# Synthesis of Pyridylsulfonium Salts and their Application in the Formation of Functionalized Bipyridines

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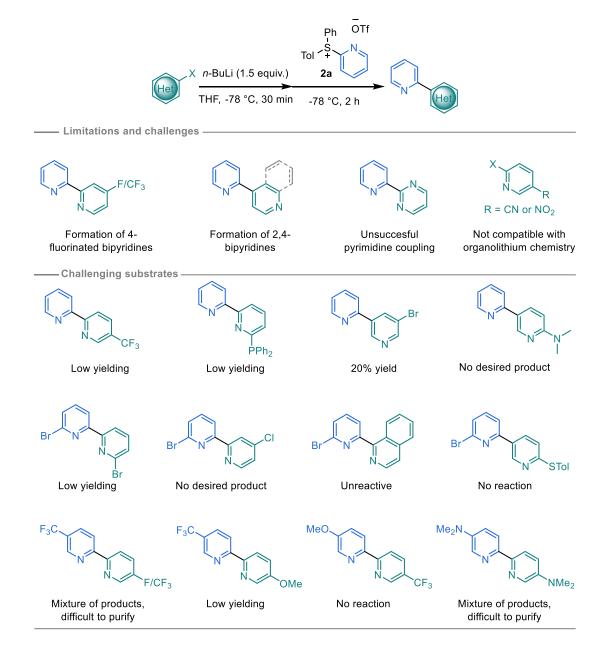
# 1. General experimental

Chemicals were purchased and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. 2-Methyltetrahydrofuran was transferred to a Schlenk tube, dried over freshly activated 4Å molecular sieves and stored under N<sub>2</sub>. Solvents were dried using a Grubbs-type still, a Pure Solv-400-3-MD solvent purification system supplied by Innovative Technology Inc. design and stored in Strauss flasks over activated 4Å molecular sieves. Diphenyliodonium trifluoromethanesulfonate, <sup>1</sup> 2-bromo-5-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)pyridine<sup>2</sup> and 2-bromo-5-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)pyridine<sup>3</sup> were prepared according to literature procedures.

Reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were performed under  $N_2$ ; glassware was flame-dried immediately prior to use and allowed to cool under reduced pressure. Reaction monitoring by TLC was performed on Merck pre-coated Kieselgel 60 F<sub>254</sub> aluminium plates. Visualization was accomplished under UV light (254 nm). Flash column chromatography (FCC) was performed using either silica gel [Davisil, 230-400 mesh (40-63  $\mu$ m)] or using a Biotage Isolera<sup>TM</sup> UV-VIS Flash Purification System Version 2.3.1 with SNAP Ultra (25  $\mu$ m), SNAP KP-Sil (50  $\mu$ m) or SNAP KP-NH (50  $\mu$ m) prepacked silica cartridges. High-resolution mass spectra were run on a Waters Micromass GCT system or on an Agilent 6546 QTOF system in electrospray ionization mode (ESI). Extracts were concentrated *in vacuo* using both a rotary evaporator (bath temperatures up to 55 °C), and a high vacuum line at room temperature. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were measured in the solvent stated at 300 MHz, 400 MHz or 500 MHz. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to residual solvent peak (e.g., CDCl<sub>3</sub>: <sup>1</sup>H – 7.26 ppm and <sup>13</sup>C – 77.16 ppm) or TMS (<sup>1</sup>H – 0.00 ppm) and coupling constants (J) are given in Hertz. Multiplicities are abbreviated as: b (broad), s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet) or combinations thereof. Assignments were made, where necessary, with the aid of COSY, HSQC, HMBC and NOESY NMR experiments.

# 2. Limitations and challenges

Table 1: Limitations and challenging substrates with the methodology



# 3. Notes and guidelines for coupling reactions

- 1. The ligand coupling sequence produces at least three products: sulfide, dehalogenated material and bipyridine, making the purification potentially tricky. However, the desired bipyridine product is generally the most polar material by TLC relative to sulfide and dehalogenated pyridine starting material.
- 2. Some sulfonium salts can require some stirring before they fully dissolve in THF. We recommend preparing a solution of the pyridylsulfonium salt by stirring in THF in a separate flask while the organolithium is generated in the reaction flask.
- 3. Amine-containing bipyridines can be rather basic and require the addition of Et<sub>3</sub>N (1%) in the eluent for flash column chromatography.
- 4. 2,2-Bipyridines are generally less polar than 2,3-bipyridines on silica.
- 5. For S<sub>N</sub>Ar-active substrates (i.e. Cl-, Br- or F-containing pyridines), addition of sulfonium to the reaction flask can be carried out after 15 min rather than 30 min. This minimizes the amount of homocoupling (reaction between lithiated pyridine with halogenated pyridine starting material).
- 6. Iodopyridines can be lithiated in the presence of sulfonium salt, removing the need for a sulfonium addition step.

# 4. Synthesis of sulfides 1a-i and halopyridine starting material S1

General procedure A: 4-methylbenzenethiol (1 equiv.) was added to a round bottomed flask, followed by halopyridine (1 equiv.) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 M). The reaction was heated under reflux for 24 h (the flask sitting in an aluminium block placed on a stirrer hotplate). Then, the reaction was allowed to cool, followed by extraction with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and the product was isolated by FCC.

General procedure B: 4-methylbenzenethiol (1 equiv.) was added to a crimptop vial followed by halopyridine (1 equiv.) and  $K_2CO_3$  (1.1 equiv.) and closed. The vial was evacuated and purged with  $N_2$  three times. Anhydrous DMF (0.8–1 M wrt thiol/halopyridine) was added. The reaction was heated to  $100~^{\circ}C$  for 24 h (the flask sitting in an aluminium block placed on a stirrer hotplate). Then the reaction was allowed to cool, followed by the addition of water and extraction with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . Details of purification are given below for each compound.

# 2-(p-Tolylthio)pyridine 1a

Prepared from General procedure A with 4-methylbenzenethiol (14.0 g, 113 mmol), 2-bromopyridine (10.8 mL, 113 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (226 mL). The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 200 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (200 mL) and brine (200 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and purification by FCC (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave pyridylsulfide **1a** as a yellow oil (21.05 g, 93%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.41 (ddd, J = 4.9, 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dt, J = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.4, 149.6, 139.6, 136.7, 135.4, 130.6, 127.4, 121.0, 119.7, 21.5.

Spectra were consistent with literature data.<sup>4</sup>

#### 3-Methyl-2-(p-tolylthio)pyridine 1b

Prepared from General procedure A with 4-methylbenzenethiol (1.00 g, 8.05 mmol), 3-bromo-2-methylpyridine (0.89 mL, 8.0 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL). The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20

mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and purification by FCC (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave pyridylsulfide **1b** as a clear oil (0.93 g, 54%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.33$  (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.22 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (ddd, J = 7.4, 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.95 (dd, J = 7.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.3 (C), 147.4 (CH), 138.5 (C), 137.1 (CH), 134.5 (CH), 131.6 (C), 130.0 (CH), 127.7 (C), 120.3 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NS 216.0841; Found 216.0852.

#### 1-(p-Tolylthio)isoquinoline 1c

Prepared from General procedure B with 4-methylbenzenethiol (1.52 g, 12.2 mmol), 1-chloroisoquinoline (2.0 g, 12 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.86 g, 13.4 mmol) and DMF (12 mL). The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and purification by FCC (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave pyridylsulfide **1c** as a yellow oil (3.02 g, 98%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.36 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dt, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, J = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 5.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.0, 142.6, 138.9, 136.0, 135.2, 130.5, 130.18, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 125.1, 118.3, 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>5</sup>

## 2-(p-Tolylthio)-4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine 1d

$$S \longrightarrow N$$
 $CF_3$ 

Prepared from General procedure B with 4-methylbenzenethiol (1.10 g, 8.85 mmol), 2-bromo-4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (1.10 mL, 8.85 mnol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.34 g, 9.73 mmol) and DMF (3 mL). The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and purification by FCC (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave pyridylsulfide **1d** as a yellow oil (2.30 g, 97%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.45$  (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.56 (dt, J = 5.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.16 (ddd, J = 5.1, 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dt, J = 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.5 (C), 150.6 (CH), 140.4 (C), 139.1 (q, J = 34.0 Hz, CCF<sub>3</sub>), 135.5 (CH), 130.9 (CH), 125.8 (C), 122.7 (q, J = 273.3 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 116.2 (q, J = 3.8 Hz, CH), 115.1 (q, J = 3.5 Hz, CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  -65.11.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NS 270.0559; Found 270.0560.

#### 5-Nitro-2-(p-tolylthio)pyridine 1e

Prepared from General procedure A with 4-methylbenzenethiol (1.0 g, 8.05 mmol), 2-bromo-5-nitropyridine (1.63 g, 8.05 mmol) and  $H_2O$  (15 mL). The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL) and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . The solvent was evaporated to give pyridylsulfide **1e** as a colourless oil without further purification (1.98 g, quantitative yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  9.21 (dd, J = 2.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, J = 9.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 171.1, 145.2, 141.14, 141.08, 135.7, 131.3, 131.2, 125.0, 119.8, 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 247.0536; Found 247.0538.

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>6</sup>

#### 2-(p-Tolylthio)-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine 1f

Prepared from General procedure B with 4-methylbenzenethiol (1.0 g, 8.0 mmol), 2-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (1.32 g, 8.0 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.22 g, 8.8 mmol) and DMF (10 mL). The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (30 mL) and brine (30 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated to give pyridylsulfide **1f** as a white solid which was used without further purification (2.12 g, 98%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.64 (dt, J = 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.89 (dt, J = 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 167.6 (C), 146.5 (q, J = 4.3 Hz, CH), 140.50 (C), 135.7 (CH), 133.5 (q, J = 3.5 Hz, CH), 130.9 (CH), 125.8 (C), 123.8 (q, J = 271.8 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 122.5 (q, J = 33.4 Hz, CCF<sub>3</sub>), 120.0 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

 $^{19}$ F NMR (470 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -62.21.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{11}F_3NS$  270.0559; Found 270.0558.

#### 5-Methoxy-2-(p-tolylthio)pyridine 1g

Prepared from General procedure A with slight modifications, with 4-methylbenzenethiol (1.19 g, 9.60 mmol), 2-bromo-5-methoxypyridine (1.50 g, 7.98 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (8 mL). The reaction was heated under reflux for 48 h (the flask sitting in an aluminium block placed on a stirrer hotplate). The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (30 mL) and brine (30 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and purification by FCC (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave pyridylsulfide **1g** a white solid (0.95 g, 51%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.10$  (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.17 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.36 (s, 3H, Me).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.8 (COMe), 151.6 (C), 138.7 (C), 136.9 (CH), 134.0 (CH), 130.3 (CH), 129.4 (C), 123.4 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 55.8 (OMe), 21.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NOS 232.0791; Found 232.0807.

#### N,N-Dimethyl-6-(p-tolylthio)pyridin-3-amine 1h

Prepared from General procedure B with 4-methylbenzenethiol (500 mg, 4.0 mmol), 6-bromo-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyridin-3-amine (804 mg, 4.0 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (611 mg, 4.4 mmol) and DMF (5 mL). The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated to give pyridylsulfide **1h** as a white solid which was used without further purification (814 mg, 83%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.04 (dd, J = 3.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.8 (C), 144.7 (C), 137.5 (C), 135.2 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 131.6 (C), 130.0 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 120.3 (CH), 40.3 (NMe<sub>2</sub>), 21.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S 245.1107; Found 245.1095.

#### 2-Bromo-6-(p-tolylthio)pyridine 1i

Prepared from General procedure B with slight modifications, with 4-methylbenzenethiol (1.49 g, 12.0 mmol), 2,6-dibromopyridine (1.90 g, 8.02 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.5 g, 18 mmol) and DMF (10 mL). The reaction was heated to 140 °C for 3 d (the flask sitting in an aluminium block placed on a stirrer hotplate). The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (3 x 30 mL) and brine (3 x 30 mL) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated and purification by FCC (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave pyridylsulfide **1i** as a white solid (0.86 g, 38%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.42$  (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.2 (C), 141.4 (C), 140.2 (C), 138.6 (CH), 135.6 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 126.4 (C), 123.5 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrNNaS 301.9610, 303.9589; Found 301.9609, 303.9614.

#### (E)- and (Z)-2-Bromo-5-styrylpyridine S1

6-Bromonicotinaldehyde (200 mg, 1.08 mmol) and benzyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (466 mg, 1.08 mmol) were added to a crimptop vial and sealed. The vial was evacuated and purged with N<sub>2</sub> three times. The reagents were dissolved in dry THF (4 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. ¹BuOK (1.08 mL, 1.0 M in THF) was added dropwise to the vial over 2 min. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. Sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) and brine (30 mL). The solvent was evaporated and purification by FCC (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave the *Z* isomer of the bromopyridine as an opaque oil (129 mg, 46%) and the *E* isomer of the bromopyridine as a white solid (102 mg, 36%).

#### Z isomer:

TLC:  $R_f = 0.55$  (25% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.23 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, J = 8.3, 2.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.45 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H, CH=CH).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.5 (CH), 140.3 (C), 138.4 (CH), 136.2 (C), 133.6 CH), 132.3 (C), 128.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 125.1 (CH).

#### E isomer:

TLC:  $R_f = 0.35$  (25% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.44 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.99 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H, CH=CH).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.7 (CH), 140.6 (C), 136.4 (C), 135.1 (CH), 132.5 (C), 131.8 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 123.5 (CH).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN 260.0069, 262.0049; Found 260.0068, 262.0039.

# 5. Synthesis of sulfonium salts

General procedure C: Sulfide (1.1 equiv.), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (1.0 equiv.) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) were added to a crimptop vial and sealed. The vial was evacuated and purged with N<sub>2</sub> three times. Dry DCE (0.6 M) was added to the vial and the reaction was heated to 95 °C for 16 h (the flask sitting in an aluminium block placed on a stirrer hotplate). Then the reaction was allowed to cool and sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL) was added. The product was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 20 mL) and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The solvent was evaporated and product was isolated by FCC.

# Phenyl(pyridin-2-yl)(p-tolyl)sulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate 2a

Product **2a** was synthesized via General procedure C with sulfide **1a** (2.21 g, 11.0 mmol), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (4.30 g, 10.0 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.18 g, 0.50 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave sulfonium salt **2a** as a light brown solid (2.94 g, 69%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.47$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.74 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.5 (CH), 147.0 (C), 146.6 (C), 140.7 (CH), 134.6 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 124.9 (C), 120.9 (q, J = 320.9 Hz, OTf), 120.6 (C), 21.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

 $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  -78.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M-OTf]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NS 278.0998; Found 278.1003.

#### (3-Methylpyridin-2-yl)(phenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate 2b

Product **2b** was synthesized via General procedure C with sulfide **1b** (1.00 g, 4.65 mmol), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (1.82 g, 4.22 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (76.3 mg, 0.21 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave sulfonium salt **2b** as a brown solid (632 mg, 34%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.42$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

 $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.55 (ddd, J = 4.6, 1.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.7 (CH), 146.4 (C), 145.3 (C), 142.1 (CH), 138.8 (C), 134.5 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 124.2 (C), 121.0 (q, J = 320.7 Hz, OTf), 119.8 (C), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M-OTf]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NS 292.1154; Found 292.1154.

#### Isoquinolin-1-yl(phenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate 2c

Product 2c was synthesized via General procedure C with sulfide 1c (1.00 g, 4.06 mmol), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (1.59 g, 3.69 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (67.0 mg, 0.185 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave sulfonium salt 2c as a brown oil (1.04 g, 59%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.49$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.83 – 8.68 (m, 1H), 8.63 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.11 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.97 – 7.84 (m, 6H), 7.74 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.5 (C), 146.0 (C), 143.1 (CH), 138.2 (C), 134.6 (CH), 133.1 (CH), 132.5 (CH), 132.2 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 131.8 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 128.4 (C), 128.1 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 124.3 (C), 124.0 (CH), 120.0 (C), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>). Signal for OTf not detected.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M-OTf]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NS 328.1154; Found 328.1154.

## Phenyl(p-tolyl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)sulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate 2d

Product **2d** was synthesized via General procedure C with sulfide **1d** (500 mg, 1.86 mmol), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (726 mg, 1.69 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (31 mg, 0.08 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave sulfonium salt **2d** as a yellow oil (443 mg, 53%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.49$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

 $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 9.04 – 8.95 (m, 1H), 8.56 (dt, J = 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 3H), 7.88 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.6 (CH), 149.0 (C), 147.0 (C), 142.3 (q, J = 36.1 Hz, CCF<sub>3</sub>), 134.9 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 125.4 (q, J = 3.5 Hz, CH), 124.6 (q, J = 3.3 Hz, CH), 121.5 (q, J = 274.6 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 120.9 (q, J = 320.5 Hz, OTf), 120.2 (C), 119.7 (C), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

 $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -64.5, -78.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M-OTf]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NS 346.0872; Found 346.0873.

#### (5-Nitropyridin-2-yl)(phenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate 2e

Product **2e** was synthesized via General procedure C with sulfide **1e** (1.00 g, 4.06 mmol), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (1.59 g, 3.69 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (67.0 mg, 0.185 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave sulfonium salt **2e** as a brown oil (1.04 g, 60%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.35$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  9.43 (dd, J = 2.6, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (dd, J = 8.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.88 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.3, 147.4, 146.9, 146.2, 135.8, 135.2, 132.6, 132.5, 132.2, 131.7, 130.1, 124.2, 119.7, 21.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). Signal for OTf not detected.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M-OTf]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 323.0849; Found 323.0844.

#### Phenyl(p-tolyl)(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)sulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate 2f

Product **2f** was synthesized via General procedure C with sulfide **1f** (1.0 g, 3.7 mmol), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (1.45 g, 3.37 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (61.0 mg, 0.168 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave sulfonium salt **2f** as a brown oil (1.21 g, 72%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.35$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.96 (dd, J = 2.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.1, 148.8 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 147.1, 138.2 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 135.0, 132.4, 132.3, 131.9, 131.6, 130.94 (q, J = 34.2 Hz,  $CCF_3$ ), 129.9, 124.3, 122.2 (q, J = 273.8 Hz,  $CF_3$ ), 120.9 (q, J = 320.5 Hz, OTf), 119.9, 21.9 ( $CH_3$ ).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -62.8, -78.3.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M-OTf]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NS 346.0872; Found 346.0873.

