

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### Cytotoxic substituted indolizines as new colchicine site tubulin polymerization inhibitors

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## Spectral data for compounds 8a-l and 13a-d

**1-(2-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)ethyl)pyridin-1-i um bromide (8a).** Yield 65%. All spectral data are in agreement with the literature <sup>1</sup>.

**1-(2-oxo-2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl)pyridin-1-i um bromide (8b).** Cream solid, yield 60%, mp 240-244 °C. IR v(cm-1): 1688, 1632, 1593, 1493, 1356, 1296, 1182, 1153, 1024. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ 3.85 (s, 6H, 2 x OMe), 6.50 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.93 (s, 1H, H<sub>12</sub>), 7.18 (ad, J = 1.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.96 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 9.00 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ 55.8 2 x OMe, 66.4 C<sub>7</sub>, 106.1 C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, 106.2 C<sub>12</sub>, 127.9 C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, 135.4 C<sub>9</sub>, 146.3 C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, 146.5 C<sub>4</sub>, 160.9 C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, 190.5 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>: C, 53.27; H, 4.77; N, 4.14. Found: C, 53.25; H, 4.78; N, 4.18.

**1-(2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)pyridin-1-i um bromide (8c).** Yellow solid, yield 30%, mp 194-196 °C. IR v(cm-1): 3038, 2953, 1591, 1580, 1524, 1493, 1348, 1279, 1180, 1138, 1013. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ 3.85 (3H, s, OMe), 3.90 (3H, s, OMe), 6.49 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>13</sub>), 7.52 (s, 1H, H<sub>10</sub>), 7.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.28 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.73 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 9.02 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ 55.7 OMe, 56.0 OMe, 65.9 C<sub>7</sub>, 110.2 C<sub>10</sub>, 111.2 C<sub>13</sub>, 123.3 C<sub>14</sub>, 126.2 C<sub>9</sub>, 127.8 C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, 148.8 C<sub>11</sub>, 146.2 C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, 146.3 C<sub>4</sub>, 154.3 C<sub>12</sub>, 189.0 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>: C, 53.27; H, 4.77; N, 4.14. Found: C, 53.25; H, 4.78; N, 4.18.

**1-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)pyridin-1-i um bromide (8d).** White solid, yield 60%, mp 240-243 °C. IR v(cm-1): 3020, 2905, 1692, 1636, 1584, 1489, 1234, 1179, 1070. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ 6.46 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, H<sub>11</sub>, H<sub>13</sub>), 7.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.27 (dd, J = 7.6; 6.8 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.74 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 8.98 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ 66.1 C<sub>7</sub>, 127.8 C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, 128.8 C<sub>12</sub>, 130.2 C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, 132.2 C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, 132.6 C<sub>9</sub>, 146.2 C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, 146.4 C<sub>4</sub>, 190.1 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NO: C, 43.73; H, 3.11; N, 3.92. Found: C, 43.70; H, 3.08; N, 3.91.

**1-(2-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)ethyl)-[4,4'-bipyridin]-1-i um bromide (8e).** Cream solid, yield 50%, mp 240-242 °C; IR  $\nu$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3010, 2978, 2940, 1688, 1641, 1584, 1462, 1415, 1344, 1317, 1161, 1119; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 3.81 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.91 (s, 6H, 2 x OMe), 6.58 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.39 (s, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.18 (bs, 2H, 2 x H<sub>py</sub>), 8.78 (bs, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.97 (bs, 2H, 2 x H<sub>py</sub>), 9.36 (bs, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 56.4 (2 x OMe), 60.4 (OMe), 65.9 (C<sub>7</sub>), 106.1 (C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>), 122.5 (2 x CH<sub>py</sub>), 125.3 (C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>), 128.7 (C<sub>9</sub>), 141.3 (C<sub>py</sub>), 143.1 (C<sub>12</sub>), 146.7 (C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>), 150.5 (C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>), 152.9 (C<sub>4</sub>), 153.0 (CH<sub>py</sub>), 189.6 (C<sub>8</sub>); Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (C, H, N): C, 56.64; H, 4.75; N, 6.29; Found: C, 56.65; H, 4.78; N, 6.26.

**1-(2-oxo-2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl)-[4,4'-bipyridin]-1-i um bromide (8f).** Cream solid, yield 30%, mp 220-223 °C. IR  $\nu$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3030, 2940, 1690, 1640, 1595, 1545, 1458, 1352, 1204, 1157, 1061). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  3.86 (s, 6H, 2 x OMe), 6.50 s, (2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.95 (bs, 1H, H<sub>12</sub>), 7.20 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.08 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H, 2 x H<sub>py</sub>), 8.75 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.90 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H, 2 x H<sub>py</sub>), 9.13 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  55.8 2 x OMe, 66.0 C<sub>7</sub>, 106.1 C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, 106.2 C<sub>12</sub>, 122.2 2 x CH<sub>py</sub>, 125.3 C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, 135.4 C<sub>9</sub>, 141.2 C<sub>py</sub>, 146.8 C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, 150.8 2 x CH<sub>py</sub>, 153.0 C<sub>4</sub>, 160.9 C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, 190.4 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 57.84; H, 4.61; N, 6.75. Found: C, 57.83; H, 4.60; N, 6.78.

