

Chapter IV

Facile synthesis of sulfone-bearing indoles and related heterocycles via a sequential formal vinylic substitution and intramolecular Heck coupling reaction

4.1. Introduction

Indoles constitute one of the most abundant and important nitrogen heterocycles with a wide range of applications. The indole motif is present at the core of numerous natural products, drug molecules and agrochemicals.¹ A majority among the numerous structurally diverse, naturally occurring indole derivatives possess important pharmacological activities.² For example, vasoconstrictor hormone serotonin is an important monoamine neurotransmitter and reserpine is an indole-alkaloid used for the treatment of high blood pressure (Figure 1). Additionally, a variety of biological (such as cytotoxic, antiviral, antimicrobial, antiparasitic and anti-inflammatory) activities are exhibited by indole ring-bearing marine natural products.³

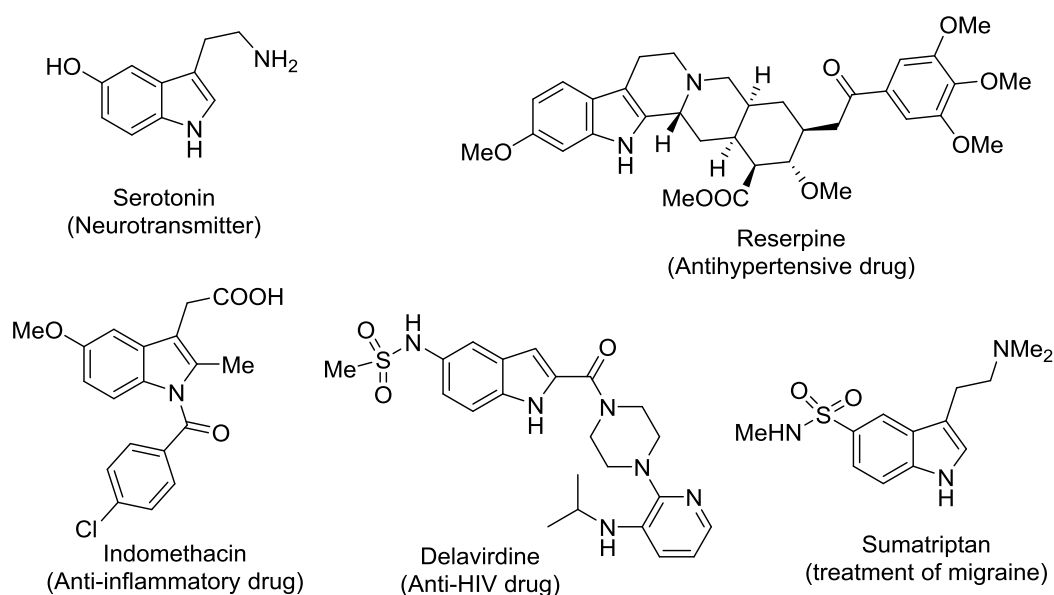


Figure 1: Some important biologically active natural and synthetic indole derivatives

Figure 1 shows some natural and synthetic indole derivatives that are bioactive or marketed as drugs. Indomethacin, for example, is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug that works by inhibiting COX,⁴ delavirdine is used for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus type-1 (HIV-1),⁵ and sumatriptan, (sold under the brand name imitrex) is a serotonin receptor agonist used for the treatment of migraine.⁶

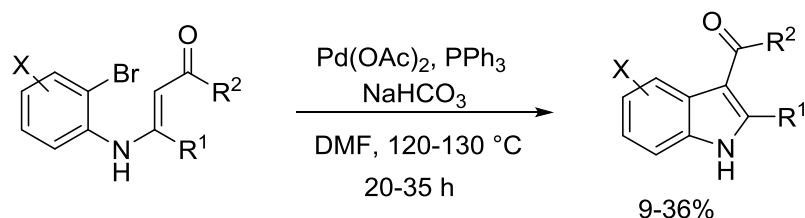
Owing to their importance and widespread applications, a variety of methods have been developed for indole synthesis. The most notable among them, Fischer indole synthesis introduced in 1883 constitutes one of the most powerful and popular method for indole synthesis.⁷ In addition, other important classical methods include Madelung cyclisation of N-acyl-*o*-toluidines, Leimhruber-Batcho synthesis from *o*-nitrotoluene, Bischler-Möhlau synthesis from α -bromoacetophenone and aniline, Gassman indole synthesis and Bartoli synthesis.⁸ Modern methods such as metal-catalyzed cyclization reactions of *o*-haloanilino enamines,⁹ N-allyl-*o*-halo anilines,¹⁰ *o*-halo-N-propargyl anilides,¹¹ *o*-vinyl anilines,¹² and *o*-allyl anilines¹³ also afford convenient and efficient access to indoles.

The work described in this chapter focuses on a strategy for synthesis of indoles from *o*-haloanilino enamine derivatives *via* intramolecular Heck reaction (presented later in detail). In order to put the results in proper perspective, a brief overview of reported methods of indole construction from *o*-haloanilino enamines is presented below.

4.2. Synthesis of indoles from *o*-haloanilino enamines

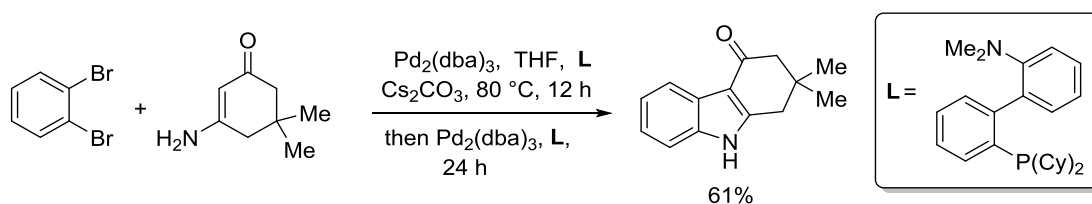
Kobayashi and co-workers reported in 1980 that *o*-haloaniline enamines conjugated to a carbonyl group can be converted to indole derivatives via intramolecular Heck reaction.

The enaminones were typically generated via the condensation of *o*-bromoaniline with 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds and the Pd-catalyzed Heck-cyclisation was carried out at high temperatures in DMF (Scheme 1).



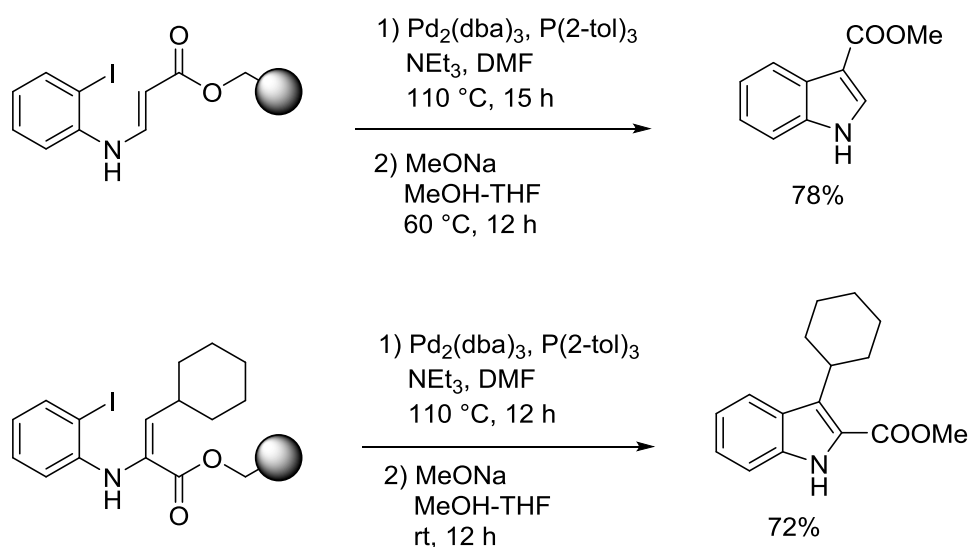
Scheme 1: Synthesis of indole derivatives via intramolecular Heck cyclisation

A domino Buchwald-Hartwig-Heck cyclisation for synthesis of 2,3-disubstituted indole derivatives has been reported. In this reaction, *o*-halo-enaminones generated by Buchwald-Hartwig coupling of vinylogous amides and dihaloarenes undergo an in situ Heck cyclization reaction to furnish indole derivatives (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2: Domino reaction for construction of 2,3-substituted indole derivatives

Haloanilino enamines conjugated to an ester group were also employed in study for preparation of indole derivatives. Kondo and co-workers developed a solid-phase synthesis of indole-3-carboxylates using similar substrates. Thus, the palladium-catalyzed cyclisation of immobilized enaminoesters followed by transesterification afforded indole-3-carboxylate derivatives as depicted in Scheme 3.



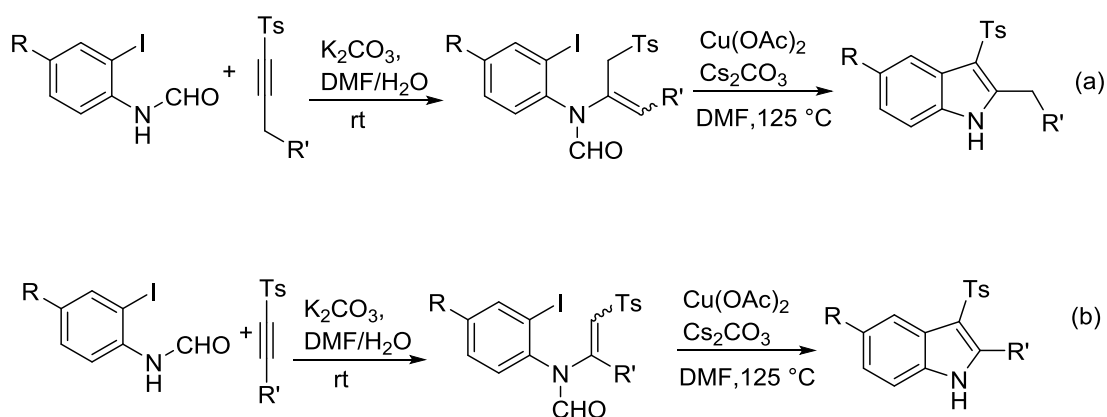
Scheme 3: Synthesis of indole-3-carboxylate and indole-2-carboxylate from o-iodoanilino enaminoesters

An efficient method for synthesis of indoles via annulation reaction between 2-iodoanilines and ketones was developed by Chen and co-workers. The reaction involved the generation of o-iodoanilino enamine followed by intramolecular Heck cyclisation to afford the corresponding indole derivative (Scheme 4).



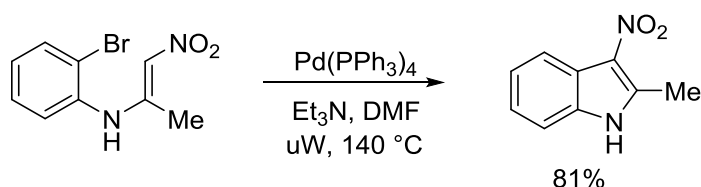
Scheme 4: Generation of enamine and subsequent Heck-cyclisation to afford indoles

The conjugate addition of o-iodoaniline derivatives to acetylenic sulfones containing γ -hydrogen afforded inseparable mixture of isomeric enamines (Scheme 5a). Similarly, terminal acetylenic sulfones reacted to afford enamines conjugated with sulfonyl group (Scheme 5b). Both classes of enamine derivatives underwent copper-catalyzed intramolecular coupling reaction to afford substituted 3-sulfonyl indole derivatives (Scheme 5).



Scheme 5: Cu-catalyzed synthesis of 3-sulfonyl indole derivatives

Kurth and co-workers have reported a microwave assisted construction of 3-nitroindoles from o-bromoanilino enamines via Pd-catalyzed intramolecular Heck-coupling reaction (Scheme 6).



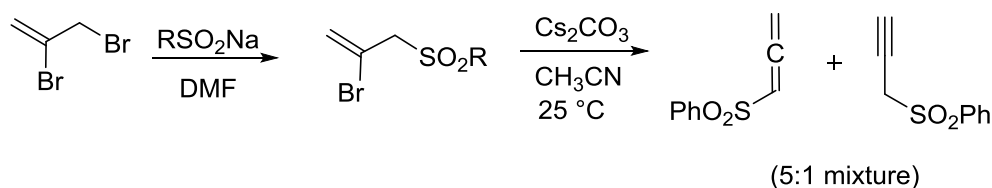
Scheme 6: Microwave assisted synthesis of 3-nitroindoles

4.3. Background to the present work

Allenyl sulfones are versatile building blocks in organic synthesis, however their potential remains largely underexploited.¹⁴ Recent investigations from our laboratory have revealed novel reactivity patterns of allenyl sulfones and related species for construction of various carbocycles and heterocycles. A short overview of these investigations that are particularly relevant for the work described in this chapter is given below.

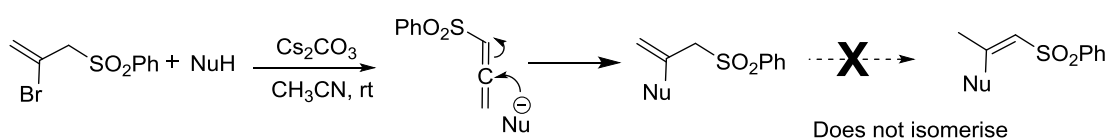
A key observation in this regard was that 2-bromoallyl sulfones could be transformed to allenyl sulfones by Cs_2CO_3 promoted dehydrohalogenation.¹⁵ The 2-bromoallyl

sulfones are in turn, easily prepared from commercially available 2,3-dibromopropene and arylsulfinate salts (Scheme 7).



Scheme 7: Preparation of allenyl sulfone from 2-bromoallyl sulfone

Interestingly, isolation of the allenyl sulfone was not essential for its subsequent transformations. It was found that a variety of suitable nucleophiles underwent conjugate addition to *in-situ* generated allenyl sulfone and afforded functionalized allyl sulfones (Scheme 8). However, the overall reaction may be viewed as formal vinyl displacement reaction of 2-bromo allylsulfones.

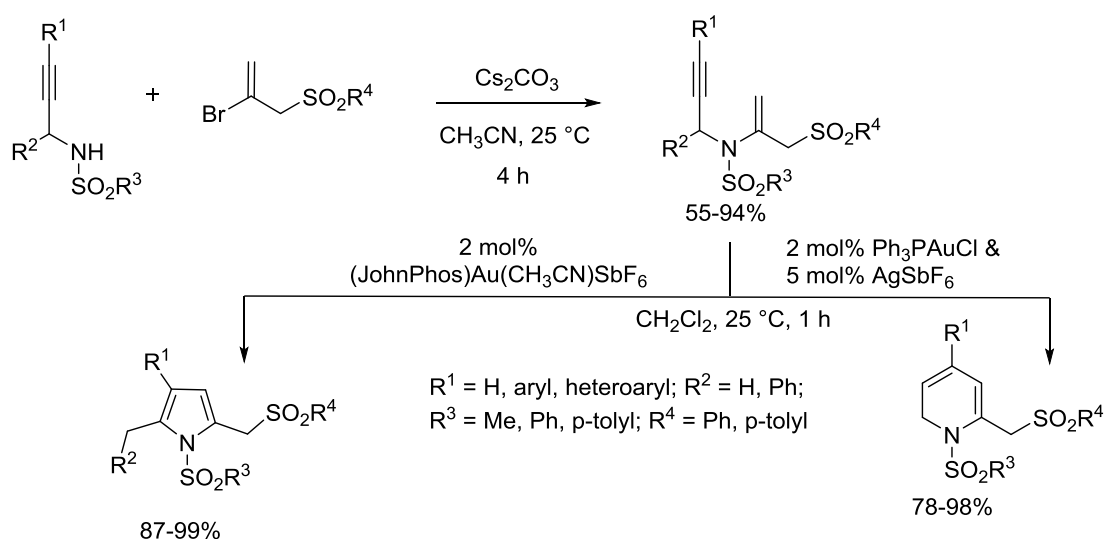


Scheme 8: Addition of nucleophile to *in-situ* generated allenyl sulfone

It may be noted that the double bond in the Michael adduct (Scheme 8) is not-conjugated to the sulfonyl group, despite being generated under basic conditions. This is presumably due to the well-known propensity of vinyl sulfones to undergo base-catalyzed isomerisation to produce allyl sulfones.¹⁶ This feature allows for the development of further reactions of this reactive terminal alkene unit.

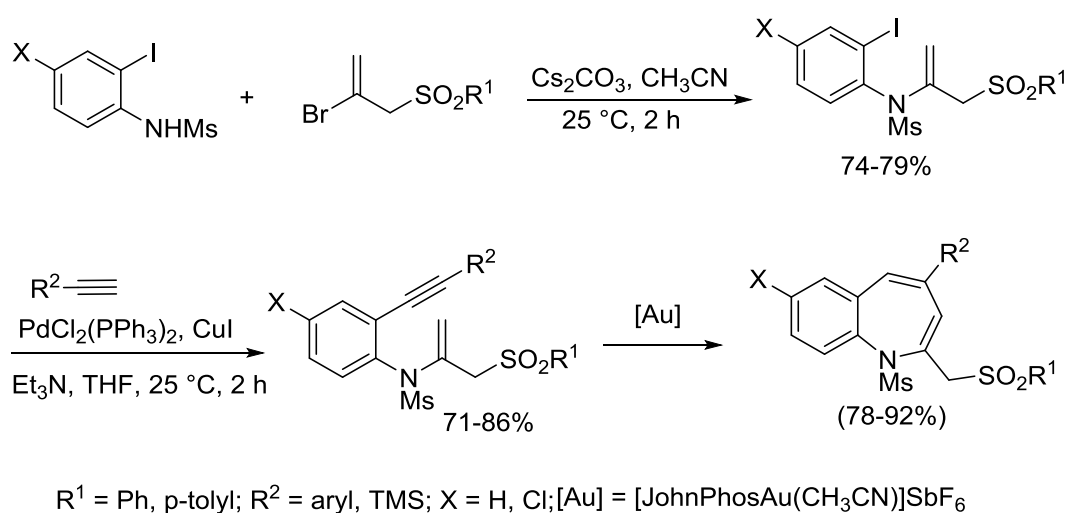
For example, the reaction of propargyl sulfonamides with 2-bromoallyl sulfone generated N-propargyl-N-vinyl sulfonamide adduct (aza-enynes) via the intermediacy

of allenyl sulfone. Subsequent gold-catalyzed cycloisomerisation of these aza-enynes proceeded in divergent pathways depending upon the choice of catalysts to afford substituted pyrroles or dihydropyridines (Scheme 9).¹⁷ Echavarren's gold catalyst promoted the formation of pyrrole derivatives whereas a combination of gold and silver catalysts effected the formation of dihydropyridine derivatives.



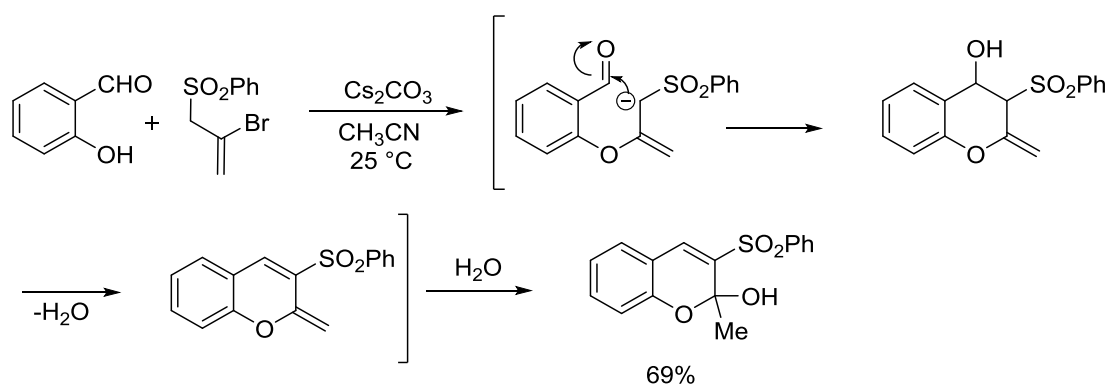
Scheme 9: Conjugate addition of propargyl sulfonamide to allenyl sulfone and subsequent catalytic divergent cycloisomerisation

Other nitrogen heterocyclic compounds could also be produced by varying the position of alkyne unit or by incorporating extra carbon atoms in sulfonamide component. The formal vinylic displacement of bromo allylsulfone by 2-iodoaniline derivative, followed by Sonogashira coupling afforded an assortment of 3-aza-1,6-enynes. The regioselective cycloisomerization of latter catalyzed by a Au(I)-catalyst generated benzo-1-azepine derivatives (Scheme 10).¹⁸



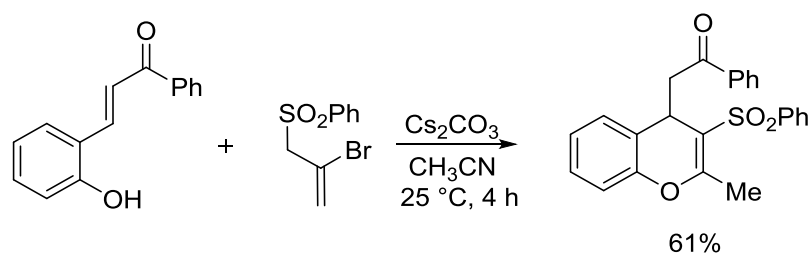
Scheme 10: Addition of *o*-iodoaniline derivative to allenyl sulfone and catalytic cycloisomerisation of 3-aza-1,6-enyne system

Similarly, oxygen nucleophiles such as phenols also underwent conjugate addition to allenyl sulfones. The cesium carbonate mediated cyclocondensation reaction of salicylaldehyde and 2-bromoallyl sulfone afforded 3-sulfonylchromene derivatives (Scheme 11).¹⁵



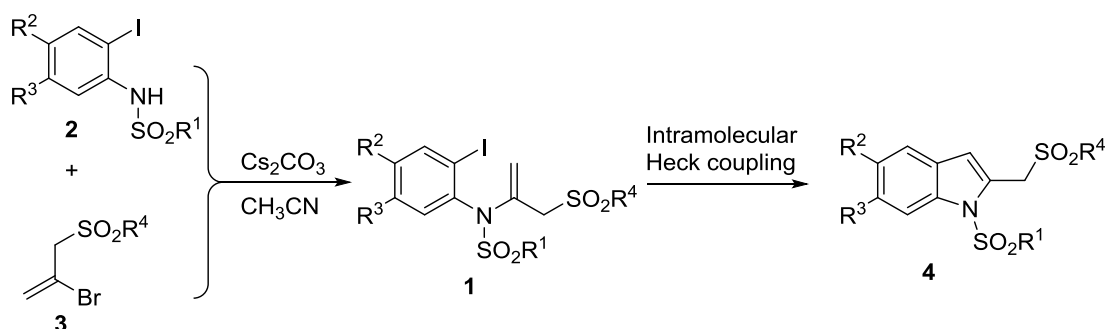
Scheme 11: Base promoted reaction of salicylaldehyde and allenyl sulfone

Additionally, the reaction of *o*-hydroxy chalcone and 2-bromoallyl sulfone furnished 3-sulfonyl-4*H*-chromene derivatives (Scheme 12). The base mediated reaction proceeds *via* oxa-Michael-Michael addition and isomerisation sequence.¹⁹



Scheme 12: Reaction of o-hydroxy chalcone with allenyl sulfone

It is clear from the foregoing discussion that the formal vinylic substitution reaction of allyl bromosulfones provides access to enamine-like and enol ether like products in a convenient manner. We surmised that these reactive product classes may further be elaborated to construct important heterocyclic derivatives. Therefore, we undertook investigations with a view to further explore synthetic utility of allenyl sulfones for the synthesis of sulfone containing heterocyclic compound *viz.*, indole. It was envisaged that N-vinyl-o-halo sulfonamide/o-iodoanilino enamine **1** could be generated via the reaction of N-sulfonyl-o-iodoaniline **2** and 2-bromoallyl sulfone **3**. Subsequent intramolecular Heck coupling reaction was expected to lead to functionalized indole derivatives (Scheme 13).

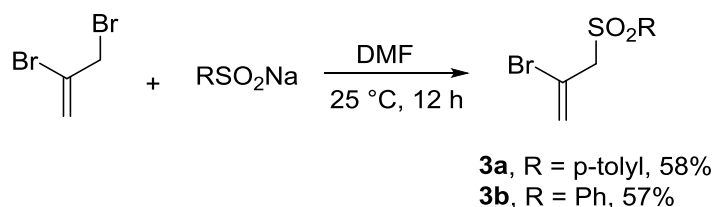


Scheme 13: Preparation and proposed reaction of N-vinyl-o-halo sulfonamide

4.4 Results and discussion

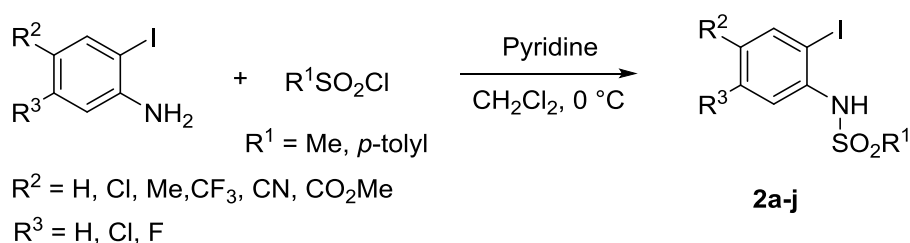
The proposed reaction sequence required access to 2-bromoallyl sulfones **3**. They were conveniently prepared as per the reported protocol starting from commercially available

1,3-dibromopropene.¹⁵ A straightforward nucleophilic displacement reaction of the bromide in 2, 3-dibromopropene with arylsulfinate salts afforded the 2-bromoallyl sulfones **3a-b** in good yields (Scheme 14).



Scheme 14: Preparation of 2-bromoallyl sulfones **3a-b**

The required N-sulfonyl-o-iodoaniline derivatives **2** were then generated from the sulfonylation of corresponding anilines (Scheme 15). The sulfonamides **2a-j** were characterized by comparison of their physical and spectroscopic data with reported values.

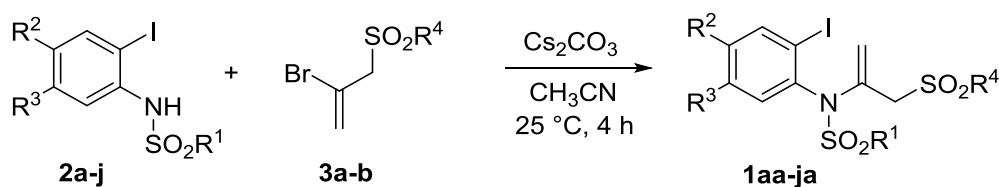


Scheme 15: Preparation of sulfonamides **2a-j**

The N-vinyl-o-halo sulfonamide precursors (**1aa-1ja**) were then prepared from 2-bromoallyl sulfones (**3a-b**) and N-sulfonyl-o-halo aniline (**2a-j**) via the formal vinylic substitution reaction. All the substrates reacted smoothly under the previously optimized conditions¹⁷ to afford the corresponding N-vinyl-o-halo sulfonamides **1** in very good to high yields (Table 1). The products were characterized by standard spectroscopic analysis. The salient spectroscopic features of a representative product **1aa** are described below.

In ^1H NMR of **1aa**, two mutually coupled doublet signals at δ 5.53 (d, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H) and δ 5.29 (d, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H) were visible which were assigned to the terminal alkene protons. An AB quartet centered at δ 3.84 corresponded to the methylene unit adjacent to the sulfonyl group. Normally, this CH_2 group is expected to appear as a singlet. The fact that they appear as an AB quartet indicates that they form a very similar diastereotopic pair. A plausible reason for this could be the slow pyramidal inversion of sulfonamide nitrogen. In the ^{13}C NMR spectrum, this methylene resonated at δ 59.7. In addition, the peaks at δ 118.9 and 102.3 confirmed the presence of the alkene carbons. Other spectroscopic data were also in agreement with the structure **1aa** (see experimental section for details).

