

## Supporting Information

### Amidinoquinoxaline *N*-oxides as novel spin traps

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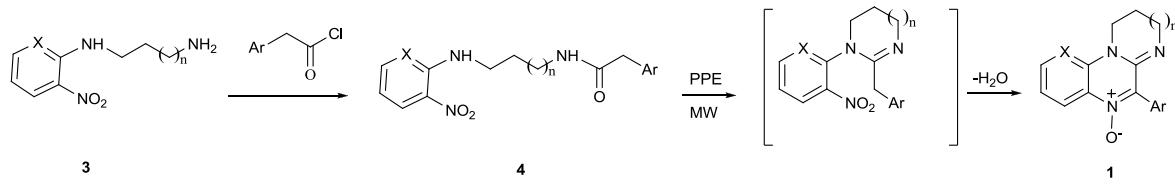
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## 1. Scheme. Synthesis of nitrones **1**



## 2. Synthesis of *N*-(2-nitroaryl)-1,3-propanediamines **3**

*N*-(2-Nitrophenyl)-1,3-propanediamine was described in the literature.<sup>1</sup>

*N*-(3-Nitropyridin-2-yl)-1,3-propanediamine<sup>2</sup> was obtained as a yellow solid (0.175 g, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C, TMS): δ= 8.44 (1H, bs, ex), 8.39-8.41 (2H, m), 6.61-6.64 (1H, m), 3.72-3.75 (2H, m), 2.84 (2H, t, J=6.7), 1.83 (2H, p, J=6.7). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ= 155.7, 152.7, 135.3, 111.5, 39.6, 38.9, 32.9. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 49.0; H, 6.2; N, 28.6. Found: C, 48.4; H, 6.3; N, 28.3%.

## 3. Synthesis of *N*-arylacetyl-*N'*-(2-nitroaryl)-1,3-propanediamines 4. General Procedure.

The acyl chloride (1 mmol) was added to a chloroformic solution of the corresponding *N*-(*o*-nitrophenyl)-1,*n*-diamine **3** (1 mmol), followed by aq 4% NaOH (1 mL). The mixture was shaken for 15 min, after which the organic layer was separated, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using mixtures of chloroform:ethyl acetate as eluent. Yields and analytical data of new compounds are as follows.

### *N*-(2-Methoxyphenyl)acetyl-*N'*-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-propanediamine **4e**

This compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.343 g, 100%), mp 125-127°C (from ethanol/water). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C, TMS): δ= 8.17 (1H, dd, J=8.6, 1.5), 8.00 (1H, bs ex), 7.40-7.44 (1H, m), 7.22-7.31 (2H, m), 6.86-6.98 (2H, m), 6.77 (1H, d, J=8.5), 6.64-6.67 (1H, m), 5.90 (1H, bs ex), 3.85 (3H, s), 3.60 (2H, s), 3.34-3.38 (2H, m), 3.27-3.30 (2H, m), 1.86 (2H, p, J=6.9). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ=171.8, 157.1, 145.3, 136.2, 131.9, 131.3, 128.9, 126.9, 123.5, 121.2, 115.3, 113.6, 110.8, 55.5, 40.3, 38.7, 37.1, 29.1. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 63.0; H, 6.2; N, 12.2. Found: C, 63.2; H, 6.3; N, 12.0%.

### *N*-(2-Iodophenyl)acetyl-*N'*-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-propanediamine **4g**

This compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.422 g, 96%), mp 126-128 °C (from hexane/chloroform). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C, TMS): δ= 8.18 (1H, dd, J = 8.5, 1.5), 8.06 (1H, bs ex), 7.87-7.89 (1H, m), 7.44 (1H, ddd, J= 8.7, 7.0, 1.5), 7.37-7.38 (2H,

m), 7.00-7.04 (1H, m), 6.82 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 1.1), 6.67 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 7.0), 5.61 (1H, sa., ex.), 3.76 (2H, s), 3.39-3.43 (2H, m), 3.34-3.38 (2H, m), 1.93 (2H, p,  $J$  = 6.9).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 169.87, 145.29, 139.89, 138.15, 136.23, 131.97, 131.00, 129.30, 129.00, 126.92, 115.37, 113.66, 101.11, 48.59, 40.57, 37.43, 29.02. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{IN}_3\text{O}_3$ : C, 46.5; H, 4.1; N, 9.6. Found: C, 46.3; H, 4.3; N, 9.5%.

