

# Supporting Information

## Manganese(I)-Catalyzed Direct C-H Allylation of Arenes with Allenes

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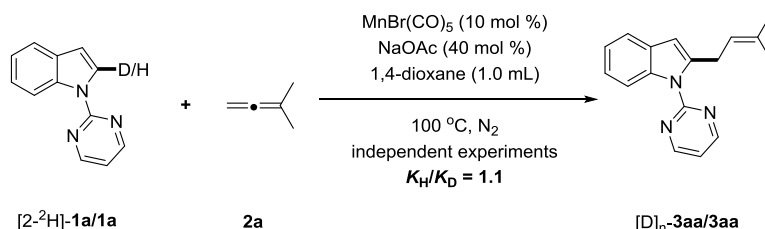
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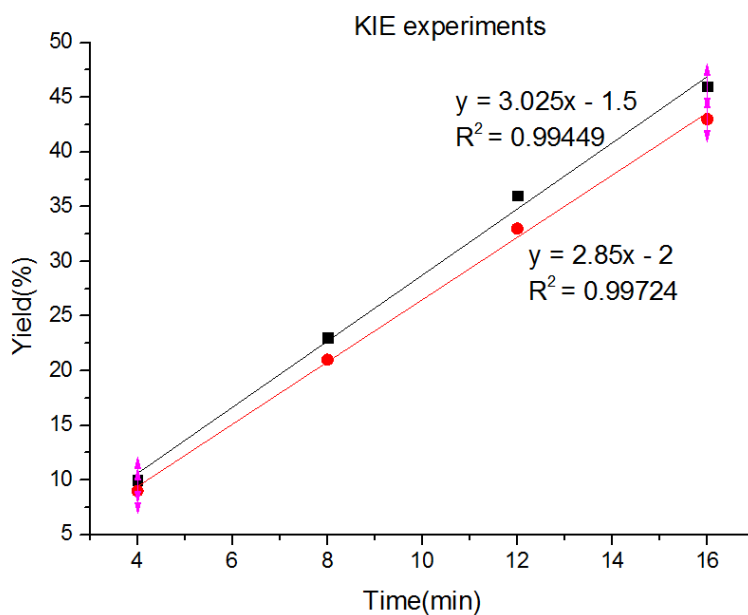
# 1. Mechanistic studies

## 1.1 Intermolecular KIE by independent experiments



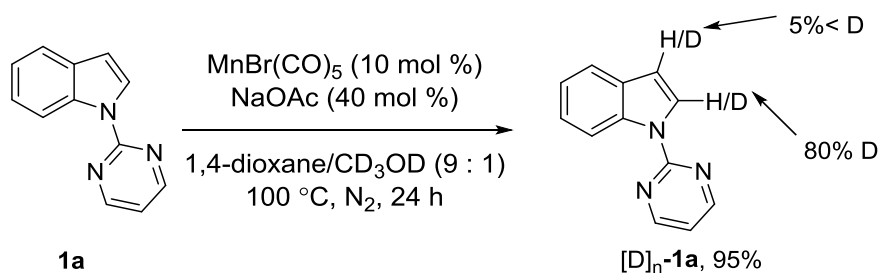
Two parallel reactions of 1,1-dimethylallene **2a** with **1a** and  $[2\text{-}^2\text{H}]\text{-1a}$  respectively were performed to determine the corresponding *KIE* value. **1a** (39.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) or  $[2\text{-}^2\text{H}]\text{-1a}$  (39.2 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{MnBr}(\text{CO})_5$  (5.5 mg, 10 mol %),  $\text{NaOAc}$  (6.6 mg, 40 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) and 1,1-dimethylallene **2a** (30  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol) were placed in a 15 mL Schlenk tube. The mixture was stirred at  $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The crude yield was analysed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene as the internal standard. The initial reaction rate was obtained by plotting the four points to obtain *KIE*:

Time (min)	4	8	12	16
<b>3aa</b>	10	23	36	46
$[\text{D}]_n\text{-3aa}$	9	21	33	43

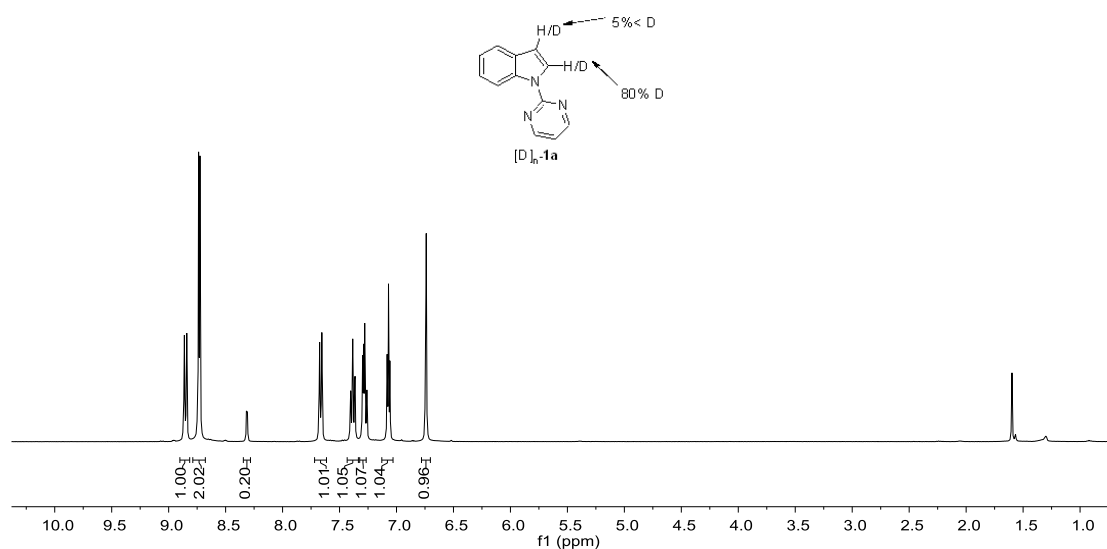


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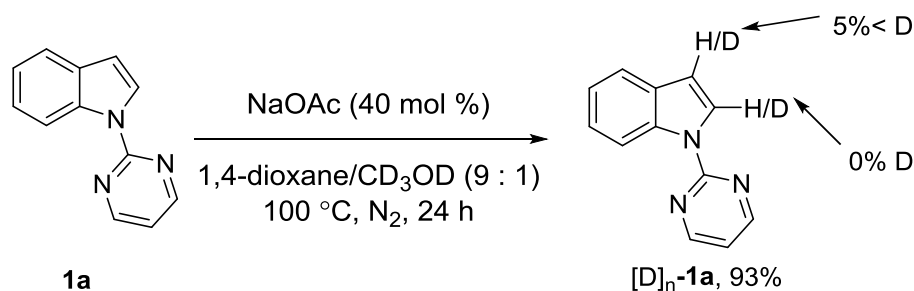
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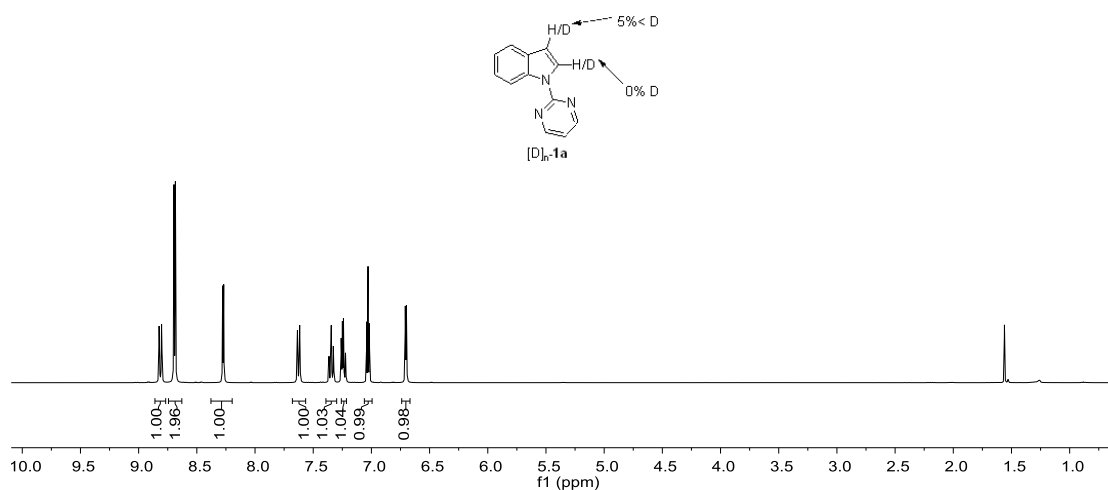
1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole **1a** (0.2 mmol), NaOAc (6.6 mg, 40 mol %),  $\text{MnBr}(\text{CO})_5$  (5.5 mg, 10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (0.9 mL) and  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (0.1 mL) were placed in a 15 mL Schlenk tube under  $\text{N}_2$ . The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. At ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL), and then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After concentration under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 50/1) yielded  $[\text{D}]_n\text{-1a}$  (37.0 mg, 95%). The D incorporation was determined by  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectroscopy.



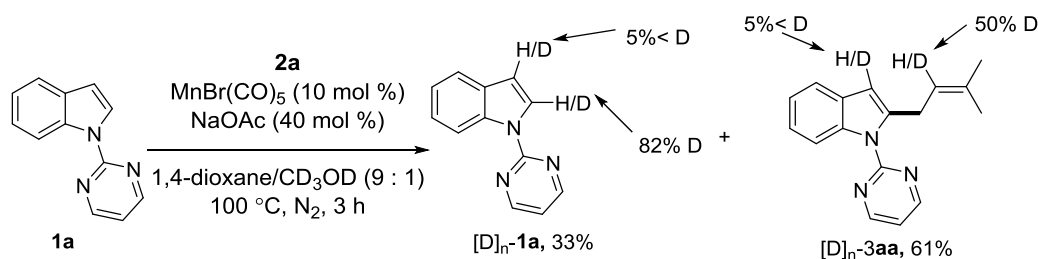
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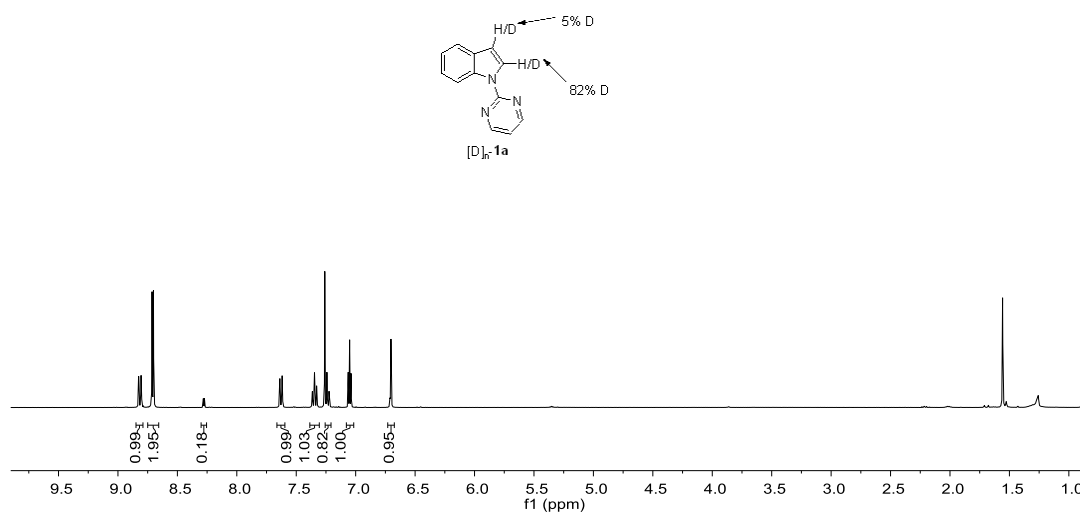
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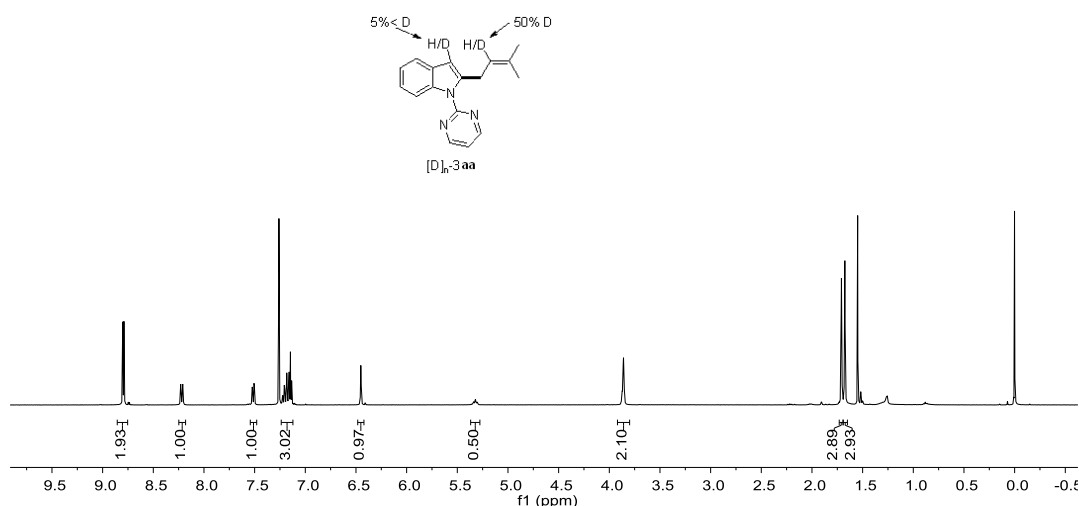


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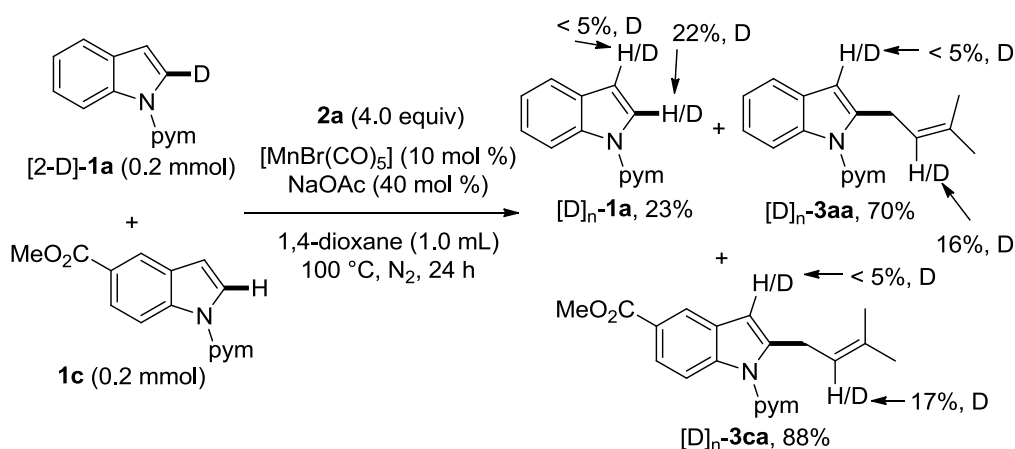


1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole **1a** (0.2 mmol), NaOAc (6.6 mg, 40 mol %), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (5.5 mg, 10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) and 1,1-dimethylallene **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were placed in a 15 mL Schlenk tube under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. At ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL), and then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After concentration under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 64/1) yielded [D]<sub>n</sub>-**1a** (13.0 mg, 33%) and [D]<sub>n</sub>-**3aa** (31.5 mg, 61%). The D incorporation was determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy.



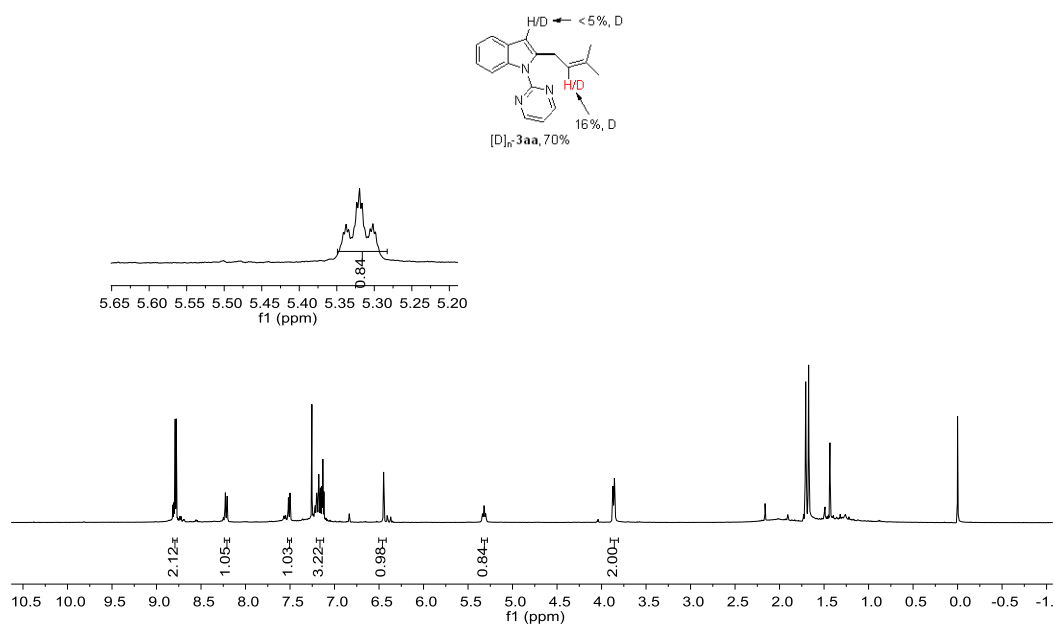
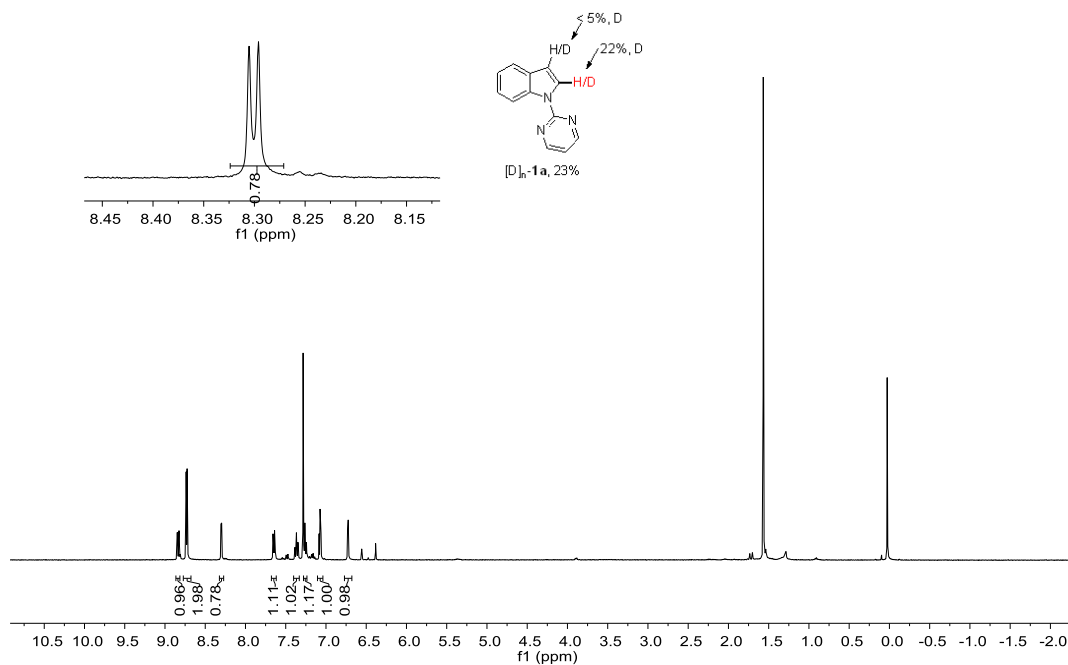


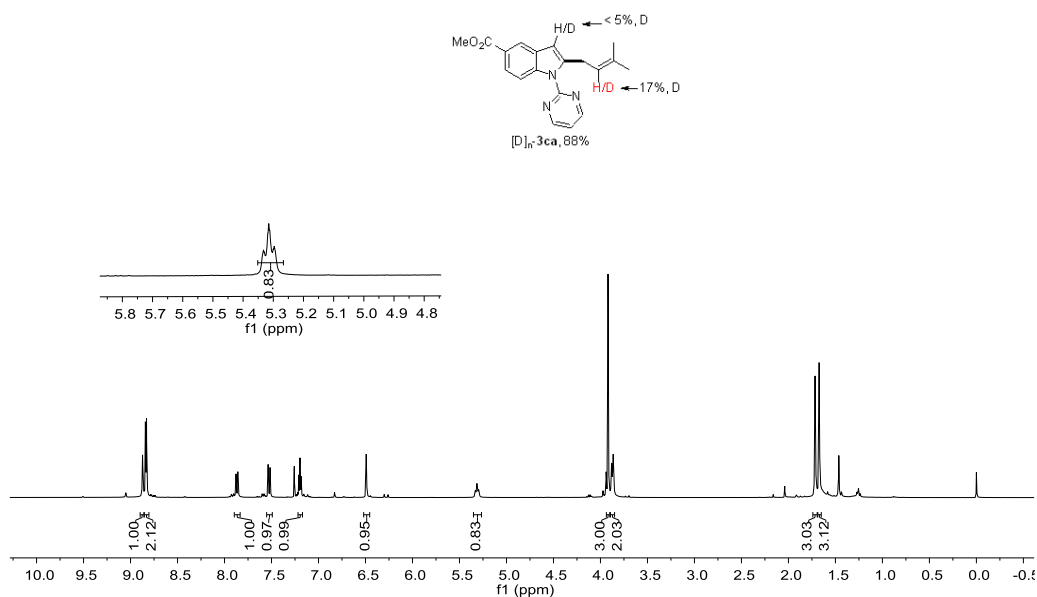
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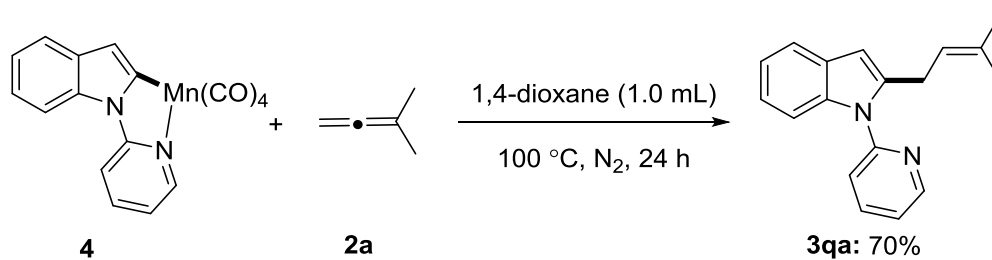
[2-<sup>2</sup>H]-**1a** (0.2 mmol), **1c**, NaOAc (6.6 mg, 40 mol %), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (5.5 mg, 10 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) and 1,1-dimethylallene **2a** (0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv) were placed in a 15 mL Schlenk tube under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. At ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL), and then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After concentration under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 64/1→16/1) yielded [D]<sub>n</sub>-**1a** (9.0 mg, 23%), [D]<sub>n</sub>-**3aa** (36.7

mg, 70%) and [D]<sub>n</sub>-**3ca** (56.5 mg, 88%). The D incorporation was determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy.





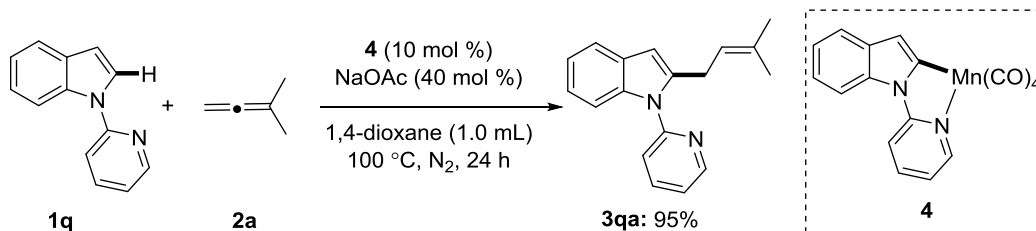
### 1.3 Stoichiometric prenylation with cyclometalated complex **4**<sup>1</sup>



**4** (72 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1,1-dimethylallene **2a** (30  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.3 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) were placed in a 15 mL Schlenk tube under  $\text{N}_2$ . The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. At ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was transferred into a round flask with EtOAc and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 64/1) afforded product **3qa** (36.7, 70%).

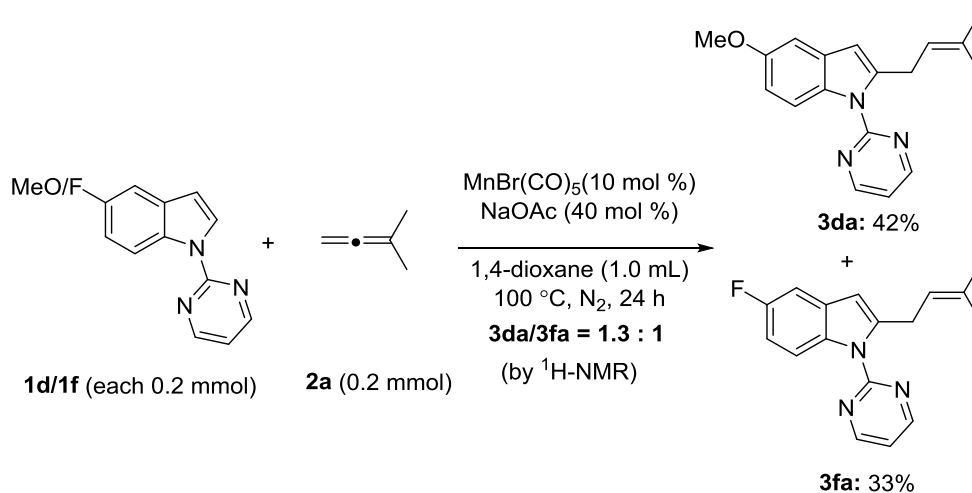


## 1.4 Catalytic reactivity of cyclometalated complex **4**



1-(Pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indole **1q** (38.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1,1-dimethylallene **2a** (30  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), **4** (7.2 mg, 10 mol %), NaOAc (6.6 mg, 40 mol %) and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) were placed in a 15 mL Schlenk tube under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. At ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was transferred into a round flask with EtOAc and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 64/1) afforded the desired product **3qa** (49.8 mg, 95% based on 0.20 mmol).

## 1.5 Intermolecular competition experiments between arenes **1d** and **1f**:

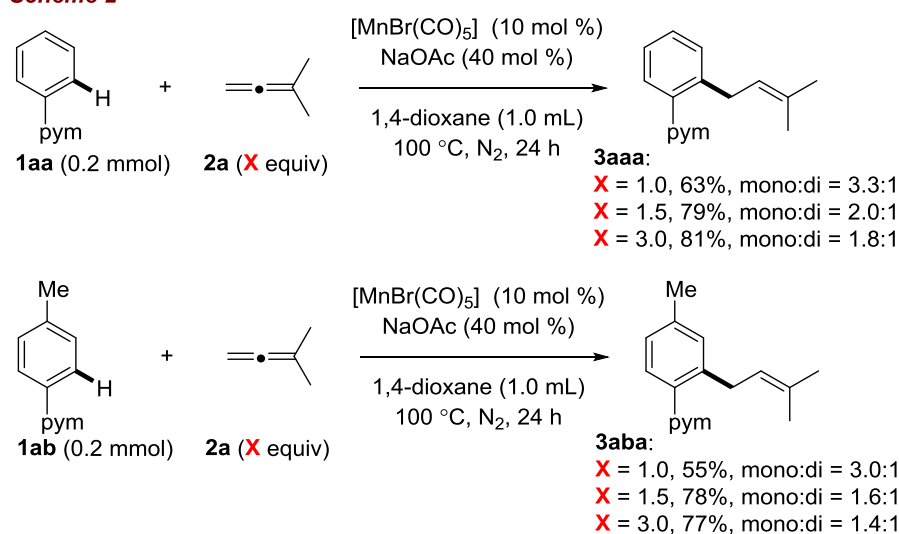


5-Methoxy-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**1d**) (45 mg, 0.20 mmol), 5-fluoro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**1f**) (43 mg, 0.20 mmol), 1,1-dimethylallene (**2a**) (20  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), MnBr(CO)<sub>5</sub> (5.5 mg, 10 mol %), NaOAc (6.6 mg, 40 mol %) and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL) were placed in a 15 mL Schlenk tube under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. At ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was

diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), then 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (46.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added as internal standard, the crude mixture was analyzed to obtain the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR conversion of the products **3da** (42%) and **3fa** (33%).

