

## Supporting Information for

### Two annulated azaheterocyclic cores readily available from a single tetrahydroisoquinolonic Castagnoli-Cushman precursor

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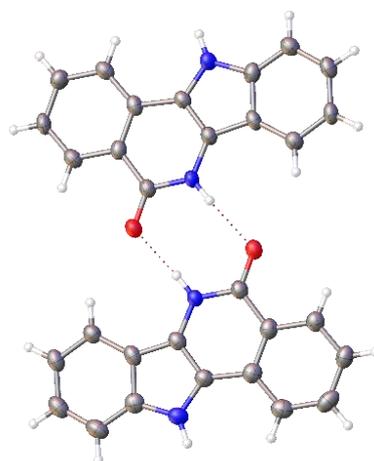
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**1. Table S1.** Reaction conditions screening for the reduction of compound **5**

| Entry | Reagents and conditions   | Result (according to NMR)   |
|-------|---|---|
| 1     | Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (4 equiv.), DME-H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1), reflux, 16h | Decomposition of substrate  |
| 2     | SnCl <sub>2</sub> (5 equiv.), EtOH, reflux, 16h   | Decomposition of substrate  |
| 3     | H <sub>2</sub> (1 atm), THF, 10% wt Pd/C, r.t., 16h   | Full conversion. Two products (3:1) - compound <b>4</b> + corresponding NH-lactam (overreduction) |
| 4     | HCO <sub>2</sub> H (50 equiv.), MeOH-THF (1:1), 10% wt Pd/C, reflux, 16h                          | Full conversion. Compound <b>4</b> + two unknown by-products (2:1:1)                              |
| 5     | HCO <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>4</sub> (10 equiv.), MeOH, 10% wt Pd/C, reflux, 16h                      | Compound <b>4</b> was isolated in 96% yield   |
