Aza- Annulation of Enynyl Azides: A New Approach to substituted Pyridines

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General. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography carried out on silica plates using UV-light and anisaldehyde or potassium permanganate or β -naphthol for visualization. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (60–120 mesh) using n-hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent. Evaporation of solvents was conducted under reduced pressure at temperatures less than 45 °C. FTIR spectra were recorded on KBr thin film. 1 H NMR (300 MHz and 500 MHz) and 13 C NMR (75 MHz and 125 MHz) spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ solvent. Chemical shifts δ and coupling constants J are given in ppm (parts per million) and Hz (hertz) respectively. Chemical shifts are reported relative to residual solvent as an internal standard for 1 H and 13 C (CDCl₃: δ 7.26 ppm for 1 H and 77.0 ppm for 13 C). Mass spectra were obtained on VG 70–70H or LC/MSD trap SL spectrometer operating at 70 eV using direct inlet system.

Experimental section

Substituted azides **1a-1n** have been prepared using the literature procedure, and known compounds data compared with the reported data. Characterization data for new compounds is given below.

General procedure for the preparation of MBH -azides (1a-1n): To a stirred solution of corresponding MBH-acetate (1 equiv.) in 10 mL of aqueous methanol (MeOH/water: 9/1) was added sodium azide (1.5 equiv.) at room temperature and stirred for given time. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc: hexanes) to afford the corresponding product.

(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1b):

Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methylene-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)pent-4-ynoate (1g, 3.24 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.32 g, 4.87 mmol) for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide **1b** (0.83 g, 88% yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.5 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 9:1); M.P.: 53 - 55 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 14.2, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.1 Hz,

1H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 8.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.99, 135.67, 133.18, 133.11, 131.65, 130.43, 128.51, 127.43, 126.78, 125.76, 125.25, 124.72, 119.49, 102.59, 89.23, 52.56, 48.09; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2189$, 2077, 2103, 1710, 1239, 1101, 803, 775 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 314 (M+Na)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{13}NaN_3O_2$ (M+Na)⁺: 314.0908, found: 314.0908.

(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(3-(p-toyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1d):

Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methylene-5-(p-tolyl)pent-4-ynoate (1 g, 3.67 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.36 g, 5.51 mmol) for 5 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide **1d** (0.8 g, 85% yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.6 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 9:1); M.P.: 43 - 45 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.98, 140.21, 135.21, 131.91, 129.30, 125.75, 124.88, 118.70, 104.69, 84.09, 52.45, 48.12; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2950, 2192, 2100, 1716, 1109, 1250, 763 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 278 (M+Na)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{13}N_3N_3O_2$ (M+Na)⁺: 278.0900, found: 278.0895.

(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1e):

Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylenepent-4-ynoate (1 g, 3.47 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.39 g, 5.20 mmol) for 3 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (5% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide **1e** (0.81 g, 86 % yield) as brown yellow solid. R_f = 0.6 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 9:1). M.P: 52 - 54 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.04, 160.76, 134.57, 133.71, 125.06, 114.20, 113.78, 104.93, 83.88, 55.32, 52.40, 48.11; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2948, 2189, 2102, 1714, 1595, 1251, 833 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 294 (M+Na)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{13}N_aN_3O_3$ (M+Na)⁺: 294.0849, found: 294.0859.

(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-cyanophenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1g):

Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-5-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-methylenepent-4-ynoate (1g, 3.53 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.34 g, 5.30 mmol) for 2 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide **1g** (0.76 g, 80 % yield) as brown yellow solid, R_f = 0.6 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1). M.P: 75 - 77 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.46, 137.56, 132.31, 132.13, 126.41, 123.21, 118.02, 112.68, 101.09, 87.80, 52.63, 48.09; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2924, 2093, 2125, 1717, 1614, 1286, 1253, 842,553. MS (ESI): m/z 267 (M+H)⁺ Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₄O₂: C, 63.15; H, 3.79; N, 21.04. Found: C, 62.99; H, 3.91; N, 21.07.

(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1h):

$$O_2N$$
 O_2Me

Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methylene-5-(4-nitrophenyl)pent-4-ynoate (1g, 3.30 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.321 g, 4.95 mmol) for 3 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide **1h** (0.61 g, 71 % yield) as brown yellow solid. $R_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 4:1) M.P: 75 - 77 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.46, 147.70, 137.87, 132.66, 128.30, 123.67, 123.11, 100.73, 88.50, 52.72, 48.16; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2093, 2125, 1718, 1614, 1528, 1346, 856 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 287 (M+H)⁺; Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{10}N_4O_4$: C, 54.55; H, 3.52; N, 19.57. Found: C, 54.09; H, 3.38; N, 19.9.

(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1i):

$$N_3$$
 CO_2Me CF_3

Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methylene-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pent-4-ynoate (1 g, 3.06 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.3 g, 4.60 mmol) for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide $\bf{1i}$ (0.65 g, 69% yield) as white solid. $\bf{R}_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether)

EtOAc = 9:1). M.P: 138 - 140 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.68, 136.96, 134.98, 131.48, 131.05, 129.15, 128.63, 126.15, 123.73, 122.74, 101.78, 85.54, 52.64, 48.18; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2925, 2854, 2095, 1718, 1121, 770, 692 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 310 (M+H)⁺; Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀F₃N₃O₂: C, 54.37; H, 3.26; N, 13.59. Found: C, 54.95; H, 3.96; N, 11.7.

(E)-Methyl 5-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-(azidomethyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (1j):

Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-5-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-methylenepent-4-ynoate (1 g, 3.33 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.325 g, 5.00 mmol) for 4 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (5 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide 1j (0.78 g, 82% yield) as white solid. R_f = 0.5 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 9:1). M.P: 70-72 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.62 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.07, 165.64, 137.17, 136.87, 132.04, 128.29, 126.32, 123.79, 102.47, 86.96, 52.60, 48.12, 26.64; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2953, 2113, 2082, 1716, 1708, 1611, 1257, 1110, 844, 763 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 284 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{14}N_3O_3$ (M+H)⁺: 284.1029, found: 284.1025.

$(E) \textit{-tert}\textbf{-}\textbf{Butyl-3-} (4-(azidomethyl)\textbf{-}5-methoxy\textbf{-}5-oxopent\textbf{-}3-en\textbf{-}1-yn\textbf{-}1-yl)\textbf{-}1H\textbf{-}indole\textbf{-}1-carboxylate} \ (1k) :$

Following the general procedure, *tert*-butyl-3-(3-acetoxy-4-(methoxycarbonyl)pent-4-en-1-yn-1-yl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (1g, 2.51 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.245 g, 3.77 mmol) for 2 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (6% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide **1k** (0.70 g, 73% yield) as brown solid. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 9:1); M.P: 82 - 84 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.87, 148.70, 134.62, 130.54, 129.80, 125.51, 124.73, 123.61, 119.85, 115.37, 102.19, 97.09, 88.44, 84.84, 52.46, 48.16, 28.03; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2123$, 2091, 1736, 1708, 1228, 1155, 760 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 381 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₁N₄O₄ (M+H)⁺: 381.1557, found: 381.1559.

(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)oct-2-en-4-ynoate (11):

$$CO_2Me$$

Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methyleneoct-4-ynoate (1 g, 4.46 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.435 g, 6.69 mmol) for 1 h. After the work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide **1l** (0.75 g, 80% yield) as pale yellow liquid, $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 9:1); ¹H NMR

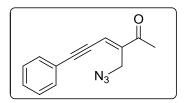
(300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.05, 135.05, 125.68, 106.94, 76.35, 52.28, 47.85, 21.89, 21.43, 13.41; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2965, 2937, 2215, 2098, 1718, 1268, 1108, 763 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 230 (M+Na)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₀H₁₄N₃O₂ (M+H)⁺: 208.1084, found: 208.1080.

(E)-Methyl 2-(azidomethyl)undec-2-en-4-ynoate (1m):

$$CO_2Me$$
 C_6H_{13}
 N_3

Following the general procedure, methyl 3-acetoxy-2-methyleneundec-4-ynoate (1 g, 3.75 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.366 g, 5.63 mmol) for 3 h. After work-up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azide **1m** (0.81 g, 87% yield) as pale yellow liquid. R_f = 0.4 (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 9:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.89 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.44 (td, J = 7.0, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.28 (m, 8H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.07, 135.04, 125.72, 107.19, 76.26, 52.28, 47.87, 31.18, 28.49, 28.13, 22.44, 19.95, 13.94; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2928, 2857, 2211, 2099, 1718, 1267, 1106, 763 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 272 (M+Na)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{19}NaN_3O_2$ (M+Na)⁺: 272.1369, found: 272.1364.

(*E*)-3-(Azidomethyl)-6-phenylhex-3-en-5-yn-2-one (1n):



Following the general procedure, 4-methylene-5-oxo-1-phenylhex-1-yn-3-yl acetate (1 g, 4.13 mmol) was allowed to react with sodium azide (0.402 g, 6.19 mmol). After 2 h, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding azide **1n** (0.80 g, 86% yield) as brown solid. $R_f = 0.5$ petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 47-49 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (q, J = 5.4 Hz, 3H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.89, 143.80, 132.02, 129.91, 128.63, 124.51, 121.77, 106.04, 84.64, 47.03, 25.56; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2926$, 2095, 1741, 1656, 1255, 758, 689 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 248 (M+Na)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{11}N_{3}O$ (M)⁺: 225.0896, found: 225.0893.

General procedure for the preparation of substituted Pyridines (2a-2n): To a stirred solution of alkynyl azide 1a-1n (1 equiv.) in 1,2-dichloroethane (3.0 mL) was added AgSbF₆ (0.3 equiv.) and TFA (2 equiv.) at 80 °C. After completion of the reaction (Table 1), the mixture was quenched by saturated NaHCO₃ and stirred for 30 min. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, organic layer was washed with H₂O, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silicated (EtOAc: hexanes) to afford the corresponding product.

Methyl 6-phenylnicotinate (2a):

Following the general procedure, azide $\mathbf{1a}$ (100 mg, 0.41 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (42 mg, 0.12 mmol) and TFA (61 μ L, 0.82 mmol) for 10 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine $\mathbf{2a}$. (73 mg, 82% yield) as yellow solid; $\mathbf{R}_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 7:3). Spectral data of $\mathbf{2a}$ was compared with the reported data.²

Methyl 6-(napthalen-2-yl)nicotinate (2b):

Following the general procedure, azide **1b** (100 mg, 0.34 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (35 mg, 0.10 mmol) and TFA (51.0 μ L, 0.68 mmol) for 22 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (12% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine **2b** (71 mg, 79% yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.6 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 7:3); M.P: 82 - 84 $^{\circ}$ C; 1 H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.40 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.76-7.45 (m, 5H), 4.02 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.73, 162.96, 150.82, 137.59, 137.25, 133.86, 130.76, 129.65, 128.42, 127.96, 126.80, 126.03, 125.27, 125.21, 124.68, 124.25, 52.52; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2924, 1722, 1596, 1314, 1130, 781 cm $^{-1}$; MS (ESI): m/z 264 (M+H) $^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₂ (M+H) $^{+}$: 264.1019, found: 264.1022.

Methyl 6-(thiophen-2-yl)nicotinate (2c):

Following the general procedure, azide **1c** (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (41 mg, 0.12 mmol) and TFA (60.1 μ L, 0.80 mmol) for 8 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine **2c** (69 mg, 78% yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.5 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 110-112 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.15 (dd, J = 2.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.66, 155.89, 151.05, 143.93, 137.77, 129.48, 128.38, 126.35, 123.80, 118.02, 52.33; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2923, 2852, 1714, 1297, 1122, 778, 772 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 220 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₀NO₂S (M+H)⁺: 220.0426, found: 220.0426.

Methyl 6-(p-tolyl)nicotinate (2d):

Following the general procedure, compound 1d (100 mg, 0.39 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (40 mg, 0.12 mmol) and TFA (58.2 μ L, 0.78 mmol) for 10 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (13% EtOAc in

petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine **2d** (72 mg, 81% yield) as pale yellow solid. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 4:1). Spectral data of **2d** was compared with the reported data.³

Methyl 6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate (2e):

Following the general procedure, compound **1e** (100 mg, 0.36 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (37 mg, 0.11 mmol) and TFA (54.8 μ L, 0.73 mmol) for 8 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (12% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine **2e** (78 mg, 86% yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.5 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1). Spectral data of **2e** was compared with the reported data.²

Methyl 6-(4-chlorophenyl)nicotinate (2f):

Following the general procedure, azide **1f** (100 mg, 0.36 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (38 mg, 0.11 mmol) and TFA (54.0 μ L, 0.72 mmol) for 10 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine **2f** (60 mg, 66% yield) as pale yellow solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1). Spectral data of **2f** was compared with the reported data.⁴

Methyl 6-(4-cyanophenyl)nicotinate (2g):

Following the general procedure, azide **1g** (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (39 mg, 0.11 mmol) and TFA (55.8 μ L, 0.75 mmol) for 14 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding pyridine **2g** (54 mg, (60 % yield) as brown solid. R_f = 0.4 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 118 - 120 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.31 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.45, 158.57, 151.19, 142.29, 138.22, 132.66, 127.89, 125.37, 120.30, 118.52, 113.47, 52.52; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2923, 2100, 1720, 1292, 1118 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 239 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₁N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺: 239.0815, found: 239.0813.

Methyl 6-(4-nitrophenyl)nicotinate (2h):

$$O_2N$$
 CO_2Me

Following the general procedure, (*E*)-methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (**1h**, 100 mg, 0.35 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (36 mg, 0.10 mmol) and TFA (51.8 μ L, 0.69 mmol) for 18 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (12% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford **2h** (56 mg, 62% yield) as white solid. R_f = 0.4

(petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 225 - 227 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.48 - 8.30 (m, 3H), 8.25 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.51, 158.18, 156.72, 151.20, 143.92, 138.29, 128.20, 125.65, 124.09, 120.60, 52.59; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2924, 1717, 1340, 1295, 1124, 749 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 259 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₁N₂O₄ (M+H)⁺: 259.0713, found: 259.0711.

Methyl 6-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)nicotinate (2i):

Following the general procedure, azide **1i** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (33 mg, 0.09 mmol) and TFA (24 μ L, 0.64 mmol) for 16 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine **2i** (63 mg, 69% yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.6 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 95-97 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.46 – 8.32 (m, 2H), 8.25 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.61, 159.19, 151.09, 139.00, 138.15, 130.46, 129.40, 126.50, 126.45, 124.92, 124.26, 124.21, 119.92, 52.46; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2925, 1721, 1339, 1117, 782 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 282 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{11}F_{3}NO_{2}$ (M+H)⁺: 282.0736, found: 282.0748.

Methyl 6-(4-acetyphenyl)nicotinate (2j):

Following the general procedure, azide **1j** (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (36 mg, 0.10 mmol) and TFA (52.4 μ L, 0.70 mmol) for 18 h. After the work up, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford pyridine **2j** (68 mg, 75 % yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.5 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P:150-152 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.39 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.68, 165.60, 159.46, 151.04, 142.30, 138.05, 137.81, 128.84, 127.50, 124.89, 120.37, 52.45, 26.77; IR (KBr): ν_{max} = 2922, 1719, 1679, 1302, 1267, 779 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 256 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₄NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 256.0968, found: 256.0966.

Methyl 6-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)nicotinate (2k):

Following the general procedure, compound 1k (90 mg, 0.23 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (24 mg, 0.07 mmol) and TFA (35.1 μ L, 0.47 mmol) for 18 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (35% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine 2k (48 mg, 80% yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.4 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 1:1); M.P: 218-220;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 12.18 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 164.54, 156.55, 147.56, 139.03, 137.18, 129.94, 129.81, 124.63, 122.59, 121.27, 121.16, 120.19, 112.45, 112.05, 52.33; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2922$, 2645, 1726, 1598, 1437, 1290, 745 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 253 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺ 253.09683: found: 253.0971.

Methyl 6-propylnicotinate (21):

$$CO_2Me$$
 C_3H_7

Following the general procedure, azide **11** (100 mg, 0.48 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (48 mg, 0.14 mmol) and TFA (71.6 μ L, 0.96 mmol) for 20 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (13% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine **21** (73 mg, 84% yield) as pale yellow liquid. R_f = 0.4 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.13 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.86 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.86, 165.88, 150.38, 137.22, 123.37, 122.31, 52.12, 40.35, 22.76, 13.68; IR (KBr): ν_{max} = 2959, 1727,1598, 1287, 1118, 768 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 180 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_{14}NO_2$ (M+H)⁺: 180.1019, found: 180.1018.

Methyl 6-hexylnicotinate (2m):

$$CO_2Me$$

Following the general procedure, azide **1m** (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (41 mg, 0.12 mmol) and TFA (59.6 μ L, 0.80 mmol) for 26 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding pyridine **2m** (76 mg, 86% yield) as pale yellow liquid. R_f = 0.5 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.13 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.90 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 1.75 (dd, J = 14.5, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.24, 166.00, 150.51, 137.28, 123.39, 122.30, 52.22, 38.59, 31.62, 29.61, 29.00, 22.52, 14.03; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2927, 2856, 1727,1598, 1288, 1118, 769 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 222 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₂₀NO₂ (M+H)⁺: 222.1488, found: 222.1484.

1-(6-Phenylpyridin-3-yl)ethanone (2n):

Following the general procedure, azide 1n (160 mg, 0.71 mmol) was allowed to react with AgSbF₆ (73 mg, 0.21 mmol) and TFA (105.6 μ L, 1.42 mmol) for 2 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8% EtOAc in

petroleum ether) to afford the pyridine 2n (128 mg, 91% yield) as yellow solid. $R_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1). Spectral data of 2n was compared with the literature data.⁵

General procedure for the preparation of substituted Iodo-pyridines (3a-3g and 3h): To a solution of azide (1 equiv.) 1a-1n in CH₂Cl₂ and NaHCO₃ (1 equiv.) was added at 0 °C followed by the addition of iodine (5 equiv.), the solution was stirred at room temperature for given time (Scheme 1). After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched with Na₂S₂O₃ solution and extracted with EtOAc, organic layer was washed with H₂O, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc: hexanes) to afford the corresponding product. In the case of 1a, 1f, 1g, 1l and 1n the formation of 4a to 4e were observed either as a minor or as an exclusive product.

Methyl 5-iodo-6-phenylnicotinate (3a):

Following the general procedure, azide **1a** (100 mg, 0.41 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (34 mg, 0.41 mmol) and iodine (524 mg, 2.07 mmol) for 22 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine **3a** (85 mg, 60% yield) along with acyl pyrrole **4a** (21 mg, 21 % yield).

3a: Brown solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 134-136 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.19 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.01,

164.29, 149.43, 148.58, 141.05, 129.26, 129.13, 128.02, 125.30, 93.12, 52.64; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2925$, 2853, 1730, 1277, 1122 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 340 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{11}INO_2$ (M+H)⁺: 339.9819, found: 339.9829.

Methyl 5-benzoyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4a):

Brown solid; $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 120 - 122 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.87 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.66 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 185.46, 164.49, 137.42, 132.57, 131.47, 129.37, 129.11, 128.57, 119.93, 118.28, 51.52; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 3264$, 2925, 2854, 1728, 1631, 1289, 1217 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI): m/z 230 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{12}NO_3$ (M+H)⁺: 230.0806, found: 230.0811.

Methyl 5-iodo-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)nicotinate (3b):

Following the general procedure, azide **1b** (100 mg, 0.34 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (29 mg, 0.34 mmol) and iodine (433 mg, 1.72 mmol) for 22 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding iodo pyridine **3b** (117 mg, 88% yield) as yellow solid. $R_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc

= 4:1); M.P: 172-174 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.29 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.30 (m, 5H), 4.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.94, 164.38, 149.51, 147.86, 139.42, 133.57, 130.52, 129.40, 128.50, 126.67, 126.20, 125.88, 125.11, 125.06, 96.38, 52.77; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2924, 1724, 1271, 1113, 776 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 390 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₃INO₂ (M+H)⁺: 389.9985, found: 389.9999.

Methyl 5-iodo-6-(thiophen-2-yl)nicotinate (3c):

Following the general procedure, azide **1c** (100 mg, 0.40 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (34 mg, 0.40 mmol) and iodine (512 mg, 2.02 mmol) for 23 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine **3c** (122 mg, 87% yield) as white solid. R_f = 0.6 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 102-104 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.09 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.83 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.17, 156.71, 150.15, 149.00, 143.75, 130.56, 130.35, 127.60, 124.09, 88.79, 52.57; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2925, 2854, 1702, 1432, 1294, 1123, 724 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 346 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₁H₉INO₂S (M+H)⁺: 345.9385, found: 345.9393.

Methyl 5-iodo-6-(*p*-tolyl)nicotinate (3d):

Following the general procedure, **1d** (100 mg, 0.39 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (32 mg, 0.39 mmol) and iodine (495 mg, 1.96 mmol) for 16 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (12% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine **3d** (98 mg, 71 % yield) as pale yellow solid. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 70-72 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.17 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.83 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.05, 164.44, 149.49, 148.67, 139.46, 138.24, 129.19, 128.77, 125.12, 93.12, 52.68, 21.48; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2923, 1724, 1426, 1289, 771 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 354 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{13}INO_{2}$ (M+H)⁺: 353.9979, found: 353.9985.

Methyl 5-iodo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate (3e):

Following the general procedure, (*E*)-methyl 2-(azidomethyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-2-en-4-ynoate (**1e**, 100 mg, 0.37 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (31 mg, 0.37 mmol) and iodine (467 mg, 1.84 mmol) for 3 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine **3e** (126 mg, 92% yield) as white solid. $R_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 80-82 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.16 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.82

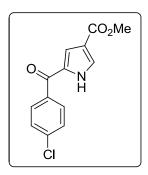
(d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.46, 164.41, 160.44, 149.43, 148.76, 133.38, 130.88, 128.76, 124.83, 114.27, 113.36, 92.86, 55.35, 52.61; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2952$, 2837, 1715, 1294, 1255, 1173 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 370 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₃INO₃ (M+H)⁺: 369.9928, found: 369.9934.

Methyl 6-(4-chorophenyl)-5-iodonicotinate (3f):

Following the general procedure, **1f** (100 mg, 0.36 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (31 mg, 0.36 mmol) and iodine (460 mg, 1.81 mmol) for 20 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine **3f** (27 mg, 20% yield) along with acyl pyrrole **4b** (50 mg, 52% yield).

3f: White solid; $R_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 106-108 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.18 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.23, 163.81, 149.56, 148.80, 139.41, 135.54, 130.73, 128.36, 125.59, 92.90, 52.75; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2923, 2857, 1726, 1457, 1280 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 373(M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{10}CIINO_2$ (M+H)⁺: 373.9439, found: 373.9438.

