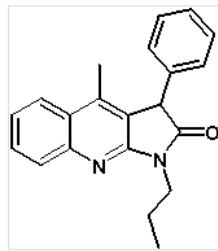
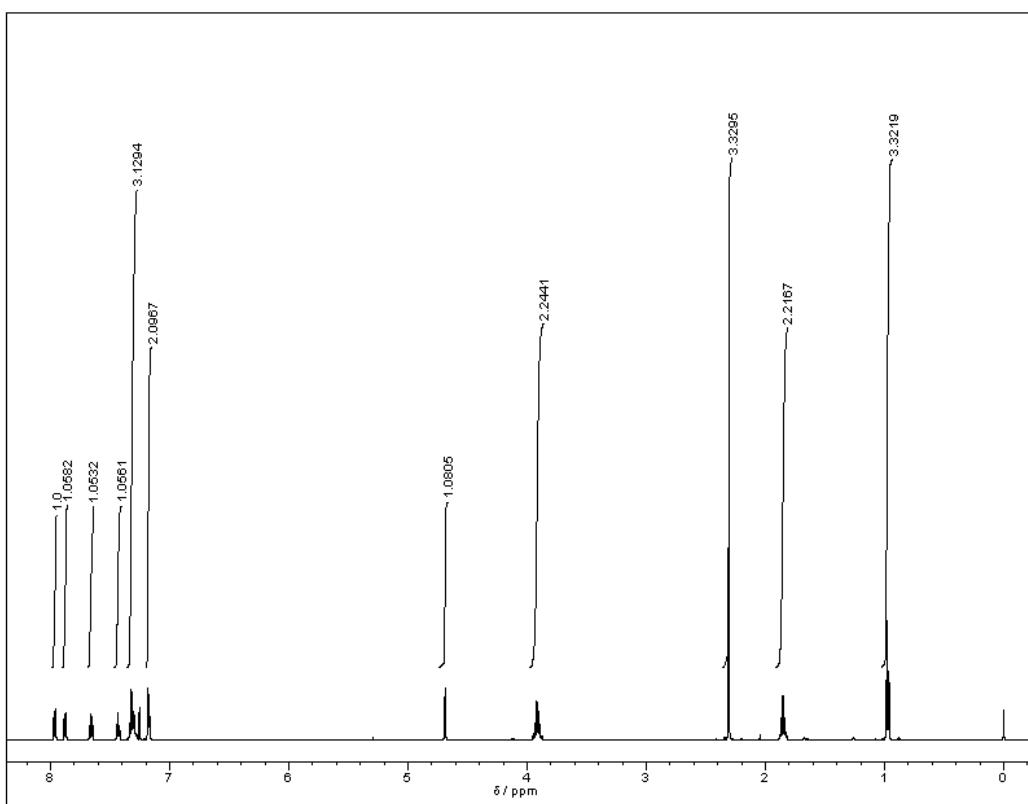


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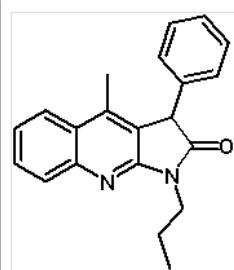
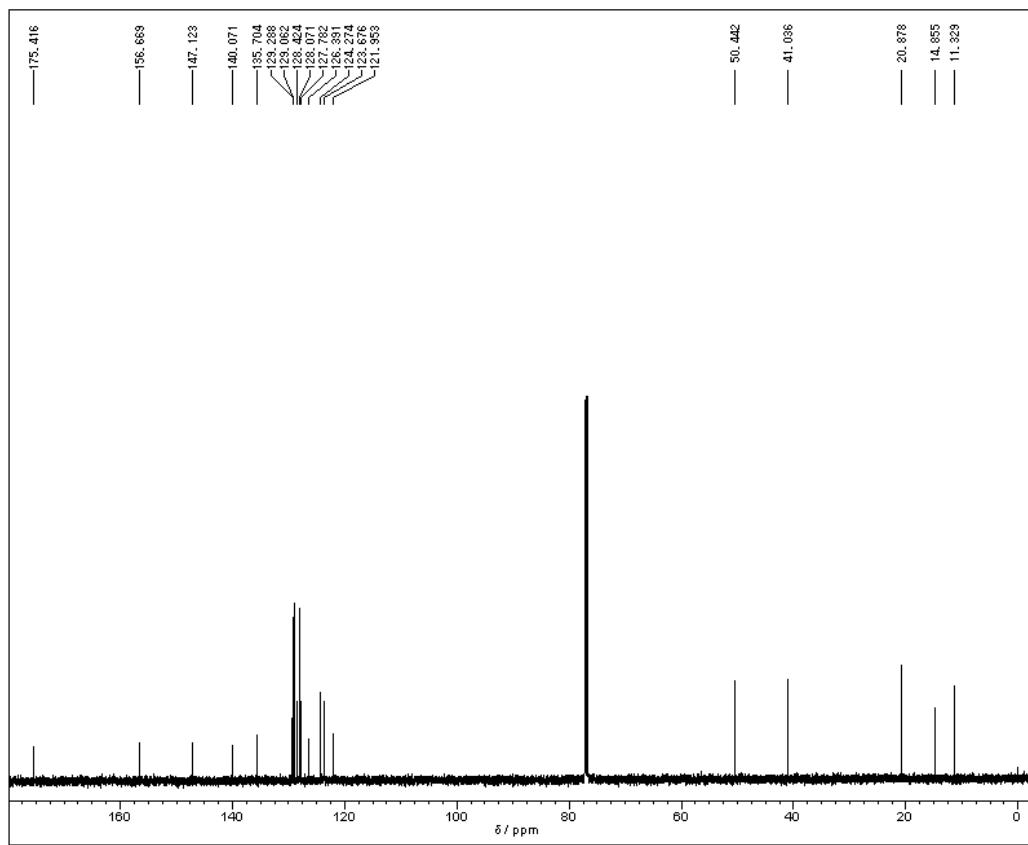


