

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### Regioselective Mercury(I)/Palladium(II)-catalyzed Single-Step Approach for the Synthesis of Imines and 2-Substituted Indoles

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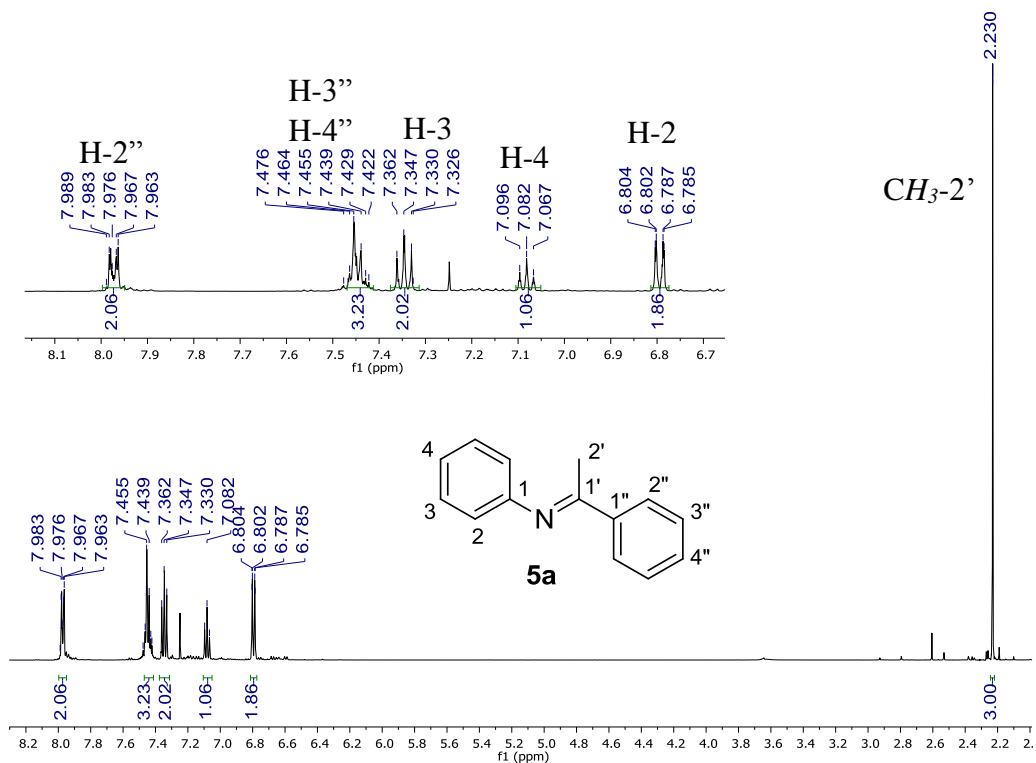
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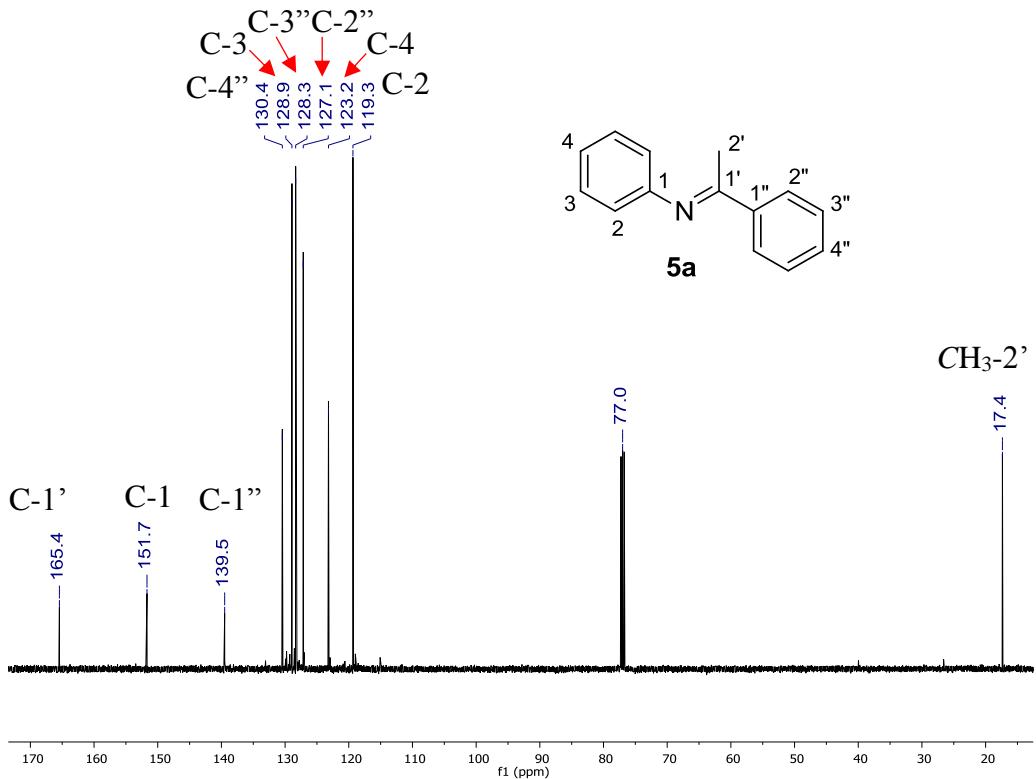
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**1. Appendix 1.** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of all compounds. S2-S30

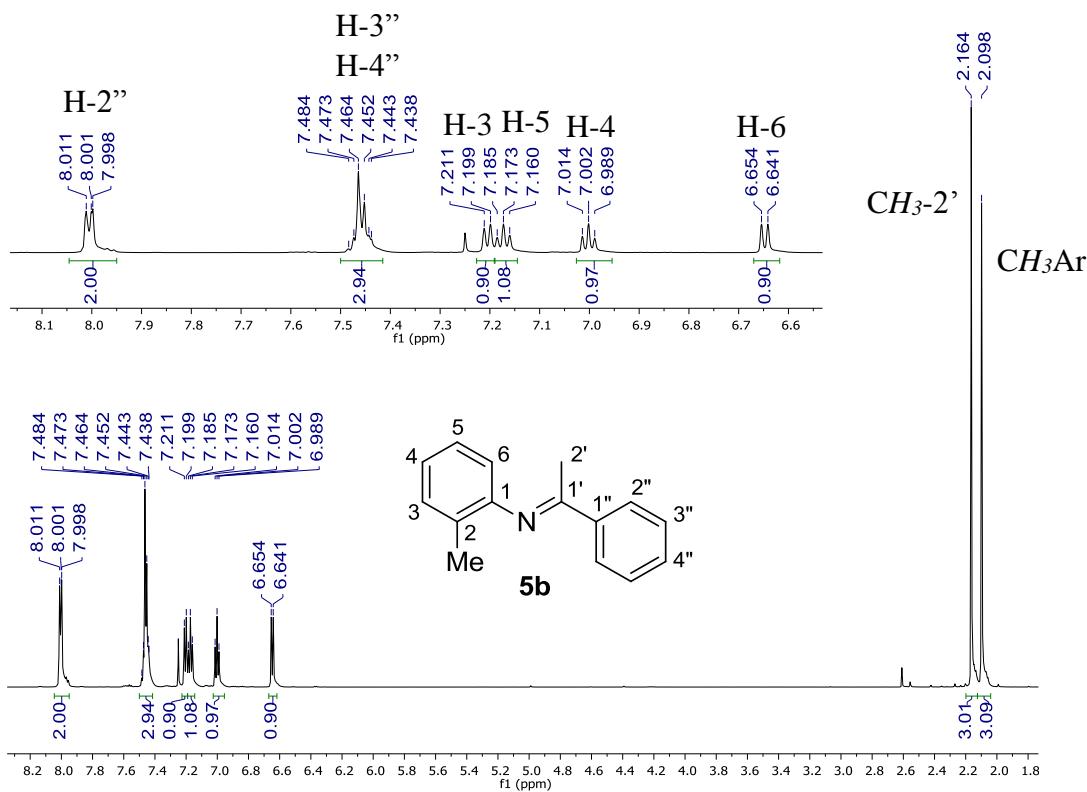
**2. Appendix 2.** X-Ray crystallographic structures of **5i**, **6e** and **6l** S31-S36



