

Au(I)-Catalyzed Synthesis of Trisubstituted Indolizines from 2-Propargyloxypyridines and Methyl Ketones

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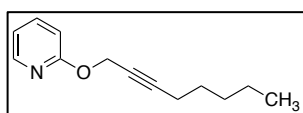
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A. Experimental Procedures

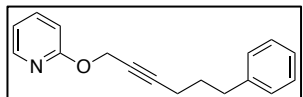
General experimental details. All reagents were purchased from commercial vendors. Solvents, including 1-phenylethanol and all acetophenone derivatives, were sparged with argon prior to use. All other reagents were used as received, unless noted otherwise. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to CDCl_3 . Multiplicity is indicated as follows: s (singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); q (quartet); m (multiplet); dd (doublet of doublets); dt (doublet of triplets); app (apparent).

**General experimental procedure for the synthesis of 2-**

propargyloxypyridines. 2-(2-octynyloxy)pyridine (1). To 2-chloropyridine (0.88 mL, 8.0 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (24 mL) was added 2-octyn-1-ol (2.29

mL, 16.0 mmol). Potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.35 g, 12.0 mmol) was added, and the flask was rinsed with 1,4-dioxane (12 mL). The reaction was equipped with an air condenser and heated to 98 °C, open to air, for 18 hours. After cooling to room temperature, ethyl acetate (30 mL) and H_2O (30 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with 1:1 brine/ H_2O (30 mL) and brine (30 mL) and dried (MgSO_4). After filtration, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) provided 1.55 g (95% yield) of **1** as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15 (dd, $J = 2.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, $J = 2.0, 6.8, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (ddd, $J = 0.8, 4.8, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 (tt, $J = 2.0, 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.52 (quintet, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.24-1.38 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.9, 147.0, 138.8, 117.3, 111.5, 87.4, 75.5, 54.4, 31.2, 28.4, 22.4, 19.1, 14.2; IR (neat): 2932, 2237, 1749, 1594, 1570, 1472, 1432, 1272 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 226.1201 [226.1208 calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{NONa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$].

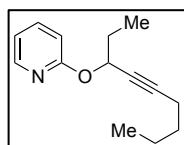
2-(6-Phenyl-2-pentynyloxy)pyridine (8a). Following the general procedure outlined above for the



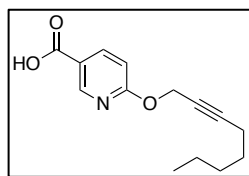
synthesis of compound **1**, potassium *tert*-butoxide (993 mg, 8.9 mmol) was added to 2-chloropyridine (0.55 mL, 5.40 mmol) and 6-phenyl-2-pentyn-1-ol¹ (1.28 g, 7.4 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (27 mL). After 22 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 97:3 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 1.07 g (72% yield) of **8a** as a yellow

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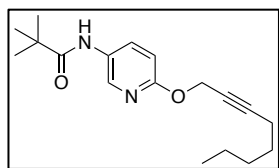
oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.18 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.88 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 2.70 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.25 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.84 (quintet, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.7, 146.8, 141.5, 138.6, 128.5, 128.3, 125.9, 117.2, 111.3, 86.5, 76.0, 54.1, 34.7, 30.0, 18.3; IR (neat): 3024, 2933, 2238, 1495, 1270, 1141 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 252.1388 [252.1383 calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



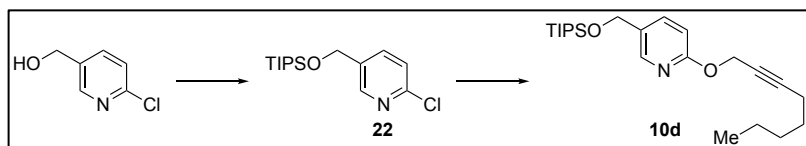
2-(4-Nonynyloxy)pyridine (8g). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **1**, potassium *tert*-butoxide (329 mg, 2.9 mmol) was added to 2-chloropyridine (0.22 mL, 2.35 mmol) and 4-nonyn-3-ol¹ (412 mg, 2.9 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (11 mL). After 22 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 149 mg (29% yield) of **8g** as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.59 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.17 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.44 (quintet, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (sextet, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.84 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.8, 146.8, 138.5, 116.8, 111.4, 85.6, 78.6, 66.5, 30.6, 28.6, 21.8, 18.4, 13.5, 9.5; IR (neat): 2958, 1593, 1468, 1430, 1307 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 218.1530 [218.1539 calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



4-Carboxy-2-(2-octynyloxy)pyridine (10a). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **1**, potassium *tert*-butoxide (2.80 g, 25 mmol) was added to 6-chloropyridine carboxylic acid (1.57 g, 10 mmol) and 2-octyn-1-ol (2.16 mL, 15 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (46 mL). After 22 hours, ethyl acetate (30 mL) and 1M HCl (30 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with 1M HCl (30 mL), 1:1 brine/ H_2O (30 mL), and brine (30 mL) and dried (MgSO_4). After filtration, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. Recrystallization from 1:1 ethanol: H_2O afforded 1.12 g (45% yield) of **10a** as a white solid. mp: 146-147 $^\circ\text{C}$, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 2.21 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.47 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.38-1.22 (m, 4H), 0.85 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 165.41, 165.38, 149.6, 140.0, 120.5, 110.7, 86.7, 75.1, 54.3, 30.7, 28.0, 21.9, 18.1, 13.3; IR (neat): 2927, 2538, 2238, 1682, 1603, 1281, 1138 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 248.1278 [248.1281 calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].

4-(2,2-Dimethylpropanamide)-2-(2-octynyloxy)pyridine (10c).

outlined above for the synthesis of compound **1**, potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.25 g, 11 mmol) was added to *N*-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropanamide (1.60 g, 7.4 mmol) and 2-octyn-1-ol (1.60 mL, 11 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (34 mL). After 22 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 9:1 to 3:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 1.65 g (73% yield) of **10c** as a yellow powder. mp: 62-65 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 2.17 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (s, 13H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 6.7, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.1, 159.4, 138.8, 132.8, 129.0, 110.7, 87.2, 75.1, 54.4, 39.4, 34.9, 31.0, 28.1, 27.5, 22.1, 18.8, 13.9; IR (neat): 3275, 2928, 2239, 1649, 1483, 1399, 1275, 1254 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 303.2058 [303.2067 calcd for C₁₈H₂₇N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺].

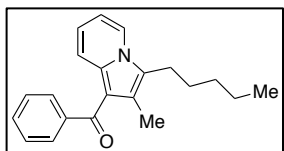
4-(triisopropylsiloxymethyl)-2-(2-octynyloxy)pyridine (10d).

(718mg, 5.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (22 mL) was added imidazole (408 mg, 6.0 mmol). Tris(isopropyl)silyl

chloride (1.28 mL, 6.0 mmol) was added, and the flask was rinsed with dichloromethane (22 mL). After 16 hours, H₂O (30 mL) was added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was then extracted with dichloromethane (30 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCO₃ (30 mL) and brine (30 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). After filtration, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) provided 1.37 g (91% yield) of TIPS-protected 6-chloro-3-pyridine methanol **22** as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 1.10-1.21 (m, 3H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 18H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.9, 147.4, 136.6, 135.9, 123.8, 72.2, 17.9, 11.9; IR (neat): 2942, 2890, 2865, 1568, 1456, 1098 cm⁻¹.

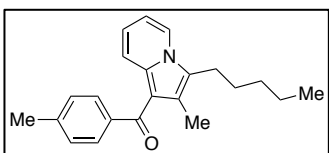
Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **1**, potassium *tert*-butoxide (589 mg, 11 mmol) was added to compound **22** (1.05 g, 3.5 mmol) and 2-octyn-1-ol (0.75 mL, 5.3 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (16 mL). After 22 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 98:2 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 838 mg (61% yield) of **10d** as a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 2.16 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (pentet, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.32-1.15 (m, 4H), 1.15-1.05

(m, 3H), 1.02 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 18H), 0.81 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 6.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.9, 144.2, 137.1, 129.9, 110.7, 86.8, 75.3, 62.6, 54.1, 31.0, 28.2, 22.1, 18.8, 17.9, 13.9, 11.9; IR (neat): 2939, 2864, 2238, 1486, 1306 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 390.2815 [390.2823 calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



General experimental procedure for the Au(I)-catalyzed formation of trisubstituted indolizines. 1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (4). To 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 234 mg, 1.15 mmol) in a G10 microwave vial in an

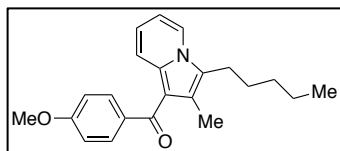
inert atmosphere glovebox was added bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide (2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl)gold(I) (catalyst **5c**, 45 mg, 0.051 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.60 mL) and acetophenone (3.9 mL). After closing the vial and removing it from the glovebox, the vial was heated at 100 °C for 18 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was filtered through a cotton plug, rinsing with ethyl acetate. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* followed by removal of the remainder of the acetophenone by Kugelrohr distillation. The residual was purified by column chromatography (19:1 to 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 190 mg (54% yield) of **4** as a yellow solid. mp: 91-92 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.57 (pentet, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.28-1.37 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.1, 142.3, 136.1, 130.8, 128.7, 128.2, 124.5, 124.3, 122.3, 121.1, 119.4, 112.3, 112.2, 31.6, 26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 11.8; IR (neat): 3058, 2927, 2859, 1612, 1497, 1393, 1241 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 306.1842 [306.1852 calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



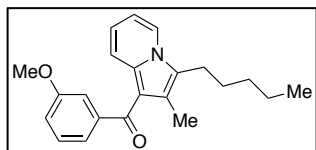
1-(4-Methylbenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7a). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (24 mg, 0.027 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.30 mL) and 4'-

methylacetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 103 mg, 0.51 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 64 mg (40% yield) of **7a** as a yellow solid. mp: 81-83 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (ddd, $J = 0.8, 6.6, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (td, $J = 1.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.53-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.38 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.0, 141.3, 139.4, 135.8, 129.1, 128.8, 124.3, 124.2, 122.3, 120.8, 119.4, 112.5, 112.0, 31.6,

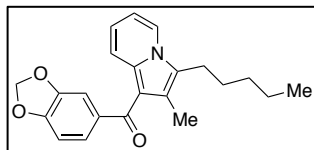
26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 21.6, 14.0, 11.8; IR (neat): 3024, 2922, 2856, 1600, 1492, 1389 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 320.2009 [320.2011 calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺].



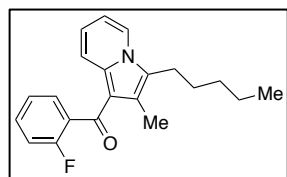
1-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7b). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (25 mg, 0.028 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.30 mL) and 4'-methoxyacetophenone (2.56 g, 17.0 mmol) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 61 mg, 0.30 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 97:3 to 19:1 to 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 66 mg (40% yield) of **7b** as a thick yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dt, J = 2.4, 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dt, J = 2.2, 9.4 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (ddd, J = 1.0, 6.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (td, J = 1.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.39 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.1, 162.1, 135.5, 134.6, 131.3, 124.2, 124.0, 122.2, 120.5, 119.3, 113.3, 112.5, 111.9, 55.4, 31.6, 27.0, 23.5, 22.5, 14.0, 11.7; IR (neat): 3069, 2924, 2855, 1596, 1494, 1389, 1241, 1029 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 336.1951 [336.1958 calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺].



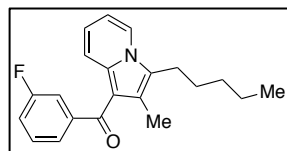
1-(3-Methoxybenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7c). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (23 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.30 mL) and 3'-methoxyacetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 120 mg, 0.59 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 97:3 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 75 mg (38% yield) of **7c** as a thick yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.02-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.85 (ddd, J = 1.2, 6.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (td, J = 1.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.39 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.7, 159.5, 143.7, 136.1, 129.2, 124.5, 124.3, 122.4, 121.3, 121.2, 119.4, 117.2, 113.0, 112.3, 112.2, 55.4, 31.6, 26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 11.8; IR (neat): 3066, 2925, 2856, 1519, 1493, 1252, 1043 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 336.1974 [336.1958 calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺].

**1-(2H-1,3-benzodioxole-5-carbonyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7d).**

Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (23 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.30 mL) and 2H-1,3-benzodioxole methyl ketone (2.80 g, 17.0) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 100 mg, 0.49 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 19:1 to 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 65 mg (38% yield) of **7d** as a thick yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.40 (m, 4H), 0.89 (app t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.6, 150.2, 147.6, 136.3, 135.6, 124.8, 124.3, 124.0, 122.3, 120.7, 119.3, 112.3, 112.0, 109.3, 107.7, 101.5, 31.6, 26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 11.7; IR (neat): 2925, 2857, 1594, 1485, 1437, 1246 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 350.1730 [350.1751 calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO₃ (M+H)⁺].

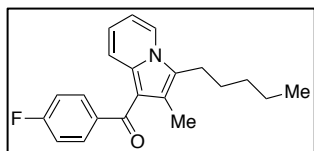
**1-(2-Fluorobenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7e).**

Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (23 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-butanol (0.23 mL) and 2'-fluoroacetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 103 mg, 0.51 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 19:1 to 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 68 mg (41% yield) of **7e** as a thick yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.50-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.38 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 186.7, 159.2 (d, *J* = 247 Hz), 136.8, 131.6 (d, *J* = 17 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.8, 124.4 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 124.3, 122.9, 122.7, 119.3, 116.0 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 113.0, 112.6, 31.5, 26.9, 23.3, 22.5, 14.0, 11.4; IR (neat): 3059, 2926, 2857, 1602, 1490, 1393 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 324.1747 [324.1758 calcd for C₂₁H₂₃FNO (M+H)⁺].

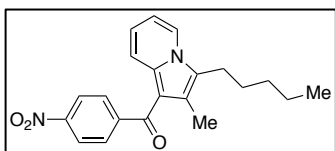
**1-(3-Fluorobenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7f).**

Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (22 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.30 mL) and 3'-fluoroacetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 103 mg, 0.51 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 97:3 to 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 109 mg

(66% yield) of **7f** as a thick yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.19 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.53-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.40 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.3 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 162.6 (d, J = 246 Hz), 144.5 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), 136.3, 129.9 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 124.8, 124.4 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 124.2, 122.5, 121.7, 119.3, 117.6 (d, J = 21 Hz), 115.5 (d, J = 22 Hz), 112.5, 11.8, 31.5, 26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 11.8; IR (neat): 3067, 2926, 2857, 1580, 1492, 1391, 1250 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 324.1739 [324.1758 calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{FNO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].

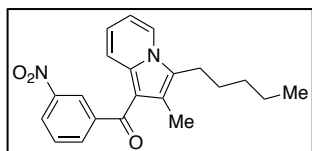


1-(4-Fluorobenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7g). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (23 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.30 mL) and 4'-fluoroacetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 110 mg, 0.54 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 97:3 to 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 89 mg (51% yield) of **7g** as a yellow solid. mp: 66-68 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.40 (m, 4H), 0.89 (app t, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.6, 164.5 (d, J = 250 Hz), 138.4 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 136.0, 131.3 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 124.6, 124.1, 122.4, 121.3, 119.2, 115.2 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 112.3, 112.1, 31.6, 26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 11.8; IR (neat): 3066, 2926, 2857, 1597, 1492, 1390, 1235 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 324.1727 [324.1758 calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{FNO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].

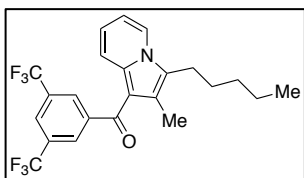


1-(4-Nitrobenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7h). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (23 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-butanol (0.3 mL) and 4'-nitroacetophenone (1.41 g, 8.5 mmol) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 116 mg, 0.57 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 147 mg (73% yield) of **7h** as a bright red solid. mp: 93-95 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.29 (dt, J = 2.4, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, J = 2.4, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (ddd, J = 1.0, 6.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dt, J = 1.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.51-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.36 (heptet, J = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.3, 148.8, 148.2, 136.7, 129.3, 125.3, 124.1, 123.6, 122.8, 122.7, 119.2, 113.0, 111.5, 31.5, 26.9,

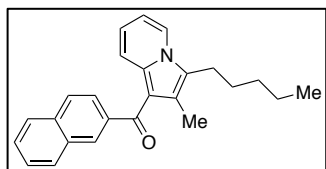
23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 12.1; IR (neat): 3104, 2926, 2857, 1519, 1491, 1344 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 351.1697 [351.1703 calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



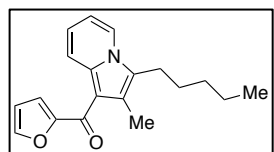
1-(3-Nitrobenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7i). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (22 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.3 mL) and 3'-nitroacetophenone (2.80 g, 17.0 mmol) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 116 mg, 0.57 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 9:1 to 85:15 to 3:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 152 mg (76% yield) of **7i** as a thick amber oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.217 (s, 3H), 1.53-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.41 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.7, 148.0, 143.8, 136.7, 134.5, 129.5, 125.22, 125.18, 123.9, 123.7, 122.8, 122.6, 119.1, 113.0, 11.4, 31.5, 26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 12.1; IR (neat): 3082, 2925, 2857, 1604, 1528, 1491, 1391, 1345 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 351.1712 [351.1703 calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



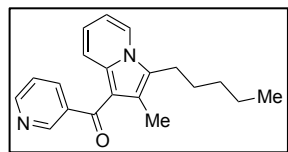
1-(3,5-Difluoromethylbenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7j). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (44 mg, 0.050 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.6 mL) and 3',5'-difluoromethylacetophenone (4.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 204 mg, 1.0 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 97:3 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 353 mg (80% yield) of **7j** as a thick yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.12 (s, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.53-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.41 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 187.8, 144.0, 136.8, 131.6 (q, J = 34 Hz), 129.0 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 125.4, 123.9 (pentet, J = 4.0 Hz), 123.7, 123.1 (q, J = 271 Hz), 123.0, 122.9, 119.0, 113.2, 111.1, 31.5, 26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 13.9, 12.1; IR (neat): 2928, 2860, 1626, 1493, 1368, 1275, 1129 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 442.1625 [442.1600 calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_6\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



1-naphthoyl-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7k). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (23 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.3 mL) and naphthyl methyl ketone (2.95 g, 17.0 mmol) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 104 mg, 0.51 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 97:3 to 19:1 to 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 113 mg (62% yield) of **7k** as a thick yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.93 (m, 4H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.42 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.0, 139.5, 136.1, 134.7, 132.7, 129.6, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 126.4, 125.7, 124.5, 124.3, 122.4, 121.2, 119.4, 112.5, 112.3, 31.6, 27.0, 23.5, 22.5, 14.1, 11.9; IR (neat): 3056, 2925, 2856, 1602, 1492, 1392 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 356.2017 [356.2009 calcd for C₂₅H₂₆NO (M+H)⁺].

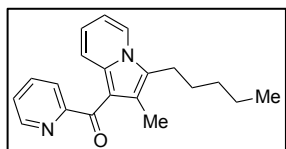


1-(2-furyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7l). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (25 mg, 0.029 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.3 mL) and 2-furyl methyl ketone (1.90 g, 17.0 mmol) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 104 mg, 0.51 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 85:15 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 107 mg (71% yield) of **7l** as a thick yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (q, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 0.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (ddd, *J* = 1.0, 6.6, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (td, *J* = 1.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 1.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.39 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.5, 154.4, 145.0, 135.4, 124.5, 123.6, 122.4, 120.9, 119.1, 116.8, 112.2, 111.9, 31.6, 29.7, 26.9, 23.5, 22.5, 14.0, 11.3; IR (neat): 3112, 2924, 2855, 1735, 1599, 1495, 1392, 1248 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 296.1641 [296.1645 calcd for C₁₉H₂₂NO₂ (M+H)⁺].

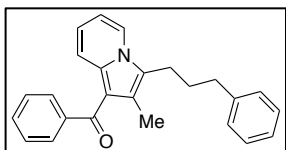


1-(3-pyridinyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7m). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (23 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.3 mL) and 2-acetyl pyridine (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 110 mg, 0.54 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 7:3 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 84 mg (51% yield) of **7m** as a thick yellow powder. mp: 104-105 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d,

$J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 5.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, $J = 6.8, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.57 (pentet, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.29-1.37 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.3, 151.4, 149.9, 137.7, 136.5, 136.0, 125.0, 124.1, 123.4, 122.7, 122.4, 119.2, 112.8, 112.0, 31.5, 26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 12.1; IR (neat): 3089, 2917, 2852, 1589, 1486 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 307.1805 [307.1805 calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].

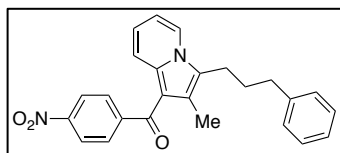


1-(2-pyridinyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizine (7n). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (25 mg, 0.028 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.3 mL) and 3-acetyl pyridine (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**1**, 111 mg, 0.55 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 7:3 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 99 mg (59% yield) of **7n** as a thick yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.61 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.50 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 dd, $J = 4.8, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.48-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.36 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.9, 159.1, 148.6, 137.01, 136.96, 125.0, 124.9, 124.5, 123.1, 122.6, 122.2, 119.6, 112.7, 111.5, 31.6, 26.9, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 11.3; IR (neat): 3049, 2923, 2855, 1602, 1488, 1391 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 307.1805 [307.1805 calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3-(3-phenylpropyl)indolizine (9a). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (25 mg, 0.029 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.33 mL) and acetophenone (2.16 mL) were added to 2-(6-phenyl-2-hexynoxy)pyridine (**8a**, 136 mg, 0.54 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 85:15 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 94 mg (49% yield) of **9a** as a thick yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68 (app t, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (app t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 3H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (app t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 6.65 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.92 (pentet, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.1, 142.3, 141.4, 136.1, 130.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 126.0, 124.4, 123.9, 122.3, 121.3, 119.4, 112.32, 112.28, 35.4, 28.7, 22.9, 11.8; IR (neat): 3059, 3024, 2926, 2856, 1608, 1495, 1393, 1240 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 354.1861 [354.1852 calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].

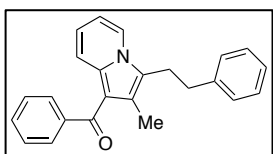
2-methyl-1-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-(3-phenylpropyl)indolizine (9aa). Following the general procedure



outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (16 mg, 0.018 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.21 mL) and 4'-nitroacetophenone (1.99 g, 12.0 mmol) were added to 2-(6-phenyl-2-hexynoxy)pyridine (**8a**, 88 mg, 0.35

mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 85:15 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 100 mg (72% yield) of **9aa** as a thick red oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (app t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.92 (pentet, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.3, 148.9, 148.1, 141.2, 136.8, 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 126.1, 124.7, 124.3, 123.6, 122.8, 122.7, 119.2, 113.1, 111.5, 35.4, 28.6, 22.8, 12.1; IR (neat): 3025, 2926, 2860, 1595, 1493, 1345 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 399.1692 [399.1703 calcd for C₂₅H₂₃N₂O₃ (M+H)⁺].

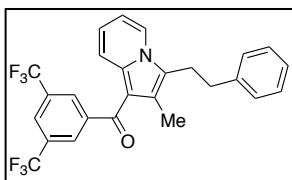
1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3-(2-phenylethyl)indolizine (9b). Following the general procedure outlined above



for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (25 mg, 0.028 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.31 mL) and acetophenone (2.1 mL) were added to 2-(5-phenyl-2-pentynoxy)pyridine (**8b**, 122 mg, 0.52 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was

worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 85:15 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 86 mg (49% yield) of **9b** as a thick yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 13.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.2, 142.1, 140.7, 136.1, 130.9, 128.8, 128.48, 128.46, 128.2, 126.3, 124.8, 123.0, 122.0, 121.4, 119.4, 112.34, 112.28, 33.6, 25.8, 11.5; IR (neat): 3059, 3024, 2922, 2856, 1608, 1494, 1393, 1240 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 340.1690 [340.1696 calcd for C₂₂H₂₂NO (M+H)⁺].

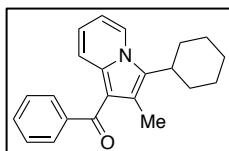
2-methyl-3-(3-phenylethyl)-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)indolizine (9bb). Following the



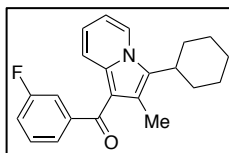
general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (18 mg, 0.020 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.22 mL) and 3',5'-bis(trifluoromethyl)acetophenone (1.48 mL) were added to 2-(5-phenyl-2-pentynoxy)pyridine (**8b**, 87 mg, 0.37 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was

worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 113 mg

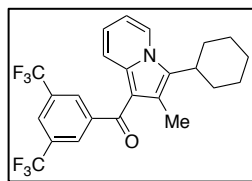
(64% yield) of **9bb** as a yellow powder. mp: 96-97 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CDCl*₃): δ 8.07 (s, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (app q, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.01-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *CDCl*₃): δ 187.9, 143.9, 140.3, 137.0, 131.6 (q, *J* = 34 Hz), 128.9 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 126.5, 124.4, 124.0 (heptet, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 123.9, 123.2, 123.1 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 122.5, 119.3, 113.3, 111.1, 33.4, 25.8, 11.8; IR (neat): 3066, 2918, 2851, 1598, 1491, 1368 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 476.1433 [476.1444 calcd for C₂₆H₂₀F₆NO (M+H)⁺].



1-benzoyl-3-cyclohexyl-2-methylindolizine (9c). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (23 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.3 mL) and acetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(3-cyclohexyl-2-propynoxy)pyridine (**8c**, 107 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 19:1 to 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 63 mg (40% yield) of **9c** as a yellow solid. mp: 120-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CDCl*₃): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (app t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (app t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.73-1.98 (m, 7H), 1.28-1.50 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *CDCl*₃): δ 192.3, 142.2, 135.9, 131.0, 129.0, 128.2, 128.0, 123.5, 123.1, 120.6, 119.4, 112.9, 11.8, 36.0, 29.9, 27.2, 26.1, 12.5; IR (neat): 2925, 2851, 1607, 1495, 1392, 1239 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 318.1851 [318.1852 calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO (M+H)⁺].

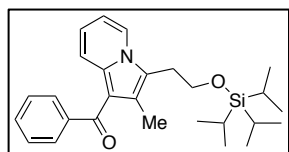


3-cyclohexyl-1-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-2-methylindolizine (9cc). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (20 mg, 0.023 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.28 mL) and 3'-fluoroacetophenone (1.84 mL) were added to 2-(3-cyclohexyl-2-propynoxy)pyridine (**8c**, 100 mg, 0.46 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 88 mg (57% yield) of **9c** as a yellow solid. mp: 95-96 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *CDCl*₃): δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.77-1.98 (m, 6H), 1.21-1.51 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *CDCl*₃): δ 190.5 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 163.8, 161.4, 144.4 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 136.1, 129.8 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 128.3, 124.6 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 123.4 (d, *J* = 19 Hz), 121.2, 119.2, 117.8 (d, *J* = 12 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 112.5, 112.1, 36.0, 29.8, 27.1, 26.1, 12.5; IR (neat): 3102, 2919, 2850, 1628, 1601, 1494, 1246 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 336.1743 [336.1758 calcd for C₂₂H₂₃FNO (M+H)⁺].



3-cyclohexyl-2-methyl-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)indolizine (9ccc).

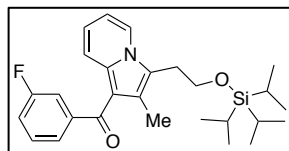
Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (26 mg, 0.029 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.33 mL) and 3',5'-bistrifluoromethylacetophenone (2.2 mL) were added to 2-(3-cyclohexyl-2-propynoxy)pyridine (**8c**, 118 mg, 0.55 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 177 mg (71% yield) of **9ccc** as a yellow solid. mp: 134-137 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.76-1.99 (m, 6H), 1.23-1.51 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.0, 143.9, 136.7, 131.7 (q, *J* = 34 Hz), 129.2 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 128.9, 124.1 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.7, 123.11 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 123.09, 122.4, 119.0, 112.8, 111.7, 36.1, 29.8, 27.1, 26.0, 12.8; IR (neat): 2930, 2856, 1626, 1494, 1396, 1275, 1127 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 454.1592 [454.1600 calcd for C₂₄H₂₂F₆NO (M+H)⁺].



1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3-(2-triisopropylsiloxyethyl)indolizine (9d).

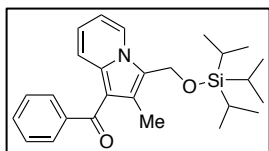
Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (15 mg, 0.017 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.21 mL) and acetophenone (1.4 mL) were added to 2-(5-triisopropylsiloxy-2-pentynoxy)pyridine (**8d**, 117 mg, 0.35 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 19:1 to 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 68 mg (45% yield) of **9d** as a thick yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (app t, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 3H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 0.89-1.08 (m, 21H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.1, 142.3, 136.3, 130.8, 128.7, 128.2, 125.1, 123.2, 122.1, 121.4, 119.1, 112.3, 112.0, 62.2, 27.3, 17.8, 11.80, 11.76; IR (neat): 2941, 2864, 1611, 1496, 1394, 1138 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 436.2653 [436.2666 calcd for C₂₇H₃₈NO₂Si (M+H)⁺].

1-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-(2-triisopropylsiloxyethyl)indolizine (9dd).

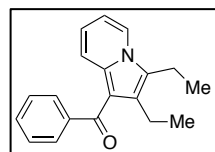


Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (17 mg, 0.018 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.20 mL) and 3'-fluoroacetophenone (1.4 mL) were added to 2-(5-triisopropylsiloxy-2-pentynoxy)pyridine (**8d**, 110 mg, 0.33 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 19:1 to 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 88 mg (59% yield) of **9dd** as a thick yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.9

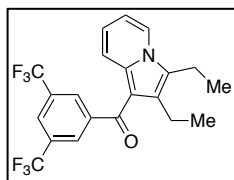
Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 0.87-1.07 (m, 21H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.3 (d, $J = 2$ Hz), 162.6 (d, $J = 246$ Hz), 144.5 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 136.5, 129.8 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 125.0, 124.3 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 123.4, 122.5, 122.0, 119.0, 117.6 (d, $J = 21$ Hz), 115.5 (d, $J = 22$ Hz), 112.2, 111.8, 62.3, 27.2, 17.8, 11.8 (2C); IR (neat): 2941, 2864, 1605, 1494, 1393, 1252, 1101 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 454.2575 [454.2572 calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{37}\text{FNO}_2\text{Si}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



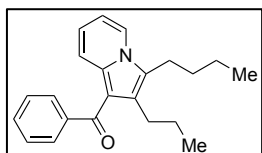
1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3-triisopropylsiloxymethylindolizine (9e). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (16 mg, 0.018 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.20 mL) and acetophenone (1.4 mL) were added to 2-(4-triisopropylsiloxy-2-butyloxy)pyridine (**8e**, 108 mg, 0.34 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 19:1 to 9:1 to 85:15 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 8 mg (6% yield) of **9e** as a thick yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.26 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.46 (m, 3H), 6.92 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.15 (heptet, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.05 (app d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.2, 142.2, 136.8, 130.9, 128.7, 128.2, 125.2, 124.5, 122.9, 122.6, 119.0, 112.2, 112.1, 54.9, 18.0, 12.0, 11.8; IR (neat): 2941, 2864, 1614, 1499, 1393, 1240, 1058 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 422.2495 [422.2510 calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



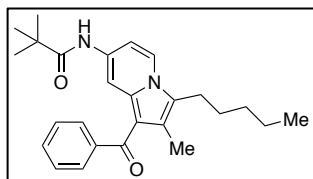
1-benzoyl-2,3-diethylindolizine (9f). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (25 mg, 0.028 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.3 mL) and acetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(3-hexyn-2-oxy)pyridine (**8f**, 91 mg, 0.52 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 53 mg (37% yield) of **9f** as a thick yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.90 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.81 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.0, 142.2, 136.0, 130.9, 130.8, 128.8, 128.2, 125.3, 122.4, 120.8, 119.4, 112.0, 111.4, 18.6, 16.7, 16.4, 12.3; IR (neat): 3057, 2965, 2871, 1608, 1494, 1389, 1306, 1236 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 278.1544 [278.1539 calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



2,3-diethyl-1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)indolizine (9ff). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (25 mg, 0.028 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.32 mL) and 3',5'-bistrifluoromethylacetophenone (1.7 mL) were added to 2-(3-hexyn-2-oxy)pyridine (**8f**, 93 mg, 0.53 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 151 mg (69% yield) of **9ff** as a yellow powder. mp: 110-111 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (s, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 187.7, 143.9, 136.6, 131.7 (q, *J* = 34 Hz), 130.8, 129.0 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 126.2, 124.1 (heptet, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.1 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 122.9, 122.5, 118.8, 112.9, 110.1, 18.7, 16.7, 16.2, 12.2; IR (neat): 3097, 2969, 2872, 1628, 1497, 1276, 1127 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 414.1278 [414.1287 calcd for C₂₁H₁₈F₆NO (M+H)⁺].



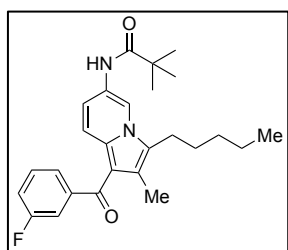
1-benzoyl-3-pentyl-2-propylindolizine (9g). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (21 mg, 0.024 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.29 mL) and acetophenone (1.93 mL) were added to 2-(4-nonyloxy)pyridine (**8g**, 105 mg, 0.48 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 9:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 63 mg (41% yield) of **9g** as a thick yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.39-1.60 (m, 6H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.2, 142.2, 136.1, 130.9, 129.6, 128.8, 128.2, 124.4, 122.5, 120.7, 119.3, 111.9, 111.6, 29.6, 27.5, 25.0, 23.4, 22.7, 14.3, 13.9; IR (neat): 3059, 2956, 2869, 1612, 1496, 1389, 1241 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 320.2013 [320.2009 calcd for C₂₂H₂₆NO (M+H)⁺].