## 2. The mono- and diprenylation selectivity by using different equivalents of **2a**

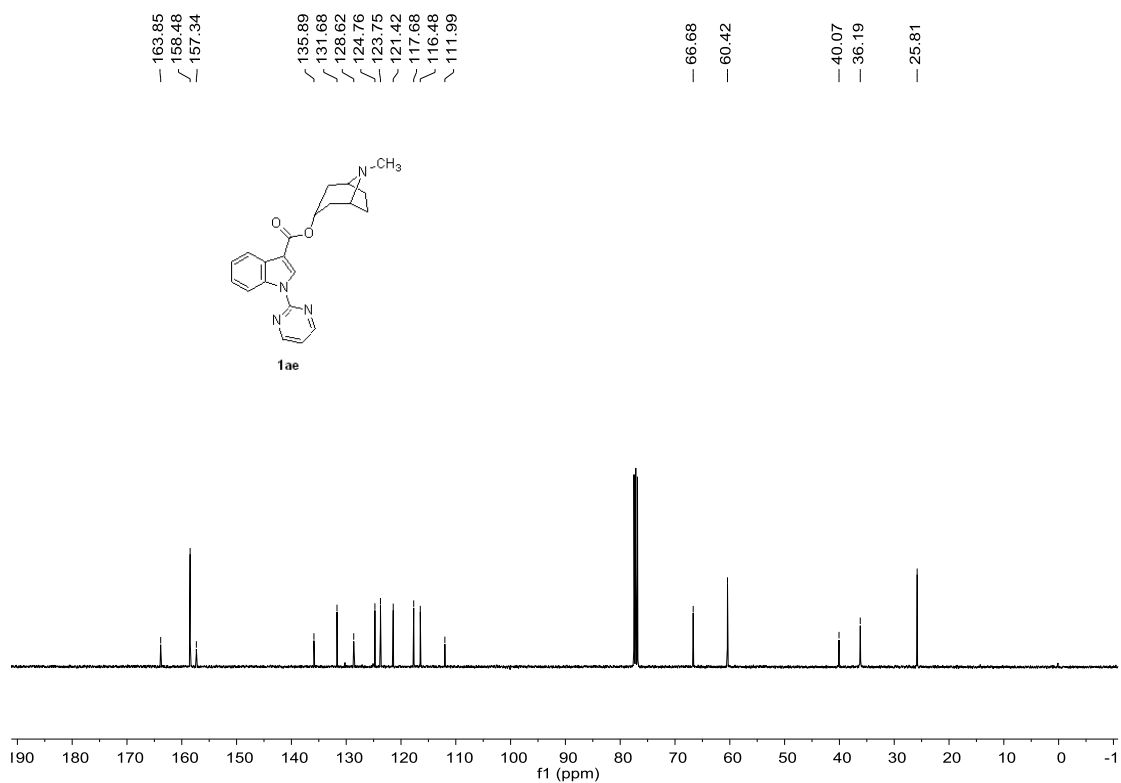
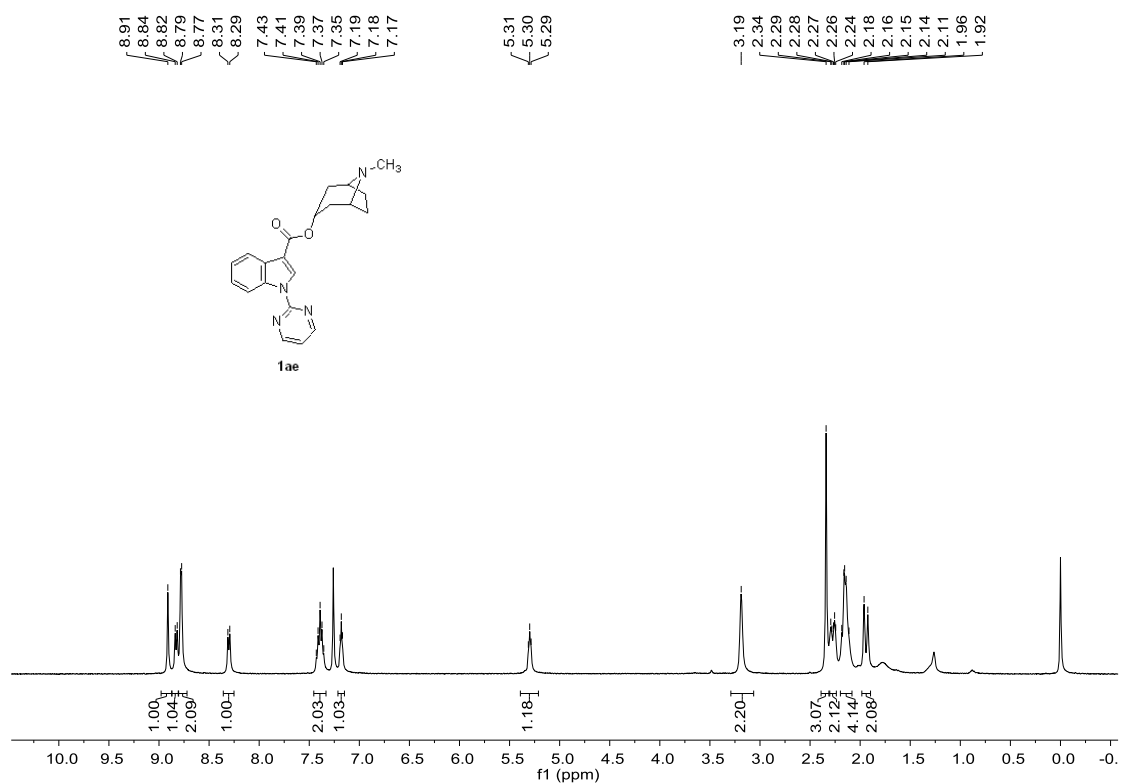
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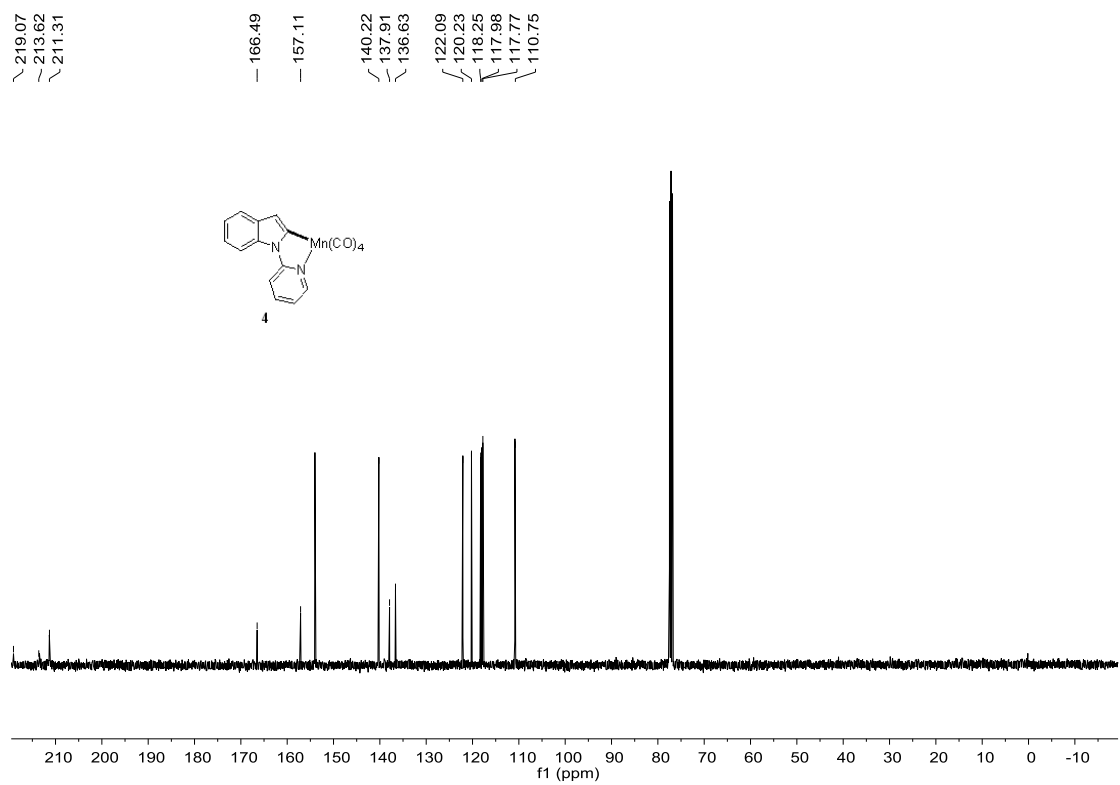
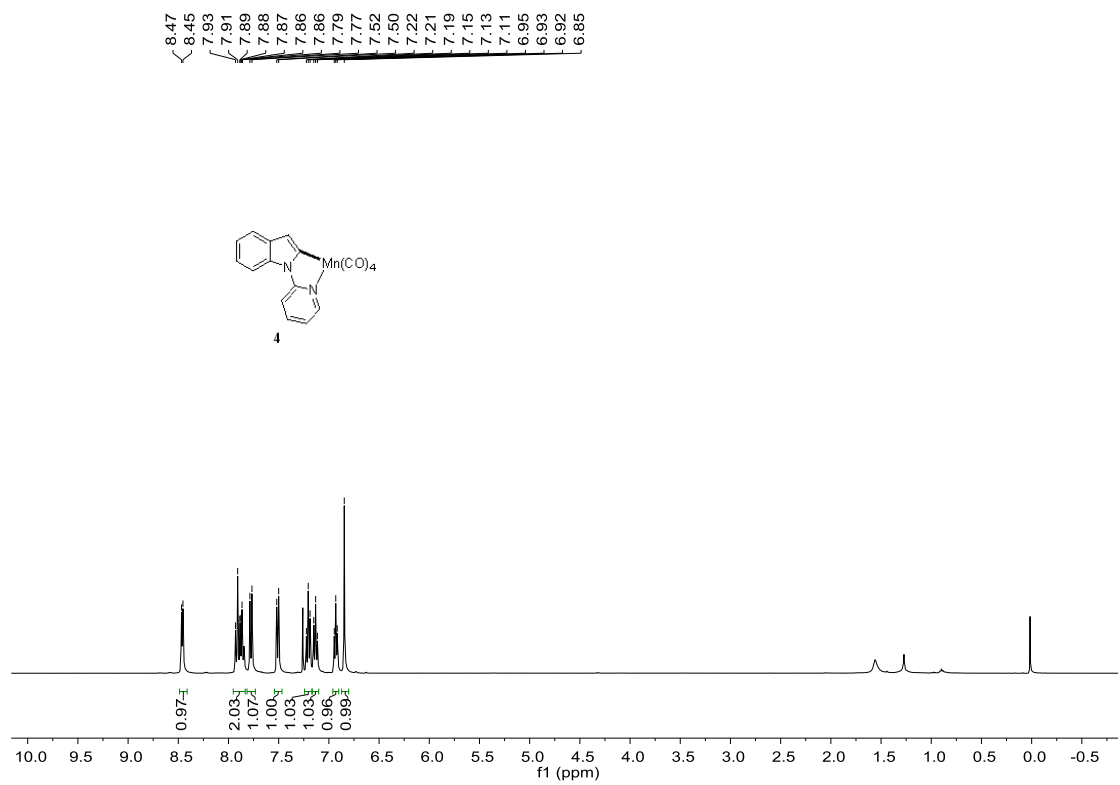


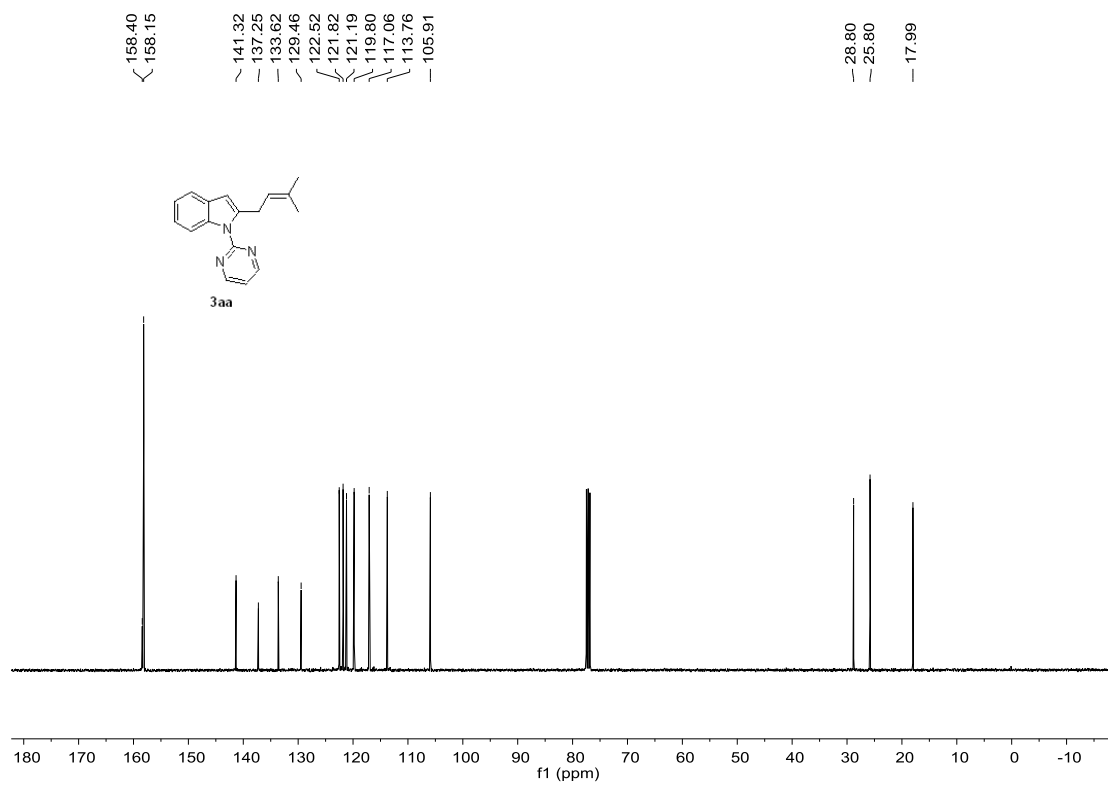
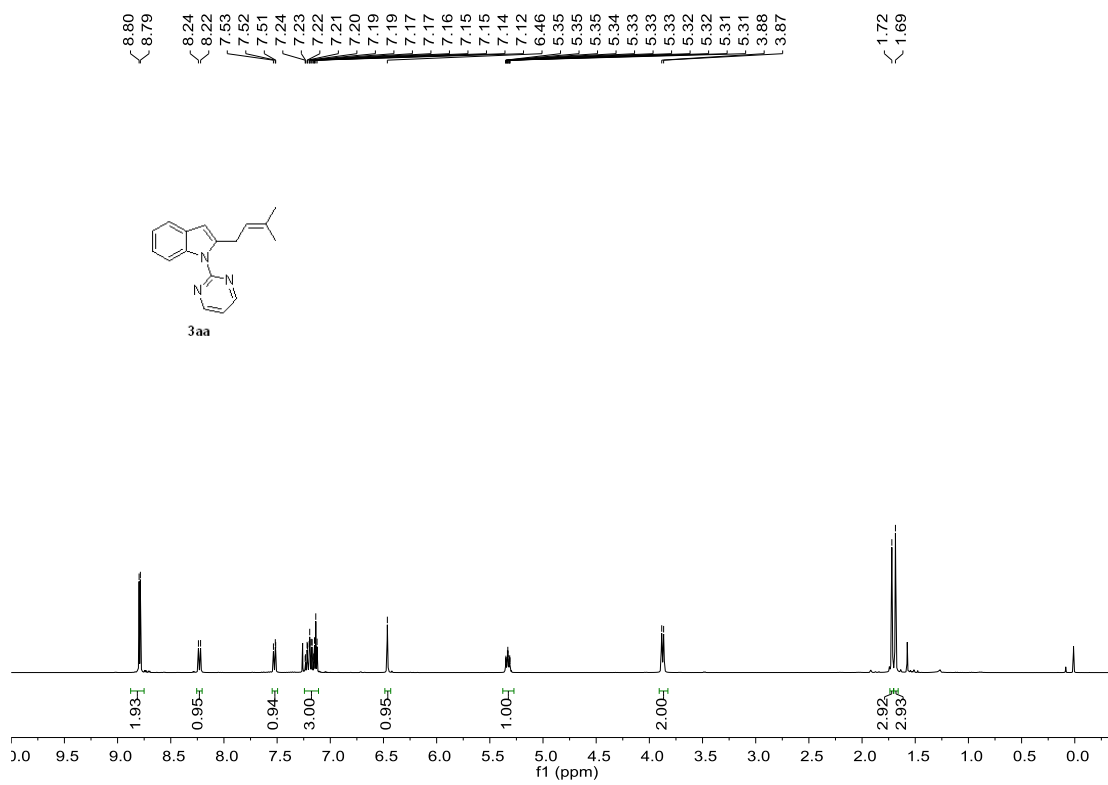
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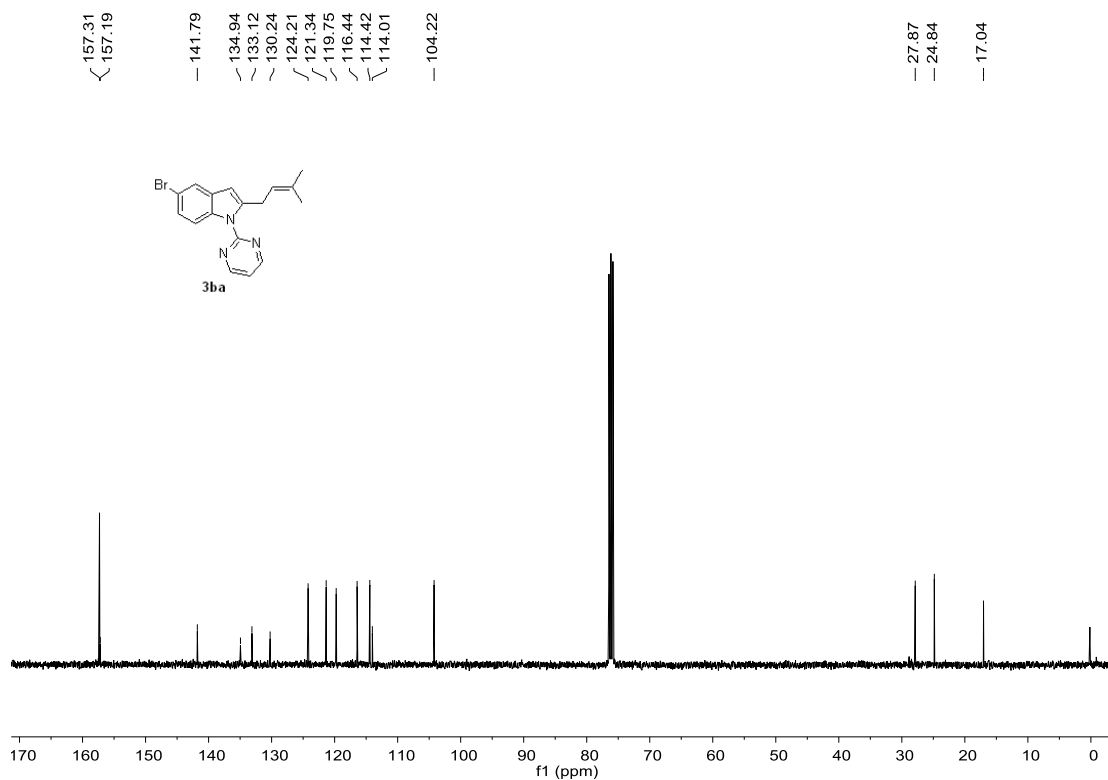
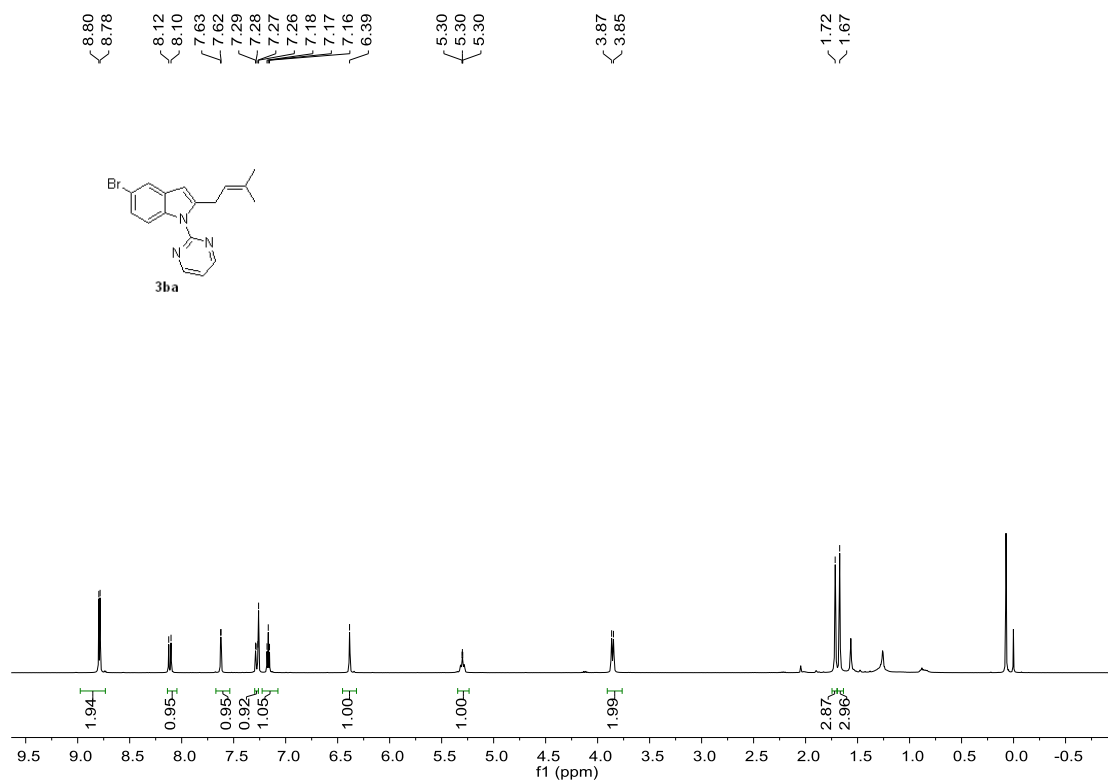
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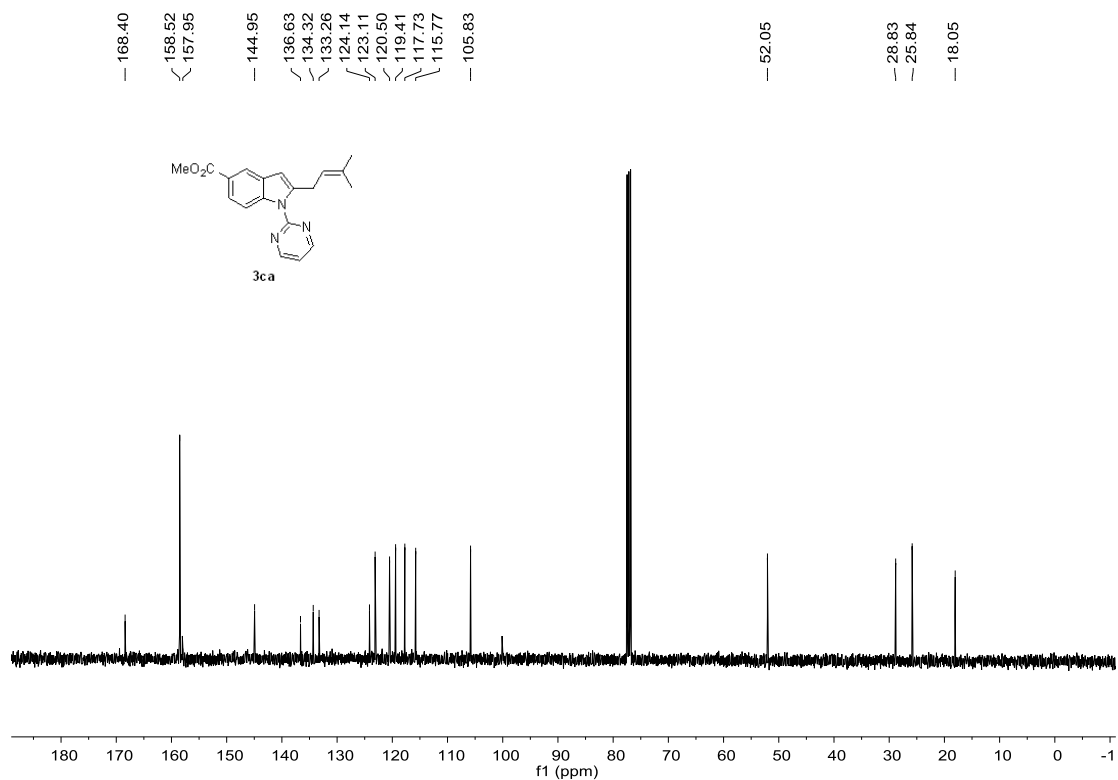
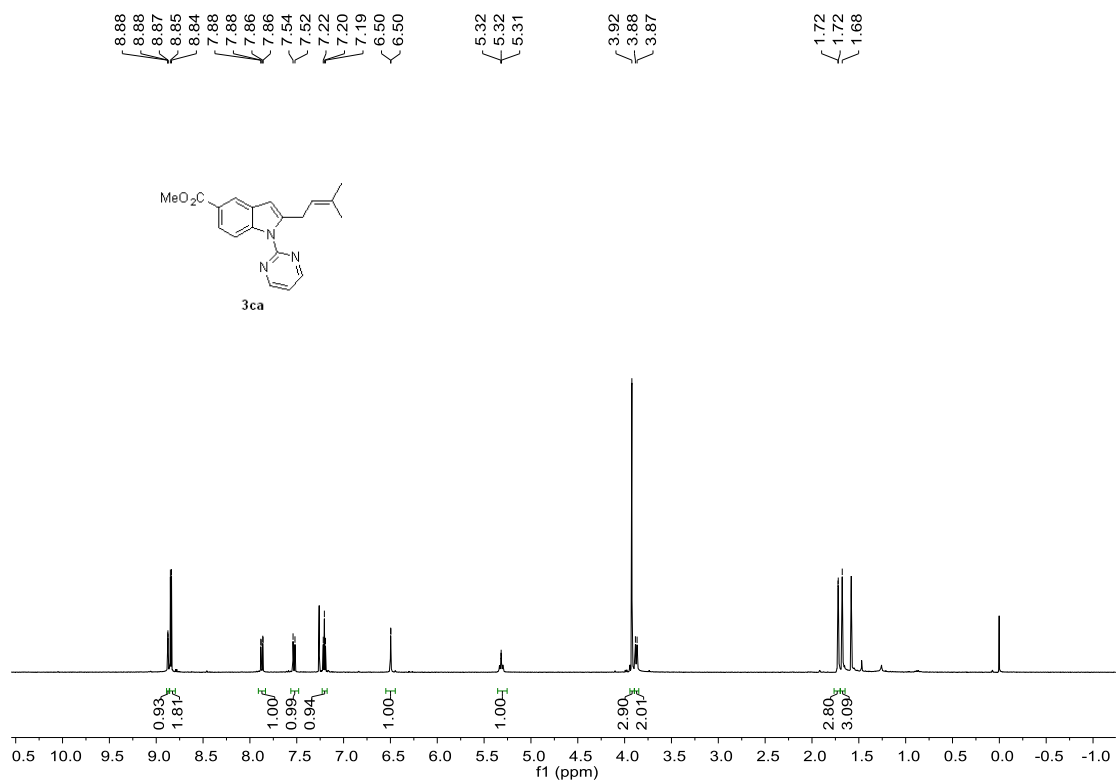
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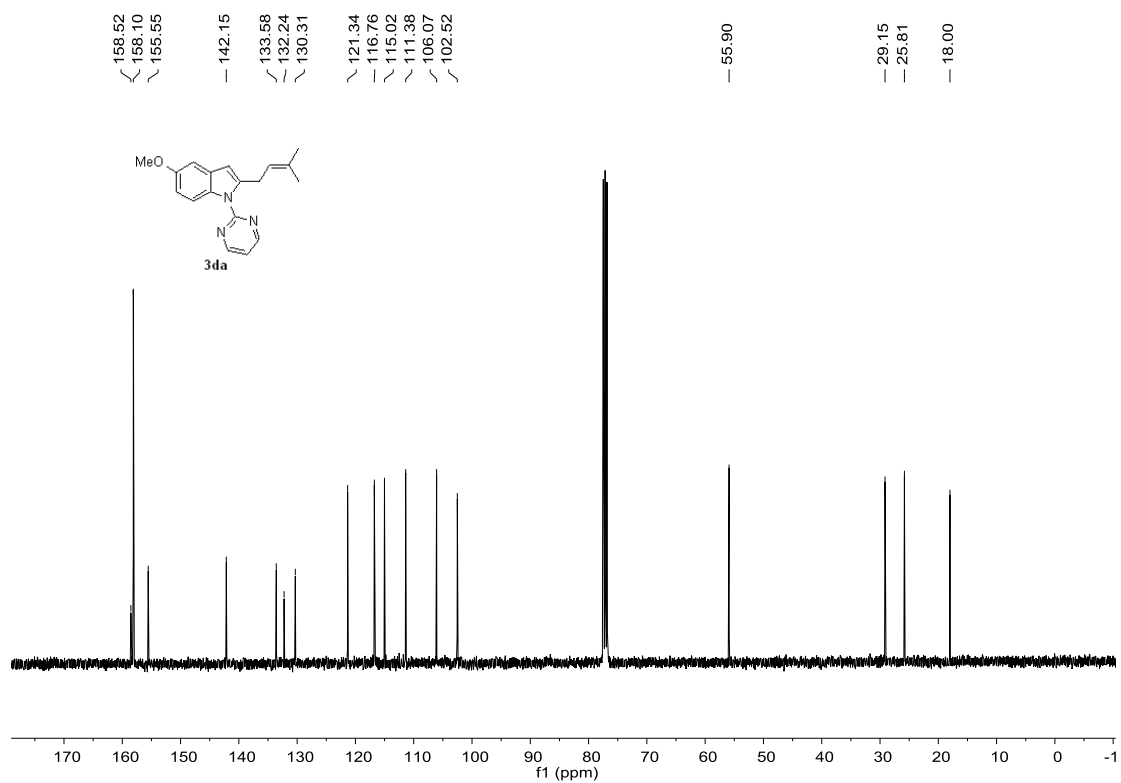
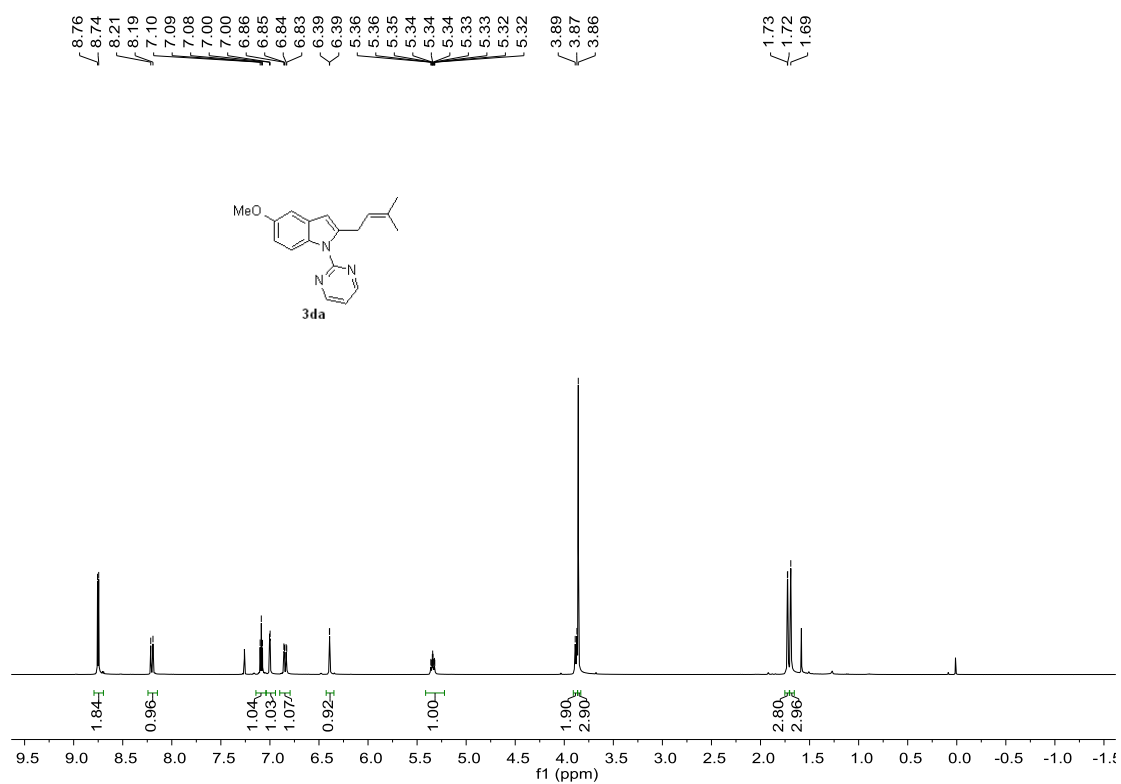




