

# **Synthesis of 4,7-Difunctionalized Indoles via Imino Exchange and Sulfinyl Migration**

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## **Supporting Information**

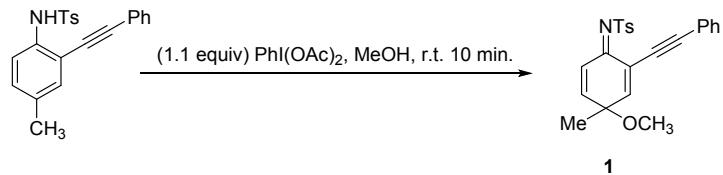
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## General experimental methods

All reactions were performed in Schlenk tubes under nitrogen atmosphere. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32–63 µm, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr (house vacuum) at 35–40 °C. Commercial reagents and solvents were used as received. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the  $\delta$  scale. For reactions that require heating, oil bath is used as the heat source.

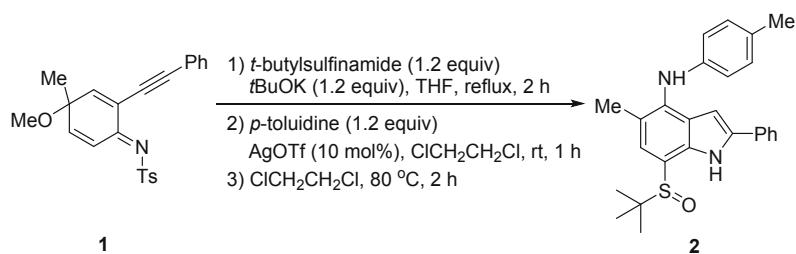
## 2. Representative procedure and characterization data

### 2.1 Synthesis of compounds 1



PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (350 mg, 1.1 mmol) was added into the solution of 2-alkynyl aniline (360 mg, 1.0 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) at 25 °C. After 10 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL), and extracted by ethyl acetate (50 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 8:1) to afford 2-alkynycyclohexadienimine **1** (371 mg, 95% yield).

### 2.2 Representative procedure

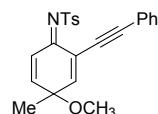


*tert*-Butanesulfinamide (0.12 mmol) and potassium *t*-butoxide (0.12 mmol) were added to a solution of 2-alkynylcyclohexadienimine **1** (0.1 mmol) in THF (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at the refluxing temperature for 2 h. The crude product was purified by a short column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1). The isolated imino exchange intermediate was dissolved in dichloroethane (2 mL) and treated with *p*-toluidine (0.12 mmol) and AgOTf (0.01 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, then was filtered through a short silica gel column to remove AgOTf. The resulting filtrate was stirred at 80 °C. After the intermediate was completely consumed (monitored by TLC analysis), the mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1) to furnish compound **2**, 30 mg, 72% yield.

### 2.3 Representative procedure in 1 mmol scale

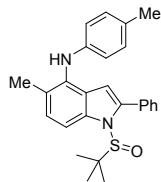
*tert*-Butanesulfinamide (1.2 mmol) and potassium *t*-butoxide (1.2 mmol) were added to a solution of 2-alkynylcyclohexadienimine **1** (1 mmol) in THF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at the refluxing temperature for 2 h. The crude product was purified by a short column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 4:1). The isolated imino exchange intermediate was dissolved in dichloroethane (10 mL) and treated with *p*-toluidine (1.2 mmol) and AgOTf (0.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, then was filtered through a short silica gel column to remove AgOTf. The resulting filtrate was stirred at 80 °C. After the intermediate was completely consumed (monitored by TLC analysis), the mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1) to furnish compound **2**, 287 mg, 69% yield.

### 2.3 Characterization data

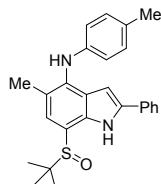


**(Z)-*N*-(4-methoxy-4-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **1**:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 8:1), 371 mg, 95%; colorless solid; m.p. 155-156 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 7H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* =

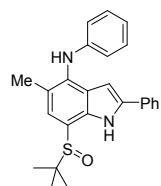
10.4 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H). (ref: Wang, L. F.; Fan, R. H. *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 3596-3599.)



**1-(tert-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-N-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-4-amine int-2B:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 8:1), 38 mg, 92%; gray solid; m.p. 110-111 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.3, 141.2, 139.0, 132.0, 131.7, 130.0, 129.5, 128.2, 128.1, 126.6, 126.1, 125.8, 115.0, 113.0, 105.2, 64.4, 24.0, 20.4, 17.5. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 417.1995, found 417.1995.

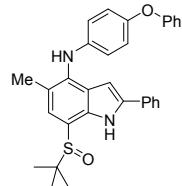


**7-(tert-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-N-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-4-amine 2:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 30 mg, 72%; gray solid; m.p. 105-106 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.31 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.7, 137.9, 136.5, 135.7, 131.8, 129.8, 129.5, 128.8, 127.8, 125.3, 125.1, 124.3, 119.1, 117.4, 112.8, 97.4, 58.2, 23.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 417.1995, found 417.1976.



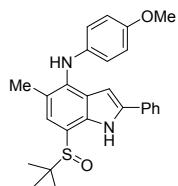
**7-(tert-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-N,2-diphenyl-1H-indol-4-amine 3:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 29 mg, 72%; brown solid; m.p. 159-160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.51 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d,

*J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.3, 138.1, 136.4, 135.0, 131.7, 129.0, 128.9, 127.9, 125.7, 125.3, 124.2, 120.1, 120.1, 116.7, 113.6, 97.2, 58.2, 23.2, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 403.1839, found 403.1831.



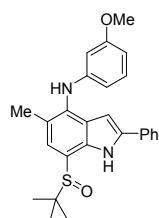
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-N-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

**4:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 32 mg, 65%; gray solid; m.p. 112-113 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.51(s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.05-6.94 (m, 6H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 3H), 6.35(s, 1H), 2.33(s, 3H), 1.33(s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.4, 140.2, 137.9, 136.5, 135.78, 129.6, 128.9, 127.8, 125.3, 124.7, 124.4, 122.4, 120.4, 119.07, 118.8, 117.6, 112.7, 97.3, 58.2, 23.2, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 495.2101, found 495.2078.



**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

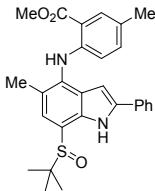
**5:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 29 mg, 68%; gray solid; m.p. 102-103 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 154.7, 137.5, 137.2, 136.9, 136.7, 131.8, 128.8, 127.7, 125.2, 124.54, 123.5, 120.5, 117.1, 114.3, 111.3, 97.5, 58.1, 55.6, 23.2, 17.78. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 433.1944, found 433.1944.



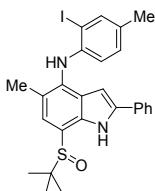
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-N-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

**6:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 26 mg, 60%; gray solid; m.p. 164-165 °C; <sup>1</sup>H

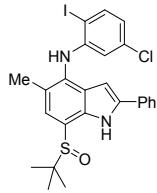
NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.52 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (td, *J* = 8.1, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.6, 145.9, 138.3, 136.3, 134.7, 131.8, 129.8, 128.9, 127.9, 126.3, 125.3, 124.1, 120.8, 114.2, 109.2, 105.3, 102.2, 97.2, 58.2, 55.1, 23.2, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 433.1944, found 433.1933.



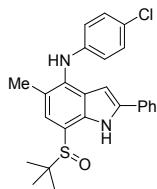
**Methyl-2-((7-(tert-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-yl)amino)-5-methylbenzoate 7:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 15 mg, 32%; gray solid; m.p. 117-118 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.53 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dt, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 7.7, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.81 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.1, 138.3, 136.4, 134.7, 132.2, 131.7, 131.3, 130.0, 128.9, 127.9, 125.6, 125.3, 124.2, 120.1, 120.0, 118.7, 113.8, 97.1, 58.2, 51.8, 23.2, 20.8, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 475.2050, found 475.2030.



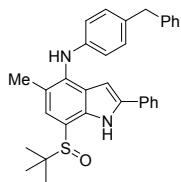
**7-(tert-butylsulfinyl)-N-(2-iodo-4-methylphenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine 8:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 28 mg, 52%; gray solid; m.p. 177-178 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.2, 139.2, 138.8, 138.5, 136.1, 134.2, 131.6, 128.9, 128.0, 127.3, 125.4, 124.0, 122.5, 122.0, 115.5, 112.7, 96.9, 82.8, 58.2, 23.2, 21.3, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 543.0962, found 543.0956.



**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-*N*-(5-chloro-2-iodophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine **9**:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 34 mg, 60%; gray solid; m.p. 176–177 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.59 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.9, 139.2, 139.0, 136.2, 133.5, 131.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.8, 125.4, 123.8, 119.5, 111.7, 96.7, 90.5, 58.3, 23.2, 17.7. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClIN<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 563.0415, found 563.0410.

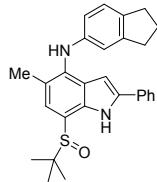


**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-*N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine **10**:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 25 mg, 58%; gray solid; m.p. 150–151 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.0, 138.5, 136.3, 134.3, 131.6, 128.9, 128.0, 125.9, 125.3, 124.5, 124.1, 120.6, 117.4, 114.3, 97.0, 58.2, 23.2, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClIN<sub>2</sub>OS, ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 437.1449, found 437.1425.

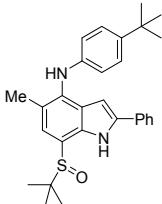


***N*-(4-benzylphenyl)-7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine **11**:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 32 mg, 65%; gray solid; m.p. 155–156 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.33, 141.5, 137.9, 136.4,

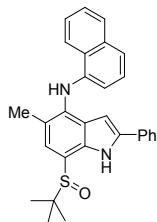
135.5, 133.1, 131.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.8, 128.4, 127.8, 125.9, 125.3, 125.2, 124.3, 119.4, 117.4, 113.0, 97.4, 58.2, 41.2, 23.2, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 493.2308, found 493.2300.



**7-(tert-butylsulfinyl)-N-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-4-amine 12:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 30 mg, 68%; gray solid; m.p. 121–122 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.49 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 2.85 (q, J = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.12–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.2, 142.6, 137.9, 136.3, 135.9, 131.9, 128.8, 127.7, 125.3, 125.1, 124.5, 124.4, 119.2, 115.5, 113.5, 112.7, 97.4, 58.1, 33.0, 32.1, 25.7, 23.2, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 443.2152, found 443.2144.

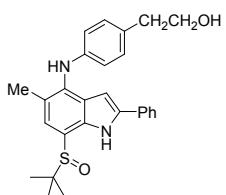


**N-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-7-(tert-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-4-amine 13:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 21 mg, 45%; gray solid; m.p. 183–184 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.3, 141.7, 137.9, 136.5, 135.8, 131.9, 131.6, 128.8, 127.8, 125.8, 125.3, 124.3, 119.3, 117.0, 112.9, 97.4, 58.2, 34.1, 31.5, 23.2, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 459.2465, found 459.2441.



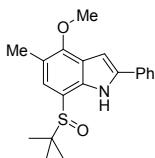
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-N-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

**14:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 18 mg, 40%; gray solid; m.p. 147–148 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.53 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 7.4, 2.7 Hz, 4H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.26 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.5, 138.2, 136.4, 135.9, 134.5, 131.7, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 125.5, 125.2, 124.4, 121.1, 121.0, 119.5, 112.6, 113.3, 108.6, 97.0, 58.2, 23.2, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 453.1995, found 453.1982.

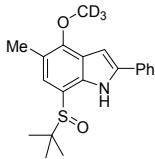


**2-((7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-yl)amino)ethanol 15:**

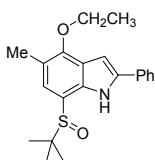
(eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 27 mg, 60%; gray solid; m.p. 178–179 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.52 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 3.84 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.9, 138.1, 136.4, 135.2, 131.8, 129.9, 129.6, 128.9, 127.9, 125.6, 125.3, 124.3, 112.0, 117.0, 113.5, 97.2, 63.8, 58.2, 38.4, 23.2, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 447.2101, found 447.2100.



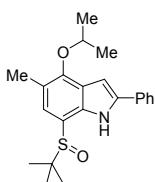
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole 16:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 29 mg, 85%; yellow solid; m.p. 138–139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.60 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 4.14 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.3, 138.3, 137.5, 131.7, 128.9, 127.9, 125.3, 124.3, 123.0, 118.4, 112.6, 95.8, 60.1, 58.1, 23.1, 15.7. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 342.1522, found 342.1506.



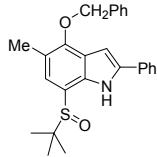
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-4-(methoxy-*d*3)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole 17:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 25 mg, 72%; yellow solid; m.p. 131-132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.60 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.3, 138.3, 137.5, 131.7, 128.9, 127.9, 125.3, 124.3, 122.9, 118.4, 112.5, 95.8, 58.1, 23.1, 15.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>D<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 345.1711, found 345.1700.



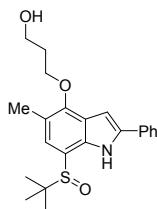
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-4-ethoxy-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole 18:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 27 mg, 76%; yellow solid; m.p. 92-93 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.57 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 4.38 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.3, 137.3, 131.8, 128.9, 127.9, 125.3, 124.3, 123.7, 118.9, 112.7, 95.9, 68.3, 58.1, 23.1, 16.0, 15.9. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 356.1679, found 356.1652.



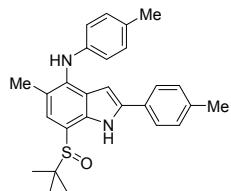
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-4-isopropoxy-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole 19:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 24 mg, 65%; yellow solid; m.p. 165-166 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (hept, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.40 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 6.1 Hz, 6H), 1.28 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.5, 138.2, 137.1, 131.8, 128.9, 127.9, 125.3, 124.7, 124.3, 120.0, 113.0, 96.0, 74.7, 58.1, 23.1, 23.0, 22.9, 16.3. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 370.1835, found 370.1847.



**4-(benzyloxy)-7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole 20:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 25 mg, 60%; yellow solid; m.p. 127–128 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.60 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.2, 138.5, 137.7, 137.3, 131.7, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 128.0, 127.8, 125.4, 124.2, 123.8, 119.4, 113.3, 95.8, 74.5, 58.1, 23.1, 16.0. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 418.1835, found 418.1820.

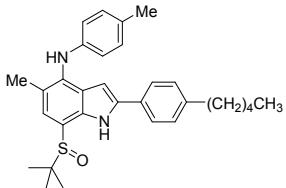


**3-((7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-4-yl)oxy)propan-1-ol 21:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1), 26 mg, 68%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.57 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.3, 138.5, 137.4, 131.6, 128.9, 128.0, , 125.3, 124.3, 123.4, 118.6, 112.9, 95.8, 70.7, 60.7, 58.2, 33.1, 23.1, 15.9. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>S ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 408.1604, found 408.1585.



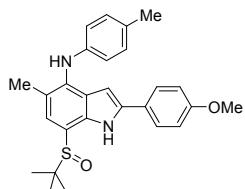
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-N,2-di-p-tolyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine 22:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 32 mg, 75%; gray solid; m.p. 174–175 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.8, 138.1, 137.7, 136.3, 135.5, 133.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 125.2, 124.9,

119.2, 117.3, 112.8, 96.8, 58.1, 23.2, 21.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 431.2152, found 431.2131.



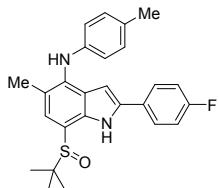
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-(4-pentylphenyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

**23:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 23 mg, 48%; gray solid; m.p. 133-134 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.62 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.32 – 1.30 (m, 4H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.8, 141.8, 138.1, 136.3, 135.5, 135.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 125.2, 124.1, 119.1, 117.3, 112.8, 96.8, 58.1, 35.6, 31.4, 31.0, 23.2, 22.5, 20.6, 17.8, 14.0. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 487.2778, found 487.2758.



**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

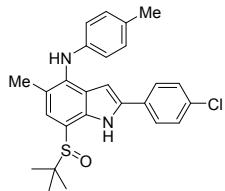
**24:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 25 mg, 56%; gray solid; m.p. 159-160 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.40 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.3, 141.7, 137.9, 136.2, 135.3, 129.5, 129.4, 126.6, 125.3, 124.6, 123.7, 119.2, 117.1, 114.2, 112.7, 96.1, 58.0, 55.2, 23.1, 20.5, 17.7. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 447.2101, found 447.2103.



**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

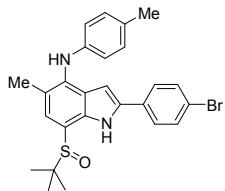
**25:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 22 mg, 50%; gray solid; m.p. 172-173 °C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.80 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.4 (d, *J*(C,F) = 247.7 Hz), 141.6, 137.0, 136.5, 135.7, 129.9, 129.5, 128.2 (d, *J*(C,F) = 2.7 Hz), 127.0 (d, *J*(C,F) = 8.1 Hz), 125.0, 124.4, 119.1, 117.5, 115.9 (d, *J*(C,F) = 21.9 Hz), 112.7, 97.3, 58.2, 23.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 435.1901, found 435.1908.



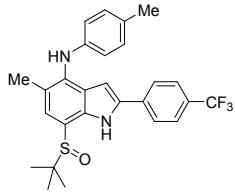
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

**26:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 31 mg, 68%; gray solid; m.p. 178–179 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.5, 136.6, 135.9, 133.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 126.4, 124.8, 124.6, 119.1, 117.5, 112.6, 97.9, 58.2, 23.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 451.1605, found 451.1597.

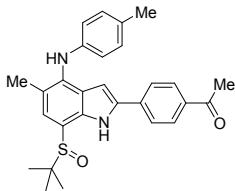


**2-(4-bromophenyl)-7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

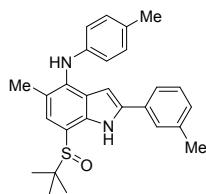
**27:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 27 mg, 55%; gray solid; m.p. 169–170 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.51 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 1.31 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.5, 136.6, 135.9, 131.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.5, 127.4, 126.7, 124.8, 124.7, 121.6, 119.1, 117.6, 112.7, 97.9, 58.2, 23.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 495.1100, found 495.1077.



**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine **28**:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 33 mg, 68%; gray solid; m.p. 161-162 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.62 (s, 1H), 7.62 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 1.31 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.4, 136.9, 136.2, 136.0, 135.2, 130.3, 129.5, 129.3 (*q*, *J*(C,F) = 32.8 Hz), 129.1, 125.8, 125.8, 125.7, 125.3, 125.2, 124.5, 124.0 (*q*, *J*(C,F) = 272.00 Hz), 118.9, 117.8, 112.5, 99.1, 58.2, 23.1, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 485.1869, found 485.1860.

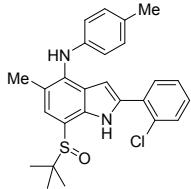


**1-(4-(7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-4-(*p*-tolylamino)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one **29**:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 21 mg, 45%; yellow solid; m.p. 85-86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.64 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 1.32 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.9, 141.8, 138.1, 137.7, 136.3, 135.5, 133.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 125.2, 124.1, 119.2, 117.3, 112.8, 96.8, 58.1, 23.2, 21.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 459.2101, found 459.2107.



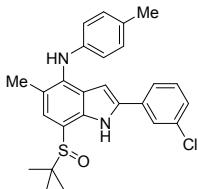
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-(*m*-tolyl)-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine **30**:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 25 mg, 58%; gray solid; m.p. 160-161 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s,

9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.8, 138.5, 138.1, 136.4, 135.6, 131.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 125.9, 125.2, 124.2, 122.6, 119.3, 117.2, 112.9, 97.3, 58.1, 23.2, 21.4, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 431.2152, found 431.2151.



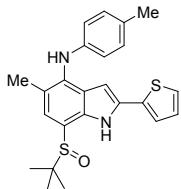
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-2-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

**31:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 23 mg, 50%; gray solid; m.p. 179–180 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.70 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.5, 136.1, 135.7, 134.9, 131.6, 130.7, 130.6, 130.1, 129.5, 128.8, 127.0, 124.9, 123.8, 120.7, 118.6, 117.8, 101.2, 58.0, 23.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClN}_2\text{OS}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 451.1605, found 451.1602.

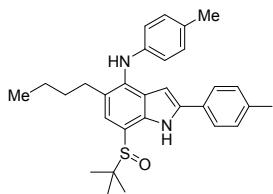


**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine**

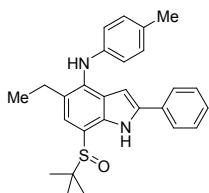
**32:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 16 mg, 35%; gray solid; m.p. 164–165 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.47 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.5, 136.7, 136.3, 136.0, 134.8, 133.7, 130.1, 129.6, 127.6, 125.3, 124.8, 124.7, 123.3, 120.9, 119.1, 117.6, 112.7, 98.4, 58.2, 23.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClN}_2\text{OS}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 451.1605, found 451.1602.



**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine 33:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 22 mg, 51%; gray solid; m.p. 180–181 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.6, 136.1, 135.6, 135.2, 132.4, 129.8, 129.5, 127.8, 125.0, 124.8, 124.4, 123.4, 119.5, 117.3, 112.8, 97.8, 58.1, 23.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 423.1559, found 423.1550.

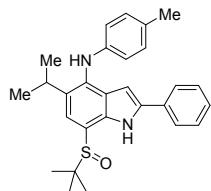


**5-butyl-7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-N,2-di-*p*-tolyl-1*H*-indol-4-amine 34:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 26 mg, 56%; gray solid; m.p. 98–99 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 2.66 (td, *J* = 7.4, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.38 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.3, 138.1, 137.7, 136.1, 135.0, 129.5, 129.1, 125.8, 125.3, 124.6, 123.3, 117.0, 113.3, 97.2, 58.2, 32.8, 31.0, 23.2, 22.4, 21.2, 20.6, 13.9. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 473.2621, found 473.2616.



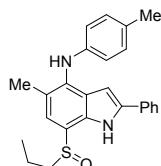
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-ethyl-2-phenyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine 35:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 30 mg, 69%; gray solid; m.p. 165–166 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 2.72 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.3, 138.0, 136.3, 135.0, 131.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.8, 127.8, 126.1, 125.8, 125.3, 122.7, 117.0, 113.5, 97.7, 58.2,

24.3, 23.2, 20.6, 15.0. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 431.2152, found 431.2147.



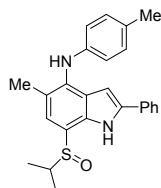
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfinyl)-5-isopropyl-2-phenyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine 36:**

(eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 18 mg, 41%; gray solid; m.p. 167-168 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.33 (hept, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.0, 138.2, 135.9, 133.9, 131.9, 129.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 126.6, 125.4, 119.6, 116.3, 114.6, 97.7, 58.1, 27.5, 27.2, 23.8, 23.7, 23.2. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 445.2308, found 445.2251.



**5-methyl-2-phenyl-7-(propylsulfinyl)-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine 37:** (eluent:

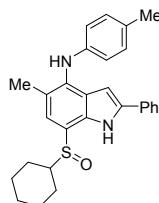
petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 18 mg, 45%; gray oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.29 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.7, 138.1, 135.9, 135.1, 131.8, 129.9, 129.5, 128.9, 127.8, 125.4, 125.8, 129.7, 117.5, 116.7, 98.0, 58.2, 20.6, 17.7, 16.5, 13.2. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaOS ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 425.1658, found 425.1694.



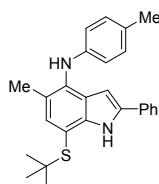
**7-(isopropylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine 38:** (eluent:

petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 22 mg, 55%; gray oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H),

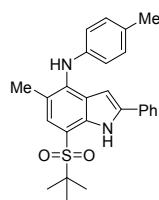
7.05 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 3.2 (p,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H), 1.38 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 1.26 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.7, 138.0, 135.8, 135.8, 131.8, 129.9, 129.5, 128.8, 127.8, 125.4, 125.2, 122.9, 119.5, 117.4, 114.7, 97.8, 55.0, 20.6, 17.7, 16.3, 15.3. HRMS m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 403.1839, found 403.1832.



**7-(cyclohexylsulfinyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-N-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-4-amine 39:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 23 mg, 51%; gray oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.34 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.92 (m, 3H), 1.67 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.8, 138.0, 135.8, 135.8, 131.8, 129.9, 129.5, 128.8, 127.8, 125.4, 125.1, 122.8, 119.5, 117.5, 114.7, 97.8, 63.1, 26.4, 25.5, 25.3, 25.2, 20.6, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 443.2152, found 443.2080.

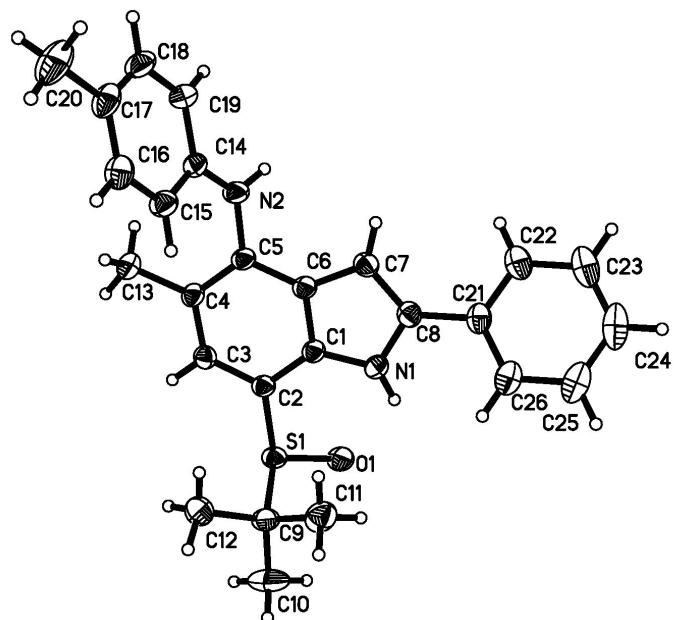


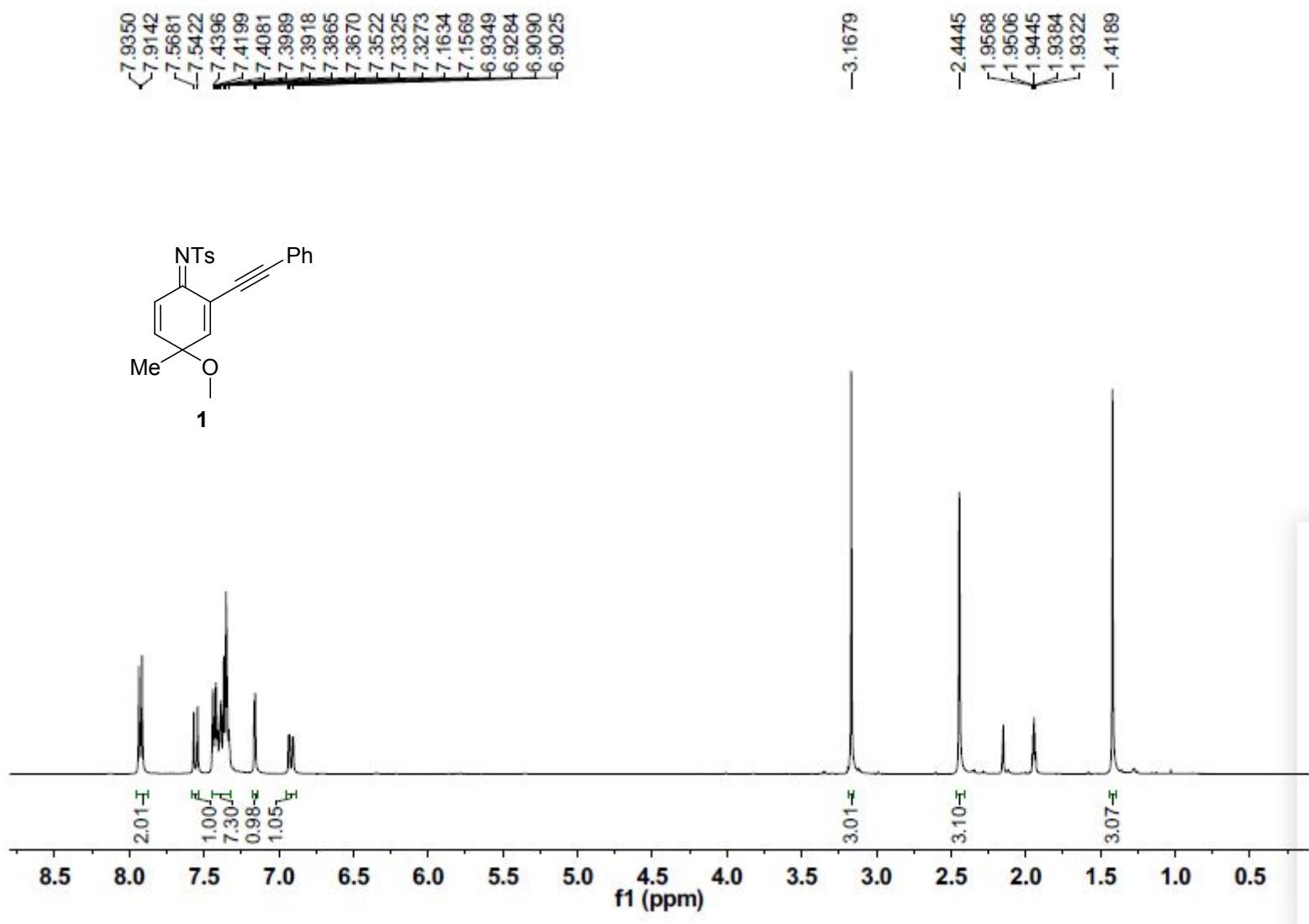
**7-(tert-butylthio)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-N-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-4-amine 41:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 25 mg, 62%; yellow solid; m.p. 133-134 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.70 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.5, 140.6, 136.5, 135.2, 133.8, 132.2, 129.5, 128.5, 127.6, 125.1, 123.8, 121.6, 116.4, 108.4, 99.3, 47.5, 31.3, 20.6, 17.7. HRMS m/z calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{S}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 401.2046, found 401.2038.

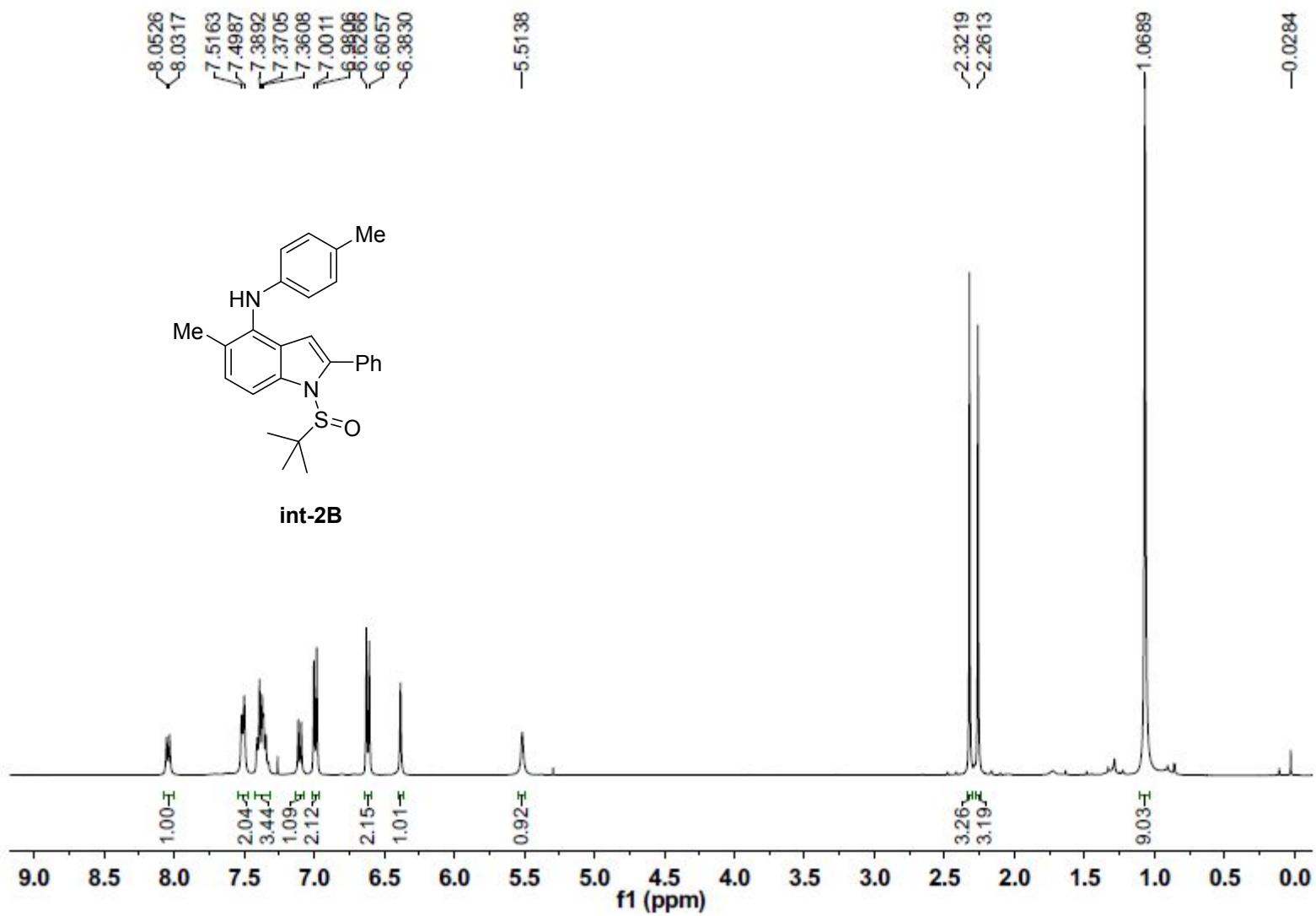


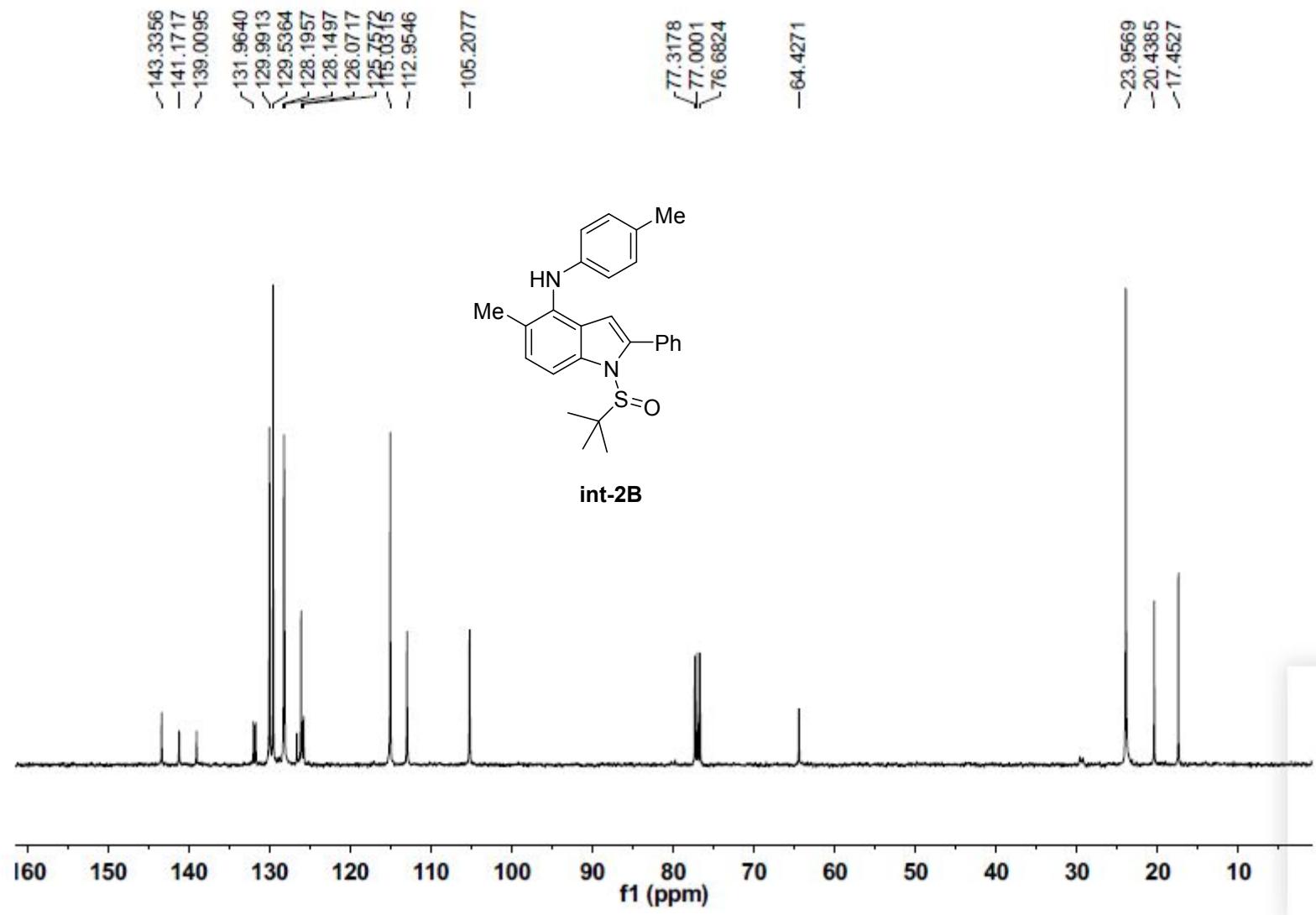
**7-(*tert*-butylsulfonyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-N-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-4-amine 42:** (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc 5:1), 40 mg, 93%; yellow solid; m.p. 163–164 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 1.41 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.2, 139.6, 137.3, 136.0, 131.7, 131.5, 129.5, 128.9, 128.0, 125.2, 121.7, 119.9, 117.2, 108.3, 99.0, 61.3, 23.5, 20.8, 17.8. HRMS m/z calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 433.1944, found 433.1922.