Table 1: Synthesis of N-vinyl-o-iodo sulfonamide *via* vinylic displacement reaction of 2-bromoallyl sulfones^a

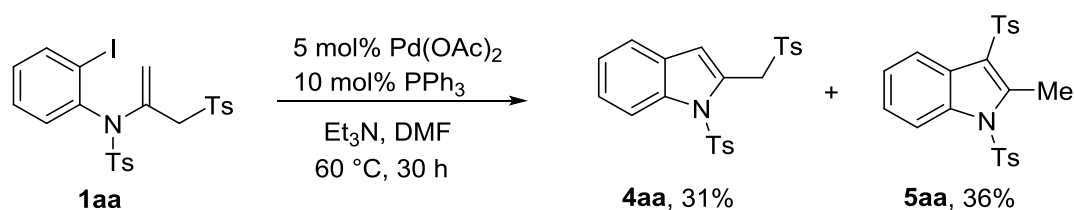


Entry	N-vinyl-o-iodo sulfonamide (2)	Bromoallyl sulfones (3)	Product (1)	Yield (%) ^b
1	2a , $\text{R}^1 = \text{p-tolyl}$; $\text{R}^2 = \text{R}^3 = \text{H}$	3a , $\text{R}^4 = \text{p-tolyl}$	1aa	79
2	2a	3b , $\text{R}^4 = \text{Ph}$	1ab	81
3	2b , $\text{R}^1 = \text{p-tolyl}$; $\text{R}^2 = \text{H}$, $\text{R}^3 = \text{Cl}$	3a , $\text{R}^4 = \text{p-tolyl}$	1ba	83
4	2c , $\text{R}^1 = \text{p-tolyl}$; $\text{R}^2 = \text{Cl}$, $\text{R}^3 = \text{H}$	3a , $\text{R}^4 = \text{p-tolyl}$	1ca	78
5	2d , $\text{R}^1 = \text{p-tolyl}$, $\text{R}^2 = \text{CH}_3$, $\text{R}^3 = \text{H}$	3a , $\text{R}^4 = \text{p-tolyl}$	1da	76
6	2d	3b , $\text{R}^4 = \text{Ph}$	1db	74
7	2e , $\text{R}^1 = \text{p-tolyl}$; $\text{R}^2 = \text{H}$, $\text{R}^3 = \text{F}$	3a , $\text{R}^4 = \text{p-tolyl}$	1ea	71
8	2f , $\text{R}^1 = \text{CH}_3$; $\text{R}^2 = \text{R}^3 = \text{H}$	3a , $\text{R}^4 = \text{p-tolyl}$	1fa	72
9	2g , $\text{R}^1 = \text{CH}_3$; $\text{R}^2 = \text{H}$, $\text{R}^3 = \text{Cl}$	3b , $\text{R}^4 = \text{Ph}$	1gb	78
10	2h , $\text{R}^1 = \text{CH}_3$; $\text{R}^2 = \text{CF}_3$, $\text{R}^3 = \text{H}$	3b , $\text{R}^4 = \text{Ph}$	1hb	68
11	2i , $\text{R}^1 = \text{CH}_3$; $\text{R}^2 = \text{CN}$, $\text{R}^3 = \text{H}$	3a , $\text{R}^4 = \text{p-tolyl}$	1ia	63
12	2j , $\text{R}^1 = \text{CH}_3$; $\text{R}^2 = \text{CO}_2\text{Me}$, $\text{R}^3 = \text{H}$	3a , $\text{R}^4 = \text{p-tolyl}$	1ja	69

^aReaction conditions: **2a-j** (1mmol), **3a-b** (1.5 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (2.5mmol), acetonitrile (10 ml), 4h, 25 °C.

^bYields of products isolated after column chromatography

Following the synthesis of the precursors **1**, the conditions for implementing the proposed intramolecular Heck reaction were explored. To test our hypothesis, substrate **1aa** was subjected to the standard reaction conditions of intramolecular Heck coupling reaction.²⁰ A reaction was observed when **1aa** was treated with catalytic palladium acetate, triphenylphosphine and triethylamine in DMF at 60 °C. After standard work-up and chromatographic purification, two easily separable products were isolated from the reaction mixture (Scheme 16). They were identified as isomeric indoles **4aa** and **5aa** based on spectroscopic analysis.



Scheme 16: Intramolecular Heck coupling reaction of **1aa**

In ¹H NMR spectrum of **4aa** a singlet at δ 6.89 corresponding to one proton was assigned to the hydrogen at 3-position of indole. The singlet at δ 5.03 (2H) indicated the presence of methylene group in the product. Singlet resonances at δ 2.42 and δ 2.29 corresponding to three hydrogens each indicated that both the tosyl groups were intact. In the ¹³C NMR spectrum, the signal at δ 55.1 confirmed the presence of the methylene unit. DEPT-135 spectrum of **4aa** confirmed that the signal at δ 55.1 is indeed a methylene group. Analysis of the mass spectrum clearly indicated that the iodine has been lost. Based on these observations, **4aa** was identified as the expected product of Heck coupling reaction, N-tosyl-2-tosylmethylindole. The isolated yield of **4aa** corresponded to a paltry 31%.

On the other hand, the ¹H NMR spectrum of the major product **5aa** showed three single resonances of three protons each at δ 2.97, 2.37 and 2.36. While the last two of these

singlets were clearly arising from the tosyl groups, the one at δ 2.97 indicated that a methyl group is present elsewhere in the molecule. The absence of any CH₂ resonance pointed to the fact that the double bond in **1aa** may have isomerised prior to the Heck coupling reaction. The signal at δ 13.1 in the ¹³C NMR spectrum (methyl group) also supported this suggestion. DEPT-135 spectrum also showed that there are no methylene units in **5aa**. Based on all these **5aa** was assigned the structure 3-methyl-1,2-ditosylindole as depicted in Scheme 15. It may be noted that this product was obtained in 36% yield.

It may be recalled here that the base-mediated isomerisation of vinyl sulfones to allyl sulfones (and vice versa) is well documented. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that the substrate **1aa** underwent isomerisation to the corresponding vinyl sulfonamide under the conditions of the Heck reaction. It is presumable that the coupling of the vinyl sulfone is more facile under these conditions.

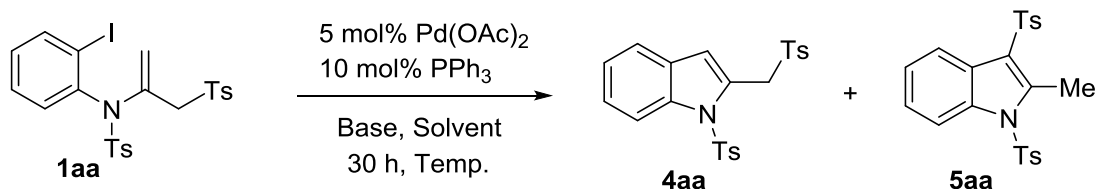
Although two products were formed in the Heck coupling reaction, their chromatographic separation was rather straightforward. However, the Heck coupling reaction was further investigated with a view to improve the selectivity. The results of this optimization study are summarized in Table 2.

Initially, the effect of increasing the amount of base was explored. When reaction was tested with 3 equivalents of triethylamine, the yield of product **5aa** increased to 43% along with a reduction of the yield of **4aa** to 26% (entry 2). Increase in reaction temperature to 80 °C improved the selectivity for **5aa** (64%) over **4aa** (16%) further (entry 3). Indoles **4aa** and **5aa** were formed in lower yields (23% and 18 % respectively) when the reaction was carried out at 40°C (entry 4). Interestingly, selective formation of indole derivative **5aa** was observed when either K₂CO₃ or Cs₂CO₃ was used as the base in DMF at 80 °C. Formation of monosubstituted indole **4aa** was not at all detected;

however, the isolated yields of **5aa** were only moderate under these conditions (46% and 52%; entries 5 and 6). The use of sodium bicarbonate as a base did not help in improving the yield or selectivity (entry 7). The performance of DBU as a base was also not satisfactory (entry 8). Similar results were obtained when the coupling reaction was carried out in acetonitrile in presence of various bases (entries 9-12).

Based on these results, the combination of Pd(OAc)₂, PPh₃ and Et₃N in DMF at 80 °C was selected as the optimum conditions for further investigations. It may be noted that the use of cesium carbonate in DMF afforded a single product (**5aa**) selectively. However, column chromatography was necessary in either case for the separation of products. Therefore, the reaction condition that afforded a higher yield and an additional product (without any added effort for separation) was selected for scope exploration.

Table 2: Optimisation of reaction conditions for intramolecular Heck coupling of **1aa**^a



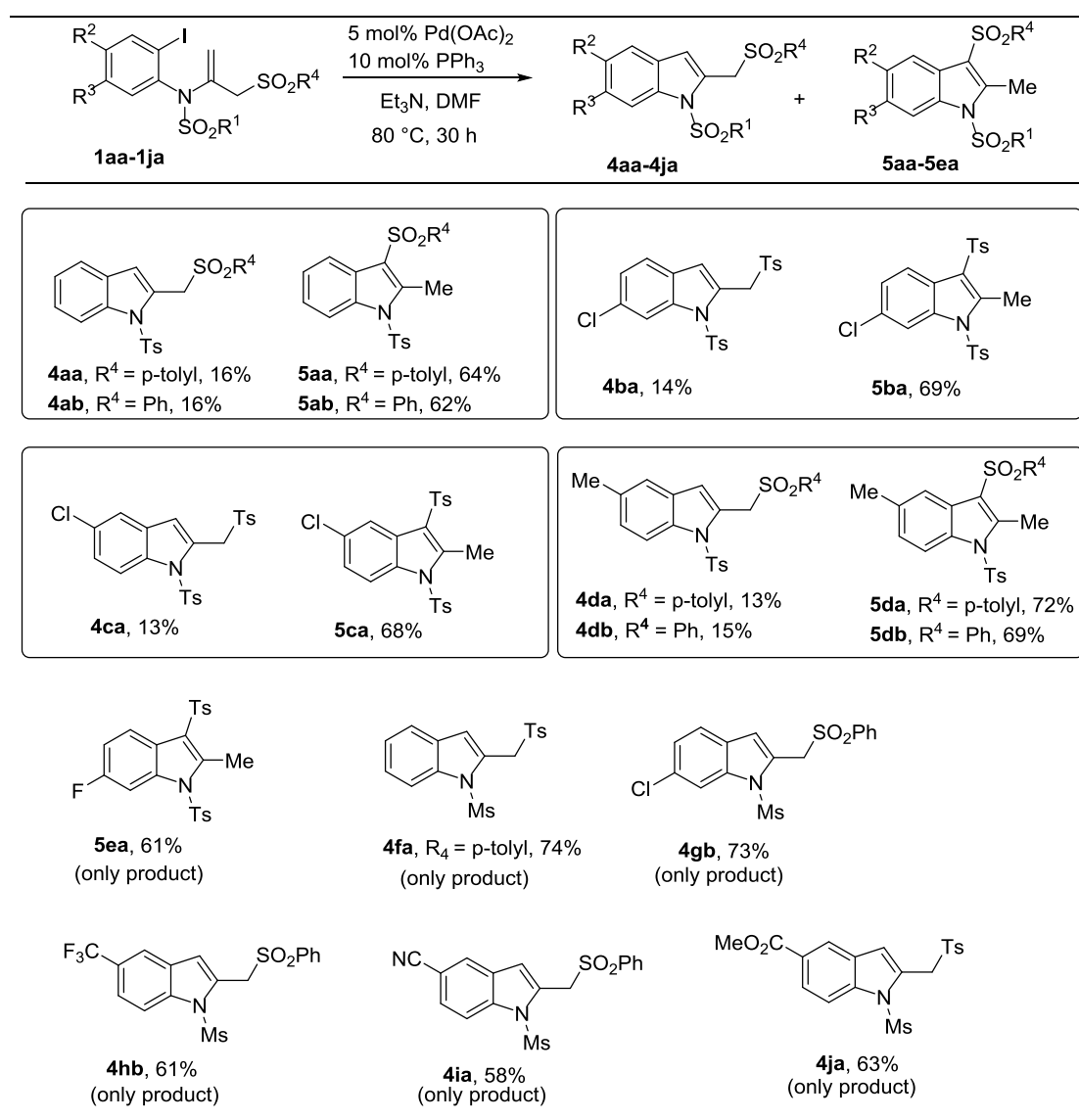
Entry	Solvent	Base	Temp.(°C)	Yield of 4aa (%) ^b	Yield of 5aa (%) ^b
1 ^c	DMF	Et ₃ N	60	31	36
2	DMF	Et ₃ N	60	26	43
3	DMF	Et₃N	80	16	64
4	DMF	Et ₃ N	40	23	18
5	DMF	K ₂ CO ₃	80	-	46
6	DMF	Cs₂CO₃	80	-	52
7	DMF	NaHCO ₃	80	19	31
8	DMF	DBU	80	Traces	23
9	MeCN	Et ₃ N	80	21	56
10	MeCN	Cs ₂ CO ₃	80	18	41
11	MeCN	NaHCO ₃	80	14	26
12	MeCN	K ₂ CO ₃	80	15	37

^aReaction conditions: **1aa** (0.2mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5mol%), PPh₃ (10mol%), Et₃N (3 equiv), DMF (2ml).

^bIsolated yields of products. ^c2equiv of Et₃N was used.

As the method appeared suitable for the generation of two isomeric indoles from readily available precursors, its scope and generality were examined. Thus, the N-vinyl-o-halo sulfonamides **1aa-1ja** were subjected to the optimized conditions of the Heck coupling reaction. All of these substrates reacted smoothly to afford the indole derivatives **4** and **5**. The results are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: Substrate scope of coupling reaction^a



^aReaction conditions: **1aa-1ja** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5mol%), PPh₃ (10mol%), Et₃N (1.2 mmol), DMF (4ml).

The investigations revealed some very interesting features of this transformation. The most notable observation was that the reaction outcome is heavily dependent on the N-

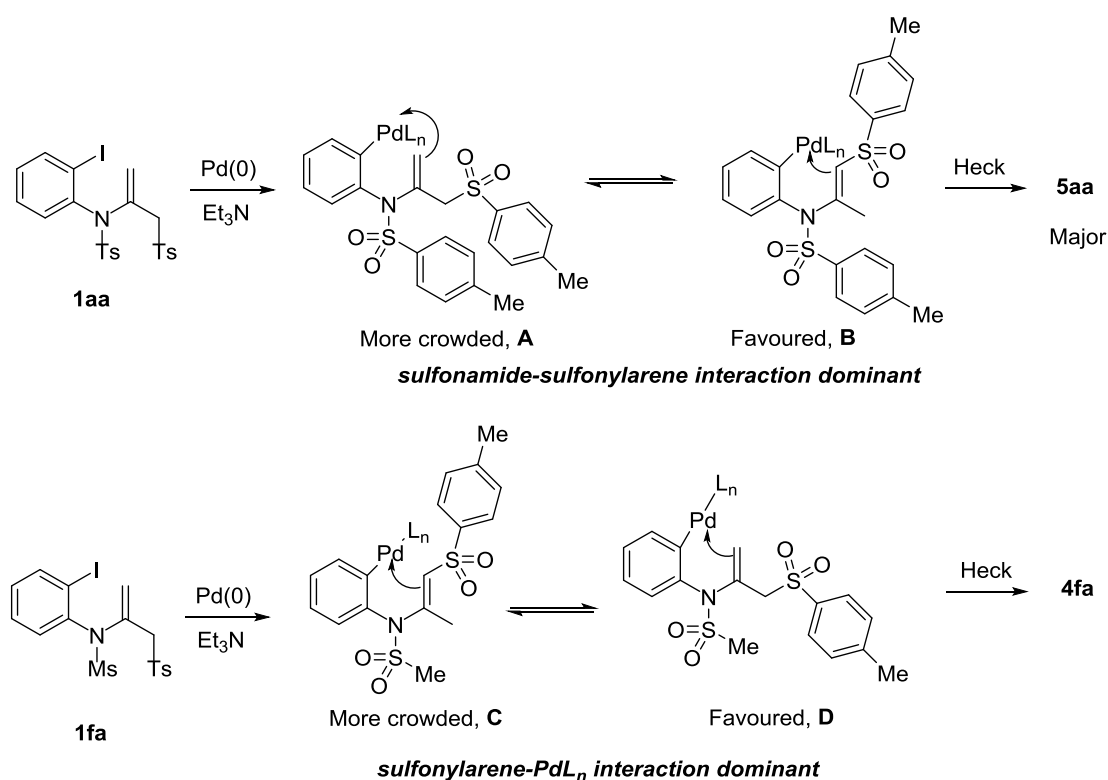
sulfonyl substituent. Substrates endowed with tosyl unit on the nitrogen (**1aa-1db**) generally reacted to afford both the indole products. The 2,3-disubstituted indoles **5aa-5db** were the major products in these cases. Minor amounts of corresponding 2-sulfonylmethyl indoles **4aa-4db** were also isolated in these reactions. Fluorine-bearing sulfonamide **1ea**, however, afforded a single product, the 2,3-disubstituted indole **5ea** in 61% yield.

Interestingly, all the substrates having N-methanesulfonyl groups (**1fa-1ja**) reacted under identical conditions to afford only the 2-sulfonylmethyl indoles **4fa-4ja** in good to high yields. In addition, the reaction showed a good level of functional group tolerance. Indole derivatives having halogens (Cl and F), trifluoromethyl, cyano and ester groups could be produced from corresponding precursors without trouble.

From the results depicted in table 3, it may be surmised that that it is possible to selectively access either of the indole derivatives (**4** or **5**) via this protocol. If the desired target is the 2-sulfonylmethyl indole **4**, the synthetic sequence may be initiated with N-mesylation of the iodoanilines **2**. On the other hand, 2,3-disubstituted indoles **5** may be selectively produced by using the N-tosyl derivatives.

The observed regioselectivity of Heck cyclisation presumably has steric origins. The organopalladium intermediate generated after oxidative addition of Pd(0) to **1aa** for example, may exist as two isomeric alkenes **A** and **B**. These isomeric alkenes can interact with palladium via either the α -sulfonyl or the γ -sulfonyl end. As both the sulfonyl groups (on nitrogen and carbon) are large in this case, the sterically favoured

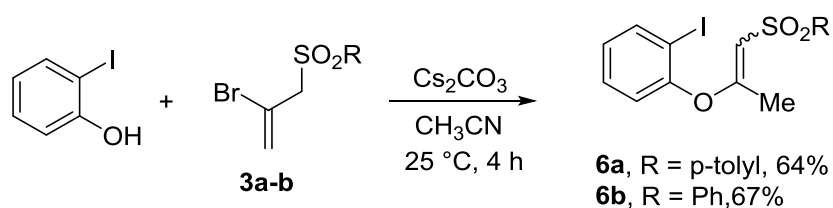
mode of cyclization may involve the reaction of the the α -sulfonyl end of the alkene **B**. This eventually leads to the formation of 2,3-substituted indole **5aa**. On the other hand, when the N-sulfonyl group is relatively smaller, as in the case of **1fa**, the major steric interaction becomes the one between N-sulfonyl and the PdL_n unit. Therefore, out of the two depicted cyclisation intermediates **C** and **D**, the latter would be of less energy. It is clear that Heck cyclization via **D** would lead to the formation of the 3-substituted indole **4fa** (Scheme 17).



Scheme 17: Rationalisation of regioselectivity of Heck cyclisation based on minimisation of steric interactions

The successful development of the above-described indole synthesis method inspired further investigations to expand its scope towards the construction of other heterocyclic derivatives. It was conceivable that an analogous route starting from 2-iodophenols may

culminate in the generation of substituted benzofurans. In order to explore this possibility, the Cs_2CO_3 -mediated reactions of 2-iodophenol and 2-bromoallyl sulfones **3a-b** were undertaken. It may be noted here that phenols have previously been successfully employed in similar formal vinylic substitution reactions developed in our laboratory (Scheme 11-12).^{15,19} The reactions of o-iodophenol and **3a-b**, however, did not furnish the expected allyl sulfone products. Instead, the more substituted alkenes (vinyl sulfones) **6a-b** were obtained after standard workup and column chromatographic separation (Scheme 18).

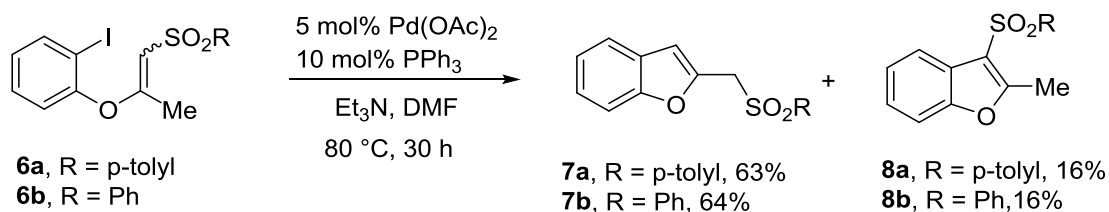


Scheme 18: Base-mediated reaction of 2-iodophenol and allylbromo sulfones **3a-b**

The products were identified via standard spectroscopic analysis. For example, the singlet absorptions at δ 5.96 (s, 1H) and 1.77 (s, 3H) in the ^1H NMR spectrum of **6b** clearly indicated the formation of the trisubstituted olefin unit. The stereochemistry of the double bond was not assigned at this stage as it was irrelevant in view of the planned intramolecular Heck reaction.

The two enol ethers **6a-b** were then subjected to the optimized conditions for the intramolecular Heck coupling reaction. In both the cases, two isomeric benzofurans were obtained after work-up and column chromatographic separation of the reaction mixtures. Spectroscopic analysis of the separated products revealed that the 2-

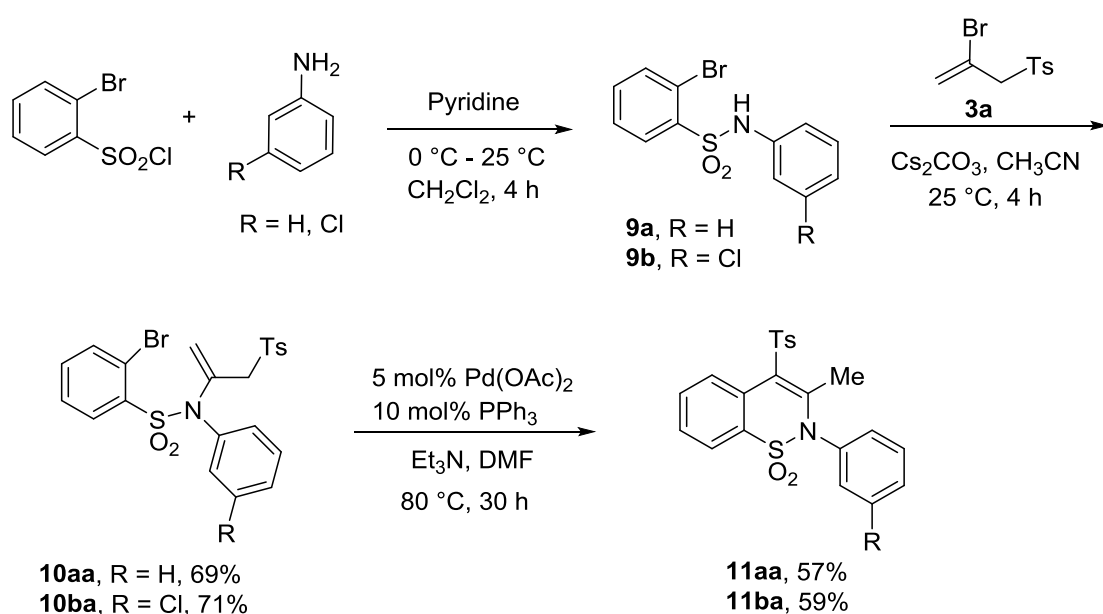
sulfonylmethyl benzofurans **7a-b** were the major product in both the cases. The 2,3-disubstituted benzofurans **8a-b** were isolated in lesser amounts (Scheme 19). It is notable that benzofurans constitute an important class of heterocycles owing to their widespread presence in nature, bioactive molecules and functional materials.²¹



Scheme 19: Intramolecular Heck reactions of 1-iodo-2-vinyloxy derivatives **6a-b**

It is intriguing that the regioselectivity of the benzofuran formation is opposite to that observed for the indole formation. Further studies may be required to gain an in-depth understanding of the factors that control the regioselectivity of these reactions.

The sequence of formal vinylic substitution-Heck coupling was also applicable to the construction of novel benzosultam derivatives. The sulfonamides **9a-b**²² endowed with a bromine atom at the ortho-position was prepared from commercially available 2-bromobenzenesulfonyl chloride as shown in Scheme 19. The formal vinylic substitution reaction of the sulfonamides **9a-b** and 2-bromoallyl sulfone **3a** proceeded smoothly to afford the expected N-vinyl sulfonamides **10a-b** in good yields. The latter were then subjected to the previously established conditions of intramolecular Heck reaction. Disubstituted benzosultam derivatives were selectively formed in moderate yields after workup and chromatographic separation of the reaction mixture (Scheme 20). The products were characterised on the basis of standard spectroscopic analysis.



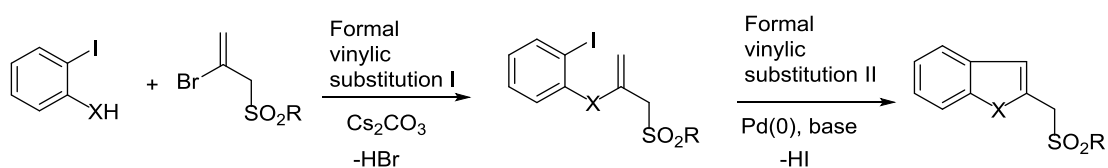
Scheme 20: Synthesis of benzosultam derivatives *via* formal vinylic substitution-Heck coupling sequence

The Heck cyclization afforded only single products in both the cases. The selectivity was similar to the one observed in N-tosyl indole formations. It may be presumed that the presence of the rather bulky N-sulfonylaryl group is responsible for the observed selectivity as seen in the case of N-tosyl indole formation (see Scheme 16). Incidentally, benzosultam derivatives are known to possess important biological activities, hence constitute much sought after synthetic targets.

4.5. Conclusion

In conclusion, a new strategy for synthesis of various important heterocyclic compounds, *viz.*, indoles, benzofurans and benzosultams, has been developed. The sequence, in fact, involves two formal vinylic substitutions. The first one is mediated by cesium carbonate wherein the bromide of bromoallyl sulfone is displaced by either a nitrogen or oxygen nucleophile (sulfonamide or phenol). The second vinylic

substitution is an intramolecular Heck cyclization where in the aryl halide is substituted by the pendant alkene (Scheme 20).



Scheme 20: The method as a combination of two sequential vinylic substitutions

The intramolecular Heck coupling reaction exhibited interesting regioselective preferences. Both 2-sulfonylmethyl indoles and 2,3-disubstituted indoles could be selectively produced by choosing the right N-sulfonyl group. The vinylic substitution reaction of o-iodophenol and subsequent Heck cyclization showed selectivity that was different from corresponding aza analogues. A convenient synthesis of novel benzosultam derivatives were also developed using the same protocol. The heterocyclic motifs produced by this method are well known pharmacophores and valuable synthetic targets. Therefore, it is presumable that this method may find applications in the synthesis of designed molecules for development of therapeutics.

4.6. Experimental section

General information

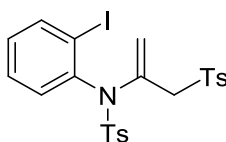
All ¹H NMR (400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ solvent at ambient temperature, chemical shift δ are given in ppm on a scale downfield from TMS, and the coupling constant *J* are in Hz. The signal patterns are indicated as follows: s, Singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; dd, doublet of doublet; m, multiplet; brs = broad). FTIR spectra were recorded as neat. Melting points were recorded on an electrothermal apparatus and are uncorrected. All the reagents and solvents were used

without further purification unless specified otherwise. Technical grade ethyl acetate and petroleum ether used for column chromatography were distilled prior to use. Column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (60-120 mesh and 100- 200 mesh) packed in glass columns. All reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. TLC analysis was performed on commercially prepared 60 F₂₅₄ silica gel plates. Visualization of spots on TLC plate was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) and staining by KMnO₄. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded with q-TOF electrospray mass spectrometer. All purchased chemicals were used as received.

Synthesis of sulfonamide: General procedure

To a solution of the N-sulfonyl-o-iodo aniline **2** (1.0 mmol) and 2-bromoallyl sulfone **3** (1.5 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL), cesium carbonate (2.5 mmol) was added at room temperature and stirred the mixture for 4 hours. After completion of reaction, solvent was removed on a rotavapor and deionized water (20 mL) was added. The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 15 mL). The combined organic extracts was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated on a rotavapor. Column chromatography of the residue on silica gel using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent afforded analytically pure products.

