

**Silver- versus gold- or platinum catalyzed [4+2] cyclizations: synthesis of
2,3,3a,4-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-1-one derivatives**

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General information

Techniques:

All reactions were carried out in oven dried glassware under an air atmosphere. An oil bath was used as heating source unless otherwise noted. Analytical thin layer chromatographies (TLC) were performed using precoated Merck silica gel 60 matrix, with fluorescent indicator 254 nm on Aluminum foils (200 μm silica layer). Visualization of the developed chromatograms were performed by UV absorbance (254 nm) or TLC stains (KMnO_4 , *p*-anisaldehyde or phosphomolybdic acid). Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (230-400 mesh) with the indicated solvent system, using gradients of increasing polarity when necessary.

Chemicals:

All the chemicals were commercially purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Fluorochem, Alfa-Aesar, Strem, and Acros. Unless otherwise stated, commercial reagents and solvents were used without further purification. Some solvents were freshly distilled, tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (DCM), dichloroethane (DCE), toluene and nitromethane (MeNO_2). Reagents were either used as received from commercial sources or prepared according to the protocols provided by literature.

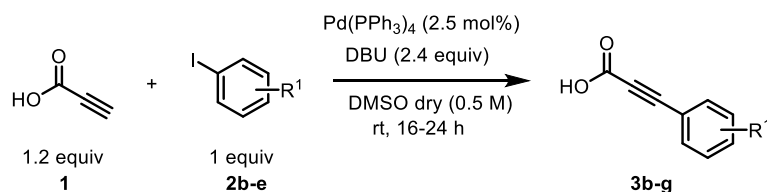
Instrumentation:

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400 (400 MHz), in deuterated chloroform (residual peaks ^1H δ 7.26 ppm, ^{13}C δ 77.16 ppm) unless otherwise noted. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to TMS; coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. Multiplets are indicated by the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintuplet, sept = septuplet and m = multiplet. ^{13}C and ^{19}F spectra were recorded in { ^1H }-decoupled manner and the values of the chemical shifts are rounded to one decimal point. ^{19}F NMR spectra were referenced to external CFCl_3 .

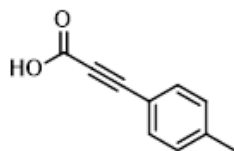
High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained from the central analytic mass spectrometry department of Sorbonne University. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a micrOTOF (Bruker Daltonics) or a LTQ-XL/Orbitrap hybrid instrument (Thermo Fisher) using electrospray (ESI) or atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI).

General procedures

General Procedure A: Synthesis of aryl propiolic acids 3.



A dried round-bottom flask was charged with aryl iodide (10 mmol, 1 equiv.), 2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10-octahydropyrimidol[1,2-a]azepine DBU (24 mmol, 2.4 equiv.), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)-palladium(0) Pd(PPh₃)₄ (2.5 mol%) and DMSO (10 mL) under N₂ atmosphere. The solution of propiolic acid (12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in DMSO (10 mL) was poured to the flask, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16-24 h. Afterward, the reaction mixture was diluted with AcOEt (25.0 mL) and extracted with NaHCO₃ (sat. aq.). The aqueous layer was separated, acidified to pH=1 by adding cold HCl solution (1 M), and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography [ethyl acetate/hexane, with HOAc (1 %, v/v)].



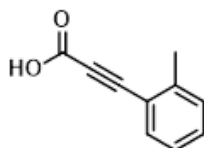
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Molecular Weight: 160.1720

3-(p-tolyl)propionic acid (3b)

Prepared according to GP A using 10 mmol 1-iodo-4-methylbenzene.

(1.09 g, 6.8 mmol, 68%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature¹.



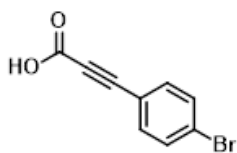
Chemical Formula: C₁₀H₈O₂
Molecular Weight: 160.1720

3-(o-tolyl)propionic acid (3c)

Prepared according to GP A using 10 mmol 1-iodo-2-methylbenzene.

(0.96 g, 6 mmol, 60%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature².



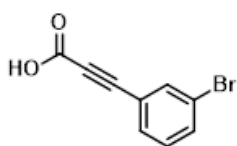
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Molecular Weight: 225.0410

3-(4-bromophenyl)propionic acid (3d)

Prepared according to GP A using 10 mmol 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene.

(1.78 g, 7.9 mmol, 79%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature¹.



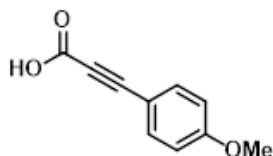
Chemical Formula: $C_9H_9BrO_2$
Molecular Weight: 225.0410

3-(3-bromophenyl)propionic acid (3e)

Prepared according to GP A using 10 mmol 1-bromo-3-iodobenzene.

(1.31 g, 5.8 mmol, 58%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature³.



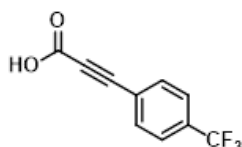
Chemical Formula: $C_{10}H_8O_3$
Molecular Weight: 176.1710

3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propionic acid (3f)

Prepared according to GP A using 10 mmol 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene.

(1.37 g, 7.8 mmol, 78%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature¹.



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Molecular Weight: 214.1432

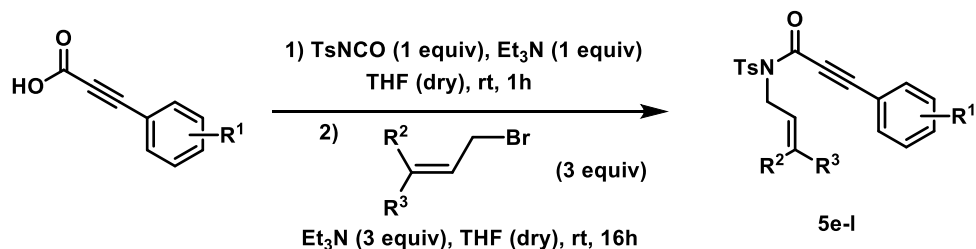
3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propionic acid (3g)

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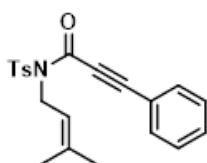
(1.82 g, 8.5 mmol, 85%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature¹.

General Procedure B: Preparation of substrates amide-1,6-enynes **5**.



In 100 mL dried round-bottomed flask, the carboxylic acid (10 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in dry THF 20 mL under N₂ at room temperature, added tosyl isocyanate (1.59 mL, 10 mmol, 1 equiv.) and stirred for 10 minutes. Then NEt₃ (1.0 equiv.) was added drop wise to the open flask, released of the formed CO₂. After stirring 1 h, extra NEt₃ (3.0 equiv.) and 1-bromo-3-methylbut-2-ene (3.0 equiv.) were sequentially added and the mixture solution was stirred overnight. After complete consumption of the starting materials (monitored by TLC), the mixture was evaporated, the crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give the corresponding enyne product.

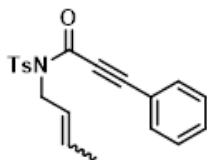


Chemical Formula: C₂₁H₂₁NO₃S
Molecular Weight: 367.4630

N-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)-3-phenyl-N-tosylpropiolamide (**5a**)

Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3a** and 15 mmol 1-bromo-3-methyl-2-butene.
(1.07 g, 2.9 mmol, 58%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature⁴.

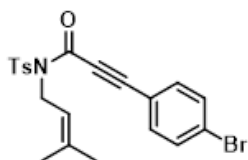


Chemical Formula: C₂₀H₁₉NO₃S
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N-(but-2-en-1-yl)-3-phenyl-N-tosylpropiolamide (**5b**)

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(0.95 g, 2.7 mmol, 54%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature⁴.



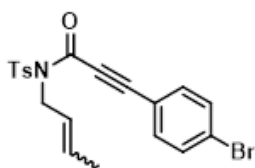
Chemical Formula: $C_{21}H_{20}BrNO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 446.3590

3-(4-bromophenyl)-N-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)-N-tosylpropiolamide (5c)

Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3a** and 15 mmol crotylbromide.

(1.03 g, 2.3 mmol, 46%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature⁴.



Chemical Formula: $C_{20}H_{18}BrNO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 432.3320

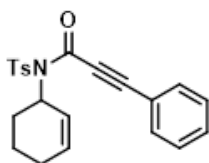
3-(4-bromophenyl)-N-(but-2-en-1-yl)-N-tosylpropiolamide (5d)

Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3d** and 15 mmol crotylbromide.

(0.78 g, 1.8 mmol, 36%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dq, $J = 8.9, 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 8.7, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.91 – 5.79 (trans) (m, 1H), 5.73 (cis) (m, 0.30H), 5.65 – 5.54 (trans) (m, 1H), 5.55 – 5.47 (cis) (m, 0.28H), 4.72 (cis) (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 0.68H), 4.59 (trans) (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 4H), 1.80 (cis) (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 0.68H), 1.73 (trans) (dq, $J = 6.5, 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.53 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 152.5, 145.2, 145.2, 136.2, 134.1, 132.3, 132.3, 131.4, 129.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 125.9, 125.3, 125.0, 118.6, 92.0, 82.7, 49.1, 44.3, 21.8, 17.9, 13.3.



Chemical Formula: $C_{22}H_{21}NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 379.4740

N-(cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-phenyl-N-tosylpropiolamide (5e)

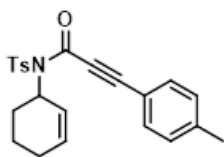
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(0.76 g, 2 mmol, 40%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 7.93 (dt, $J = 8.3, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 5.89 – 5.82 (m, 1H), 5.65 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.39 – 5.25 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 1.88 (m, 4H), 1.83 – 1.73 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 152.8, 145.0, 136.8, 132.6, 130.9, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 119.9, 93.2, 82.4, 57.5, 29.0, 24.2, 22.9, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{22}H_{21}NO_3SNa$ $[M+Na]^+$: 402.1134, found 402.1133



Chemical Formula: $C_{23}H_{23}NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 393.5010

N-(cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)-N-tosylpropiolamide (5f)

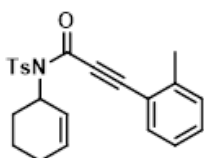
Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3b** and 15 mmol 3-bromocyclohexene.

(0.59 g, 1.5 mmol, 30%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 7.92 (dt, $J = 8.5, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dt, $J = 8.1, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 5.89 – 5.82 (m, 1H), 5.65 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 – 5.29 (m, 1H), 2.50 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.16 – 2.04 (m, 3H), 2.04 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.70 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 152.9, 144.9, 141.7, 136.9, 132.6, 129.6, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.1, 116.8, 93.8, 82.2, 57.5, 29.0, 24.3, 22.9, 21.9, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{23}NO_3SNa$ $[M+Na]^+$: 416.1291, found 416.1289



Chemical Formula: $C_{23}H_{23}NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 393.5010

N-(cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-(o-tolyl)-N-tosylpropiolamide (5g)

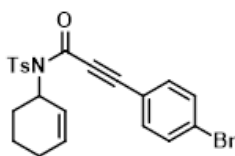
Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3c** and 15 mmol 3-bromocyclohexene.

(0.65 g, 1.65 mmol, 33%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 7.93 (dt, $J = 8.4, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.89 – 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.66 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.40 – 5.29 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 6H), 2.19 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.67 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 153.0, 144.9, 142.4, 136.9, 133.0, 130.9, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 127.8, 126.0, 119.7, 92.8, 85.9, 58.0, 28.9, 24.2, 22.9, 21.8, 20.7.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{23}NO_3SNa$ $[M+Na]^+$: 416.1291, found 416.1289



Chemical Formula: $C_{22}H_{20}BrNO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 458.3700

3-(4-bromophenyl)-N-(cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-N-tosylpropiolamide (5h)

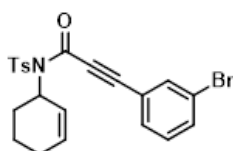
Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3d** and 15 mmol 3-bromocyclohexene.

(0.85 g, 1.85 mmol, 37%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 8.1 Hz, 4H), 5.84 (dq, *J* = 10.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (ddt, *J* = 12.5, 6.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.41 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.02 (m, 3H), 1.94 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.82 – 1.67 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 152.4, 145.0, 136.6, 133.8, 132.1, 129.5, 129.5, 128.5, 127.8, 125.7, 118.7, 91.8, 83.2, 57.3, 28.8, 24.1, 22.7, 21.7.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₂H₂₀BrNO₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ : 480.0239, found 480.0237



Chemical Formula: C₂₂H₂₀BrNO₃S
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3-(3-bromophenyl)-N-(cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-N-tosylpropiolamide (5i)

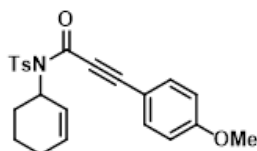
Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3e** and 15 mmol 3-bromocyclohexene.

(0.85 g, 1.85 mmol, 37%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.91 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 5.89 – 5.82 (m, 1H), 5.62 (dt, *J* = 10.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.34 – 5.25 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.42 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 3H), 2.00 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.73 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 152.4, 145.1, 136.7, 135.1, 134.1, 131.1, 130.3, 129.7, 128.6, 127.8, 122.5, 121.9, 91.1, 83.2, 57.5, 28.9, 24.2, 22.8, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₂H₂₀BrNO₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ : 480.0239, found 480.0236



Chemical Formula: C₂₃H₂₃NO₄S
Molecular Weight: 409.5000

N-(cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-tosylpropiolamide (5j)

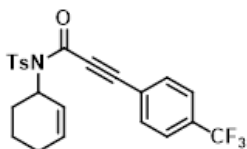
Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3f** and 15 mmol 3-bromocyclohexene.