N-(1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizin-7-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropanamide (11c). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (15 mg, 0.017 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.20 mL) and acetophenone (1.3 mL) were added to 4-(2,2-dimethylpropanamide)-2-(2-octynyloxy)pyridine (**10c**, 100 mg, 0.33 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and

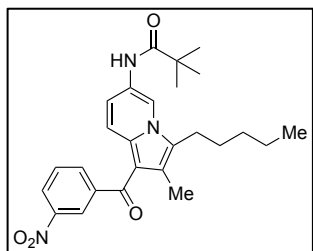
purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 3:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 87 mg (65% yield) of **11c** as a yellow powder. mp: 175-179 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (app t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.63 (m, 4H), 1.32 (s, 11H), 0.87 (app s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.0, 176.8, 142.2, 133.5, 130.8, 128.7, 128.2, 125.7, 125.4, 124.6, 119.2, 116.4, 114.2, 112.6, 39.6, 31.4, 27.6, 26.8, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 12.0; IR (neat): 3281, 3088, 2951, 2924, 2856, 1670, 1589, 1490 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 405.2523 [405.2537 calcd for C₂₆H₃₃N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺].

***N*-(1-(3-fluorobenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-pentylindolizin-7-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropanamide (11cc).**



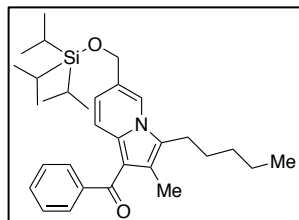
Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (15 mg, 0.017 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.21 mL) and 3'-fluoroacetophenone (1.4 mL) were added to 4-(2,2-dimethylpropanamide)-2-(2-octynyloxy)pyridine (**10c**, 105 mg, 0.34 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 85:15 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 81 mg (56% yield) of **11cc** as a yellow powder. mp: 185-188 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.14-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 79.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.53-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.23 (app s, 2H), 0.87 (app s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.2, 176.9, 162.5 (d, *J* = 246 Hz), 144.4 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 133.7, 129.8 (d, *J* = 30.8 Hz), 129.2, 125.8, 124.4, 123.8, 119.1, 117.6 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 117.0, 115.5 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 114.3, 112.1, 39.6, 31.4, 27.6, 26.8, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 12.0; IR (neat): 3290, 3086, 2927, 2858, 1672, 1565, 1487, 1329 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 423.2434 [423.2442 calcd for C₂₆H₃₂FN₂O₂ (M+H)⁺].

2,2-dimethyl-*N*-(2-methyl-1-(3-nitrobenzoyl)-3-pentylindolizin-7-yl)-propanamide (11ccc).



Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (15 mg, 0.017 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.20 mL) and 3'-nitroacetophenone (2.8 g, 17.0 mmol) were added to 4-(2,2-dimethylpropanamide)-2-(2-octynyloxy)pyridine (**10c**, 100 mg, 0.33 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 3:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 96 mg (65% yield) of **11ccc** as an orange powder. mp: 176-179 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.3

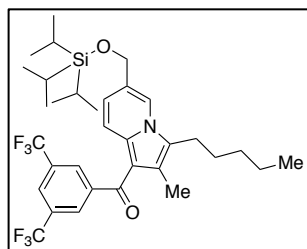
Hz, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.51-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 13H), 0.80-0.92 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.6, 176.9, 148.0, 143.8, 134.5, 134.0, 129.5, 126.5, 126.1, 125.2, 124.2, 123.8, 119.0, 117.5, 114.5, 111.6, 39.7, 31.4, 27.6, 26.8, 23.4, 22.5, 14.0, 12.3; IR (neat): 3293, 3088, 2924, 2858, 1670, 1529, 1488, 1345, 1171 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 450.2384 [450.2387 calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3-penty-6-(triisopropylsiloxymethyl)lindolizine (11d).

Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (24 mg, 0.027 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.31 mL) and acetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 4-(triisopropylsiloxymethyl)-2-(2-octynyloxy)pyridine (**10d**, 199 mg, 0.51 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 19:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 155 mg (62% yield) of **11d** as a thick yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.41 (m, 4H), 1.14-1.27 (m, 3H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 18H), 0.89 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.0, 142.4, 135.5, 130.7, 128.7, 128.1, 126.1, 124.8, 124.1, 120.2, 119.1, 118.8, 112.2, 62.8, 51.7, 27.1, 23.7, 22.6, 18.0, 14.0, 11.9; IR (neat): 2940, 2863, 1613, 1505, 1394, 1241, 1098 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 492.3285 [492.3292 calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{46}\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].

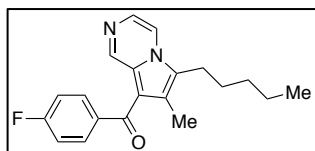
1-(3,5-bistrifluoromethylbenzoyl)-2-methyl-3-penty-6-(triisopropylsiloxymethyl)lindolizine



(11dd). Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (28 mg, 0.027 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.32 mL) and 3',5'-bistrifluoromethylacetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 4-(triisopropylsiloxymethyl)-2-(2-octynyloxy)pyridine (**10d**, 209 mg, 0.54 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column

chromatography (SiO_2 , 97:3 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 291 mg (86% yield) of **11dd** as a yellow solid. mp: 85-87 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.12 (s, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.51-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.39 (m, 4H), 1.15-1.27 (m, 3H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 18H), 0.89 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 187.7, 144.1, 136.2, 131.6 (q, J = 34 Hz), 129.0 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 127.3, 125.7, 124.5, 123.6, 123.1 (q, J = 272 Hz), 121.9, 119.6, 118.5, 111.1, 62.7, 31.7, 27.0, 23.7, 22.6, 18.0, 14.0,

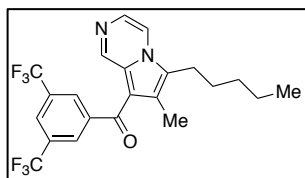
12.1, 12.0; IR (neat): 2942, 2866, 1627, 1504, 1367, 1278, 1138 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 628.3022 [628.3040 calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{44}\text{F}_6\text{NO}_2\text{Si}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].



8-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-7-methyl-6-pentylpyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine (11e).

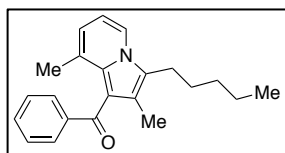
Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (22 mg, 0.025 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.30 mL) and 4'-fluoroacetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynyloxy)pyrazine (**10e**, 100 mg, 0.49 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 7:3 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 12 mg (8% yield) of **11e** as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.77 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (s, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.55-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.38 (m, 4H), 0.86-0.92 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.4, 178.6, 165.2 (d, $J = 252$ Hz), 144.4, 137.1, 131.6 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 129.2, 129.0, 126.4 (d, $J = 244$ Hz), 115.5 (d, $J = 21$ Hz), 115.2, 114.9, 31.5, 26.8, 23.3, 22.4, 14.0, 11.4; IR (neat): 2954, 2926, 2857, 1629, 1597, 1495, 1384, 1241, 1151 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 325.1703 [325.1711 calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].

8-(3,5-bistrifluoromethylbenzoyl)-7-methyl-6-pentylpyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine (11ee). Following the



general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (22 mg, 0.025 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.30 mL) and 3,5'-bistrifluoromethylacetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 2-(2-octynyloxy)pyrazine (**10e**, 100 mg, 0.49 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , 7:3 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 59 mg (27% yield) of **11ee** as an orange solid. mp: 140-142 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.75 (m, 2H), 2.90 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.56-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.40 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 188.4, 144.3, 142.8, 132.2 (q, $J = 34$ Hz), 130.3, 129.8, 129.3 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 127.4, 126.0, 125.2 (heptet, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 123.1 (q, $J = 273$ Hz), 115.3, 114.1, 31.7, 26.9, 23.4, 22.6, 14.1, 12.0; IR (neat): 2929, 2860, 1634, 1608, 1495, 1174 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z 443.1557 [443.1553 calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$].

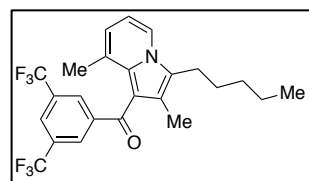
1-benzoyl-2,8-dimethyl-3-pentylindolizine (13). Following the general procedure outlined above for



the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (25 mg, 0.029 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.31 mL) and acetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 3-methyl-2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**12**, 116 mg, 0.53 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was

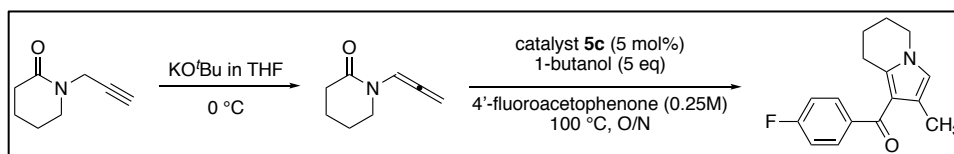
worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 97:3 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 78 mg (46% yield) of **13** as a thick yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.51-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.33 (app s, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.3, 141.3, 132.8, 132.1, 130.0, 128.8, 128.2, 122.9, 122.1, 120.8, 120.1, 113.6, 111.3, 31.6, 27.1, 23.8, 22.5, 21.0, 14.0, 11.3; IR (neat): 2923, 2856, 1633, 1492, 1389, 1231 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 320.2003 [320.2009 calcd for C₂₂H₂₆NO (M+H)⁺].

2,8-dimethyl-3-pentyl-1-(3,5-bistrifluoromethylbenzoyl)indolizine (13a). Following the general



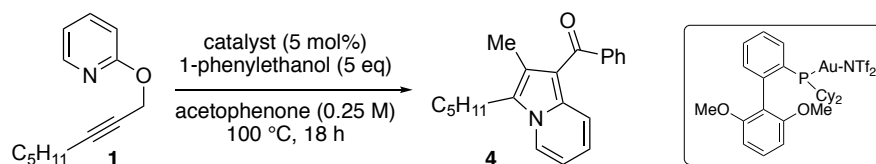
procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (24 mg, 0.026 mmol), 1-phenylethanol (0.32 mL) and 3',5'-bistrifluoromethylacetophenone (2.0 mL) were added to 3-methyl-2-(2-octynoxy)pyridine (**12**, 114 mg, 0.53 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was

worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 98:2 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 110 mg (46% yield) of **13a** as a deep orange solid. mp: 86-87 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.51-1.60 (m, 3H), 1.33 (app s, 4H), 0.88 (app s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.4, 142.8, 134.1, 131.8 (q, *J* = 34 Hz), 130.1, 130.0, 128.9, 125.0 (heptet, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 123.9, 123.1 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 122.8, 121.8, 120.6, 112.3, 31.5, 26.9, 23.7, 22.5, 21.2, 14.0, 12.0; IR (neat): 2927, 2861, 1639, 1489, 1365, 1278, 1136 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 456.1758 [456.1757 calcd for C₂₄H₂₄F₆NO (M+H)⁺].

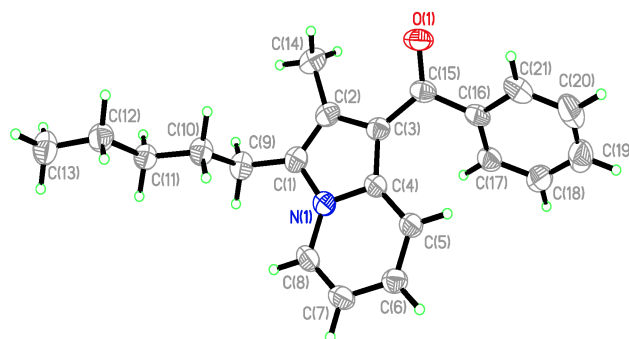


To a solution of *N*-propargylvalerolactam (223 mg, 1.63 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 M in THF, 0.49 mL, 0.49 mmol). After 90 minutes, Et₂O (20 mL) was added and the mixture was filtered through celite. After removing the excess solvent *in vacuo*, the residual was used directly in the Au(I)-catalyzed transformation.

Following the general procedure outlined above for the synthesis of compound **4**, catalyst **5c** (29 mg, 0.033 mmol), 1-butanol (0.30 mL) and 4'-fluoroacetophenone (2.62 mL) were added to *N*-(1,2-propadienyl)valerolactam (**15**, 90 mg, 0.66 mmol). After 18 hours, the reaction was worked up and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 85:15 hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford 7 mg (8% yield) of **16** as a clear oil that decomposes both during purification and upon standing. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.97 (m, 5H), 1.68-1.79 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 192.2, 136.5, 131.0 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 120.2, 119.2, 119.0, 115.0 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 53.4, 45.3, 30.9, 24.3, 22.9, 20.4, 12.2; IR (neat): 3280, 2942, 2850, 1722, 1613, 1471, 1242 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* 258.1262 [258.1289 calcd for C₁₆H₁₇FNO (M+H)⁺].

B. Optimization Studies

entry	modification or additive	Compound 4 (% yield)
1	—	54
2	MgSO ₄	54
3	Na ₂ SO ₄	55
4	CaSO ₄	53
5	molecular sieves	58
6	K ₂ CO ₃	53
7	pyridine	38
8	morpholine	16
9	TsOH	42
10	160 °C	42

C. Experimental Details for the X-ray Crystal Structure of Compound 4**Figure 1.** ORTEP of Indolizine **4** Solved at 0.72 Å Resolution

A colorless chunk-shaped crystal with dimensions 0.27×0.27×0.15 mm³ was mounted on a nylon loop with paratone oil. Data were collected using a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems low-temperature device, operating at $T = 173(2)$ K.

Data were measured using ϕ and ω scans of 1.00° per frame for 20.00 s using CuK α radiation (sealed tube, 40 kV, 30 mA). The total number of runs and images was based on the strategy calculation from the program COSMO.¹ The actually achieved resolution was $\Theta = 71.969$. Cell parameters were retrieved using the SAINT software² and refined using SAINT on 8646 reflections, 76 % of the observed reflections. Data reduction was performed using the SAINT software which corrects for Lorentz polarization. The final completeness is 98.80 out to 71.969 in Θ . The absorption coefficient μ of this material is 0.563 at this wavelength ($\lambda = 1.54178$) and the minimum and maximum transmissions are 0.6895 and 0.7535.

The structure was solved in the space group P2₁2₁2₁ (# 19) by Direct Methods using the **ShelXS** structure solution program.³ The structure was refined by Least Squares using version 2014/6 of XL incorporated in Olex2.⁴ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model. There is a single molecule in the asymmetric unit, which is represented by the reported sum formula. In other words: Z is 4 and Z' is 1. The Flack parameter was refined to 0.05(11). Determination of absolute structure using Bayesian statistics on Bijvoet differences using the Olex2 results in 0.07(11). Note: The Flack parameter is used to determine chirality of the crystal studied, the value should be near 0, a value of 1 means that the stereochemistry is wrong and the model should be inverted. A value of 0.5 means that the crystal consists of a racemic mixture of the two enantiomers.

¹ COSMO-V1.61, *Software for the CCD Detector Systems for Determining Data Collection Parameters*. Bruker Analytical X-ray Systems, Madison, WI (2009).

² SAINT-8.34A-2013. *Software for the Integration of CCD Detector System*. Bruker Analytical X-ray Systems, Madison, WI (2013).

³ Sheldrick, G. M. "A short history of ShelX" *Acta Cryst.*, **2008**, A64, 339-341.

⁴ Dolomanov, O. V.; Bourhis, L. J.; Gildea, R. J.; Howard, J. A. K.; Puschmann, H. "Olex2: A complete structure solution, refinement and analysis program" *J. Appl. Cryst.*, **2009**, 42, 339-341.

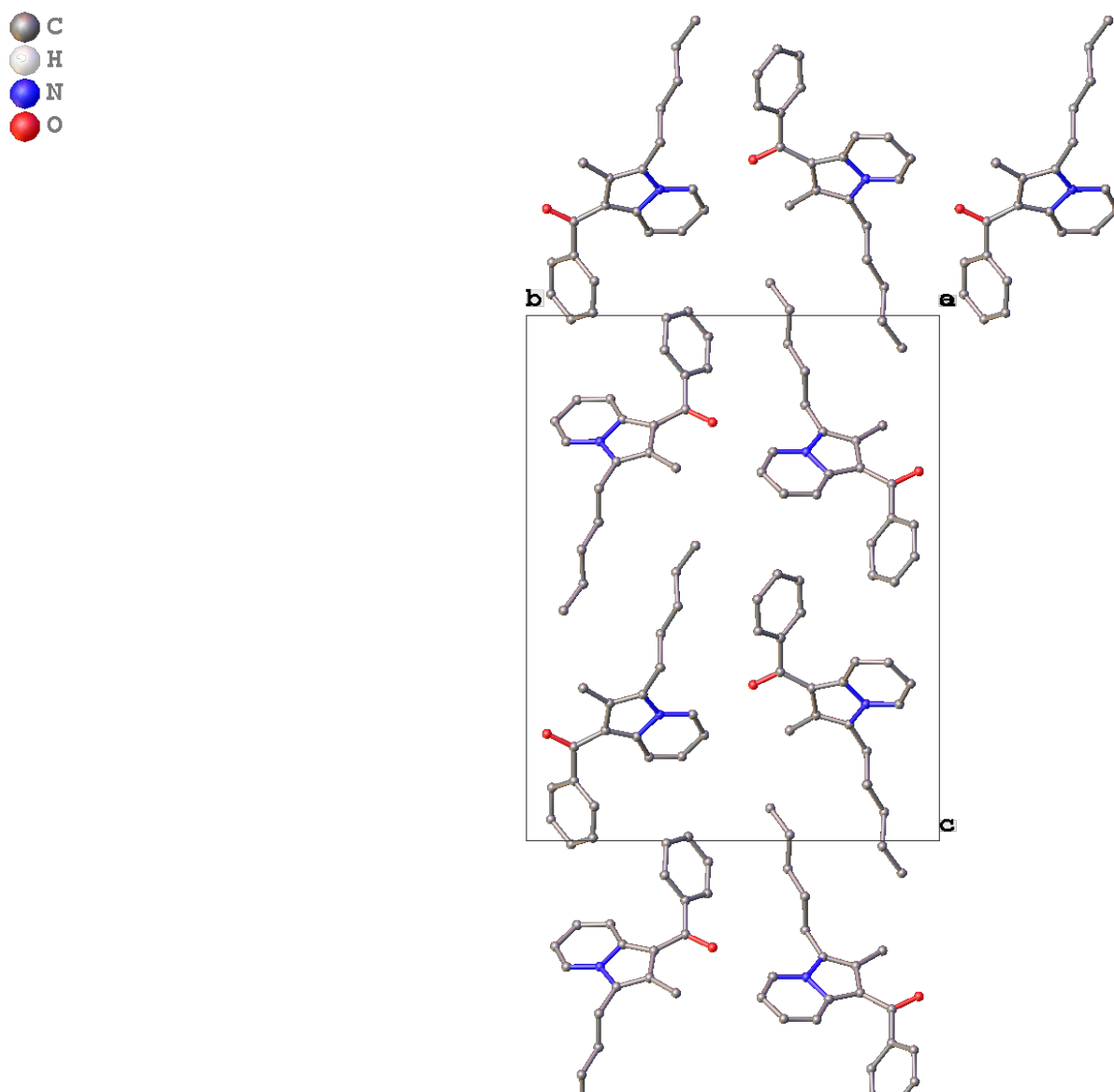
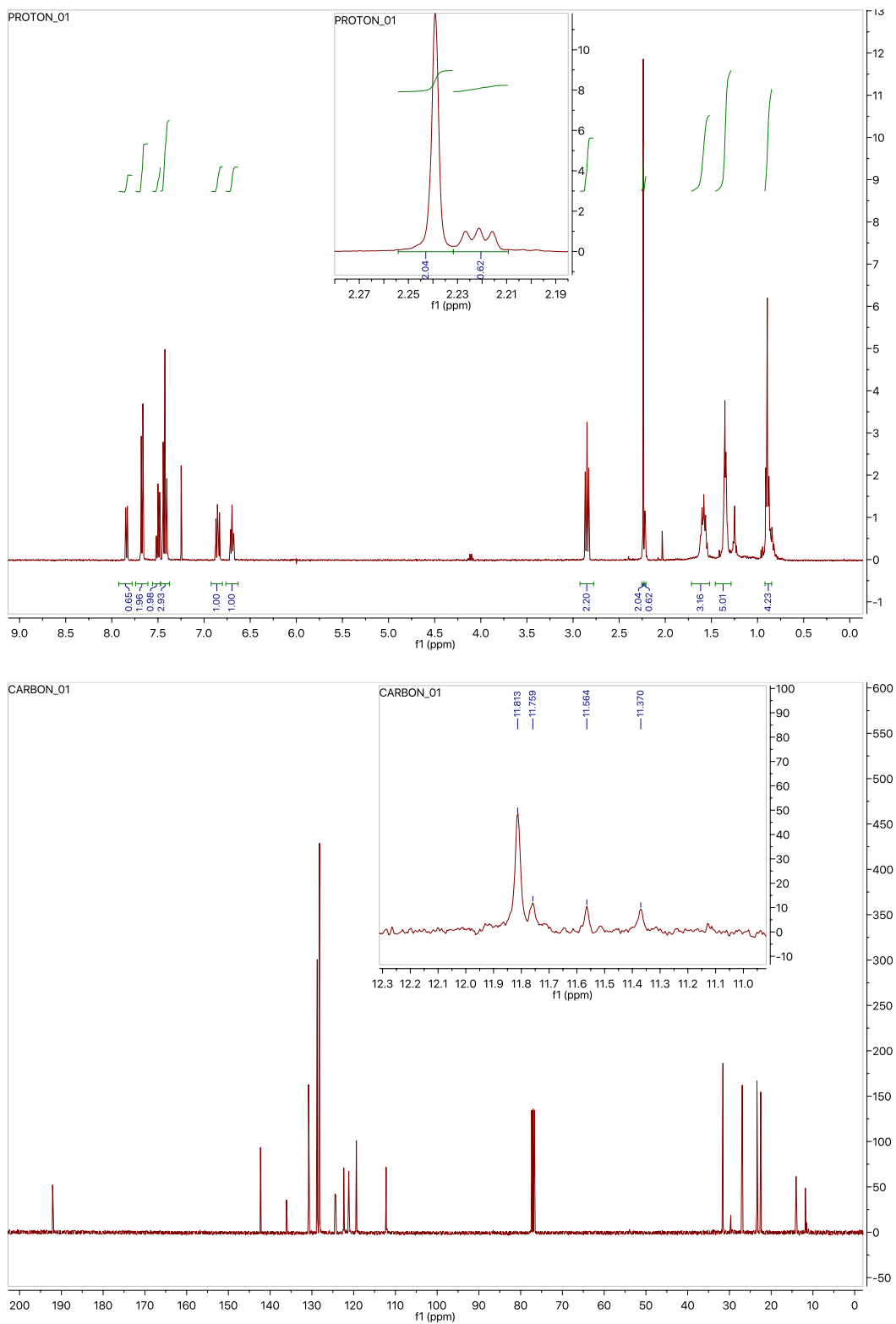
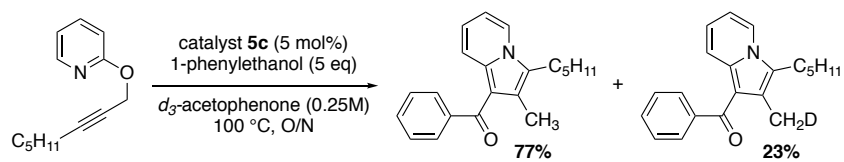


Figure 2. Solid state packing diagram for compound 4.

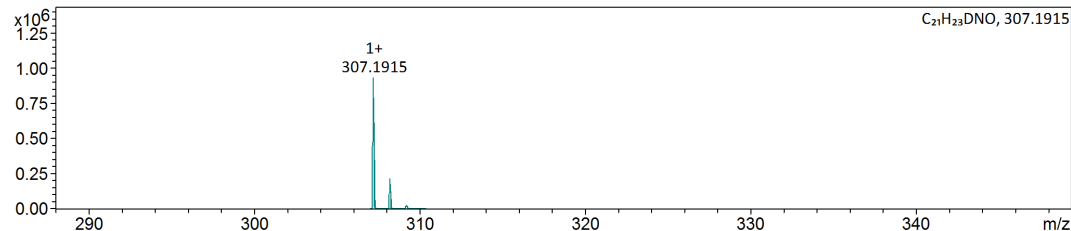
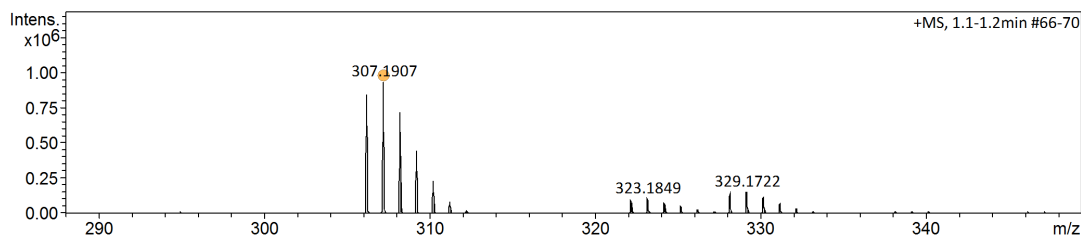
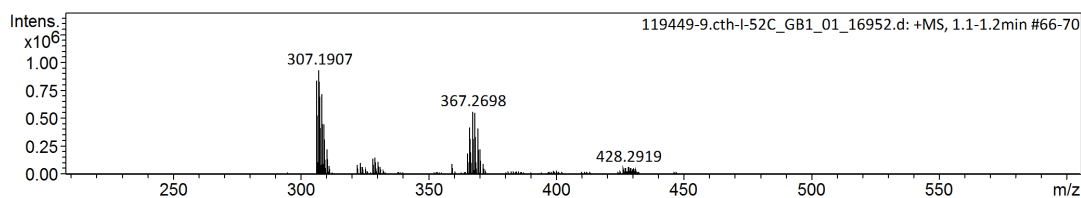
D. ^1H , ^{13}C NMR, and HRMS of Isotopically Labelled Indolizine 4/4'

