

# **CuCl<sub>2</sub> mediated (aza)oxindole synthesis by oxidative coupling of C<sub>sp</sub><sup>2</sup>-H and C<sub>sp</sub><sup>3</sup>-H centers: Substrate scope and DFT study**

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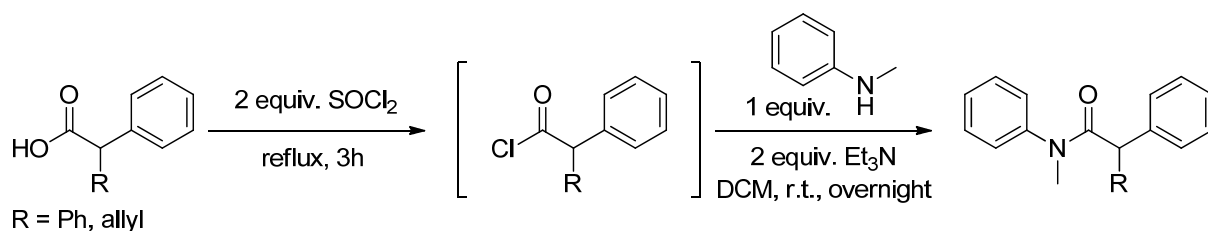
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## 1. General Information:

Toluene, THF, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were dried by filtration on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> drying columns (Solvtek® system). Triethylamine was dried over CaH<sub>2</sub> and distilled under nitrogen. DMF (Acros) was dried over activated 4Å molecular sieves. NaOtBu and KOtBu were sublimed and stored in a glove box. All reactions were carried out under nitrogen in glassware dried by heating under vacuum. Weighing of CuCl<sub>2</sub>, NaOtBu, KOtBu was performed in the glove box. Proton (<sup>1</sup>H) and carbon (<sup>13</sup>C{H}) NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AMX-400 or AMX-500 FT spectrometers using an internal deuterium lock. Chemical shifts are quoted in parts per million (ppm) downfield of tetramethylsilane. Coupling constants *J* are quoted in Hz. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer Spectrum One spectrophotometer using a diamond ATR Golden Gate sampler. Electron impact (EI) mass spectra were obtained using Varian CH-4 or SM-1 instruments operating at 40–70eV. Electrospray ionization (ESI) HRMS measurements were obtained on a VG analytical 7070E instrument. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck precoated plastic-backed TLC plates (silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>) and visualized by UV lamp (254 nm), potassium permanganate. Flash chromatography (FC) was performed using silica gel 60 (23-400 mesh). Technical grade solvents were employed. Melting points were determined on a Büchi 510 apparatus.

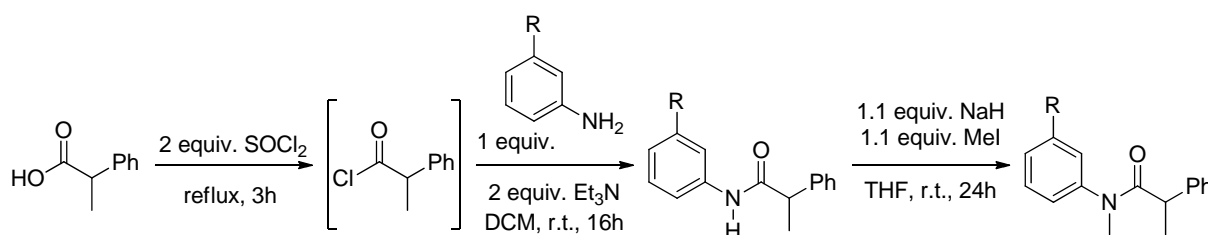
## 2. Synthesis and analytical data of the substrates:

*General procedure A for preparing substrates 1a, 1b:*



The carboxylic acid (1.0 equiv.) was refluxed with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  (2.0 equiv.) for 3h. After evaporating the excess  $\text{SOCl}_2$  the reaction mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.8M with respect to (w.r.t.) the carboxylic acid). The acid chloride solution was added to the solution of *N*-methyl aniline (1.0 equiv.) and triethyl amine (2.0 equiv.) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.8M w.r.t. the *N*-methyl aniline) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for overnight (12-18h) at room temperature (r.t.). The reaction mixture was extracted with water and EtOAc (3 times). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified by flash chromatography. The eluant used for the flash chromatography was described under the discussion for each molecule. The yields of the products are based on two steps.

*General procedure B for preparing substrates 1c-e:*

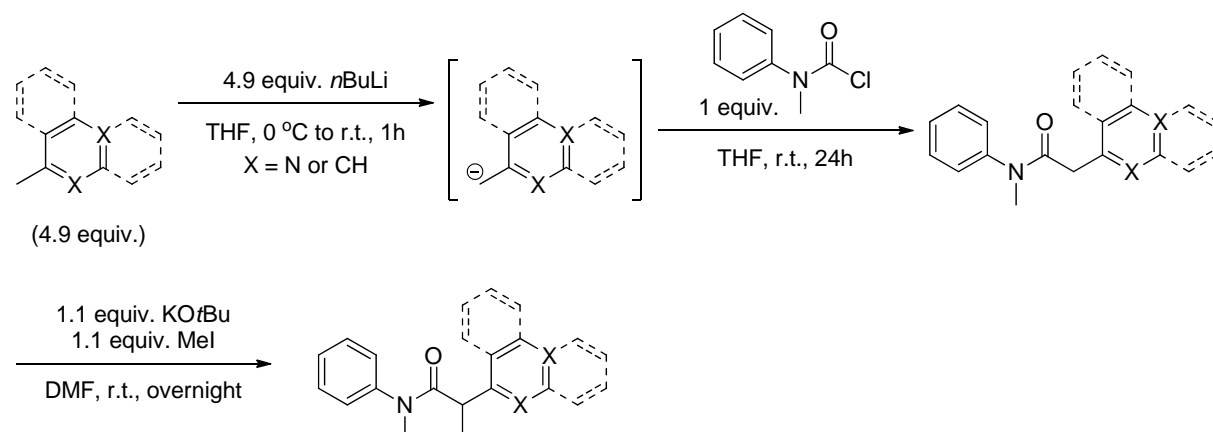


The 2-phenylpropionic acid (1.0 equiv.) was heated under reflux with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  (2.0 equiv.) for 3h. After evaporating the excess  $\text{SOCl}_2$ , the reaction mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.8M w.r.t. the carboxylic acid). The acid chloride solution was added to the solution of *m*-substituted aniline (1.0 equiv.) and triethyl amine (2.0 equiv.) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.8M w.r.t. the substituted aniline) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for overnight at r.t. The N-H amide was passed through a small pad of silica. The solvent was evaporated and the crude amide was used for the next step.

The solution of amide (1.0 equiv.) in THF (0.3M w.r.t. the amide) was added to a suspension of NaH (1.1 equiv.) in THF (0.3M w.r.t. the NaH) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1h at r.t., followed by the addition of MeI (1.1 equiv.) at 0 °C. Stirring was continued for 24h at r.t.. The reaction mixture was quenched with brine and extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified by flash chromatography.

The eluant used for the flash chromatography for both the steps was same and described under the discussion for each molecule. The yields of the products are based on three steps.

*General procedure C for preparing substrates 1f and 1h-1i:*



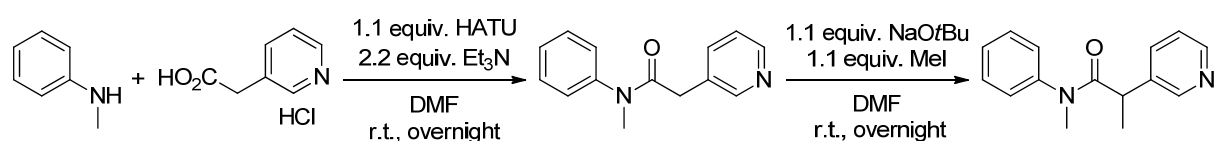
Methylpyridine (or methylquinoline) (4.9 equiv.) in dry THF (1.4M w.r.t. the methylpyridine or methylquinoline) was treated dropwise with *n*BuLi (1.6 M in THF, 4.9 equiv.) at 0 °C. After addition, the mixture was warmed to r.t. and stirred for 1h. The resulting mixture was cooled to 0 °C and the solution of *N*-methyl-*N*-phenyl carbamoyl chloride (1.0 equiv.) in THF (0.3M w.r.t. the carbamoyl chloride) was added dropwise. This mixture was stirred for overnight at r.t.. The reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O (~1 mL) and the solvent was evaporated. The crude mixture was extracted with water and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (three times). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated. The amide was purified by chromatography.

The solution of the amide (1.0 equiv.) in DMF (0.2M w.r.t. the amide) was added to a solution of KO*t*Bu (1.1 equiv.) in DMF (0.2M w.r.t. the KO*t*Bu) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1h at r.t., followed by the addition of MeI (1.1 equiv.) at 0 °C. Stirring was continued for

24h at r.t.. The reaction mixture was quenched with brine and extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified by flash chromatography.

The eluant used for the flash chromatography for both the steps was same and described under the discussion for each molecule. The yields of the products are based on three steps.

*General procedure D for preparing substrates 1g:*

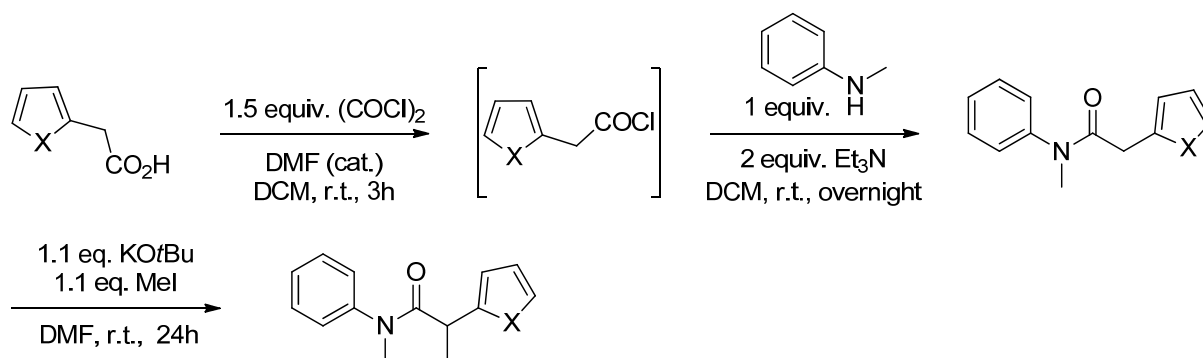


To the solution of 3-pyridyl acetic acid-hydrochloride (1.1 equiv.), and HATU (1.1 equiv.) in DMF (0.3M w.r.t. the acid), 2.2 equiv. Et<sub>3</sub>N was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1h. The solution of *N*-methyl aniline (1.0 equiv.) in DMF (0.5M w.r.t. the *N*-methyl aniline) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred at r.t. for overnight. The crude mixture was extracted with brine and EtOAc (three times). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent was evaporated. The amide was purified by chromatography.

The solution of the amide (1.0 equiv.) in DMF (0.2M w.r.t. the amide) was added to a solution of NaOtBu (1.1 equiv.) in DMF (0.2M w.r.t. the NaOtBu) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1h at r.t., followed by the addition of MeI (1.1 equiv.) at 0 °C. Stirring was continued for 24h at r.t.. The reaction mixture was quenched with brine and extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified by flash chromatography.

The eluant used for the flash chromatography for both the steps was same and described under the discussion for each molecule. The yields of the products are based on two steps.

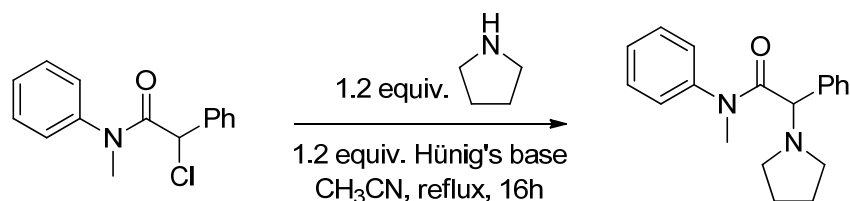
General procedure **E** for preparing substrates **1o-p**:



To a solution of the carboxylic acid (1.0 equiv.) in DCM (0.5M w.r.t. to the acid) was added oxalyl chloride (1.5 equiv.) at r.t. followed by addition of a drop of DMF as catalyst. The mixture was stirred at r.t. until gas evolution seized. After removing all volatiles under vacuum, the reaction mixture was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.8M w.r.t. the carboxylic acid). The acid chloride solution was added to the solution of  $N$ -methyl aniline (1.0 equiv.) and triethyl amine (2.0 equiv.) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.8M w.r.t. the  $N$ -methyl aniline) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for overnight (12-18 hours) at r.t.. The N-H amide was passed through a small pad of silica. The solvent was evaporated and the crude amide was used for the next step.

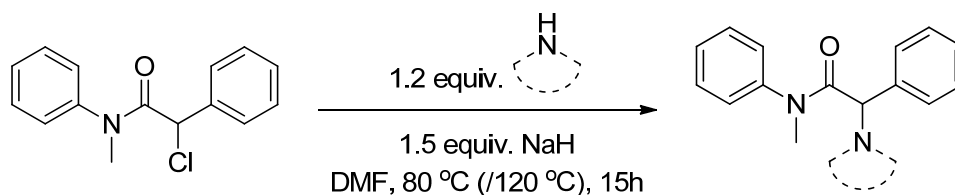
The solution of the amide (1.0 equiv.) in DMF (0.2M w.r.t. the amide) was added to a solution of  $\text{KO}t\text{Bu}$  (1.1 equiv.) in DMF (0.2M w.r.t. the  $\text{KO}t\text{Bu}$ ) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1h at r.t., followed by the addition of MeI (1.1 equiv.) at 0 °C. Stirring was continued for 24h at r.t.. The reaction mixture was quenched with brine and extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified by flash chromatography. The eluant used for the flash chromatography for both the steps was same and described under the discussion for each molecule. The yields of the products are based on three steps.

*General procedure F for preparing substrates 1k:*



To a solution of the pyrrolidine (1.2 equiv.) and diisopropylethylamine (1.2 equiv.) in acetonitrile (0.2M w.r.t. the amine) was added the solution of 2-chloro-*N*-methyl-*N*,2-diphenylacetamide (1 equiv.) in acetonitrile (0.2M w.r.t. the amide). The solution was then heated under reflux for 16h, and then allowed to cool to room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the crude amide was purified by flash column chromatography. The eluant used for the flash chromatography was described under each molecule discussion.

*General procedure G for preparing substrates 1l-n and 1q:*



To a vigorously stirred solution of lactam (1.2 equiv.) in dry DMF (0.30M w.r.t. the lactam), NaH (1.5 equiv.) was added in small portions, and the mixture was heated for 1h at 60 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. A solution of  $\alpha$ -chloroacetanilide (1.0 equiv.) in the DMF (0.25M w.r.t. the amide) was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was heated at 80 °C for 15h. After cooling to r.t., the crude mixture was extracted with brine and EtOAc (five times). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated. The product was purified by flash chromatography.

For synthesizing the substrate **1q**, a solution of potassium phthalimide and  $\alpha$ -chloroacetanilide in DMF was heated at 120 °C for 15h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with water. The product was purified by flash chromatography.

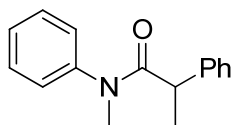
The eluant used for the flash chromatography was described under each molecule discussion.

2-phenylpropanoic acid, *N*-methyl aniline, 3-methyl aniline, 3-methoxy aniline, 3-trifluoromethyl aniline, 2-picoline, 4-picoline, 2-methylquinoline, 4-methylquinoline, 1-methylisoquinoline, *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylcarbamoyl chloride, 3-pyridylacetic acid hydrochloride, pyrrolidine, piperidine, hexamethyleneimine, 2-Pyrrolidone, 2-Pyperidinone, potassium phthalimide were bought and used as received.

2-phenylpent-4-enoic acid,<sup>1</sup> 2-(furan-2-yl)acetic acid,<sup>2</sup> 2-(thiophene-2-yl)acetic acid,<sup>2</sup> 3,3-dimethylpyrrolidin-2-one,<sup>3</sup> 3,3-dimethylpiperidin-2-one,<sup>3</sup> and substrate **1j**<sup>4</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedures.



***N*-methyl-*N*,2-diphenylpropanamide (1a)<sup>4</sup>:**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **A**. Purified by chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 2:1), 84% yield, oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.37-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (brs, 2H), 3.65 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

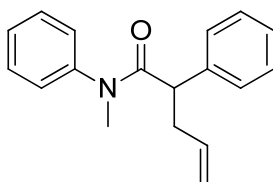
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 174.1, 143.9, 142.1, 129.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.6, 126.7, 43.2, 37.8, 20.4.

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3060, 3025, 2974, 2931, 1653, 1594, 1493, 1453, 1377, 1121, 1029, 773.1, 696.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 240.1382, found: 240.1382.

Anal. calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO: C, 80.30; H, 7.16; N, 5.85, found: C, 80.15; H, 7.54; N, 5.85.

***N*-methyl-*N*,2-diphenylpent-4-enamide (1b):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **A**. Purified by chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 2:1), 87% yield, oil.

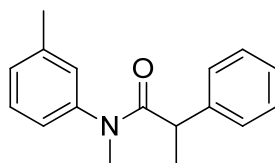
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.39-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.99 (brs, 2H), 5.72-5.62 (m, 1H), 5.04-4.95 (m, 2H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H) 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.89-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.33 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 172.7, 143.7, 139.9, 136.2, 129.6, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 126.9, 116.6, 49.1, 39.4, 37.8.

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3063, 3029, 2920, 1653, 1594, 1493, 1377, 1268, 1118, 914, 772, 696, 554.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 266.1539, found: 266.1541.

***N*-methyl-2-phenyl-*N*-(*m*-tolyl)propanamide (1c):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **B**. Purified by chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 2:1), 78% yield, oil.

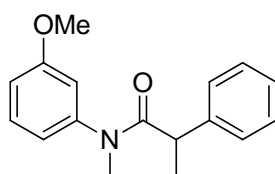
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.28-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (brs, 1H), 3.64 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 174.1, 143.7, 142.3, 139.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 126.6, 124.7, 43.3, 37.7, 21.3, 20.5.

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3027, 2970, 2929, 1656, 1603, 1586, 1490, 1453, 1377, 1281, 1120, 1032, 701, 502.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 254.1539, found: 254.1535.

***N*-(3-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-phenylpropanamide (1d):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **B**. Purified by chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc = 3:2), 84% yield, oil.

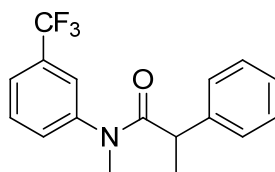
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.29-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (brs, 1H), 3.69 (brs, 4H; three methoxy protons and one benzylic proton overlapped), 3.25 (s, 3H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  174.0, 160.4, 144.9, 142.3, 130.3, 128.4, 127.6, 126.6, 119.9, 114.0, 113.3, 55.3, 43.2, 37.7, 20.5.

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2932, 1656, 1597, 1488, 1379, 1283, 1227, 1118, 1042, 700.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 270.1488, found: 270.1488.

***N*-methyl-2-phenyl-*N*-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propanamide (1e):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **B**. Purified by chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc = 3:2), 92% yield, oil.

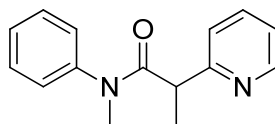
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.58 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 5H), 6.94 (brs, 2H), 3.53 (brs, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 1.40 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  173.7, 144.3, 141.6, 132.1 (q,  $^2J_{\text{C,F}} = 32.8$  Hz), 131.4, 130.2, 128.7, 127.4, 126.9, 125.2, 124.7, 43.9, 37.8, 20.6.

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2977, 2934, 1661, 1492, 1447, 1376, 1332, 1249, 1167, 1124, 1069, 700, 524.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 308.1256, found: 308.1252.

***N*-methyl-*N*-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)propanamide (1f):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **C**. Purified by chromatography (EtOAc), 90% yield, oil.

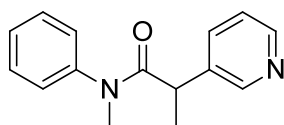
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.93 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 173.4, 161.5, 149.2, 143.8, 136.6, 129.7, 127.9, 127.8, 121.9, 121.7, 45.9, 37.9, 18.9.

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3069, 2978, 2933, 1653, 1590, 1567, 1494, 1470, 1432, 1378, 1266, 1121, 1071, 1031, 750, 698, 554.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 241.1335, found: 241.1339.

***N*-methyl-*N*-phenyl-2-(pyridin-3-yl)propanamide (1g):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **D**. Purified by chromatography (EtOAc), 48% yield, oil.

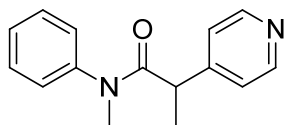
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.24 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (brd,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.69 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 1.42 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 173.2, 148.8, 147.8, 143.6, 137.8, 135.6, 130.0, 128.4, 127.8, 123.8, 40.5, 37.9, 20.2.

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3059, 2978, 2934, 1655, 1594, 1495, 1424, 1382, 1123, 1027, 776, 702, 557.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 241.1335, found: 241.1329.

***N*-methyl-*N*-phenyl-2-(pyridin-4-yl)propanamide (1h):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **C**. Purified by chromatography (EtOAc), 99% yield, oil.

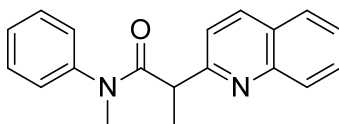
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.37 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.92-6.91 (m, 4H), 3.57 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 1.32 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 172.5, 150.6, 149.8, 143.3, 129.8, 128.2, 127.6, 122.8, 42.5, 37.7, 19.7.

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3070, 2981, 2934, 1653, 1594, 1494, 1414, 1380, 1261, 1121, 1069, 1030, 829, 773, 728, 699, 555.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 241.1335, found: 241.1338.

***N*-methyl-*N*-phenyl-2-(quinolin-2-yl)propanamide (1i):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **C**. Purified by chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc = 1:1), 90% yield, oil.

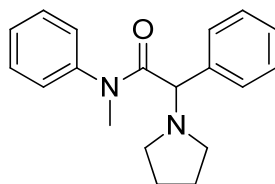
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.07 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.28 (brs, 3H), 7.01-7.00 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.54 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 173.2, 161.4, 147.6, 143.5, 136.5, 129.6, 129.24, 129.16, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0, 126.1, 119.8, 46.8, 37.9, 18.8.

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3051, 2978, 2931, 1651, 1594, 1494, 1379, 1117, 1068, 1030, 756, 698.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 291.1491, found: 291.1493.

***N*-methyl-*N*,2-diphenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)acetamide (1k):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **F**. Purified by chromatography (pentane/Et<sub>2</sub>O/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 1:1:0.04), 78% yield, solid, m.p. = 94-96 °C.

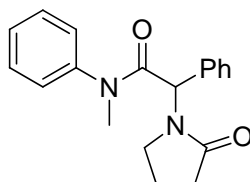
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.29 (brs, 3H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 5H), 6.90 (brs, 2H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.46-2.44 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.23 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.65 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 171.2, 143.6, 137.7, 129.7, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 70.4, 52.5, 38.1, 23.2.

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3028, 2964, 2785, 1660, 1594, 1493, 1380, 1254, 1114, 723, 697, 558.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 295.1804, found: 295.1803.

***N*-methyl-2-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)-*N*,2-diphenylacetamide (1l):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **G**. Purified by chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc/Et<sub>3</sub>N = 3:1:0.08), 85% yield, solid, m.p. = 137-139 °C.

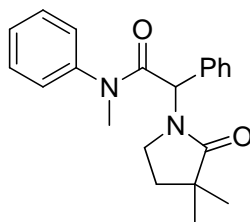
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.28-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.98 (brs, 2H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 3.95-3.89 (m, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.87-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.49-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.09-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.75 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 175.2, 170.2, 142.6, 134.4, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 56.9, 45.6, 37.7, 31.2, 18.4.

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2970, 2956, 2890, 1681, 1660, 1494, 1416, 1283, 1120, 699, 512.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 309.1597, found: 309.1595.

**2-(3,3-dimethyl-2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)-*N*-methyl-*N*,2-diphenylacetamide (1m):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **G**. Purified by chromatography (pentane/EtOAc = 1:1), 82% yield, solid, m.p. = 128-130 °C.

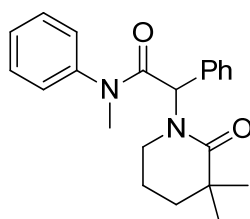
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.26-7.19 (m, 6H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.94 (brs, 2H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 3.81-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.69-2.65 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 179.8, 170.1, 142.6, 134.3, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 57.1, 42.2, 40.8, 37.6, 34.5, 24.4, 24.1.

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2968, 2940, 2907, 2869, 1677, 1655, 1595, 1586, 1493, 1412, 1377, 1278, 1254, 1215, 1143, 1116, 830, 775, 700, 649, 559.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 337.1910, found: 337.1916.

**2-(3,3-dimethyl-2-oxopiperidin-1-yl)-*N*-methyl-*N*,2-diphenylacetamide (1n):**



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **G**. Purified by chromatography (pentane/EtOAc = 1:1), 69% yield, solid, m.p. = 96-98 °C.

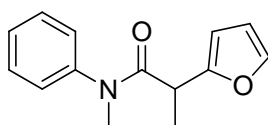
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.25-7.14 (m, 6H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 4H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 3.58-3.53 (m, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.58-2.53 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  176.8, 170.4, 142.7, 134.8, 129.9, 129.3, 128.4, 128.1, 127.73, 127.69, 59.5, 46.5, 38.8, 37.6, 36.2, 28.1, 27.7, 19.9.

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2960, 2930, 2860, 1654, 1625, 1596, 1496, 1476, 1453, 1428, 1388, 1201, 1121, 770, 697, 558.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 351.2067, found: 351.2067.

### 2-(furan-2-yl)-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylpropanamide (1o):



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **E**. Purified by chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc = 3:2), 80% yield, oil.

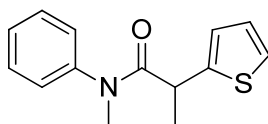
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.44-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.28 (brs, 1H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.27 (dd,  $J = 2.9, 1.94$  Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.4 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 172.4, 154.9, 143.9, 141.4, 129.9, 128.1, 127.6, 110.4, 105.9, 37.9, 36.9, 16.9.

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2934, 1660, 1594, 1496, 1382, 1121, 1072, 1009, 780, 700.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 230.1175, found: 230.1174.

### *N*-methyl-*N*-phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)propanamide (1p):



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **E**. Purified by chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc = 3:2), 82% yield, oil.



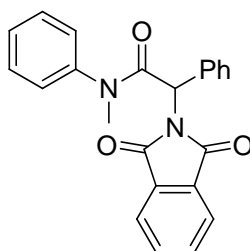
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.45-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.87 (dd,  $J = 5.0, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 173.5, 144.7, 143.9, 129.9, 128.2, 127.6, 126.4, 124.4, 124.3, 38.4, 37.8, 21.5.

IR (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2973, 2931, 1654, 1594, 1494, 1381, 1308, 1258, 1118, 1029, 850, 773, 696, 554.

HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NOS}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 246.0947, found: 246.0948.

### 2-(1,3-dioxisoindolin-2-yl)-*N*-methyl-*N*,2-diphenylacetamide (**1q**):



The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure **G** (the reaction mixture was heated at 120 °C). Purified by chromatography (EtOAc), 58% yield, solid, m.p. = 175-177 °C.

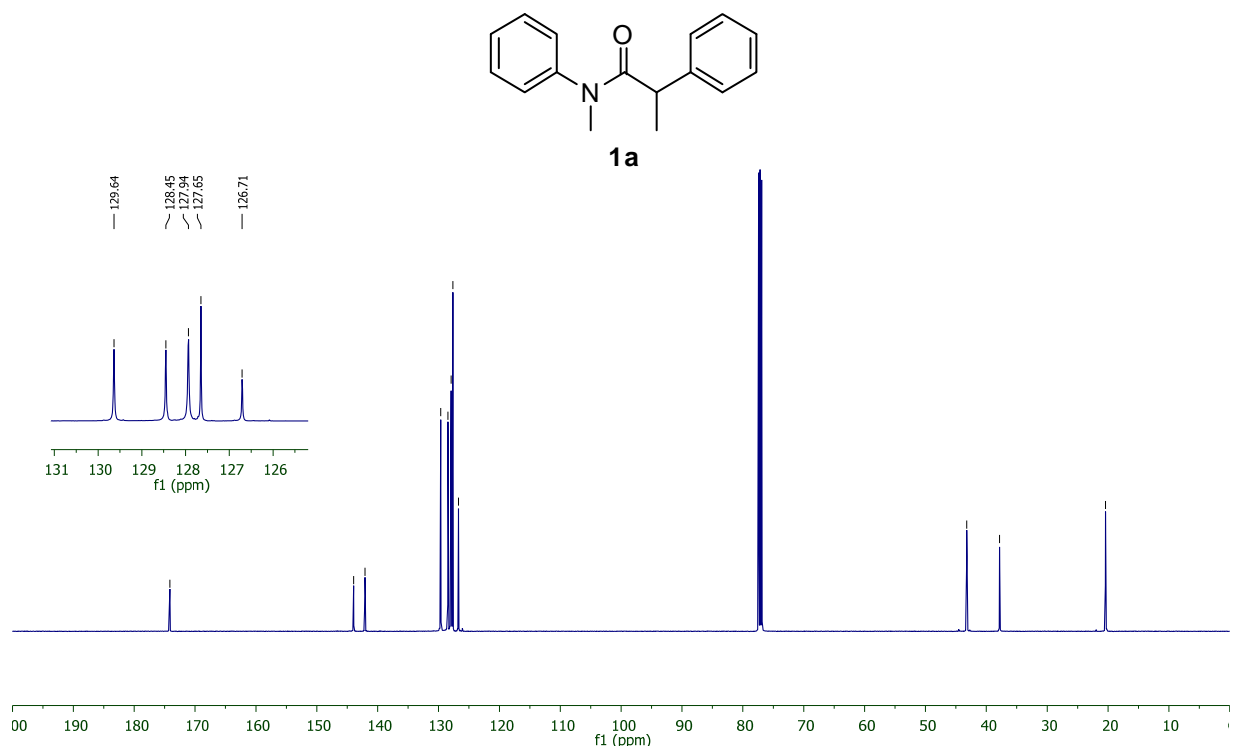
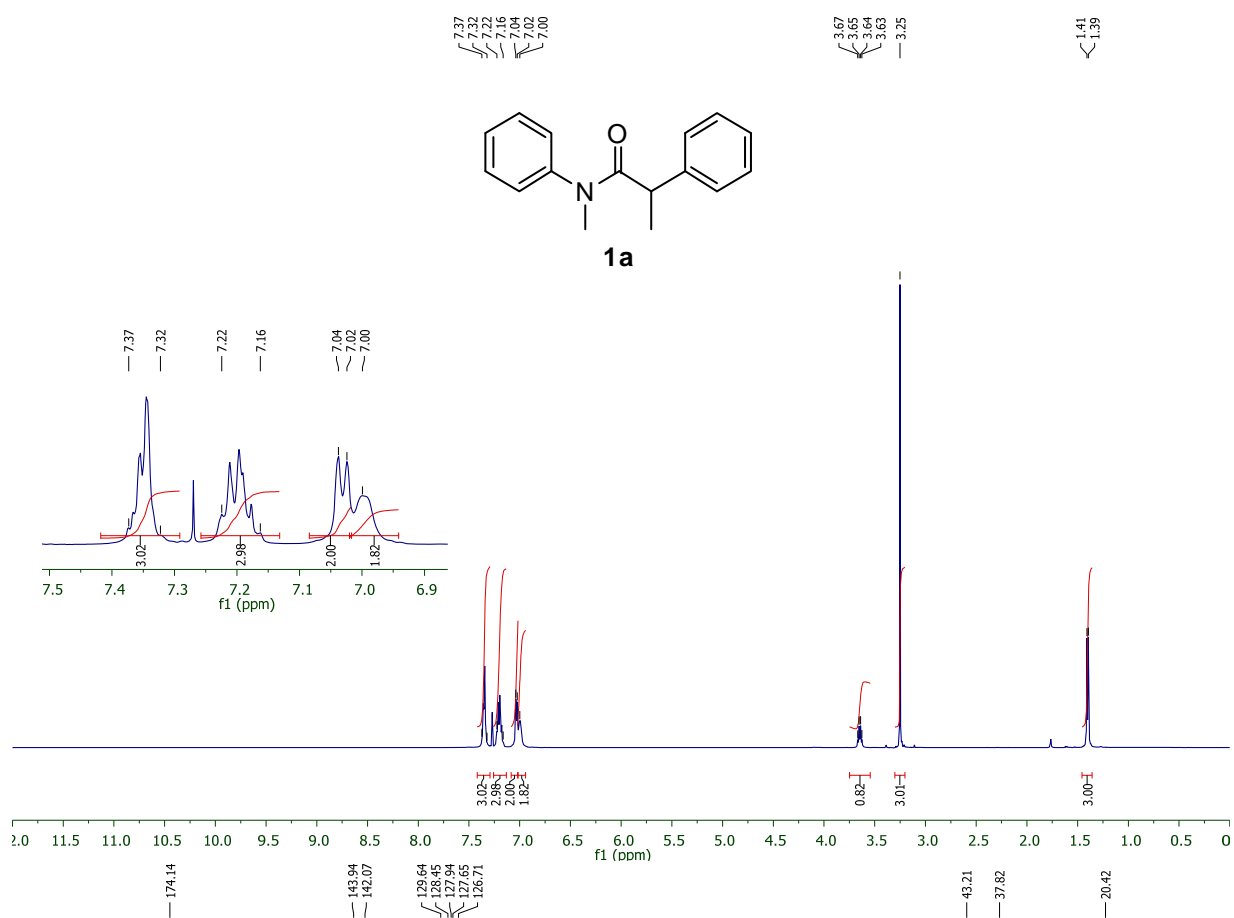
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.79-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.19 (m, 8H), 7.00 (brs, 2H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H).