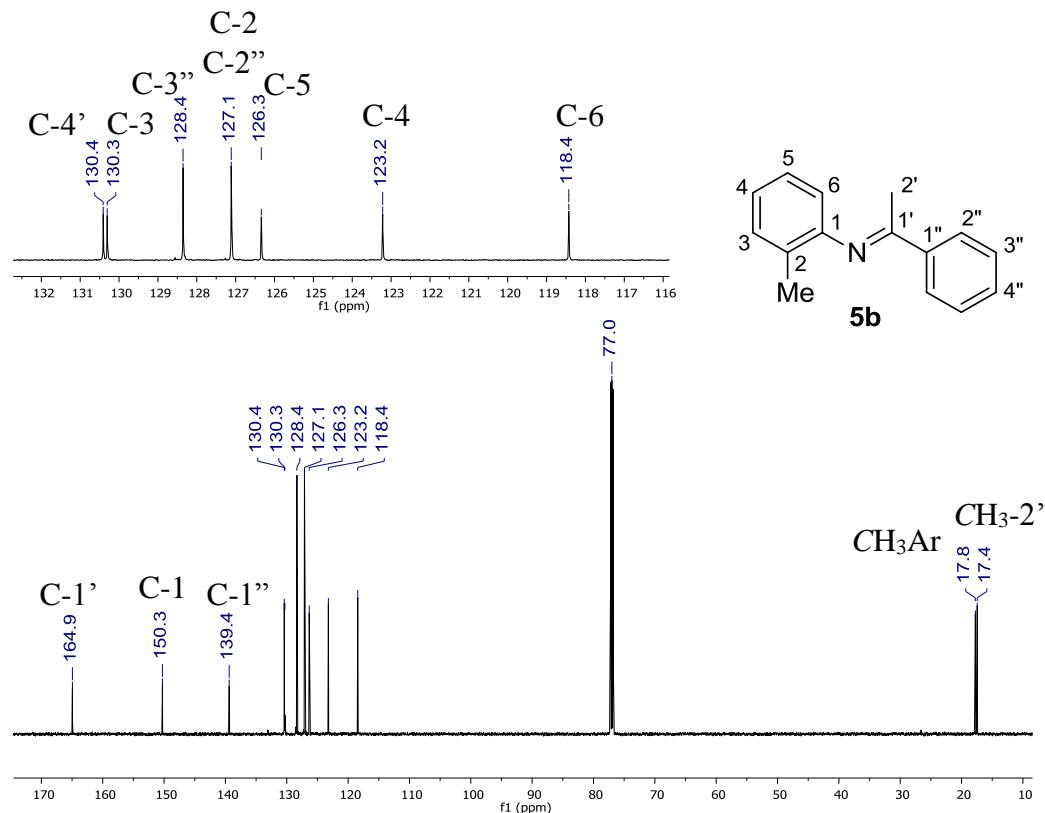
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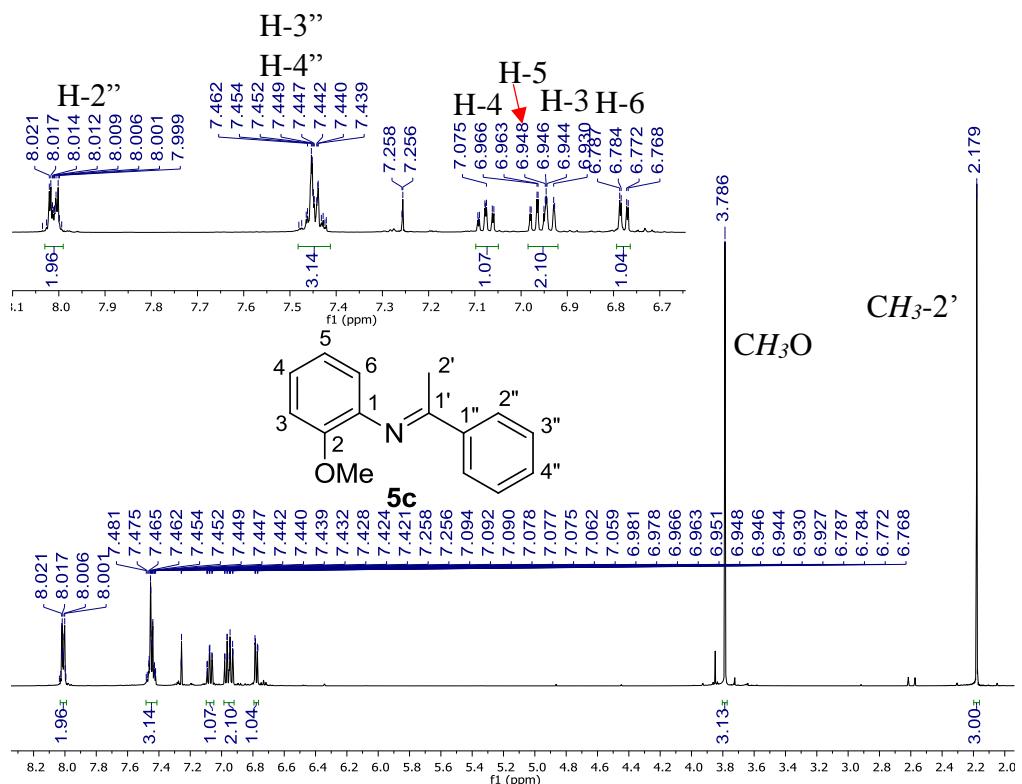
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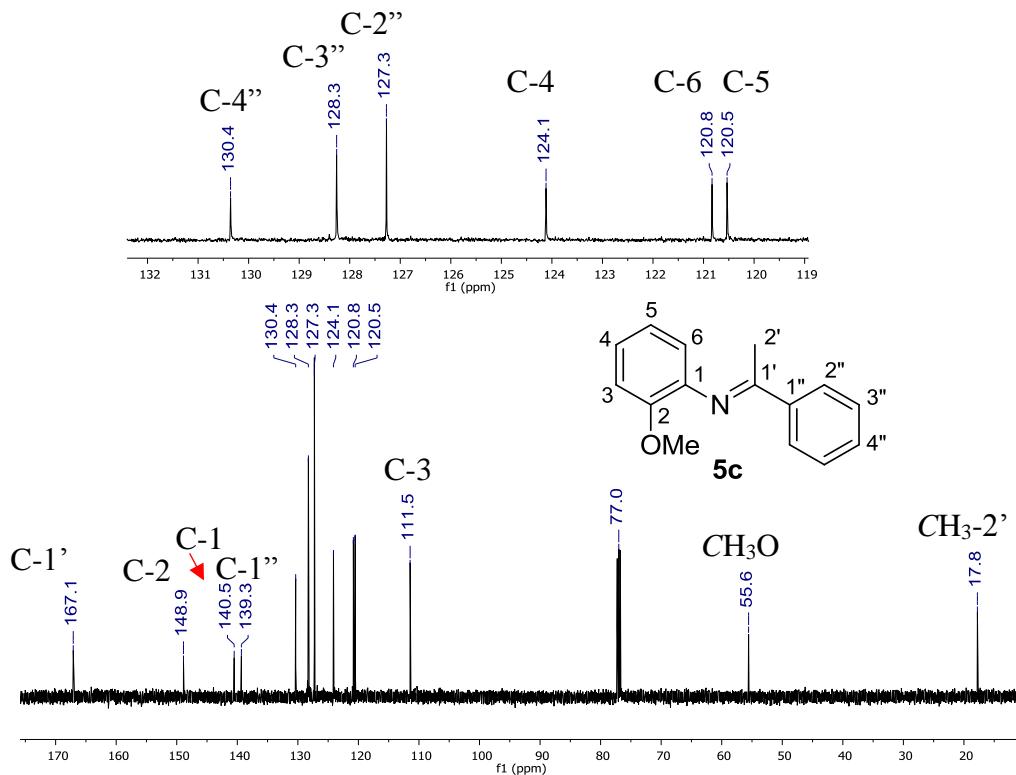
**Figure S3.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5b**.



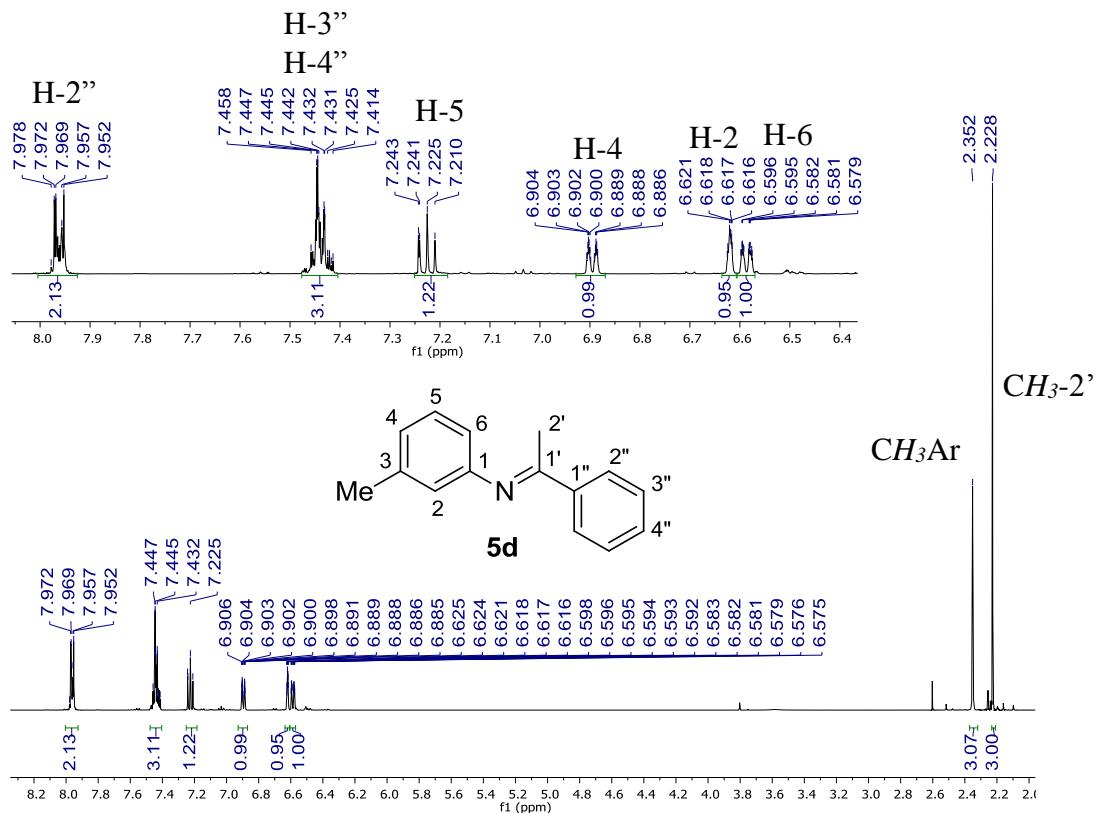
**Figure S4.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5b**.



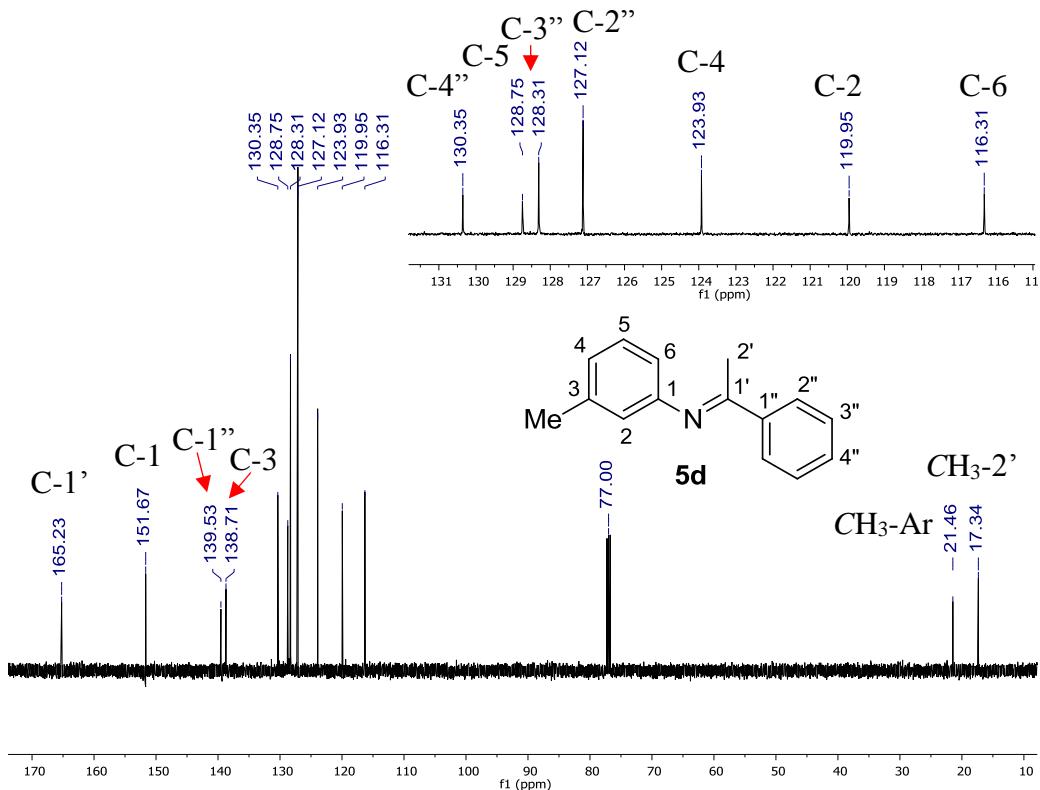
**Figure S5.** Spectrum of <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **5c**.



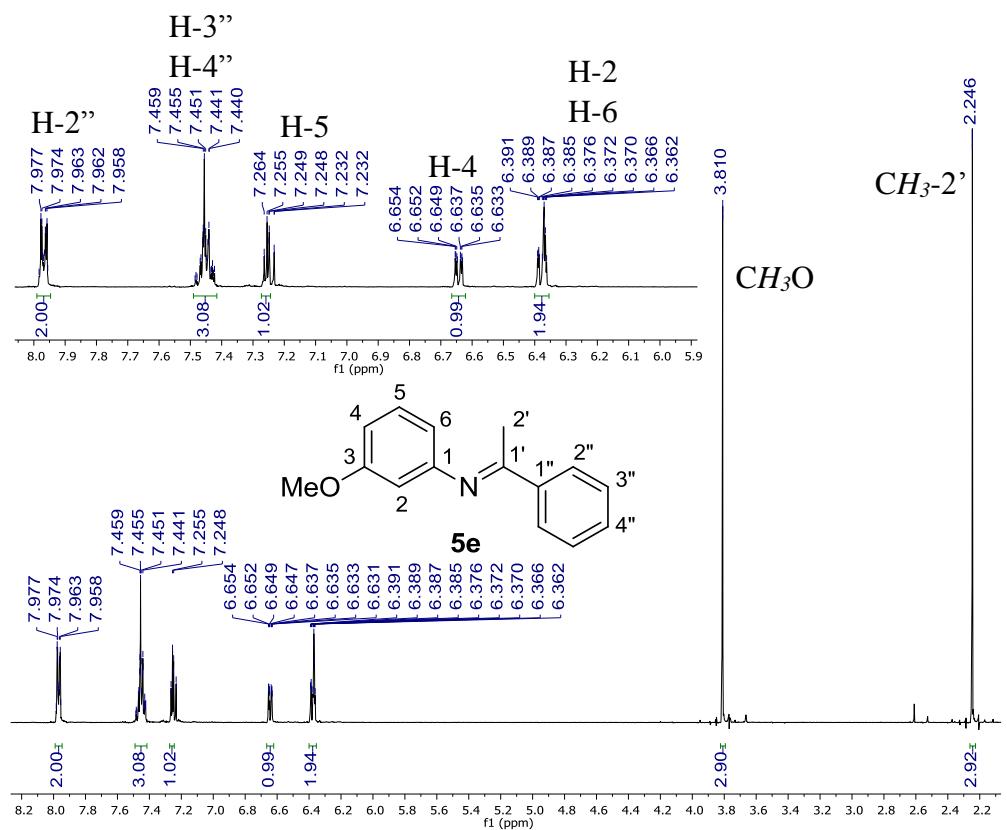
**Figure S6.** Spectrum of <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **5c**.