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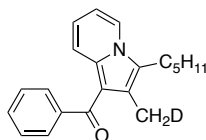
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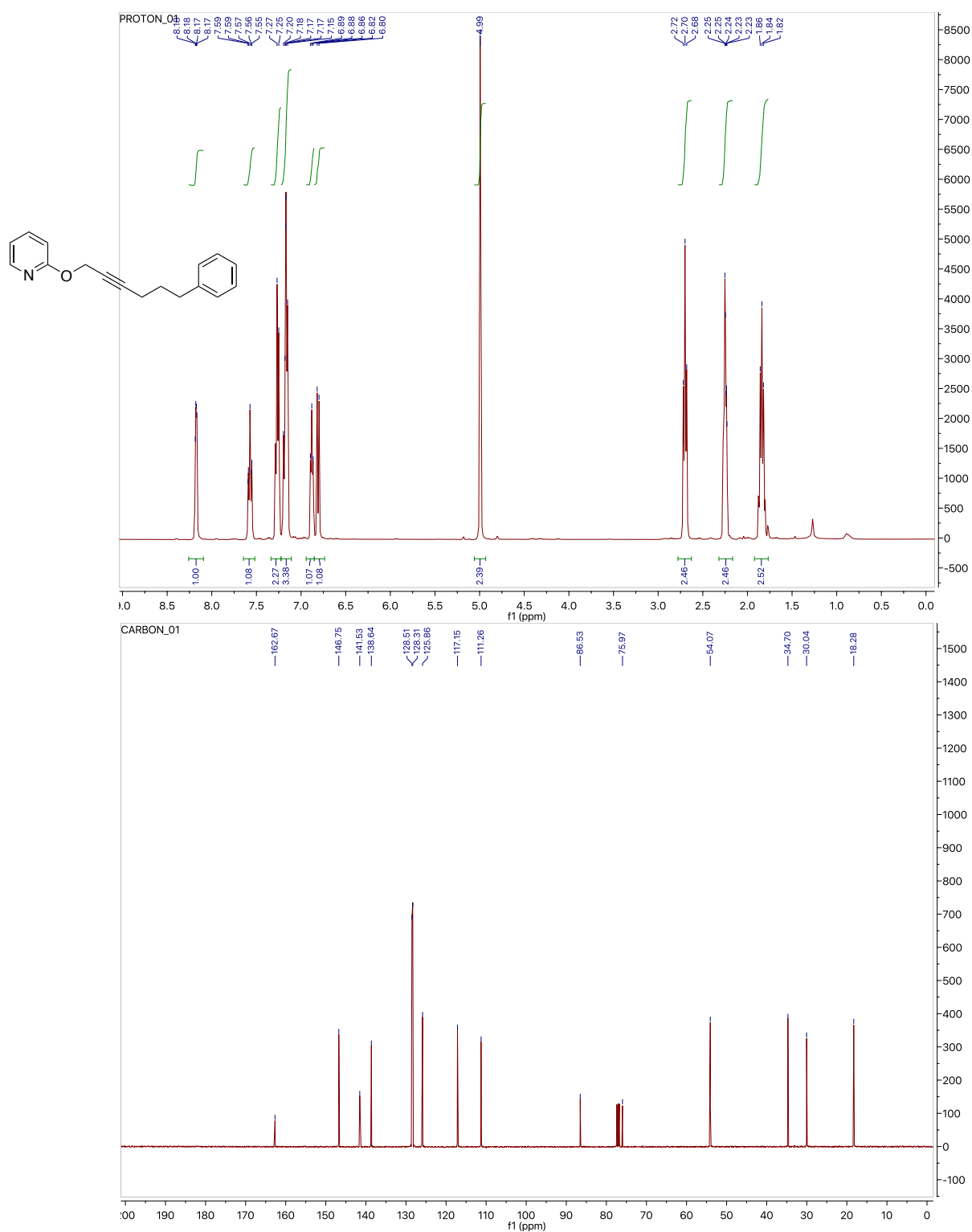
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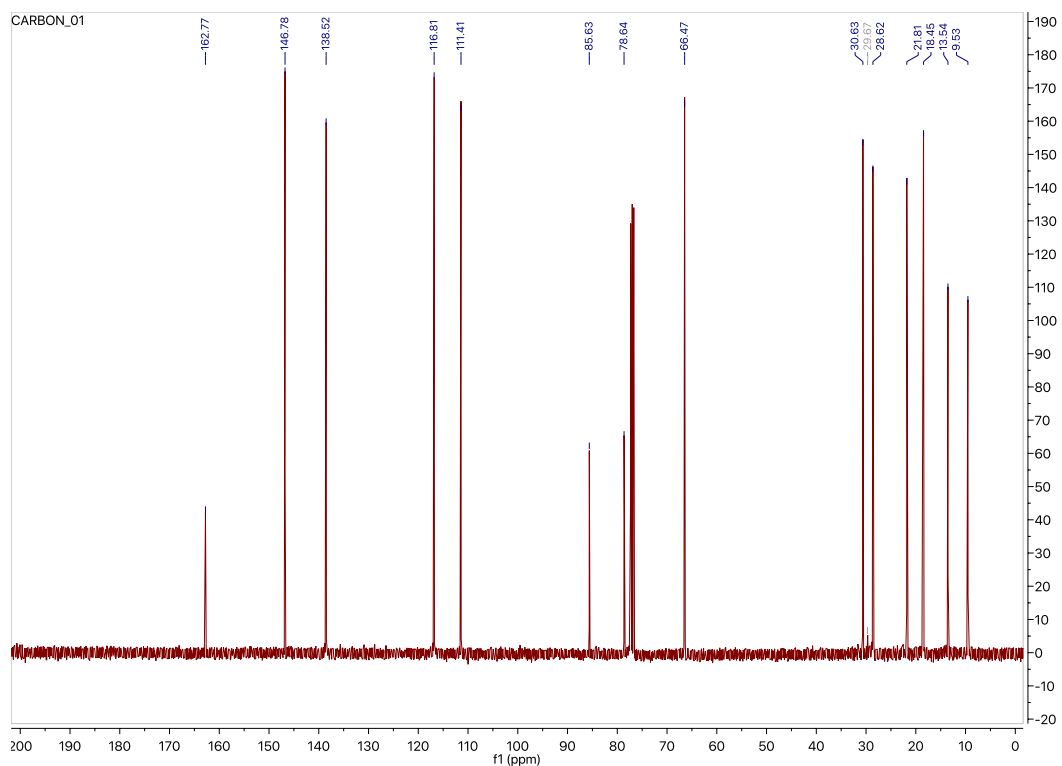
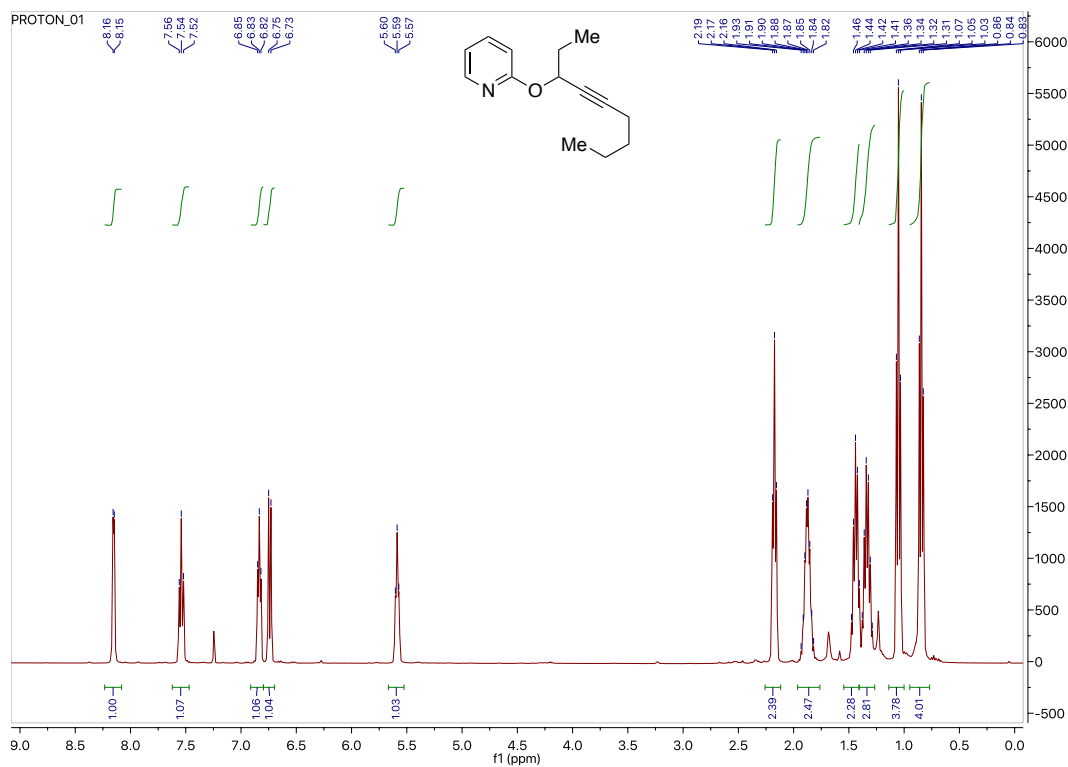
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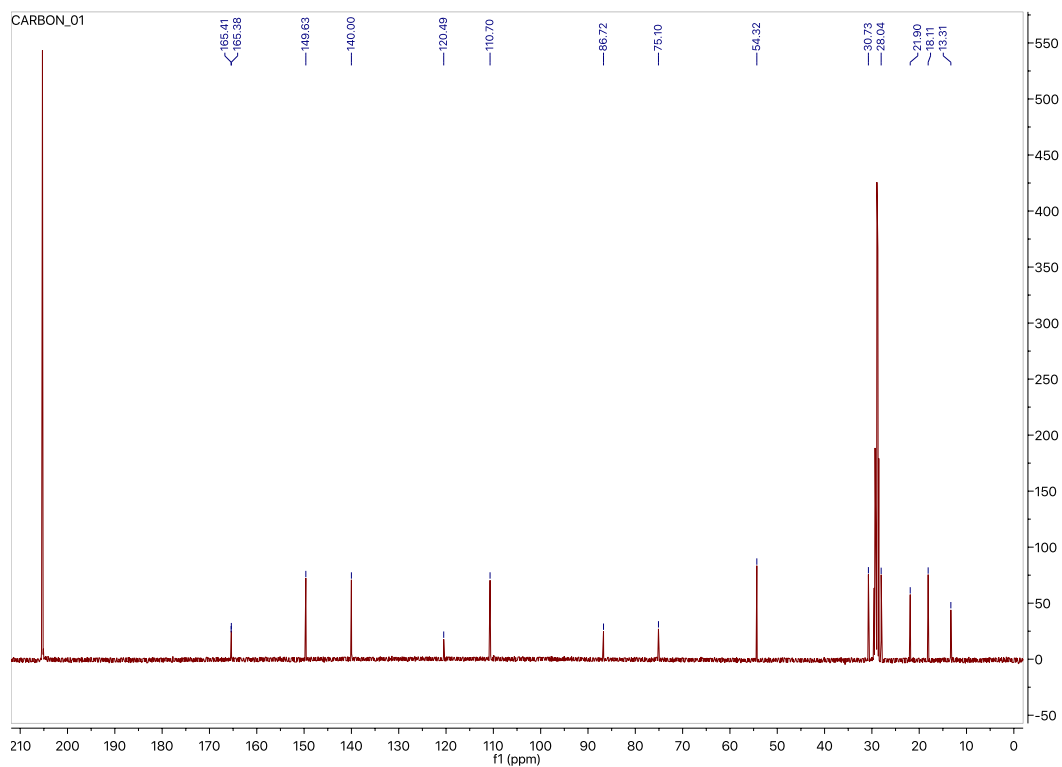
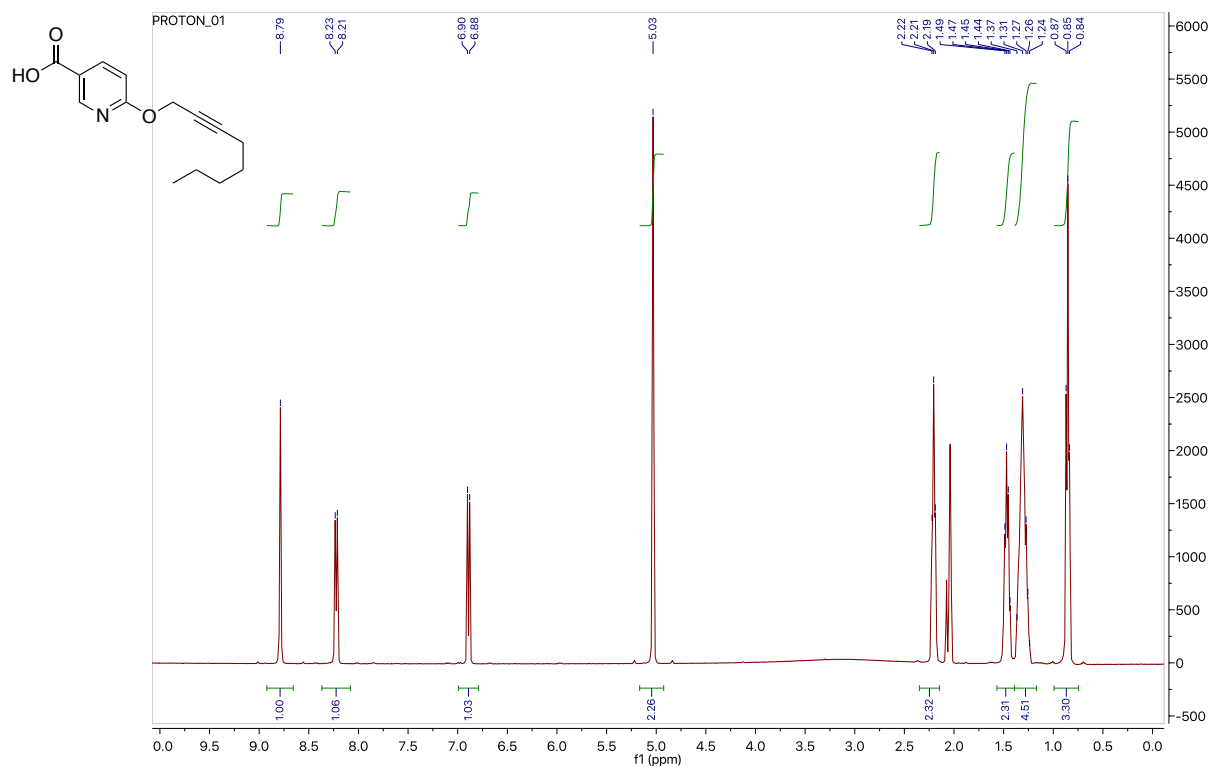
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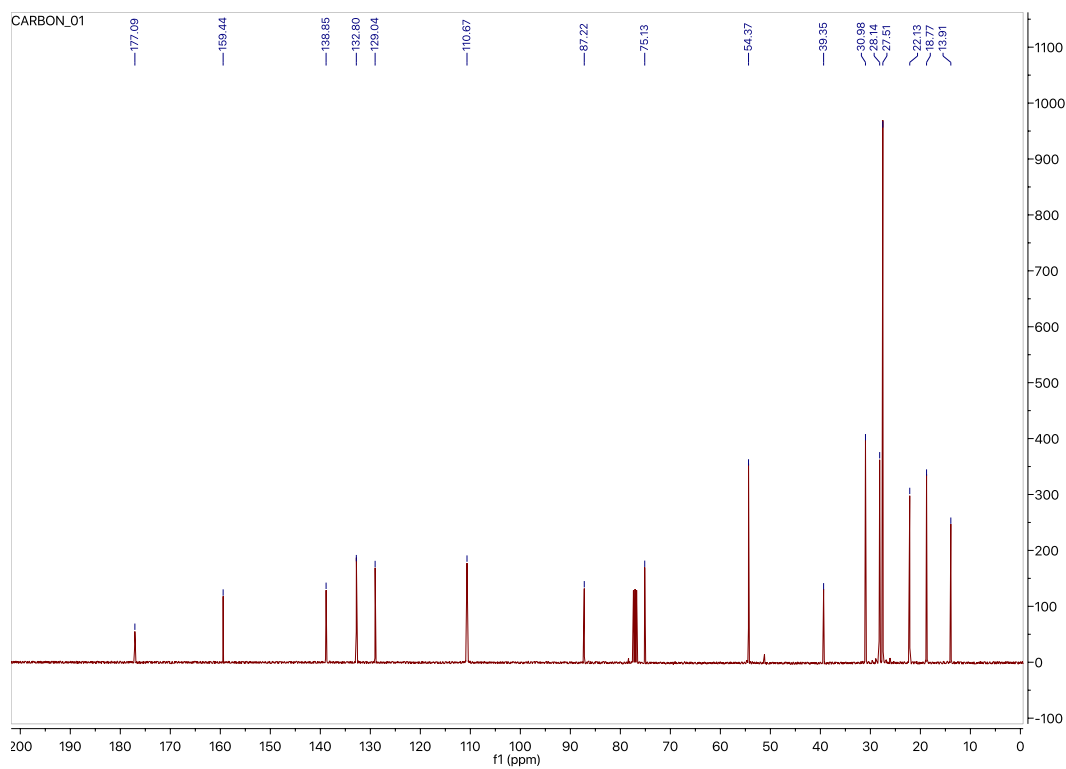
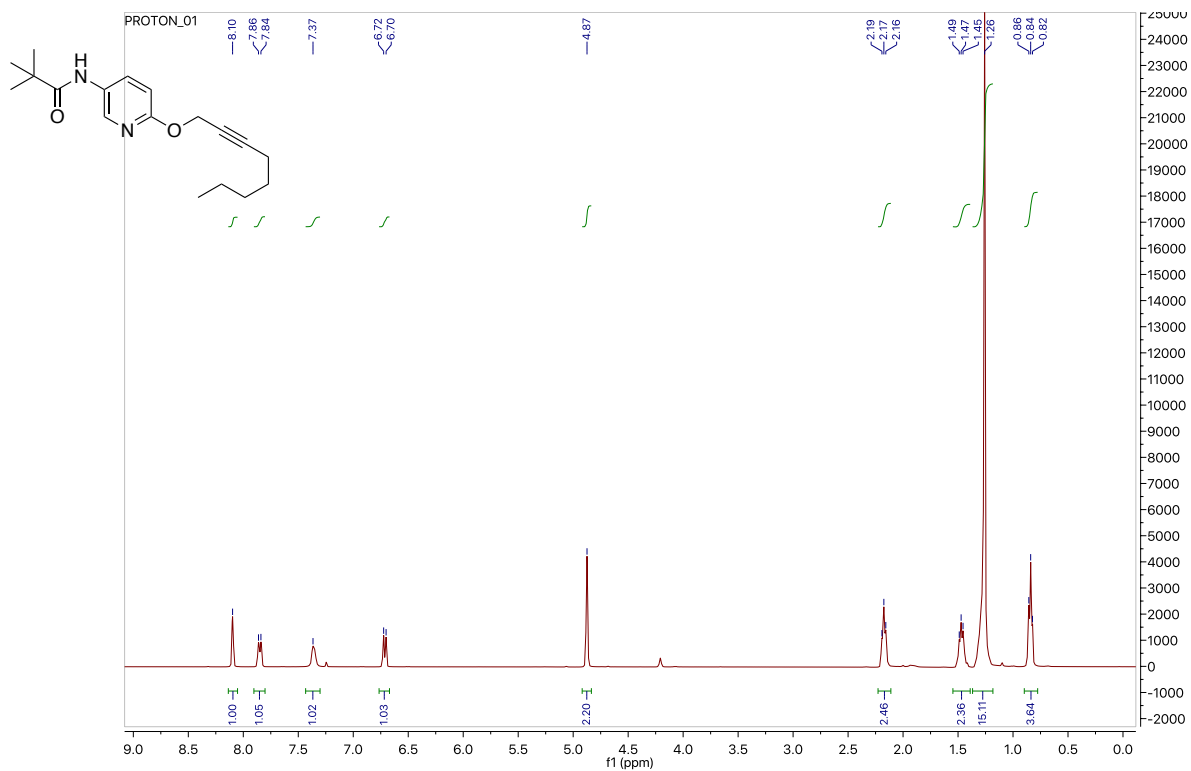
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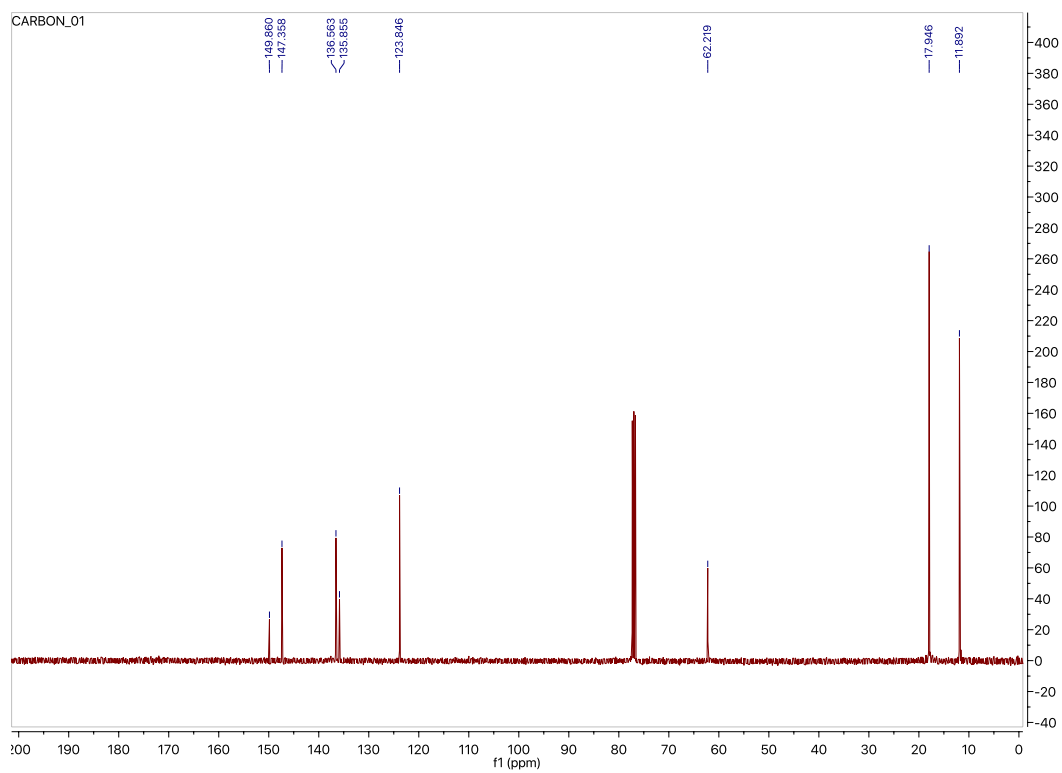
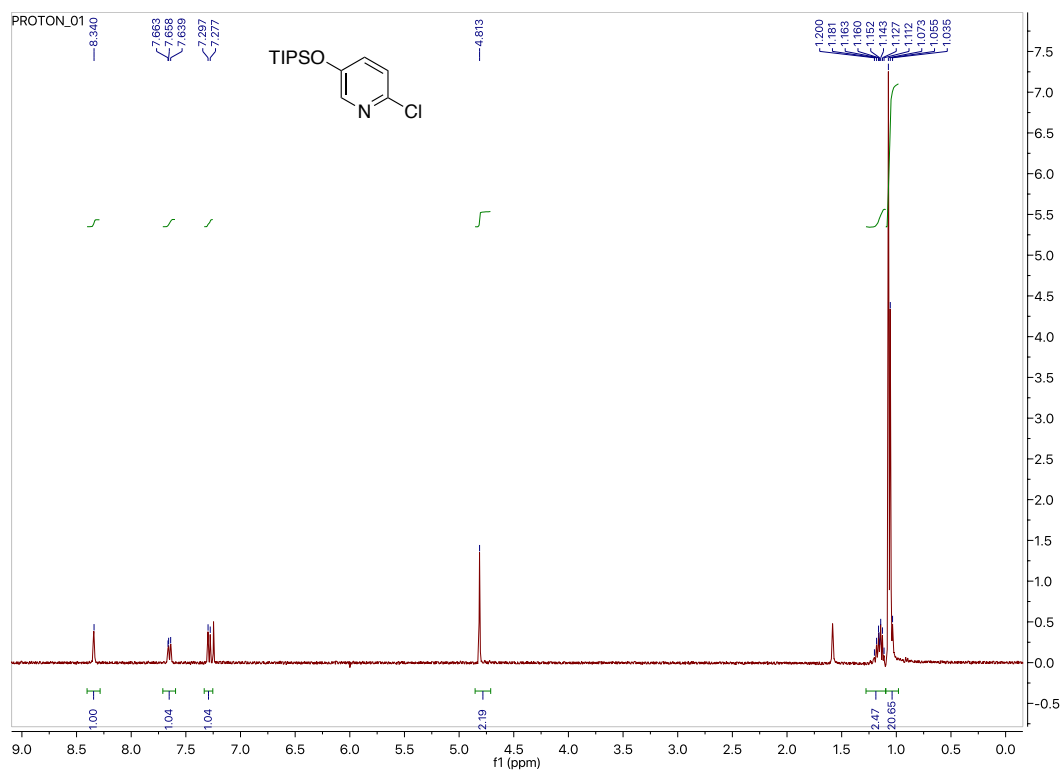
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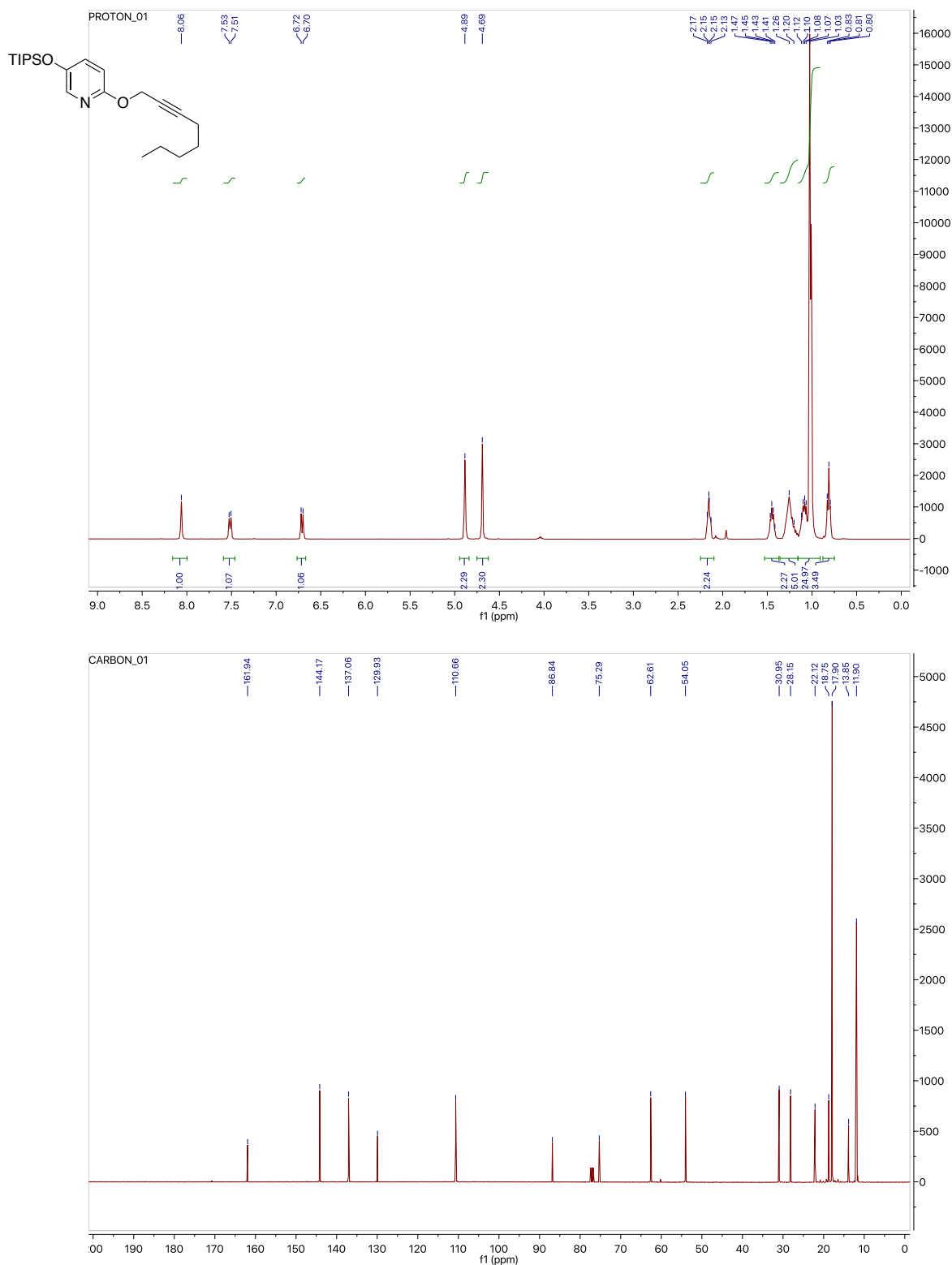


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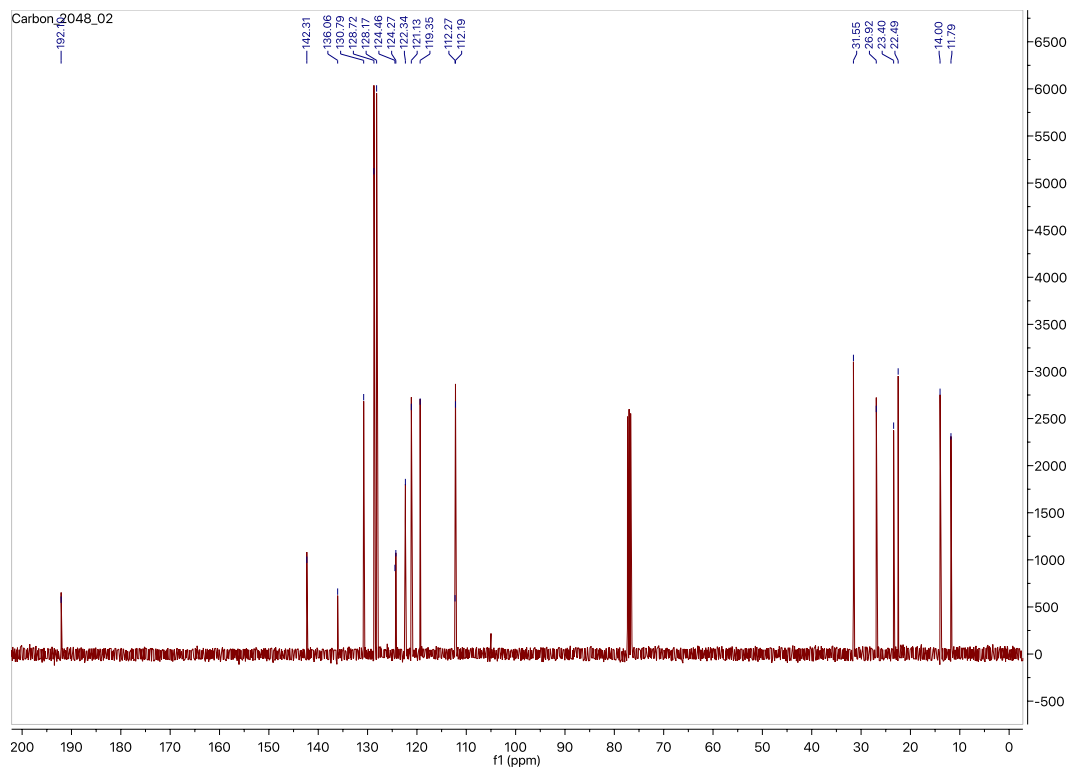
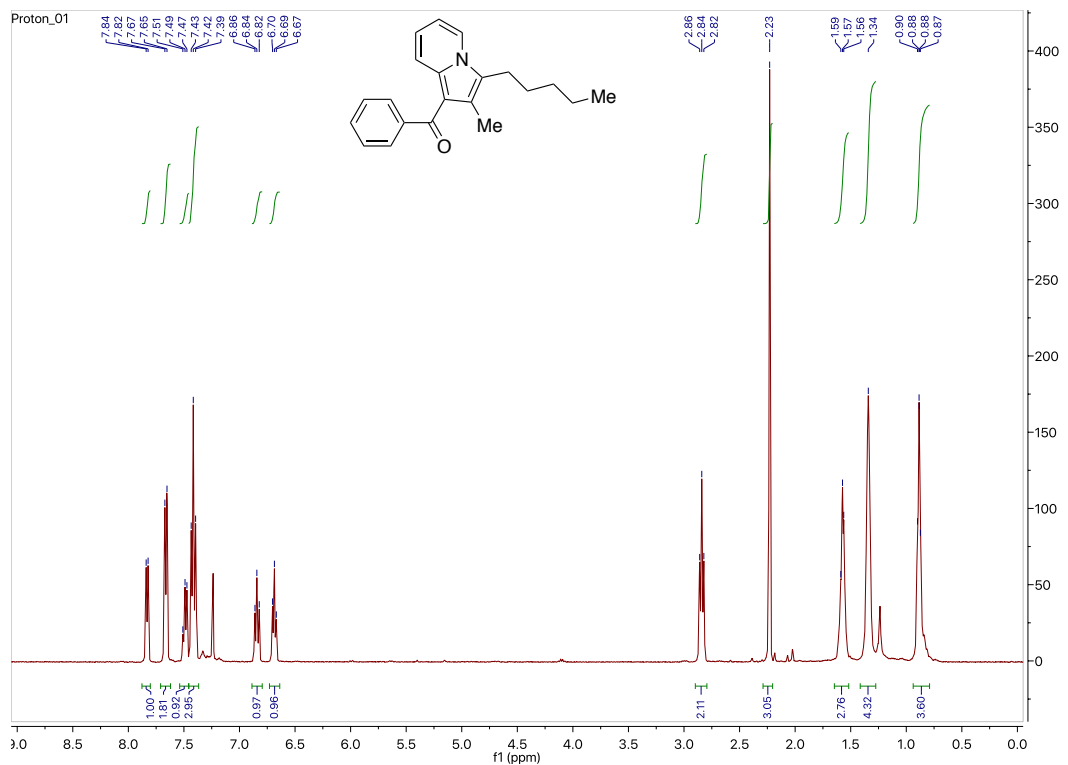


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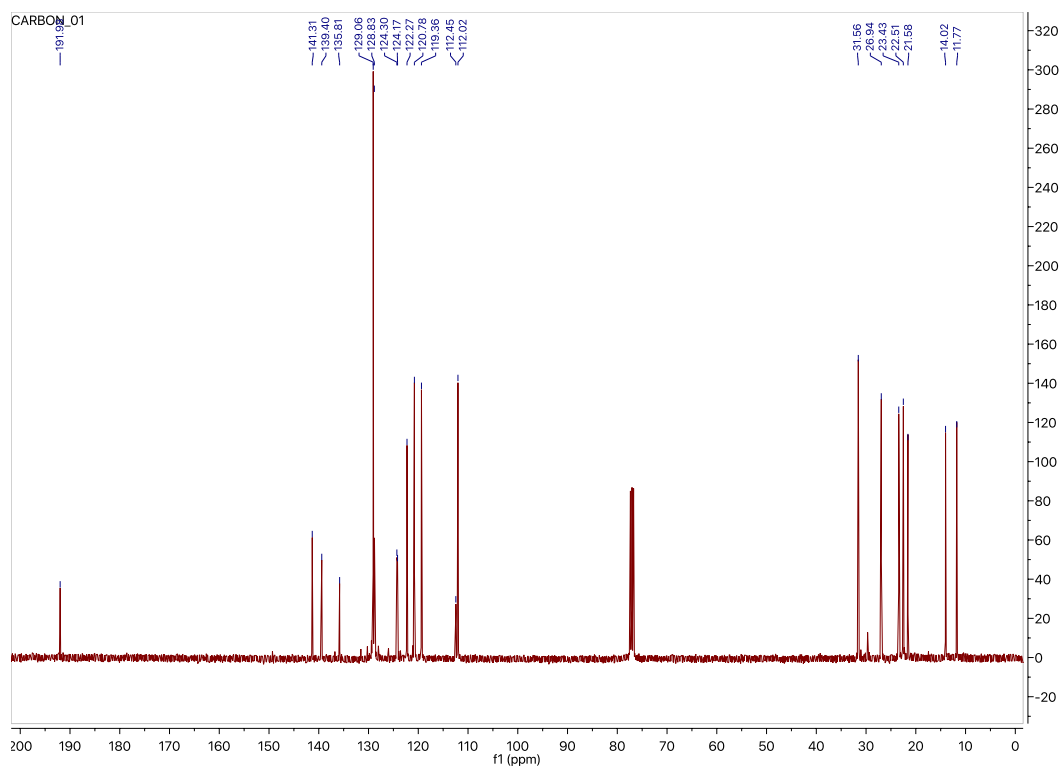
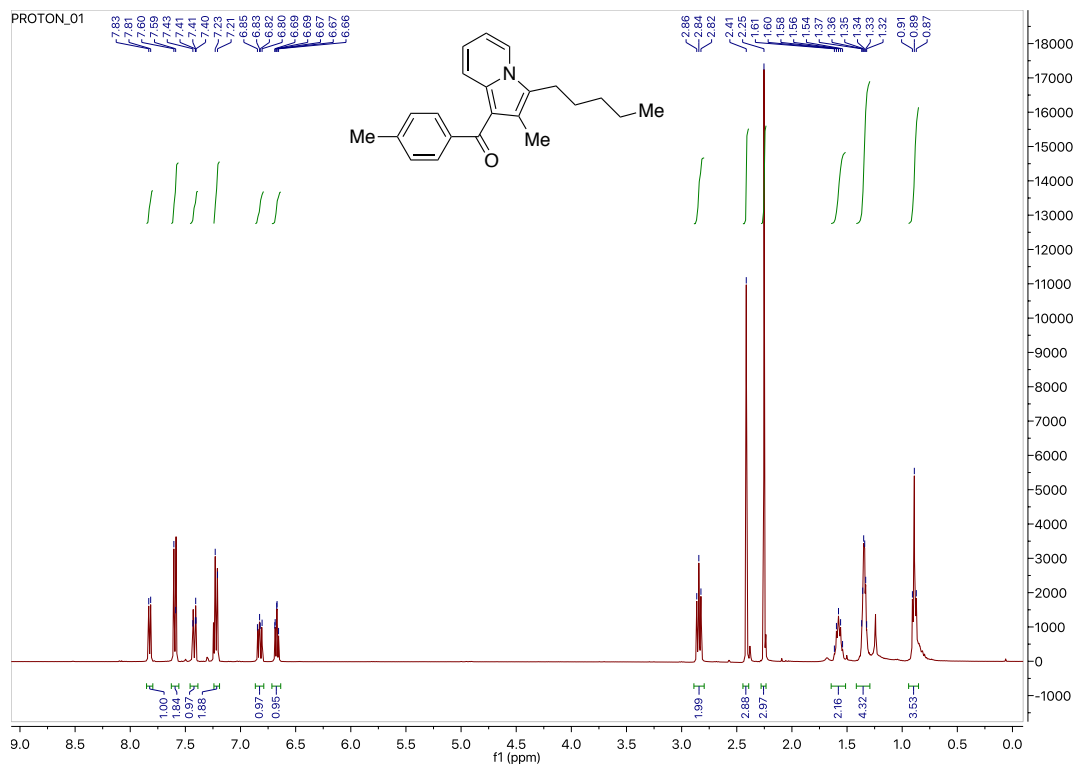




