Exploring Symmetry-Based Logic for a Synthesis of Palau'amine

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Experimental

Unless stated otherwise, reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere in flame-dried glassware. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂), diethyl ether (Et₂O), toluene (C₇H₈), benzene (C₆H₆) and acetonitrile (CH₃CN) were passed through Glass Contour solvent drying systems prior to use. Chemical reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (240-400 mesh). Thin layer chromatography and preparative layer chromatography utilized pre-coated plates (silica gel 60 PF254, 0.25mm or 0.5mm).

o-Xylylene diamine (B)

To a solution of o-xylylene dibromide (100 g, 378 mmol) in THF (1.3 L), EtOH (1 L) and H₂O (0.33 L) was added NaN₃ (53.7 g, 826 mmol) in H₂O (0.33 L). The solution was heated at reflux for 1 h. After cooling to rt, PPh₃ (248 g, 947 mmol) was added in small portions. When the evolution of N₂ (g) ceased, the solution was heated at reflux for 2h. Upon cooling to rt and standing overnight, needle shaped crystals had formed, which partially dissolved with the addition of 100 mL H₂O. Solid NaOH was added to the aqueous solution until a pink oily layer appeared. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The slightly pink oil obtained was used without further purification.

2, 5-Dihydro-3-(methylthio)-1*H*-2,4-benzodiazepine hydroiodide (9)

These procedures were carried out as described in Elslager, E.; Worth, D. F.; Haley, N. F.; Perricone, S. C. *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **1968**, 5, 609-613.

Methyl 5-bromo-2-oxopentanoate (7)

A solution of lactone **C** (46.6 g, 249 mmol – prepared according to Cushman, M.; Gerhardt, S.; Huber, R.; Fischer, M.; Kis, K.; and Bacher, A. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 5807–5816. Note: the EtOH used was freshly distilled from Mg turnings) in 30% HBr/AcOH (150 mL) was heated at 110°C for 2h. An additional 100 mL of 30% HBr/HOAc was added and the reaction maintained at 110°C for 14h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a brown oil that was dissolved in 250 mL MeOH. Concentrated aqueous H₂SO₄ (0.5 mL) was added and the solution stirred at rt for 14h. The reaction was concentrated and the incipient residue dissolved in Et₂O. Saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ was carefully added until gas evolution ceased. The organic layer was separated and washed with H₂O and dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration *in vacuo* provided a brown oil that was used without further purification.

Methyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-3-pyridazinecarboxylate (D)

Hydrazine hydrate (20.4 g, 398 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of MeOH (300 mL) and water (37.5 mL). Glacial AcOH (7 mL) was added and the solution cooled in an ice-bath. A solution of crude **7** in MeOH (50 mL) was added over 30 min wherein a white precipitate formed. The ice-bath was removed wherein the solids dissolved. The pH of the mixture was maintained between 4 and 7 with 3M aq K₂CO₃. After the pH had stabilized at rt, the reaction was immersed into an oil-bath pre-heated to 60 °C and 3M aq K₂CO₃ was used to adjust the pH to ~5. The reaction was heated at 60 °C for 1 h at which time the pH was 6. After removing MeOH *in vacuo*, the residue was dissolved in a minimum amount of water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to afford a solid that was recrystallized from EtOAc to afford **16** (42.5 g, 81%).

16: colorless crystals [m.p. 72 °C]; $R_f = 0.5$ (2:3 EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂); IR (film): 3200, 2957, 1694, 1588, 1442, 1303, 1237, 1190, 115, 972, 743 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.1-5.9 (bs, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.23 (t, 2H, J = 5.2 Hz), 2.45 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz,), 2.02-1.82 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 132.0, 52.1, 41.9, 21.2, 17.6. MS (positive electrospray) calcd for (C₆H₁₀N₂O₂+H)⁺: 143.07; found: 143.06.

Methyl-1-allyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-3-pyridazinecarboxylate (E)

A solution of **16** (5.2 g, 35.9 mmol) in THF (180 mL) was cooled to -30 °C. KHMDS (0.5 M in toluene, 73.3 mL) was added over 5 min. The reaction was stirred for 10 min before adding allyl bromide (3.8 mL, 43.2 mmol). The reaction was stirred at -25 °C for 1h, quenched with MeOH, warmed to rt, and filtered through a pad of Celite. Concentration *in vacuo* followed by flash chromatography on silica gel (3:7 EtOAc/hexanes) afforded **E** (5.88 g, 90%) as colorless solid.

E: R_f= 0.5 (1:1 EtOAc/Hexanes); IR (film): 3079, 2925, 2844, 1700, 1562, 1439, 1261, 1108, 983, 744 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.88-5.80 (m, 1H), 5.21 (tdd, 2H, J = 6.2, 10.1, 16.5 Hz), 4.01-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.08-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.39 (t, 2H, J = 6.7 Hz), 1.98-1.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (322 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.4, 133.5, 129.5, 118.1, 61.3, 51.7, 44.6, 20.3, 17.6. MS (positive electrospray) calcd for (C₉H₁₄N₂O₂+ H)⁺: 183.11; found: 183.11.

1-Allyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-3-pyridazinecarboxylic acid (8)

Solid LiOH (0.78 g, 32.7 mmol) was added to a solution of ester **E** (5.4 g, 29.7 mmol) in THF/MeOH/H₂O (40 mL/15 mL/20 mL). The resultant solution was stirred at rt for 3h and then neutralized with 10% aq citric acid. The solvents were removed *in vacuo* and the residue dissolved in EtOAc. The solution was washed with H₂O and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude acid was pure by 1 H NMR and was used in the next step without purification.

Heterocycle 11

TBTU (0.27 g, 0.84 mmol) was added to a portion of crude **8** (0.14 g, 0.94 mmol) and **9** (0.3 g, 0.94 mmol) in DMF (4.5 mL). i-Pr₂NEt (0.44 mL, 2.51 mmol) was added and the resultant yellow solution stirred at rt for 2 h. The mixture was placed under house vacuum and heated at 70°C overnight. The residue was dissolved in 20 mL EtOAc and washed with saturated NaHCO₃, water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica gel chromatography (4:1 EtOAc/hexanes) provided **11** (0.173 g, 71%) as a light brown solid.

11: R_f = 0.45 (2:3 EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂); IR (film): 3411, 2947, 1734, 1620, 1451, 1409, 1180, 1013, 761, 667 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.40-7.25 (m, 4H), 5.87 (tdd, 1H, J = 6.7, 10.2, 17 Hz), 5.7 (t, 1H, J = 4.6 Hz), 5.20 (d, 1H, J = 17.2 Hz), 5.11 (d, 1H, J = 10.1 Hz), 4.94, (s, 2H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 3.33 (d, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.92 (t, 2H, J = 5.5 Hz), 2.21 (dd, 2H, J = 5.3, 10.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 158.8, 141.0, 140.1, 134.2, 133.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.1, 118.7, 101.7, 56.0, 48.2, 44.8, 42.2, 16.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for (C₁₇H₁₈N₄O+H)⁺: 295.1553; found: 295. 1565.

Regioisomeric dimerization products 12, 13 and 14

Procedure A: I2 as oxidant

The THF used in this reaction was degassed via the freeze-pump-thaw method prior to use. Monomer 11 (1.03 g, 3.51 mmol) was dissolved in THF (10 mL) and cooled to -78°C. This solution was added via cannulating needle to a flask containing KHMDS (7.38 mL, 0.5M in toluene) at -78°C and the resulting dark red mixture was stirred at -78°C for 30 minutes. A solution of I₂ (0.445 g, 1.76 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) was then added and the reaction was stirred at -78°C for 3 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue purified by silica gel chromatography (4:1 EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 485 mg (47%) of α , α dimer 13 and 250 mg (24%) of α , γ dimers 12.

13: light pink solid; $R_f = 0.75$ (EtOAc); IR (film): 3412, 1743, 1671, 1394, 1371, 1287, 1154, 1064, 968, 741, 667 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.42-7.18 (m, 8H), 5.97 (dd, 2H, J = 4.0, 9.9 Hz), 5.79 (d, 2H, J = 9.9 Hz), 5.62 (tdd, 2H, J = 6.2, 10.3, 12.3 Hz), 5.07 (d, 2H, J = 17.2 Hz), 4.92 (d, 2H, J = 10.3 Hz), 4.90-4.49 (m, 8H), 3.80 (d, 4H, J = 5.8 Hz), 3.50 (d, 2H, J = 16.8 Hz), 2.87 (ddd, 2H, J = 1.3, 5.0, 16.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 170.2, 168.3, 147.4, 140.9, 135.5, 135.3, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 123.4, 122.3, 117.6, 68.3, 62.6, 62.4, 58.4, 57.7, 49.4, 49.0, 44.6, 43.6. MS (Positive electrospray) calcd for ($C_{34}H_{34}N_8O_2+H$)⁺: 587.28; found: 587.25. Crystals of **13** suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown from benzene (slow evaporation). Details of the crystallographic analysis are provided in a separate CIF file.

 α , γ dimers 12: yellow solid; $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc). Two diastereomers of this material were separated by preparative thin layer chromatography (1:19 MeOH/PhH).

Diastereomer 1: yellow crystals, $R_f = 0.65$ (1:19 MeOH/PhH), IR (film): 3640, 2980, 1739, 1675, 1413, 1150, 820, 740, 558 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 7.40-7.22 (m, 8H), 6.05 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.4, 5.2, 9.9 Hz), 5.92-5.78 (m, 2H), 5.68 (dddd, 1H, J = 5.5, 7.2, 10.2, 17.4 Hz), 5.42 (t, 1H, J = 1.7 Hz), 5.24-5.03 (m, 3H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 4.90-4.88 (m, 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 4.78-4.61 (m, 4H), 3.99 (tdd, 1H, J = 1.5, 5.3, 13.8 Hz), 3.78 (dd, 1H, J = 7.2, 13.8 Hz), 3.69-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.48 (dd, 1H, J = 5.0, 13.2 Hz), 3.38-3.23 (m, 2H), 3.11 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.4, 5.0, 10.5 Hz), 3.01-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.25 (m, 1H); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $(C_{34}H_{34}N_8O_2+H)^+$: calcd: 587.2877; found: 587.2878. Crystals of this material suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown from a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 and CH_3CN (slow evaporation). Details of the crystallographic analysis are provided in a separate CIF file.

Diastereomer 2. Yellow solid, $R_f = 0.60$ (1:19 MeOH/PhH), IR (film): 3640, 2980, 1739, 1675, 1413, 1150, 820, 740, 558 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 7.40-7.21 (m, 8H), 6.08 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.5, 5.2, 9.9 Hz), 5.87-5.78 (m, 2H), 5.76-5.60 (m, 2H), 5.13-5.02 (m, 4H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 4.86-4.80 (m, 2H), 4.78-4.57 (m, 4H), 4.05-3.99 (m, 1H), 3.67 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.7, 4.9, 13.5 Hz), 3.58-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.37-2.85 (m, 5H), 2.28-2.12 (m, 1H). MS (positive electrospray) calcd for $(C_{34}H_{34}N_8O_2+H)^+$: 587.28; found: 587.25.

Procedure B. FeCl₂(DMF)₃FeCl₄ as oxidant

The THF used in this reaction was degassed via the freeze-pump-thaw method prior to use. Monomer 11 (0.150 g, 0.51 mmol) in THF (2.6 mL) was cooled to -78° C and added via cannulating needle to a flask containing KHMDS (1.12 mL, 0.5M in toluene) at -78° C. After stirring the resulting dark red mixture at -78° C for 30 minutes, a solution of [FeCl₂(DMF)₃][FeCl₄] (0.141 g, 0.26 mmol) in THF (0.4 mL) was added via syringe. The reaction was stirred at -78° C for 3 hours. The reaction was quenched with pH 8.0 EDTA (3 mL). The majority of the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue diluted in CH₂Cl₂. The solution was washed with pH 8.0 EDTA (0.35M, 3 x10 mL), water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica gel chromatography (progression from 4:1 EtOAc/hexanes \rightarrow EtOAc \rightarrow 99:1 EtOAc/MeOH) to afford α , α dimer 13 (16 mg, 11%), α , γ dimers 12 (87 mg, 55%) and γ , γ dimers 14a/b (16 mg, 11%) as orange solids.

 γ , γ dimers 14a/b; R_f = 0.2 (3:7 CH₃CN: CHCl₃); IR (film): 3400, 1669, 1456, 1404, 1181, 1066 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.25 (m, 8H), 6.03-5.84 (m, 2H), 5.59-5.53 (m, 2H), 5.12-5.06 (m, 4H), 5.02-4.86 (m, 4H), 4.80-4.62 (m, 4H), 3.62-3.57 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.08 (m, 4H), 2.80-2.42 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR

 $(75\text{MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$: δ 159.7, 141.2, 140.9, 134.0, 133.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 120.0, 119.9, 102.4, 101.8, 58.2, 58.1, 49.7, 49.3, 48.4, 29.2, 28.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $(C_{34}H_{34}N_8O_2+H)^+$: 587.2877; found: 587.2885.

Procedure C. Cu(OTf)₂ as oxidant.

The THF used in this reaction was degassed via the freeze-pump-thaw method prior to use. Monomer 11 (0.20 g, 0.68 mmol) was dissolved in THF (3.4 mL) and cooled to -78°C. This solution was added via cannulating needle to a flask containing KHMDS (1.23 mL, 0.5M in toluene) at -78°C. After stirring the resulting dark red mixture at -78°C for 30 min, a solution of $Cu(OTf)_2$ (0.177 g, 0.7 mmol) in THF (0.7 mL) was added via syringe. The reaction was stirred at -78°C for 3 h and quenched with aq pH 8.0 EDTA (0.35M) solution (3 mL). The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and diluted in CH_2Cl_2 . The solution was washed with aqueous pH 8.0 EDTA solution (3 x 10 mL), water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (progression from 4:1 EtOAc/Hexanes \rightarrow EtOAc \rightarrow 99:1 EtOAc/MeOH) to afford α , α dimer 13 (47 mg, 24%), α , γ dimers 12 (73 mg, 37%) and γ , γ dimers 14a/b (50 mg, 25%) as orange solids.

Procedure D. Using [i-PrCp]₂TiCl₂ additive and Cu(OTf)₂ as oxidant.

The THF used in this reaction was degassed via the freeze-pump-thaw method prior to use. KHMDS (7.3 mL, 0.5 M in toluene) was added dropwise to a solution of **11** (0.98 g, 3.33 mmol) in THF (18 mL) at -78°C. After stirring at -78°C for 30 min, the reaction mixture was added to a solution of [*i*-PrCp]₂TiCl₂ (1.2 g, 3.53 mmol) in THF (24 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C for 3 h before being added to a solution of Cu(OTf)₂ (1.97 g, 5.39 mmol) in THF (26.7 mL) at -78°C. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78°C for an additional 3.75 hours and quenched with aq pH 8.0 EDTA (0.35M) solution (20 mL). The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and diluted in CH₂Cl₂. The solution was washed with aqueous pH 8.0 EDTA solution (3 x 50 mL), water, brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of solvent *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (gradient from EtOAc to 99:1 EtOAc/MeOH) to afford **14a/b** as an orange solid (0.78 g, 80%).

4,5-Dibromo-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate ethyl ester (G)

Sodium (0.66 g, 28.7 mmol) was dissolved in dry 180 mL EtOH. 2-(trichloroacetyl) pyrrole (50 g, 235 mmol) was added to the NaOEt solution over 10 minutes. The resultant dark red solution was stirred at rt for 40 min. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue diluted in Et₂O. The ether solution was washed with 3N HCl. The black cotton-like solid was removed by filtration. The acidic aqueous washings were extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed the saturated NaHCO₃, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a light brown solid (32.1 g, 98%) that was used without further purification.

The crude ester from the previous step was dissolved in glacial AcOH (1275 mL). A solution of bromine (23.7 mL, 462 mmol) in AcOH (272 mL) was added via addition funnel over 2 h. The resultant solution was stirred at rt for 3 h. Removal of acetic acid *in vacuo* provided a pink solid (67.6 g, 99%) that was used without further purification.

4,5-Dibromo-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)methyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate ethyl ester (H)

Et₃N (38.4 mL, 274 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of **G** (67.6 g, 228 mmol) in THF (900 mL). The reaction was stirred at rt for 10 minutes and treated with SEM-Cl (38.34 g, 230 mmol). The reaction was stirred at rt for 2 h. The mixture was concentrated and the residue was taken up in CH₂Cl₂. The resulting solution was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **H** as a brown oil (94.4 g, 97%). This material was used without further purification.

4,5-Dibromo-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)methyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (I)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} Br & Br \\ \hline & N & O(CH_2)_2TMS \\ \hline & CO_2H & I \end{array}$$

A solution of NaOH (17.6 g, 439 mmol) in H_2O (218 mL) was added to a solution of **H** (94.4 g, 221 mmol) in THF/MeOH (1000 mL / 70 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at 65°C for 5 hours. The reaction was quenched with 10% aq citric acid. The solvents were removed *in vacuo* and the residue taken up in CH_2Cl_2 . The solution was washed with saturated NH_4Cl , water and brine. The organic layer was

dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give **I** as an off white solid (86.5g, 98%). This material was used without further purification.

I: IR (film): 3400, 1652, 1635, 1338, 1250, 1148, 667 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.21 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 2H), 3.60 (t, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 0.91 (t, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 0.02 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.3, 123.2, 122.7, 115.3, 101.1, 75.5, 66.3, 17.8, -1.5. MS (positive electrospray) for (C₁₁H₁₇Br₂NO₃Si+H)⁺ calcd: 399.93; found: 400.10.

$\label{eq:methyl} \textbf{1-(4,5-dibromo-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)methyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbonyl)-1,4,5,6-tetra-hydropyridazine-3-carboxylate (J)}$

Oxalyl chloride (20.3 mL, 236 mmol) was added to a solution of acid **I** (47.1 g, 118 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (400 mL). DMF (0.5 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 1 hour. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give a brown oily residue (17) that was dissolved in CH_3CN (370 mL). To this solution was added 16 (16.8 g, 118 mmol), pyridine (19 mL, 236 mmol) and DMAP (50 mg) and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue taken up in CH_2Cl_2 . The solution was washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica gel chromatography (10 \rightarrow 20% EtOAc/hexanes) provided **J** (58 g, 94%) as a white solid.

J: R_f = 0.3 (1:4 EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂); IR (film): 1711, 1648, 1413, 1337, 1267, 1239, 1090, 973, 834 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50 (s, 1H), 5.84 (s, 2H), 3.90-3.82 (m, 5H), 3.56 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.56 (t, 2H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.96 (td, 2H, J = 6.3, 12.4 Hz), 0.89 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 0.04 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.5, 160.0, 139.3, 125.2, 124.1, 113.2, 100.3, 76.0, 66.0, 52.5, 39.6, 21.8, 17.8, 16.6, -1.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for (C₁₇H₂₅Br₂N₃O₄Si+H)⁺ 522.0054; found: 522.0057.

1-(4,5-Dibromo-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)methyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbonyl)-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyridazine-3-carboxylic acid (18)

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A solution of ester **J** (66 g, 126 mmol) in THF/H₂O (520 mL / 250 mL) was stirred for 30 min in an ice-water bath. A solution of LiOH (30 mL. aq 0.5M) was added and the resulting mixture stirred at 4 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with 10% aq citric acid and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was taken up in EtOAc and washed with saturated NH₄Cl, water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting white solid (62.2 g, 97%) was used without further purification.

18: IR (film): 3203, 2951, 1715, 1652, 1422, 1240, 1179, 1096, 1096, 969, 860. 742, 684, 612 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (s, 1H), 6.95 (bs, 1H) 5.74 (s, 2H), 3.86 (t, 2H, J = 5.6 Hz), 3.55 (t, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 2.61 (t, 2H, J = 6.4 Hz), 2.01 (td, 2H, J = 6.3, 12.3 Hz), 0.88 (t, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 0.06 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.8, 160.5, 139.8, 128.3, 125.2, 121.5, 113.0, 100.4, 75.8, 66.4, 40.0, 21.0, 17.7, 16.4, -1.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for (C₁₆H₂₃Br₂N₃O₄Si+H)⁺ 507.9897; found: 507.9898.

(4,5-Dibromo-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)methyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)(3-(3-(methylthio)-2,5-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,3]diazepine-2-carbonyl)-5,6-dihydropyridazin-1(4H)-yl)methanone (19)

HI salt **9** (9.2 g, 28.9 mmol) was added to a solution of **18** (14 g, 27.5 mmol) in DMF (183 mL) at 0°C. TBTU (9.7 g, 30.3 mmol) was added, followed by the slow addition of (i-Pr)₂NEt (14.4 mL, 82.5 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with 1L EtOAc and washed with sat. NH₄Cl (2 x 200 mL), water (8 x 200 mL) and brine (200 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **19** as a slightly pink foam (18.5 g, 99%). This material was used without further purification.

19: $R_f = 0.9$ (1:9 CH₃CN/CHCl₃); IR (film): 3420, 1645, 1430, 1340, 1241, 1130, 835, 750, 697 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.16-7.02 (m, 4H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.65 (s, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.84 (t, 2H, J = 5.6 Hz), 3.46 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.63 (t, 2H, J = 5.6 Hz), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.98 (m, 2H), 0.86

(t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), -0.07 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.7, 161.8, 157.4, 146.6, 134.0, 133.8, 129.7, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 126.1, 120.9, 111.3, 99.9, 75.8, 66.2, 54.8, 45.9, 40.4, 23.9, 17.9, 17.3, 15.3, -1.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for ($C_{26}H_{33}Br_2N_5O_3SSi+H$)⁺ calcd: 682.0513; found: 682.0513.