#### (5-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)(phenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate 2g

Product **2g** was synthesized via General procedure C with sulfide **1g** (0.80 g, 3.5 mmol), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (1.49 g, 3.46 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (63 mg, 0.17 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave sulfonium salt **2g** as a brown oil (1.30 g, 82%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.21$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.39 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.42 (s, 3H, Me).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.6 (C), 146.2 (C), 142.5 (CH), 135.3 (C), 134.3 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 131.4 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 131.0 (CH), 125.9 (C), 122.4 (CH), 121.6 (C), 120.9 (q, J = 320.7 Hz, OTf), 56.7 (app. d, J = 3.9 Hz, OMe), 21.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

 $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -78.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M-OTf]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NOS 308.1104; Found 308.1094.

# (5-(Dimethylamino)pyridin-2-yl)(phenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate 2h

Product **2h** was synthesized via General procedure C with sulfide **1h** (700 mg, 2.86 mmol), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (1.12 g, 2.60 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (47.1 mg, 0.13 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave sulfonium salt **2h** as a yellow oil (1.22 g, quantitative yield).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.58$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.18 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>), 2.43 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.3 (C), 148.7 (C), 145.6 (C), 137.2 (CH), 133.9 (CH), 131.8 (CH), 131.2 (CH), 131.0 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 127.3 (C), 123.1 (C), 121.09 (q, J = 321.0 Hz, OTf), 119.0 (CH), 40.0 (NMe<sub>2</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M-OTf]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S 321.1420; Found 321.1422.

# (6-Bromopyridin-2-yl)(phenyl)(p-tolyl)sulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate 2i

Product **2i** was synthesized via General procedure C with sulfide **1i** (0.77 g, 2.7 mmol), Ph<sub>2</sub>IOTf (1.13 g, 2.61 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (47 mg, 0.13 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave sulfonium salt **2i** as a brown oil (1.05 g, 79%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.27$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.24 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.82 – 7.76 (m, 3H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.9 (C), 146.5 (C), 144.0 (C), 142.6 (CH), 134.9 (CH), 133.5 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 131.5 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 124.5 (C), 120.9 (q, J = 320.7 Hz, OTf), 120.1 (C), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

 $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  -78.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M-OTf]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}BrNS$  356.0103, 358.0083; Found 356.0119, 358.0123.

# 6. Synthesis of bipyridines

General procedure **D**: Halopyridine (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added to an oven-dried crimptop vial and sealed. The vial was evacuated and purged with N<sub>2</sub> three times. The halopyridine was dissolved in dry THF (1.5 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. *n*-BuLi (0.19 mL, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv., 2.4 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to the stirring solution over 2 min. The reaction was allowed to stir for 30 min at -78 °C. Sulfonium salt (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added to a separate oven-dried crimptop vial and dissolved in dry THF (1.5 mL). The solution of sulfonium salt was added dropwise down the side of the vial to the lithiated pyridine solution over 2 min. The reaction was allowed to stir for 2 h at -78 °C. Sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3 mL) was added slowly to quench any excess organolithium. The product was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The solvent was evaporated and the product was isolated by FCC.

## 2,3-Bipyridine 3

Product **3** was synthesized via General procedure D using 3-iodopyridine (92.3 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (80% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **3** as a colourless oil (42.1 mg, 90%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.13$  (80% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 9.20 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.76 – 8.70 (m, 1H), 8.66 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (dt, J = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 154.9, 150.2, 150.0, 148.3, 137.1, 135.0, 134.5, 123.7, 123.0, 120.7.

Spectra were consistent with literature data.<sup>7</sup>

#### 2,2'-Bipyridine 4

Product 4 was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromopyridine (42.9  $\mu$ L, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt 2a (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (80% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine 4 as a white solid (28.1 mg, 60%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.74 – 8.61 (m, 2H), 8.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 156.3, 149.4, 137.1, 123.9, 121.2.

Spectra are consistent with literature data.8

## 1-(Pyridin-2-yl)isoquinoline 5

Product **5** was synthesized via General procedure D using 1-iodoisoquinoline (114.8 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (80% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **5** as a yellow oil (39.9 mg, 64%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.80 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.68 – 8.55 (m, 2H), 8.00 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.60 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.5, 157.8, 148.8, 142.1, 137.3, 137.1, 130.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 126.8, 125.4, 123.4, 121.4.

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>9</sup>

# 3-Methyl-2,2'-bipyridine 6

Product 6 was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-3-methylpyridine (50  $\mu$ L, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt 2a (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (70% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine 6 as a yellow oil (41.2 mg, 81%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.68 (dt, J = 4.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.61 (ddd, J = 7.7, 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (ddd, J = 6.7, 4.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.1, 156.5, 148.6, 146.9, 139.3, 136.7, 132.4, 124.3, 123.2, 122.8, 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

Spectra are consistent with literature data. 10

#### N,N-Dimethyl-[2,2'-bipyridin]-4-amine 7

Product 7 was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyridin-4-amine (90.5 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (2% Et<sub>3</sub>N in Et<sub>2</sub>O) gave bipyridine **7** as a yellow oil (30.6 mg, 51%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.66 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dd, J = 5.9, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.54 (dd, J = 5.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.1, 156.3, 155.4, 149.5, 149.0, 136.9, 123.5, 121.4, 106.8, 104.0, 39.5 (NMe<sub>2</sub>).

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>11</sup>

# 5-Fluoro-2,2'-bipyridine 8

Product **8** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-5-fluoropyridine (79.2 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (80% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **8** as an orange oil (12.4 mg, 24%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.38$  (80% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.77 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.61 – 8.56 (m, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 6.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (ddt, J = 7.9, 1.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (td, J = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.2 (d, J = 256.8 Hz, CF), 150.7 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, C), 150.3 (CH), 146.3 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, CH), 139.4 (d, J = 26.3 Hz, CH), 136.9 (CH), 134.1 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, C), 125.2 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, CH), 124.2 (CH), 124.1 (CH).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -131.7 (d, J = 5.3 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>FN<sub>2</sub> 175.0666; Found 175.0667.

#### N,N-Dimethyl-[2,2'-bipyridin]-5-amine 9

Product 9 was synthesized via General procedure D using 6-bromo-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyridin-3-amine (90.5 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **9** as an off-white oil (18.5 mg, 31%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.10$  (40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.60 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (ddd, J = 9.8, 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, J = 7.4, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.9 (C), 149.1 (CH), 146.3 (C), 144.6 (C), 136.8 (CH), 134.0 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 121.4 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 119.1 (CH), 40.2 (NMe<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{14}N_3$  200.1182; Found 200.1183.

## 5-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)-2,2'-bipyridine 10

Product **10** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-5-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)pyridine (103 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N) gave bipyridine **10** as an off-white solid (54.7 mg, 80%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.76 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.72 – 8.61 (m, 1H), 8.43 – 8.34 (m, 2H), 7.92 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 4.16 – 4.12 (m, 2H), 4.09 – 4.04 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.1, 156.0, 149.4, 147.9, 137.1, 135.3, 133.7, 124.0, 121.4, 120.8, 102.1, 65.5.

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>12</sup>

## (*Z*)-5-Styryl-2,2'-bipyridine 11

Product 11 was synthesized via General procedure D using (Z)-2-bromo-5-styrylpyridine (117.0 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt 2a (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine 11 as a yellow oil (39.1 mg, 50%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.14$  (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.66 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 6.78 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H, CH=CH), 6.60 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H, CH=CH).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.1 (C), 154.6 (C), 149.8 (CH), 149.3 (CH), 137.0 (CH), 136.9 (C), 136.7 (C), 133.2 (HC=CH), 133.0 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 126.5 (HC=CH), 123.7 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 120.5 (CH).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 259.1230; Found 259.1231.

## 5-((Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)-2,2'-bipyridine 12

Product **12** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-5-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)pyridine (114.4 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **12** as a yellow oil (38.8 mg, 51%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.75 – 8.71 (m, 1H), 8.67 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (td, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 0.28 (s, 9H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 155.6, 155.1, 152.2, 149.4, 139.9, 137.1, 124.1, 121.6, 120.3, 102.0 (C=C), 99.3 (C=C), -0.01 (SiMe<sub>3</sub>).

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>3</sup>

#### 6-Bromo-4-methoxy-2,2'-bipyridine 13

Product **13** was synthesized via General procedure D at -40 °C using 2,6-dibromo-4-methoxypyridine (39.8 mg, 0.15 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (42.7 mg, 0.1 mmol). Purification by FCC (50% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **13** as a white solid (5.8 mg, 22%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.50$  (50% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.65 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 167.9, 158.4, 154.6, 149.2, 142.4, 137.1, 124.5, 121.8, 114.2, 106.2, 56.0.

Spectra were consistent with literature data.<sup>13</sup>

## 6-Methoxy-2,2'-bipyridine 14

Product **14** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-6-methoxypyridine (84.6 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave bipyridine **14** a colourless oil (30.3 mg, 54%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.12$  (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.67 – 8.64 (m, 1H), 8.41 (dt, J = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 7.4, 0.6 Hz 1H), 7.79 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 8.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.7, 156.2, 153.6, 149.2, 139.5, 136.9, 123.6, 121.1, 113.8, 111.2, 53.3.

Spectra were consistent with literature data.<sup>14</sup>

#### 6-Methyl-2,2'-bipyridine 15

Product **15** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-6-methylpyridine (77.4 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **15** as a yellow oil (35.7 mg, 70%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.67 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.22 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 7.79 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.1, 156.7, 155.7, 149.3, 137.2, 137.00, 123.6, 123.4, 121.3, 118.2, 24.8.

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>15</sup>

## 6-(p-Tolylthio)-2,2'-bipyridine 16

Product **16** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-6-(*p*-tolylthio)pyridine **1i** (126.1 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **16** as a white solid (45.0 mg, 54%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.40$  (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.66 – 8.64 (m, 1H), 8.35 – 8.31 (m, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.6 (C), 155.9 (C), 155.7 (C), 149.2 (CH), 139.6 (C), 137.6 (CH), 137.0 (CH), 135.6 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 127.4 (C), 123.9 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 117.0 (CH), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S 279.0950; Found 279.0944.

## 6-Bromo-2,2'-bipyridine 17

Product 17 was synthesized via General procedure D using 2,6-dibromopyridine (106.6 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt 2a (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine 17 as a yellow solid (42.3 mg, 60%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.65 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.46 – 8.30 (m, 2H), 7.80 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.5, 154.6, 149.3, 141.7, 139.3, 137.1, 128.1, 124.4, 121.6, 119.8.

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>16</sup>

# N,N-Dimethyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[2,2'-bipyridin]-5-amine 18

Product **18** was synthesized via General procedure D using 6-bromo-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyridin-3-amine (90.5 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2f** (148.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (25% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **18** as a yellow oil (32.7 mg, 41%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.10$  (25% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.83 (dd, J = 2.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.0 (C), 146.8 (C), 146.0 (q, J = 4.2 Hz, CH), 142.8 (C), 134.0 (CH), 133.8 (q, J = 3.5 Hz, CH), 124.5 (q, J = 32.8 Hz, CCF<sub>3</sub>), 124.2 (q, J = 271.9 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 122.2 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 118.6 (CH), 40.0 (NMe<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -62.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{13}F_3N_3$  268.1056; Found 268.1057.

# 1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)isoquinoline 19

Product **19** was synthesized via General procedure D using 1-iodoisoquinoline (114.8 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2d** (148.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **19** as a yellow solid (46.4 mg, 56%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.17$  (20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.98 (dt, J = 5.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (dt, J = 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 5.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.0 (C), 155.9 (C), 149.6 (CH), 142.1 (CH), 139.2 (q, J = 34.2 Hz, CCF<sub>3</sub>), 137.4 (C), 130.4 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 126.7 (C), 123.0 (q, J = 273.2 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 122.1 (CH), 121.3 (q, J = 3.8 Hz, CH), 118.8 (q, J = 3.4 Hz, CH).

 $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -64.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{15}H_{10}F_3N_2$  275.0791; Found 275.0782.

## N,N-Dimethyl-4'-(trifluoromethyl)-[2,2'-bipyridin]-4-amine 20

Product **20** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyridin-4-amine (90.5 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2d** (148.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **20** as a yellow solid (40.0 mg, 50%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.15$  (25% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.81 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (dt, J = 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, J = 5.1, 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 5.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.6 (C), 155.4 (C), 154.9 (C), 149.8 (CH), 149.6 (CH), 139.3 (q, J = 33.9 Hz,  $CCF_3$ ), 123.2 (q, J = 273.3 Hz,  $CF_3$ ), 118.9 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, CH), 117.2 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, CH), 107.4 (CH), 104.2 (CH), 39.5 (NMe<sub>2</sub>).

 $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -64.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 268.1056; Found 268.1058.

# 5-Methoxy-6'-(trifluoromethyl)-2,2'-bipyridine 21

Product **21** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-6-trifluoromethylpyridine (101.7 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2g** (137.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (100% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave bipyridine **21** as a white solid (23.4 mg, 31%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.28$  (100% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H, OMe).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.8 (C), 156.6 (C), 147.7 (q, J = 34.6 Hz,  $CCF_3$ ), 147.6 (C), 138.2 (CH), 137.2 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 121.8 (q, J = 274.7 Hz,  $CF_3$ ), 121.0 (CH), 119.4 (q, J = 2.7 Hz, CH), 55.8 (app d, J = 1.9 Hz, OMe).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -68.1.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 255.0740; Found 255.0741.

## 5-Methoxy-5'-methyl-2,2'-bipyridine 22

Product **22** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-fluoro-5-methylpyridine (77.4 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2g** (137.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave bipyridine **22** as a yellow solid (37.6 mg, 63%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.07$  (5% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.46 – 8.44 (m, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H, OMe), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.0, 153.7, 149.6, 149.3, 137.5, 136.9, 132.6, 121.5, 121.1, 120.0, 55.8 (OMe), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

Spectra were consistent with literature data.<sup>20</sup>

#### 3,3'-Dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridine 23

Product **23** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-3-methylpyridine (77.4 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2b** (132.4 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **23** as an orange oil (50.7 mg, 92%).

 $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.50 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.7, 146.7, 138.4, 131.7, 123.0, 18.6.

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>21</sup>

## 1-(3-Methylpyridin-2-yl)isoquinoline 24

Product **24** was synthesized via General procedure D using 1-iodoisoquinoline (114.8 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2b** (132.4 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (90% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **24** as a yellow oil (57.1 mg, 86%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.20$  (90% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.62 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.68 (app ddd, J = 11.2, 7.7, 5.9 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (ddd, J = 7.5, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.2, 156.8, 146.7, 142.1, 138.6, 136.8, 132.8, 130.3, 127.5, 127.1, 127.03, 127.00, 123.3, 120.7, 18.9.

Spectra were consistent with literature data.<sup>23</sup>

#### 1,1'-Biisoquinoline 25

Product **25** was synthesized via General procedure D using 1-iodoisoquinoline (114.8 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2c** (143.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (50% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **25** as a yellow oil (58.5 mg, 76%).

The reaction was scaled up and product **25** was synthesized via General procedure D using 1-iodoisoquinoline (2.96 g, 11.6 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2c** (3.68 g, 7.7 mmol). Purification by FCC (50% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **25** as a yellow oil (0.91 g, 46%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.73 (br s, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.2 (br), 142.0, 136.9, 130.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0, 121.2 (br).

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>24</sup>

# 1-(6-Bromopyridin-2-yl)isoquinoline 26

Product **26** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2,6-dibromopyridine (106.6 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2c** (143.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **26** as an off-yellow solid (44.1 mg, 52%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.29$  (25% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.66 (dd J = 8.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dt, J = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.3 (C), 155.6 (C), 141.8 (CH), 140.6 (C), 139.2 (CH), 137.2 (C), 130.2 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.6 (C), 124.1 (CH), 121.8 (CH).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub> 285.0022, 287.0001; Found 285.0023, 287.0003.

#### 2-(Isoquinolin-1-yl)-N,N-dimethylpyridin-4-amine 27

Product **27** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyridin-4-amine (90.5 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2c** (143.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (100% EtOAc) gave bipyridine **27** as a white solid (56.6 mg, 76%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.20$  (100% EtOAc).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.59 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dd, J = 6.0, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dt, J = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.56 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.4, 158.6, 155.3, 149.0, 141.9, 137.2, 130.1, 128.3, 127.5, 127.0, 126.8, 121.0, 108.0, 106.3, 39.4 (NMe<sub>2</sub>).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 250.1339; Found 250.1341.

#### 6,6'-Dibromo-2,2'-bipyridine 28

Product **28** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2,6-dibromopyridine (106.6 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2i** (151.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane), followed by precipitation in Et<sub>2</sub>O gave bipyridine **28** as a white solid (12.4 mg, 13%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.59$  (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.38 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, J = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 155.8, 141.7, 139.5, 128.7, 120.3.

Spectra were consistent with literature data.<sup>25</sup>

#### 6'-Bromo-2,3'-bipyridine 29

Product **29** was synthesized via a modification to General procedure D. 2,5-Dibromopyridine (106.6 mg, 0.45 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (0.75 mL) and added dropwise to a solution of *n*-BuLi (0.19 mL, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv., 2.4 M in hexanes) in dry THF (0.75 mL) over 2 min. The solution of sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol) in dry THF (1.5 mL) was then added dropwise down the side of the vial to the lithiated pyridine solution over 2 min. Purification by FCC (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave bipyridine **29** as a white solid (45.0 mg, 64%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.11$  (20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.94 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.73 – 8.69 (m, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (td, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 7.3, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.7 (C), 150.3 (CH), 148.6 (CH), 142.7 (C), 137.3 (CH), 137.0 (CH), 134.3 (C), 128.3 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 120.6 (CH).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub> 234.9865, 236.9845; Found 234.9869, 236.9834.

#### 6'-Fluoro-2,3'-bipyridine 30

Product **30** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-fluoro-5-iodopyridine (100.3 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave bipyridine **30** as a white solid (36.1 mg, 69%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.43$  (10% Et<sub>2</sub>O in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.78 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (td, J = 8.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (td, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.1 (d, J = 240.4 Hz, CF), 153.9 (C), 150.2 (CH), 146.3 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, CH), 140.0 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, CH), 137.2 (CH), 133.3 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, C), 123.0 (CH), 120.4 (CH), 109.7 (d, J = 37.2 Hz, CH).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -68.3 (d, J = 5.7 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>FN<sub>2</sub> 175.0666; Found 175.0667.

# 6'-Methoxy-2,3'-bipyridine 31

Product **31** was synthesized via General procedure D using 5-iodo-2-methoxypyridine (105.8 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (20% EtOAc in pentane) gave bipyridine **31** as a yellow oil (32.5 mg, 58%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.25$  (20% EtOAc in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.73 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (dt, J = 5.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (td, J = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dt, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, J = 7.3, 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.8, 155.2, 149.9, 145.6, 137.5, 137.0, 128.7, 122.1, 119.9, 111.0, 53.8.