(1.62 g, 3.95 mmol, 79%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.92 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 5.89 – 5.81 (m, 1H), 5.66 (ddt, *J* = 10.1, 3.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.37 – 5.29 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.50 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 3H), 1.97 (ddt, *J* = 13.7, 3.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dddt, *J* = 13.6, 11.2, 5.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 161.8, 153.0, 144.9, 136.9, 134.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.2, 114.5, 111.7, 94.2, 82.0, 57.4, 55.6, 28.9, 24.3, 22.9, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₃H₂₃NO₄SNa [M+Na]⁺ : 432.1240, found 432.1238



Chemical Formula: $C_{23}H_{20}F_3NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 447.4722

N-(cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-N-tosyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propiolamide (5k)

Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3g** and 15 mmol 3-bromocyclohexene.

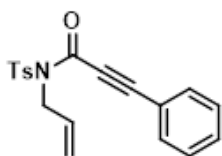
(0.65 g, 1.45 mmol, 29%)

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 7.91 (dt, $J = 8.4, 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (q, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.89 – 5.81 (m, 1H), 5.61 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.33 – 5.25 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.43 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.16 – 2.05 (m, 3H), 1.99 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.72 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 152.2, 145.2, 136.6, 132.7, 132.4 (q, $J = 32.9$ Hz), 129.7, 129.6, 128.6, 127.7, 125.7 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 123.7 (q, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 123.6 (q, $J = 272.8$ Hz), 90.8, 83.9, 57.4, 28.8, 24.2, 22.7, 21.7.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) -63.2 (s).

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{20}F_3NO_3SNa$ $[M+Na]^+$: 470.1008, found 470.1005



Chemical Formula: $C_{19}H_{17}NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 329.4090

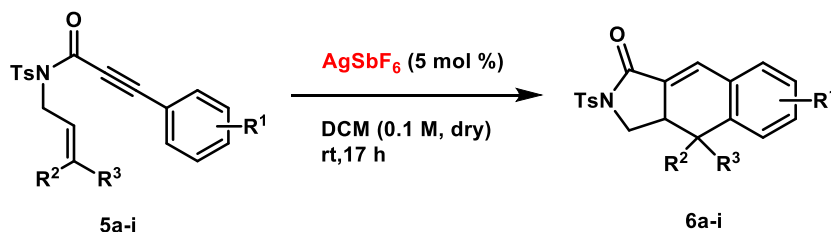
N-allyl-3-phenyl-N-tosylpropiolamide (5l)

Prepared according to GP B using 5 mmol **3a** and 15 mmol allylbromide.

(0.84 g, 2.6 mmol, 51%)

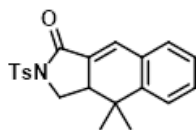
Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature⁴.

General Procedure C: Silver-catalyzed intramolecular cycloaddition reactions of 1,6-enynes



In a dried screw-capped vial, the substrate (0.5 mol, 1 equiv.) was diluted with dry DCM (4 mL) and then the solution of $AgSbF_6$ previously prepared (5 mol %) in dry DCM (1 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 17 hours (reaction followed by TLC), the mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel with DCM and evaporated under reduced pressure. In the cases of tetracyclic compounds, the crude product was purified by

silica-gel column chromatography (mobile phase changed according to compound) to afford the corresponding product.



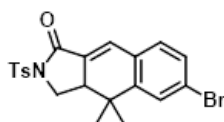
Chemical Formula: $C_{21}H_{21}NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 367.4630

4,4-dimethyl-2-tosyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-1-one (6a)

Prepared according to GP C using 0.5 mmol **5a**.

(163.52 mg, 0.45 mmol, 89%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature⁴.



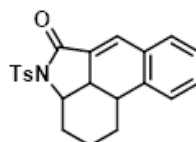
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6-bromo-4,4-dimethyl-2-tosyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-1-one (6c)

Prepared according to GP C using 0.5 mmol **5c**.

(209.79 mg, 0.47 mmol, 94%)

Spectral data were consistent with data reported in the literature⁴.



Chemical Formula: $C_{22}H_{21}NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 379.4740

4-tosyl-2,3,3a,3a1,4,10b-hexahydronaphtho[3,2,1-cd]indol-5(1H)-one (6e)

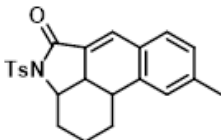
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(164.89 mg, 0.43 mmol, 87%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.04 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (td, *J* = 8.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 8.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.35 (qt, *J* = 13.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.18 – 1.03 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 165.3, 145.1, 139.7, 136.6, 131.8, 130.8, 130.6, 129.8, 129.7, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 58.7, 38.8, 36.1, 32.0, 30.8, 22.9, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{22}H_{21}NO_3SNa$ [$M+Na$]⁺ : 402.1134, found 402.1133



Chemical Formula: $C_{23}H_{23}NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 393.5010

9-methyl-4-tosyl-2,3,3a,3a1,4,10b-hexahydronaphtho[3,2,1-cd]indol-5(1H)-one (6f)

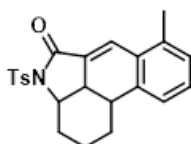
Prepared according to GP C using 0.5 mmol **5f**.

(121.99 g, 0.31 mmol, 62%)

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 8.03 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 13.0, 5.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.67 – 4.59 (m, 1H), 3.24 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.73 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 1H), 1.35 (q, $J = 13.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.16 – 1.03 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 165.5, 145.0, 141.0, 139.8, 136.6, 131.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 58.8, 38.9, 36.1, 32.0, 30.9, 23.0, 21.8, 21.7.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{23}NO_3SNa$ $[M+Na]^+$: 416.1291, found 416.1290



Chemical Formula: $C_{23}H_{23}NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 393.5010

7-methyl-4-tosyl-2,3,3a,3a1,4,10b-hexahydronaphtho[3,2,1-cd]indol-5(1H)-one (6g)

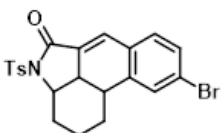
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(131.82 g, 0.34 mmol, 67%)

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 8.04 (dt, $J = 8.4, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dt, $J = 10.4, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (td, $J = 8.1, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (ddd, $J = 13.3, 8.4, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.72 (dt, $J = 13.7, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.60 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.24 (m, 1H), 1.17 – 1.04 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 165.6, 145.0, 139.9, 137.1, 136.6, 130.2, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 126.5, 58.7, 39.2, 35.6, 32.1, 30.7, 22.9, 21.8, 19.3.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{23}NO_3SNa$ $[M+Na]^+$: 416.1291, found 416.1289



Chemical Formula: $C_{22}H_{20}BrNO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 458.3700

9-bromo-4-tosyl-2,3,3a,3a1,4,10b-hexahydronaphtho[3,2,1-cd]indol-5(1H)-one (6h)

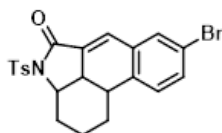
Prepared according to GP C using 0.5 mmol **5h**.

(87.09 g, 0.19 mmol, 38%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.08 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (td, *J* = 8.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 8.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.75 (dp, *J* = 13.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.10 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 165.0, 145.2, 141.5, 136.4, 131.7, 130.9, 130.7, 130.6, 130.3, 129.7, 129.7, 128.7, 124.3, 58.5, 38.6, 35.9, 32.0, 30.7, 22.8, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₂H₂₀BrNO₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ : 480.0239, found 480.0237



Chemical Formula: C₂₂H₂₀BrNO₃S
Molecular Weight: 458.3700

8-bromo-4-tosyl-2,3,3a,3a1,4,10b-hexahydronaphtho[3,2,1-cd]indol-5(1H)-one (6i)

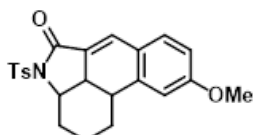
Prepared according to GP C using 0.5 mmol **5i**.

(174.18 g, 0.38 mmol, 76%). In this case, rotamers were observed in NMR analysis.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.05 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 4.70 – 4.59 (m, 1H), 3.50 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 8.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 3.05 (ddd, *J* = 13.6, 8.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.17 – 1.02 (m, 2H), 0.94 (qd, *J* = 13.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 164.9, 145.2, 138.4, 136.3, 134.8, 133.2, 132.7, 132.2, 131.3, 130.9, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 121.0, 58.6, 38.3, 38.0, 36.1, 36.0, 32.2, 32.0, 30.7, 26.5, 22.8, 22.7, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₂H₂₀BrNO₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ : 480.0239, found 480.0237



Chemical Formula: C₂₃H₂₃NO₄S
Molecular Weight: 409.5000

9-methoxy-4-tosyl-2,3,3a,3a1,4,10b-hexahydronaphtho[3,2,1-cd]indol-5(1H)-one (6j)

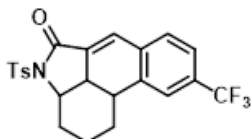
Prepared according to GP C using 0.5 mmol **5j**.

(102.38 g, 0.25 mmol, 50%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.06 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 4.62 (dt, *J* = 10.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.24 (td, *J* = 7.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (ddd, *J* = 13.2, 8.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.52 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.72 (dq, *J* = 13.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.64 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.16 – 1.03 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 165.5, 161.5, 144.9, 141.9, 136.7, 131.6, 131.2, 129.6, 128.6, 126.8, 123.9, 115.0, 112.1, 58.7, 55.5, 39.3, 35.8, 31.8, 30.8, 22.9, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₃H₂₃NO₄SNa [M+Na]⁺ : 432.1240, found 432.1237



Chemical Formula: $C_{23}H_{20}F_3NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 447.4722

4-tosyl-9-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3,3a,3a1,4,10b-hexahydronaphtho[3,2,1-cd]indol-5(1H)-one (6k)

Prepared according to GP C using 0.5 mmol **5k**.

(76.07 g, 0.17 mmol, 34%)

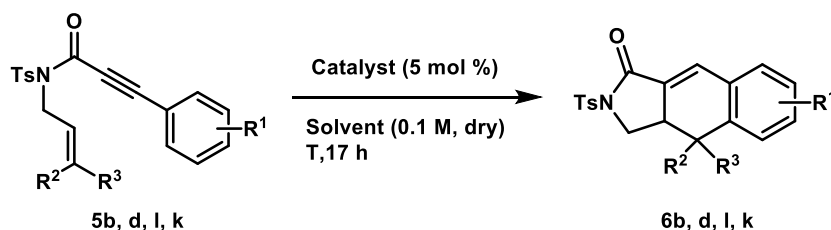
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 8.06 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 7.9, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 4.66 (dt, $J = 10.6, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 (td, $J = 8.0, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (ddd, $J = 13.6, 8.4, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.76 (dp, $J = 13.7, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.37 (qt, $J = 13.6, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.18 – 1.04 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 164.7, 145.3, 140.2, 136.3, 134.0, 132.6, 131.9 (q, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 130.0, 129.7 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 128.7, 125.3 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 124.5 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 123.9 (d, $J = 272.1$ Hz), 58.5, 38.6, 36.0, 32.1, 30.6, 22.7, 21.8.

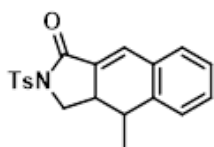
^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) -62.8 (s).

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{20}F_3NO_3SNa$ $[M+Na]^+$: 470.1008, found 470.1004

General Procedure D: Transition metal catalyzed intramolecular cycloaddition reactions of 1,6-enynes



In a dried screw-capped vial, the substrate (0.5 mol, 1 equiv.) and catalysts (5 mol%) was diluted with dry solvent (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at different temperature. After 17 hours (reaction followed by TLC), the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (mobile phase changed according to compound) to afford the corresponding product.



Chemical Formula: $C_{20}H_{19}NO_3S$
Molecular Weight: 353.4360

4-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-1-one (6b)

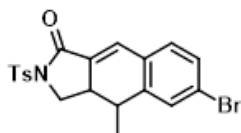
Prepared according to GP D using 0.5 mmol **5b** and 5 mol% of IPrAuNTf₂ in DCE at 80 °C.

(132.54 g, 0.375 mmol, 75%)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.99 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.36 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dt, *J* = 2.3, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 167.5, 145.2, 138.7, 138.0, 136.7, 135.5, 133.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 49.2, 21.8, 15.4.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₀H₁₉NO₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ : 376.0978, found 376.0977



Chemical Formula: C₂₀H₁₈BrNO₃S
Molecular Weight: 432.3320

6-bromo-4-methyl-2-tosyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-1-one (**6d**)

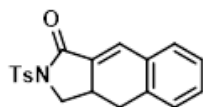
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(136.19 g, 0.32 mmol, 63%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.98 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.34 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 167.3, 145.3, 138.7, 136.8, 136.4, 135.5, 132.3, 132.0, 131.2, 130.7, 129.9, 128.4, 121.6, 49.2, 21.8, 15.4.

HRMS (ESI): Calculated for C₂₀H₁₈BrNO₃SNa [M+Na]⁺ : 454.0083, found 454.0081



Chemical Formula: C₁₉H₁₇NO₃S
Molecular Weight: 339.4090

2-tosyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-1-one (**6l**)

Prepared according to GP C using 0.5 mmol **5l** and 5 mol% of PtCl₂ in toluene at 100 °C.

(44.12 g, 0.13 mmol, 26%)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.03 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 167.2, 145.4, 141.3, 140.3, 139.4, 135.9, 135.4, 129.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 128.1, 120.0, 49.4, 21.8.

