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Highly Selective Construction of Medium-Sized Lactams by

Palladium-Catalyzed Intramolecular Hydroaminocarbonylation of

Aminoalkynes

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1. General experiment details and materials

Experimental: All non-aqueous reactions and manipulations were using standard Schlenk techniques. All solvents before use were dried and degassed by standard methods and stored under nitrogen atmosphere. All reactions were monitored by TLC with silica gel-coated plates. NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER Avence III 400 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) down field from TMS with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hz and refered to apparent peak multiplications. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker MicroTOF-QII mass (ESI). GC analysis were performed on Agilent 7890 with OV-225 column or Hp-5 column. GC-MS analysis were performed with Agilent 7890A/5975C GC-MS system.

General procedures for the synthesis of

N-benzyl-1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine derivatives:

Method A: Synthesis of substrate 1a.¹

Step 1. To a solution of 2-bromobenzaldehyde (15.1 g, 81.7 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (1 mol%, 573.5 mg) in Et₃N (200 mL) was added phenylacetylene (10.0 g, 98.0 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 minutes and then CuI (0.5 mol%, 77 mg) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12 hours. After the reaction was completed, the crude mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was concentrated

under vacuum and diluted with water (50 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted by DCM (50 mL x 3) and the combined organic layer was washed with brine (50 mL x 2), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1-20/1) to afford 2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (13.5 g, 80% yield).

Step 2. The mixture of 2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (8.0 g, 38.8 mmol), benzylamine (4.2 g, 38.8 mmol), toluene (50 mL) was added to a 250 mL Schlenk flask under nitrogen atmosphere and stirred at 35 °C for 12 hours. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was dissolved in methanol (50 mL) in a 250 mL flask. NaBH₄ (1.8 g, 46.6 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture in portions at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at this temperature. Then the reaction was quenched by aqueous saturated ammonium chloride solution (20 mL). Methanol was removed under vacuum and the residue was extracted by ethyl acetate (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum afford ether/ethyl (20/1-5/1)to acetate *N*-benzyl-1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine **1a** (8.5 g, 74% yield).

Other compounds including 1b-1j and 1m-1x were prepared by method A.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1a): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method A) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (8.5 g, 74% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, J= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, J= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.35 (m, 10H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 1.92 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 140.4, 132.5, 131.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.0, 127.0, 123.3, 122.5, 93.8, 87.6, 53.4, 52.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₀N [M+H]: 298.1590, found: 298.1591.

N-Benzyl-1-(4-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1b): The title

C₂₃H₂₂N [M+H]: 312.1747, found: 312.1749.

N-Benzyl-1-(5-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1c): The title

Ph compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (5.5 g, 83% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.34 (m, 8H), 6.98 (d, J= 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J₁ = 2.8 Hz, J₂ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.89 (br, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 144.1, 140.3, 133.7, 131.4, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 126.9, 123.5, 114.3, 112.6, 92.4, 87.6, 55.3, 53.3, 51.9; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂NO [M+H]: 328.1696, found: 328.1696.

N-Benzyl-1-(4-fluoro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1d): The title

Compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (9.1 g, 81% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.37 (m, 10H), 6.96-7.01 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 1.83 (br, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.6 (d, J_{C-F} = 244.1 Hz), 140.3, 138.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.1 Hz), 131.7, 130.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz), 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.0, 124.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 9.6 Hz), 122.7, 118.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.7 Hz), 115.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 20.8 Hz), 94.5, 86.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 53.3, 51.1; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.6; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉FN [M+H]: 316.1496, found: 316.1501.

N-Benzyl-1-(5-fluoro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1e): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method A) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (5.2 g, 78% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.34 (m, 9H), 6.88-6.92 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 1.83 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 248.4 Hz), 145.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 7.3 Hz), 140.2, 134.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz), 131.5, 128.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.1 Hz), 128.2, 127.1, 123.1, 118.3 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 115.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.2 Hz), 114.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.0 Hz), 93.5, 86.6, 53.3, 51.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉FN [M+H]: 316.1496, found: 316.1494.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-(phenylethynyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanamine (1f): The

title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (3.4 g, 77% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.38 (m, 8H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 1.88 (br, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 140.1, 132.7, 131.8, 130.4 (q, J_{C-F} = 32.3 Hz), 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 127.2, 126.2, 125.5 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 123.8 (q, J_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 122.6, 96.1, 86.3, 53.6, 51.5; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.6; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉F₃N [M+H]: 366.1464, found: 366.1456.

N-Benzyl-1-(4-chloro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1g): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method A) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (6.1 g, 80% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.35 (m, 10H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 1.82 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.7, 140.2, 132.5, 131.9, 131.7, 130.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.1, 124.1, 122.7, 94.8, 86.3, 53.3, 51.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉ClN [M+H]: 332.1201, found: 332.1190.

N-Benzyl-1-(5-chloro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1h): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method A) and purified

by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (5.5 g, 74% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.34 (m, 7H), 7.17-7.24 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 1.83 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 140.1, 134.5, 133.4, 131.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.2, 127.1, 122.9, 120.9, 94.7, 86.6, 53.4, 51.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉ClN [M+H]: 332.1201, found: 332.1204.

N-Benzyl-1-(3-(phenylethynyl)thiophen-2-yl)methanamine (1i): The title compound

was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (7.0 g, 78% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.23 (t, J= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J= 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 1.84 (br, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.8, 140.1, 131.5, 129.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 127.1, 123.6, 123.3, 119.7, 92.3, 83.8, 52.9, 46.6; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈NS [M+H]: 304.1154, found: 304.1158.

N-benzyl-1-(1-(phenylethynyl)naphthalen-2-yl)methanamine (1j): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method A) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (4.0 g, 71% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 1.91 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.3, 140.5, 133.7, 132.5, 131.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.1, 127.0, 127.0, 126.4, 126.2, 123.5, 119.5, 99.2, 85.7, 53.4, 52.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₆H₂₂N [M+H]: 348.1747, found: 348.1746.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-(p-tolylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1m): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method A) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (4.5 g, 74% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.40 (m, 10H), 7.15 (d, J= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H),

1.92 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 140.5, 138.6, 132.4, 131.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.0, 127.0, 122.7, 120.2, 94.0, 87.0, 53.3, 52.0, 21.6; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂N [M+H]: 312.1747, found: 312.1741.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-(m-tolylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1n): The title compound was

prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (4.8 g, 71% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (dd, J_1 = 0.8 Hz, J_2 = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.36 (m, 10H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.98 (br, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 140.4, 138.2, 132.5, 132.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 123.1, 122.6, 94.0, 87.2, 53.3, 52.0, 21.4; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂N [M+H]: 312.1747, found: 312.1743.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (10): The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (4.5 g, 73% yield); 1 **H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.43 (m, 12H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 1.94 (br, 1H), 1.31 (s, 9H); 13 **C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 142.1, 140.4, 132.4, 131.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.0, 125.5, 122.7, 120.2, 94.0, 87.0, 53.3, 52.0, 34.9, 31.3; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₆H₂₈N [M+H]: 354.2216, found: 354.2218.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1p): The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (2.5 g, 60% yield); 1 **H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (dd, J_{1} = 0.8 Hz, J_{2} = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.41 (m, 10H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 5H), 1.96 (br, 1H); 13 **C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 142.0, 140.5, 133.1, 132.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.0, 127.0, 122.9, 115.4, 114.1, 93.8, 86.3, 55.4, 53.3, 52.1; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂NO [M+H]: 328.1696, found: 328.1692.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1q): The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (5.5 g, 81% yield); 1 **H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.36 (m, 11H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 1.86 (br, 1H); 13 **C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 140.4, 134.5, 132.8, 132.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.1, 127.1, 122.2, 121.8, 92.6, 88.6, 53.3, 51.8; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉ClN [M+H]: 332.1201, found: 332.1192.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1r): The title

(Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (2.9 g, 76% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.35 (m, 7H), 7.01 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 1.88 (br, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 248.4$ Hz), 142.2, 140.4, 133.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.4$ Hz), 132.4, 128.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 26.0$ Hz), 128.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 17.7$ Hz), 128.2, 127.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.5$ Hz), 122.3, 119.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.4$ Hz), 115.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.9$ Hz), 92.6, 87.3, 53.3, 51.9; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.6; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉FN [M+H]: 316.1496, found: 316.1488.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1s): The title

(Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (2.7 g, 66% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, J= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.35 (m, 9H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 1.87 (br, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 140.4, 133.0, 132.5, 131.8, 131.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.3, 127.1, 127.1, 122.7, 122.2, 122.2, 92.6, 88.8, 53.3, 51.8; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉BrN [M+H]: 378.0659, found: 378.0670.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)methanamine (1t): The title compound was

prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (5.7 g, 80% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (dd, J_1 = 1.2 Hz, J_2 = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.16-7.26 (m, 3H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (br, 1H), 1.53-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.50 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9, 140.6, 132.5, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.9, 123.4, 95.0, 78.8, 53.2, 52.1, 31.0, 22.2, 19.4, 13.8; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₄N [M+H]: 278.1903, found: 278.1900.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-(3-cyclohexylprop-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)methanamine (1u): The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (6.0 g, 81% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 5H), 7.18-7.24 (m, 3H), 3.95 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 1.83-1.91 (m, 3H), 1.65-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.53 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.04-1.27 (m, 5H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 140.6, 132.6, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.9, 123.4, 93.9, 79.7, 53.2, 52.2, 37.6, 32.9, 27.5, 26.4, 26.3; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₈N [M+H]: 318.2216, found: 318.2207.

N-Benzyl-1-(2-(3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)methanamine (1v): The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (4.5 g, 69% yield); 1 **H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.33 (m, 11H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 1.82 (br, 1H); 13 **C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.1, 140.4, 136.8, 132.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.0, 126.9, 126.9, 126.8, 122.9, 92.0, 80.8, 53.2, 53.2, 52.0, 26.0; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂N [M+H]: 312.1747, found: 312.1749.

N-(2-(Phenylethynyl)benzyl)propan-1-amine (1w): The title compound was

prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (4.0 g, 83% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (dd, $J_1 = 2.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.28-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49-1.58 (m, 3H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.5, 132.4, 131.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.9, 123.3, 122.4, 93.6, 87.6, 52.6, 51.3, 23.4, 11.9; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₁₈H₂₀N [M+H]: 250.1590, found: 250.1598. **N-(2-(Phenylethynyl)benzyl)cyclohexanamine** (**1x**): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method **A**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (5.0 g, 89% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 2.46-2.52 (m, 1H), 1.94 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 1.70-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.09-1.28 (m, 5H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

Method B: Synthesis of substrate 1k.²

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δ 142.8, 132.5, 131.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 123.3, 122.4, 93.5, 87.7, 56.2,

49.8, 33.7, 26.3, 25.1; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄N [M+H]: 290.1903, found:

Step 1. The mixture of Pd(PPh₃)₄ (398 mg, 0.8 mol%) and CuI (132 mg, 1.6 mol%) was added to the solution of pent-4-yn-1-ol (3.6 g, 43.0 mol), iodobenzene (17.5 g, 86.0 mmol) and Et₃N (124 mg, 890 mmol) in THF (20 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was then allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 hours. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The

residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1-3/1) to afford 5-phenylpent-4-yn-1-ol (6.5 g, 94% yield).

Step 2. Methanesulfonyl chloride (5.3 g, 46.6 mmol) was added successively to a solution of 5-phenylpent-4-yn-1-ol (6.5 g, 40.6 mmol) and Et₃N (9.2 mL, 66.6 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) at -10 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at this temperature and it was then poured into ice water. The organic layer was washed successively by 1 M HCl solution (30 mL x 2) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (30 mL x 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product of 5-phenylpent-4-yn-1-yl methanesulfonate (9.3 g) was obtained, which could be used directly in the next step without further purification.

Step 3. The crude 5-phenylpent-4-yn-1-yl methanesulfonate product (5.0 g) from the previous step was added to a solution of BnNH₂·HCl (9.0 g, 63.0 mmol) and Et₃N (4.3 mL, 31.5 mmol) in MeCN (50 mL) and heated to reflux for 5 hours. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the solution was made basic by addition of 1M NaOH and extracted by DCM (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The excess BnNH₂ was removed by distillation and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1-3/1) to afford *N*-benzyl-5-phenylpent-4-yn-1-amine **1k** (2.2 g, 42% yield over two steps).

N-Benzyl-5-phenylpent-4-yn-1-amine (1k): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (Method B) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (2.2 g, 42% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.25 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.31 (br, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.6, 131.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.6, 126.9, 124.0, 89.9, 81.0, 54.0, 48.4, 29.0, 17.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₈H₂₀N

[M+H]: 250.1590, found: 250.1595.

Method C: Synthesis of substrate 11.3-5

Step 1. The mixture of 2-(bromomethyl)benzonitrile (10 g, 51.0 mmol) and DCM (150 mL) was added to a 500 mL Schlenk flask under nitrogen atmosphere. Then DIBAL-H (1.5 M in toluene, 34.7 mL) was added dropwise to the solution at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature within a period of 3 hours. Then the reaction mixture was cooled again with an ice-bath, and directly poured into a 1000 mL beaker containing ice (100 g) and a pre-cooled HBr aqueous solution (6.0 N, 100 mL). The resulting mixture was vigorously stirred for one hour and then extracted by CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was washed by saturated NaHCO₃ solution, water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1-10/1) to afford 2-(bromomethyl)benzaldehyde (8.6 g, 85% yield).

Step 2. Ethylene glycol (2.7 g, 42.7 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (370 mg, 2.2 mmol) were added to a solution of 2-(bromomethyl)benzaldehyde (4.3 g, 21.4 mmol) in toluene (75 mL). The mixture was heated to reflux and stirred for 12 hours by using a Dean–Stark apparatus. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and diluted with water (20 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted by ethyl acetate (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product of 2-(2-(bromomethyl)phenyl)-1,3-dioxolane (5.0 g) was obtained which could be used in the next step without further purification.

Step 3. n-BuLi (9.9 mL, 24.7 mmol, 2.5 M in hexane) was added to a solution of

phenylacetylene (2.5 g, 24.7 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at -78 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at -78 °C, followed by addition of a solution of dry ZnBr₂ (5.6 g, 24.7 mmol) in THF (30mL). The solution was stirred for 5 minutes at -78 °C and allowed to warm to room temperature slowly. Then Pd(DPEphos)Cl₂ (147.5)1.0 mol%) mg, and the crude 2-(2-(bromomethyl)phenyl)-1,3-dioxolane (5.0 g) from the previous step were added at this temperature. After stirring for 12 hours, the reaction mixture was quenched with 1 M HCl and extracted by Et₂O (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was washed with aqueous NaHCO3, dried over MgSO4 and concentrated to afford the crude product of 2-(2-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-1,3-dioxolane which could be used directly in the next step without further purification.

Step 4. The mixture of water (45 mL), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (5 mol%, 177.2 mg), acetone (55 mL) and 2-(2-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-1,3-dioxolane from previous step was added to a 250 mL Schlenk flask and the resulting mixture was heated to reflux and stirred for 3 hours. After the reaction completed, the mixture was concentrated and the residue was extracted by ethyl acetate (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1-20/1) to afford 2-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzaldehyde (2.0 g, 43% yield over three steps).

Step 5. of Under nitrogen atmosphere, the mixture 2-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzaldehyde (1.6 g, 7.3 mmol), benzylamine (0.8 mL, 7.3 mmol), toluene (30 mL) was added to a 100 mL Schlenk flask and stirred at 35 °C for 12 hours. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was dissolved in methanol (50 mL) in a 100 mL three-neck flask. NaBH₄ (0.3 g, 8.8 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture in portions at 0 °C and stirred for 30 minutes at this temperature. The resulting mixture was quenched by aqueous saturated ammonium chloride solution (10 mL). Methanol was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted by ethyl acetate (50 mL x 3). The combined organic

layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1-5/1) to afford *N*-benzyl-1-(2-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)phenyl)methanamine **1l** (1.8 g, 78% yield).

Method D: Synthesis of substrate 1y.

Step 1. To a solution of 1-(2-bromophenyl)ethanone (10.0 g, 50.3 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (353.1 mg, 1 mol%) in Et₃N (200 mL) was added phenylacetylene (6.2 g, 60.3 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 minutes and then CuI (48.0 mg, 0.5 mol%) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 hours. After the reaction was completed, the crude mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and diluted with water (50 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted by DCM (50 mL x 3) and the combined organic layer was washed with brine (50 mL x 2), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column

chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1-10/1) to afford 1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethanone (7.8 g, 70% yield).

- **Step 2.** The mixture of 1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethanone (5.5 g, 24.8 mmol) and methanol (50 mL) was added to a 250 mL Schlenk flask under nitrogen atmosphere. NaBH₄ (1.1 g, 29.8 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture in portions at 0 °C and stirred for 30 minutes at this temperature. The resulting mixture was quenched by aqueous saturated ammonium chloride solution (10 mL). Methanol was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted by DCM (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product of 1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethanol was obtained which could be used directly in the next step without further purification.
- **Step 3.** Methanesulfonyl chloride (3.3 g, 28.5 mmol) was added successively to a solution of the crude 1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethanol from the previous step and Et₃N (5.6 mL, 40.6 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was then heated to 40 °C and stirred for 48 hours at this temperature. After the reaction completed, it was poured into ice water. The organic layer was washed successively by 1 M HCl solution (50 mL x 2) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (50 mL x 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product of 1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethyl methanesulfonate was obtained, which could be used directly in the next step without further purification.
- **Step 4.** BnNH₂ (15 mL) was added to a solution of the crude 1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethyl methanesulfonate from the previous step in CH₃CN (15 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 72 hours. Then the reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted with water (10 mL). CH₃CN was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was extracted by DCM (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Then the excess BnNH₂ was removed by distillation and the residue was purified by flash

column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1-5/1) to afford *N*-benzyl-1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethanamine **1y** (3.3 g, 43% yield over three steps).

N-benzyl-1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)ethanamine (1y): The title compound was

prepared according to the general procedure (Method **D**) and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil (3.3 g, 43% yield); 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (dd, J_{1} = 8.0 Hz, J_{2} = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.37 (m, 10H), 4.46 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, J_{1} = 12.8 Hz, J_{2} = 22.0 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (br, 1H), 1.44 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃); δ 147.4, 140.7, 132.6, 131.5, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.9, 126.7, 126.1, 123.4, 121.9, 94.0, 87.7, 55.5, 51.9, 23.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $C_{23}H_{22}N$ [M+H]: 312.1747, found: 312.1749.

Method E: Synthesis of substrate 1z.

The mixture of 2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (1.0 g, 4.9 mmol), aniline (0.5 g, 4.9 mmol), toluene (20 mL) was added to a 100 mL Schlenk flask under nitrogen atmosphere and stirred at 35 °C under vacuum for 12 hours. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was dissolved in methanol (20 mL) in a 100 mL flask. NaBH₄ (0.2 g, 5.9 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture in portions at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at this temperature. Then the reaction was quenched by aqueous saturated ammonium chloride solution (10 mL). Methanol was removed under vacuum and the residue was extracted by ethyl acetate (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1-20/1) to afford *N*-(2-(phenylethynyl)benzyl)aniline 1z (1.1 g, 79% yield).

N-(2-(Phenylethynyl)benzyl)aniline (1z): The title compound was prepared

according to the general procedure (Method **E**) and purified by column chromatography to give a yellow solid (1.1 g, 79% yield); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.19 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.2, 141.3, 132.4, 131.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 127.7, 127.1, 123.2, 122.1, 117.7, 113.1, 94.7, 87.2, 47.0; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₈N [M+H]: 284.1434, found: 284.1440.

Method F: Synthesis of substrates 1a' and 1b'.6

Step 1. The mixture of 2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (5.7 g, 27.7 mmol) and methanol (50 mL) was added to a 250 mL Schlenk flask under nitrogen atmosphere. NaBH₄ (1.3 g, 33.2 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture in portions at 0 °C and stirred for 30 minutes at this temperature. The resulting mixture was quenched by aqueous saturated ammonium chloride solution (10 mL). Methanol was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted by DCM (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1-5/1) to afford (2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanol (5.1 g, 88% yield).

Step 2. Methanesulfonyl chloride (3.2 g, 28.1 mmol) was added successively to a solution of (2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanol (5.1 g, 24.5 mmol) and Et₃N (5.6 mL, 40.2 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was then heated to 40 °C and stirred for 12 hours at this temperature. After the reaction completed, it was poured into ice water. The organic layer was washed successively by 1 M HCl solution (30

mL x 2) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (30 mL x 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product of 2-(phenylethynyl)benzyl methanesulfonate was obtained, which could be used directly in the next step without further purification.

Step 3. Sodium azide (3.2 g, 49.0 mmol) was added to a solution of the crude 2-(phenylethynyl)benzyl methanesulfonate from the previous step in DMF (40 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 12 hours. Then the reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted with water (40 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted by Et₂O (30 mL x 5) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted afford with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1-20/1)to 1-(azidomethyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (4.2 g, 74% yield).

Step **4.** PPh₃ (9.4 36.0 mmol) was added solution to of 1-(azidomethyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (4.2 g, 18.0 mmol) in THF (40 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. Then water (40 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir overnight. After the reaction completed, the mixture was concentrated and the residue was extracted by DCM (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10/1-2/1) with 10% Et₃N to afford (2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine 1a³ (3.0 g, 81% yield).

Step 5. Ac₂O (0.5 mL, 4.8 mmol) was added to a solution of (2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine **1a'** (1.0 g, 4.8 mmol) and Et₃N (0.7 mL, 4.8 mmol) in DCM (20 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. After the reaction completed, water (5 mL) was added and the resulting residue was extracted by DCM (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the solvent was

removed under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10/1-2/1) to afford N-(2-(phenylethynyl)benzyl)acetamide **1b**' (0.9 g, 75% yield).

(2-(Phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine (1a'): The title compound was prepared

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according to the general procedure (Method **F**) and purified by column chromatography to give the red oil (3.0 g, 81% yield); 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.22 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 1.58 (br, 2H); 13 C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃); δ 145.5, 132.4, 131.5, 128.8, 128.4, 127.3, 126.8, 123.1, 121.8, 93.9, 87.3, 45.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄N [M+H]: 208.1121, found: 208.1125.

N-(2-(phenylethynyl)benzyl)acetamide (1b'): The title compound was prepared

Ph NHAc according to the general procedure (Method **F**) and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid (0.9 g, 75% yield); 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.35 (m, 6H), 6.07 (br, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H); 13 C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃); δ 170.0, 139.9, 132.5, 131.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 123.0, 122.5, 94.3, 87.1, 42.6, 23.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅NNaO [M+Na]: 272.1046, found: 272.1051.

2. Optimization of the reaction conditions

A mixture of *N*-benzyl-1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanamine **1a** (118.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), [Pd] (0.02 mmol), ligand (0.022 mmol) and solvent (1 mL) was added into a glass tube which was placed in an autoclave. Then the autoclave was purged and charged with CO at designed pressure. The reaction mixture was stirred at designed temperature for designed hours. After the reaction finished, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1-5/1) to afford the desired product **2a**.

Table S1. Screening of solvent^a

entry	solvent	yield(%) ^b
1	toluene	43
2	THF	36
3	CH₃CN	53
4	DCE	59
5	PhCF ₃	54
6	anisole	62
7	DMA	47
8	Cl ₂ CHCHCl ₂	40
9	NMP	trace

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), Pd(COD)Cl₂ (0.02 mmol), PPh₃ (0.044 mmol), solvent (1.0 mL), CO (30 atm), 120 °C, 12 h. ^bIsolated yield.

Table S2. Screening of ligand^a

entry	ligand	yield(%) ^b
1	Xantphos	19
2	DPPM	30
3	DPPE	62
4	DPPP	84
5	DPPB	92
6	DPPPen	81
7	DPPHex	72
8	DPPOct	76
9	BINAP	37
10	DPPF	72
11	DPEphos	32

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), $Pd(COD)Cl_2(0.02 \text{ mmol})$, ligand (0.022 mmol), anisole (1.0 mL), CO (30 atm), 120 °C, 12 h. ^bIsolated yield.

Table S3. Screening of [Pd] precatalyst^a

entry	[Pd]/L	yield(%) ^b	
1	Pd(COD)Cl ₂ /DPPB	92	
2	PdCl ₂ /DPPB	82	
3	Pd(OAc) ₂ /DPPB	65	
4	Pd(TFA) ₂ /DPPB	61	
5	$Pd(Xantphos)Cl_2$	trace	
6	Pd(CH ₃ CN) ₂ Cl ₂ /DPPB	23	
7	[Pd(allyl)Cl] ₂ /DPPB	80	
8	$Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$	48	
9	Pd(Xantphos)(CH ₃ CN) ₂ (OTf) ₂	28	

 $[^]a$ Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), [Pd] (0.02 mmol), DPPB (0.022 mmol), anisole (1.0 mL), CO (30 atm), 120 o C, 12 h. b Isolated yield.

Table S4. Screening of pressure of CO^a

entry	CO (atm)	yield (%) ^b
1	30	92
2	20	90
3	10	89
4	5	90
5	1	52

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), $Pd(COD)Cl_2$ (0.02 mmol), DPPB (0.022 mmol), anisole (1.0 mL), 120 °C, 12 h. ^bIsolated yield.

Table S5. Screening of temperature^a

entry	T(°C)	yield(%) ^b
1	120	90
2	100	90

3	80	90
4	60	72

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), Pd(COD)Cl₂ (0.02 mmol), DPPB (0.022 mmol), anisole (1.0 mL), CO (5 atm), 12 h. ^bIsolated yield.

