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Visible light-mediated dehydrogenative β -arylsulfonylation of tertiary aliphatic amines with arylsulfonyl chlorides

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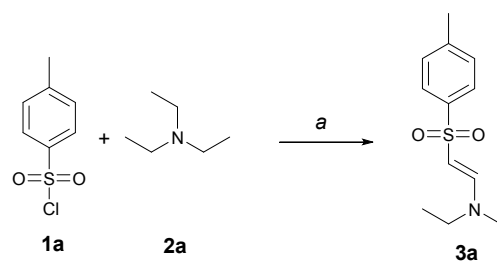
1. General methods

Unless specified noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers without further purification. Column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel (YanTai, China). ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER 400 (400 MHz) spectrophotometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm from TMS as the internal standard (TMS 0 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, bs=broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q =quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER 400 (100 MHz) with complete proton decoupling spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were measured on Bruker Apex IV FTMS (ESI), infrared spectroscopy was carried out on Nicolet iS460 FT-IR Thermo Fisher Scientific infrared spectrometer.

2. Optimization of the reaction of triethylamine with *p*-toluene sulfonyl chloride

A 25 ml round bottomed flask equipped with a stirring-bar was charged with *p*-tolylsulfonyl chloride (**1a**, 1 mmol), photocatalyst, and additives in solvent, and then pre-bathed in ice-salt-water mixtures for 5 minutes. Subsequently, triethylamine was added to the system when 23 w fluorescent light turned on with gentle stirring. With TsCl completely consumed, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , silica gel added to, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product.

Table S1 Evaluation of various parameters in the photoredox reaction



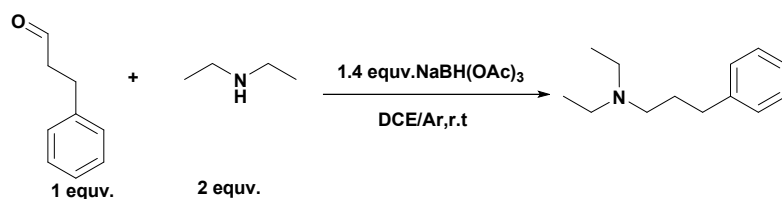
Entry ^a	Photocatalyst	Solvent	Ratio of 2a/1a	Additive	Yield ^b
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1	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	CH ₃ CN	2	—	22%
2	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	CH ₃ CN	3	—	37%
3	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	CH ₃ CN	4	—	46%
4	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	CH ₃ CN	6	—	46%
5	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	CH ₃ CN	1/3	—	12%
6 ^c	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	CH ₃ CN	4	—	22%
7 ^d	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	CH ₃ CN	4	—	14%
8	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	—	47%
9 ^e	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	DMF	5	—	Trace
10 ^e	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	DMSO	4	—	Trace
11 ^e	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	NMP	4	—	Trace
12	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	CH ₃ OH	4	—	Trace
13 ^e	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Aceton/H ₂ O	4	—	40%
14	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	K ₃ PO ₄	23%
15	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	K ₂ HPO ₄	26%
16	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	MgSO ₄	46%
17	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	4Å MS	38%
18	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	Silica gel	30%
19	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	NBS	39%
20	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	RuCl ₃	Trace
21	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	MV ²⁺	Trace
22 ^f	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	—	25%
23 ^g	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	—	37%
24 ^h	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	—	47%
25 ⁱ	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	—	47%
26 ^j	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	—	42%
27	Ru(bpz) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	—	44%
28	Ir(ppy) ₂ (bpy)PF ₆	Acetone	4	—	40%

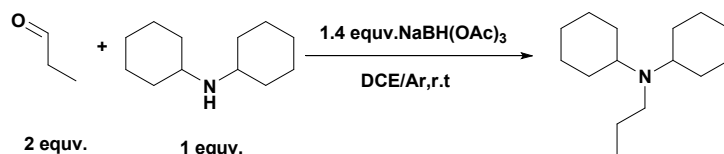
29	Ir(ppy) ₂ (dtbbpy)PF ₆	Acetone	4	—	39%
30	Ir(dF(CF ₃)ppy) ₂ (dtbbpy)PF ₆	Acetone	4	—	37%
31 ^k	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	—	— ^l
32	—	Acetone	4	—	Trace
33 ^m	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Acetone	4	—	Trace

^a Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out with **2a**, **1a** (1 mmol), photocatalyst (2.5% mol), under 23 w fluorescent light at -5 to 5 °C open to air with gentle stirring for 5minutes. ^b Isolated yield. ^c At temperature of 25 °C. ^d At temperature of -30 °C, 8h. ^e the mixture was poured into ether and water after concentrated, then organic phase was washed by water and brine, and dried by Na₂SO₄. ^f at the concentration of 1M. ^g at the concentration of 0.02M. ^h 5 mol % photocatalyst. ⁱ 1 mol % photocatalyst. ^j 0.5 mol % photocatalyst. ^k fierce stirring. ^l most of the product was sulfonamide. ^m No light

3. Synthesis of tertiary amines



According to the reference (*J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 3849), to an round bottomed flask equipped with a stirring stir bar under Ar atmosphere was added 2 equiv of ethylamine and 1.0 equiv. of 3-phenylpropanal in 1,2- dichloroethane(DCE), and then treated with 1.4 equiv. of sodium triacetoxo borohydride(NaBH(OAc)_3). After the complete consumption of the 3-phenylpropanal, the mixture was quenched by adding saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution and extracted with ether. The combined organic layer was washed with 1M HCl and then pH of aqueous phase was to adjust to 10 by 1M NaOH solution. Ether was added to extracted free amine, subsequently dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was used without further purification.

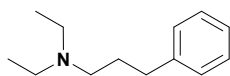


According to the reference (*J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 3849), to an round bottomed flask equipped with a stirring stir bar under Ar atmosphere was added 2 equiv of propanal and 1.0 equiv. dicyclohexylamine in 1,2- dichloroethane(DCE), and then treated with 1.4 equiv. of sodium triacetoxo borohydride(NaBH(OAc)_3). After 24h, the mixture was quenched by adding saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution and extracted with ether. The combined organic layer was washed with 1M HCl and then pH of aqueous phase was to adjust to 10 by 1M NaOH solution. Ether was added to extracted free amine, subsequently dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was used without further purification.

4. General procedure for β -arylsulfonylation of tertiary aliphatic amines with arylsulfonyl chlorides

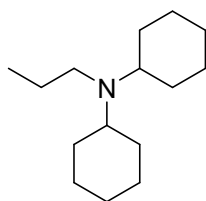
A 25ml round bottomed flask equipped with a stirring-bar was charged with arylsulfonyl chloride (1 mmol), photocatalyst (1 mol%), in acetone, and then pre-bathed in ice-salt - water mixtures for 5 minutes. Subsequently, tertiary amine was added to the system when 23 w fluorescent light turned on with gentle stirring. With arylsulfonyl chloride completely consumed, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , silica gel added to, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product.

5. Experimental data for the described substances



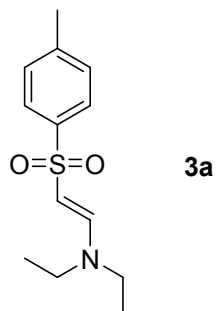
N,N-diethyl-3-phenylpropan-1-amine

Yielding the title compound as light yellow oil in 70% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 3H), 2.61 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 2.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.74-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 142.6, 128.6, 128.5, 125.9, 52.7, 47.1, 34.1, 28.9, 11.9. IR (film, cm^{-1}): ν 2928, 2853, 2809, 1450. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: m/z 192.1747; found: 192.1744.



N-cyclohexyl-*N*-propylcyclohexanamine

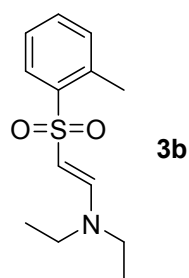
Yielding the title compound as light yellow oil in quantitative yield. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 2.49-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.44 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.75 (m, 7H), 1.57-1.61 (m, 3H), 1.37 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.17-1.24 (m, 8H), 1.05-1.08 (m, 2H), 0.82 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 58.3, 48.8, 31.9, 26.7, 26.6, 25.0, 11.9. IR (film, cm^{-1}): ν 2968, 2935, 2870, 2799. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: m/z 224.2373; found: 224.2368.



(*E*)-*N,N*-diethyl-2-tosylethenamine

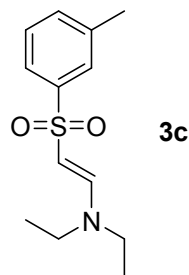
Prepared according to the general procedure from **1a** (1 mmol), **2a** (4 mmol), $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3(\text{PF}_6)_2$ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 3 minutes to provide the

title compound as a white solid (47% yield). M.p.: 80-81°C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16(bs, 4H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.14 (bs, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.8, 142.6, 142.1, 129.5, 126.2, 91.8, 50.1(bs), 42.8(bs), 21.5, 14.8(bs), 11.3(bs), **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO, 100°C): 149.5, 144.2, 142.0, 129.9, 126.2, 92.8, 46.2, 21.3, 13.2.** IR (film, cm^{-1}): ν 3076, 2977, 2935, 2876, 1617(vs), 1493, 1450. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{NS}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: m/z 254.1209; found: 254.1206.



(*E*)-*N*, *N*-diethyl-2-(*o*-tolylsulfonyl)ethenamine

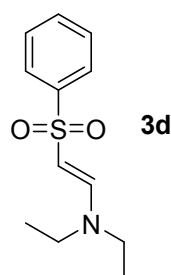
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(*E*)-*N,N*-diethyl-2-(*m*-tolylsulfonyl)ethenamine

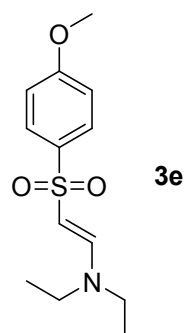
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mmol), **2a** (4 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 5 minutes to provide the title compound as a white solid (45% yield). M.p.: 72-73°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 3H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17(broad doublet, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.15 (bs, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.9, 145.2, 138.9, 132.3, 128.7, 126.4, 123.2, 91.3, 50.0(bs), 42.7(bs), 21.4, 14.2(bs), 11.2(bs), IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 3063, 2976, 2935, 2872, 1614(vs), 1469. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₂₀O₂NS [MH]⁺: *m/z* 254.1209; found: 254.1205.



(*E*)-*N,N*-diethyl-2-(*m*-tolylsulfonyl)ethenamine

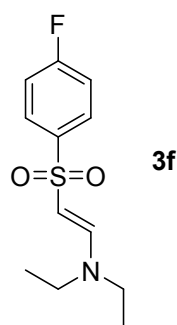
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(*E*)-*N,N*-diethyl-2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)ethenamine

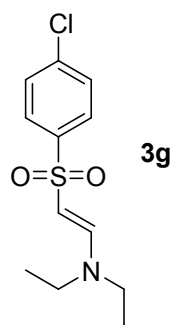
Prepared according to the general procedure from **4-methoxybenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride** (1 mmol), **2a** (4 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light

irradiation for 5 minutes to provide the title compound as a white solid (41% yield). M.p.: 74-75°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.78(d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84(s, 3H), 3.16 (bs, 4H), 1.14 (bs, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.1, 148.6, 137.4, 128.3, 114.1, 92.3, 55.7, 50.0(bs), 42.4(bs), 14.8(bs), 11.4(bs), IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 3069, 2975, 2934, 2872, 1612(vs), 1495, 1460. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₂₀O₃NS [MH]⁺: *m/z* 270.1158; found: 270.1155.



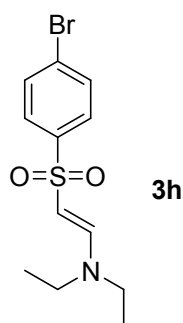
(*E*)-*N,N*-diethyl-2-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)ethenamine

Prepared according to the general procedure from **4-fluorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride** (1 mmol), **2a** (4 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 10 minutes to provide the title compound as a white solid (33% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84-7.87(m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (broad doublet, 4H), 1.15 (bs, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.6, 163.1, 149.2, 141.65, 141.62, 128.8, 128.7, 116.0, 115.8, 91.1, 50.2(bs), 42.7(bs), 14.7(bs), 11.1(bs), IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 3073, 2979, 2934, 2881, 1615(vs), 1493, 1469. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇O₂NFS [MH]⁺: *m/z* 258.0959; found: 258.0956.



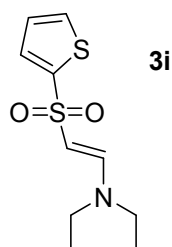
(*E*)-2-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-*N,N*-diethylethenamine

Prepared according to the general procedure from **4-chlorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride** (1 mmol), **2a** (4 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 3 minutes to provide the title compound as a white solid (42% yield). M.p.: 42-43°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (broad doublet, 4H), 1.15 (bs, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.4, 144.1, 137.8, 129.1, 127.7, 90.9, 50.2(bs), 42.8(bs), 14.8(bs), 11.2(bs), IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 3077, 2976, 2934, 2872, 1613(vs), 1507. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇O₂N³⁵ClS [MH]⁺: *m/z* 274.0663; found: 274.0659.



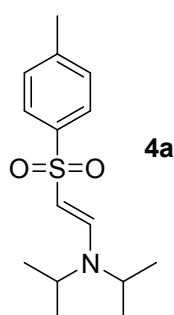
(*E*)-2-(4-bromophenylsulfonyl)-*N,N*-diethylethanamine

Prepared according to the general procedure from **4-bromobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride** (1 mmol), **2a** (4 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 5 minutes to provide the title compound as a white solid (45% yield). M.p.: 94-95°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (broad doublet, 4H), 1.15 (bs, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.4, 144.6, 132.1, 127.9, 126.2, 90.8, 50.2(bs), 42.8(bs), 14.8(bs), 11.2(bs), IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 3069, 2969, 2920, 2850, 1610(vs), 1569. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇O₂N⁷⁹BrS [MH]⁺: *m/z* 318.0158; found: 318.0155.



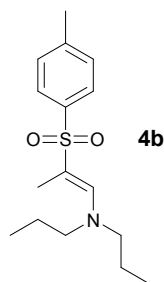
(*E*)-*N,N*-diethyl-2-(thiophen-2-ylsulfonyl)ethanamine

Prepared according to the general procedure from **thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride** (1 mmol), **2a** (4 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 5 minutes to provide the title compound as a white solid (47% yield). M.p.: 75-77°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 12.8. Hz, 2H), 7.00-7.03 (m, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (m, 4H), 1.17 (bs, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.2, 148.2, 130.5, 130.0, 127.2, 92.1, 50.2(bs), 42.8(bs), 14.8(bs), 11.2(bs) , IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 3078, 2976, 2934, 2875, 1613(vs), 1507. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₀H₁₆O₂NS₂ [MH]⁺: *m/z* 246.0617; found: 246.0614.



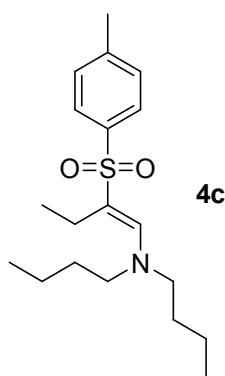
(*E*)-*N*, *N*-diethyl-2-tosylethenamine

Prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-ethyldiisopropylamine (4 mmol), **1a** (1 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 3minutes to provide the title compound as a white solid (41% yield). M.p.: 133-134°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 12.8. Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.56(bs, 4H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.20 (bs, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.1, 142.8, 142.0, 129.5, 126.3, 91.9, 49.4(bs), 47.7(bs), 21.7, 21.6(bs) , 19.7(bs) IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 3074, 2976, 2925, 2869, 1607(vs), 1542. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₅H₂₄O₂NS [MH]⁺: *m/z* 282.1522; found: 282.1519.