Methyl 5-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4b):



4b: Yellow solid; $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 130-132 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.80, 164.26, 139.02, 135.62, 131.15, 130.42, 129.09, 128.93, 119.43, 118.58, 51.55; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 3263$, 2925, 1727, 1623, 1289, 757cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 264 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{11}CINO_3$ (M+H)⁺: 264.0422, found: 264.0420.

tert-Butyl-3-(3-iodo-5-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (3g):

Following the general procedure, azide **1k** (100 mg, 0.26 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (22 mg, 0.26 mmol) and iodine (332 mg, 1.31 mmol) for 20 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (13% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine **3g** (114 mg, 90% yield) as yellow solid. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 106-108 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.24 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.88 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

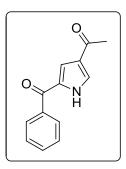
164.43, 159.24, 149.39, 148.91, 135.14, 128.73, 128.03, 124.99, 124.67, 123.35, 121.61, 120.91, 115.26, 93.62, 84.52, 52.71, 28.21; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2979$, 1732, 1370, 1279, 1152, 750 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 479 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₀H₂₀IN₂O₄ (M+H)⁺: 479.0462, found: 479.0449.

1-(5-Iodo-6-phenylpyridin-3-yl)ethanone (3h):

Following the general procedure, azide **1n** (100 mg, 0.44 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (37 mg, 0.44 mmol) and iodine (562 mg, 2.22 mmol) for 12 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the iodo pyridine **3h** (82 mg, 57% yield) along with the acyl pyrrole **4e** (20 mg, 21 % yield).

3h: Yellow solid; $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P.: 93-95 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 8.77 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.22, 165.08, 148.49, 147.31, 141.03, 131.52, 129.42, 129.18, 128.12, 94.01, 26.89; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2921$, 1679, 1571, 1264, 743 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 324 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{11}INO$ (M+H)⁺: 323.9879, found: 323.9871.

1-(5-Benzoyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)ethanone (4e):



4e: Yellow solid; $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 90-92 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.72 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 0.4) 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.31, 185.54, 137.27, 132.60, 131.77, 129.01, 128.56, 127.70, 118.36, 27.32; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 3257$, 1718, 1628, 1548, 1376, 1286 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 214 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{11}NO_2$ (M+H)⁺: 214.0862, found: 214.0858.

Methyl 5-(4-cyanobenzoyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4c):

Following the general procedure, azide 1g (100 mg, 0.37 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (32 mg, 0.37 mmol) and iodine (476 mg, 1.87 mmol) for 20 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the acyl pyrrole 4c. (75 mg, 79% yield) as yellow solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 183-185 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.05 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.31, 164.01, 140.84, 132.38, 130.76, 129.81, 129.35, 120.14, 118.81, 117.90, 115.79, 51.60; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 3274$, 2954, 228, 1717, 1626, 1295, 1231, 762 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 277 (M+Na)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}NaN_2O_3$ (M+Na)⁺: 277.0584, found: 277.0595.

Methyl 5-butyryl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (4d):

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Following the general procedure, azide **11** (93 mg, 0.45 mmol) was allowed to react with NaHCO₃ (37 mg, 0.45 mmol) and iodine (568 mg, 2.24 mmol) for 20 h. After the workup, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the acyl pyrrole **4d** (76 mg, 81% yield) as pale yellow liquid. R_f = 0.4 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); 1 H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.47, 164.34, 132.45, 127.90, 118.05, 116.17, 51.42, 39.89, 18.43, 13.89; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 3270, 2925, 2854, 1715, 1654, 1209, 766 cm ${}^{-1}$; MS (ESI): m/z 196 (M+H) ${}^{+}$; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_{13}NO_3$ (M) ${}^{+}$: 195.0872, found: 195.0889.

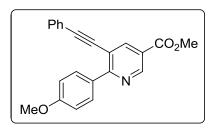
(E)-Methyl 5-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate (5a):

To a solution of methyl 5-iodo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate (3e, 100 mg, 0.27 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (6 mg, 0.027 mmol, 10 mol %), Bu₄NBr (87 mg, 0.27 mmol), NaHCO₃ (57 mg, 0.67 mmol) and methy acrylate (25.6 mg, 0.29 mmol) in DMF (5 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 2 h. After the completion of reaction quenched by aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL) and reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 5 mL) organic layer was washed with H₂O (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the product 5a (77 mg, 86 % yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.5(petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 98-100 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.23 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.60, 165.44, 161.75, 160.91, 150.92, 142.05, 136.40, 131.58, 130.48, 127.84, 123.98, 121.20, 114.04, 55.41, 52.54, 51.90; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2925, 2848, 2364, 1716, 1248, 1174, 842, 794 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 328 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₅ (M+H)⁺; 328.1179, found: 328.1192.

Methyl 5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)nicotinate (5b):

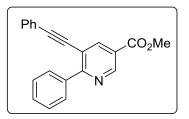
To a solution of 3e 100 mg, 0.27 mmol), K_3PO_4 (229 mg, 1.08 mmol), $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (31 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), and (2-hydroxyphenyl)boronic acid (49 mg, 0.35 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was degassed with N_2 for 20 min. The reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 6 h. After the completion of reaction, DMF was removed under vacuum, and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (5 mL), filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the product 5b (67 mg, 73% yield) as yellow solid. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 120-122 °C; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.22 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (m, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.73, 160.66, 160.25, 152.26, 149.82, 140.86, 131.27, 131.06, 130.94, 130.69, 129.75, 126.23, 123.75, 121.26, 116.41, 113.55, 55.19, 52.40; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 3377, 2922, 1701, 1593, 1254, 1166, 755 cm $^{-1}$; MS (ESI): m/z 336 (M+H) $^+$; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{18}NO_4$ (M+H) $^+$: 336.1230, found: 336.1247.

Methyl 6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(phenylethynyl)nicotinate (5c):



To a solution of 3e (100 mg, 0.27 mmol) in trethylamine (3 mL) was added to a mixture of Pd(Ph₃)₂Cl₂ (19 mg, 0.027 mmol, 10 mol %) and copper(Diodide (10 mg, 0.05 mmol, 20 mol %) in a flame dried flask. The mixture was degassed with N₂ for 15 min. Phenylacetylene (0.12 mL, 1.08 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of reaction, the mixture was diluted with Water (3 mL) and then the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered through celite, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (18 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the product 5e (87 mg, 93 % yield) as yellow solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 100-102 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.16 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.28, 161.92, 160.89, 150.84, 149.16, 142.03, 137.70, 131.44, 131.05, 128.84, 128.42, 123.06, 122.54, 118.87, 116.93, 114.22, 113.37, 95.13, 86.93, 55.34, 52.41; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2926$, 1720, 1580, 1258, 1105, 751 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 344 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₈NO₃ (M+H)⁺: 344.1281, found: 344.1292.

Methyl 6-phenyl-5-(phenylethynyl)nicotinate (5d):



To a solution of 3a (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) in trethylamine (5 mL) was added to a mixture of Pd(Ph₃)₂Cl₂ (21 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) and copper(I)iodide (11 mg, 0.05 mmol, 20 mol %) in a flame dried flask. The mixture was degassed with N₂ for 15 min. Phenylacetylene (129 µL, 1.40 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After the completion of reaction, the mixture was diluted with Water (3 mL) and then the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered through celite, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the product 5d (78 mg, 85 % yield) as yellow solid. $R_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 110-115 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.20 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.15 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.31 (m, 8H), 4.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.16, 162.56, 149.14, 141.79, 138.43, 131.42, 129.62, 129.42, 128.87, 128.38, 127.94, 123.67, 122.40, 117.68, 95.35, 86.55, 52.47; IR (KBr): $v_{max} = 2926$, 2205 1720, 1268, 1204, 745, 686 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 314 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NO₂ (M+H)⁺: 314.1175, found: 314.1168.

Methyl 5-iodo-6-phenylbenzo[h]quinoline-3-carboxylate (6a):

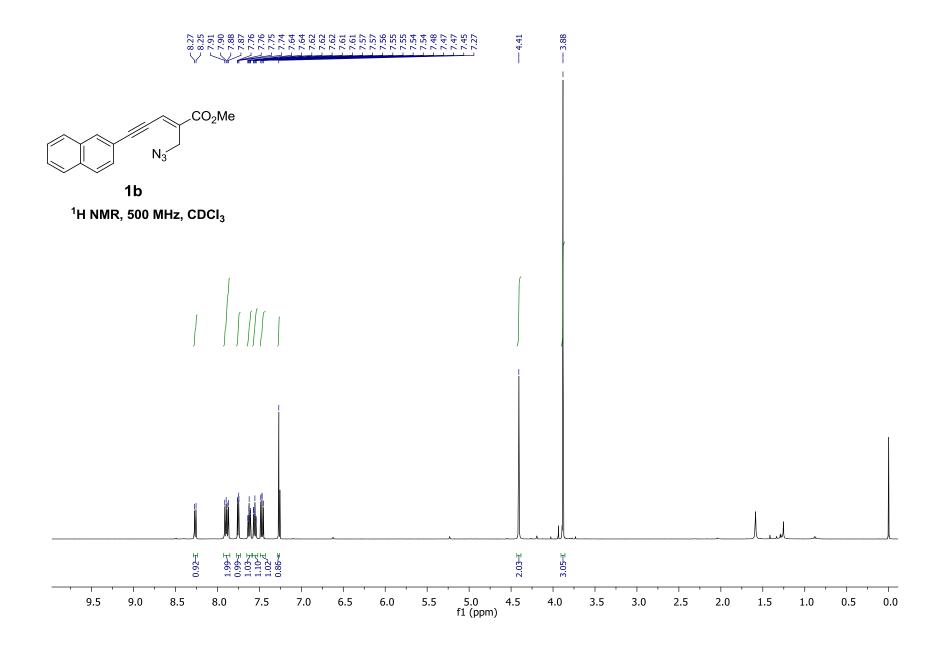
To a solution methyl 6-phenyl-5-(phenylethynyl)nicotinate (**5d**, 30 mg, 0.095 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) was slowly added solution of ICl in DCM (0.4 mL, 0.19 mmol) at 0 °C and the reaction mixture stirred for 48 h at room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), washed with saturated aq. $Na_2S_2O_3$, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (18 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the corresponding product **6a** (29 mg, 71% yield) as yellow solid. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 170-175 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.50 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 9.41 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 9.30 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 4.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.68, 149.58, 148.76, 147.00, 144.18, 143.86, 134.73, 130.94, 129.79, 129.70, 128.63, 128.20, 128.03, 127.79, 127.03, 125.58, 125.04, 103.58, 52.63; IR (KBr): $\nu_{max} = 2921$, 1721, 1318, 1269, 1251, 763 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 440 (M+H)⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{15}IO_2N$ (M+H)⁺: 440.0142, found: 440.0126.

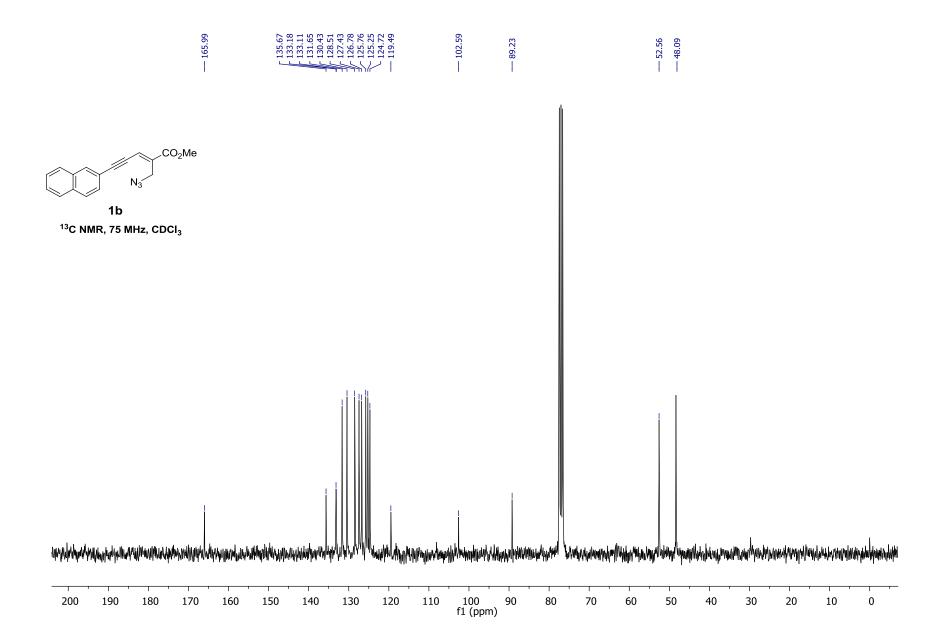
(Z)-Methyl-5-benzylidene-5*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate (6b):

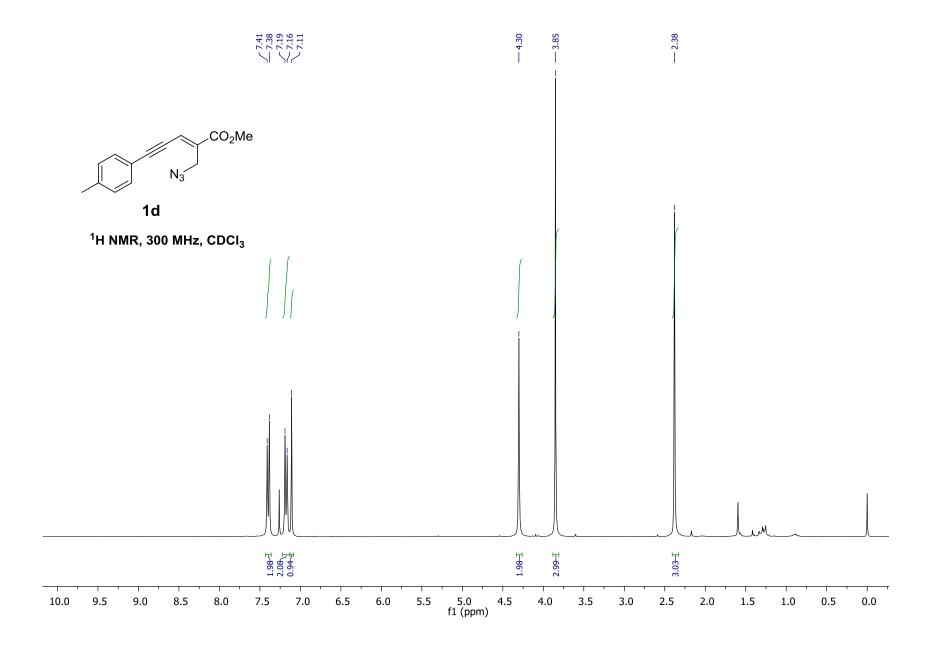
To a solution of **5d** (30 mg, 0.095 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (1 mg, 0.004 mmol), 1,1-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrrocene (5 mg, 0.009 mmol) and toluene (0.3 mL) were added under N₂ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min. Water (1.5µL, 0.09 mmol) was then added via microsyringe. The reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C and stirred at this temperature for 24 h. Upon completion of the reaction, resultant mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), and filtered through a celite plug. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15 % EtOAc in petroleum ether) to afford the azafluorene **6b** (21 mg, 68% yield) as yellow solid. R_f = 0.4 (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 4:1); M.P: 170-175 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.90 (s, 2H), 7.53 (td, J = 17.1, 8.2 Hz, 7H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.32, 163.22, 150.81, 141.01, 137.12, 135.62, 132.84, 132.12, 130.92, 130.05, 129.40, 128.99, 128.76, 123.30, 121.53, 120.32, 52.28; IR (KBr): v_{max} = 2924, 2853, 1718, 1279, 697 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NO₂ (M+H)⁺: 314.1175, found: 314.1166.

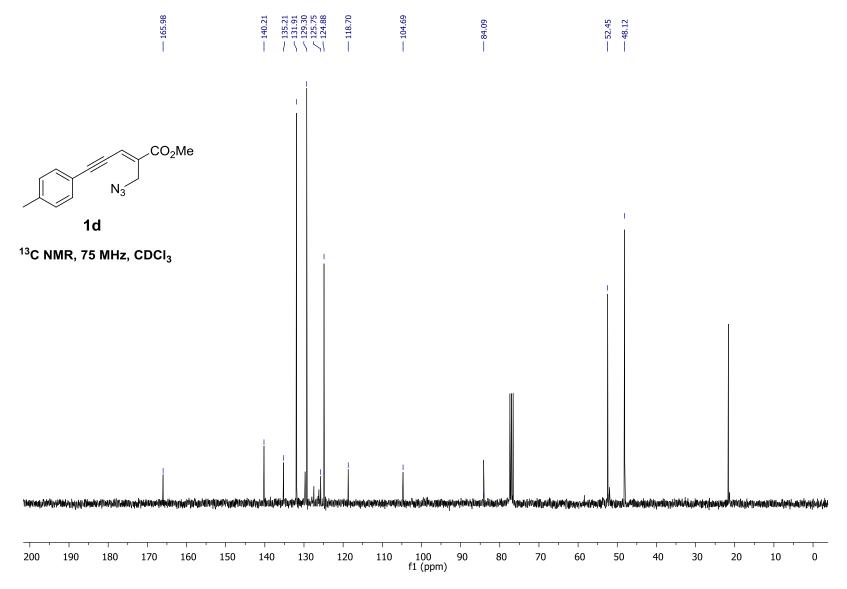
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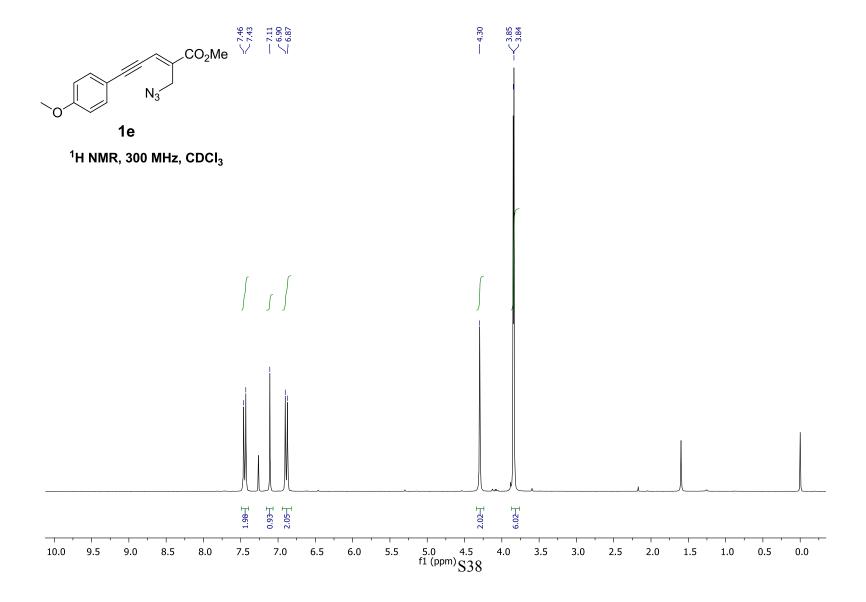
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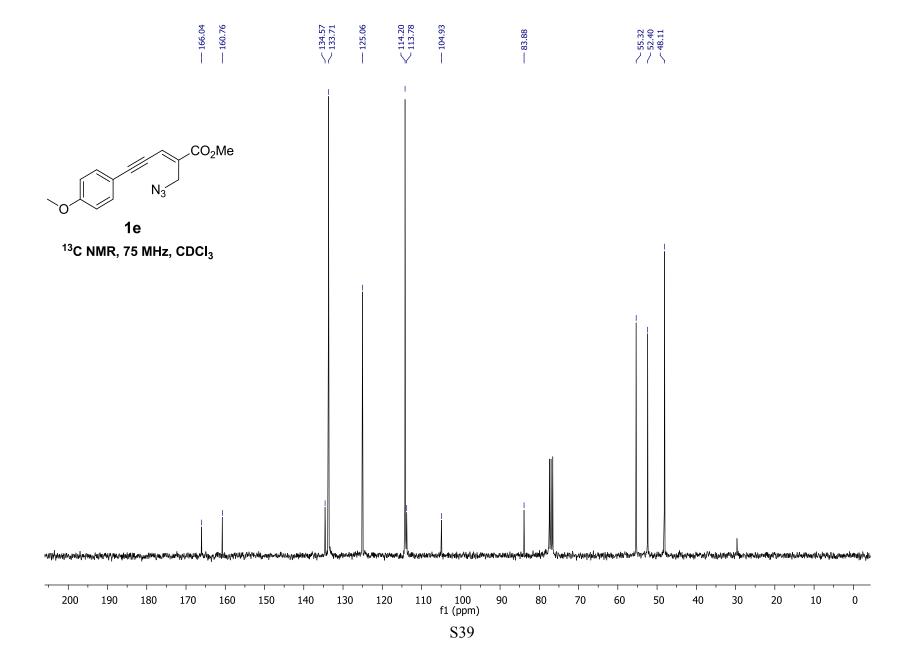


