Supporting Information

Chemo- and Regioselective Magnesium-Catalyzed ortho-Alkenylation of Anilines

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1. General information:

Unless otherwise noted, all commercially available compounds were used as provided without further purification. Solvents for chromatography were technical grade and distilled prior to use. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel aluminium plates with F-254 indicator, visualised by irradiation with UV light. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (Macherey Nagel, particle size 0.040-0.063 mm). Solvent mixtures are understood as volume/volume. 1 H-NMR and 13 C-NMR were recorded on a Varian AV400 or AV600 spectrometer in CDCl₃ and are reported relative to the solvents residual 1 H-signal (CHCl₃, 3 (H) 1 C-D). Data are reported in the following order: chemical shift (3) in ppm; multiplicities as indicated: s (singlet), bs (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet); coupling constants (1) are in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra (MS-EI, 1 C-V) were conducted on a Finnigan SSQ 1 CO mass spectrometer. HRMS were measured on Finnigan MAT 95 or LTQ Orbitrap XL spectrometer.

2. General procedure for the $Mg(NTf_2)_2$ catalyzed *ortho*-alkenylation of aniline (3a – 3ah):

A screw cap sealed tube was charged with corresponding alkyne 1 (66.1 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.), aniline 2 (140 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) in HFIP (1 mL). Then, Mg(NTf₂)₂ (5 mol%) was added to the reaction at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred at the optimal temperature until the reaction was completed. After completion, the solvent was evaporated to obtain the crude reaction. The corresponding products 3a-3ah were obtained after column chromatography (SiO₂, 40:1 hexane: EtOAc). Compound 3s was obtained after column chromatography (SiO₂, 2:1 hexane: EtOAc).

3. Characterization of compounds 3a-ah:

2-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3a)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as a white solid (74%, 73 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.43$ -7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.21 - 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15 - 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.83 - 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.74 - 6.68 (m, 1H), 5.81 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 147.1$, 143.9, 139.6, 130.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.3, 126.6, 118.3, 116.1, 115.6. **EI-MS**: m/z = 196 (M⁺ + 1, 19), 195 (M⁺, 81), 194 (100), 180 (50). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data. ¹

2-(1-(4-tolyl)vinyl)aniline (3b)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (62%, 65 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.35 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.85 - 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.77 - 6.67 (m, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 3.57 (brs, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 146.9, 143.9, 137.9, 136.7, 130.8, 129.3, 128.7, 127.5, 126.5, 118.3, 115.6, 115.3, 21.2. **EI-MS**: m/z = 209 (M⁺, 67), 208 (58), 194 (100). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data. ¹

2-(1-(4-fluro)vinyl)aniline (3c)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (75%, 80 mg). 1 H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.76 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 3.49 (brs, 2H). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 162.7 (d, J = 248 Hz), 146.1, 143.8, 135.7 (d, J = 3 Hz), 130.7, 128.9, 128.4 (d, J = 8 Hz), 127.1, 118.4, 115.9, 115.7, 115.4 (d, J = 21 Hz). EI-MS: m/z = 213 (M⁺, 75), 212 (100), 198 (87). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data. 1

2-(1-(4-chloro)vinyl)aniline (3d)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (80%, 92 mg). 1 H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.87 – 6.77 (m,

1H), 6.76 - 6.62 (m, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 3.47 (brs, 2H). ¹³C **NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 146.1$, 143.8, 138.1, 133.9, 130.8, 129.0, 128.7, 127.9, 126.7, 118.4, 116.5, 115.7. **EI-MS**: m/z = 230 (M⁺ + 1, 49), 229 (M⁺, 100), 228 (89), 214 (93), 194 (63), 165 (34). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data. ¹

2-(1-(4-bromo)vinyl)aniline (3e)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as blown oil (79%, 108 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.51 - 7.39$ (m, 2H), 7.30 - 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 - 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14 - 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.85 - 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.76 - 6.66 (m, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 3.46 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 146.1$, 143.8, 138.6, 131.7, 131.5, 130.8, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 126.6, 122.2, 118.4, 116.6, 115.7. **EI-MS**: m/z = 275 (M⁺ + 2, 60), 274 (M⁺ + 1, 67), 273 (M⁺, 62), 272 (59), 260 (58), 258 (56), 194 (100), 193 (59). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data. ¹

2-(1-(4-trifluromethyl)vinyl)aniline (3f)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (52%, 69 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.57$ (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.23 - 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12 - 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.85 - 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.75 - 6.63 (m, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 3.57 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 146.0$, 143.8, 143.2, 130.8, 129.9 (q, J = 33 Hz) 129.1, 126.9, 126.4 (q, J = 4 Hz), 125.5 (q, J = 270 Hz), 118.5, 118.1, 115.7. **EI-MS**: m/z = 263 (M⁺, 100), 262 (88), 248 (69), 194 (60). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.²

2-(1-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,2-oxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)vinyl)aniline (3g)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as a yellow solid (64%, 103 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.85 - 7.71$ (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.84 - 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.72 - 6.64 (m, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 3.35 (brs, 2H), 1.33 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 147.2$, 143.9, 142.4, 135.0, 130.8, 128.8, 127.1, 125.9, 125.8, 118.3, 116.9, 115.6, 83.8, 24.8. EI-MS: m/z = 321 (M⁺, 72), 320 (64), 306 (72), 220 (100), 206 (51), 194 (91). HRMS (EI⁺) calcd for [C₂₀H₂₅BNO₂]: m/z 322.1978; found, 322.1972.

2-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)vinyl)aniline (3h)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (72%, 88 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.08$ (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.78 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 5.82 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 146.8$, 143.6, 140.1, 133.9, 131.2, 130.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.7, 126.2, 125.8, 125.6, 125.4, 125.2, 120.0, 118.4, 116.0. **EI-MS**: m/z = 245 (M⁺, 100), 244 (55), 230 (48). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.²

2-(1-(2-tolyl)vinyl)aniline (3i)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (79%, 83 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.34 - 7.30$ (m, 1H), 7.24 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dt, J = 5.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 - 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.73 - 6.62 (m, 2H), 5.60 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (brs, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 148.2$, 143.6, 141.8, 135.8, 130.6, 130.1, 129.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.3, 125.9, 118.6, 118.3, 115.9, 20.3. **EI-MS**: m/z = 209 (M⁺, 100), 208 (28), 194 (100). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.²

2-(1-(3-tolyl)vinyl)aniline (3j)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (78%, 82 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.27$ -7.10 (m, 6H), 6.85 - 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.74 - 6.67 (m, 1H), 5.79 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (brs, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 147.3$, 143.9, 139.7, 138.1, 130.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.2, 123.9, 118.3, 116.0, 115.6, 21.5. **EI-MS**: m/z = 209 (M⁺, 77), 208 (51), 194 (100). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.²

2-(1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinyl)aniline (3k)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (74%, 97 mg). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H) 3.48 (brs. 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 145.9, 143.8, 140.6, 130.9 (q, J = 32 Hz), 130.8, 130.1, 129.0, 124.0 (q, J = 270 Hz), 123.2, (q, J = 5

Hz), 123.1 (q, J = 5 Hz), 118.5, 117.7, 115.7. **EI-MS**: m/z = 263 (M⁺, 100), 262 (79), 248 (70), 242 (34), 194 (86). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.²

2-(1-(3-(methoxy)phenyl)vinyl)aniline (3l)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as a yellow oil (72%, 81 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.26 - 7.21$ (m, 1H), 7.19 - 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 - 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.56 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 159.7$, 147.1, 143.9, 141.2, 130.8, 129.5, 128.8, 127.2, 119.2, 118.3, 116.4, 116.4, 115.6, 113.3, 112.4, 55.2. **EI-MS**: m/z = 225.2 (M⁺, 100), 224 (65), 210 (40), 194(72). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.³

4-methyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3m)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as red oil (90%, 94 mg). 1 H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (brs, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 147.3, 141.4, 139.8, 131.3, 129.4, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 116.0, 115.8, 20.5. **EI-MS**: m/z = 209 (M $^{+}$, 100), 208 (89), 194 (51). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data. 4

4-fluoro-2-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3n)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as green oil (84%, 82 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.43 - 7.32$ (m, 5H), 6.96 - 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.69 - 6.60 (m, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 3.33 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 156.1$ (d, J = 237 Hz), 146.4 (d, J = 2 Hz), 140.1 (d, J = 2 Hz), 139.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 126.6, 121.4, 117.1, 116.9, 116.7, 116.5 (d, J = 8 Hz), 115.2 (d, J = 23 Hz). **EI-MS**: m/z = 213 (M⁺, 89), 212 (100), 198 (68). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data. ⁵

4-chloro-2-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (30)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (84%, 96 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃):
$$\delta = 7.44 - 7.31$$
 (m, 5H), $7.19 - 7.11$ (m, 2H), $6.66 - 6.58$ (m, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 3.57 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 146.1$, 142.7 , 138.9 , 130.3 , 128.7 , 128.6 , 128.6 , 128.4 , 126.6 , 122.8 , 122.7 , 116.8 , 116.7 . **EI-MS**: $m/z = 231$ (M⁺ +

130.3, 128.7, 128.0, 128.4, 120.0, 122.8, 122.7, 110.8, 110.7. **E1-MS**. mz = 231 (W + 2, 34), 230 (M⁺ + 1, 52), 229 (M⁺, 84), 228 (100), 214 (50). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.⁴

4-bromo-2-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3p)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as green oil (87%, 119 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):
$$\delta = 7.42 - 7.29$$
 (m, 5H), $7.28 - 7.21$ (m, 2H), $6.61 - 6.50$ (m, 1H), 5.81 (d, $J = 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, $J = 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.44 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 146.0$, 143.1 , 138.9 , 133.0 , 131.4 , 129.1 , 128.7 , 128.8 , 126.6 , 117.1 , 116.8 , 109.9 . **EI-MS**: $m/z = 276$ (M⁺ + 3, 22), 275 (M⁺ + 2, 95), 274 (M⁺ + 1, 94), 273 (M⁺, 100), 272 (66), 260 (27), 258 (27), 193 (22). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data. ⁵

Methyl 4-amino-3-(1-phenylvinyl)benzoate (3q)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (61%, 77 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃):
$$\delta = 7.89 - 7.81$$
 (m, 2H), $7.38 - 7.27$ (m, 5H), 6.65 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (brs, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.2$, 148.4 , 146.2 , 138.9 , 132.7 , 130.8 , 128.7 , 128.3 , 126.5 , 126.1 , 119.5 , 116.9 , 114.4 , 51.6 . **EI-MS**: $m/z = 253$ (M⁺, 86), 252 (100), 238 (53). **HRMS** (EI⁺) calcd for [C₁₆H₁₅NO₂Na]: m/z 276.0995; found, 276.0991.