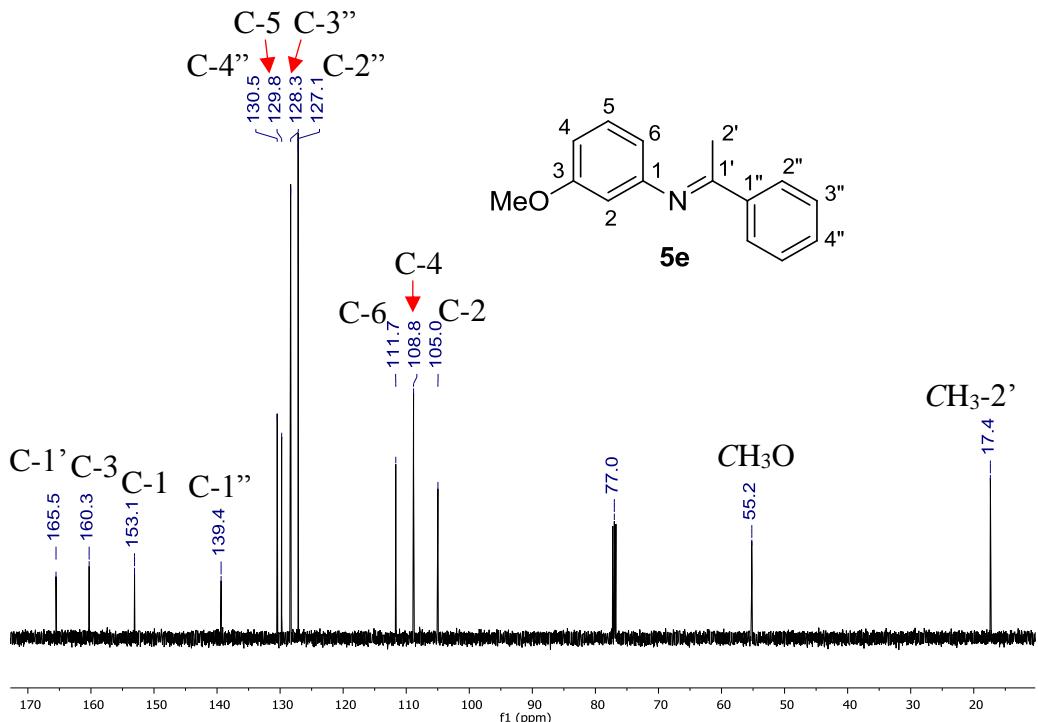
**Figure S7.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5d**.



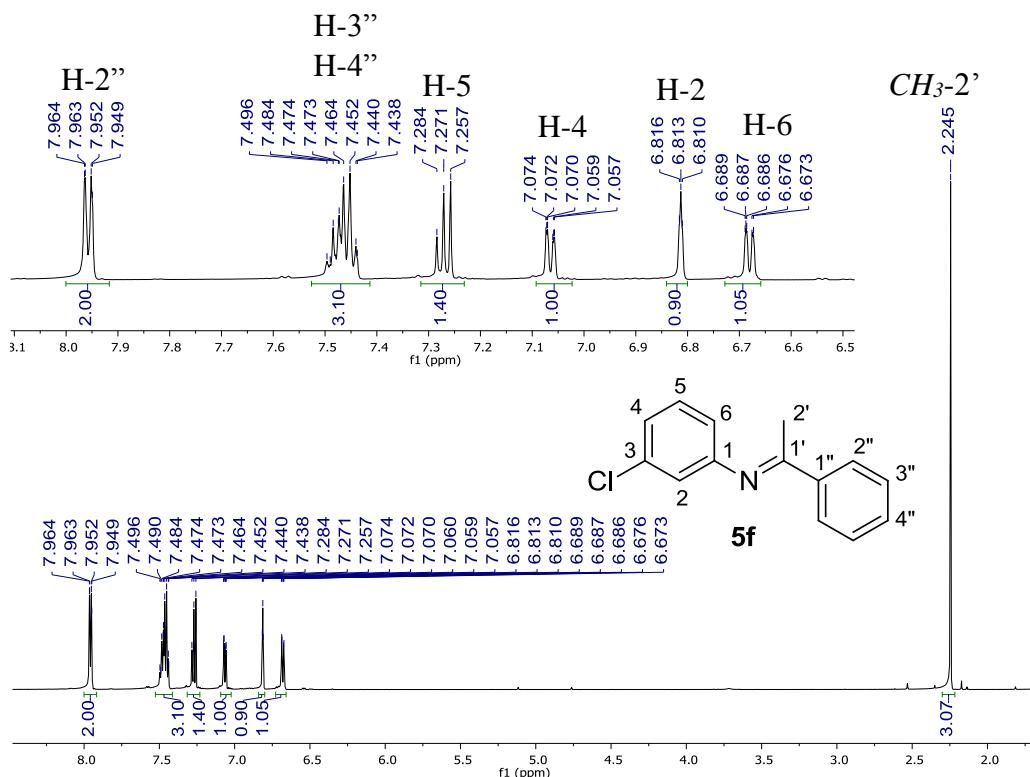
**Figure S8.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5d**.



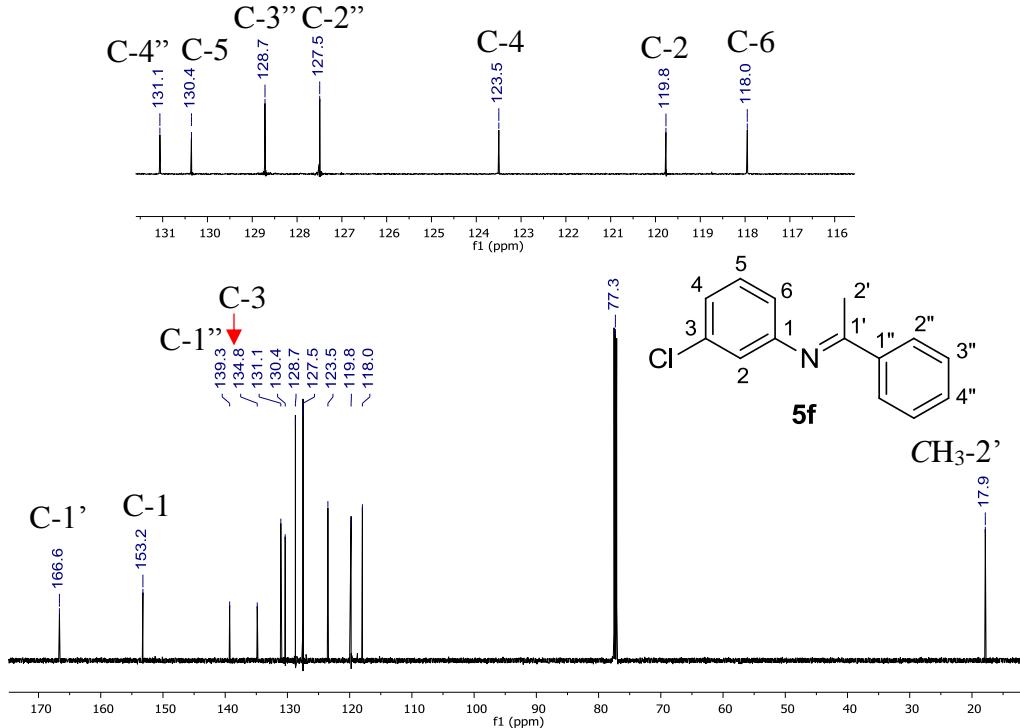
**Figure S9.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5e**.



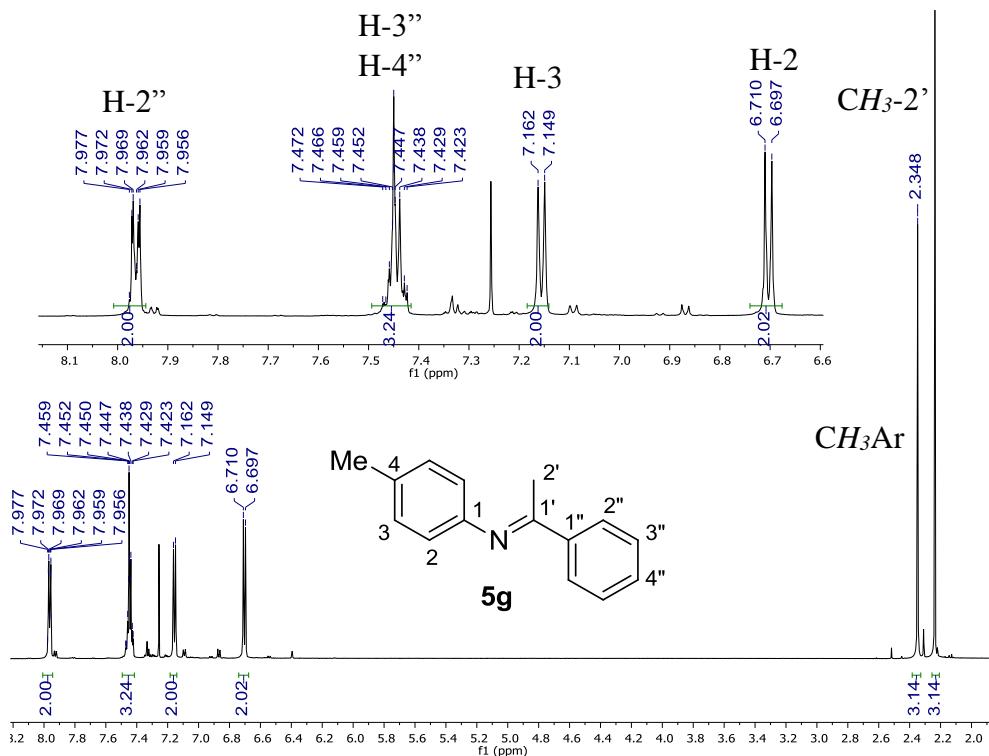
**Figure S10.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5e**.



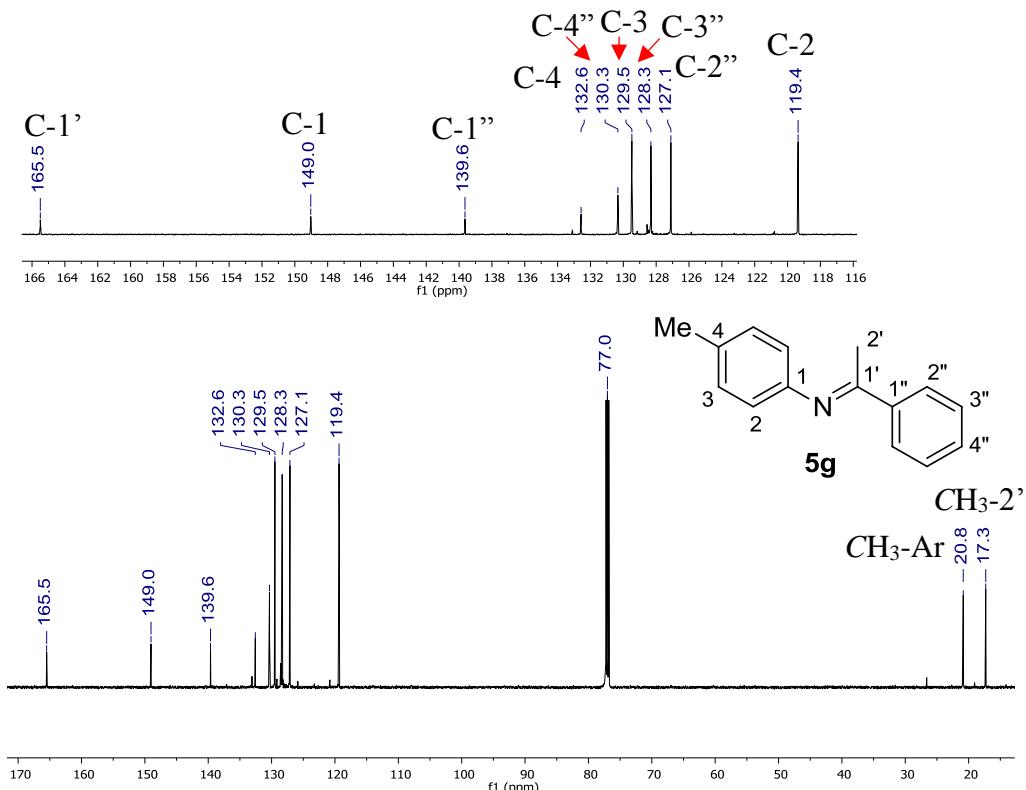
**Figure S11.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5f**.



