

**Supporting Information for: Palladium-Catalyzed Dynamic Kinetic
Asymmetric Transformations of Vinyl Aziridines with Nitrogen Heterocycles:
Rapid Access to Biologically Active Pyrroles and Indoles**

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Supporting Information

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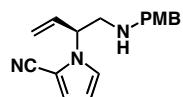
General:

1,2 dichloroethane was distilled from calcium hydride. All other anhydrous solvents were obtained from elution through alumina columns and degassed using the freeze-pump-thaw technique unless stated otherwise. Commercial reagents were used without further purification unless stated otherwise. Reactions were run under nitrogen or argon atmosphere and anhydrous conditions. TLC was performed on precoated glass plates (Merck). Flash chromatography was performed with silica gel 60, 230-400 mesh. ¹H-NMR (0 ppm for tetramethylsilane as internal standard) and ¹³C-NMR (77.5 ppm for CDCl₃ as internal standard) spectra were recorded on Varian UI- 600 (600 MHz), UI-500 (500 MHz) or Varian MERC-400 (400 MHz). IR spectra (cm⁻¹) were obtained with a Perkin-Elmer FT-IR Paragon 500 spectrometer or a Thermo Scientific Nicolet IR 100 FT-IR spectrometer using neat sample on a NaCl pad. Enantiomeric excess was determined using chiral HPLC analyses on a Themo Separation Products Spectra Series P-100 or 200 and UV100 (254 nm) using Chiralcel® columns (OD-H, OB-H, AD-H, OJ-H OD, OB, OJ, AD, As, OC, IA, IB or IC) eluting with heptane / *iso*-propanol mixtures indicated. Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco DIP-1000 digital polarimeter using 5 cm cells and the sodium D line (589 nm) at ambient temperature in the solvent and concentration indicated.

General procedure for a pyrrole AAA reaction:

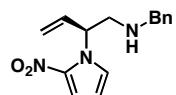
To a flame-dried microwave vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added nitrogen heterocycle (0.2 mmol) and vinyl aziridine (0.22 mmol). The system was evacuated and filled with argon (3x) and dry degassed DCE (0.4 mL) was then added. In a separate flame-dried microwave vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added Pd₂(dba)₃•CHCl₃ (4.1 mg, 4.0x10⁻³ mmol) and (*R,R*)-**L2** (9.5 mg, 0.012 mmol). The system was evacuated and filled with argon (3x), and DCE (0.4 mL) was added. This vial was stirred at rt for 15-20 min until a bright orange color persisted and its contents were then cannulated to the first vial. The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 h at rt, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and then poured onto water (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x10 mL). The

combined organic fractions were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *en vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.



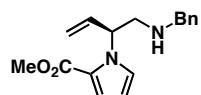
(S)-1-(1-(4-methoxybenzylamino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbonitrile (3a)

Purified by column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 56 mg of a yellow oil (99% yield, 89 %ee by HPLC, OJ-H column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 1.0mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 27.4, 30.2 min). R_f = 0.30 (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.20-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.92 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd, J = 3.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dd, J = 3.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (ddd, J = 10.5, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (ddd, J = 17.2, 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97-4.92 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.72 (q, J = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 3.13-3.03 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 159.2, 135.3, 132.2, 129.7, 124.7, 120.5, 119.0, 114.4, 114.3, 110.3, 104.3, 61.5, 55.7, 53.1, 52.5. **IR**(film): 3335, 3123, 2917, 2836, 2214, 1610, 1511, 1457 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -31.7$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.00). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{ONa}$): calculated (M + Na): 304.1426, found (M + Na): 304.1428.



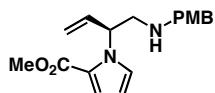
(S)-N-benzyl-2-(2-nitro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)but-3-en-1-amine (3b)

Purified by column chromatography (25% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 42 mg of an oil (77% yield, 89% ee by HPLC, OD column, 98:2 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 23.1, 25.3 min). R_f = 0.30 (25% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.32-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.04 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dd, J = 4.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03-5.95 (m, 2H), 5.27 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.06 (m, 1H), 3.81-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.10-3.01 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 140.1, 135.5, 128.9, 128.4, 127.6, 126.9, 119.0, 115.6, 109.4, 59.9, 53.8, 52.6. **IR** (film): 3131, 3025, 2838, 1529, 1500, 1454, 1347, 739 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -55.2$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.09). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$): calculated (M + H): 272.1399, found (M + H): 272.1387.



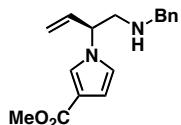
(S)-methyl 1-(1-(benzylamino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3c)

Purified by column chromatography (25% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 43.4 mg of a yellow oil (76 % yield, 96 %ee by HPLC, AD column, 95:5 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 8.3, 9.1 min). R_f = 0.30 (25% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.32-7.21 (m, 5H), 6.99 (ddd, J = 5.8, 4.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (dd, J = 3.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15-6.10 (m, 1H), 6.00 (ddd, J = 16.9, 10.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21-5.18 (m, 1H), 5.04 (dt, J = 17.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82-3.74 (m, 5H), 3.08-3.00 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 1H).. **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ 162.2, 140.5, 137.0, 128.8, 128.5, 127.4, 125.8, 122.7, 118.6, 117.6, 109.2, 58.5, 53.6, 53.1, 51.5. **IR** (film): 25, 2945, 1702, 1643, 1545, 1456, 1436, 1341, 1234, 1108, 740, 700 cm⁻¹. [α]_D: -12.5 (CH₂Cl₂, c 1.03). **HRMS** (C₁₇H₂₁N₂O₂): calculated (M + H): 285.1603, found (M + H): 285.1595.



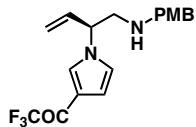
(S)-methyl 1-(1-(4-methoxybenzylamino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3d)

Purified by column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 54 mg of a yellow oil (86% yield, 94%ee by HPLC, OD column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 9.8, 12.4 min). R_f = 0.30 (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.19 (dd, J = 3.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.14-6.09 (m, 1H), 6.00 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (dt, J = 10.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dt, J = 17.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.07-2.98 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ 162.2, 159.1, 137.1, 132.6, 129.7, 125.8, 122.7, 118.6, 117.6, 114.2, 109.2, 58.5, 55.7, 53.0, 51.5. **IR** (film): 2949, 2835, 1703, 1512, 1460, 1438, 1412 cm⁻¹. [α]_D: 0.9 (CH₂Cl₂, c 1.04). **HRMS** (C₁₇H₂₂N₂O₃Na): calculated (M + Na): 337.1523, found (M + Na): 337.1528.



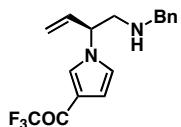
(S)-methyl 1-(1-(benzylamino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3e)

Purified by column chromatography (35% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 41 mg of an oil (72% yield, 89% ee by HPLC, OD column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 17.7, 20.1 min). R_f = 0.30 (40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz): δ 7.35 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25-5.22 (m, 1H), 5.09 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 1.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.66-4.61 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.77-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.06-2.97 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 165.7, 140.1, 135.9, 128.9, 128.4, 127.6, 125.2, 121.0, 118.4, 116.4, 110.6, 62.9, 53.9, 52.9, 51.5. **IR** (film): 3024, 2945, 2839, 1706, 1539, 1452, 1458, 1360, 1197, 1118 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{\circ}$ -23.0 (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.03). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$): calculated (M + H): 285.1603, found (M + H): 285.1598.



(S)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(1-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)ethanone (3f)

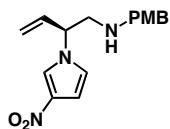
Purified by column chromatography (35% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 65 mg of a clear oil (92% yield, 93 % ee by HPLC, OB column, 8:2 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 18.2, 30.9 min). R_f = 0.30 (35% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400MHz): δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (ddd, *J* = 17.0, 10.7, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.32-5.29 (m, 1H), 5.13 (dt, *J* = 17.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.68-4.63 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.75-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.04-3.02 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 159.3, 135.2, 132.0, 129.6, 128.9, 122.6, 119.2, 118.9, 118.3, 116.0, 114.3, 111.4, 63.4, 55.7, 53.4, 52.6. **IR** (film): 3350, 2931, 2835, 1683, 1528, 1512, 1247, 1190, 1143, 880 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{\circ}$ -20.6 (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.29). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$): calculated (M + H): 353.1477, found (M + H): 353.1471.



(S)-1-(1-(benzylamino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethanone (3g)

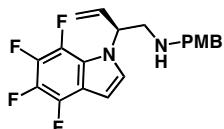
Purified by column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 61 mg of an oil (95% yield, 93 %ee by HPLC, OD-H column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt

$\lambda = 19.5, 25.2$ min). $R_f = 0.30$ (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **1H-NMR** (400 MHz): δ 7.58 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.24 (m, 5H), 6.78-6.77 (m, 1H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 3.1, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.96 (ddd, $J = 17.1, 10.5, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 1.3, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 1.5, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.69-4.64 (m, 1H), 3.82-3.74 (m, 2H), 3.06-3.04 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 1H). **13C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 175.8, 139.9, 135.1, 129.0, 128.4, 127.7, 122.6, 119.2, 118.9, 118.3, 116.0, 111.4, 63.4, 54.0, 52.7. **IR** (film): 2921, 2838, 1684, 1529, 1248, 1191, 1144, 880, 761, 732, 699 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_D = -22.2$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.11). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_1\text{F}_3$): calculated (M + H): 323.1371, found (M + H): 323.1366.



(S)-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(3-nitro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)but-3-en-1-amine (3h)

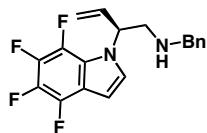
Purified by column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 50.8 mg of a yellow oil (78% yield, 90% ee by HPLC, OD column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 31.3, 34.0 min).. $R_f = 0.30$ (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **1H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.58 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd, $J = 3.2, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, $J = 3.1, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.93 (ddd, $J = 17.1, 10.5, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dt, $J = 10.5, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 1.5, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.62-4.57 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.02 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H). **13C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 159.3, 135.0, 131.9, 129.7, 121.2, 120.9, 119.4, 114.36, 114.36, 106.1, 63.6, 55.7, 53.4, 52.5. **IR**(film): 3138, 2929, 2834, 1619, 1527, 1510, 1485, 1368, 1286, 1246, 1175, 1120, 1032, 810, 751 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_D = -15.3$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.02). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$): calculated (M + H): 302.1505, found (M + H): 302.1499.



(S)-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(4,5,6,7-tetrafluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)but-3-en-1-amine (4a)

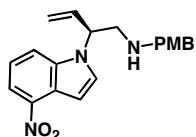
Purified by silica gel flash chromatography. (30% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 69 mg of a yellow oil (89% yield, 90% ee by HPLC, AD-H column, 99.5:0.5 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 20.6, 23.9 min.) $R_f = 0.3$ (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **1H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.19 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 2H),

6.63 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dddd, $J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.8, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.32 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.25-5.22 (m, 1H), 5.03 (dd, $J = 17.2, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.72 (q, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.13-3.10 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 159.2, 136.0, 132.2, 129.6, 127.81, 127.78, 118.3, 114.2, 99.72, 99.67, 77.5, 60.57, 60.51, 55.7, 53.3, 52.4. **IR** (film): 2933, 2834, 1611, 1538, 1511, 1486, 1341, 1301, 1246, 1177, 1034, 997, 713 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}}: -29.1$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.10). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_1\text{F}_4$): calculated (M + H): 379.1434, found (M + H): 379.1428.



(S)-N-benzyl-2-(4,5,6,7-tetrafluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)but-3-en-1-amine (4b)

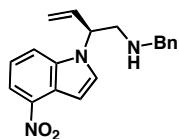
Purified by column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 67 mg of an oil (96% yield, 92% ee by HPLC, OD column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 14.9, 18.8 min). $R_f = 0.30$ (20% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.31-7.19 (m, 6H), 6.63 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.05-5.96 (m, 1H), 5.36-5.31 (m, 1H), 5.24 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 1.3, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.05-5.01 (m, 1H), 3.82-3.74 (m, 2H), 3.18-3.08 (m, 2H), 1.38 (s, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 140.1, 136.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.79, 127.76, 127.61, 118.3, 99.75, 99.71, 60.57, 60.51, 53.9, 52.6. **IR** (film): 1538, 1507, 1486, 1341, 997 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}}: -30.0$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.12). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$): calculated (M + H): 349.1328, found (M + H): 349.1322.



(S)-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(4-nitro-1H-indol-1-yl)but-3-en-1-amine (4c)

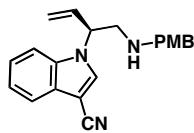
Purified by silica gel flash chromatography (35% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 60.2 mg of a yellow oil (86% yield, 93% ee by HPLC, IB column, 75:25 heptane/*i*-propanol, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 10.8, 20.6 min) $R_f: 0.3$ (40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.13 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 3.2, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.80

(m, 2H), 6.02 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 10.5, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 1.6, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dtt, $J = 7.7, 5.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 1.7, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.70 (q, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.23-3.13 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 159.2, 140.9, 138.8, 135.5, 132.1, 130.2, 129.6, 123.1, 120.9, 118.4, 118.1, 117.1, 114.3, 103.1, 59.3, 55.7, 53.4, 52.0. **IR (film):** 3106, 2932, 2834, 1611, 1513, 1463 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -12.9$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.25). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}$): calculated (M + Na): 374.1481, found (M + Na): 374.1476.



(S)-N-benzyl-2-(4-nitro-1H-indol-1-yl)but-3-en-1-amine (4d)

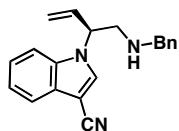
Purified by silica gel flash chromatography (30% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 55.3 mg of a yellow oil (86% yield, 86% ee by HPLC, OD-H column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 20.3, 35.0 min) R_f : 0.3 (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.13 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.19 (m, 7H), 6.02 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 10.5, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 1.5, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.16-5.11 (m, 1H), 5.04 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 1.6, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.24-3.14 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 140.9, 140.0, 138.8, 135.4, 130.2, 128.94, 128.90, 128.4, 127.6, 123.1, 120.9, 118.5, 118.13, 118.10, 117.1, 103.1, 59.3, 54.0, 52.1. **IR** (film): 3352, 2919, 2832, 1512, 1496, 1360, 1328, 1301, 1252, 736 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} -16.1$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c. 1.05). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$): calculated (M + H): 322.3810, found (M + H): 322.1550.



(S)-1-(1-(4-methoxybenzylamino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile (4e)

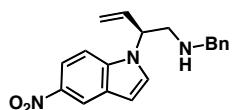
Purified by silica gel flash chromatography. (35% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 45 mg of a yellow oil (92% yield, 89% ee by HPLC, IB column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 20.9, 26.2 min.) R_f = 0.3 (40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 7.77-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 6.7, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.82 (m, 2H), 5.99 (ddd, $J = 17.5, 10.5, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.30-5.28

(m, 1H), 5.08-5.04 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.70 (q, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.15 (qd, $J = 12.1, 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz): δ 159.2, 135.9, 134.7, 133.5, 131.9, 129.7, 128.2, 124.2, 122.7, 120.4, 119.1, 116.4, 114.3, 111.4, 86.7, 59.6, 55.7, 53.4, 51.7. **IR** (film): 2835, 2217, 1611, 1528, 1512, 1461 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}}: -26.0$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.10). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{ONa}$): calculated (M + Na): 354.1584, found (M + Na): 354.1582.



(S)-1-(1-(benzylamino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile (4f)

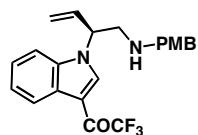
Purified by silica gel flash chromatography. (30% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 53 mg of a yellow oil (88% yield, 90% ee by HPLC, OD-H column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 20.6, 27.5 min.) $R_f = 0.3$ (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.77-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.20 (m, 6H), 5.99 (ddd, $J = 17.4, 10.6, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.31-5.28 (m, 1H), 5.10-5.04 (m, 2H), 3.80-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.22-3.12 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 139.8, 135.9, 134.7, 133.5, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 124.2, 122.7, 120.4, 119.2, 116.4, 111.4, 86.7, 59.6, 54.0, 51.8. **IR** (film): 3026, 2920, 2837, 2216, 1527, 1460, 1399, 1356, 1232, 1183, 756 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}}: -24.3$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.01). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3$): calculated (M + H): 302.1675, found (M + H): 302.1652.



(S)-N-benzyl-2-(5-nitro-1H-indol-1-yl)but-3-en-1-amine (4g)

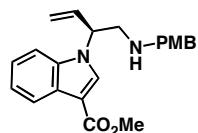
Purified by silica gel flash chromatography. (40% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 52 mg of a yellow oil (81% yield, 83% ee by HPLC, AD-H column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 17.7, 20.5 min.) $R_f = 0.3$ (35% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (400 MHz): δ 8.58 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, $J = 9.1, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.19 (m, 8H), 6.73 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.02 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 10.5, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dt, $J = 10.5, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.09 (m, 1H), 5.05 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 1.5, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (q, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.24-3.14 (m, 2H), 1.51 (s, 1H). **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 142.1, 140.0, 139.5, 135.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 118.63, 118.53, 117.6, 110.2, 105.1, 59.4, 54.0, 52.0. **IR** (film): 3083, 3025, 2833, 1609,

1578, 1511, 1468, 1404, 1335, 1197, 1124, 1069, 988, 932, 898, 811, 743, 699, 594 cm⁻¹. [α]²²_D: -31.7 (CH₂Cl₂, c 0.64). **HRMS** (C₁₉H₂₀N₃O₂): calculated (M + H): 322.3810, found (M + H): 322.1550.



(S)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(1-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethanone (4h)

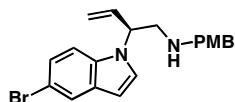
Purified by silica gel flash chromatography. (30% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 80 mg of a yellow oil (>99% yield, 81% ee by HPLC, AD column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 9.3, 11.6 min.) R_f = 0.3 (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.44-8.41 (m, 1H), 8.17 (q, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.05 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (dd, J = 10.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.16-5.08 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.29-3.16 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ 175.3, 159.3, 137.2, 136.6, 134.4, 131.9, 129.6, 127.4, 124.9, 124.5, 123.2, 119.6, 114.4, 111.3, 110.3, 63.8, 60.0, 55.7, 53.6, 51.6 **IR** (film): 3332, 3120, 2932, 2834, 1666, 1611, 1513, 1461, 1407, 1281, 1246, 1183, 1137, 1034, 877, 752 cm⁻¹. [α]²²_D: -17.9 (CH₂Cl₂, c 1.01). **HRMS** (C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₂F₃): calculated (M + H): 403.1633, found (M + H): 403.1628.



(S)-methyl 1-(1-(4-methoxybenzylamino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-indole-3-carboxylate (4i)

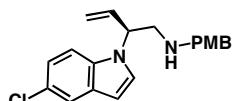
Purified by silica gel flash chromatography (35% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 66.0 mg of a clear oil (91% yield, 93% ee by HPLC, IA column, 95:5 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 28.6, 32.8 min.). R_f = 0.3 (45% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.21-8.18 (m, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.00 (ddd, J = 17.3, 10.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.27-5.24 (m, 1H), 5.10-5.06 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.73-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.16 (qd, J = 14.2, 6.8 Hz, 2H),

1.40 (s, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 165.9, 159.2, 137.1, 135.2, 132.5, 132.1, 129.6, 127.0, 123.2, 122.5, 122.2, 118.7, 114.3, 110.8, 108.1, 59.2, 55.7, 53.7, 51.8, 51.5. **IR** (film) 2995, 2948, 2835, 1697, 1612, 1532, 1512, 1460 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}: -19.4$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.03). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$): calculated (M + Na): 387.1676, found (M + Na): 387.1685.



(S)-2-(5-bromo-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)but-3-en-1-amine (4j)

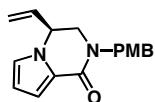
Purified by column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 44 mg of a clear oil (57% yield, 73 %ee by HPLC, OD-H column, 98:2 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 26.3, 30.0 min). $R_f = 0.30$ (35% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.74 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.48 (dd, $J = 3.2, 0.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.98 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 10.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 1.4, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.06-4.98 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 (q, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.12 (qd, $J = 14.2, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.25 (s, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 159.2, 135.8, 135.3, 132.2, 130.7, 129.67, 129.61, 126.86, 126.82, 124.8, 123.9, 118.0, 114.3, 113.3, 111.8, 102.1, 59.0, 55.7, 53.4, 52.0. **IR**(film): 3081, 2999, 2929, 2832, 1610, 1510, 1460, 1300, 1246, 1176, 1034, 754, 719 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}: -24.9$ (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.14). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_1\text{Br}$): calculated (M + H): 385.0837, found (M + H): 385.0910.



(S)-2-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxybenzyl)but-3-en-1-amine (4k)

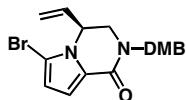
Purified by column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 37.2 mg of a clear oil (60% yield, 73 %ee by HPLC, OD-H column, 98:2 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 25.0, 29.2 min). $R_f = 0.30$ (35% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.59-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.26 (s,), 7.24 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.48 (dd, $J = 3.2, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.99 (ddd, $J = 17.2, 10.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 1.4, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.05-4.99 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 (q, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.13 (qd, $J = 14.4, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 ,

101 MHz): δ 159.2, 135.9, 135.0, 132.2, 130.0, 129.6, 126.9, 125.7, 122.3, 120.8, 117.9, 114.3, 111.3, 102.2, 59.0, 55.7, 53.4, 52.0. **IR** (film): 3341, 3000, 2929, 2832, 1610, 1511, 1460, 1300, 1246, 1197, 1176, 1064, 1034, 818, 793, 754, 720 cm⁻¹. $[\alpha]_D$: -28.3 (CH₂Cl₂, c 1.02). **HRMS** (C₂₀H₂₂N₂O₁Cl): calculated (M + H): 341.1342, found (M + H): 341.1415.



(S)-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-vinyl-3,4-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-1(2H)-one (5a)

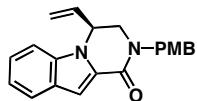
Purified by column chromatography (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide 55 mg of a clear oil (97% yield, 90 %ee by HPLC, AD column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 39.2, 48.1 min). R_f = 0.30 (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (ddd, *J* = 17.0, 10.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dt, *J* = 10.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dt, *J* = 17.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72-4.60 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.46 (ddd, *J* = 67.4, 12.7, 6.0 Hz, 2H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 159.6, 134.1, 130.1, 129.4, 124.8, 122.4, 121.2, 114.4, 110.4, 57.1, 55.7, 50.3, 48.9. **IR**(film): 3468, 2927, 1641, 1545, 1512, 1475, 1462 cm⁻¹. $[\alpha]_D$: -1.7 (CH₂Cl₂, c 1.10). **HRMS** (C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₂Na): calculated (M + Na): 305.1266, found (M + Na): 305.1252.



(S)-6-Bromo-2-(2,4-dimethoxy-benzyl)-4-vinyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrolo[1,2a] pyrazin-1-one (5b)

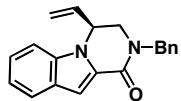
A solution of [Pd(C₅H₅)Cl]₂ (0.92 mg, 0.0025 mmol) and (*R,R*)-**L1** (5.2 mg, 0.0075 mmol) in 0.5 ml degassed CH₂Cl₂ which had been stirring at rt for 10 min, was added to a solution of compound methyl 5-bromo-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (20.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and vinyl aziridine **1c** (22 mg, 0.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 ml) under Ar. The mixture was stirred at rt for 16 hr, and then the solvent was removed under vacuum. Compound **5b** with some uncyclized product were isolated via silica gel flash column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 4/1, then 3/2) as a light yellow oil. After two days at rt under vacuum, the uncyclized intermediate was

automatically converted to the cyclized compound as a light yellow foam. (28 mg, 72%, 95% ee by HPLC OD column, 90:10 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8 ml/min): R_f: 0.35 (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 3/2); [α]_D: -21.12 (CH₂Cl₂, c 0.1); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (m, 2H), 6.26 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (ddd, J = 17, 10.5, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, J = 10.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (m, 2H), 4.60 (d, J = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 13, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.48 (dd, J = 13, 1.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 160.5, 158.7, 158.5, 133.8, 131.7, 125.6, 118.0, 117.2, 114.1, 112.4, 104.7, 104.2, 98.3, 55.5, 55.4, 54.6, 49.5, 43.7; IR (film) 2936, 1645, 1614, 1418, 1209 cm⁻¹; HRMS (C₁₈H₁₉BrN₂O₃): Calc'd. 392.055858 (M⁺), Found 392.056840.



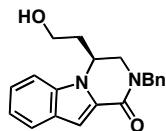
(S)-methyl 1-(1-(4-methoxybenzylamino)but-3-en-2-yl)-1H-indole-2-carboxylate (5c)

Purified by silica gel flash chromatography (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 44 mg of a yellow oil (66% yield, 93% ee by HPLC, IA column, 9:1 heptane/*i*-propanol, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 42.7, 52.7 min.) R_f = 0.3 (25% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.72 (dt, J = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.15 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.72 (ddd, J = 17.0, 10.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 10.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (ddt, J = 4.8, 3.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (ddd, J = 17.0, 1.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dd, J = 12.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.3, 159.6, 136.6, 134.3, 130.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.9, 125.0, 123.2, 121.2, 118.5, 114.4, 110.5, 107.0, 55.7, 53.4, 50.0, 49.3. IR (film): 1647, 1548, 1512, 1452, 1432, 1355, 1246 cm⁻¹. [α]_D: -1.8 (CH₂Cl₂, c 1.00). HRMS (C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₂Na): calculated (M + Na): 355.1422, found (M + Na): 355.1422.