4-amino-3-(1-phenylvinyl)benzonitrile (3r)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as brown oil (58%, 64 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃):
$$\delta = 7.44 - 7.39$$
 (m, 2H), $7.38 - 7.31$ (m, 5H), 6.66 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.06 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.3$,

140.5, 133.6, 130.1, 128.2, 124.1, 123.9, 122.1, 121.7, 115.2, 112.7, 110.2, 95.4. **EI-MS**: $m/z = 220 \text{ (M}^+, 80)$, 219 (100), 205 (45). **HRMS** (EI⁺) calcd for [C₁₅H₁₂N₂Na]: m/z 243.0893; found, 243.0890.

4-amino-3-(1-phenylvinyl)benzoic acid (3s)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as brown oil (72%, 86 mg). 1 **H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.98 - 7.88$ (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H). 13 **C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 172.1$, 149.1, 146.0, 138.8, 133.5, 131.6, 128.7, 128.4, 126.5, 126.1, 118.5, 117.1, 114.4. **EI-MS**: m/z = 239 (M⁺, 91), 238 (100), 224 (50). **HRMS** (EI⁺) calcd for [C₁₅H₁₃NO₂Na]: m/z 262.0838; found, 262.0830.

1-(4-amino-3-(1-phenylvinyl)phenyl)ethanone (3t)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as red oil (62%, 74 mg). 1 H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.82 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.03 (brs, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 196.6, 148.7, 146.2, 138.8, 131.9, 130.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 126.5, 125.9, 117.0, 114.4, 26.1. **EI-MS**: m/z = 237 (M⁺, 70), 236 (60), 222 (100), 193 (37). **HRMS** (EI⁺) calcd for [C₁₆H₁₅NONa]: m/z 260.1046; found, 260.1043.

4-nitro-2-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3u)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (52%, 62 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.10 - 8.05$ (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.32 (m, 5H), 6.66 - 6.63 (m, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.28 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 150.1$, 145.1, 138.9, 138.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.2, 126.5, 125.8, 125.5, 117.9, 113.9. **EI-MS**: m/z = 240 (M⁺, 100), 239 (95), 225 (48), 193 (70). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data. ¹

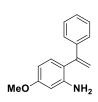
4-methoxy-2-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3v)

The title compound was preparation isolated as red oil (82%, 92 mm)
$$7.37 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 7.36 - 7.29 \text{ (m, 3)} \\ 2.8 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, 6.67 \text{ (d, } J = 8.6 \text{ Hz}$$

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as red oil (82%, 92 mg). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.42 -$ 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.79 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J =2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H),

3.11 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 152.5$, 147.1, 139.4, 137.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 126.6, 126.4, 116.9, 116.2, 116.1, 114.6, 55.8. **EI-MS**: m/z = 225 (M⁺, 100), 224 (74), 210 (34), 165 (25). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.¹

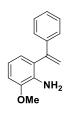
3-methoxy-2-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3w)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as red oil (82%, 92 mg). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.42 -$ 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.16 - 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz,1H), 6.38 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 1.1 Hz,

1H), 3.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 157.9$, 145.2, 142.4, 139.3, 128.8, 128.4, 127.8, 125.9, 116.6, 116.0, 108.4, 100.9, 55.8. **EI-MS**: m/z = 225 (M⁺, 100), 224 (54), 210 (77), 165 (19). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.²

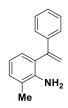
2-methoxy-6-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3x)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as red oil (76%, 86 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.43 - 7.37$ (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79 -6.70 (m, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (brs, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 147.1$, 146.9, 139.7, 133.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.2, 126.7, 122.9, 117.3, 115.9, 109.4, 55.6. **EI-MS**: m/z = 225 (M⁺, 100), 224 (76), 210 (50), 165

(16). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.¹

2-methyl-6-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3y)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (72%, 75 mg). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.45 - 7.37$ (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.86 - 6.71 (m, 3H), 5.82 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), J = 1.4 Hz, J = 1.4 = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.77 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =

147.4, 142.0, 139.7, 129.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.6, 122.4, 117.8, 116.1, 17.8. **EI-MS**: $m/z = 209 \text{ (M}^+, 100)$, 208 (98), 194 (68). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.¹

2-phenyl-6-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3z)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as brown oil (72%, 98 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.55 - 7.40$ (m, 6H), 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.20 - 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.93 - 6.86 (m, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 3.74 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 147.4$, 141.1, 139.6, 139.6, 130.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 117.9, 116.4. EI-MS: m/z = 271 (M⁺, 100), 270 (93), 254 (59). HRMS (EI⁺) calcd for [C₂₀H₁₈N]: m/z

2-chloro-6-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3aa)

272.1434; found, 272.1435.

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (94%, 74 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.40 - 7.32$ (m, 5H), 7.28 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 147.4$, 141.1, 139.6, 139.6, 130.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 117.9, 116.4. **EI-MS**: m/z = 230 (M⁺ + 1, 50), 229 (M⁺, 89), 228 (100), 214 (53). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.⁵

methyl 2-amino-3-(1-phenylvinyl)benzoate (3ab)

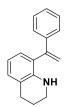
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as brown oil (54%, 68 mg). 1 H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.90 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 5.87 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (brs, 2H), 5.37 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.8, 148.1, 146.2, 138.9, 135.4, 130.9, 128.6, 128.3, 126.4, 116.9, 115.5, 110.6, 51.6. EI-MS: m/z = 254 (M⁺ + 1, 43), 253 (M⁺, 76), 221 (51), 220 (59), 193 (100), 165 (41). HRMS (EI⁺) calcd for [C₁₆H₁₆NO₂]: m/z 254.1175; found, 254.1175.

7-(1-phenylvinyl)indoline (3ac)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as yellow oil (71%, 78 mg). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.39 - 7.35$ (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 - 6.71 (m, 1H), 5.62 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (t, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (t,

= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 147.3$, 140.3, 129.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.2, 124.1, 118.7, 115.6, 47.1, 29.7. **EI-MS**: m/z = 221 (M⁺, 14), 220 (19), 115 (26), 78 (67), 77 (100). **HRMS** (EI⁺) calcd for $[C_{16}H_{16}N]$: m/z 222.1277; found, 222.1277.

8-(1-phenylvinyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (3ad)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as red oil (62%, 76 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.42 - 7.38$ (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 – 6.62 (m, 1H), 5.82 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (brs, 1H), 3.21 - 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.82 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.94 - 1.85 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 147.0$, 142.1, 139.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 126.5, 126.1, 121.2, 116.0, 115.9, 41.9, 27.4, 21.9. **EI-MS**: m/z = 235 (M⁺, 100), 234 (86), 220 (66), 206.1 (38). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.⁶

2-(1-phenylvinyl)naphthalen-1-amine (3ae)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as red oil (65%, 80 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.88 - 7.81$ (m, 2H), 7.54 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.30 - 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.07 (brs, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta =$ 147.4, 139.9, 139.1, 133.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 125.8, 125.2, 123.7, 121.6, 121.1, 118.2, 116.7. **EI-MS**: m/z = 245 (M⁺, 100), 244 (99), 230 (56). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.⁵

2-(1-phenylvinyl)naphthalen-1-amine (3af)



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as red oil (75%, 92 mg). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.78 - 7.69$ (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (brs, 2H). ¹³C **NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 144.0$, 140.9, 139.1, 133.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 127.9, 126.5, 126.2, 124.3, 122.2, 119.2, 118.1, 117.8. **EI-MS**: m/z = 245 (M⁺, 100), 244 (64), 230 (20), 167 (25). **HRMS** (EI⁺) calcd for $[C_{18}H_{16}N]$: m/z 246.1277; found, 246.1276.

3,5-dimethyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3ag)

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as brown oil (74%, 82 mg). ¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.50 -$ 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 1.3Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (brs, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.0$, 144.0, 139.1, 137.7, 137.1, 128.7, 128.0, 125.9, 124.5, 120.9, 116.3, 113.6, 21.3, 20.1. **EI-MS**: m/z = 223 (M⁺, 94), 222.2 (60), 208 (100), 193 (29). The data are in agreement with the reported spectroscopic data.⁵

2,6-dimethyl-4-(1-phenylvinyl)aniline (3ah)

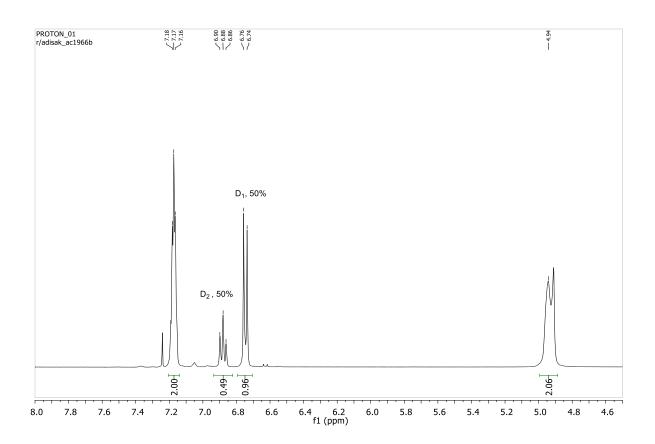
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure, and isolated as brown oil (71%, 79 mg). ^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta =$ 7.36 - 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (brs, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 149.8$, 142.8, 140.9, 140.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 121.1,

120.2, 119.7, 114.4, 17.8, 14.6. **EI-MS**: m/z = 223 (M⁺, 100), 208 (64), 193 (47). **HRMS** (EI⁺) calcd for [C₁₆H₁₈N]: m/z 224.1434; found, 224.1434.

4. Deuterium labelling experiments.

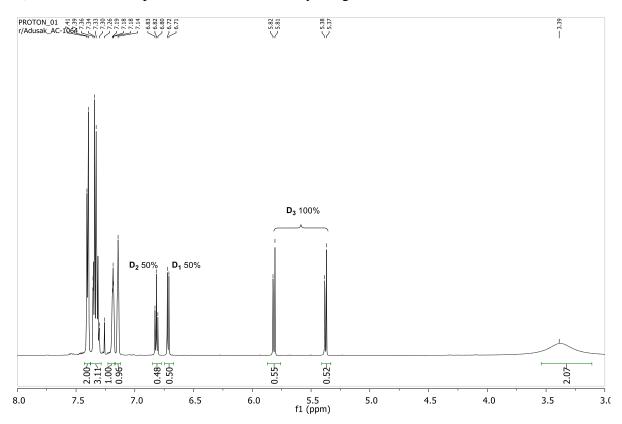
Control experiment

A screw cap sealed tube was charged with aniline **2a** (70 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1 equiv.) and HFIP-OD (0.5 mL). Mg(NTf₂)₂ was added to the reaction at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred continuously at 70 °C for 24 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated to obtain the corresponding product **2a-D** as yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.21 - 7.14$ (m, 2H), 6.88 (H/D = 50%; t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (H/D = 50%; d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (s, 2H). Deuterium incorporation was calculated by integration of ¹H NMR.