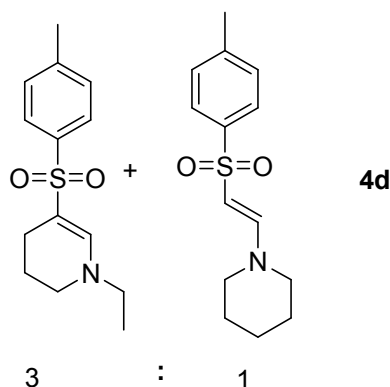
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Prepared according to the general procedure from **tri-n-propylamine** (4 mmol), **1a** (1 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 10 minutes to provide the title compound as a white solid (41% yield). M.p.: 86-87°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.40(s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.56-1.61 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.6, 142.3, 139.8, 129.5, 127.2, 97.1, 54.8, 22.8, 21.6, 11.1, 11.0. IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 2964, 2933, 2874, 1628(vs), 1495, 1457. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₂₆O₂NS [MH]⁺: *m/z* 296.1679; found: 296.1678.

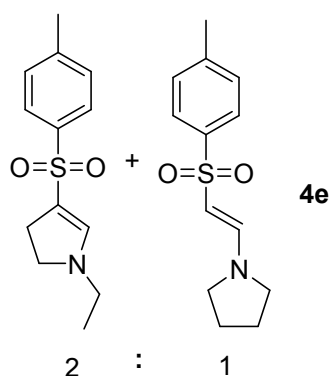


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Prepared according to the general procedure from **tri-n-butylamine** (4 mmol), **1a** (1 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 40 minutes in room temperature to provide the crude product with little amine. Then it was dissolved in ether and washed with 1M HCl. Subsequently organic phase was washed by brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure, providing a white solid (36% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.40(s, 3H), 2.21 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 1.52-1.56(m, 4H), 1.28-1.33(m, 4H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.4, 142.2, 140.8, 129.4, 127.2, 104.2, 52.8, 31.4, 21.6, 19.9, 18.8, 16.0, 13.9. IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 2959, 2929, 2872, 1620(vs), 1460. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₉H₃₂O₂NS [MH]⁺: *m/z* 338.2148; found: 338.2141.

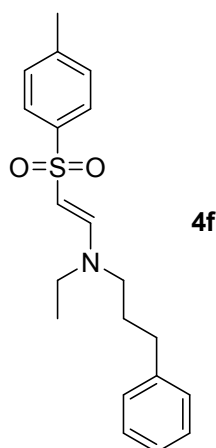


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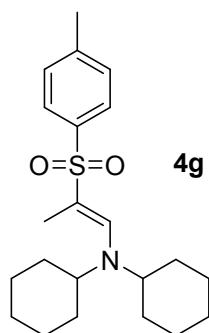
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(*E*)-N-ethyl-3-phenyl-N-(2-tosylvinyl)propan-1-amine

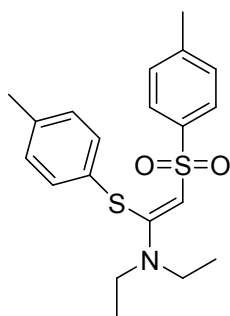
Prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-ethyl-3-phenyl-N-propylpropan-1-amine (4 mmol), **1a** (4 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 40 minutes to provide the crude product with little amine. Then it was dissolved in ether and washed with 1M HCl. Subsequently organic phase was washed by brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure, providing a white solid (25% yield). M.p.: 58-59°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.29 (m, 8H), 4.90 (bs, 1H), 3.13 (bs, 4H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H),

1.87 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.11 (bs, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.2, 142.6, 142.2, 140.8, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 126.4, 126.3, 92.2, 32.9(bs), 21.6. IR (film, cm^{-1}): ν 3060, 3024, 2971, 2931, 2870, 1613(vs), 1495. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{NS}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: m/z 344.1679; found: 344.1674.



(*E*)-N-cyclohexyl-N-(2-tosylprop-1-enyl)cyclohexanamine

Prepared according to the general procedure from *N*-cyclohexyl-*N*-propylcyclohexanamine (4 mmol), **1a** (4 mmol), $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3(\text{PF}_6)_2$ (0.01 mmol) and acetone (5 mL) under visible light irradiation for 10 minutes to provide the crude product with little amine. Then it was dissolved in ether and washed with 1M HCl. Subsequently organic phase was washed by brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure, providing a white solid (36% yield). M.p.: 138-140°C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.34(bs, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.83(m, 4H), 1.70-1.76(m, 4H), 1.63-1.66(m, 2H), 1.45-1.55(m, 4H), 1.22-1.32(m, 4H), 1.08-1.17(m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 142.1, 142.0, 140.1, 129.5, 127.2, 96.2, 57.0, 33.3, 26.1, 25.4, 21.6, 12.3. IR (film, cm^{-1}): ν 2930, 2855, 1618(vs), 1492. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{NS}$ $[\text{MH}]^+$: m/z 376.2305; found: 376.2299.

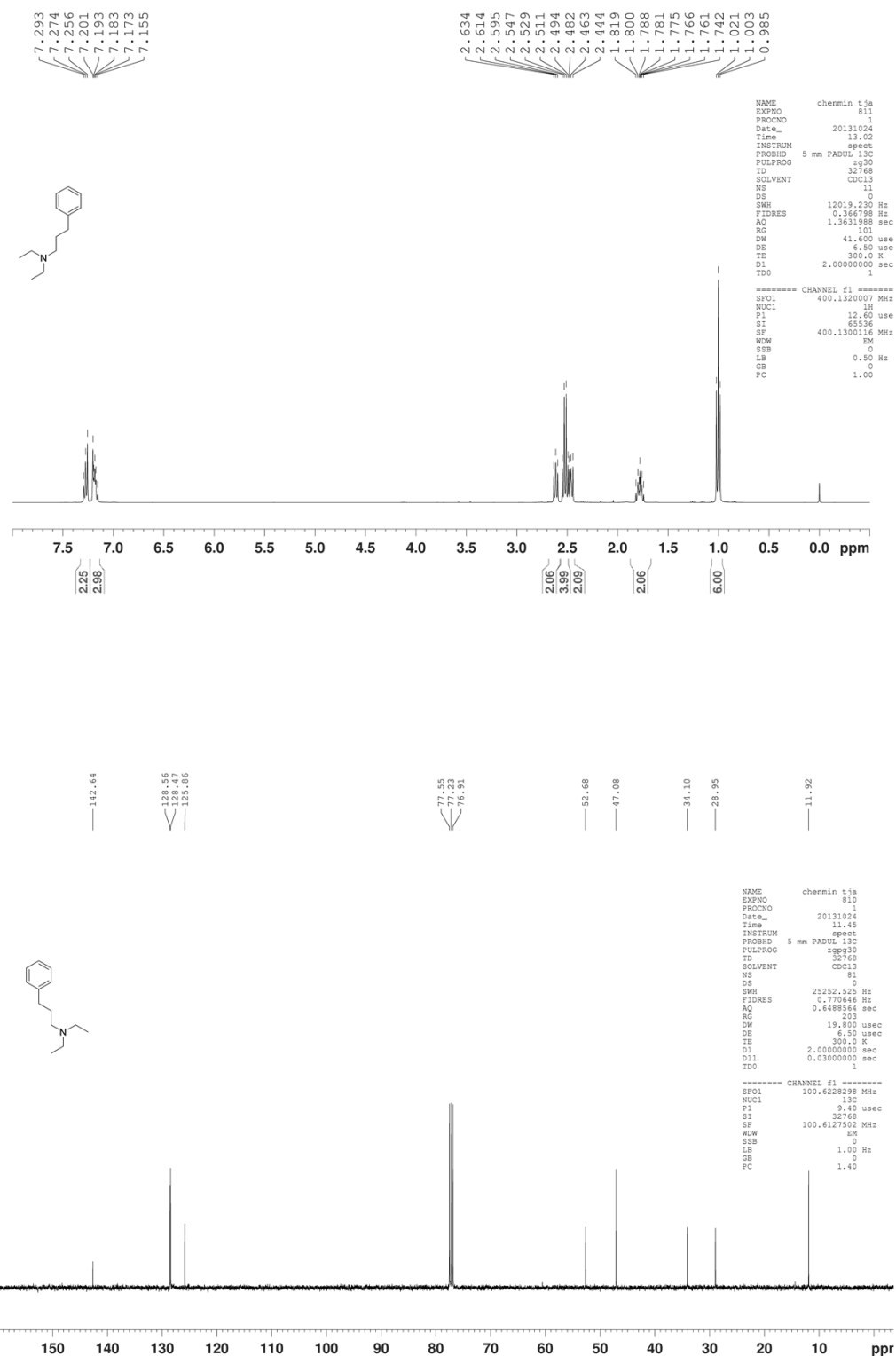


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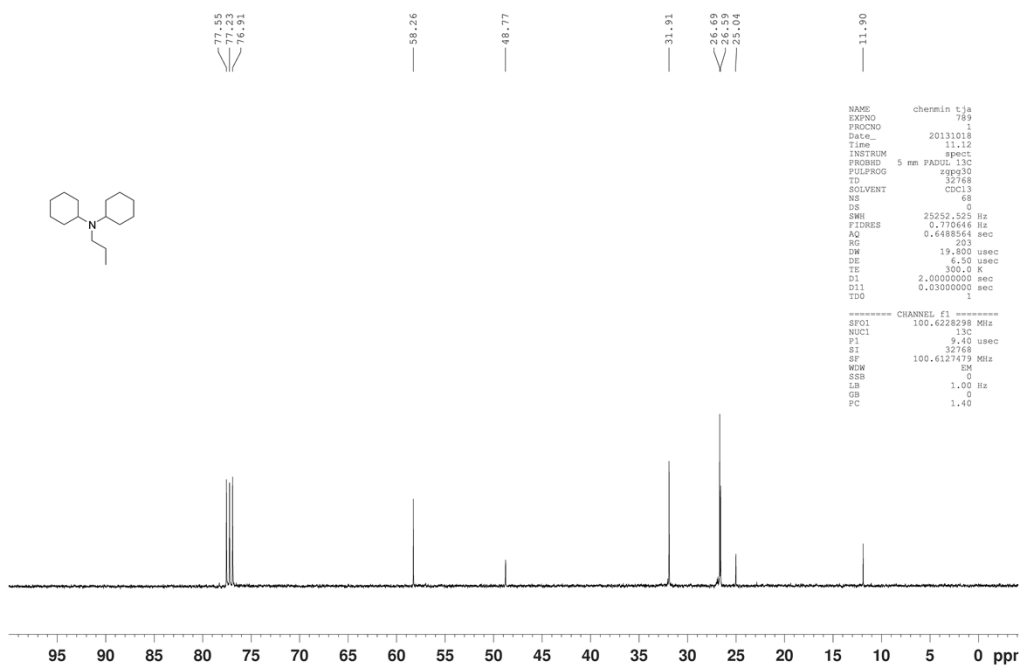
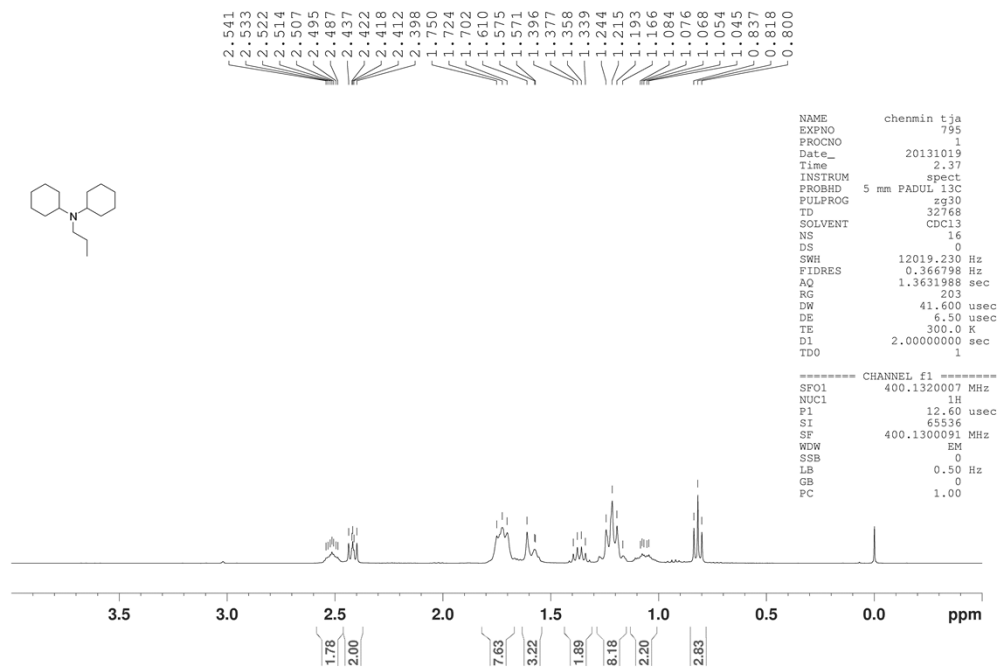
A 25 ml Schlenk tube equipped with stir-bar was charged with **1a** (1 mmol), photocatalyst Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ 1 mol %), the system was evacuated 3 times and backfilled with Ar, then solvent 5 ml CH₃CN and **triethylamine** (4 mmol) were added by syringe. After 3h under 23 w fluorescent light, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product. M.p.: 85-86°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.12(s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 4H), 3.58(bs, 2H), 3.33(bs, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.24 (bs, 3H), 1.08(m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.7, 142.4, 139.4, 135.3, 134.8, 129.5, 129.1, 127.9, 125.1, 91.8, 21.5, 21.0. IR (film, cm⁻¹): ν 2975, 2930, 2868, 1599(vs), 1491. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₂₀H₂₆O₂NS₂ [MH]⁺: *m/z* 376.1390; found: 376.1395.