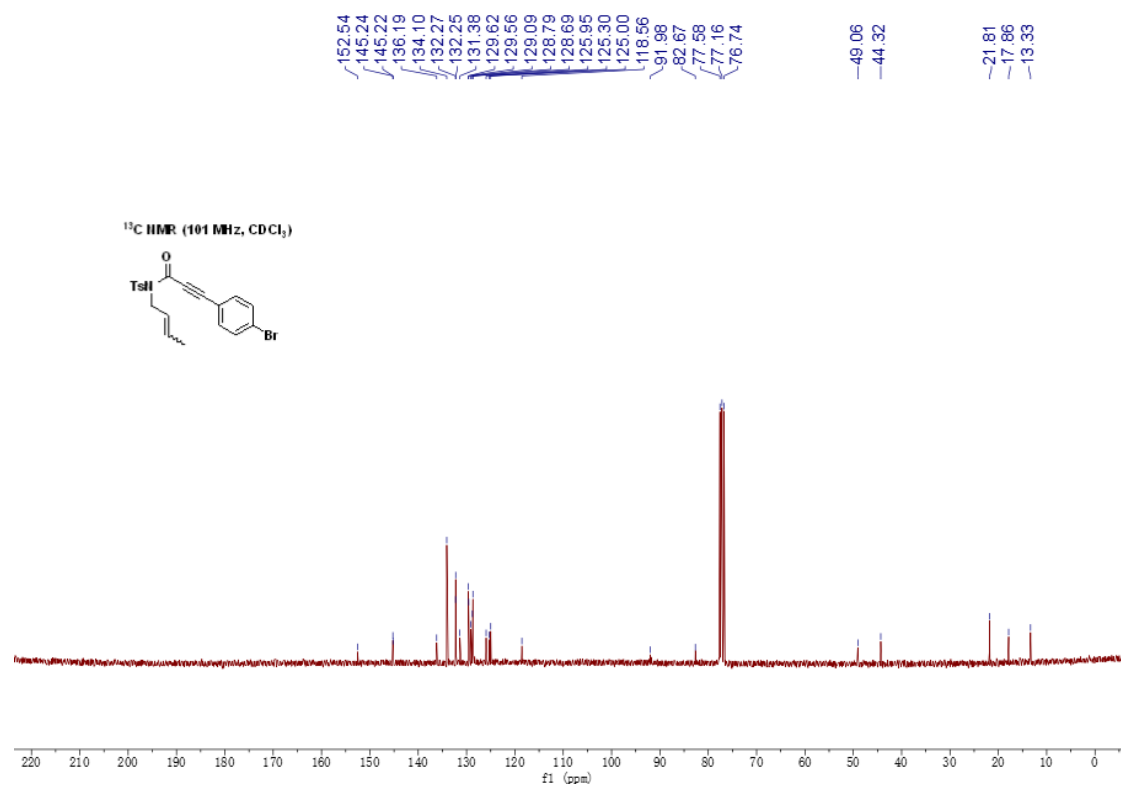
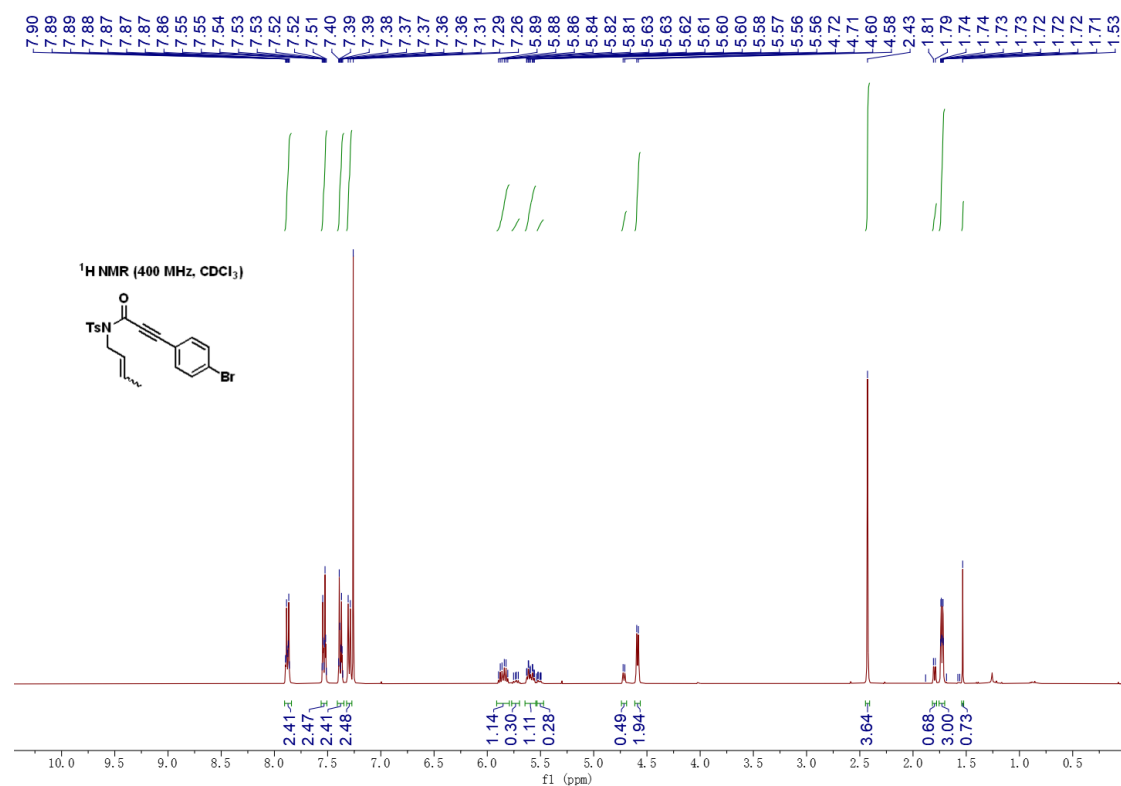
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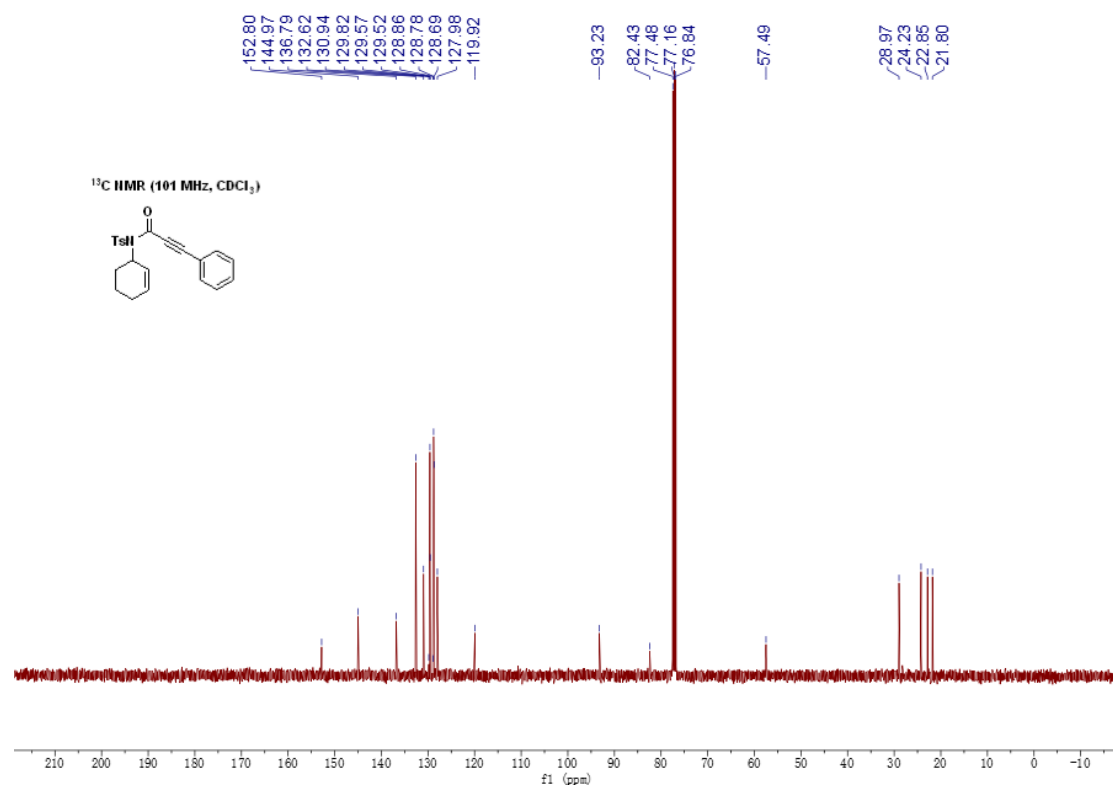
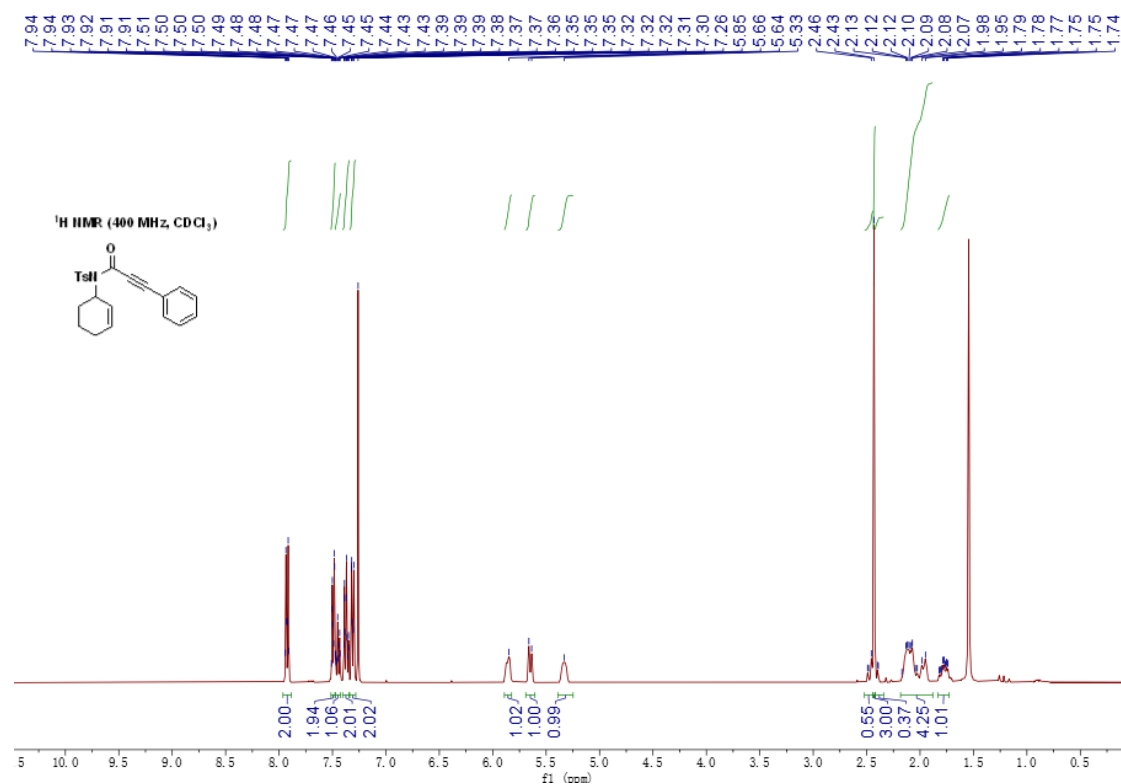
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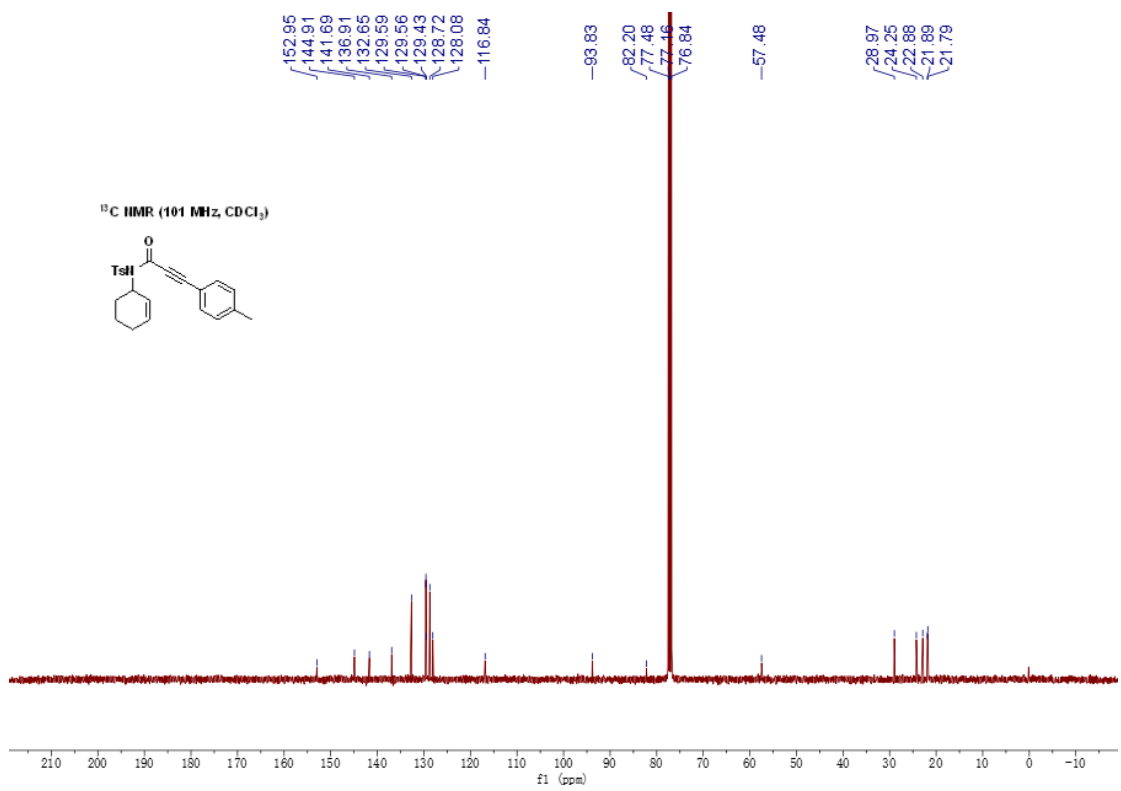
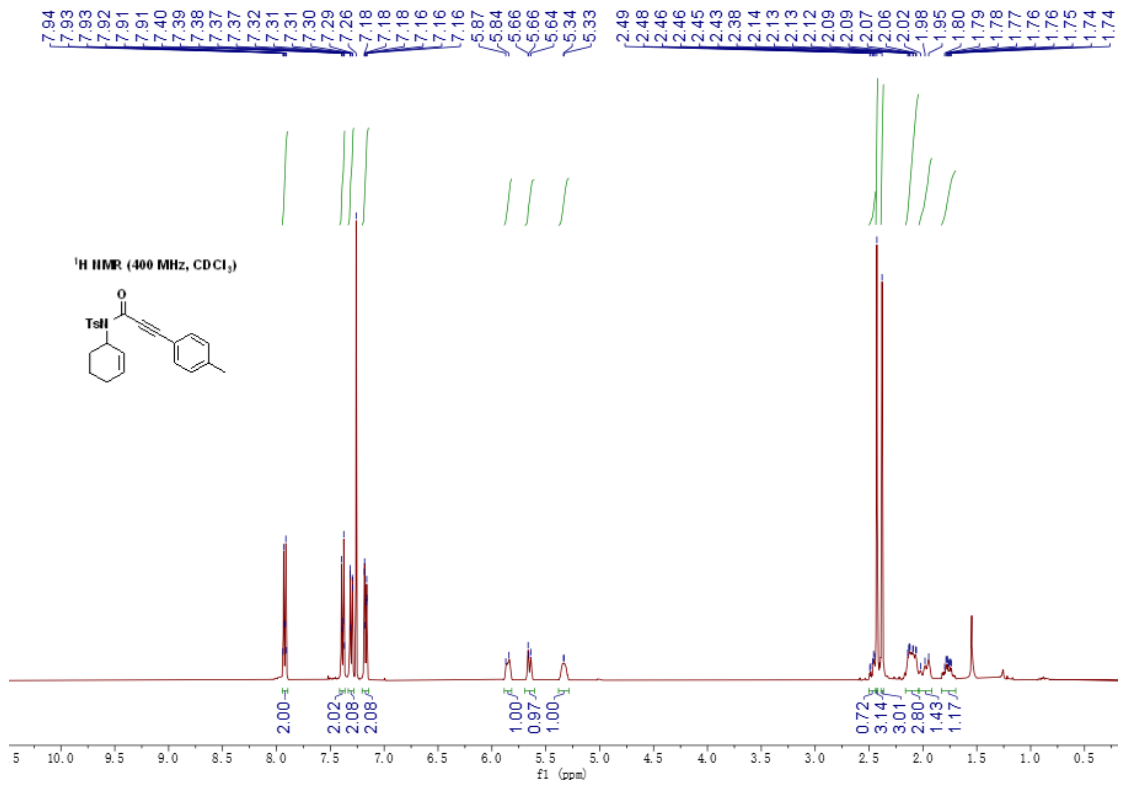
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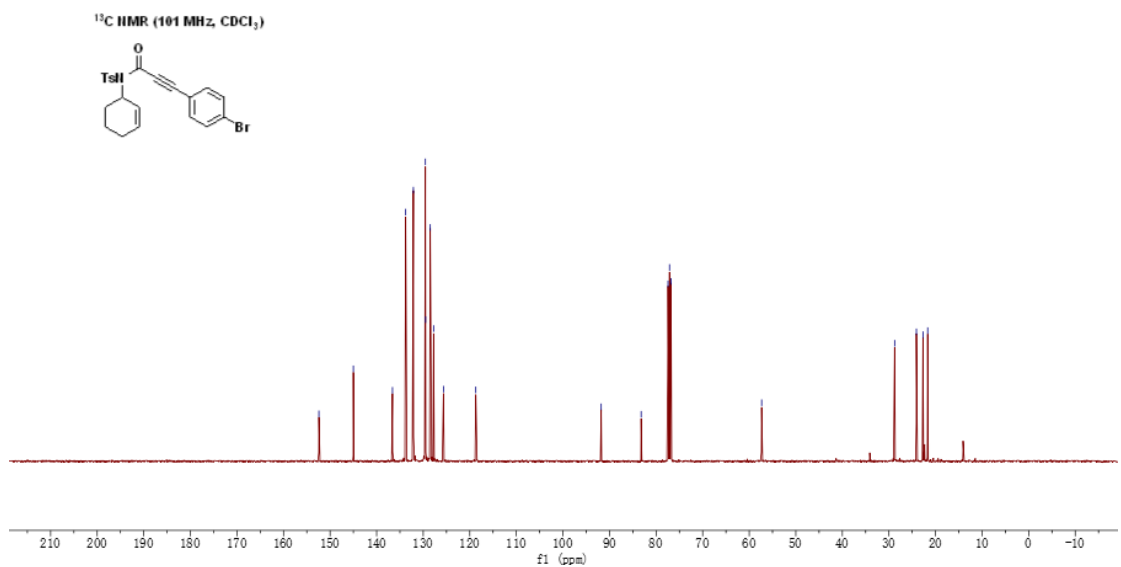
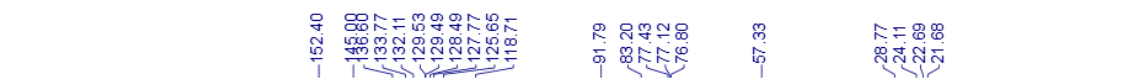
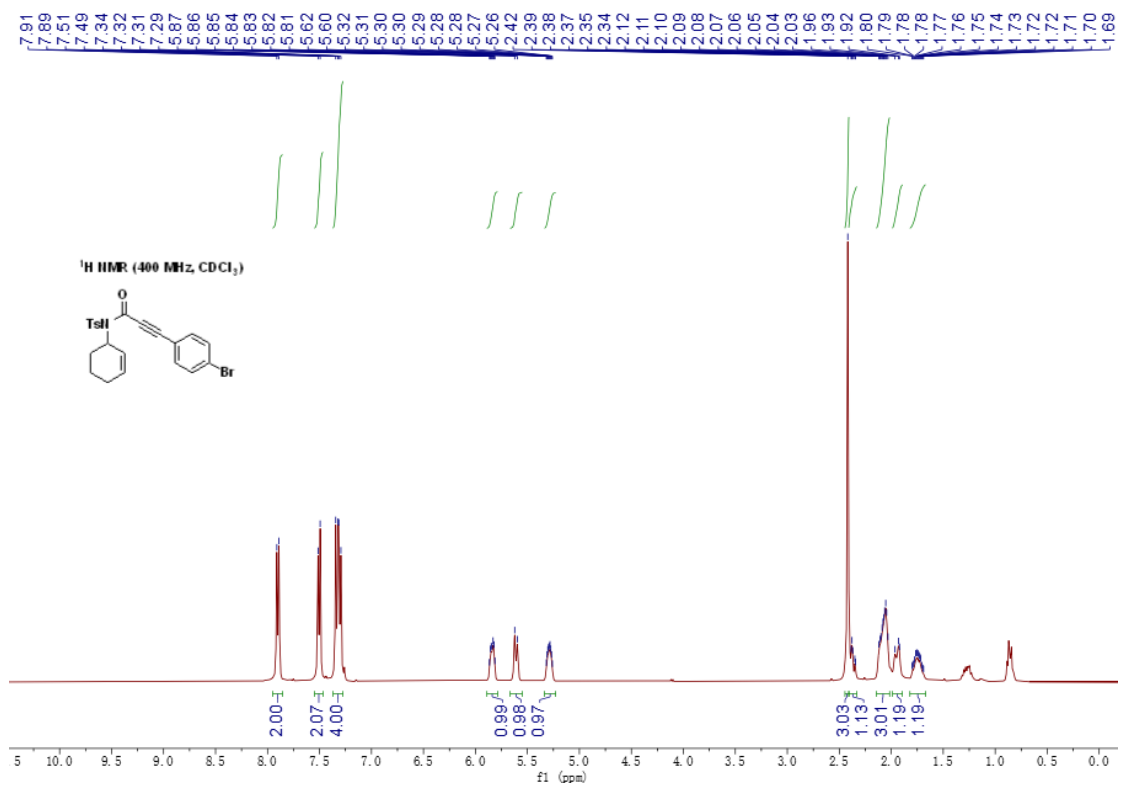
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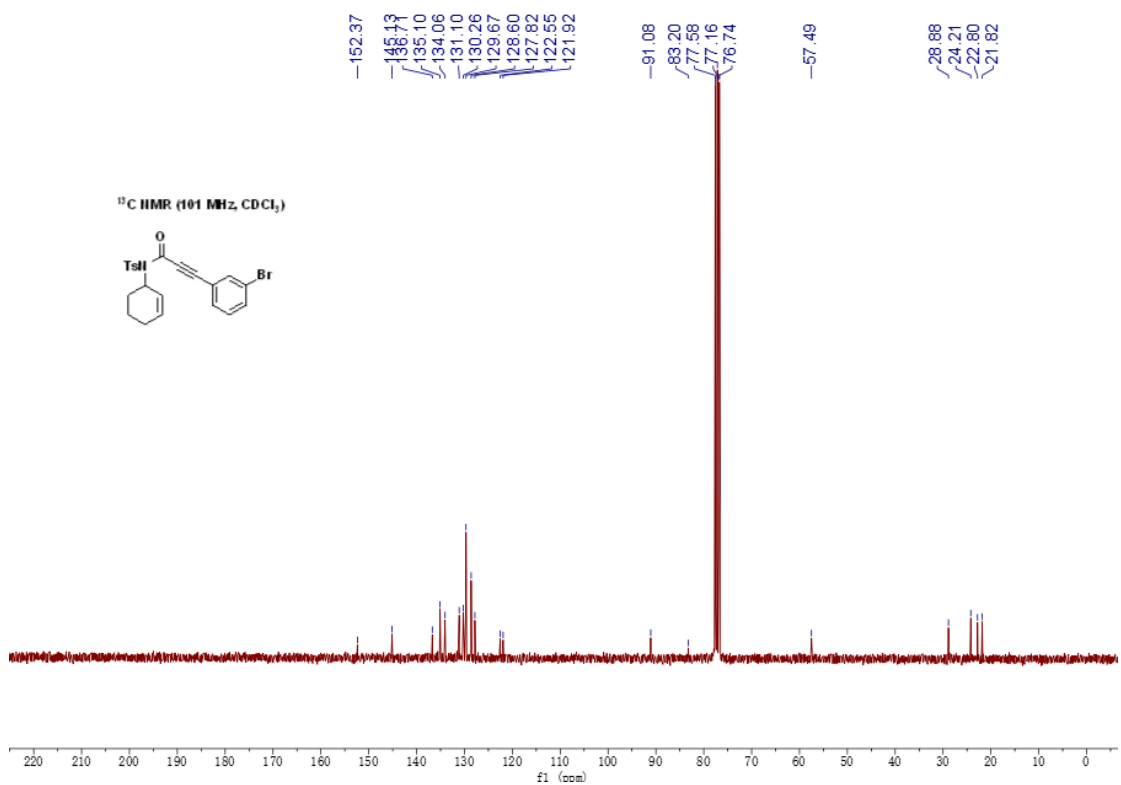
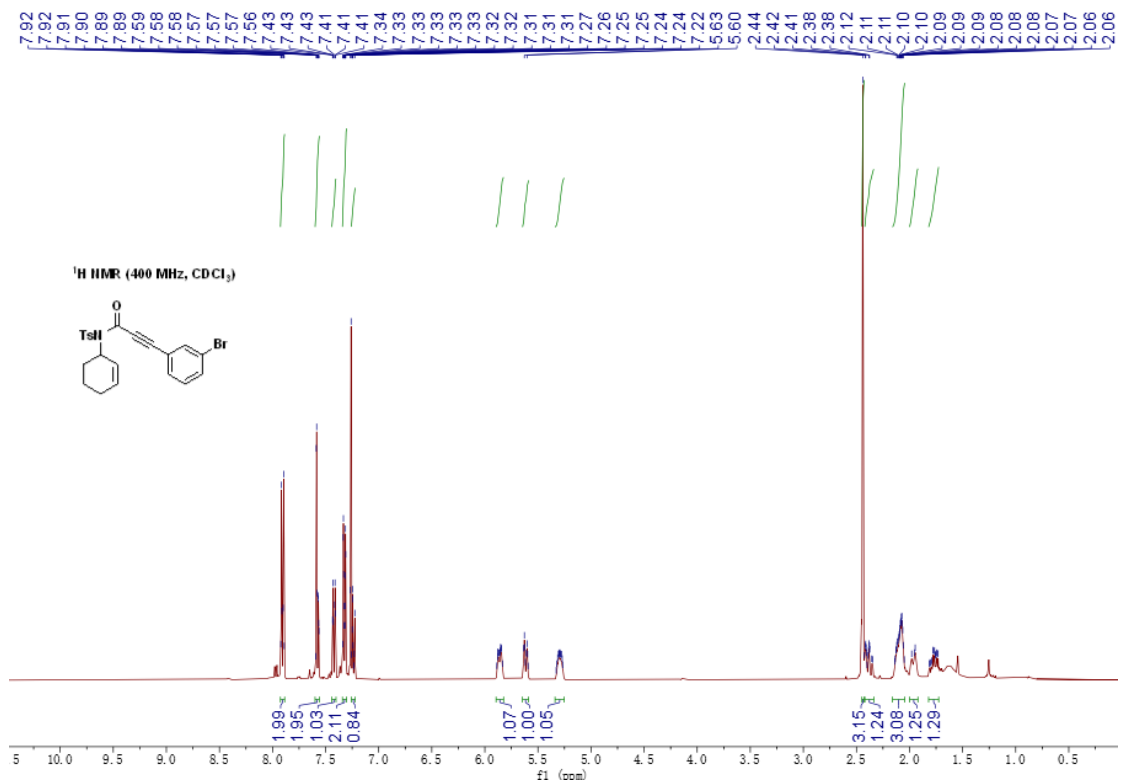