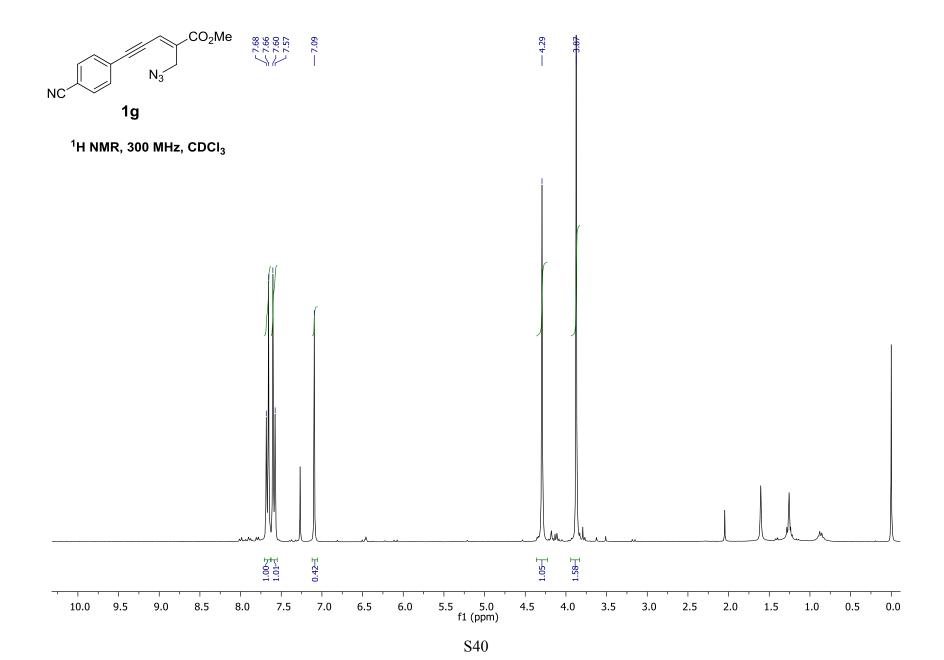


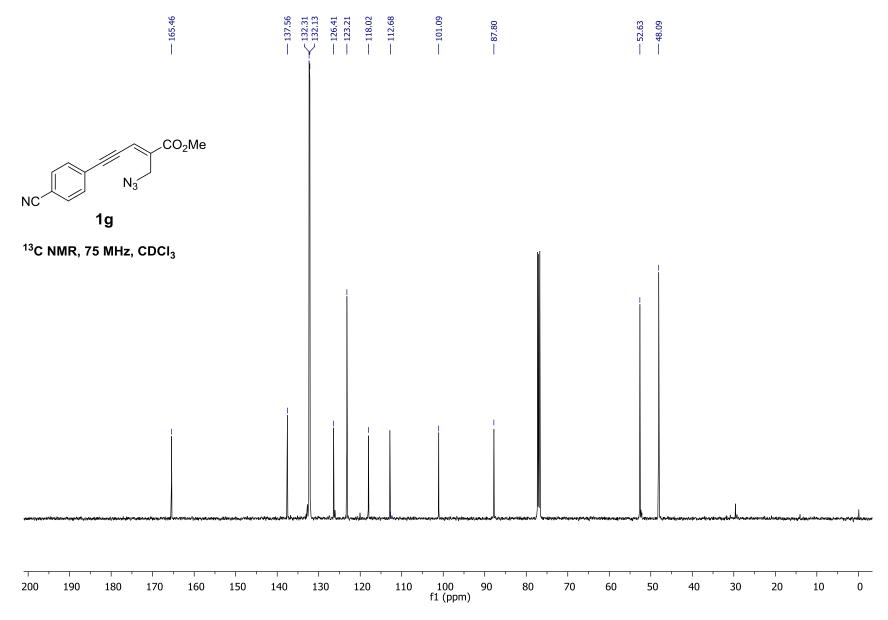


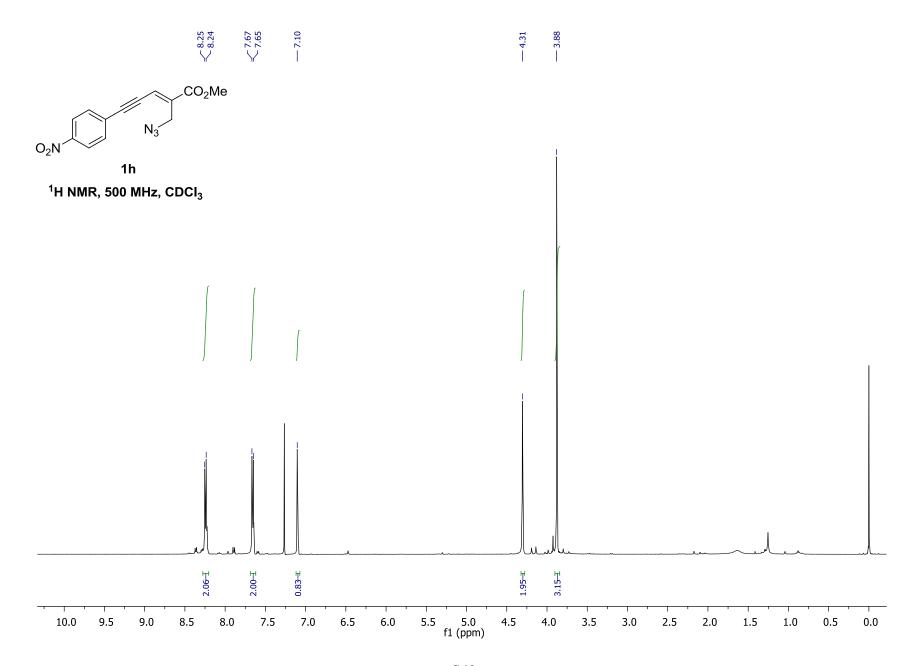


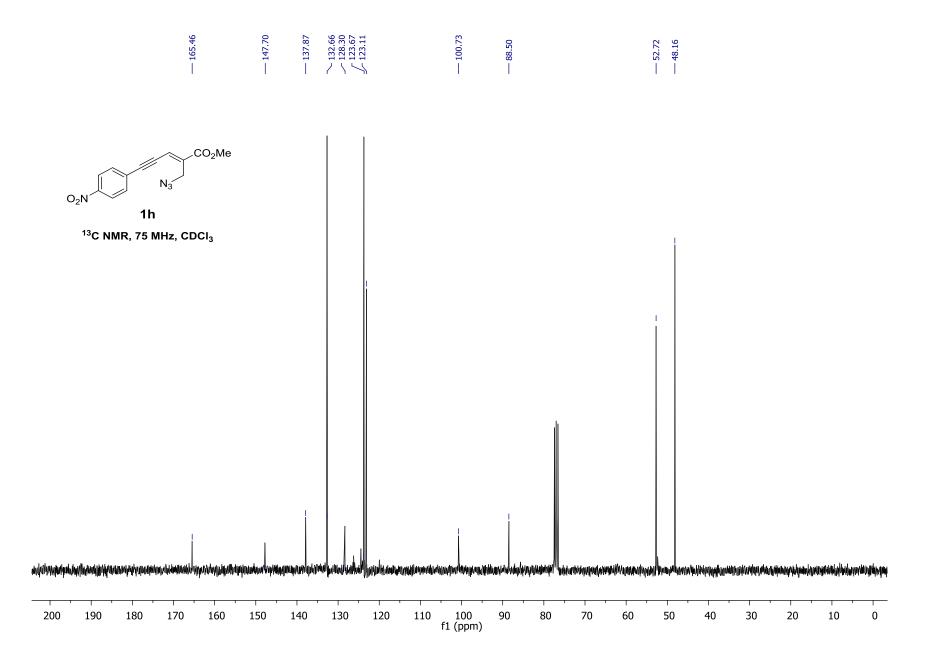


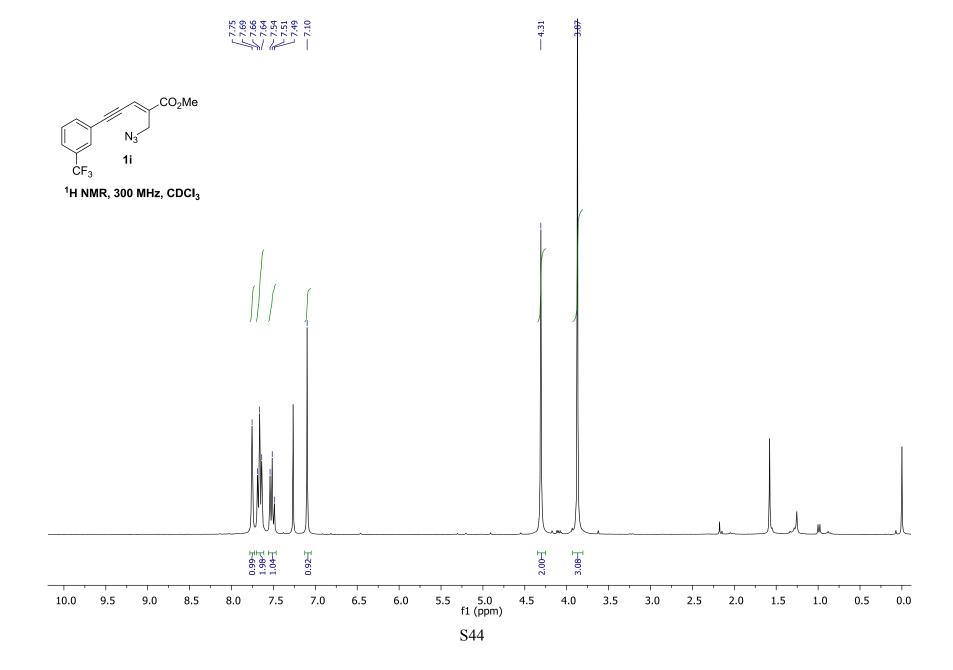


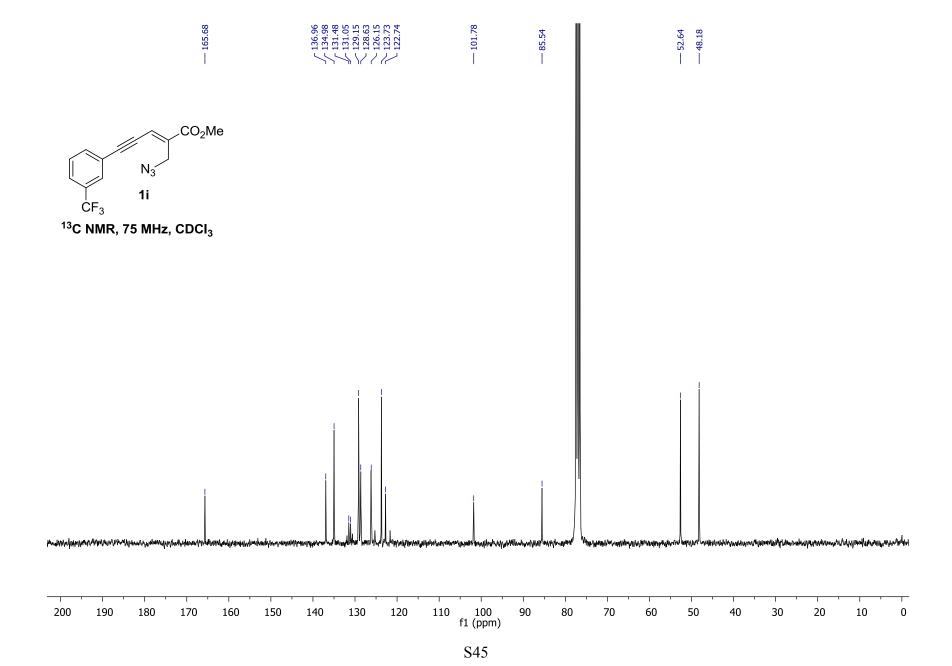


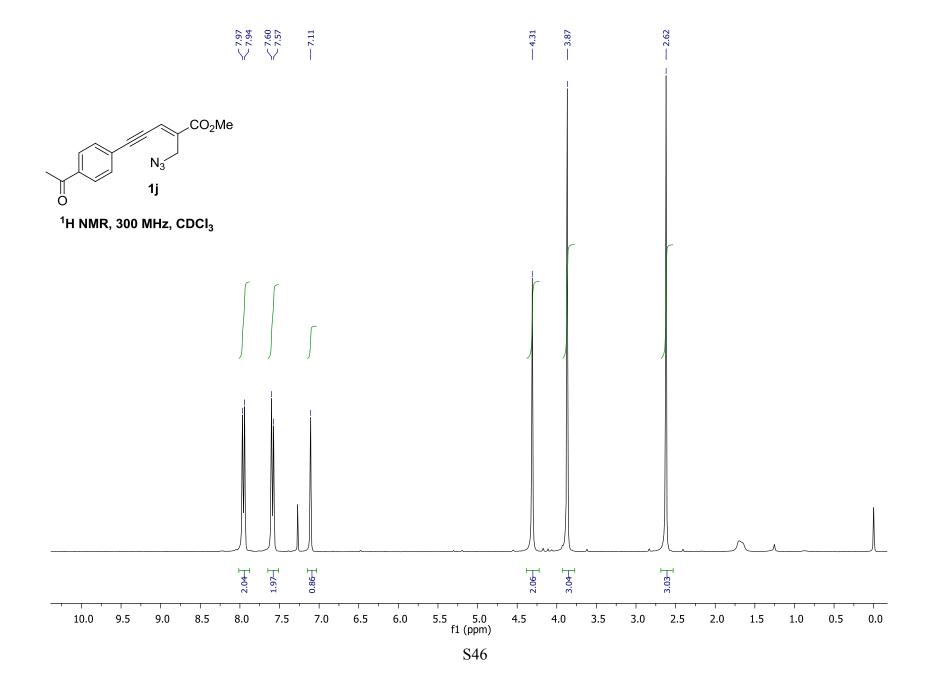


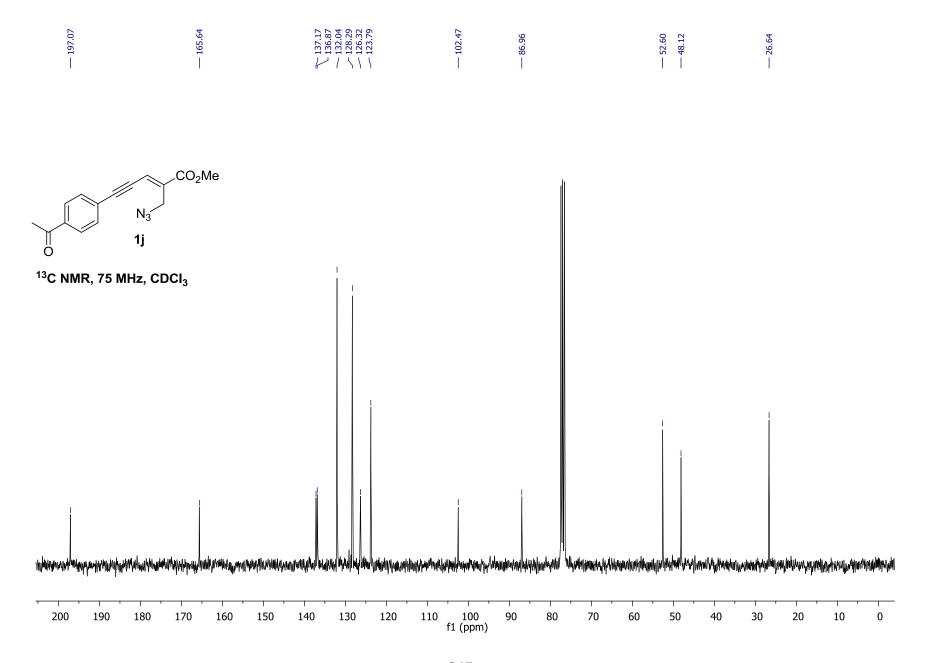


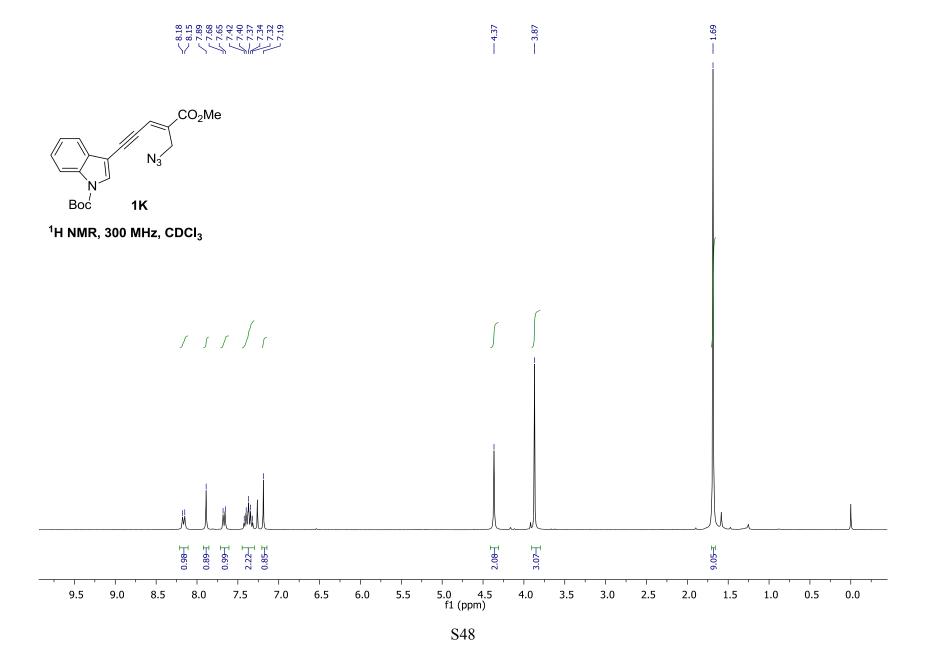


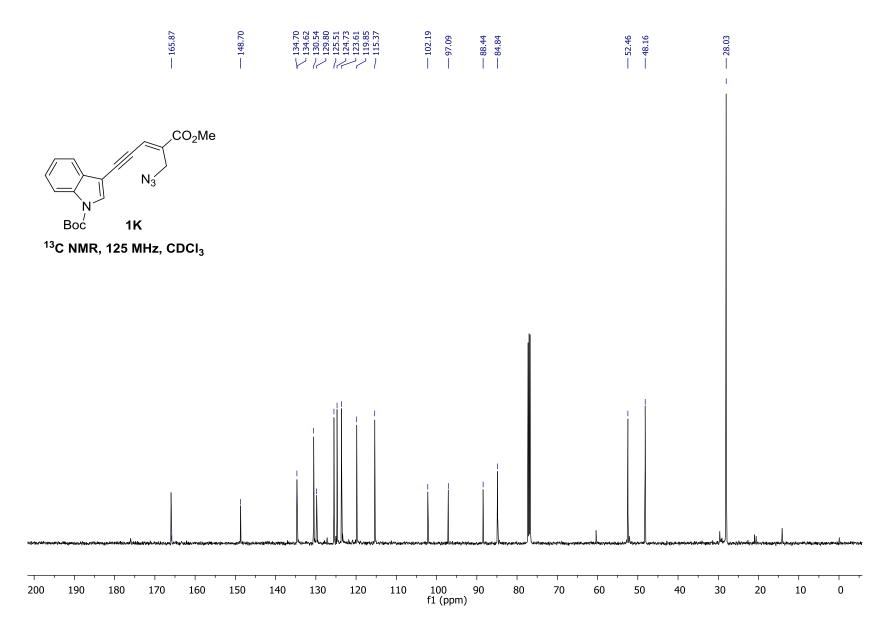


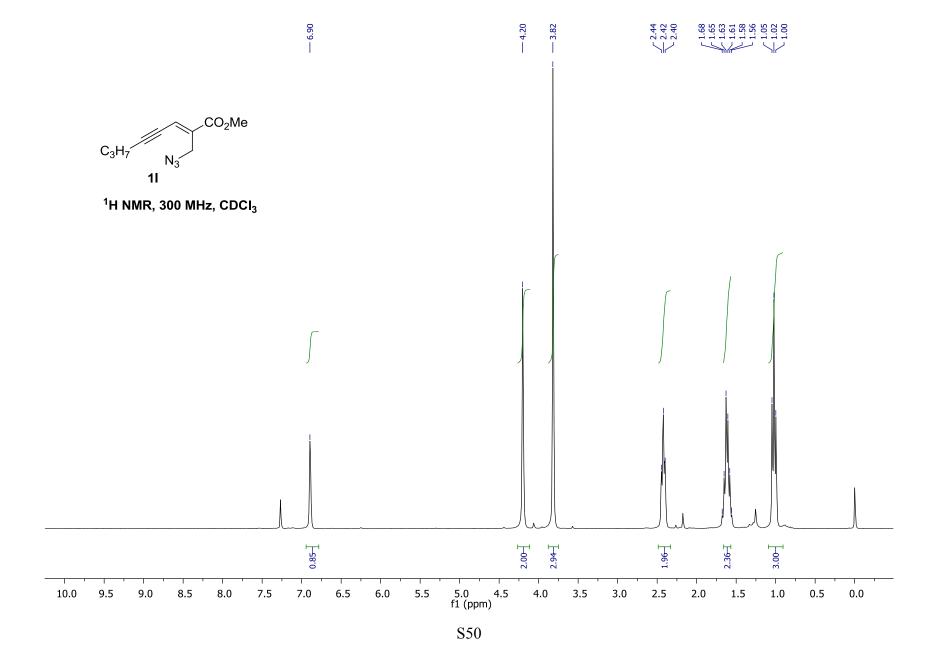


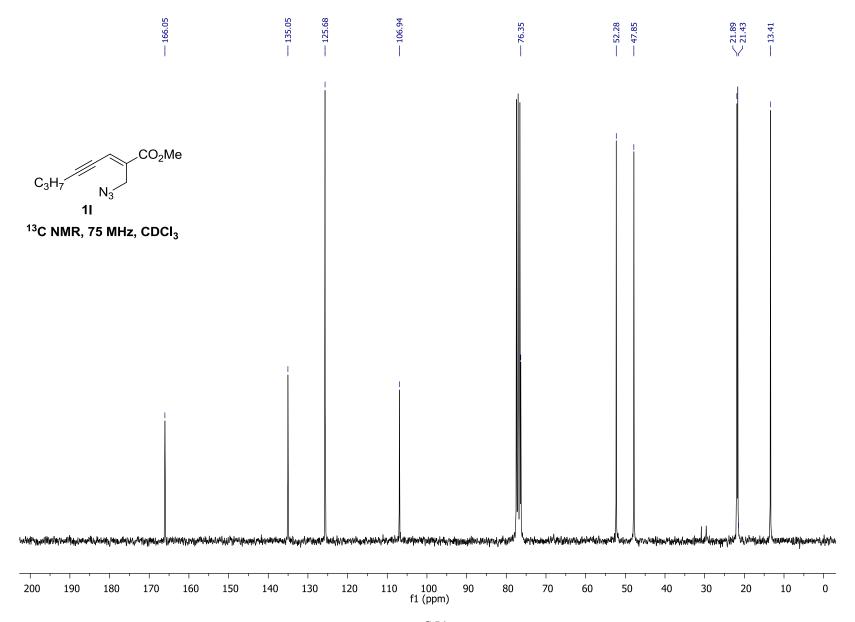