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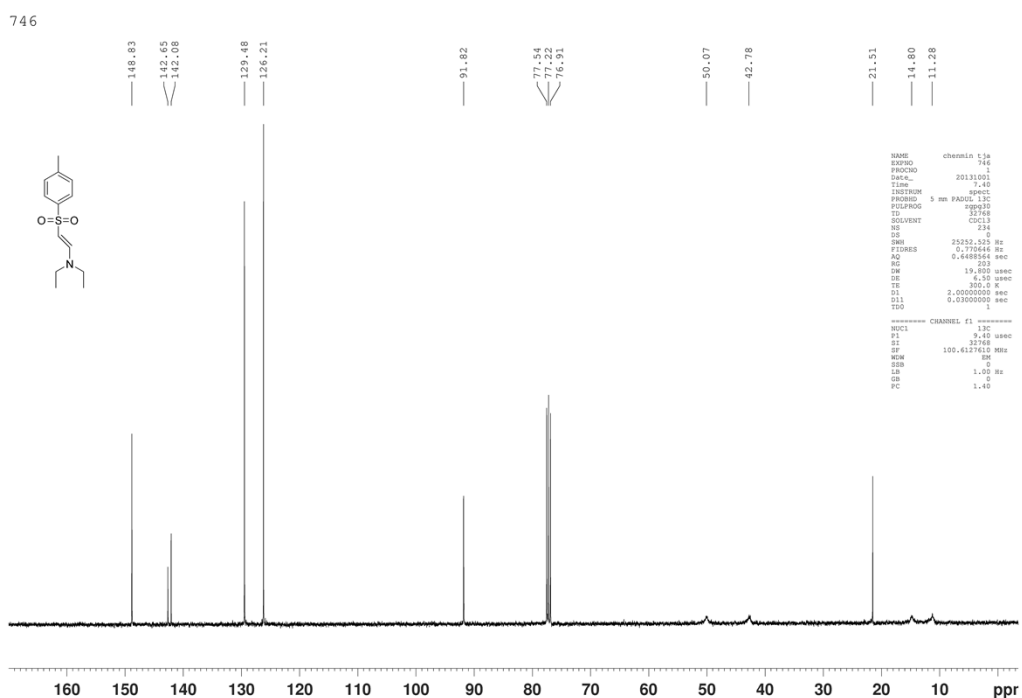
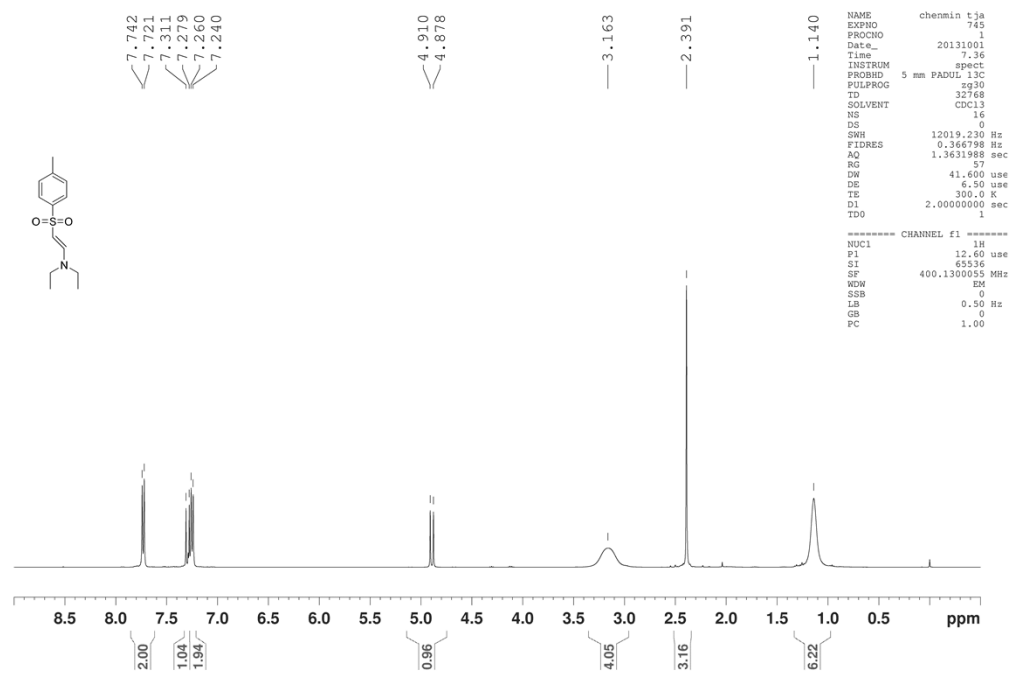
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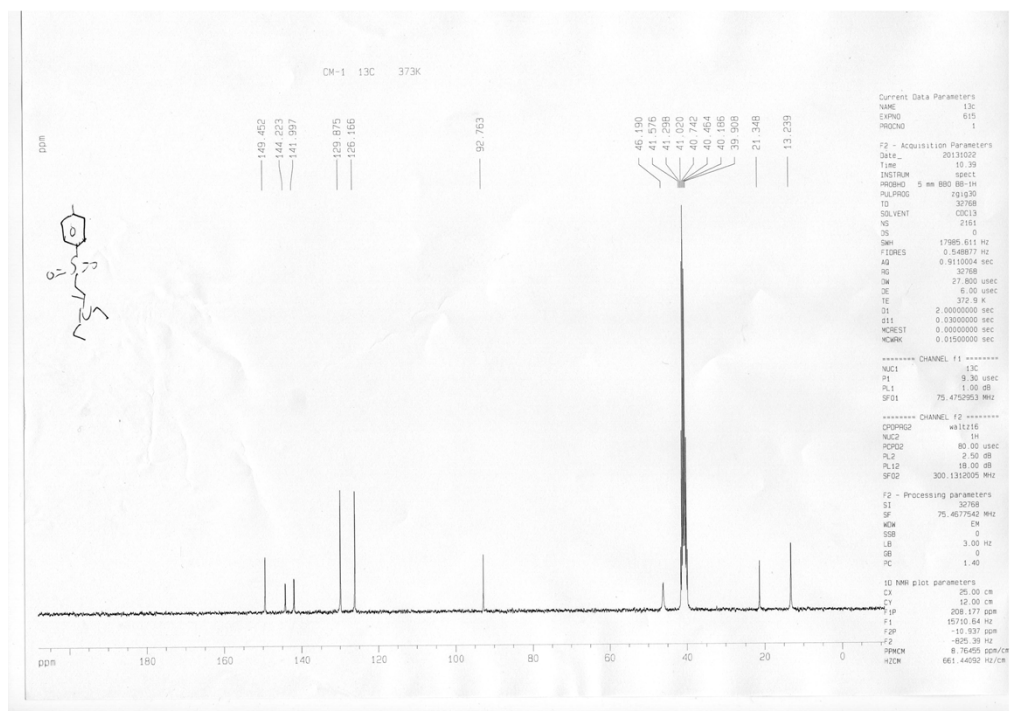
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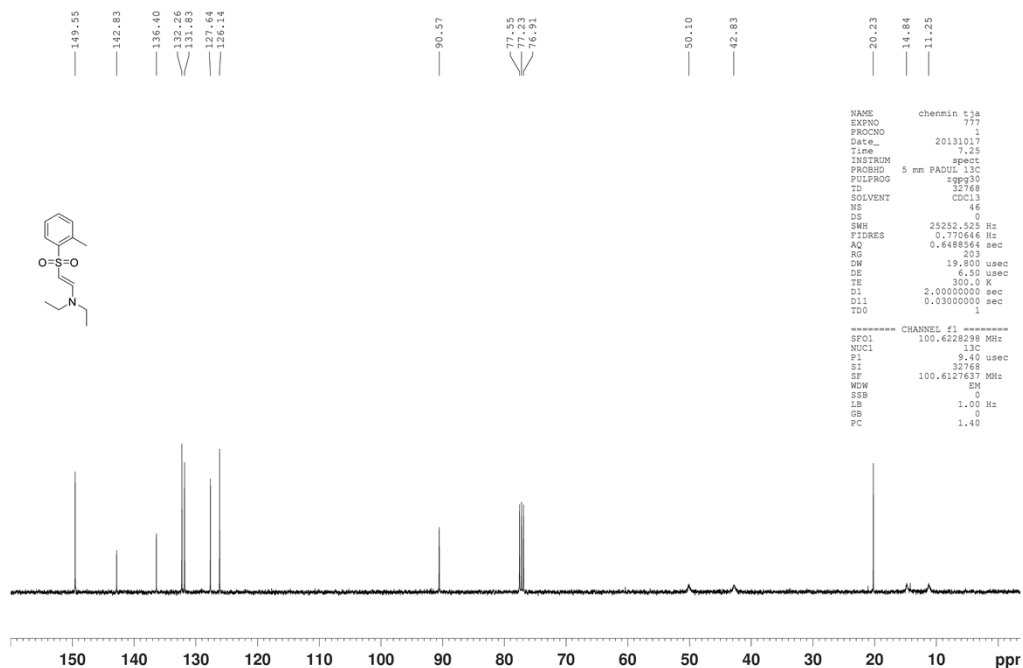
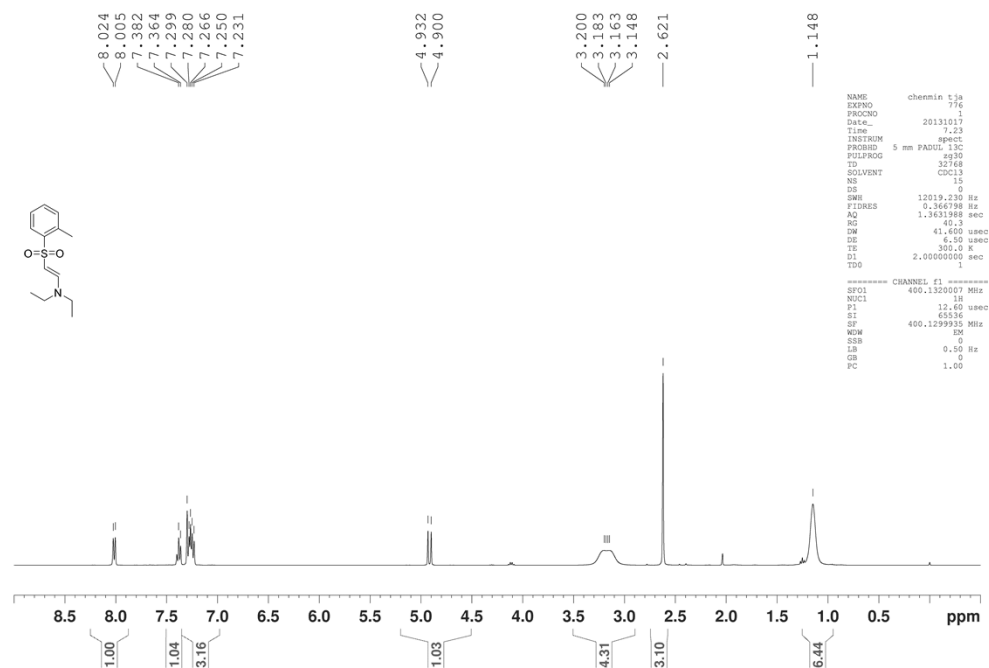
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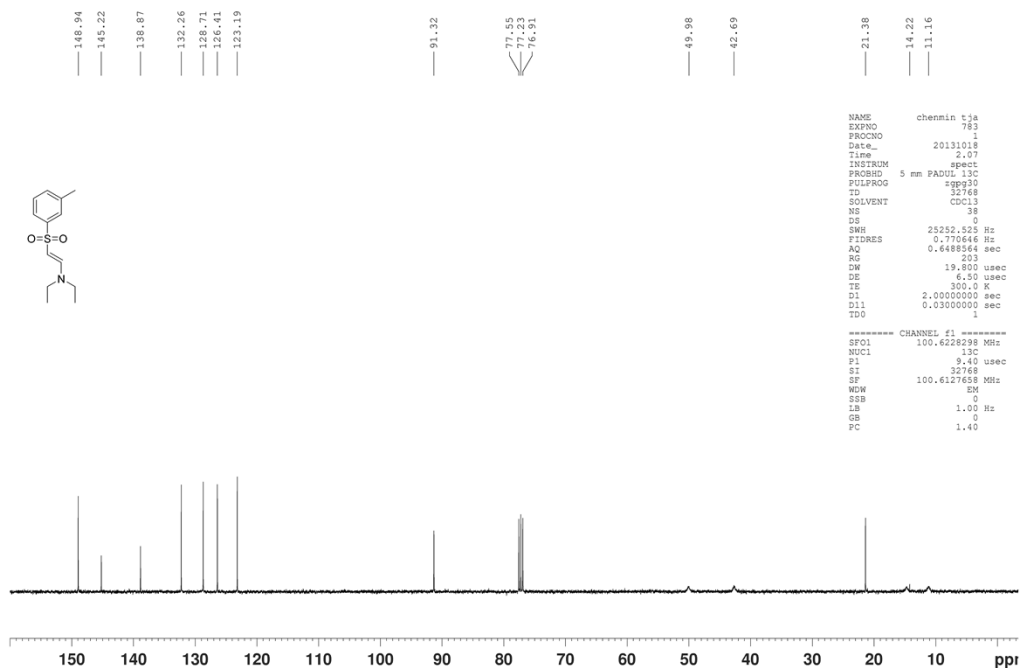
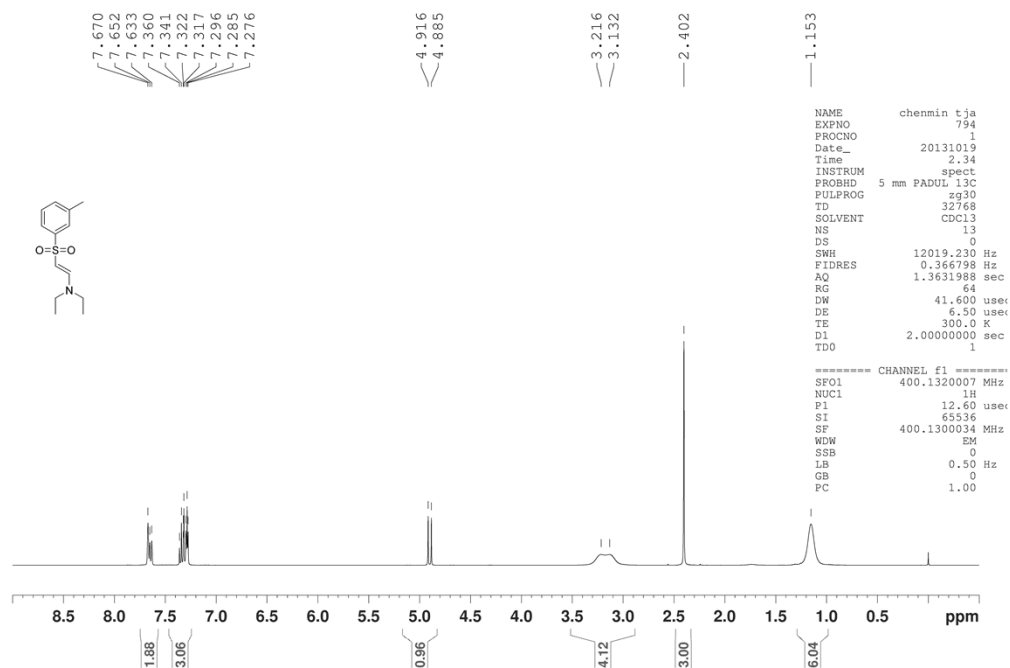
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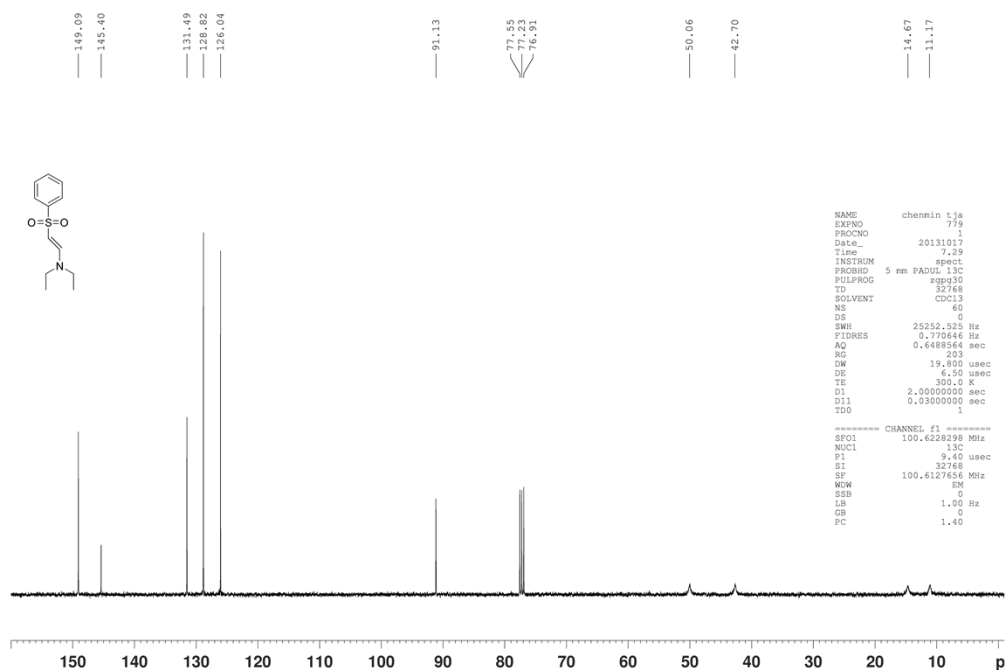
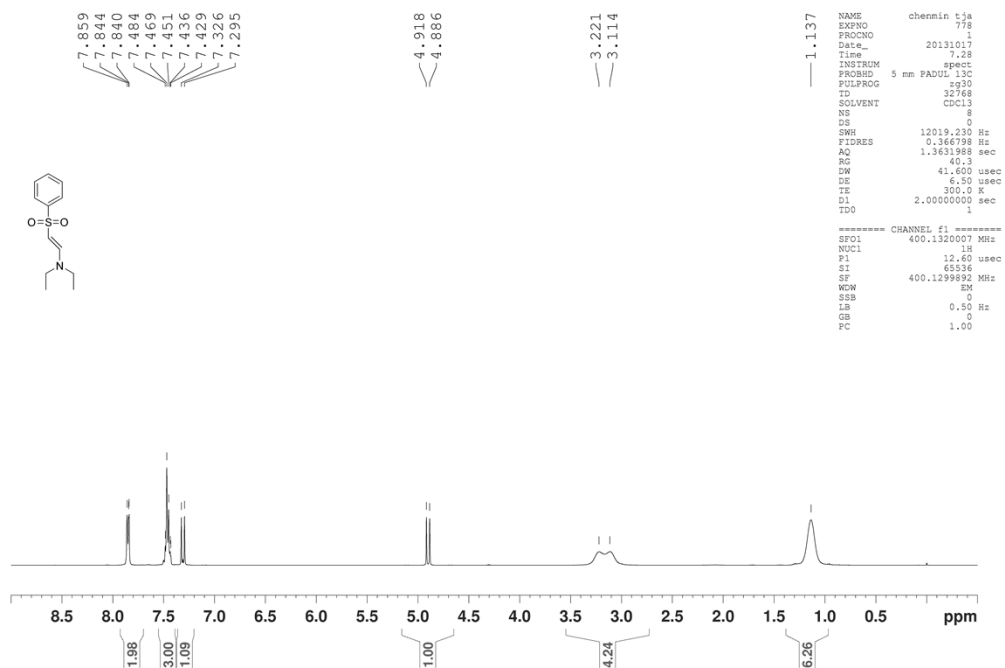
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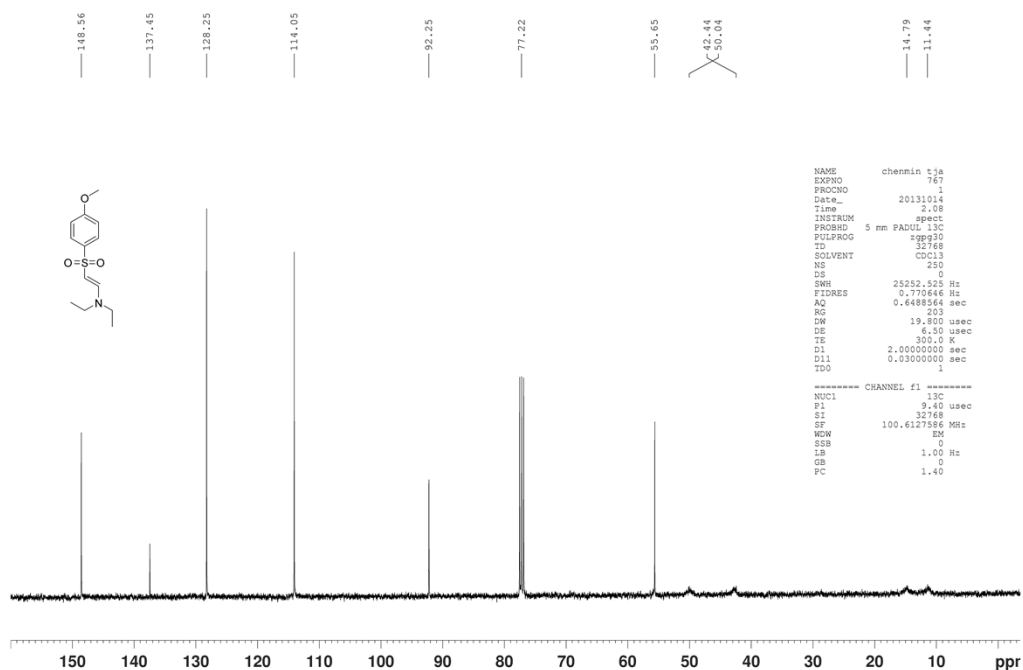
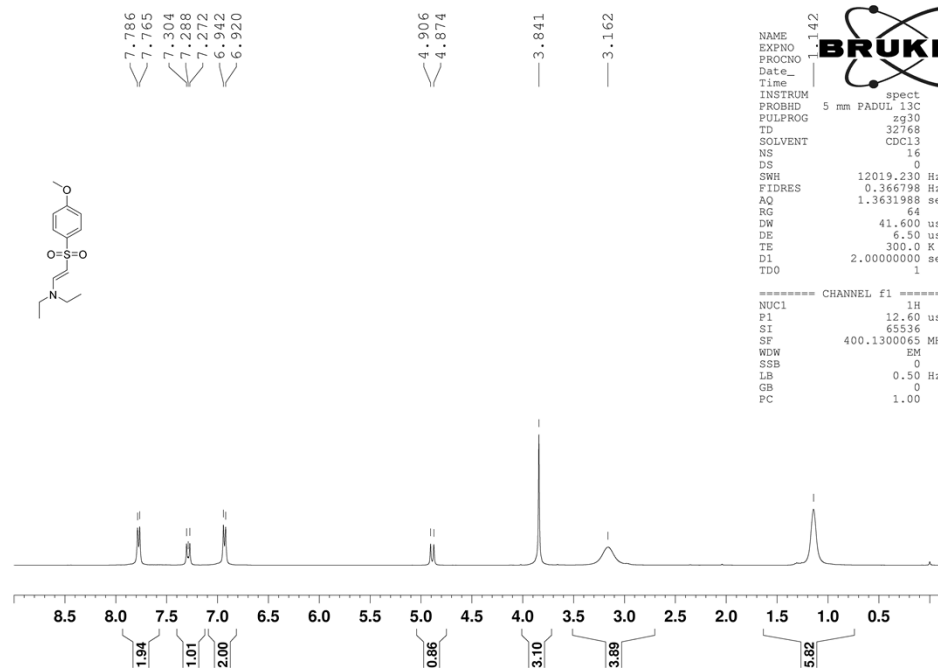
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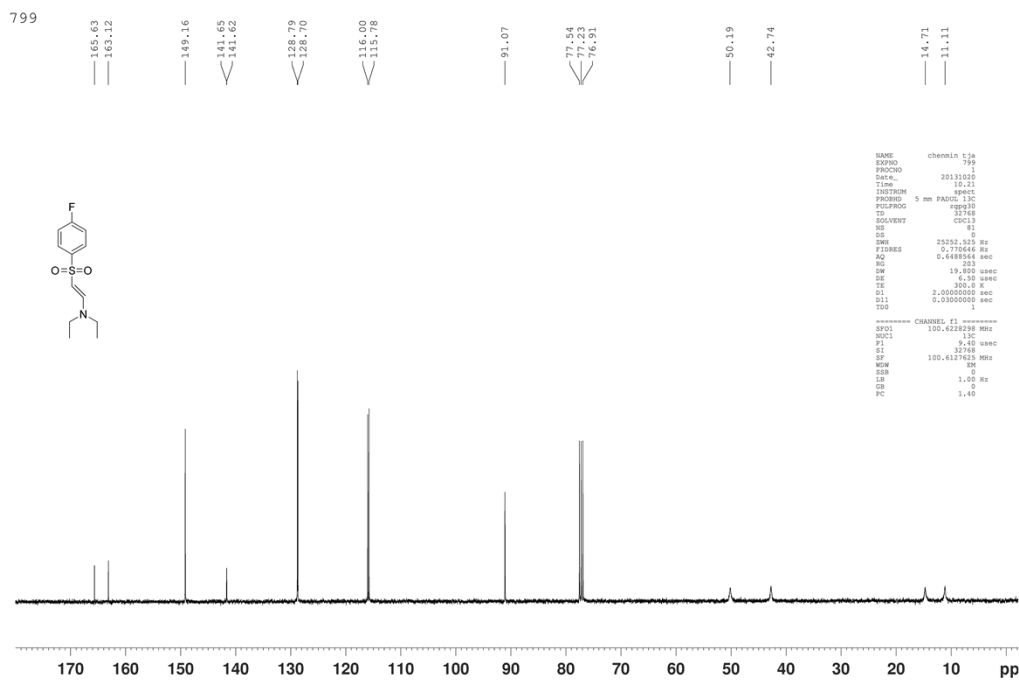
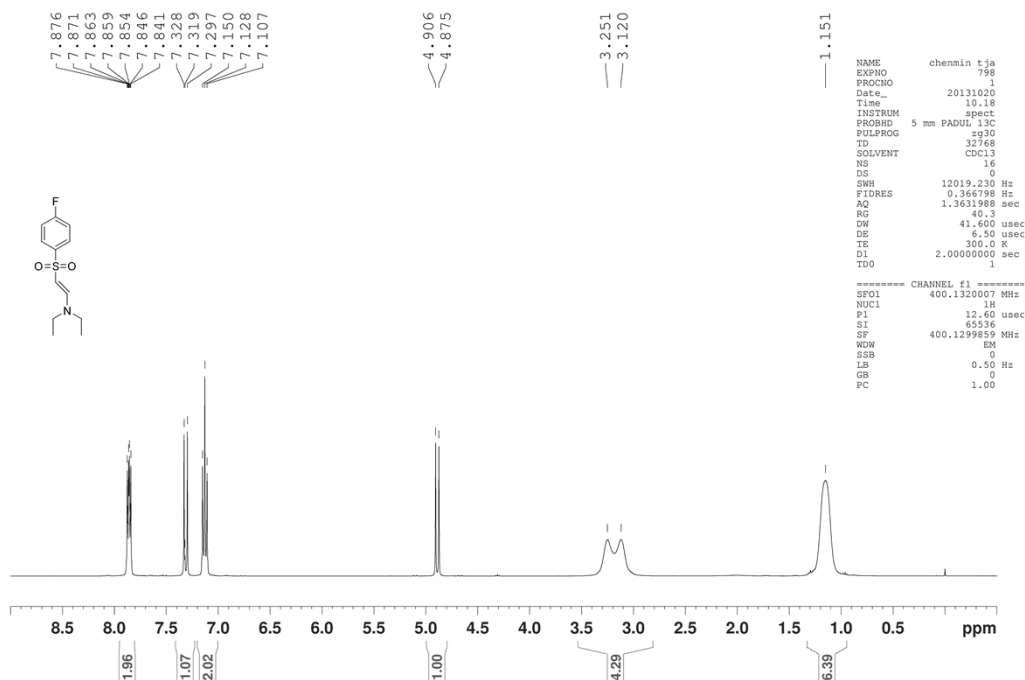
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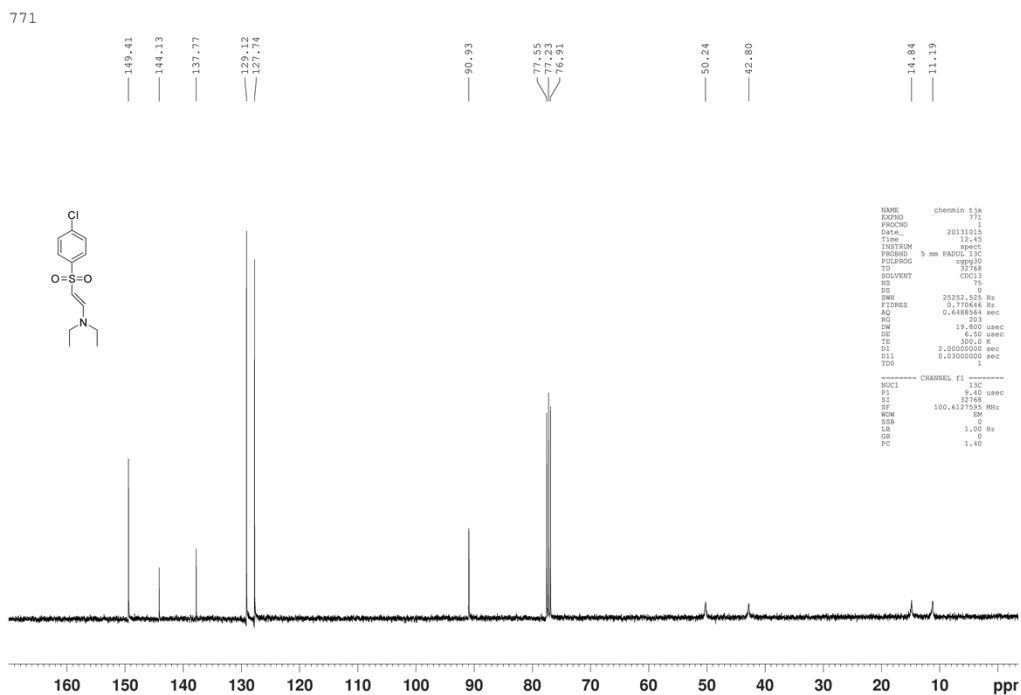
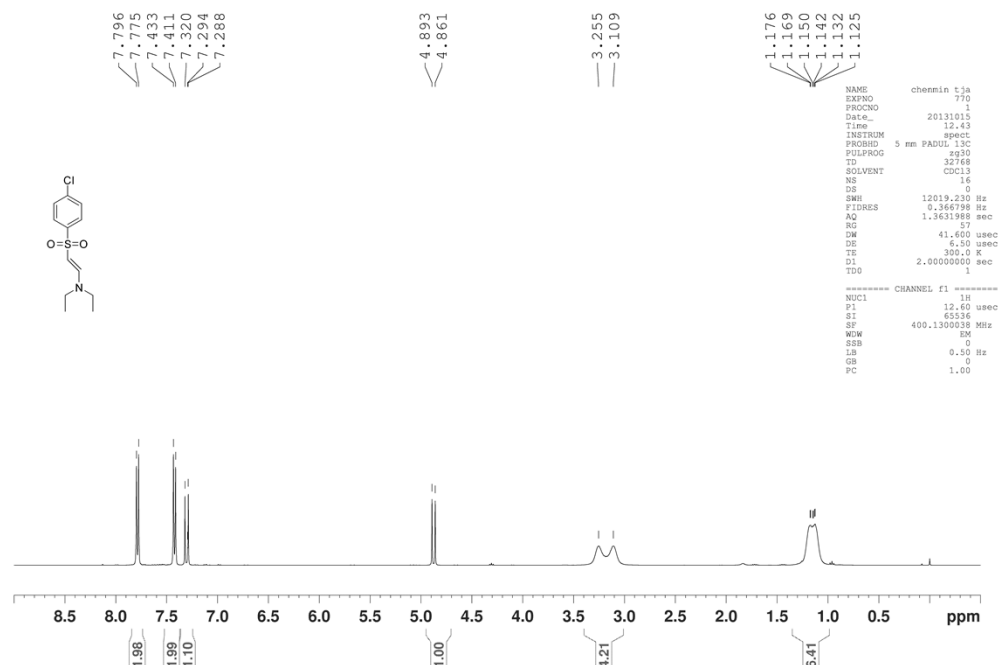
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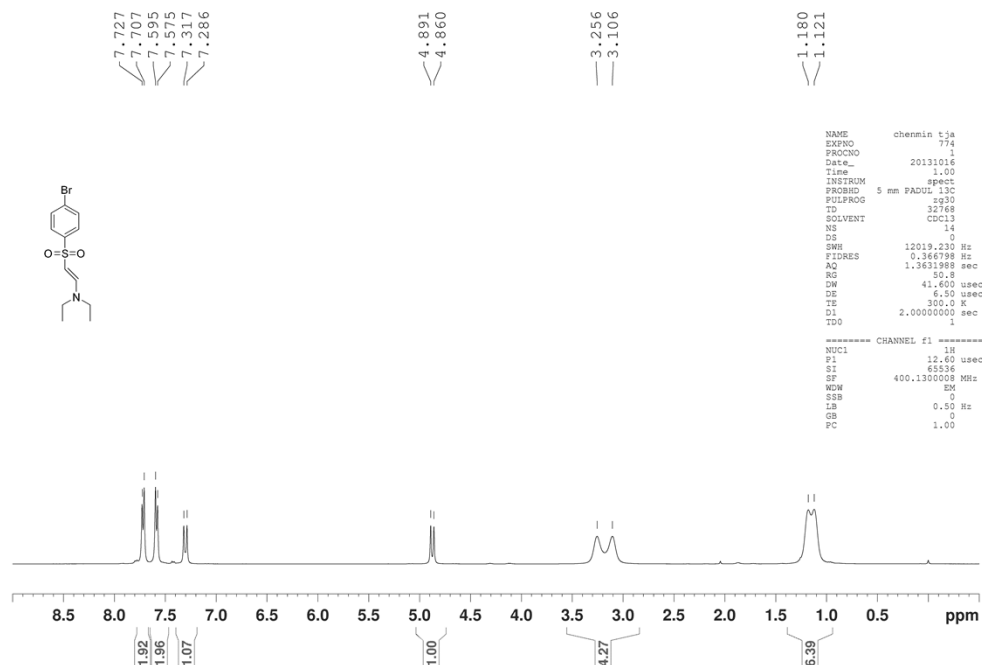
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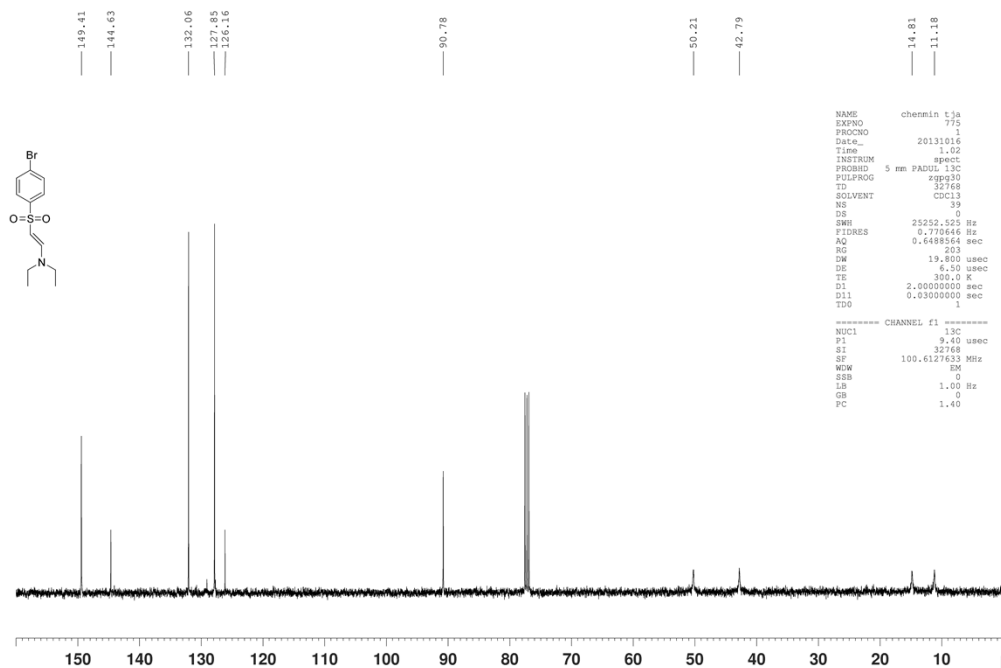