Spectra were consistent with literature data.<sup>17</sup>

# 6'-(Trifluoromethyl)-2,3'-bipyridine 32

Product **32** was synthesized via General procedure D using 5-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (101.7 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **32** as a yellow oil (35.8 mg, 53%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.18$  (25% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

 $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  9.30 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.77 (ddd, J = 4.8, 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (ddd, J = 8.2, 2.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 7.3, 4.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.4, 150.5, 148.5, 148.2 (q, J = 34.7 Hz), 137.6, 137.4, 135.8, 123.8, 121.8 (q, J = 274.0 Hz), 121.1, 120.6 (q, J = 2.7 Hz).

 $^{19}$ F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -67.9.

Spectra were consistent with literature data .18

## 6'-Methyl-2,3'-bipyridine 33

Product **33** was synthesized via General procedure D using 5-bromo-2-methylpyridine (77.4 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2a** (128.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (80% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **33** as a yellow oil (44.8 mg, 88%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  9.07 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (ddd, J = 4.8, 2.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dt, J = 8.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.25 (ddt, J = 7.2, 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.9, 155.0, 150.0, 147.6, 137.0, 134.7, 132.1, 123.3, 122.6, 120.3, 24.3.

Spectra are consistent with literature data.<sup>19</sup>

## 5-(Trifluoromethyl)-2,3'-bipyridine 34

Product **34** was synthesized via General procedure D using 3-iodopyridine (92.3 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2f** (148.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (45% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **34** as a yellow oil (58.0 mg, 86%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.13$  (25% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  9.24 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dt, J = 8.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.2 (q, J = 1.4 Hz, C), 151.1 (CH), 148.6 (CH), 147.1 (q, J = 4.2 Hz, CH), 134.8 (CH), 134.4 (q, J = 3.5 Hz, CH), 133.6 (C), 125.7 (q, J = 33.3 Hz, CCF<sub>3</sub>), 123.9 (CH), 123.7 (q, J = 272.3 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 120.1 (CH).

 $^{19}$ F NMR (470 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -62.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 225.0634; Found 225.0634.

# 6'-Fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3'-bipyridine 35

Product **35** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-fluoro-5-iodopyridine (127.8 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2f** (148.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **35** as a yellow solid (54.8 mg, 75%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.29$  (25% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.95 (dt, J = 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.87 – 8.84 (m, 1H), 8.50 (ddd, J = 8.6, 7.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.84 (dt, J = 8.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ddd, J = 8.6, 3.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.7 (d, J = 242.7 Hz, CF), 157.1 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 147.1 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 146.9 (d, J = 15.7 Hz), 140.3 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 134.5 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 131.9 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 125.8 (q, J = 33.3 Hz, CCF<sub>3</sub>), 123.6 (q, J = 272.3 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 119.8, 110.0 (d, J = 37.6 Hz).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -62.4, -66.5 (d, J = 4.6 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub> 243.0540; Found 243.0539.

## 6'-Fluoro-N,N-dimethyl-[2,3'-bipyridin]-5-amine 36

Product **36** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-bromo-*N*,*N*-dimethylpyridin-4-amine (90.5 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2h** (148.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **36** as a yellow oil (26.7 mg, 41%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.10$  (40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.70 – 8.67 (m, 1H), 8.34 (ddd, J = 8.6, 7.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 3.04 (s, 6H, NMe<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.2 (d, J = 238.5 Hz, CF), 145.6 (C), 144.9 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, CH), 141.6 (C), 138.7 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, CH), 134.9 (CH), 133.6 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, C), 120.3 (CH), 119.2 (CH), 109.4 (d, J = 37.4 Hz, CH), 40.2 (NMe<sub>2</sub>).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -70.9 (d, J = 4.8 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FN<sub>3</sub> 218.1088; Found 218.1090.

# 6'-Fluoro-5-methoxy-2,3'-bipyridine 37

Product 37 was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-fluoro-5-iodopyridine (100.3 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt 2g (137.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (50% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine 37 as a white solid (49.9 mg, 82%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.29$  (50% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.68 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 8.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H, OMe).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.6 (d, J = 239.6 Hz, CF), 155.5 (C), 146.3 (C), 145.5 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, CH), 139.4 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, CH), 137.9 (CH), 133.0 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, C), 121.3 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 109.5 (d, J = 37.4 Hz, CH), 55.8 (OMe).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -69.5 (d, J = 5.8 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O 205.0772; Found 205.0774.

#### 3-Methyl-2,3'-bipyridine 38

Product **38** was synthesized via General procedure D using 3-iodopyridine (92.3 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2b** (132.4 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (90% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **38** as a yellow oil (26.7 mg, 52%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.81 – 8.75 (m, 1H), 8.62 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (ddd, J = 4.7, 1.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (ddd, J = 7.8, 2.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd J = 7.7, 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, J = 7.9, 4.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 155.6, 150.0, 149.1, 147.5, 138.9, 136.6, 136.4, 131.4, 123.3, 122.9, 20.0.

Spectra were consistent with literature data.<sup>22</sup>

# 6-Bromo-6'-methoxy-2,3'-bipyridine 39

Product **39** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-methoxy-5-iodopyridine (105.7 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2i** (151.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **39** as a white solid (26.2 mg, 33%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.51$  (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.73 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H, OMe).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.2 (C), 156.3 (C), 145.8 (CH), 142.5 (C), 139.2 (CH), 137.6 (CH), 127.2 (C), 126.3 (CH), 118.3 (CH), 111.2 (CH), 53.9 (OMe).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O 264.9971, 266.9951; Found 264.9972, 266.9949.

## 6-Bromo-6'-fluoro-2,3'-bipyridine 40

Product **40** was synthesized via General procedure D using 2-fluoro-5-iodopyridine (100.3 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2i** (151.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave bipyridine **40** as a white solid (32.6 mg, 43%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.25$  (30% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.77 (dt, J = 2.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (ddd, J = 8.6, 7.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (ddd, J = 8.6, 3.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.4 (d, J = 242.5 Hz, CF), 154.9 (C), 146.4 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, CH), 142.7 (C), 140.2 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, CH), 139.4 (CH), 131.7 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, C), 127.4 (CH), 118.9 (CH), 109.9 (d, J = 37.5 Hz, CH).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.1 (d, J = 5.7 Hz).

HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>BrFN<sub>2</sub> 252.9771, 254.9751; Found 252.9775, 254.9738.

#### 1-(4'-(Trifluoromethyl)-[2,2'-bipyridin]-6-yl)isoquinoline 43

Product **43** was synthesized via General procedure D using **31** (127.8 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sulfonium salt **2d** (148.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification by FCC (50% Et<sub>2</sub>O in pentane) gave terpyridine **43** as an off-green solid (21.0 mg, 20%).

TLC:  $R_f = 0.18$  (25% EtOAc in pentane).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  8.89 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (dt, J = 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.2 (C), 157.7 (C), 157.3 (C), 153.6 (C), 150.3 (CH), 142.1 (CH), 139.5 (q, J = 34.0 Hz, CCF<sub>3</sub>), 138.4 (CH), 137.4 (C), 130.3 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 127.2

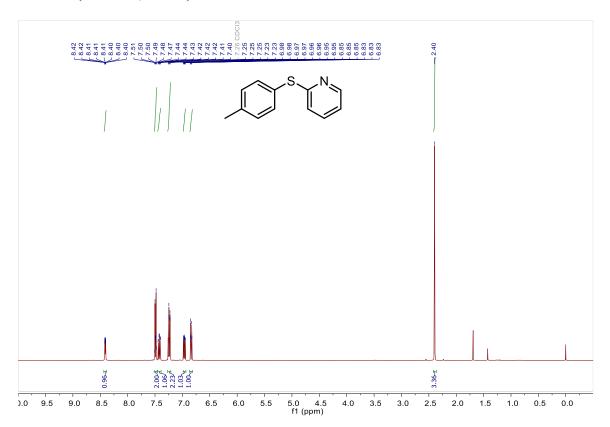
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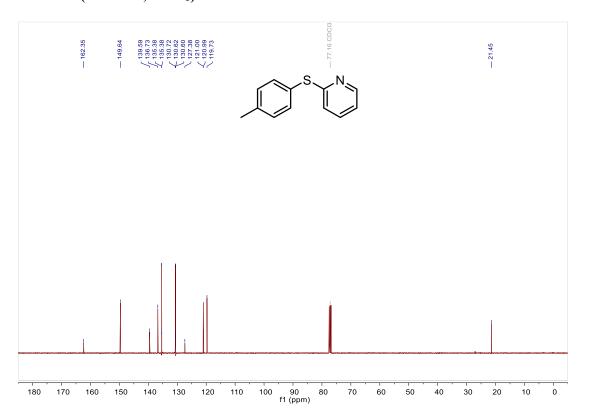
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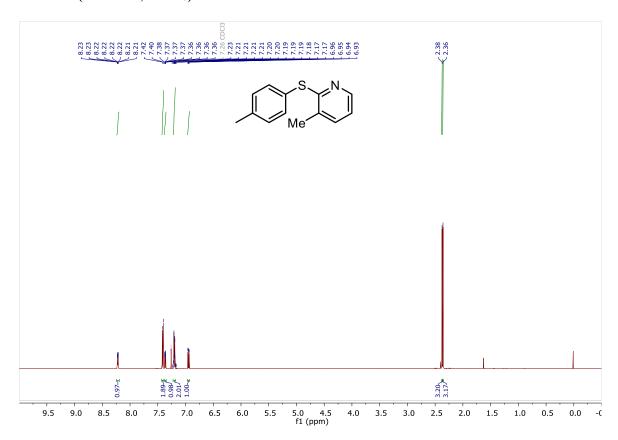
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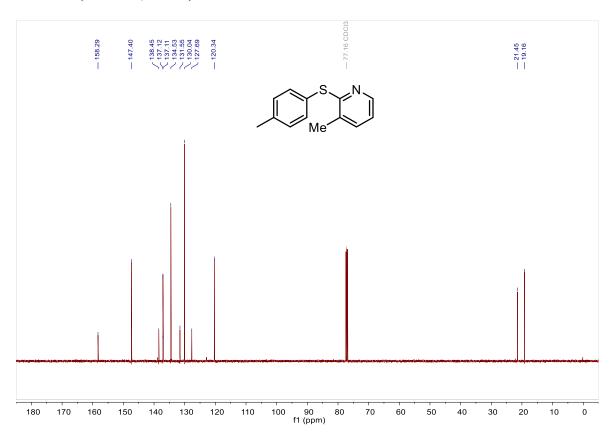
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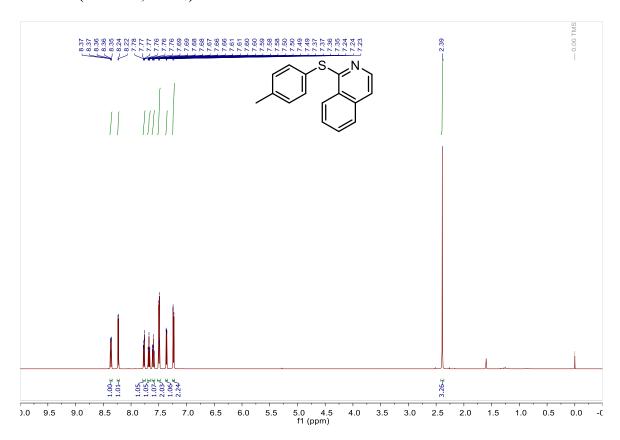
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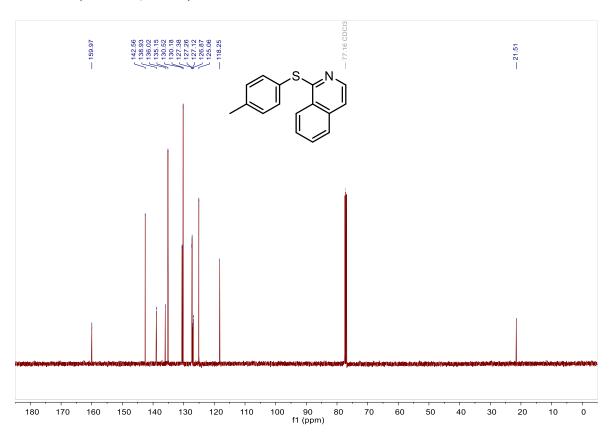