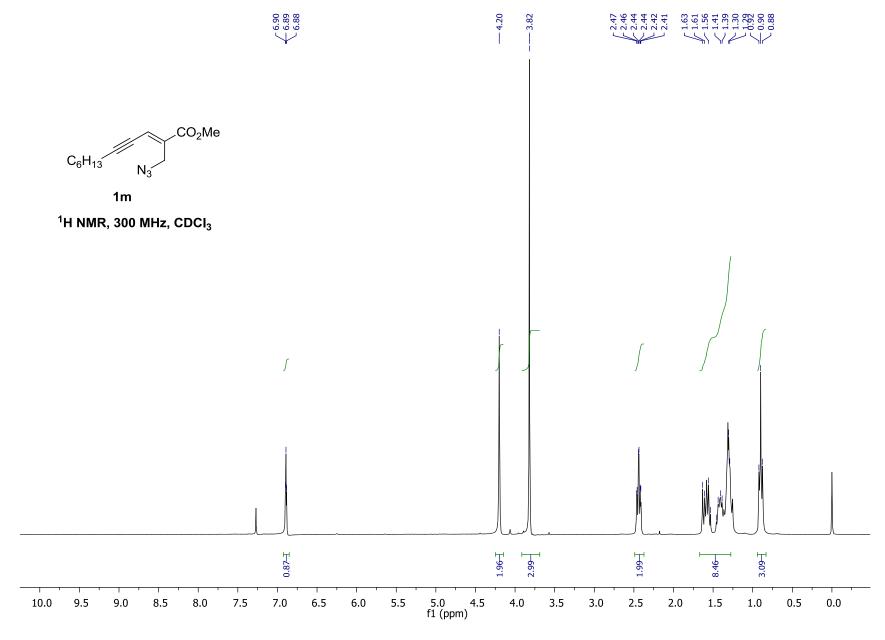


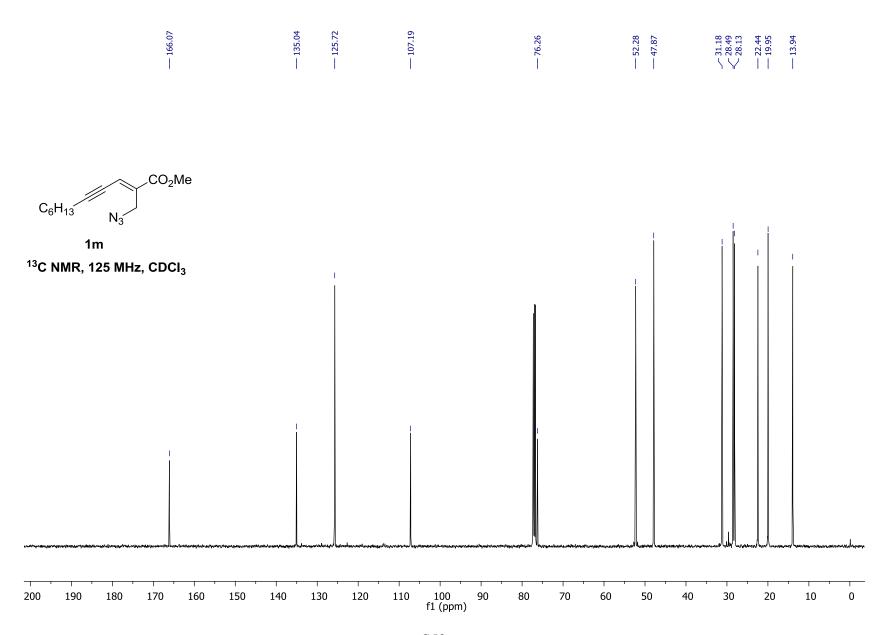


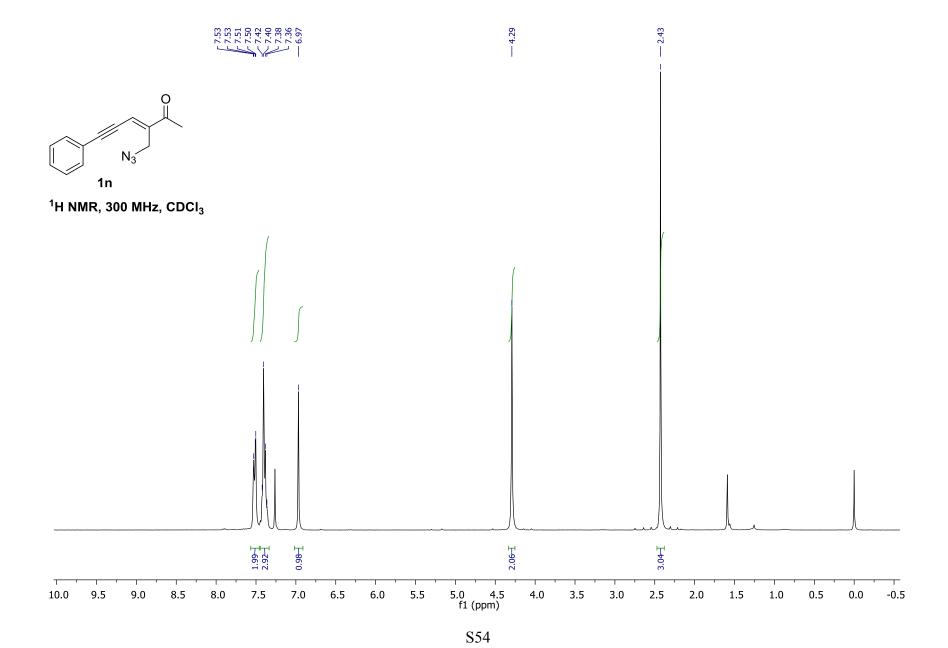


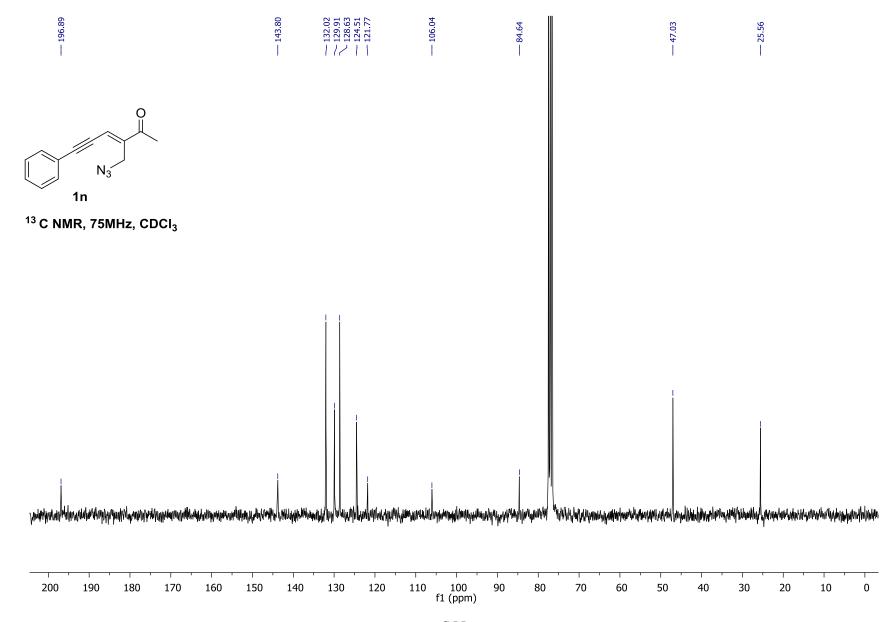


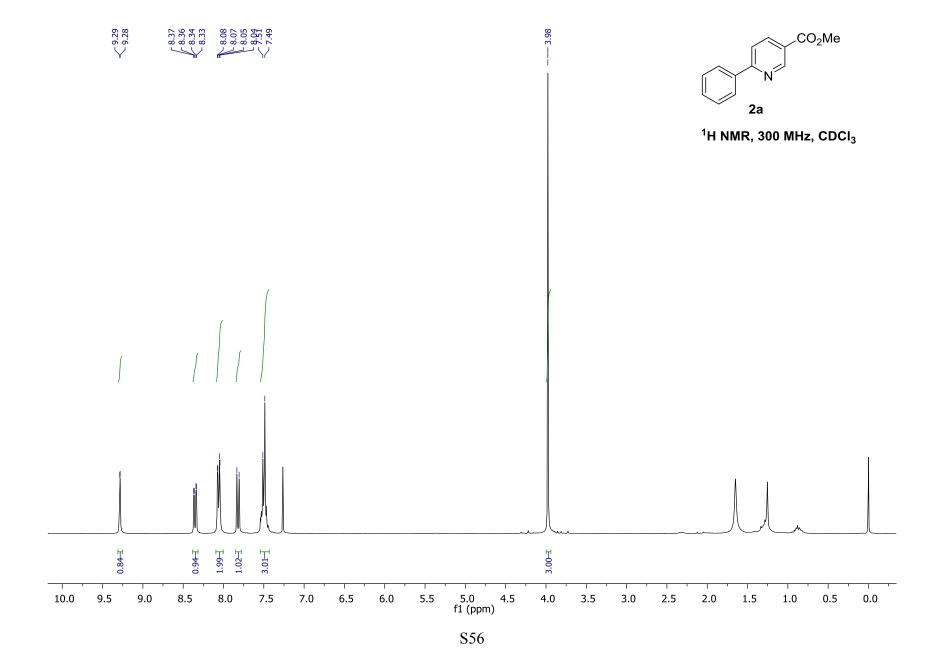


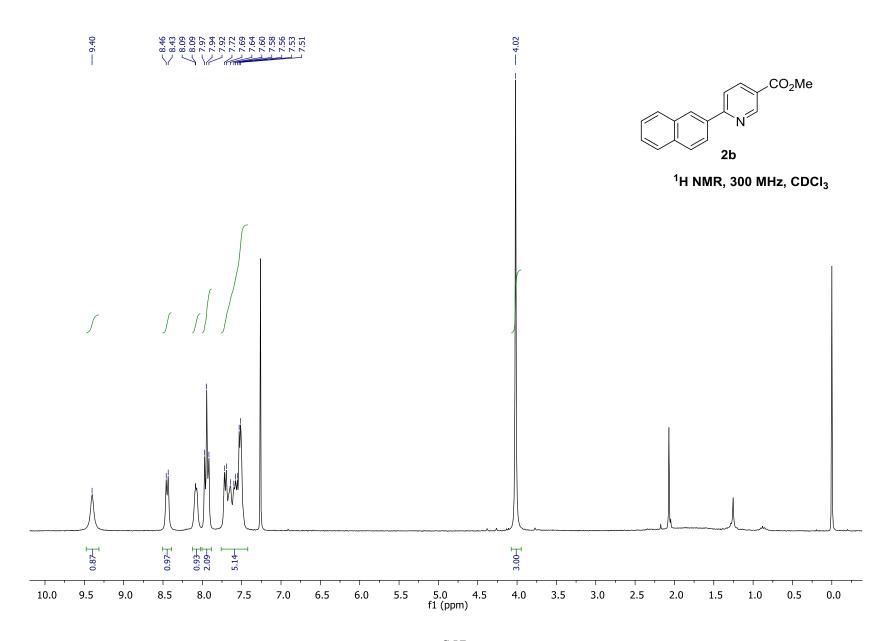


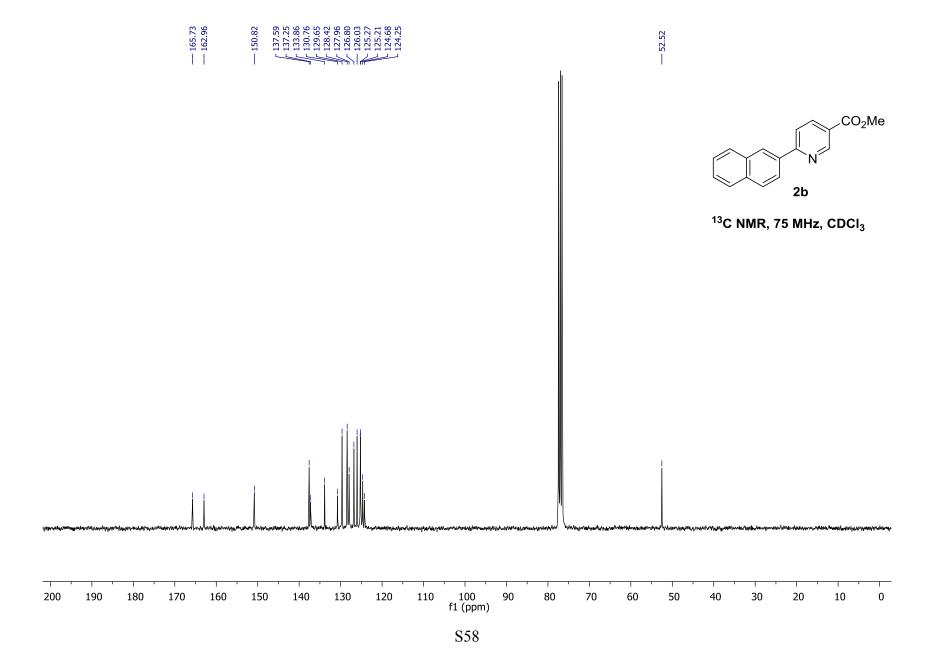


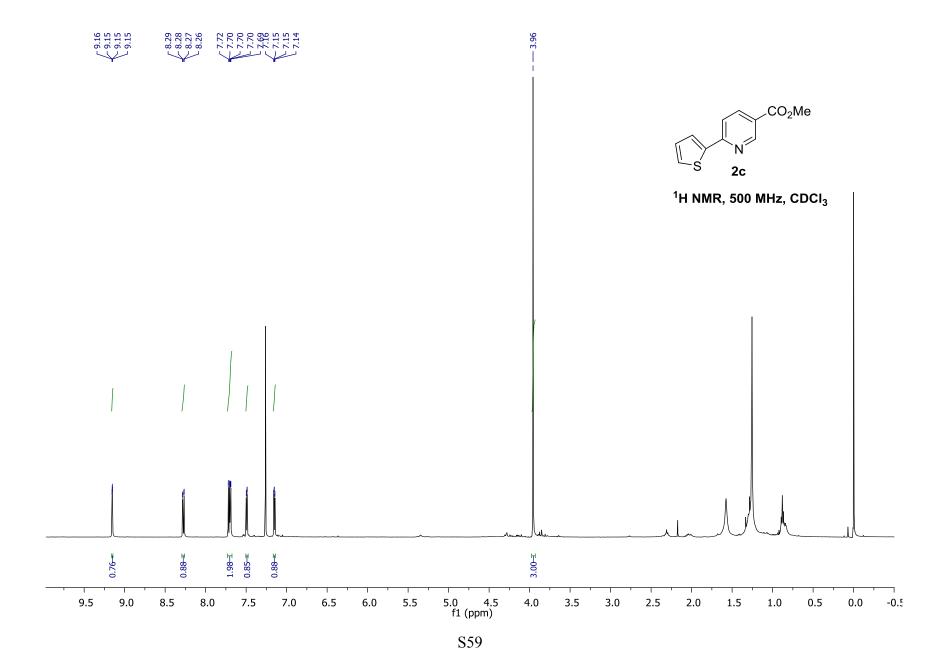


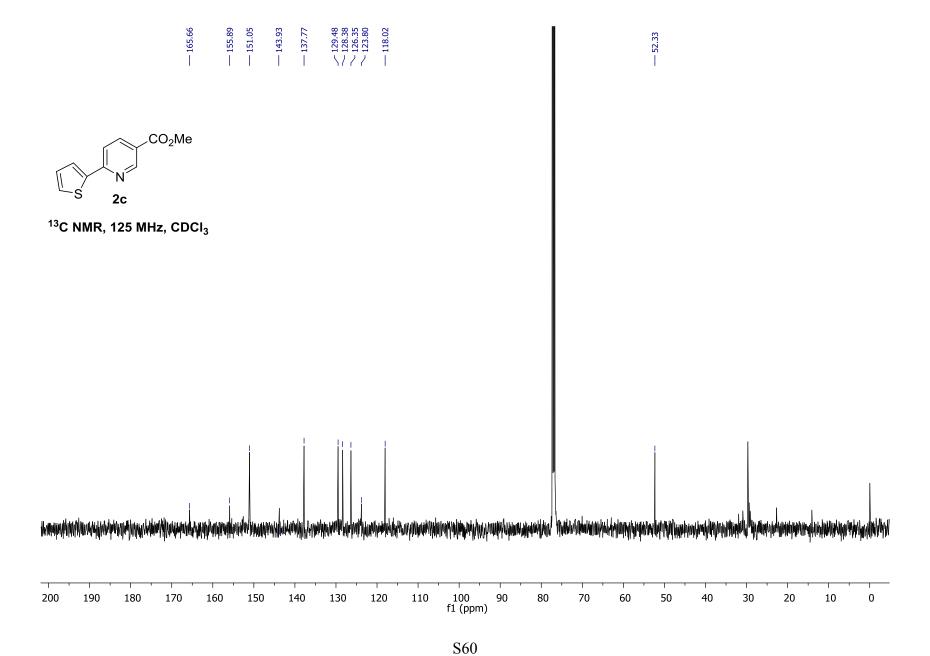


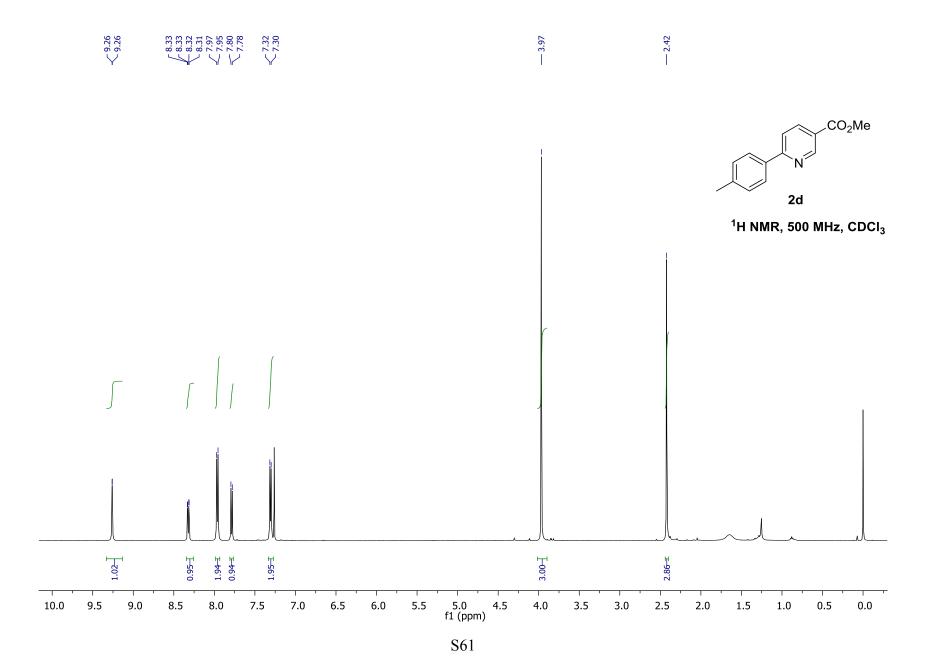


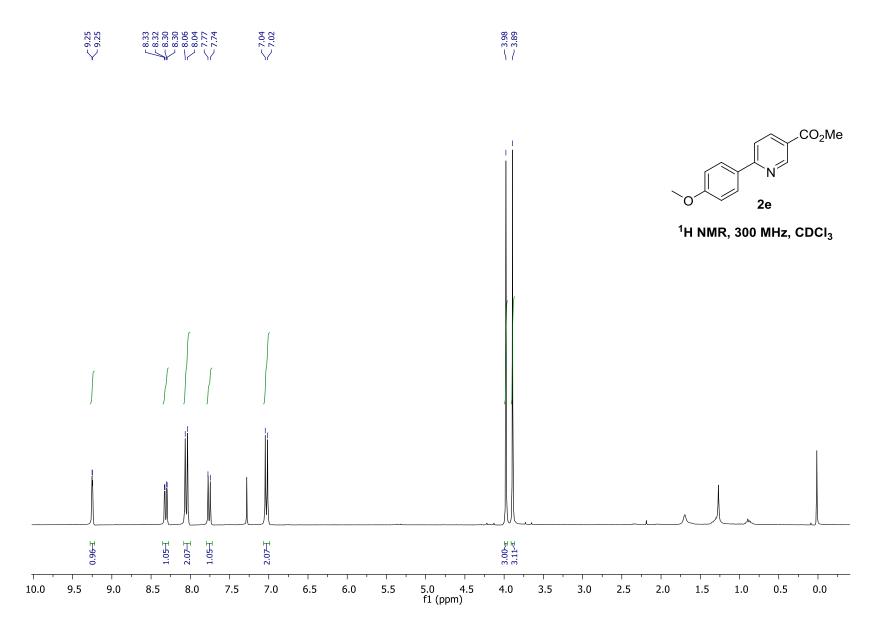


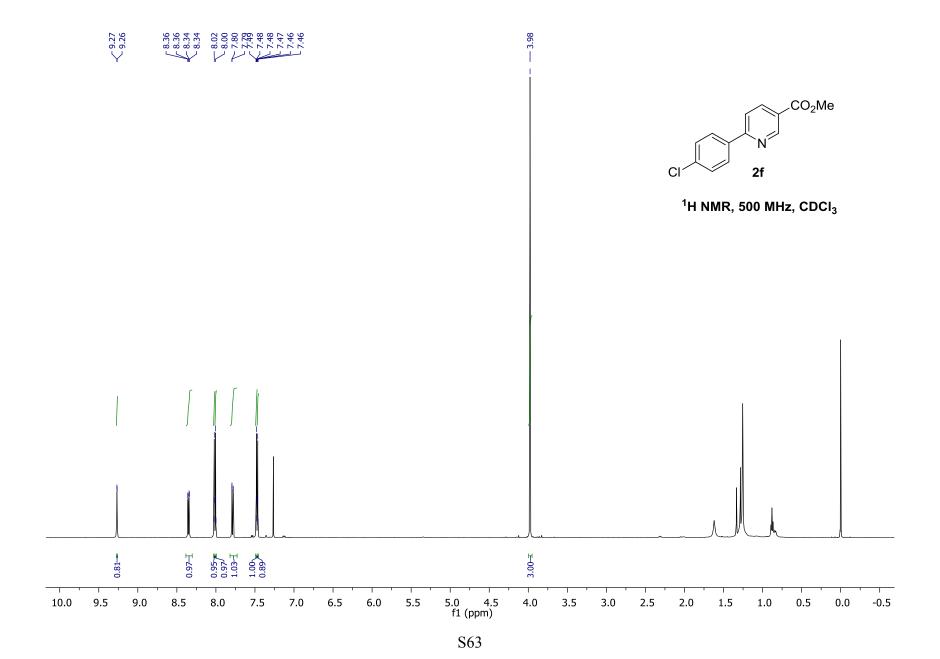


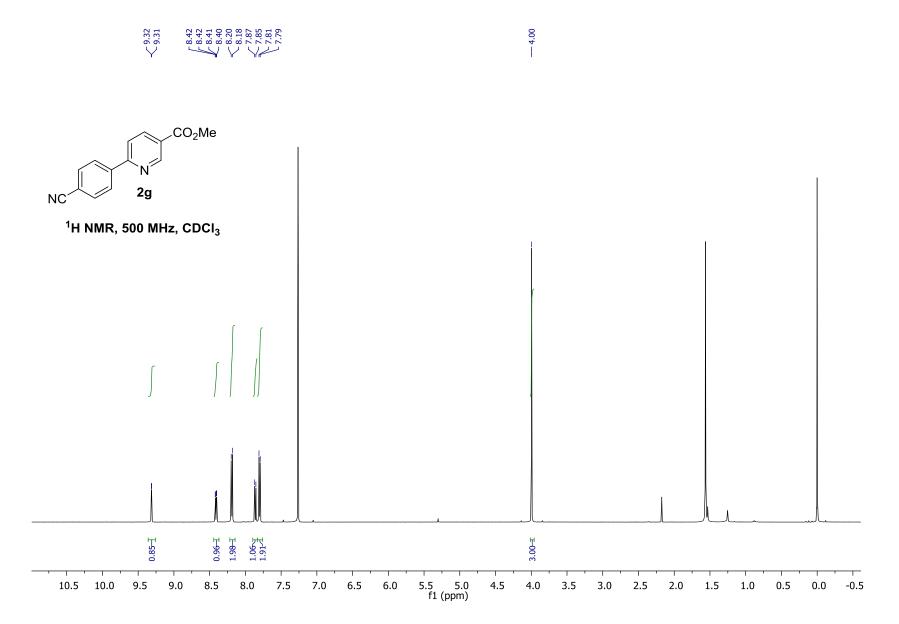