| 6     | Na <sub>2</sub> S (6 equiv.), dioxane-water (1:1), 70 °C, 16h                                     | Compound <b>7</b> was isolated in 91% yield   |

**2. Crystallographic data**

X-ray single crystal analysis was performed on Agilent Technologies «Supernova» diffractometer with monochromated Cu K $\alpha$  radiation. The temperature was kept at 293 K during data collection. Using Olex2[1], the structure was solved with the SHELXT[2] structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the SHELXL[3] refinement package using Least Squares minimization. *CCDC 1996076* contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk>.

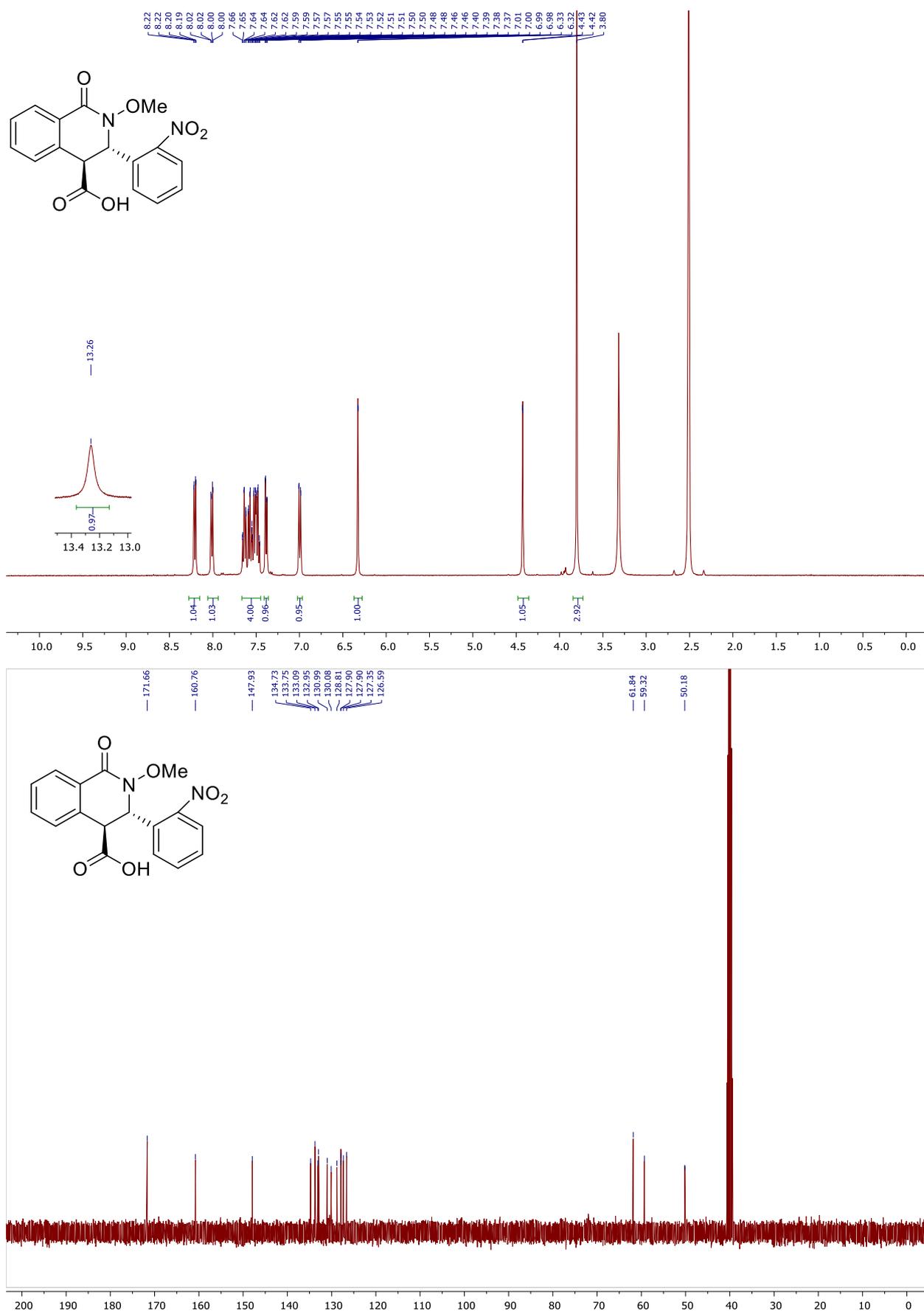