Table S6. Screening of time^a

entry	time (h)	yield(%) ^b
1	12	90
2	6	88
3	3	89
4	1.5	90

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), Pd(COD)Cl₂ (0.02 mmol), DPPB (0.022 mmol), anisole (1.0 mL), CO (5 atm), 80 °C. ^bIsolated yields.

Table S7. Screening of the loading of catalyst^a

entry	Loading of [Pd]	yield(%) ^b
1	5.0 mol%	90
2	2.5 mol%	73

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), DPPB (0.022 mmol), anisole (1.0 mL), CO (5 atm), 80 °C, 90 min. ^bIsolated yields.

3. General procedure for palladium-catalyzed hydroaminocarbonylation reaction

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{1} \\
\text{Ar} \\
\text{NHR}^{2}
\end{array}
+ \begin{array}{c}
\text{CO} \\
\frac{\text{Pd(COD)Cl}_{2}/\text{DPPB}}{\text{anisole, } 80 °C, } 90 \text{ min}
\end{array}$$

A mixture of 1 (0.4 mmol), Pd(COD)Cl₂ (5.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), DPPB(9.4 mg, 0.022 mmol) and anisole (1 mL) was added to a glass tube which was placed in an autoclave. Then the autoclave was purged and charged with CO at 5 atm. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 90 minutes. After the reaction finished, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. Then the

residue was purified directly by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1-5/1) to afford the desired products 2.

4. Experimental characterization data for products

2-Benzyl-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2a): The title compound was

ph prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 116.5 mg, 90% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.36 (m, 8H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (br, 2H), 4.22 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 139.4, 139.3, 137.4, 136.3, 135.8, 132.2, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.0, 50.3, 50.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀NO [M+H]: 326.1539, found: 326.1534.

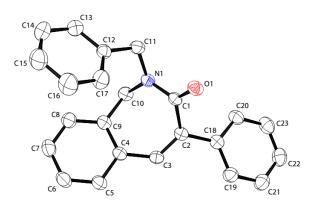


Figure S1. ORTEP drawing of product 2a

2-Benzyl-7-methyl-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2b): The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 125 mg, 92% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.42 (m, 10H), 7.02-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (br, 2H), 4.17 (br, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 139.5, 139.3, 138.0, 137.4, 135.8, 133.6, 132.3, 130.1, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 126.9, 50.0, 49.9, 21.2; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁NONa [M+Na]: 362.1513, found: 362.1509.

2-Benzyl-8-methoxy-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2c): The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 127.5 mg, 90% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)
$$\delta$$
 7.69 (d, J = 7.6

Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.42 (m, 10H), 6.87 (dd, $J_1 = 2.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (br, 2H), 4.18 (br, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 159.9, 139.7, 137.9, 137.5, 137.3, 132.3, 131.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 113.8, 112.4, 55.5, 50.5, 50.1; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for $C_{24}H_{21}NO_2Na$ [M+Na]: 378.1465, found: 378.1457.

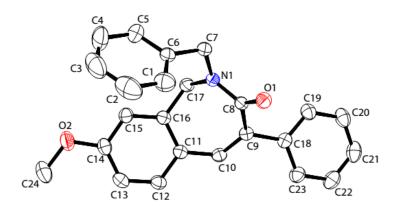


Figure S2. ORTEP drawing of product 2c

2-Benzyl-7-fluoro-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2d): The title compound

was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 136.1 mg, 99% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.42 (m, 9H), 7.09 (dd, J_1 = 2.0 Hz, J_2 = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.89 (m, 2H), 4.72 (br, 2H), 4.18 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 163.6 (d, J_{C-F} = 247.8 Hz), 140.6, 138.9, 137.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.2 Hz), 137.3, 132.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.8 Hz), 130.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.1 Hz), 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 116.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 21.9 Hz), 115.4 (d, J_{C-F} = 21.5 Hz), 49.9, 49.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉FNO [M+H]: 344.1445, found: 344.1450.

2-Benzyl-8-fluoro-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2e): The title compound

was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 125.5 mg, 91% yield. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.43 (m, 10H), 7.00-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.64 (dd, J₁ = 2.0 Hz, J₂ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (br, 2H), 4.18 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 163.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 249.3 Hz), 139.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.5 \text{ Hz}$), 138.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.3 \text{ Hz}$), 137.2, 132.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.3 \text{ Hz}$), 131.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.4 \text{ Hz}$), 131.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 127.8, 115.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.5 \text{ Hz}$), 114.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.0 \text{ Hz}$), 50.1, 50.0; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.0; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈FNONa [M+Na]: 366.1260, found: 366.1263.

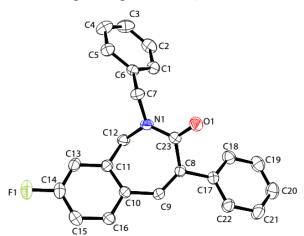


Figure S3. ORTEP drawing of product 2e

2-Benzyl-4-phenyl-8-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2f): The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 146.9 mg, 93% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 4.29 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 141.5, 139.0, 138.8, 137.2, 137.1, 130.4, 130.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.5$ Hz), 129.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 125.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 270.6$ Hz), 125.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.7$ Hz), 123.9 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 50.3, 50.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₁₉F₃NO [M+H]: 394.1413, found: 394.1412.

2-Benzyl-7-chloro-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2g): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column

chromatography to give a white solid, 133.9 mg, 93% yield. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.43 (m, 10H), 7.16 (dd, $J_1 = 2.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H),

4.73 (br, 2H), 4.19 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 140.7, 138.9, 137.4,

137.2, 134.8, 134.0, 130.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 50.0, 49.6; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉ClNO [M+H]: 360.1150, found: 360.1148.

2-Benzyl-8-chloro-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2h): The title compound

was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 130.2 mg, 91% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.37 (m, 9H), 6.89 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (br, 2H), 4.18 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 139.9, 139.0, 137.9, 137.1, 134.3, 134.2, 130.9, 130.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 50.0, 49.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈ClNONa [M+Na]: 382.0969, found: 382.0963.

7-Benzyl-5-phenyl-7,8-dihydro-6H-thieno[2,3-c]azepin-6-one (2i): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 93.5 mg,

2i 75% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (br, 2H), 4.31 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 139.6, 139.1, 138.0, 137.2, 136.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 124.1, 50.7, 43.9; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₈NOS [M+H]: 332.1104, found: 332.1099.

4-Benzyl-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-naphtho[2,1-c]azepin-3-one (2j): The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 123.6 mg, 82% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H),

7.99 (s, 1H), 7.83-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.61 (m, 5H), 7.29 (s, 5H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, $J_1 = 14.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 21.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.13 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 140.3, 139.3, 137.4, 135.6, 133.1, 131.9, 131.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 126.3, 125.2, 123.9, 50.9, 49.9; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for

C₂₇H₂₁NNaO [M+Na]: 398.1515, found: 398.1527.

C₁₉H₂₀NO [M+H]: 278.1539, found: 278.1548.

found: 340.1696.

1-Benzyl-3-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-1H-azepin-2(5H)-one (2k): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 56.1 mg, 51% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.40 (m, 8H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 3.37 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70-1.76 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 139.7, 138.4, 137.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.0, 49.7, 45.6, 28.6, 23.6; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for

(Z)-2-Benzyl-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydrobenzo[c]azocin-3(6H)-one (2l): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 55.3 mg, 41% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.39 (m, 9H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.24 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86-4.01 (m, 3H), 3.41 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 139.7, 137.1, 135.0, 134.7, 134.6, 131.2, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.8, 127.2, 126.2, 122.1, 51.6, 47.7, 35.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂NO [M+H]: 340.1696, found: 340.1702.

2-Benzyl-4-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (**2m**): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 120 mg, 88% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (br, 2H), 4.21 (br, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 139.4, 138.0, 137.5, 136.4, 136.3, 136.0, 131.4, 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.0, 50.4, 49.9, 21.4; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂NO [M+H]: 340.1696,

2-Benzyl-4-(m-tolyl)-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2n): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography

NBn 2n to give a white solid, 116.7 mg, 86% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.36 (m, 8H), 7.16-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (br, 2H), 4.23 (br, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 139.7, 139.4, 138.1, 137.5, 136.4, 135.9, 132.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.1, 125.4, 50.4, 50.0, 21.7; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for $C_{24}H_{21}NONa$ [M+Na]: 362.1515, found: 362.1520.

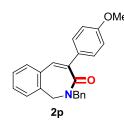
2-Benzyl-4-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2o): The title



compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 136.6 mg, 90% yield. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.68-4.83 (m, 2H), 4.21 (br, 2H),

1.35 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 151.2, 139.3, 137.5, 136.3, 136.1, 131.5, 129.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.0, 125.5, 50.4, 49.9, 34.7, 31.4; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₇H₂₈NO [M+H]: 382.2165, found: 382.2171.

2-Benzyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2p): The title



2q

compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a yellow solid, 118.6 mg, 84% yield. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.35 (m, 7H), 7.19-7.24

(m, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.96 (m, 2H), 4.70 (br, 2H), 4.20 (br, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 159.6, 138.8, 137.4, 136.2, 136.0, 131.7, 130.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.0, 113.9, 55.5, 50.3, 49.9; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁NO₂Na [M+Na]: 378.1465, found: 378.1468.

2-Benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2q): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 121.9 mg, 85% yield. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H),

7.34-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (br, 2H), 4.22 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 138.2, 137.8, 137.3, 136.4, 135.6, 134.1, 132.7, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.1, 50.4, 50.1; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉NOCl [M+H]: 360.1150, found: 360.1143.

2-Benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2r): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 120.9 mg, 88% yield. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (dd, J_{1} = 5.6 Hz, J_{2} = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.43 (m, 9H), 7.08-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, J =

7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (br, 2H), 4.23 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 164.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 245.9$ Hz), 138.3, 137.3, 136.3, 135.7, 135.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.5$ Hz), 132.4, 130.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.0$ Hz), 129.7, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.1, 115.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.3$ Hz), 50.4, 50.1; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈NOFNa [M+Na]: 366.1265, found: 366.1267.

2-Benzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2s): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 95.3 mg, 59% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.42 (m, 9H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (br, 2H), 4.21 (br, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 138.3, 138.2, 137.3, 136.3, 135.6, 132.7, 131.6, 130.0, 129.7, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.1, 122.3, 50.4, 50.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈NOBrNa [M+Na]: 426.0464, found: 426.0461.

2-Benzyl-4-butyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2t): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the colorless oil, 58.6 mg, 48% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22-7.32 (m, 7H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 2H), 4.69 (br, 2H), 4.08 (br, 2H), 2.70 (br, 2H), 1.56-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.48 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

 $CDCl_3$) δ 167.4, 140.8, 137.6, 136.2, 136.1, 131.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 50.3, 50.2, 35.6, 31.8, 22.6, 14.1; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄NO [M+H]: 306.1852, found: 306.1855.

2-Benzyl-4-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2u): title

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compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 68.8 mg, 50% yield. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.69 (br, 2H), 4.09 (br, 2H), 1.83 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 1.56-1.75 (m, 5H), 1.14-1.32 (m, 4H), 1.01-1.04 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 139.4, 137.7, 136.3, 136.2, 132.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 50.5, 50.2, 44.1, 37.7, 33.5, 26.7, 26.5; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₇NONa [M+Na]: 368.1985, found: 368.1969.

2,4-Dibenzyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2v): The title compound was prepared

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according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil, 73.1 mg, 54% yield. ¹H **NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18-7.37 (m, 11H), 6.94-7.01 (m, 4H), 4.65 (br, 2H), 3.99 (br, 4H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 140.2, 140.0, 137.2, 136.3, 135.8, 132.2, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 127.0, 126.5, 50.4, 50.2, 41.9; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁NONa [M+Na]: 362.1515, found: 362.1514.

4-Phenyl-2-propyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2w): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a yellow solid, 106.5 mg, 96% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 4H), 4.30 (br, 2H), 3.53 (br, 2H), 1.59-1.69 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, <math>J =7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 139.9, 139.5, 137.0, 136.0, 131.8, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 126.9, 51.6, 49.3, 21.8, 11.4; **HRMS** (ESI)

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calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀NO [M+H]: 278.1539, found: 278.1550.

2-Cyclohexyl-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2x): The title compound was

prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give a white solid, 105.2 mg, 83% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.26 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51-4.59 (m, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 1.67-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.55 (m, 3H), 1.24-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.12-1.22 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.2, 140.0, 139.9, 138.1, 136.2, 131.9, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.0, 53.9, 45.8, 25.9, 25.8; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₄NO [M+H]: 318.1852, found: 318.1851.

2-Benzyl-1-methyl-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (2y) and (Z)-2-benzyl-4-benzylidene-1-methyl-1,2-dihydroisoquinolin-3(4H)-one (2y'): The

title compounds were prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the yellow oil, 130.9 mg, 97% yield (isomer ratio 1.4:1). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77-7.79 (m,

0.76H), 7.61-7.63 (m, 1.13H), 7.12-7.44 (m, 12H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 0.67H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.56H), 5.00 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 0.54H), 4.87 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.46H), 4.67-4.72 (m, 1.22H), 4.47 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 0.57H), 1.68 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1.25H), 1.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.75H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 166.3, 140.4, 140.3, 140.2, 139.9, 139.4, 139.1, 138.8, 137.6, 135.3, 133.6, 132.5, 131.1, 130.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 123.0, 59.2, 52.6, 52.5, 45.0, 27.0, 18.2, 15.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁NNaO [M+Na]: 362.1515, found: 362.1518.

5. Gram-scale experiment and transformation of product

A mixture of **1** (1.5 g, 5.0 mmol), Pd(COD)Cl₂ (14.3 mg, 0.05 mol), DPPB (23.5 mg, 0.055 mmol) and anisole (5 mL) was added to a 50 mL flask which was placed in an

autoclave. Then the autoclave was purged and charged with CO at 5 atm. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After the reaction finished, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. Then the residue was purified directly by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1-5/1) to afford the desired products **2a** as a white solid (1.4 g, 88% yield).

A mixture of **2a** (100 mg, 0.3 mmol), Pd(OH)₂/C (10 mg) and DCM (2 mL) was added to a glass tube which was placed in an autoclave. Then the autoclave was purged and charged with H₂ at 40 atm. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the reaction finished, the pressure was carefully released. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10/1-5/1) to afford the desired products **3a** as the colorless oil (83.5 mg, 85% yield).

2-Benzyl-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (**3a**): The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the colorless oil, 83.5 mg, 85% yield. ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 4H), 7.18-7.28 (m, 7H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83-4.91 (m, 2H), 4.47-4.56 (m, 2H), 4.11 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J₁ = 12.0 Hz, J₂ = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, J₁ = 4.0 Hz, J₂ = 16.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 140.3, 137.5, 137.3, 134.5, 130.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 126.2, 51.3, 51.2, 48.0, 37.1; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₁NNaO [M+Na]: 350.1515, found: 350.1506.

The mixture of 2-benzyl-4-phenyl-1H-benzo[c]azepin-3(2H)-one (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) and THF (3 mL) was added to a 25 Schlenk tube under nitrogen atmosphere. Then DIBAL-H (460 µL, 1.5 M in toluene) was added dropwise to the solution at -20 °C. The reaction mixture was continued to stir under this temperature for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and quenched by EtOAc (5 mL), followed by addition of 1M NaOH (5 mL). Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted by ethyl acetate (10 mL x 3). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel and eluted with petroleum (20/1-10/1)ether/ethyl acetate to afford 2-benzyl-4-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[c]azepine 3b as colorless oil (33.5 g, 72%) yield).

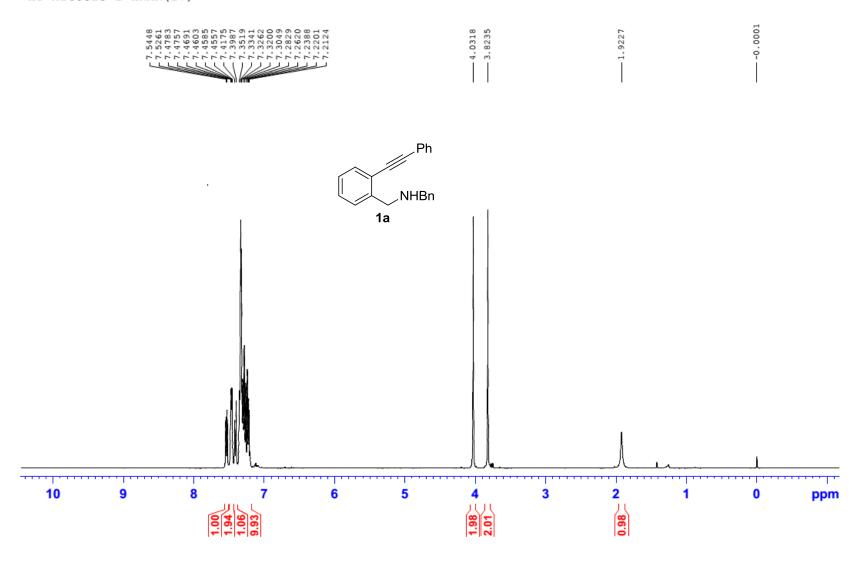
2-Benzyl-4-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[c]azepine (3b): The title compound was

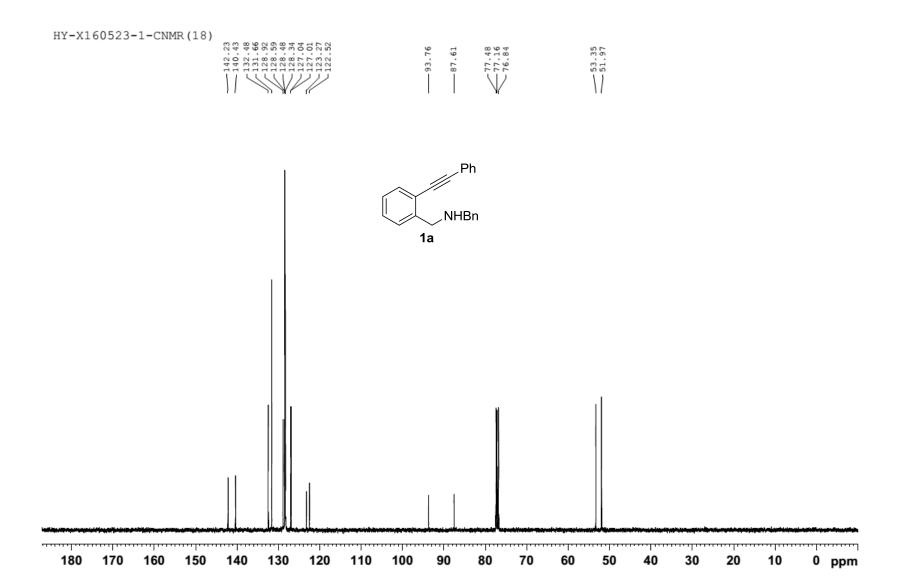
prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the colorless oil, 33.5 mg, 72% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.28 (m, 10H), 7.07-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.0, 142.1, 139.3, 138.0, 137.1, 130.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 58.6, 58.5, 58.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₂N [M+H]: 312.1747, found: 312.1733.

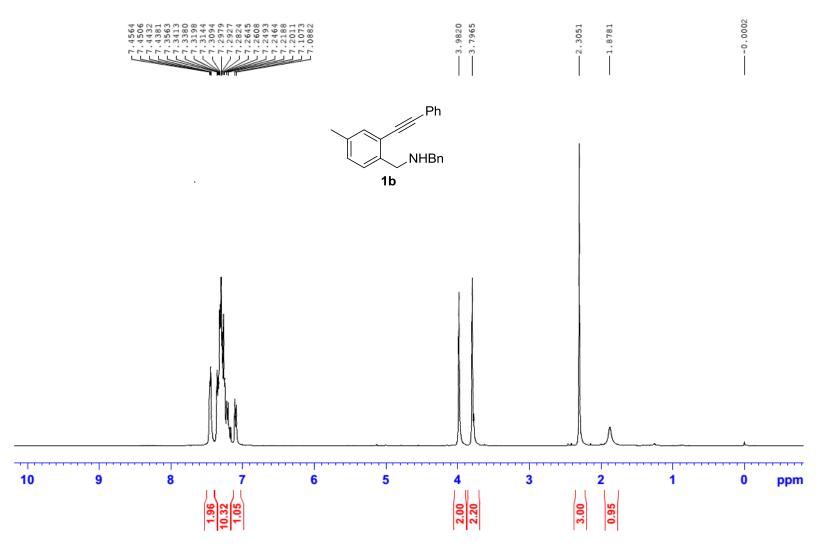
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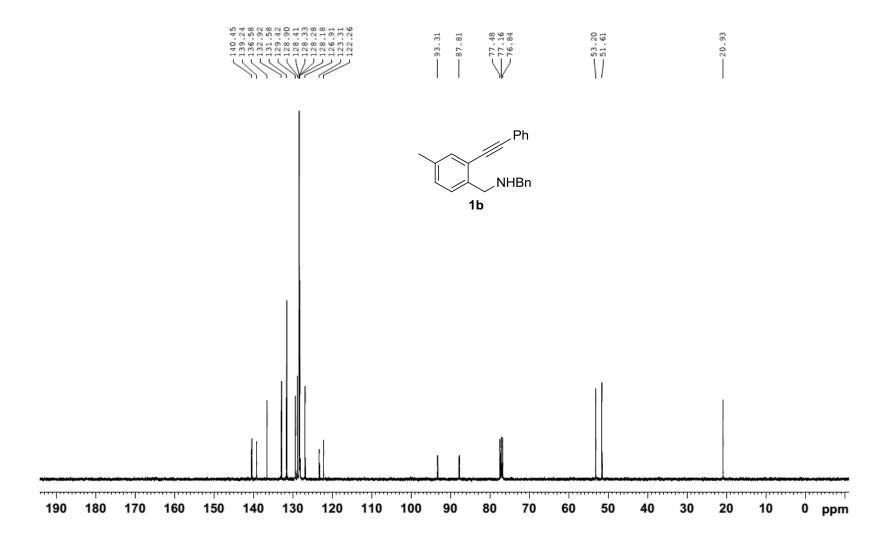
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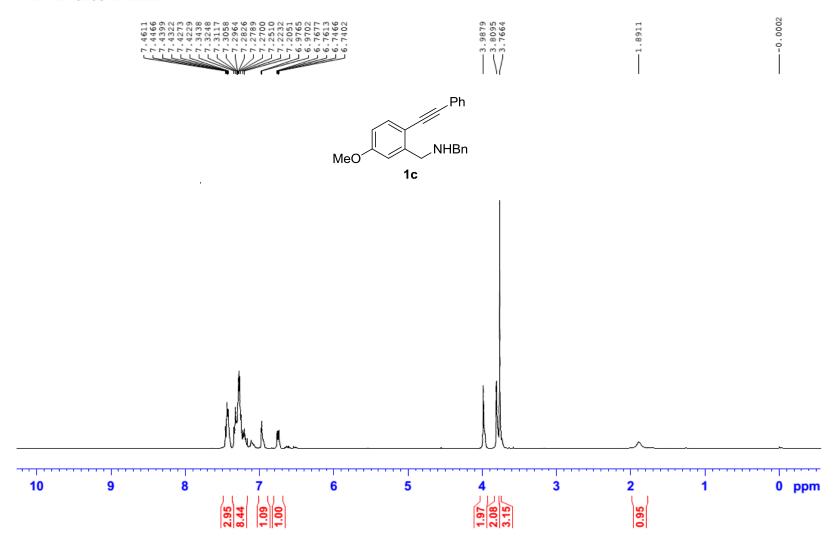
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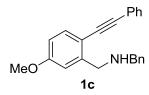