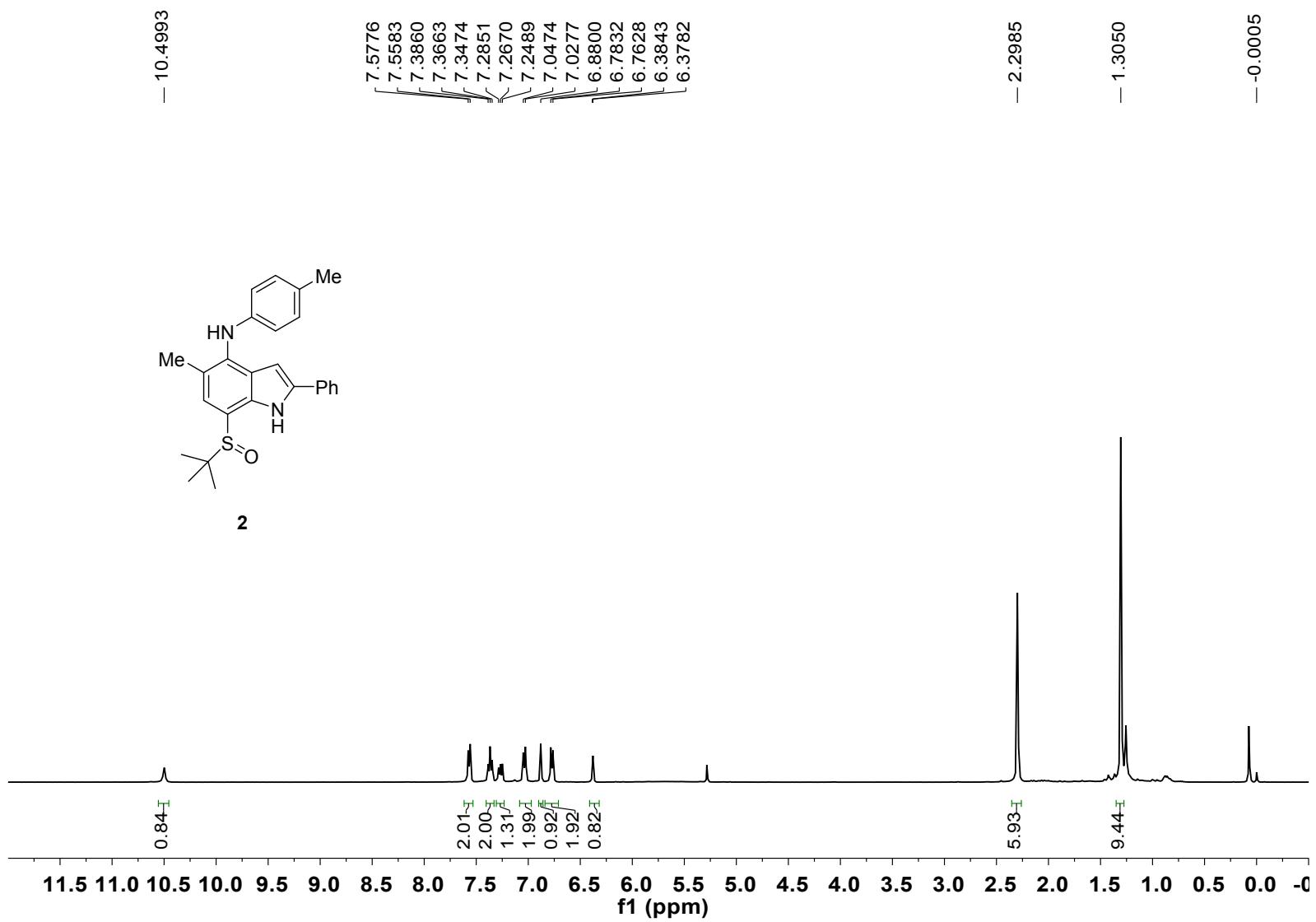
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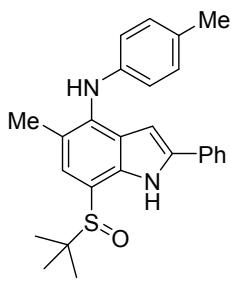
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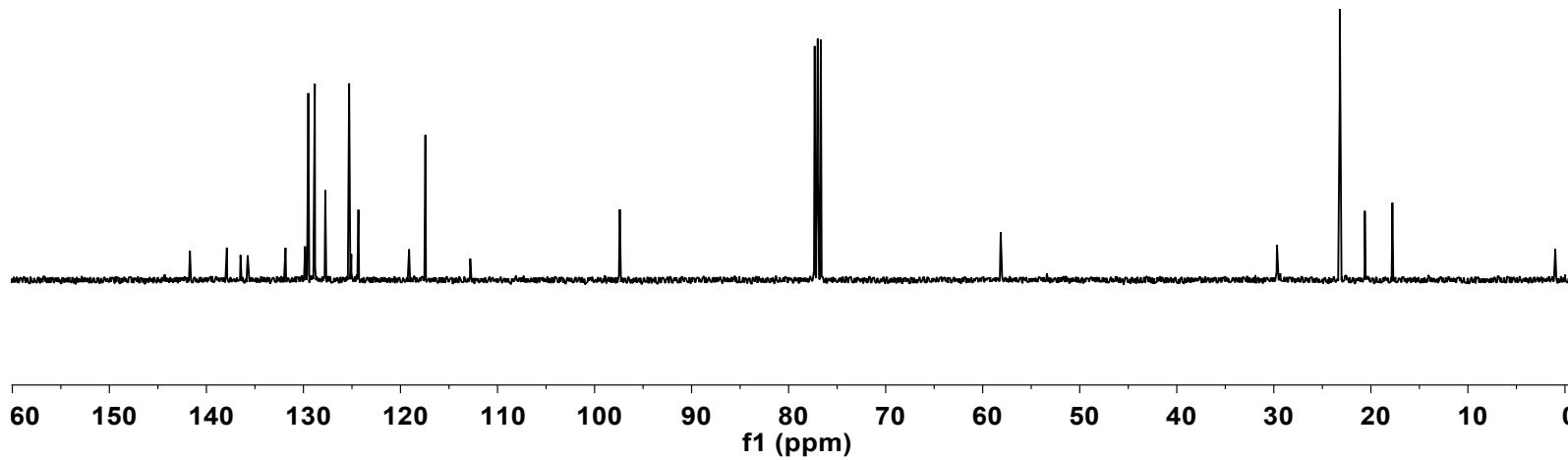
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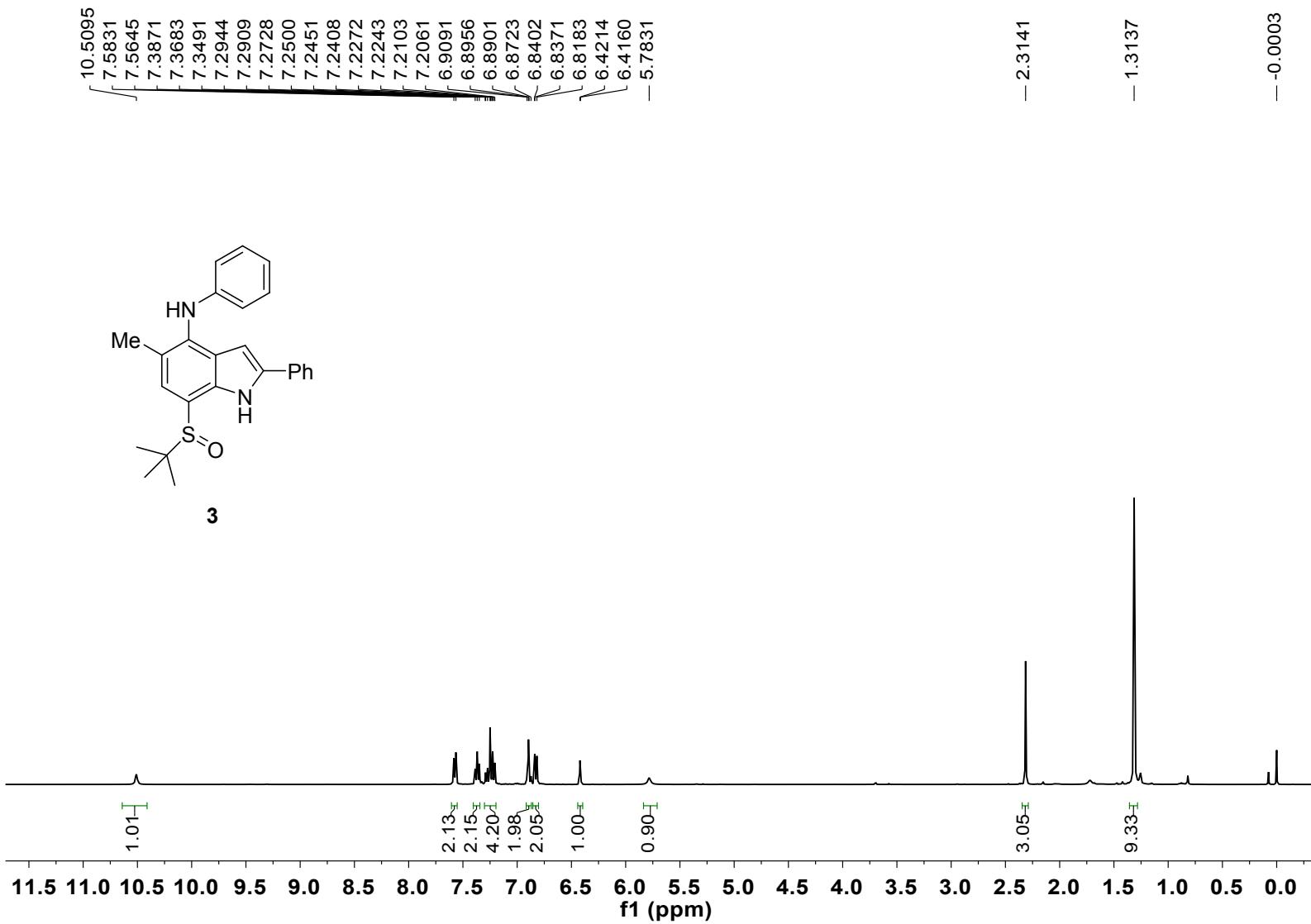
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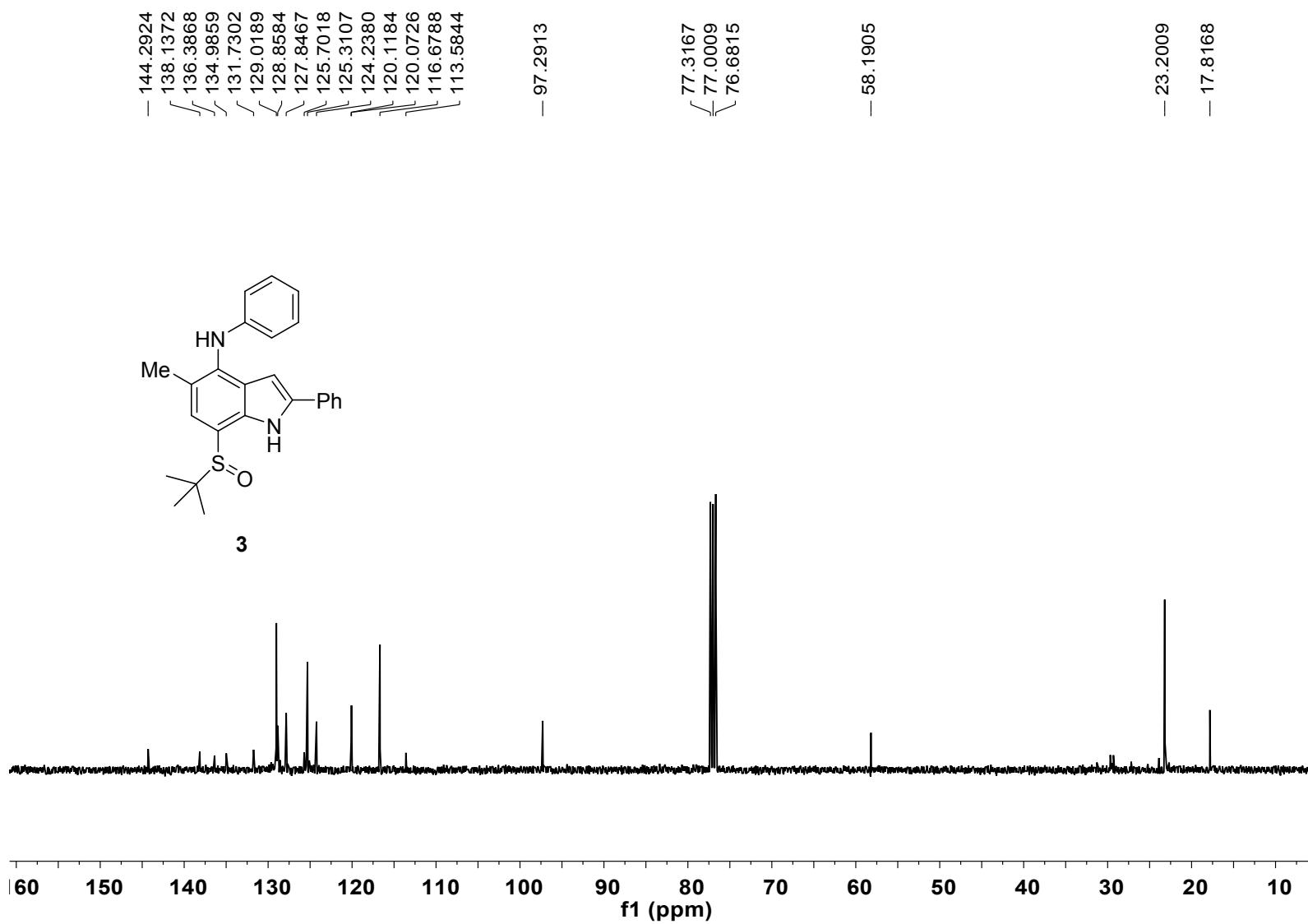
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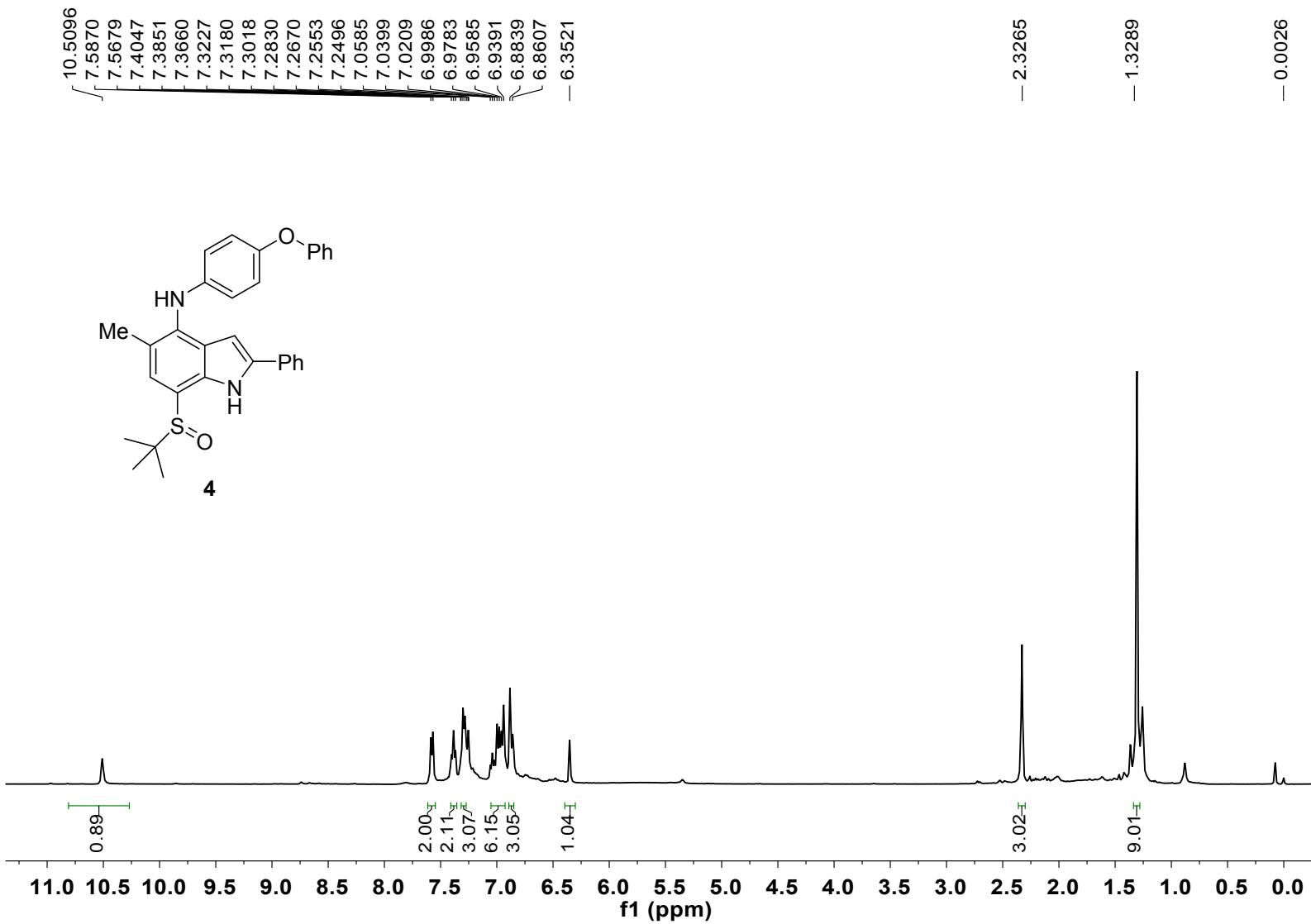


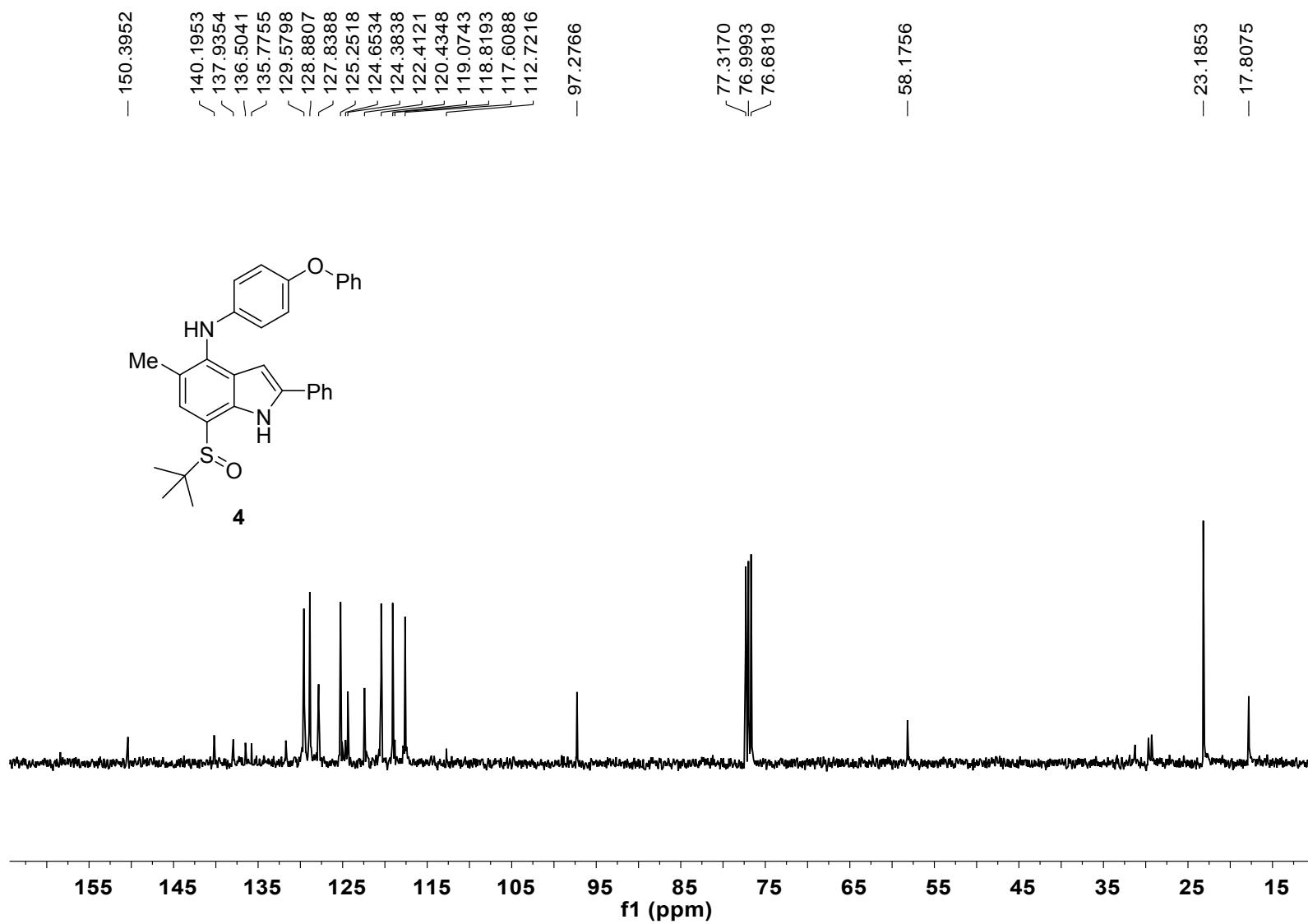
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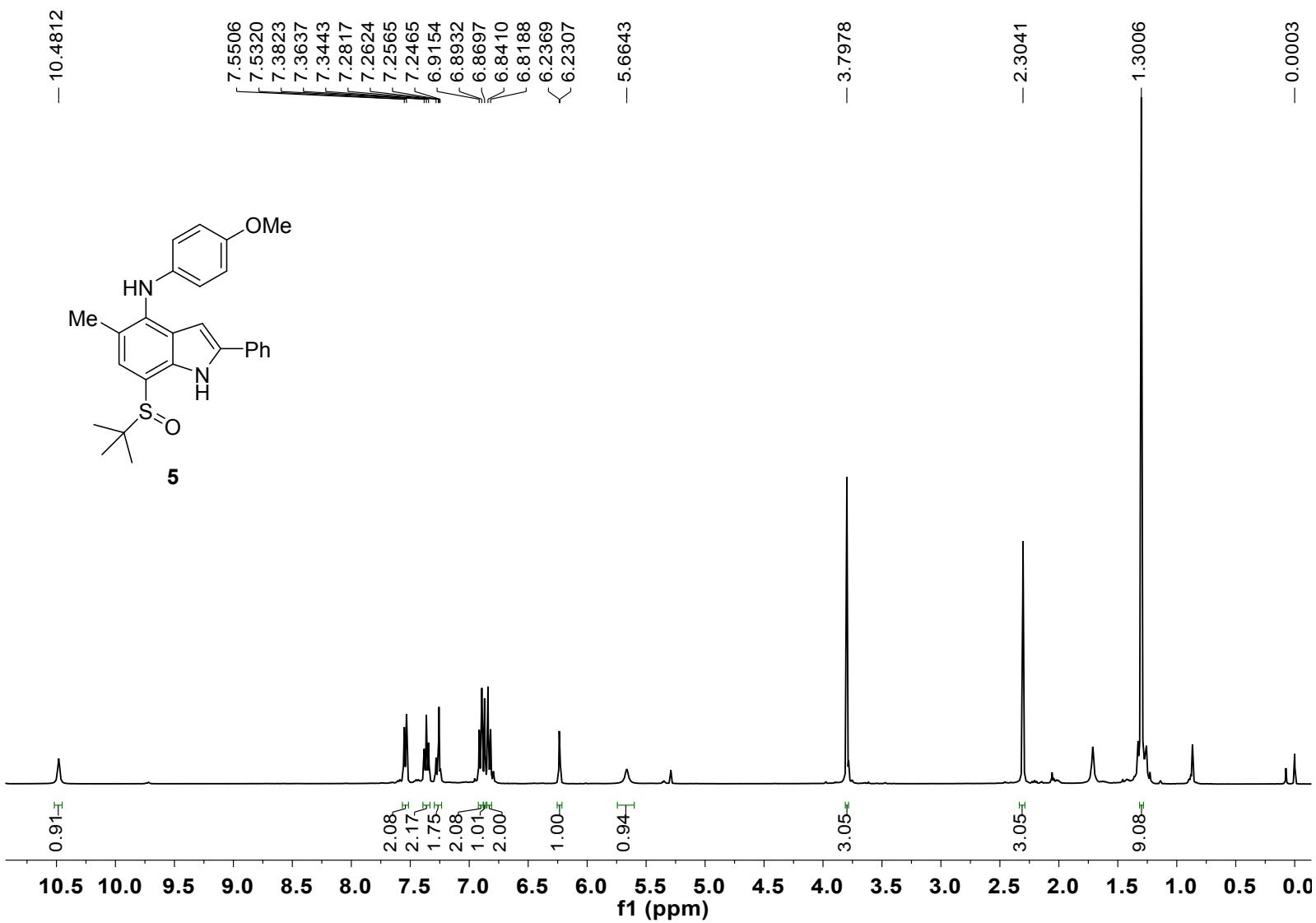