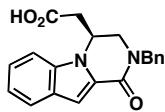
(S)-2-benzyl-4-vinyl-3,4-dihydropyrazino[1,2-a]indol-1(2H)-one (5d)

Purified by silica gel flash chromatography. (25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to provide 1.17 g of an orange oil (97% yield, 95% ee by HPLC, OD column, 8:2 heptane/*i*-propanol, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, rt = 21.6, 32.6 min.) R_f = 0.3 (25% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.73 (dt, J = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.16 (ddd, J = 8.0, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (ddd, J = 17.0, 10.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 10.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.99-4.93 (m, 2H), 4.65-4.60 (m, 2H), 3.95 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, J = 12.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 160.4, 136.84, 136.65, 134.3, 129.12, 129.00, 128.2, 127.9, 125.1, 123.2, 121.3, 118.6, 110.5, 107.2, 53.4, 50.3, 50.0. **IR** (film): 3057, 3028, 2917, 1647, 1548, 1451, 1426, 1355, 1317, 1244, 744 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}}$: 6.82 (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.66). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_1$): calculated (M + H): 303.1497, found (M + H): 303.1490.



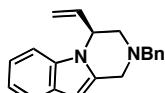
(S)-2-benzyl-4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3,4-dihydropyrazino[1,2-a]indol-1(2H)-one (6)

To a solution of olefin **5d** (91 mg, 0.3 mmol) in THF (3 mL, 0.1M) is added solid, freshly prepared dicyclohexylborane (160 mg, 0.9 mmol). The reaction is stirred overnight and a solution of NaOH (1 mL, 1M) is added followed by a solution of H_2O_2 (1 mL, 30%). The reaction mixture is stirred at rt for 1h and extracted into ethyl acetate (3x 30 mL). The combined organic extracts are dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated *en vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture is purified using column chromatography (50% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide the desired product as a white foam (82 mg, 85%). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.68-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.21 (m, 7H), 7.11 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (q, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 12.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 12.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dtt, J = 11.6, 7.6, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.63-2.59 (m, 1H), 1.82 (dtd, J = 14.0, 6.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.70-1.63 (m, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 160.5, 136.9, 136.5, 129.16, 129.13, 128.34, 128.30, 127.6, 125.0, 123.0, 121.1, 110.4, 107.0, 58.9, 49.9, 49.0, 48.0, 35.5. **IR** (film): 3384, 2919, 1629, 1547, 1449, 1430, 1356, 1319, 1250, 1139, 1057, 743, 700 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}}$: -25.0 (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.00). **HRMS** ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$): calculated (M + H): 321.1603, found (M + H): 321.1598.



(S)-2-(2-benzyl-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrazino[1,2-a]indol-4-yl)acetic acid (7)

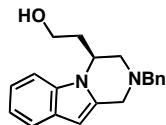
To a solution of alcohol **6** (32 mg, 0.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL, 0.2M) is added sodium bicarbonate (34 mg, 0.4 mmol), iodobenzene diacetate (81 mg, 0.25 mmol), and TEMPO (2 mg, 0.01 mmol). The reaction mixture is stirred at rt for 10h, and poured onto a concentrated solution of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (50 mL). The biphasic mixture is stirred for 0.5h and extracted into ethyl acetate (3x 30 mL). The combined organic extracts are treated with 1M NaOH until a pH of 11-13 is achieved. The desired carboxylate is extracted into the aqueous layer with sodium hydroxide (3x 30 mL 1M). The combined aqueous extracts are treated with 1M HCl until a pH of 1-3 is achieved. The desired acid is extracted from into ethyl acetate (3x 30mL). The combined organic layers are dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated *en vacuo* to afford the desired product as a white foam (27 mg, 81%). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 7H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 1H), 5.06 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.92-4.89 (m, 1H), 4.54 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, $J = 13.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.65-3.62 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.54 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz): δ 177.6, 160.3, 136.4, 135.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 127.97, 127.93, 125.3, 123.3, 121.4, 109.8, 107.9, 50.0, 48.6, 47.2, 35.8, 30.0. IR (film): 3057, 2916, 2848, 1724, 1616, 1548, 1468, 1451, 1432, 1356, 1320, 1250, 1225, 1168, 1140, 743, 701. $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}}$: -22.6 (CHCl_3 , c 1.01).



(S)-2-benzyl-4-vinyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrazino[1,2-a]indole (8)

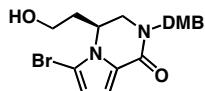
To a solution of olefin **5d** (302 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL, 0.1M) at 0 °C is added LiAlH_4 (76 mg, 2.0 mmol). The reaction mixture is stirred for 4h while allowing to warm to rt. The reaction is cooled back down to 0 °C, and sodium sulfate decahydrate (500 mg) is added portion-wise to destroy unreacted hydride. After several hours, the reaction mixture is filtered through celite and concentrated *en vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture is purified using column chromatography (10% ethyl ether/petroleum ether) to provide the desired product as a yellow oil

(206 mg, 72%) R_f = 0.5 (10% diethyl ether/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.54-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.18 (q, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (ddd, J = 17.2, 10.2, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24-5.17 (m, 2H), 4.82-4.79 (m, 1H), 3.98-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.64 (m, 3H), 2.93 (qdd, J = 11.9, 4.7, 0.9 Hz, 2H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz): δ 138.2, 137.9, 136.3, 134.8, 129.4, 129.05, 128.89, 127.8, 120.9, 120.5, 120.2, 117.5, 111.0, 97.2, 62.5, 57.1, 56.6, 52.1. $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}}$: 20.6 (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.78). **IR (film)**: 3557, 3025, 2799, 2751, 1456, 1216, 1361, 1331, 746, 698 cm^{-1} .



(S)-2-(2-benzyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrazino[1,2-a]indol-4-yl)ethanol (9)

To a solution of olefin **8** (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) in THF (3.5 mL, 0.1M) at rt is added solid, freshly prepared dicyclohexylborane (178 mg, 1.0 mmol). The reaction is stirred overnight and a solution of NaOH (1 mL, 1M) followed by a solution of H_2O_2 (1 mL, 30%). The reaction mixture is stirred at rt for 1h and extracted into ethyl acetate (3x 30 mL). The combined organic extracts are dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated *en vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture is purified using column chromatography (40% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide the desired product as a yellow oil (99 mg, 93%). R_f = 0.3 (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether). **¹H-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.75 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 14.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 14.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.27-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.85 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57-2.48 (m, 2H), 1.90 (dd, J = 14.8, 11.4, 3.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H). **¹³C-NMR** (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 135.8, 135.1, 133.9, 130.1, 129.20, 129.07, 128.5, 121.2, 120.9, 120.4, 110.2, 97.4, 63.5, 56.7, 56.3, 51.14, 50.98, 36.9. **IR (film)**: 3377, 3055, 2923, 1456, 1421, 1360, 1332, 1059, 748, 699 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]^{22}_{\text{D}}$: 90.9 (CH_2Cl_2 , c 1.20).



(S)-6-Bromo-2-(2,4-dimethoxy-benzyl)-4-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-1-one (10)

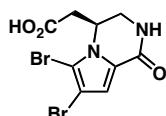
9-BBN (99 mg, 0.40 mmol) was added to a solution of **5b** (105 mg, 0.27 mmol) in THF (2 ml) at 0 °C under N₂. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 3 h, before it was quenched with NaBO₃·H₂O (81mg, 0.81 mmol) and H₂O (1 ml). The mixture was stirred at rt for 12h before it was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 ml x 3). The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO₄. Compound **2.21** was purified via silica gel flash column chromatography (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂) to give a white foam (90 mg, with 7.7 mg starting material recovered, 82%, brsm 88%): R_f: 0.40 (10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D: -31.64 (c 0.35, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (m, 2H), 6.23 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (m, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J = 13, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 1.72 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 160.7, 158.8, 158.4, 132.3, 125.2, 117.4, 114.2, 112.3, 104.4, 103.7, 98.5, 59.1, 55.5, 50.2, 47.6, 43.2, 35.0, 30.4; IR (film) 3383 (br), 2923, 2851, 1660, 1615, 1417, 1209 cm⁻¹; HRMS (C₁₈H₂₁BrN₂O₄): Calc'd. 410.066422 (M⁺), Found 410.068069.



(S)-6,7-Dibromo-4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-1-one (11)

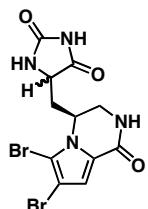
TFA (0.6 ml) was added to a solution of **10** (58 mg, 0.14 mmol), tetrahydrothiophene (59.4 mg, 0.68 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.6 ml) at rt. The resulting brown solution was stirred at 50 °C for 20 hr, before poured into pre-cooled sat. NaHCO₃ solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 ml x 3), and the combined organic fraction was dried over Na₂SO₄. The products, as a ca. 2:1 mixture (mono-bromo-product and debromo-product) were purified via silica gel flash column chromatography (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂). The mixture was then dissolved with THF (1 ml) and MeOH (0.5 ml). At 0 °C, NBS (37 mg, 0.21 mmol) was added portionwisely to the above solution. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 0.5 hr before the solvents were removed under vacuum. Compound **11** was purified via silica gel flash column chromatography (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂) to give a white foam (46.1 mg, 96% over two steps): R_f: 0.50 (10% MeOH in ethyl acetate); [α]_D: -27.3 (c 0.6, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CD₃OD, 400 MHz): δ 6.92 (s, 1H), 4.60 (m, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 13.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69-3.64 (m, 3H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (CD₃OD, 101 MHz) δ 161.1, 126.1, 116.4, 108.1, 101.3, 59.3, 53.3, 43.4, 35.5; IR (film)

3308 (br), 2927, 2882, 1652, 1550, 1465, 1429, 1338 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** ($\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$): Calc'd. 335.910900 (M^+), Found 335.910485.



Longamide B: (S)-2-(6,7-dibromo-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-4-yl)acetic acid (12)

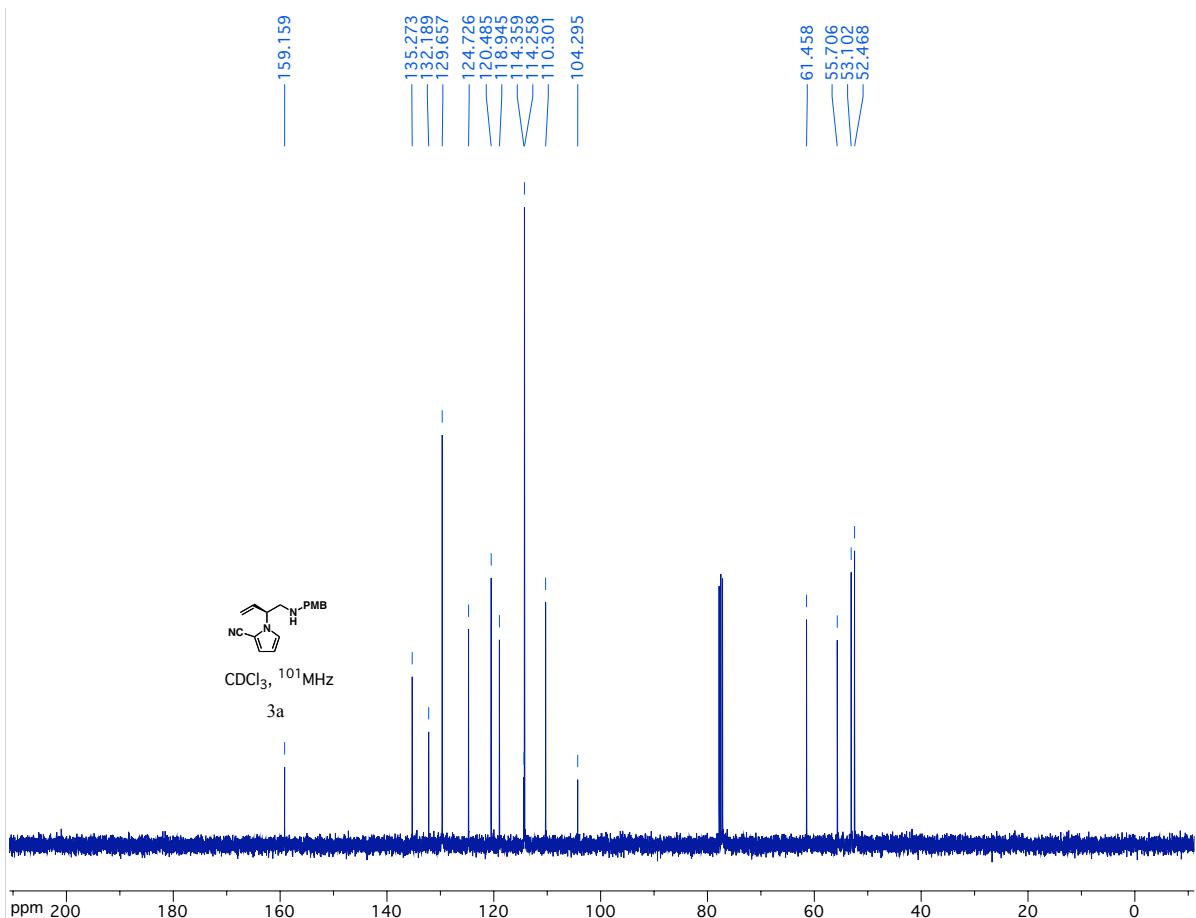
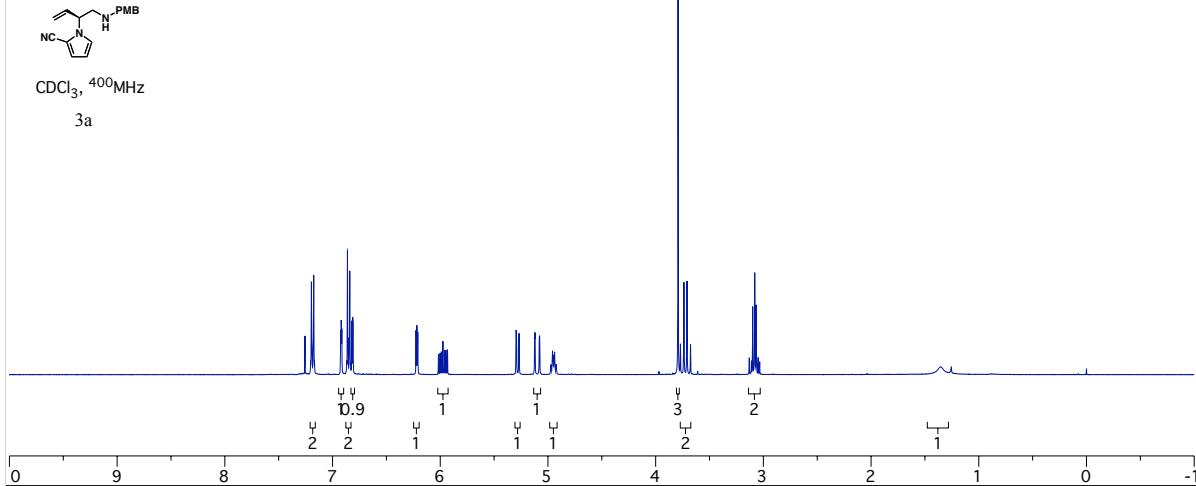
TEMPO (0.44 mg, 0.0028 mmol) was added to a mixture of compound **11** (9.5 mg, 0.028 mmol), PhI(OAc)_2 (22.7 mg, 0.0705 mmol) and NaHCO_3 (9.4 mg, 0.112 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.15 ml) at rt under air. The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 3 hr, before quenched with sat. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ and sat. NaHCO_3 . The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, and longamide B (**12**) was further purified via a classical acid-base treatment as a white powder (9.3 mg, 95%). **mp** 203-204 $^\circ\text{C}$ (decomposed to black tar); $[\alpha]_D$: -8.21 (c 0.52, MeOH); **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (CD_3OD , 500 MHz): δ 6.94 (s, 1H), 4.81 (m, 1H), 3.89 (ddd, J = 13.5, 4.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, J = 13.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 16.5, 11 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddd, J = 16.5, 3.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H); **IR**: 3282, 3203, 2924, 1715, 1645, 1558, 1428 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** ($\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$): Calc'd. 349.890164 (M^+), Found 349.889306.

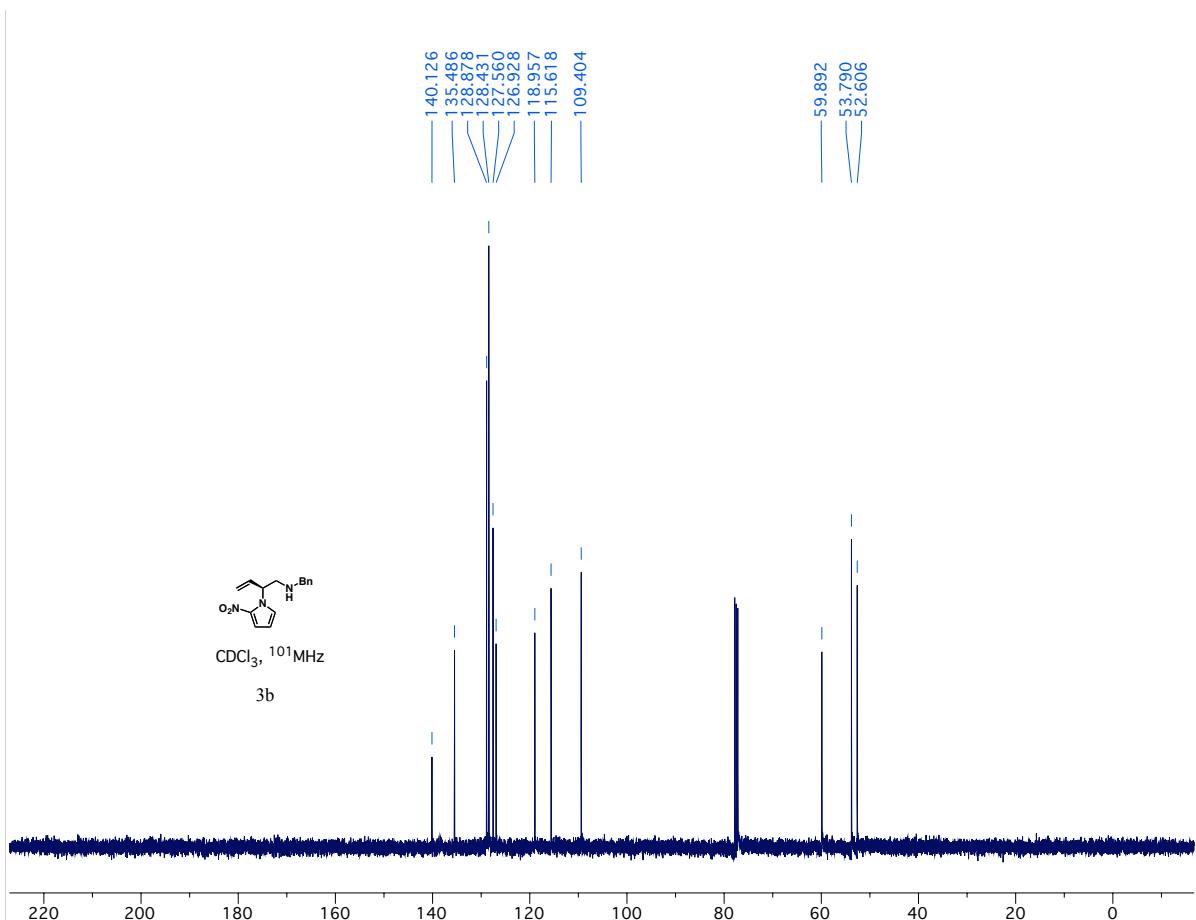
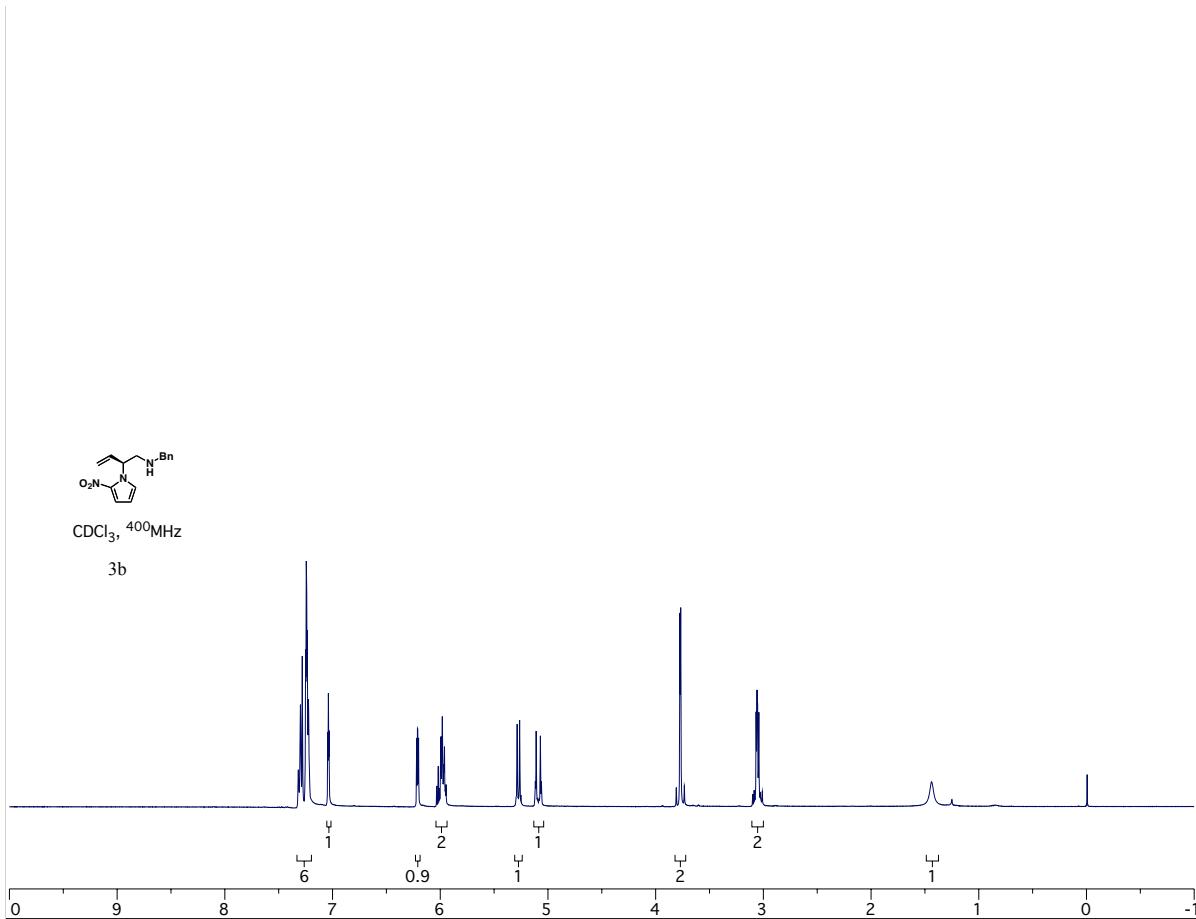


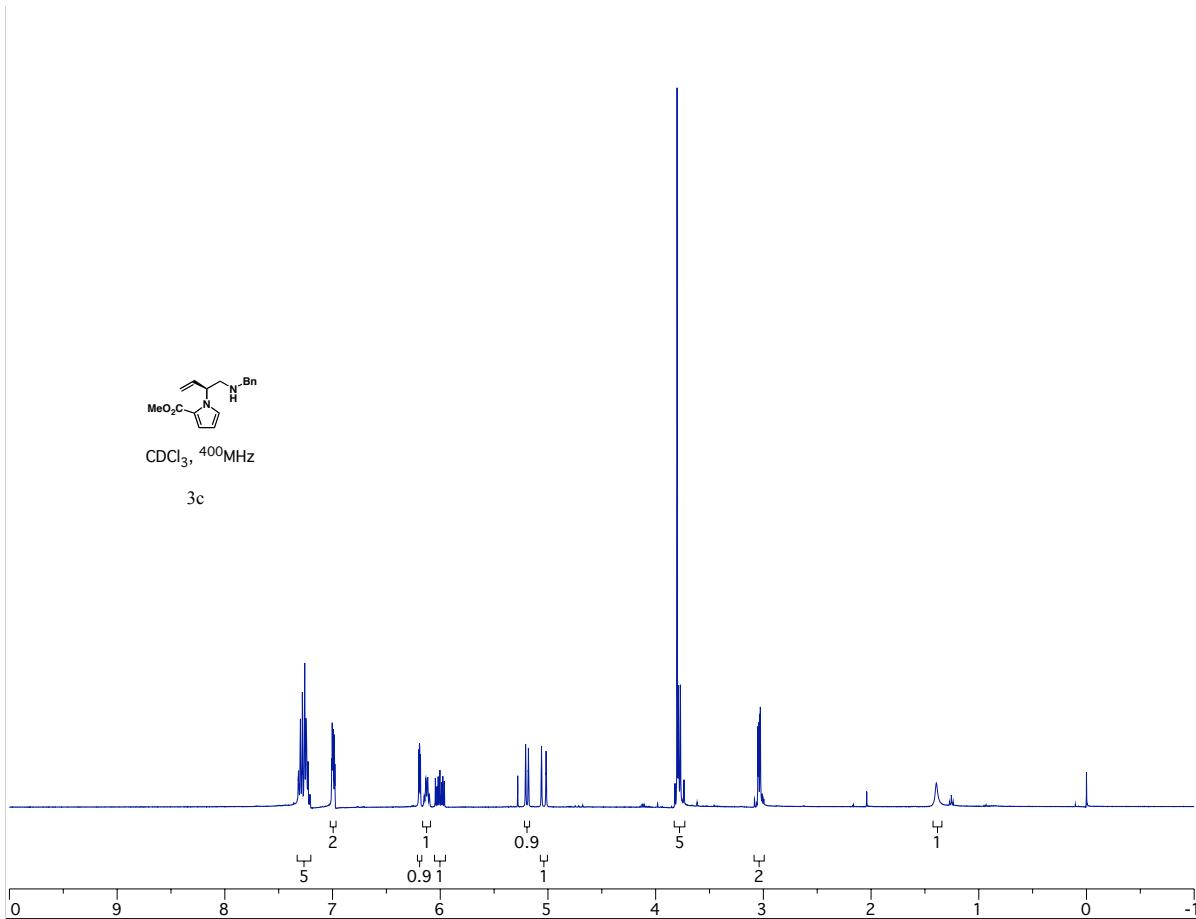
Agesamides A and B: (4S)-6,7-dibromo-4-((2-imino-5-oxoimidazolidin-4-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-1(2H)-one (15 and 16)

