

Supporting Information for

Enamines from Terminal Epoxides and Hindered Lithium Amides

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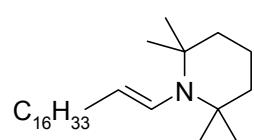
All reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were conducted in flame-dried apparatus under an atmosphere of argon. THF was distilled from benzophenone ketyl; TMP, benzene-d₆ and acetonitrile-d₃ from CaH₂; all other reagents were used as received unless stated otherwise. Column chromatography was carried out on Kieselgel 60 (40-63 µm). Silica was deactivated by stirring with neat NEt₃ for 12 h. Light petrol refers to the fraction of petroleum boiling between 30 °C and 40 °C. IR spectra were recorded as thin films, using a Perkin-Elmer 1750 FTIR spectrophotometer. Peak intensities are specified as strong (s), medium (m) or weak (w). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ at 25 °C, with Bruker DPX250, DPX400, DQX400 or AMX500 spectrometers unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts are reported relative to CDCl₃ (¹H NMR 7.27; ¹³C NMR 77.0 (central signal of triplet)) unless stated otherwise. Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz, multiplicities are given as multiplet (m), singlet (s) (and where applicable are described as broad (b)), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q) and septet (sept). Mass spectra were obtained using a Micromass GCT spectrometer or by the EPSRC National Mass Spectrometry Service Centre at the University of Swansea using a 900 XLT high resolution double focusing mass spectrometer with tandem Ion Trap.

Epoxides in Table 1 were either commercially available (1,2-Epoxyoctadecane (tech.) was recrystallized and 1,2-epoxypentane, 3-methyl-1,2-epoxybutane, 1,2-epoxy-9-decene, 1,2-epoxyhexane and 1,2,7,8-diepoxyoctane were distilled prior to use) or prepared according to: (a) Elings, J. A.; Downing, R. S.; Sheldon, R. A. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **1999**, 837–846 (entry 4); (b) Yang, L.; Weber, A. E.; Greenlee, W. J.; Patchett, A. A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, *34*, 7035–7038 (entry 5); (c) Hodgson, D. M.; Reynolds, N. J.; Coote, S. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2002**, *43*, 7895–7897 (entry 6); (d) 2,5,5-Trimethyl-2-(2-oxiranyl-ethyl)-[1.3]dioxane (entry 7) was synthesized from 5-hexen-2-one by a two-step

sequence: (i) $\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$ (1.3 equiv.), benzene, Δ , 4 h, azeotrope (76%); (ii) *m*-CPBA (1.5 equiv.), CH_2Cl_2 , KHCO_3 (0.5 M in H_2O), 16 h (38%); IR (cm^{-1}) 2982m, 2955s, 2968s, 1471m, 1457m, 1396m, 1373m, 1276m, 1250m, 1212m, 1191w, 1169w, 1123m, 1093s, 1040m, 1021m; ^1H NMR (400 MHz) 3.54-3.37 (m, 4H, $2 \times \text{OCH}_2$), 2.95-2.90 (m, 1H, OCH), 2.71 (dd, 1H, $J = 5$ and 5, OCH), 2.45 (dd, 1H, $J = 5$ and 3, OCH), 1.88-1.56 (m, 4H, CH_2CH_2), 1.33 (s, 3H, Me), 0.98 (s, 3H, CMeMe), 0.84 (s, 3H, CMeMe); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) 98.4 (O_2C), 70.3 ($2 \times \text{OC}$), 52.2 (OCH₂), 47.1 (OCH), 34.3 (CH₂), 29.8 (CMe₂), 26.5 (CH₂), 22.7 (CMeMe), 22.4 (CMeMe), 20.1 (Me); HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 201.1493. $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3$ requires 201.1490; (e) Rothberg, I.; Schneider, L.; Kirsch, S.; OFee, R. *J. Org. Chem.* **1982**, 47, 2675-2676 (entry 8). *N*-(2-hydroxyoctadecyl)-TMP was prepared by ring opening of 1,2-epoxyoctadecane with TMP (3 equiv. K_2CO_3 , *i*-PrOH, 100 °C (sealed tube), 16 h) in 6% yield. *N-tert*-Butylpinacoylamine¹ was prepared from pinacolone and *tert*-butylamine using the method described by Stowell and Padegimas in 34% yield.

General procedure for the formation of enamines from terminal epoxides and LTMP:

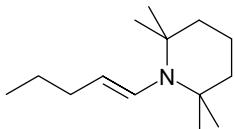
2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-1-octadec-1-enylpiperidine 2a



To a solution of 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (0.50 cm³, 2.96 mmol) in THF (6 cm³) at 0 °C was added *n*-BuLi (1.6 mol dm⁻³ in hexanes; 1.85 cm³, 2.96 mmol) dropwise. The solution was allowed to warm to 25 °C over 15 min. before a solution of 1,2-epoxyoctadecane (318 mg, 1.19 mmol) in THF (1.5 cm³) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 h before being filtered through a pad of deactivated silica (5 cm × 5 cm). The pad was washed with 5 % NEt₃ in light petrol (250 cm³). The solvent and amines were removed *in vacuo* (down to 0.1 mbar, 50 °C) to give *enamine 2a* (361 mg, 78%) as a glassy solid; IR (cm^{-1}) 2924s, 2853s, 1641w (C=C), 1465m, 1376w, 1382w, 1265w, 1246w, 1174w, 1131w, 1080w, 1033w; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) 5.79 (d, 1H, $J = 14$, NCH), 5.32 (dt, 1H, $J = 14$ and 7, =CH), 2.08 (dt, 2H, $J = 7$ and 7, =CHCH₂), 1.51-1.18 (m, 34H, 17 × CH₂), 1.13 (s, 12H, 2 × NCMe₂), 0.91 (t, 3H, $J = 7$, Me); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) 131.8 (NCH=), 126.2 (=CH), 53.7 (2 × CMe₂), 41.6 (2 ×

CMe_2CH_2), 32.4 (=CHCH₂), 32.1 (CH₂), 31.1 (CH₂), 30.9 (CH₂), 30.2-29.7 (12 × CH₂) 28.0 (2 × NCMe₂), 23.1 (CH₂), 18.1 (CH₂), 14.4 (Me). HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 392.4254. C₂₇H₅₄N requires 392.4251.

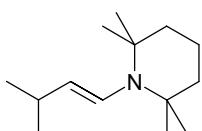
2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-1-(pent-1-enyl)-piperidine **2b**



According to the general procedure, 1,2-epoxypentane (204 mg, 2.37 mmol) gave, following bulb-to-bulb distillation, *enamine 2b* (371 mg, 75%) as a colorless oil; bp 60 °C / 0.06 mbar; IR (cm⁻¹) 2965s, 2928s, 2871m, 1662m (C=C), 1641m (C=C), 1463m, 1376m, 1362m, 1353m, 1265m, 1246w, 1174w, 1147w, 1131m, 1031w, 956s; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) 5.78 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 1, NCH), 5.30 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 7, =CH), 2.01 (dt, 2 H, *J* = 7 and 7, =CHCH₂), 1.47-1.43 (m, 6H, 3 × ring CH₂), 1.38 (tq, 2H, *J* = 7 and 7, CH₂Me), 1.13 (s, 12H, 2 × NCMe₂), 0.91 (t, 3H, *J* = 7, CH₂Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) 132.2 (NCH=), 126.0 (=CH), 53.9 (2 × CMe₂), 41.8 (2 × CMe₂CH₂), 33.4 (=CHCH₂), 28.2 (2 × NCMe₂), 24.2 (CH₂), 18.3 (CH₂), 14.2 (Me). HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 210.2221. C₁₄H₂₈N requires 210.2222.

Alternatively, to a solution of *N*-formyl-TMP (430 mg, 2.54 mmol) in Et₂O (1 cm³) at -15 °C was added *n*-BuMgCl (2.0 mol dm⁻³ in THF; 1.00 cm³, 2.00 mmol) dropwise. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 7 days. The solvent was then removed *in vacuo*, dry *n*-pentane (2 × 2.5 cm³) was added and the supernatant liquid filtered (syringe filter) to give a clear solution. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation to give *enamine 2b* (133 mg, 32%) as colorless oil. Data as above.

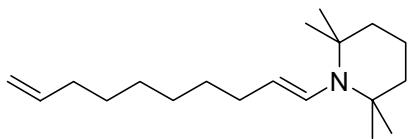
2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-1-(3-methyl-but-1-enyl)-piperidine **2c**



According to the general procedure, 3-methyl-1,2-epoxybutane (204 mg, 2.37 mmol) gave, following removal of the solvent from the reaction mixture under a stream of argon and direct distillation of the residue, *enamine 2c* (297 mg, 60%) as a colorless

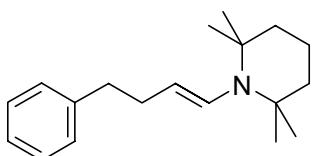
oil; bp 60 °C / 0.06 mbar; IR (cm^{-1}) 2964s, 2930s, 2869s, 1662w (C=C), 1641m (C=C), 1544w, 1465m, 1376m, 1362m, 1266m, 1246m, 1202w, 1174m, 1131m, 1066w, 1033m, 960m, 919w, 874w, 838w, 800w, 694w; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) 5.74(dd, 1H, $J = 14$ and 1, NCH), 5.26 (dd, 1H, $J = 14$ and 7, =CH), 2.30 (dsept, 1H, $J = 14$ and 7, CH), 1.50-1.35 (m, 6H, 3 \times ring CH_2), 1.11 (s, 12H, 2 \times NCMe_2), 1.02 (d, 6H, $J = 7$, CHMe_2); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, C_6D_6) 134.0 (NCH=), 129.5 (=CH), 53.9 (2 \times CMe_2), 41.8 (2 \times CMe_2CH_2), 30.7 (=CHC), 28.2 (2 \times NCMe_2), 24.0 (CHMe_2), 18.3 (CH_2); HRMS m/z (M + H $^+$) Found: 210.2220. $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}$ requires 210.2222.

1-Deca-1,9-dienyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine **2d**



According to the general procedure, 1,2-epoxy-9-decene (154 mg, 1.00 mmol) gave *enamine* **2d** as a colorless oil (230 mg, 83%); IR (cm^{-1}) 3076w, 2966s, 2927s, 2854s, 1661m (C=C), 1641m (C=C), 1463m, 1376m, 1362m, 1266m, 1246m, 1201w, 1174m, 1131m, 1080w, 1033w; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) 5.79-5.73 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}$ and NCH), 5.28 (dt, 1H, $J = 14$ and 7, NCH=CH), 5.03-4.95 (m, 2H, =CH $_2$), 2.04-1.97 (m, 4H, 2 \times =CHCH $_2$), 1.46-1.26 (m, 14H, 7 \times CH_2), 1.11 (s, 12H, 2 \times CMe_2); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) 139.6 (=CH $_2$), 132.1 (NCH), 126.5 (NCH=CH), 114.9 (CH=CH $_2$), 54.1 (2 \times CMe_2), 41.9 (2 \times CMe_2CH_2), 34.6 (CH_2), 31.4 (CH_2), 31.2 (CH_2), 29.9 (CH_2), 29.7 (2 \times CH_2), 28.4 (2 \times CMe_2), 18.2 (ring CH_2); HRMS m/z (M + H $^+$) Found: 278.2848. $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}$ requires 278.2848.

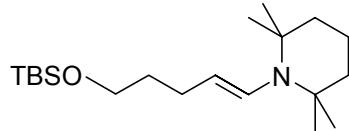
2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-1-(4-phenyl-1-but-1-enyl)-piperidine **2e**



According to the general procedure, 1,2-epoxy-4-phenylbutane (351 mg, 2.37 mmol) gave *enamine* **2e** as a colorless oil (463 mg, 72%); IR (cm^{-1}) 3027m, 2966s, 2928s, 2869m, 1660w (C=C), 1641m (C=C), 1604w, 1496m, 1453m, 1376m, 1382m, 1266m, 1246m, 1200w, 1174m, 1131m, 1030w, 955m; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) 7.24-7.05 (m, 5H, 5 \times ArH), 5.74 (dt, 1H, $J = 14$ and 1, NCH), 5.18 (dt, 1H, $J = 14$ and 7, =CH), 2.67-2.58 (m, 2H, PhCH $_2$), 2.32 (dt, 2H, $J = 7$ and 1, =CHCH $_2$), 1.49-1.38 (m, 6H, 3 \times ring CH_2), 1.06

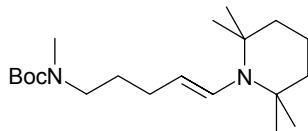
(s, 12H, 2 × CMe₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) 142.5 (ArC), 132.6 (NCH), 129.0 (ArC-H), 128.7(ArC-H), 126.2 (NCH=CH), 123.4 (ArC-H), 53.9 (2 × CMe₂), 41.7 (2 × CMe₂CH₂), 37.5 and 33.3 (PhCH₂ and =CHCH₂), 28.0 (2 × CMe₂), 18.2 (CH₂); HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 272.2383. C₁₉H₃₀N requires 272.2378.

