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# A Concise Synthesis of Pyrrole-Based Drug Candidates from $\alpha$ -Hydroxyketones, 3-Oxobutanenitrile, and Anilines

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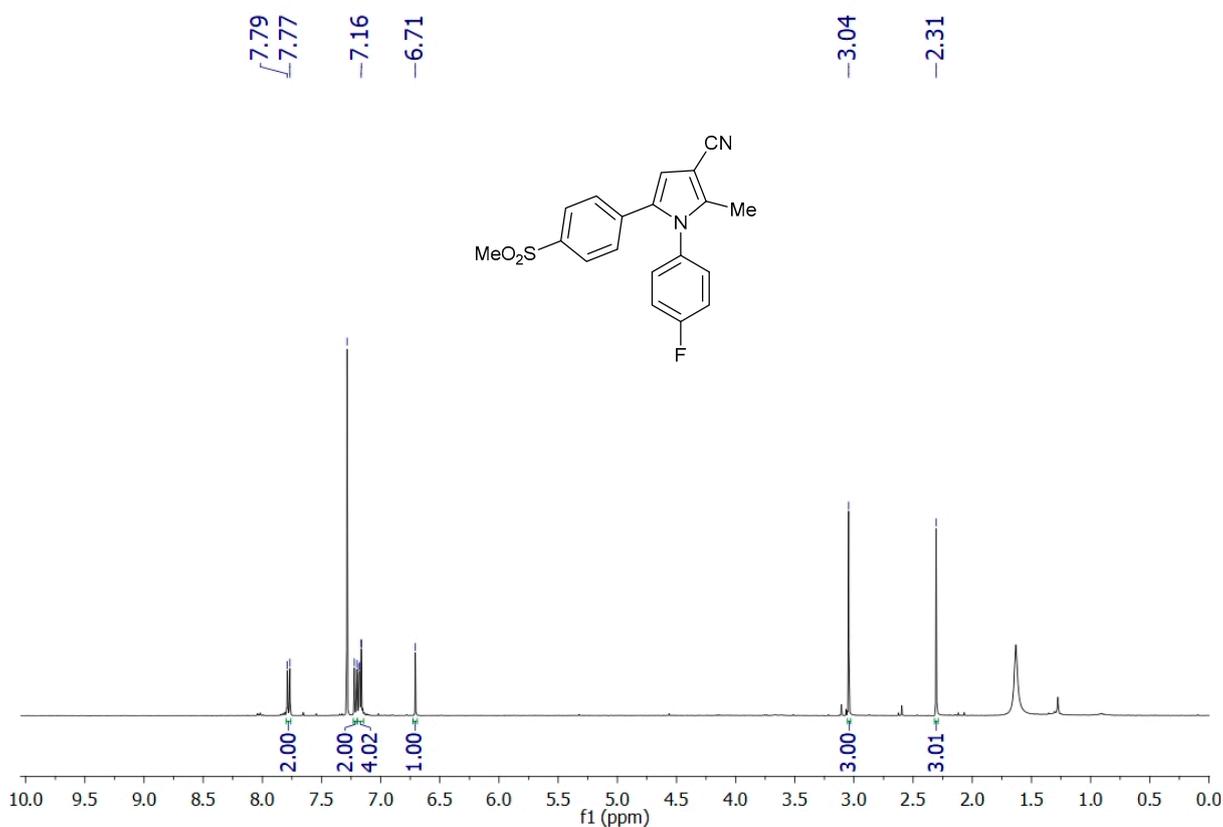
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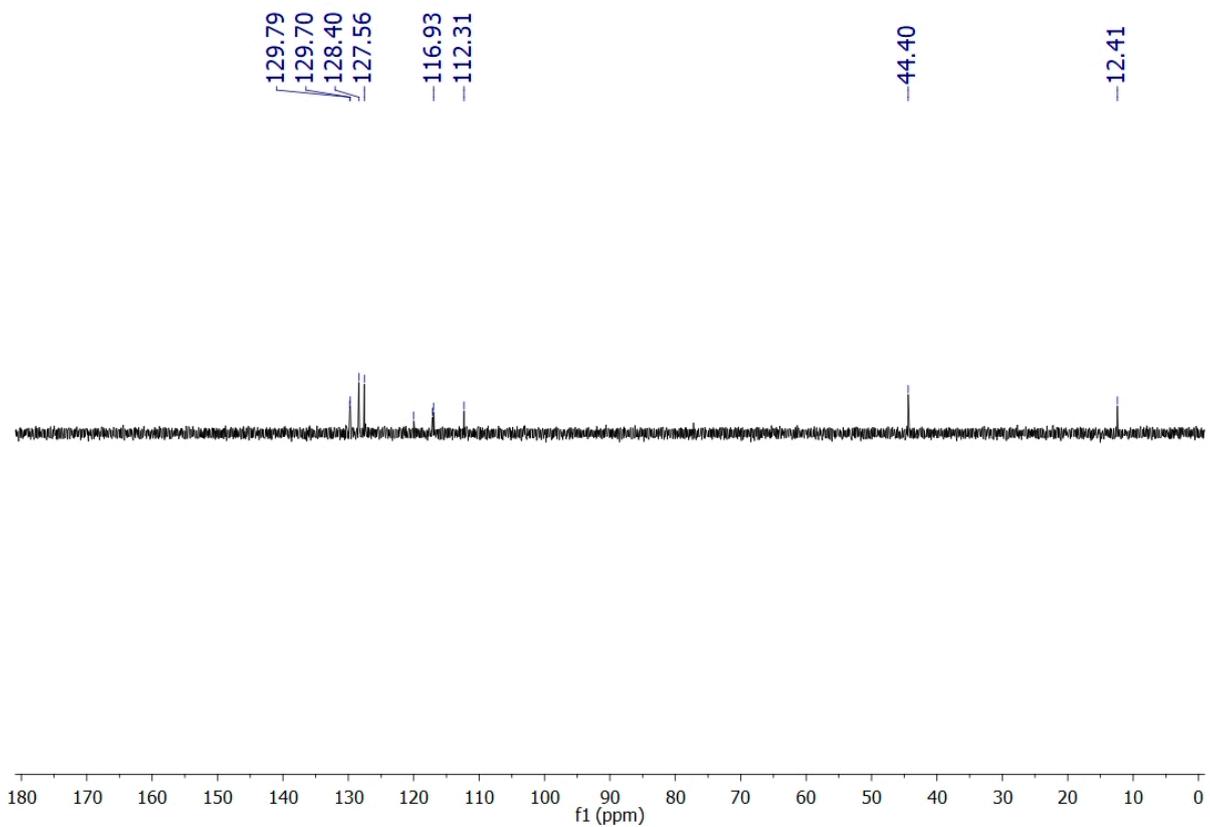