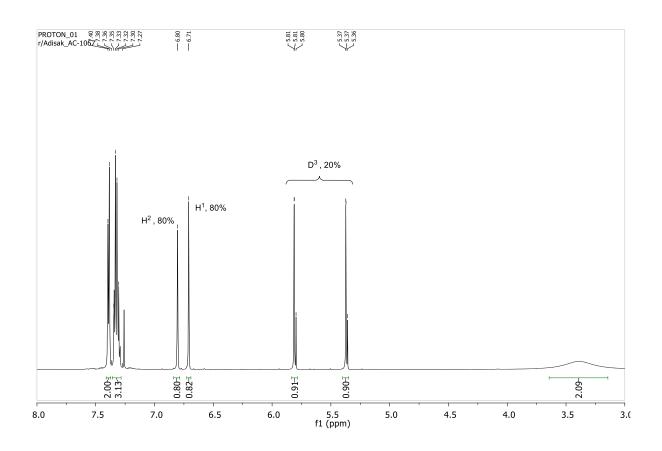


Deuterium incorporation

A screw cap sealed tube was charged with phenylacetylene **1a** (33.1 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv.), aniline **2** (70 mg, 0.75 mmol, 3 equiv.) and HFIP-OD (0.5 mL). Mg(NTf₂)₂ was added to the reaction at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred continuously at 70 °C for 24 h. Then, solvent was evaporated to obtain the crude reaction mixture. The corresponding product **3a-D1** was obtained after column chromatography (SiO₂, 50:1 hexane: EtOAc as a colourless solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.82 (H/D = 50%; t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (H/D = 50%; d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.85 – 5.78 (H/D = 50%, m, 1H), 5.42 – 5.33 (H/D = 50%, m, 1H), 3.39 (bs, 2H). Deuterium incorporation was calculated by integration of ¹H NMR.



A screw cap sealed tube was charged with phenylacetylene **1a** (33.1 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv.), deuterated aniline **2a-D** (70 mg, 0.75 mmol, 3 equiv.) and HFIP (0.5 mL). Mg(NTf₂)₂ was added to the reaction at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred continuously at 70 °C for 24 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated to obtain the crude reaction mixture. The corresponding product **3a-D1** was obtained after column chromatography (SiO₂, 50:1 hexane: EtOAc) as a colourless solid; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.80 (D/H = 80%; s, 1H), 6.71 (D/H = 80%; s, 1H), 5.86 – 5.75 (H/D = 10%, m, 1H), 5.44 – 5.32 (H/D = 10%, m, 1H), 3.38 (s, 2H). Deuterium incorporation was calculated by integration of ¹H NMR.

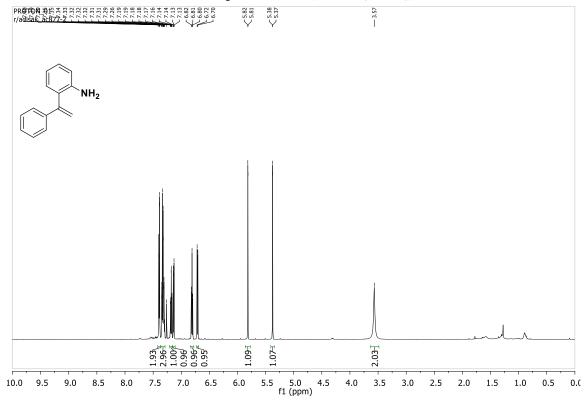


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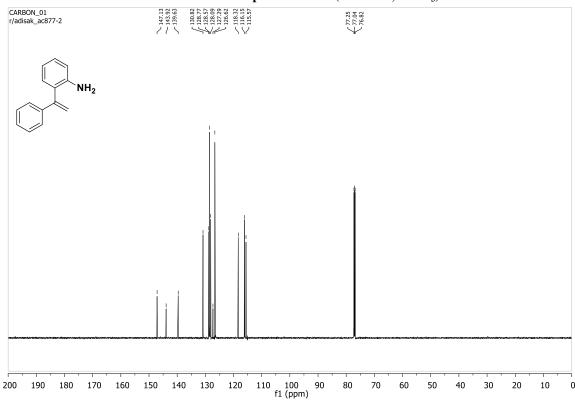
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6. ¹H and ¹³C-NMR Spectra of compounds 3a-3ah