#### *N*-(3-Thienyl)acetyl-*N'*-(2-nitrophenyl)-1,3-propanediamine **4h**

This compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.238 g, 87%), mp 104-106°C. (from hexane/chloroform).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C, TMS):  $\delta$  = 8.14 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 1.5), 8.05 (1H, bs ex), 7.42 (1H, ddd,  $J$  = 8.6, 7.0, 1.5), 7.32 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.8, 3.0), 7.14-7.15 (1H, m), 7.00 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.8, 1.1), 6.78 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.6), 6.64 (1H, ddd,  $J$  = 8.6, 7.0, 1.0), 3.61 (2H, s), 5.85 (1H, bs ex), 3.37 (2H, q,  $J$  = 6.7), 3.28-3.32 (2H, m), 1.88 (2H, p,  $J$  = 6.7).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 170.9, 145.2, 136.2, 134.7, 131.8, 128.3, 126.9, 126.7, 123.4, 115.4, 113.6, 40.5, 38.1, 37.3, 29.0. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ : C, 65.7; H, 6.6; N, 10.2. Found: C, 65.5; H, 6.7; N, 10.2%.

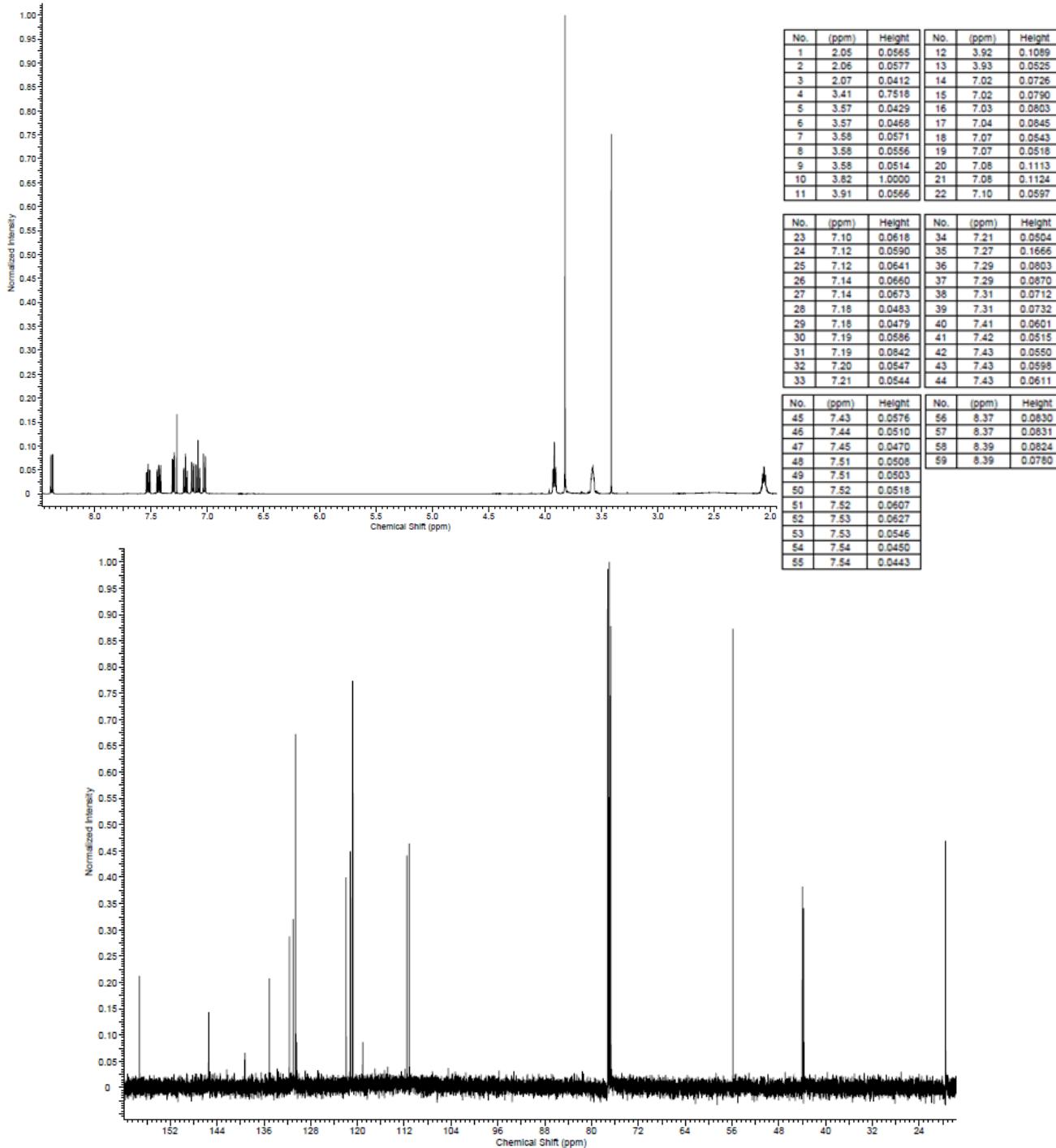
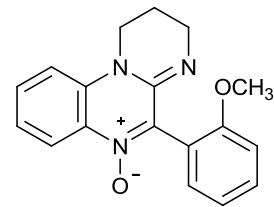
#### *N*-Phenylacetyl-*N'*-(3-Nitropyridine-2-yl)-1,3-propanediamine **4i**