Spectroscopic data for N-vinyl-o-iodo sulfonamides 1a-j



1aa, N-(2-iodophenyl)-4-methyl-N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide

White solid, 448.29 mg, 79%

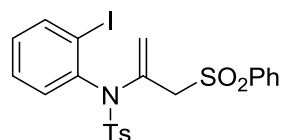
Melting point: 131-133 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2922, 1620, 1595, 1460, 1346, 1311, 1157, 655, 586

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, $J = 8.0$, 1.2Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (ddd, $J = 8.0$, 6.9, 2.2Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (AB q, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.8, 144.5, 140.9, 140.0, 136.1, 135.1, 133.5, 132.5, 130.5, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 118.9, 102.3, 59.7, 21.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{INO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 568.0114 ; found 568.0116



1ab, N-(2-iodophenyl)-4-methyl-N-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)benzene sulfonamide

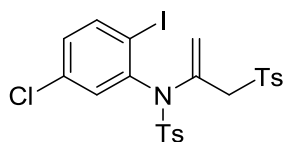
Colorless oil, 448.28 mg, 81%

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3062, 2924, 1591, 1496, 1315, 1153, 526

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (dd, $J = 8.0$, 1.2Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.69 (m, 4H), 7.62–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.05 (ddd, $J = 8.0$, 6.8, 2.0Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (AB q, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.5, 141.0, 139.9, 138.1, 136.1, 133.9, 133.3, 132.5, 130.6, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 118.8, 102.2, 59.7, 21.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{INO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 553.9957 ; found 553.9977



1ba, N-(5-chloro-2-iodophenyl)-4-methyl-N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide

White solid, 499.57 mg, 83%

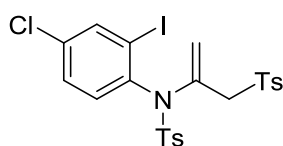
Melting point: 123-125 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3244, 2924, 1620, 1595, 1448, 1309, 1157, 586, 516

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (t, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 3H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 2.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 2.4Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.43 (d, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.85 (AB q, $J = 15.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.0, 144.8, 141.3, 141.2, 135.7, 135.2, 134.9, 133.4, 132.2, 130.7, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 119.7, 99.9, 59.9, 21.8, 21.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClINO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 601.9724; found 601.9737



1ca, N-(4-chloro-2-iodophenyl)-4-methyl-N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide

White solid, 469.48 mg, 78%

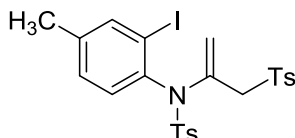
Melting point: 119-120 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3091, 1597, 1577, 1463, 1334, 1163, 578

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, $J = 2.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 3H), 5.55 (d, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.37 (d, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.0, 144.7, 140.2, 138.6, 135.9, 135.6, 134.9, 133.2, 132.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 120.0, 102.7, 59.6, 21.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClINO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 601.9724 ; found 601.9748



1da, N-(2-iodo-4-methylphenyl)-4-methyl-N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide

White solid, 441.57 mg, 76%

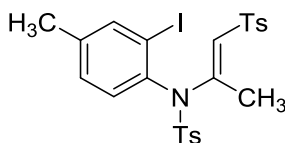
Melting point: 116-117 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3041, 2924, 1624, 1595, 1477, 1319, 1159, 509

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.16–7.10 (m, 2H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.8, 144.4, 141.3, 141.1, 137.2, 136.2, 135.1, 133.5, 131.9, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 118.6, 102.0, 59.6, 21.7, 20.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{INO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 582.0270 ; found 582.0284



1da', (E)-N-(2-iodo-4-methylphenyl)-4-methyl-N-(1-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide

White solid

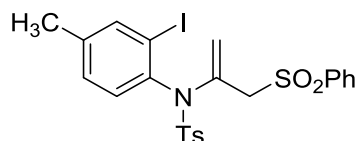
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IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3035, 2922, 1581, 1473, 1365, 1292, 1130, 819, 661

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.4, 145.2, 143.8, 141.8, 141.4, 139.9, 137.4, 136.2, 131.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.7, 128.5, 127.0, 117.9, 101.7, 21.8, 21.7, 20.7, 17.3

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{INO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 582.0270 ; found 582.0271



1db, N-(2-iodo-4-methylphenyl)-4-methyl-N-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)

benzenesulfonamide

Colorless oil, 419.29 mg, 74%

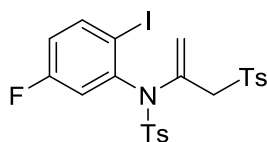
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IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3040, 2922, 1620, 1585, 1440, 1307, 1153, 547

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.65 (d, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0, 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.52 (d, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.24 (d, $J = 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.85 (AB q, $J = 15.2\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.4, 141.4, 141.1, 138.1, 137.1, 136.2, 133.8, 133.4, 131.9, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 118.4, 101.9, 59.7, 21.7, 20.6

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{INO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 568.0114 ; found 568.0131



1ea, N-(5-fluoro-2-iodophenyl)-4-methyl-N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide

White solid, 415.66 mg, 71%

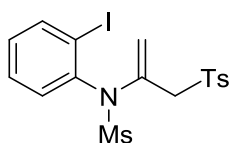
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IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3099, 1589, 1460, 1354, 1292, 1159, 815, 580, 518

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 8.8, 3.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.85 (ddd, $J = 8.8, 7.6, 3.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.53 (s, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.35 (s, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.84 (AB q, $J = 15.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.7 (d), 144.9 (d), 141.4, 141.3 (d), 135.8, 135.1, 133.4, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.7, 119.8 (d), 119.3, 118.2 (d), 95.7 (d), 59.9, 21.8, 21.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{FINO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 586.0020 ; found 586.0026



1fa, N-(2-iodophenyl)-N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)methanesulfonamide

White solid, 353.77 mg, 72%

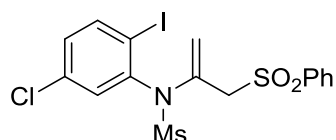
Melting point: 132-134 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2922, 1629, 1595, 1462, 1334, 1309, 1286, 1147, 765, 516

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.66 (AB q, $J = 15.2\text{Hz}$, 2H), 3.38 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.3, 141.0, 139.6, 135.4, 132.7, 132.5, 130.8, 130.0, 129.6, 128.5, 116.9, 102.3, 59.7, 41.2, 21.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{INO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 491.9801; found 491.9811



1gb, N-(5-chloro-2-iodophenyl)-N-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)prop-1-en-2-yl) methane sulfonamide

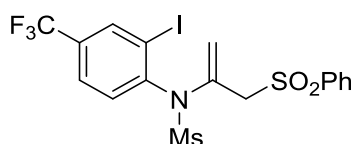
Pale yellow oil, 399.18 mg, 78%

Melting point: IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2931, 1579, 1469, 1315, 1149, 746, 518

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88–7.86 (m, 3H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.58–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.68 (AB q, $J = 15.2\text{Hz}$, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.3, 138.4, 138.3, 136.0, 134.3, 132.9, 132.4, 129.9, 129.5, 128.5, 117.5, 102.5, 59.6, 41.3

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClINO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 511.9255; found 511.9250



1hb, N-(2-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-N-(3-(phenylsulfonyl)prop-1-en-2-yl) methanesulfonamide

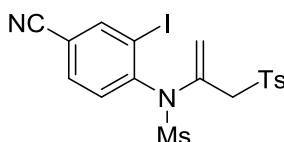
Reddish viscous oil, 370.82 mg, 68%

Melting point: IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2933, 1600, 1446, 1315, 1126, 524

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.73–7.64 (m, 3H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.6Hz, 2H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.67 (AB q, *J* = 15.2Hz, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 138.3, 137.9 (q), 134.4, 132.5 (q), 129.5, 128.4, 126.6, (q), 123.7, 121.0, 118.0, 102.3, 59.7, 41.5

HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₅F₃INO₄S₂ (M+H) 545.9518; found 545.9517



1 ia, N-(4-cyano-2-iodophenyl)-N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)methanesulfonamide

Yellow solid, 325.31 mg, 63%

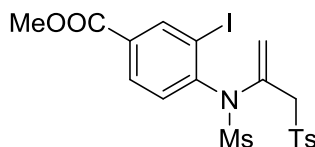
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IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2924, 2233, 1629, 1595, 1469, 1315, 1149, 513

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.73-7.71 (m, 4H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 2H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.61 (AB q, *J* = 15.6Hz, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6, 144.2, 144.0, 135.3, 133.0, 132.9, 132.1, 130.1, 128.4, 118.1, 116.2, 114.6, 102.6, 59.8, 41.5, 21.8

HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₇IN₂O₄S₂ (M+H) 516.9753; found 516.9764



1ja, methyl 3-iodo-4-(N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)methylsulfonamido)benzoate

Pale yellow solid, 379.08 mg, 69%

Melting point: 132-134 °C

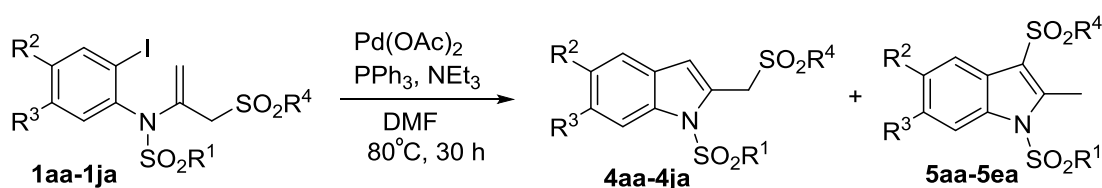
IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2927, 1639, 1593, 1429, 1340, 1149, 509

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.08 (dt, $J = 8.4, 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.65 (AB q, $J = 15.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.7, 145.4, 143.7, 142.0, 135.4, 132.3, 132.2, 132.1, 130.6, 130.0, 128.4, 117.6, 101.9, 59.7, 52.8, 21.7

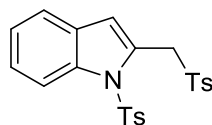
HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{INO}_6\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 549.9856; found 549.9858

General procedure for indole synthesis



A mixture of N-vinyl-o-iodosulfonamide **1** (0.4mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%), PPh_3 (10 mol%) and triethylamine (1.2 mmol) in DMF (4 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 30 h. Upon completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated NH_4Cl and product was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 ml). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated at rotavapour under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to afford analytically pure sample of the product.

Spectroscopic data for products



4aa, 1-tosyl-2-(tosylmethyl)-1H-indole

White solid, 28.13 mg, 16%

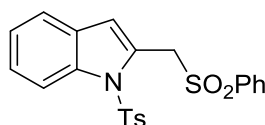
Melting point: 139-140 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2935, 1593, 1490, 1446, 1367, 1309, 1147, 813, 651

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.30–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.2, 145.1, 137.3, 135.4, 135.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.8, 127.6, 126.5, 125.4, 124.1, 121.3, 116.1, 115.2, 55.1, 21.8, 21.6

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 440.0991; found 440.0990



4ab, 2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-1-tosyl-1H-indole

White solid, 27.23 mg, 16%

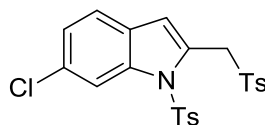
Melting point: 118-119 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3014, 2947, 1565, 1448, 1361, 1300, 1145, 736, 538

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.2, 138.3, 137.3, 135.0, 134.1, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 127.4, 126.5, 125.5, 124.1, 121.3, 116.3, 115.2, 55.2, 21.6

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 426.0834 ; found 426.0838



4ba, 6-chloro-1-tosyl-2-(tosylmethyl)-1H-indole

White solid, 26.54 mg, 14%

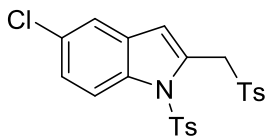
Melting point: 127-129 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3107, 2924, 1563, 1452, 1369, 1317, 1153, 536

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 2.0Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.6, 145.3, 137.6, 135.3, 134.9, 131.5, 130.0, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.6, 126.5, 124.8, 122.0, 115.4, 115.3, 55.0, 21.8, 21.6

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 474.0601; found 474.0610



4ca, 5-chloro-1-tosyl-2-(tosylmethyl)-1H-indole

White solid, 24.65 mg, 13%

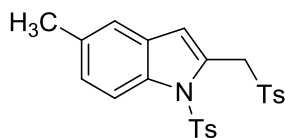
Melting point: 135-136 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2922, 1595, 1442, 1371, 1317, 1155, 715, 536

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 2.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 8.8$, 2.0Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.5, 145.3, 135.6, 135.3, 134.9, 130.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 126.5, 125.7, 120.8, 116.2, 115.1, 55.0, 21.8, 21.6

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 474.0601; found 474.0616



4da, 5-methyl-1-tosyl-2-(tosylmethyl)-1H-indole

White solid, 23.58 mg, 13%

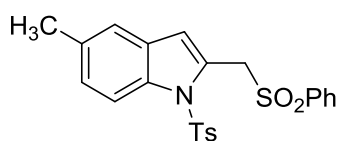
Melting point: 120-122 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3035, 2922, 1581, 1435, 1365, 1292, 1130, 661

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.14–7.09 (m, 3H), 6.83 (s, 3H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 2.43(s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.0, 135.6, 135.4, 135.1, 133.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 121.1, 116.0, 114.9, 55.2, 21.8, 21.6, 21.2

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 454.1147 ; found 454.1149



4db, 5-methyl-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-1-tosyl-1H-indole

White solid, 26.37 mg, 15%

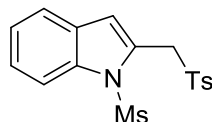
Melting point: 117-118 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3010, 2941, 1585, 1450, 1359, 1298, 1170, 738, 578

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.77 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.66-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.1, 138.2, 135.6, 135.0, 134.0, 133.8, 129.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 127.4, 127.0, 126.4, 121.1, 116.2, 114.9, 55.2, 21.6, 21.1

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 440.0991; found 440.1004



4fa, 1-(methylsulfonyl)-2-(tosylmethyl)-1H-indole

White solid, 107.58 mg, 74%

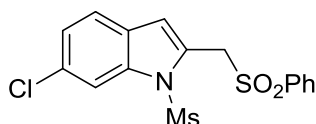
Melting point:

IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3014, 2926, 1565, 1446, 1355, 1309, 1151, 536

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.37–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.3, 147.0, 135.9, 130.0, 128.5, 126.7, 125.6, 123.8, 121.5, 114.4, 114.0, 54.8, 41.2, 21.8

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 364.0678; found 364.0681



4gb, 6-chloro-1-(methylsulfonyl)-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-1H-indole

White solid, 112.09 mg, 73%

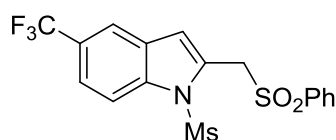
Melting point: 186-187 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2953, 1583, 1444, 1361, 1309, 1161, 543

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.70 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.59 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.6, 135.3, 134.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5, 127.9, 125.9, 121.0, 115.1, 113.7, 54.6, 41.5

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 384.0132; found 384.0149



4hb, 1-(methylsulfonyl)-2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-indole

White solid, 101.85 mg, 61%

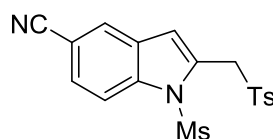
Melting point: 204-205 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3008, 2953, 1620, 1448, 1356, 1313, 1159, 542

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.86 (d, $J = 0.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.73–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 3H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.6, 138.4, 134.4, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.2 (q), 123.0, 122.3(q), 119.0(q), 114.5, 114.2, 54.6, 41.8

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 418.0395; found 418.0415



4ia, 1-(methylsulfonyl)-2-(tosylmethyl)-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile

White solid, 90.12 mg, 58%

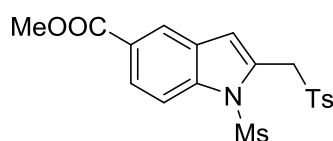
Melting point: 180-181 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3020, 2926, 2223, 1595, 1456, 1363, 1303, 1138, 509

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.7, 138.6, 135.5, 130.2, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.3, 119.0, 115.0, 113.5, 107.6, 54.6, 42.0, 21.8

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 389.0630; found 389.0631



4ja, methyl 1-(methylsulfonyl)-2-(tosylmethyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate

White solid, 106.21 mg, 63%

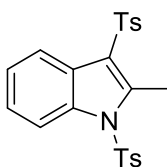
Melting point: 178-179 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3014, 2958, 1716, 1606, 1438, 1354, 1136, 538

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 145.5, 139.4, 135.6, 130.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 126.6, 125.9, 123.7, 114.5, 113.8, 54.7, 52.3, 41.7, 21.8

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_6\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 422.0733; found 422.0749



5aa, 2-methyl-1,3-ditosyl-1H-indole

White solid, 112.52 mg, 64%

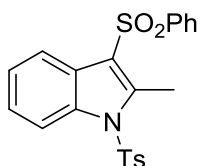
Melting point: 176-178 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2922, 1593, 1543, 1442, 1371, 1153, 715, 534

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22–8.19 (m, 1H), 8.11-8.09 (m, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.69 m(d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 4H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.1, 144.2, 142.3, 139.8, 135.6, 135.4, 130.3, 129.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.5, 125.4, 124.8, 120.4, 119.9, 114.4, 21.7, 21.6, 13.1

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 440.0991 ; found 440.1000



5ab, 2-methyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1H-indole

White solid, 105.53 mg, 62%

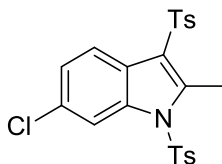
Melting point: 164-165 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3057, 1544, 1442, 1373, 1313, 1182, 700, 542

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.1, 142.7, 142.6, 135.6, 135.4, 133.2, 130.4, 129.3, 126.7, 126.4, 125.6, 125.4, 124.9, 120.4, 119.5, 114.5, 21.7, 13.1

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 426.0834; found 426.0838



5ba, 6-chloro-2-methyl-1,3-ditosyl-1H-indole

White solid, 130.82 mg, 69%

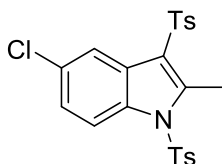
Melting point: 194-196 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2922, 1544, 1417, 1373, 1311, 1151, 761, 535

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 (d, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 5H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.4, 144.4, 142.8, 139.5, 135.9, 135.1, 131.7, 130.5, 130.0, 126.7, 126.5, 125.5, 124.0, 121.2, 119.8, 114.6, 21.8, 21.6, 13.1

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 474.0601; found 474.0608



5ca, 5-chloro-2-methyl-1,3-ditosyl-1H-indole

White solid, 128.92 mg, 68%

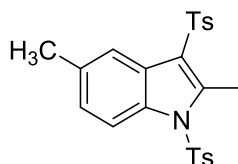
Melting point: 188-189 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2924, 1541, 1436, 1373, 1315, 1149, 759, 532

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 2.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 5H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.4, 144.5, 143.5, 139.5, 135.1, 134.0, 130.8, 130.4, 130.0, 126.7, 126.5, 125.8, 120.0, 119.5, 115.5, 21.7, 21.6, 13.2

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 474.0601; found 474.0617



5da, 2,5-dimethyl-1,3-ditosyl-1H-indole

White solid, 130.62 mg, 72%

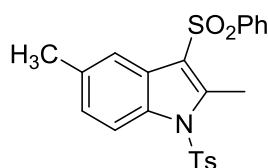
Melting point: 191–193 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 2924, 1591, 1544, 1456, 1369, 1315, 1145, 677, 534

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.25–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 8.8, 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 6H)

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.0, 144.1, 142.3, 139.8, 135.4, 134.6, 133.8, 130.3, 129.9, 126.9, 126.6, 126.4, 125.6, 120.1, 119.6, 114.1, 21.7, 21.6, 21.5, 13.1

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 454.1147; found 454.1147



5db, 2,5-dimethyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-1-tosyl-1H-indole

White solid, 121.31 mg, 69%

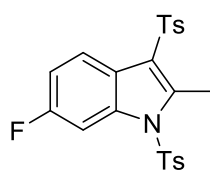
Melting point: 172-173 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2924, 1593, 1544, 1444, 1373, 1313, 1147, 678, 538

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.92-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 8.8, 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.0, 142.7, 142.6, 135.4, 134.7, 133.8, 133.2, 130.3, 129.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.4, 125.6, 120.1, 119.2, 114.1, 21.7, 21.5, 13.1

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 440.0991; found 440.1005



5ea, 6-fluoro-2-methyl-1,3-ditosyl-1H-indole

White solid, 111.64 mg, 61%

Melting point: 187-188 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2922, 1591, 1546, 1483, 1373, 1317, 1149, 806, 532

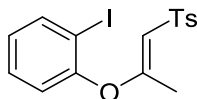
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (dd, $J = 8.8, 5.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.96 (dd, $J = 10.4, 2.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.27 (t, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 4H), 7.09 (td, $J = 8.8, 2.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1 (d), 146.4, 144.4, 142.6 (d), 139.6, 135.8 (d), 135.1, 130.5, 130.0, 126.7, 126.5, 121.7, 121.4 (d), 119.7, 113.2 (d), 102.0 (d), 21.7, 21.6, 13.1

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{FNO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 458.0897; found 458.0921

Synthesis of 1-iodo-2-vinyloxy benzene derivative 6

To a solution of the 2-iodophenol (1.0 mmol) and 2-bromoallyl sulfone **3** (1.5 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) cesium carbonate (2.5 mmol) was added at room temperature and stirred the mixture for 4 hours. After completion of reaction, solvent was removed on a rotavapor and deionized water (20 mL) was added. The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 15 mL). The combined organic extracts was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated on a rotavapor. Column chromatography of the residue on silica gel using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent afforded analytically pure products.

Spectroscopic data**6a, (E)-1-iodo-2-((1-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)oxy)benzene**

White solid, 265.12 mg, 64%

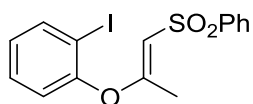
Melting point: 136-137 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3068, 1627, 1462, 1284, 1130, 757

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.30–7.25 (m, 3H), 6.92–6.88 (m, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.95 (d, $J = 0.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.75 (d, $J = 0.8\text{Hz}$, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.7, 153.5, 143.8, 139.8, 139.5, 129.8, 129.4, 128.3, 127.1, 121.0, 113.7, 89.4, 21.6, 19.1

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{IO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) 414.9866; found 414.9887

**6b, (E)-1-iodo-2-((1-(phenylsulfonyl)prop-1-en-2-yl)oxy)benzene**

White solid, 268.15 mg, 67%

Melting point: 122-123 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3070, 2924, 1627, 1458, 1436, 1286, 1126, 752, 567

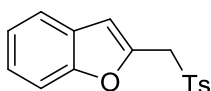
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.57–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.92 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.2, 153.4, 142.4, 139.8, 132.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 127.3, 121.2, 113.0, 89.5, 19.2

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{IO}_3\text{S}$ (M+H) 400.9709; found 400.9711

Procedure for synthesis of benzofuran derivatives

A mixture of 1-iodo-2-vinyloxy benzene **6** (0.4mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%), PPh_3 (10 mol%) and triethylamine (1.2 mmol) in DMF (4 ml) was stirred at 80 °C for 30 h. Upon completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated NH_4Cl and product was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 ml). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated at rotavapour under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to afford analytically pure sample of the product.

Spectroscopic data**7a, 2-(tosylmethyl)benzofuran**

White solid, 72.16 mg, 63%

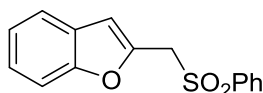
Melting point: 196-197 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2987, 1591, 1448, 1303, 1286, 1145, 719, 520

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.53–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 0.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.3, 145.3, 145.2, 135.3, 129.8, 128.6, 128.0, 125.0, 123.1, 121.3, 111.3, 108.9, 56.5, 21.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (M+H) 287.0743; found 287.0746

**7b, 2-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)benzofuran**

White solid, 69.71 mg, 64%

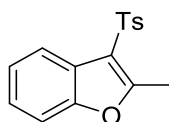
Melting point: 162-163 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2880, 1581, 1448, 1305, 1141, 735, 569

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.3, 145.1, 138.2, 134.1, 129.2, 128.6, 127.9, 125.0, 123.2, 121.3, 111.3, 109.0, 56.5

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (M+H) 273.0586; found 273.0589

**8a, 2-methyl-3-tosylbenzofuran**

White solid, 18.32 mg, 16%

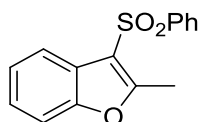
Melting point: 122-123 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2922, 1583, 1446, 1296, 1143, 758, 580

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90–7.85 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 4H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.6, 153.2, 144.3, 139.7, 129.9, 126.7, 125.2, 124.4, 124.3, 120.3, 118.2, 111.2, 21.6, 13.6

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (M+H) 287.0743; found 287.0740

**8b, 2-methyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)benzofuran**

White solid, 17.42 mg, 16%

Melting point: 106-107 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3064, 2920, 1577, 1444, 1309, 1149, 750, 545

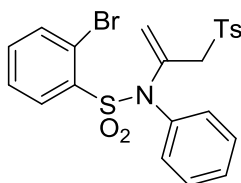
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.88–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.6\text{ HZ}$, 2H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 2H), 2.80 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.9, 153.3, 142.5, 133.3, 129.3, 126.7, 125.3, 124.5, 124.4, 120.3, 117.9, 111.3, 13.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (M+H) 273.0586; found 273.0589

Procedure for synthesis 2-bromo-N-vinyl benzenesulfonamide 10

To a solution of the 2-bromobenzenesulfonamide **9** (1.0 mmol) and 2-bromoallyl sulfone **3** (1.5 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) cesium carbonate (2.5 mmol) was added at room temperature and stirred the mixture for 4 hours. After completion of reaction, solvent was removed on a rotavapor and deionized water (20 mL) was added. The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 X 15 mL). The combined organic extracts was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated on a rotavapor. Column chromatography of the residue on silica gel using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent afforded analytically pure products.

Spectroscopic data**10aa, 2-bromo-N-phenyl-N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide**

White solid, 349.43 mg, 69%

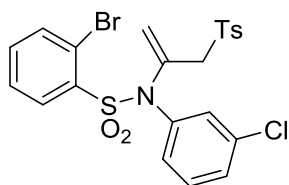
Melting point: 144-145 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3062, 2924, 1593, 1489, 1448, 1317, 1149, 689, 513

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (dd, $J = 7.2, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 7H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 138.0, 137.9, 135.8, 135.4, 135.1, 134.3, 133.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 121.0, 120.0, 60.5, 21.7

HRMS calcd for C₂₂H₂₀BrNO₄S₂ (M+H) 506.0095; found 506.0093



10ba, 2-bromo-N-(3-chlorophenyl)-N-(3-tosylprop-1-en-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide

White solid, 384.01 mg, 71%

Melting point: 151-152 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3089, 2924, 1585, 1471, 1317, 1083, 684. 514

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (dd, $J = 6.8, 2.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 6.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 4.4\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.13 (m, 3H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H)

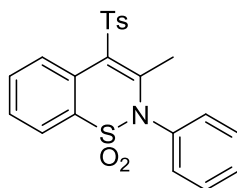
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.1, 139.1, 137.5, 135.9, 135.2, 134.9, 134.6, 134.5, 133.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 127.63, 127.61, 121.6, 120.9, 60.5, 21.8

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrClNO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 539.9706; found 539.9700

Procedure for synthesis of benzosultam derivative 11

A mixture of 2-bromo-N-vinylbenzenesulfonamide **10** (0.4mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%), PPh_3 (10 mol%) and triethylamine (1.2 mmol) in DMF (4 ml) was stirred at 80 °C for 30 h. Upon completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated NH_4Cl and product was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 ml). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated at rotavapour under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to afford analytically pure sample of the product.