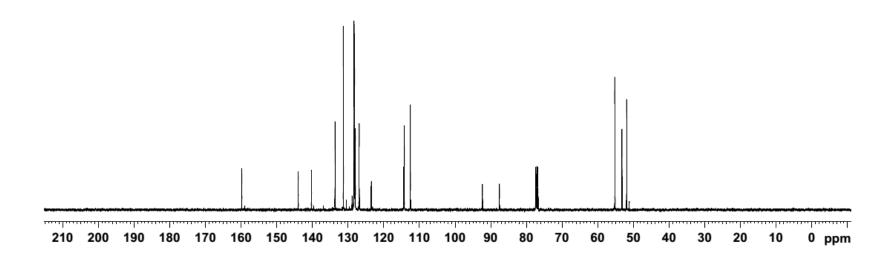


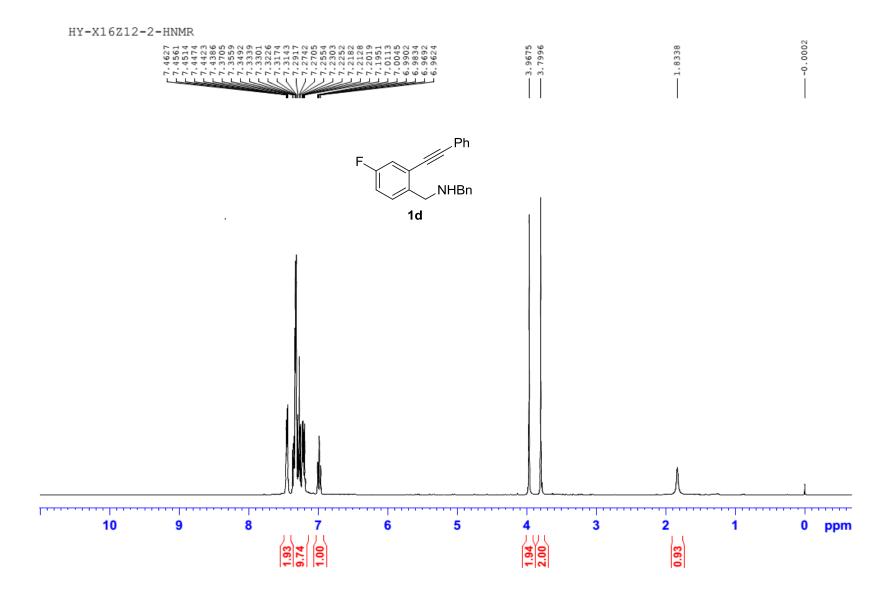




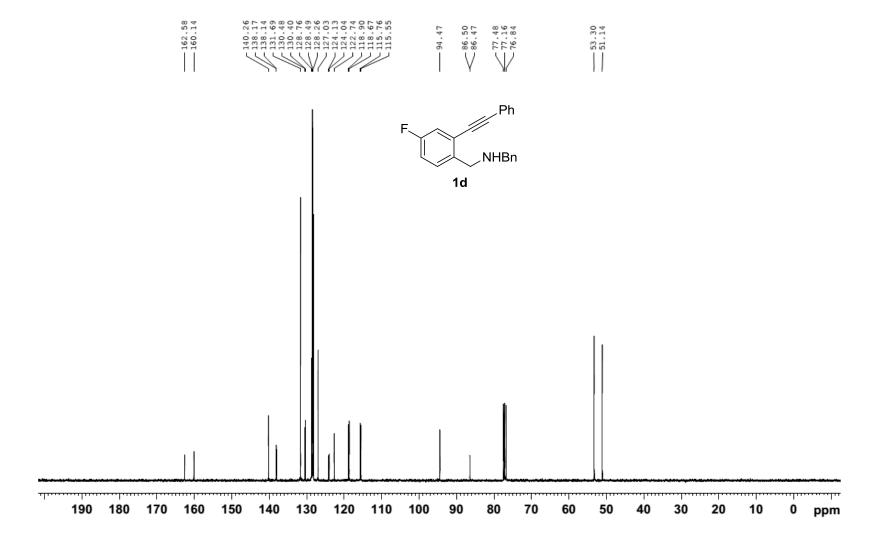


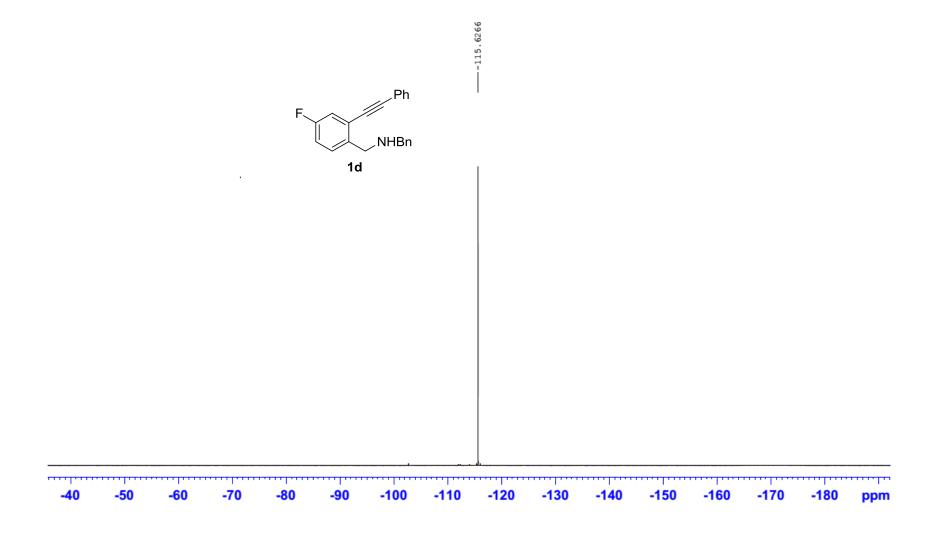




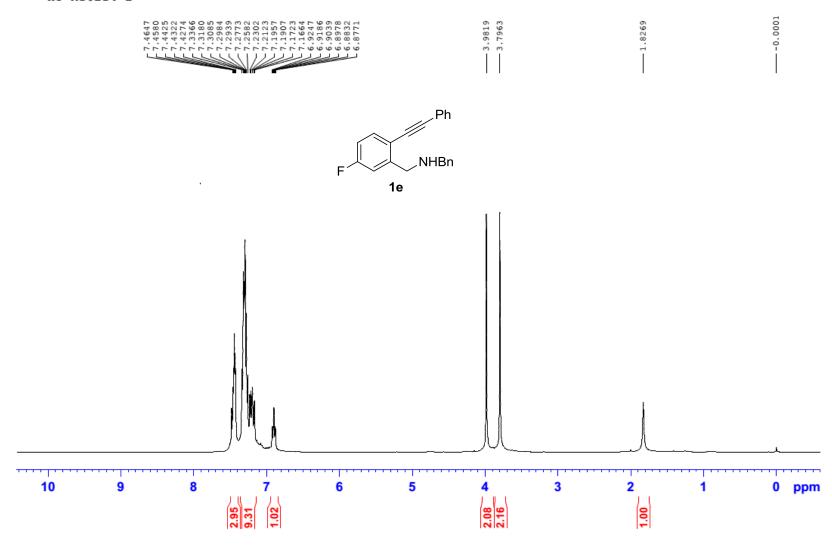


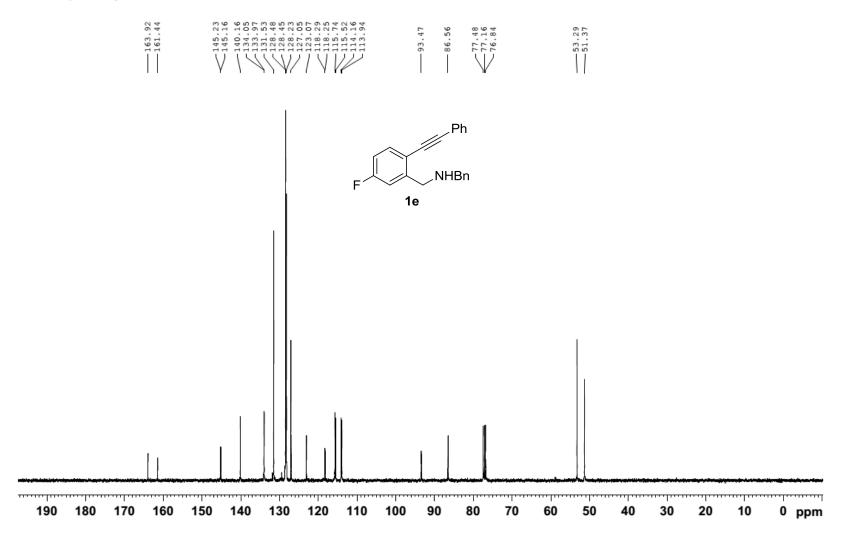
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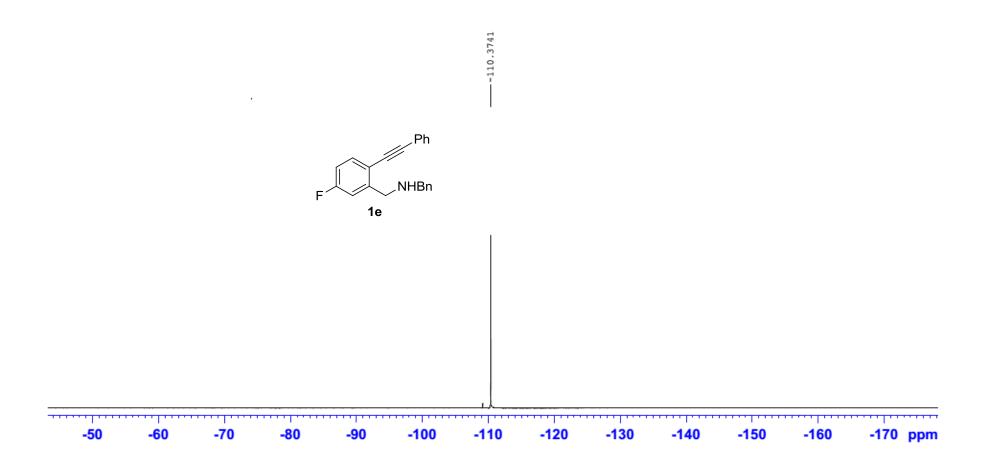




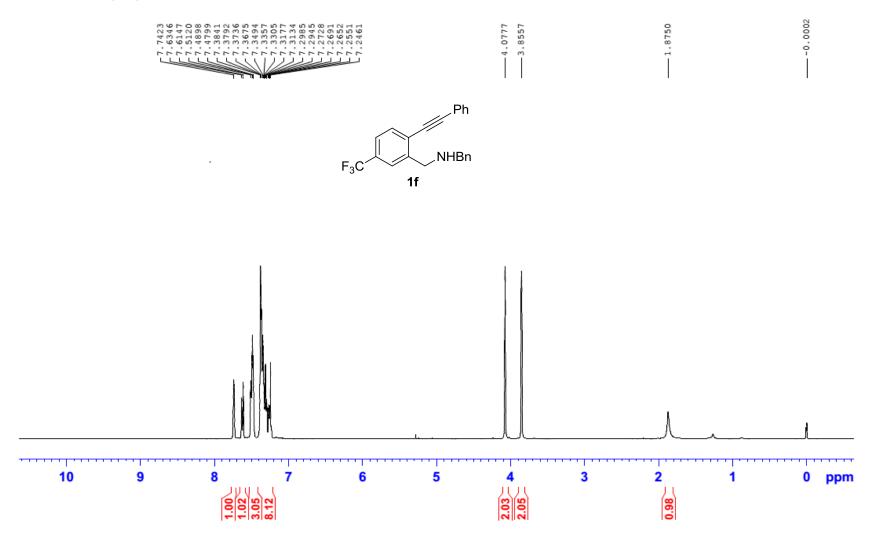


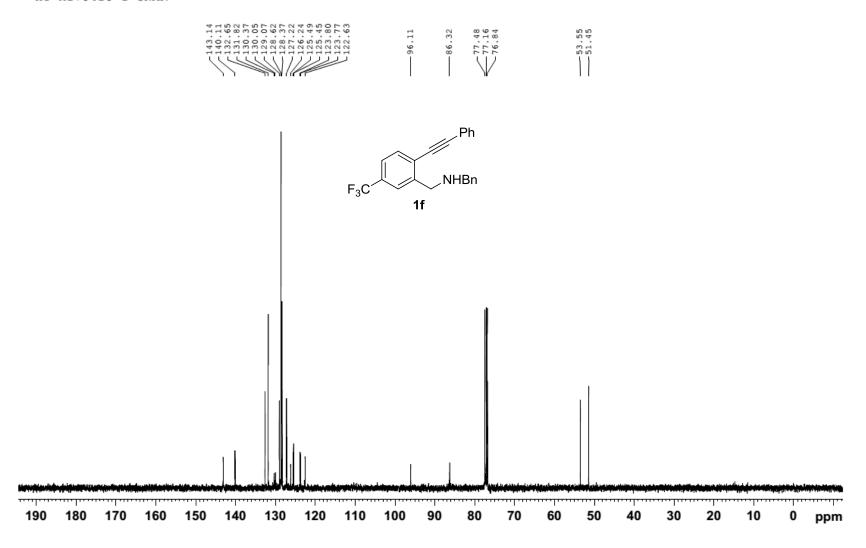


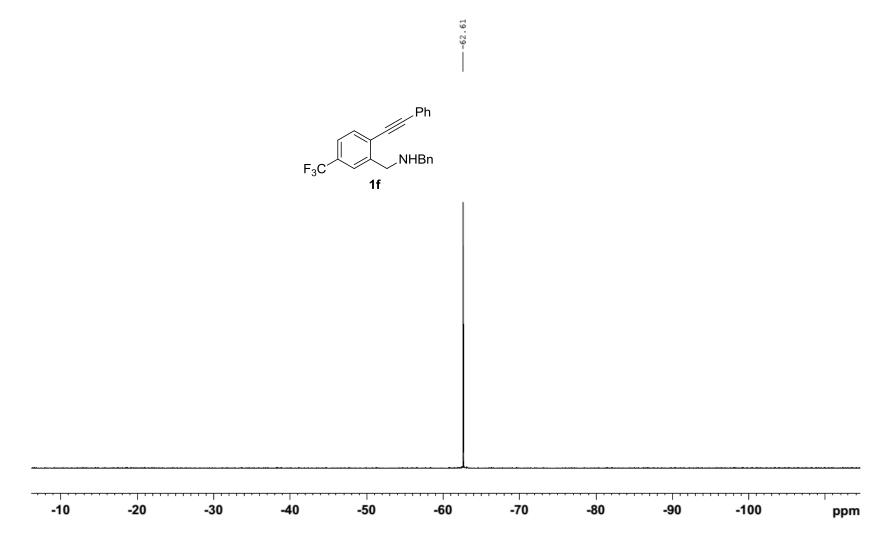


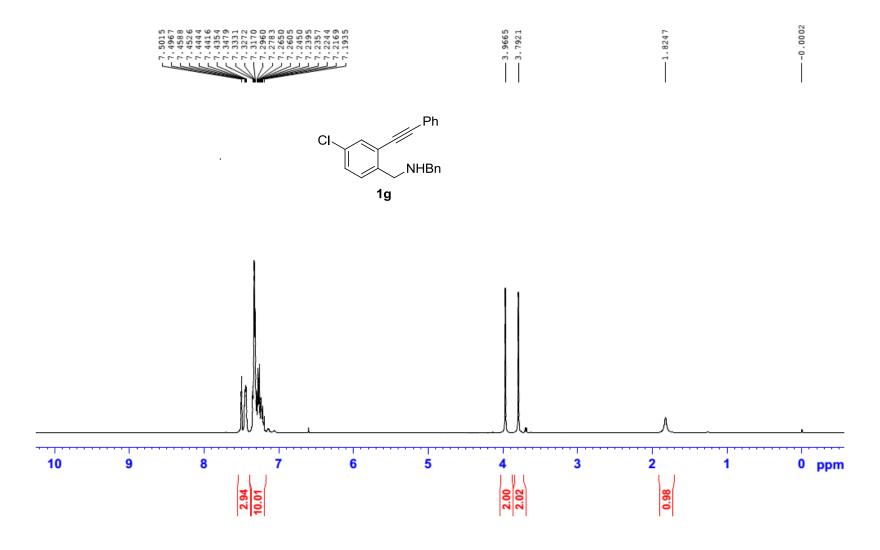


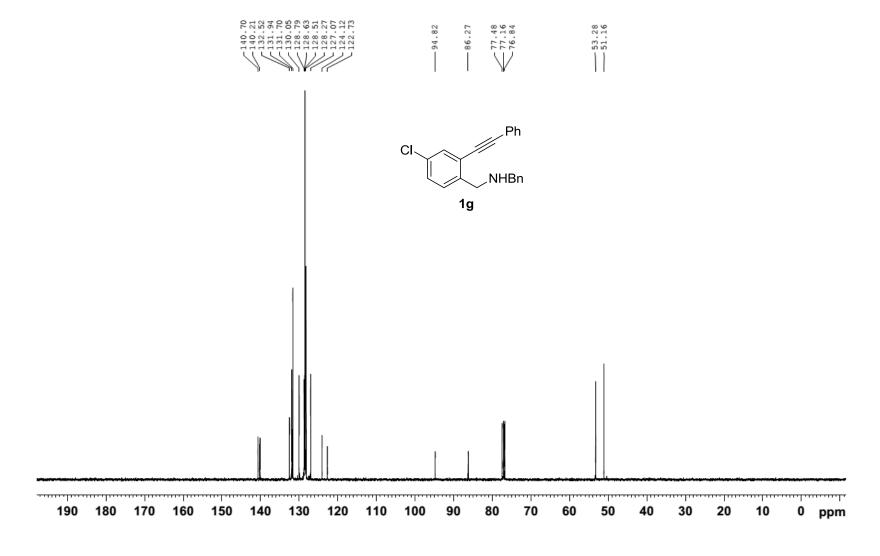
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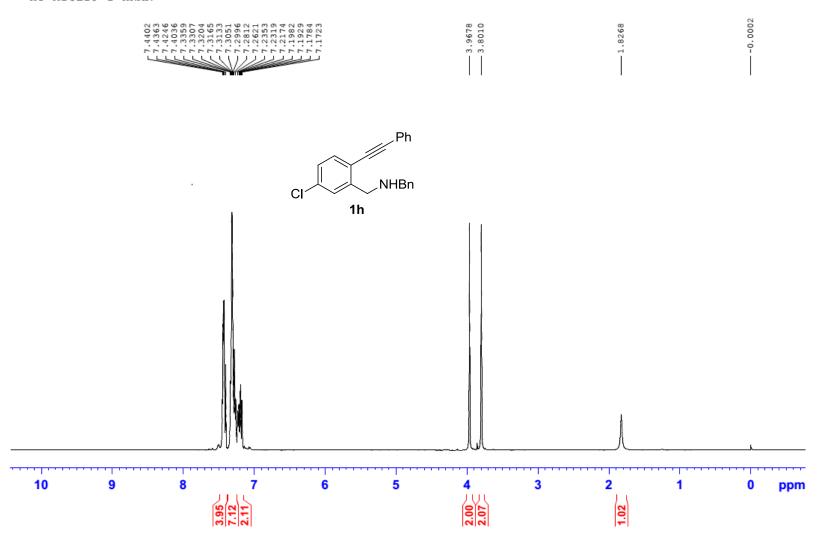