1-[5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-pent-1-enyl]-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine **2f**



According to the general procedure, 1-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-4,5-epoxypentane (513 mg, 2.37 mmol) gave *enamine* **2f** as a colorless oil (620 mg, 77%), IR (cm⁻¹) 2978s, 2857s, 1731w, 1661m (C=C), 1641m (C=C), 1471s, 1376s, 1362w, 1255s, 1175m, 1131s, 1099 (C–O), 1035m, 1006m; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) 5.79 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 1, NCH), 5.24 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 7, =CH), 3.60 (t, 2H, *J* = 7, OCH₂), 2.12 (dt, 2H, *J* = 7 and 7, =CHCH₂), 1.64-1.41 (m, 8H, 4 × CH₂), 1.10 (s, 12H, 2 × CMe₂), 0.96 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 0.01 (s, 6H, SiMe₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) 132.1 (NCH), 124.8 (=CH), 62.8 (OCH₂), 53.7 (2 × CMe₂), 41.6 (2 × CMe₂CH₂), 34.0 (=CHCH₂), 28.0 (2 × CMe₂), 27.3 (chain CH₂), 26.2 (CMe₃), 18.6 (ring CH₂), 18.1 (SiCMe₃), -5.0 (SiMe), -5.1 (SiMe); HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 340.3035. C₂₀H₄₂NOSi requires 340.3036.

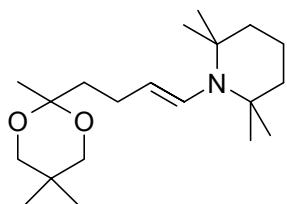
1-(5-*N*-Boc-*N*-methylamino-pent-1-enyl)-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine **2g**



According to the general procedure, 5-(*N*-Boc-*N*-methylamino)-1,2-epoxypentane (210 mg, 0.98 mmol) gave *enamine* **2g** as a light yellow oil (209 mg, 63%); IR (cm⁻¹) 3380w, 2927s, 1693s (C=O), 1640m (C=C), 1452s, 1391s, 1375s, 1364s, 1305s, 1265s, 1246s, 1221s, 1173s, 1094m, 1080w, 1061m, 1035m, 955s; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, C₆D₆, 60 °C) 5.77 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 1, NCH), 5.17 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 7, =CH), 3.15 (bt, 2H, *J* = 7, NCH₂), 2.67 (bs, 3H, NMe), 1.95 (dt, 2H, *J* = 7 and 7, =CHCH₂), 1.67-1.37 (m, 17H, 4 × CH₂ and CMe₃), 1.10 (s, 12H, 2 × CMe₂); ¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, C₆D₆, 60 °C) 155.6 (C=O),

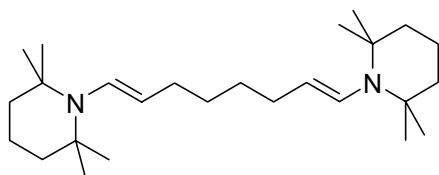
132.4 (NCH), 123.4 (=CH), 78.7 (OCMe₃), 54.0 (2 × CMe₂), 41.8, 34.2, 29.3, 28.7, 28.7, 28.5, 28.1, 18.1 (ring CH₂); HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 339.3012. C₂₀H₃₉N₂O₂ requires 339.3011.

2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-1-[4-(2,5,5-trimethyl-[1,3]dioxan-2-yl)-but-1-enyl]-piperidine **2h**



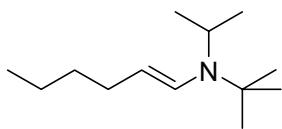
According to the general procedure, 2,5,5-trimethyl-2-(2-oxiranyl-ethyl)-[1,3]dioxane (238 mg, 1.19 mmol) gave *enamine 2h* as a colorless oil (292 mg, 76%); IR (cm⁻¹) 2928s, 2867s, 2361w, 2341w, 1729w, 1661w (C=C), 1641m (C=C), 1453m, 1394m, 1375s, 1362s, 1265s, 1247s, 1212s, 1190m, 1175m, 1130s, 1091s, 1042m, 1022m; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, C₆D₆) 5.81 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 1, NCH), 5.34 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 7, NCH=CH), 3.40-3.25(m, 4H, 2 × OCH₂), 2.47-2.29 (m, 2H, O₂CCH₂), 1.96-1.82 (m, 2H, =CHCH₂), 1.51-1.33 (m, 6H, 3 × CH₂), 1.30 (s, 3H, Me), 1.08 (s, 12H, 2 × CMe₂), 0.91 (s, 3H, Me), 0.60 (s, 3H, Me); ¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, C₆D₆) 131.7 (NCH), 126.2 (NCH=CH), 98.9 (O₂C), 70.5 (2 × OCH₂), 53.8 (2 × CMe₂), 41.7 (2 × NCMe₂CH₂), 40.6, 30.0, 28.1 (2 × NCMe₂), 25.4, 23.1, 22.6, 20.2, 18.2; HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 324.2893. C₂₀H₃₈NO₂ requires 324.2903.

1,8-Bis-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-piperidin-1-yl)-1,7-octadiene **2i**



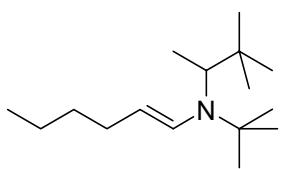
According to the general procedure, except employing 5.0 equiv. of LTMP, 1,2,7,8-diepoxyoctane (337 mg, 2.37 mmol) gave *enamine 2j* as a colorless oil (634 mg, 69%); IR (cm⁻¹) 2965s, 2926s, 1661m (C=C), 1641m (C=C), 1461m, 1376s, 1362s, 1353m, 1265s, 1246s, 1201w, 1175s, 1131s, 1033m, 955s; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) 5.77(dt, 2H, *J* = 14 and 1, 2 × NCH), 5.31 (dt, 2H, *J* = 14 and 7, 2 × NCH=CH), 2.17-1.99 (m, 4H, 2 × =CHCH₂), 1.51-1.38 (m, 16H, 6 × ring CH₂ and 2 × chain CH₂), 1.12 (24H, s, 4 × CMe₂); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) 131.0 (2 × NCH=), 126.6 (2 × NCH=CH), 53.8 (4 × CMe₂), 41.6 (4 × CMe₂CH₂), 30.9 and 30.4 (2 × chain CH₂ and 2 × =CHC), 29.0 (4 × CMe₂), 18.3 (2 × ring CH₂); HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 389.3884. C₂₆H₄₉N₂ requires 389.3896.

tert-Butyl-hex-1-enyl-isopropylamine **3a**



To a solution of *N*-*tert*-butylisopropylamine (1.50 cm³, 9.46 mmol) in THF (15 cm³) at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (1.6 mol dm⁻³ in hexanes; 5.91 cm³, 9.46 mmol) dropwise. The solution was allowed to warm to 25 °C over 15 min. before a solution of 1,2-epoxyhexane (378 mg, 3.78 mmol) in THF (5 cm³) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 h before being filtered through a pad of celite (5 cm² × 5 cm). The pad was washed with Et₂O (250 cm³). The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation to give *enamine* **3a** (314 mg, 42%) as a colourless oil; bp 90 °C / 0.1 mbar; IR (cm⁻¹) 2970s, 2925s, 2873s, 1645s (C=C), 1465w, 1377m, 1363m, 1302m, 1220m; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 5.93 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 1, NCH=), 4.48 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 7, =CH), 3.56 (dsept, 1H, *J* = 14 and 1, CHMe₂), 1.99-1.93 (m, 2H, =CHCH₂), 1.35-1.30 (m, 4H, 2 × CH₂), 1.23-1.18 (m, 15H, CMe₃ and CMe₂), 0.91 (t, 3H, *J* = 7, Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) 129.9 (NCH=), 105.3 (=CH), 55.5 (NC), 46.1 (NC), 33.8 (CH₂), 31.5 (CH₂), 29.0 (CMe₃), 22.1 (CH₂), 20.9 (CMe₂), 14.0 (Me); HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 198.2228. C₁₃H₂₈N requires 198.2222.

tert-Butyl-(hex-1-enyl)-(1,2,2-trimethyl-propyl)-amine **3b**

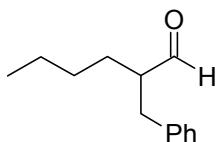


To a solution of *N*-*tert*-butylpinacoylamine (1.00 g, 6.37 mmol) in THF (15 cm³) at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (1.6 mol dm⁻³ in hexanes; 3.98 cm³, 6.37 mmol) dropwise. The solution was allowed to warm to 25 °C over 15 min. before a solution of 1,2-epoxyhexane (255 mg, 2.55 mmol) in THF (5 cm³) was added in one portion. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 h before being filtered through a pad (5 cm² × 5 cm) of celite. The pad was washed with Et₂O (250 cm³). The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation to give *enamine* **3a** (353 mg, 58%) as a colourless oil; bp 125 °C / 0.03 mbar; IR (cm⁻¹) 2957s, 2924s, 1646 (C=C), 1457m, 1370m, 1259w, 1195w; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) 5.83 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 1, NCH=), 4.94 (dt, 1H, *J* = 14 and 7, =CH), 2.92 (q, 1H, *J* = 7, CHMe), 2.05 (dt, 2H, *J* = 7 and 7, =CHCH₂), 1.42-1.35 (m, 4H, 2 × CH₂), 1.15 (s, 9H, NCMe₃), 1.05 (d,

3H, $J = 7$, CHMe), 0.96 (s, 9H, CHCMe₃), 0.91(t, 3H, $J = 7$, Me); ¹³C NMR 133.0 (NCH=), 117.3 (=CH), 58.6 (NCH), 55.5 (NC), 36.3 (CHCMe₃), 33.5 (=CHCH₂), 31.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CMe₃), 28.6 (CMe₃), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.2 (Me), 14.2 (Me); HRMS *m/z* (M + H⁺) Found: 240.2692. C₁₆H₃₄N requires 240.2691.

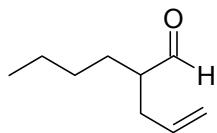
General procedure for enamine alkylation:

2-Benzylhexanal² **4a**



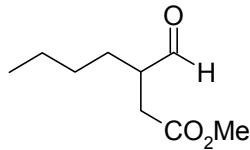
A solution of enamine **3a** (227 mg, 1.15 mmol) and BnBr (273 µL, 2.30 mmol) in MeCN-d₃ (1.0 cm³) was allowed to stand (with occasional shaking) at 15 °C in a NMR tube fitted with a PTFE valve,³ until consumption of enamine **3a** was judged complete by ¹H NMR spectroscopy (18 h). Acidic buffer solution (made up of AcOH (0.5 g), AcONa (0.5g) and water (1.0 g)) (0.5 cm³) was added and the mixture was allowed to stand at the same temperature as before, for 1 h with occasional shaking before being separated between H₂O (10 cm³) and Et₂O (10 cm³). The aqueous phase was washed with Et₂O (10 cm³) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 cm³), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 5% Et₂O/light petrol) gave 2-benzylhexanal **4a** (217 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil; R_f 0.26 (5% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm⁻¹) 3086w, 3063w, 3028m, 2957s, 2931s, 2859s, 2711m, 2360w, 2340w, 1725s (C=O), 1604w, 1496m, 1466m, 1454s, 1392w, 1379w, 1030w; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 9.67 (d, 1H, $J = 3$, CHO), 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H, 2 × ArC-H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 3H, 3 × ArC-H), 2.99 and 2.73 (AB-part of ABX, 2H, J_{AX} = 7, J_{BX} = 7, J_{AB} = 14, CH₂Ph), 2.67-2.58 (m, 1H, CHCHO), 1.72-1.22 (m, 6H, (CH₂)₃Me), 0.89 (t, 3H, $J = 7$, Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) 204.8 (CHO), 138.9 (ArC), 129.0 (2 × ArC-H), 128.5 (2 × ArC-H), 126.3 (ArC-H) 53.4 (CHCHO), 35.0 (CH₂Ph), 29.1 (CH₂), 28.3 (CH₂) 22.7 (CH₂), 13.8 (Me).