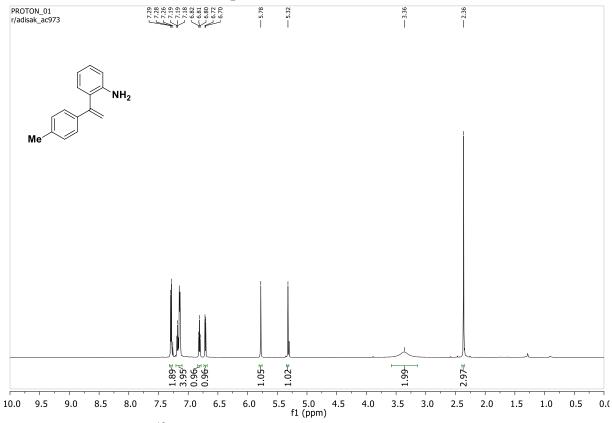
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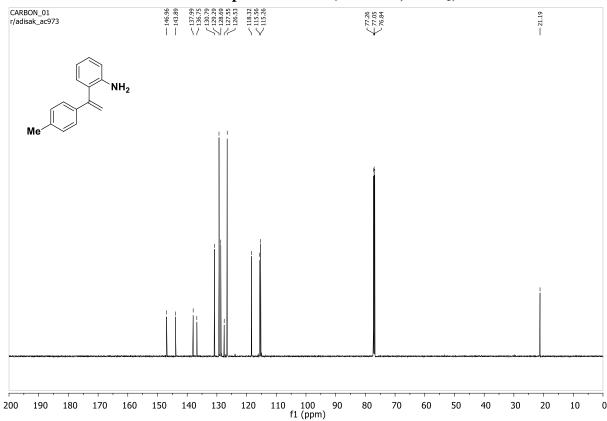
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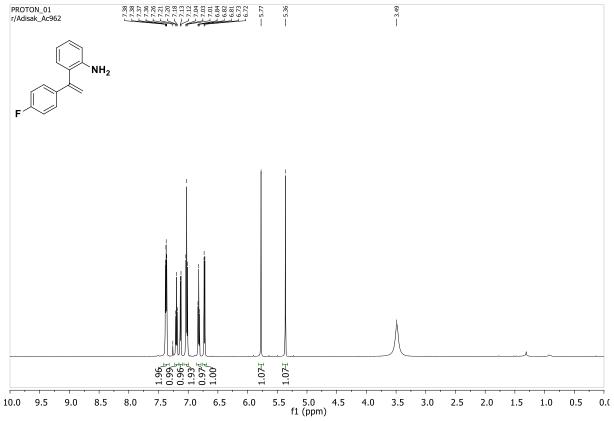
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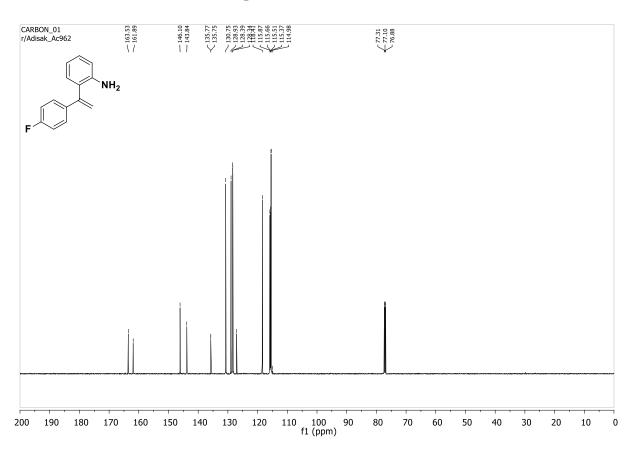
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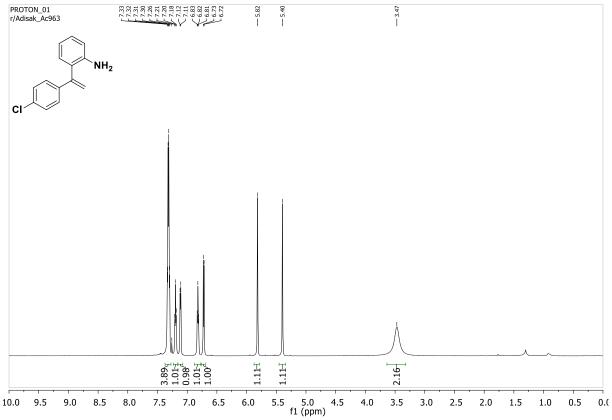
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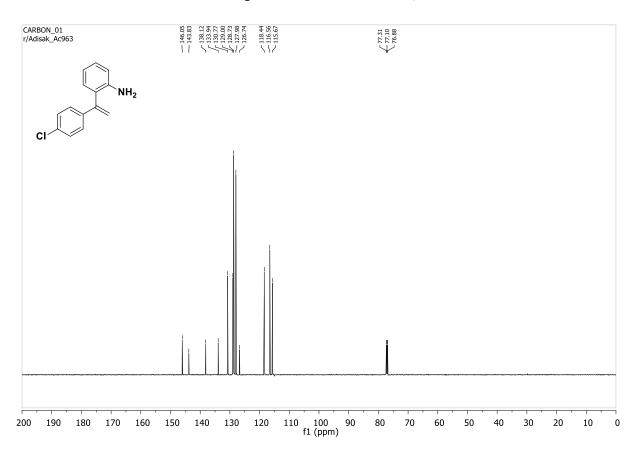
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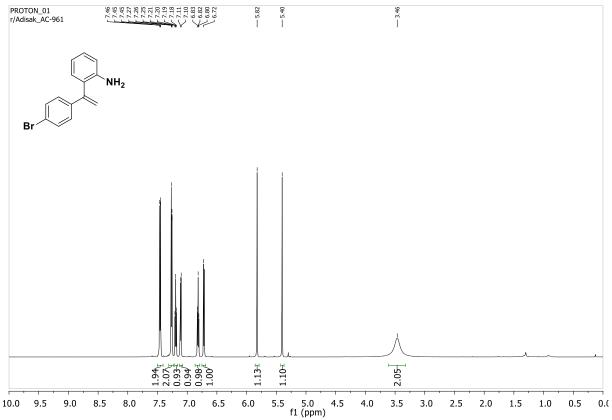
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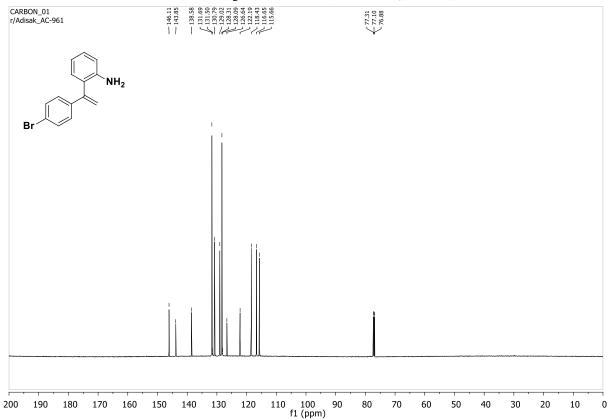
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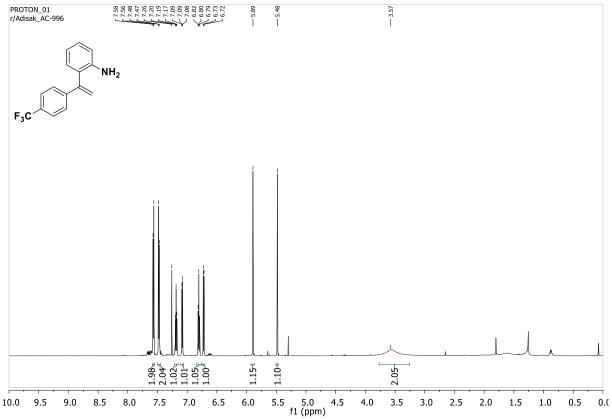
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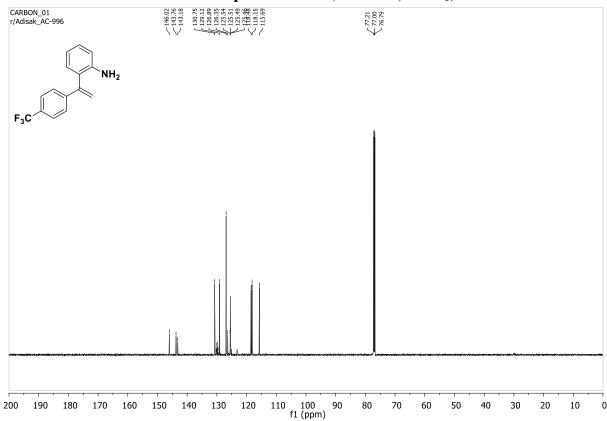
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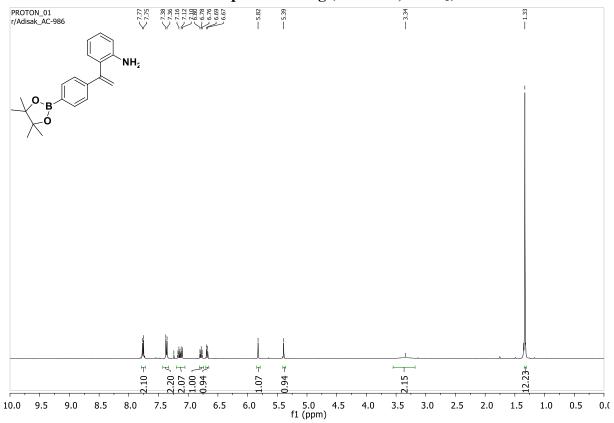
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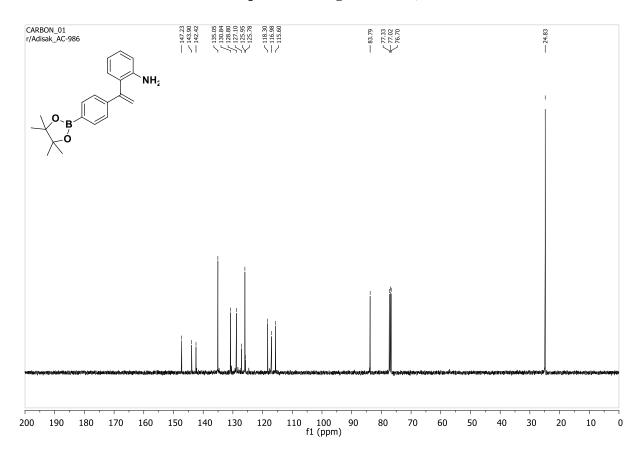
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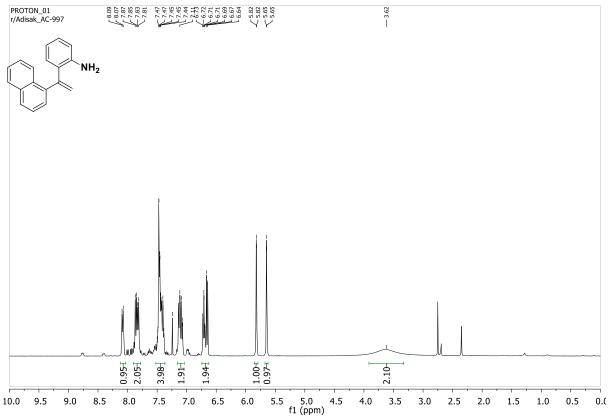
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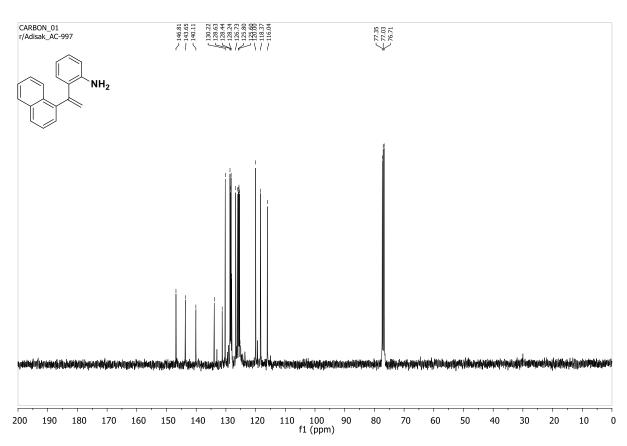
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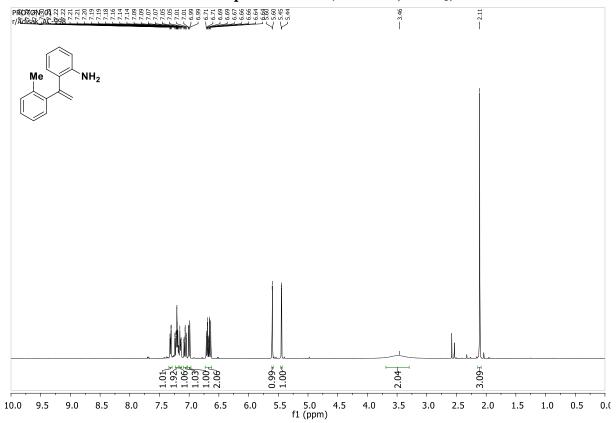
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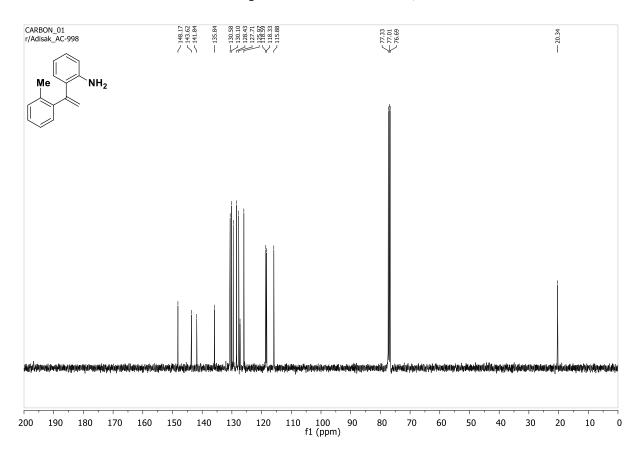
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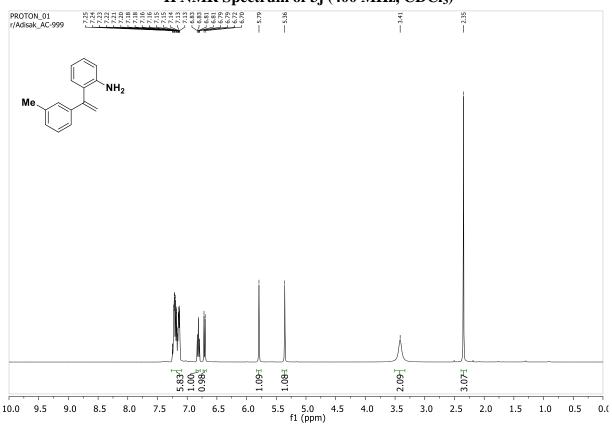
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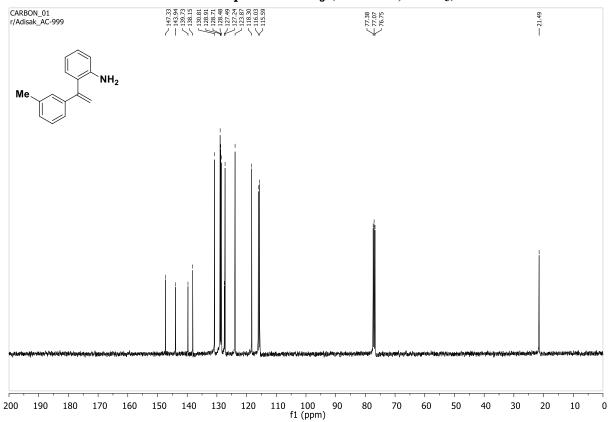
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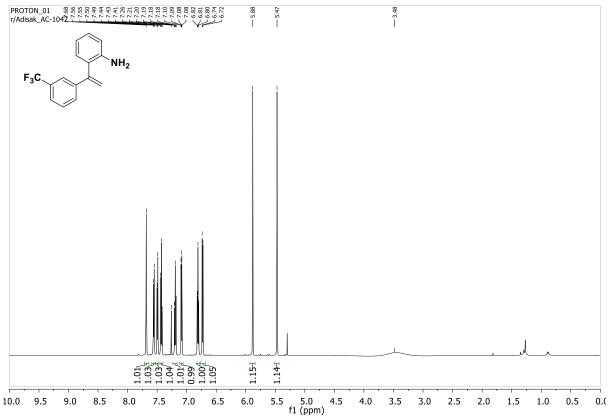
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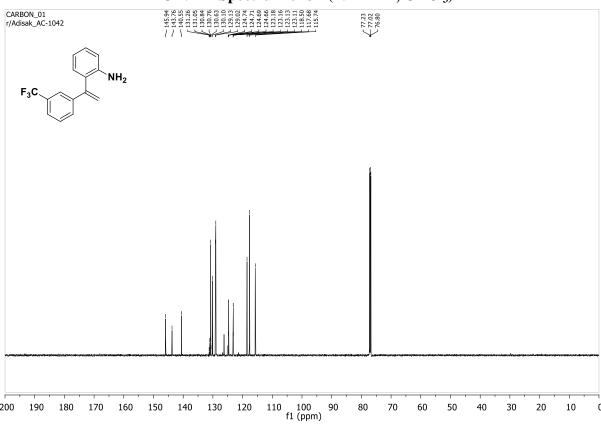
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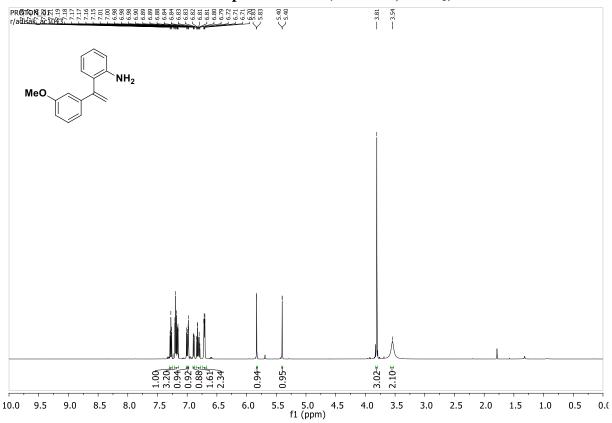
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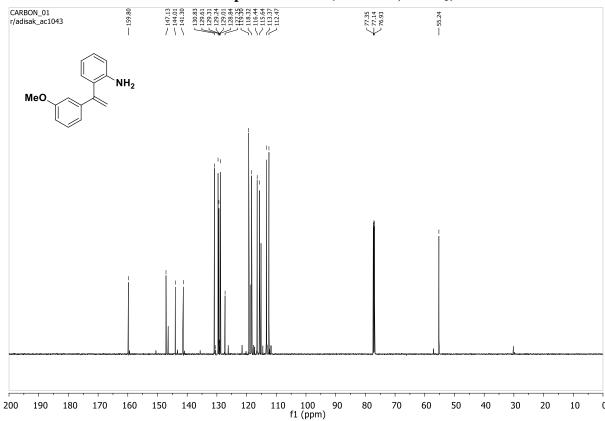
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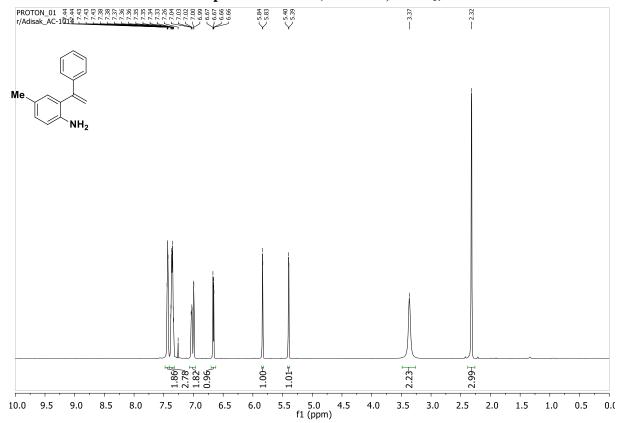
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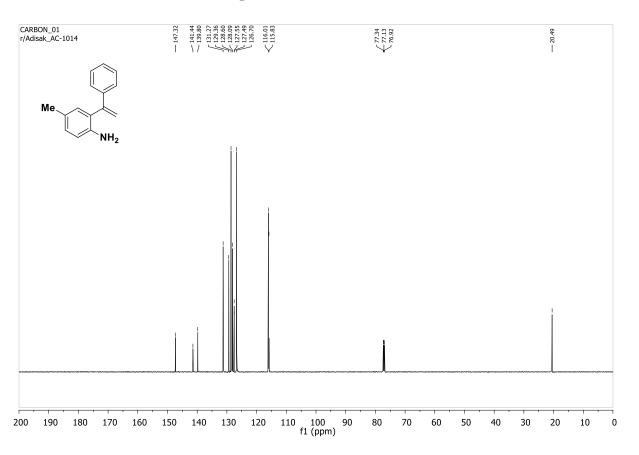
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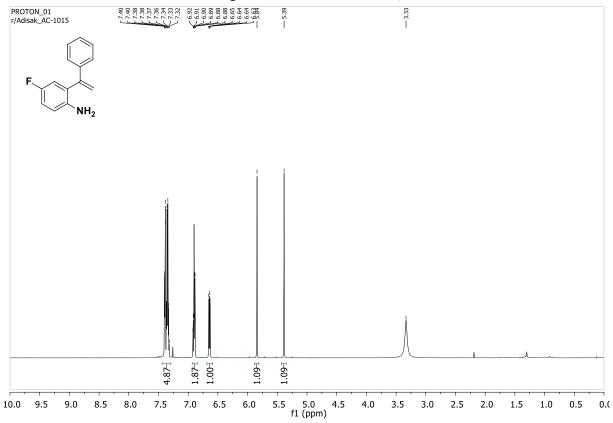
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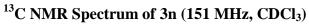