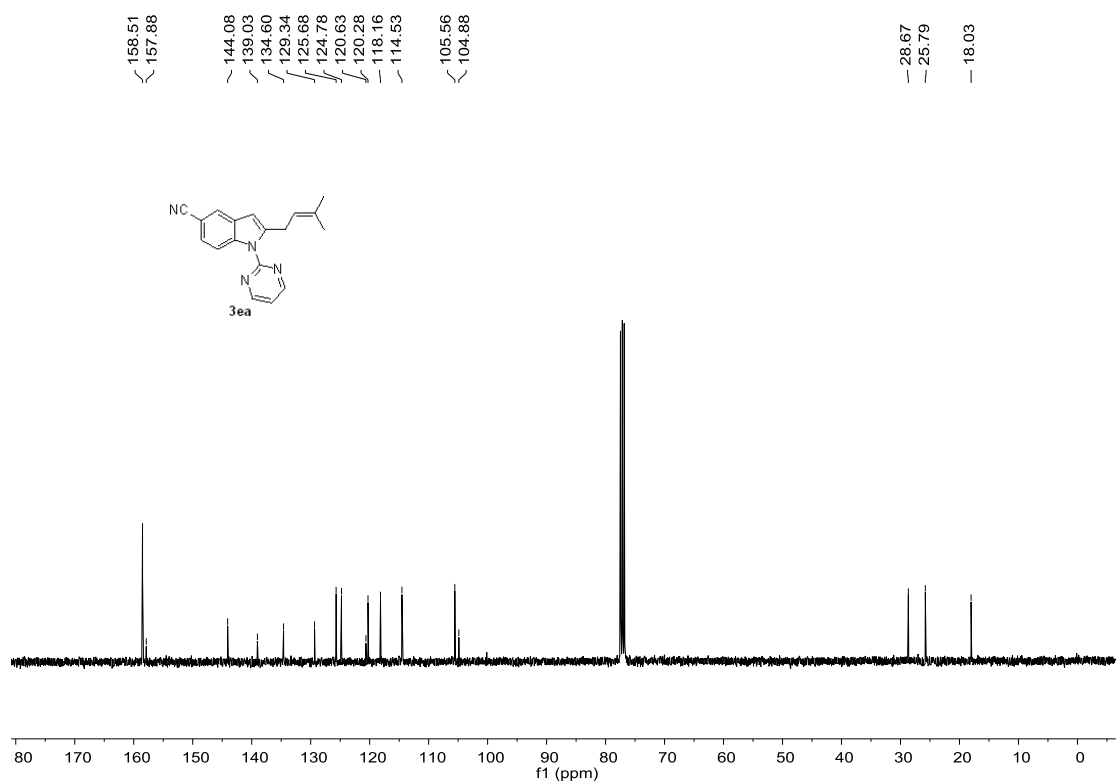
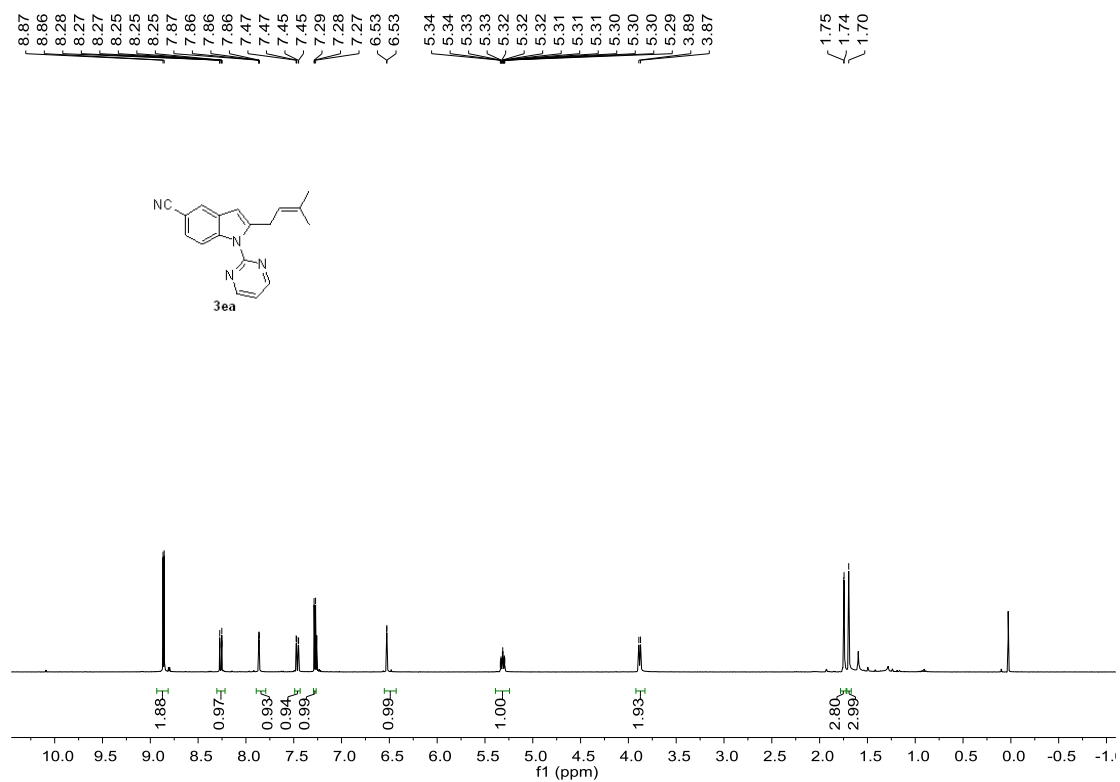


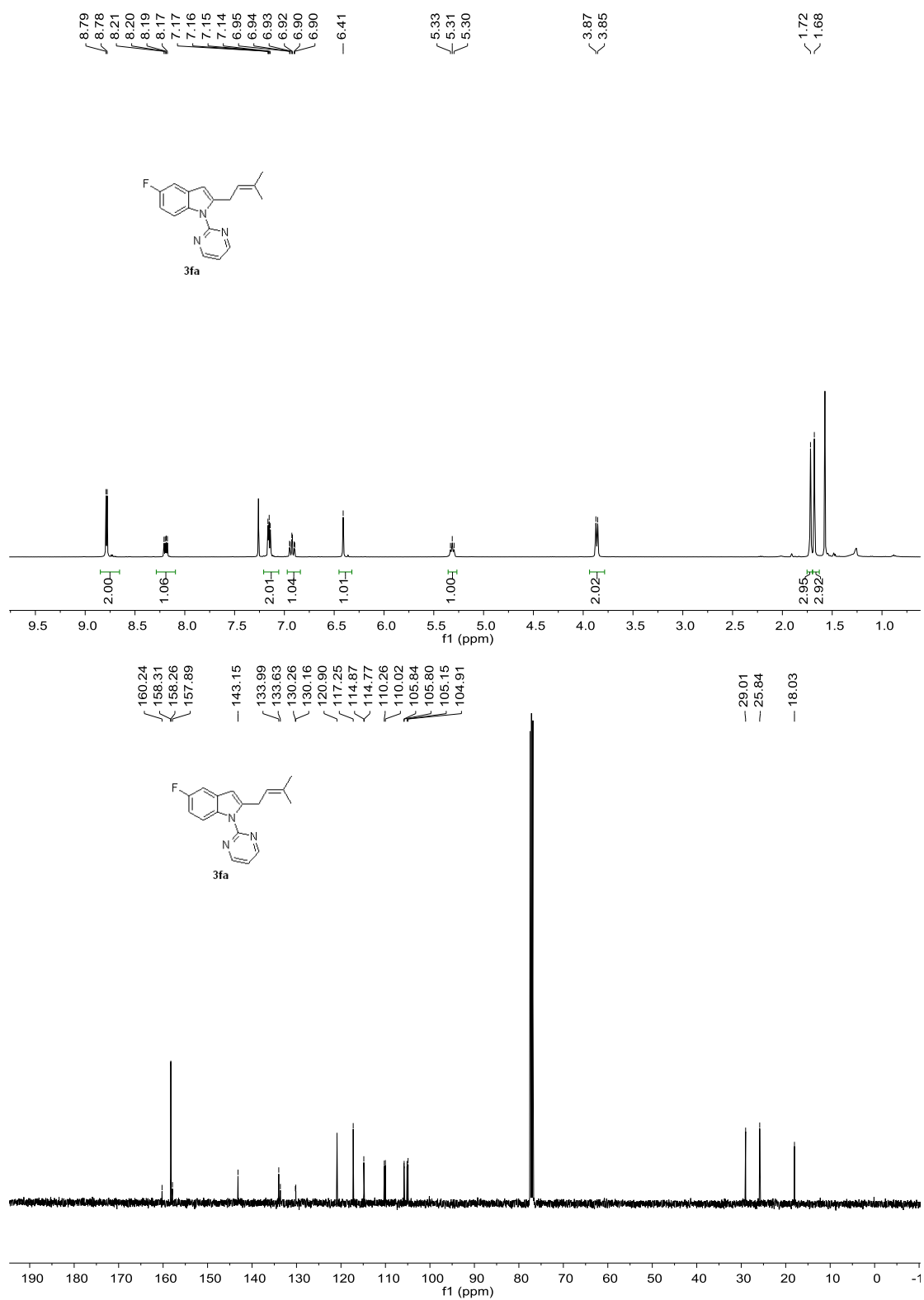


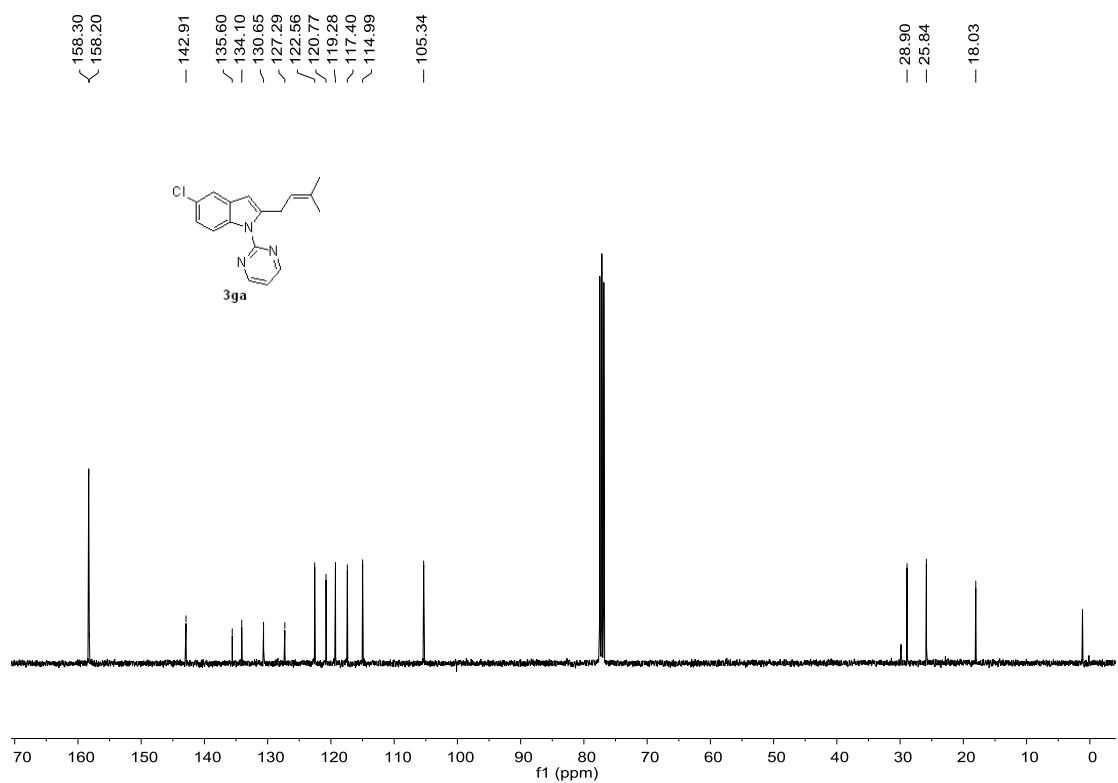
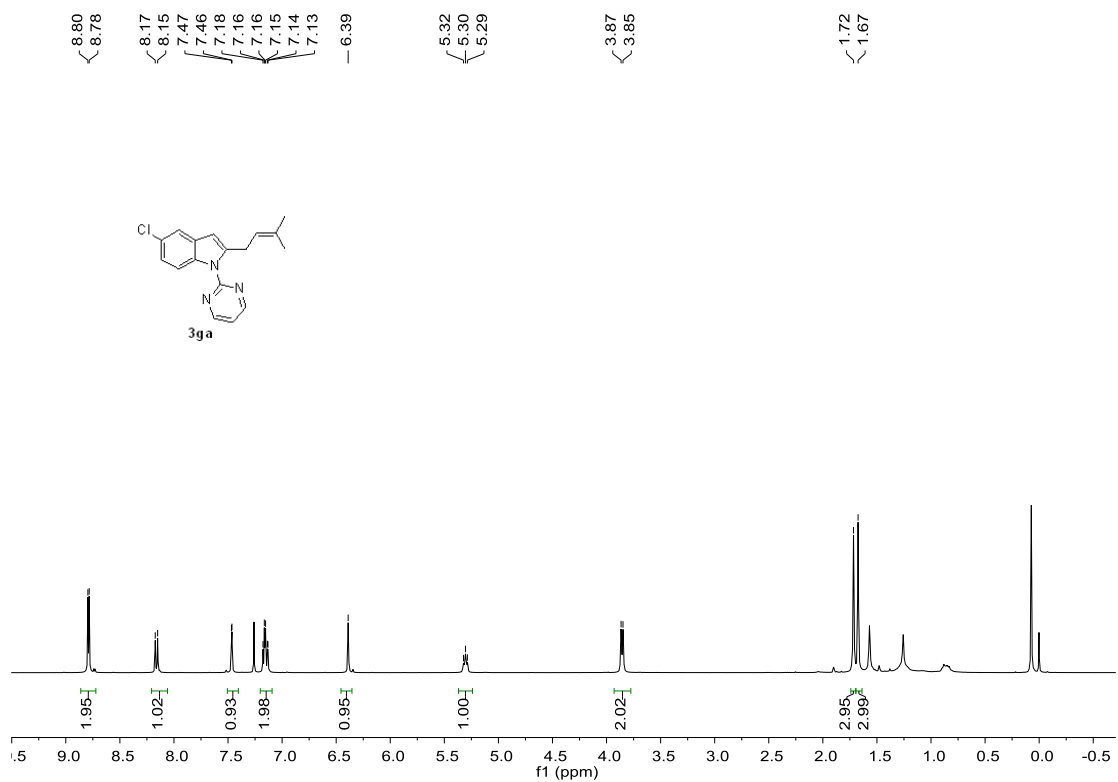


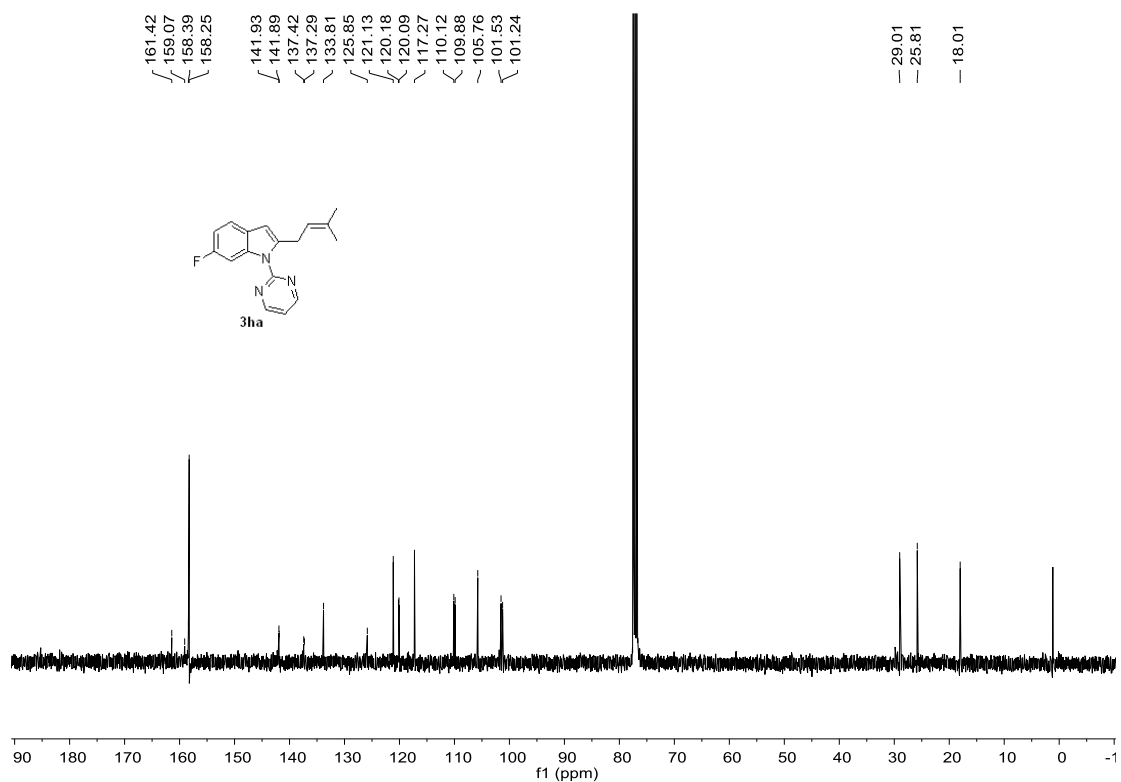
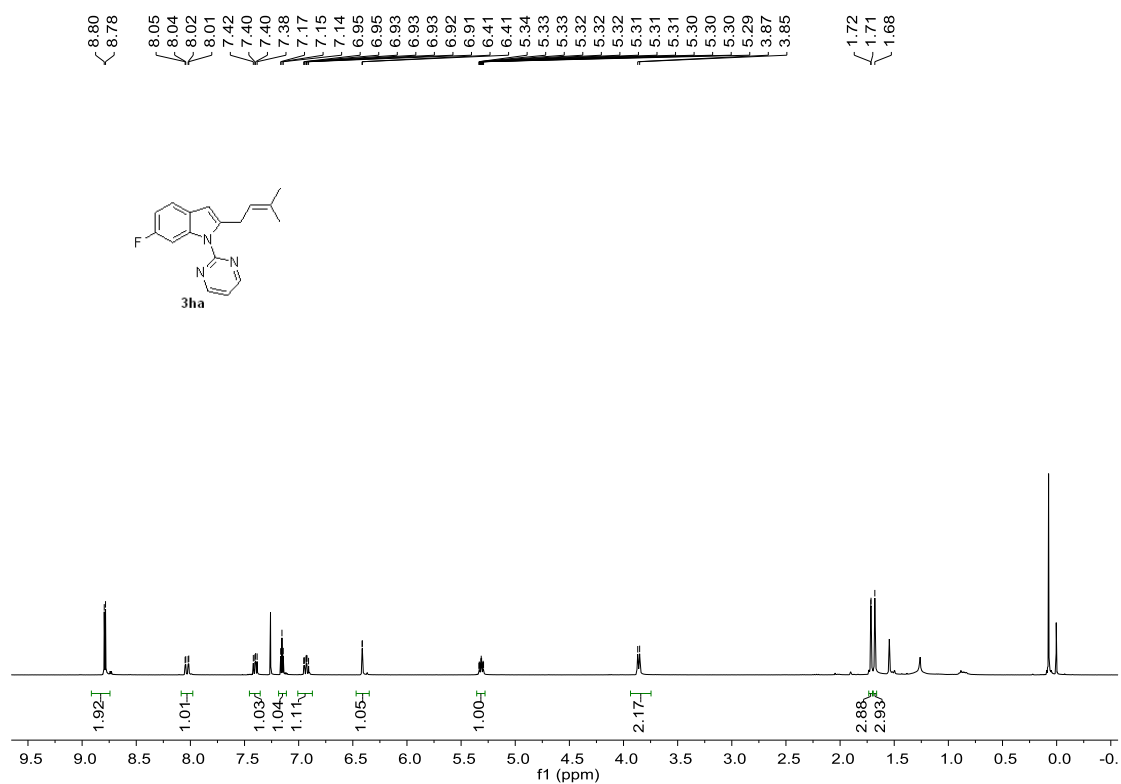


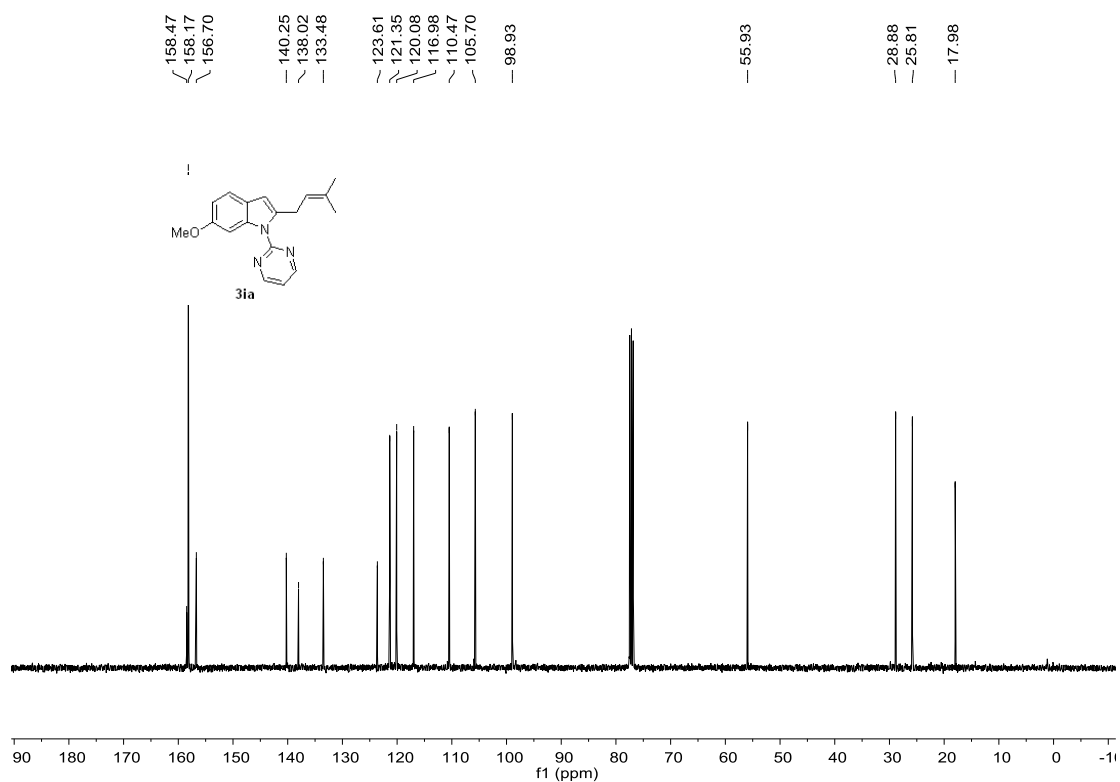
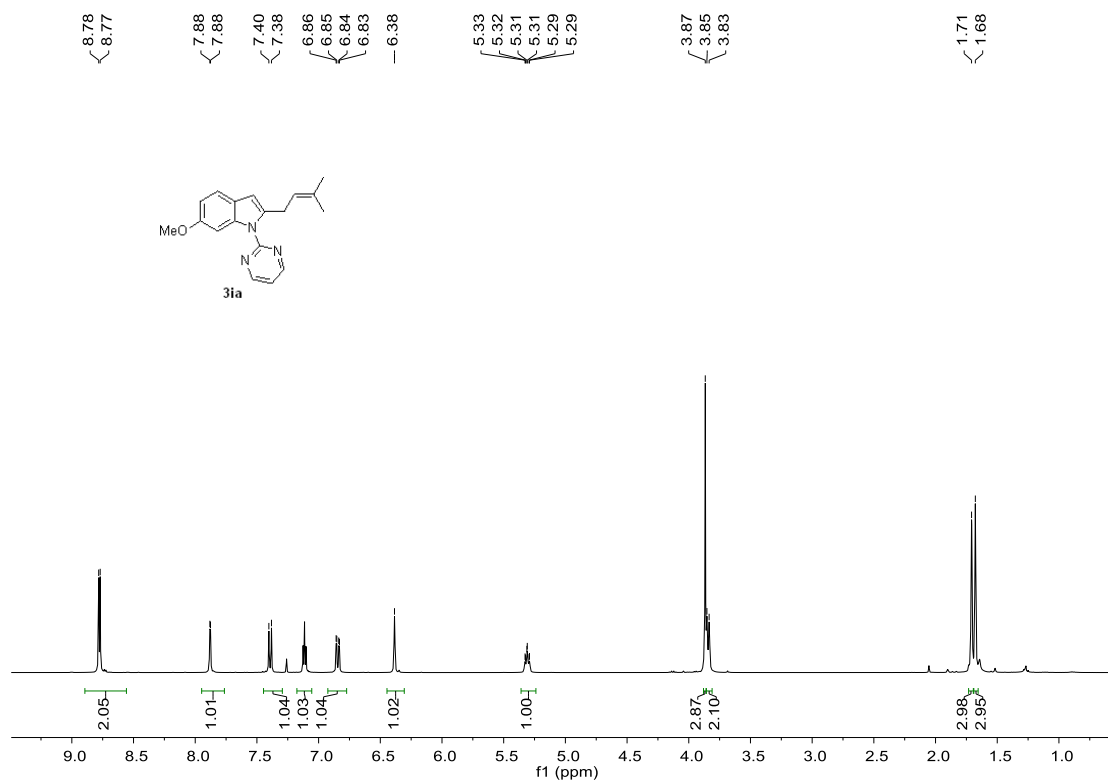


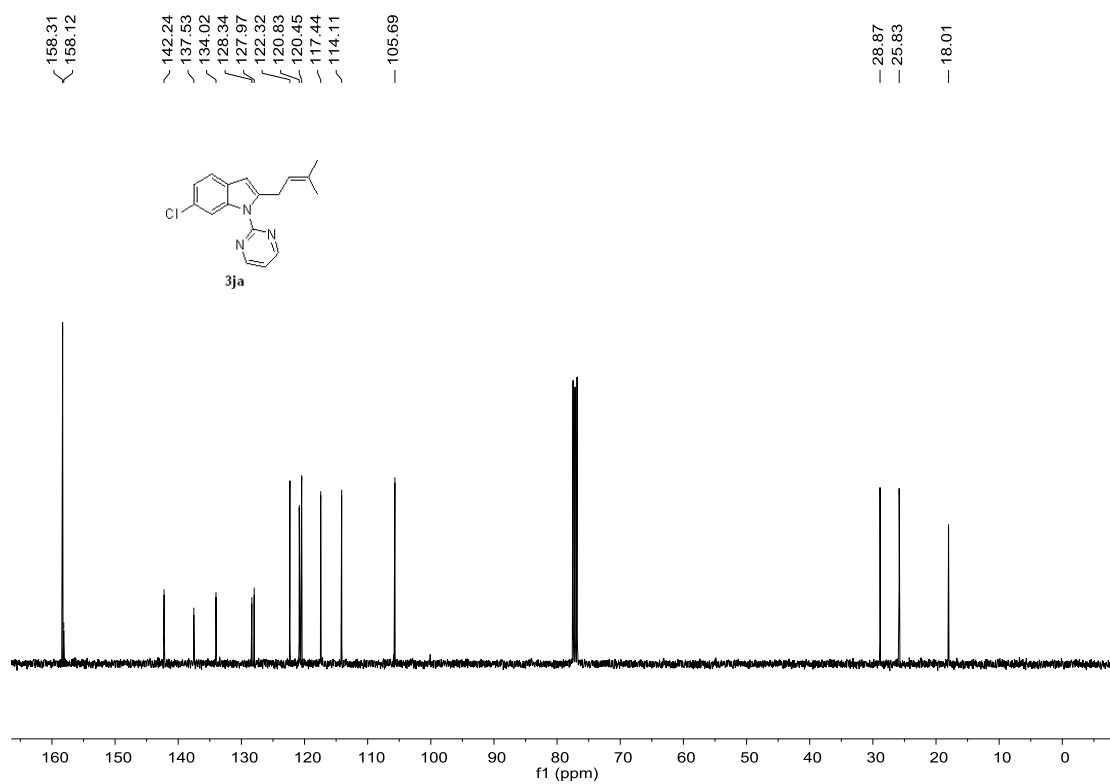
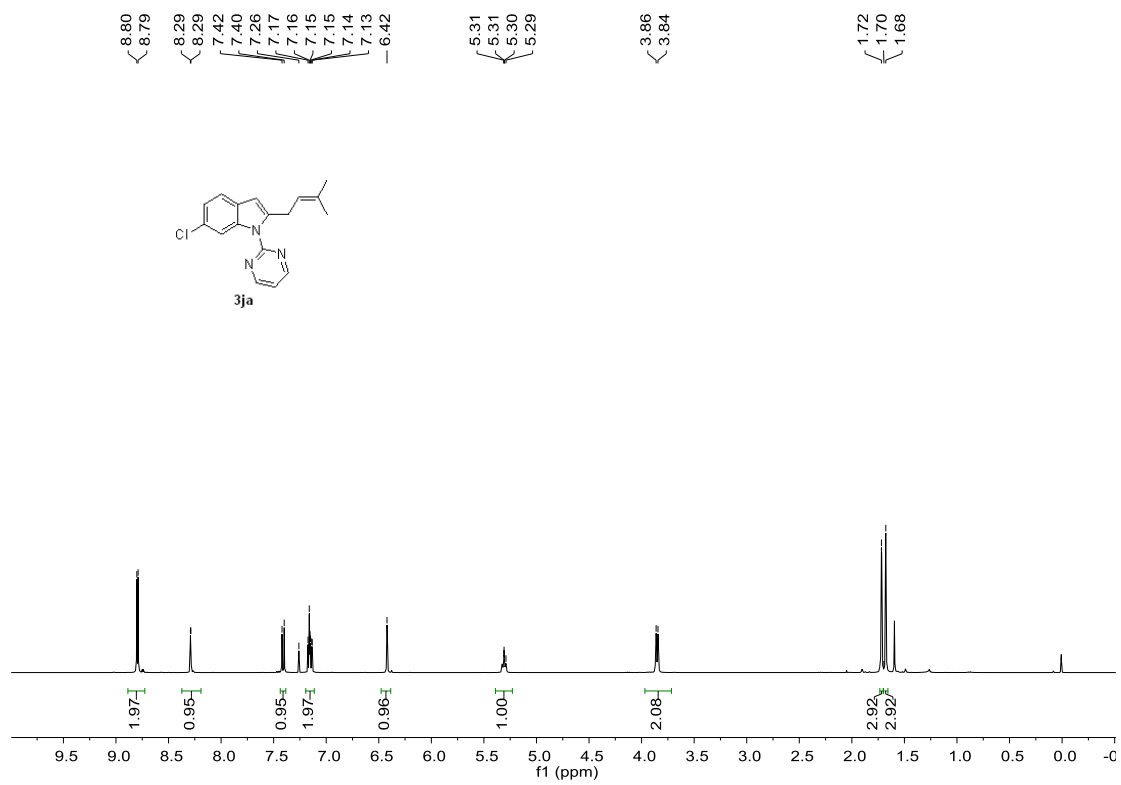