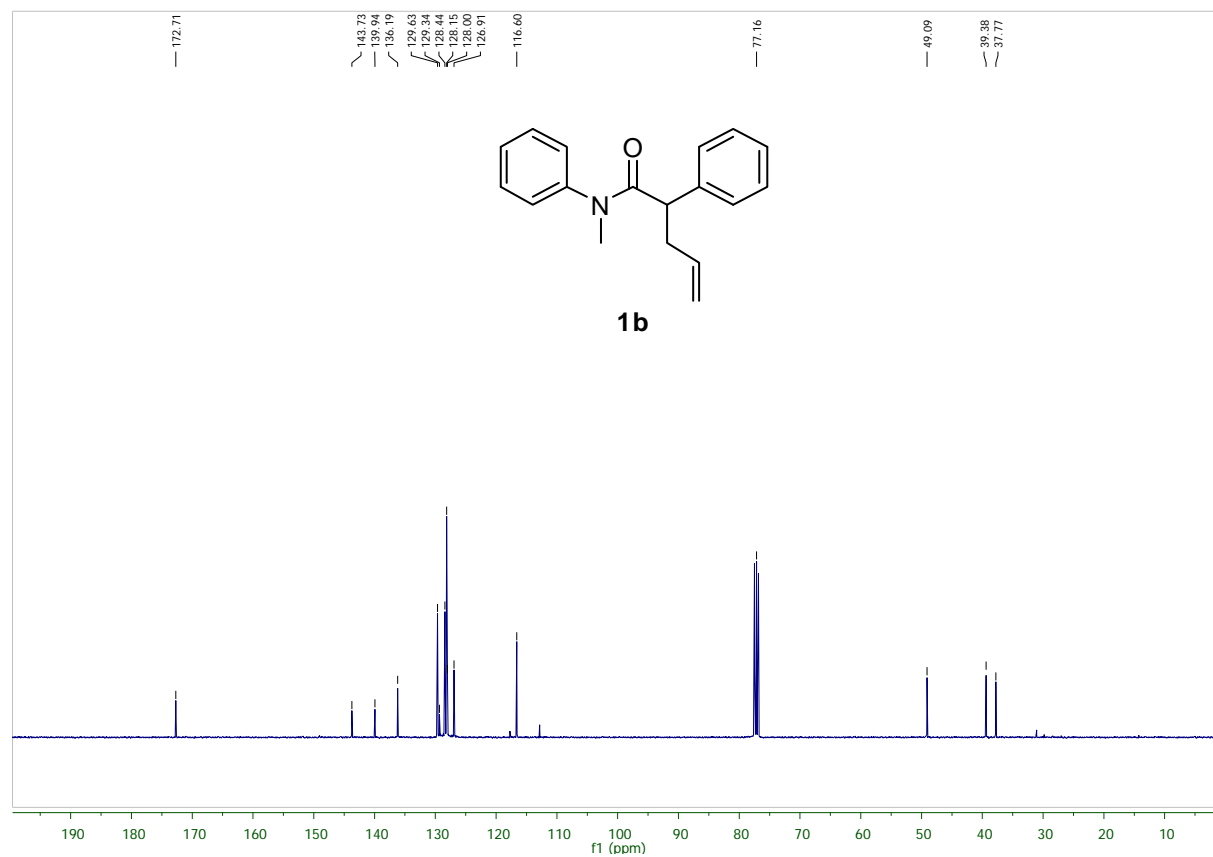
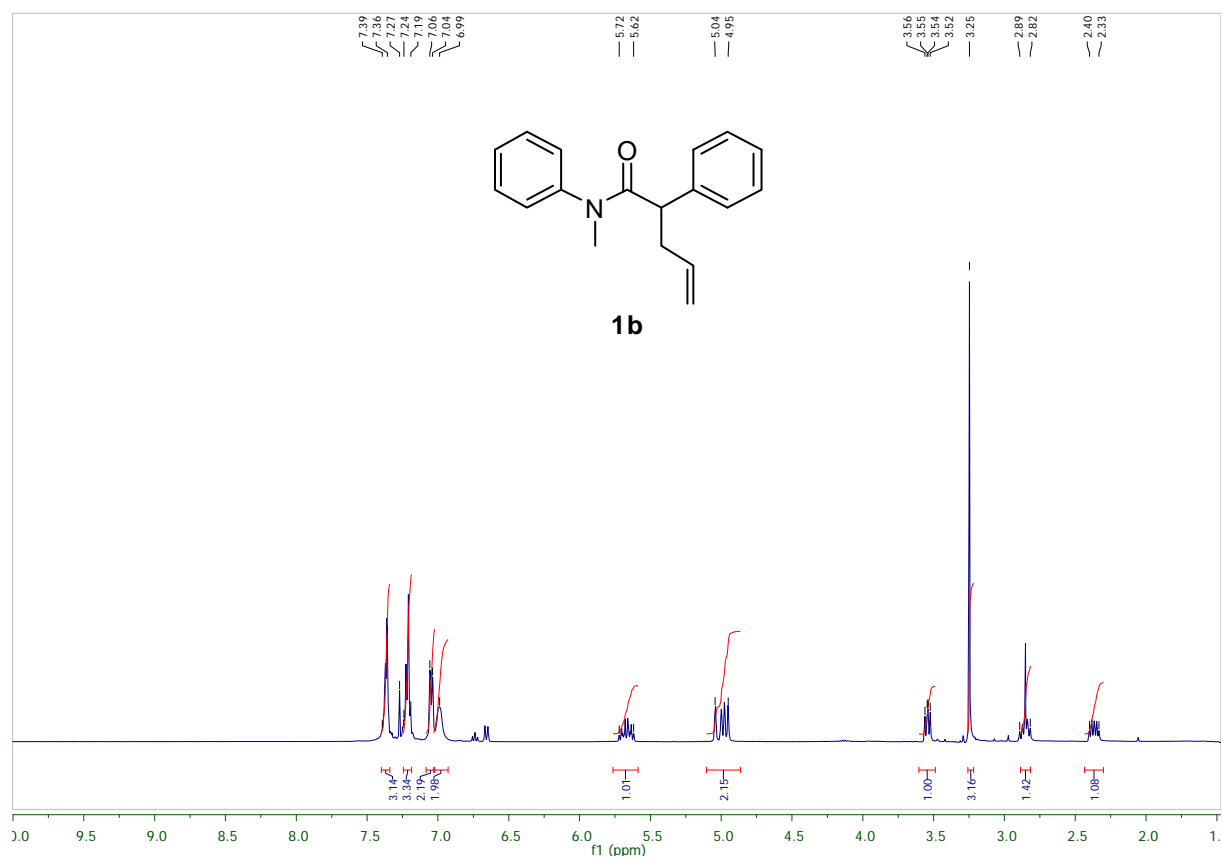
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.7, 167.5, 142.6, 134.0, 133.9, 131.9, 130.2, 129.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 123.4, 56.6, 38.5.

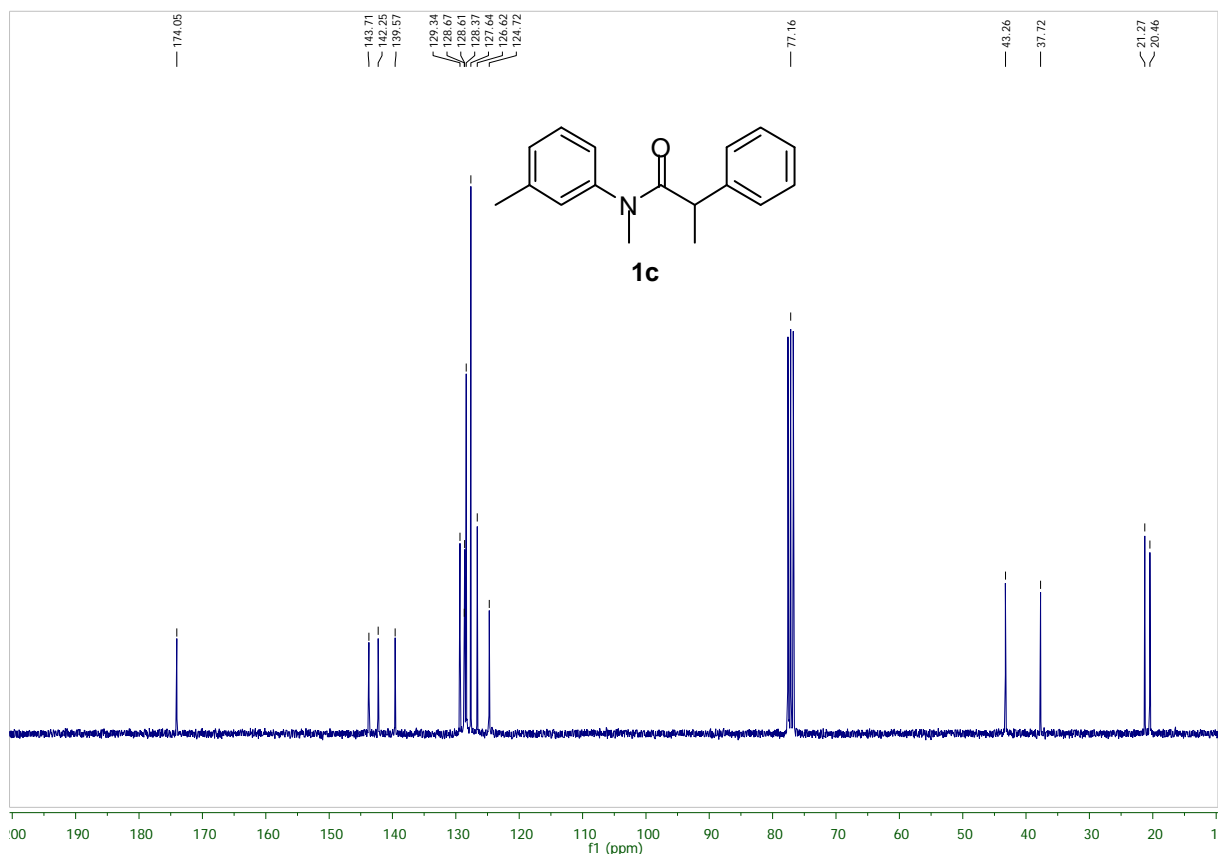
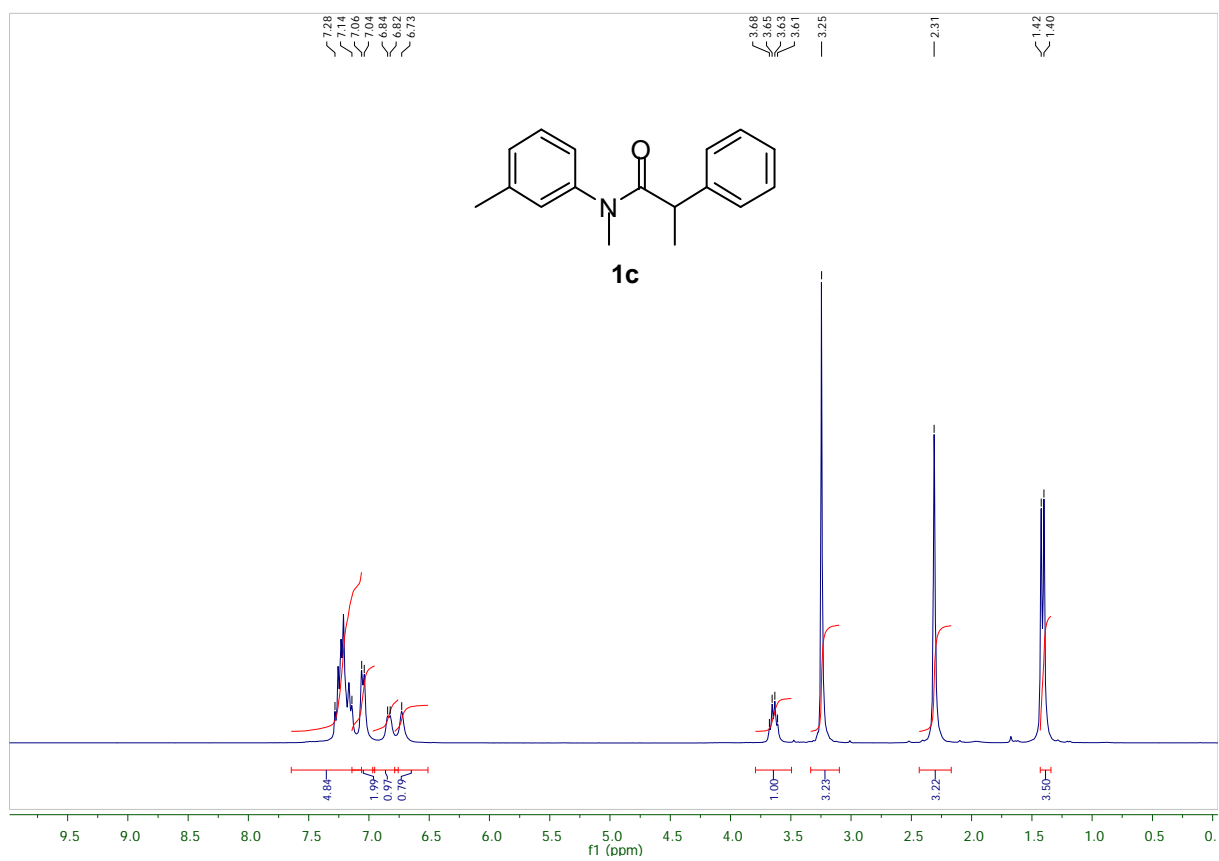
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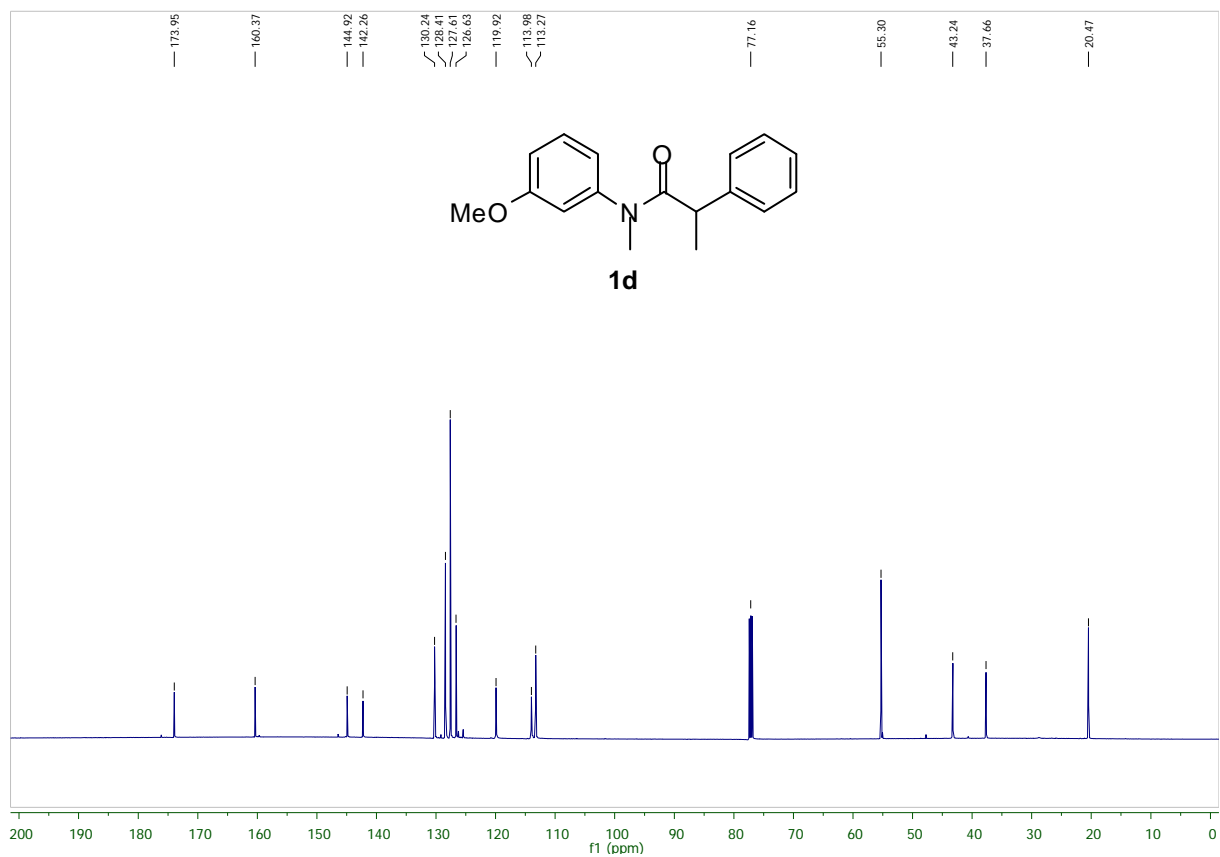
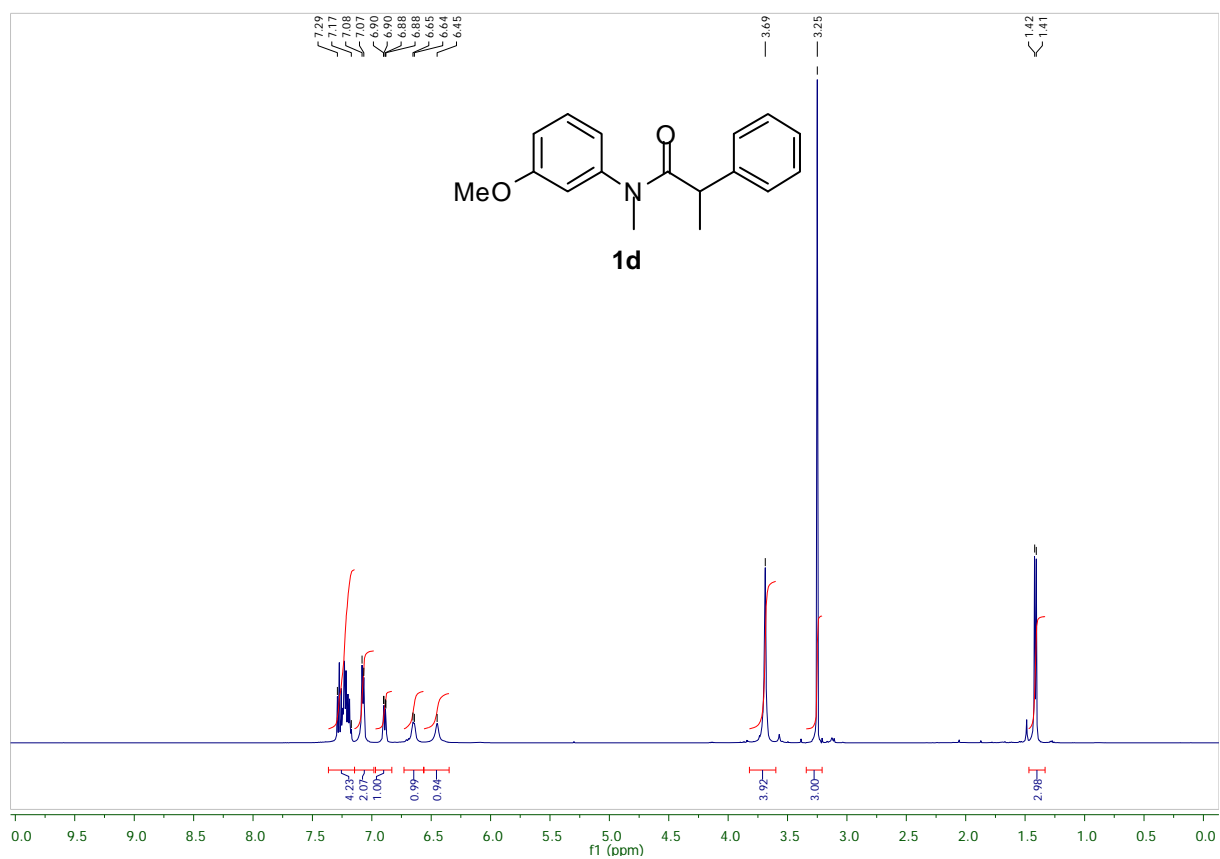
HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 371.1390, found: 371.1398.

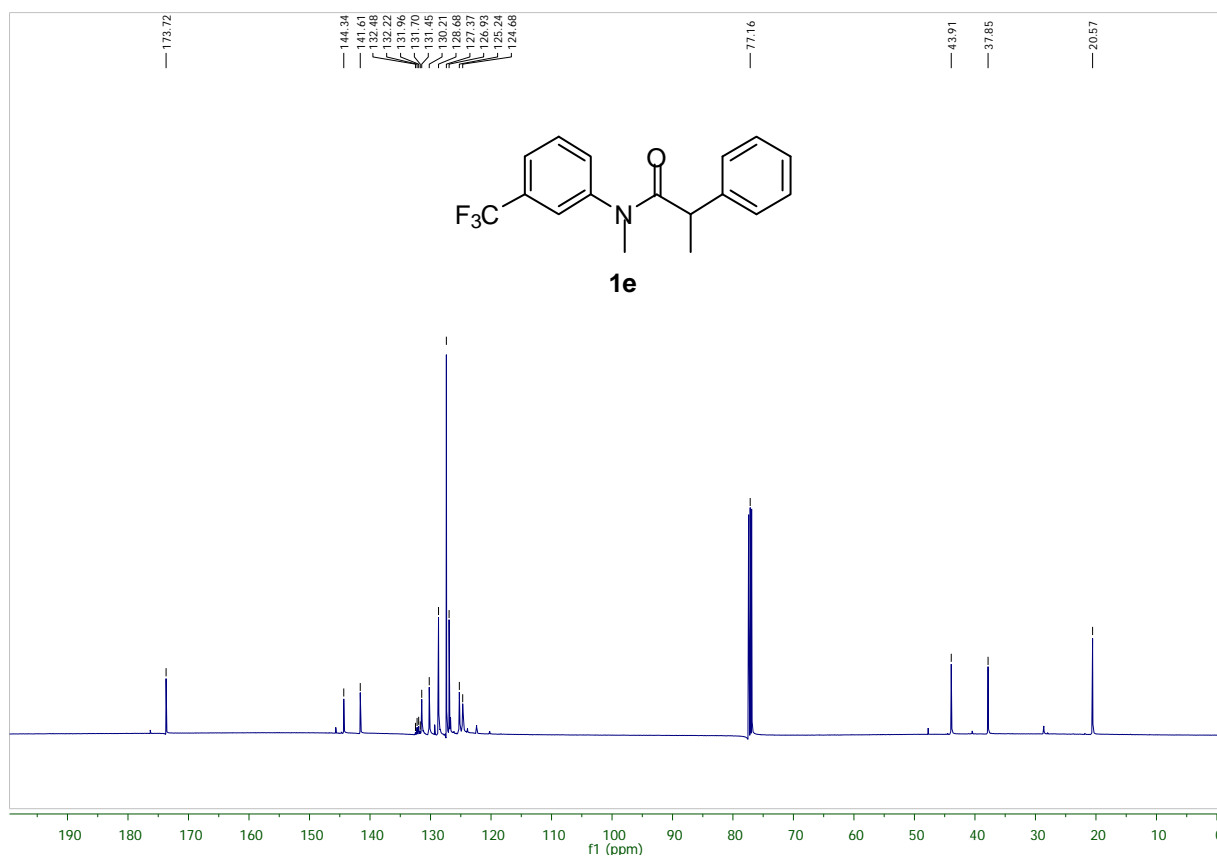
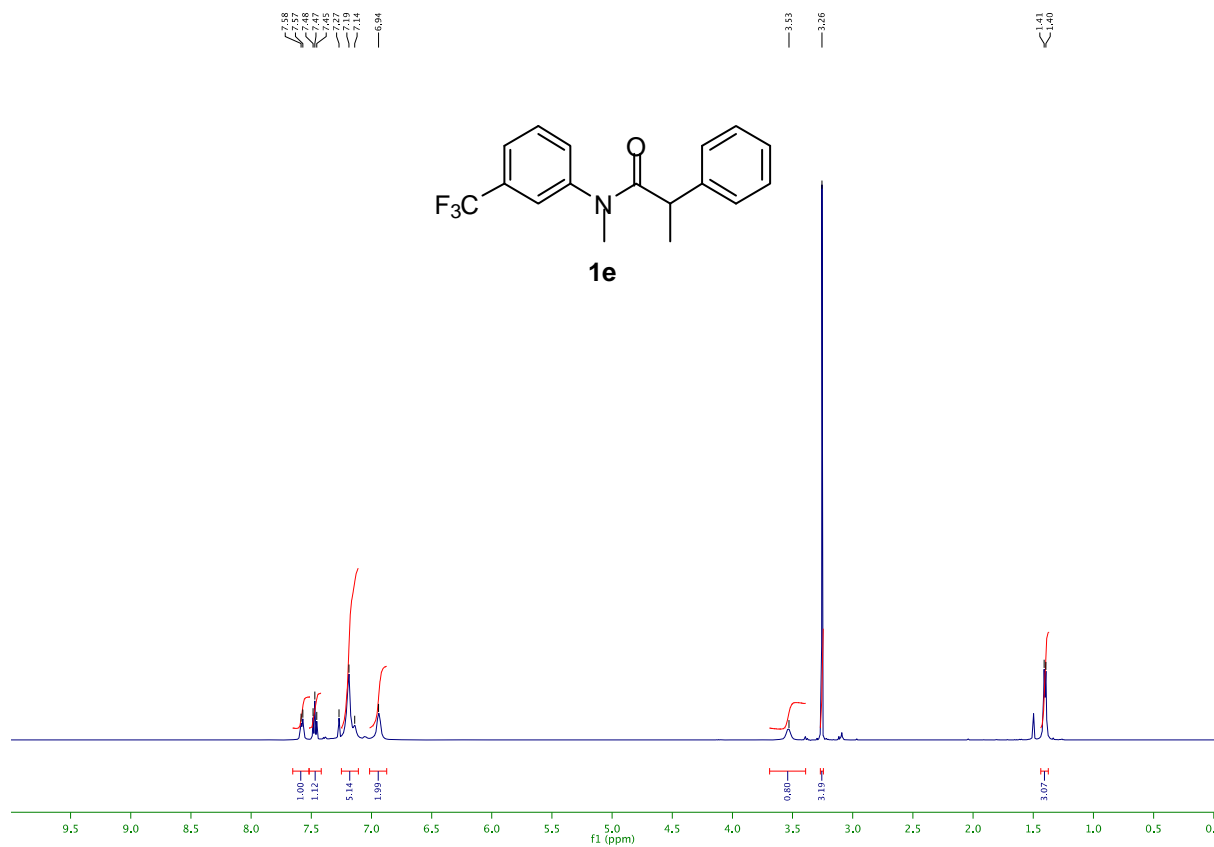
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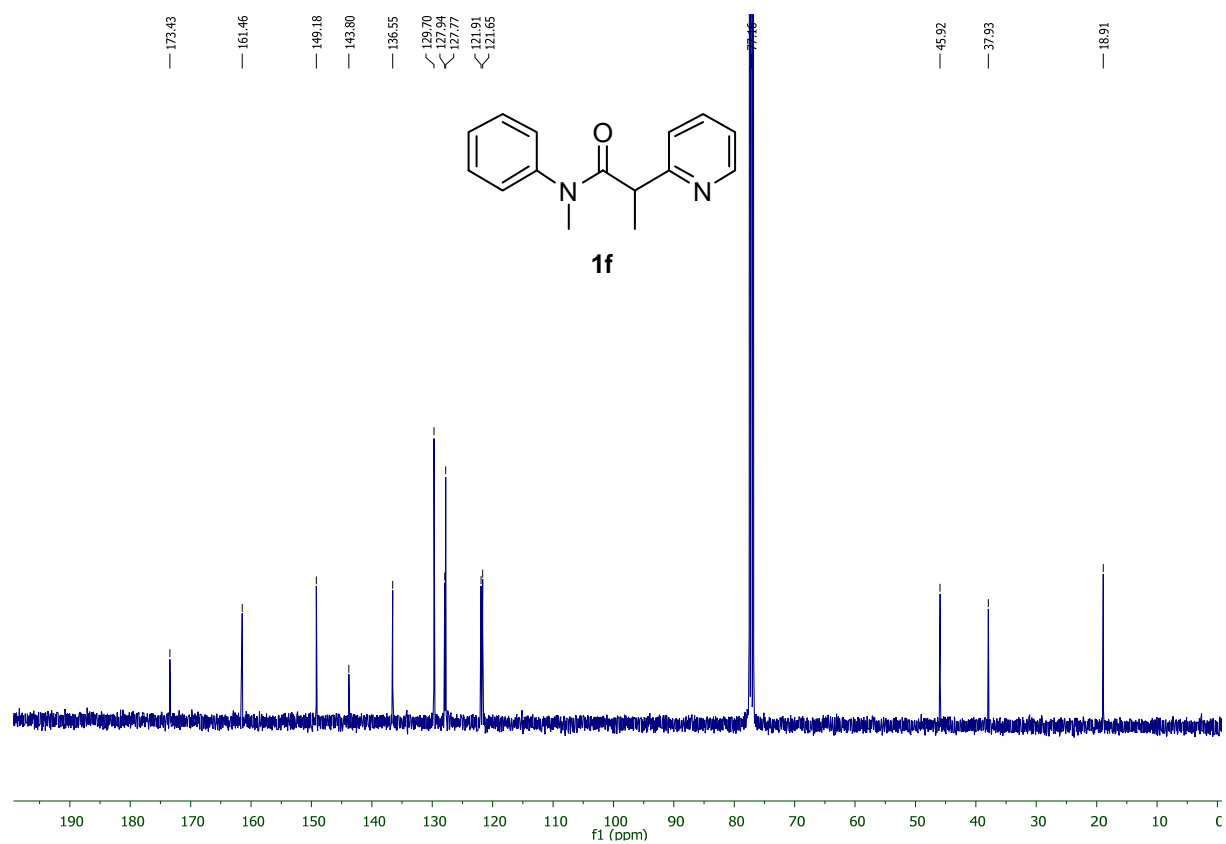
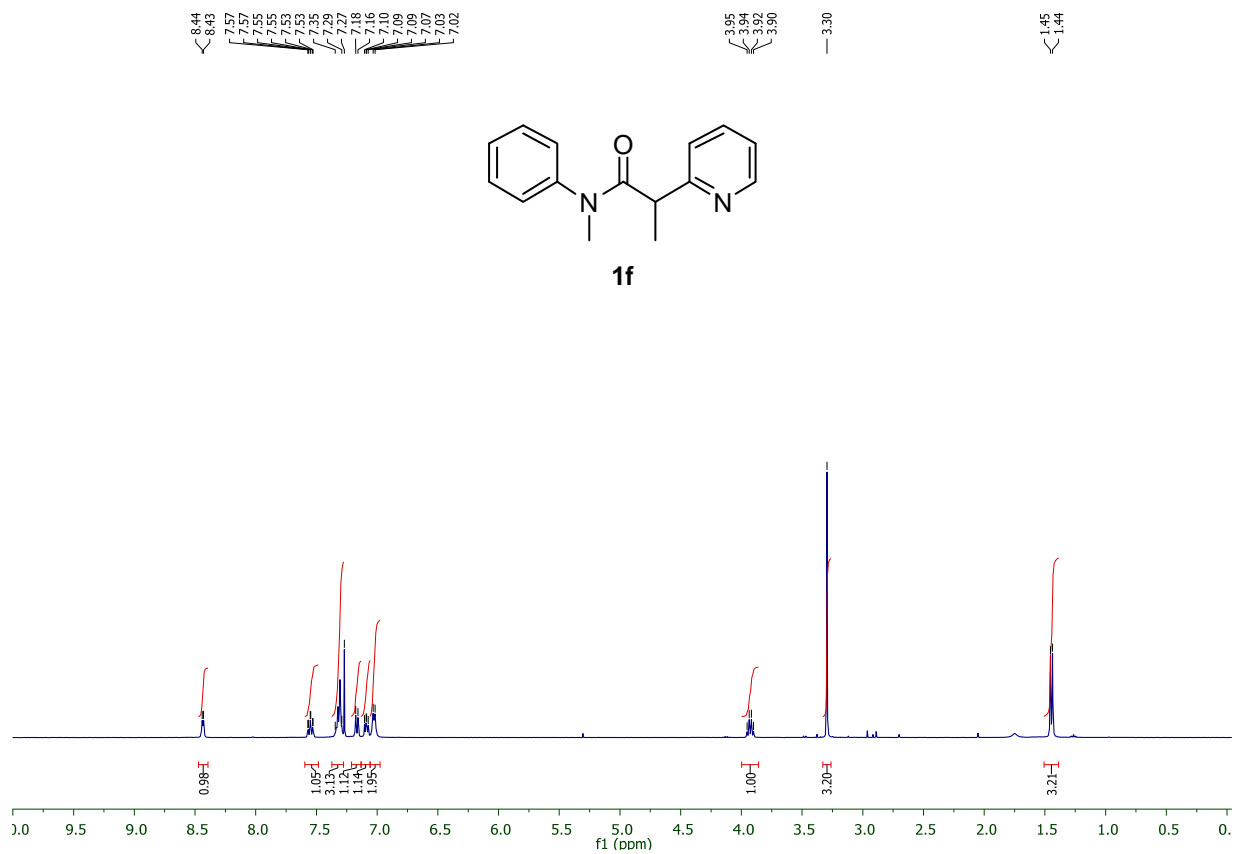