2-Allylhexanal⁴ **4b**



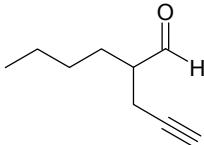
According to the general procedure, a solution of enamine **3a** (219 mg, 1.11 mmol) and allyl bromide (192 µL, 2.22 mmol) gave 2-allylhexanal **4b** as a colorless oil (149mg, 96%); R_f 0.23 (5% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm⁻¹) 3080w, 2959s, 2931s, 2861m, 2708w, 1728s (C=O), 1642w, 1457w, 1440w; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 9.61 (d, 1H, J = 3, CHO), 5.79-5.68 (m, 1H, =CH), 5.10-5.03 (m, 2H, =CH₂), 2.43-2.31 (m, 2H, =CHCH₂), 2.28-2.18 (m, 1H, CHCHO), 1.69-1.24 (m, 6H, (CH₂)₃Me), 0.91 (t, 3H, J = 7, Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) 204.9 (CHO), 135.0 (=CH), 117.0 (=CH₂), 51.2 (CHCHO), 33.0 (=CHCH₂), 29.0 (CH₂), 28.0 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 13.9 (Me).

Methyl-3-formylheptanoate⁵ **4c**



According to the general procedure, a solution of enamine **3a** (212 mg, 1.07 mmol) and α-bromo methyl acetate (198 µL, 2.14 mmol) at 15 °C for 16 h gave methyl-3-formylheptanoate **4c** (167mg, 91%) as a colorless oil; R_f 0.20 (15% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm⁻¹) 2957s, 2233s, 2862s, 2722w, 1738bs (C=O), 1460m, 1438s, 1414m, 1394m, 1365m, 1206s, 1174s, 1111w, 1018m; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 9.70 (d, 1H, J = 1, CHO), 3.67 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.86-2.77 (m, 1H, CHCHO), 2.69 and 2.39 (AB-part of ABX, 2H, J_{AX} = 5, J_{BX} = 8, J_{AB} = 16, CH₂CO₂), 1.79-1.66 (m, 1H, CH(H)CH), 1.53-1.40 (m, 1H, CH(H)CH), 1.39-1.25 (m, 4H, (CH₂)₂Me), 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 7, Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) 202.9 (CHO), 172.4 (CO₂), 51.8 (CHCHO), 47.6 (CH₂CO₂Me), 32.7 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂), 13.8 (Me).

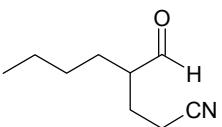
2-Prop-2-ynylhexanal⁶ **4d**



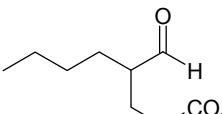
According to the general procedure, a solution of enamine **3a** (140 mg, 0.71 mmol) and propargyl bromide (80% in toluene) (157 µL, 1.42 mmol) at 15 °C for 15 h gave 2-prop-2-ynyl-hexanal **4d** (99 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil; R_f 0.15 (1% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm⁻¹) 3294m (≡CH), 2959m, 2933m, 2861m, 2728w, 2360w, 2341w, 2146w (C≡C), 1727s (C=O), 1467w, 1380w; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 9.68 (d, 1H, J = 1, CHO), 2.52-2.36 (m, 3H, CHCHO and

$CH_2C\equiv CH$), 2.01-1.98 (t, 1H, $J = 3$, $C\equiv CH$), 1.84-1.71 (m, 1H, $CH(H)CH$), 1.69-1.56 (m, 1H, $CH(H)CH$), 1.40-1.26 (m, 4H, $(CH_2)_2Me$), 0.90 (t, 3H, $J = 7$, Me); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) 203.2 (CHO), 80.9 ($C\equiv CH$), 70.2 ($C\equiv CH$), 50.0 (CHCHO), 28.6 (CH_2), 27.6 ($CH_2C\equiv$), 22.6 (CH_2), 17.7 (CH_2), 13.8 (Me).

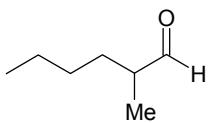
4-Formyl-octanenitrile **4e**

 According to the general procedure, a solution of enamine **3a** (239 mg, 1.21 mmol) and acrylonitrile (160 μ L, 2.42 mmol) at 82 °C for 19 h gave *4-formyl-octanenitrile* **4e** (169 mg, 91 %) as a colorless oil; R_f 0.32 (30% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm^{-1}) 2958s, 2933s, 2861s, 2723m (CHO), 2246m (C≡N), 1723s (C=O), 1457m, 1428m, 1379w, 1139w; 1H NMR (400 MHz) 9.64 (d, 1H, $J = 1$, CHO), 2.52-2.32 (m, 3H, CHCHO and $CH_2C\equiv N$), 2.07-1.95 (m, 1H, 1 of $(CH_2)_2CH$) 1.79-1.65 (m, 2H, 2 of $(CH_2)_2CH$), 1.56-1.44 (m, 1H, 1 of $(CH_2)_2CH$), 1.39-1.25 (m, 4H, $(CH_2)_2Me$), 0.90 (t, 3H, $J = 7$, Me); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) 203.1 (CHO), 119.1 (CN), 50.1 (CHCHO), 28.7 (CH_2), 28.2 (CH_2), 23.8 (CH_2), 22.6 (CH_2), 15.1 (CH_2CN), 13.7 (Me); HRMS m/z (M + NH⁺) Found: 171.1504. $C_9H_{19}N_2O$ requires 171.1497.

Methyl-4-formyloctanoate **4f**

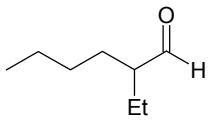
 According to the general procedure, a solution of enamine **3a** (210 mg, 1.06 mmol) and methyl acrylate (192 μ L, 2.12 mmol) at 82 °C for 22 h gave *methyl-4-formyloctanoate* **4f** (139 mg, 70%) as a colorless oil; R_f 0.24 (15% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm^{-1}) 2986s, 2932s, 2861s, 2716m (CHO), 1738s (C=O), 1437s, 1375m, 1198s, 1171s, 1115w, 1011w; 1H NMR (400 MHz) 9.56 (d, 1H, $J = 3$, CHO), 3.63 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.38-2.22 (3H, m, CHCHO and CH_2CO_2), 1.99-1.18 (m, 8H, 4 × CH_2), 0.86 (t, 3H, $J = 7$, Me); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) 204.3 (CHO), 173.4 (CO₂), 51.6 (OMe), 51.0 (CHCHO), 31.3 (CH_2), 28.9 (CH_2), 28.4 (CH_2), 23.5 (CH_2), 22.6 (CH_2), 13.8 (Me); HRMS m/z (M + NH₄⁺) Found: 204.1599. $C_{10}H_{22}NO_3$ requires 204.1600.

2-Methylhexanal⁷ **4g**



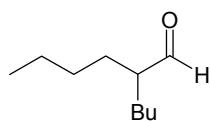
According to the general procedure, a solution of enamine **3a** (227 mg, 1.15 mmol) and MeI (143 µL, 2.30 mmol) at 15 °C for 16 h gave 2-methylhexanal **4g** as a colourless oil (113mg, 86%); R_f 0.34 (5% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm⁻¹) 2960s, 2932s, 2860m, 2706w, 2360w, 1728s (C=O), 1460m, 1379w; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 9.61 (d, 1H, J = 2, CHO), 2.37-2.28 (m, 1H, CHMe), 1.75-1.66 (m, 1H, CH(H)n-Pr), 1.43-1.23 (m, 5H, (CH₂)₂Me and CH(H)n-Pr), 1.08 (d, 3H, J = 7, CHMe), 0.90 (t, 3H, J = 7, Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) 205.4 (CHO), 46.3 (CHMe), 30.2 (CH₂), 29.1 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 13.9 (Me), 13.3 (Me).

2-Ethylhexanal³ **4h**



According to the general procedure, a solution of enamine **3a** (204 mg, 1.03 mmol) and EtI (165 µL, 2.06 mmol) at 50 °C for 18 h gave 2-ethylhexanal **4h** (131 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil; R_f 0.24 (5% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm⁻¹) 2961s, 2932s, 2874m, 2861m, 2703w, 1727s (C=O), 1461m, 1381m; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 9.55 (d, 1H, J = 3, CHO), 2.21-2.11 (m, 1H, CHEt), 1.70-1.38 (m, 4H, 2 × CH₂), 1.37-1.19 (m, 4H, 2 × CH₂), 0.93-0.86 (m, 6H, 2 × Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) 205.7 (CHO), 53.4 (CHEt), 29.1 (CH₂), 28.1 (CH₂) 22.7 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₂), 13.8 (Me), 11.4 (Me).

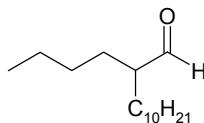
2-n-Butylhexanal³ **4i**



According to the general procedure, a solution of enamine **3a** (144 mg, 0.73 mmol) and n-BuI (166 µL, 1.46 mmol) at 75 °C for 23 h gave 2-n-butylhexanal **4i** (110 mg, 97%).) as a colorless oil; R_f 0.21 (1% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm⁻¹) 2958s, 2931s, 2873s, 2860s, 2693w, 1727s (C=O), 1467m, 1379w; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 9.54 (d, 1H, J = 3, CHO), 2.26-2.16 (m, 1H, CHBu₂), 1.66-1.55 (m, 2H, 2 × CH(H)n-Pr), 1.48-1.37 (m, 2H, 2 × CH(H)n-Pr), 1.36-1.19 (m, 8H, 2 × (CH₂)₂Me), 0.88 (t, 6H, J = 7, 2 × Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) 205.6 (CHO), 51.9 (CHBu₂), 29.2 (2 × CH₂), 28.6 (2 × CH₂) 22.7 (2 × CH₂), 13.8 (2 × Me).

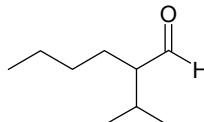
Similarly, a solution of enamine **3b** (119 mg, 0.50 mmol) and *n*-BuI (113 µL, 1.00 mmol) at 82 °C for 96 h gave 2-*n*-butylhexanal **4i** (65 mg, 84%) as a colorless oil; data as above.

2-Butyldodecanal **4j**



According to the general procedure (except that the reaction was performed in a sealed tube and vigorously stirred), a solution of enamine **3a** (212 mg, 1.07 mmol) and 1-iodododecane (458 µL, 2.14 mmol) at 82 °C for 22 h gave 2-*n*-butyldodecanal **4j** as a colorless oil (244 mg, 95%); R_f 0.29 (2% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm⁻¹) 3434w, 2926s, 2855s, 2692m (CHO), 1728s (C=O), 1466s, 1378m, 1239m, 1143w, 1016w; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 9.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 3, CHO), 2.26-2.16 (m, 1H, CHCHO), 1.67-1.16 (m, 24H, 12 × CH₂), 0.92-0.83 (m, 6H, 2 × Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) 205.7 (CHO), 51.9 (CHCHO), 31.9 (CH₂), 29.7 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 29.2 (CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 28.6 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂), 14.0 (Me), 13.8 (Me); HRMS *m/z* (M + NH₄⁺) Found: 258.2801. C₁₆H₃₆NO requires 258.2797.