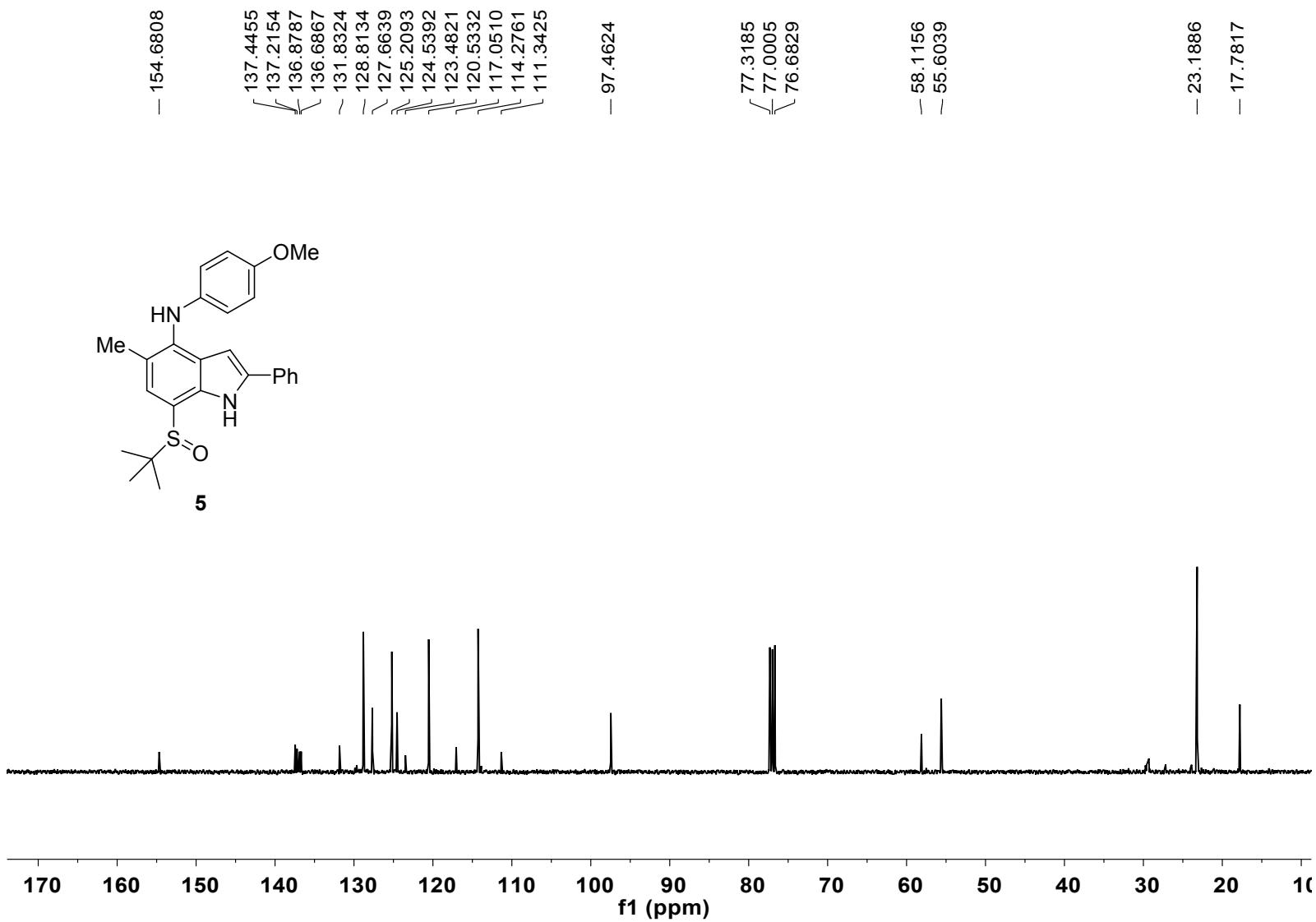


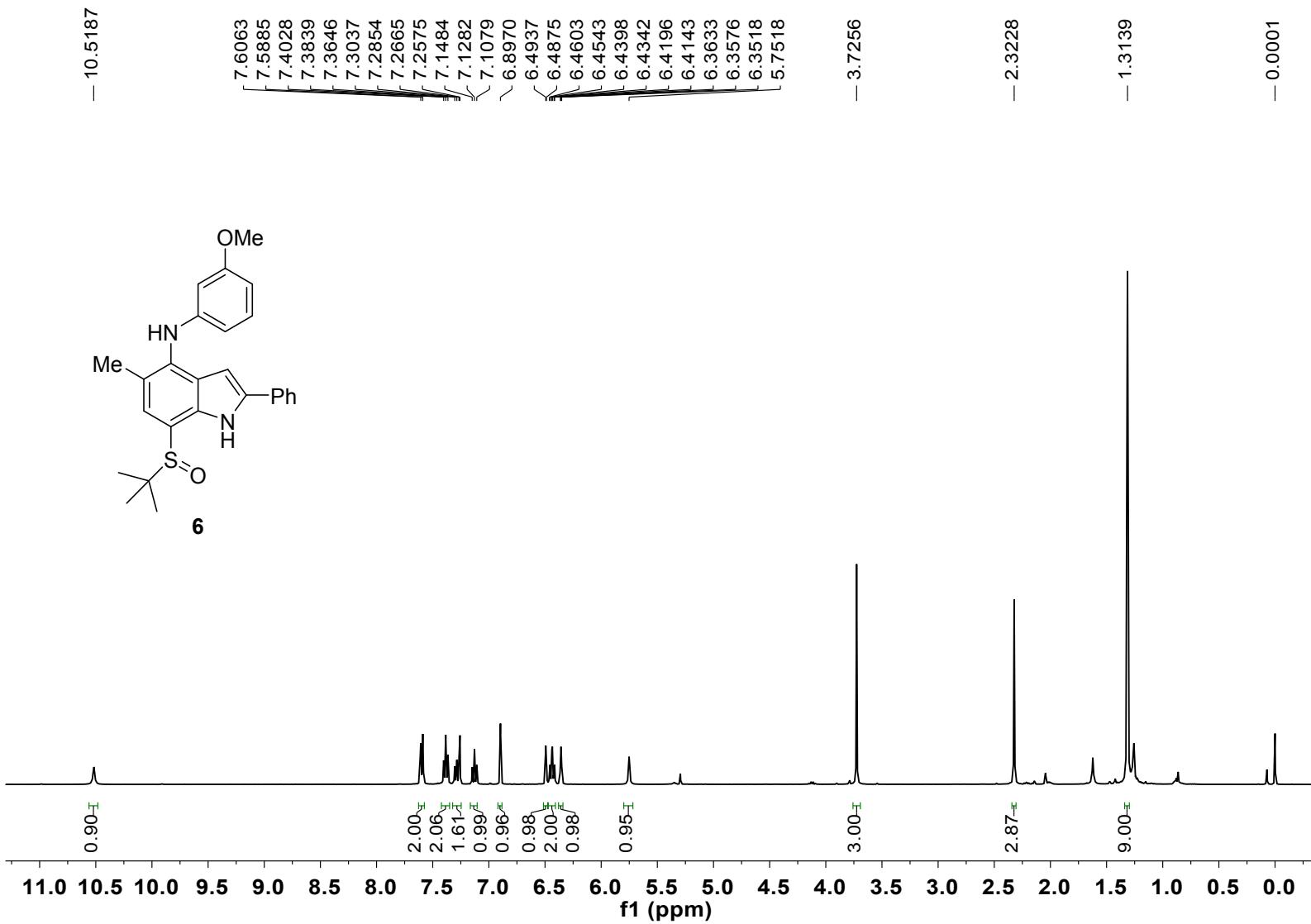


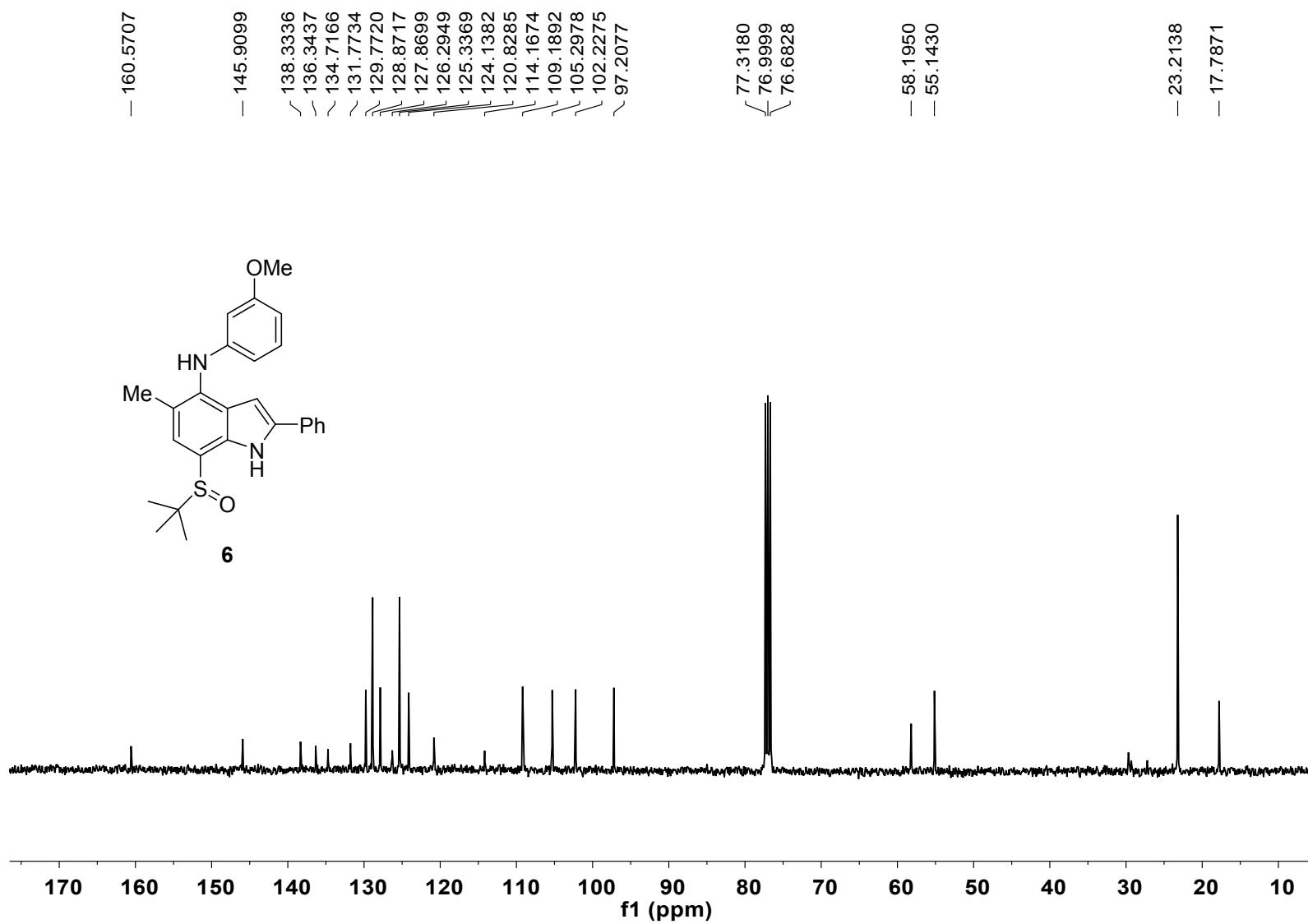


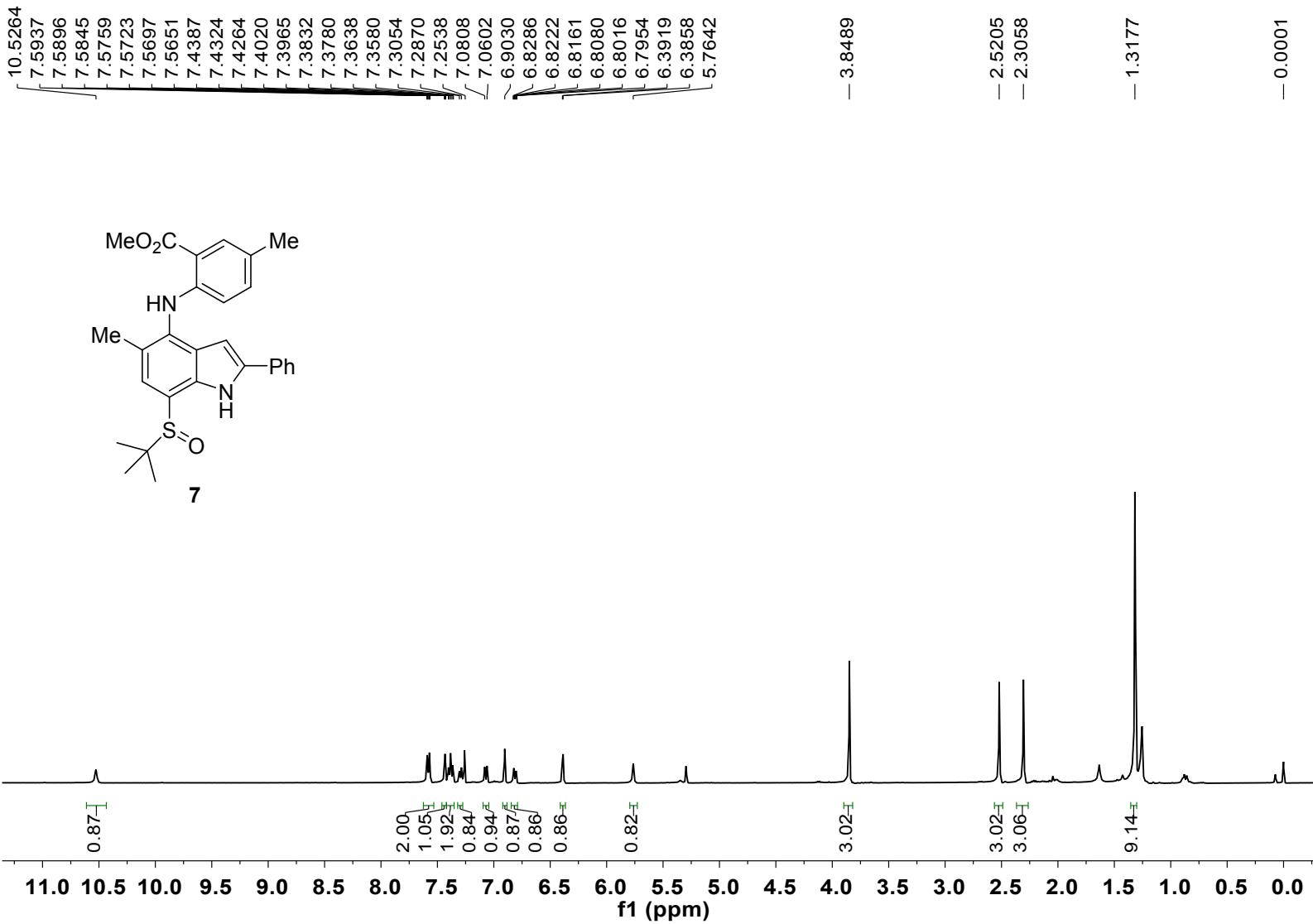


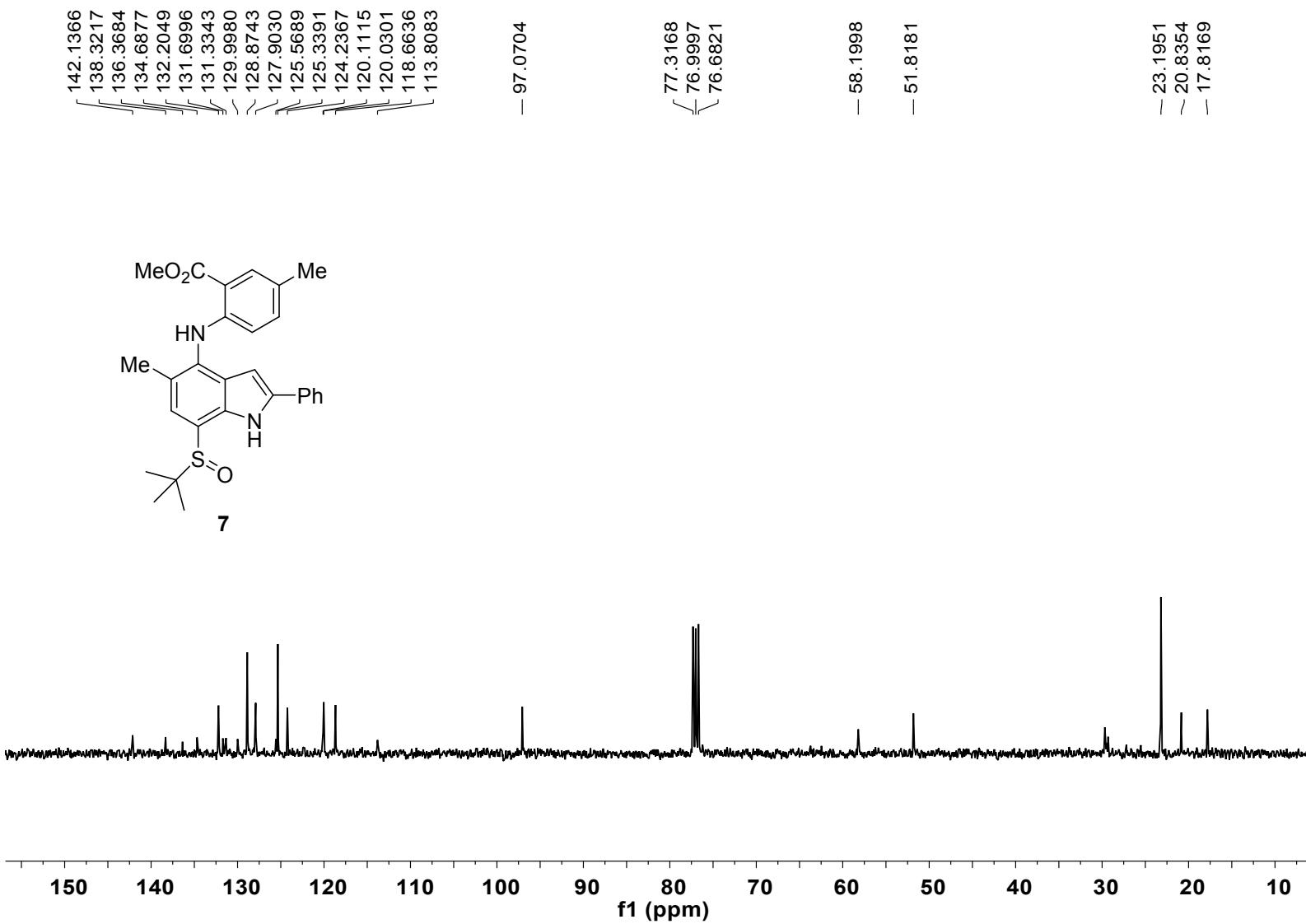


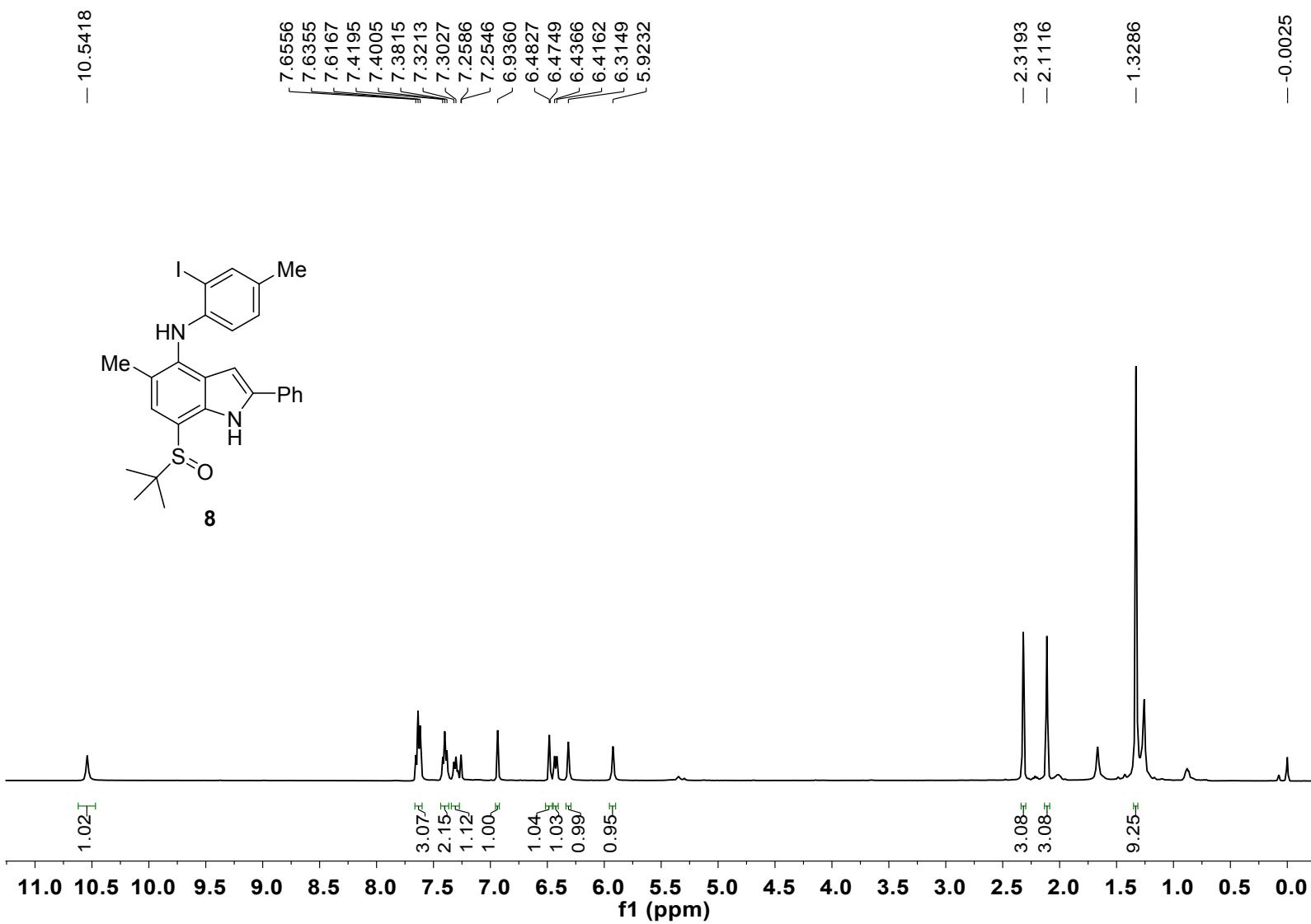


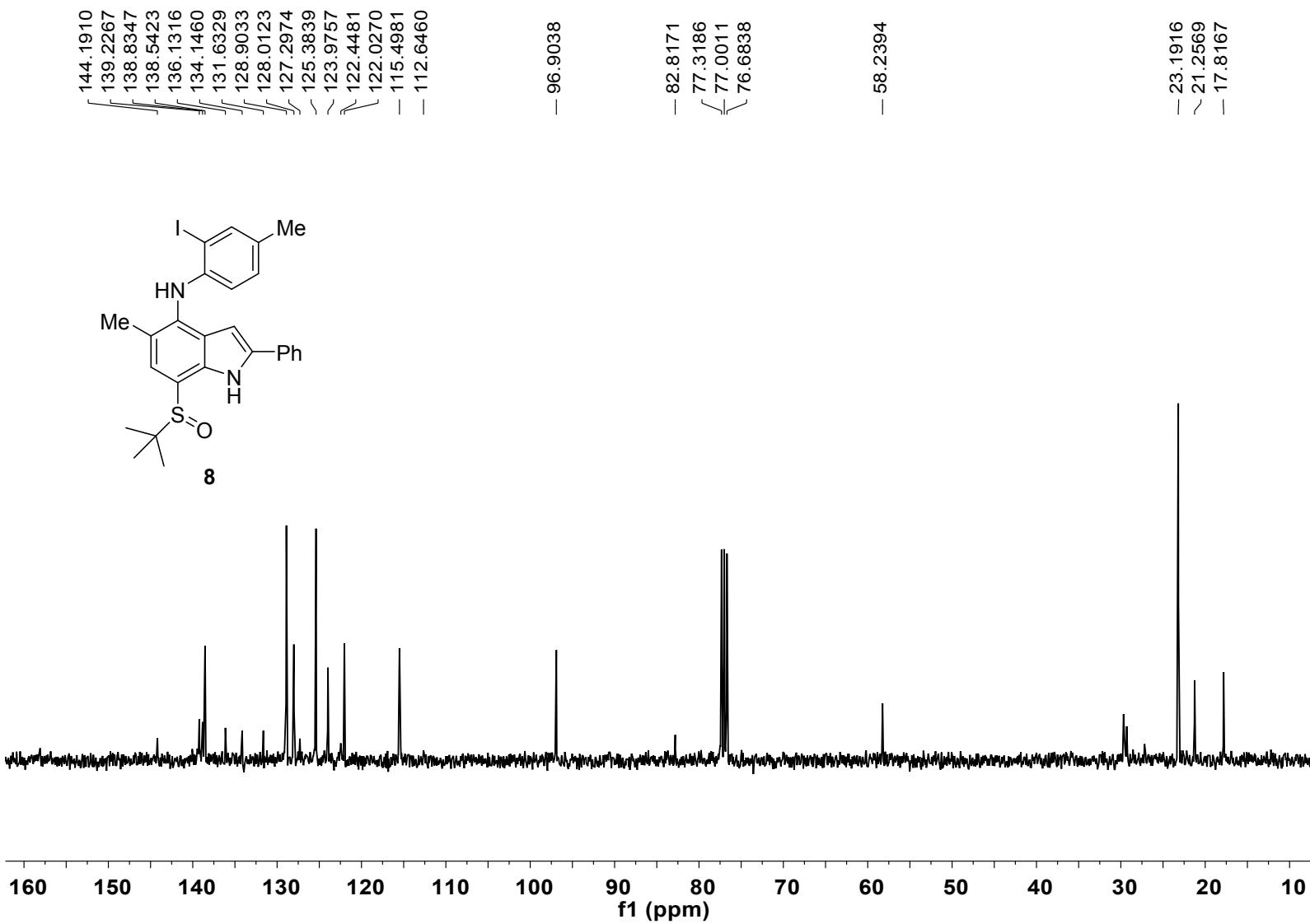


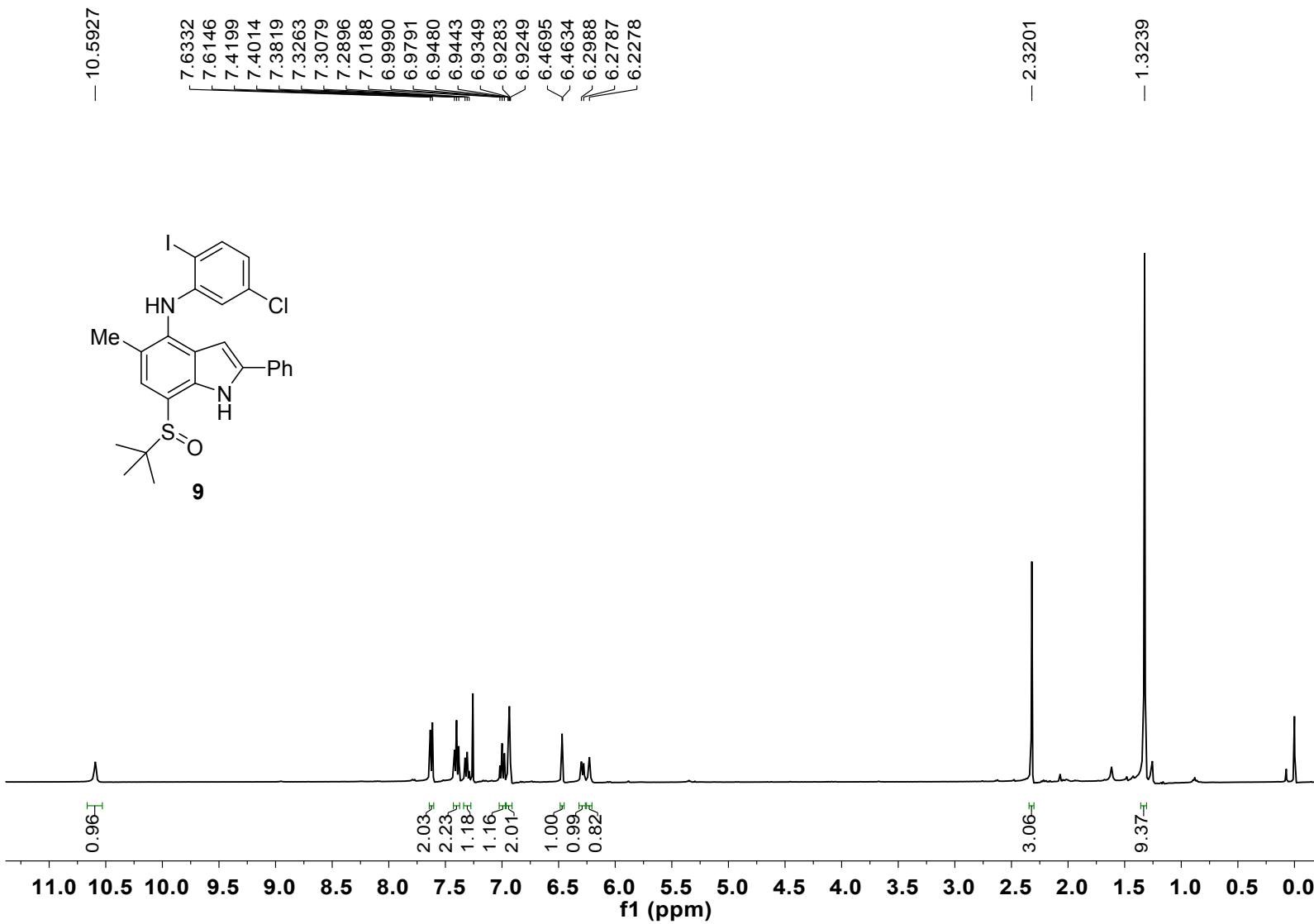


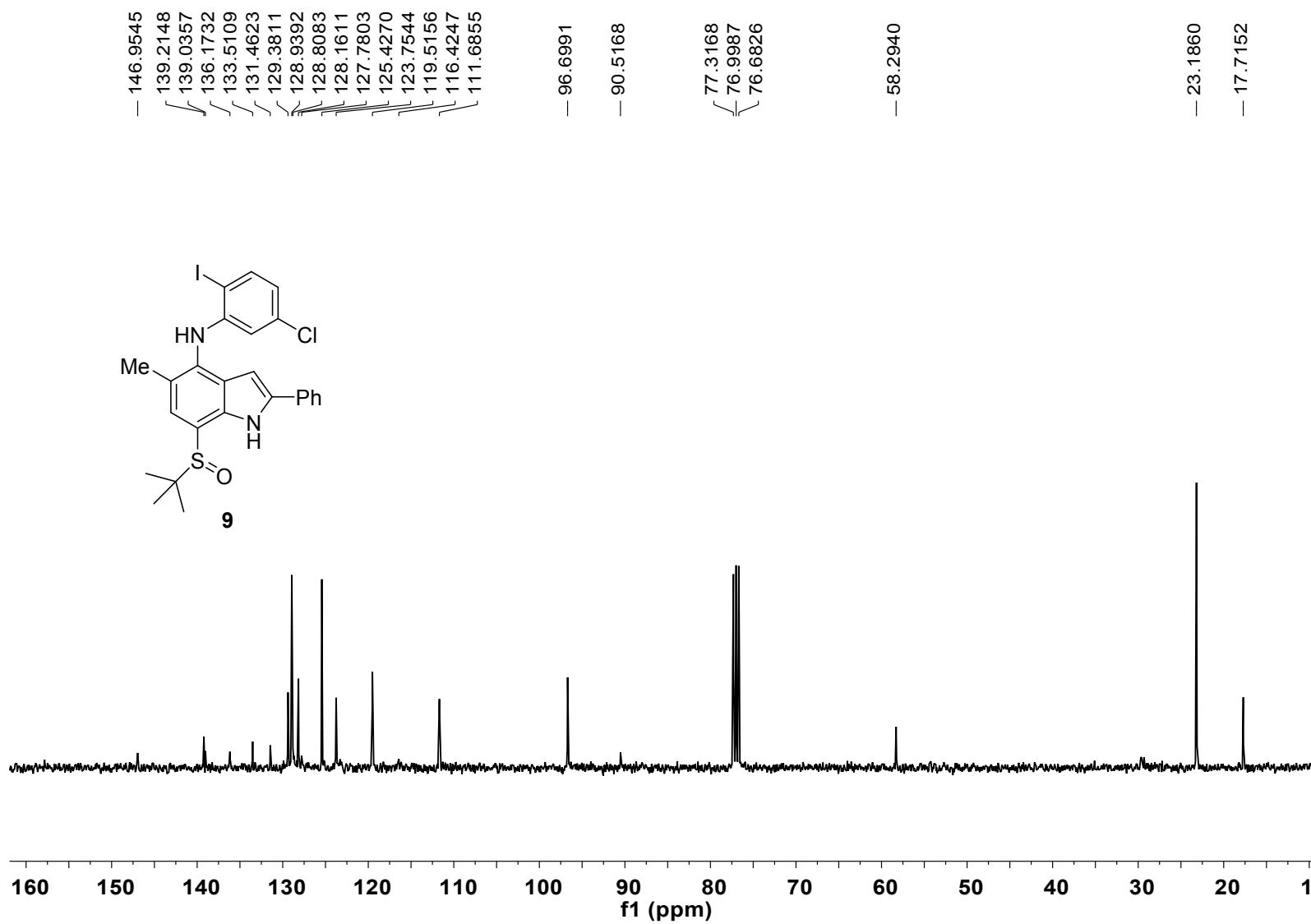


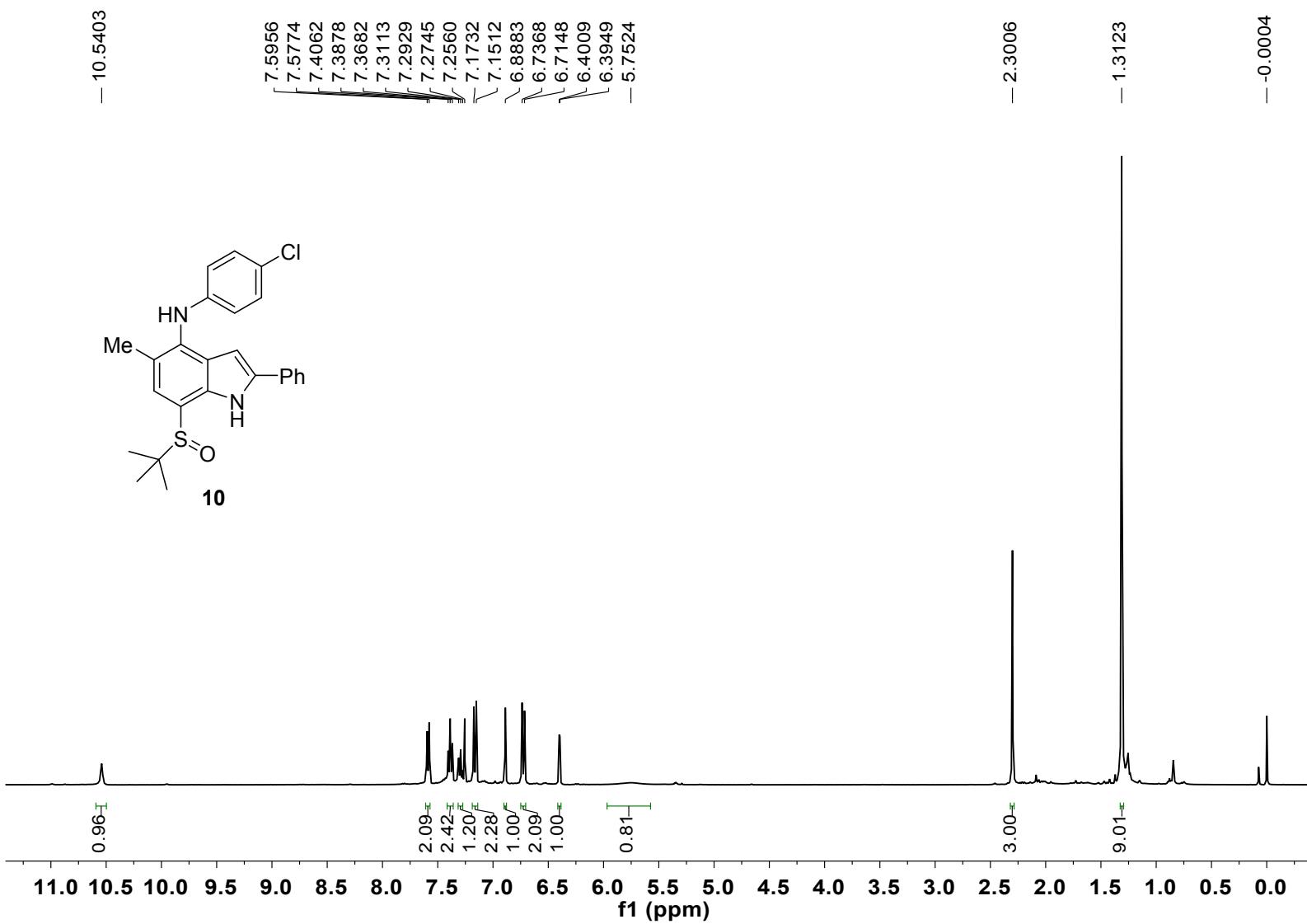


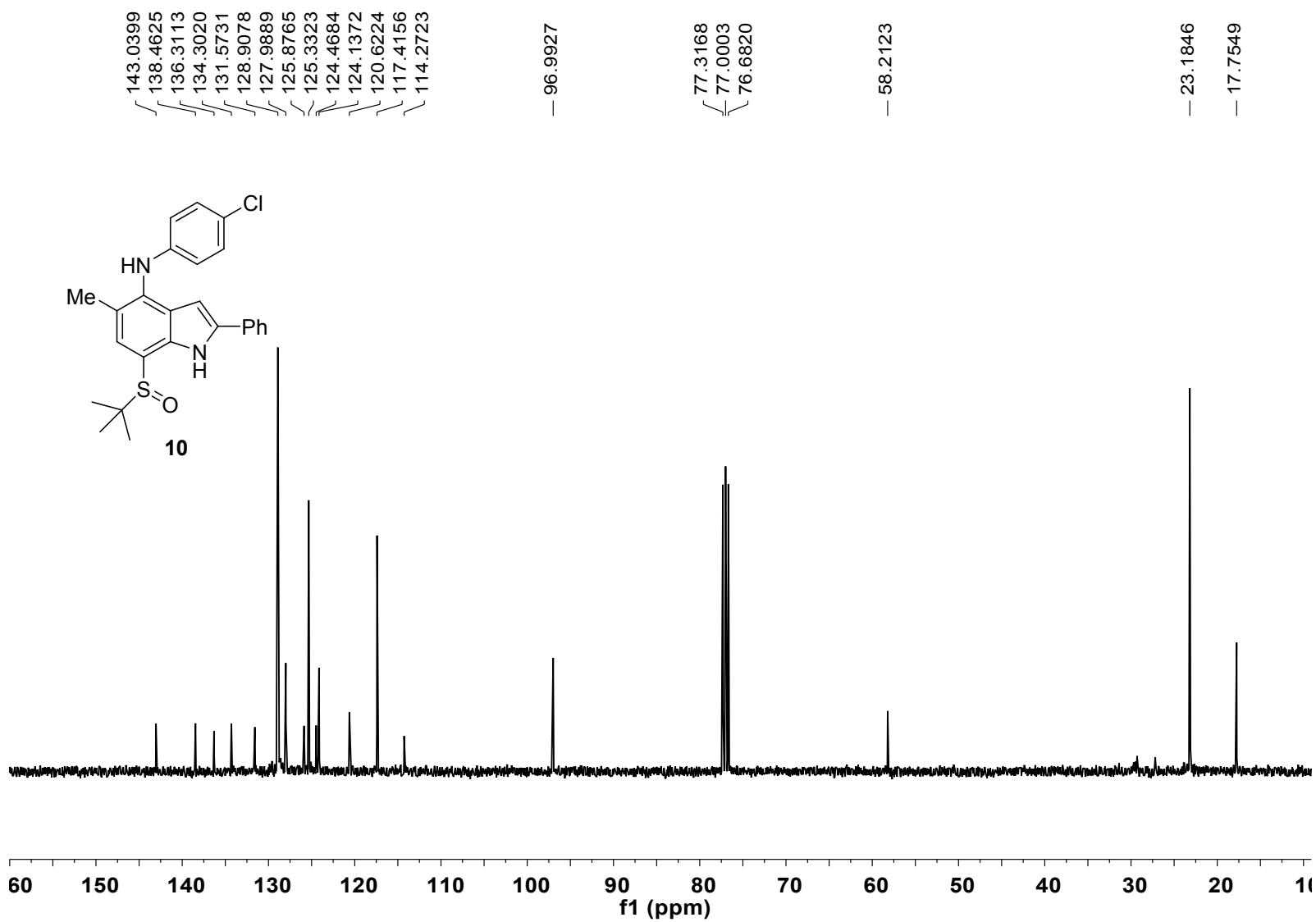


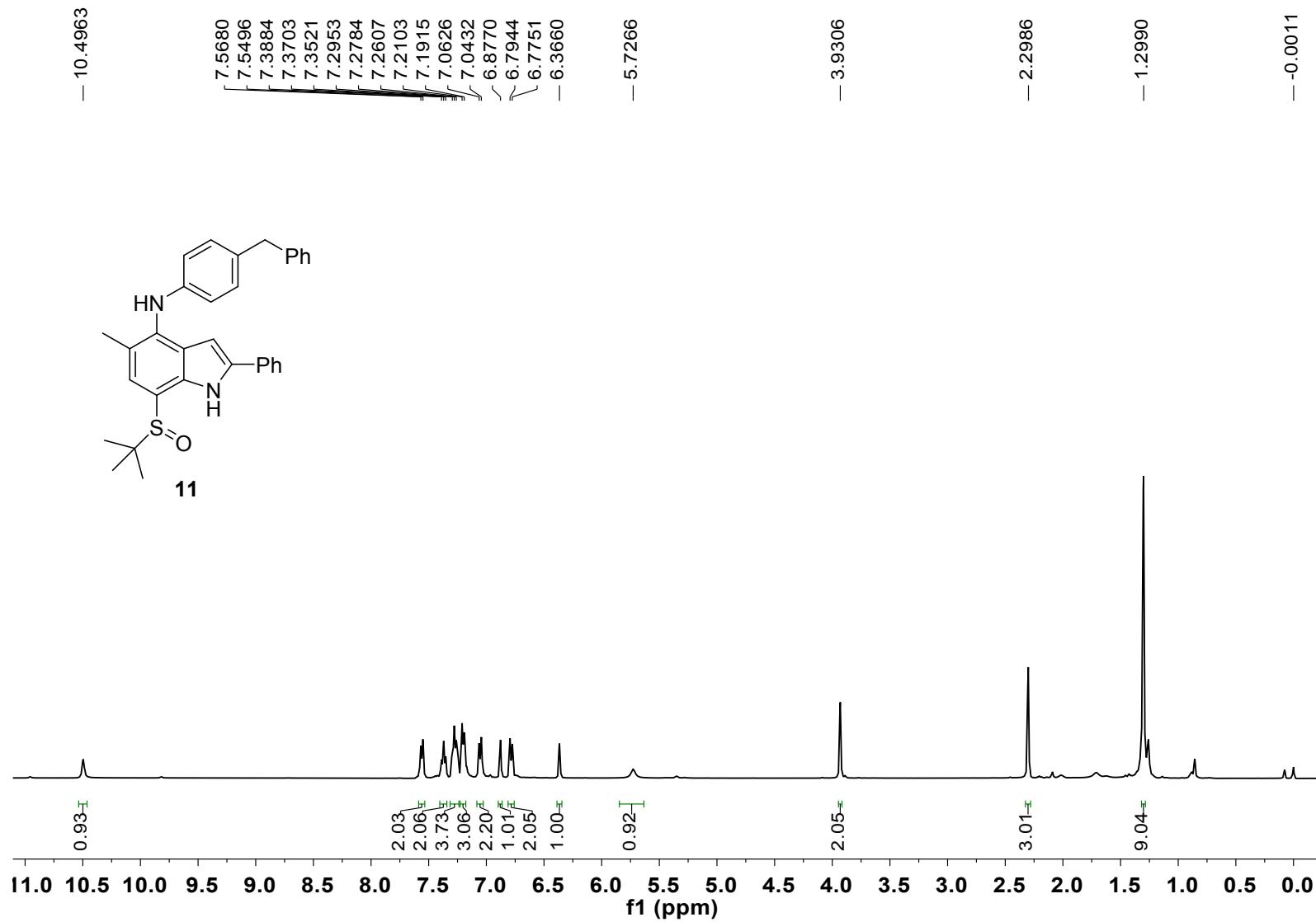


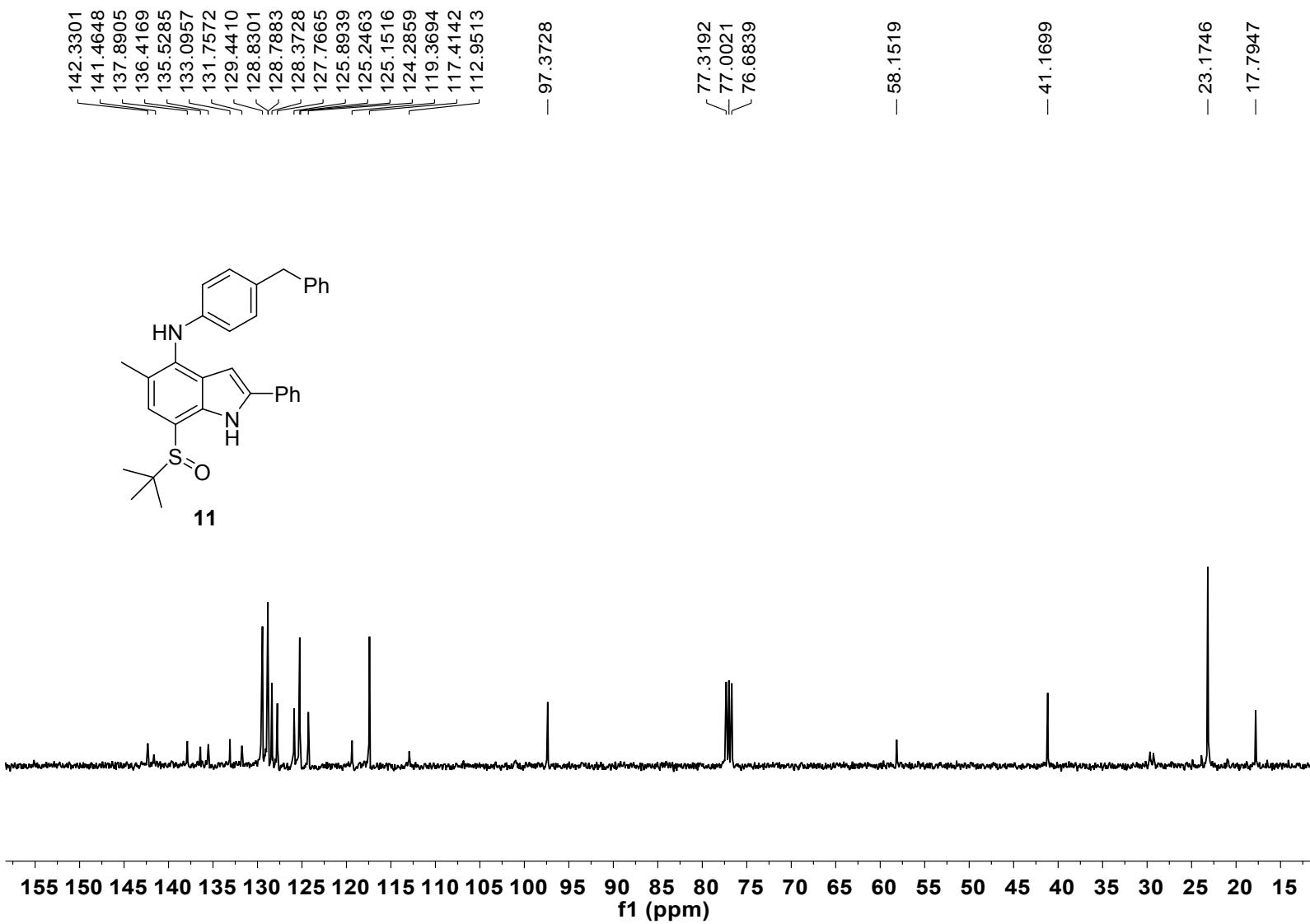


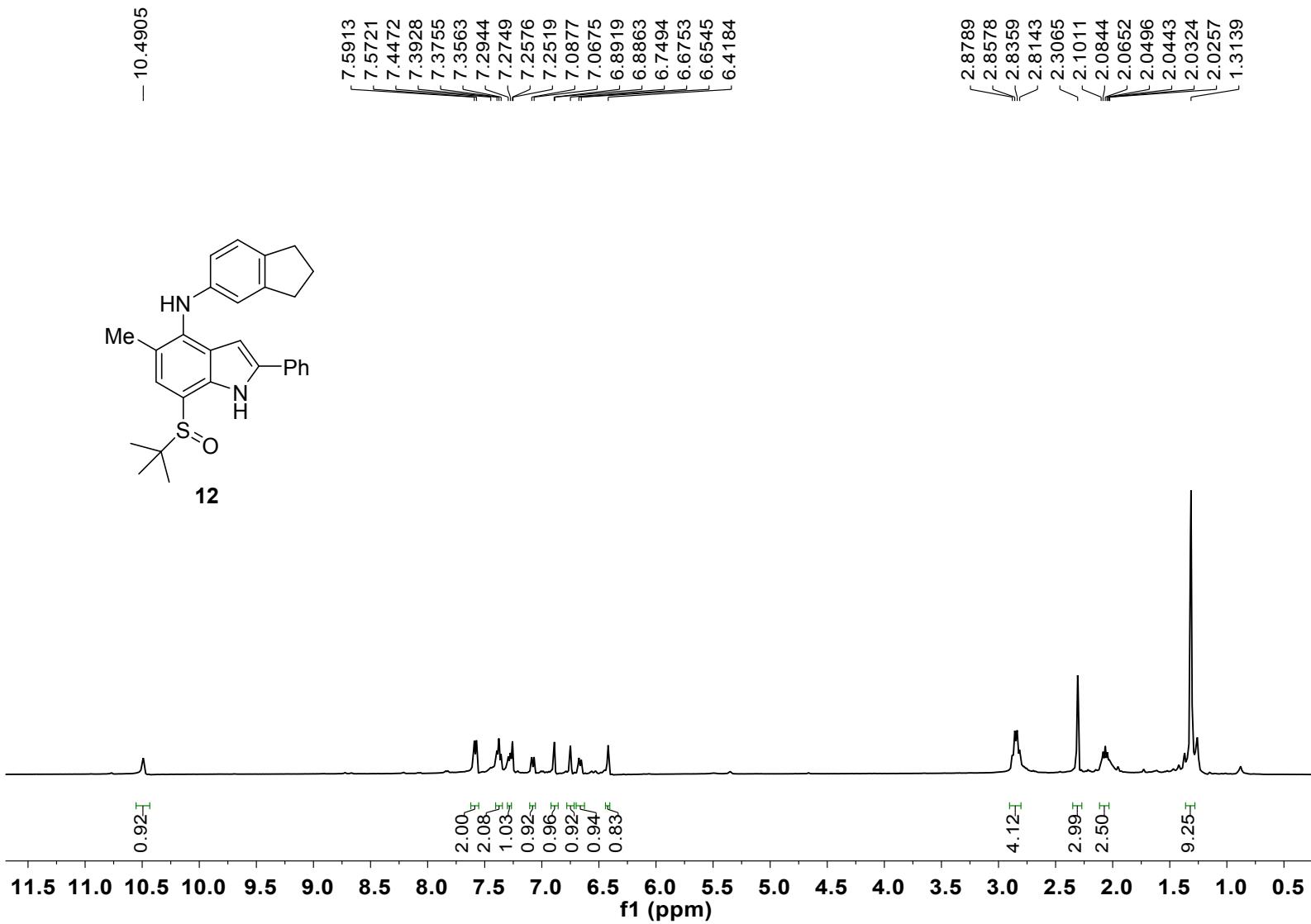


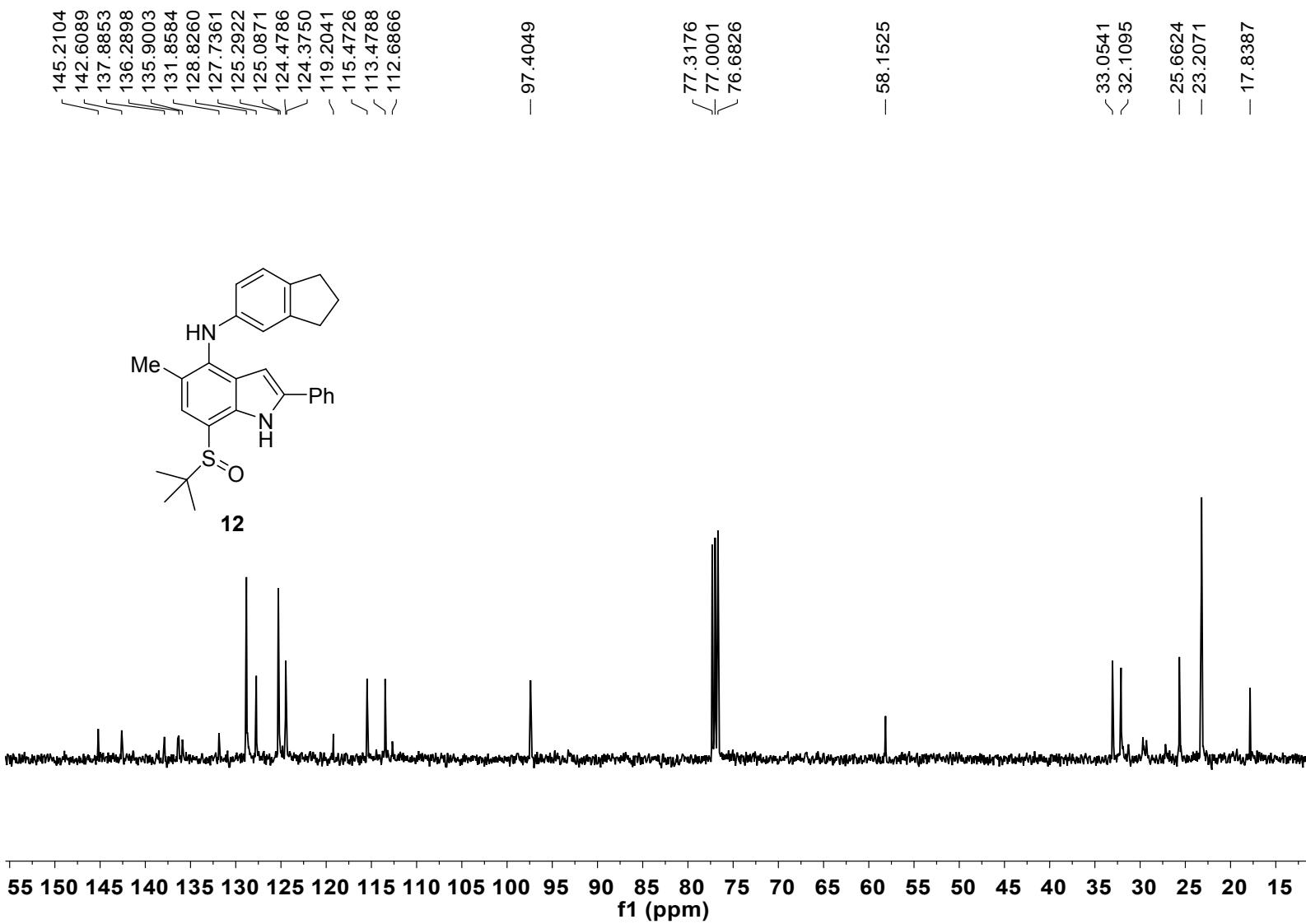


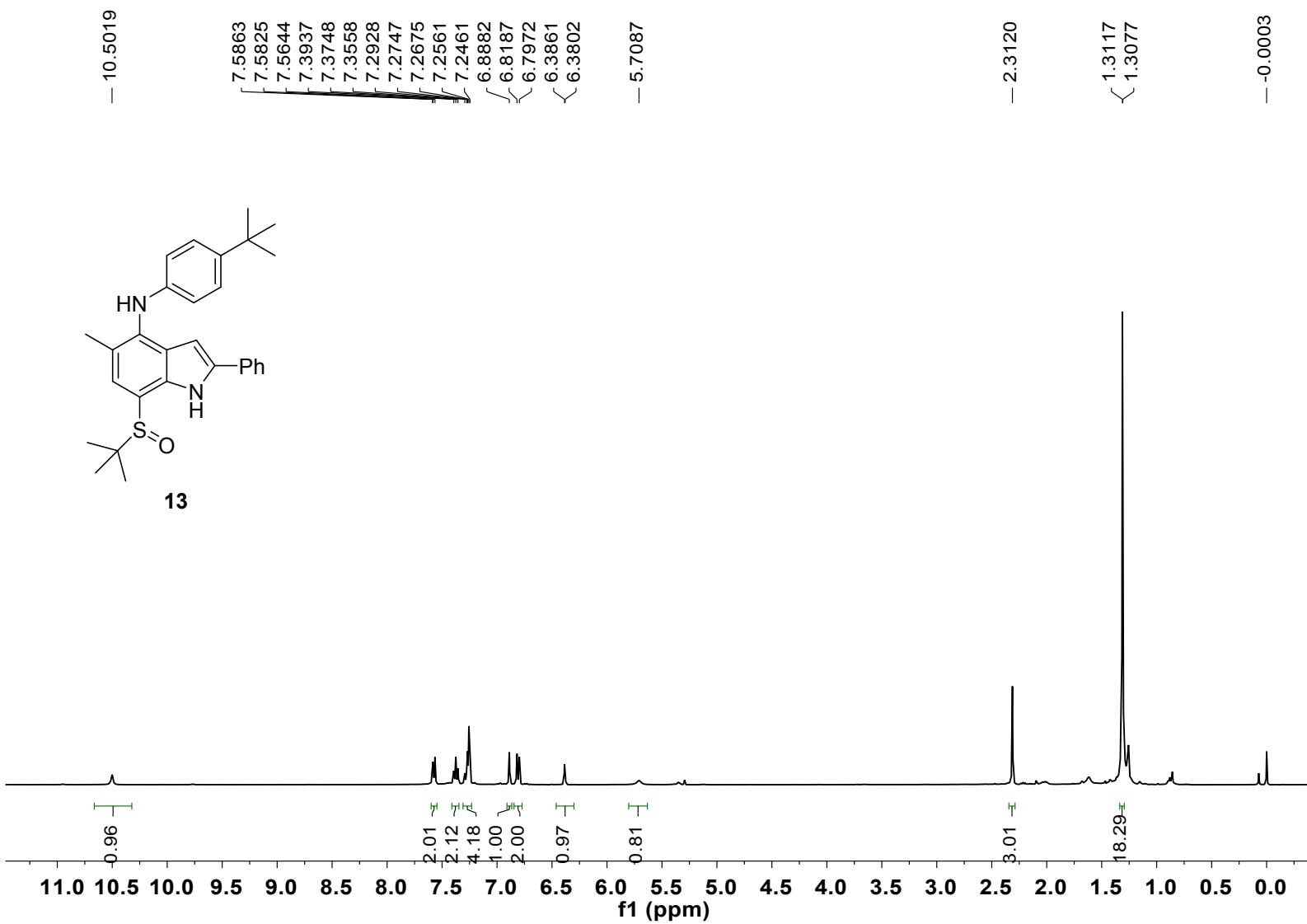