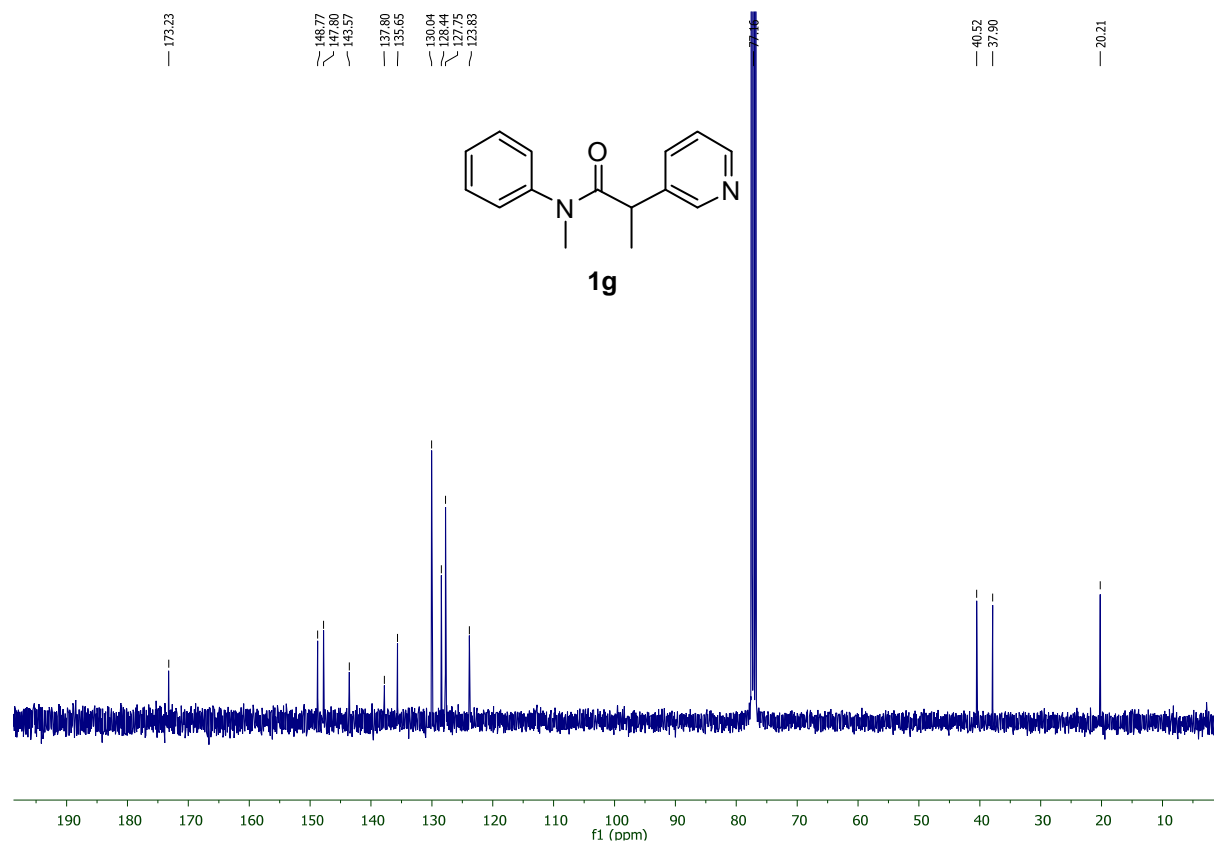
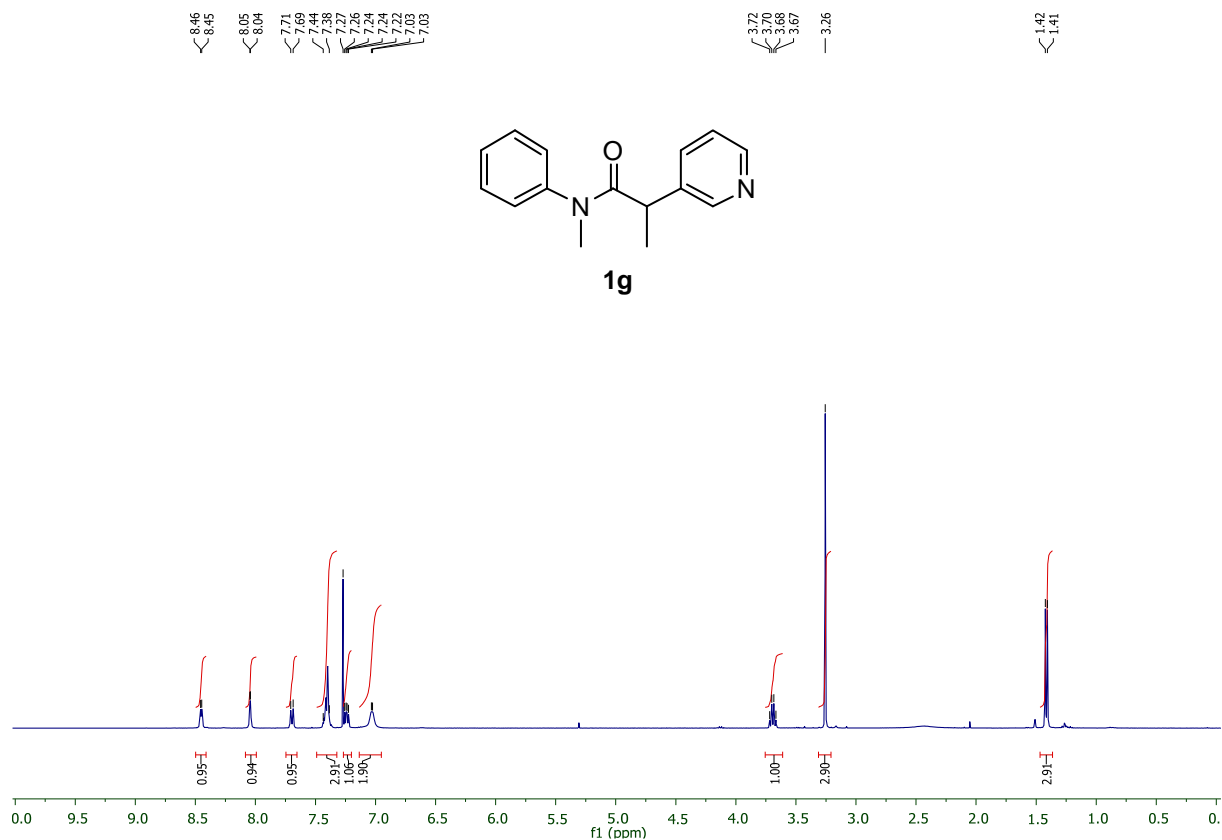




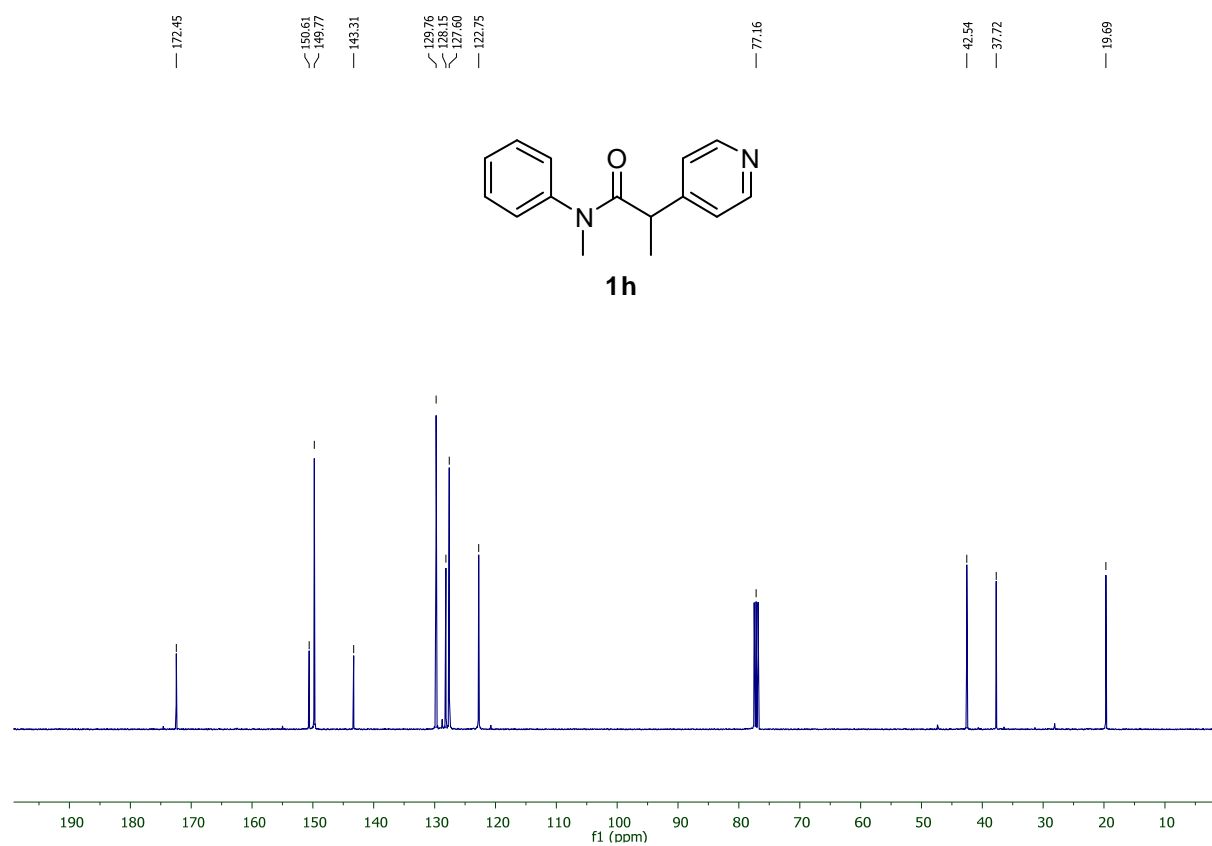
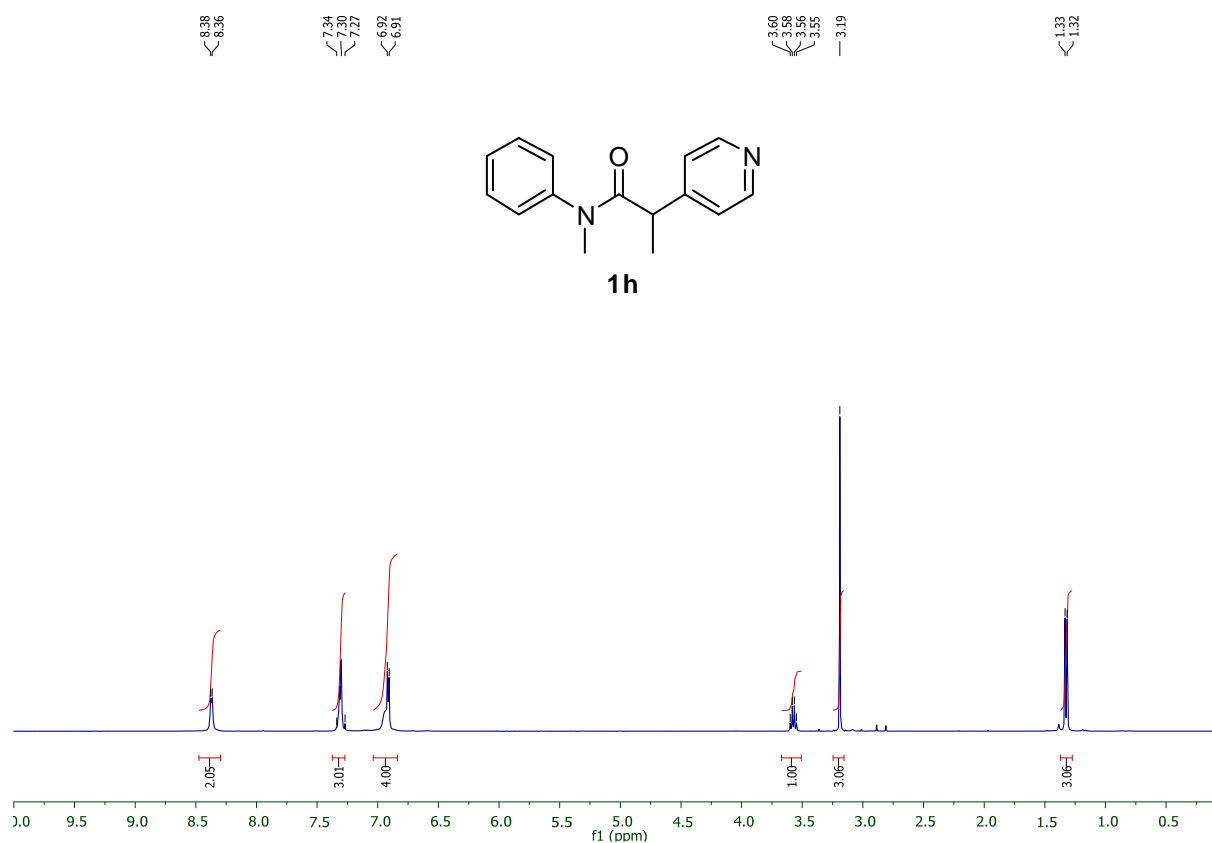


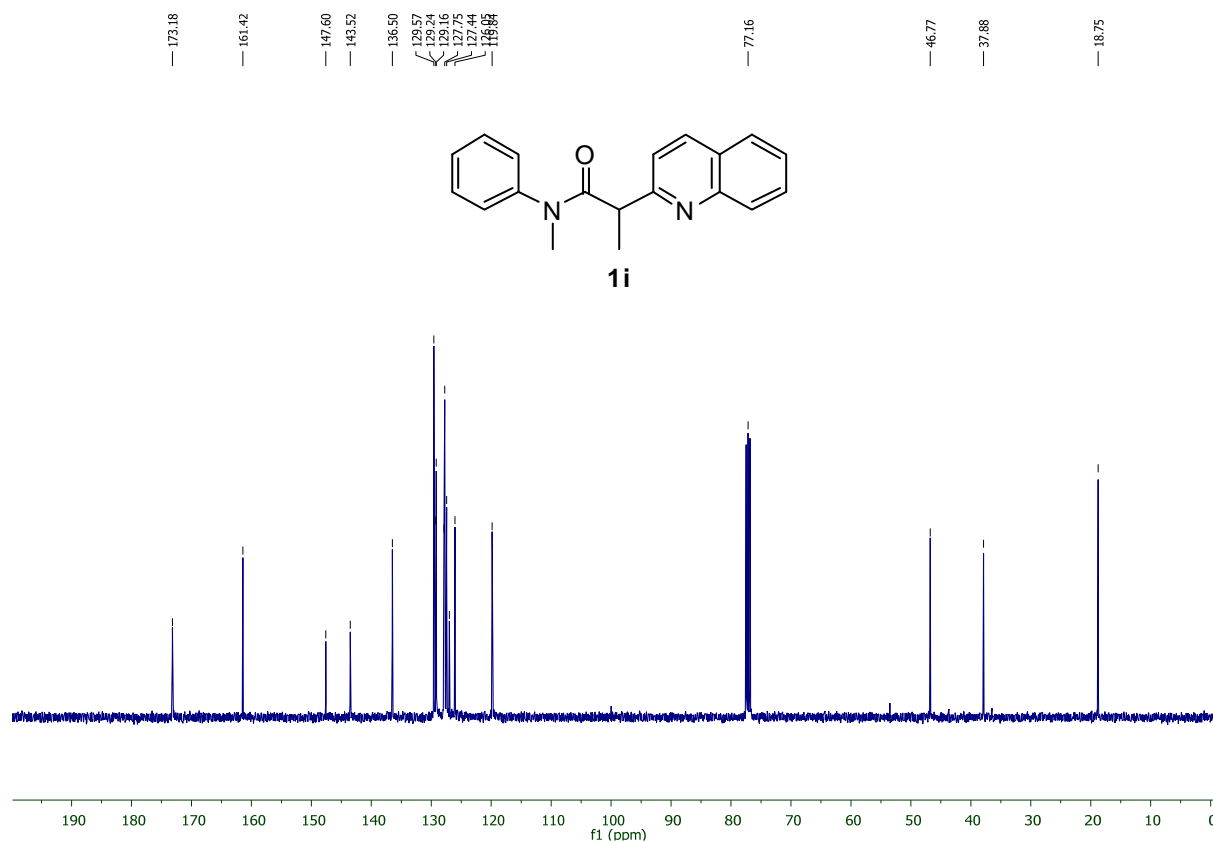
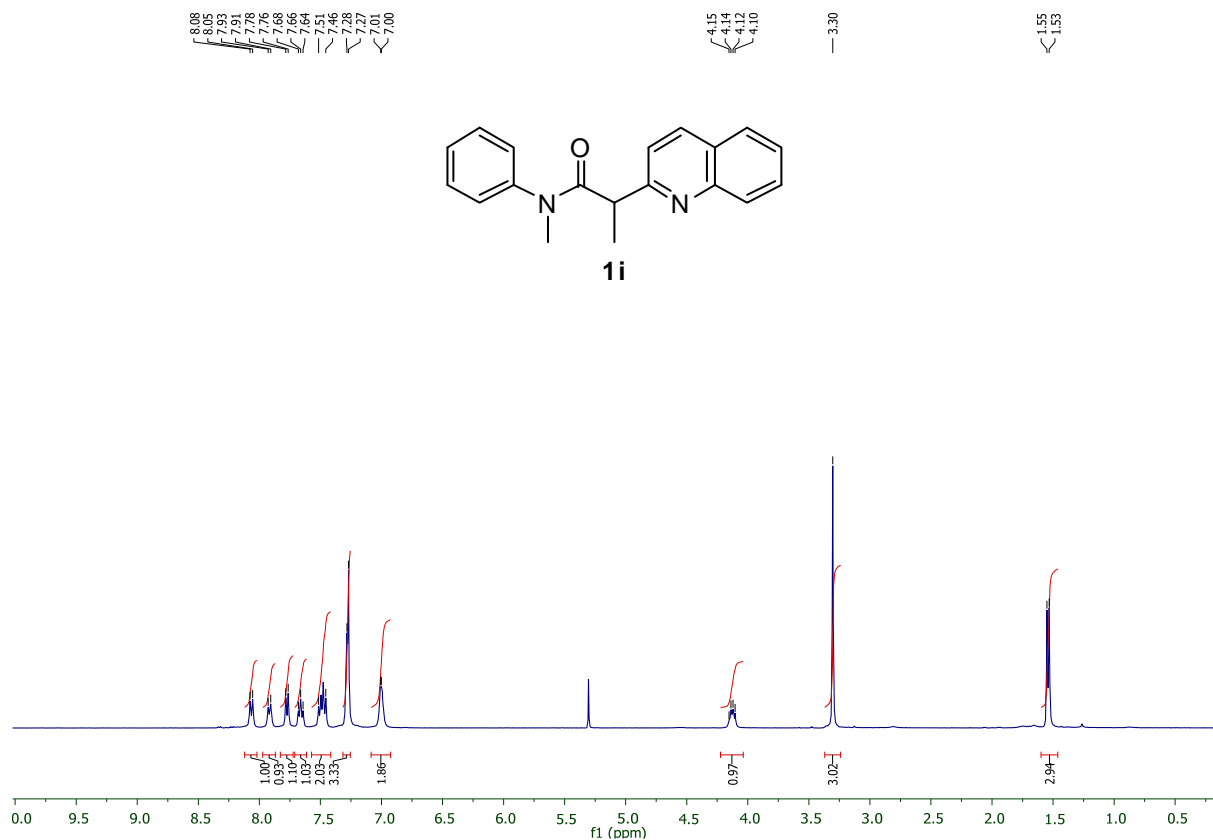


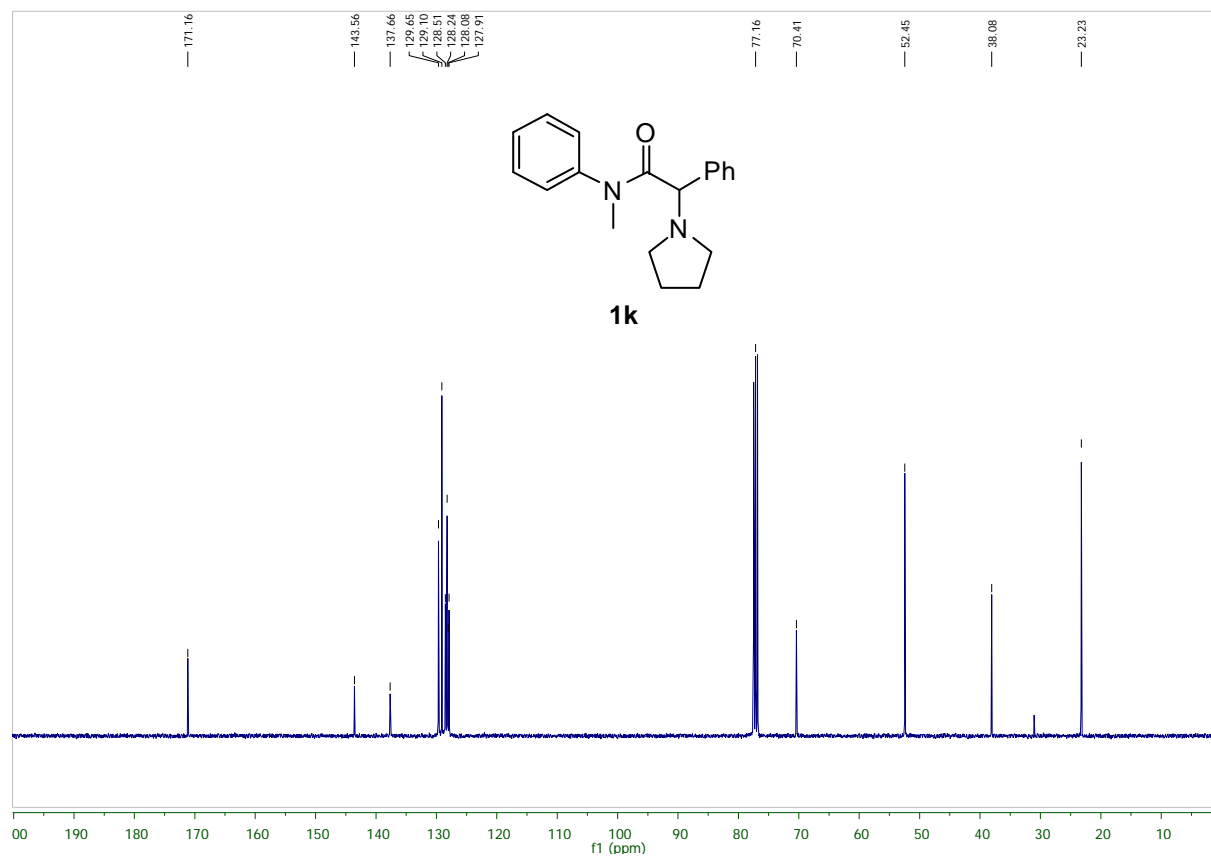
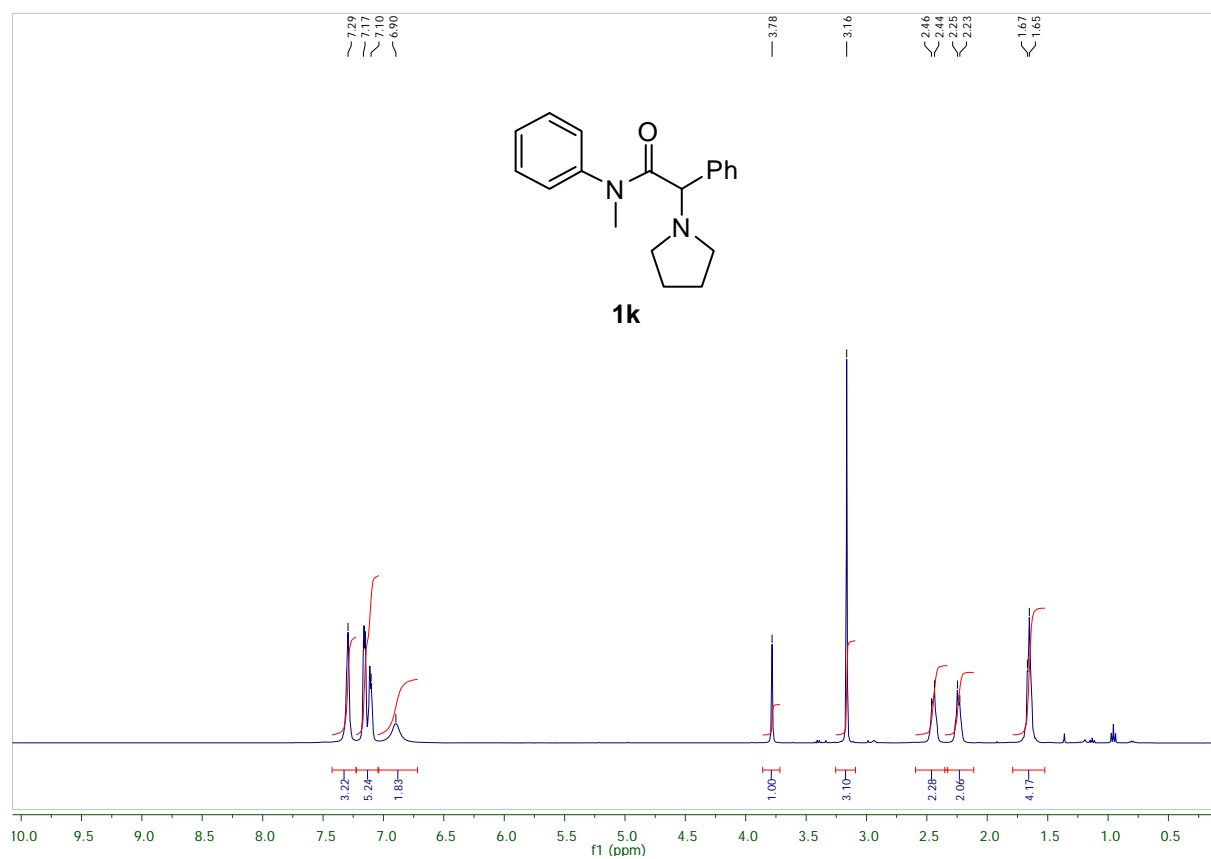