2-Isopropylhexanal⁸ **4k**

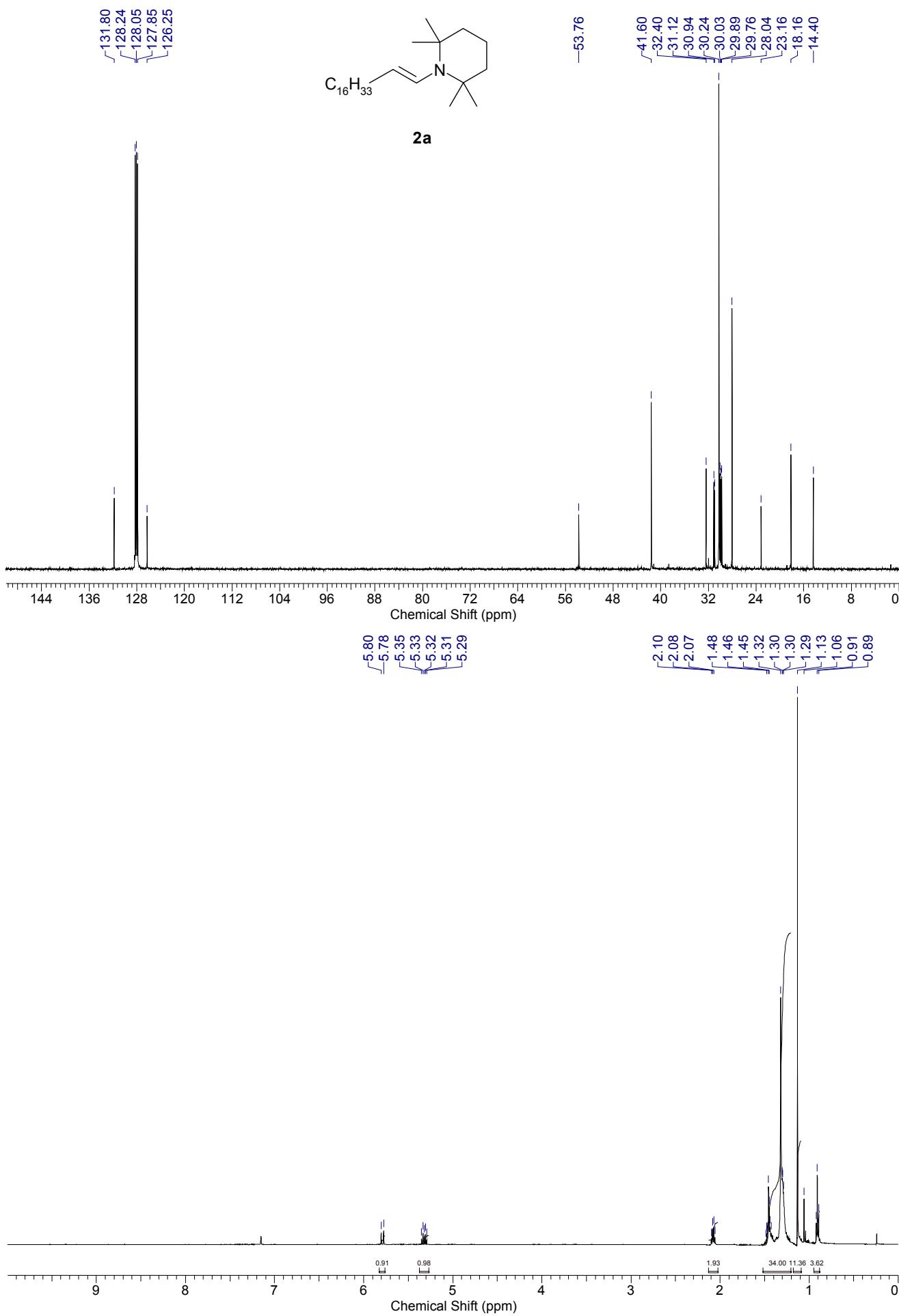


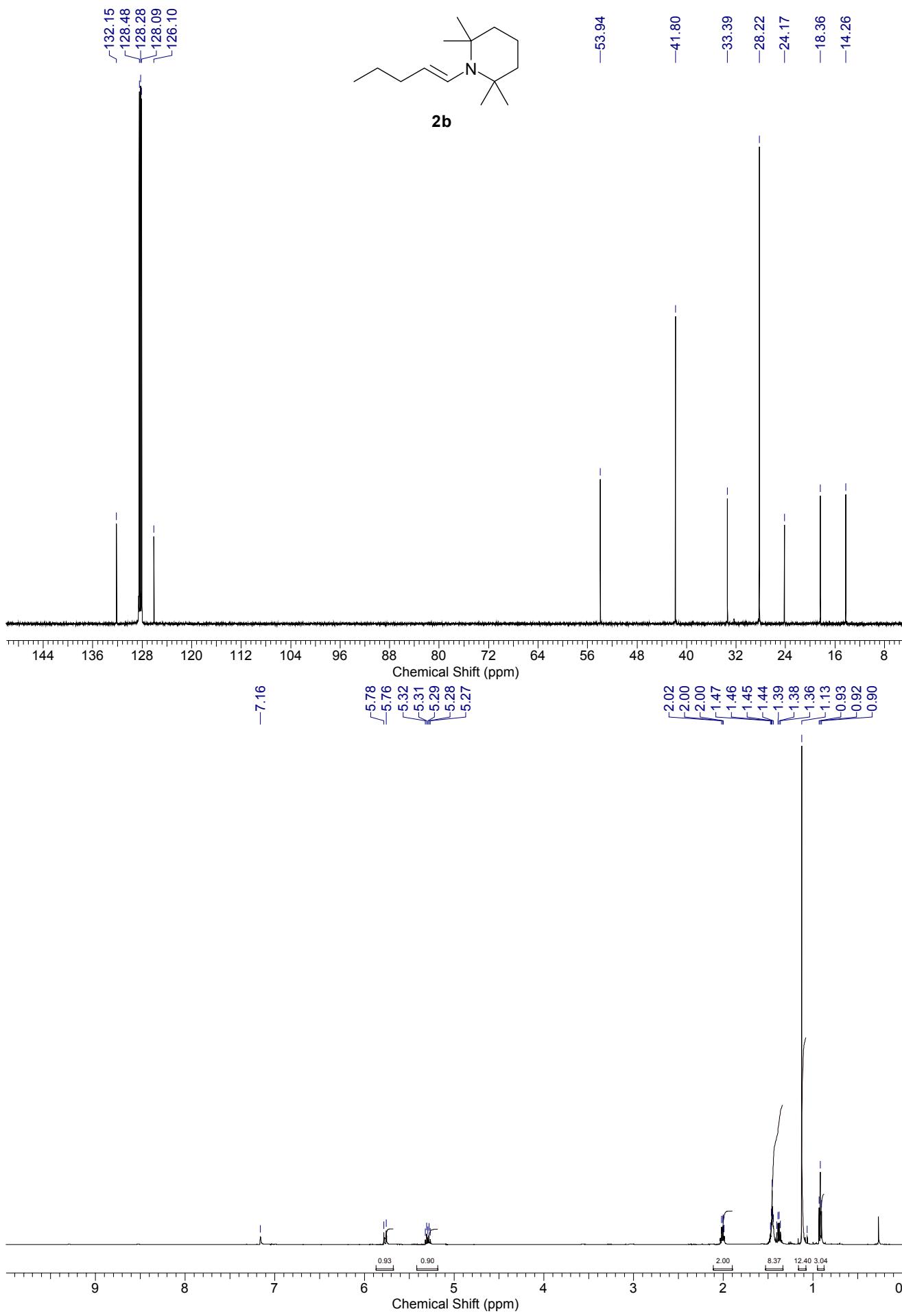
A solution of enamine **3a** (136 mg, 0.69 mmol) and *i*-PrI (135 µL, 1.38 mmol) in MeCN-d₃ (1.0 cm³) at 82 °C for 40 h gave 2-isopropylhexanal **4k** as a colorless oil (79 mg, 80%); R_f 0.29 (2% Et₂O/light petrol); IR (cm⁻¹) 2961s, 2873s, 1725s (C=O), 1466w, 1371w, 1264w, 1128w, 1066w; ¹H NMR (400 MHz) 9.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 3, CHO), 2.06-1.91 (m, 2H, CHCHO and CHMe₂), 1.69-1.57 (m, 1H, CH(H)n-Pr), 1.51-1.40 (m, 1H, CH(H)n-Pr), 1.37-1.13 (m, 4H, (CH₂)₂Me), 0.96 (d, 6H, *J* = 7, CHMe₂), 0.89 (t, 3H, *J* = 7, Me); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) 206.1 (CHO), 58.3 (CHCHO), 29.8 (CH₂), 28.3 (CMe₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₂), 20.2 (CMe(Me)), 19.8 (CMe(Me)), 13.9 (Me); HRMS *m/z* (M + NH₄⁺) Found: 160.1700. C₉H₂₀NO requires 160.1701.

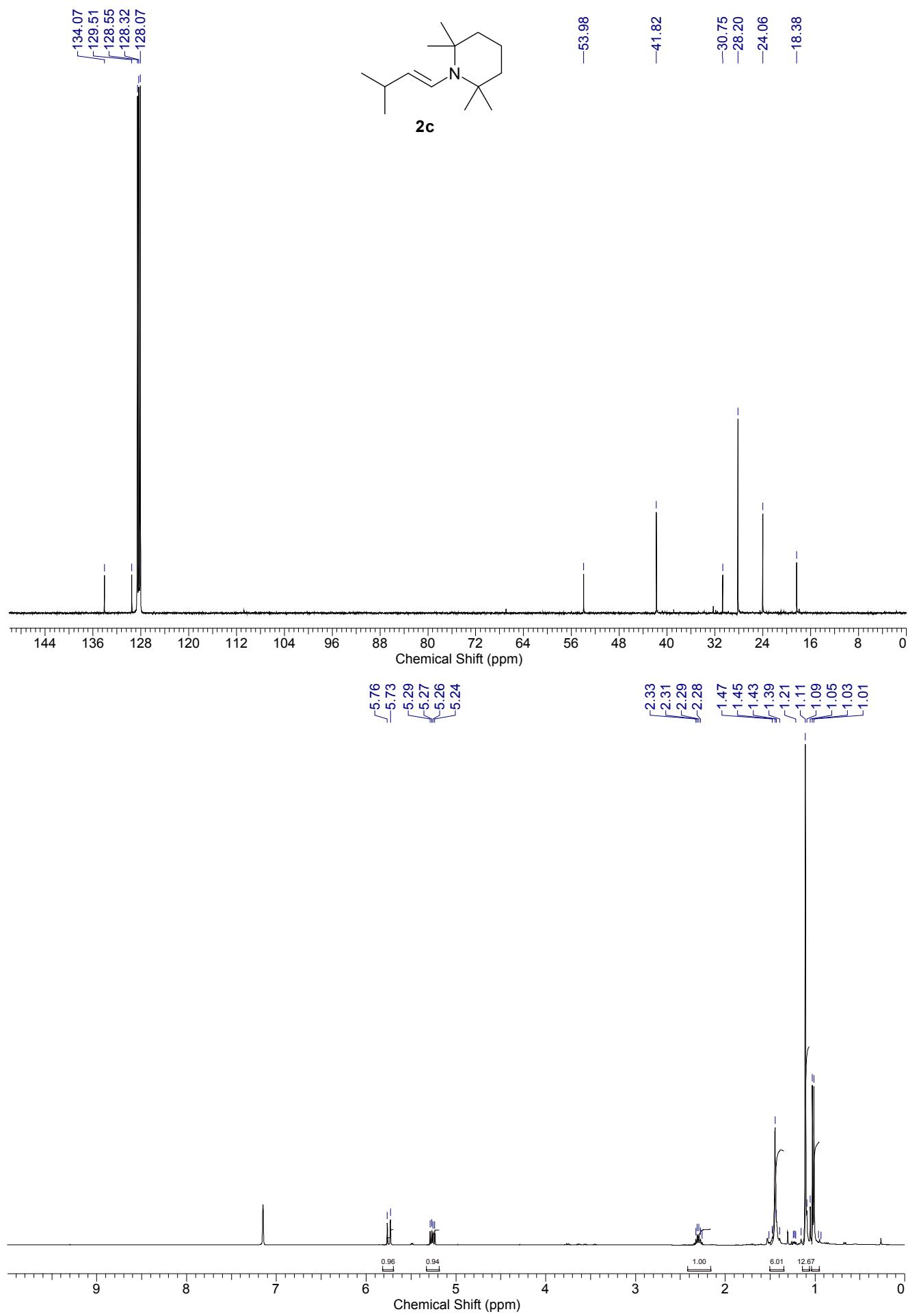
Similarly, a solution of enamine **3b** (198 mg, 0.83 mmol) and *i*-PrI (248 µL, 2.49 mmol) at 82 °C for 96 h gave *2-isopropylhexanal* **4k** as a colorless oil (58 mg, 49%); data as above.