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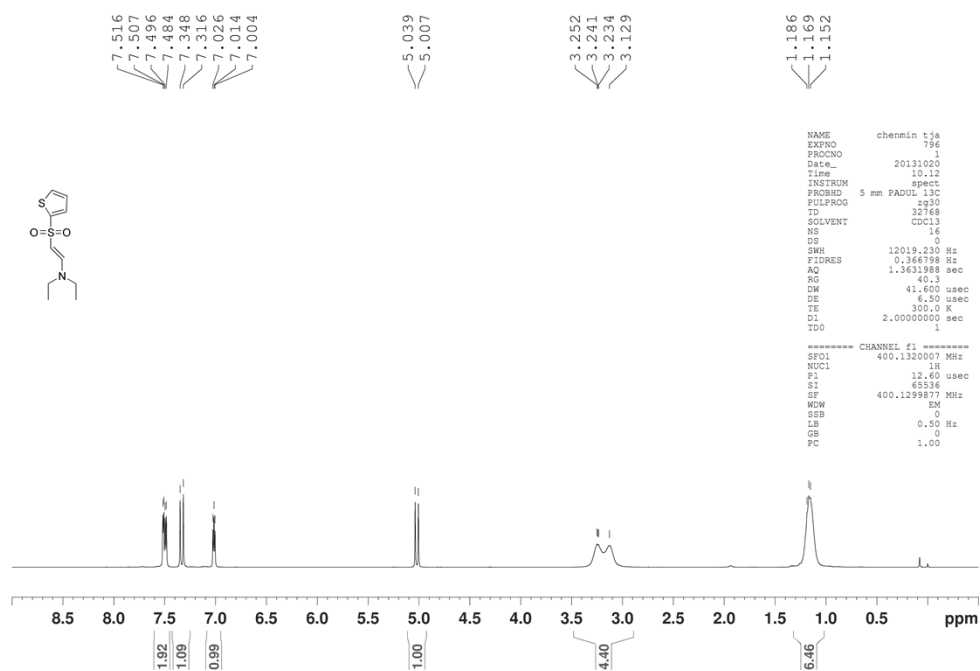


