

Supporting Information for

**Air-Stable Secondary Phosphine Oxide as Preligand for Palladium-Catalyzed  
Intramolecular  $\alpha$ -Arylations with Chloroarenes**

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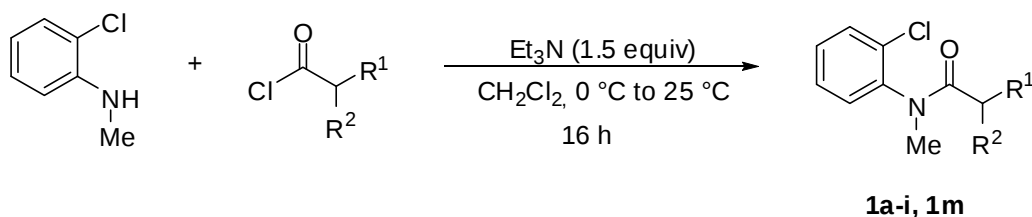
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### **General remarks**

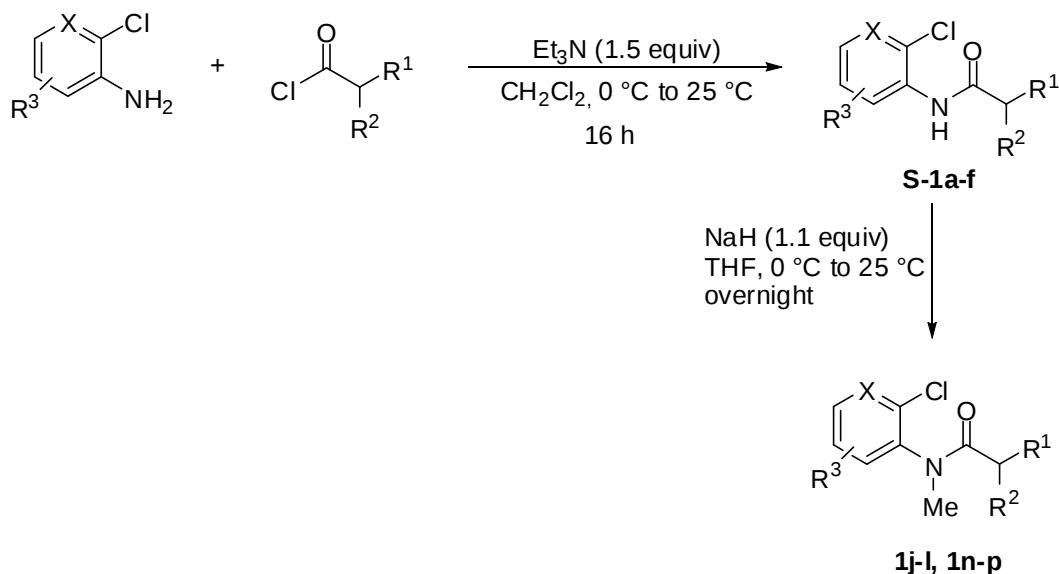
Catalytic reactions were carried out under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere using pre-dried glassware. PhMe, THF and 1,4-dioxane were dried over sodium and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was dried over calcium hydride. The following compounds were prepared according to previously described methods: preligands **3a**,<sup>1</sup> **3b**,<sup>2</sup> **3c**,<sup>3</sup> **3d**,<sup>4</sup> 2-chloro-*N*-methylaniline<sup>5</sup> and *N*-(2-chlorophenyl)-*N*-methylisobutyramide (**1a**).<sup>6</sup> The 2-chloroanilines and sodium *tert*-butoxide were obtained from commercial sources, and were used without further purification. Yields refer to isolated compounds, estimated to be >95 % pure as determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and GC. Flash chromatography: Macherey-Nagel silica gel 60 (70-230 mesh). NMR: Spectra were recorded on a Varian-NMR 300 instrument in the solvent indicated; chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm.

## Preparation of *N*-(2-chloroaryl)amides **1a-p**.

### Route A (unsubstituted 2-chloroanilines)



### Route B (substituted 2-chloroanilines)



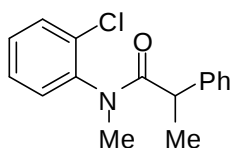
**Route A** (unsubstituted 2-chloroanilines):<sup>6</sup> To a solution of 2-chloro-*N*-methylaniline (1.0 equiv) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.5 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added the corresponding acyl chloride dropwise at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The separated aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed successively with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL), aq. NH<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The remaining residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 5:1) to yield the corresponding *N*-(2-chlorophenyl)-*N*-methylamide **1**.

**Route B** (substituted 2-chloroanilines):<sup>6</sup> To a solution of the corresponding substituted 2-chloroaniline (1.0 equiv) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.5 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added the corresponding acyl chloride dropwise at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The separated aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed successively with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL), aq. NH<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and brine (50

mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The remaining residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 5:1) to yield the corresponding *N*-(2-chloroaryl)amide.

To a solution of *N*-(2-chloroaryl)amide (1.0 equiv) in THF, NaH (1.1 equiv) was added in small portions at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at ambient temperature. Then, MeI (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The separated aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed successively with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL), aq. NH<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The remaining residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 5:1) to yield the corresponding *N*-(2-chloroaryl)amide **1**.

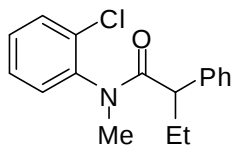
***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-phenylpropanoic acid amide (**1b**) (Route A):**



**1b**

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 2:1 *syn/anti* mixture, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer): δ = 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H, *M*), 7.38–7.22 (m, 3H, *M+m*), 7.21–7.04 (m, 4.7H, *M+m*), 6.96–6.93 (m, 2.7H, *M+m*), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.53 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, *m*), 3.34 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.16 (s, 3H, *m*), 3.15 (s, 3H, *M*), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, *M*), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, *m*). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer): δ = 174.0 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*) 173.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 141.7 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 140.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*), 140.7 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 140.6 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*), 133.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*), 133.1 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 130.7 (CH, *M*), 130.3 (CH, *M*), 130.1 (CH, *m*), 129.5 (CH, *m*), 129.4 (CH, *M*), 128.5 (CH, *M*), 128.2 (CH, *m*), 127.9 (CH, *m*), 127.8 (CH, *m*), 127.7 (CH, *M*), 127.4 (CH, *M*), 126.7 (CH, *m*), 126.6 (CH, *M*), 43.8 (CH, *M*), 43.3 (CH, *m*), 36.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *M*), 36.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *m*), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *M*), 20.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *m*). IR (NaCl): 3062, 3028, 2973, 2931, 1667, 1481, 1378, 1280, 1248, 1130, 1056, 765, 732, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 287 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 238 (40), 168 (19), 140 (21), 105 (100), 77 (71), 51 (11). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO 274.0993, found 274.0999. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>7</sup>

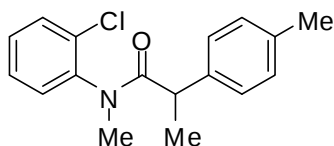
***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-phenylbutanoic acid amide (1c)** (Route A):



**1c**

Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 2.8:1 *syn/anti* mixture, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 7.52 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *M*), 7.38–7.26 (m, 2.8H, *M+m*), 7.19–7.13 (m, 3.7H, *M+m*), 7.10 (dt,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *M*), 6.95–6.89 (m, 2.5H, *M+m*), 6.62 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.24 (t,  $J$  = Hz, 1H, *m*), 3.17 (s, 3H, *m*), 3.15 (s, 3H, *M*), 3.01 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H, *M*), 2.13–2.02 (m, 1.5H, *M+m*), 1.74–1.60 (m, 1.5H, *M+m*), 0.79 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H, *M*), 0.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H, *m*).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 173.3 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*) 173.2 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 140.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 140.7 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 140.2 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 139.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 134.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 132.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 131.1 (CH, *M*), 130.7 (CH, *m*), 130.4 (CH, *m*), 130.3 (CH, *M*), 129.5 (CH, *M*), 129.4 (CH, *m*), 128.3 (CH, *M*), 128.2 (CH, *m*), 128.1 (CH, *m*), 127.9 (CH, *M*), 127.8 (CH, *m*), 127.6 (CH, *M*), 126.7 (CH, *m*), 126.6 (CH, *M*), 51.8 (CH, *M*), 51.0 (CH, *m*), 36.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 35.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*), 28.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ , *M*), 28.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ , *m*), 12.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 12.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*). IR (NaCl): 2964, 2930, 1663, 1586, 1482, 1376, 1288, 1245, 1131, 1059, 764, 732, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 287 (2) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 252 (100), 230 (3), 168 (24), 141 (27), 119 (31), 91 (96), 77 (26), 51 (5), 41 (11). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO} + \text{H}^+$  288.1149, found 288.1150.

***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-*p*-tolylpropanoic acid amide (1d)** (Route A):

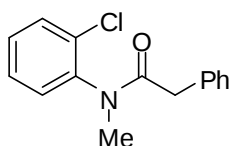


**1d**

White solid. M.p. = 82–84 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 2.6:1 *syn/anti* mixture, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 7.51 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *M*), 7.36–7.25 (m, 3H, *M+m*), 7.13 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *M*), 7.01–6.95 (m, 2.8H, *M+m*), 6.68–6.62 (m, 2.8H, *M+m*), 6.75 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.48 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H, *m*), 3.30 (q,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.16 (s, 3H, *m*), 3.15 (s, 3H, *M*), 2.27 (s, 3H, *M*), 2.26 (s, 3H, *m*), 1.38 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H, *M*), 1.37 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H, *m*).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 174.3 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*) 174.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 141.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 140.8 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 138.7 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*),

137.6 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*), 136.3 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*), 136.2 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 133.8 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*), 133.1 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 130.8 (CH, *M*), 130.7 (CH, *m*), 130.3 (CH, *M*), 130.0 (CH, *m*), 129.5 (CH, *m*), 129.4 (CH, *M*), 129.0 (CH, *M*), 128.8 (CH, *m*), 127.9 (CH, *m*), 127.8 (CH, *M*), 127.7 (CH, *m*), 127.3 (CH, *M*), 43.3 (CH, *M*), 42.8 (CH, *m*), 36.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *M*), 36.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *m*), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *M*), 20.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *M*), 20.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *m*) (a signal corresponding to a CH<sub>3</sub> of the minor isomer is overlapped). IR (NaCl): 3022, 2987, 2930, 1659, 1481, 1378, 1266, 1129, 1057, 769, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 287 (2) [M<sup>+</sup>], 252 (45), 168 (27), 141 (12), 119 (100), 91 (22), 77 (33), 65 (6), 41 (8). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO+H<sup>+</sup> 288.1150, found 288.1152.

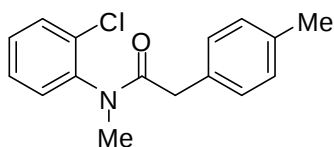
***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-phenylacetic acid amide (**1e**) (Route A):**



**1e**

White solid. M.p. = 73–75 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.11 (m, 4H), 7.03–6.96 (m, 2H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 171.0 (C<sub>q</sub>), 141.0 (C<sub>q</sub>), 134.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 133.2 (C<sub>q</sub>), 130.6 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 40.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (NaCl): 3060, 3030, 1667, 1478, 1408, 1372, 1127, 1064, 766, 731, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 259 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 224 (80), 168 (13), 141 (36), 91 (100), 77 (35), 65 (32), 51 (11). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO+H<sup>+</sup> 260.0837, found 260.0827. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>6</sup>

***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-*p*-tolylacetic acid amide (**1f**) (Route A):**

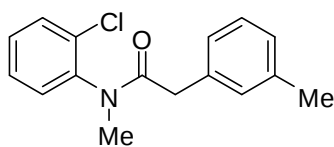


**1f**

White solid. M.p. = 66–67 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.50–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 171.2 (C<sub>q</sub>), 141.1 (C<sub>q</sub>), 136.1 (C<sub>q</sub>),

133.2 (C<sub>q</sub>), 131.8 (C<sub>q</sub>), 130.6 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 40.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (NaCl): 3052, 2922, 1662, 1514, 1481, 1374, 1267, 1128, 766, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 273 (4) [M<sup>+</sup>], 252 (8), 238 (100), 168 (41), 141 (80), 132 (18), 119 (12), 105 (94), 91 (26), 77 (62), 65 (13), 51 (16). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO+H<sup>+</sup> 274.0993, found 274.0995.

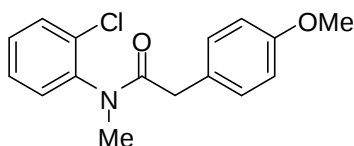
***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-*m*-tolylacetic acid amide (1g) (Route A):**



**1g**

Pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.50–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 170.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 140.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 137.7 (C<sub>q</sub>), 134.6 (C<sub>q</sub>), 133.1 (C<sub>q</sub>), 130.5 (CH), 130.2 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 41.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (NaCl): 3061, 3025, 2868, 1677, 1587, 1480, 1439, 1282, 1066, 770, cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 273 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 252 (30), 239(96), 168 (35), 141 (100), 127 (80), 105 (63), 91 (25), 77 (50), 65 (27), 43 (12). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NOCl+Na<sup>+</sup> 296.0813, found 296.0817.

***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methylacetic acid amide (1h) (Route A):**

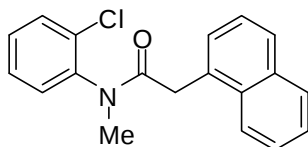


**1h**

Colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.50–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.11 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 171 (C<sub>q</sub>), 158.2 (C<sub>q</sub>), 140.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 133.0 (C<sub>q</sub>), 130.5 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 126.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 113.6 (CH), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (NaCl): 2997, 2935, 2835, 1669, 1586, 1512, 1481, 1375, 1246, 1178, 1128, 1035, 822, 787, 767 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 289 (15) [M<sup>+</sup>], 254 (16), 168 (12), 148 (10), 140 (9), 121

(100), 111 (5), 91 (12), 77 (59), 63 (8), 51 (21), 41 (5). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{16}ClNO_2$  290.0942, found 290.0943.

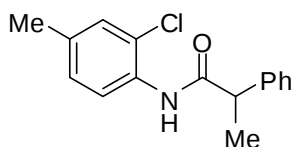
***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)acetic acid amide (1i) (Route A):**



**1i**

White solid. M.p. = 122–125 °C.  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.88–7.85 (m, 1H), 7.81–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.16 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89–3.77 (m, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 170.8 ( $C_q$ ), 141.0 ( $C_q$ ), 133.7 ( $C_q$ ), 133.1 ( $C_q$ ), 132.2 ( $C_q$ ), 131.4 ( $C_q$ ), 130.7 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 125.2 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 39.0 ( $CH_2$ ), 36.2 ( $CH_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 3044, 2914, 1663, 1480, 1368, 1123, 787, 574  $cm^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 309 (51) [ $M^+$ ], 274 (54), 168 (90), 141 (100), 115 (36), 77 (8). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}NOCl+H^+$  310.0993, found 310.0995.

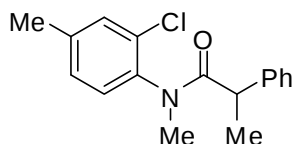
***N*-(2-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-2-phenylpropanoic acid amide (S-1a) (Route B):**



**S-1a**

White solid. M.p. = 77–79 °C.  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.20 (d,  $J$  = Hz, 1H), 7.50 (bs, 1H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (tdd,  $J$  = 8.5, 2.0, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 172.2 ( $C_q$ ), 140.4 ( $C_q$ ), 134.5 ( $C_q$ ), 132.0 ( $C_q$ ), 129.2 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 122.5 ( $C_q$ ), 121.1 (CH), 48.3 (CH), 20.6 ( $CH_3$ ) 18.1 ( $CH_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 3029, 2976, 1655, 1609, 1525, 1392, 1285, 1059, 817, 758, 734, 694  $cm^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 273 (67) [ $M^+$ ], 238 (31), 167 (9), 141 (77), 132 (20), 105 (100), 77 (41). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{16}ClNO+H^+$  274.0993, found 274.0994.

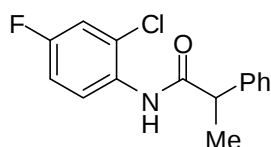
***N*-(2-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-2-phenylpropanoic acid amide (1j)** (Route B):



**1j**

Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 2.4:1 *syn/anti* mixture, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 7.32 (dd,  $J$  = 1.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H, *M*), 7.22–7.13 (m, 5.3H, *M+m*), 7.01–6.96 (m, 2.6H, *M+m*), 6.91 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.54 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H, *m*), 3.36 (q,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.14 (s, 3H, *m*), 3.13 (s, 3H, *M*), 2.37 (s, 3H, *m*), 2.36 (s, 3H, *M*), 1.39 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H, *M*), 1.38 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H, *m*).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 174.3 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 174.2 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 141.8 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 140.7 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 140.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 139.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 138.3 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 138.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 133.2 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 132.5 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 131.1 (CH, *m*), 130.7 (CH, *M*), 130.2 (CH, *M*), 129.5 (CH, *m*), 128.7 (CH, *m*), 128.4 (CH, *M*), 128.3 (CH, *M*), 128.1 (CH, *m*), 127.9 (CH, *m*), 127.5 (CH, *M*), 126.5 (CH, *m*), 126.6 (CH, *M*), 43.6 (CH, *M*), 43.1 (CH, *m*), 36.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 36.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*), 21.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 20.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*), 20.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 19.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*). IR (NaCl): 2972, 2930, 1670, 1498, 1376, 1279, 1131, 1055, 863, 825, 733, 825  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 287 (4) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 252 (100), 182 (22), 155 (38), 105 (39), 77 (6). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO} + \text{H}^+$  288.1150, found 288.1151.

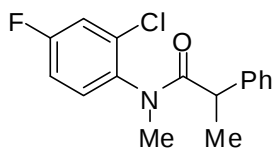
***N*-(2-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylpropanoic acid amide (S-1b)** (Route B):



**S-1b**

Pale red solid. M.p. = 99–101 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.28 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.44–7.25 (m, 5H), 7.01–6.89 (m, 2H), 3.78 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 172.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 158.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ ,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 246.4 Hz), 140.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 130.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ ,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.7 Hz), 130.8 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 123.3 ( $\text{C}_q$ ,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 10.7 Hz), 122.4 (CH,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 8.8 Hz), 116.0 (CH,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 26.0 Hz), 114.3 (CH,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 21.7 Hz), 48.2 (CH), 18.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$  (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = -116.49– -116.61 (m). IR (NaCl): 3026, 2978, 1653, 1596, 1522, 1448, 1208, 1075, 959, 868, 761  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 277 (43) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 242 (11), 202 (6), 145 (18), 132 (58), 105 (100), 91 (6), 77 (10). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOFCl} + \text{H}^+$  278.0743 found 278.0743.

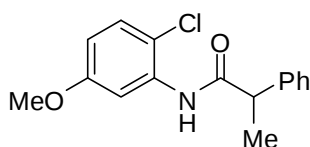
***N*-(2-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-phenylpropanoic acid amide (**1k**) (Route B):**



**1k**

Pale red oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 2.4:1 *syn/anti* mixture, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 7.35–7.20 (m, 1.8H, *M+m*), 7.18–7.10 (m, 4.3H, *M+m*), 7.09–7.01 (m, 1H, *M*), 6.96–6.87 (m, 2.8H, *M+m*), 6.82–6.73 (m, 1H, *M*), 6.63–6.55 (m, 1H, *M*), 3.47 (q,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H, *m*), 3.27 (q,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.12 (s, 3H, *m*), 3.10 (s, 3H, *M*), 1.37 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H, *M*), 1.36 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H, *m*).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 173.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 173.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 161.7 ( $\text{C}_q$ ,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 252.1 Hz, *m*), 161.5 ( $\text{C}_q$ ,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 252.1 Hz, *M*), 141.6 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 140.4 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 137.2 ( $\text{C}_q$ ,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.8 Hz, *m*), 137.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ ,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.8 Hz, *M*), 135.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 10.8 Hz, *m*), 134.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 10.9 Hz, *M*), 131.9 (CH,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 9.2 Hz, *M*), 131.0 (CH,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 9.3 Hz, *m*), 128.5 (CH, *M*), 128.2 (CH, *m*), 127.7 (CH, *m*), 127.3 (CH, *M*), 126.8 (CH, *m*), 126.7 (CH, *M*), 118.1 (CH,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 25.5 Hz, *m*), 117.8 (CH,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 25.5 Hz, *M*), 115.0 (CH,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 22.3 Hz, *m*), 114.9 (CH,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 22.2 Hz, *M*), 44.0 (CH, *M*), 43.4 (CH, *m*), 36.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 36.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*), 20.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 20.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*).  $^{19}\text{F-NMR}$  (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = -110.23– -110.36 (m, *M*), -110.38– -110.48 (m, *m*). IR (NaCl): 3062, 2976, 2932, 1673, 1582, 1376, 1256, 1206, 1049, 881, 736  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 291 (1) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 256 (64), 186 (25), 159 (31), 105 (100), 77 (15). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOFCl} + \text{H}^+$  292.0899, found 292.0901.

***N*-(2-Chloro-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylpropanoic acid amide (**S1-c**) (Route B):**

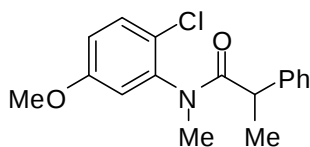


**S-1c**

Pale yellow solid. M.p. = 88–91 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.08 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 172.3 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 158.8 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 140.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 135.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 129.2 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 113.6 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 111.1 (CH), 105.7 (CH), 55.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 48.5 (CH), 18.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 2982, 2965, 2929, 1667, 1581, 1468, 1426, 1167, 874, 637, 550  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 289 (18) [ $M^+$ ], 254 (82), 183 (5), 157 (35), 129 (14), 105 (100), 91 (14), 77 (24), 65 (5), 51 (6). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{16}NO_2Cl+H^+$  290.0942, found 290.0944.

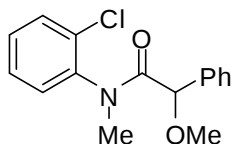
***N*-(2-Chloro-5-methoxyphenyl)-*N*-methyl-2-phenylpropanoic acid amide (**1l**) (Route B):**



**1l**

Pale yellow solid. M.p. = 76–78 °C.  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 3.6:1 *syn/anti* mixture), Major isomer,  $\delta$  = 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.13 (m, 3H), 6.97–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.80 (m, 1H), 6.11 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.35 (q,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.39 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H); minor isomer,  $\delta$  = 7.26–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.02–6.99 (m, 2H), 6.88–6.86 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.57 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H), the missing resonances overlapped with the major isomer.  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ,  $M$  = major isomer,  $m$  = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 173.8 ( $C_q$ ,  $m$ ), 173.5 ( $C_q$ ,  $M$ ), 158.8 ( $C_q$ ,  $m$ ), 158.5 ( $C_q$ ,  $M$ ), 142.1 ( $C_q$ ,  $M$ ), 141.4 ( $C_q$ ,  $m$ ), 141.0 ( $C_q$ ,  $M$ ), 140.5 ( $C_q$ ,  $m$ ), 130.9 (CH,  $m$ ), 130.4 (CH,  $M$ ), 128.3 (CH,  $M$ ), 128.0 (CH,  $m$ ), 127.8 (CH,  $m$ ), 127.3 (CH,  $M$ ), 126.6 (CH,  $m$ ), 126.5 (CH,  $M$ ), 124.9 ( $C_q$ ,  $m$ ), 123.9 ( $C_q$ ,  $M$ ), 116.4 (CH,  $M$ ), 115.4 (CH,  $m$ ), 115.0 (CH,  $M$ ), 114.9 (CH,  $m$ ), 55.8 ( $CH_3$ ,  $m$ ), 55.4 ( $CH_3$ ,  $M$ ), 44.1 (CH,  $M$ ), 43.2 (CH,  $m$ ), 36.1 ( $CH_3$ ,  $M$ ), 36.0 ( $CH_3$ ,  $m$ ), 20.6 ( $CH_3$ ,  $M$ ), 20.1 ( $CH_3$ ,  $m$ ). IR (NaCl): 2973, 2934, 1653, 1521, 1445, 1414, 1131, 809, 774, 650  $cm^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 268 (100) [ $M^+-Cl$ ], 209 (19), 198 (11), 171 (19), 105 (58), 77 (16), 57 (7), 43 (6). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{17}H_{18}NO_2Cl+Na^+$  326.0918 found 326.0919.

***N*-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-*N*-methyl-2-phenylacetic acid amide (**1m**) (Route A):**

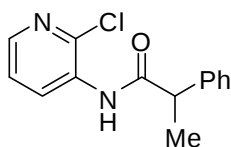


**1m**

Colorless oil.  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 3.6:1 *syn/anti* mixture,  $M$  = Major isomer,  $m$  = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 7.53 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H,  $M$ ), 7.37–7.17 (m, 8.8H,  $M+m$ ), 7.07 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H,  $M$ ), 7.03–6.96 (m, 3H,  $M+m$ ), 6.57 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H,  $M$ ), 4.56 (s, 1H,  $m$ ), 4.34 (s, 1H,  $M$ ), 3.34 (s, 3H,  $M$ ), 3.19 (s,

4.8H, *M+m*), 3.16 (s, 3H, *m*).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 169.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 169.6 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 139.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 139.5 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 136.2 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 135.4 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 134.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 132.8 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 131.2 (CH, *M*), 130.8 (CH, *m*), 130.5 (CH, *M*), 130.4 (CH, *m*), 129.9 (CH, *M*), 129.8 (CH, *m*), 128.7 (CH, *M*), 128.5 (CH, *m*), 128.4 (CH, *M*), 128.3 (CH, *M*), 128.2 (CH, *m*), 128.1 (CH, *m*), 127.9 (CH, *m*), 127.8 (CH, *M*), 81.6 (CH, *M*), 81.1 (CH, *m*), 57.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 56.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*), 36.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 36.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*). IR (NaCl): 3062, 3030, 2986, 2929, 1683, 1586, 1481, 1380, 1289, 1195, 1103, 975, 759, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 289 (1) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 259 (3), 140 (7), 121 (100), 105 (12), 91 (24), 71 (78), 63 (8), 51 (13). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  312.0762, found 312.0762. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>8</sup>

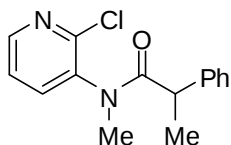
***N*-(2-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-phenylpropanoic acid amide (S1-d)** (Route B):



**S1-d**

**S1-d** was used after work-up for the subsequent methylation without further purification.

***N*-(2-Chloropyridin-3-yl)-*N*-methyl-2-phenylpropanoic acid amide (1n)** (Route B):

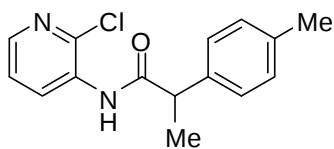


**1n**

Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 2.8:1 *syn/anti* mixture, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 8.38 (dd,  $J$  = 4.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, *m*), 8.35 (dd,  $J$  = 4.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H, *M*), 7.69 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, *m*), 7.38–7.33 (m, 1H, *M*), 7.18–7.14 (m, 4H, *M+m*), 7.07–7.02 (m, 1.3H, *M+m*), 6.92–6.82 (m, 3.7H, *M+m*), 3.43 (q,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H, *m*), 3.27 (q,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.16 (s, 3H, *m*), 3.15 (s, 3H, *M*), 1.39 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H, *M*), 1.38 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H, *m*).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 173.5 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 173.4 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 151.4 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 150.5 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 149.0 (CH, *m*), 148.9 (CH, *M*), 141.4 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 139.7 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 139.3 (CH, *M*), 138.6 (CH, *m*), 137.5 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 137.4 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 128.6 (CH, *M*), 128.5 (CH, *m*), 127.4 (CH, *m*), 127.2 (CH, *M*), 127.0 (CH, *m*), 126.9 (CH, *M*), 123.1 (CH, *m*), 123.0 (CH, *M*), 44.5 (CH, *M*), 43.7 (CH, *m*), 36.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 35.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*), 20.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 19.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*). IR (NaCl): 3058, 3027,

2975, 2931, 1666, 1405, 1375, 1143, 1065, 751, 731  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 274 (1)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 239 (79), 169 (17), 142 (26), 132 (18), 105 (100), 77 (15). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}+\text{Na}^+$  297.0765, found 297.0768.