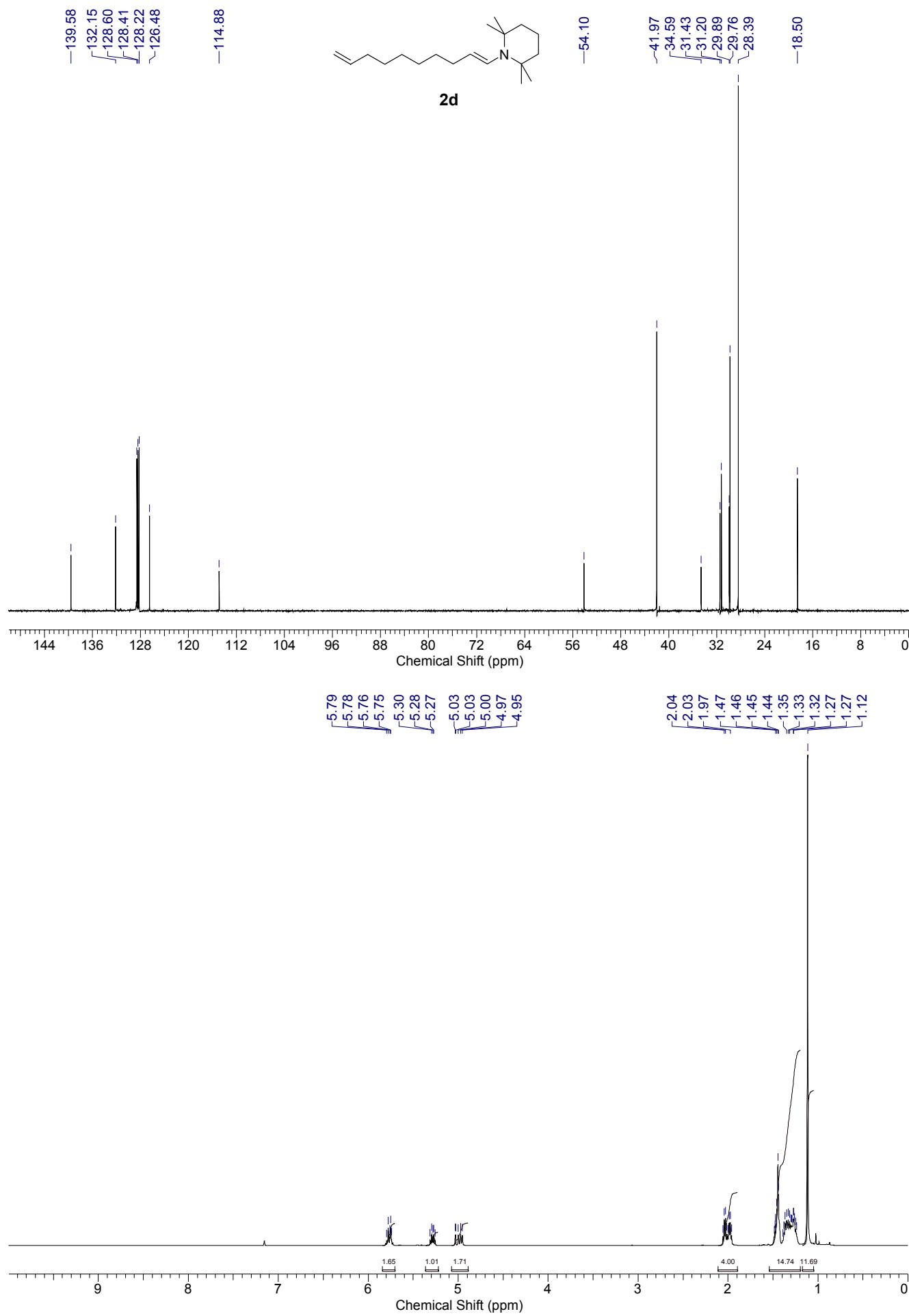
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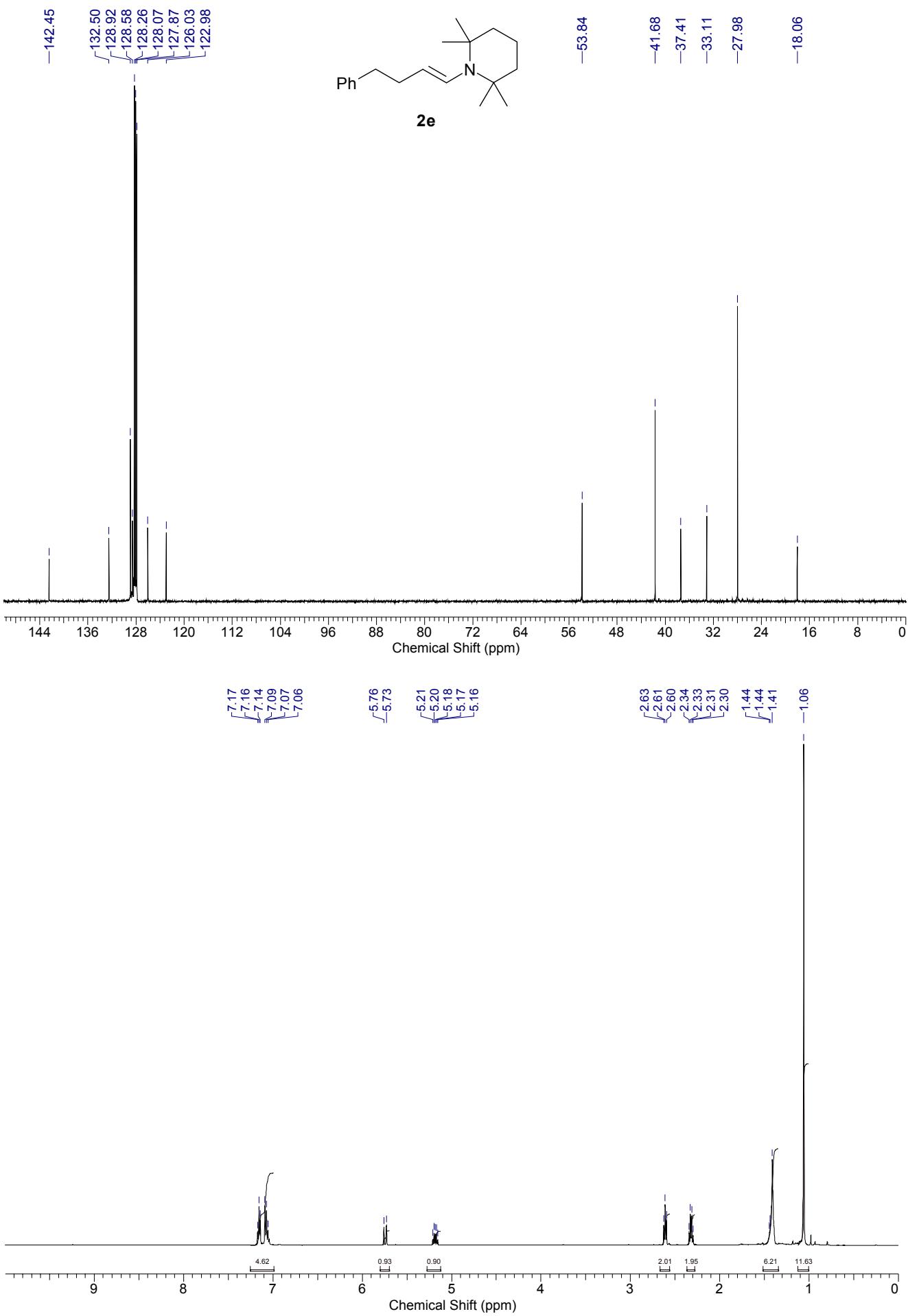
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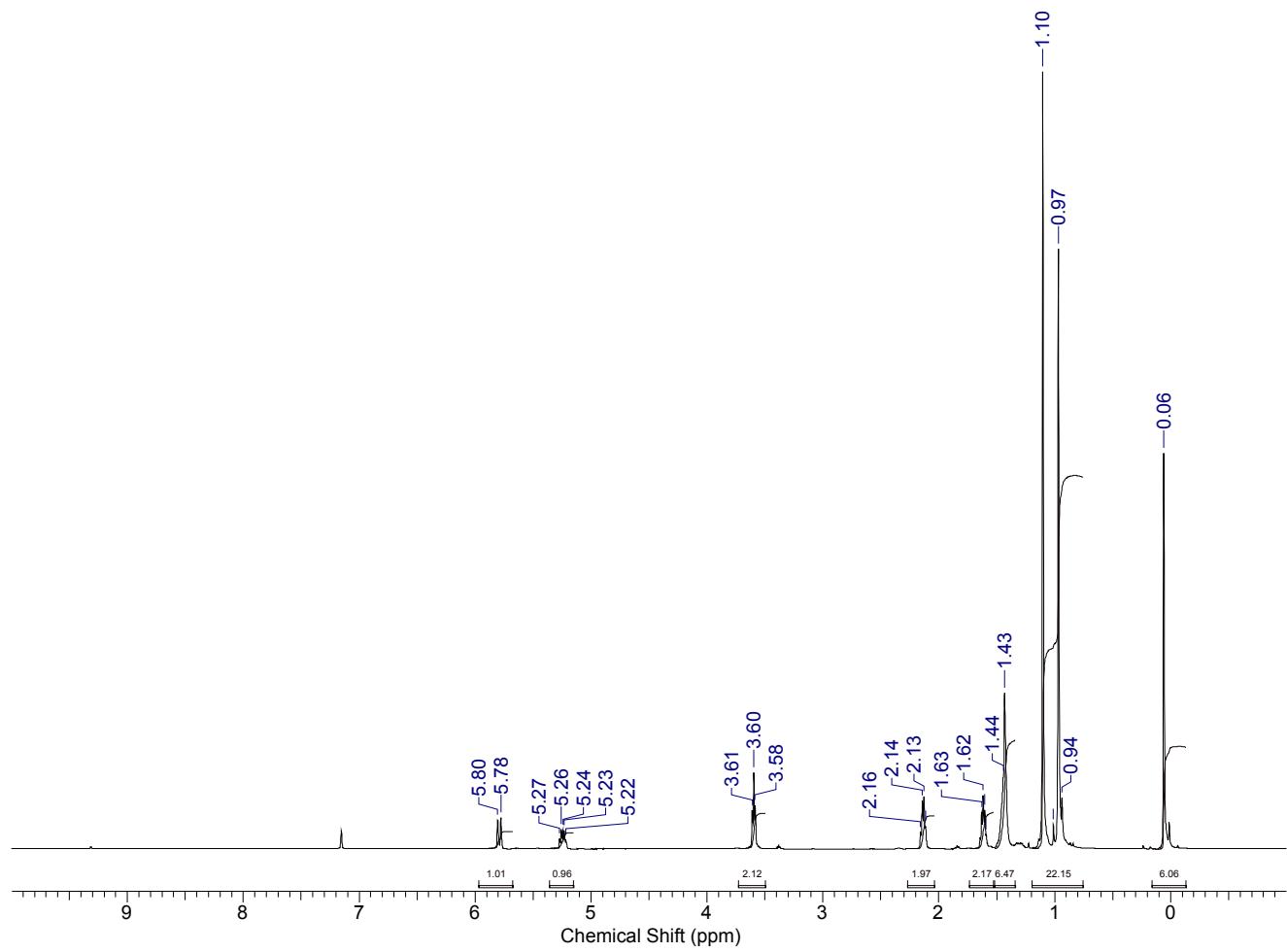
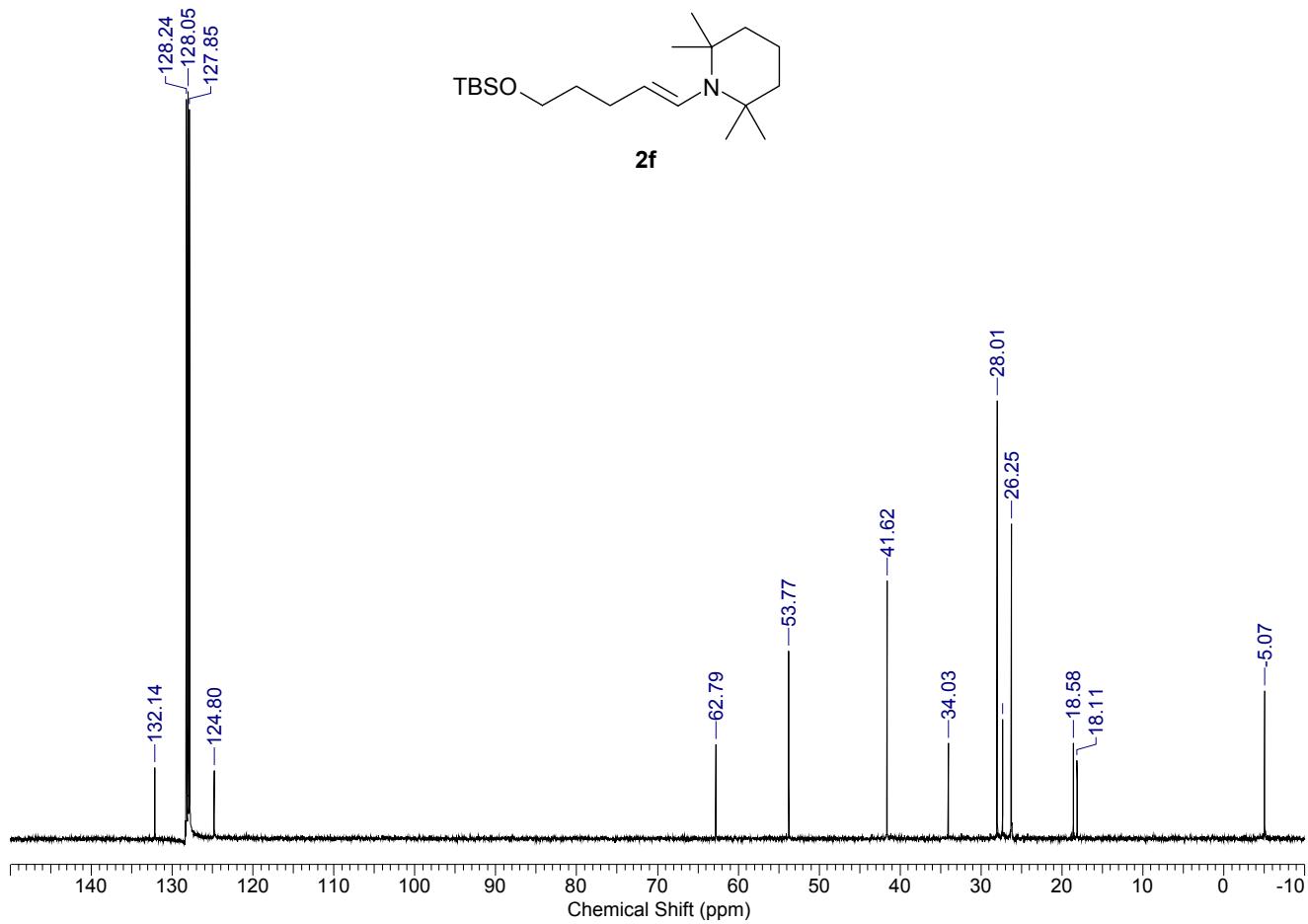
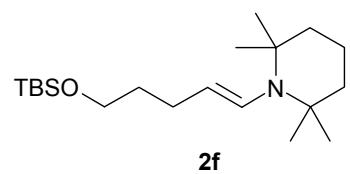