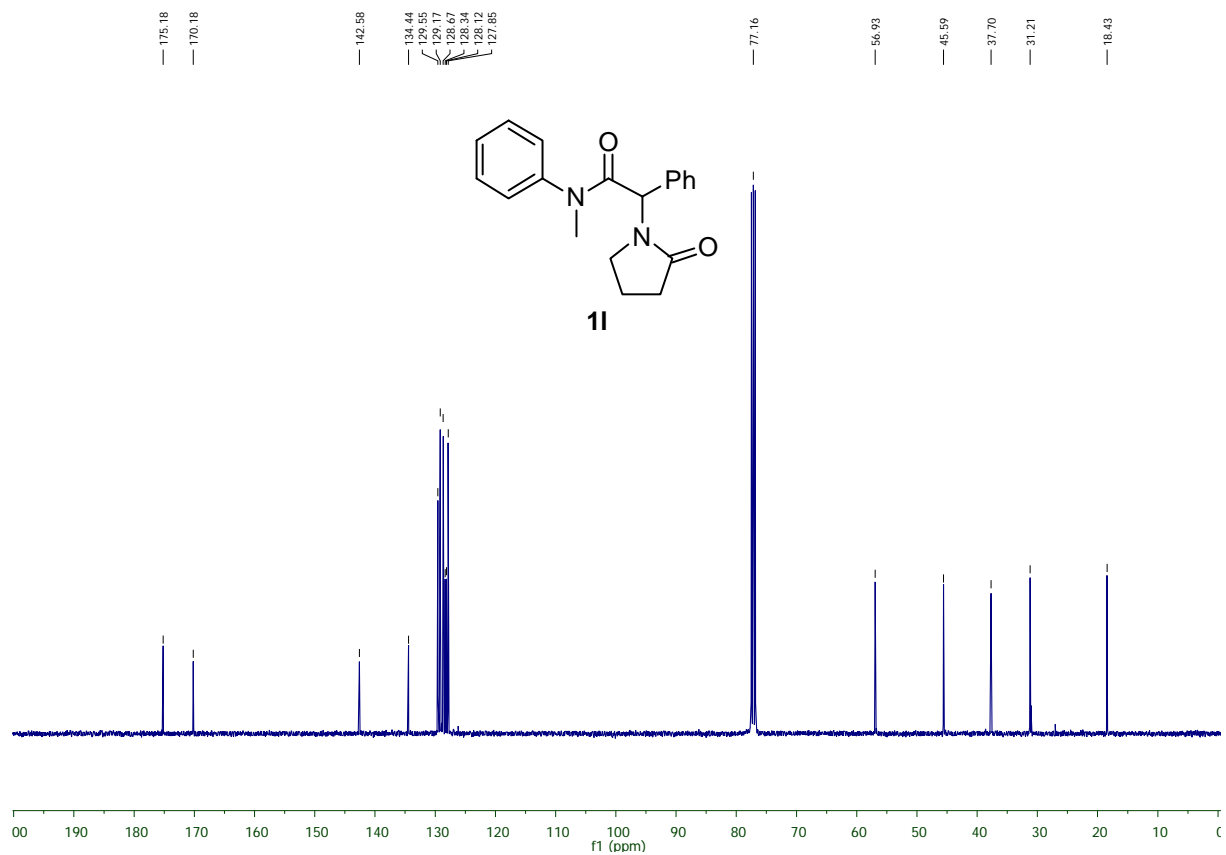
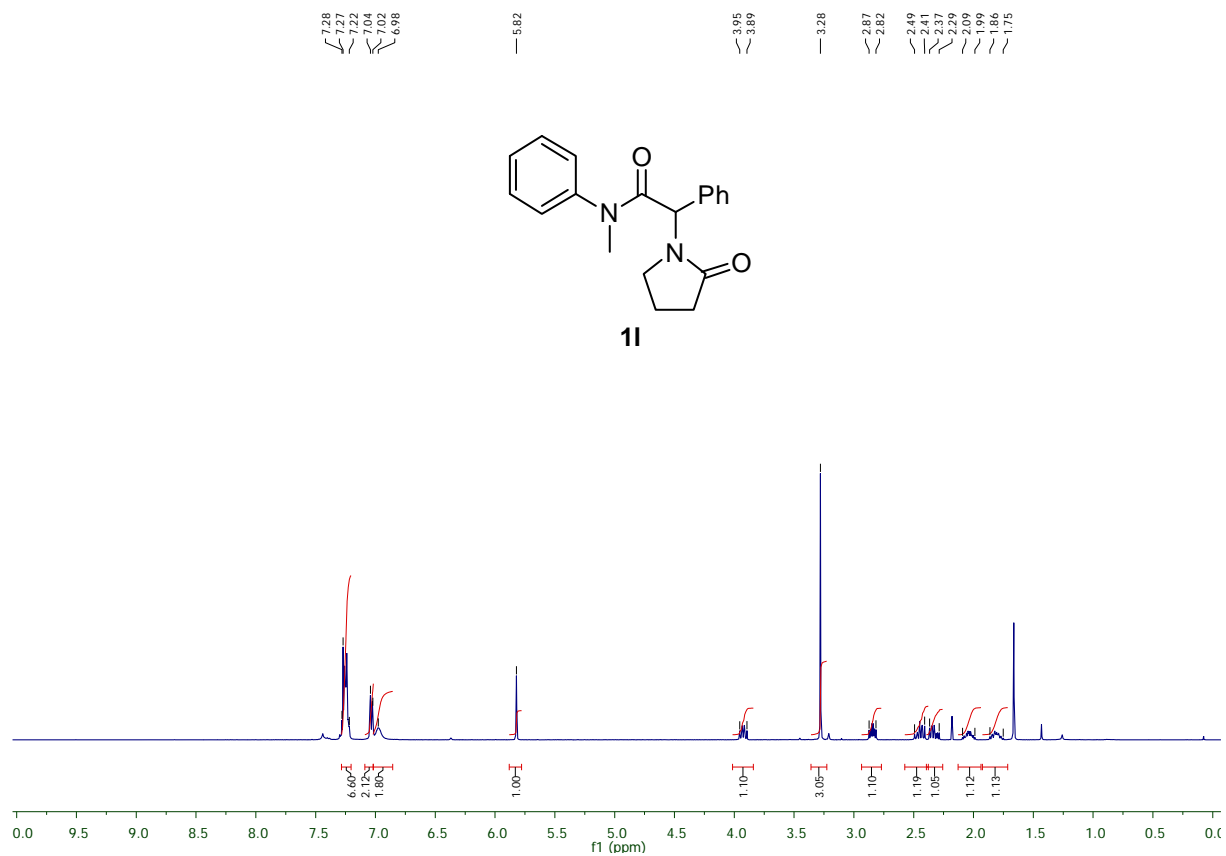


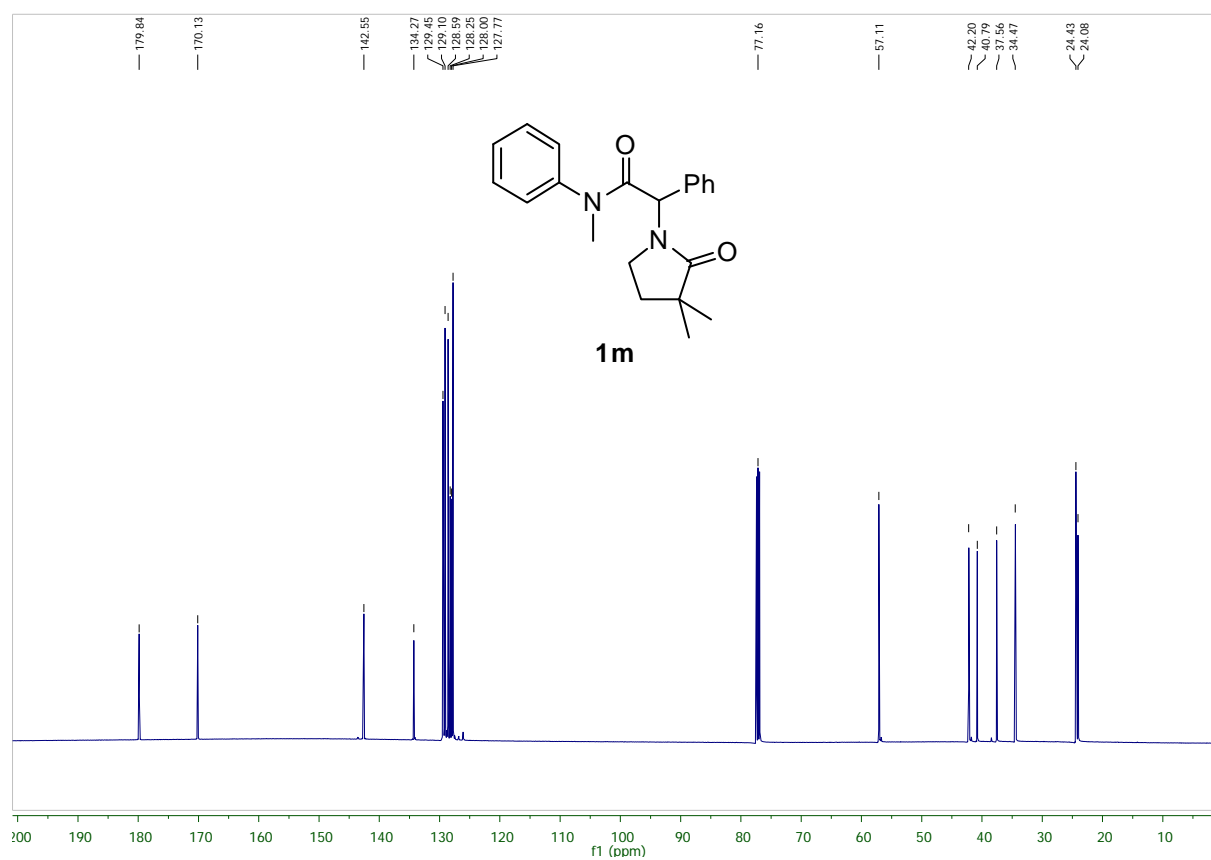
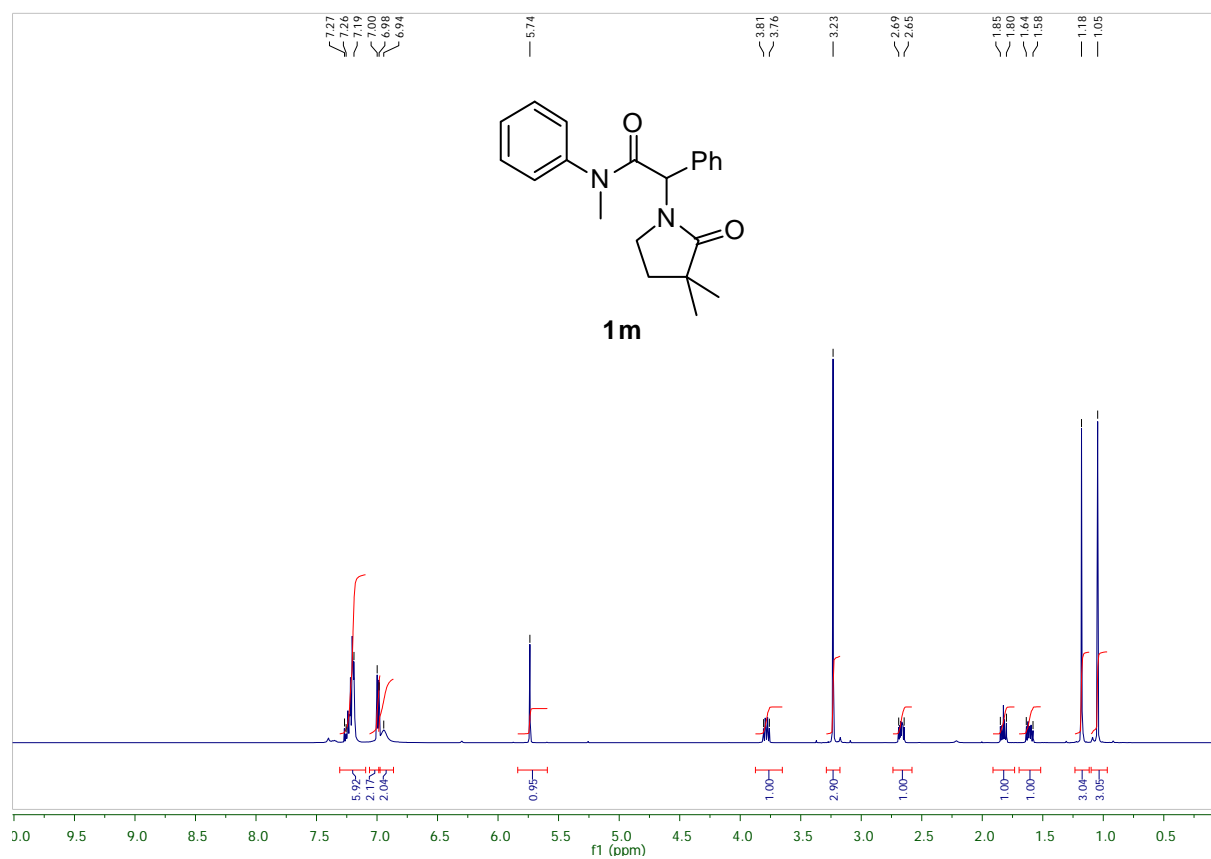


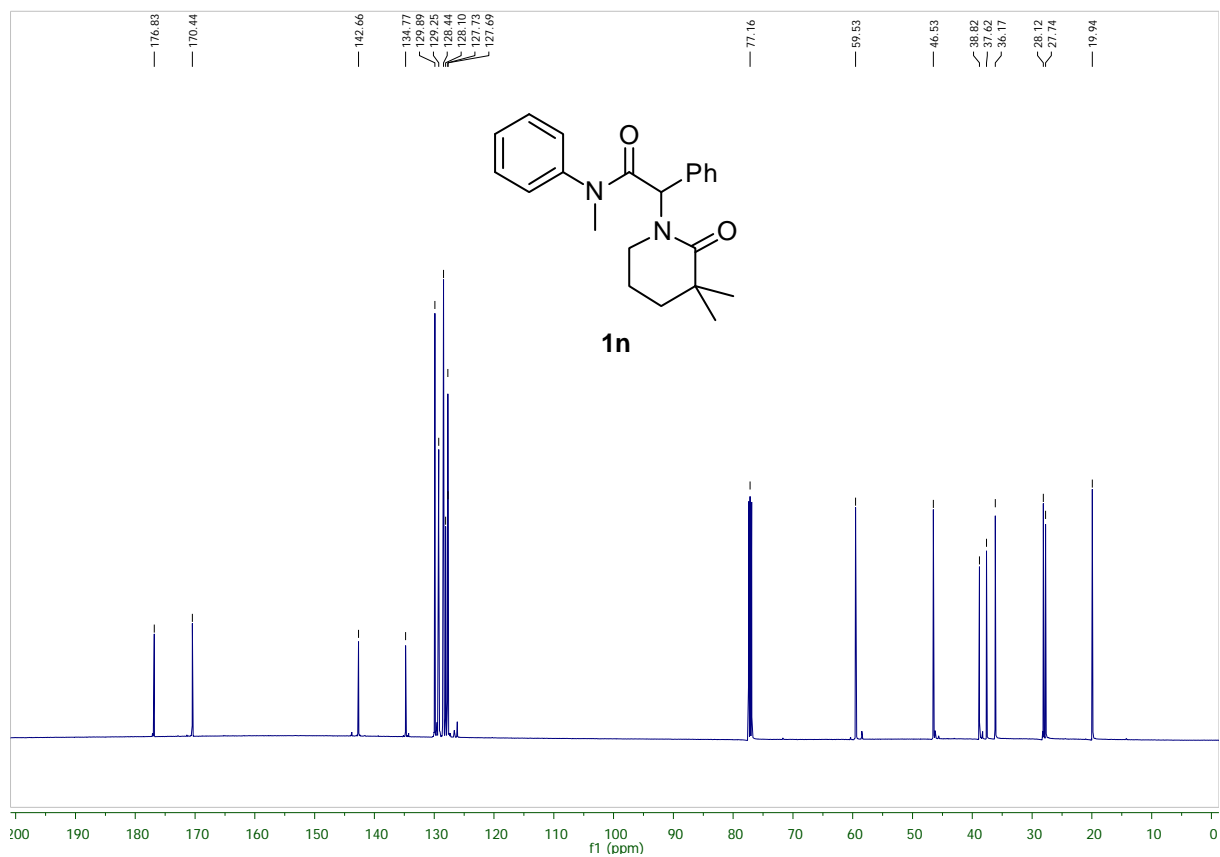
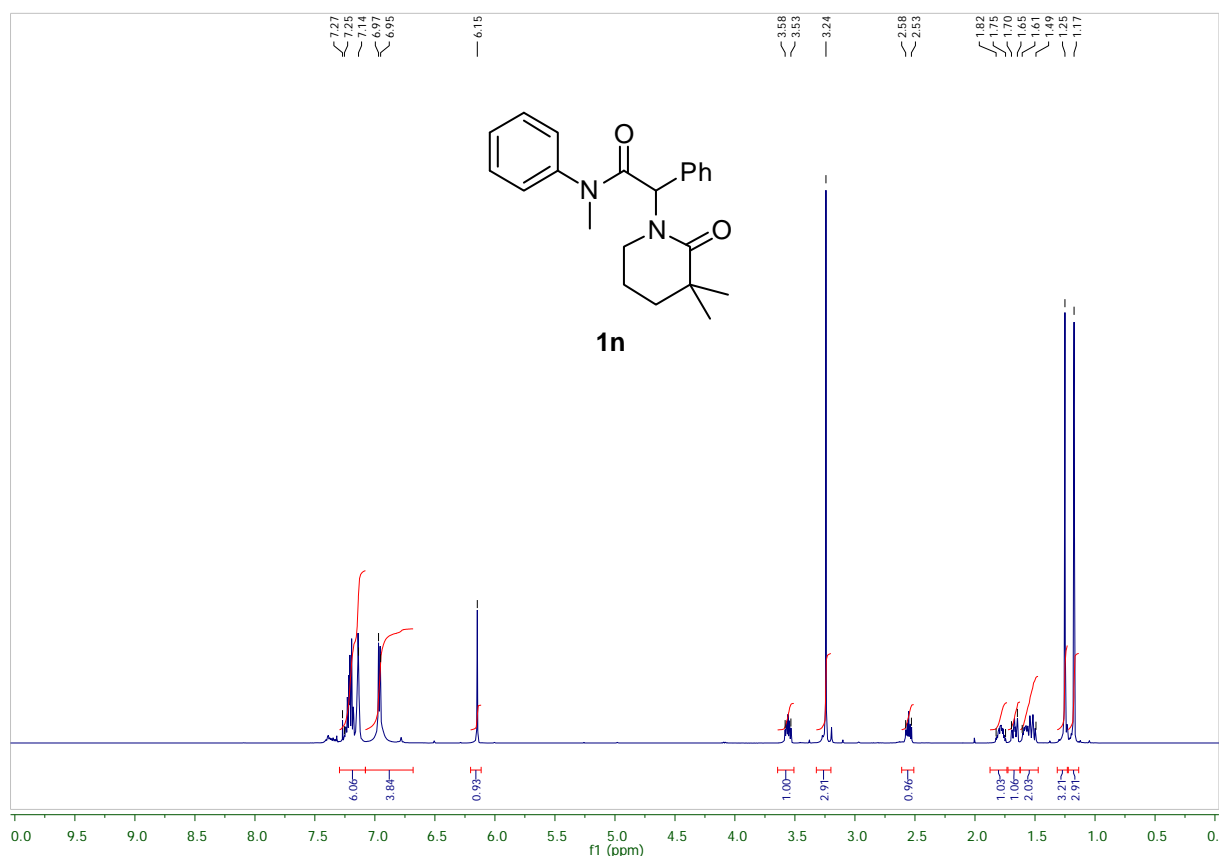


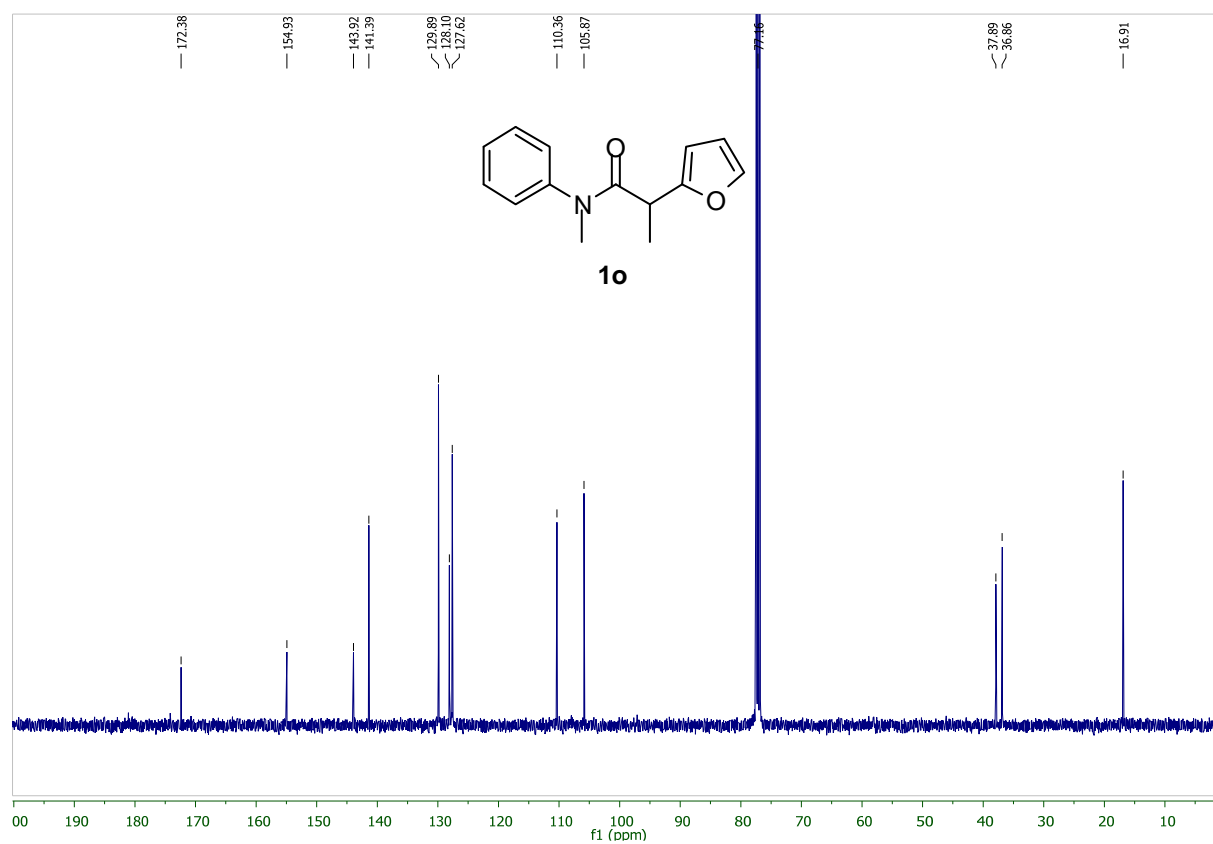
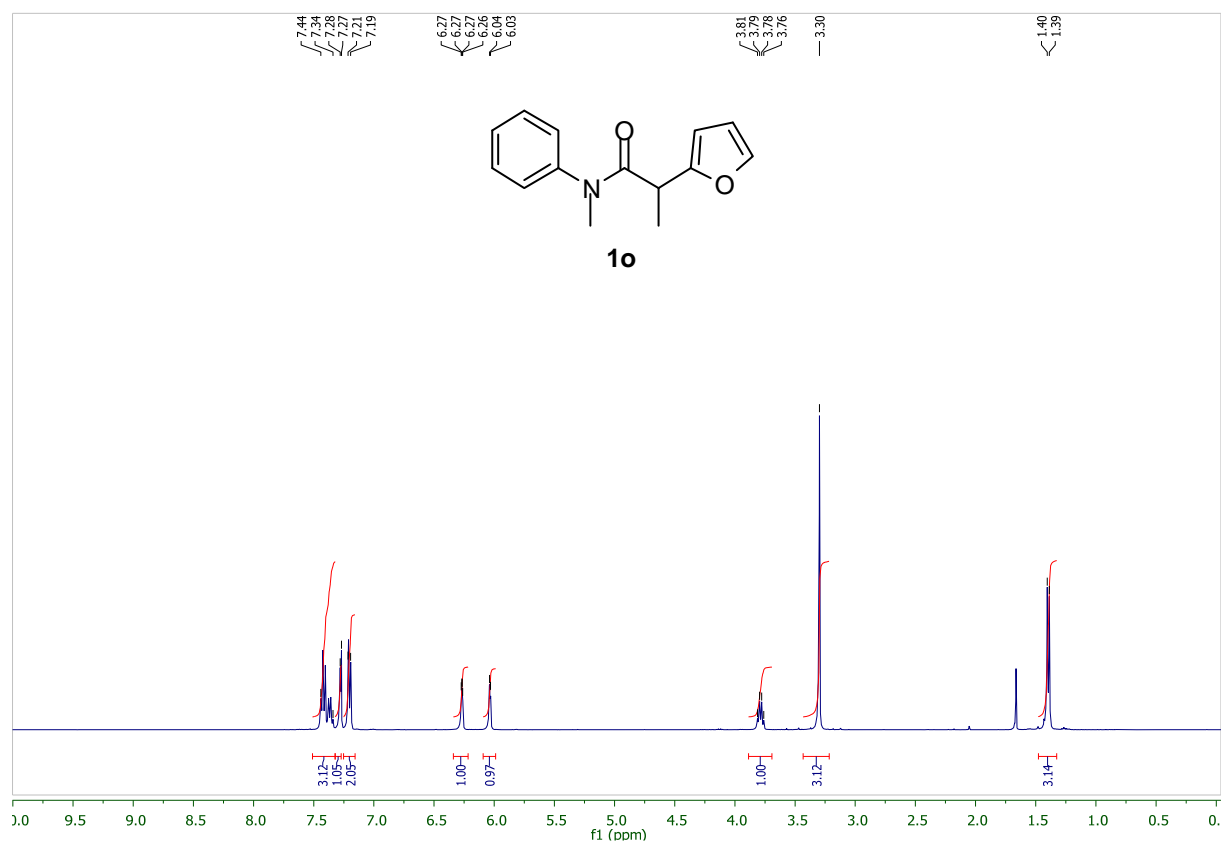


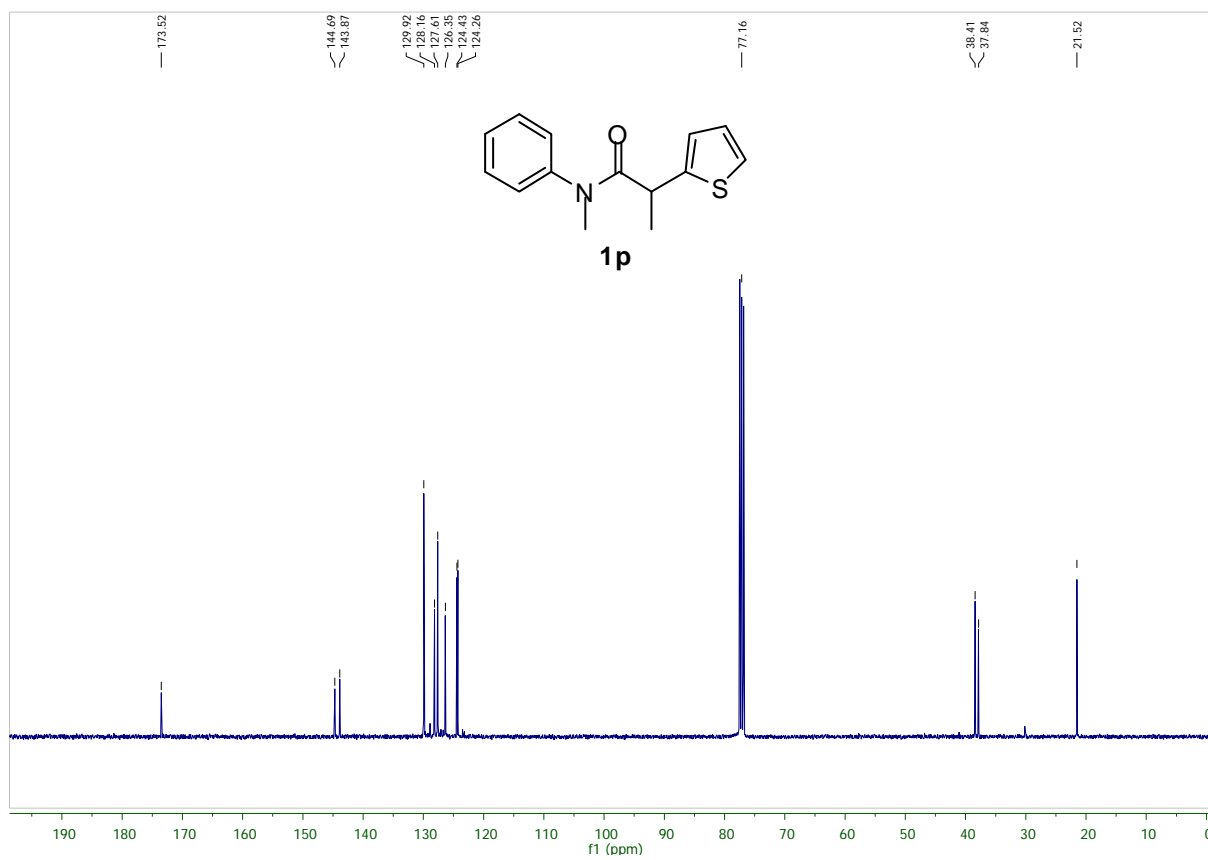
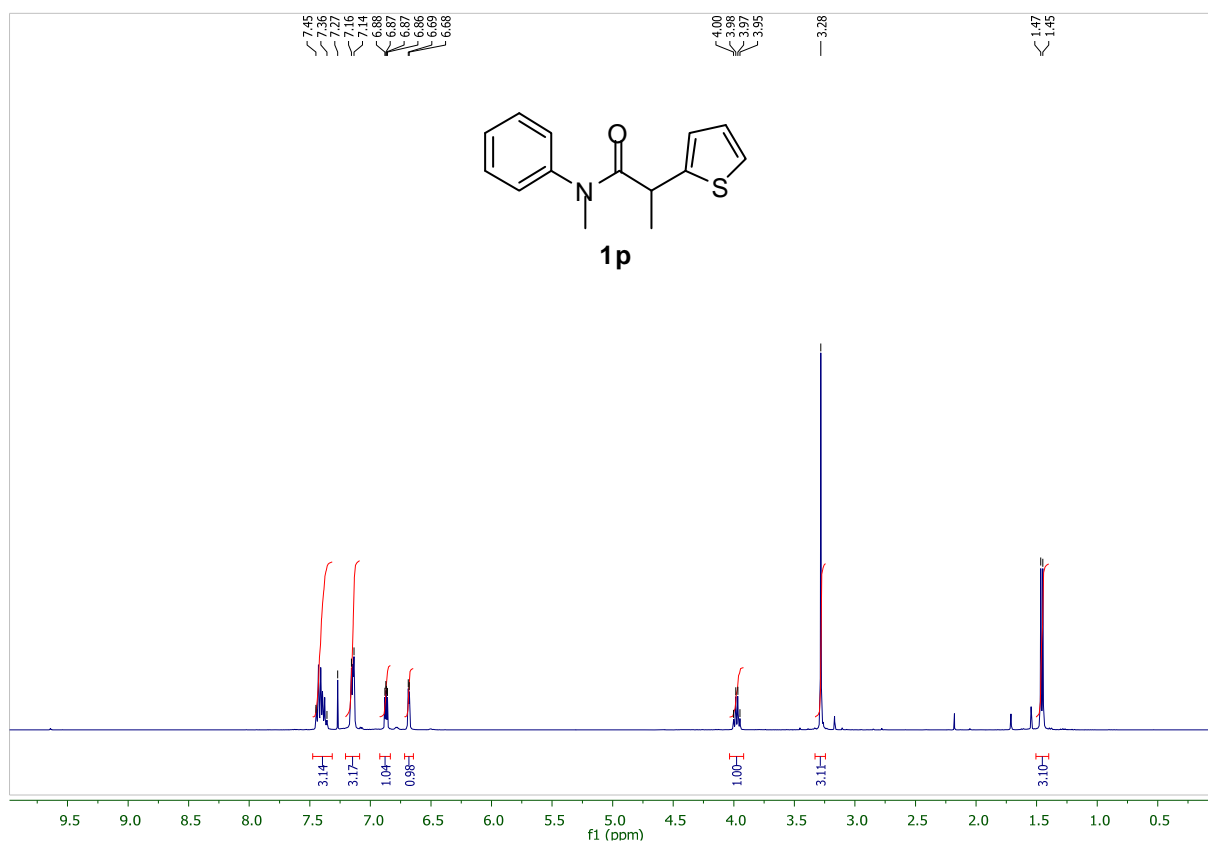