**1-(2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-[4,4'-bipyridin]-1-i um bromide (8g).** Cream solid, yield 30%, mp 258-260 °C. IR  $\nu$ (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3026, 2945, 1674, 1638, 1586, 1462, 1269, 1217, 1171, 1132, 1013, 816. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  3.86 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.91 (s, 3H, OMe), 6.56 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>13</sub>), 7.54 (s, 1H, H<sub>10</sub>), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.24 (bs, 2H, 2 x H<sub>py</sub>), 8.78 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.97 (bs, 2H, 2 x H<sub>py</sub>), 9.20 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  55.8 OMe, 56.0 OMe, 65.6 C<sub>7</sub>, 110.3 C<sub>10</sub>, 111.3 C<sub>13</sub>, 123.4 C<sub>14</sub>, 124.4 2 x CH<sub>py</sub>, 125.2 C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, 126.5 C<sub>9</sub>, 141.2 C<sub>py</sub>, 146.8 C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, 148.9 C<sub>11</sub>, 152.9 2 x CH<sub>py</sub>, 154.4 C<sub>12</sub>, C<sub>4</sub>, 188.9 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 57.84; H, 4.61; N, 6.75. Found: C, 57.83; H, 4.64; N, 6.78.

**1-(2-(4-bromofenil)-2-oxoetil)-[4,4'-bipyridin]-1-iium bromide (8h).** Yield 65%. All spectral data are in agreement with the literature.<sup>2,3</sup>

**1'-(2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-[2,4'-bipyridin]-1'-ium bromide (8i).** White solid, yield 64% , mp 198- 199 °C. IR  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3066, 3014, 2950, 2835, 1694, 1637, 1592, 1462, 1411, 1349, 1321, 1162, 1117, 992.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{ppm}}$  3.81 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.91 (s, 6H, 2 x OMe), 6.54 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.38 (s, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 7.71 (dd, J= 7.5; 4.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.16 (dt, J= 8.0; 1.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.49 (d, J= 7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.91 (dd, J= 5.0; 1.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.93 (d, J= 7.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 9.09 (d, J= 7.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  56.4 2 x OMe, 60.4 OMe, 65.8 C<sub>7</sub>, 106.0 C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, 123.7 CH<sub>py</sub>, 124.2 C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, 126.8 CH<sub>py</sub>, 128.8 C<sub>9</sub>, 138.4 CH<sub>py</sub>, 143.2 C<sub>12</sub>, 146.7 C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, 149.8 C<sub>py</sub>, 150.8 CH<sub>py</sub>, 153.1 C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, 153.6 C<sub>4</sub>, 189.8 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 56.64; H, 4.75; N, 6.29. Found: C, 56.62; H, 4.70; N, 6.31.

**1'-(2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-[2,4'-bipyridin]-1'-ium bromide (8j).** White solid, yield 92%, mp 245-246 °C. IR  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3012, 2937, 1694, 1647, 1594, 1451, 1351, 1294, 1209, 1157, 1023, 847.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  3.86 (s, 6H, 2 x OMe), 6.47 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 6.95 (bs, 1H, H<sub>12</sub>), 7.19 (d, J= 2.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 7.71 (dd, J= 7.0; 5.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.16 (dt, J= 7.5; 1.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.49 (d, J= 7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.91 (dd, J= 5.0; 1.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.93 (d, J= 7.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 9.07 (d, J= 6.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  55.8 2 x OMe, 65.9 C<sub>7</sub>, 106.1 C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, 106.2 C<sub>12</sub>, 123.6 C<sub>20</sub>, 124.2 C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, 126.8 C<sub>18</sub>, 135.5 C<sub>9</sub>, 138.4 C<sub>19</sub>, 146.7 C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, 149.8 C<sub>15</sub>, 150.8 C<sub>17</sub>, 153.6 C<sub>4</sub>, 160.9 C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, 190.6 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 57.84; H, 4.61; N, 6.75. Found: C, 57.80; H, 4.57; N, 6.77.