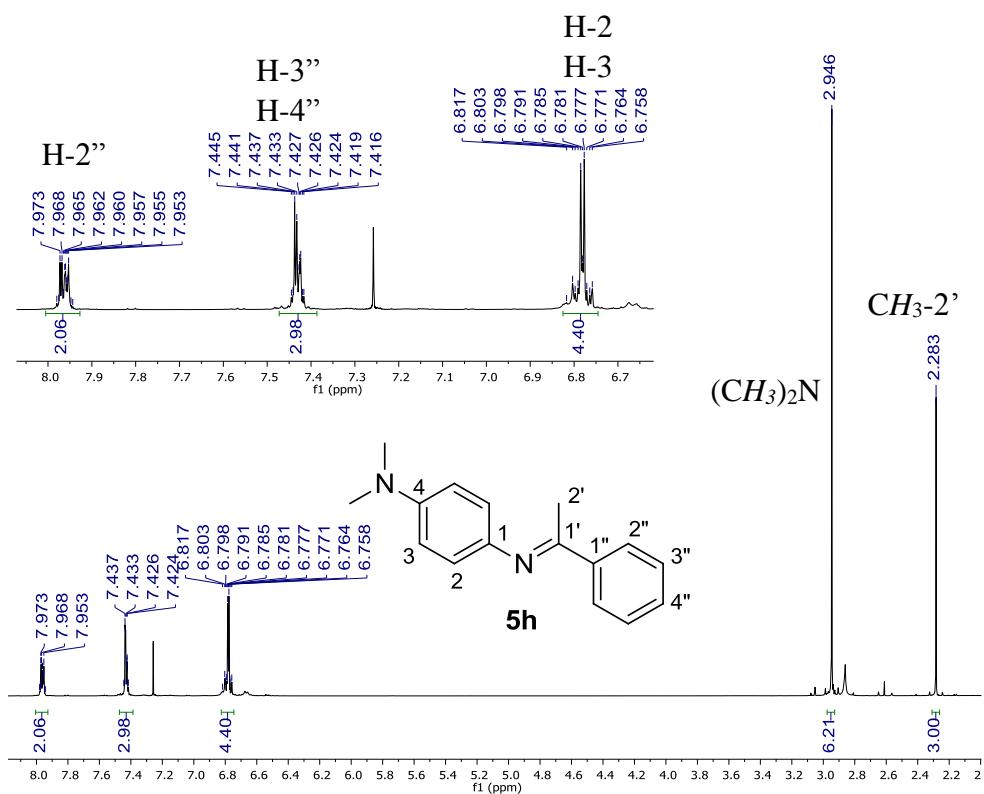
**Figure S12.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5f**.



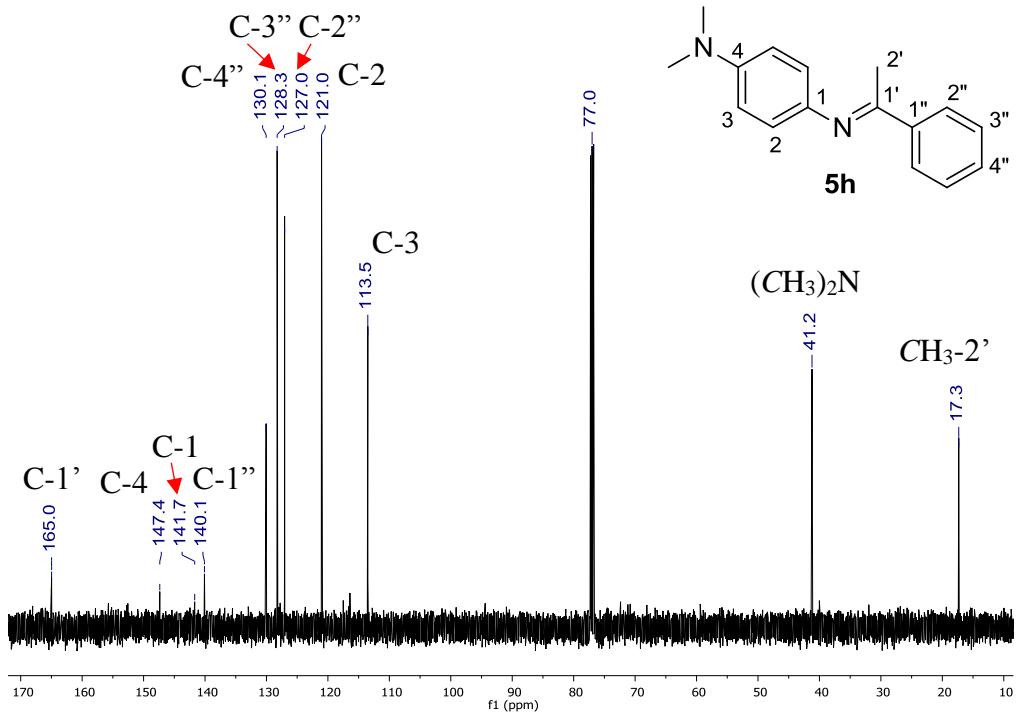
**Figure S13.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5g**.



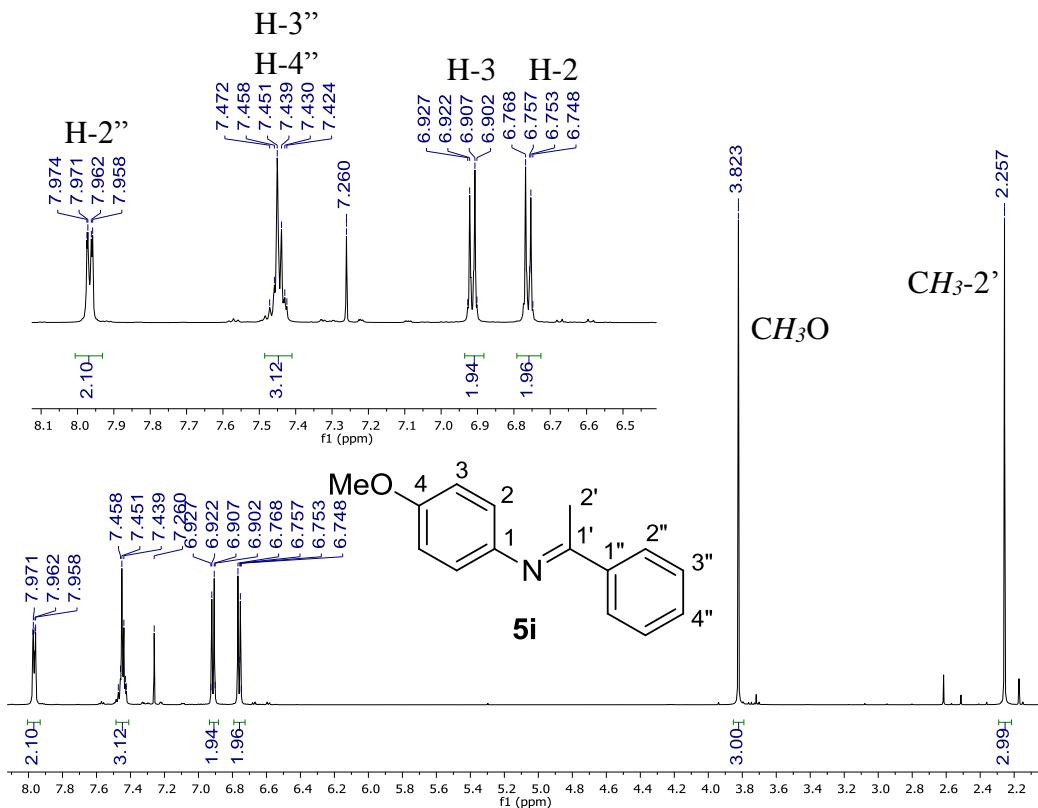
**Figure S14.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5g**.



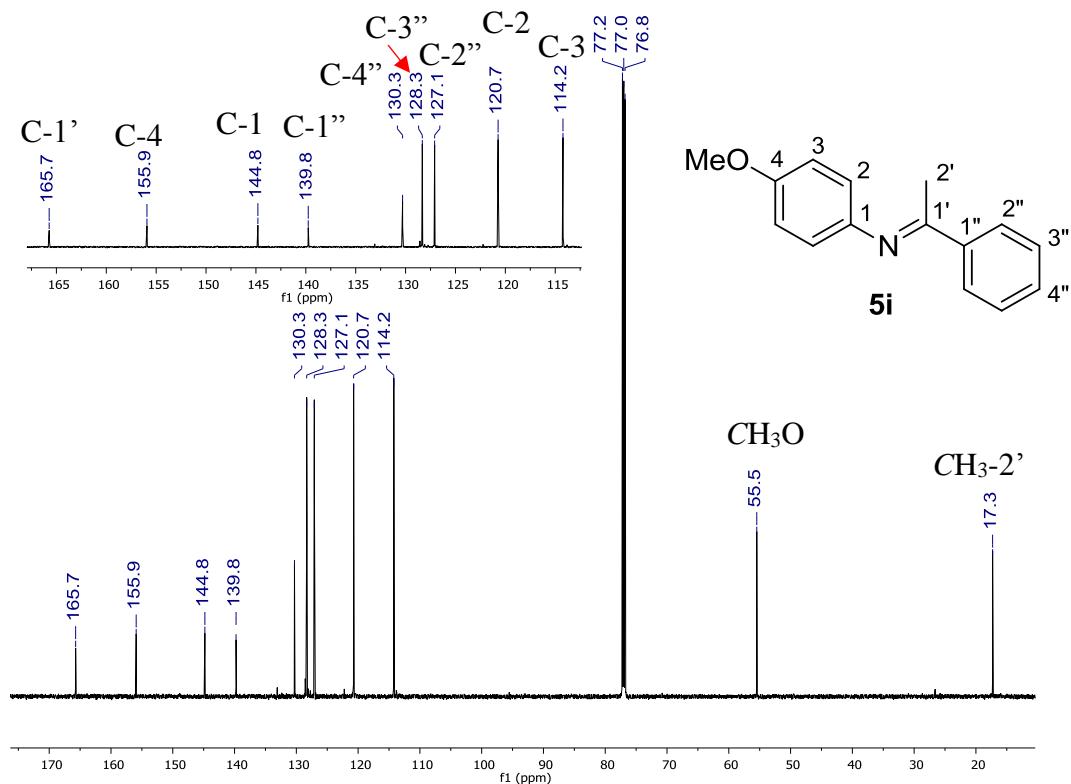
**Figure S15.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5h**.



