



Supporting Information

© Wiley-VCH 2007

69451 Weinheim, Germany

A Sydnone Cycloaddition Strategy to Pyrazole Boronic Esters

Duncan L. Browne, Matthew D. Helm, Andrew Plant, and Joseph P.A. Harrity *

^a*Department of Chemistry, University of Sheffield, Brook Hill, Sheffield, S3 7HF.*

^b*Research Chemistry, Syngenta, Jealott's Hill International Research Centre, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG42 6EY.*

General Procedures	S3
Cycloaddition Eq (3)	S4
Synthesis of 3a	S5
Synthesis of 4a/b	S5
Synthesis of 5a/b	S6
Synthesis of 6a/b	S7
Synthesis of 7a	S8
Synthesis of 8a	S9
Synthesis of 9a/b	S10
Synthesis of 10a/b	S11
Synthesis of 11a/b	S12
Synthesis of 12a/b	S13
Synthesis of 15	S14
Synthesis of 16	S14
Synthesis of 17	S15
Synthesis of 18	S16
Synthesis of 19	S16
Synthesis of 20	S17
Synthesis of 21	S18
Synthesis of 22 (from 20)	S19
Synthesis of 22 (from 21)	S20
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra for Cycloaddition Eq (3)	S21
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 3a	S22
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 4a	S23
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 4b	S24
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 5a	S25
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 5b	S26
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 6a	S27
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 6b	S28
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 7a	S29
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 8a	S30
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 9a/b	S31
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 10a/b	S32
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 11a	S33
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 11b	S34
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 12a/b	S35
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 15	S36
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 16	S37
¹ H/ ¹³ C spectra of 17	S38

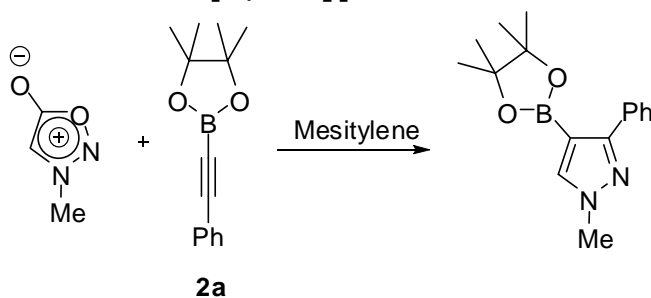
$^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$ spectra of 18	S39
$^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$ spectra of 19	S40
$^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$ spectra of 20	S41
$^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$ spectra of 21	S42
$^1\text{H}/^{13}\text{C}$ spectra of 22	S43
On the Assignment of Regiochemistry	S44
Regiochemical assignment of 5a by nOe	S45
Regiochemical assignment of 5b by nOe	S46
Regiochemical assignment of 15 by nOe	S47
Regiochemical assignment of 16 by nOe	S48

General Procedures.

Reactions were conducted in oven or flame-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere of dry nitrogen. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel (BDH Silica Gel 60 43-60, or Fluorochem Davisil silica gel 43-60). Alternatively, flash chromatography performed with an added cake of impregnated silica (10% silver nitrate) can be employed to avoid co-elution of compounds **2a**, **2b** or **2c** with the desired pyrazole product. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminium backed plates pre-coated with silica (0.2 mm, Merck DC-alufolien Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄) and were developed using standard visualizing agents: Ultraviolet light or potassium permanganate.

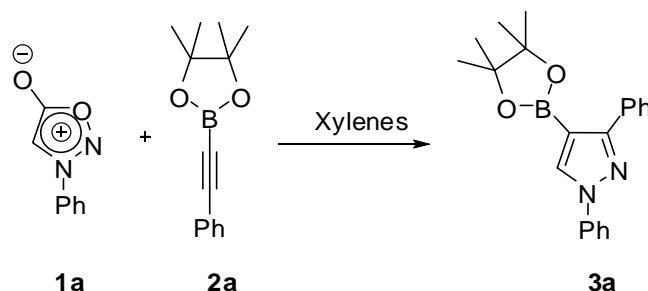
¹H/¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC-250 or Av1-250 instruments or AMX-400 or AV1-400 instruments. ¹H: Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CHCl₃: δ7.27 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s=singlet, d=doublet, t=triplet, q=quartet, br=broad, m=multiplet), integration, coupling constants (*J*) in Hz, and assignment. ¹³C NMR spectra were with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ77.0 ppm). Infrared (FTIR) spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Paragon 100 FTIR spectrophotometer, ν_{max} in cm⁻¹. Bands are characterized as broad (br), strong (s), medium (m) and weak (w). Samples were recorded as thin films using sodium chloride plates as a DCM solution. Low resolution mass spectra were recorded on Micromass Autospec, operating in E.I., C.I. or FAB mode; or a Perkin-Elmer Turbomass Benchtop GC-MS operating in either E.I. or C.I. mode. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) recorded for accurate mass analysis, were performed on either a MicroMass LCT operating in Electrospray mode (TOF ES⁺) or a MicroMass Prospec operating in either FAB (FAB⁺), EI (EI⁺) or CI (CI⁺) mode. Elemental microanalysis performed using a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHNS / O Series II Elemental Analyser. Melting points were performed on recrystallised solids and recorded on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. All solvents and reagents were purified using standard laboratory techniques according to methods published in "Purification of Laboratory Chemicals" by Perrin, Armarego, and Perrin (Pergamon Press, 1966).

Synthesis of 1-methyl-3-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole



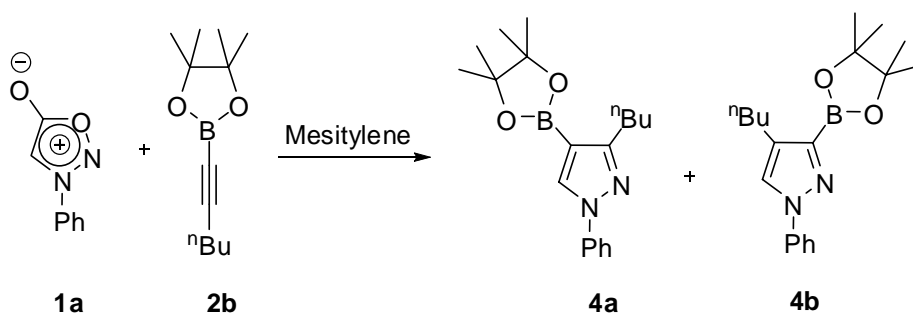
To N-methylsydnone (1 mmol, 100 mg) and **2a** (2 mmol, 456 mg) was added mesitylene (4 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 72 hours before the volatiles were removed in vacuo. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel. Title compound was isolated as a yellow oil (151 mg 53%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82–7.91 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.64 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.17 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.23 (s, 12H, pinacol- CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.0, 139.8, 134.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 83.3, 38.7, 24.9; FTIR: 3057 (w), 2977 (m), 2929 (w), 1531 (s), 1448 (m), 1371 (m), 1333 (s), 1302 (m), 1216 (w), 1178 (m), 1118 (s), 989 (m), 959 (w) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2$ 285.1774. found: 285.1767.

Synthesis of 1,3-diphenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (3a)



To **1a** (0.5 mmol, 81 mg) and **2a** (1 mmol, 228 mg) was added xylenes (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 8 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 30% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **3a** was isolated as a colourless solid (100 mg, 58%). Further purification could be carried out by trituration with diethyl ether. ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.30 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 8.02–8.10 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.75–7.83 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.25–7.50 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 1.34 (s, 12H, pinacol CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.9, 139.8, 136.3, 133.9, 129.4, 128.4, 128.0, 126.6, 119.3 (2C), 83.6, 24.8; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2978 (m), 1600 (m), 1532 (s), 1446 (m), 1356 (m), 1307 (m), 1217 (m), 1146 (m), 1126 (m), 1062 (m), 993 (m), 958 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2$: 346.1853, found: 346.1866. M.p. 158–160 $^\circ\text{C}$.

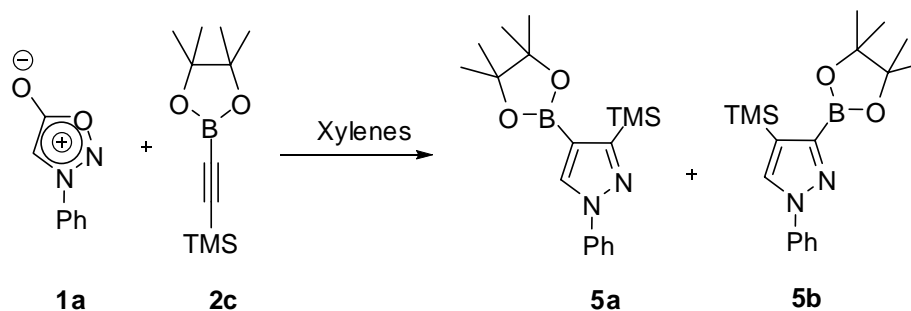
Synthesis of 3-butyl-1-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (4a) and 4-butyl-1-phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (4b).



To **1a** (0.5 mmol, 81 mg) and **2b** (1 mmol, 208 mg) was added mesitylene (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 16 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **4a** was isolated as a brown oil (75 mg, 46%), and product **4b** as a brown oil (30 mg, 18%). (**4a**) ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.05 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.55–7.62 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.32 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.10–7.20 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 2.73–2.83 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.55–1.69 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.25–1.42 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.24 (s, 12H, pinacol CH_3), 0.87 (t, 3H, J = 7.5 Hz, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.5, 139.9, 134.6, 129.3, 126.1, 119.2, 83.1, 32.6, 28.2, 24.8, 22.6, 13.9; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2958 (m), 2931 (m), 2872 (w), 1601 (m), 1551 (s), 1465 (m), 1382 (m), 1307 (s), 1146 (s), 1077 (s), 958 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{28}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2$: 327.2244, found: 327.2260. (**4b**) ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.63–7.70 (m, 3H, pyrazole-H + Ar-H), 7.28–7.37 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.13–7.21 (m,

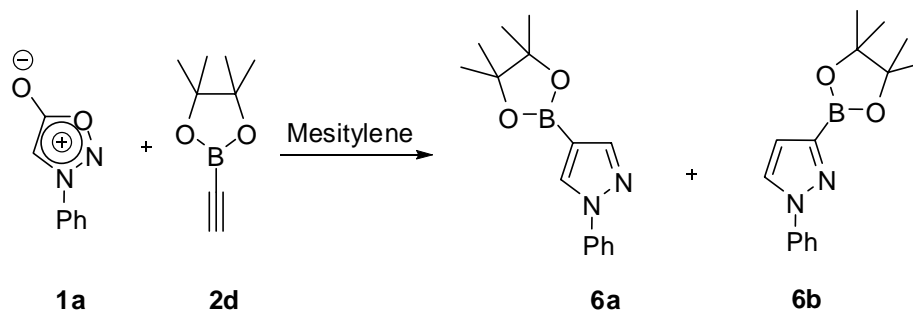
¹H, Ar-H), 2.64 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₂), 1.44–1.58 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.22–1.38 (m, 14H, pinacol CH₃ + CH₂), 0.86 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.2, 132.6, 129.1, 126.3, 125.4, 119.8, 83.7, 33.7, 24.9, 24.1, 22.4, 13.9; FTIR (CH₂Cl₂): 2956 (m), 2930 (m), 2860 (w), 1601 (m), 1485 (s), 1372 (m), 1297 (m), 1145 (s), 1100 (m), 1082 (m), 962 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES): m/z [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₈BN₂O₂: 327.2244, found: 327.2260.

Synthesis of 1-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-pyrazole (5a) and 1-phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-pyrazole (5b).



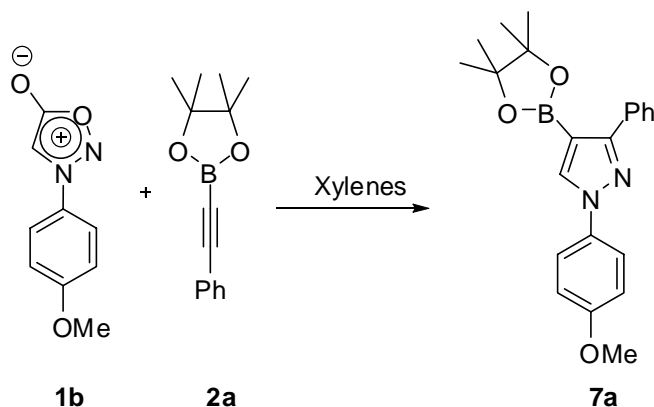
To **1a** (0.5 mmol, 81 mg) and **2c** (1 mmol, 224 mg) was added xylenes (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 8 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **5a** was isolated as a colourless solid (85 mg, 50%), and product **5b** as a colourless solid (43 mg, 25%). (**5a**) ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.29 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.70–7.76 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.37–7.46 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.21–7.29 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 1.33 (s, 12H, pinacol CH₃), 0.38 (s, 9H, TMS); ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.2, 140.0, 135.0, 129.3, 126.3, 119.5, 83.3, 24.9, -0.9; FTIR (CH₂Cl₂): 2978 (m), 1601 (m), 1528 (s), 1507 (m), 1427 (m), 1372 (m), 1305 (s), 1264 (s), 1145 (s), 1051 (s), 960 (m), 845 (s) cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI): m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₇BN₂O₂Si: 342.1935, found: 342.1918. M.p. 103–105 °C. (**5b**) ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.72–7.78 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.36–7.45 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.22–7.30 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 1.37 (s, 12H, pinacol CH₃), 0.31 (s, 9H, TMS); ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.9, 132.9, 129.1, 126.6, 125.2, 120.4, 84.0, 24.9, -0.2; FTIR (CH₂Cl₂): 2974 (m), 1599 (m), 1510 (m), 1460 (s), 1381 (m), 1342 (m), 1305 (m), 1243 (s), 1142 (s), 1054 (s), 964 (m), 840 (s) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES): m/z [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₈BN₂O₂Si: 343.2013, found: 343.2023. M.p. 206–208 °C.

Synthesis of 1-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (6a) and 1-phenyl-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (6b).



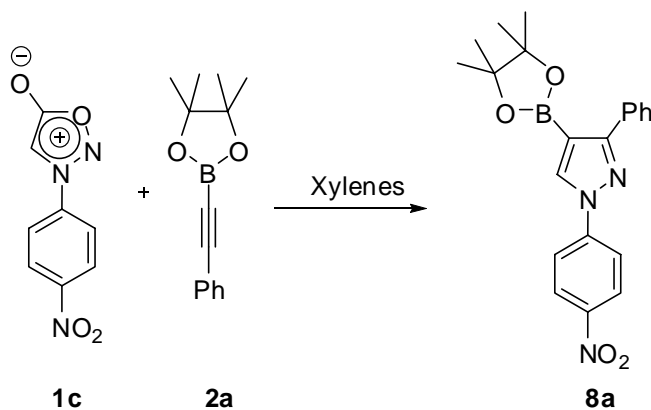
To **1a** (0.5 mmol, 81 mg) and **2d** (1 mmol, 152 mg) was added mesitylene (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 16 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **6a** was isolated as a brown oil (10 mg, 7%), and product **6b** as a brown oil (63 mg, 47%) both **6a/b** appeared to partially protodeboronate during flash chromatography as evidenced by their ^1H NMR spectra. (**6a**) ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ . 8.17 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.91 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.6–7.66 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.34–7.42 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 1.28 (s, 12H, pinacol- CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.8, 139.9, 133.6, 129.4, 126.7, 119.4, 83.5, 24.8; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2923 (m), 2852 (w), 1598 (w), 1559 (s), 1507 (m), 1402 (m), 1370 (m), 1306 (m), 1267 (m), 1134 (s), 986 (m), 954 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2$: 271.1618, found: 271.1620. (**6b**) ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.63–7.69 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.27–7.35 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.13–7.20 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.77 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, pyrazole-H), 1.28, (s, 12H, pinacol- CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.1, 129.2, 127.3, 126.8, 120.1, 115.1, 84.1, 24.9; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2979 (m), 2932 (w), 1756 (w), 1600 (m), 1502 (s), 1460 (s), 1352 (s), 1292 (s), 1166 (m), 1140 (s), 1048 (m), 980 (m), 947 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2$: 271.1618, found: 271.1616.

Synthesis of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (7a).



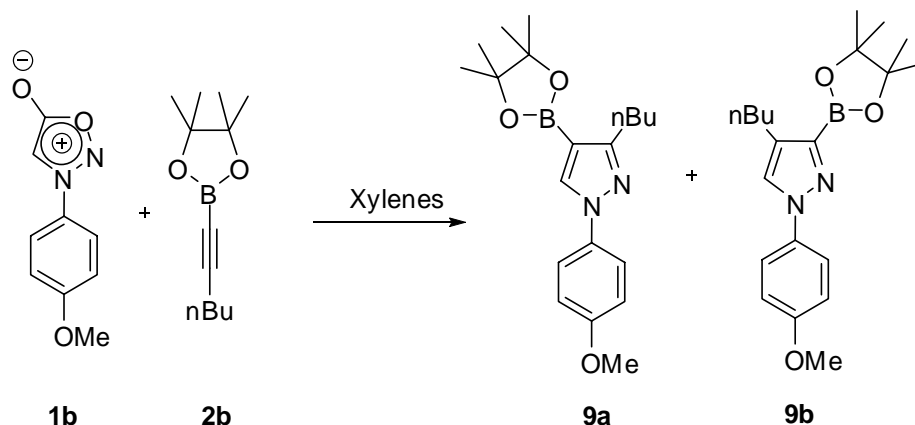
To **1b** (0.5 mmol, 96 mg) and **2a** (1 mmol, 228 mg) was added xylenes (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 24 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **7a** was isolated as a colourless solid (105 mg, 56%). Further purification could be carried out by trituration with diethyl ether. (**7a**) ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.13 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.95– 8.01 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.57–7.64 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.26–7.37 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.86–6.93 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 1.27 (s, 12H, pinacol- CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.3, 157.6, 136.3, 134.0, 133.6, 128.4, 128.0 (2C), 120.9, 114.5, 83.5, 55.6, 24.8; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2977 (w), 1521 (s), 1450 (m), 1354 (m), 1330 (m), 1302 (m), 1255 (m), 1210 (m), 1146 (m), 1124 (m), 1062 (m), 1034 (m), 993 (m), 961 (m), 830 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_3$: 377.2036, found: 377.2050. M.p. 114–116 $^\circ\text{C}$.

Synthesis of 1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (8a).



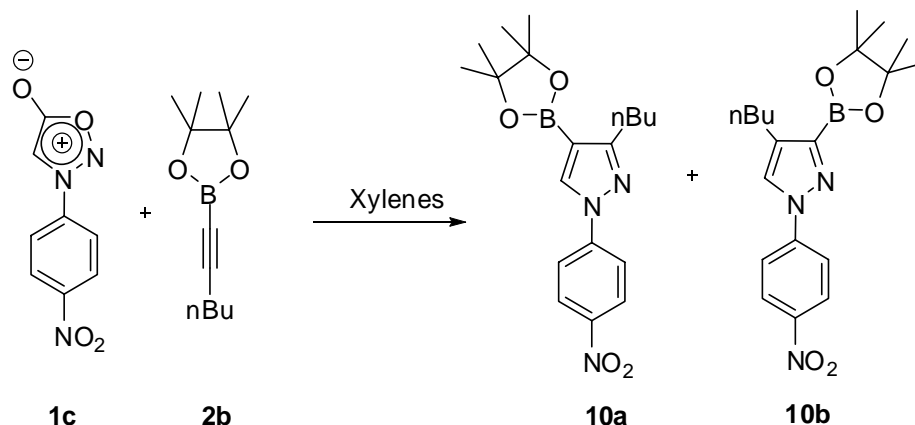
To **1c** (1.16 mmol, 240 mg) and **2a** (1 mmol, 529 mg) was added xylenes (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **8a** was isolated as a colourless solid (345 mg, 76%). Further purification could be carried out by trituration with acetone. ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.33 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 8.22–8.27 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.97–8.01 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.86–7.91 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.31–7.40 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 1.28 (s, 12H, pinacol- CH_3) ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.1, 145.5, 144.0, 136.6, 133.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 125.3, 118.6, 83.9, 24.8; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2979 (m), 1598 (s), 1524 (s), 1445 (m), 1338 (s), 1273 (m), 1216 (m), 1146 (m), 1126 (m), 1112 (m), 1055 (m), 994 (m), 956 (m), 853 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{BN}_3\text{O}_4$: 392.1782, found: 392.1788. M.p. 166–168 $^\circ\text{C}$.

