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Aryne Cycloaddition with 3-Oxidopyridinium Species

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Preparation of the 3-Oxidopyridinium Species

Method A, representatively outlined for the preparation of 1a:1,2

To a stirred solution of furfural (1.00 g, 10.5 mmol) in absolute ethanol (25 mL) was added benzylamine (1.07 g, 10 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 1 h, sodium borohydride was added (0.76 g, 20 mmol, 2 equiv.) and stirring continued overnight. The reaction was concentrated in vacuo and 10 wt % K_2CO_3 (30 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2CI_2 . Combined extracts were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1, with 1 vol % of Et_3N) to afford N-benzyl-N-(2-furylmethyl)amine (1.75 g, 94%) as an oil.

To a solution of the amine obtained from the above reaction (0.37 g, 2 mmol) in 1:1 acetic acid/water (20 mL) at 0 °C was added bromine (2.2 mL of 1 M solution in acetic acid, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) over 1 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was taken up in 3:1 THF/water (40 mL) and neutralized by Amberlite IRA-400 resin (OH form, 30 g). After the mixture was stirred for 30 min, the resin was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (10 vol % MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ with 1 vol % of NH₄OH) to afford **1a** (255 mg, 69%) as white crystals, mp 82–83 °C (lit³107–111 °C);⁴ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (dd, J = 2.3, 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.31–7.19 (m, 4 H), 7.07–7.05 (m, 1 H), 5.19 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 134.4, 134.2, 132.9, 129.5, 129.4, 128.1, 126.9, 121.4, 64.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₂NO (M+H) 186.0913, found 186.0914.

Per the above procedure, the following 3-oxidopyridinium species were prepared:

Compound 1d: prepared from 5-methylfurfural and BnNH₂, yield 50%, white solid, mp 166–168 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.43–7.31 (m, 4 H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 3 H), 5.25 (s, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 136.2, 134.9, 132.7, 130.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 126.5, 60.7, 18.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO (M+H) 200.1070, found 200.1066.

Compound 1g: prepared from furfural and CyNH₂, yield 95%, white solid, mp 168–170 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.16–7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.06 (dt, J = 5.4, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (tt, J = 12.2, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.19–2.09 (m, 2 H), 2.03–1.93 (m, 2 H), 1.82–1.68 (m, 3 H), 1.52–1.21 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 134.0, 132.1, 126.6, 119.5, 70.6, 33.6, 25.3, 24.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₆NO (M+H) 178.1226, found 178.1223.

Compound 1h: prepared from furfural and t BuNH₂, yield 62%, brown oil; 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (s, 1 H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 1 H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 2 H), 1.68 (s, 9 H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 133.0, 131.6, 126.4, 118.2, 65.6, 30.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₇N₂O₂ (2M+H) 303.2067, found 303.2068.

Compound 1m: prepared from furfural and 3-aminopyridine, yield 51%, light-gray solid, mp 90–92 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.87 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.83 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (ddd, J = 8.2, 2.7, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (ddd, J = 8.2, 4.8, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (left side of a dd of ABq, J_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, J = 2.6, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (right side of a dd of ABq, appearing as a d of ABq, J_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, J = 5.3 Hz,1 H), 7.19 (ddd, J = 5.2, 2.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 151.9, 144.5, 140.3, 136.0, 133.9, 131.3, 127.1, 124.6, 121.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{10}H_9N_2O$ (M+H) 173.0709, found 173.0705.

Compound 1o: prepared from 5-hydroxymethyfurfural and BnNH₂, yield 41%, light-gray solid, mp 164–166 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.45 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 3 H), 7.30 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 6.93 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.84 (br, 1 H), 5.55 (s, 2 H), 4.41 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 168.2, 135.4, 135.2, 133.6, 131.6, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 127.0, 58.6, 58.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{13}H_{14}NO_2$ (M+H) 216.1019, found 216.1019.

Method B, representatively outlined for the preparation of 1e:5

A mixture of 475 mg (5 mmol) of 3-hydroxylpyridine and 709 mg (5 mmol) of MeI in 1-propanol (3 mL) was heated under reflux for 8 h. Solvent was then removed and the residue was taken up in 3:1 THF/water (80 mL). The mixture was neutralized by Amberlite IRA-400 resin (OH form, 60 g). After the mixture was stirred for 30 min, the resin was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (10 vol % MeOH in CH_2CI_2 with 1 vol % NH_4OH) to afford **1e** (440 mg, 68%) as a dark oil; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCI_3$) δ 7.35 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.24–7.15 (m, 2 H), 6.96 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCI_3$) δ 170.0, 134.6, 133.9, 126.7, 121.7, 47.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C_6H_8NO (M+H) 100.0600, found 100.0597.

Per the above procedure, the following 3-oxidopyridinium species were prepared:

Compound 1b: prepared from 2-methyl-3-hydroxylpyridine and BnBr, yield 95%, purple solid, mp 71–73 °C; 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.32 (m, 3 H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1 H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 2 H), 7.05–7.02 (m, 2 H), 5.41 (s, 2 H), 2.49 (s, 3 H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 145.9, 133.0, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 126.2, 124.6, 123.1, 61.2, 13.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO (M+H) 200.1070, found 200.1072.

Compound 1c: prepared from 3-chloro-5-hydroxylpyridine and BnBr, yield 73%, yellow-green solid, mp 156–158 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46–7.41 (m, 3 H), 7.38 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.19 (dd, J = 2.4, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.17 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 134.6, 133.6, 133.4, 132.1, 129.9, 129.5, 128.3, 119.3, 64.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₁NOCl (M+H) 220.0524, found 220.0524.

Compound 1f: prepared from 3-hydroxylpyridine and cyclopropylmethyl bromide, yield 48%, pink solid, mp 133–135 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (m, 1 H), 7.17–7.09 (m, 2 H), 7.04 (m, 1 H), 3.86 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.27–1.16 (m, 1 H), 0.74–0.62 (m, 2 H), 0.42–0.34 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 133.9, 133.4, 126.6, 120.5, 65.0, 11.5, 4.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₁₂NO (M+H) 150.0913, found 150.0910.

Compound 1I: prepared from 3-hydroxylpyridine and 2-bromopyridine, recrystalized from methanol/EtOAc, yield 56%, beige solid, mp 182–184 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O) δ 8.85–8.81 (m, 2 H), 8.62 (dd, J = 4.9, 0.7 Hz, 1 H), 8.18 (td, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.17 (left side of a dd of ABq, J_{AB} = 8.7 Hz, J = 2.5, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.97 (right side of a dd of ABq, appearing as a d of ABq, J_{AB} = 8.7 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.90 (dt, J = 8.2, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.9 Hz, 1 H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O) δ 156.8, 151.9, 149.5, 141.4, 134.2, 134.1, 130.9, 128.5, 127.1, 118.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{10}H_9N_2O$ (M+H) 173.0709, found 173.0707.

Compound 1n: prepared from 3-hydroxylpyridine and chloromethyl methyl ether, yield 26%, brown oil; 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (s, 1 H), 7.38 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.33 (s, 2 H), 3.43 (s, 3 H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_{6}) δ 168.1, 134.2, 132.3, 127.0, 121.7, 89.0, 57.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{7}H_{10}NO_{2}$ (M+H) 140.0706, found 140.0701.

Method C, representatively outlined for the preparation of 1i5

A mixture of 535 mg (5 mmol) of 4-methylaniline and 720 mg (7.5 mmol) of furfural in ethanol/ H_2O (1:1, 12.5 mL) was heated under reflux under air overnight. Solvent was then removed. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (10 vol % MeOH in CH_2CI_2 with 1 vol % of NH_4OH) to afford **1i** (102 mg,11%) as brown oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCI_3$) δ 7.53–7.52 (m, 1 H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 6 H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 1 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCI_3$) δ 169.1, 141.2, 140.8, 134.5, 133.8, 130.5, 126.5, 123.0, 122.0, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{12}H_{12}NO$ (M+H) 186.0913, found 186.0910.

Per the above procedure, the following 3-oxidopyridinium species were prepared:

Compound 1j: prepared from furfural and 4-chloroaniline, yield 12%, brown solid; 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (s, 1 H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.22 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 142.1, 136.9, 135.3, 133.8, 130.4, 126.9, 124.9, 121.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{11}H_{9}$ CINO (M+H) 206.0367, found 206.0365.

Compound 1k: prepared from furfural and 2-methoxyaniline, yield 6%, brown solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52–7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.11–7.02 (m, 3 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 152.1, 136.0, 134.7, 132.3, 131.8, 126.1, 126.0, 123.7, 121.0, 112.6,, 55.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{12}H_{12}NO_2$ (M+H) 202.0863, found 202.0859.

Preparation of the 3-amidopyridinium Species

General procedures representatively outlined for the preparation of 5a

A mixture of 496 mg (2 mmol) of 3-tosylamidopyridine and 357 mg (2.1 mmol) of BnBr in toluene (1.5 mL) was heated under reflux for 3 h. Solvent was then removed and the residue was recrystalized from EtOH to afford **5a** (652 mg, 78%) as white solid, mp 204–205 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.84–8.79 (m, 1 H), 8.65 (s, 1 H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.95 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 5 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.83 (s, 2 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.5, 143.6, 137.9, 136.4, 134.11, 134.06, 133.7, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 126.7, 63.4, 21.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}N_2O_2S$ (M^+) 339.1162, found 339.1166.

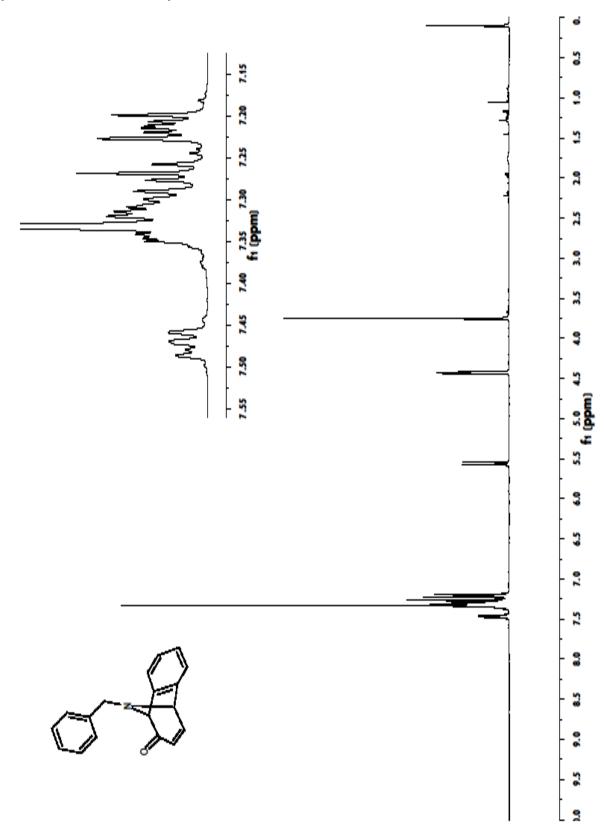
Compound 5b: prepared from 3-tosylamidopyridine and cyclopropylmethyl bromide, recrystalized from EtOH, yield 89%, white solid, mp 171–172 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O) δ 8.59 (s, 1 H), 8.54 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.09 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.35 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 1.35–1.20 (m, 1 H), 0.74–0.62 (m, 2 H), 0.51–0.36 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 144.6, 139.7, 138.3, 135.3, 134.05, 133.99, 130.2, 128.7, 127.0, 64.9, 21.0, 11.9, 4.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₂O₂S (M⁺) 303.1162, found 303.1159.

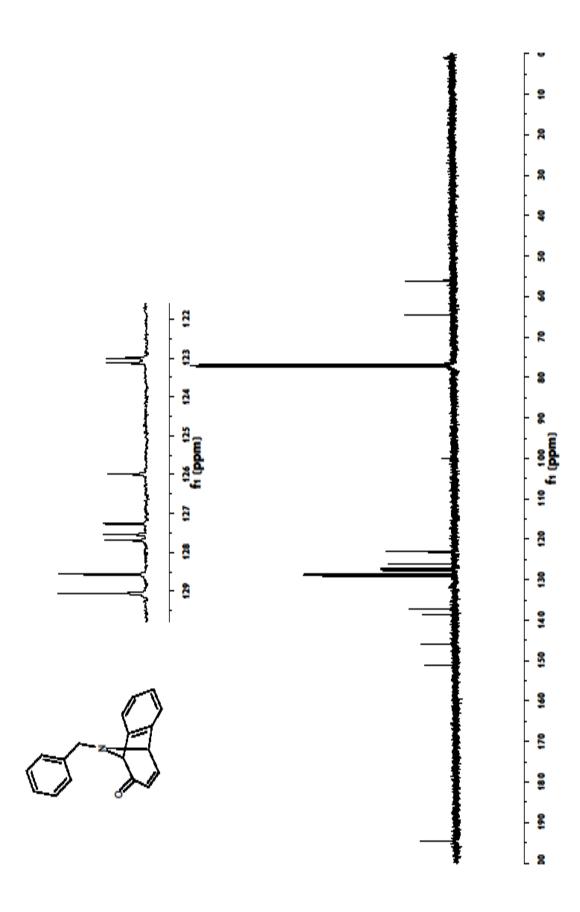
Compound 5c: prepared from 3-(Boc-amido)pyridine and BnBr, recrystalized from EtOH/EtOAc, yield 56%, brown solid, mp 181–182 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.23 (s, 1 H), 8.91 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 8.36 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.06 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.56–7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.47–7.38 (m, 3 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 1.47 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 152.6, 140.9, 137.9, 134.2, 133.3, 133.2, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 81.1, 63.5, 27.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{17}H_{21}N_2O_2$ (M⁺) 285.1598, found 285.1598.