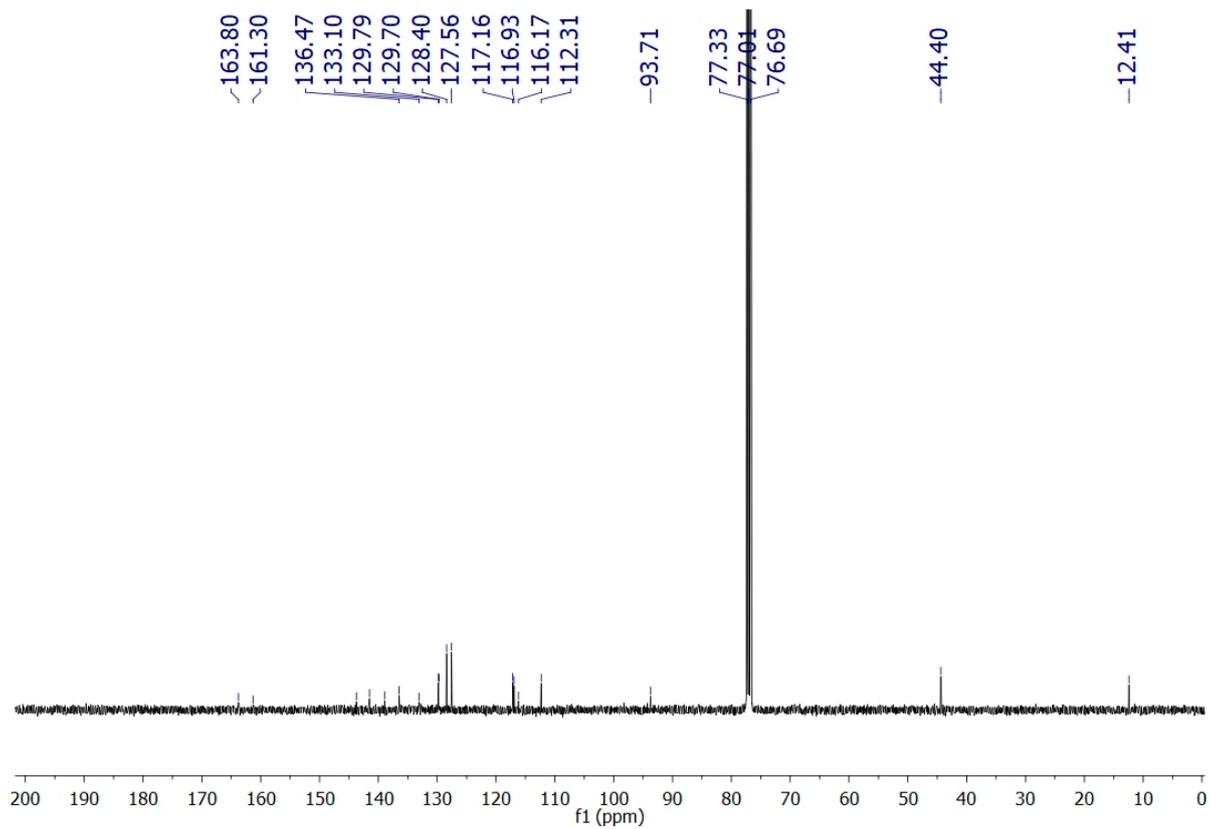
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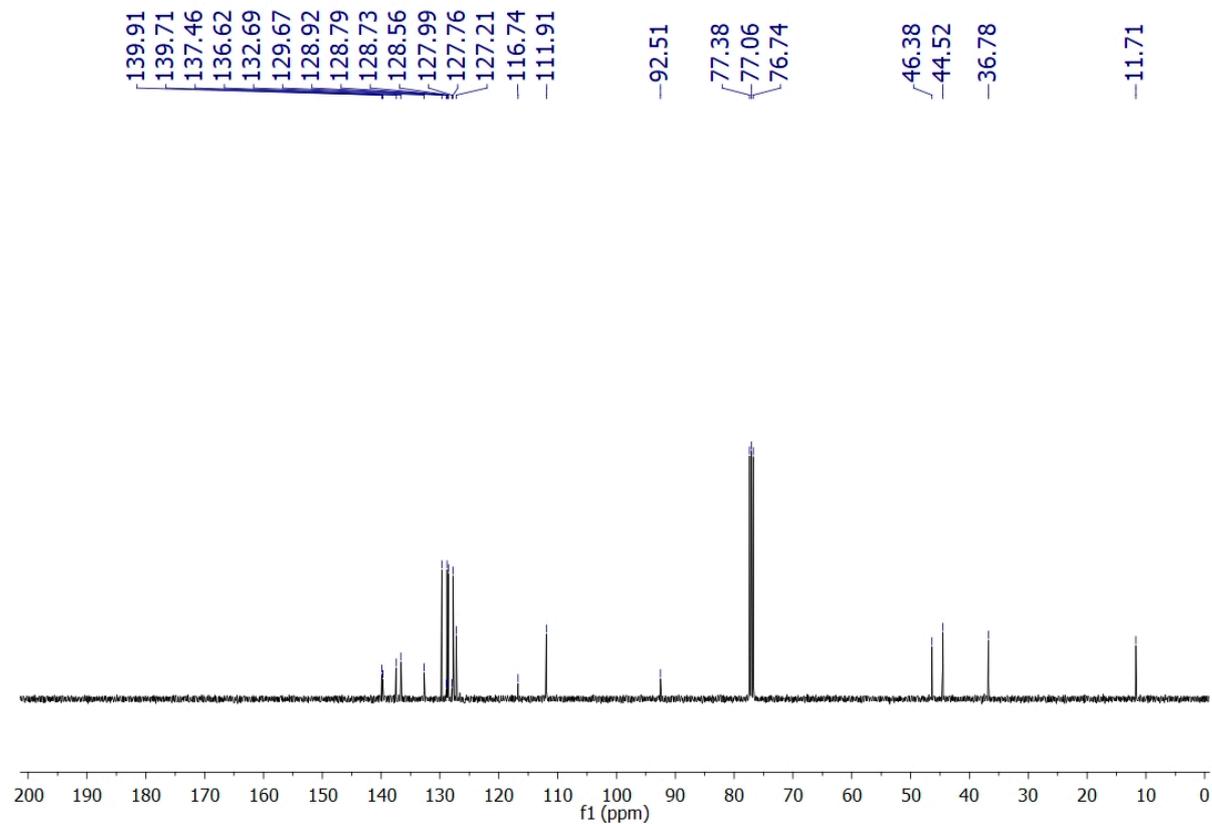
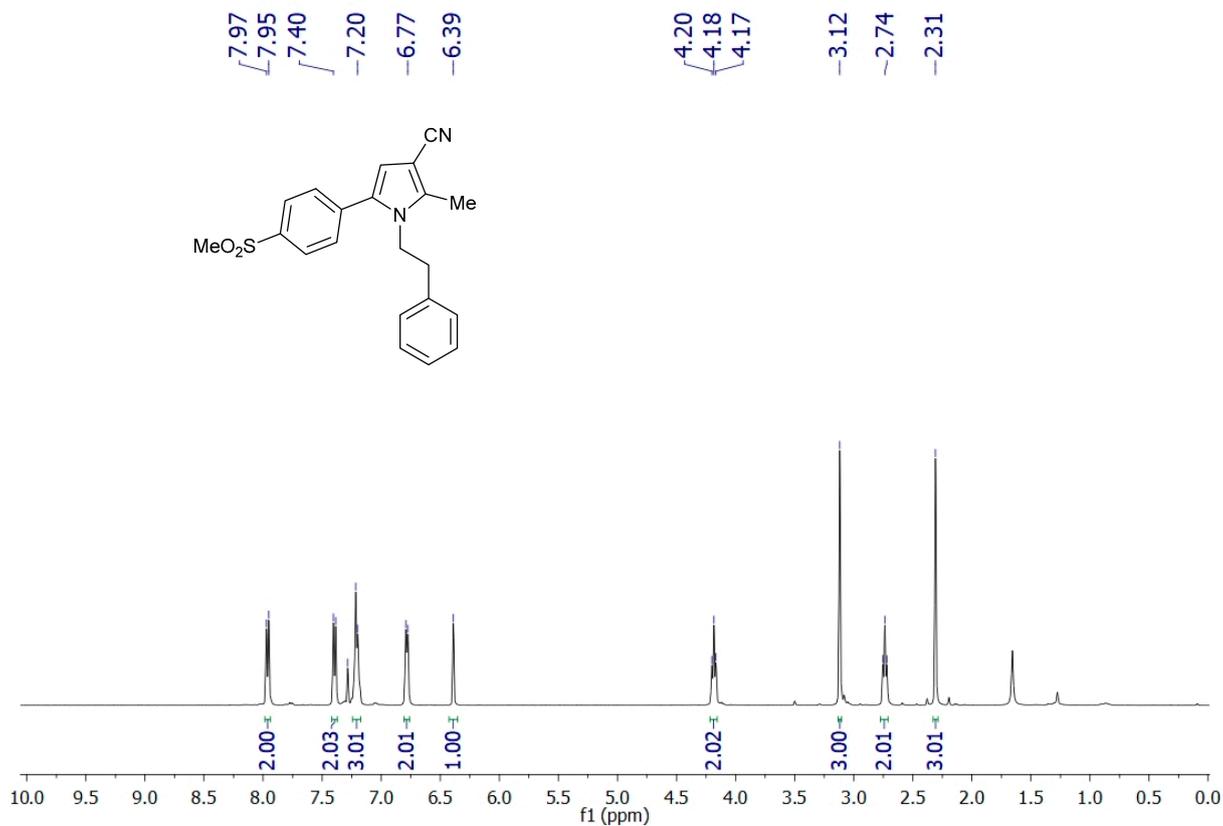
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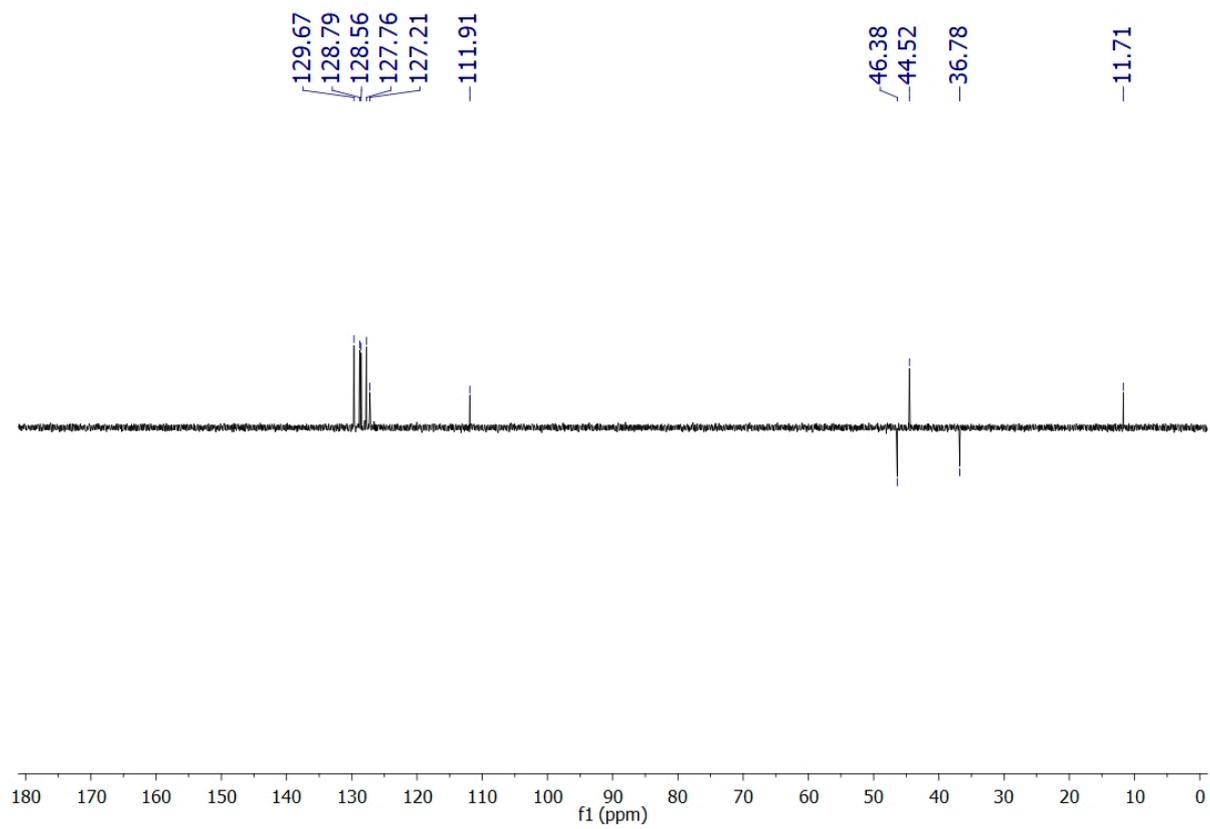
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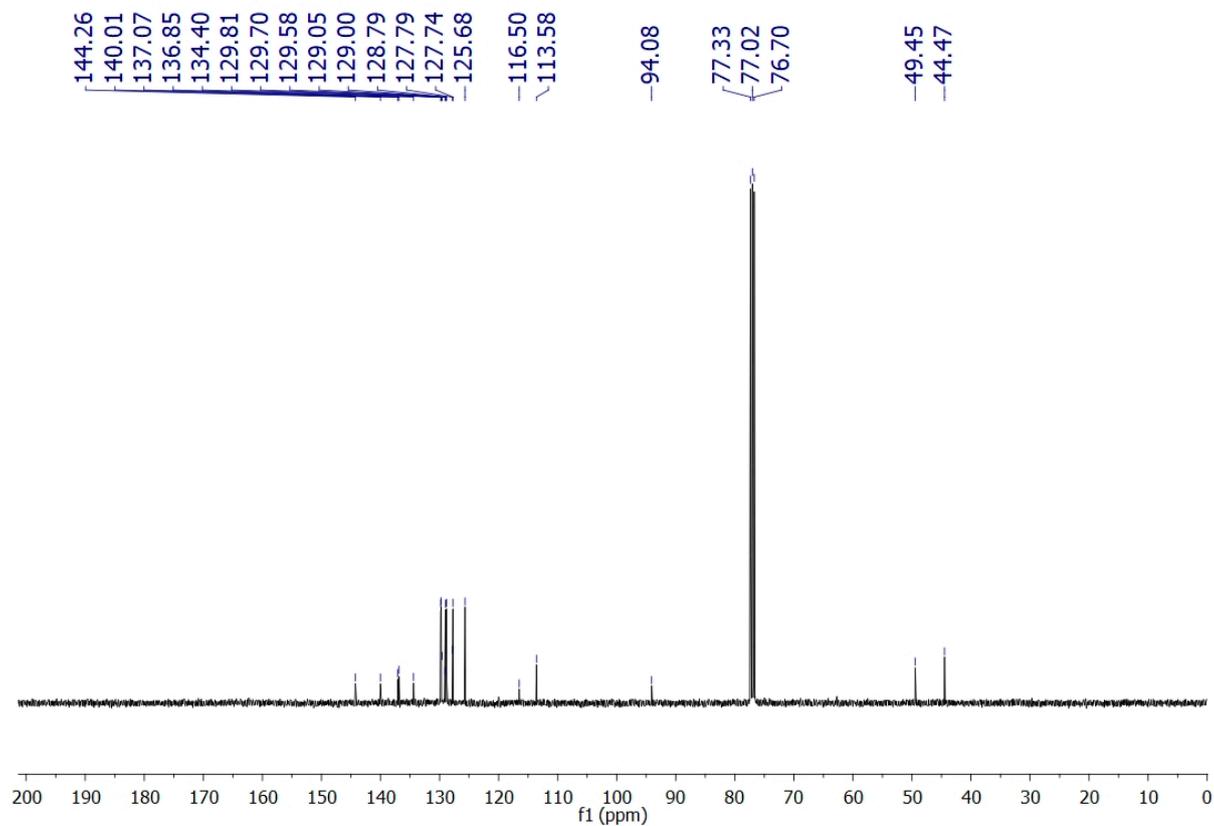