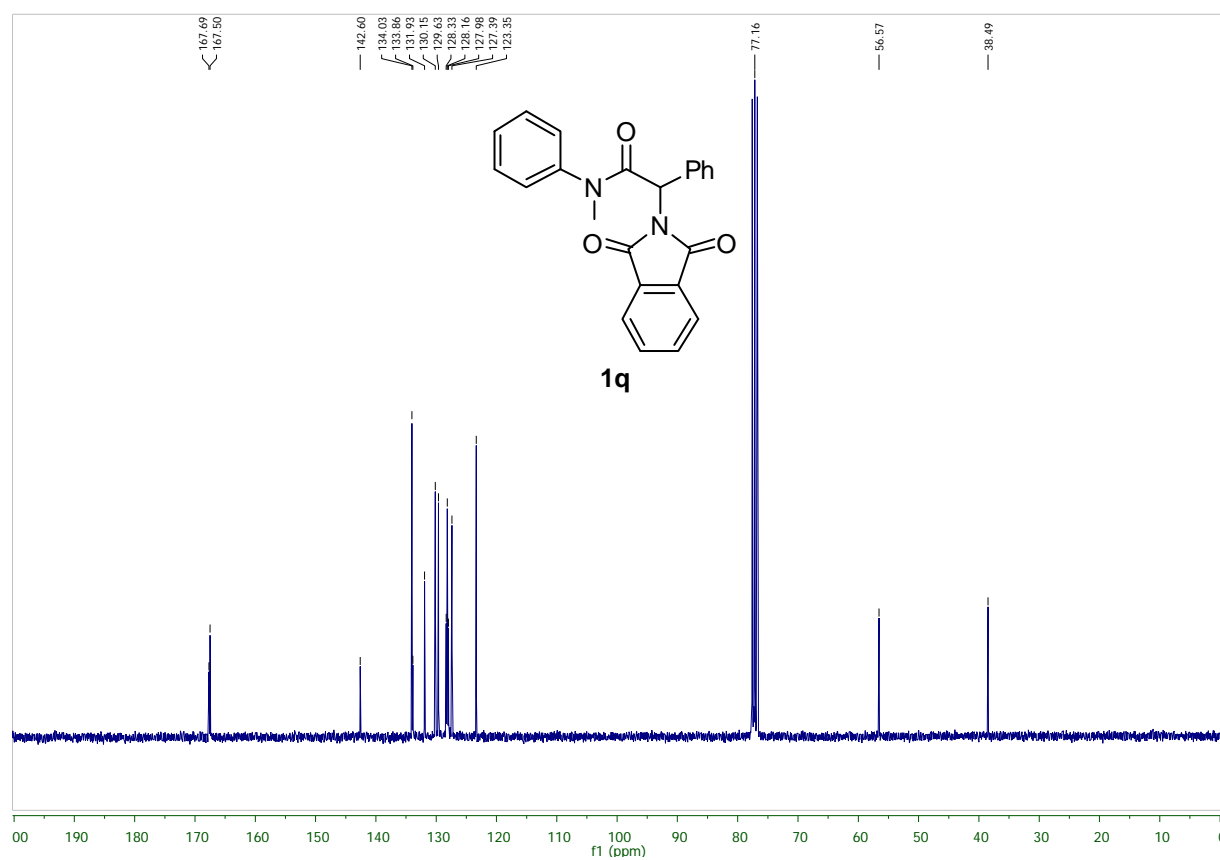
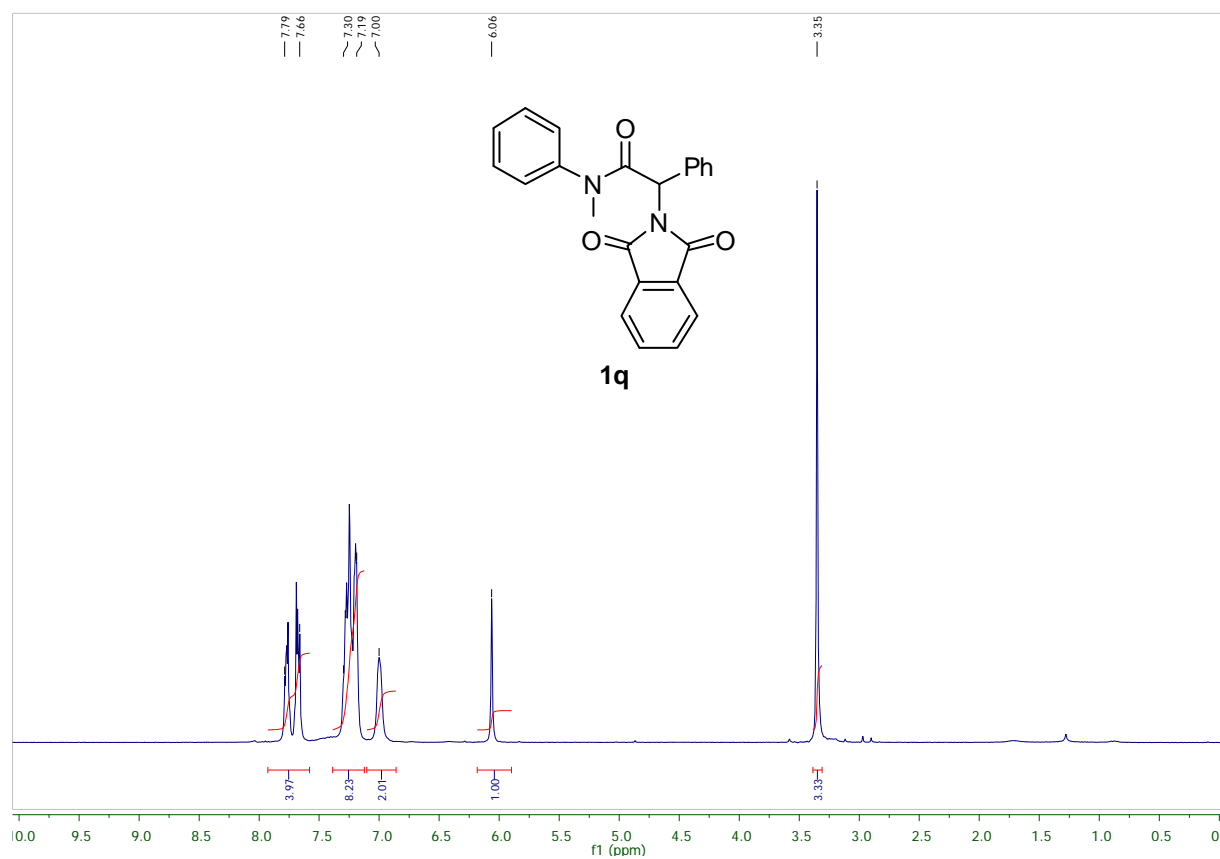


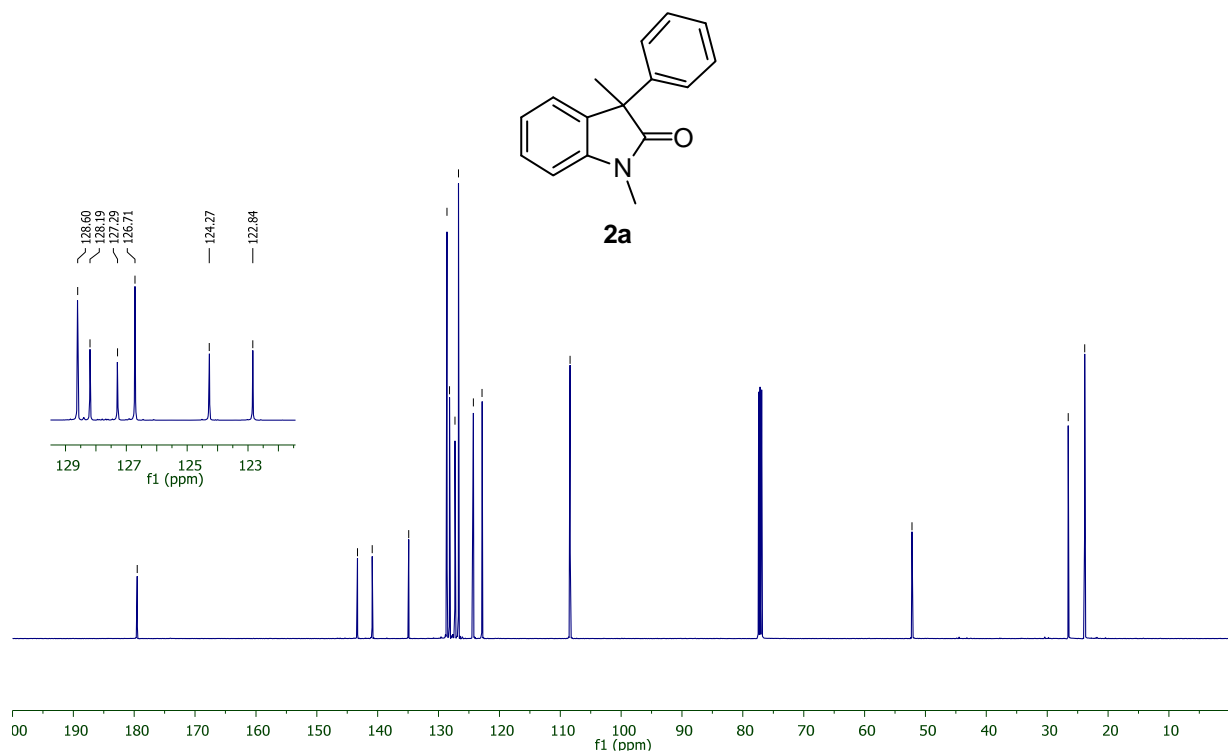
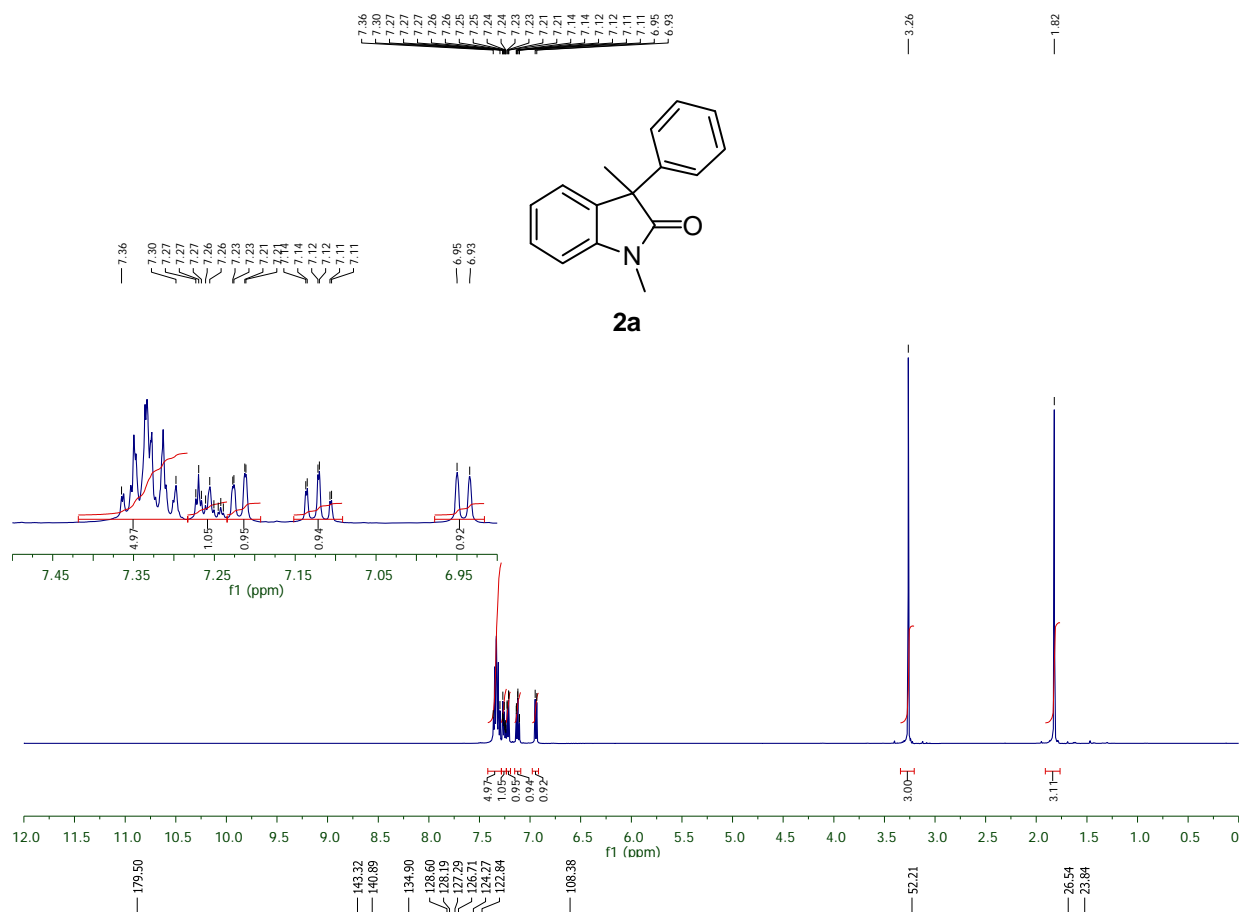


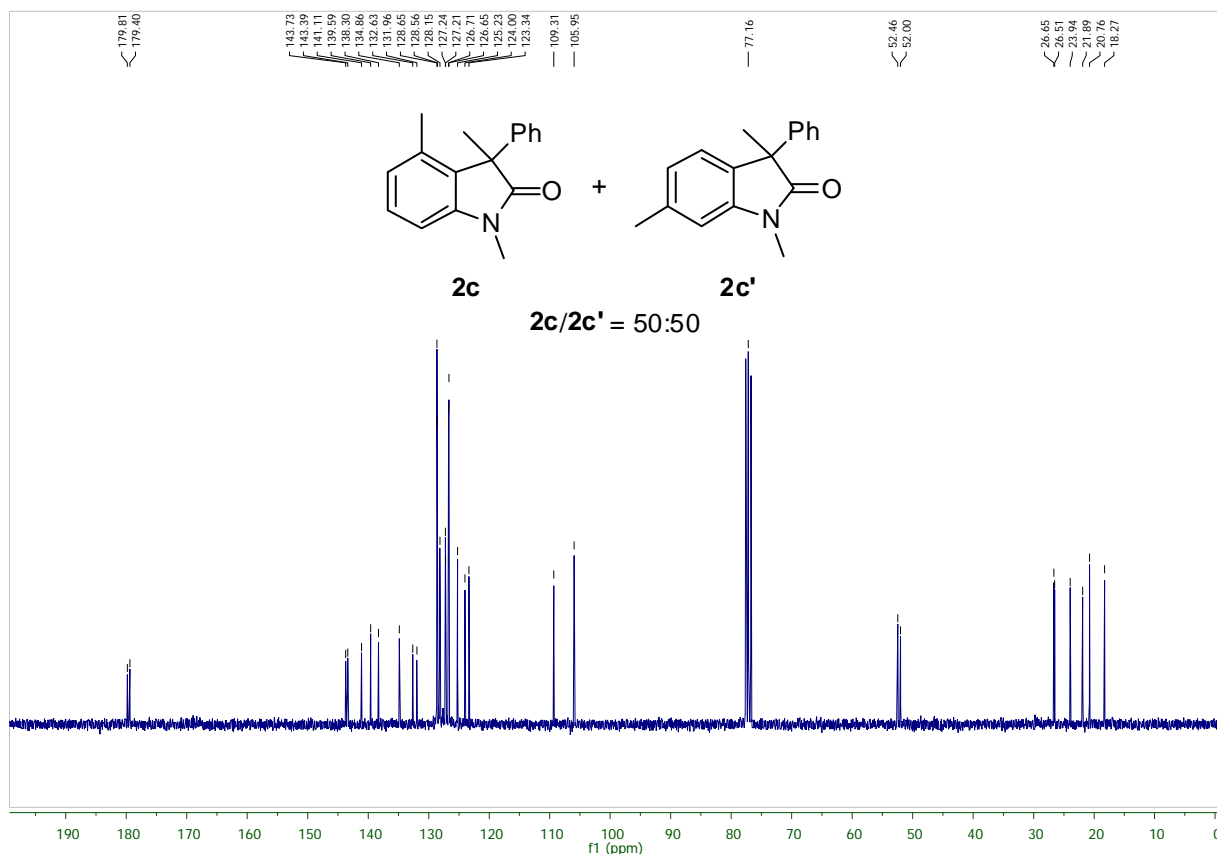
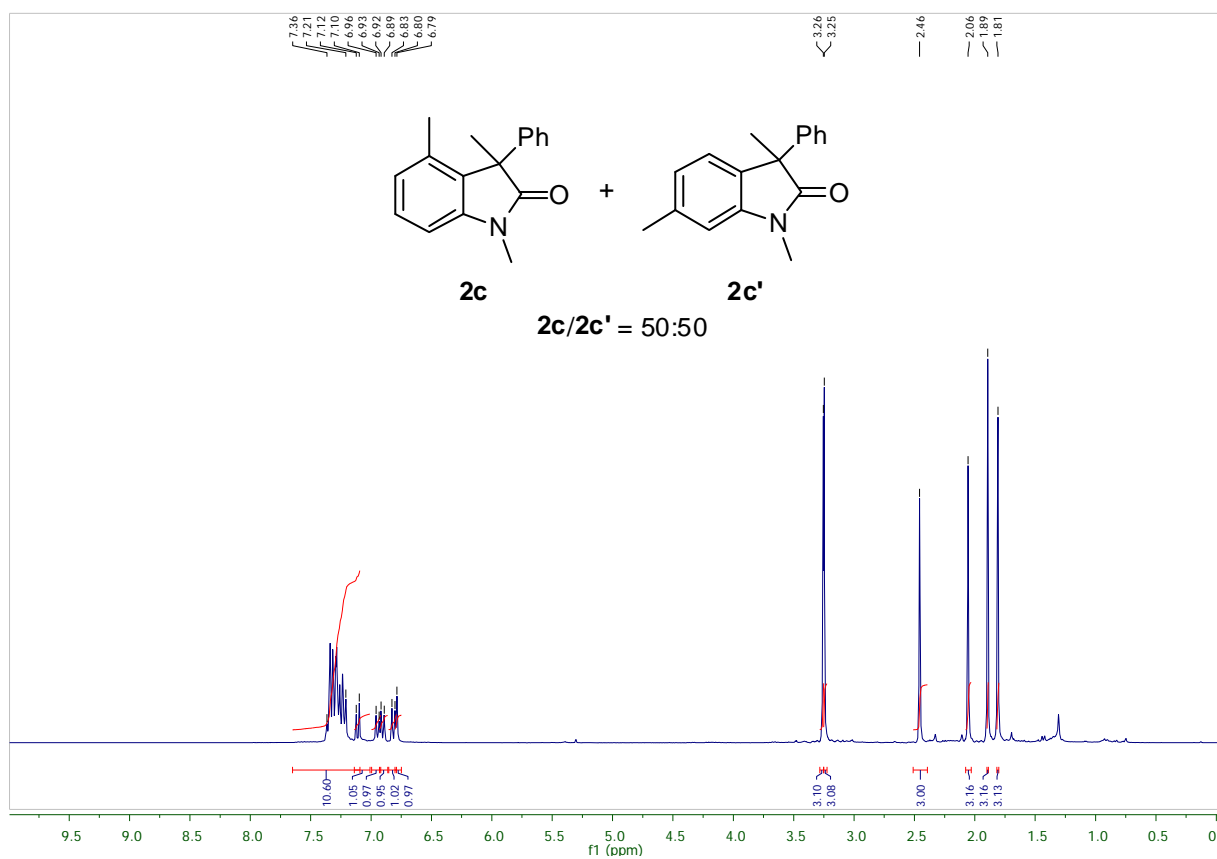


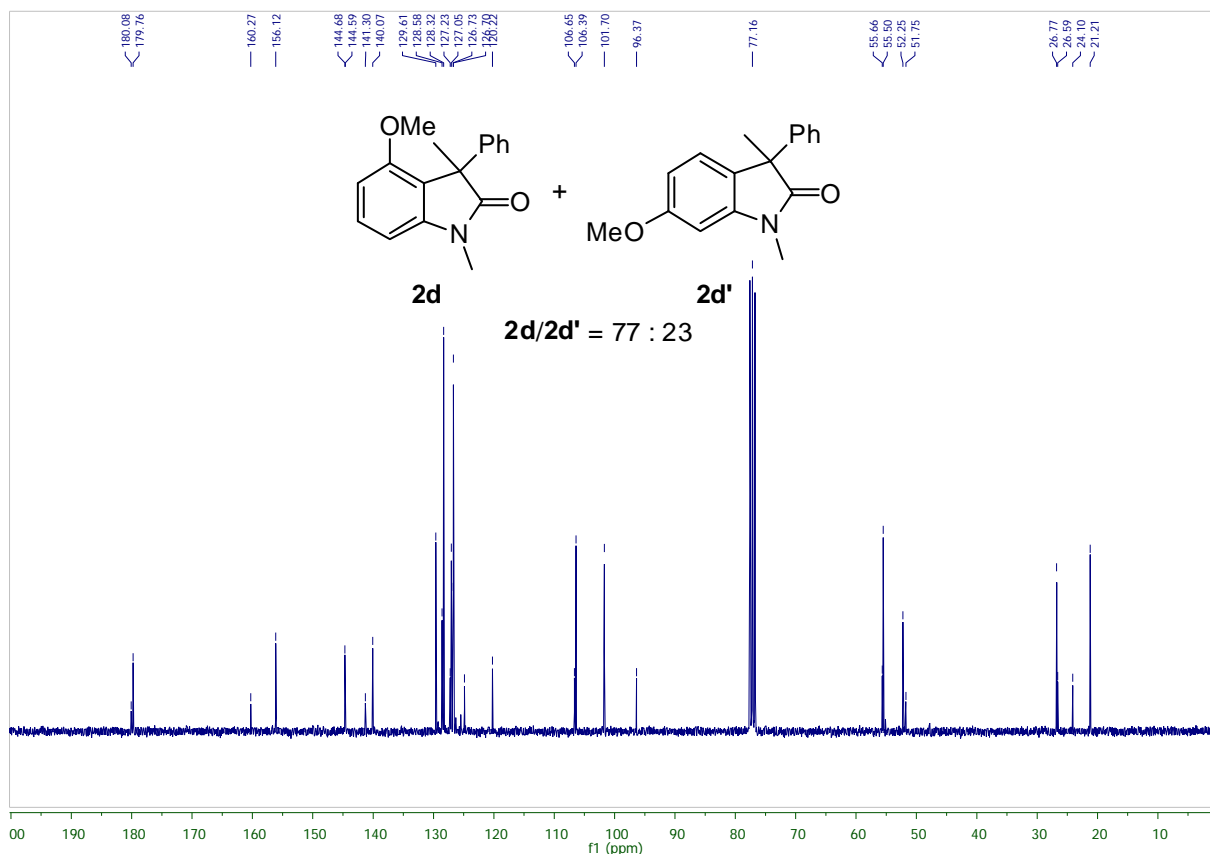
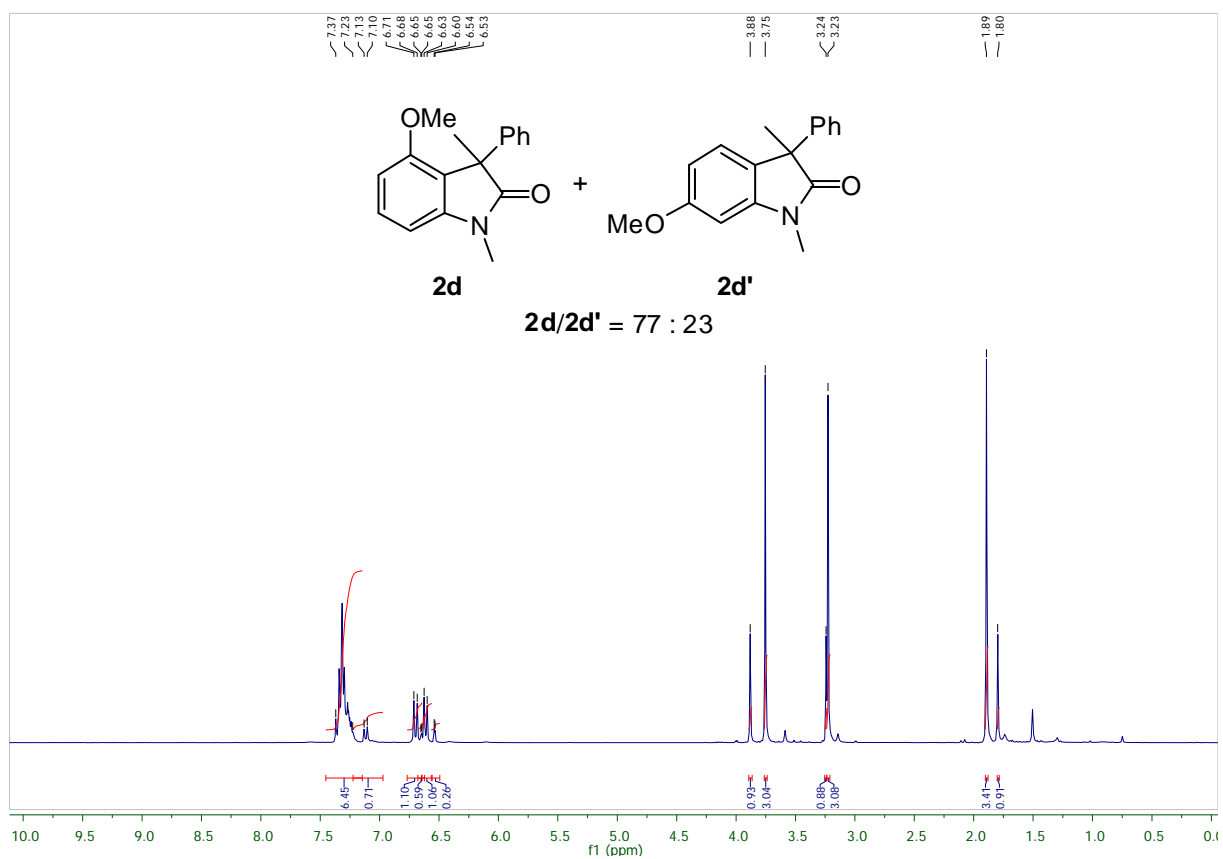