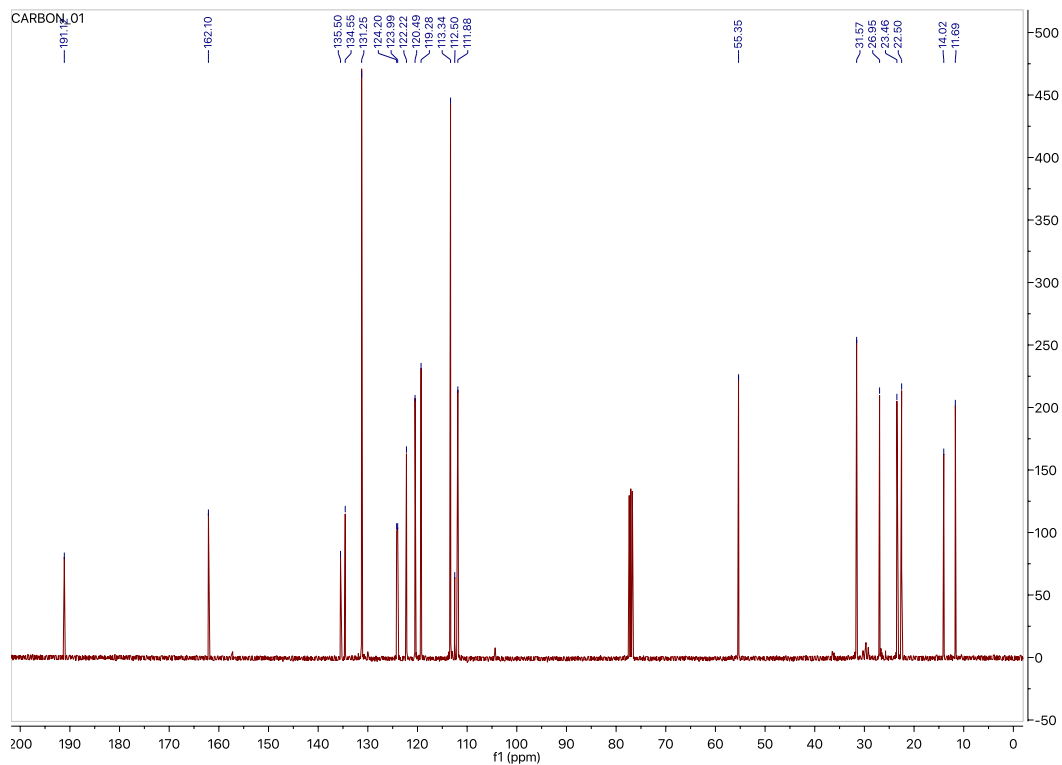
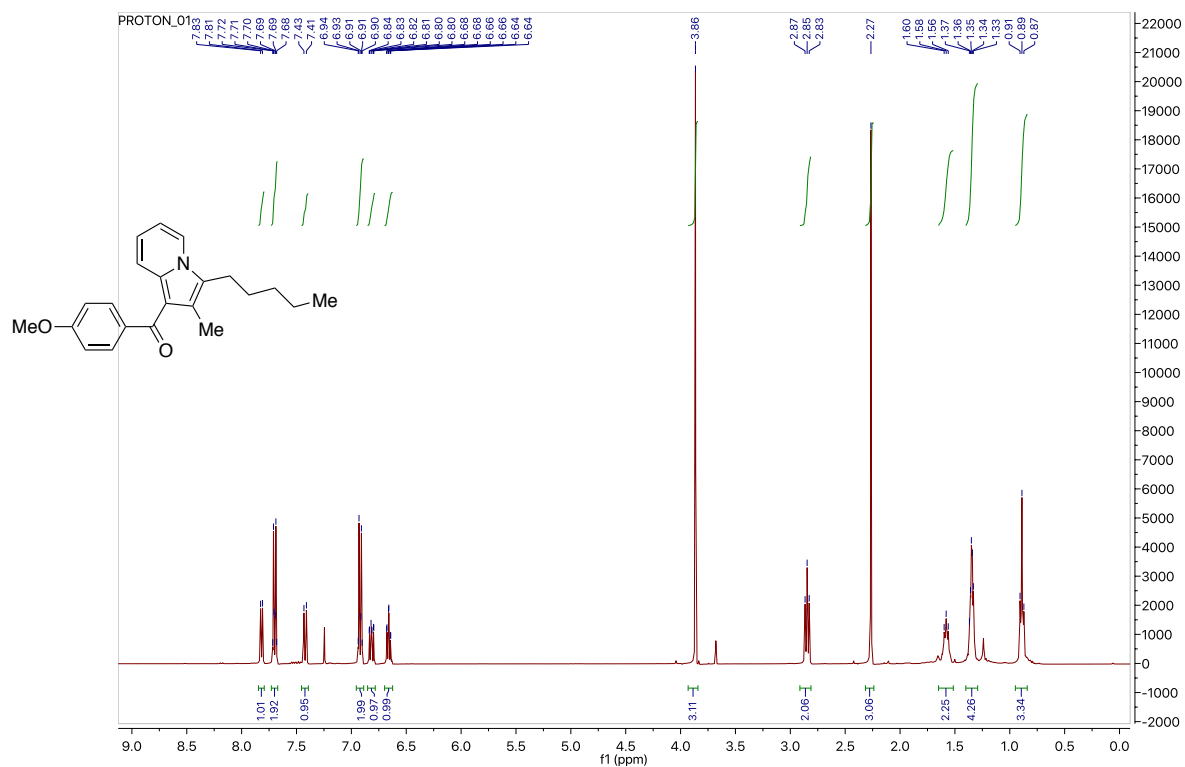
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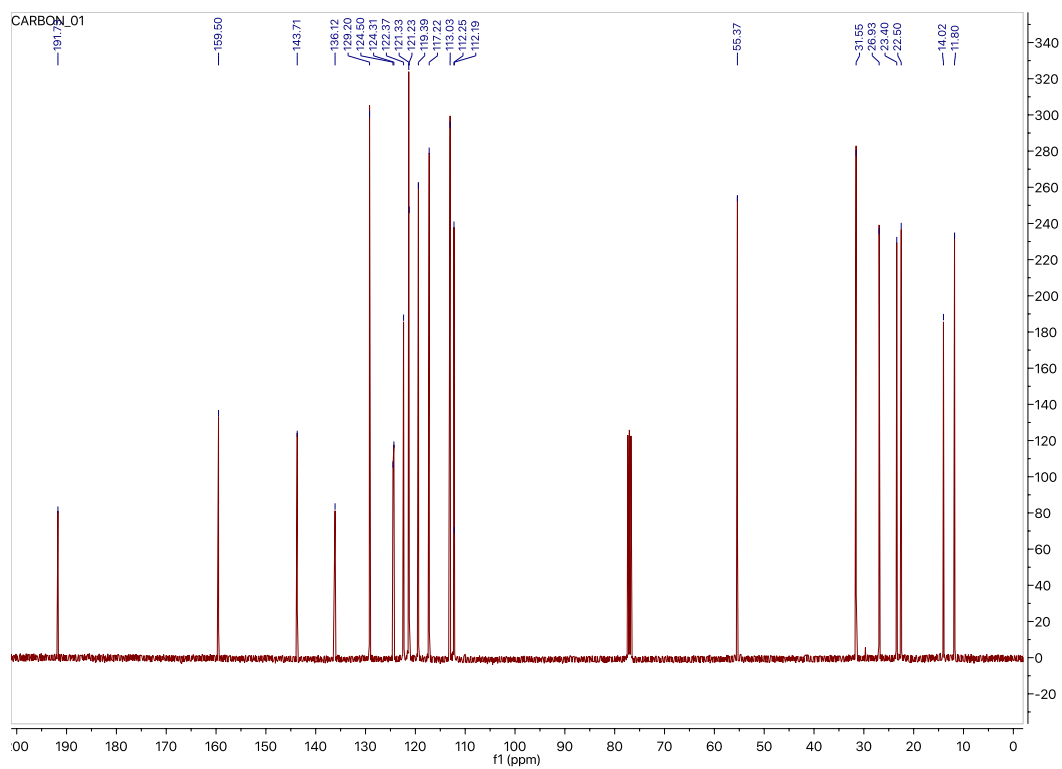
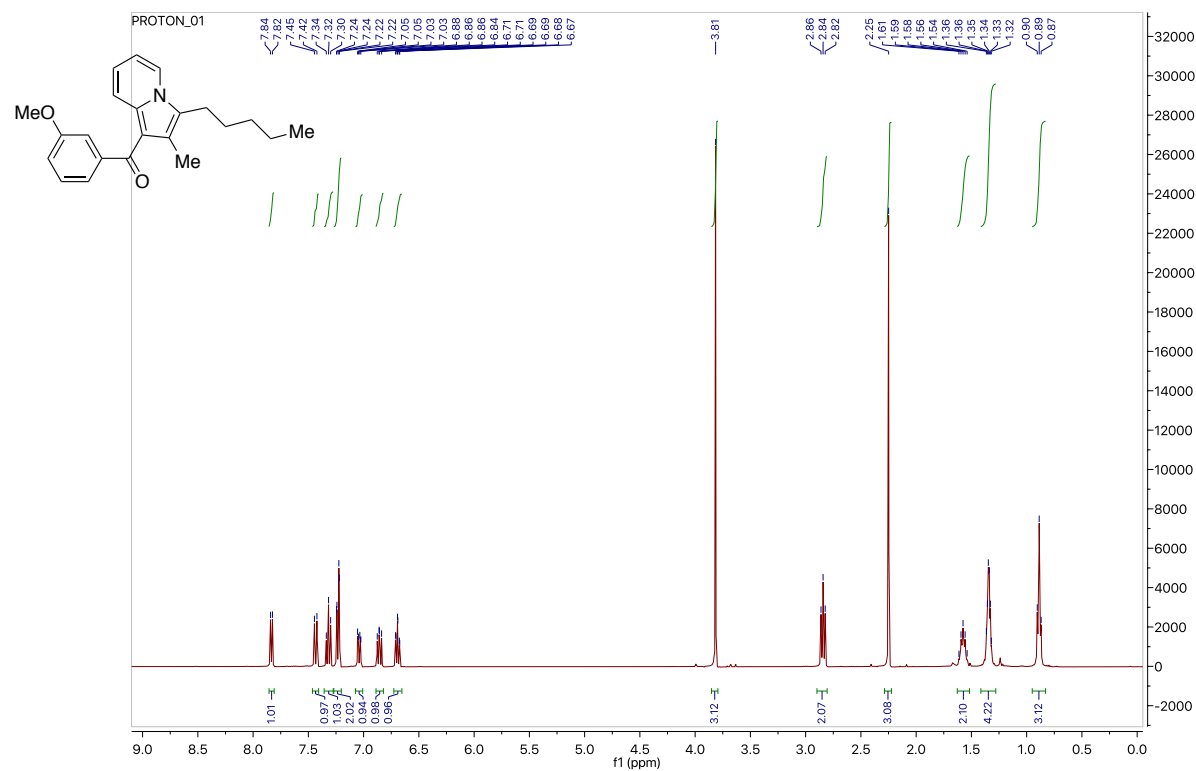
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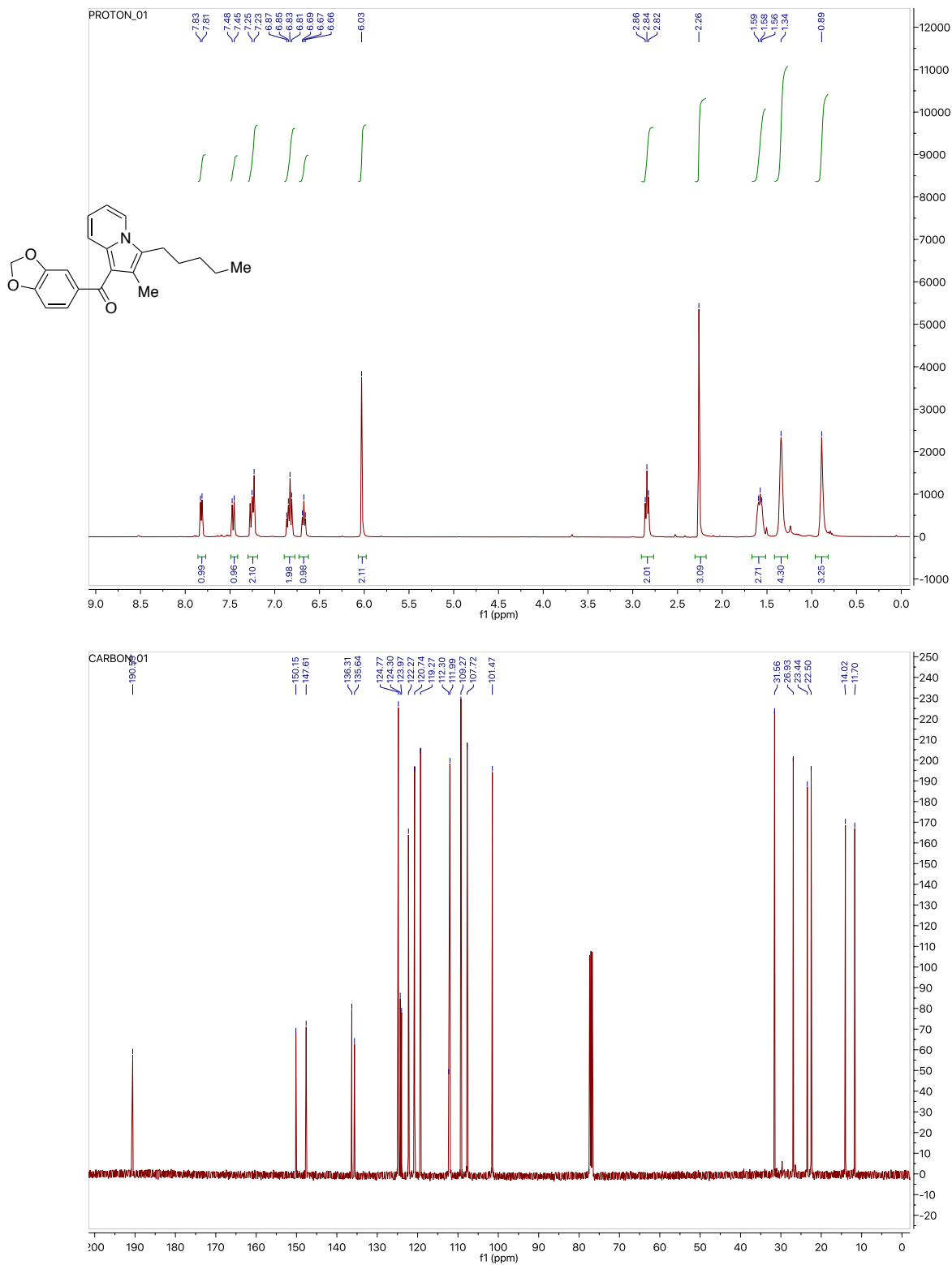
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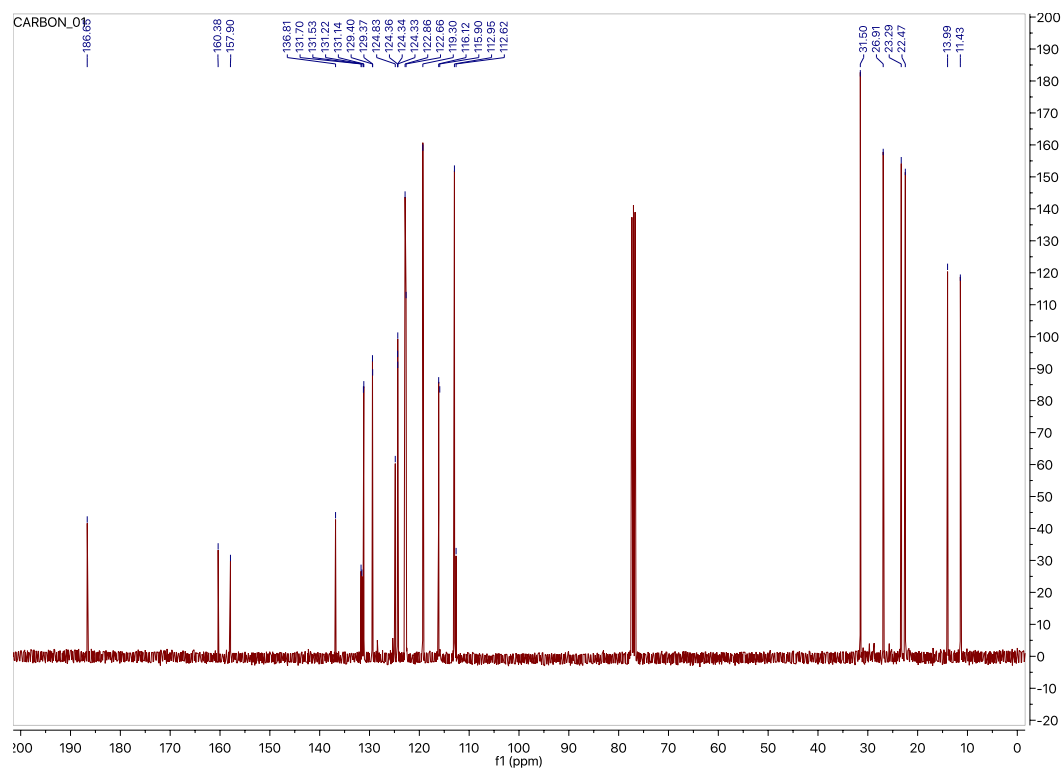
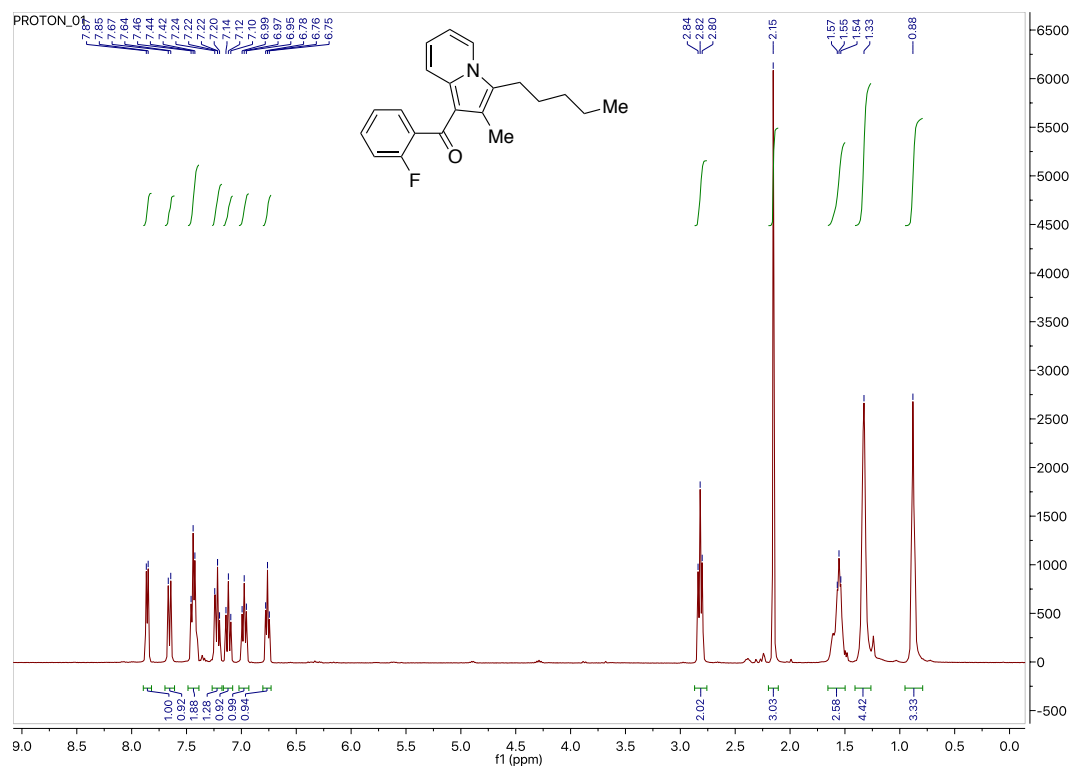
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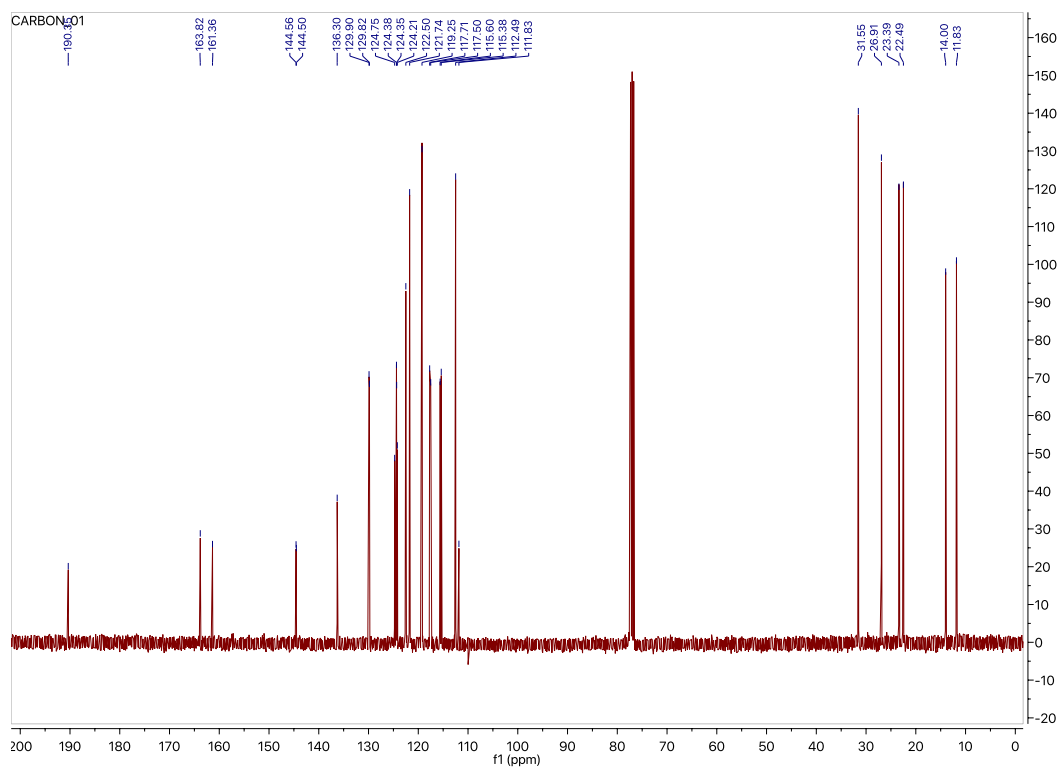
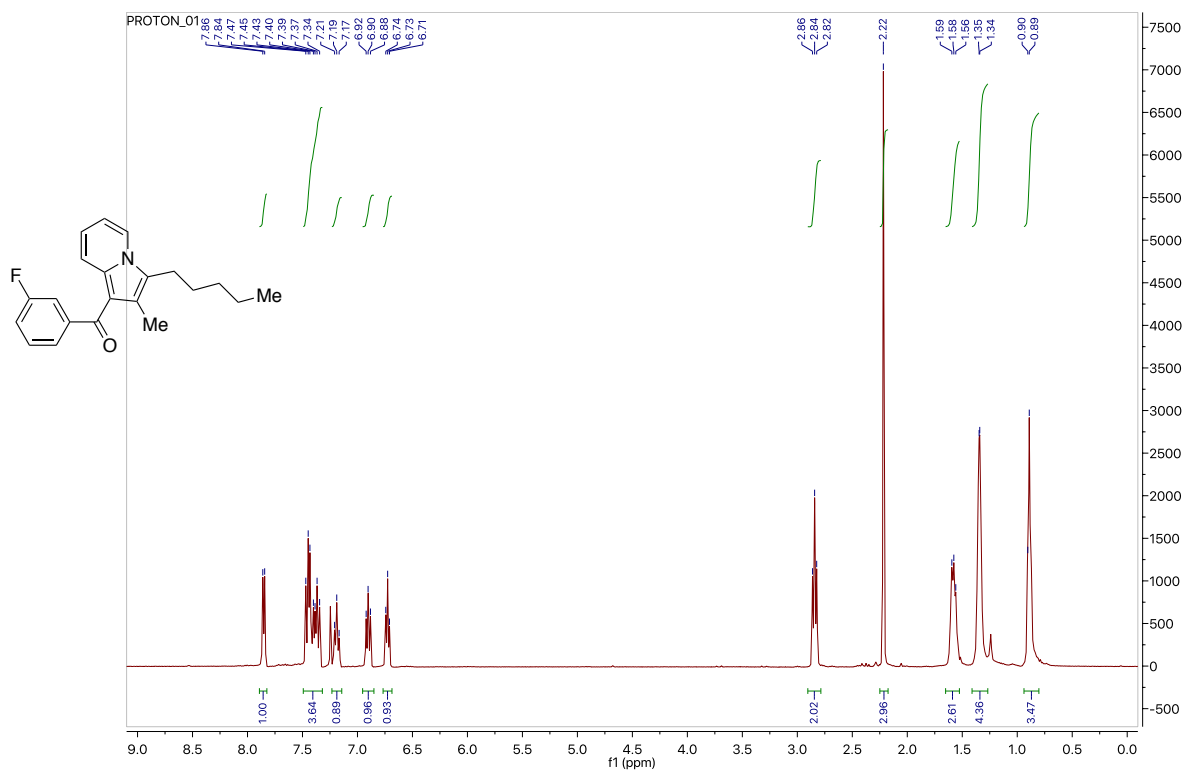
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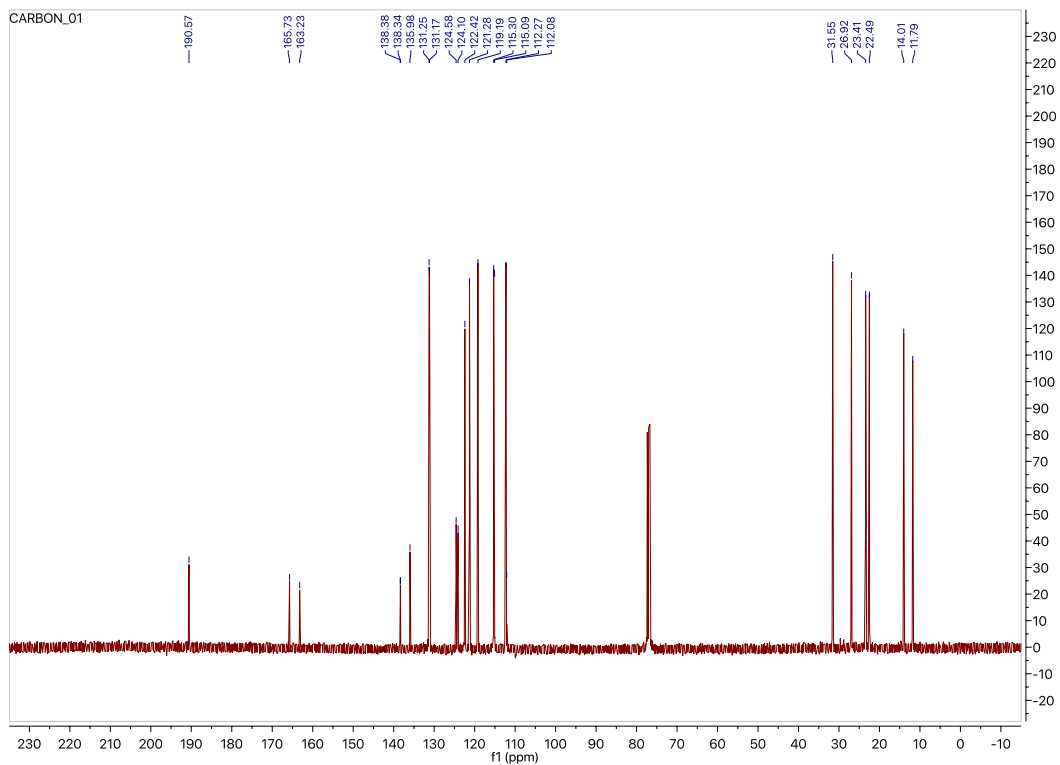
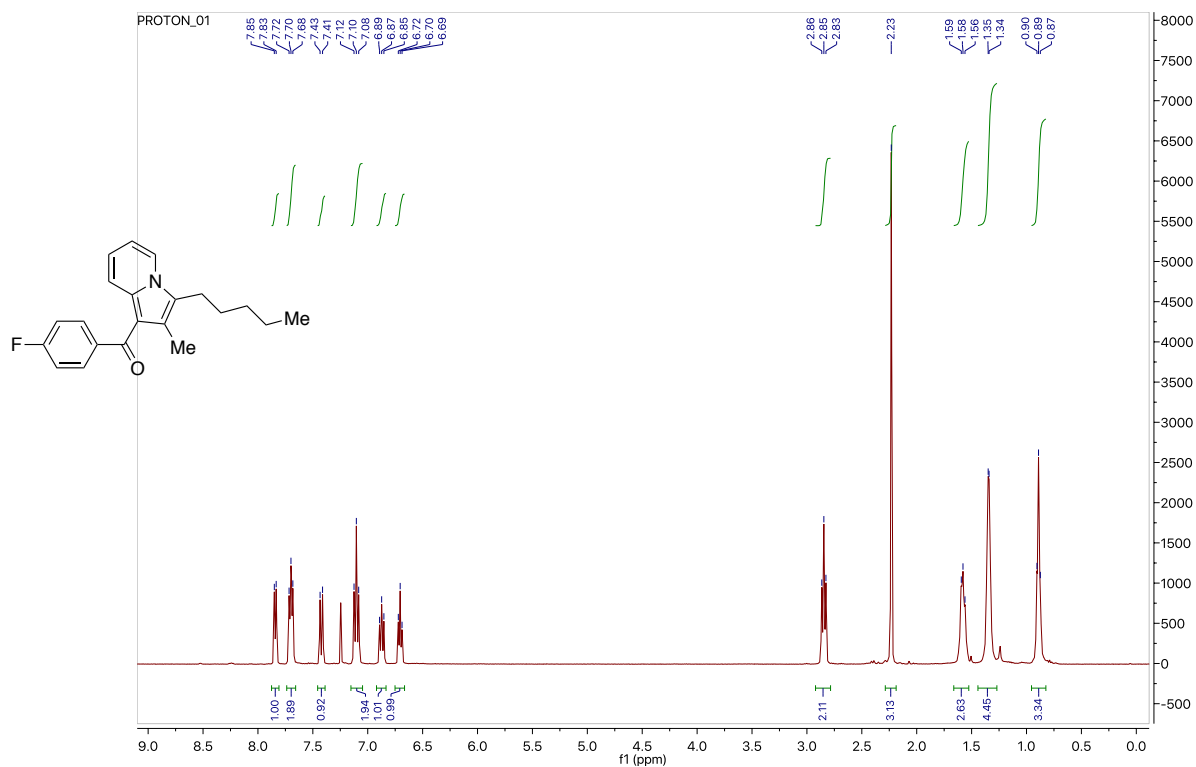
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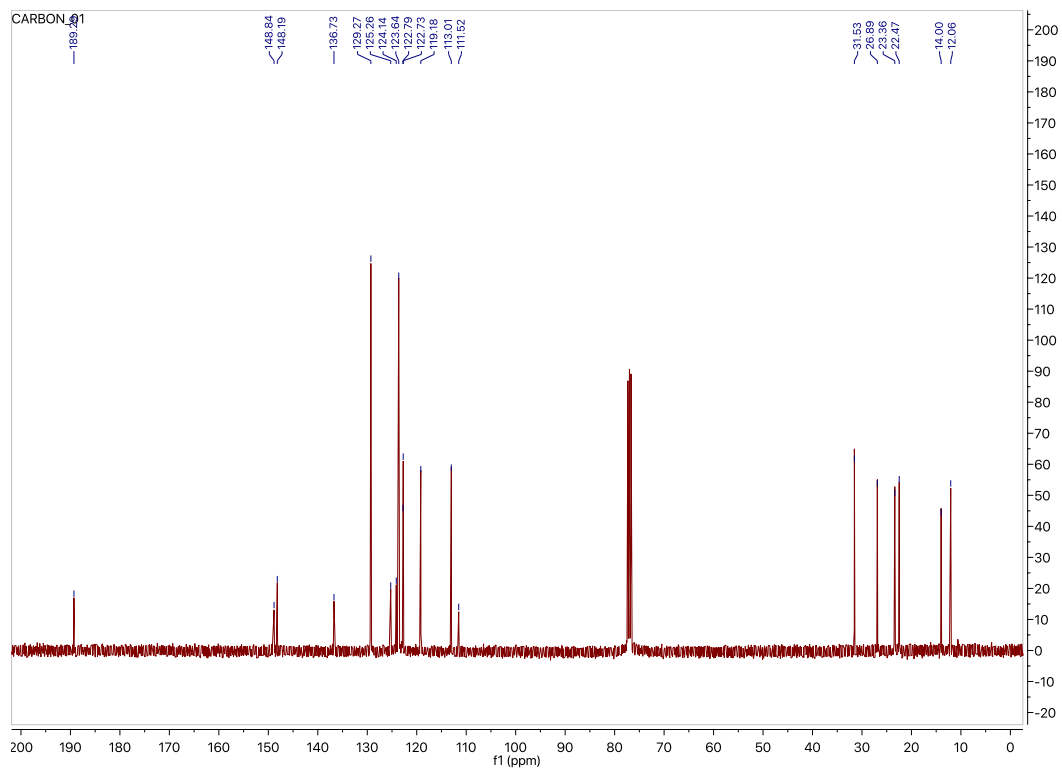
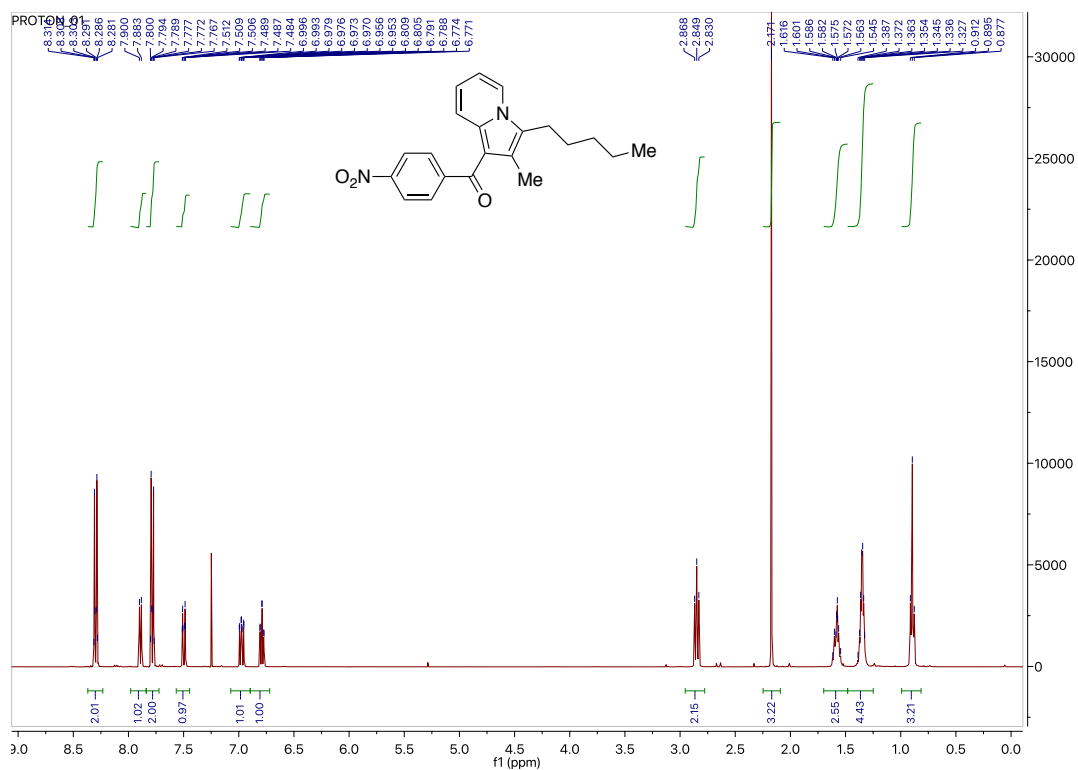
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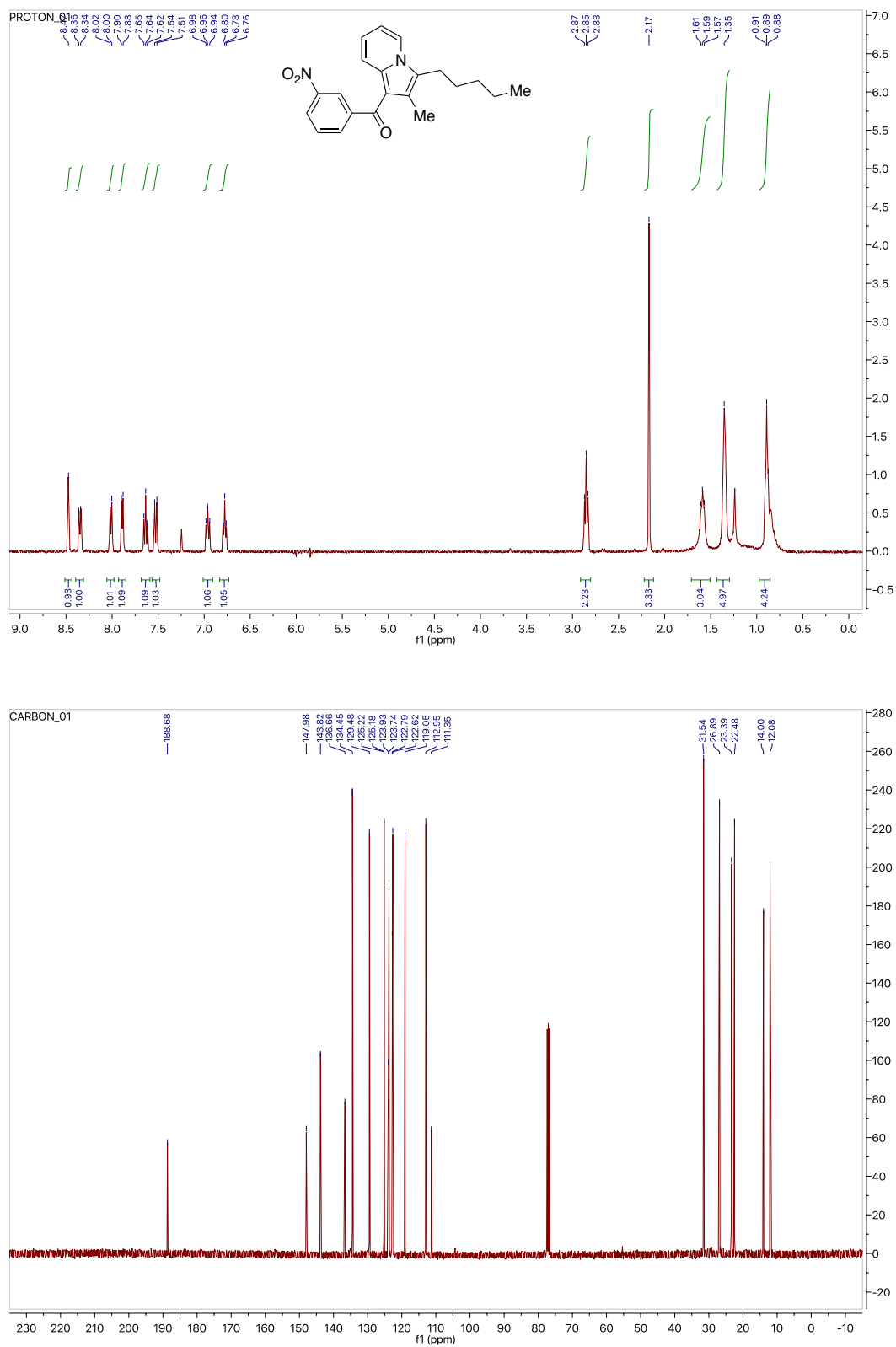
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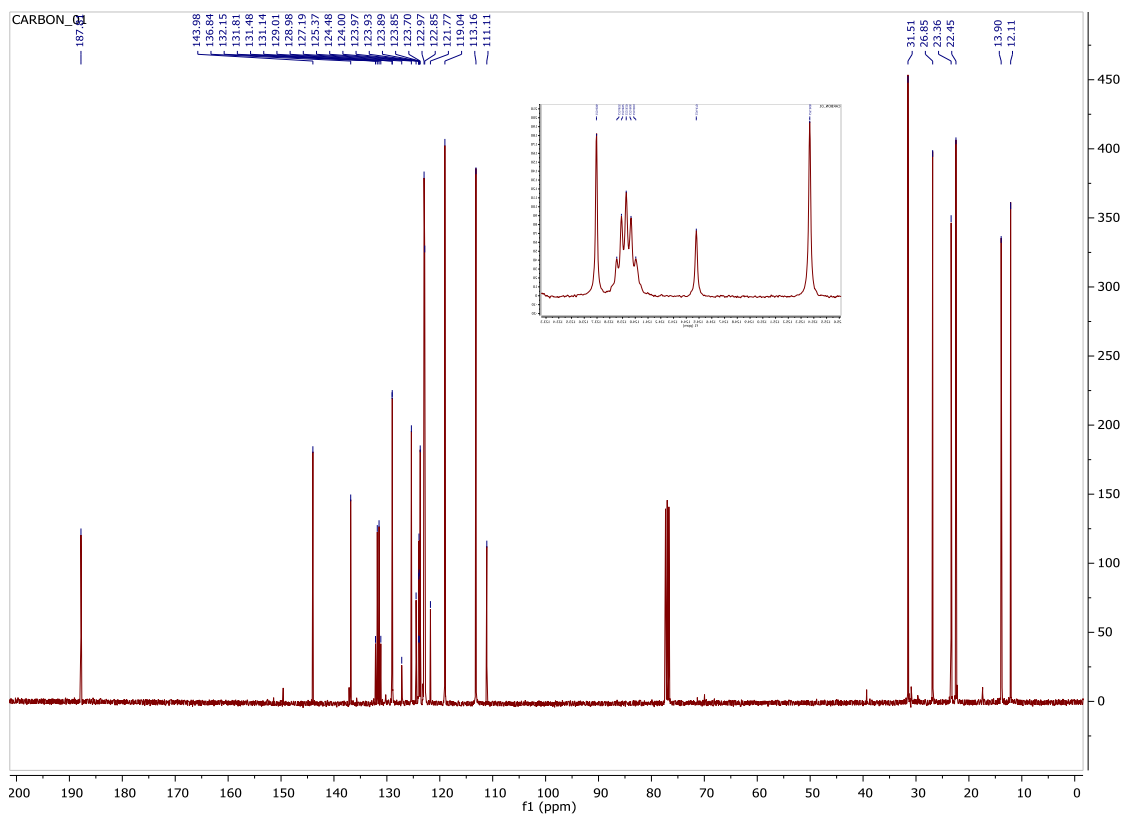
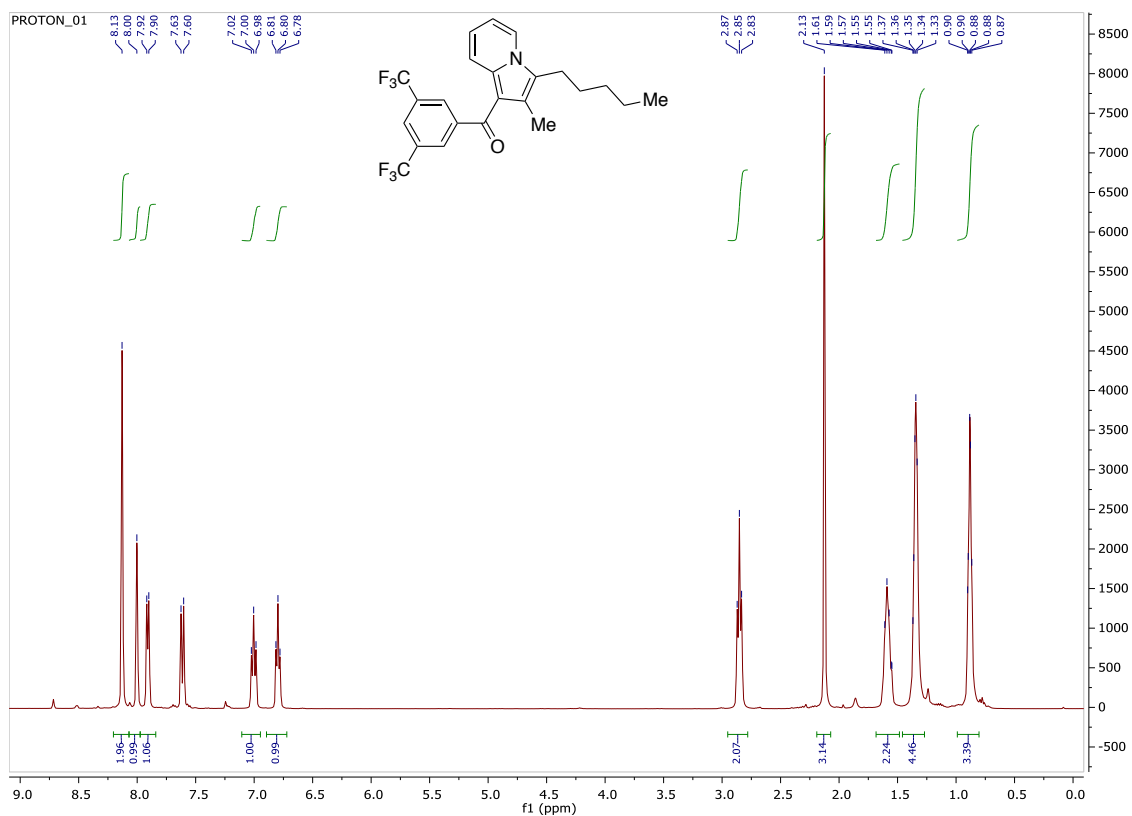
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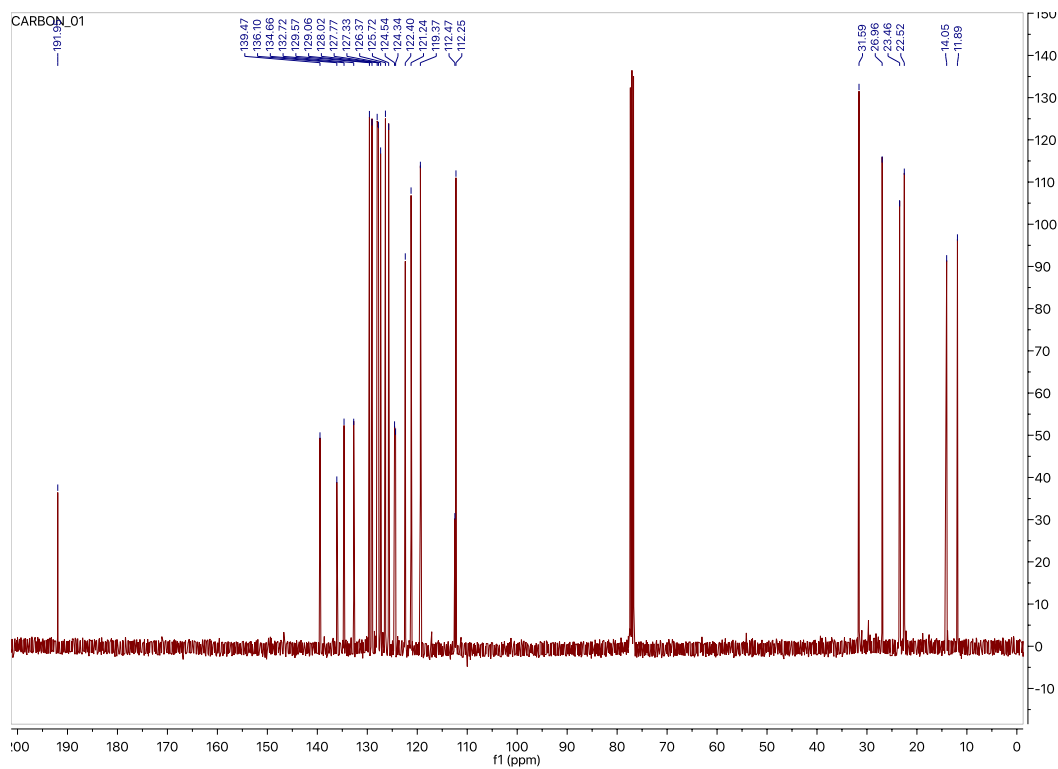
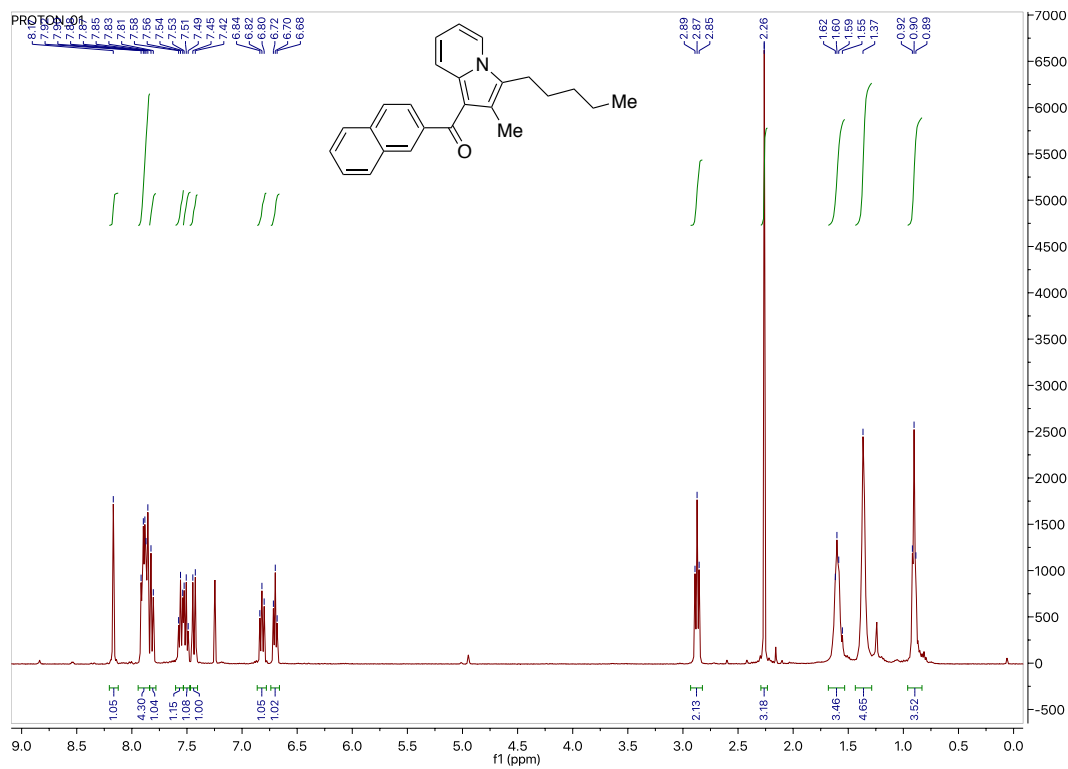
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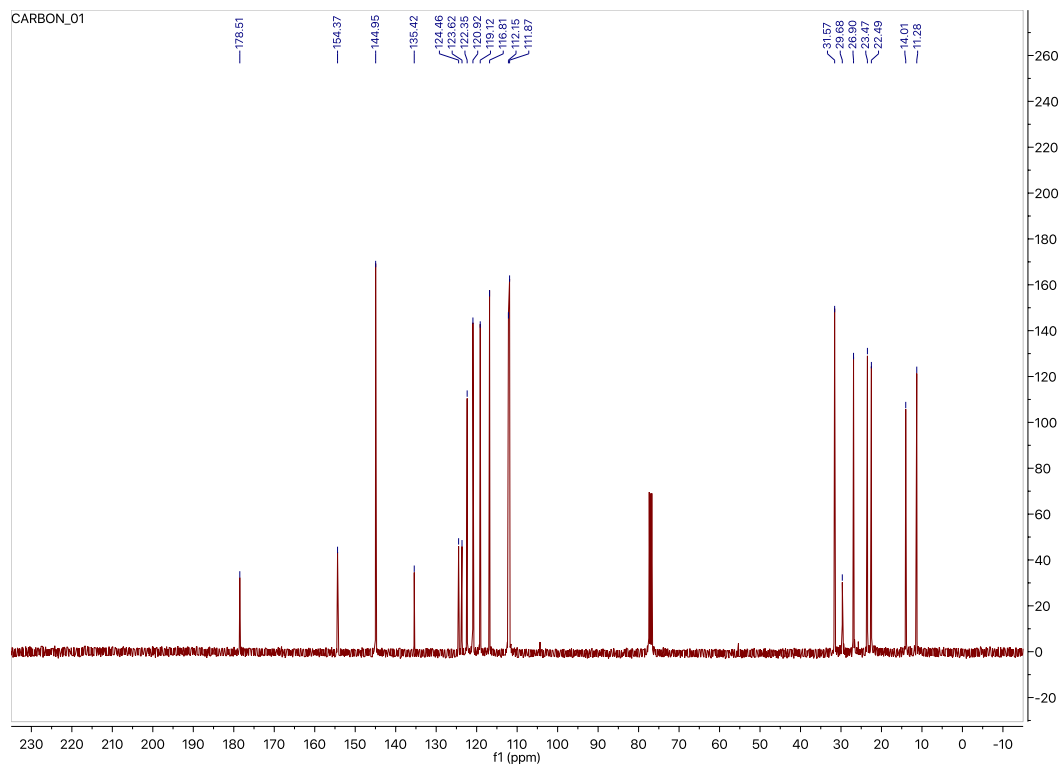
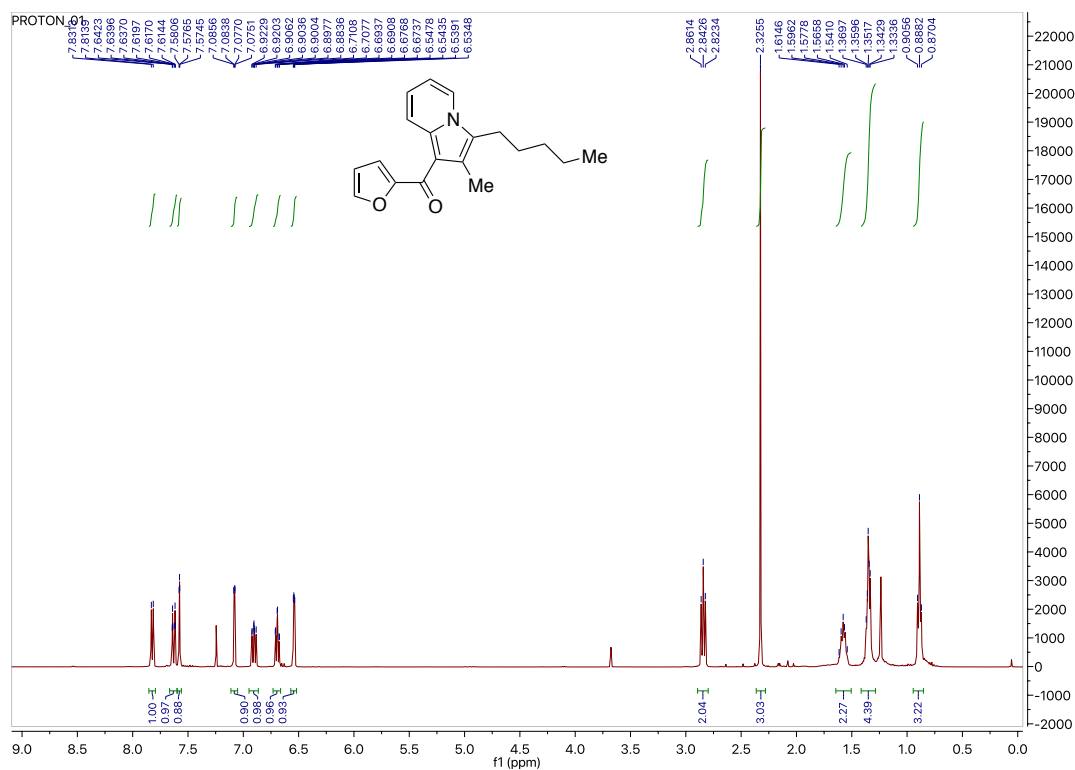
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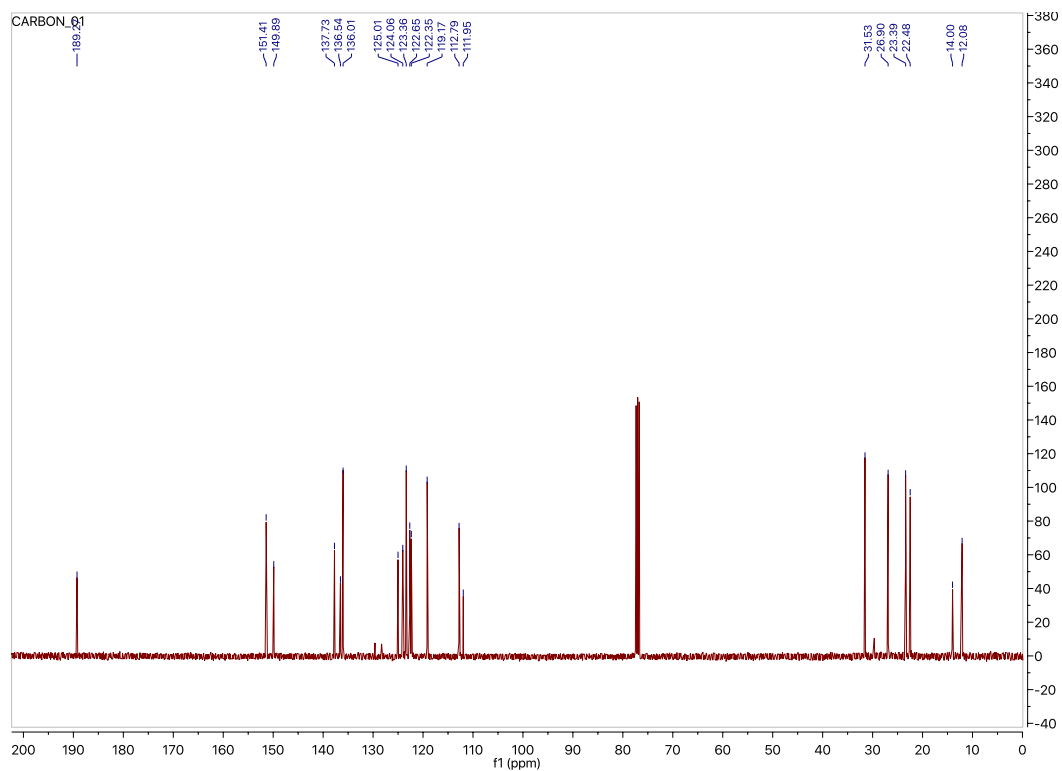
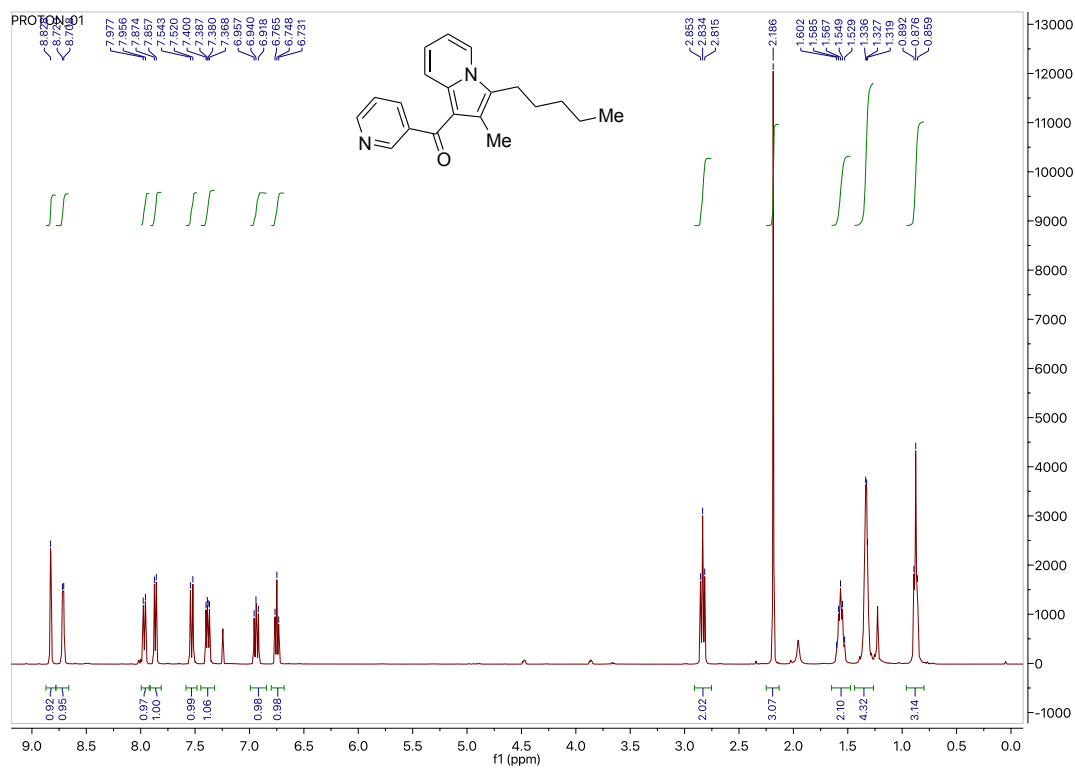
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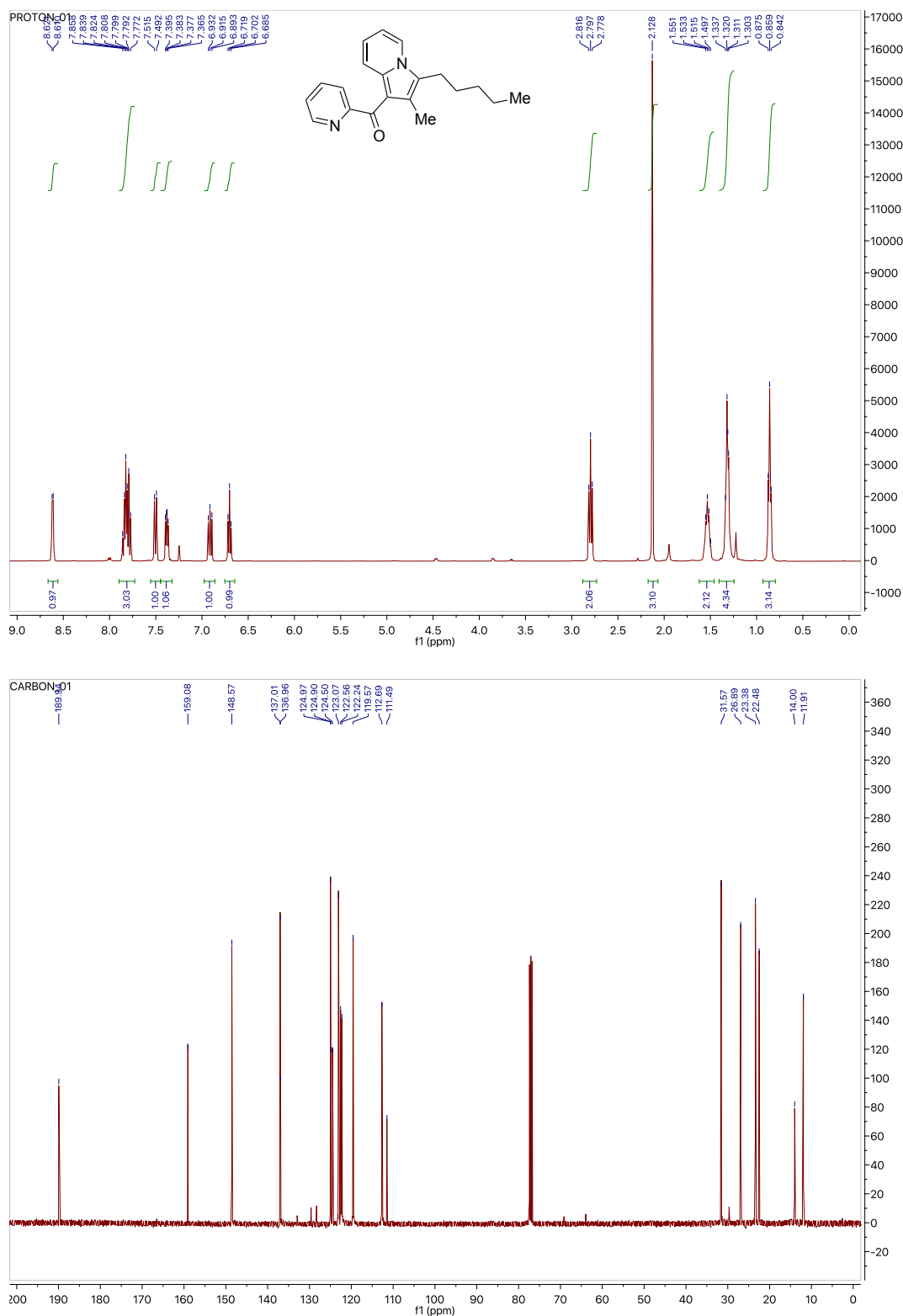
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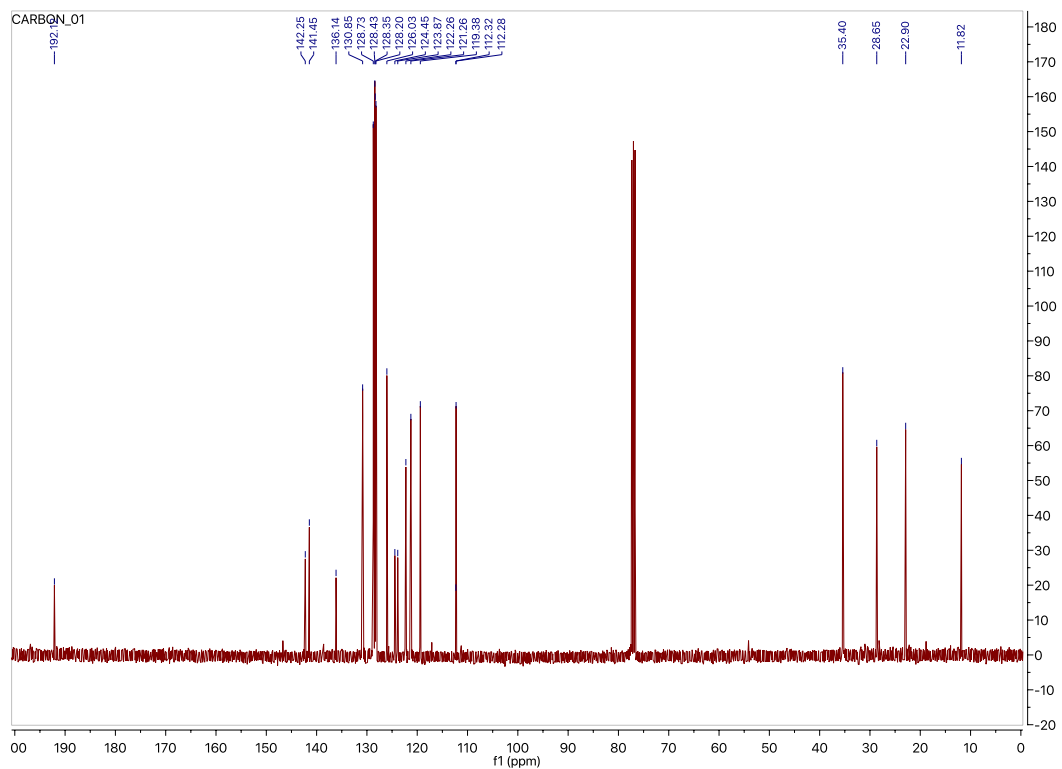
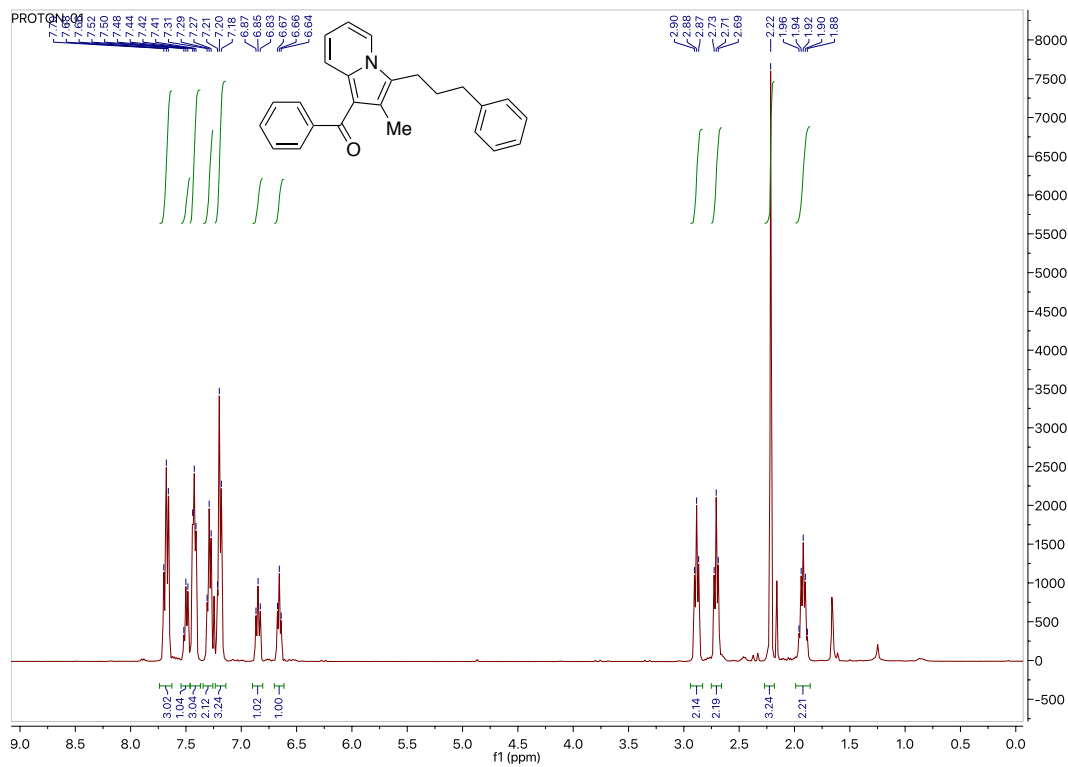
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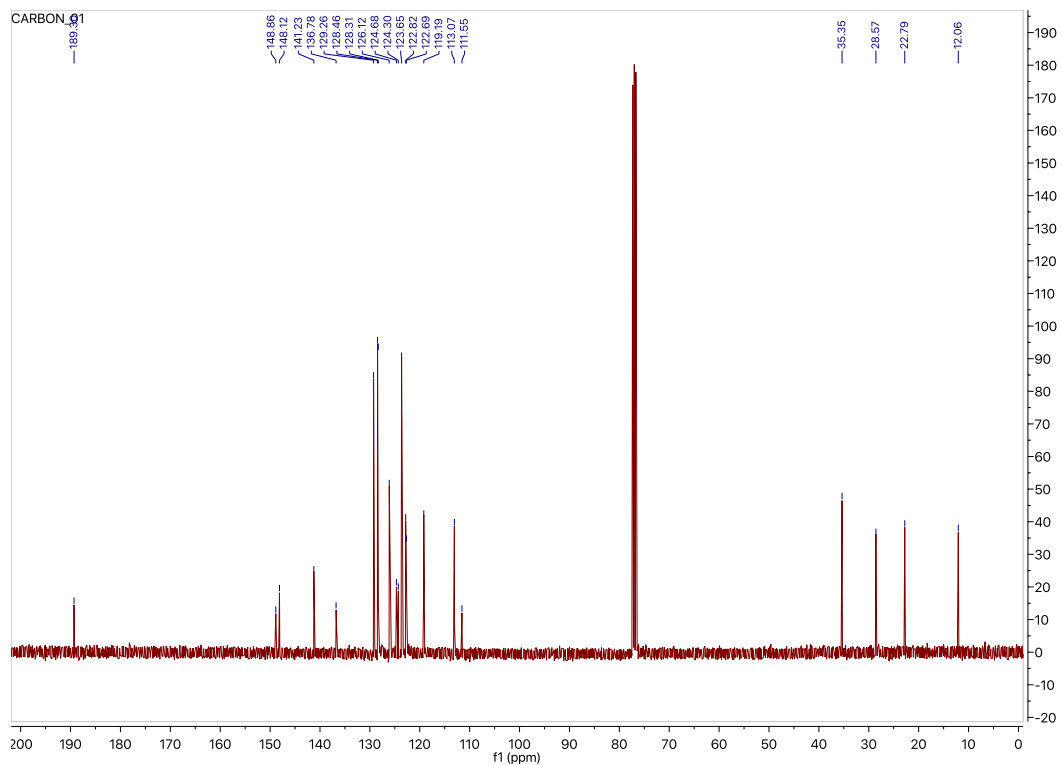
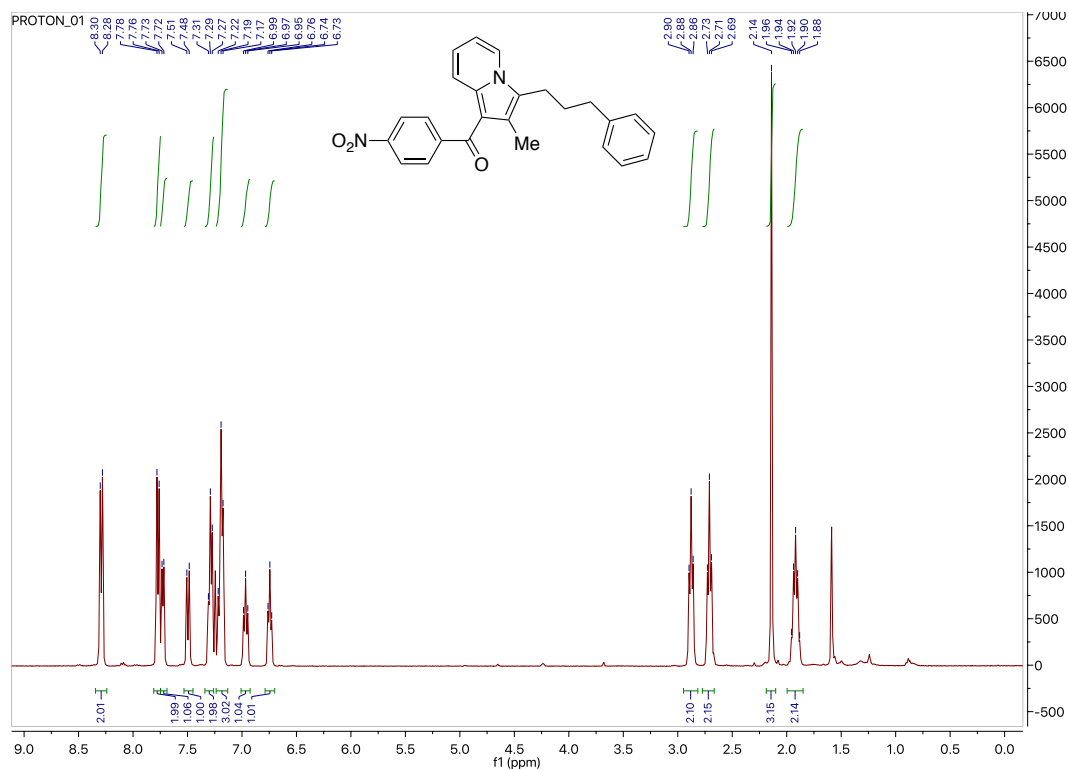
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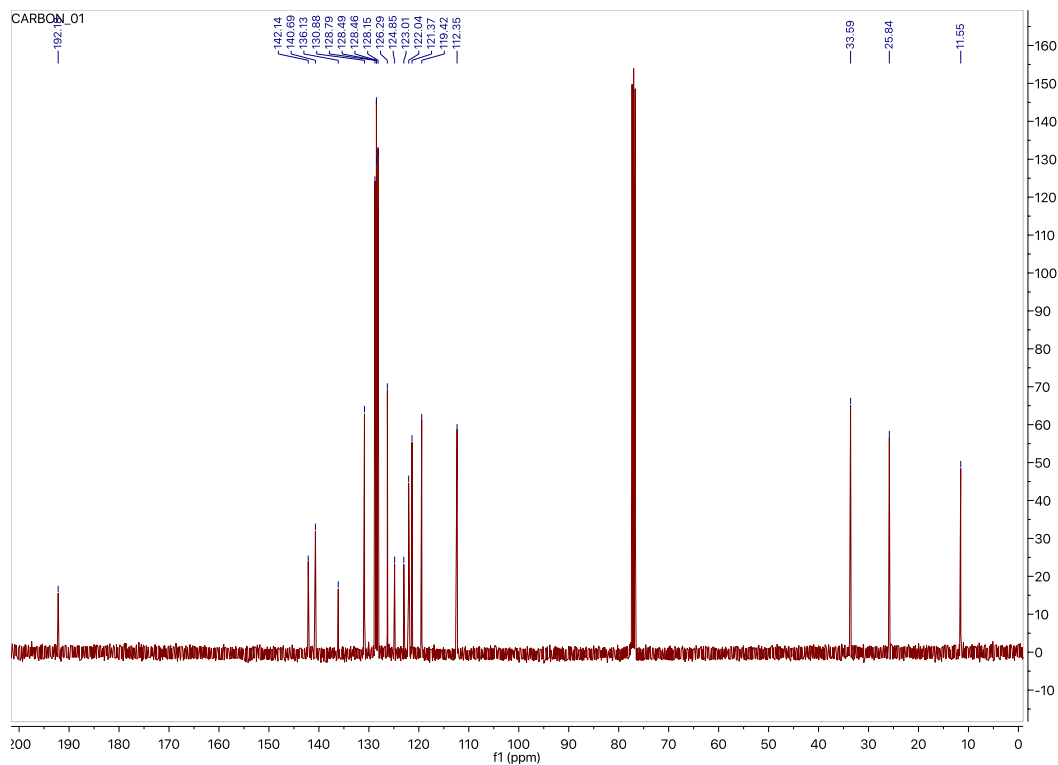
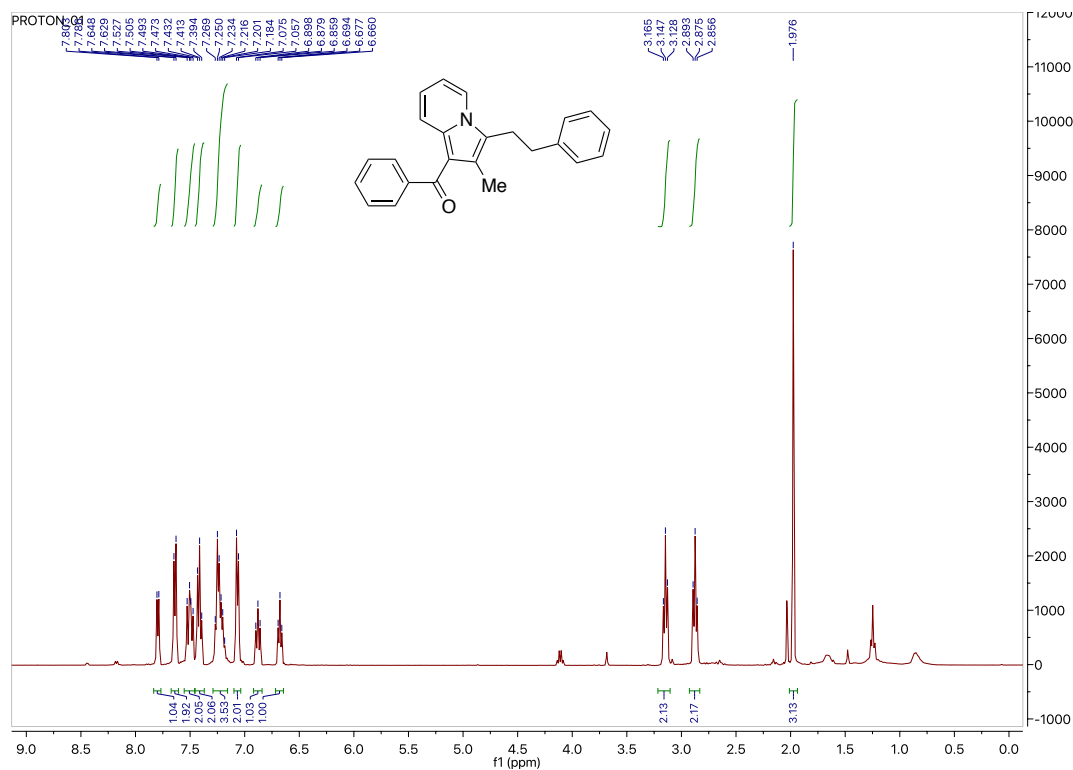
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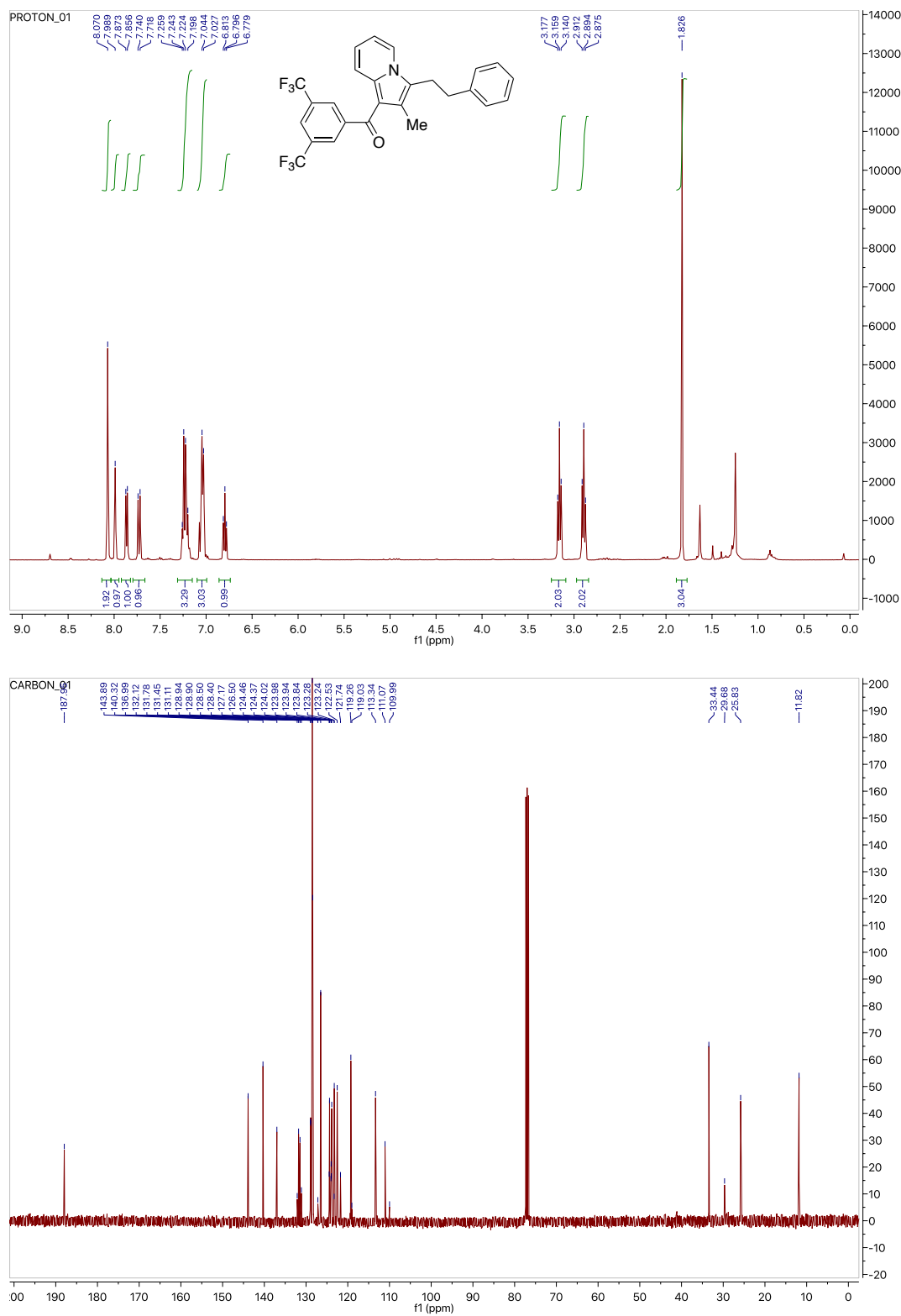
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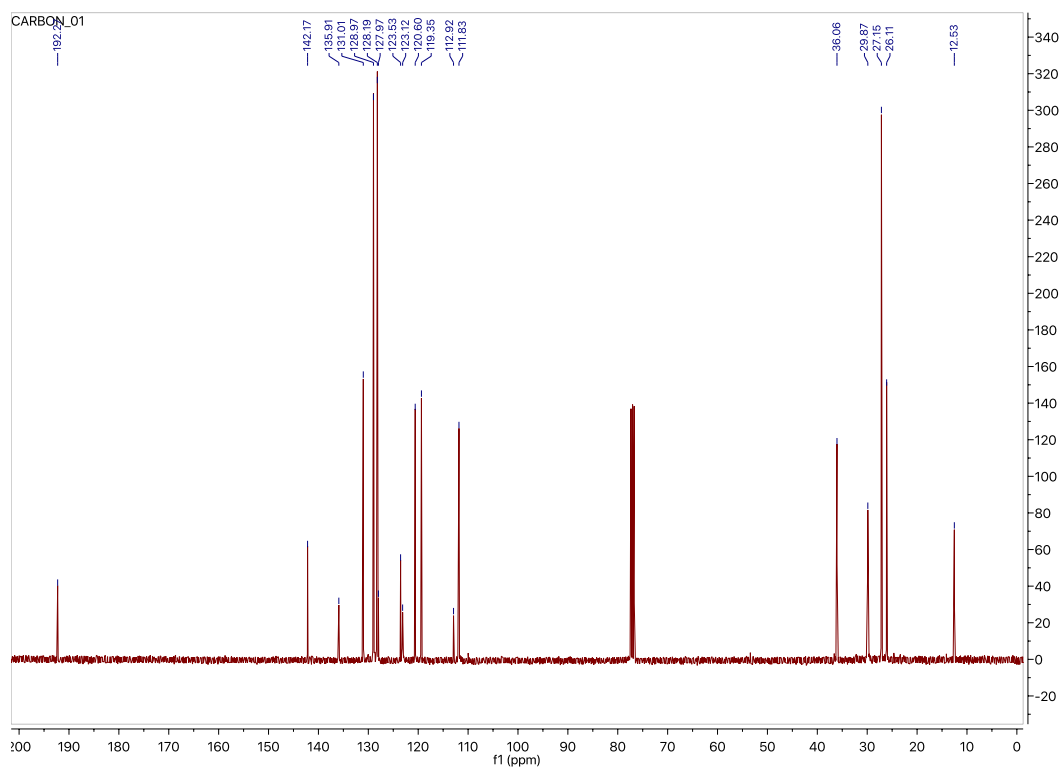
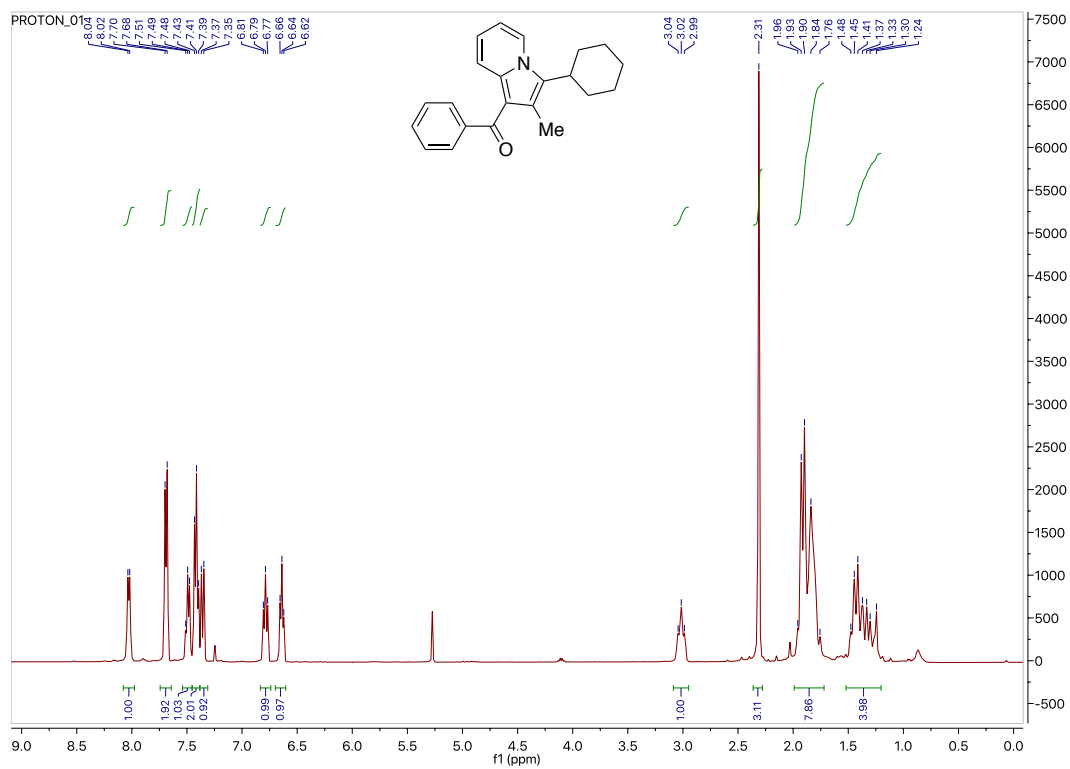
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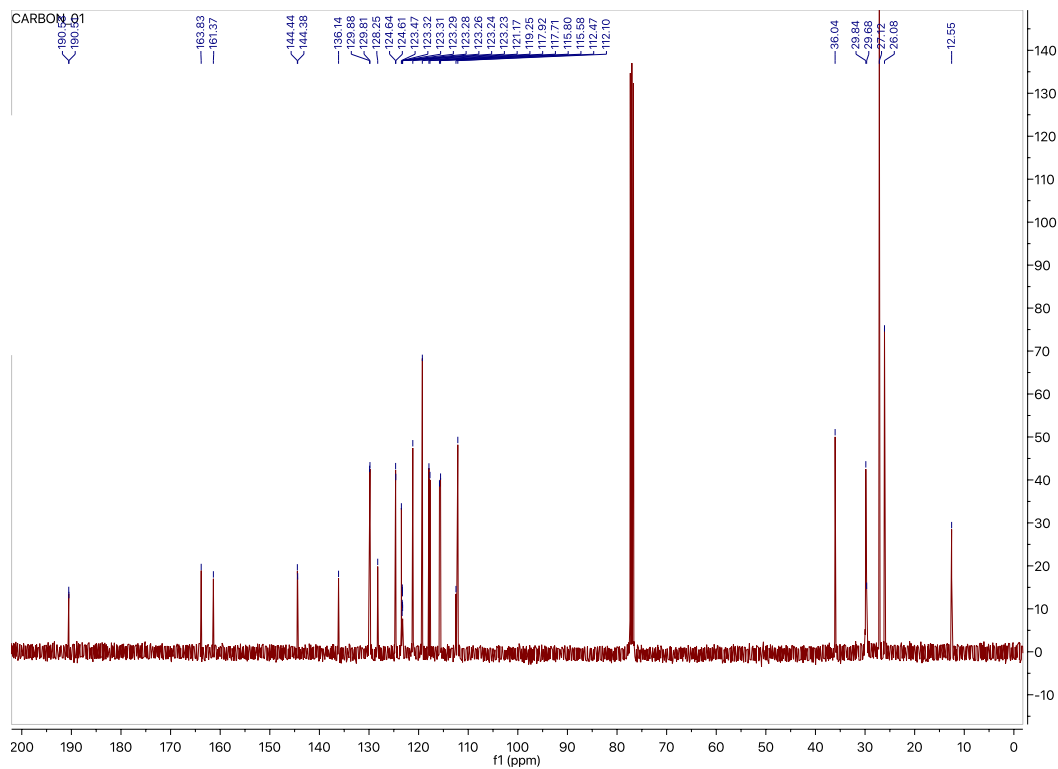
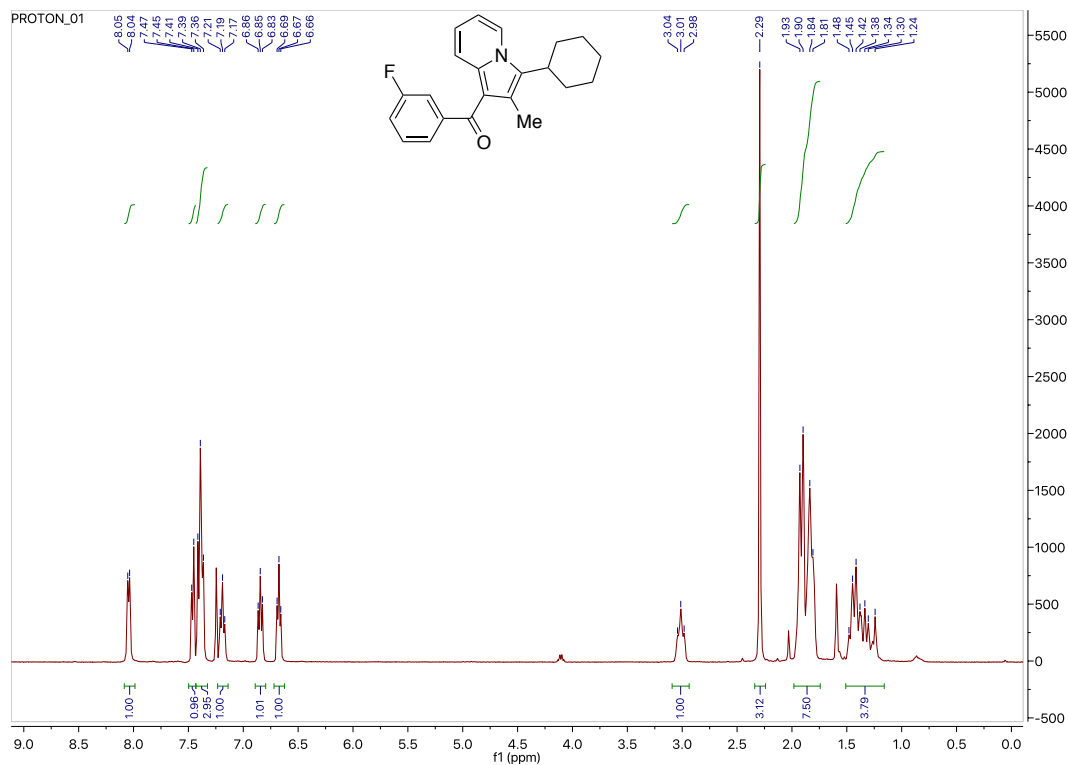
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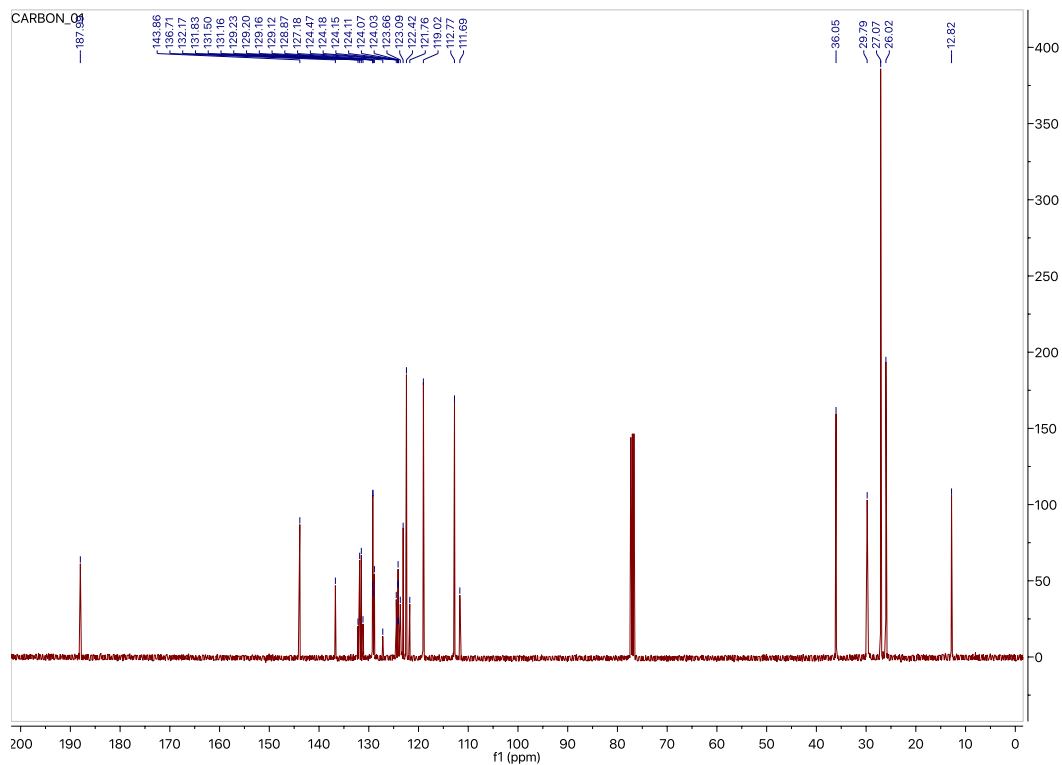
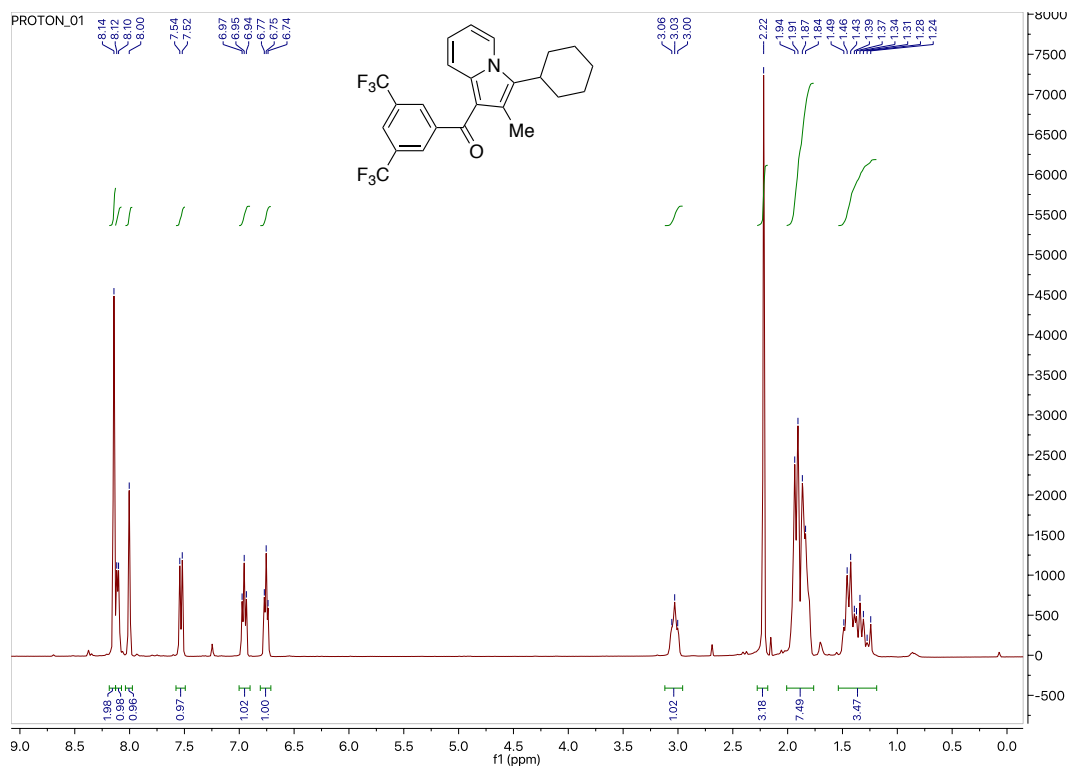
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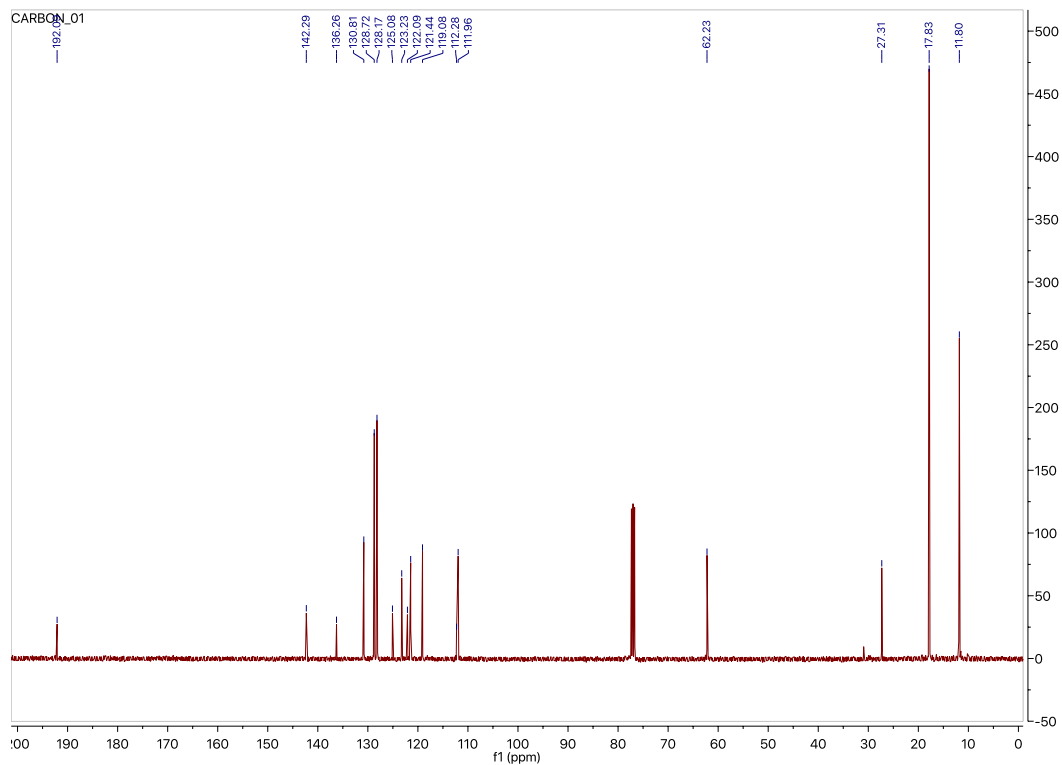