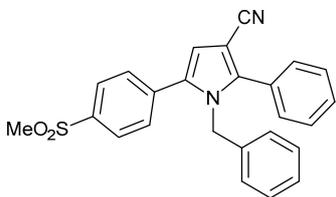
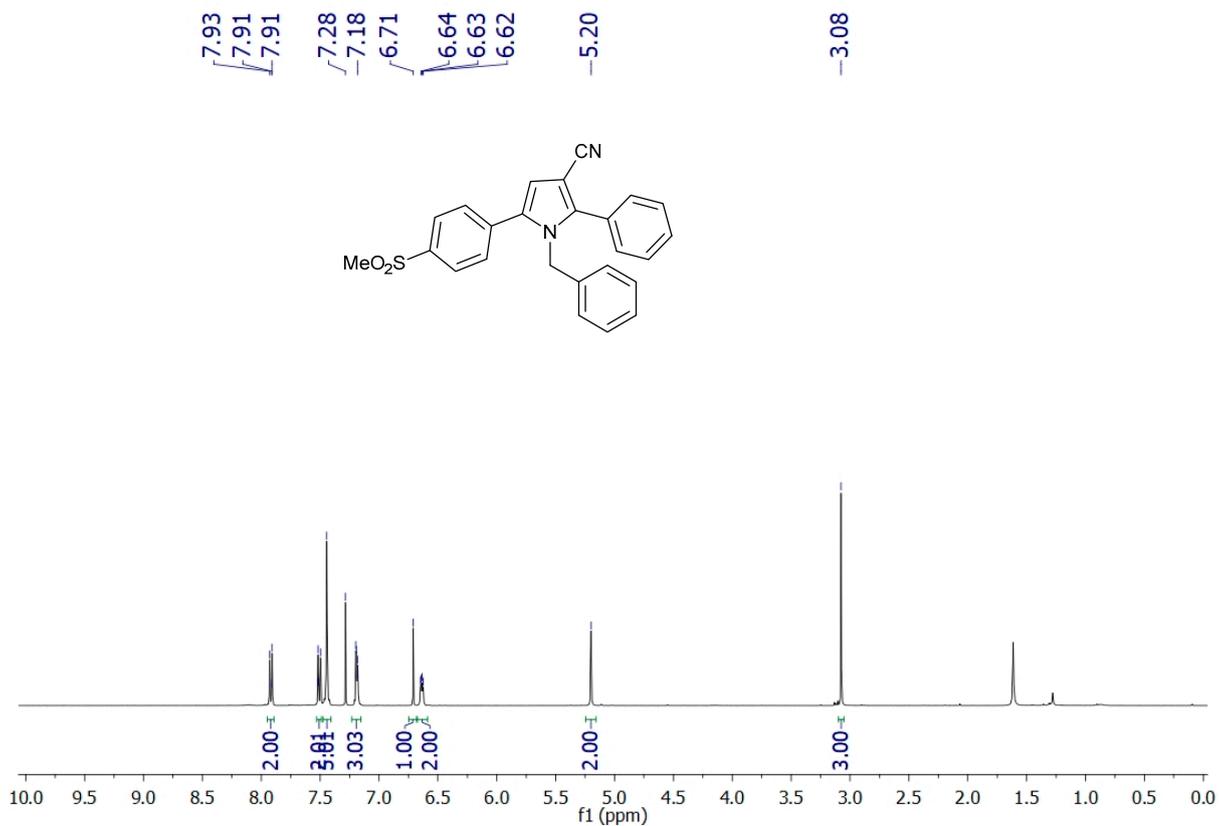


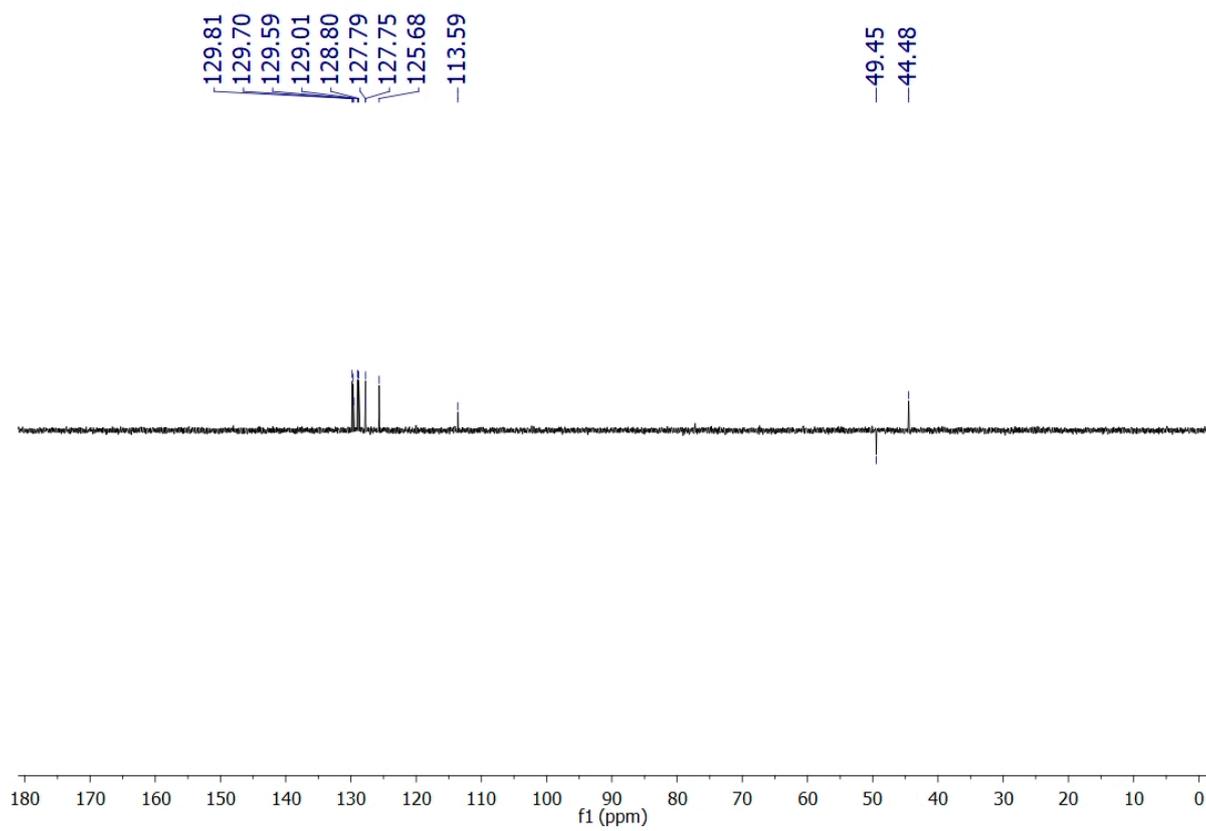


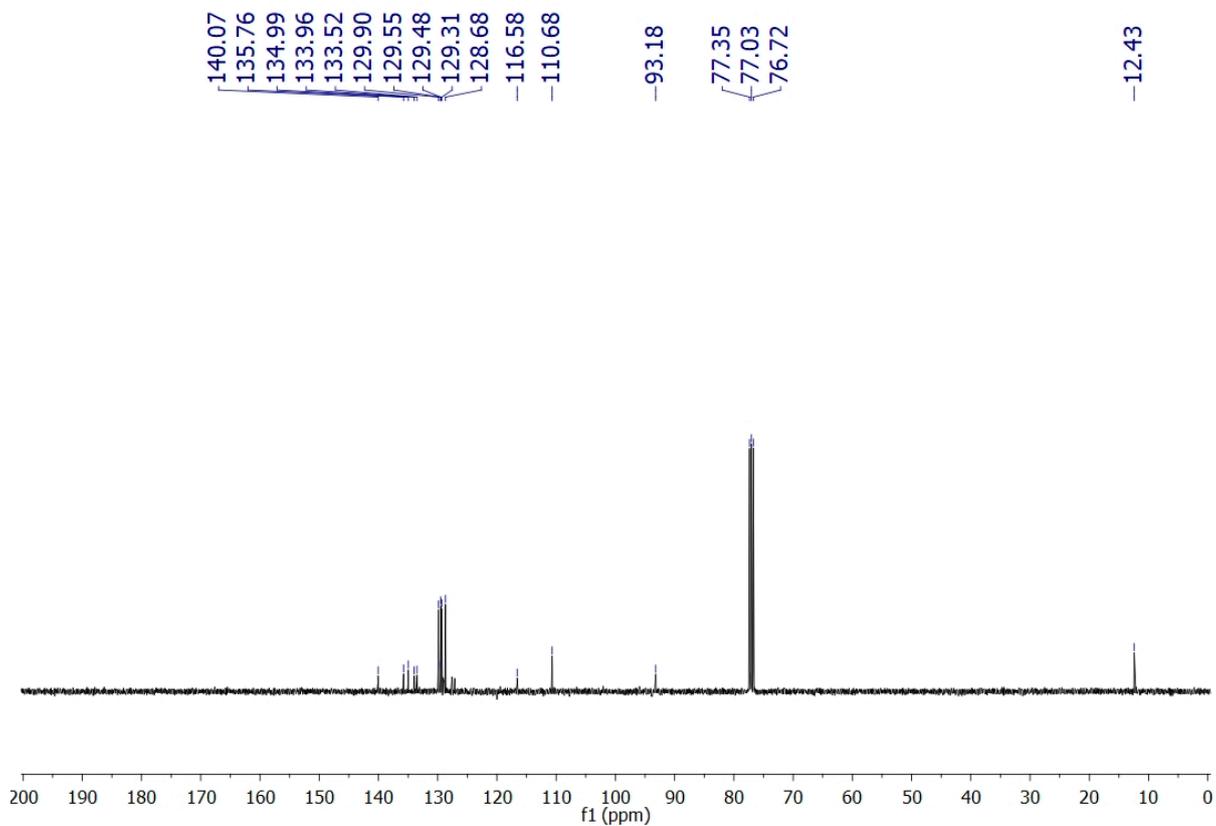
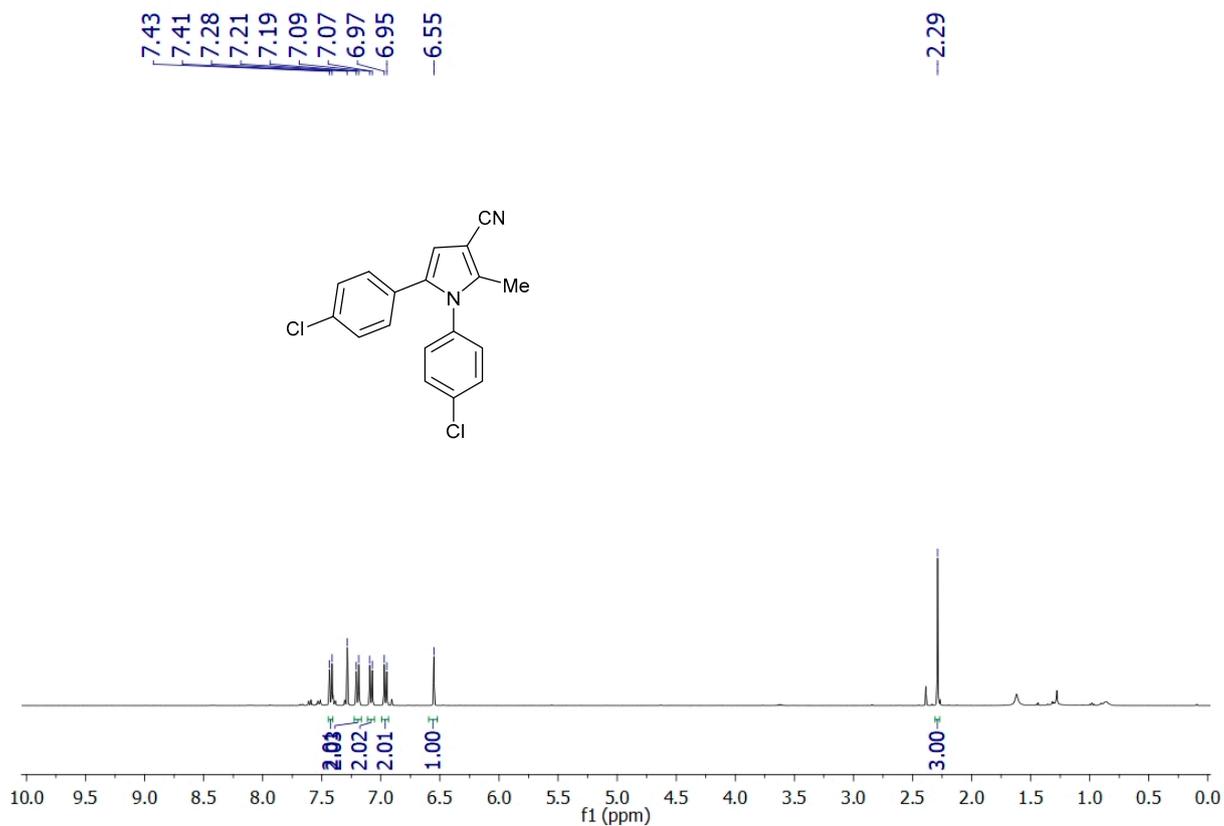
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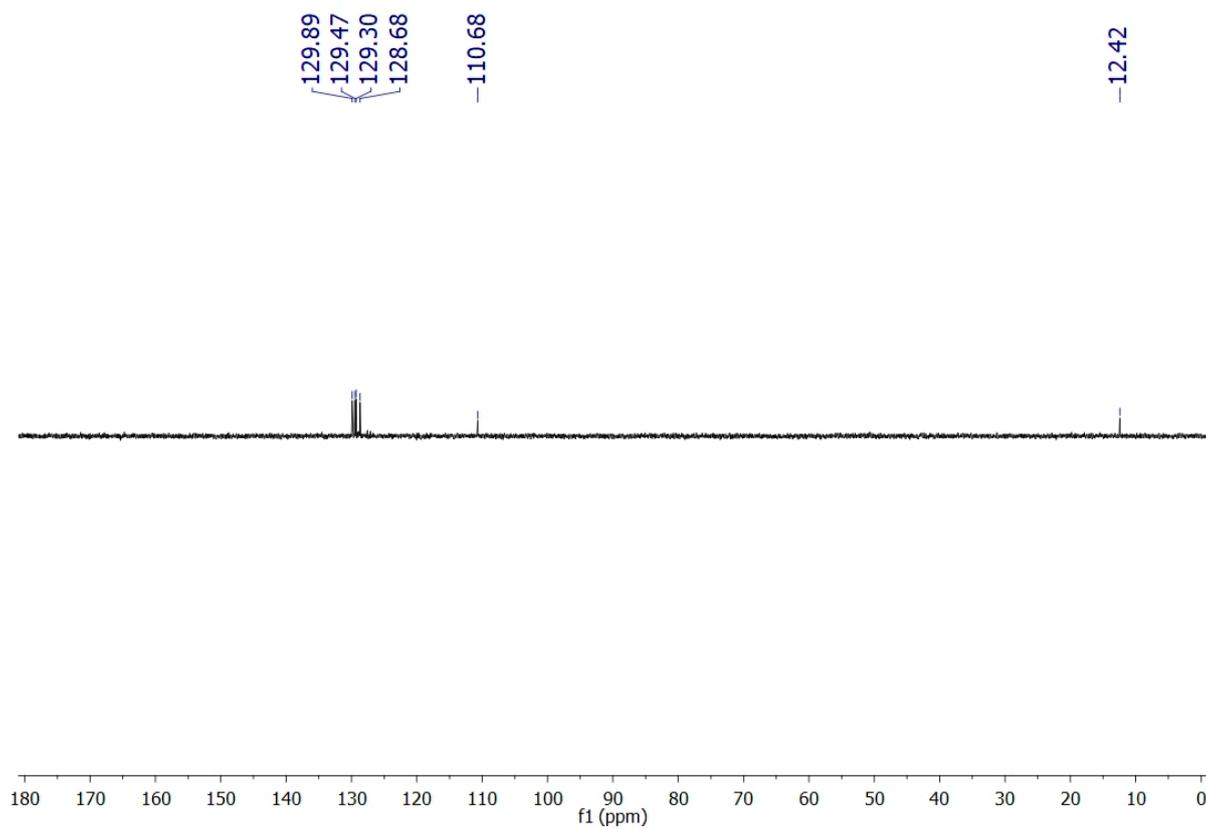
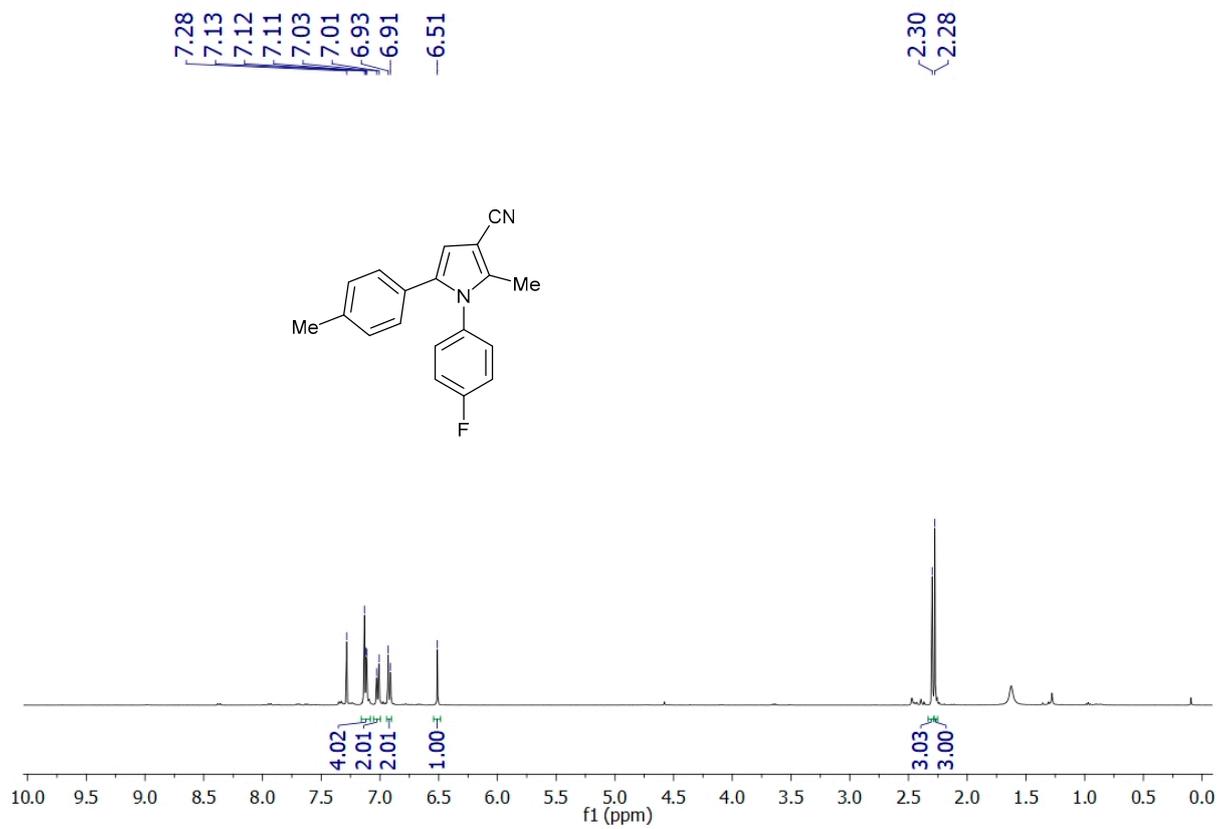