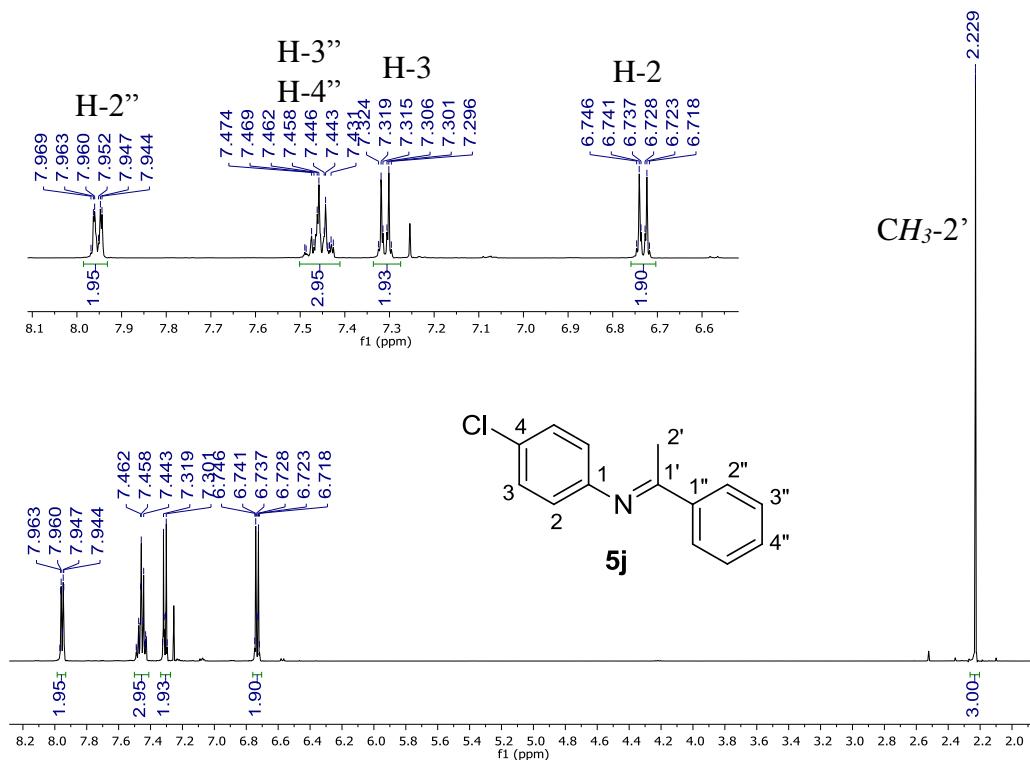
**Figure S16.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5h**.



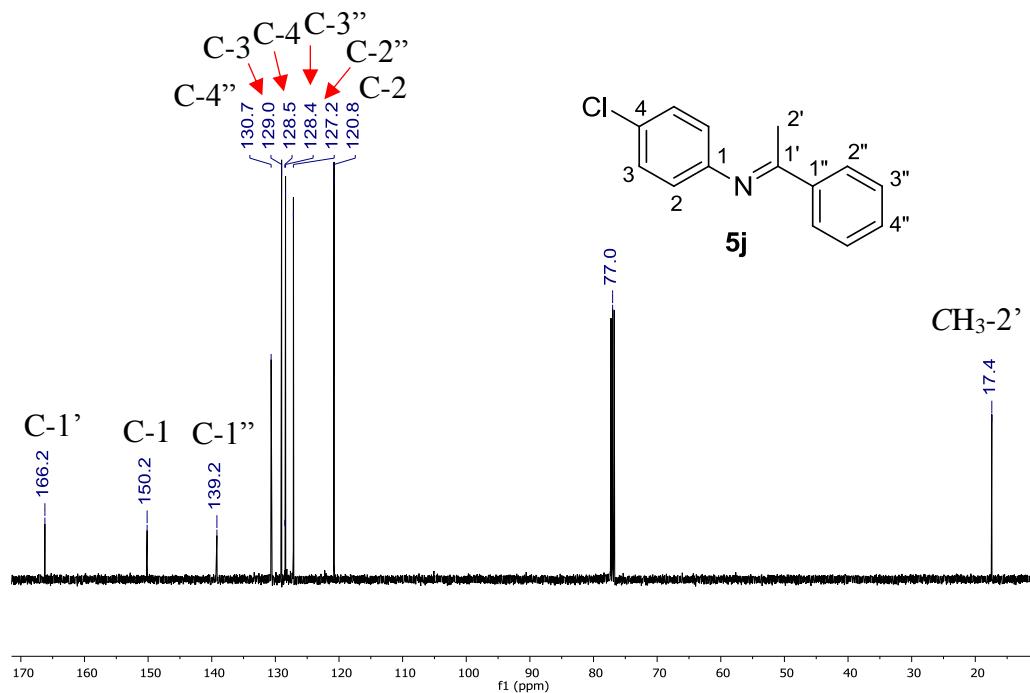
**Figure S17.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5i**.



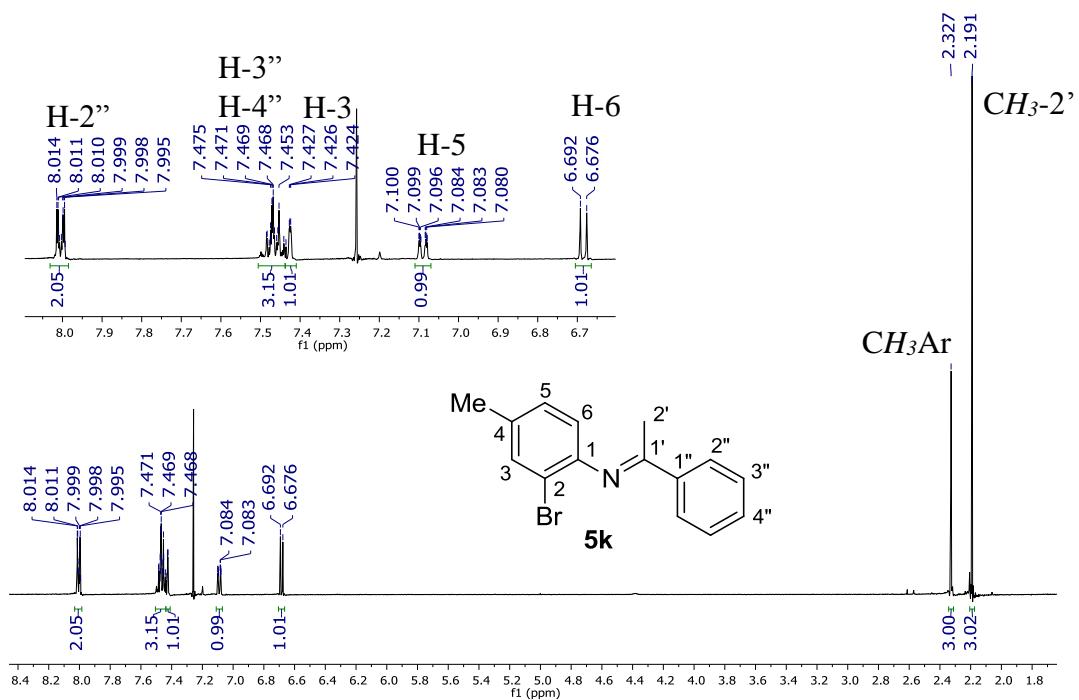
**Figure S18.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5i**.



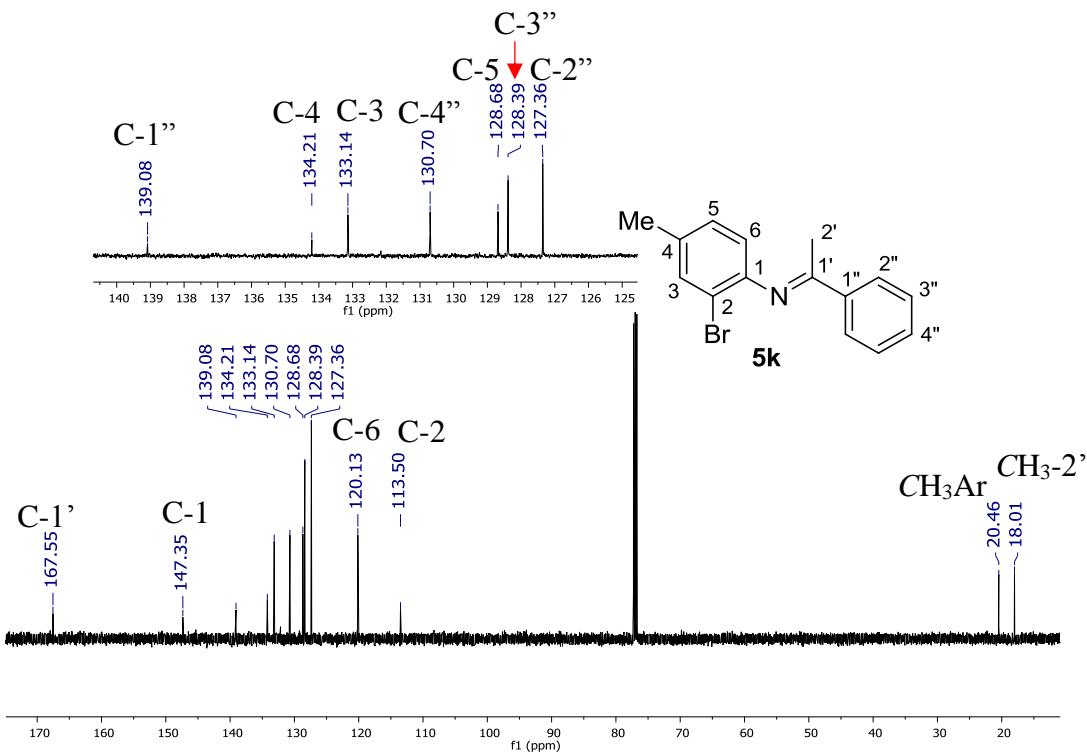
**Figure S19.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5j**.



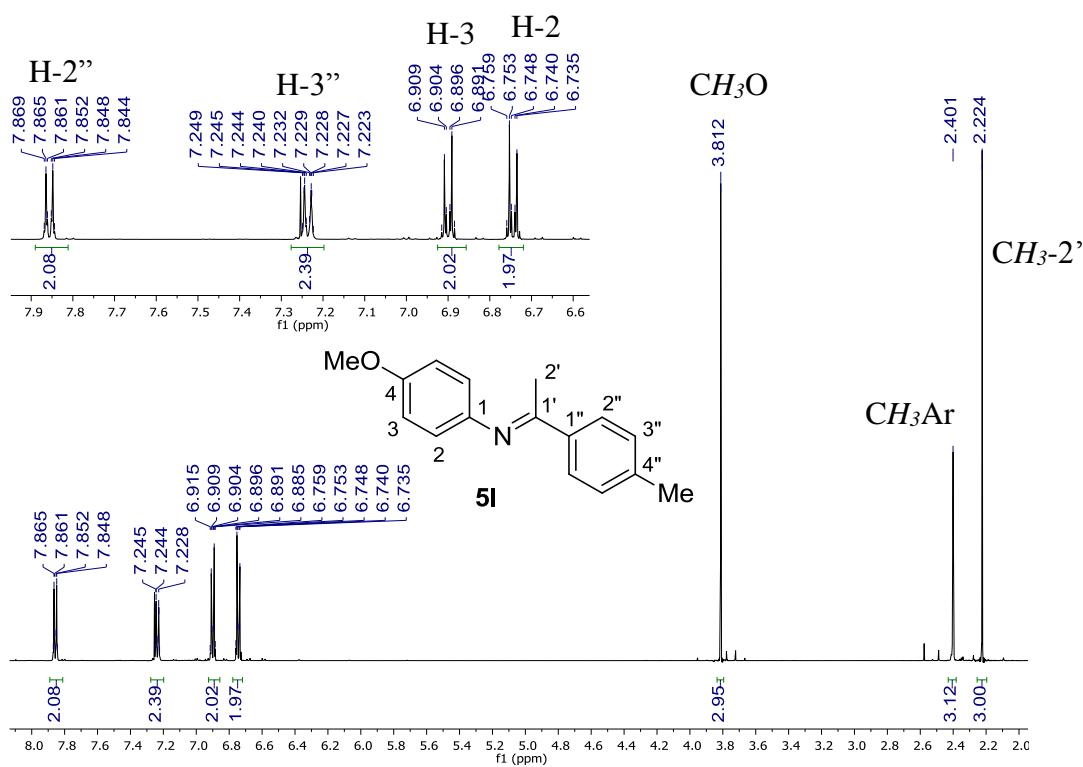
**Figure S20.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5j**.