**Figure S1.** Crystal structure of compound **7****Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for compound **7**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Empirical formula | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |
| Formula weight    | 468.50  |
| Temperature/K     | 293(2)  |
| Crystal system    | monoclinic  |
| Space group       | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c  |
| a/Å               | 11.0070(3)  |
| b/Å               | 15.9054(4)  |

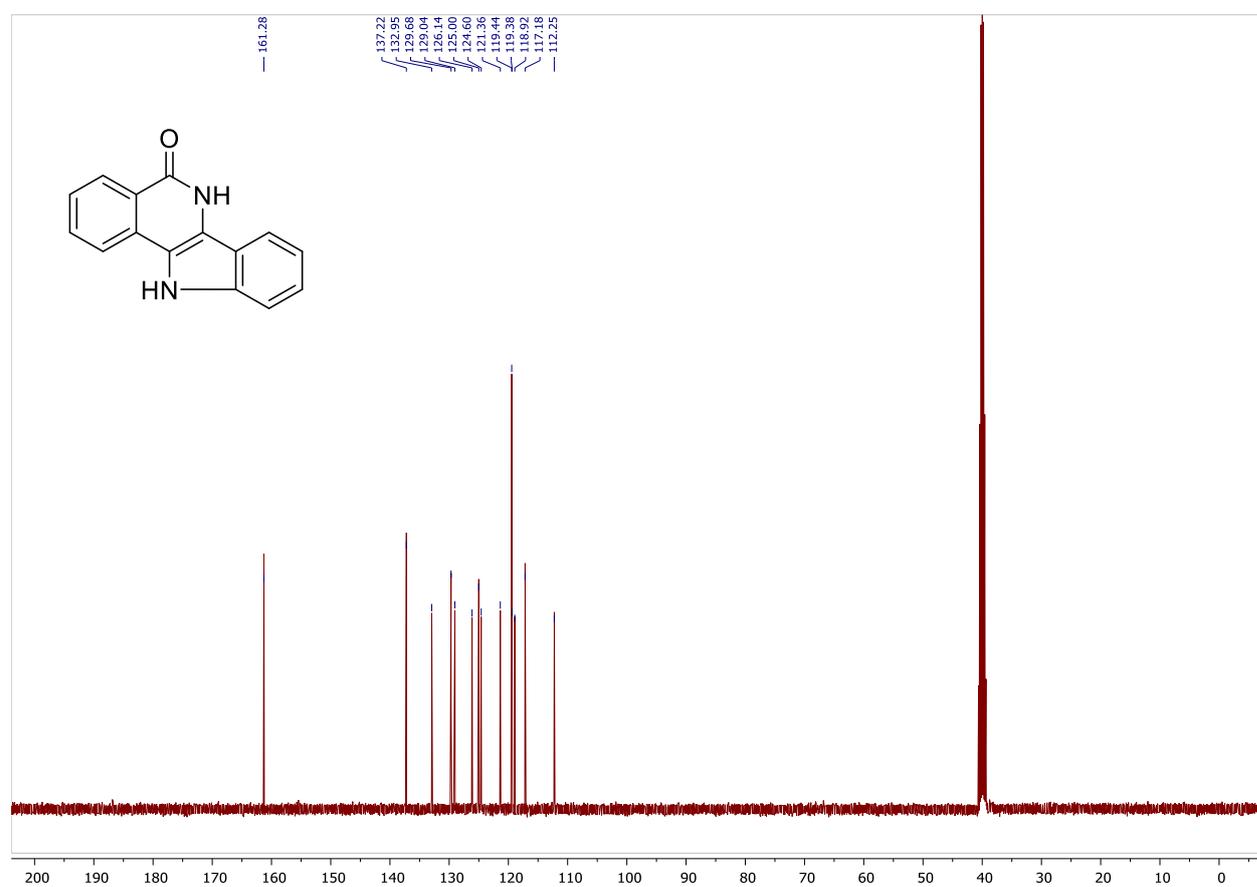
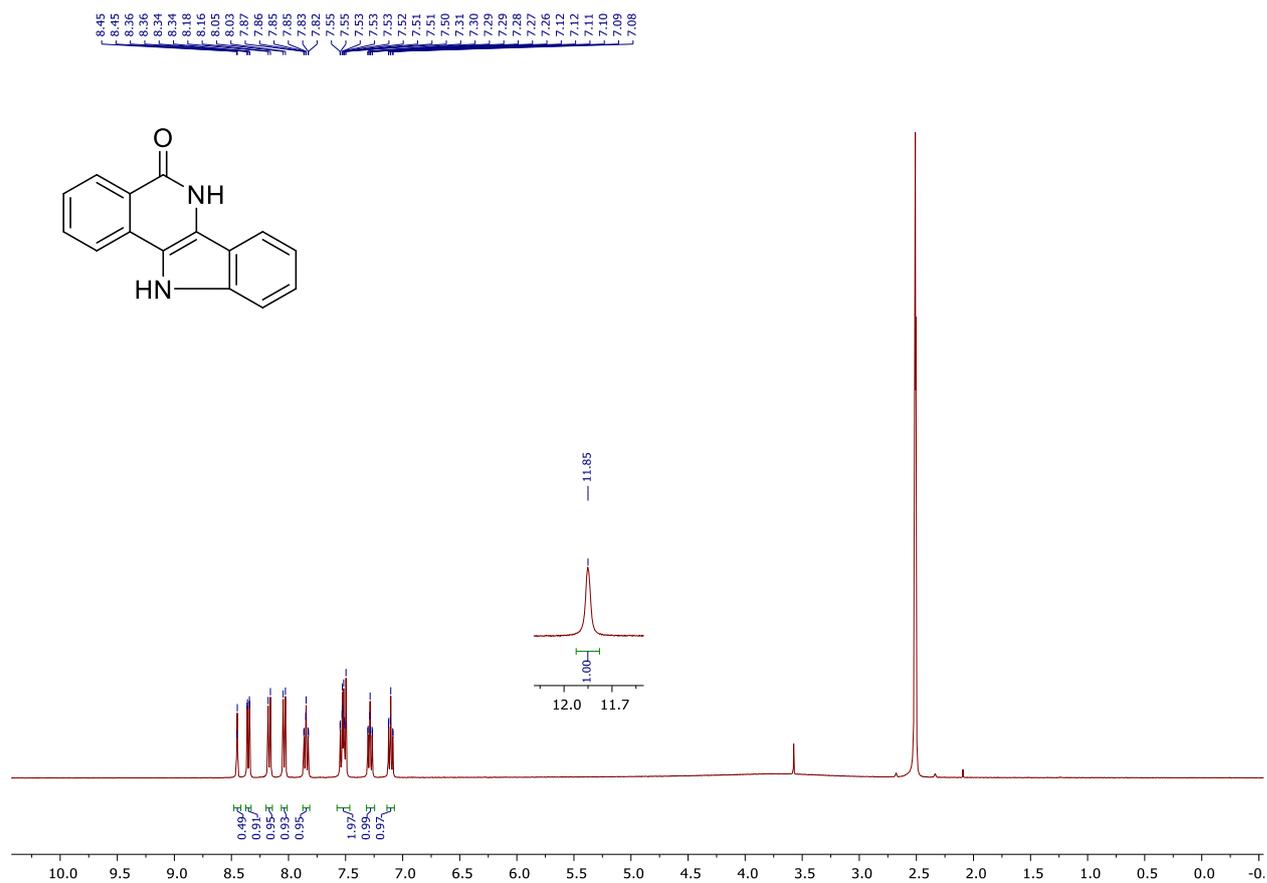
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|---|--|
| c/Å   | 12.3765(4)   |
| $\alpha$ /°                                 | 90   |