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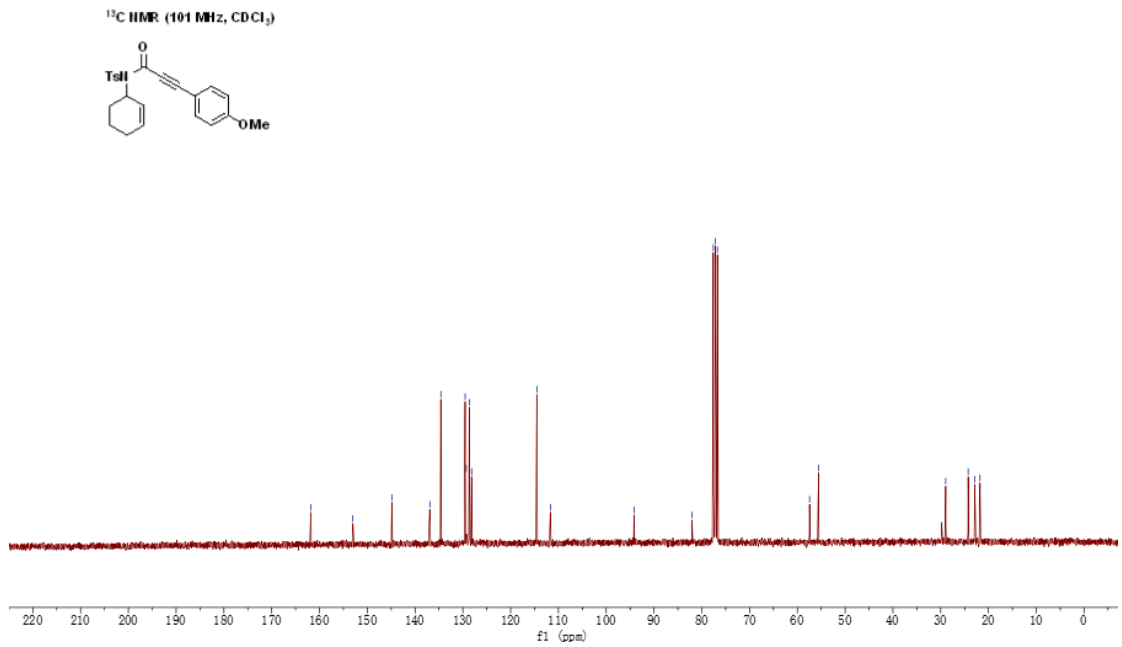
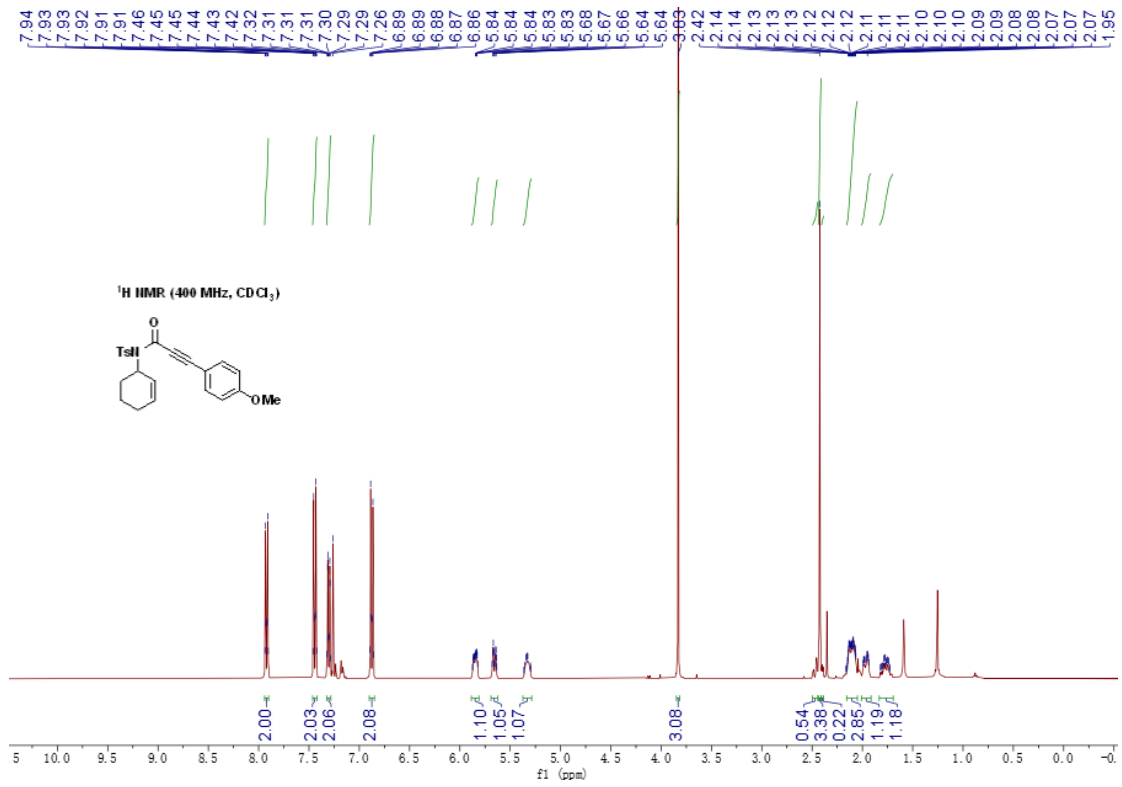