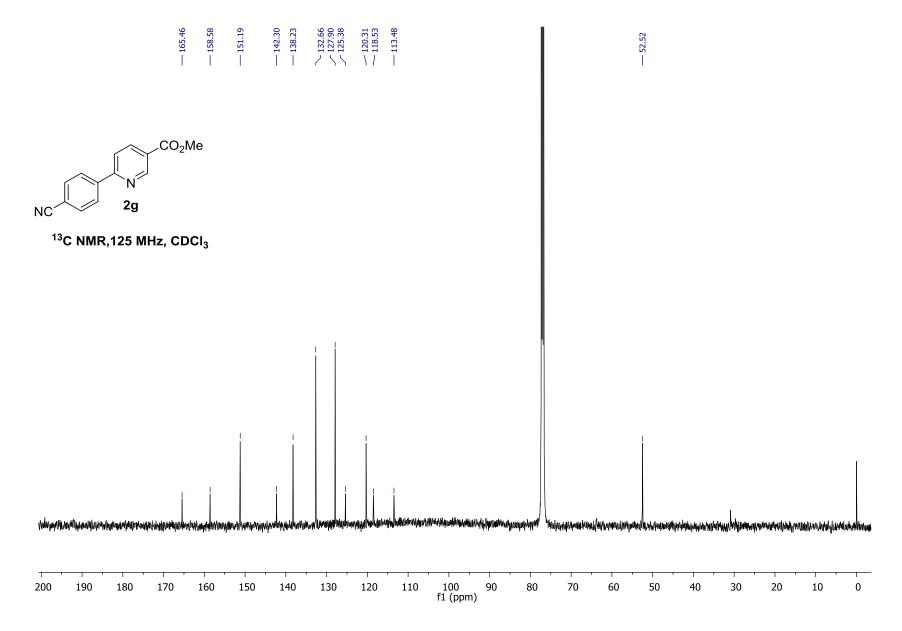


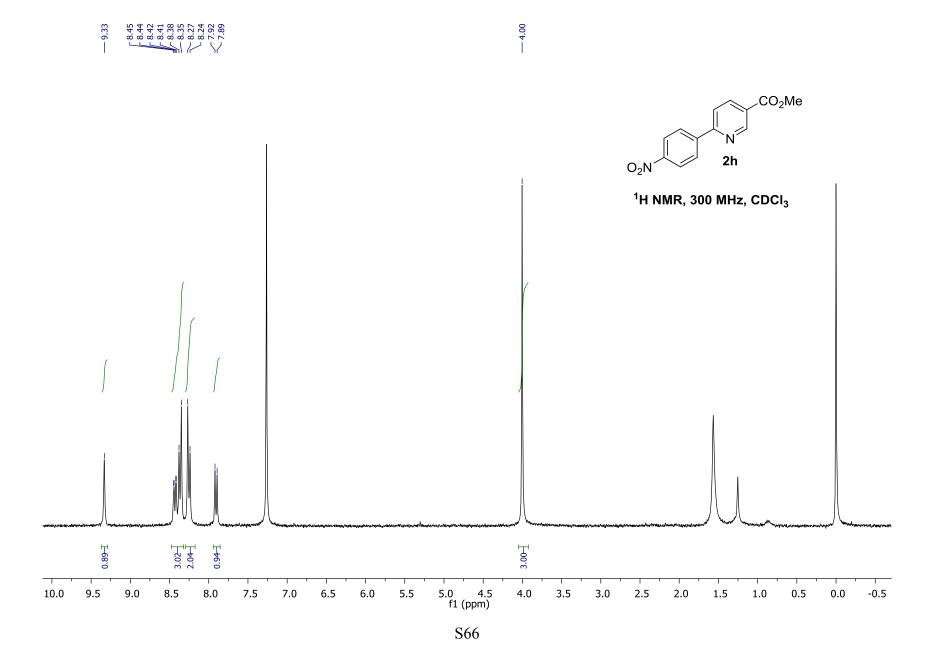


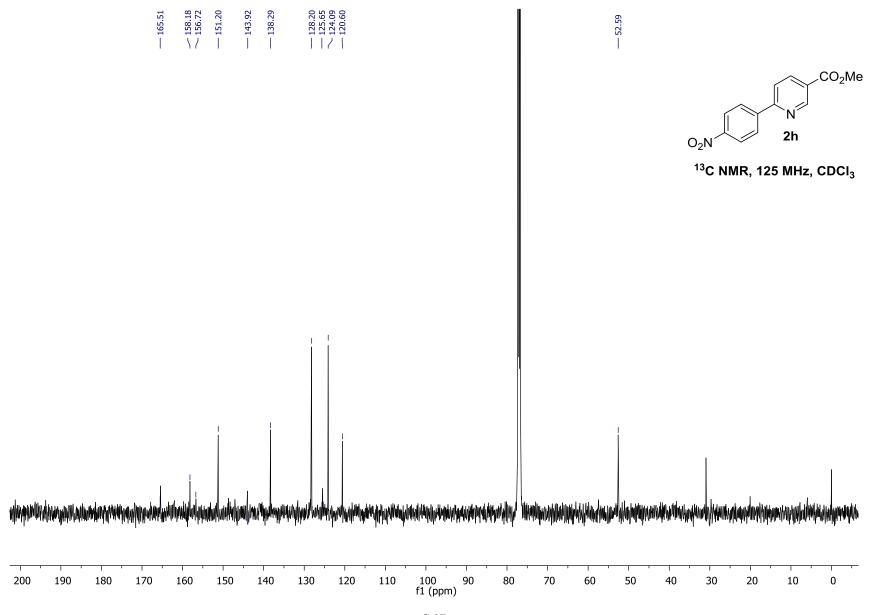


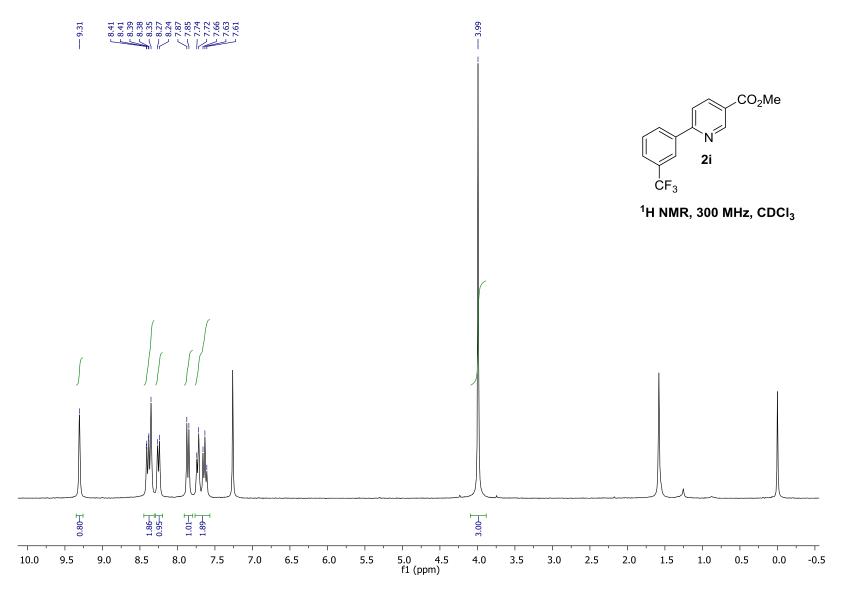


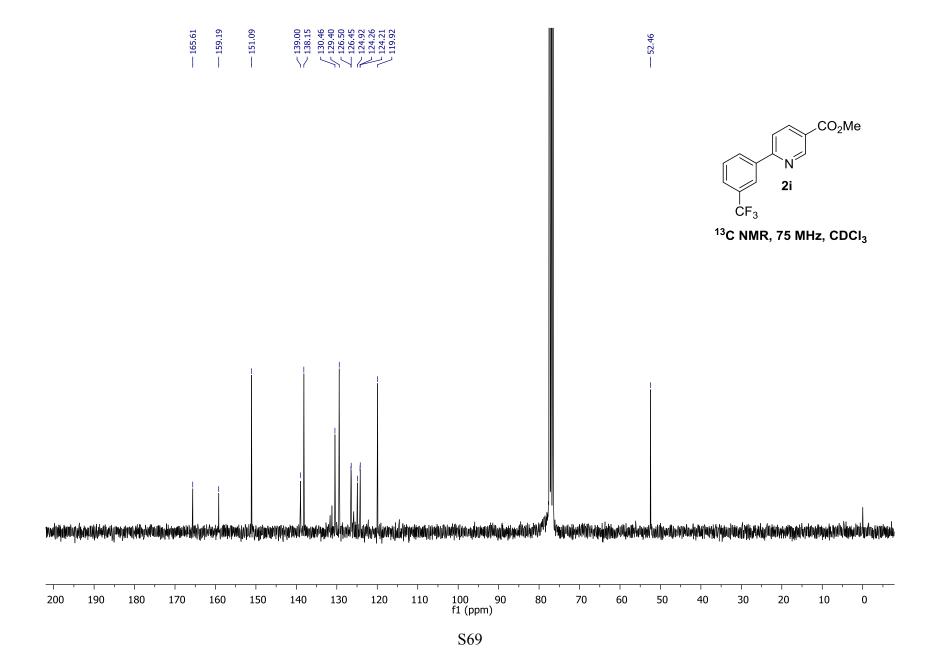


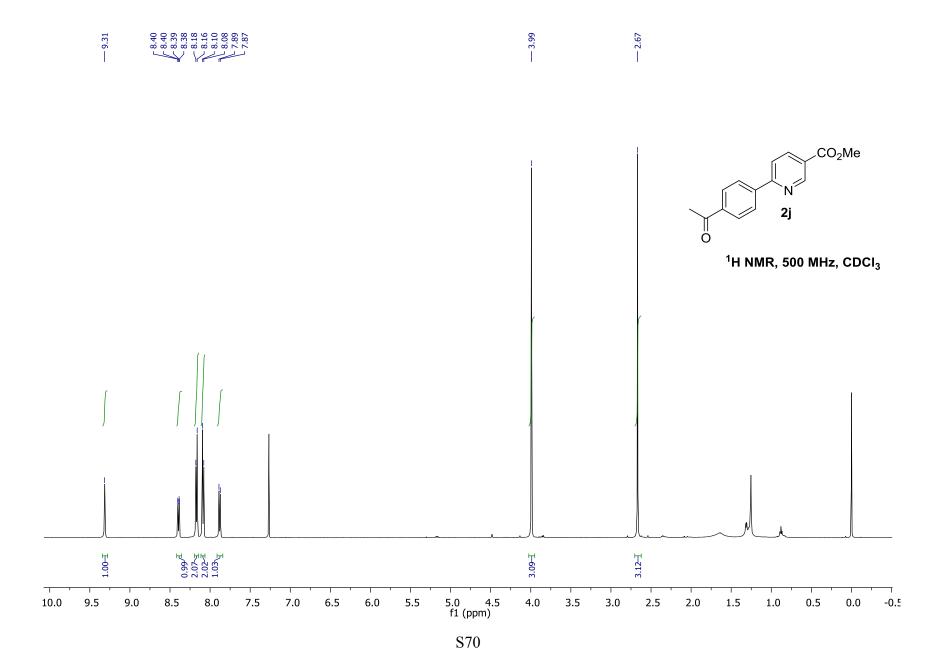


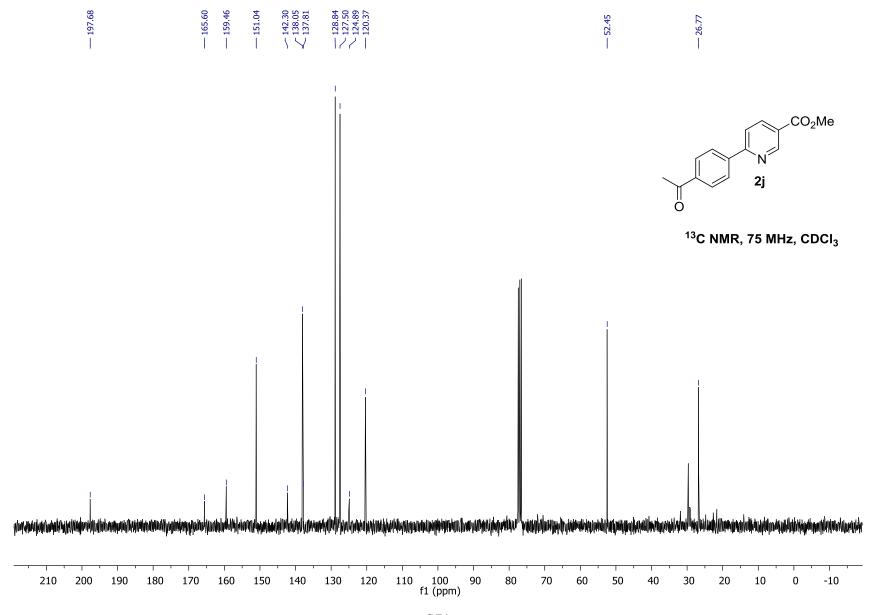


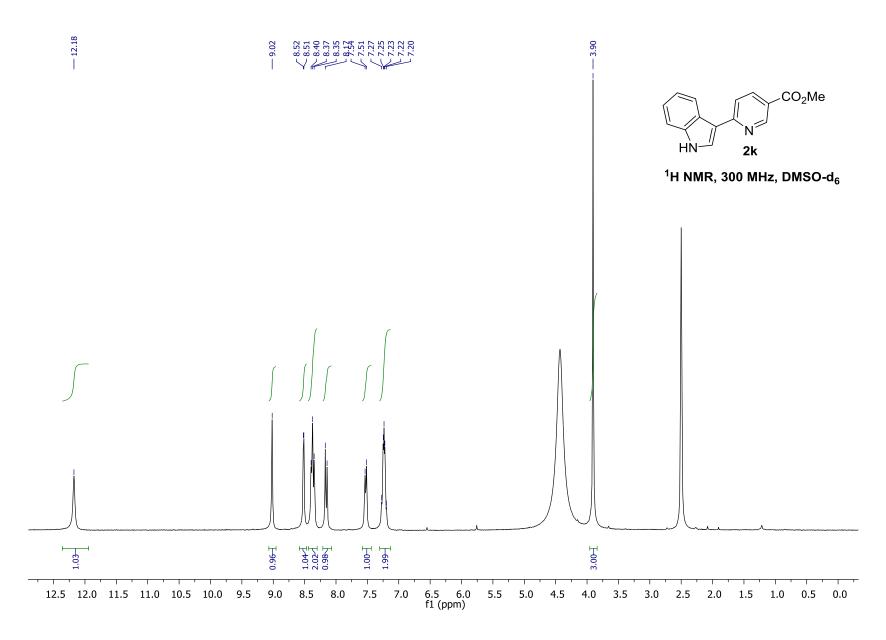


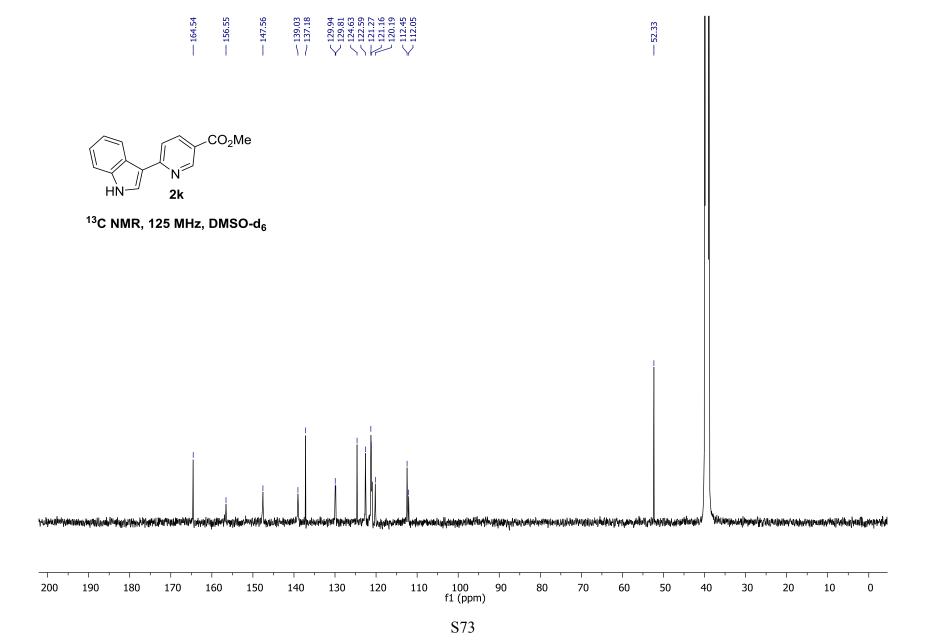


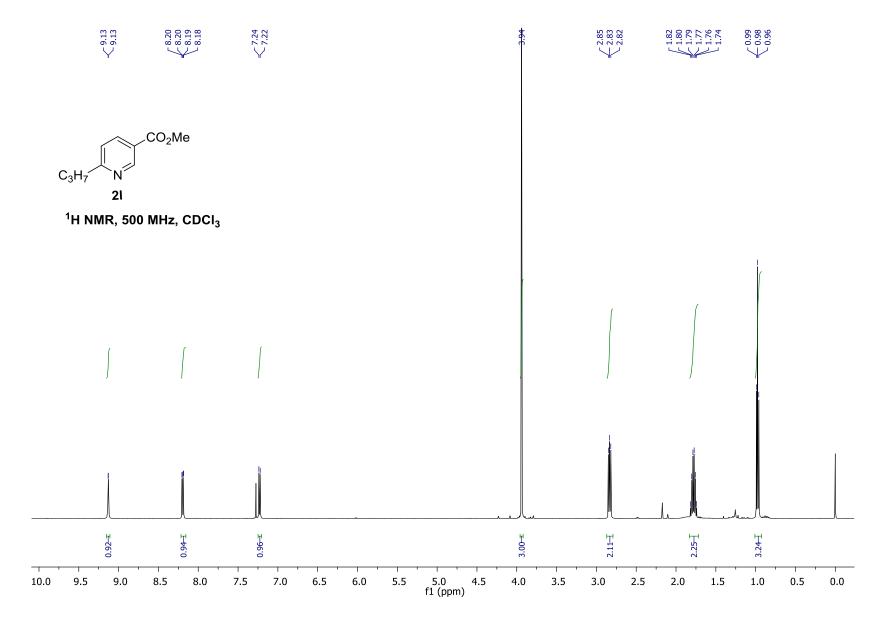


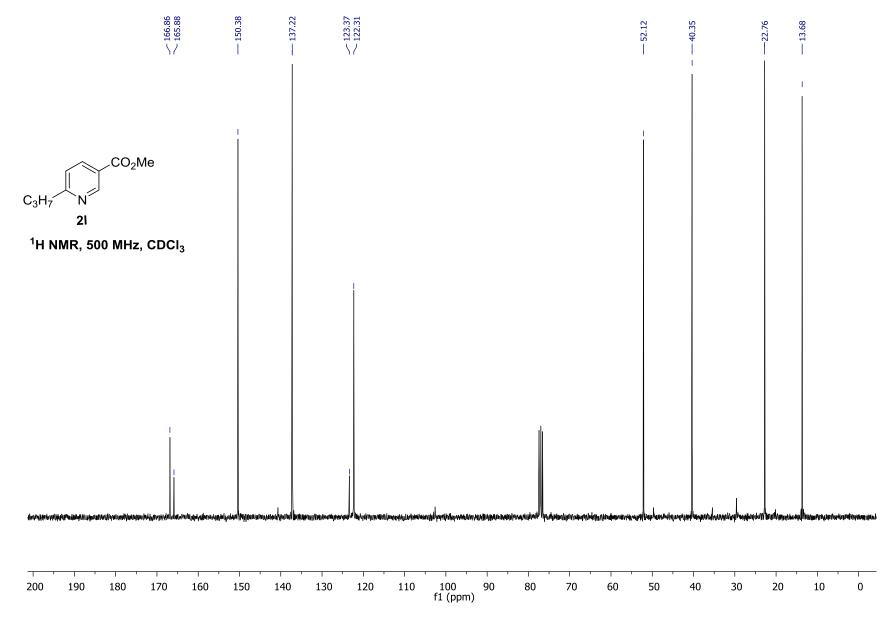


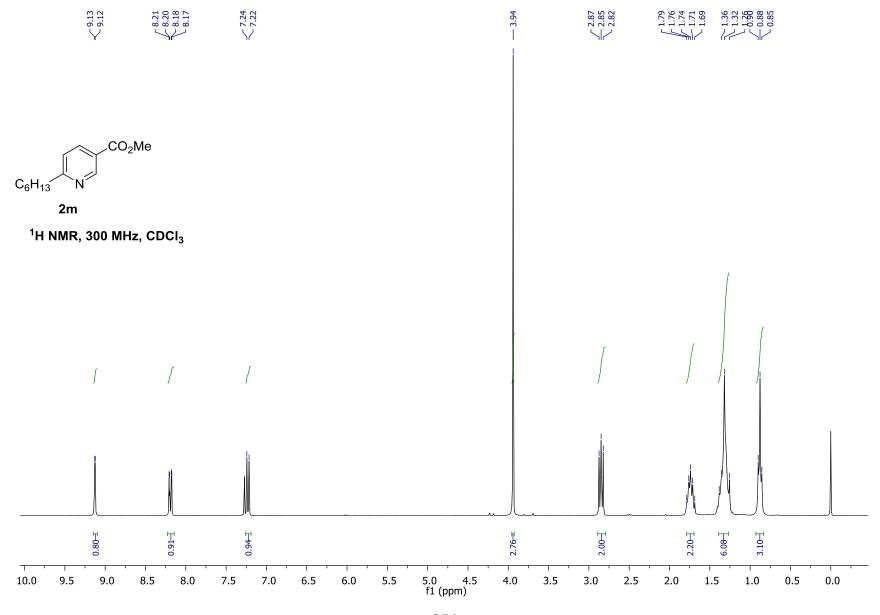