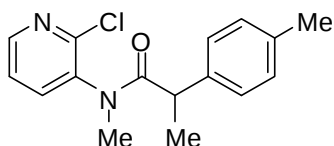
***N*-(2-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-(4-tolyl)propanoic acid amide (S1-e)** (Route B):



**S1-e**

**S1-e** was used after work-up for the subsequent methylation without further purification.

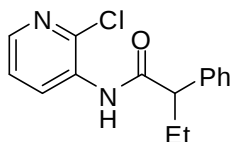
***N*-(2-Chloropyridin-3-yl)-*N*-methyl-2-(4-tolyl)propanoic acid amide (1o)** (Route B):



**1o**

Colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 3.0:1 *syn/anti* mixture, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 8.40 (dd,  $J$  = 4.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, *m*), 8.36 (dd,  $J$  = 4.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, *M*), 7.68 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, *m*), 7.35 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H, *m*), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, *M*), 7.01–6.94 (m, 3.6H, *M+m*), 6.80–6.72 (m, 2.7H, *M+m*), 3.40 (q,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, *m*), 3.24 (q,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H, *M*), 3.16 (s, 3H, *m*), 3.15 (s, 3H, *M*), 2.27 (s, 3H, *M*), 2.25 (s, 3H, *m*), 1.38 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H, *M*), 1.36 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H, *m*).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer):  $\delta$  = 173.8 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 173.6 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 150.6 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 148.9 (CH, *M*), 139.4 (CH, *M*), 138.6 (CH, *m*), 138.4 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 137.7 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 137.6 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *M*), 136.8 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 136.7 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 136.5 ( $\text{C}_q$ , *m*), 129.3 (CH, *M*), 129.2 (CH, *m*), 127.4 (CH, *m*), 127.2 (CH, *M*), 123.1 (CH, *m*), 123.0 (CH, *M*), 44.1 (CH, *M*), 43.3 (CH, *m*), 36.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 35.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*), 21.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M*), 20.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *M+m*), 20.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , *m*) (signals corresponding to one  $\text{C}_q$  and one CH of the minor isomer are overlapped). IR (NaCl): 2975, 2930, 1678, 1453, 1408, 1374, 1278, 1144, 1069, 819, 751  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 288 (1)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 253 (47), 146 (9), 142 (10), 119 (100), 91 (10). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}+\text{Na}^+$  311.0922, found 311.0923.

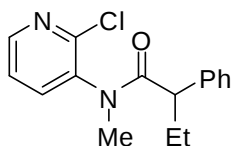
***N*-(2-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-phenyl-butanoic acid amide (S1-f)** (Route B):



**S1-f**

**S1-f** was used after work-up for the subsequent methylation without further purification.

***N*-(2-Chloropyridin-3-yl)-*N*-methyl-2-phenyl-butanoic acid amide (1p)** (Route B):

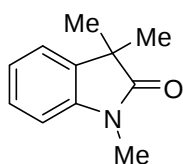


**1p**

White solid. M. p. = 86–87 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 3.5:1 *syn/anti* mixture, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer): δ = 8.41 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H, *m*), 8.37 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H, *M*), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H, *m*), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H, *m*), 7.34–7.32 (m, 1H, *m*), 7.20–7.15 (m, 3.6H, *M+m*), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H, *M*), 6.89–6.80 (m, 3.4H, *M+m*), 3.16 (s, 3H, *m*), 3.15 (s, 3H, *M*), 3.13 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, *m*), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H, *M*), 2.16–2.01 (m, 1.5H, *M+ m*), 1.75–1.54 (m, 1.5H, *M+m*), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, *M*), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, *m*). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, *M* = major isomer, *m* = minor isomer): δ = 172.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*), 172.7 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 150.5 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 149.0 (CH, *M*), 139.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 139.6 (CH, *M*), 139.0 (CH, *m*), 138.2 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*), 137.7 (C<sub>q</sub>, *m*), 137.5 (C<sub>q</sub>, *M*), 128.5 (CH, *M*), 128.4 (CH, *m*), 128.0 (CH, *m*), 127.8 (CH, *M*), 127.1 (CH, *m*), 126.9 (CH, *M*), 123.1 (CH, *m*), 112.9 (CH, *M*), 52.4 (CH, *M*), 51.5 (CH, *m*), 35.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *M*), 35.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *m*), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>, *M*), 27.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>, *m*), 12.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *M*), 12.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>, *m*) (signals corresponding to a C<sub>q</sub> and a CH of the minor isomer are overlapped). IR (NaCl): 3056, 2966, 2875, 1667, 1560, 1456, 1405, 1289, 1144, 1068, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 288 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 253 (90), 213 (4), 169 (9), 146 (16), 142 (25), 119 (55), 107 (6), 91 (100), 78 (9), 51 (4), 41 (8). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O+Na<sup>+</sup> 311.0922, found 311.0922.

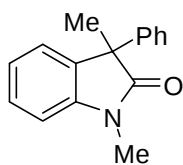
**Representative procedure for palladium-catalyzed  $\alpha$ -arylation of *N*-(2-chloroaryl)amides (Table 1, entry 5).**

A suspension of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.6 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol %), **3d** (16 mg, 0.050 mmol, 10 mol %), NaOt-Bu (106 mg, 1.10 mmol) and **1a** (106 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> for 18 h at 100 °C. Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (50 mL) were added to the cold reaction mixture. The separated aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuum. The remaining residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 6:1) to yield **2a** as a colorless oil (74 mg, 84 %).



**2a**

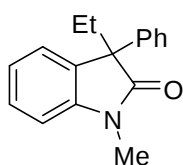
**1,3,3-Trimethylindolin-2-one (2a, Table 1, entry 5):** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.23 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 181.1 (C<sub>q</sub>), 142.4 (C<sub>q</sub>), 135.7 (C<sub>q</sub>), 127.5 (CH), 122.3 (CH), 122.1 (CH), 107.9 (CH), 44.1 (C<sub>q</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (NaCl): 3054, 2963, 2926, 2862, 1695, 1618, 1497, 1475, 1344, 1246, 1129, 1073, 939, 763 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 175 (56) [M<sup>+</sup>], 160 (100), 132 (24), 117 (16), 103 (4), 91 (6), 77 (12), 65 (7), 51 (8), 43 (11). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO+H<sup>+</sup> 176.1070, found 176.1074. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>9</sup>



**2b**

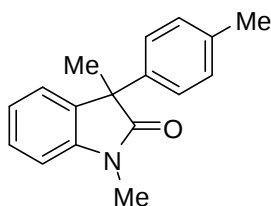
**1,3-Dimethyl-3-phenylindolin-2-one (2b, Table 2, entry 1):** The representative procedure was followed using **1b** (137 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 6:1) yielded **2b** (106 mg, 89 %) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.34–7.16 (m, 7H), 7.08 (td, *J* =

7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 179.4 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 143.2 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 140.8 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 134.8 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 128.5 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 108.2 (CH), 52.1 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 26.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 2998, 2912, 2876, 1711, 1612, 1493, 1470, 1373, 1345, 1263, 1100, 753  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 237 (82) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 222 (100), 208 (8), 194 (18), 178 (5), 165 (10), 152 (5), 134 (17), 105 (18), 77 (19), 51 (7). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}+\text{H}^+$  238.1226, found 238.1227. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>6</sup>



**2c**

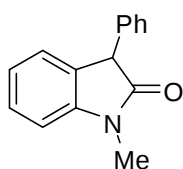
**3-Ethyl-1-methyl-3-phenylindolin-2-one (2c, Table 2, entry 2):** The representative procedure was followed using **1c** (144 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography ( $n$ -hexane/EtOAc 6:1) yielded **2c** (114 mg, 91 %) as a white solid. M.p. = 81–84 °C.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.40–7.19 (m, 7H), 7.12 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.49–2.37 (m, 1H), 2.29–2.18 (m, 1H), 0.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 178.5 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 144.0 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 140.2 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 132.0 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 128.4 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 108.1 (CH), 57.2 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 30.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 9.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 3053, 2963, 2934, 2877, 1732, 1618, 1500, 1381, 1259, 1038, 916, 763  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 251 (35) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 222 (100), 207 (11), 194 (10), 165 (11), 152 (7). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}+\text{H}^+$  252.1383, found 252.1384. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>10</sup>



**2d**

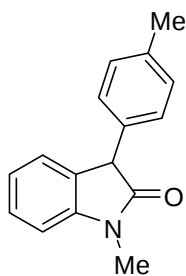
**1,3-Dimethyl-3-*p*-tolylindolin-2-one (2d, Table 2, entry 3):** The representative procedure was followed using **1d** (143 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography ( $n$ -hexane/EtOAc 6:1) yielded

**2d** (114 mg, 91 %) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.31 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 179.6 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 143.2 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 137.8 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 136.9 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 134.9 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 129.2 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 108.2 (CH), 51.8 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 26.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 23.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 20.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 3053, 2967, 2920, 1732, 1697, 1618, 1497, 1360, 1336, 1101, 1027, 762.  $738\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 251 (69) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 236 (100), 221 (10), 228 (14), 193 (8), 178 (5), 165 (9), 91 (6), 77 (4), 43 (8). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}+\text{H}^+$  252.1383, found 252.1384. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>10</sup>



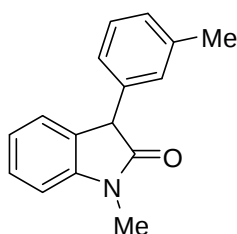
**2e**

**1-Methyl-3-phenylindolin-2-one (2e, Table 2, entry 4):** The representative procedure was followed using **1e** (130 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 6:1) yielded **2e** (74 mg, 66 %) as a white solid. M.p. = 120–121 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.35–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.05 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 176.0 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 144.4 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 136.6 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 ( $\text{C}_\text{q}$ ), 128.4 (2  $\times$  CH), 127.5 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 108.1 (CH), 52.0 (CH), 26.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 3052, 3025, 1693, 1609, 1495, 1467, 1346, 1264, 1124, 1086,  $751\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 223 (95) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 194 (75), 179 (10), 165 (18), 152 (10), 141 (29), 115 (8), 91 (100), 77 (41), 65 (37), 51 (31). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}+\text{H}^+$  224.1070, found 224.1076. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>9</sup>



**2f**

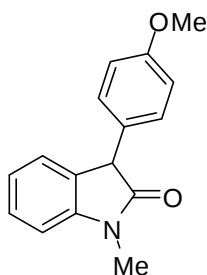
**1-Methyl-3-*p*-tolylindolin-2-one (2f, Table 2, entry 6):** The representative procedure was followed using **1f** (137 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 6:1) yielded **2f** (77 mg, 65 %) as a white solid. M.p. = 86–87 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.31 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.01 (m, 6H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 176.2 (C<sub>q</sub>), 144.5 (C<sub>q</sub>), 137.2 (C<sub>q</sub>), 133.5 (C<sub>q</sub>), 129.5 (CH), 129.2 (C<sub>q</sub>), 128.3 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 108.1 (CH), 51.7 (CH), 26.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (NaCl): 3054, 2916, 1693, 1067, 1496, 1342, 1087, 801, 748, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 237 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>], 222 (12), 208 (27), 194 (19), 179 (6), 165 (8), 118 (5), 43 (7). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO+H<sup>+</sup> 238.1226, found 238.1228. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>6</sup>



**2g**

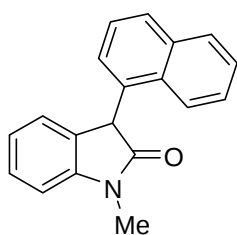
**1-Methyl-3-*m*-tolylindolin-2-one (2g, Table 2, entry 7):** The representative procedure was followed using **1g** (137 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 4:1) yielded **2g** (71 mg, 60 %) as a pale orange oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.35–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16–6.97 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 175.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 144.3 (C<sub>q</sub>), 138.4 (C<sub>q</sub>), 136.4 (C<sub>q</sub>), 128.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 128.9 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 108.0 (CH), 52.0 (CH), 26.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (NaCl): 3057, 3021, 2949, 1705, 1616, 1496, 1342, 1265, 1177, 1125, 648 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 237 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>], 222 (10), 208 (27), 194 (16), 165 (5), 134 (6), 118 (5), 107 (14). HR-MS (ESI)

$m/z$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{15}NO+H^+$  238.1226, found 238.1227. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>11</sup>



**2h**

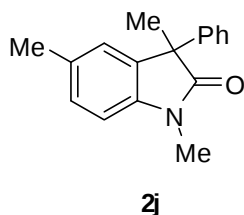
**3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (2h, Table 2, entry 8):** The representative procedure was followed using **1h** (145 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 4:1) yielded **2h** (78 mg, 62 %) as an off-white solid. M.p. = 90–91 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.31 (dt,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.08 (m, 3H), 7.05 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.81 (m, 3H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 176.2 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 159.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 144.4 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 129.4 (CH), 129.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 128.6 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 128.3 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 114.2 (CH), 108.0 (CH), 55.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 51.2 (CH), 26.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 3053, 2957, 2931, 2835, 1711, 1611, 1512, 1469, 1347, 1250, 1032, 736  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{MS}$  (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 253 (73) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 238 (15), 224 (70), 219 (100), 194 (23), 181 (88), 167 (85), 152 (87), 139 (33), 115 (35), 89 (39), 77 (85), 63 (41), 51 (37). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{16}H_{15}\text{NO}_2+H^+$  254.1176, found 254.1176. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>12</sup>



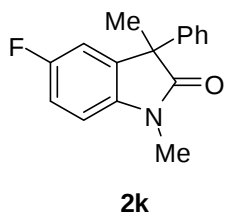
**2i**

**1-Methyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)indolin-2-one (2i, Table 2, entry 9):** The representative procedure was followed using **1i** (145 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 4:1) yielded **2i** (83 mg, 61 %) as a pale yellow solid. M.p. = 154–156 °C.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.35 (bs, 1H), 7.88 - 6.94 (bs, 10H), 5.45 (bs, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 175.7 ( $\text{C}_q$ ),

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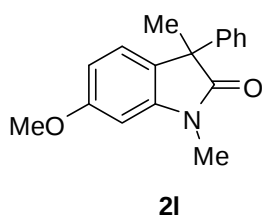


**1,3,5-Trimethyl-3-phenylindolin-2-one (2j, Table 2, entry 11):** The representative procedure was followed using **1j** (144 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 4:1) yielded **2j** (100 mg, 80 %) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.33–7.19 (m, 5H), 7.13 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (bs, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 179.4 (C<sub>q</sub>), 140.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 140.8 (C<sub>q</sub>), 134.9 (C<sub>q</sub>), 132.3 (C<sub>q</sub>), 128.5 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 108.0 (CH), 52.2 (C<sub>q</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (NaCl): 3056, 3021, 2968, 2932, 2865, 1731, 1625, 1506, 1373, 1115, 1020, 803, 720, 694 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) *m/z* (relative intensity) 251 (95) [M<sup>+</sup>], 236 (100), 221 (11), 208 (12), 193 (8), 165 (8), 103 (5), 77 (6). HR-MS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO+H<sup>+</sup> 252.1383, found 252.1384.

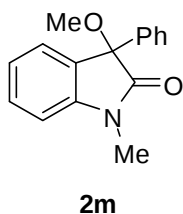


**5-Fluoro-1,3-dimethyl-3-phenylindolin-2-one (2k, Table 2, entry 12):** The representative procedure was followed using **1k** (146 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 4:1) yielded **2k** (112 mg, 88 %) as a yellow solid. M.p. = 80–82 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.31–7.19 (m, 5H), 6.99 (ddd, *J* = 9.1, 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 178.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 1.0 Hz), 159.1 (C<sub>q</sub>, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> =

240.5 Hz), 140.0 (C<sub>q</sub>), 139.0 (C<sub>q</sub>,  $J_{C-F}$  = 2.2 Hz), 136.3 (C<sub>q</sub>,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8.0 Hz), 128.5 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 114.2 (CH,  $J_{C-F}$  = 23.5 Hz), 112.2 (CH,  $J_{C-F}$  = 24.7 Hz), 108.7 (CH,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8.3 Hz), 52.7 (C<sub>q</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F-NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = -120.08– -120.39 (m). IR (NaCl): 3077, 3056, 2979, 2871, 1701, 1621, 1467, 1354, 1107, 929, 877, 643 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 255 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>], 240 (89), 226 (12), 212 (25), 183 (10). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO+H<sup>+</sup> 256.1132, found 256.1133.

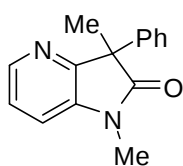


**6-Methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-3-phenylindolin-2-one (2l, Table 2, entry 13):** The representative procedure was followed using **1l** (152 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 4:1) yielded **2l** (117 mg, 92 %) as a pale yellow solid. M.p. = 79–82 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.29–7.18 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 179.7 (C<sub>q</sub>), 160.0 (C<sub>q</sub>), 144.3 (C<sub>q</sub>), 141.0 (C<sub>q</sub>), 128.3 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.6 (C<sub>q</sub>), 126.5 (CH), 124.6 (CH), 106.4 (CH), 96.2 (CH), 55.5 (C<sub>q</sub>), 51.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (NaCl): 3052, 2980, 2935, 2834, 1725, 1616, 1452, 1246, 1099, 1075, 937, 784, 515 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 267 (37) [M<sup>+</sup>], 252 (100), 209 (6), 190 (8), 180 (5), 165 (5), 152 (5). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+H<sup>+</sup> 268.1332, found 268.1334.



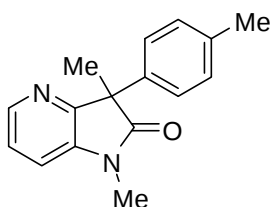
**3-Methoxy-1-methyl-3-phenylindolin-2-one (2m, Table 2, entry 14):** The representative procedure was followed using **1m** (145 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 5:1) yielded **2m** (57 mg, 45 %) as an off-white solid. M.p. = 77–79 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.39–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.10 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.18

(s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 175.2 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 144.5 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 138.6 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 130.1 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 127.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 126.3 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 108.5 (CH), 83.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 53.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 26.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 3065, 3007, 2953, 2824, 1716, 1610, 1465, 1435, 1104, 988, 759  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 253 (37) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 238 (8), 223 (100), 209 (30), 194 (42), 182 (7), 164 (15), 152 (13), 105 (12), 77 (15). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}^+$  276.0995, found 276.0996. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.<sup>8</sup>



**2n**

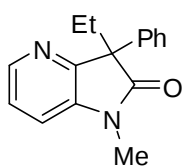
**5,7-Dimethyl-7-phenyl-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-6(7*H*)-one (2n, Scheme 2):** The representative procedure was followed using **1n** (137 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1) yielded **2n** (71 mg, 60 %) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.24 (dd,  $J$  = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.13 (m, 4H), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.8 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 155.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 143.1 (CH), 139.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 138.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 128.5 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 114.3 (CH), 52.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 26.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 22.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 3065, 2969, 2929, 1737, 1569, 1463, 1319, 1150, 1039, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 238 (61) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 223 (7), 209 (14), 195 (83), 181 (100), 167 (10), 152 (4), 104 (8), 77 (10). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{H}^+$  239.1179, found 239.1179.



**2o**

**5,7-Dimethyl-7-(4-tolyl)-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-6(7*H*)-one (2o, Scheme 2):** The representative procedure was followed using **1o** (144 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 3:1) yielded **2o** (95 mg, 75 %) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.25 (dd,  $J$  = 5.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (md,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s,

3H), 1.79 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 178.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 155.3 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 143.1 (CH), 138.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 137.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 136.2 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 129.2 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 114.2 (CH), 51.9 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 26.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 22.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 20.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 2970, 2927, 1717, 1603, 1512, 1455, 1370, 1327, 1100, 797  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 252 (100) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 237 (35), 223 (13), 209 (70), 195 (94), 180 (5), 167 (6), 118 (9), 91 (7). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{Na}^+$  275.1155, found 275.1161.

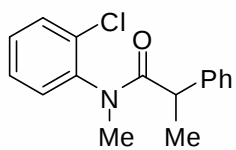


**2p**

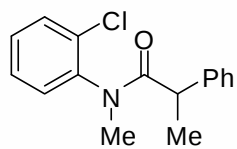
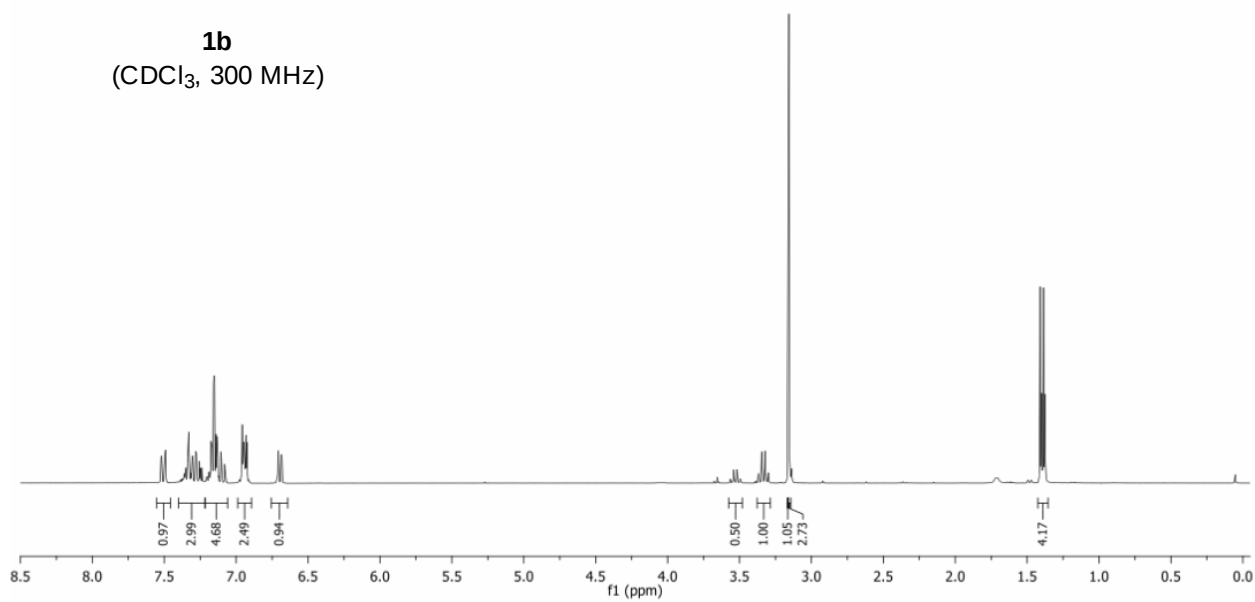
**7-Ethyl-5-methyl-7-phenyl-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridin-6(7*H*)-one (2p, Scheme 2):** The representative procedure was followed using **1p** (144 mg, 0.50 mmol). After 18 h, purification by chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 3:1) yielded **2o** (111 mg, 88 %) as a white solid. M. p. = 96–98 °C.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.30 (dd,  $J$  = 5.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.12 (m, 4H), 7.07 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.46–2.32 (m, 2H), 0.66 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.0 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 153.4 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 143.0 (CH), 139.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 138.7 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 128.4 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 113.9 (CH), 57.1 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 31.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 9.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). IR (NaCl): 2968, 1715, 1597, 1446, 1342, 1309, 1078, 1039, 925, 794, 762  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (EI)  $m/z$  (relative intensity) 252 (63) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 237 (8), 224 (100), 208 (4), 195 (98), 180 (7), 167 (16), 91 (6), 40 (6). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{Na}^+$  275.1155, found 275.1159.