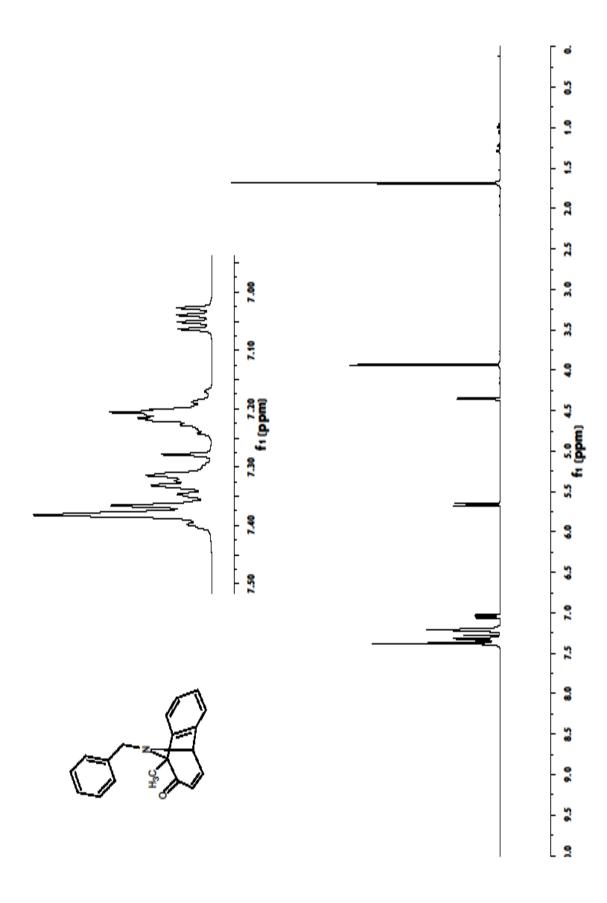
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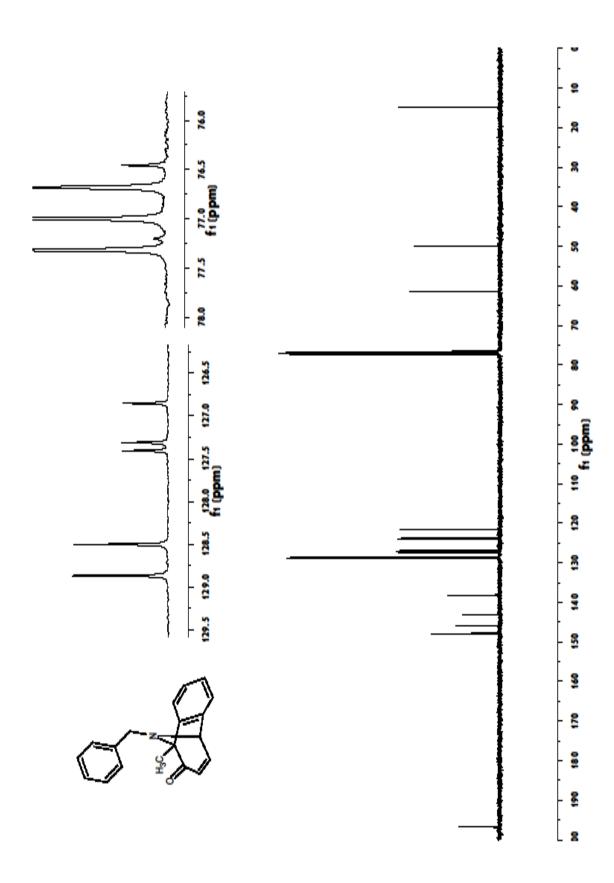
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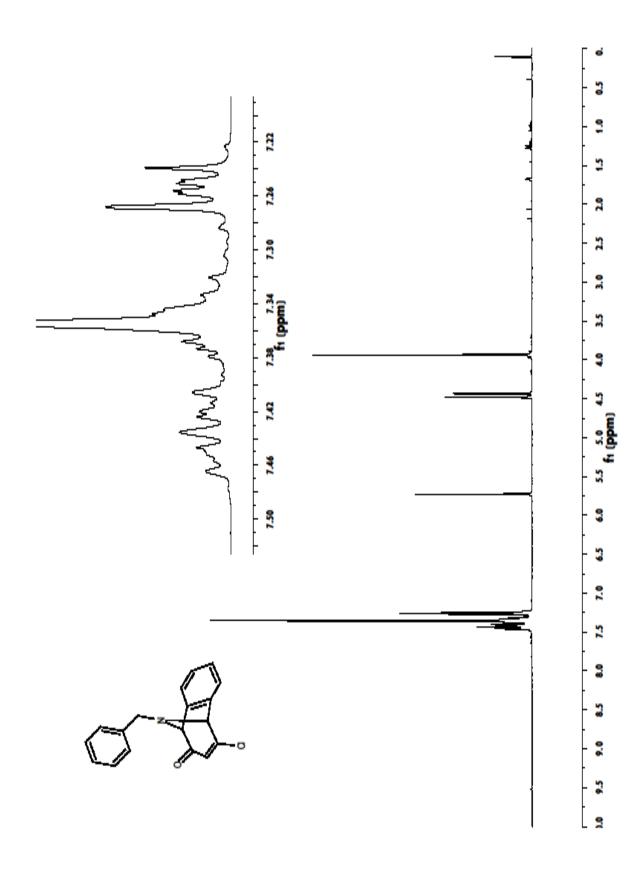
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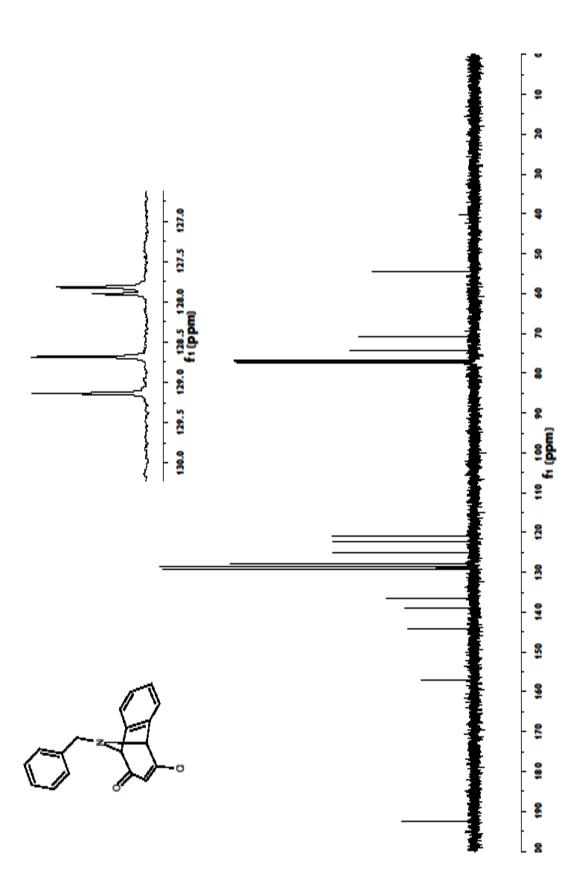