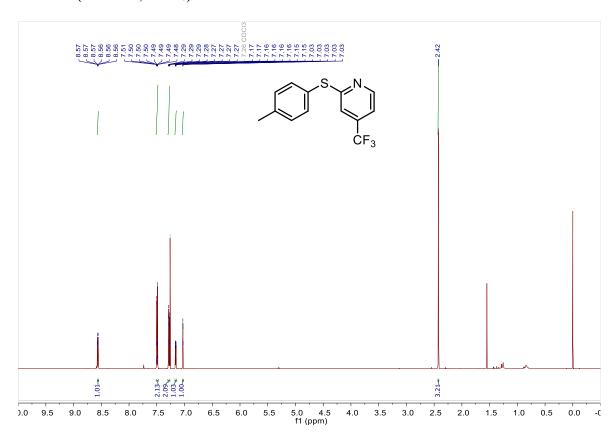


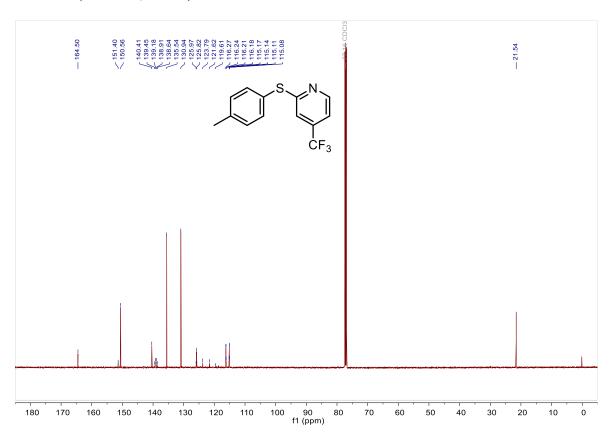


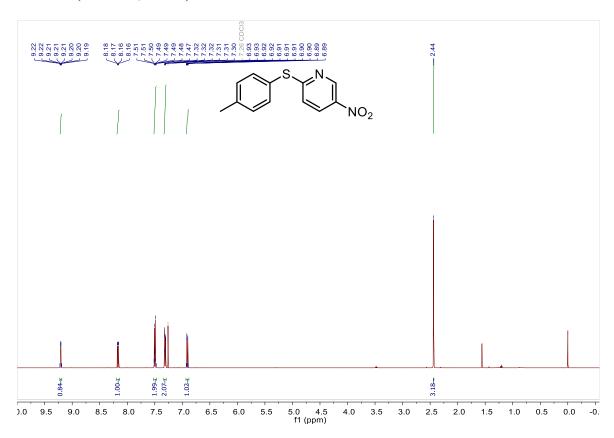


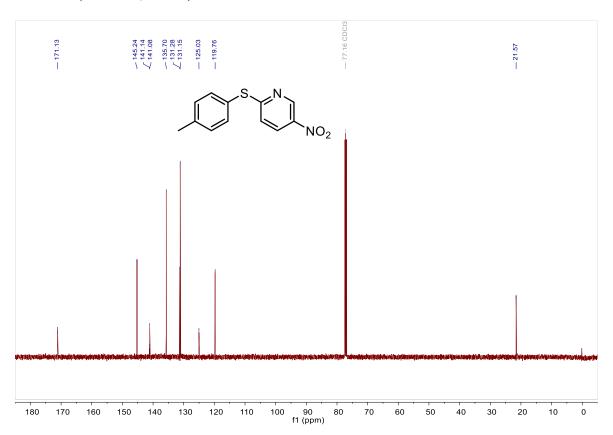


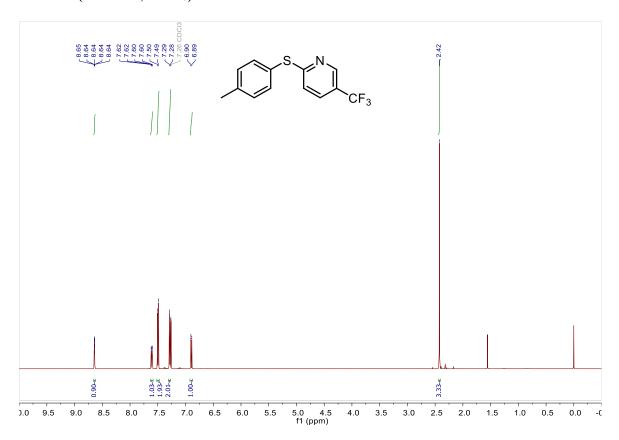


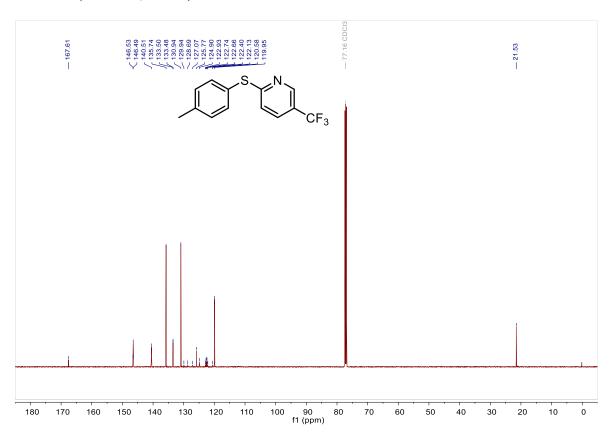


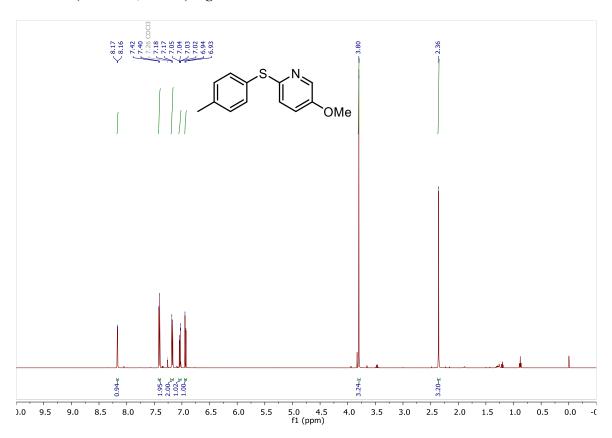


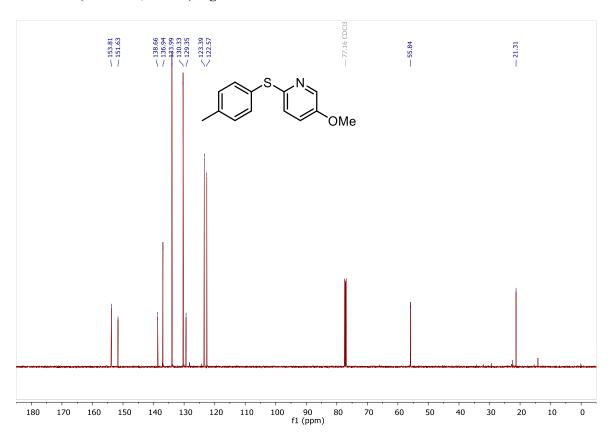


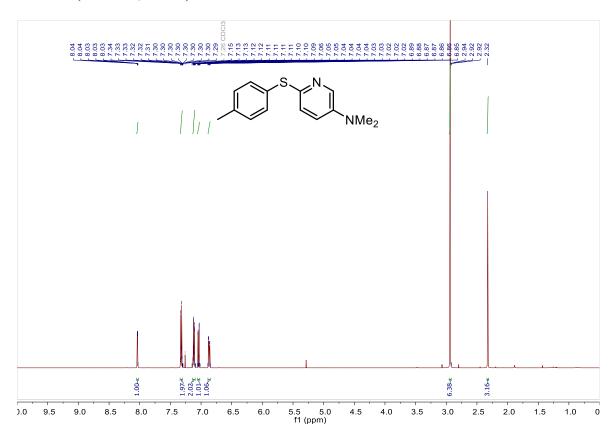


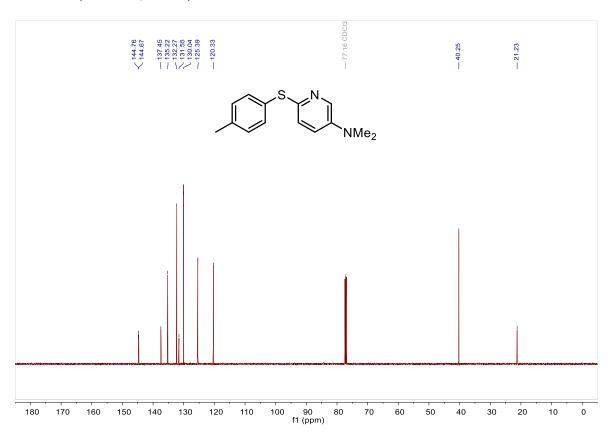


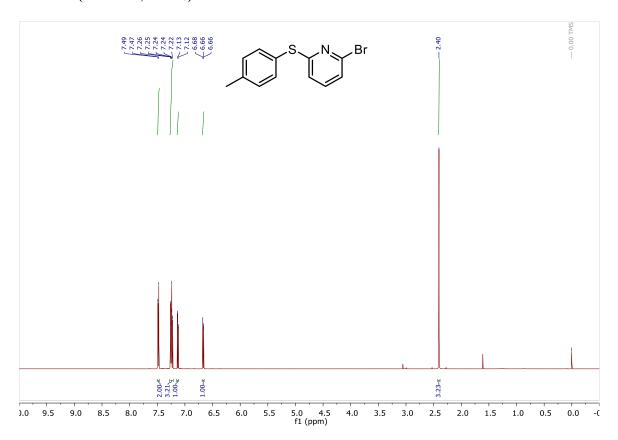


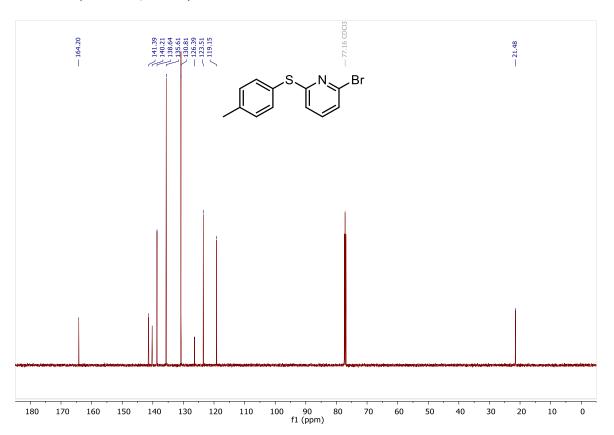


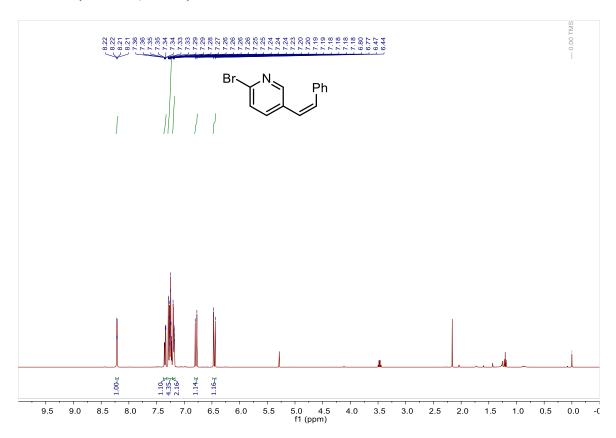


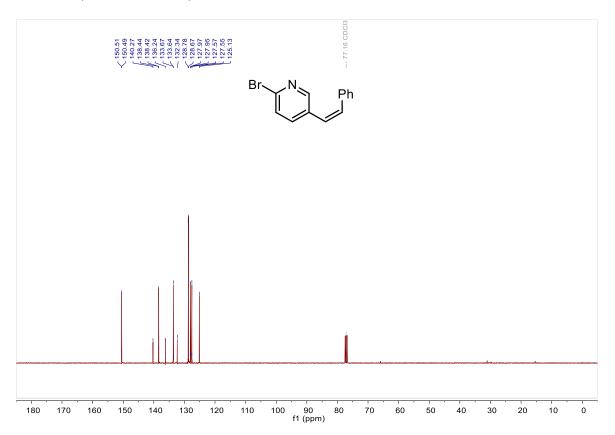


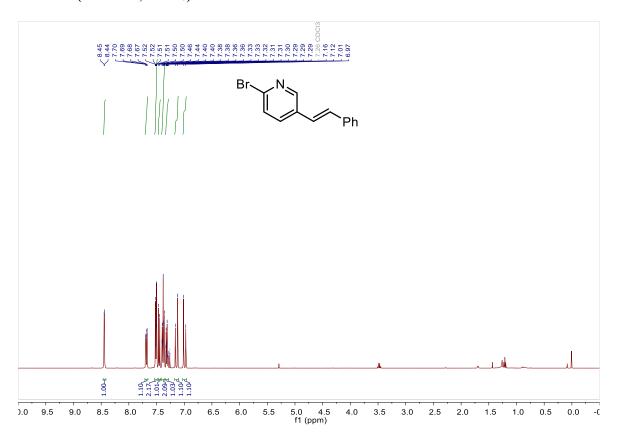


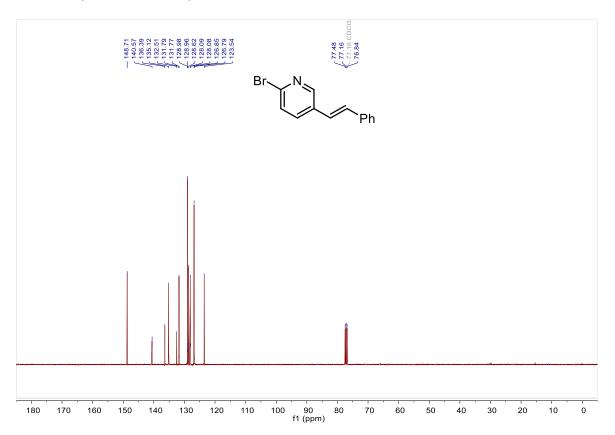


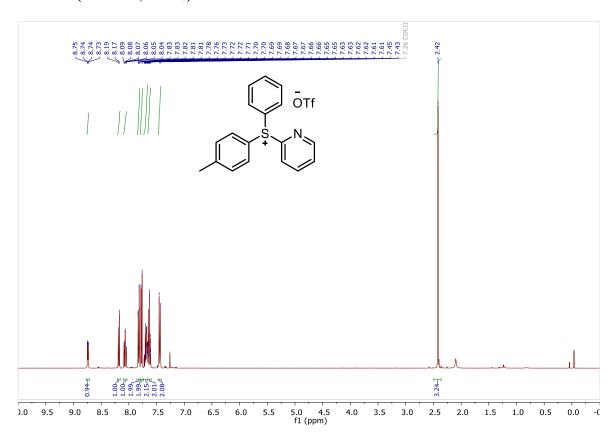


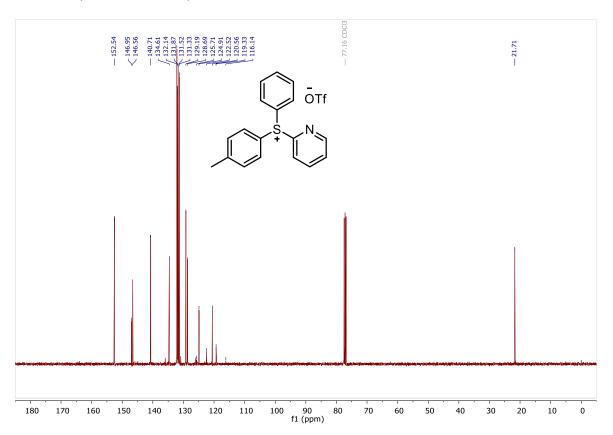


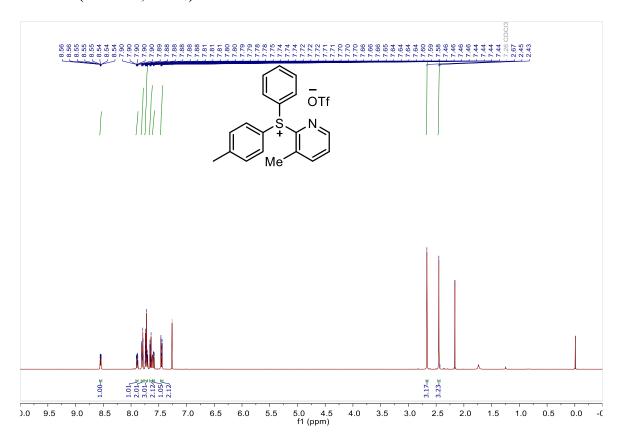


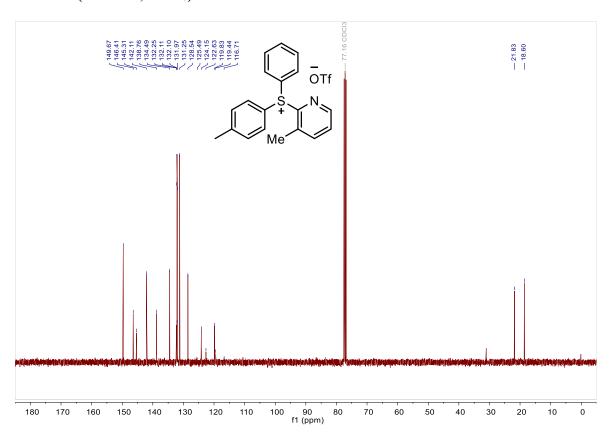


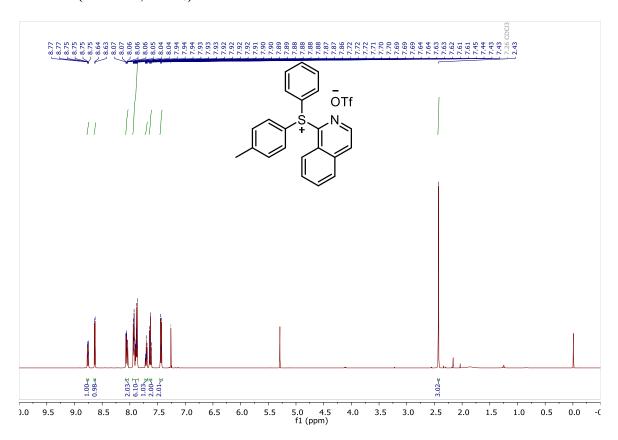


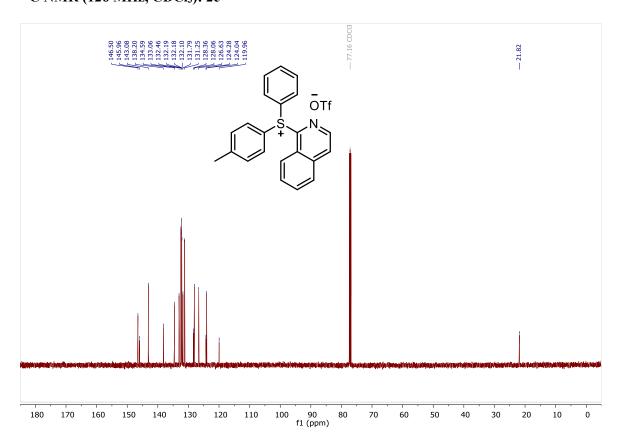


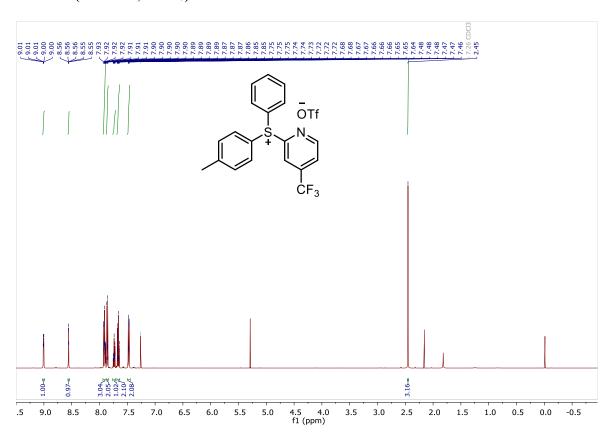