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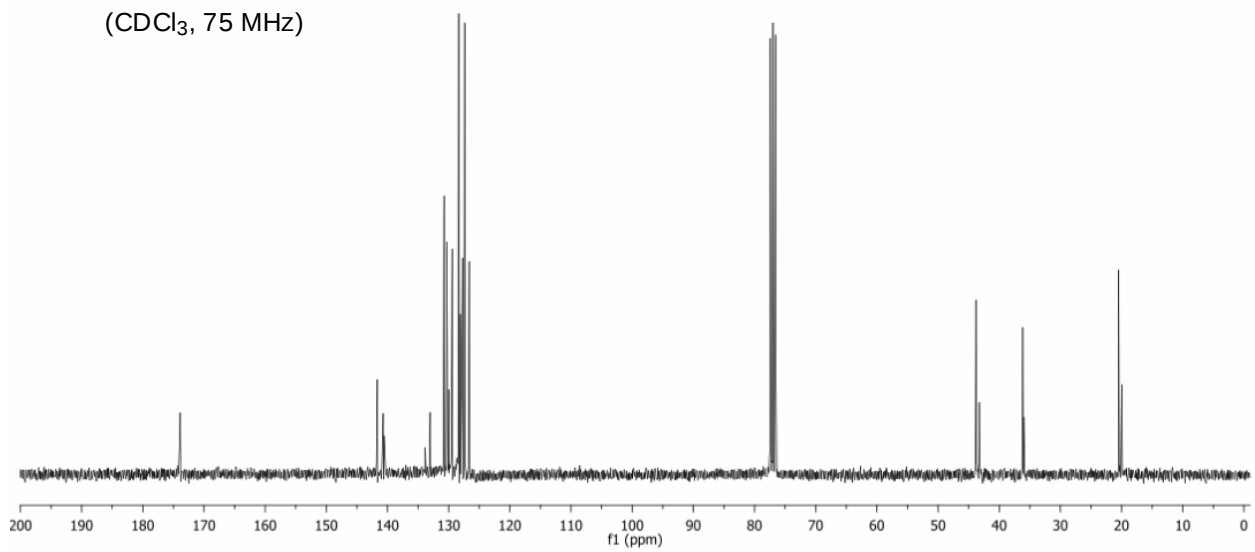
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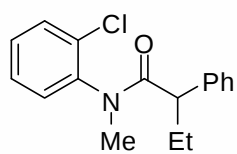


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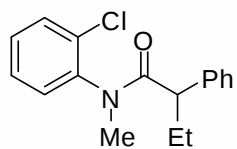
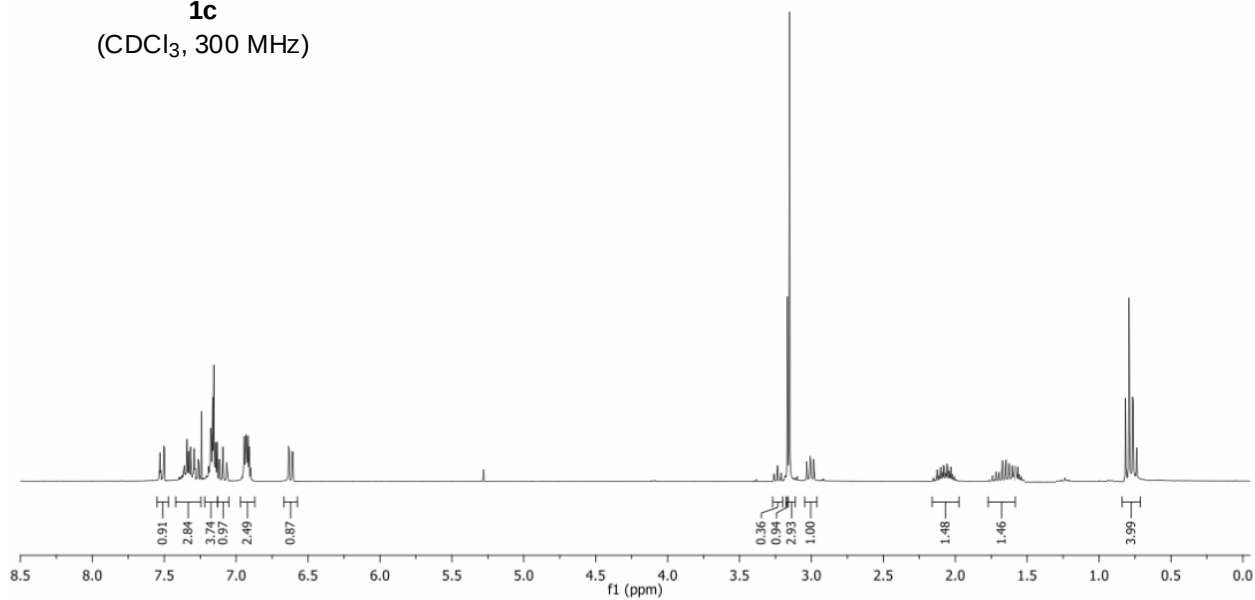


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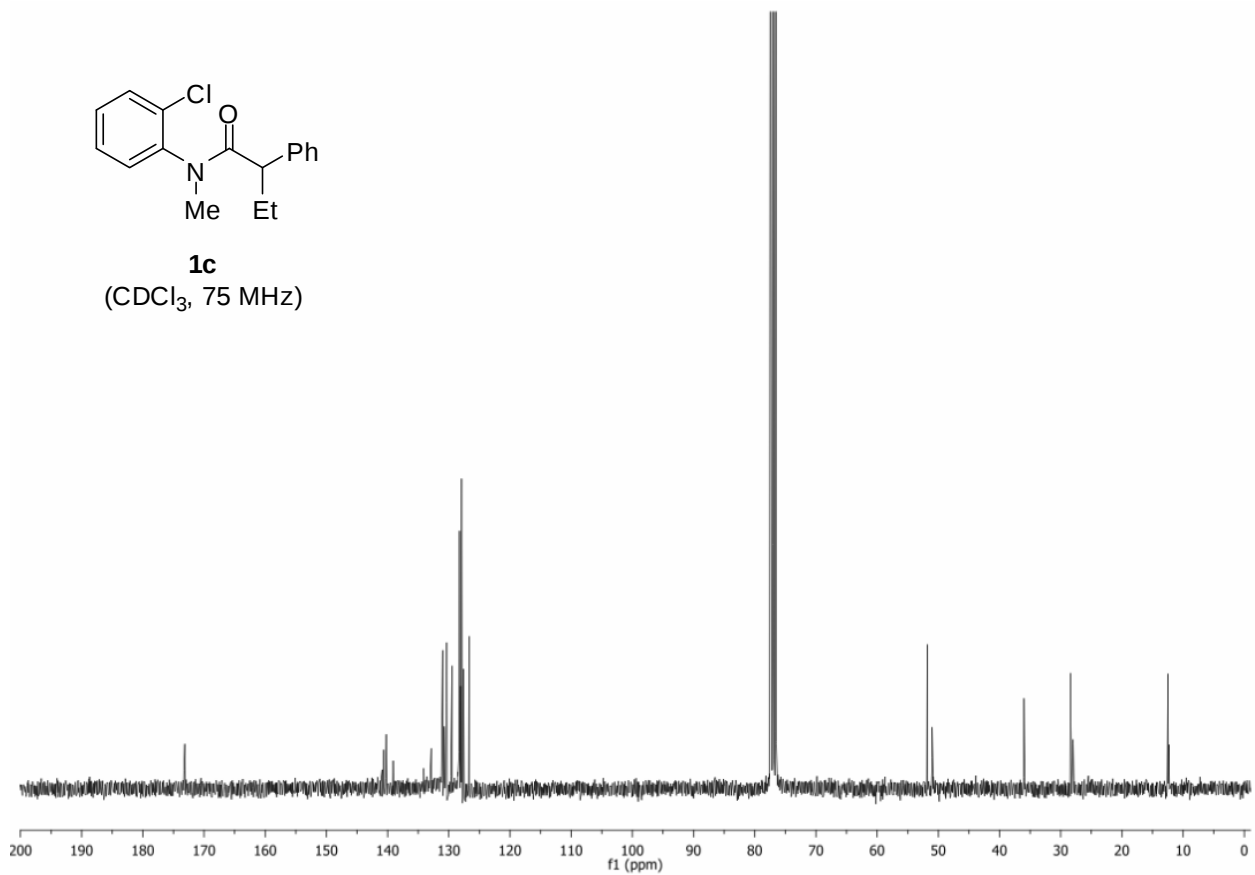


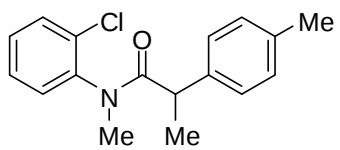


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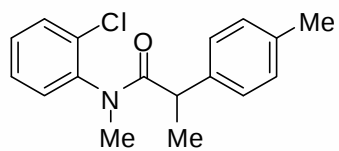
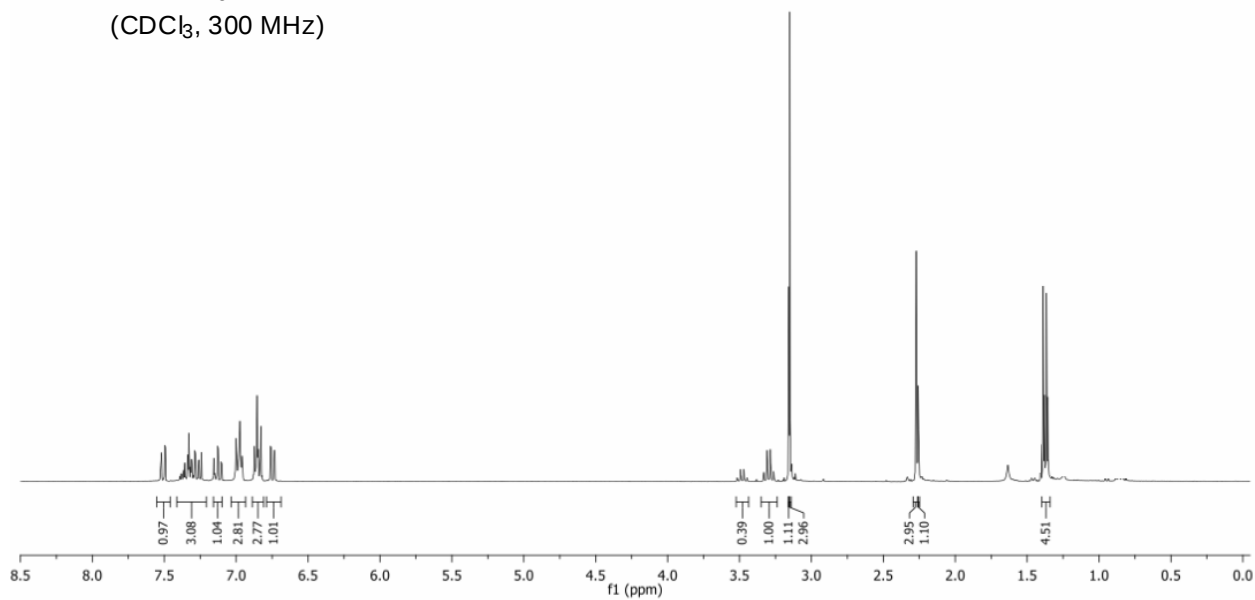


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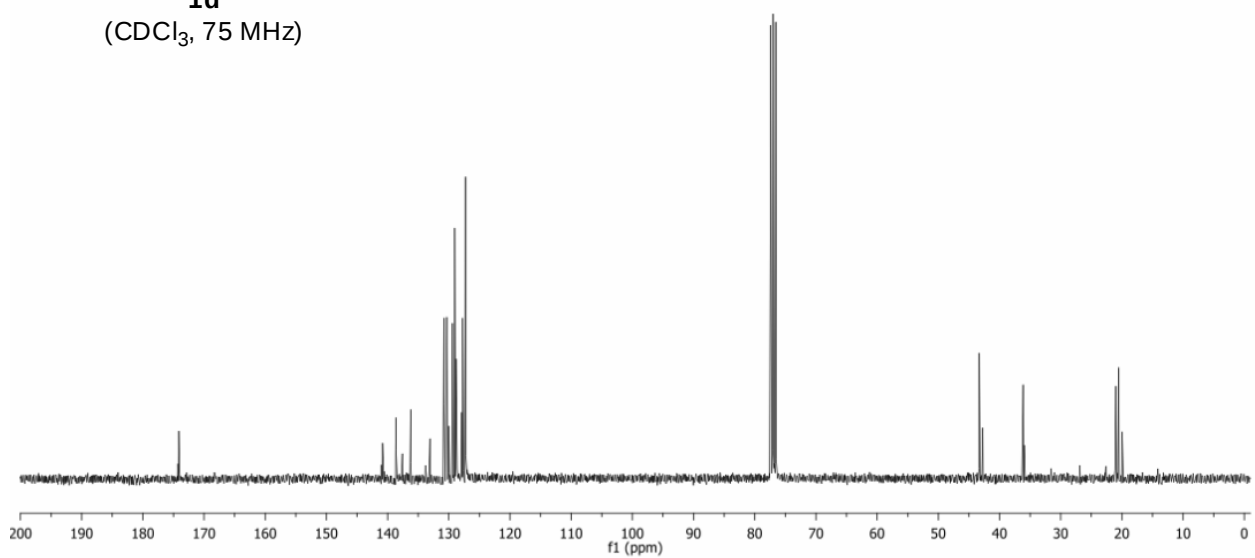


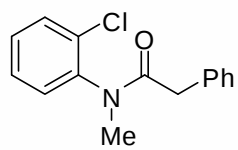


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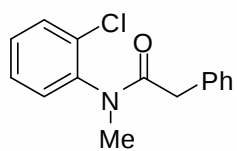
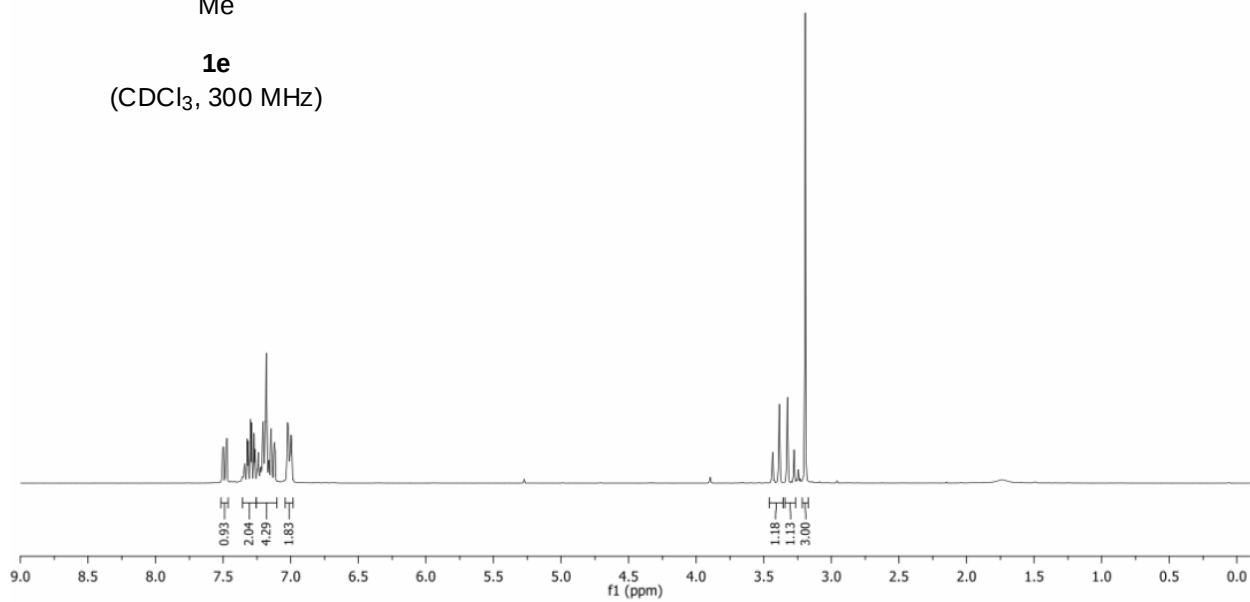


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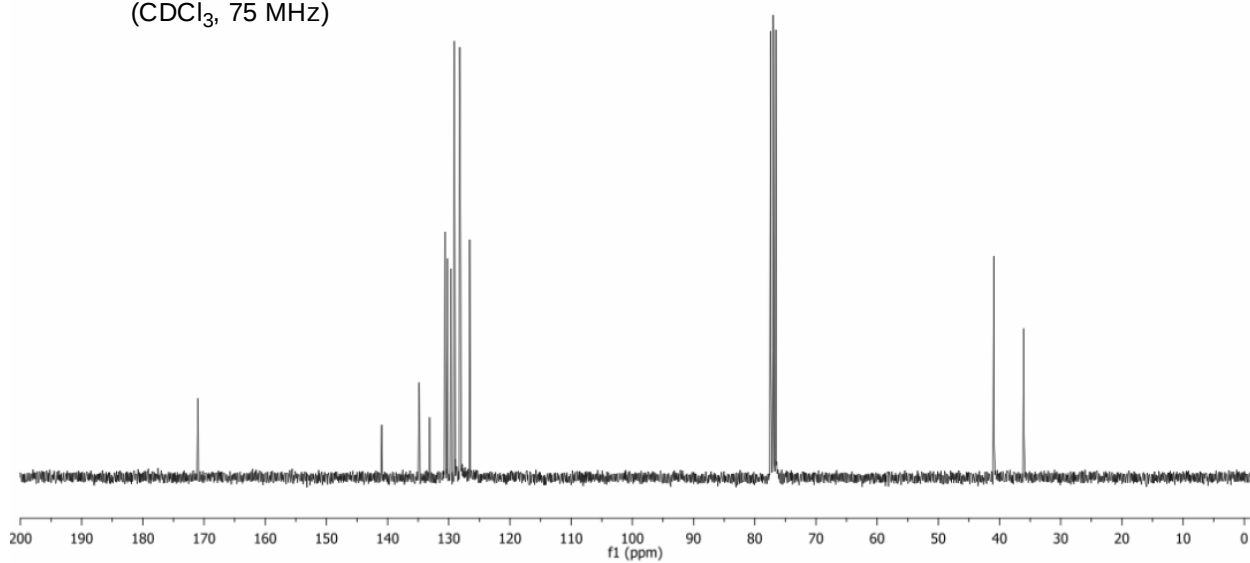


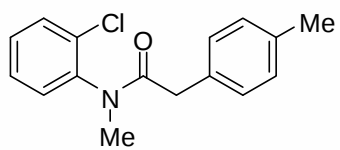


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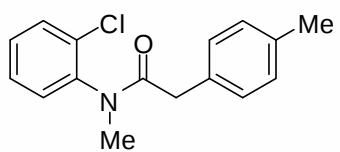
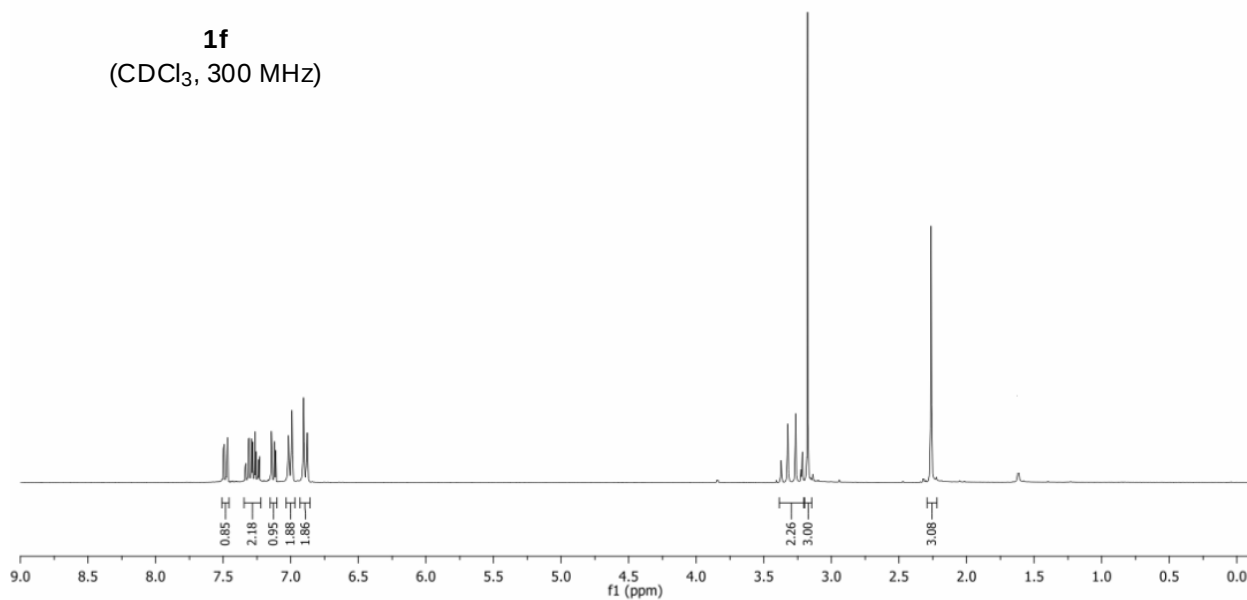


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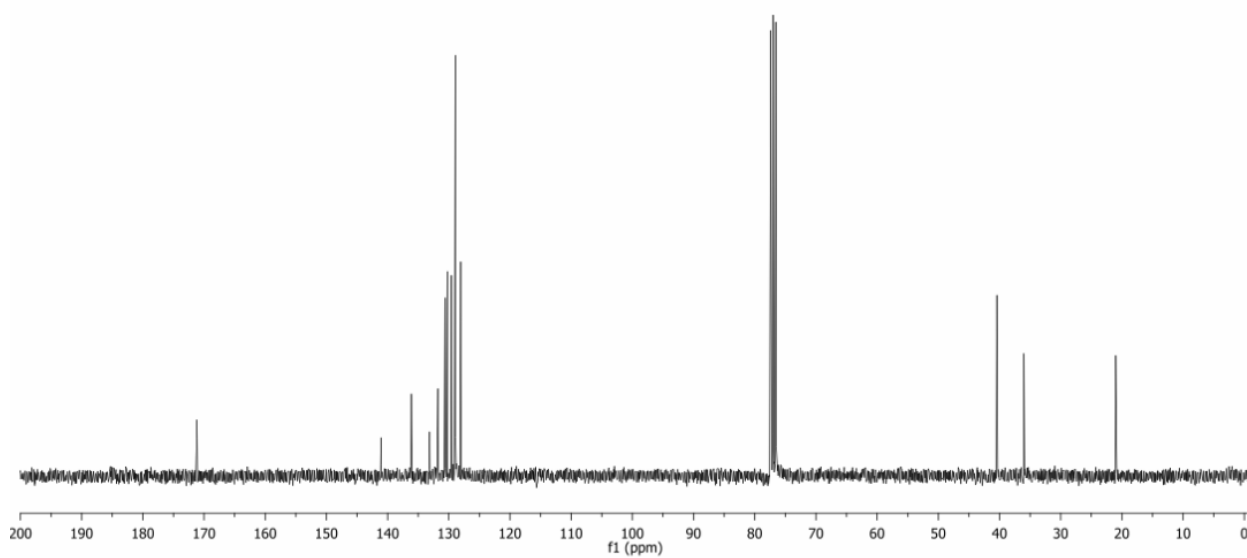


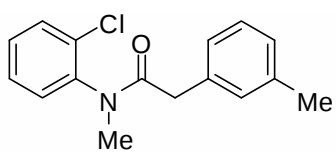


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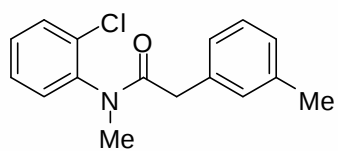
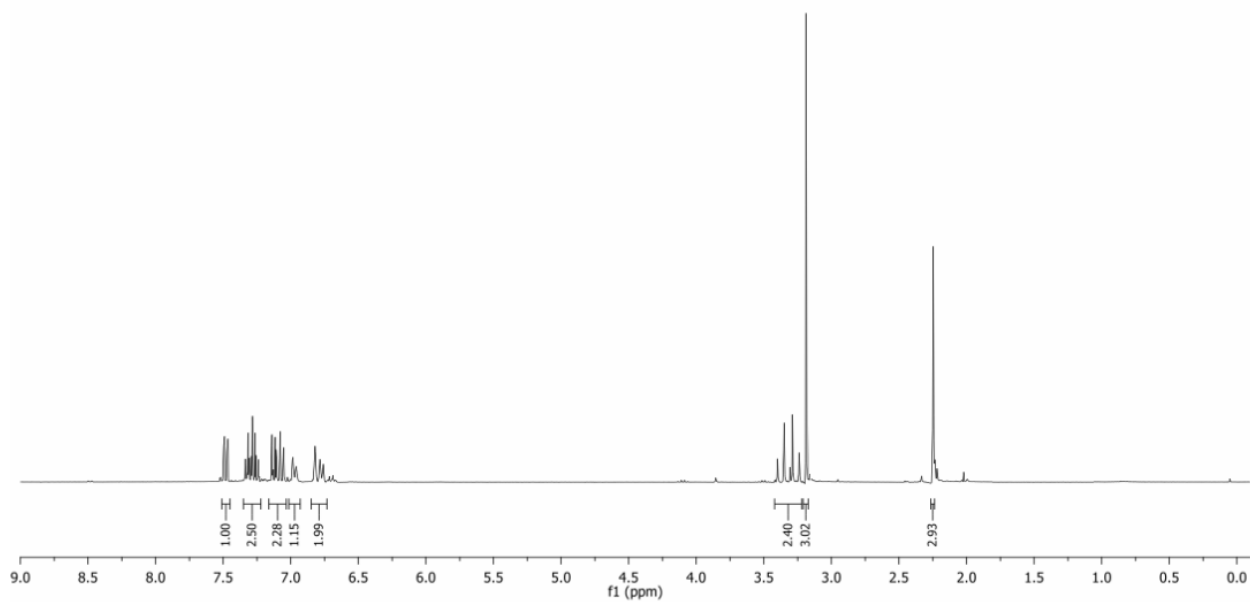


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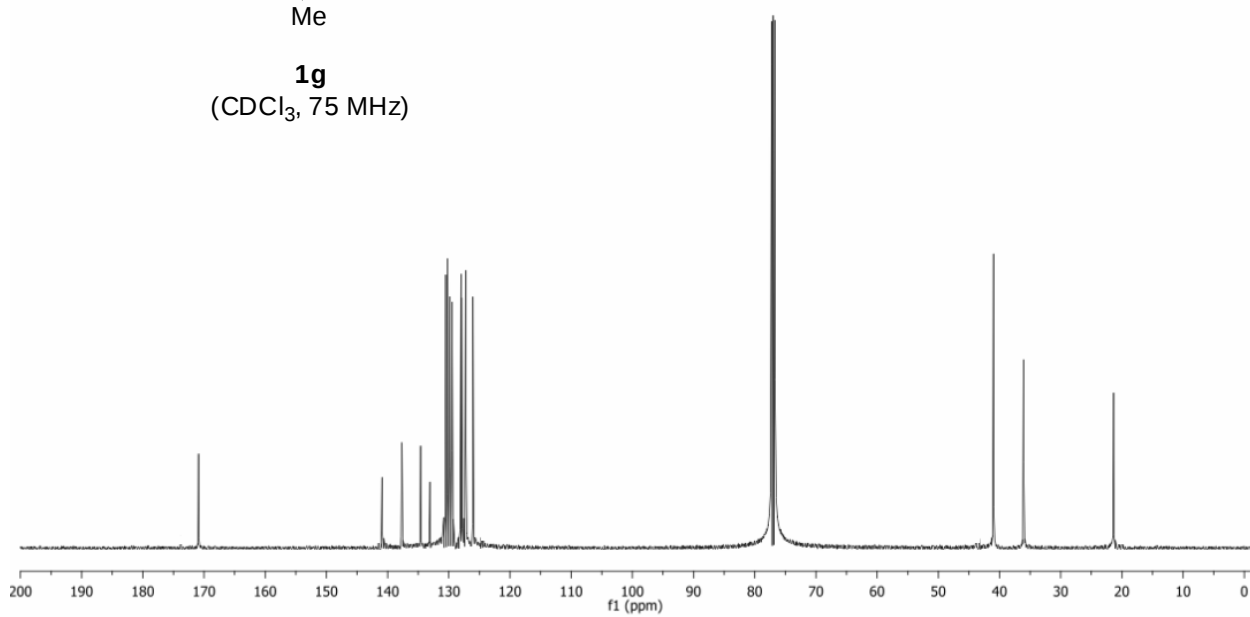


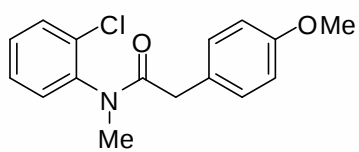


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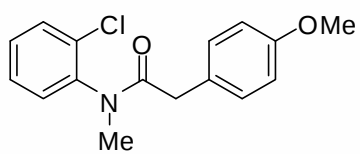
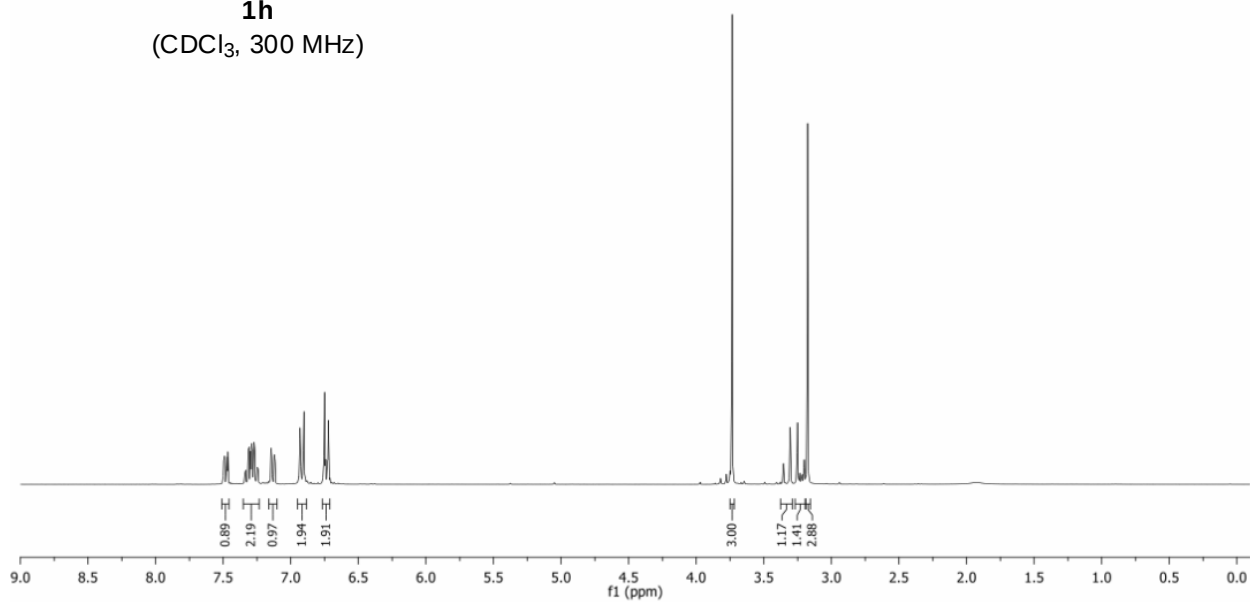