**1'-(2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-[2,4'-bipyridin]-1'-ium bromide (8k).** White solid, yield 76%, mp 263-264 °C. IR  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3041, 2950, 2891, 1680, 1641, 1587, 1523, 1474, 1346, 1273, 1141, 1018, 778.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  3.86 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.91 (s, 3H, OMe), 6.49 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.24 (d, J= 8.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>10</sub>), 7.53 (d, J= 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>13</sub>), 7.53 (d, J= 8.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>13</sub>), 7.71 (dd, J= 7.5; 5.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 7.78 (dd, J= 8.5; 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.16 (dt, J= 8.0; 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.49 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.91 (dd, J= 5.0; 2.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.92 (d, J= 7.0 Hz,

2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 9.10 (d, J= 6.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 55.8 OMe, 56.0 OMe, 65.5 C<sub>7</sub>, 110.3 C<sub>10</sub>, 111.3 C<sub>13</sub>, 123.4 CH<sub>py</sub>, 123.6 C<sub>14</sub>, 124.1 C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, 126.3 C<sub>9</sub>, 126.8 CH<sub>py</sub>, 138.3 CH<sub>py</sub>, 146.8 C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, 148.9 C<sub>11</sub>, 149.8 C<sub>py</sub>, 150.8 CH<sub>py</sub>, 154.3 C<sub>12</sub>, 153.5 C<sub>4</sub>, 189.1 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 57.84; H, 4.61; N, 6.75. Found: C, 57.82; H, 4.60; N, 6.79.

**1'-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-[2,4'-bipyridin]-1'-ium bromide (8l).** Cream solid, yield 94%, mp 253-255 °C. IR v(cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2987, 2936, 1693, 1636, 1578, 1341, 988, 775. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 6.47 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.71 (dd, J= 8.0; 5.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 7.92 (d, J= 8.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>11</sub>, H<sub>13</sub>), 8.02 (d, J= 8.5 Hz, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.16 (dt, J= 8.0; 1.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.48 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.91 (dd, J= 5.5; 1.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>py</sub>), 8.93 (d, J= 7.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 9.07 (d, J= 7.0 Hz, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 65.7 C<sub>7</sub>, 123.6 CH<sub>py</sub>, 124.2 C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, 126.8 CH<sub>py</sub>, 128.9 C<sub>12</sub>, 130.2 C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, 132.3 C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, 132.7 C<sub>9</sub>, 138.4 CH<sub>py</sub>, 146.8 C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, 149.8 C<sub>py</sub>, 150.8 CH<sub>py</sub>, 153.6 C<sub>4</sub>, 190.2 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 49.80; H, 3.25; N, 6.45. Found: C, 49.82; H, 3.20; N, 6.49.

**1-(2-oxo-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)ethyl)-[2,2'-bipyridin]-1-ium bromide (13a).** Cream solid, yield 65%, mp 197-199 °C. IR v(cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3057, 3016, 2977, 2945, 1692, 1583, 1416, 1318, 1161, 1124, 991. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 3.78 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.84 (s, 6H, 2 x OMe), 6.53 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.26 (s, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 7.62 (ddd, J= 7.5; 5.0; 1.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>18</sub>), 8.10 (d, J= 7.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>20</sub>), 8.15 (dt, J= 8.0; 1.5 Hz, 1H, H<sub>19</sub>), 8.39-8.42 (overlapped signals, 2H, H<sub>17</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.55 (dd, J= 8.0; 1.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>3</sub>), 8.90 (dt, J= 7.5; 1.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 9.23 (dd, J= 6.0; 1.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 56.3 2 x OMe, 60.3 OMe, 64.6 C<sub>7</sub>, 106.0 C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, 126.1 C<sub>18</sub>, 126.7 C<sub>20</sub>, 127.5 C<sub>5</sub>, 128.6 C<sub>9</sub>, 130.1 C<sub>3</sub>, 138.6 C<sub>19</sub>, 142.8 C<sub>12</sub>, 147.2 C<sub>15</sub>, 148.9 C<sub>4</sub>, 149.0 C<sub>6</sub>, 149.1 C<sub>17</sub>, 151.3 C<sub>2</sub>, 153.0 C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, 189.3 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 56.64; H, 4.75; N, 6.29. Found: C, 56.61; H, 4.72; N, 6.33.

**1-(2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-[2,2'-bipyridin]-1-ium bromide (13b).** Cream solid, yield 22%, mp 195-196 °C. IR v(cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3057, 3027, 2988, 2973, 1687, 1592, 1443, 1294, 1200, 1150, 1021, 765. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 3.82 (s, 6H, 2 x OMe), 6.40 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>),