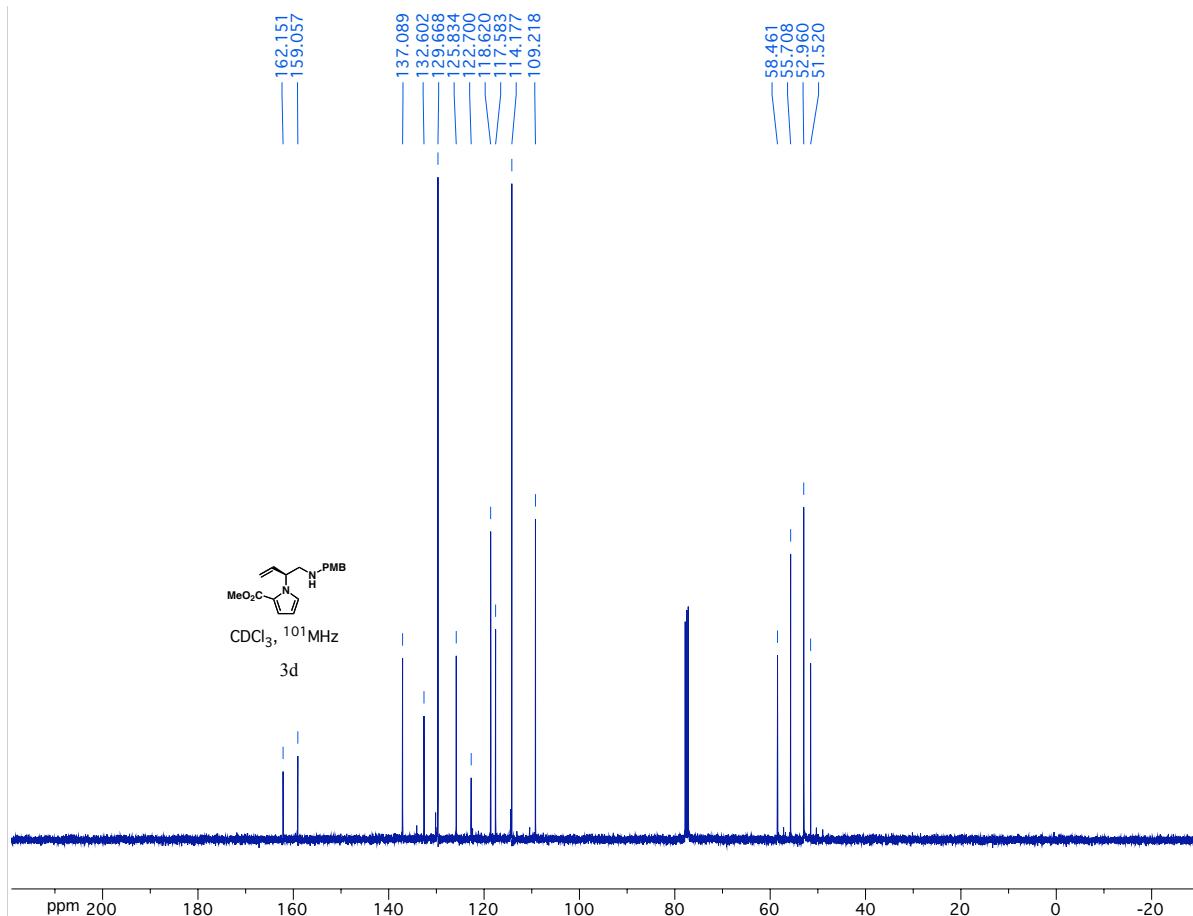
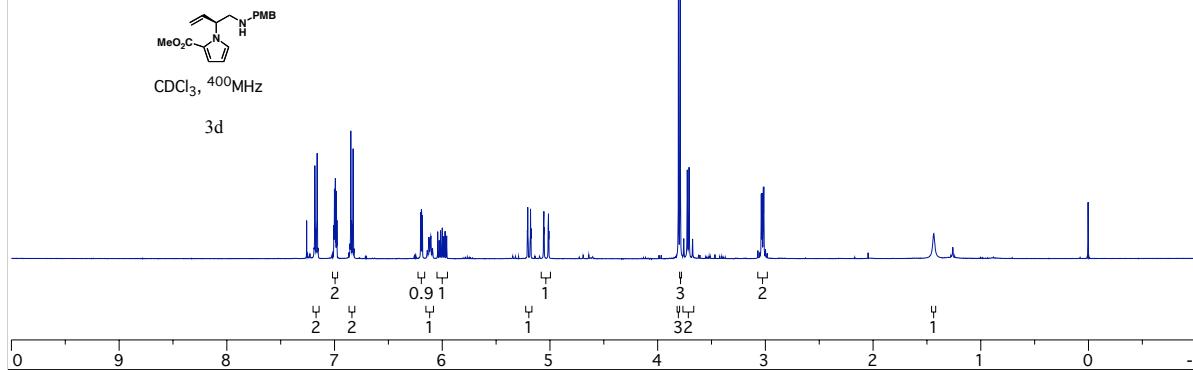
Dess–Martin periodane (34.3 mg, 0.081 mmol) was added to a mixture of compound **11** (16.5 mg, 0.040 mmol), NaHCO_3 (10.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.4 ml) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. The resulting suspension was stirred at rt for 0.5 hr, before quenched with sat. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ and sat. NaHCO_3 . The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 ml x 3), and the combined organic fraction was dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed, and the resultant aldehyde with $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ (8.8 mg, 0.1125 mmol) and KCN (3.0 mg, 0.045 mmol) was then dissolved in $\text{EtOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 0.4 ml). The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ overnight. The solvents were

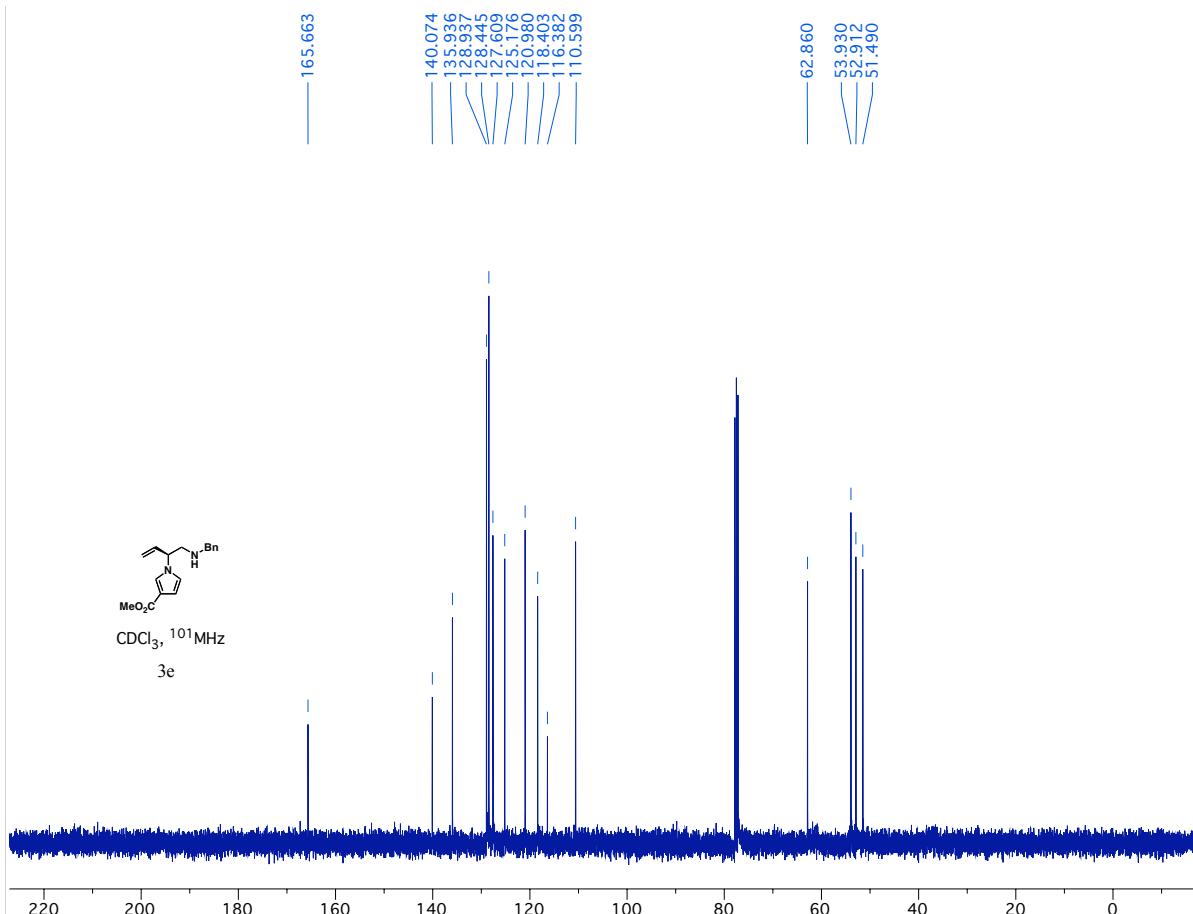
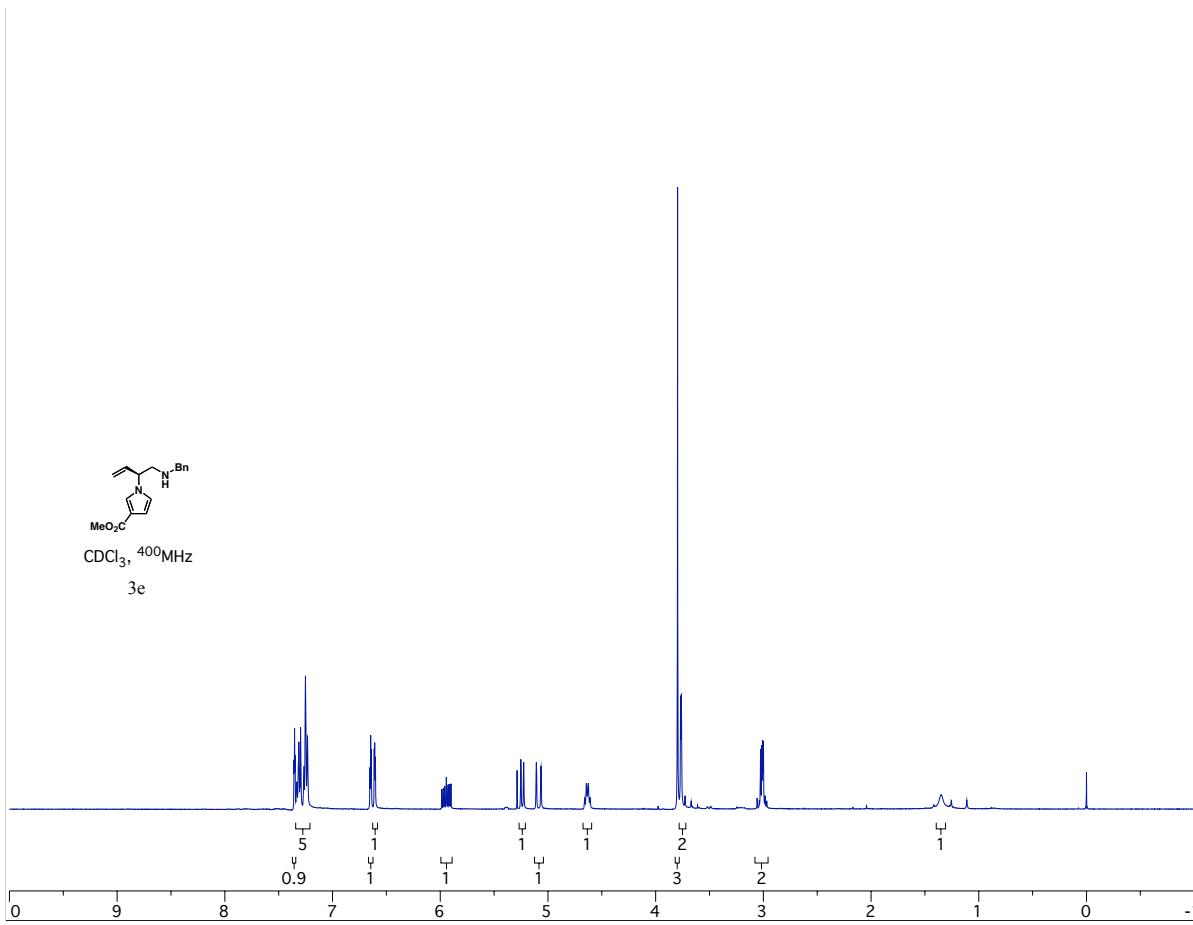
removed under vacuum, and agesamides A and B (**15** and **16**) was purified via preparative silica gel TLC (10% MeOH in ethyl acetate) as a white solid (1:1 mixture, 17.5 mg, 100 % over two steps): **R_f**: 0.35 (10% MeOH in ethyl acetate); **¹H NMR** (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 10.80 (br, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.88 (2H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (ddd, *J* = 11, 3.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.78-3.70 (2H), 3.54-3.46 (2H), 2.12 (ddd, *J* = 14, 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 9.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.53 (m, 1H); **¹³C-NMR** (DMSO-*d*₆, 101 MHz) δ 175.2, 174.9, 157.53, 157.46, 157.2, 157.1, 125.5, 114.0, 113.9, 105.71, 105.67, 99.3, 54.6, 54.3, 50.6, 41.7, 40.2, 33.8, 33.5; **IR**: 3228 (br), 2926, 2854, 1724, 1646, 1550, 1429, 1338 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (C₁₁H₁₀Br₂N₄O₃): Calc'd. 403.911963 (M⁺), Found 403.910347.

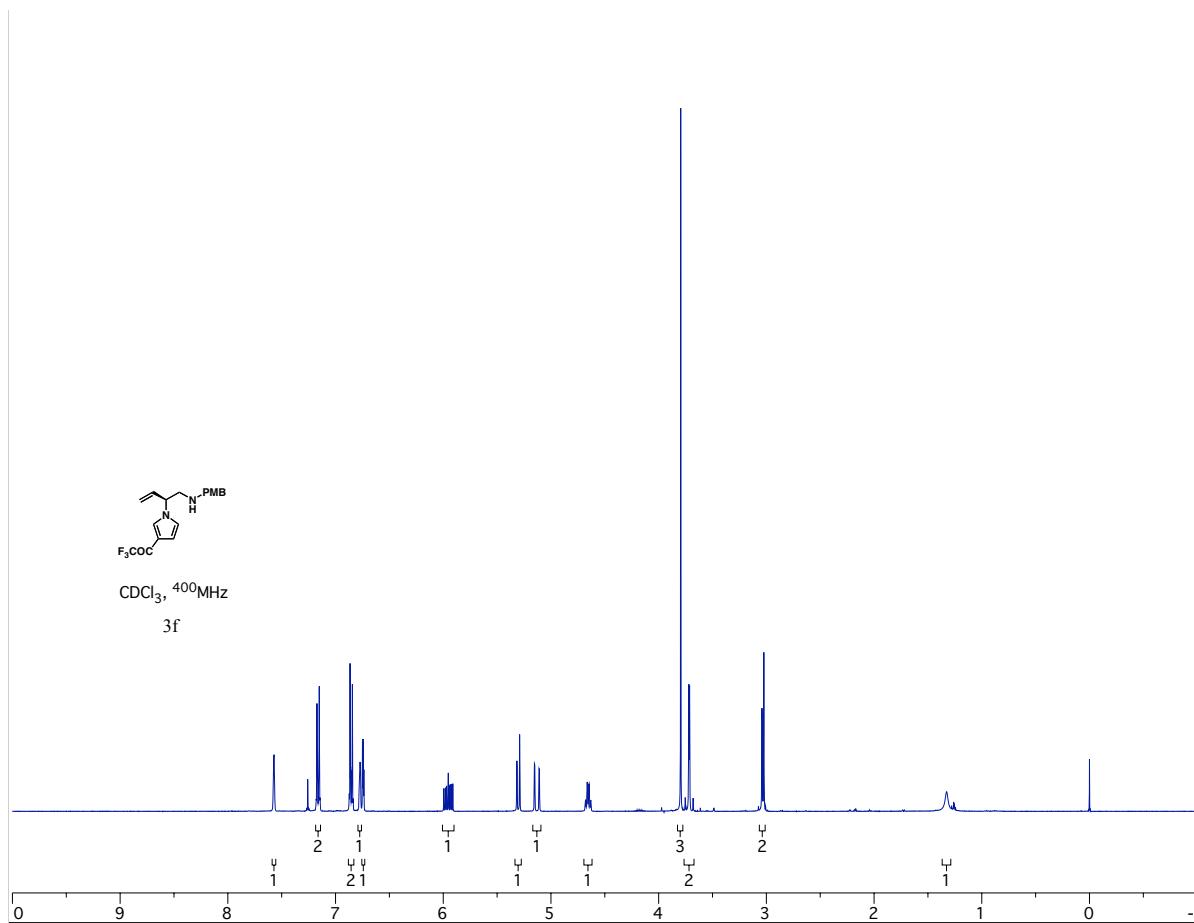


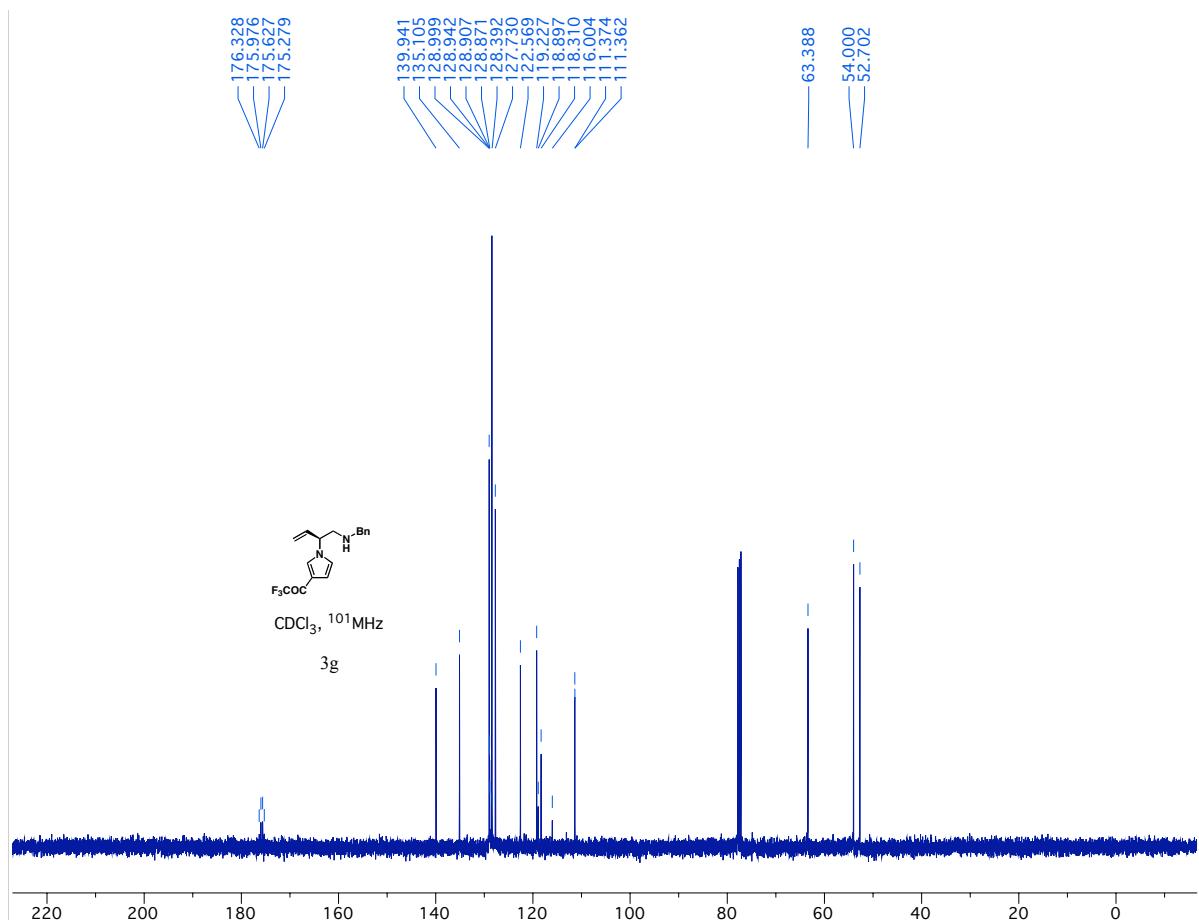
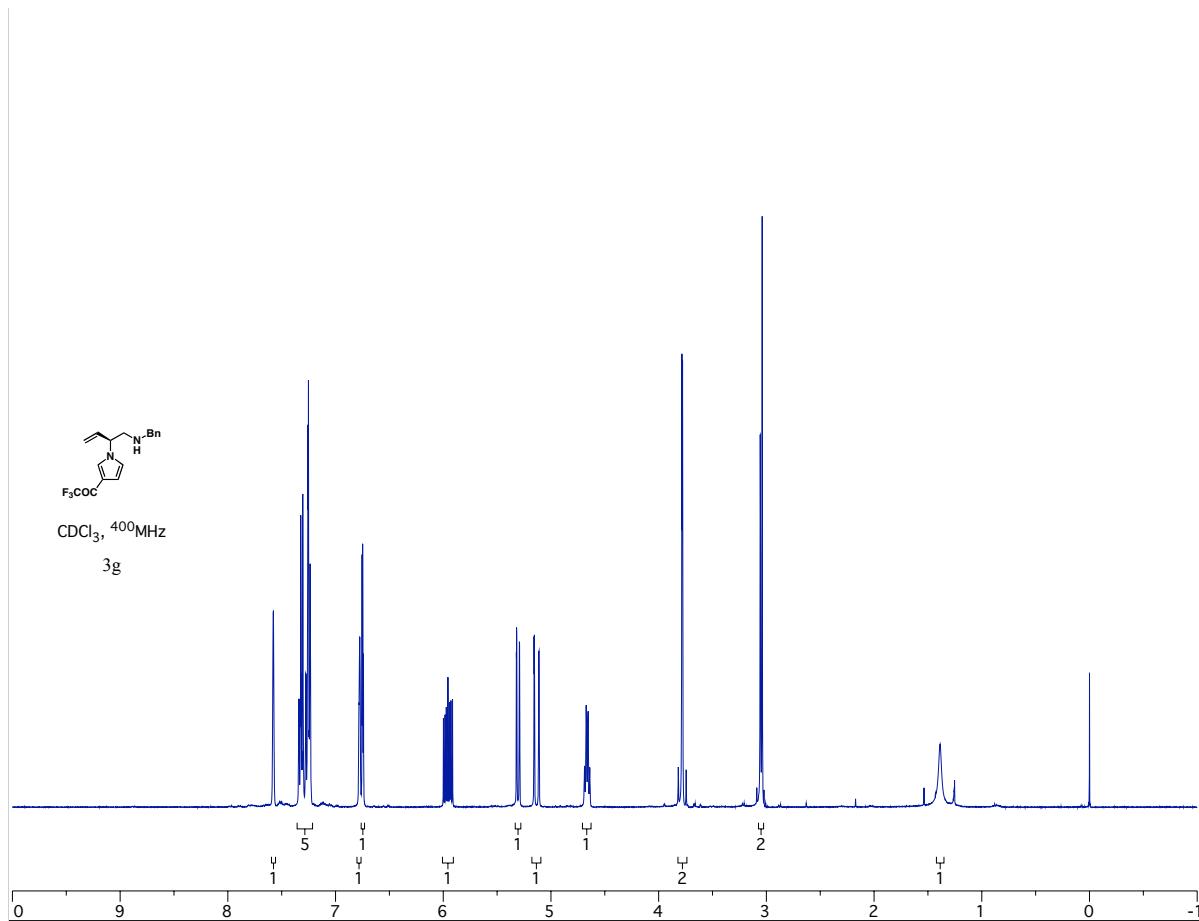