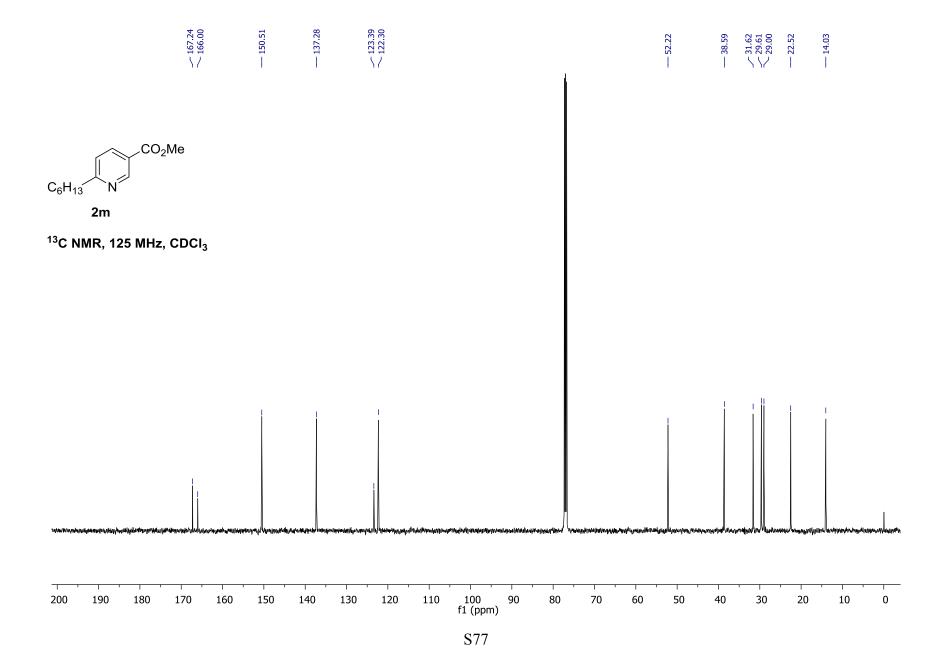


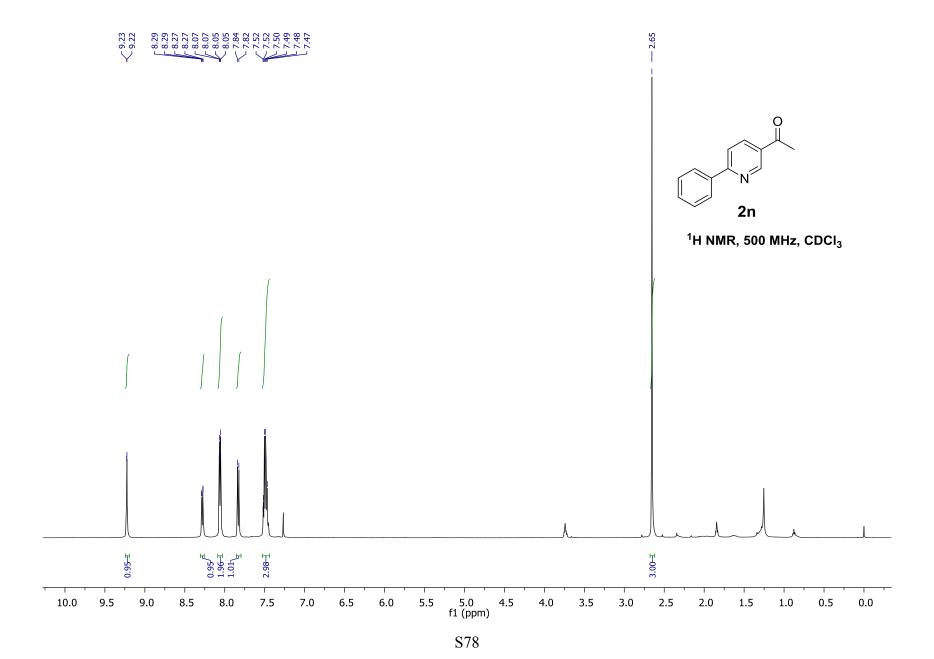


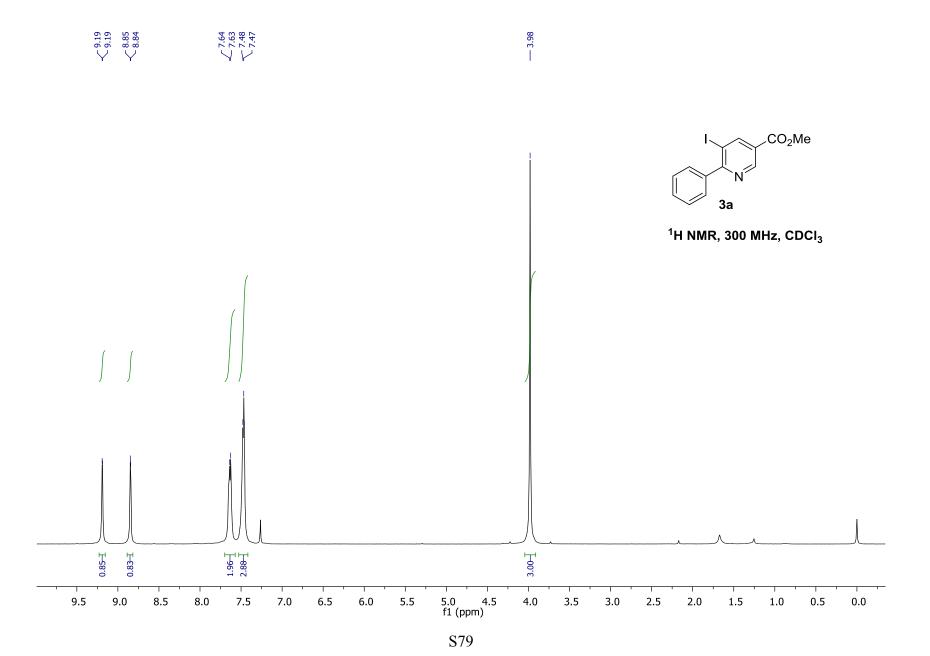


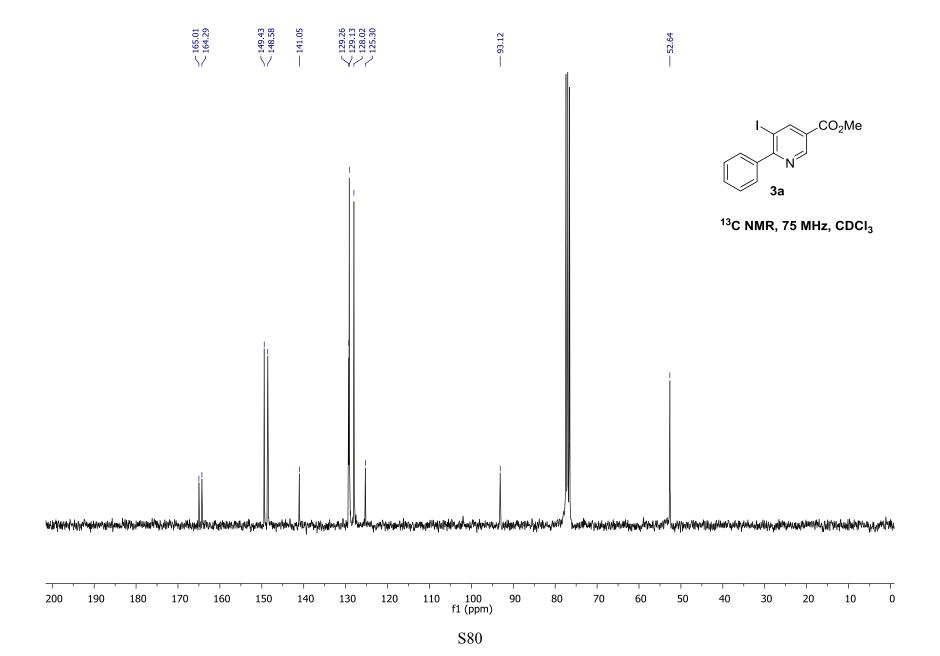


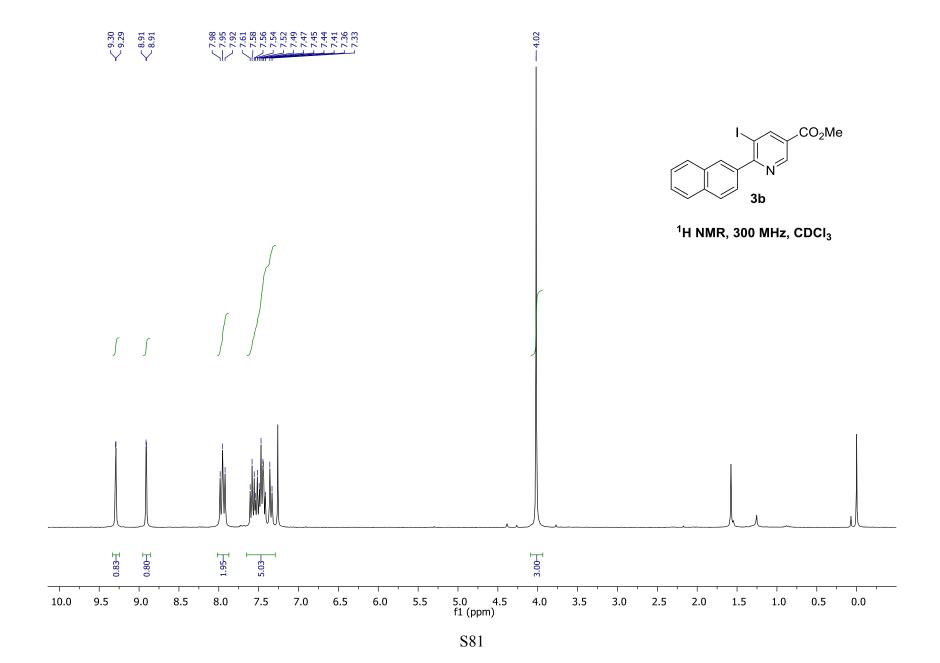


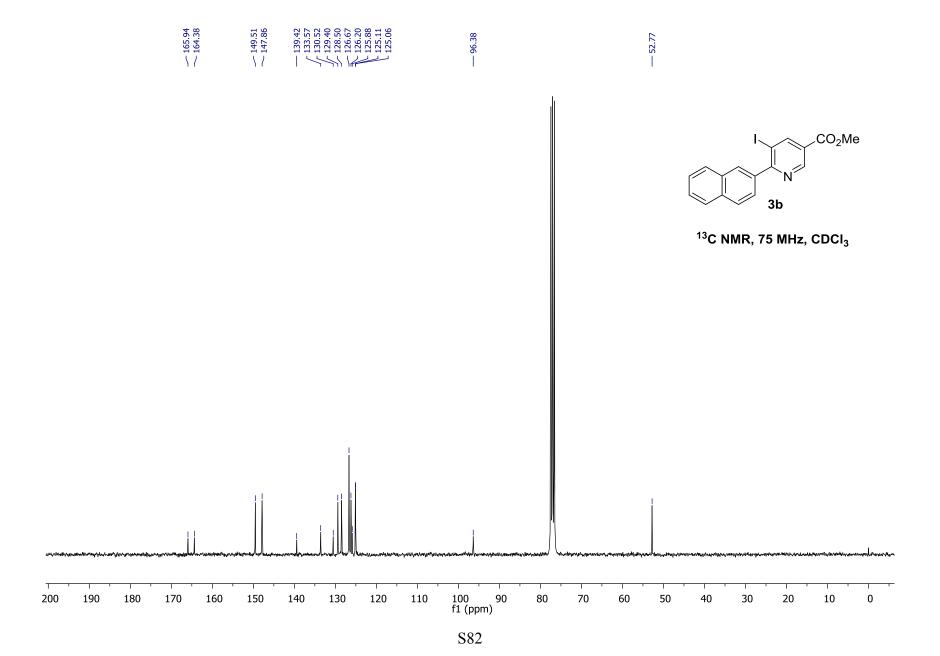


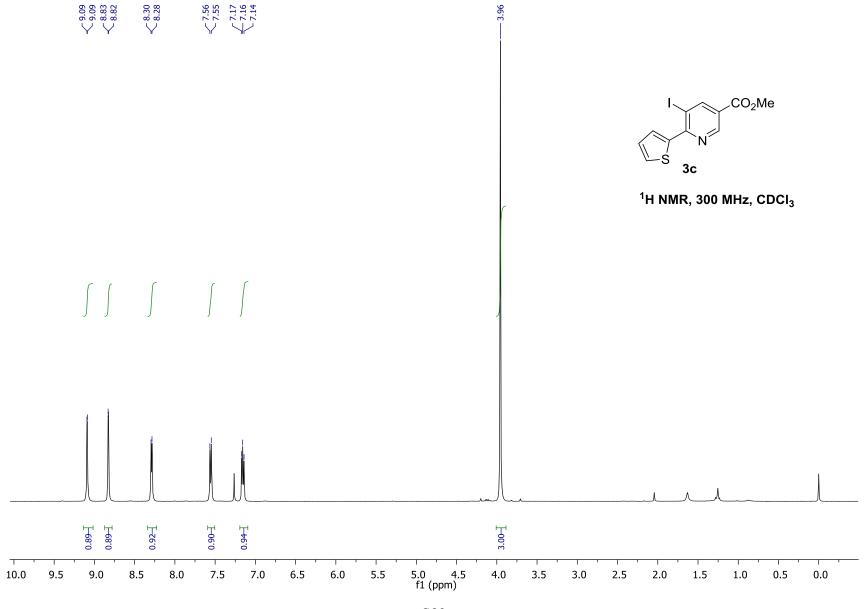


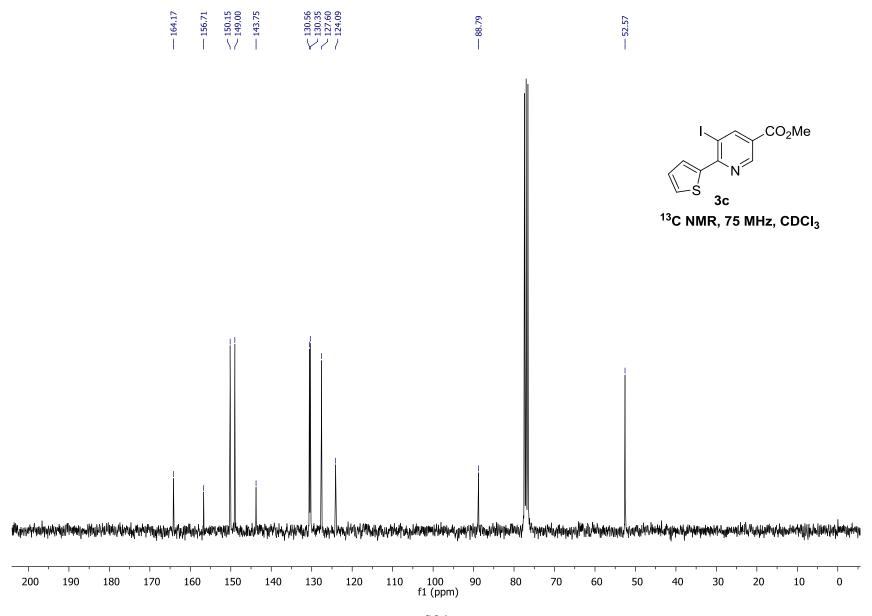


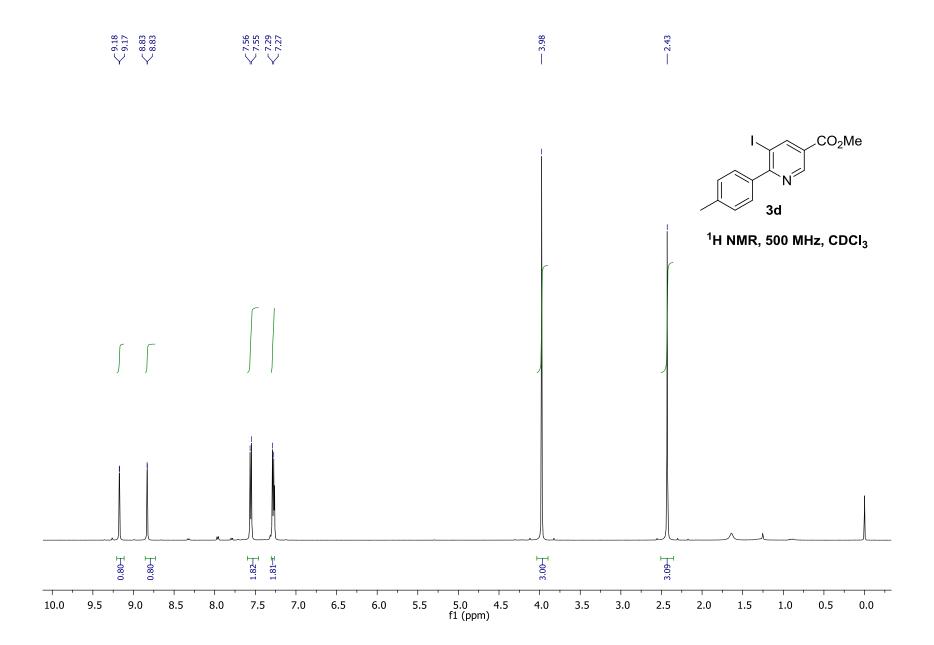


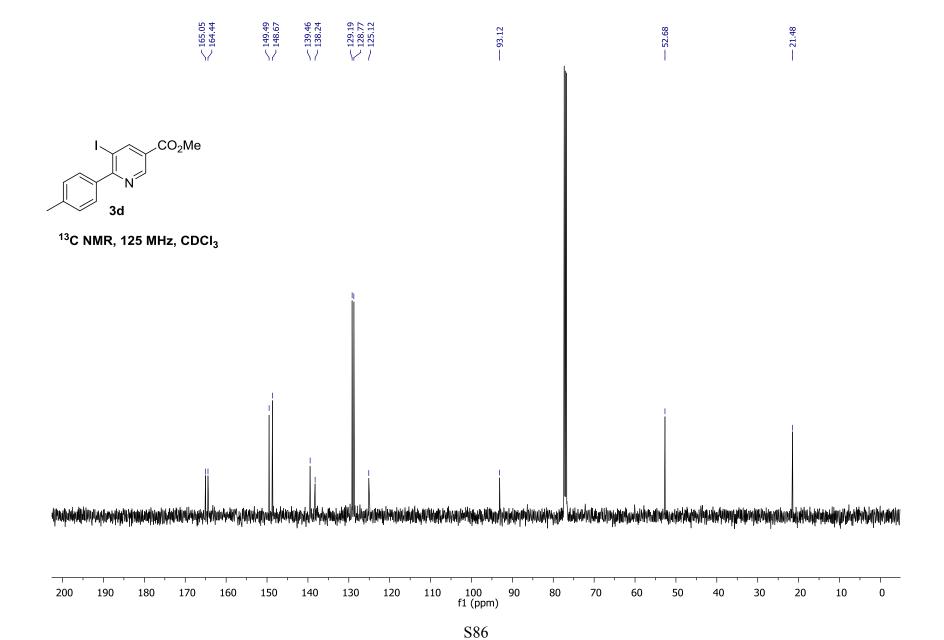


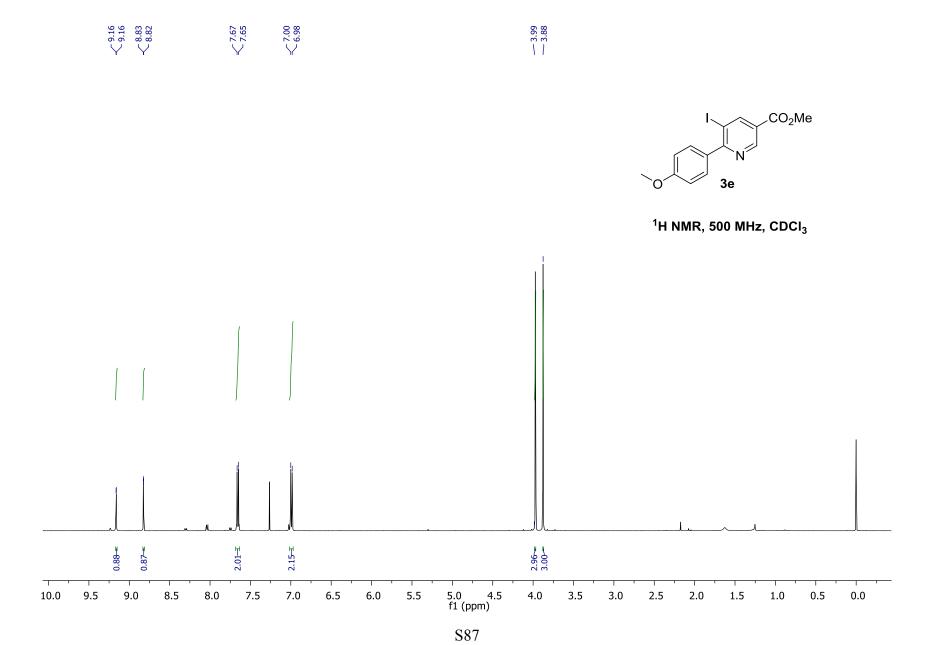


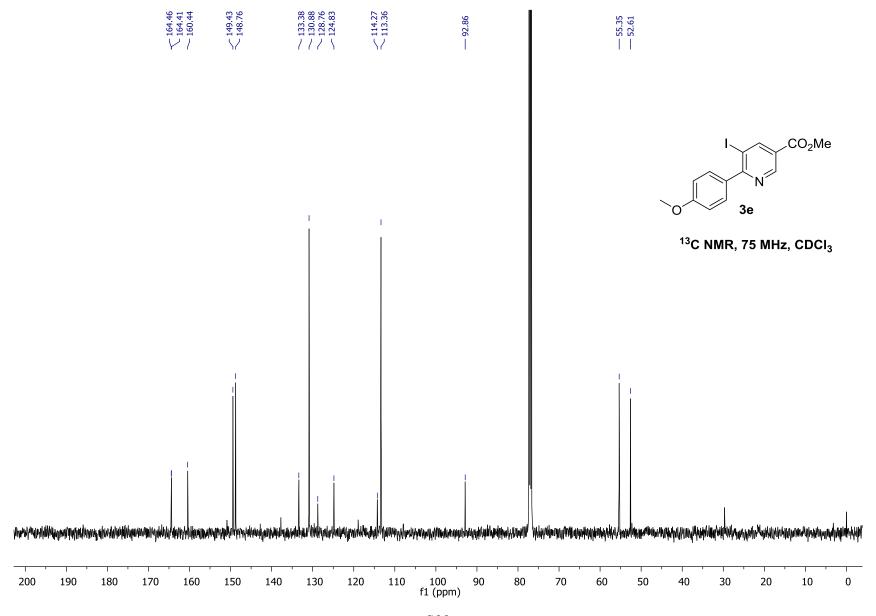


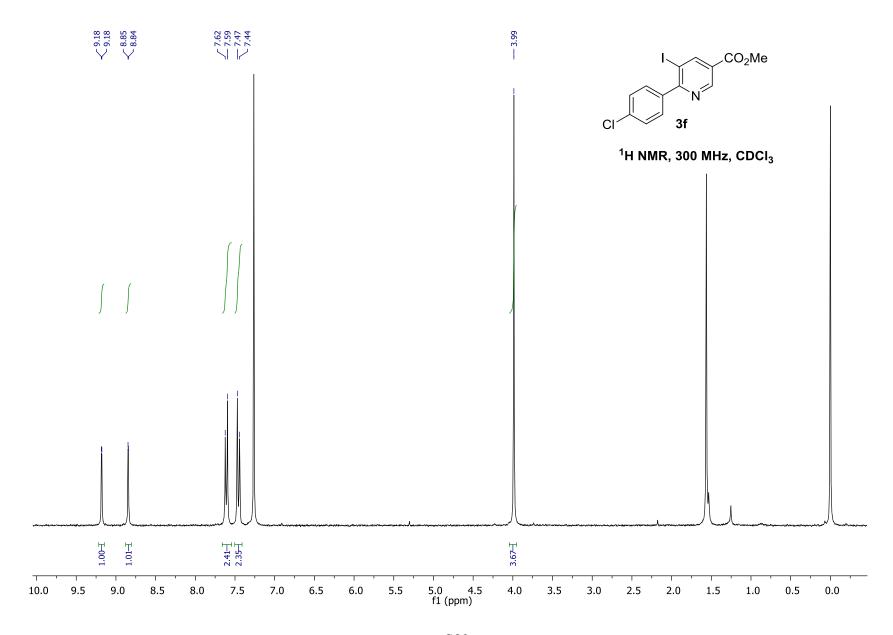