6.89 (t,  $J= 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>12</sub>), 7.26 (d,  $J= 2.0$  Hz, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 7.61 (ddd,  $J= 7.5; 4.5; 1.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>18</sub>), 8.09 (d,  $J= 8.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>20</sub>), 8.16 (dt,  $J= 8.0; 1.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>19</sub>), 8.38 (dd,  $J= 6.5; 1.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>17</sub>), 8.39 (dt,  $J= 7.5; 1.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.54 (dd,  $J= 8.0; 1.0$  Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>), 8.89 (dt,  $J= 8.0; 1.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 9.16 (dd,  $J= 6.0; 1.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  55.7 2 x OMe, 64.8 C<sub>7</sub>, 105.9 C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, C<sub>12</sub>, 126.1 C<sub>18</sub>, 126.7 C<sub>20</sub>, 127.5 C<sub>5</sub>, 130.0 C<sub>3</sub>, 135.3 C<sub>9</sub>, 138.6 C<sub>19</sub>, 147.2 C<sub>4</sub>, 148.9 C<sub>6</sub>, 149.0 C<sub>17</sub>, C<sub>15</sub>, 151.2 C<sub>2</sub>, 160.8 C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, 189.9 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 57.84; H, 4.61; N, 6.75. Found: C, 57.81; H, 4.56; N, 6.78.

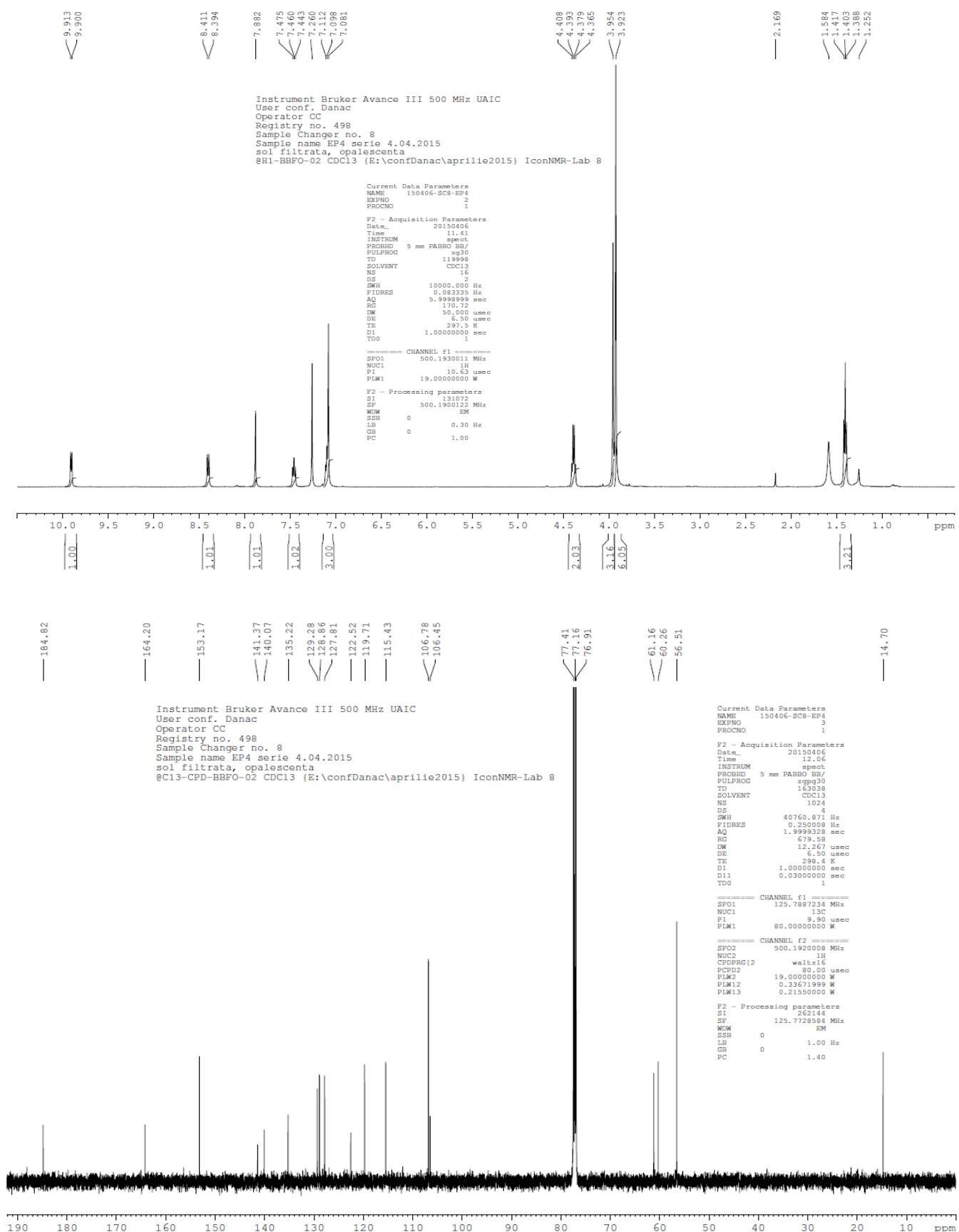
**1-(2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-[2,2'-bipyridin]-1-ium bromide (13c).** Cream solid, yield 33%, mp 199-201 °C. IR v(cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3060, 3032, 2979, 1686, 1583, 1515, 1419, 1270, 1165, 1151, 1012, 770. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  3.81 (s, 3H, OMe), 3.88 (s, 3H, OMe), 6.43 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.14 (d,  $J= 8.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>13</sub>), 7.43 (d,  $J= 1.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>10</sub>), 7.60 (dd,  $J= 7.0; 5.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>18</sub>), 7.64 (dd,  $J= 8.5; 1.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.06 (d,  $J= 8.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>20</sub>), 8.14 (dt,  $J= 8.0; 1.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>19</sub>), 8.37-8.40 (overlapped signals, 2H, H<sub>17</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.52 (d,  $J= 8.0$  Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>), 8.88 (t,  $J= 8.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 9.19 (d,  $J= 6.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  55.7 OMe, 56.0 OMe, 66.3 C<sub>7</sub>, 110.2 C<sub>10</sub>, 111.2 C<sub>13</sub>, 123.1 C<sub>14</sub>, 126.0 C<sub>9</sub>, 126.1 C<sub>18</sub>, 126.7 C<sub>20</sub>, 127.4 C<sub>5</sub>, 130.0 C<sub>3</sub>, 138.6 C<sub>19</sub>, 147.1 C<sub>4</sub>, 148.9 C<sub>11</sub>, 149.0 C<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>17</sub>, 149.2 C<sub>15</sub>, 151.4 C<sub>2</sub>, 154.1 C<sub>12</sub>, 188.6 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 57.84; H, 4.61; N, 6.75. Found: C, 57.80; H, 4.57; N, 6.79.