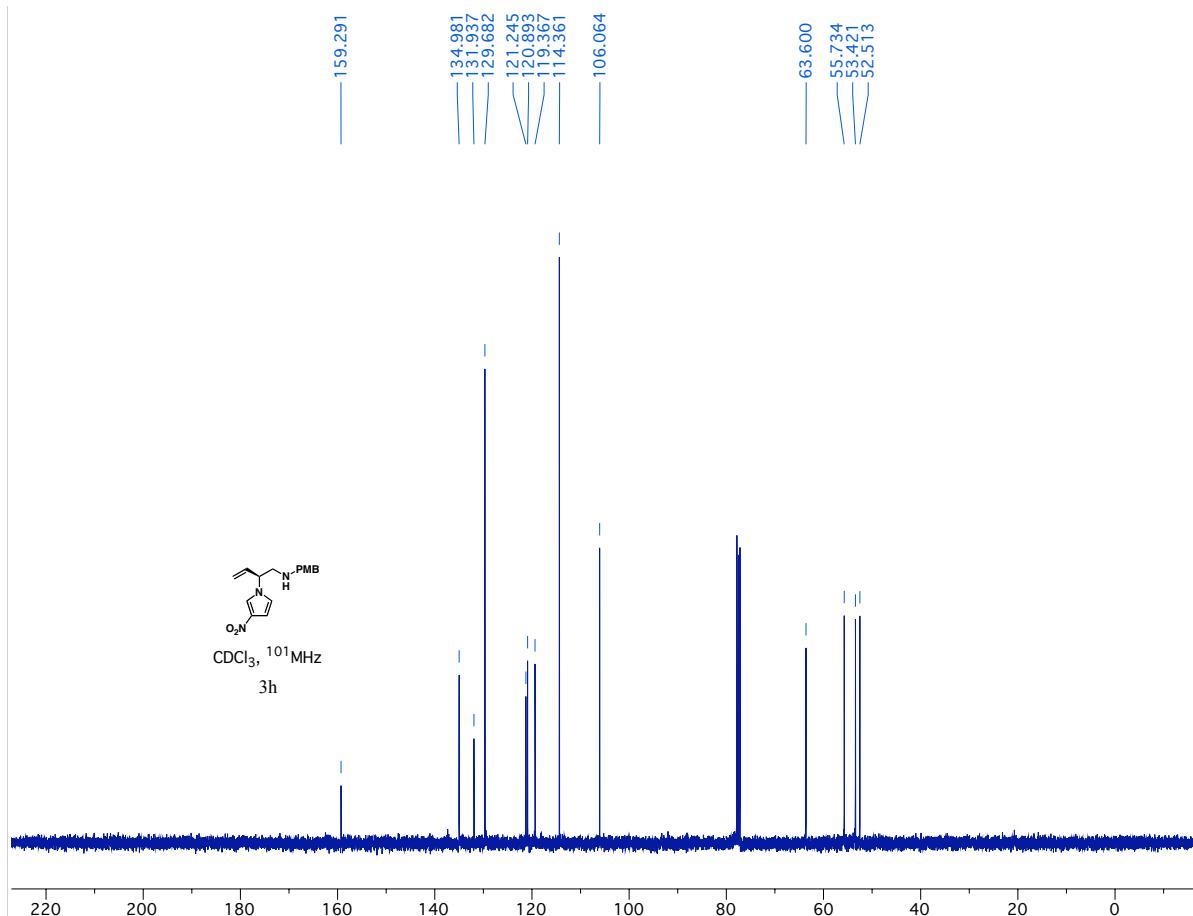
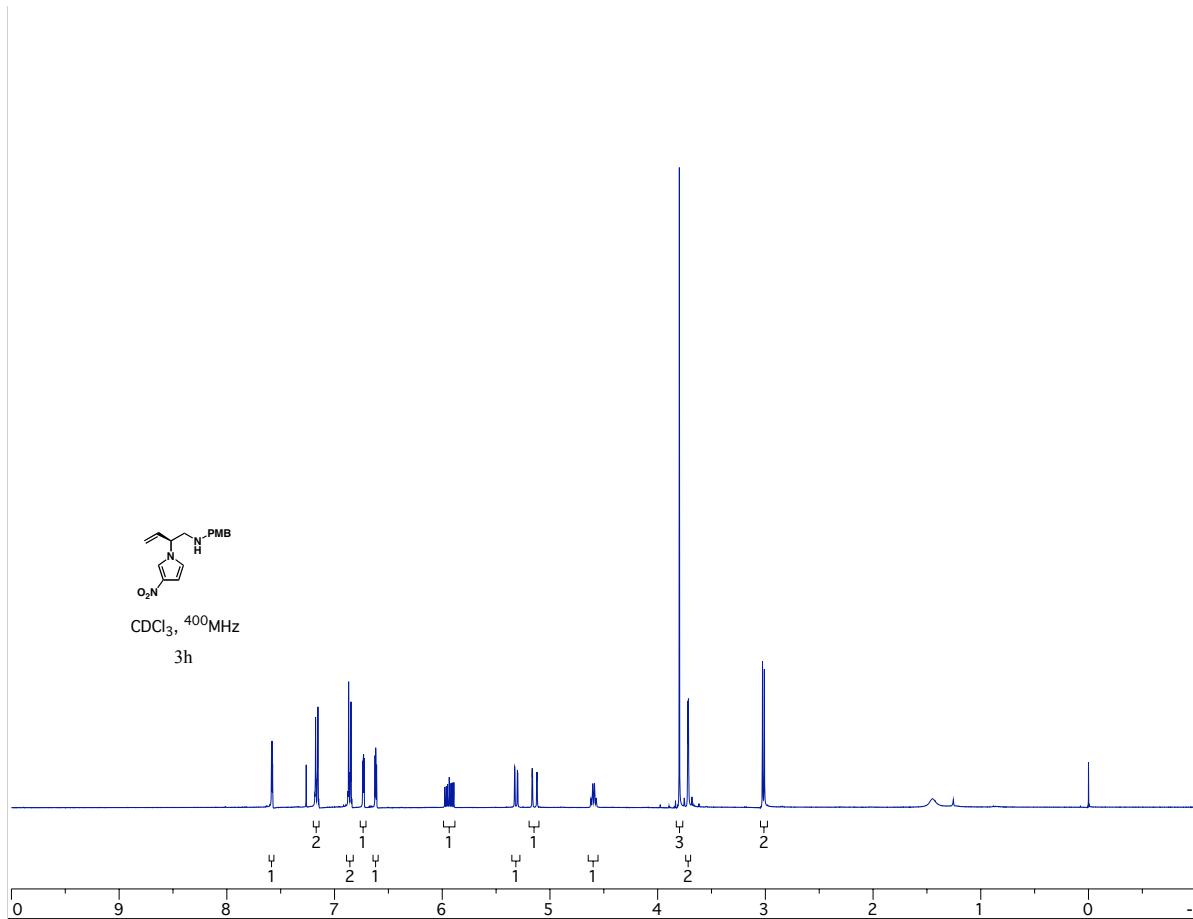


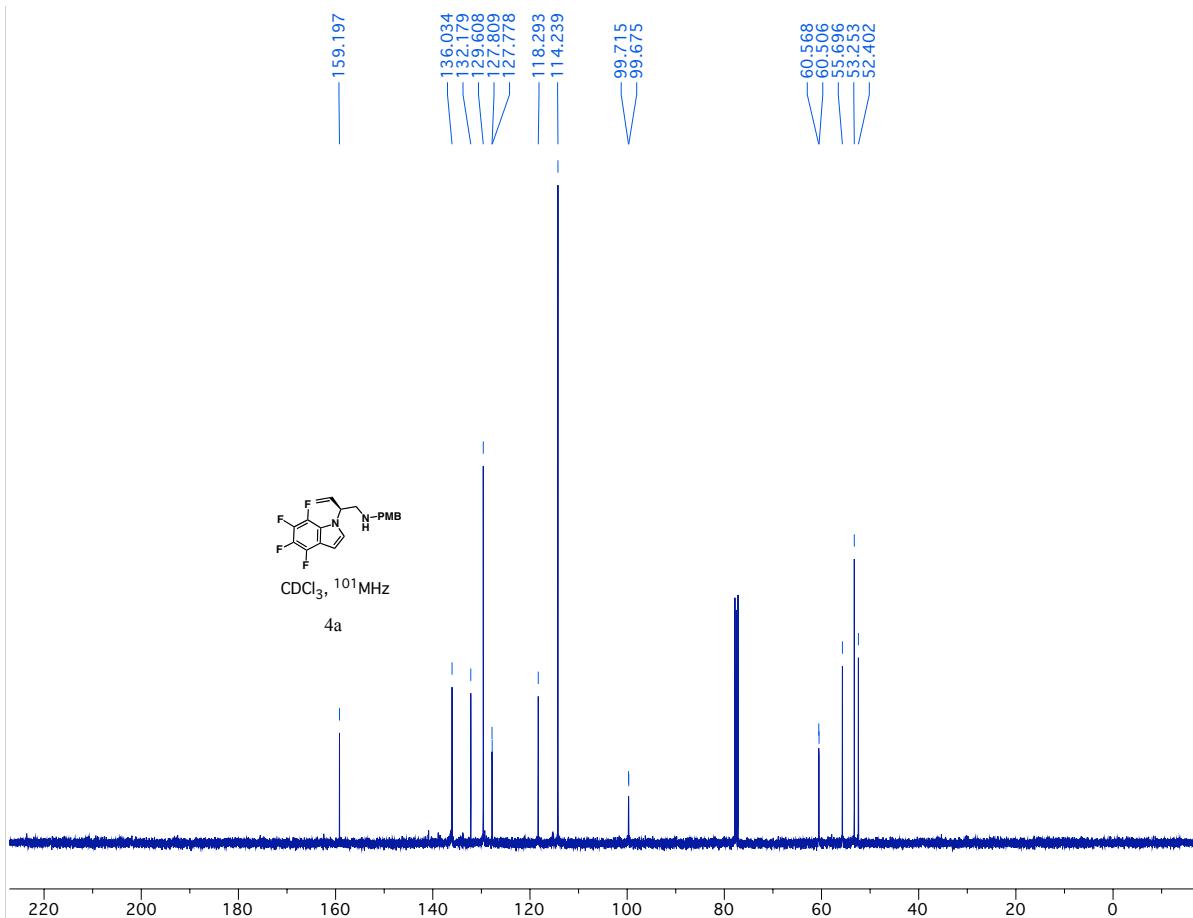
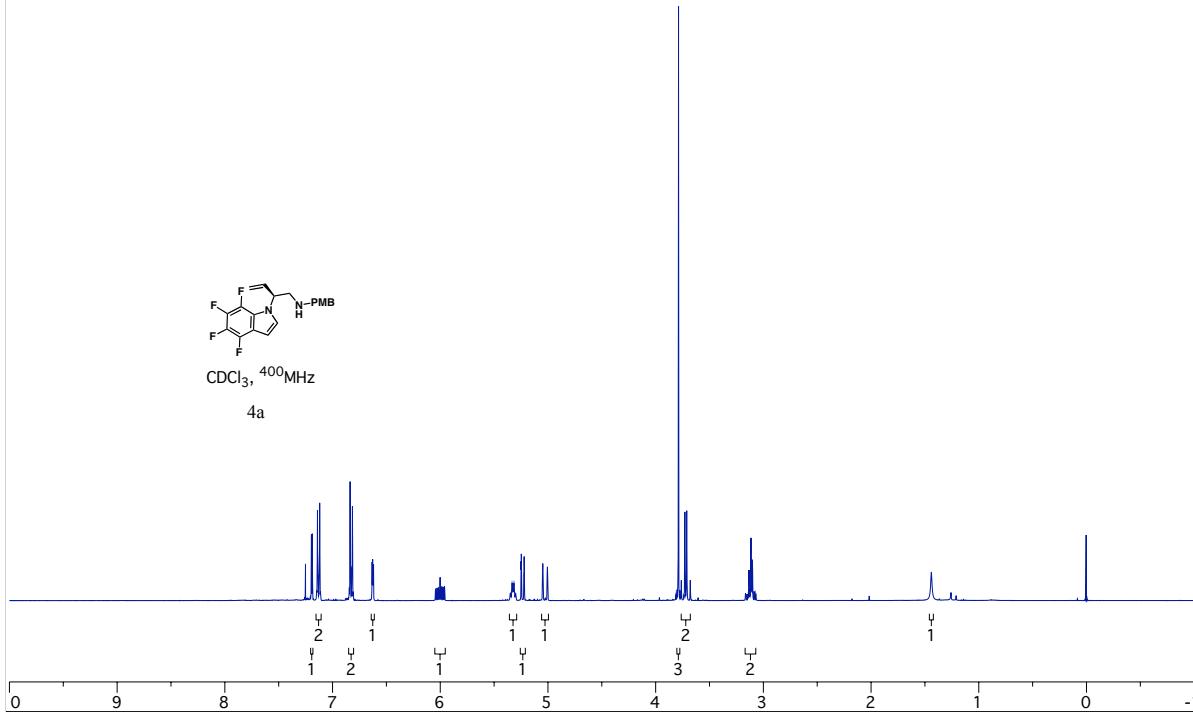


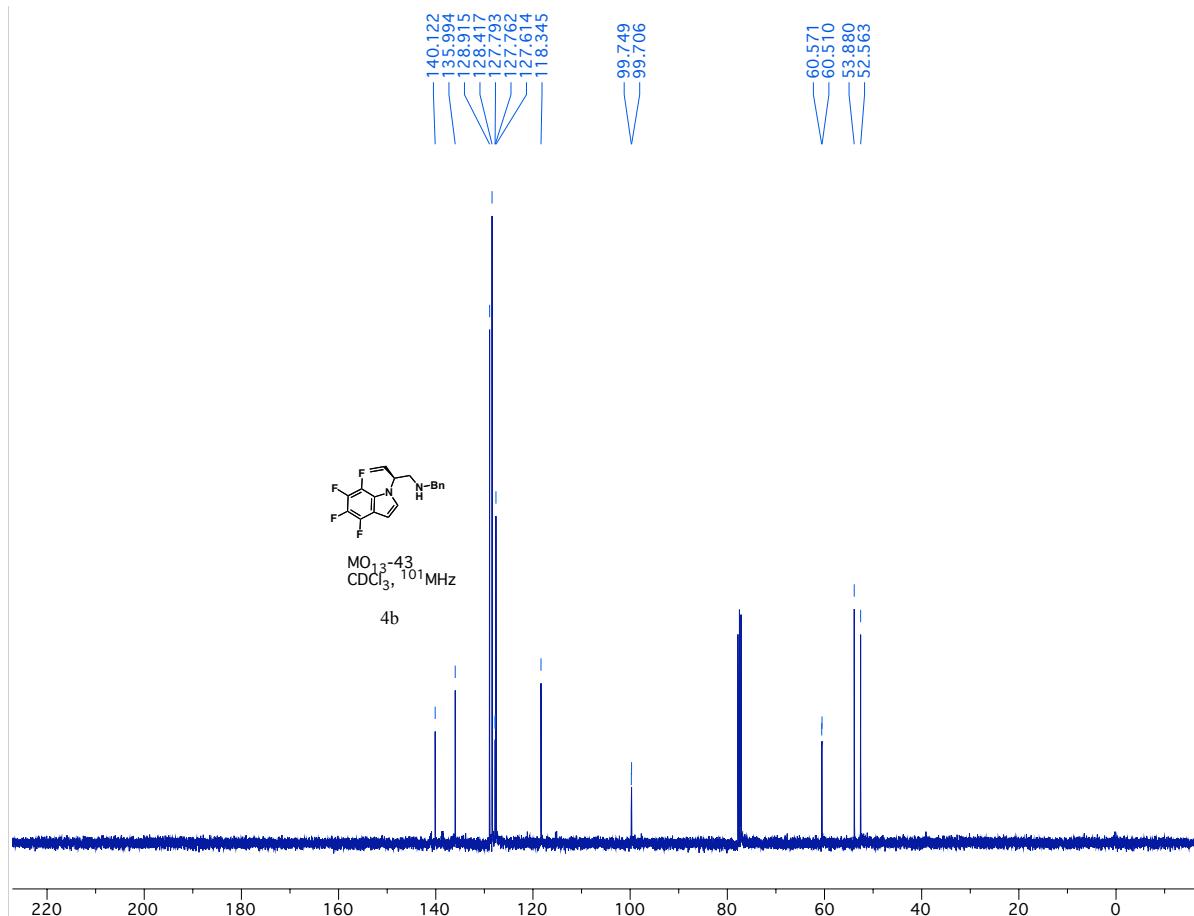
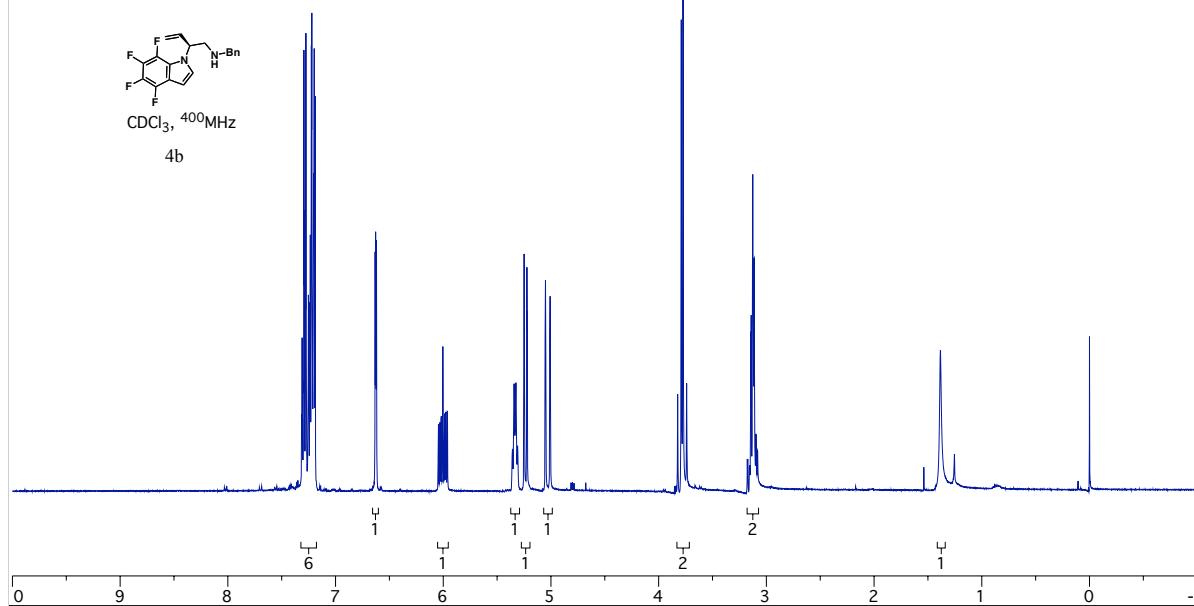


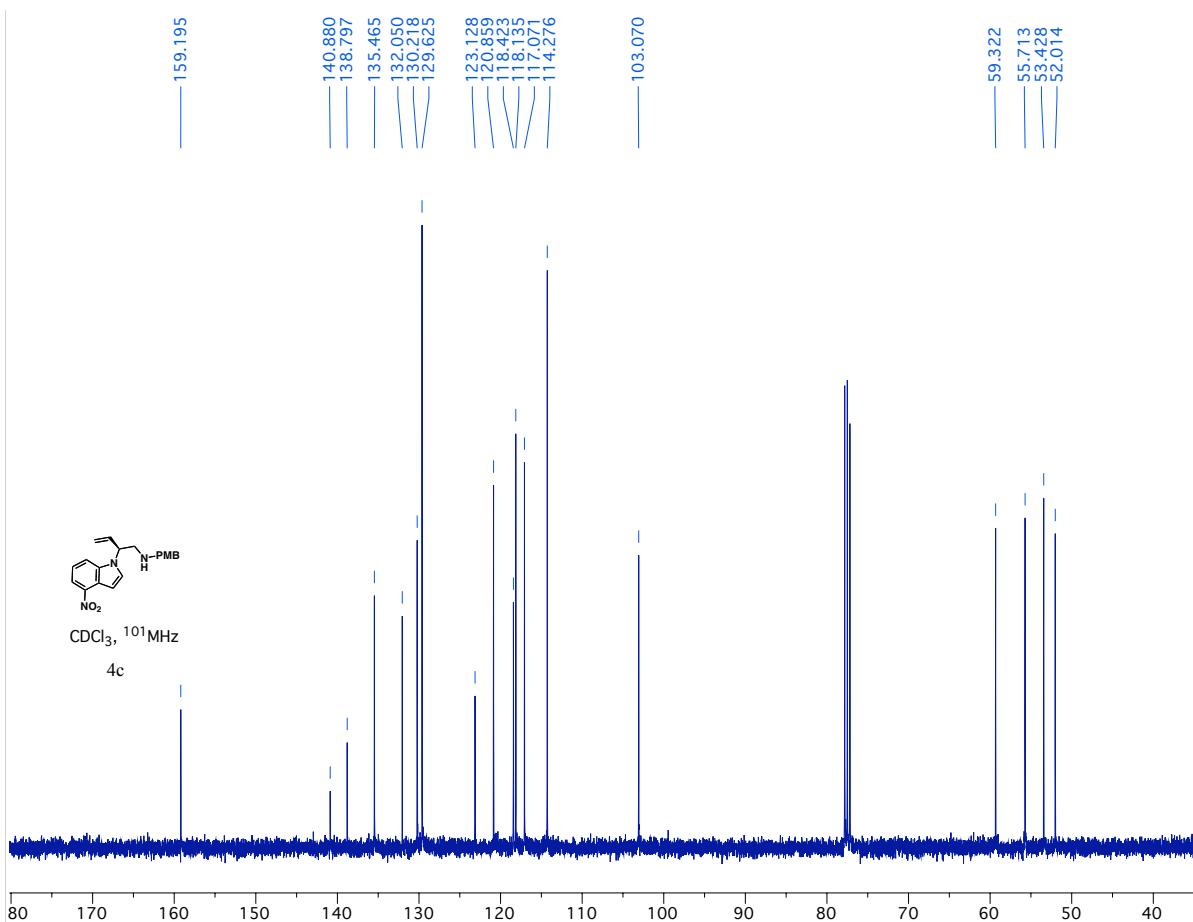
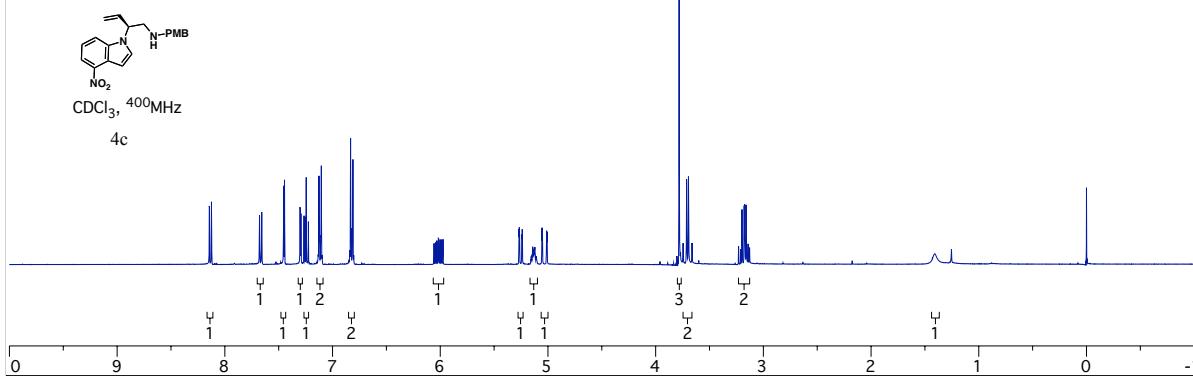


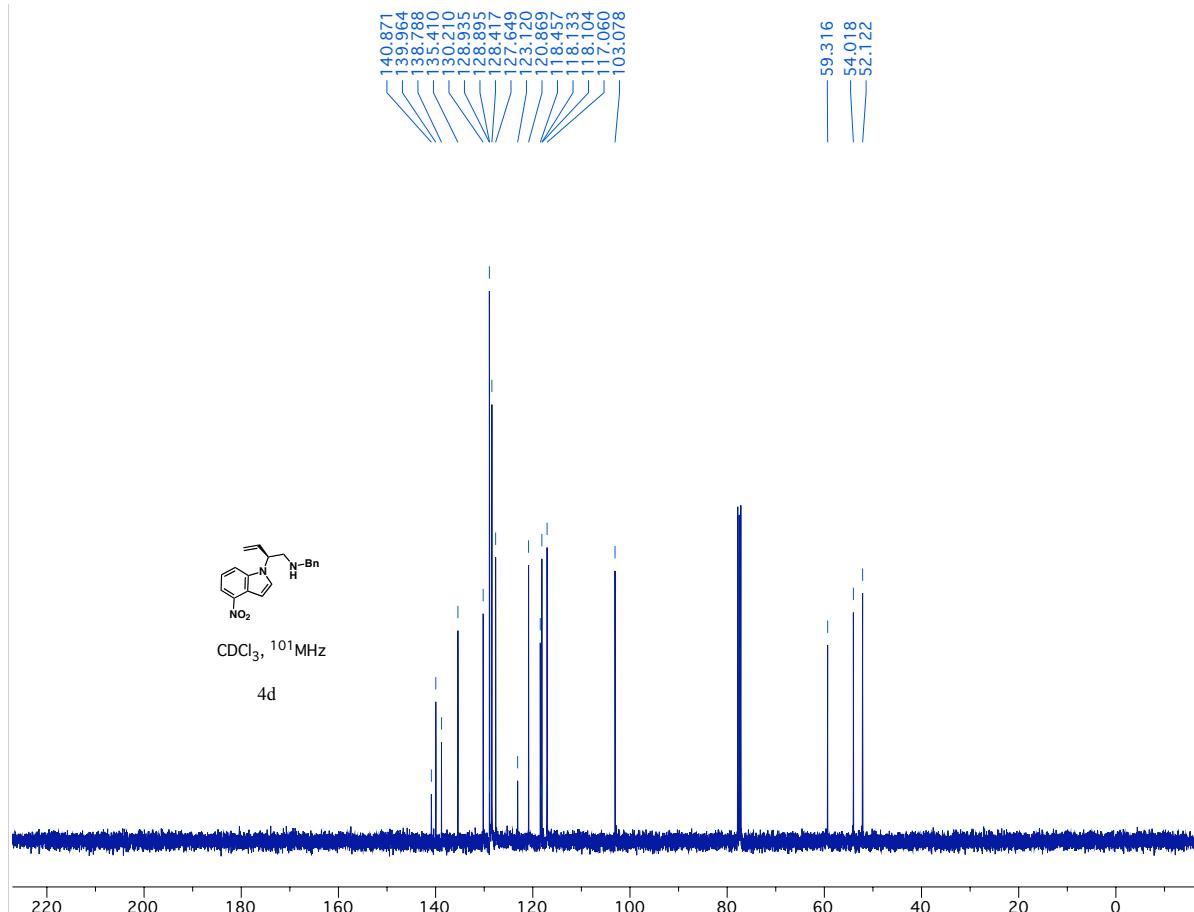
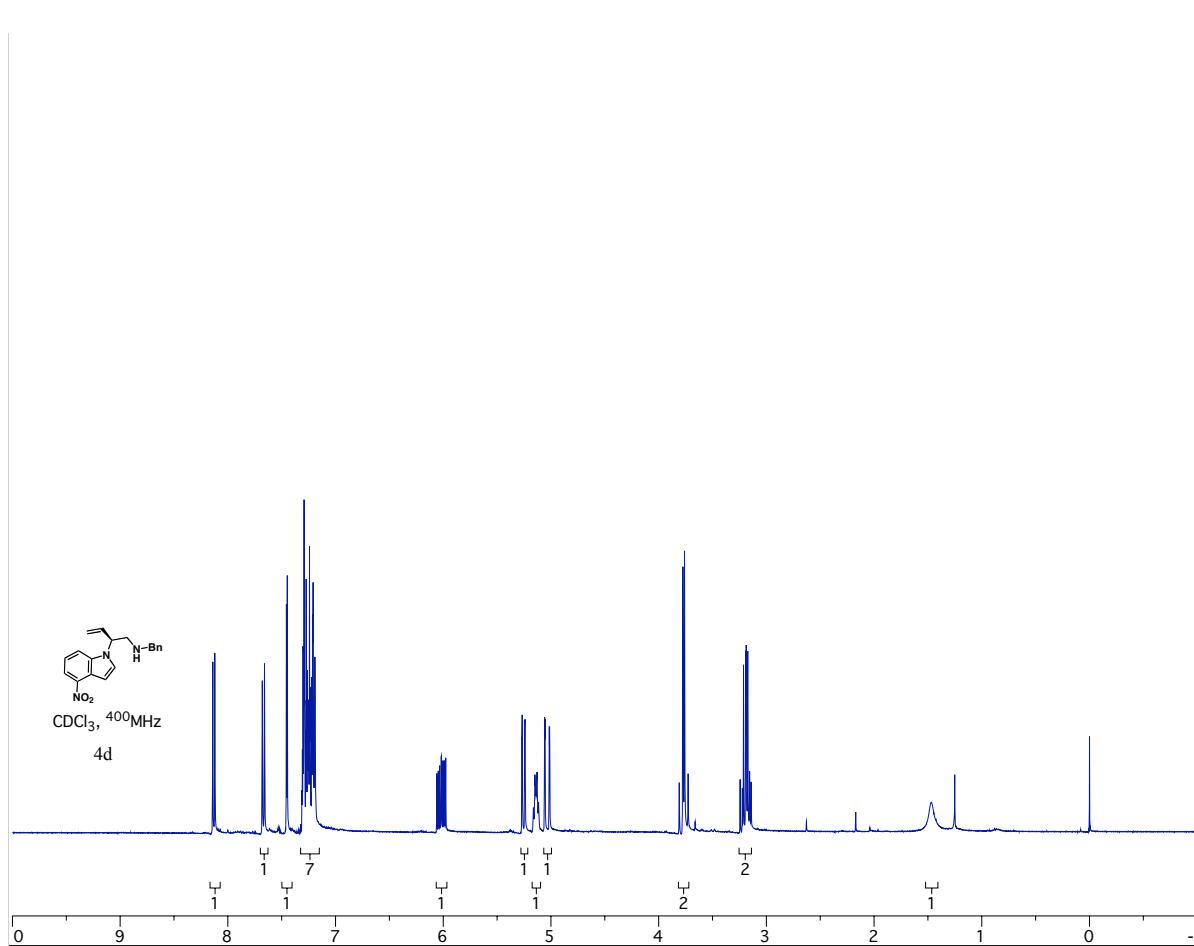