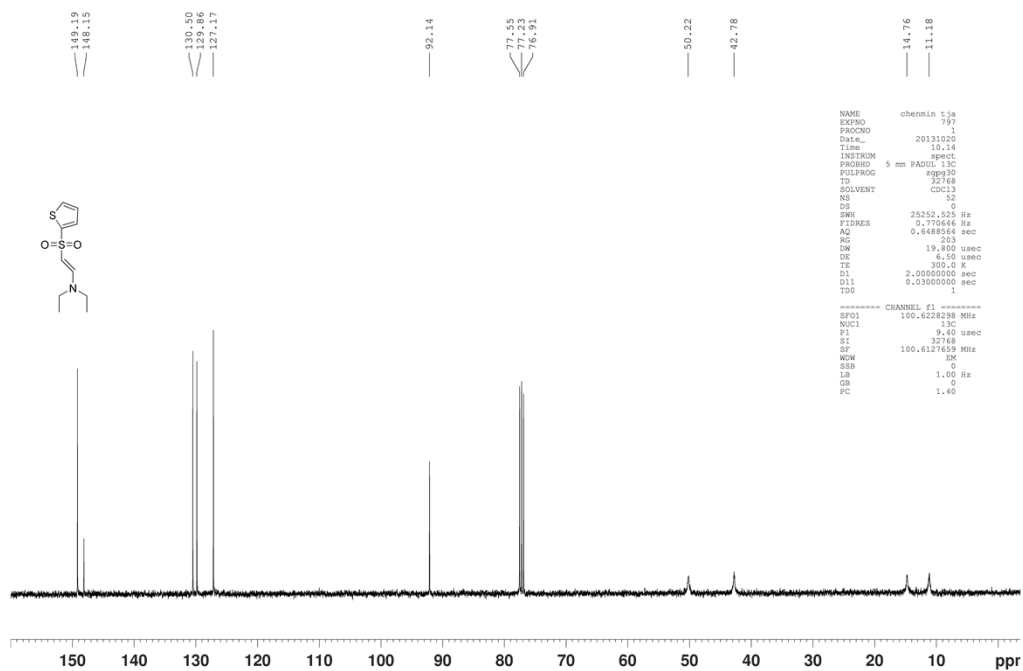
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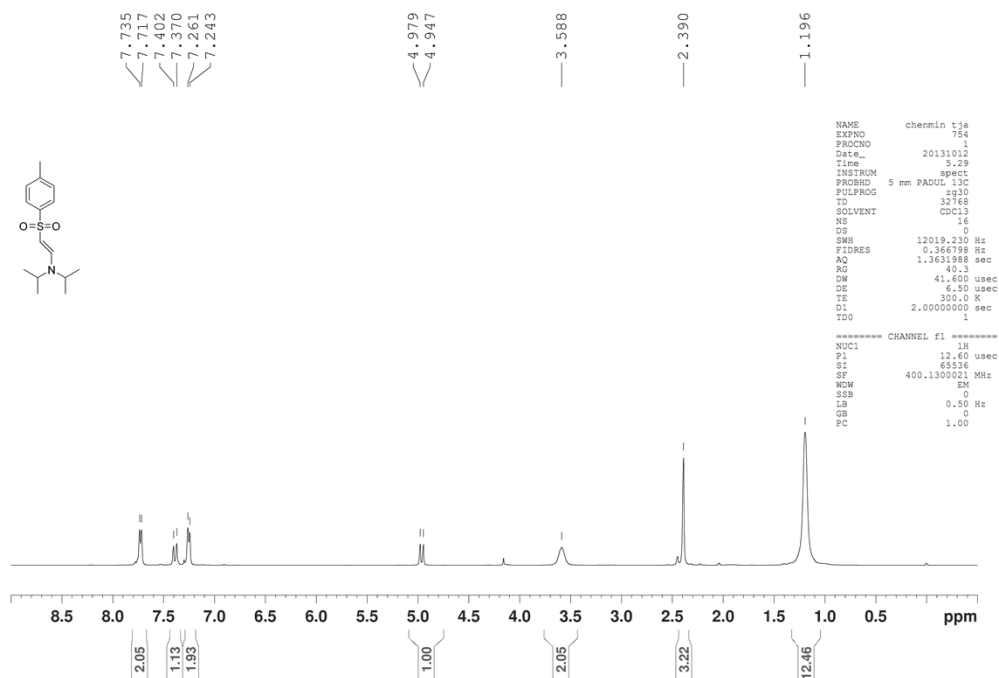


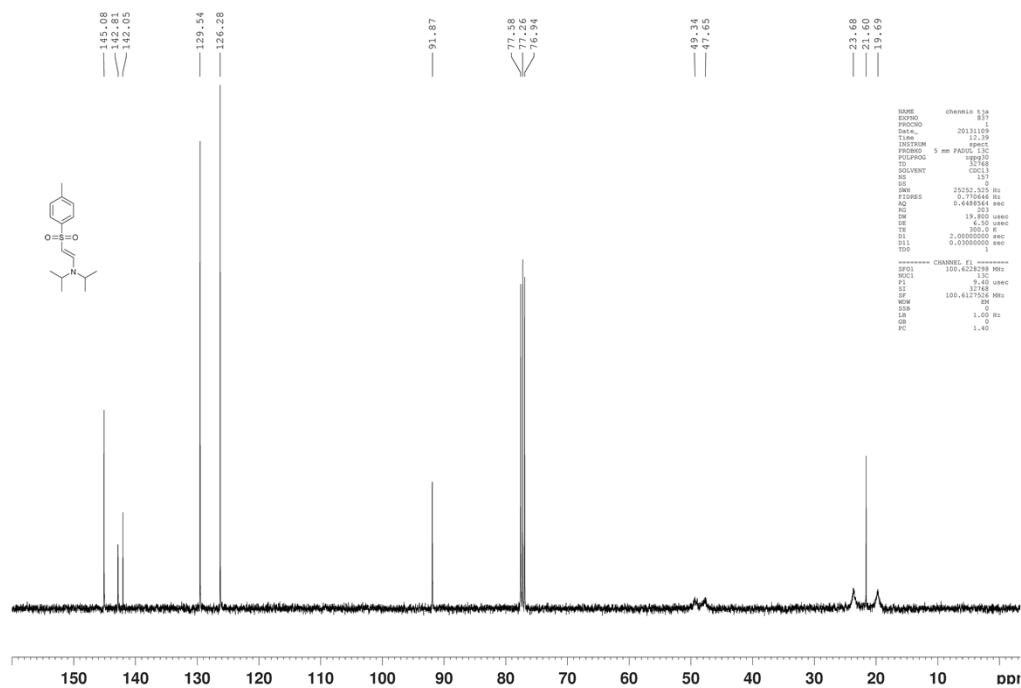
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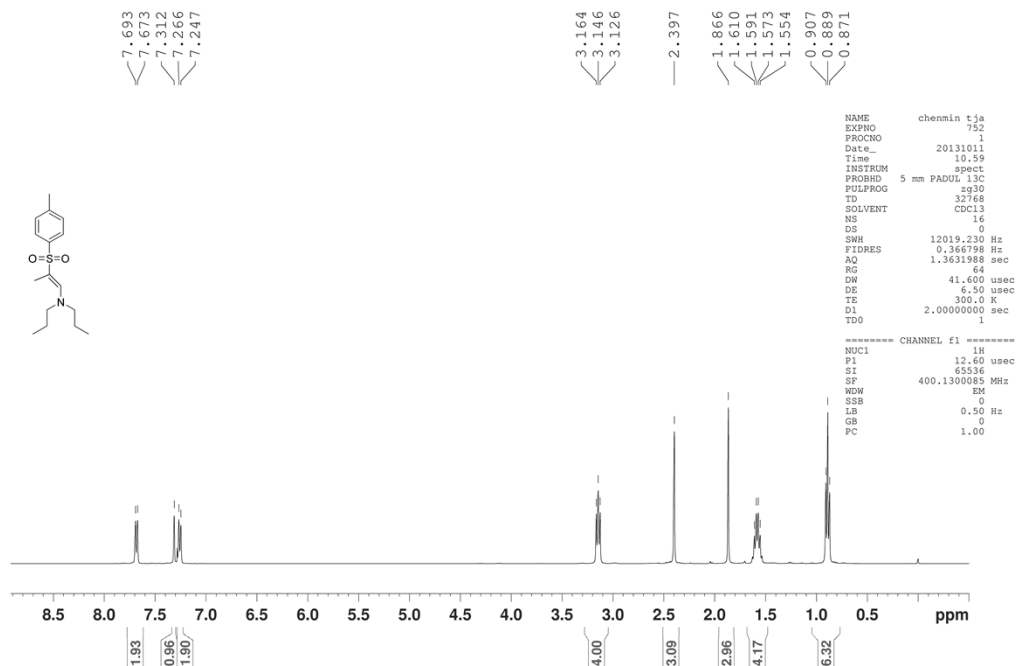