Reduction products 27 and 28

 $R = CH_2O(CH_2)_2SiMe_3$

A solution of **21** *meso* (40 mg, 0.032 mmol) and MgBr₂•Et₂O (12 mg, 0.047 mmol) in THF (0.3 mL) was stirred at rt for 10 min before evaporation of the solvent. The residue was re-dissolved in a stock solution of Rh(I) catalyst **31** (1 mg), 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (1.2 mg) and HSiMe₂Ph (5.5 μL, 0.035 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.16 mL). The resulting mixture was heated at 40°C for 15 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with saturated NaHCO₃, water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica gel chromatography (1:4 EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) afforded polycycle **28** (18 mg, 45%) and mono reduction product **27** (12 mg, 30%).

28: white film; $R_f = 0.9$ (1:9 CH₃CN/CHCl₃); IR (film): 3430, 2950, 1751, 1695, 1684, 1448, 1418, 1409, 1247, 1091, 858, 835, 756, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 7.42-7.24 (m, 8H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.63 (dd, 2H, J = 2.8, 10.5 Hz), 5.58-5.42 (m, 2H), 5.18-4.90 (m, 4H), 4.68-4.55 (m 3H), 4.40 (dd, 1H, J = 7.1, 13.1 Hz), 4.26 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 4.13 (d, 1H, J = 13.6 Hz), 3.74-3.46 (m, 4H), 3.41-3.24 (m, 2H), 3.05-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.88 (t, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 2.58 (t, 1H, J = 12.8 Hz), 2.66-2.45 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, 1H, J = 11.8 Hz), 1.02-0.78 (m, 4H), -0.02 (s, 9H), -0.06 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.6, 167.8, 163.8, 159.4, 146.3, 142.4, 140.2, 134.4, 133.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4.

128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 124.6, 118.4, 113.7, 111.3, 108.4, 100.8, 99.6, 75.5, 75.1, 67.7, 66.1, 53.2, 49.9, 49.3, 48.8, 44.0, 43.4, 40.8, 40.4, 33.6, 33.5, 31.5, 17.9, 17.8, -1.4, -1.4. MS (positive electrospray) calcd for $(C_{50}H_{58}Br_4N_{10}O_6Si_2+H)^+$: 1271.08; found 1270.94.

Treatment of **28** with excess BF₃ etherate provided derivative **29**. Crystals of **29** (PTLC purified) suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown from CH₃CN (slow evaporation). Details of the crystallographic analysis are provided in a separate CIF file.

27: white foam; $R_f = 0.65$ (1:4 CH₃CN: CHCl₃); IR (film): 2951, 2873, 1749, 1630, 1403, 1248, 1092, 836, 667 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 7.40-7.18 (m, 8H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 5.82-5.79 (m, 1H), 5.62-5.38 (m, 4H), 5.00-4.56 (m, 8H), 4.44 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.8, 3.1, 12.9 Hz), 3.70 (dd, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 3.63 (t, 4H, J = 8.1 Hz), 3.48-3.38 (m, 1H), 2.54 (dd, 1H, J = 11.6, 12.8 Hz), 2.36 (dt, 1H, J = 5.2, 10.4 Hz), 2.08-2.03 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.35 (q, 1H, J = 12.3Hz), 0.93-0.76 (m, 4H), 0.02 (s, 9H), -0.03 (s, 9H). MS (positive electrospray) calcd for $(C_{50}H_{58}Br_4N_{10}O_6Si_2+H)^+$: 1271.08; found 1271.04.

Alkylidene 30

28 R = $CH_2O(CH_2)_2SiMe_3$

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KHMDS (70 μL, 0.5 M in toluene) was added to a solution of **28** (22 mg, 0.017 mmol) in THF (100 μL) at -78° C. The dark pink solution was stirred at -78° C for 30 min and then warmed to rt. After stirring at rt for 30 min, 10 μL AcOH was added and the solution diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The organics were washed with saturated aq NaHCO₃, water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by preparative thin layer chromatography (3:7 CH₃CN/CHCl₃) afforded **30** as white film (18 mg, 80%). **30**: R_f = 0.6 (3:7 CH₃CN/CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 9.27 (app d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 7.45-7.18 (m, 8H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.87 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.82 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.66 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.39 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.04-4.83 (m, 4H), 4.76-4.60 (m, 2H), 4.46-4.37 (m, 2H), 3.80-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.38 (m, 4H), 3.36-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.03-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.07 (m, 1H),

2.02-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, 1H, J = 11.8 Hz), 0.90-0.60 (m, 4H), -0.04 (s, 9H), -0.29 (s, 9H); MS (positive electrospray) calcd for $(C_{50}H_{58}Br_4N_{10}O_6Si_2+H)^+$: 1271.08; found 1270.94.

Ring-opened product 32

Reduction product **27** (20 mg, 0.016 mmol) was dissolved in a stock solution of LiCl (0.8 mg, 0.019 mmol) and DBU (3 μ L, 0.021 mmol) in DMF (100 μ L- argon sparged). After heating at 52°C for 3 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with acetic acid (5 μ L) and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The resulting solution was washed with saturated NaHCO₃, water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (1:4 CH₃CN/CHCl₃) to afford **32** as bright yellow solid (14 mg, 70%).

32: $R_f = 0.8$ (2:9 CH₃CN/CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN/D₂O): δ 7.20-7.45 (m, 8H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 5,79 (s, 2H), 5,64 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.46 (d, 1H, J = 10.7 Hz), 4.88 (m, 5H), 4.50 (m, 3H), 4.31 (d, 1H, J = 12.4 Hz), 3.85 (dd, 1H, J = 4.6, 11.4 Hz), 3.50-3.57 (m, 4H), 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.53(tt, 1H, J = 3.0, 11.8Hz), 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 0.77-0.90 (m, 4H), -0.04 (s, 9H), -0.02 (s, 9H). MS (positive electrospray) calcd for ($C_{50}H_{58}Br_4N_{10}O_6Si_2+H$)⁺: 1271.08; found 1271.45.

Saturated products 33

A solution of *meso* **21** (460 mg, 0.364 mmol), MgI₂ (50 mg, 0.18 mmol), and NH₄PF₆ (120 mg, 0.74 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was stirred at rt for 15 minutes and then the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was suspended in a stock solution of Rh(I) catalyst **31** (5.75 mg, 5 mol%), 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2'-(N,N-dimethylamino)biphenyl (6.5 mg, 5.5 mol%) and HSiMe₂Ph (170 μ L, 1.10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.45 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at 55°C for 36 h and then diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with saturated NaHCO₃, water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (gradient from 1:9 \rightarrow 1:4 EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂) to afford a mixture of **33a** + **33b** (395 mg, 66%) followed by **33c** (85 mg, 16%).

33a + **33b**: white solid; $R_f = 0.45$ (1:4 CH₃CN/CHCl₃); IR (film): 3422, 2950, 1753, 1704, 1651, 1403, 1248, 1067, 836, 740, 610 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 7.39-7.31 (m, 8H), 6.77 (s, 2H), 5.67 (d, 2H, J = 10.6 Hz), 5.48 (d, 2H, J = 10.6 Hz), 4.92 (s, 4H), 4.78 (d, 2H, J = 14.4 Hz), 4.58 (d, 2H, J = 14.4 Hz), 4.42-4.38 (m, 2H), 3.78 (dd, 2H, J = 4.9, 11.6 Hz), 3.56 (t, 4H, J = 7.9 Hz), 2.49 (dd, 2H, J = 11.2, 12.8 Hz), 2.25-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.22 (m, 2H), 0.97-0.81 (m, 4H), 0.00 (s, 18H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.6, 164.2, 145.6, 140.4, 133.4, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 117.7, 111.4, 99.8, 75.4, 66.5, 56.5, 49.6, 43.6, 43.4, 35.1, 30.5, 18.2, -1.1. MS (positive electrospray) calcd for (C₅₀H₆₀Br₄N₁₀O₆Si₂+H)⁺: 1273.09; found 1273.1. Crystals of **33b** suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown from CH₃CN (slow evaporation). Details of the crystallographic analysis are provided in a separate CIF file.

33c: $R_f = 0.2$ (1:4 CH₃CN/CHCl₃); IR (film): 2952, 1754, 1693, 1403, 1299, 1248, 1155, 1092, 941 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38-7.28 (m, 8H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 5.67-5.55 (m, 4H), 5.00-4.57 (m, 8H), 4.44-4.39 (m, 1H), 4.08-4.02 (m, 2H), 3.79 (dd, 1H, J = 4.9, 11.6 Hz) 3.52 (dd, 4H, J = 8.4, 16.9 Hz), 3.15 (dd, 1H, J = 4.9, 13.1 Hz), 2.32 (dd, 1H, J = 11.7, 12.6 Hz), 2.24-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.96 (m, 3H), 1.80-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.08-1.03 (m, 1H), 1.00-0.77 (m, 4H), -0.01 (s, 9H), -0.04 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.3, 169.6, 163.7, 146.9, 145.3, 140.5, 140.1, 133.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 125.7, 117.4, 111.2, 110.9, 99.7, 99.6, 75.6, 75.3, 60.6, 56.5, 56.3, 49.6, 49.4, 43.9, 43.7, 43.5, 43.1, 33.0, 32.7, 30.8, 27.0, 21.3, 18.1, 18.0, 14.4, -1.1, -1.2. MS (positive electrospray) calcd for $(C_{50}H_{60}Br_4N_{10}O_6Si_2+H)^+$: 1273.09; found 1272.80.

Mono alkylidene L and symmetric bis-alkylidene 34

A solution of Cy₂BOTf (47 mg, 0.144 mmol) in THF (0.48 mL) was cooled to -78°C and added rapidly to a solution of **33a/b/c** (60 mg, 0.047 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) at -78°C. KHMDS (0.5M in toluene, 470 μL) was then added and the cooling bath immediately removed. The red solution was warmed to rt and quenched with 20 μL AcOH. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with saturated NaHCO₃, water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (1:49 MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **34** as light yellow solid (32 mg, 53%) along with mono alkylidene **L** (16 mg, 27%). Analytically pure **34** was obtained as a white powder following triturating with CH₃CN.

34: $R_f = 0.5$ (1:19 MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); IR (film): 1668, 1606, 1425, 1317, 1245, 1091, 836 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.30 (bs, 2H), 8.01 (bs, 2H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 8H), 6.76 (s, 2H), 5.71 (d, 4H, J = 10.5 Hz), 5.64 (d, 2H, J = 10.5 Hz), 5.56 (d, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.87 (s, 4H), 4.45 (s, 4H), 3.41 (t, 4H, J = 7.8 Hz), 3.15-2.95 (m, 4H), 0.71 (t, 4H, J = 7.8 Hz), -0.13 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (125MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 167.0, 159.4, 157.5, 142.1, 138.8, 135.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 117.1, 114.8, 110.1, 98.8, 94.3, 74.3, 65.1,

43.3, 42.5, 41.8, 40.0, 17.0, -1.5; MS (positive electrospray) calcd for $(C_{50}H_{60}Br_4N_{10}O_6Si_2+H)^+$: 1273.09; found 1272.80.

L: off-white solid; $R_f = 0.75$ (1:19 MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); IR (film): 3400, 2952, 1644, 1418, 1247, 1068, 835 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 7.42-7.20 (m, 8H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.80-5.42 (m, 5H), 4.95-4.86 (m, 4H), 4.80-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.58-4.46 (m, 2H), 4.38-4.35 (m, 1H), 3.78 (dd, 1H, J = 11.6, 4.9 Hz), 3.62-3.43 (m, 5H), 3.37-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.76 (ddd, 1H, J = 4.1, 8.9, 13.4 Hz), 2.50-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.20 (m, 2H), 0.93-0.75 (m, 4H), -0.03 (s, 9H), -0.06 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.8, 166.8, 164.4, 160.3, 157.9, 145.8, 141.5, 140.6, 137.4, 134.5, 133.2, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 125.5, 117.6, 116.5, 115.6, 111.2, 110.9, 99.7, 75.5, 75.1, 70.8, 70.5, 66.4, 66.3, 56.8, 49.4, 45.3, 44.2, 43.7, 43.4, 41.5, 40.2, 35.8, 34.6, 31.3, 30.4, 25.7, 24.4, 18.2, 18.0, -1.1, -1.2. MS (positive electrospray) calcd for ($C_{50}H_{60}Br_4N_{10}O_6Si_2+H$)⁺: 1273.09; found 1272.80.

Spirocyclic products derived from 34

Br NR O RN Br
$$t$$
-BuOCl t -BuOCl

Procedure A. no additive

Bisalkylidene **34** (40 mg, 0.031 mmol) was dissolved in 1 mL THF and the resulting mixture was cooled to -78° C. A solution of freshly prepared *t*-BuOCl (see *Organic Syntheses*, Coll. Vol. 5, p.184 (1973) – 4.2 µL, 0.038 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 µL) was added and the reaction was stirred at -78° C for 2 h and rt for another 2 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (CH₃OH:CH₂Cl₂ = 1:19). This affords one impure diastereomer of **36** (**36b**) followed by a pure second diastereomer (**36a**) and impure alkylidene **35**.

36a: (4 mg, 10% yield): white film; $R_f = 0.7$ (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂= 5:95); IR (film, cm⁻¹): 2923, 1750, 1650, 1513, 1455, 1404, 1247, 1092, 948, 836; ¹H NMR (500 MHz,CD₃CN): 7.85 (dd, 1H, J = 4.5, 7.3 Hz), 7.57 (t, 1H, J = 5.6 Hz), 7.42-7.21 (m, 8H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.85-5.76 (m, 4H), 4.74 (d, 1H, J = 2.9 Hz), 4.70-4.55 (m, 3H), 4.53 (d, 1H, J = 3.9 Hz), 4.35-4.26 (m, 2H), 4.20-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.80-3.73 (m, 3H), 3.62 (ddd, 1H, J = 1.9, 5.7, 14.2 Hz), 3.52-3.45 (m, 4H), 3.41 (ddd, 1H, J = 4.5, 9.8, 14.0 Hz), 3.21-3.14 (m, 1H), 2.59 (td, 1H, J = 5.4, 9.4 Hz), 2.16 (1H, overlapped with H₂O peak), 0.96-0.87 (m, 4H), -0.09 (s, 9H), -0.11 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): 170.0, 162.7, 161.2, 160.5, 148.4, 140.0, 133.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 117.0, 116.4, 112.2, 111.6, 100.3, 100.0, 88.0, 77.5, 75.7, 75.3, 66.7, 66.2, 65.8, 58.0, 56.6, 49.0, 43.7, 43.4, 41.0, 38.6, 37.0, 35.9, 18.1, -1.2, -1.2. HRMS (ESITOF) calcd for ($C_{50}H_{59}Br_4ClN_{10}O_6Si_2+H$)⁺: 1307.0539; found 1307.3955.

36b: impure material was subjected to a second preparative thin layer chromatography, eluting with 10% CH₃CN/CHCl₃, to afford **36b** (~1 mg) as a white film. **36b**: $R_f = 0.8$ (MeOH: $CH_2Cl_2 = 5:95$); IR (film): 2852, 1737, 1681, 1543, 1456, 1397, 1248, 1093, 949 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 7.57 (t, 1H, J = 5.0 Hz), 7.45 (t, 1H, J = 5.4 Hz), 7.38-7.20 (m, 8H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.84-5.63 (m, 4H), 5.25 (d, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), 5.05-4.57 (m, 7H), 4.50 (m, 1H), 4.29 (d, 1H, J = 5.5 Hz), 4.17-4.12 (m, 1H), 3.63 (ddd, 1H, J = 3.5, 5.8, 14.9 Hz), 3.70-3.42 (m, 6H), 3.38-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.57 (tt, 1H, J = 5.7, 11.3 Hz), 2.30-2.25 (m, 1H), 0.97-0.78 (m, 2H), 0.76-0.62 (m, 2H), -0.05 (s, 9H), -0.12 (s, 9H). MS (MALDI) calcd for $(C_{50}H_{59}Br_4ClN_{10}O_6Si_2+H)^+$: 1307.05; found 1307.25.

35: impure material was subjected to a second preparative thin layer chromatography, eluting with 10% CH₃OH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford **35** as a white film (8 mg, 20% yield). **35**: $R_f = 0.4$ (MeOH:CH₂Cl₂= 1:9); IR (film): 2945, 1681, 1601, 1547, 1418, 1312, 1248, 1092, 857 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz,CD₃CN): δ 8.52 (appr s, 1H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 8H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5,87 (dd, 2H, J = 10.5, 12 Hz), 5.72 (t, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.90-4.45 (m, 7H), 4.30 (d, 1H, J = 14.8 Hz), 4.26 (d, 1H, J = 12.7 Hz), 3.76 (td, 2H, J = 3.9, 12.4 Hz), 3.74-3.40 (m, 7H), 3.24 (dt, 2H, J = 3.9, 12.5 Hz), 2.98-2.81 (m, 1H), 0.95-0.79 (m, 4H), -0.07 (s, 18H). MS (MALDI) calcd for ($C_{50}H_{59}Br_4ClN_{10}O_6Si_2+H$)⁺: 1307.05; found 1307.50.

Procedure B. MgCl₂ additive

Bisalkylidene **34** (10 mg, 0.0075 mmol) and MgCl₂ (1.5 mg, 0.016mmol) were dissolved in THF (0.25 mL) and the mixture was cooled to -78° C. A solution of freshly prepared *t*-BuOCl (1 μ L, 0.0075 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 μ L) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78° C for 2 h and at rt for another 2 h.

The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue purified by preparative thin layer chromatography $(CH_3OH: CH_2Cl_2 = 1:19)$ to afford **36a** (2.8 mg, 26%), **35** (< 1 mg) and recovered **34** (3 mg, 30%).

Procedure C. MgBr₂•Et₂O additive

Bisalkylidene **34** (60 mg, 0.047 mmol) and MgBr₂•Et₂O (15 mg, 0.058mmol) were dissolved in 0.8 mL THF and the mixture cooled to -78°C. A solution of freshly prepared *t*-BuOCl (6 μ L, 0.054 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 μ L) was added and the reaction stirred at -78°C for 2 h and at rt for another 2 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (CH₃OH:CH₂Cl₂ = 1:19) to afford two inseparable diastereomers of **38** as a light yellow solid (45 mg, 75%). These materials have ¹H NMR spectra that are identical to **36a/b**. They are distinguished only by mass: MS (MALDI) calcd for C₅₀H₅₉Br₄5N₁₀O₆Si₂(M+H)⁺: 1351.00; found 1350.80.

Table 1. Summary of ¹H and ¹³C NMR data in CD₃CN for compound 36a.

position	$^a\delta_{ m C}$	${}^{b}\delta_{\mathrm{H}}$ (mult, J Hz)	COSY (H no.)	^{2,3} J _{CH} HMBC (C no.)
6	171.2			
8	149			
10	58.8	3.77 (appr s)		6, 8, 12, 16
11	66.5	4.74 (d, J=2.9Hz)	12	6, 16, 18
12	41.3	2.15 ^a	11, 13 (3.17), 18	
13	37.8	3.62 (ddd, J=1.9, 5.7, 14.2Hz) 3.17 (m)	13, N-H 12, 13, N-H	17 17, 12
16	89			
17	57	4.53 (d, J=3.9Hz)	18	16, 12
18	36.4	2.59 (m)	17, 19(3.84, 3.42), 12	

19	39.2	3.84 (m)	18, NH	12
		3.42 (ddd, J=4.5, 9.8,		
		14Hz)	18. NH	

Table 2. NOESY data for 36a.

position	${}^{b}\delta_{\mathrm{H}}$ (mult, J Hz)	NOESY
10	3.77 (appr s)	12, 18,
11	4.74 (d, J=2.9Hz)	12,13a
12	2.15	18, 10, 13a, 11
	3.62 (ddd, J=1.9, 5.7,	
13b	14.2Hz)	12,13a
13a	3.17 (m)	12, 13a,11
17	4.53 (d, J=3.9Hz)	18
18	2.59 (m)	10, 12
19b	3.84 (m)	19a
	3.42 (ddd, J=4.5, 9.8,	
19a	14Hz)	19,a

The relative stereochemistry in 36a was assigned based on coupling constants and NOESY spectra. The 3.9 Hz coupling constant between H17 and H18 supports a cis stereochemistry. The correlations between H10, H12 and H10, H18 suggests these three protons are on the same face of the diazabicyclo[3.3.0]octane ring system. The small coupling constant between H11, H10 (J < 1 Hz) indicates a trans relationship. This only leaves the quaternary center C16 uncertain.