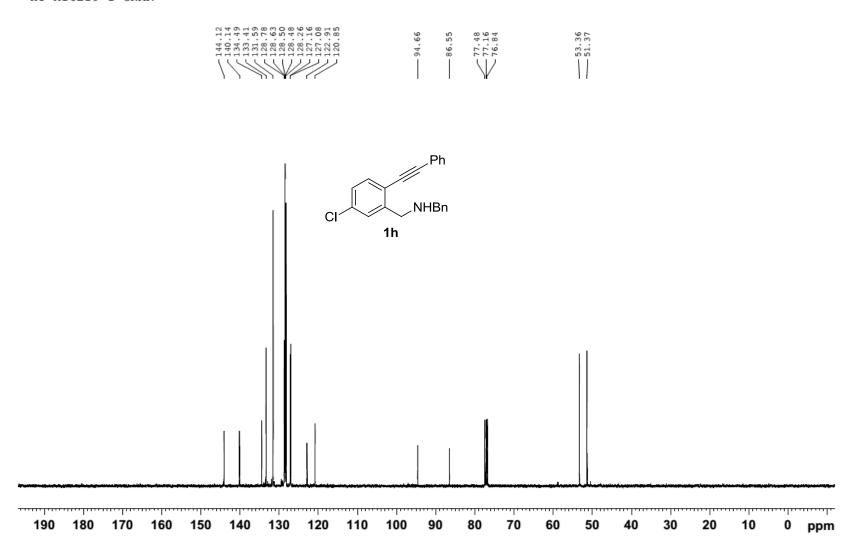


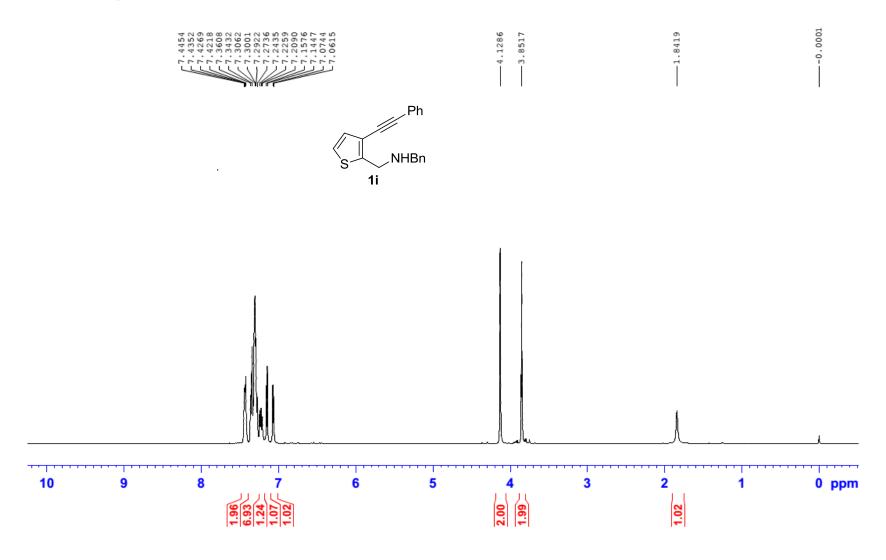


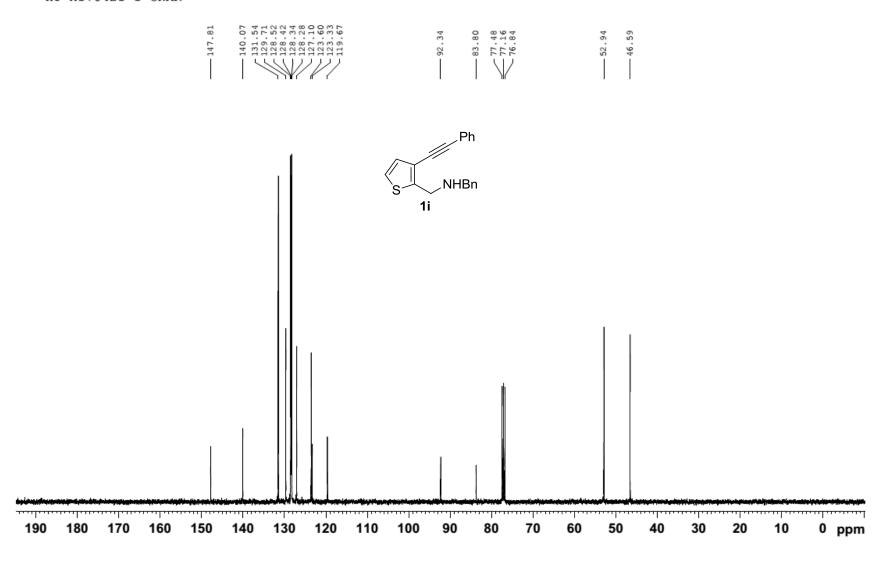




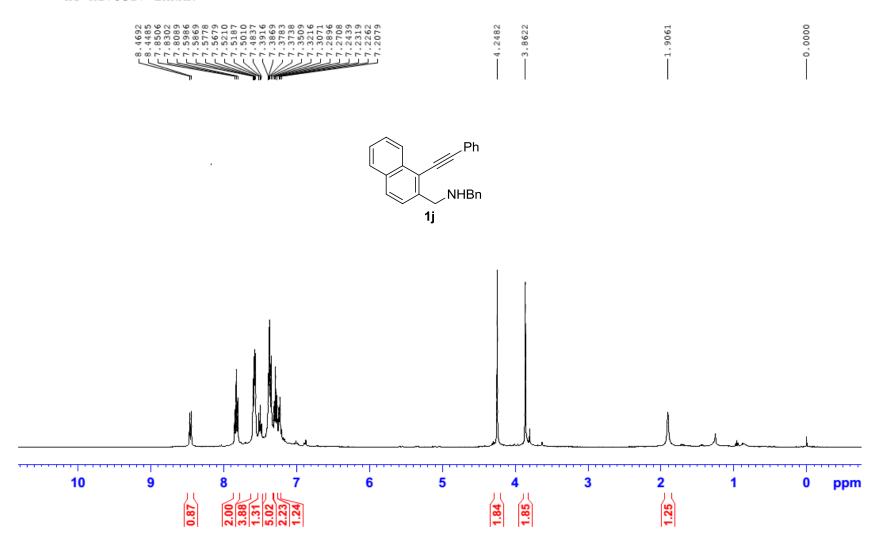


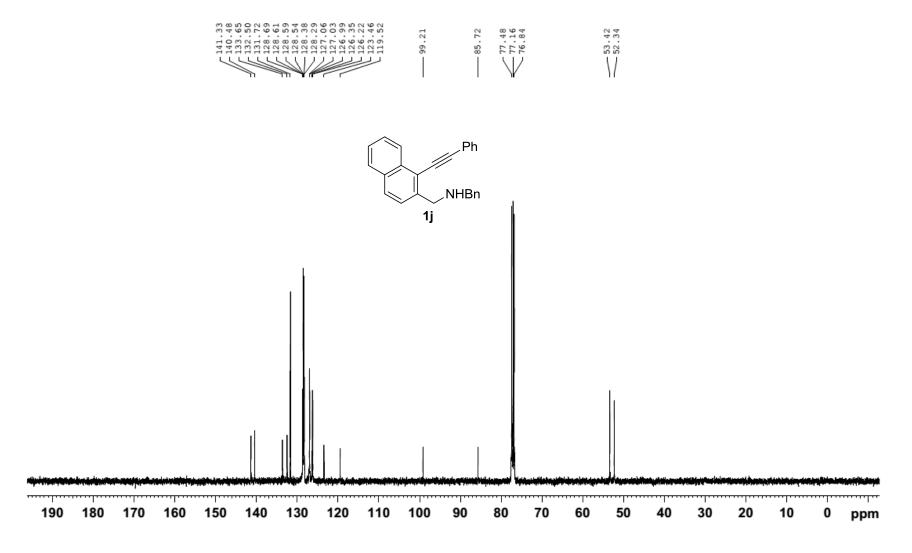


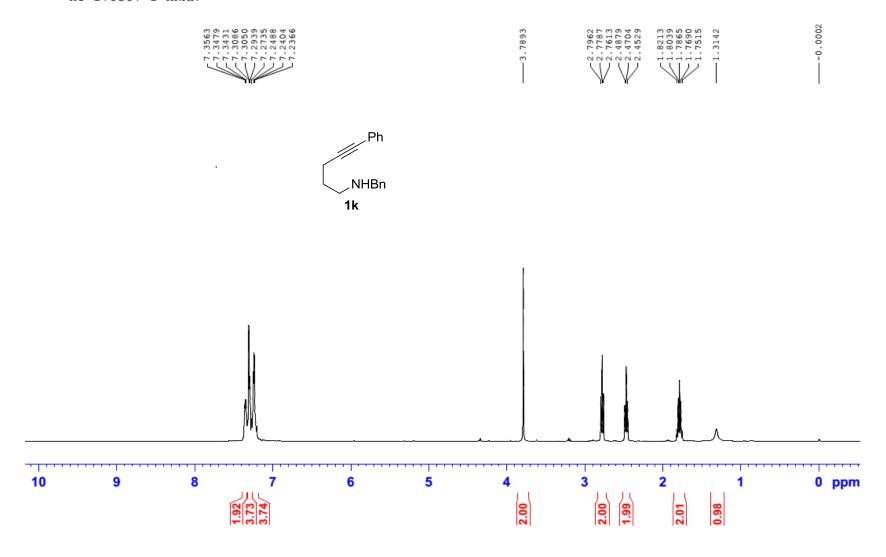


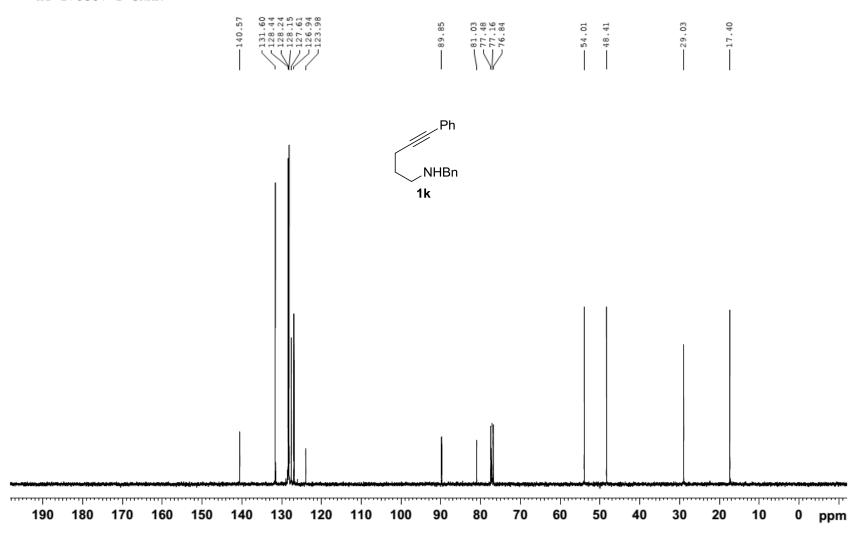


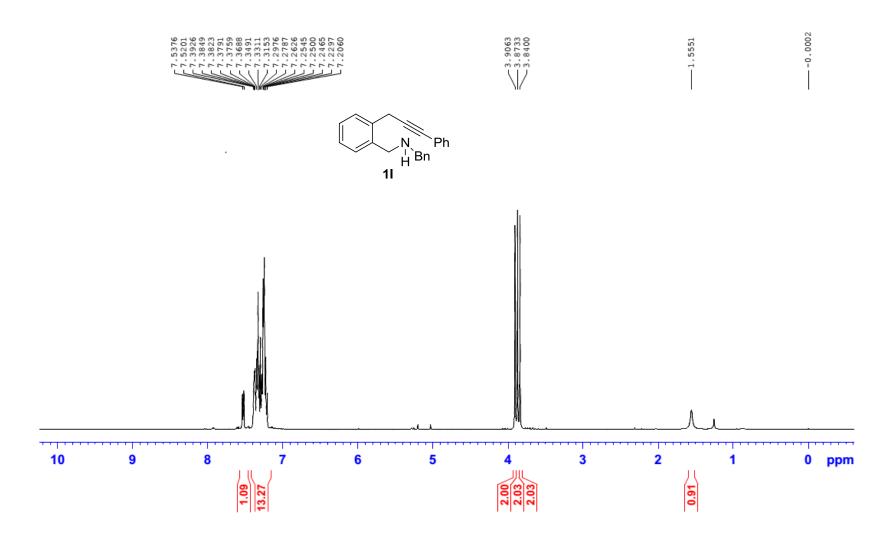
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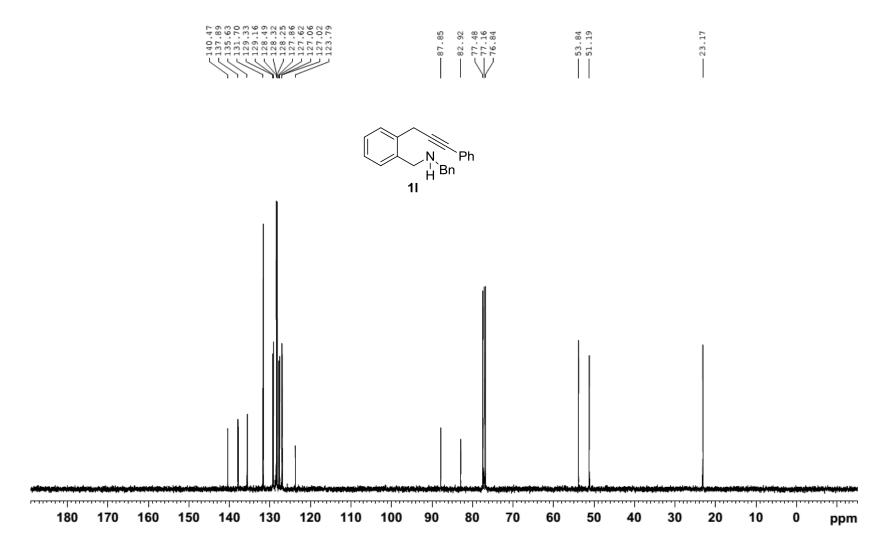


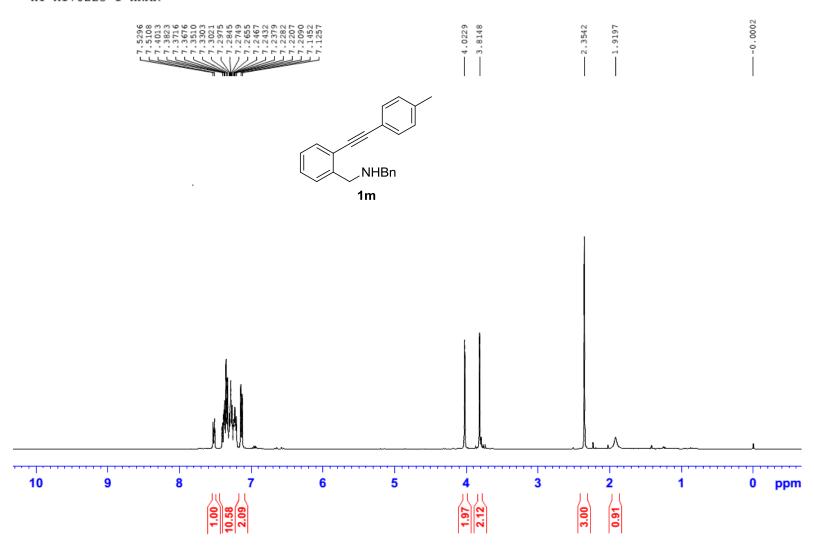


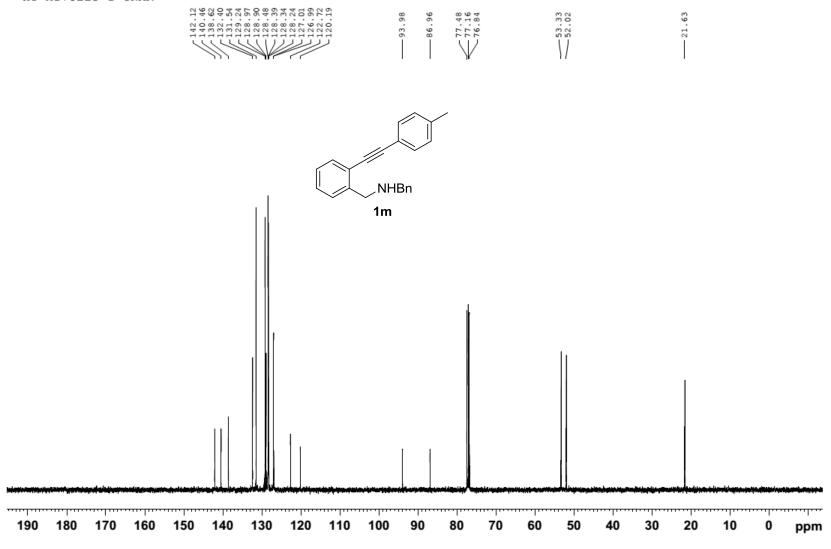


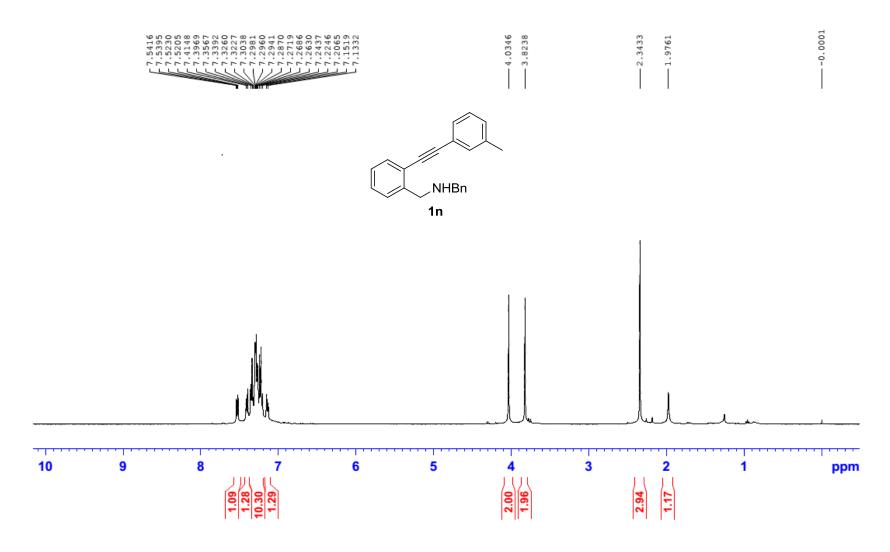


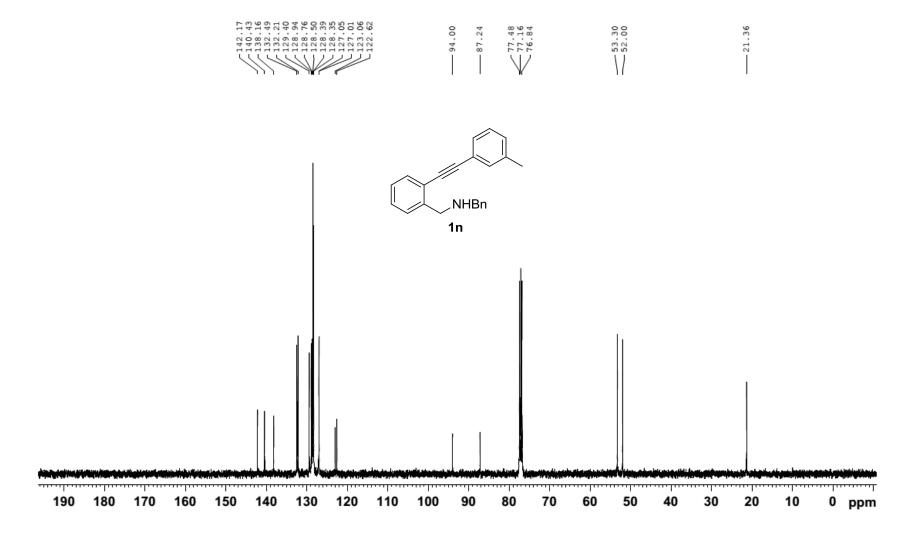


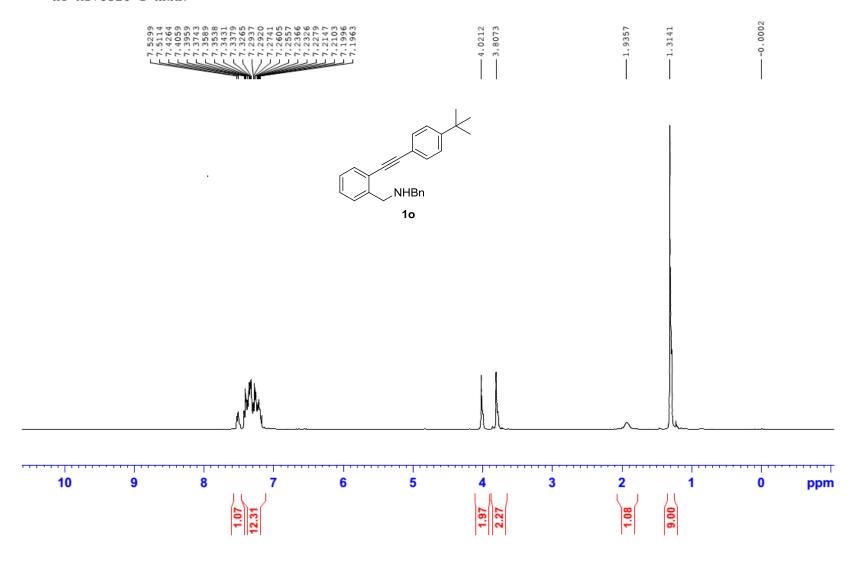


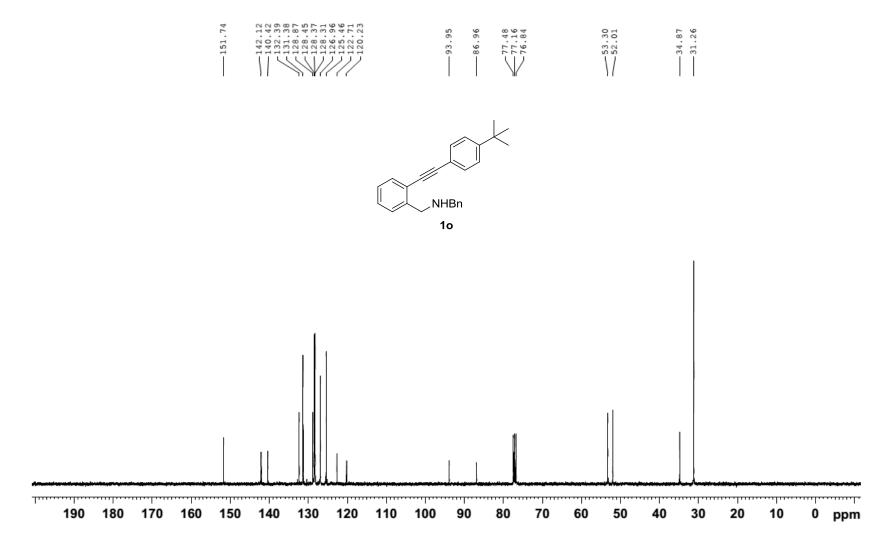




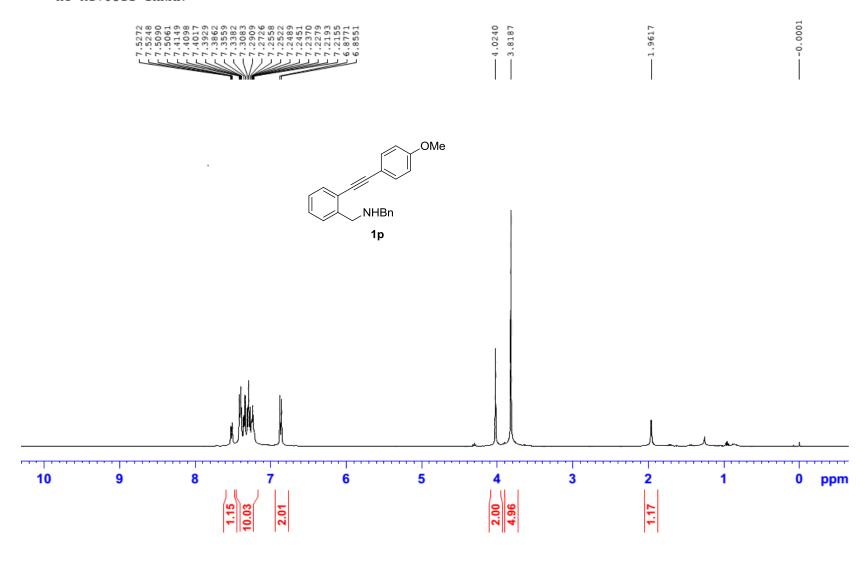


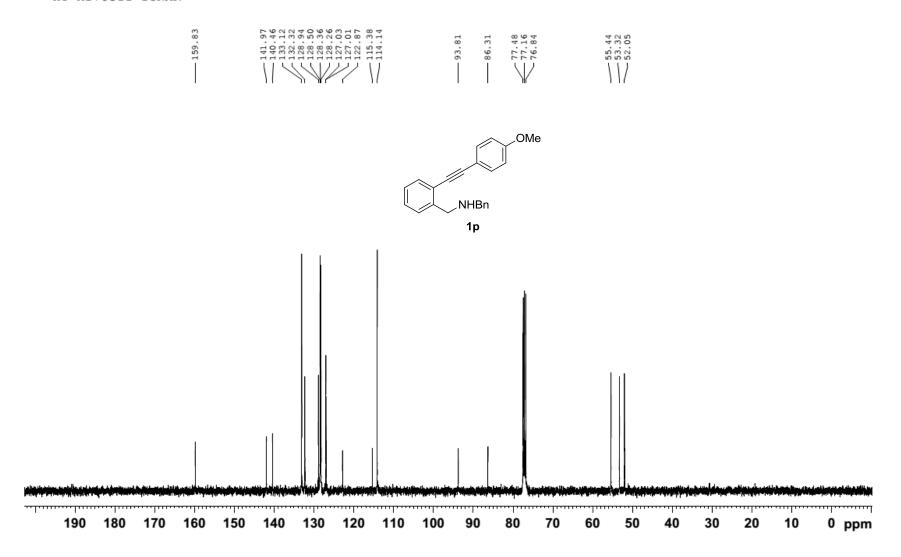


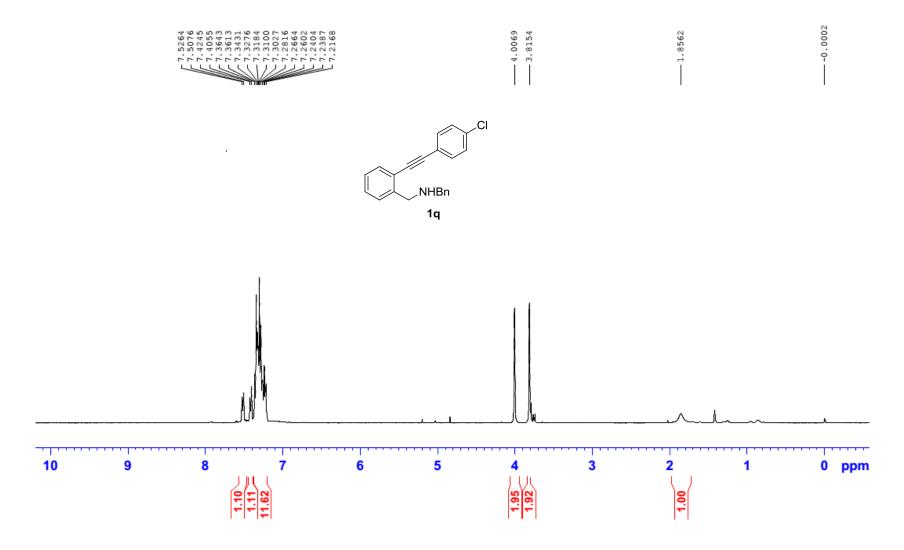


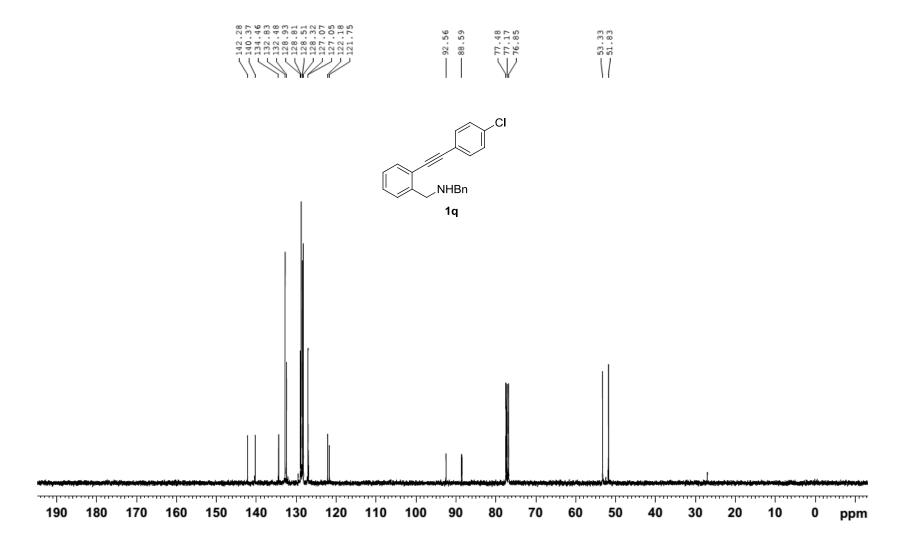


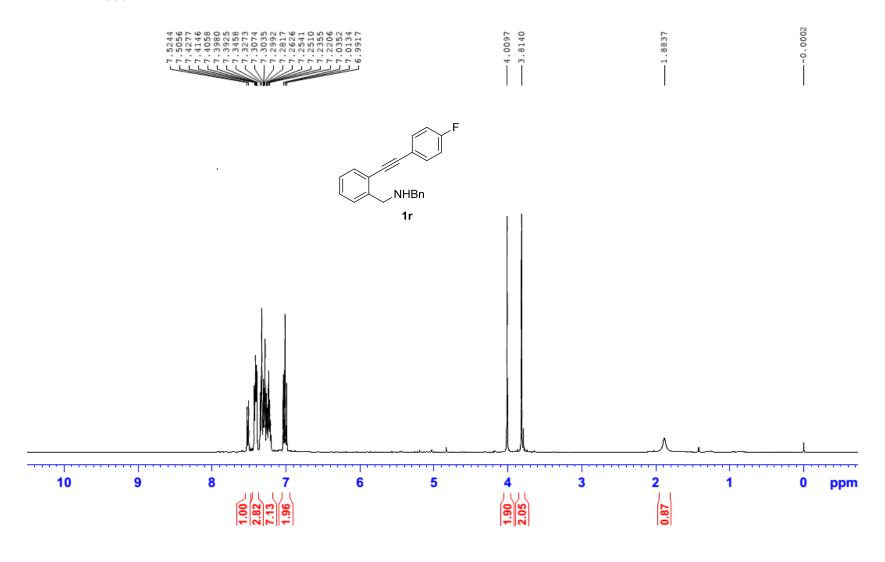
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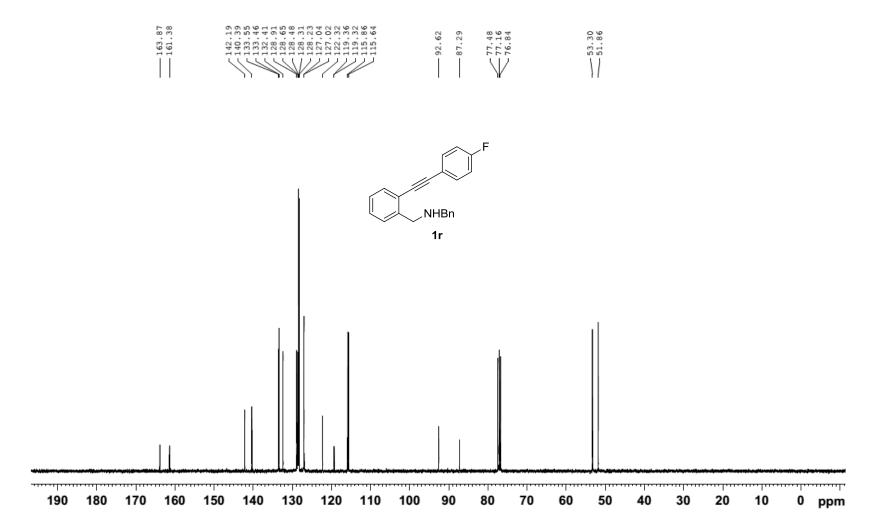