**1-(2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-[2,2'-bipyridin]-1-ium bromide (13d).** Cream solid, yield 20%, mp 207-210°C. IR v(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3055, 3018, 2979, 2919, 1704, 1583, 1442, 1225, 992, 774. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  6.40 (s, 2H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.59 (dd,  $J= 7.5; 5.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>18</sub>), 7.85 (d,  $J= 8.5$  Hz, 2H, H<sub>11</sub>, H<sub>13</sub>), 7.93 (d,  $J= 8.5$  Hz, 2H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>), 8.10 (d,  $J= 8.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>20</sub>), 8.16 (t,  $J= 8.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>19</sub>), 8.26 (d,  $J= 4.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>17</sub>), 8.40 (t,  $J= 6.5$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>), 8.54 (d,  $J= 7.5$  Hz, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>), 8.89 (t,  $J= 8.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>4</sub>), 9.17 (d,  $J= 6.0$  Hz, 1H, H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  64.5 C<sub>7</sub>, 126.2 C<sub>18</sub>, 126.8 C<sub>20</sub>, 127.5 C<sub>5</sub>, 128.6 C<sub>12</sub>, 130.0 C<sub>3</sub>, 130.1 C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, 132.3 C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>, 132.5 C<sub>9</sub>, 138.7 C<sub>19</sub>, 147.2 C<sub>4</sub>, 148.9 C<sub>17</sub>, 149.0 C<sub>15</sub>, 149.1 C<sub>6</sub>, 151.0 C<sub>2</sub>, 189.6 C<sub>8</sub>. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 49.80; H, 3.25; N, 6.45. Found: C, 49.83; H, 3.21; N, 6.48.