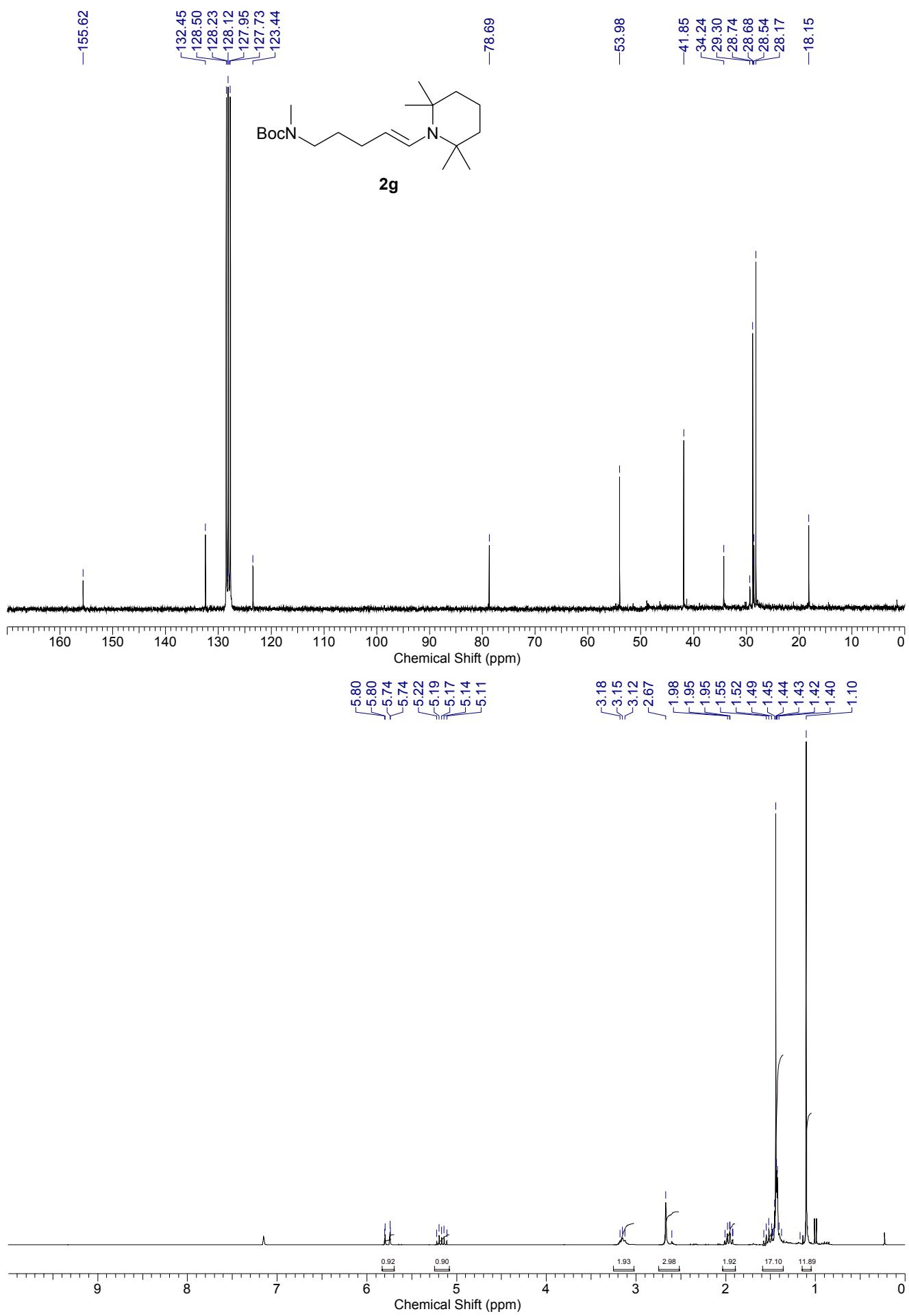


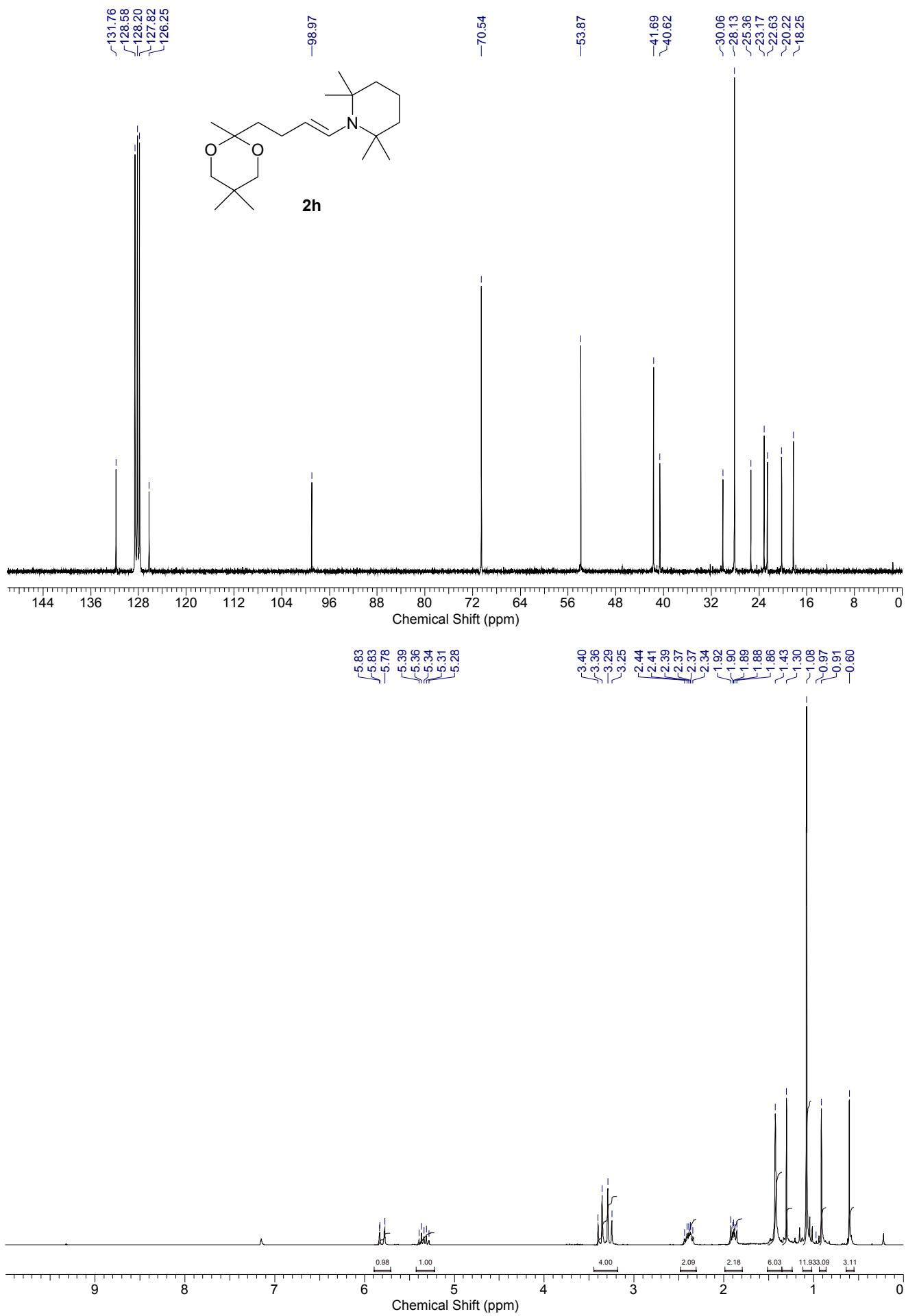


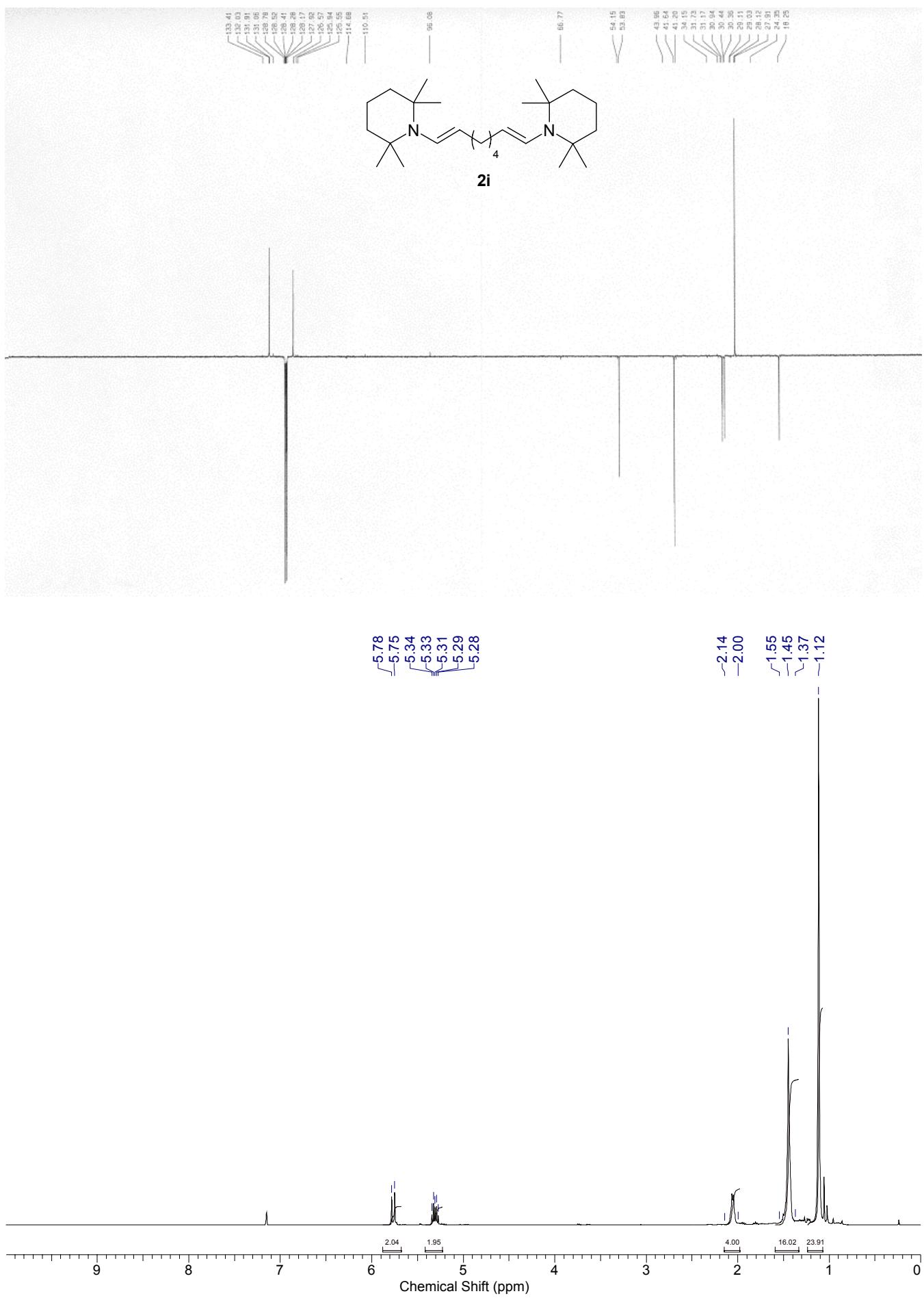