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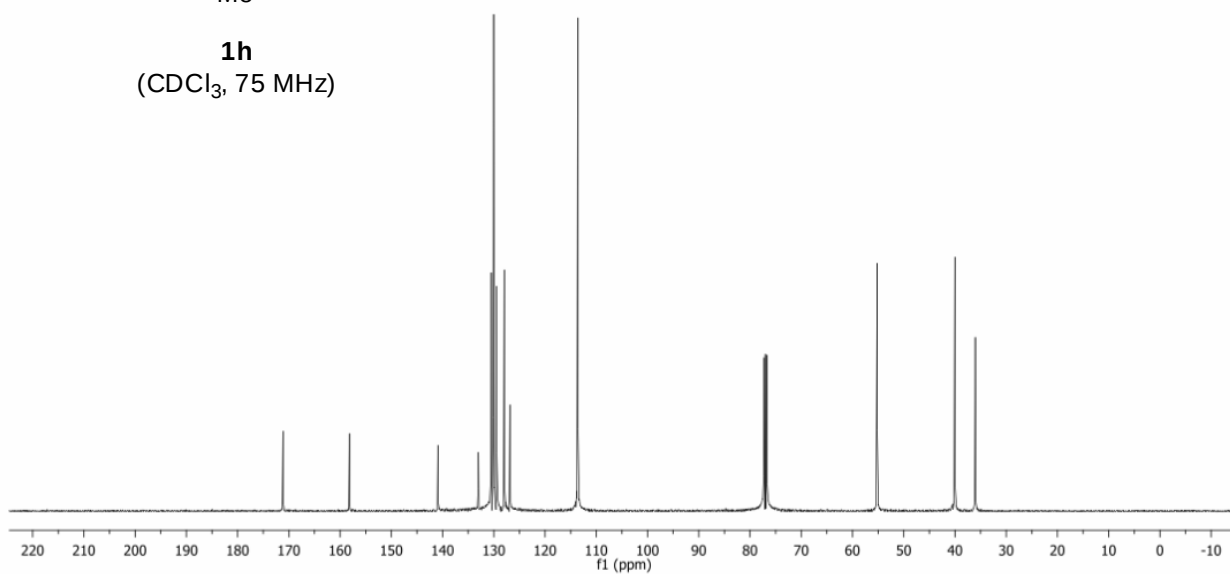


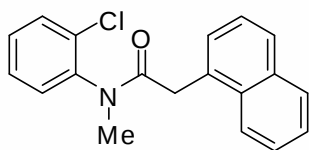


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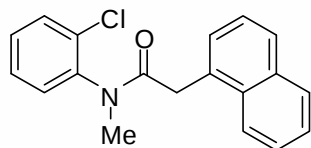
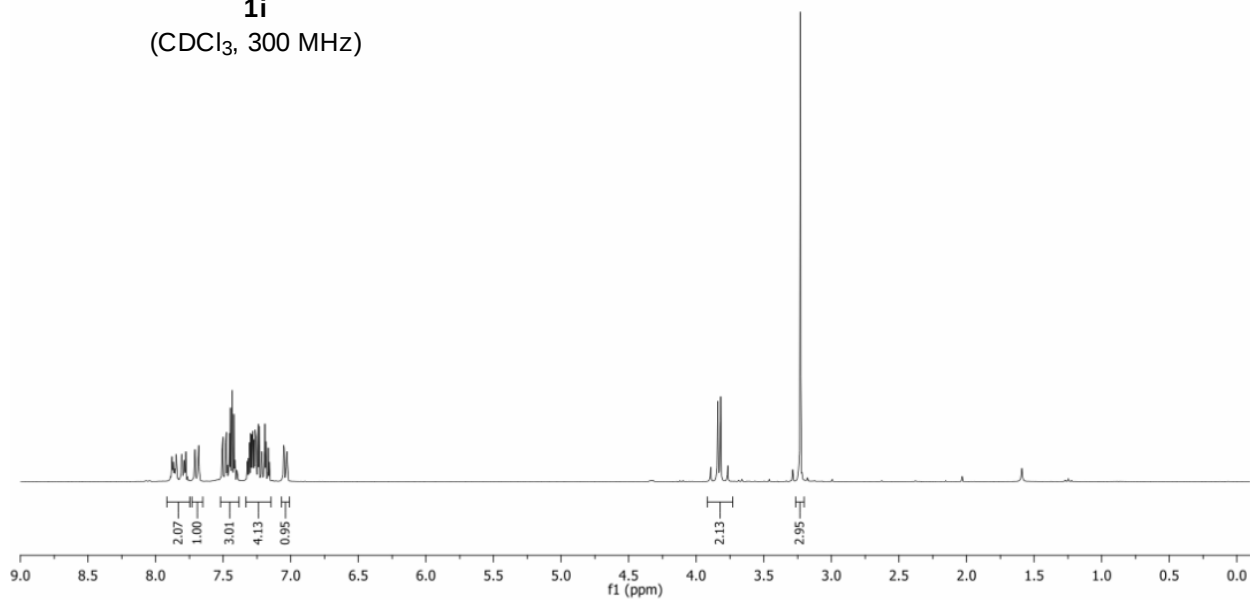


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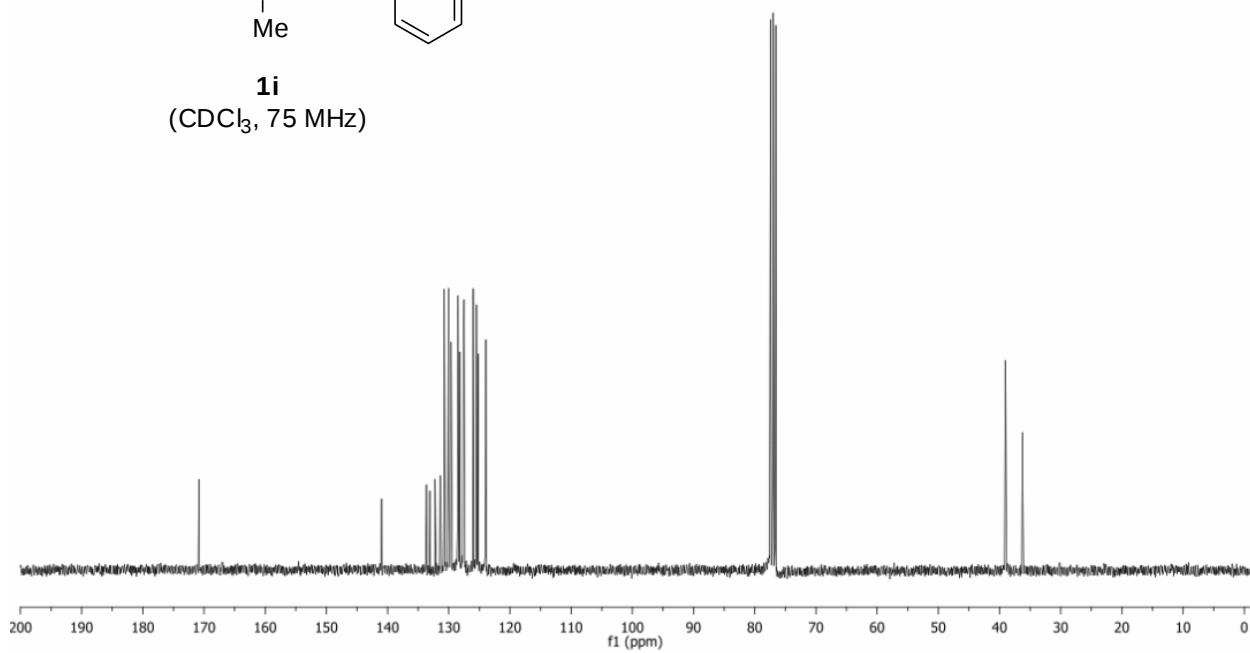


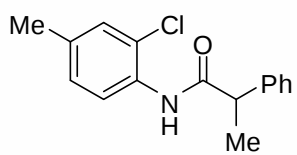


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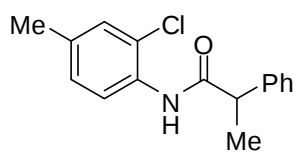
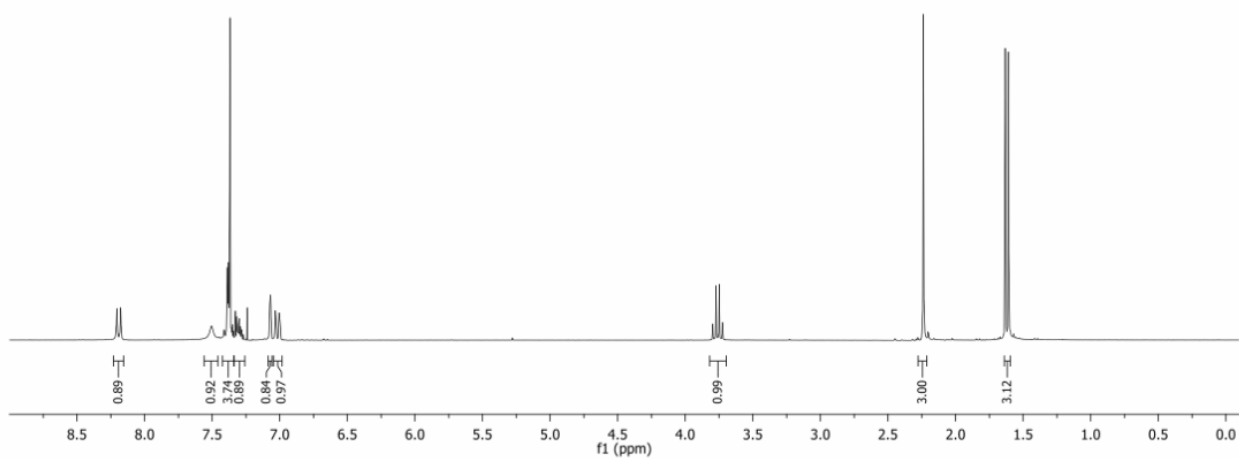


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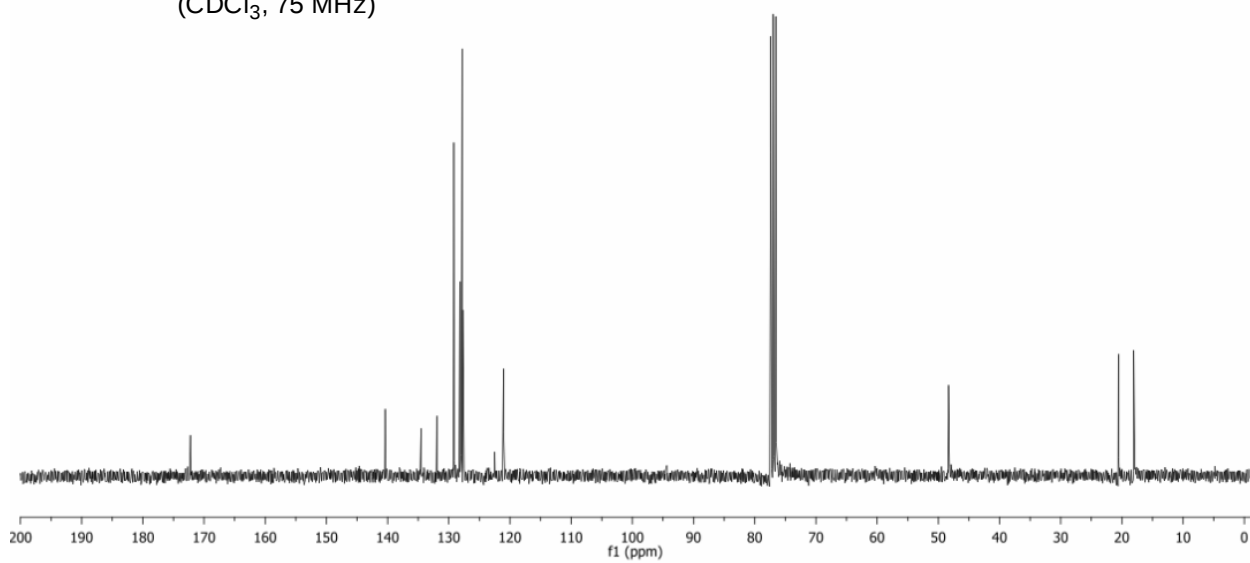


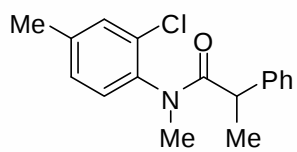


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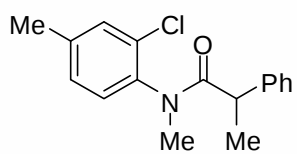
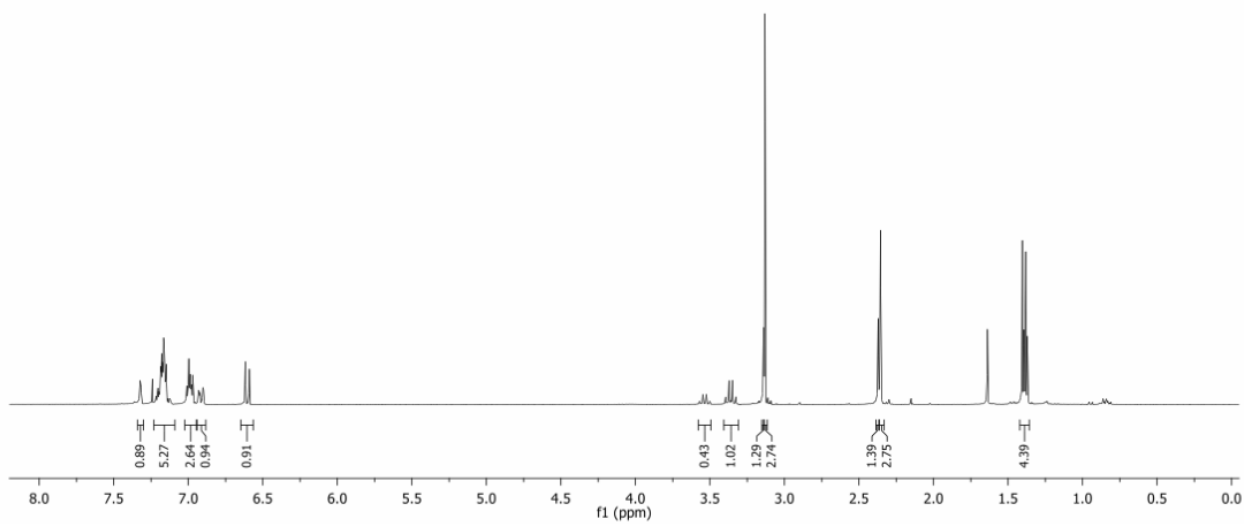


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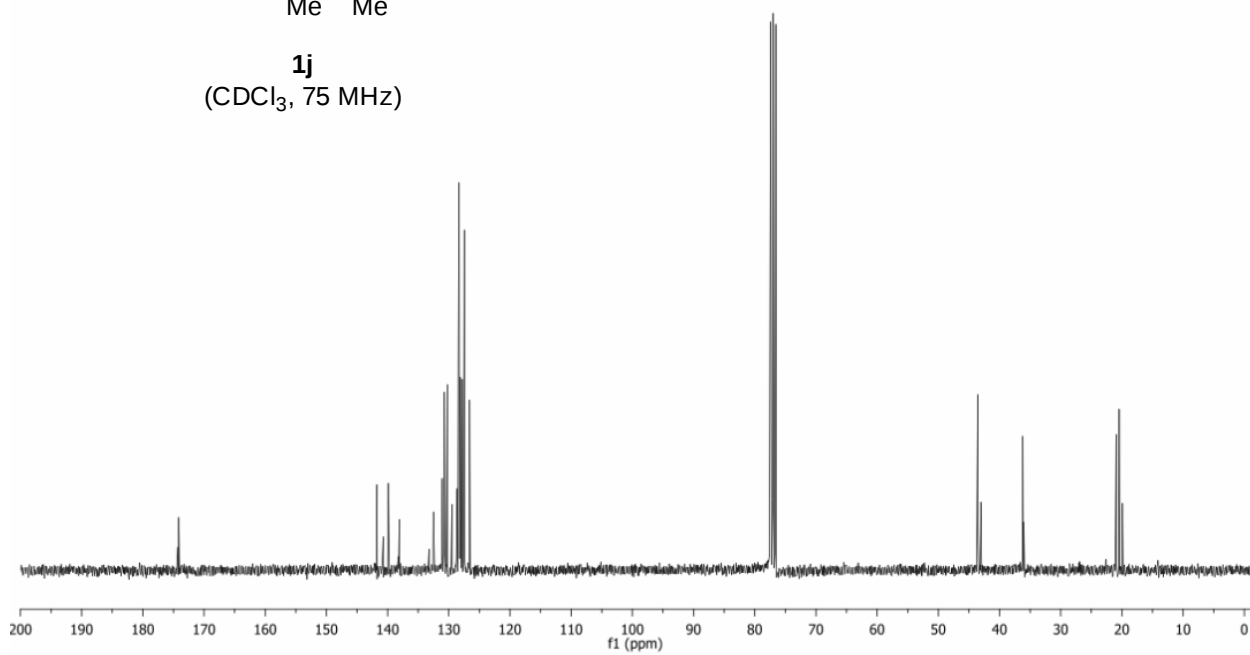


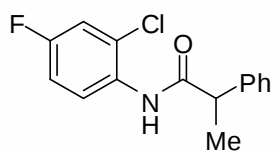


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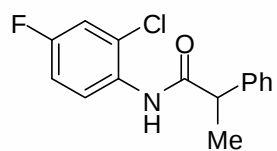
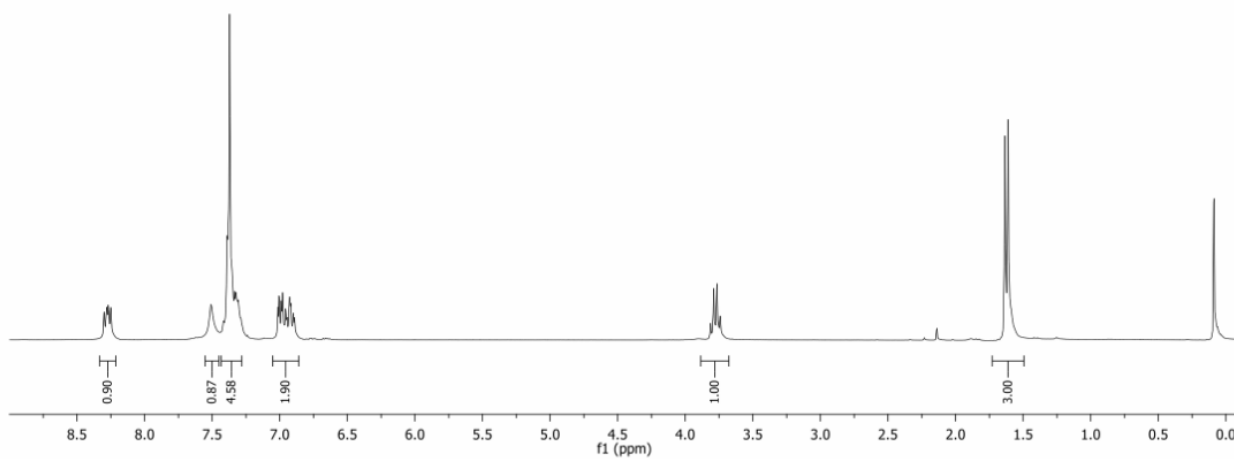


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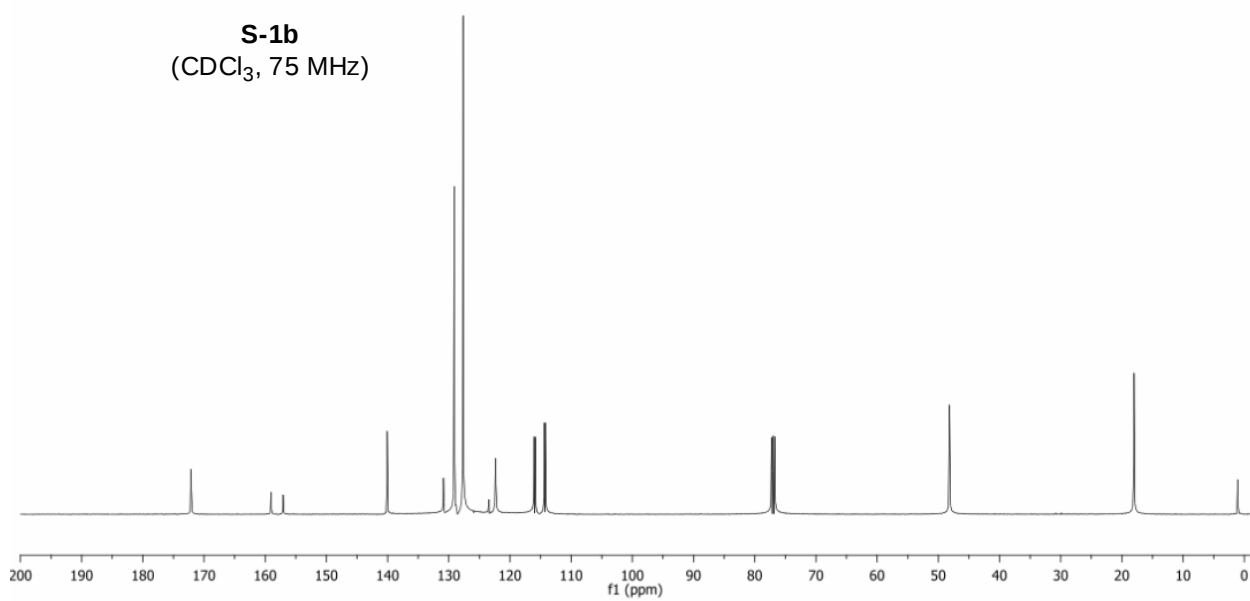


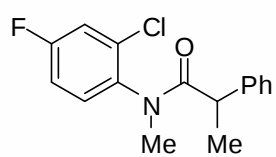


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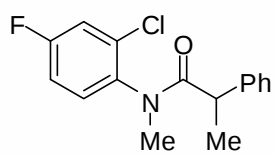
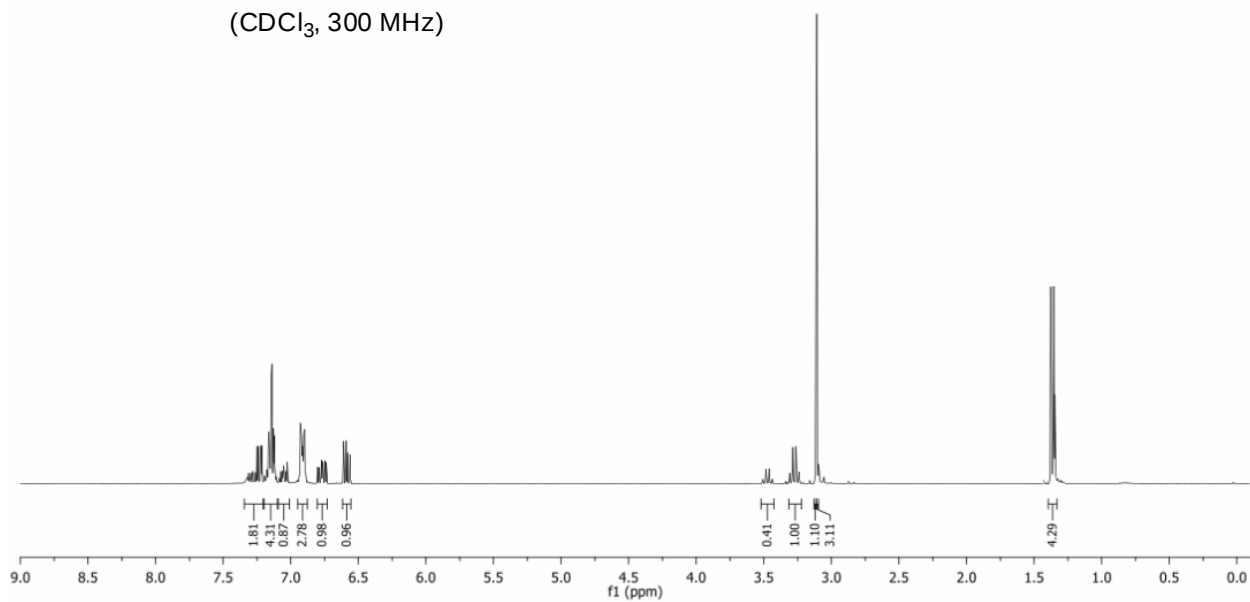


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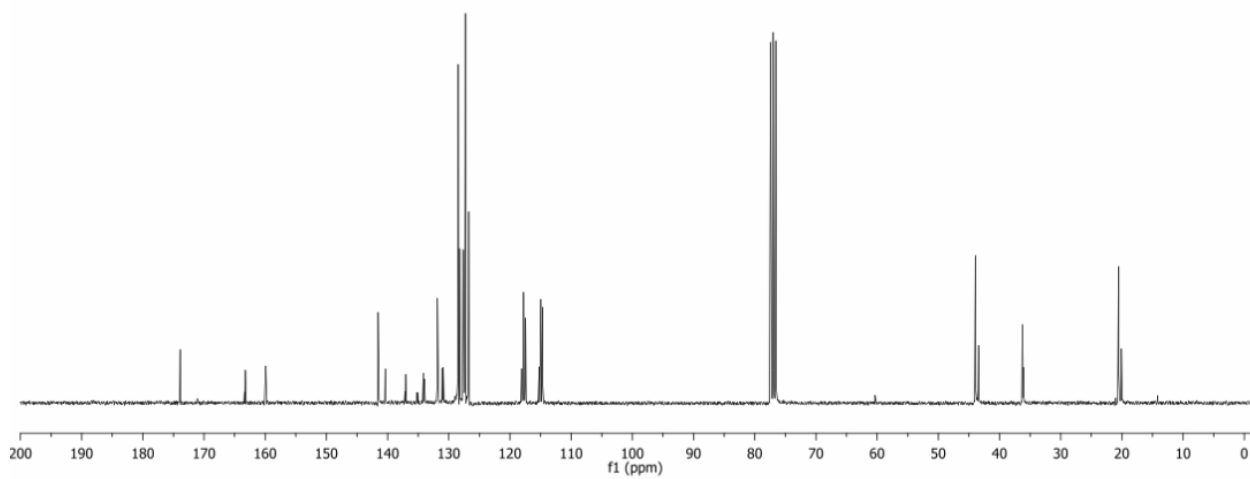


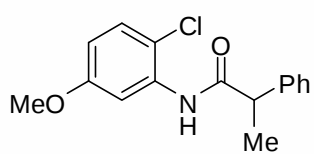


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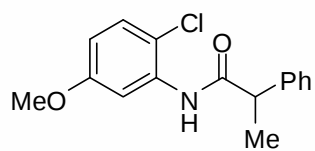
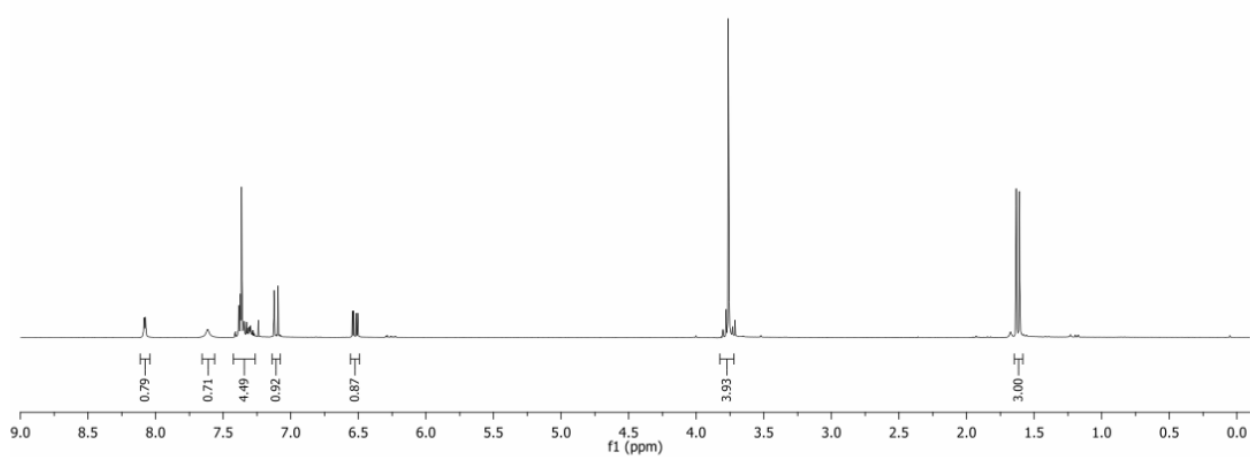