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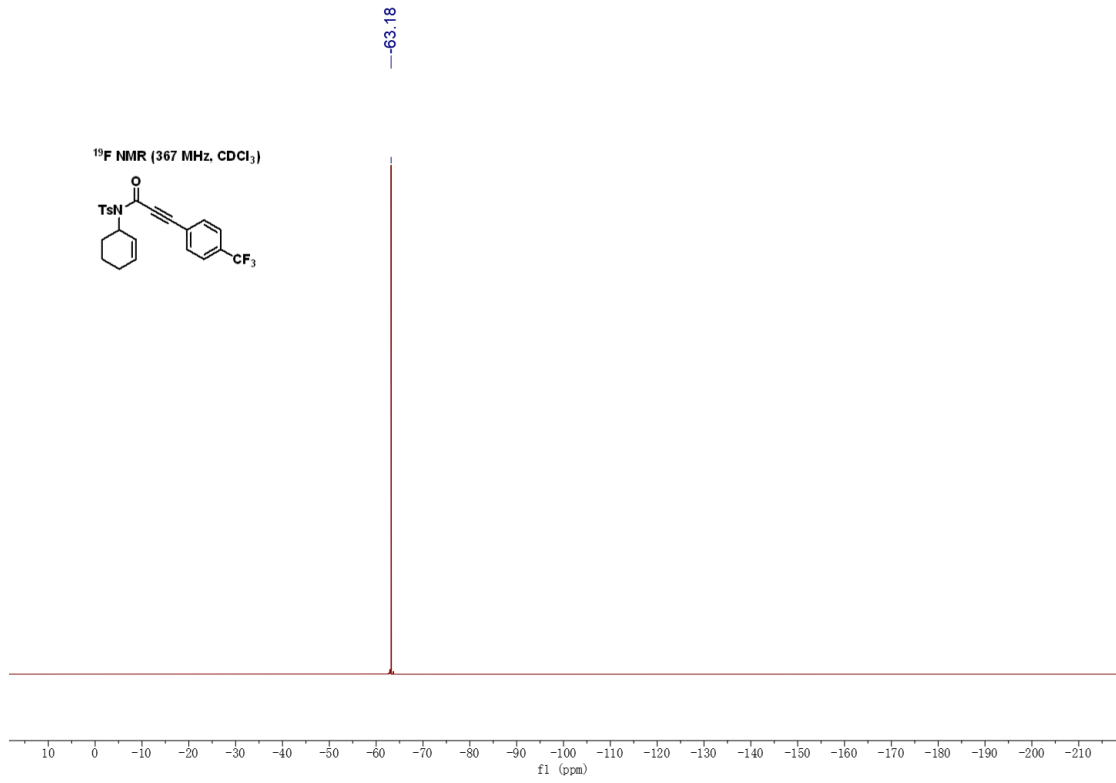




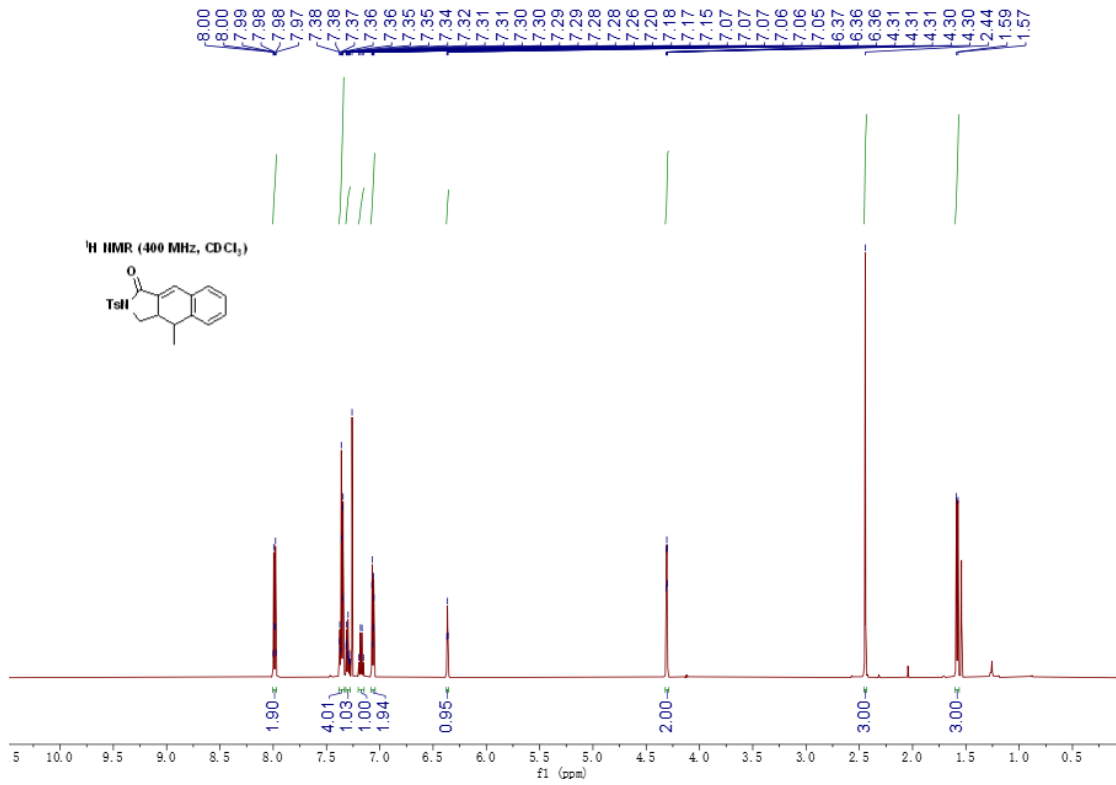
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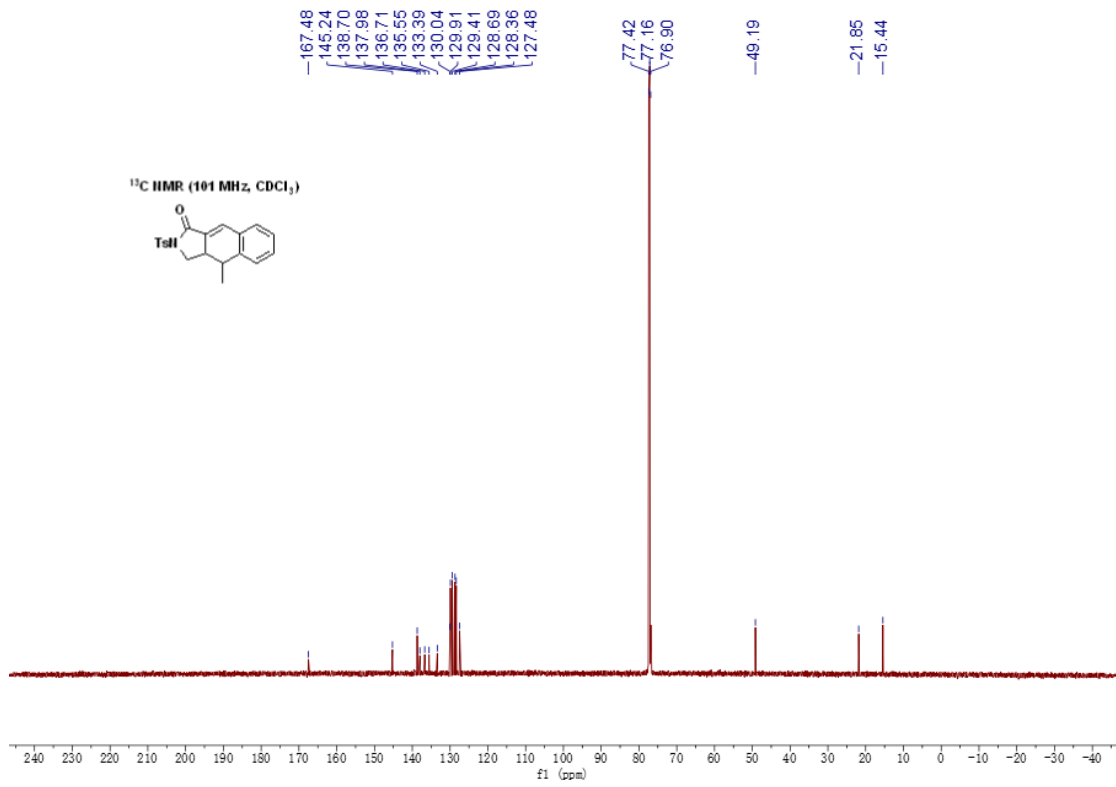