Table 2: NMR Data for Compound 44^a

Carbon	¹³ C	Mult.	¹ H	HMBC
No.	$\delta (ppm)^b$		δ (ppm) (mult J (Hz)) ^{c,d,e}	Correlations ^f
2	158.7	Q		H4a, H-4b, H-11
4	45.7	$\widetilde{\mathrm{CH}_2}$	H-4a: 4.56 (d, 14.8)	
			H-4b: 4.38 (d, 15.0)	
5	140.3	Q		
6		CH		
7		CH		
8		CH		
9	126.6	CH		
10 11	136.6 45.0	Q	II 11. 402 (a)	H-9
13	43.0 178.9	CH_2	H-11: 4.92 (s)	H-9 H-15, H-11
13 14	178.9	Q		п-13, п-11
	69.7	Q CH	II 15. 4.01 (A. 11.6)	II 10a II 10b
15 16	69.7 47.8	СН	H-15: 4.01 (d, 11.6) H-16: 2.32-2.25 (m)	H-19a, H-19b H-15, H-19a, H-19b,
10	47.0	СП	H-10. 2.32-2.23 (III)	H-33a, H-33b
17	46.0	СН	H-17: 3.13 (ddd, 8.8, 4.1, 4.1)	H-19a, H-19b, H-33b
18	138.5	Q	11-17. 3.13 (ddd, 6.6, 4.1, 4.1)	11-19a, 11-190, 11-330
19	40.2	CH_2	H-19a: 3.65 (ddd, 14.3, 6.0, 4.3)	H-15
1)	40.2	CIT	H-19b: 3.49-3.38 (m)	11 13
21	162.4	Q	11 170. 3. 17 3.30 (III)	H-23, H-25
22	128.3	Q		H-23, H-25
23	116.5	CH	H-23: 6.75 (d, 1.9)	H-25
24	96.3	Q	11 201 01/0 (0, 115)	H-25
25	127.8	CH	H-25: 7.02 (d, 1.9)	
27	78.0	CH_2	H-27a: 5.61 (d, 10.3)	H-25, H-29
		-	H-27b: 5.56 (d, 10.3)	,
29	67.2	CH_2	H-29: 3.49-3.38 (m)	H-27a, H-27b, H-30
30	18.6	CH_2	H-30: 0.79 (t, 2.0)	H-29
32	-1.0	CH_3	H-32: -0.14 (s)	H-30
33	42.9	CH_2	H-33a: 3.77 (ddd, 13.1, 4.1, 4.1)	
			H-33b: 3.49-3.38 (m)	
35	162.5	Q		
36	129.0	Q		H-37, H-39
37	116.8	CH	H-37: 6.83 (d, 1.7)	H-39
38	96.4	Q		H-38
39	127.3	CH	H-39: 7.00 (d, 1.9)	

41	77.6	CH_2	H-41a: 5.59 (d, 10.3)	H-39, H-43
			H-41b: 5.58 (d, 10.3)	
43	67.0	CH_2	H-43: 3.49-3.38 (m)	H-41, H-44
44	18.6	CH_2	H-44: 0.77-0.71 (m)	H-43
46	-1.0	CH_3	H-46: -0.10 (s)	H-44
47		Q		
49	158.7	Q		H-51a, H-51b, H-58
51	45.2	CH_2	H-51a: 4.49 (d, 15.0)	
			H-51b: 4.38 (d, 15.0)	
52	139.8	Q		
53		CH		
54		CH		
55		CH		
56		CH		
57	136.4	Q		
58	44.1	CH_2	H-58: 4.73 (s, 2H)	H-56
60	166.5	Q		H-58

Table 3: COSY Data for Compound 44

Proton	¹ H	COSY Correlation ^c
No.	δ (ppm) (mult J (Hz)) ^{a,b}	
H-1		
H-4a	4.56 (d, 14.8)	H-4b
H-4b	4.38 (d, 15.0)	H-4a
H-6		
H-7		
H-8		
H-9		
H-11	4.92 (s)	
H-15	4.01 (d, 11.6)	H-16
H-16	2.32-2.25 (m)	H-15, H-17, H-19b

^aThe numbering scheme used here is unique to this analysis.

^b Recorded at 150 MHz. ^c Recorded at 600 MHz. ^d Assignments based on HMQC data.

^e Methylene protons are arbitrarily designated H-Xa and H-Xb.

^f Only those correlations which could be unambiguously assigned are recorded.

H-17	3.13 (ddd, 8.8, 4.1, 4.1)	H-16, H-33a, H-33b
H-19a	3.65 (ddd, 14.3, 6.0, 4.3)	H-19b
H-19b	3.49-3.38 (m)	H-19a
H-20	7.42-7.36 (m)	H-19a, H-19b
H-23	6.75 (d, 1.9)	H-25
H-25	7.02 (d, 1.9)	H-23
H-27a	5.61 (d, 10.3)	
H-27b	5.56 (d, 10.3)	
H-29	3.49-3.38 (m)	H-30
H-30	0.79 (t, 2.0)	H-29
H-32	-0.14 (s)	
H-33a	3.77 (ddd, 13.1, 4.1, 4.1)	H-33b
H-33b	3.49-3.38 (m)	H-33a
H-34	8.15 (s)	H-33a, H-33b
H-37	6.83 (d, 1.7)	H-39
H-39	7.00 (d, 1.9)	H-37
H-41a	5.59 (d, 10.3)	
H-41b	5.58 (d, 10.3)	
H-43	3.49-3.38 (m)	H-44
H-44	0.77-0.71 (m)	H-43
H-46		
H-48		
H-51a	4.49 (d, 15.0)	H-51b
H-51b	4.38 (d, 15.0)	H-51a
H-53		
H-54		
H-55		
H-56		
H-58a	4.73 (s, 2H)	

^a Recorded at 500 MHz.
^b Assignments are based on HMQC and HMBC data.
^c Only those correlations that could be unambiguously assigned are recorded.

Table 4: ROESY Data for Compound 44

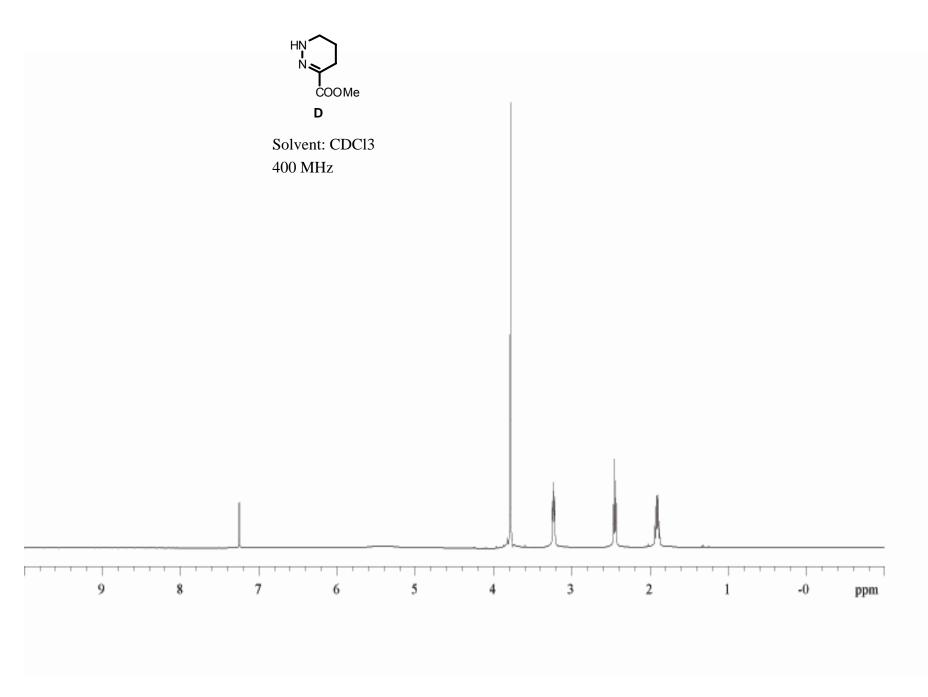
Proton	¹ H	ROESY Correlation ^c
No.	δ (ppm) (mult J (Hz)) ^{a,b}	
H-1		
H-4a	4.56 (d, 14.8)	
H-4b	4.38 (d, 15.0)	
H-6		
H-7		
H-8		
H-9		H-11
H-11	4.92 (s)	H-9, H-4a, H-4b
H-15	4.01 (d, 11.6)	H-16, H-17, H-19a, H-19b
H-16	2.32-2.25 (m)	H-15, H-17, H-19a, H-19b, H-33a, H-33b, H-34
H-17	3.13 (ddd, 8.8, 4.1, 4.1)	H-15, H-16, H-19b, H-33a, H-33b
H-19a	3.65 (ddd, 14.3, 6.0, 4.3)	H-15, H-16, H-17, H-19b
H-19b	3.49-3.38 (m)	H-19a
H-20	7.42-7.36 (m)	
H-23	6.75 (d, 1.9)	H-25
H-25	7.02 (d, 1.9)	H-23
H-27a	5.61 (d, 10.3)	
H-27b	5.56 (d, 10.3)	
H-29	3.49-3.38 (m)	
H-30	0.79 (t, 2.0)	
H-32	-0.14 (s)	
H-33a	3.77 (ddd, 13.1, 4.1, 4.1)	H-16, H-17, H-33b, H-34
H-33b	3.49-3.38 (m)	H-33a
H-34	8.15 (s)	H-37
H-37	6.83 (d, 1.7)	H-39
H-39	7.00 (d, 1.9)	H-37
H-41a	5.59 (d, 10.3)	H-39
H-41b	5.58 (d, 10.3)	H-39
H-43	3.49-3.38 (m)	
H-44	0.77-0.71 (m)	H-43
H-46		
H-48		
H-51a	4.49 (d, 15.0)	
H-51b	4.38 (d, 15.0)	

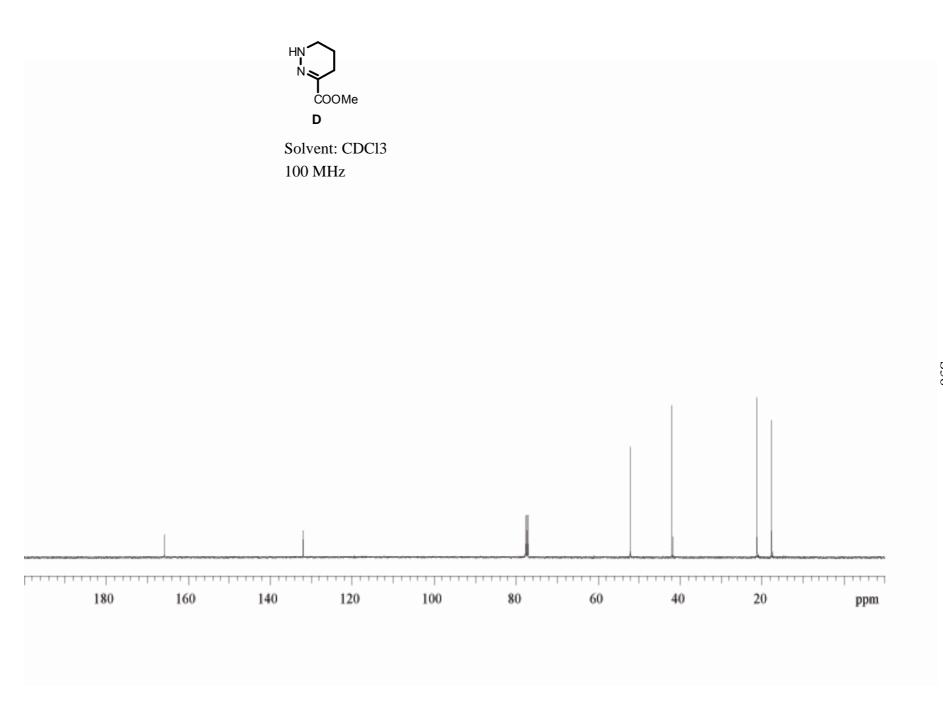
H-53 H-54 H-55 H-56 4.73 (s, 2H) H-58 H-51a, H-51b, H-56

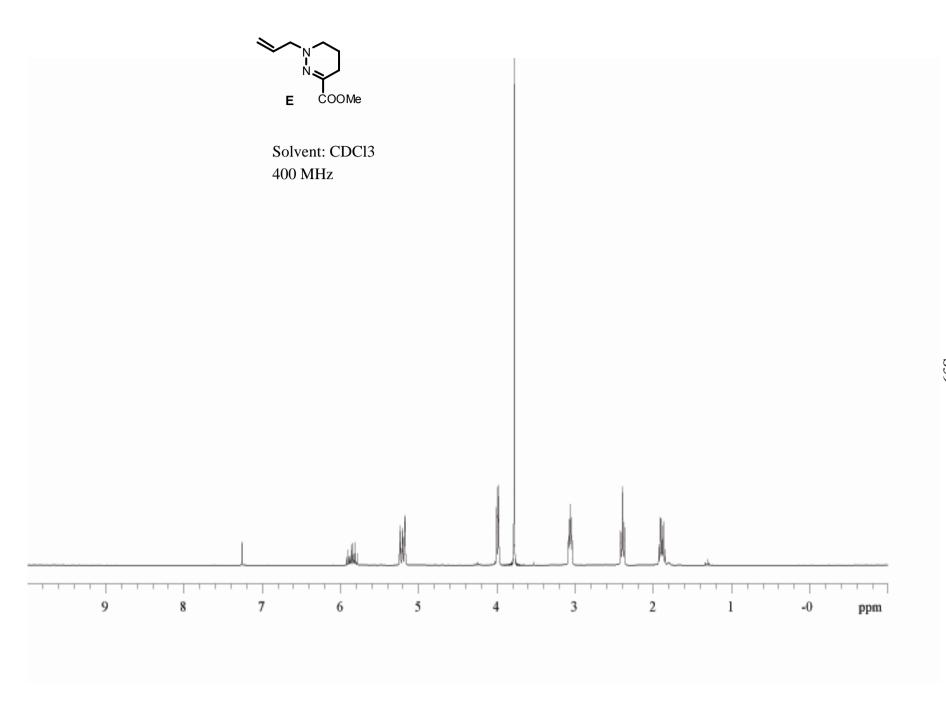
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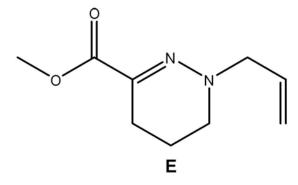
^b Assignments based on COSY, HMQC and HMBC data.

^c Only those correlations which could be unambiguously assigned are recorded.