Synthesis of 3-butyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (9a) and 4-butyl-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (9b)



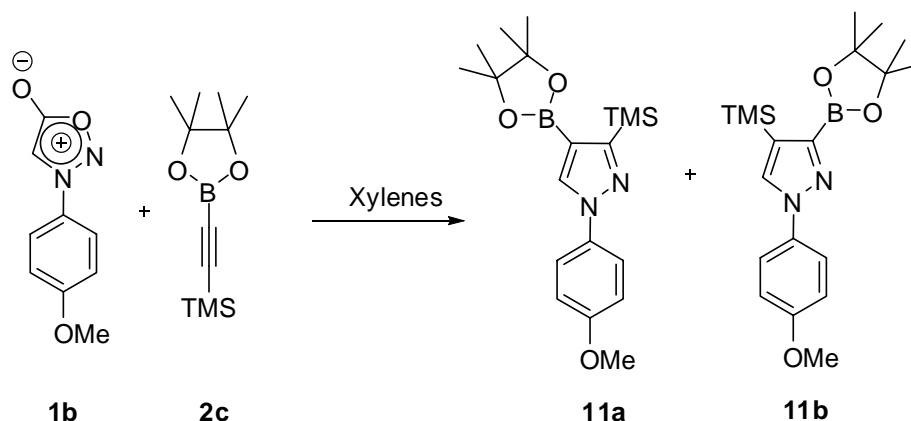
To **1b** (0.5 mmol, 96 mg) and **2b** (1 mmol, 209 mg) was added ortho-dichlorobenzene (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 24 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **9a** and product **9b** were isolated as an inseparable mixture (5:1, **9a:b**) as an orange oil that contained a small amount of protodeboronated material as evidenced by the ^1H NMR spectrum (98 mg, 55%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (s, 0.8H, pyrazole-H), 7.52–7.60 (m, 2.2H, Ar-H and pyrazole-H) 6.90–6.96 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 2.82–2.88 (m, 1.67H, CH_2), 2.68–2.74 (m, 0.33H, CH_2), 1.25–1.75 (m, 16H, CH_2 , CH_2 and pinacol- CH_3) 0.90–1.00 (pair of t, $J = 7$ Hz, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (major isomer only) (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.2, 158.0, 134.6, 133.8, 120.8, 114.4, 83.1, 55.5, 32.8, 28.2, 24.8, 22.6, 14.0; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2958 (m), 2932 (m), 2871 (w), 1548 (s), 1520 (s), 1467 (m), 1381 (m), 1306 (s), 1252 (s), 1146 (s), 1077 (s), 1048 (m), 960 (m), 859 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_3$: 357.2349, found: 357.2334.

Synthesis of 3-butyl-1-(4- nitrophenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (10a) and 4-butyl-1-(4- nitrophenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (10b)



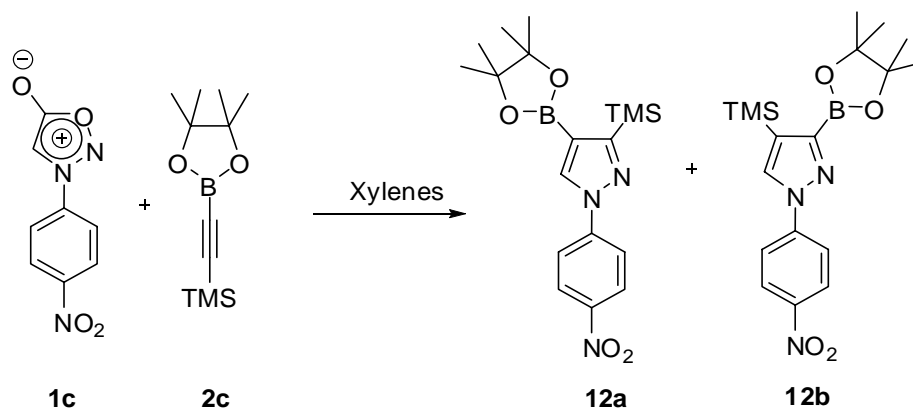
To **1c** (0.5 mmol, 104 mg) and **2b** (1 mmol, 209 mg) was added xylenes (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 8 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **10a** and product **10b** was isolated as an inseparable mixture (5:1, **10a:b**) as an orange oil that contained a small amount of protodeboronated material as evidenced by the ^1H NMR spectrum (115 mg, 62%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) (major isomer **10a**): δ 8.17–8.23 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.15 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.71–7.79 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 2.73–2.80 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.55–1.67 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.22–1.40 (m, 14H, CH_2 and pinacol- CH_3), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.5$, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (major isomer **10a**) (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.9, 145.1, 144.1, 135.0, 125.3, 118.3, 83.5, 32.2, 28.1, 24.8, 22.5, 13.9; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2958 (m), 2931 (m), 2861 (w), 1599 (m), 1556 (s), 1522 (s), 1469 (m), 1338 (s), 1310 (m), 1145 (m), 1077 (m), 951 (m). cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{BN}_3\text{O}_4$: 372.2095, found: 372.2113.

Synthesis of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-pyrazole (11a) and 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-pyrazole (11b)



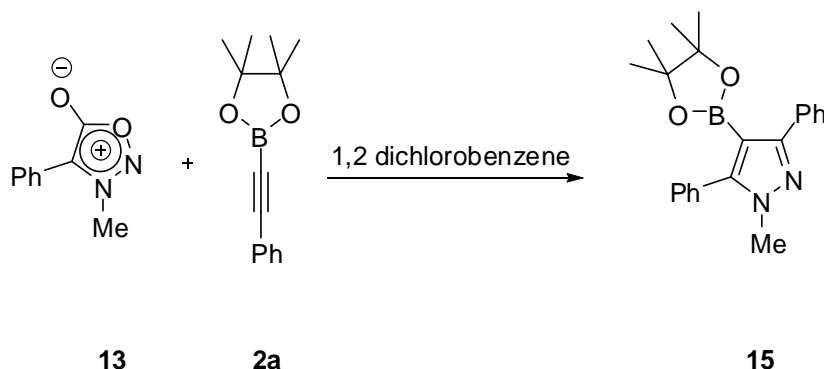
To **1b** (0.5 mmol, 96 mg) and **2c** (1 mmol, 224 mg) was added xylenes (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 22 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **11a** was isolated as a colourless solid (72 mg, 40%) and product **11b** was isolated as a colourless solid (38 mg, 21%) compound **11b** appeared to be unstable towards flash chromatography as evidenced by its ^1H NMR spectrum. (**11a**) ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.06 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.45–7.52 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.76–6.82 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.67 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 1.19 (s, 12H, pinacol CH_3), 0.24 (s, 9H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.8, 158.2, 135.0, 133.8, 121.1, 114.4, 83.3, 55.5, 24.9, -0.9; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2977 (m), 1618 (w), 1520 (s), 1422 (m), 1372 (m), 1318 (m), 1249 (s), 1169 (m), 1145 (m), 1051 (m), 962 (m), 845 (s) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Si}$: 373.2119, found: 373.2126. (**11b**) ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.50–7.56 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.86–6.92 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 1.30 (s, 12H, pinacol- CH_3), 0.26 (s, 9H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.6, 134.6, 132.6, 125.6, 123.1, 114.9, 84.8, 55.9, 25.2, 0.0; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2928 (m), 1610 (w), 1513 (s), 1461 (m), 1373 (m), 1304 (m), 1253 (s), 1170 (m), 1140 (s), 1050 (m), 961 (m). cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Si}$: 373.2119, found: 373.2126.

Synthesis of 1-(4- nitrophenyl)-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-pyrazole (12a) and 1-(4- nitrophenyl)-3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-pyrazole (12b)



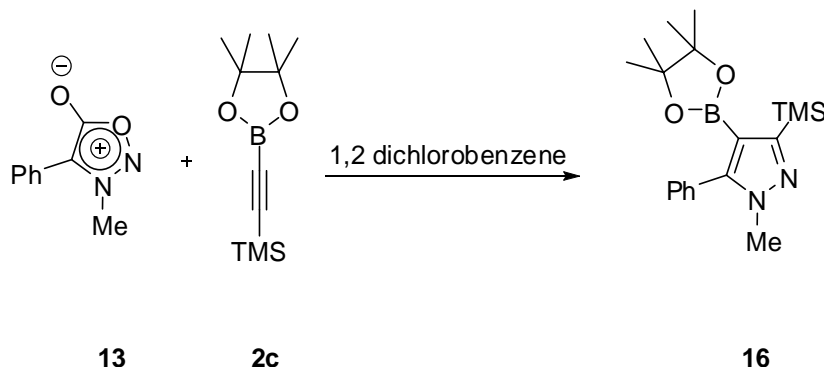
To **1c** (0.5 mmol, 104 mg) and **2c** (1 mmol, 224 mg) was added xylenes (0.5 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 20% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **12a** and product **12b** were isolated as an inseparable mixture (3:2, **12a:b**) which was a colourless solid (161 mg, 83%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.32 (s, 0.6H, pyrazole-H), 8.20-8.26 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.92 (s, 0.4H, pyrazole-H), 7.82-7.88 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 1.31 (s, 4.6H, pinacol- CH_3), 1.27 (s, 7.4, pinacol- CH_3), 0.32 (s, 5.5H, TMS), 0.25 (s, 3.5, TMS); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.3 (2C), 146.8, 146.5, 145.3, 145.2, 136.3, 133.9, 126.4, 126.3, 120.8, 120.0, 85.5, 84.8, 26.0 (2C), 0.7, 0.0; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2979 (m), 2900 (w), 2361 (w), 1599 (s), 1529 (s), 1457 (m), 1382 (m), 1342 (s), 1263 (m), 1144 (s), 1112 (m), 1048 (s), 956 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{BN}_3\text{O}_4\text{Si}$: 388.1864, found: 388.1861.

Synthesis of 1-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (15).



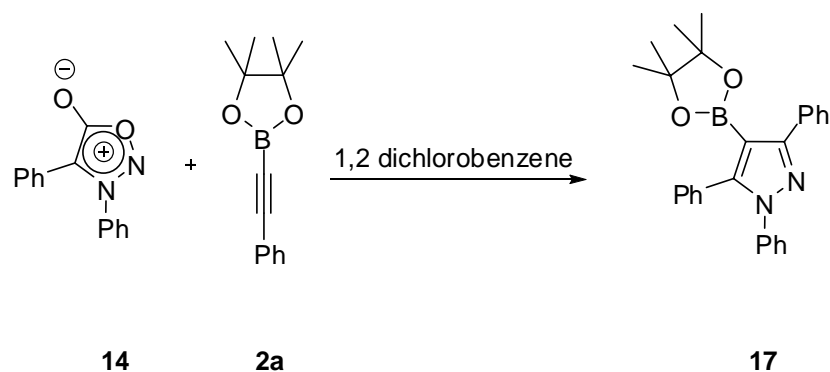
To **13** (1 mmol, 176 mg) and **2a** (2 mmol, 456 mg) was added 1,2 dichlorobenzene (1 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 48 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 15% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **15** was isolated as an orange solid (270 mg, 75%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81–7.86 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.42 (s, 5H, Ar-H), 7.30–7.39 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.14 (s, 12H, pinacol- CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.7, 149.2, 143.6, 134.4, 131.1, 130.1, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 83.3, 37.0, 24.5; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2978 (m), 1605 (w), 1535 (m), 1493 (s), 1444 (m), 1412 (m), 1372 (m), 1344 (m), 1304 (s), 1210, 1138 (s), 1017 (m), 993 (w), 859 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2$: 361.2087, found: 361.2103. M.p. 133–136 $^\circ\text{C}$.

Synthesis of 1-methyl-5-phenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-pyrazole (16).



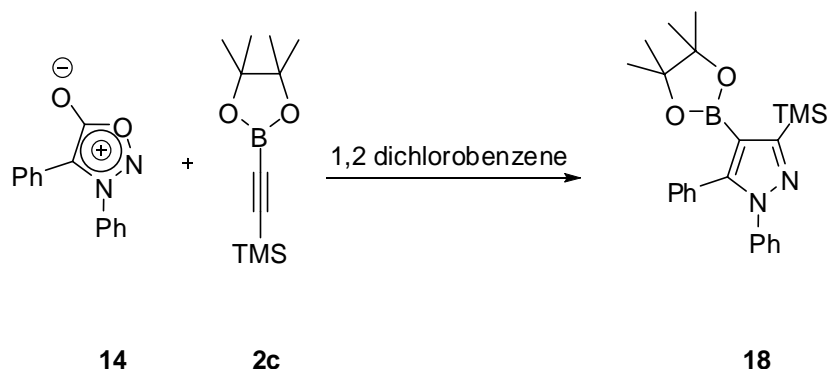
To **13** (0.5 mmol, 88 mg) and **2c** (1 mmol, 224 mg) was added 1,2 dichlorobenzene (1 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 48 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 25% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **16** was isolated as an orange solid (122 mg, 68%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.20–7.30 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 3.65 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.04 (s, 12H, pinacol- CH_3), 0.24 (s, 9H, TMS); ^{13}C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.5, 150.9, 131.4, 130.2, 128.2, 127.6, 82.7, 36.9, 24.7, -0.5; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2978 (m), 1534 (m), 1488 (s), 1410 (m), 1308 (m), 1244 (m), 1203 (w), 1145 (m), 1047 (m), 843 (s) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Si}$: 357.2170, found: 357.2157. M.p. 110–112 $^\circ\text{C}$.

Synthesis of 1,3,5-triphenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-1H-pyrazole (17**).**



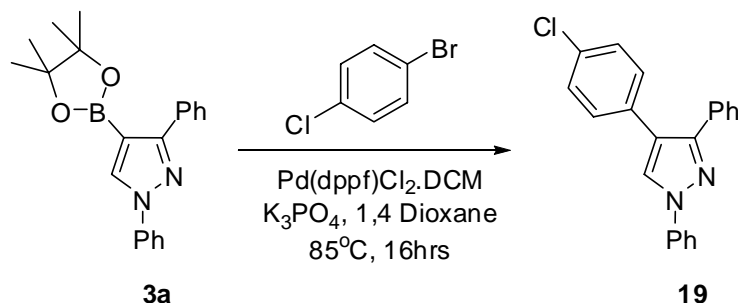
To **14** (0.5 mmol, 119 mg) and **2a** (1 mmol, 228 mg) was added 1,2 dichlorobenzene (1 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 48 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **17** was isolated as an orange solid (125 mg, 59%). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88–7.95 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.22–7.45 (m, 13H, Ar-H), 1.19 (s, 12H, pinacol-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.9, 149.6, 139.8, 134.2, 130.4 (2C), 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9 (2C), 127.2, 125.4, 83.6, 24.6; FTIR (CH₂Cl₂): 2978 (w), 1537 (w), 1498 (s), 1442 (m), 1420 (m), 1372 (w), 1345 (m), 1312 (m), 1140 (s), 1087 (w), 974 (w), 857 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES): m/z [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₈BN₂O₂: 423.2244, found: 423.2240. M.p. 150–153 °C.

Synthesis of 1,5-diphenyl-4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)-1H-pyrazole (18).



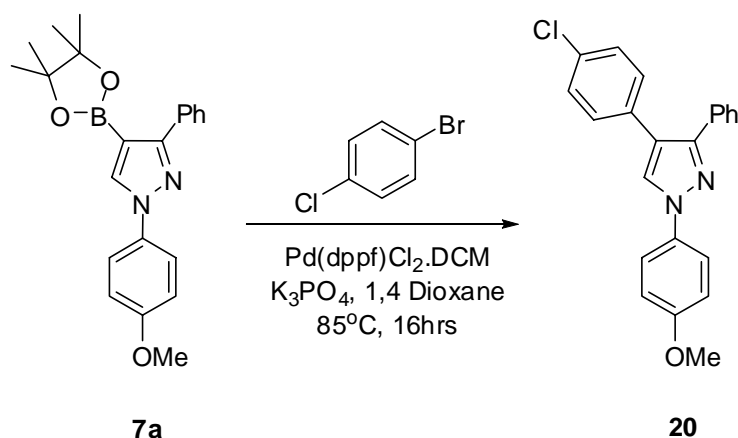
To **14** (0.5 mmol, 119 mg) and **2c** (1 mmol, 224 mg) was added 1,2 dichlorobenzene (1 mL). Reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 48 hours before rapidly cooling in an ice bath. Reaction was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient; starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether). Product **18** was isolated as an orange solid (153 mg, 73%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.00–7.10 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 1.03 (s, 12H, pinacol CH_3), 0.25 (s, 9H, TMS); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.7, 149.9, 140.1, 131.4, 130.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 126.9, 125.3, 83.1, 24.9, -0.5; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2978 (m), 2361 (w), 1598 (m), 1534 (m), 1499 (s), 1415 (s), 1309 (s), 1264 (m), 1244 (m), 1143 (s), 1046 (s), 1028 (m), 974 (w), 845 (s) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Si}$: 419.2326, found: 419.2342. M.p. 153–155 $^\circ\text{C}$.

Synthesis of 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrazole (19)



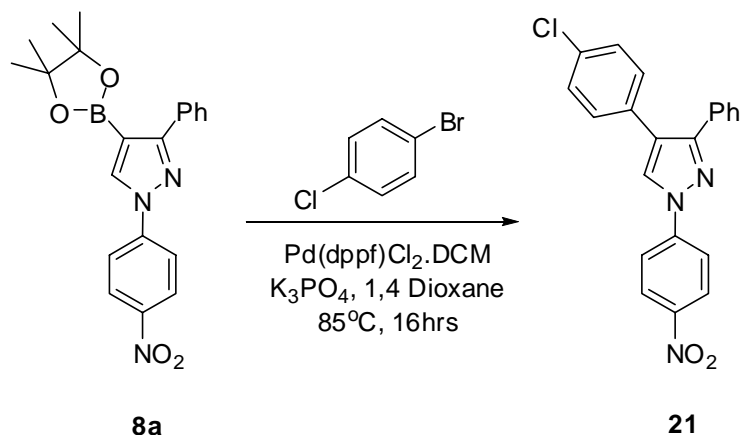
To **3a** (120 mg, 0.35 mmol) was added $\text{Pd}(\text{dppf})\text{Cl}_2$ (26 mg, 0.035), 1-bromo-4-chlorobenzene (135 mg, 0.71 mmol), K_3PO_4 (223 mg, 1.05 mmol) and 1,4 dioxane (2.2 mL). The reaction was stirred at 85 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 16 hrs before quenching with H_2O and extracting with DCM. The organics were washed with saturated brine, dried with MgSO_4 and concentrated in vacuo before purification by flash chromatography (starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) product **19** was isolated as a colourless solid (102 mg, 88%). ^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.80–7.84 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.59–7.63 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.49–7.53 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.30–7.40 (m, 8H, Ar-H); ^{13}C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.5, 139.9, 132.9, 131.4, 129.9, 129.5, 128.8, 128.5 (2C), 128.1, 126.6, 124.7, 121.8, 119.0 (2C); FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 1599 (s), 1551 (s), 1503 (s), 1487 (m), 1447 (m), 1411 (m), 1348 (w), 1217 (m), 1094 (m), 1059 (m), 1015 (w), 971 (m), 958 (m), 836 (m) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2^{35}\text{Cl}$: 331.1002, found: 331.0986. M.p. 120–122 $^\circ\text{C}$.

Synthesis of 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (20).



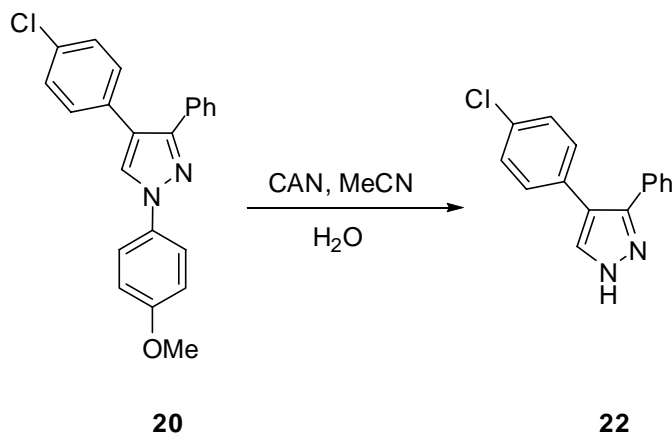
To **7a** (34 mg, 0.09 mmol) was added Pd(dppf)Cl_2 (7 mg, 0.9 μmol), 1-bromo-4-chlorobenzene (36 mg, 0.19 mmol), K_3PO_4 (57 mg, 0.27 mmol) and 1,4 dioxane (0.6 mL). The reaction was stirred at 85°C for 16 hrs before quenching with H_2O and extracting with DCM. The organics were washed with saturated brine, dried with MgSO_4 and concentrated in vacuo before purification by flash chromatography (starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) product **20** was isolated as a colourless solid (27 mg, 83%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.58-7.63 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.16-7.29 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 6.89-6.95 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH_3); ^{13}C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3): 158.4, 150.0, 133.6, 133.0, 132.7, 131.5, 129.9, 128.7, 128.4 (2C), 128.0, 126.7, 121.3, 120.7, 114.6, 55.6; δ ; FTIR (CH_2Cl_2): 2934 (w), 1549 (m), 1518 (s), 1488 (w), 1443 (w), 1347(w), 1245 (m), 1214(w), 1093(m), 1060 (m), 1015 (w), 972 (m), 960 (m), 832(m). cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES): m/z $[\text{MH}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}^{35}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: 361.1108, found: 361.1110. M.p. $135\text{--}137^\circ\text{C}$.