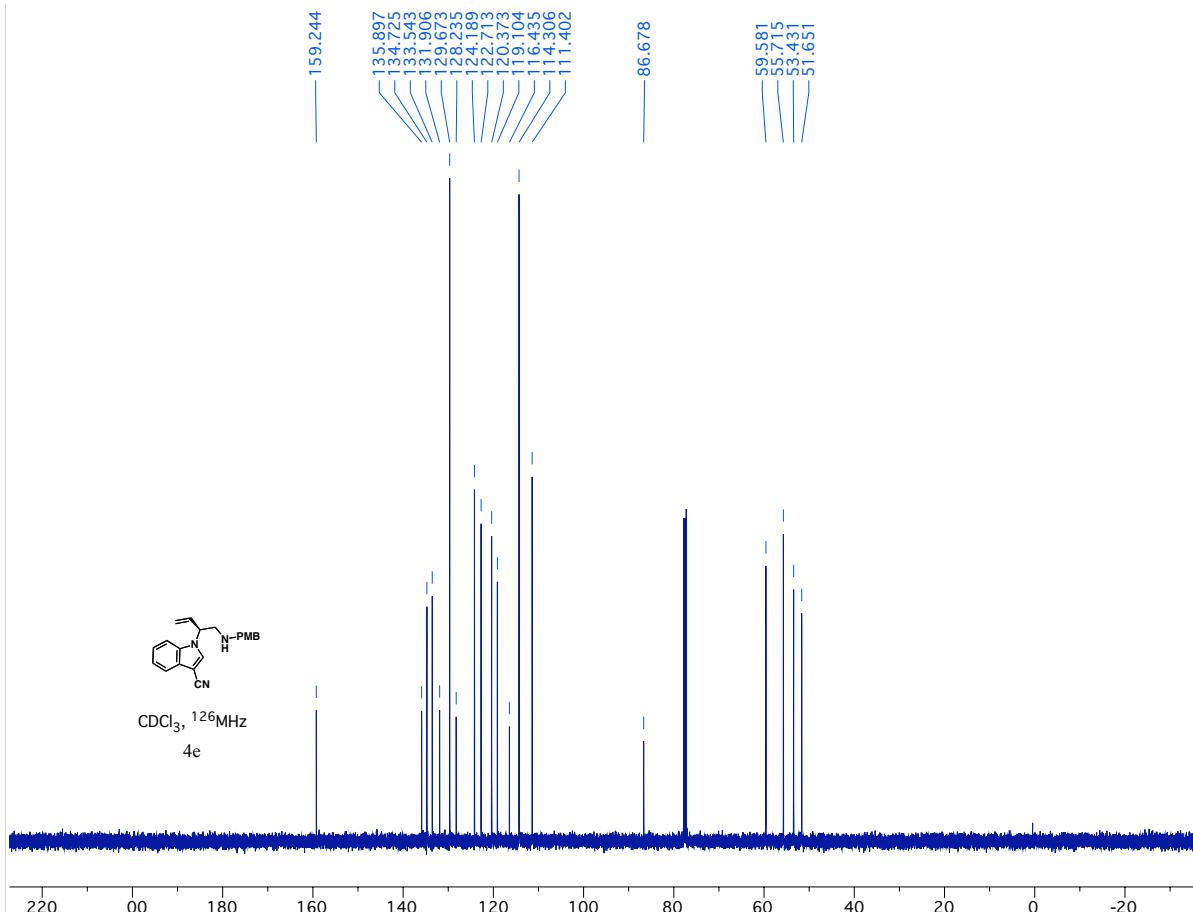
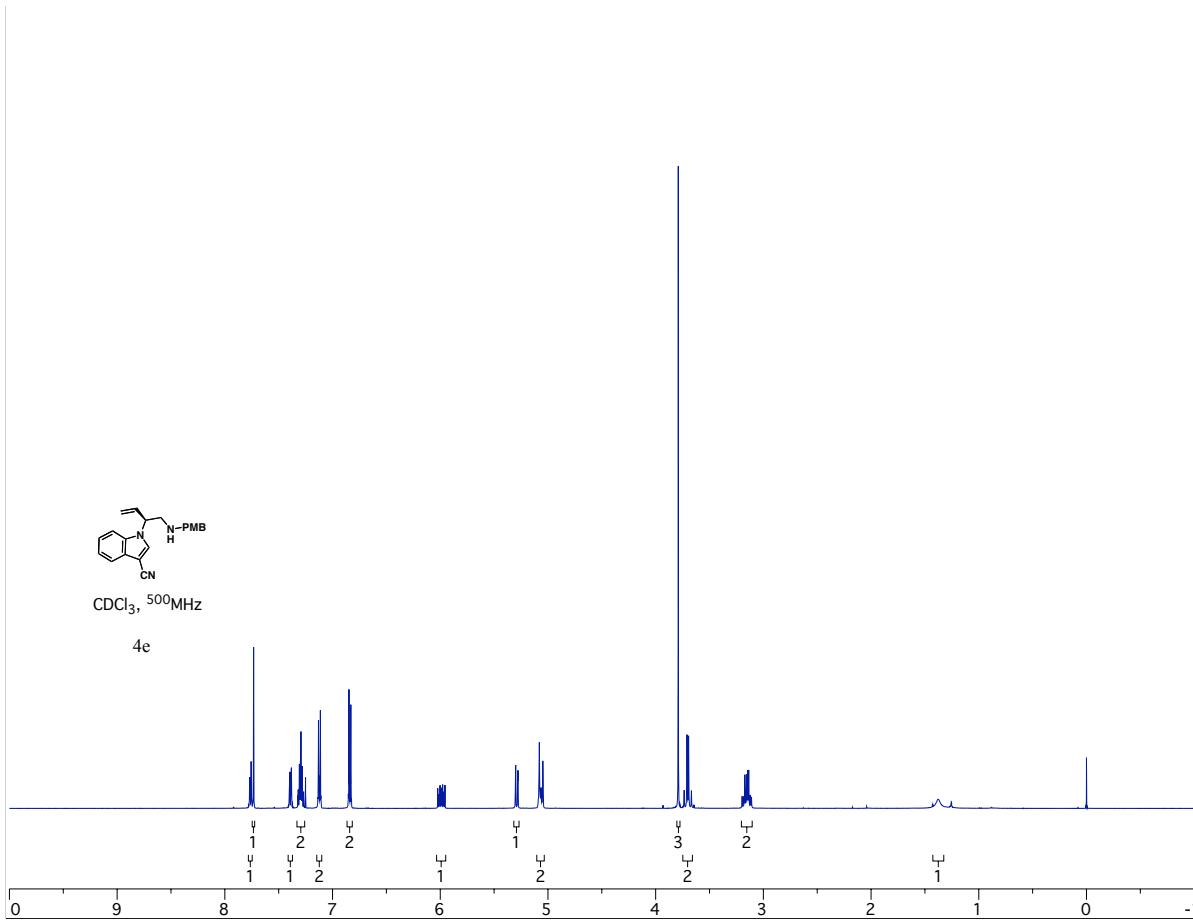


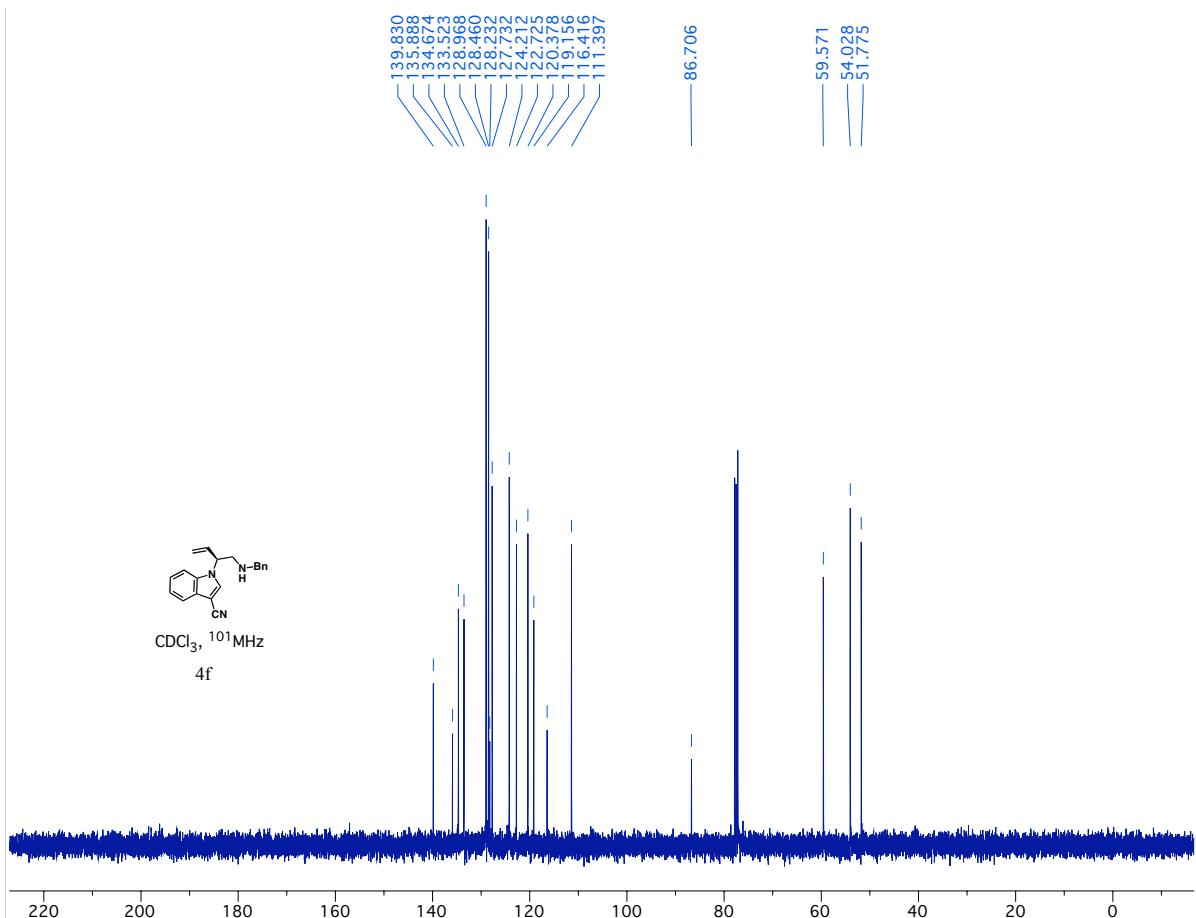
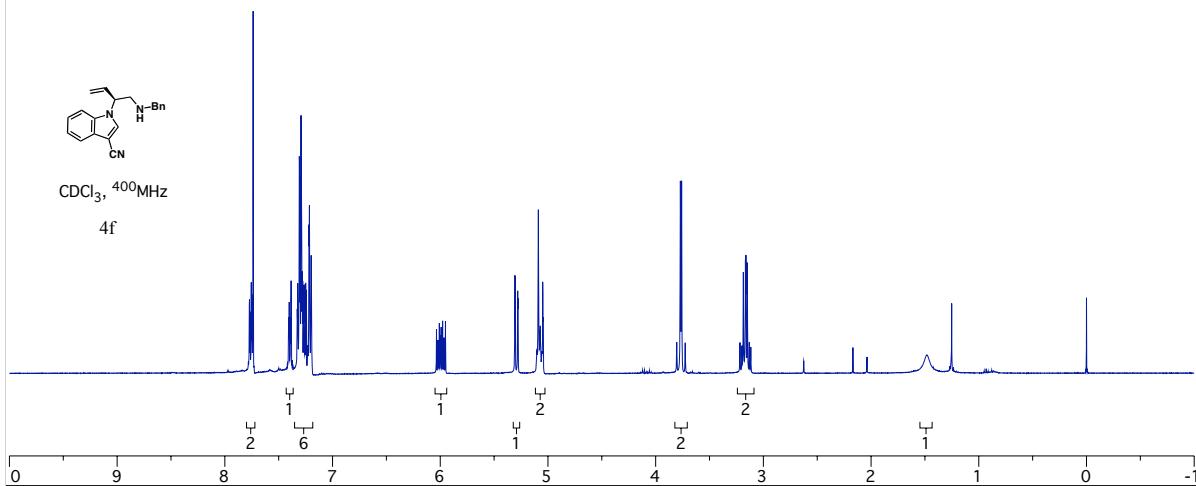


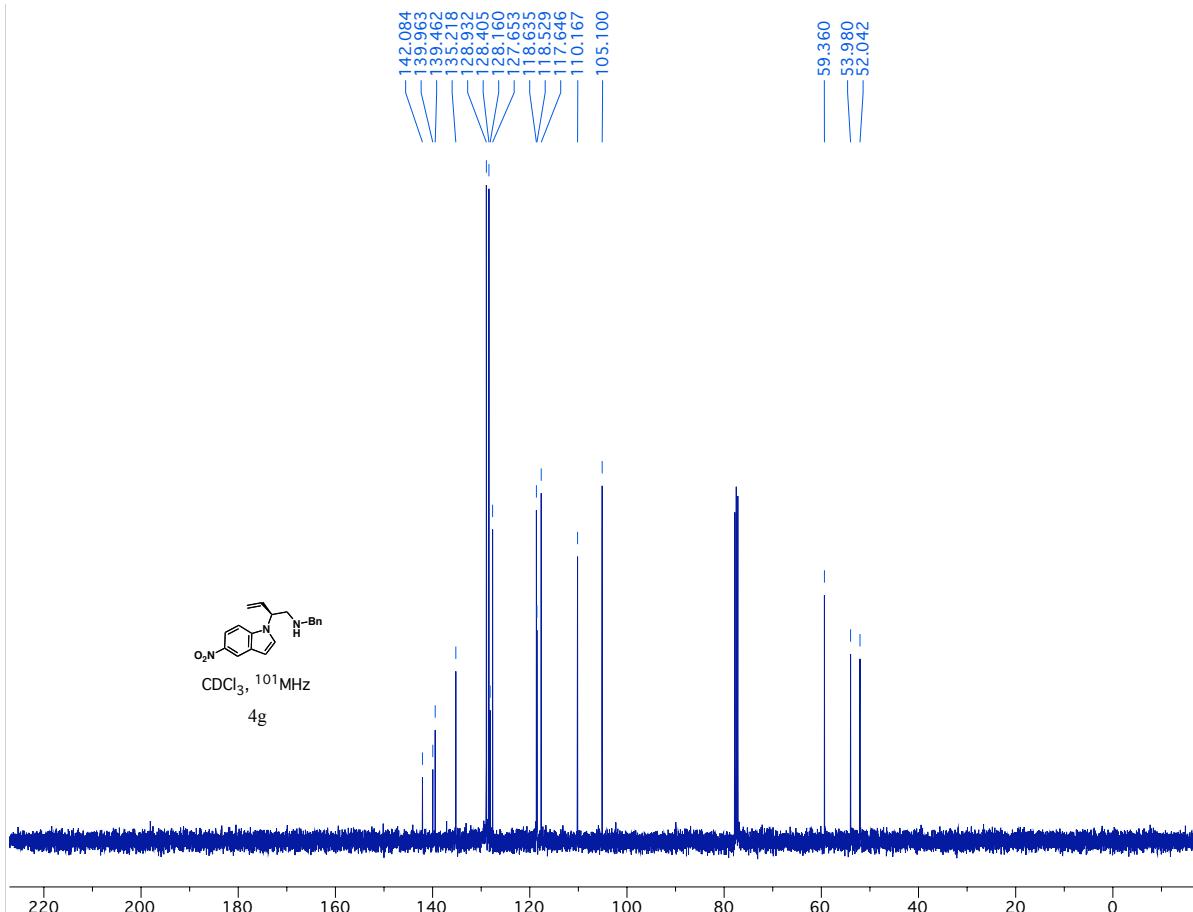
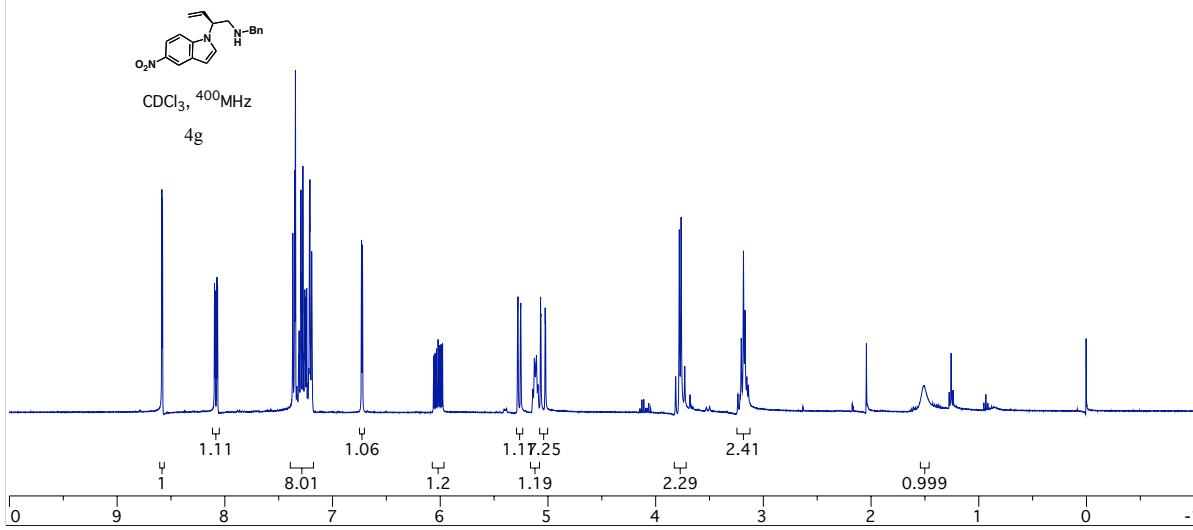


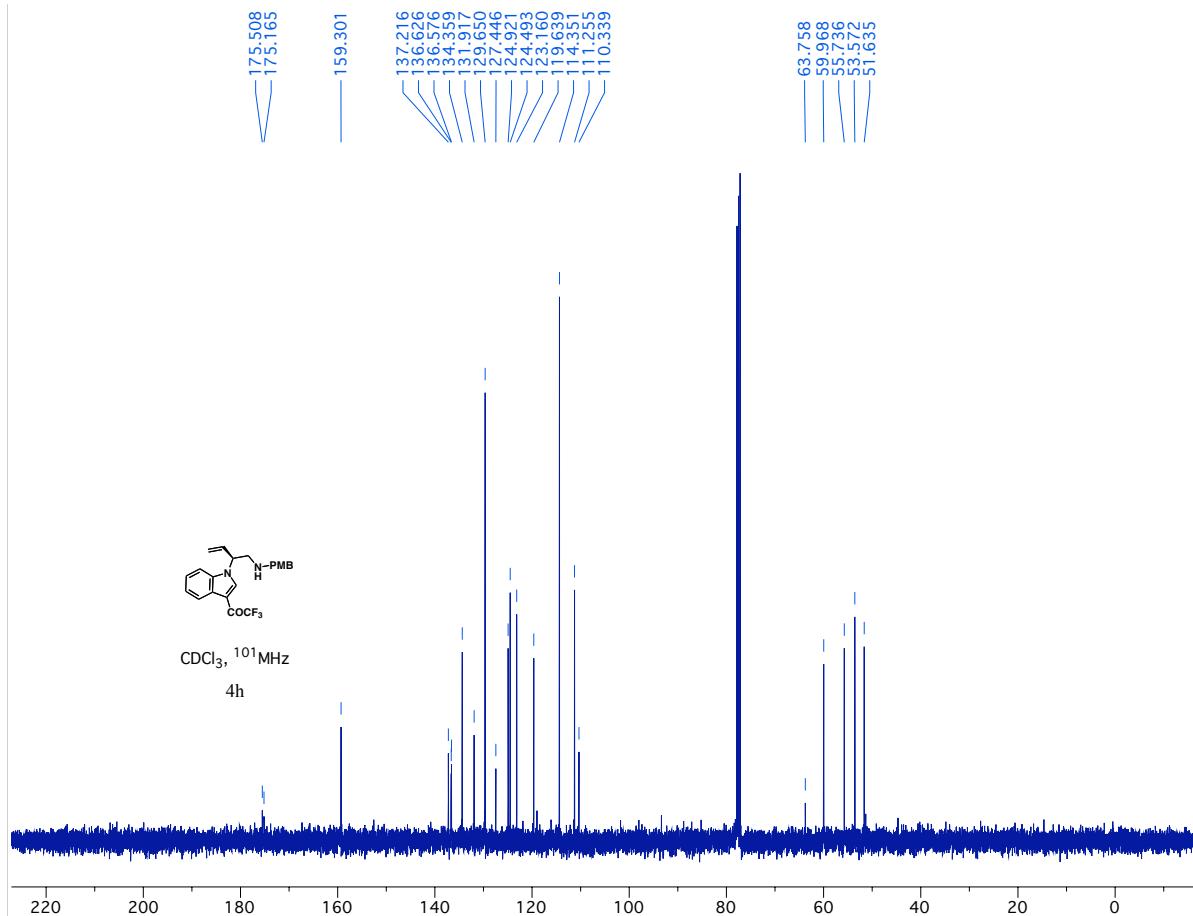
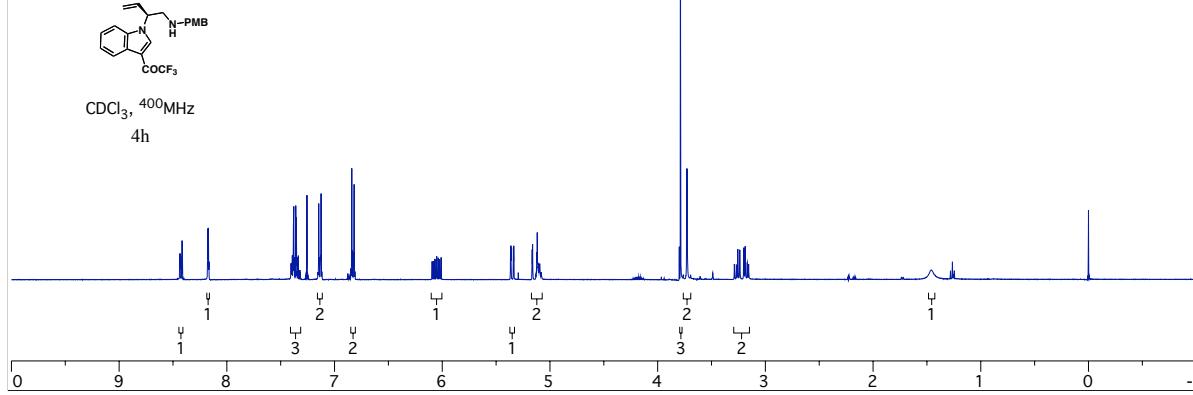