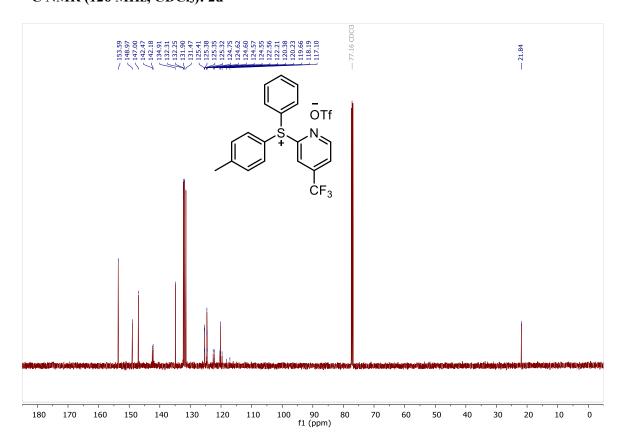


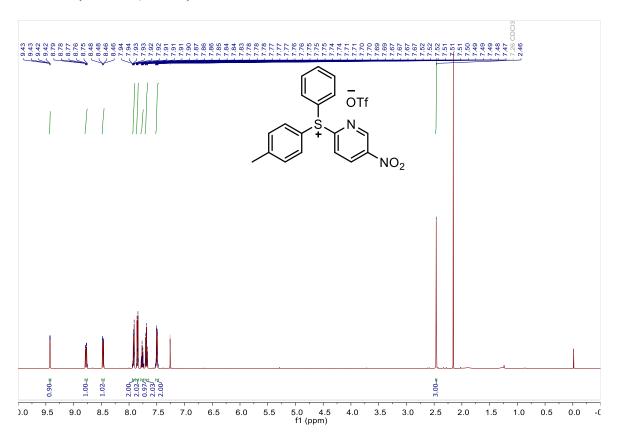


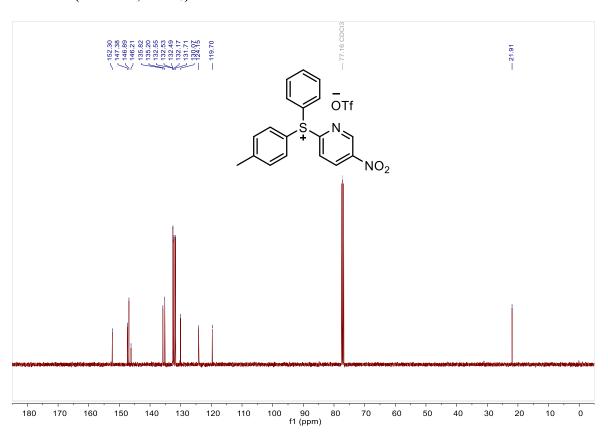


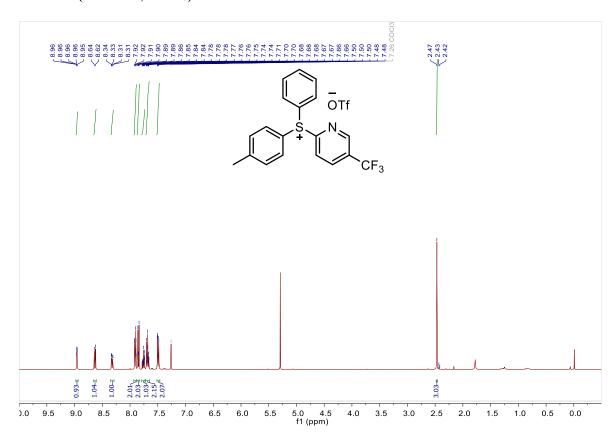


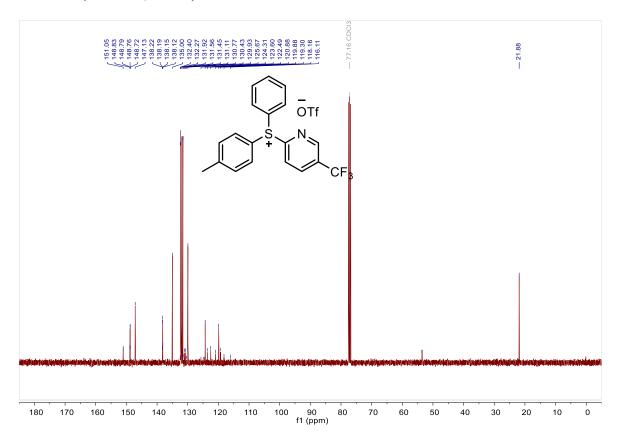


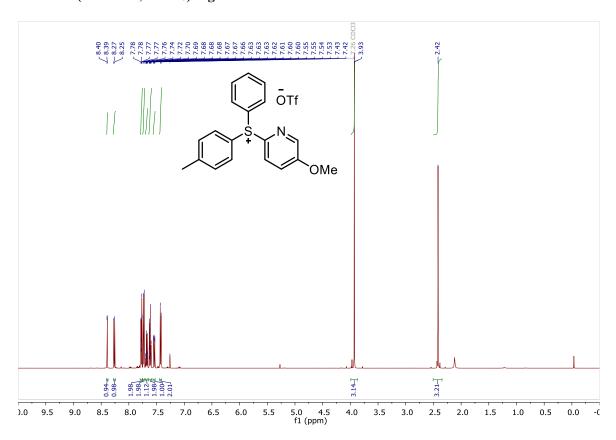


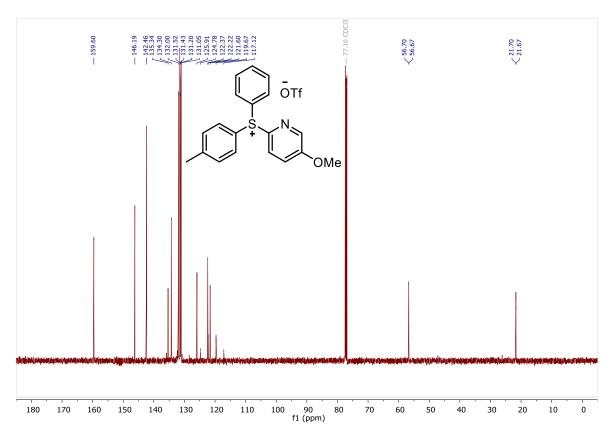


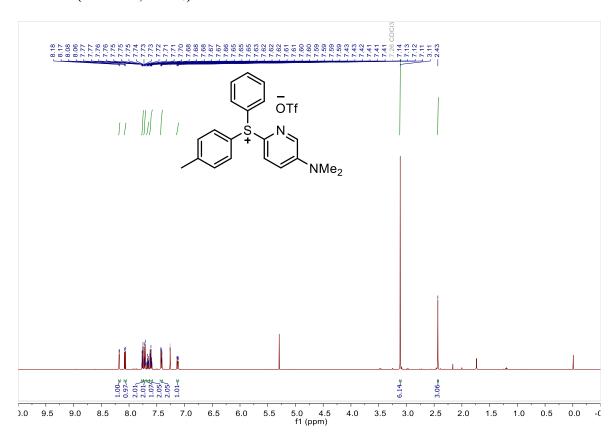


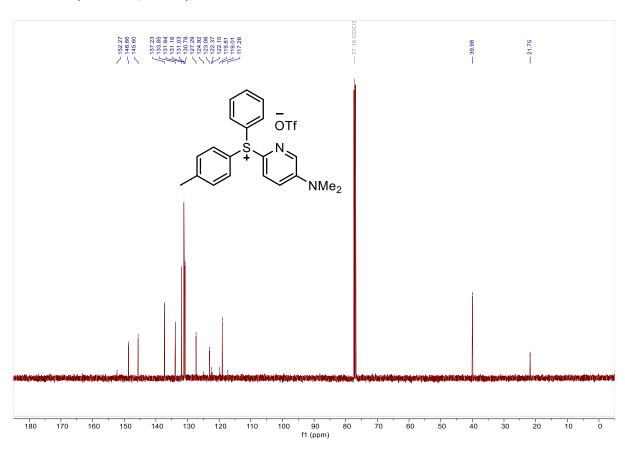


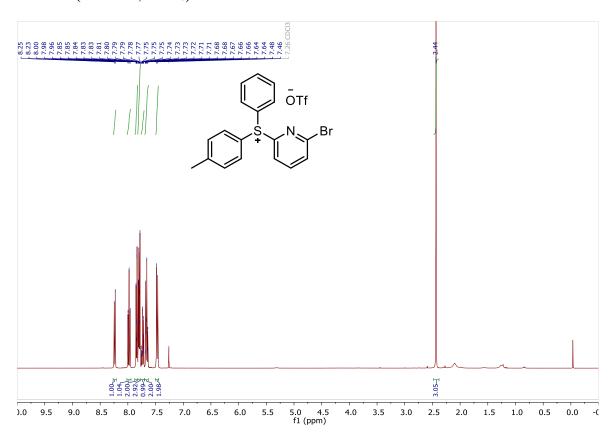


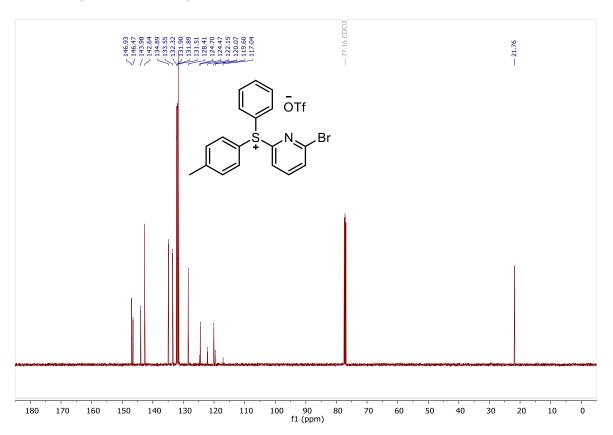


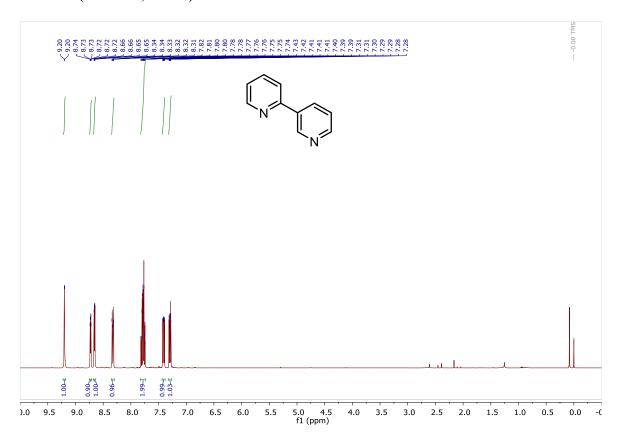


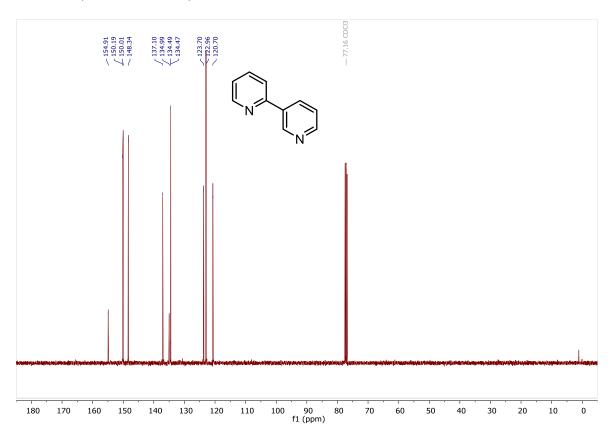


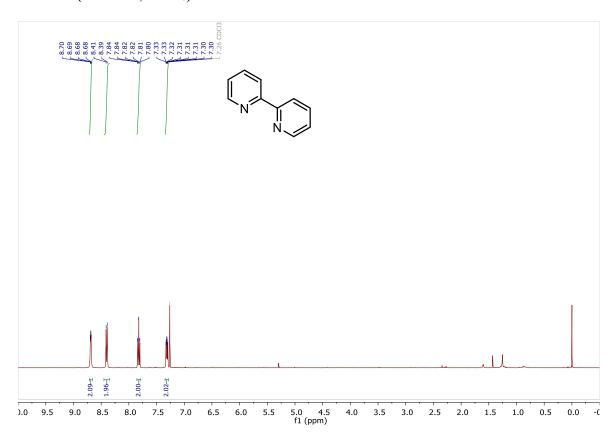


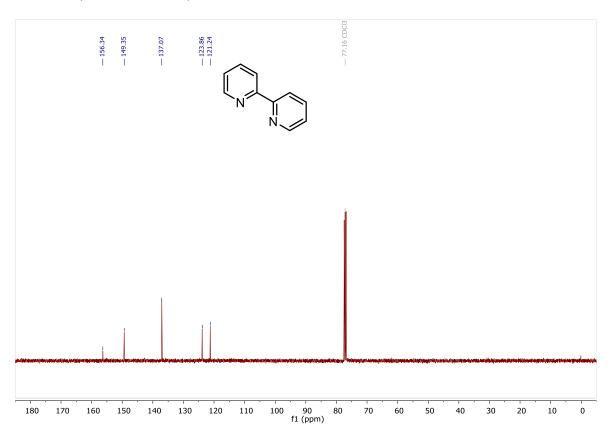


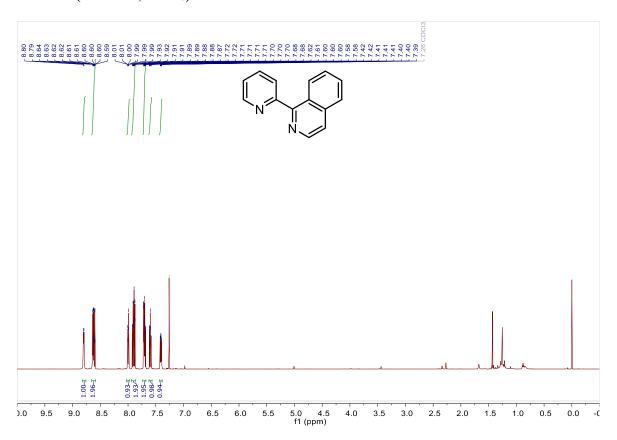


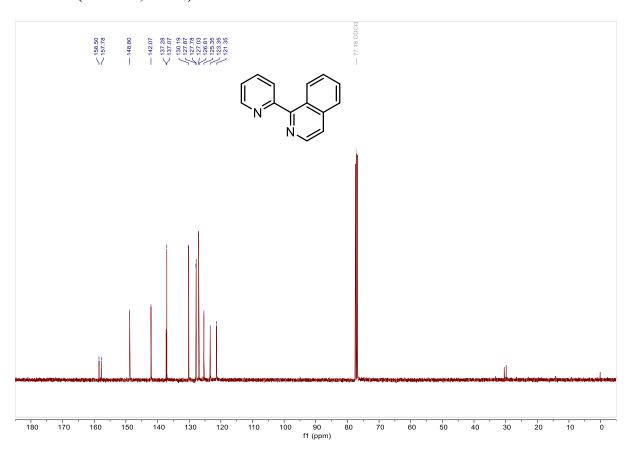


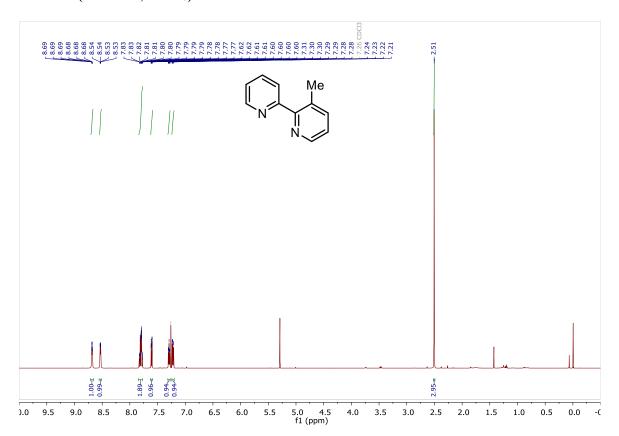


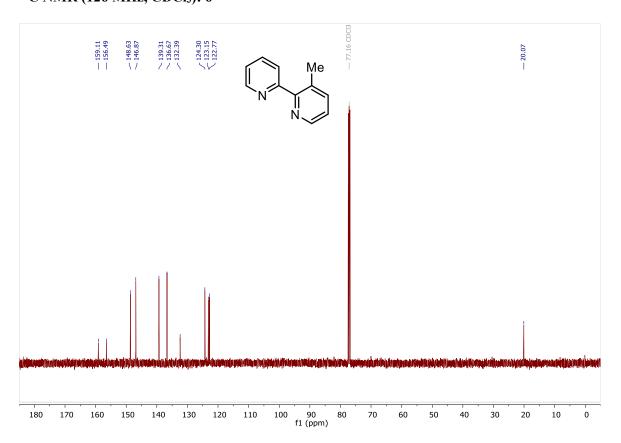


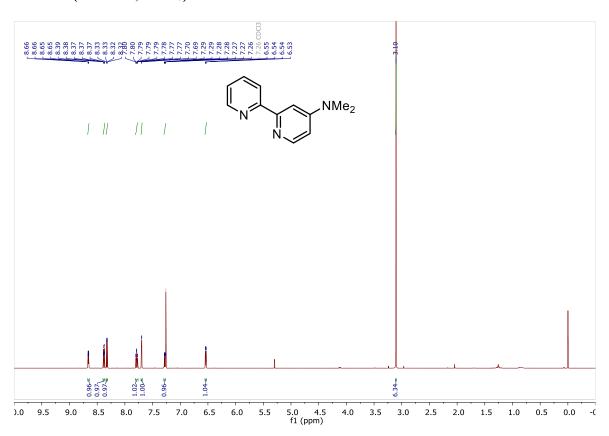


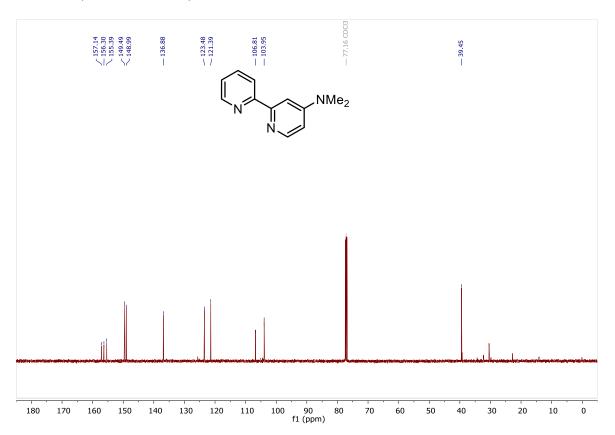


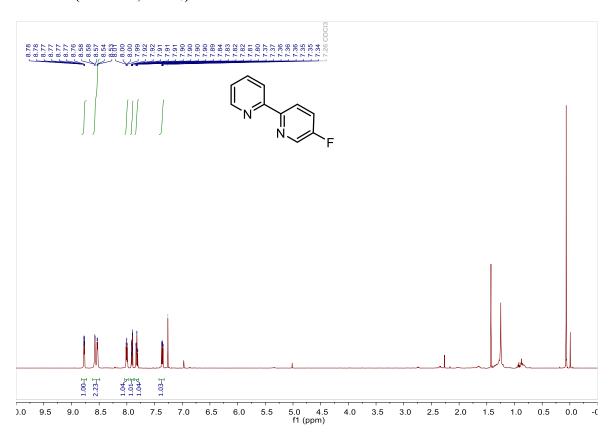