Synthesis of 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (21).



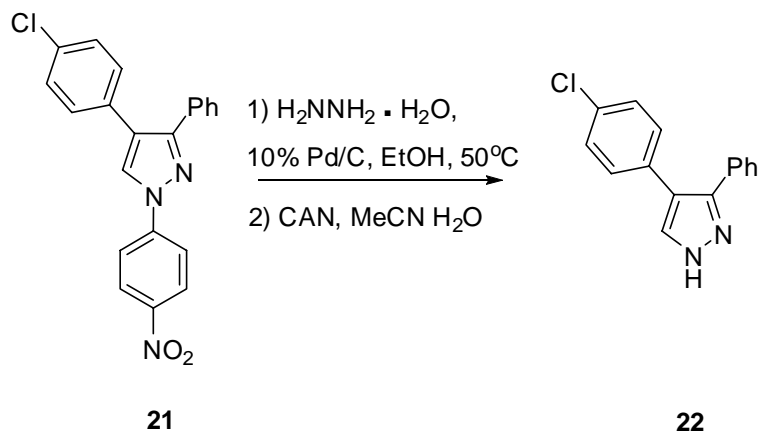
To **8a** (215 mg, 0.55 mmol) was added Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (40 mg, 0.055), 1-bromo-4-chlorobenzene (213 mg, 1.11 mmol), K₃PO₄ (350 mg, 1.65 mmol) and 1,4 dioxane (3.7 mL). The reaction was stirred at 85°C for 16 hrs before quenching with H₂O and extracting with DCM. The organics were washed with saturated brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo before purification by flash chromatography (starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 10% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) product **21** was isolated as a yellow solid (156 mg, 76%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.35-8.39 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.13 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.96- 8.00 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.33-7.42 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.3, 145.4, 144.0, 133.5, 132.0, 130.5, 130.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 126.6, 125.4, 123.6, 118.2; FTIR (CH₂Cl₂): 1646 (w), 1596 (m), 1551 (s), 1519 (m), 1494 (w), 1434 (w), 1406 (w), 1340 (s), 1223 (w), 1094 (w), 1052 (w), 1015 (w), 970 (m), 952 (m), 852 (m). HRMS (EI): m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₄³⁵ClN₃O₂: 375.0775, found: 375.0780. M.p. 150-152 °C.

Synthesis of 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (22).

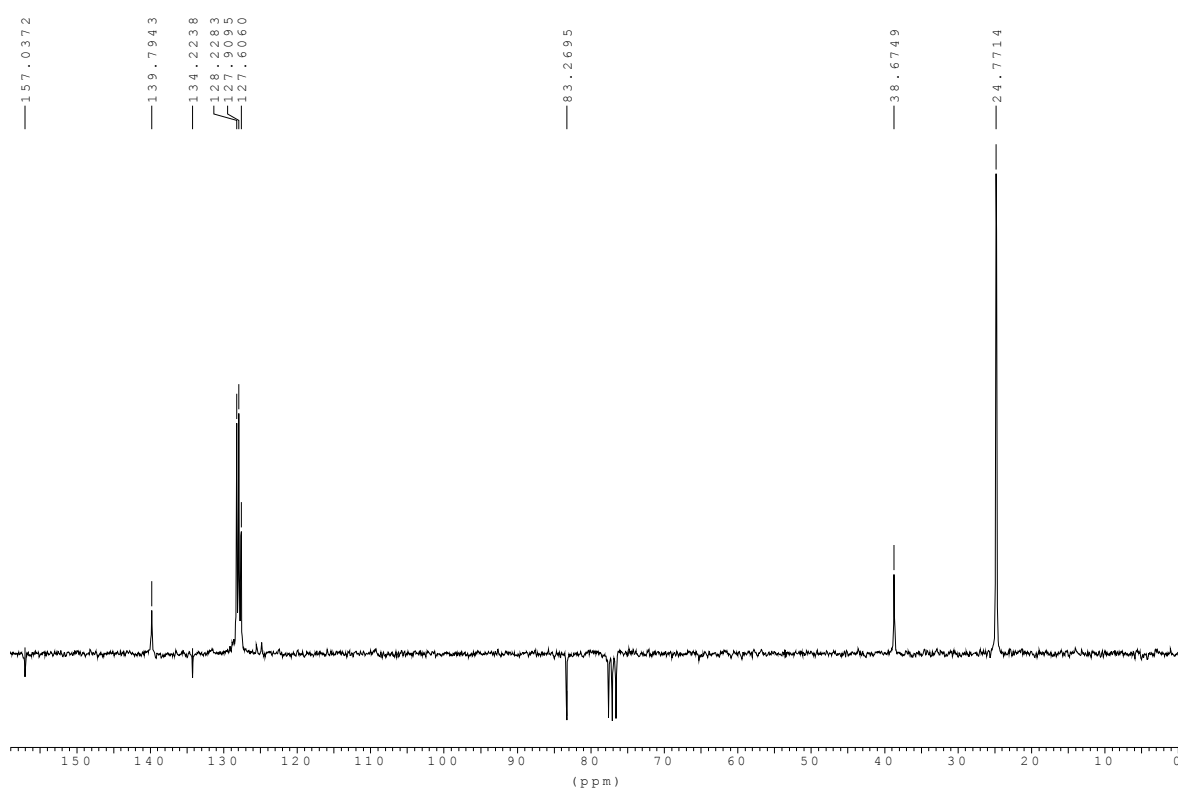
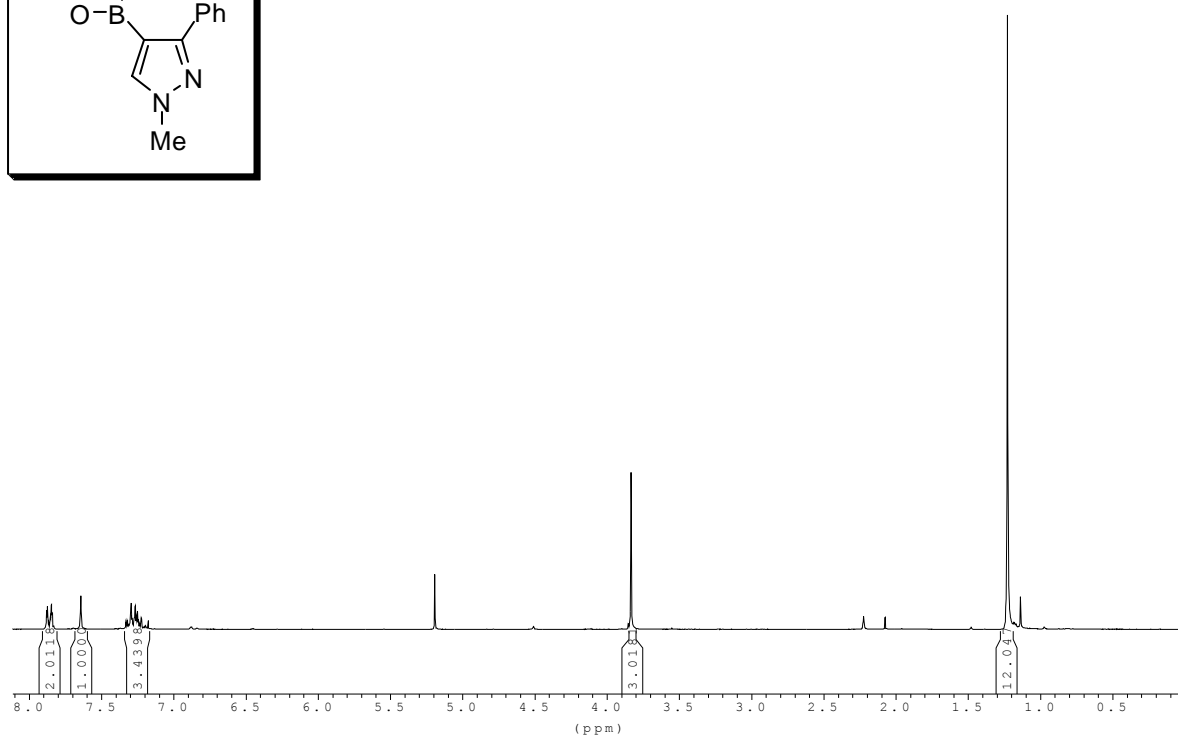
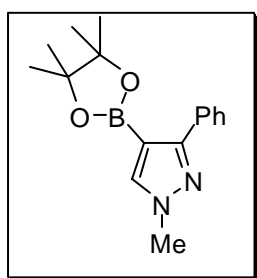


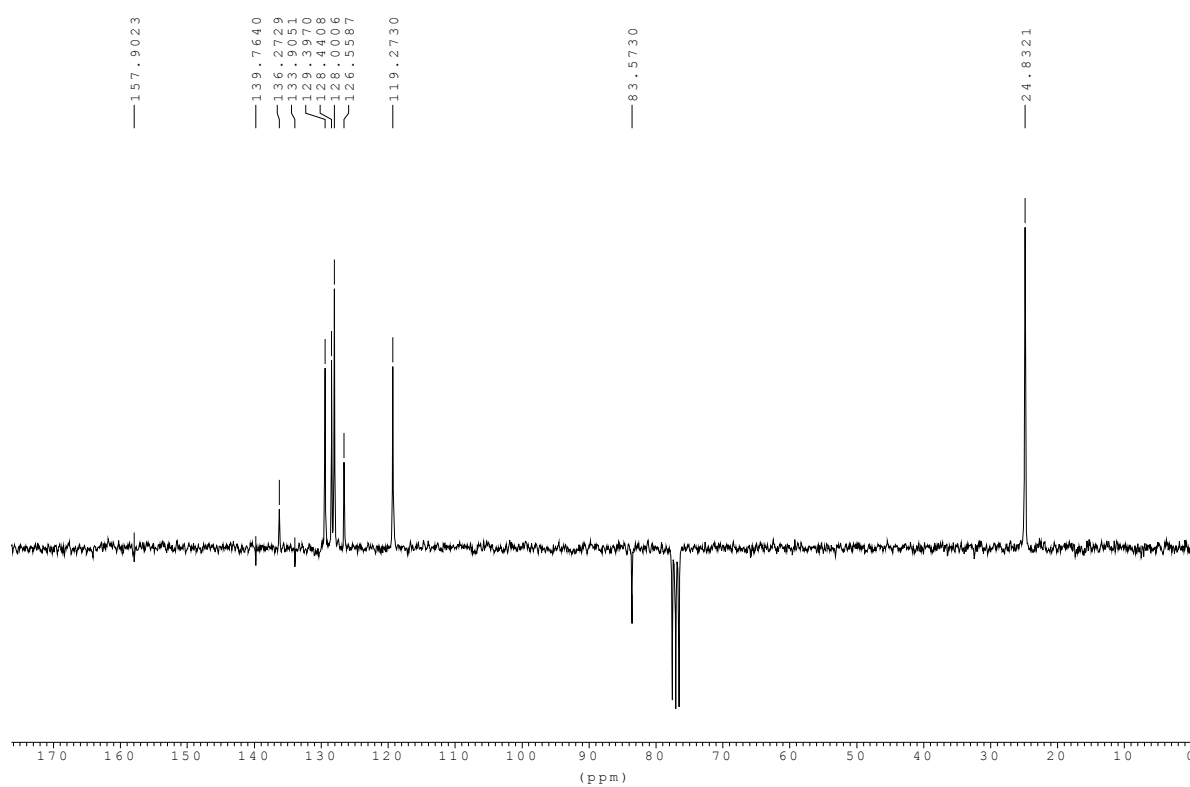
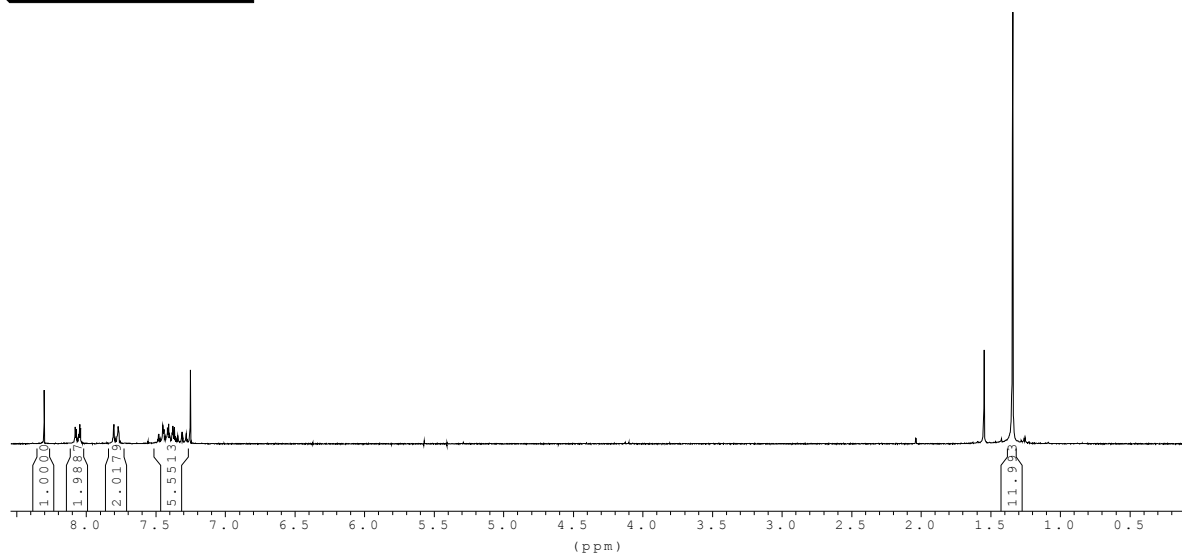
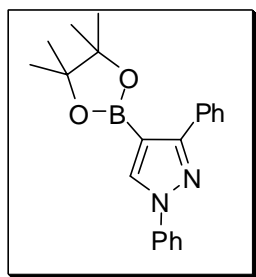
To a stirring solution of **20** (90 mg, 0.25 mmol) in MeCN (9 mL) at 5 °C was added a solution of CAN (684 mg, 1.2 mmol) in H₂O (6 mL). Reaction mixture went green to yellow to orange during addition of CAN. After 1.5 hours stirring at 5 °C reaction was neutralised to pH 7 with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and extracted with DCM. The organics were dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo before purification by flash chromatography (starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 70% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) product **22** was isolated as a brown oil (40 mg, 63%). Characterisation data identical to product derived from **21** (*vide infra*).

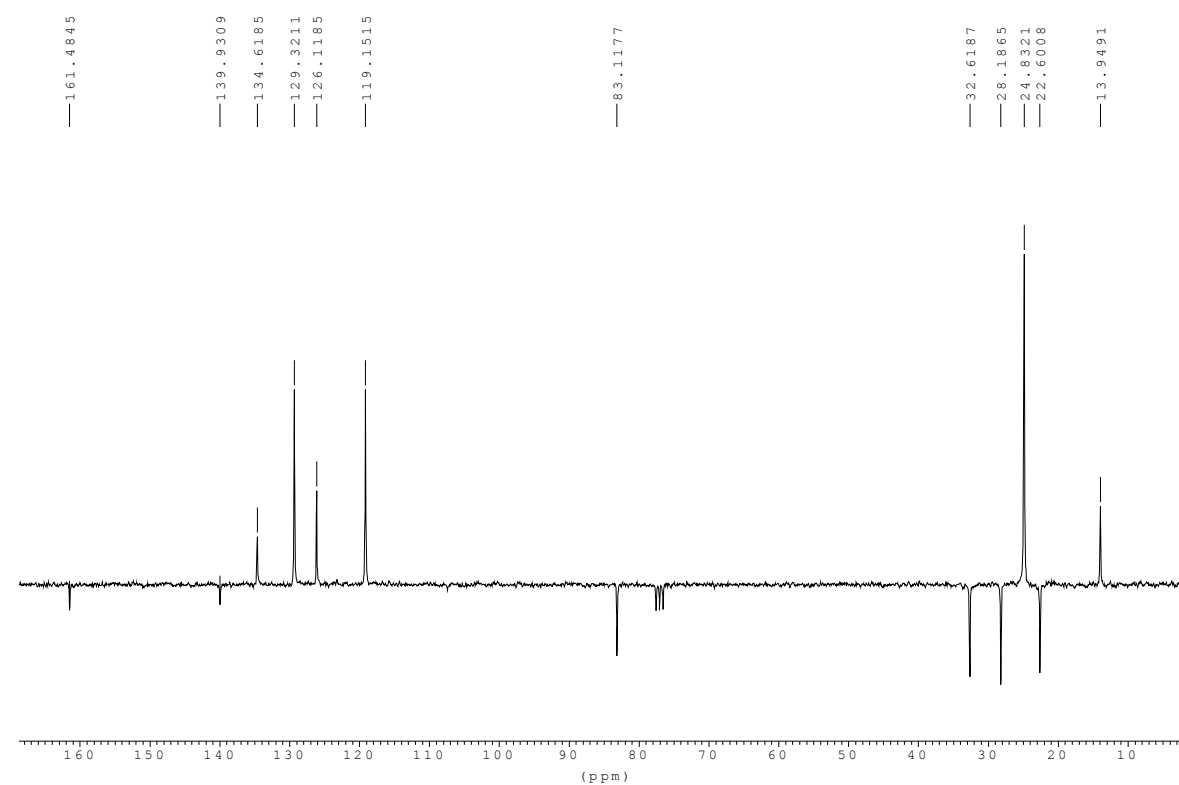
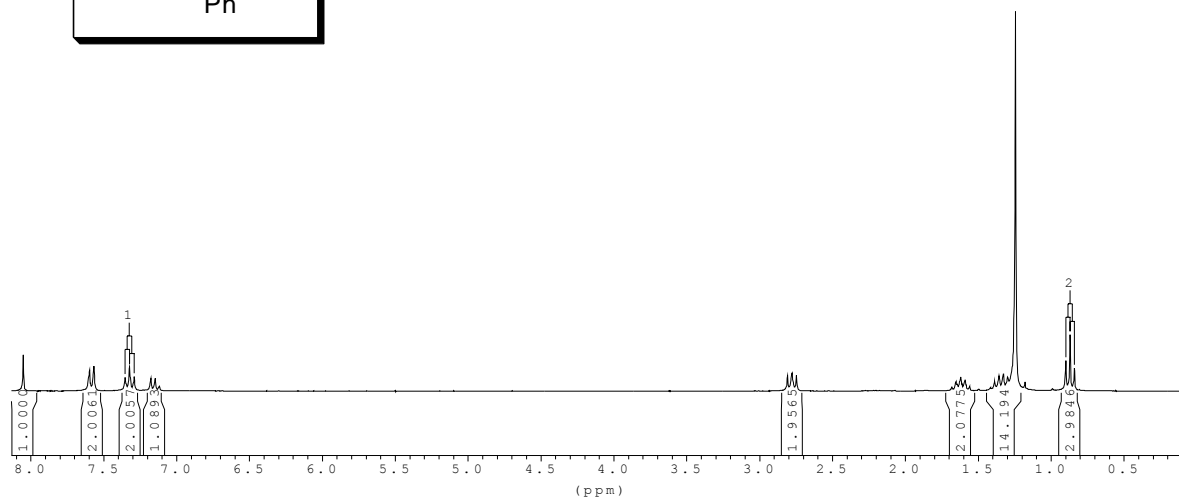
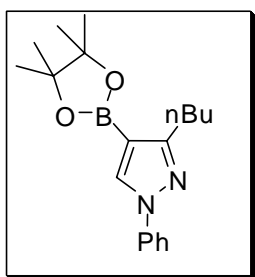
Synthesis of 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (22).