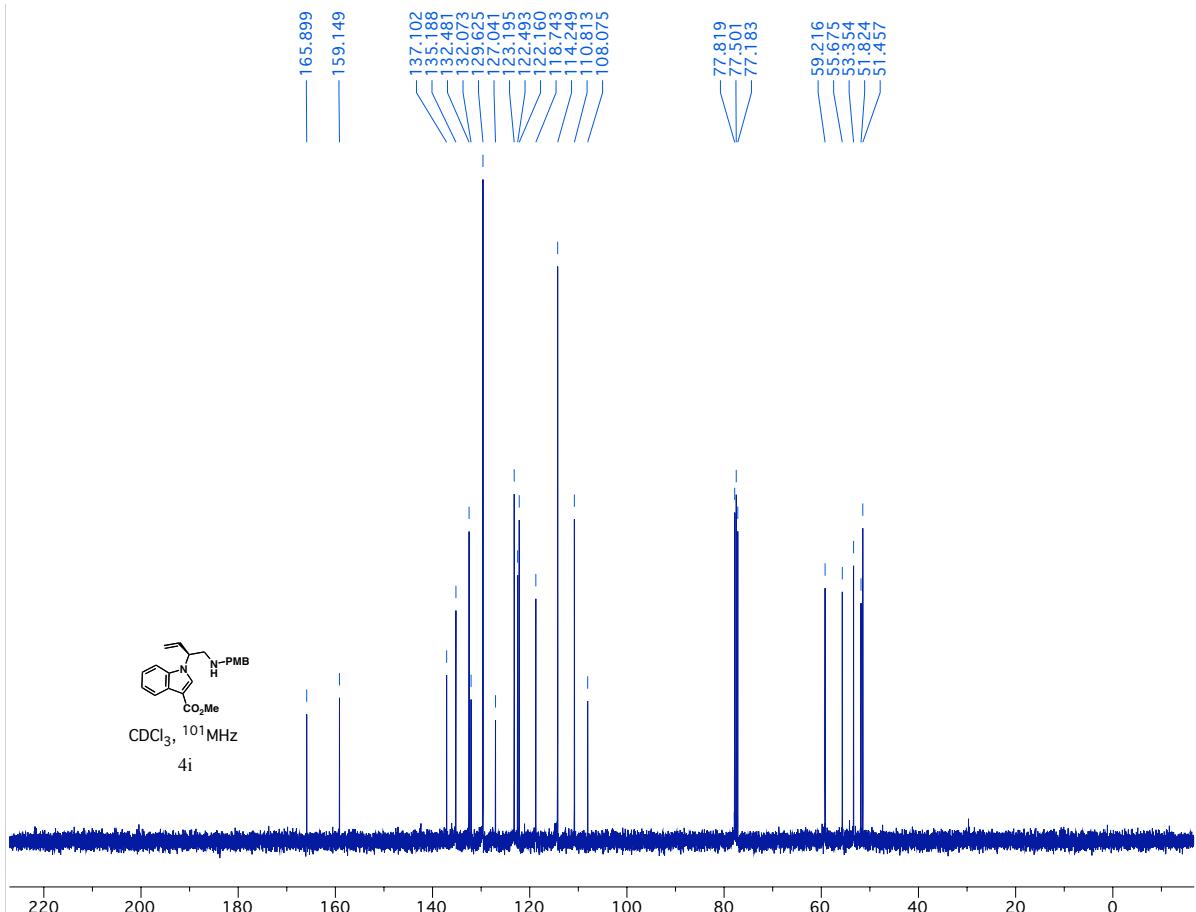
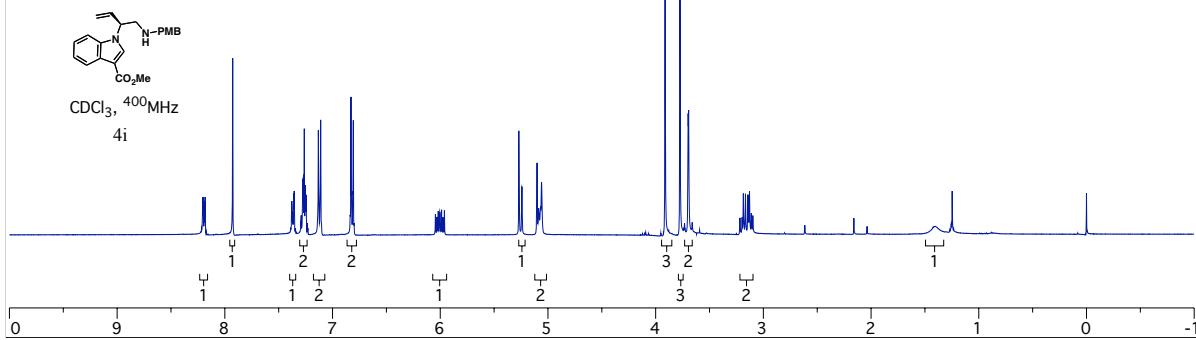


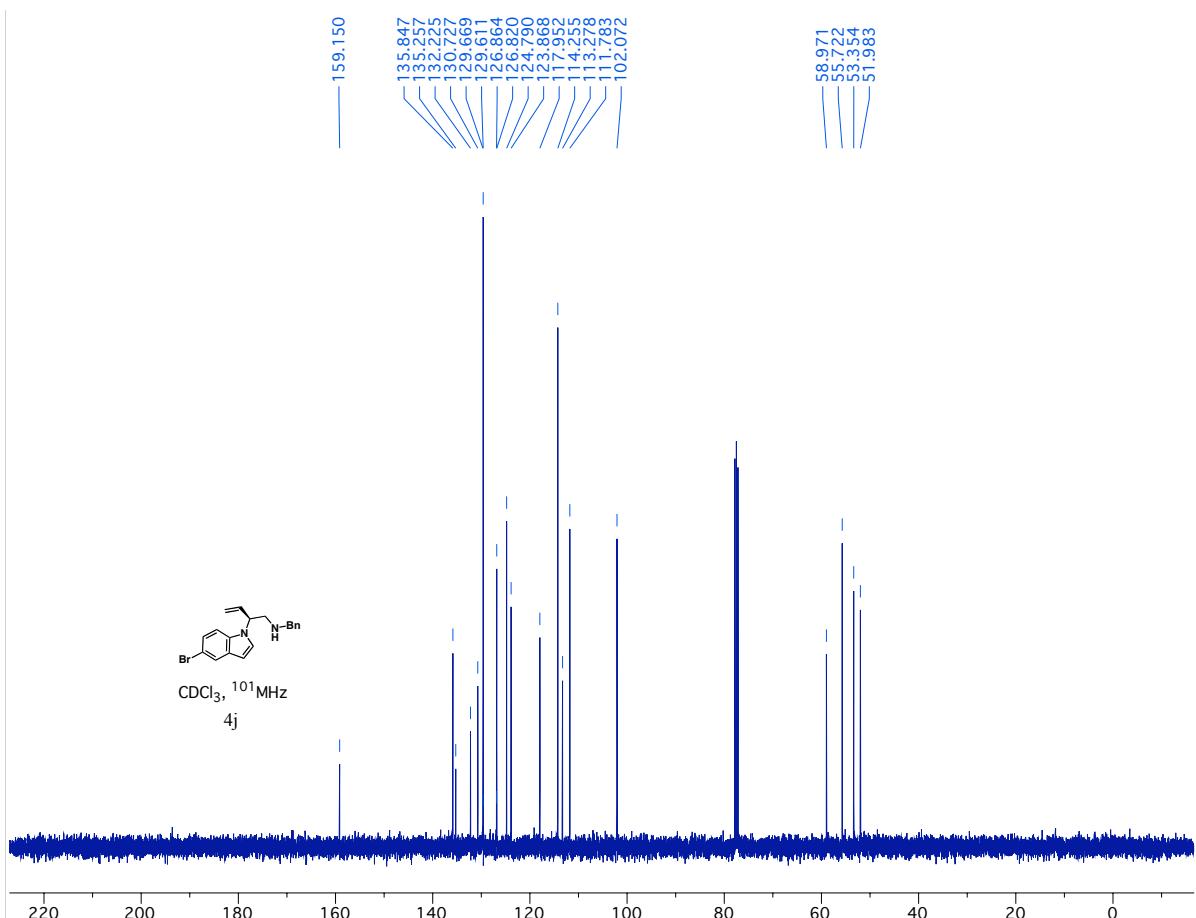
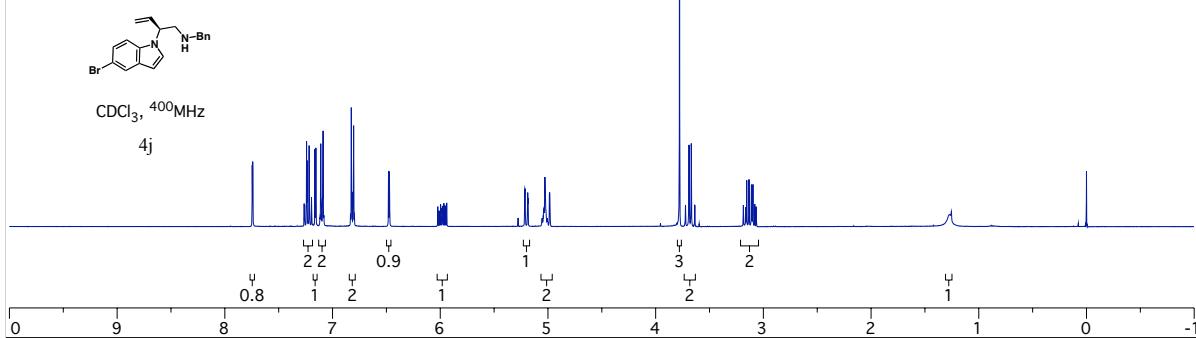


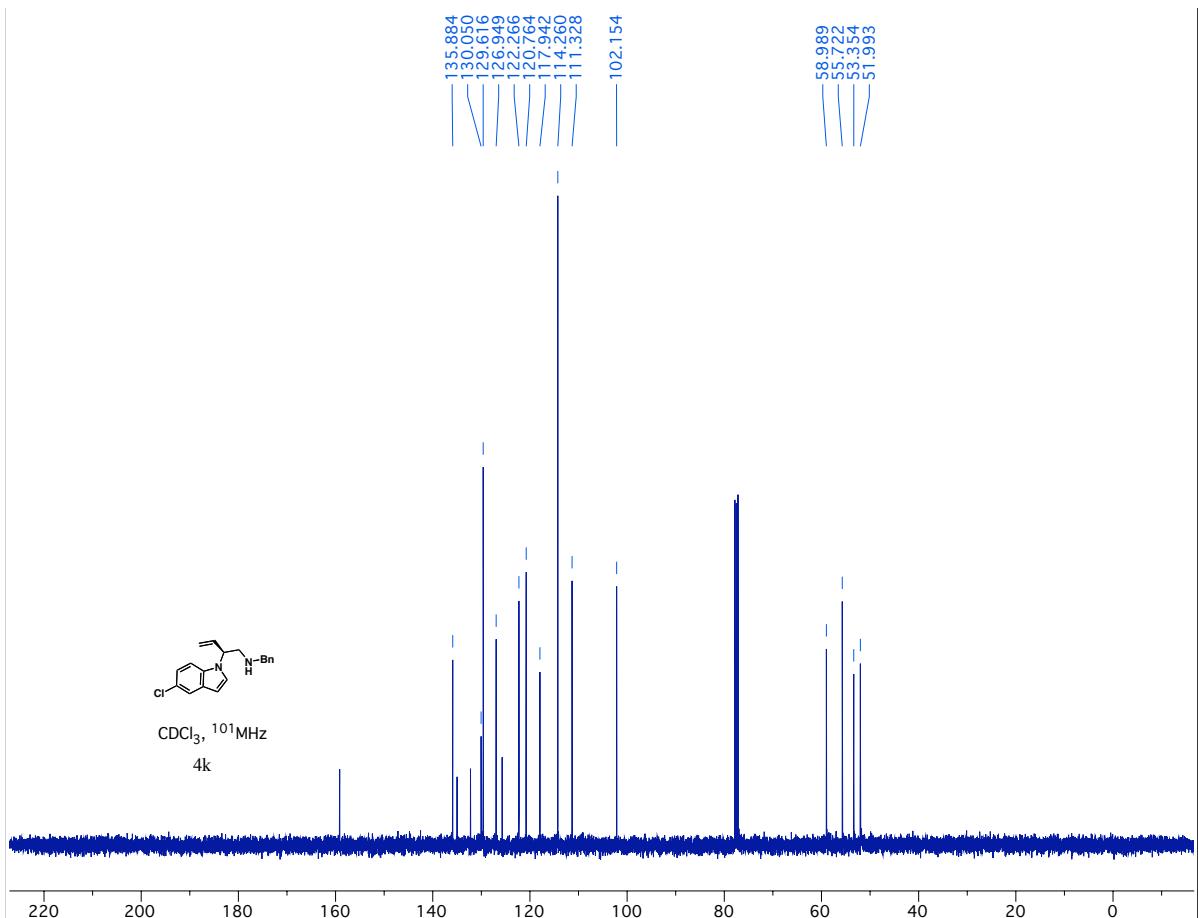
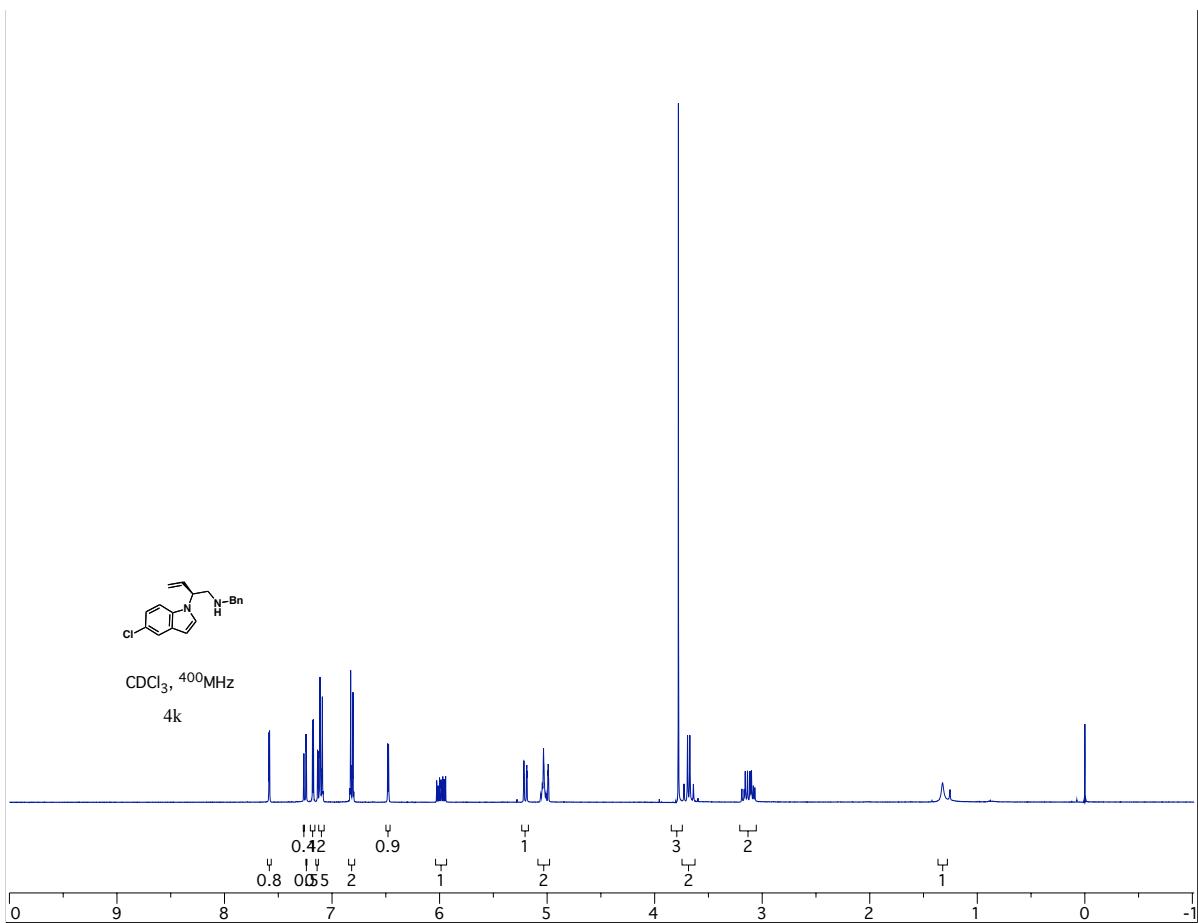


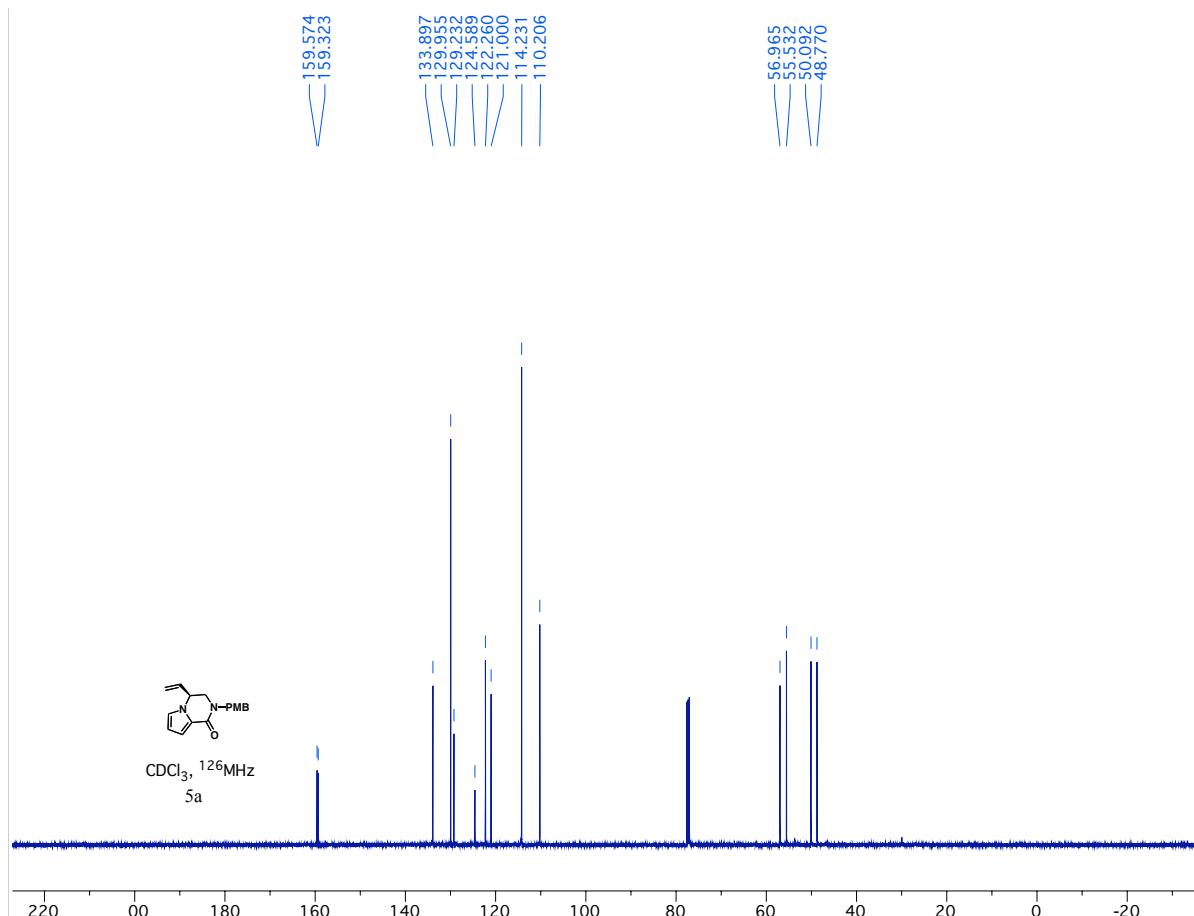
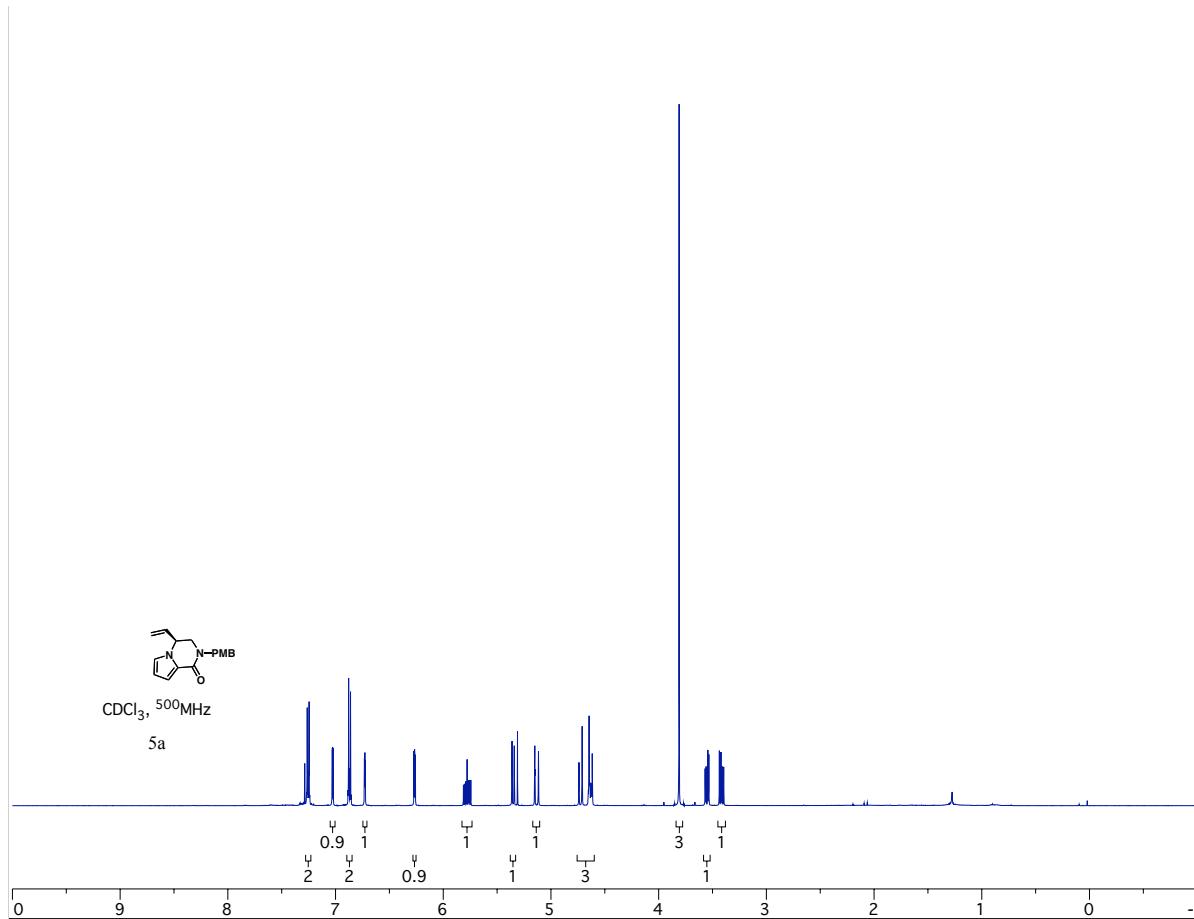






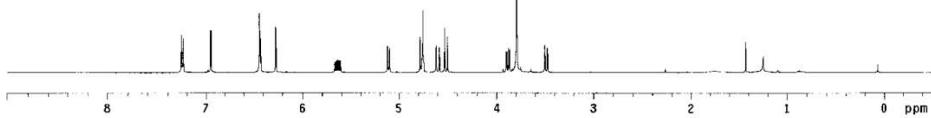
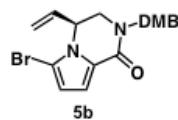