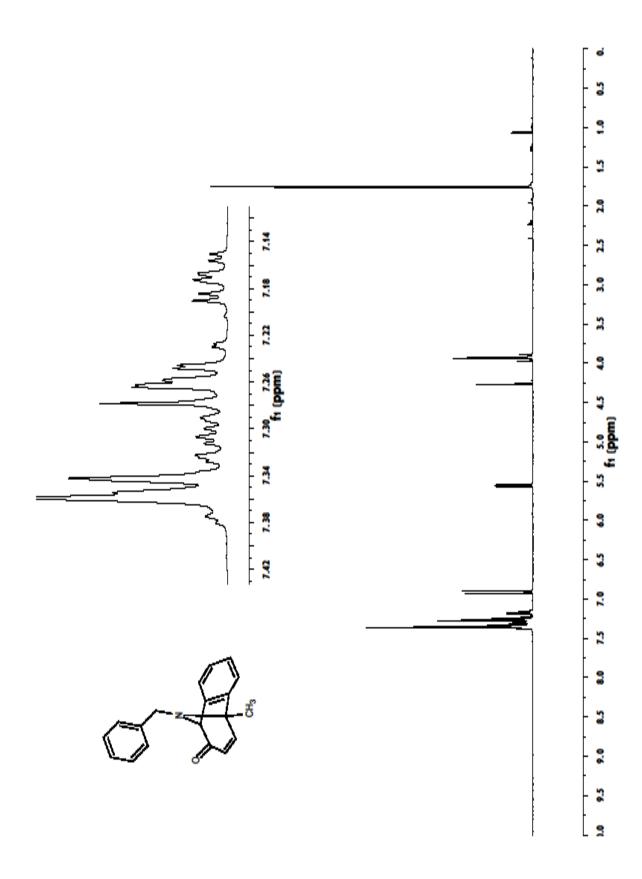


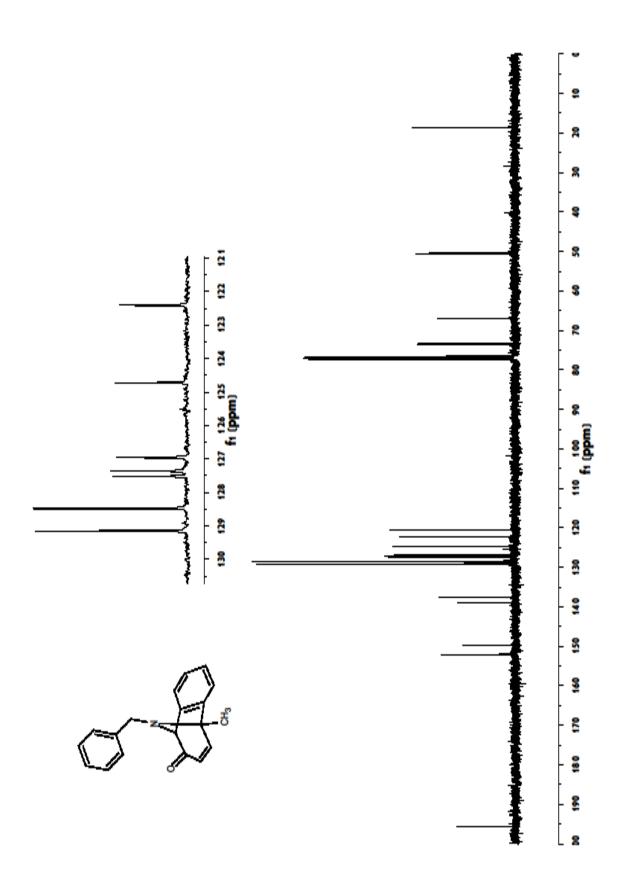


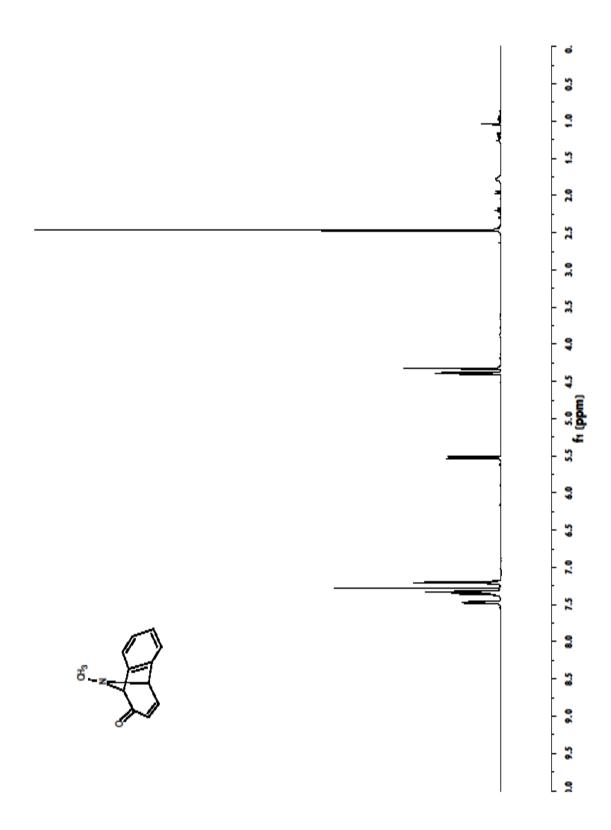


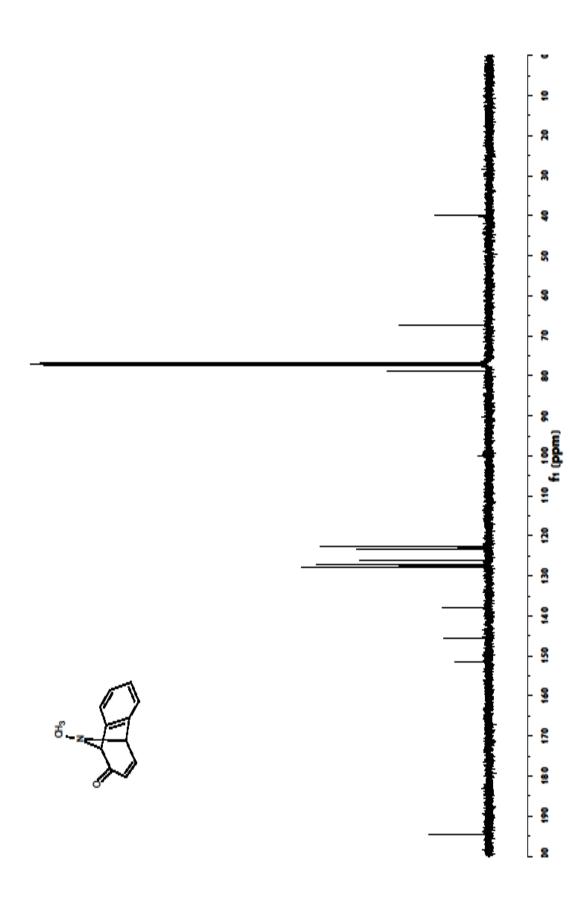


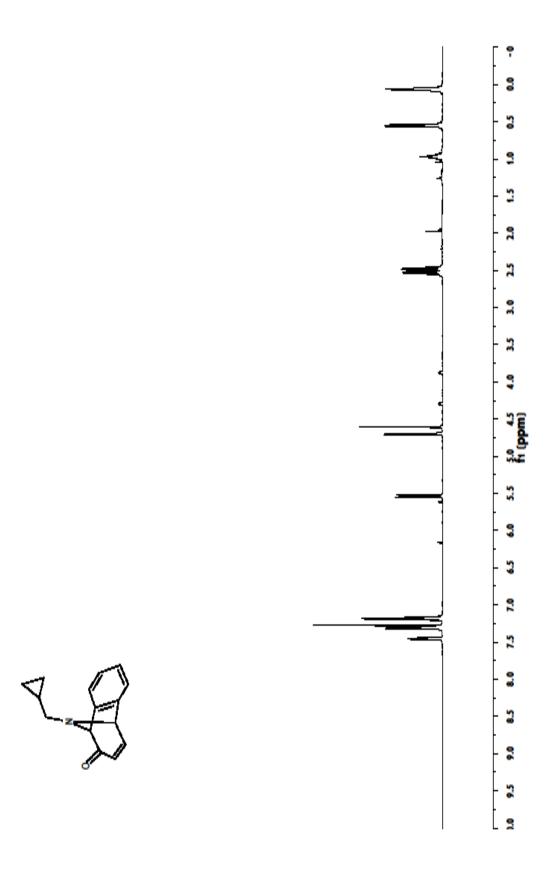


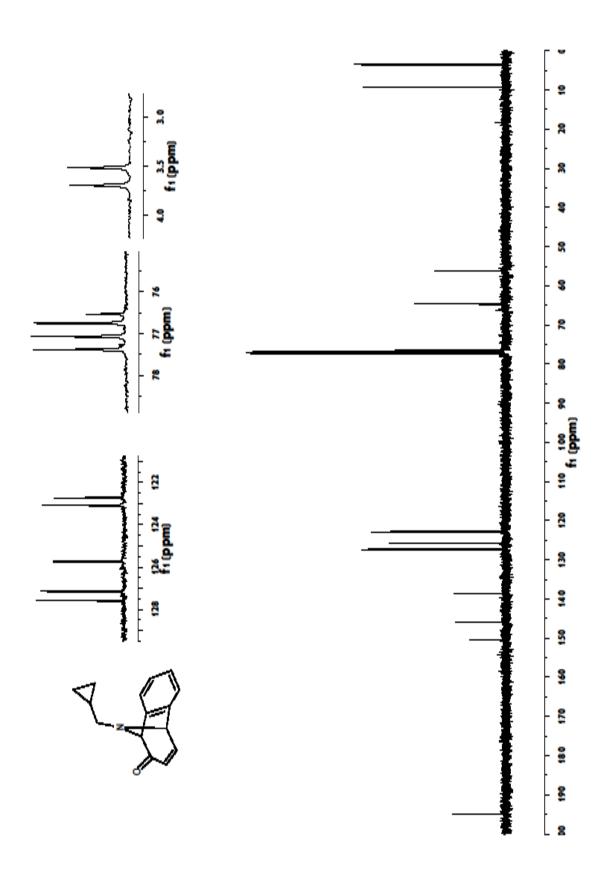


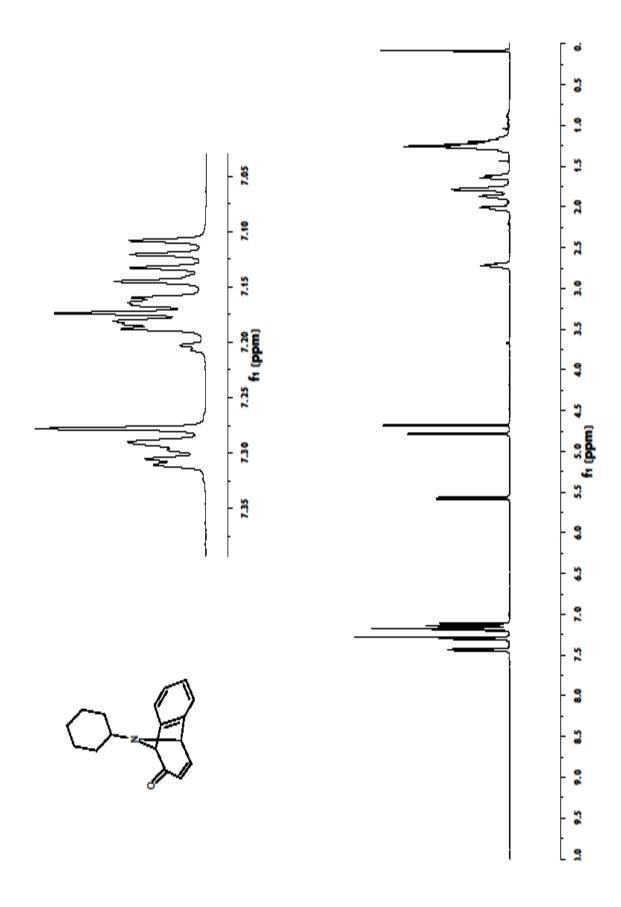


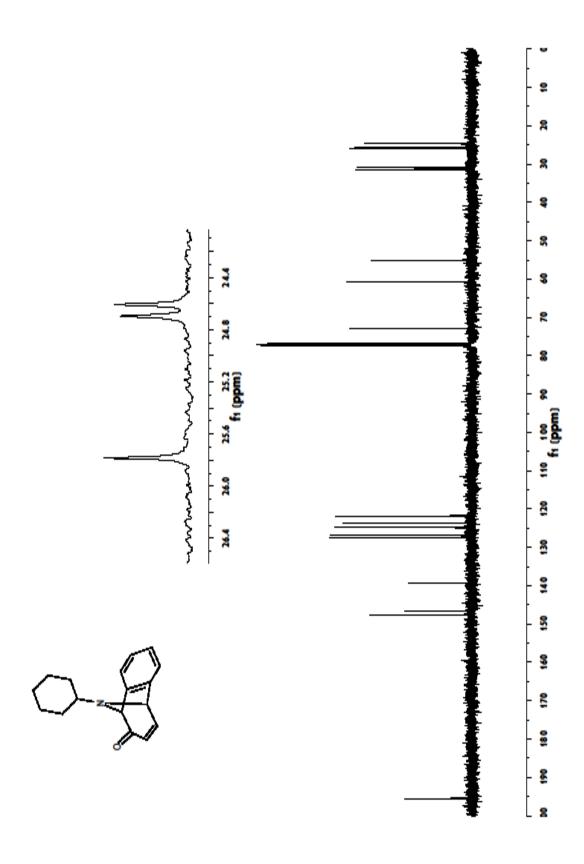


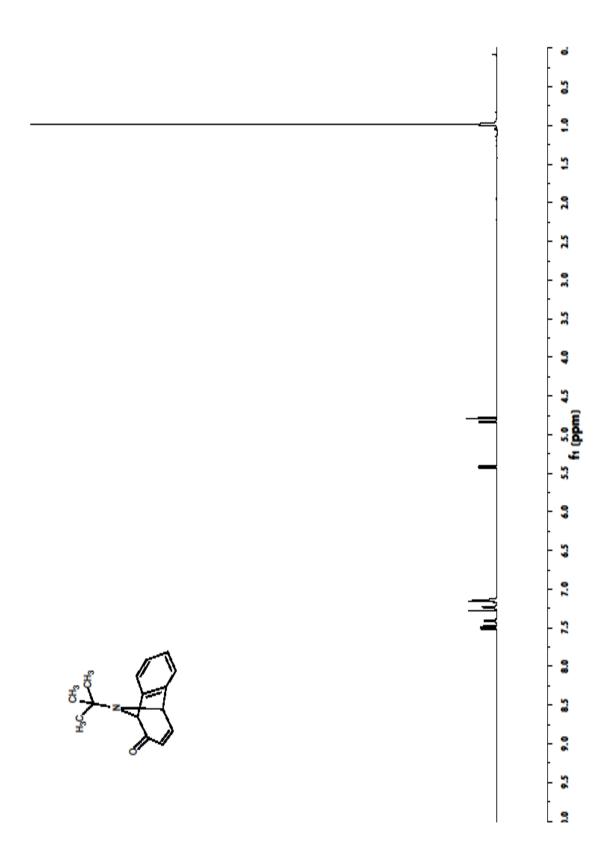


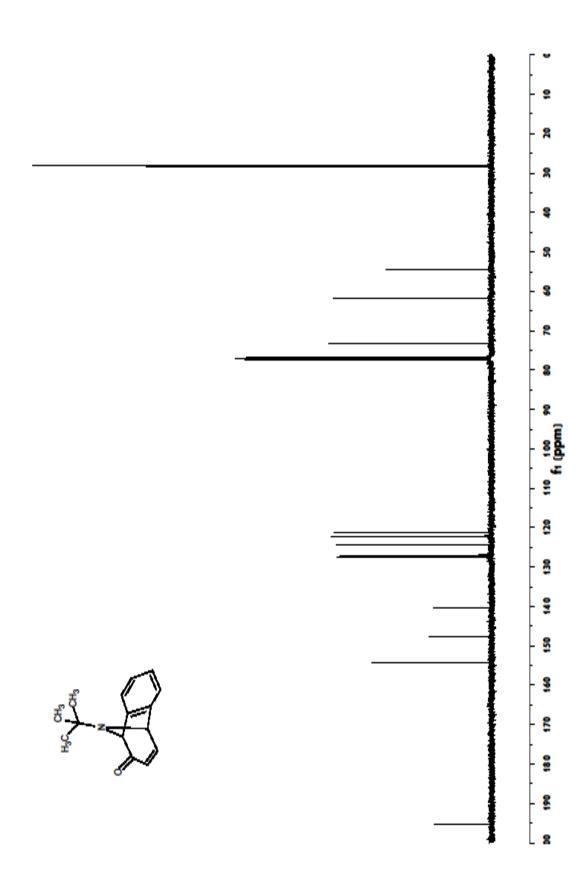


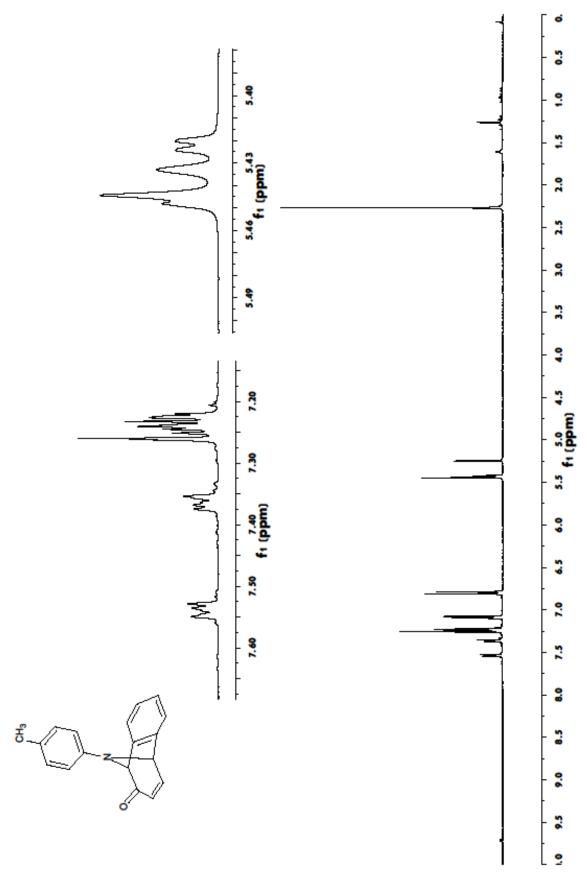




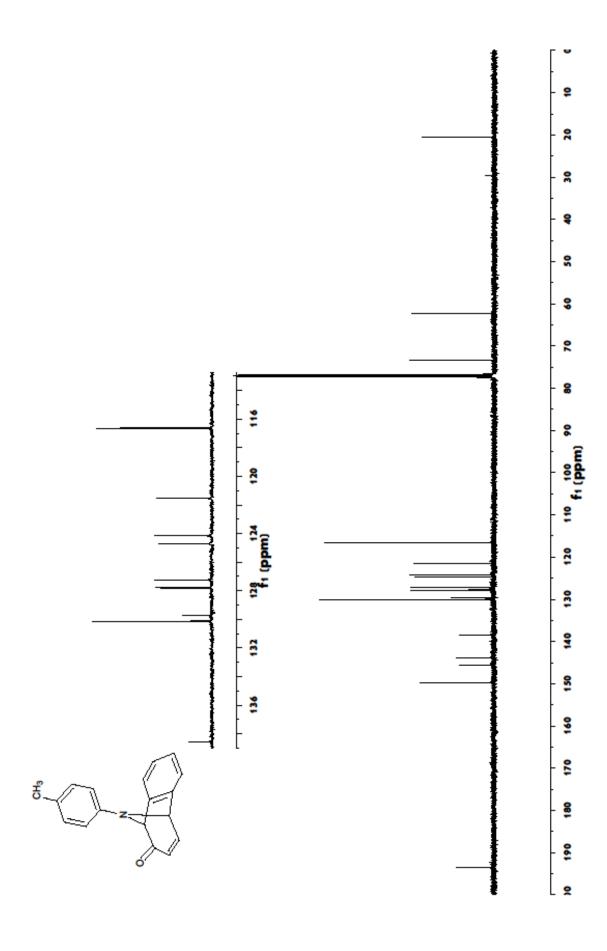


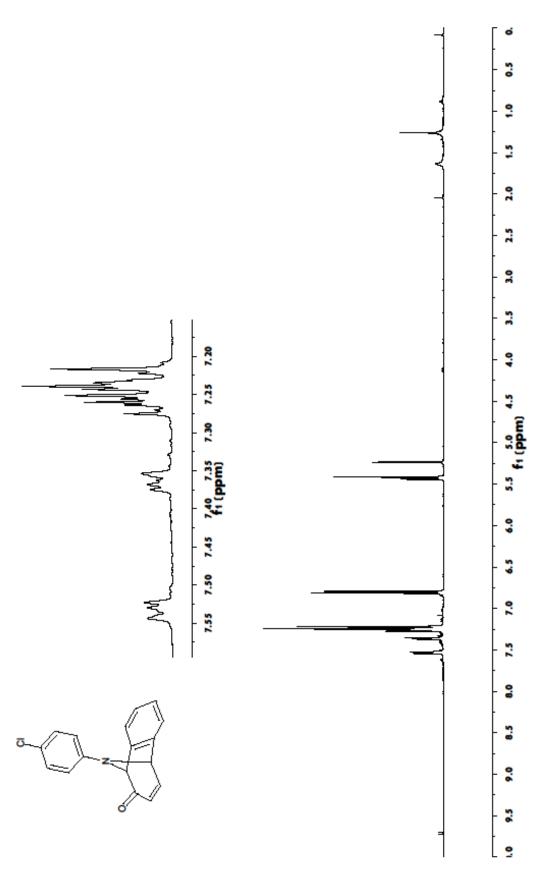




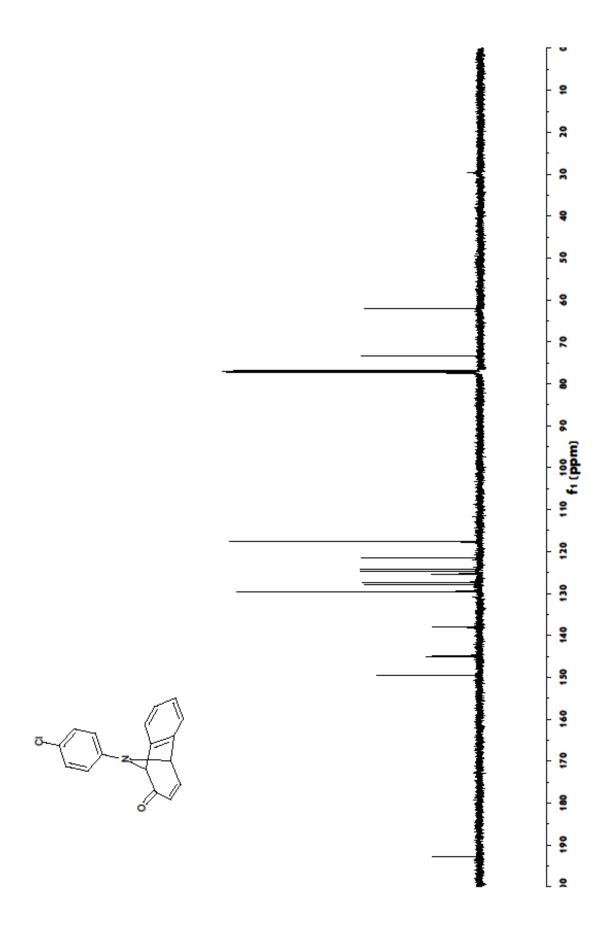


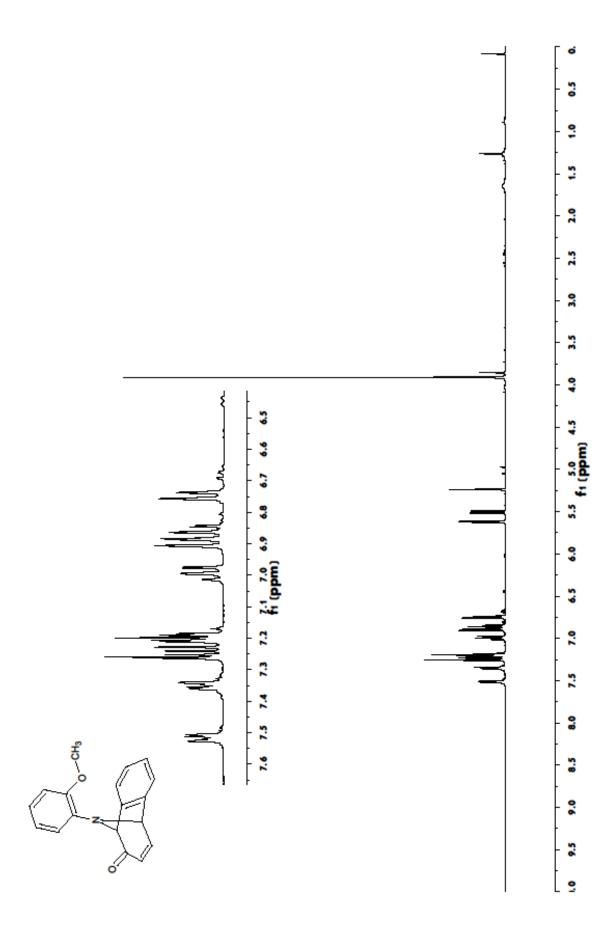
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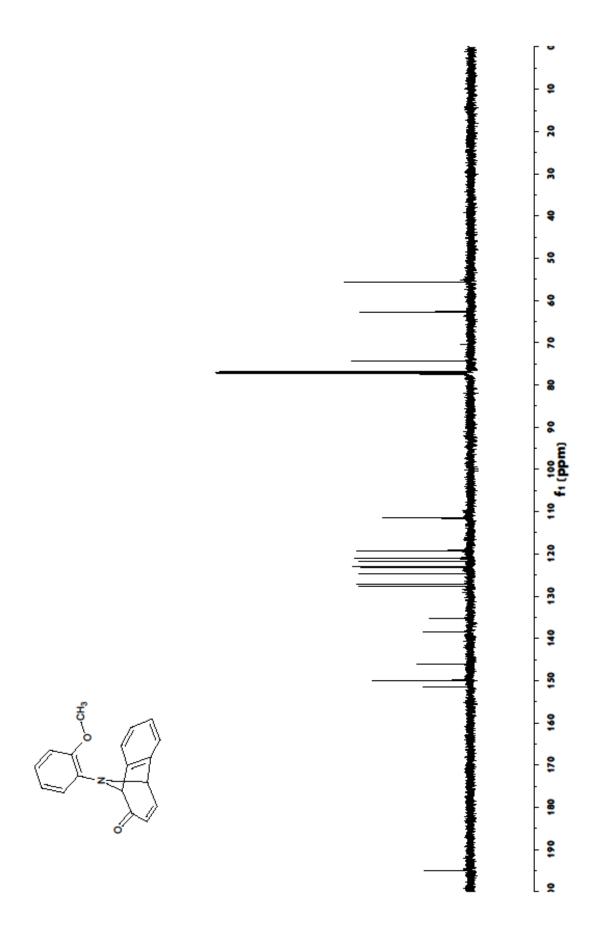