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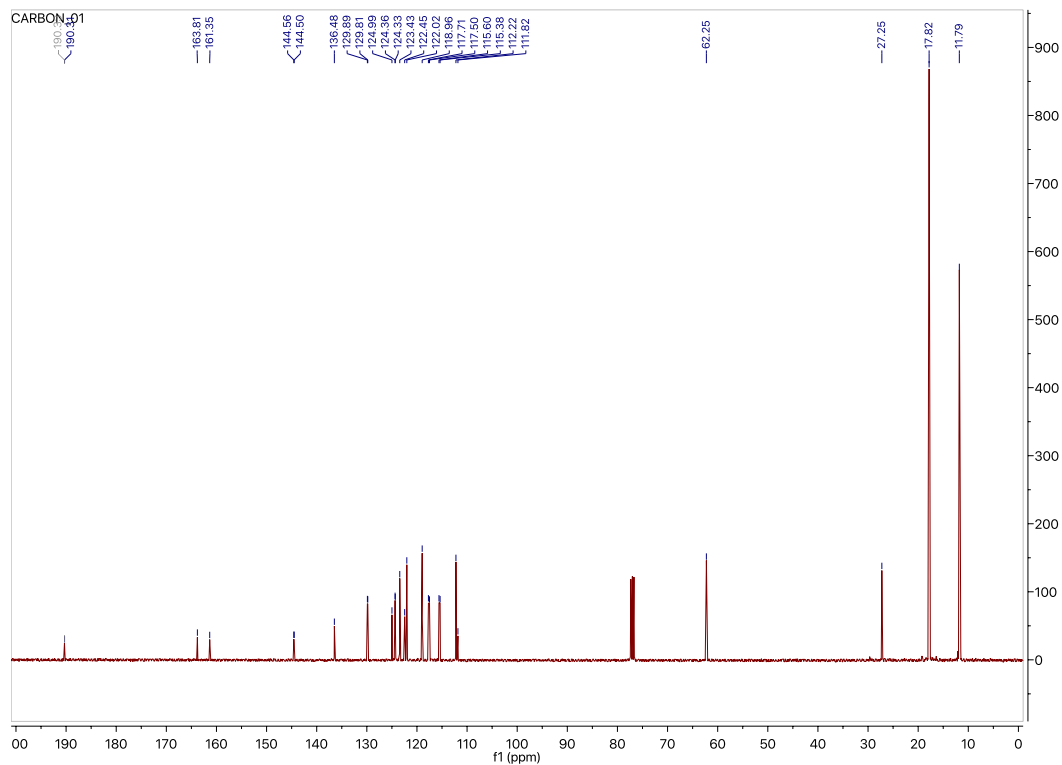
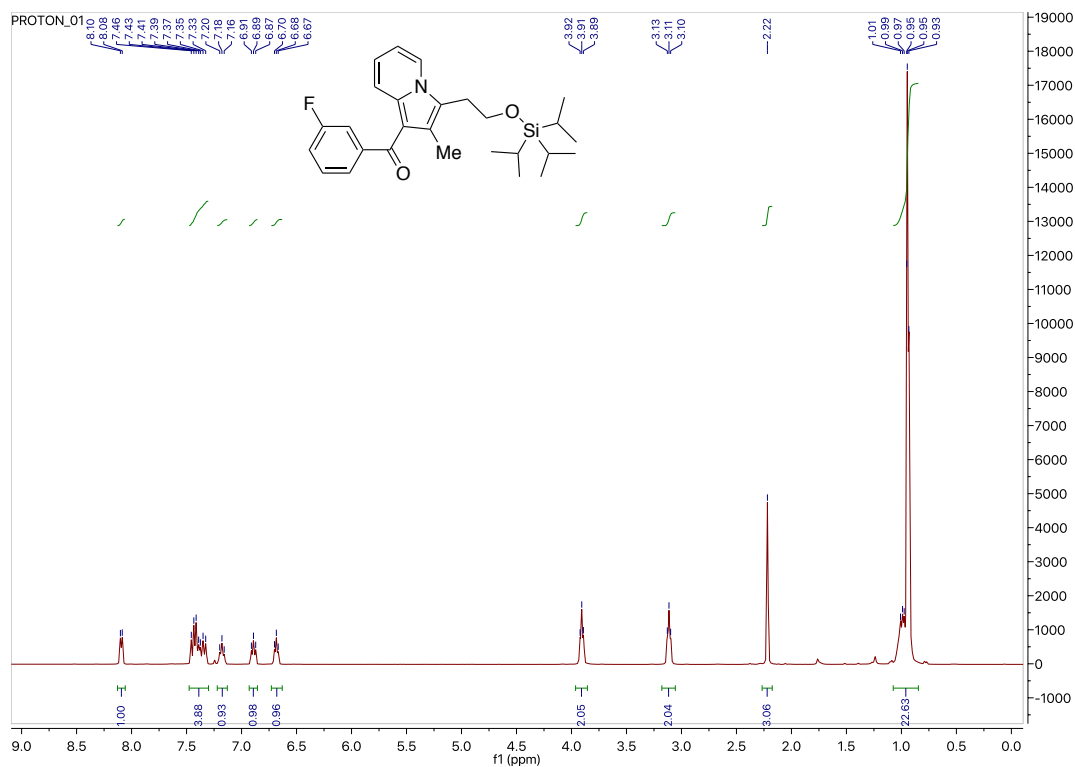