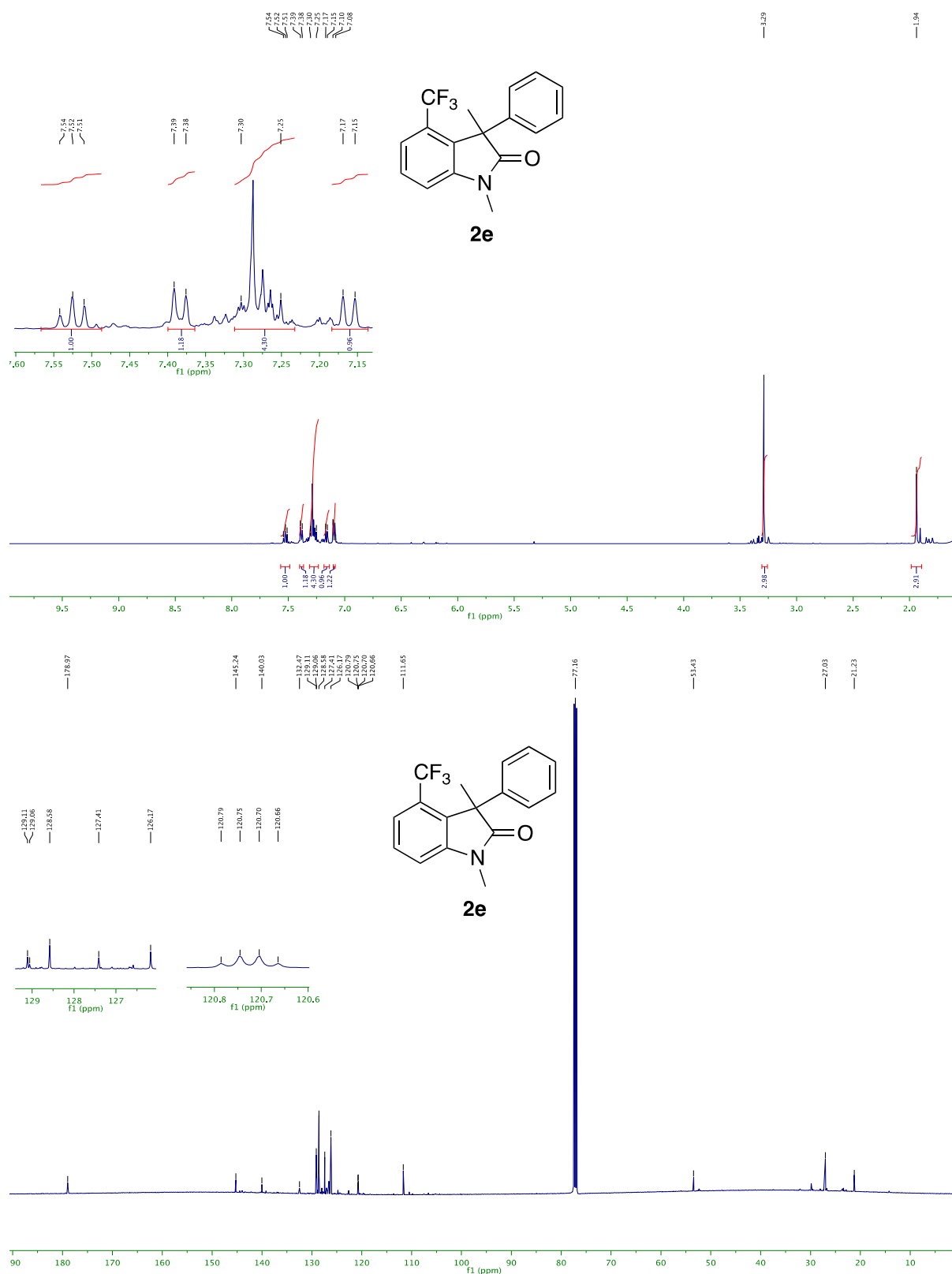




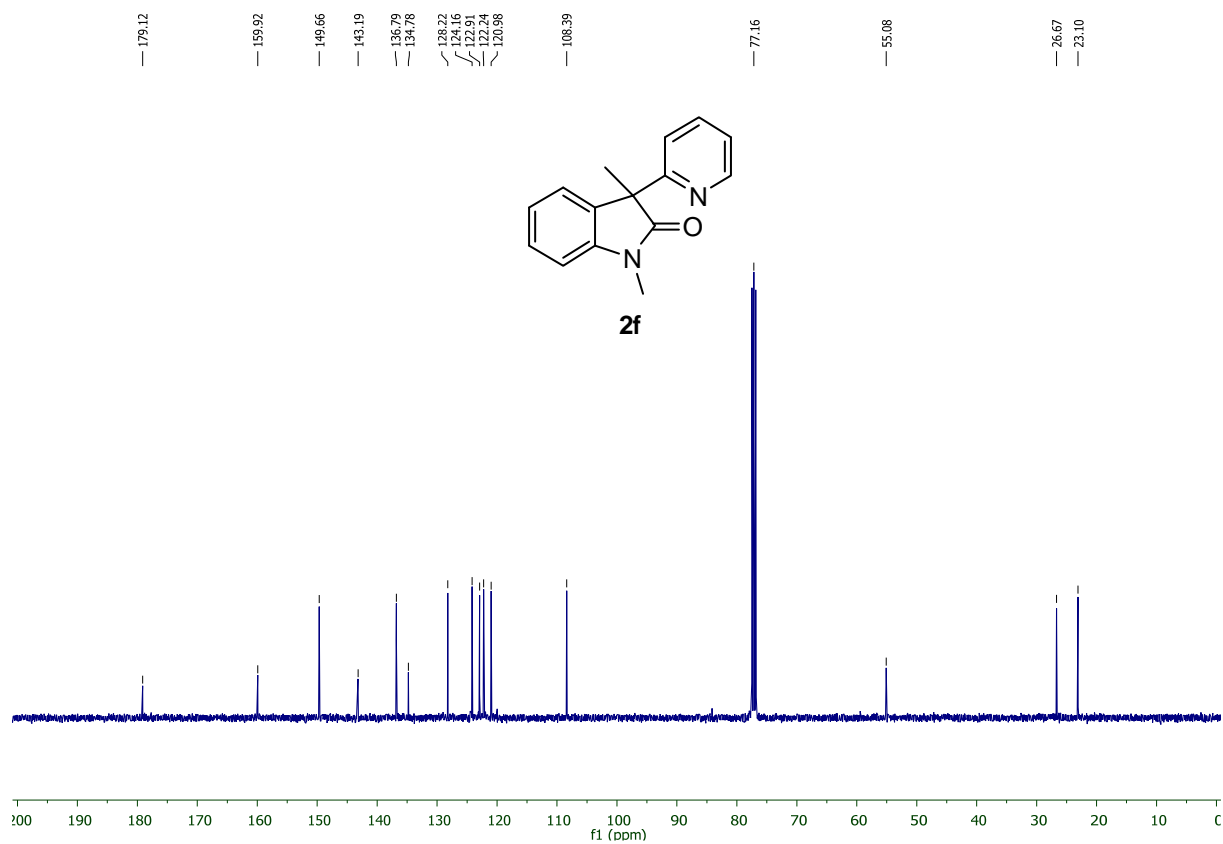
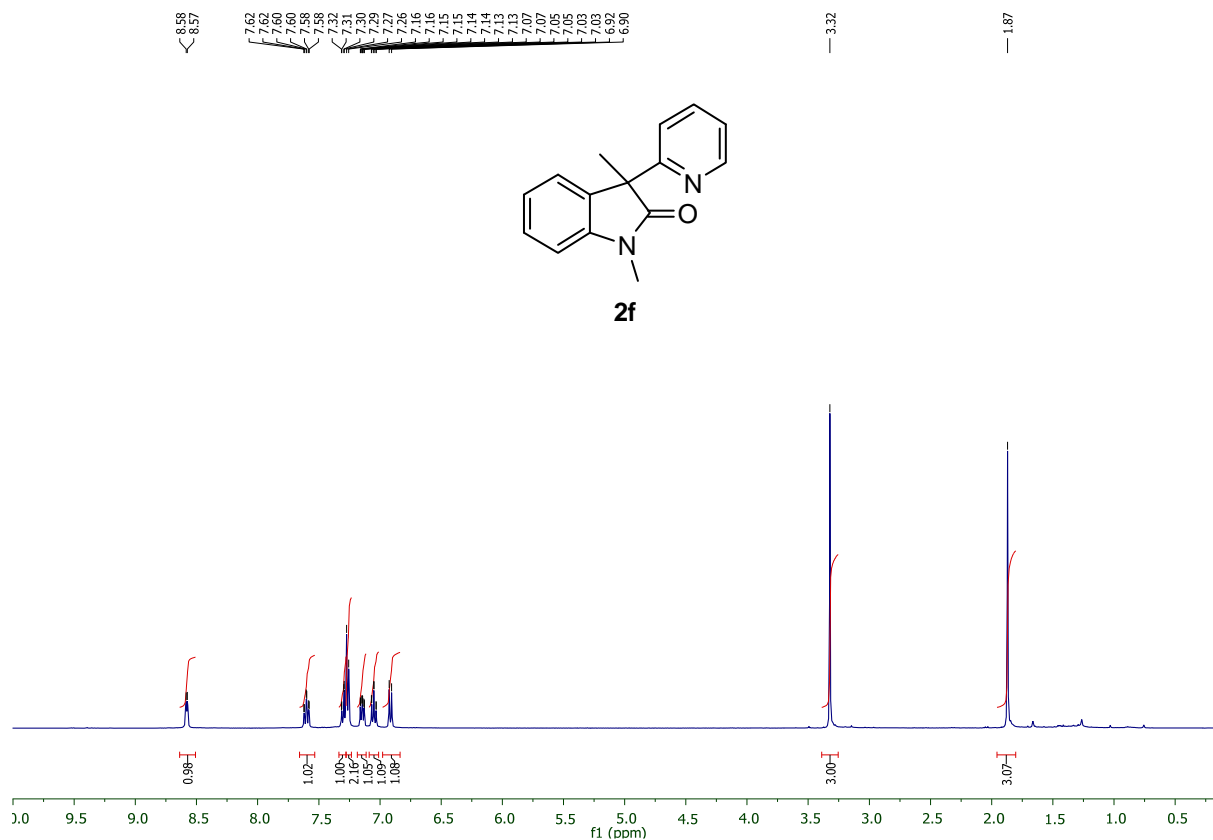


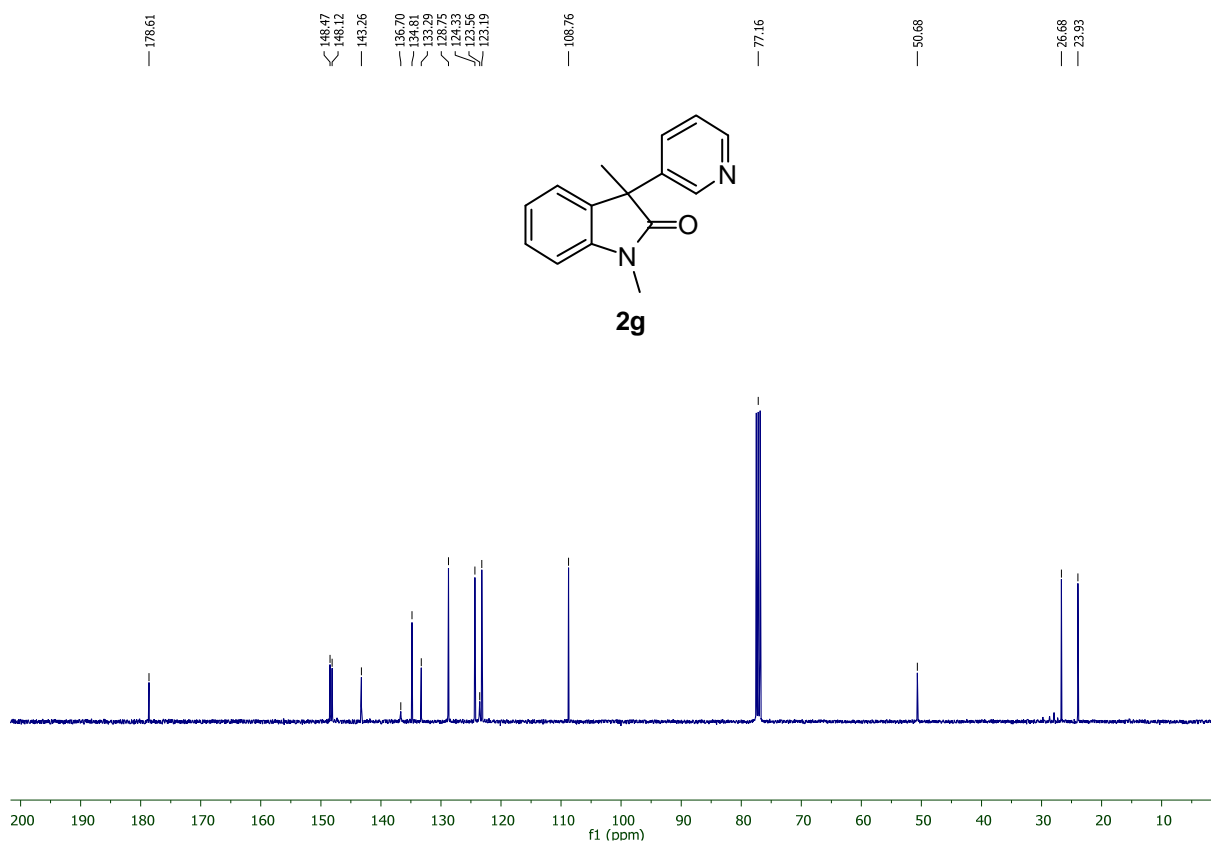
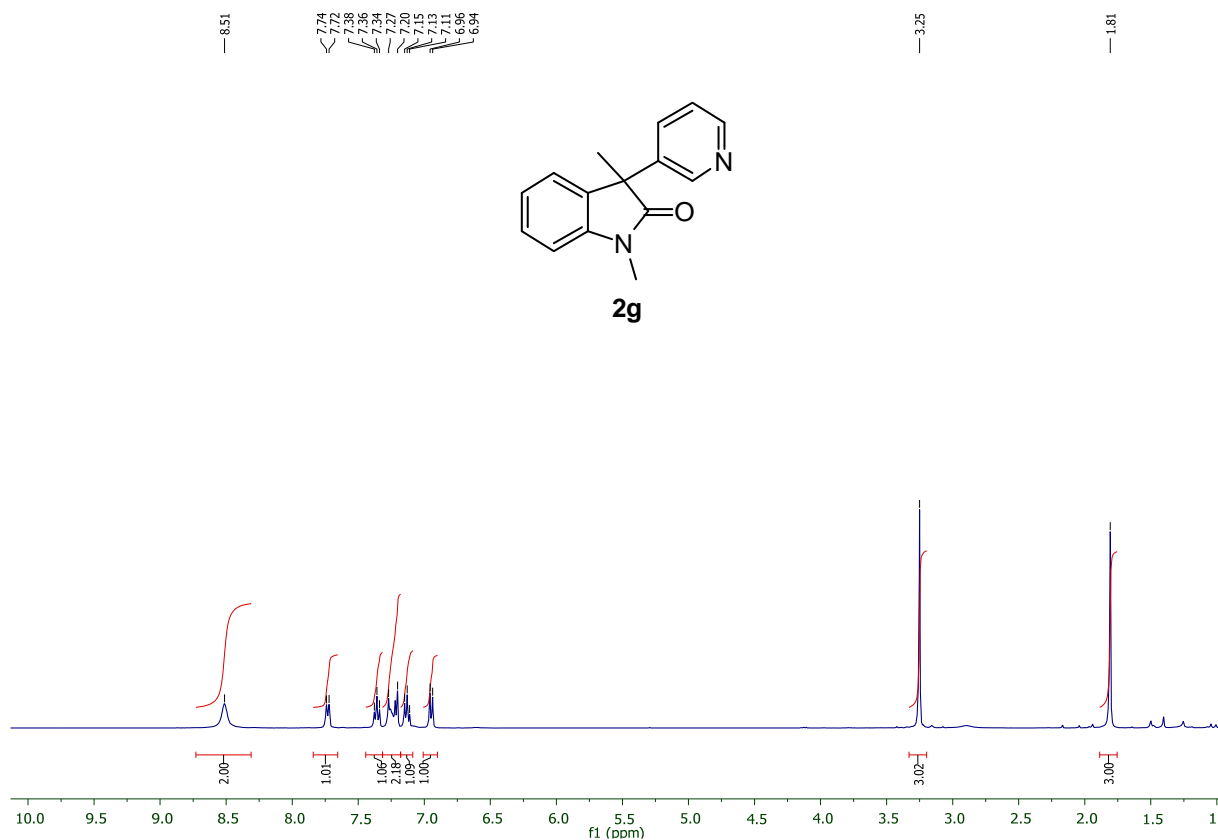


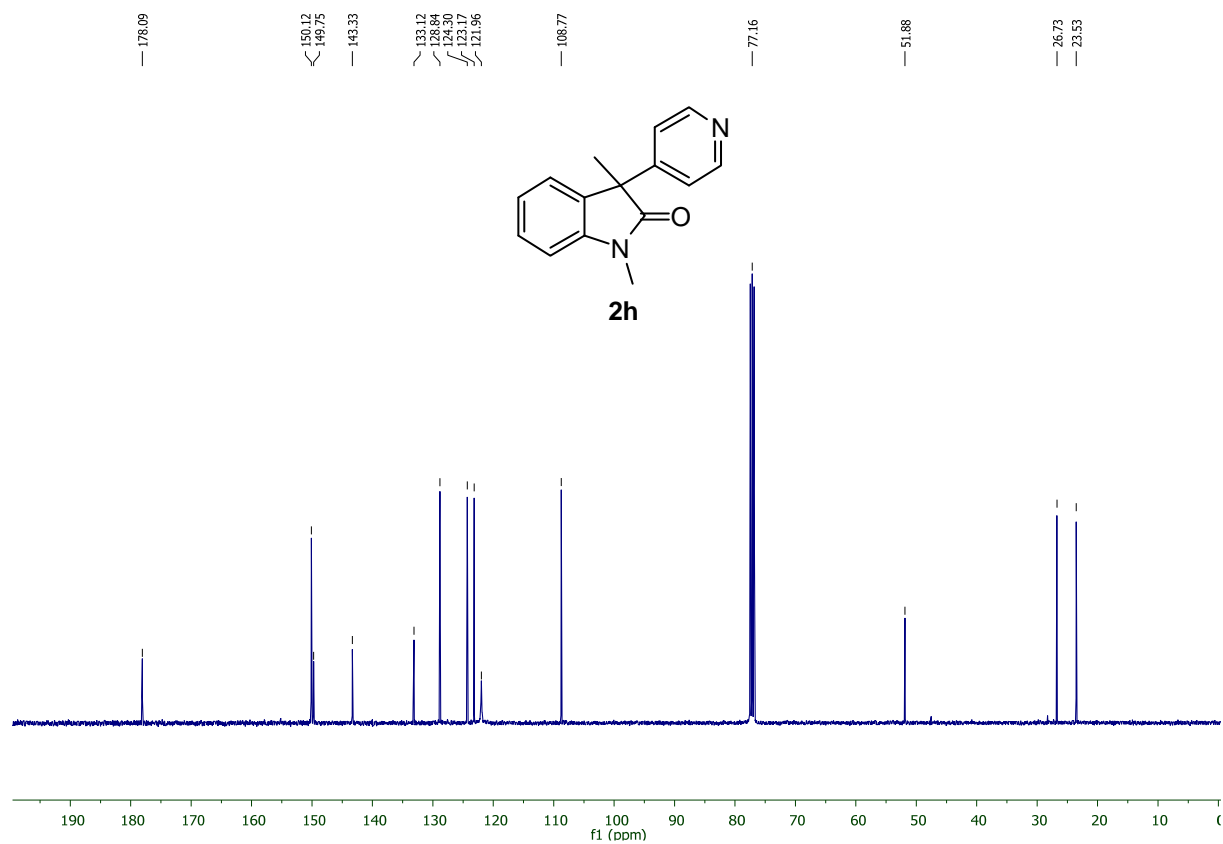
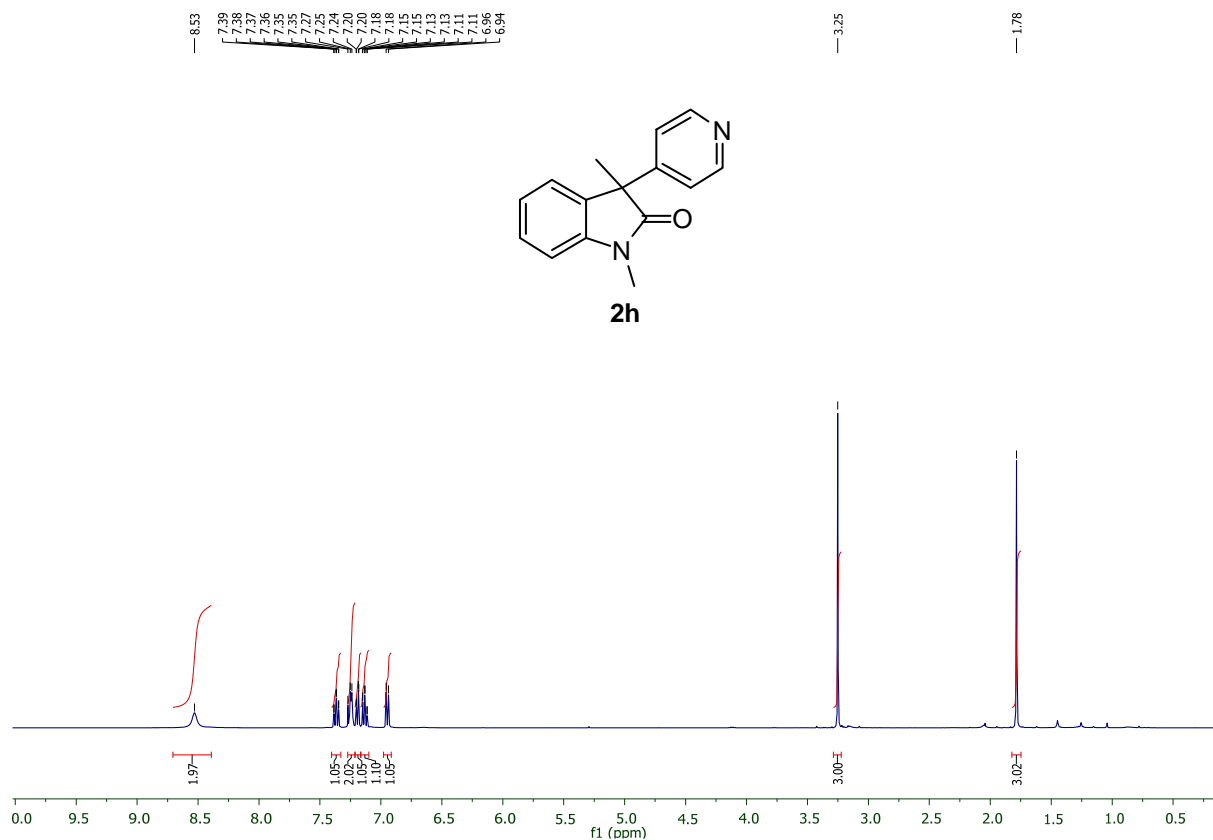




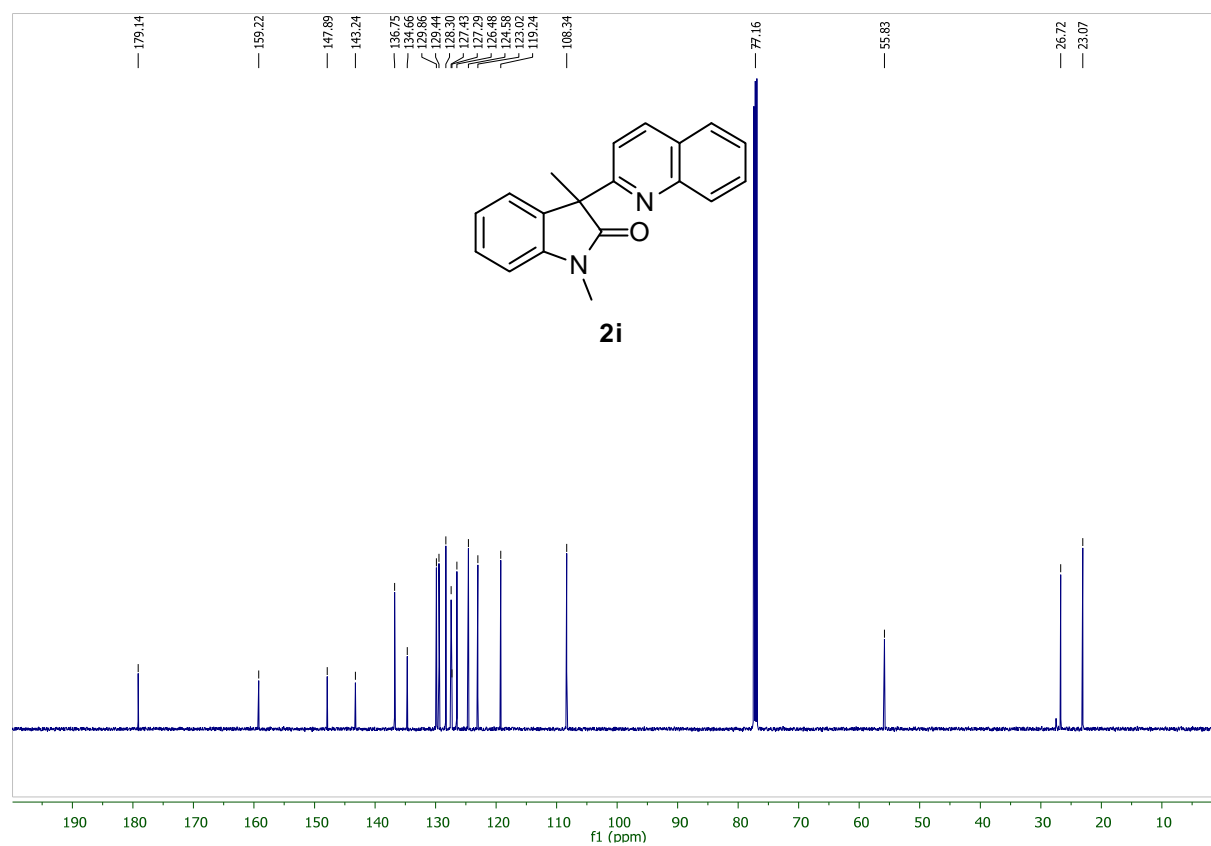
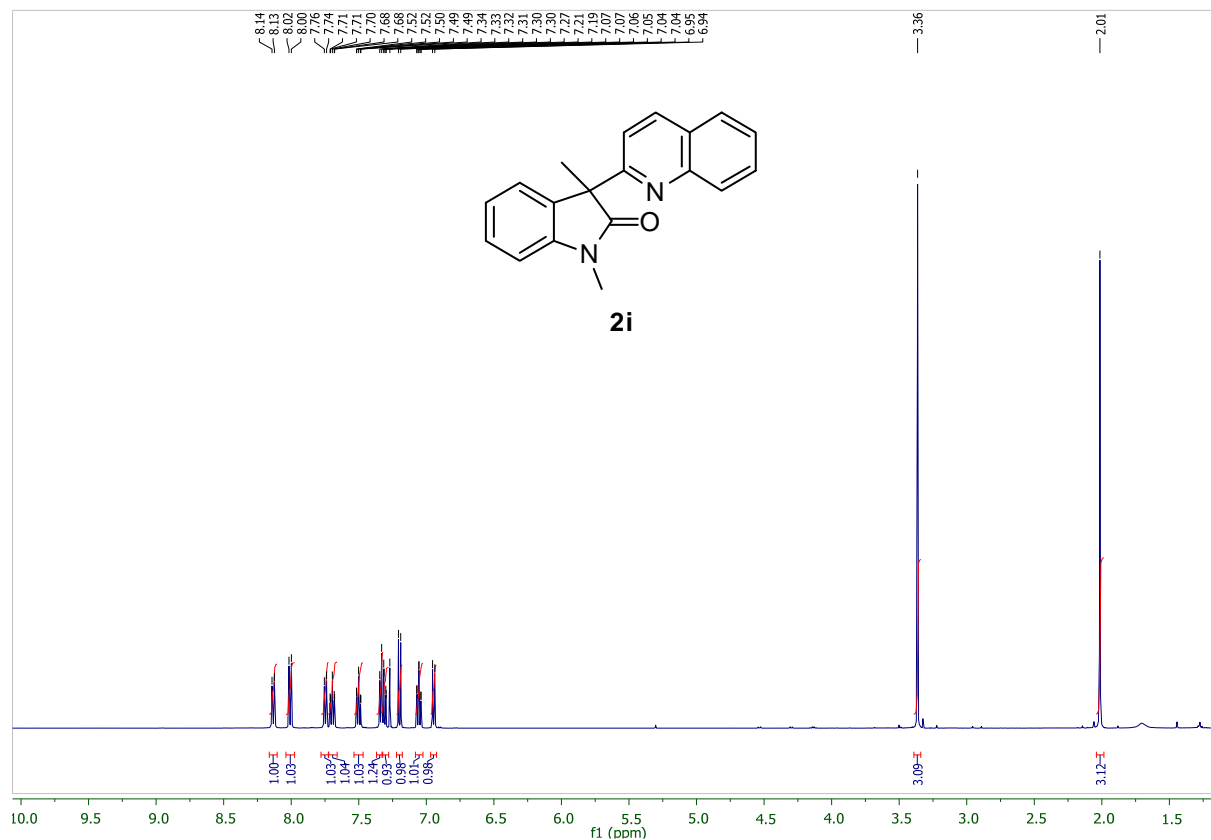
[**2e** was obtained together with an inseparable, unidentified impurity. In  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, the peak of C(3)-methyl group ( $\delta = 21.2$  ppm) appeared as quartet presumably due to the coupling (through space- or long range-) with  $\text{CF}_3$  group.]