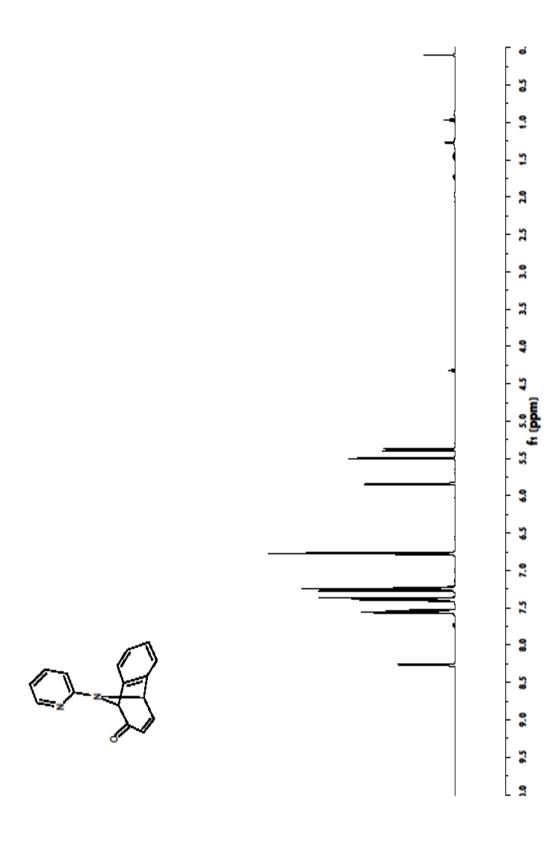


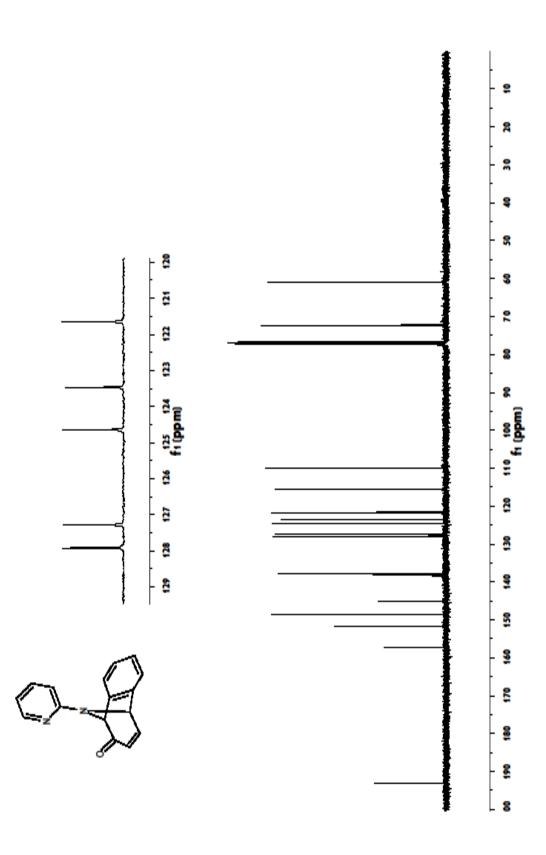
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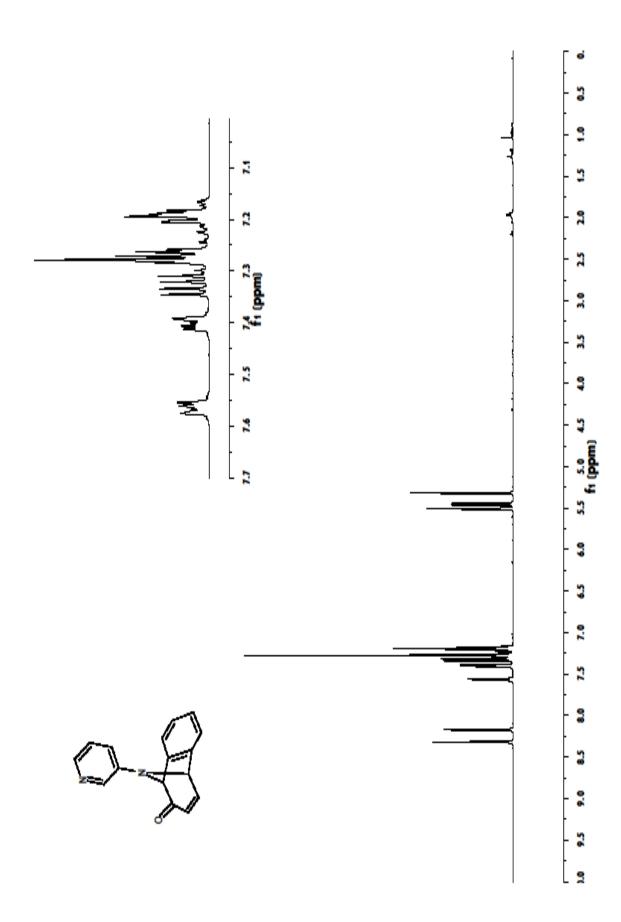