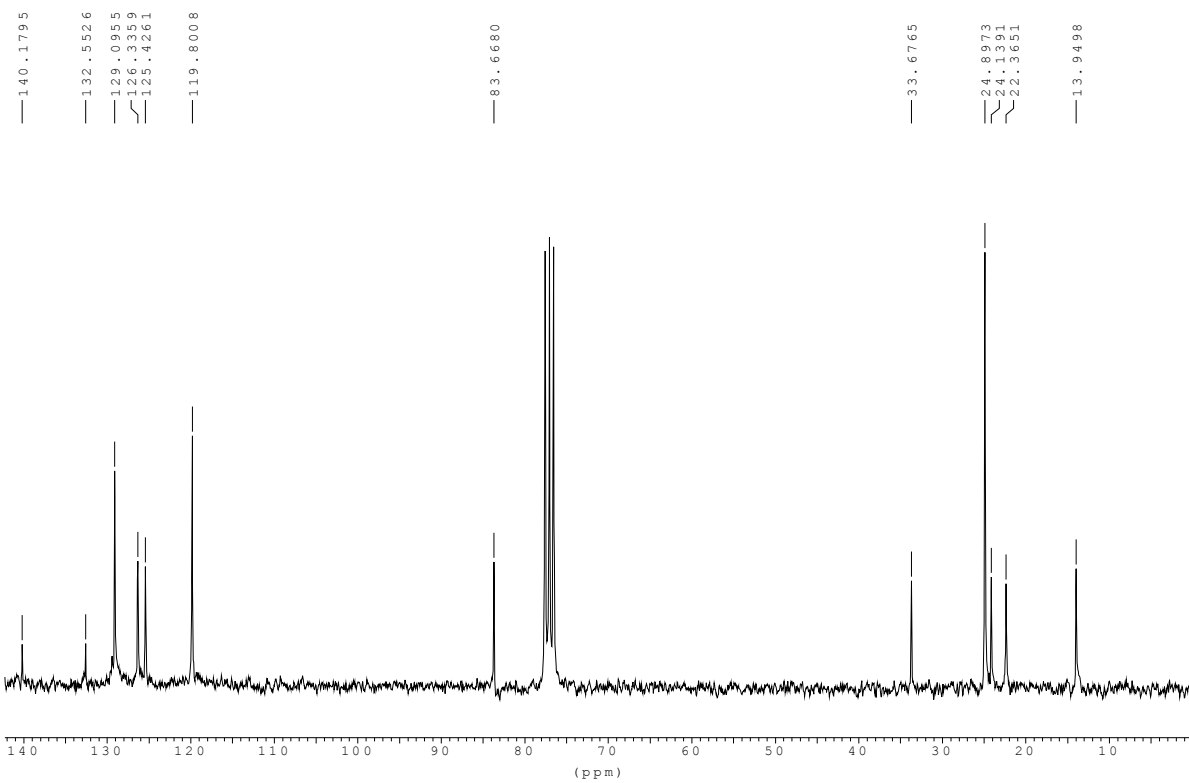
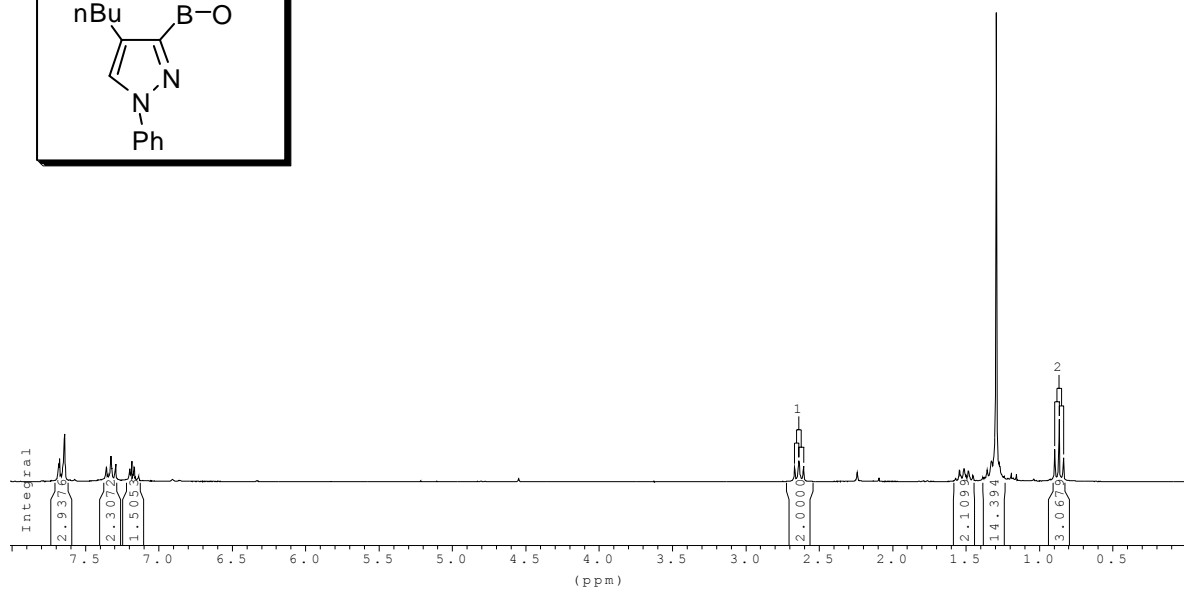
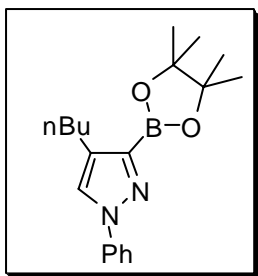


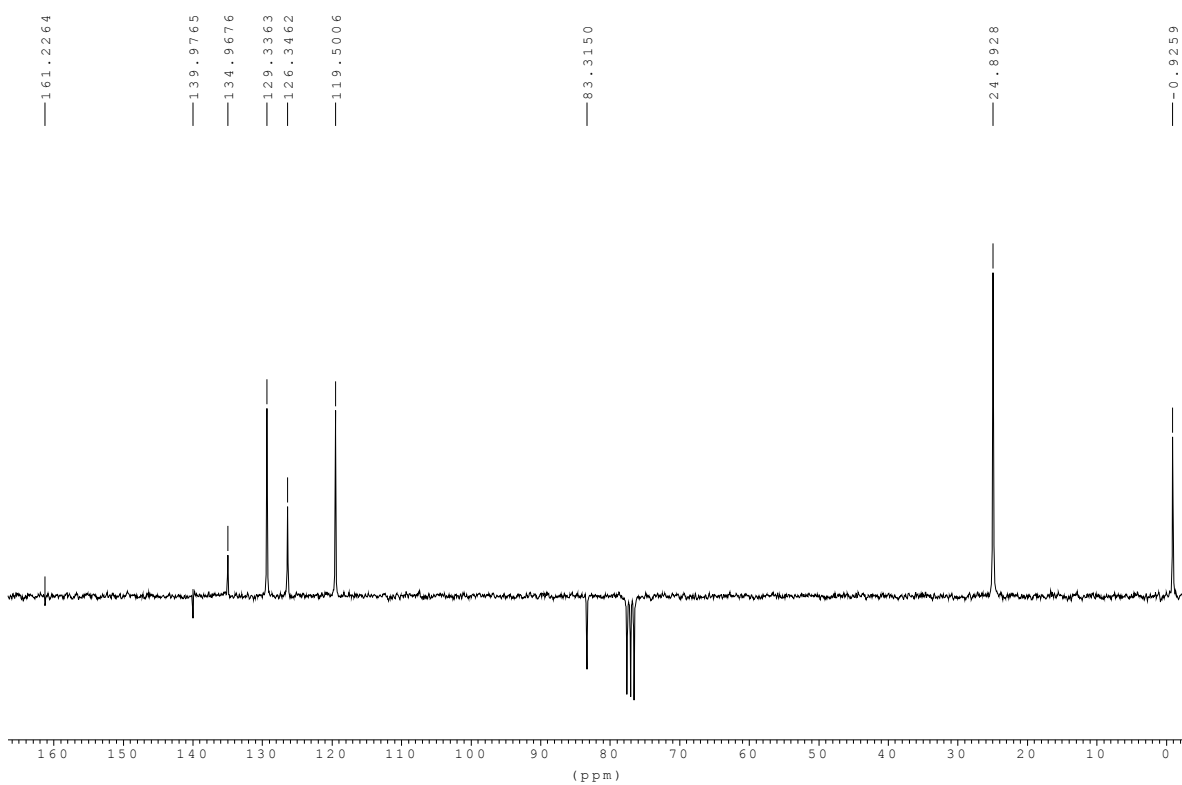
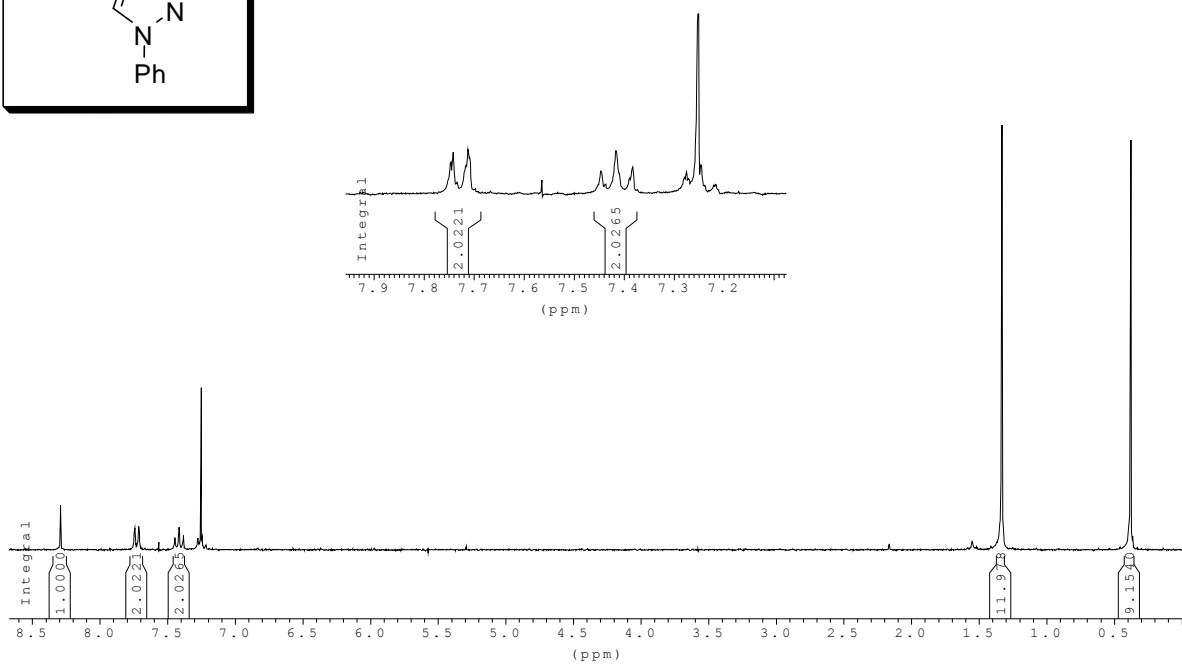
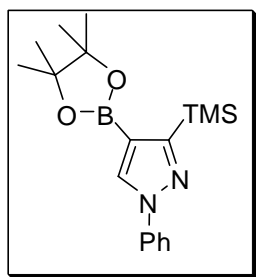
To a stirring solution of **21** (104 mg, 0.3 mmol) in EtOH (7 mL) was added 10% Pd on charcoal (15 mg, ~0.015 mmol), followed by hydrazine monohydrate (64 μ L, 1.3 mmol). Reaction mixture was stirred at 50 $^\circ$ C for 3 hours before filtering through celite and evaporating to dryness in vacuo. To the resultant colourless solid stirring in MeCN (11 mL) at 5 $^\circ$ C, was added; dropwise, a solution of CAN (822 mg, 1.5 mmol) in H₂O (9 mL). Reaction mixture went purple on addition of CAN solution. After 3 hours stirring at 5 $^\circ$ C (reaction mixture now brown) reaction was neutralised to pH 7 with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and extracted with DCM. The organics were dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo before purification by flash chromatography (starting with 100% petroleum ether, ending with 70% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) product **22** was isolated as a brown oil (37 mg, 48%). ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.65 (br, 1H, N-H), 7.50-7.70 (br, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.10-7.40 (m, 9H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 132.5, 131.4, 130.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.7, 125.8; FTIR (CH₂Cl₂): 3161 (br), 2918 (br), 1668 (w), 1603 (w), 1551 (w), 1520 (m), 1487 (m), 1446 (m), 1400 (w), 1345 (m), 1266 (m), 1179 (m), 1094 (s), 1072 (m), 1016 (m), 969 (m), 952 (m), 908 (s), 832 (s);

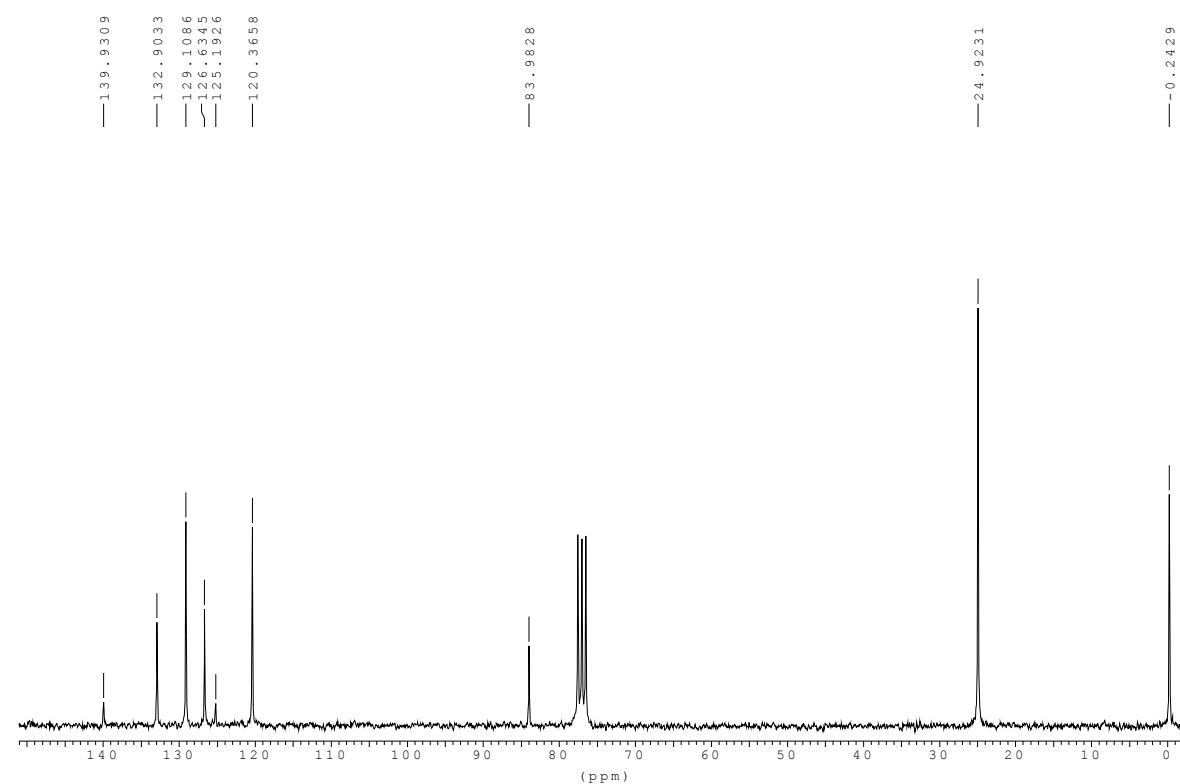
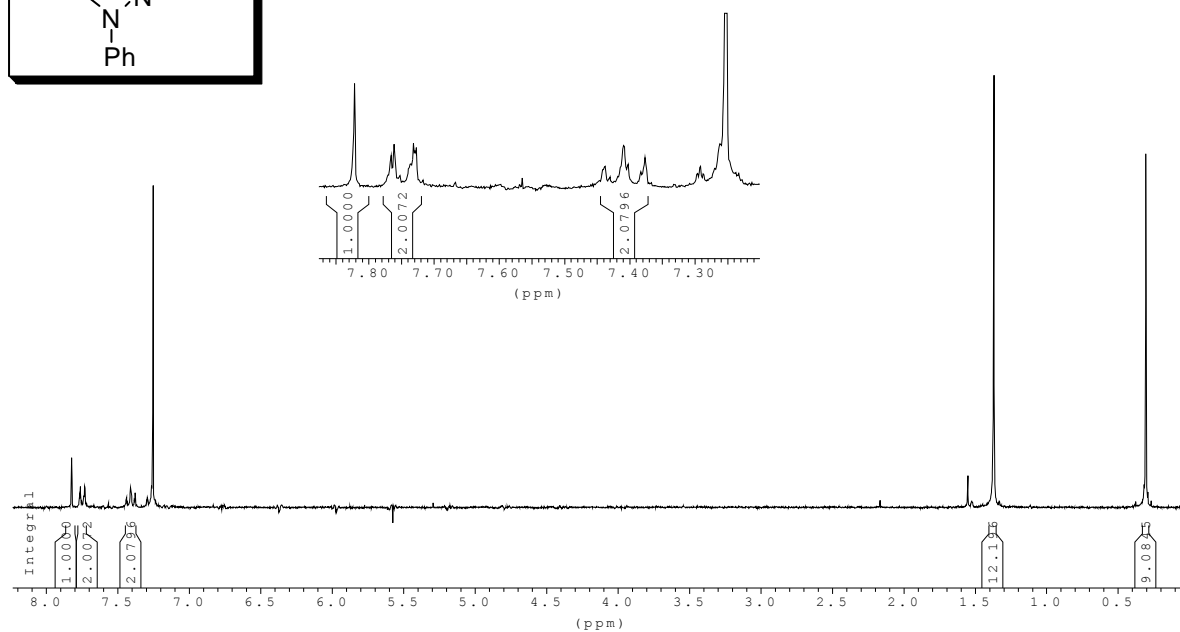
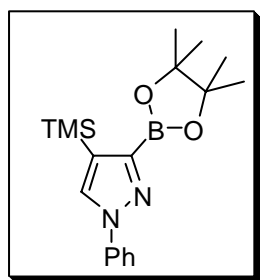


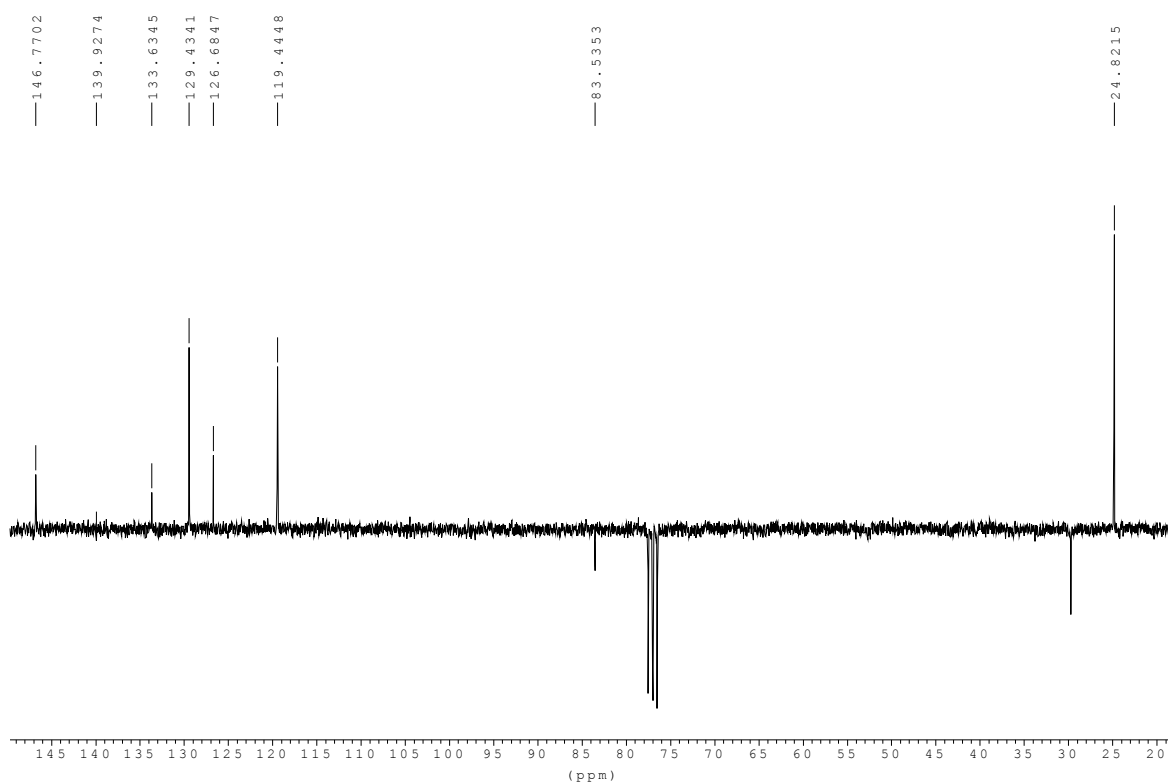
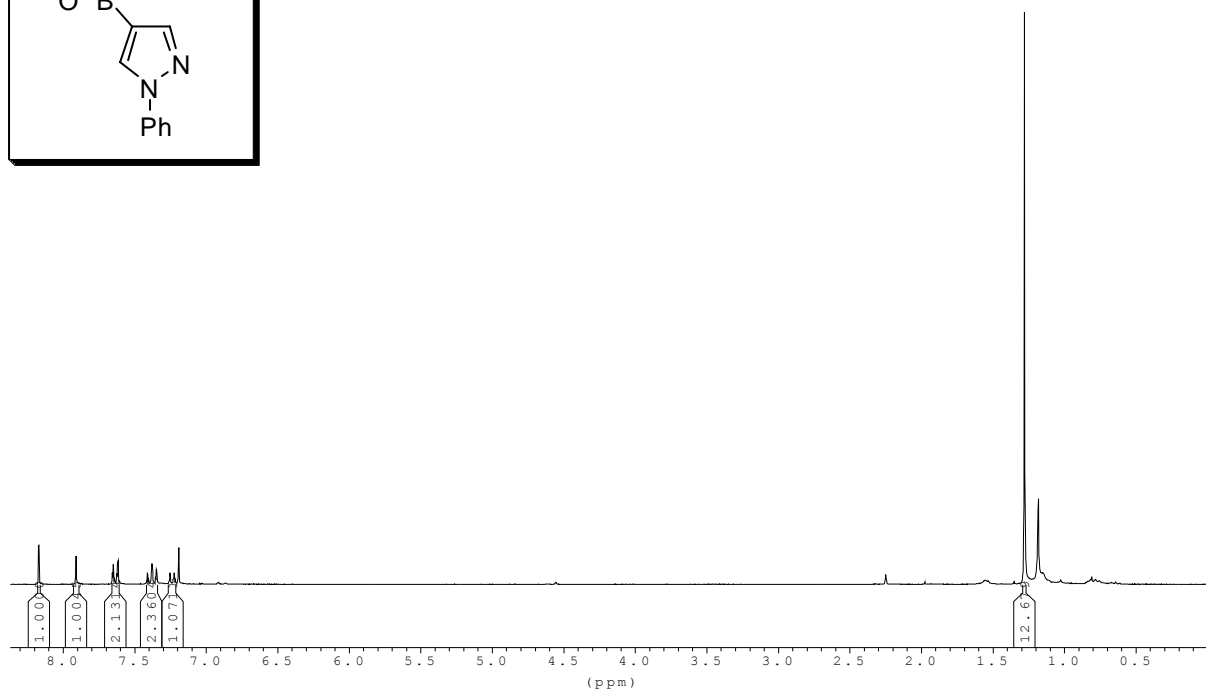
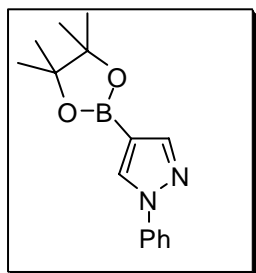