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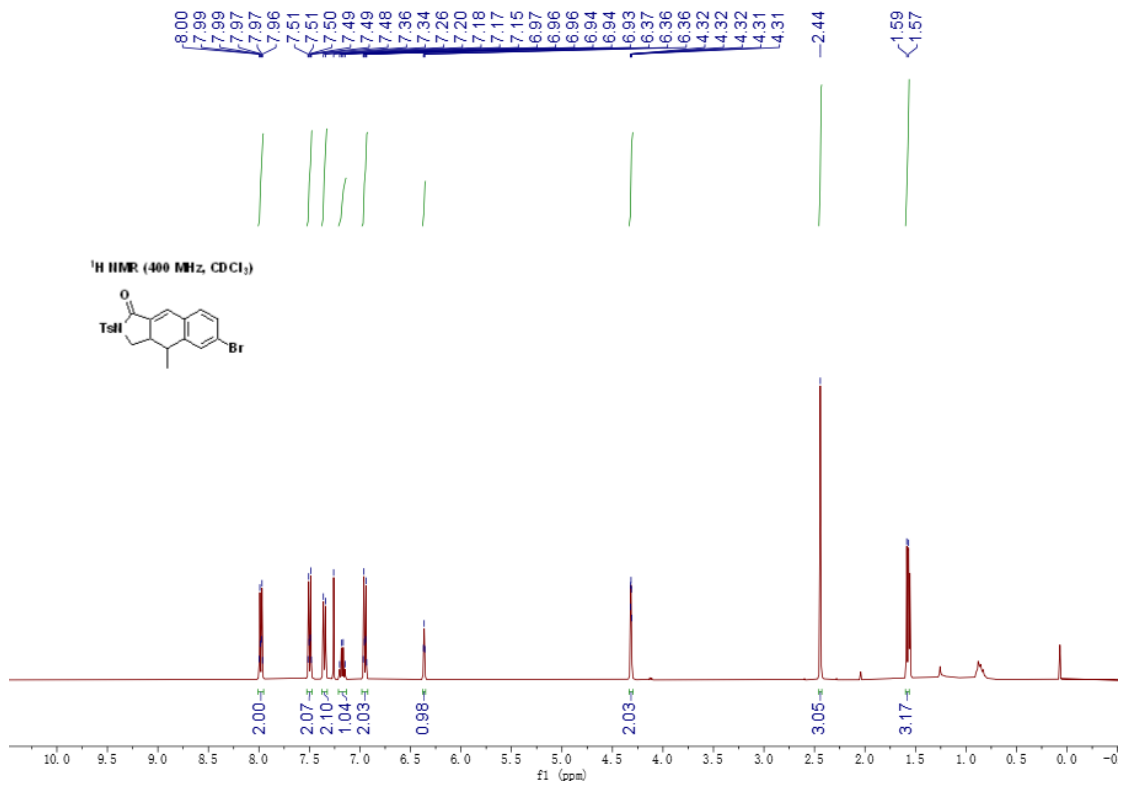


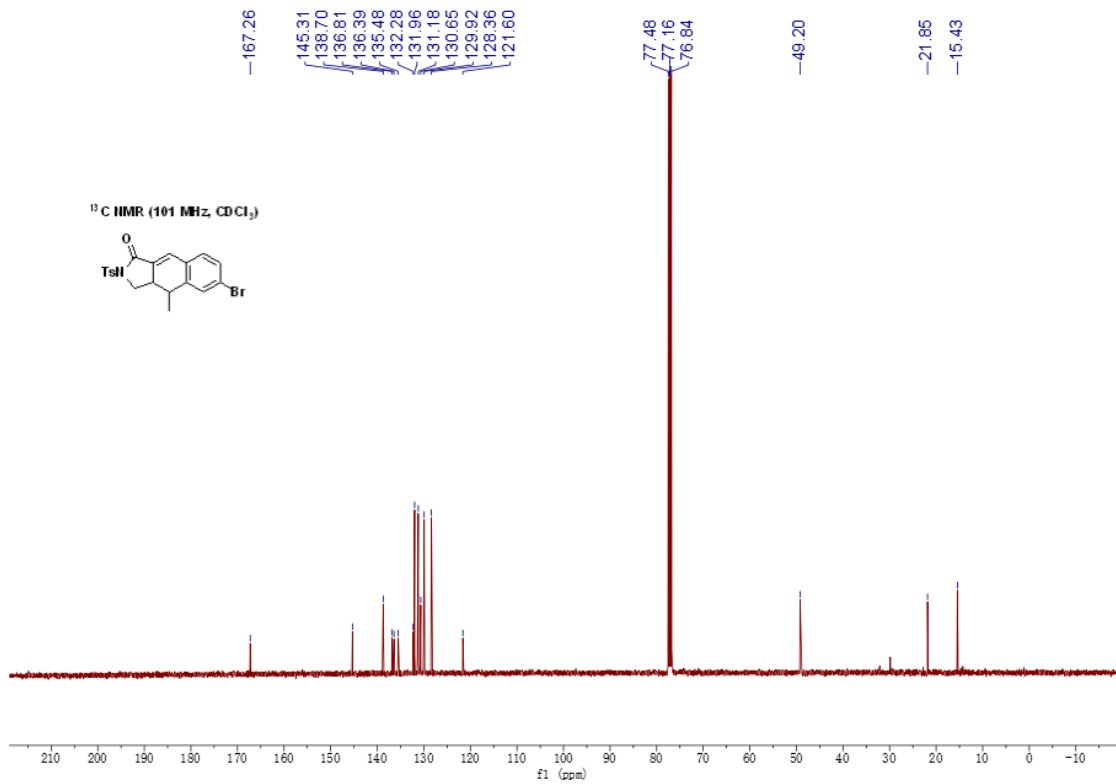
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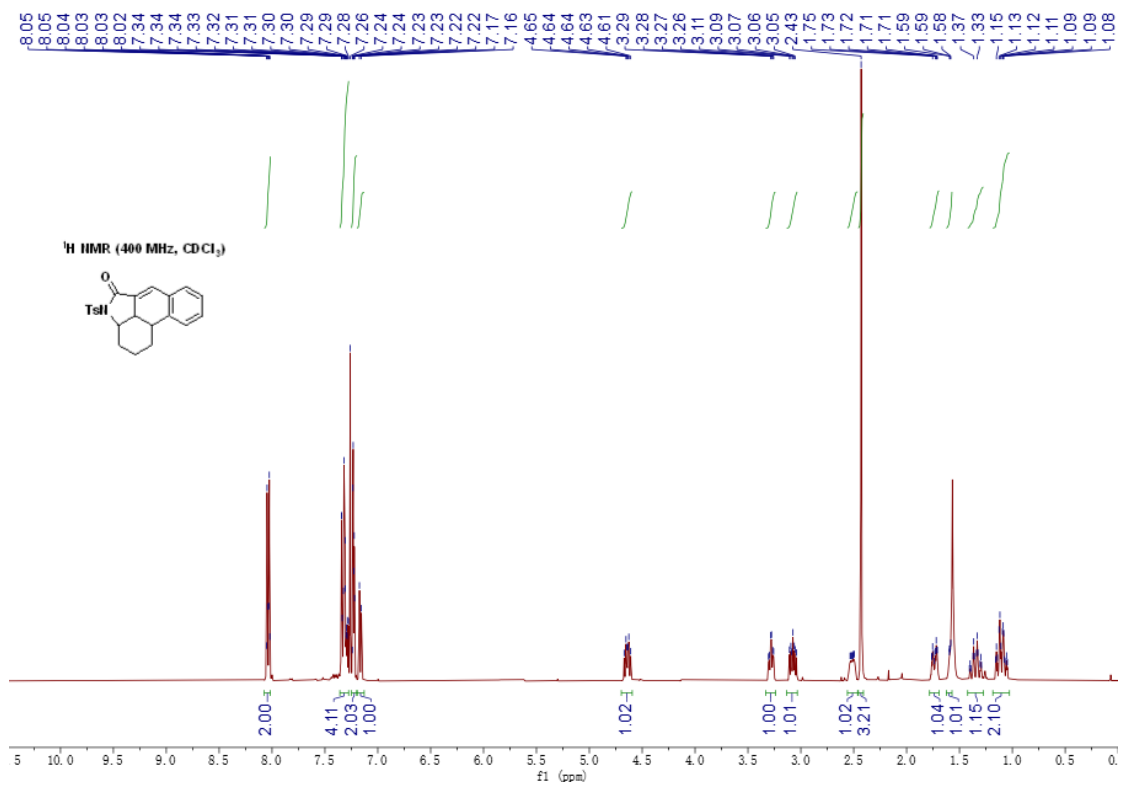


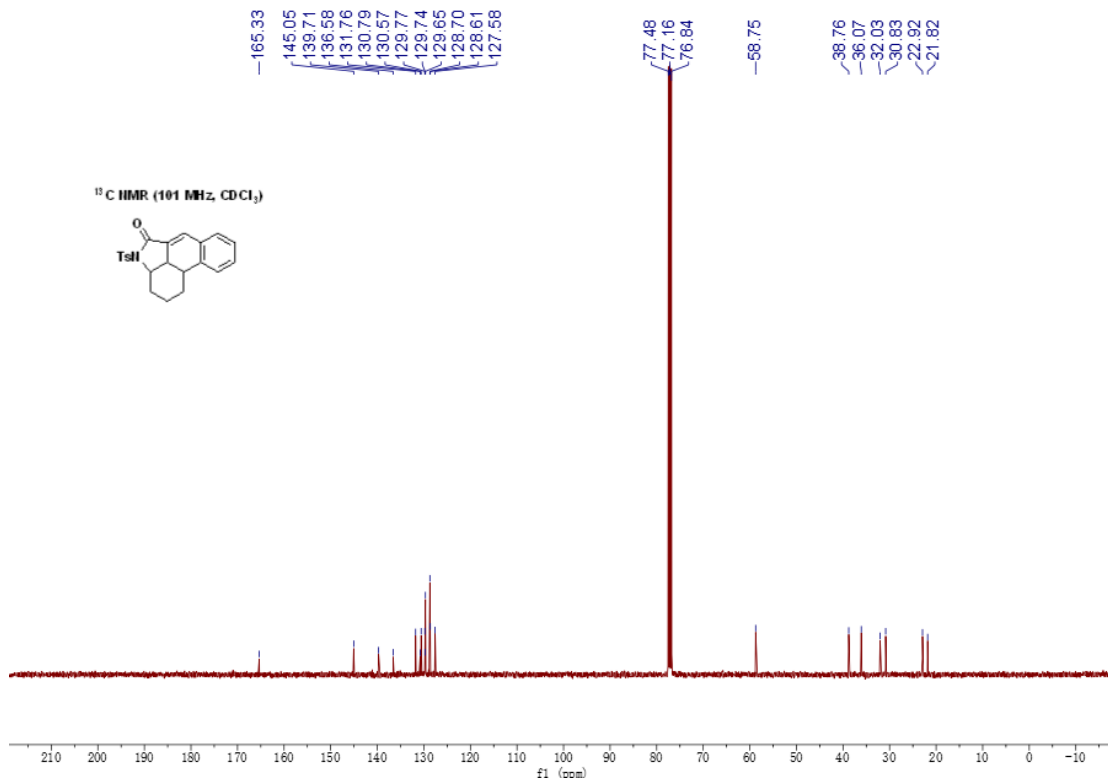
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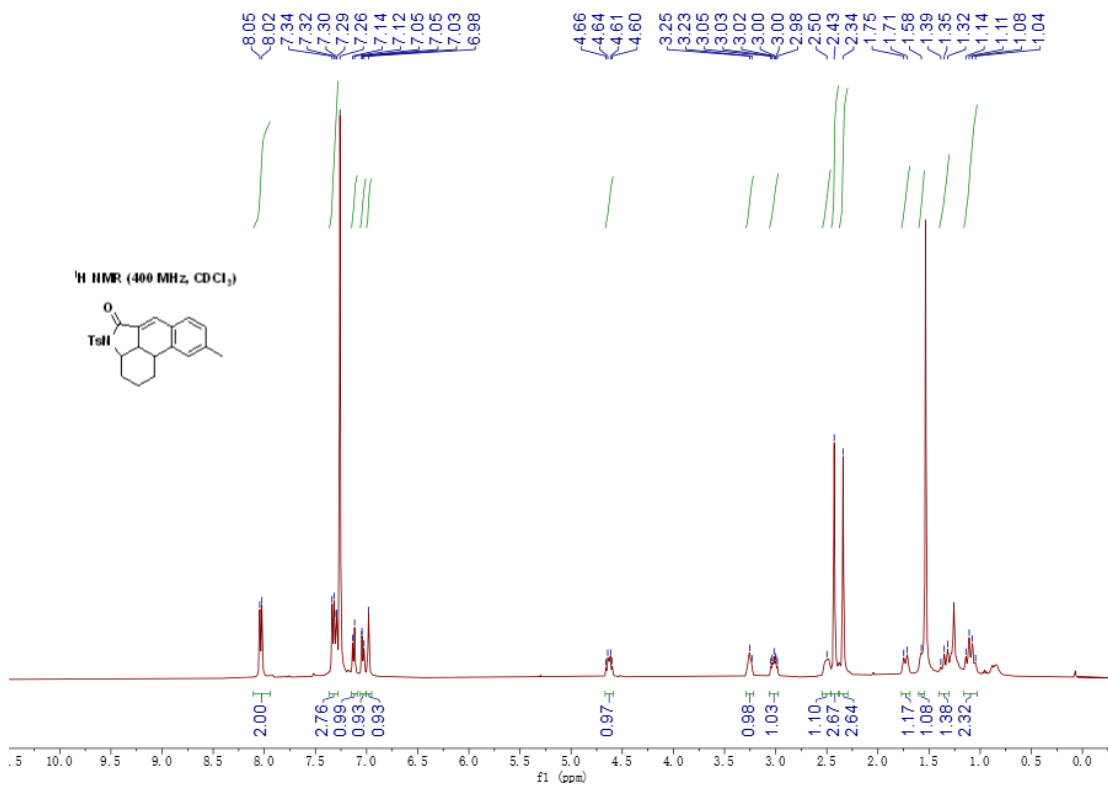