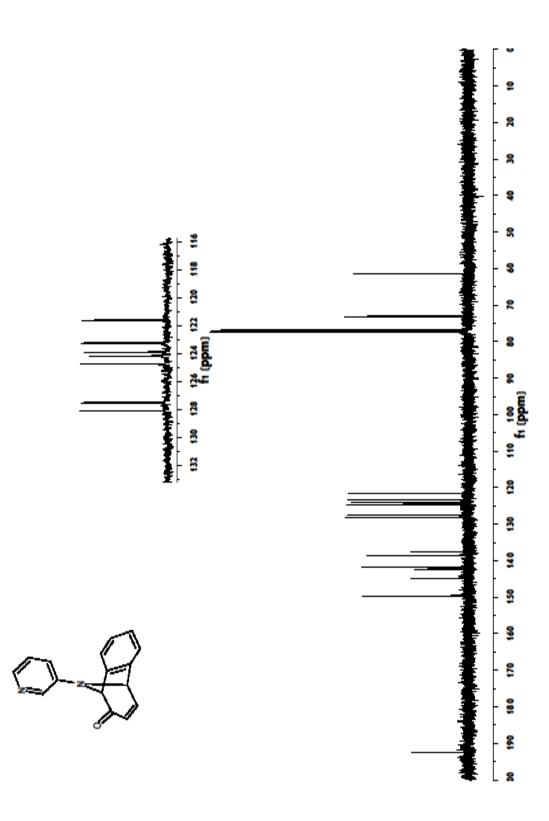


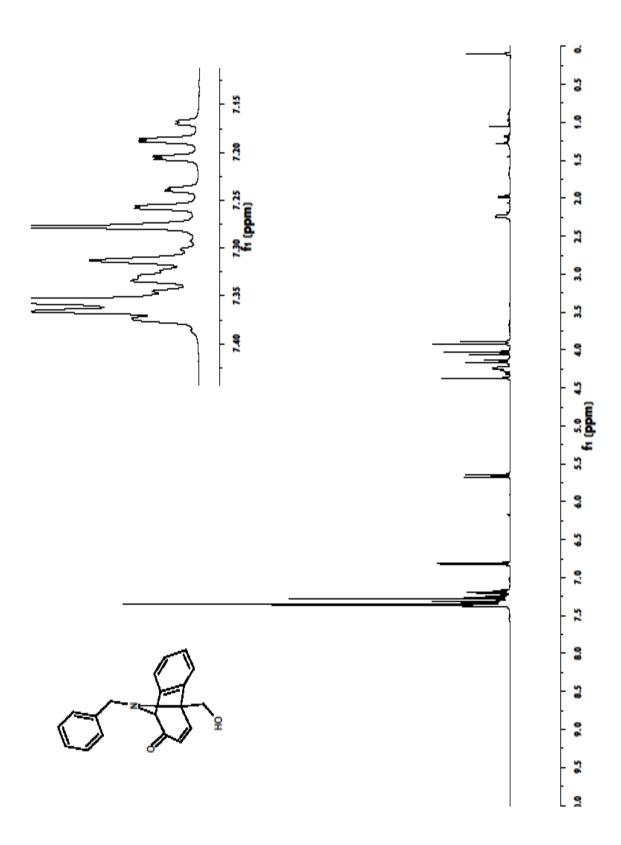


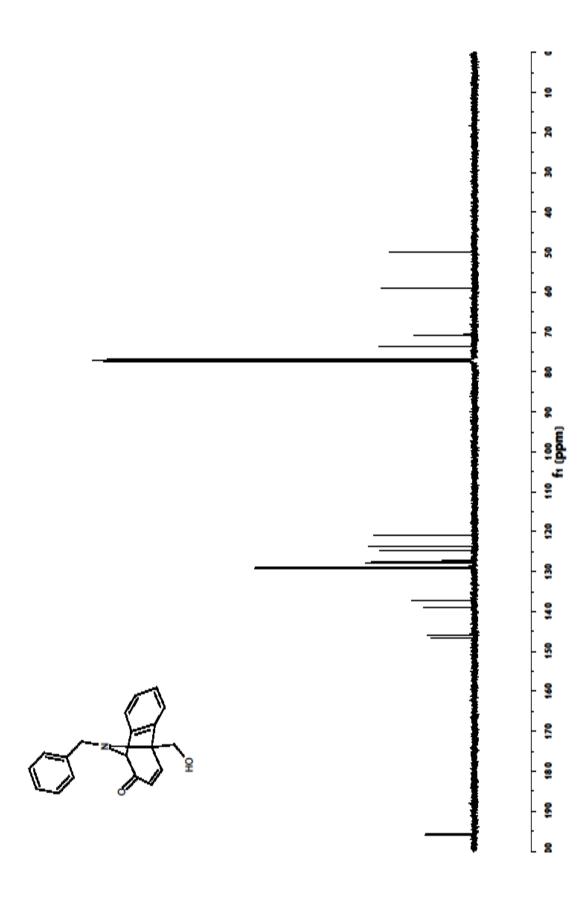


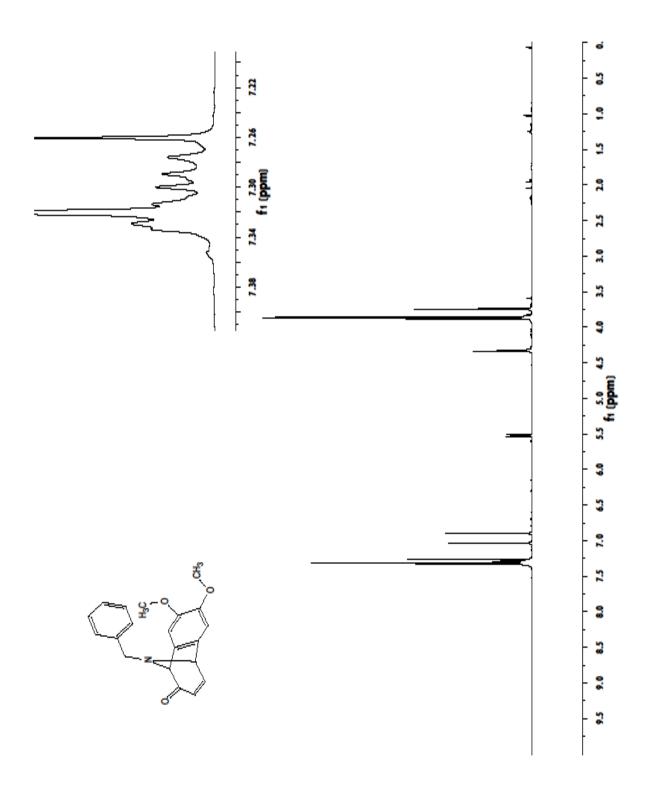


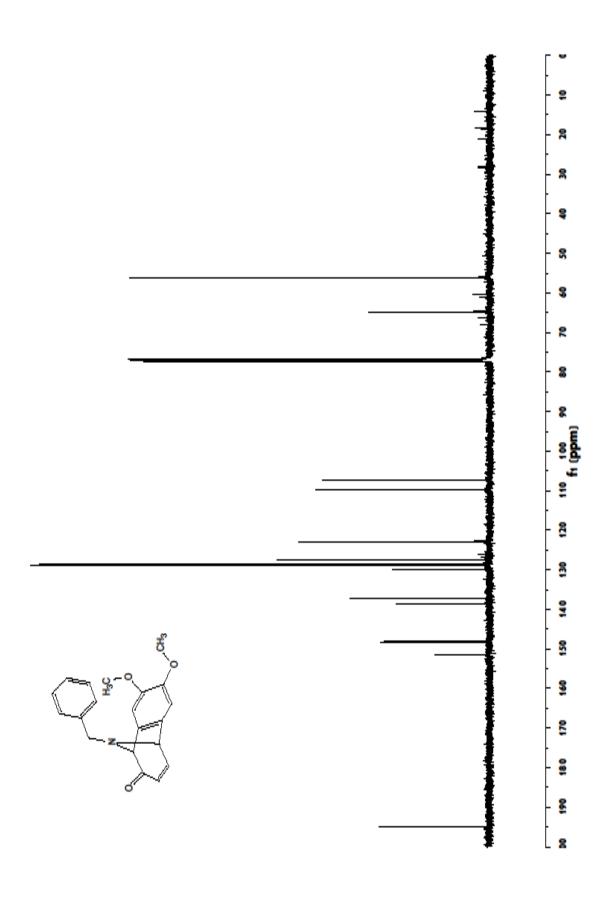


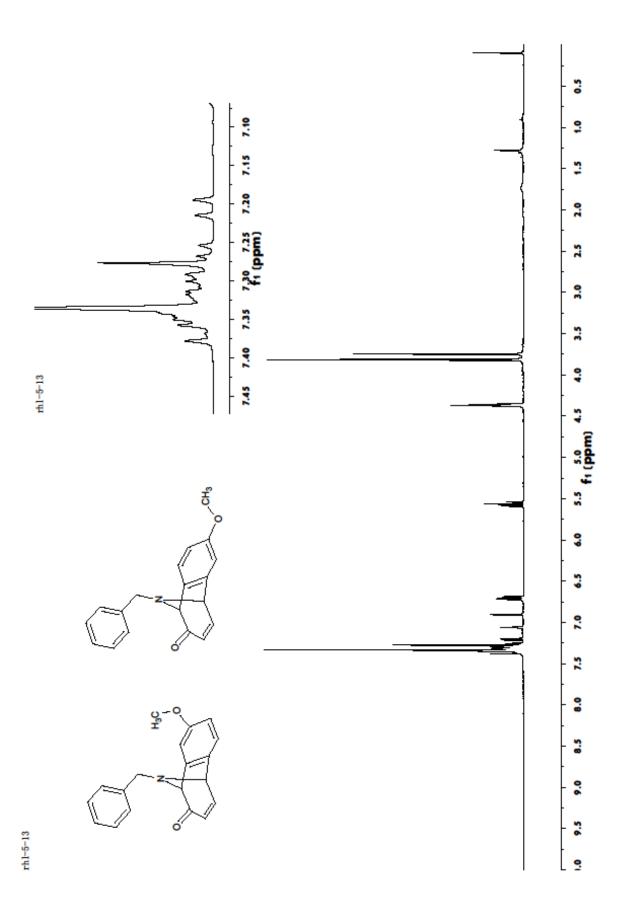


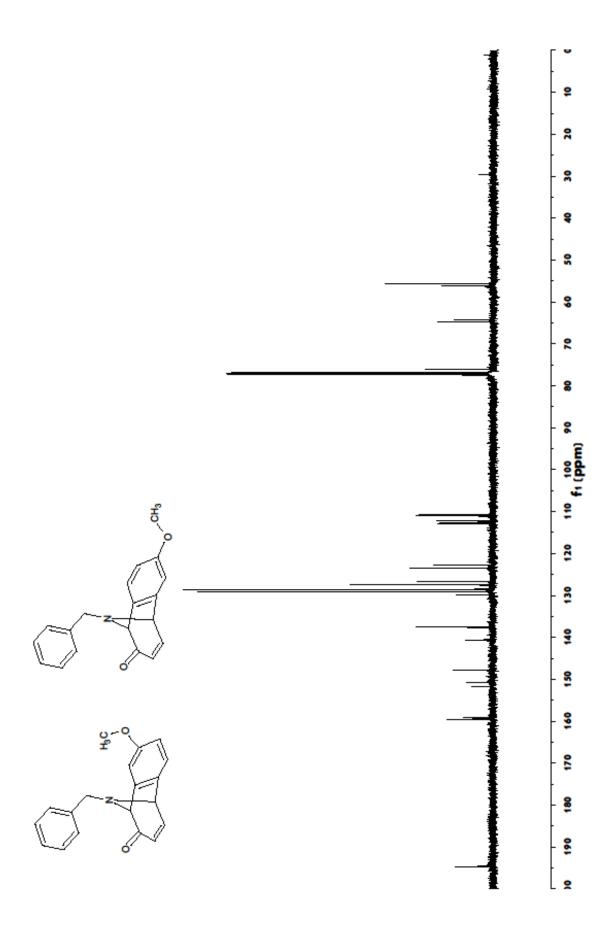


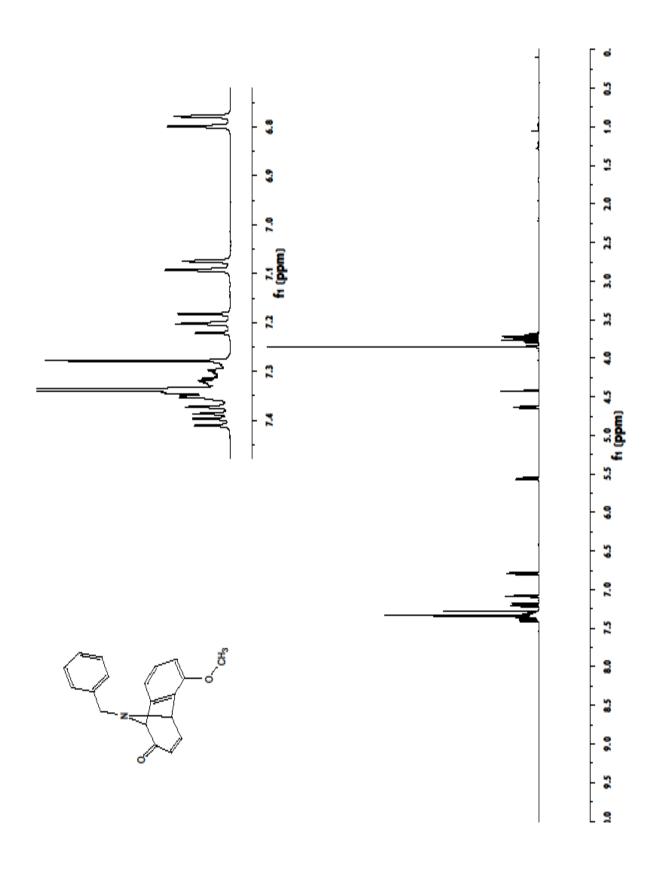


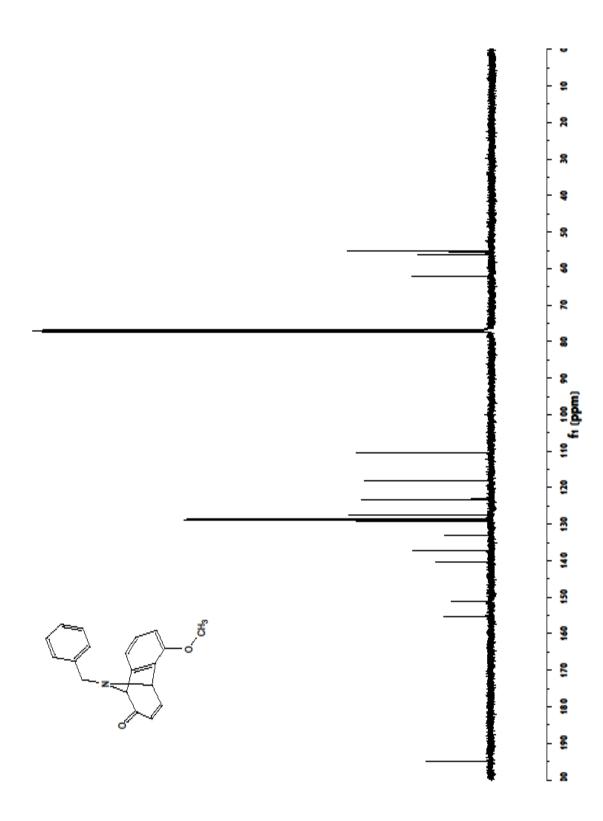




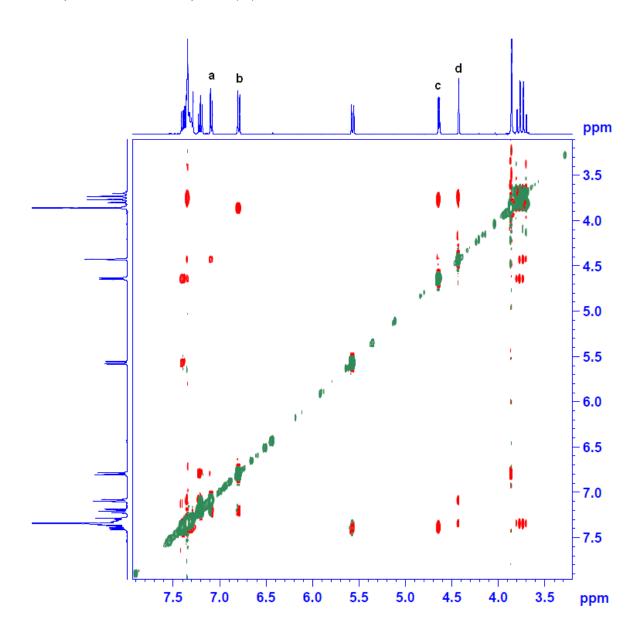


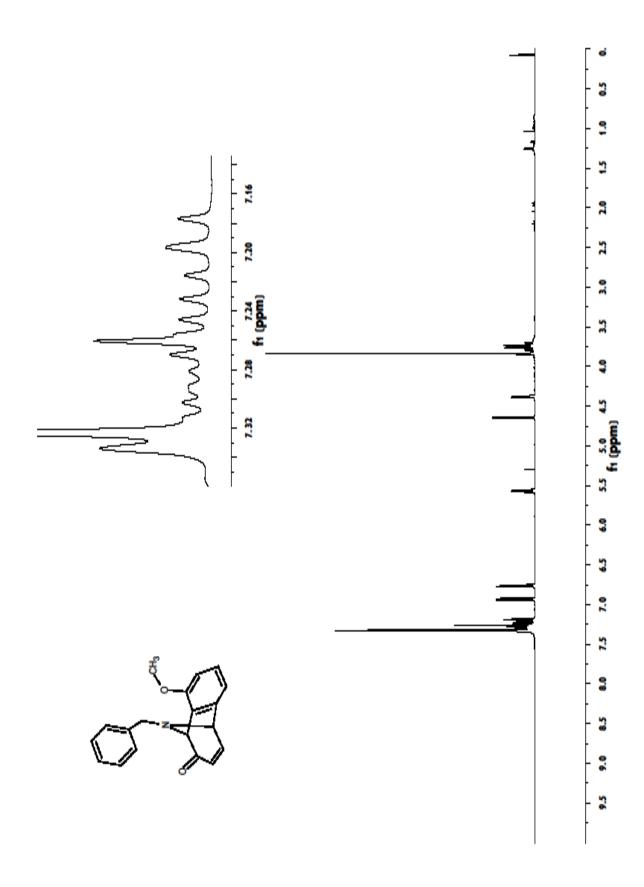


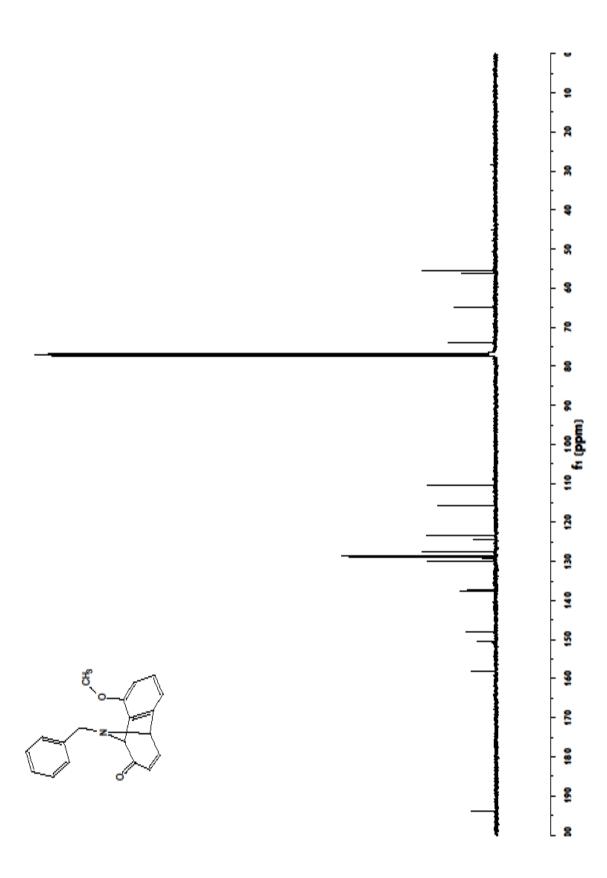




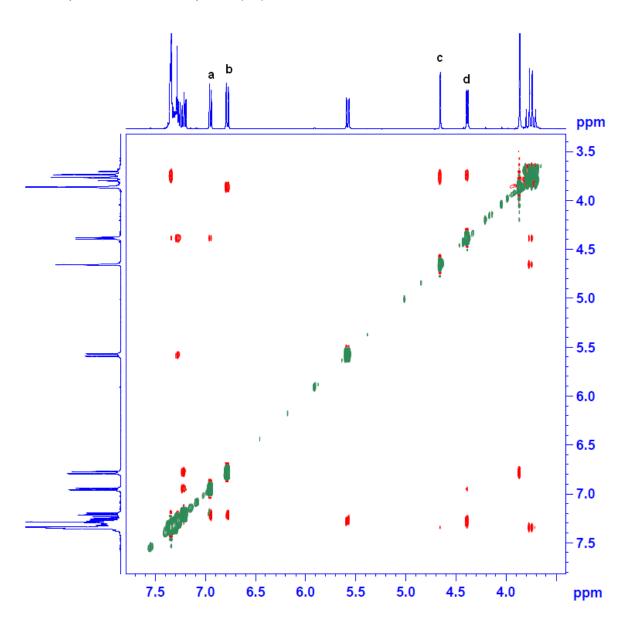
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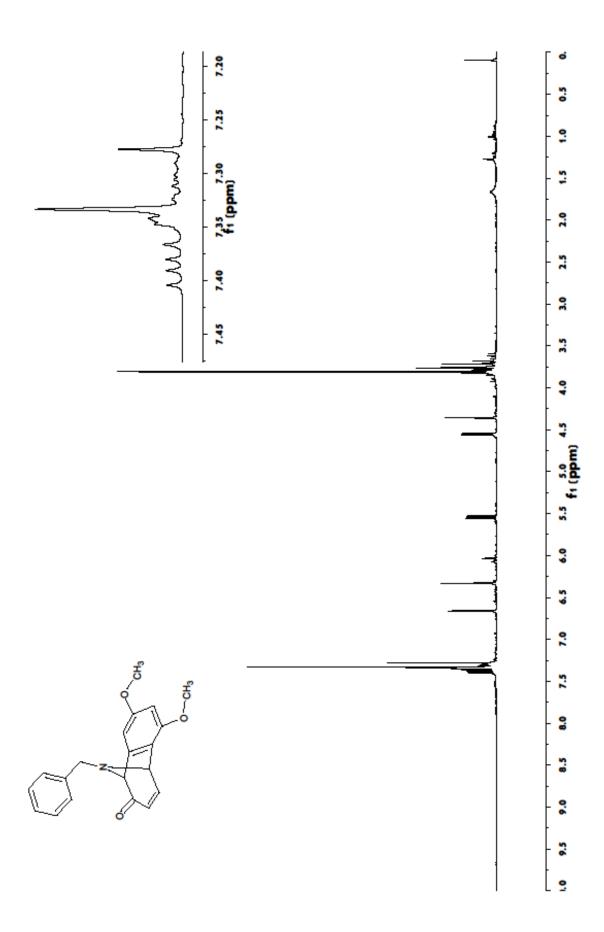