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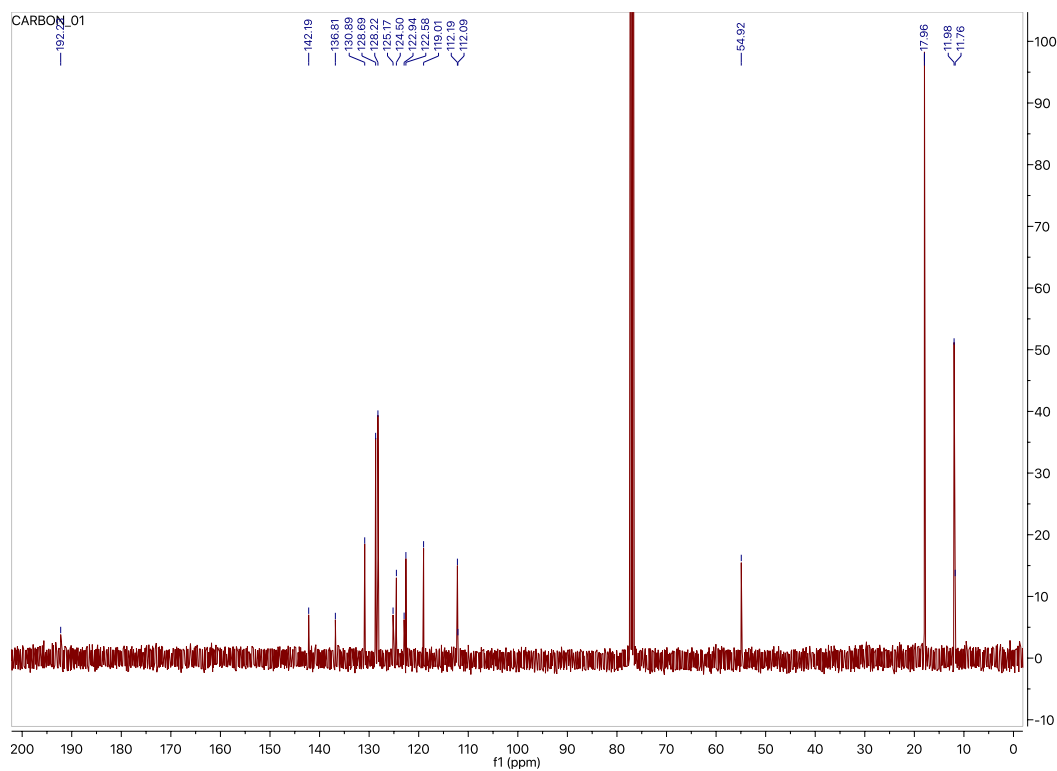
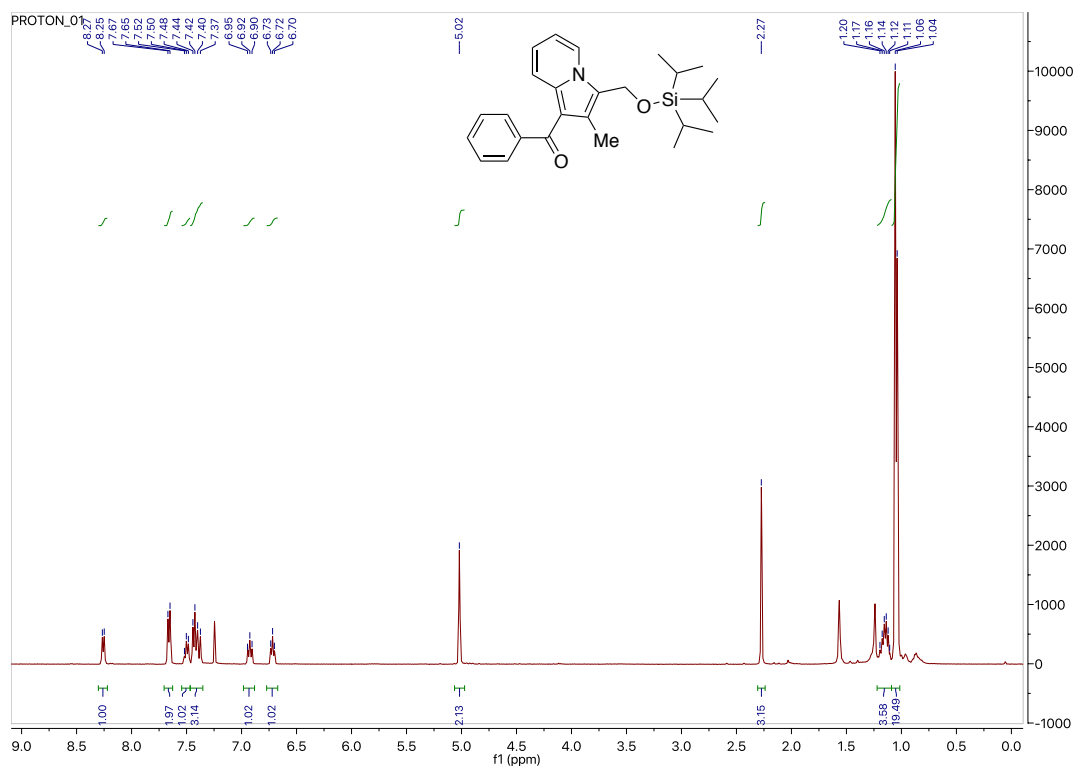