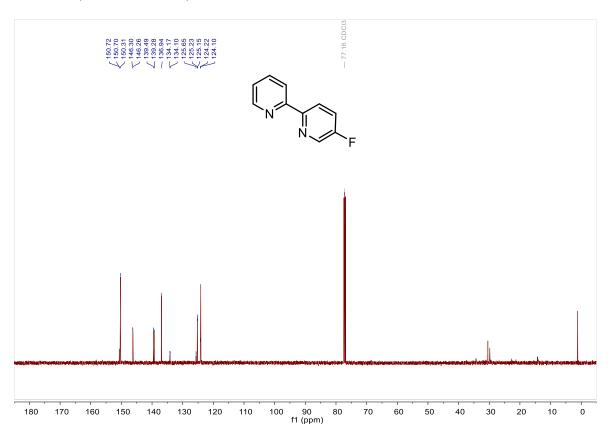


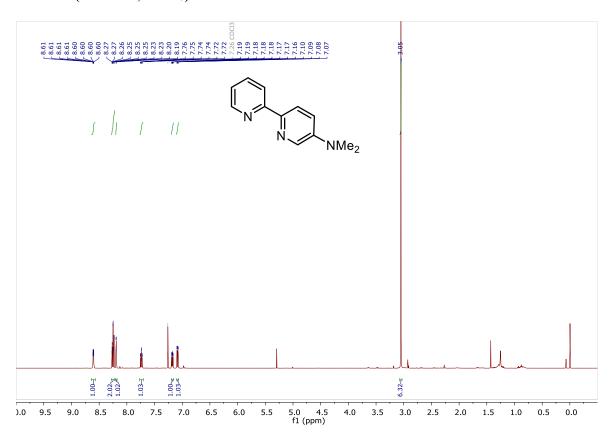


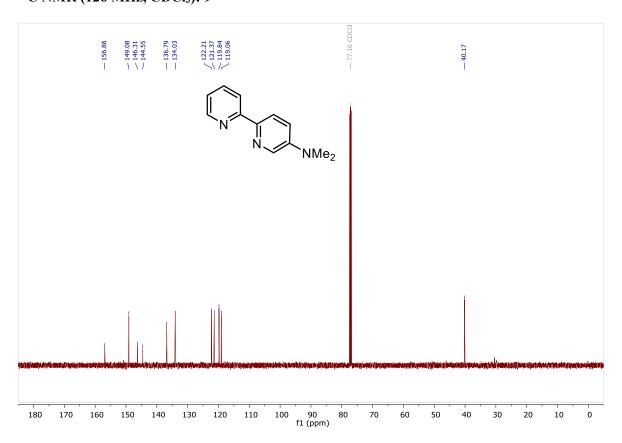


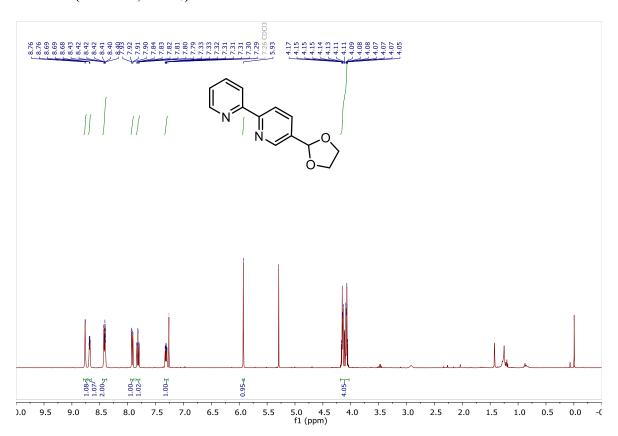


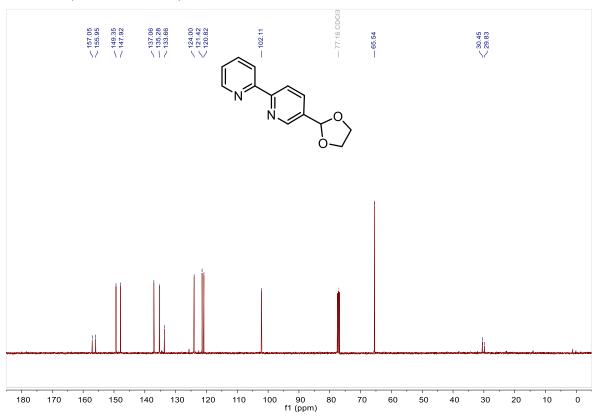


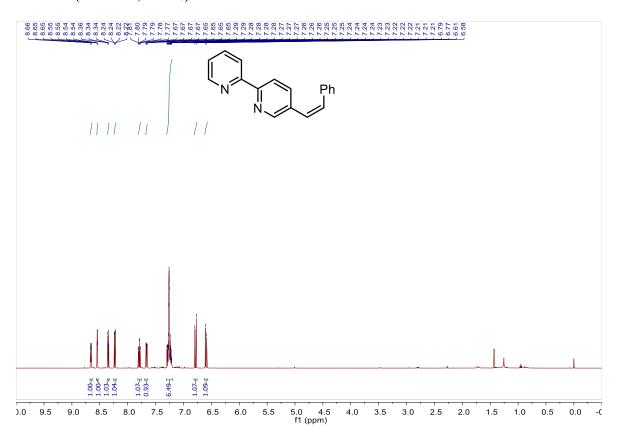


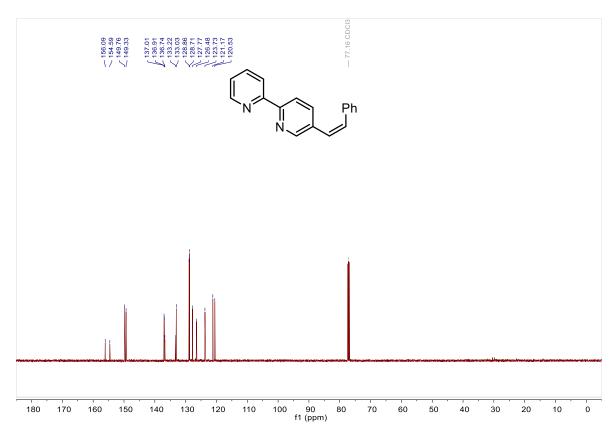


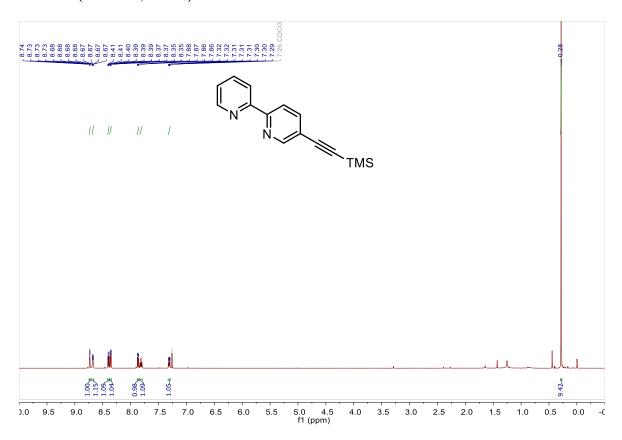


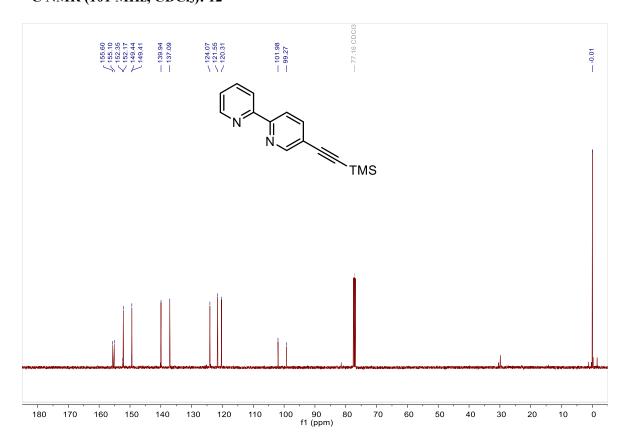


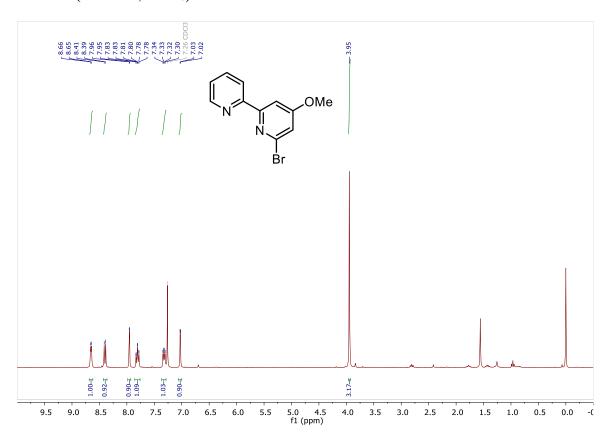


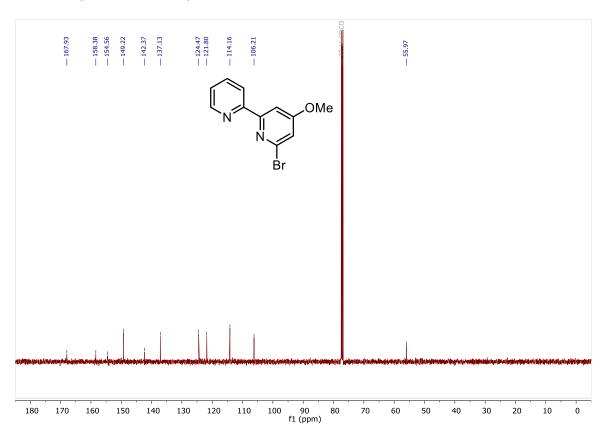


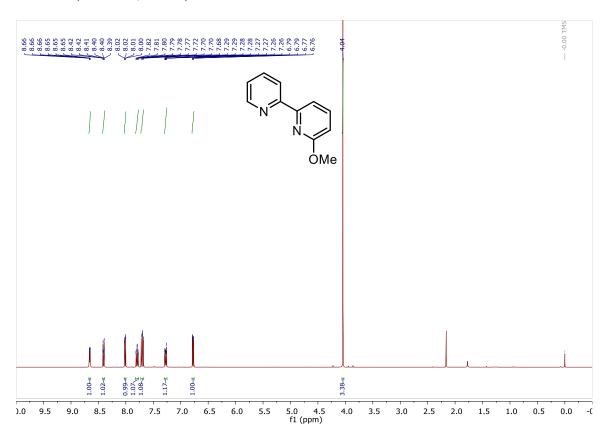


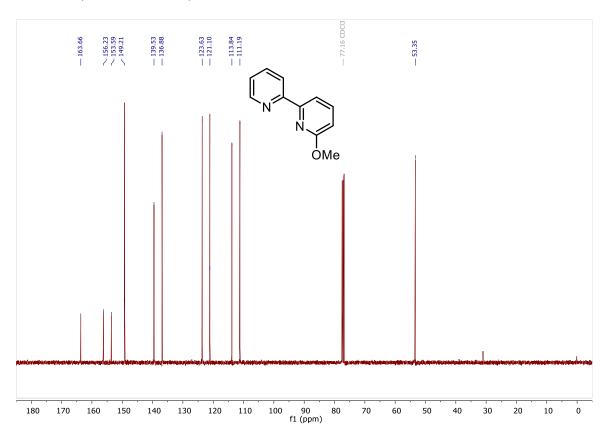


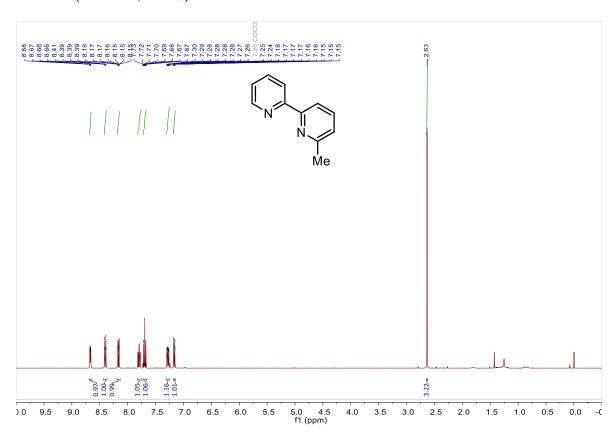


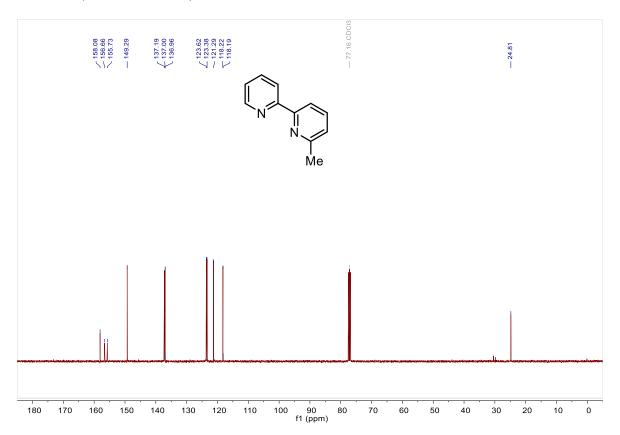


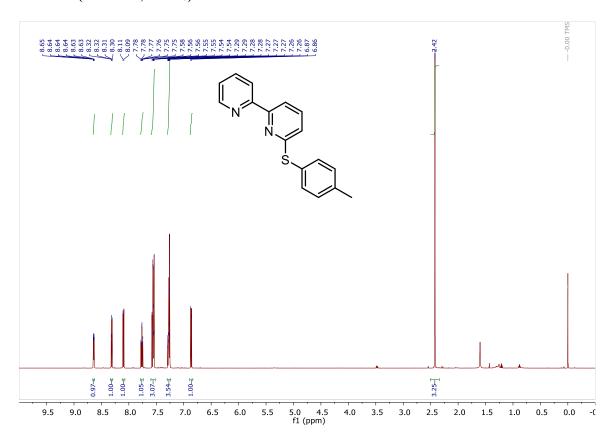


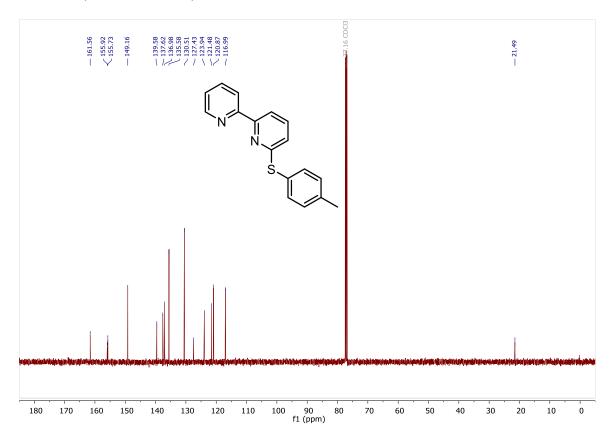


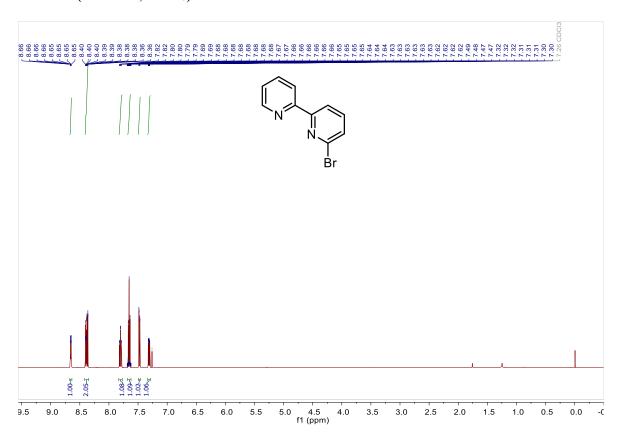


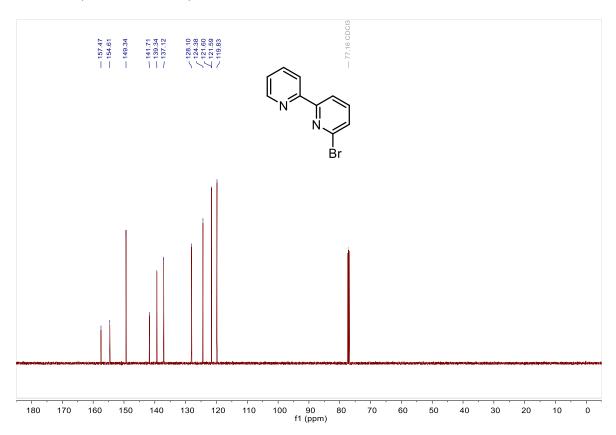


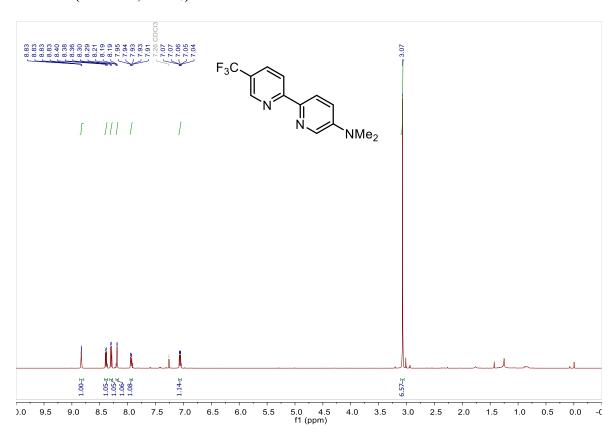


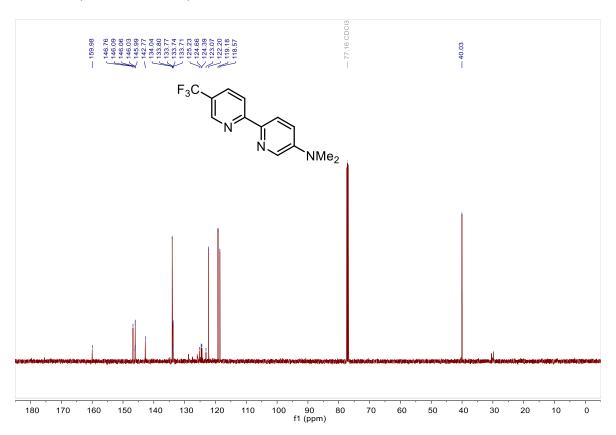


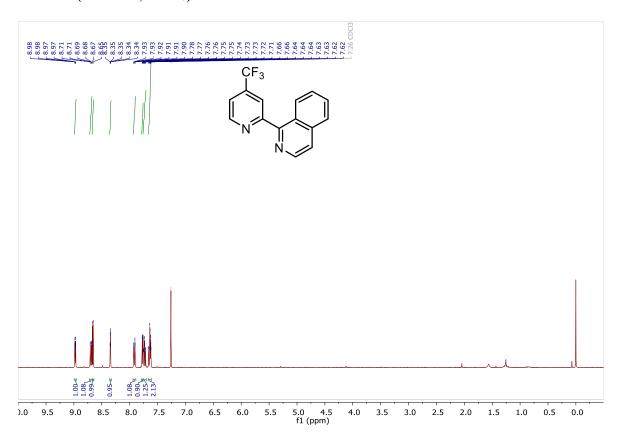


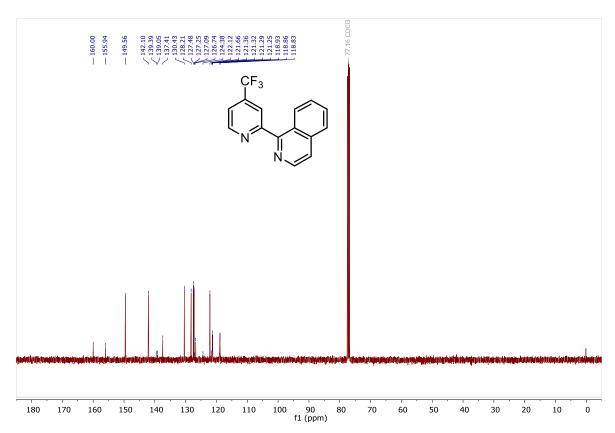