This compound was obtained as a yellow solid (0.292 g, 93%), mp 116-118°C (from hexane/chloroform).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C, TMS):  $\delta$  = 8.39 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.7), 8.35 (1H, bs ex), 8.04 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.5, 1.7), 7.36-7.39 (2H, m), 7.29-7.33 (3H, m), 6.59 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.5), 6.08 (1H, bs ex), 3.63 (2H, q,  $J$  = 6.4), 3.63 (2H, s), 3.29 (2H, q,  $J$  = 6.4), 1.79 (2H, p,  $J$  = 6.4).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 171.3, 155.5, 152.8, 135.4, 135.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.0, 127.3, 111.6, 44.0, 38.0, 36.5, 30.0. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ : C, 61.1; H, 5.8; N, 17.8. Found: C, 60.9; H, 5.9; N, 17.6%.

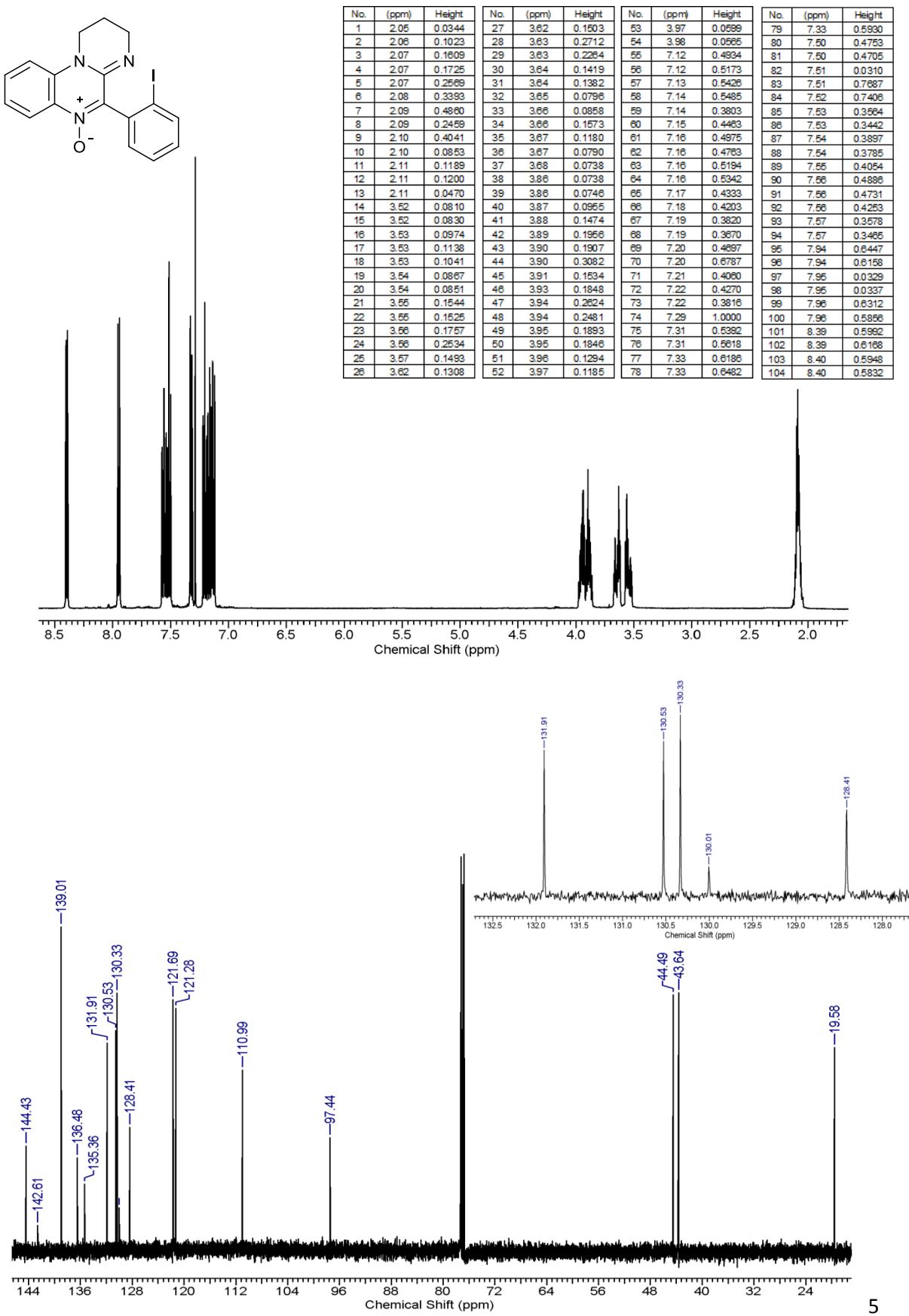
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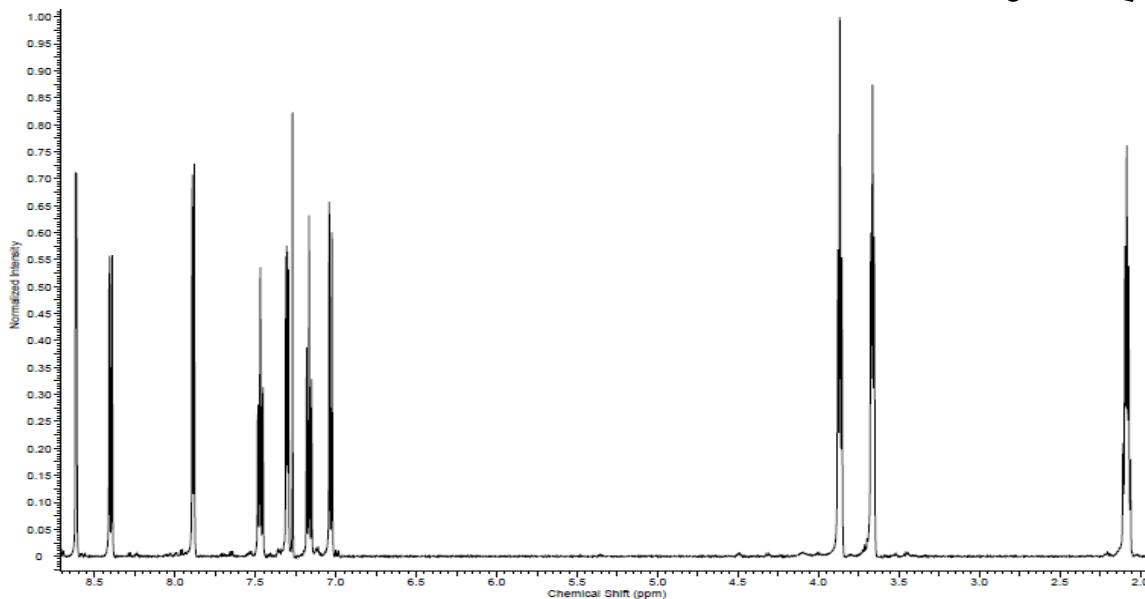
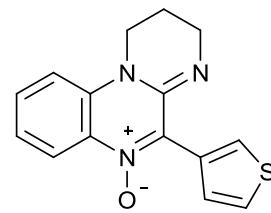
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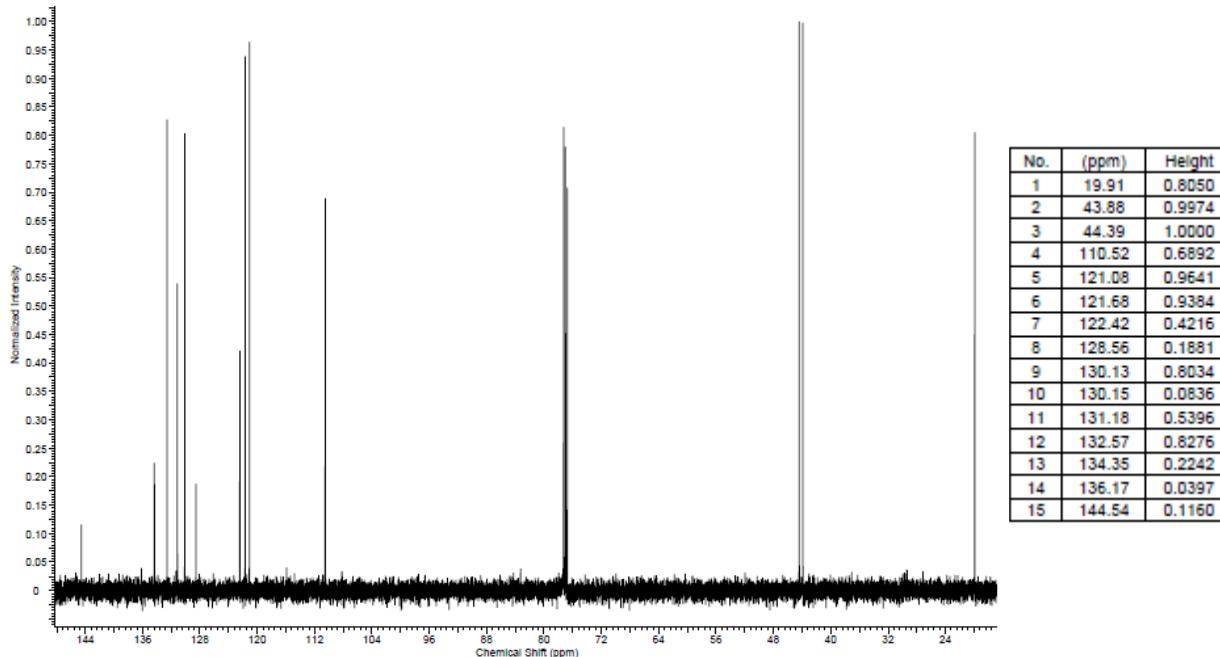
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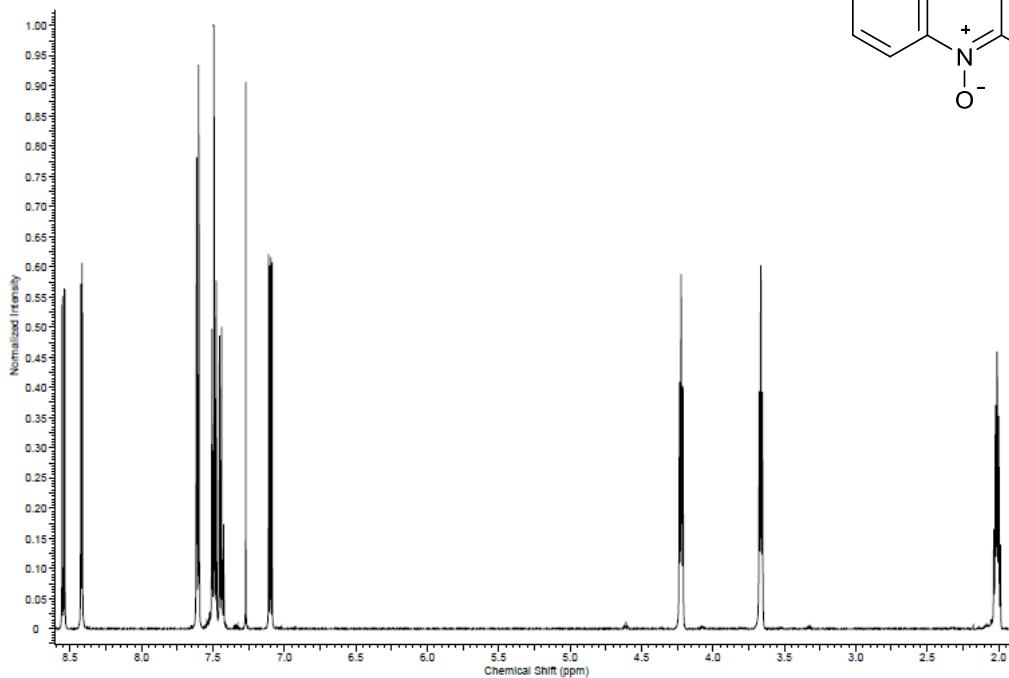
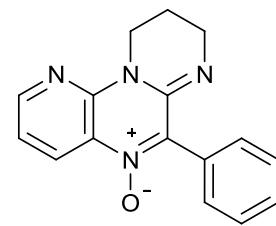
<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **1h**