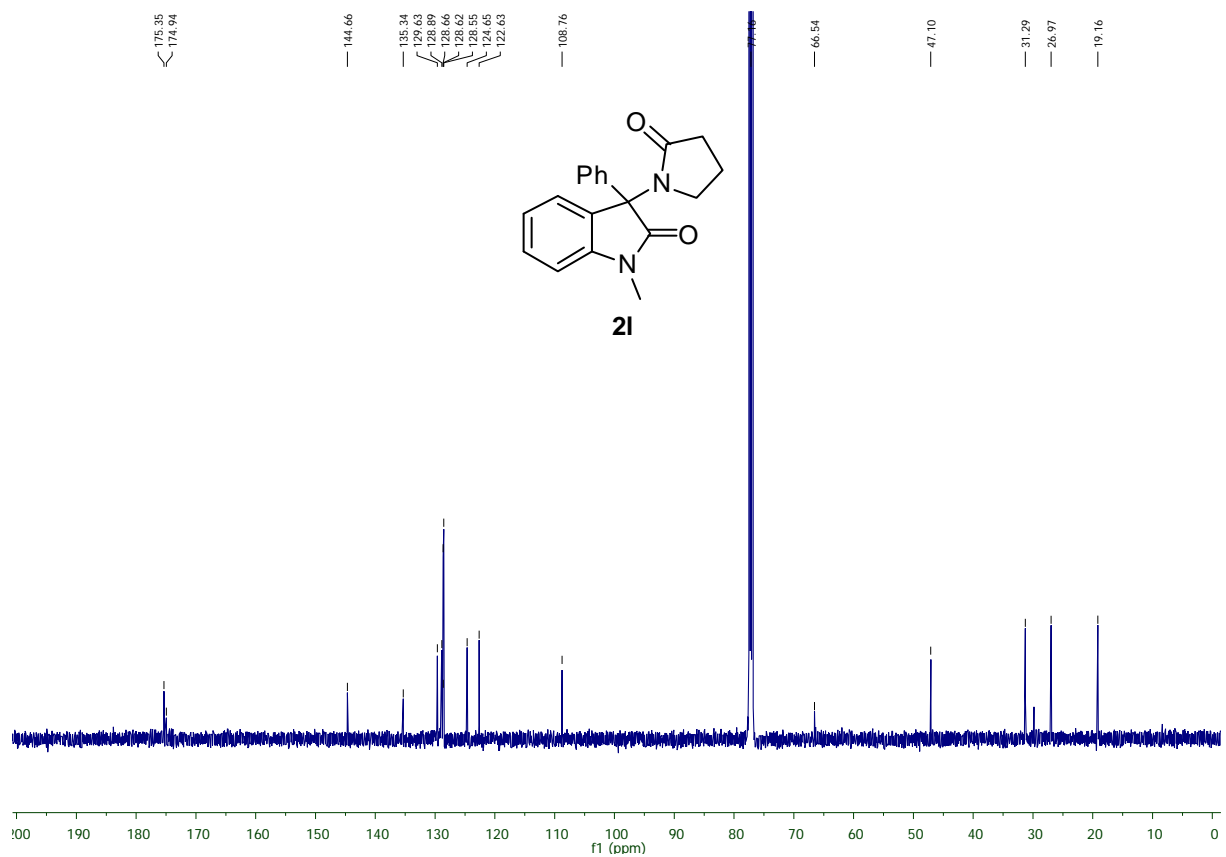
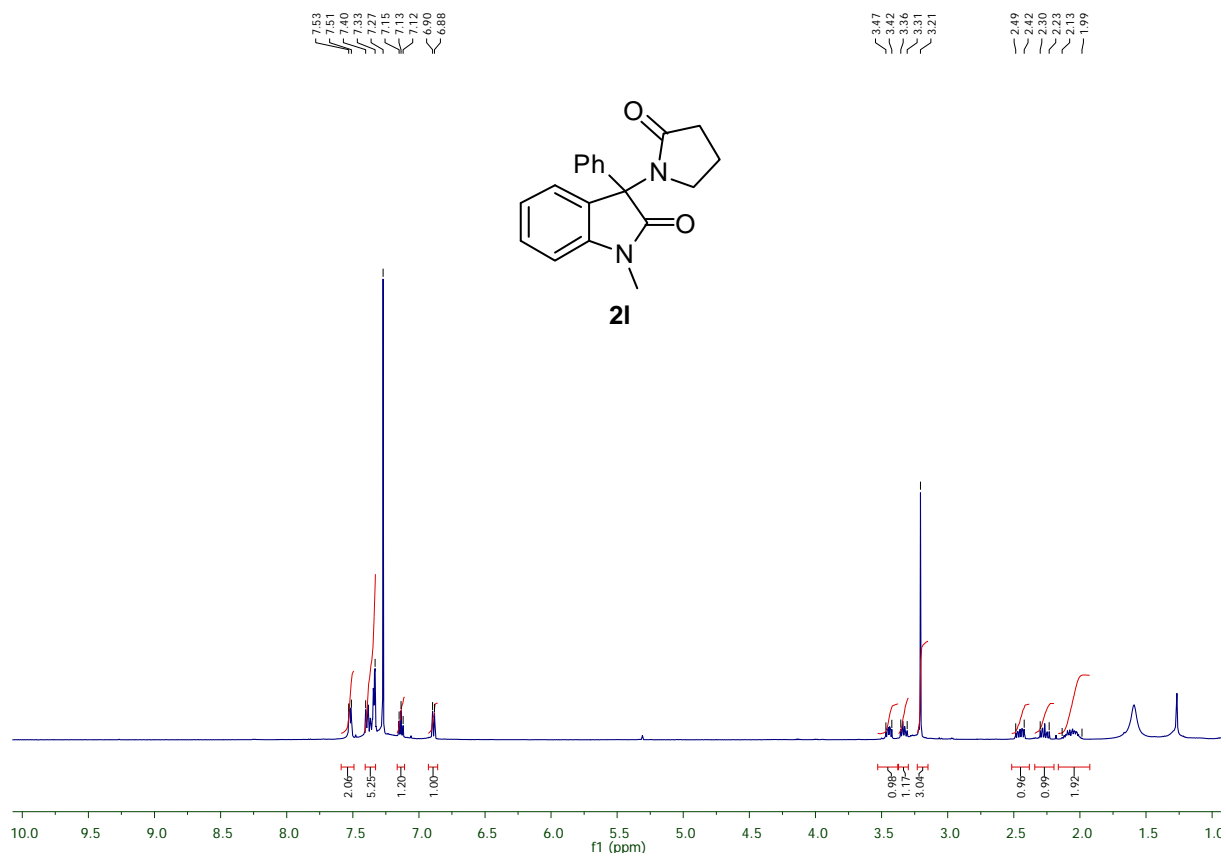


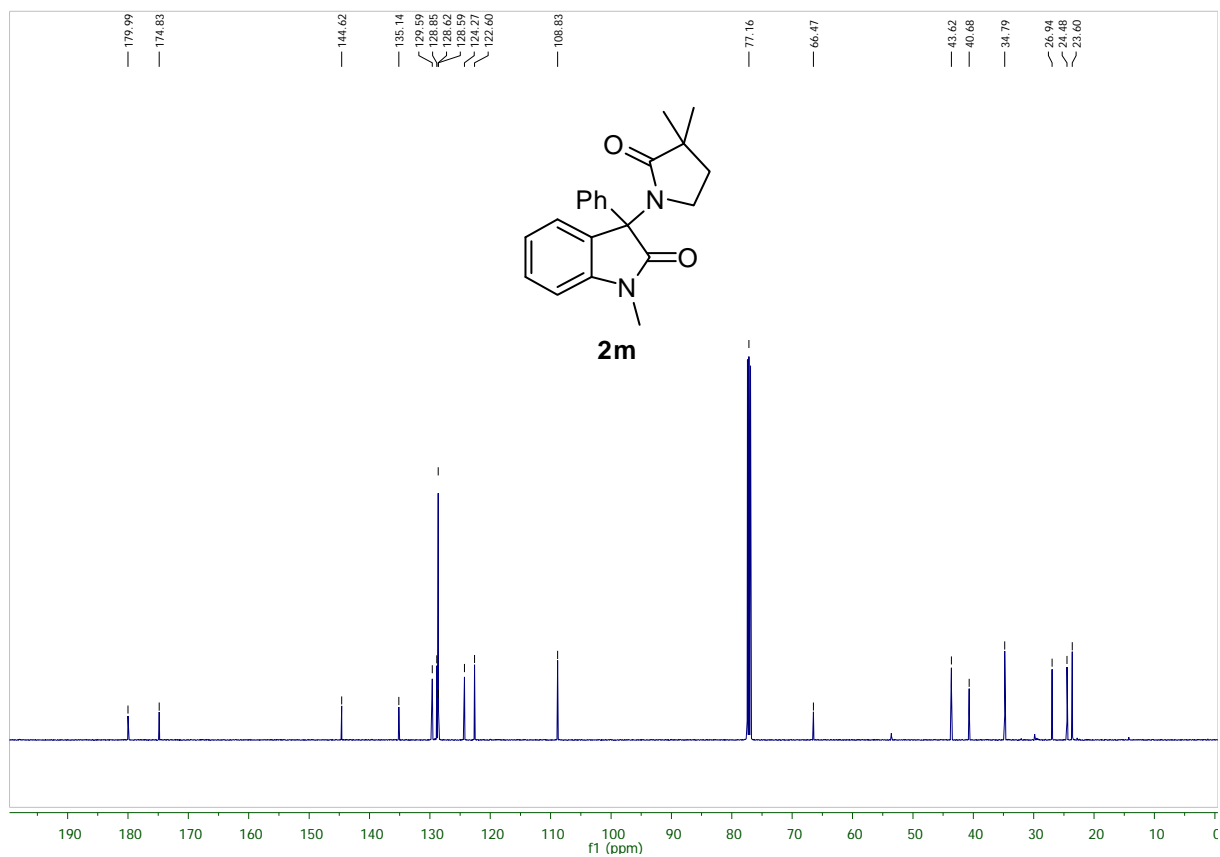
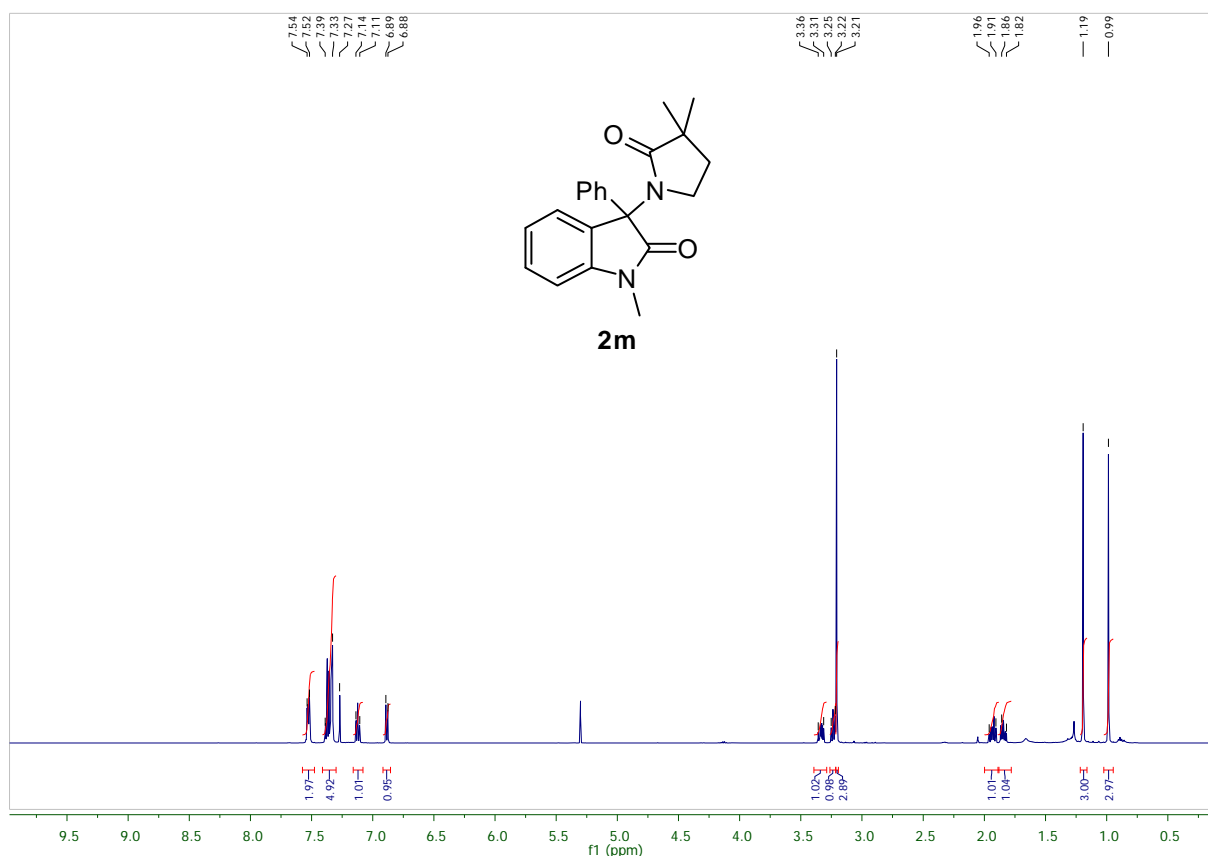


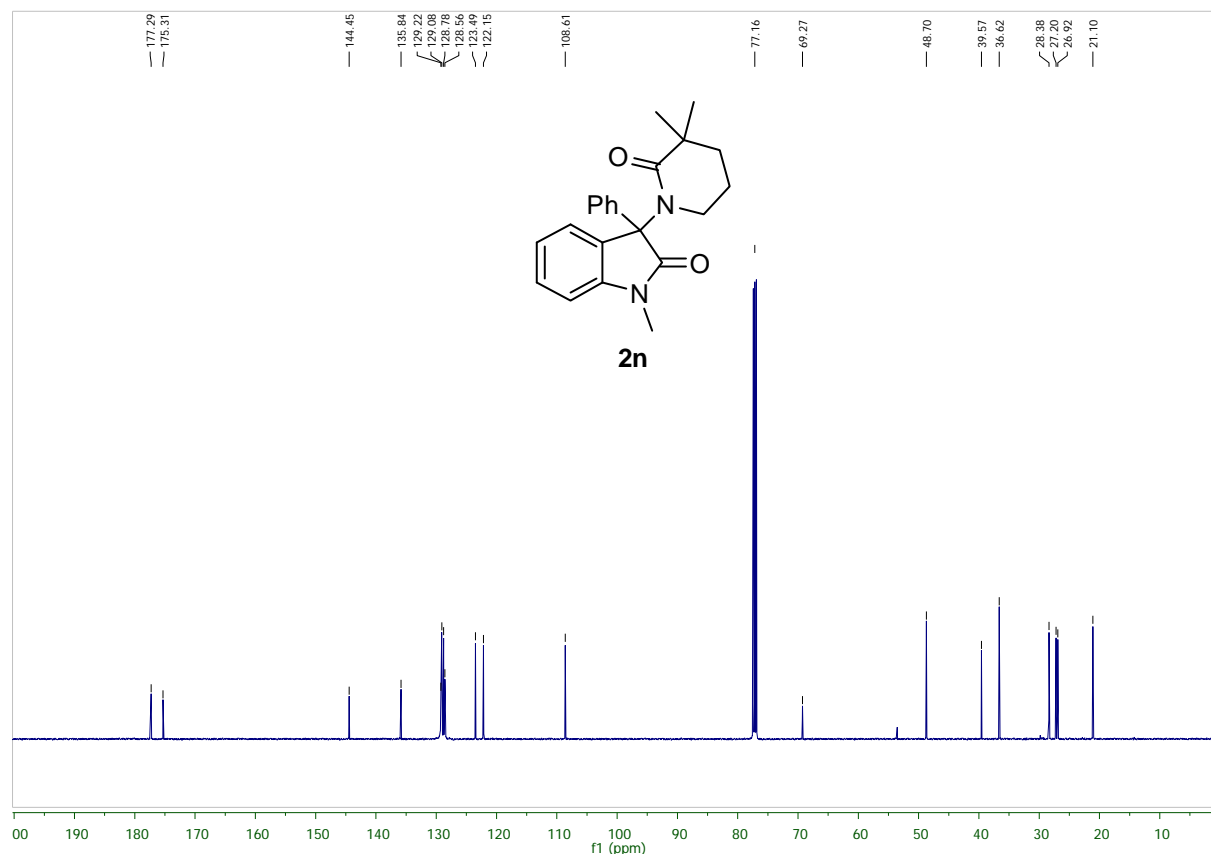
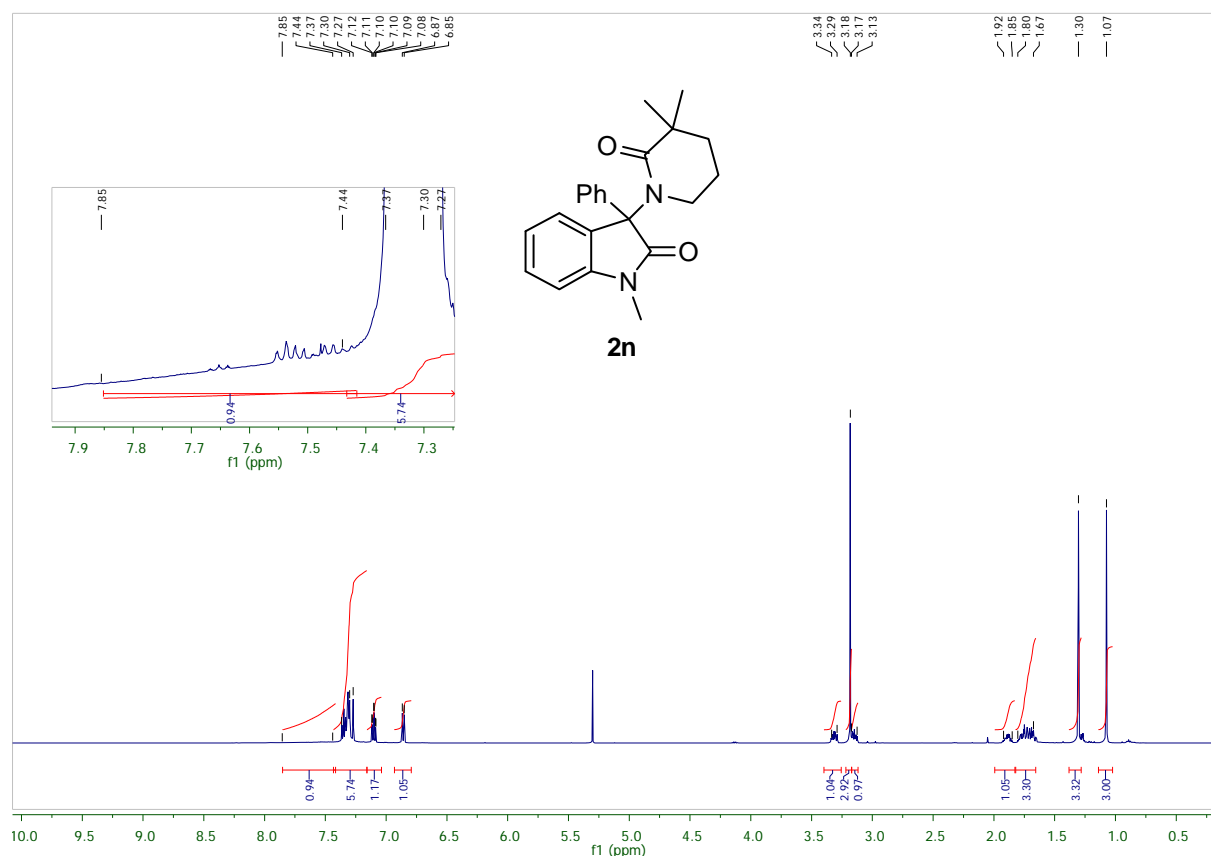












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**Computational method:** UB3LYP with LANL2 basis set on Cu, Cl and 6-31G(d,p) on other atoms. Solvation model: PCM single points in DMF or toluene at the same level of theory.

### 4.1 Reaction profiles

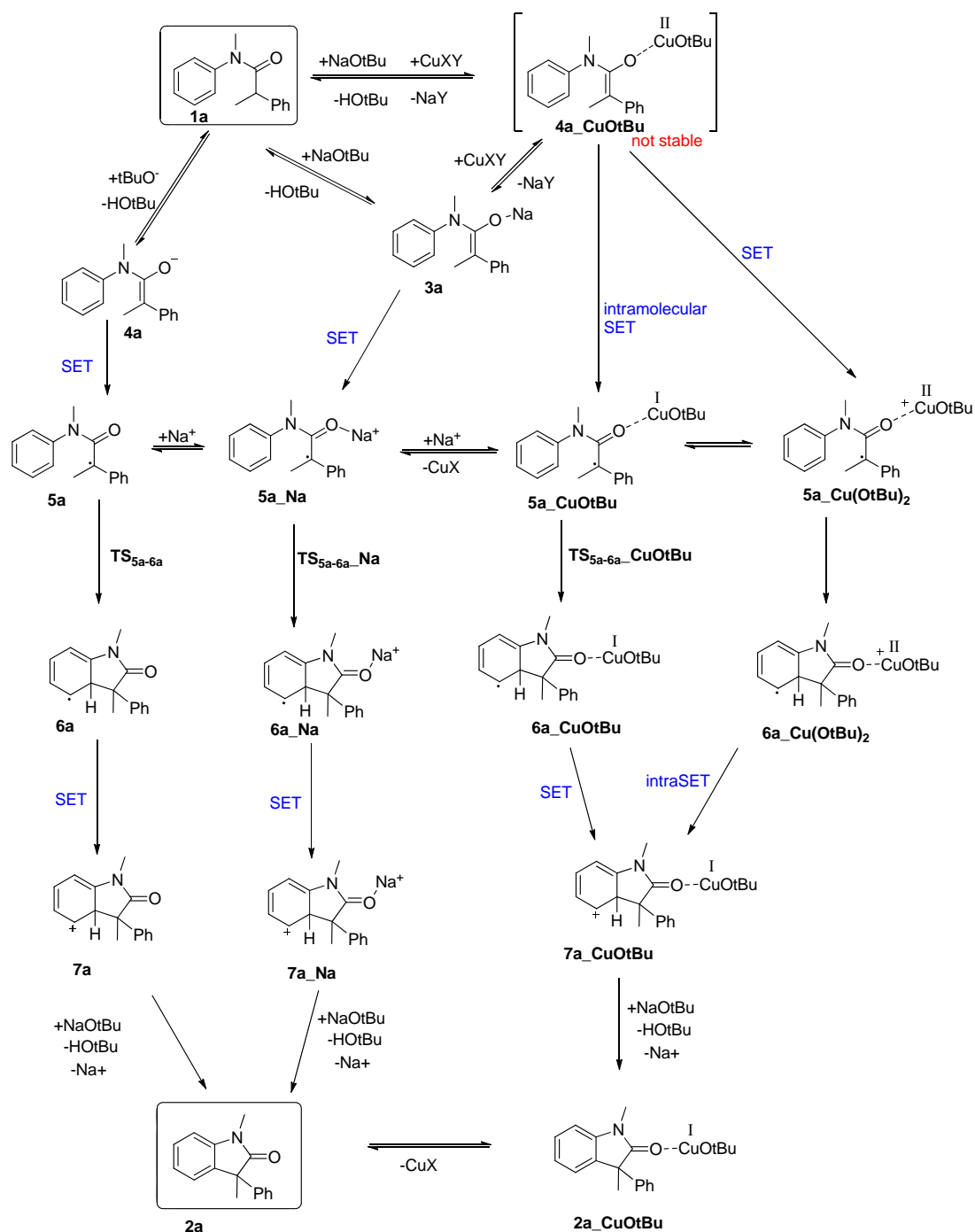


Figure 1. Different pathways for the cyclization. The first SET to amide enolate can be intermolecular (to form radical intermediate **5a**) or intramolecular (when copper (II) is coordinated to amide oxygen). The corresponding copper (II) intermediate **4a\_CuOtBu** for the latter was not possible to locate by computations, since it spontaneously forms complex **5a\_CuOtBu**.

Table 1. Free energies  $\Delta G_{298}$  of stationary points for the copper (II) mediated oxindole formation.

| Intermediate                               | $\Delta G_{298}$ , kJ/mol |              | Intermediate                         | $\Delta G_{298}$ , kJ/mol |              |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
|  | gas phase                 | DMF          |                                      | gas phase                 | DMF          |
| <b>1a</b>                                  | 0.0                       | 0.0          | Catalytic cycle with Na <sup>+</sup> |                           |              |
| <b>3a</b>                                  | 8.7                       | 15.5         | <b>5a_Na</b>                         | 552.1                     | 61.6         |
| <b>4a</b>                                  | 534.2                     | 57.6         | <b>TS<sub>5a-6a_Na</sub></b>         | 633.2                     | <b>155.7</b> |
| <b>5a</b>                                  | 98.8                      | 57.1         | <b>6a_Na</b>                         | 579.9                     | 89.4         |
| <b>TS<sub>5a-6a</sub></b>                  | <b>179.2</b>              | <b>132.6</b> | <b>7a_Na</b>                         | <b>669.8</b>              | -163.4       |
| <b>6a</b>                                  | 124.4                     | 48.4         | Catalytic cycle with Cu(OtBu)        |                           |              |
| <b>7a</b>                                  | 110.7                     | 99.3         | <b>5a_CuOtBu</b>                     | 39.2                      | 3.4          |
| <b>2a</b>                                  | -27.8                     | -119.3       | <b>TS<sub>5a-6a_CuOtBu</sub></b>     | 124.9                     | 84.7         |
| Catalytic cycle with Cu(OtBu) <sub>2</sub> |                           |              | <b>6a_CuOtBu</b>                     | 70.2                      | 1.1          |
| <b>5a_Cu(OtBu)<sub>2</sub></b>             | 695.0                     | 11.1         | <b>7a_CuOtBu</b>                     | <b>733.4</b>              | <b>118.8</b> |
| <b>6a_Cu(OtBu)<sub>2</sub></b>             | 731.6                     | 5.5          | <b>2a_CuOtBu</b>                     | -83.7                     | -161.4       |

Table 2. Free energies of intermediates and transition state **TS<sub>5-6</sub>** for copper (II) mediated (aza)-oxindole formation ( $\Delta G_{298}$  in toluene, kJ/mol).

| Intermediate            | $\Delta G_{298}$ (in toluene), kJ/mol |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                         | <b>2a</b>                             | <b>2r</b>    | <b>2t''</b>  | <b>2t'</b>   | <b>2s</b>    |
| <b>1</b>                | 0.0                                   | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          |
| <b>5</b>                | 81.3                                  | 71.6         | 80.6         | 81.0         | 73.6         |
| <b>TS<sub>5-6</sub></b> | <b>159.6</b>                          | 141.4        | 160.0        | 152.9        | 151.3        |
| <b>6</b>                | 92.9                                  | 72.6         | 94.7         | 77.9         | 84.2         |
| <b>7</b>                | 137.3                                 | <b>145.6</b> | <b>196.5</b> | <b>165.5</b> | <b>155.1</b> |

Table 3. Free energies of intermediates and transition state **TS<sub>5-6</sub>** for copper (II) mediated (aza)-oxindole formation ( $\Delta G_{298}$  in DMF, kJ/mol).

| Intermediate            | $\Delta G_{298}$ (in DMF), kJ/mol |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                         | <b>2a</b>                         | <b>2r</b>    | <b>2t''</b>  | <b>2t'</b>   | <b>2s</b>    |
| <b>1</b>                | 0.0                               | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          |
| <b>5</b>                | 57.1                              | 48.1         | 56.7         | 56.0         | 49.4         |
| <b>TS<sub>5-6</sub></b> | <b>132.6</b>                      | <b>112.7</b> | 134.8        | 121.7        | <b>121.5</b> |
| <b>6</b>                | 48.4                              | 28.1         | 48.2         | 38.6         | 39.8         |
| <b>7</b>                | 99.3                              | 107.3        | <b>153.1</b> | <b>125.8</b> | 112.6        |

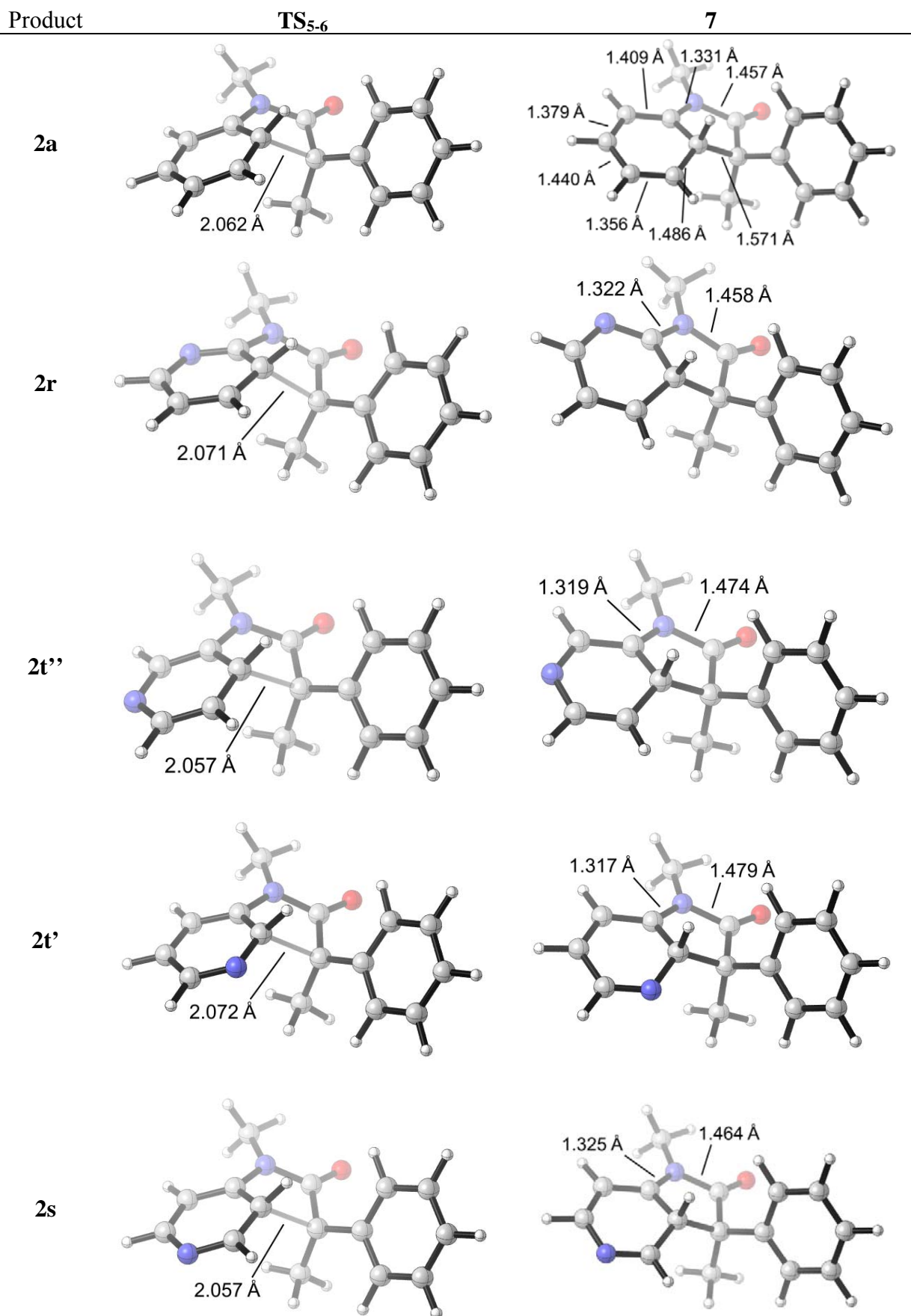


Figure 4. Structures of TS<sub>5-6</sub> and 7 for the copper (II) mediated (aza)-oxindole formation.