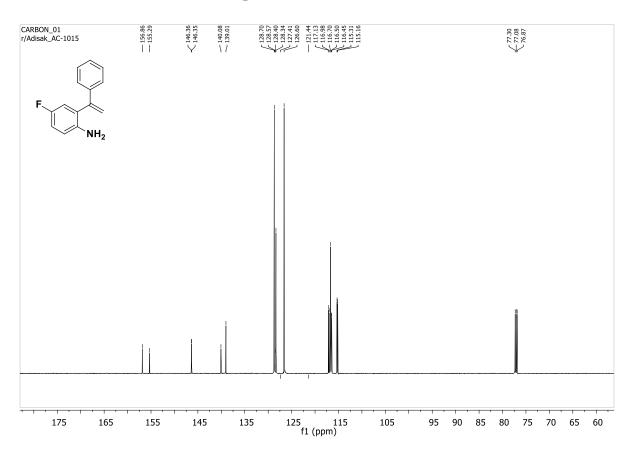
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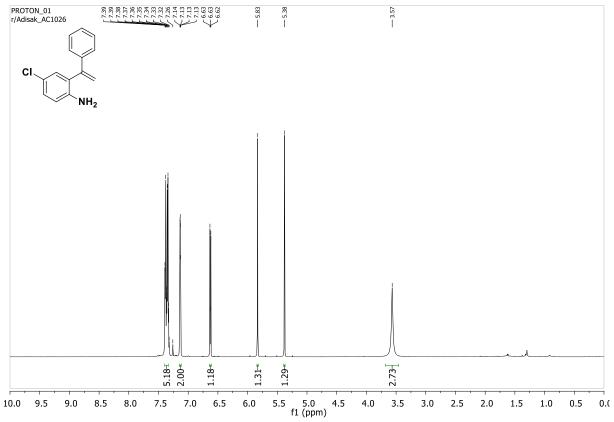
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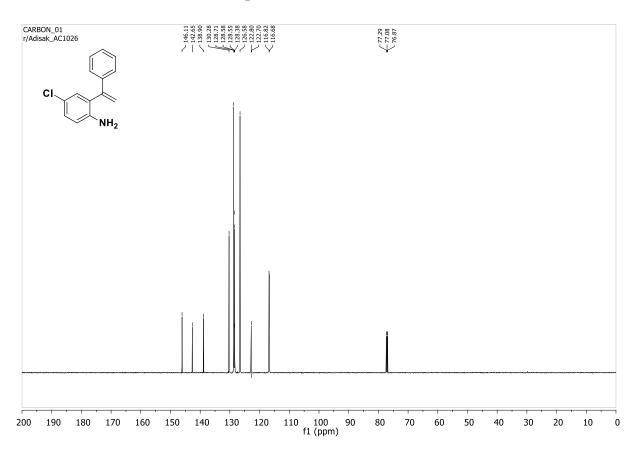




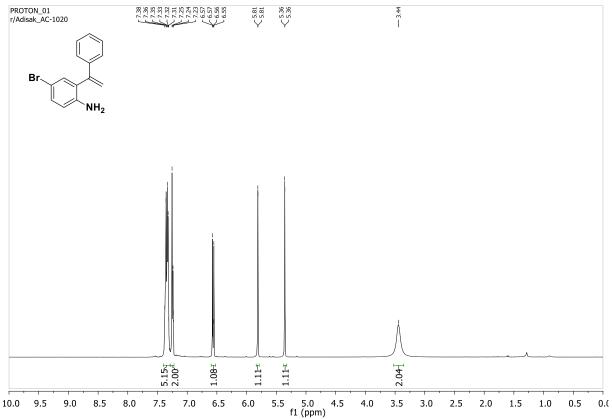
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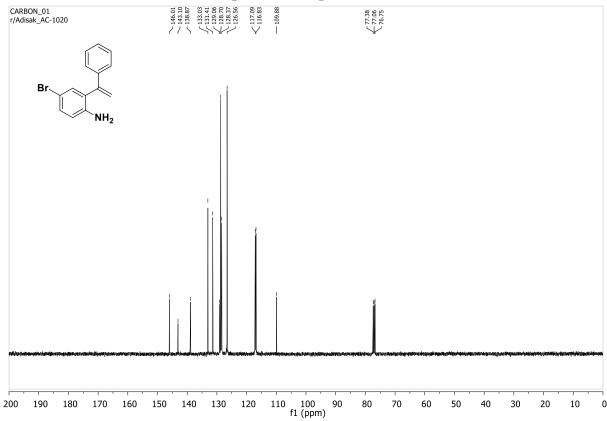
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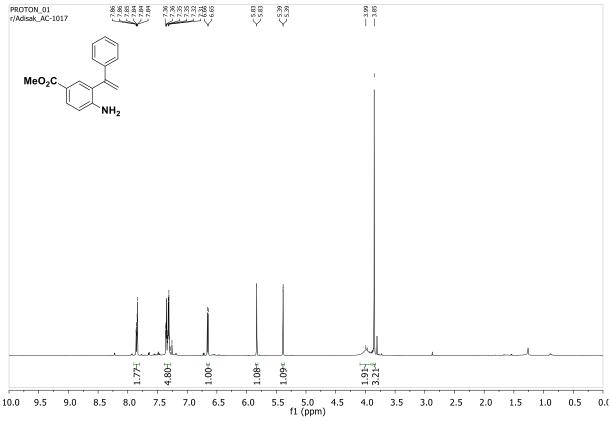
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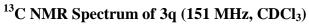