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ObsFreq 125.65 MHz  
Solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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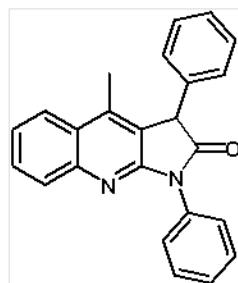
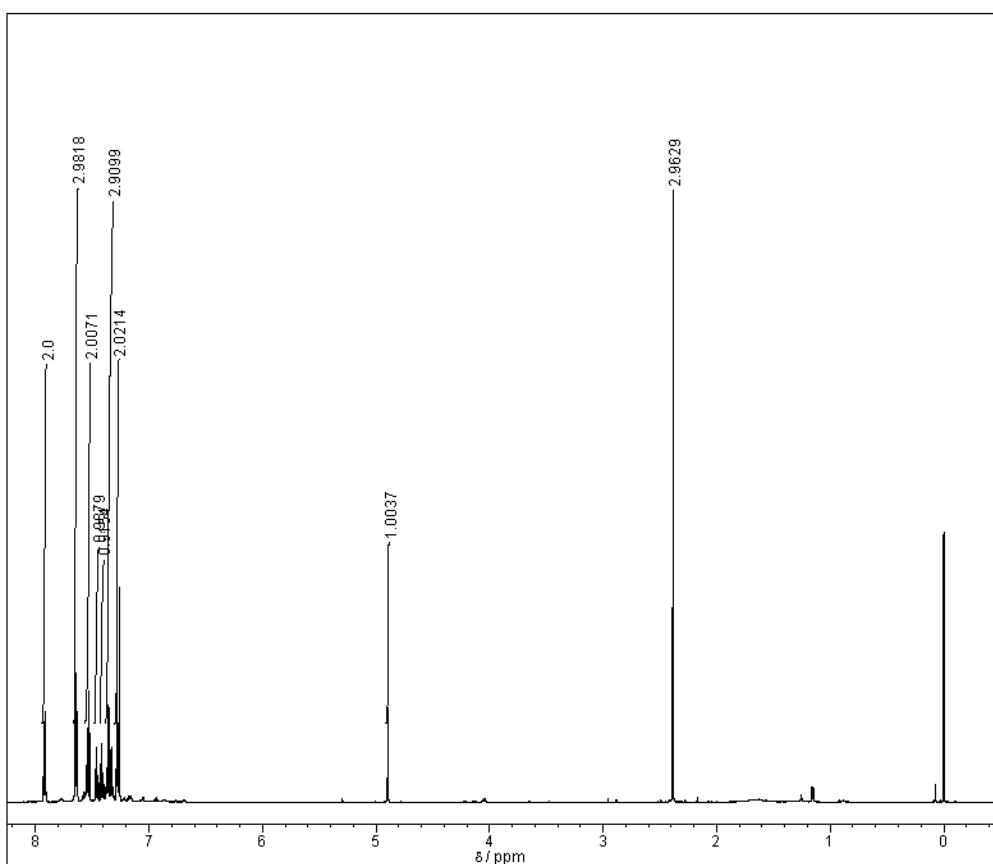


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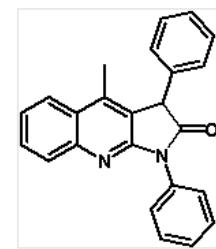
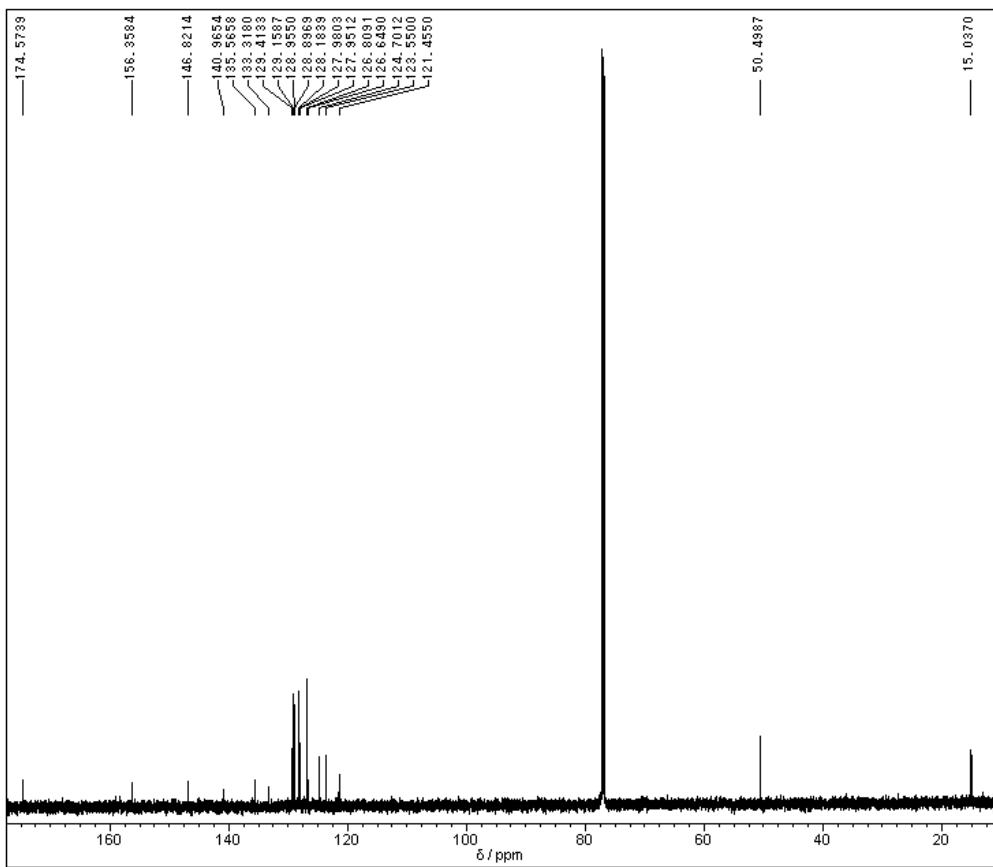