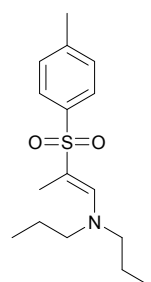
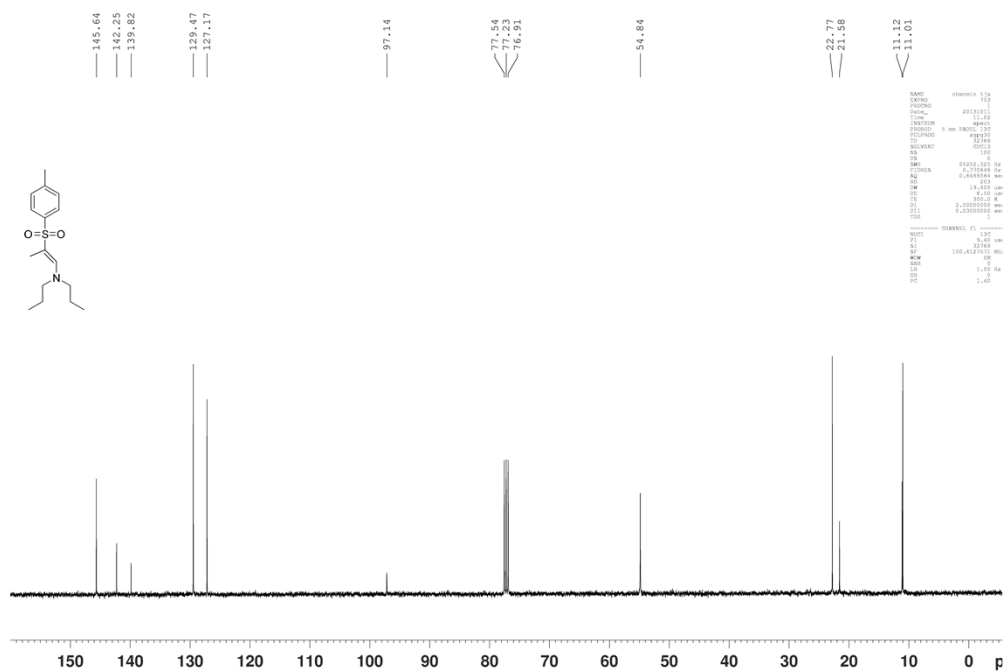
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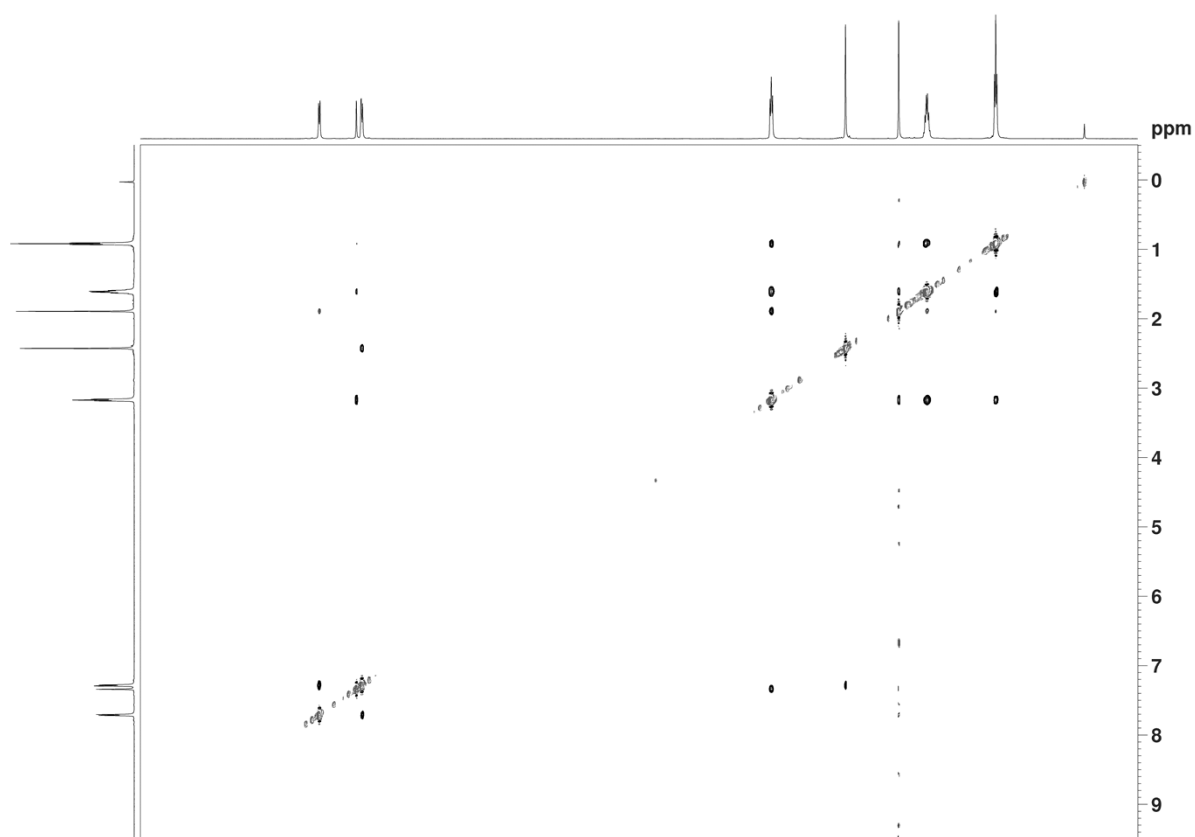


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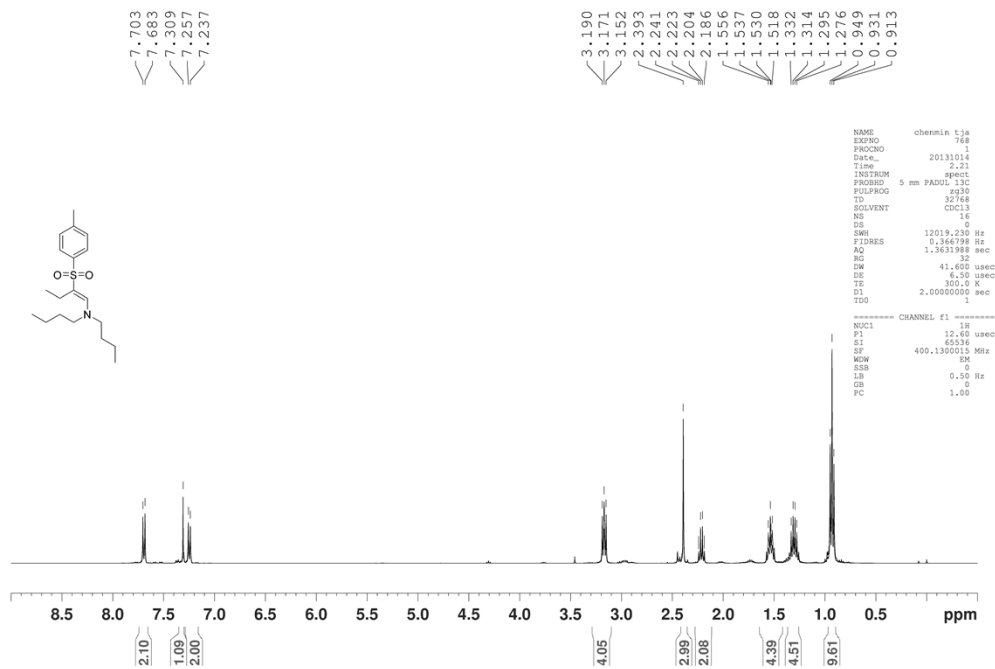




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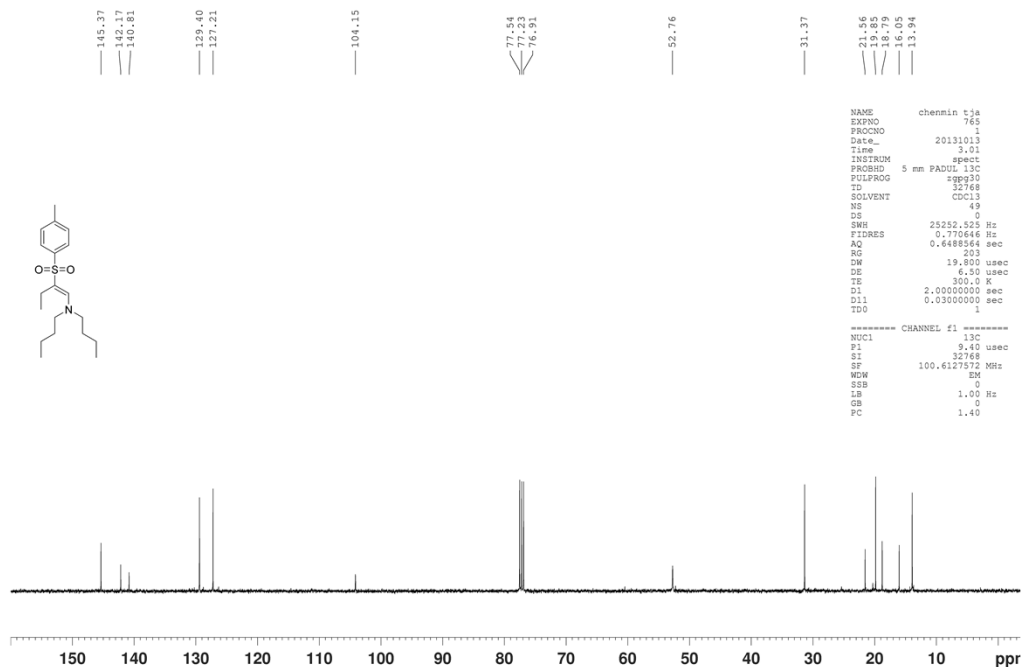
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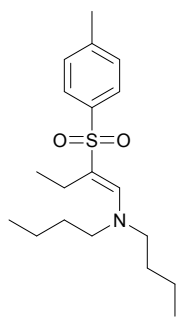
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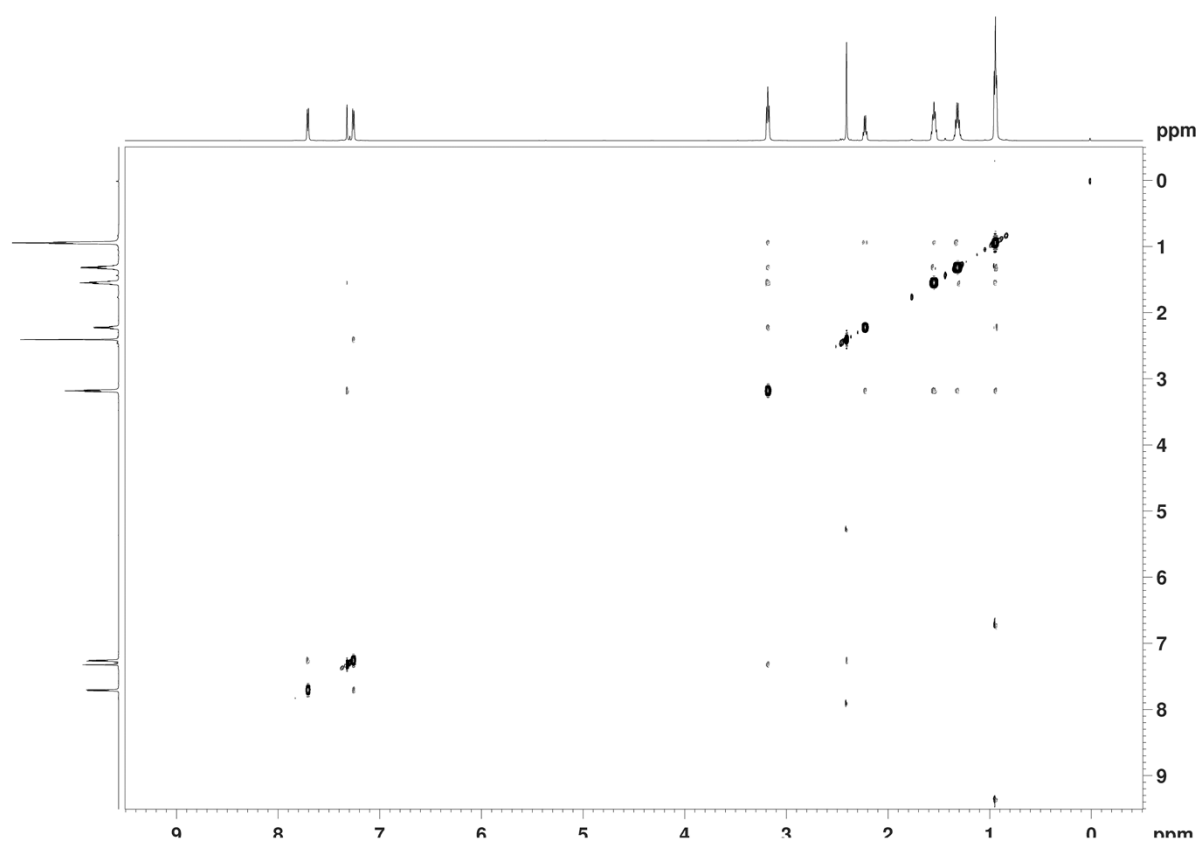
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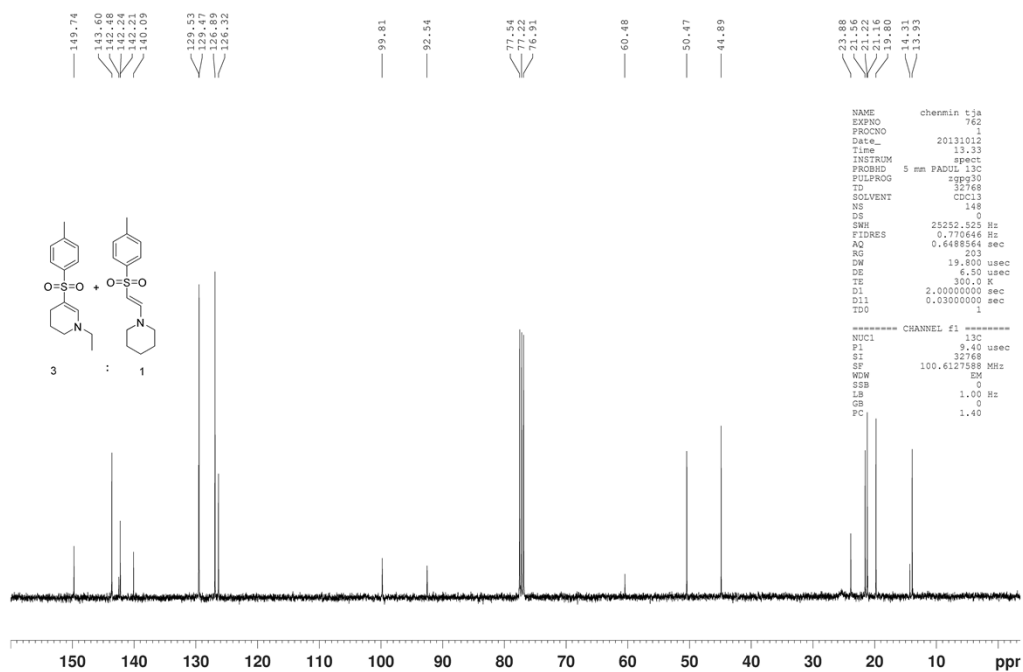
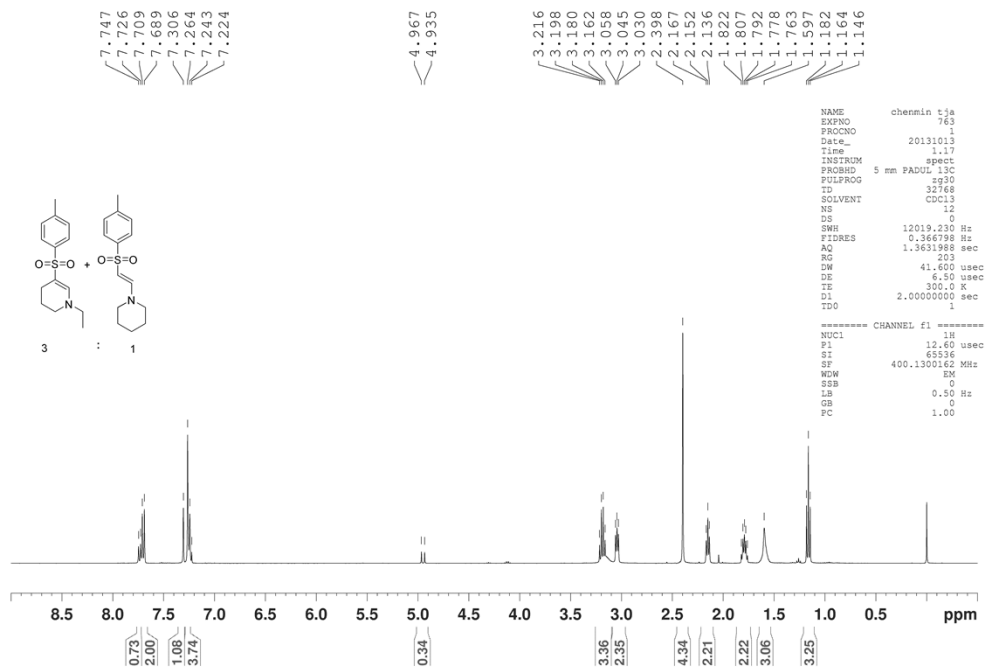
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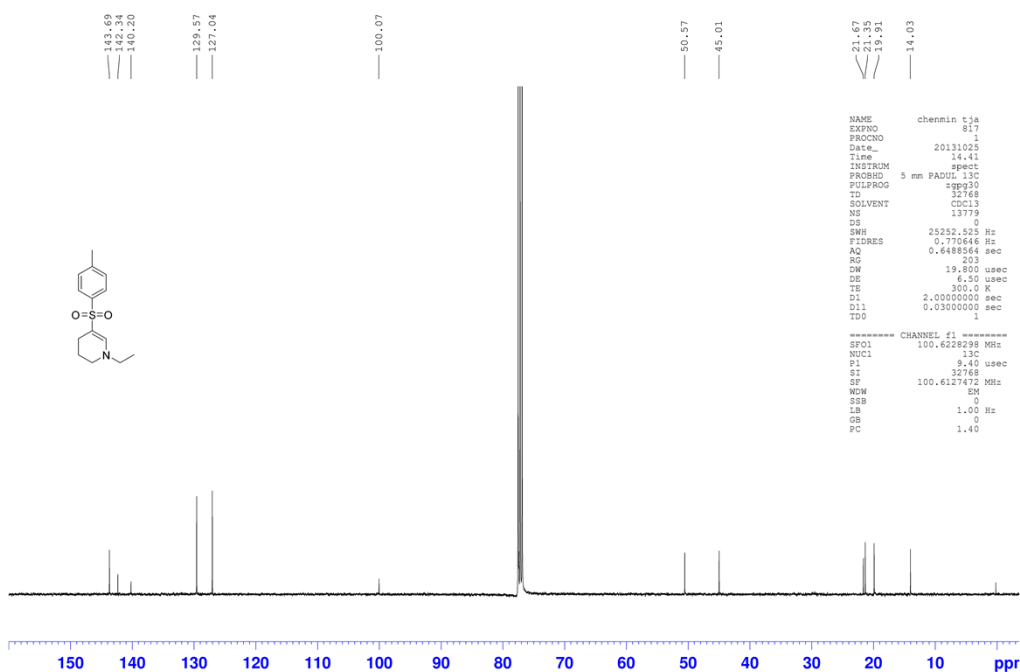
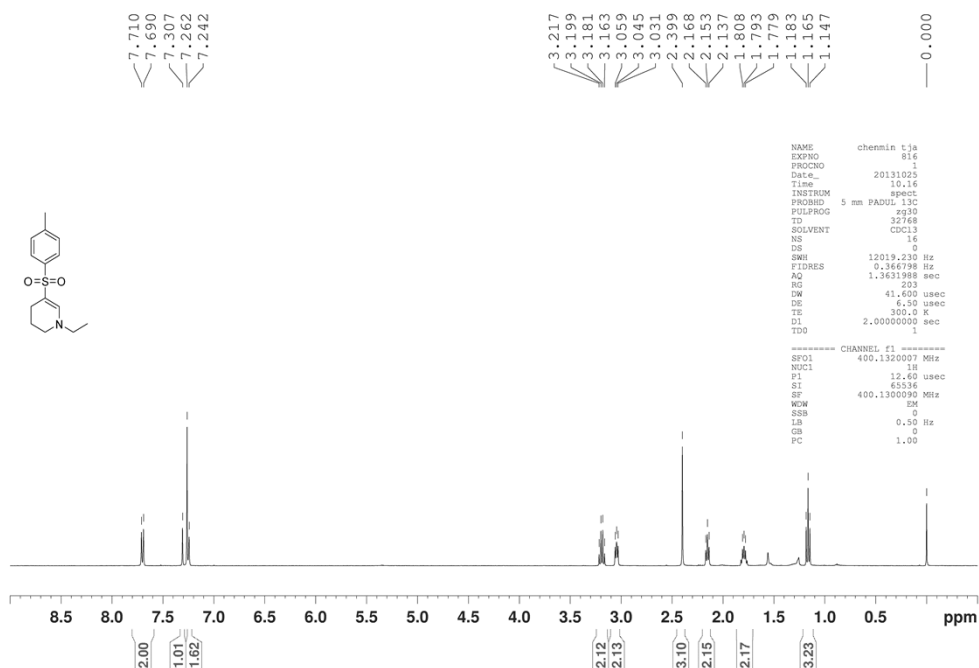