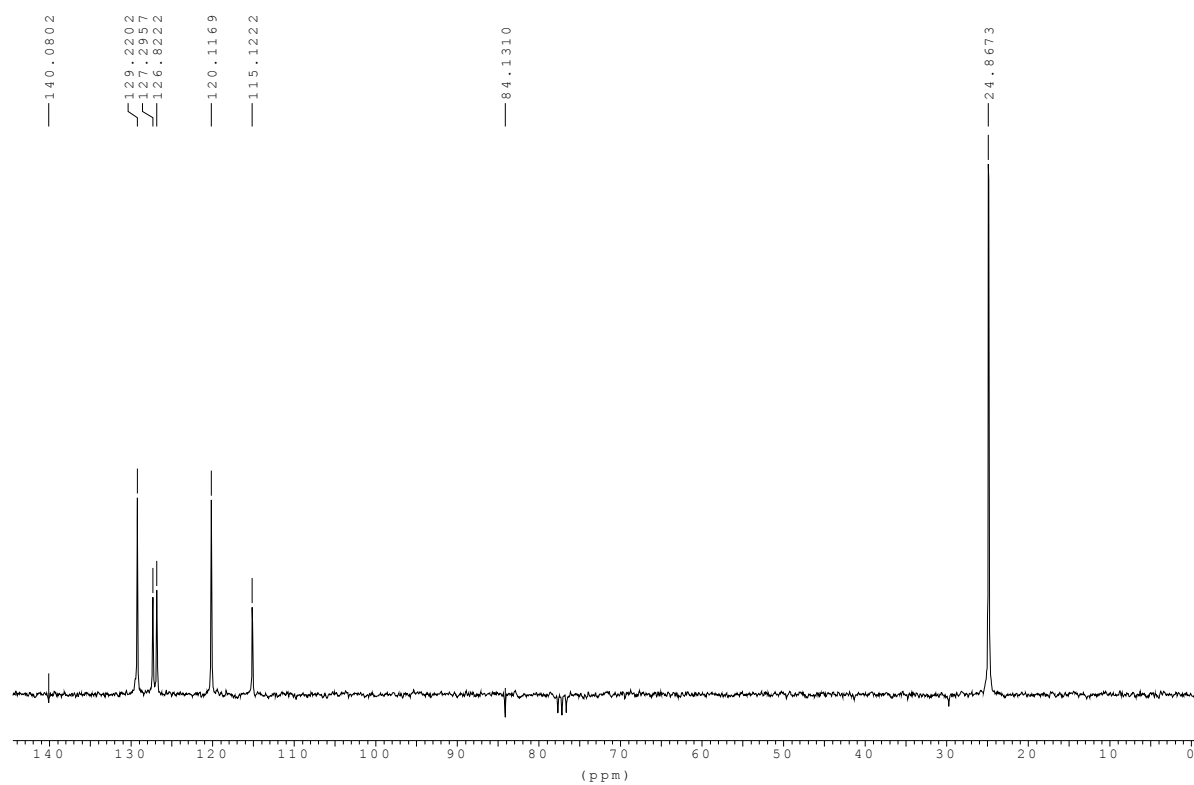
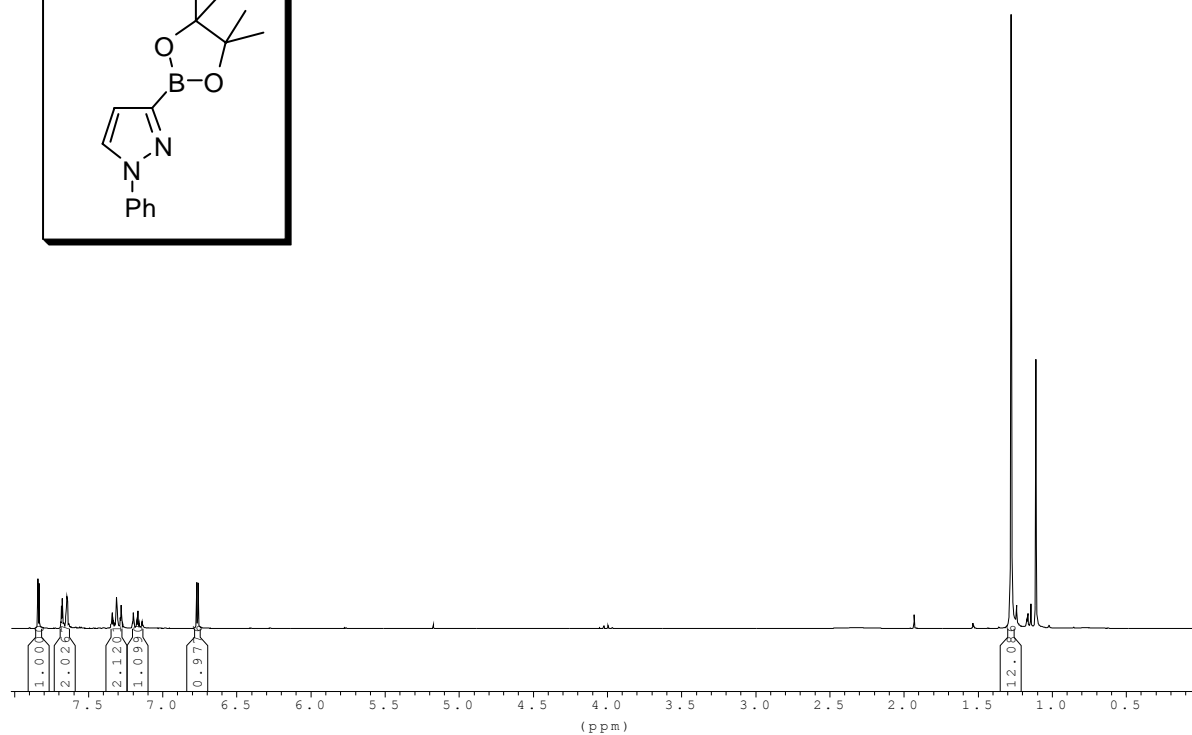
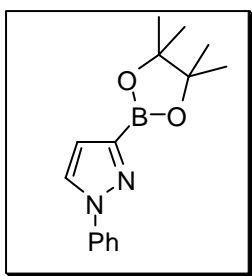


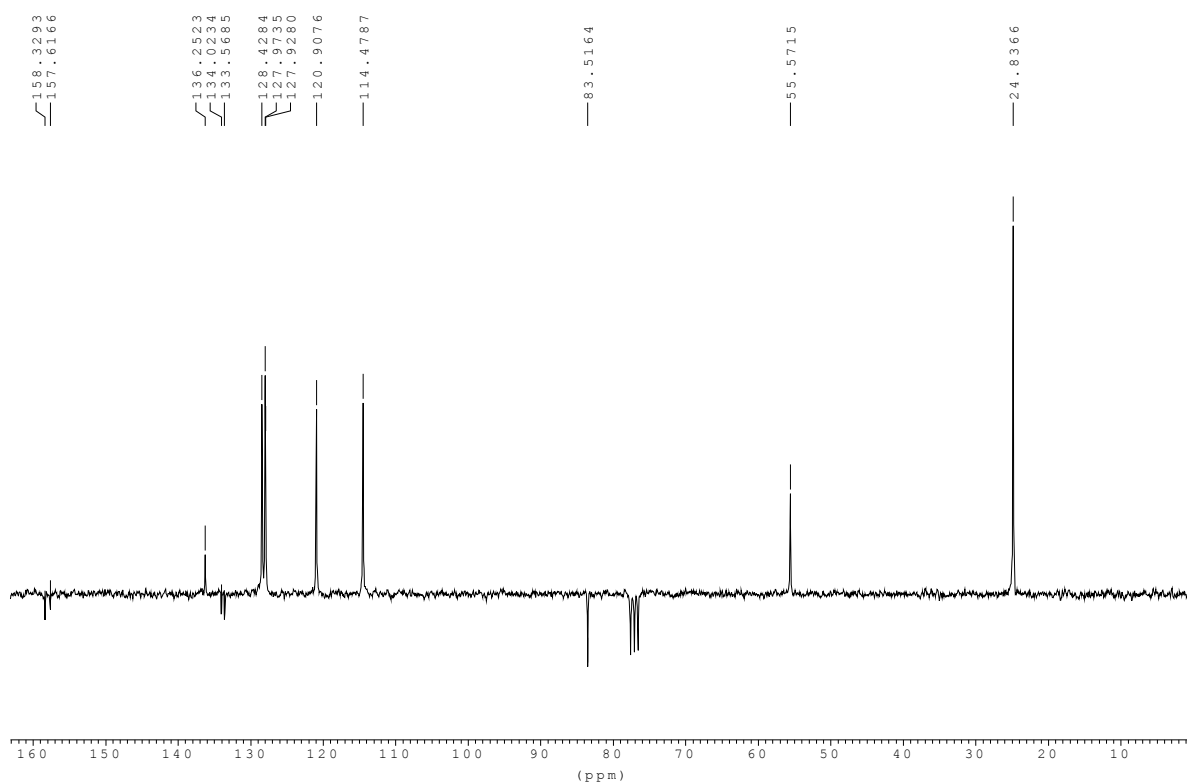
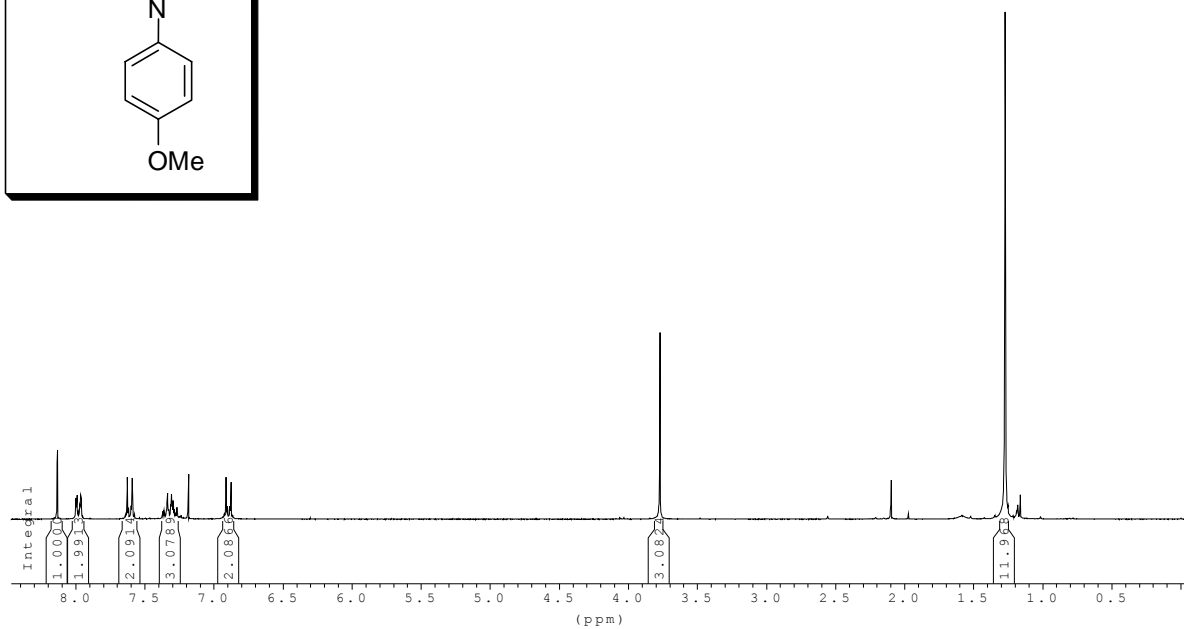


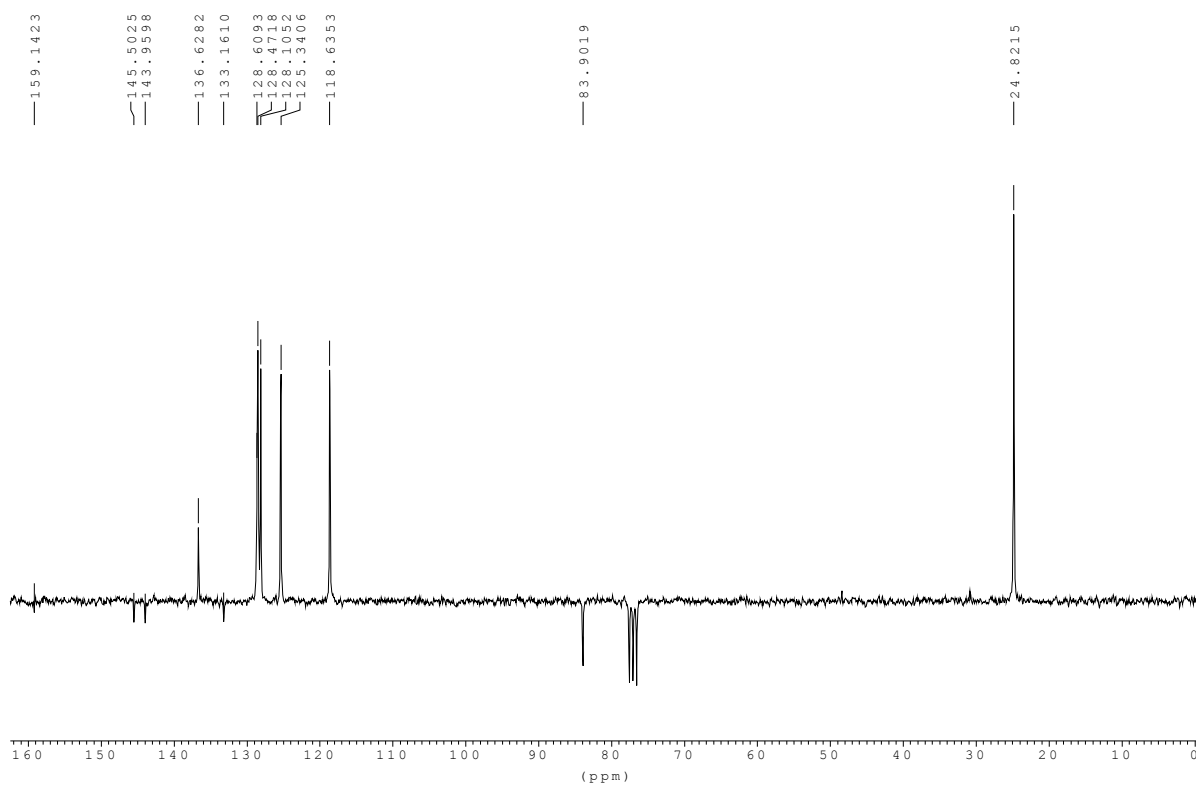
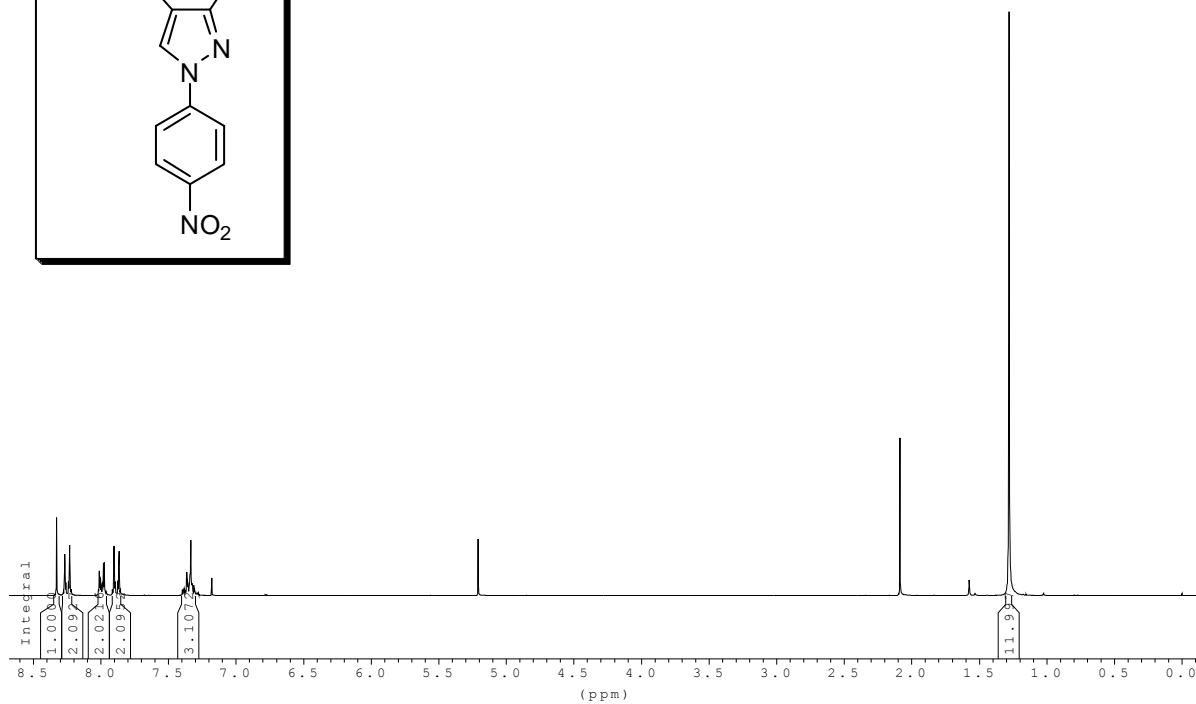
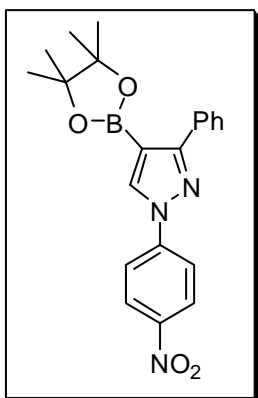