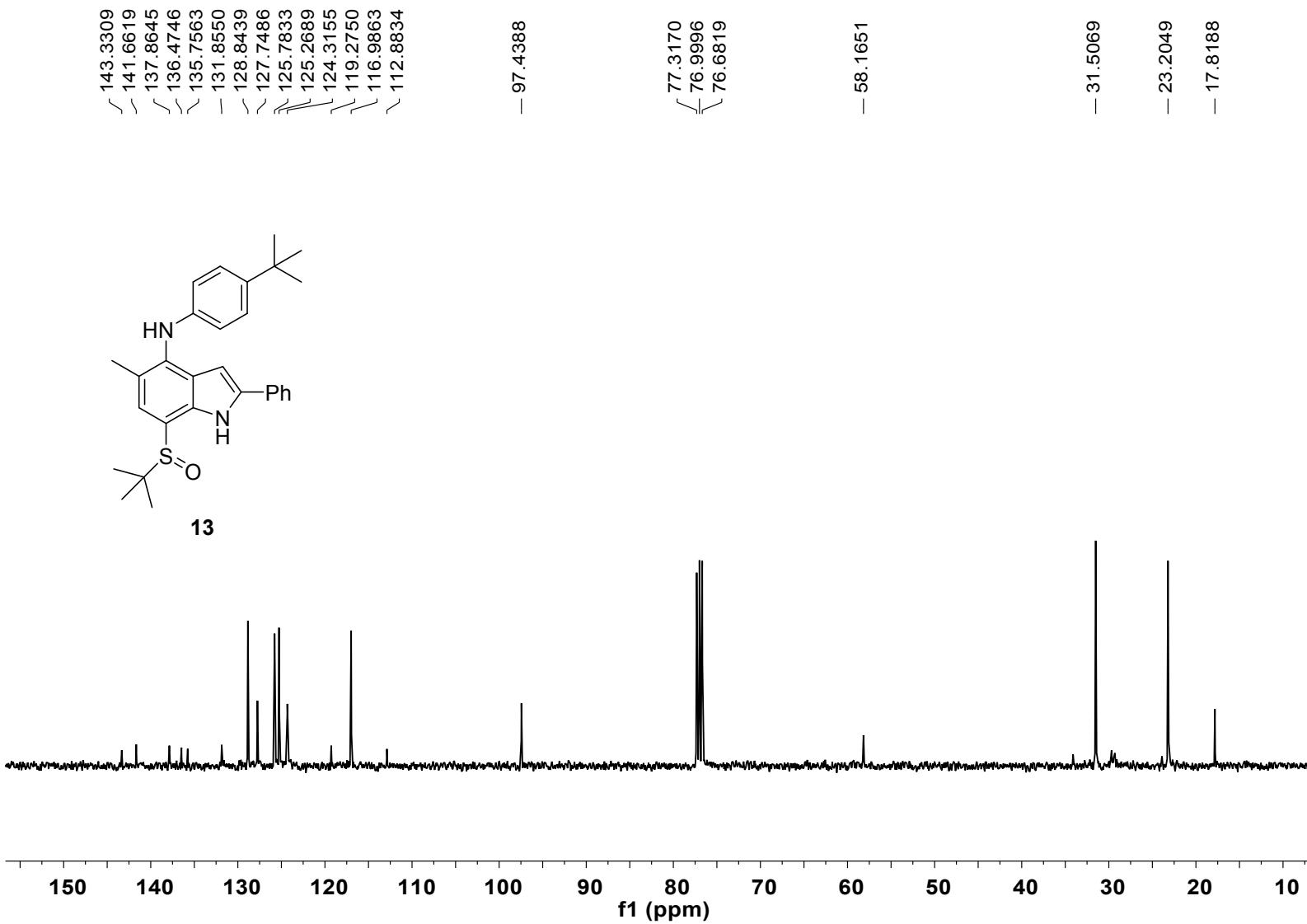


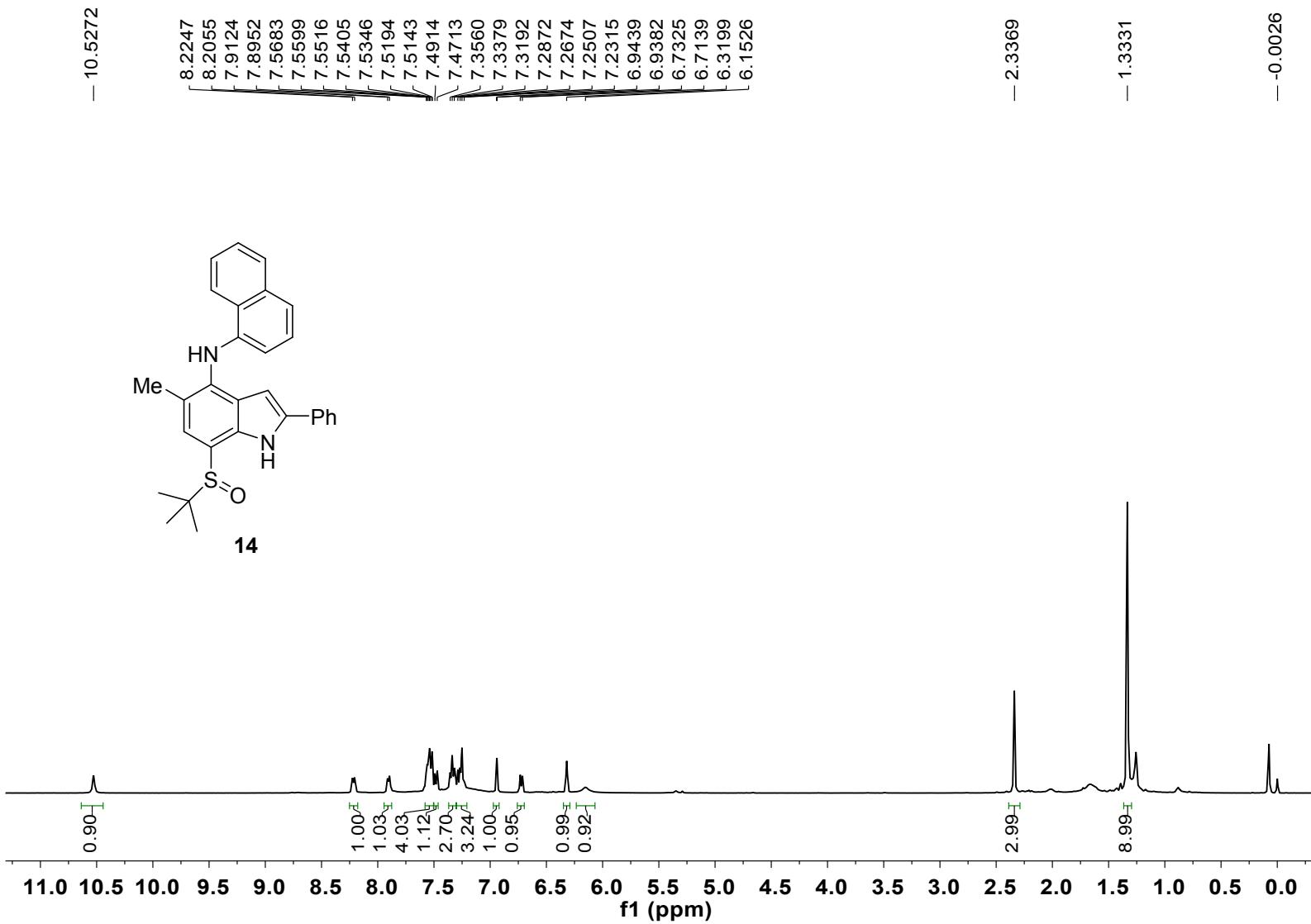


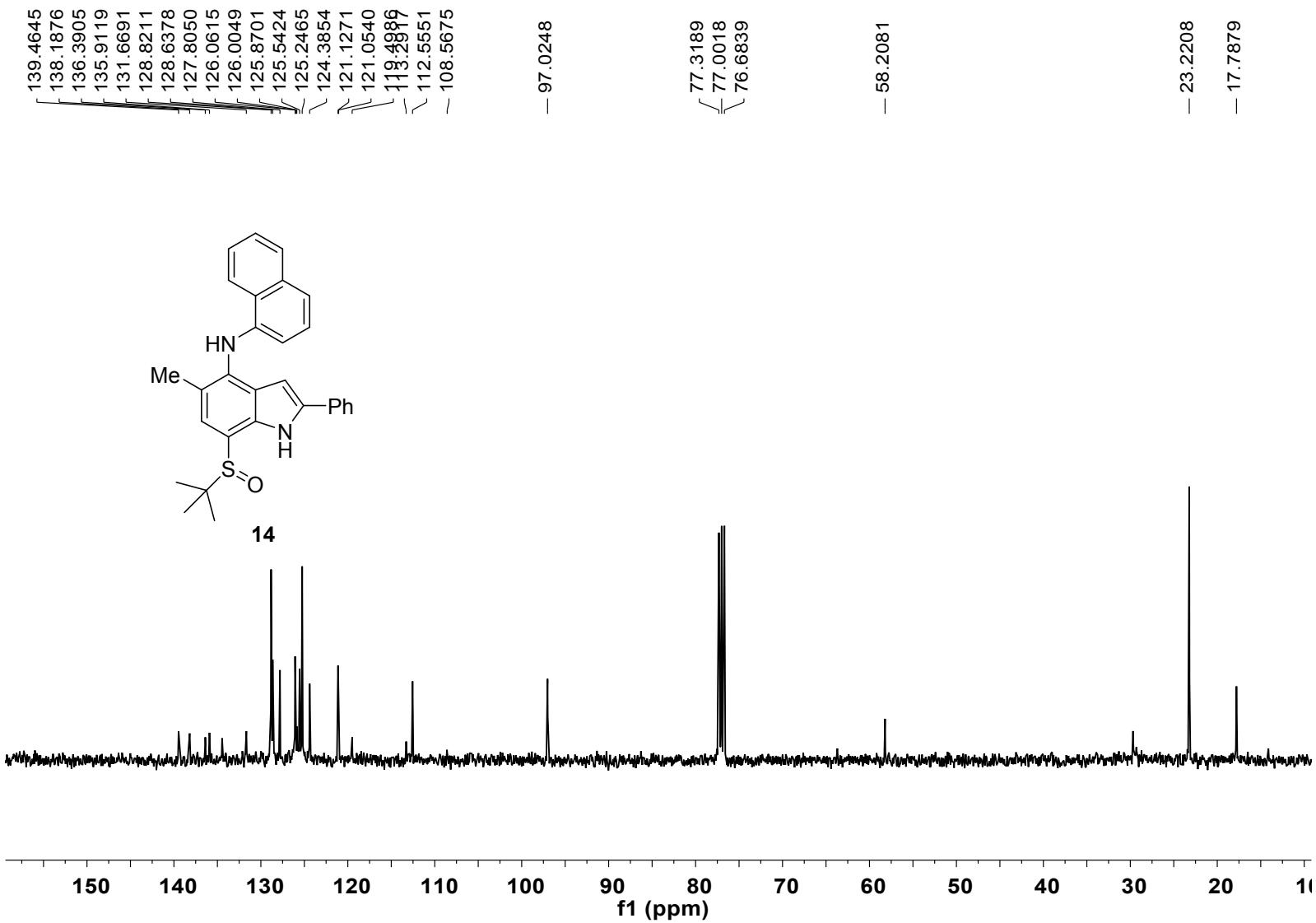


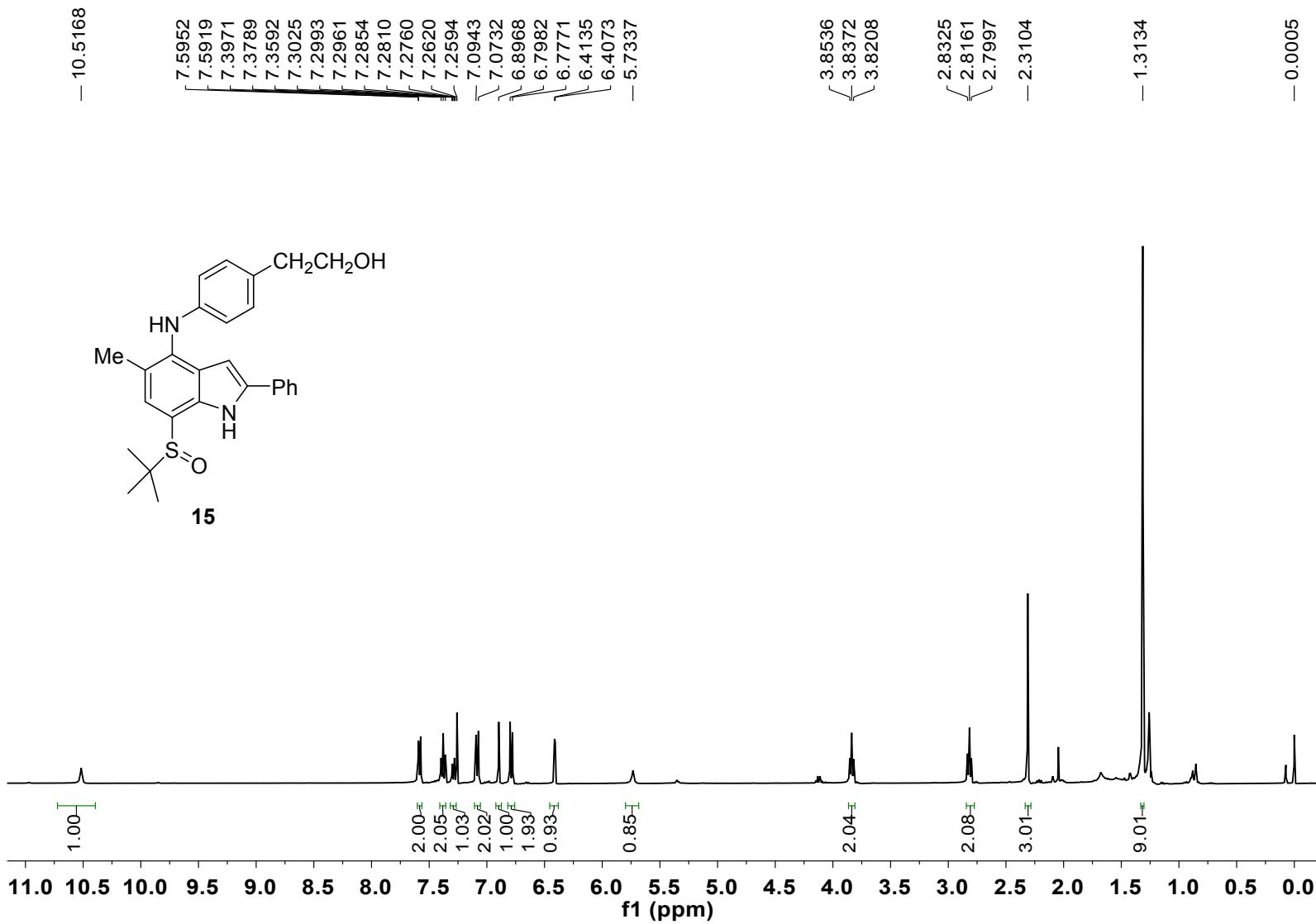


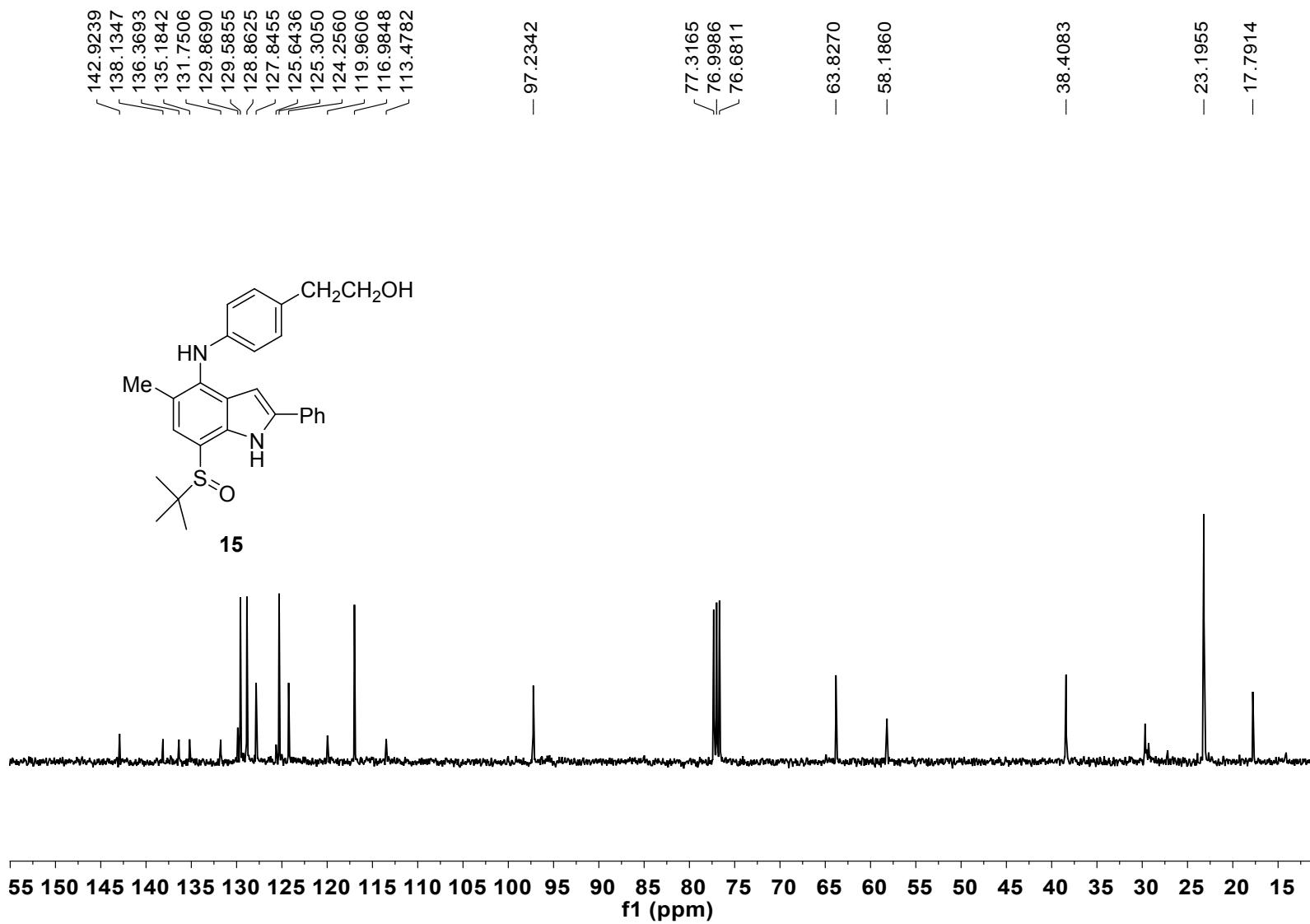


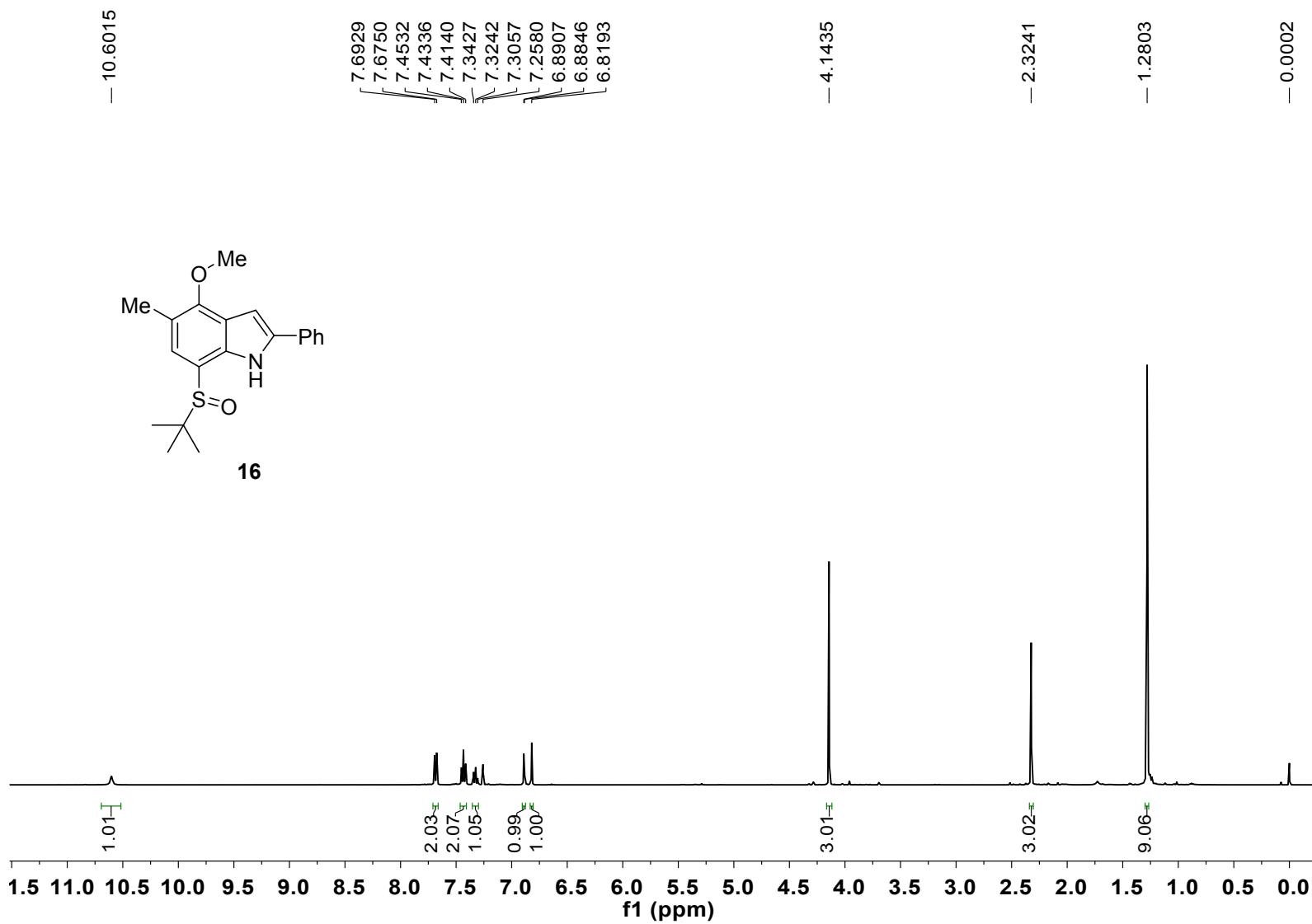


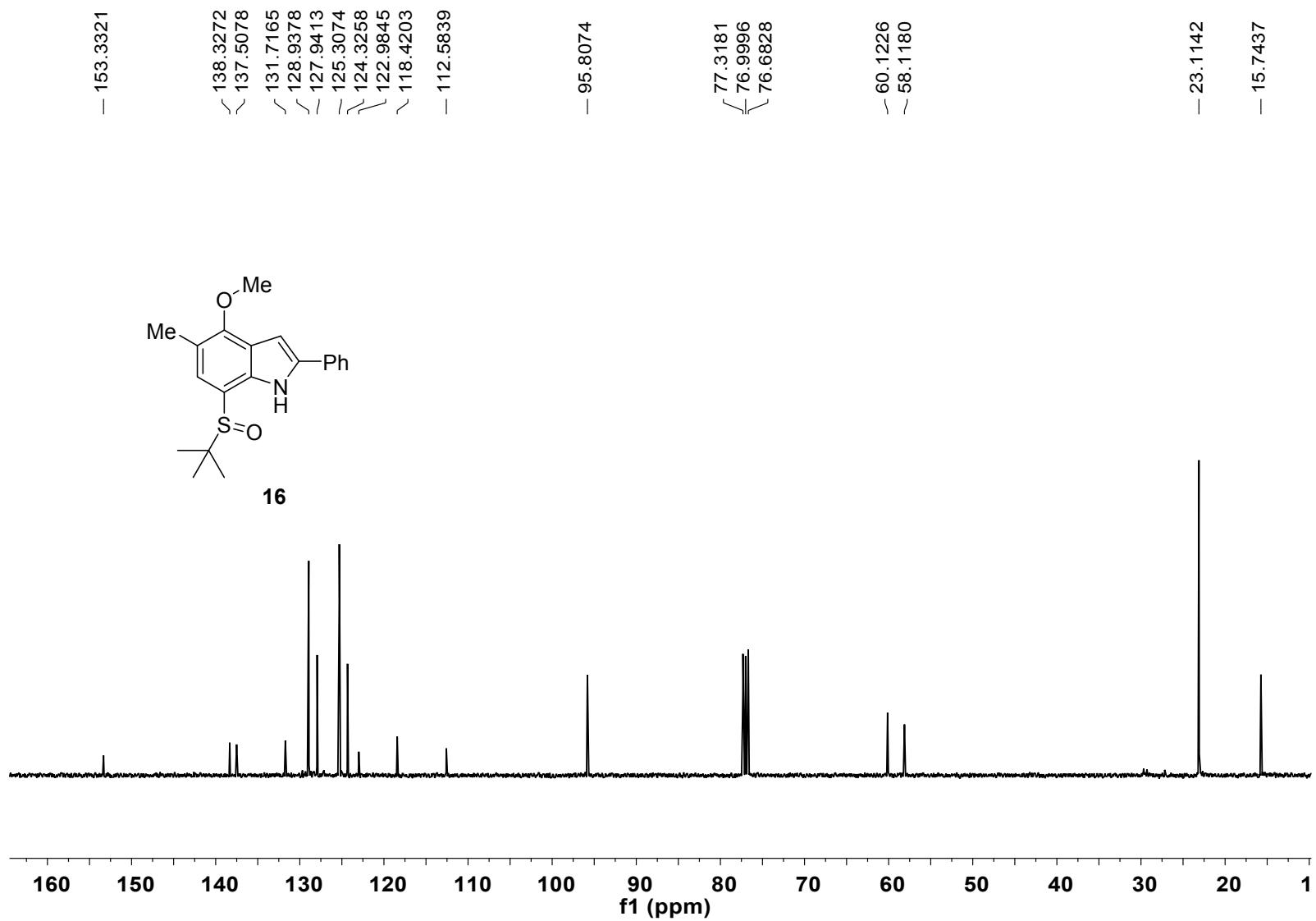












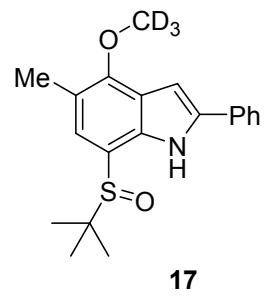
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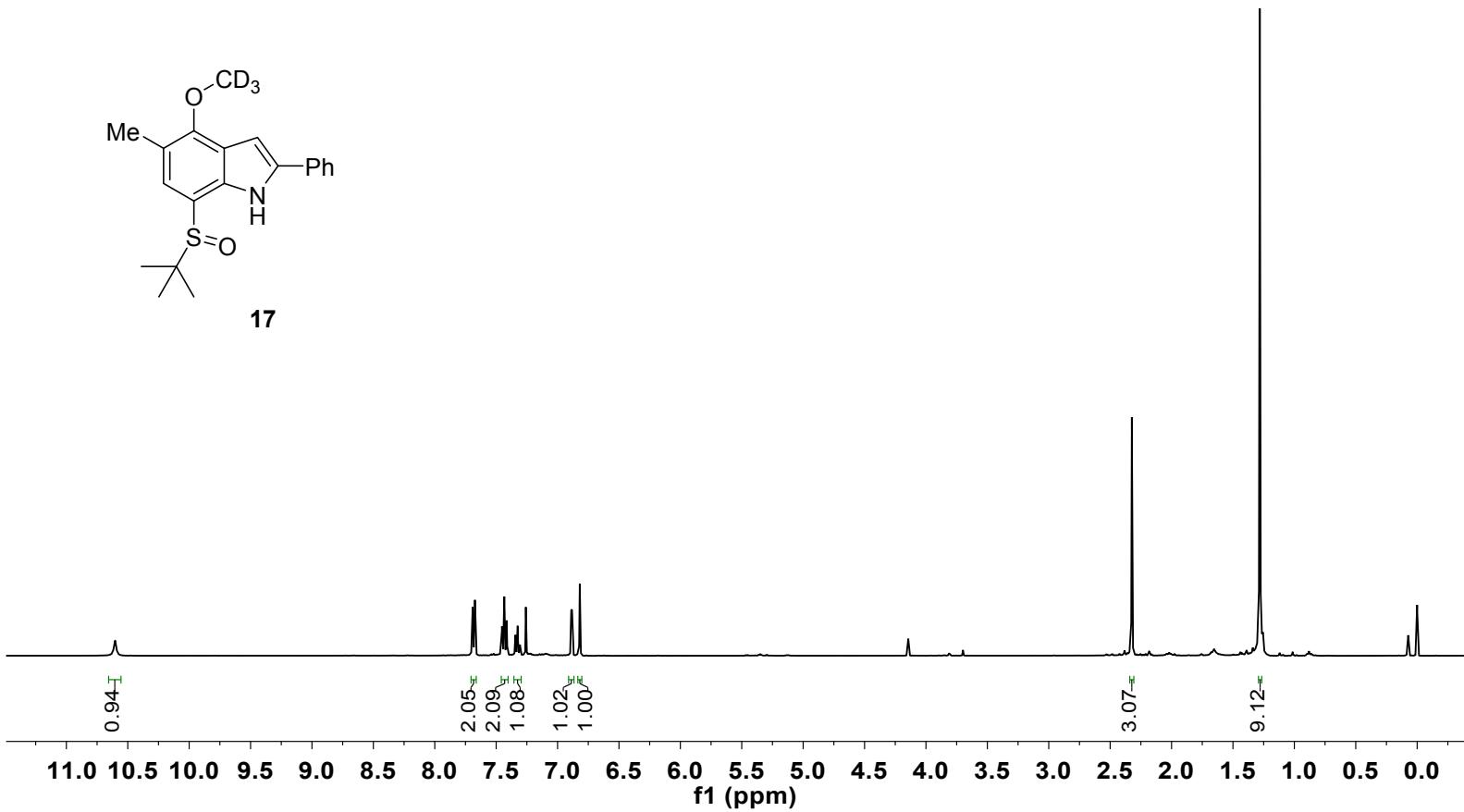
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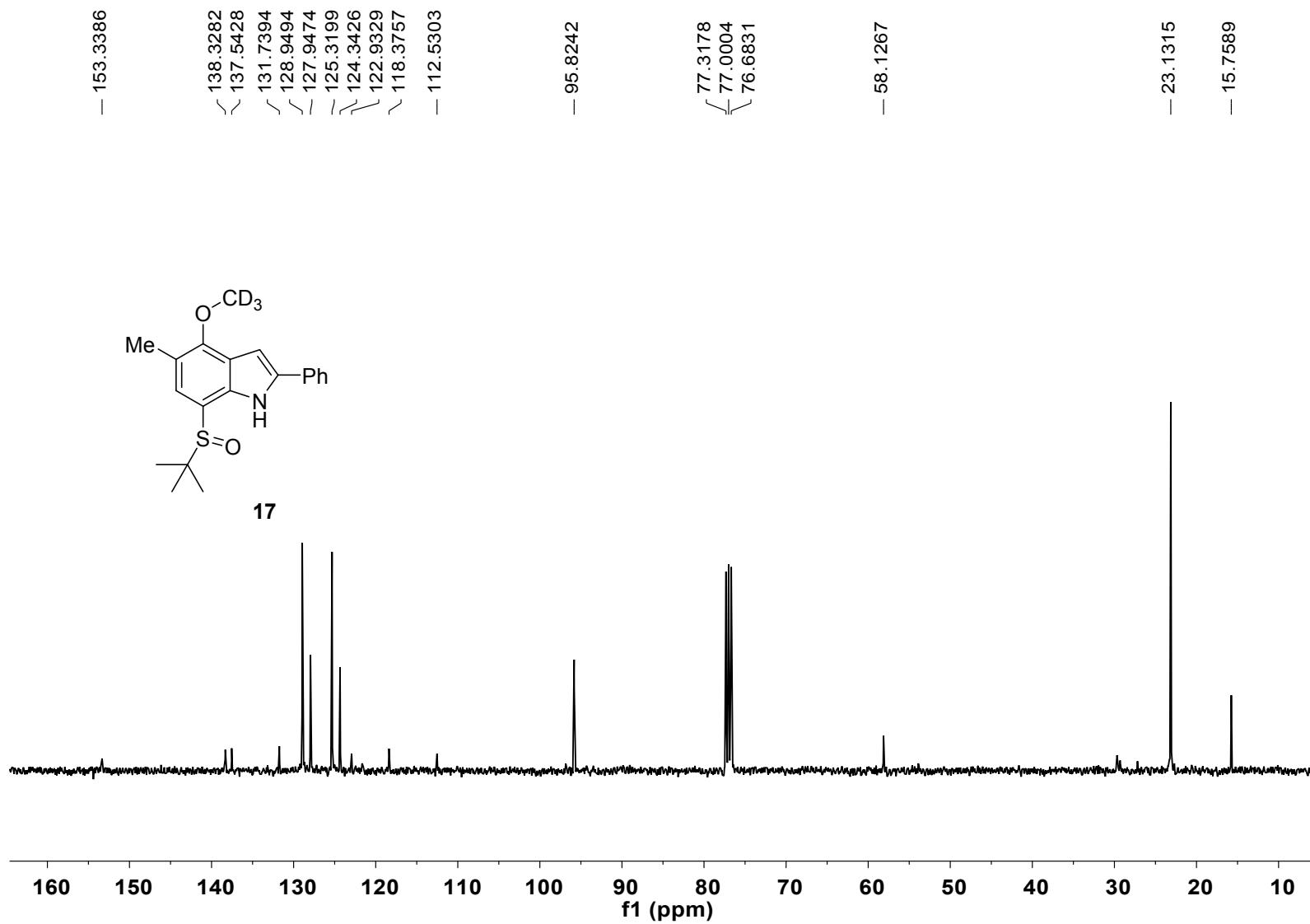
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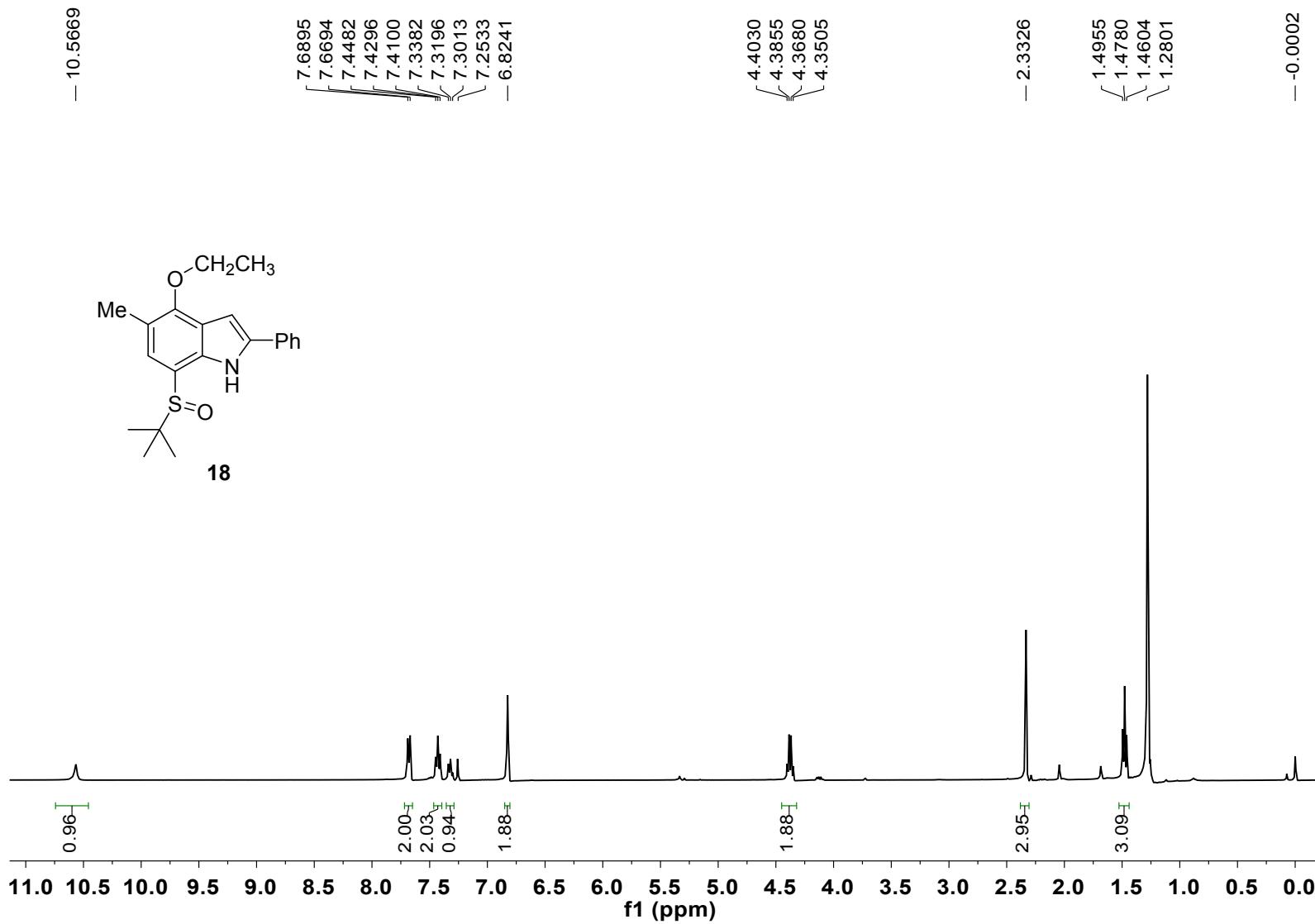
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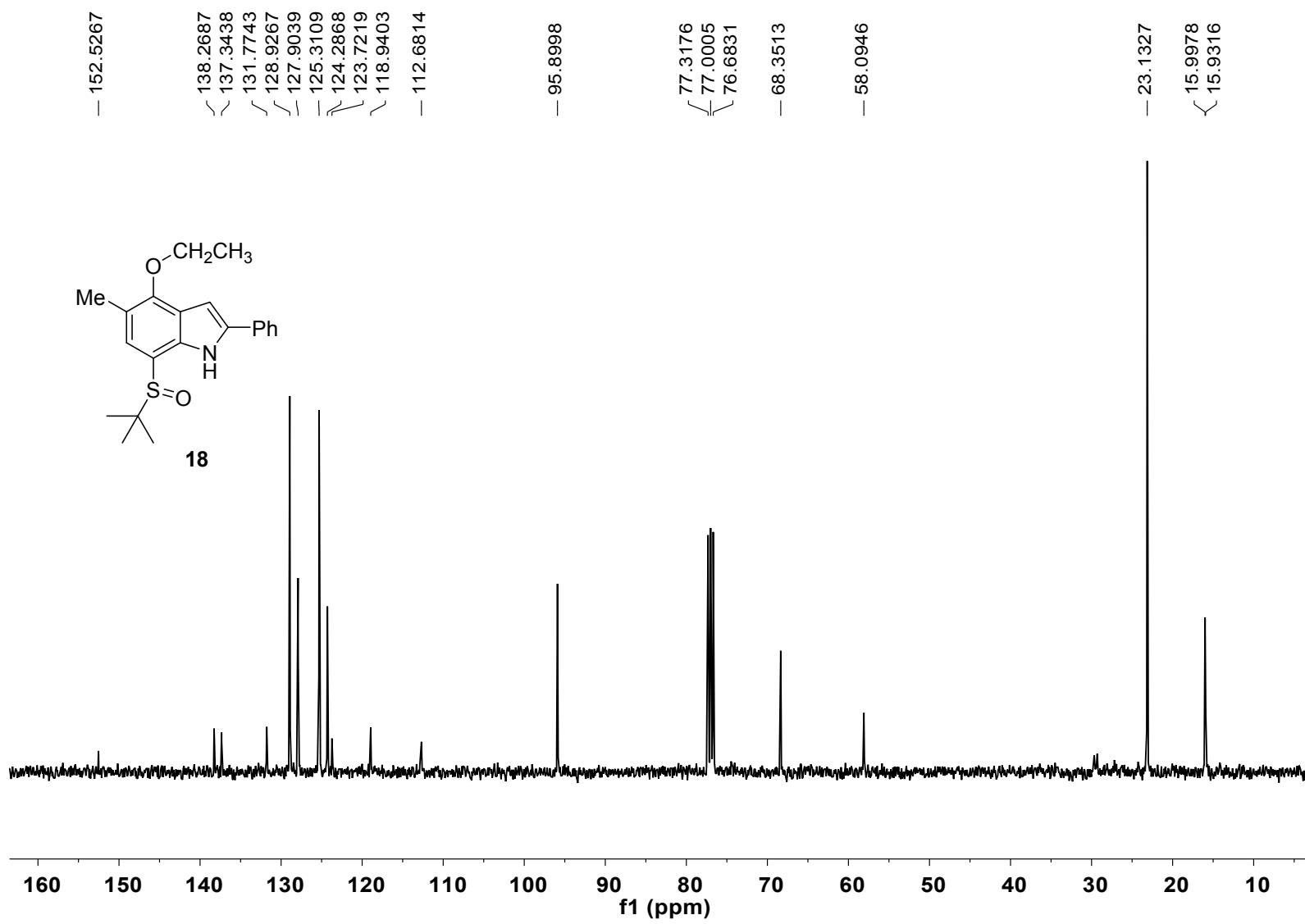