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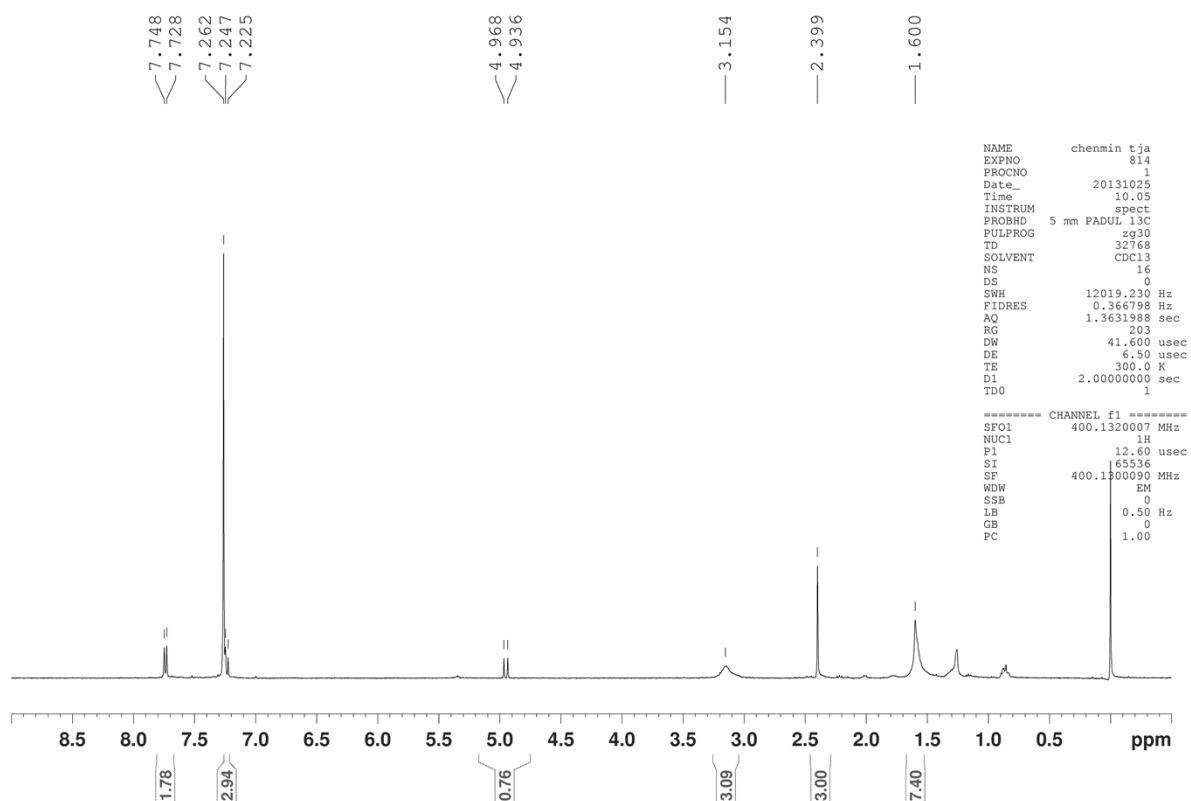