Spectroscopic data

**11aa, 3-methyl-2-phenyl-4-tosyl-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazine 1,1-dioxide**

White solid, 97.01 mg, 57%

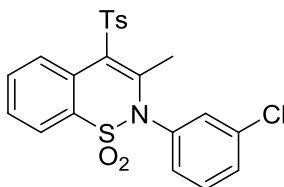
Melting point: 168-169 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 3064, 2924, 1570, 1541, 1492, 1346, 1282, 1139, 1083, 665. 565

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (d, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 3H), 7.59 (t, $J = 4.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.14–7.12 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H)

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.7, 144.2, 139.0, 134.9, 132.3, 132.2, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 126.9, 123.1, 122.0, 21.6, 20.7

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ (M+H) 426.0834; found 426.0833

**11ba, 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-4-tosyl-2H-benzo[e][1,2]thiazine 1,1-dioxide**

White solid, 108.55 mg, 59%

Melting point: 184-185 °C

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} : 2960, 1571, 1546, 1469, 1357, 1284, 1143, 1083, 671. 565

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 3H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 8.0, 0.8Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.6Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 2.0Hz, 1H), 7.05–7.02 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H)

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.0, 144.3, 138.7, 135.9, 135.3, 132.4, 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 127.0, 124.0, 122.1, 21.6, 20.7

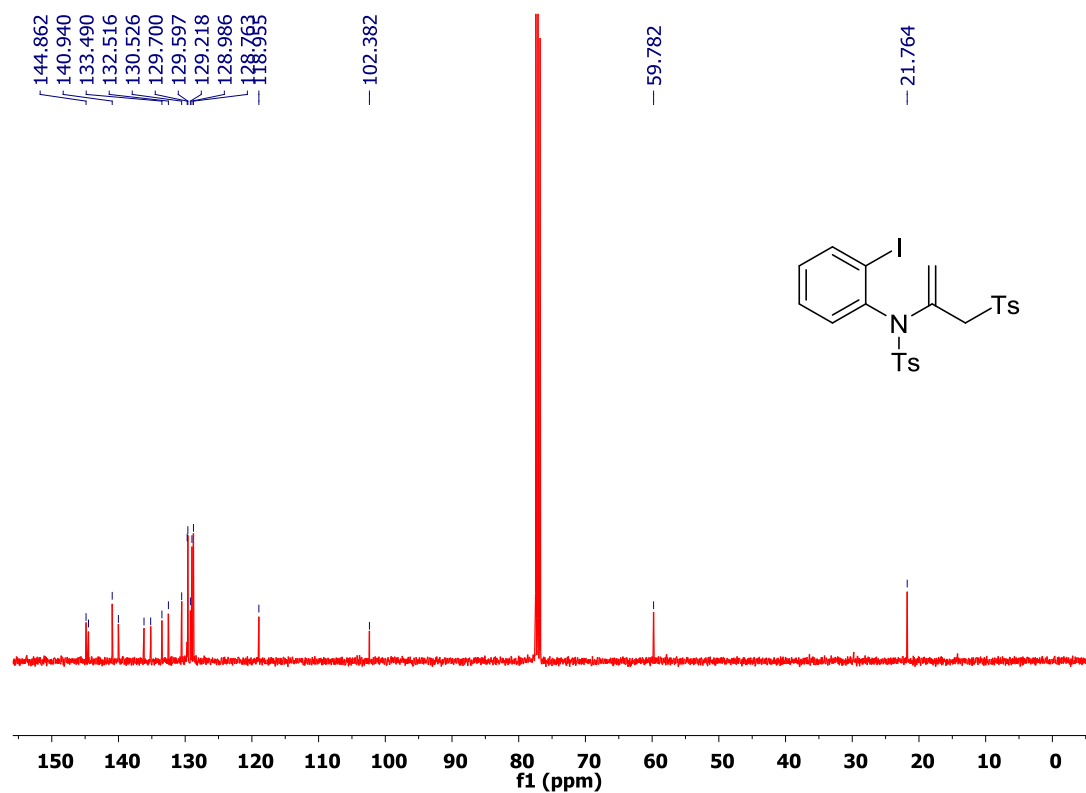
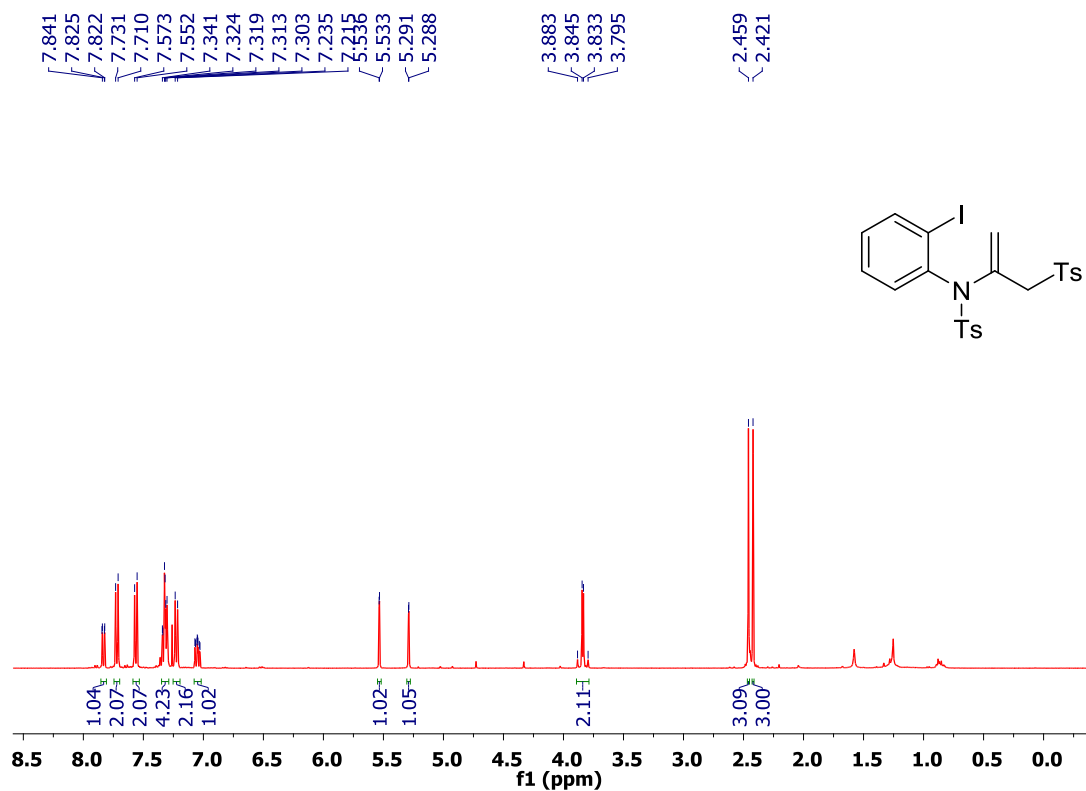
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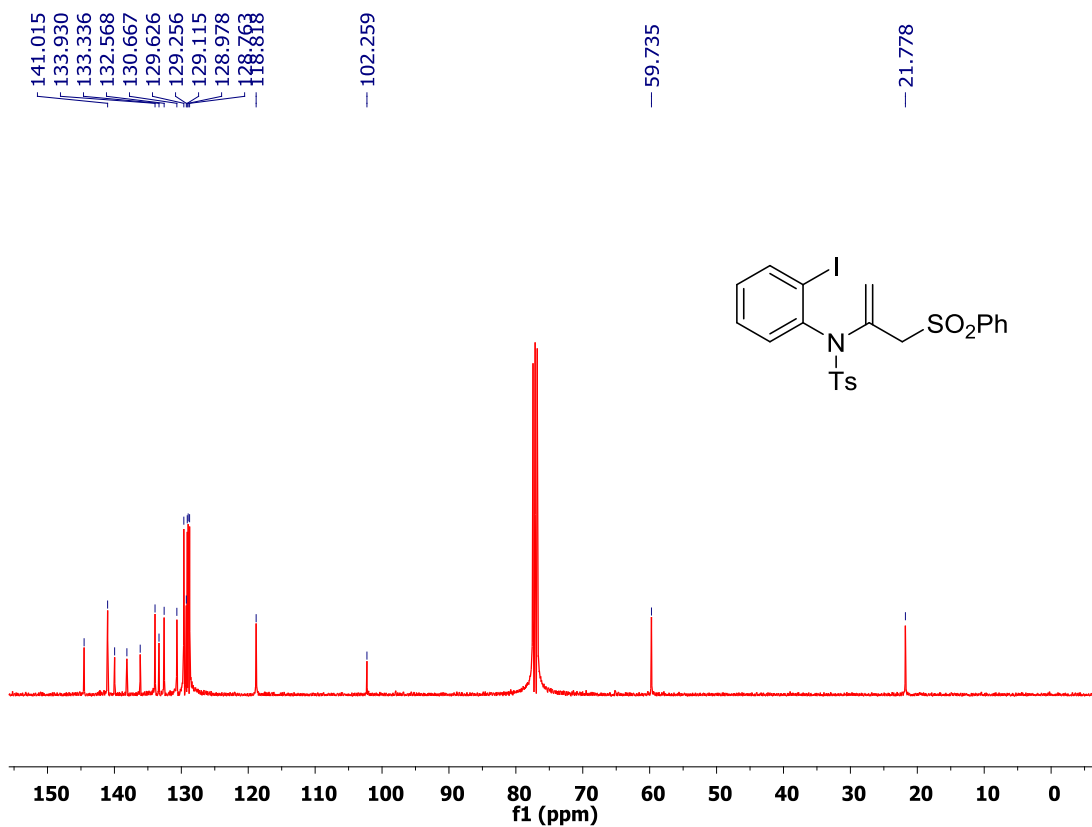
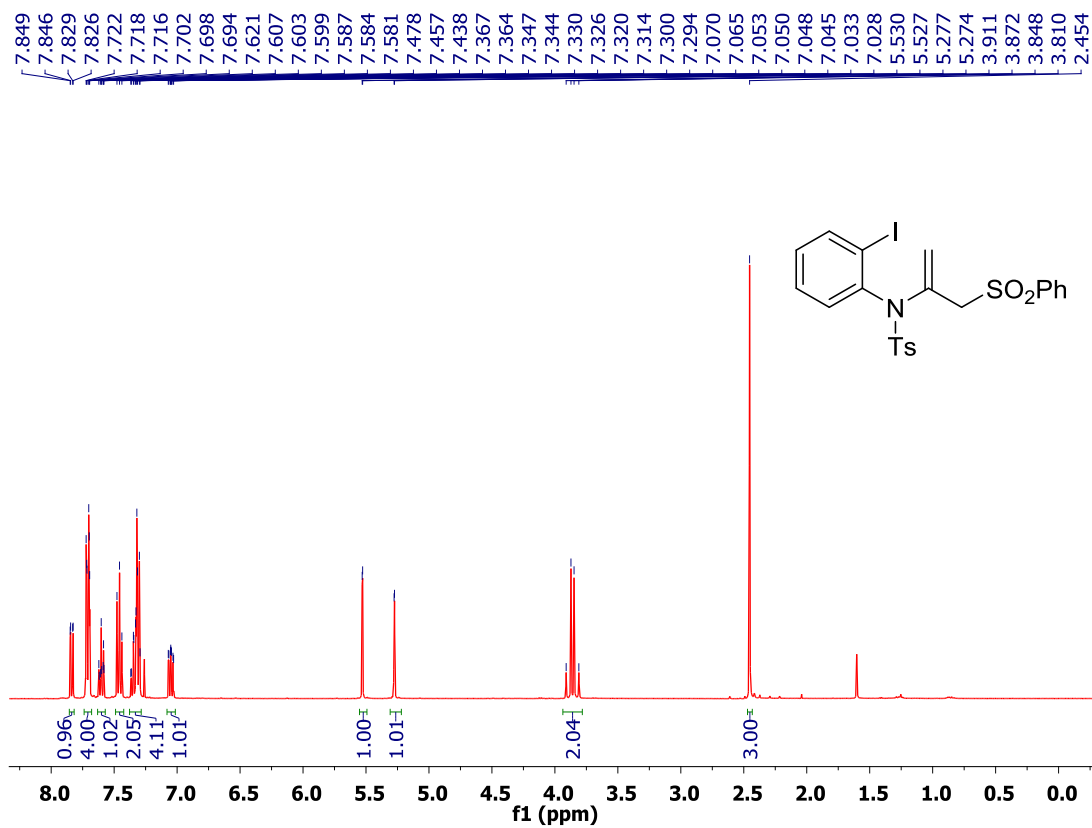
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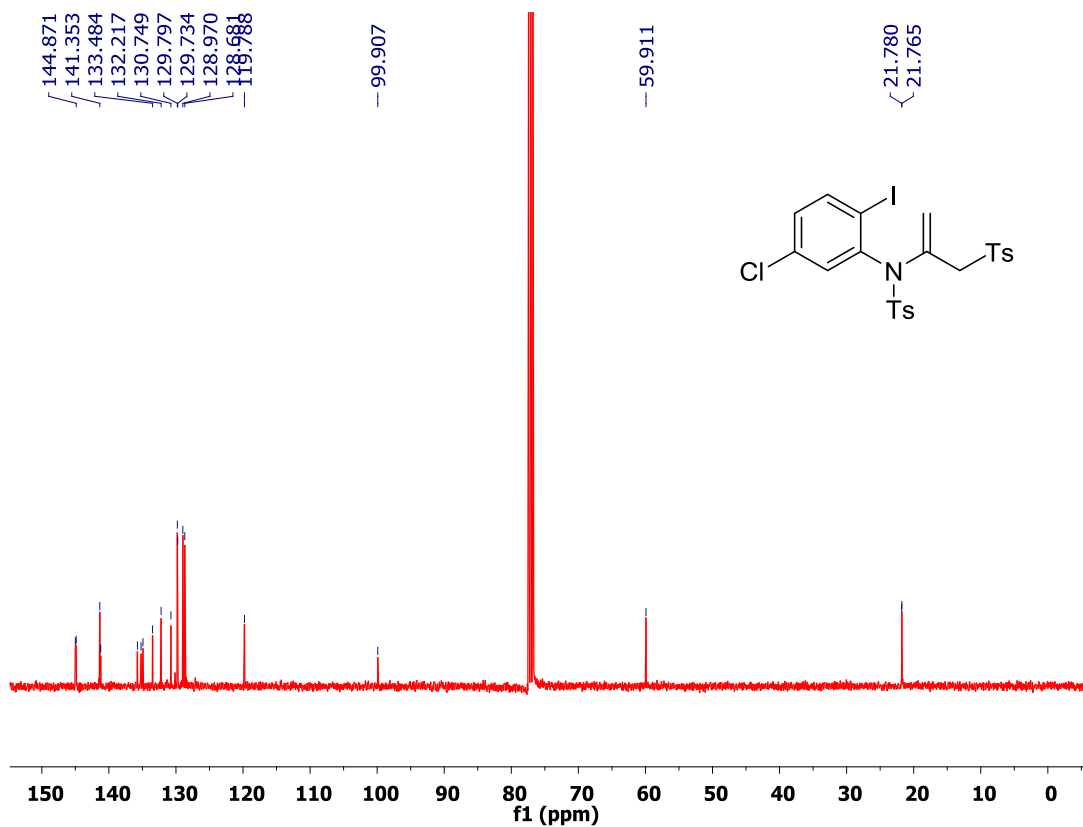
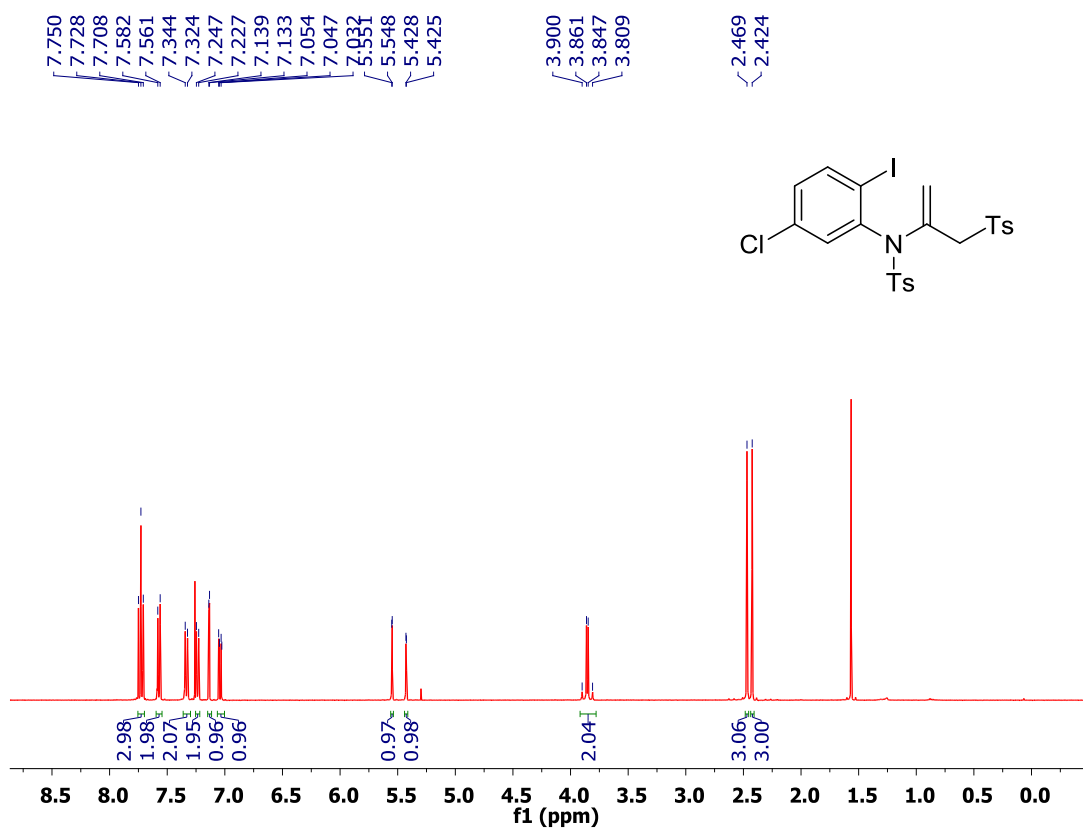
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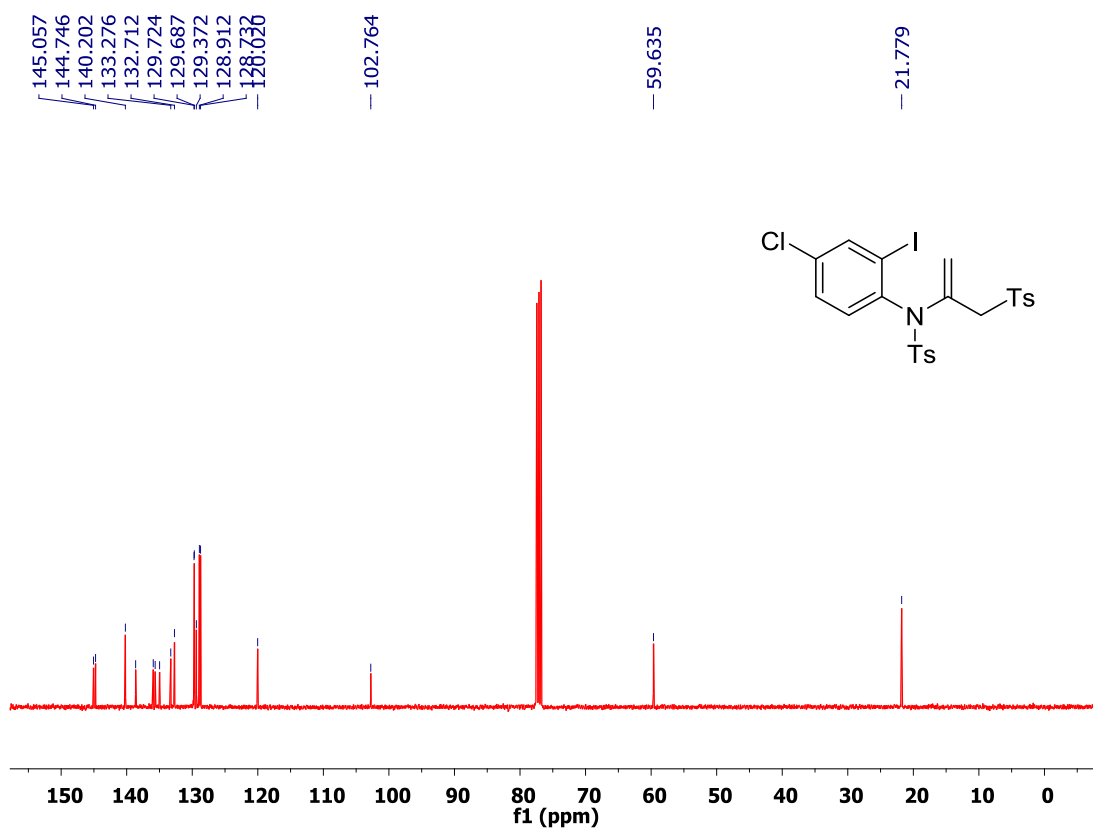
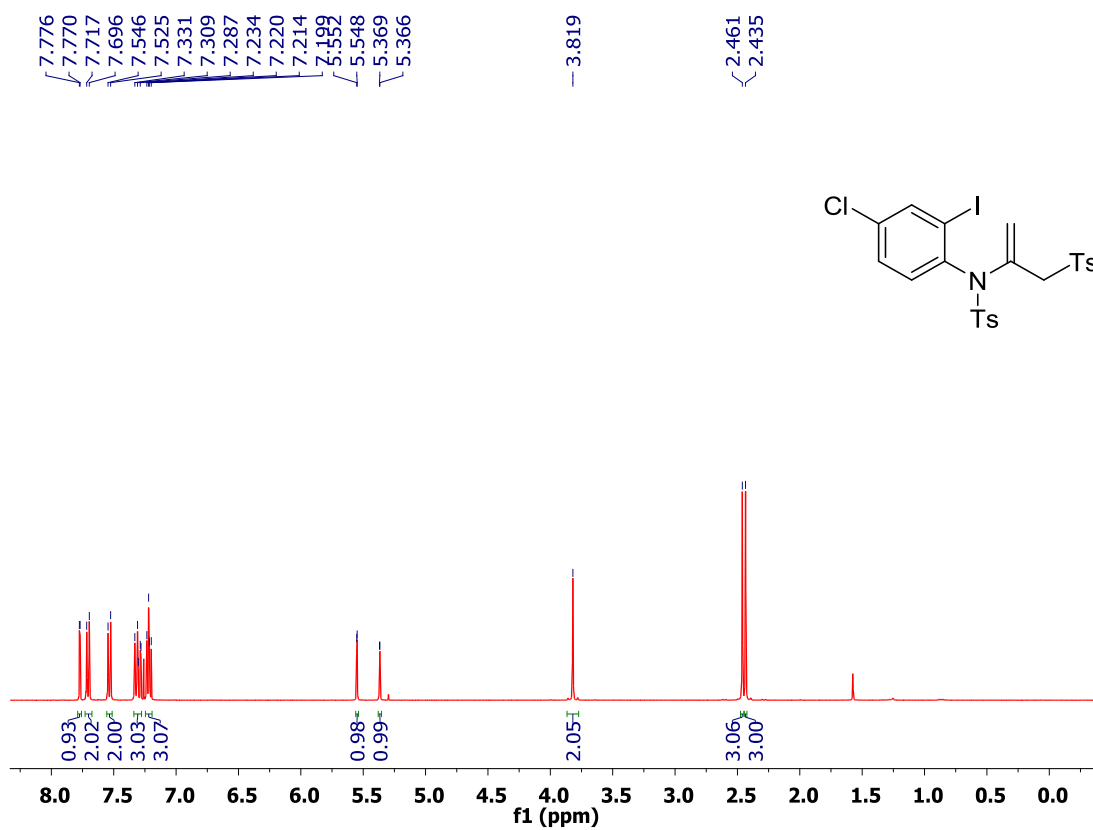
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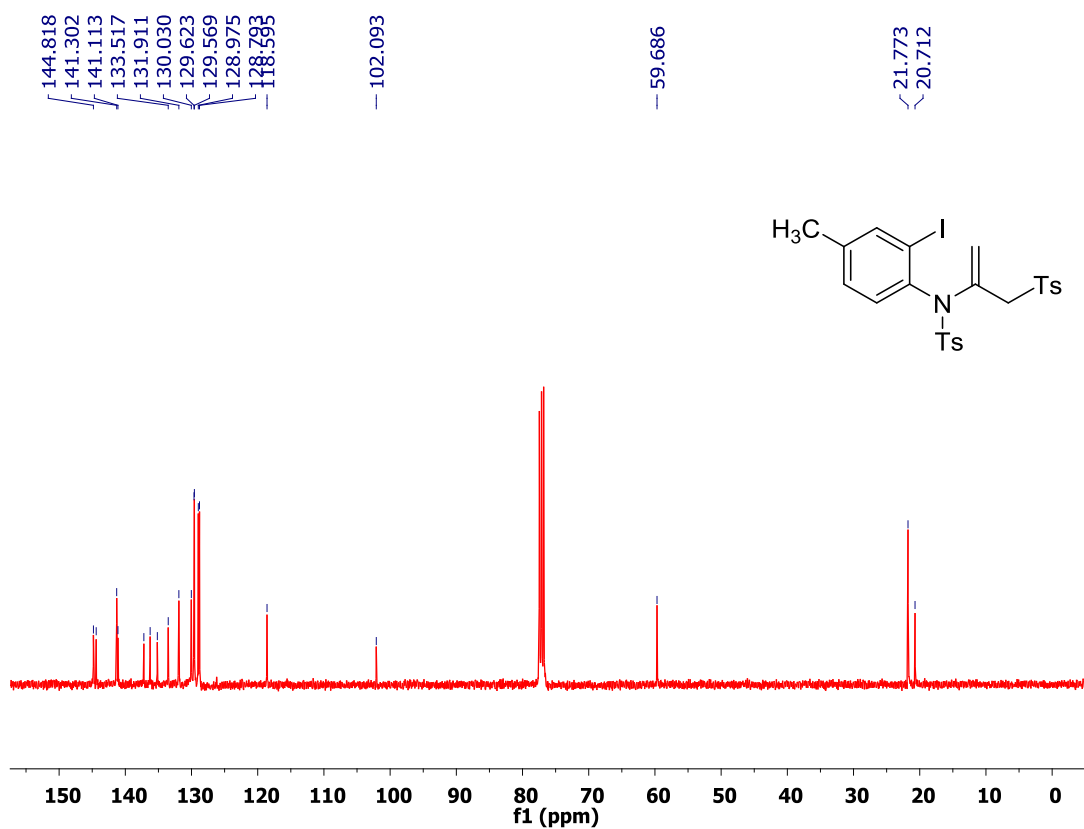
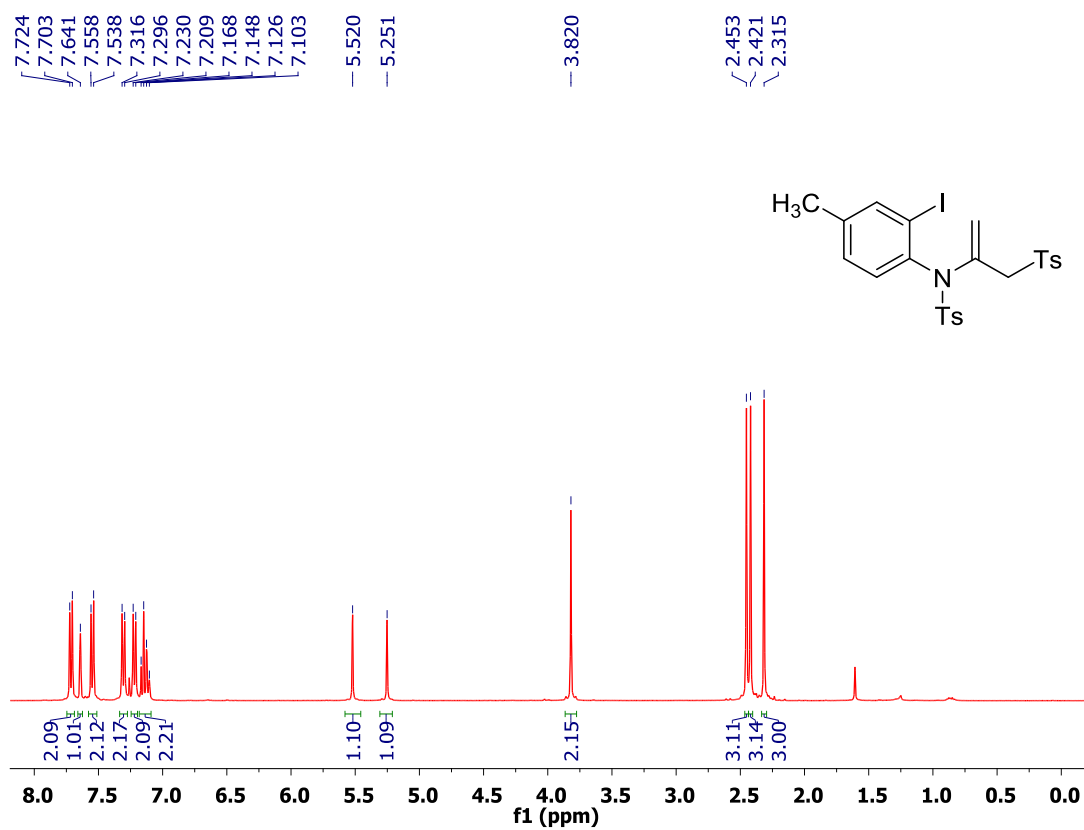
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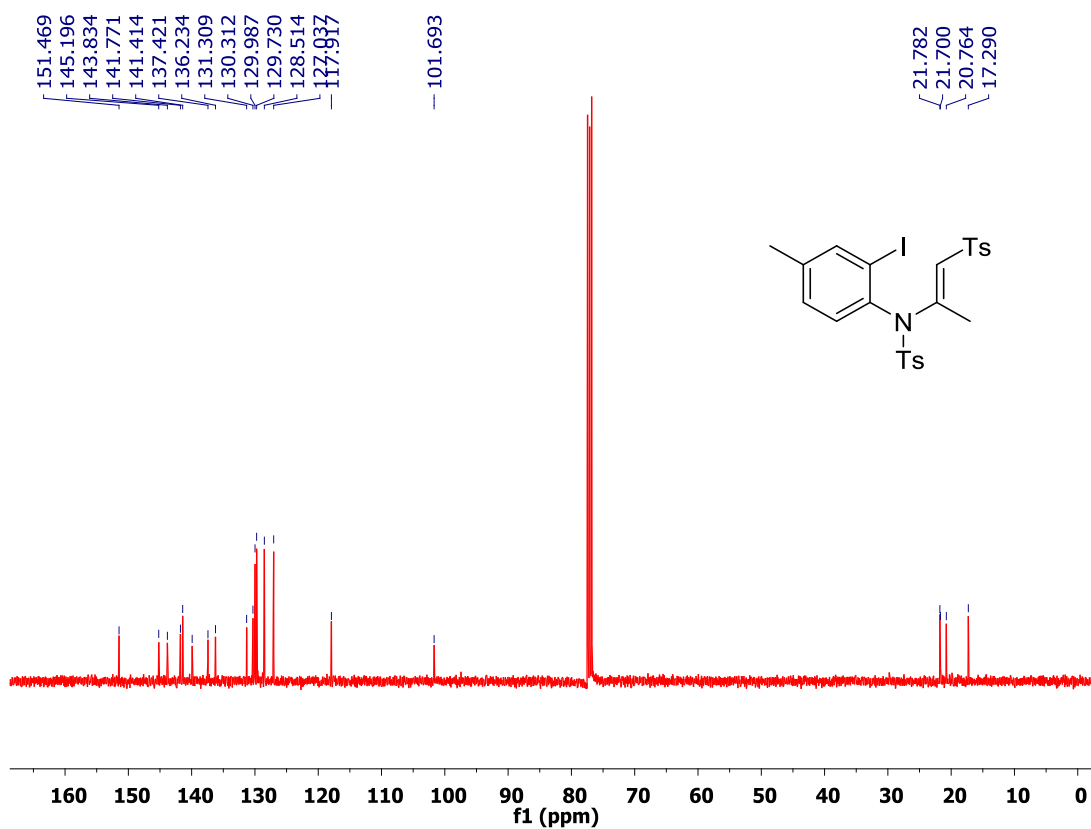
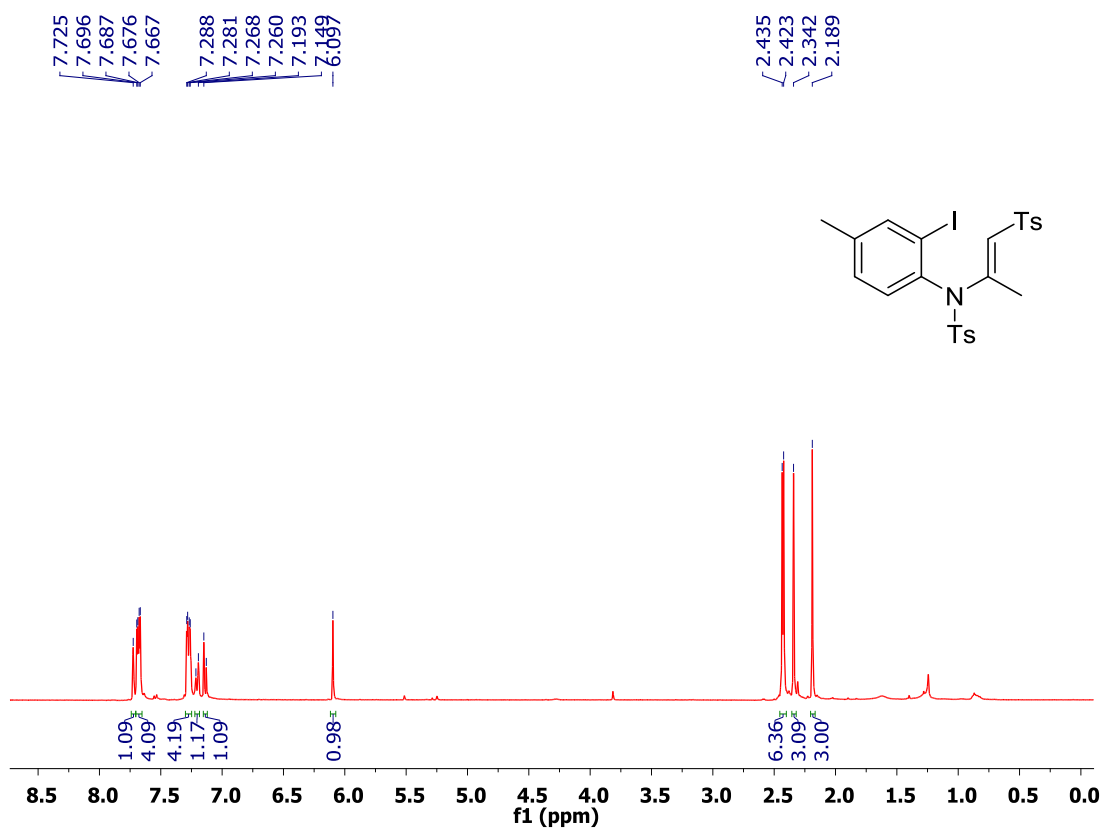