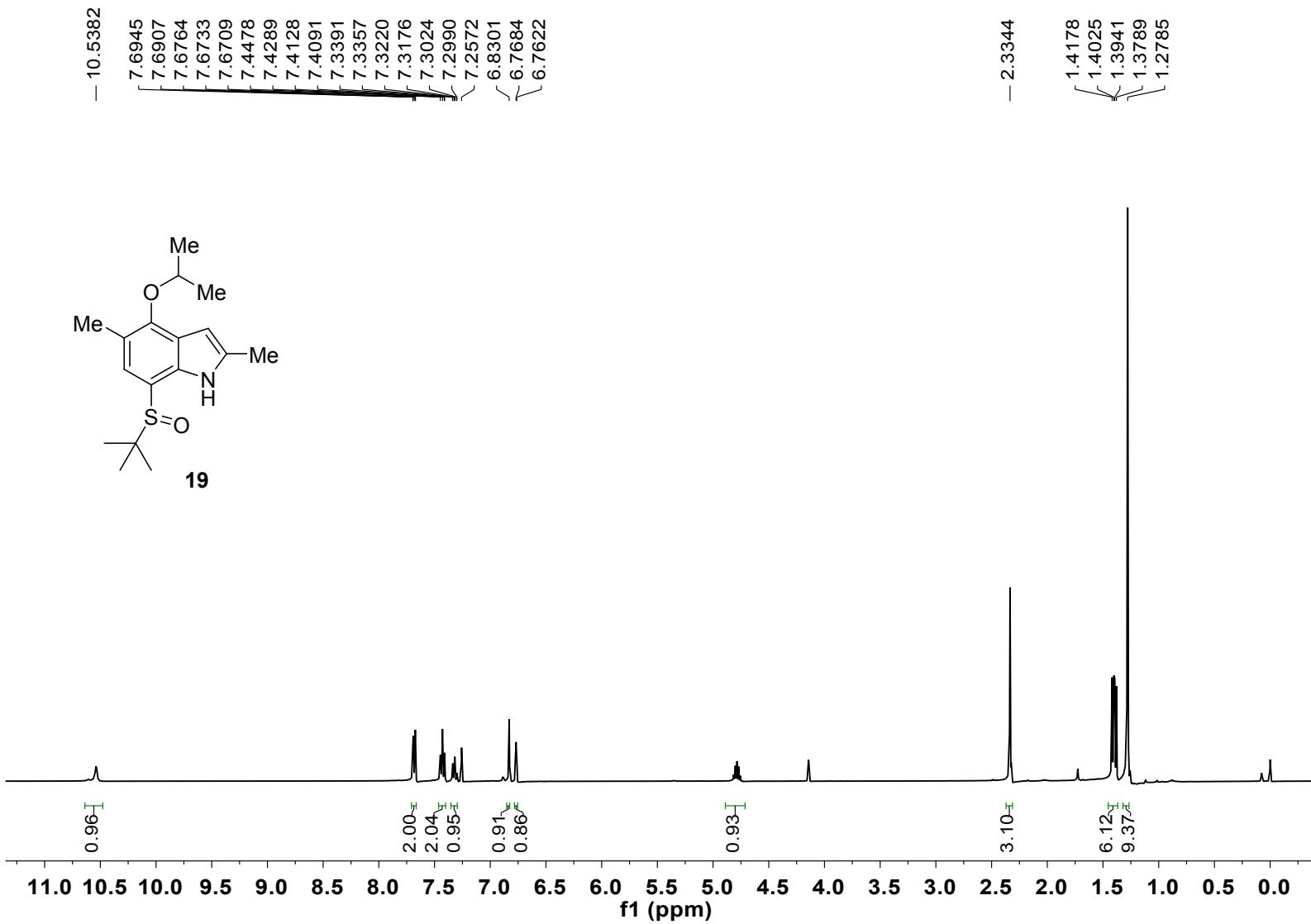
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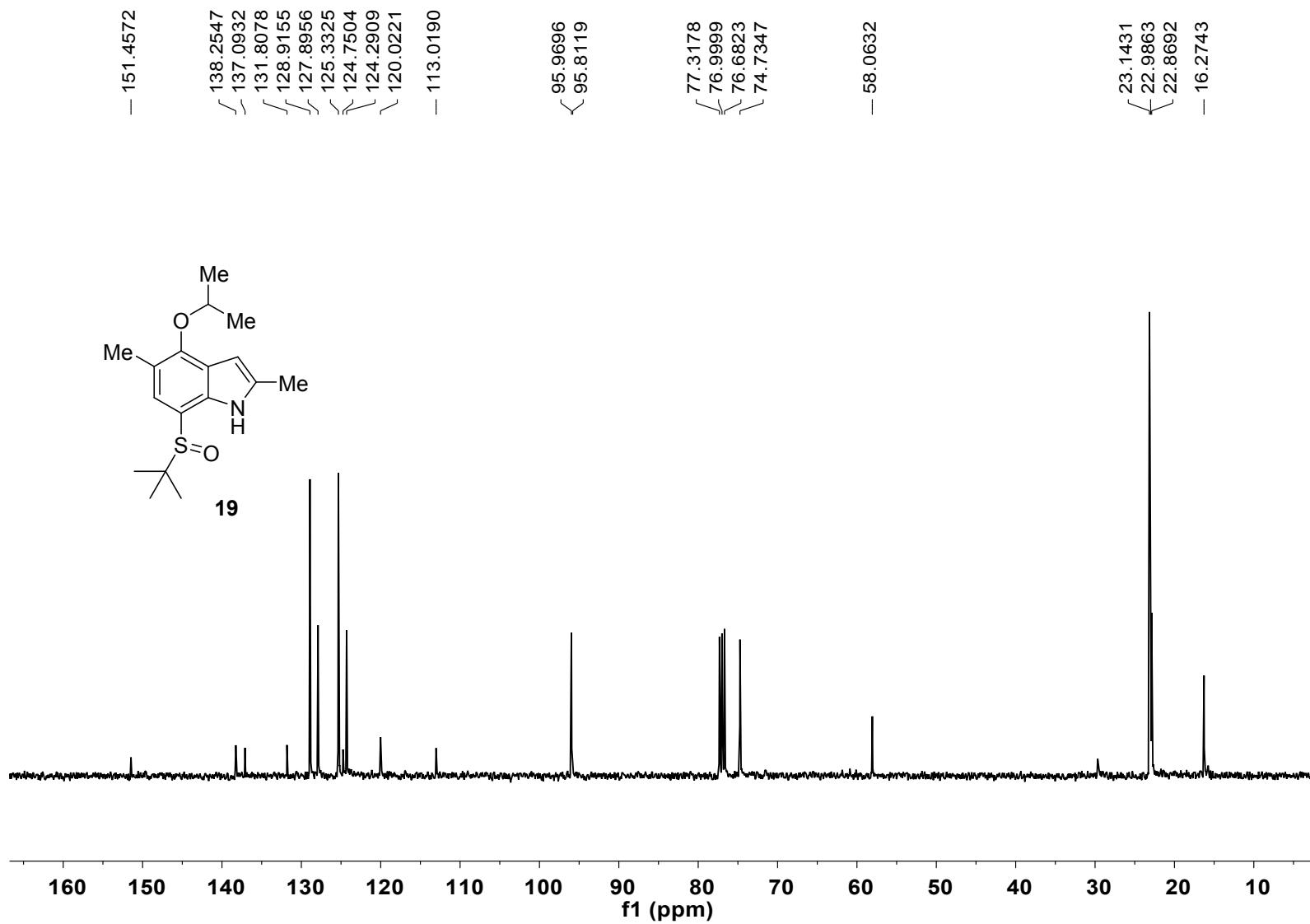