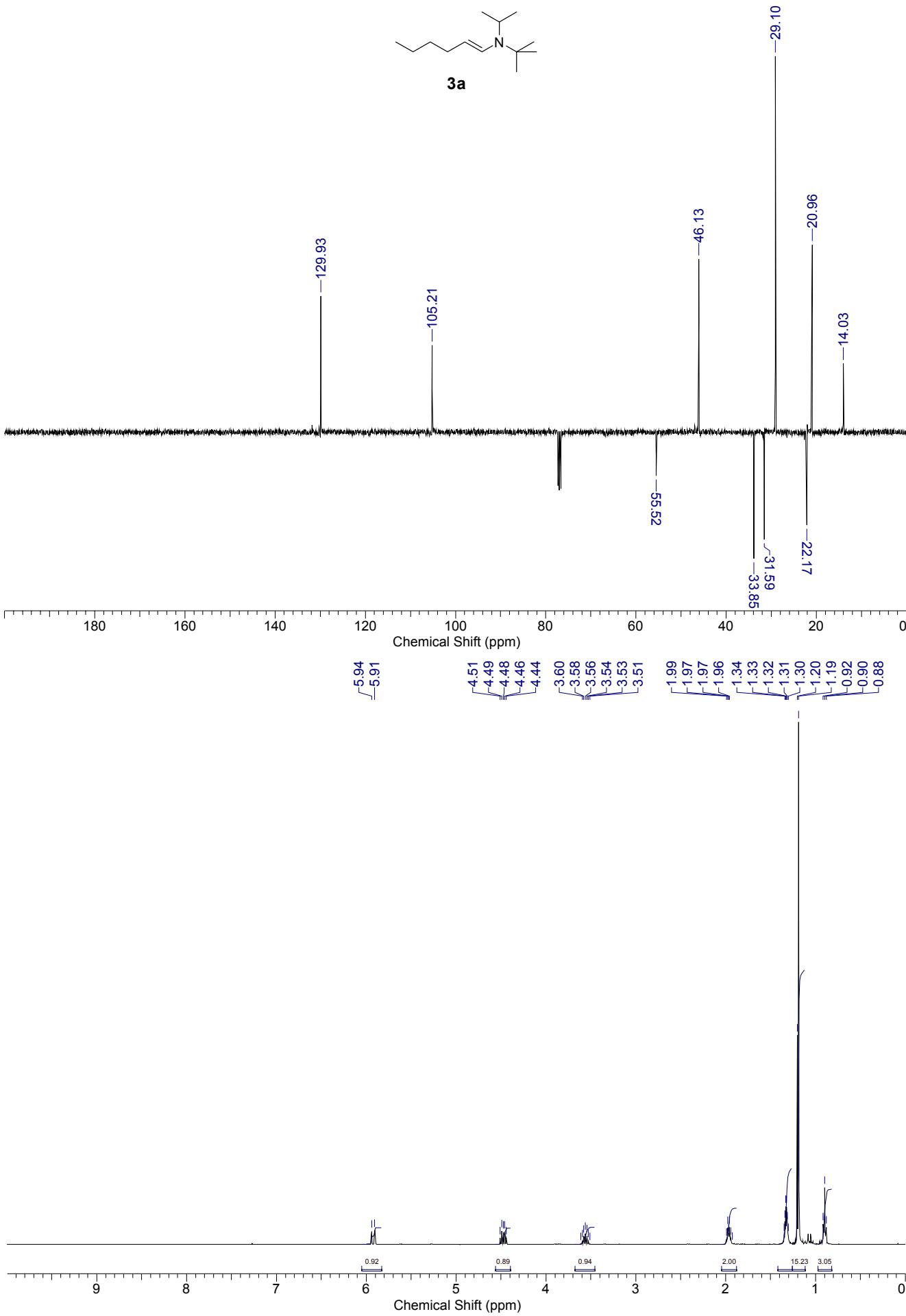


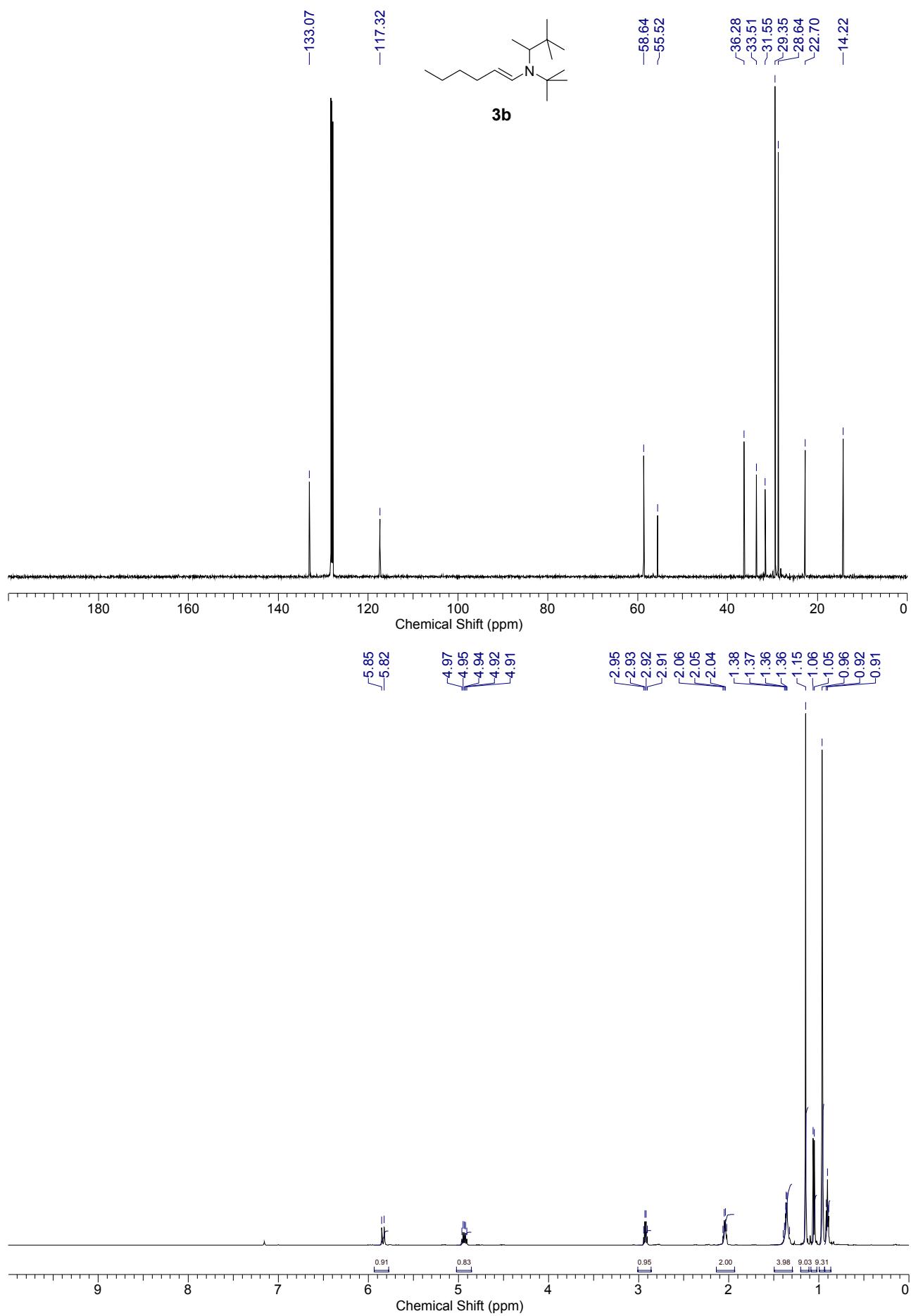


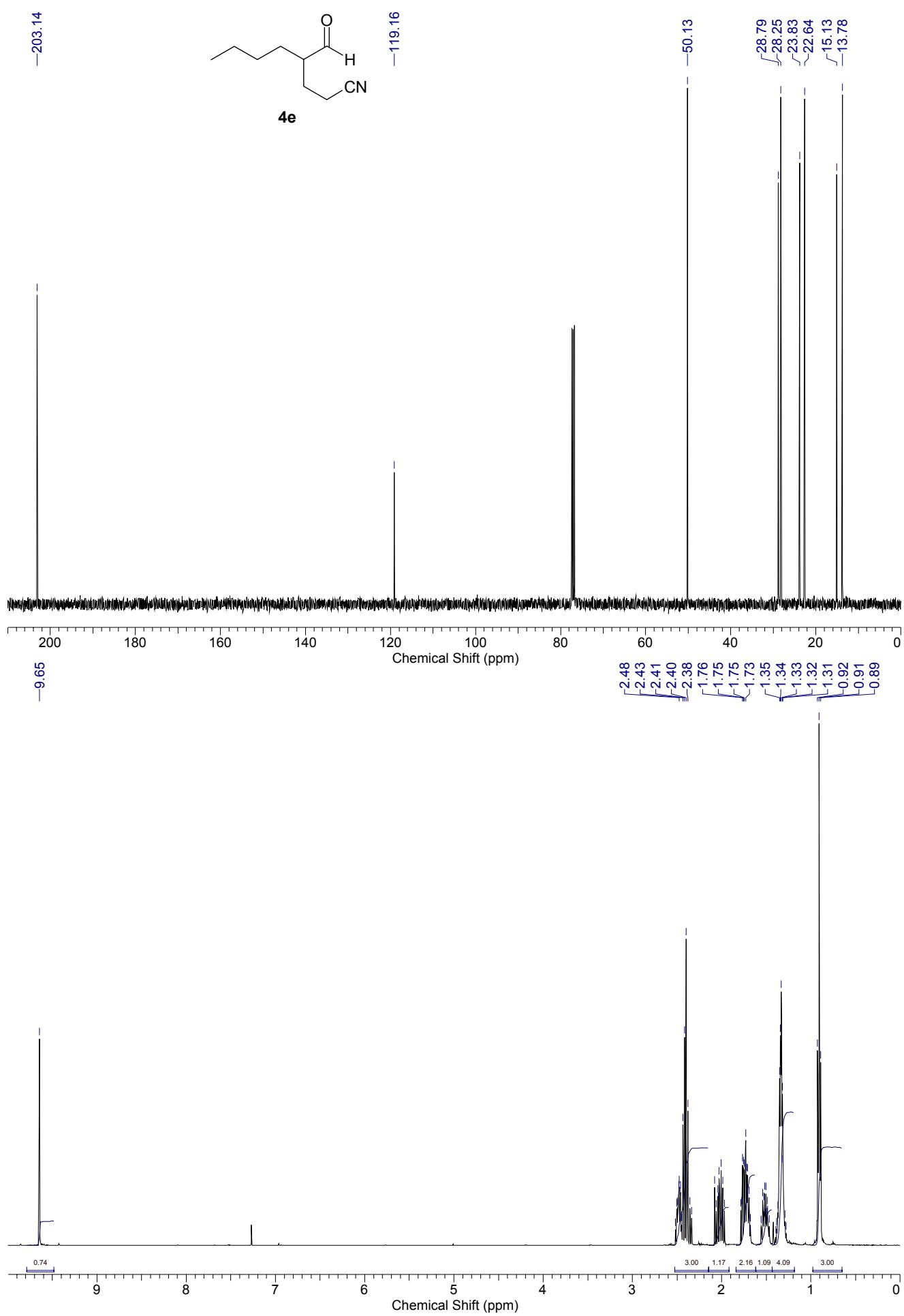


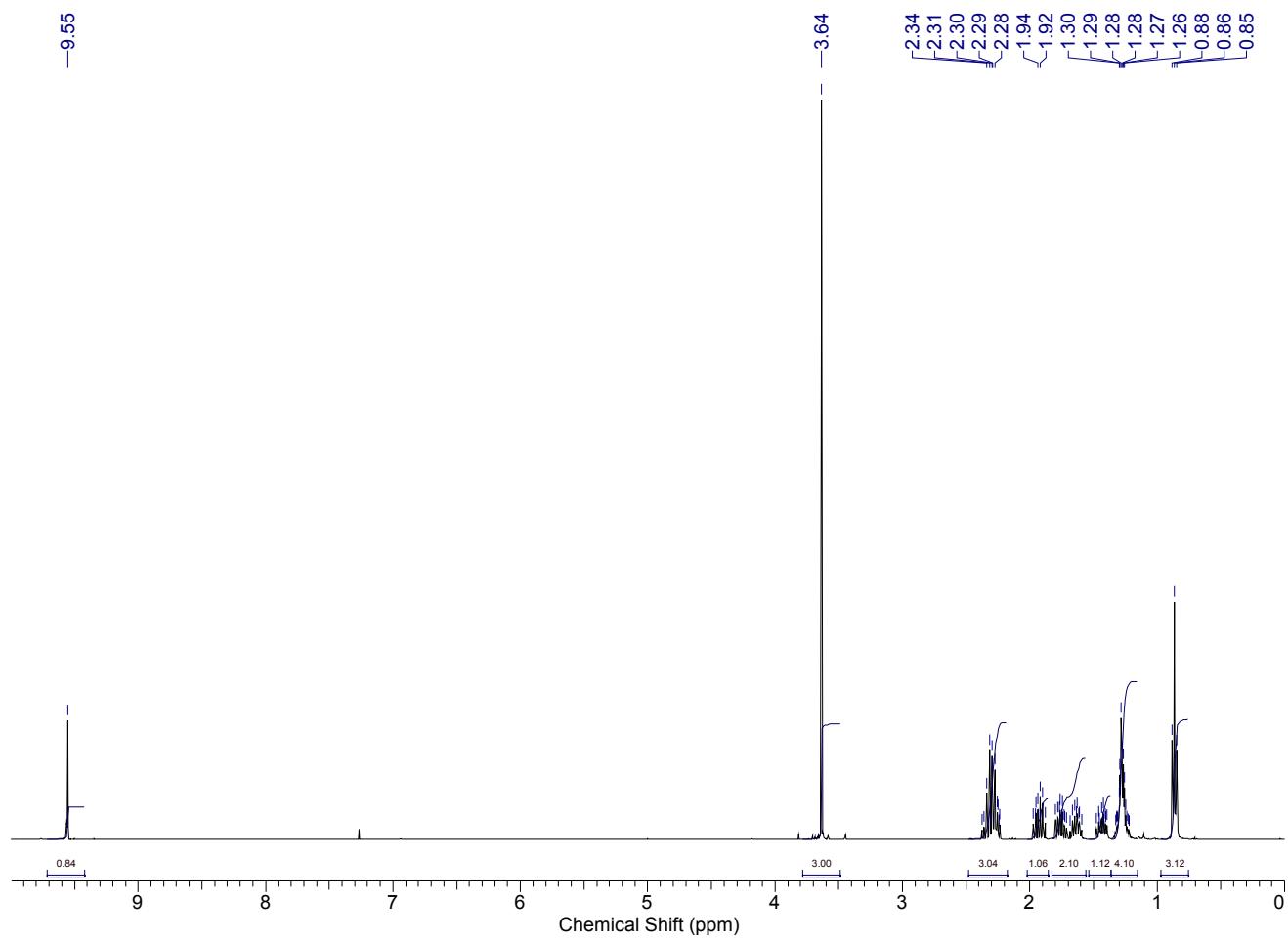