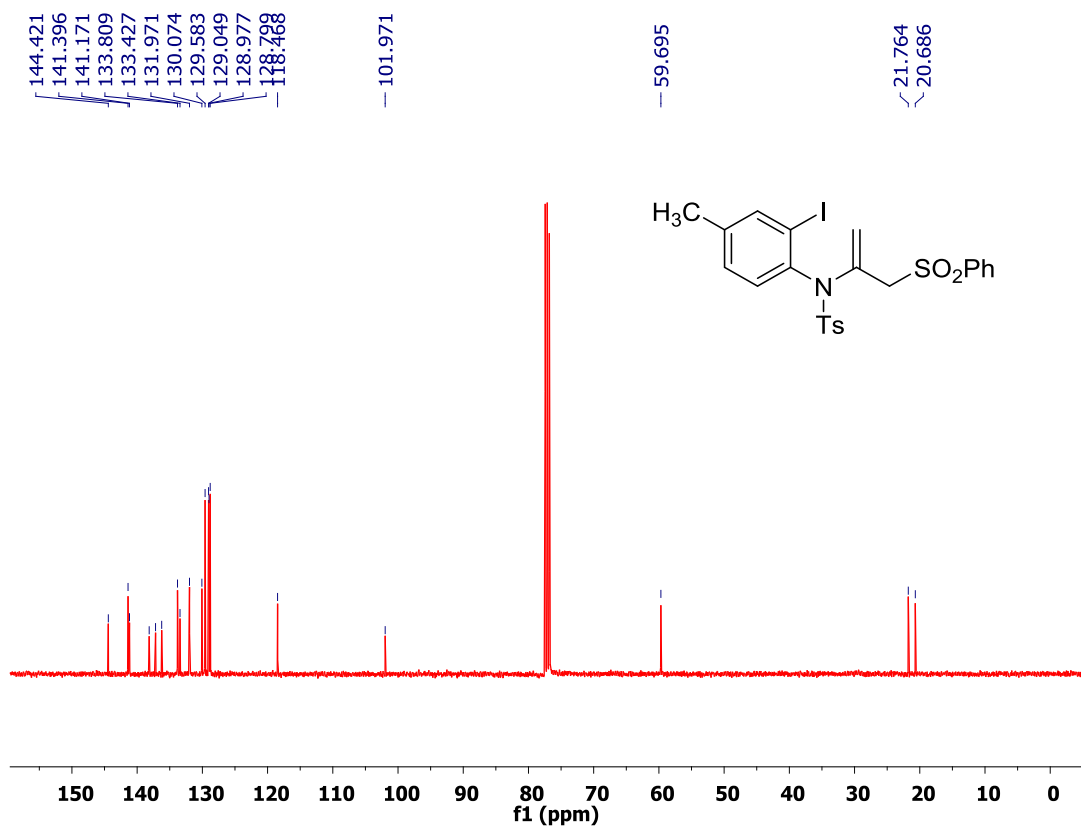
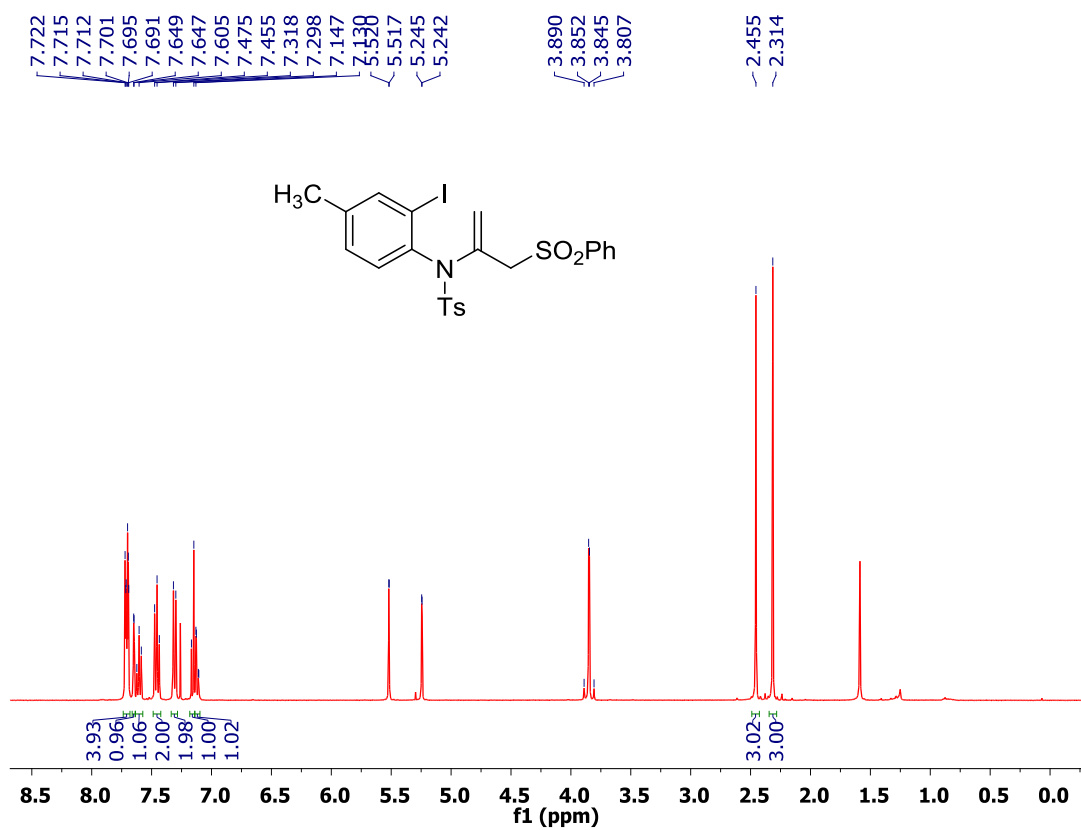


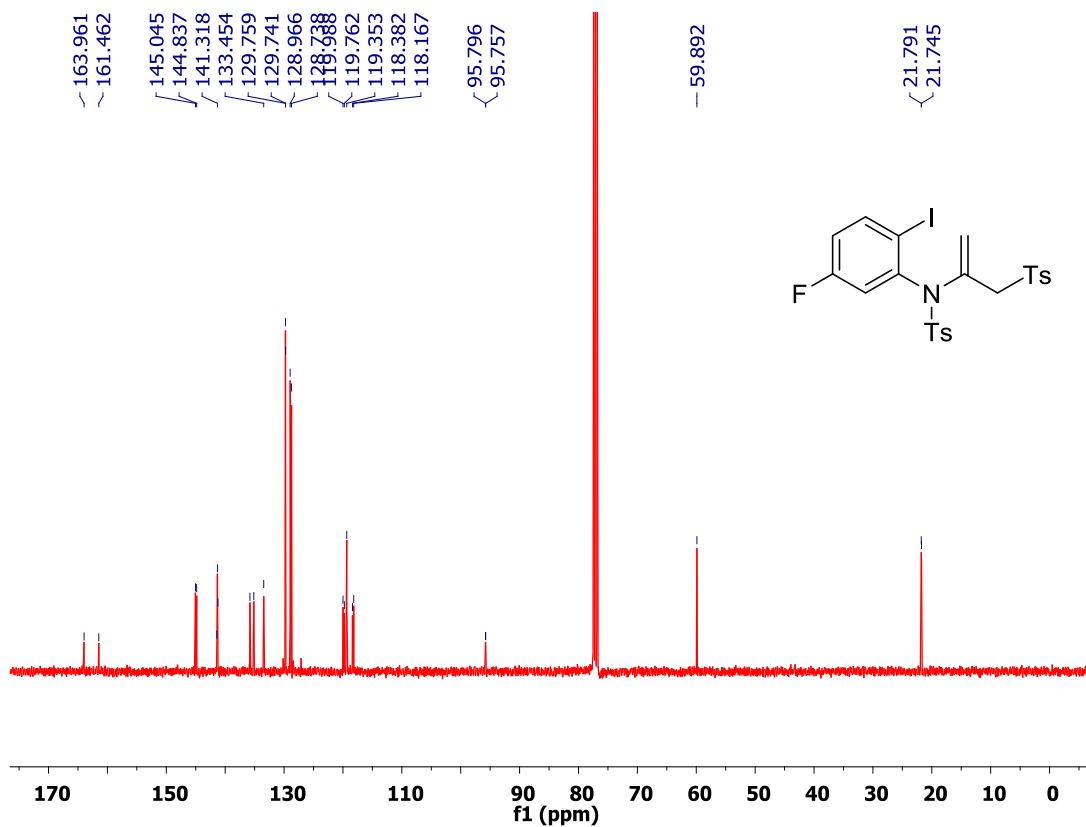
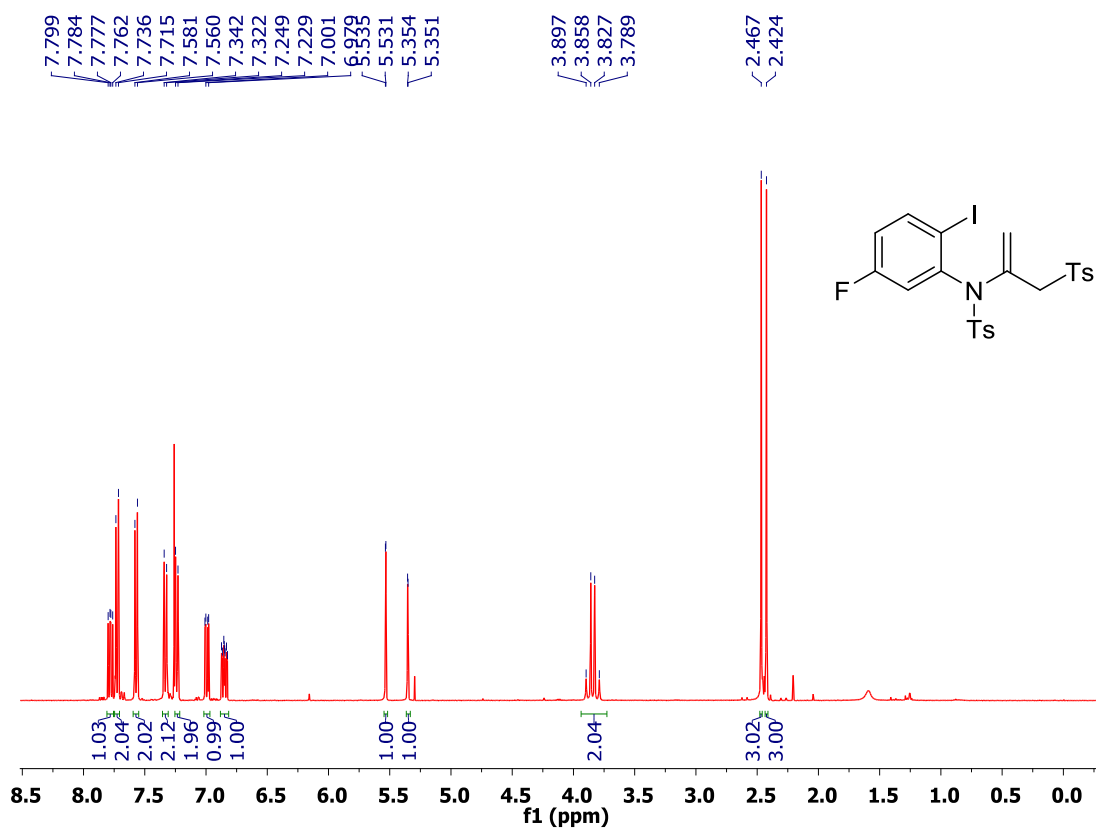


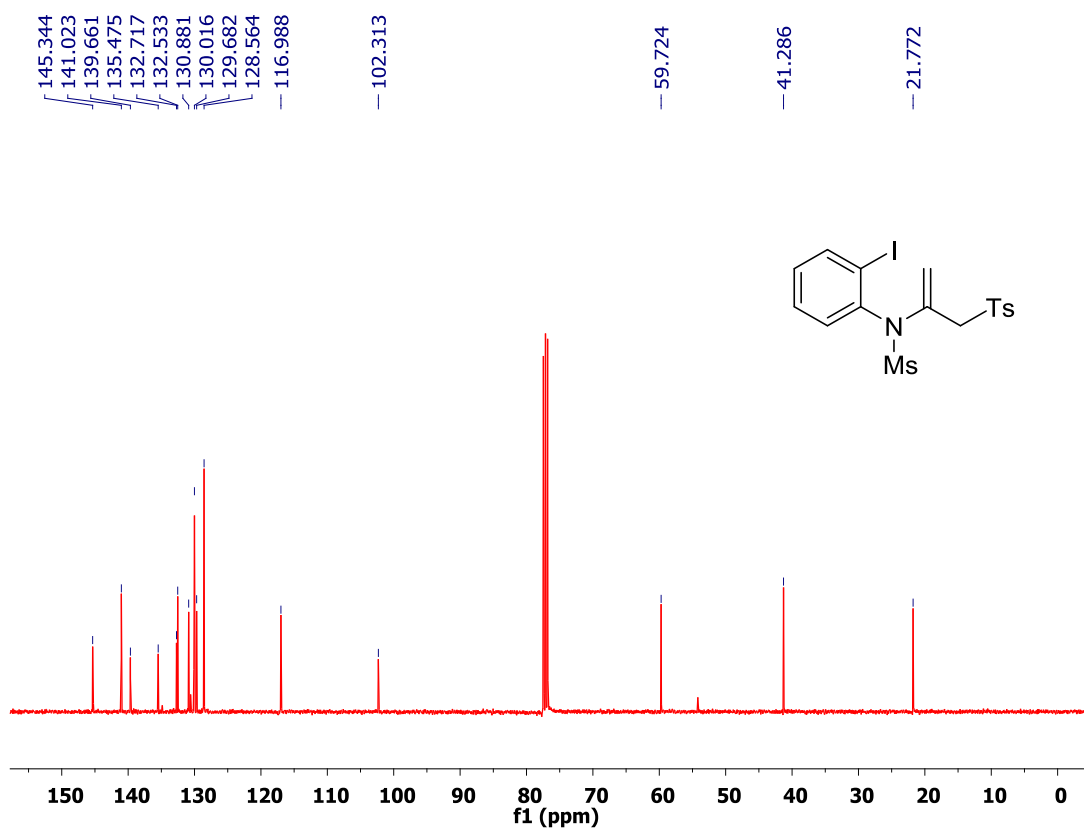
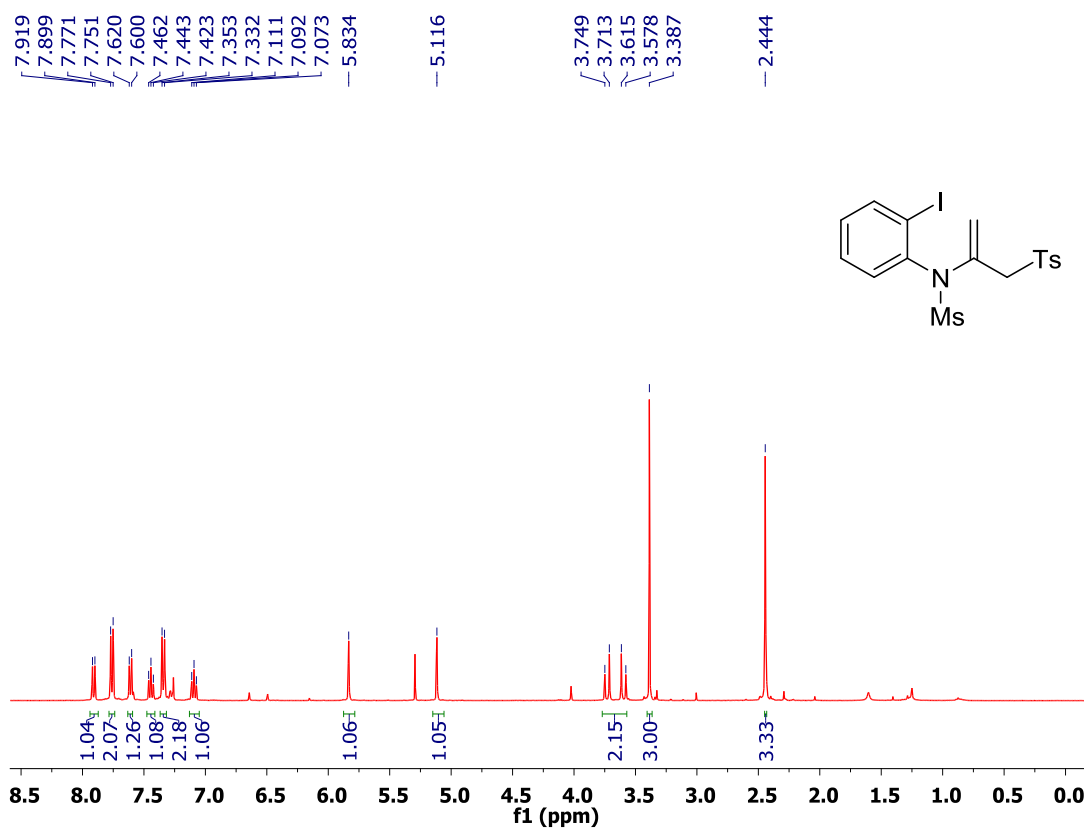


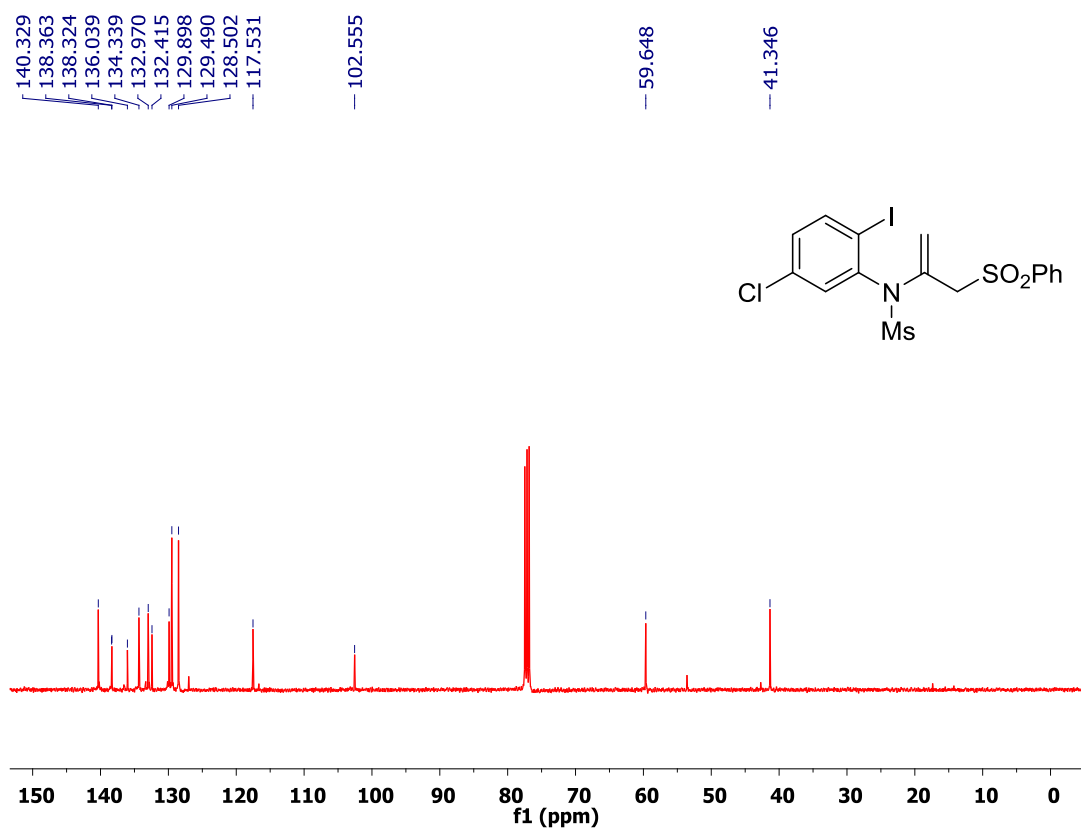
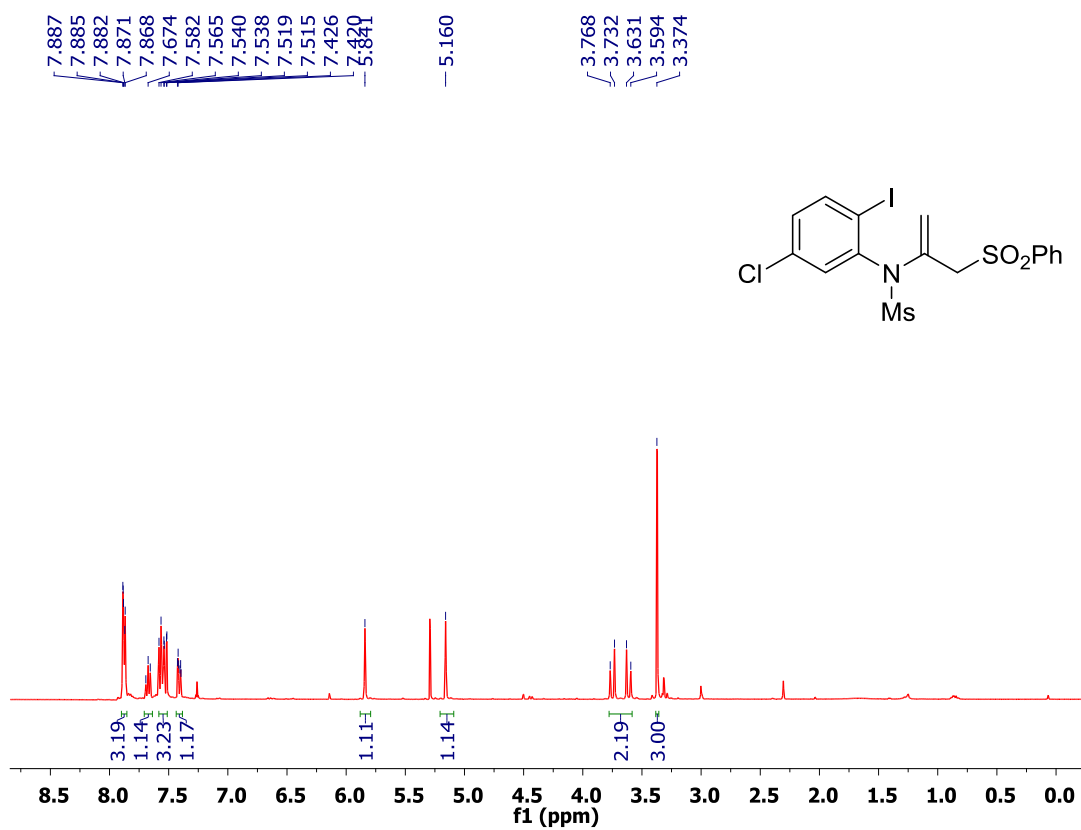