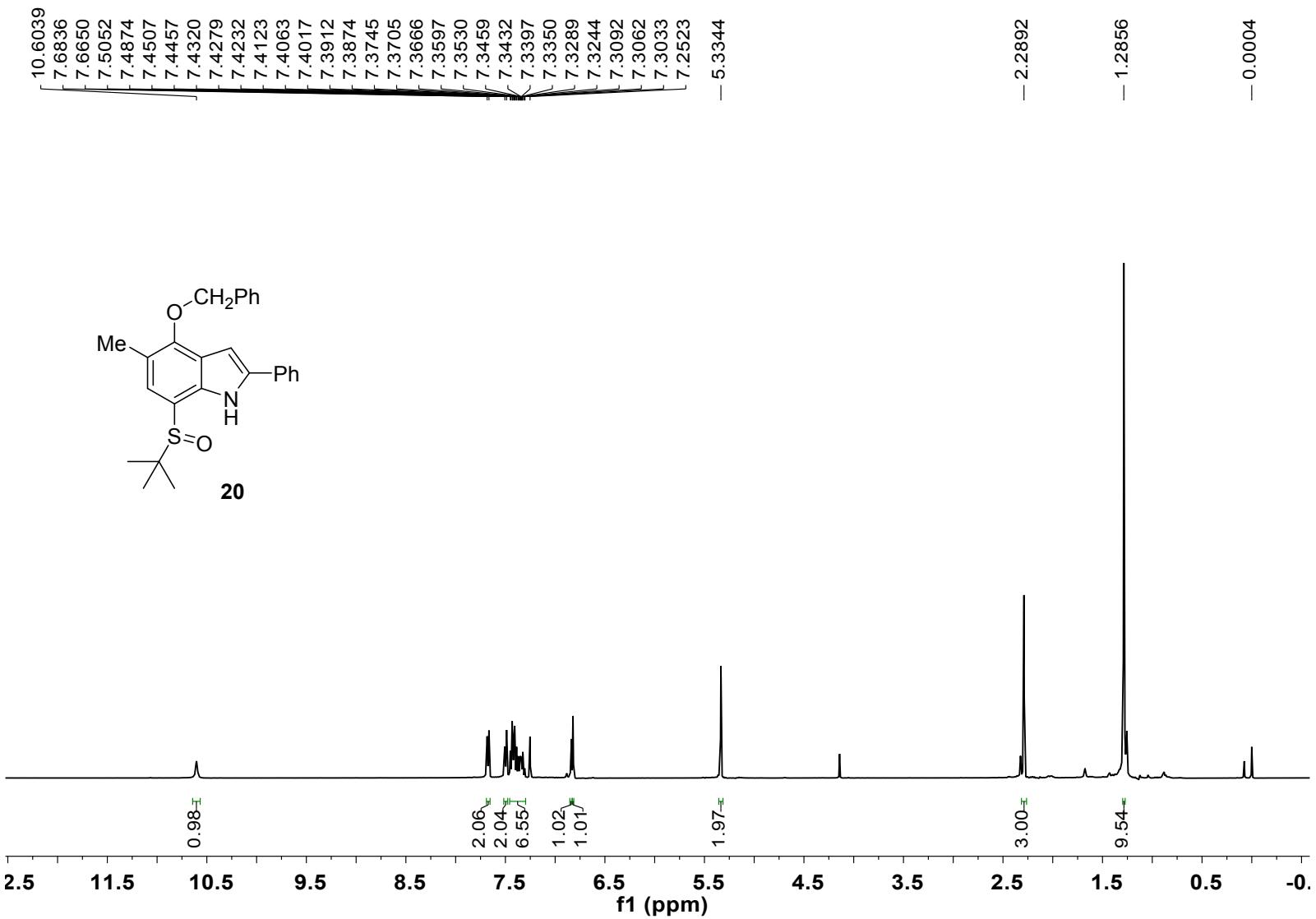


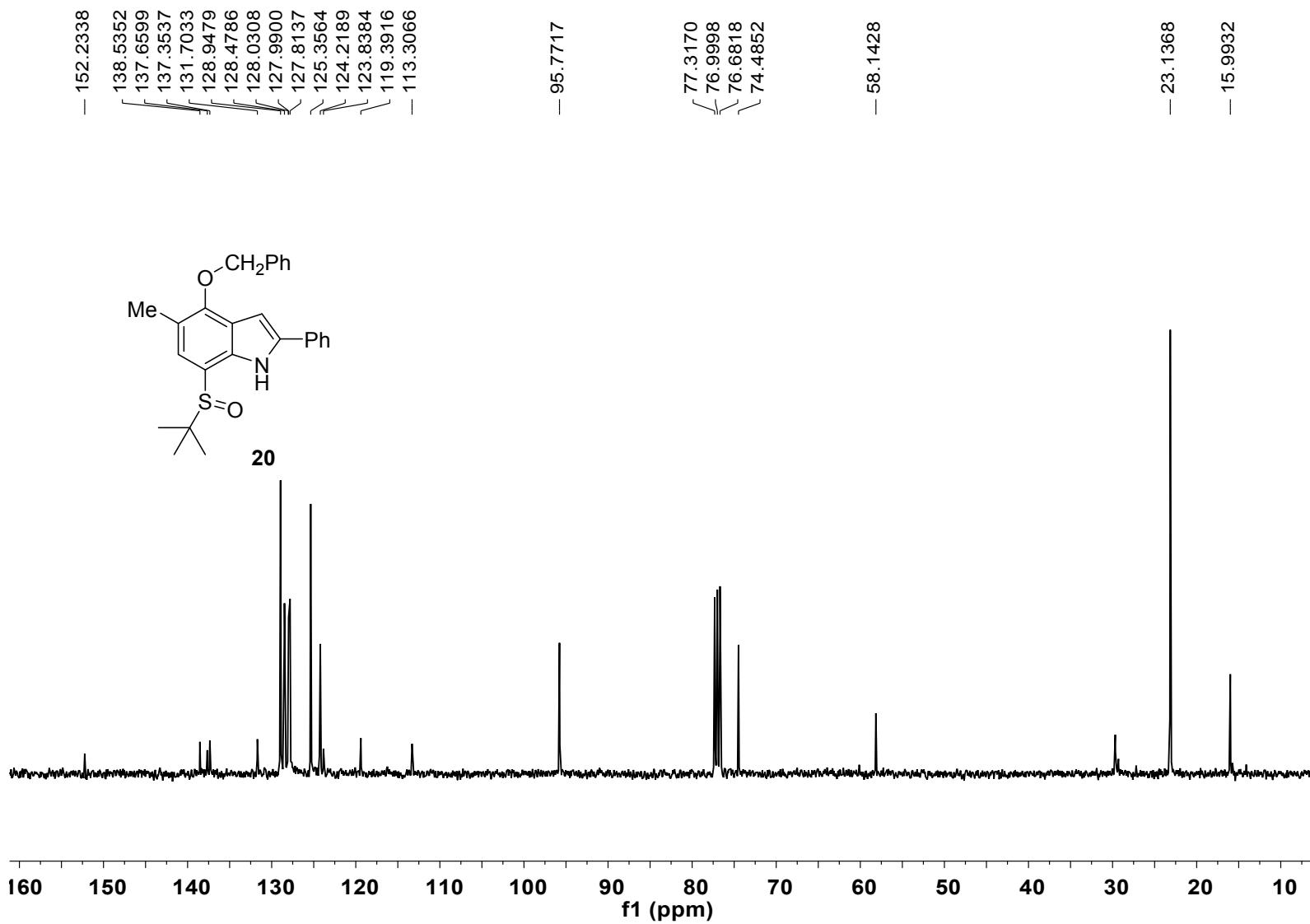


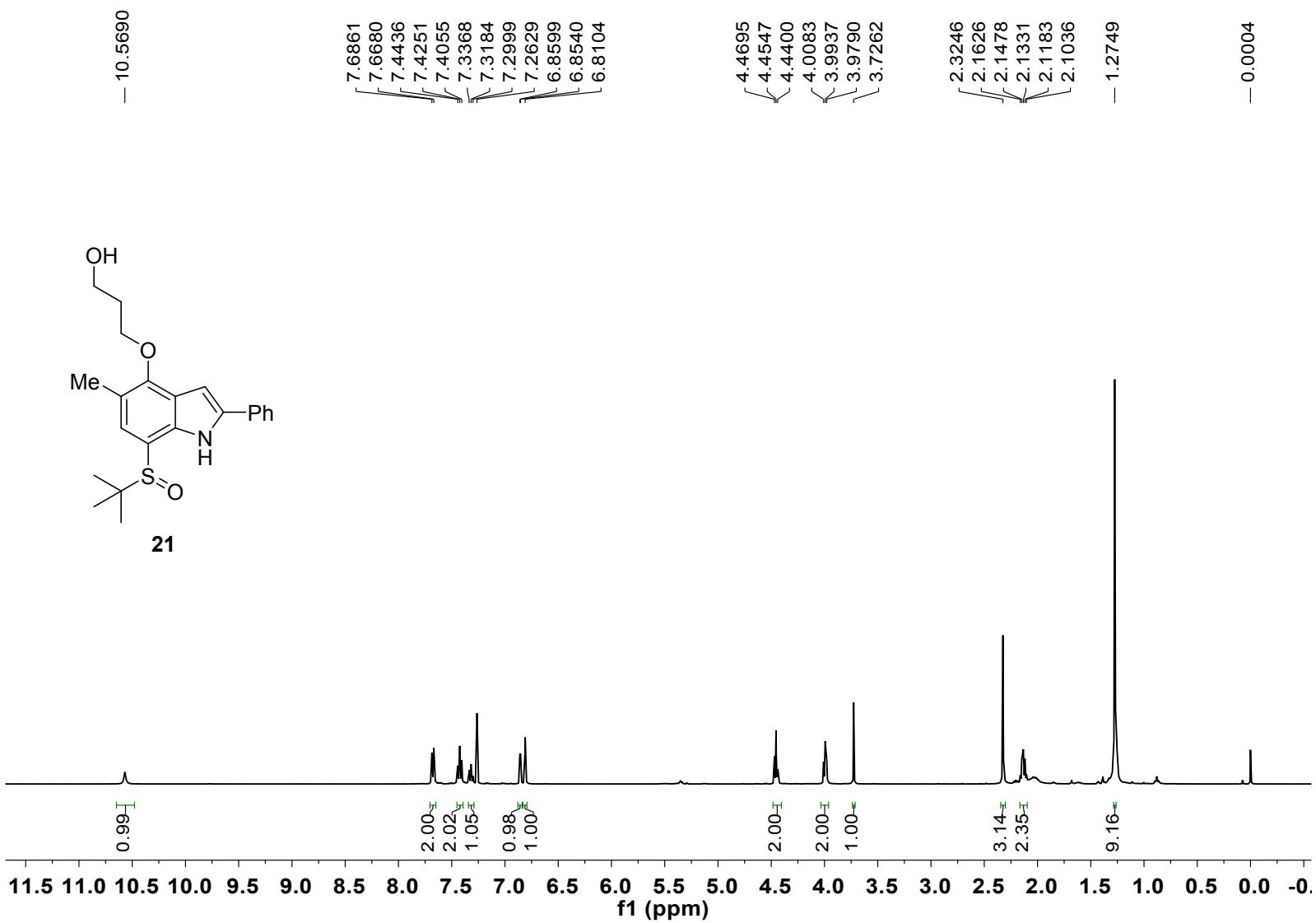


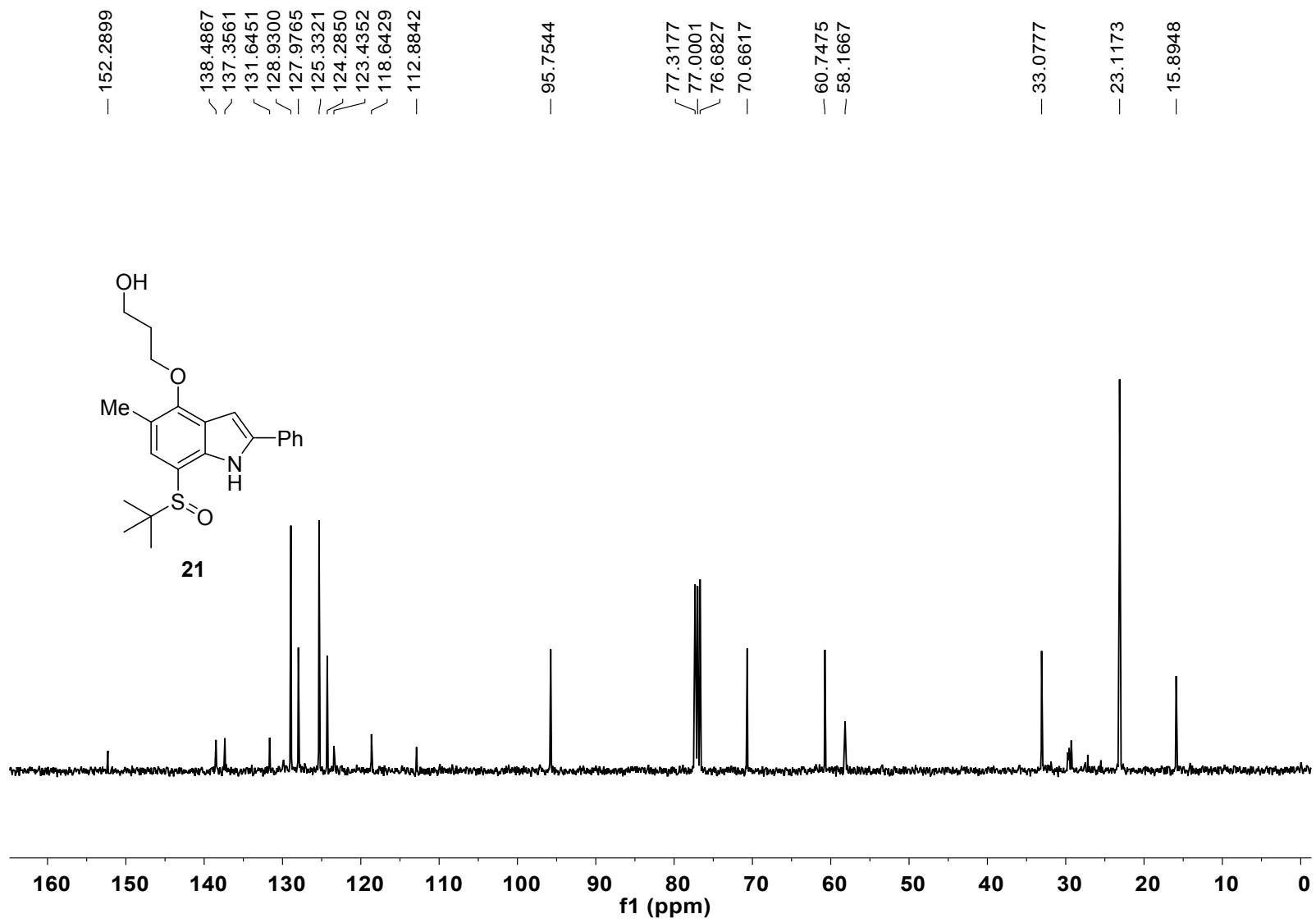


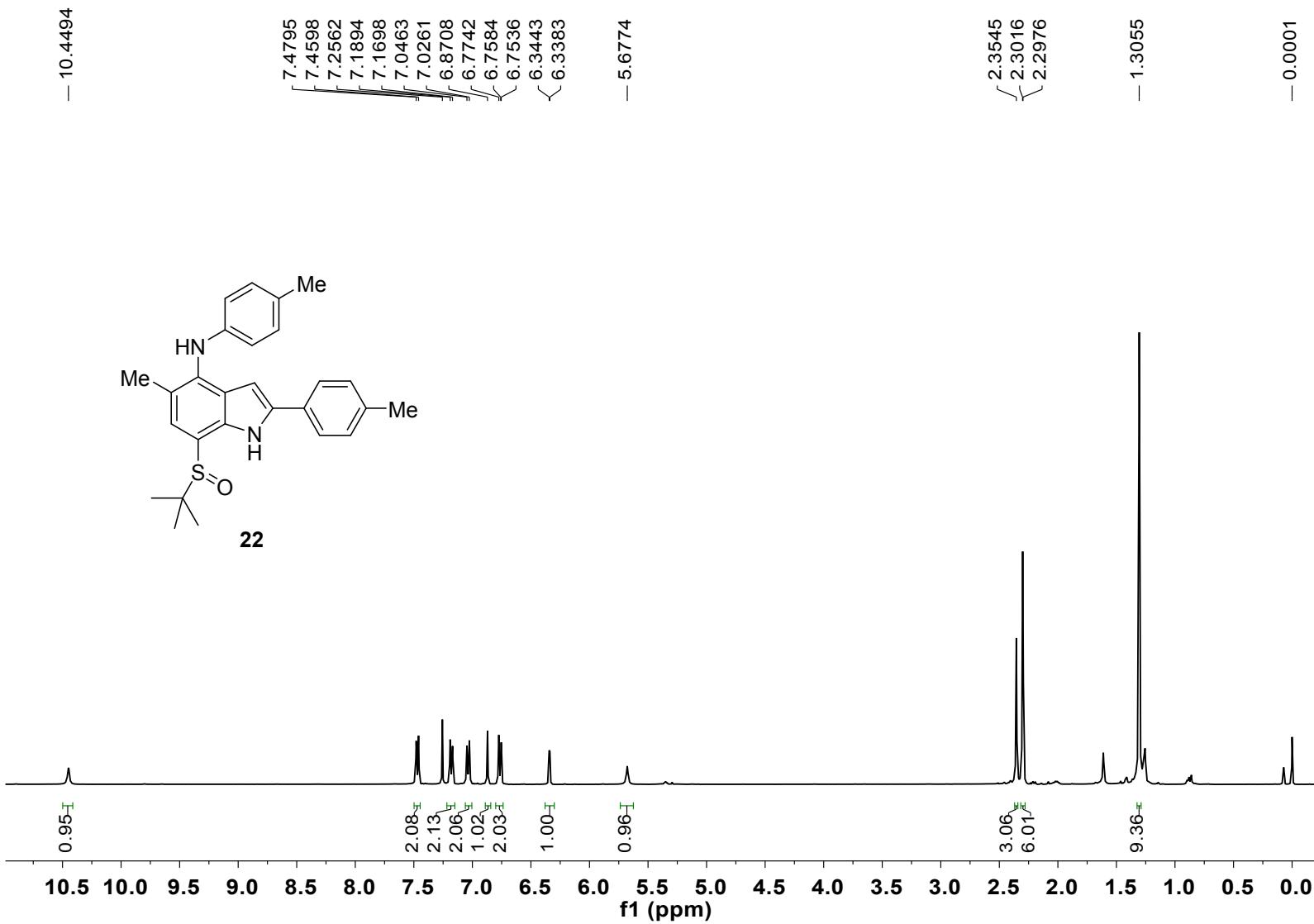


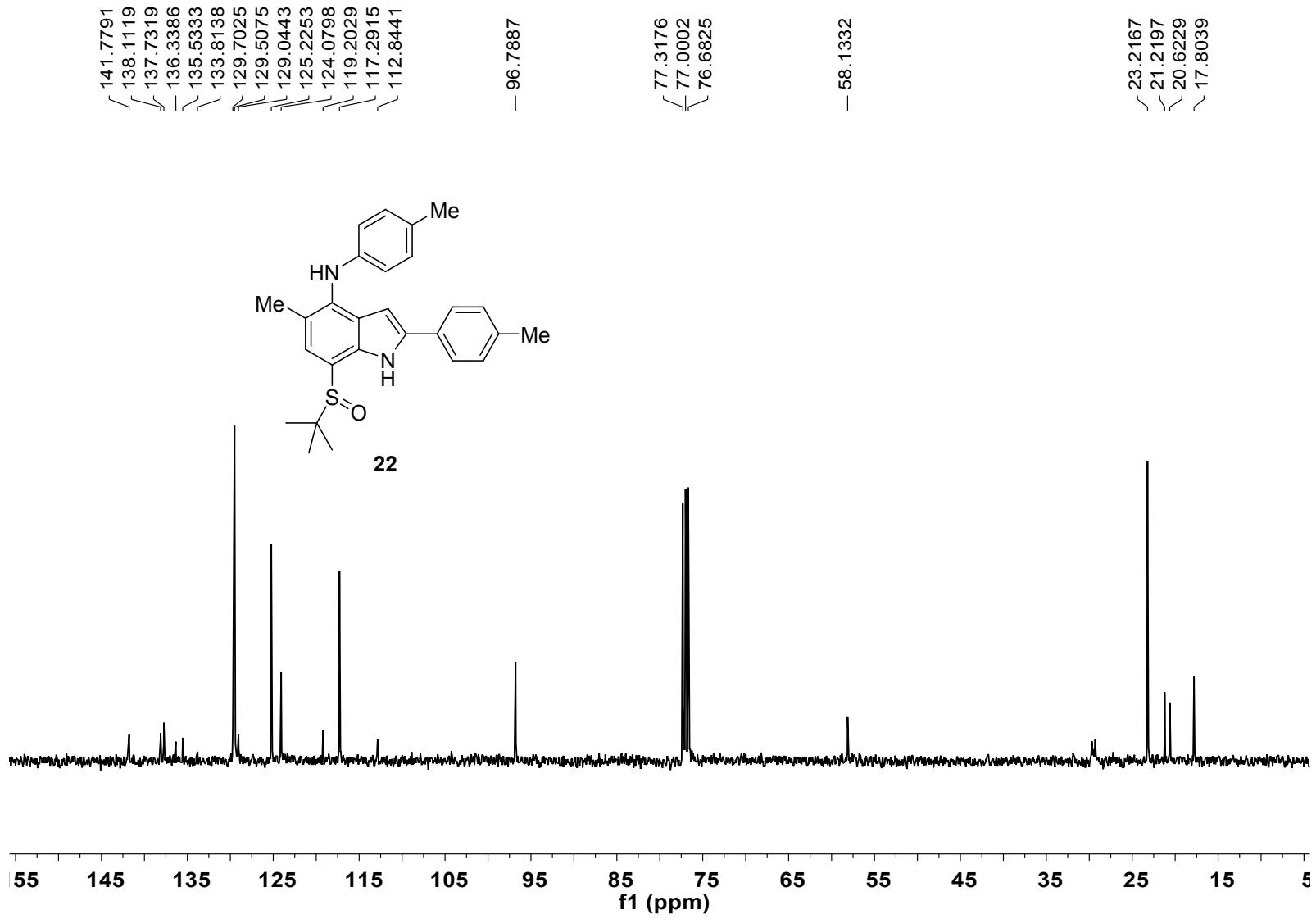


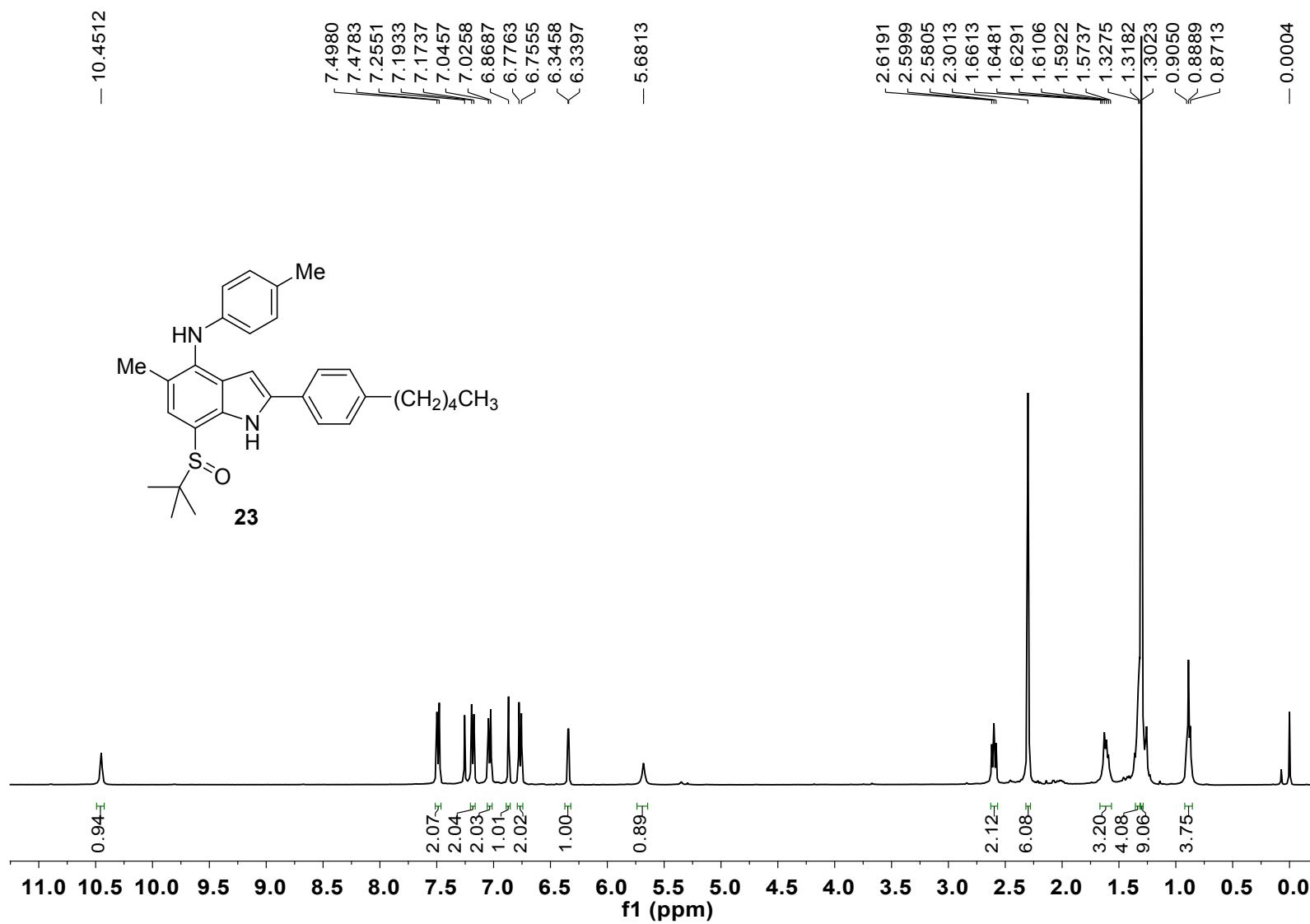


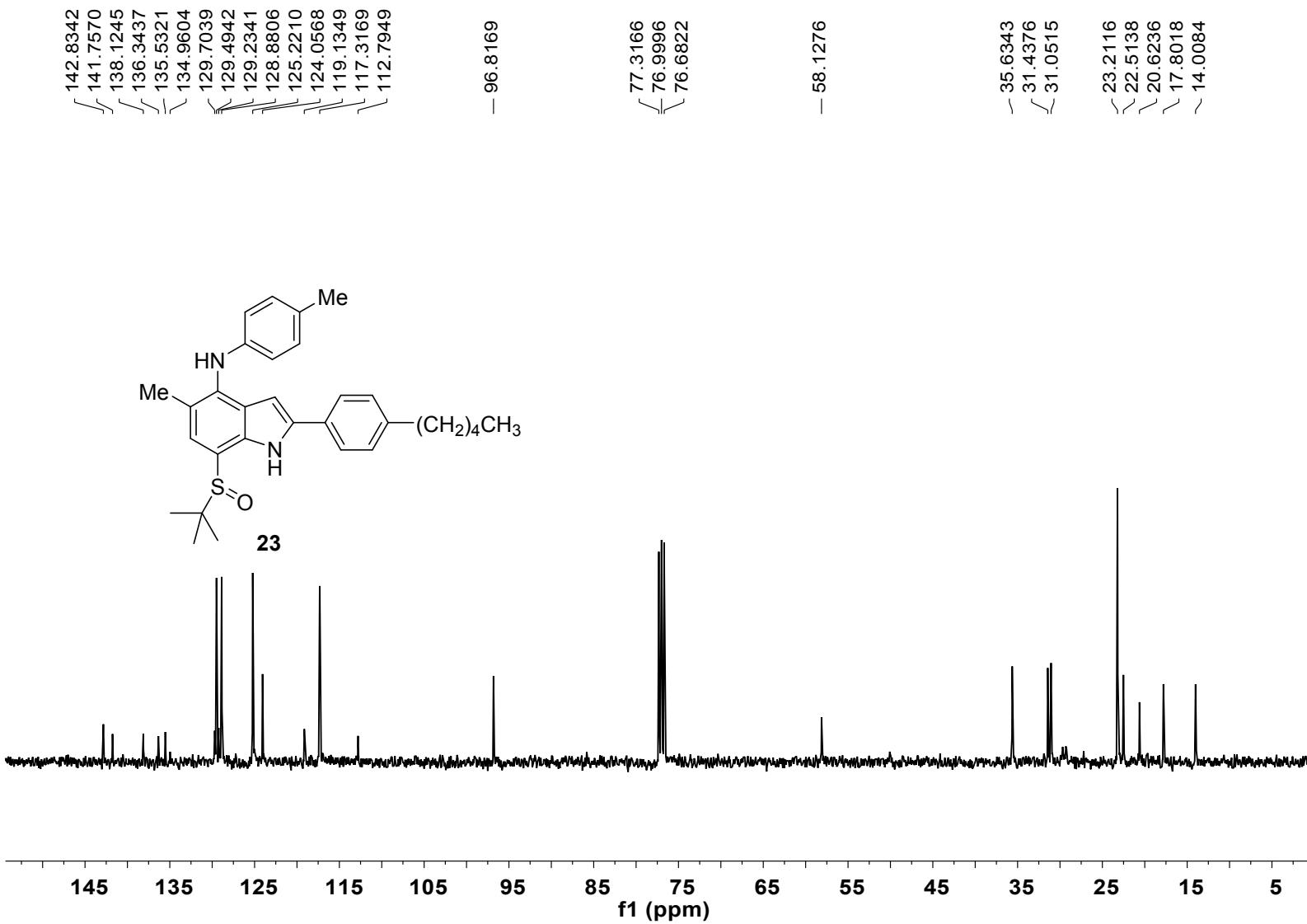


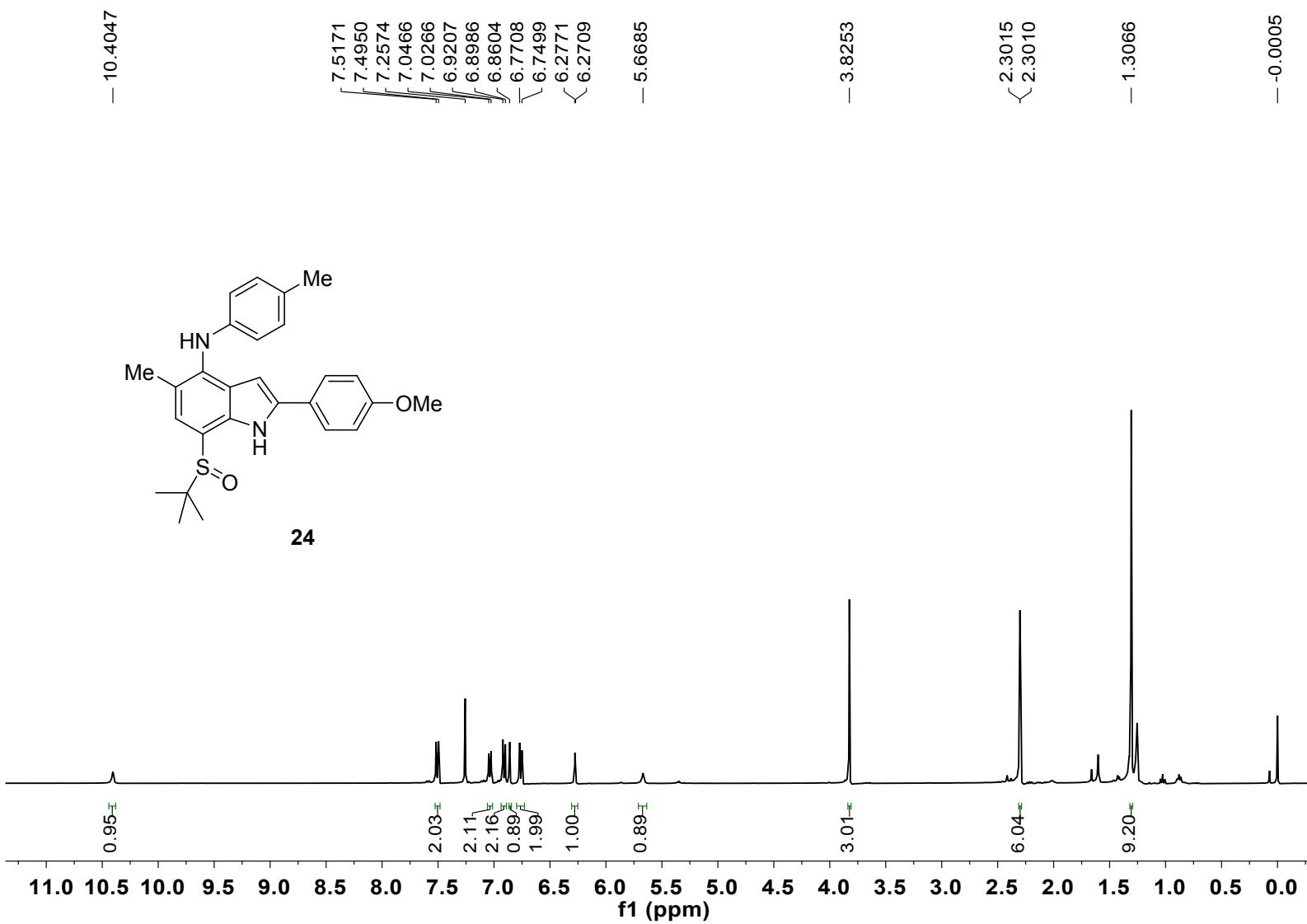


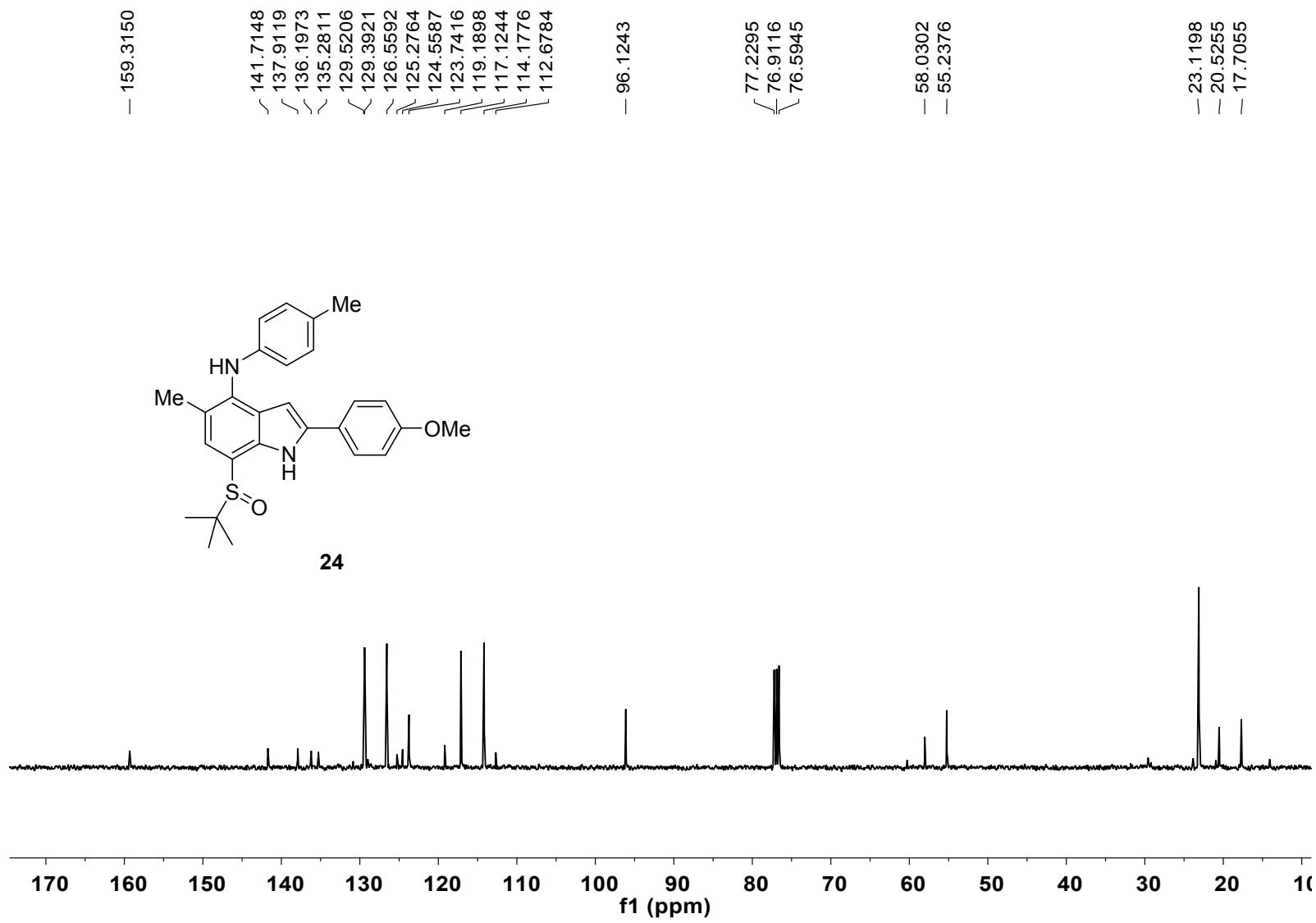


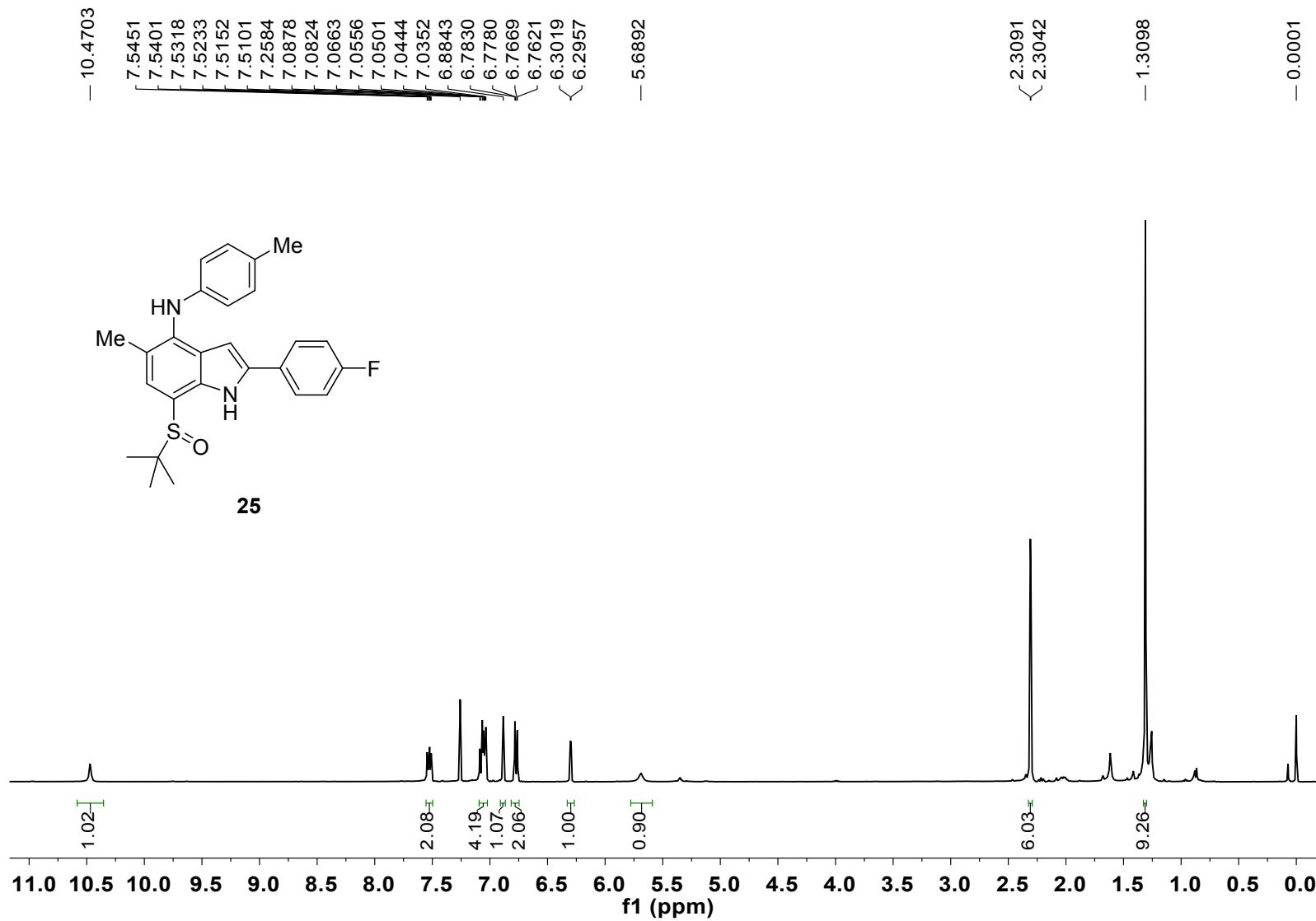


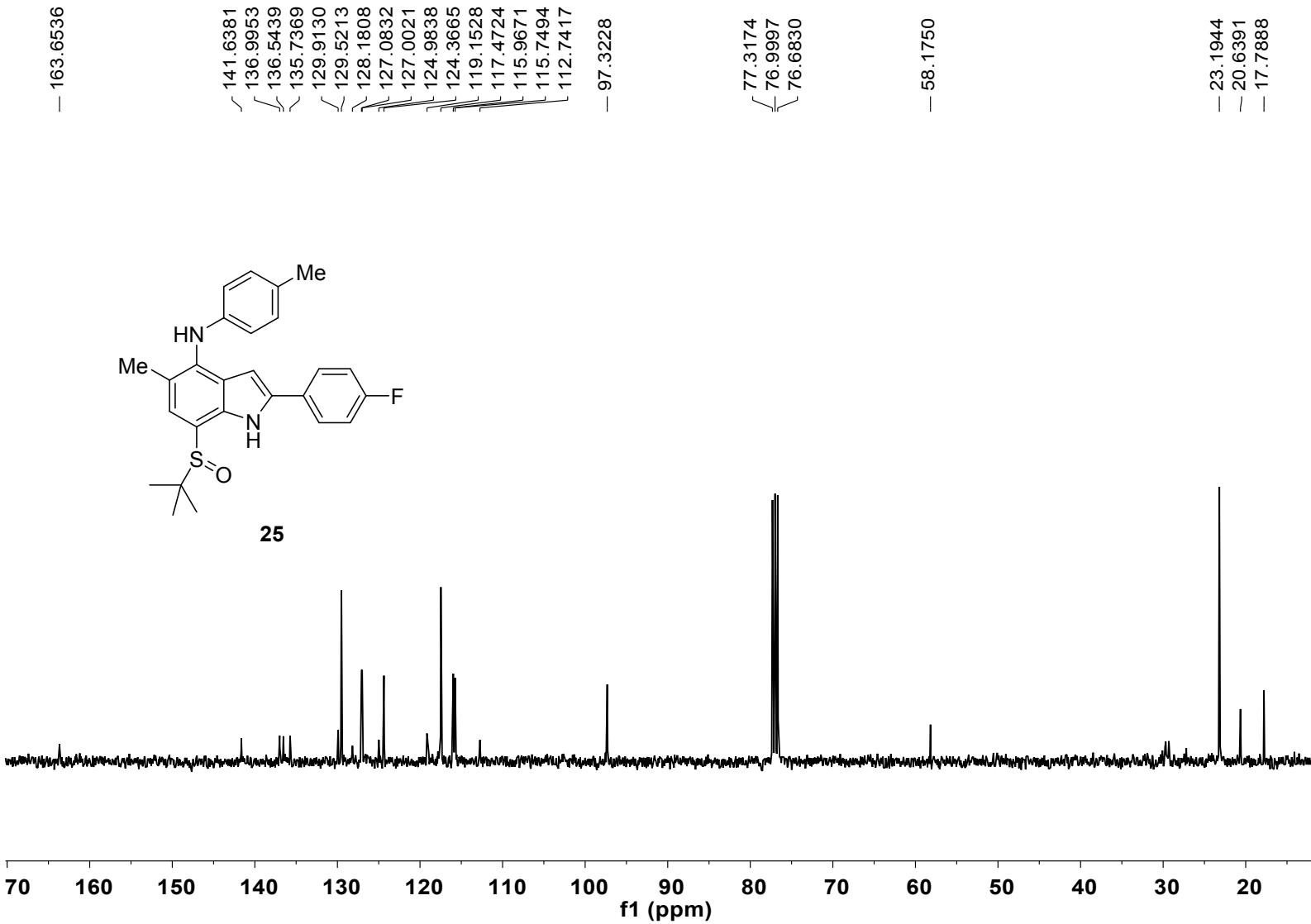


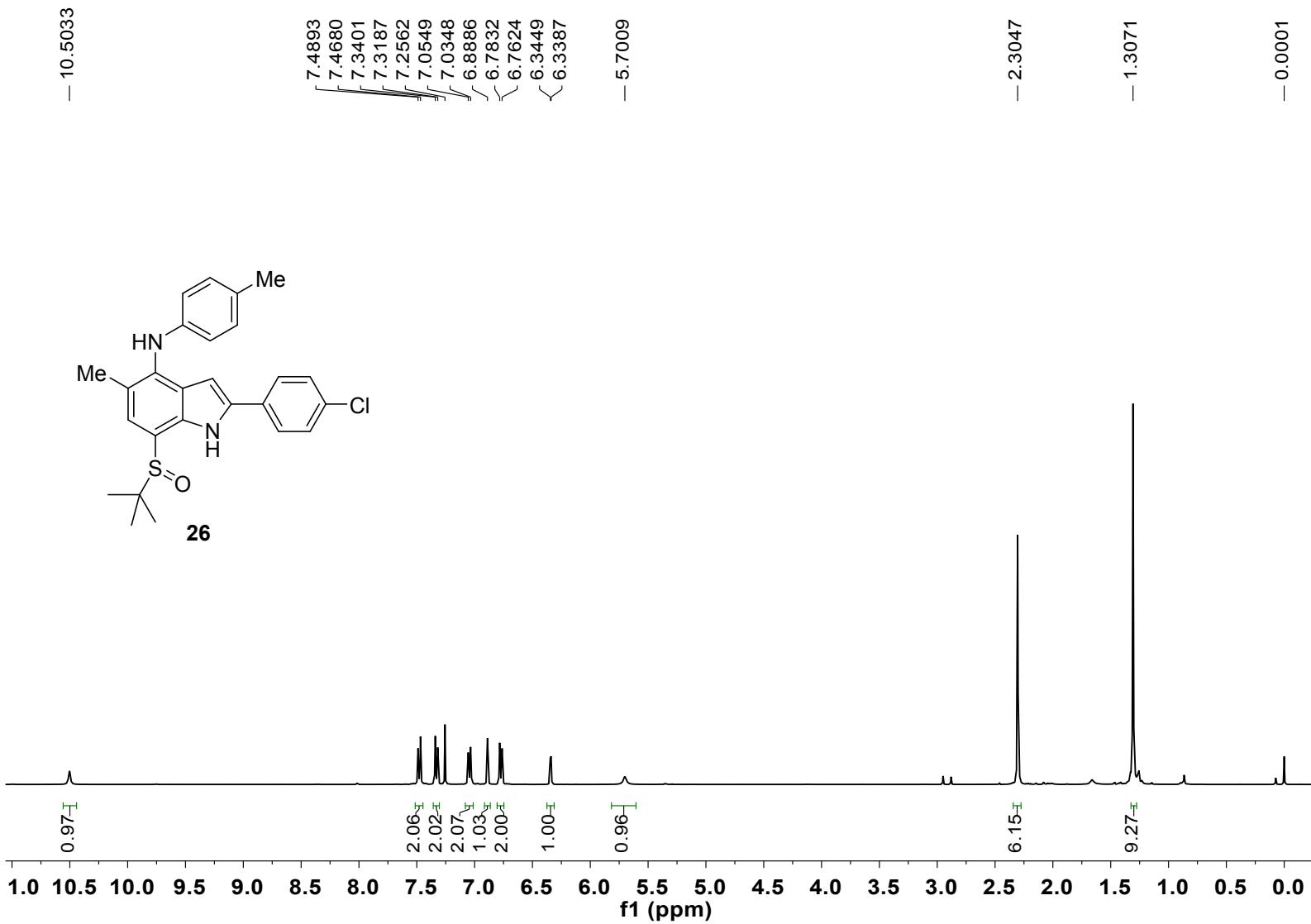


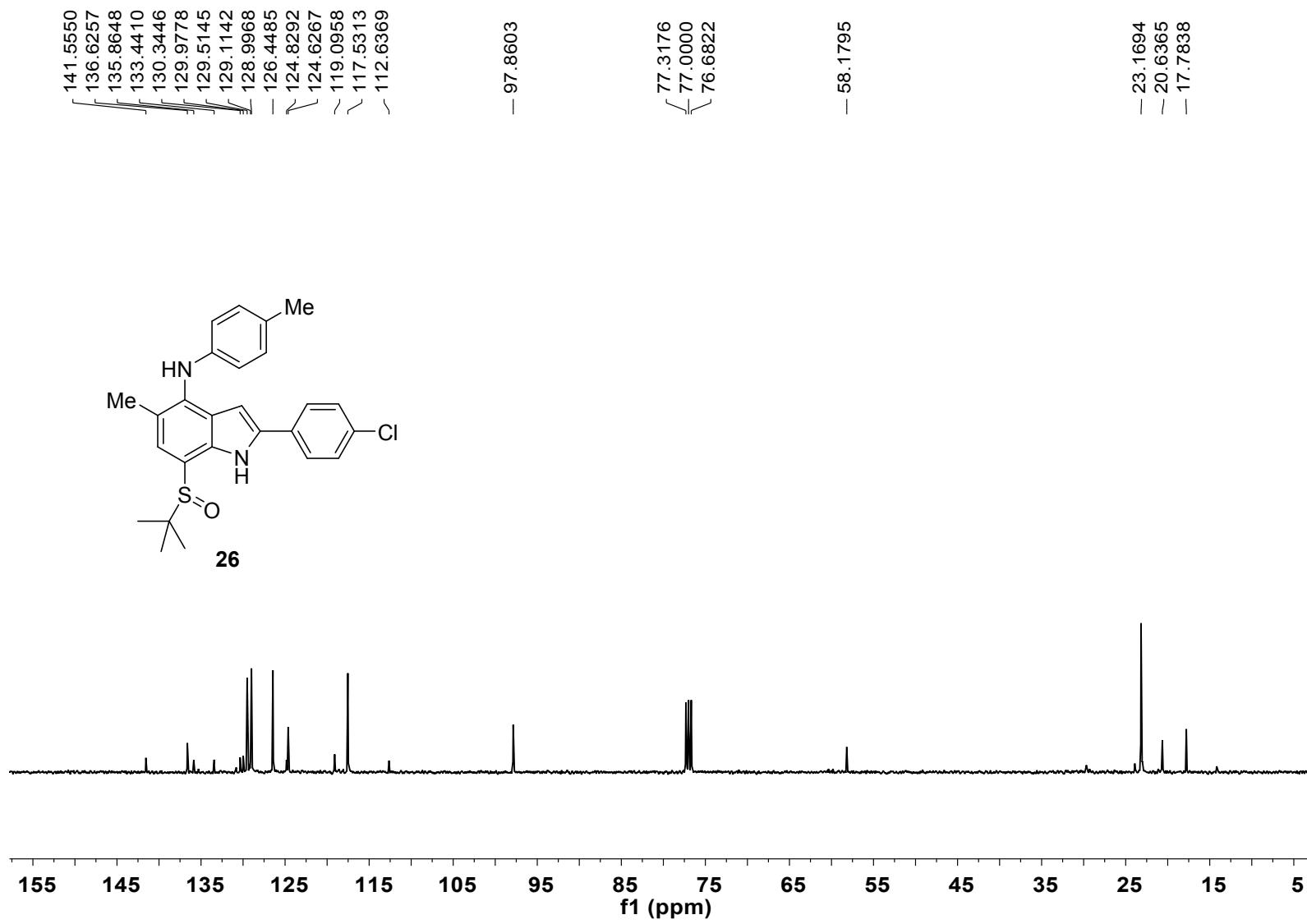
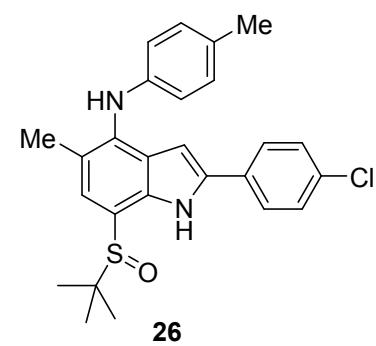