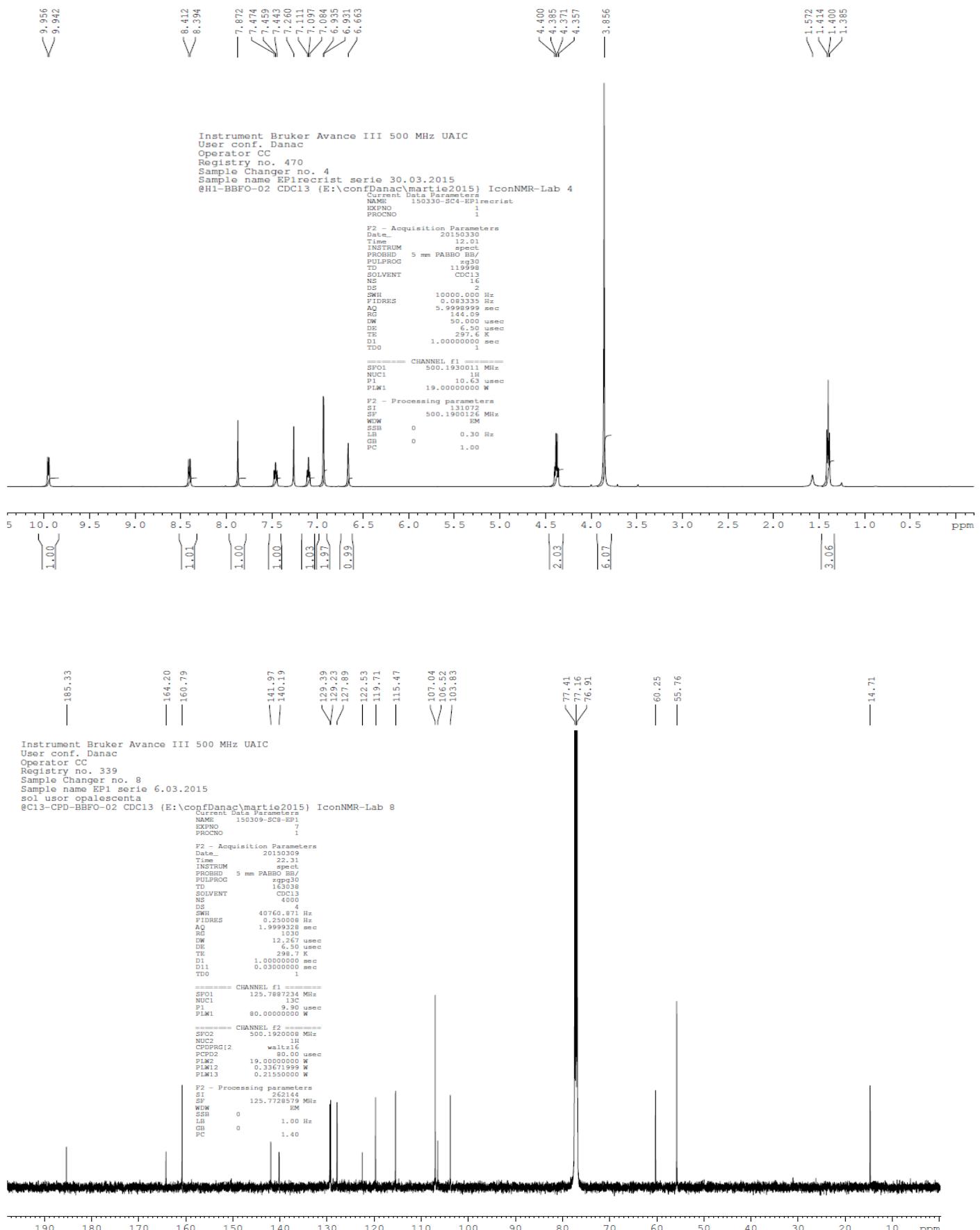
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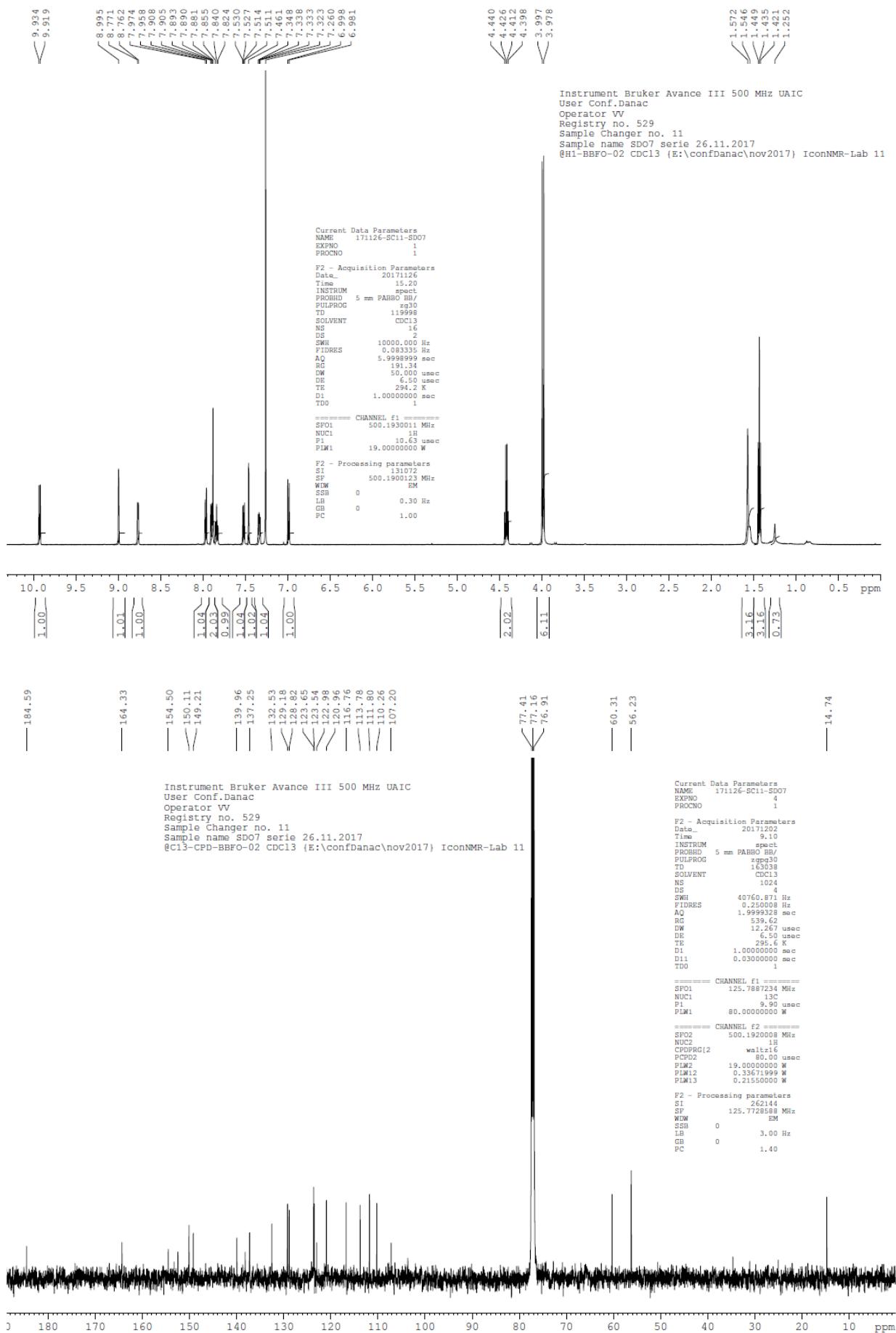
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