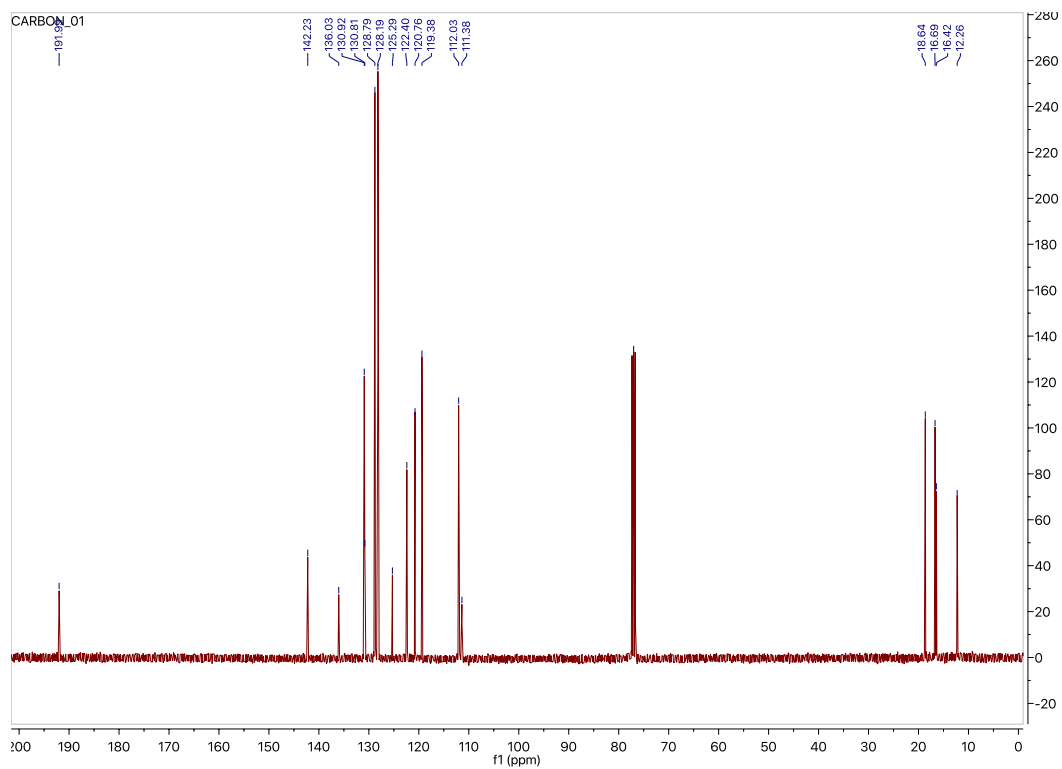
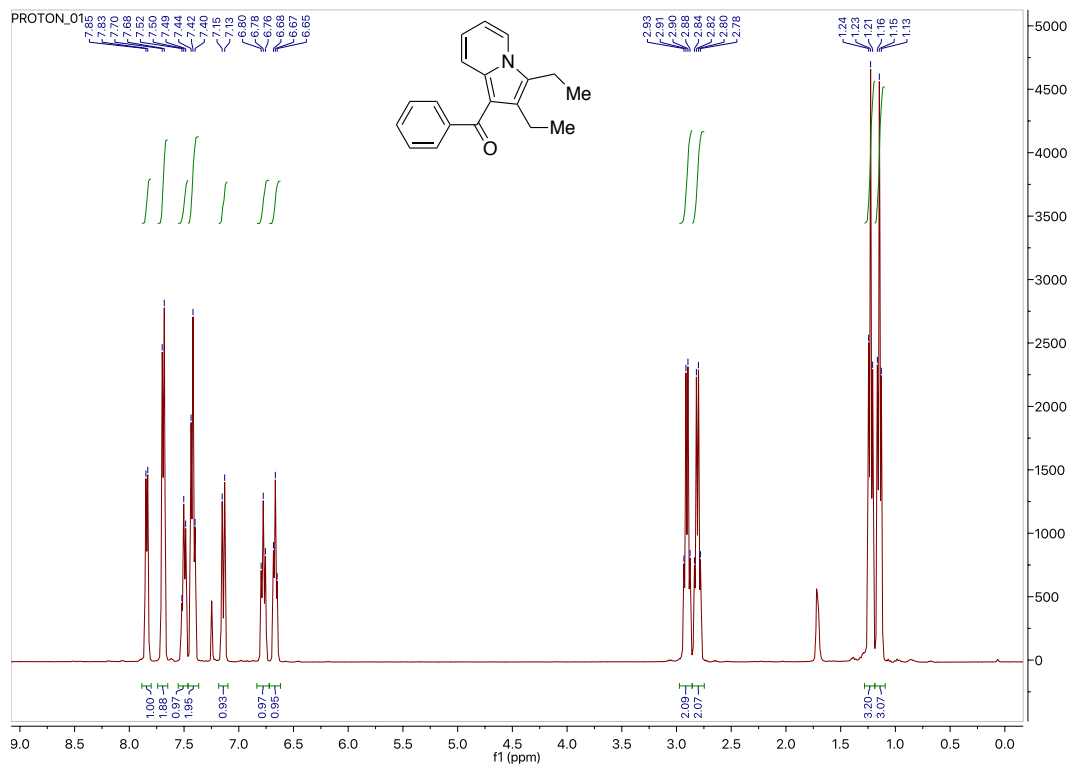
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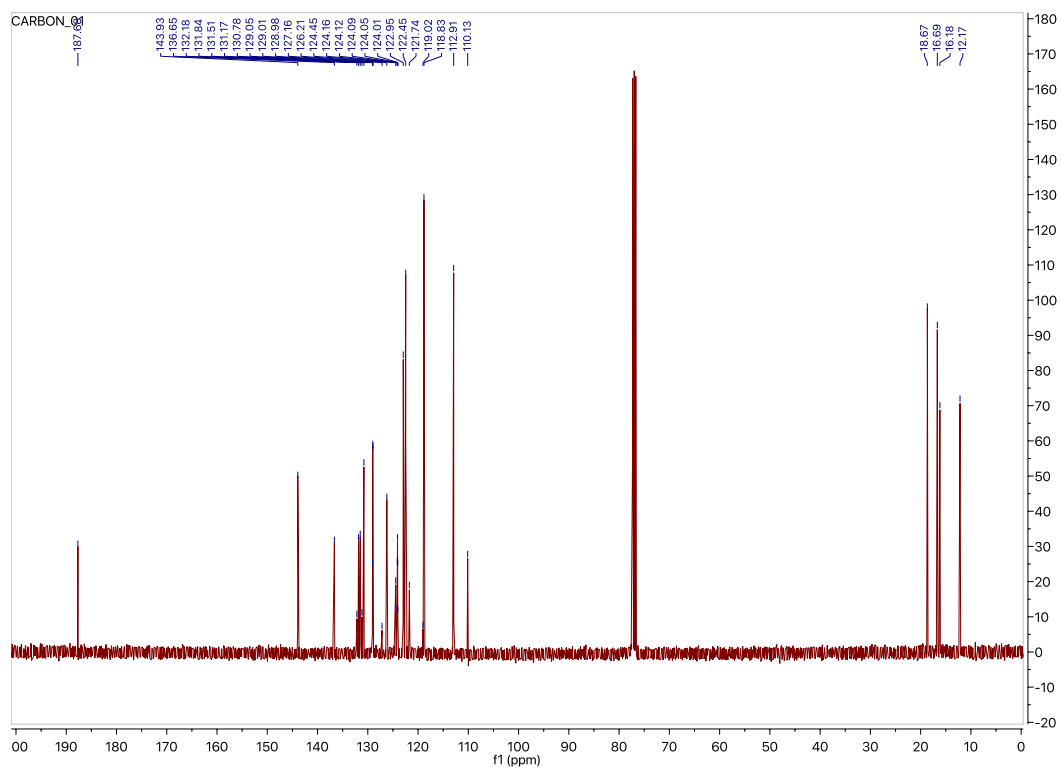
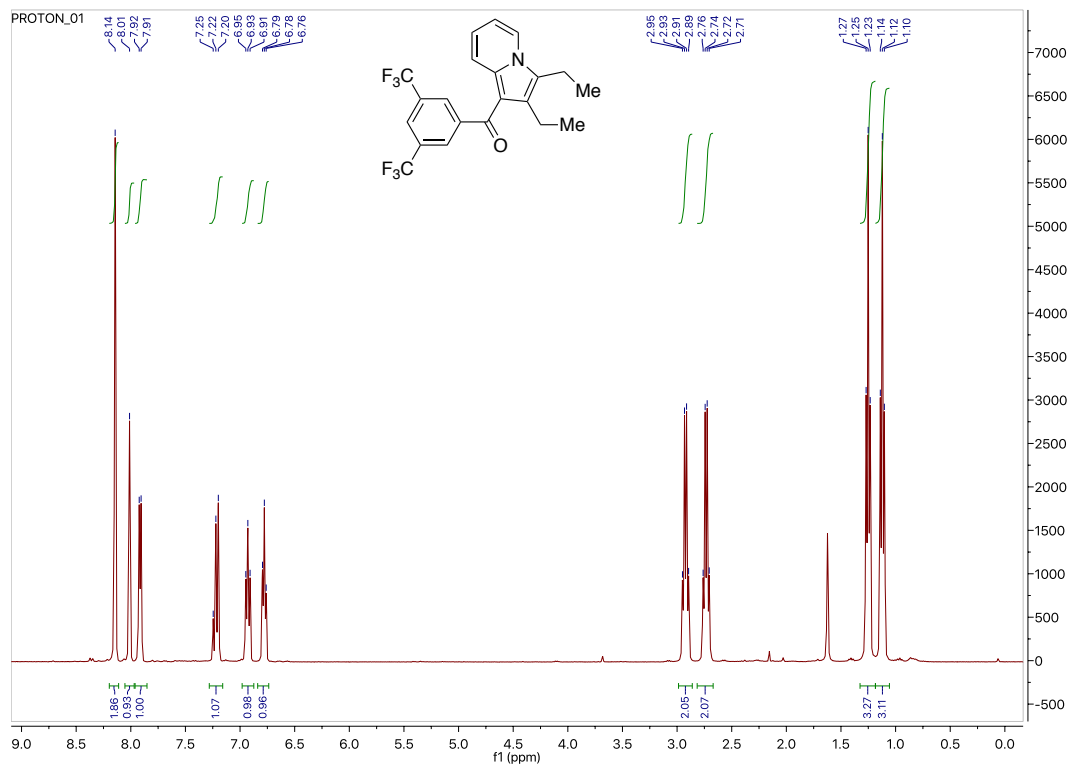
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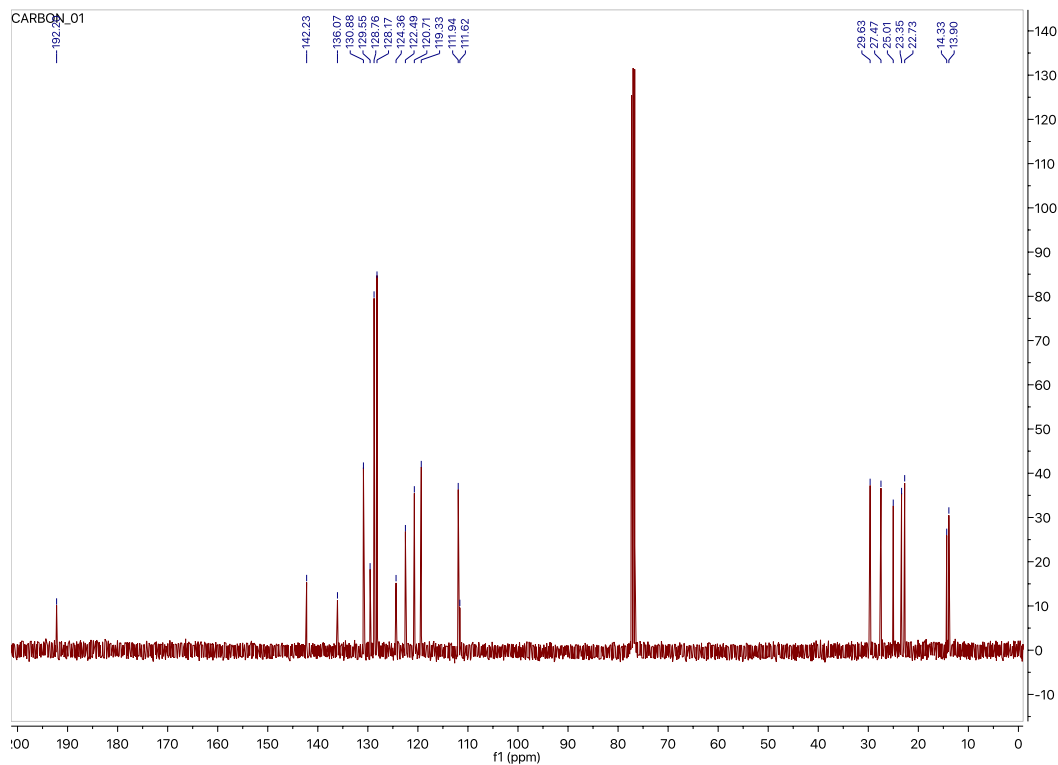
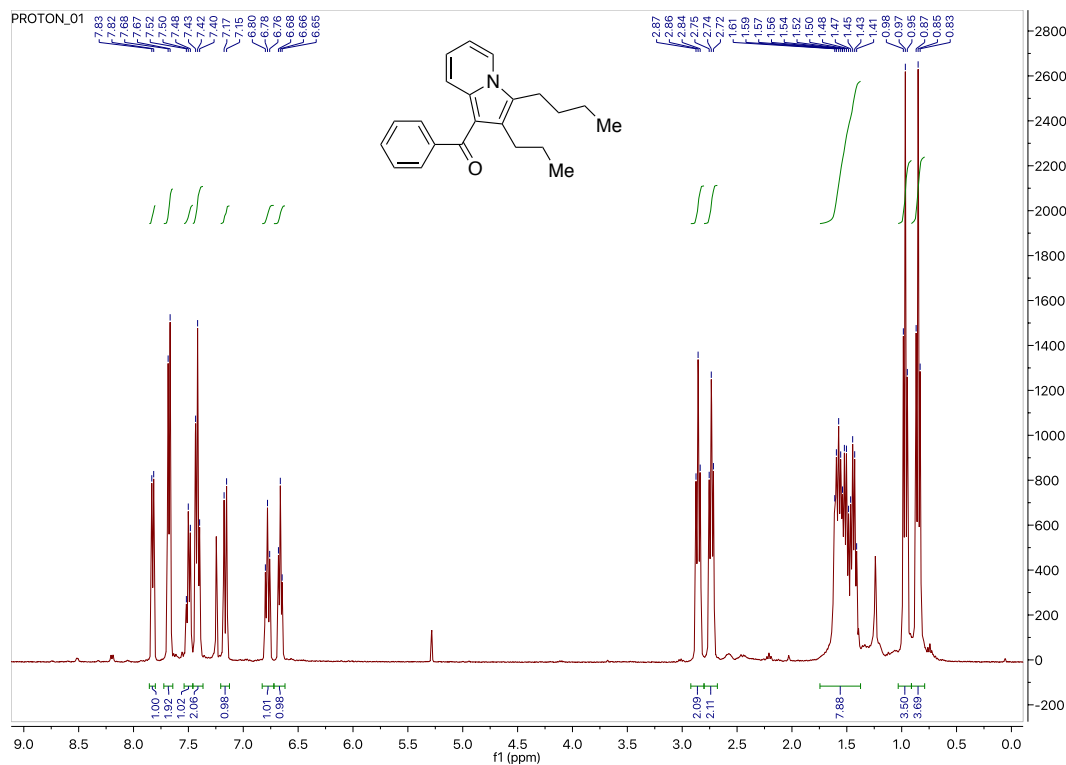
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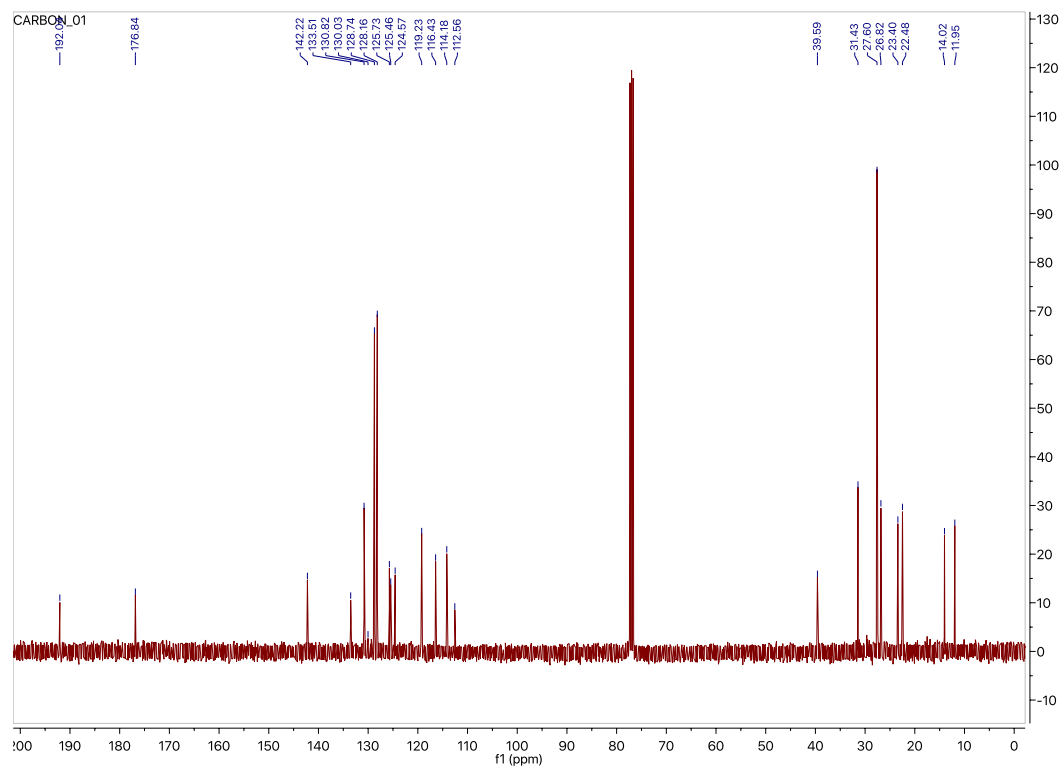
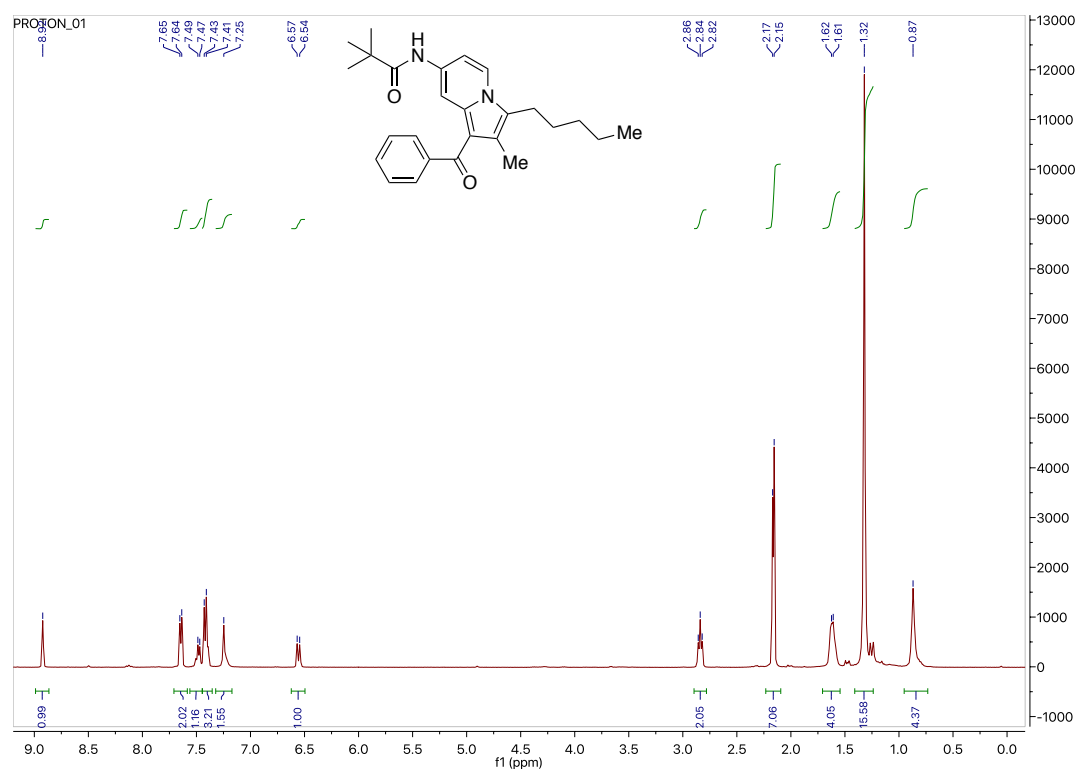
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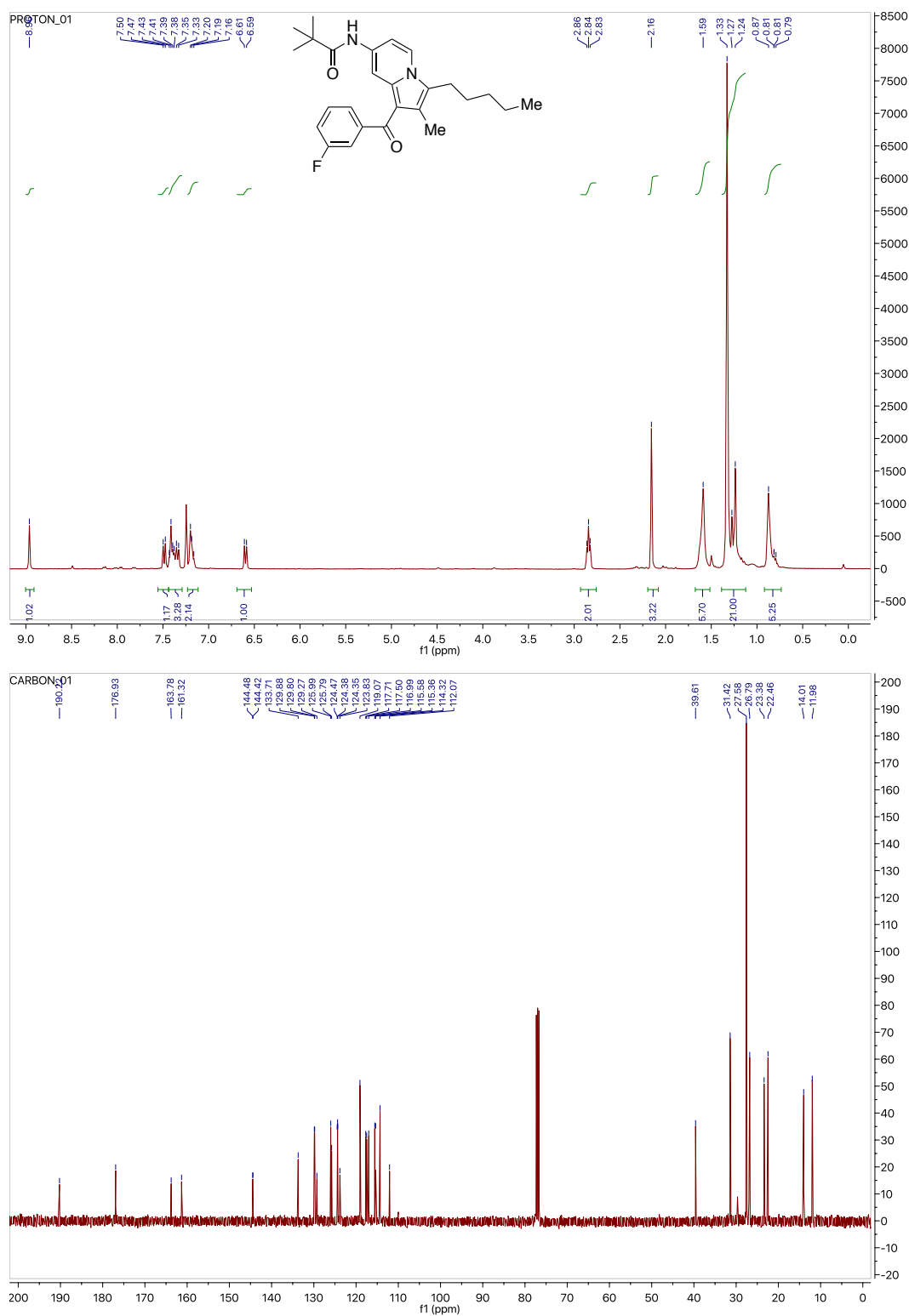
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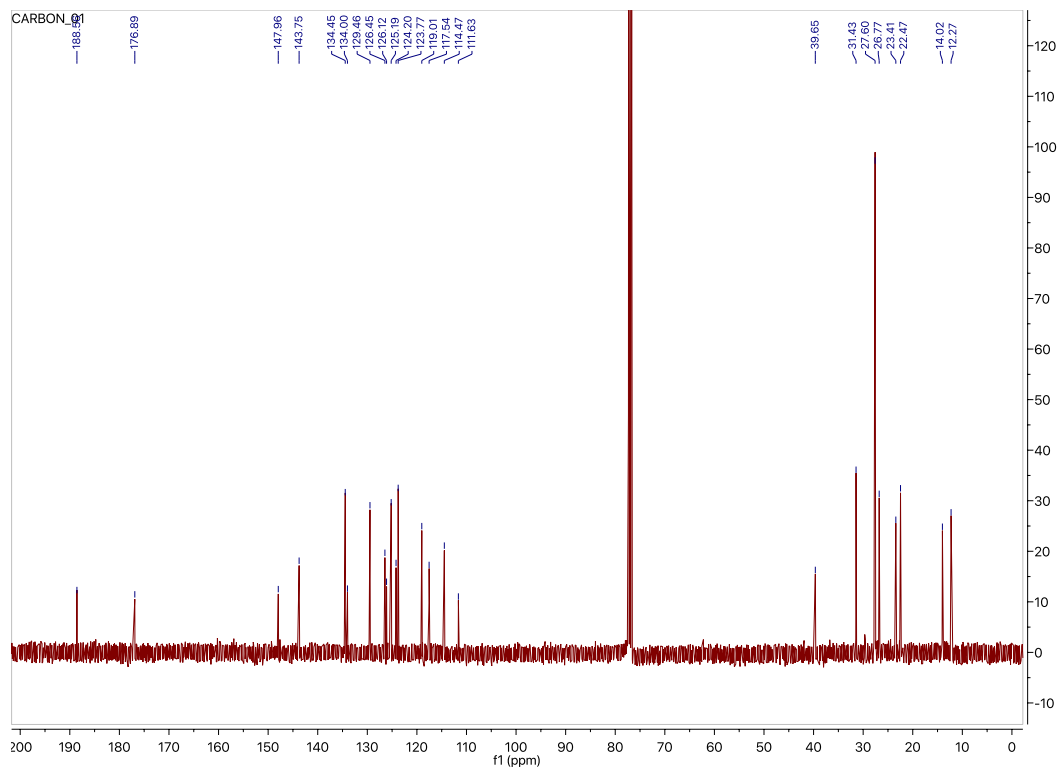
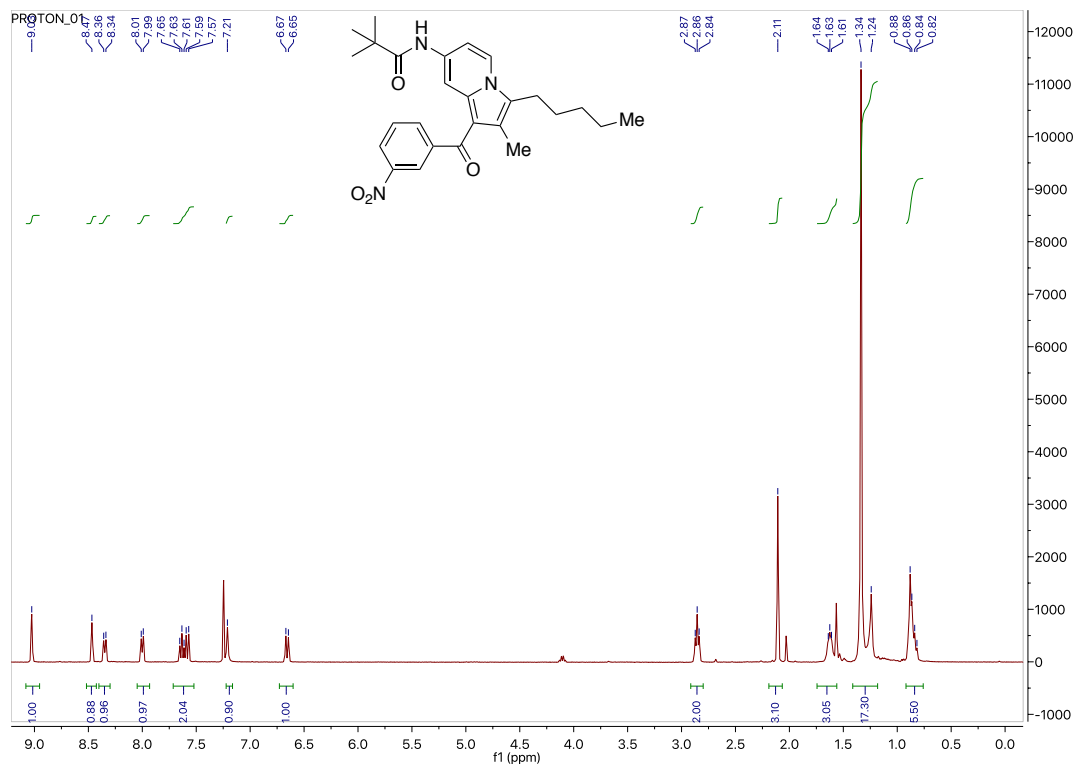
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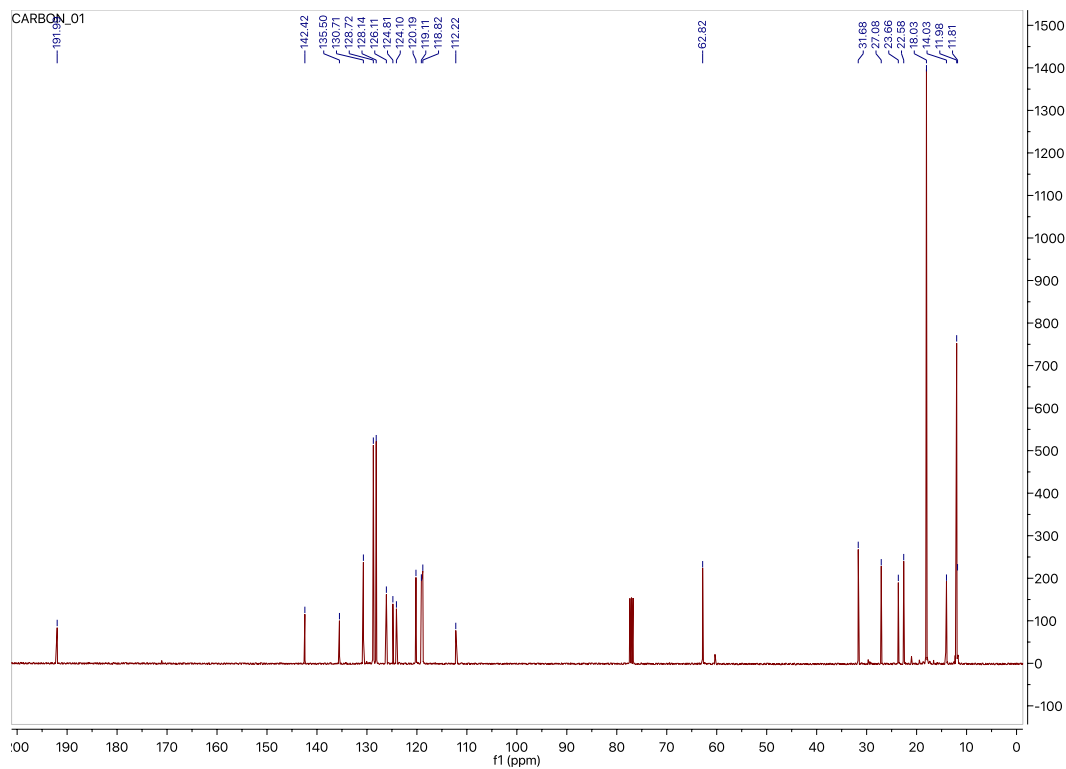