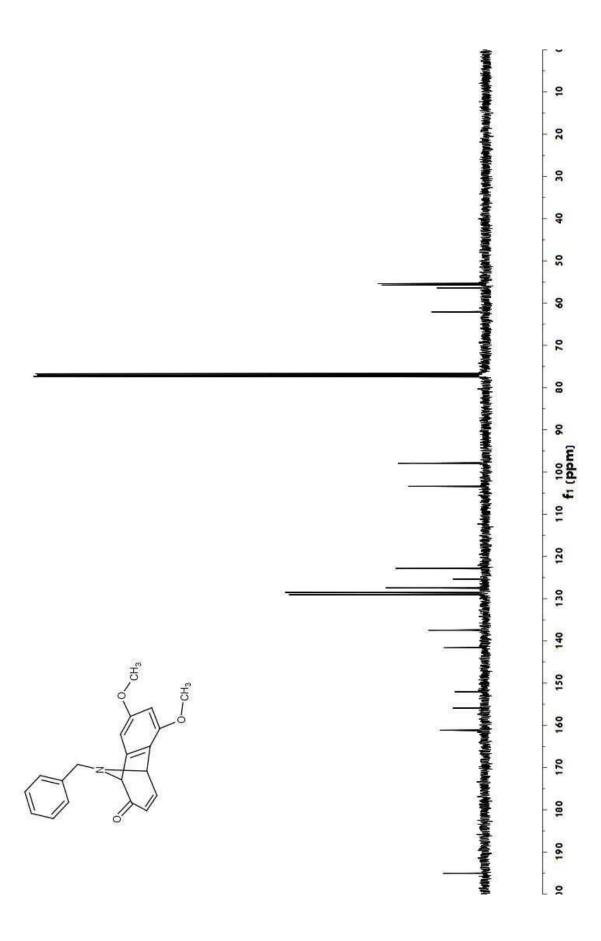


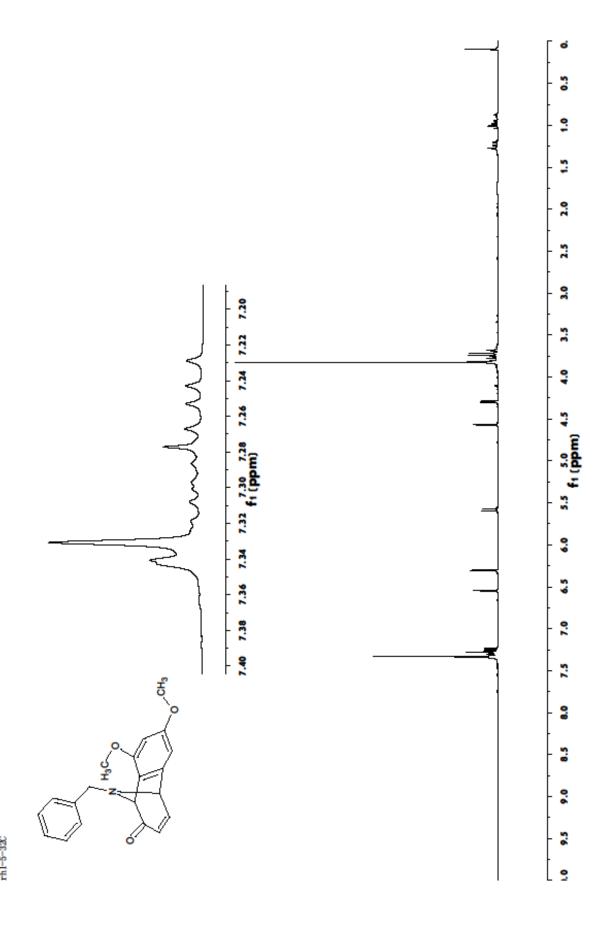


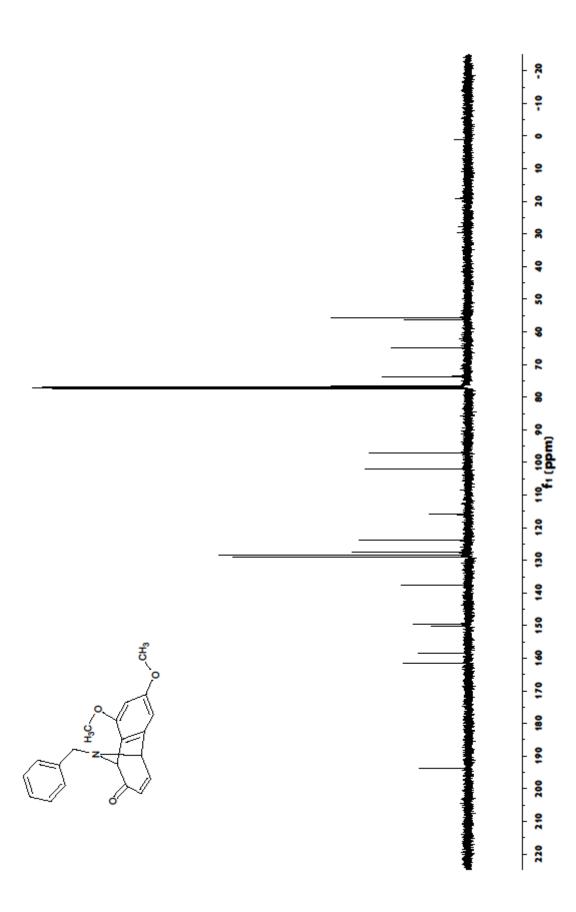
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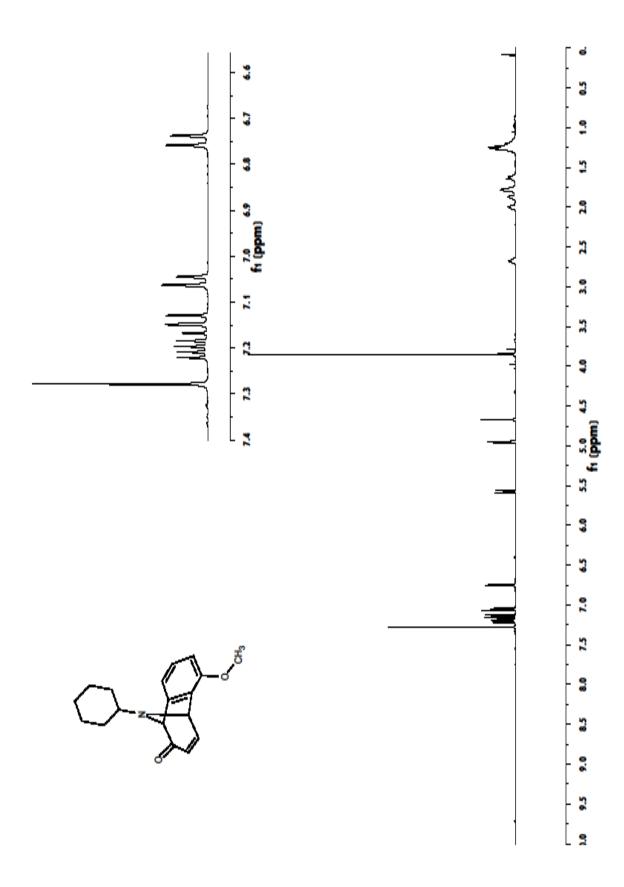