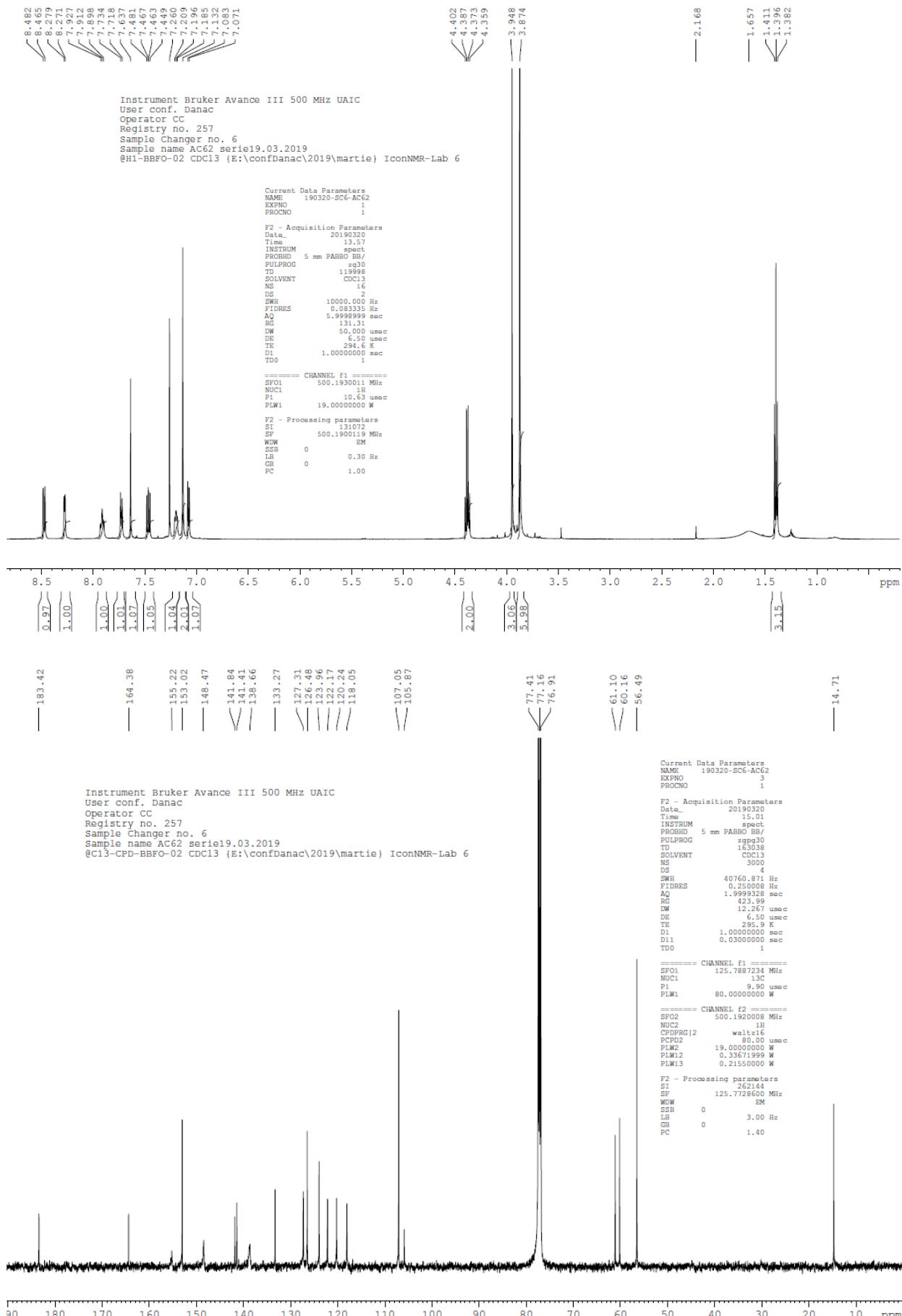
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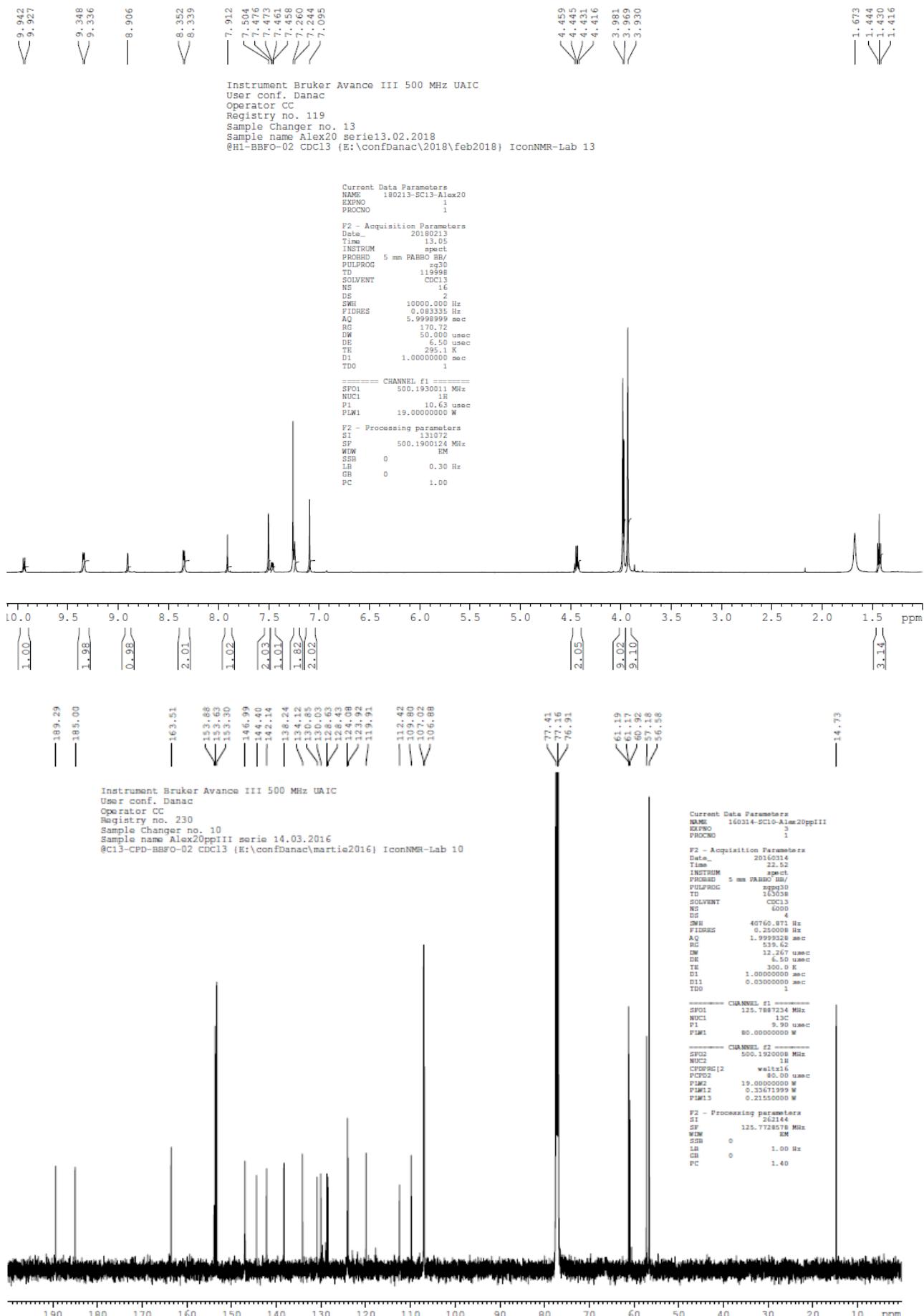
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 14a



<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 15a



<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 15j