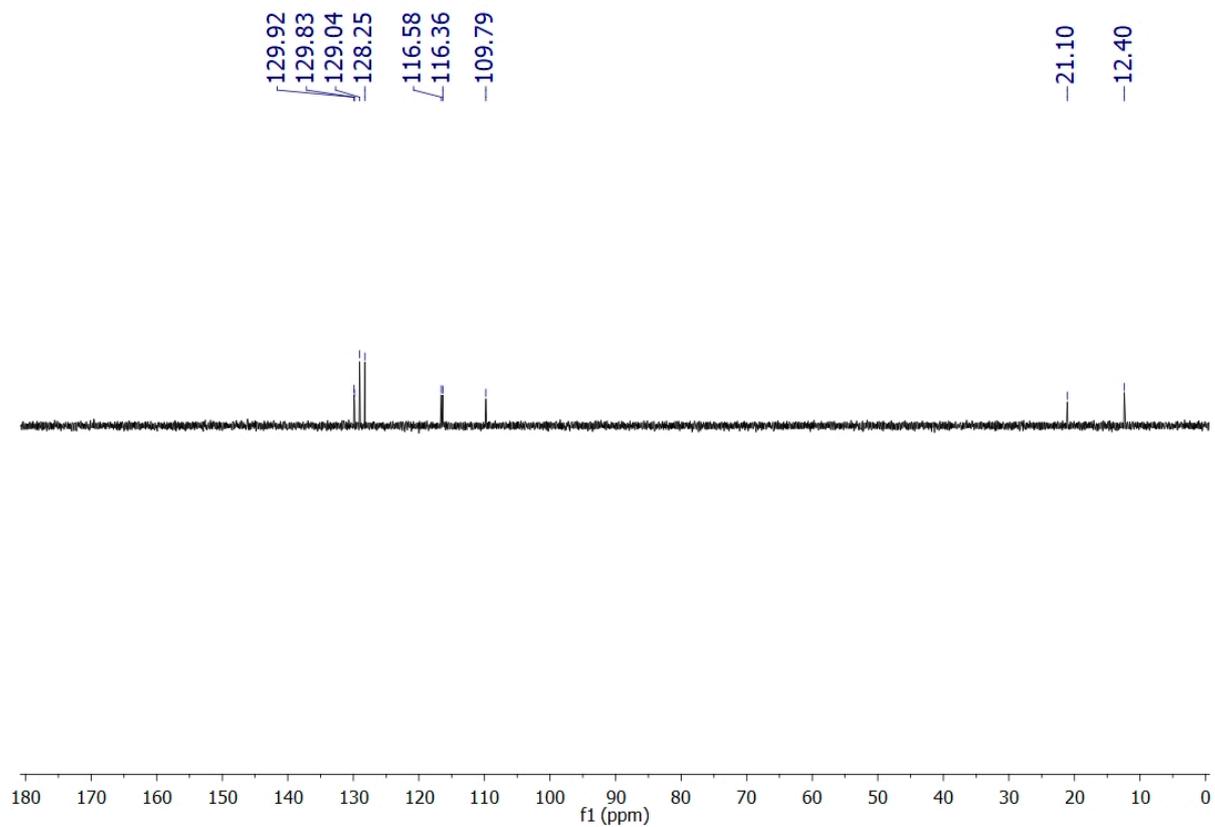
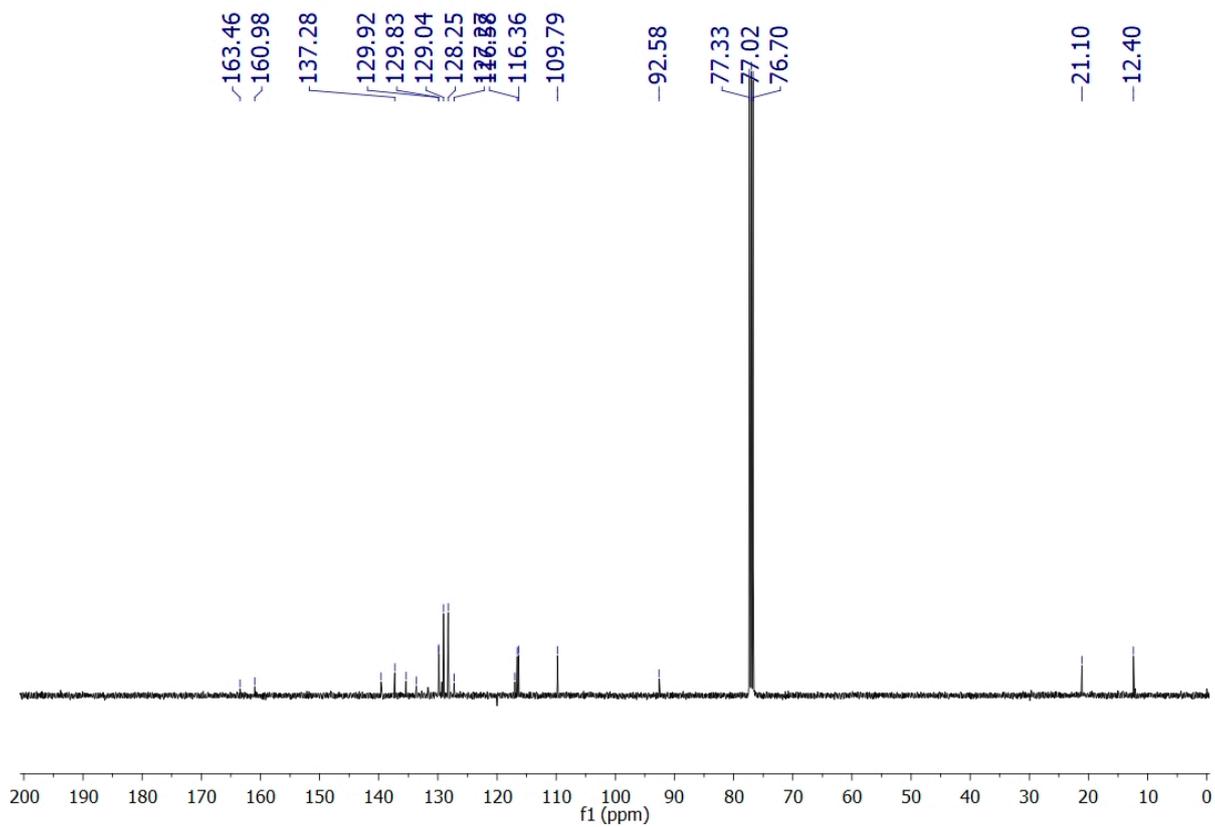


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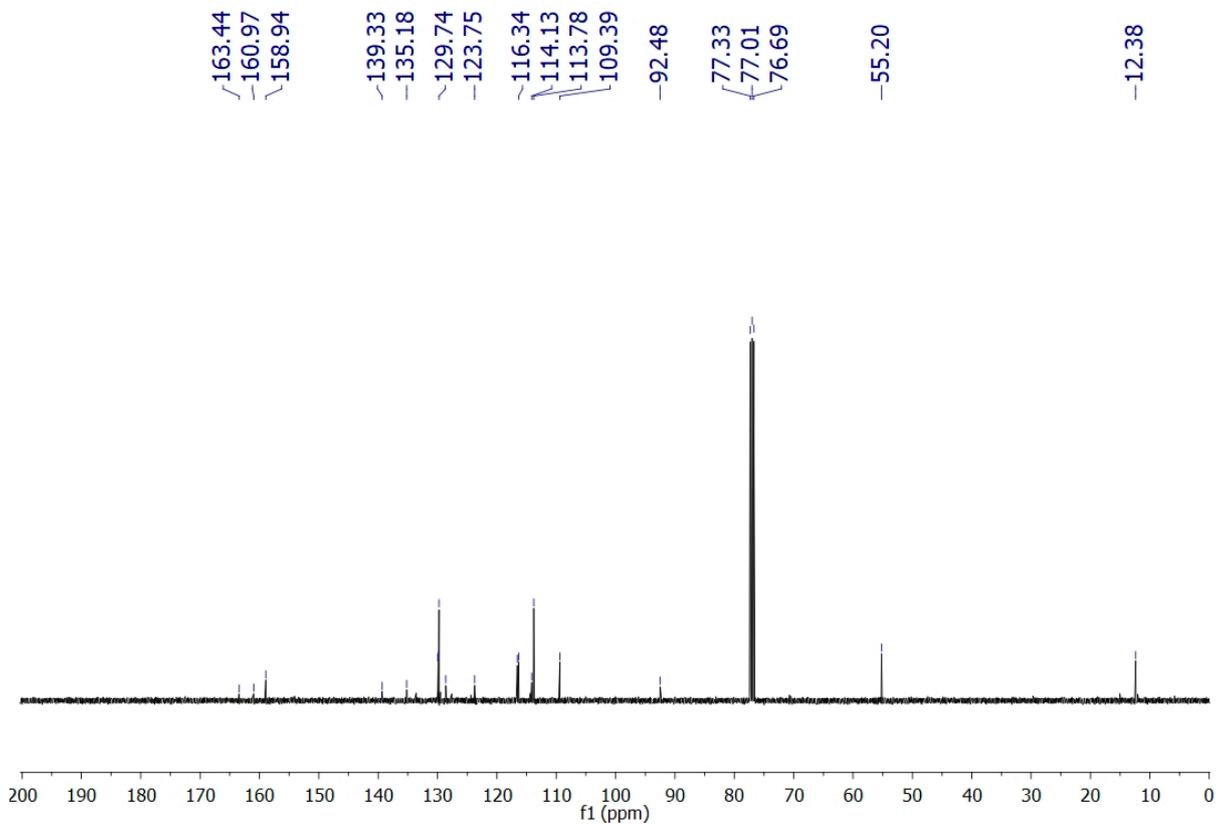


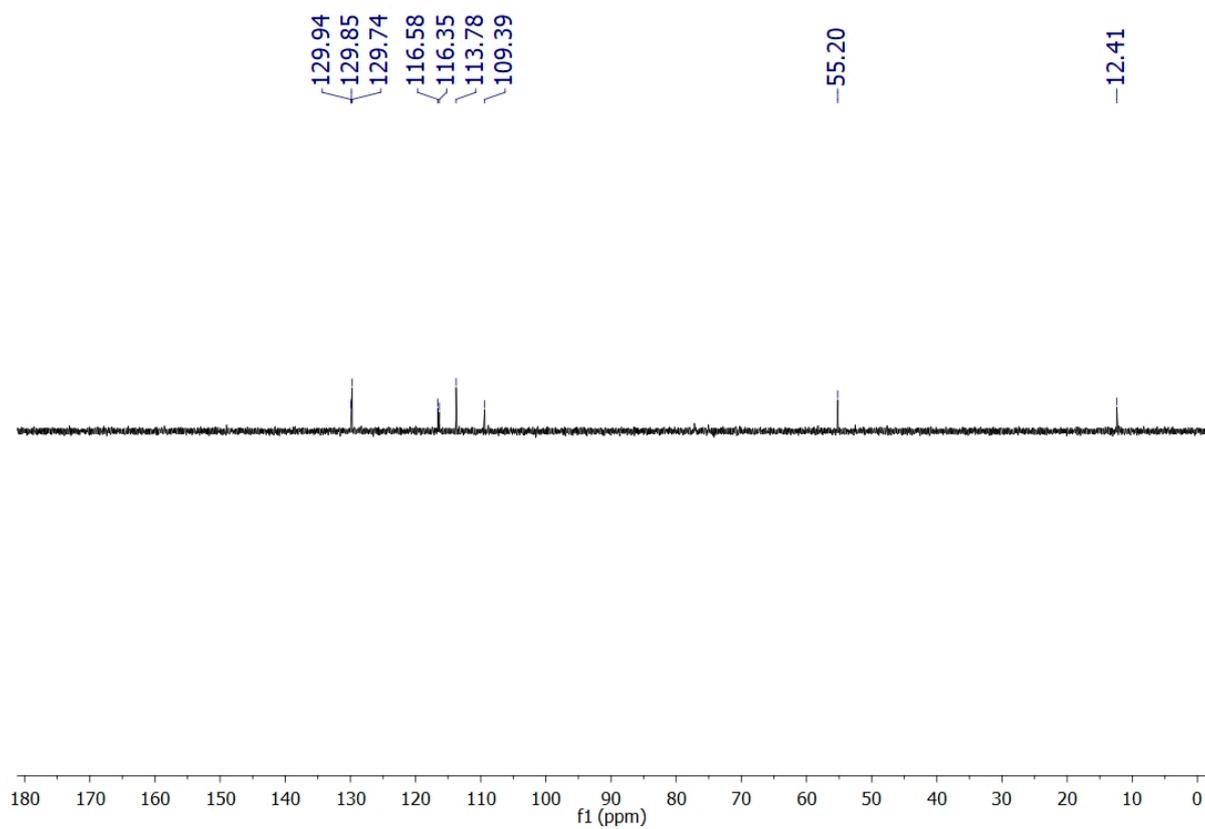
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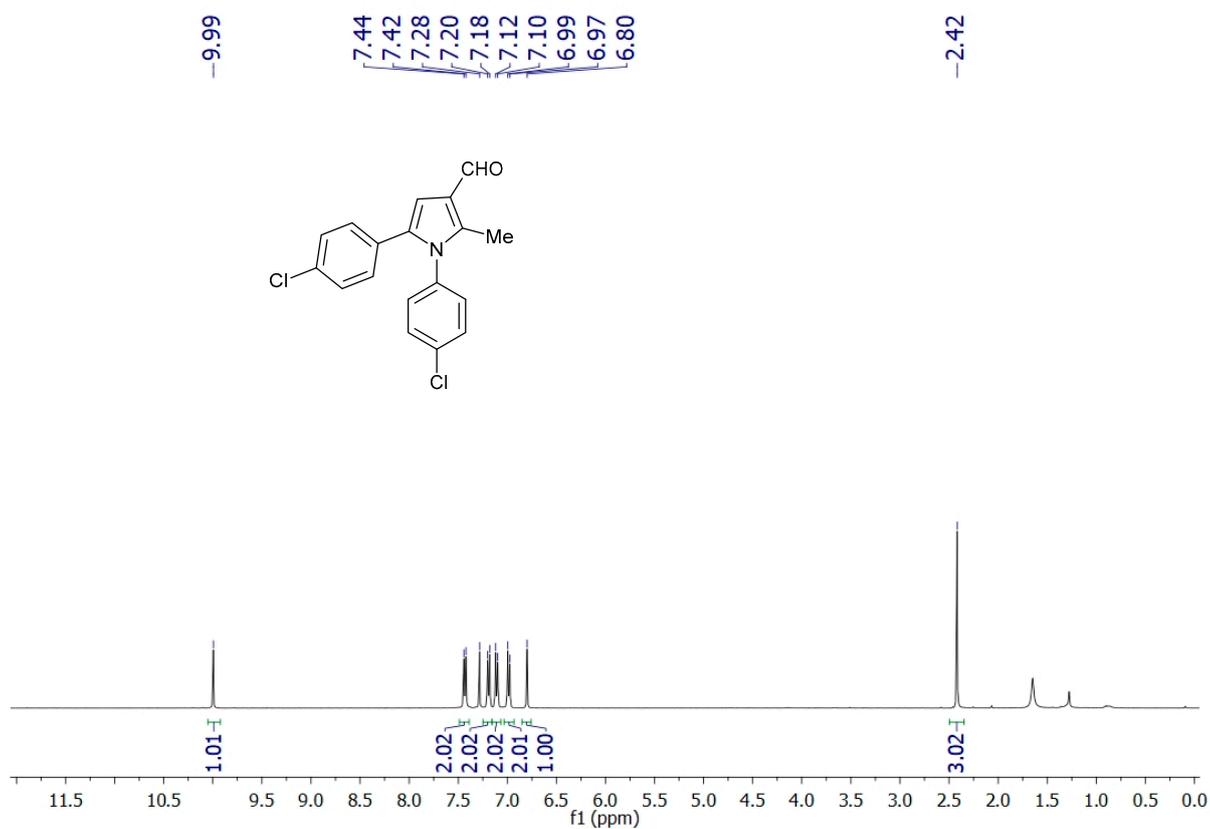


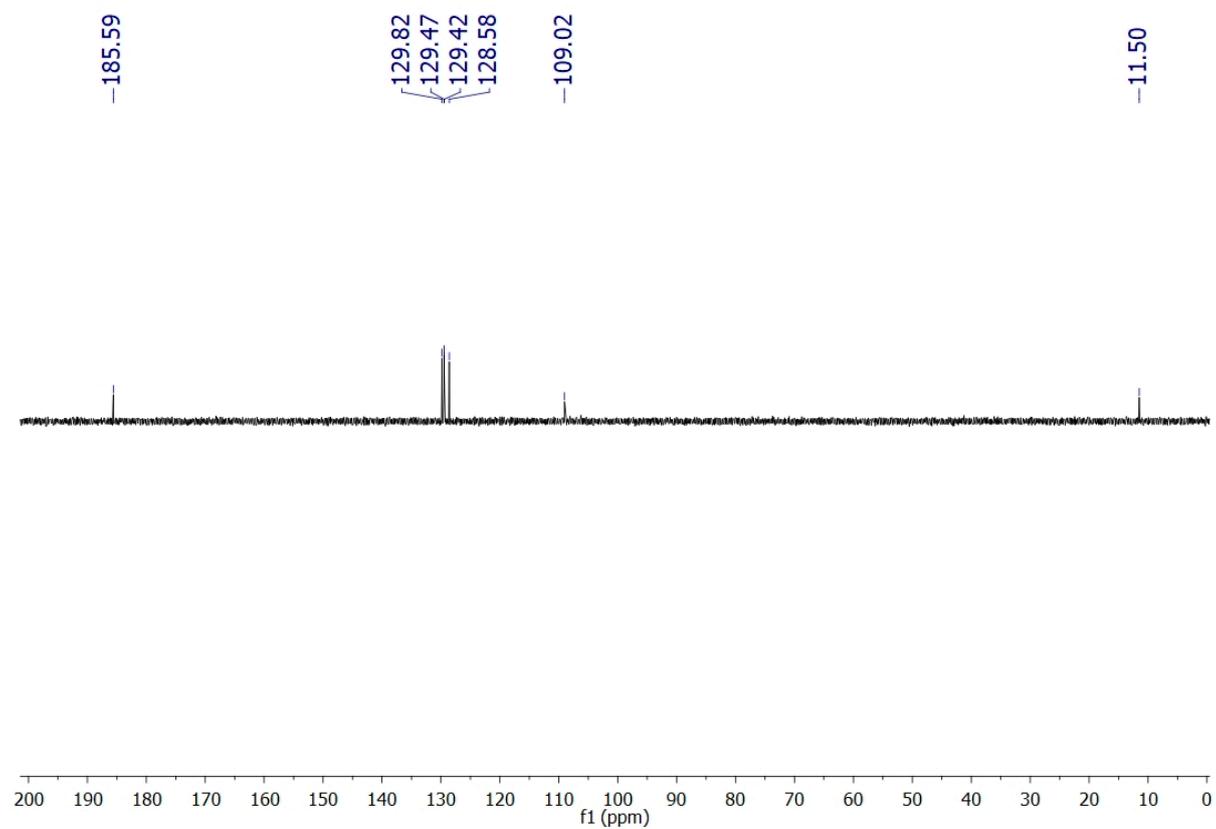