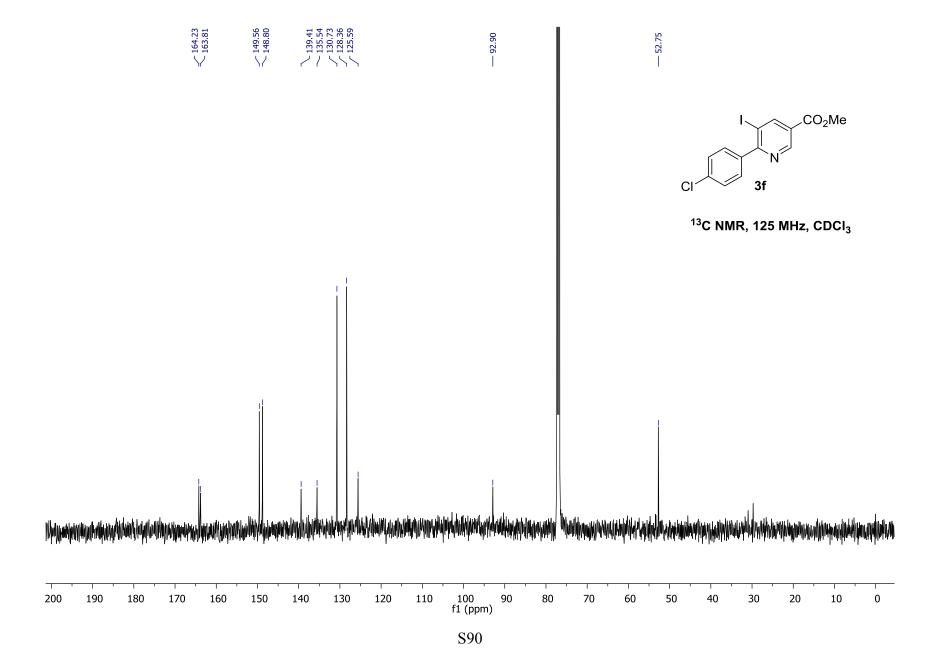


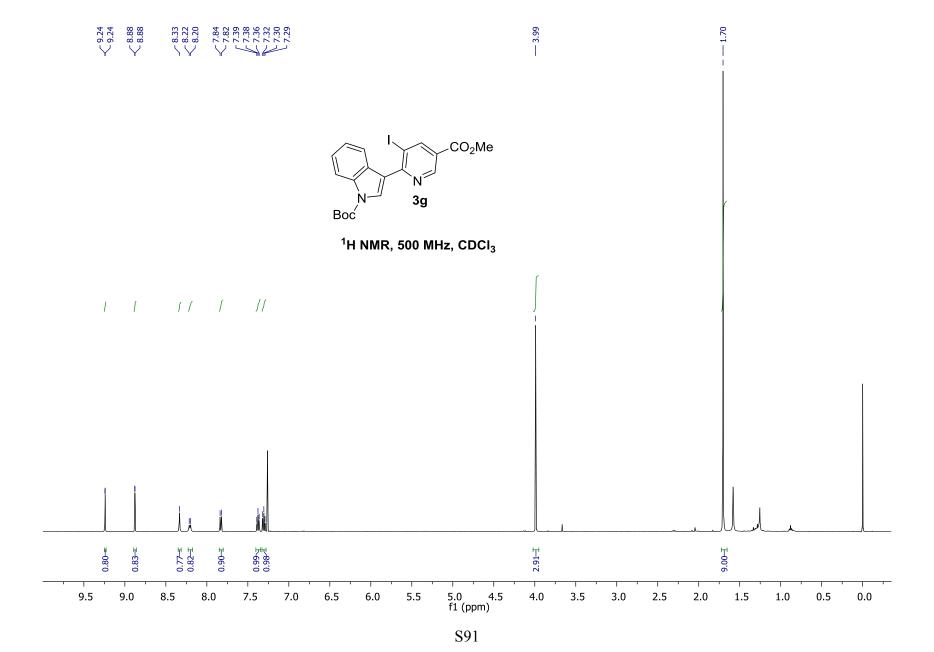


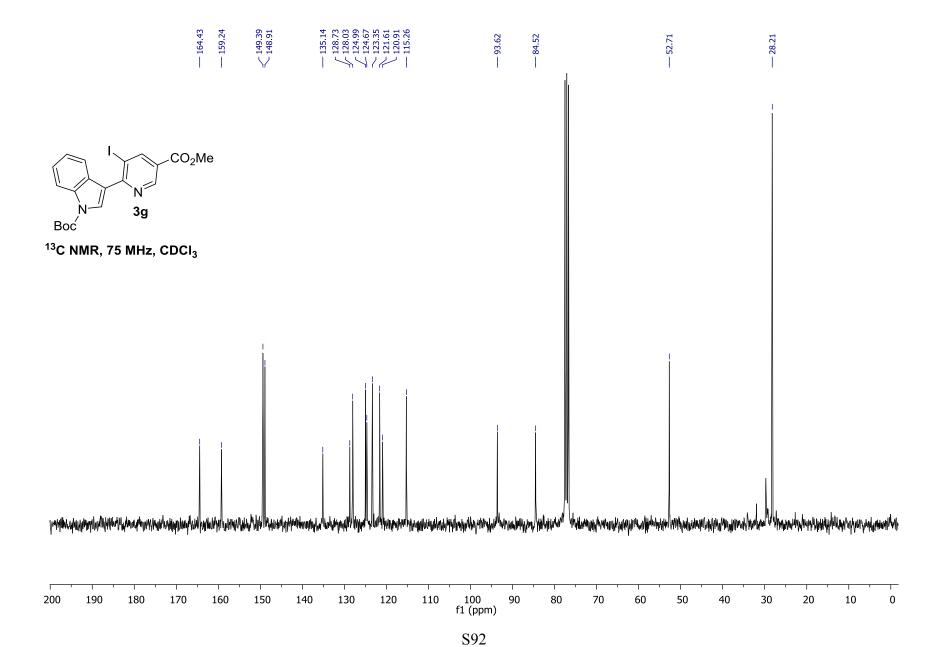


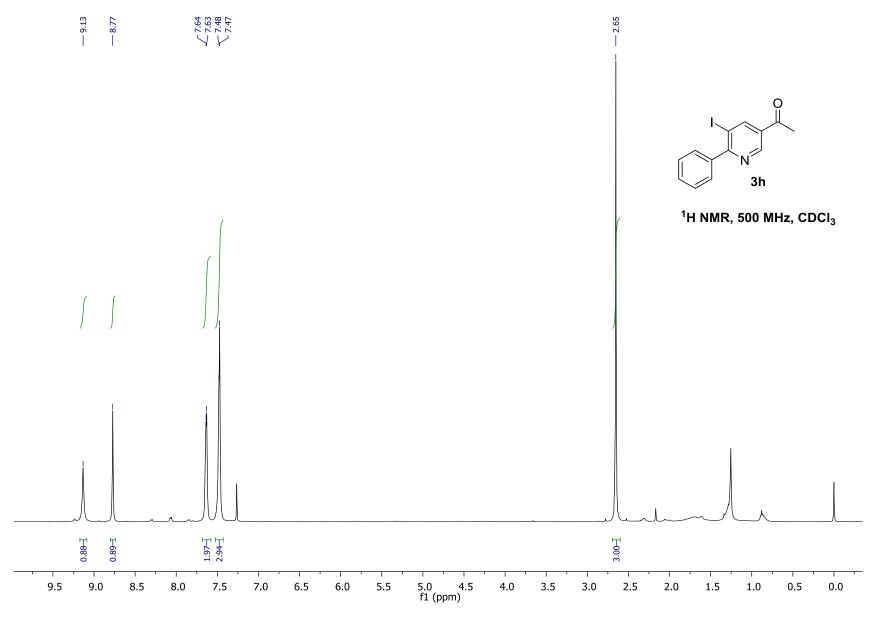


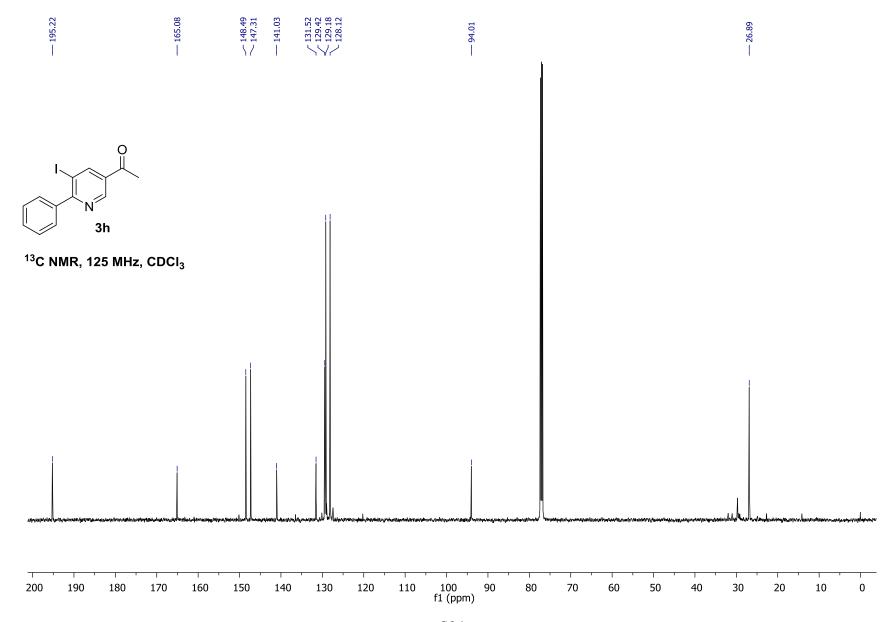




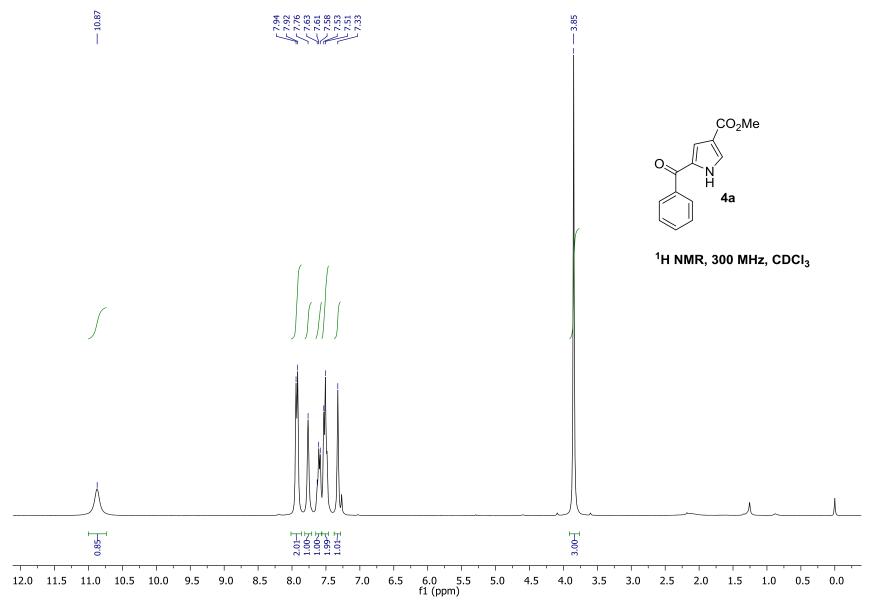


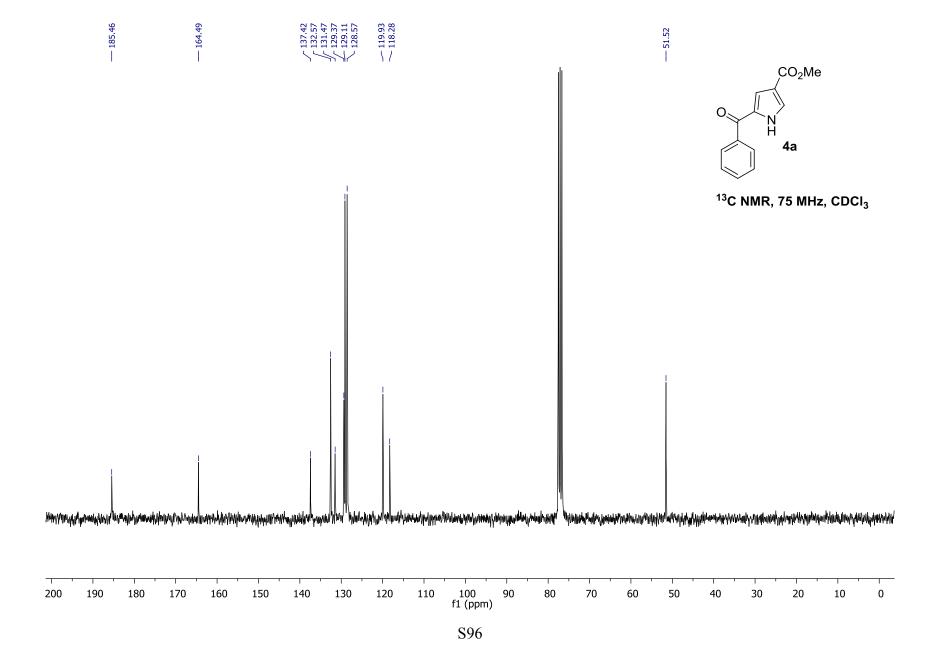


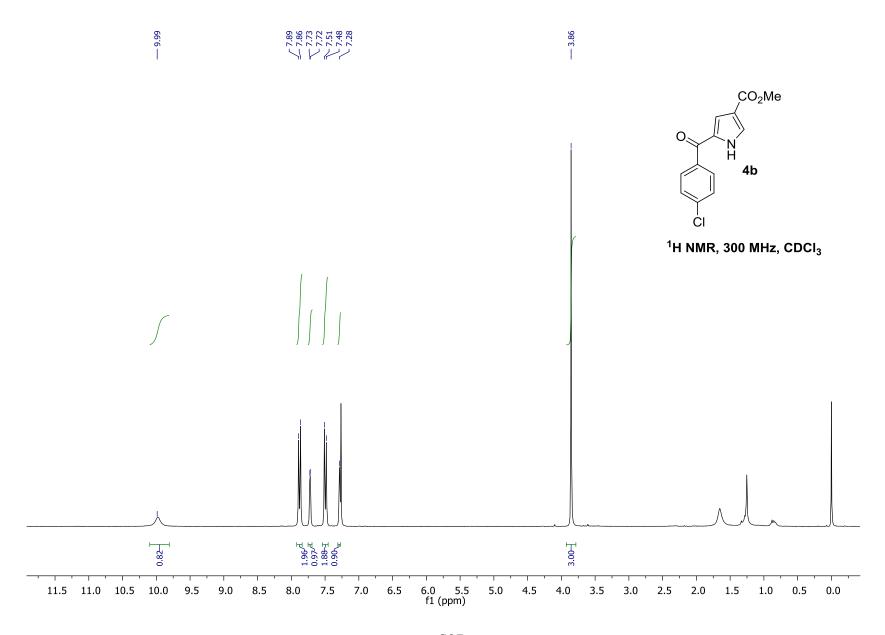


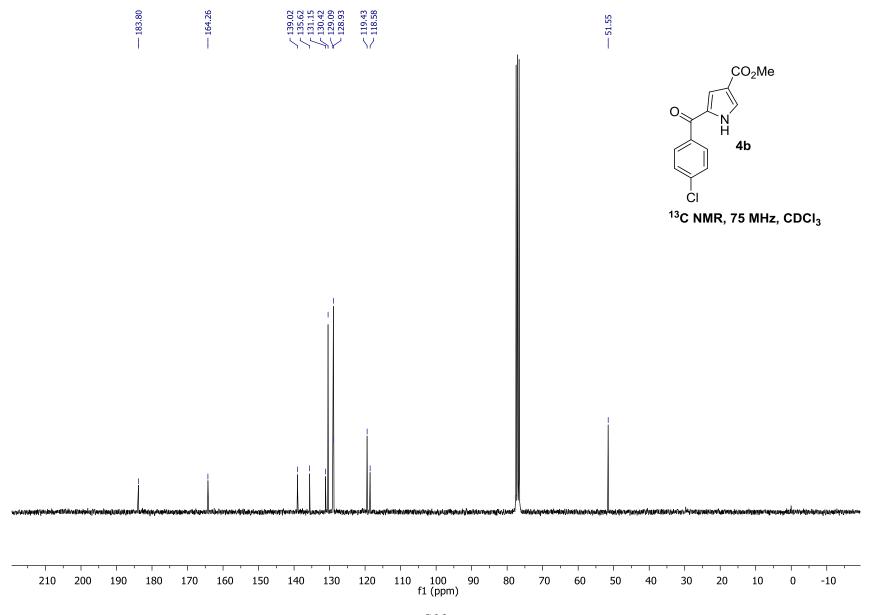


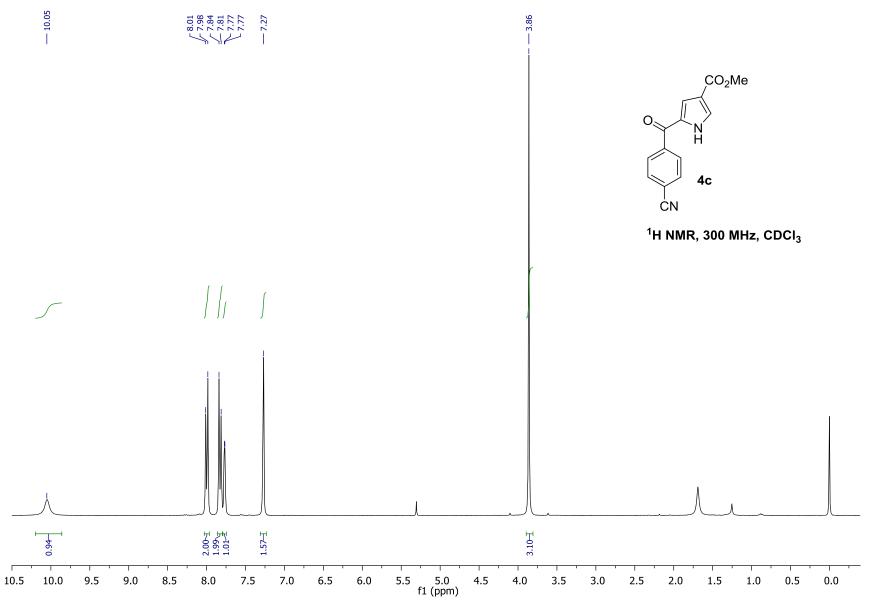
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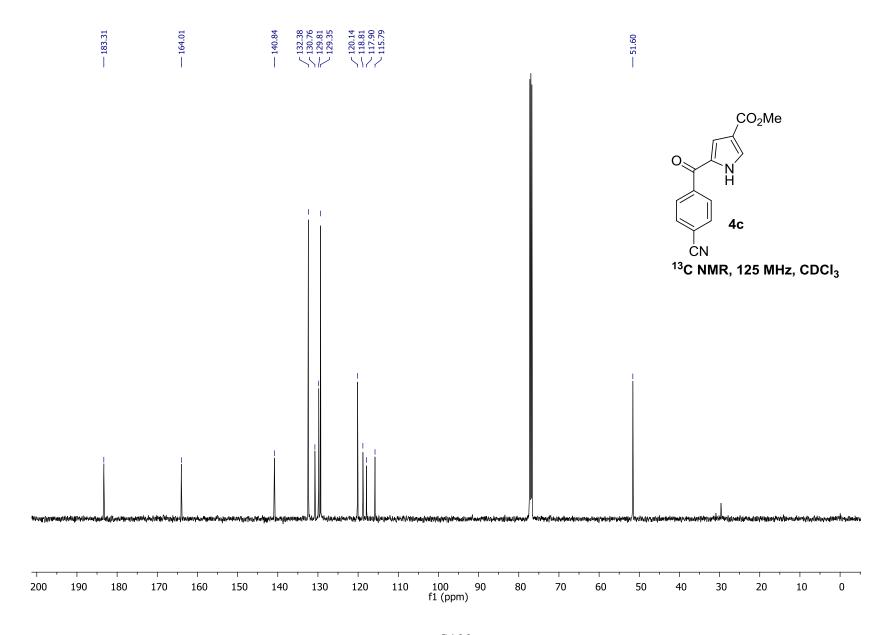