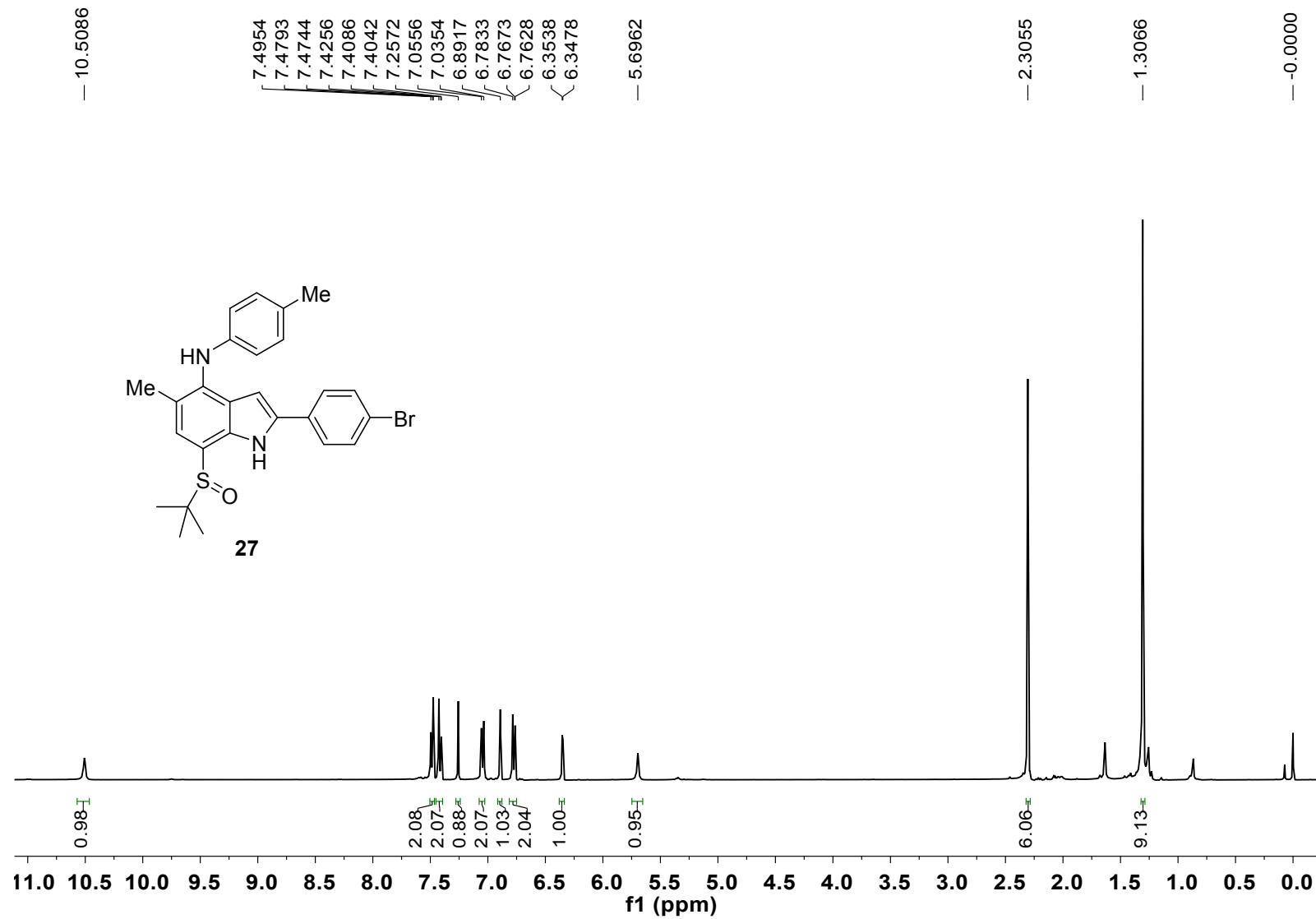


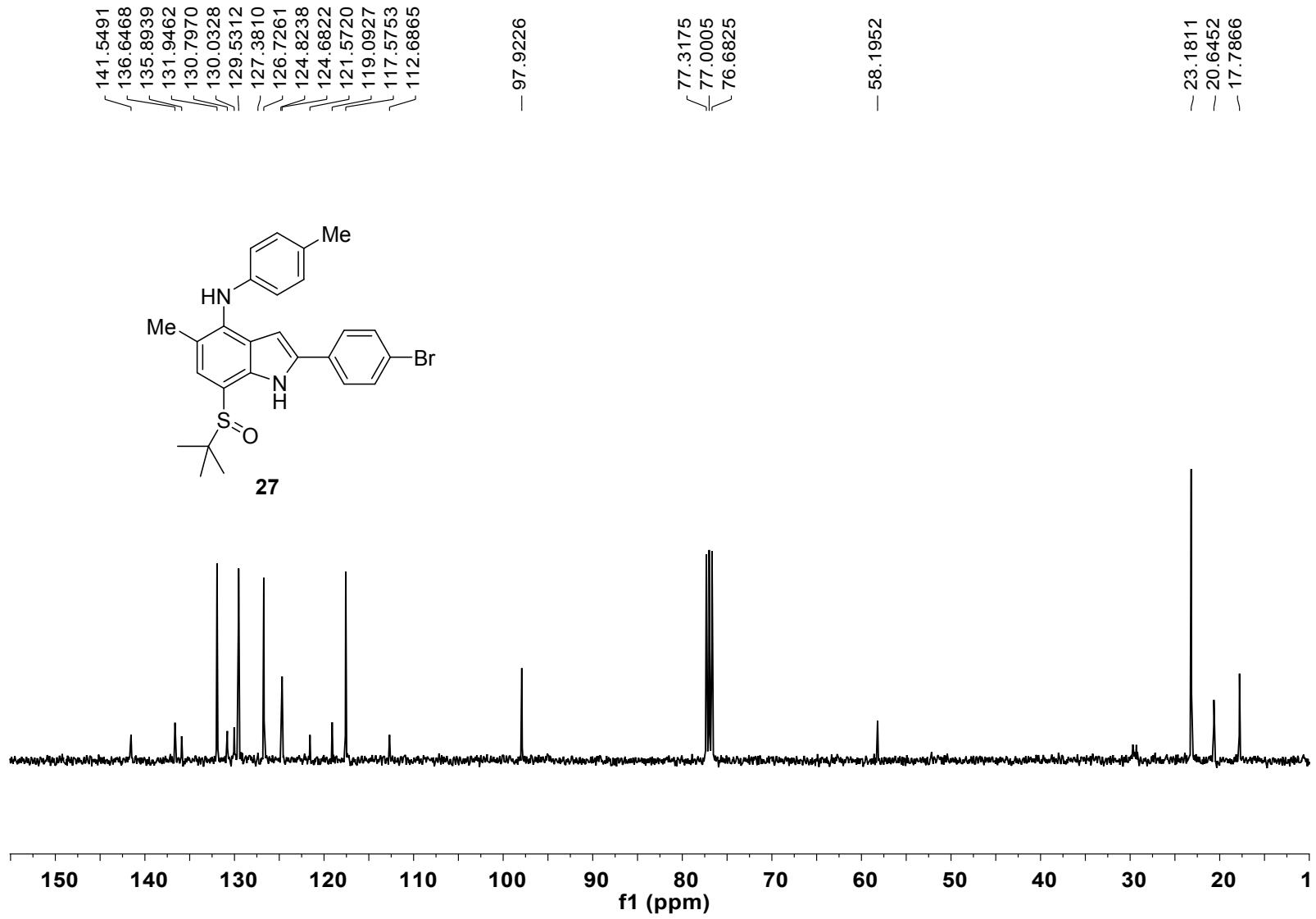


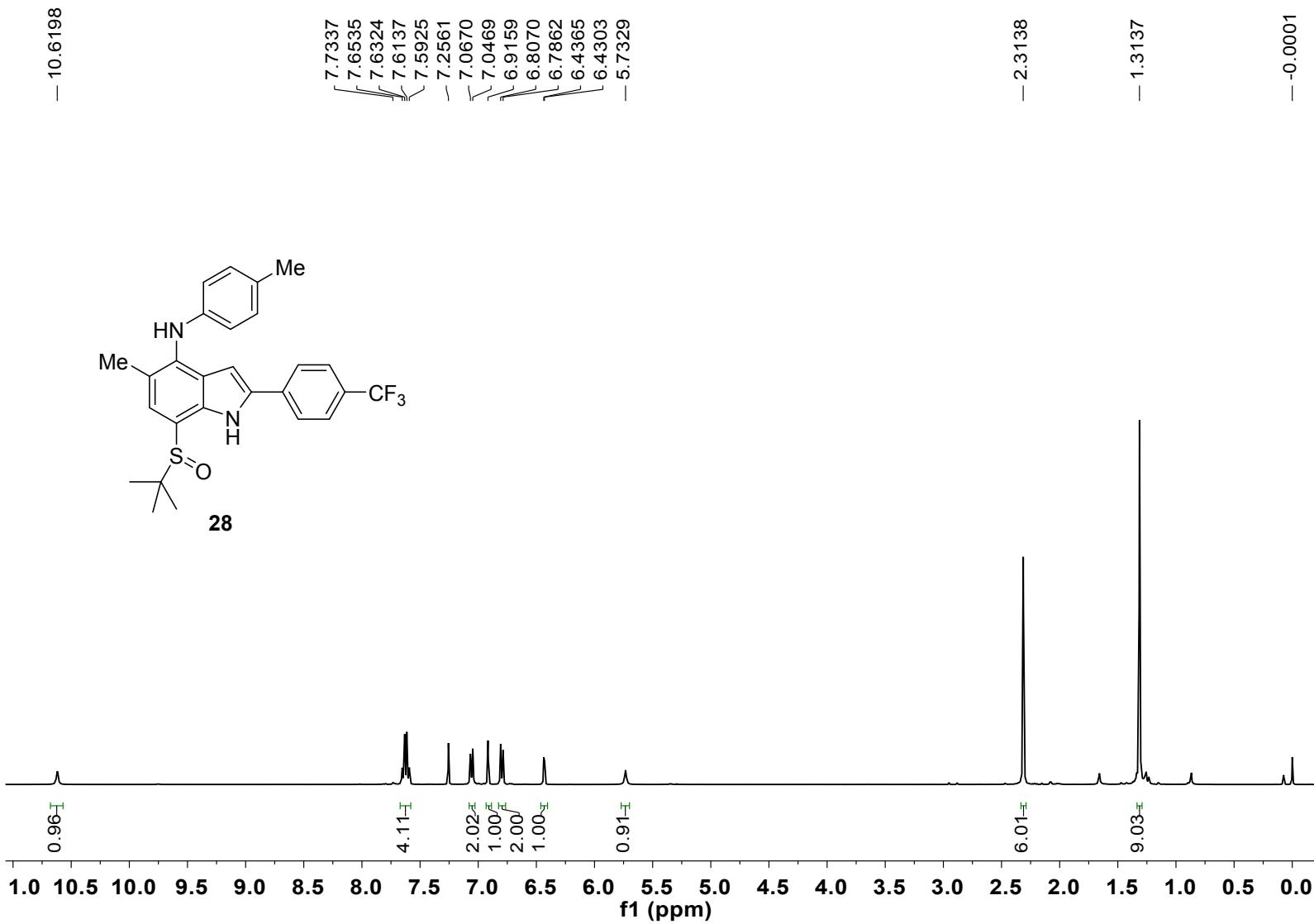


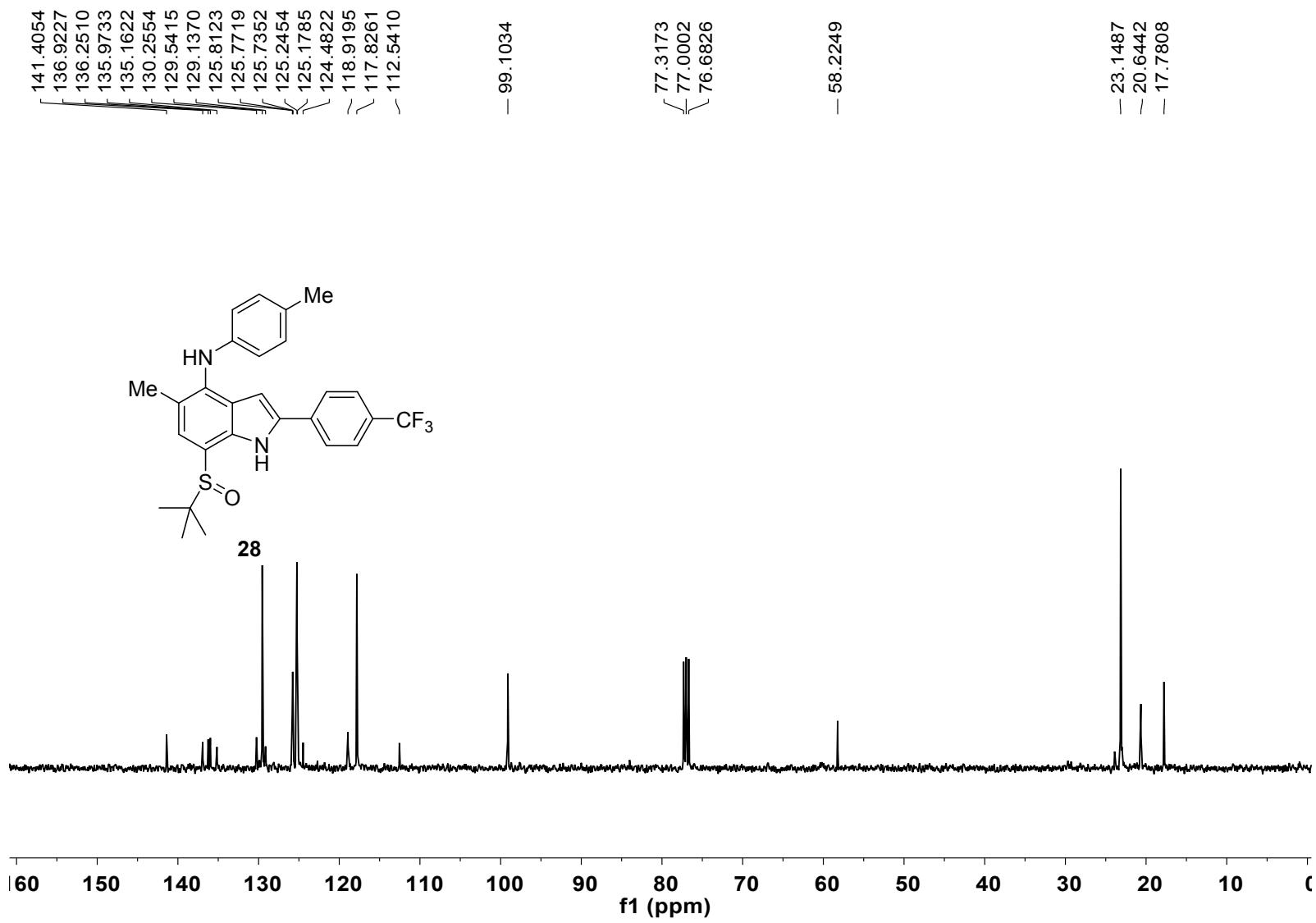


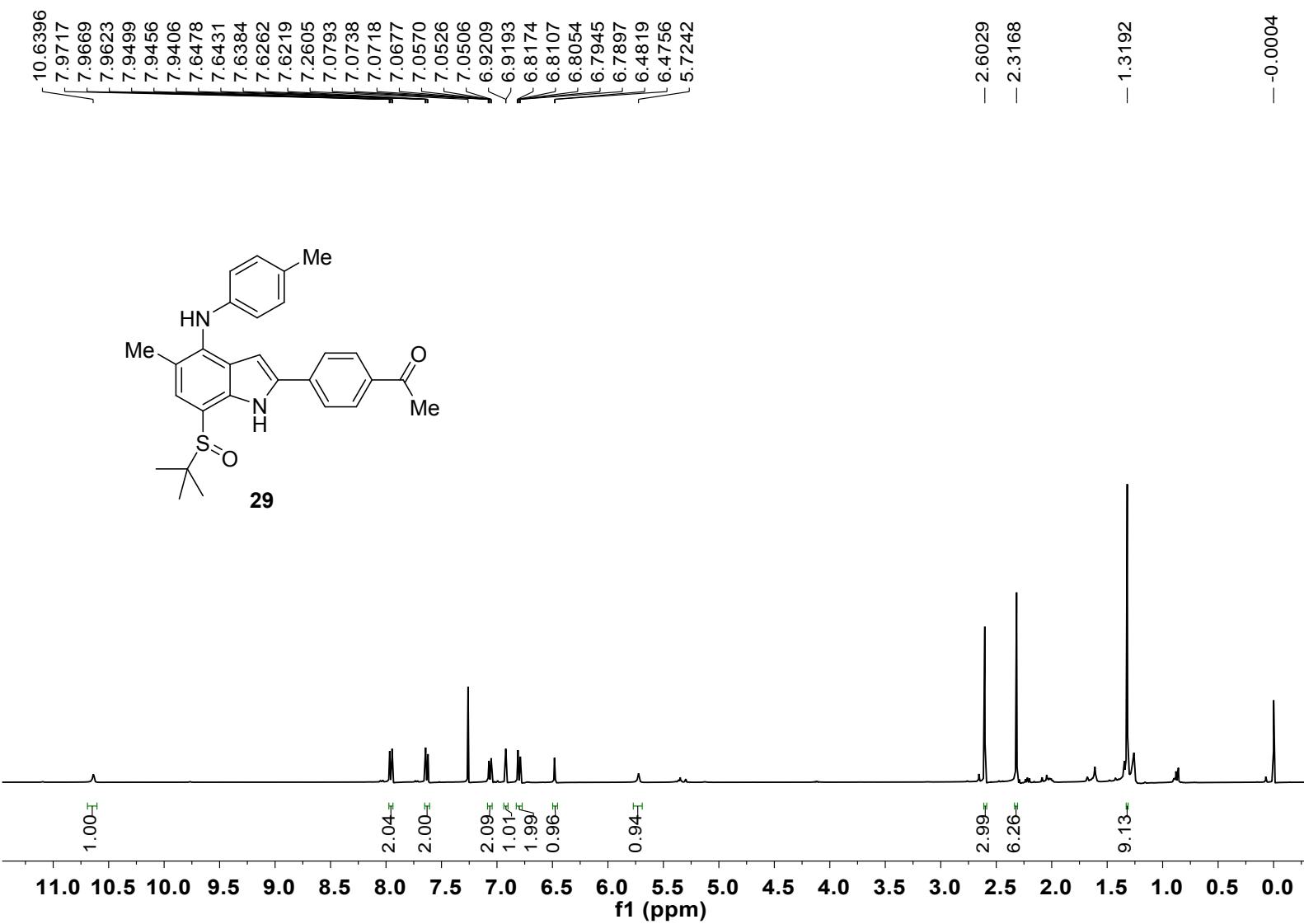


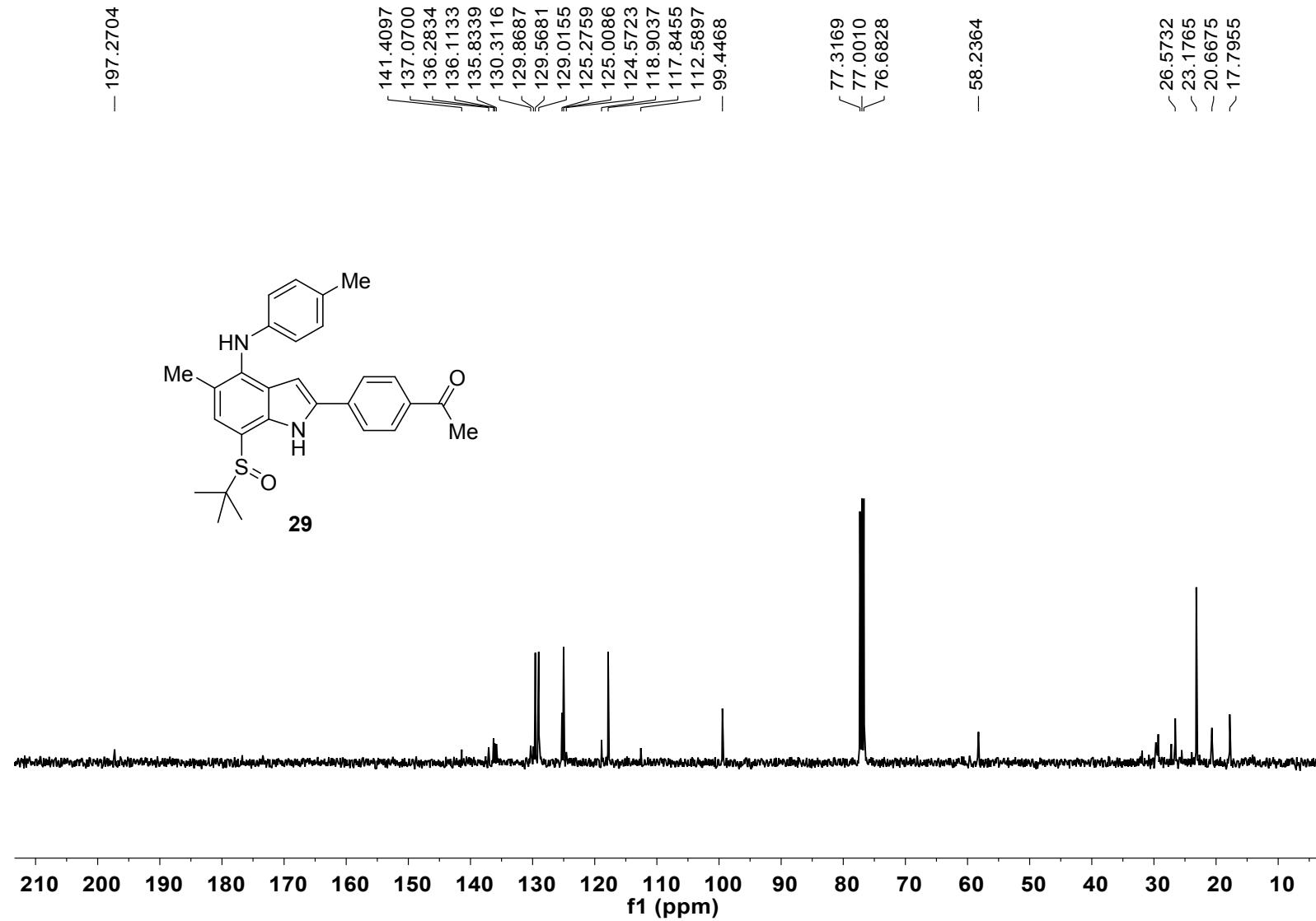


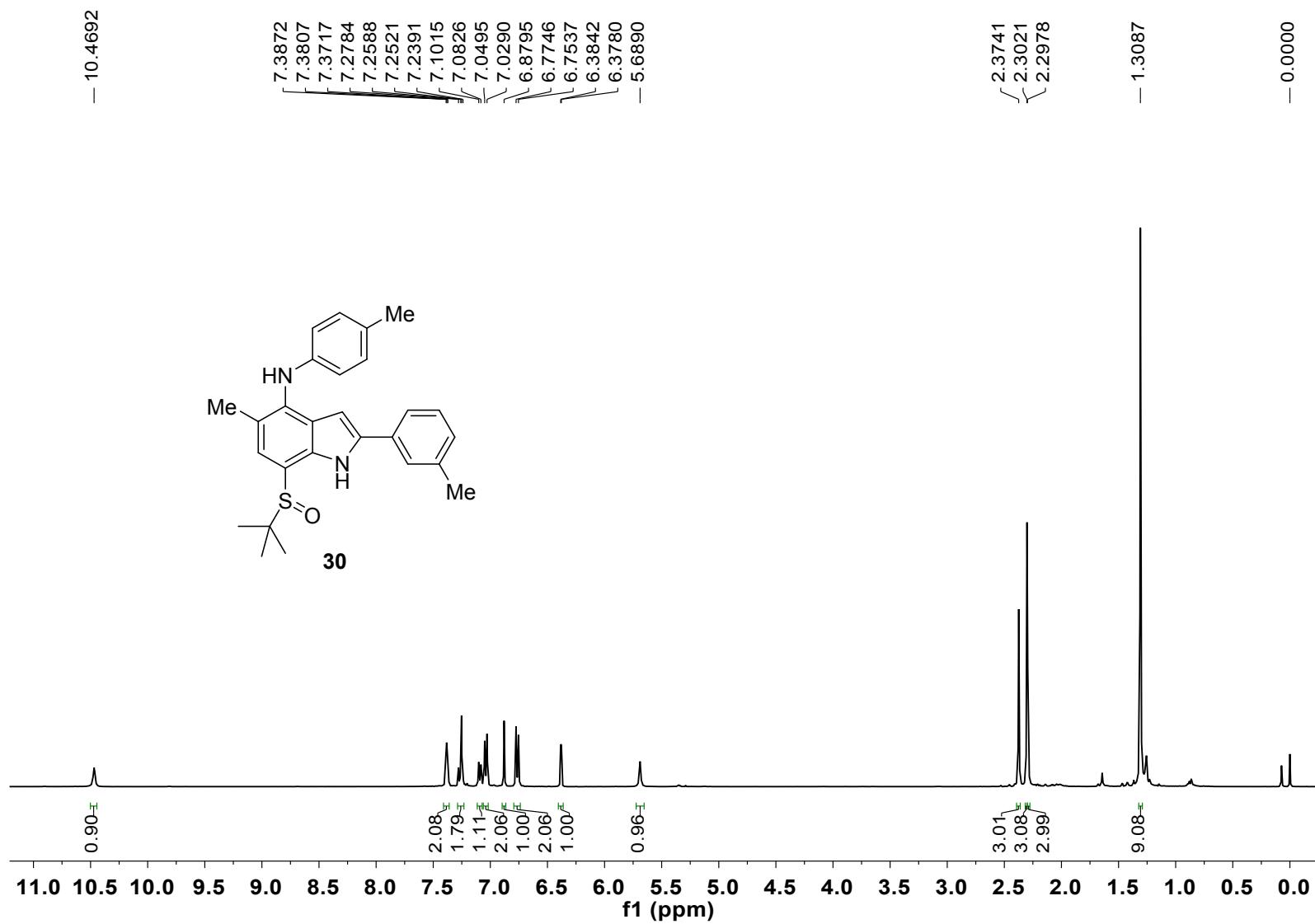


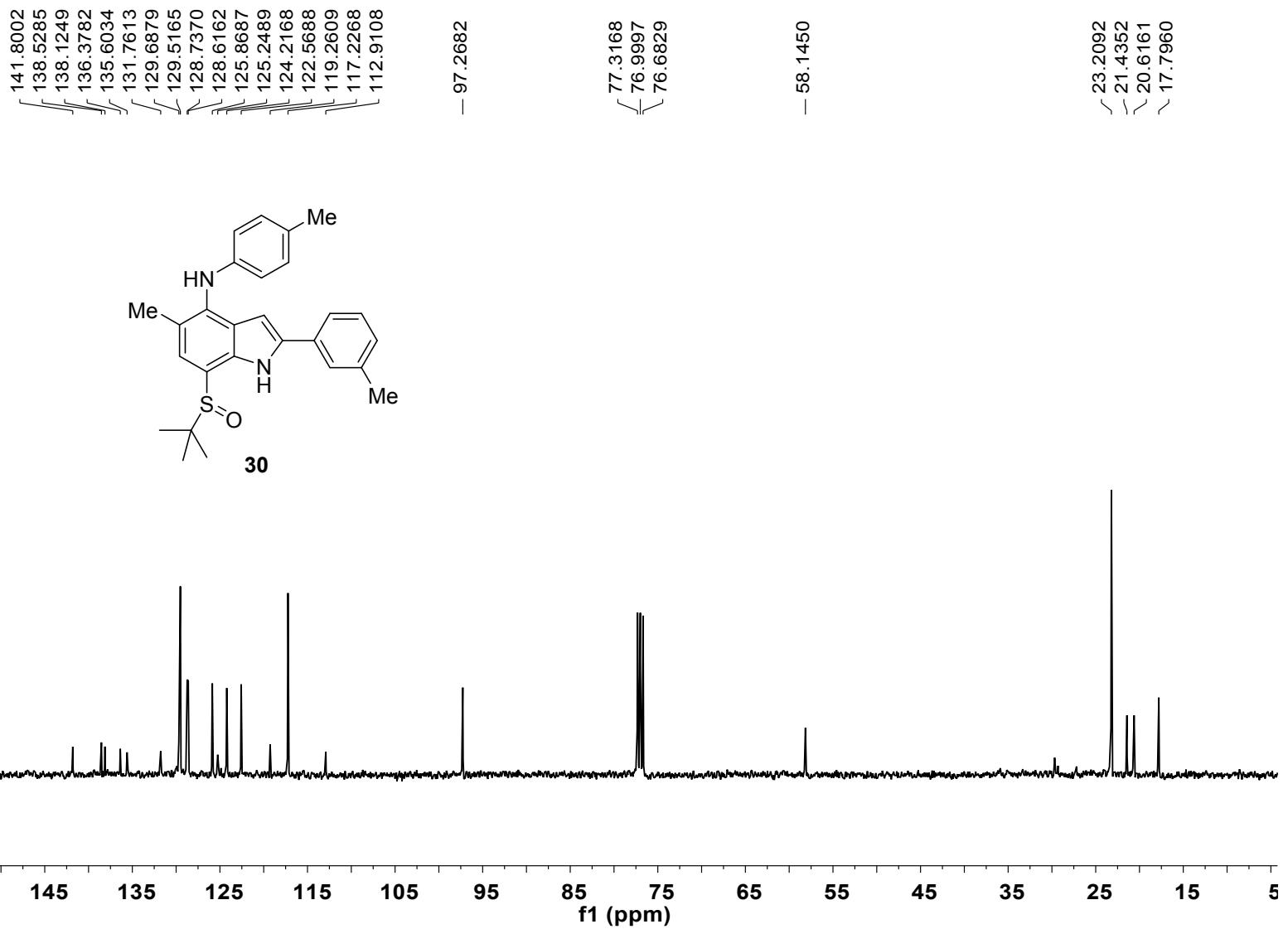


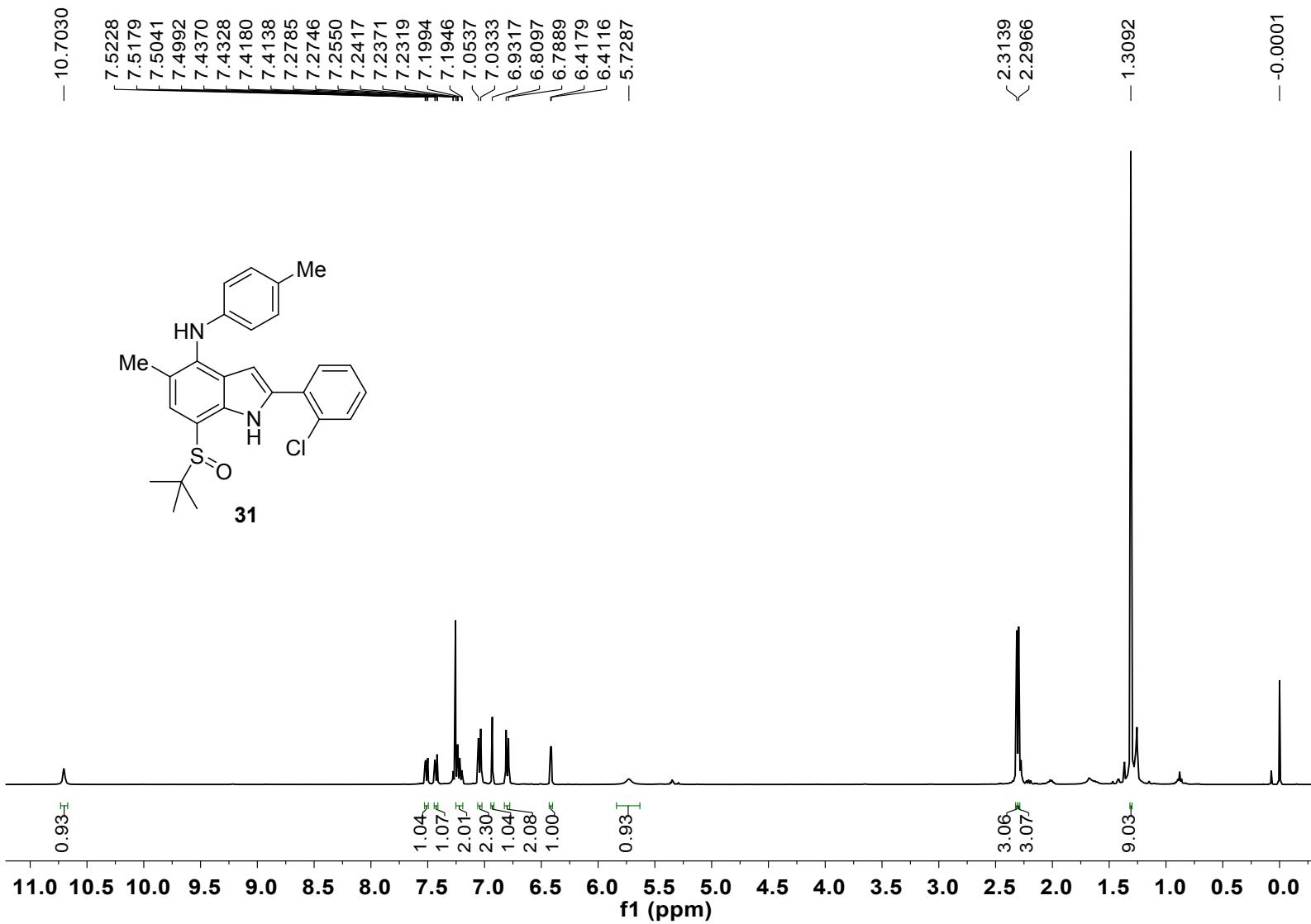


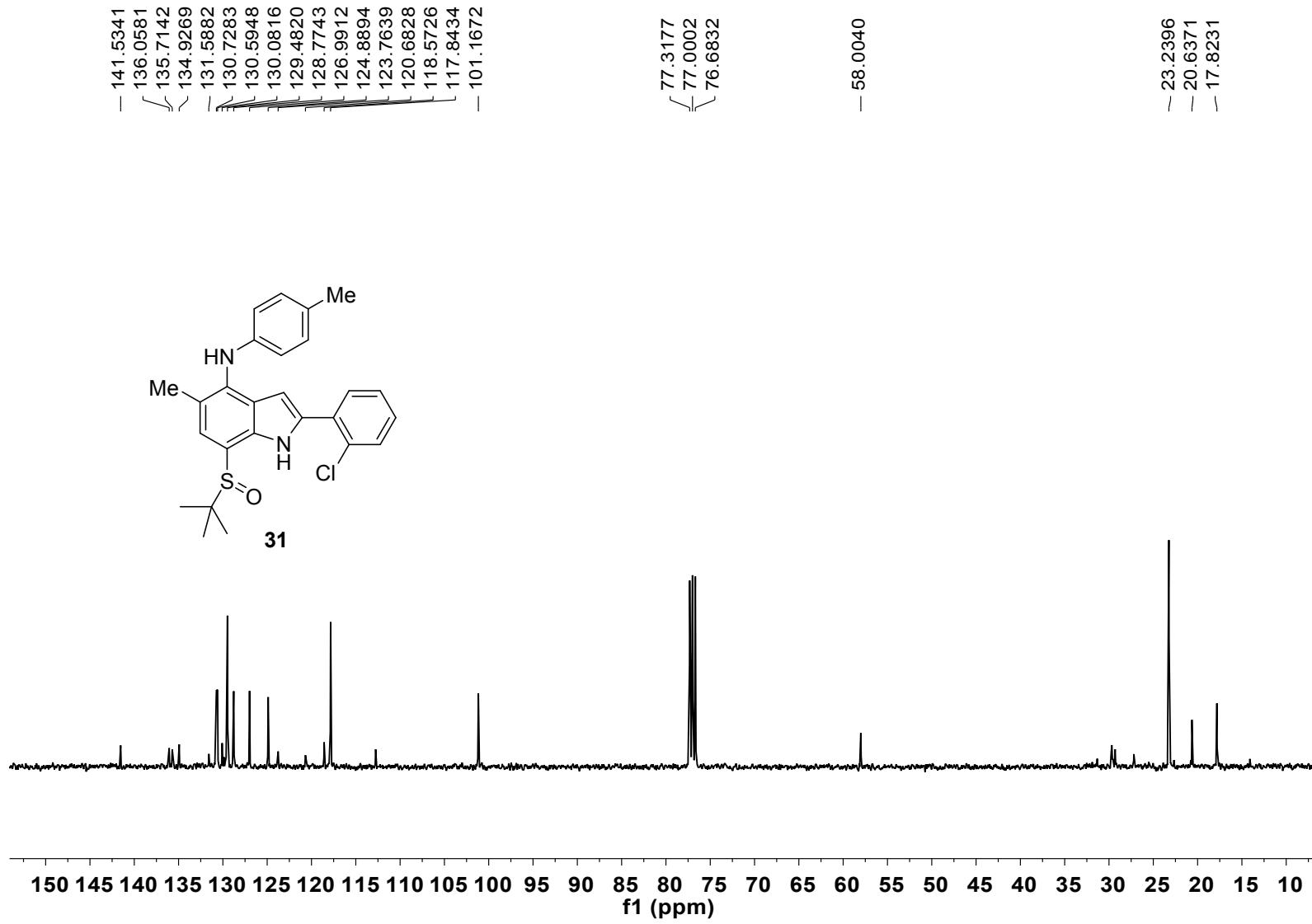


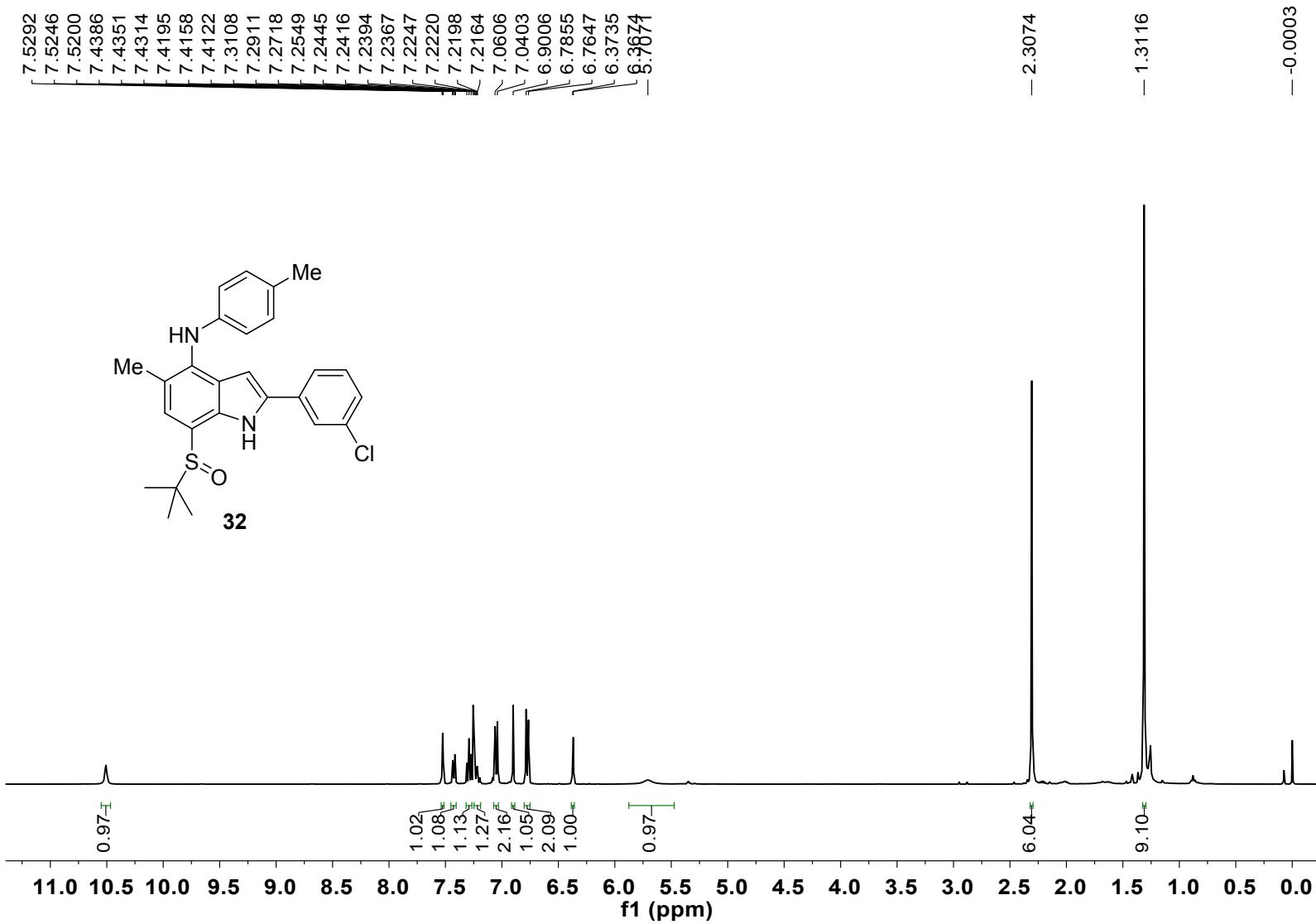












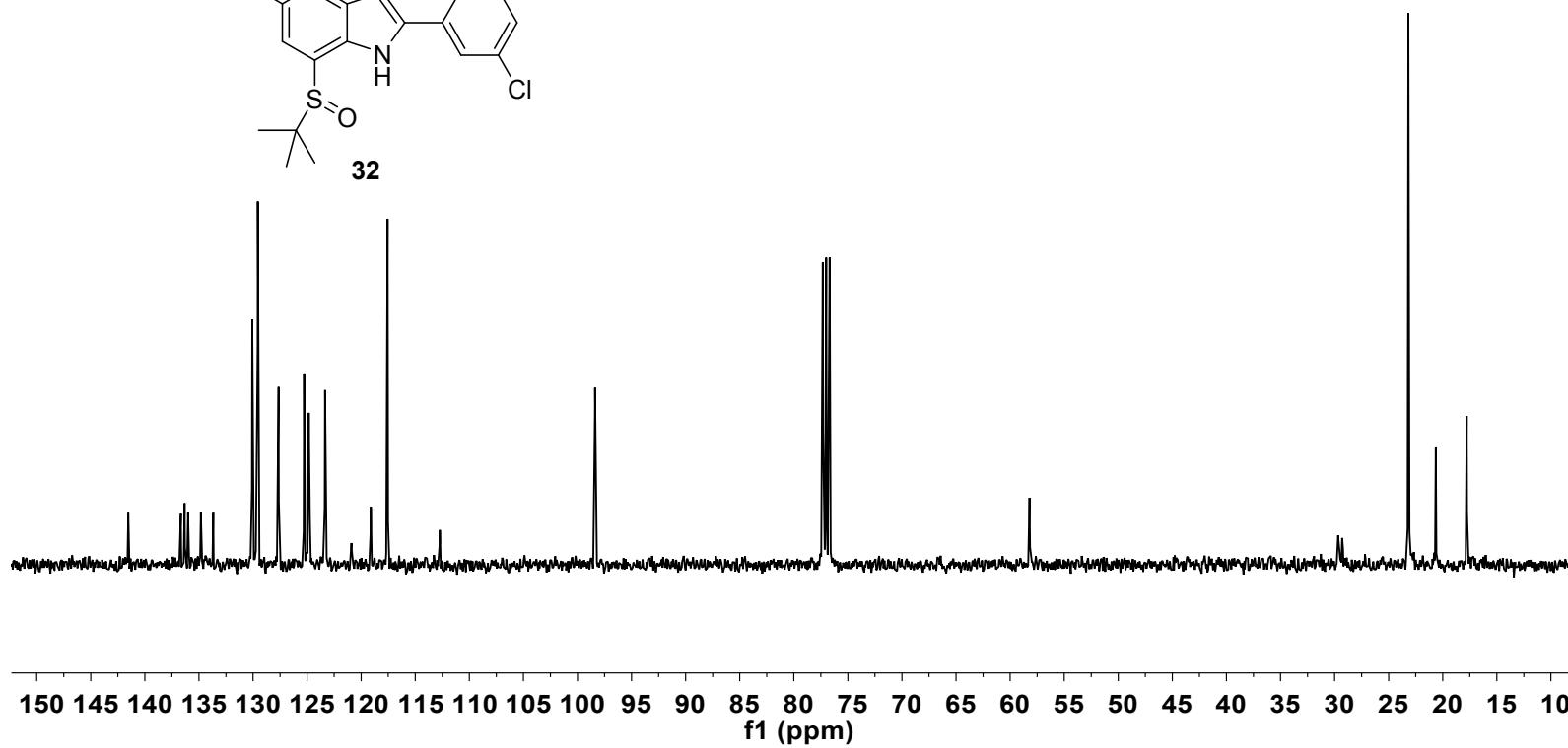
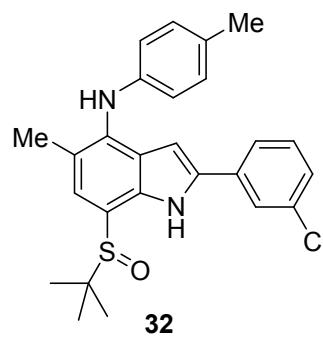
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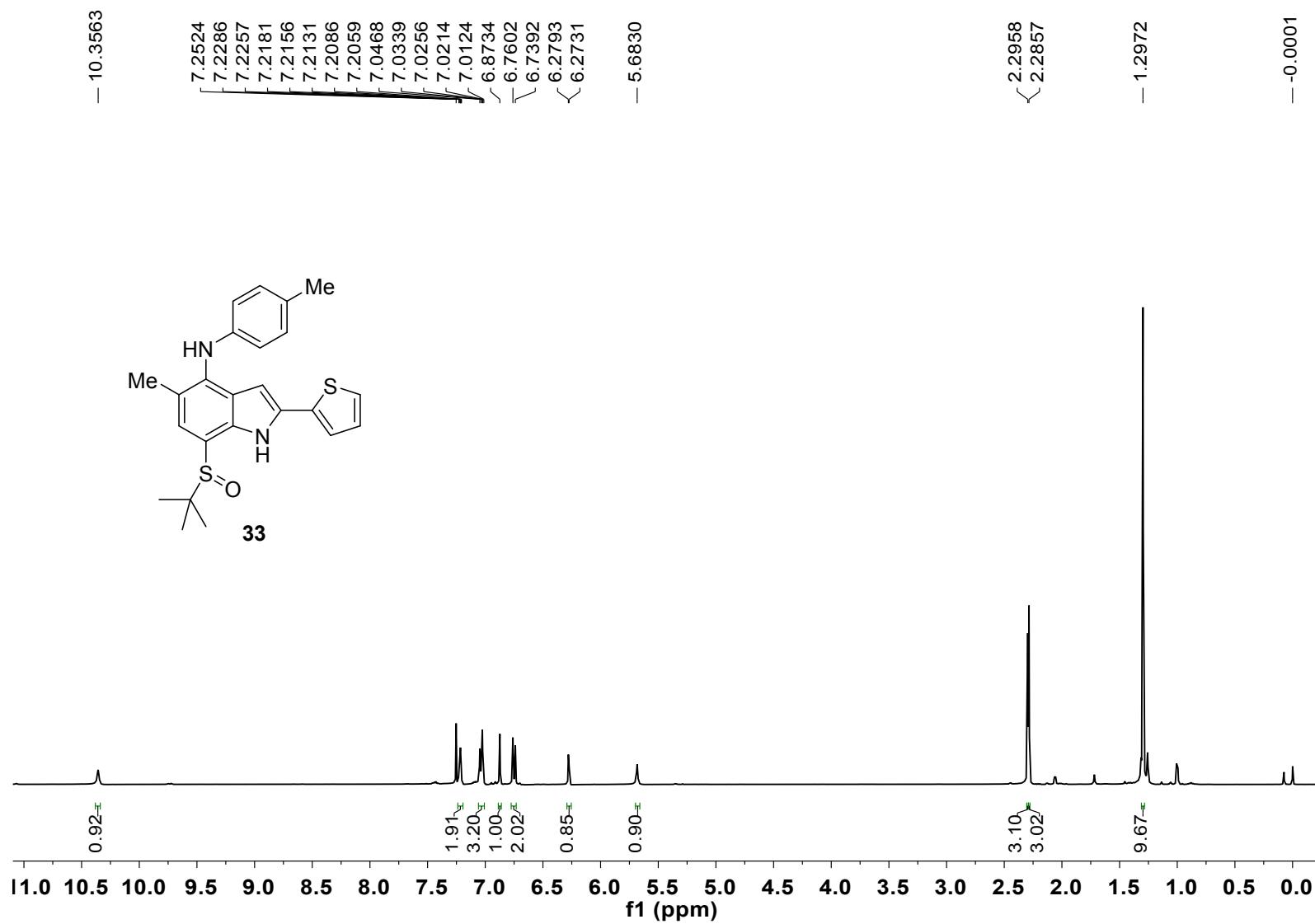
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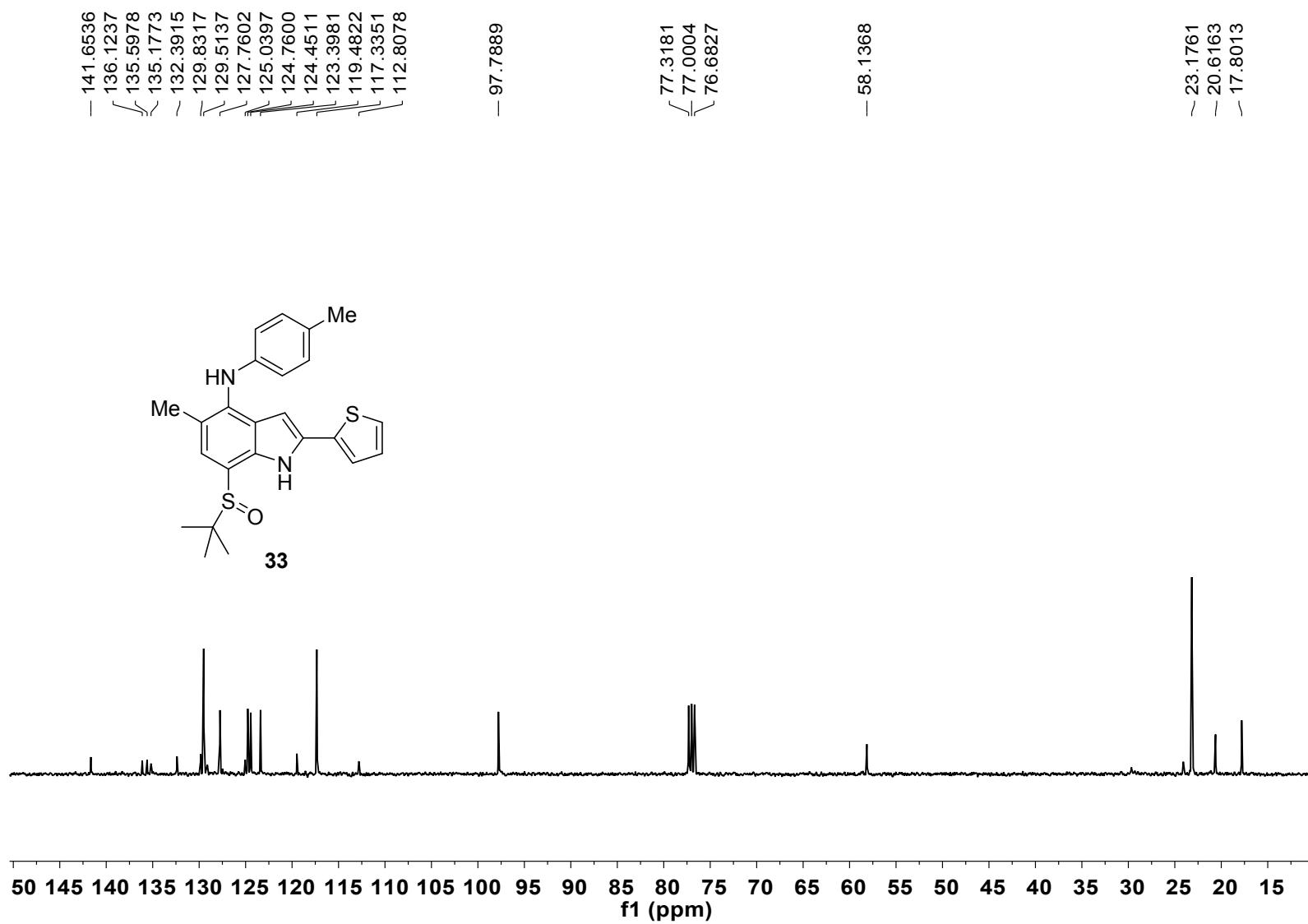
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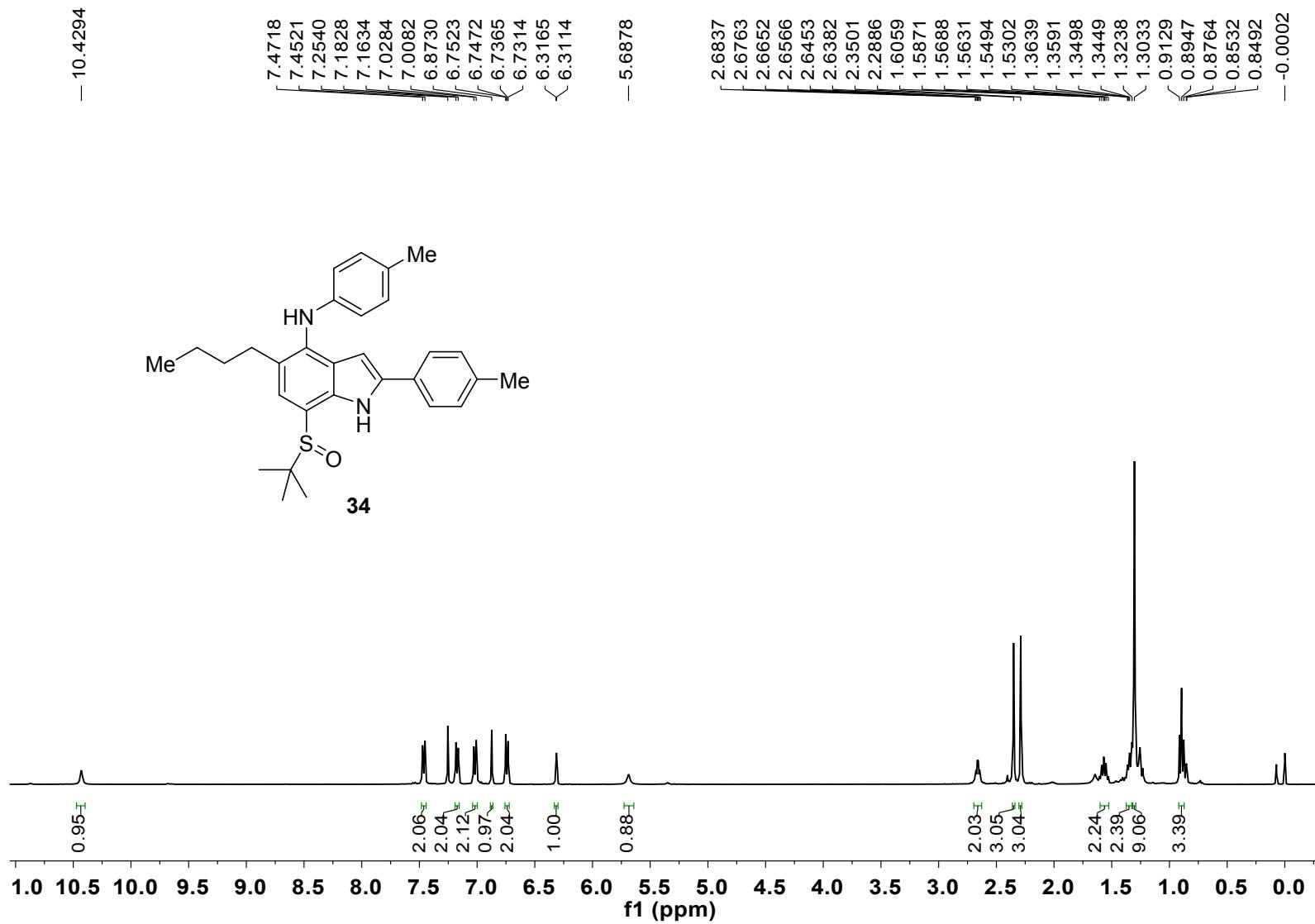
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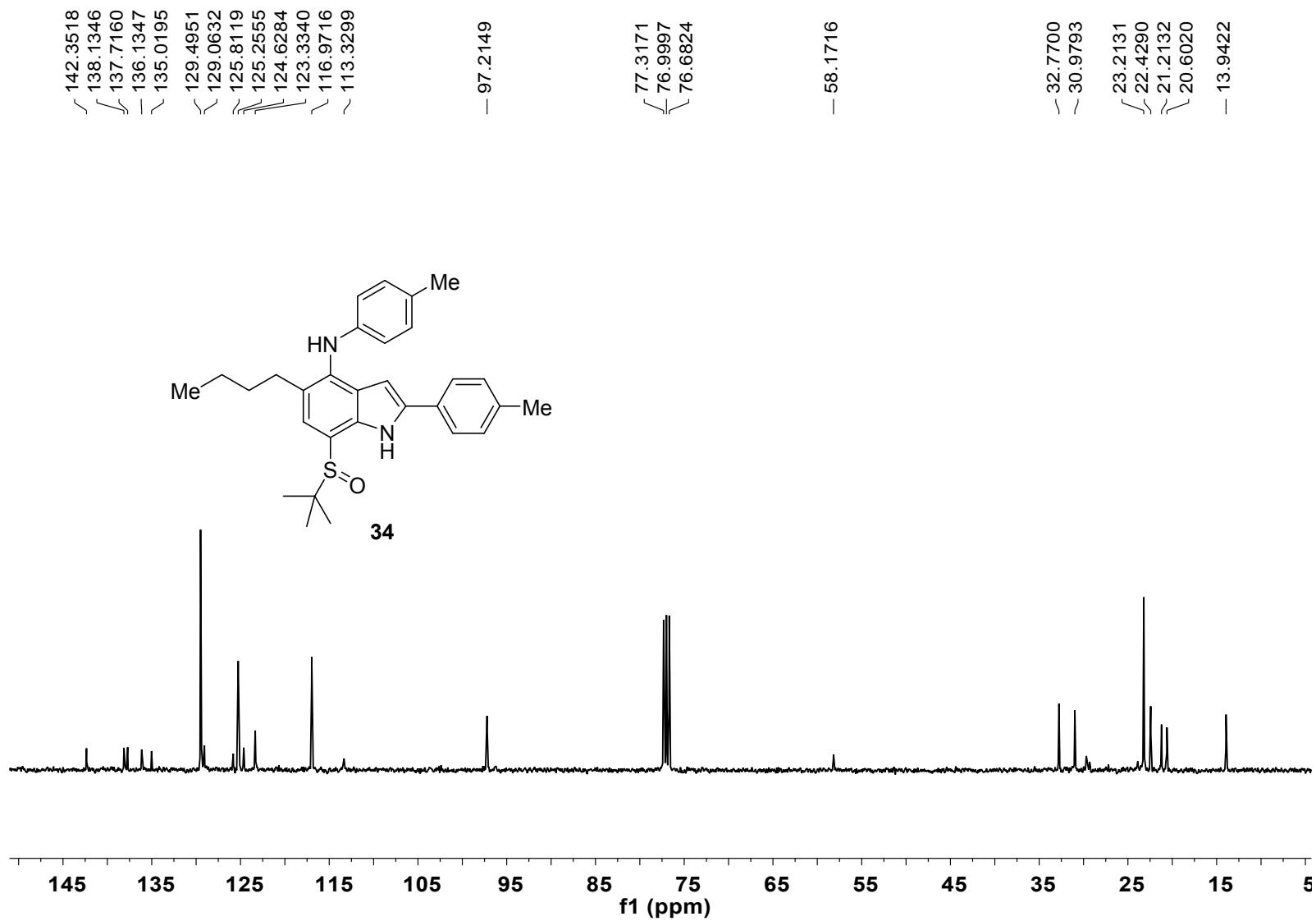
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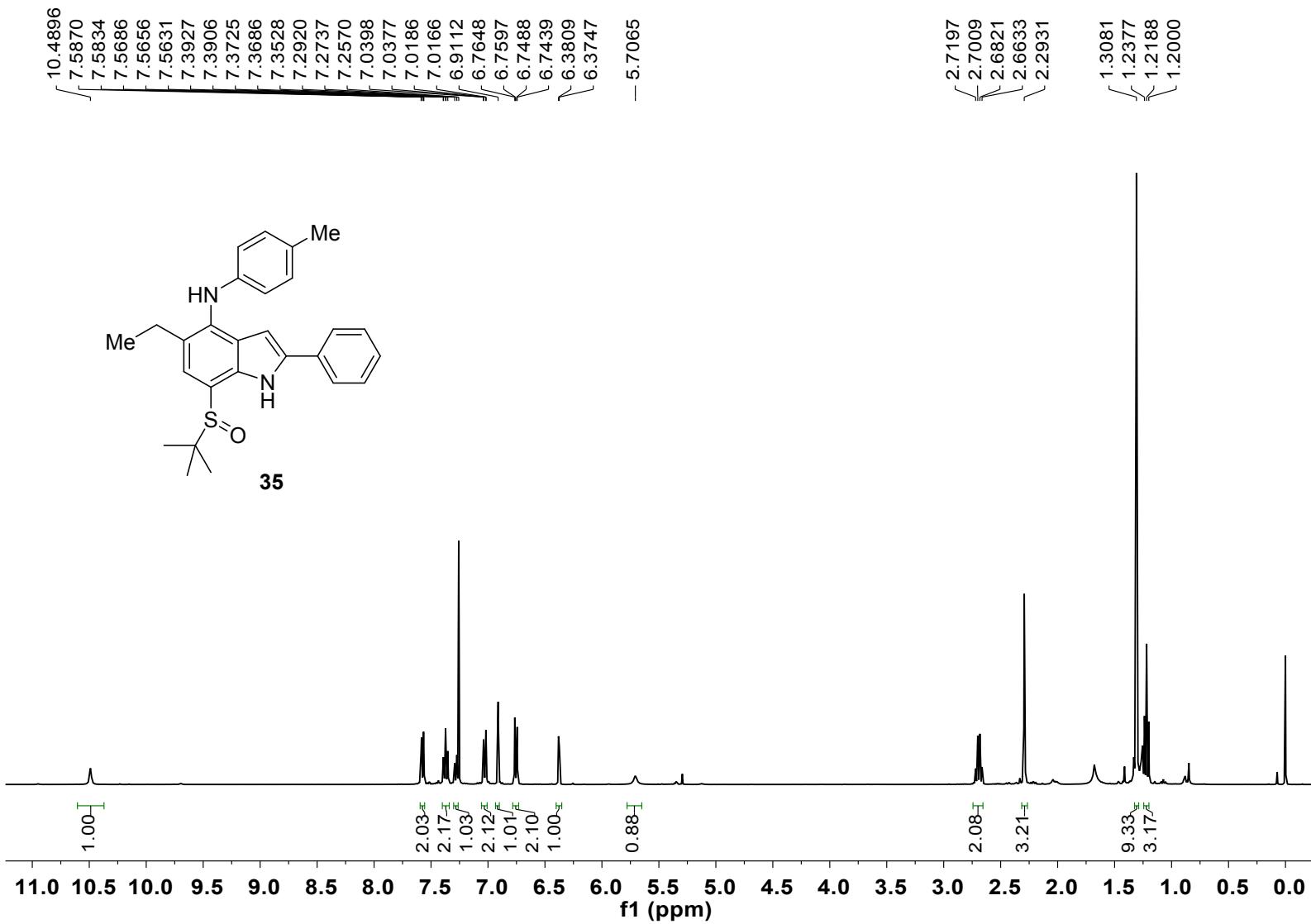