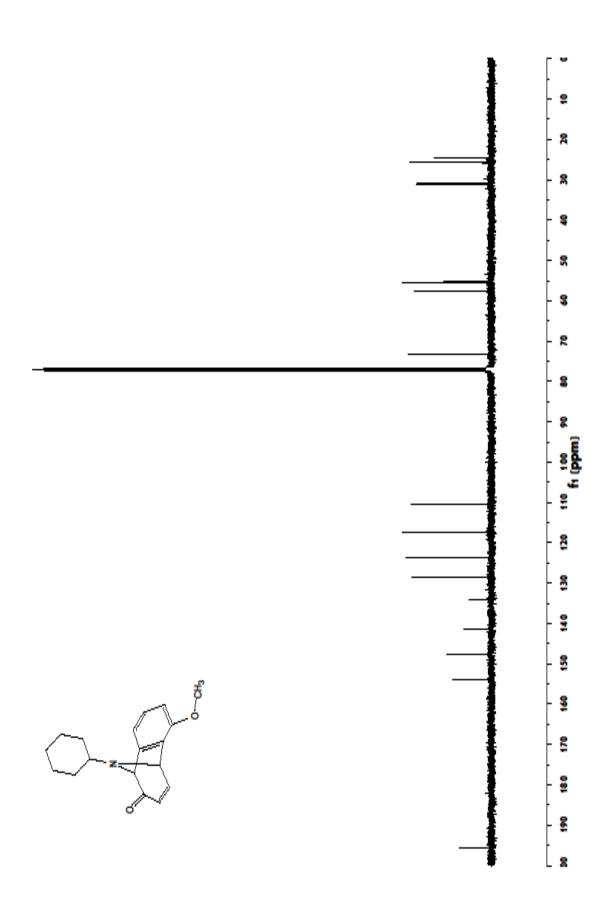


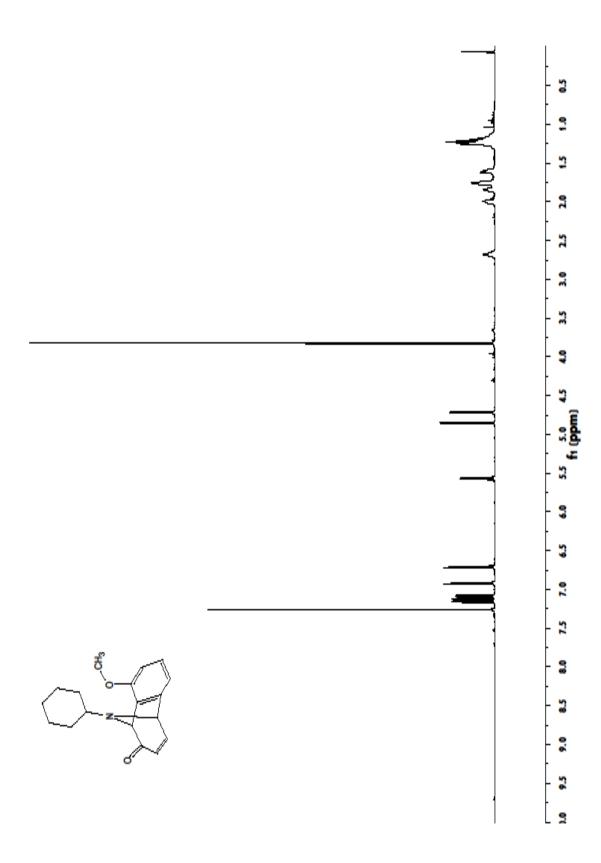


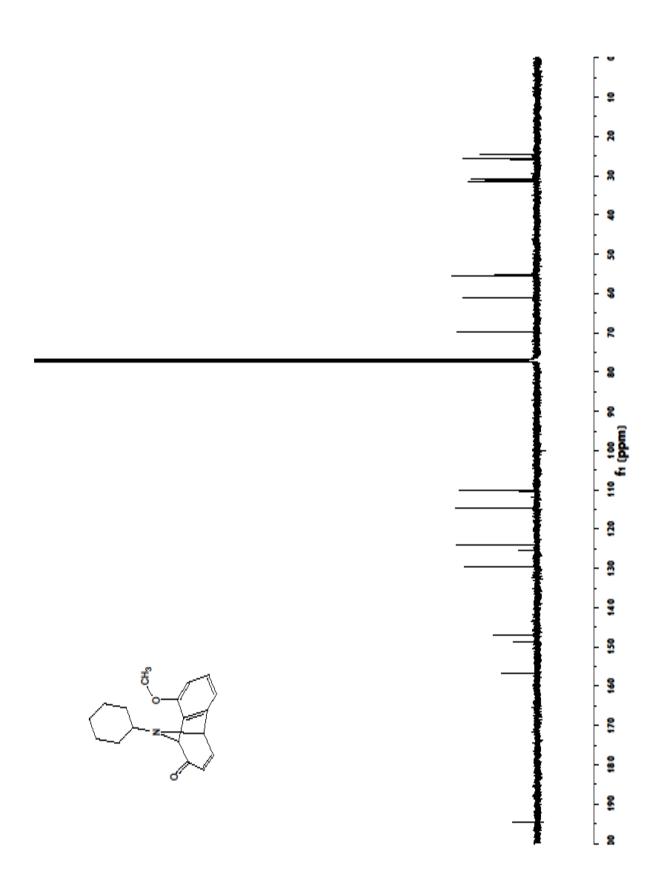


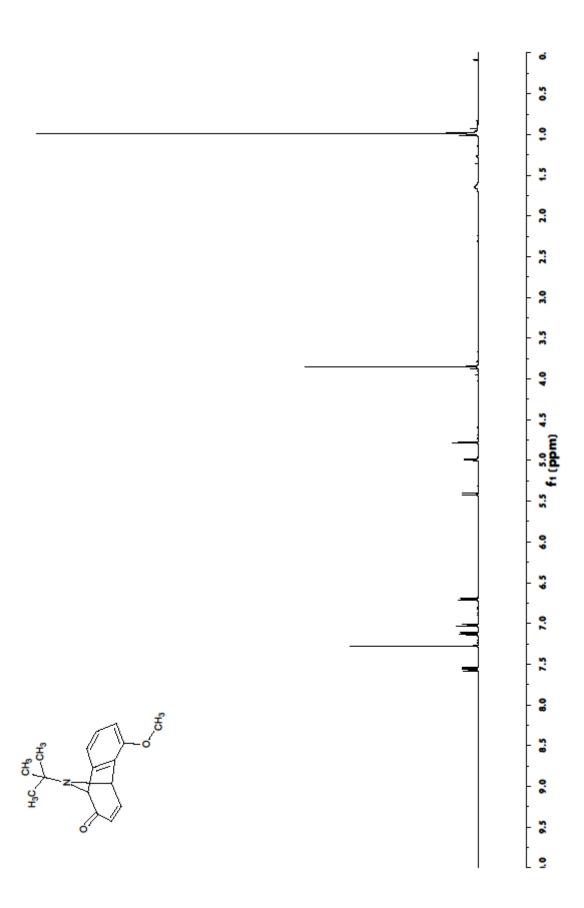


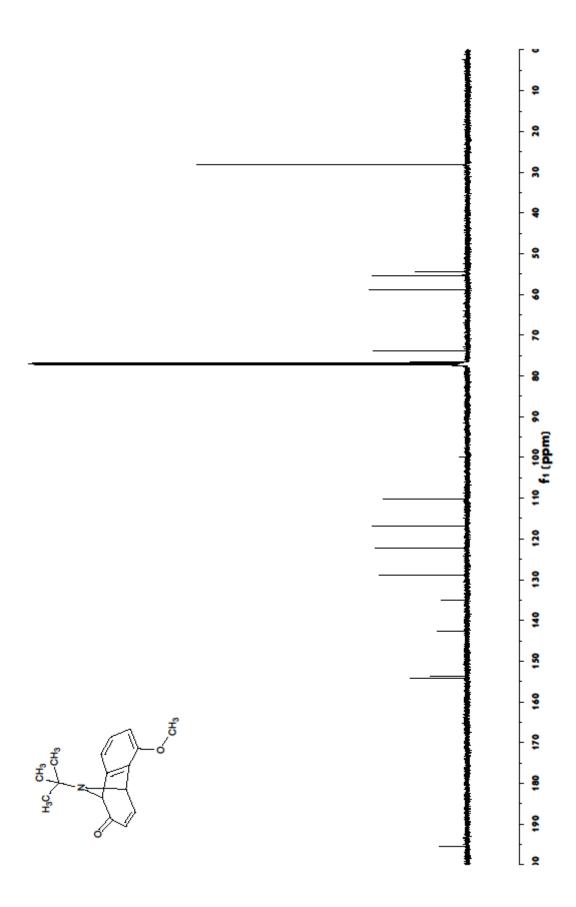


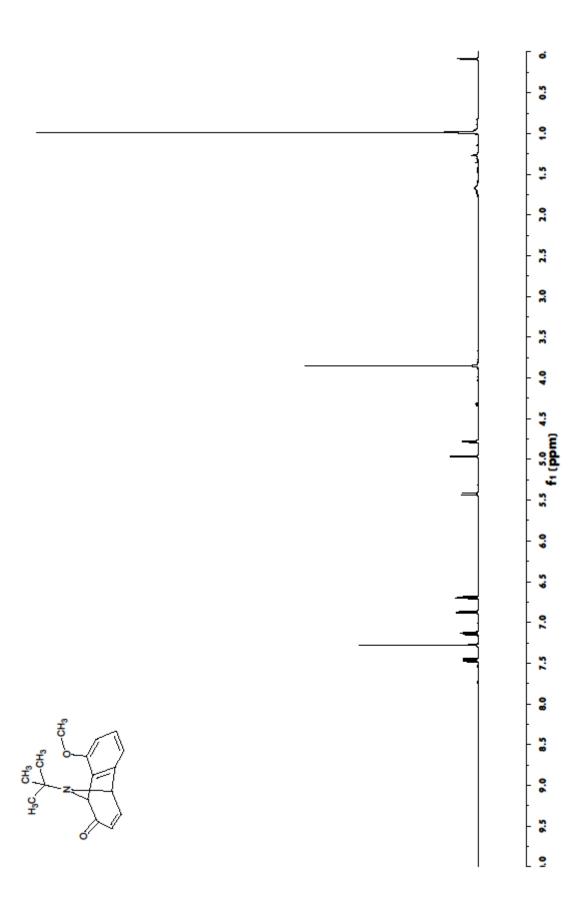


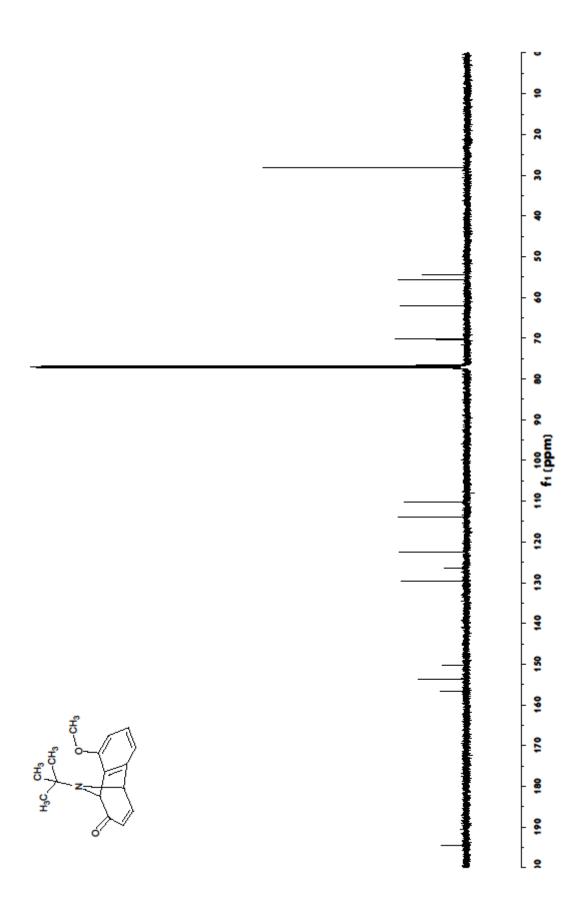


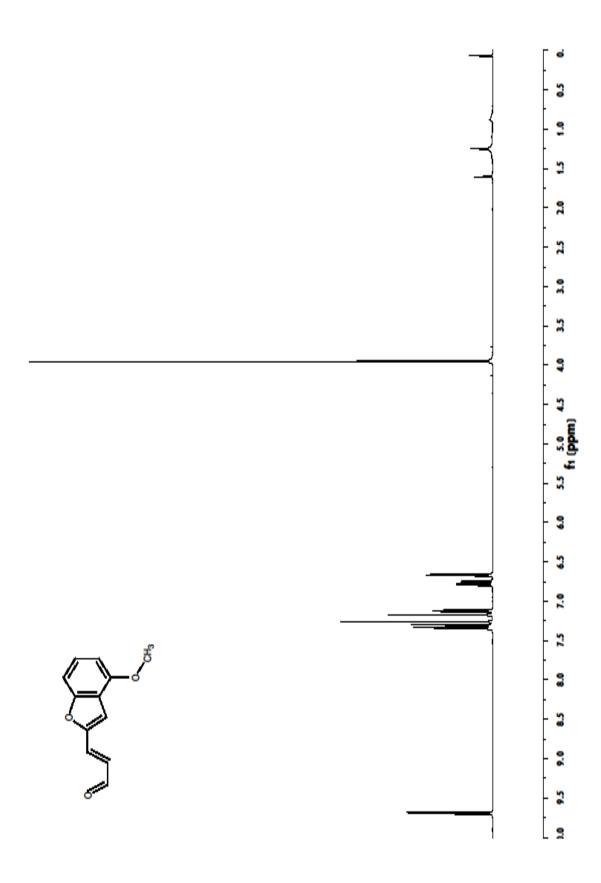


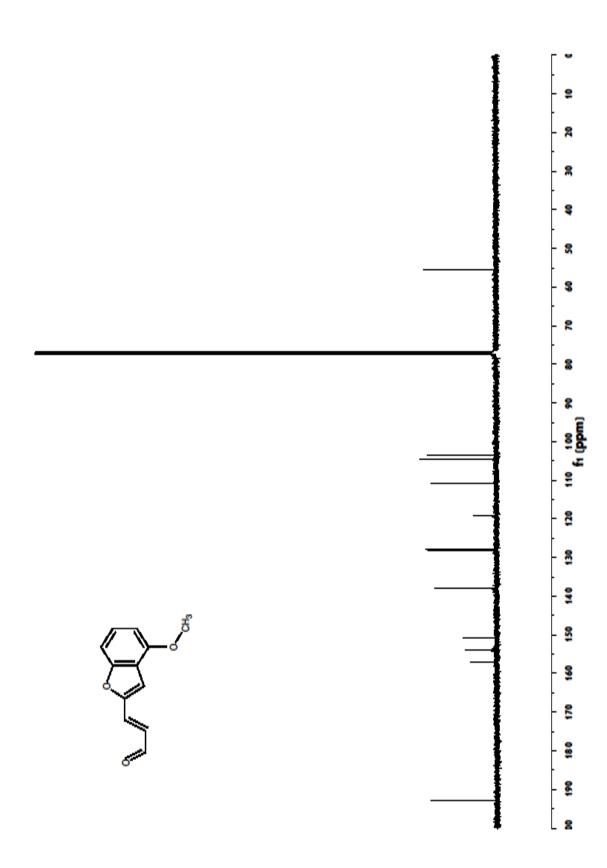


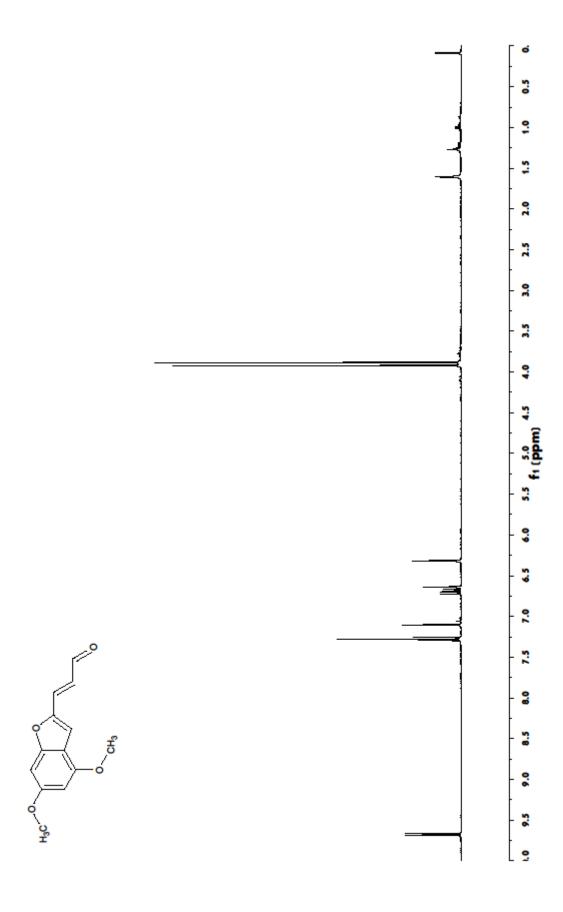


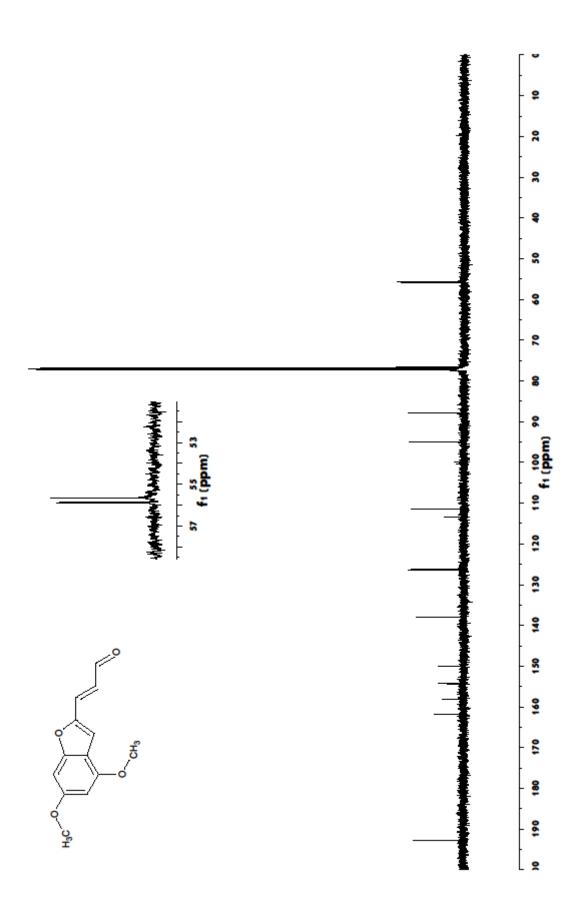


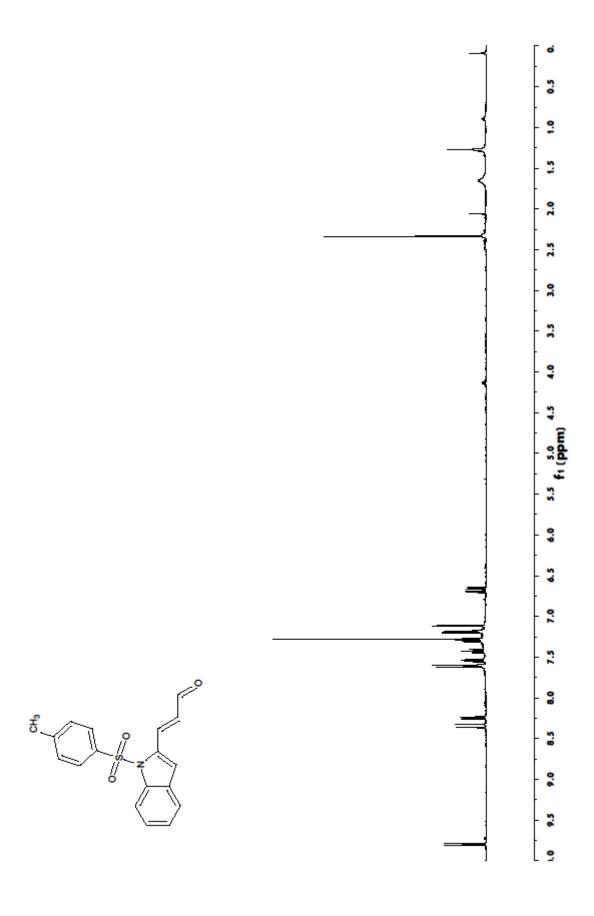


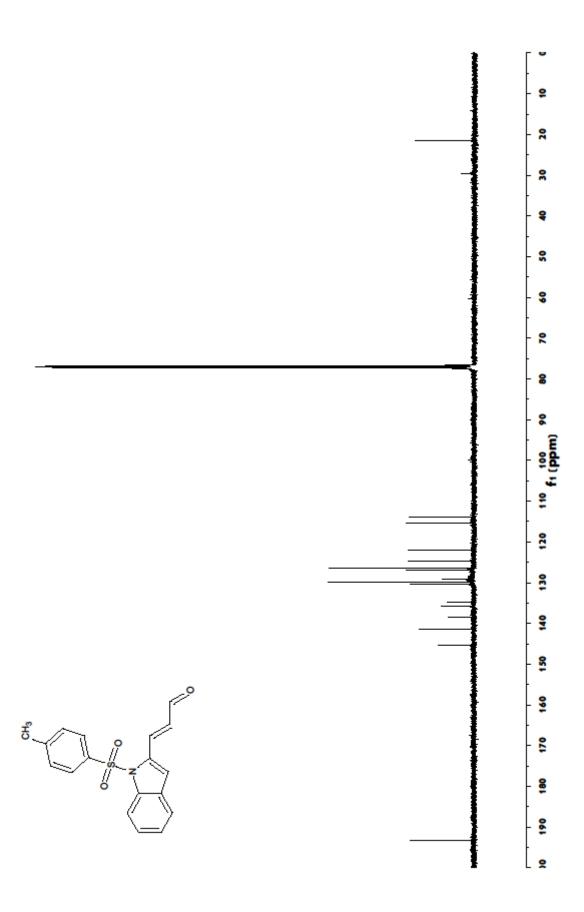


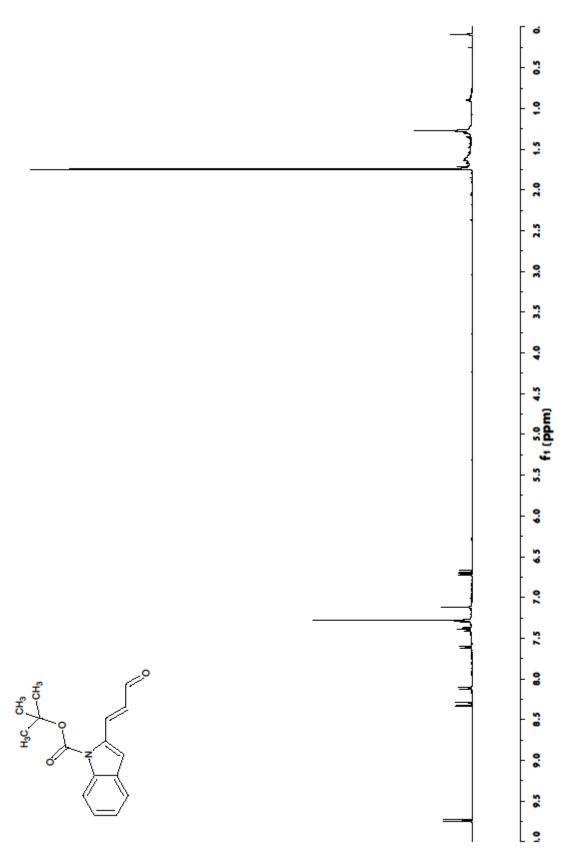




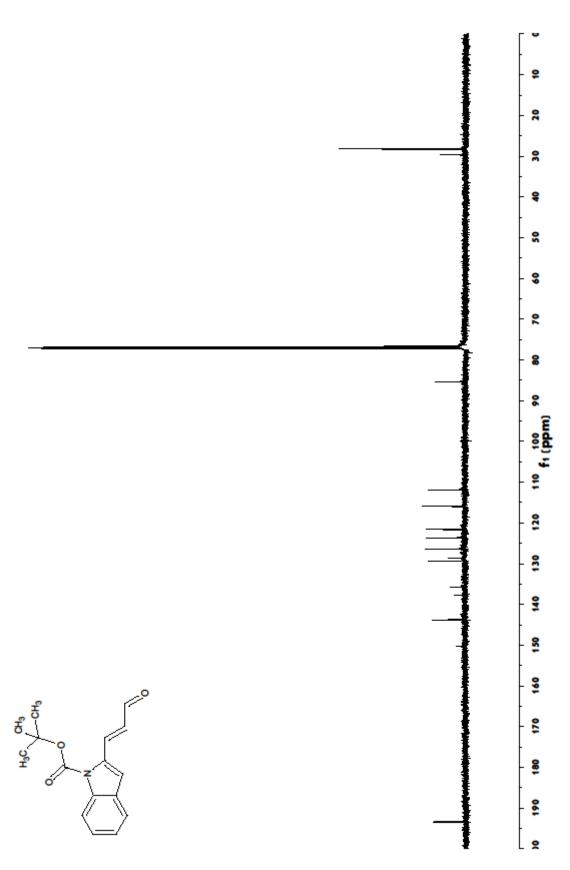




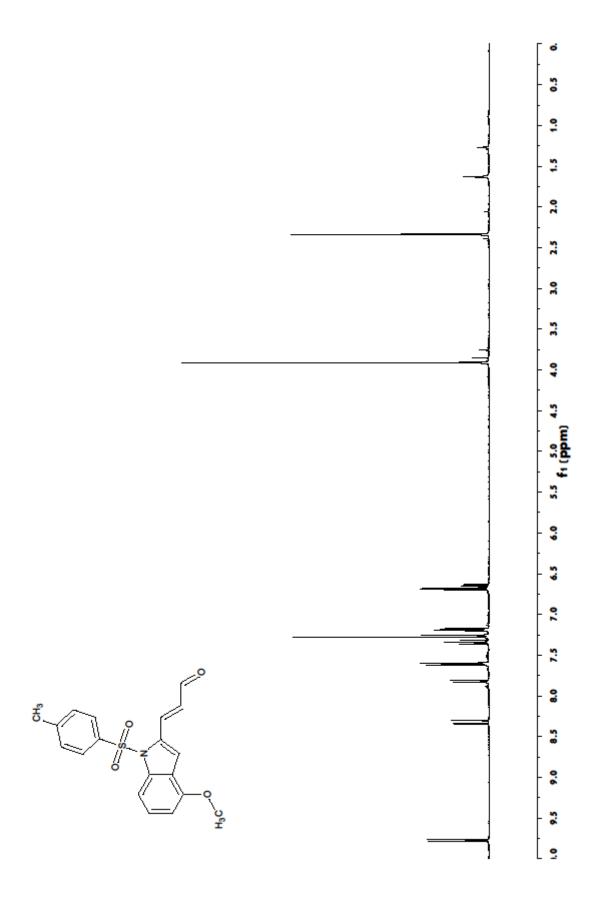


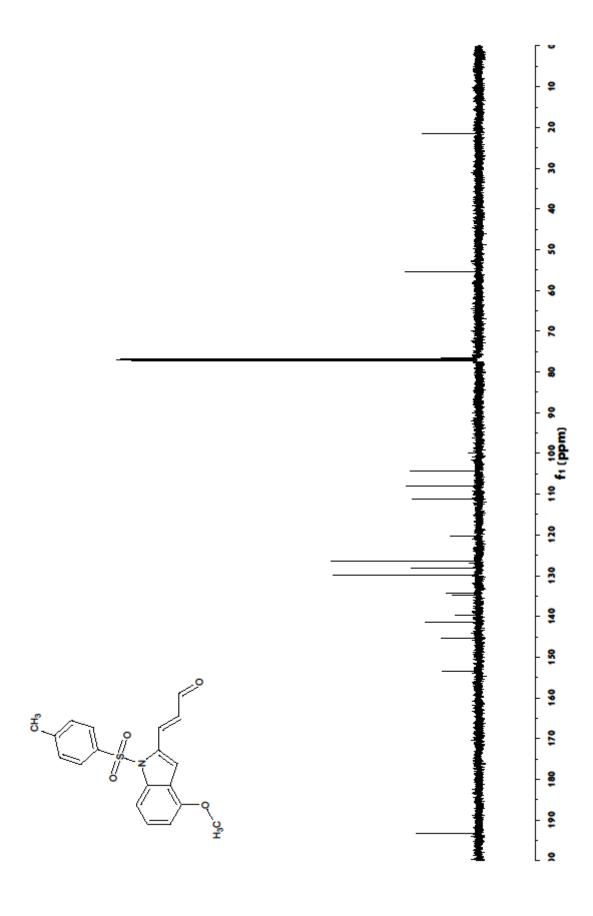


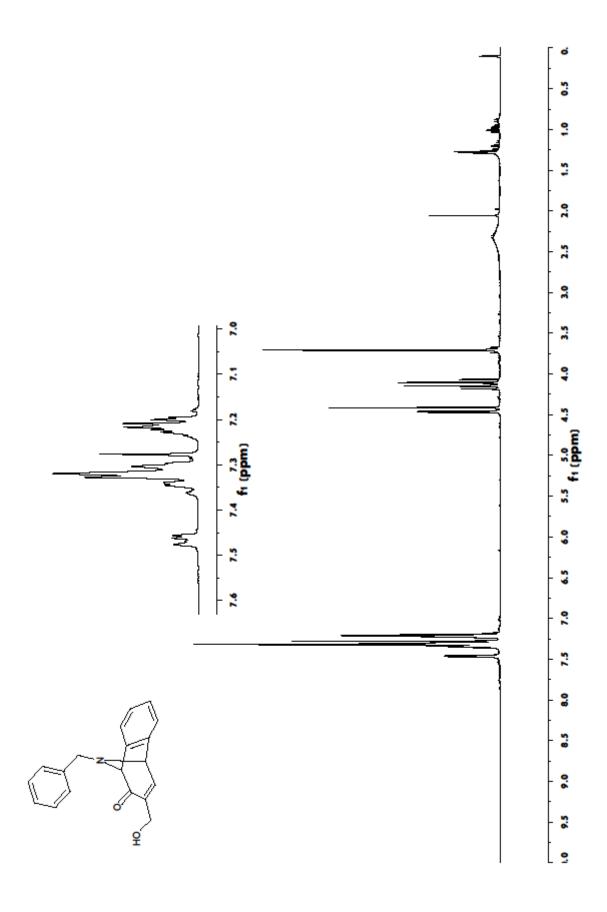