| No. | (ppm) | Height |
|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|
| 1   | 2.06  | 0.1802 | 8   | 3.66  | 0.8746 | 15  | 7.15  | 0.3282 | 22  | 7.31  | 0.5551 | 29  | 7.88  | 0.6117 |
| 2   | 2.07  | 0.5382 | 9   | 3.67  | 0.5996 | 16  | 7.17  | 0.6324 | 23  | 7.45  | 0.3132 | 30  | 7.89  | 0.7071 |
| 3   | 2.08  | 0.7617 | 10  | 3.65  | 0.5534 | 17  | 7.18  | 0.3868 | 24  | 7.45  | 0.3027 | 31  | 7.89  | 0.6033 |
| 4   | 2.09  | 0.2823 | 11  | 3.87  | 1.0000 | 18  | 7.27  | 0.8232 | 25  | 7.47  | 0.5355 | 32  | 8.39  | 0.5580 |
| 5   | 2.09  | 0.5752 | 12  | 3.88  | 0.5688 | 19  | 7.29  | 0.5320 | 26  | 7.48  | 0.2814 | 33  | 8.39  | 0.5175 |
| 6   | 2.11  | 0.2100 | 13  | 7.02  | 0.6003 | 20  | 7.30  | 0.5646 | 27  | 7.49  | 0.2524 | 34  | 8.41  | 0.5567 |
| 7   | 3.65  | 0.5921 | 14  | 7.04  | 0.6571 | 21  | 7.30  | 0.5758 | 28  | 7.88  | 0.7280 | 35  | 8.41  | 0.5034 |