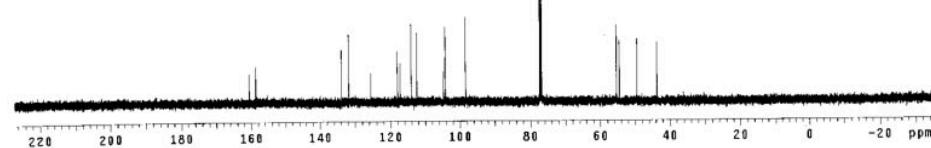
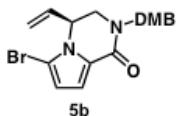
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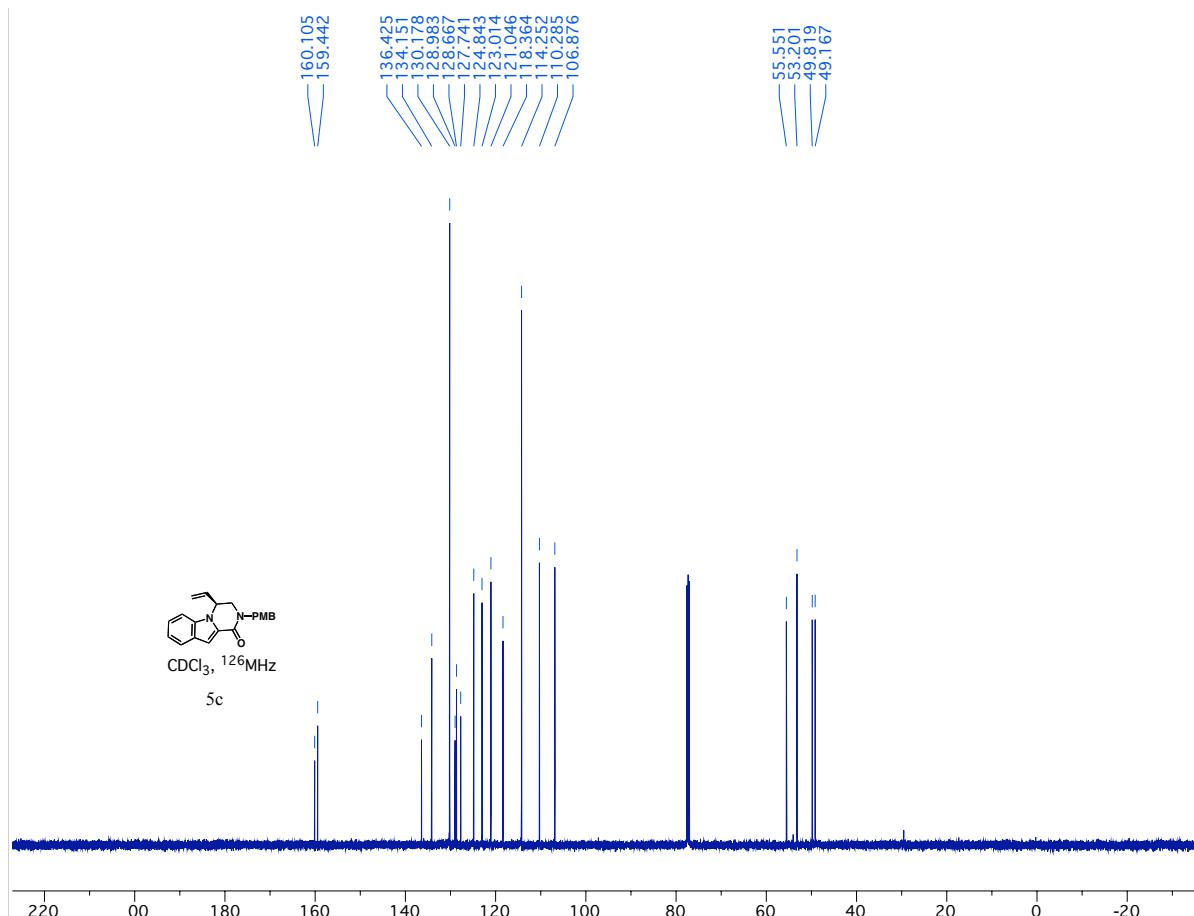
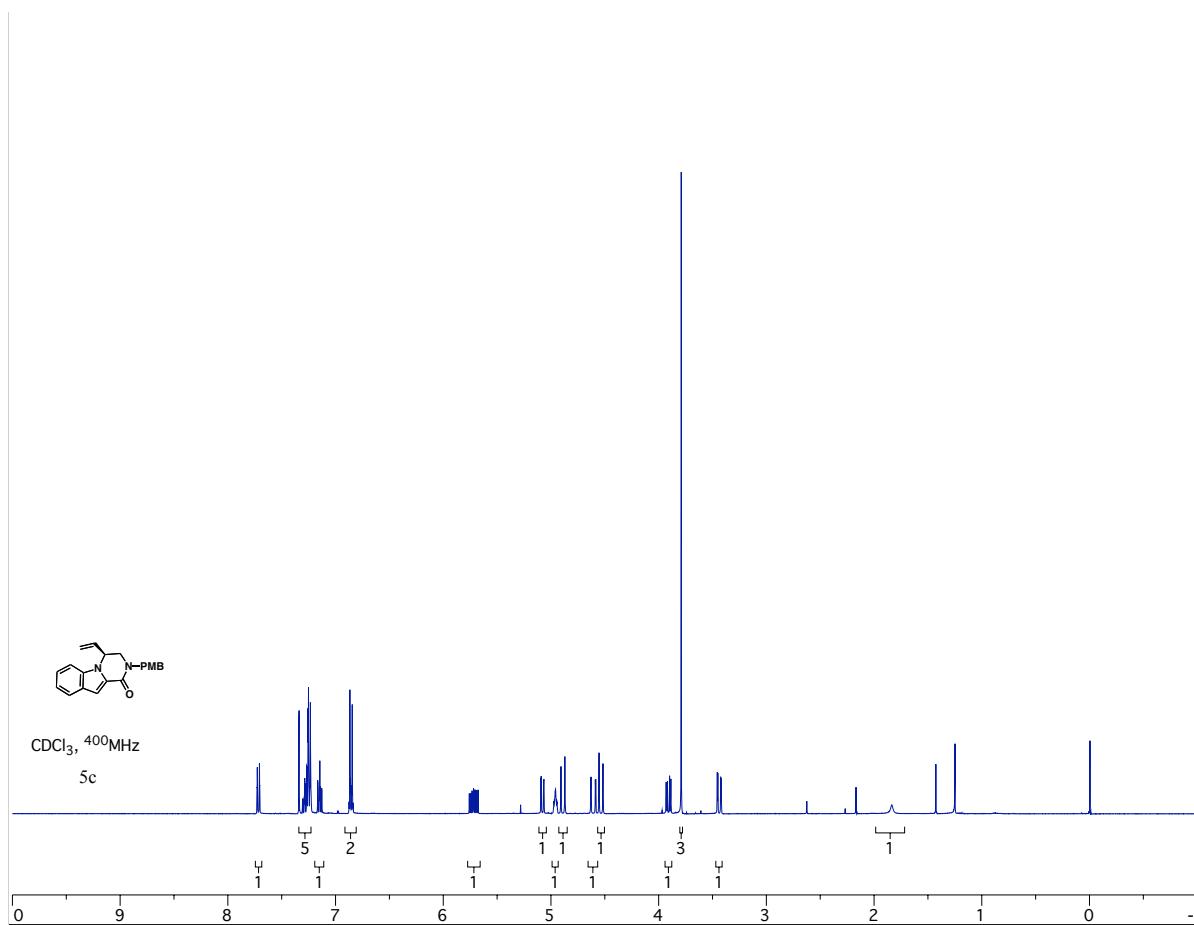
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tn	dm
at 4.000	dmf 200
np 8000.0	dsq
sw 1000.0	ds
fb not used	hom0 1.0
bs	n
tpwr 60	dfrq2 DEC2
pw 10.0	dn2
dtl 0	dpr2 1
t0f 0	dm2 0
nt 16	dm2 n
ct 16	dm2
clock n	dfr2 200
gain not used	dfrq2 1.0
ii	FLAGS n hom0 n
in n	PROCESSING
dp v	wtfile
hs nn	proc ft
DISPLAY fn	131072
sp 245.8	math
wp 4747.6	f
vs 151	werr
sc 250	wexp
wc 250	wbs
hcw 18.95	wnt
ts 23.57	wf
r1f 5142.7	
r1fp 3828.2	
th 4	
ins 100.000	
nm cdc ph	100.000

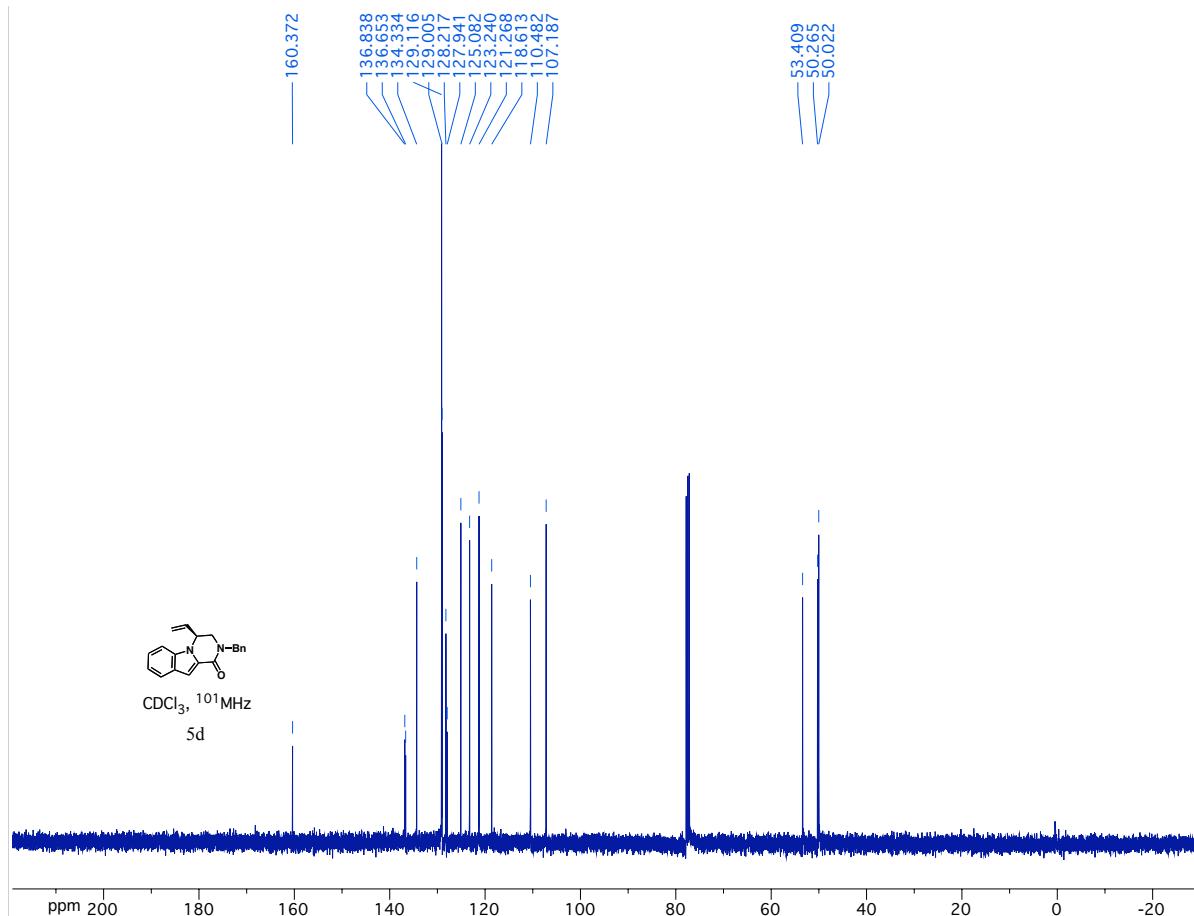
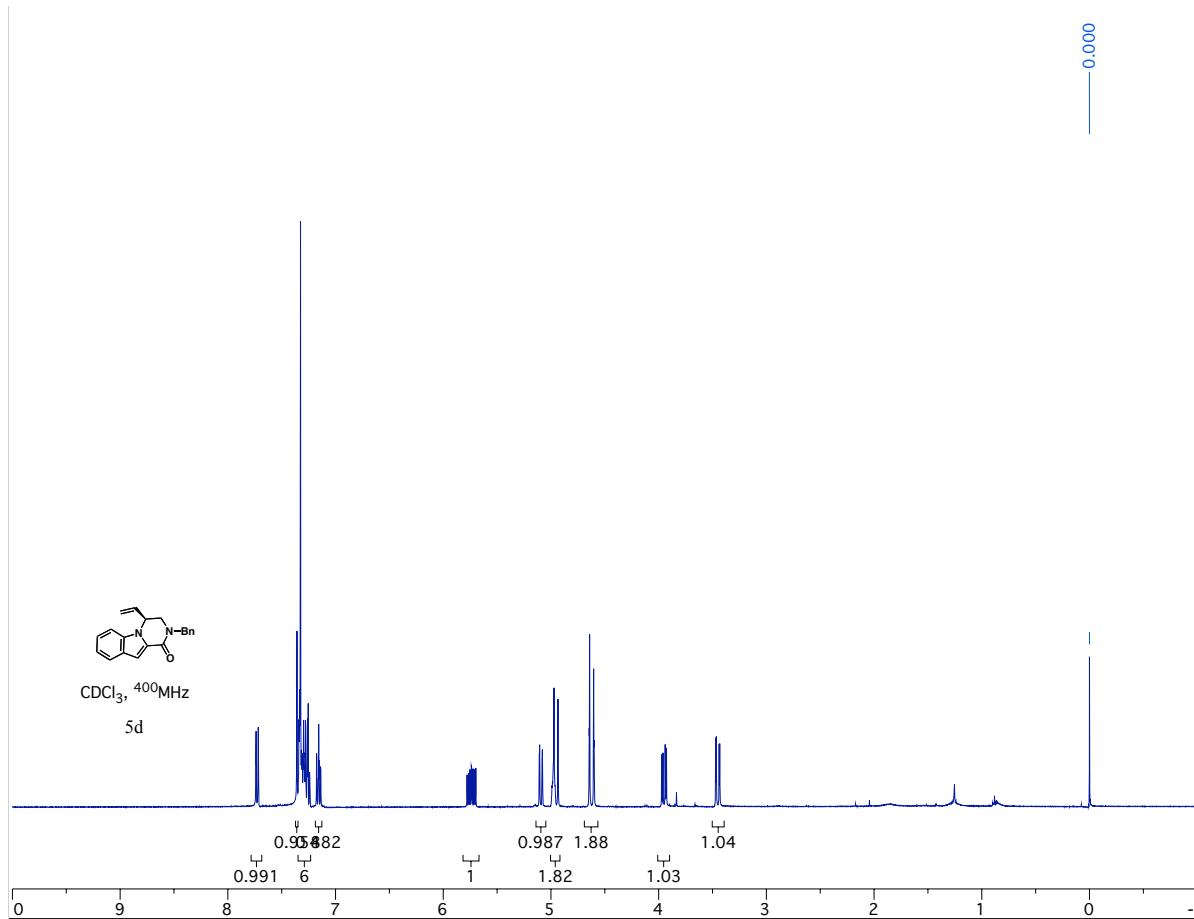


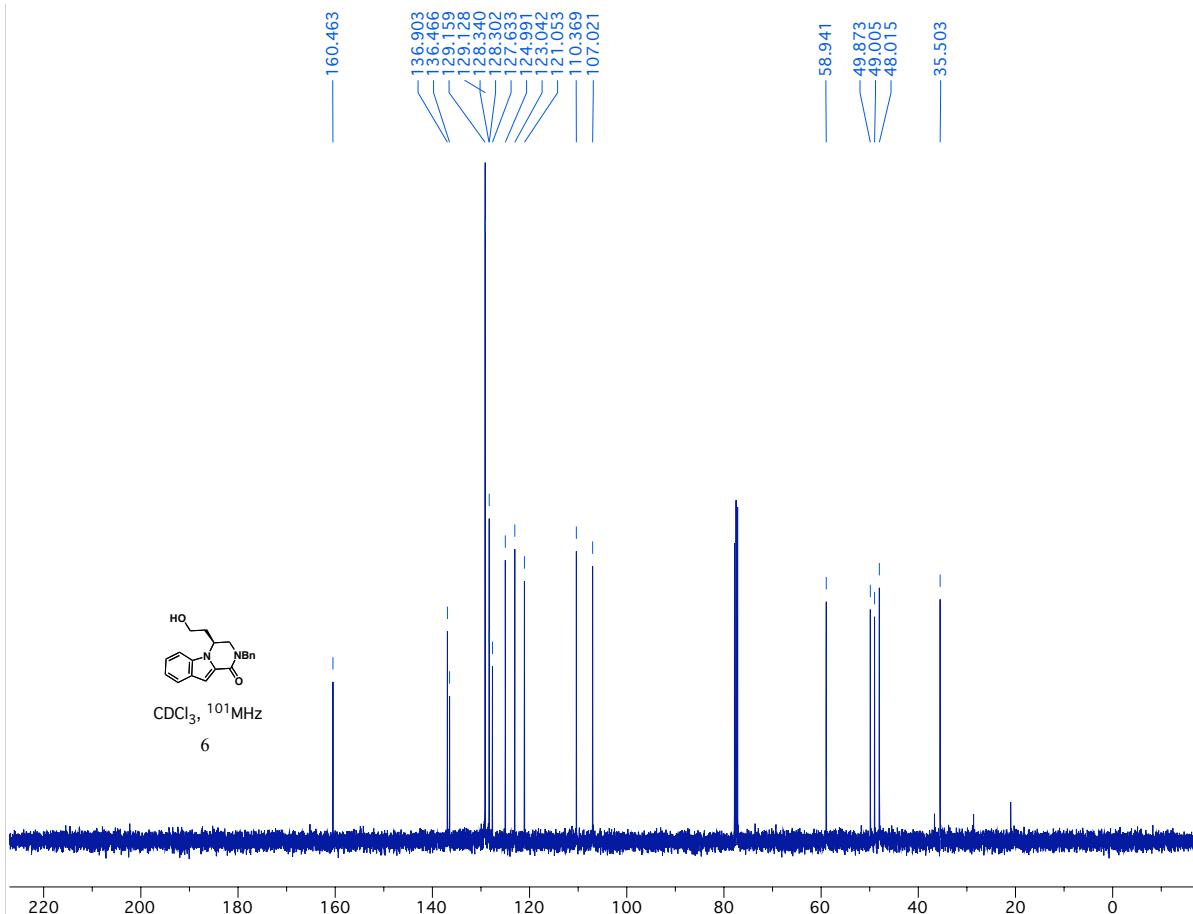
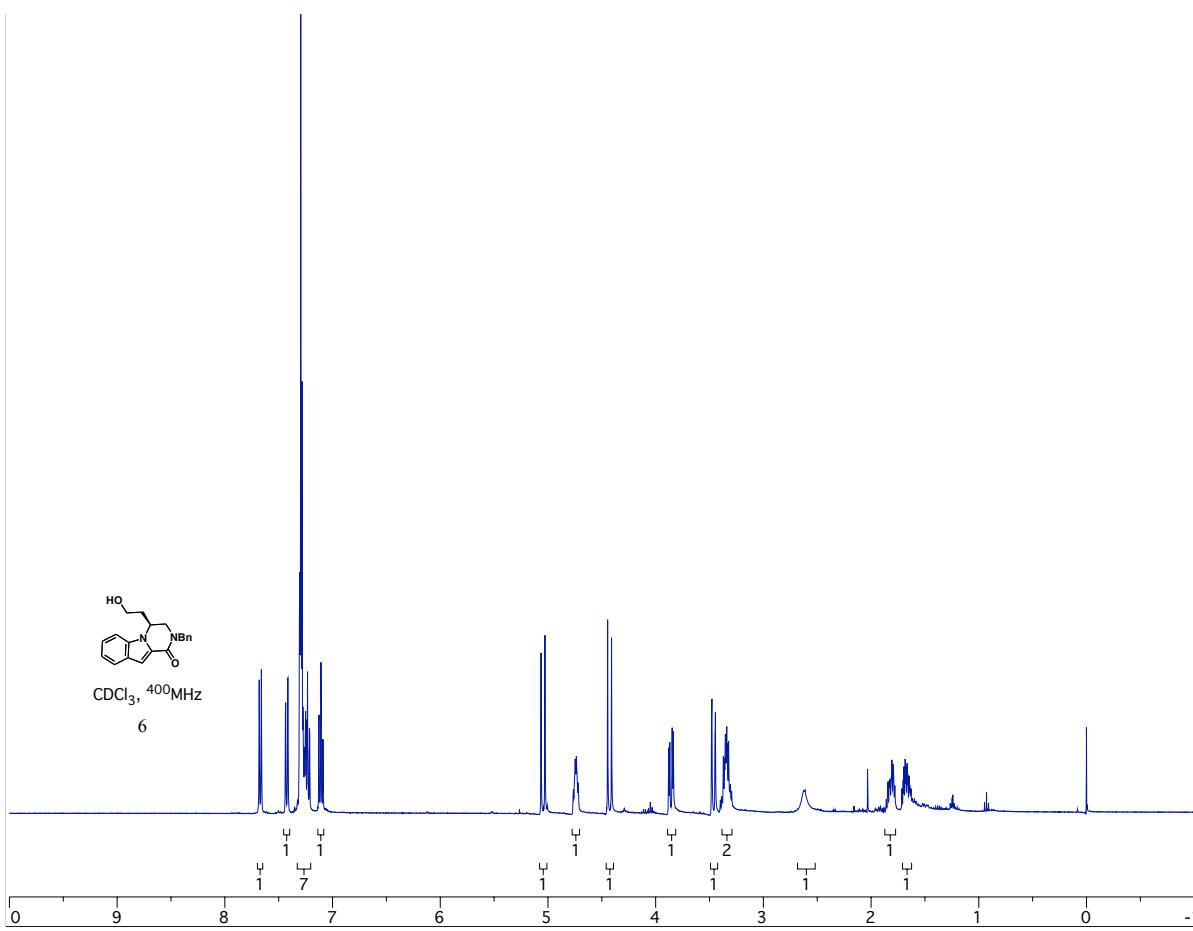
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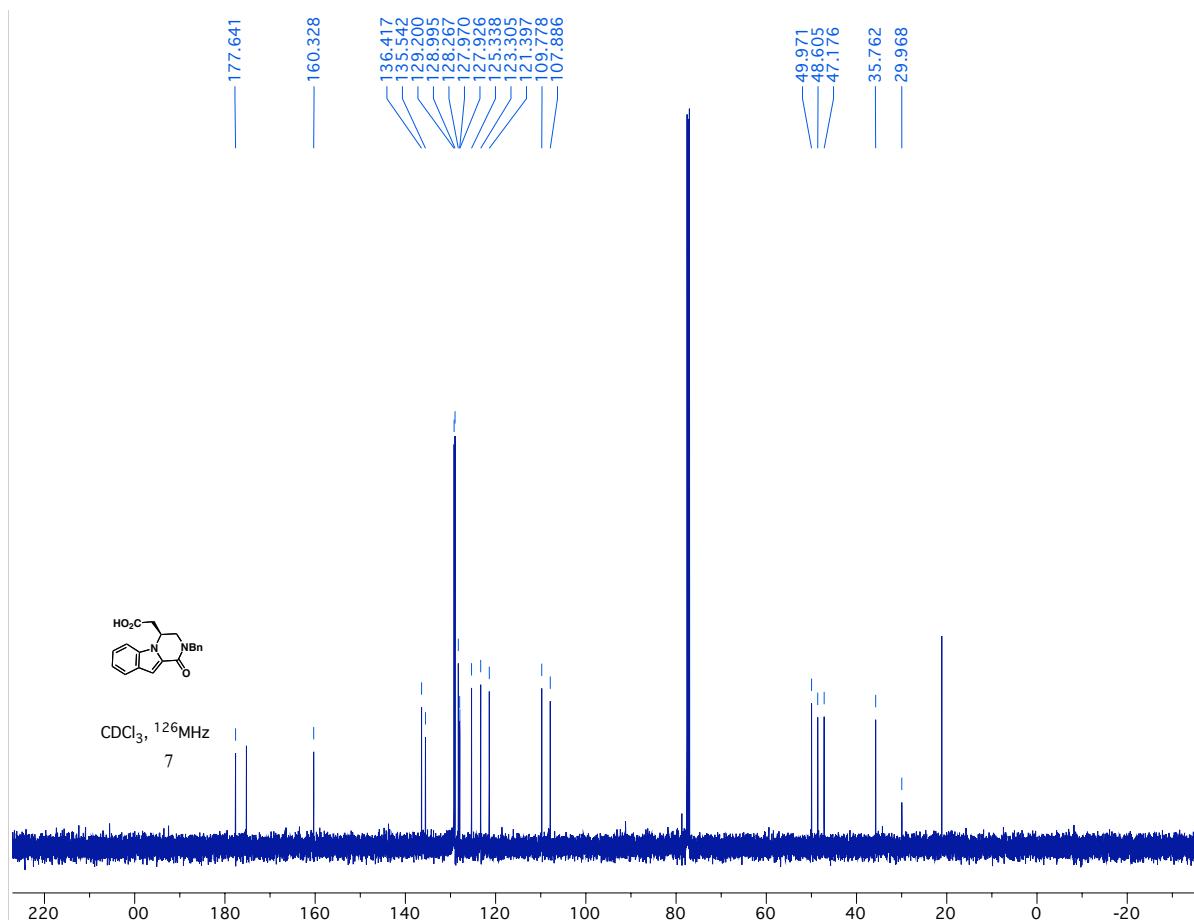
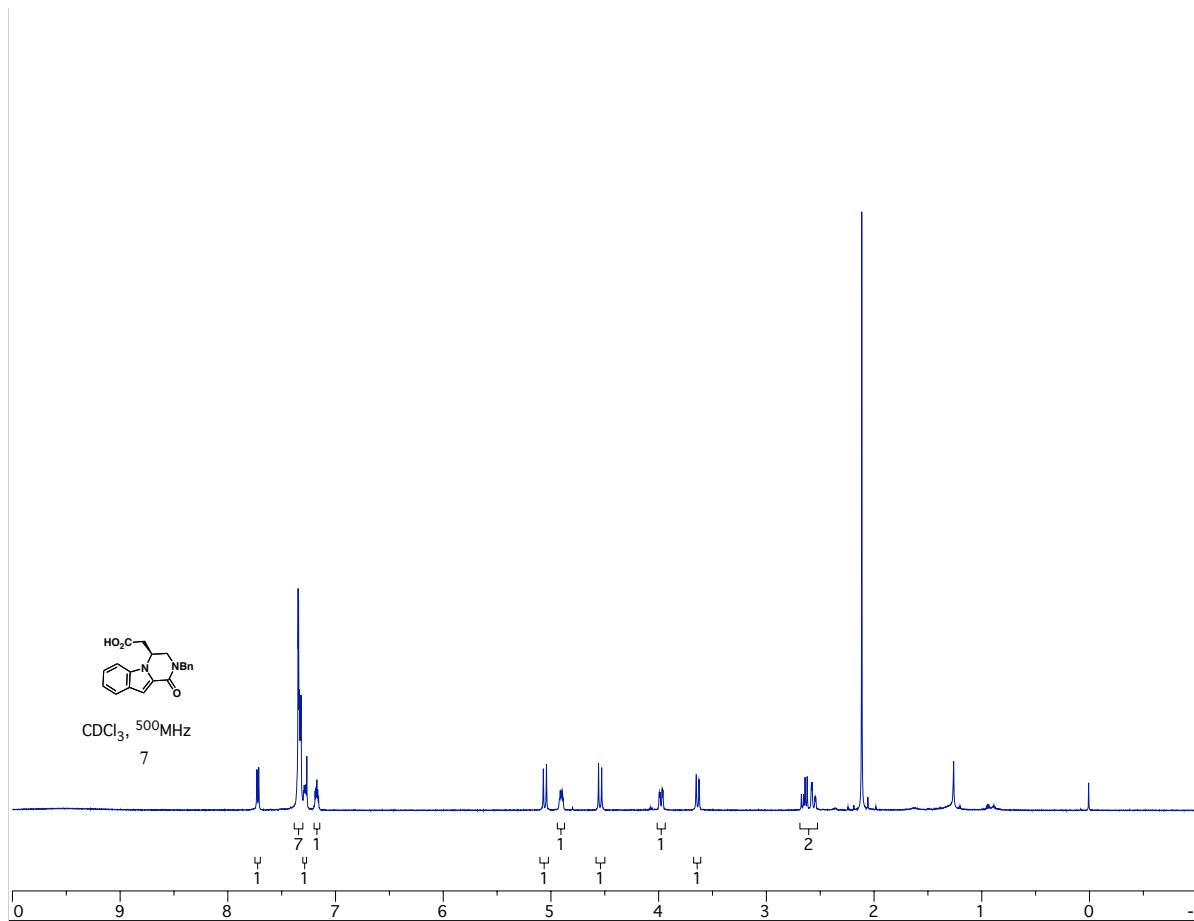
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solvent CDCl ₃	dof 399
file	dpr 8861
ACQUISITION	dm 42
sfrq 125.674	dmf 0.50
tn	dpr 0
at 1.500	PROCESSING
np 89816	lb 0.50
sw 3300.0	not dfrq
fb not used	math f
bs 4	
pw 3.0	werr
psw 3.0	wexp
tpwr 54	wbs
dtl 0.500	wnt
t0f 109.0	DISPLAY
nt 1200	sp -4487.0
ct 300	dm 3200.5
clock 100	ri vs 818
gain 54	sc 0
ii	FLAGS hzmm 8.64
in 15	is 500.00
dp v	r1 1471.1
hs nn	r1f 9888.5
th 4	
ins 1.000	
al ph	