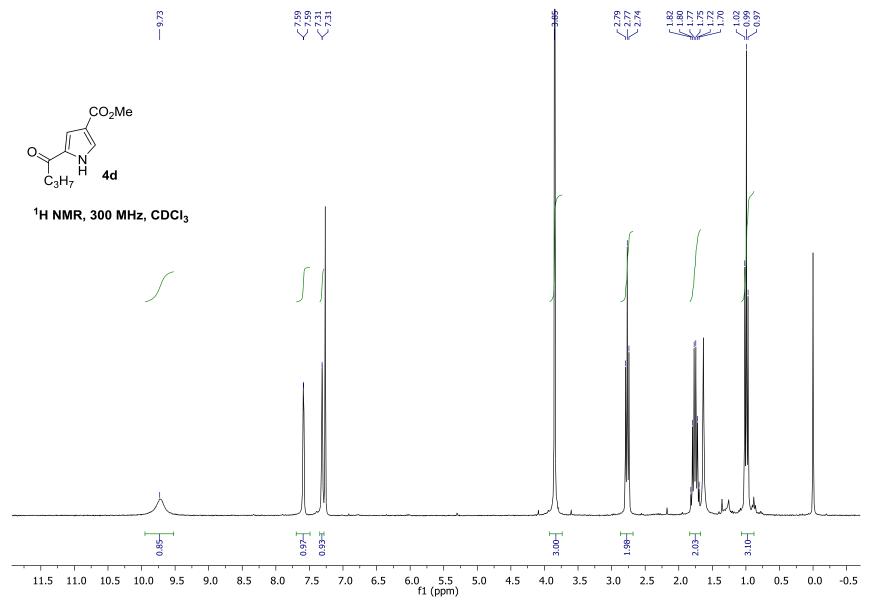


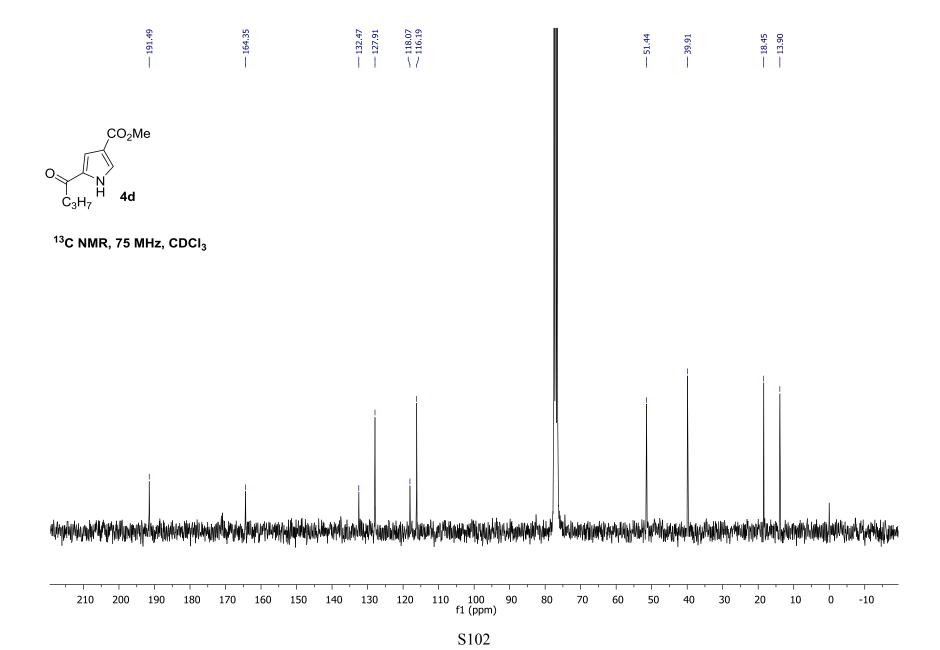


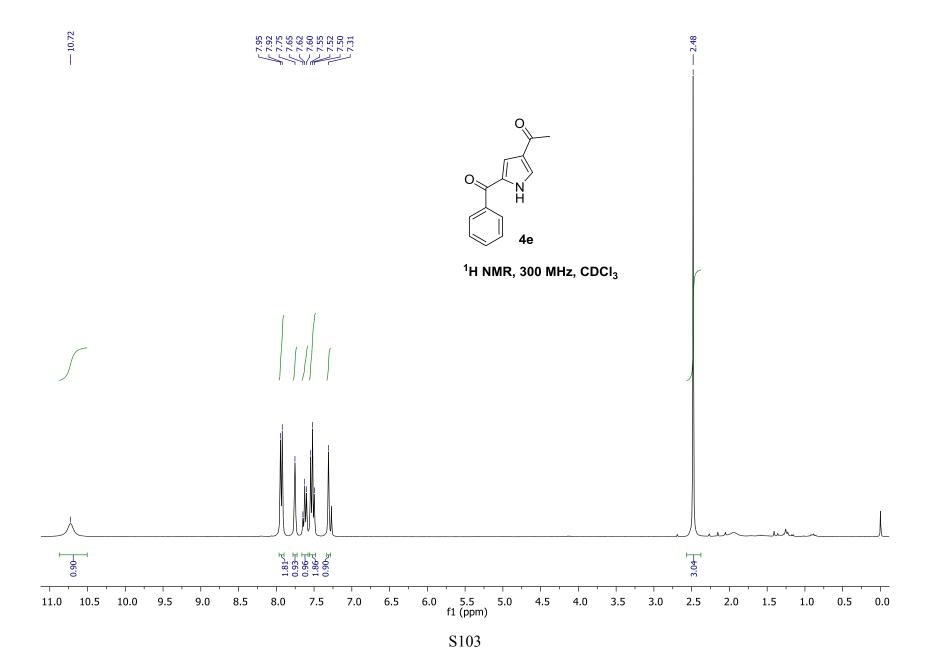


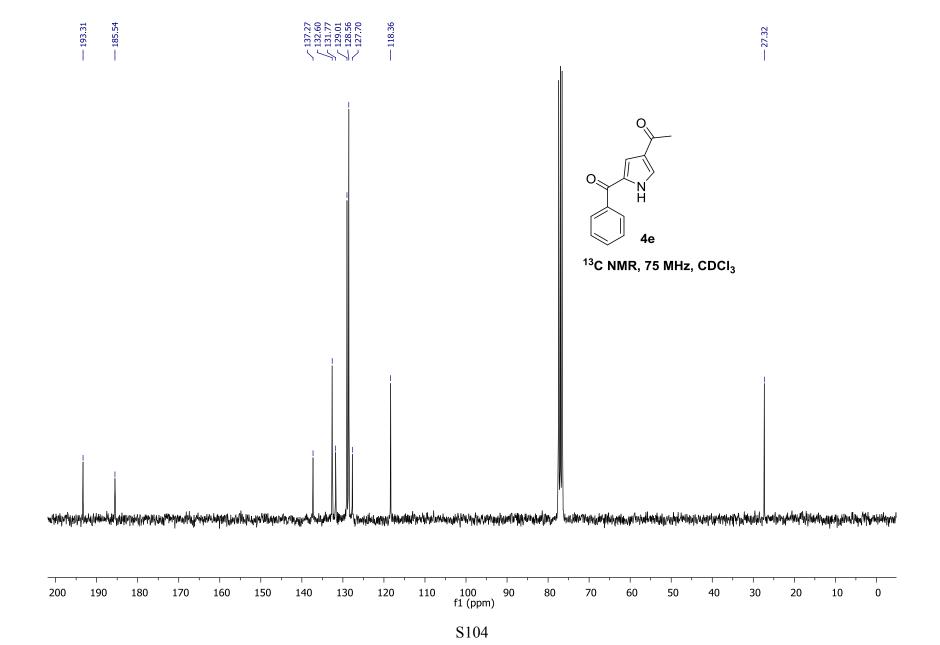


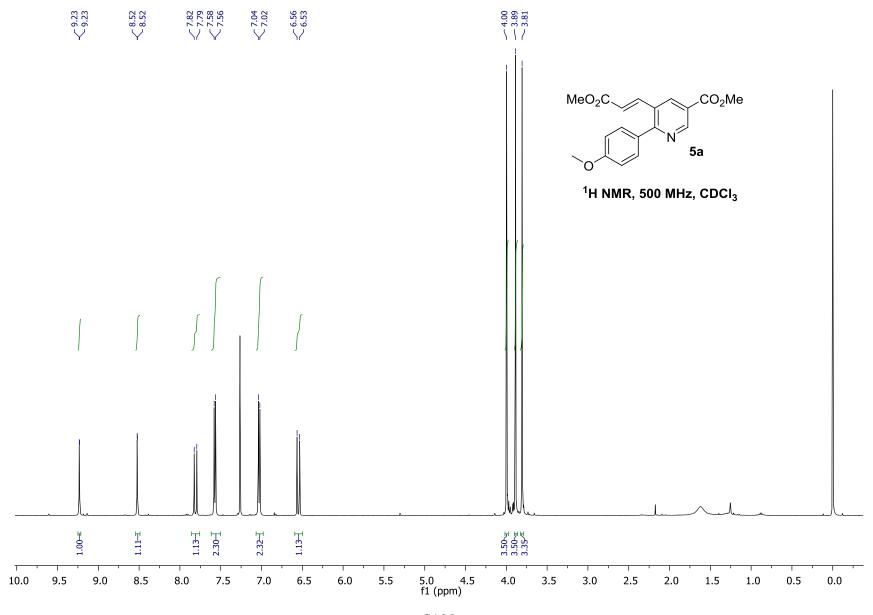


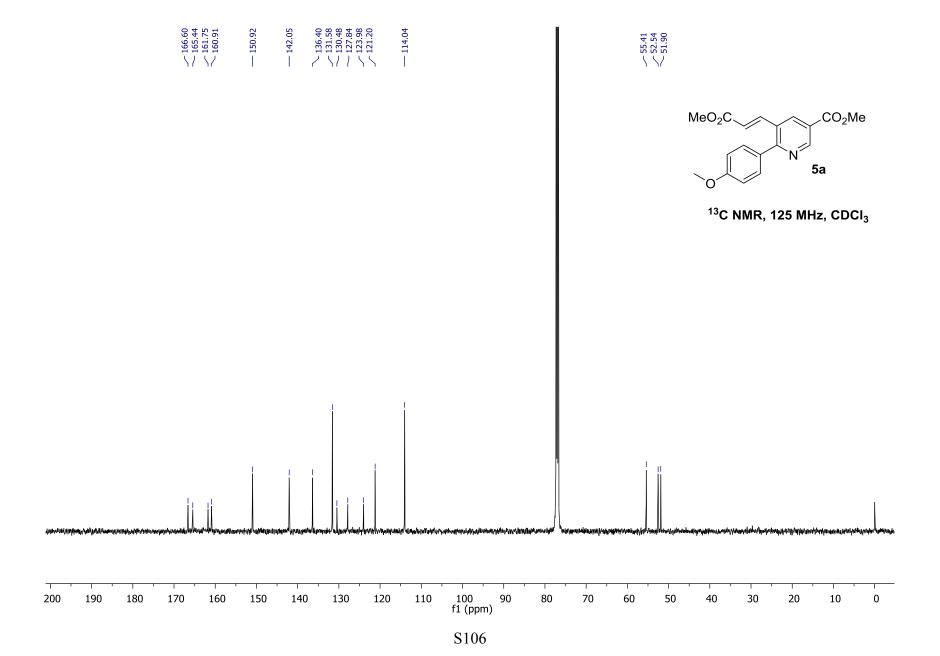


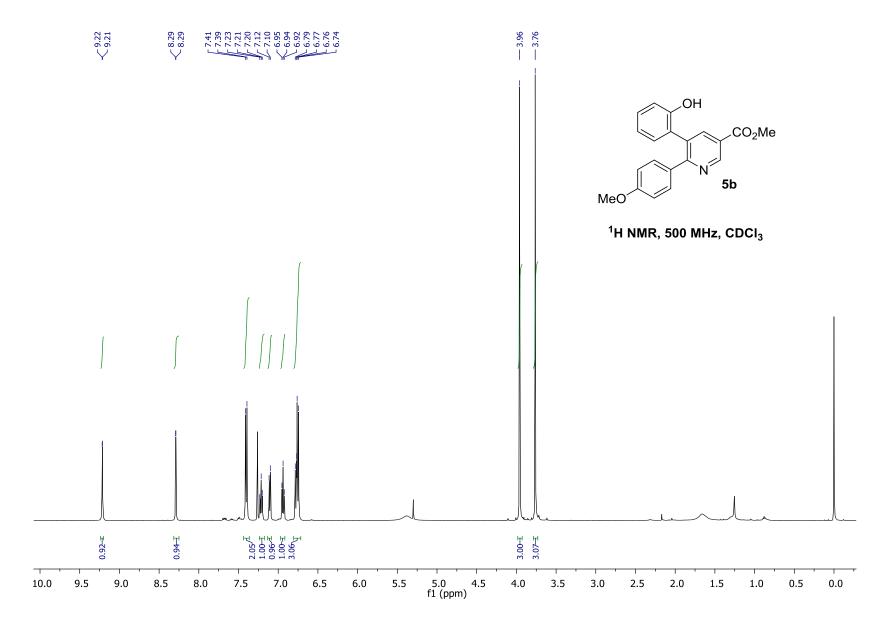


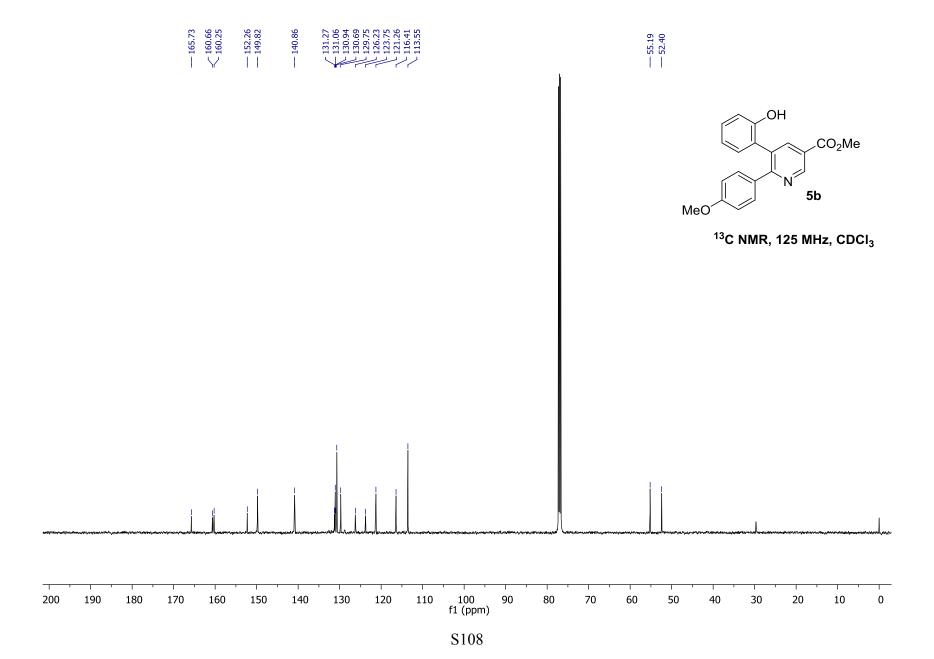


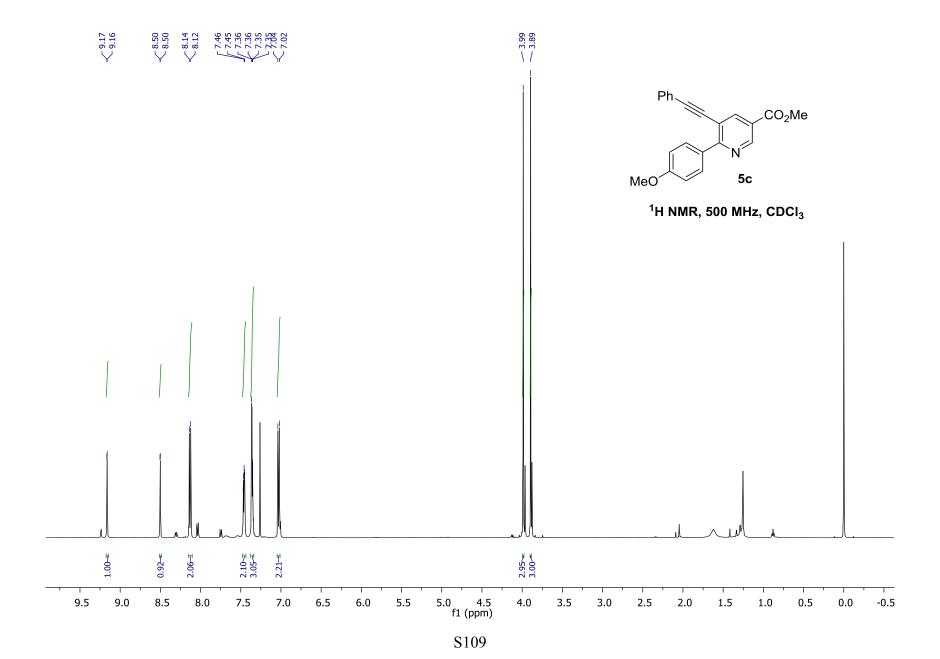


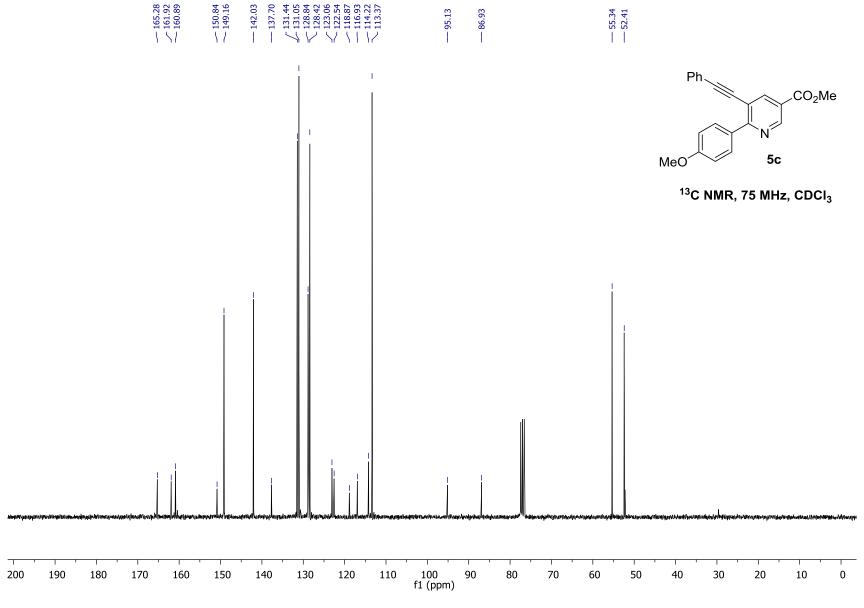




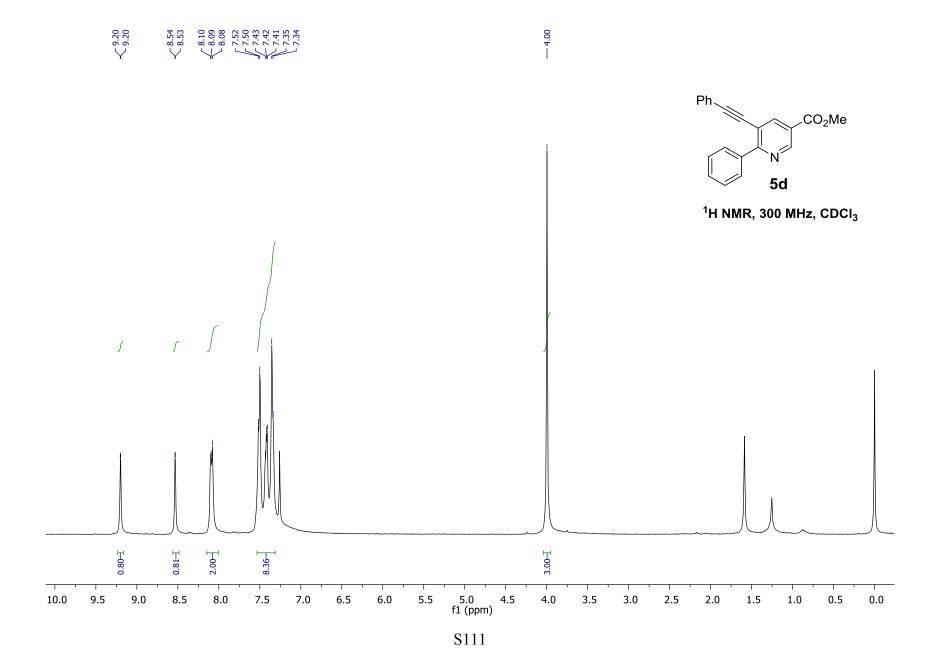


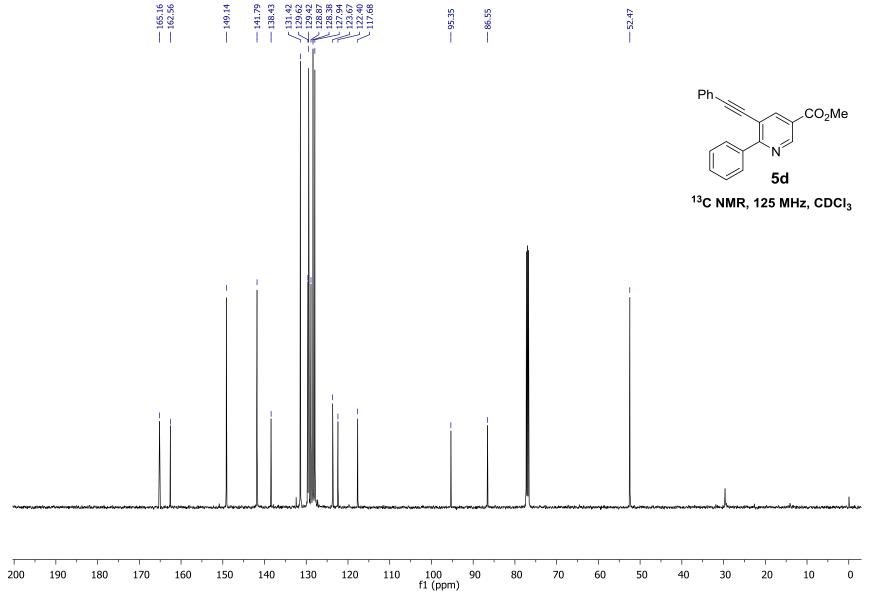




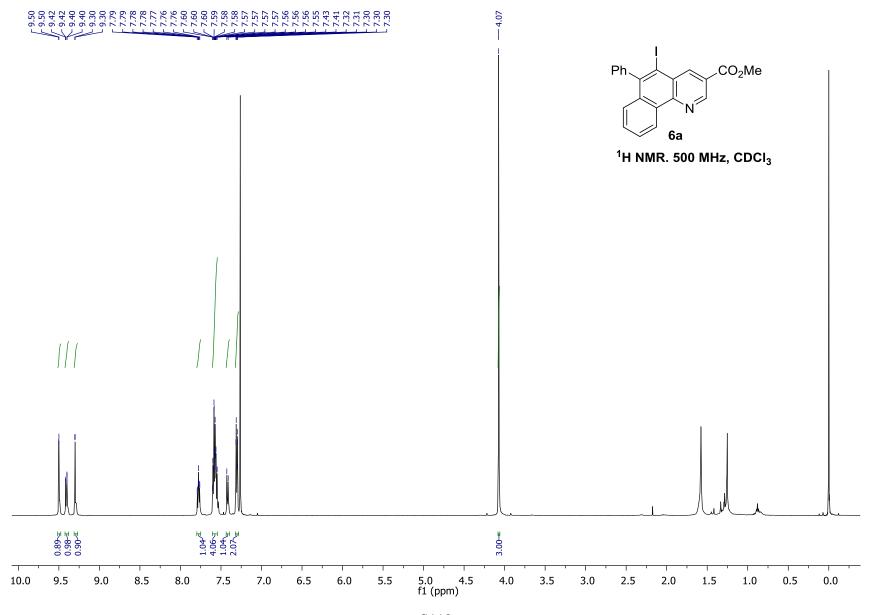


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