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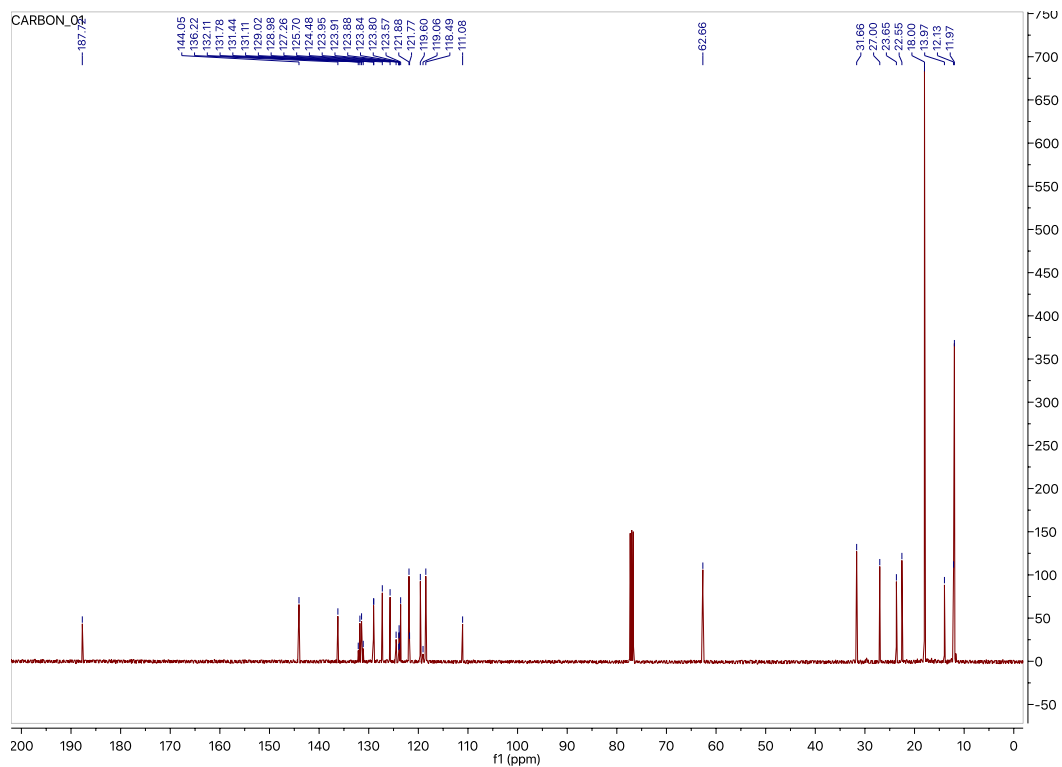
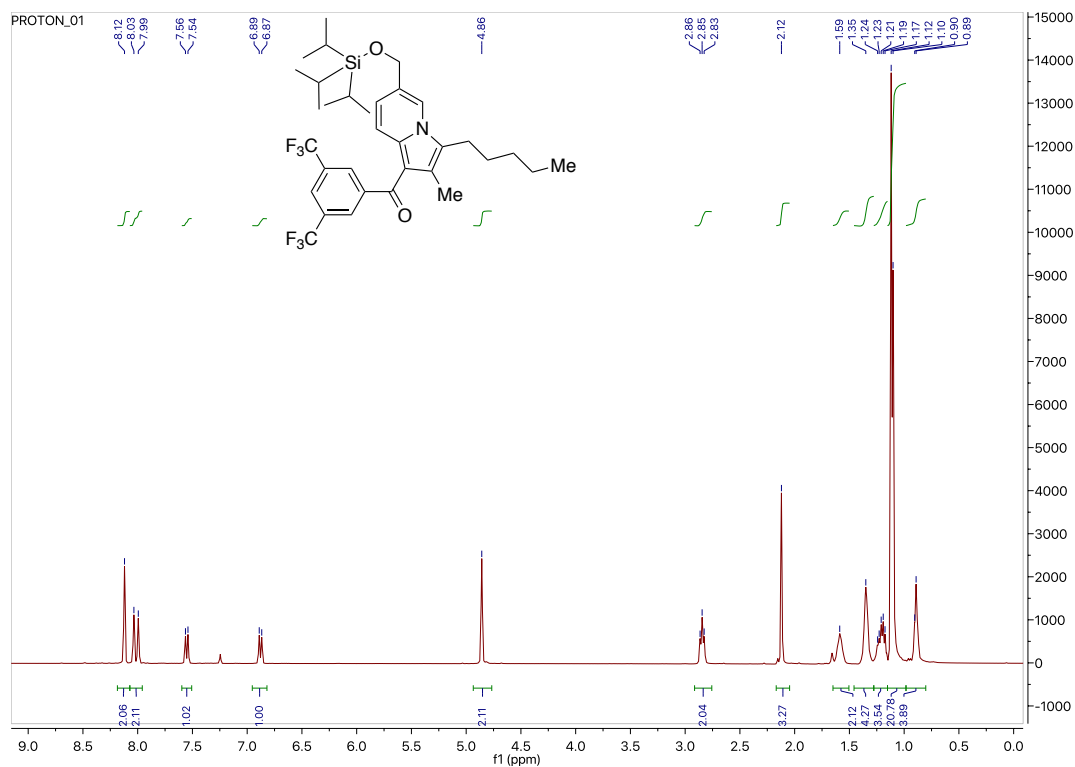


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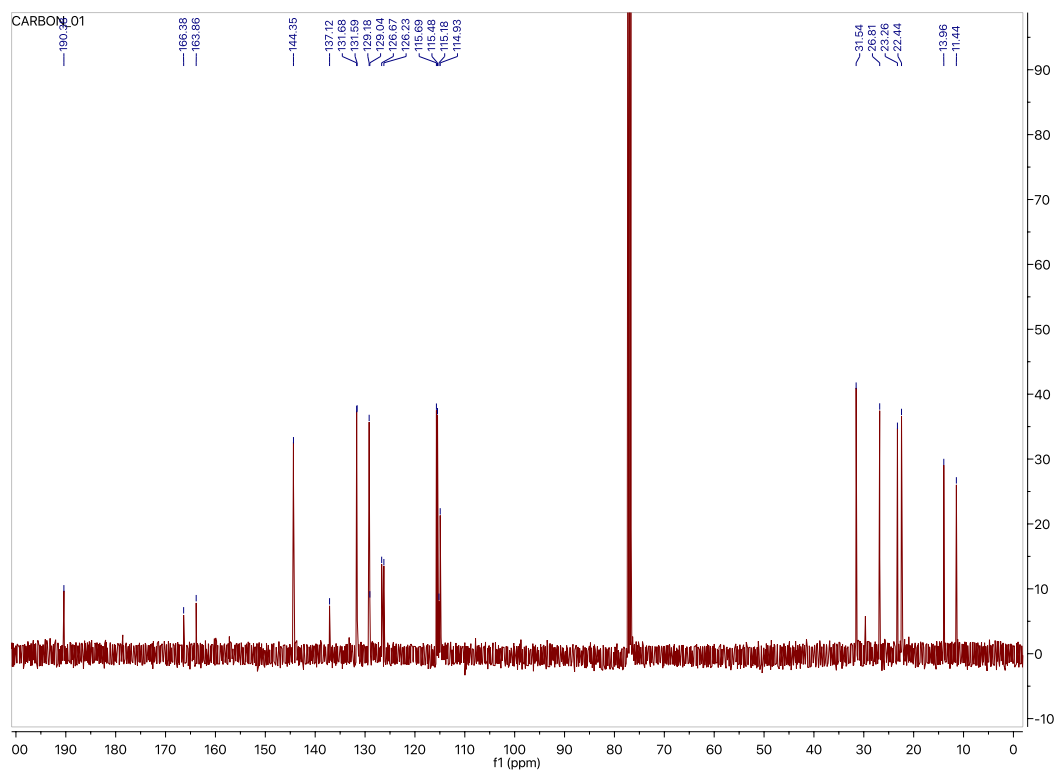
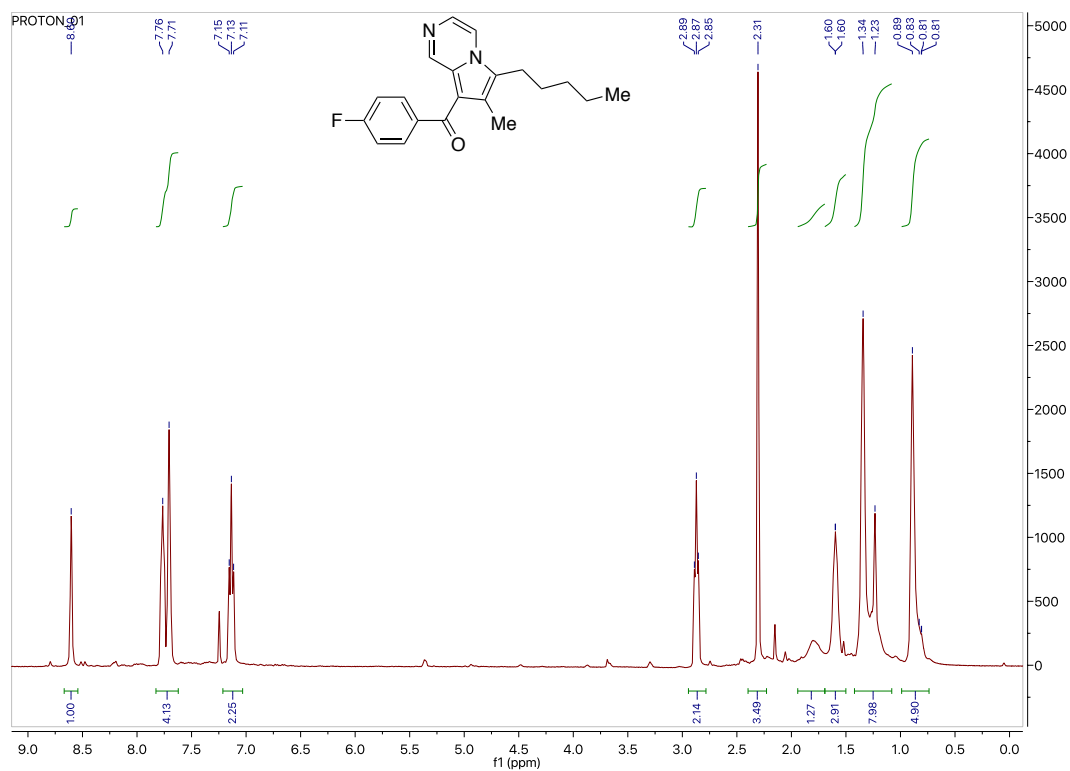




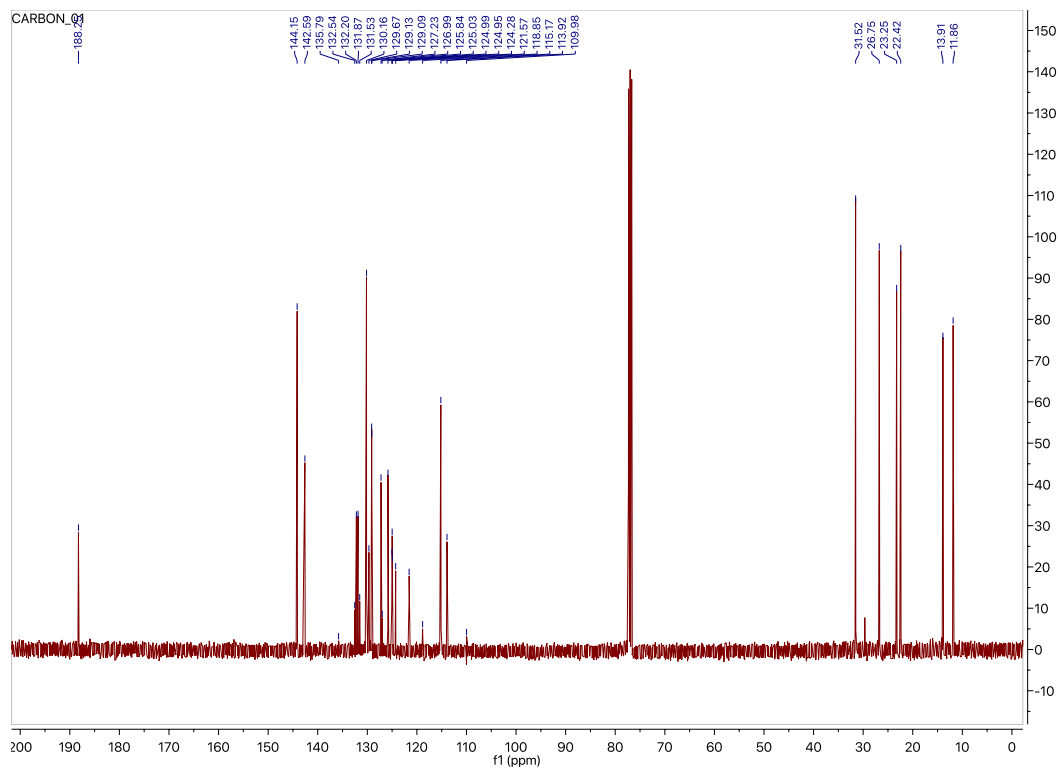
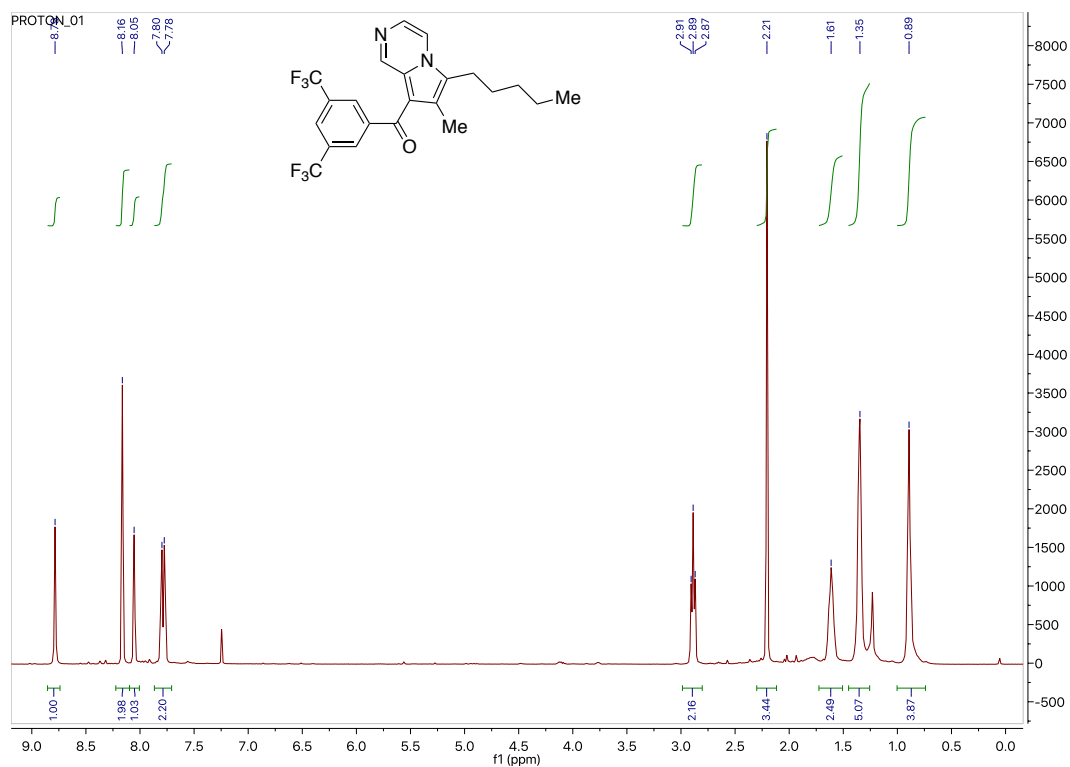
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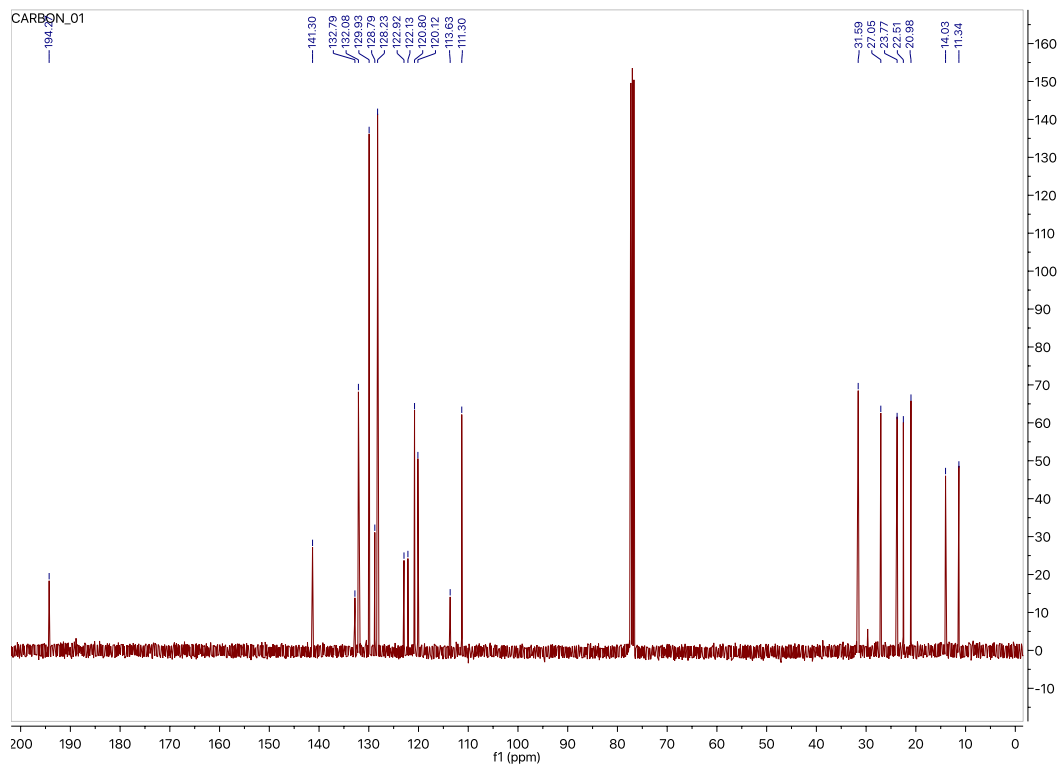
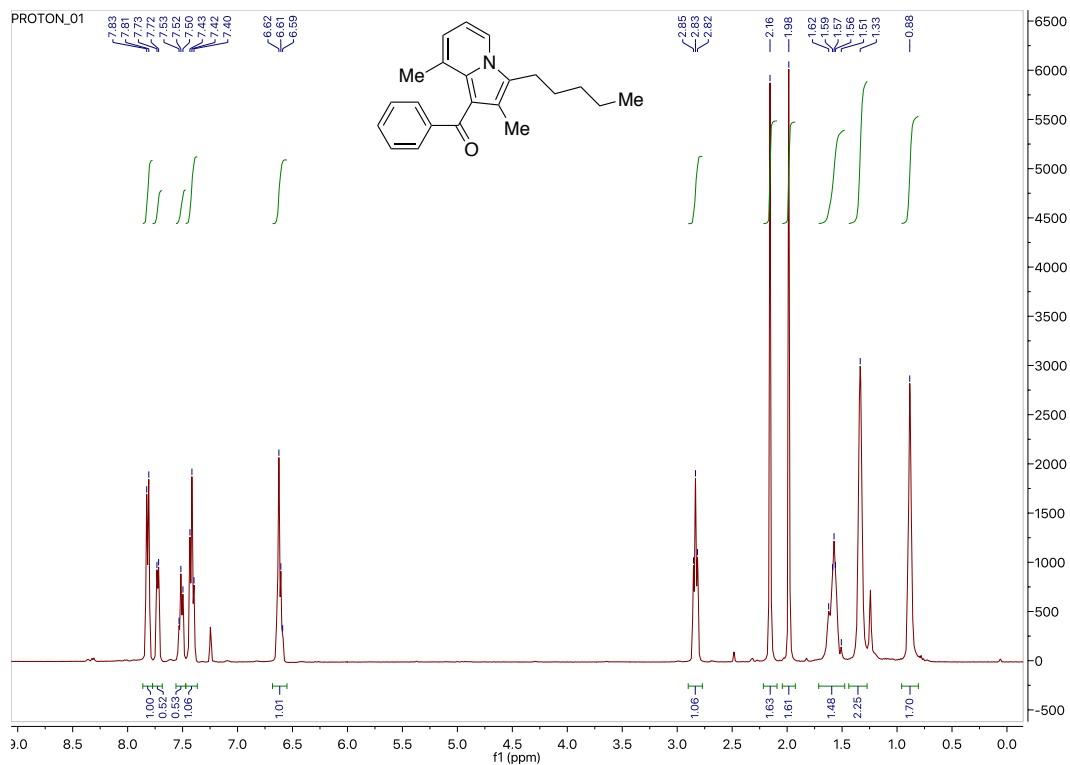
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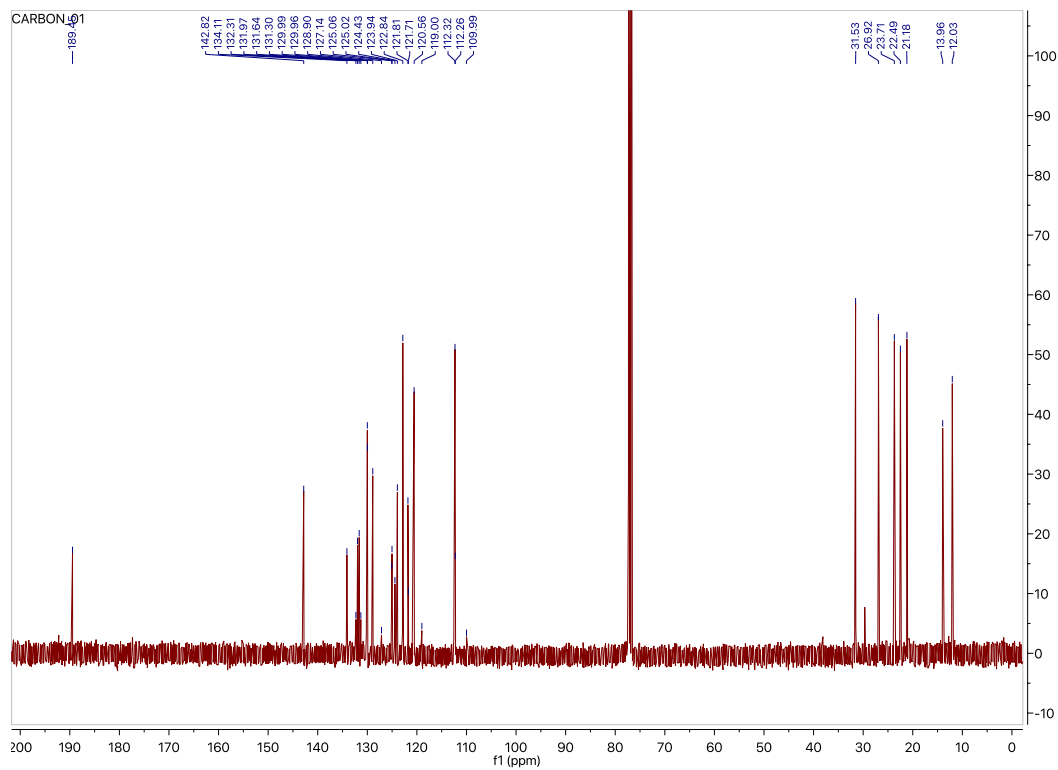
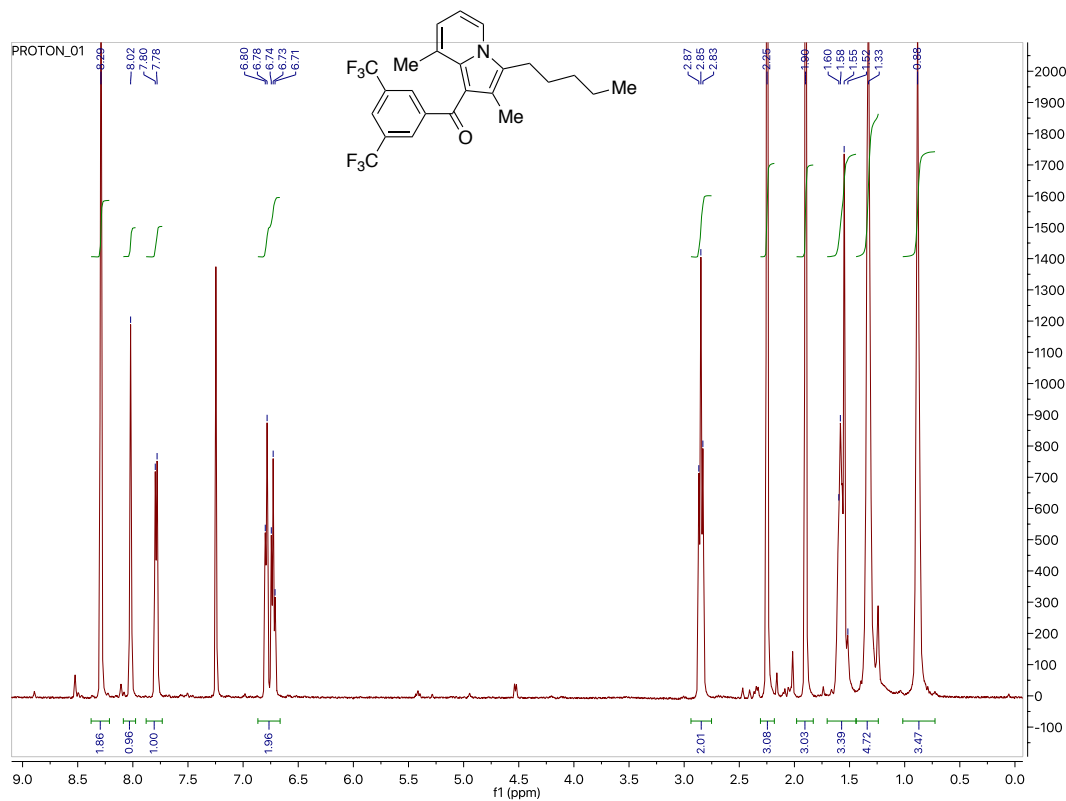
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