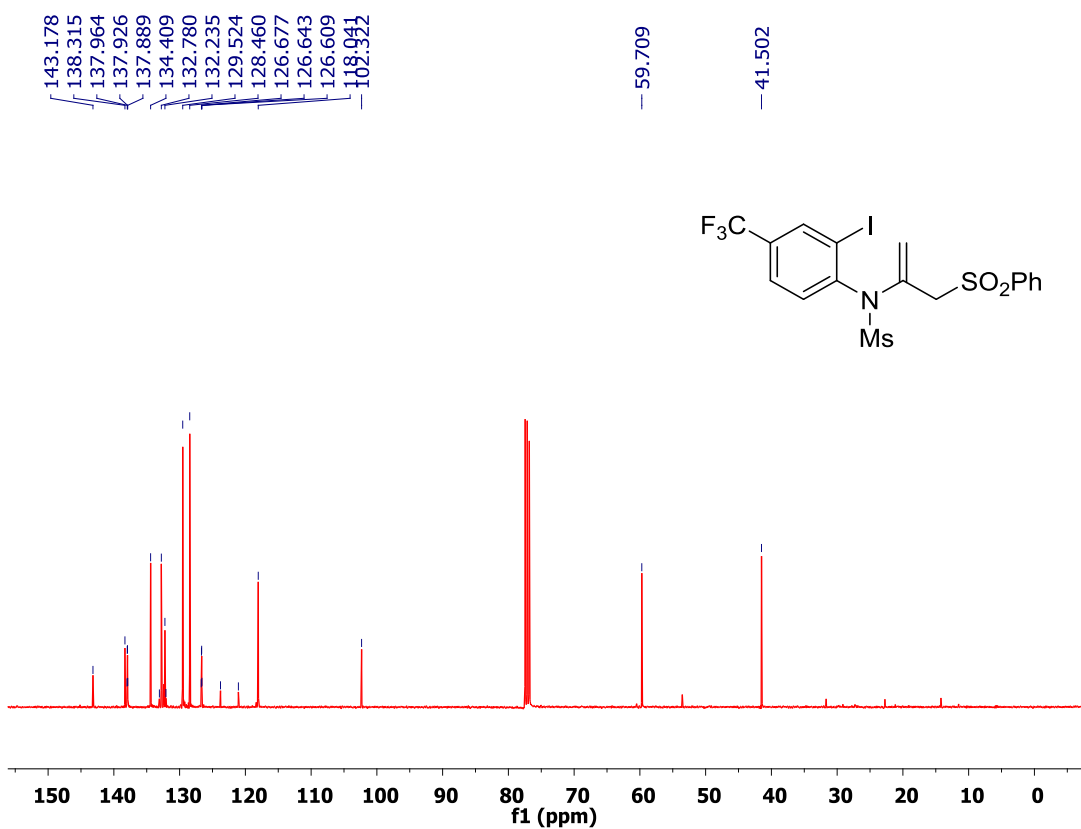
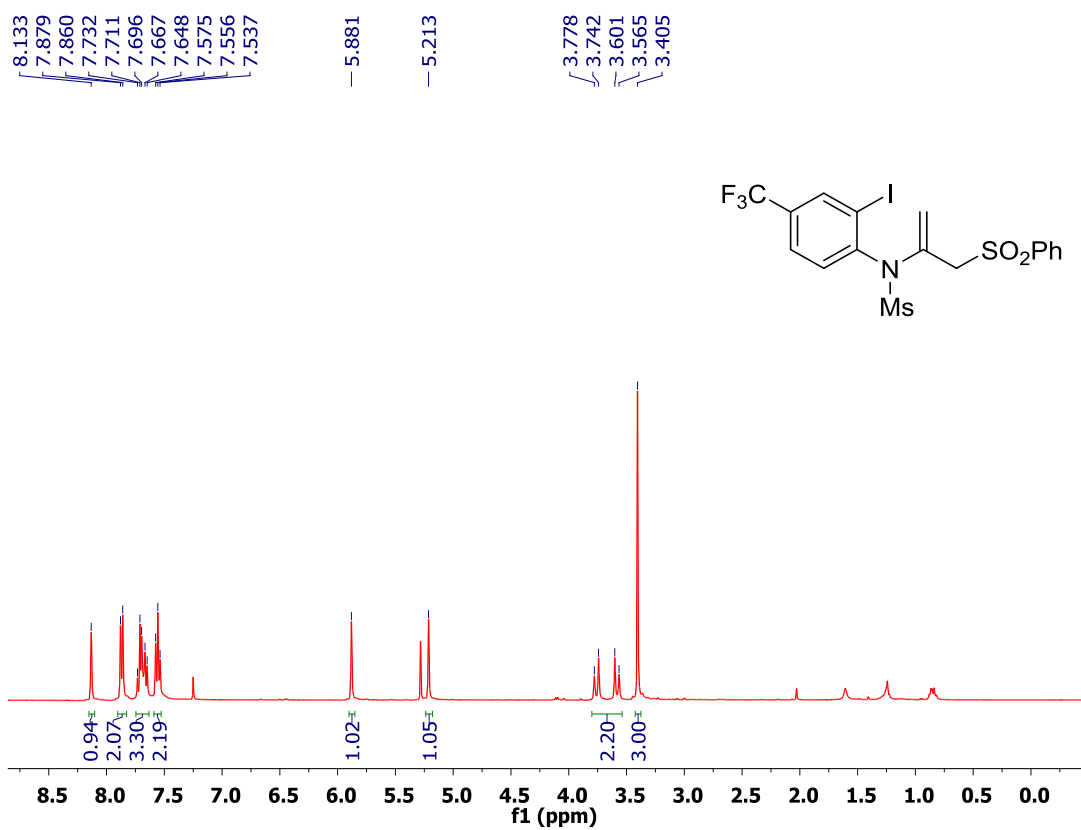


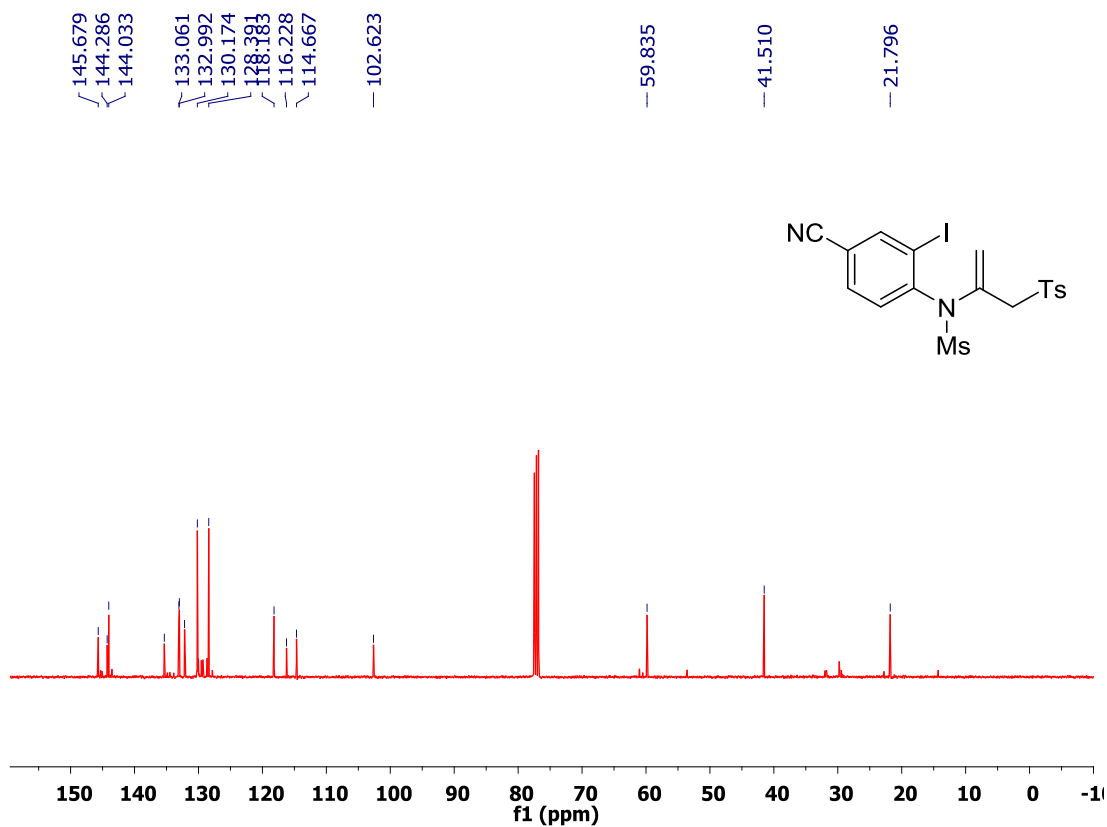
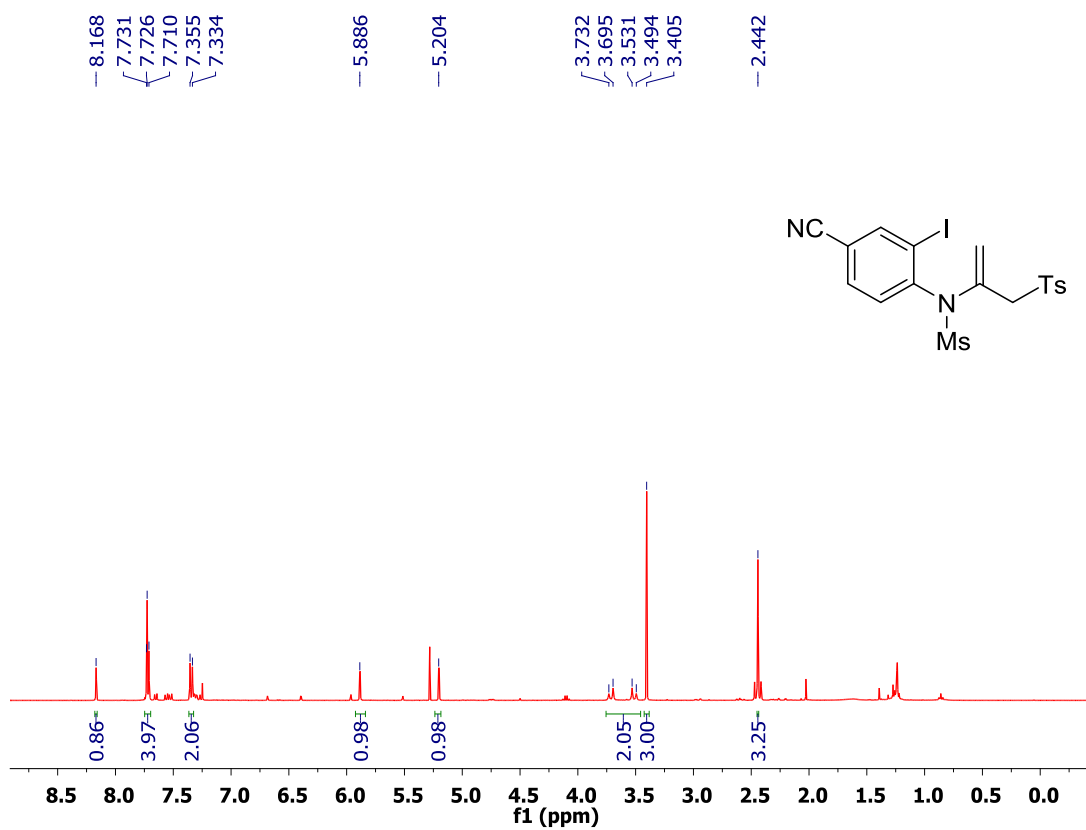


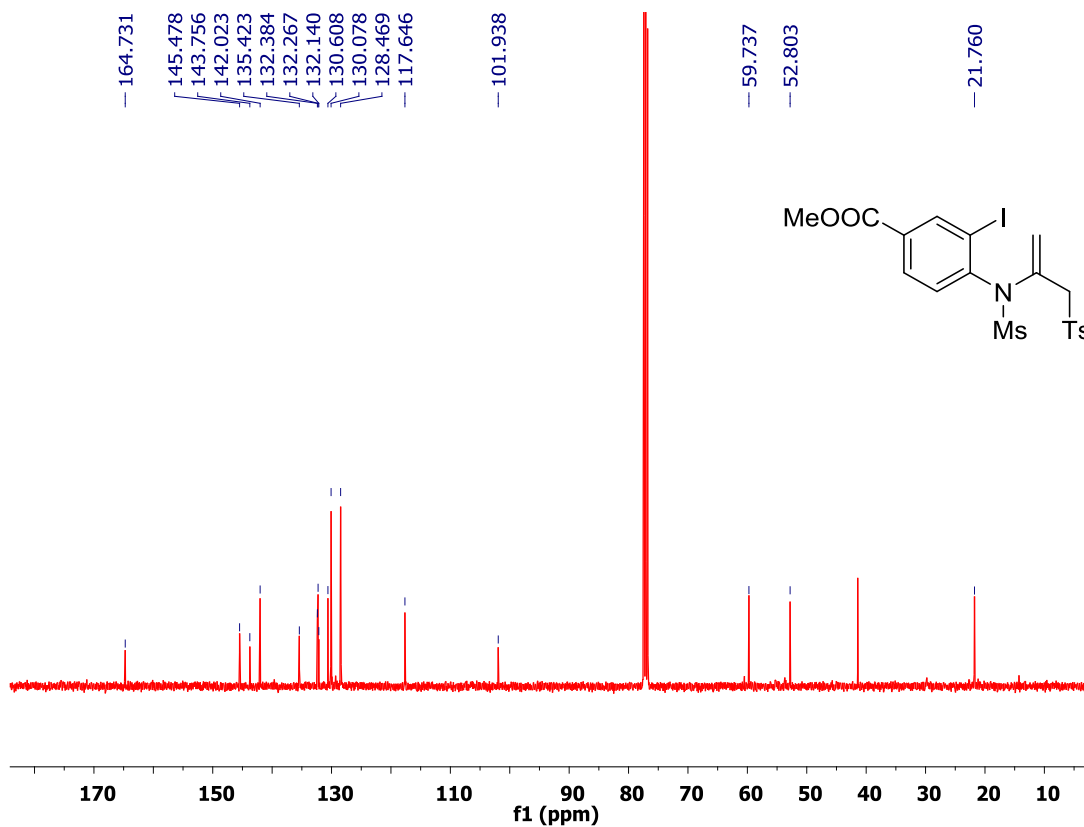
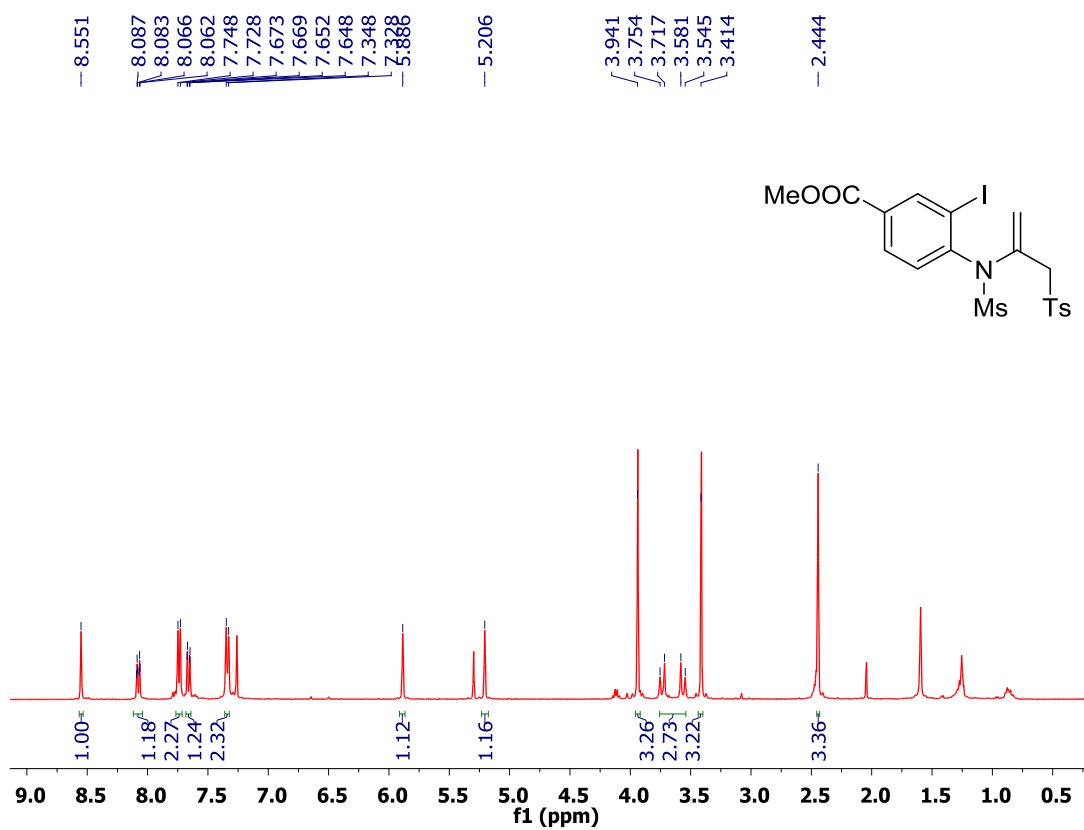


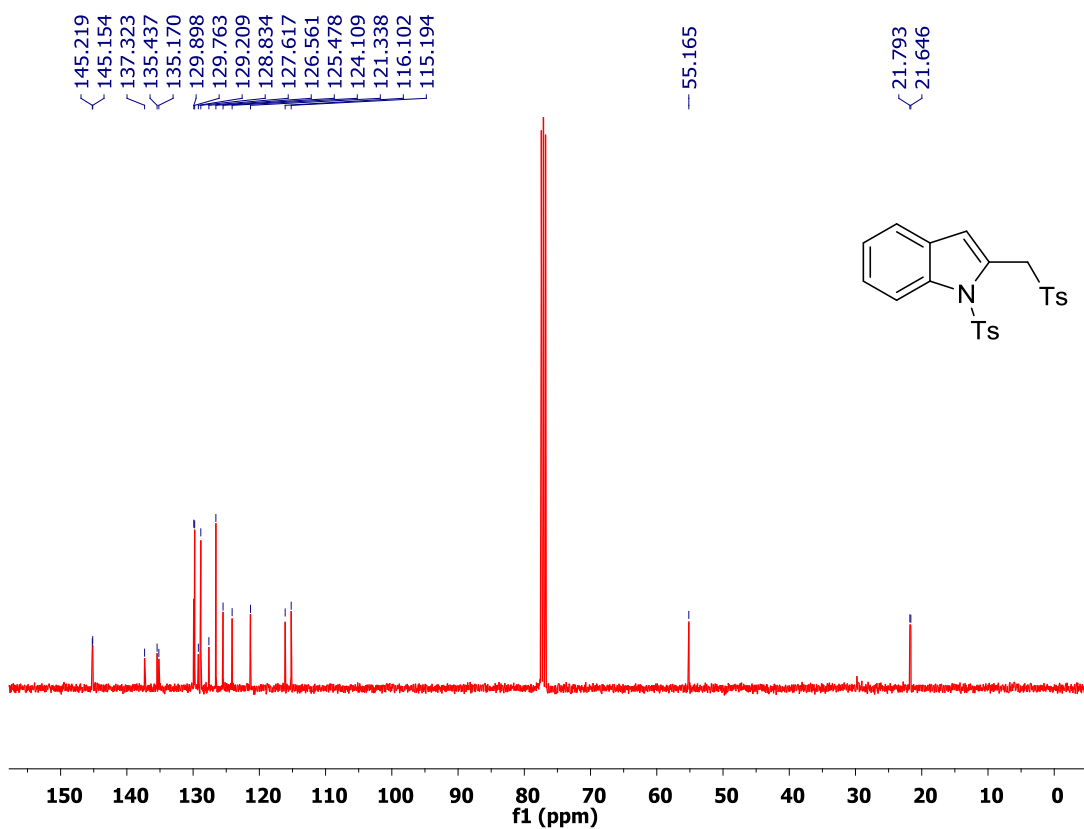
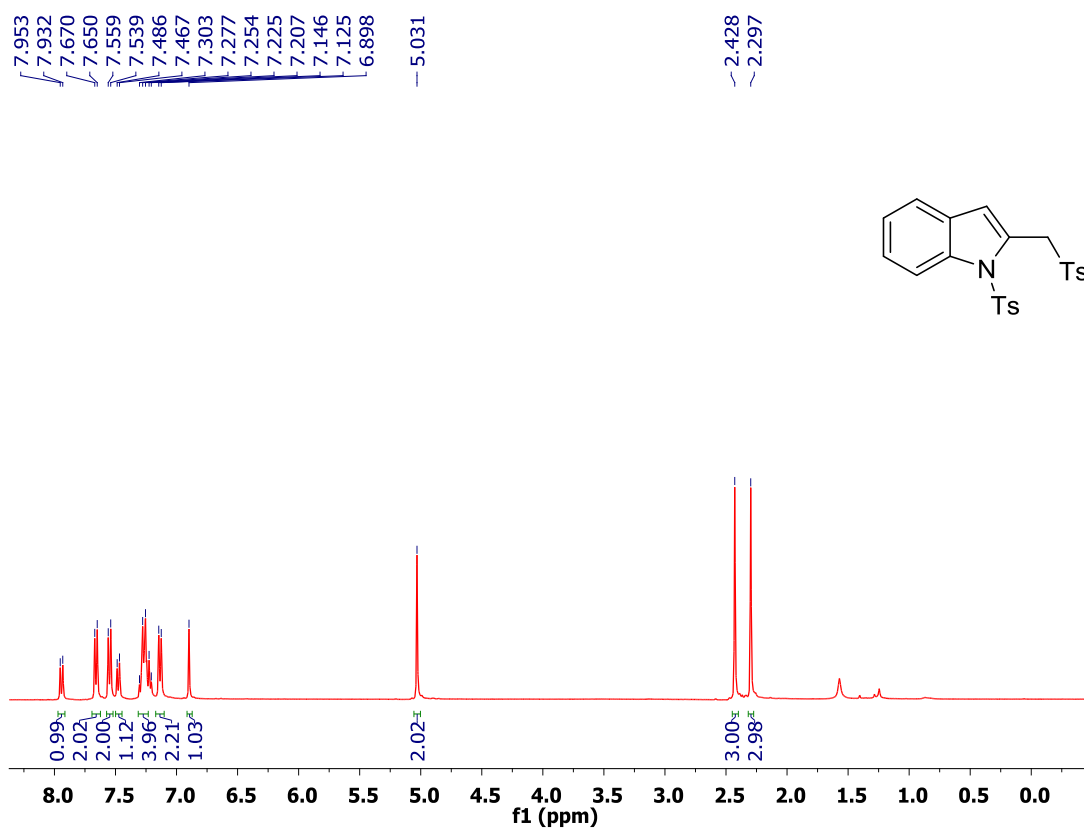




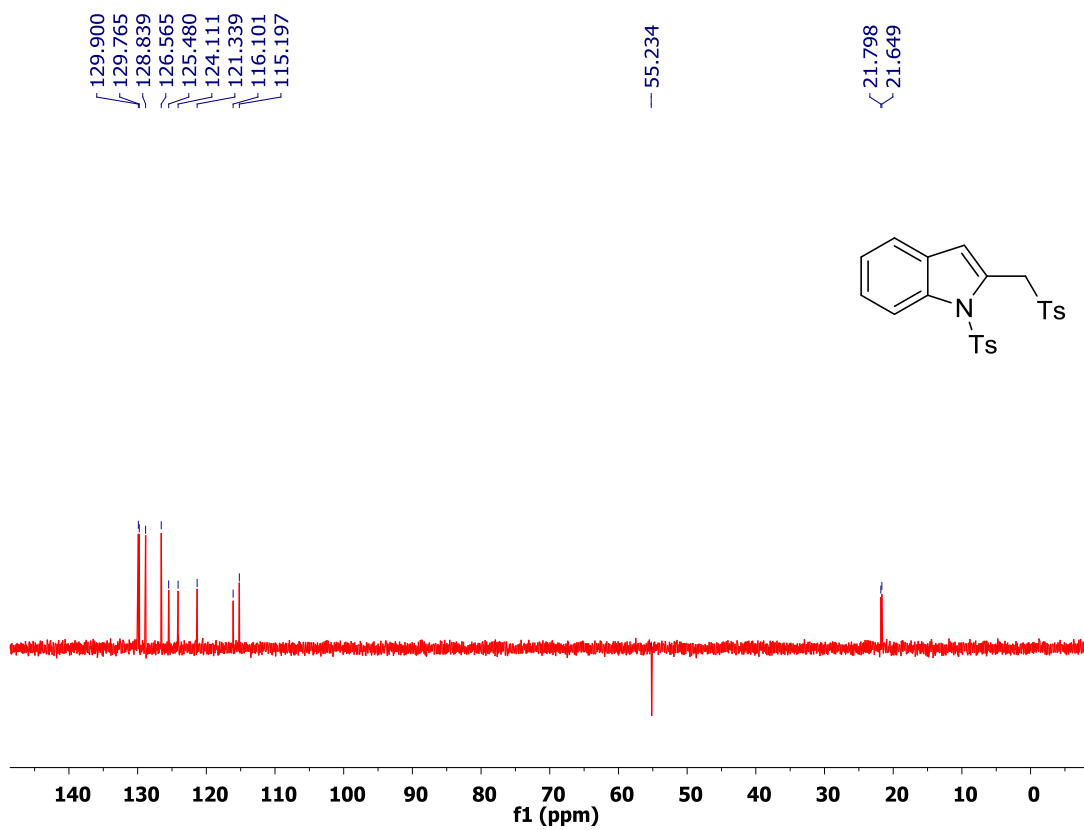


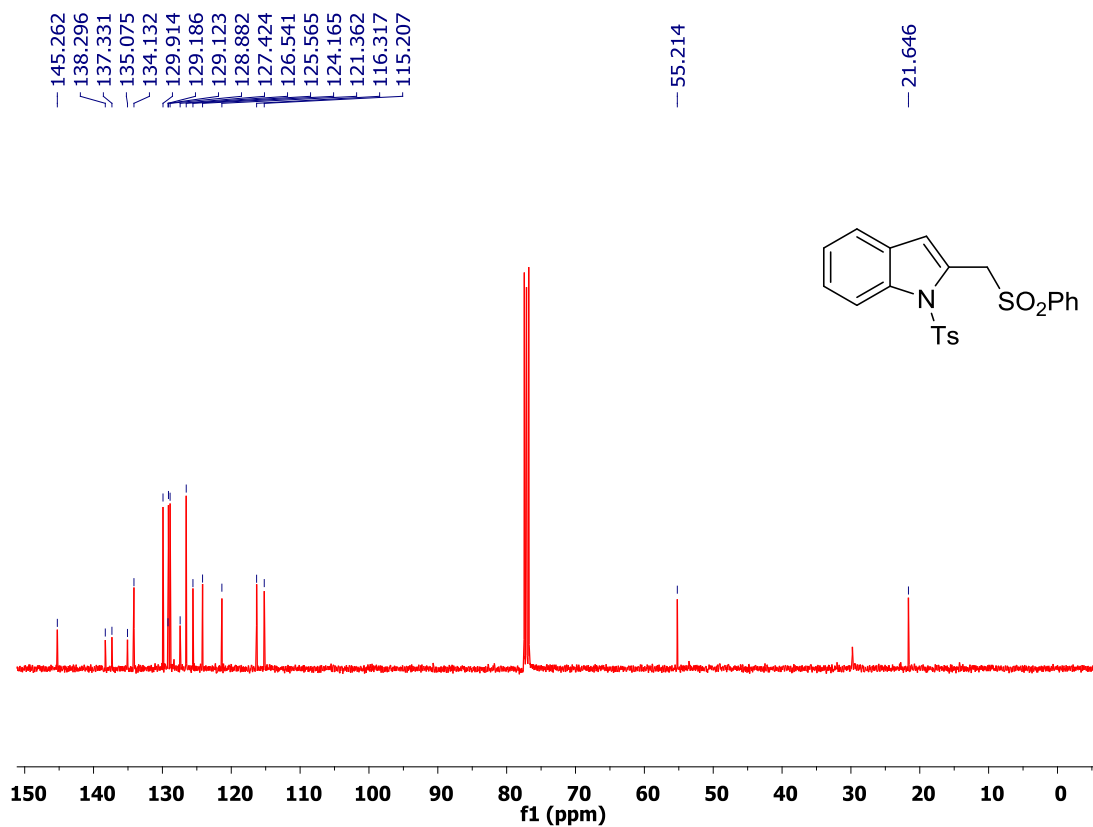
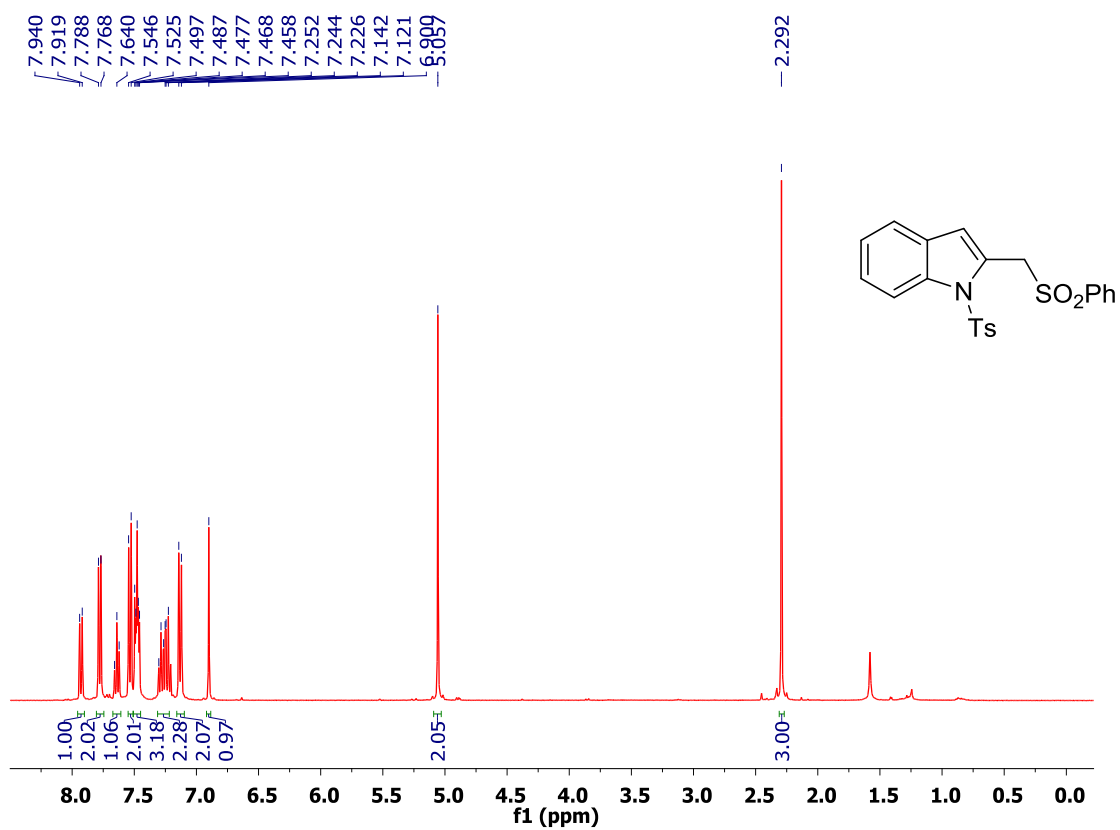