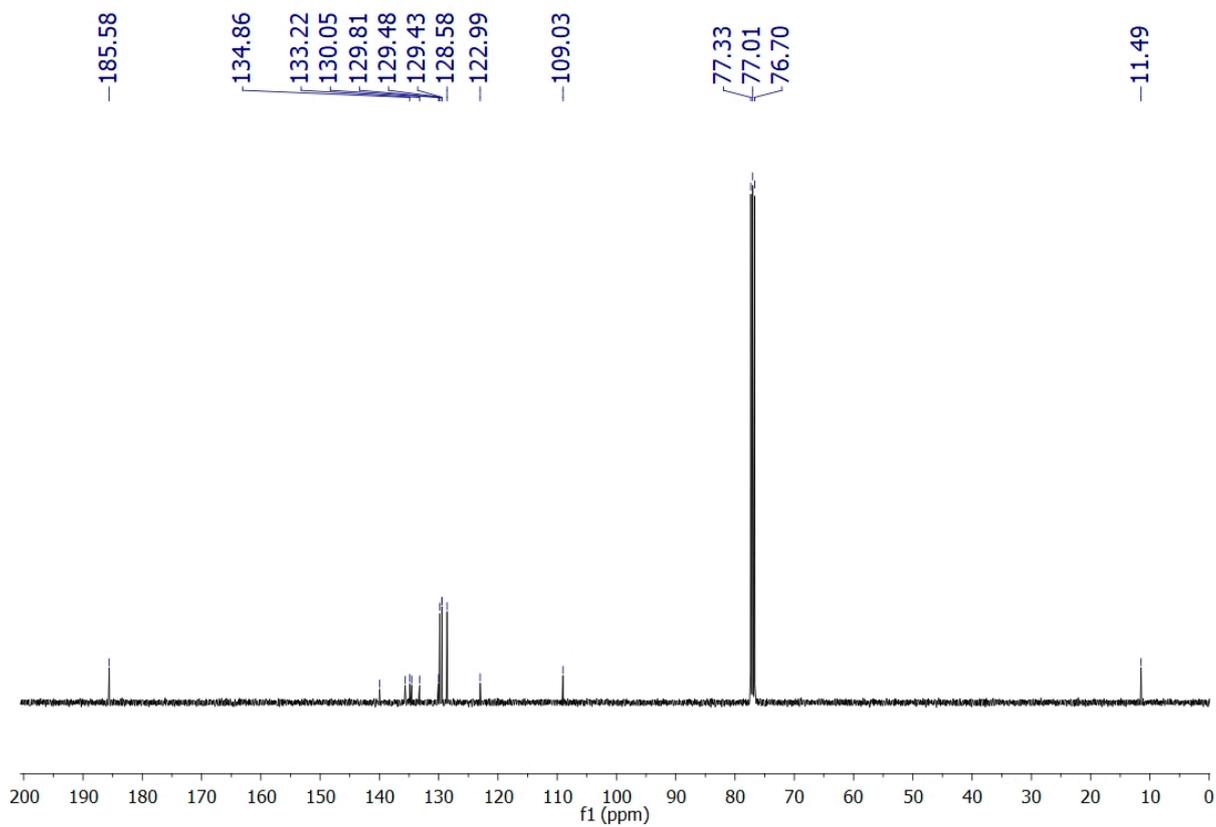
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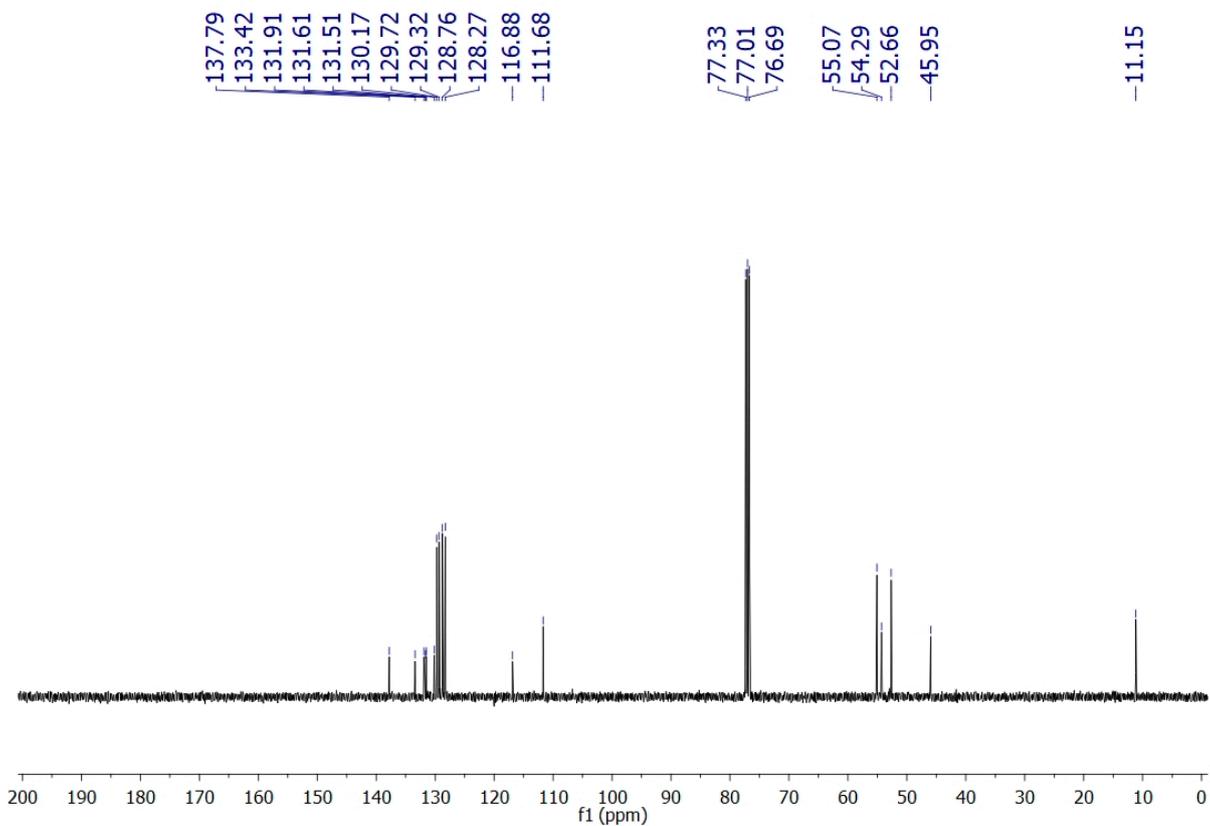
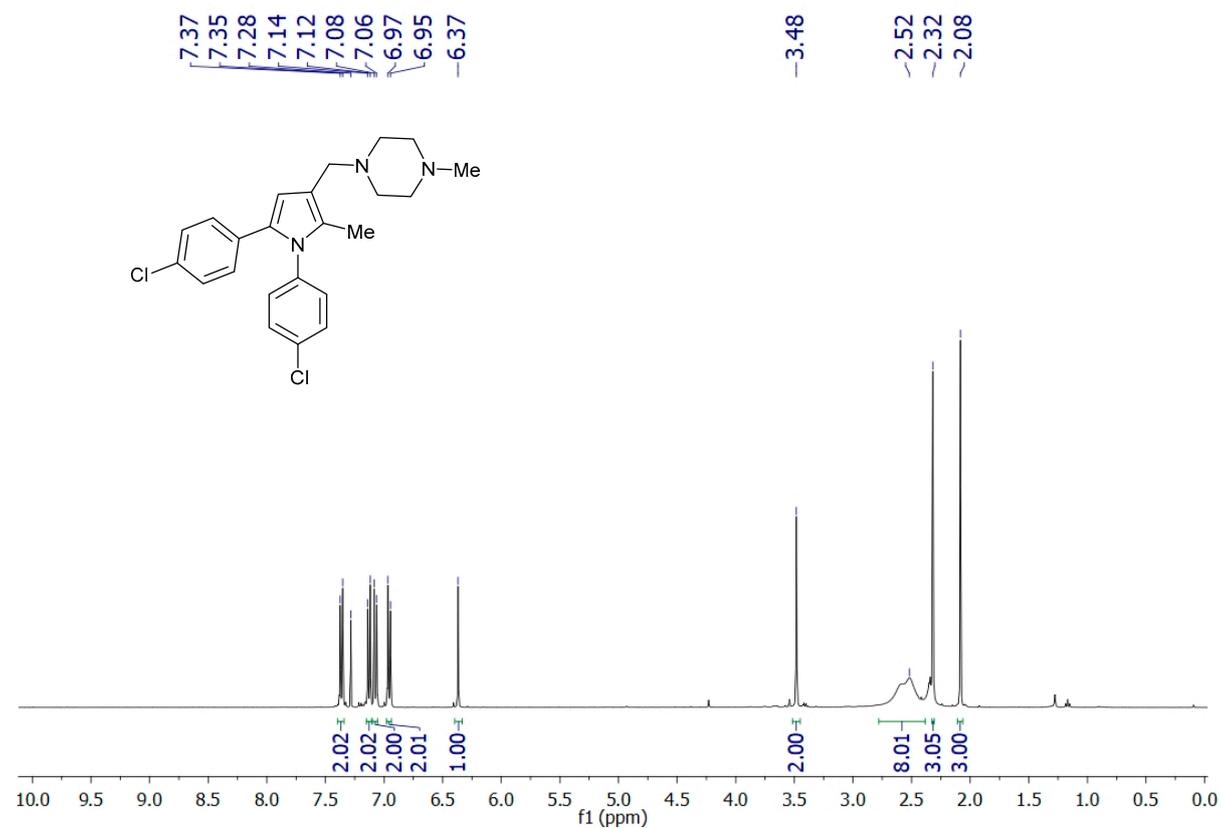


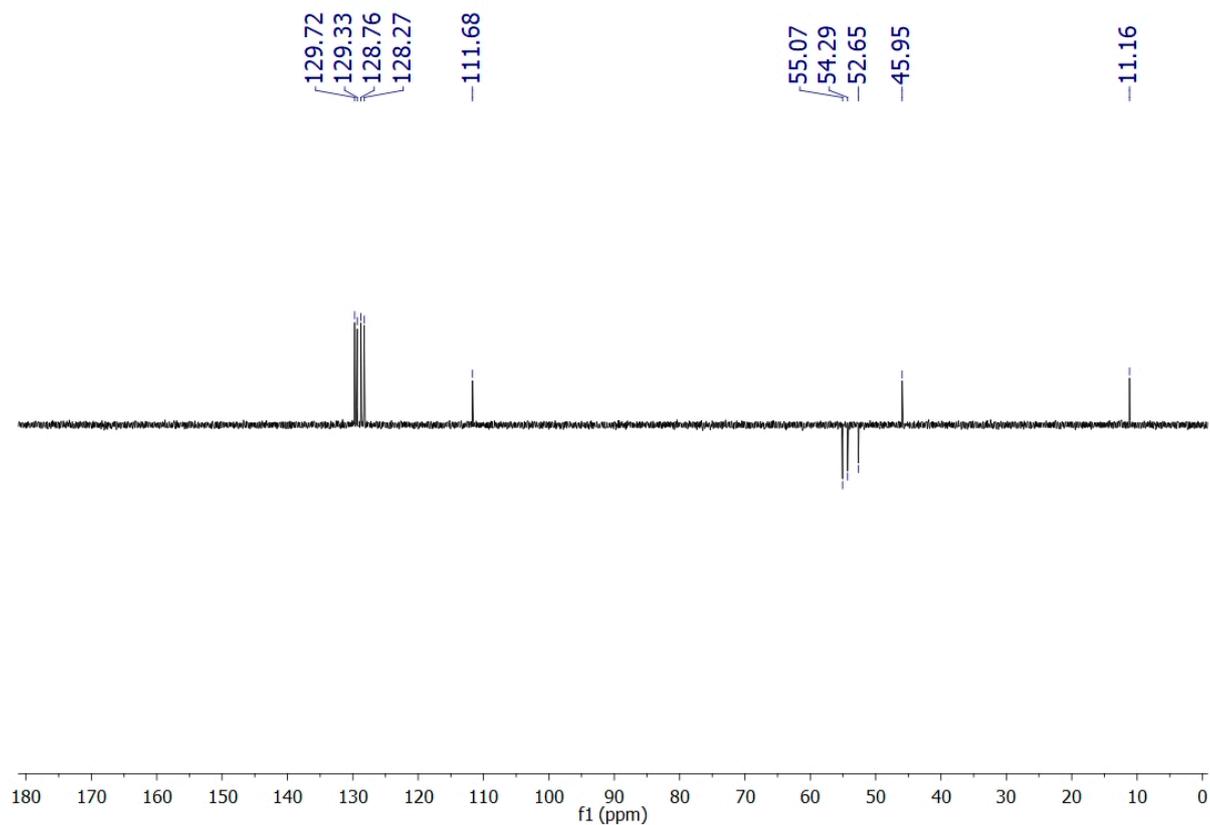
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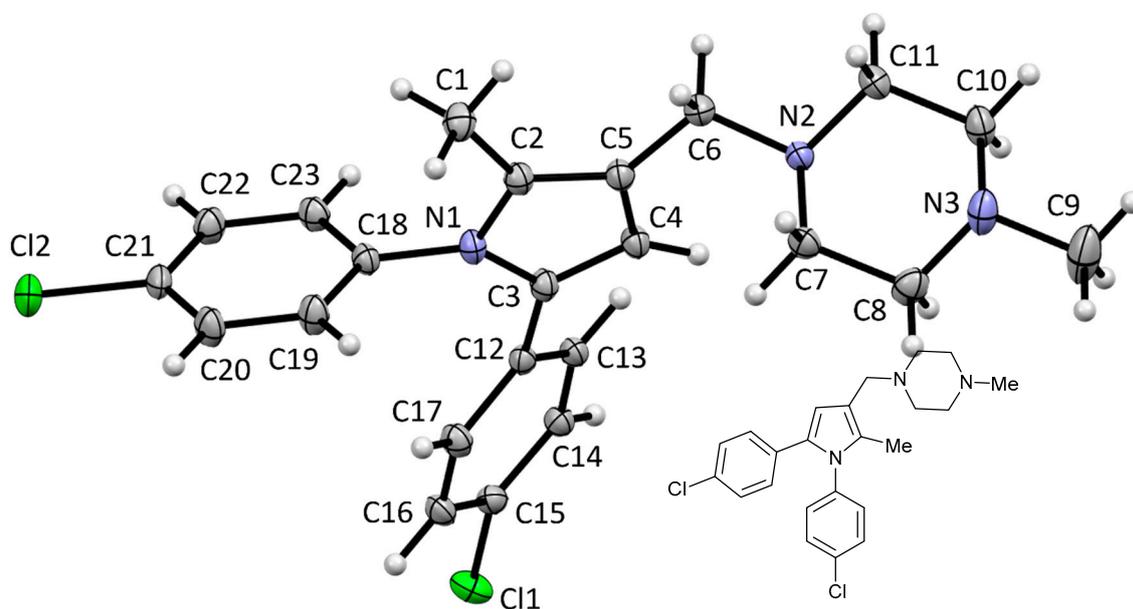


## 1-((1,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)methyl)-4-methylpiperazine 2a





## 2. Single-crystal XRD of BM212 (product 2a)



**Figure S1.** X-ray single crystal structure of BM212 2a (CCDC 2191163) (displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level).

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for product **2a** (CCDC 2191163).

Empirical formula	$C_{23}H_{25}Cl_2N_3$
Formula weight	414.36
Temperature	100(2) K
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.1454(10) Å    a = 100.119(4)°. b = 11.1138(12) Å    b = 100.255(4)°. c = 11.2090(12) Å    g = 106.088(4)°.
Volume	1046.2(5) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.315 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
F(000)	436
Reflections collected	26513
Independent reflections	8999 [R(int) = 0.0570]
Max. and min. transmission	0.9150 and 0.9030
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.025
Final R indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	R1 = 0.0533, wR2 = 0.1200
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0892, wR2 = 0.1380