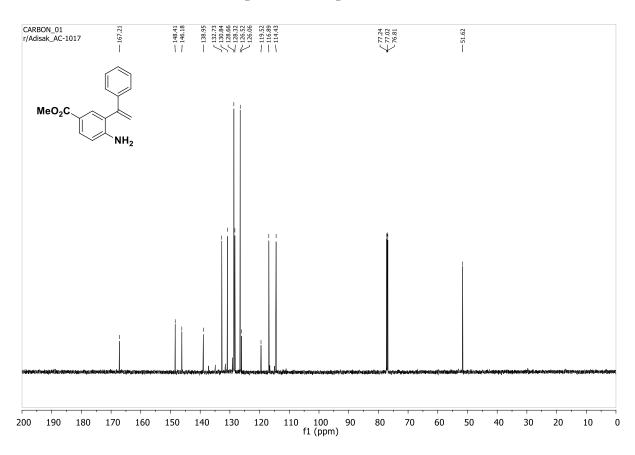
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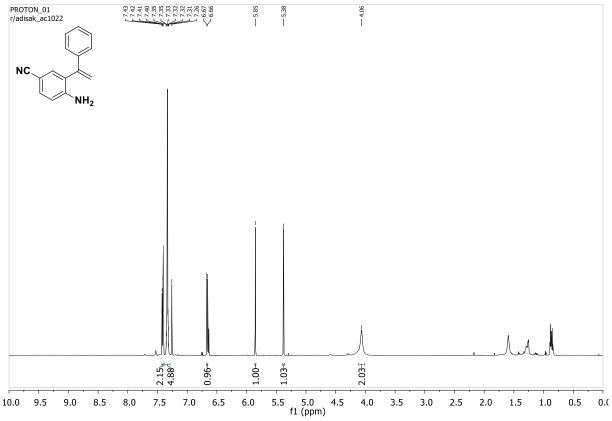
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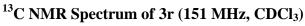


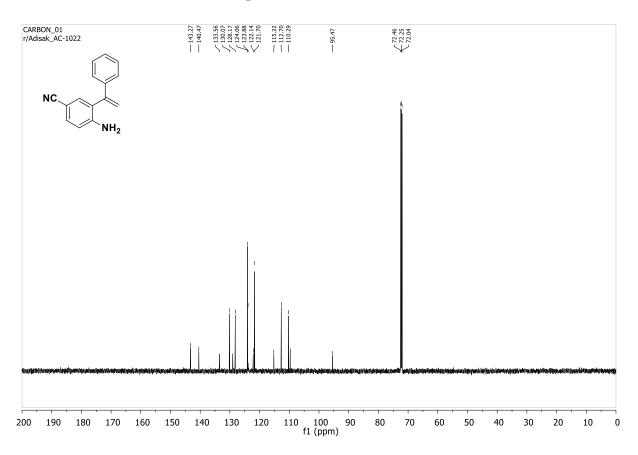




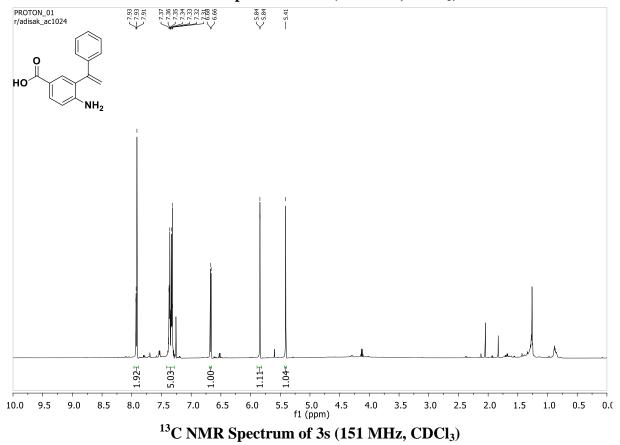
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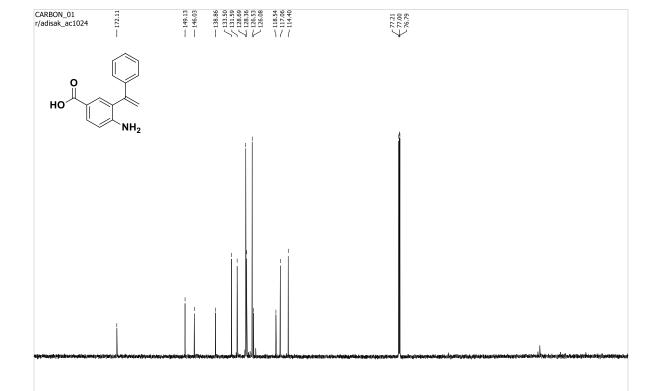






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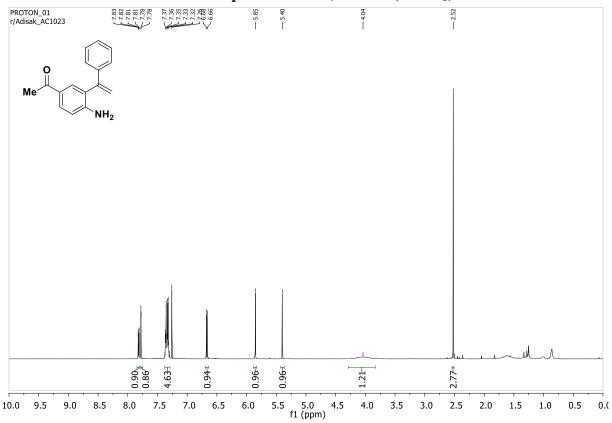




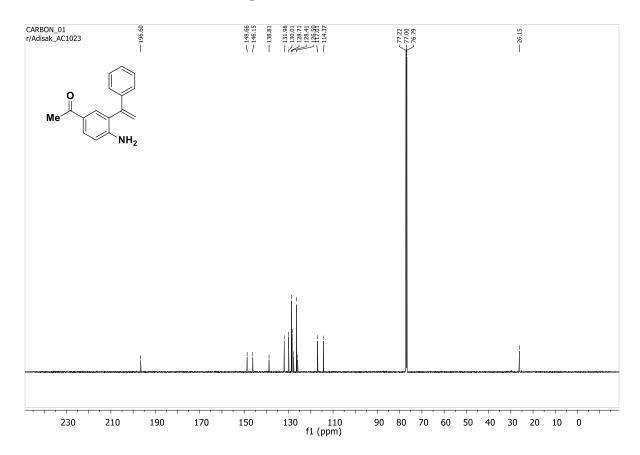
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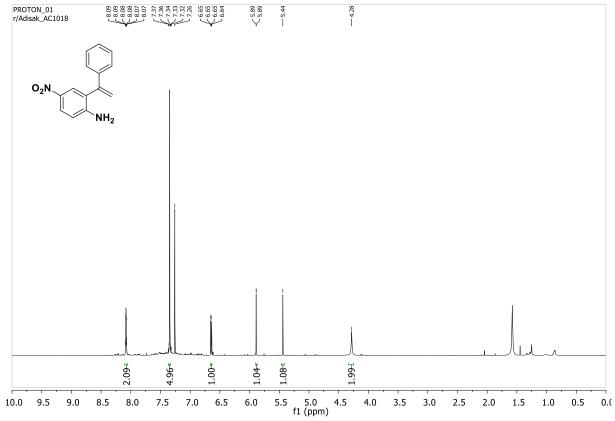
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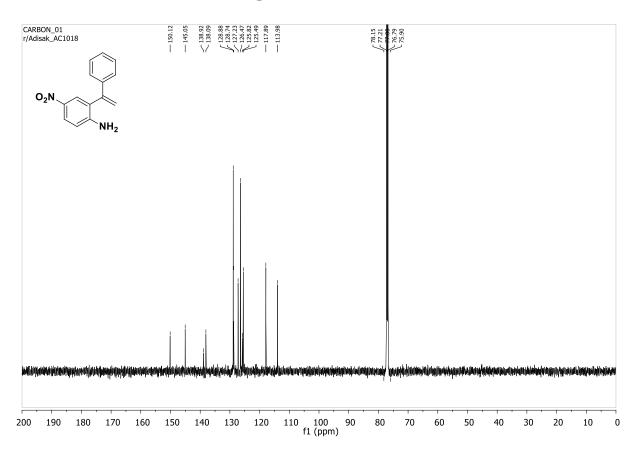
 ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of 3t (151 MHz, CDCl₃)