| $\beta$ /°                                  | 95.846(3)  |
| $\gamma$ /°                                 | 90   |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                       | 2155.49(11)  |
| Z   | 4  |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$            | 1.444  |
| $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$                        | 0.744  |
| F(000)                                      | 976.0  |
| Radiation                                   | CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )                                   |
| 2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°      | 8.074 to 141.34  |
| Index ranges                                | -13 $\leq$ h $\leq$ 13, -19 $\leq$ k $\leq$ 19, -13 $\leq$ l $\leq$ 15 |
| Reflections collected                       | 23901  |
| Independent reflections                     | 4127 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0518, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0297]          |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 4127/0/325   |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.054  |
| Final R indexes [I $\geq$ 2 $\sigma$ (I)]   | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0686, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1930                      |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0752, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1995                      |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.81/-0.33   |

### 3. Copies of NMR spectra for compounds 2,4,5,7-11

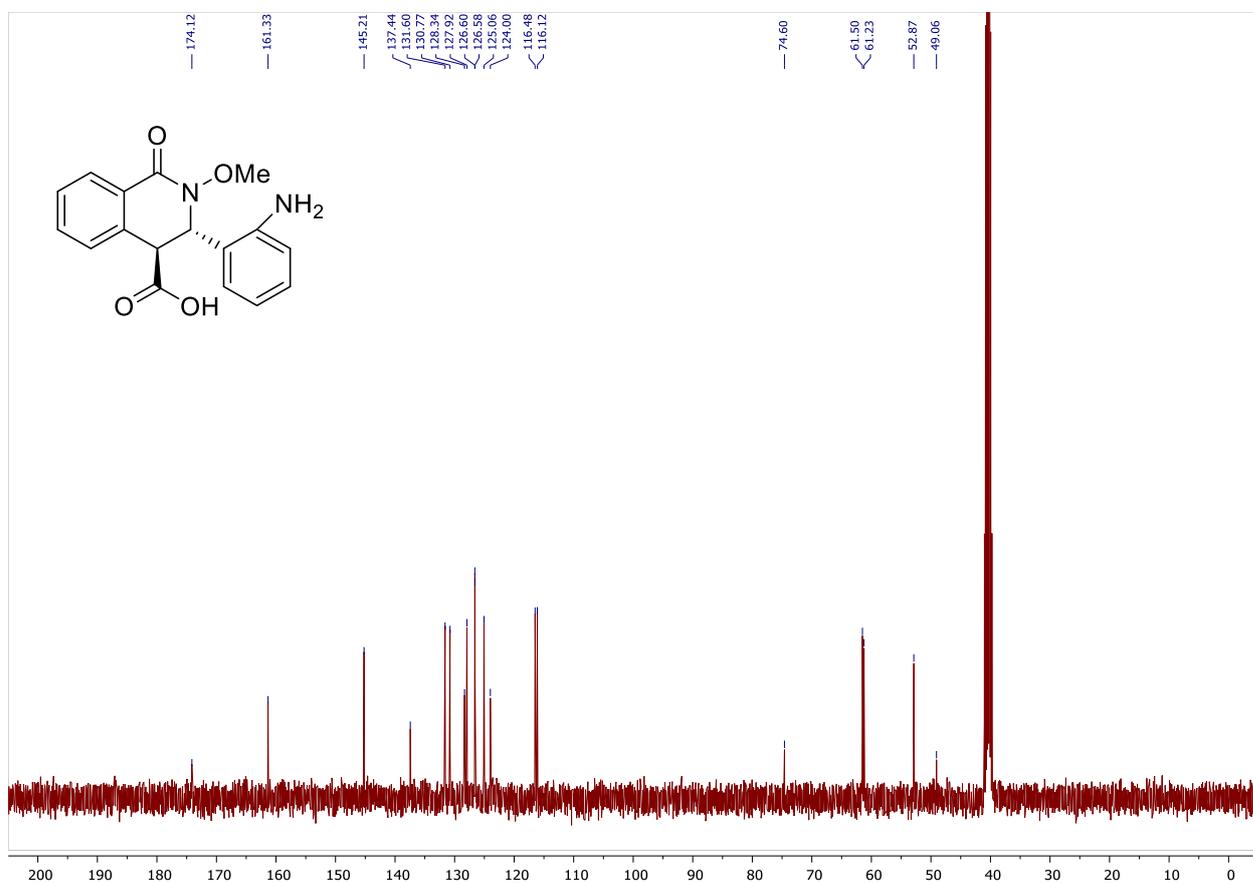
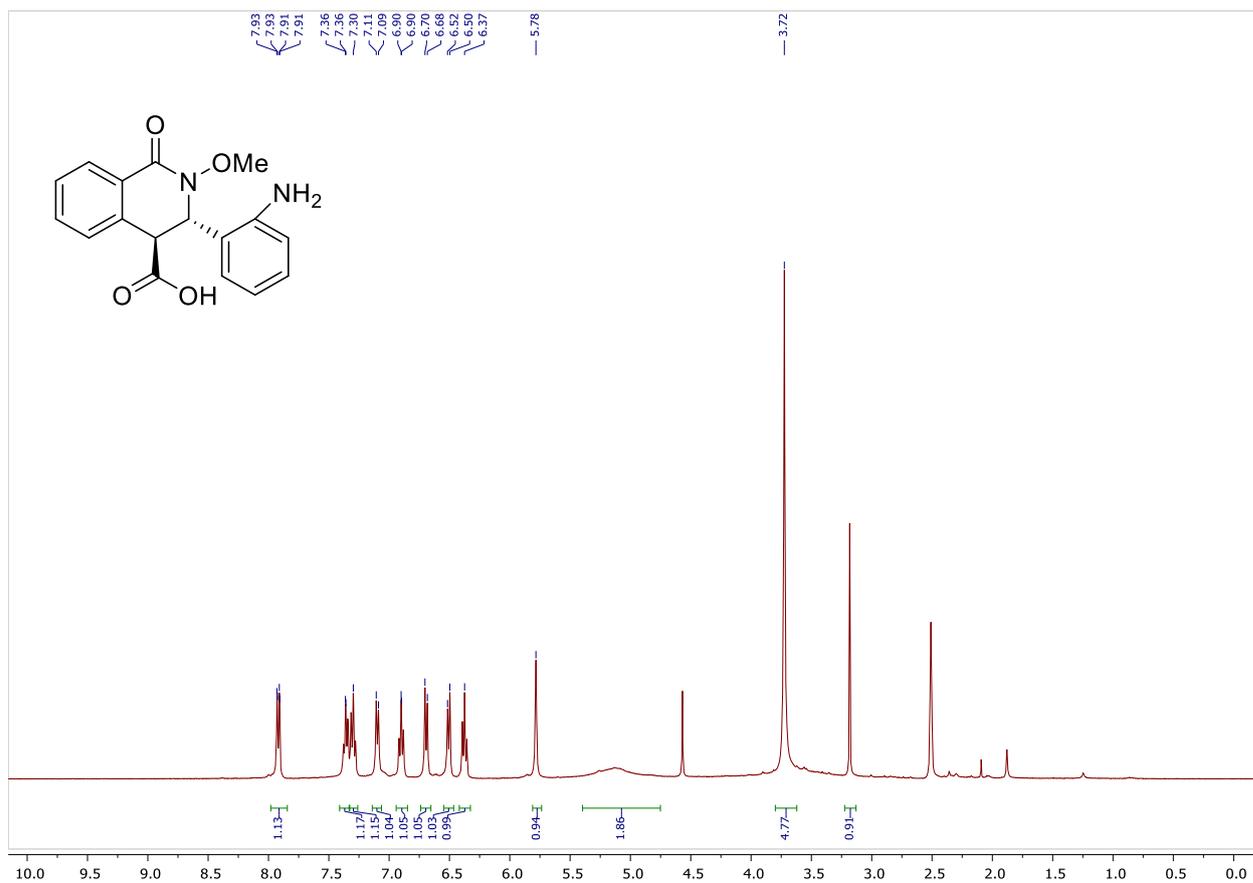
#### <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-spectra of compound 5



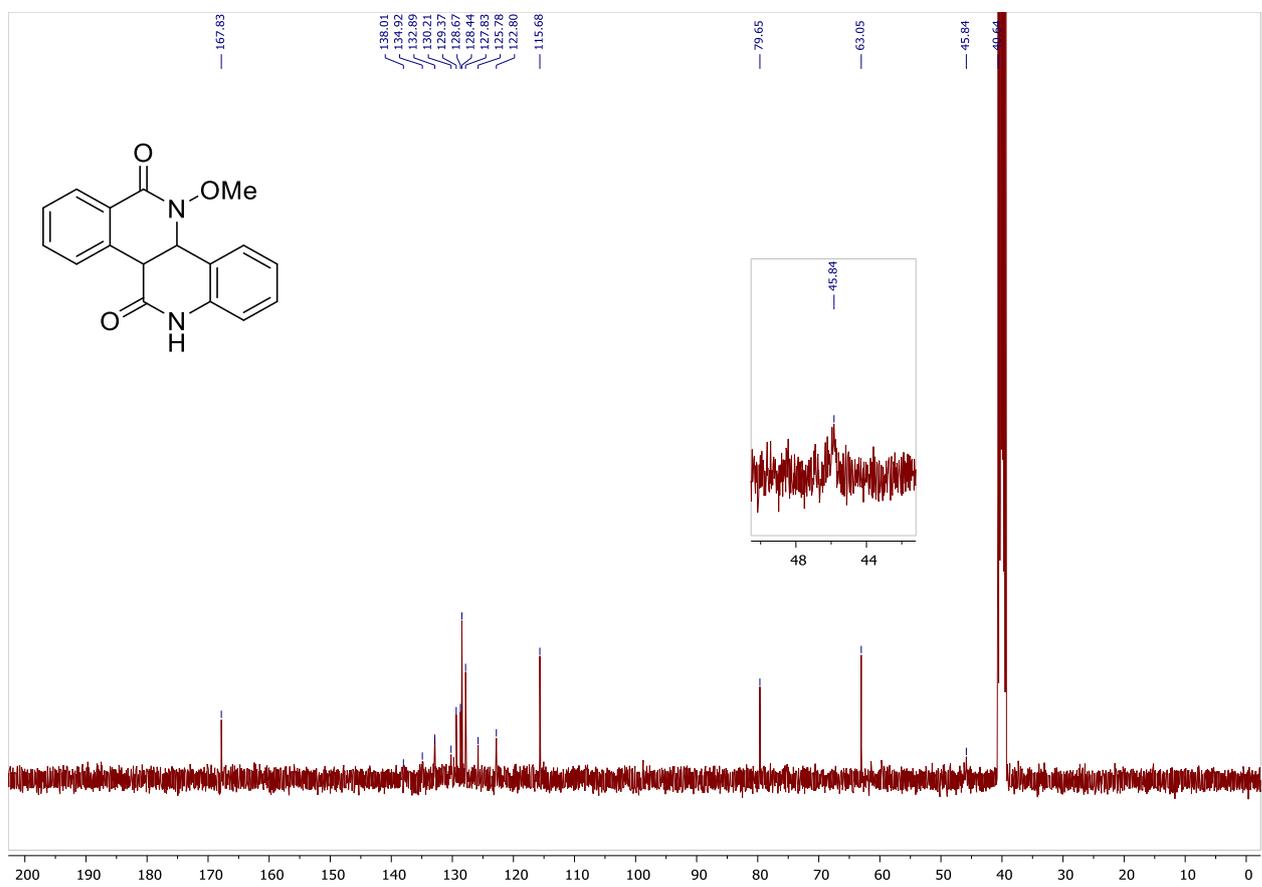
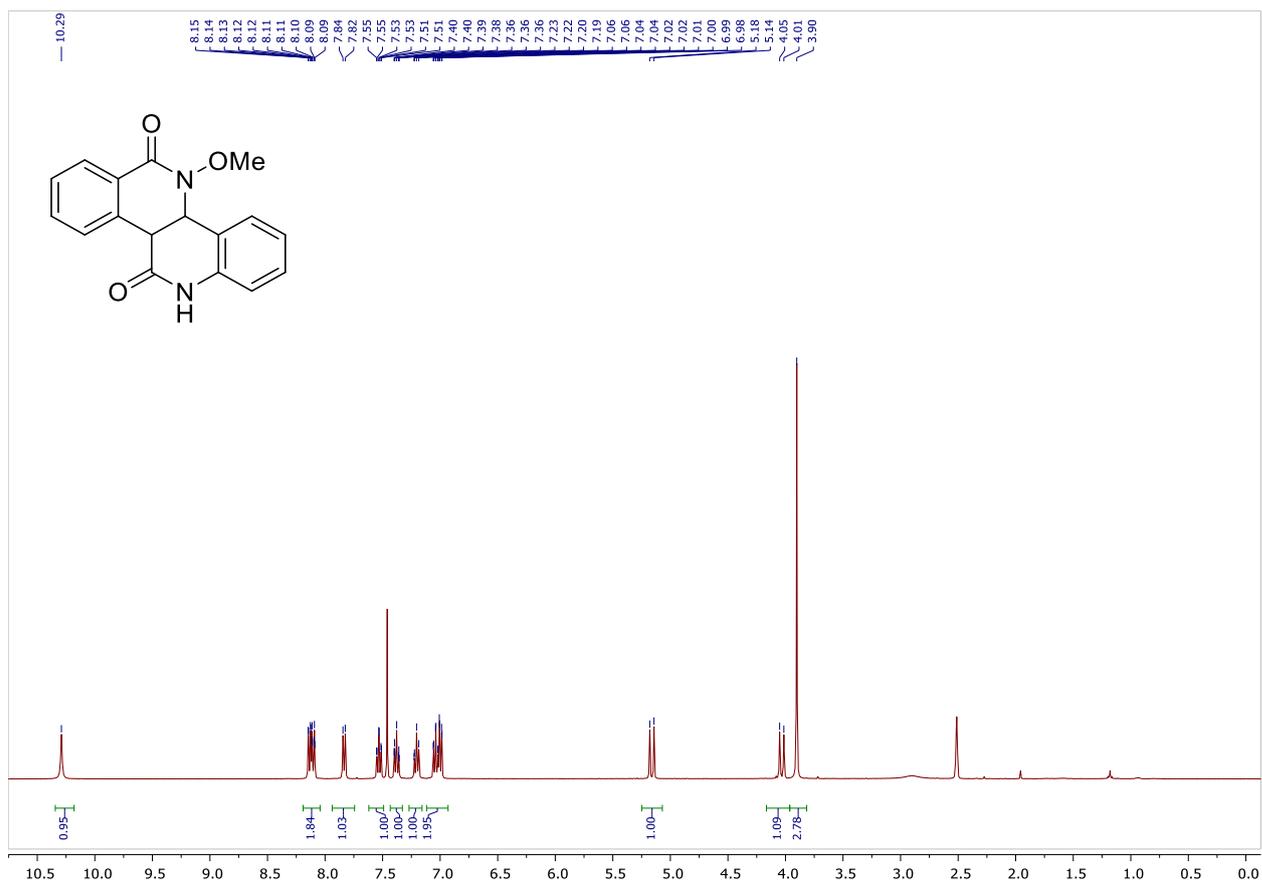
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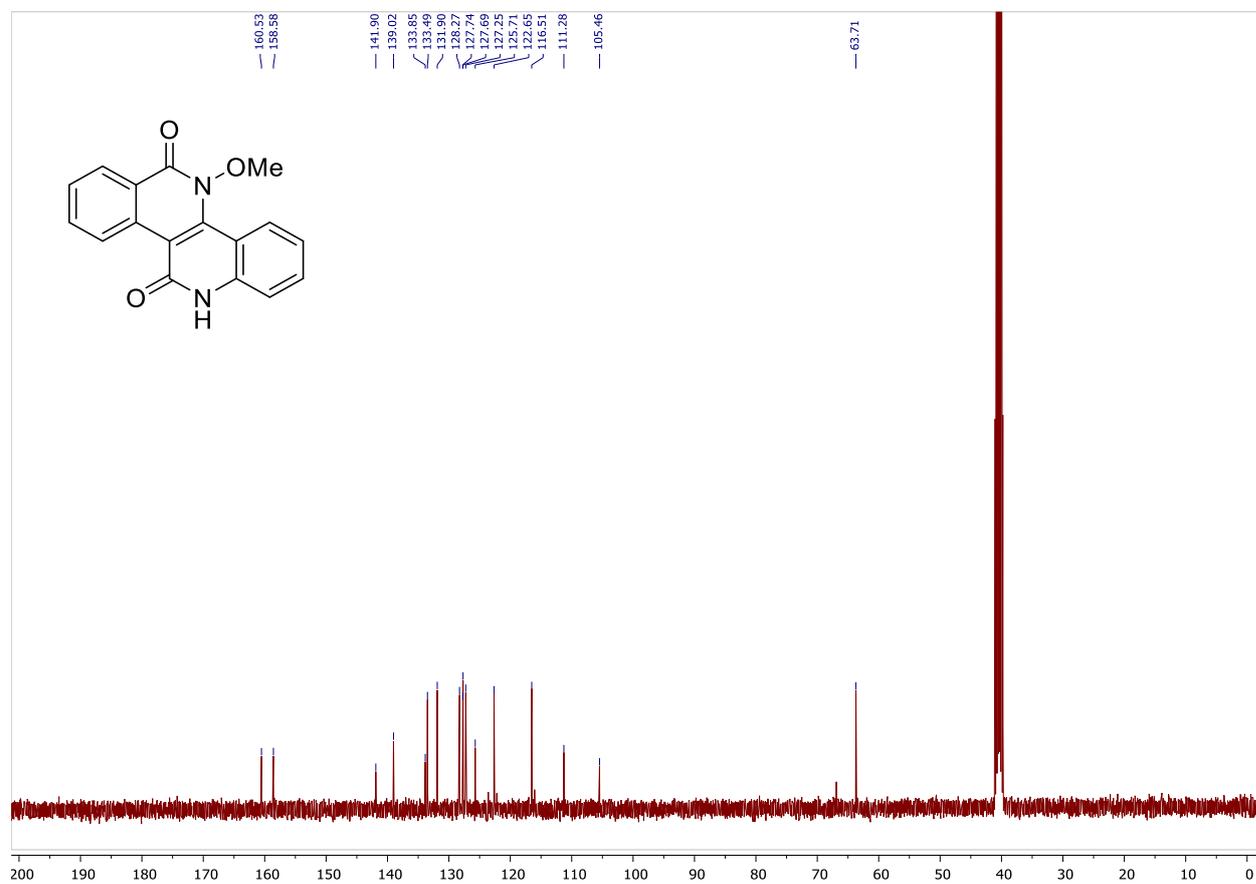
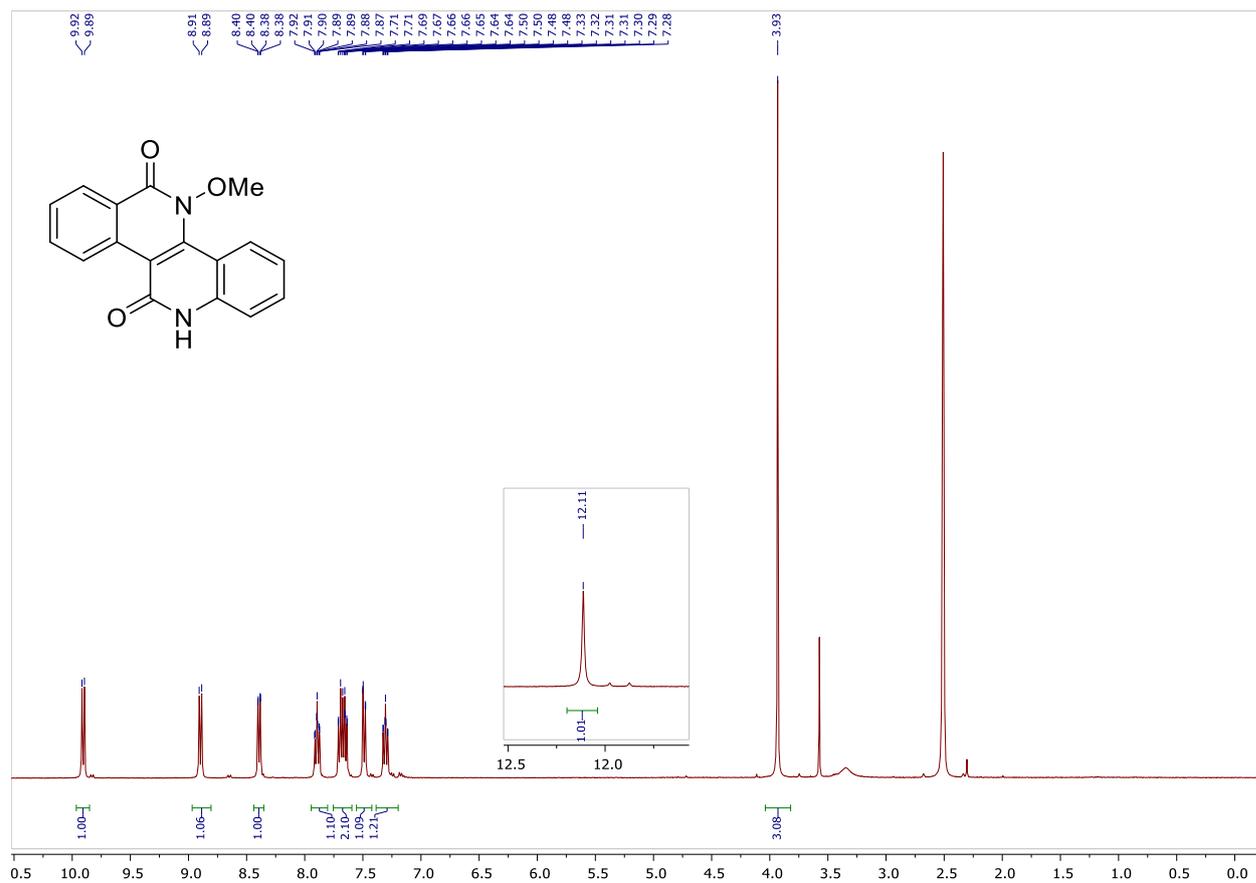