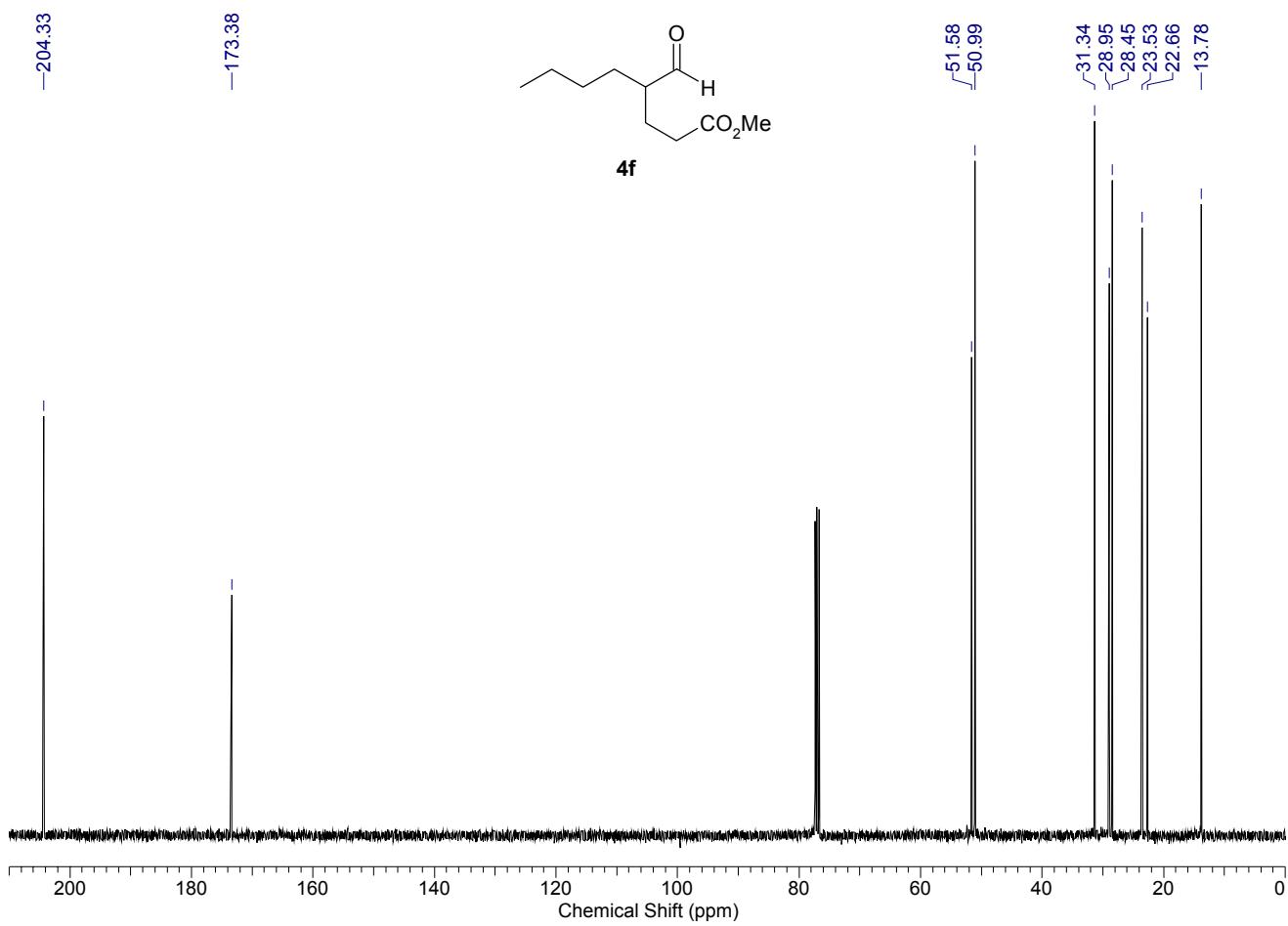


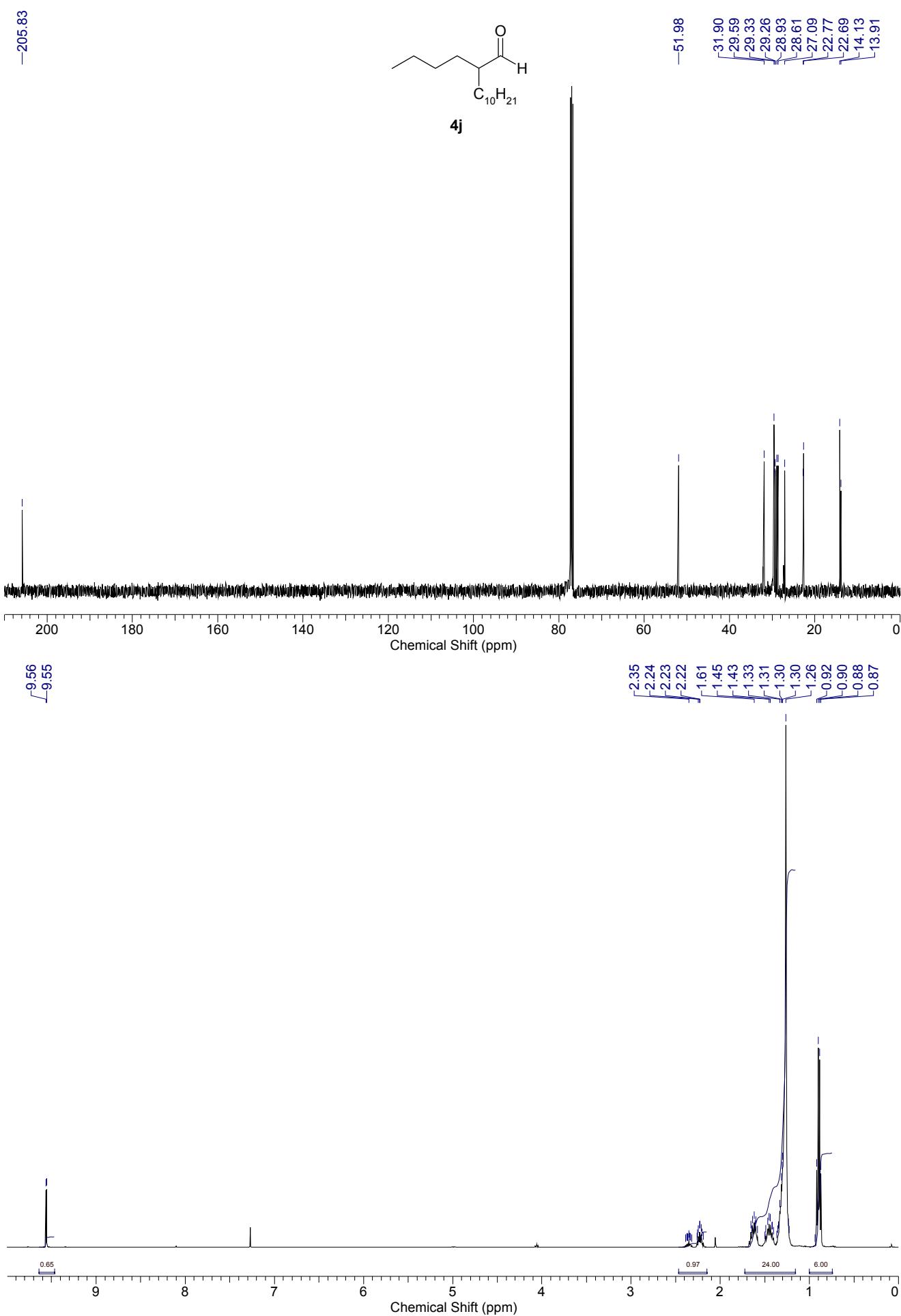












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