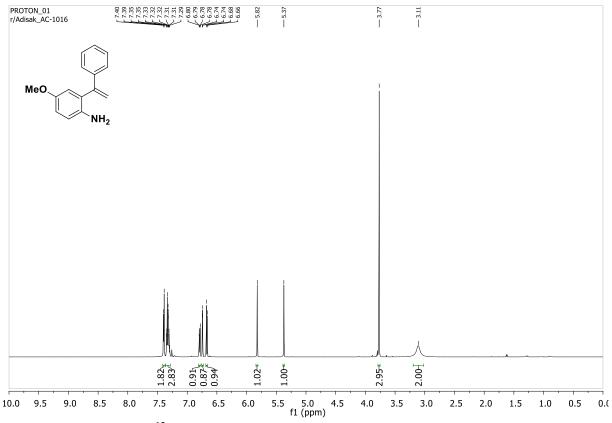
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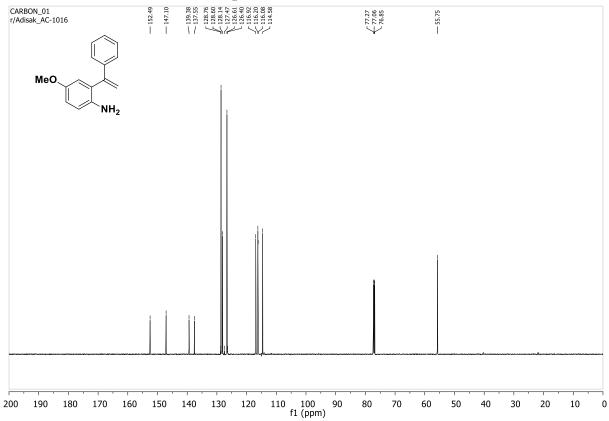
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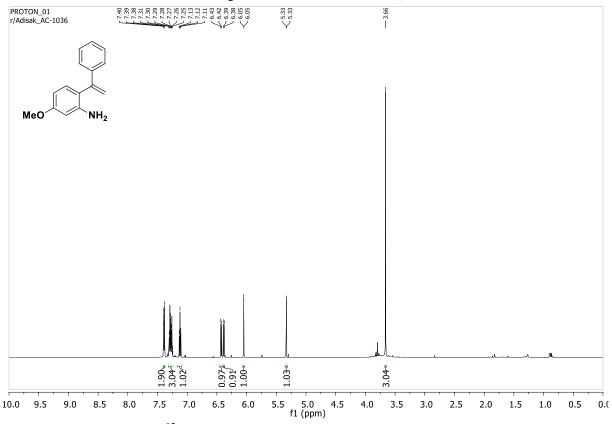
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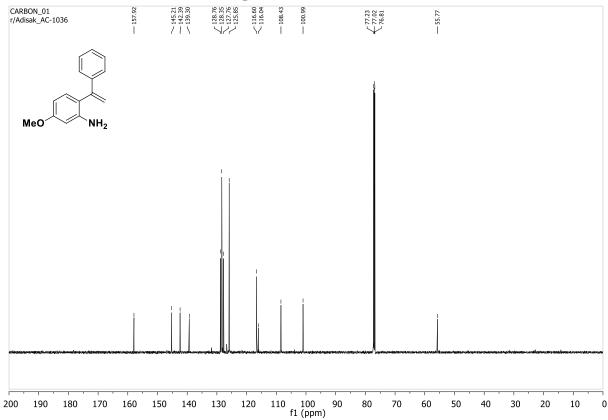
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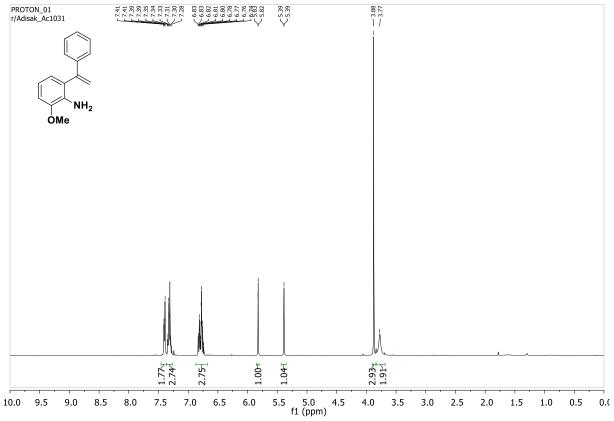
1H NMR Spectrum of 3w (600 MHz, CDCl₃)



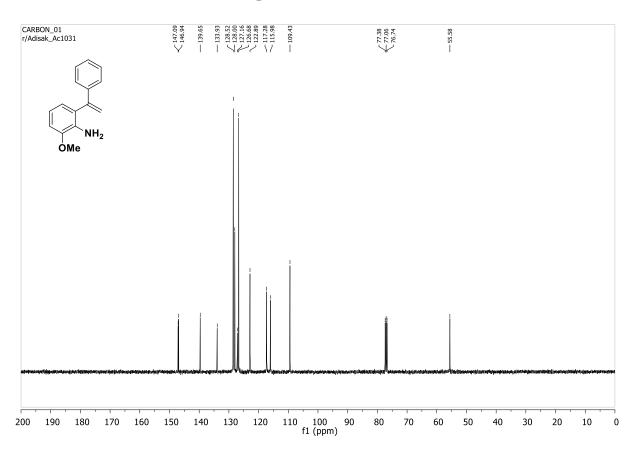
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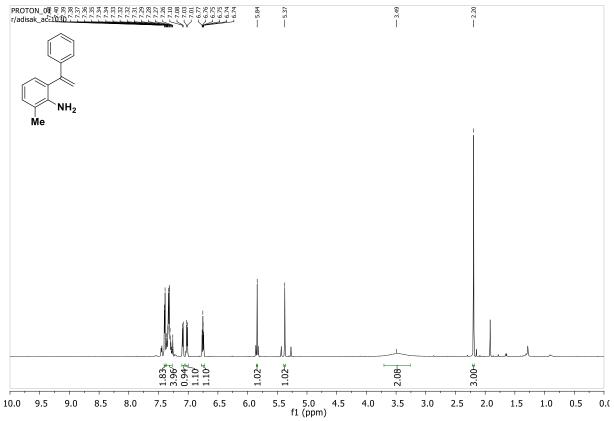
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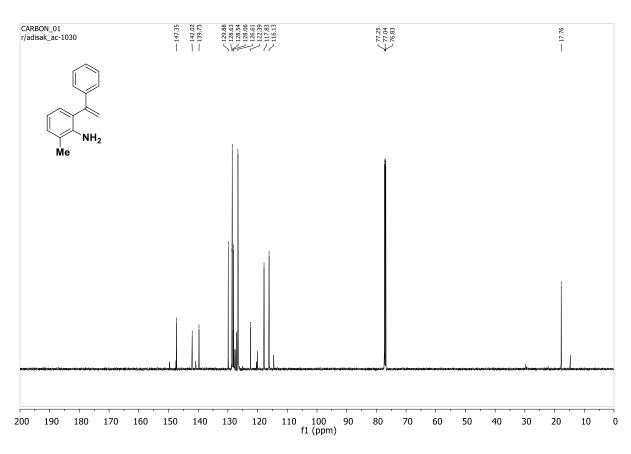
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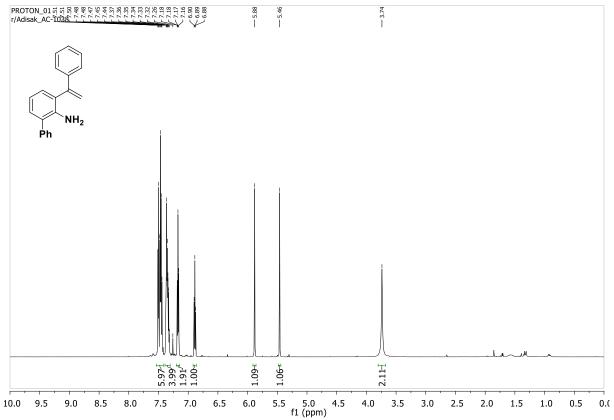
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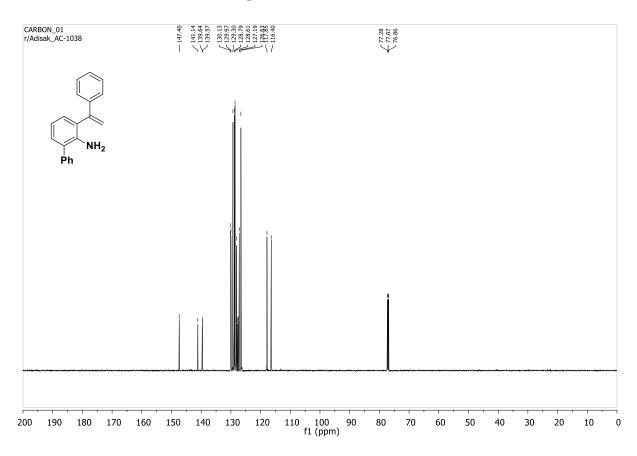
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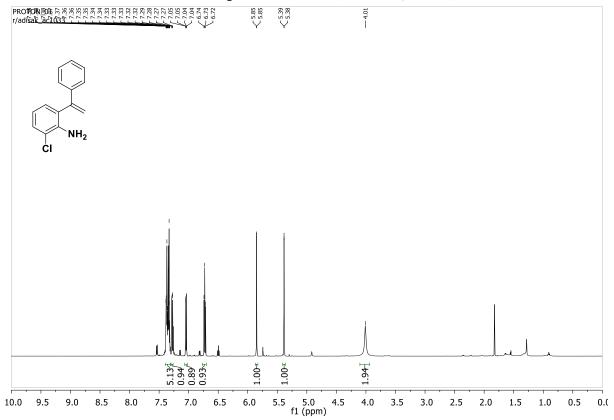
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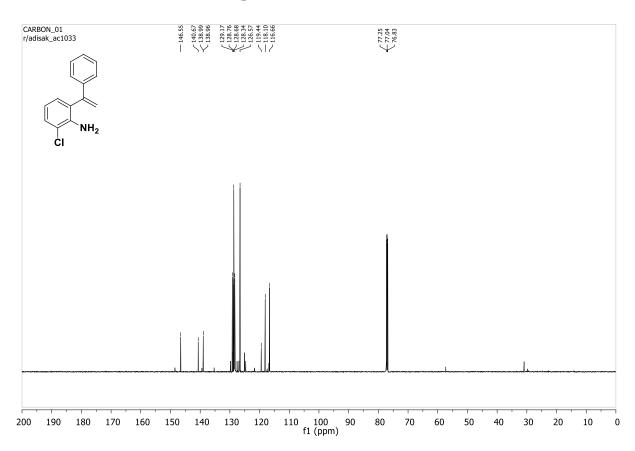
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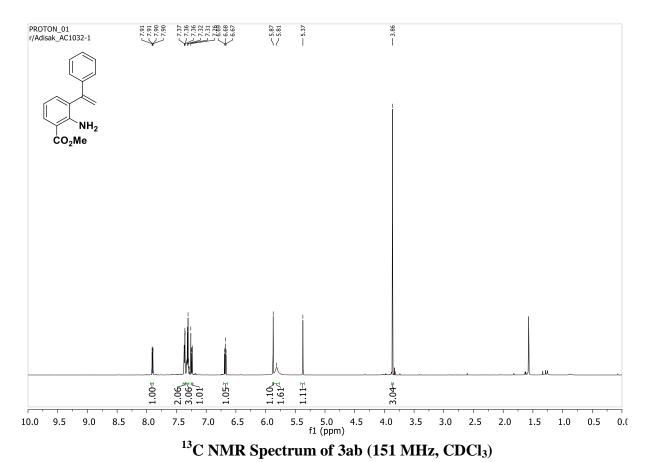
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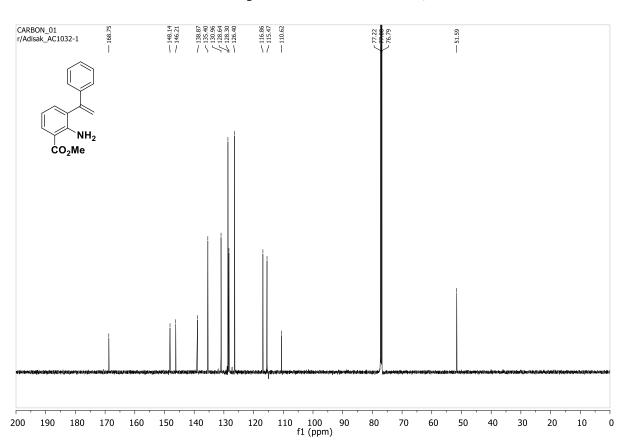