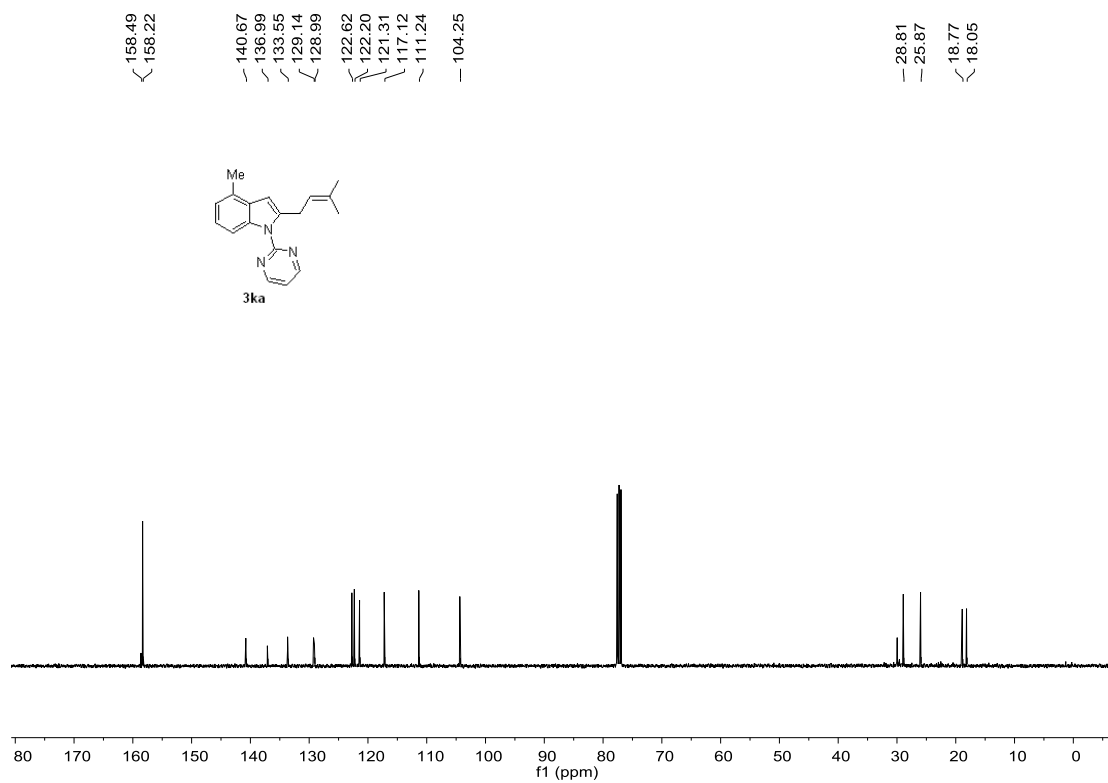
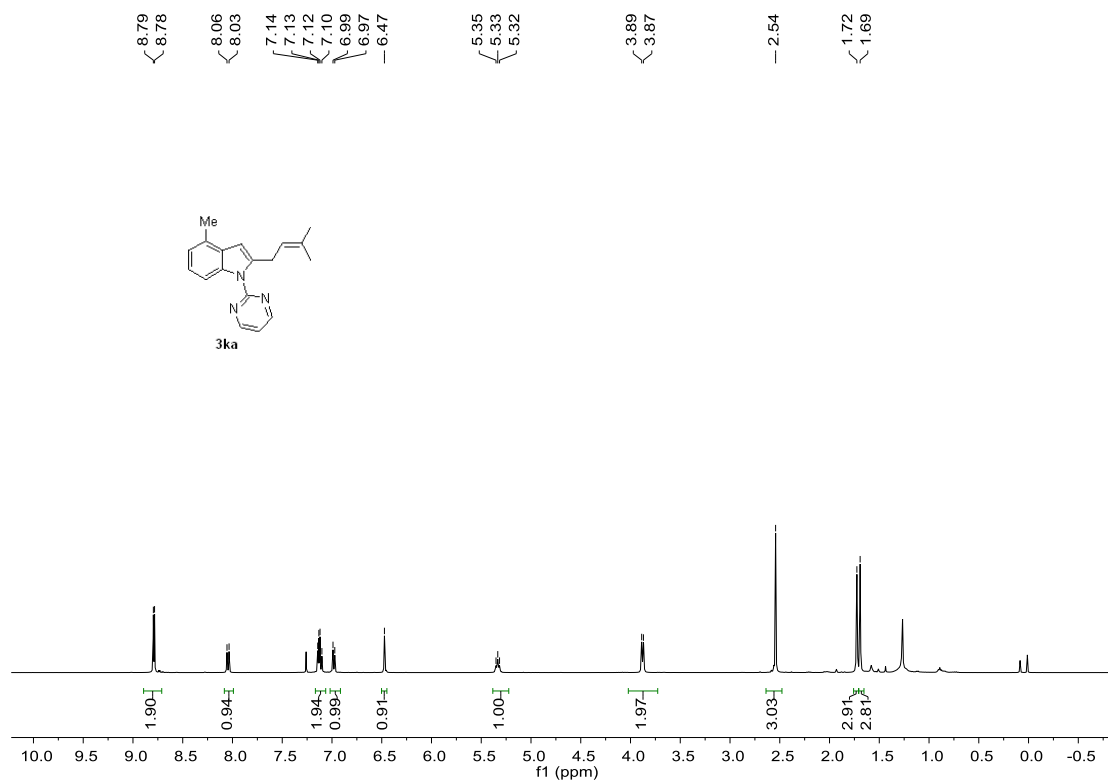


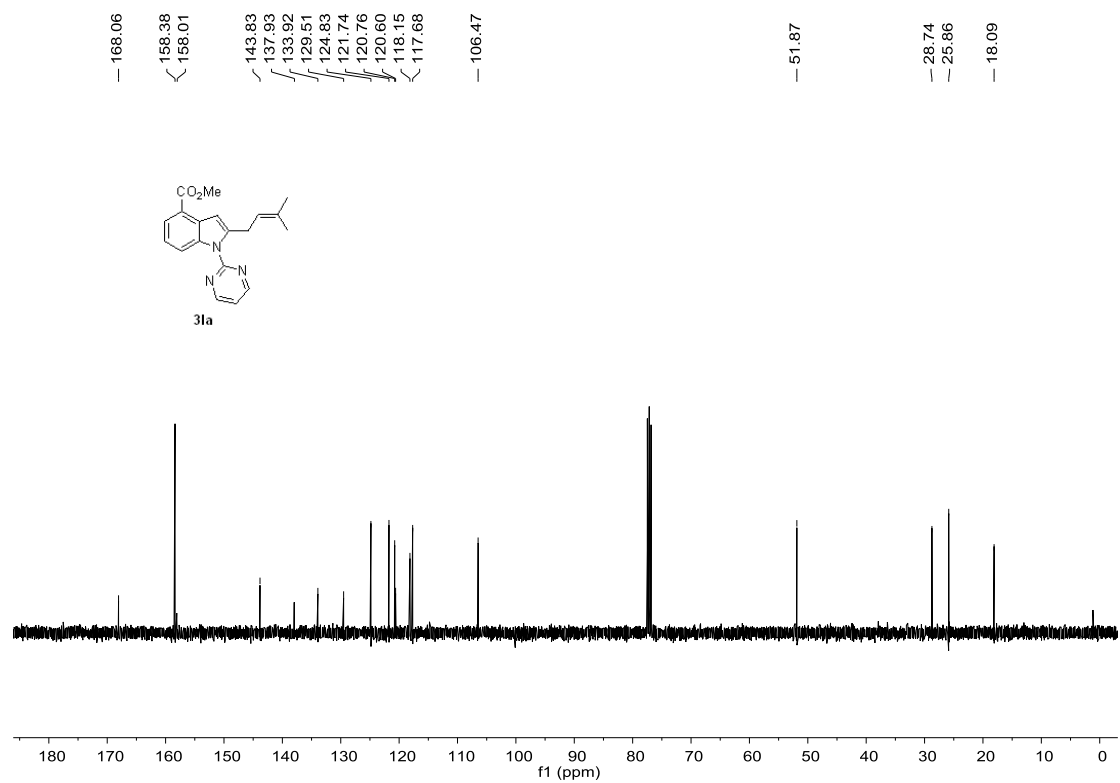
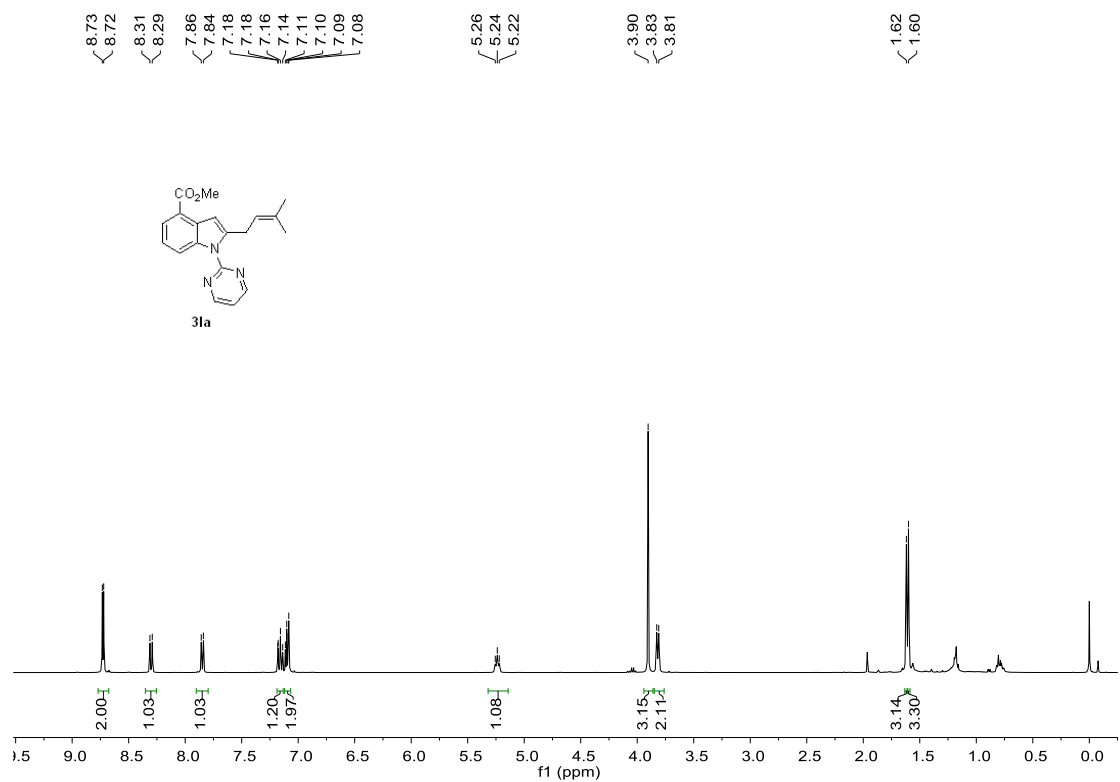




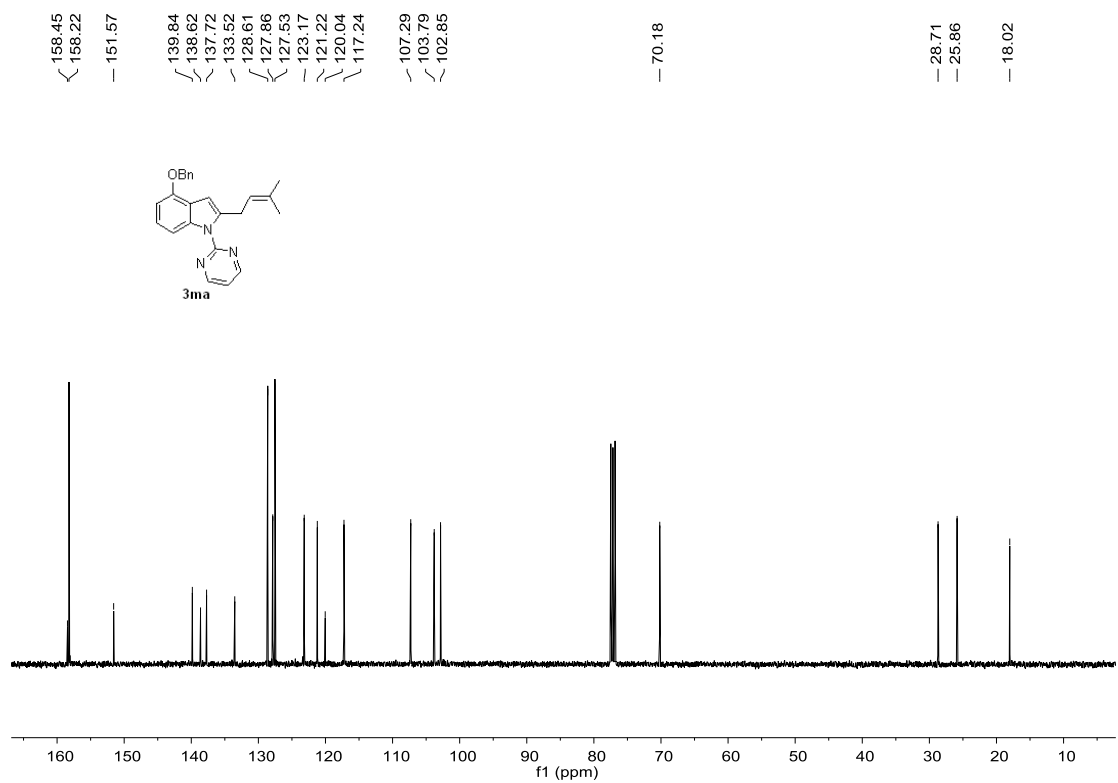
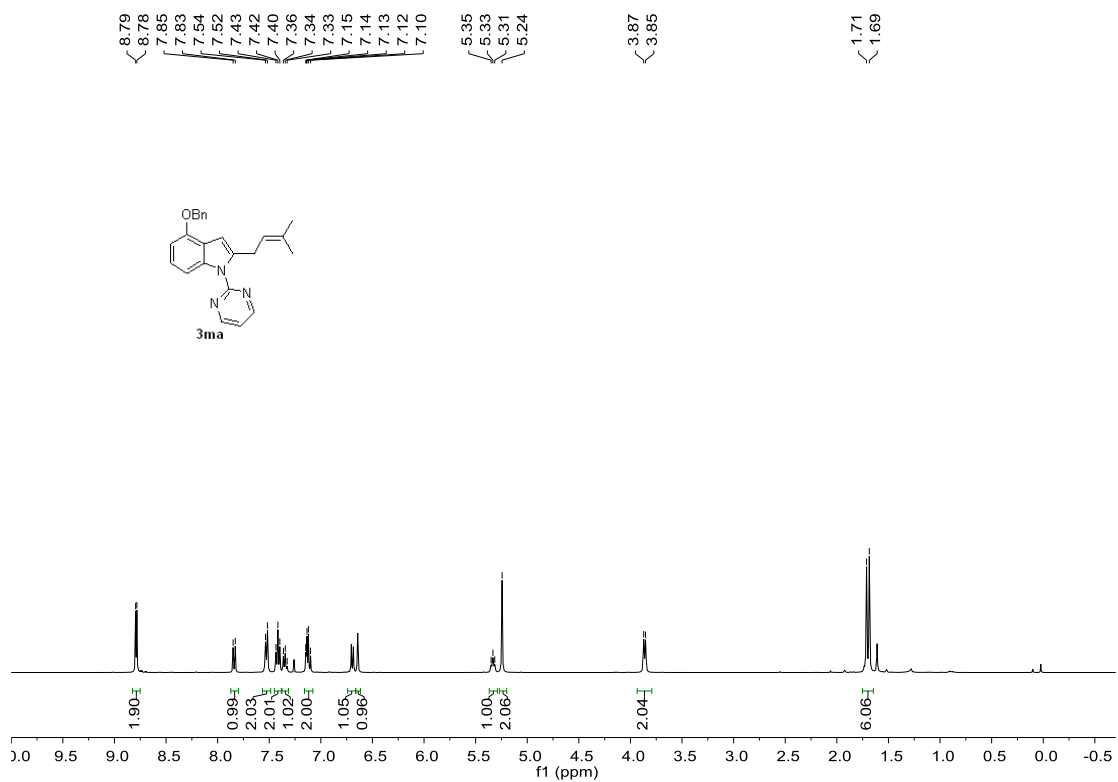


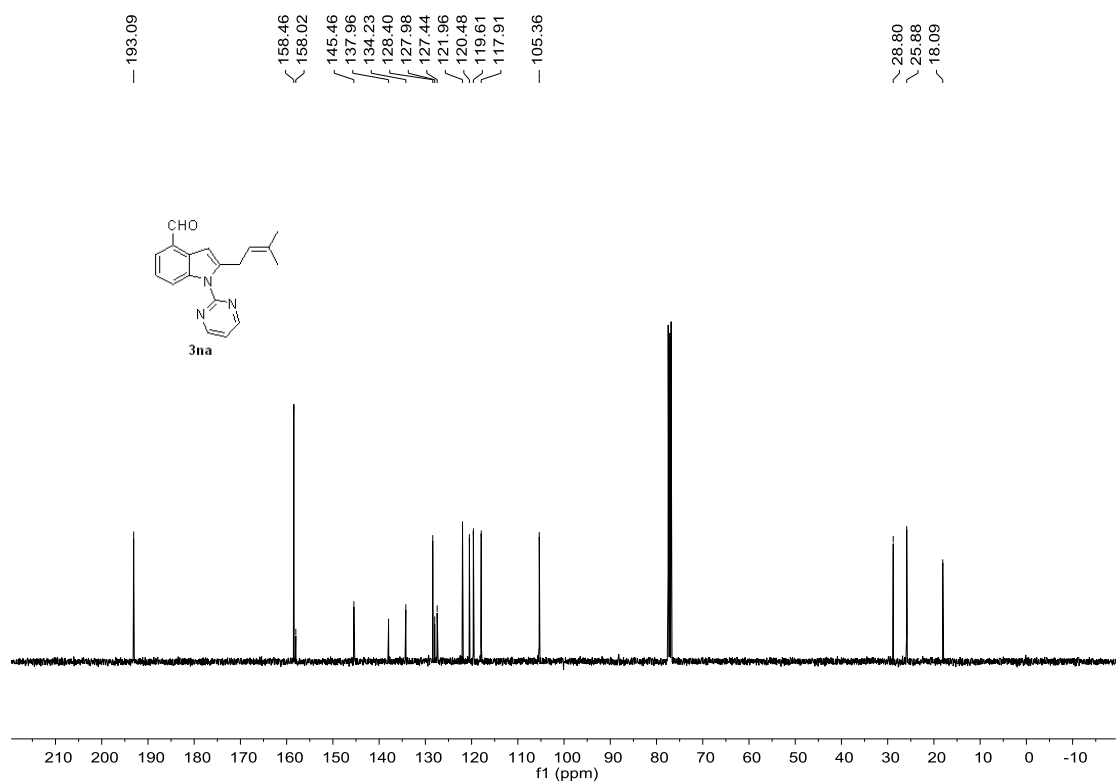
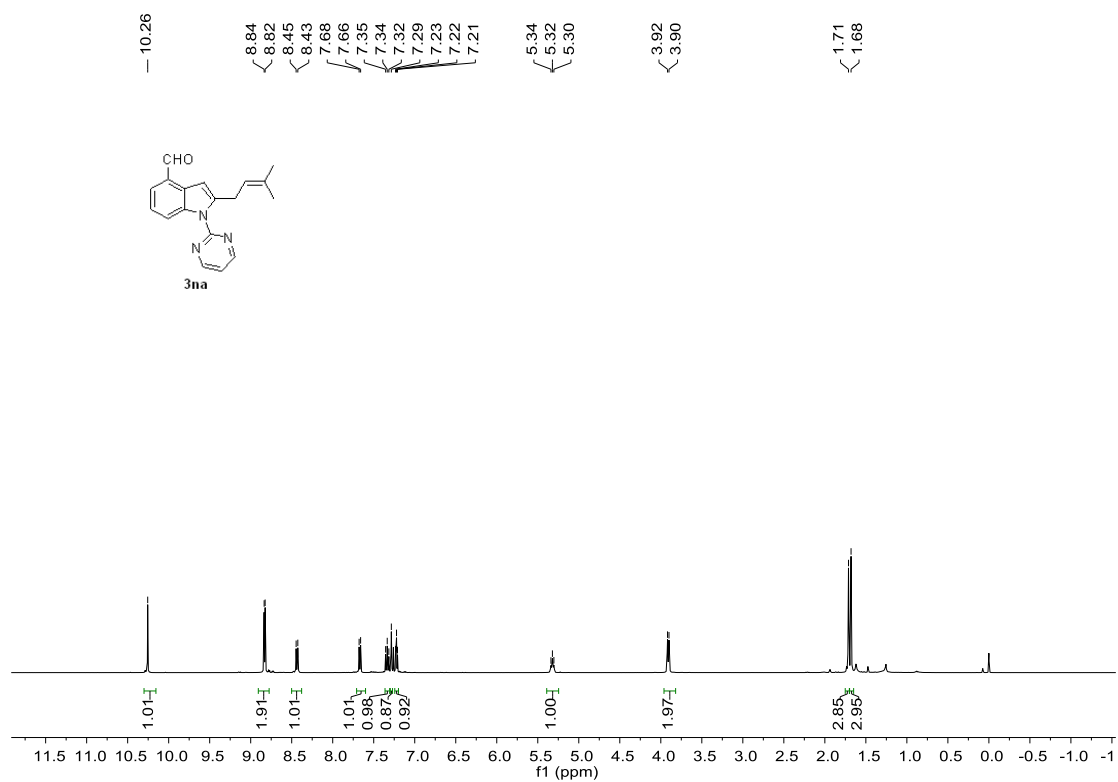


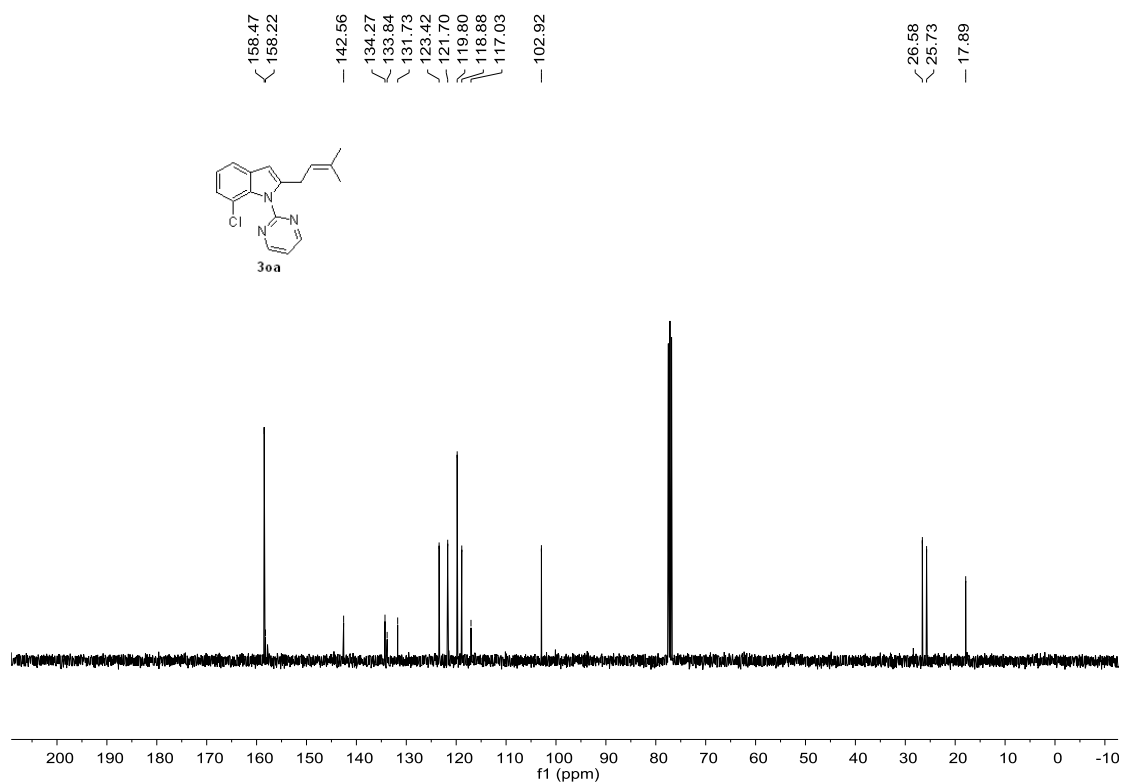
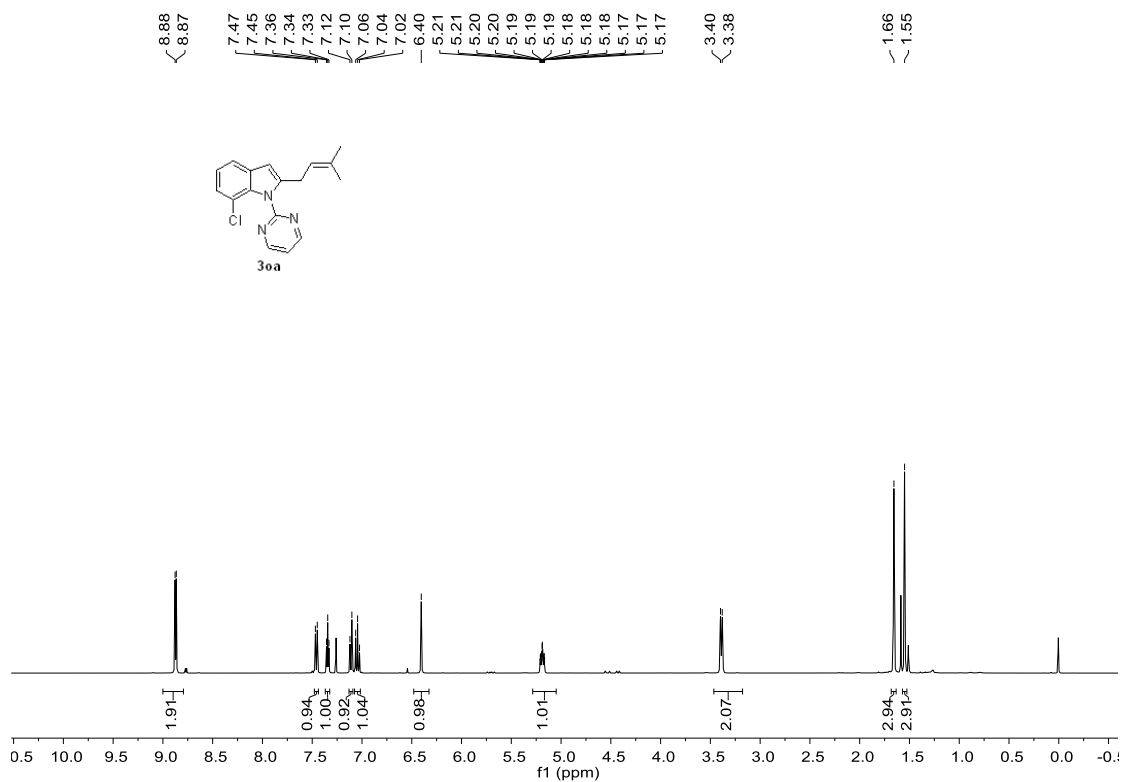


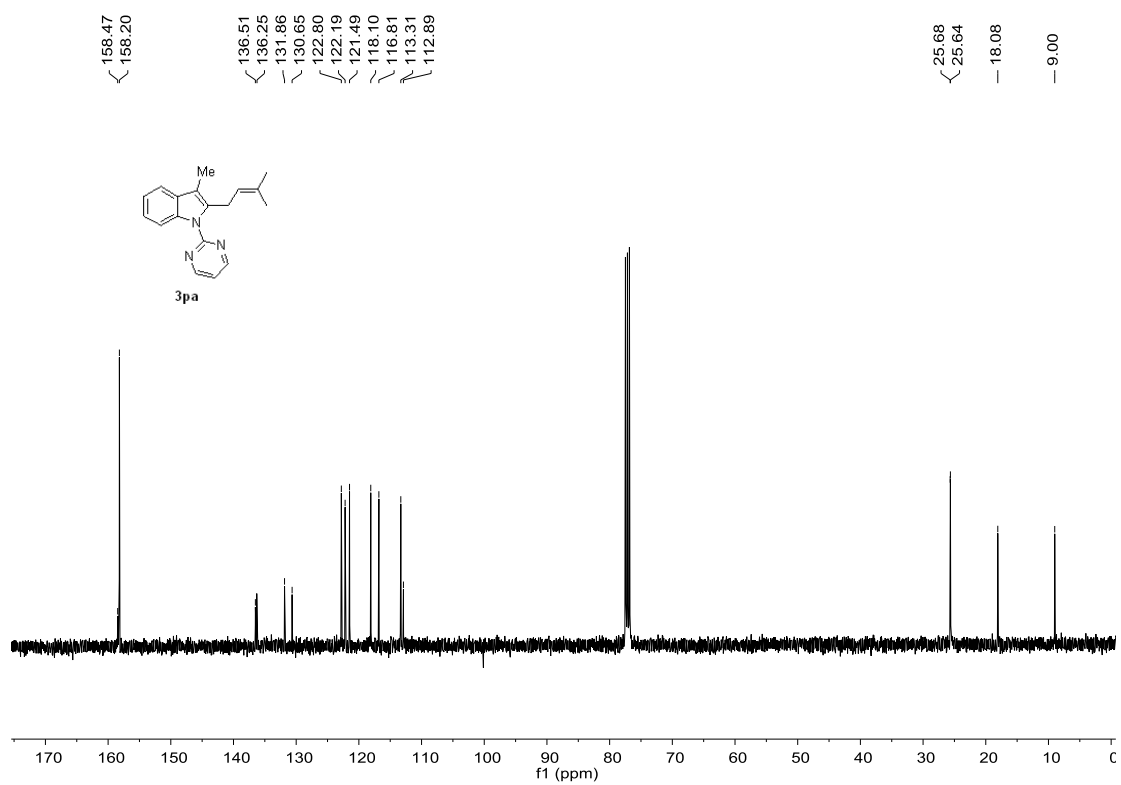
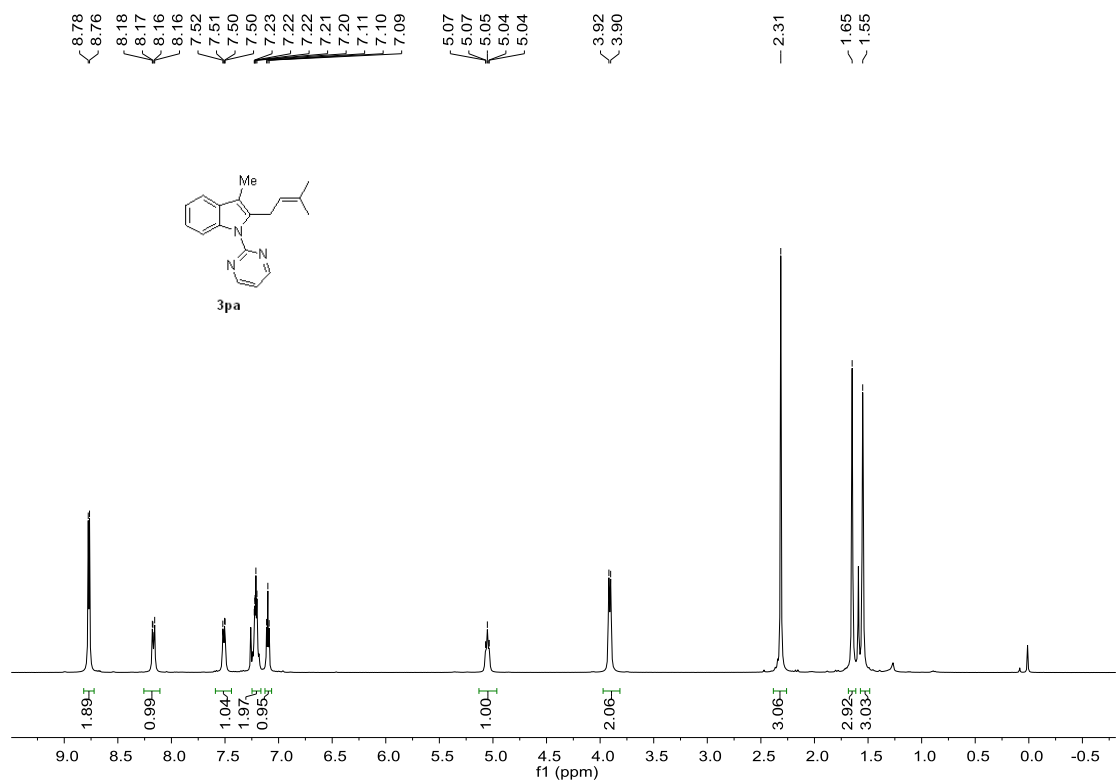