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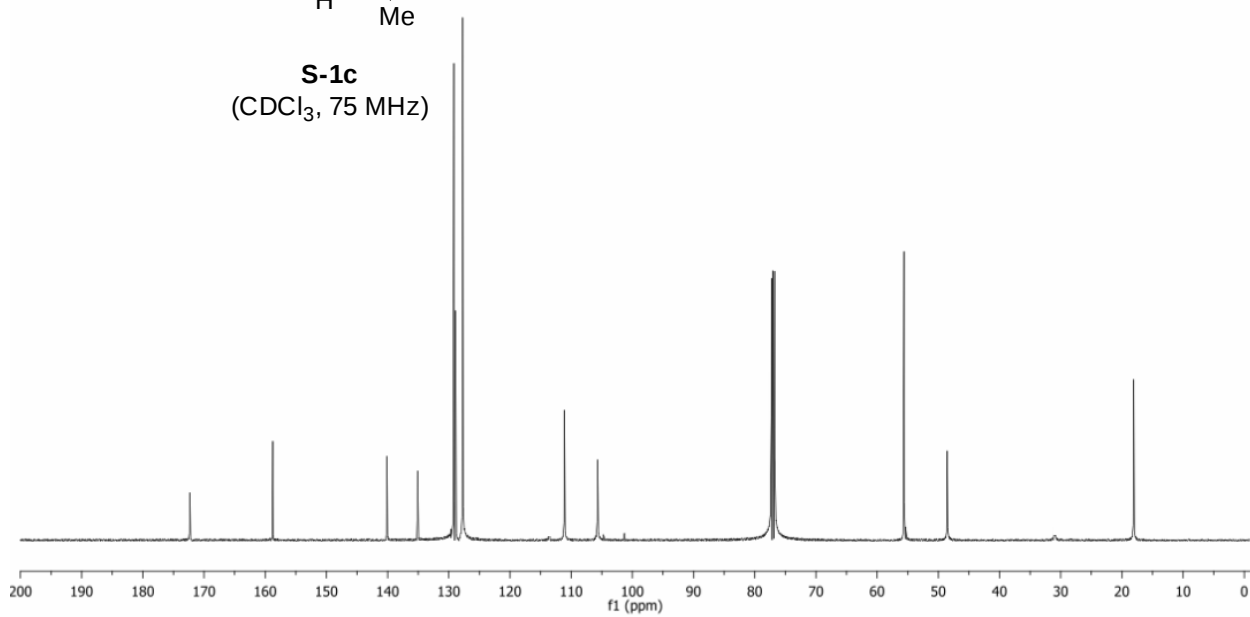


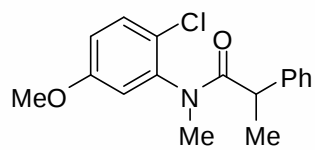


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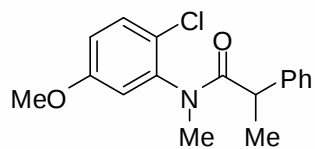
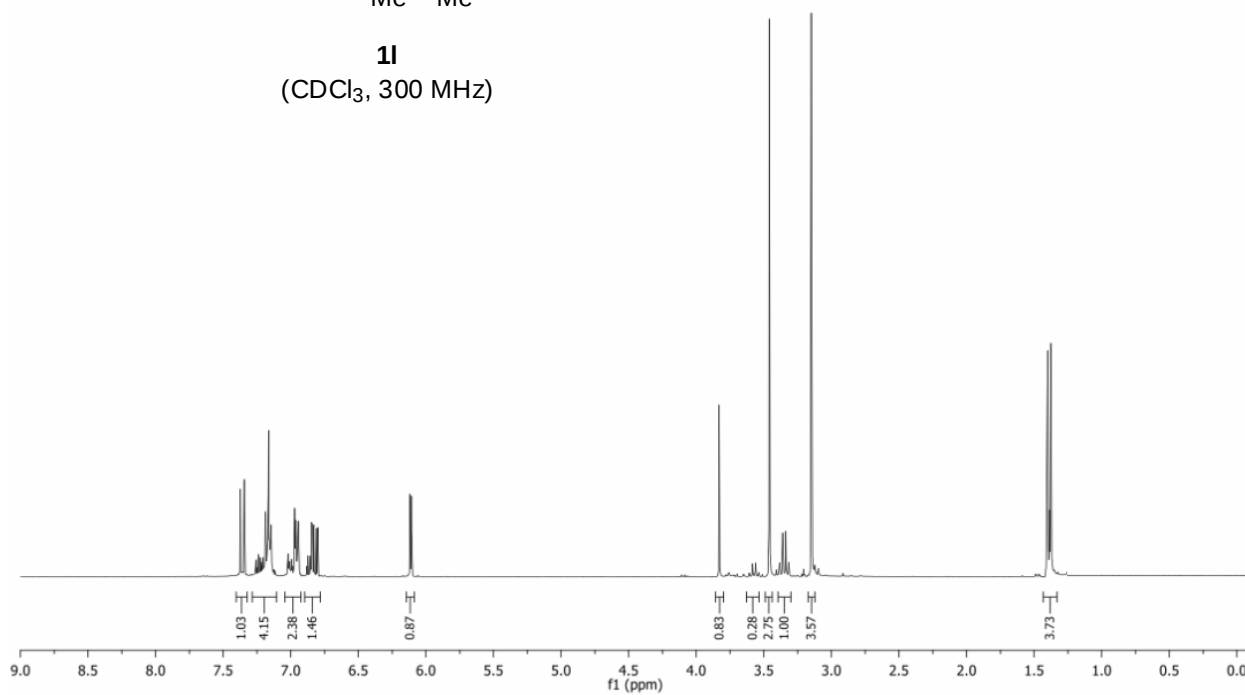


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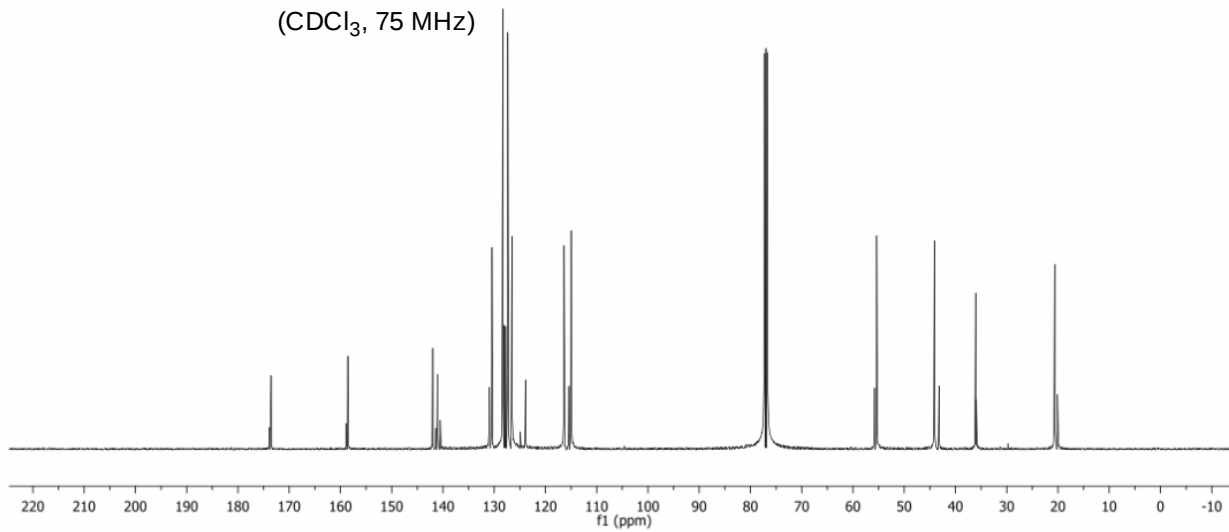


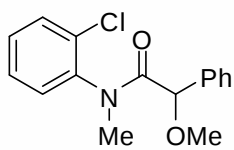


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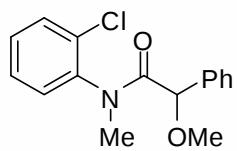
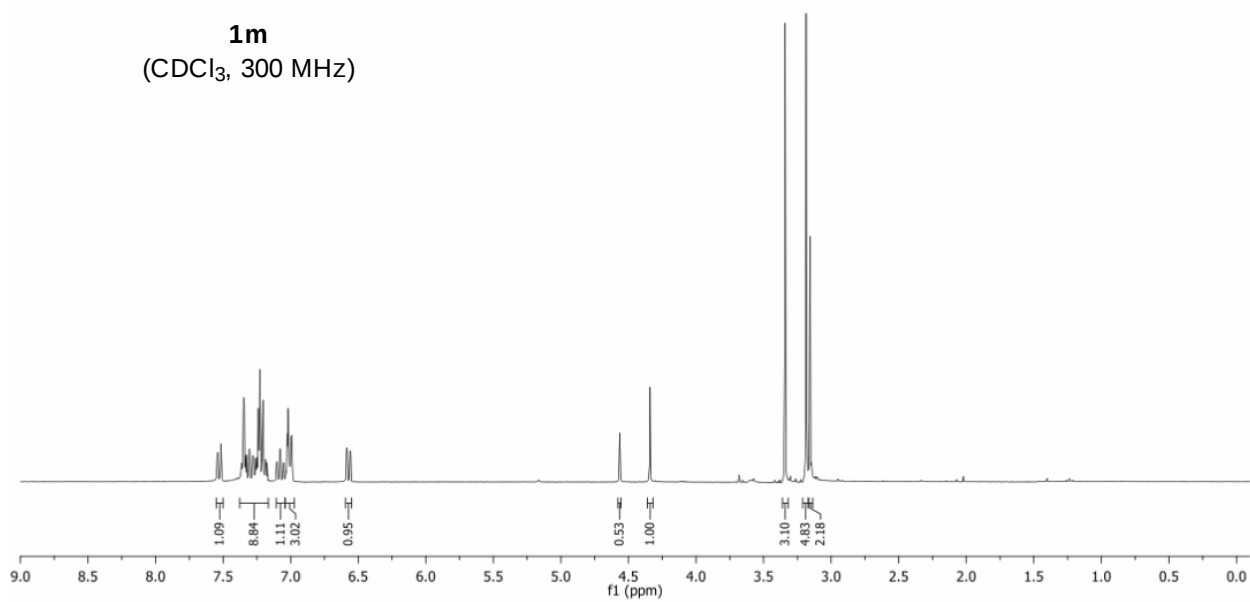


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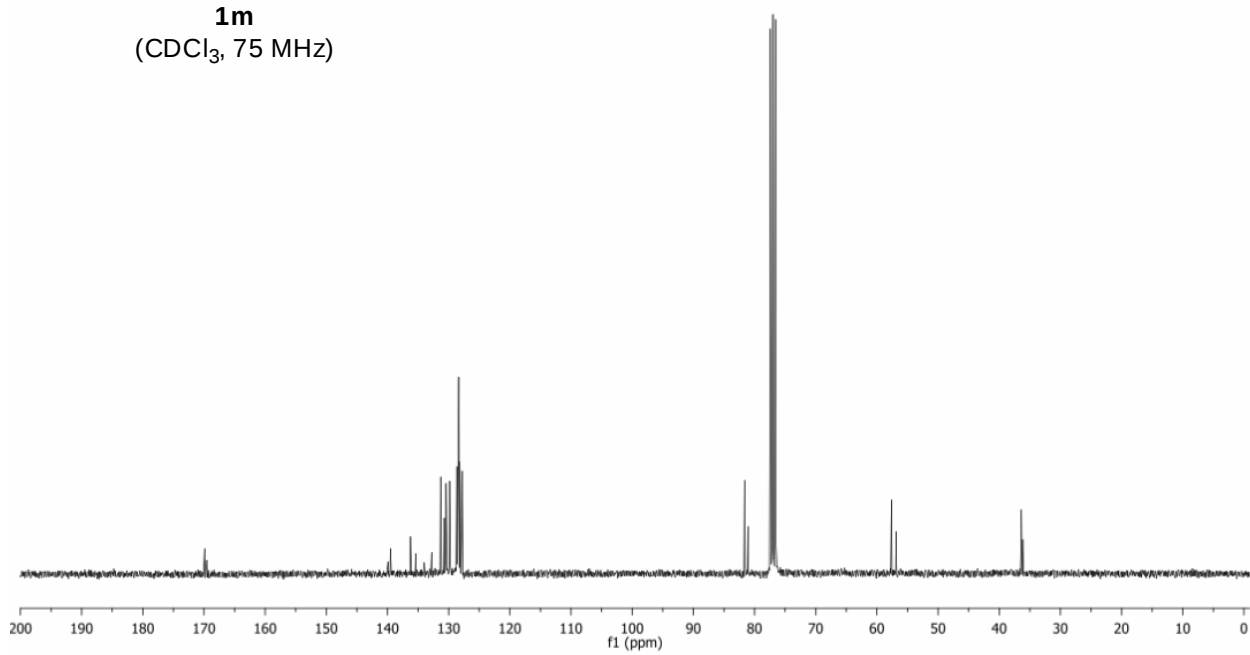


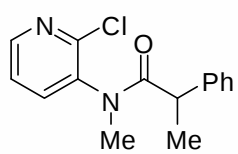


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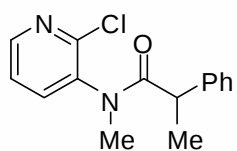
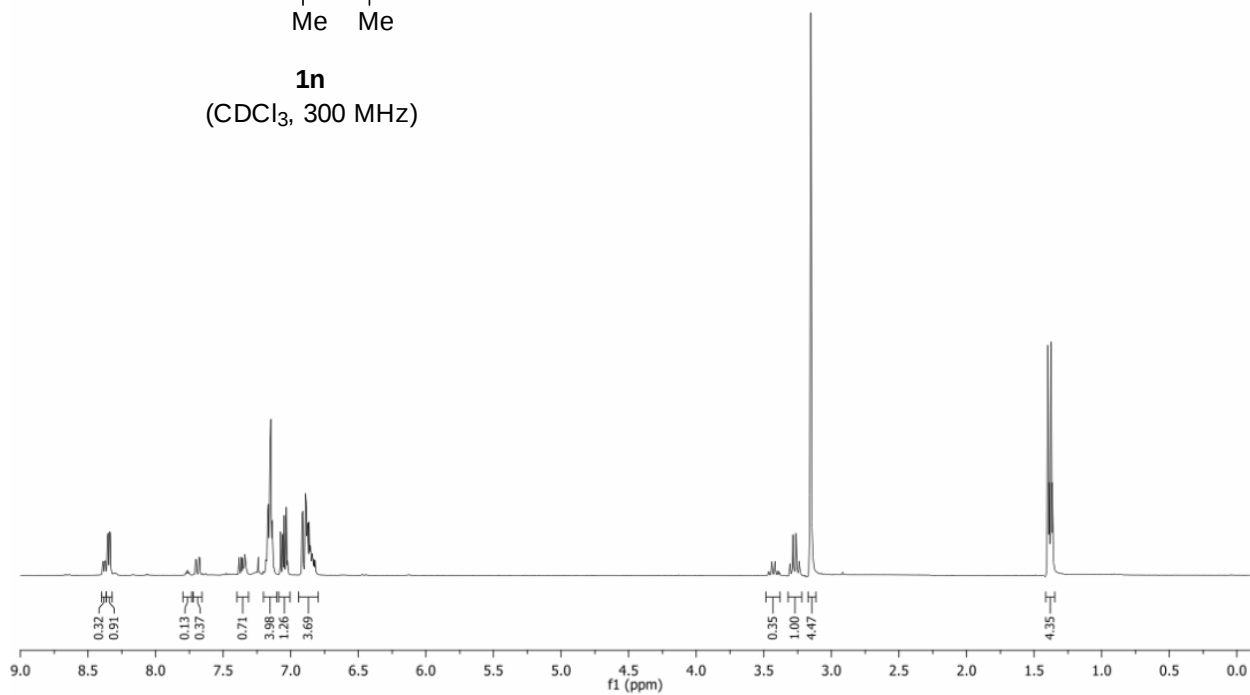


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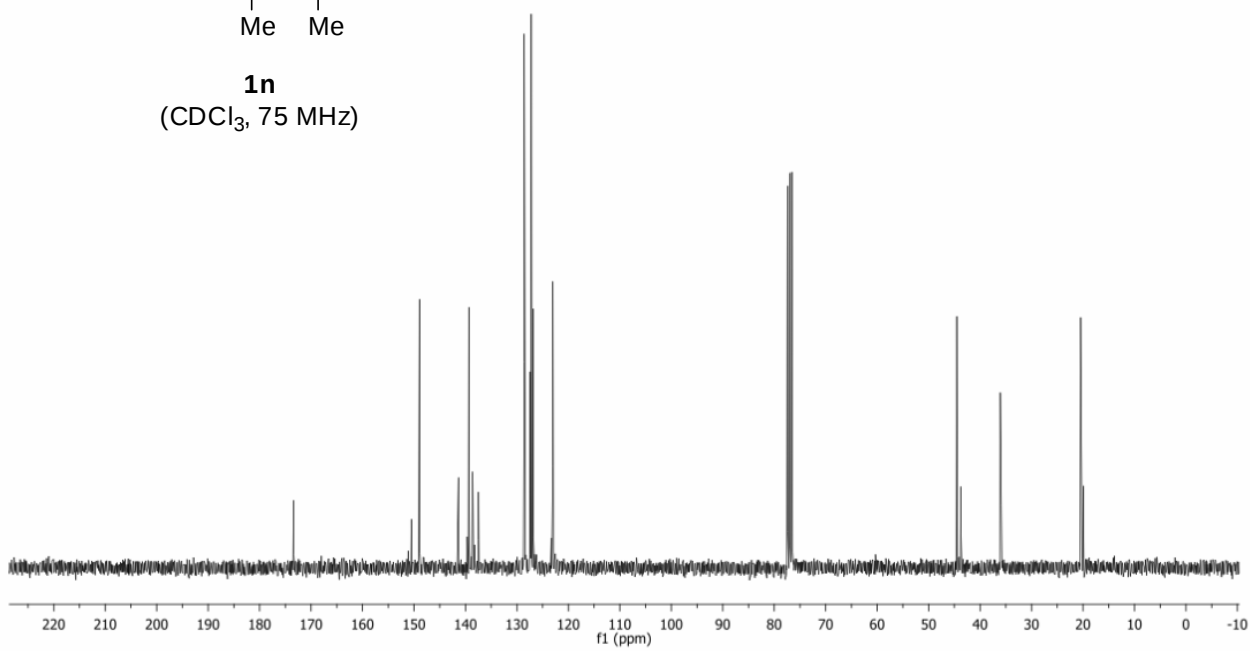


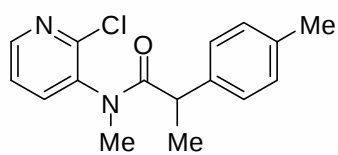


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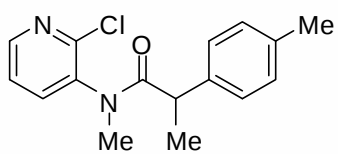
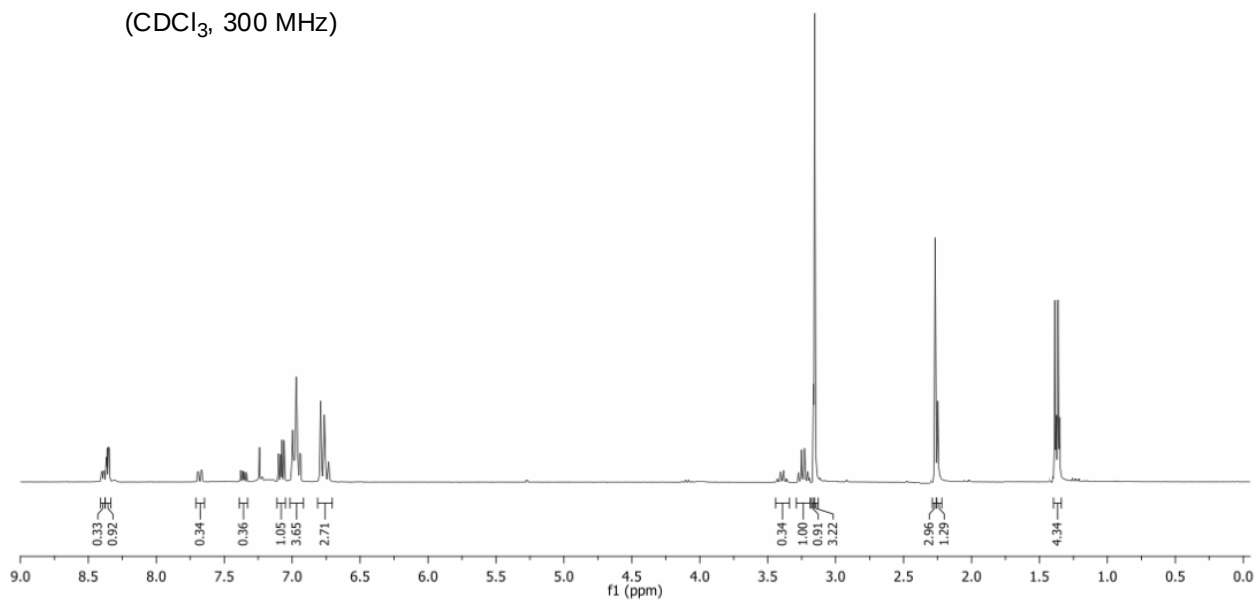


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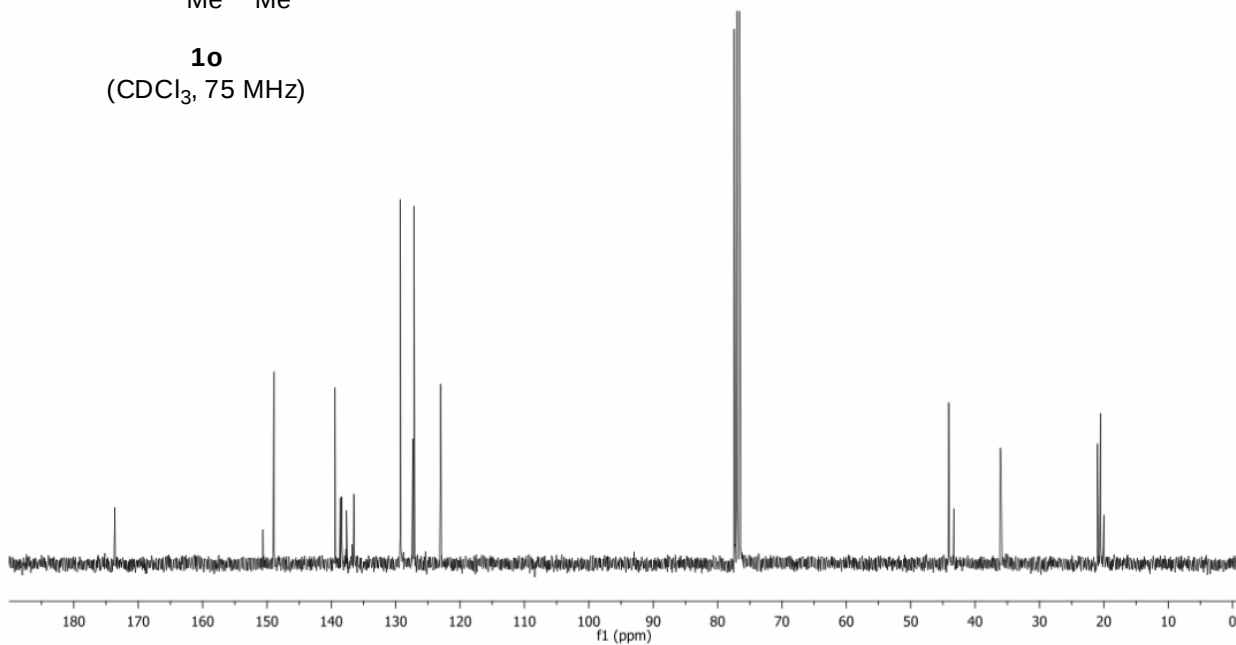


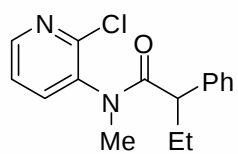


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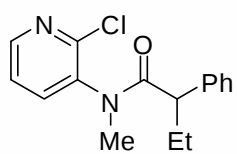
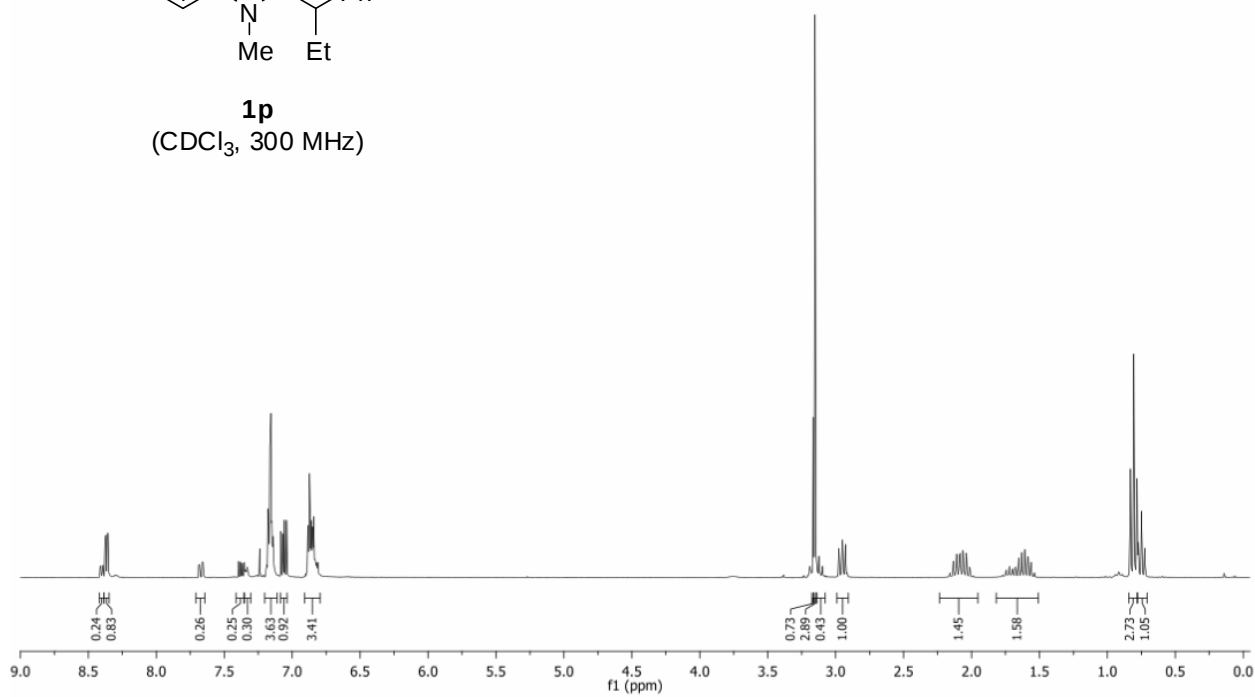