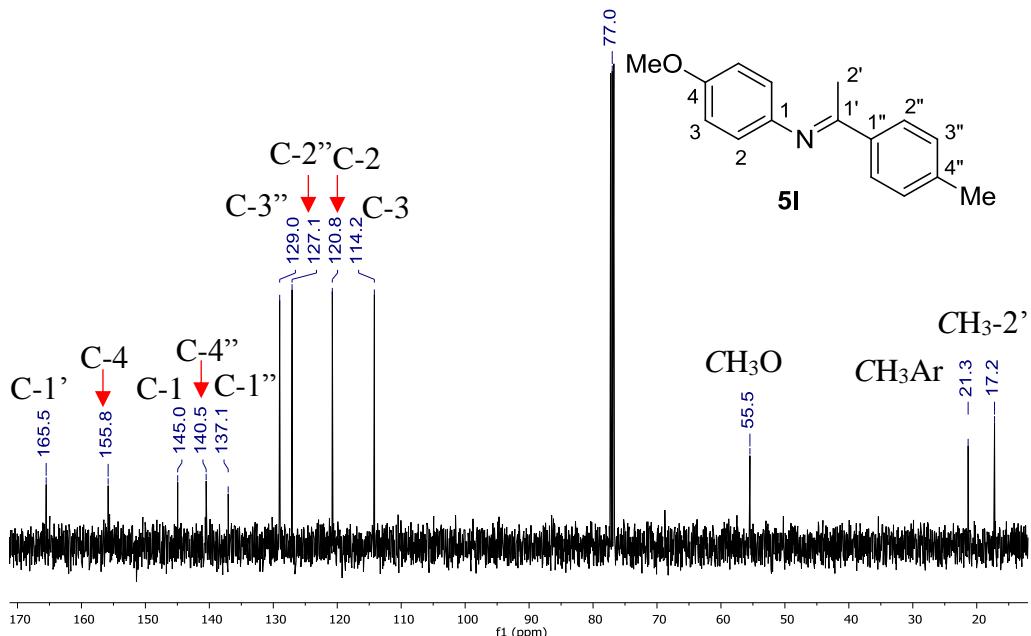
**Figure S21.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5k**.



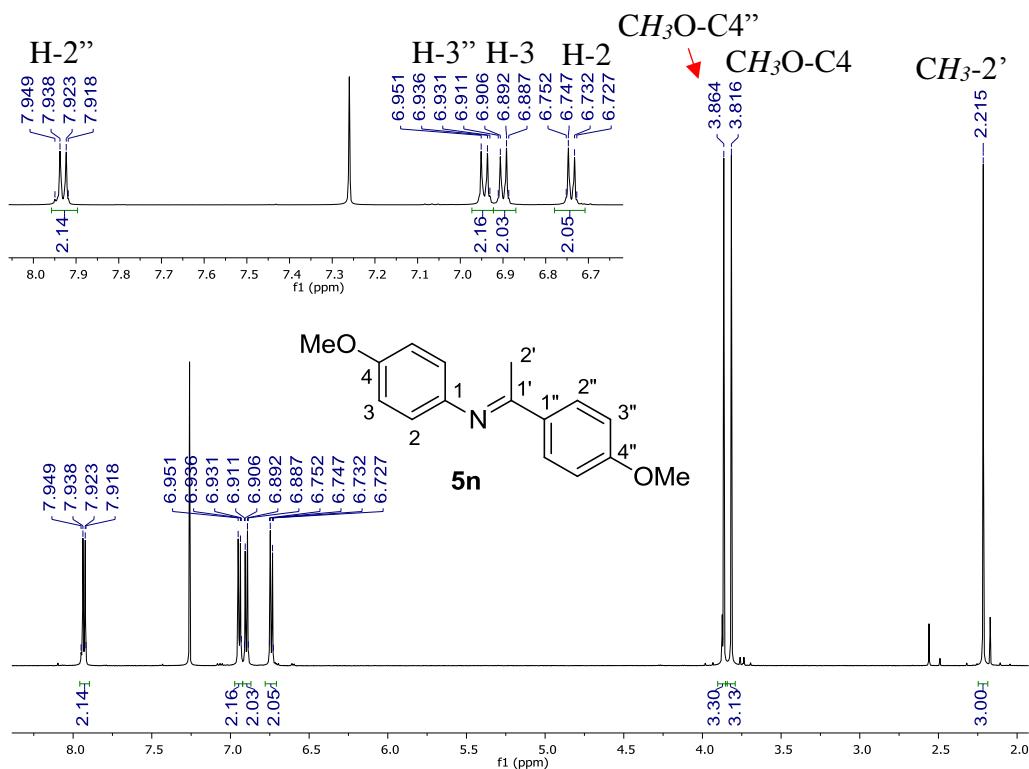
**Figure S22.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5k**.



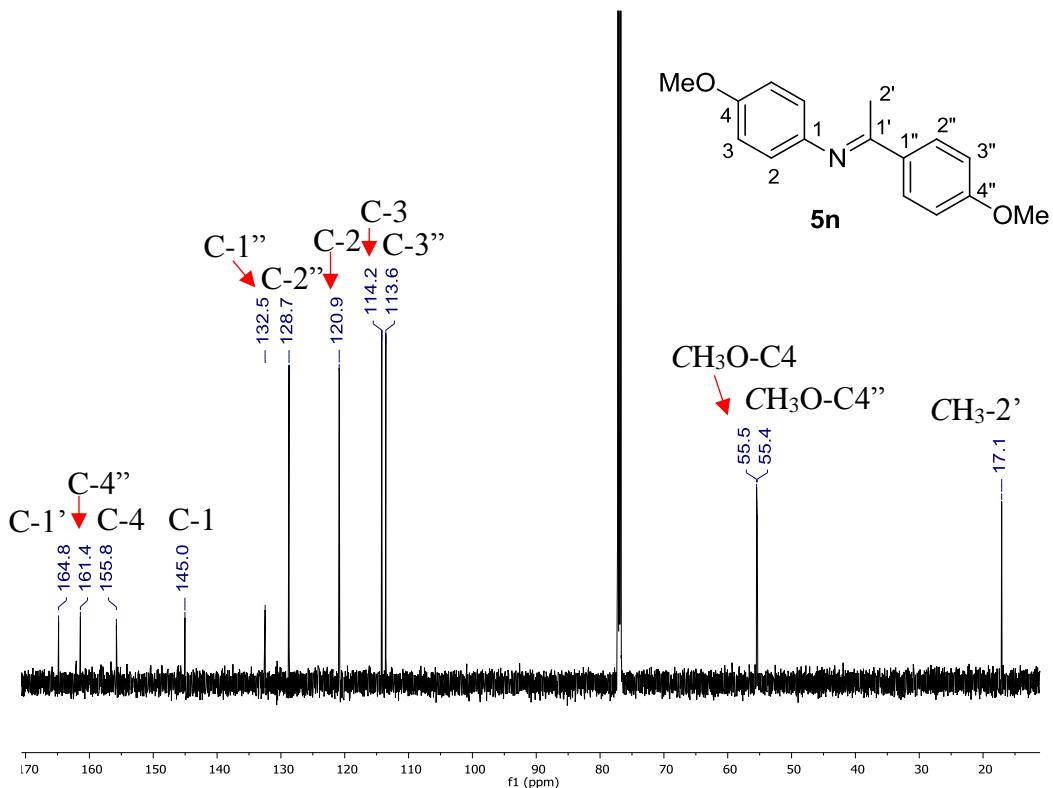
**Figure S23.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5l**.



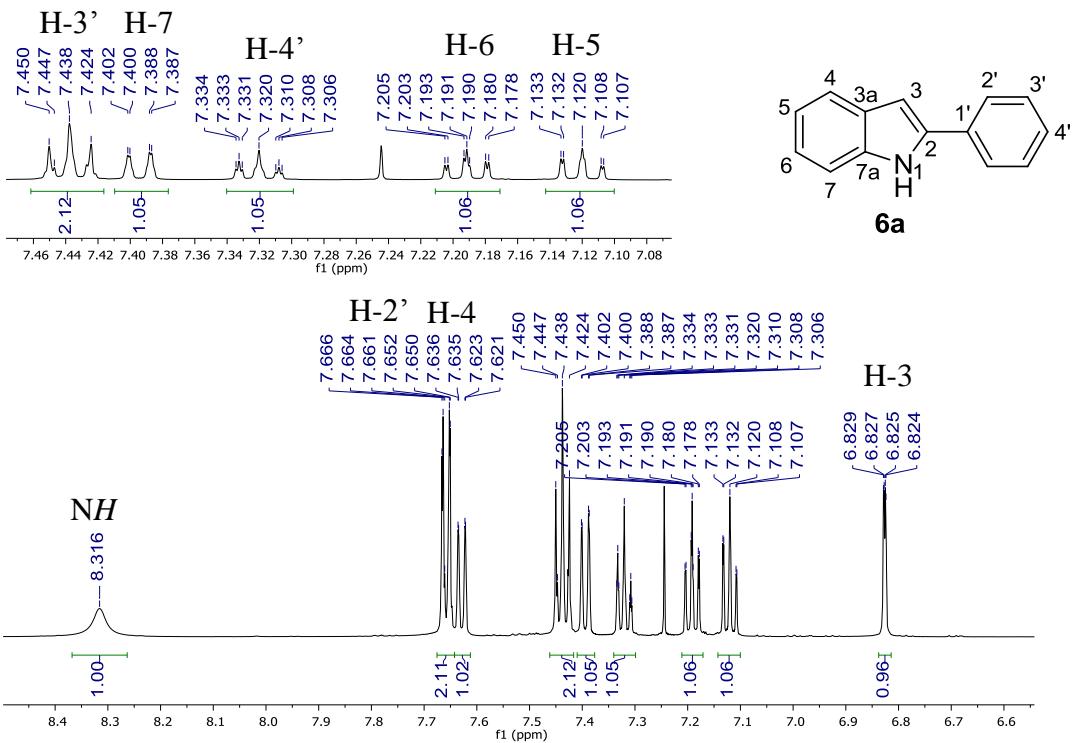
**Figure S24.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5l**.



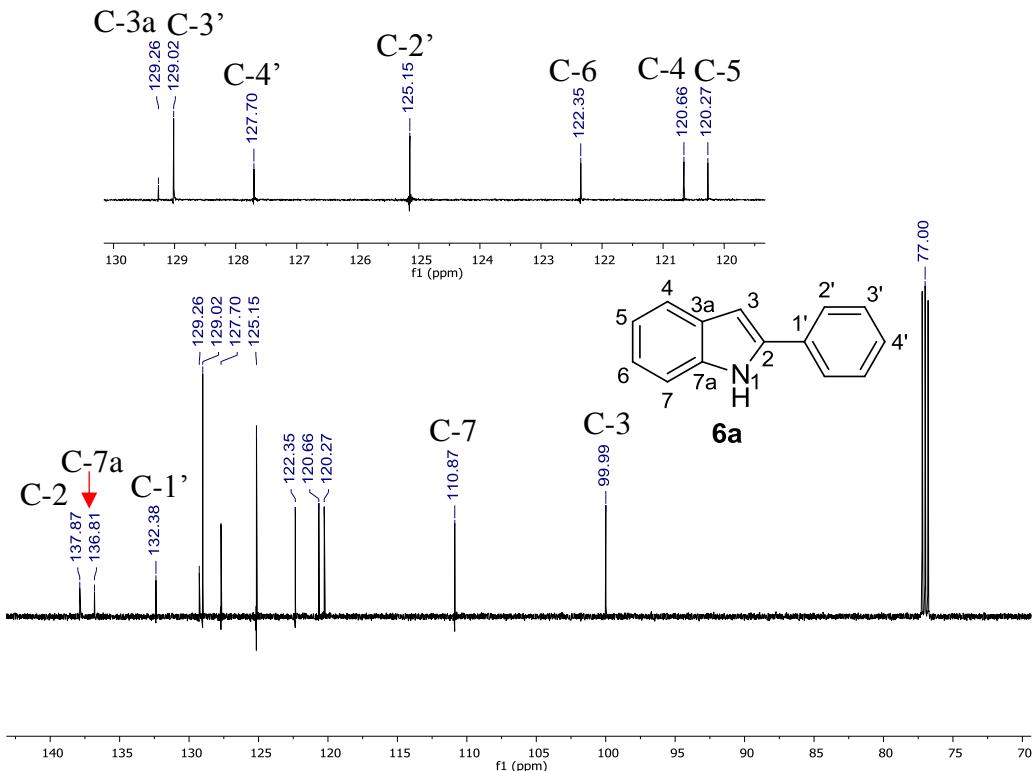
**Figure S25.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5n**.