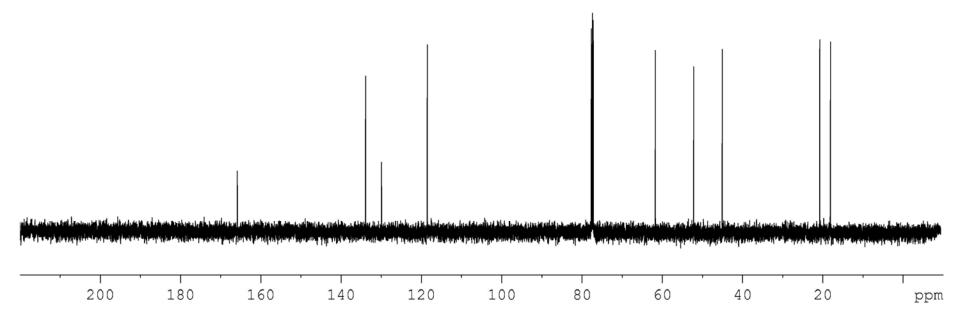


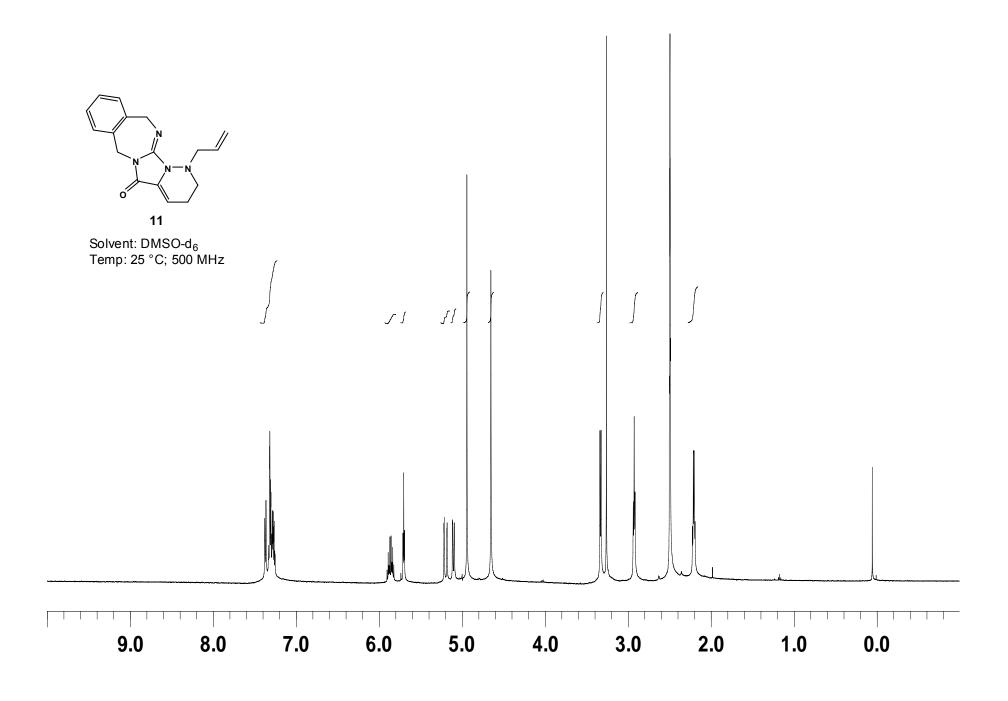


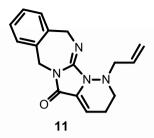




Solvent: CDCl3 100 MHz

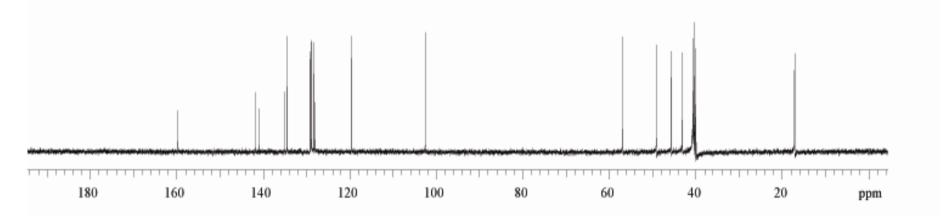


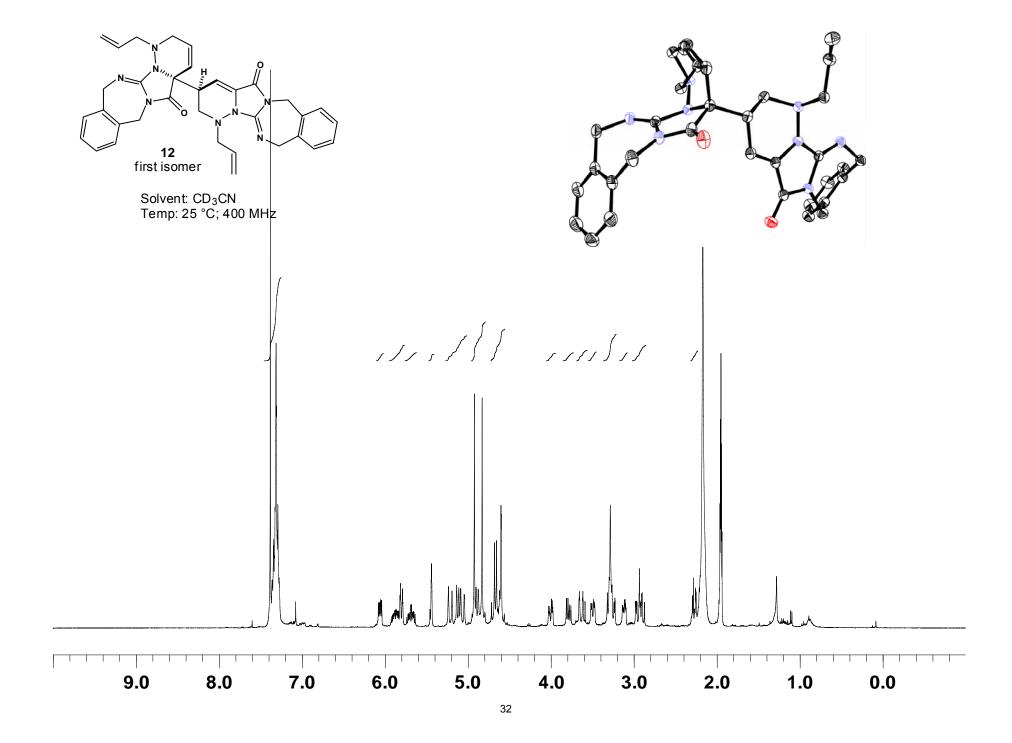


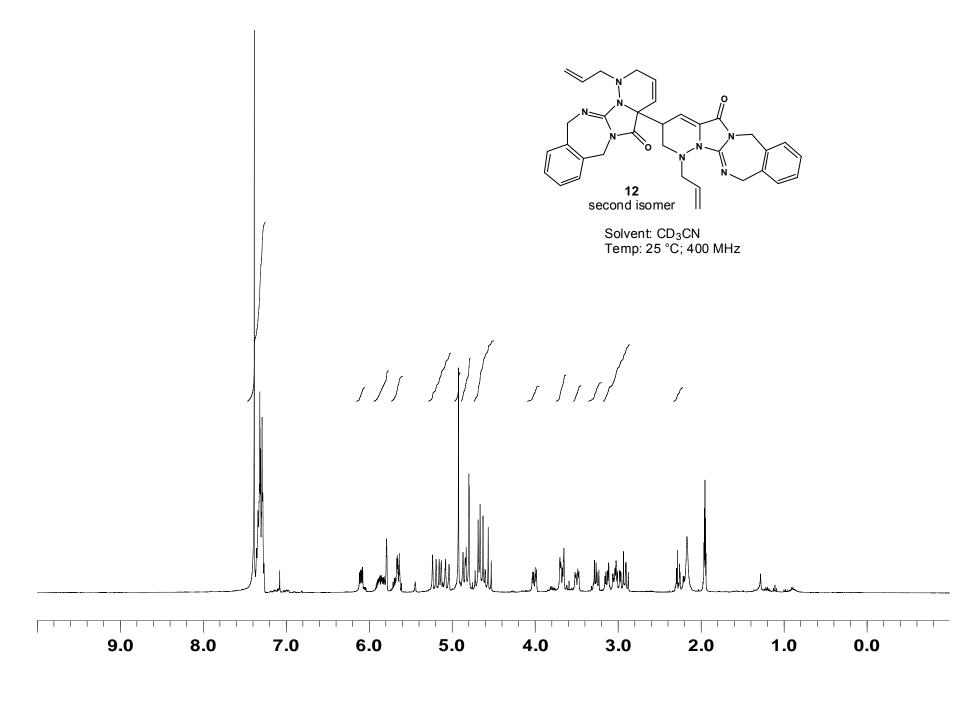


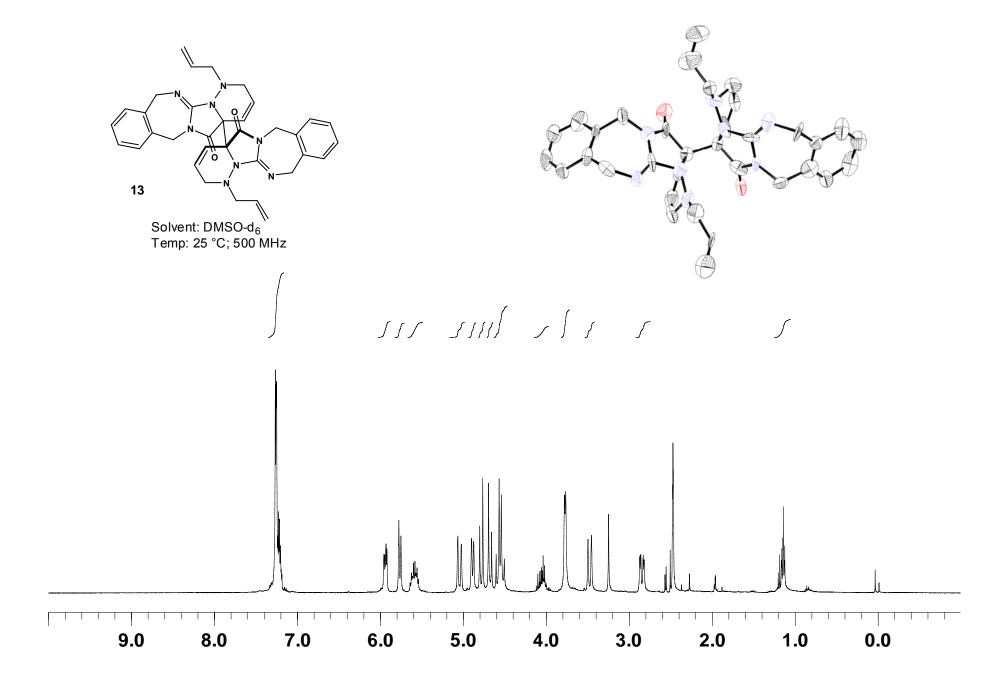
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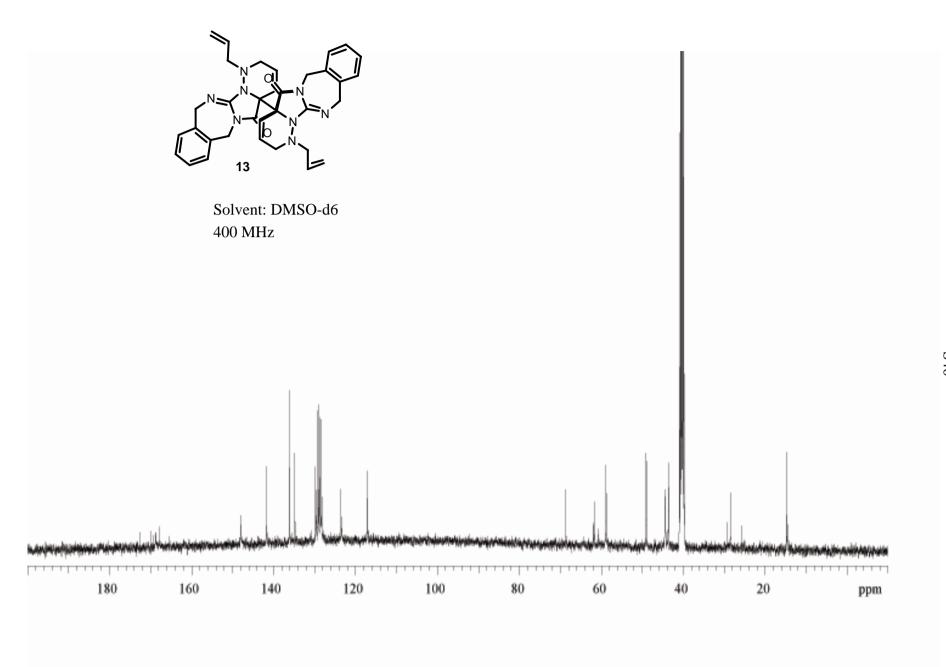
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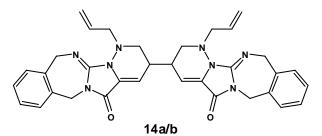




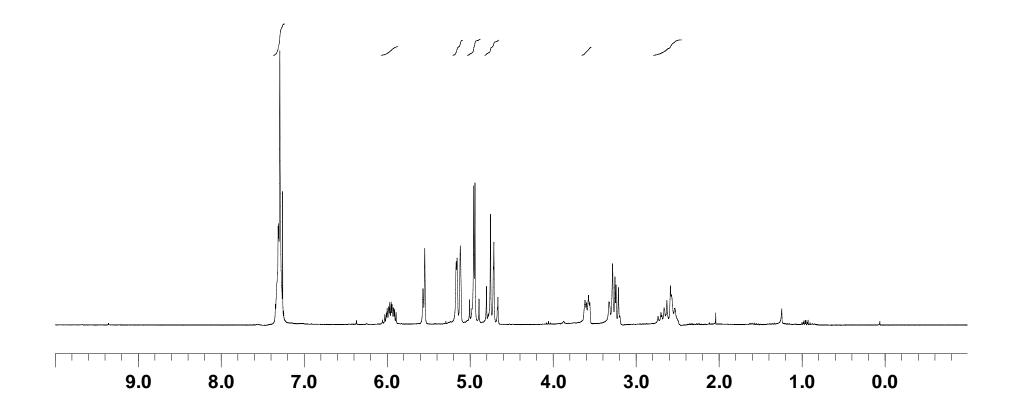


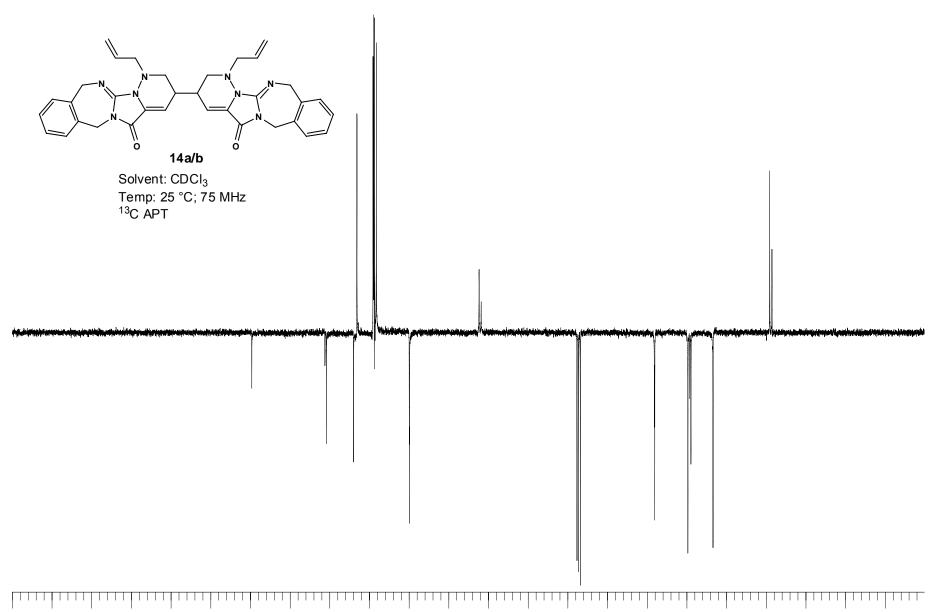




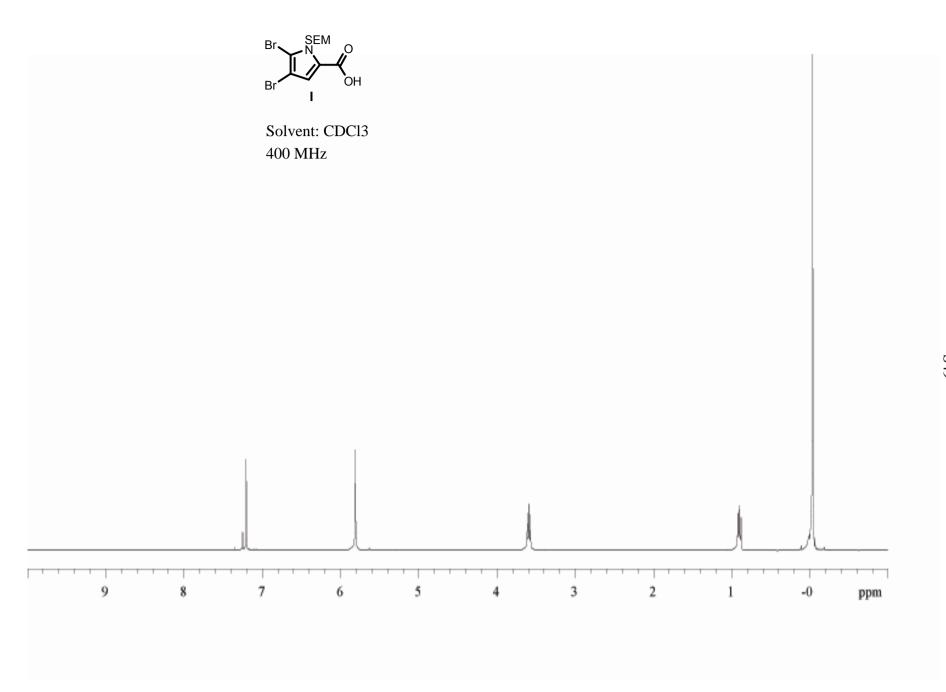


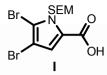
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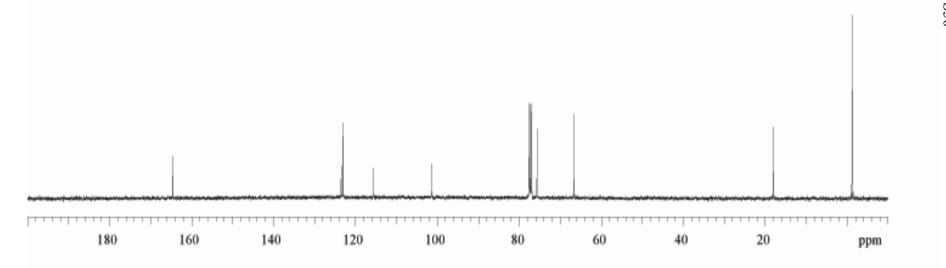


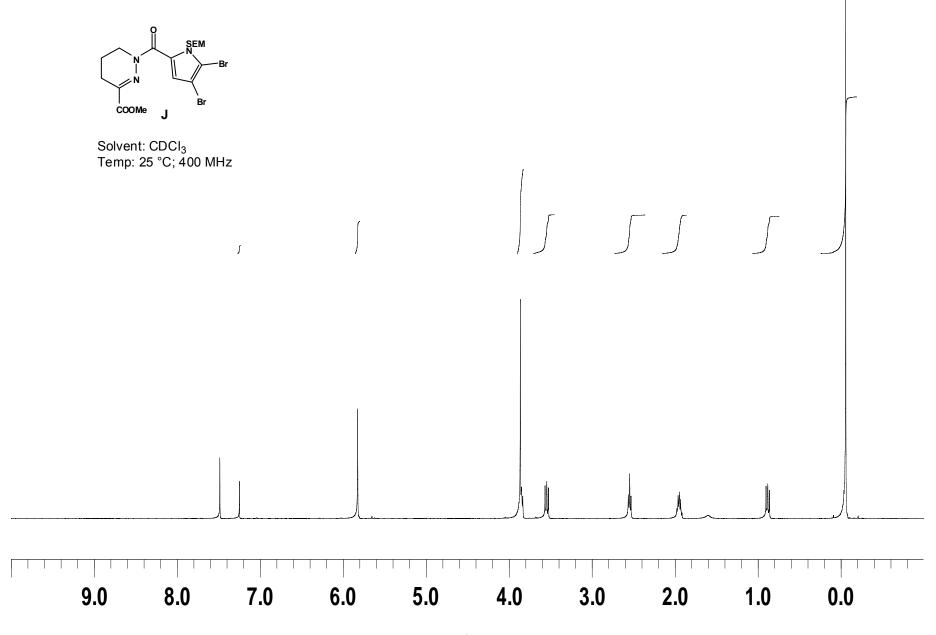
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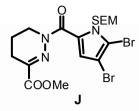




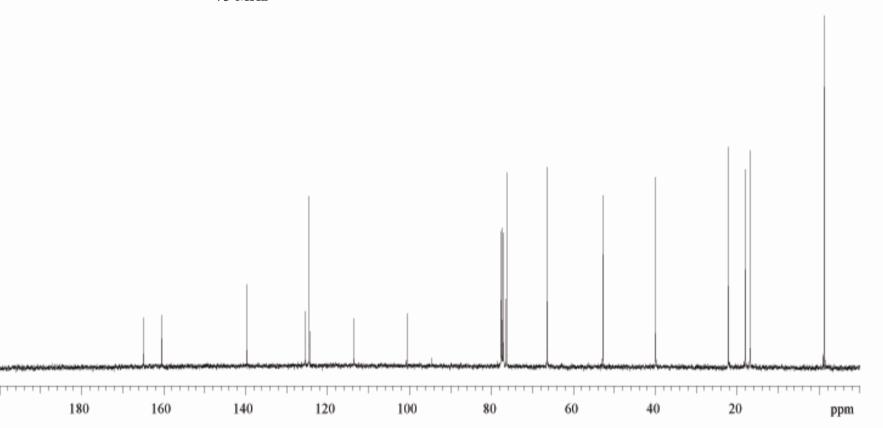
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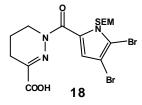






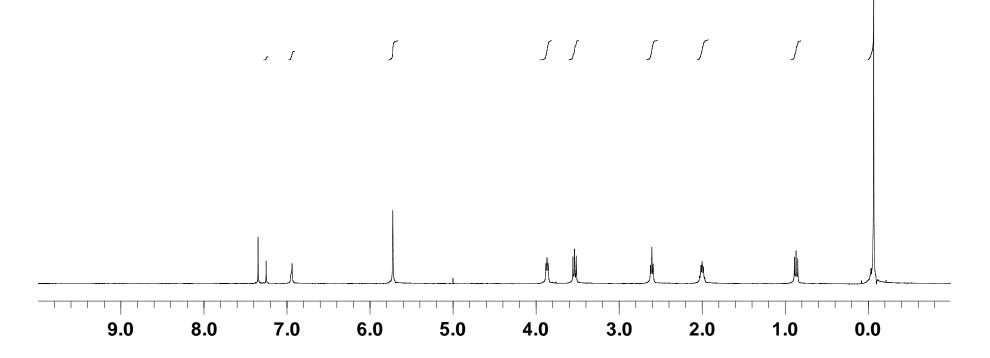
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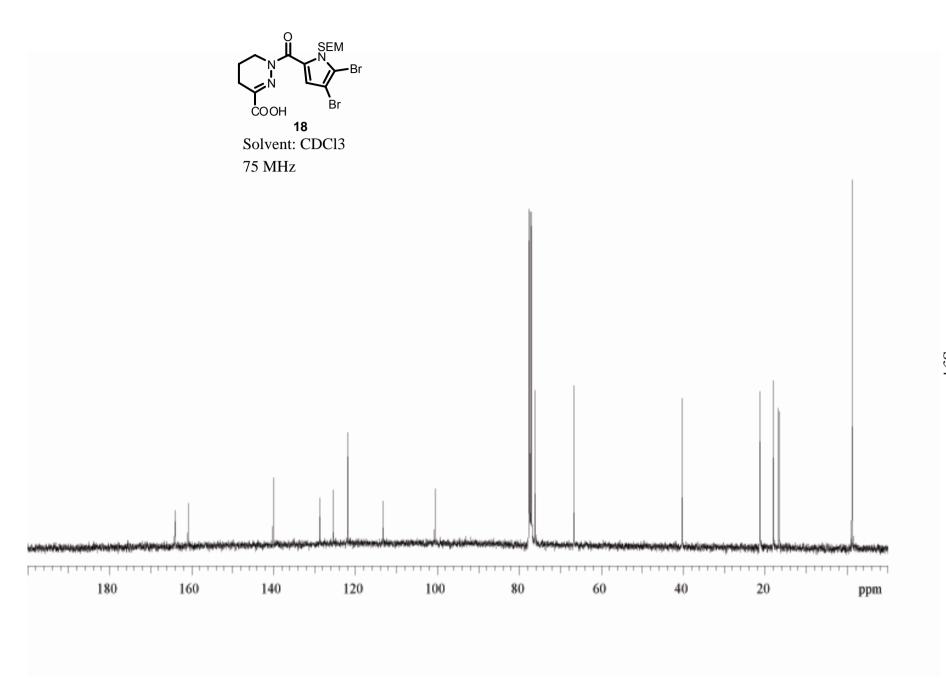


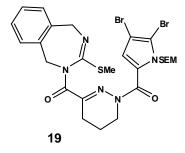


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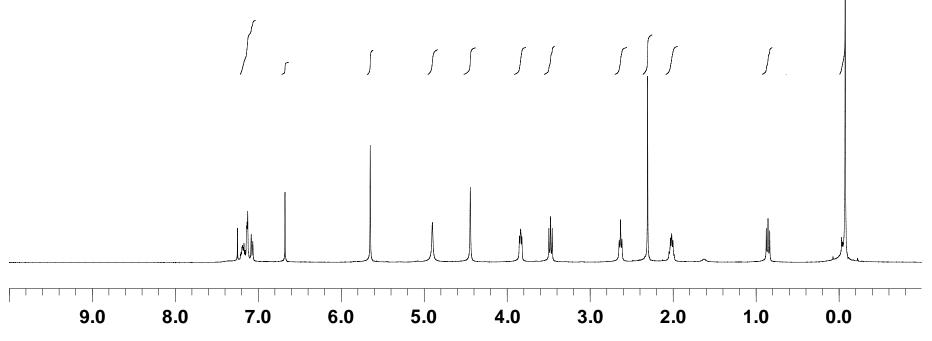
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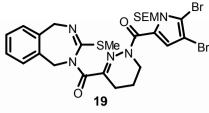