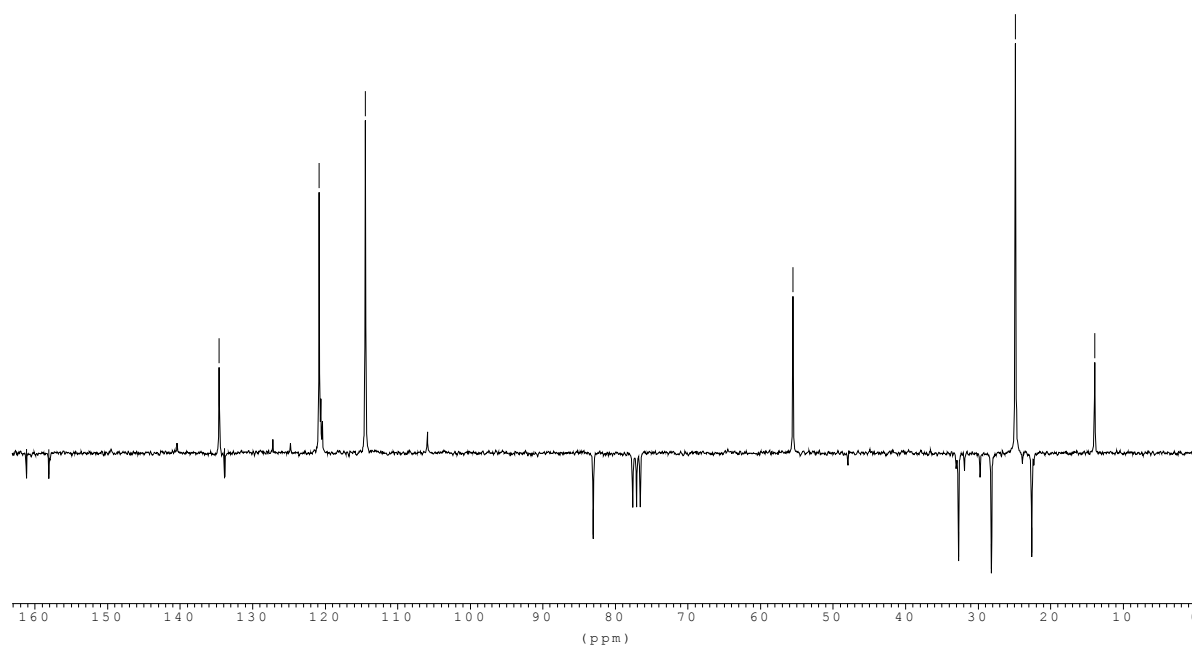
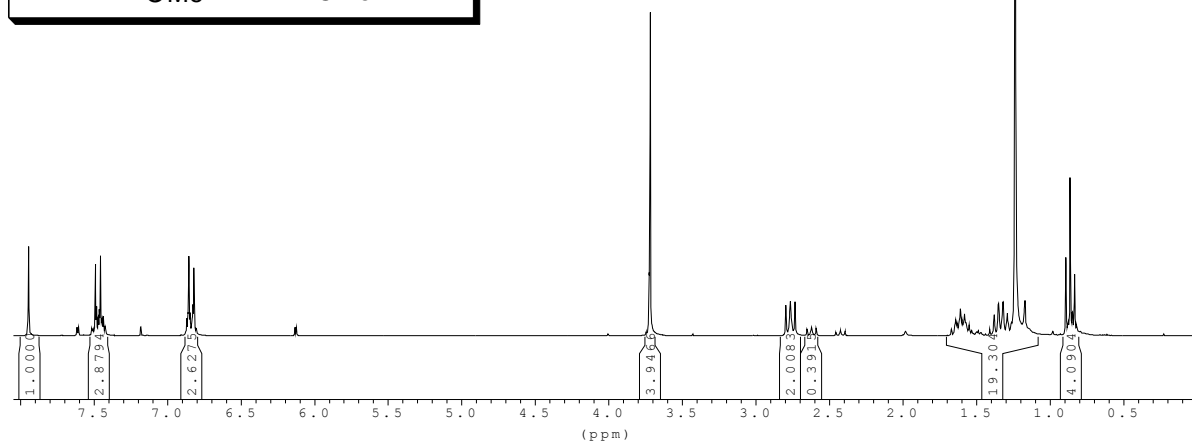
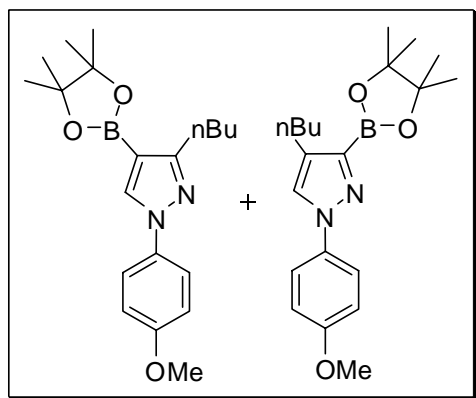


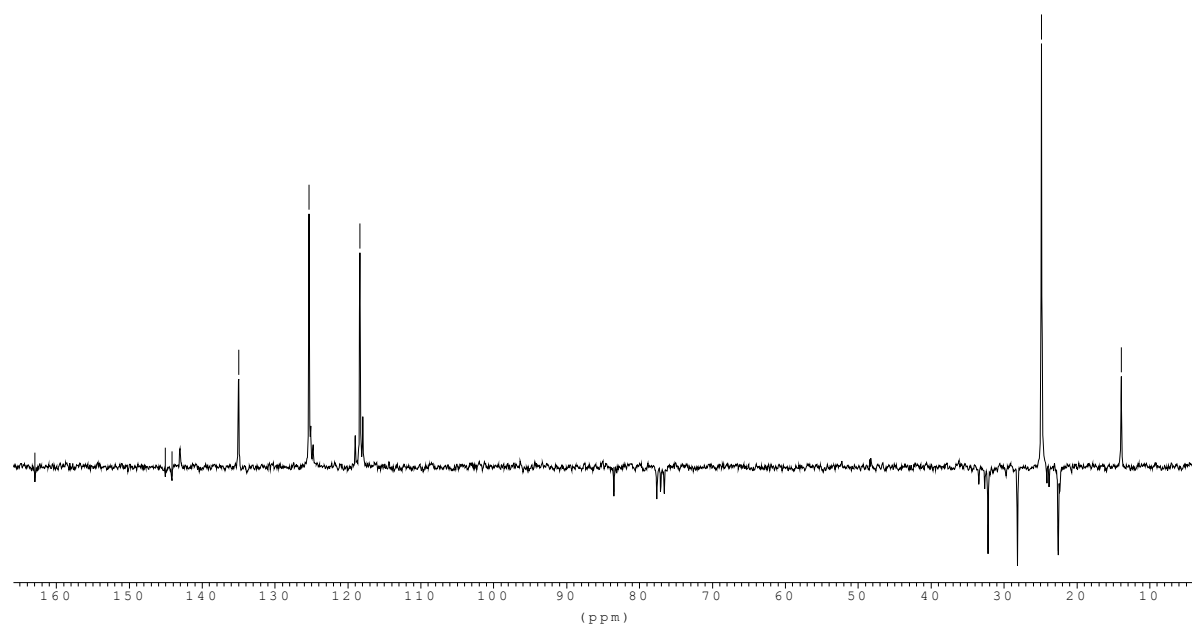
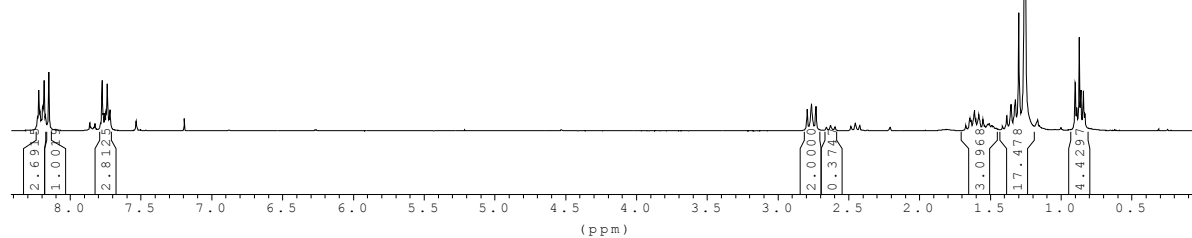
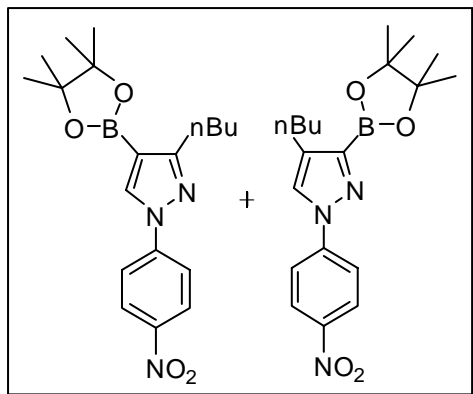


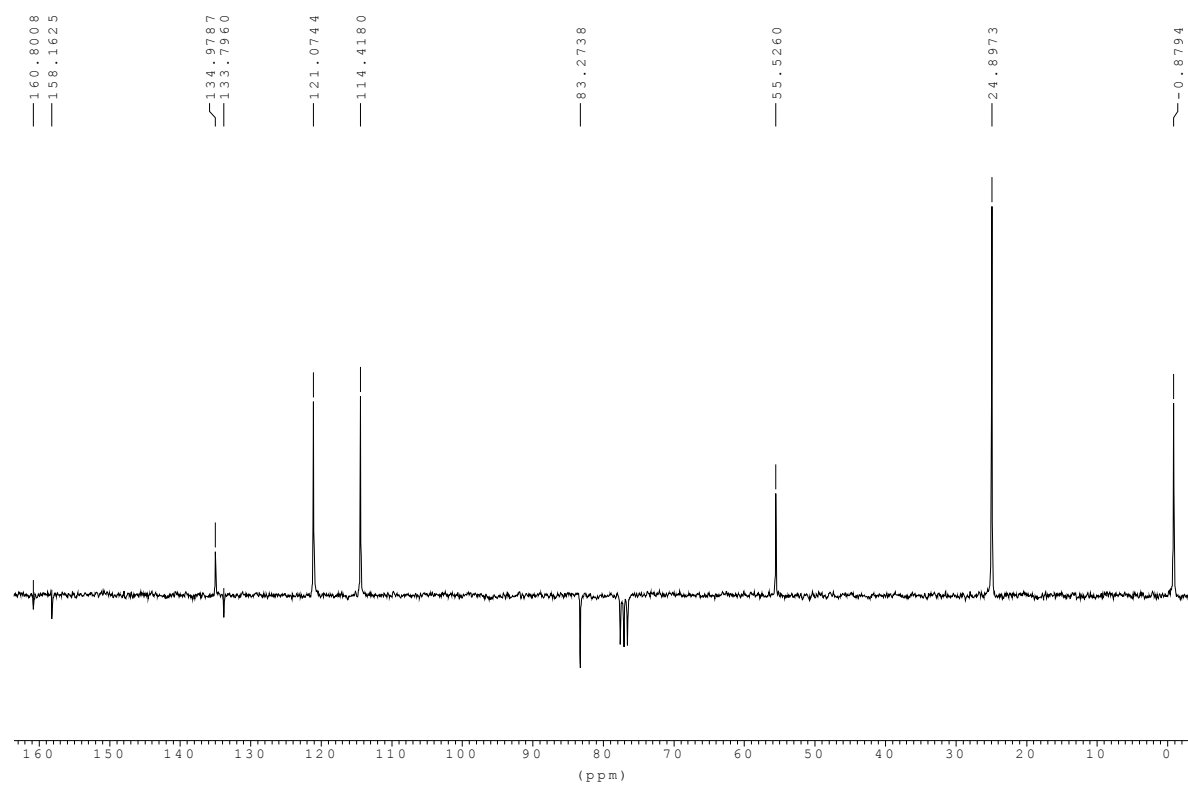
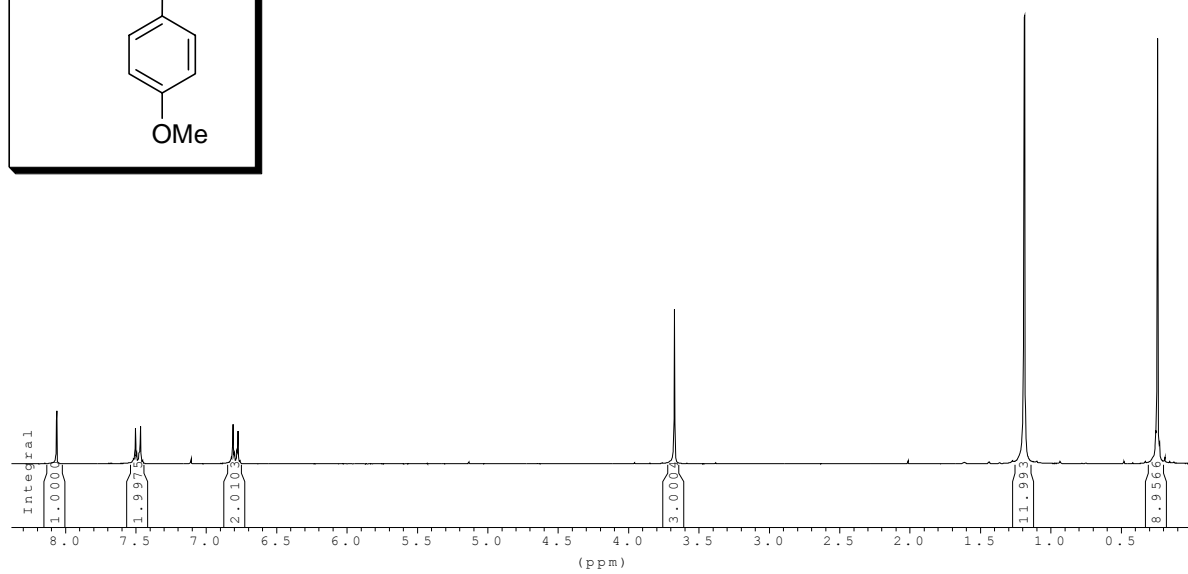
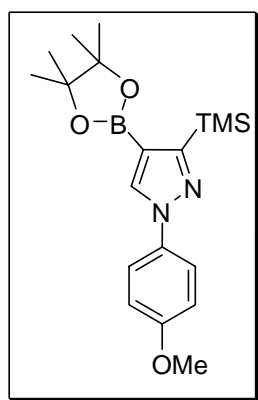


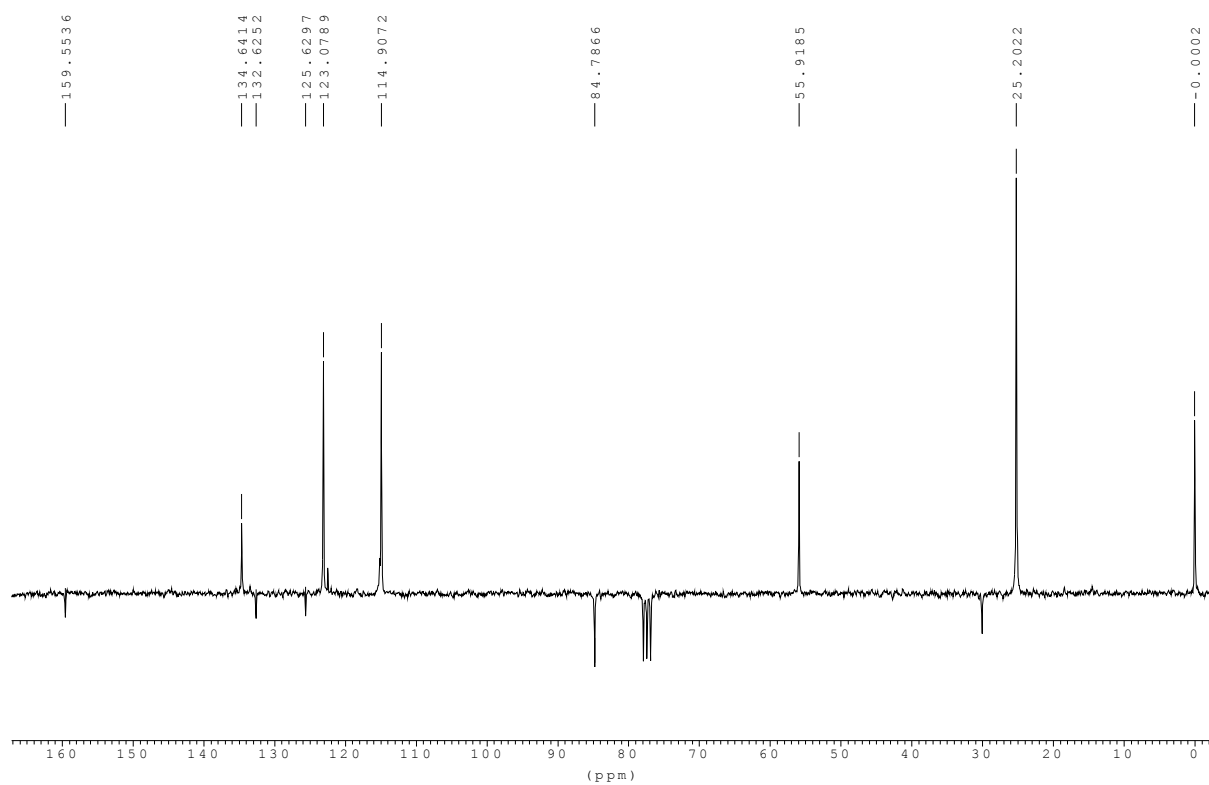
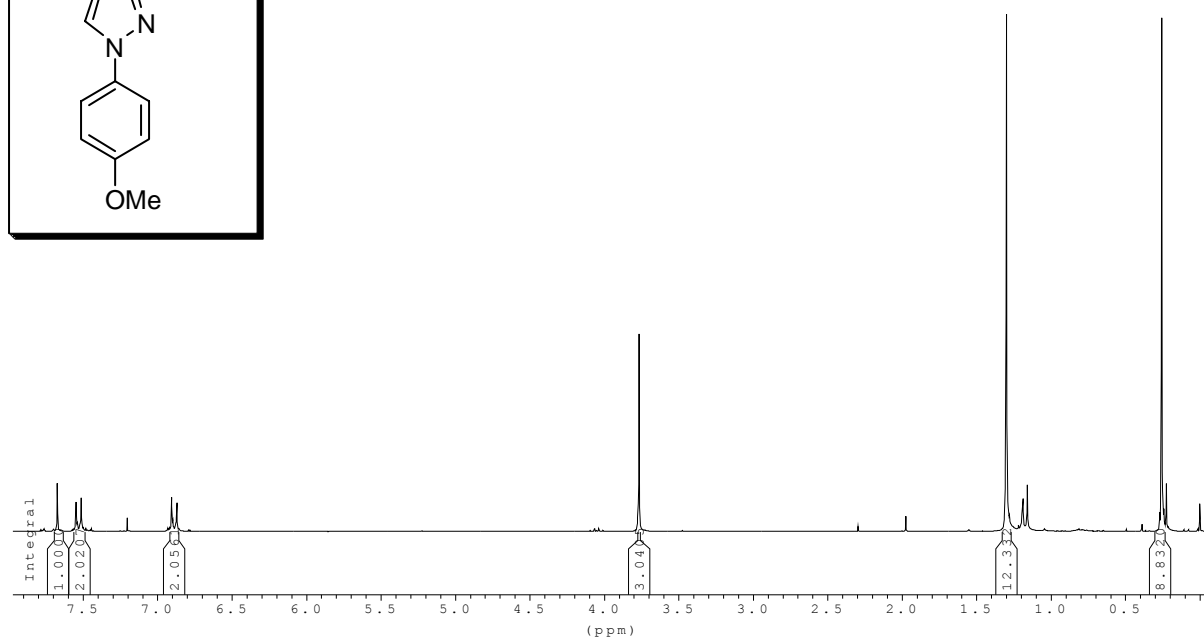
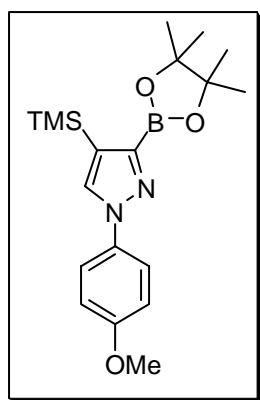


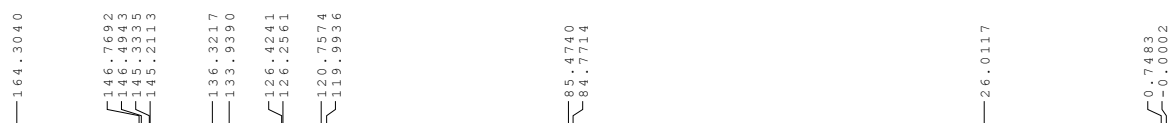
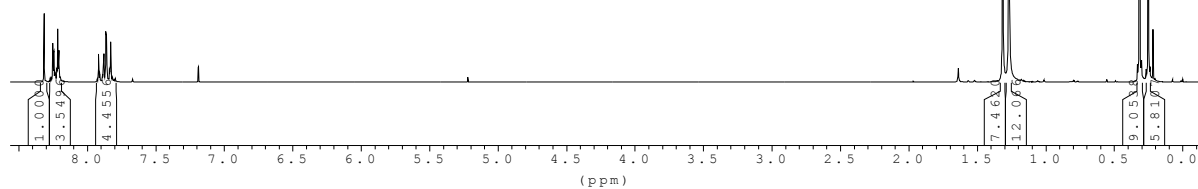
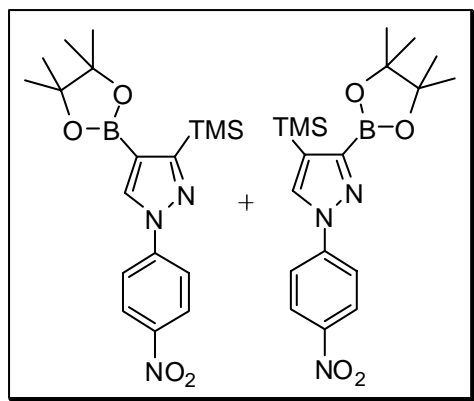