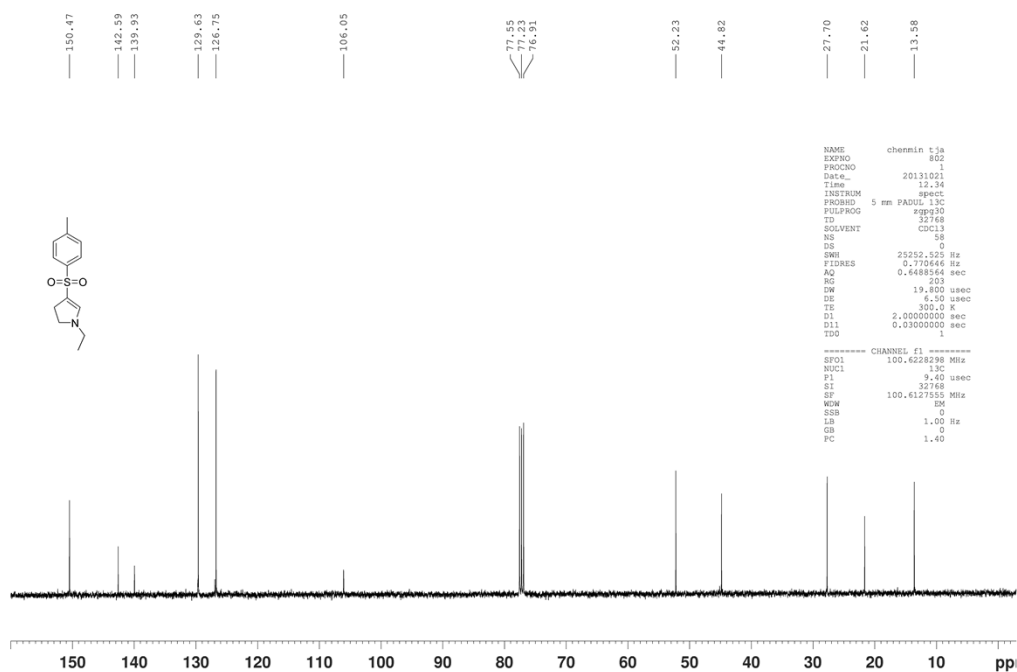
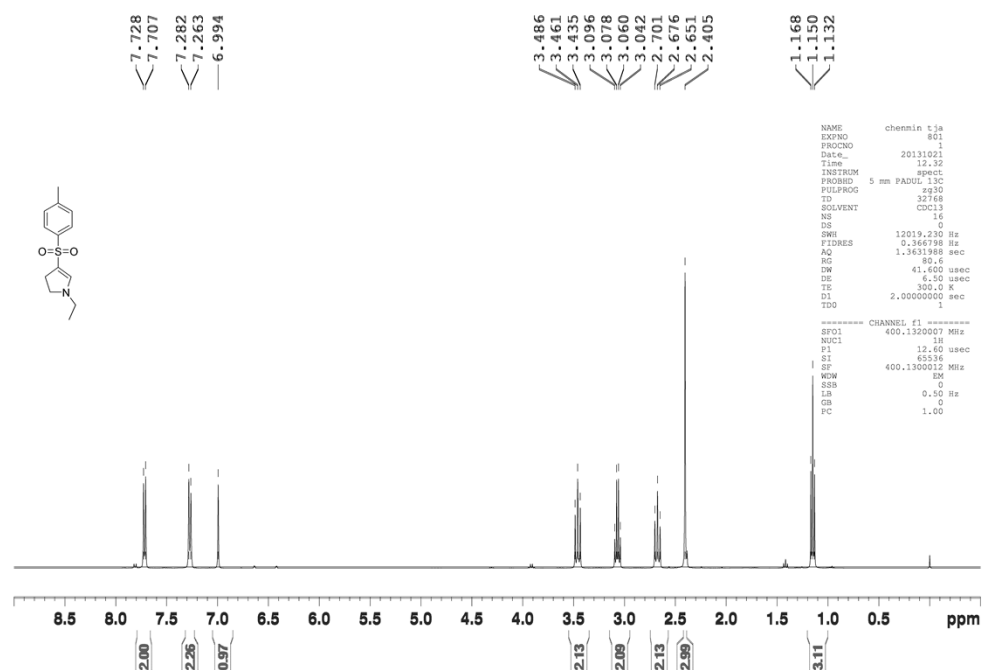
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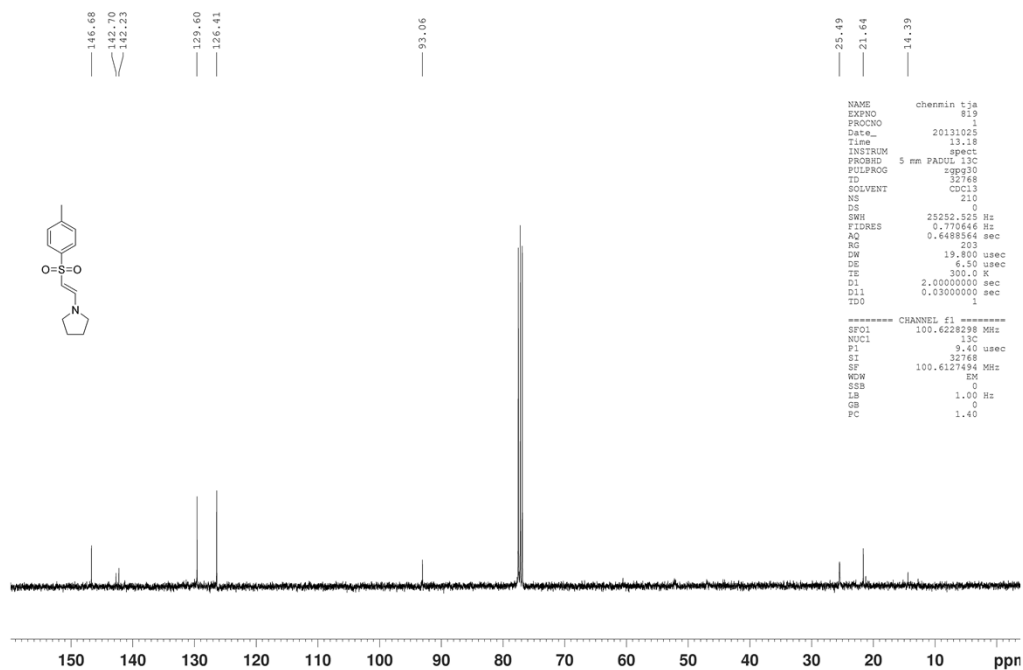
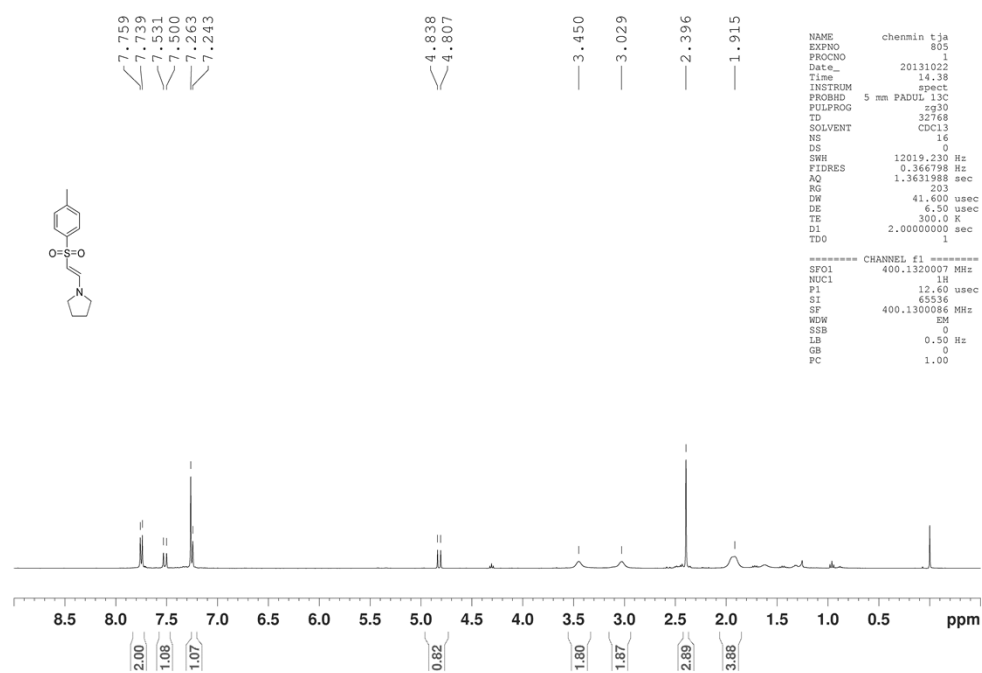
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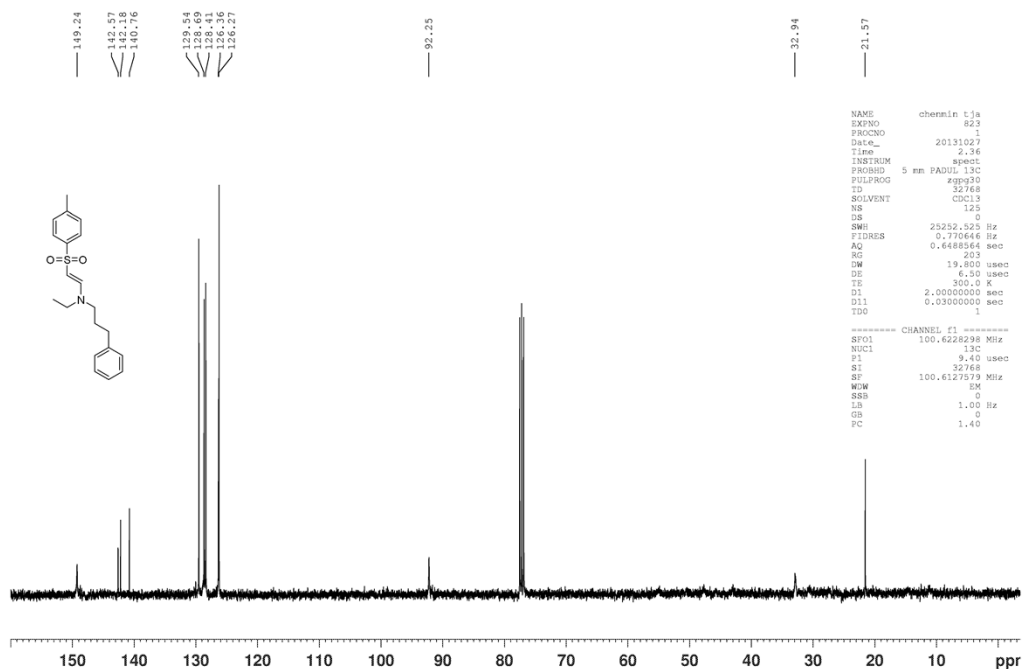
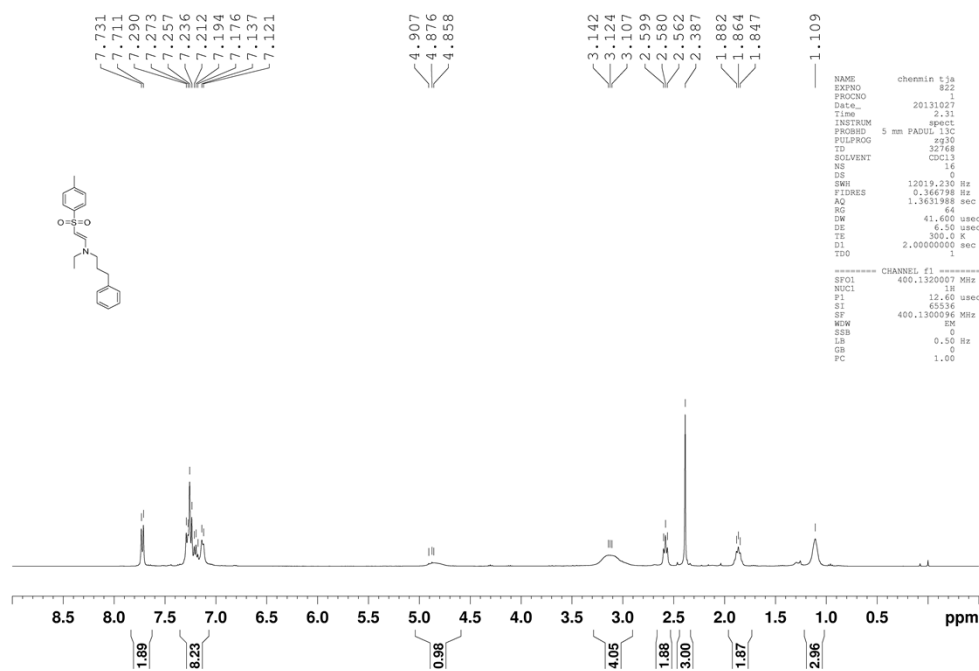
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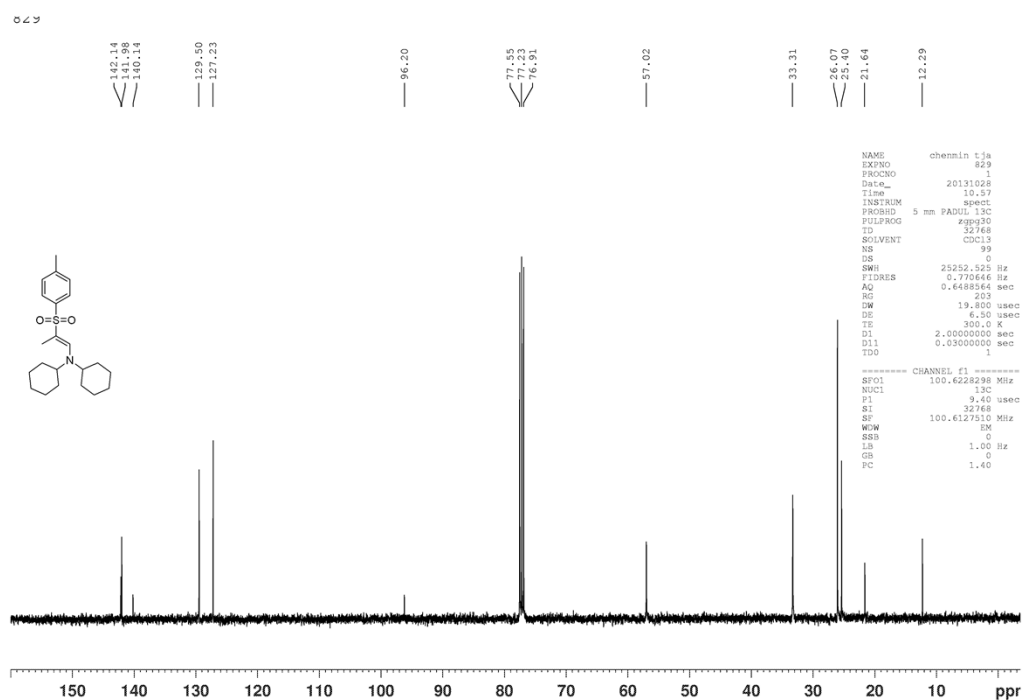
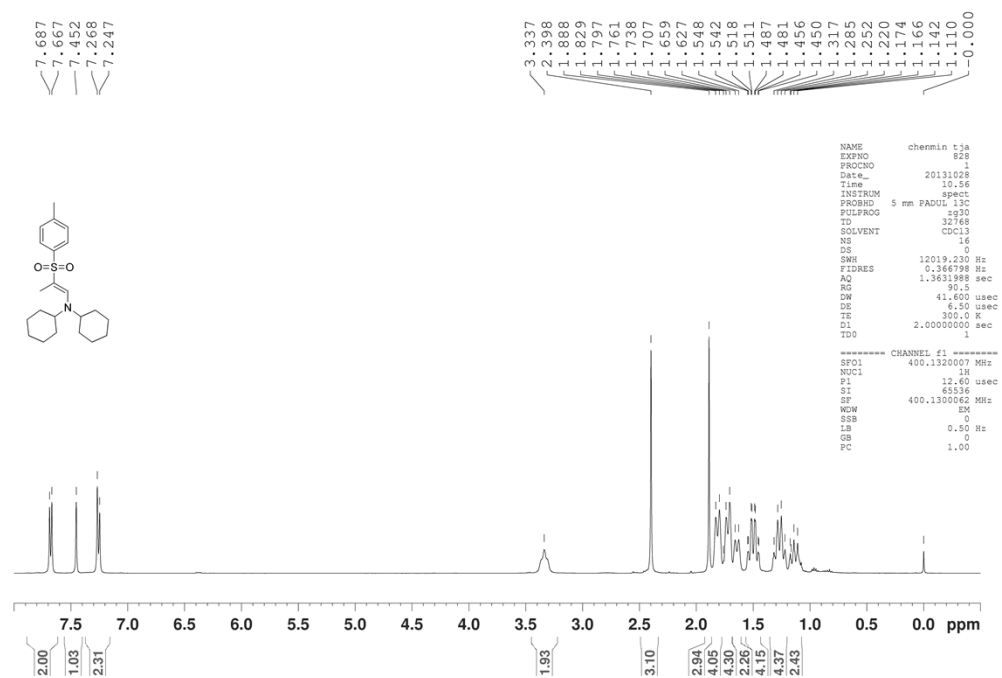
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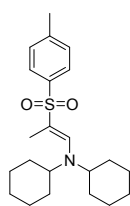


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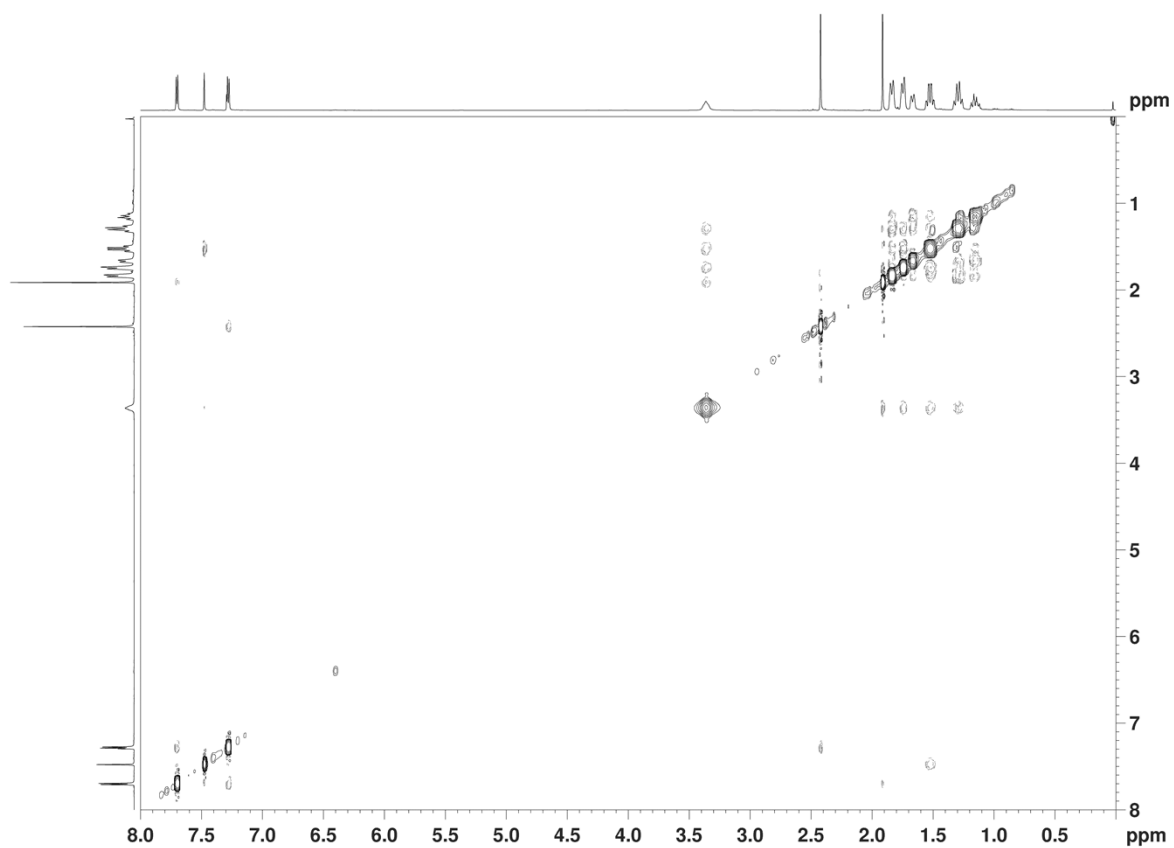


(E)-N-cyclohexyl-N-(2-tosylprop-1-enyl)cyclohexanamine





2D-NOESY(600M,CDCl₃)



(Z)-N,N-diethyl-1-(p-tolylthio)-2-tosylethenamine