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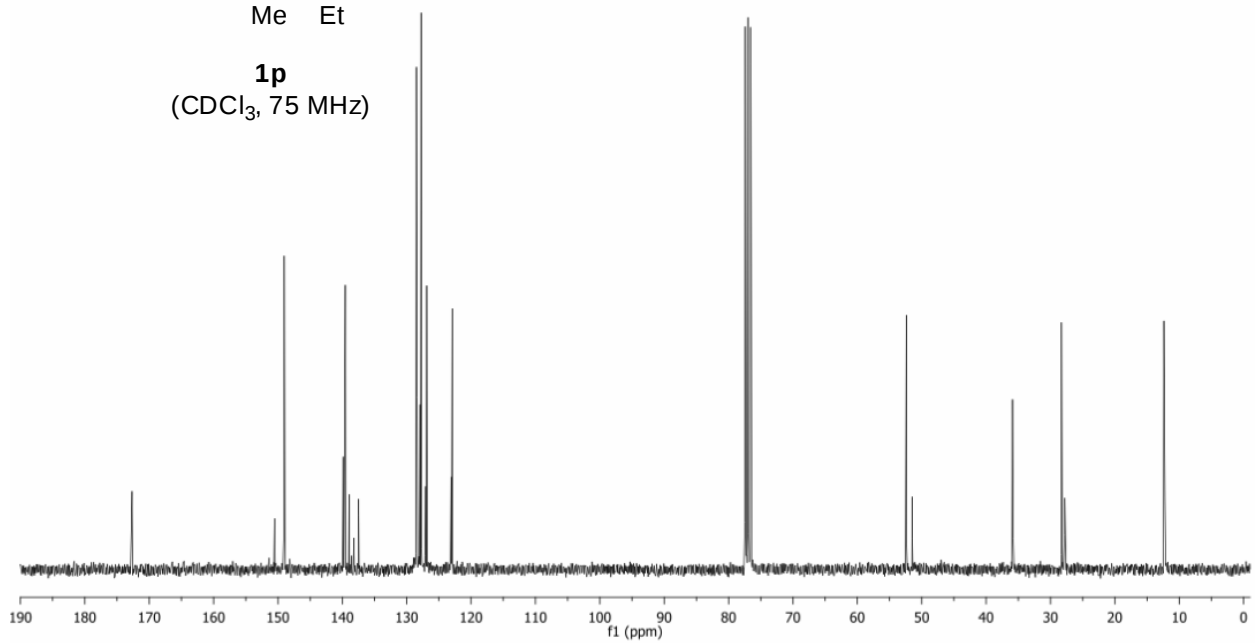


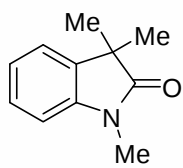


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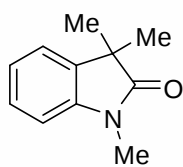
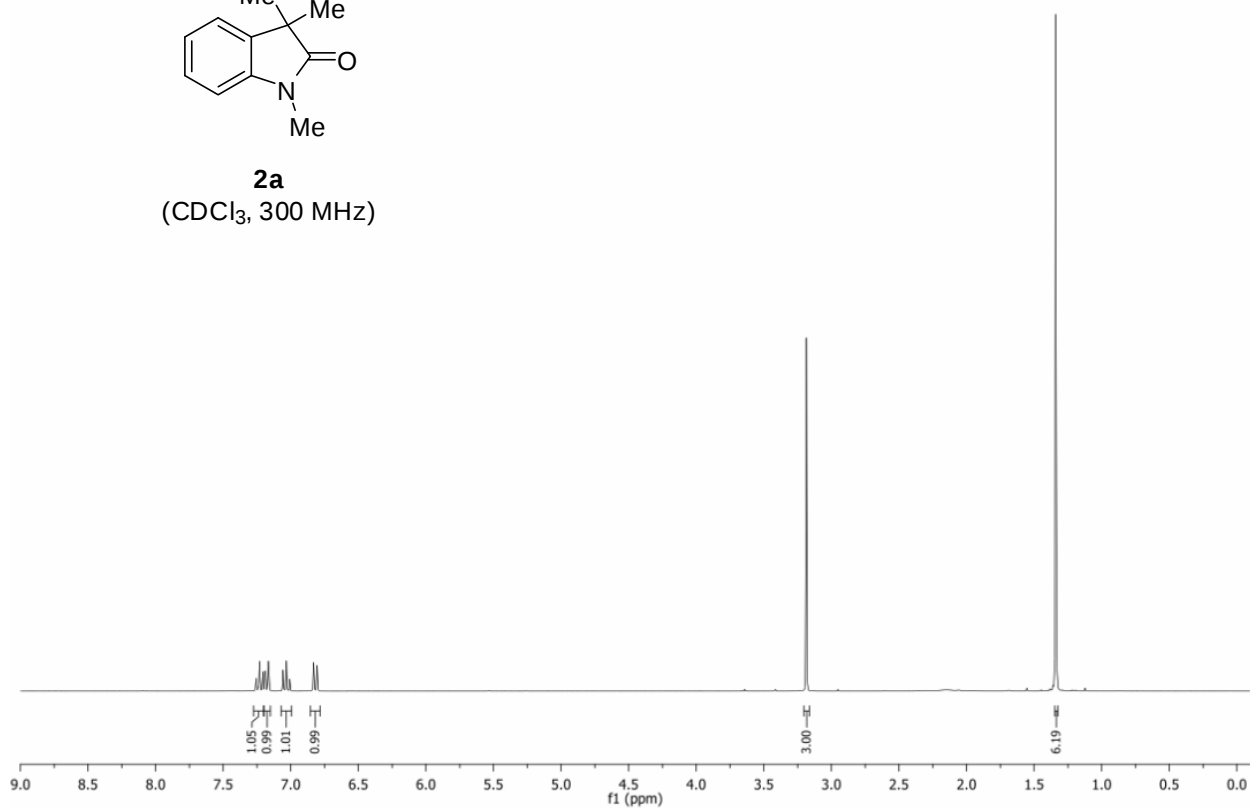


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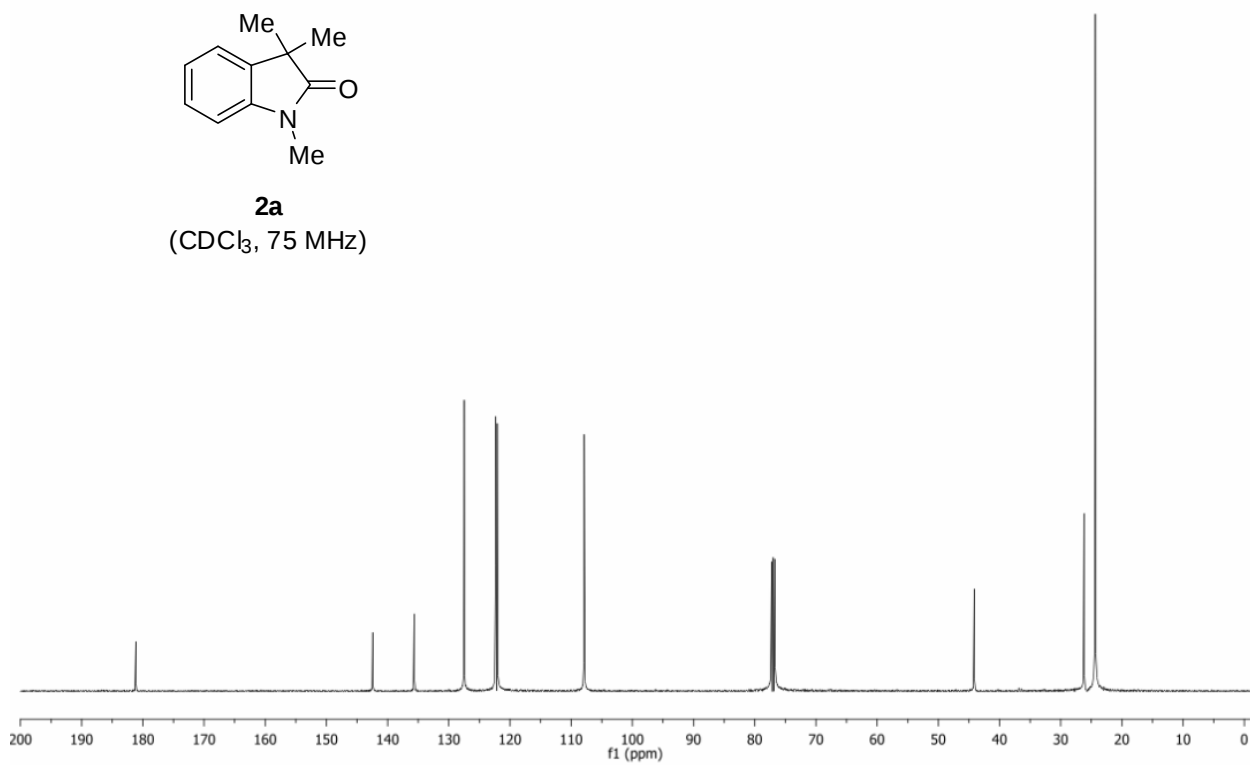


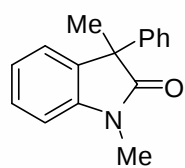


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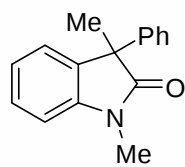
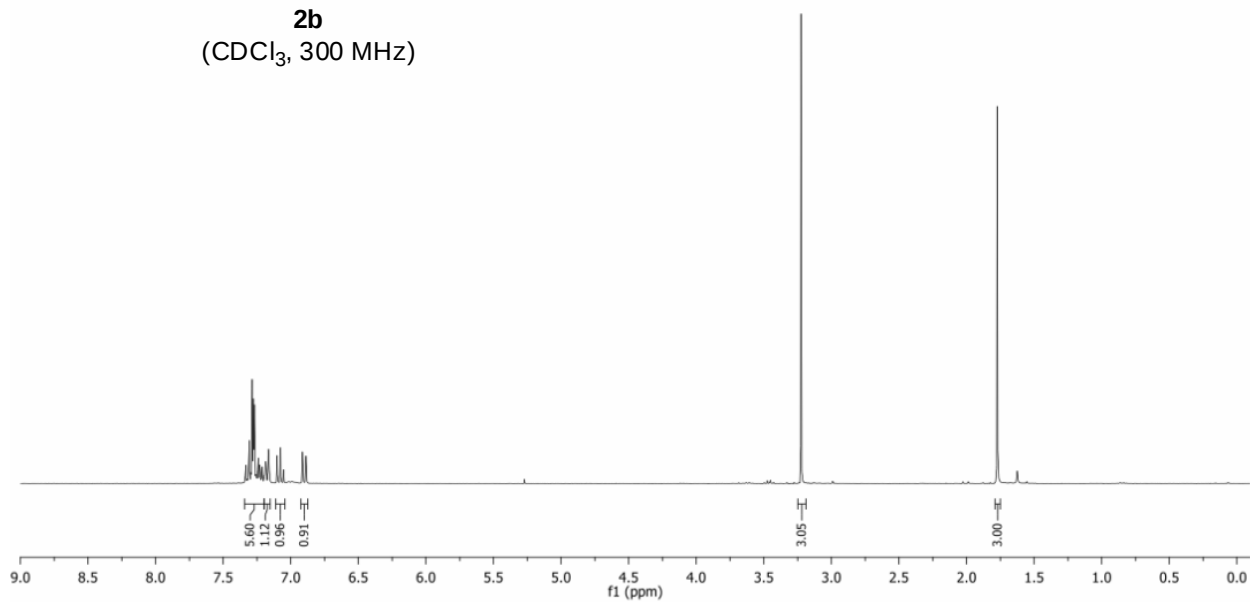


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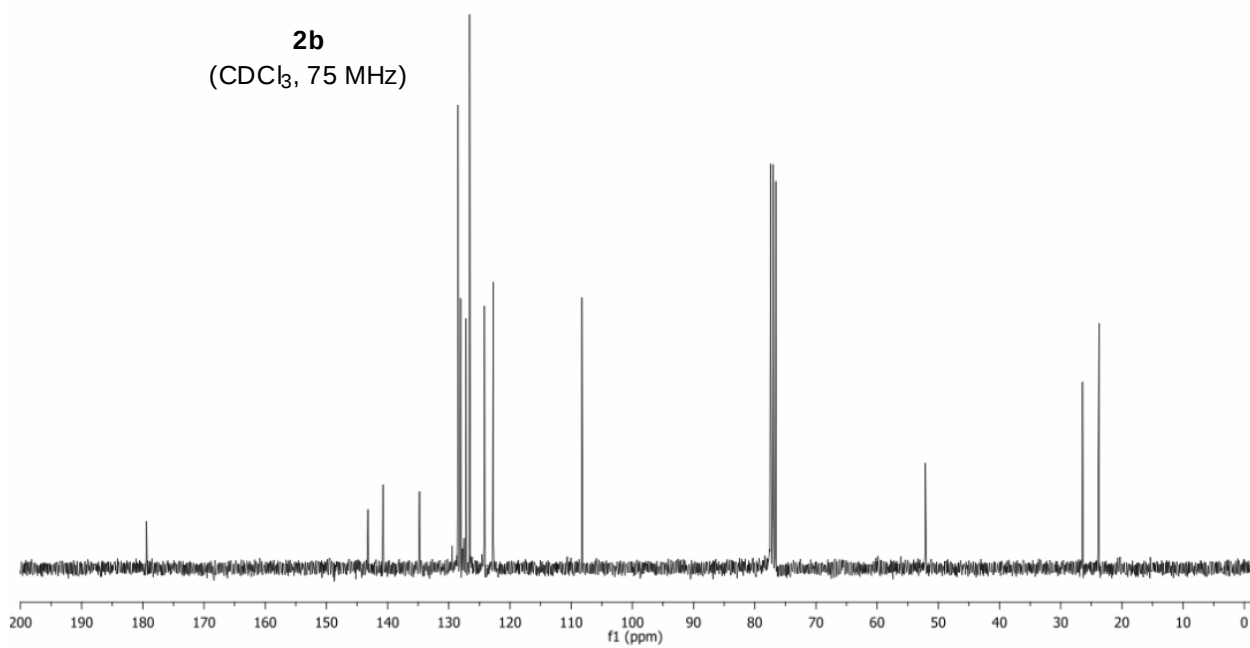


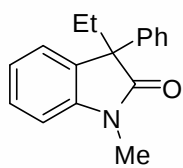


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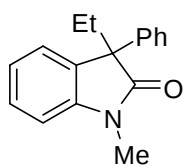
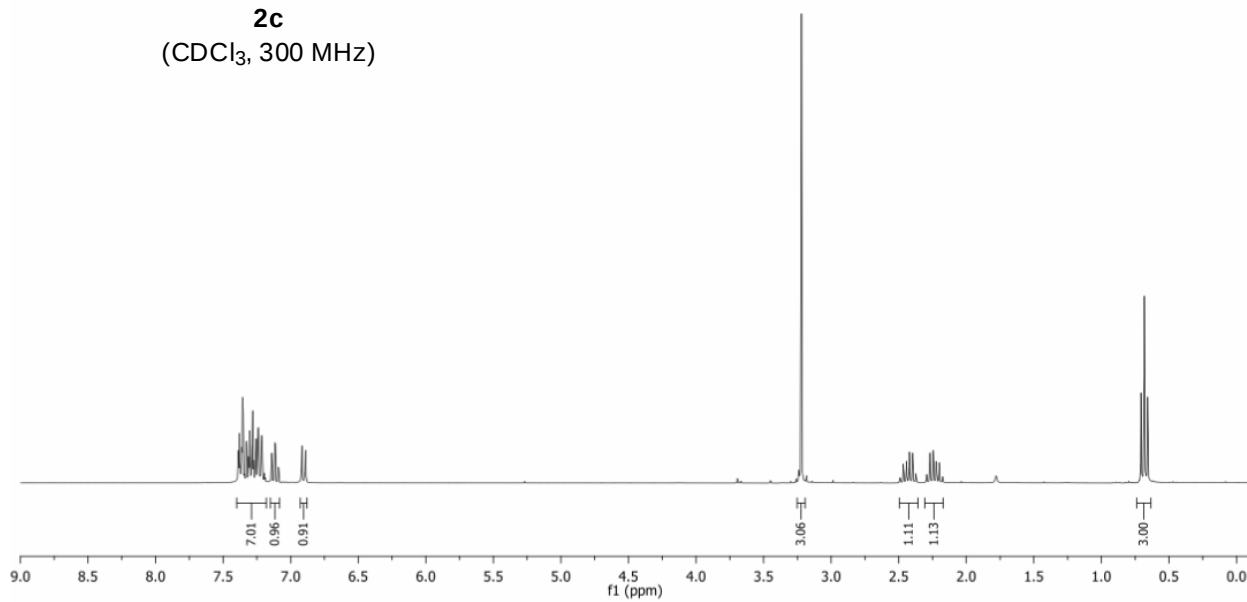


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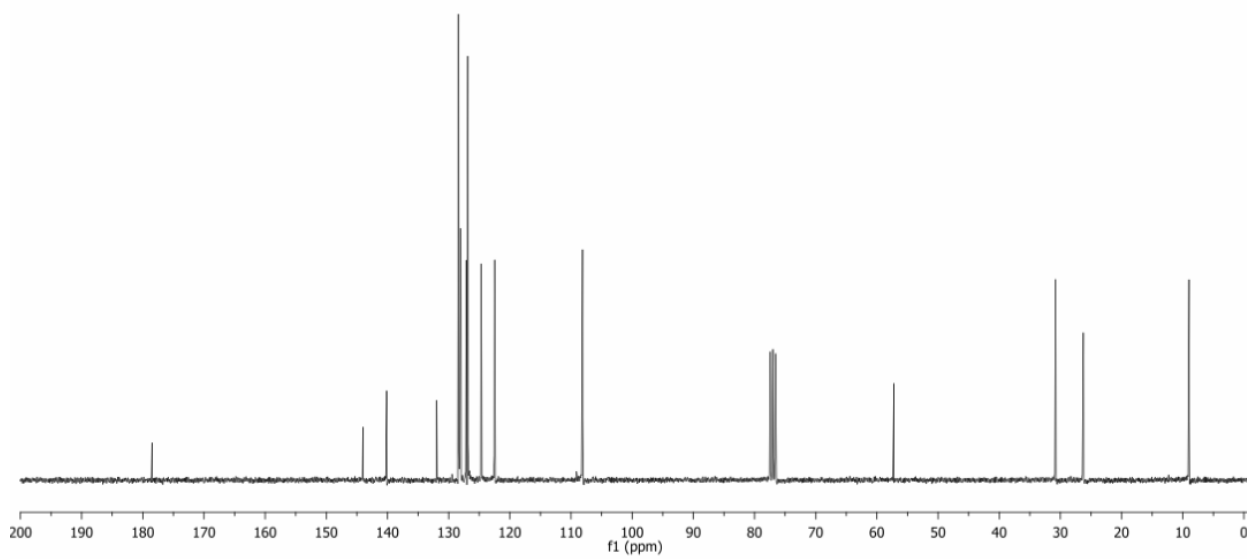


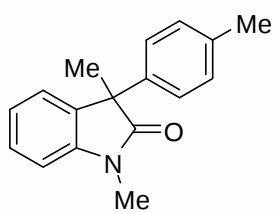


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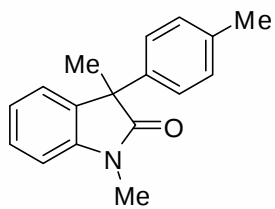
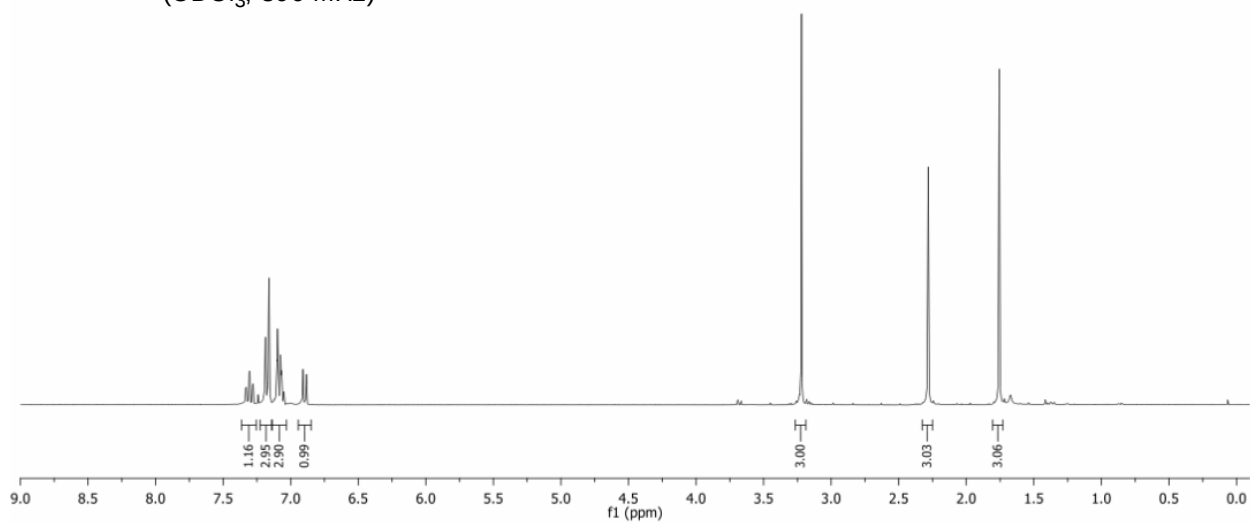


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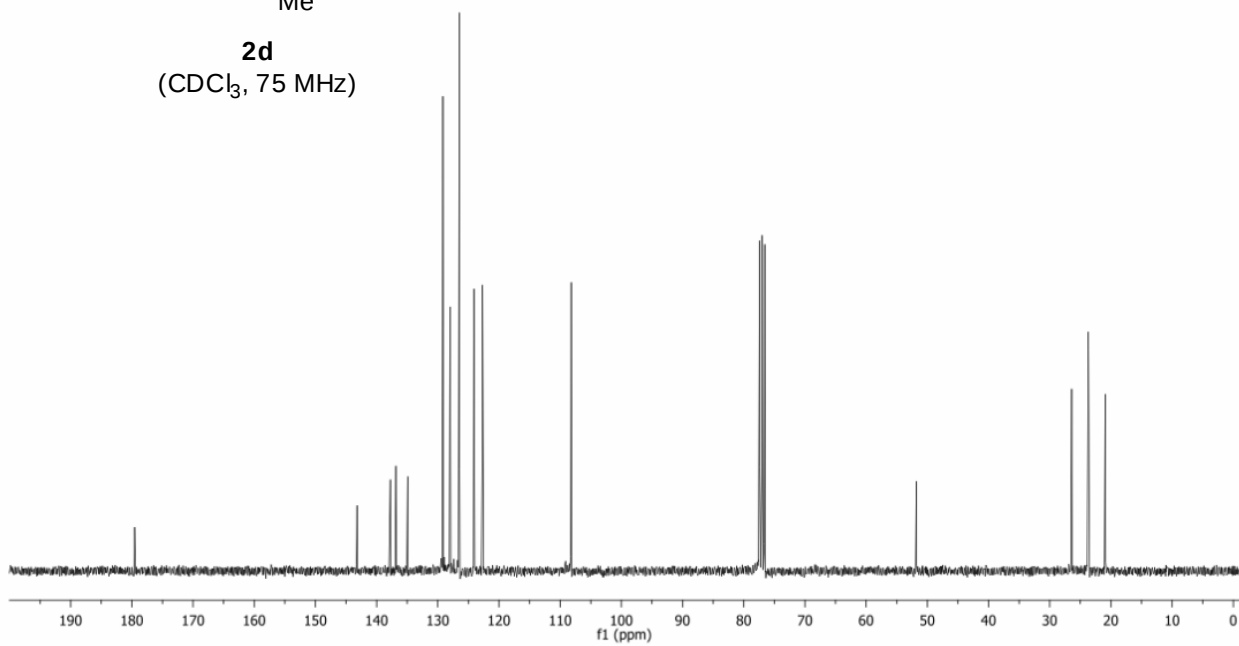


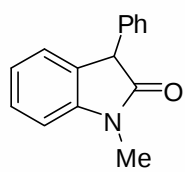


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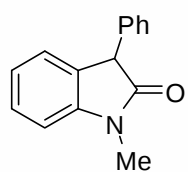
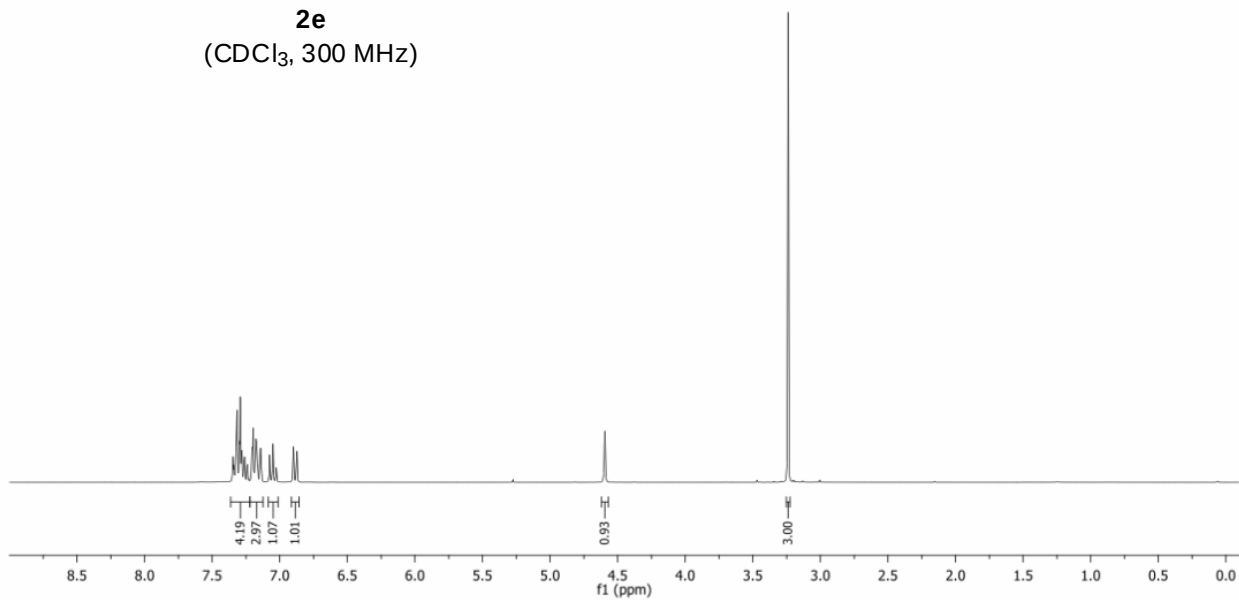