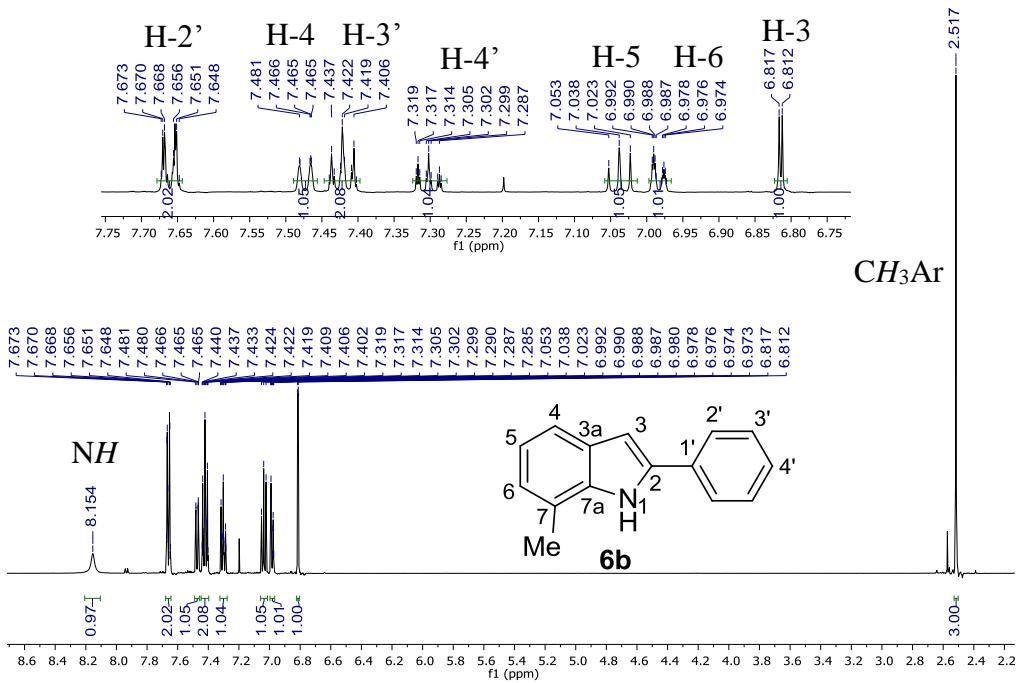
**Figure S26.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **5n**.



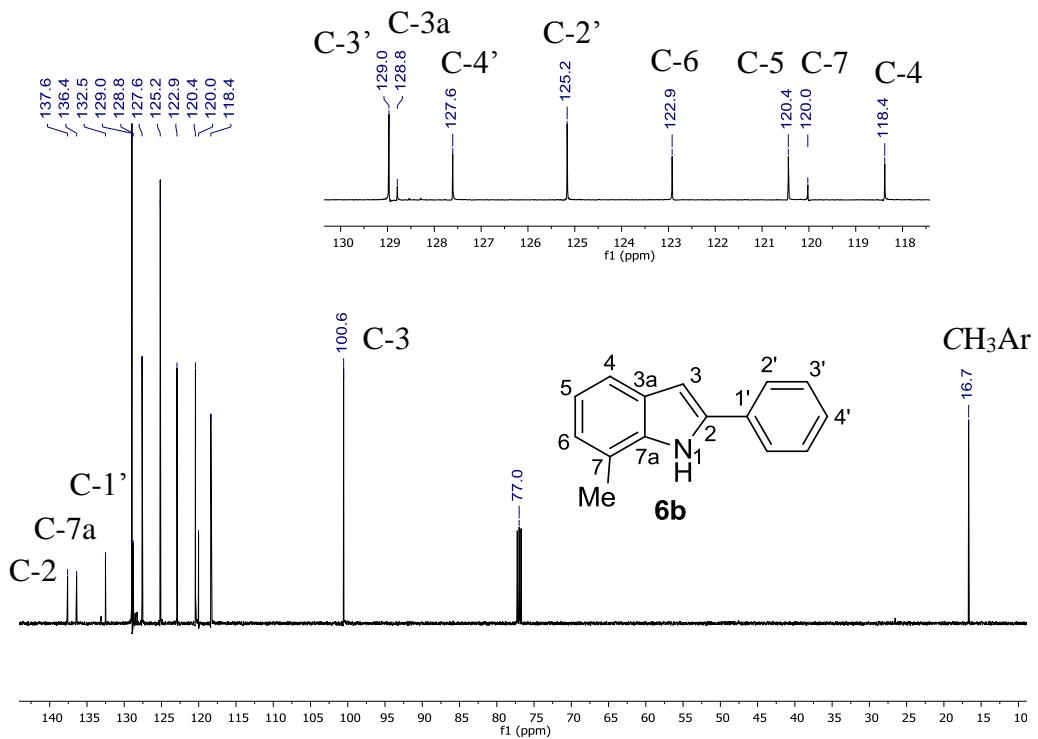
**Figure S27.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6a**.



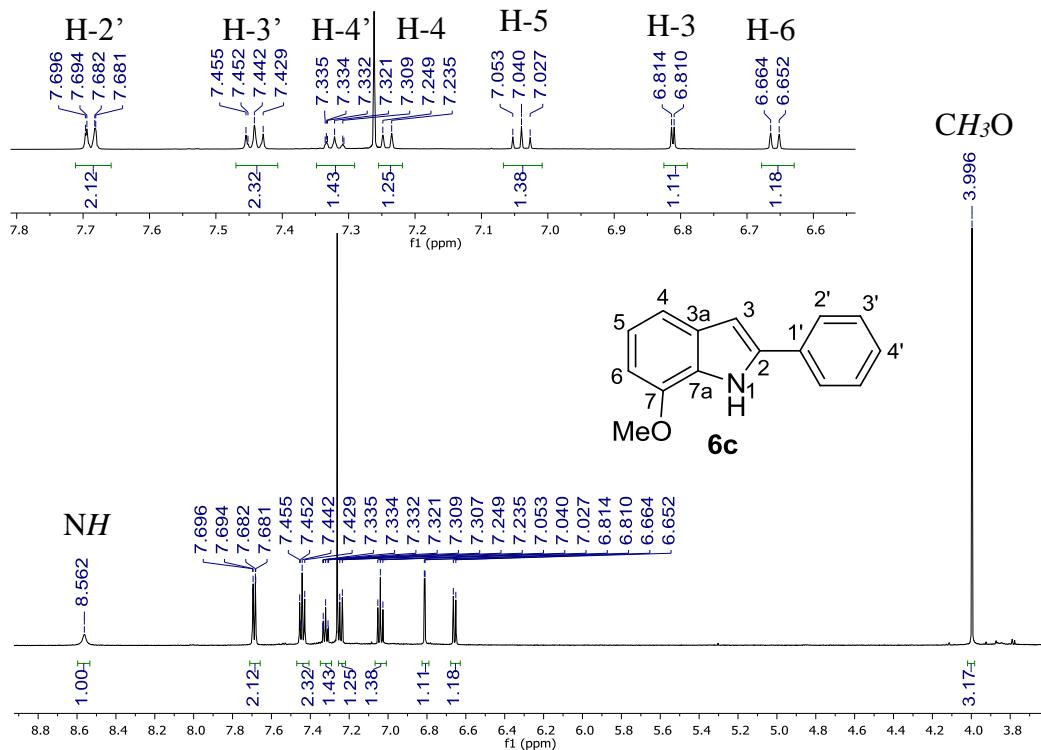
**Figure S28.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6a**.



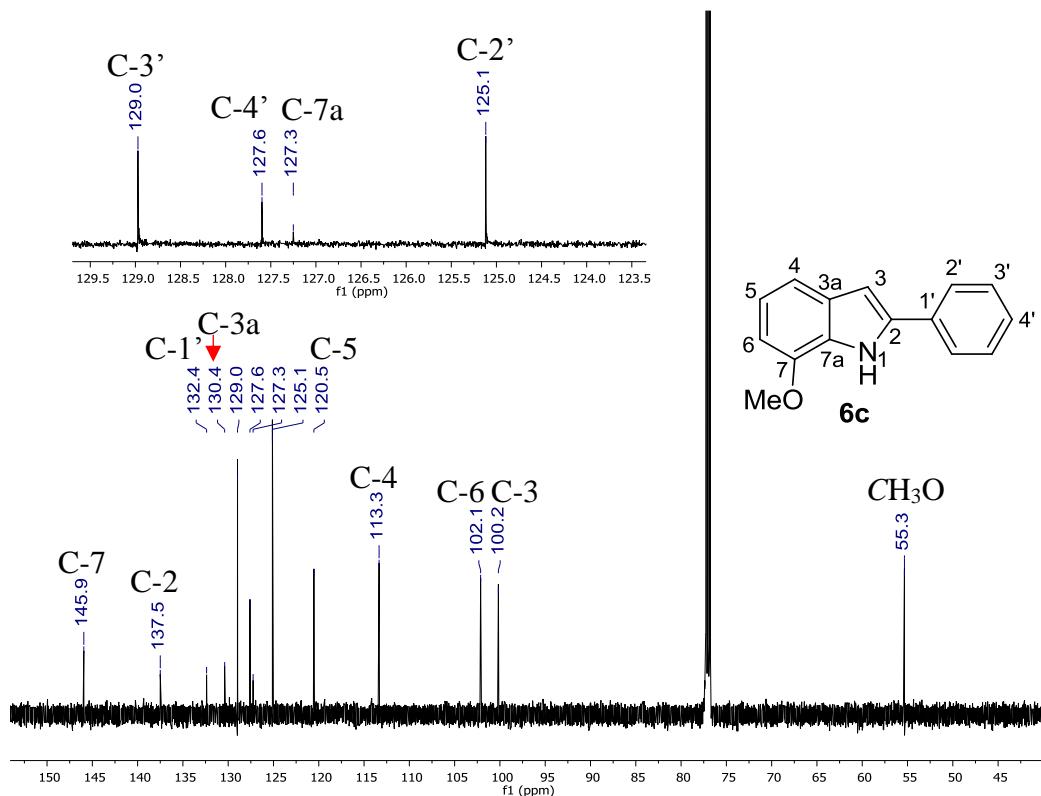
**Figure S29.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6b**.