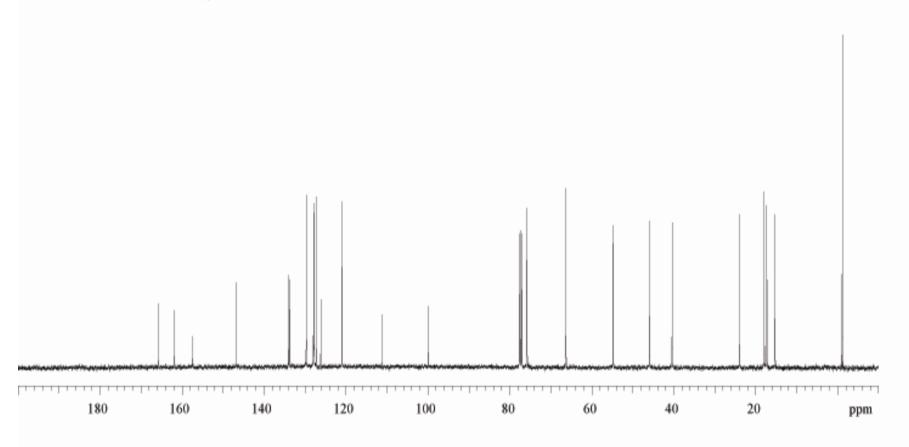


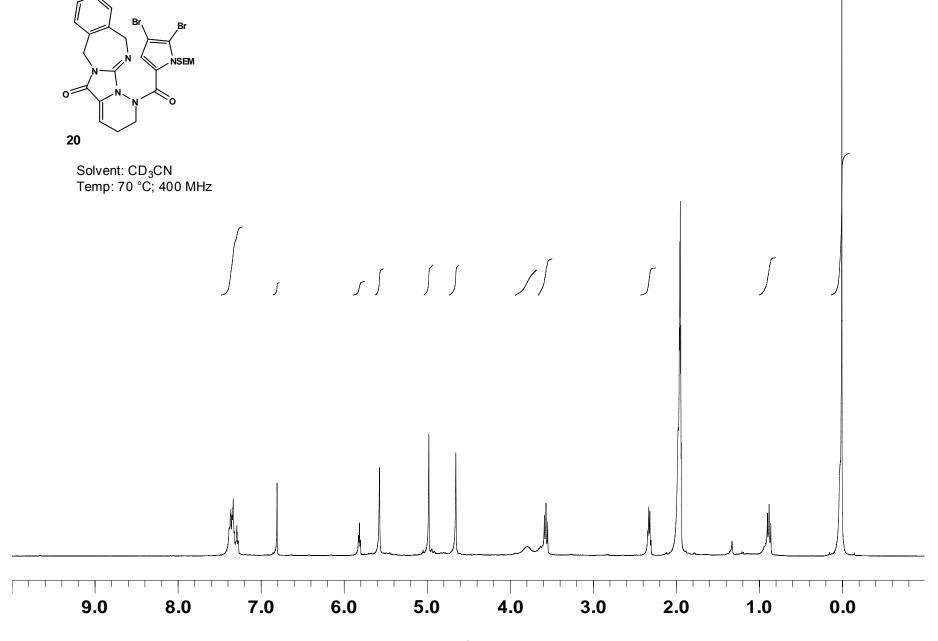
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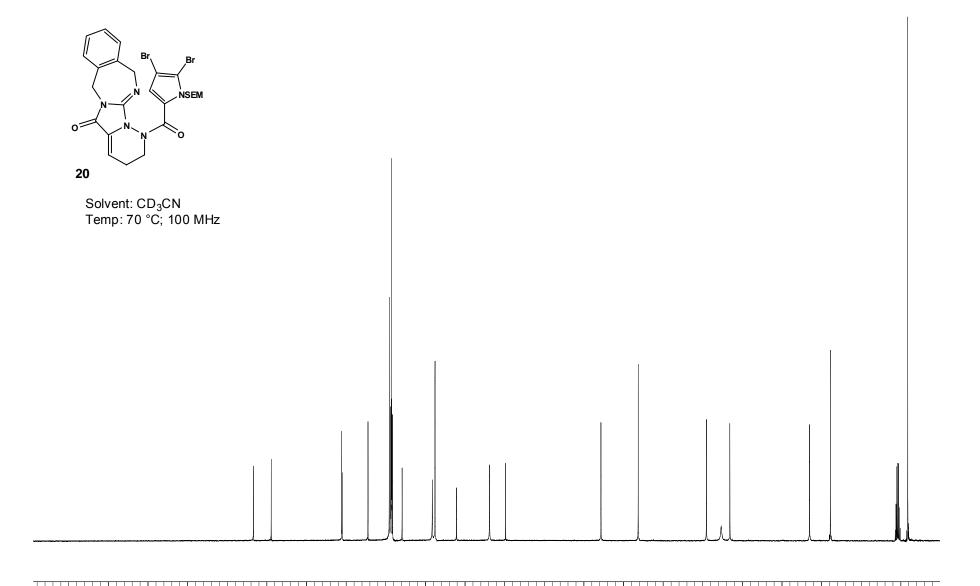




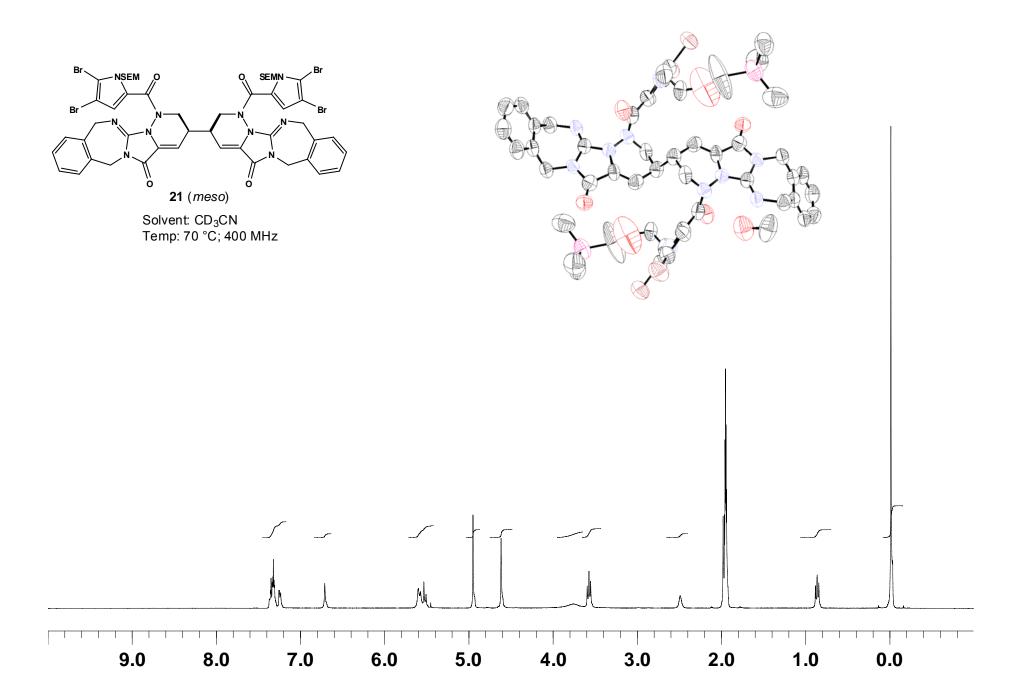
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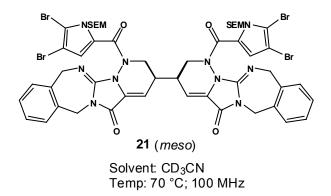


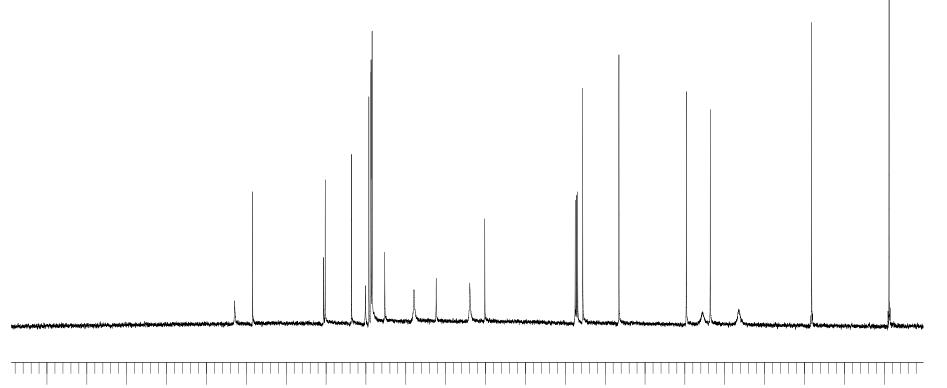


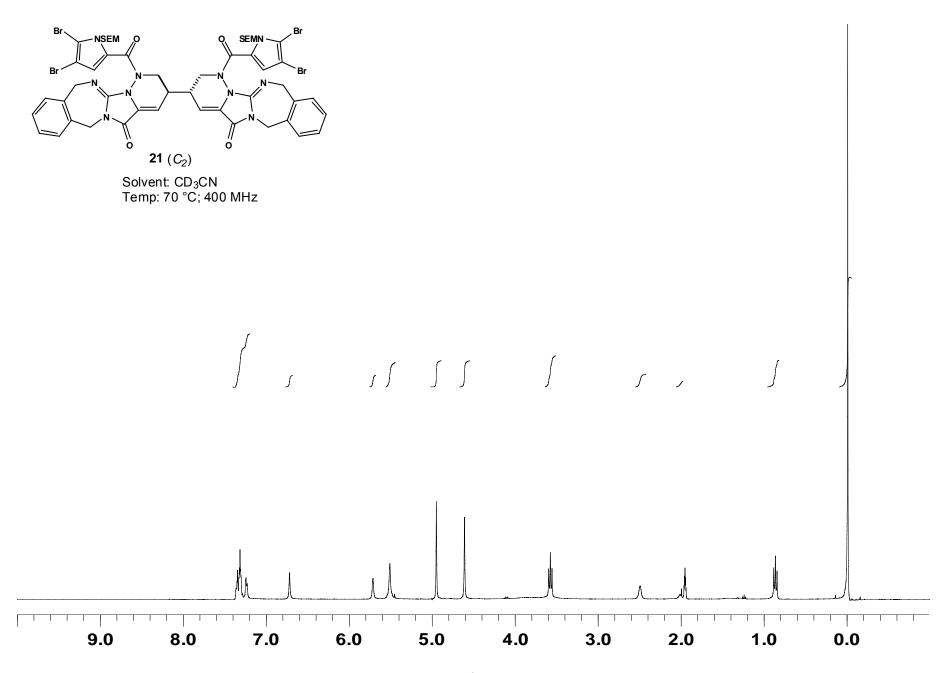


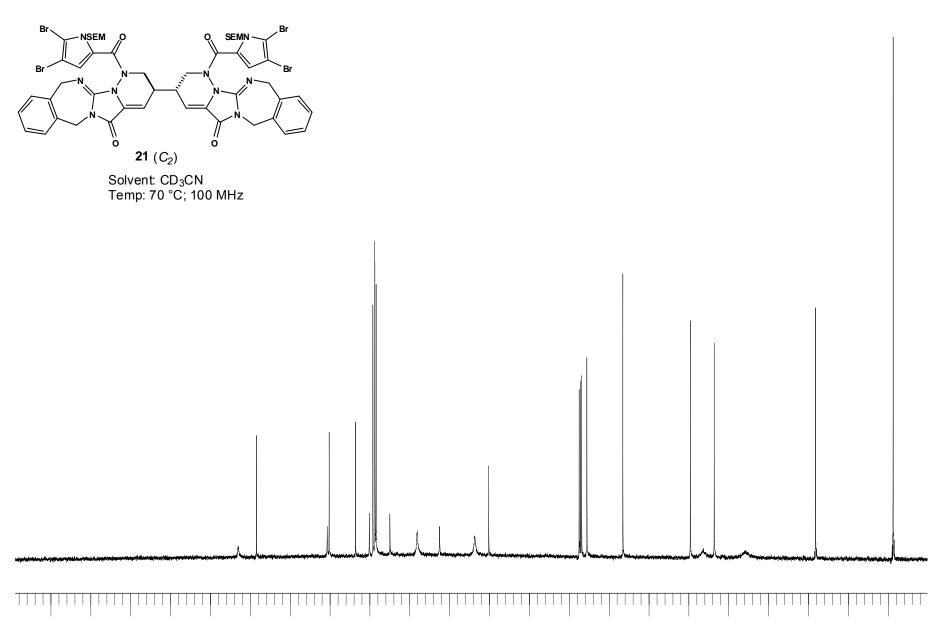
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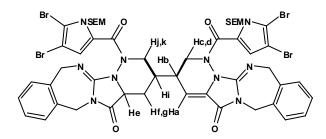






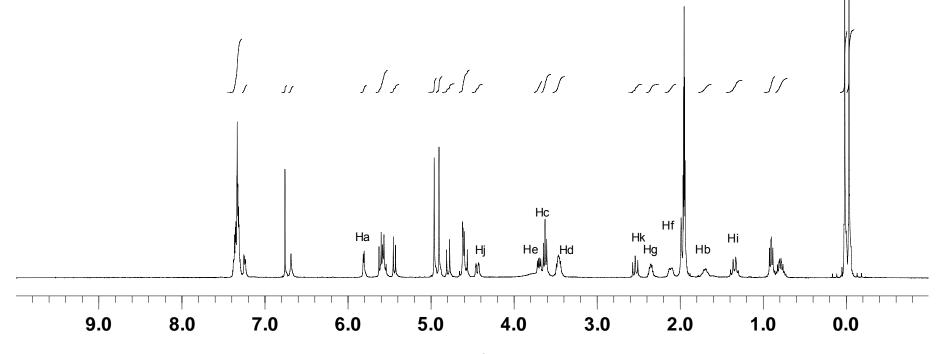


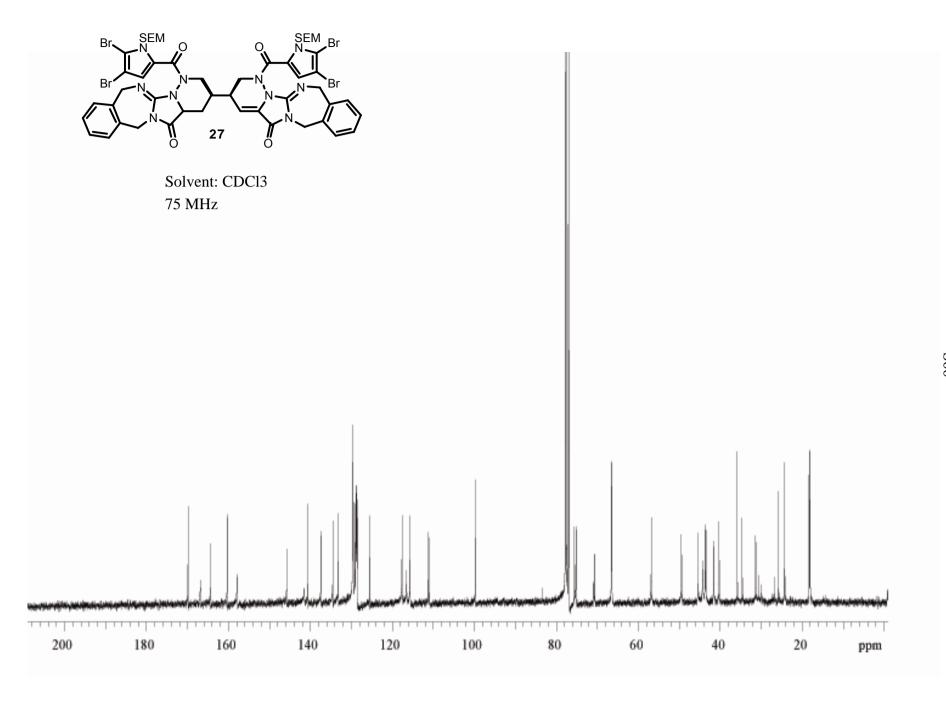
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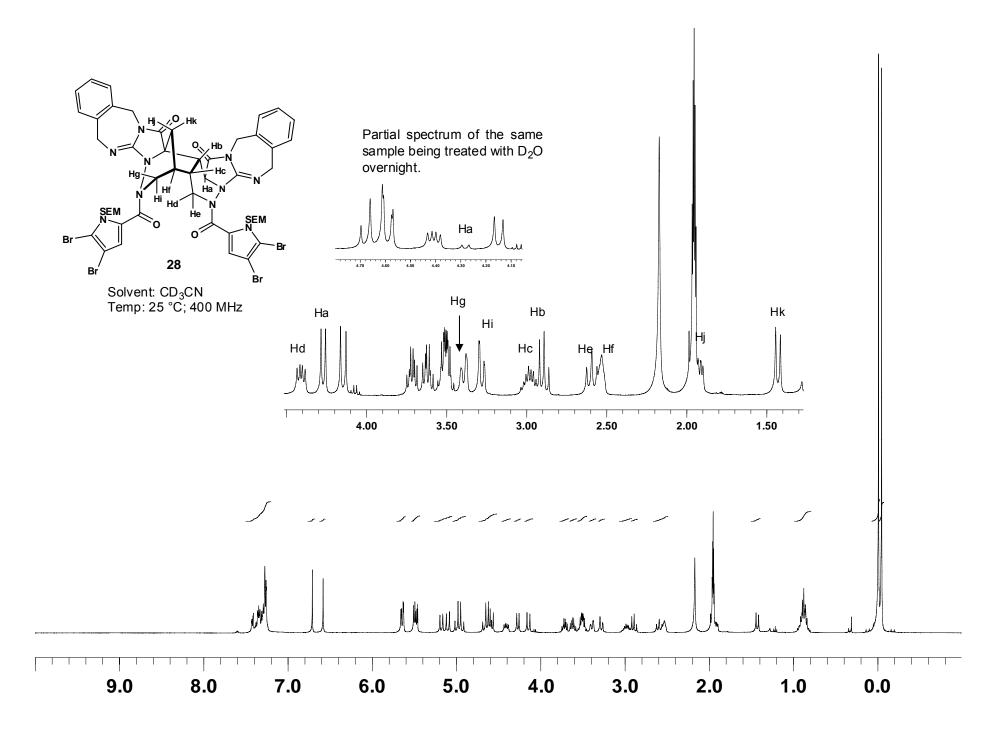


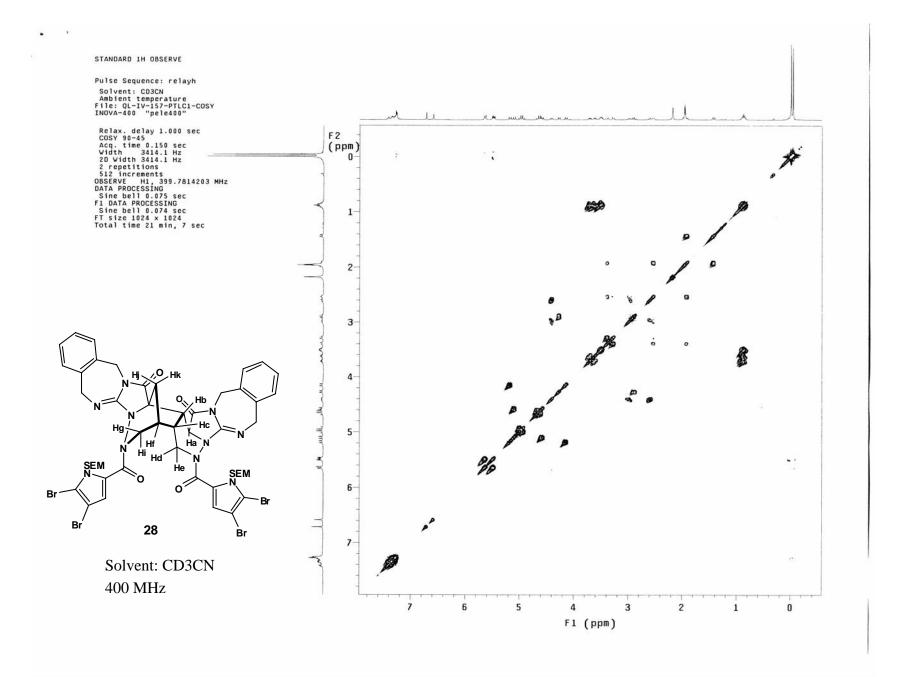
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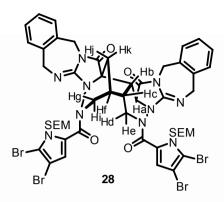
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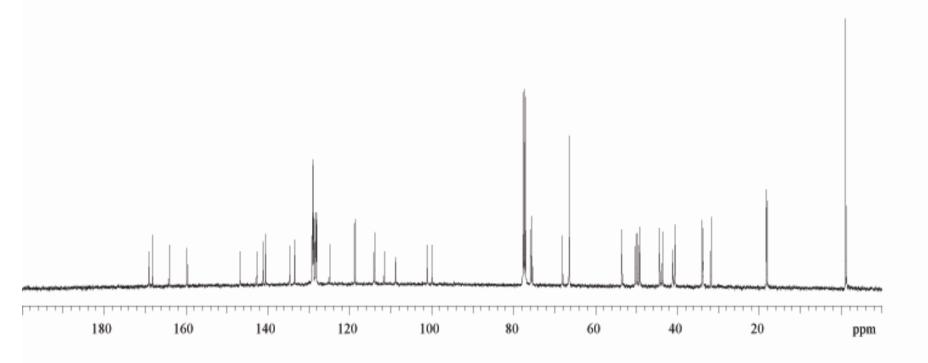