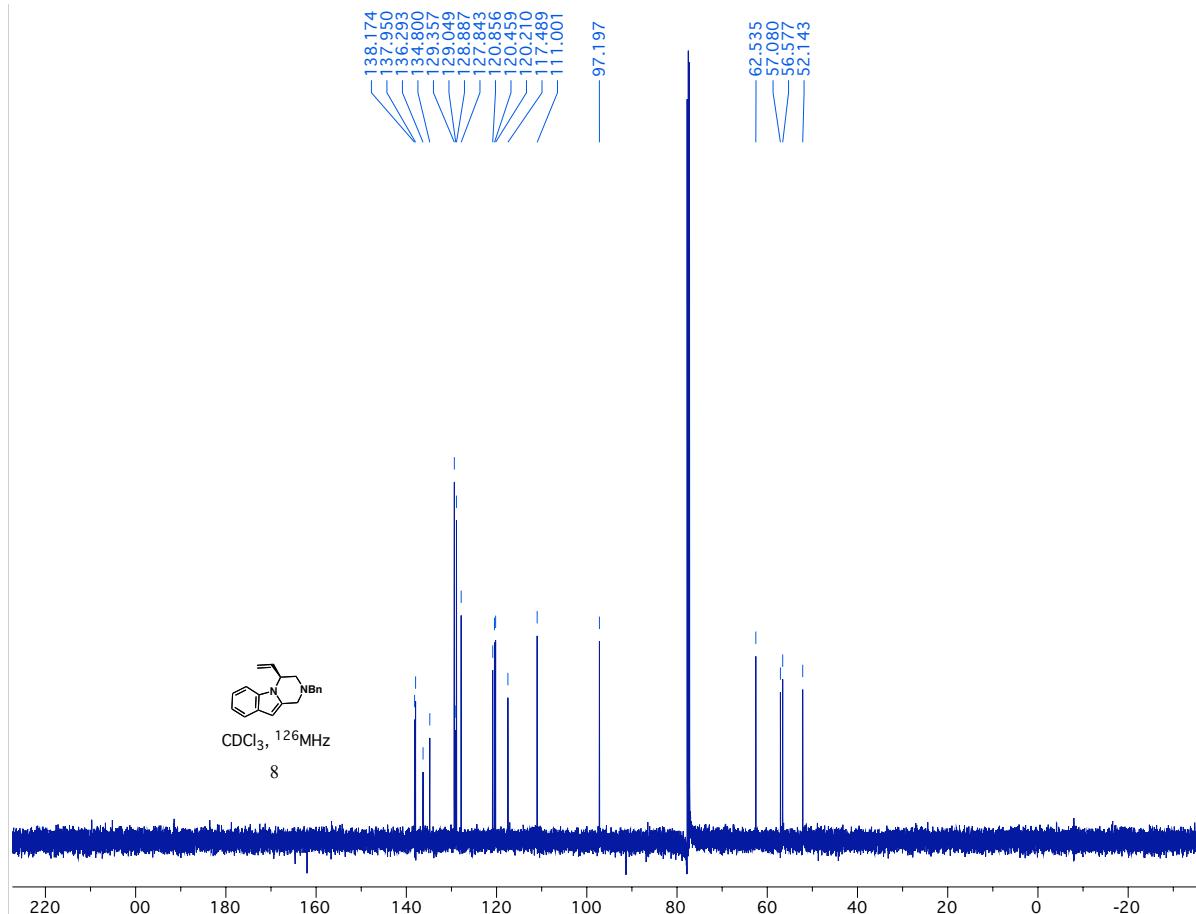
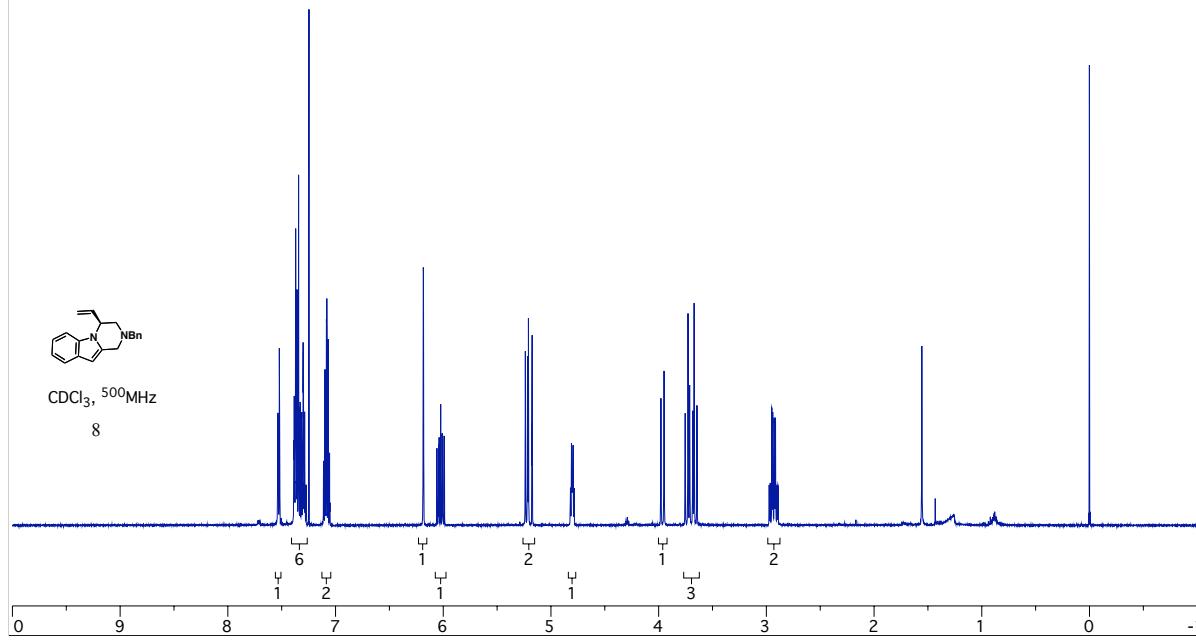


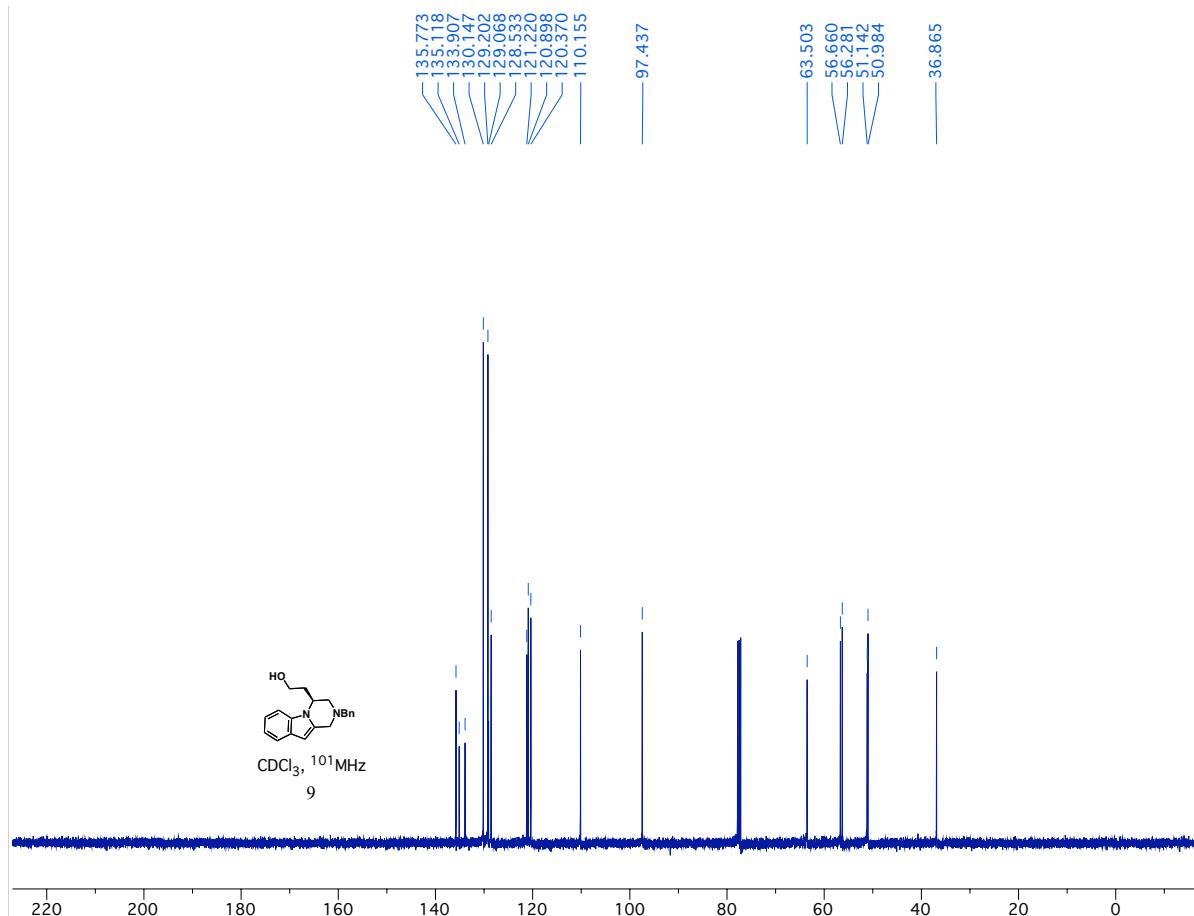
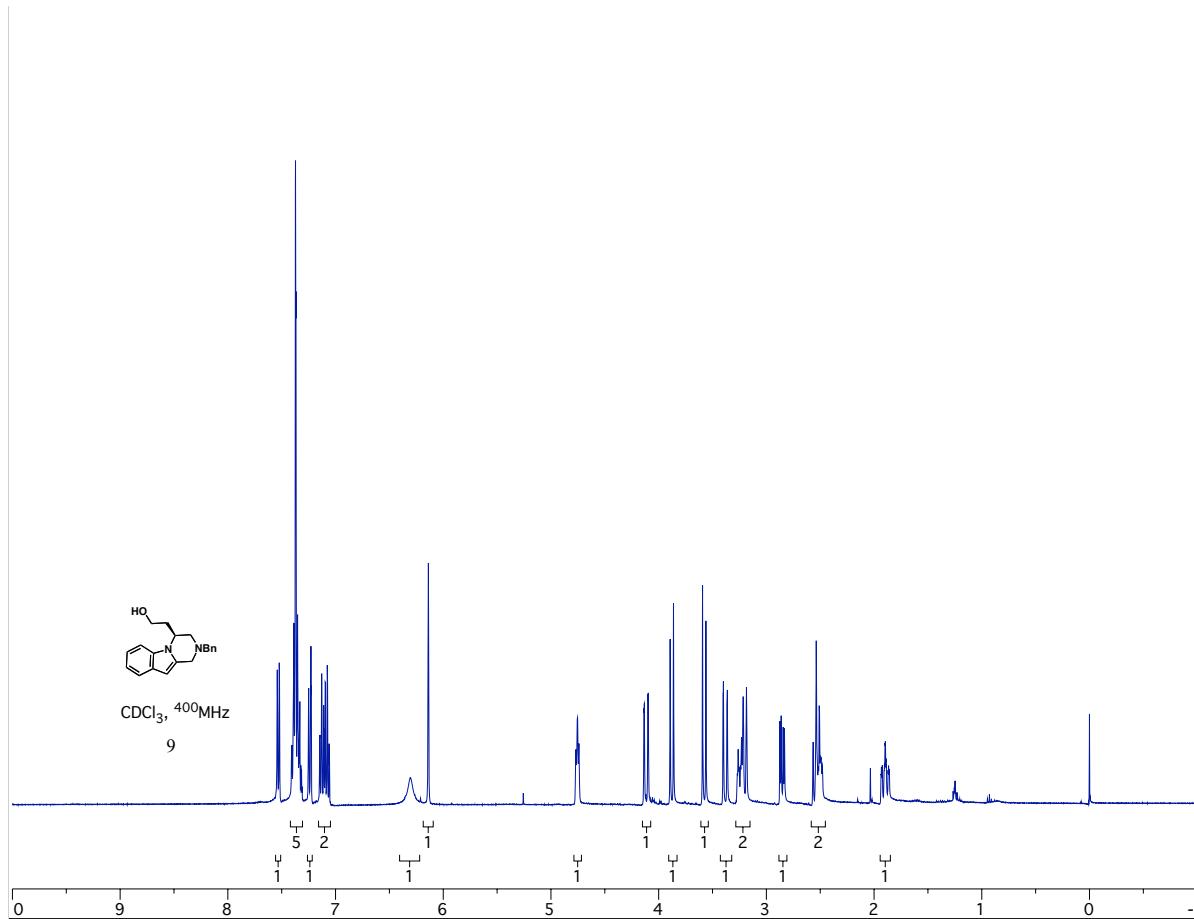








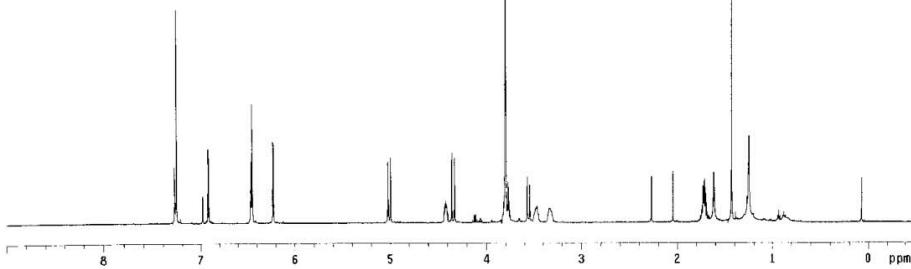
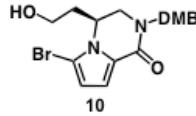




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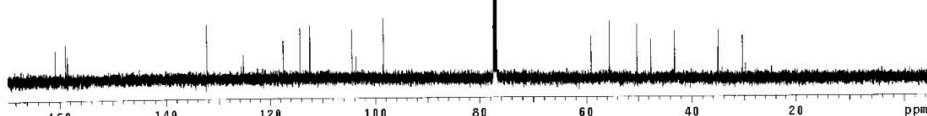
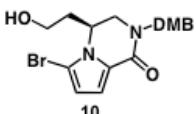
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solvent CDCl₃ dmf H₂O
file exp dfrq 30
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sfrq 499.751 mmn
tn 1H dnm c
at 4,000 dmf 208
np 440000
bw 8000.0 dres 1.0
fb not used homo n
ps not used homa DEC2
tpur 60 dfrq2 0
pw 10.0 dnr2
d1 10.0 dfr2 1
t1f 10.0 dfr2 0
nt 16 dmr2 n
ct 16 dmrd c
a1ock 10 dfr2 200
gain 1 not used dseq2
FLAGS dres2 1.0
il n homa n
in n PROCESSING
dp y wtfile ft
hs nm frproc 131072
DISPLAY -249.8 math f
sp 474.0
wp 149 werr
sc 0 wexp
wc 250 wbs
hzmn 18.89 wmt
ts 435.11
rt 5142.2
r1p 3828.2
th 7
ms 0.850
nm cdc ph

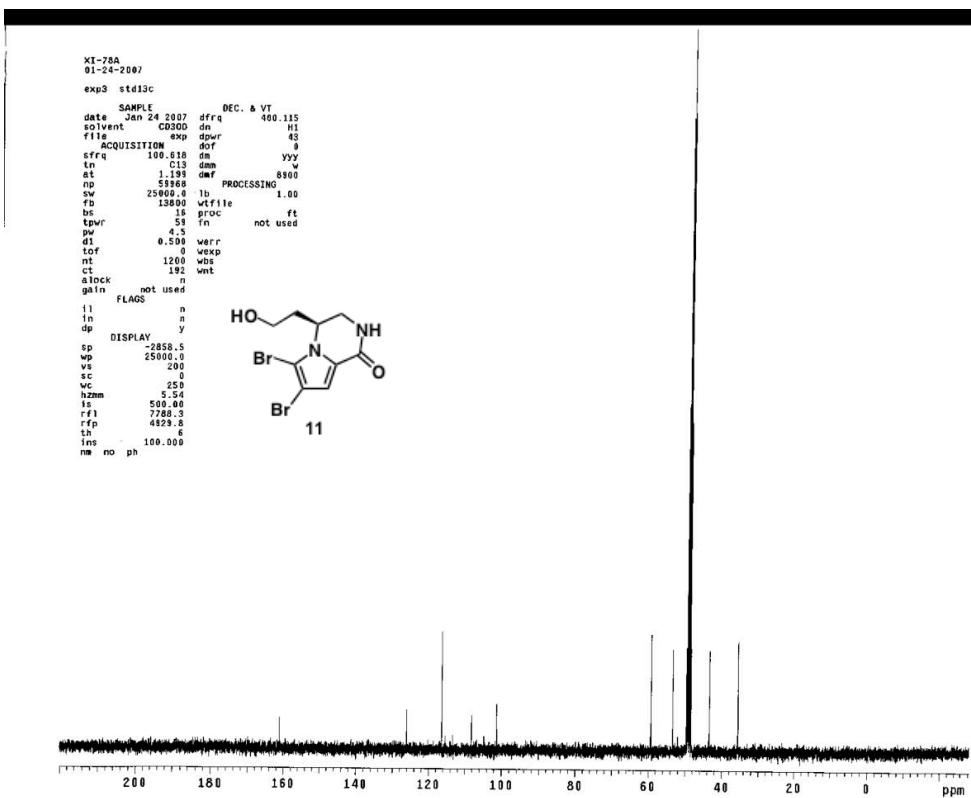
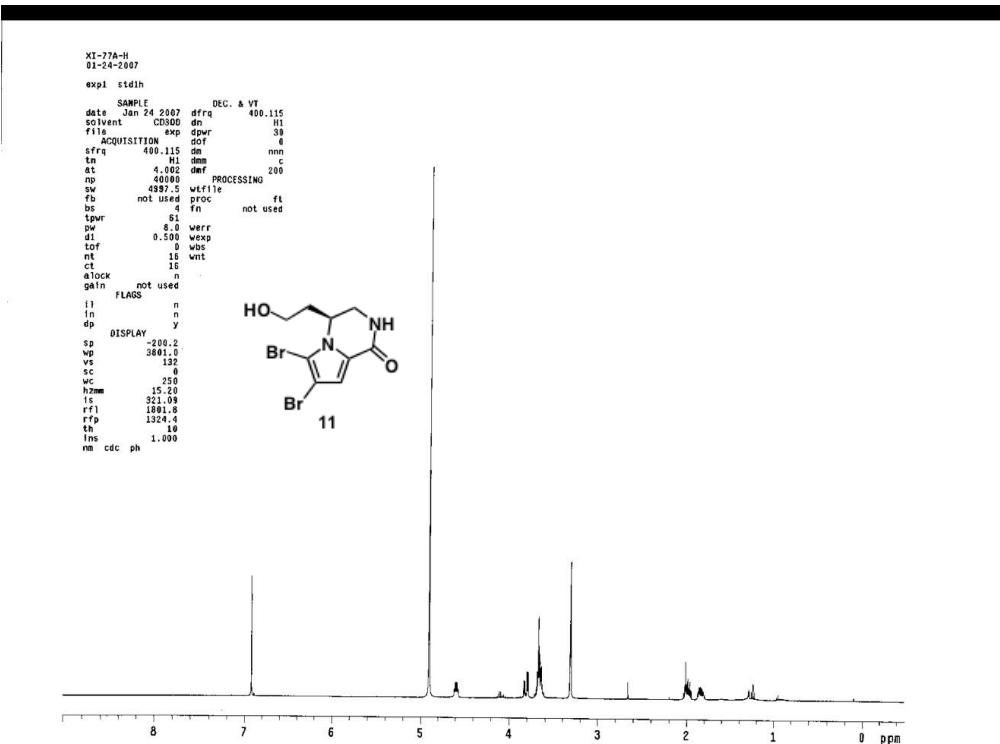


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exp9 s2pul

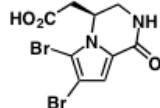
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solvent CDCl₃ dmf -499.6
file exp on YYY
ACQUISITION dfr 42
sfrq 125.874 dmf 8561
tn 1C dfr
at 1,600 PROCESSING 42
np 99016 lb 0.50
sw 33003.3 fm not used
fb not used homa f
ps 4
pw 3.0 werr
dp 54 wexp
tpwz 54 wbs
d1 1.50 wmt
t1f 100.0 DISPLAY
nt 1200 sp -663.8
ct 344 211.0 1855
a1ock 54 sc 0
gain 54 256
FLAGS n hzw 87.75
il n is 590.00
in 1 r1p 1417.6
dp y rfp 9688.5
hs nm frfp 6
th 6
ms 1.000
ai ph



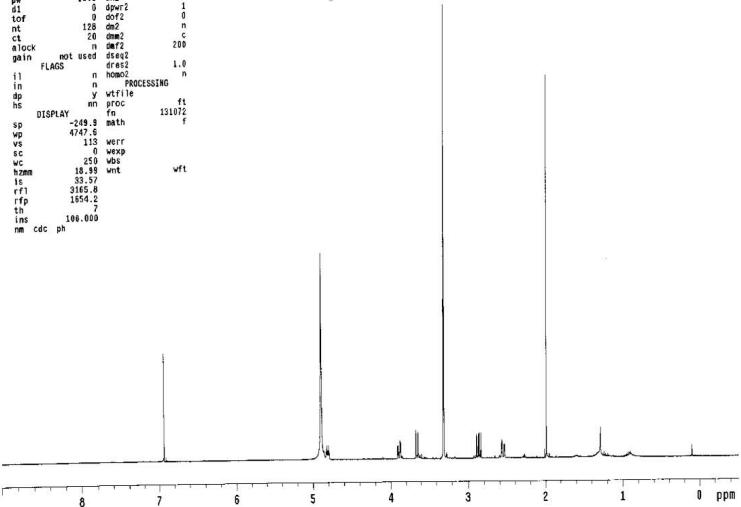


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01-25-2007
exp1 s2pu

SAMPLE	DEC. & VT
date	Jan 25 2007
solvent	DMSO
file	exp
ACQUISITION	dpr
sfrq	499.753
tn	4.000
at	4.000
np	64000
sw	8000.000
fb	not used
bs	4
tpwr	80
pw	10.0
di	0
tof	0
nt	128
ct	20
alock	0
gain	not used
FLAGS	proc2
i1	n
in	n
dp	y
hs	proc
DISPLAY	ft
sp	-249.3
wp	4747.6
vs	115
sc	0
wc	250
hzma	18.0
is	33.37
rfl1	3165.8
rfp	1854.2
th	7
ins	100.000
nm cdc ph	

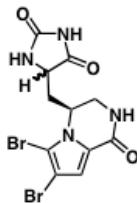


12; longamide B

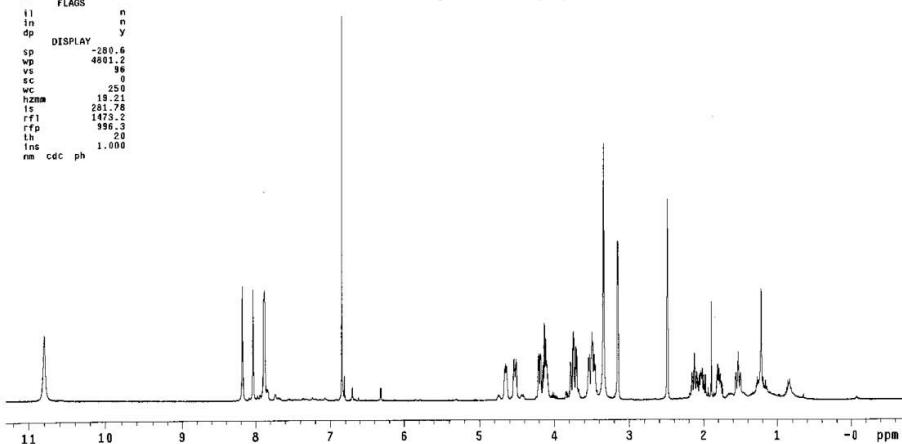


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02-13-2007
exp1 stdin

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date	Feb 13 2007
solvent	DMSO
file	exp
ACQUISITION	dpr
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tn	4.000
at	4.000
np	40000
sw	4997.5
fb	not used
bs	64
tpwr	8.0
pw	0.010
di	0
tof	0
nt	16
ct	16
alock	0
gain	not used
FLAGS	proc
i1	n
in	n
dp	y
DISPLAY	ft
sp	-280.6
wp	4801.2
vs	0
sc	0
wc	250
hzma	19.0
is	281.76
rfl1	1473.2
rfp	935.0
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ins	1.000
nm cdc ph	



H— agesamide A (15)
H...— agesamide B (16)

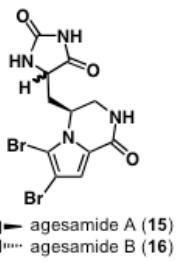


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02-13-2007
exp3 std13c

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solvent   DMSO   dn    H1
file /export/home/c.../pwr    0
gbdong:XI-86A.C,T1C
      d   dm   yyy
      ACQUISITION  dm   8100
      tfr4  100.518  dfr4
      C13  PROCESSING  1.00
      at   1.198
      np   15360
      sw   25000.0  proc   fl
      fb   138000  fn   not used
      br   15
      tppr   5.5  verr
      pw   4.5  wexp
      d1   0.500  wbs
      t1f   0  wint
      nt   1200
      ct   832
      aclock   n
      gain   not used
      flags
      i1   n
      in   n
      dp   y
      DISPLAY
      sp   -3060.5
      wp   24199.2
      ws   453
      sc   0
      wc   256
      hzcm  100.00
      is   500.00
      rrf1  7015.2
      rrp1  3955.8
      th   8
      ins  100.000
      ms  no ph

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H— agesamide A (15)
H— agesamide B (16)