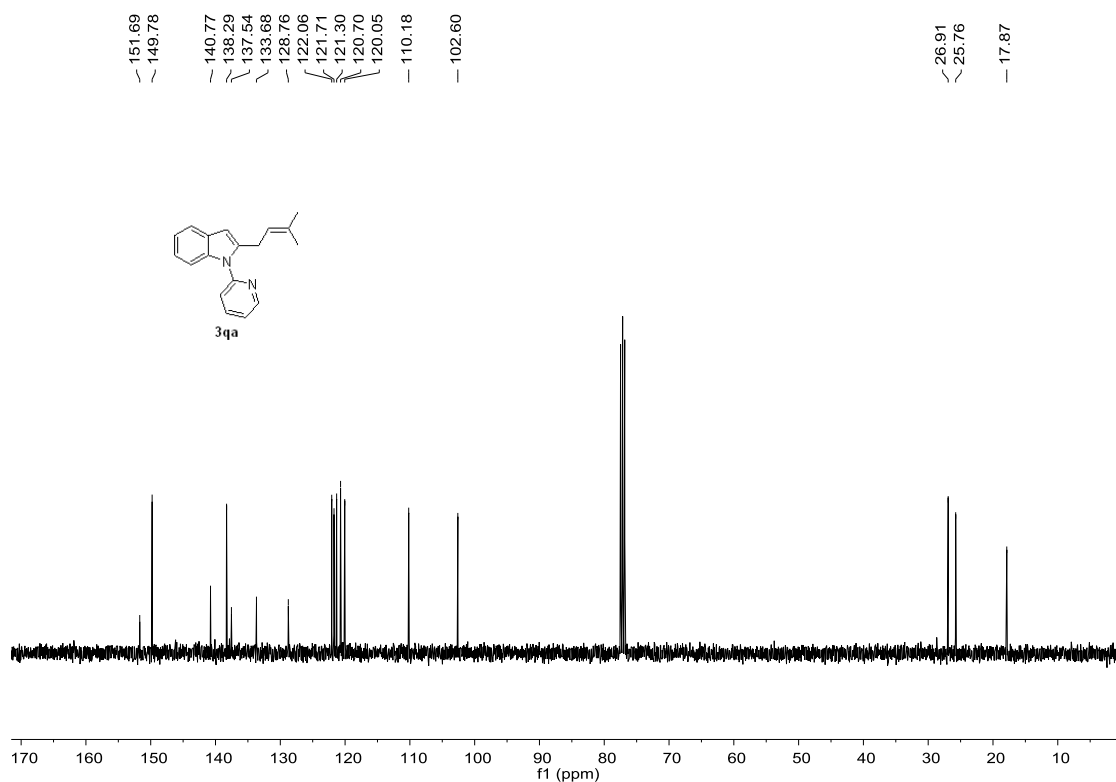
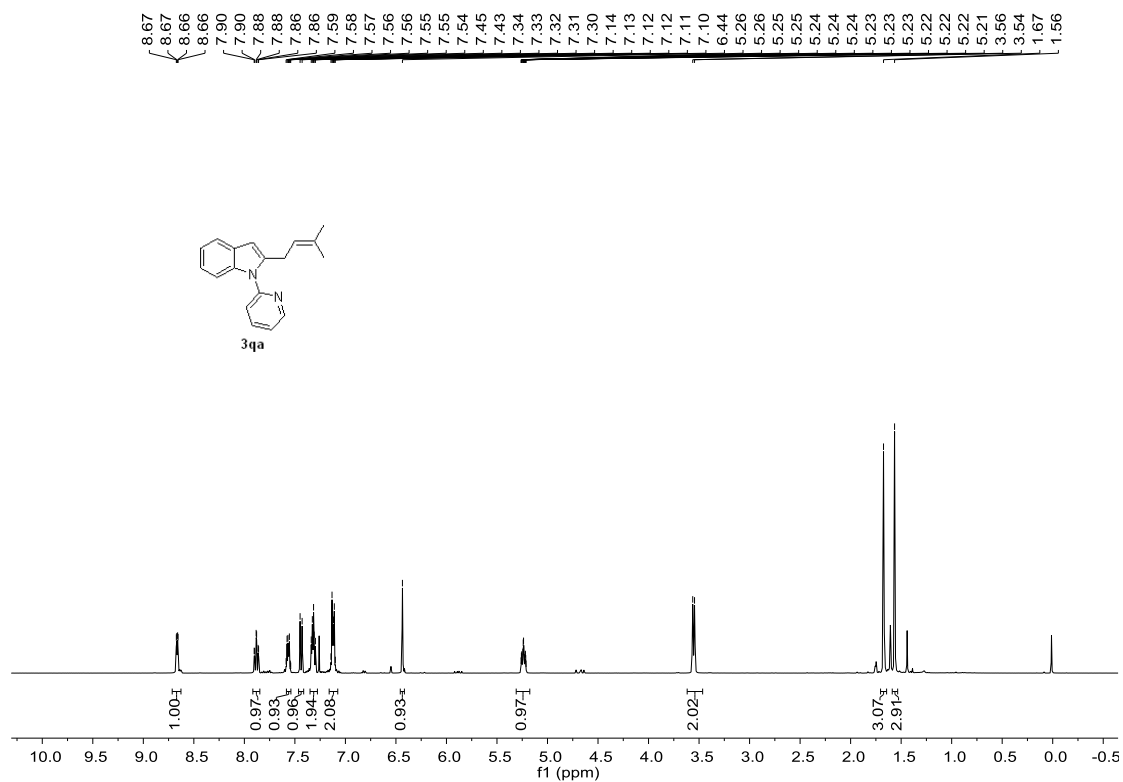


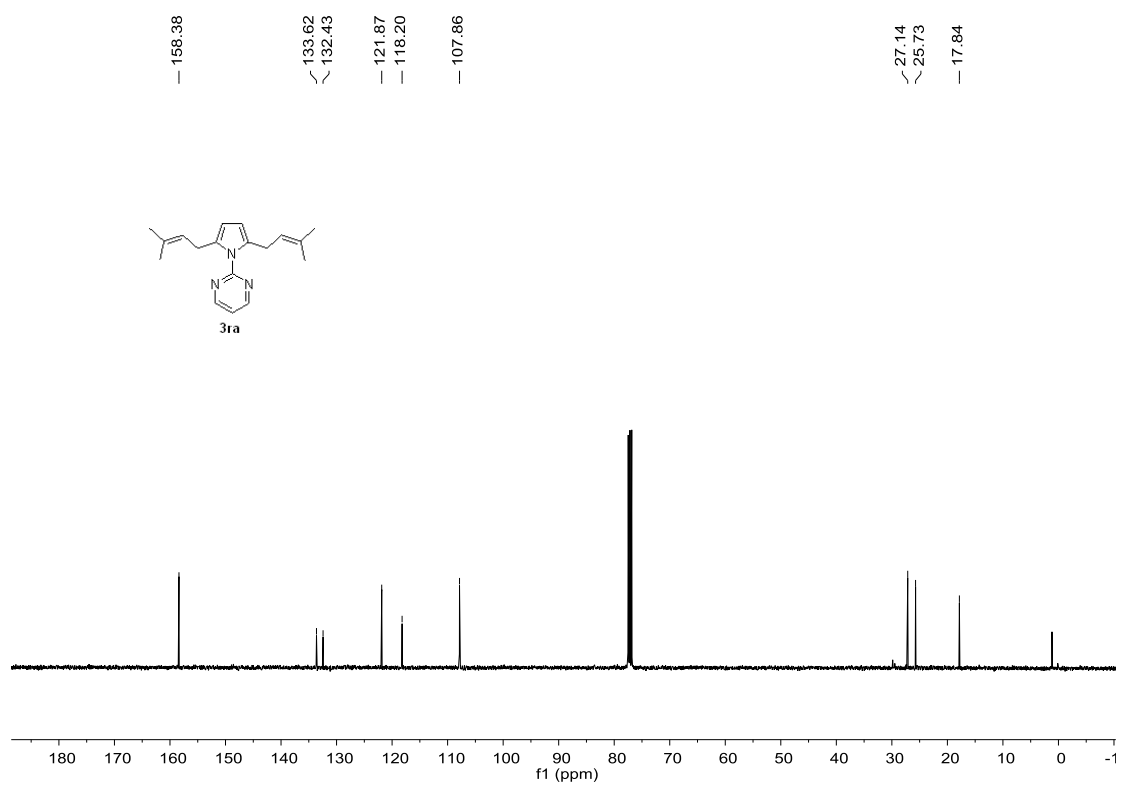
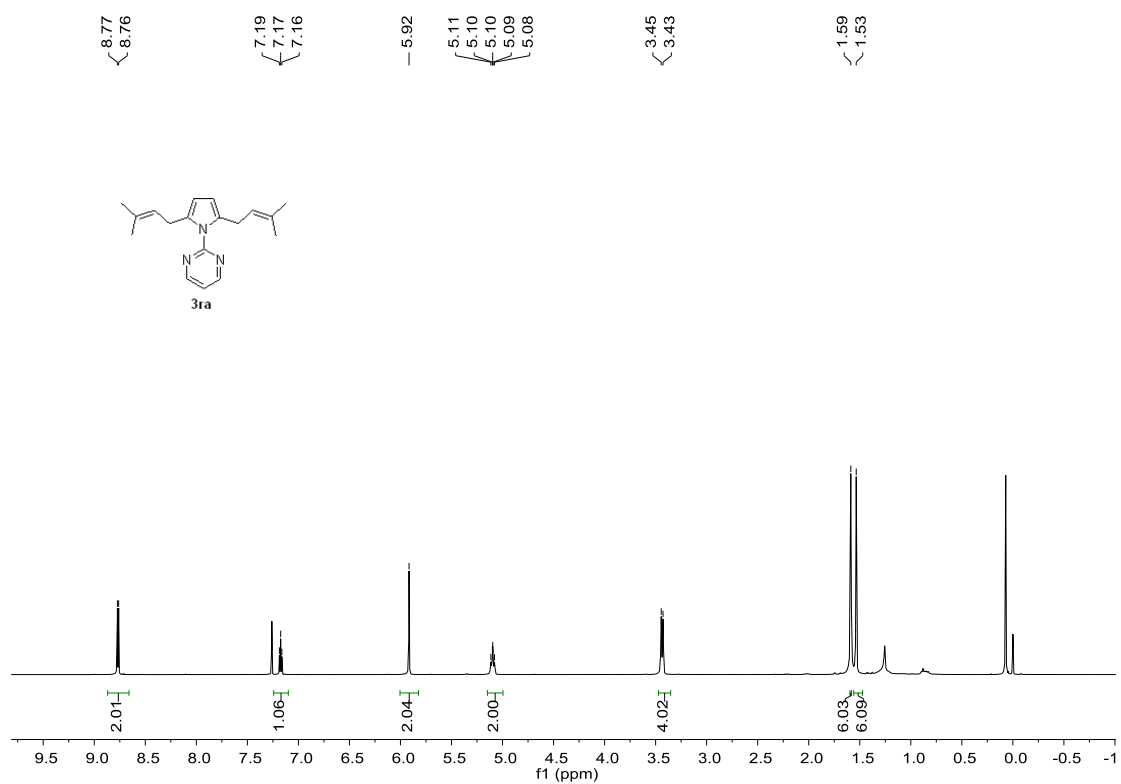


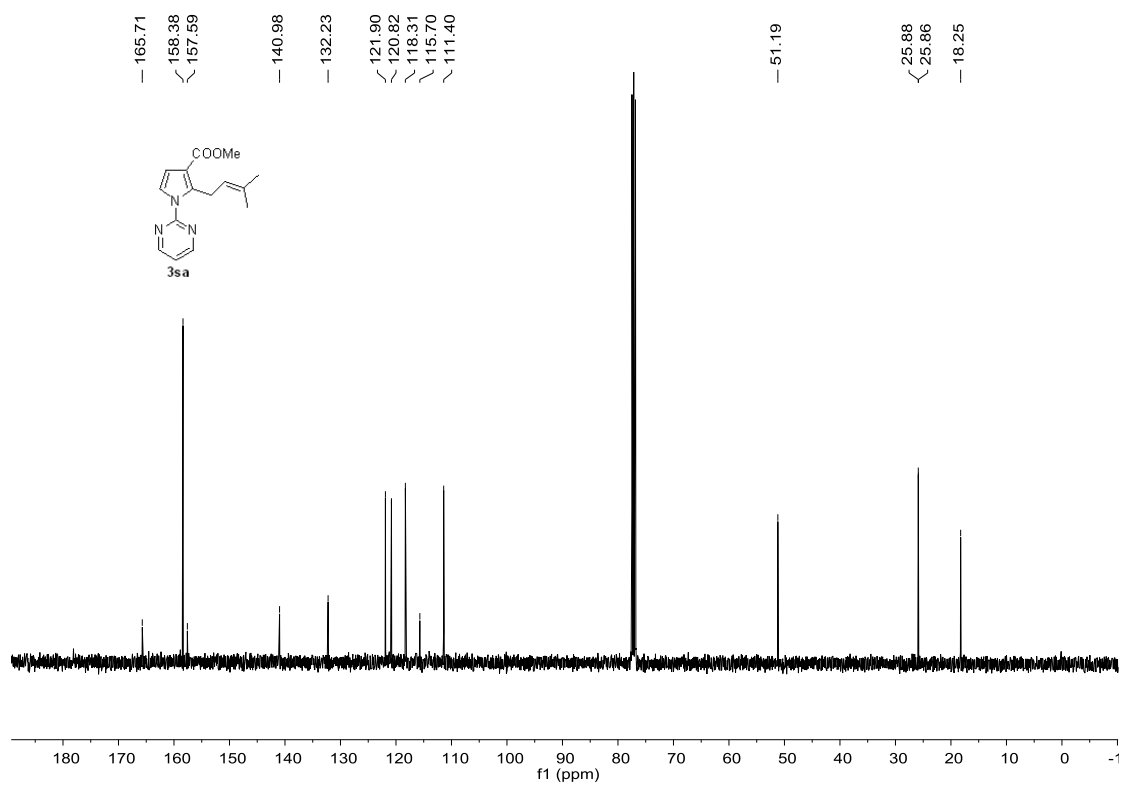
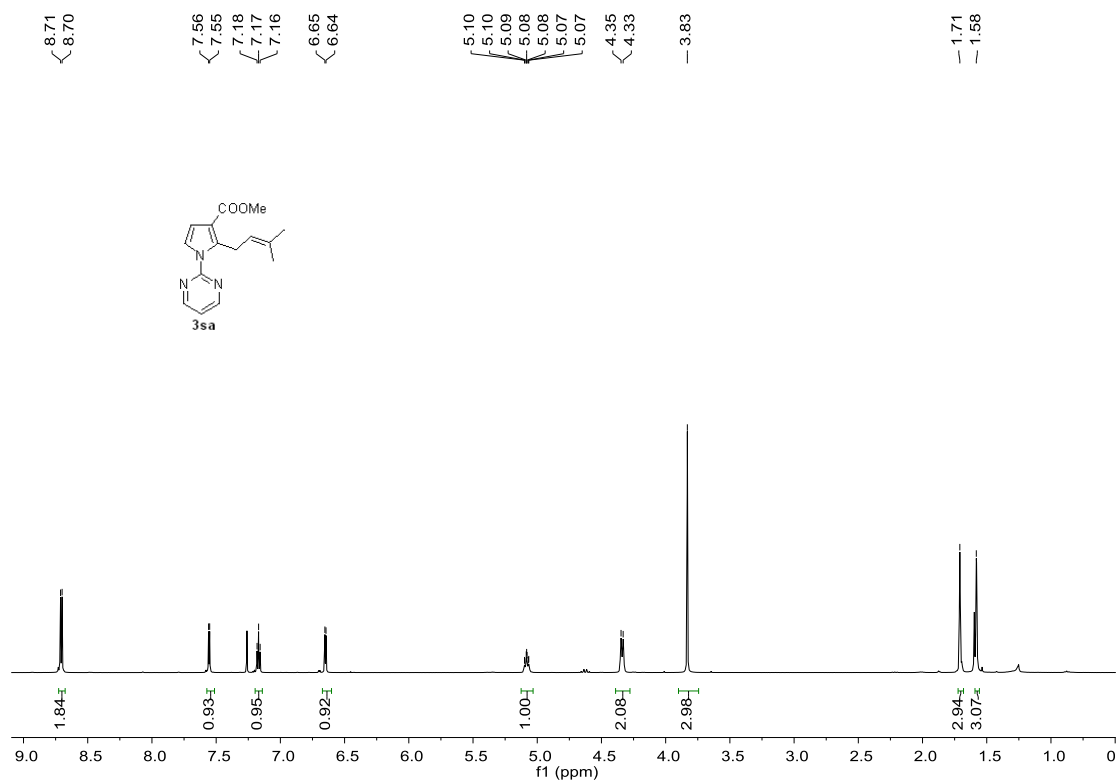


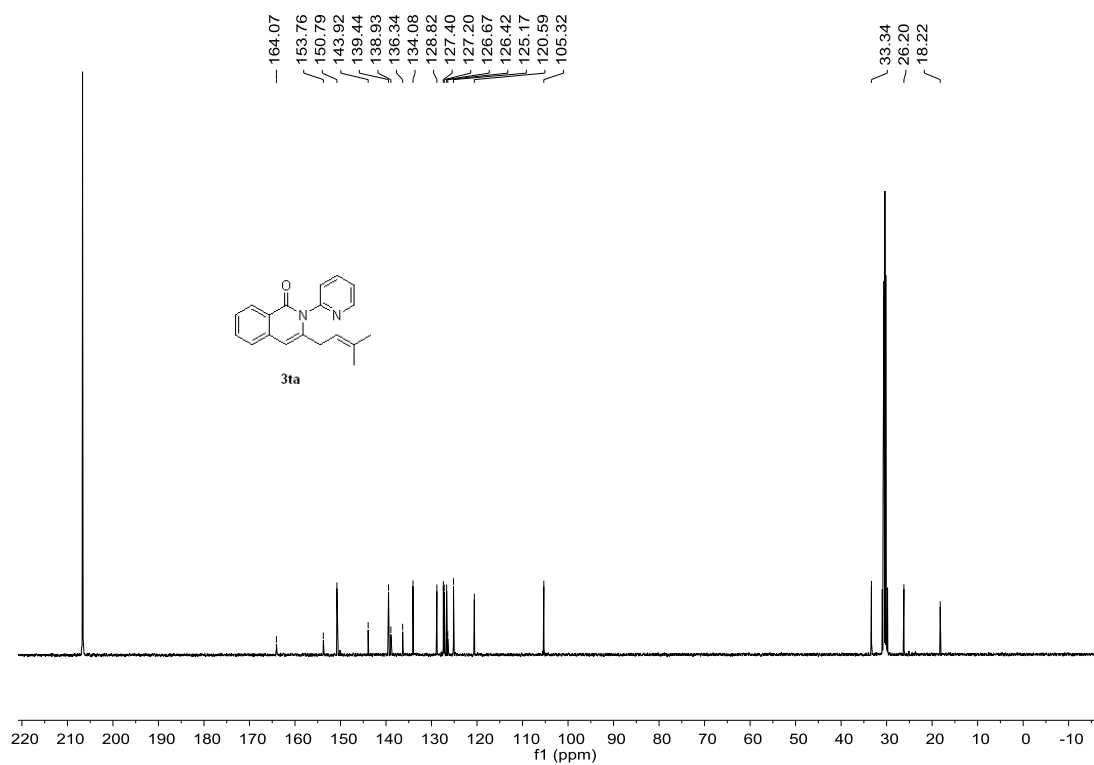
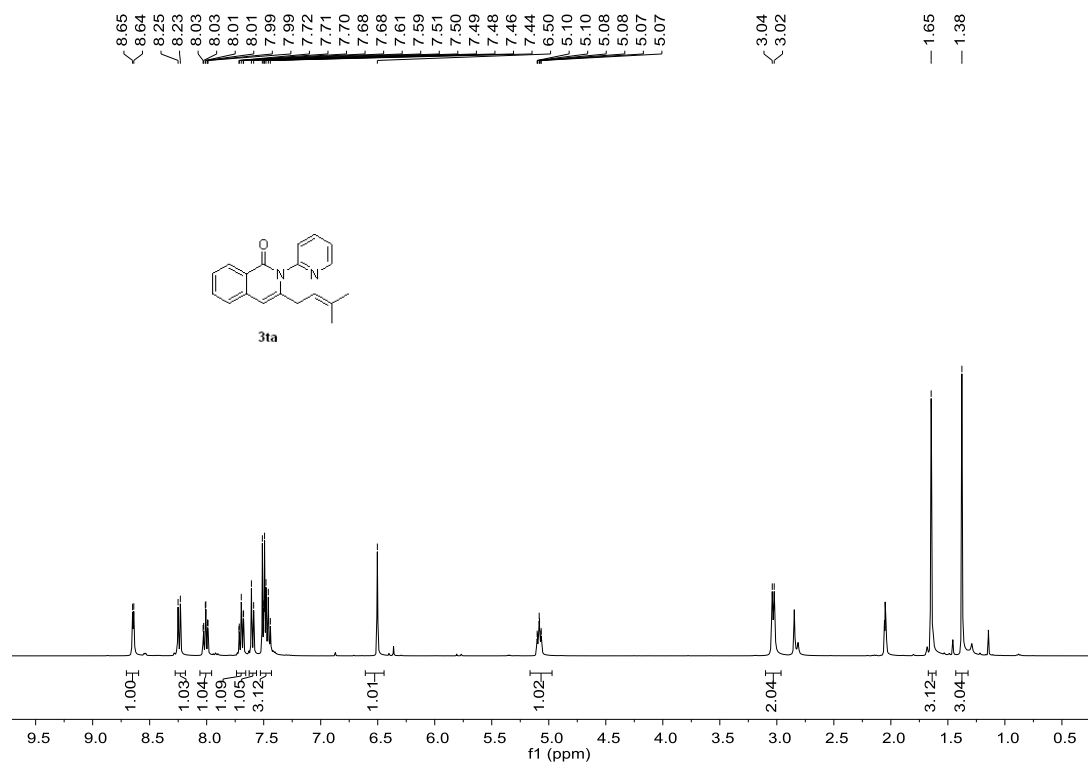




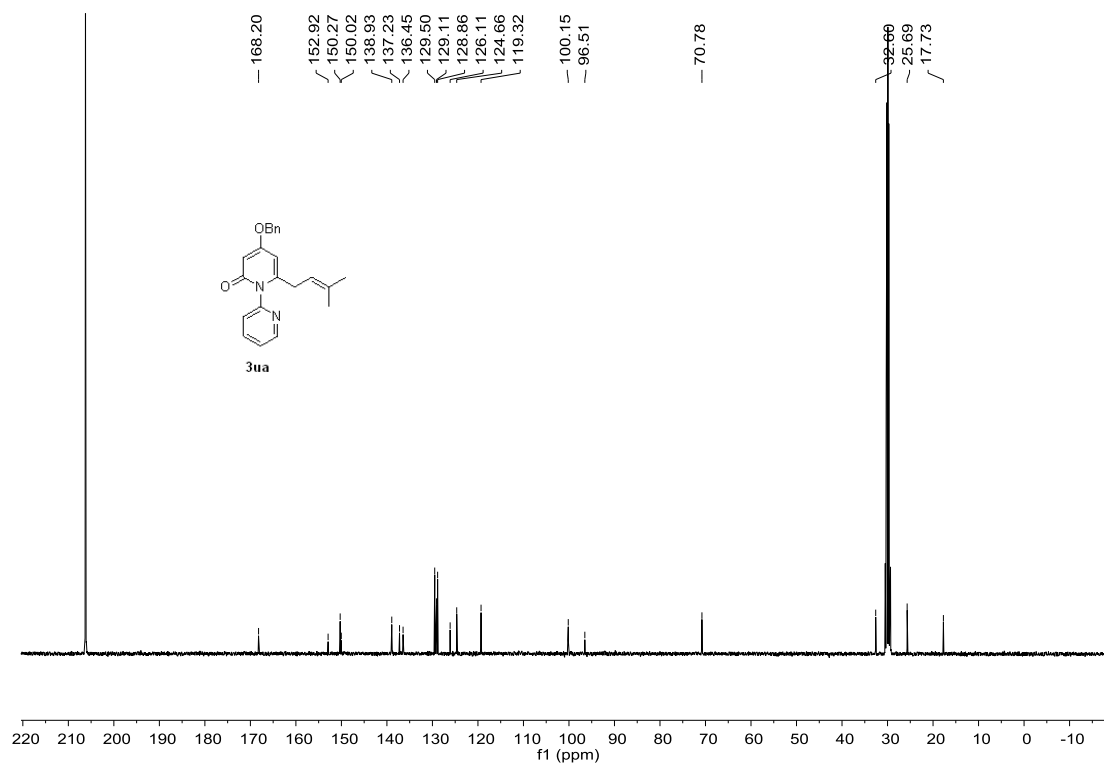
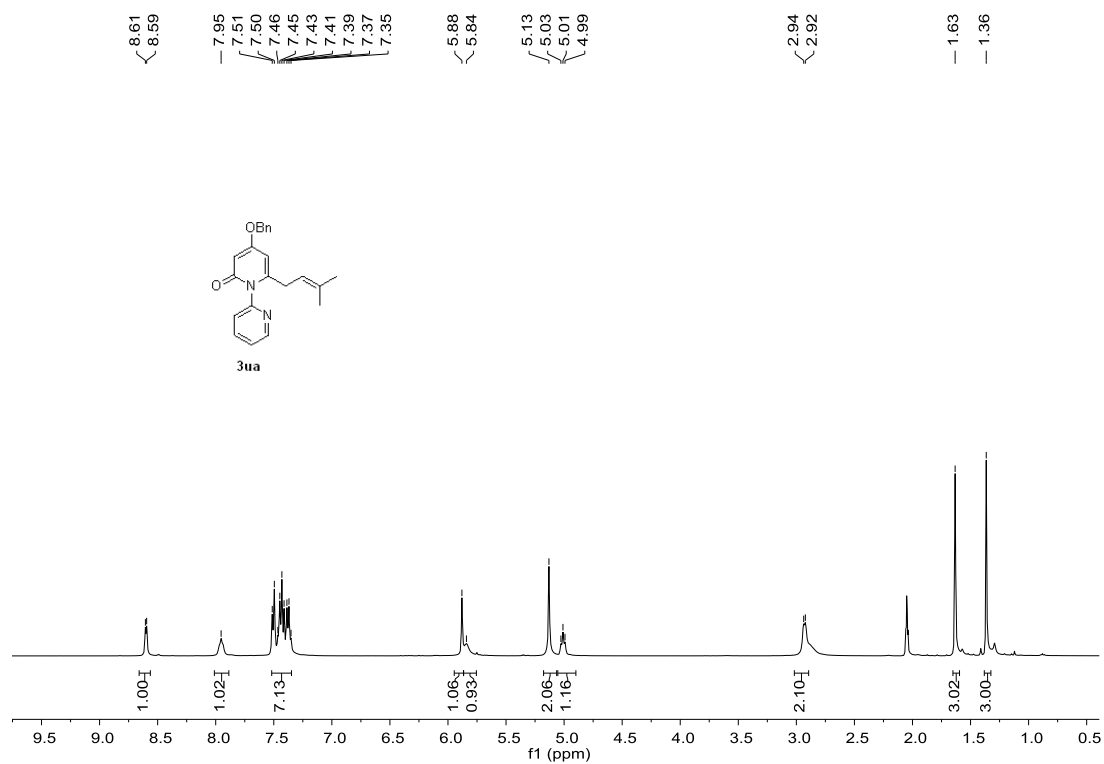


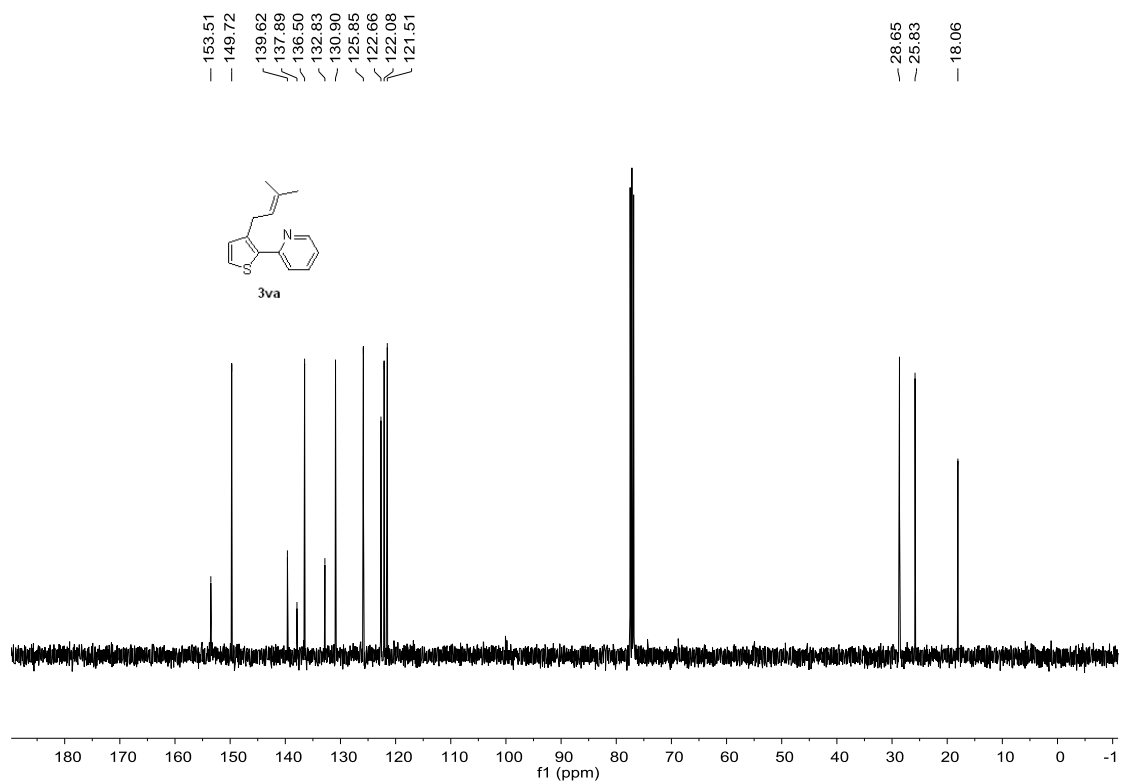
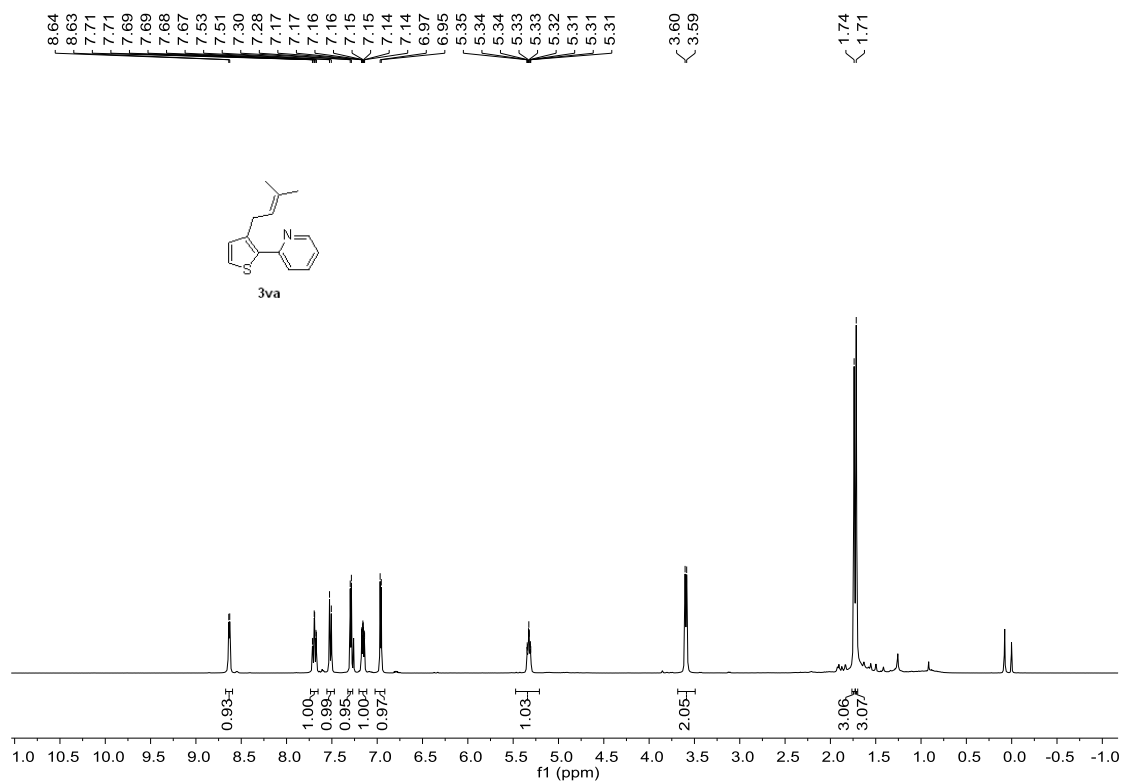