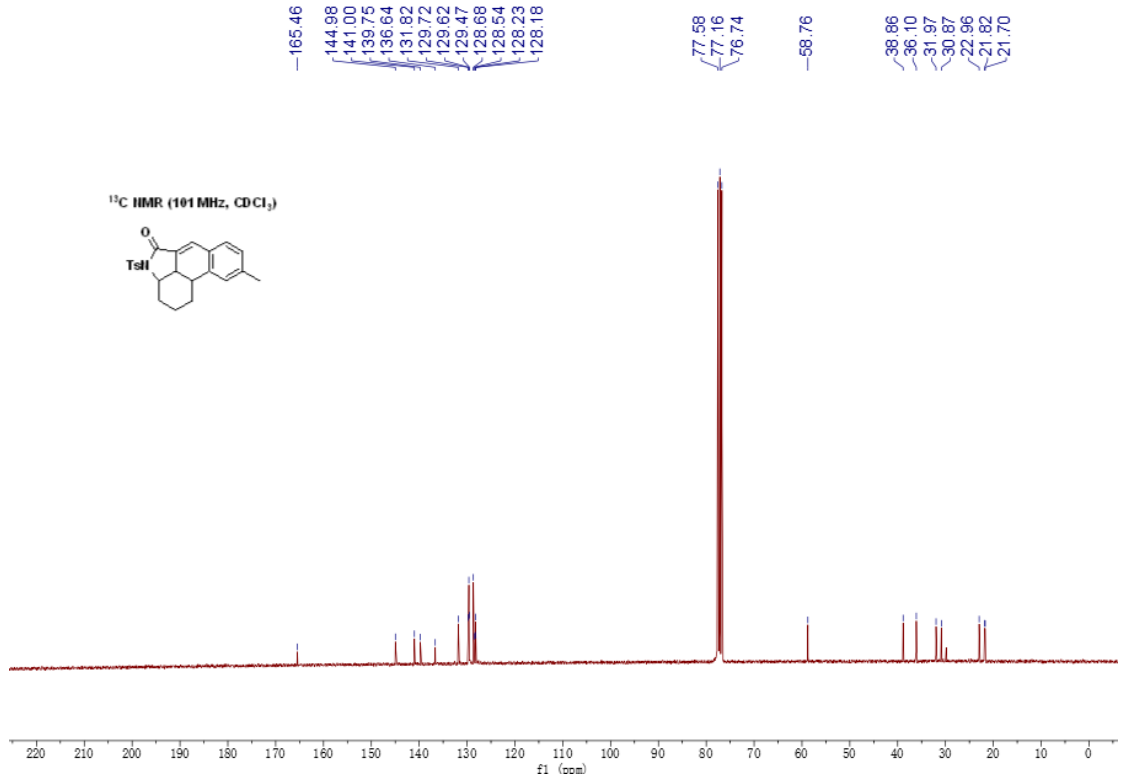
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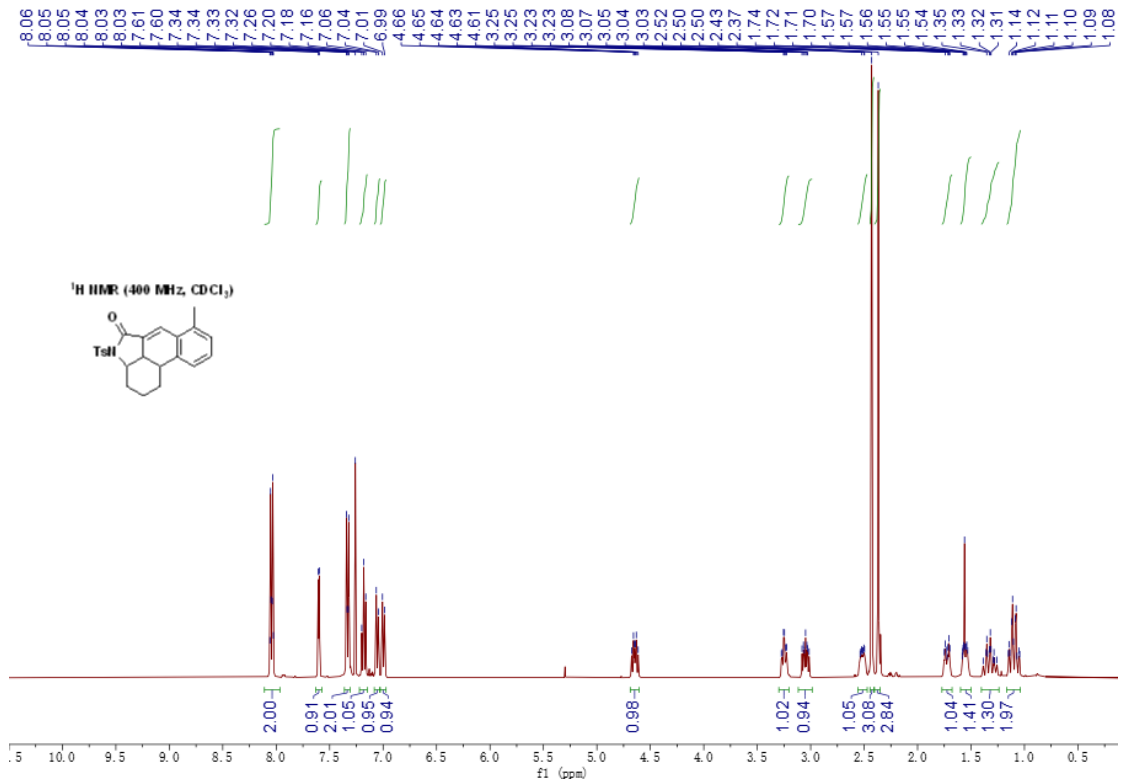


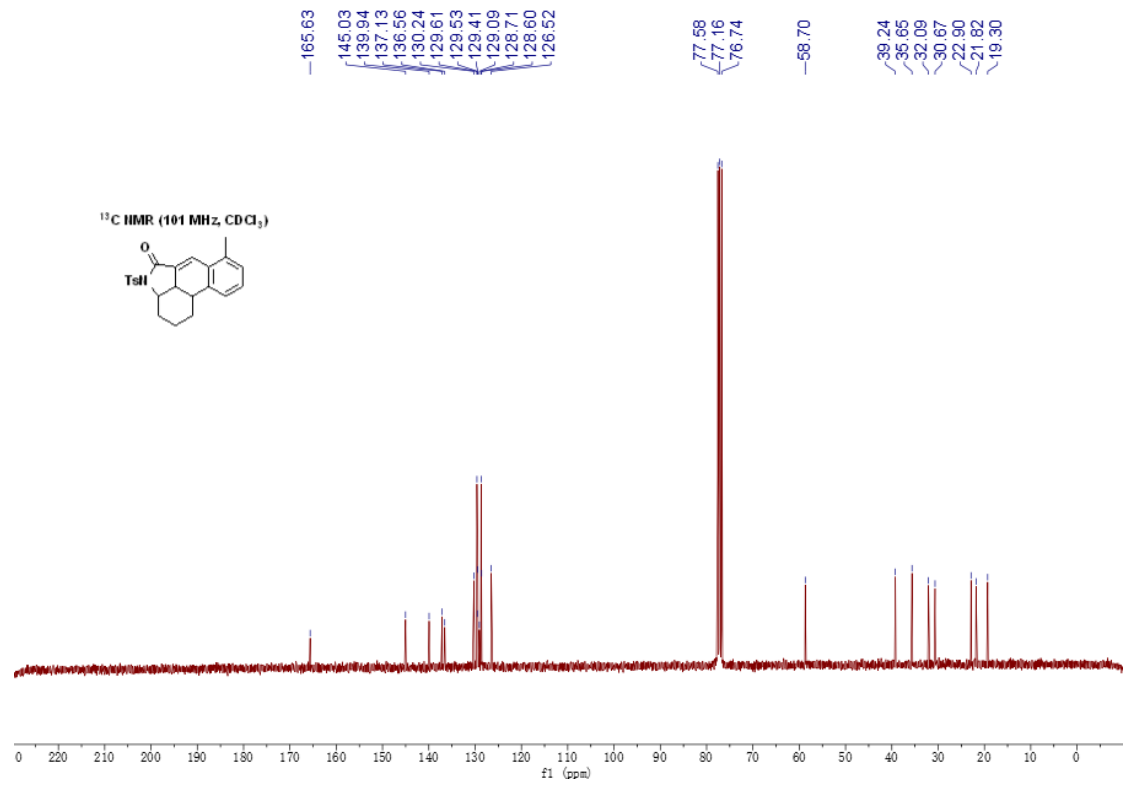
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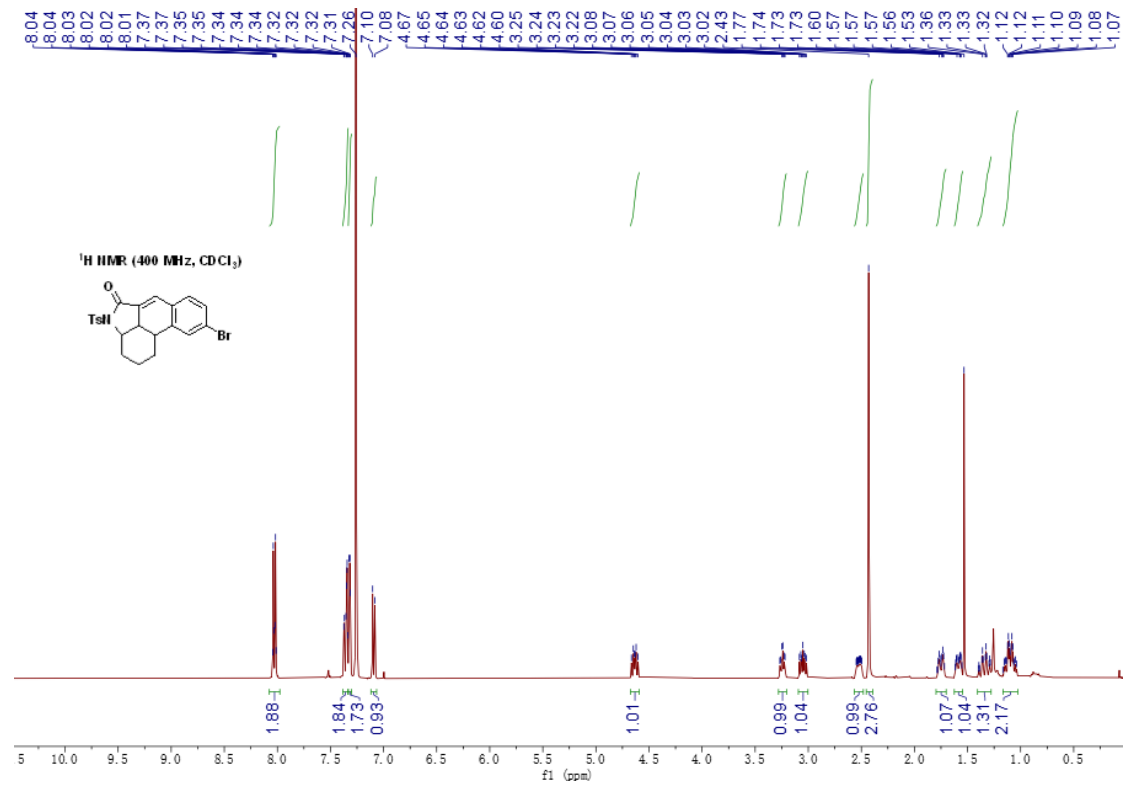