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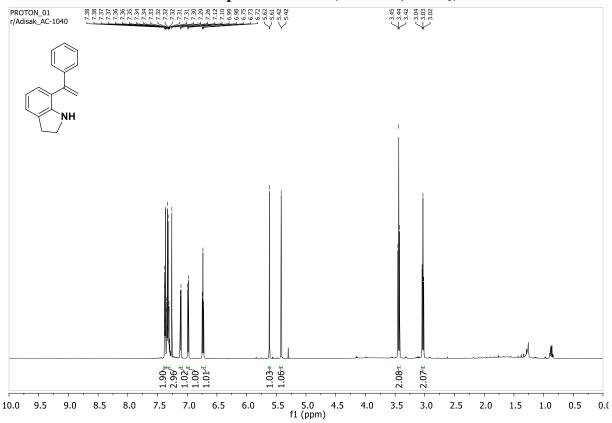


¹H NMR Spectrum of 3ab (600 MHz, CDCl₃)

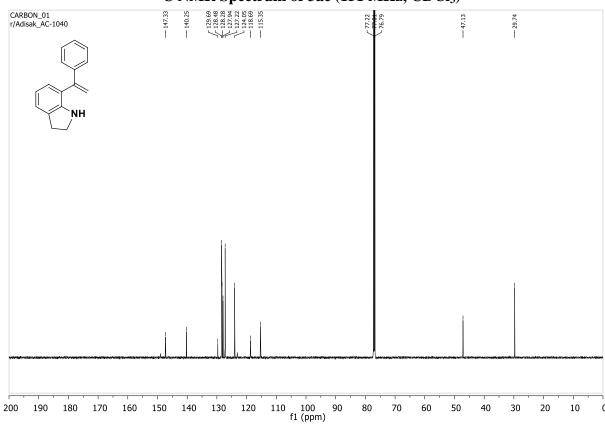




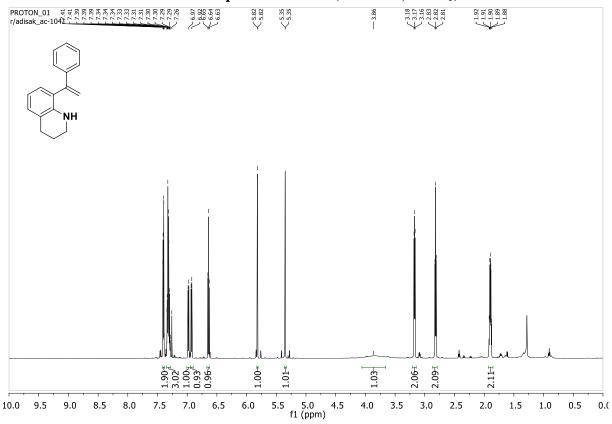
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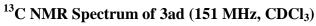


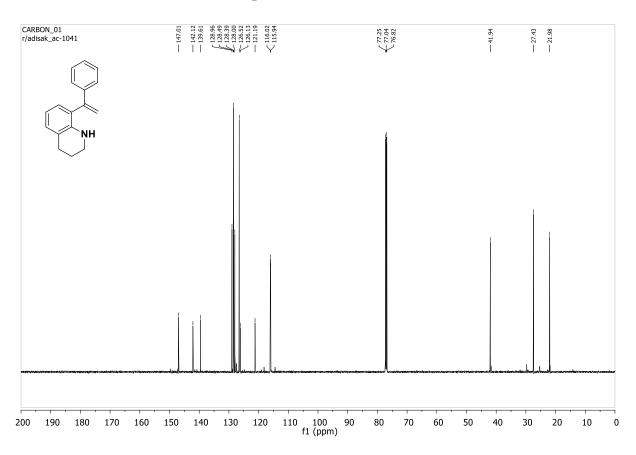
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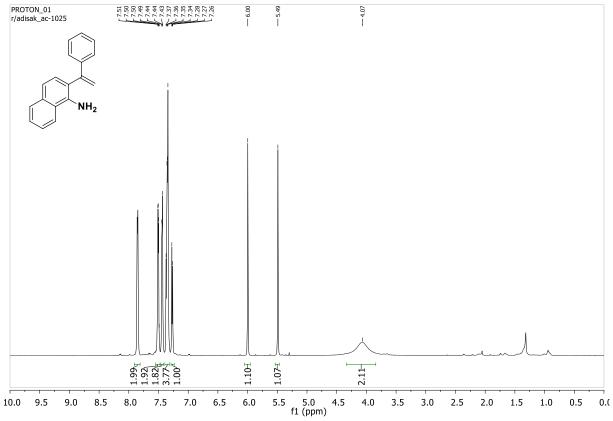
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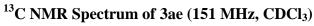


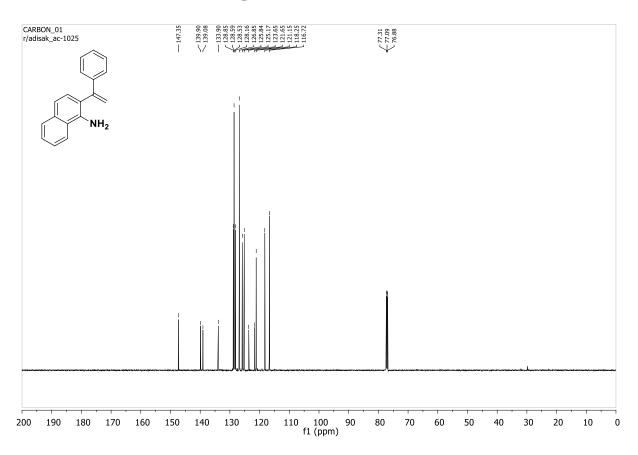




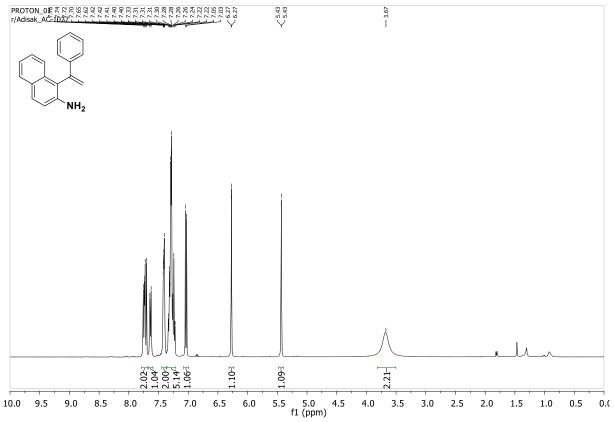
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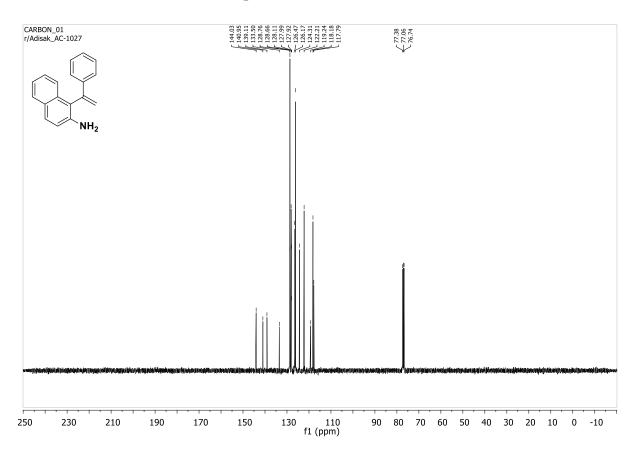




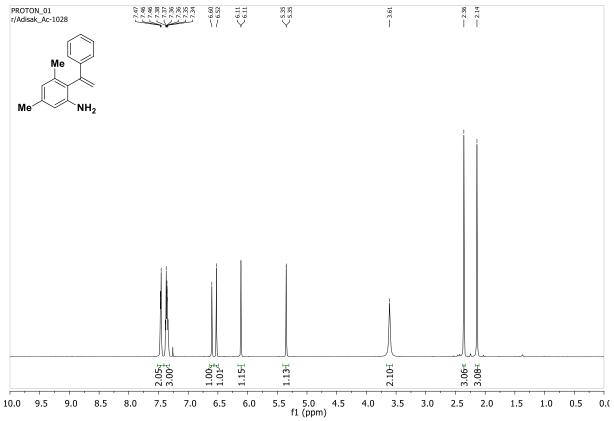
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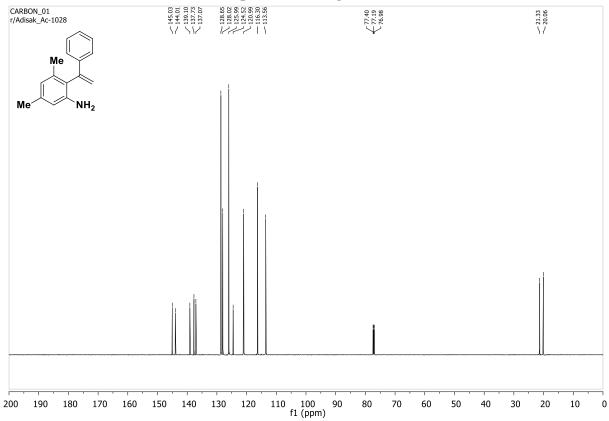
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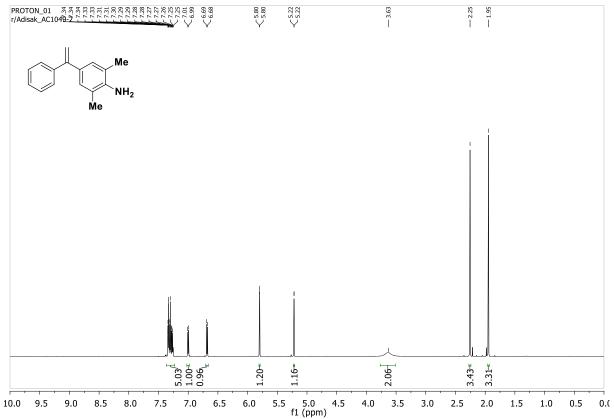
^{1}H NMR Spectrum of 3ag (600 MHz, CDCl $_{3}$)



^{13}C NMR Spectrum of 3ag (151 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR Spectrum of 3ah (600 MHz, CDCl₃)



^{13}C NMR Spectrum of 3ah (151 MHz, CDCl₃)