## 4.2. Tables with energies

Table 4. **Oxindole synthesis.** Calculated energies of conformers at B3LYP level. Solvent effects in DMF are included by PCM single point calculations at the same level.

|                                    | E <sub>tot</sub>   | H <sub>298</sub>   | G <sub>298</sub>   | E <sub>tot</sub>   | G <sub>298</sub>   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                    | Gas phase          | Gas phase          | Gas phase          | DMF                | DMF                |
| <b>Inorganic species</b>           |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| NaOtBu                             | -395.392189        | -395.258993        | -395.301618        | -395.441771        | -395.351200        |
| CuCl <sub>2</sub>                  | -1116.584892       | -1116.577283       | -1116.610178       | -1116.594757       | -1116.620043       |
| CuCl <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>     | -1116.745895       | -1116.738410       | -1116.770471       | -1116.829671       | -1116.854246       |
| CuCl                               | -656.375872        | -656.371373        | -656.398378        | -656.399026        | -656.421532        |
| CuCl(OtBu)                         | -889.463290        | -889.327383        | -889.373768        | -889.478989        | -889.389467        |
| CuCl(OtBu) <sup>-</sup>            | -889.576971        | -889.440861        | -889.488468        | -889.663206        | -889.574702        |
| Cu(OtBu) <sub>2</sub>              | -662.321409        | -662.056254        | -662.112837        | -662.333887        | -662.125315        |
| Cu(OtBu) <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | -662.407942        | -662.142868        | -662.203958        | -662.495827        | -662.291843        |
| Cu(OtBu)                           | -429.216636        | -429.082948        | -429.125089        | -429.235226        | -429.143679        |
| Cu                                 | -196.116808        | -196.114447        | -196.133317        | -196.117415        | -196.133924        |
| HOtBu                              | -233.689173        | -233.545673        | -233.582358        | -233.702972        | -233.596157        |
| tBuO <sup>-</sup>                  | -233.052141        | -232.924927        | -232.961198        | -233.174695        | -233.083752        |
| NaCl                               | -622.560317        | -622.555842        | -622.581906        | -622.621443        | -622.643033        |
| Na <sup>+</sup>                    | -162.081230        | -162.078869        | -162.095659        | -162.238306        | -162.252735        |
| Cl <sup>-</sup>                    | -460.252233        | -460.249873        | -460.267256        | -460.378847        | -460.393869        |
| <b>Catalytic cycle</b>             |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>1a</b>                          | <b>-749.957463</b> | <b>-749.647027</b> | <b>-749.710819</b> | <b>-749.980025</b> | <b>-749.733382</b> |
| 1                                  | -749.952540        | -749.641985        | -749.704696        | -749.977309        | -749.729465        |
| 12                                 | -749.946634        | -749.635828        | -749.697418        | -749.970817        | -749.721602        |
| 2                                  | -749.957463        | -749.647027        | -749.710819        | -749.980025        | -749.733382        |
| 22                                 | -749.948976        | -749.638388        | -749.701099        | -749.971760        | -749.723883        |
| <b>3a</b>                          | <b>-911.661625</b> | <b>-911.361835</b> | <b>-911.426760</b> | <b>-911.716378</b> | <b>-911.482538</b> |
| e.1                                | -911.658233        | -911.358804        | -911.424866        | -911.713446        | -911.480079        |
| z.1                                | -911.660600        | -911.360909        | -911.426760        | -911.716378        | -911.482538        |
| z.1.2                              | -911.659738        | -911.360166        | -911.425960        | -911.713595        | -911.479817        |
| z.2                                | -911.661625        | -911.361835        | -911.426270        | -911.715197        | -911.479842        |
| <b>4a</b>                          | <b>-749.366060</b> | <b>-749.070509</b> | <b>-749.130954</b> | <b>-749.448121</b> | <b>-749.213733</b> |
| e.1                                | -749.362202        | -749.066854        | -749.127545        | -749.444532        | -749.209875        |
| e.2                                | -749.359910        | -749.064536        | -749.126329        | -749.443428        | -749.209847        |
| z.1                                | -749.365150        | -749.069910        | -749.130855        | -749.448028        | -749.213733        |
| z.2                                | -749.366060        | -749.070509        | -749.130954        | -749.448121        | -749.213015        |
| <b>5a</b>                          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| e.1                                | -749.312717        | -749.015592        | -749.078567        | -749.331149        | -749.097125        |
| e.2                                | -749.310747        | -749.013885        | -749.077307        | -749.330565        | -749.097125        |
| z.1                                | -749.307650        | -749.010454        | -749.073010        | -749.327859        | -749.093219        |
| z.2                                | -749.312717        | -749.015592        | -749.078567        | -749.331149        | -749.096998        |
| <b>TS<sub>5a-6a</sub></b>          |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| e.2                                | -749.280956        | -748.985849        | -749.046688        | -749.302456        | -749.068188        |
| z.2                                | -749.283595        | -748.988226        | -749.047943        | -749.304016        | -749.068365        |

|  | E <sub>tot</sub> | H <sub>298</sub> | G <sub>298</sub> | E <sub>tot</sub> | G <sub>298</sub> |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | Gas phase        | Gas phase        | Gas phase        | DMF              | DMF              |
| <b>6a</b>  | -749.306105      | -749.009158      | -749.068821      | -749.337698      | -749.100414      |
| e.2  | -749.303770      | -749.006886      | -749.066854      | -749.335782      | -749.098866      |
| z.2  | -749.306105      | -749.009158      | -749.068821      | -749.337698      | -749.100414      |
| <b>7a</b>  | -749.095918      | -748.796906      | -748.855849      | -749.204294      | -748.964225      |
| e.2  | -749.094018      | -748.795129      | -748.854533      | -749.203014      | -748.963528      |
| z.2  | -749.095918      | -748.796906      | -748.855849      | -749.204294      | -748.964225      |
| <b>2a</b>  | -748.761739      | -748.474263      | -748.532182      | -748.779342      | -748.549785      |
| e.2  | -748.759524      | -748.472147      | -748.530509      | -748.778684      | -748.549669      |
| z.2  | -748.761739      | -748.474263      | -748.532182      | -748.779342      | -748.549785      |
| <b>Catalytic cycle with Na<sup>+</sup></b>       |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>5a_Na</b>                                     | -911.479265      | -911.178670      | -911.246330      | -911.595781      | -911.362845      |
| z.1  | -911.477669      | -911.176983      | -911.243791      | -911.582328      | -911.348451      |
| z.2  | -911.479265      | -911.178670      | -911.246330      | -911.595781      | -911.362845      |
| <b>TS<sub>5a-6a</sub>_Na</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2  | -911.450910      | -911.151870      | -911.215456      | -911.562444      | -911.326990      |
| <b>6a_Na</b>                                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2  | -911.473397      | -911.172769      | -911.235746      | -911.589894      | -911.352243      |
| <b>7a_Na</b>                                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2  | -911.464172      | -911.163741      | -911.228064      | -911.5824711     | -911.346363      |
| <b>Catalytic cycle with Cu(OtBu)</b>             |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>5a_CuOtBu</b>                                 | -1178.571280     | -1178.138158     | -1178.226360     | -1178.606178     | -1178.261258     |
| z.1  | -1178.566441     | -1178.133459     | -1178.222483     | -1178.604107     | -1178.260149     |
| z.2  | -1178.571280     | -1178.138158     | -1178.226360     | -1178.606178     | -1178.261258     |
| <b>TS<sub>5a-6a</sub>_CuOtBu</b>                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2  | -1178.540081     | -1178.108646     | -1178.193725     | -1178.57664      | -1178.230284     |
| <b>6a_CuOtBu</b>                                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2  | -1178.562561     | -1178.129516     | -1178.214553     | -1178.610124     | -1178.262115     |
| <b>7a_CuOtBu</b>                                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2  | -1178.339183     | -1177.904424     | -1177.988499     | -1178.465878     | -1178.115194     |
| <b>2a_CuOtBu</b>                                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2  | -1178.019485     | -1177.595964     | -1177.67855      | -1178.050429     | -1177.709494     |
| <b>Catalytic cycle with Cu(OtBu)<sub>2</sub></b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>5a_Cu(OtBu)<sub>2</sub></b>                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2  | -1178.349283     | -1177.915645     | -1178.003148     | -1178.437915     | -1178.091780     |
| <b>6a_Cu(OtBu)<sub>2</sub></b>                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2  | -1178.339180     | -1177.905705     | -1177.989195     | -1178.443888     | -1178.093903     |

|  | $E_{\text{tot}}$    | $H_{298}$           | $G_{298}$           | $E_{\text{tot}}$    | $G_{298}$           |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | Gas phase           | Gas phase           | Gas phase           | DMF                 | DMF                 |
| <b>Complexes of reactant with copper(II) salts</b> |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| <b>1a_CuCl<sub>2</sub></b>                         | <b>-1866.569976</b> | <b>-1866.249716</b> | <b>-1866.330290</b> | <b>-1866.605748</b> | <b>-1866.366143</b> |
| 12   | -1866.561948        | -1866.241683        | -1866.321520        | -1866.600734        | -1866.360307        |
| 1  | -1866.566395        | -1866.246270        | -1866.327279        | -1866.605260        | -1866.366143        |
| 2  | -1866.569976        | -1866.249716        | -1866.330290        | -1866.605748        | -1866.366063        |
| 22   | -1866.562098        | -1866.241879        | -1866.322103        | -1866.600760        | -1866.360765        |
|  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| <b>1a_CuCl(O<i>t</i>Bu)</b>                        | <b>-1639.433447</b> | <b>-1638.984177</b> | <b>-1639.078096</b> | <b>-1639.468915</b> | <b>-1639.112034</b> |
| 1_1  | -1639.430525        | -1638.980522        | -1639.074521        | -1639.466925        | -1639.110921        |
| 1_2  | -1639.430757        | -1638.980816        | -1639.073876        | -1639.468915        | -1639.112034        |
| 2_1  | -1639.433447        | -1638.984177        | -1639.078096        | -1639.467283        | -1639.111932        |
| 2_2  | -1639.431692        | -1638.981688        | -1639.074816        | -1639.465805        | -1639.108929        |
|  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| <b>1a_Cu(O<i>t</i>Bu)<sub>2</sub></b>              | <b>-1412.282935</b> | <b>-1411.703145</b> | <b>-1411.810164</b> | <b>-1412.314372</b> | <b>-1411.841599</b> |
| 1_1  | -1412.279277        | -1411.699515        | -1411.804434        | -1412.312765        | -1411.837922        |
| 1_2  | -1412.279451        | -1411.699649        | -1411.804323        | -1412.313180        | -1411.838052        |
| 2_1  | -1412.282935        | -1411.703144        | -1411.810164        | -1412.314369        | -1411.841599        |
| 2_2  | -1412.282935        | -1411.703145        | -1411.810158        | -1412.314372        | -1411.841595        |

Table 5. **Azaoxindole synthesis.** Calculated energies of conformers at B3LYP level. Solvent effects in DMF and toluene are included by PCM single point calculations at the same level.

|                                    | E <sub>tot</sub> | H <sub>298</sub> | G <sub>298</sub> | E <sub>tot</sub> | E <sub>tot</sub> | G <sub>298</sub> | G <sub>298</sub> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                    | Gas phase        | Gas phase        | Gas phase        | DMF              | toluene          | DMF              | toluene          |
| <b>Inorganic species</b>           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| NaOtBu                             | -395.392189      | -395.258993      | -395.301618      | -395.441771      | -395.417837      | -395.351200      | -395.327265      |
| Cu(OtBu) <sub>2</sub>              | -662.321409      | -662.056254      | -662.112837      | -662.333887      | -662.326894      | -662.125315      | -662.118322      |
| Cu(OtBu)                           | -429.216636      | -429.082948      | -429.125089      | -429.235226      | -429.224709      | -429.143679      | -429.133162      |
| HOtBu                              | -233.689173      | -233.545673      | -233.582358      | -233.702972      | -233.695082      | -233.596157      | -233.588267      |
| tBuO <sup>-</sup>                  | -233.052141      | -232.924927      | -232.961198      | -233.174695      | -233.118149      | -233.083752      | -233.027206      |
| Cu(OtBu) <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> | -662.407942      | -662.142868      | -662.203958      | -662.495827      | -662.454871      | -662.291843      | -662.250887      |
| Na <sup>+</sup>                    | -162.081230      | -162.078869      | -162.095659      | -162.238306      | -162.174653      | -162.252735      | -162.189082      |
| <b>2a formation</b>                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>1a</b>                          | -749.957463      | -749.647027      | -749.710819      | -749.980025      | -749.967478      | -749.733382      | -749.720834      |
| 2                                  | -749.957463      | -749.647027      | -749.710819      | -749.980025      | -749.967478      | -749.733382      | -749.720834      |
| <b>5a</b>                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                                | -749.312717      | -749.015592      | -749.078567      | -749.331149      | -749.320911      | -749.096998      | -749.086761      |
| <b>TS<sub>5a-6a</sub></b>          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                                | -749.283595      | -748.988226      | -749.047943      | -749.304016      | -749.292582      | -749.068365      | -749.056930      |
| <b>6a</b>                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                                | -749.306105      | -749.009158      | -749.068821      | -749.337698      | -749.319627      | -749.100414      | -749.082343      |
| <b>7a</b>                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                                | -749.095918      | -748.796906      | -748.855849      | -749.204294      | -749.152479      | -748.964225      | -748.912409      |
| <b>2r formation</b>                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>1r</b>                          | -765.996740      | -765.697890      | -765.760185      | -766.022369      | -766.007990      | -765.785815      | -765.771435      |
| 2 1                                | -765.996740      | -765.697890      | -765.760185      | -766.022369      | -766.007990      | -765.785815      | -765.771435      |
| 2 2                                | -765.994770      | -765.695996      | -765.759156      | -766.021319      | -766.006176      | -765.785705      | -765.770562      |
| <b>5r</b>                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                                | -765.354412      | -765.069045      | -765.131438      | -765.375959      | -765.364047      | -765.152984      | -765.141072      |

|                               | E <sub>tot</sub> | H <sub>298</sub> | G <sub>298</sub> | E <sub>tot</sub> | E <sub>tot</sub> | G <sub>298</sub> | G <sub>298</sub> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                               | Gas phase        | Gas phase        | Gas phase        | DMF              | toluene          | DMF              | toluene          |
| <b>TS<sub>5r-6r</sub></b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                           | -765.327169      | -765.043623      | -765.103481      | -765.352076      | -765.338178      | -765.128388      | -765.114489      |
| <b>6r</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                           | -765.351174      | -765.065997      | -765.125833      | -765.385922      | -765.366026      | -765.160581      | -765.140685      |
| <b>7r</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                           | -765.129044      | -764.842037      | -764.901670      | -765.240979      | -765.187228      | -765.013606      | -764.959854      |
| <b>2s formation</b>           |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>1s</b>                     | -765.991085      | -765.692218      | -765.754671      | -766.019035      | -766.003344      | -765.782621      | -765.766930      |
| 2_1                           | -765.991085      | -765.692218      | -765.754671      | -766.019035      | -766.003344      | -765.782621      | -765.766930      |
| <b>5s</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                           | -765.347785      | -765.062361      | -765.124996      | -765.372061      | -765.358581      | -765.149272      | -765.135792      |
| <b>TS<sub>5s-6s</sub></b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                           | -765.317711      | -765.034343      | -765.093972      | -765.345548      | -765.329951      | -765.121809      | -765.106212      |
| <b>6s</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                           | -765.341055      | -765.056204      | -765.115977      | -765.378034      | -765.356823      | -765.152957      | -765.131745      |
| <b>7s</b>                     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                           | -765.119388      | -764.832711      | -764.891838      | -765.235924      | -765.179262      | -765.008374      | -764.951712      |
| <b>2t'/2t'' formation</b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>1t</b>                     | -765.990771      | -765.692270      | -765.756103      | -766.018116      | -766.002902      | -765.783489      | -765.768234      |
| 2_1                           | -765.990771      | -765.692270      | -765.756103      | -766.018116      | -766.002902      | -765.783447      | -765.768234      |
| 2_2                           | -765.990350      | -765.691841      | -765.755734      | -766.018104      | -766.002548      | -765.783489      | -765.767932      |
| <b>2t'' formation</b>         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>5t''</b>                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                           | -765.346335      | -765.061098      | -765.123929      | -765.369792      | -765.356817      | -765.147386      | -765.134411      |
| <b>TS<sub>5t''-6t''</sub></b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| z.2                           | -765.317356      | -765.033797      | -765.093368      | -765.341623      | -765.328186      | -765.117635      | -765.104197      |

|                             | $E_{\text{tot}}$ | $H_{298}$   | $G_{298}$   | $E_{\text{tot}}$ | $E_{\text{tot}}$ | $G_{298}$   | $G_{298}$   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                             | Gas phase        | Gas phase   | Gas phase   | DMF              | toluene          | DMF         | toluene     |
| <b>6t'</b>                  |                  |             |             |                  |                  |             |             |
| z.2                         | -765.338640      | -765.053491 | -765.113031 | -765.376200      | -765.354678      | -765.150591 | -765.129069 |
| <b>7t'</b>                  |                  |             |             |                  |                  |             |             |
| z.2                         | -765.104570      | -764.818405 | -764.877488 | -765.220921      | -765.164337      | -764.993839 | -764.937255 |
|                             |                  |             |             |                  |                  |             |             |
| <b>2t' formation</b>        |                  |             |             |                  |                  |             |             |
| <b>5t'</b>                  |                  |             |             |                  |                  |             |             |
| z.2                         | -765.346055      | -765.060813 | -765.123662 | -765.370024      | -765.356675      | -765.147631 | -765.134281 |
| <b>TS<sub>5t'-6t'</sub></b> |                  |             |             |                  |                  |             |             |
| z.2                         | -765.318960      | -765.035355 | -765.094810 | -765.346765      | -765.331056      | -765.122615 | -765.106906 |
| <b>6t'</b>                  |                  |             |             |                  |                  |             |             |
| z.2                         | -765.347511      | -765.061838 | -765.120999 | -765.380786      | -765.361961      | -765.154274 | -765.135449 |
| <b>7t'</b>                  |                  |             |             |                  |                  |             |             |
| z.2                         | -765.117634      | -764.830785 | -764.889815 | -765.232038      | -765.176891      | -765.004219 | -764.949073 |

### 4.3 Coordinates of important stationary points (the best conformers)

#### **Cu(OtBu)<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>**

29 atoms  
PCM Energy = -662.454870851  
Cu -0.000065 0.596783 -0.000010  
O 1.783131 0.688942 0.467678  
O -1.783315 0.689290 -0.467572  
C 2.780407 -0.153494 0.010595  
C 2.520537 -1.619423 0.443949  
C 2.906050 -0.105098 -1.533751  
C 4.117128 0.320829 0.634722  
H 2.420935 -1.664051 1.534377  
H 1.575396 -1.962791 0.008704  
H 3.320533 -2.309226 0.136687  
H 3.086080 0.927723 -1.853274  
H 3.719789 -0.737178 -1.919325  
H 1.963116 -0.433311 -1.985650  
H 4.973792 -0.298742 0.334051  
H 4.312745 1.356407 0.334827  
H 4.036292 0.299729 1.727139  
C -2.780363 -0.153492 -0.010588  
C -2.520275 -1.619268 -0.444325  
C -2.905851 -0.105495 1.533784  
C -4.117257 0.320715 -0.634441  
H -2.420730 -1.663602 -1.534769  
H -1.575057 -1.962610 -0.009223  
H -3.320147 -2.309271 -0.137189  
H -3.086096 0.927206 1.853574  
H -3.719397 -0.737861 1.919296  
H -1.962788 -0.433591 1.985499  
H -4.973766 -0.299076 -0.333786  
H -4.313020 1.356197 -0.334306  
H -4.036562 0.299854 -1.726874

#### **Cu(OtBu)**

15 atoms  
PCM Energy = -429.224709350  
Cu 1.696387 0.000002 -0.038341  
O 0.051343 0.000025 -0.786097  
C -1.117601 -0.000002 0.005012  
C -1.191664 -1.262820 0.882773  
C -1.191587 1.262670 0.882991  
C -2.284570 0.000125 -1.008243  
H -1.102149 -2.157473 0.259014  
H -0.363762 -1.266031 1.604223  
H -2.130730 -1.321403 1.445245  
H -1.102018 2.157425 0.259385  
H -2.130649 1.321213 1.445473  
H -0.363685 1.265706 1.604442  
H -3.254491 0.000112 -0.498660  
H -2.222947 0.885936 -1.646758  
H -2.223007 -0.885578 -1.646913

#### **Cu(OtBu)<sub>2</sub>**

29 atoms  
PCM Energy = -662.326894178  
Cu -0.000001 0.001022 -0.000020  
O -1.639993 0.000704 -0.664628  
O 1.639980 0.000694 0.664613  
C -2.891259 -0.000269 0.000509  
C -2.997100 -1.266114 0.872516

C -2.997219 1.262678 0.876659  
C -3.981693 0.001430 -1.083410  
H -2.871794 -2.160839 0.255261  
H -2.218888 -1.266242 1.643865  
H -3.972313 -1.320807 1.368100  
H -2.872129 2.159443 0.262321  
H -3.972370 1.315631 1.372554  
H -2.218917 1.260397 1.647919  
H -4.984625 0.000753 -0.643352  
H -3.880631 0.888119 -1.716265  
H -3.880645 -0.883262 -1.719053  
C 2.891260 -0.000269 -0.000496  
C 2.997132 -1.266122 -0.872486  
C 2.997221 1.262669 -0.876659  
C 3.981672 0.001456 1.083445  
H 2.871825 -2.160841 -0.255223  
H 2.218936 -1.266268 -1.643851  
H 3.972356 -1.320809 -1.368050  
H 2.872111 2.159440 -0.262334  
H 3.972381 1.315628 -1.372537  
H 2.218934 1.260371 -1.647933  
H 4.984612 0.000787 0.643408  
H 3.880584 0.888150 1.716289  
H 3.880622 -0.883231 1.719095

#### **HOtBu**

15 atoms  
PCM Energy = -233.695081532  
O -0.013341 0.000052 1.451842  
C 0.005297 0.000003 0.014267  
C -0.690127 -1.265596 -0.509565  
C -0.691341 1.264890 -0.509671  
C 1.489928 0.000690 -0.357864  
H -0.209959 -2.158441 -0.098717  
H -1.746412 -1.279643 -0.213696  
H -0.652668 -1.321857 -1.602615  
H -0.212061 2.158233 -0.098869  
H -0.653906 1.321113 -1.602723  
H -1.747652 1.277923 -0.213843  
H 1.621303 0.000653 -1.444080  
H 1.982229 0.886524 0.053701  
H 1.983077 -0.884597 0.053864  
H -0.939763 -0.000243 1.729243

#### **NaOtBu**

15 atoms  
PCM Energy = -395.417836595  
O 0.759025 -0.003251 -0.000458  
C -0.619761 -0.000166 -0.000064  
C -1.145654 0.541451 1.351219  
C -1.145478 0.901099 -1.143340  
C -1.150802 -1.439179 -0.207477  
H -0.772522 -0.085781 2.168928  
H -0.771830 1.559464 1.510326  
H -2.241594 0.564326 1.406886  
H -0.775424 0.528290 -2.105276  
H -2.241408 0.941912 -1.187906  
H -0.768209 1.921566 -1.010112  
H -2.246970 -1.494446 -0.212903  
H -0.781220 -1.833866 -1.160866  
H -0.777203 -2.088253 0.592779  
Na 2.697668 -0.000585 -0.000020

#### **tBuO<sup>-</sup>**

14 atoms  
PCM Energy = -233.118149095

O -0.001624 -0.000350 1.483502  
C -0.000218 -0.000092 0.159447  
C 0.502873 1.374350 -0.436257  
C 0.939638 -1.122006 -0.436379  
C -1.441094 -0.252029 -0.438148  
H -0.146187 2.175408 -0.057869  
H 1.513854 1.568936 -0.053933  
H 0.529679 1.440779 -1.539121  
H 0.601154 -2.095981 -0.058244  
H 0.987321 -1.174851 -1.539209  
H 1.956669 -0.962070 -0.054012  
H -1.510351 -0.264122 -1.541041  
H -1.810946 -1.213790 -0.058283  
H -2.115398 0.527156 -0.058279

#### 1a

35 atoms  
PCM Energy = -749.967477884  
C 2.234325 -2.236096 -0.667247  
C 1.526228 -1.061281 -0.924523  
C 1.890849 0.128614 -0.285302  
C 2.977843 0.138448 0.596811  
C 3.685001 -1.037048 0.848549  
C 3.313771 -2.226288 0.217610  
H 1.942329 -3.158286 -1.160722  
H 0.684641 -1.059117 -1.609374  
H 3.254839 1.068265 1.084673  
H 4.523566 -1.024355 1.538433  
H 3.864295 -3.141283 0.414717  
N 1.197760 1.351252 -0.576351  
C -0.002969 1.729246 -0.009450  
O -0.564028 2.773784 -0.331315  
C -0.623535 0.798224 1.043285  
C -1.179707 1.647379 2.203163  
H 0.146826 0.132263 1.439795  
H -0.376747 2.201329 2.700660  
H -1.906903 2.370843 1.830079  
H -1.665068 1.002747 2.941273  
C -1.711860 -0.074569 0.419636  
C -2.712464 0.475347 -0.395161  
C -1.749143 -1.448123 0.693302  
C -3.722248 -0.331949 -0.919042  
H -2.684766 1.536274 -0.621990  
C -2.761450 -2.255538 0.172175  
H -0.977954 -1.888618 1.320345  
C -3.752267 -1.699138 -0.637144  
H -4.488395 0.109495 -1.550379  
H -2.773556 -3.318261 0.397879  
H -4.540571 -2.325008 -1.045469  
C 1.800675 2.211935 -1.596504  
H 2.823560 2.480143 -1.312650  
H 1.832545 1.699127 -2.564448  
H 1.190966 3.110426 -1.678785

#### 3a

35 atoms  
PCM Energy = -911.715196796  
O 0.010323 1.024073 1.517617  
C -0.100523 1.110623 0.241084  
C 0.880673 0.848316 -0.710472  
C 2.194046 0.312378 -0.322069  
C 2.710092 0.339773 1.008068  
C 3.021027 -0.317882 -1.292167  
C 3.936773 -0.250086 1.329810  
H 2.156076 0.885630 1.762246  
C 4.240572 -0.898449 -0.959255

H 2.698935 -0.348948 -2.326559  
C 4.710680 -0.882348 0.357565  
H 4.298286 -0.183857 2.353493  
H 4.833303 -1.368447 -1.740043  
H 5.664392 -1.334395 0.612224  
C 0.591655 1.008723 -2.188134  
H 0.528670 0.051250 -2.728287  
H -0.359325 1.520895 -2.332428  
H 1.375997 1.593586 -2.685435  
N -1.471699 1.380559 -0.236170  
C -1.998285 2.652707 0.252829  
H -2.269684 2.625534 1.317141  
H -1.228109 3.413933 0.114498  
H -2.873296 2.945959 -0.334926  
C -1.822981 -1.017223 -0.563166  
C -2.311225 0.261688 -0.183252  
C -2.638081 -2.148175 -0.507944  
C -3.658264 0.337624 0.229222  
C -3.964382 -2.056885 -0.081516  
H -2.235628 -3.105087 -0.832530  
C -4.460935 -0.801791 0.272452  
H -4.080596 1.287405 0.532147  
H -4.598126 -2.936820 -0.042781  
H -5.492377 -0.701990 0.600226  
Na 0.422124 -1.100253 1.357957  
H -0.827610 -1.092319 -0.992585

#### 4a

34 atoms  
PCM Energy = -749.448120666  
C -2.797901 -2.011546 0.899062  
C -1.875763 -1.024201 0.579986  
C -2.288217 0.205140 0.002662  
C -3.679531 0.367957 -0.224268  
C -4.589207 -0.637453 0.100513  
C -4.167851 -1.840343 0.665110  
H -2.436974 -2.935290 1.347162  
H -0.821029 -1.174533 0.775945  
H -4.050587 1.284292 -0.668287  
H -5.646917 -0.469225 -0.095472  
H -4.880535 -2.621175 0.916352  
N -1.387383 1.202949 -0.321884  
O 0.411935 2.033101 0.869389  
C -1.897419 2.545696 -0.544126  
H -2.389467 2.637862 -1.524281  
H -2.621438 2.851673 0.225414  
H -1.052401 3.230772 -0.494613  
C 0.064094 1.153543 0.048162  
C 0.848336 0.183103 -0.605793  
C 0.295976 -0.616638 -1.766097  
H 0.137806 -1.686068 -1.544426  
H -0.663510 -0.216854 -2.096943  
H 0.976305 -0.582590 -2.630875  
C 2.230136 -0.066273 -0.221425  
C 2.930917 0.682055 0.770993  
C 2.978711 -1.113248 -0.832803  
C 4.250004 0.400492 1.104695  
H 2.397015 1.488623 1.255856  
C 4.302304 -1.383202 -0.492099  
H 2.506592 -1.737701 -1.583791  
C 4.963049 -0.631804 0.481274  
H 4.737322 1.005585 1.868997  
H 4.821374 -2.199031 -0.994768  
H 5.996834 -0.841461 0.746733



### 5a

34 atoms  
PCM Energy = -749.320911264  
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C 4.035918 -1.200732 0.198301  
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H 1.739577 -2.876759 -1.661318  
H 0.543157 -0.729383 -1.407068  
H 3.800370 0.804850 0.942548  
H 5.021695 -1.320095 0.638365  
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34 atoms  
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### 6a

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C 3.292717 -0.366709 -0.512545  
C 3.461007 -1.776094 -0.508045  
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H 4.157711 0.287152 -0.571191  
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### 7a

34 atoms  
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C 2.364686 -2.632852 -0.139054  
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## 2a

33 atoms  
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H 4.353908 -2.145940 -0.730356  
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#### 1r

34 atoms  
PCM Energy = -766.021318852  
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H 0.065902 -0.210164 1.339004  
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#### 5r

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#### 6r

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### 7r

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### 5s

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H 0.198735 -0.445655 -1.479548  
H 4.387758 -2.244510 0.041521  
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H 1.242656 -0.115320 2.146755  
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H -3.962284 1.065877 -2.075559  
H -4.417120 -1.907450 0.996434  
H -5.366729 -0.635363 -0.920672  
C 3.278086 -0.398646 -0.177070  
H 4.124695 0.239995 0.051876  
N 2.393860 -2.657409 -0.326085

**6s**

33 atoms

PCM Energy = -765.356823161

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C 2.027719 0.135686 -0.374810  
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H -5.324001 -0.481014 -1.082967  
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**7s**

33 atoms

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C 3.269903 -0.413003 -0.636317  
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**1t**

34 atoms

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H -2.755088 -3.310102 0.359827  
H -4.522921 -2.307393 -1.075960  
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H 2.855548 2.462597 -1.290967  
H 1.872575 1.676091 -2.546758  
H 1.227260 3.092384 -1.671934  
C 3.019264 0.102335 0.572981  
H 3.354189 1.022439 1.042998  
C 1.503238 -1.089568 -0.856982  
H 0.638200 -1.102248 -1.516300  
N 2.123031 -2.255633 -0.648073

**5t'**

33 atoms  
PCM Energy = -765.356674532  
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H 0.659936 -0.595099 -1.541256  
H 3.815902 -3.165446 -0.872400  
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H 1.959083 2.879776 -1.365874  
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C -3.874519 0.251959 -1.186865  
H -2.139160 1.507578 -1.187542  
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H -5.514762 -1.138133 -0.955036  
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H 3.763888 0.621132 1.176932  
N 2.185867 -1.958912 -1.260870  
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**TS<sub>5t'-6t'</sub>**

33 atoms  
PCM Energy = -765.331055996  
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C 2.257443 -2.585025 -0.351229  
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H 2.328722 -3.668983 -0.268924  
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H 1.910752 3.485252 -0.164447  
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H -2.052224 -1.622097 1.620960  
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**6t'**

33 atoms  
PCM Energy = -765.361960827  
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### 7t'

33 atoms

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### 5t''

33 atoms

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### TS<sub>5t''-6t''</sub>

33 atoms

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### 6t''

33 atoms

PCM Energy = -765.354677989

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7t''

33 atoms

PCM Energy = -765.164336860  
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N 3.474695 -1.700002 -0.498581



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