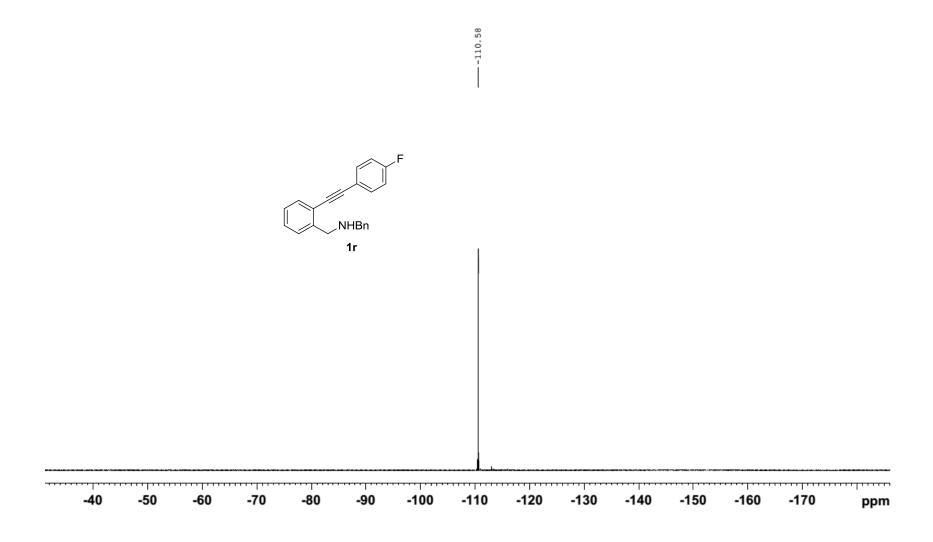




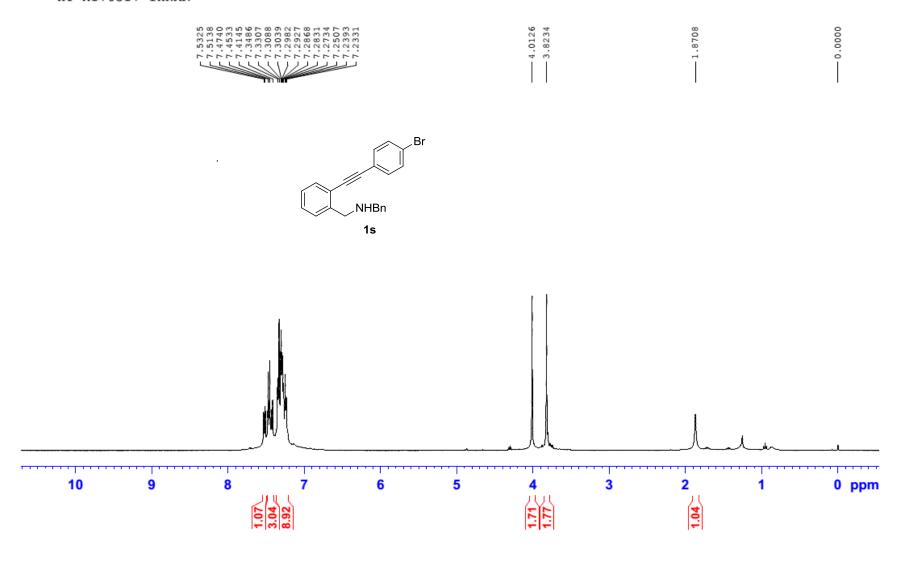


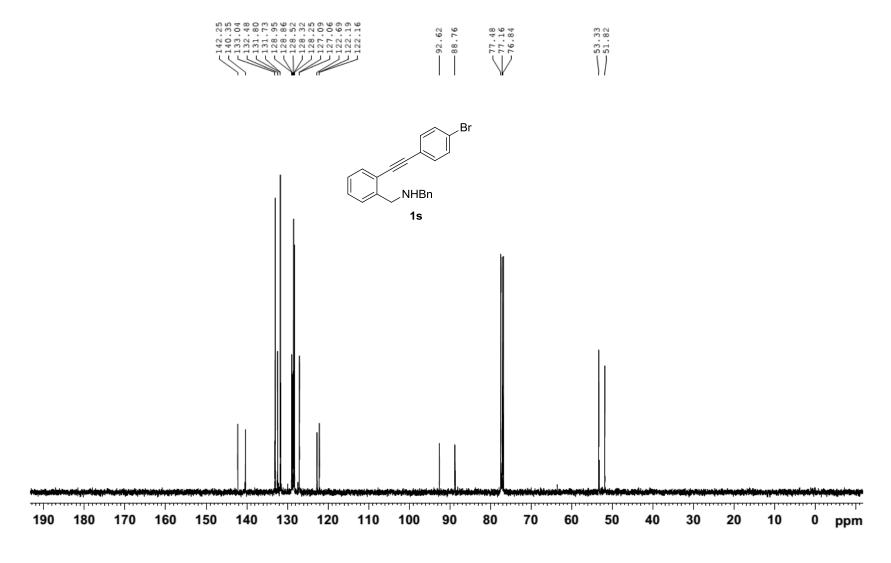


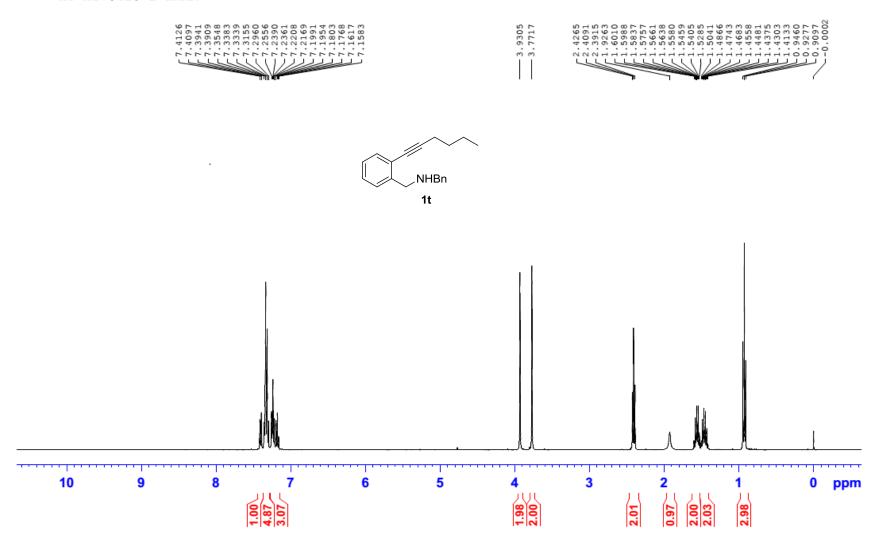


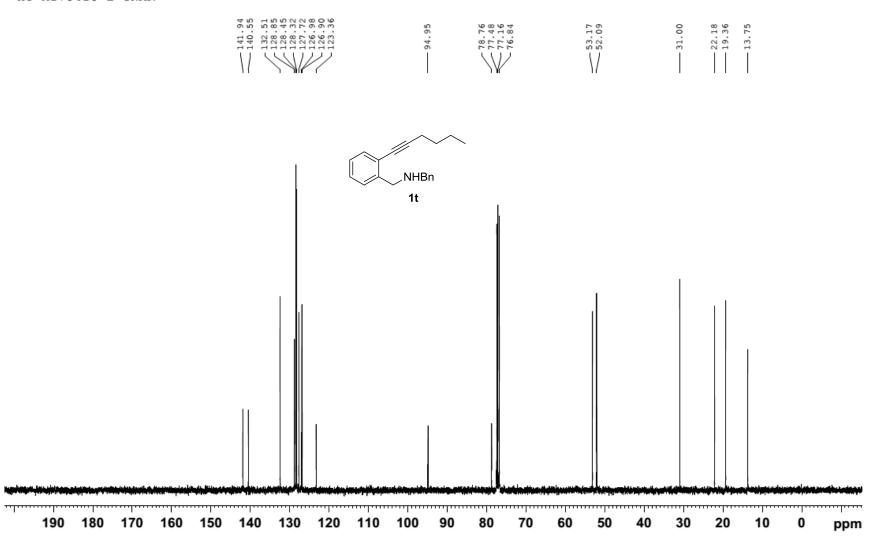


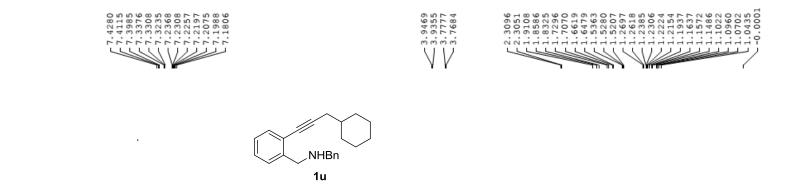
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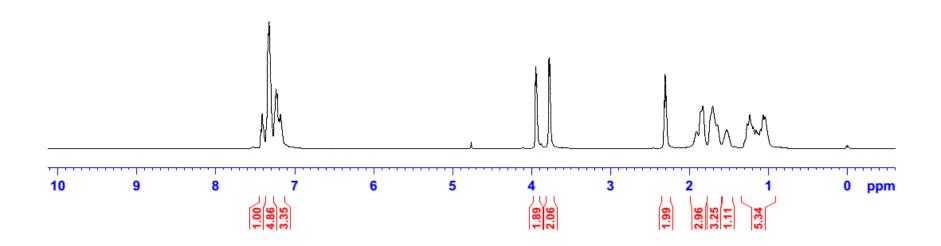






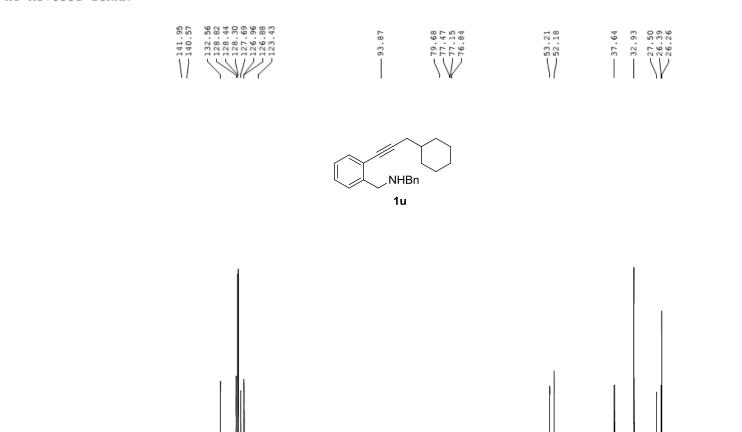




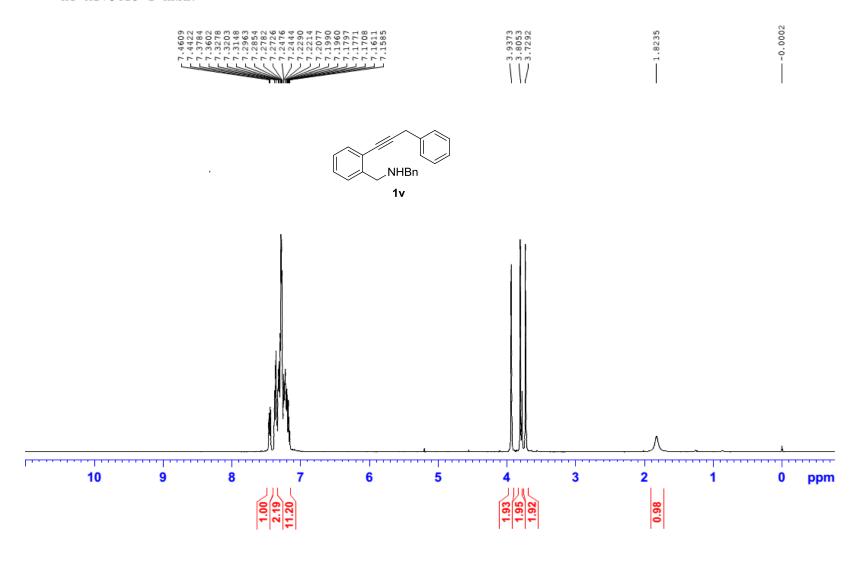


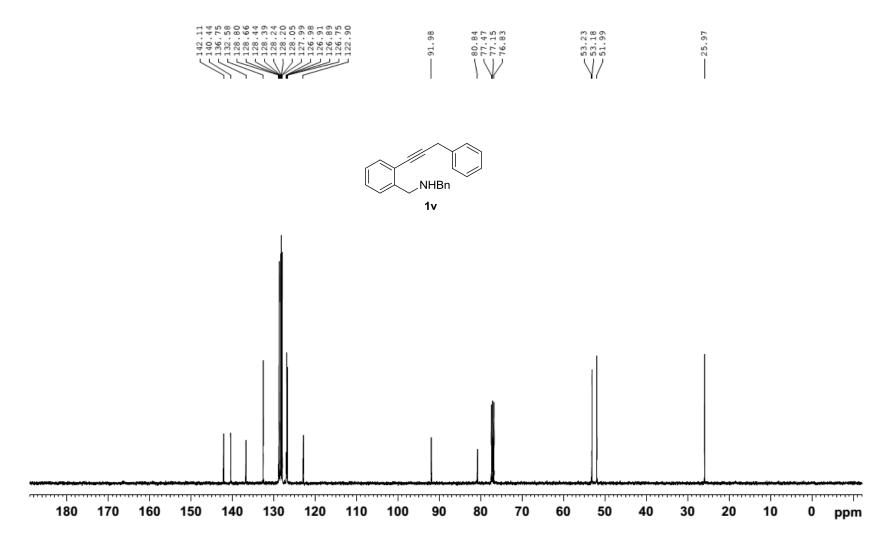
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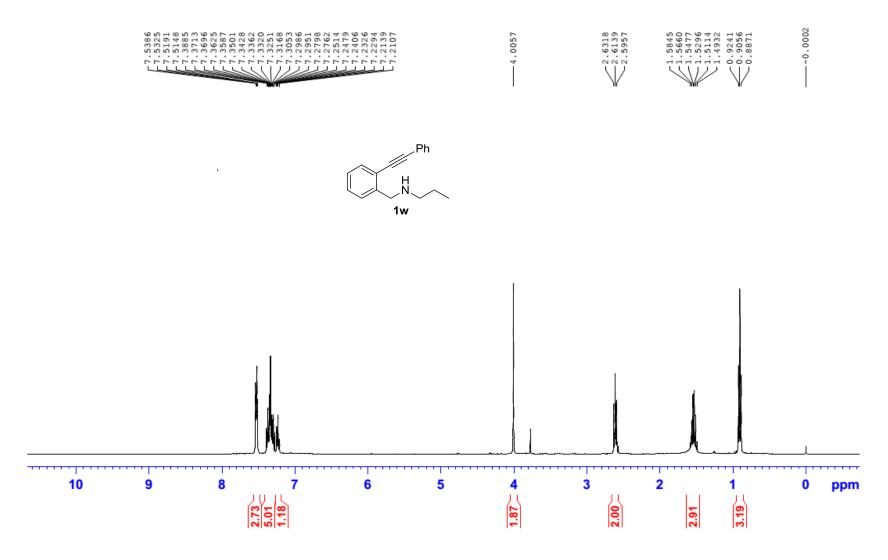
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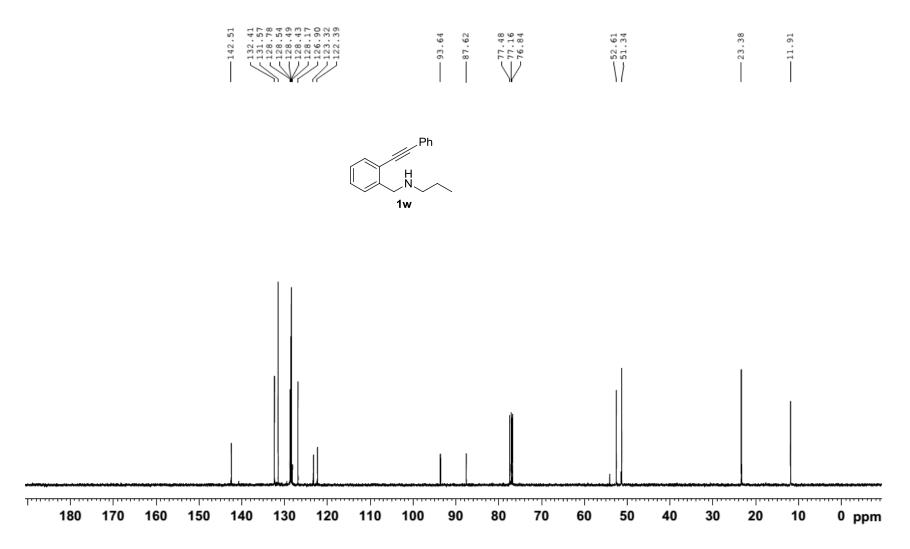


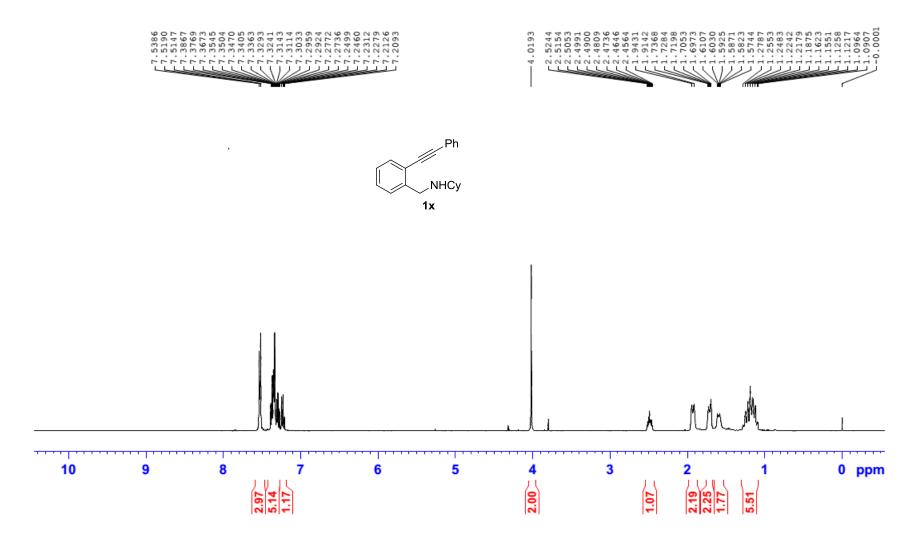
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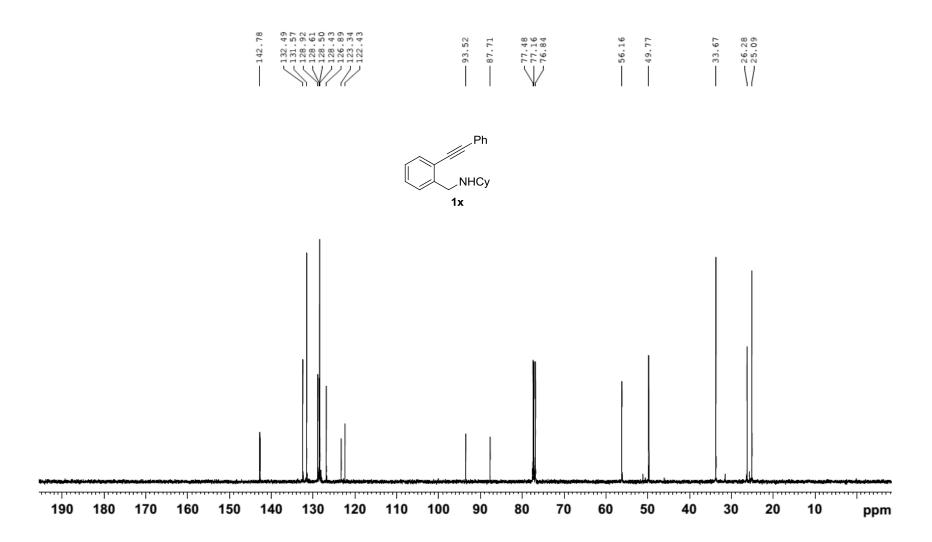