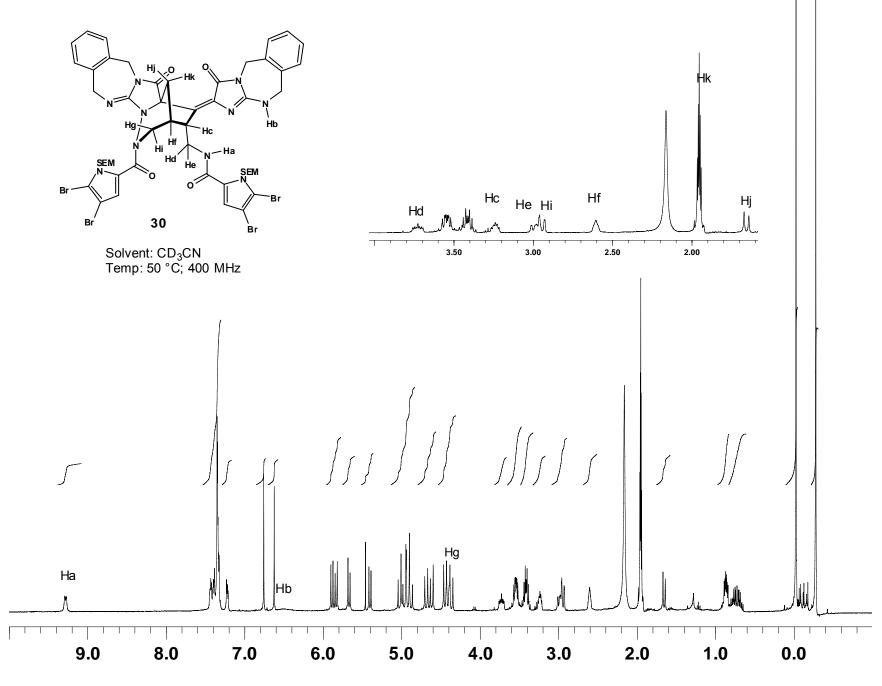


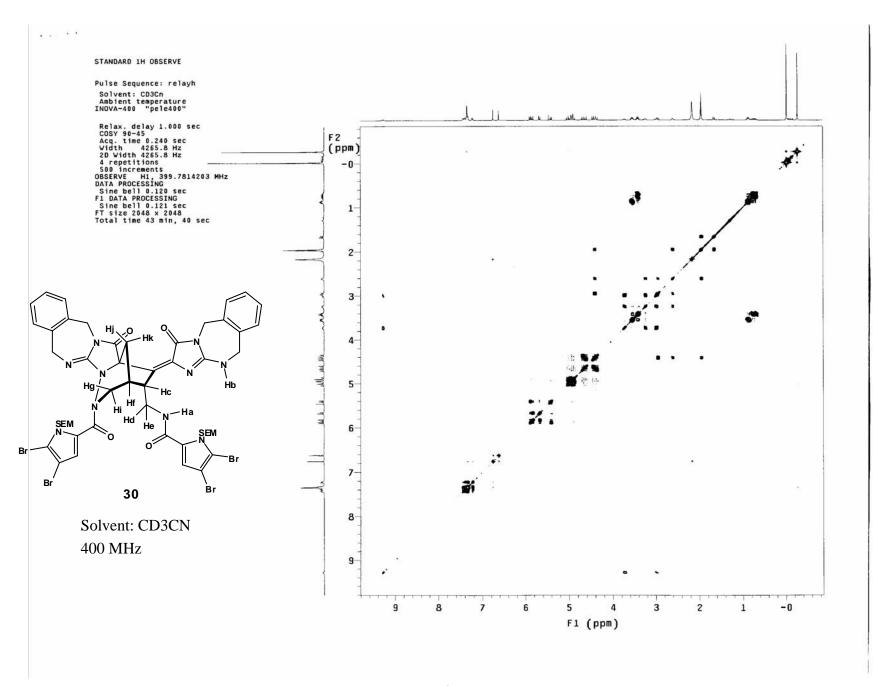


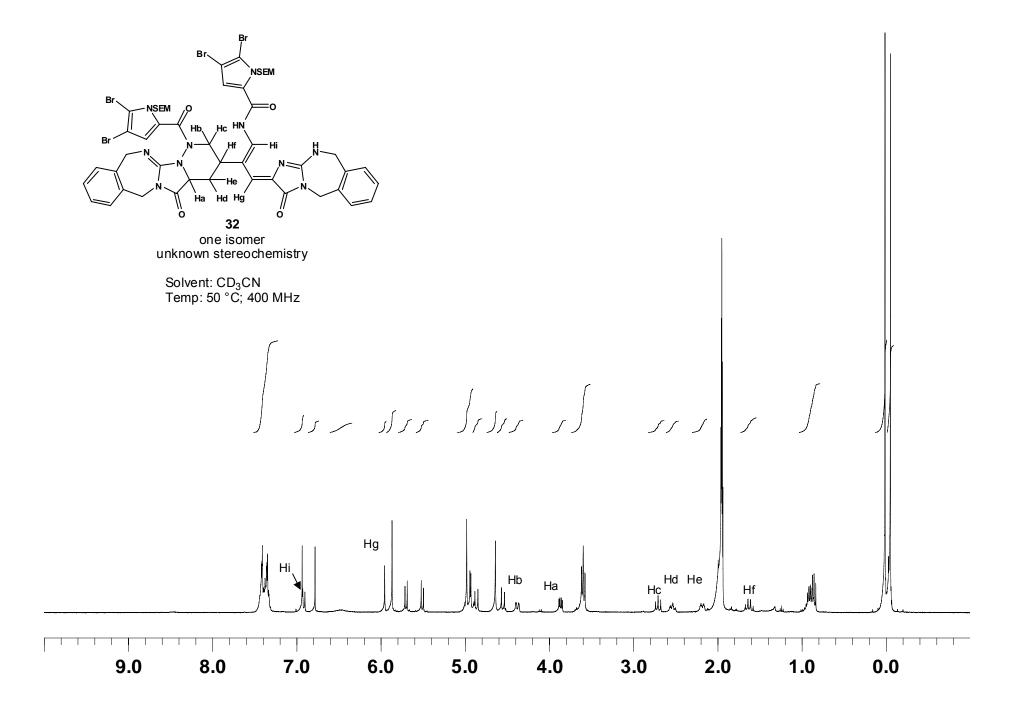


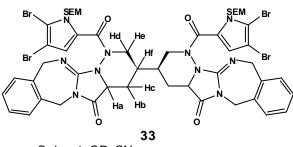
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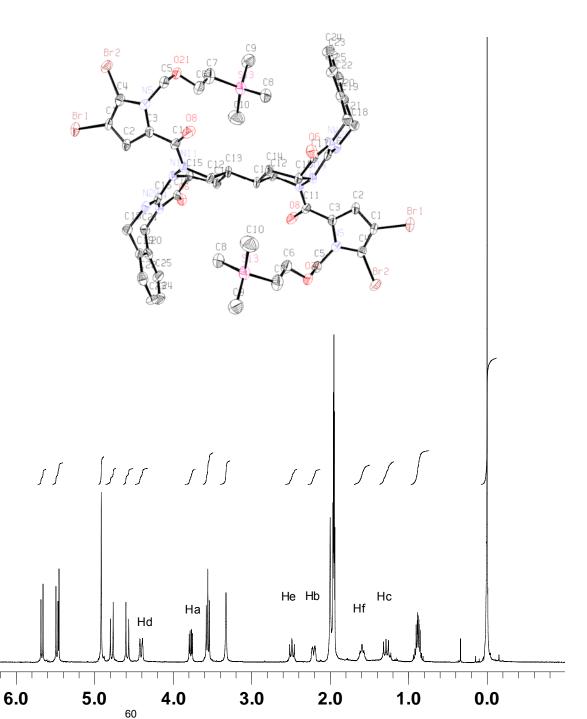
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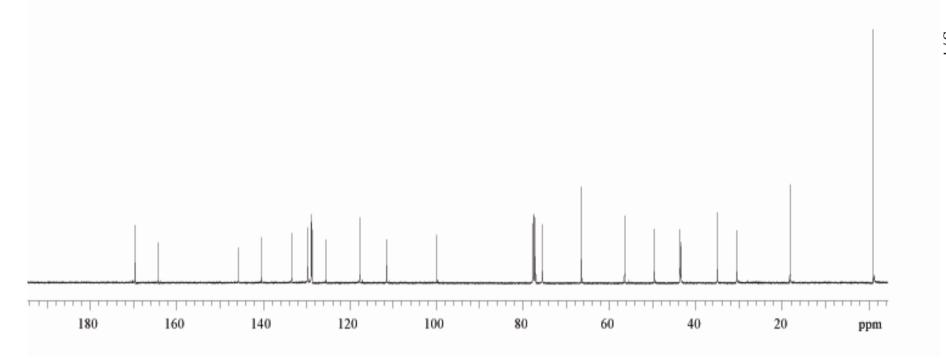
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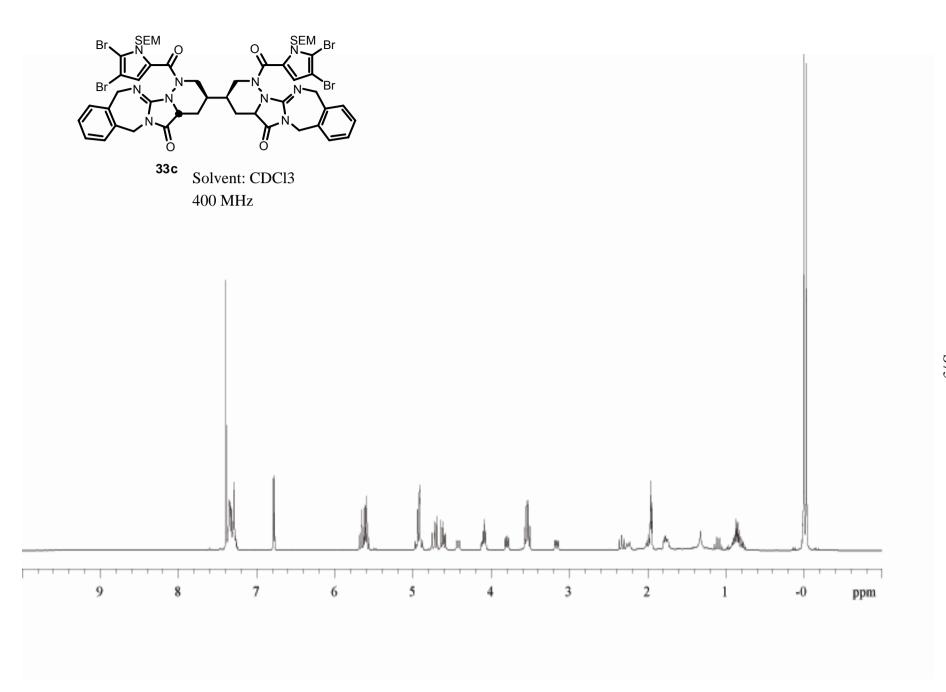
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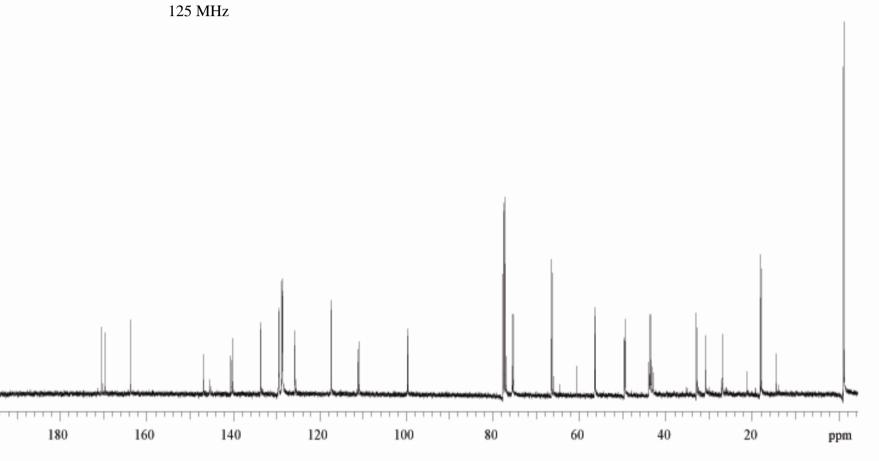


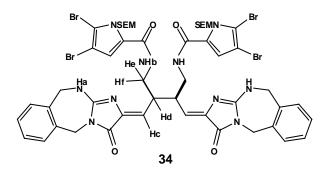
33a + 33b

Solvent: CDCl3 125 MHz

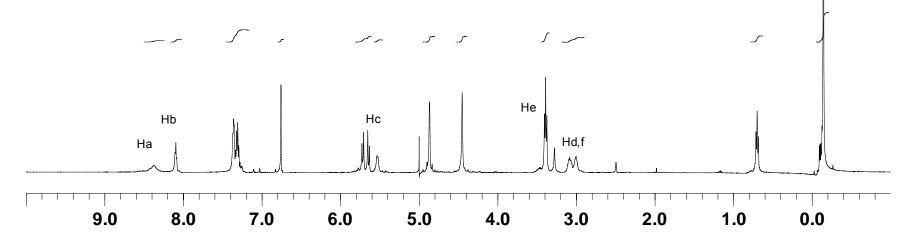


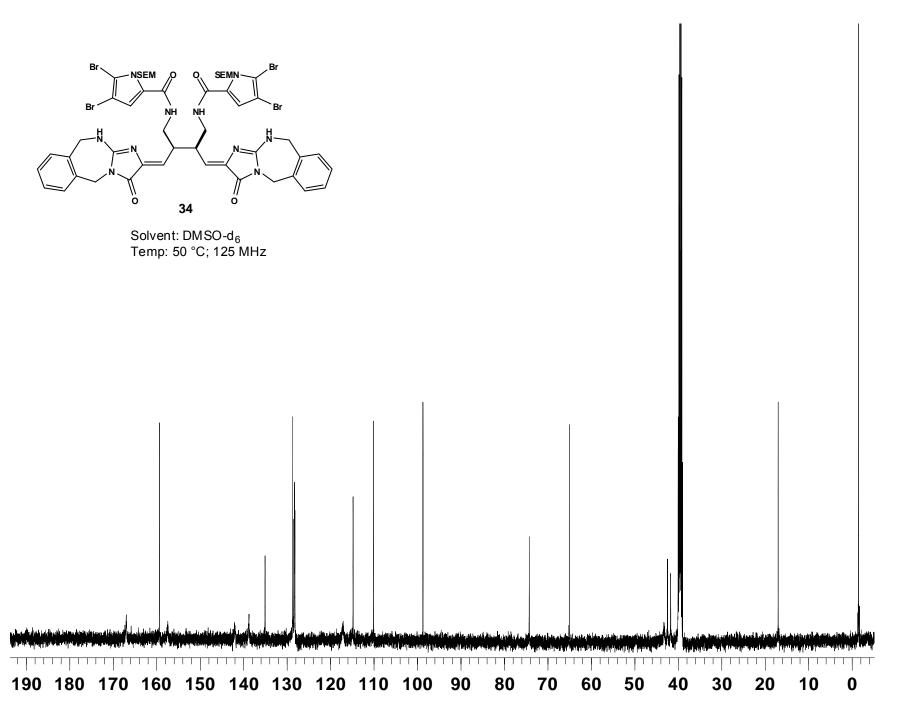






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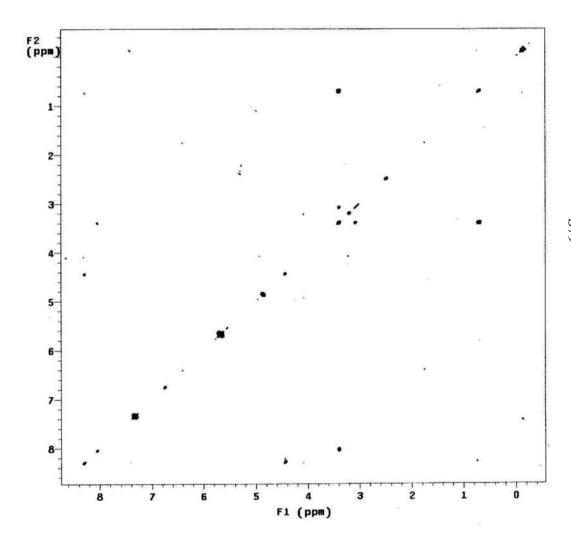


STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS

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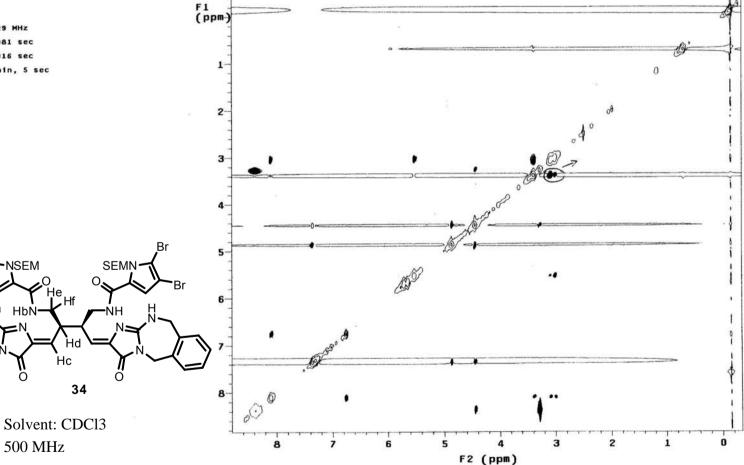


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Mixing 0.200 sec
Acq. time 0.204 sec
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20 Width 5024.5 Hz
16 repetitions
2 x 200 increments
OBSERVE H1, 493.7802429 MHz
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F1 DATA PROCESSING
Gauss apodization 0.016 sec
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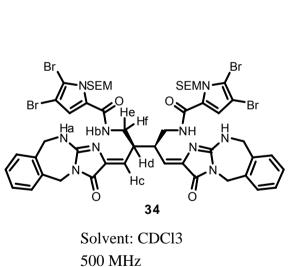
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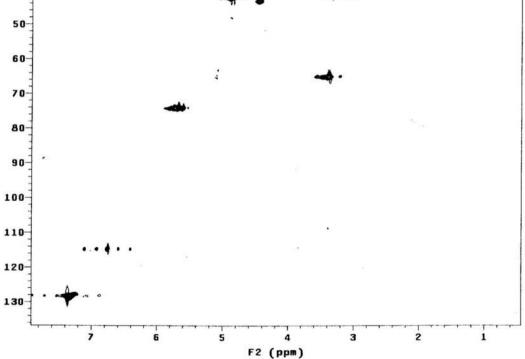


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Acq. time 0.196 sec
Width 5213.8 Hz
2D Vidth 22008.3 Hz
48 repetitions
2 x 380 increments
OBSERVE HI, 499.7802429 MHz
POWER 34 dB
on during acquisition
off during delay
GARP-1 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Oauss apodization 0.070 sec
FI DATA PROCESSING
Gauss apodization 0.007 sec
FI Size 2048 x 2048
Total time 12 hr, 5 min, 7 sec

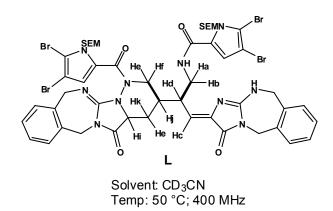


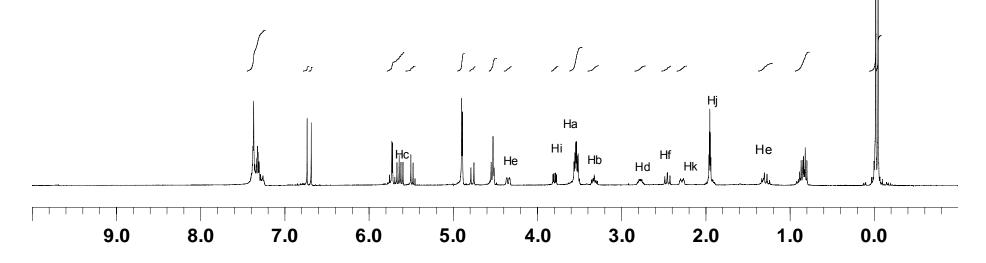


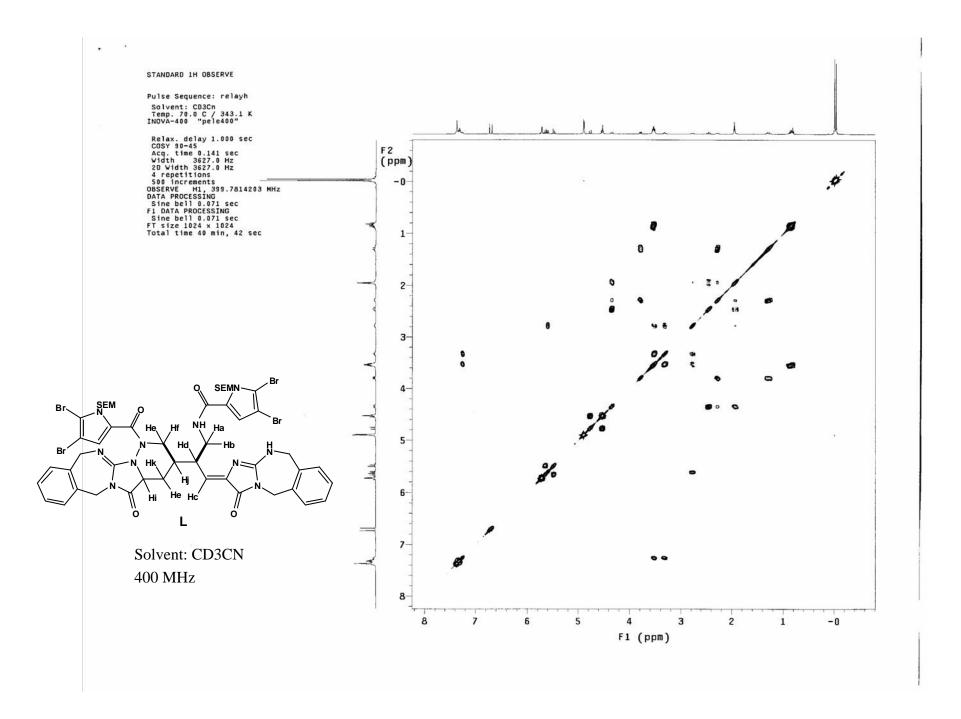
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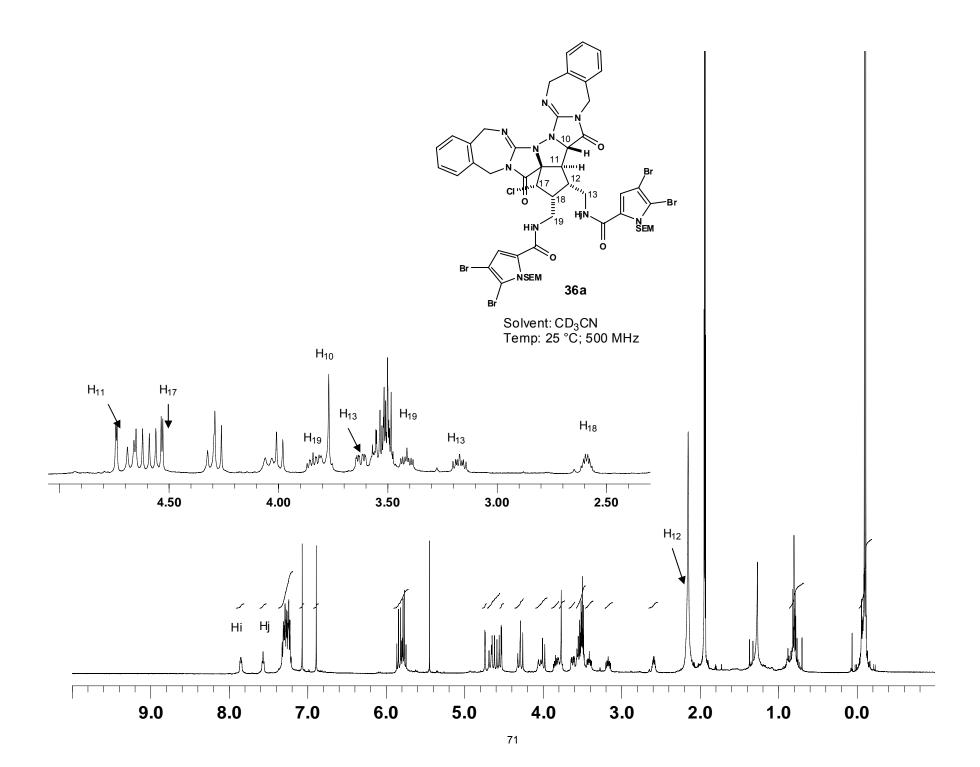
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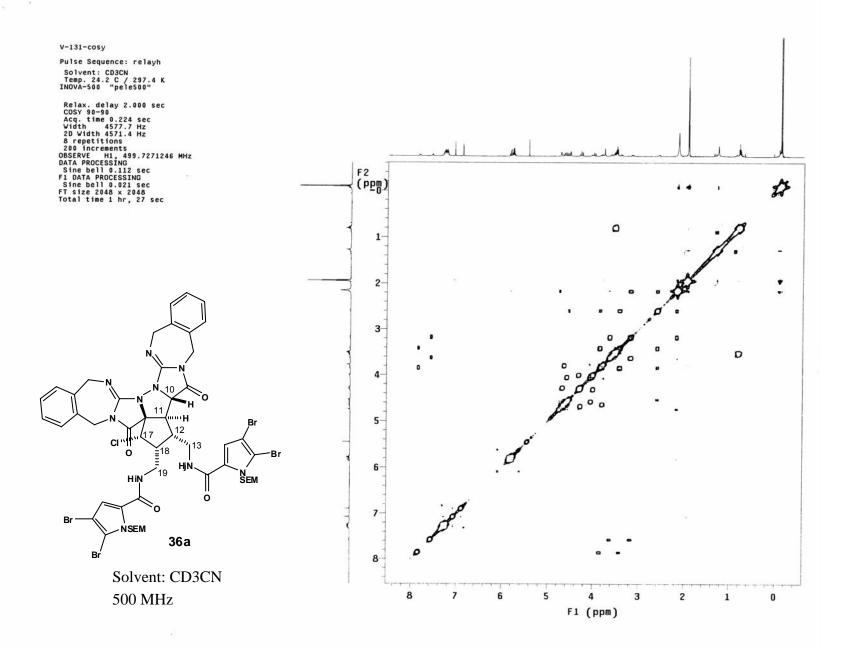
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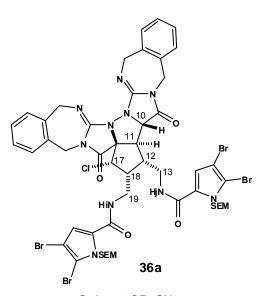