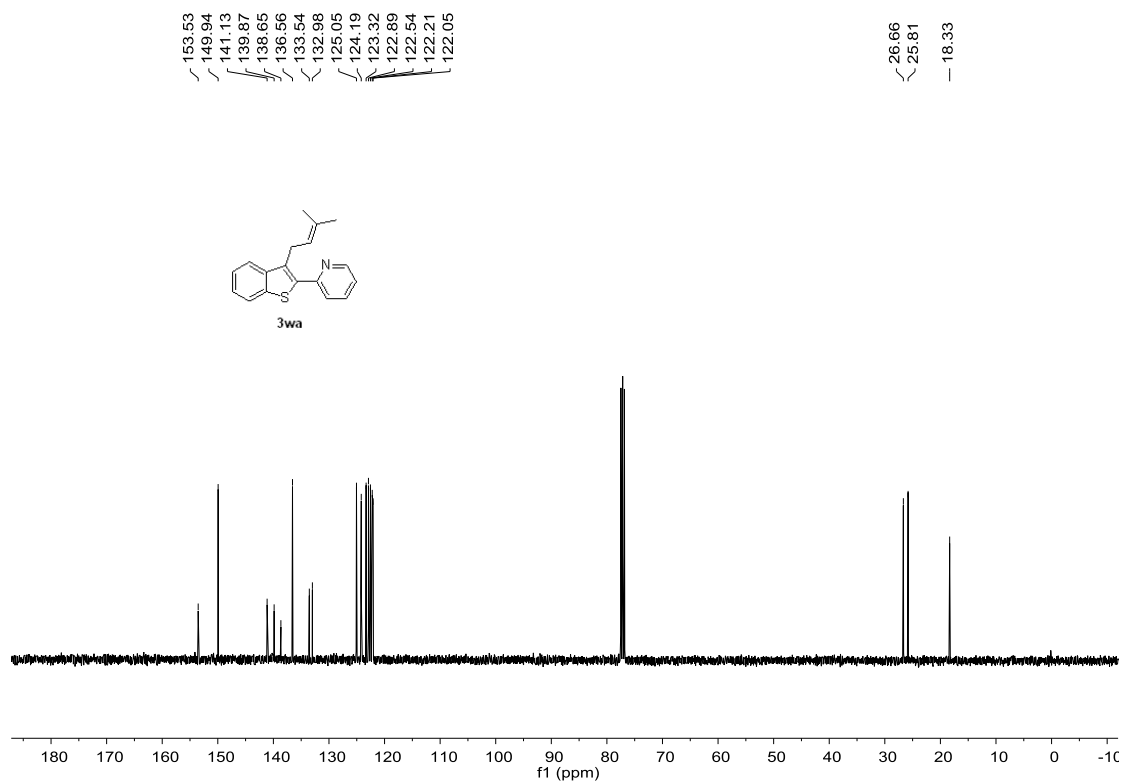
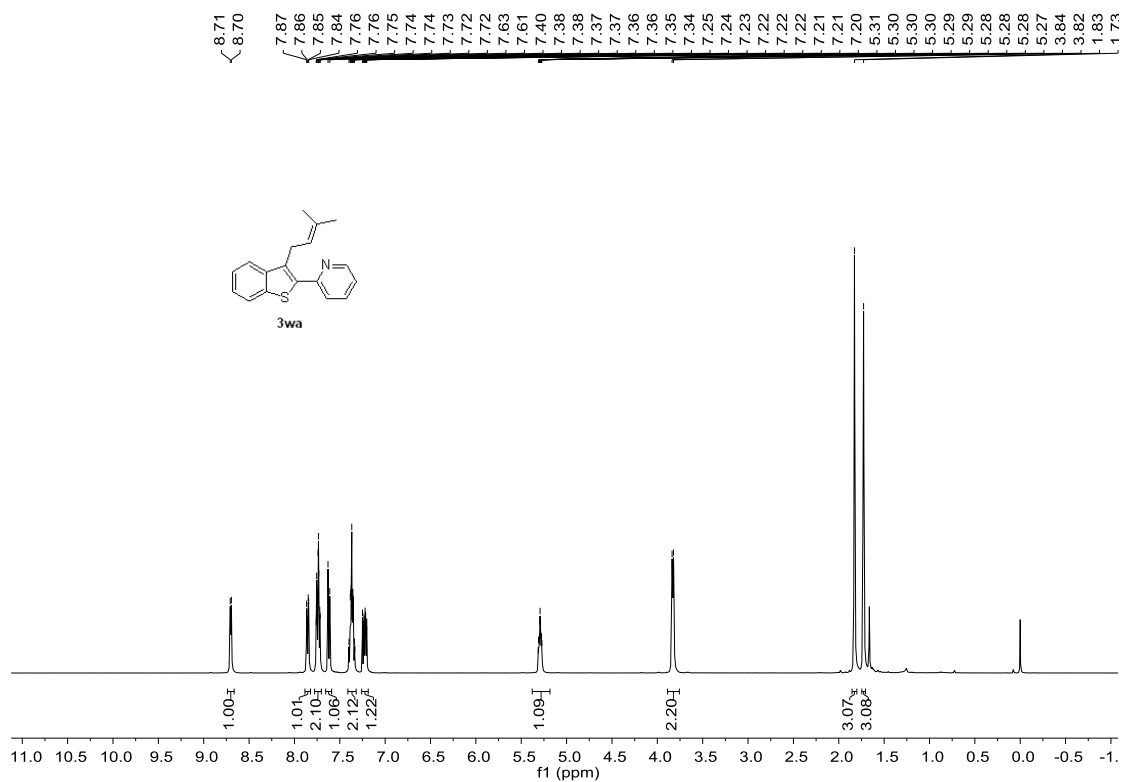


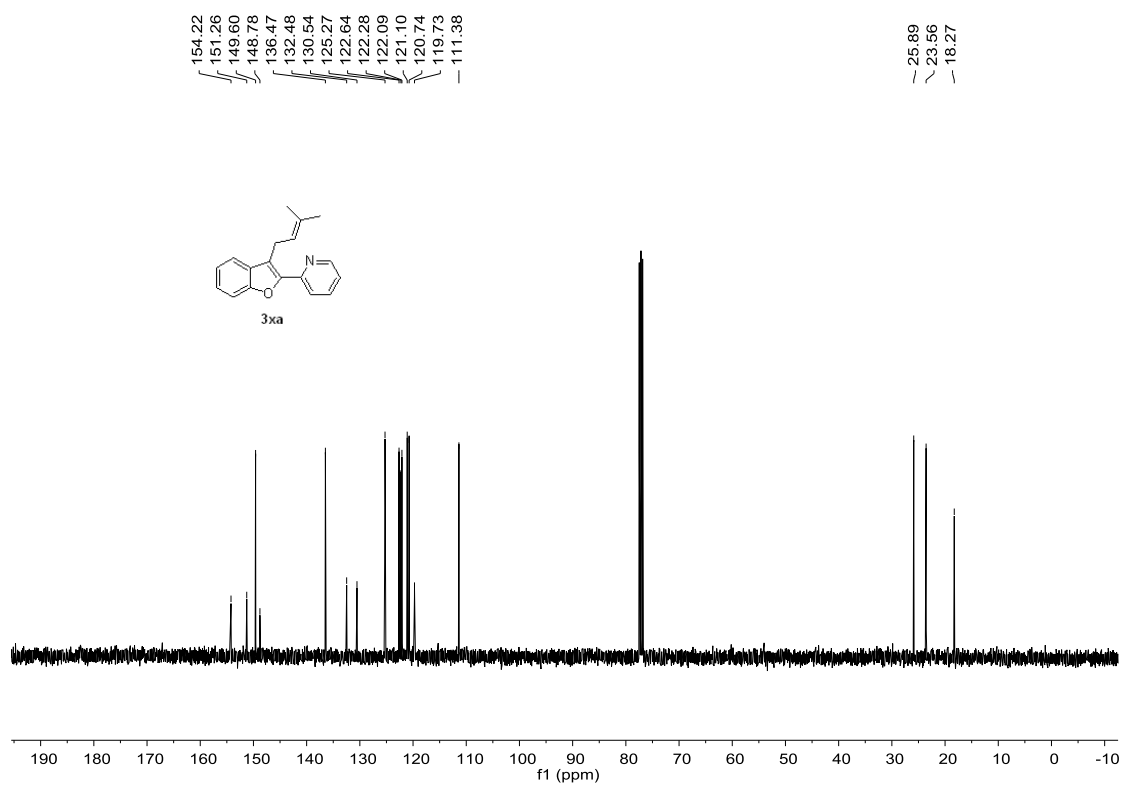
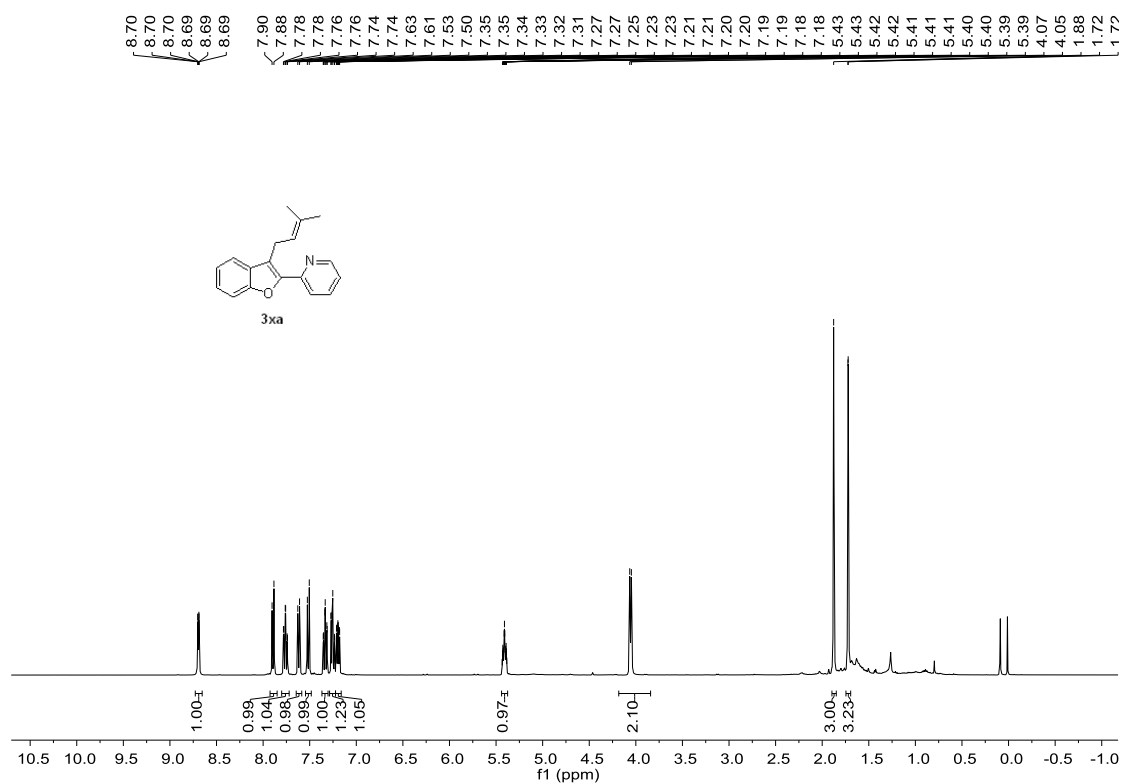


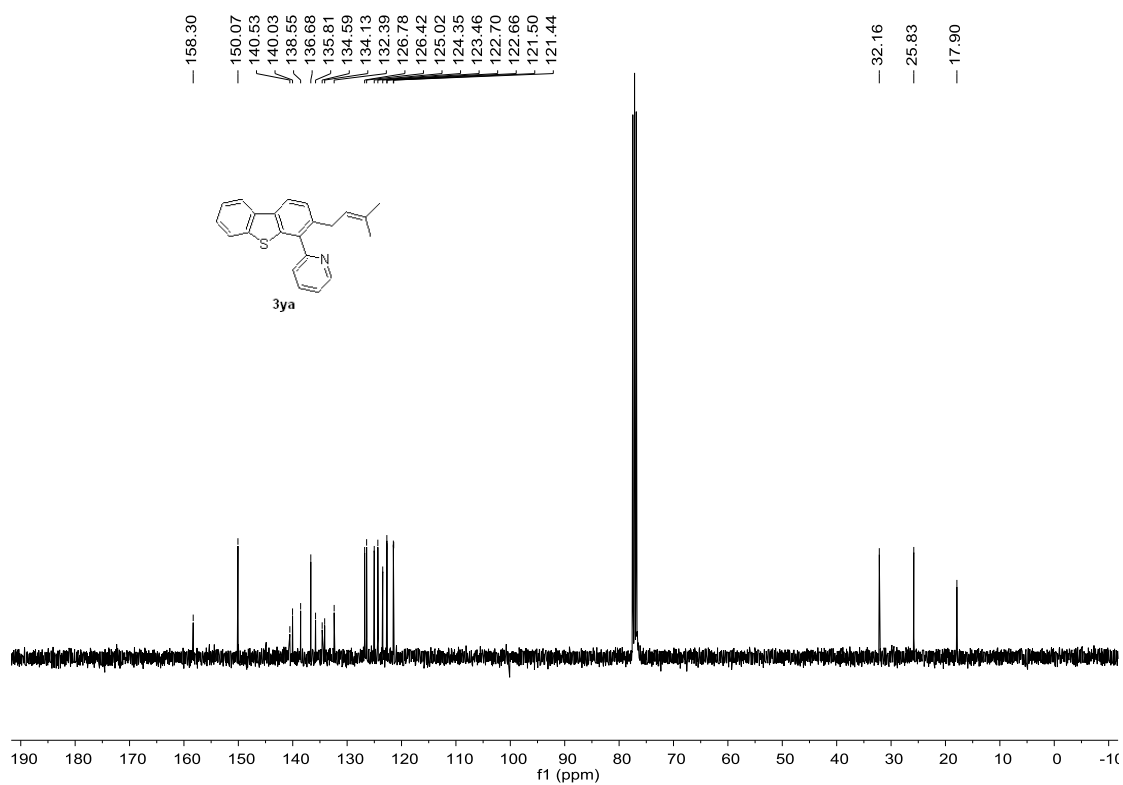
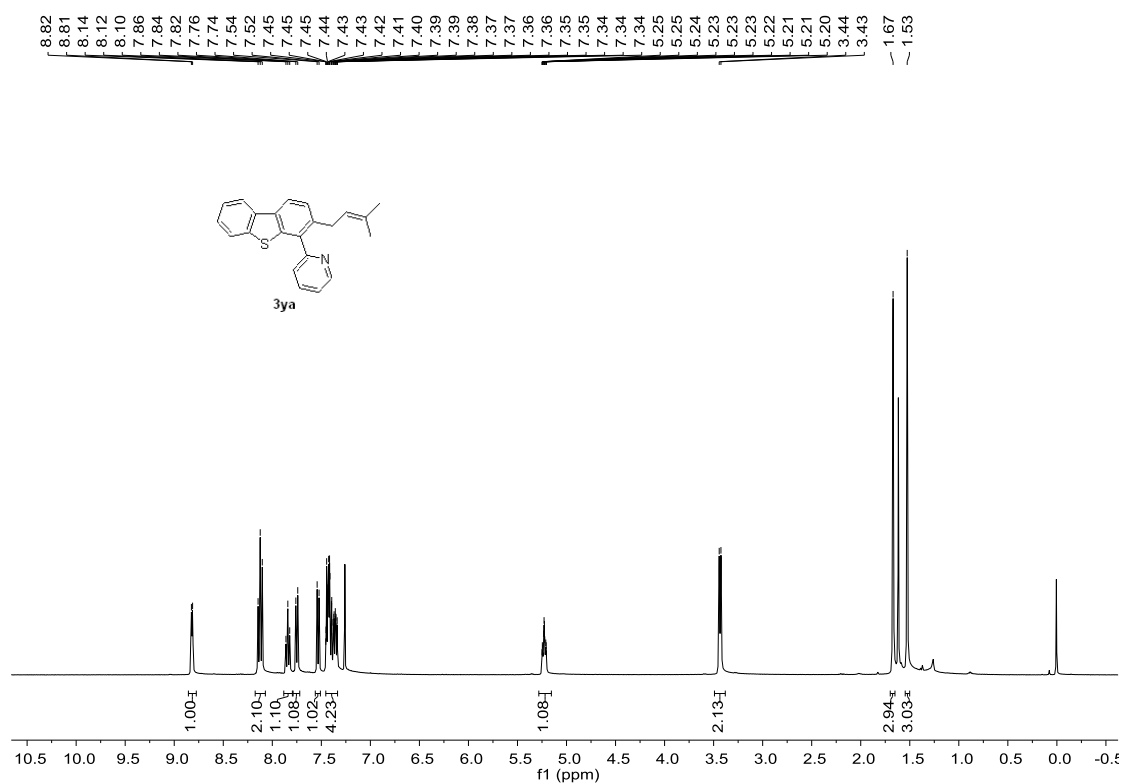


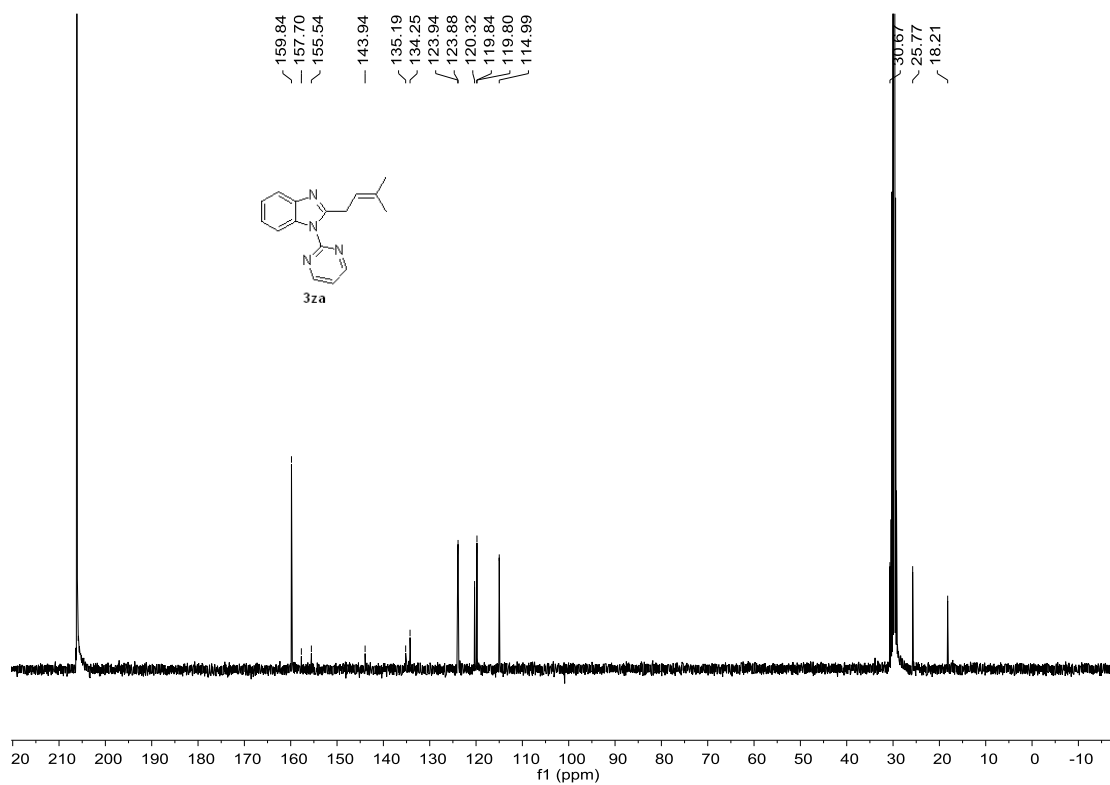
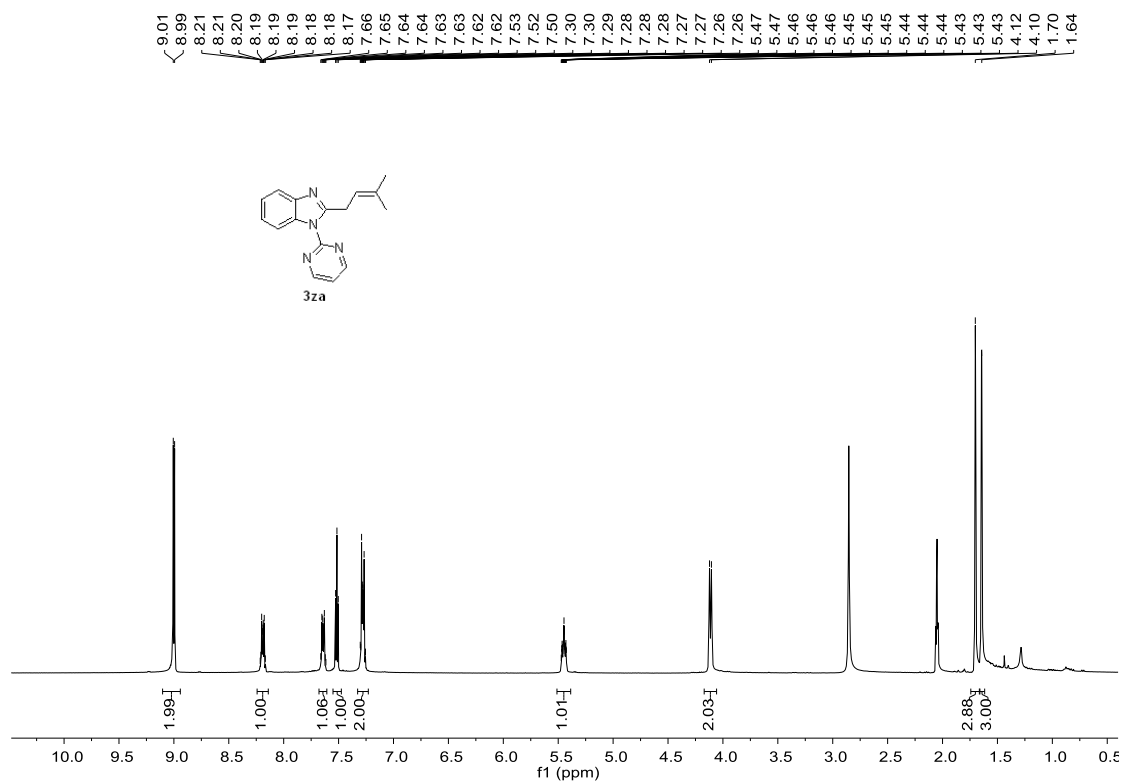


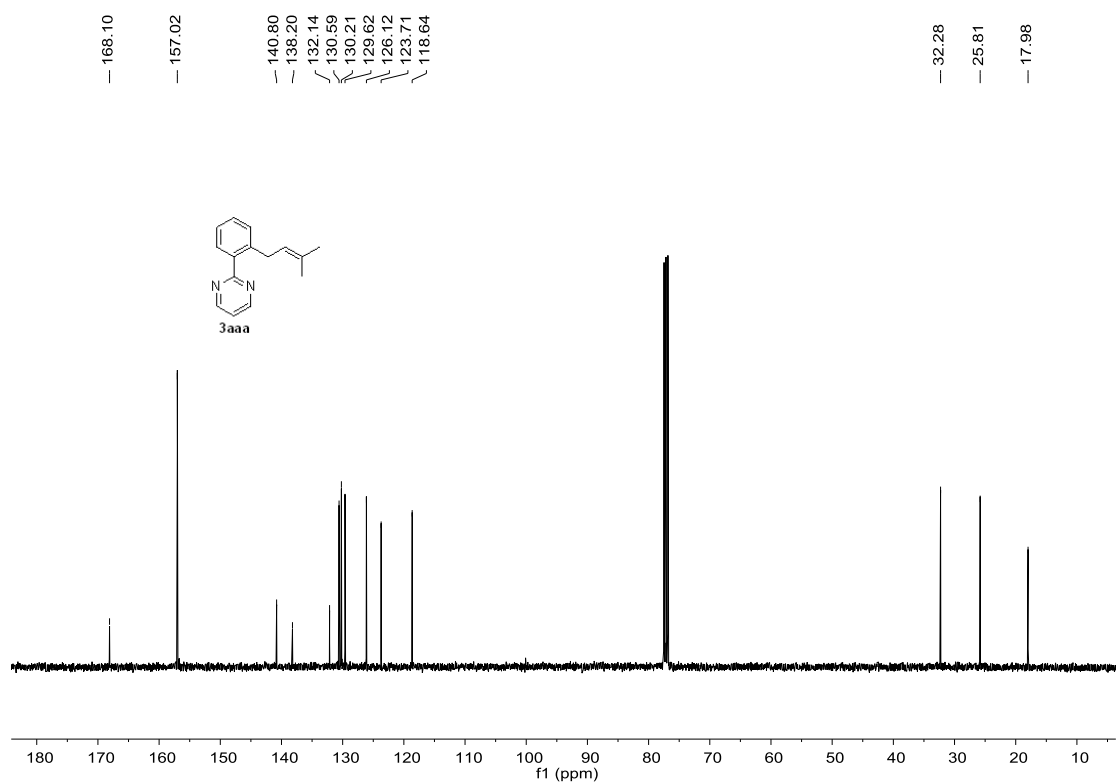
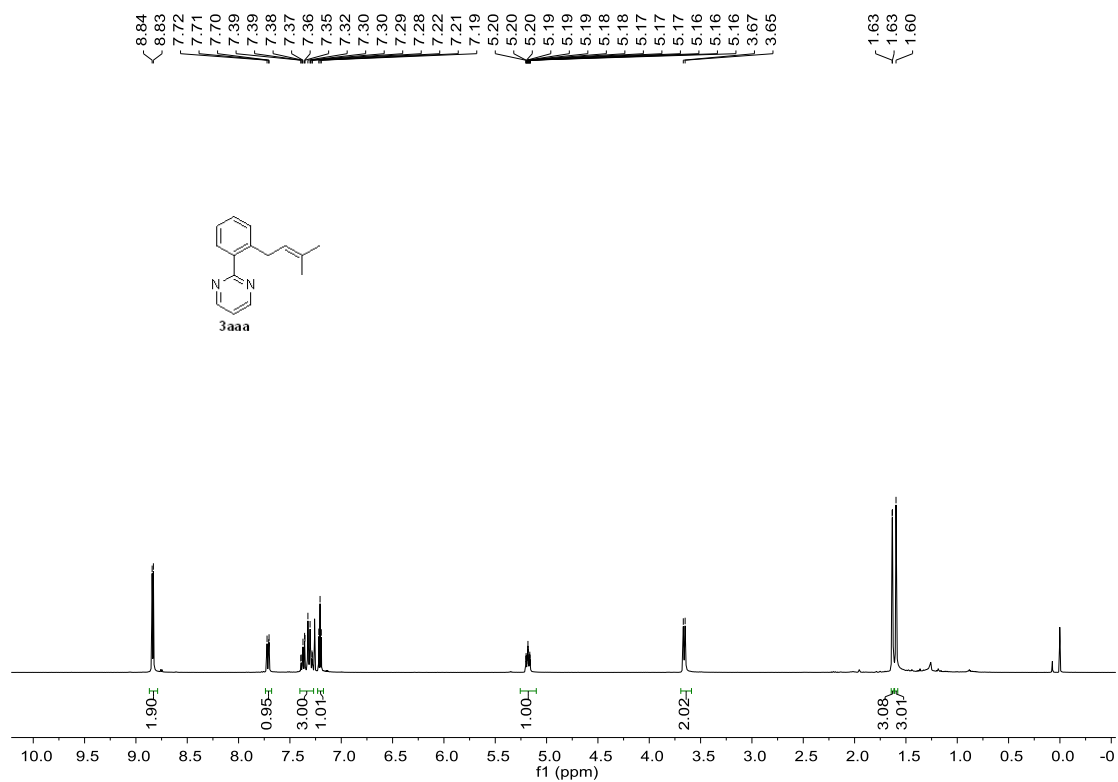