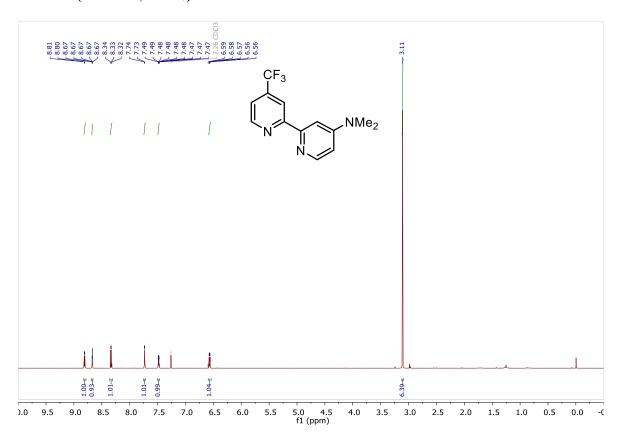


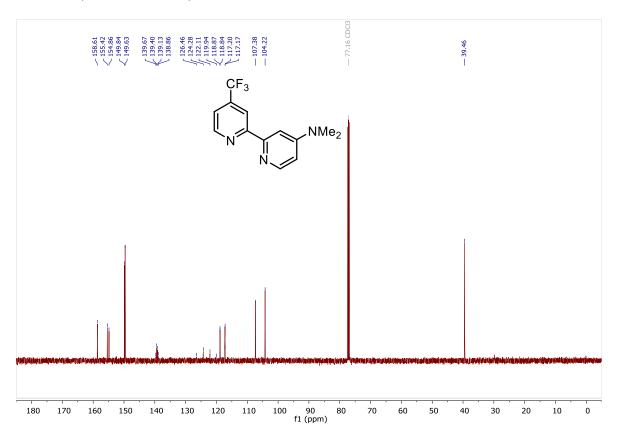


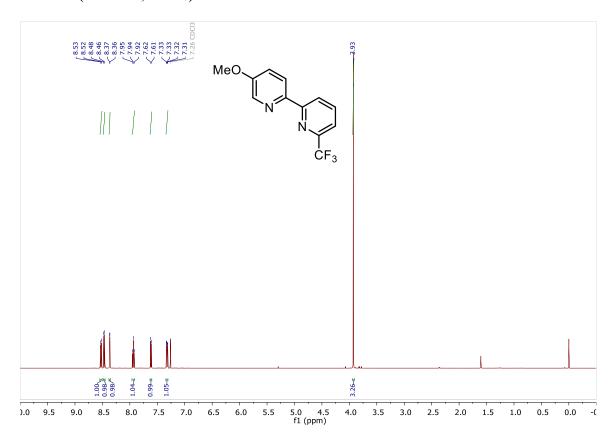


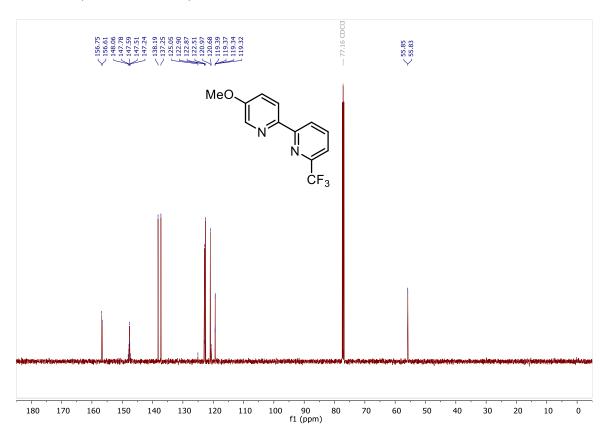


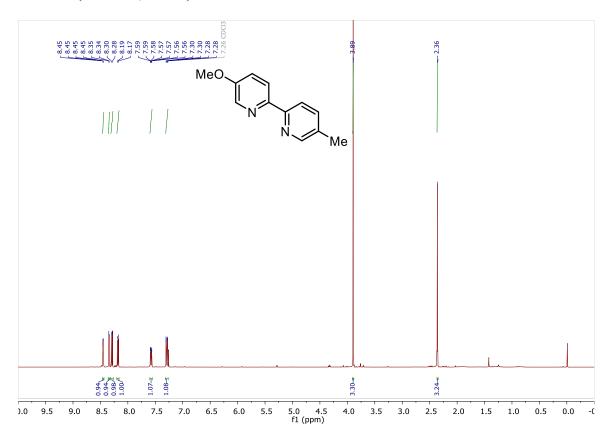


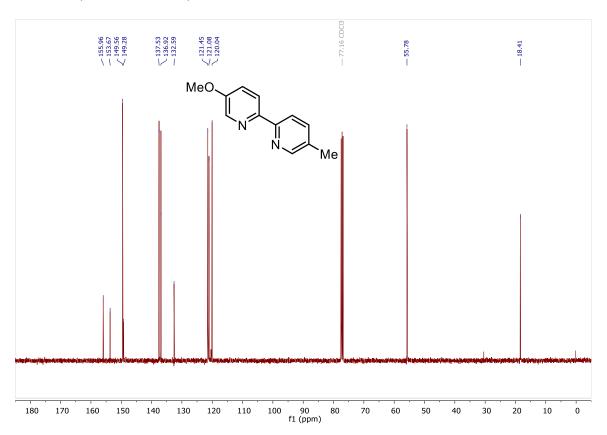


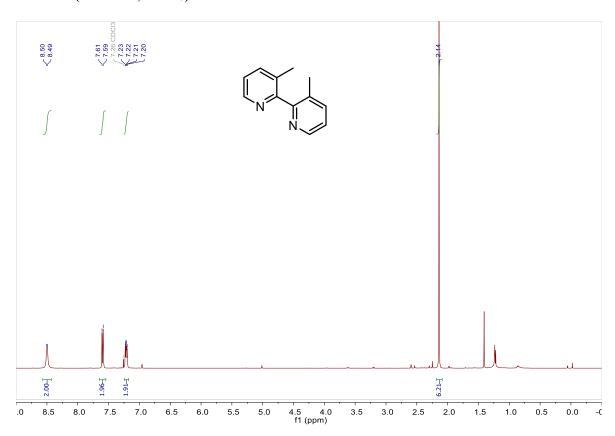


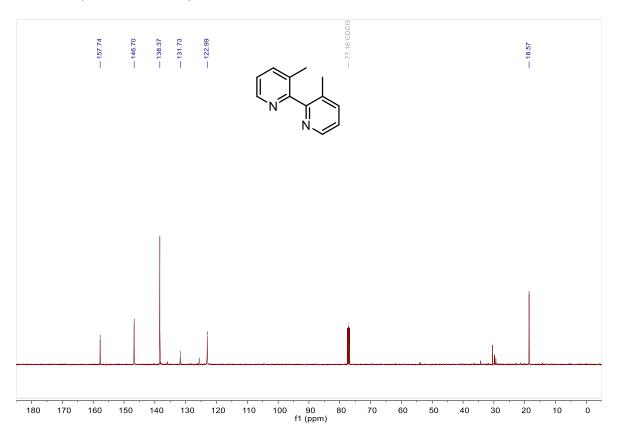


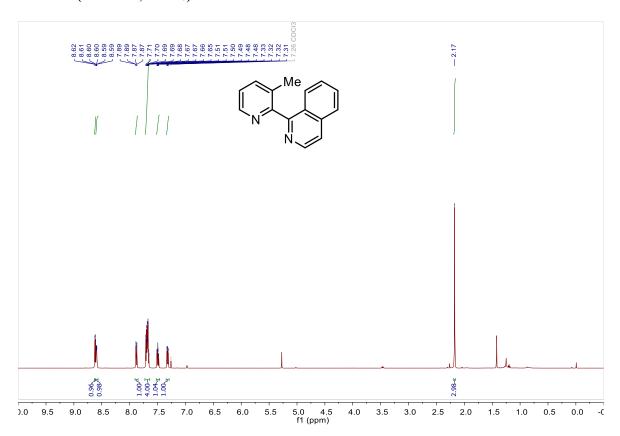


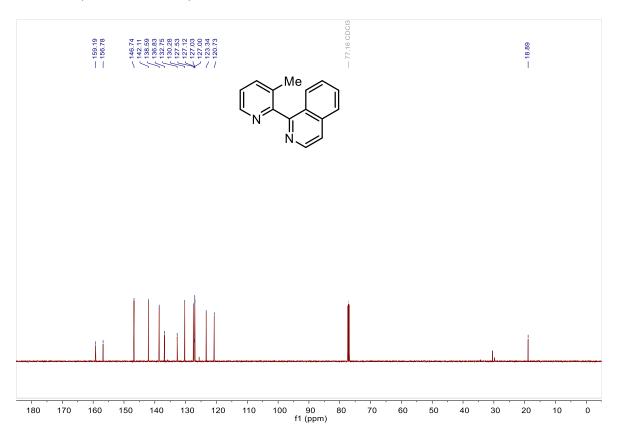


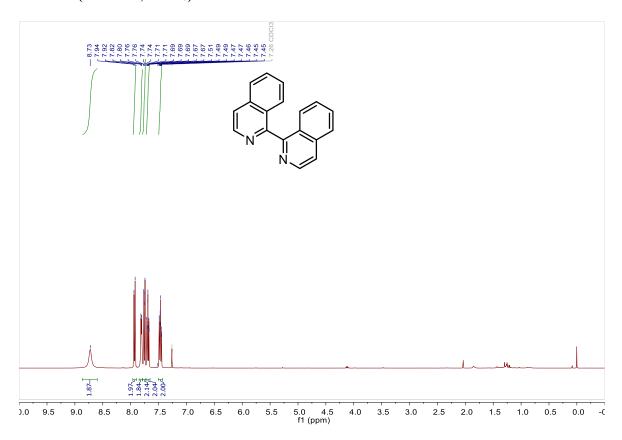


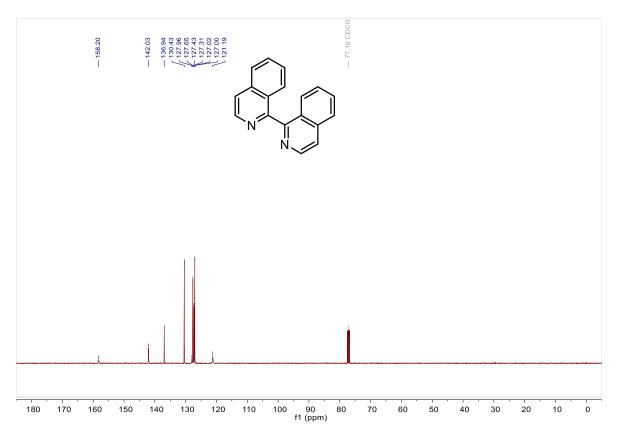


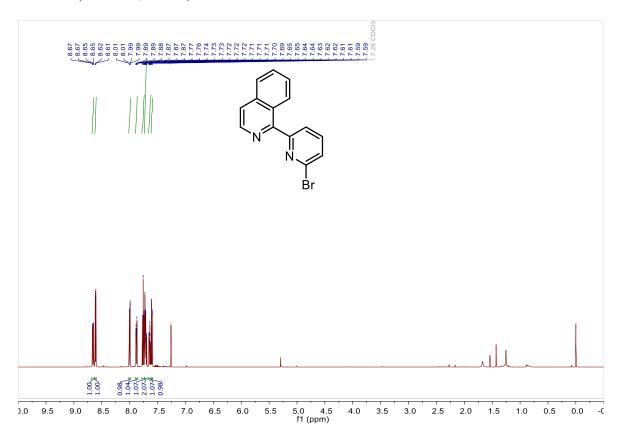


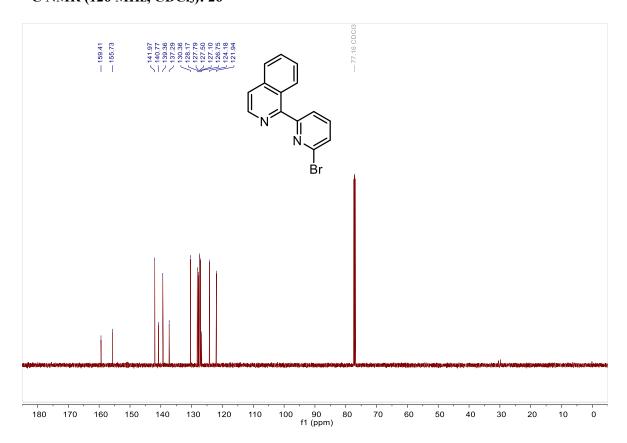


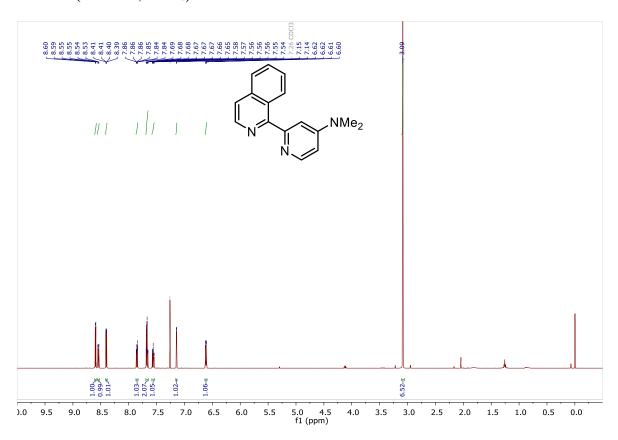


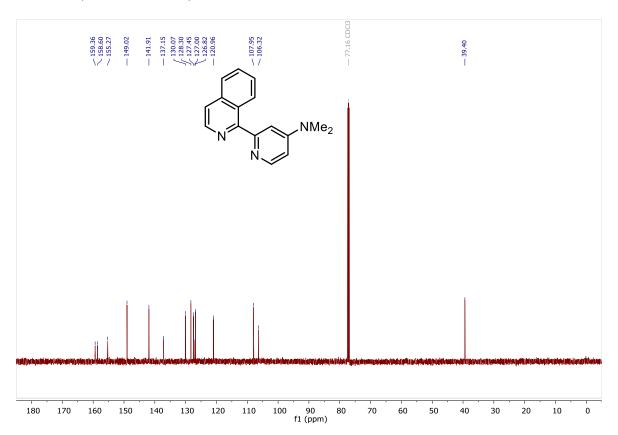


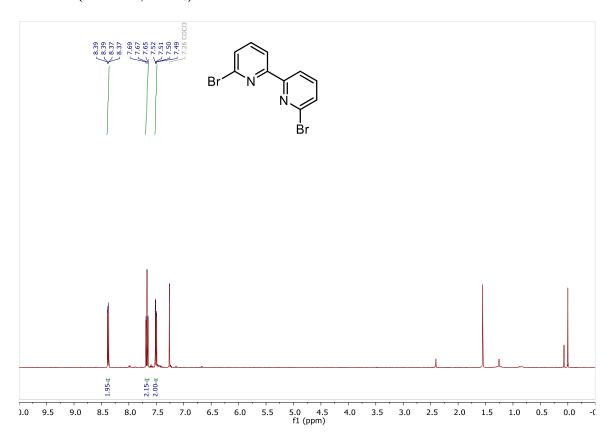


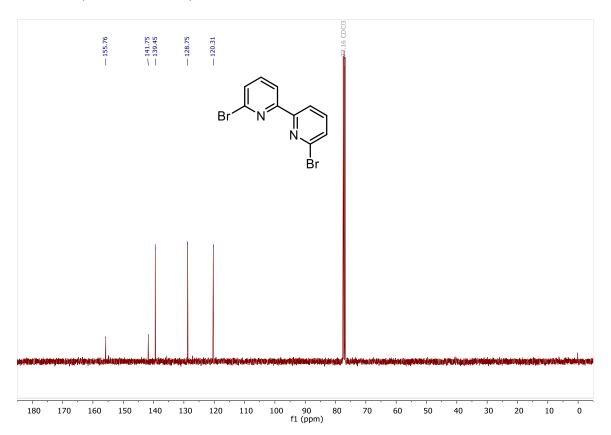


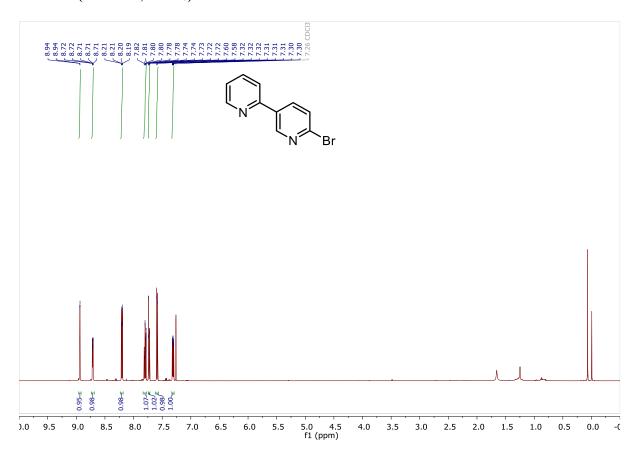


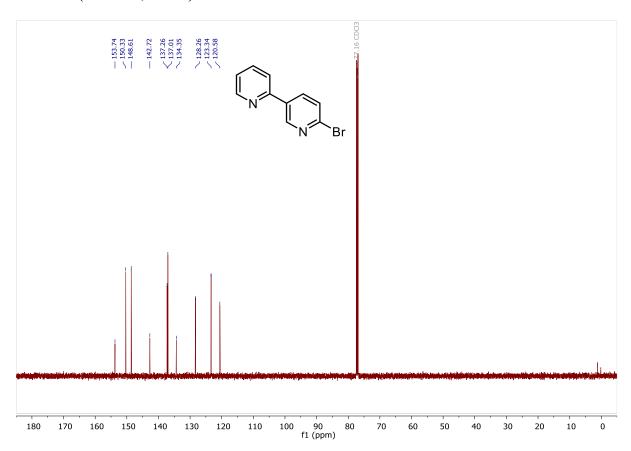


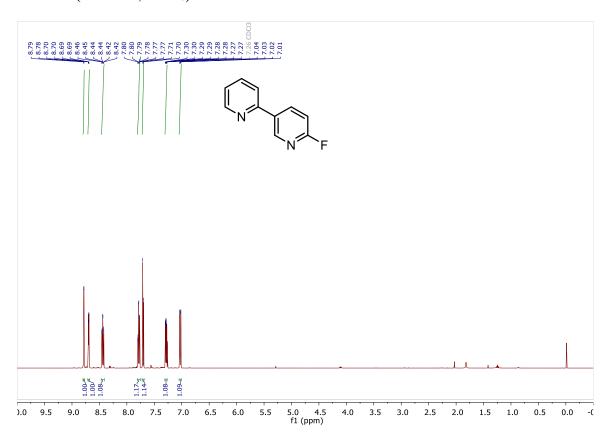


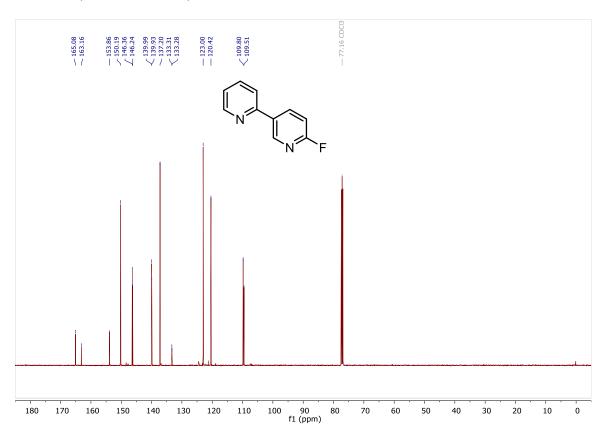


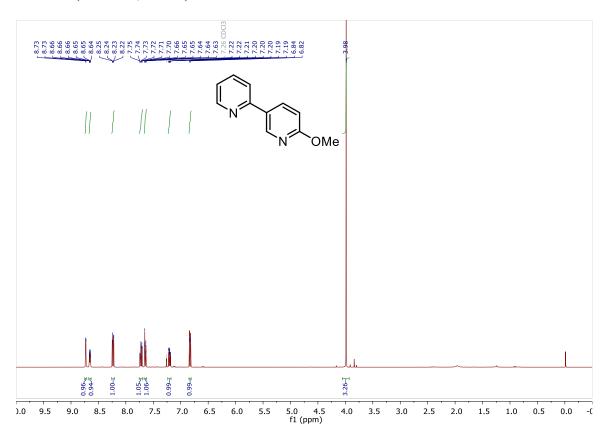