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **1i**



| No. | (ppm) | Height |
|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|
| 1   | 1.99  | 0.1396 | 10  | 4.21  | 0.4024 | 19  | 7.43  | 0.1731 | 28  | 7.48  | 0.4586 | 37  | 7.59  | 0.1109 | 46  | 8.42  | 0.5250 |
| 2   | 2.00  | 0.3528 | 11  | 4.22  | 0.5877 | 20  | 7.43  | 0.1044 | 29  | 7.48  | 0.5770 | 38  | 7.60  | 0.7095 | 47  | 8.43  | 0.5723 |
| 3   | 2.01  | 0.4531 | 12  | 4.23  | 0.4094 | 21  | 7.43  | 0.1149 | 30  | 7.48  | 0.3000 | 39  | 7.60  | 0.9349 | 48  | 8.54  | 0.5623 |
| 4   | 2.01  | 0.4595 | 13  | 7.09  | 0.6079 | 22  | 7.44  | 0.5008 | 31  | 7.49  | 0.3158 | 40  | 7.60  | 0.4219 | 49  | 8.54  | 0.5641 |
| 5   | 2.02  | 0.3708 | 14  | 7.10  | 0.6164 | 23  | 7.44  | 0.1722 | 32  | 7.49  | 1.0000 | 41  | 7.61  | 0.2112 | 50  | 8.55  | 0.5515 |
| 6   | 2.03  | 0.1656 | 15  | 7.10  | 0.6027 | 24  | 7.45  | 0.2795 | 33  | 7.50  | 0.2391 | 42  | 7.62  | 0.7812 | 51  | 8.56  | 0.5368 |
| 7   | 3.65  | 0.3827 | 16  | 7.11  | 0.6214 | 25  | 7.45  | 0.4864 | 34  | 7.50  | 0.1926 | 43  | 7.62  | 0.5710 |     |       |        |
| 8   | 3.66  | 0.6030 | 17  | 7.27  | 0.9069 | 26  | 7.46  | 0.2459 | 35  | 7.51  | 0.4973 | 44  | 8.41  | 0.5235 |     |       |        |
| 9   | 3.68  | 0.3938 | 18  | 7.42  | 0.0902 | 27  | 7.47  | 0.1113 | 36  | 7.51  | 0.3060 | 45  | 8.42  | 0.6065 |     |       |        |