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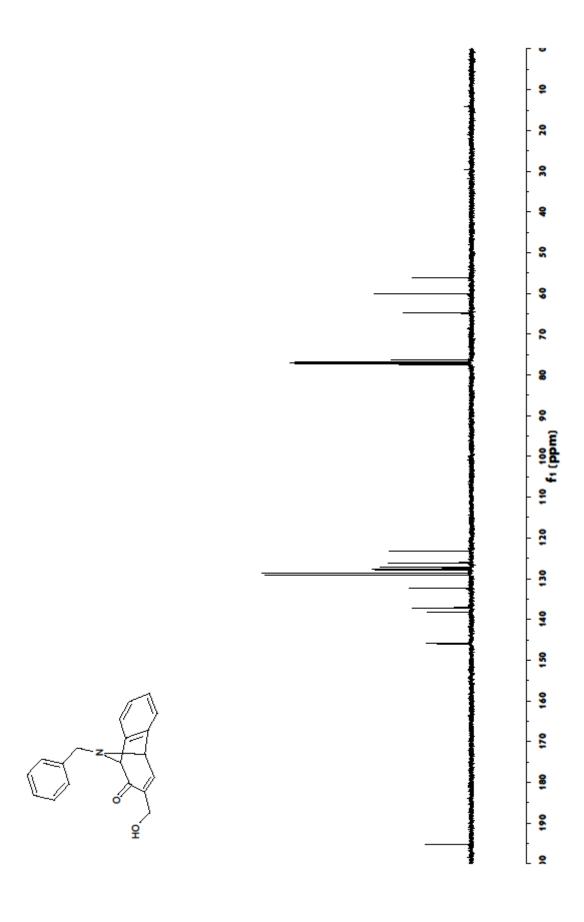


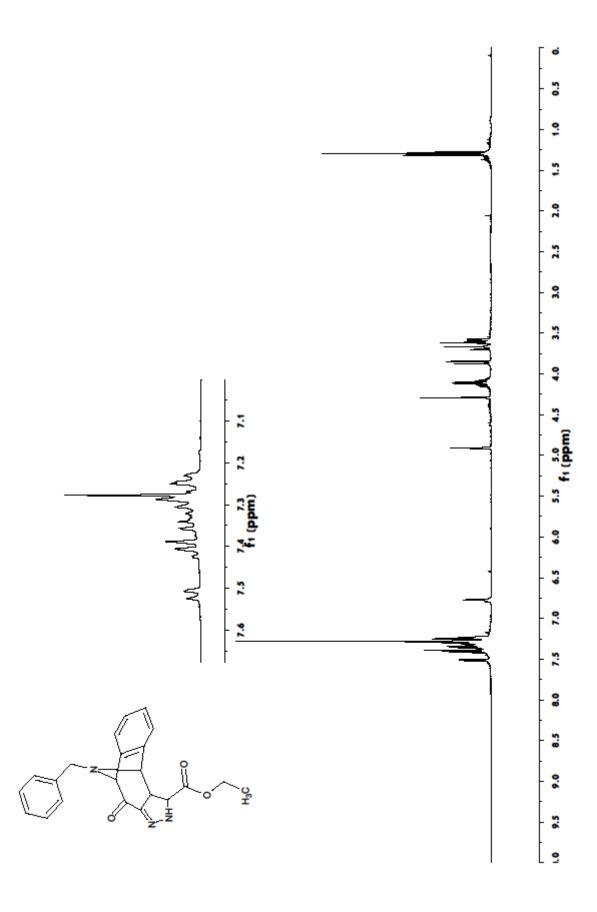
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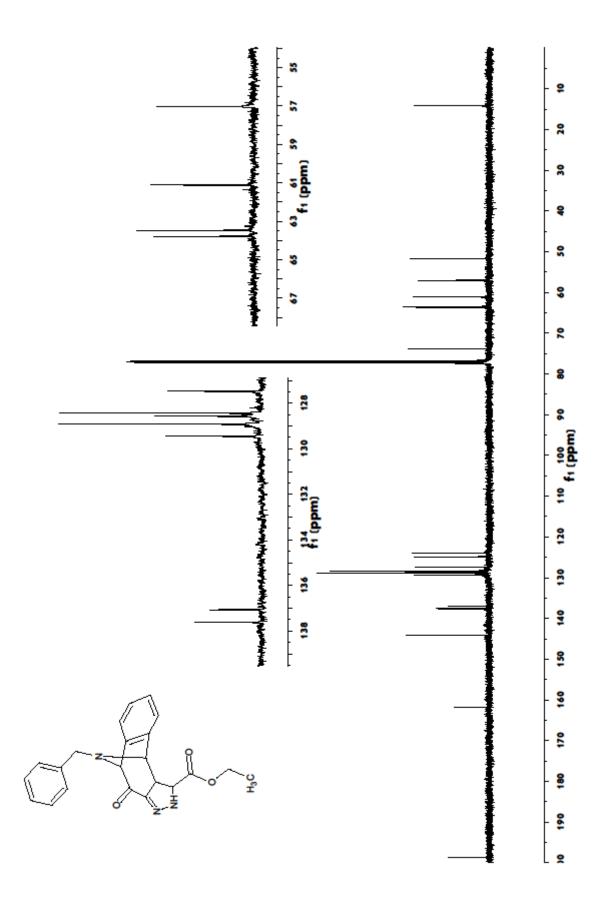




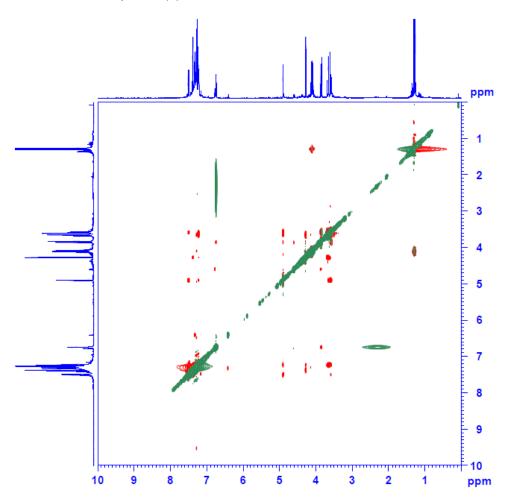




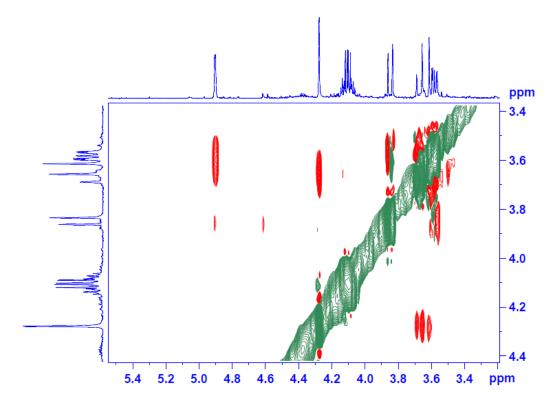




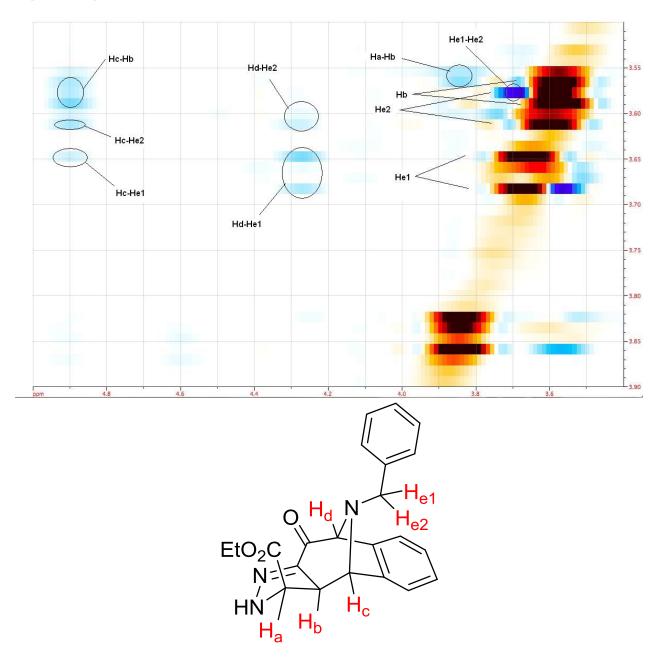
NOESY spectrum for this compound (7):



Expansion 1



Expansion 2 (processed with another software)



List of NOE correlations

Н	chemical shift/ppm	NOE to
а	3.84	b, NH
b	3.57	a, c
С	4.89	e, b
d	4.27	е
е	3.67 and 3.60	c/d

List of coupling constants:

H-H	J/Hz
a-b	11.1
b-c	1.9

Calculated dihedral angles (Spartan 08):

H-H	θ
a-b	21°
b-c	93°

Both angles correlate well with the observed coupling constants.