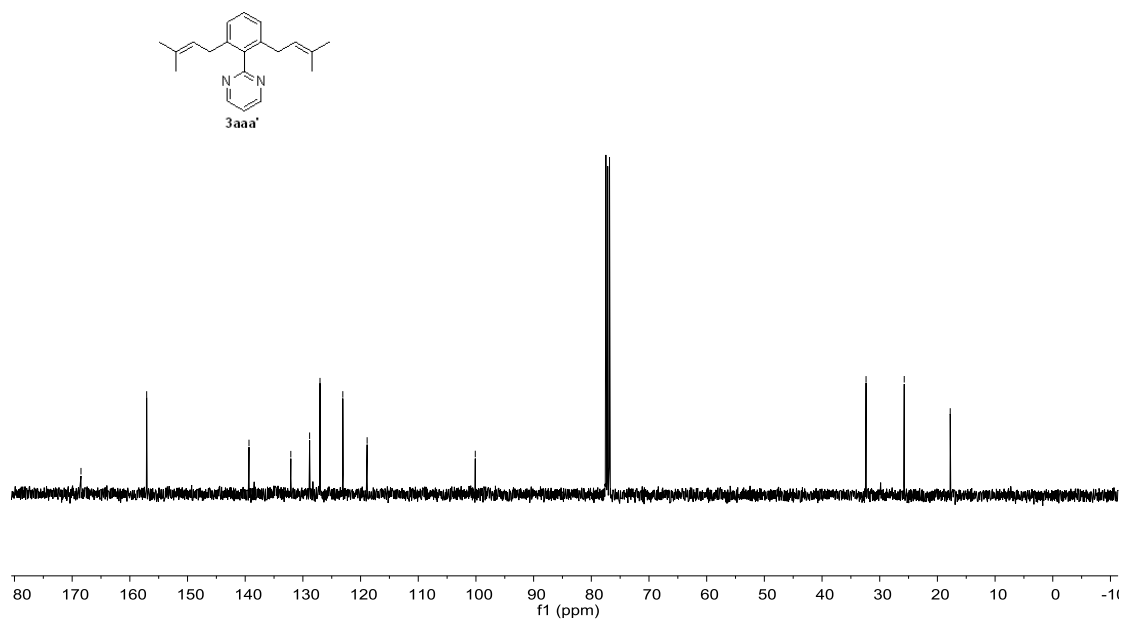
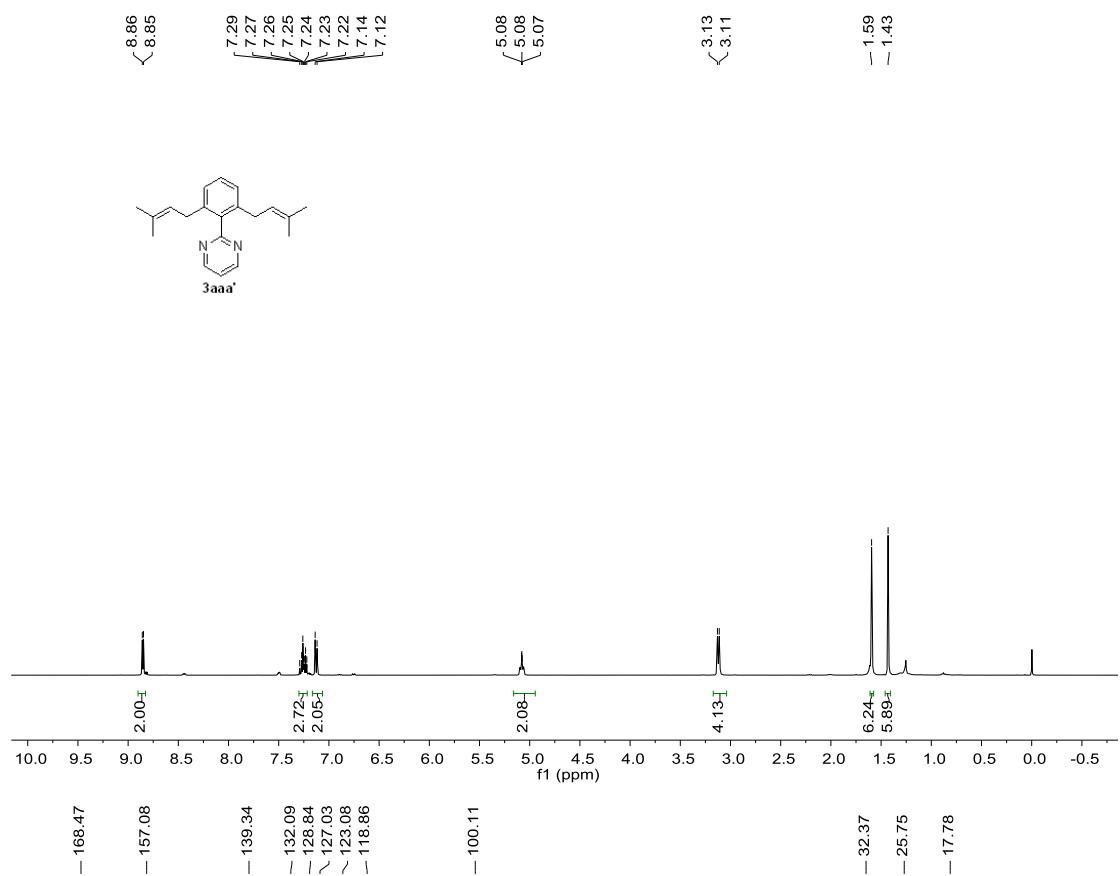




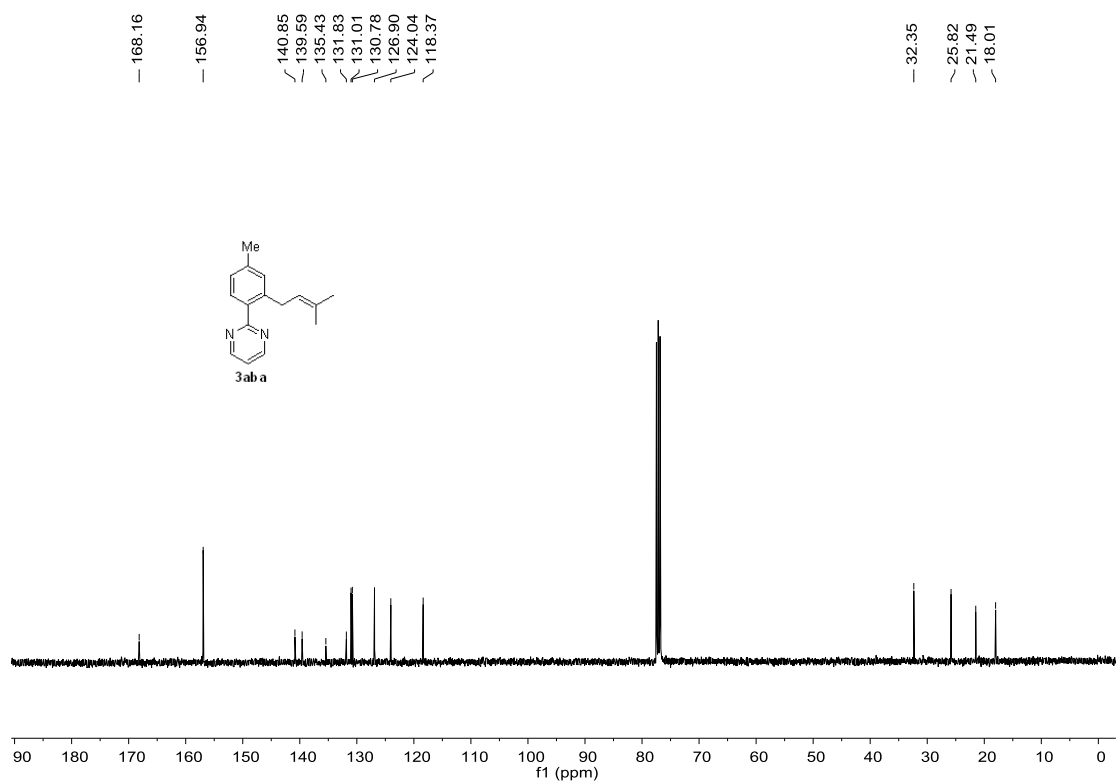
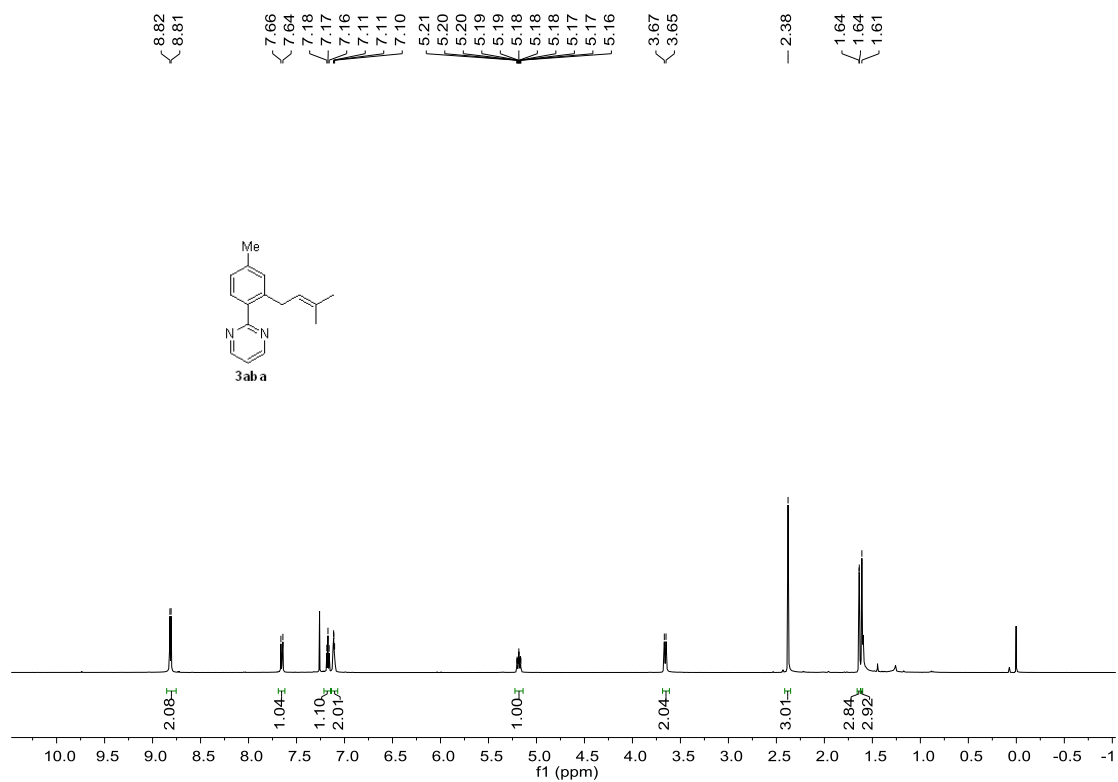


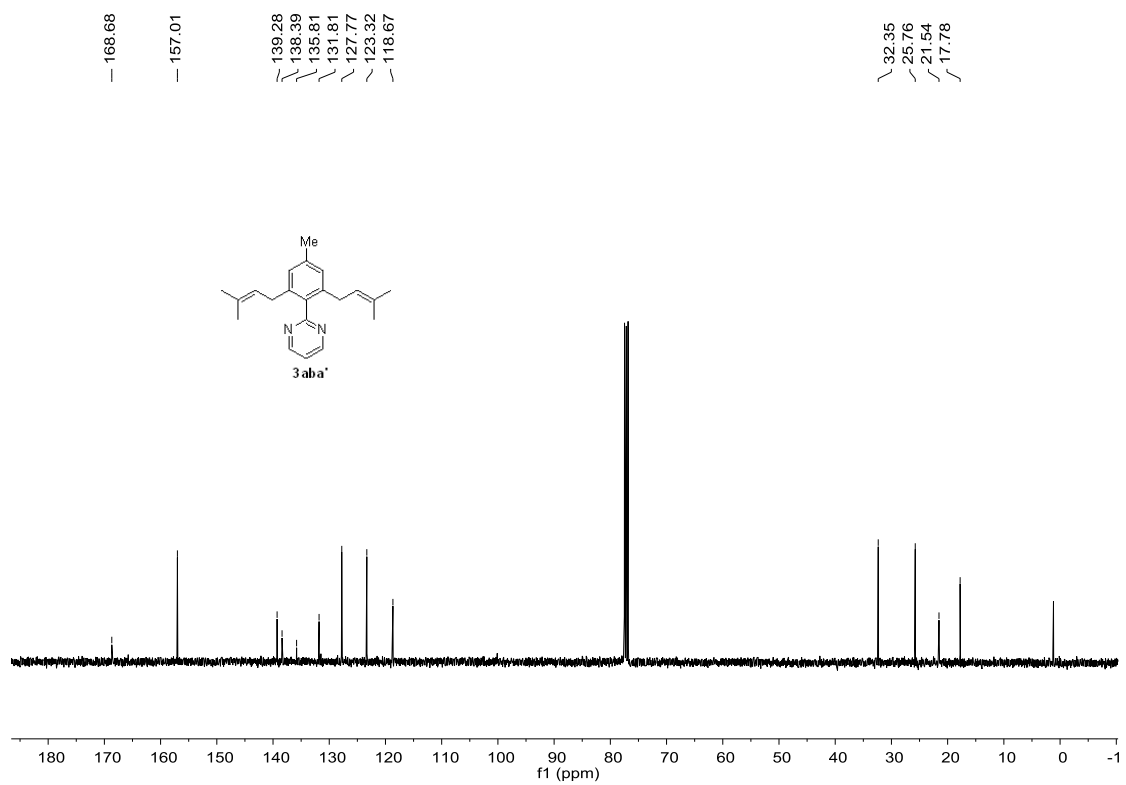
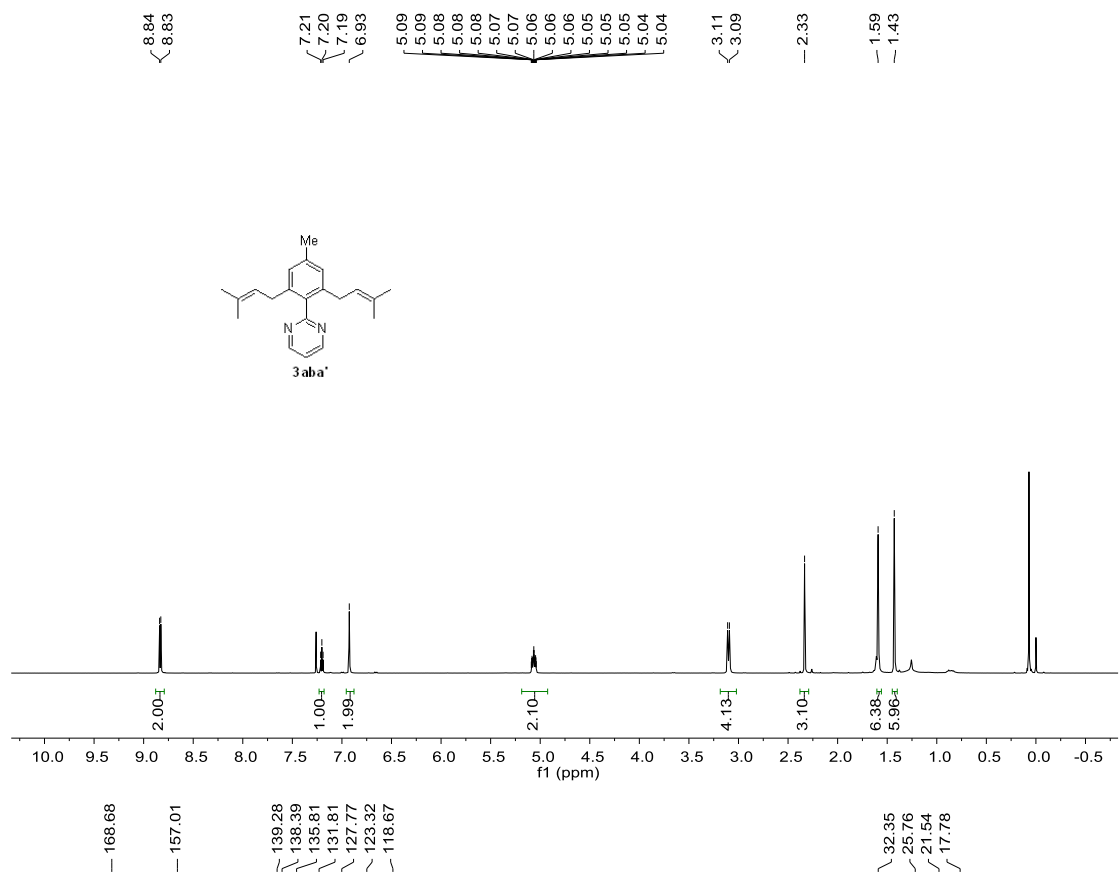


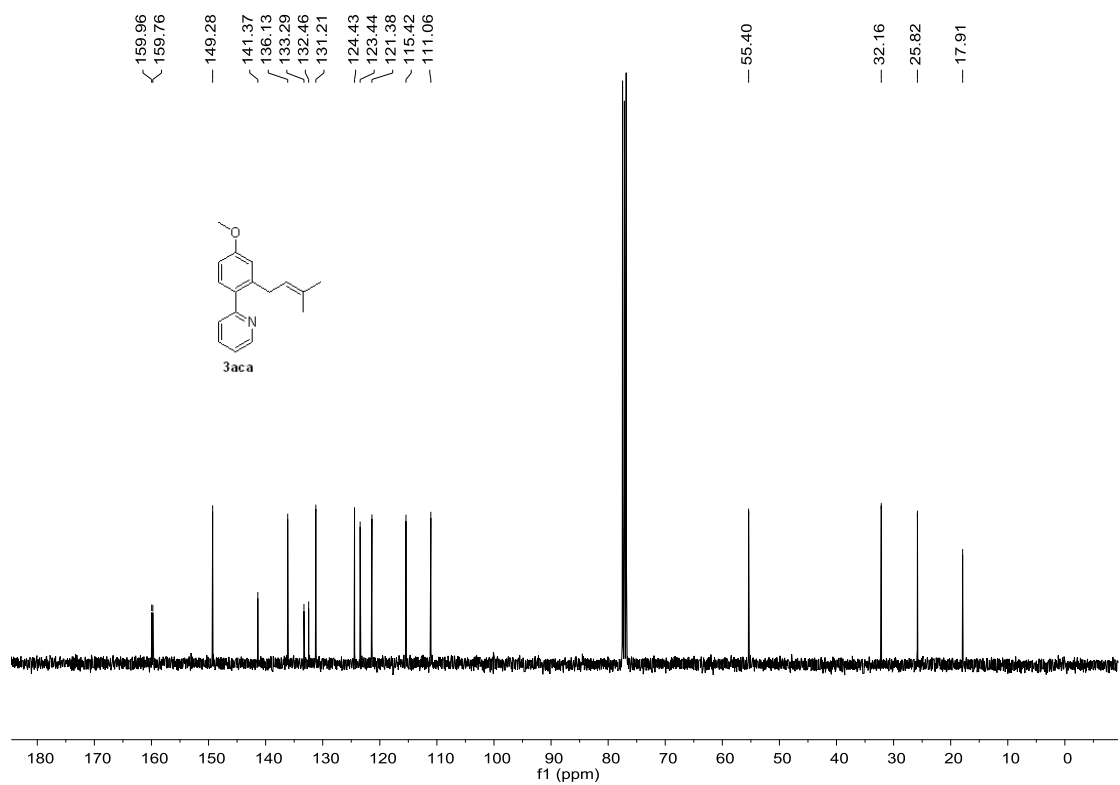
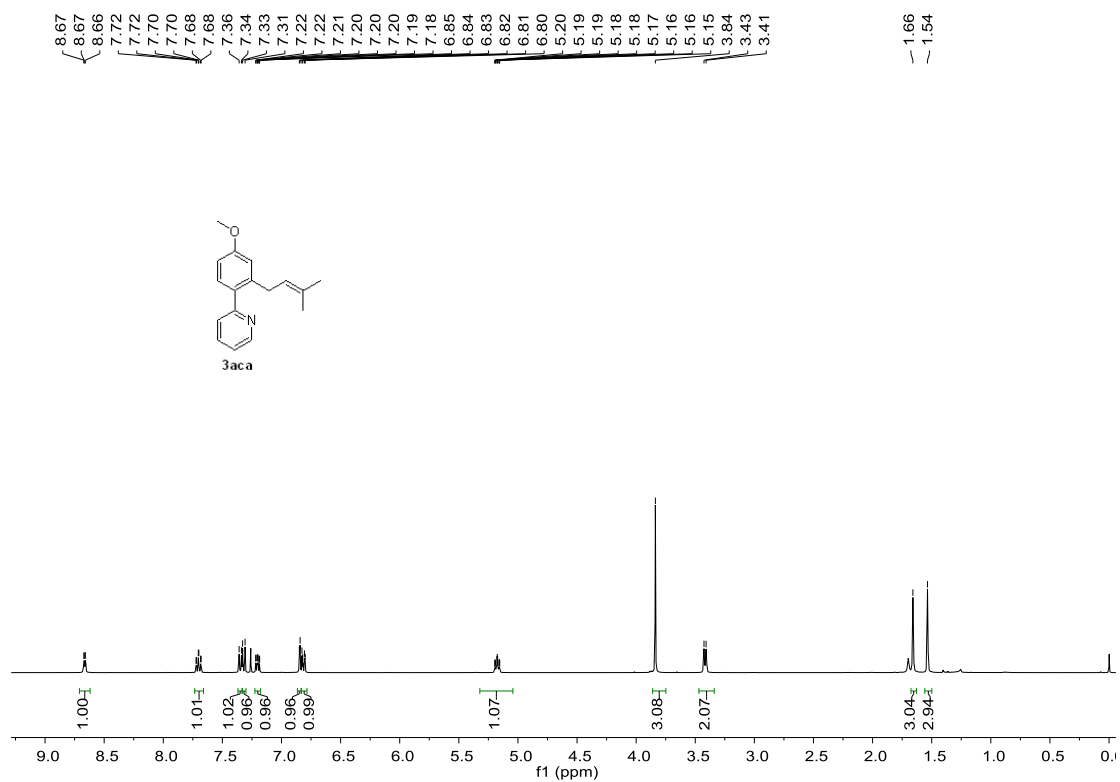


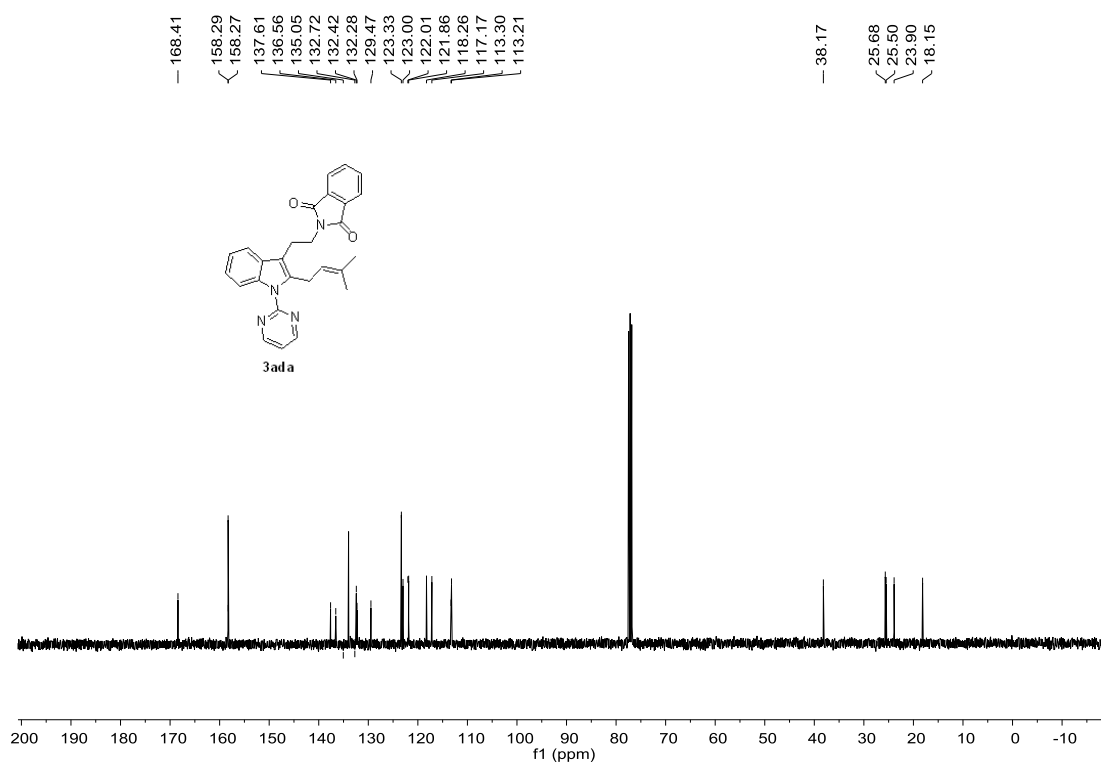
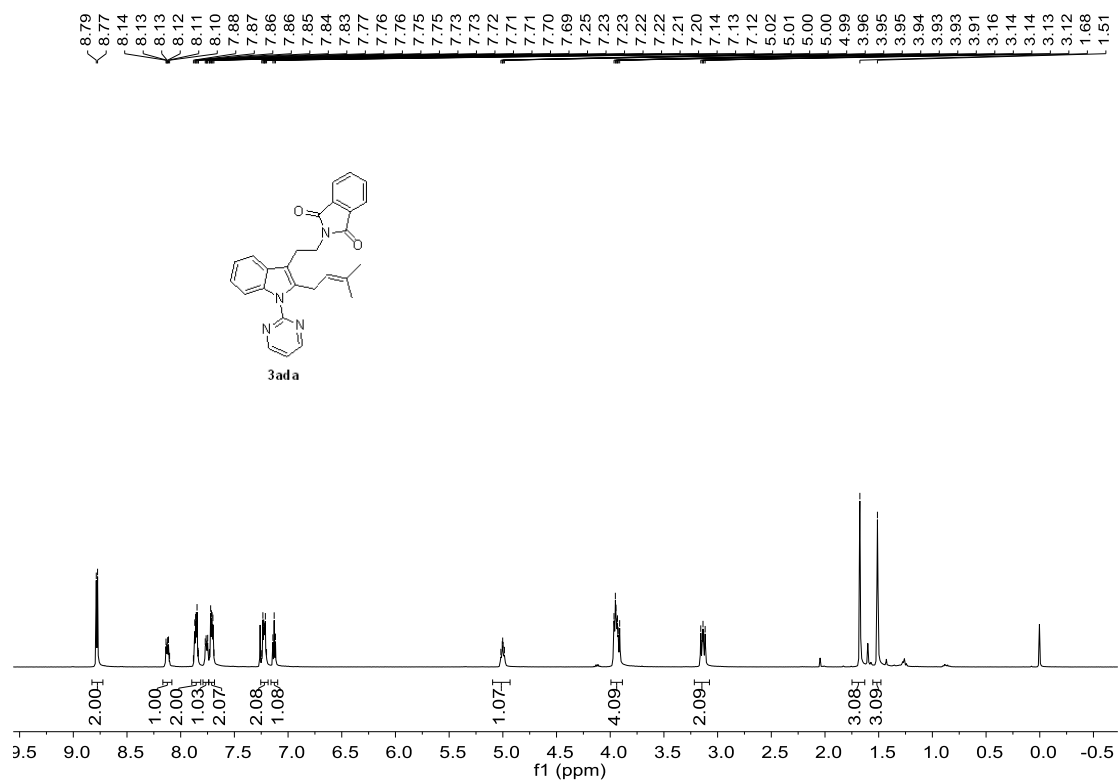


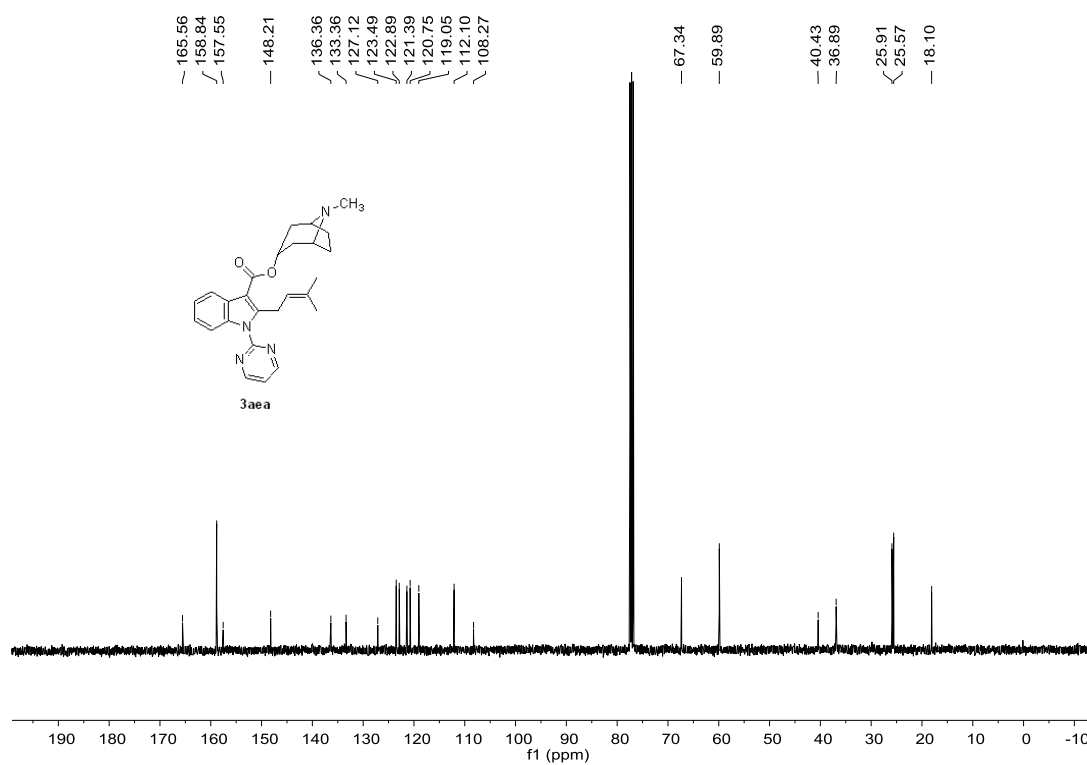
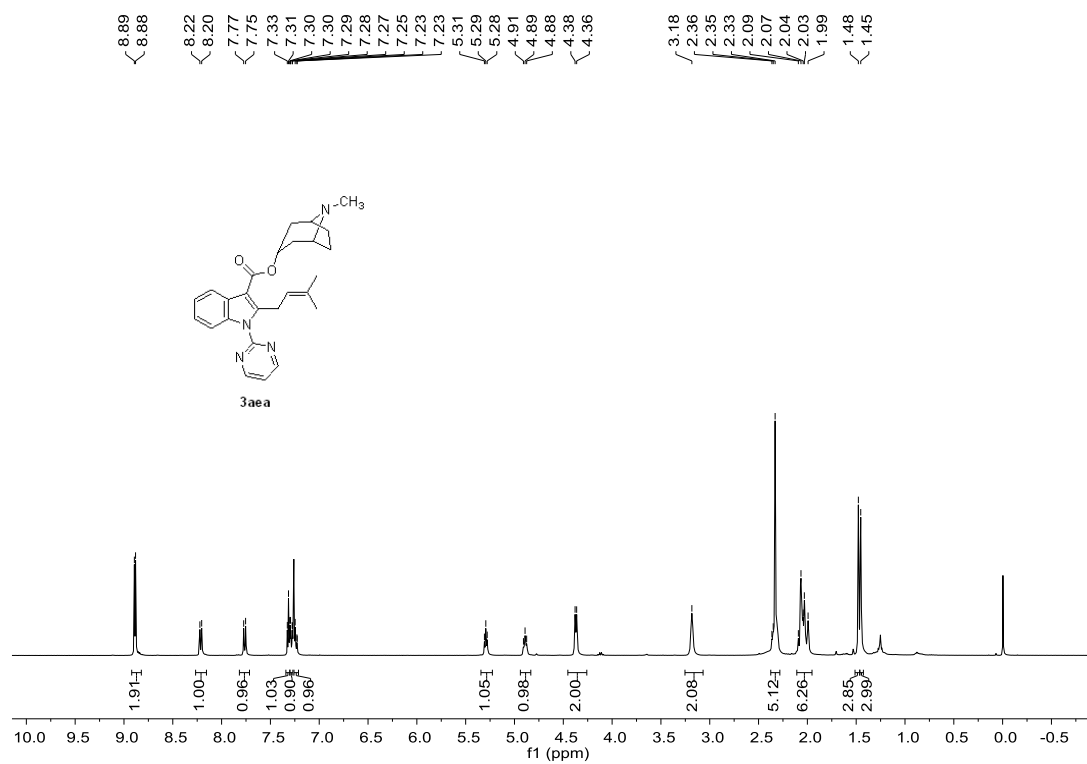