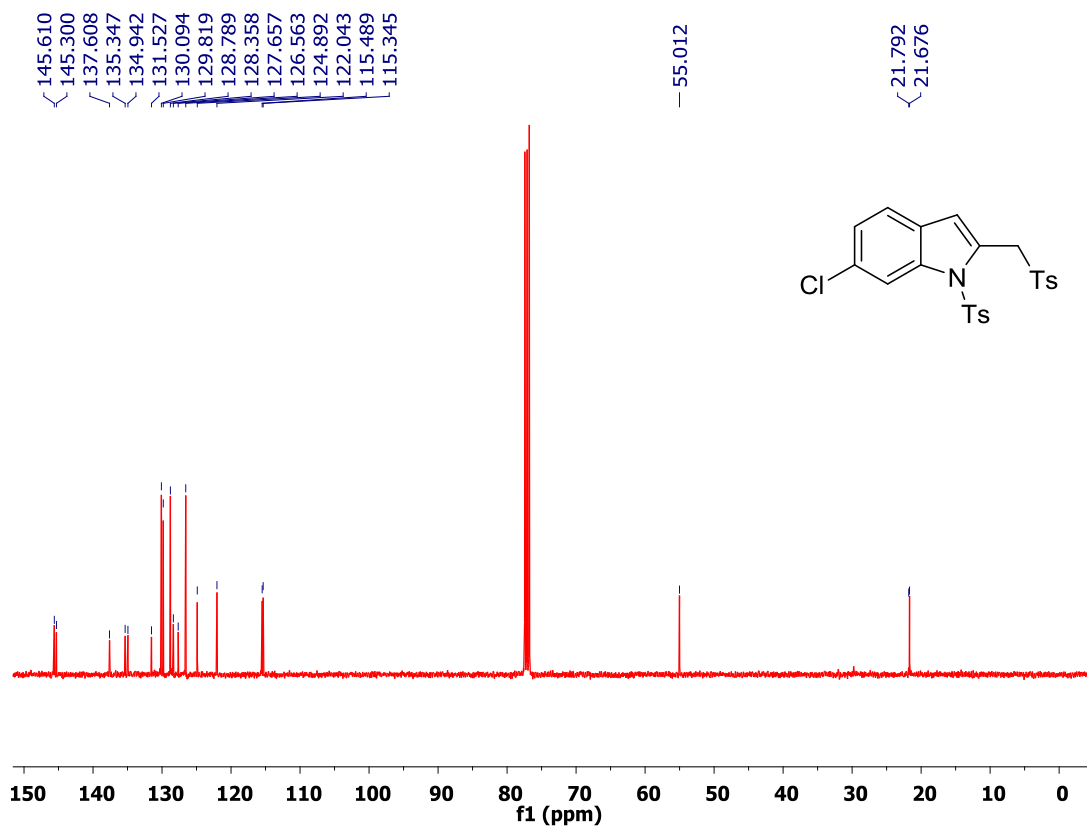
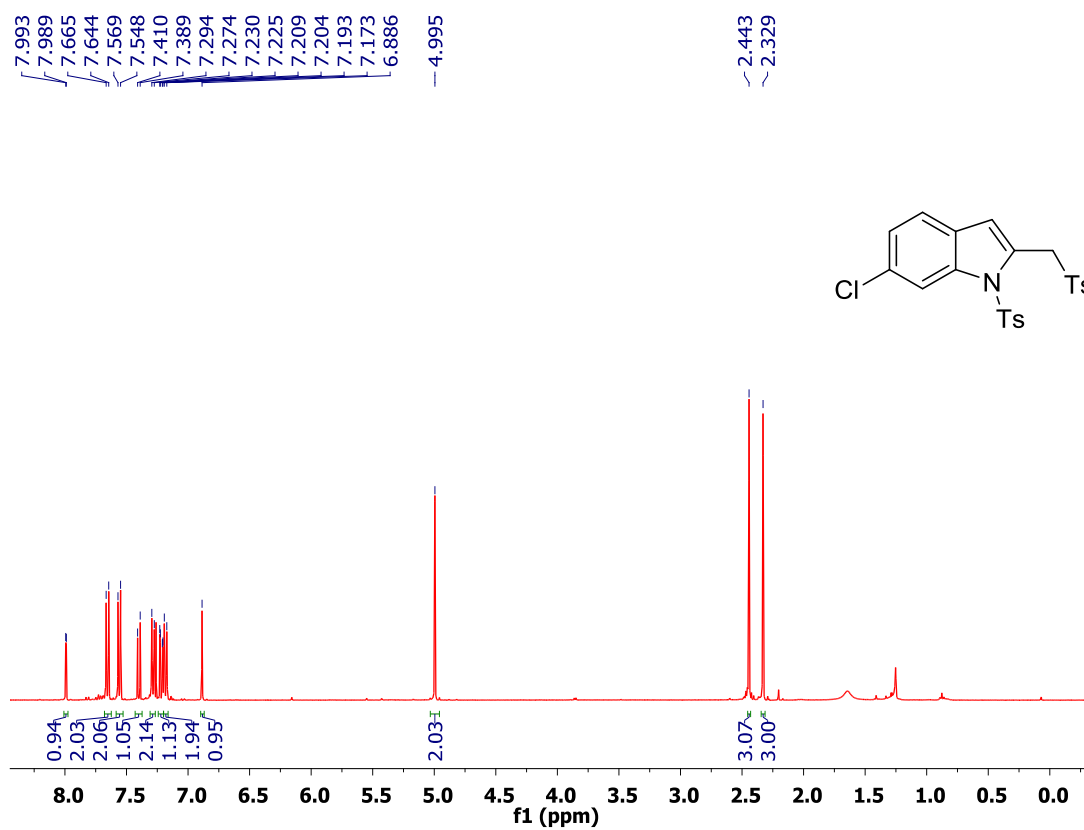


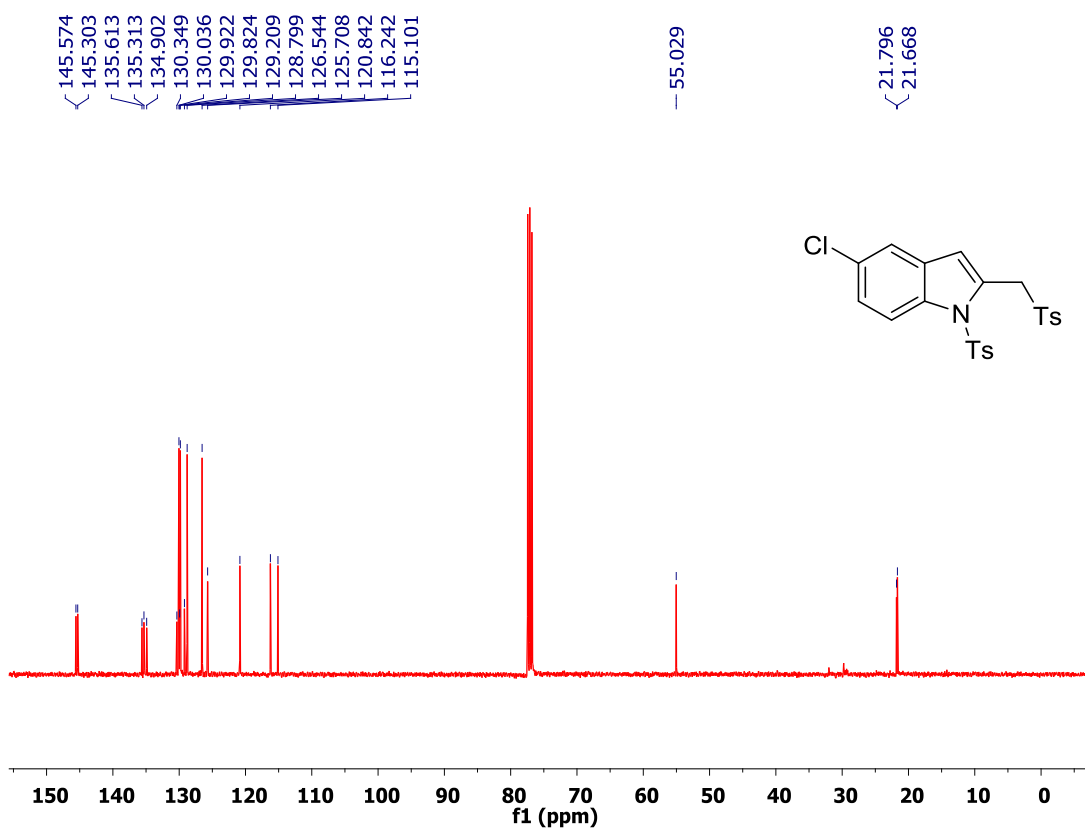
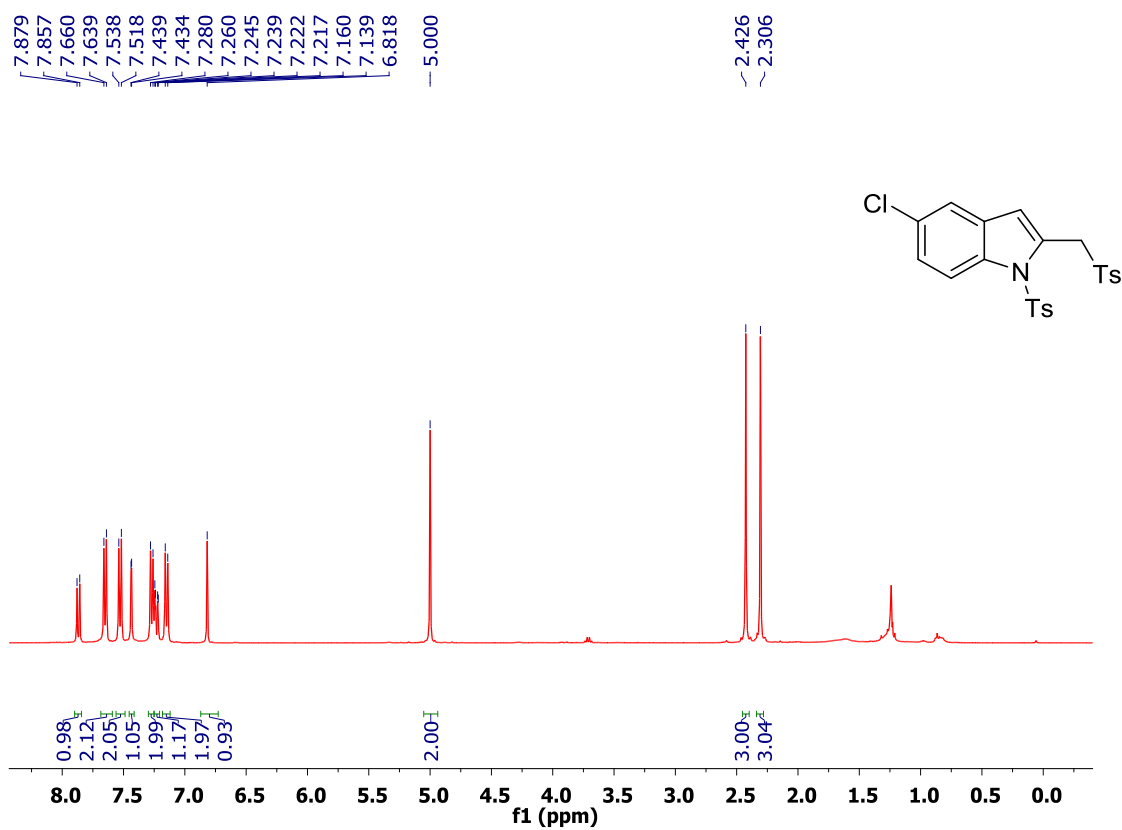


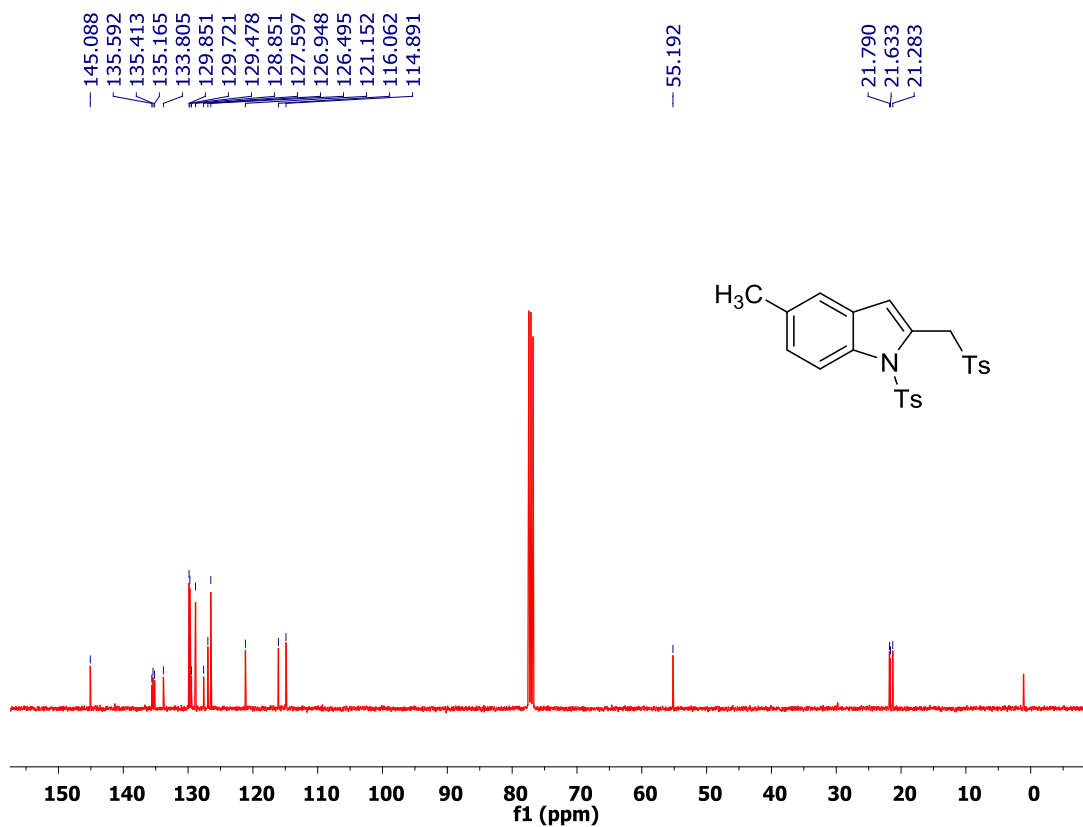
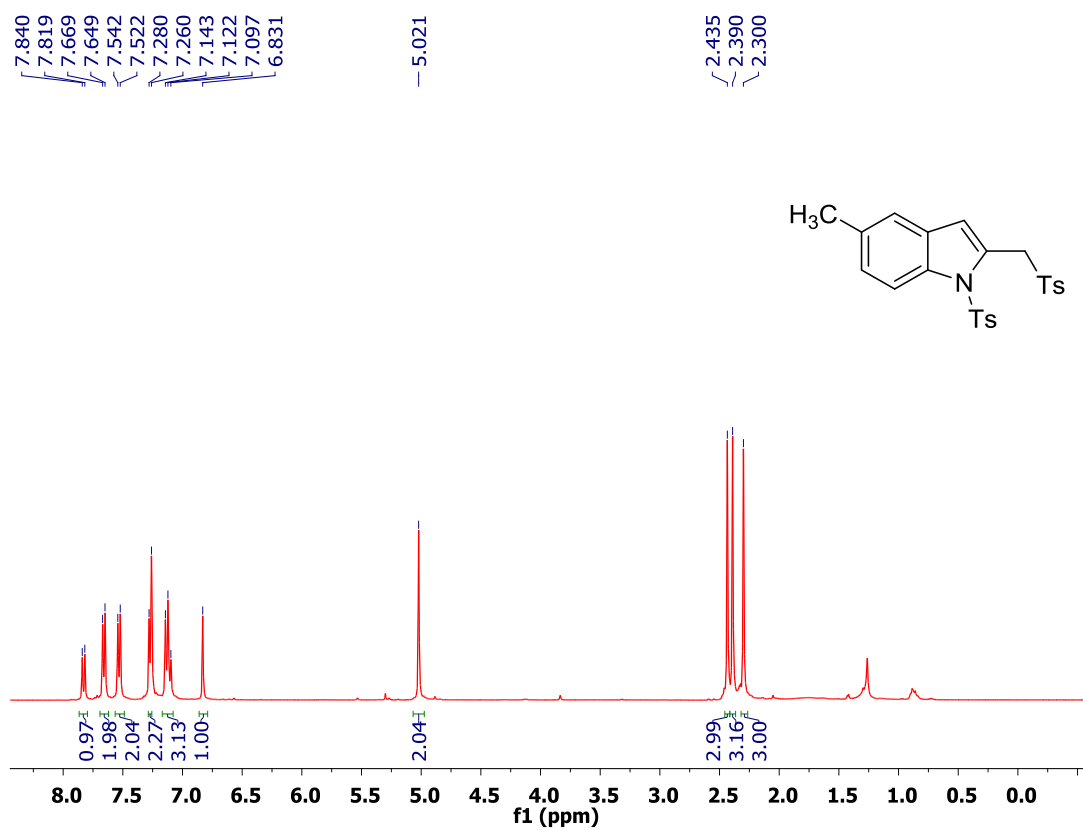
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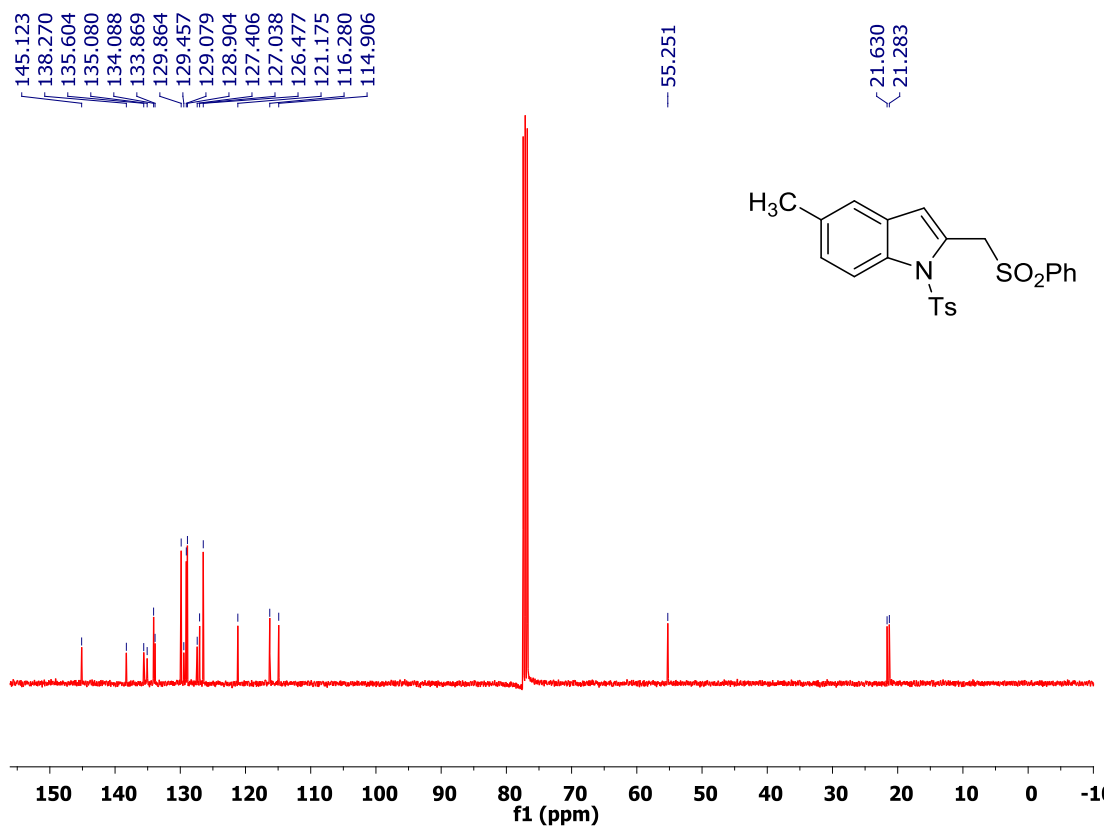
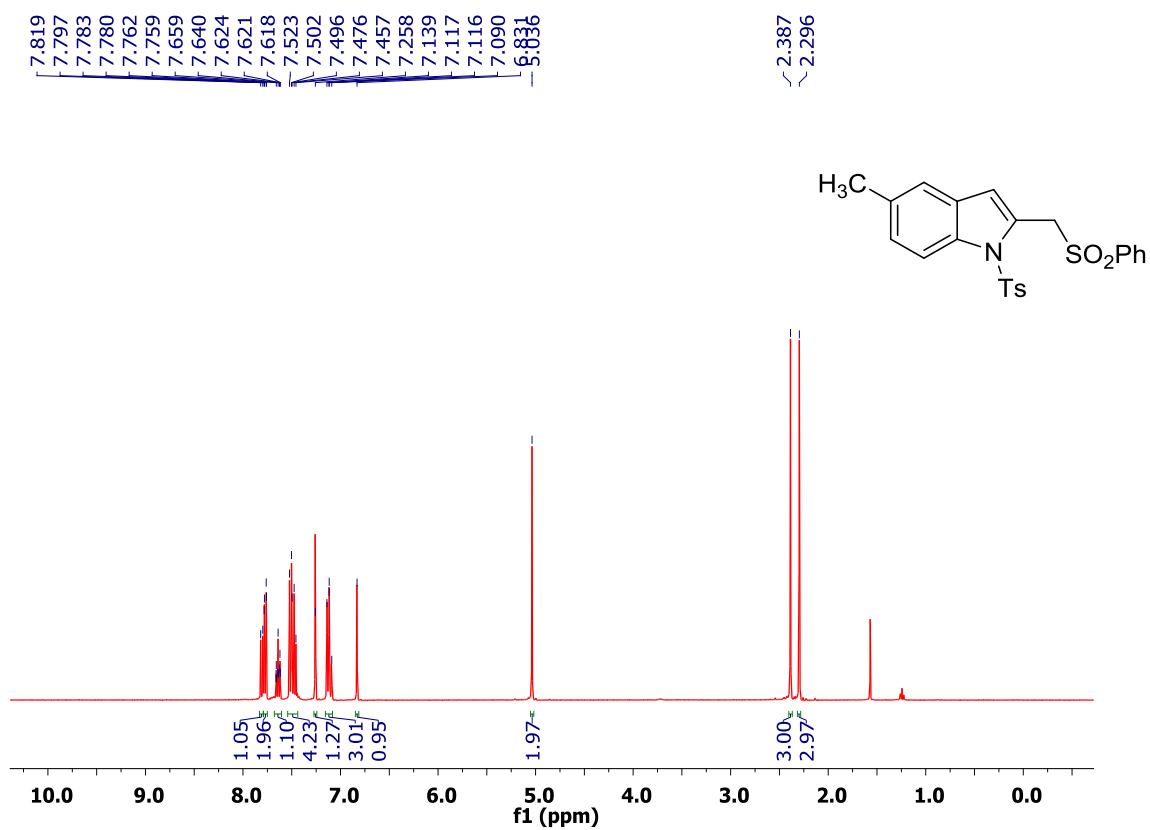


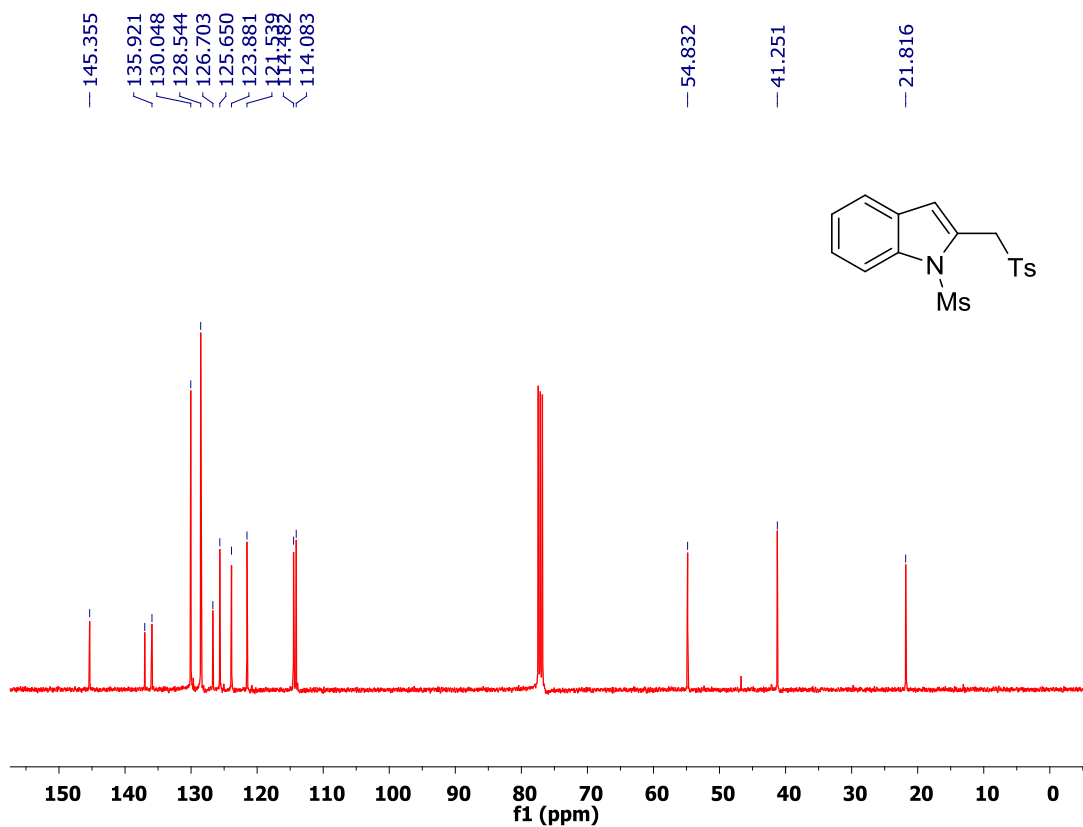
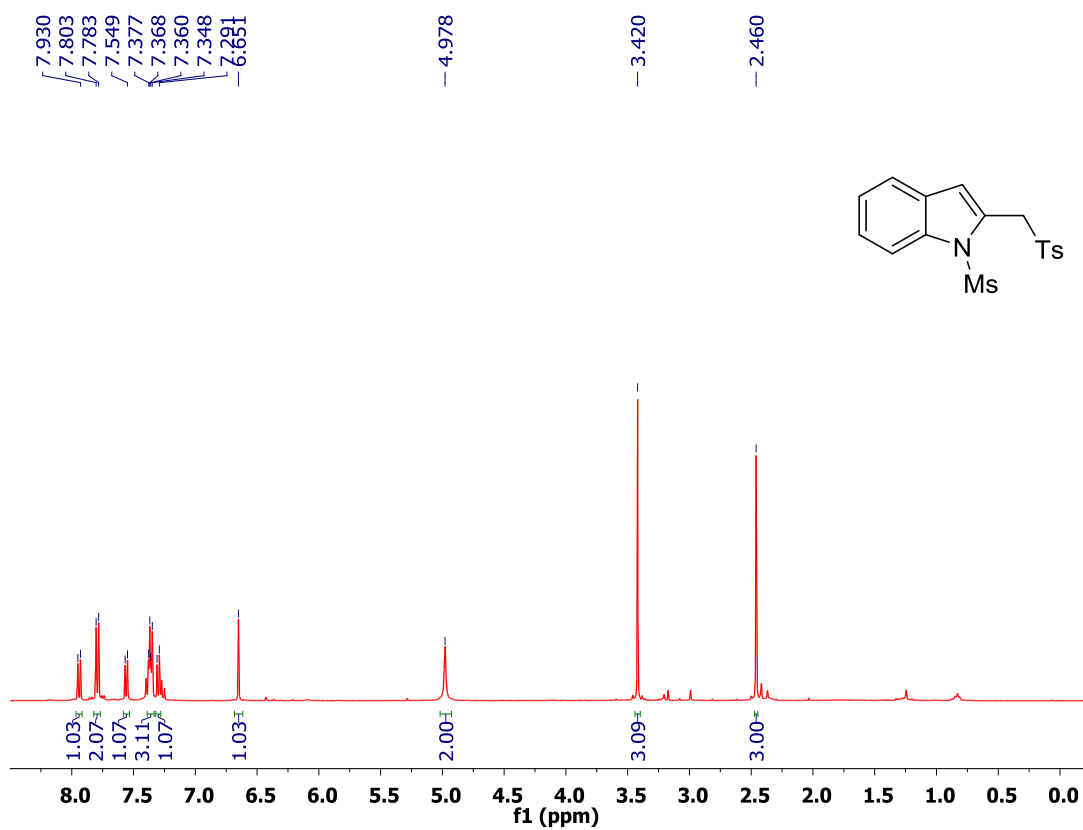