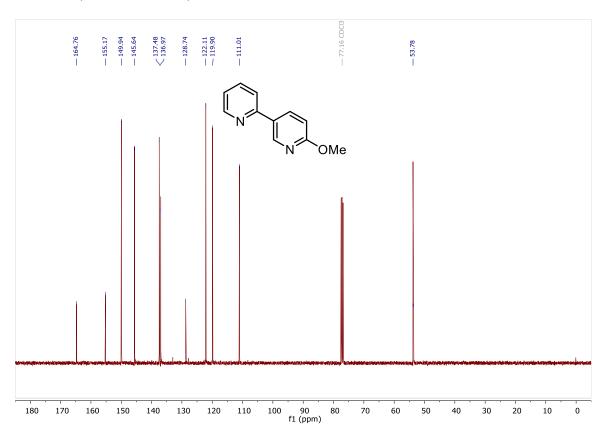


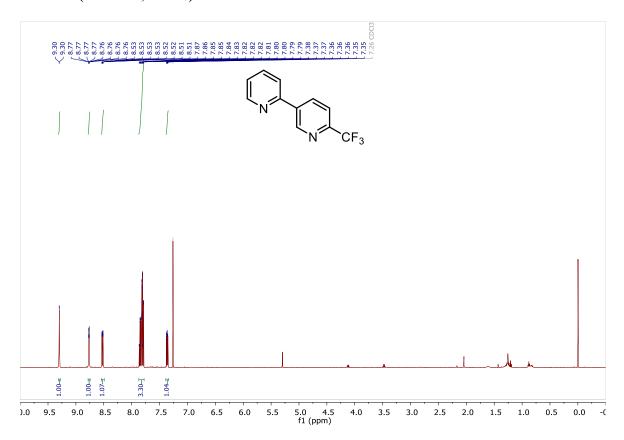


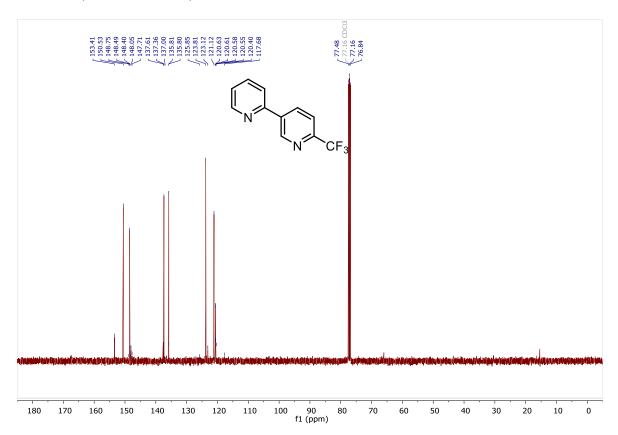


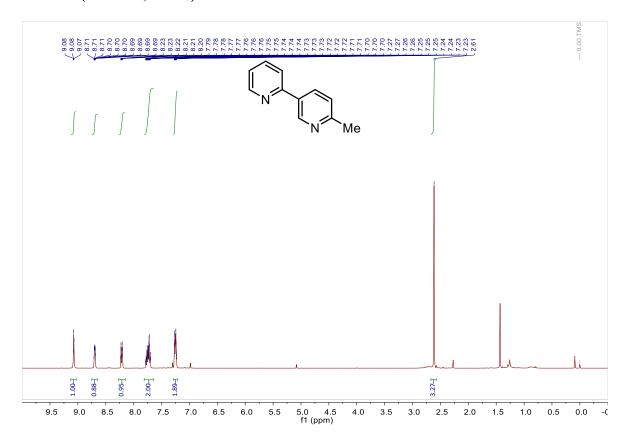


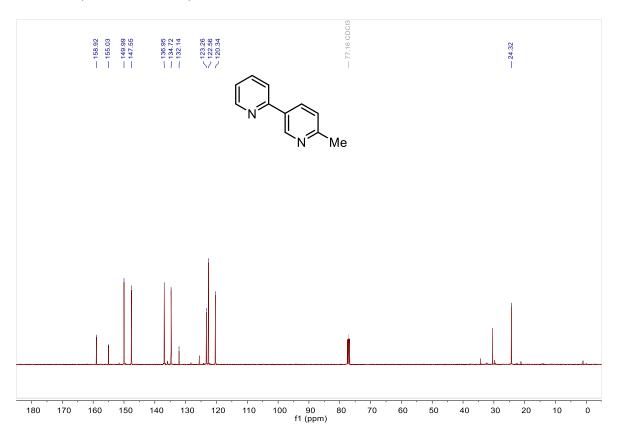


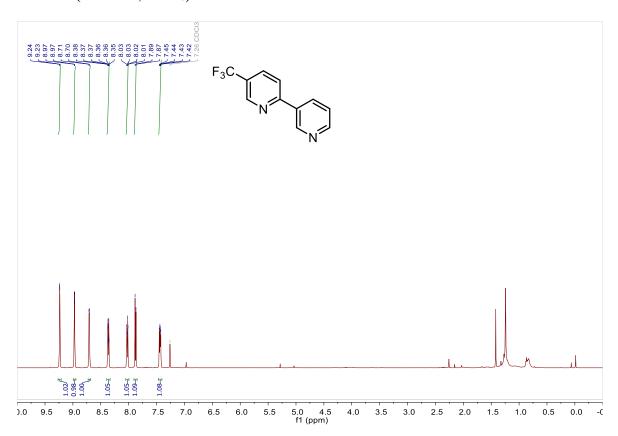


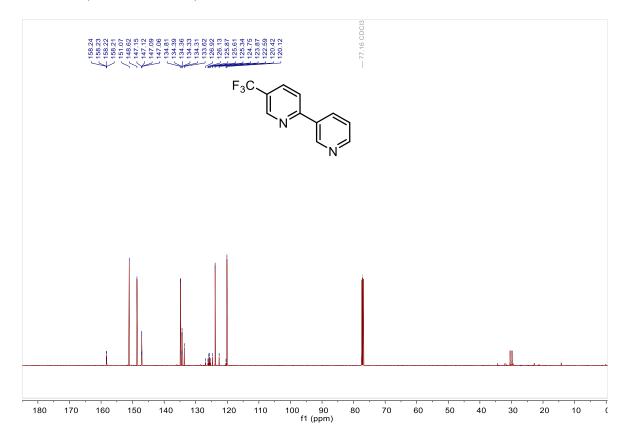


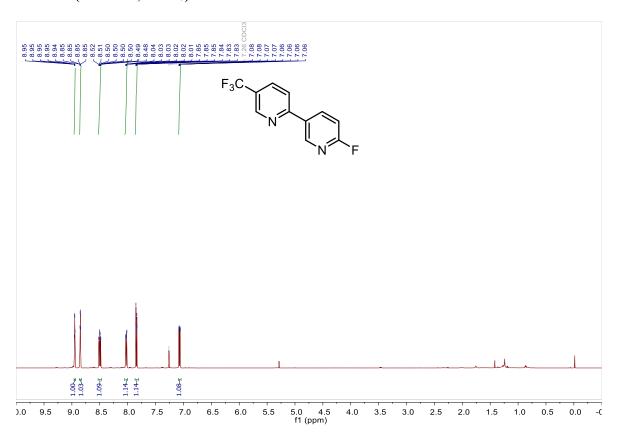


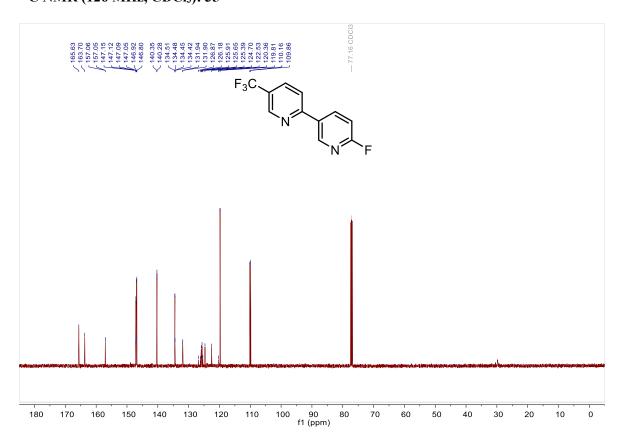


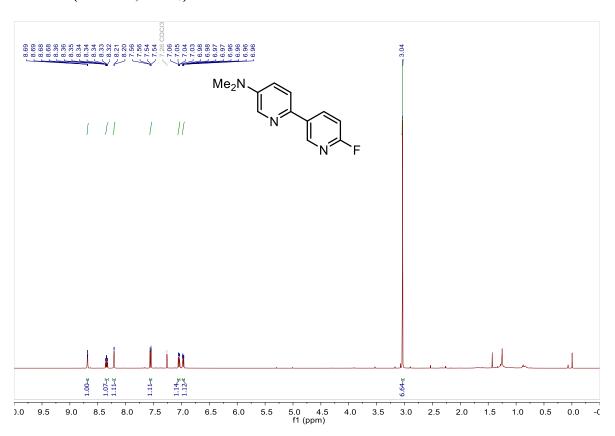


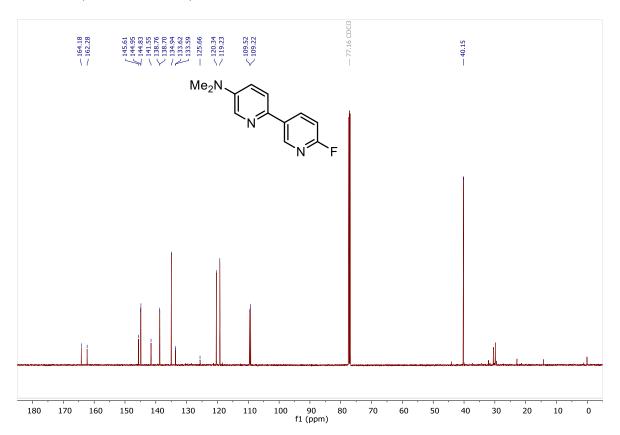


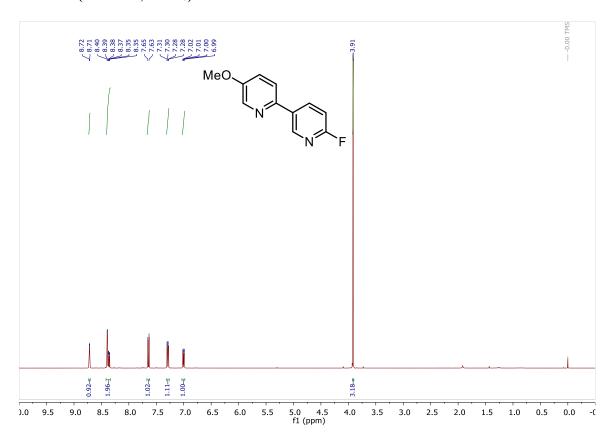


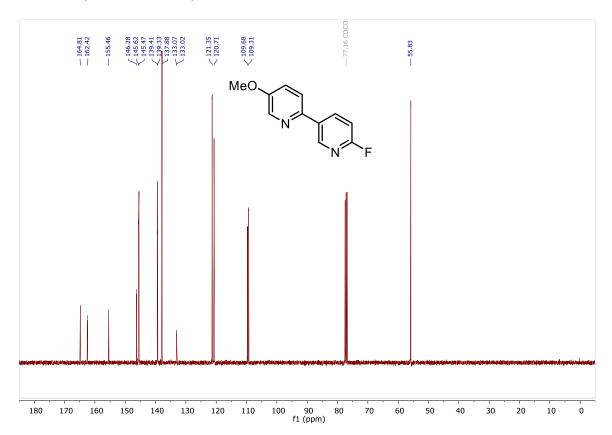


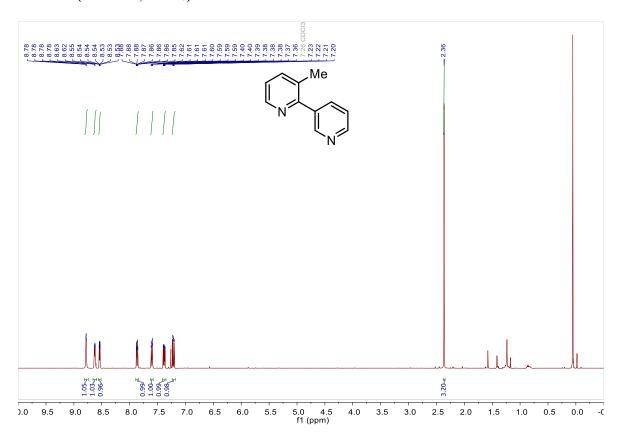


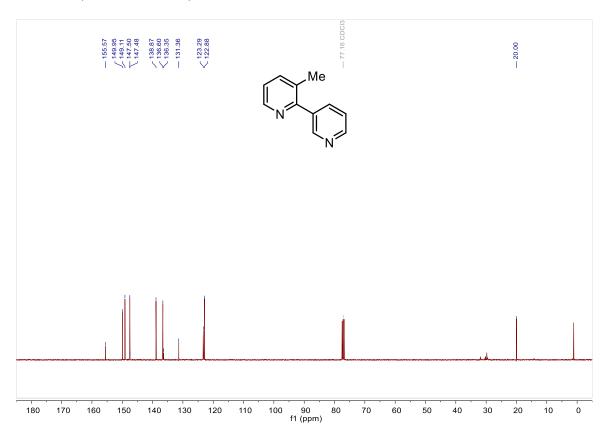


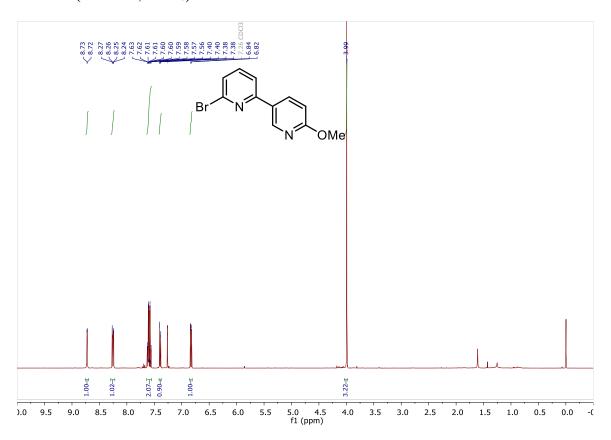


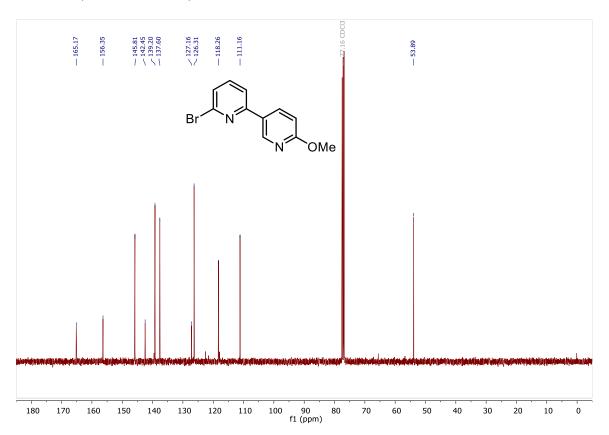


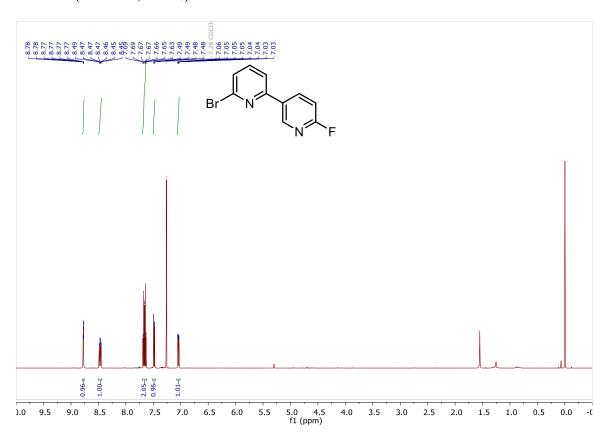


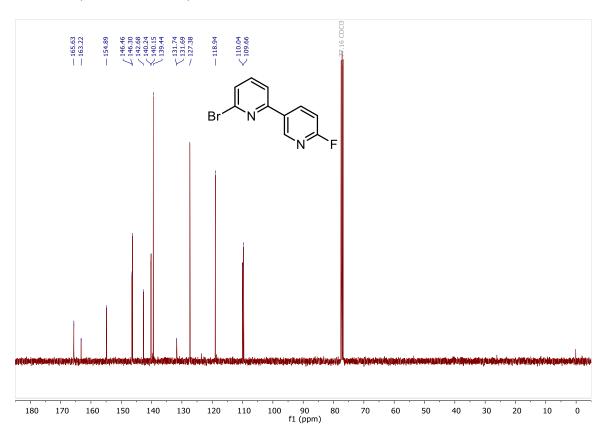


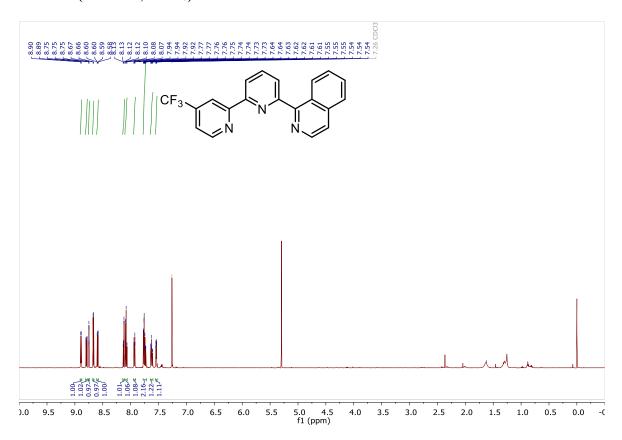


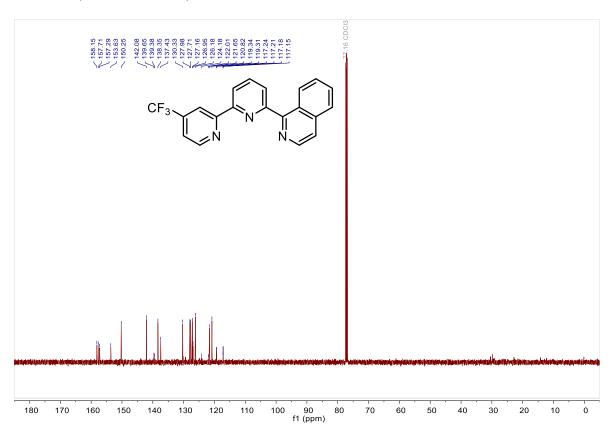












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