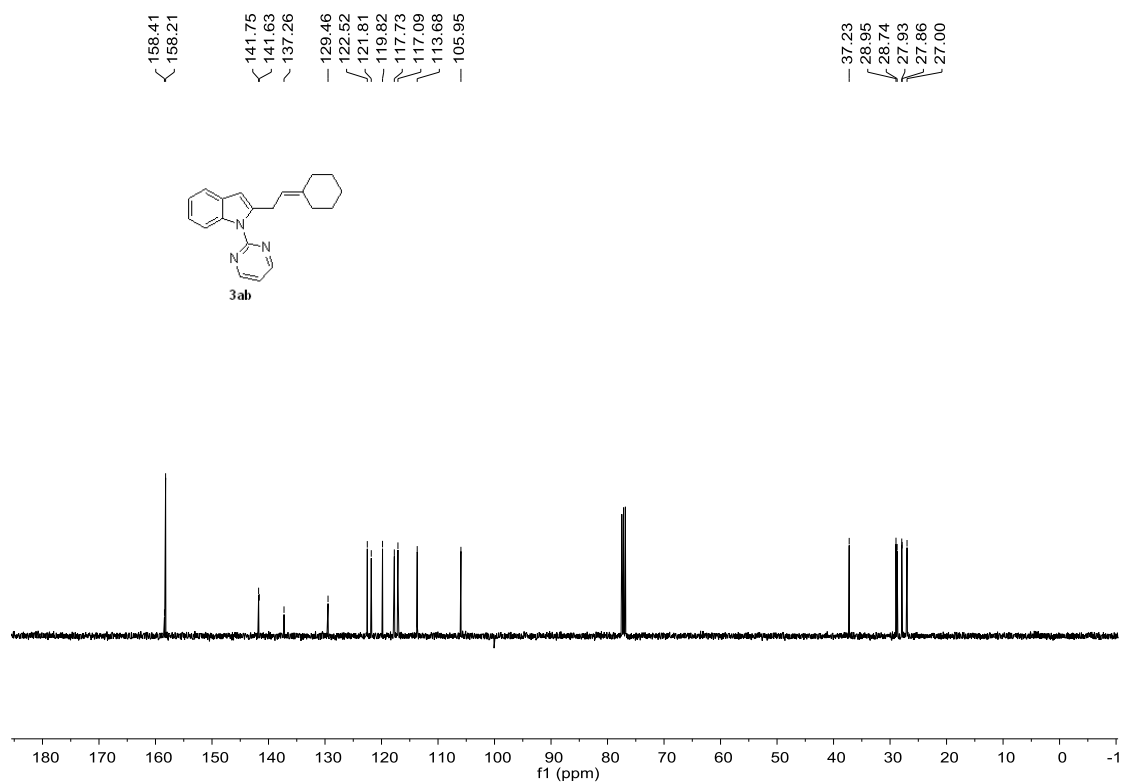
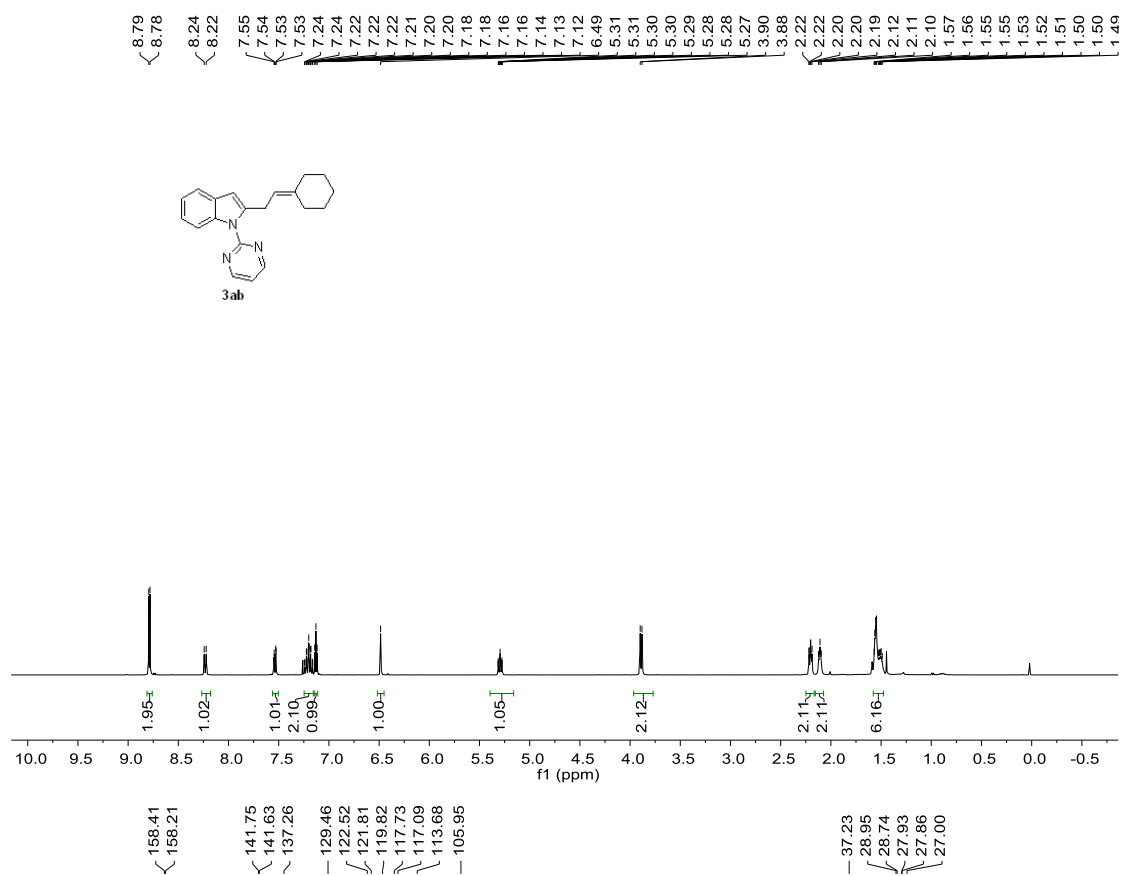


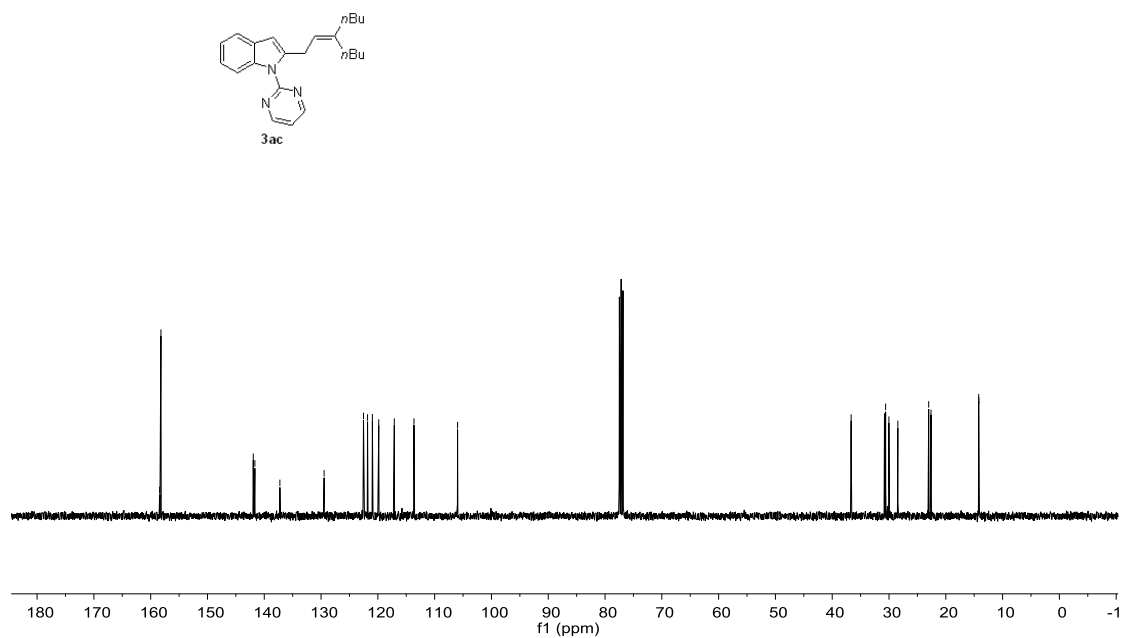
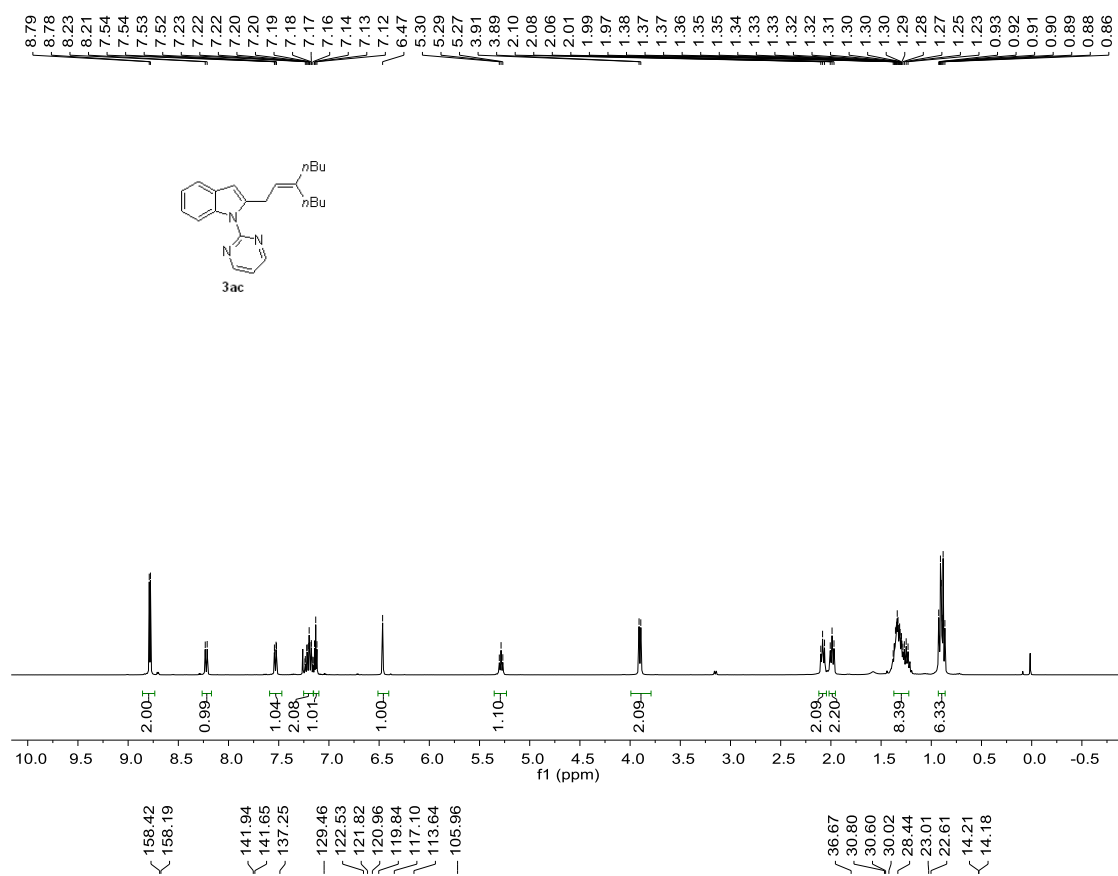


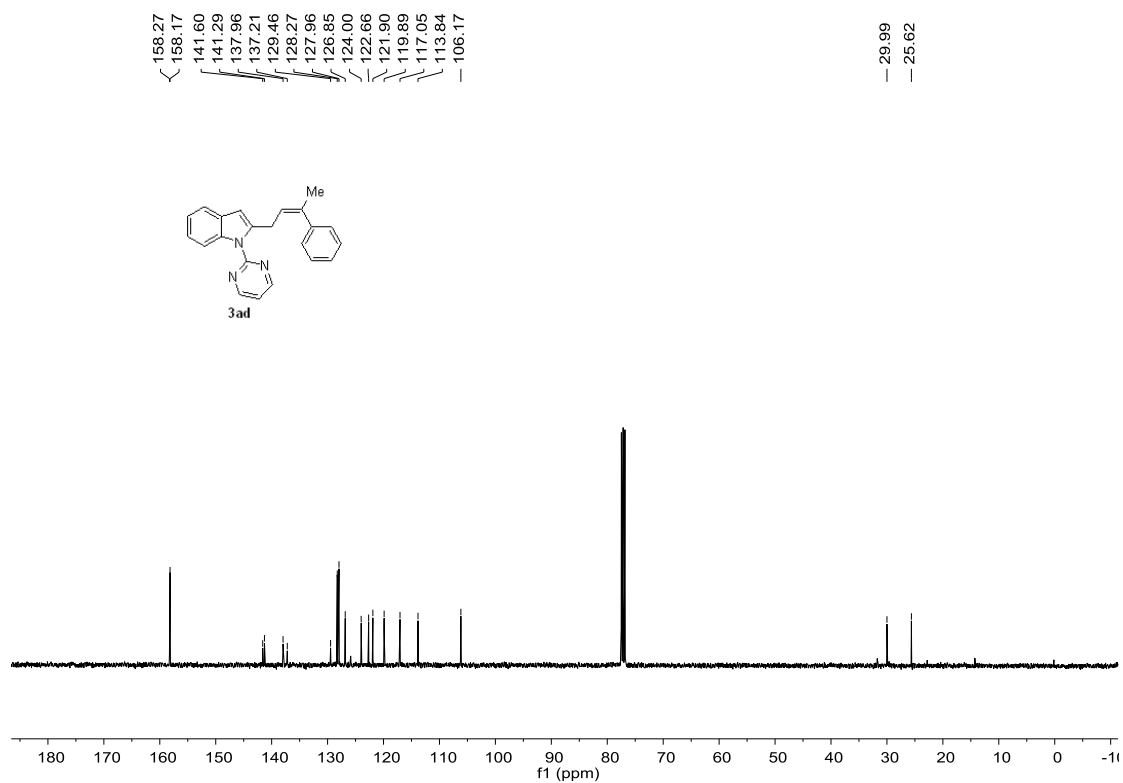
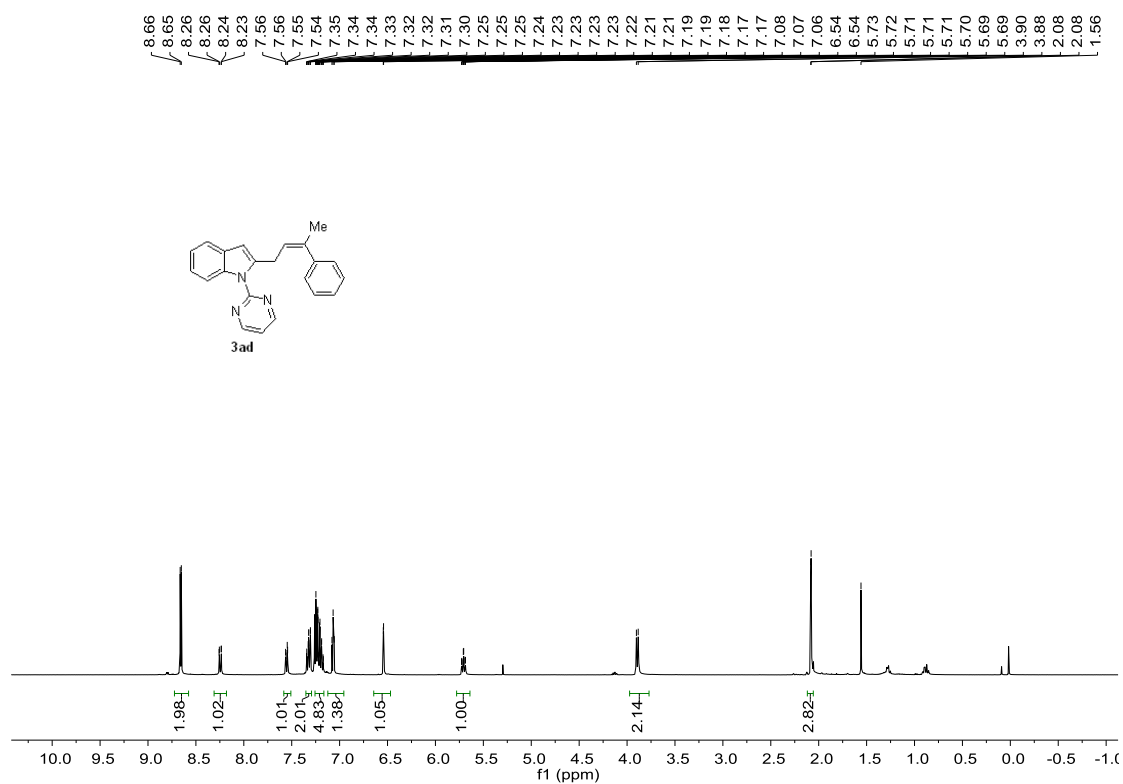




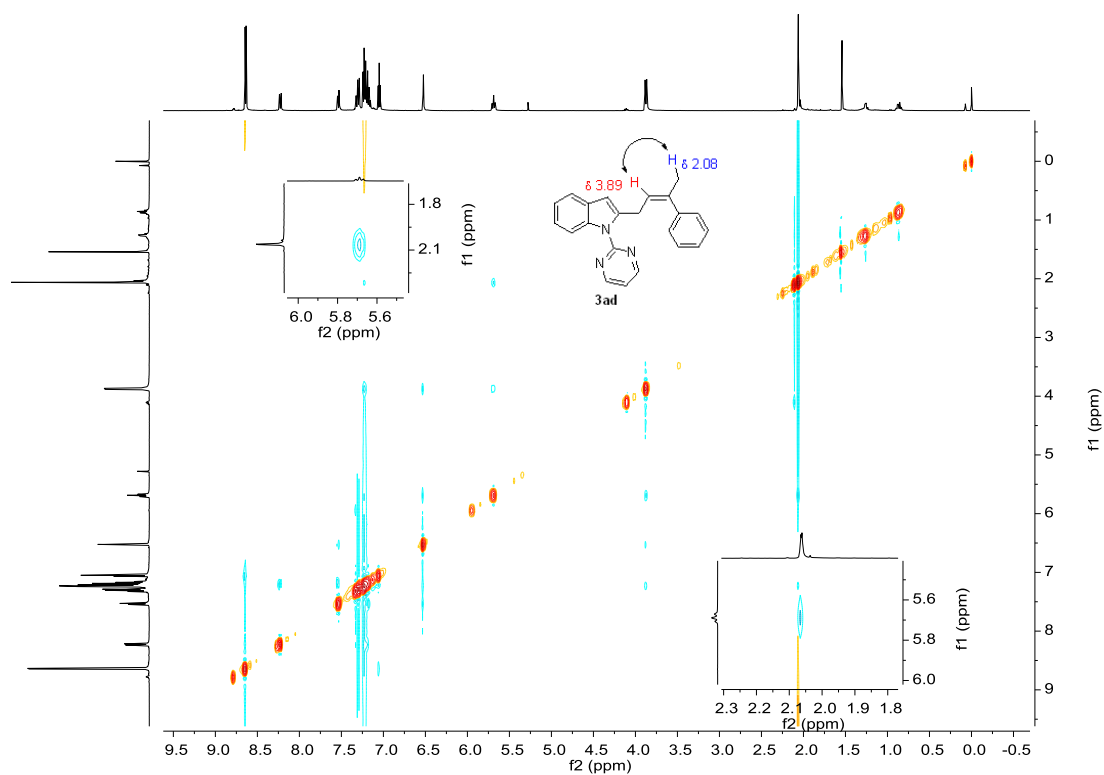




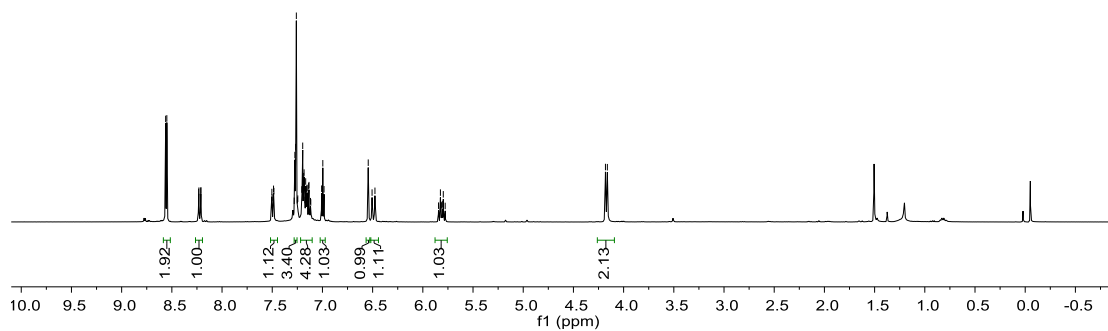
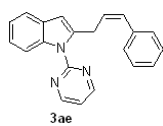


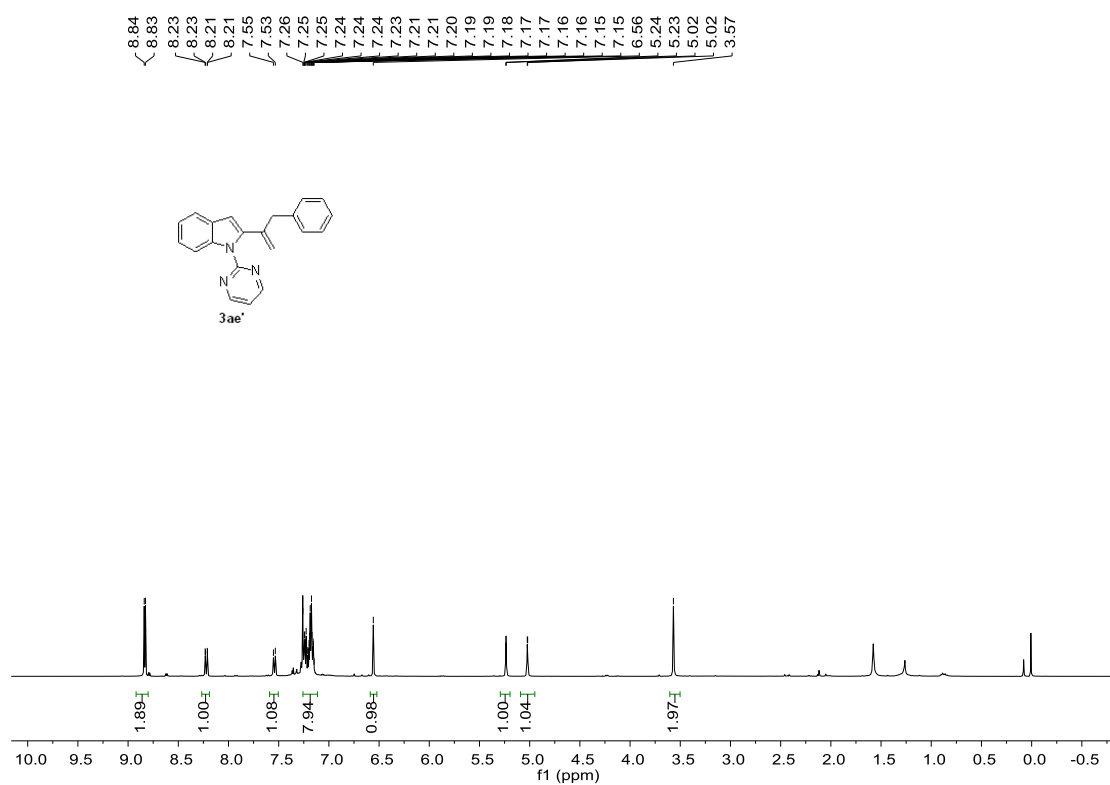
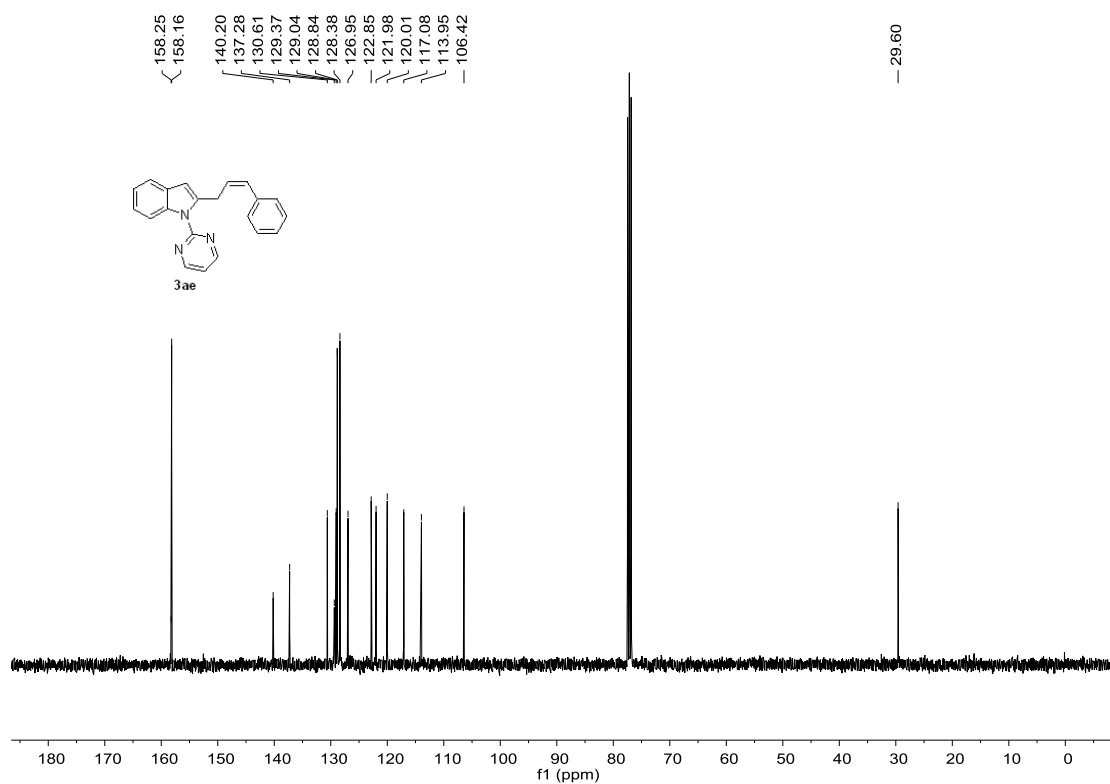


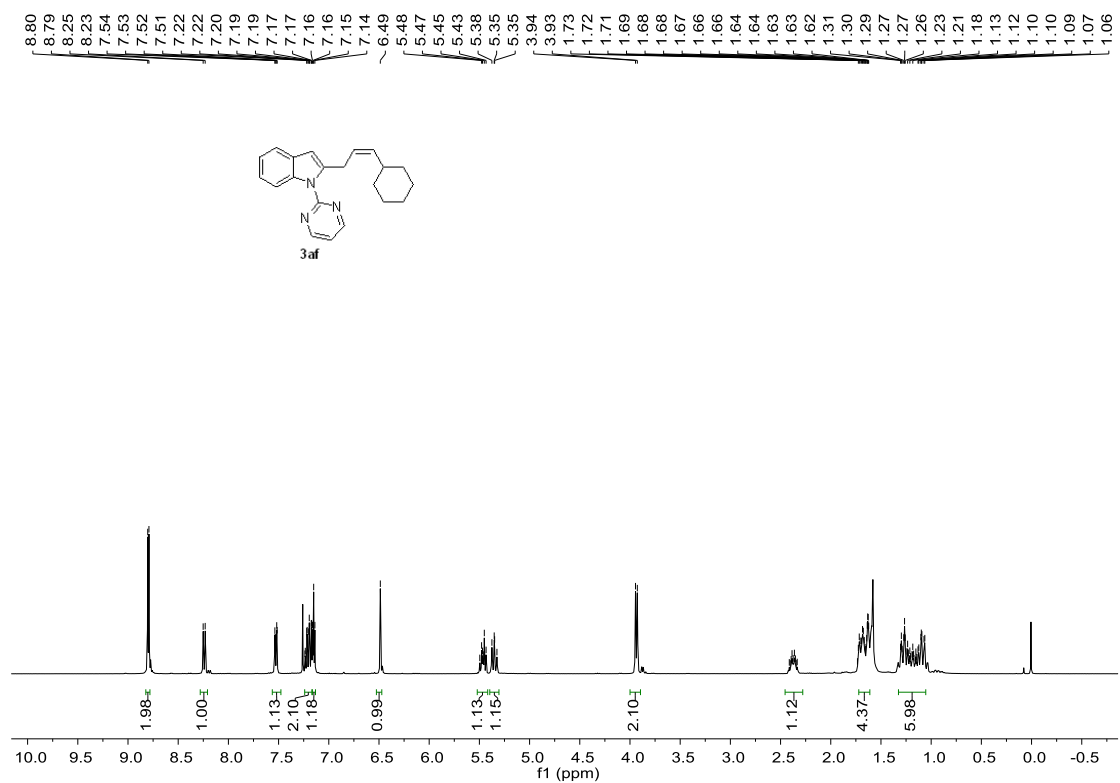
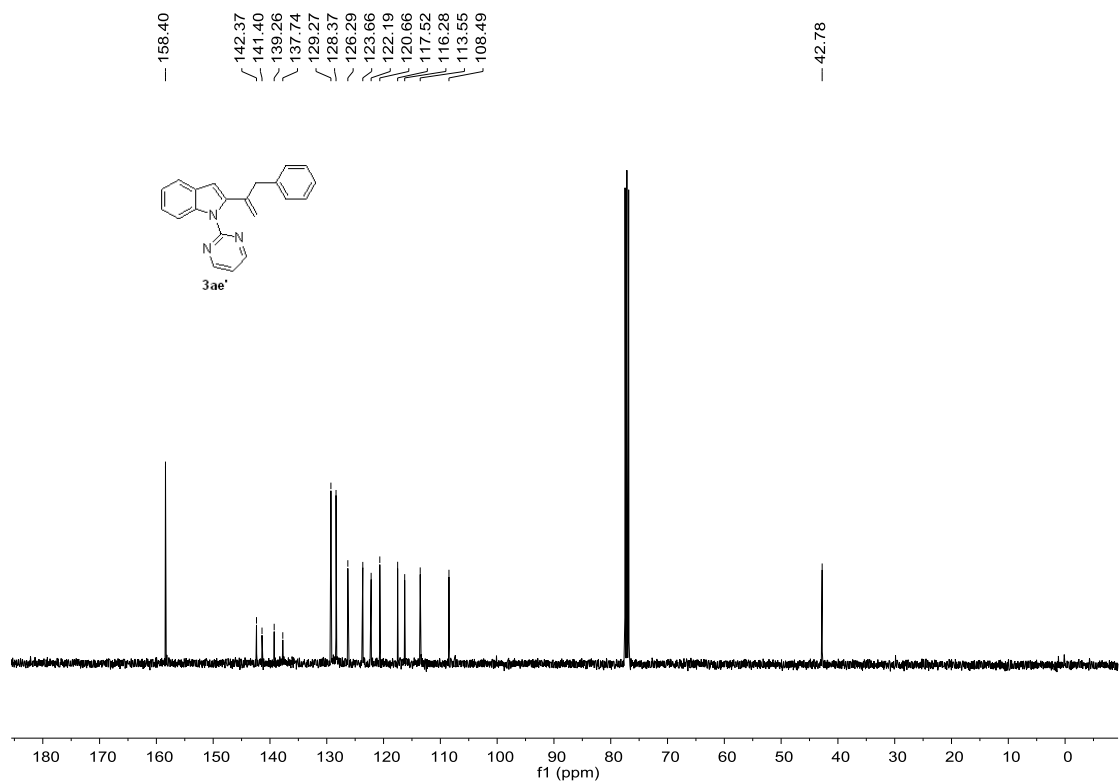




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