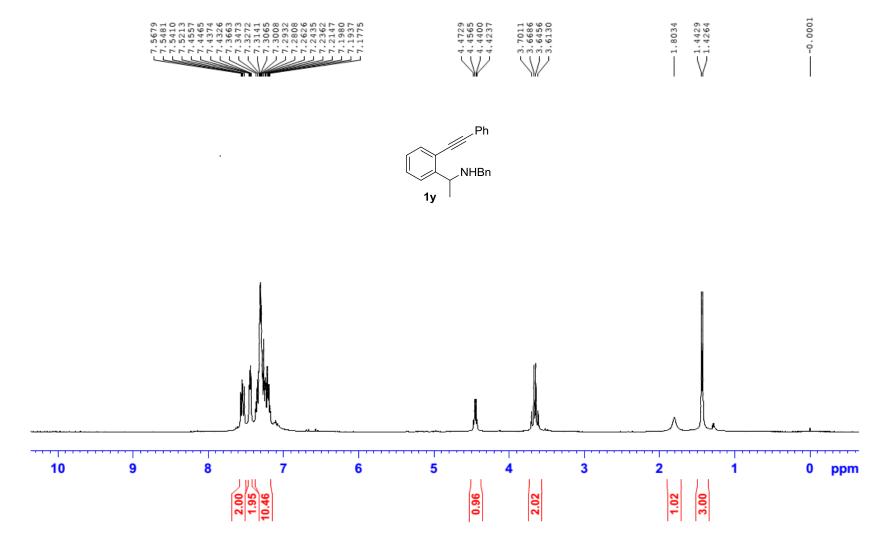


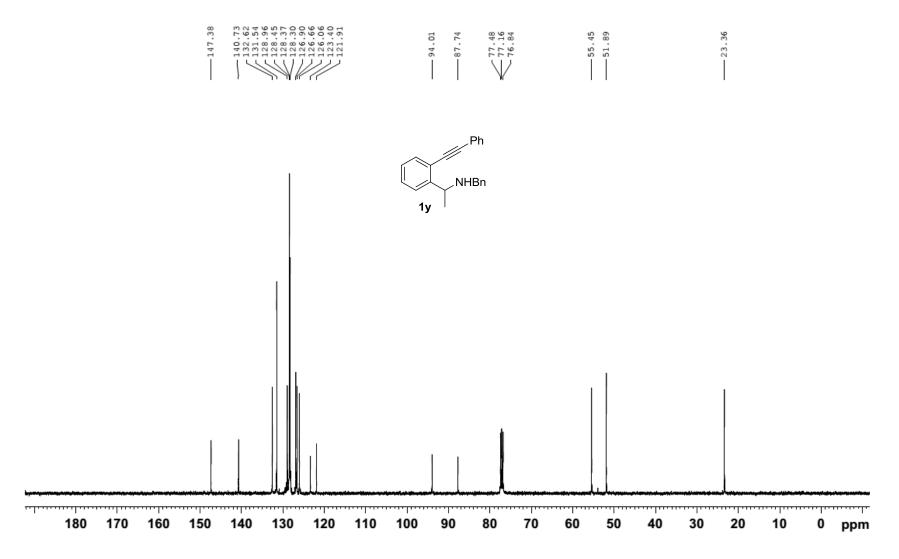


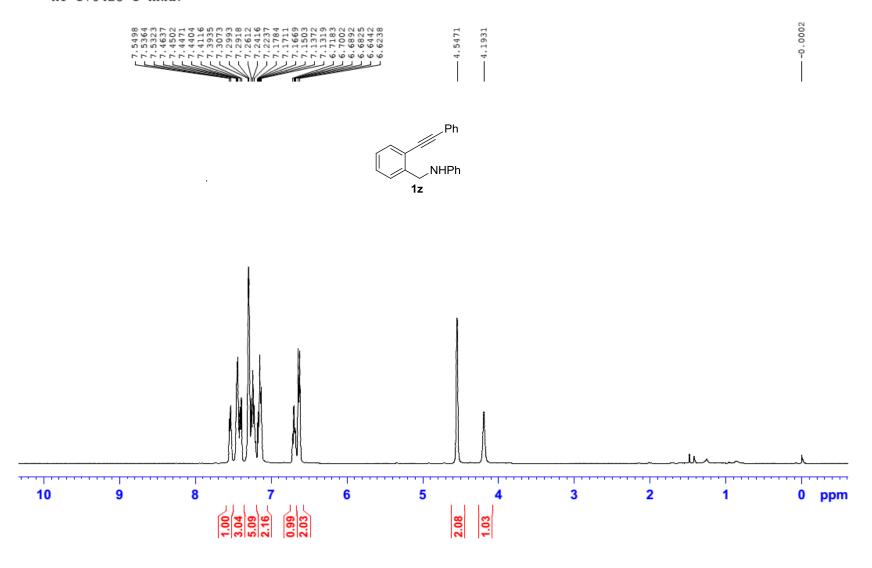


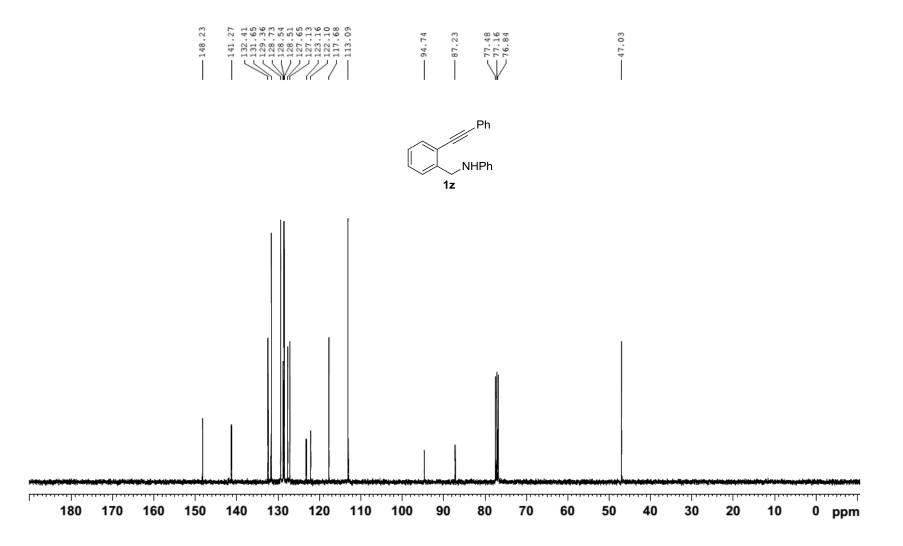


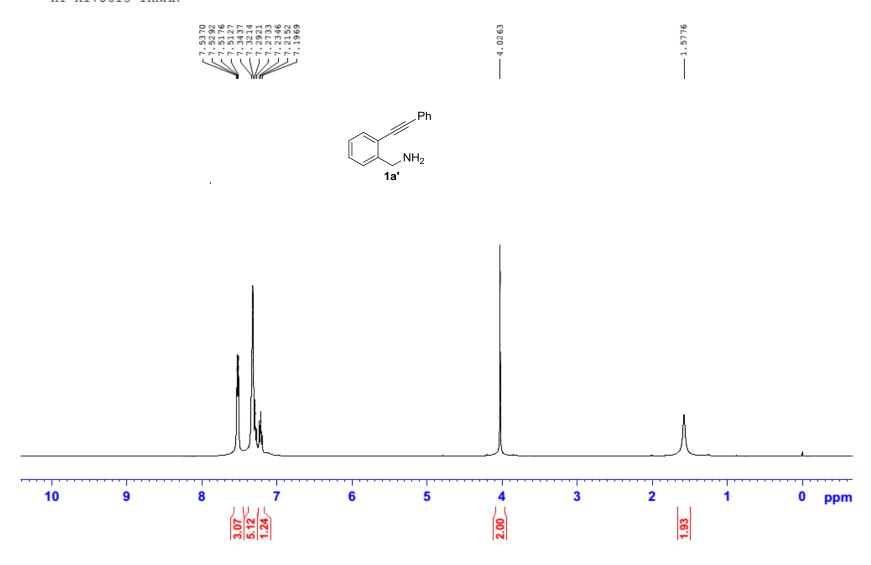


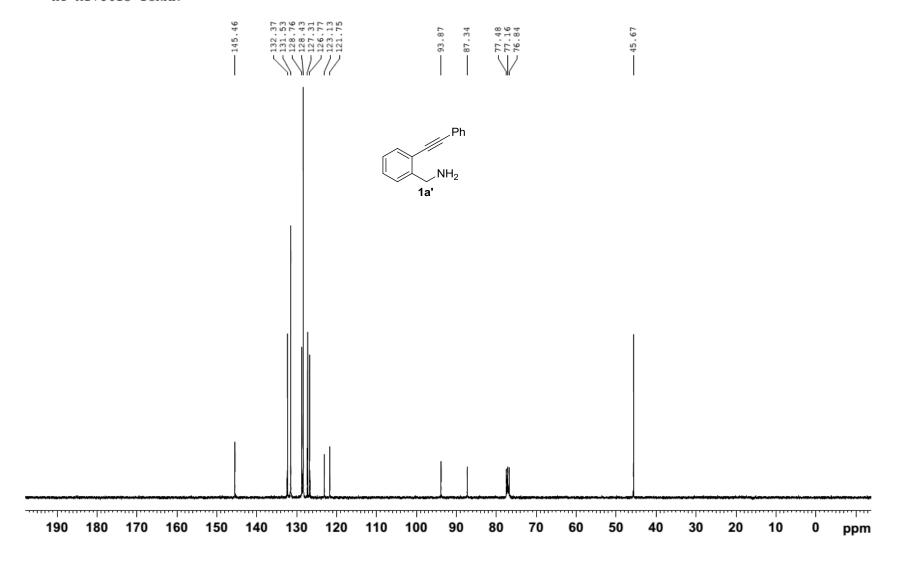


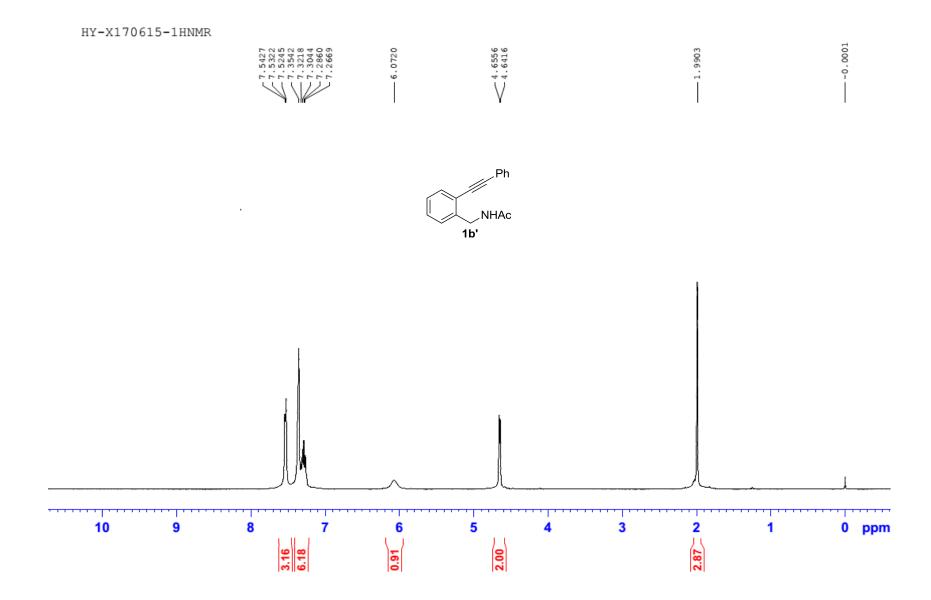


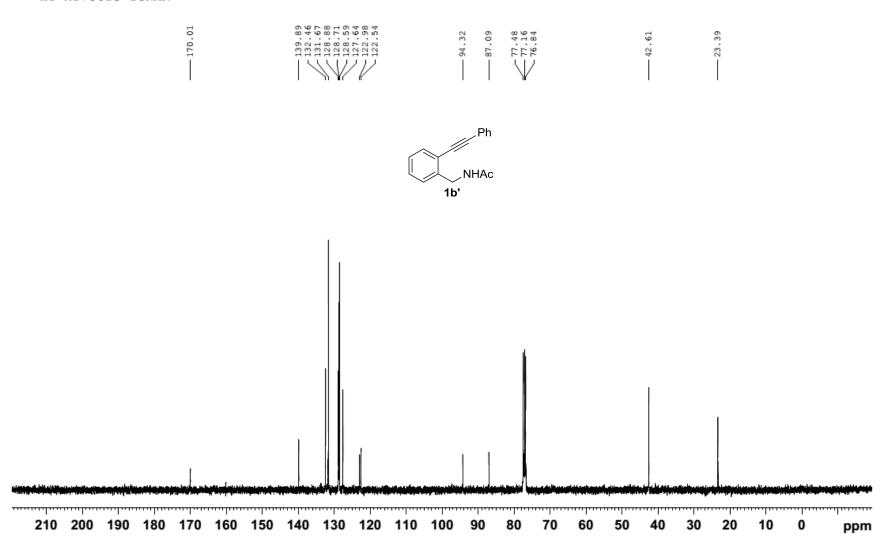


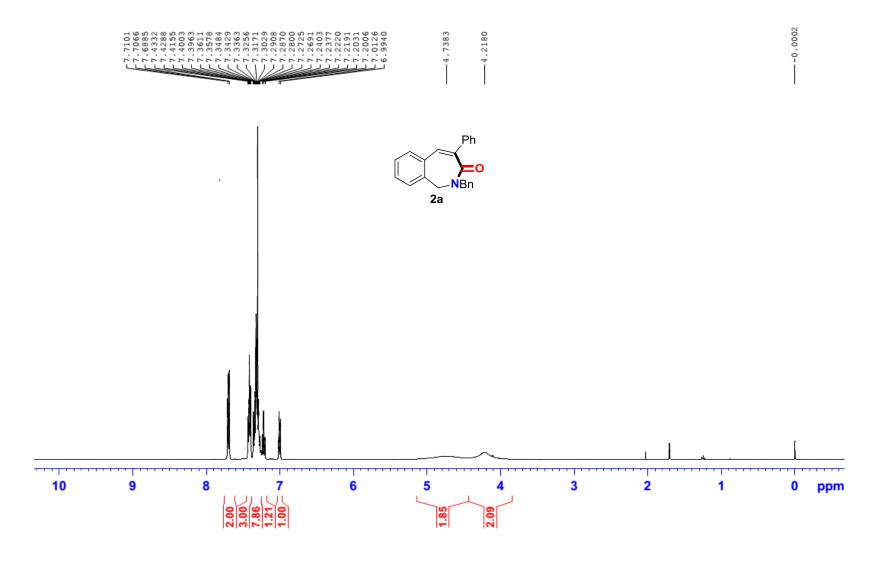


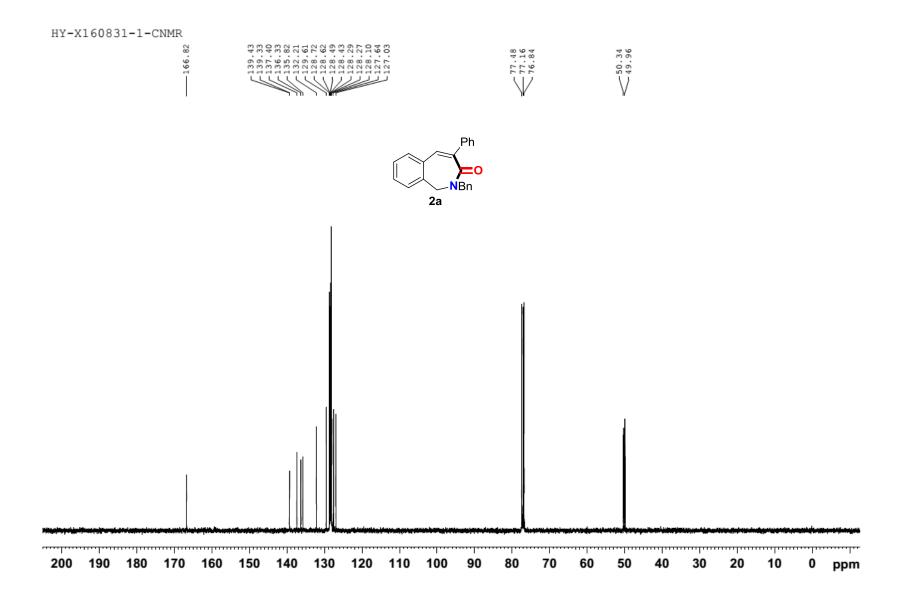


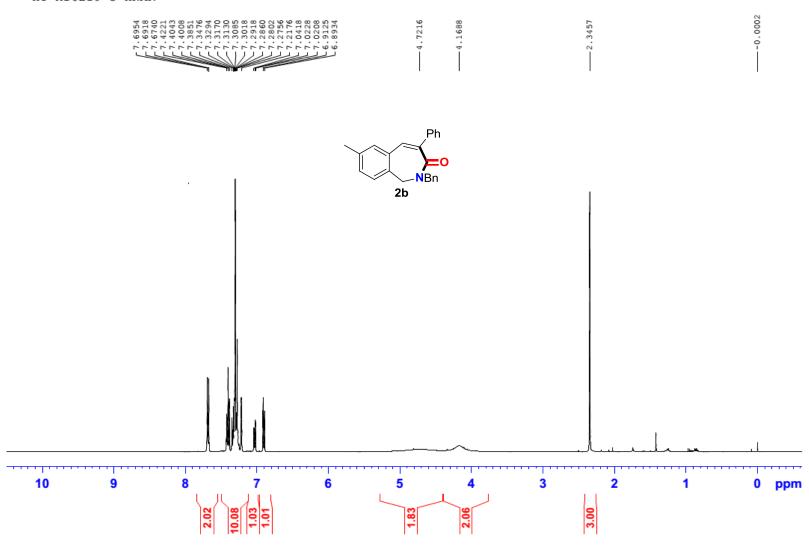


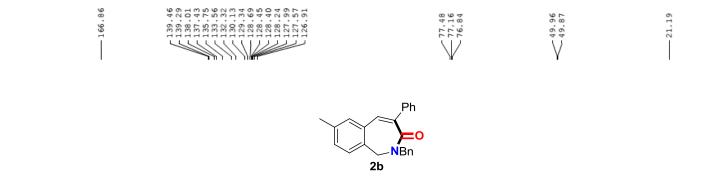


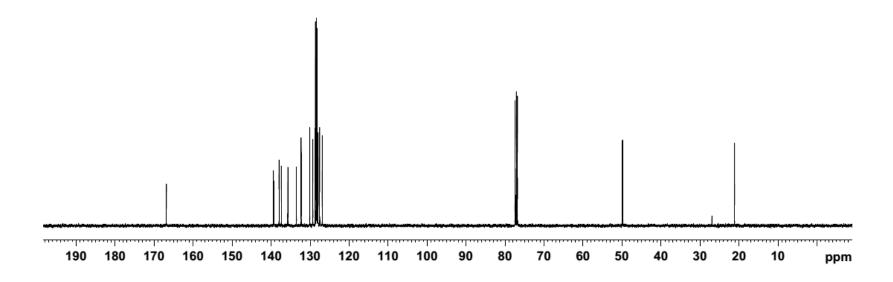


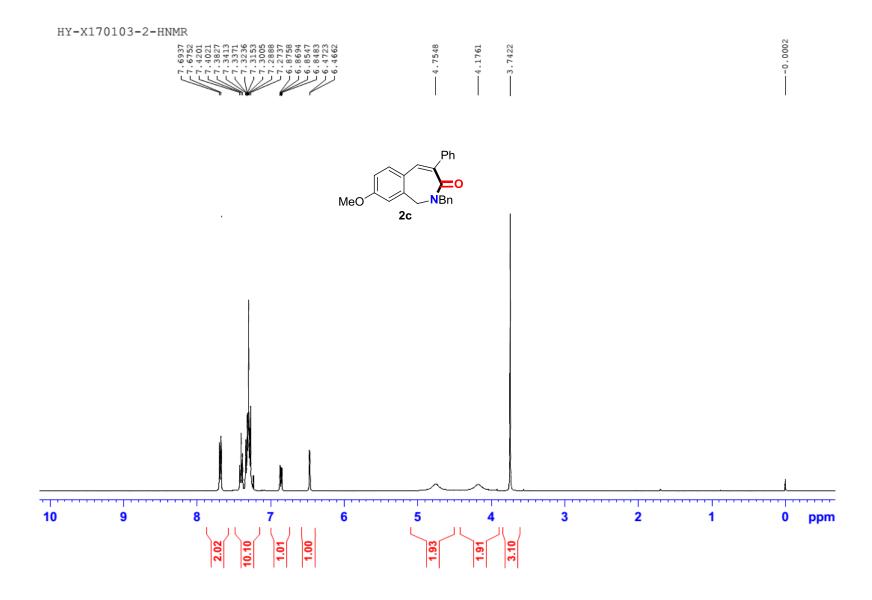




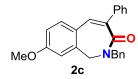


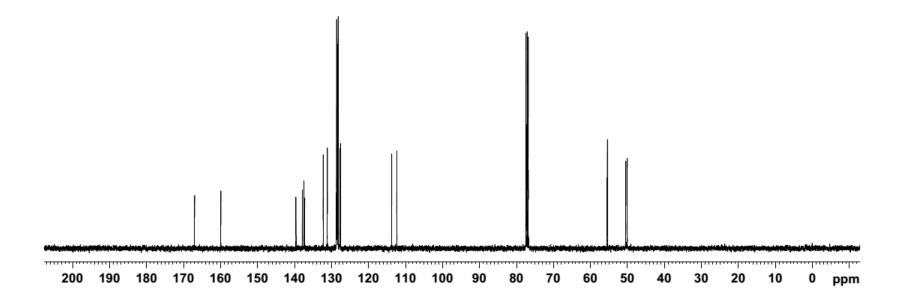


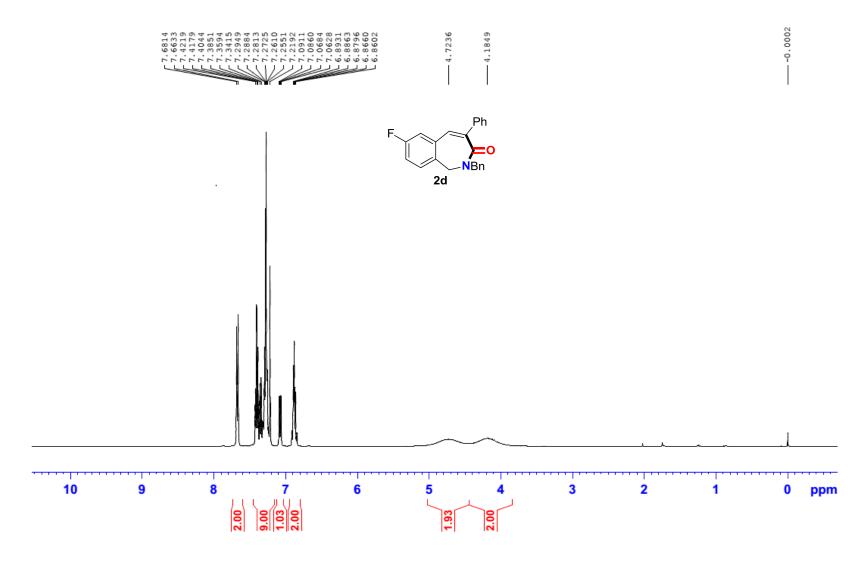


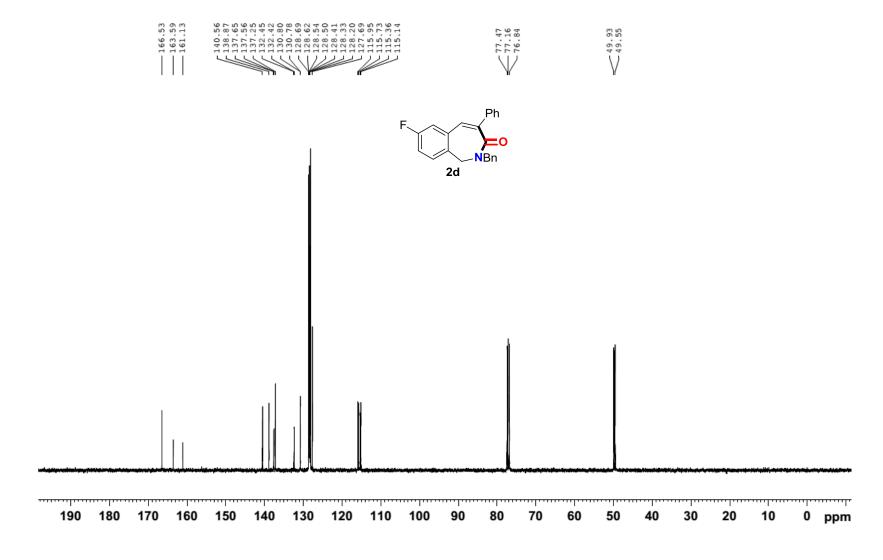


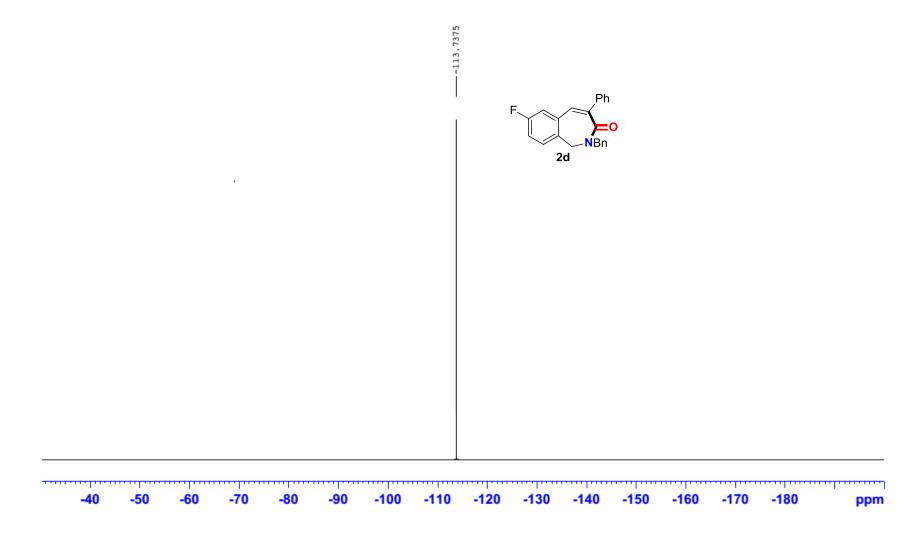


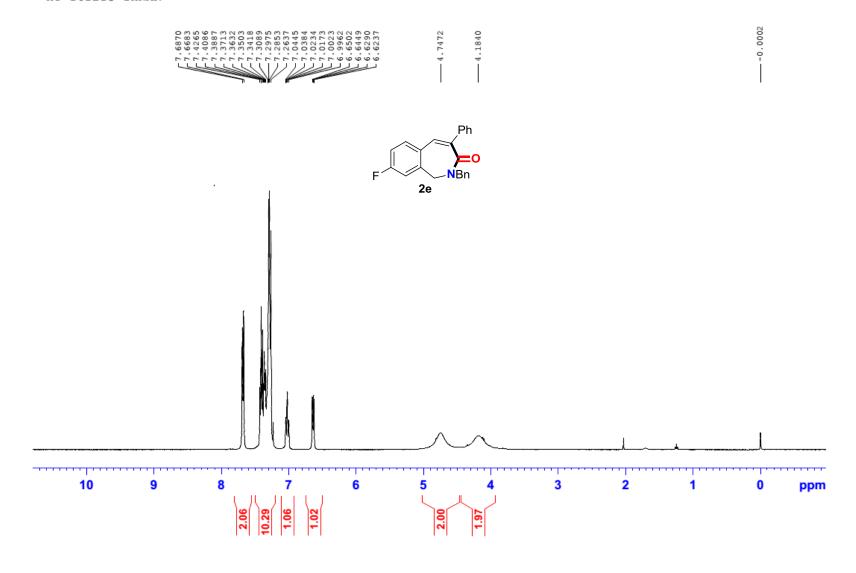