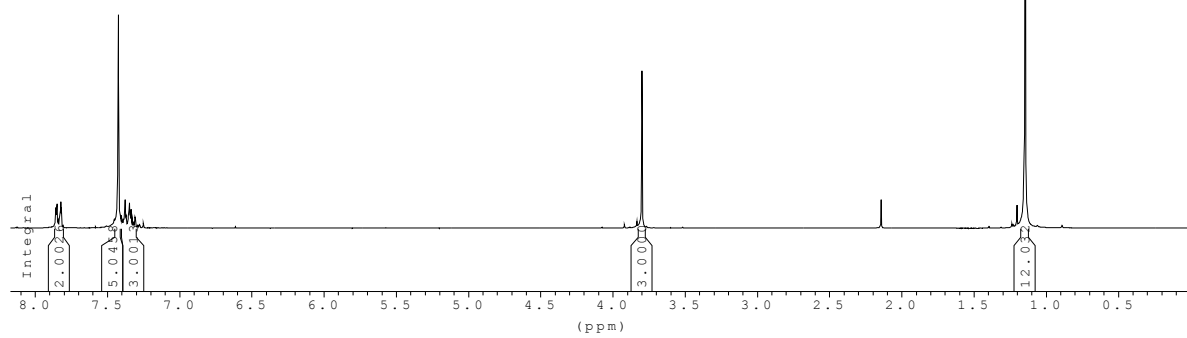
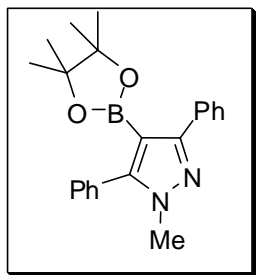










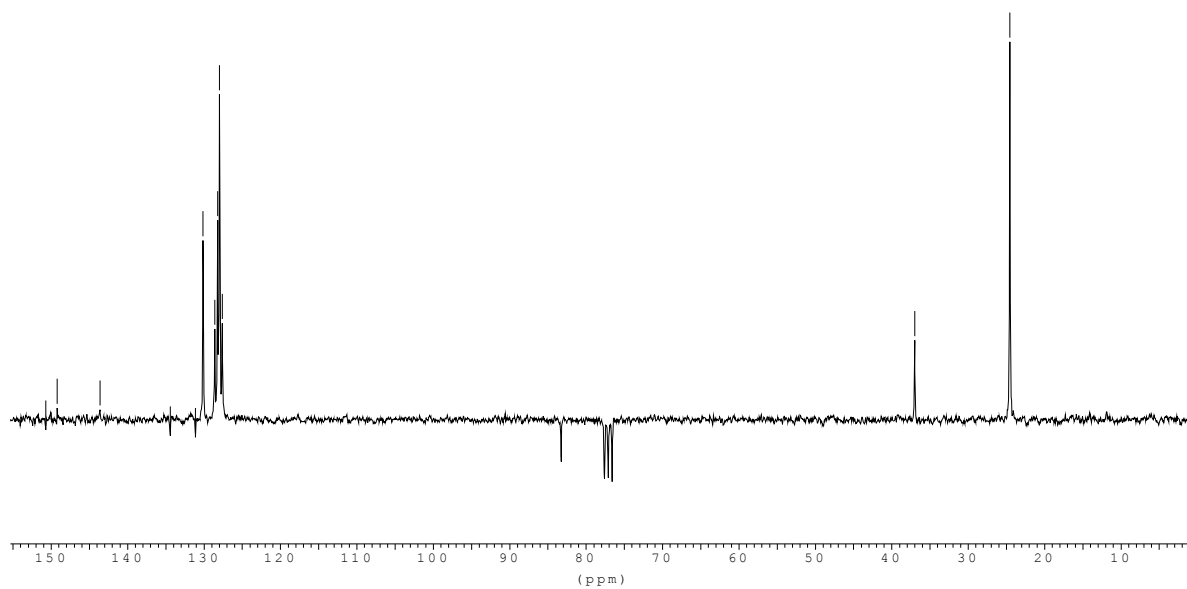


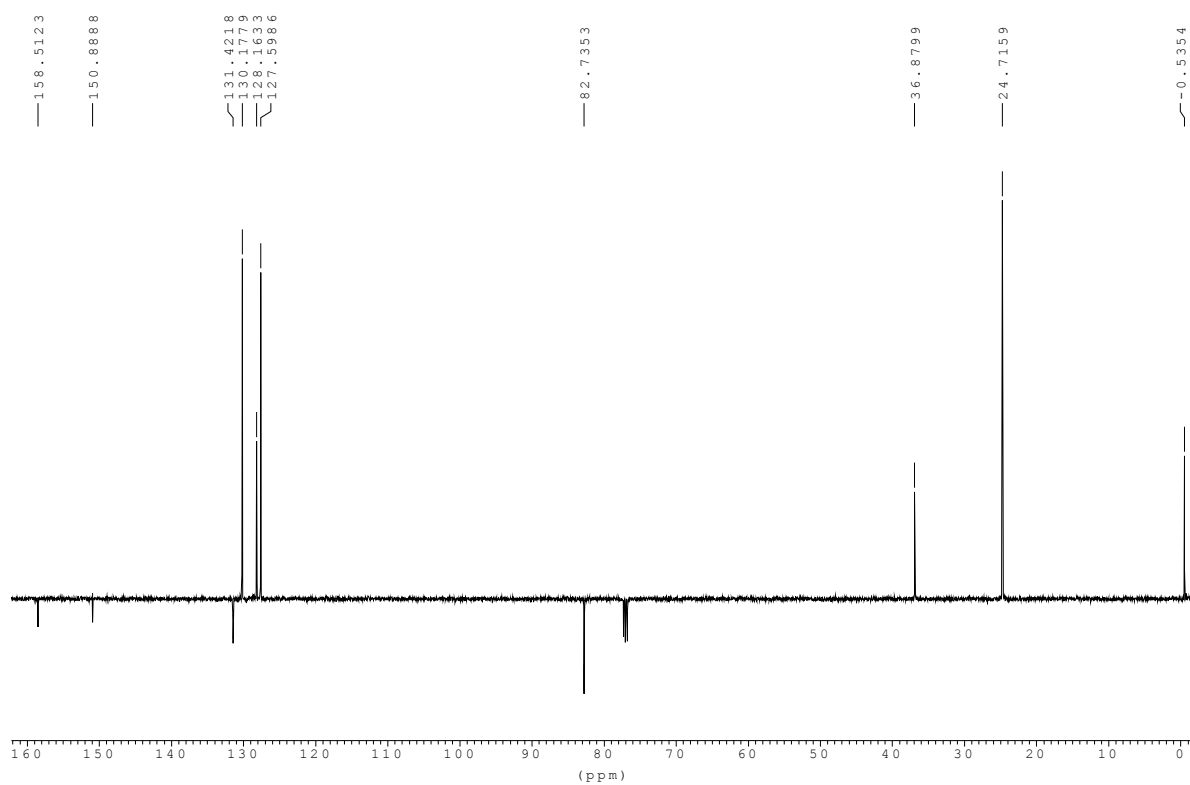
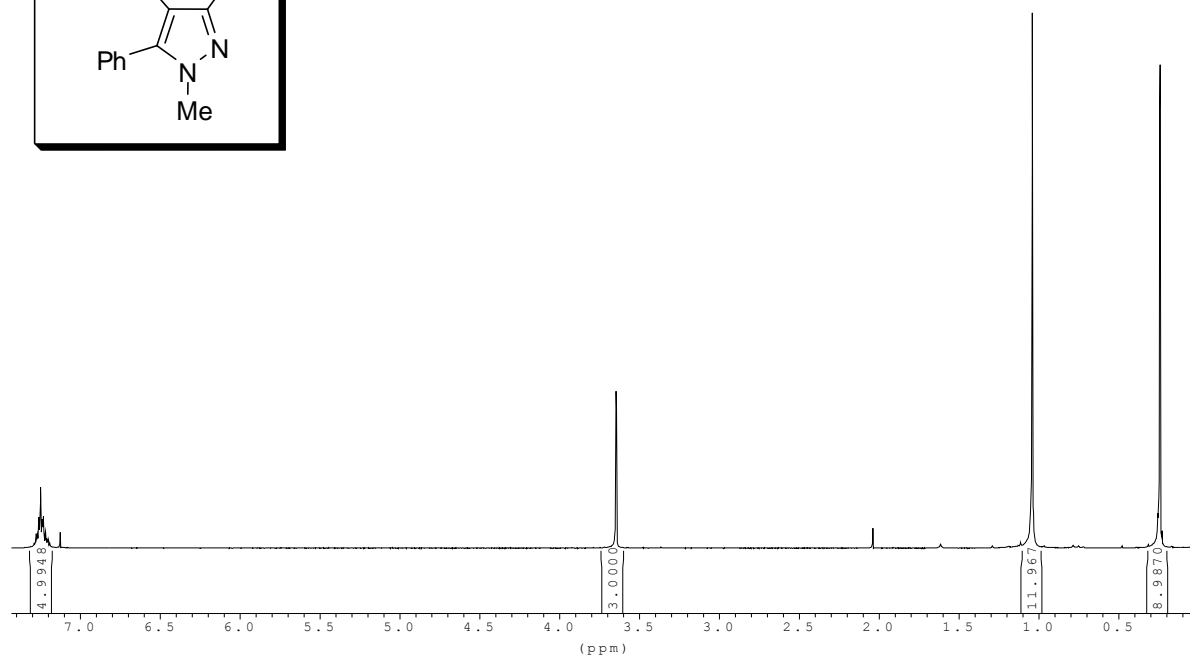
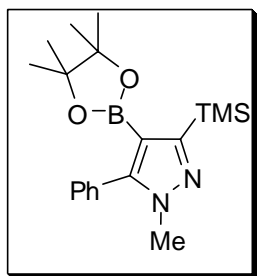
— 150.7176
— 149.2013
— 143.6214
— 134.4328
— 131.6818
— 130.9114
— 128.4552
— 128.2009
— 127.9735
— 127.5944

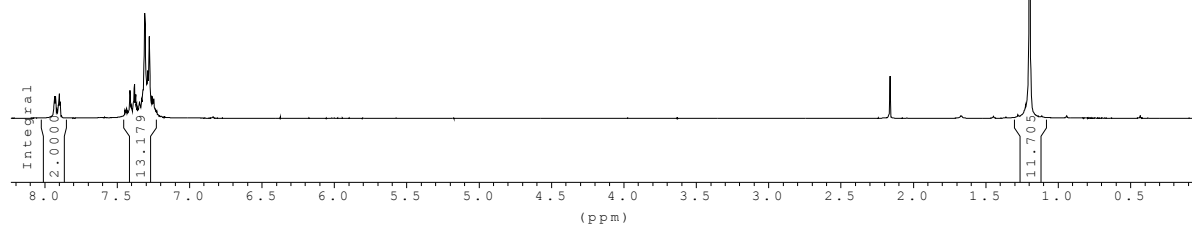
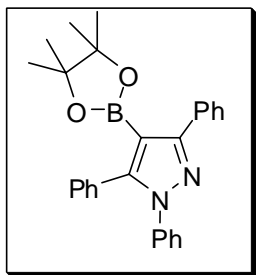
— 83.2586

— 36.9819

— 24.5182







— 156.8585

— 149.6107

139.8307

134.2054

130.3692

130.3540

128.7468

128.3677

127.9877

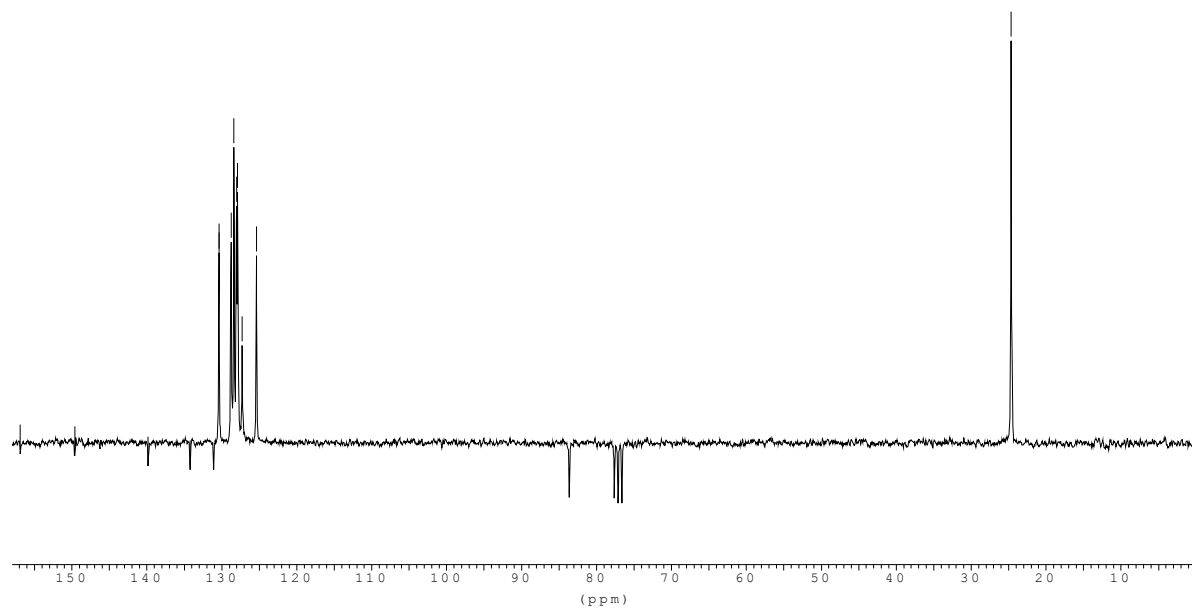
127.8222

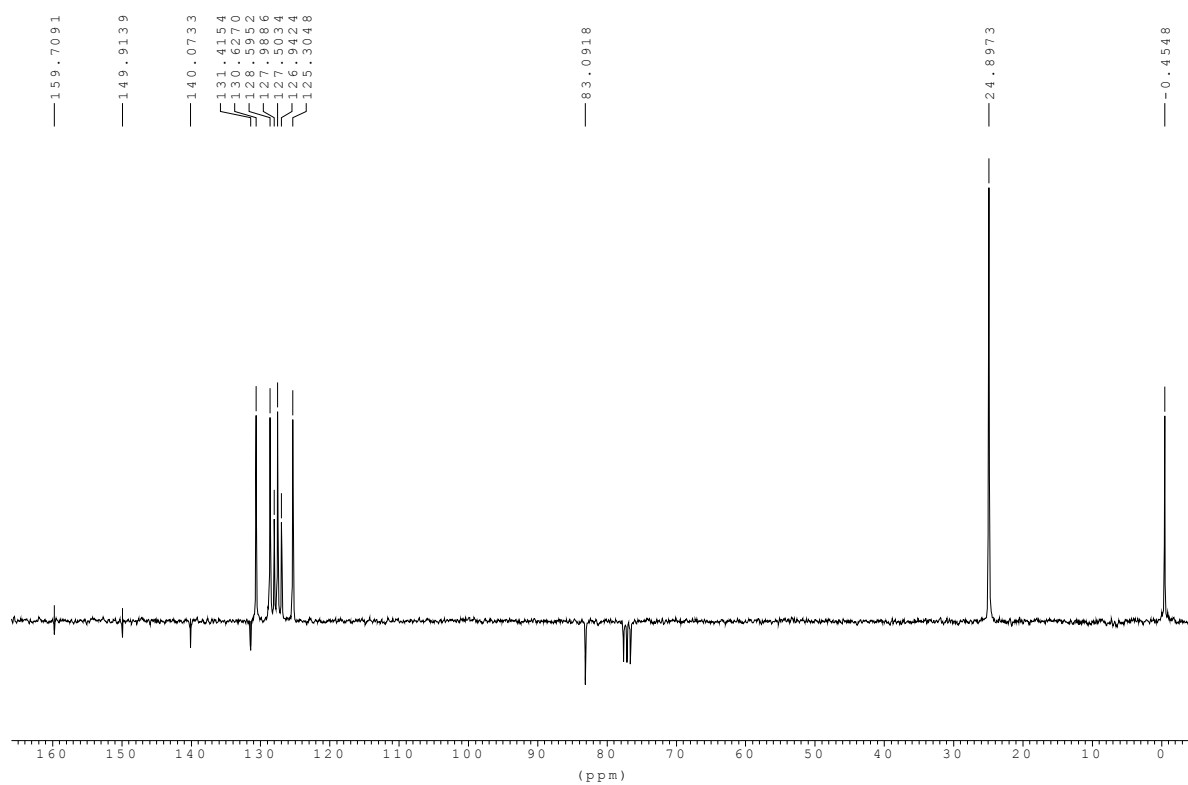
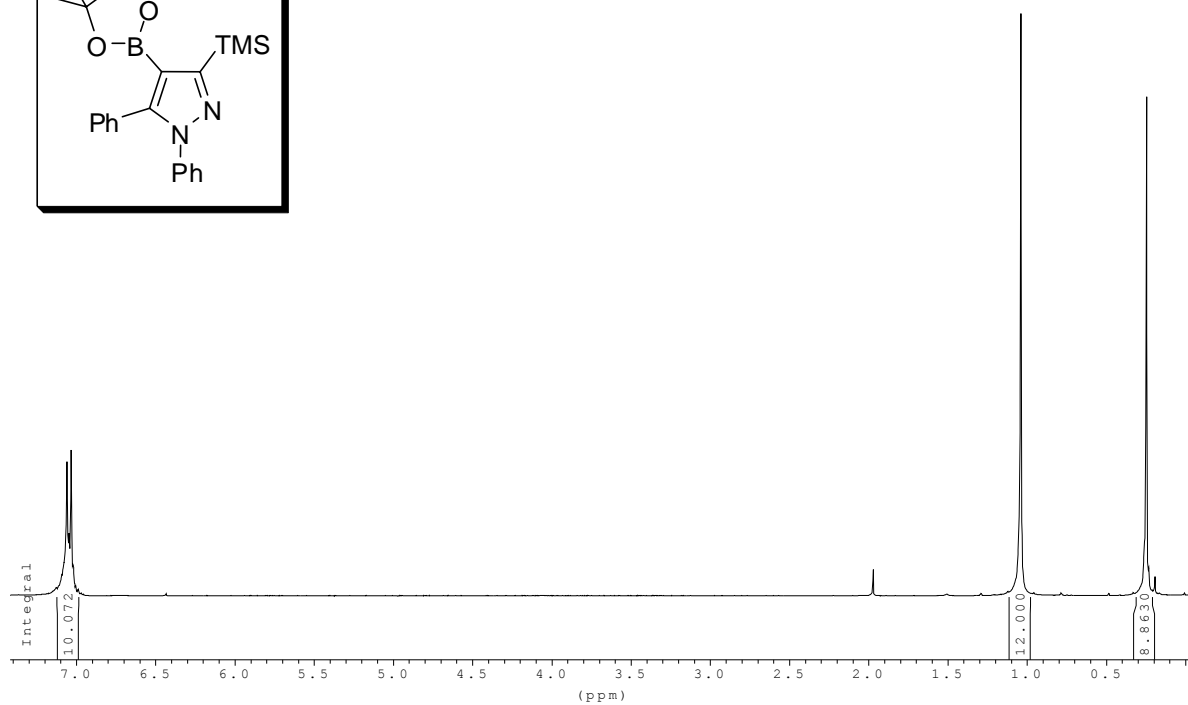
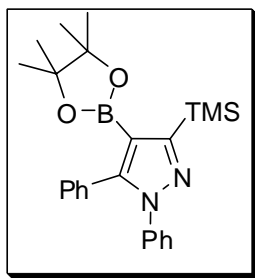
127.2457