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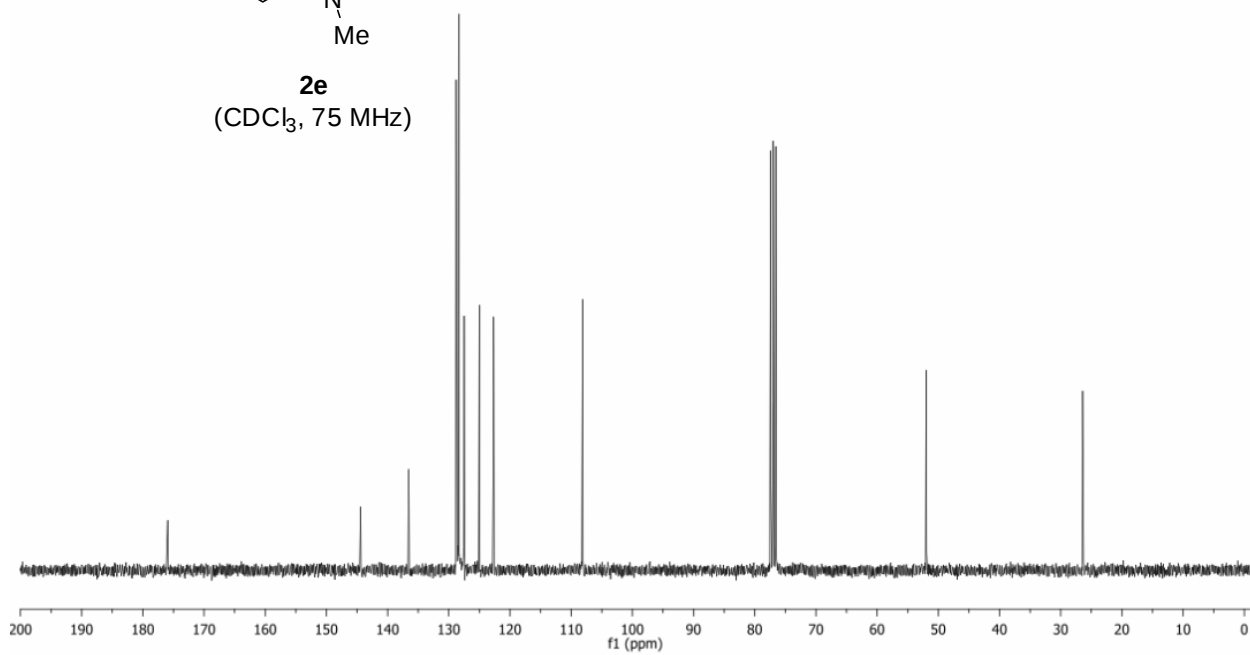


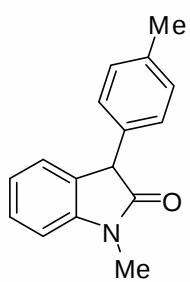


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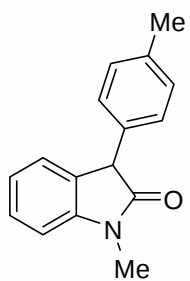
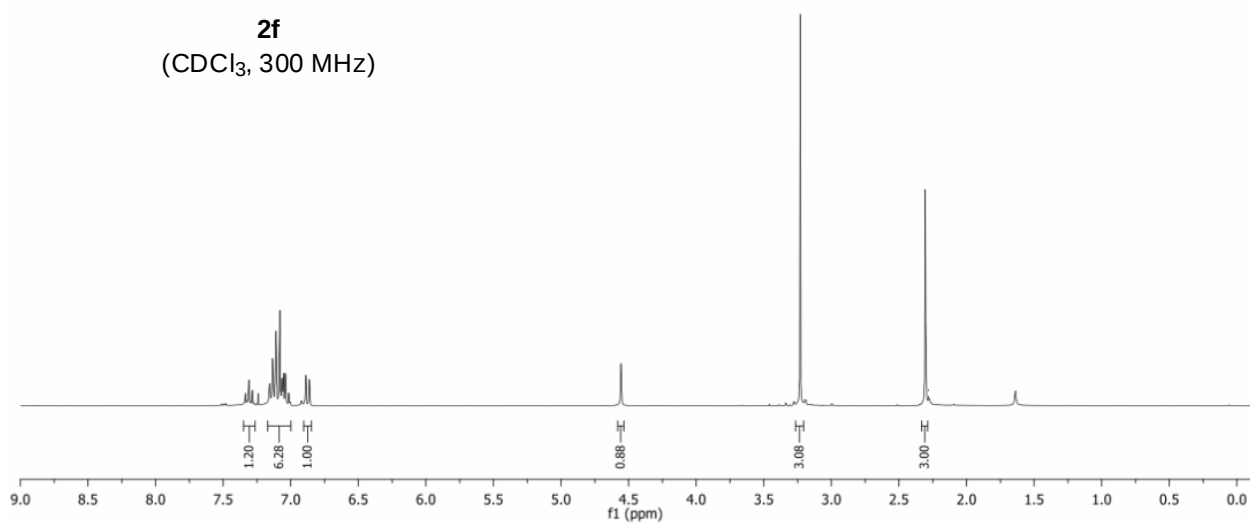


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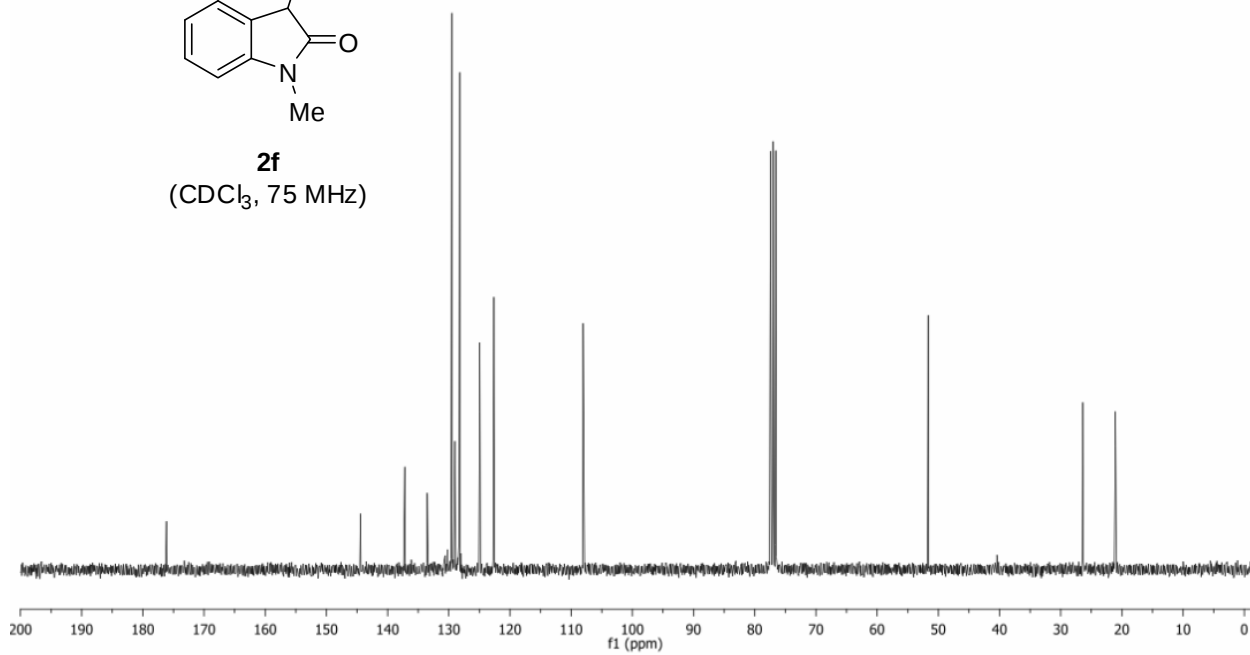


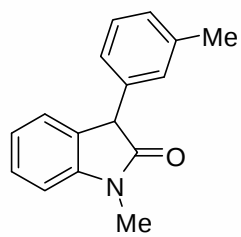


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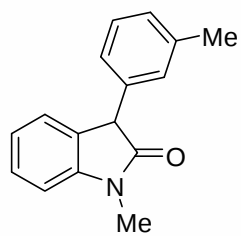
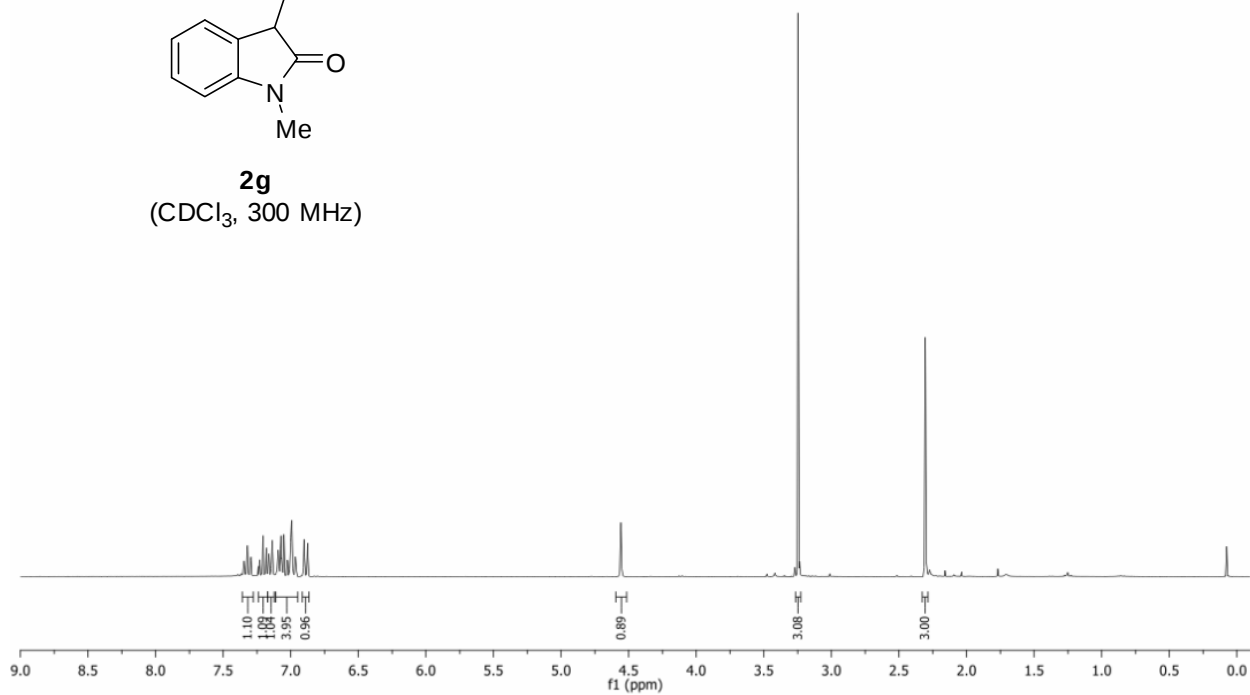


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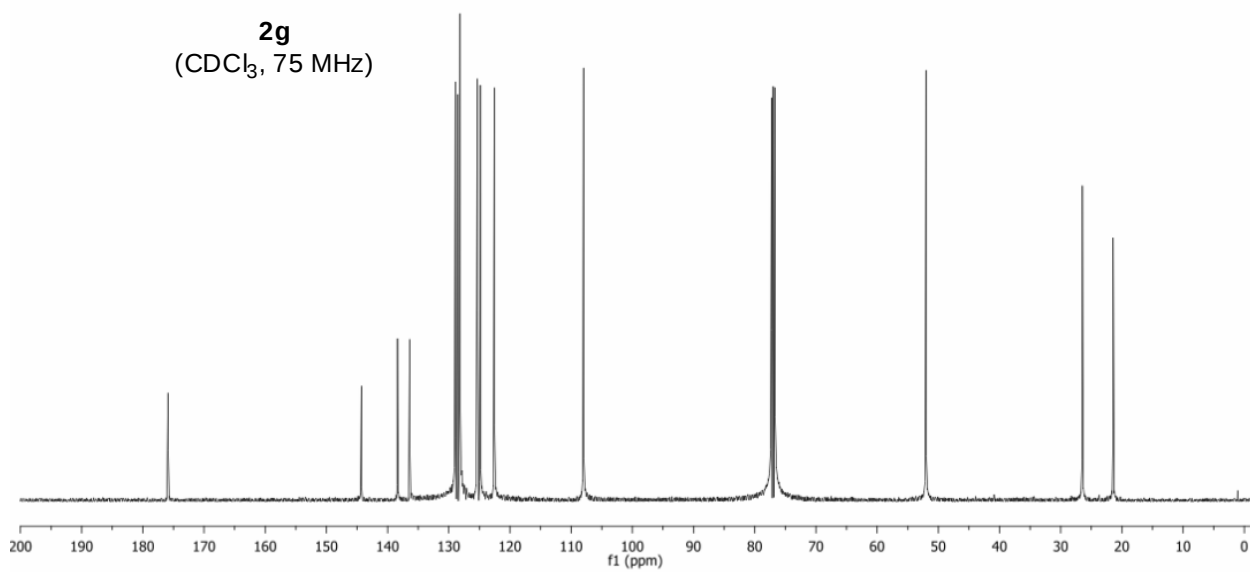


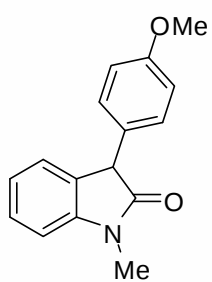


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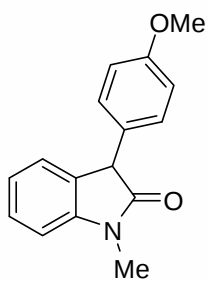
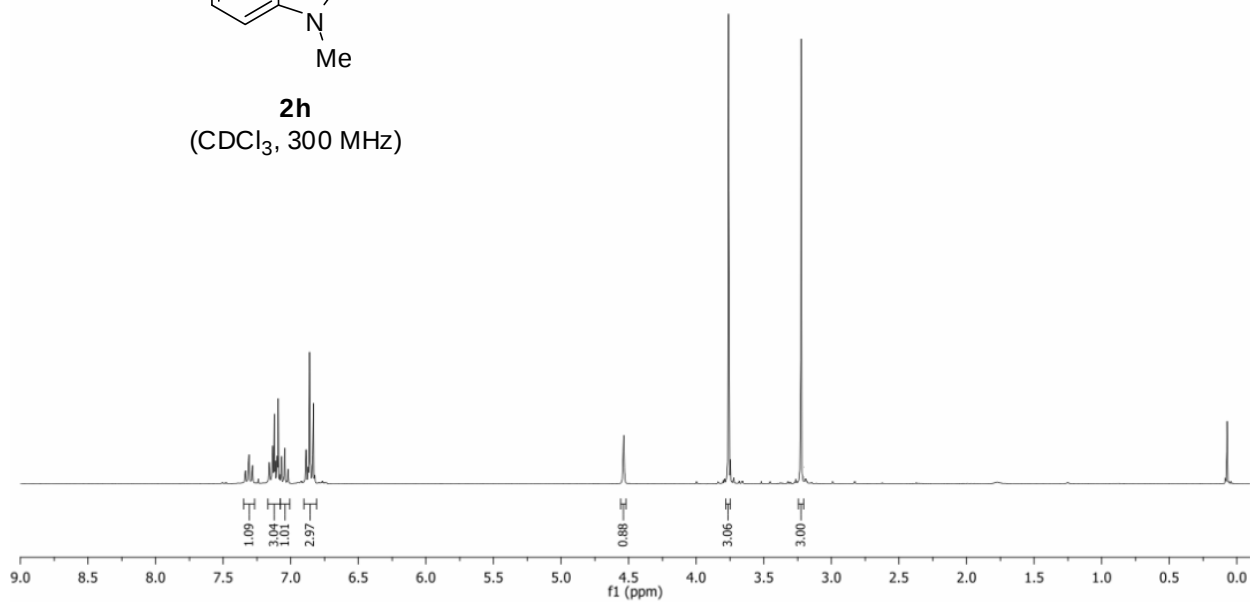


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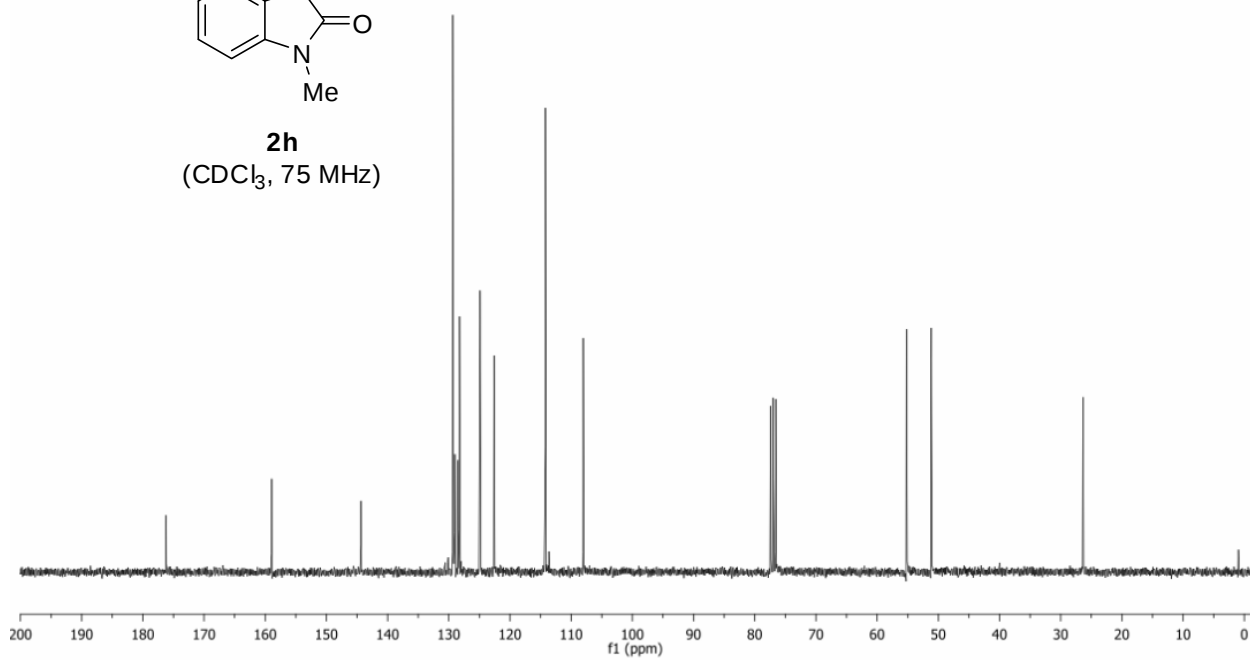


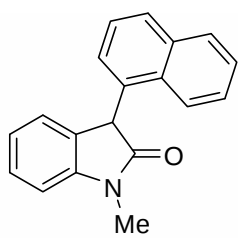


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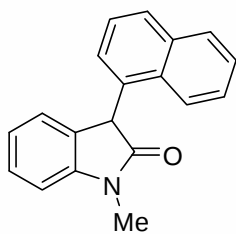
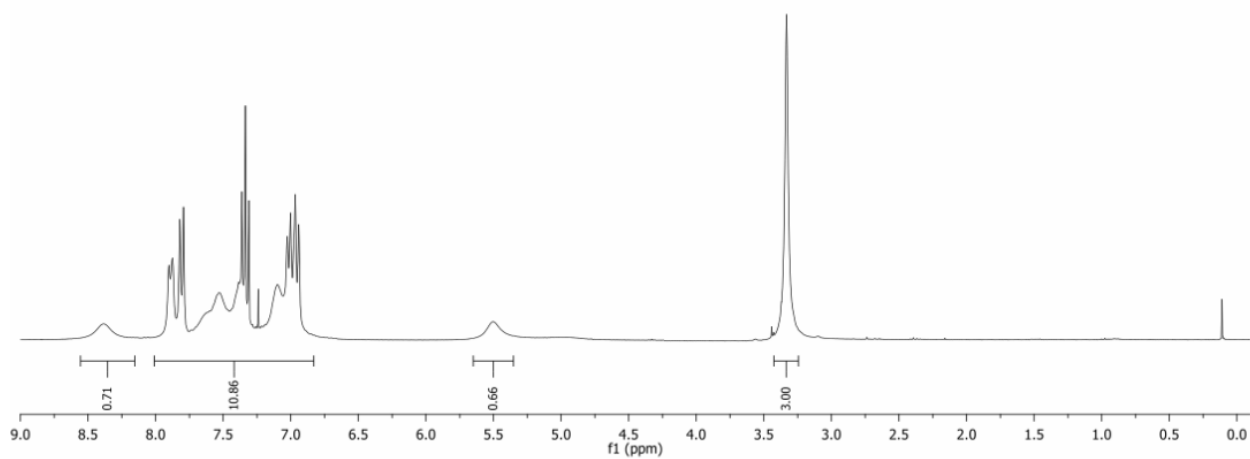


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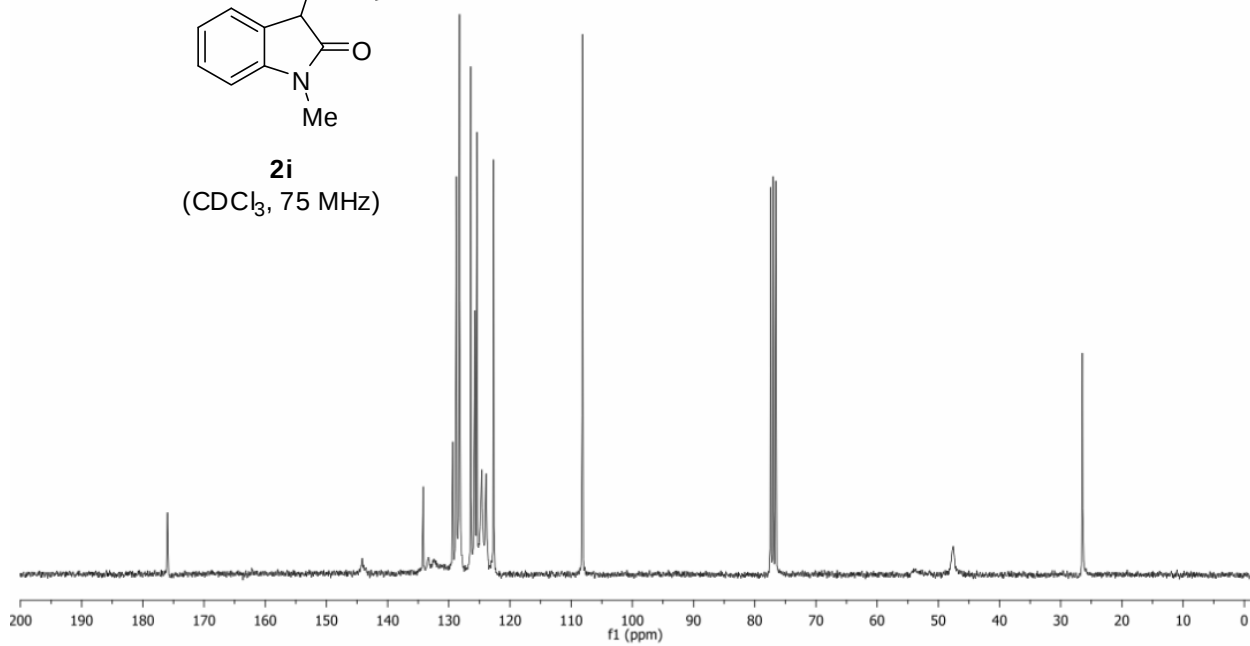


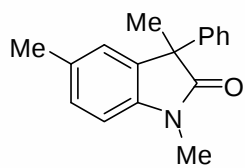


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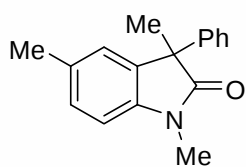
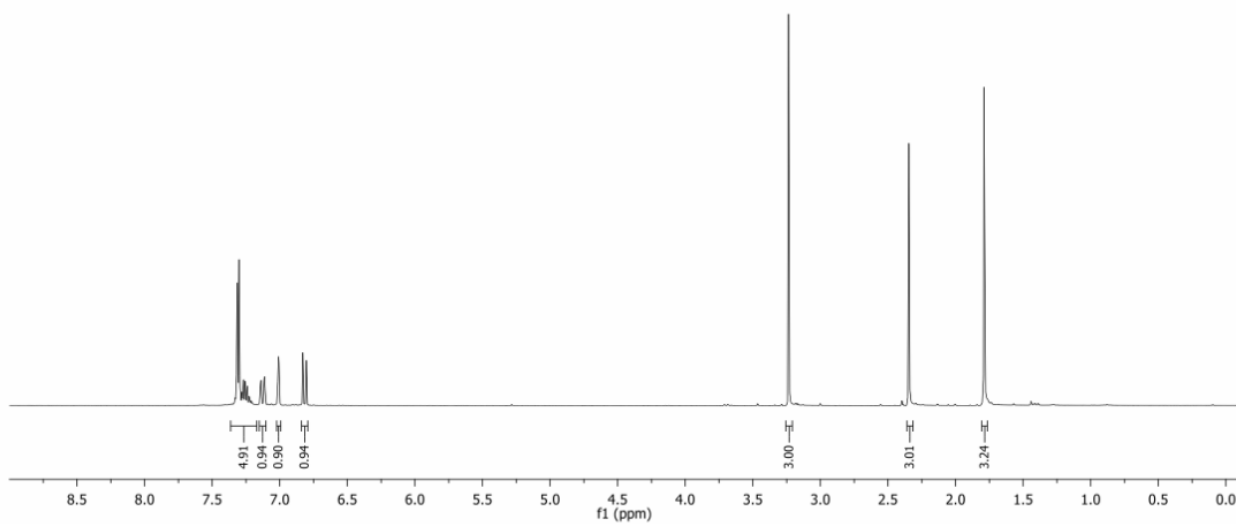


**2i**  
(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)

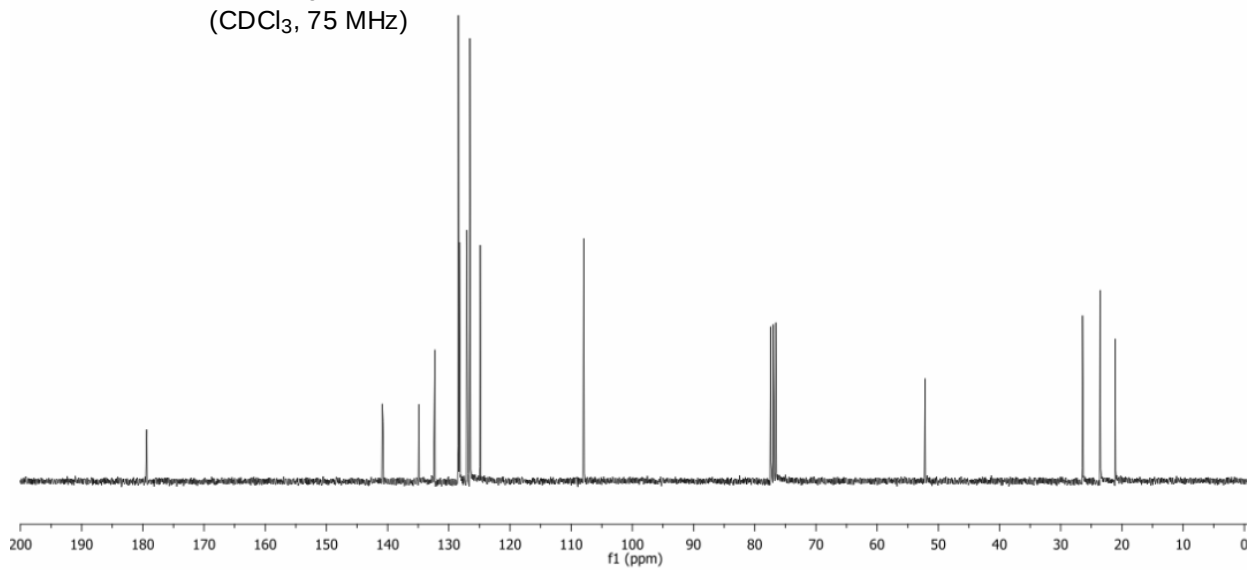


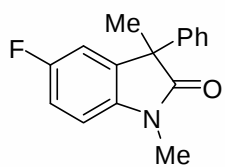


**2j**  
(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)

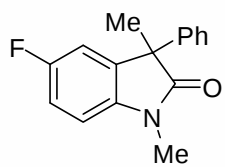
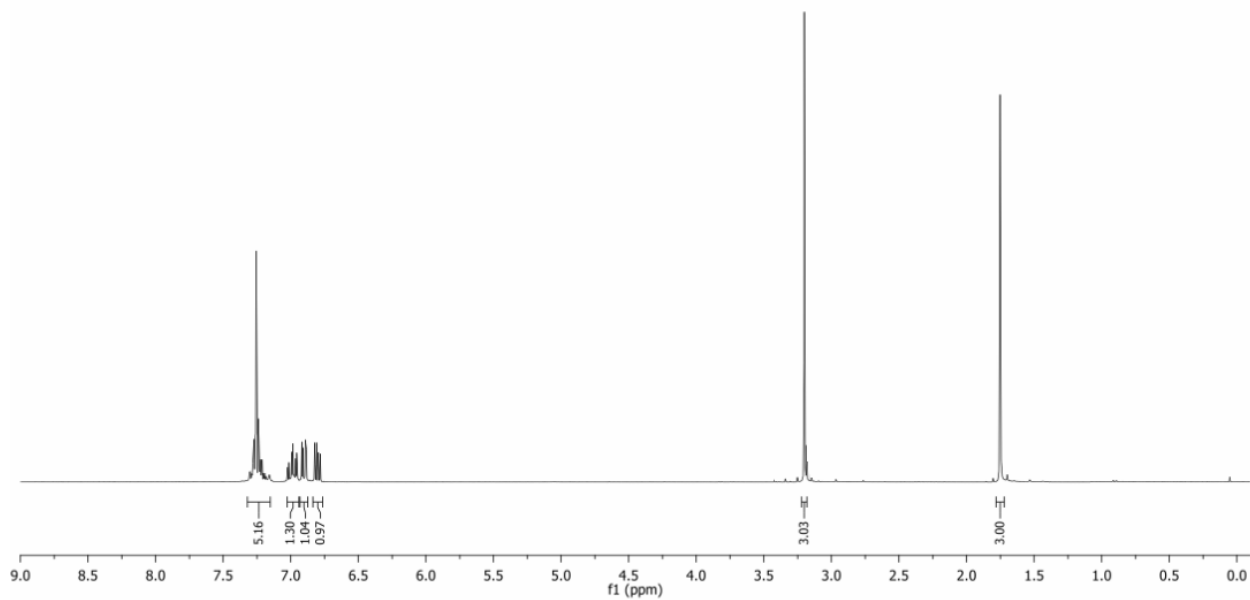