ObsNuc                     $^{13}\text{C}$   
 ObsFreq                  150.9 MHz  
 Solvent                  CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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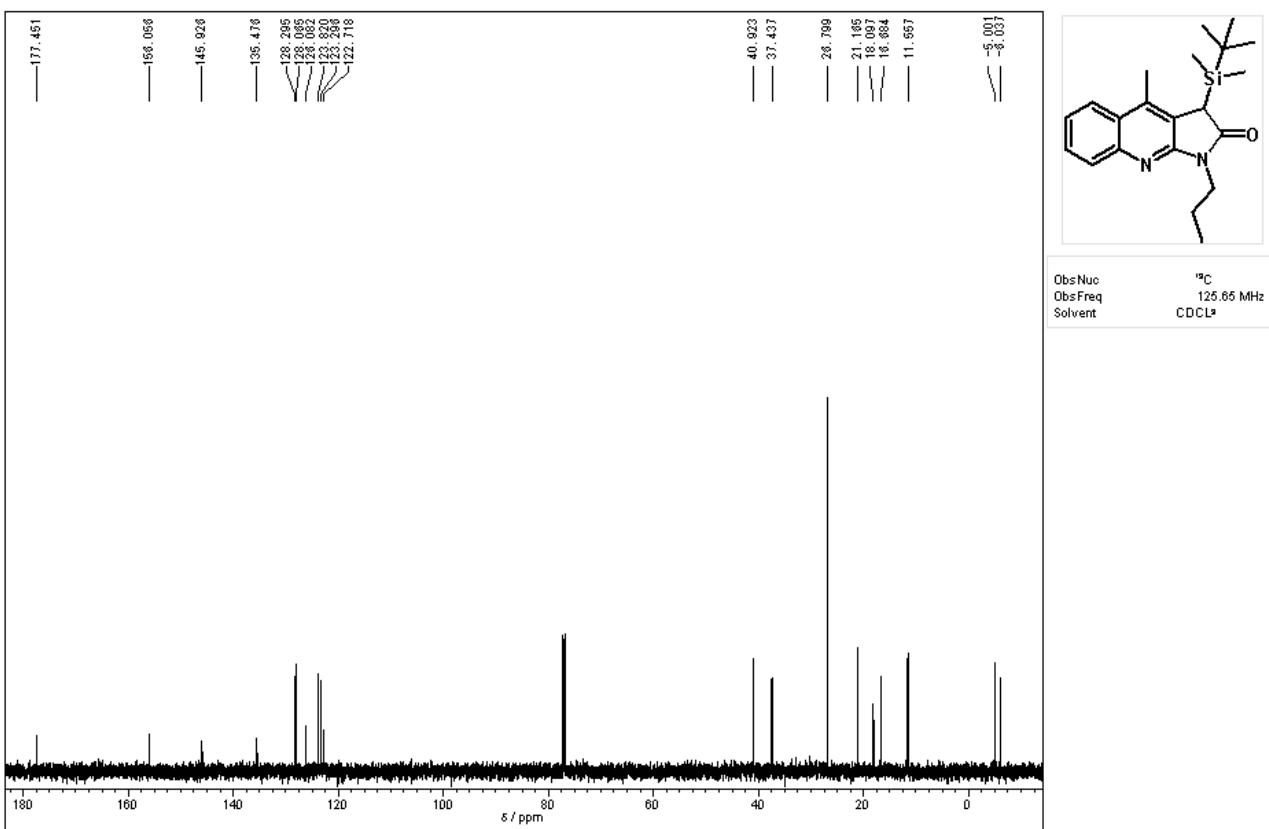
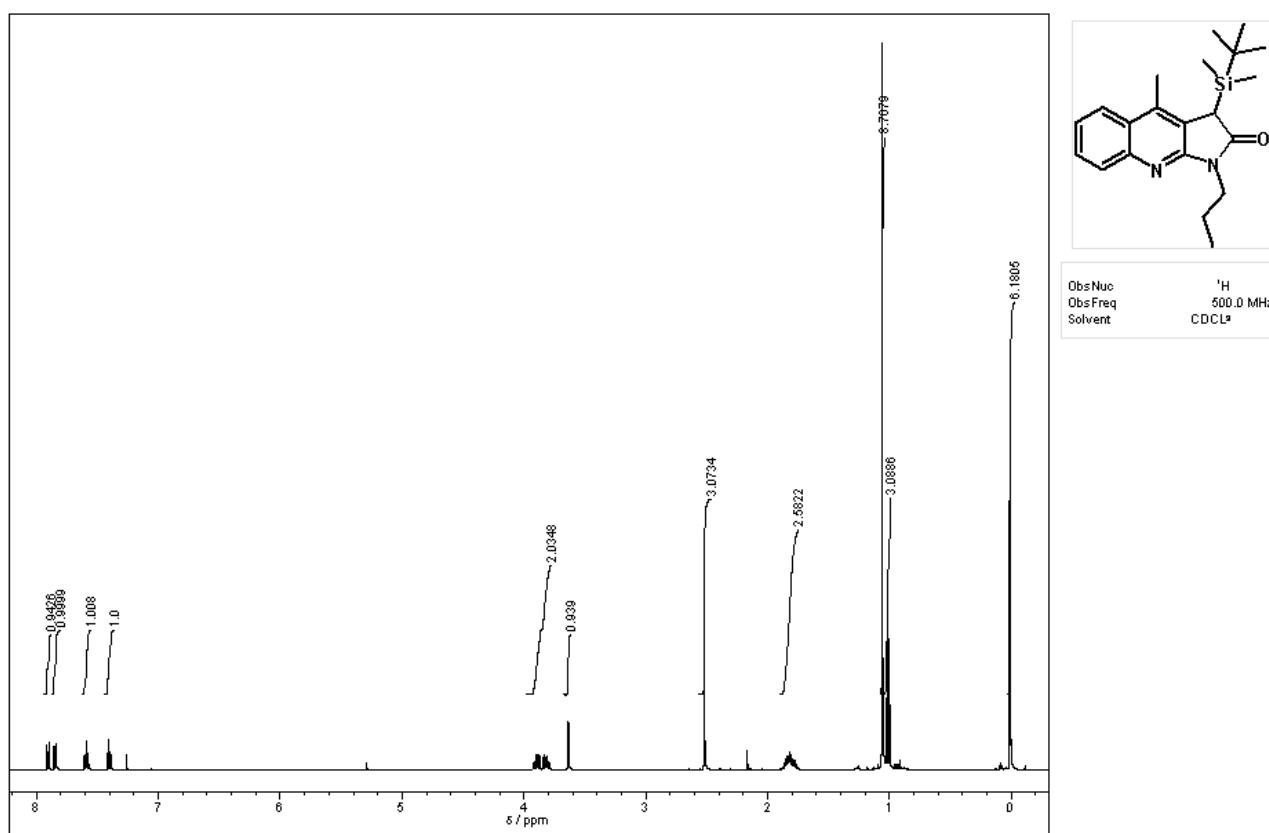


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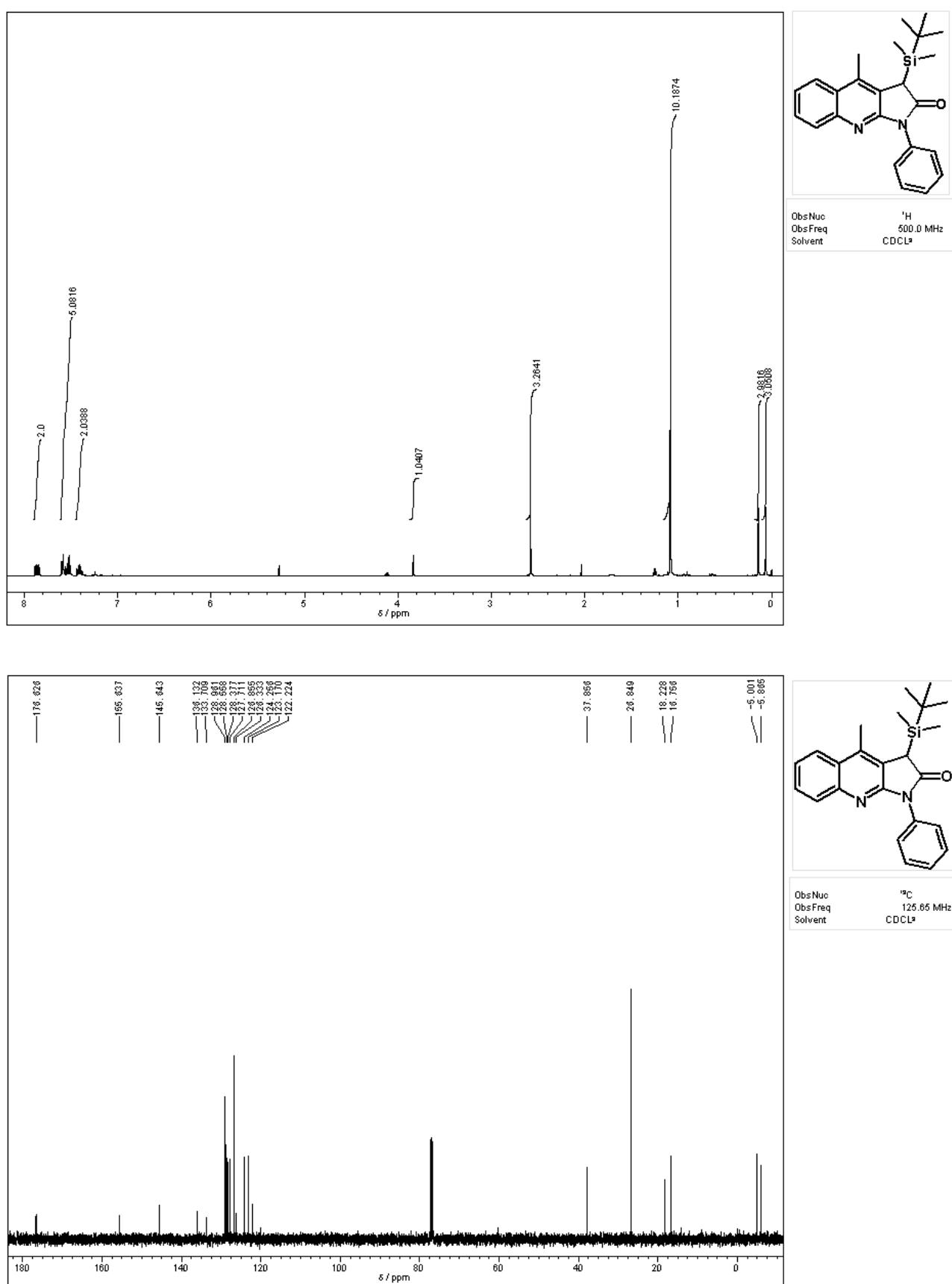


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Solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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17h



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