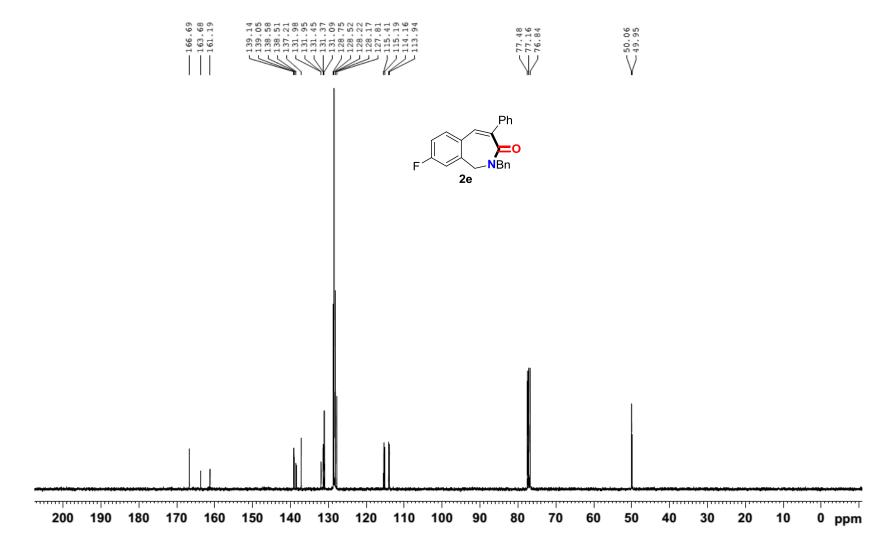


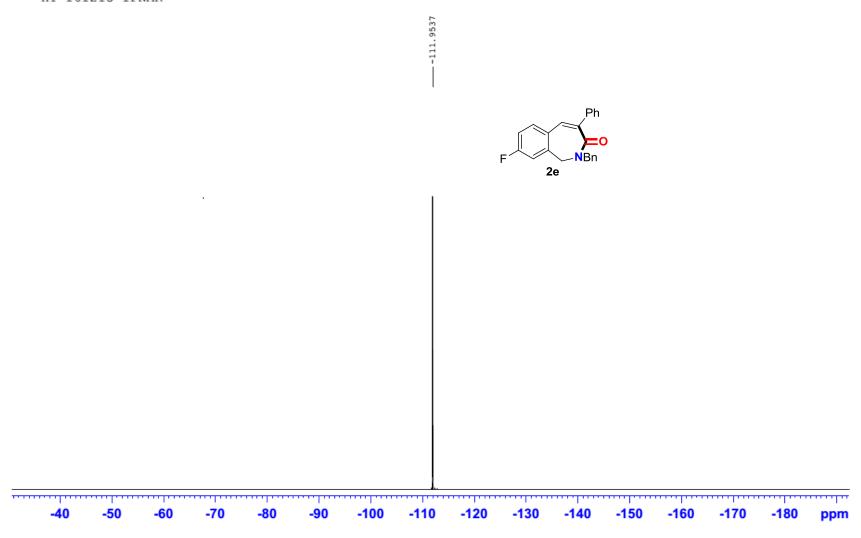


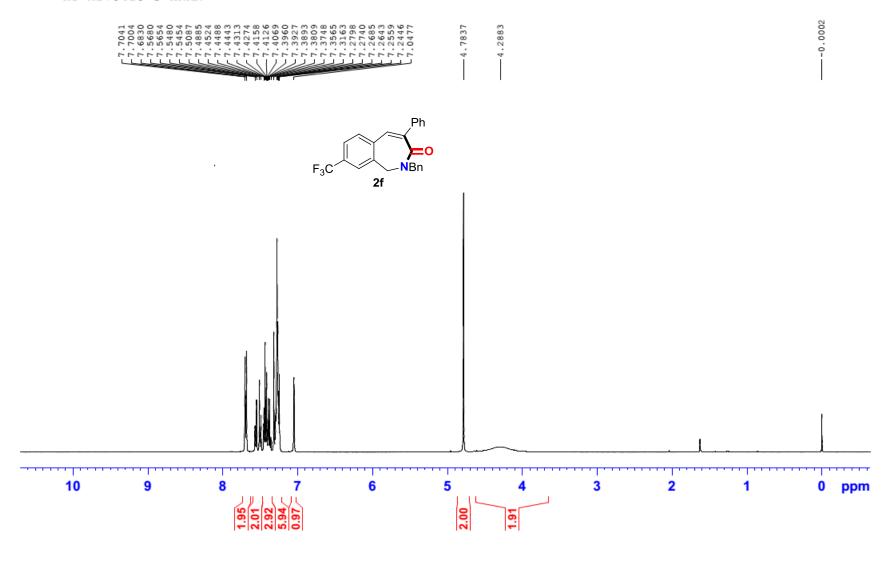


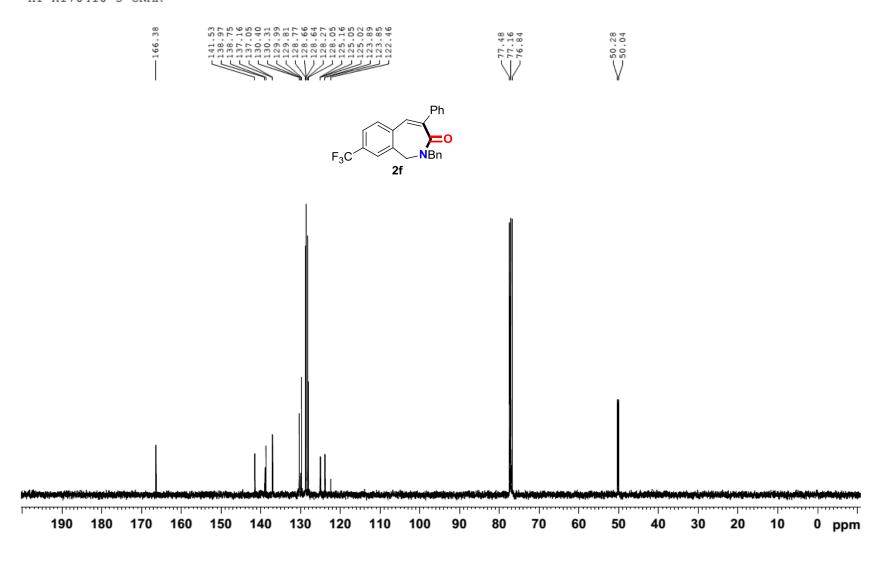


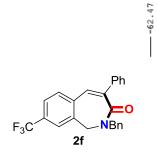


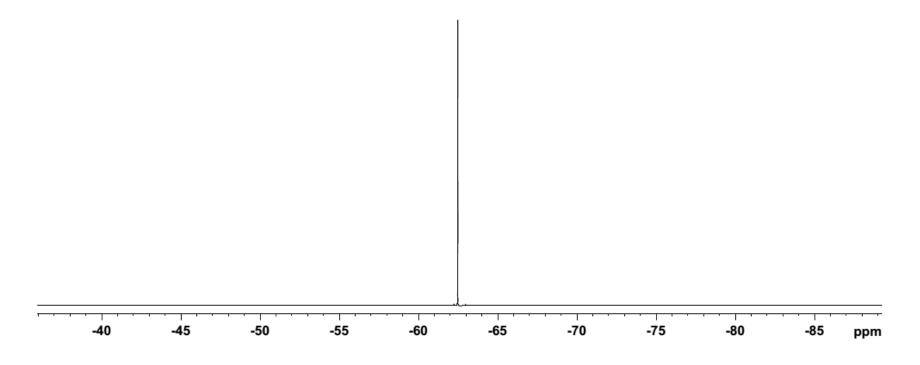


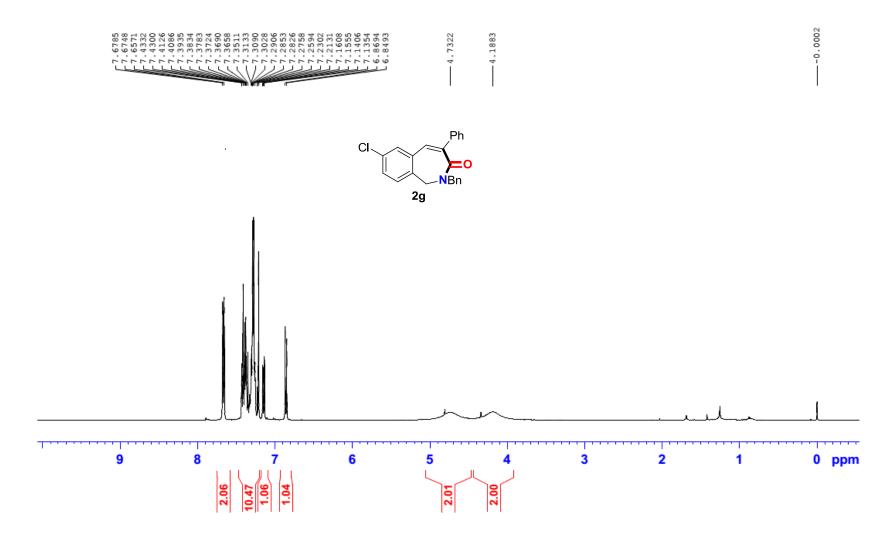


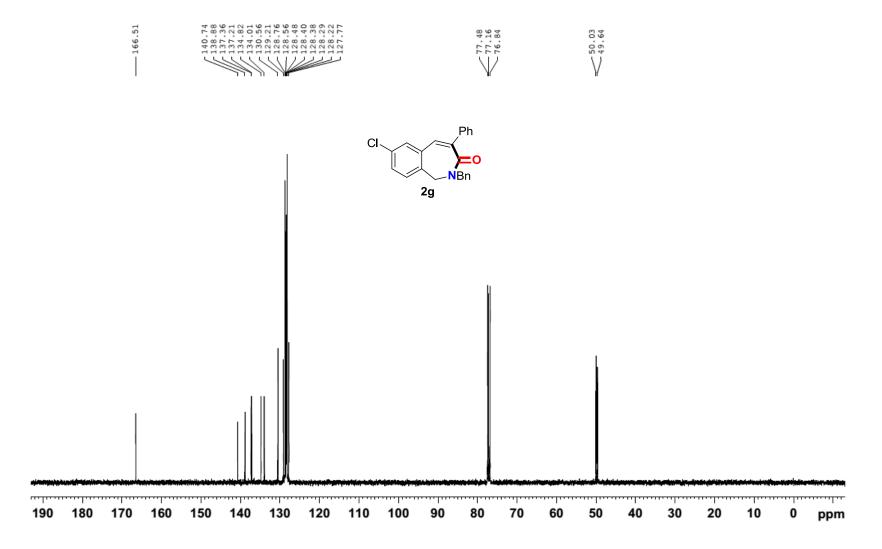


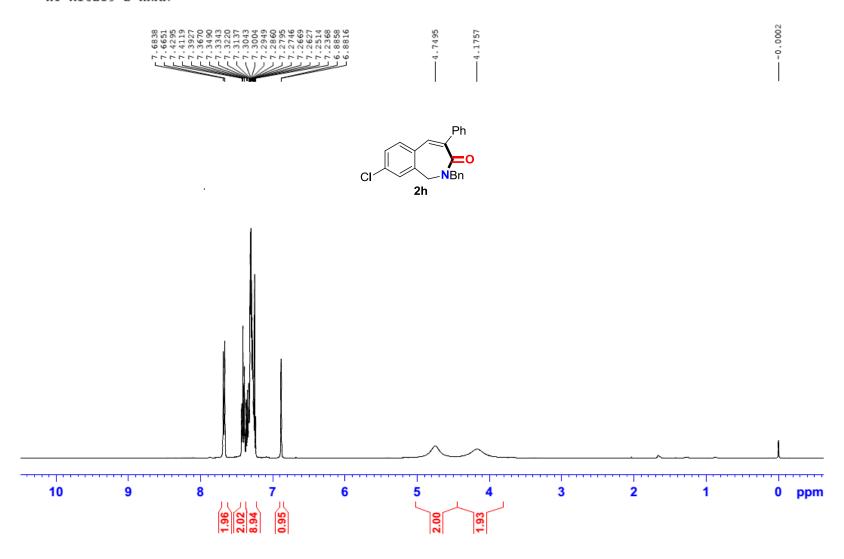


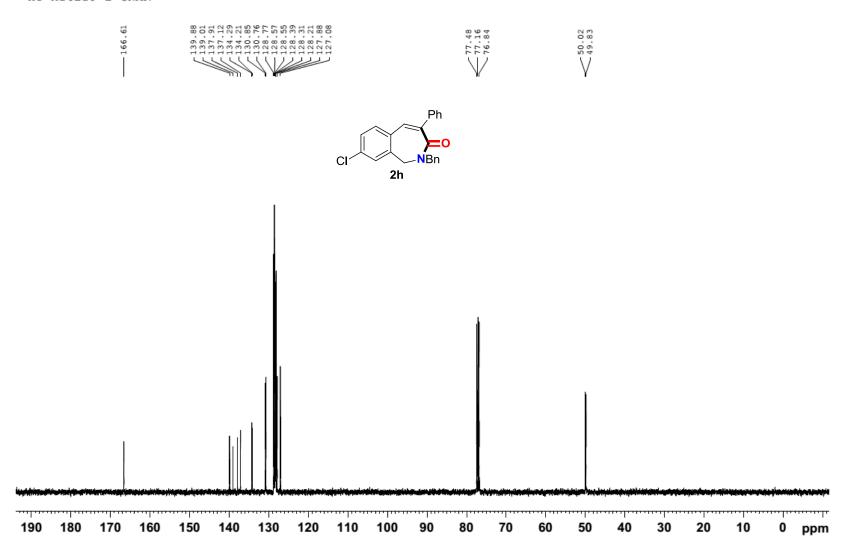


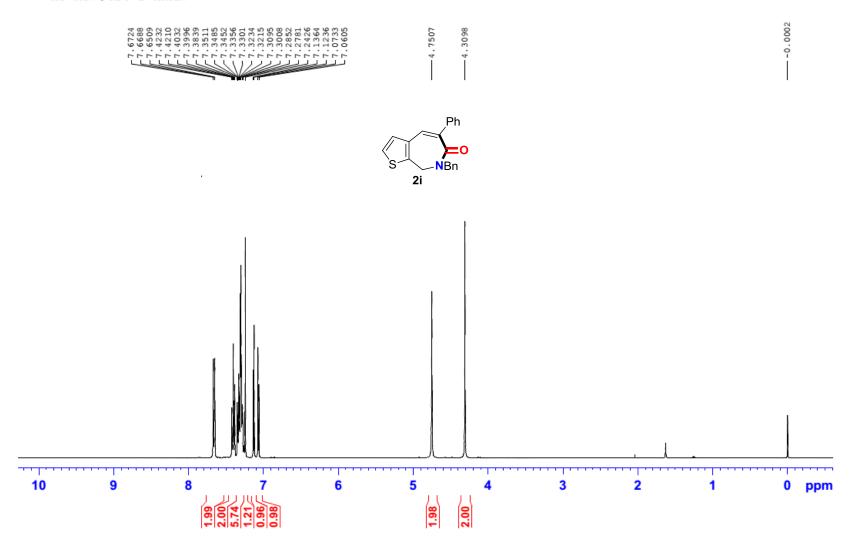


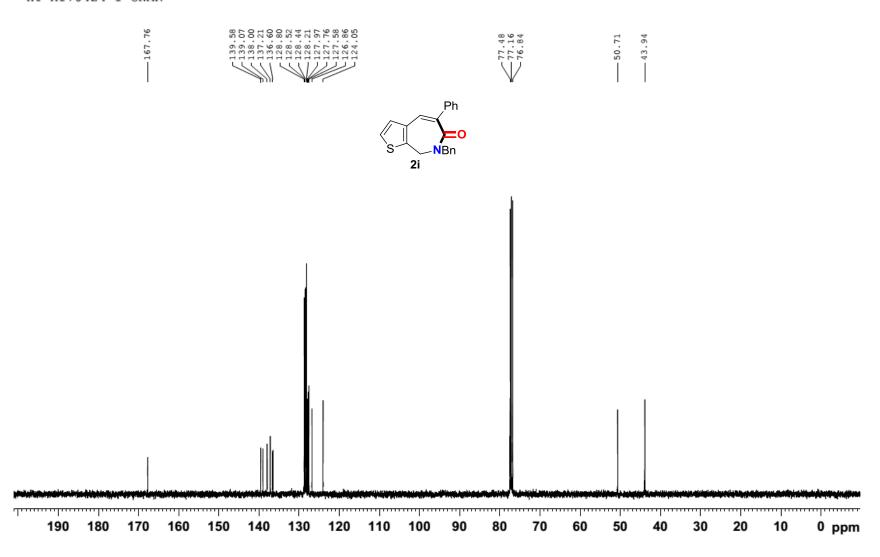




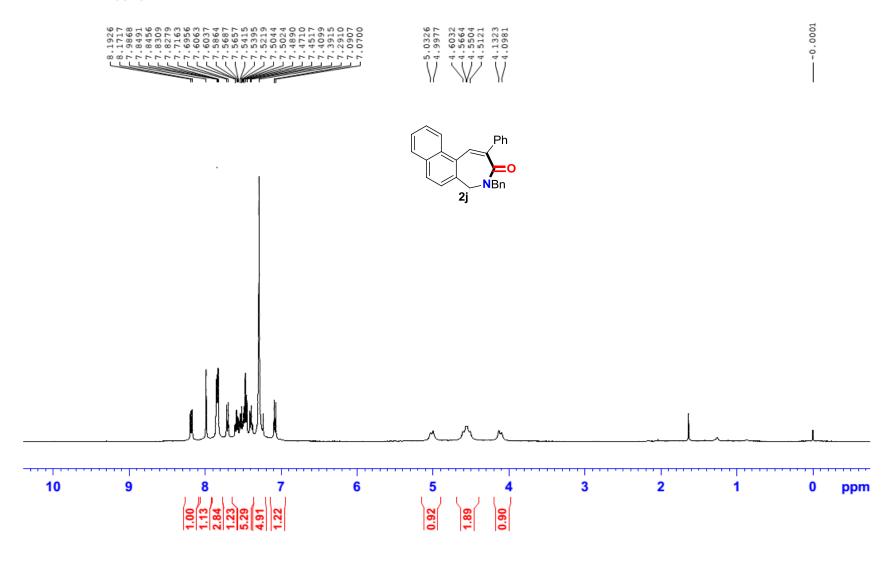


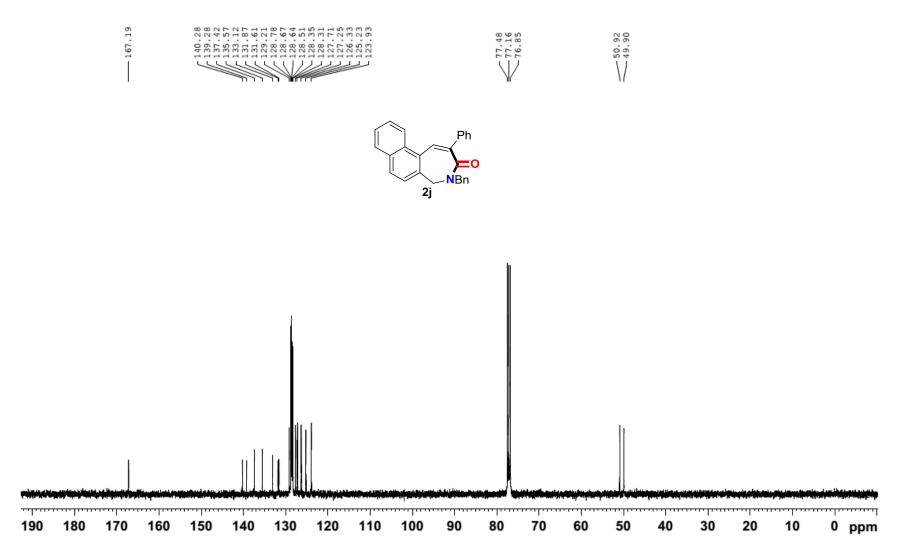


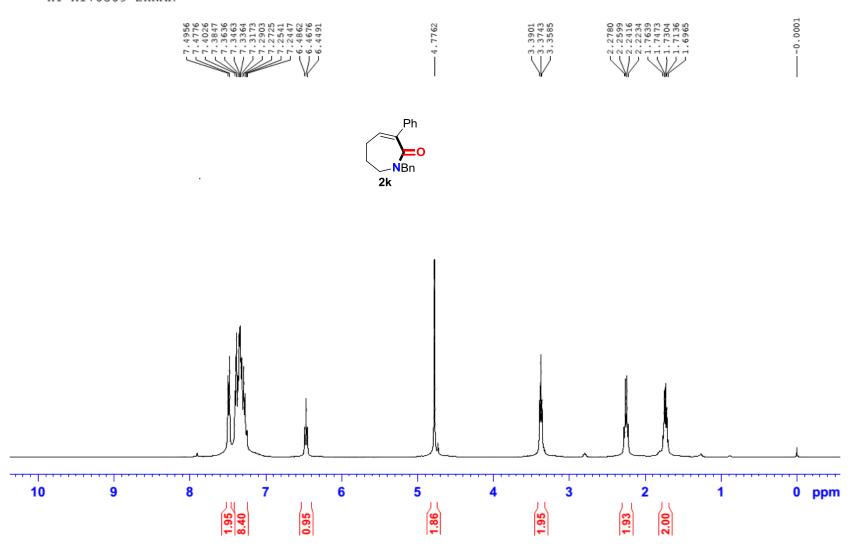


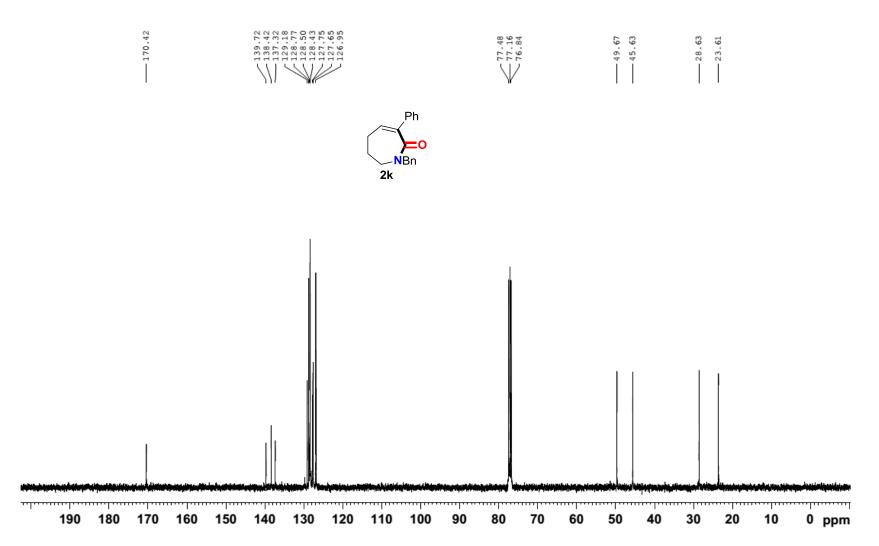


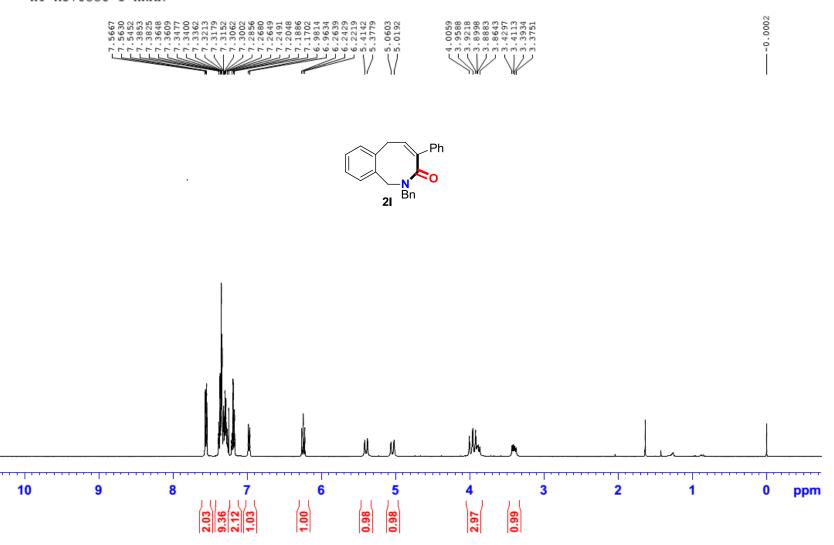
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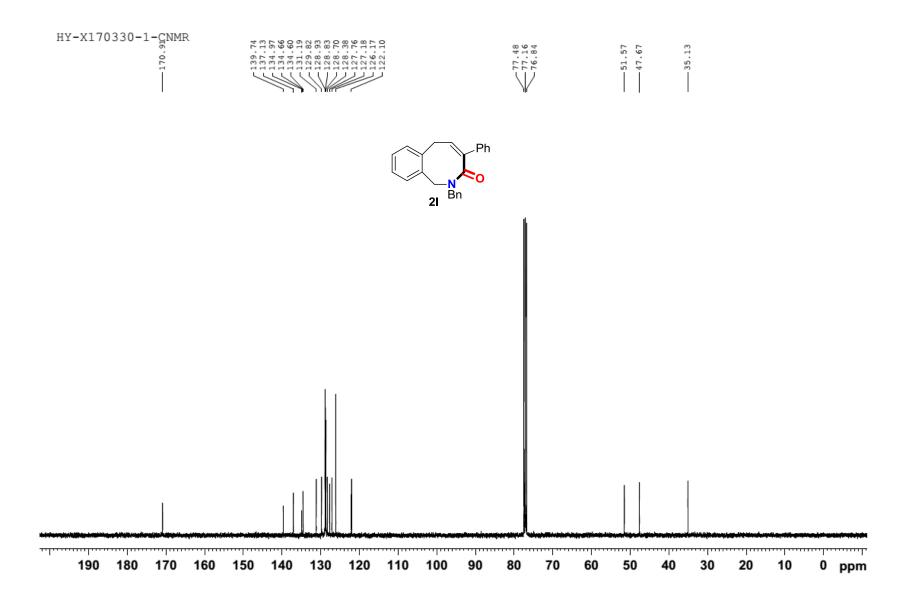