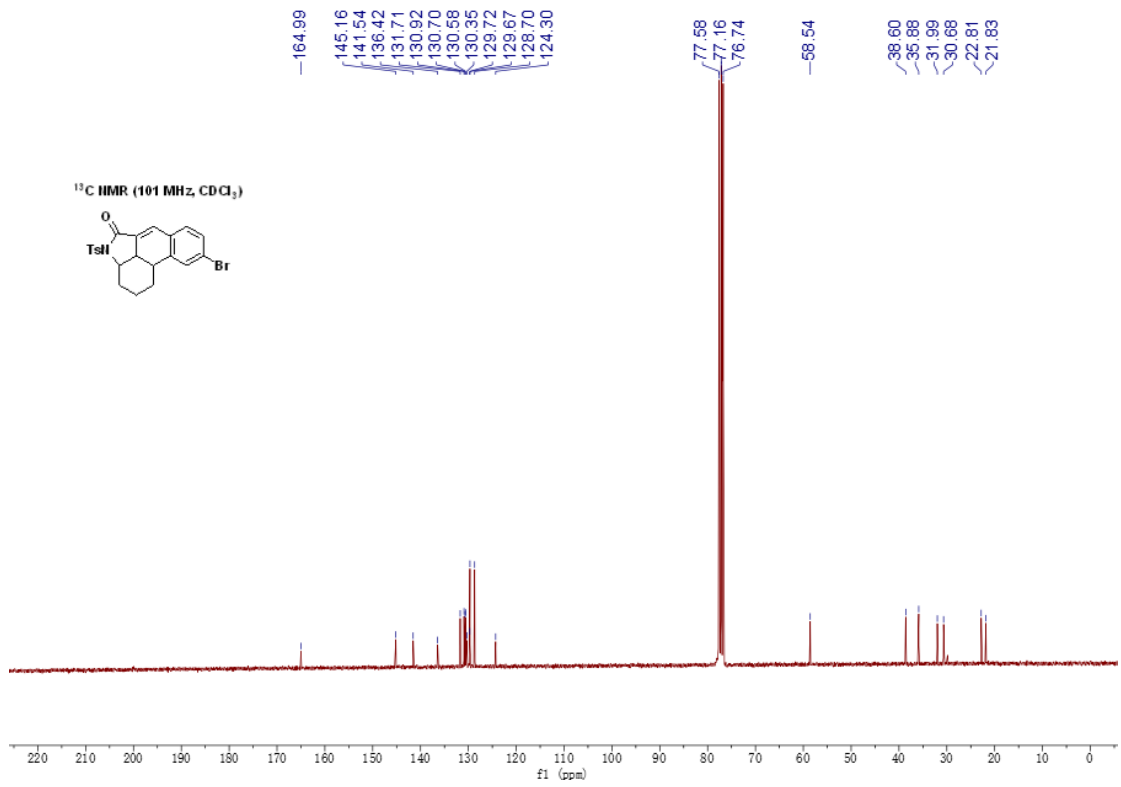
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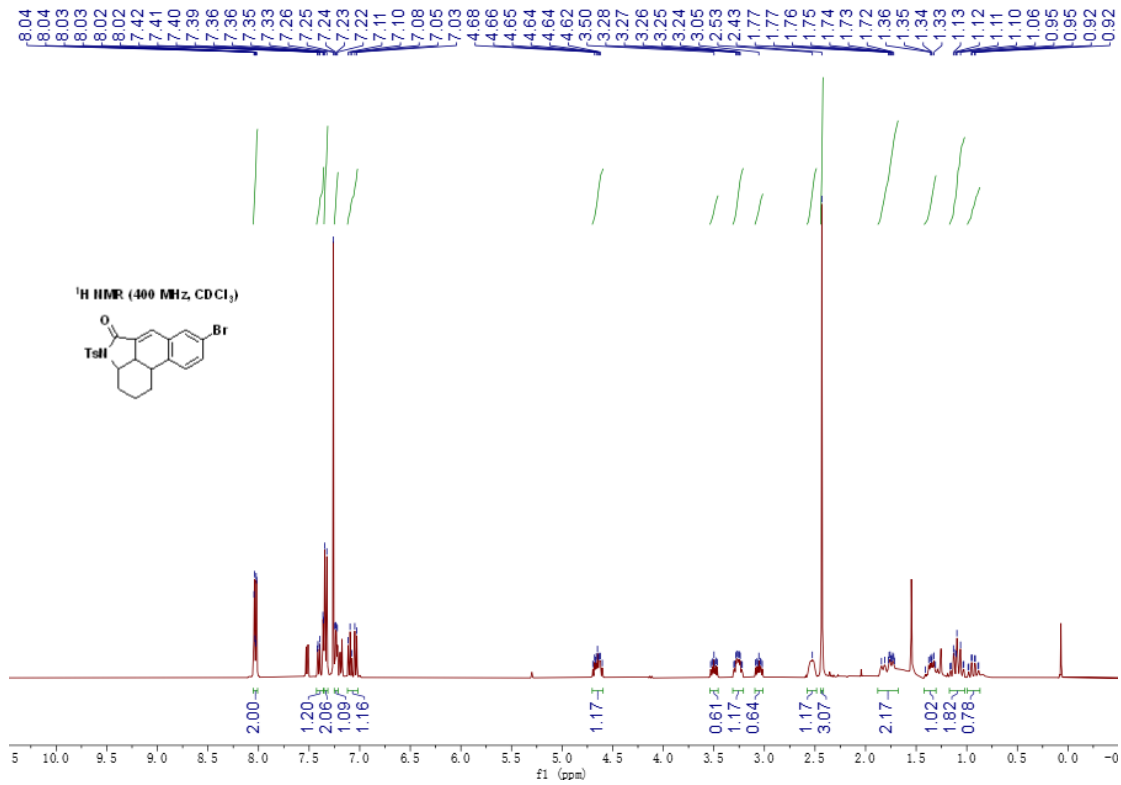


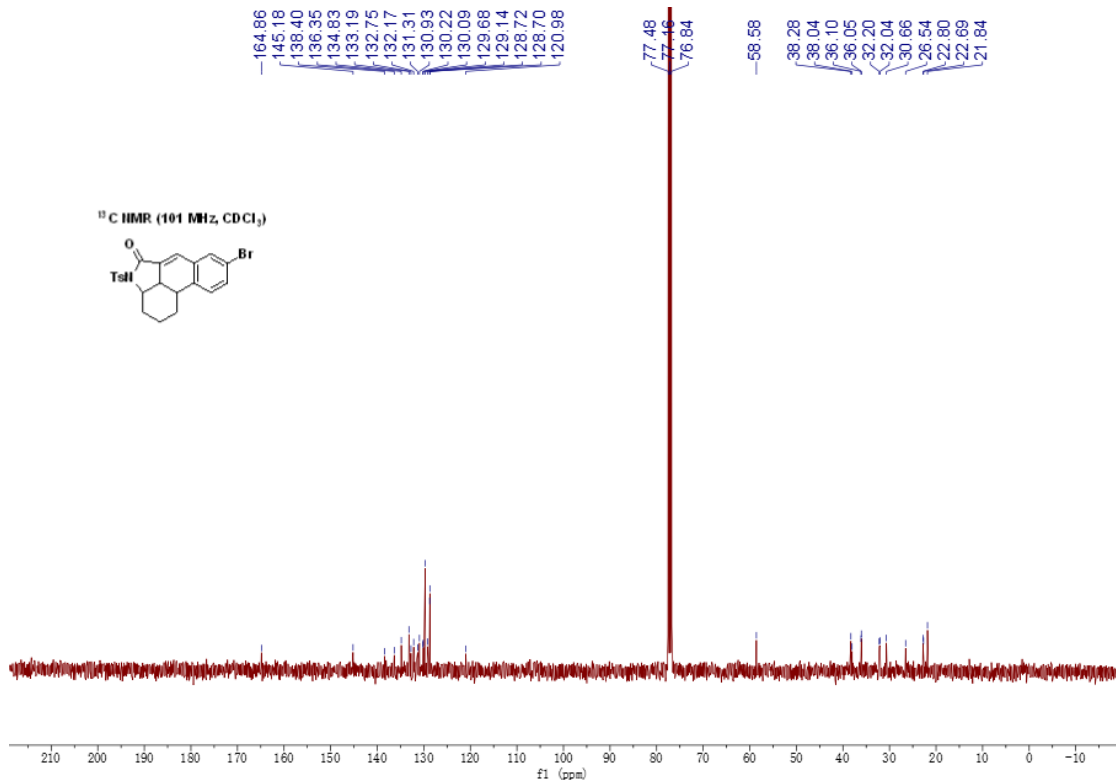
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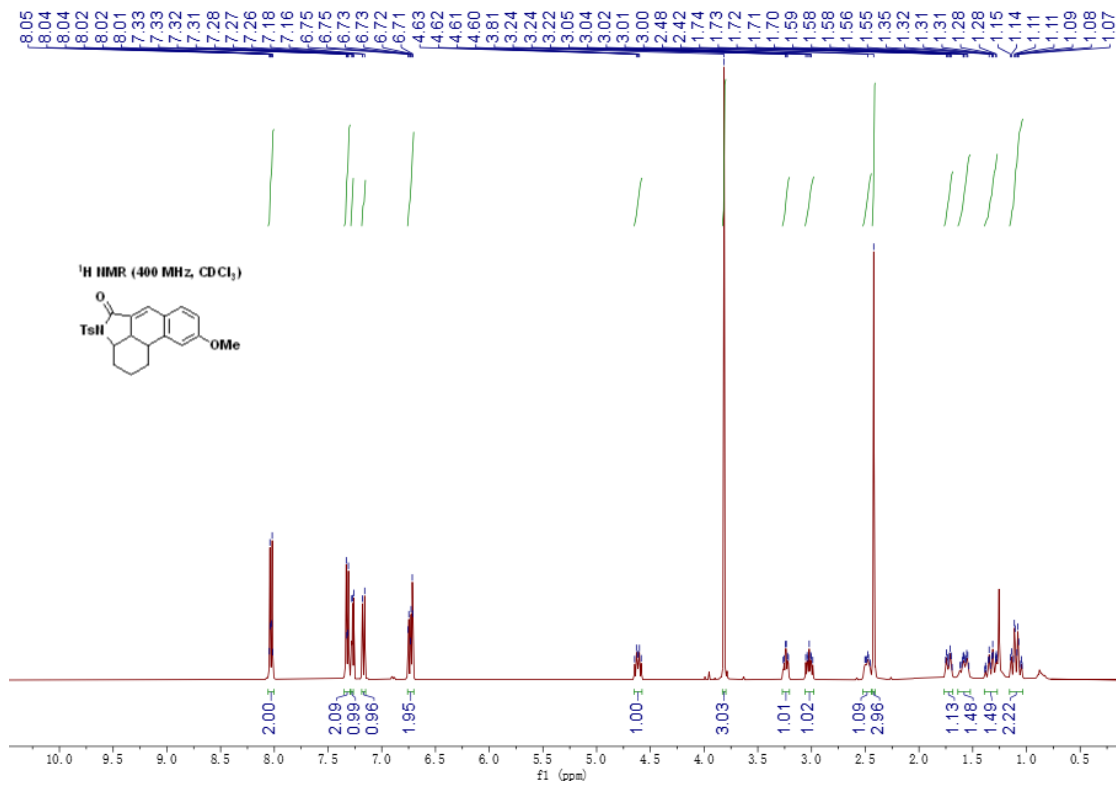


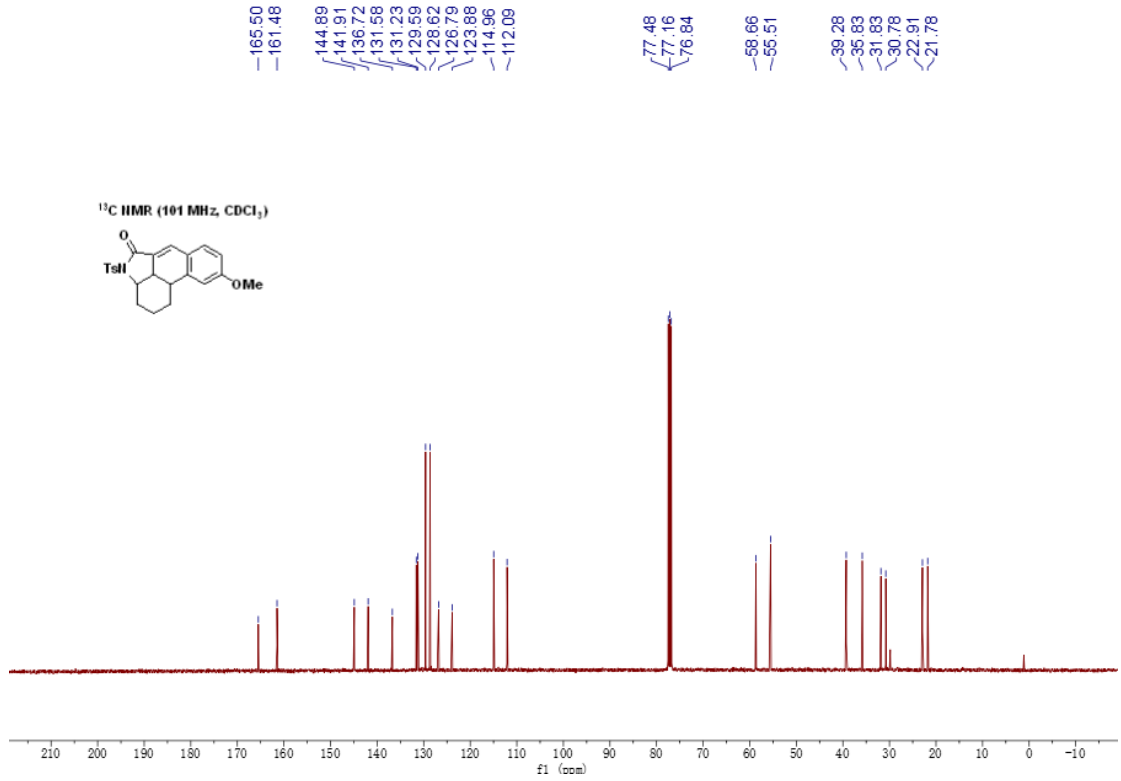
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