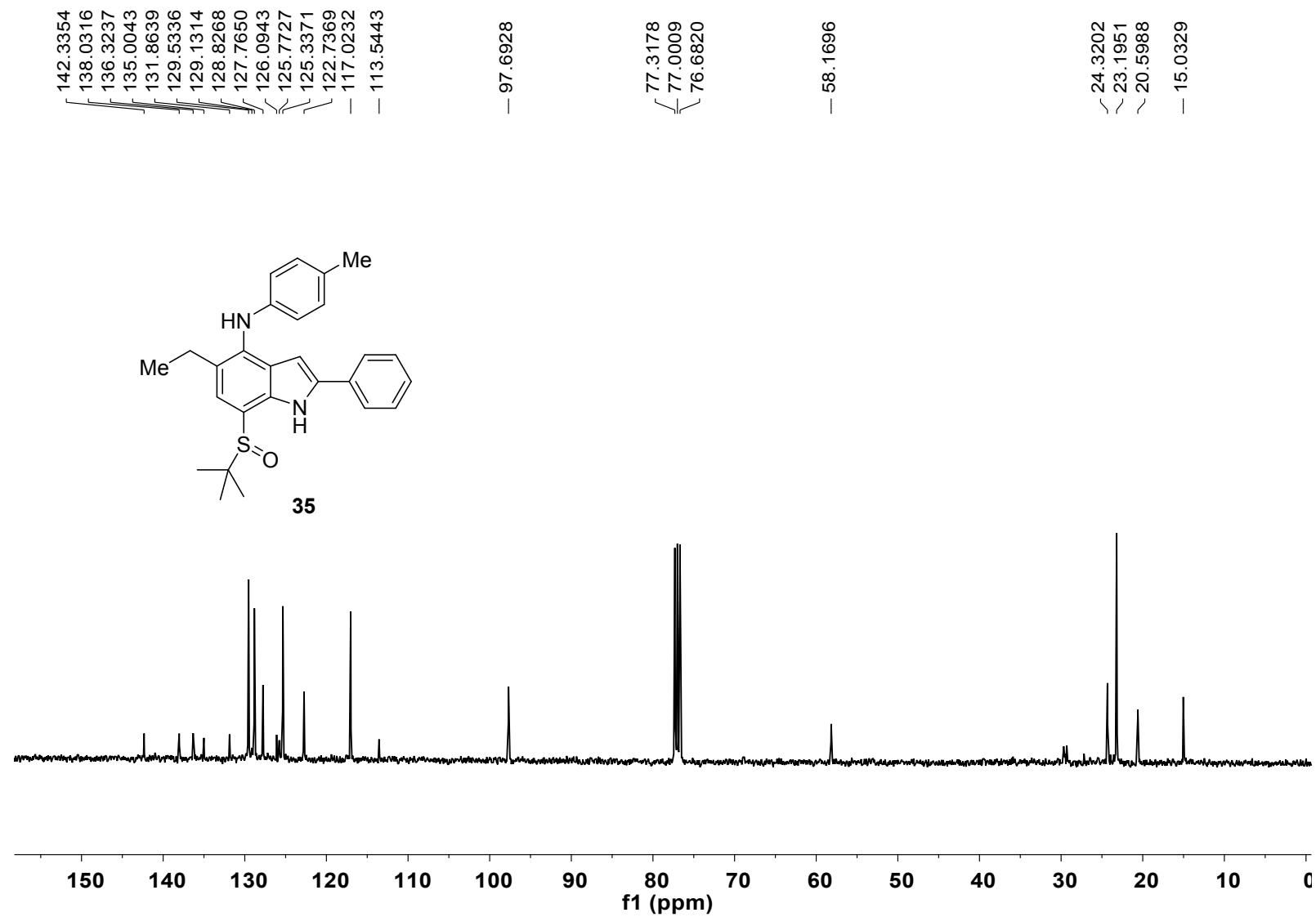


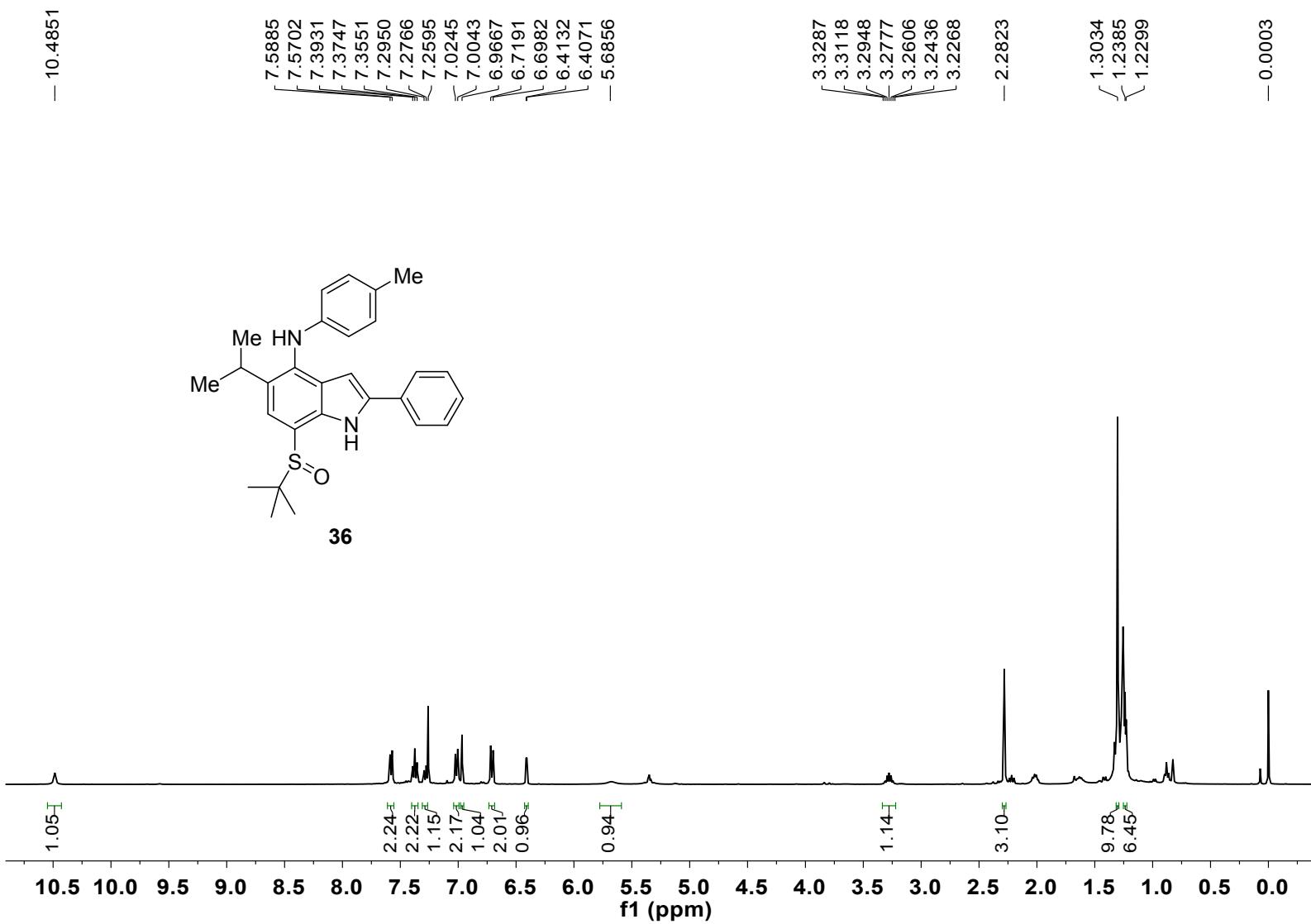


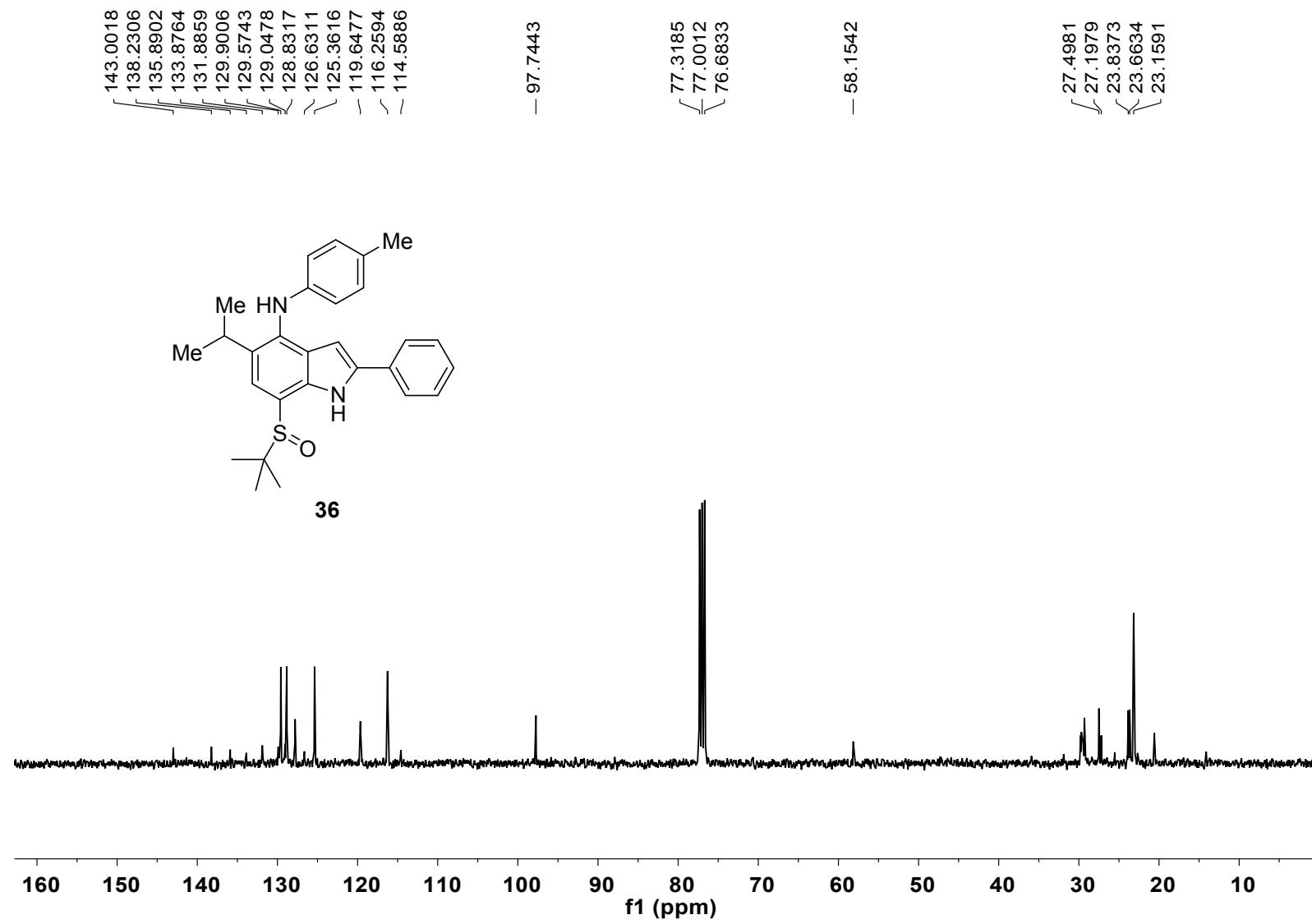


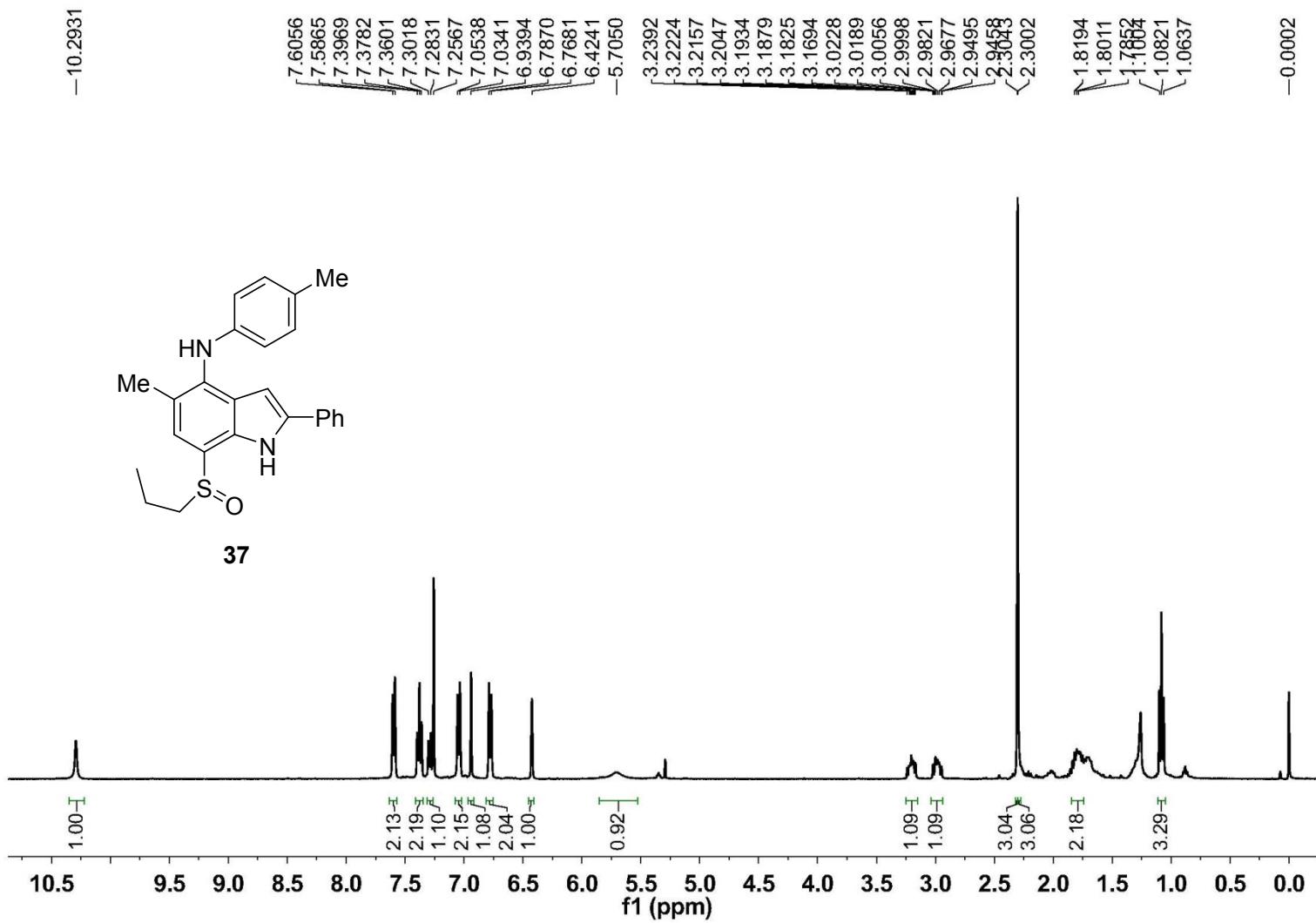


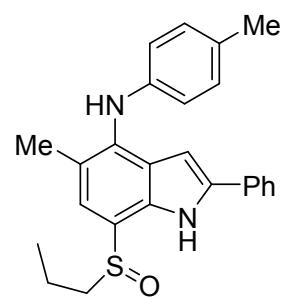




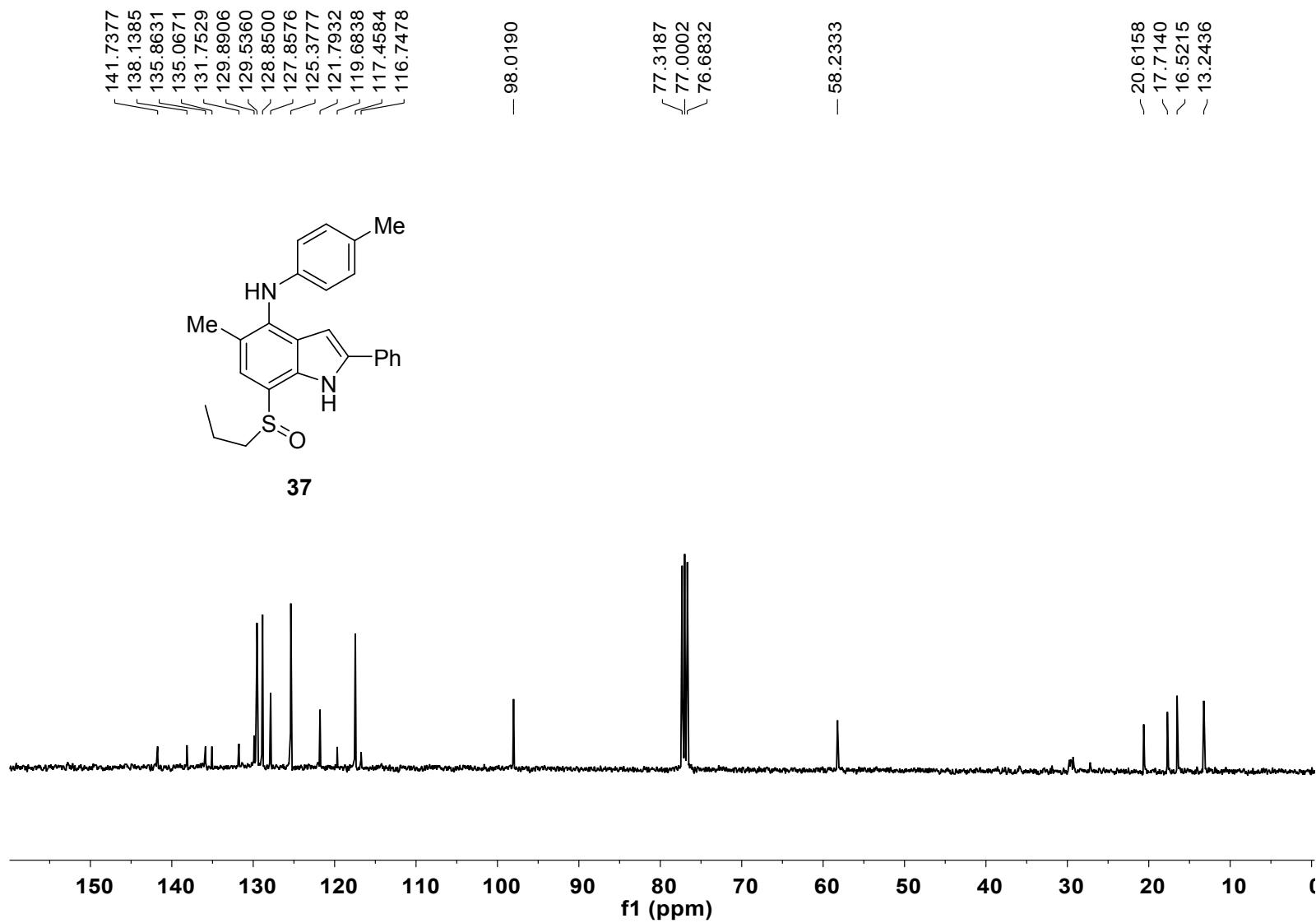


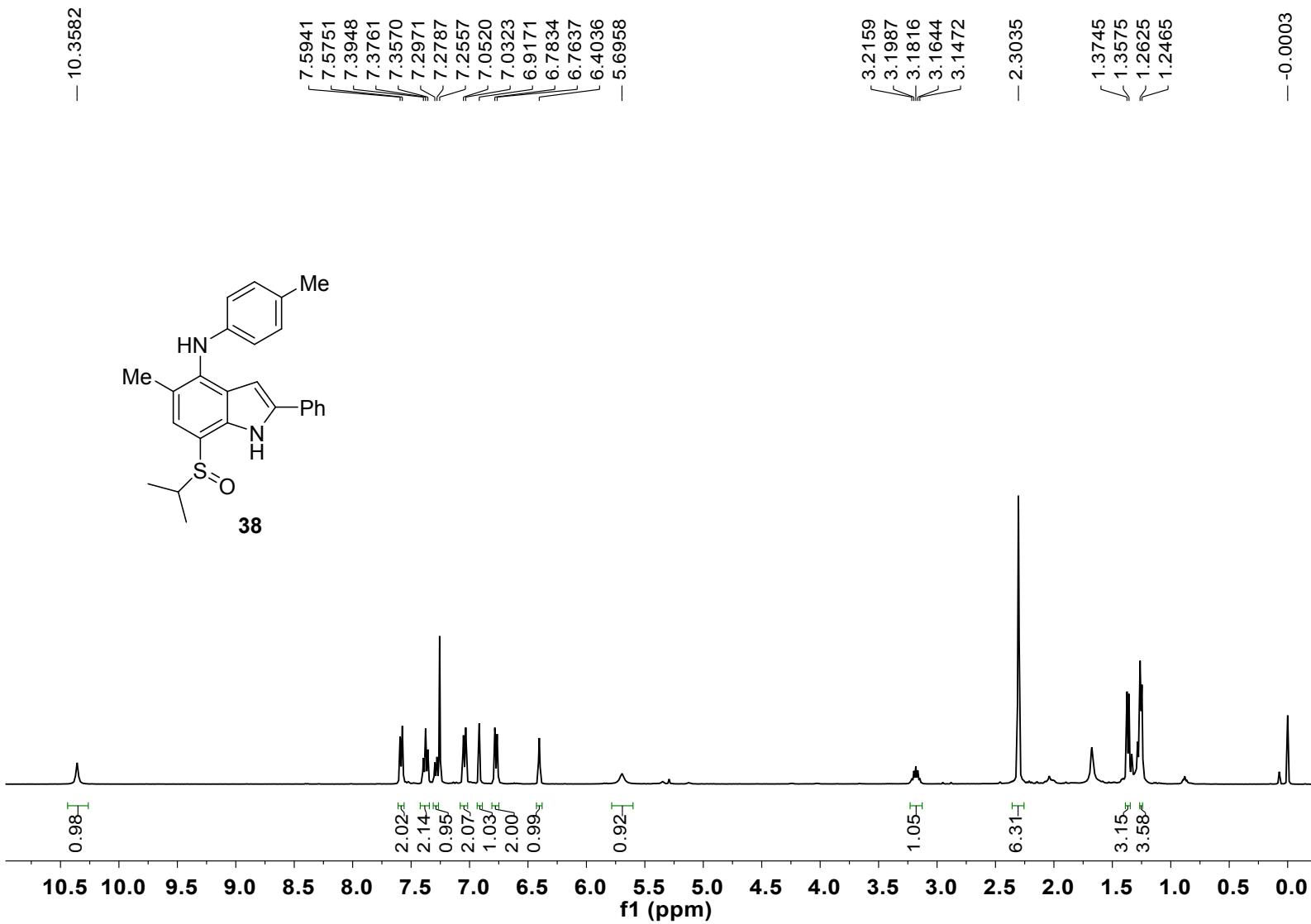


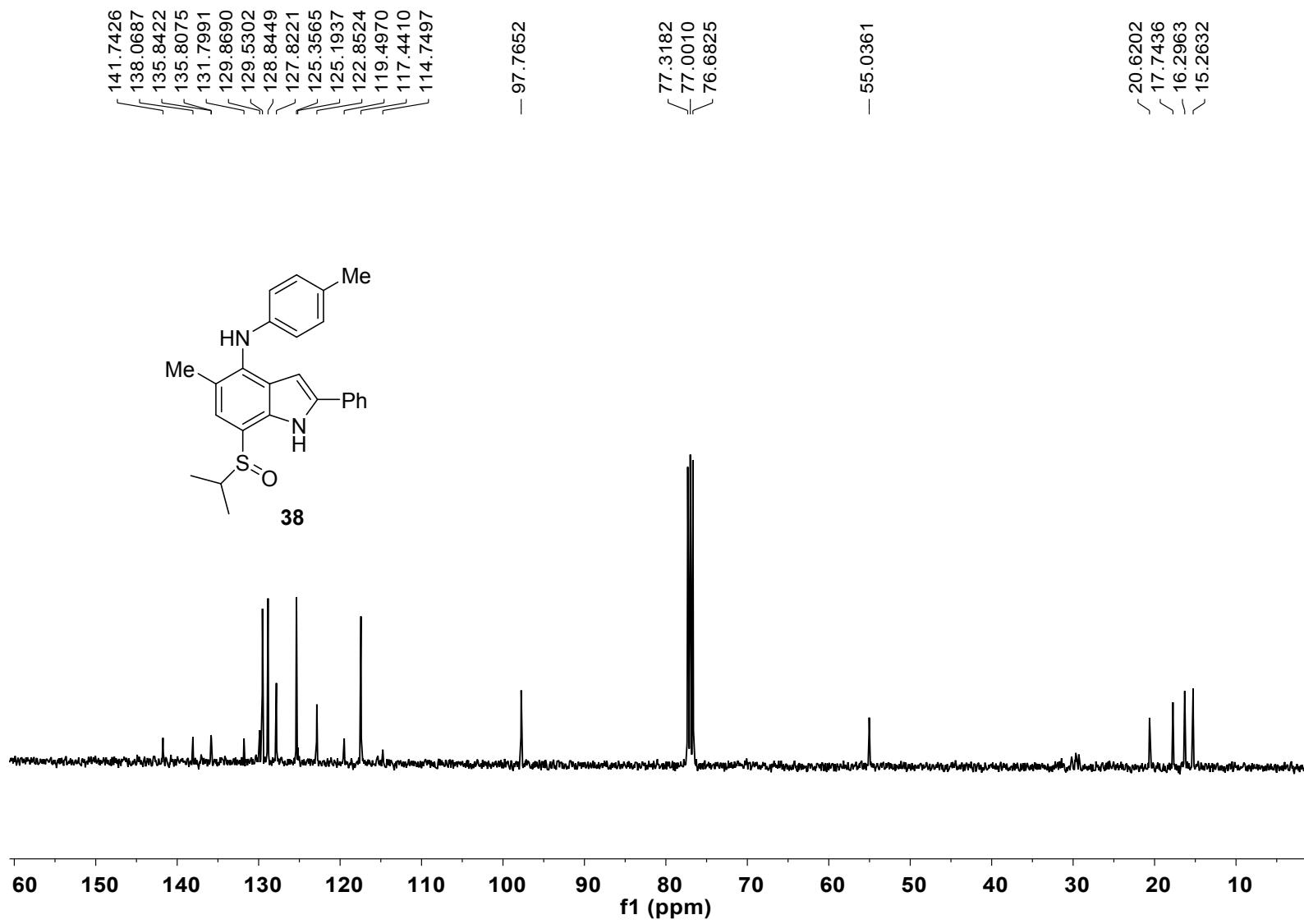


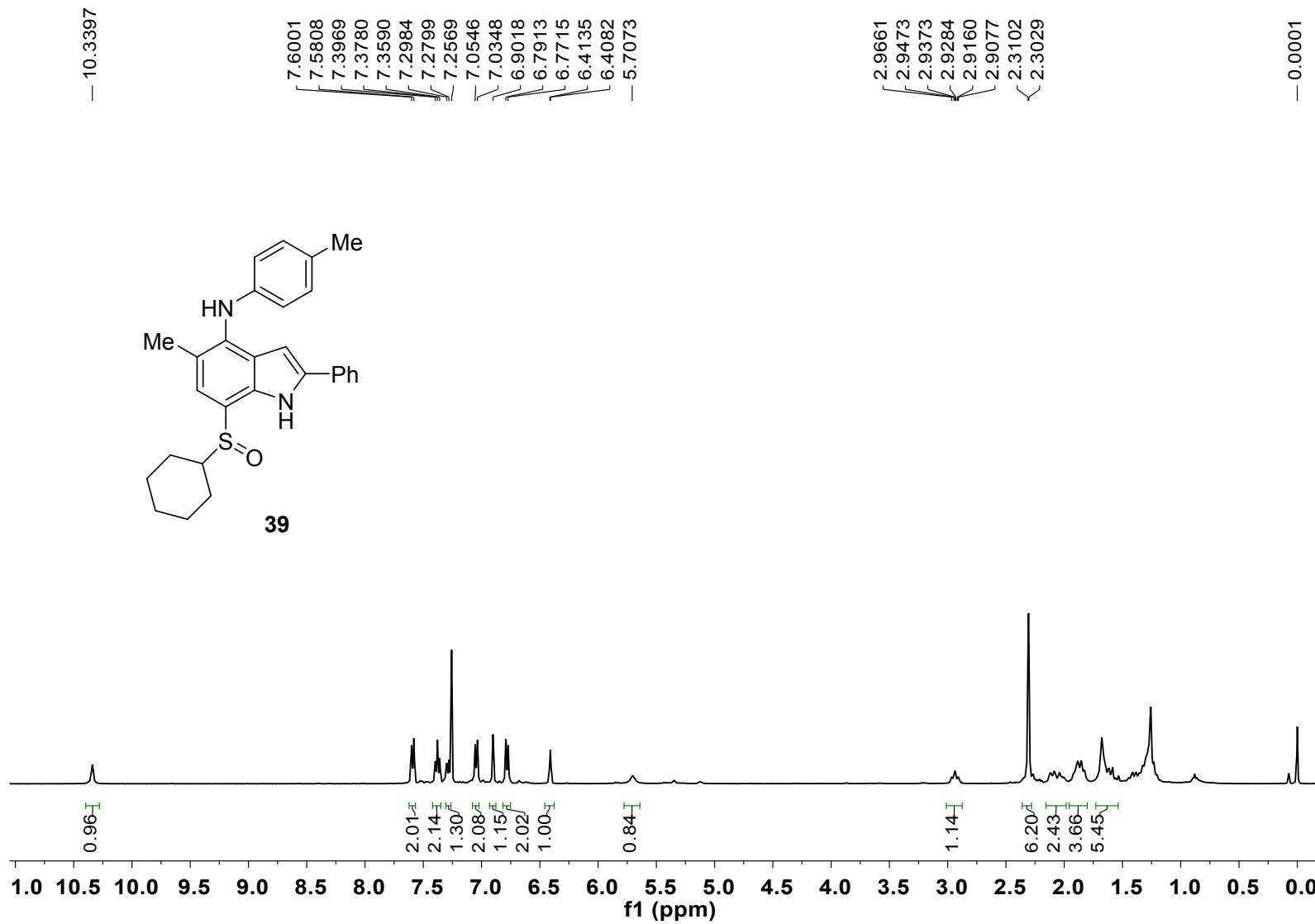


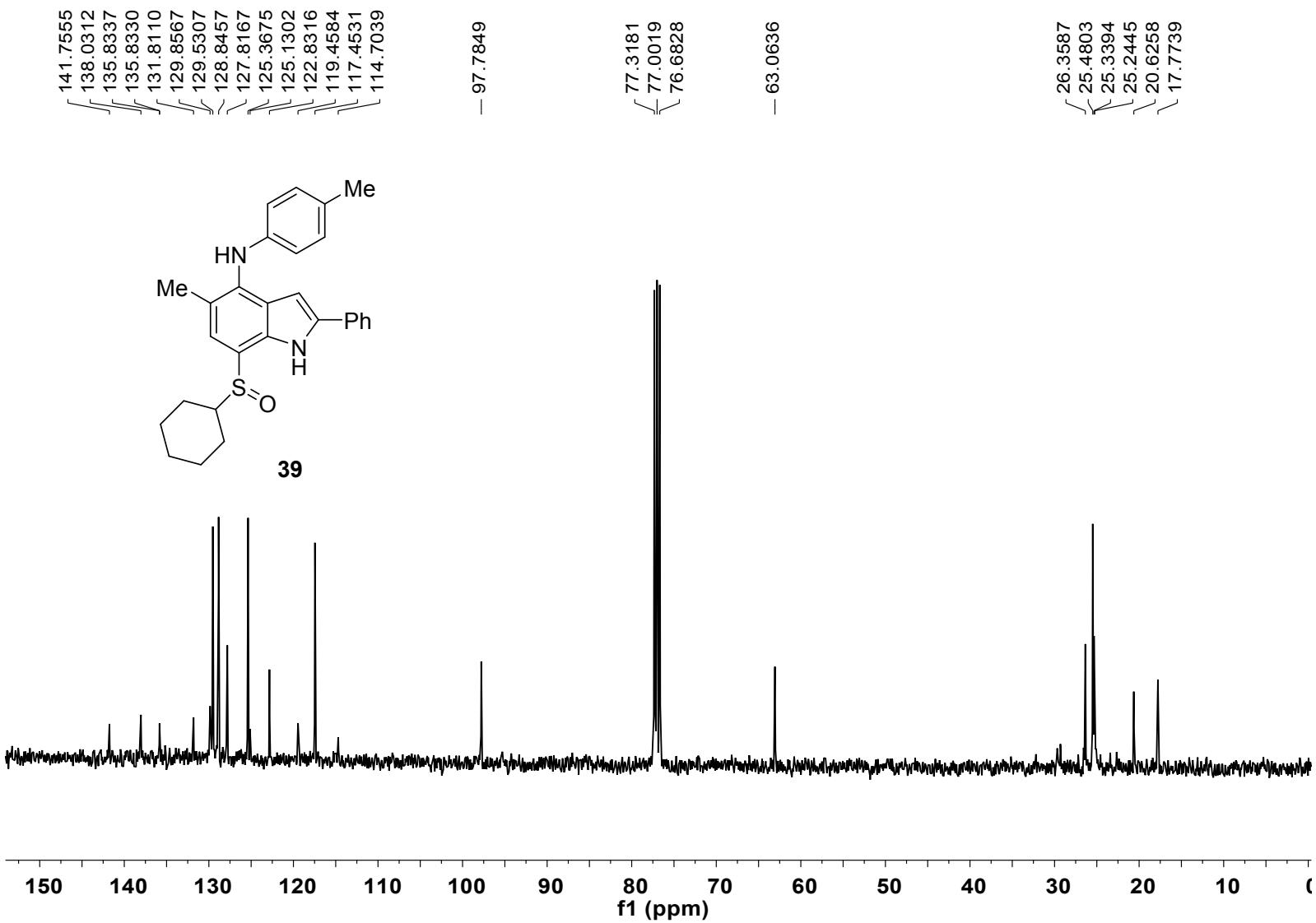
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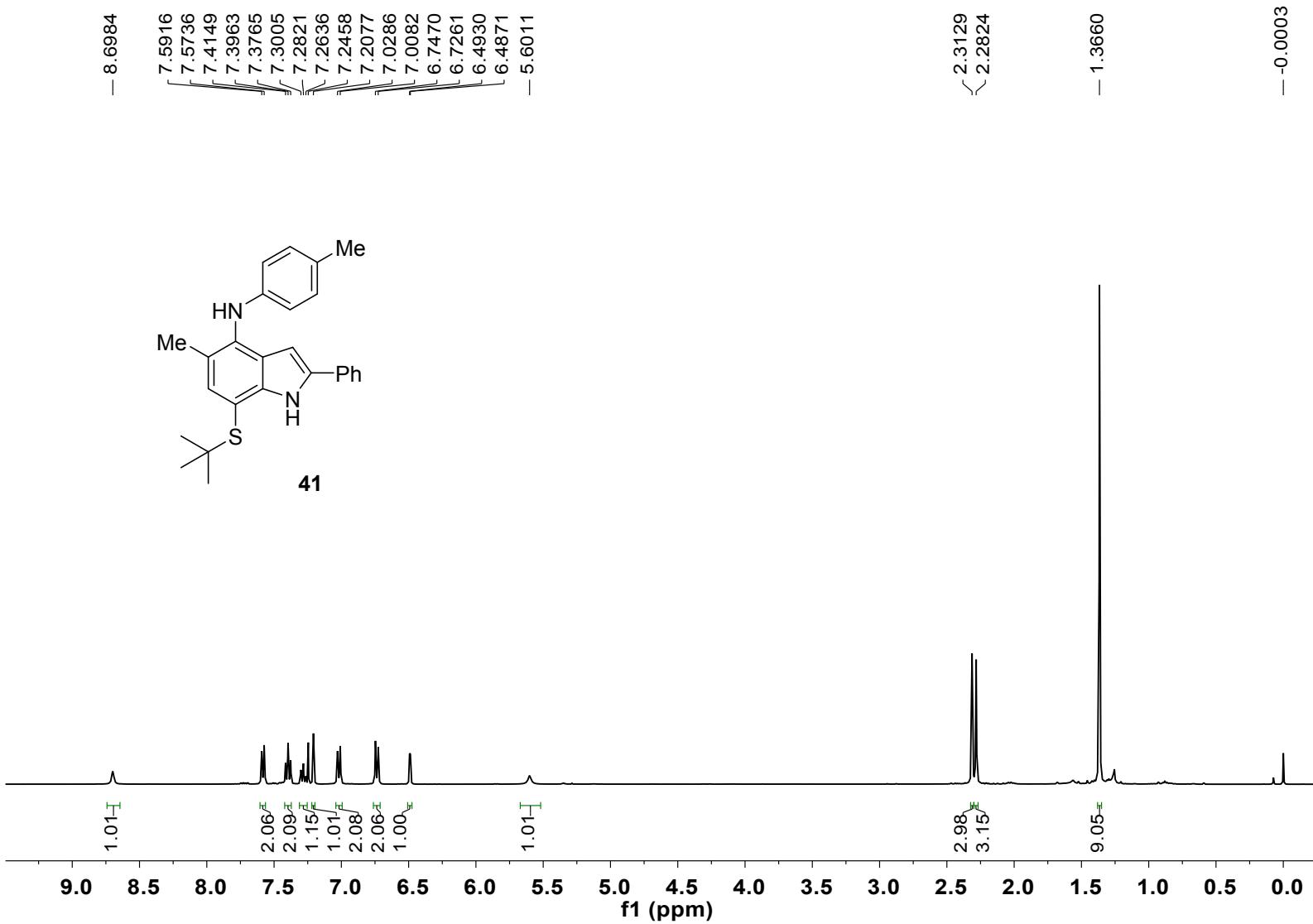












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