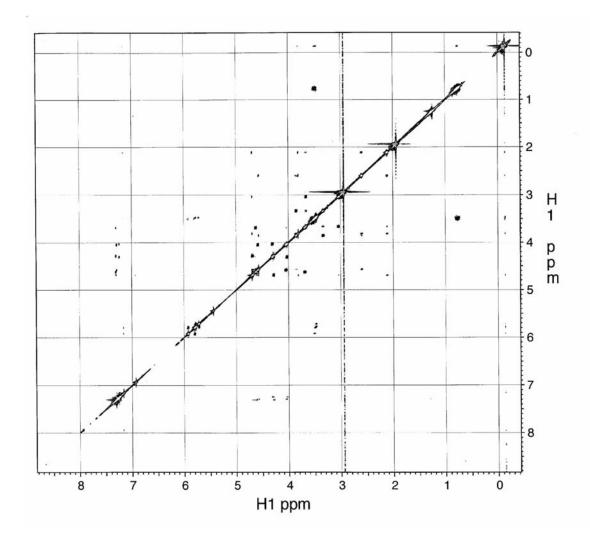


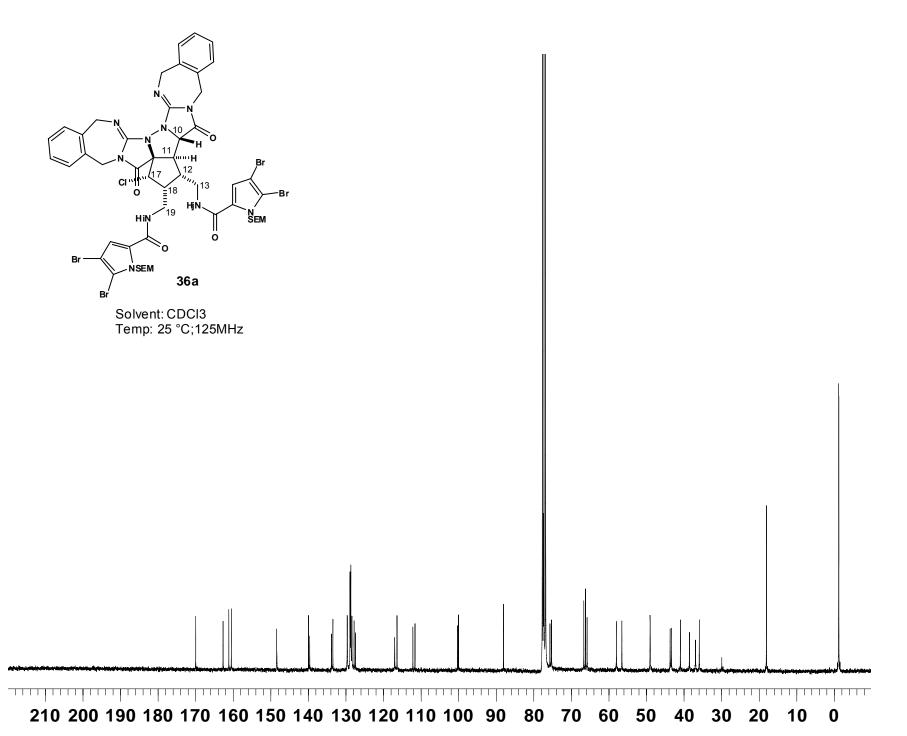






Solvent: CD₃CN Temp: 25 °C; 800 MHz Pulse sequence: noesy

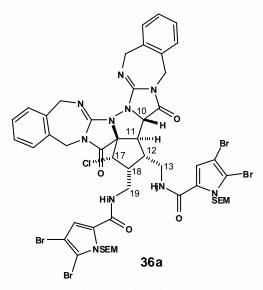




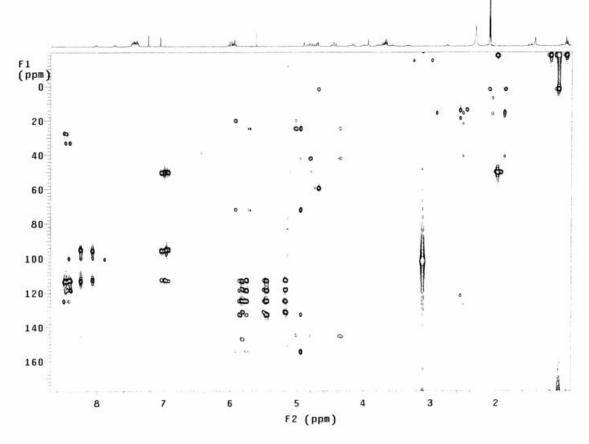


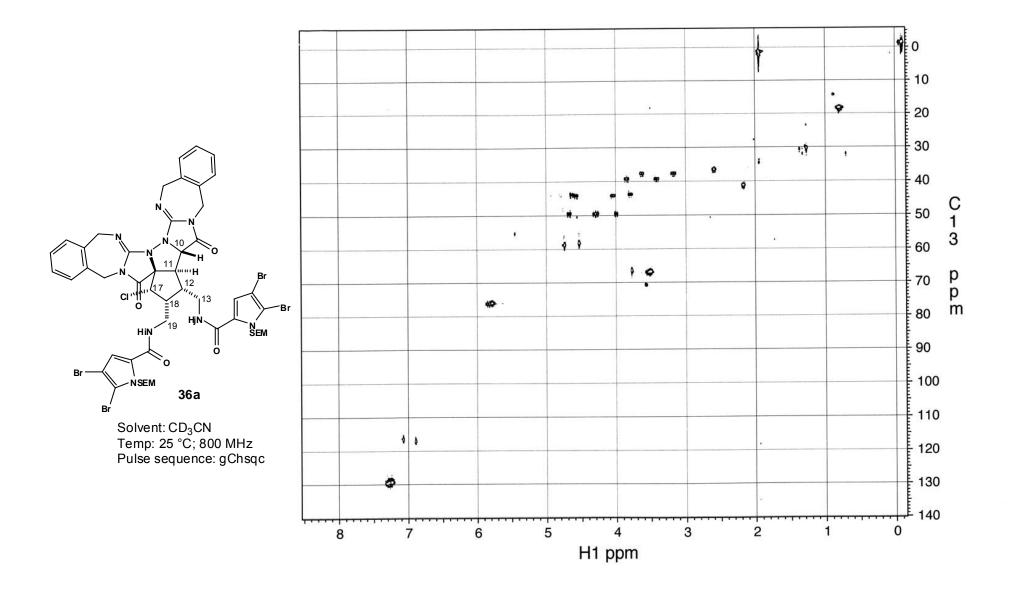
Pulse Sequence: gHMBC Solvent: CD3CN Temp. 24.2 C / 297.4 K INOVA-500 "pele500"

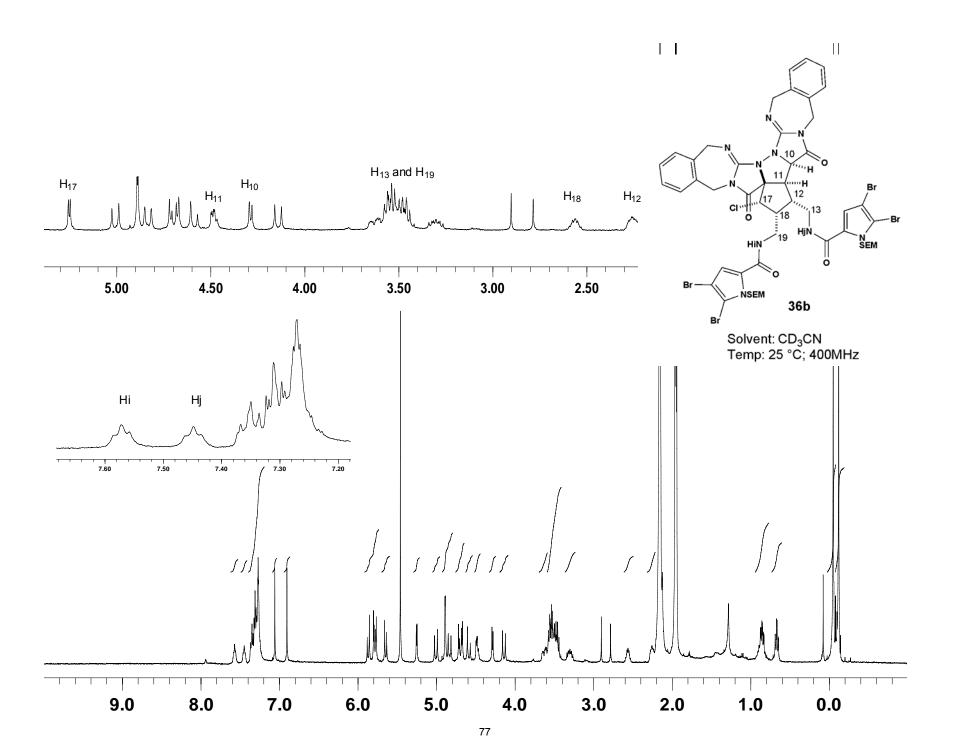
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Acq. time 0.239 sec
Vidth 4577.7 Hz
2D Vidth 25000.0 Hz
16 repetitions
150 increments
OBSERVE H1, 499.7265377 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
Sine bell 0.005 sec
F1 DATA PROCESSING
Sine bell 0.007 sec
FT size 2048 x 2048
Total time 53 min, 17 sec

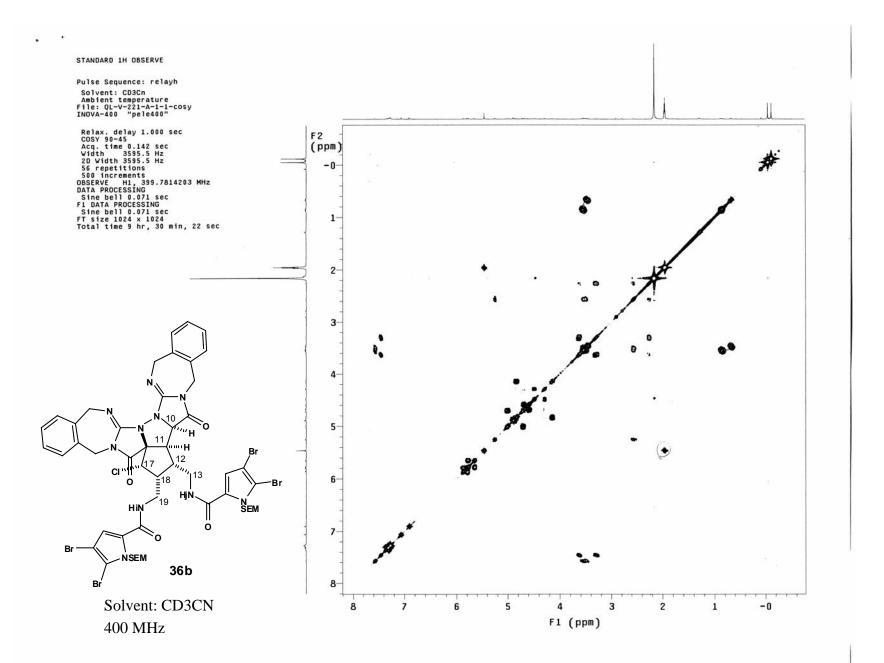


Solvent: CD₃CN Temp: 25 °C; 800 MHz





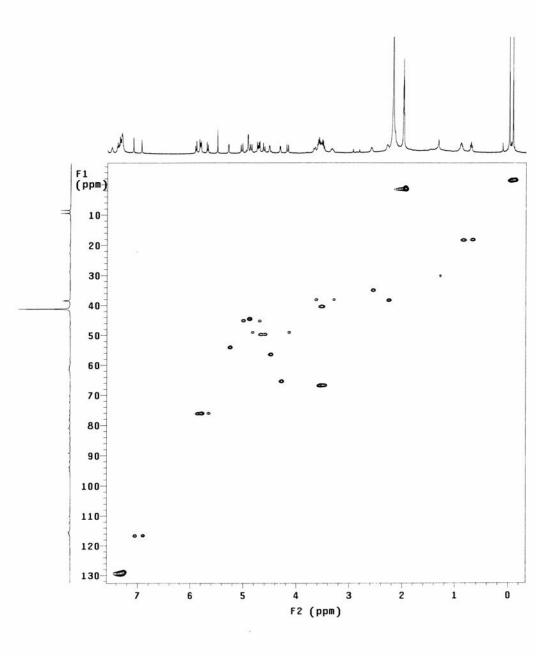


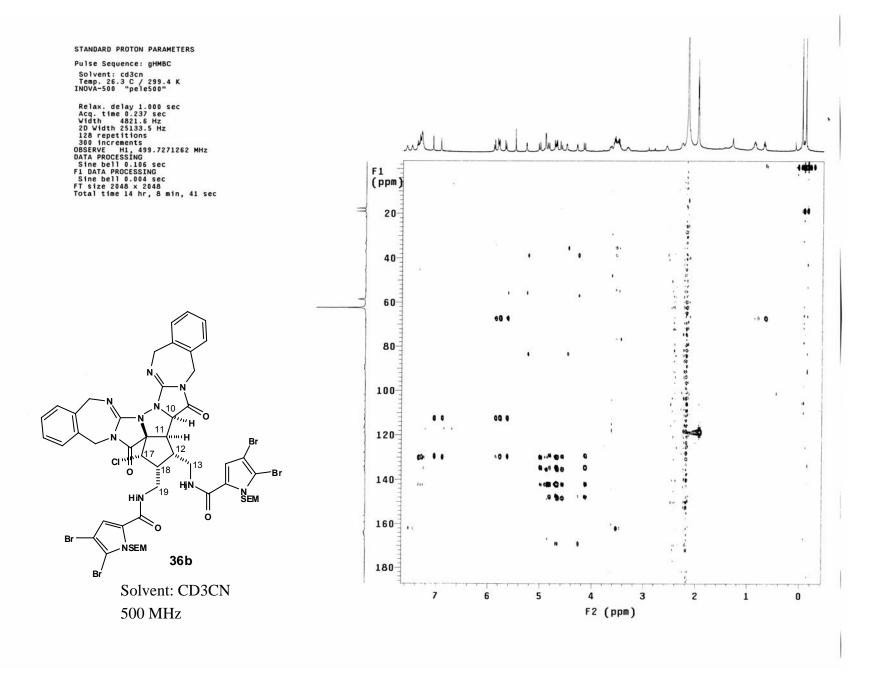


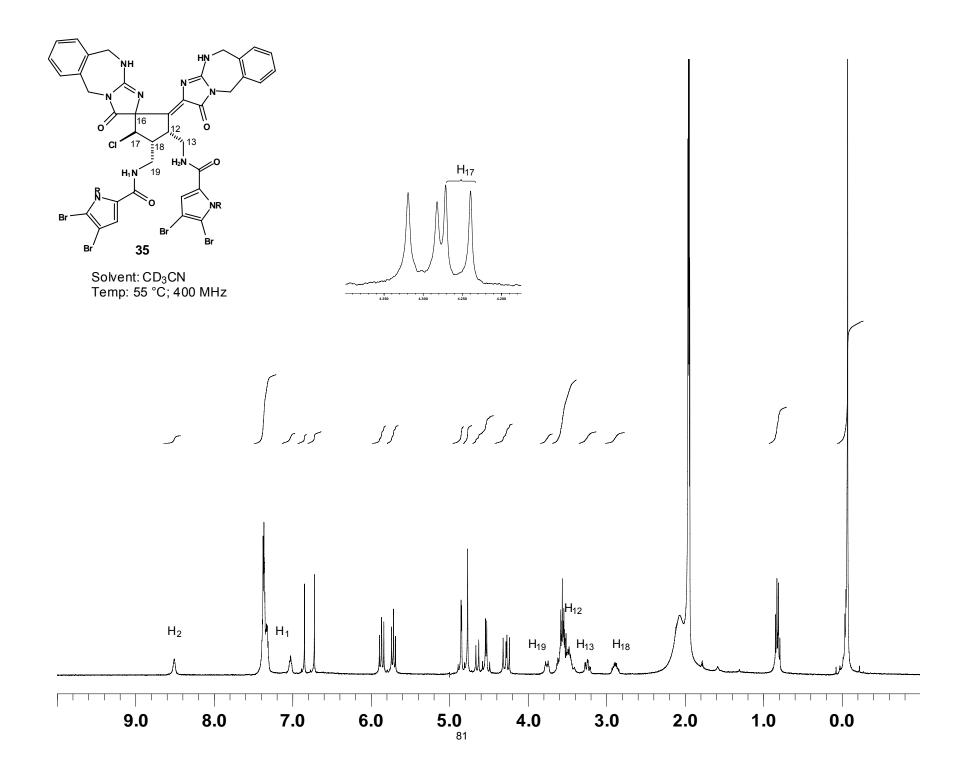
13C HSQC Pulse Sequence: gChsqc Solvent: cd3cn Temp. 26.3 C / 299.4 K INOVA-500 "pele500" Relax. delay 1.000 sec Acq. time 0.200 sec Vidth 4821.6 Hz

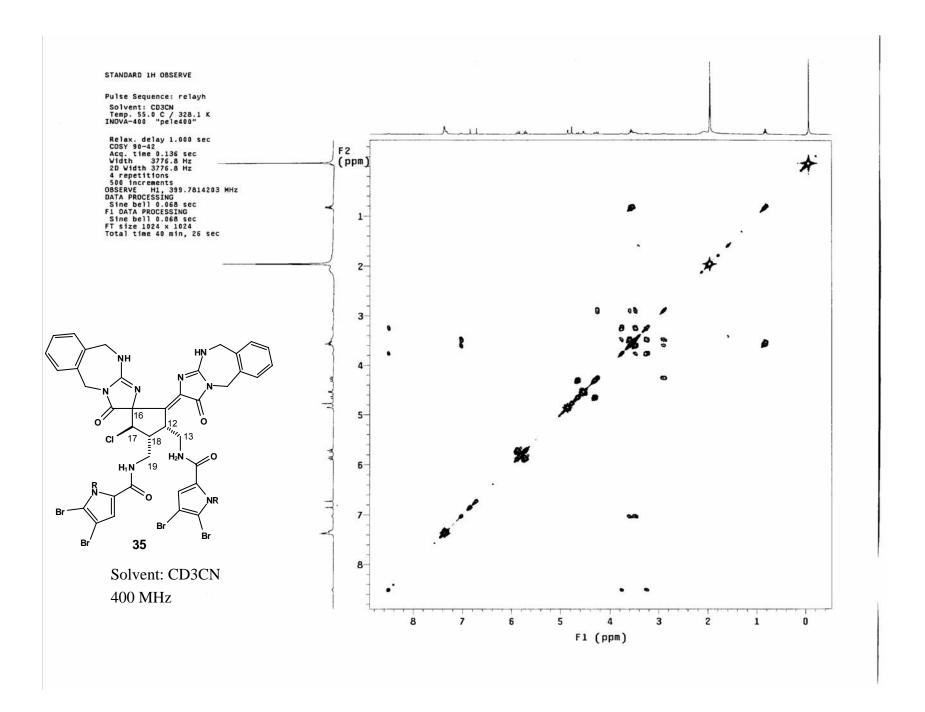
Relax. delay 1.000 sec
Acq. time 0.200 sec
Width 4821.6 Hz
2D Width 25132.0 Hz
32 repetitions
2 x 300 increments
OBSERVE H1, 499.7271231 MHz
POWER 47 dB
on during acquisition
off during delay
wurst140 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Gauss apodization 0.022 sec
F1 DATA PROCESSING
Gauss apodization 0.005 sec
FT size 2046 x 2048
Total time 6 hr, 36 min, 44 sec