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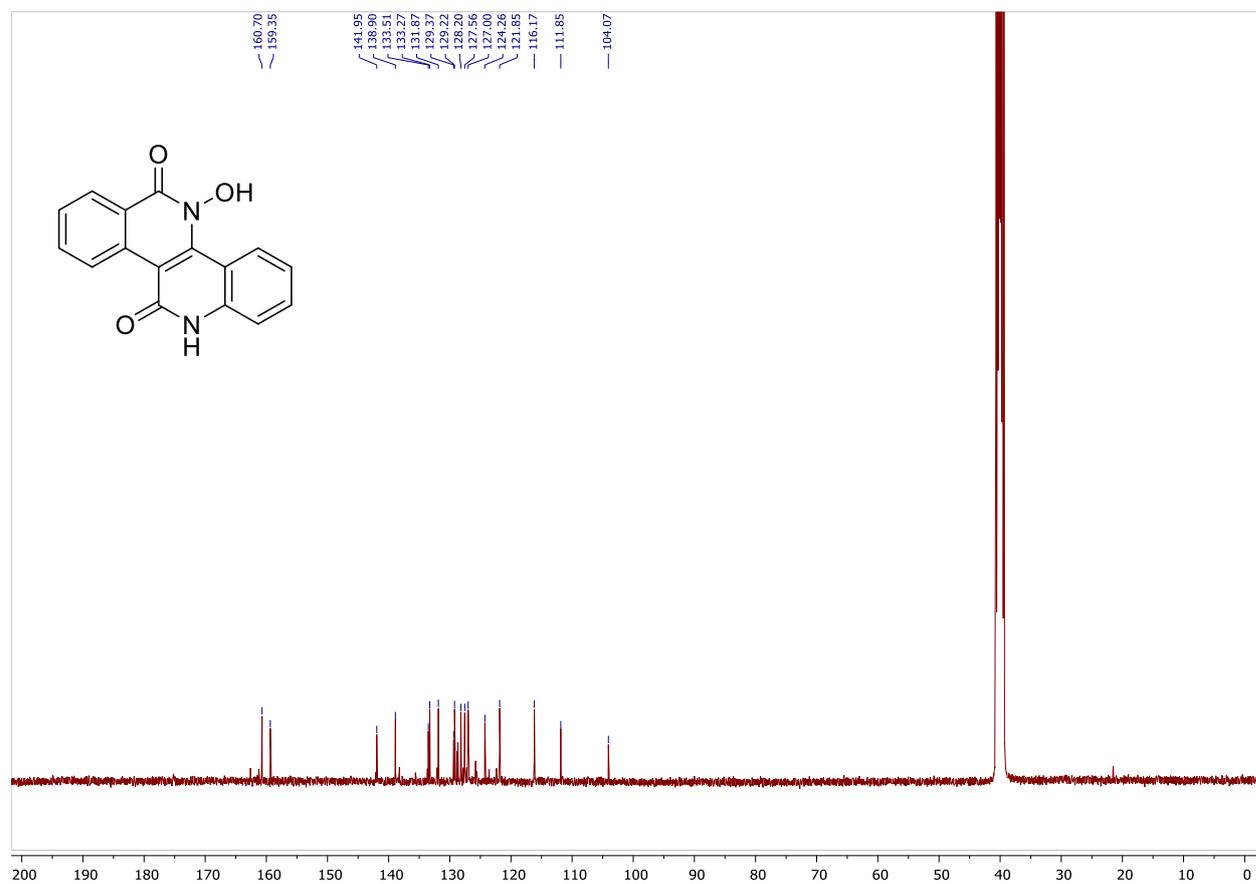
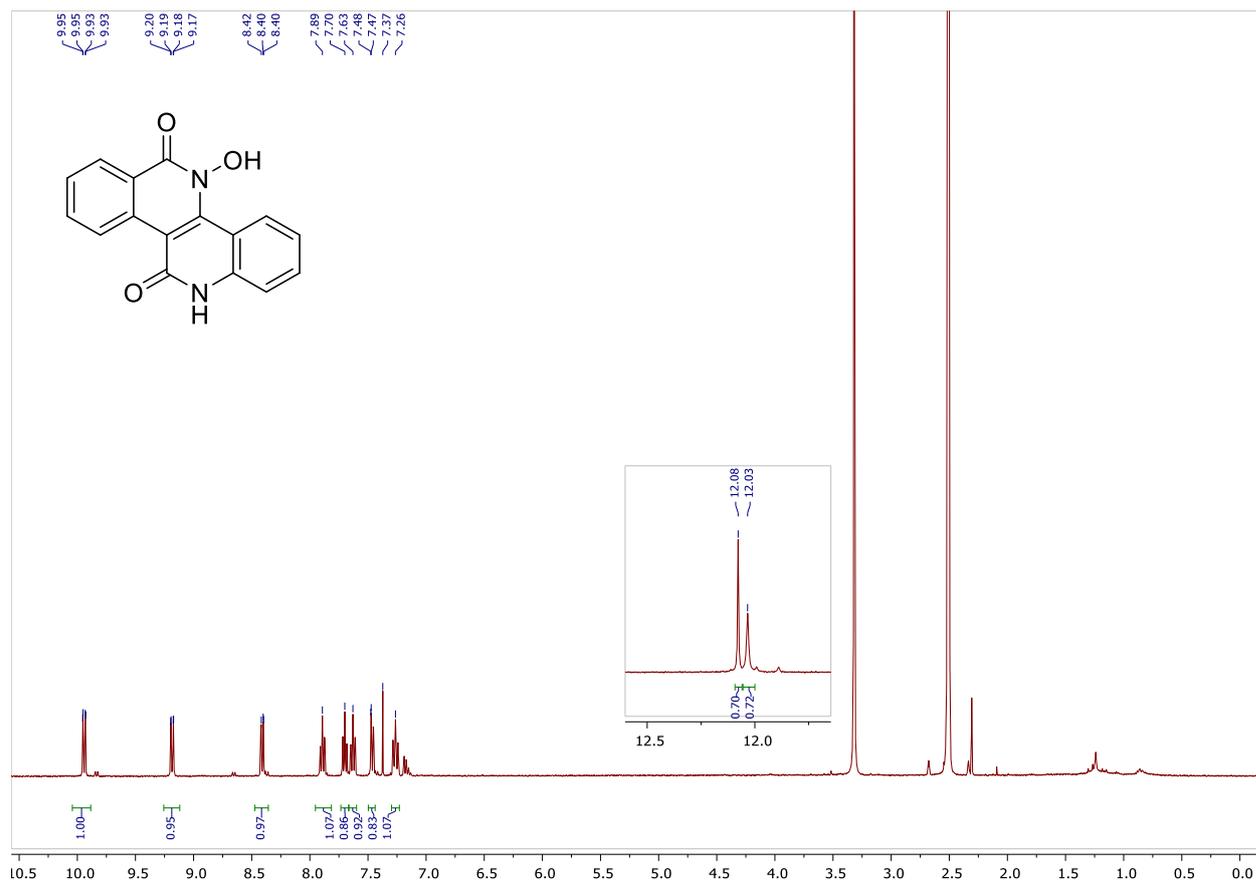
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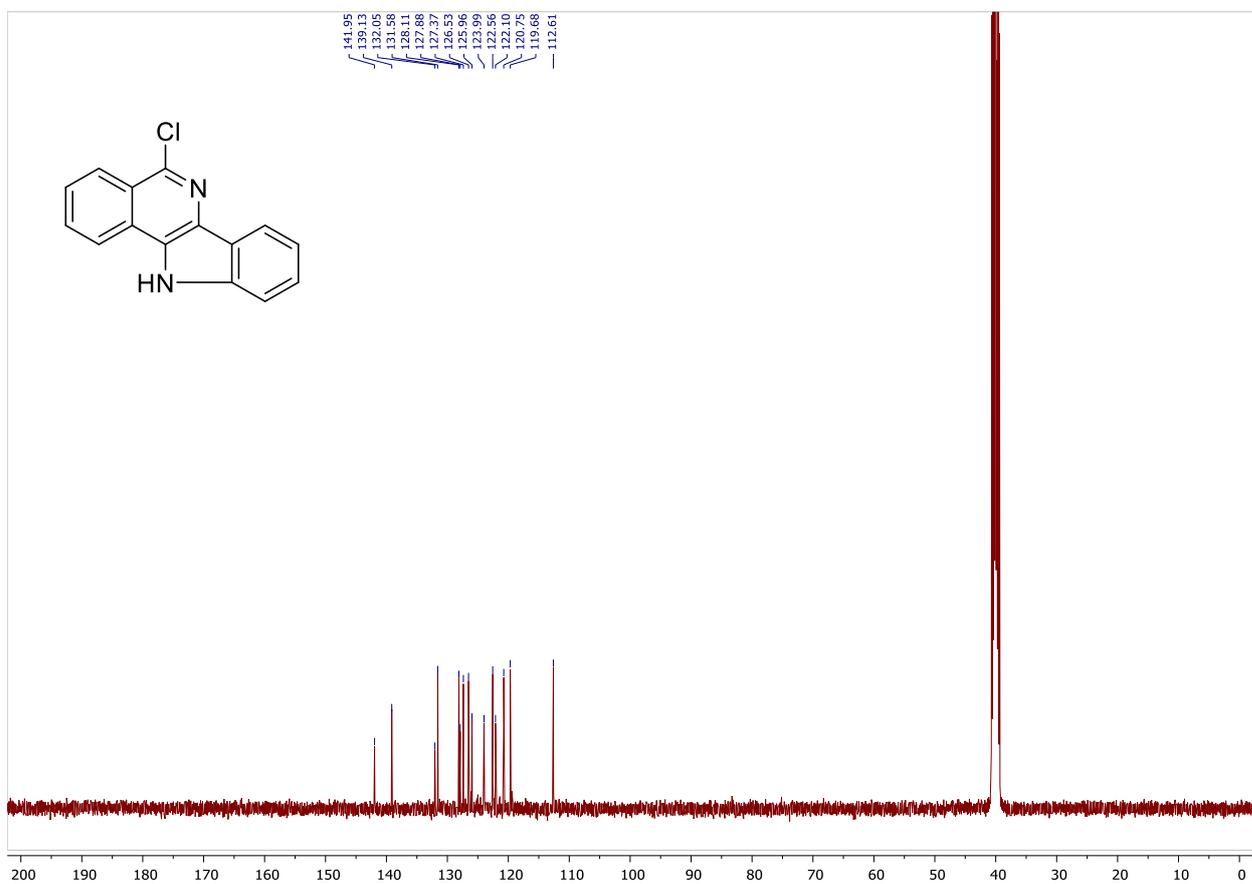
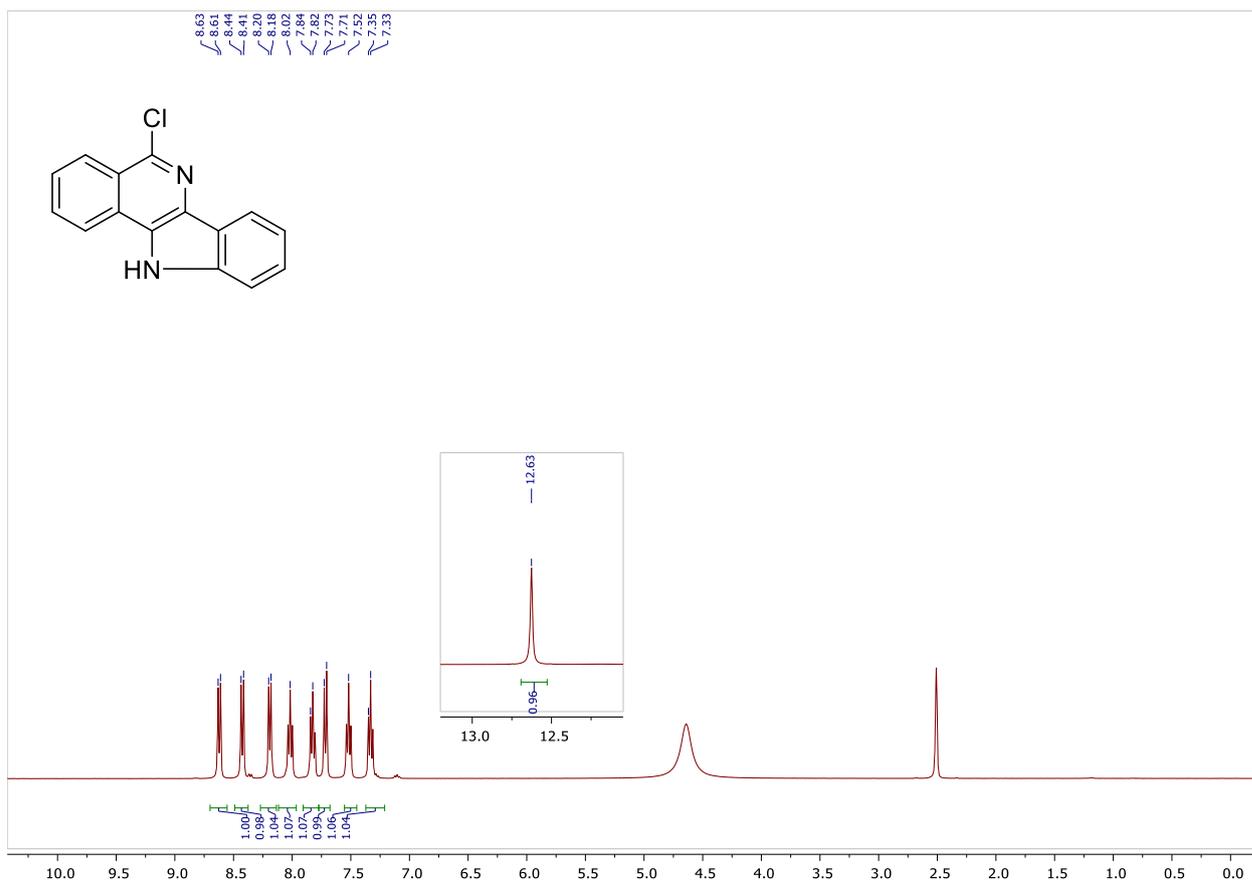
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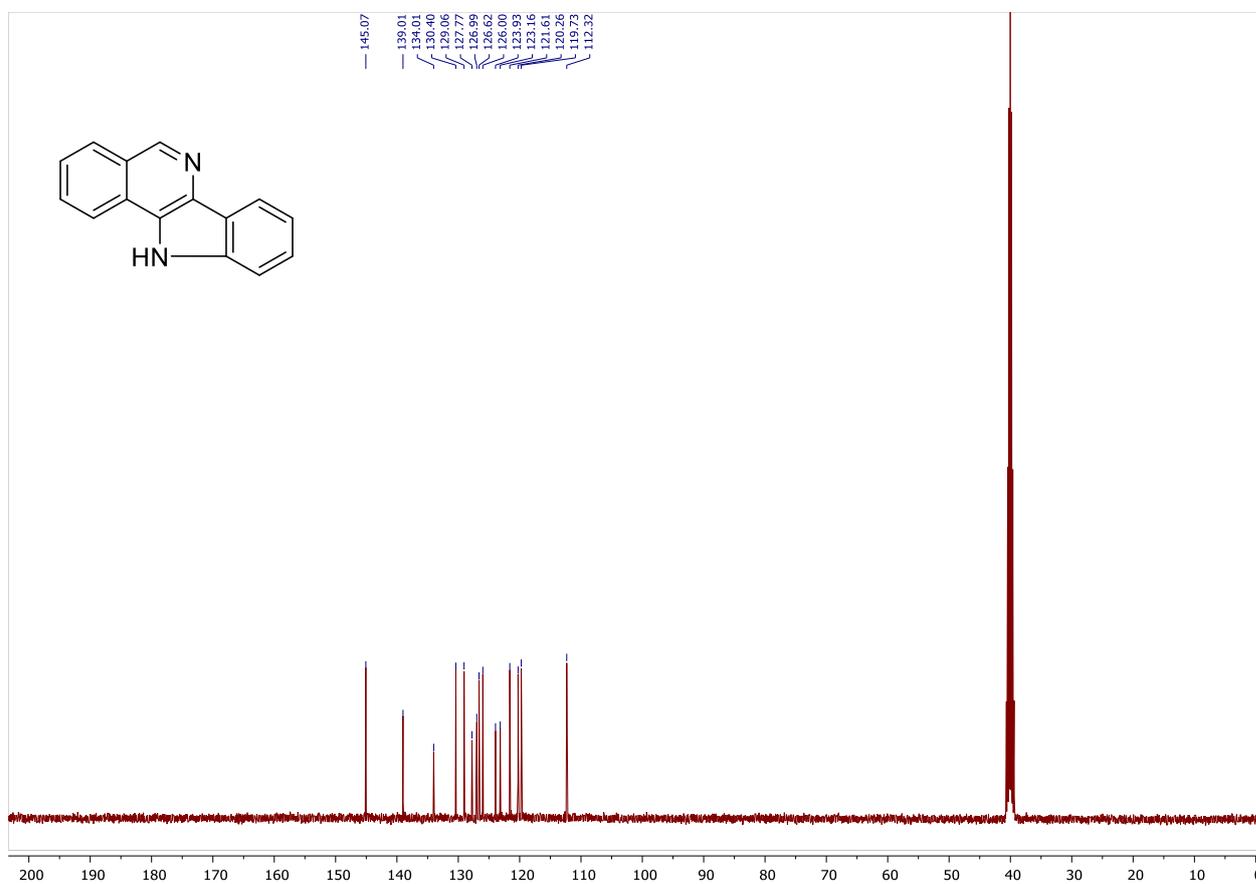
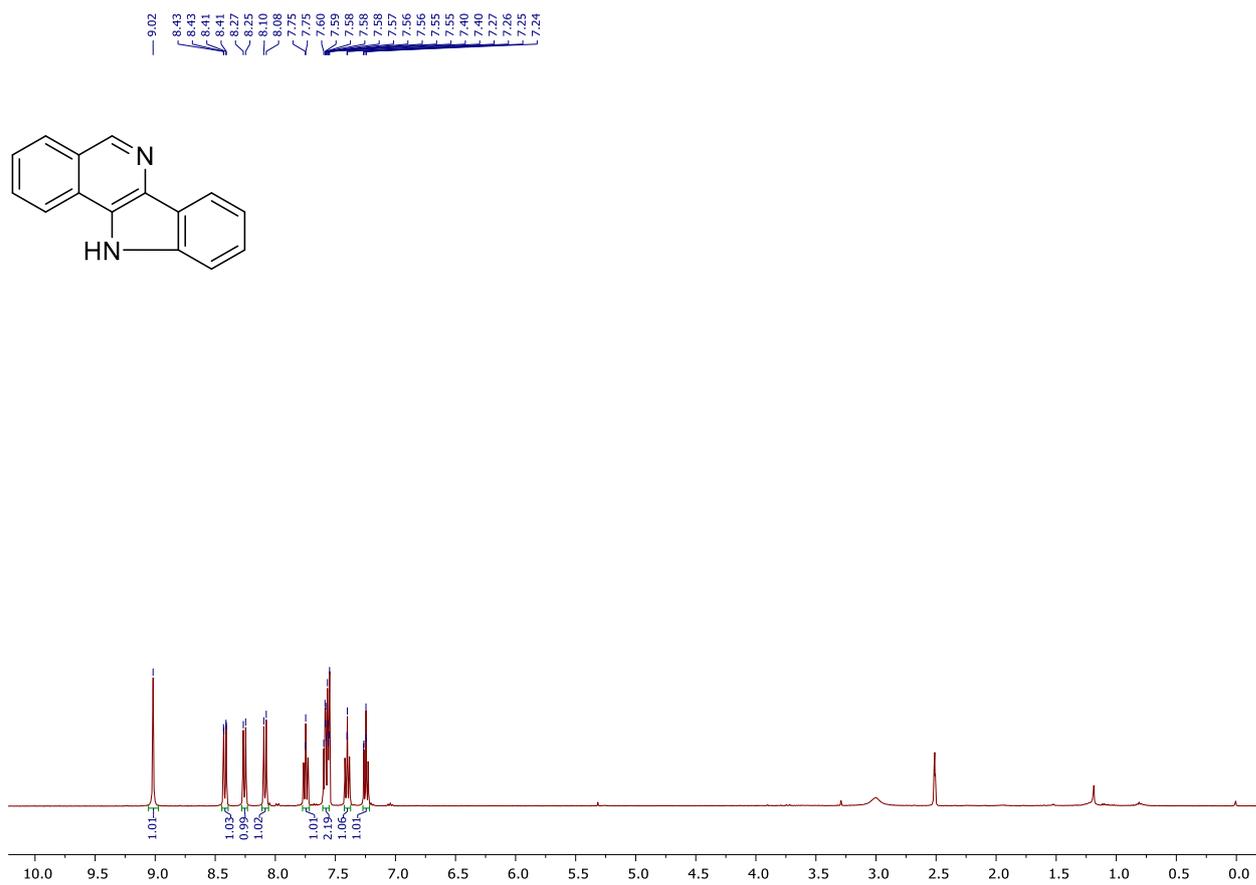
# <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-spectra of compound 2



# <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-spectra of compound 10



# <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-spectra of compound 11



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