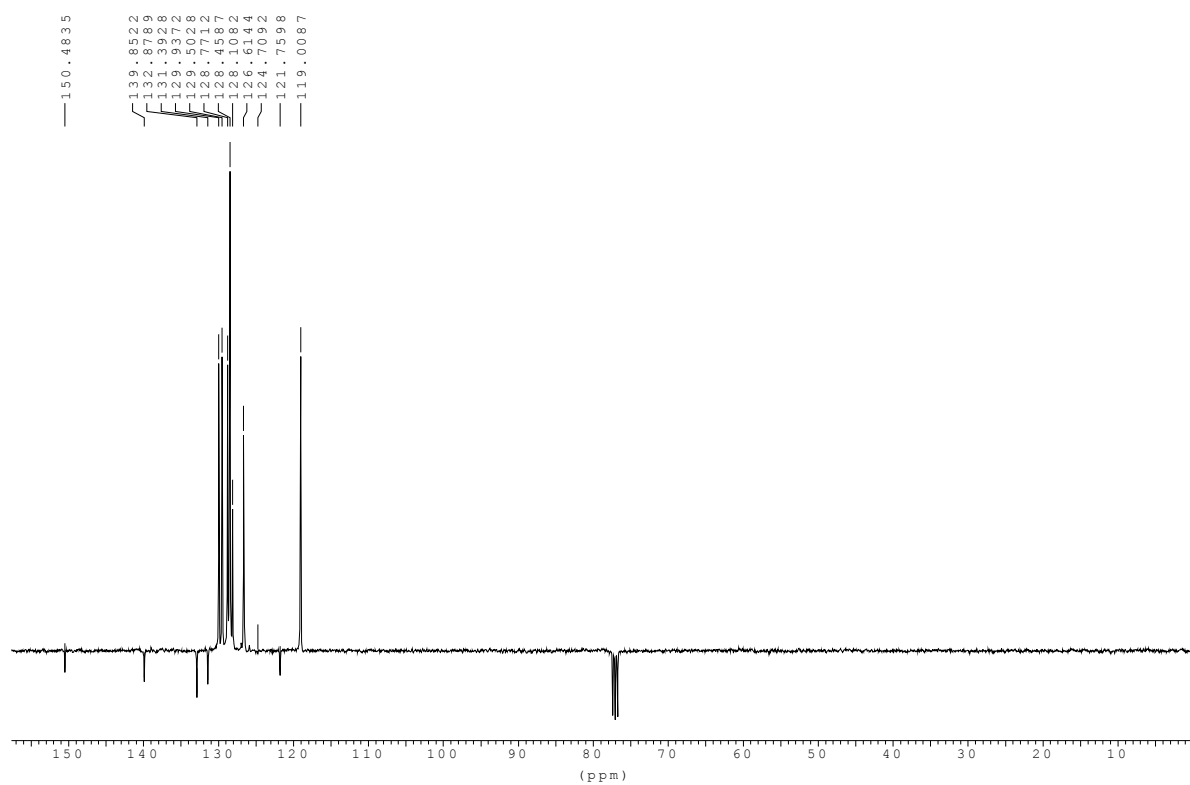
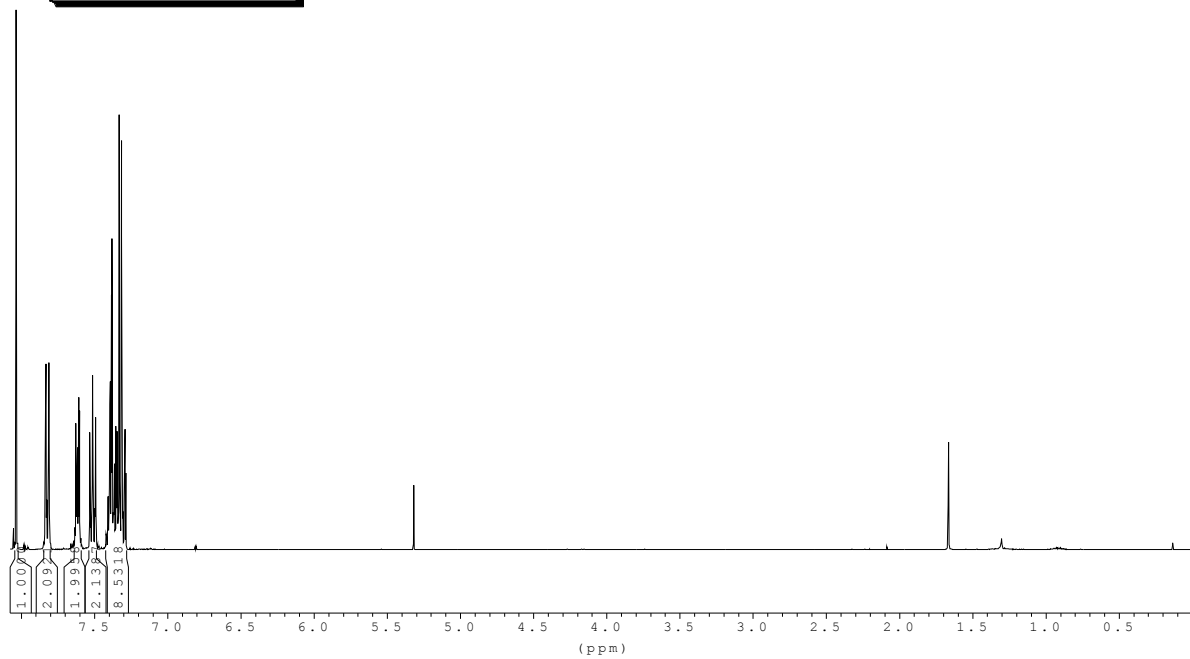
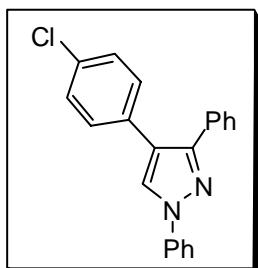
125.3807

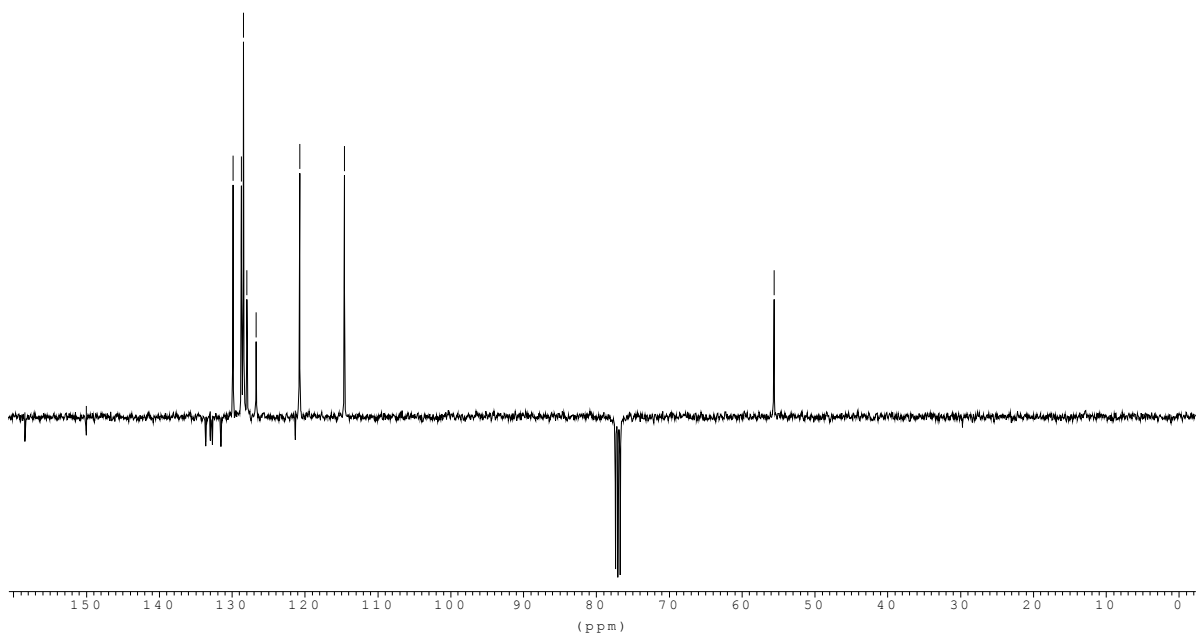
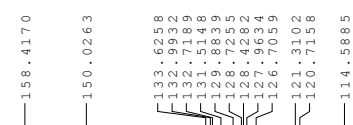
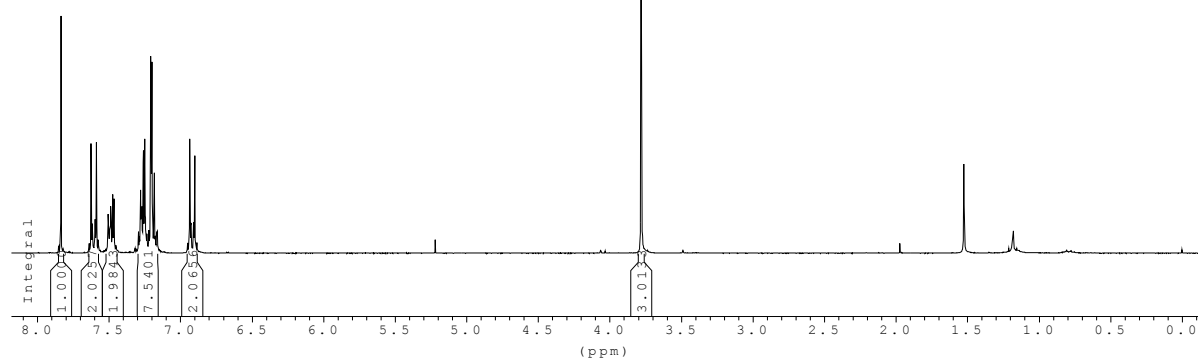
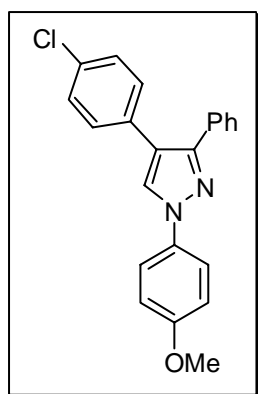
— 83.6225

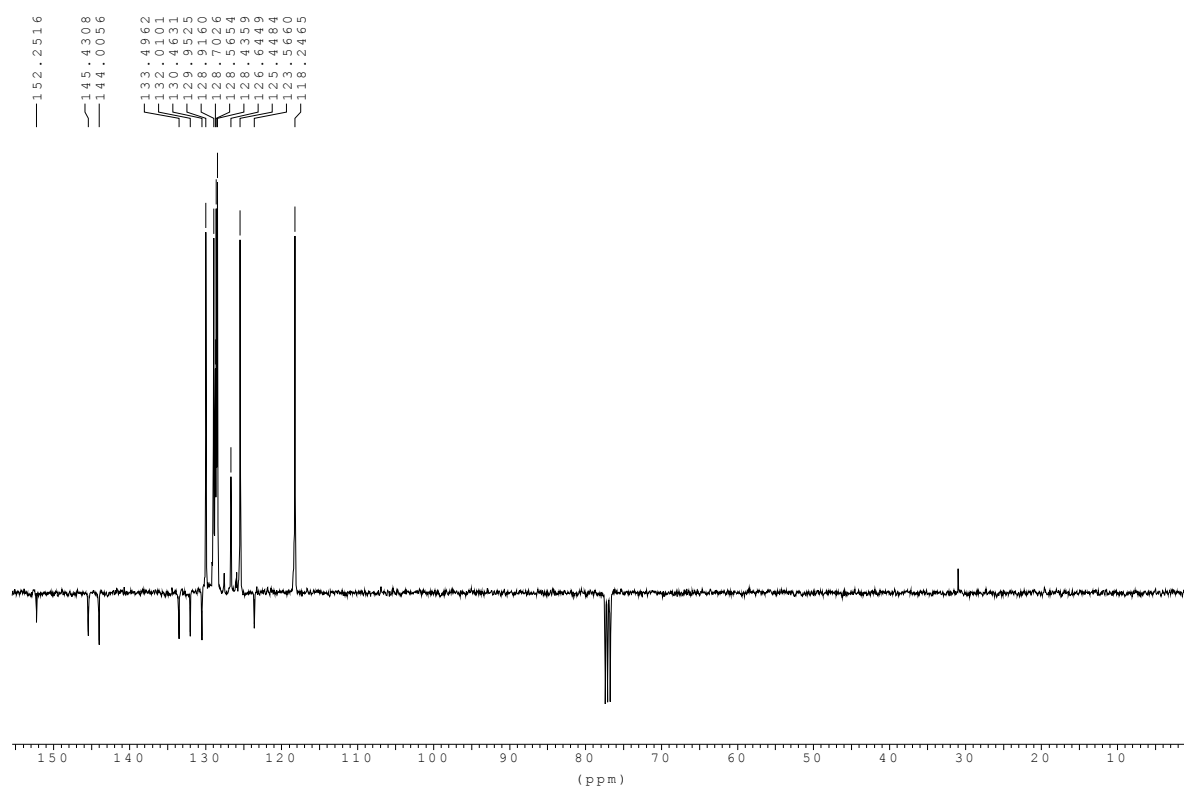
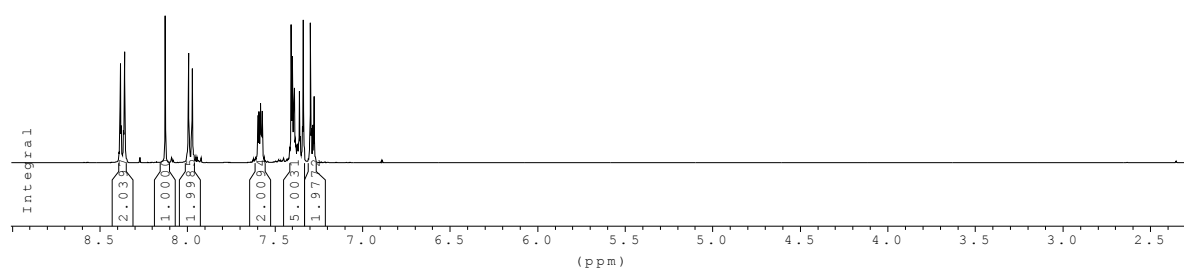
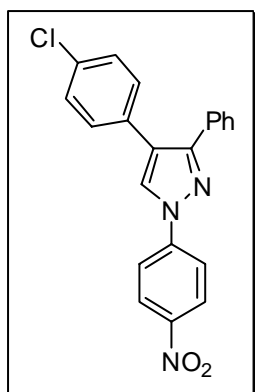
— 24.6243

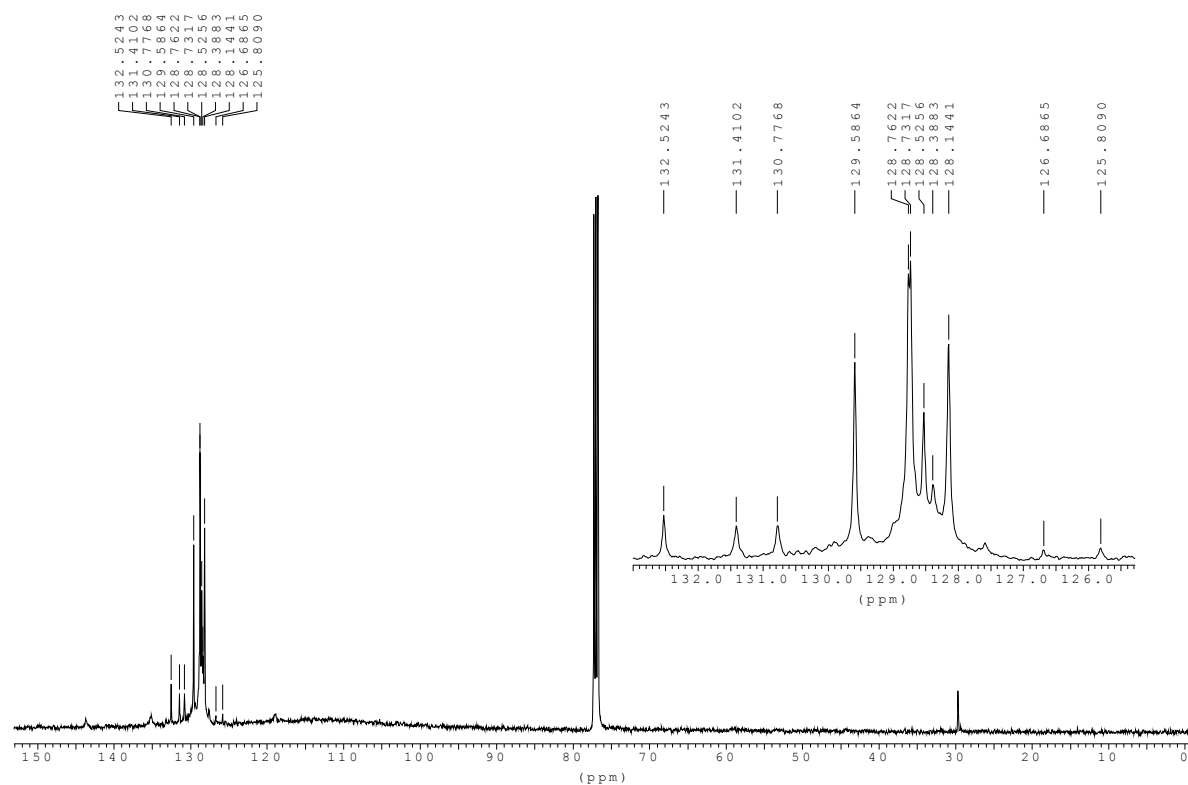
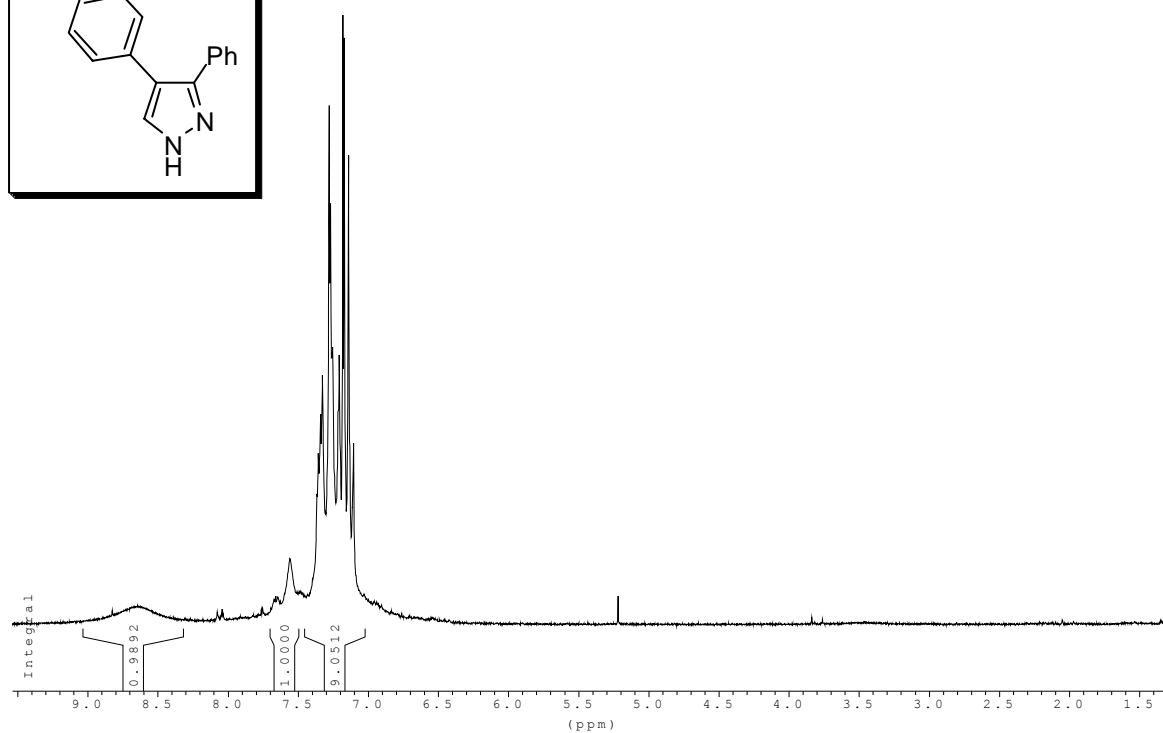
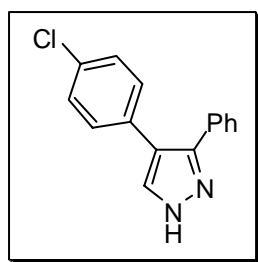










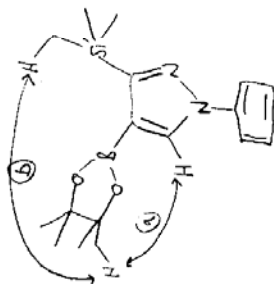


On the Assignment of Regiochemistry

Compound **3a** was assigned by X-ray crystallography (CCDC 656450). Regiochemistry of compounds **5a** and **5b** was assigned by nOe studies. All other trisubstituted pyrazoles were assigned by their diagnostic C-5 proton shift.

Regiochemistry for tetrasubstituted pyrazoles **15** and **16** were assigned by nOe. Compounds **17** and **18** were assumed to form with identical regiochemistry.

Duncan Browne E27 Sample ref: DLB/104/1 in CDCI3



Irradiate before μ ,
 See TMS & Appendix
 C-11