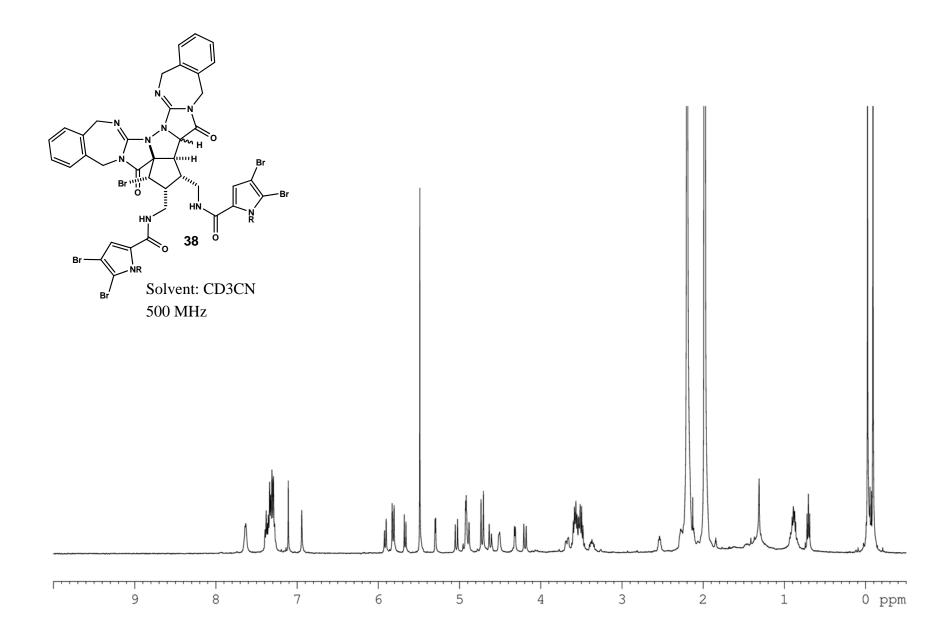
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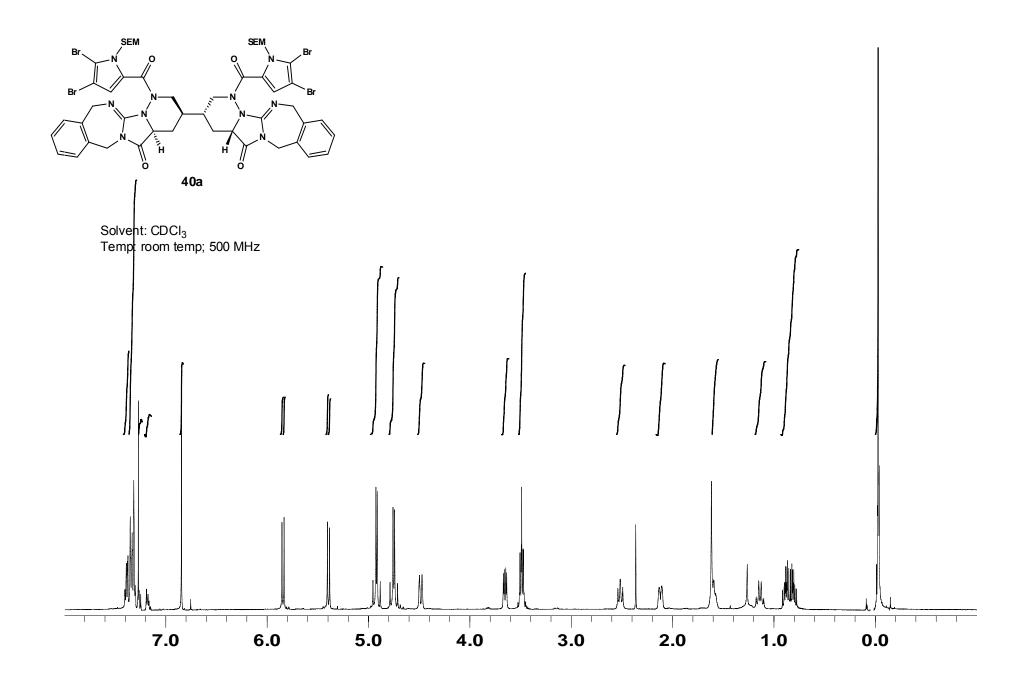


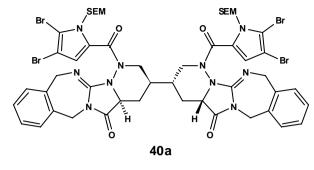






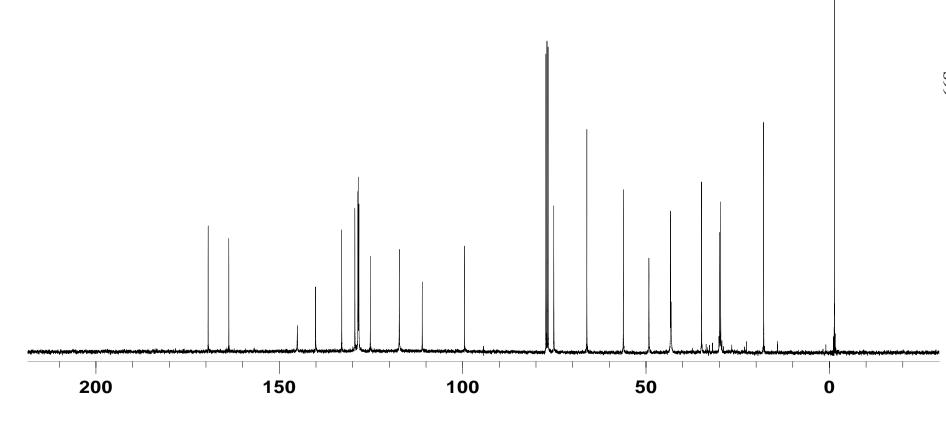


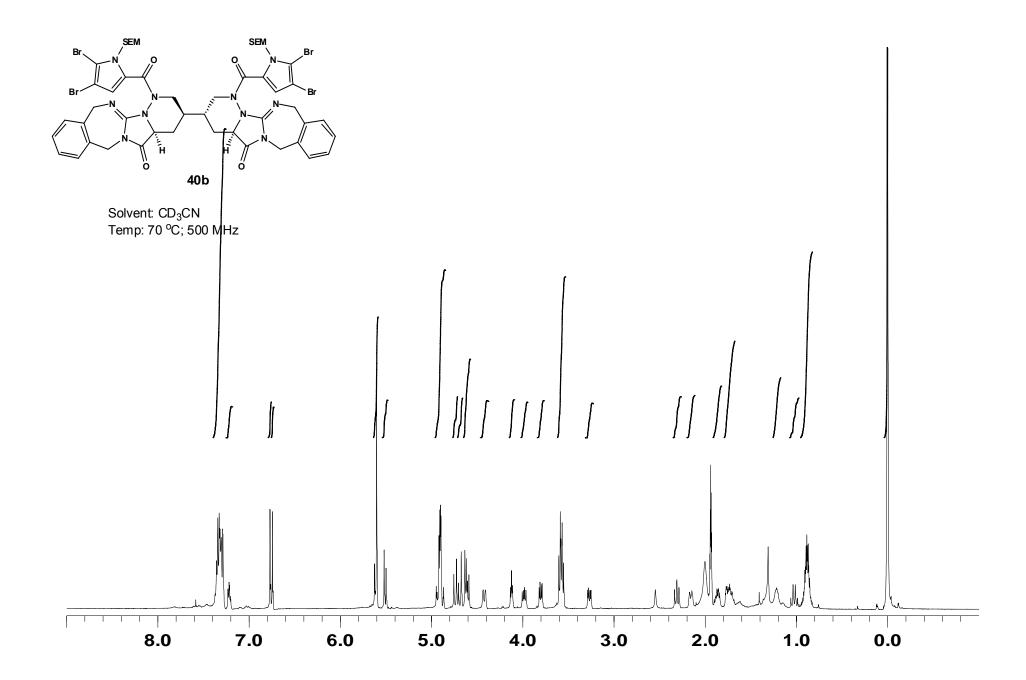


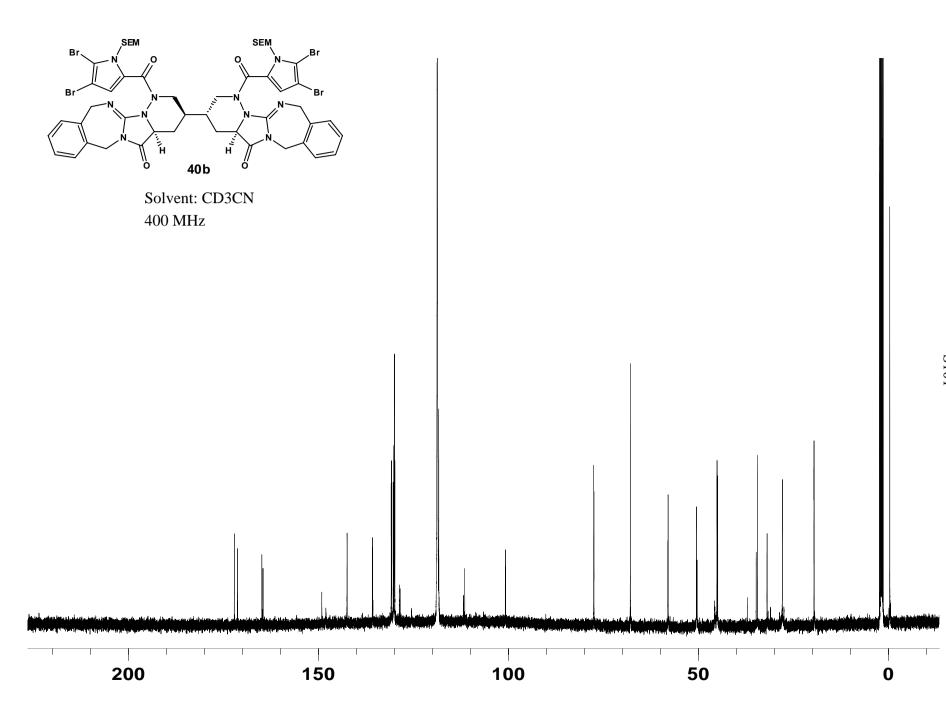


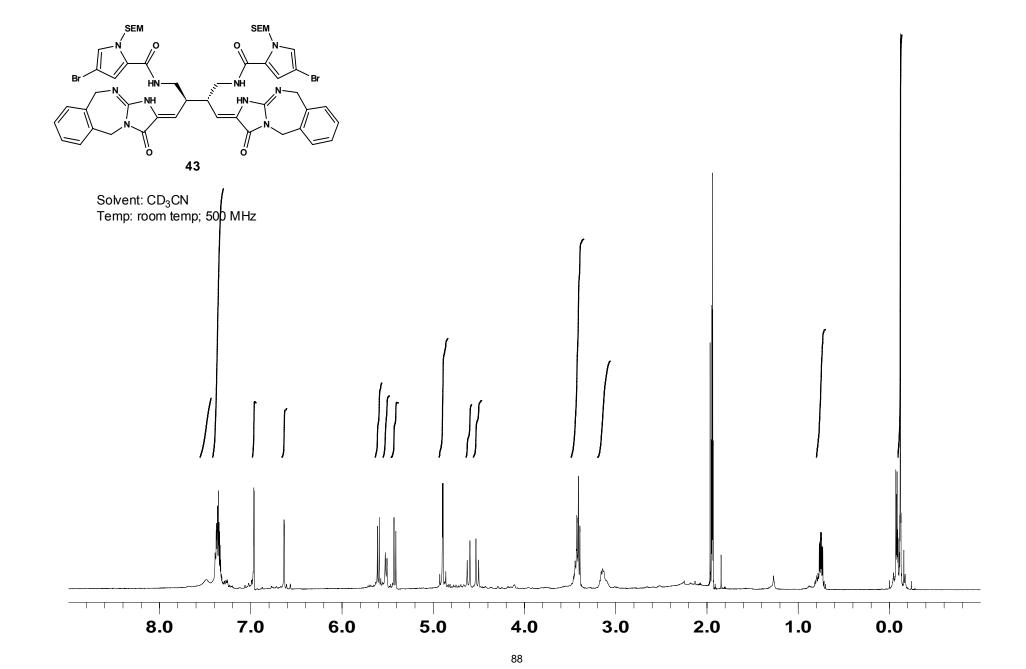
Solvent: CDCl3

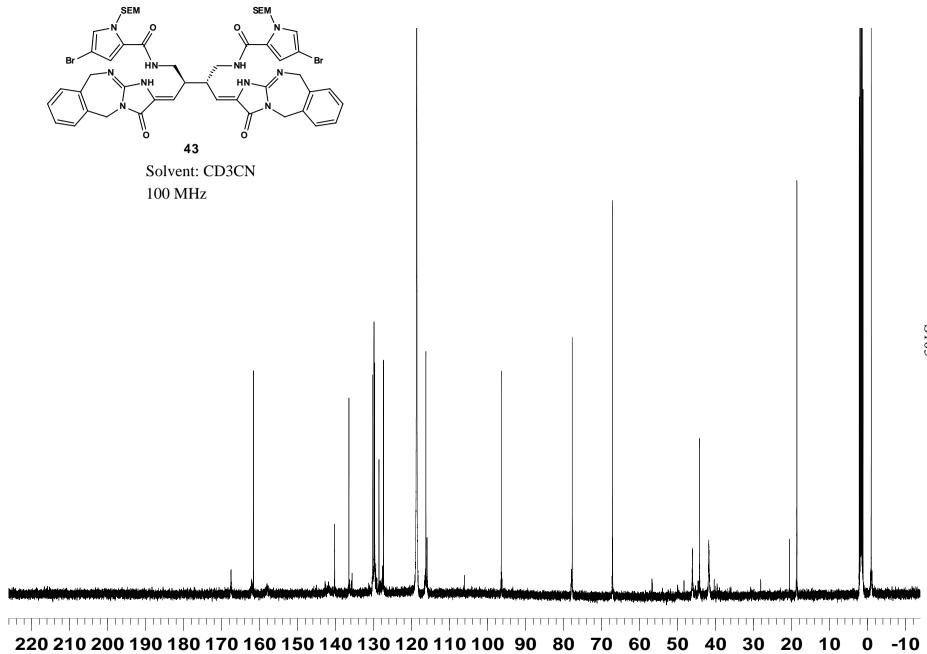
100 MHz

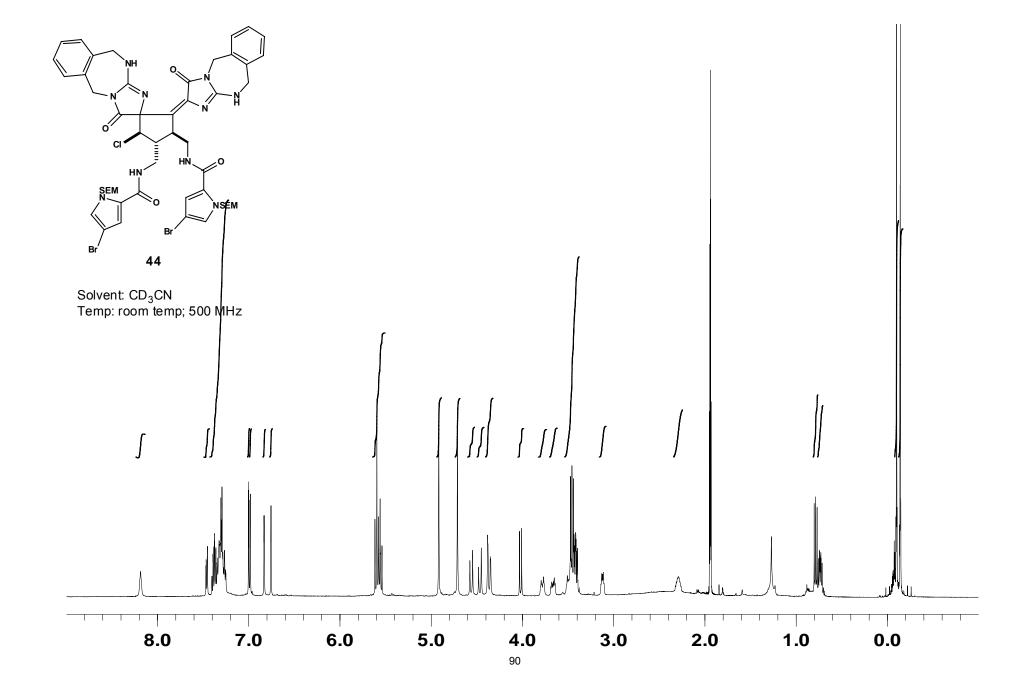


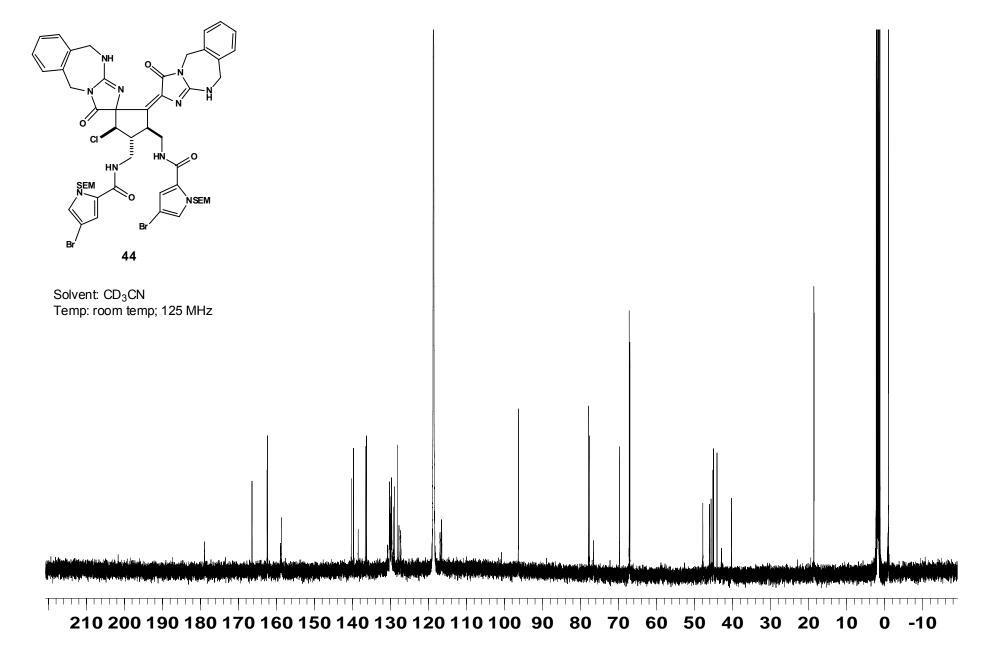


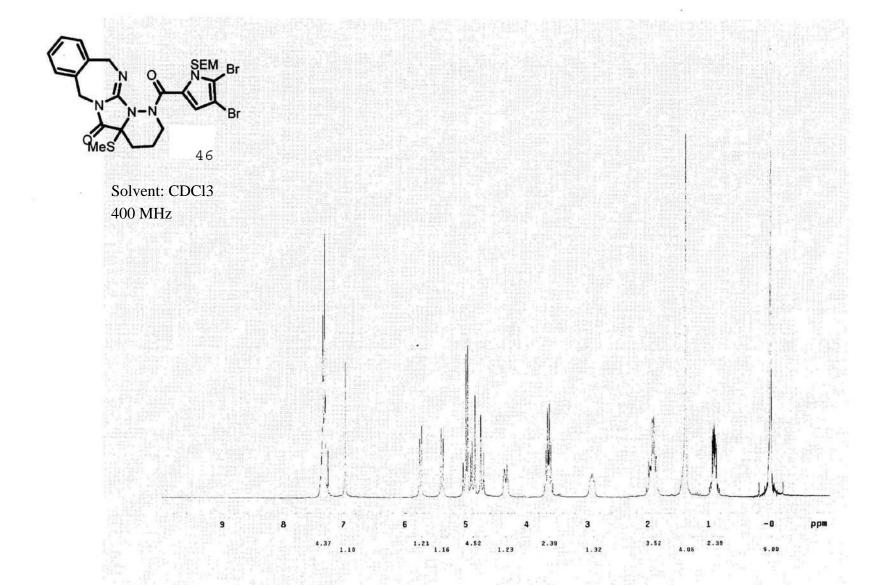


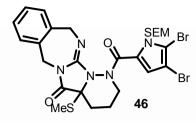












Solvent: CDCl3

100 MHz