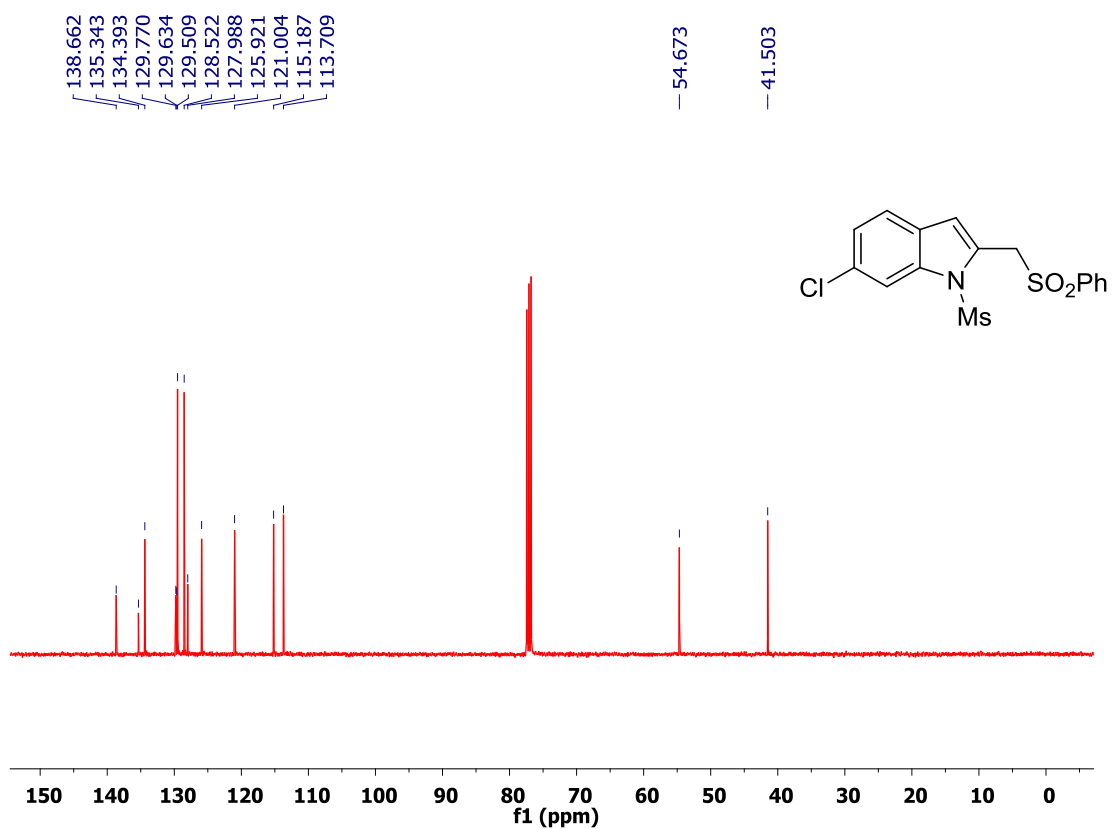
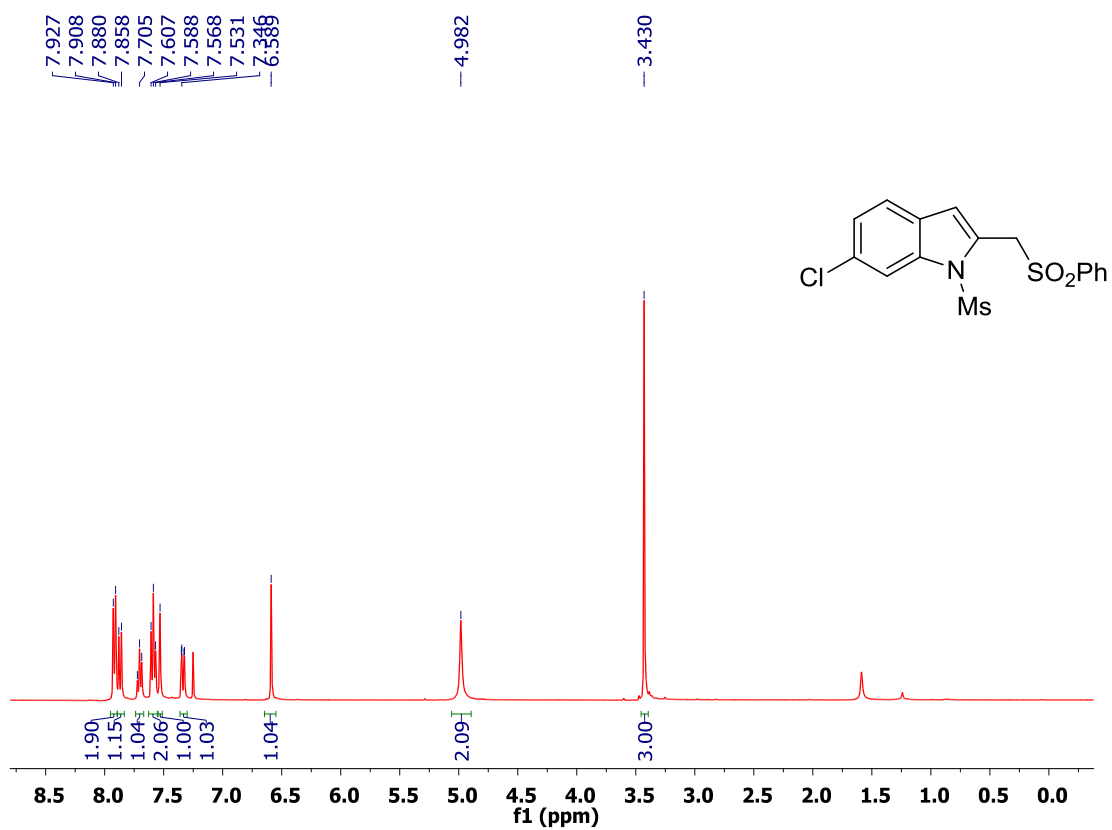


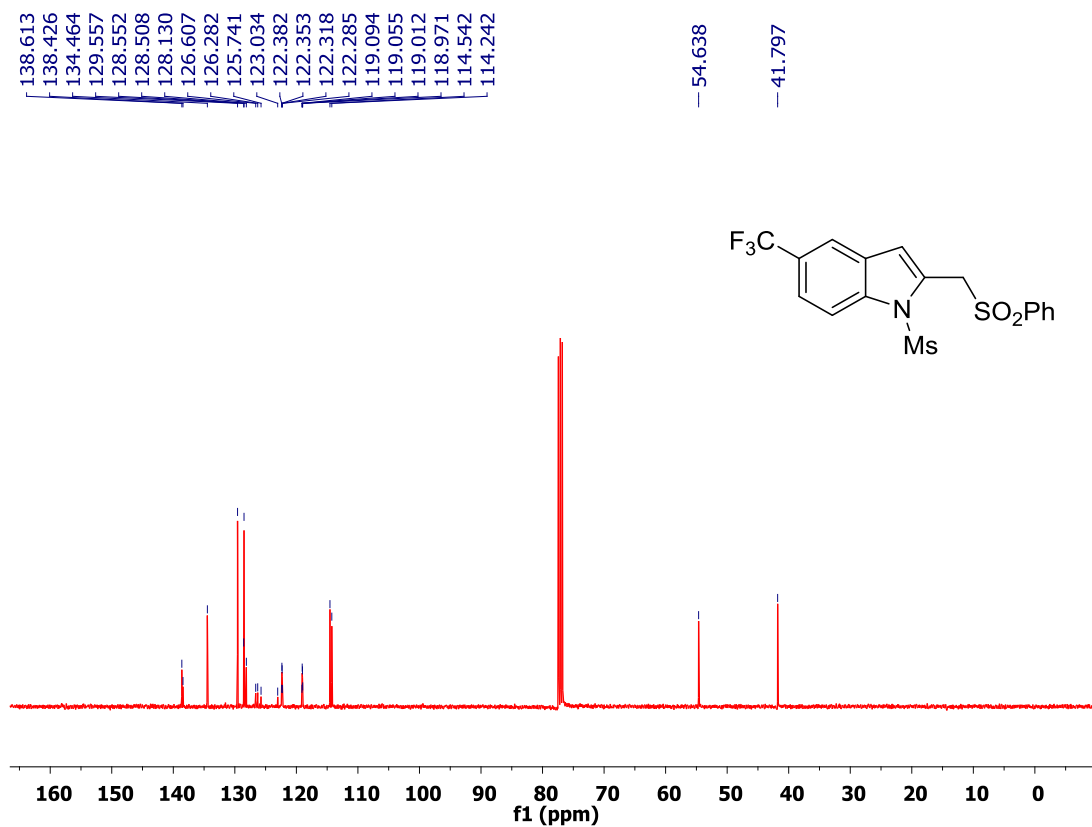
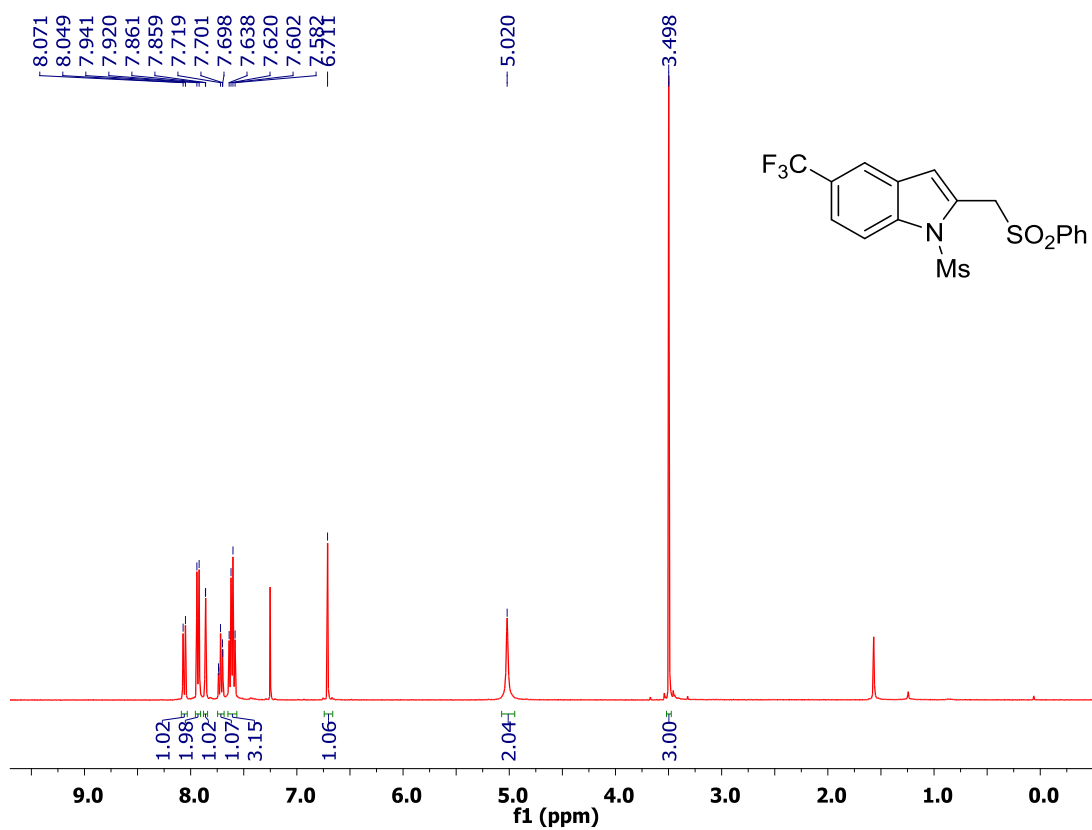


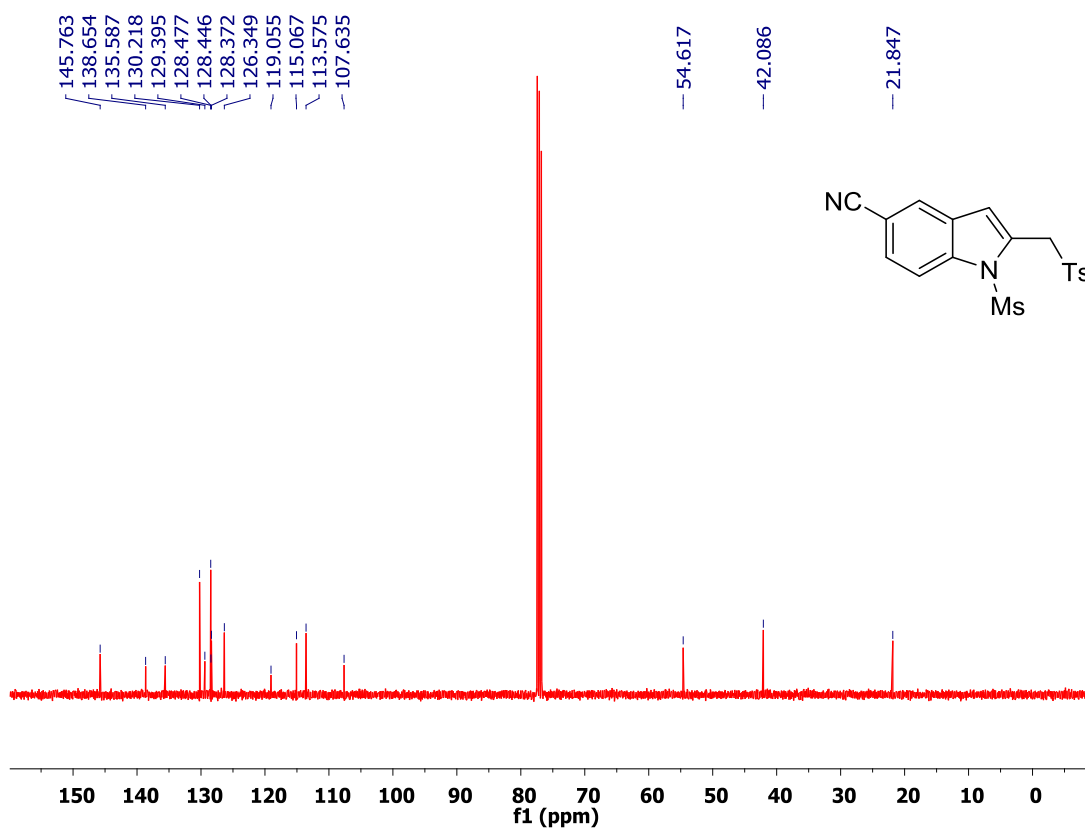
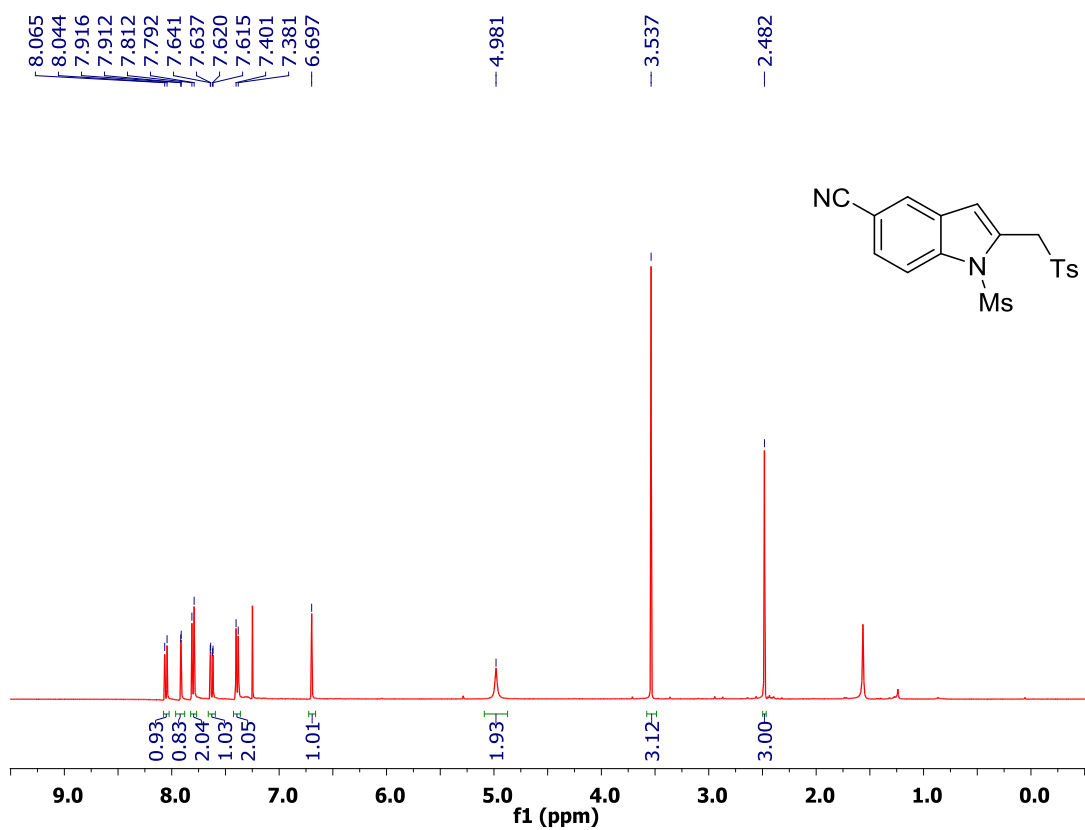


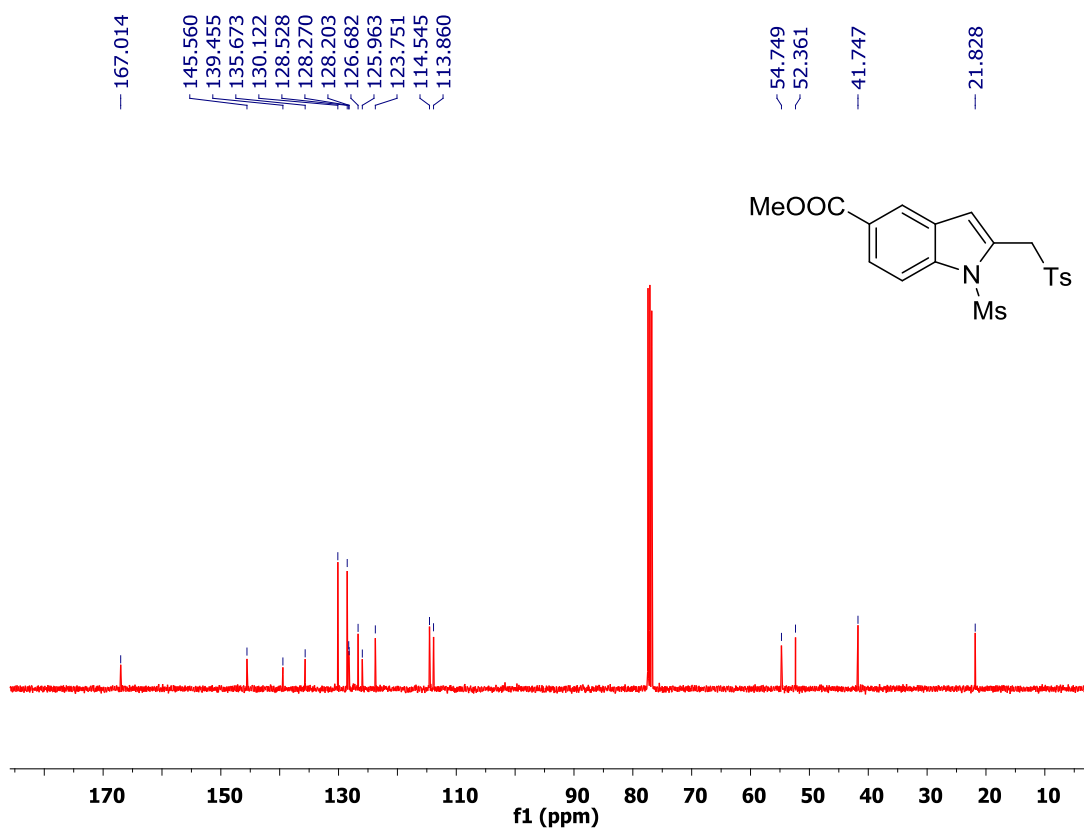
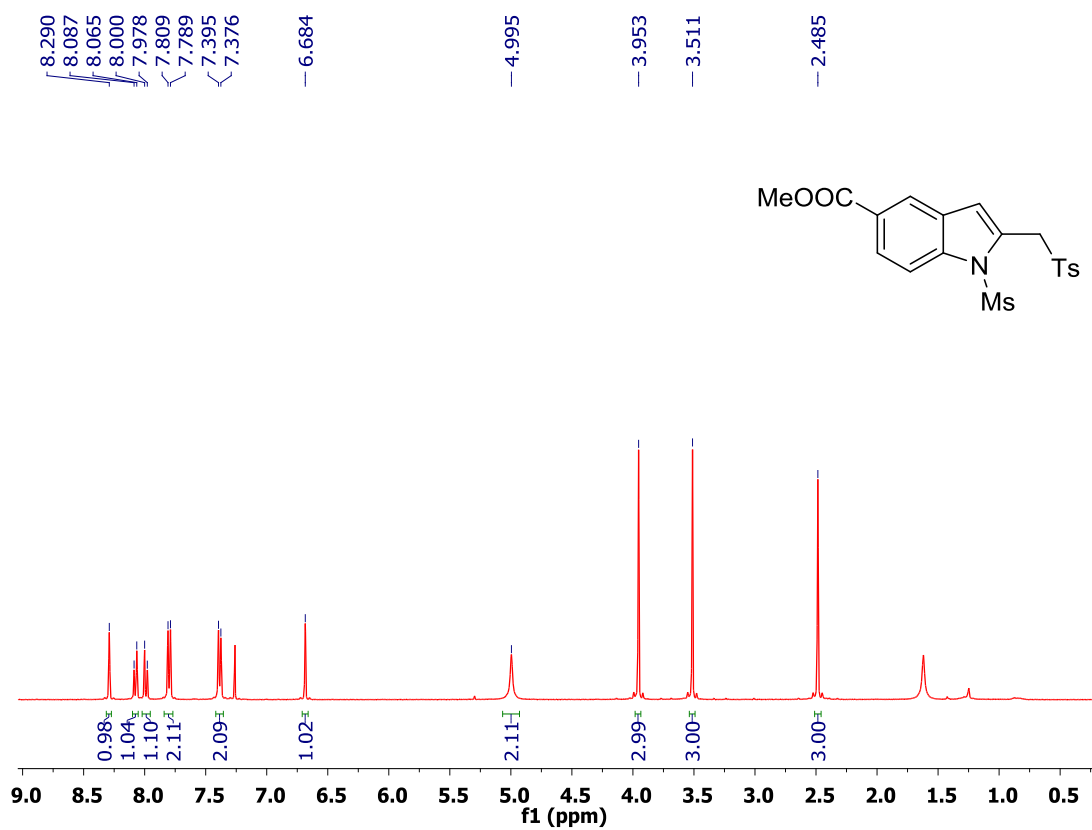


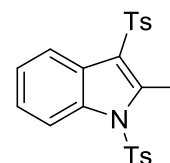
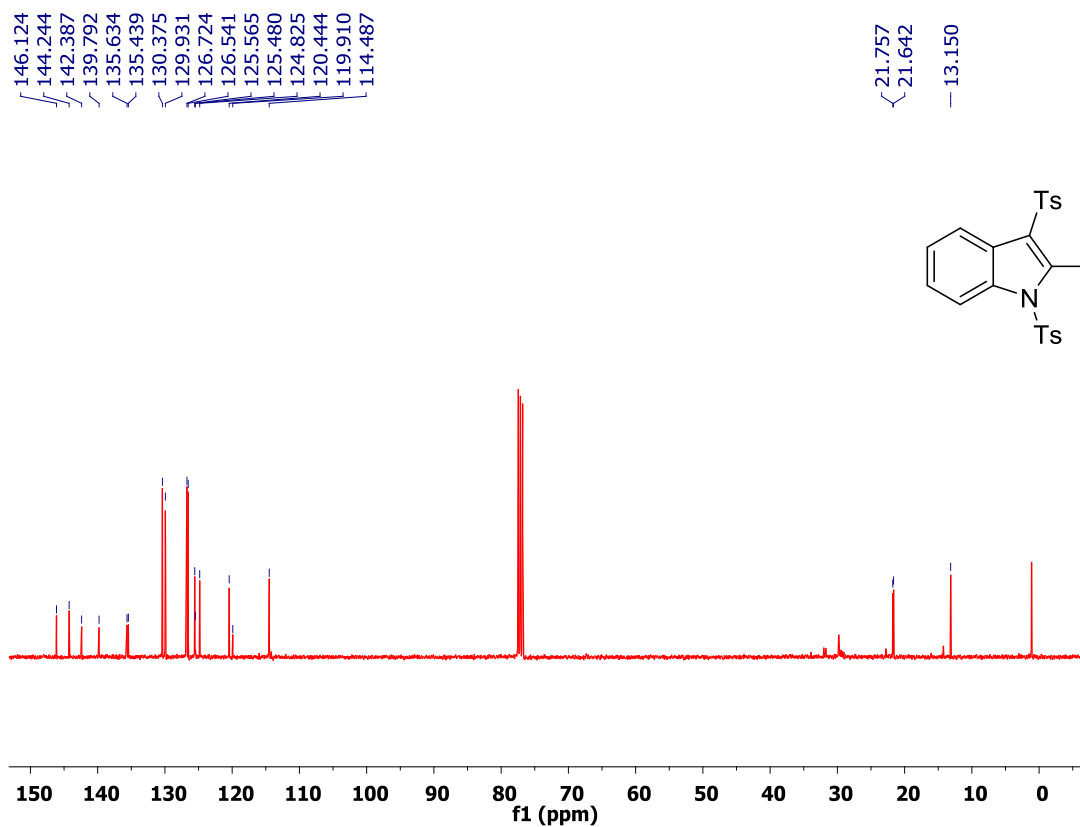
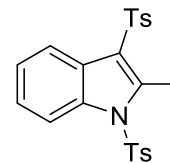
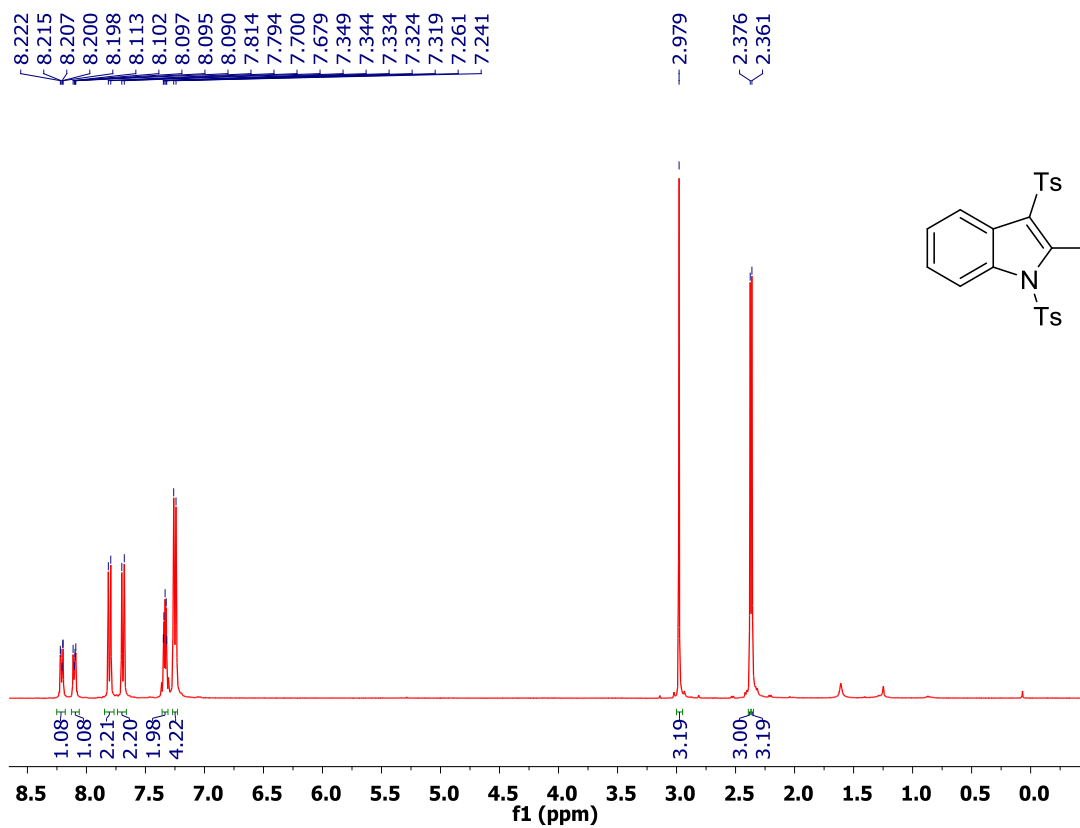












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