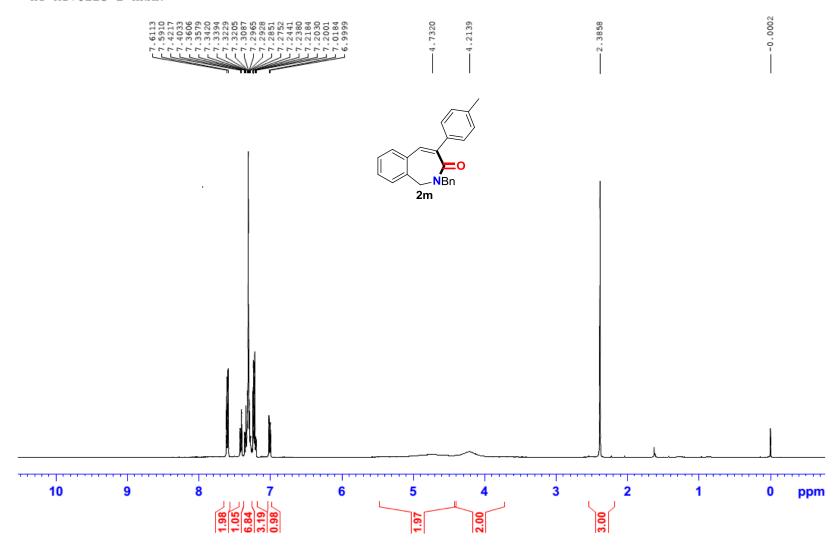


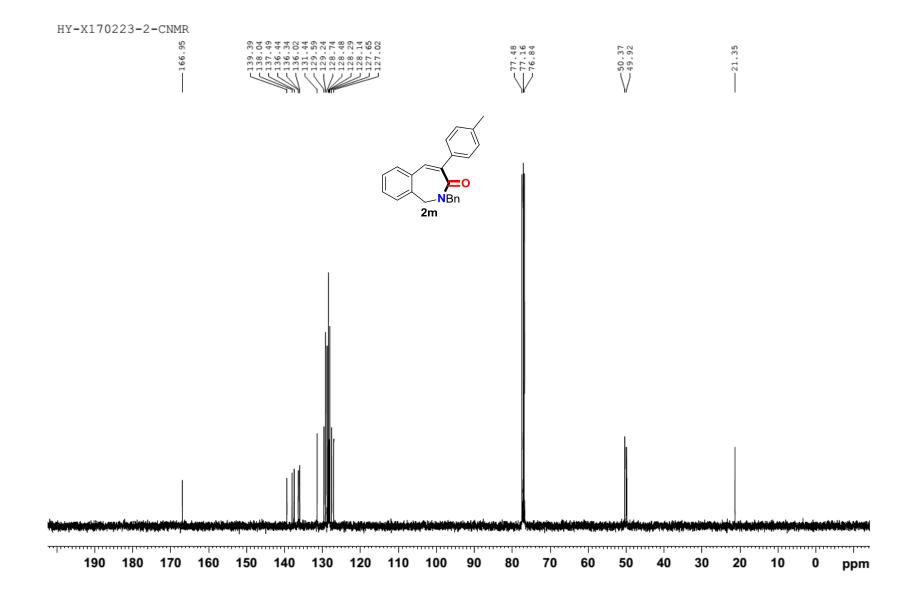


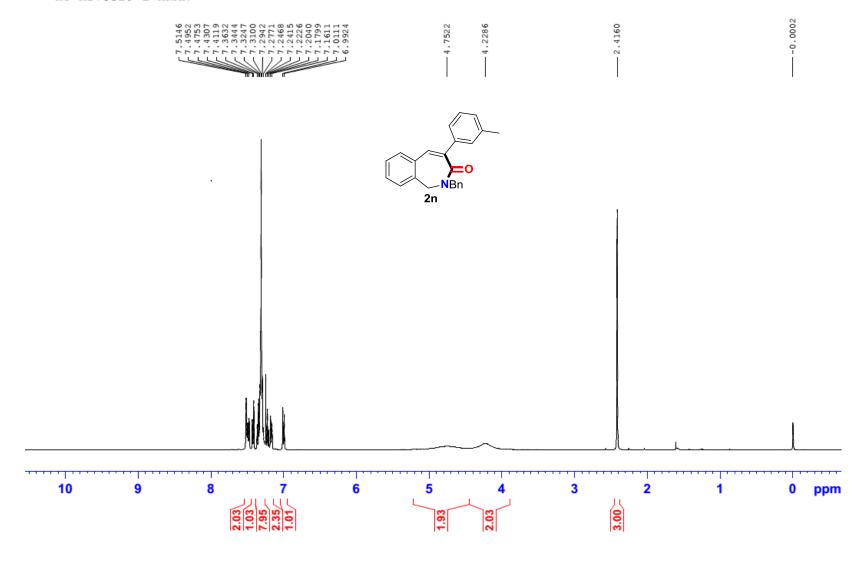


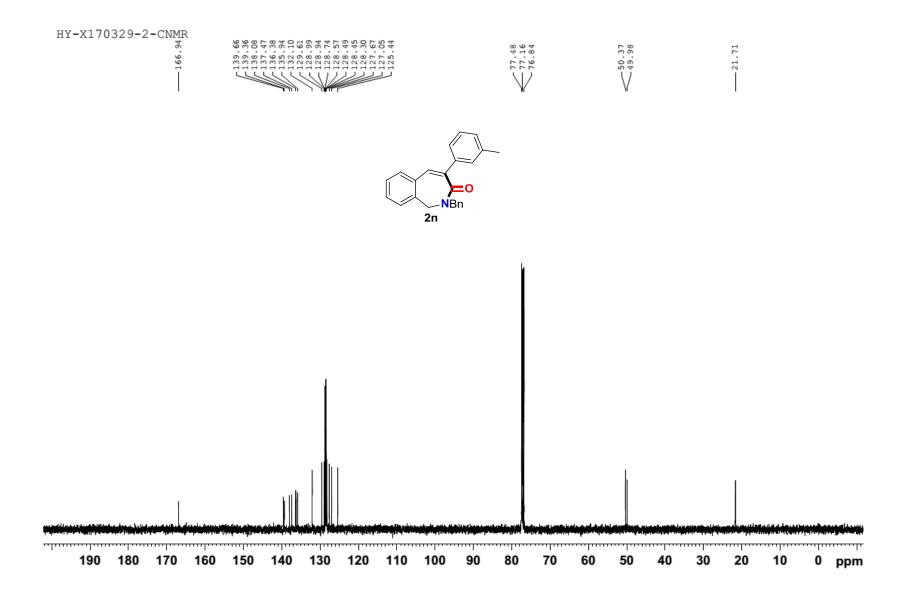


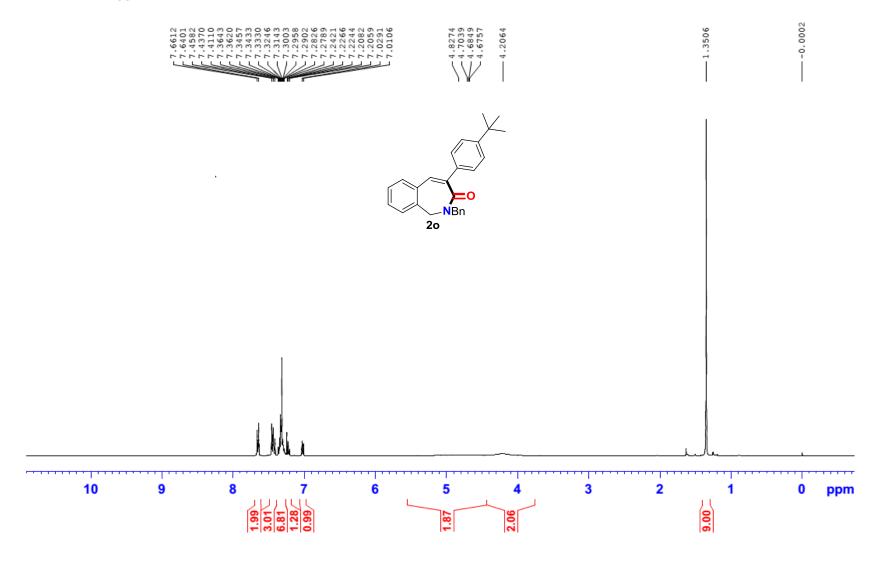


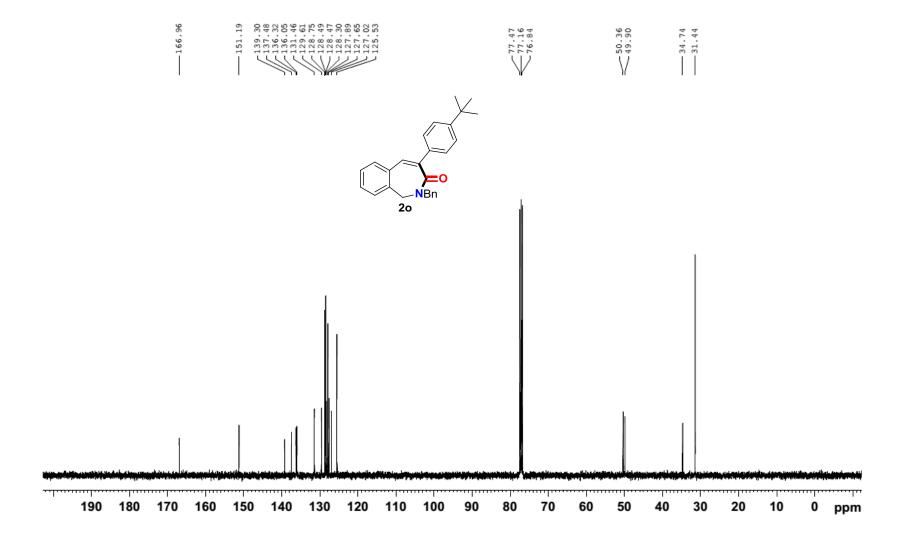


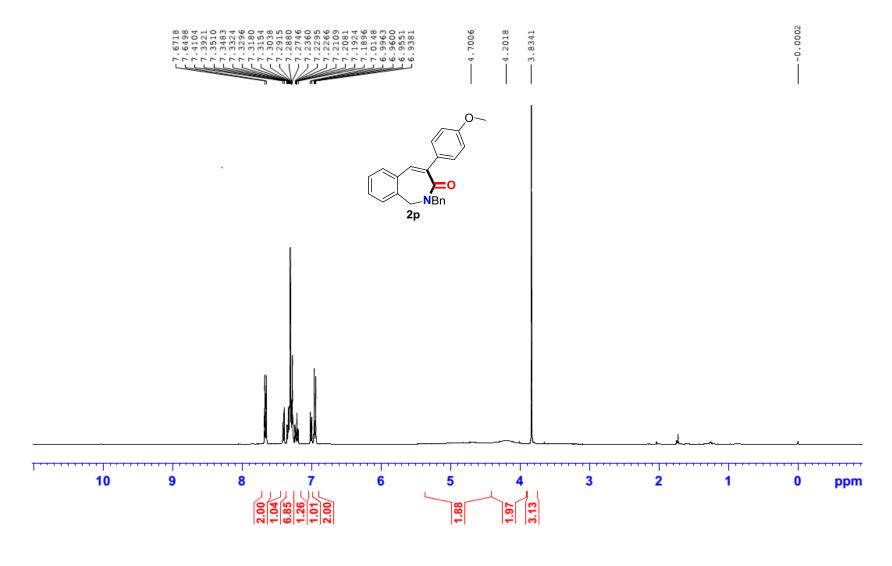


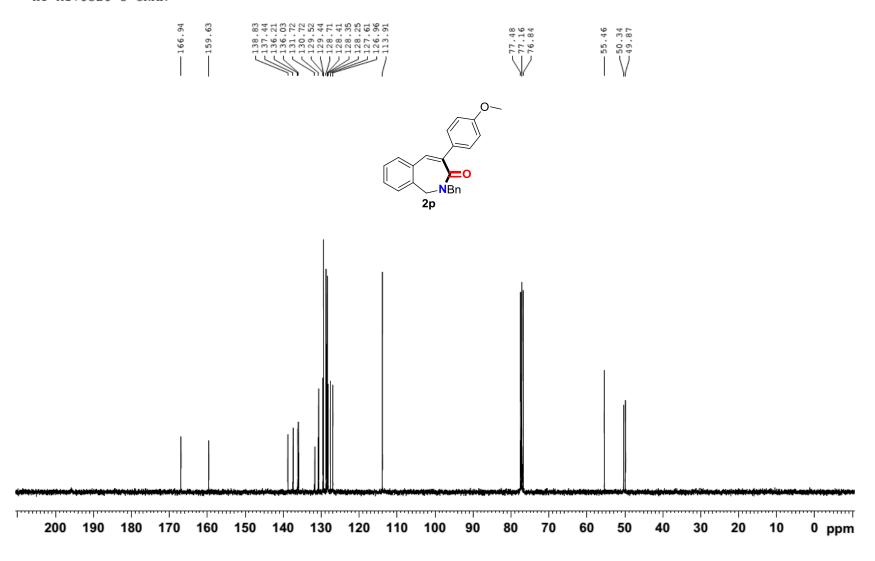


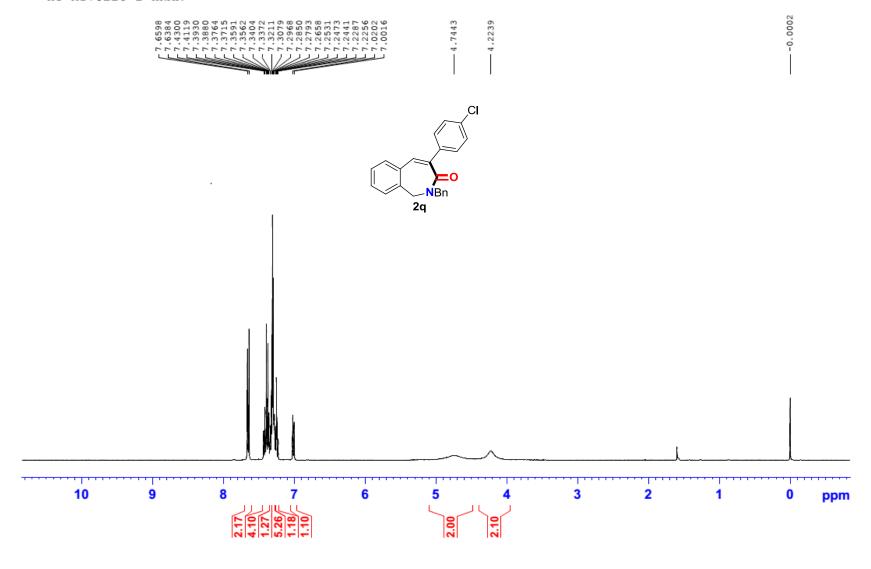


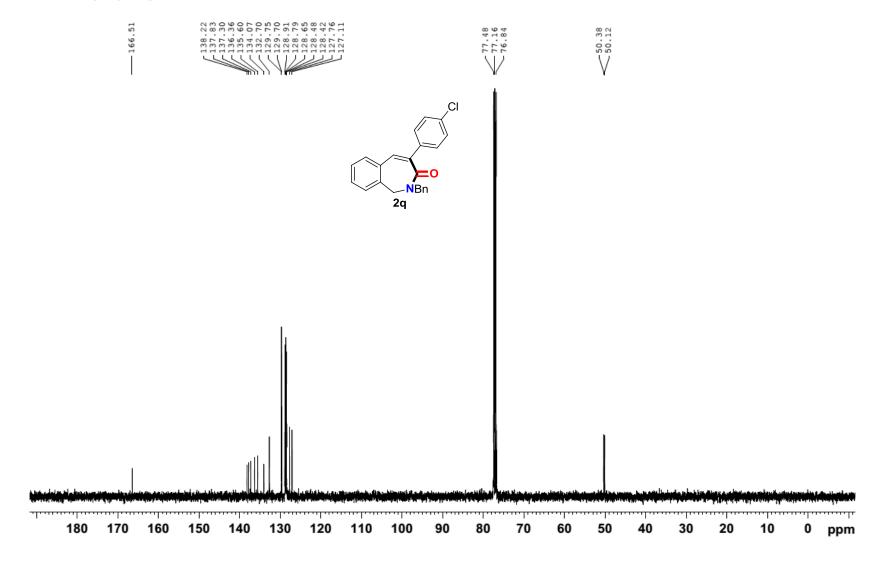


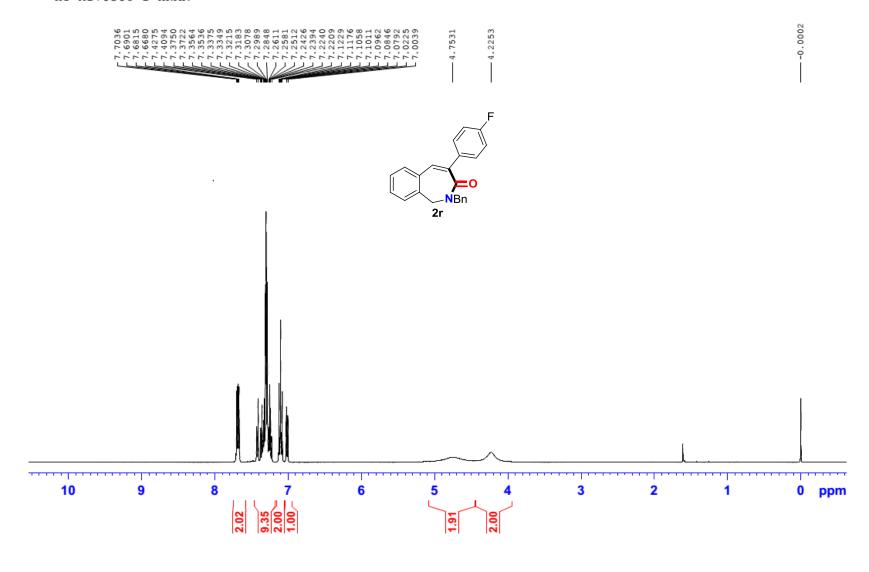




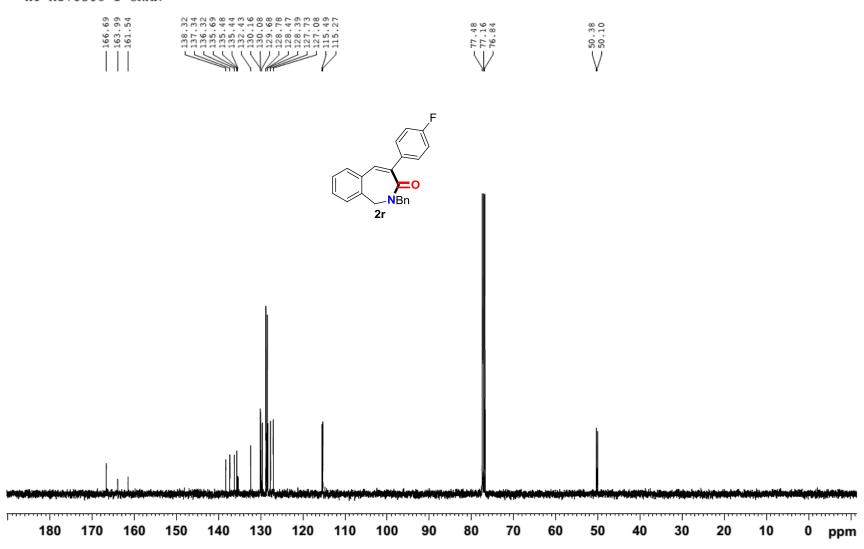


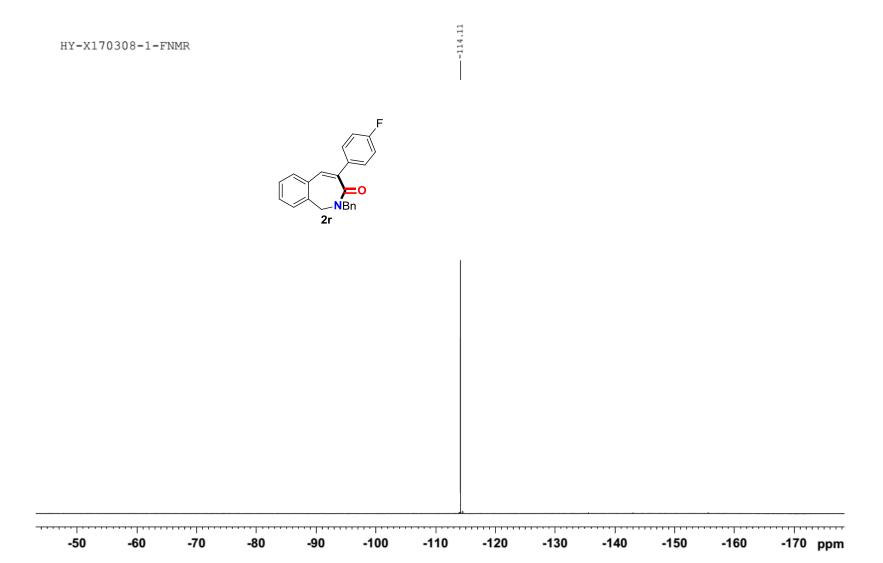


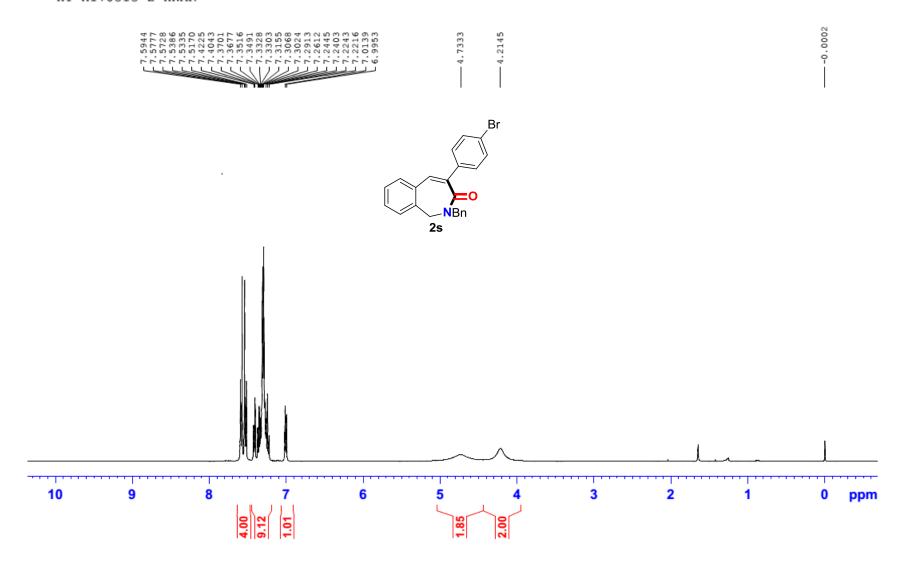


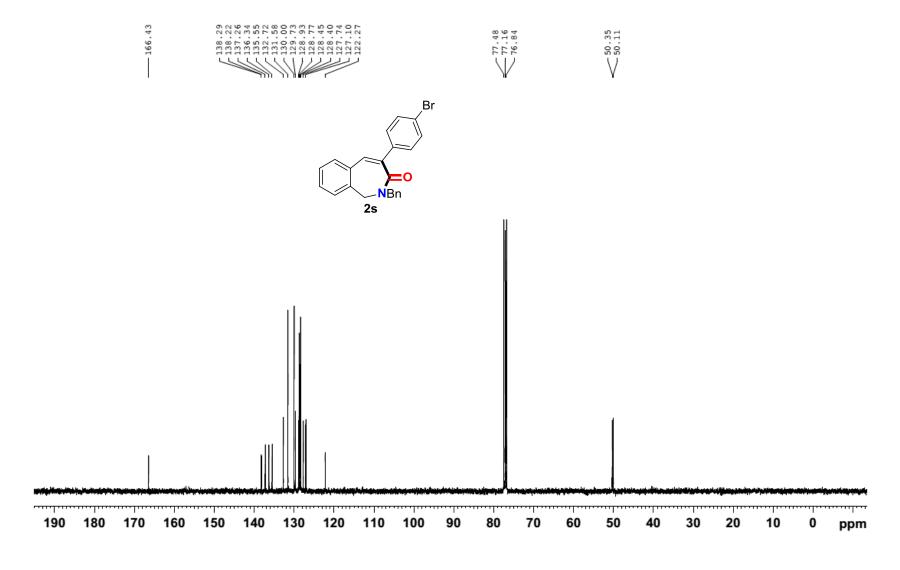


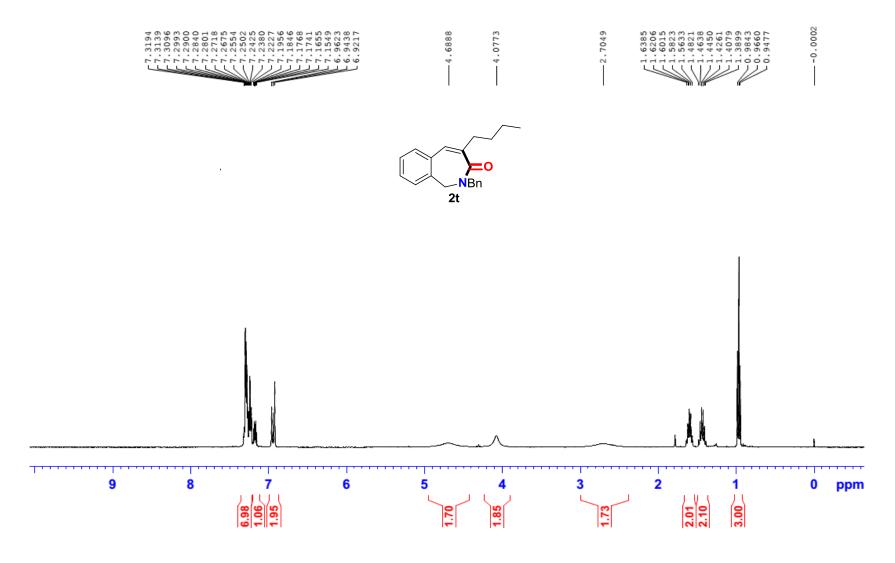


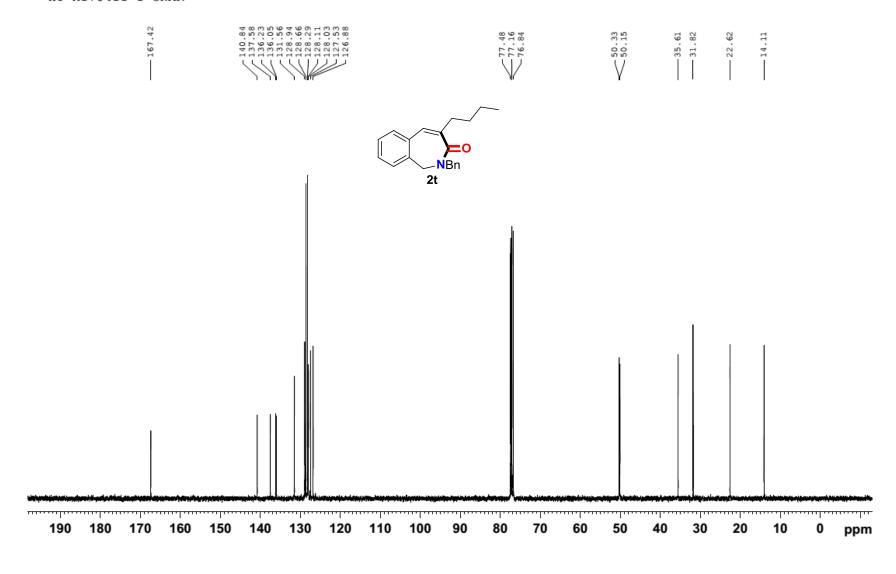


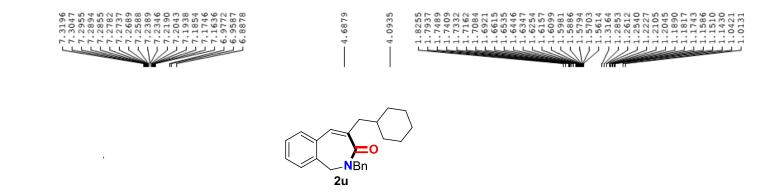


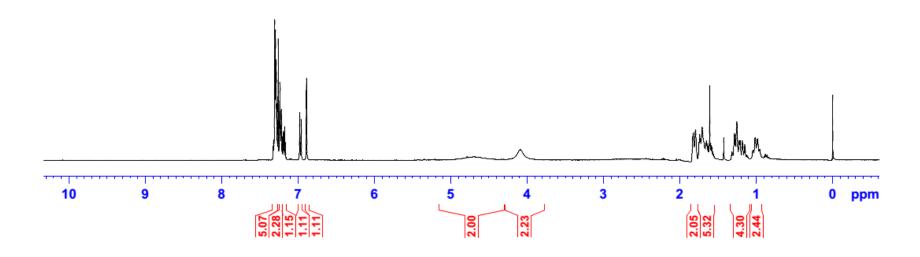












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