**2j**  
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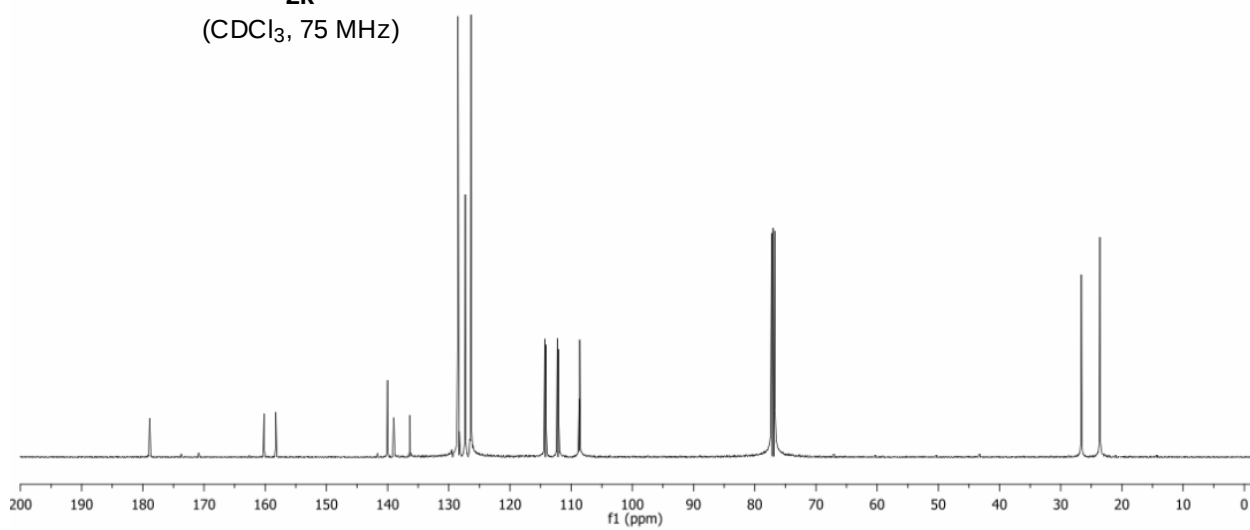


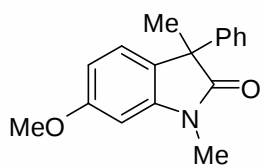


**2k**  
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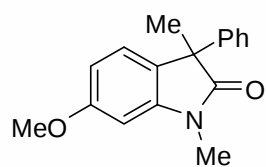
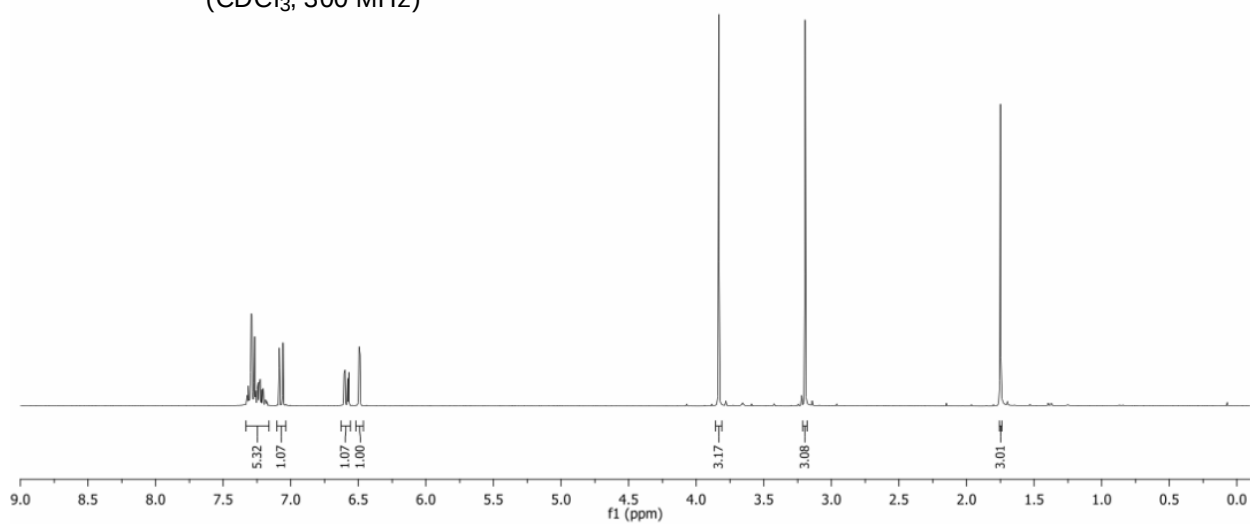


**2k**  
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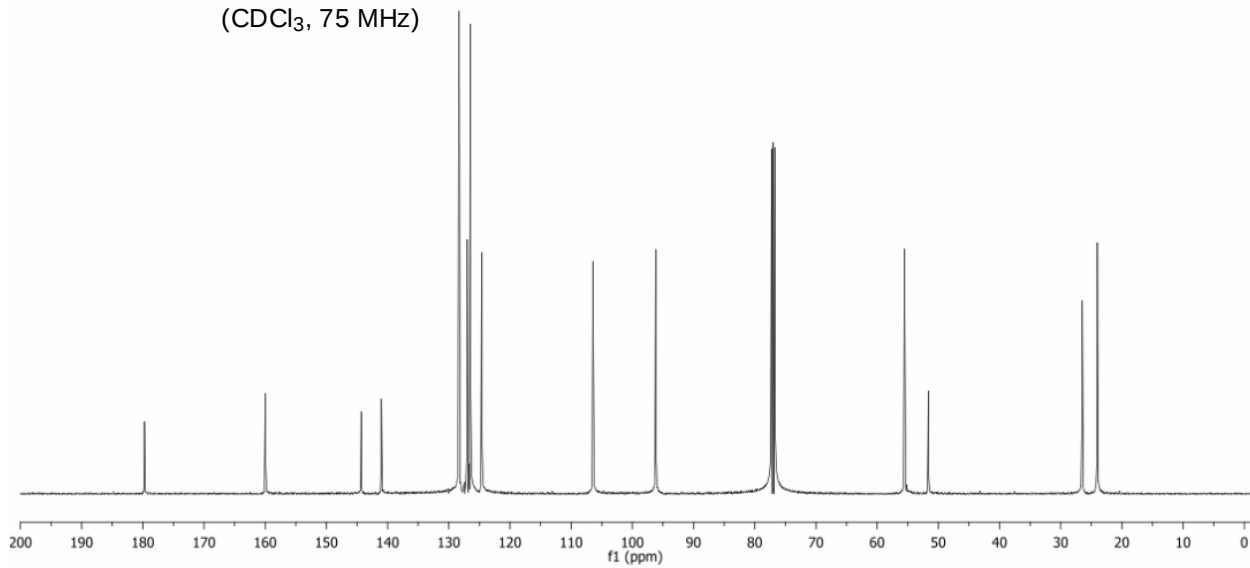


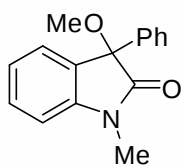


**2I**  
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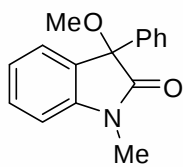
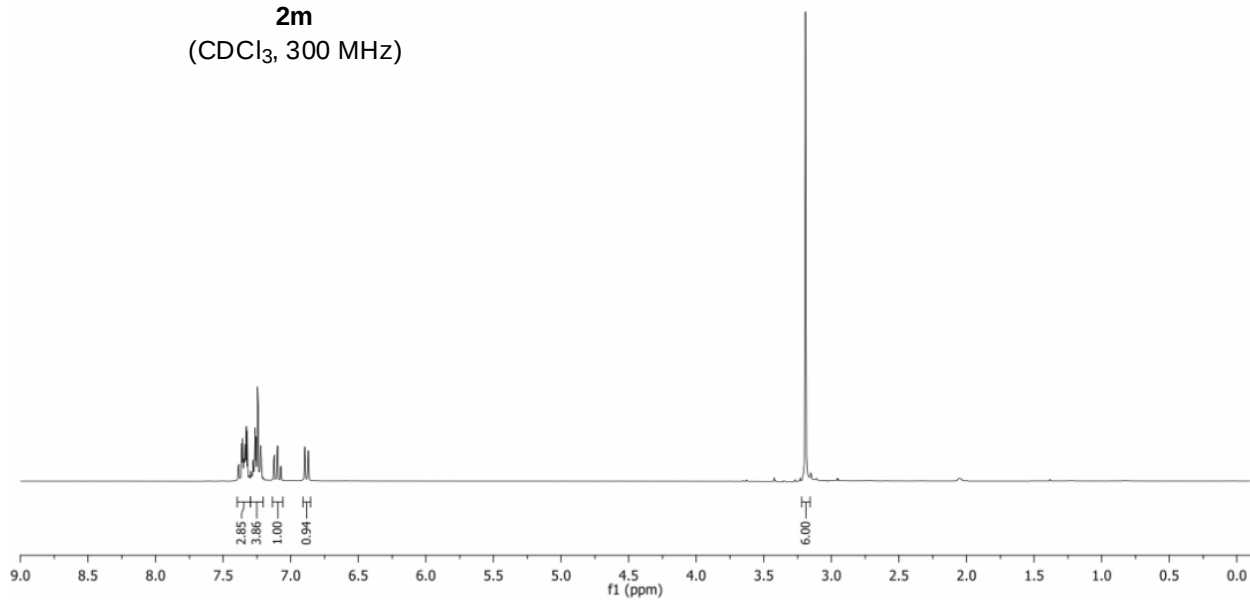


**2I**  
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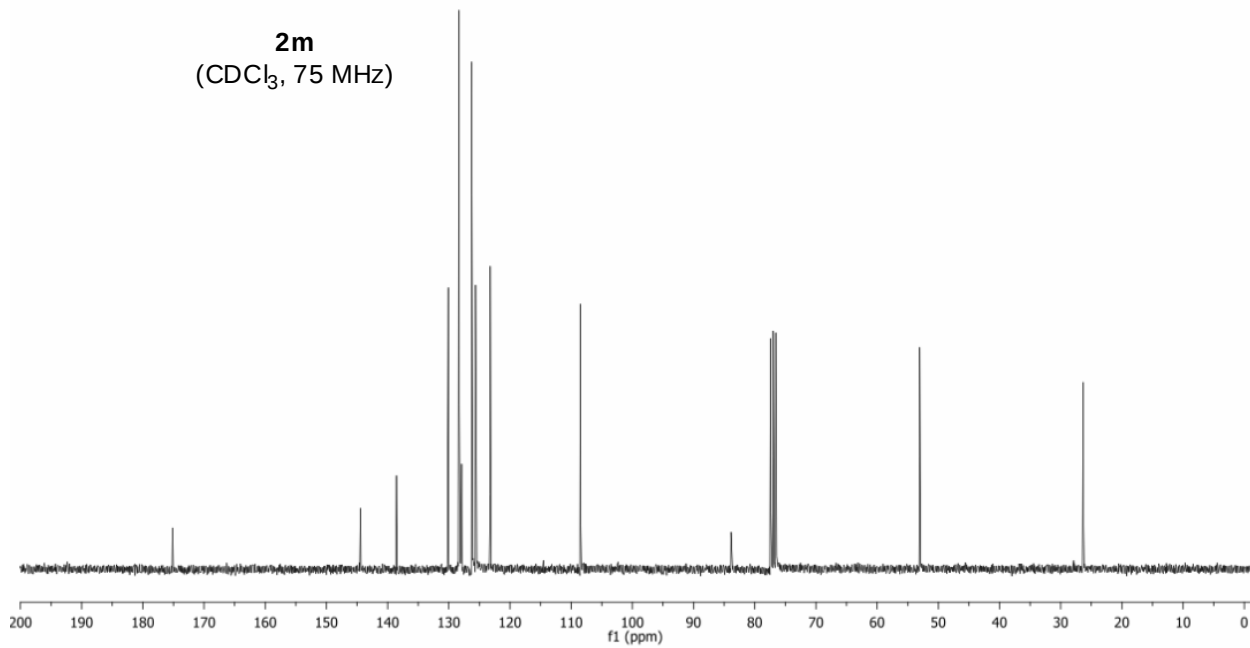


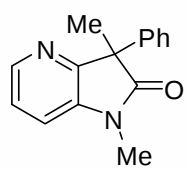


**2m**  
(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)

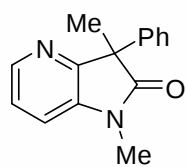
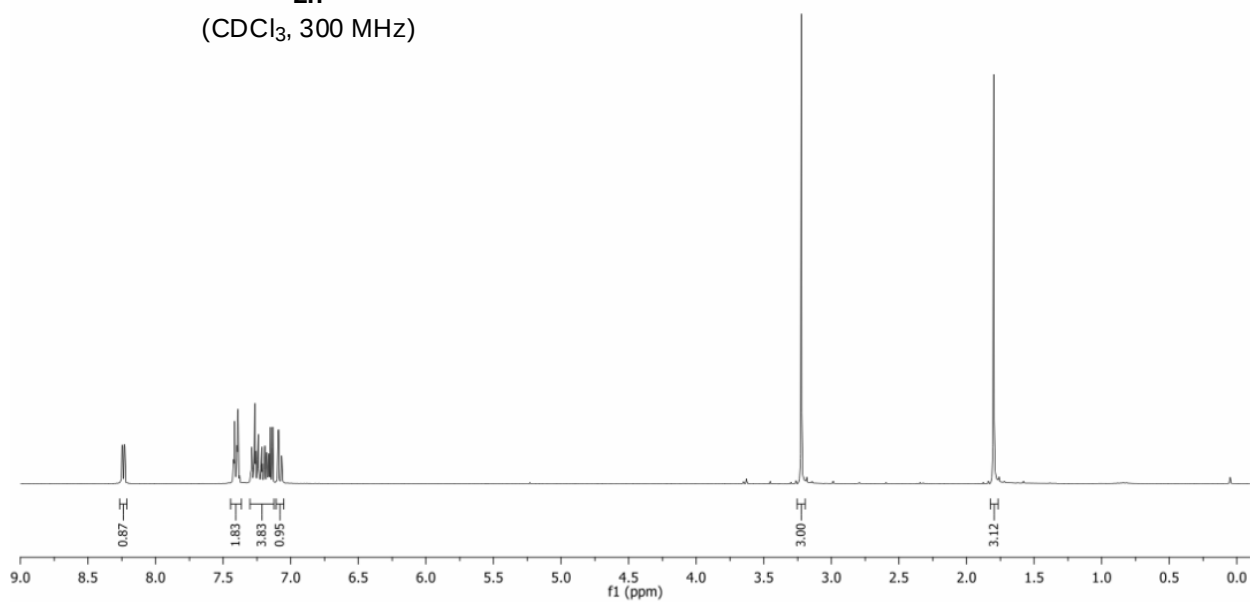


**2m**  
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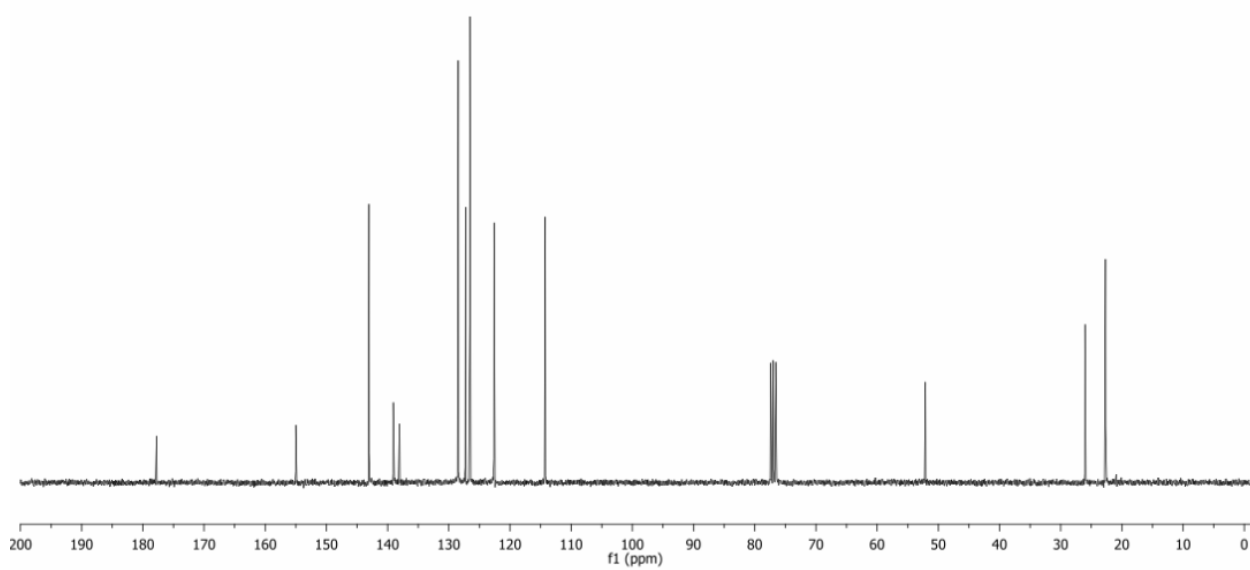


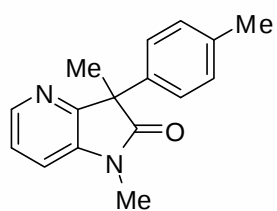


**2n**  
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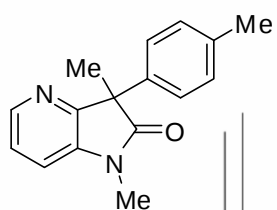
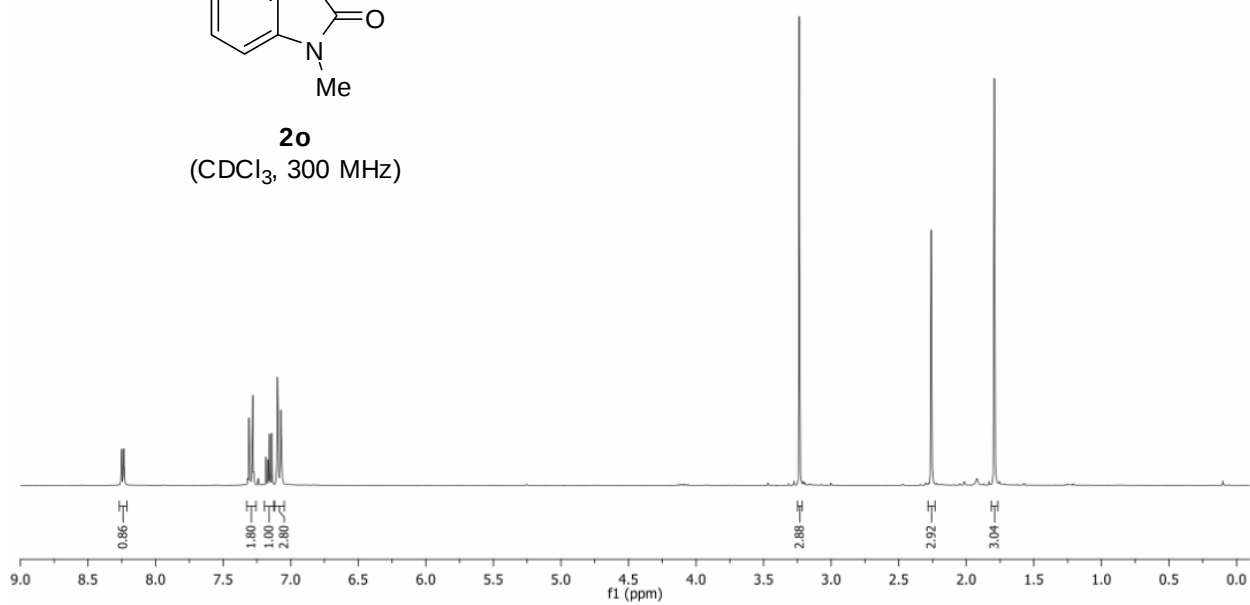


**2n**  
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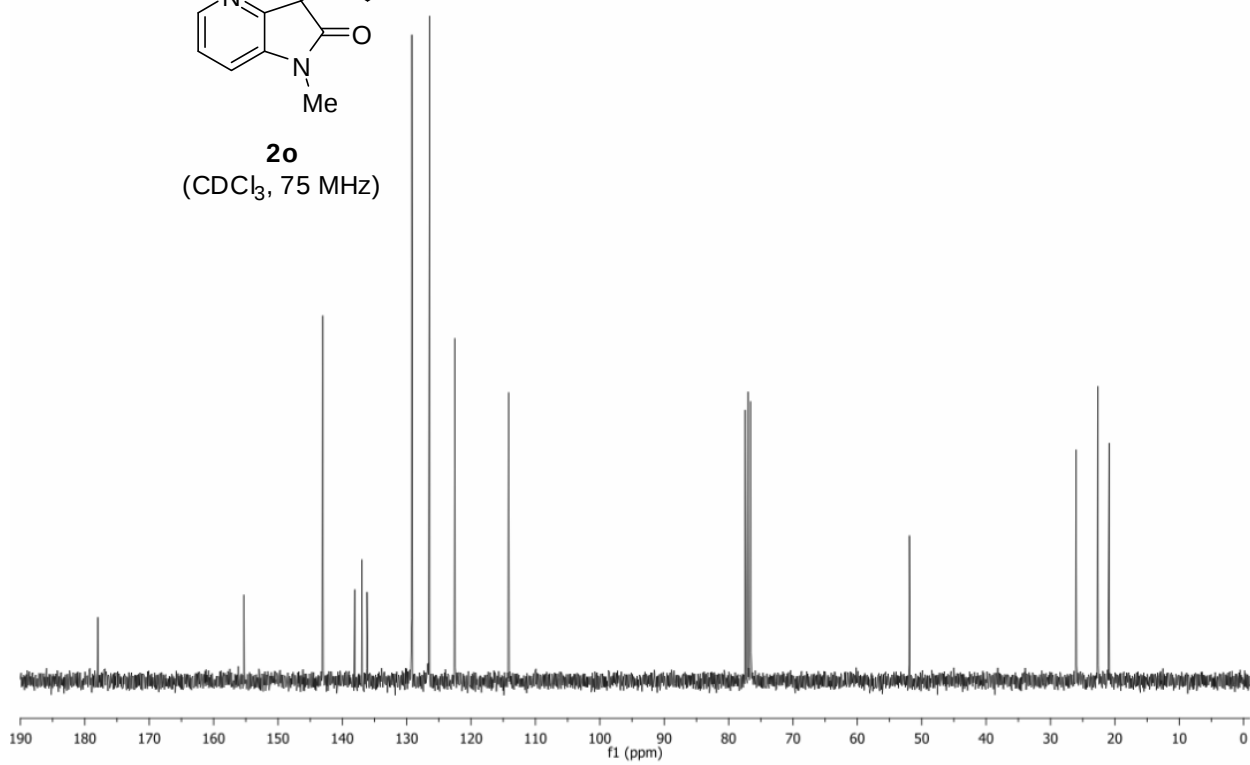


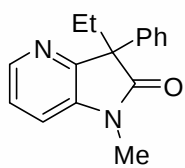


**2o**  
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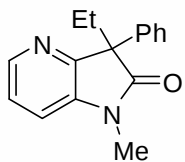
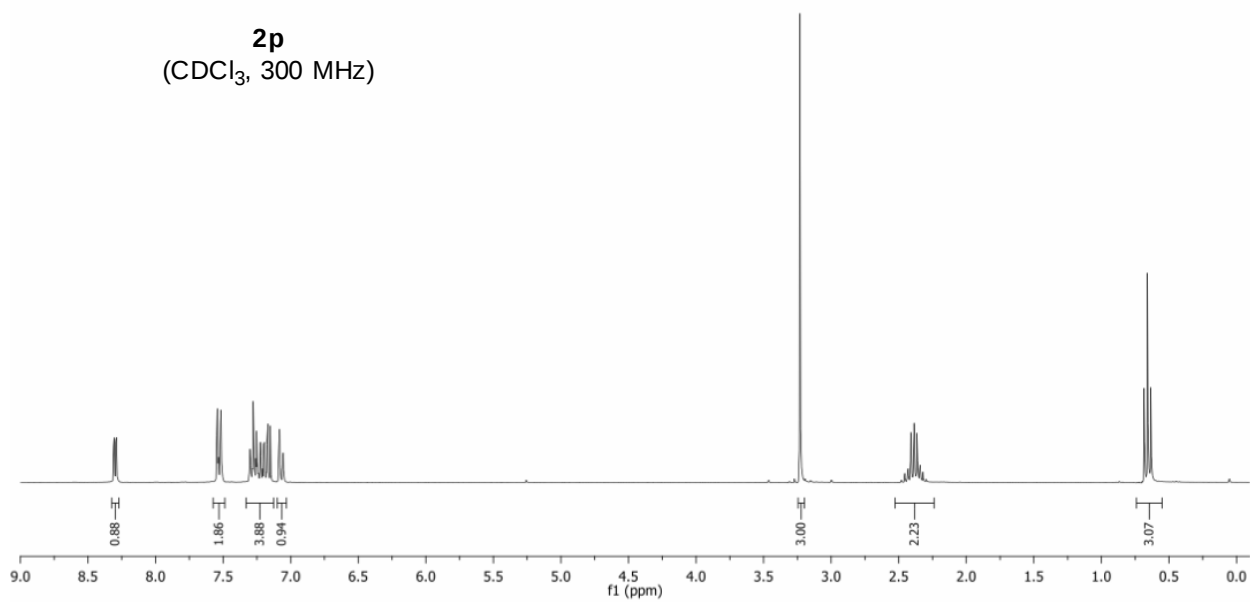


**2o**  
(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)





**2p**  
(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)



**2p**  
(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz)