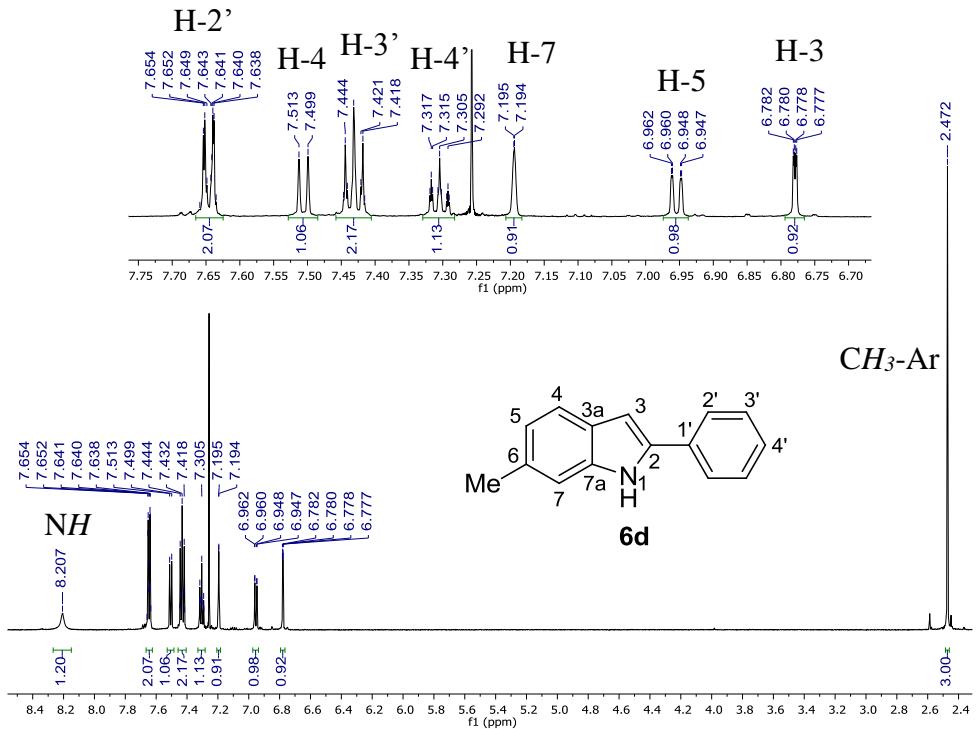
**Figure S30.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6b**.



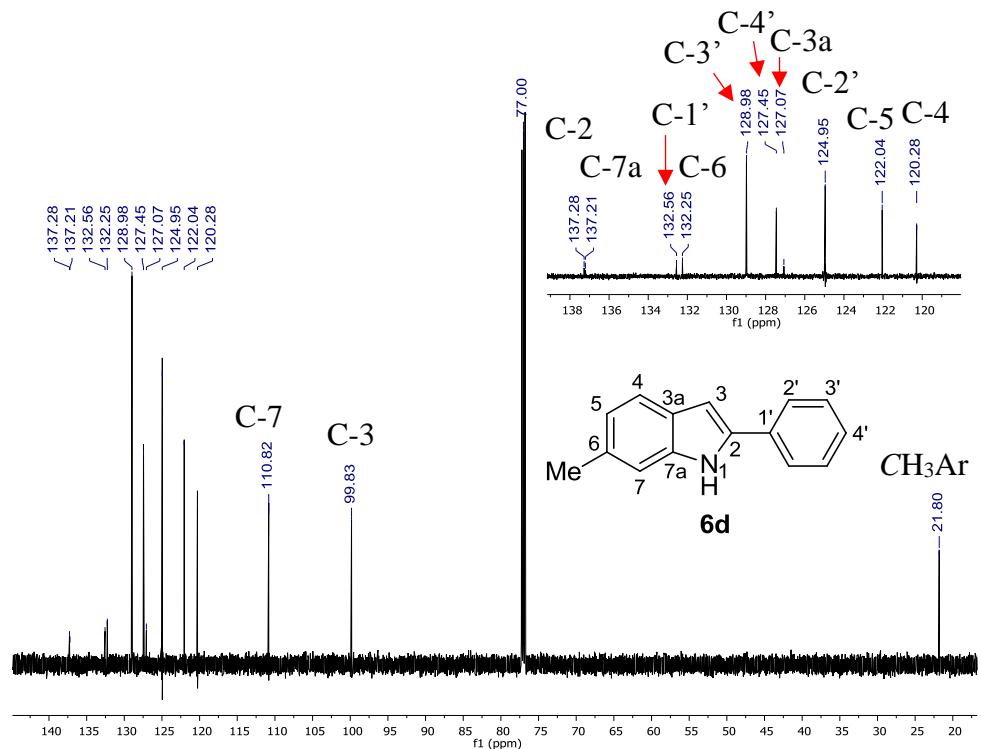
**Figure S31.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6c**.



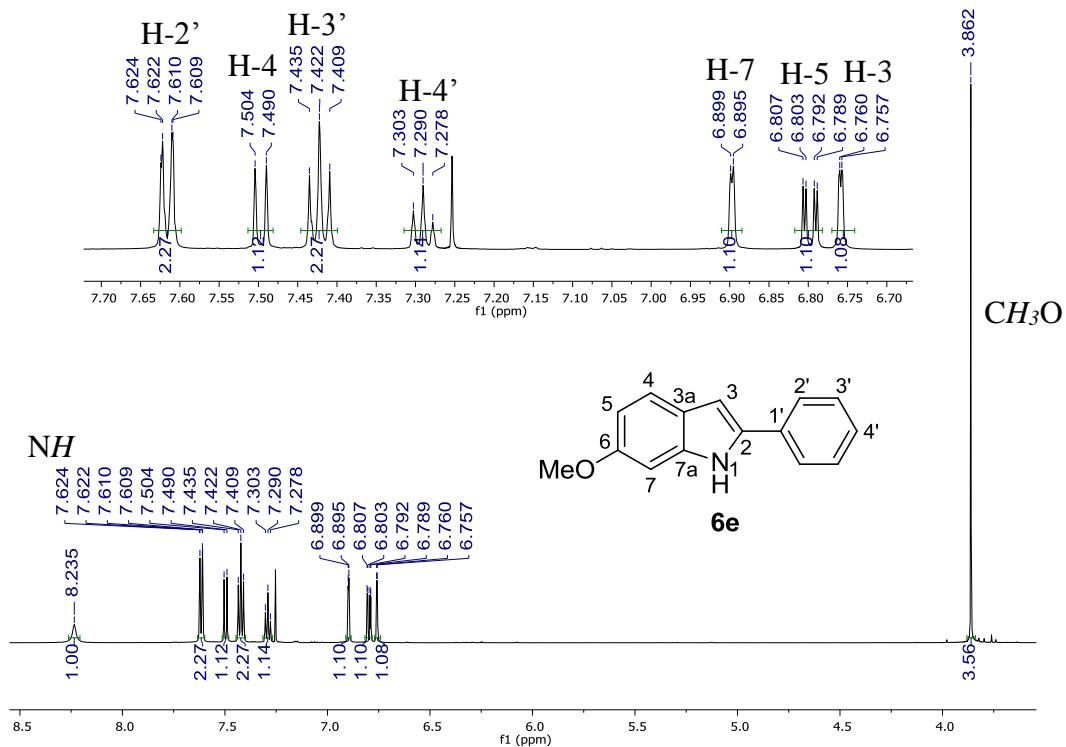
**Figure S32.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6c**.



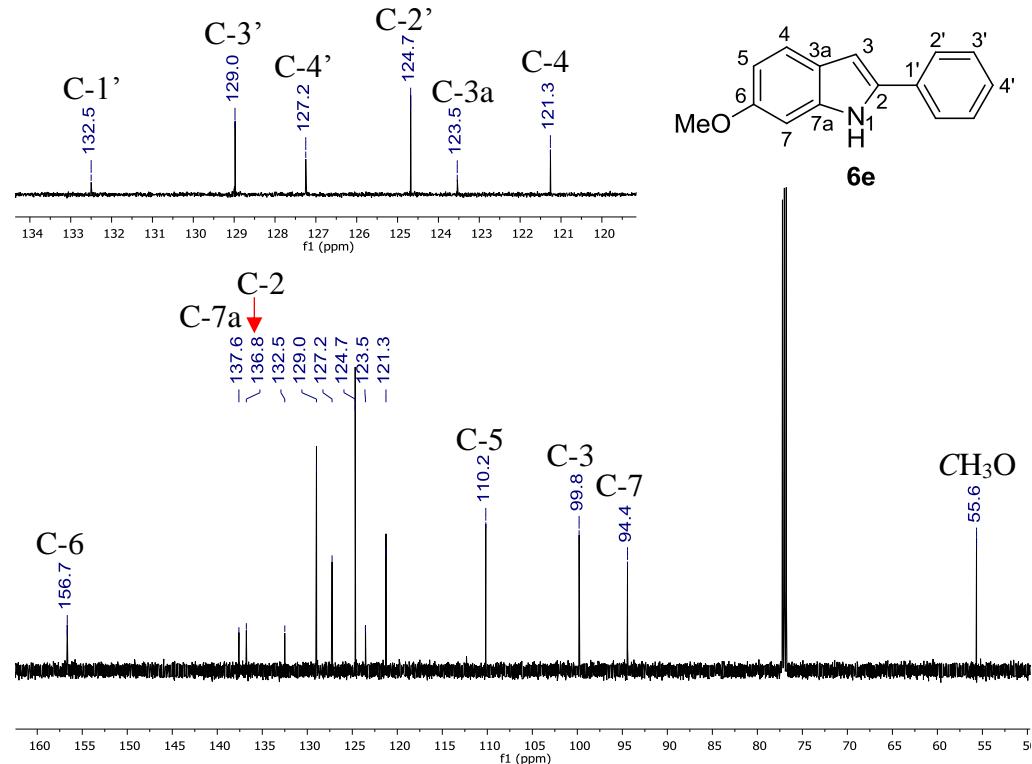
**Figure S33.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6d**.



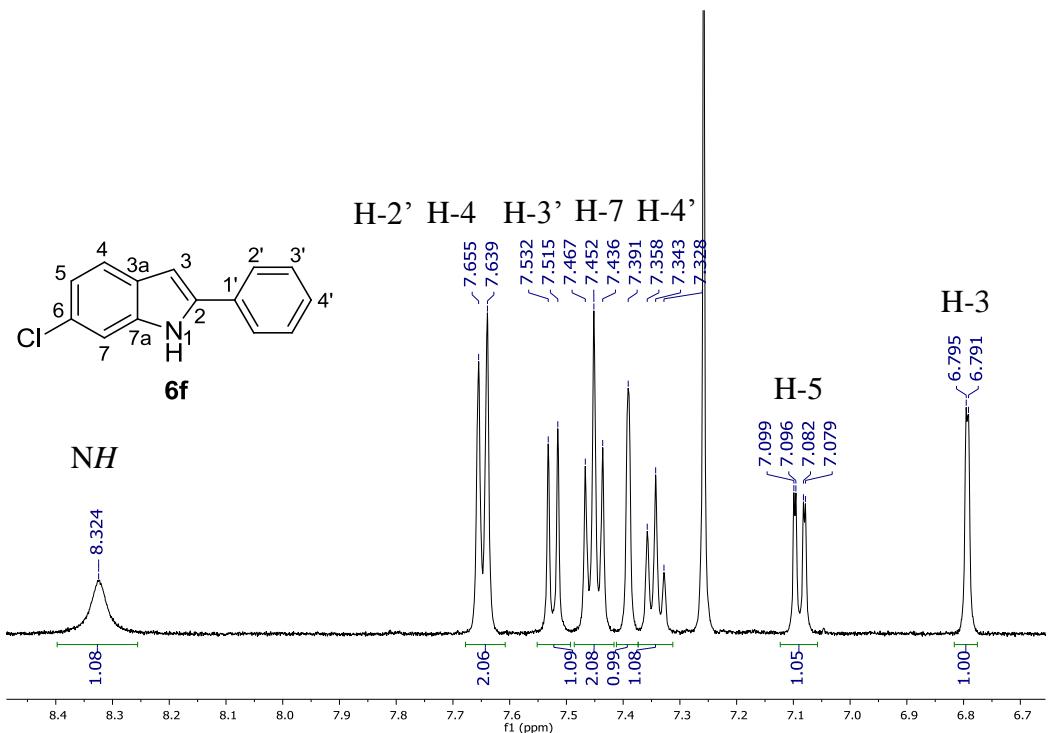
**Figure S34.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6d**.



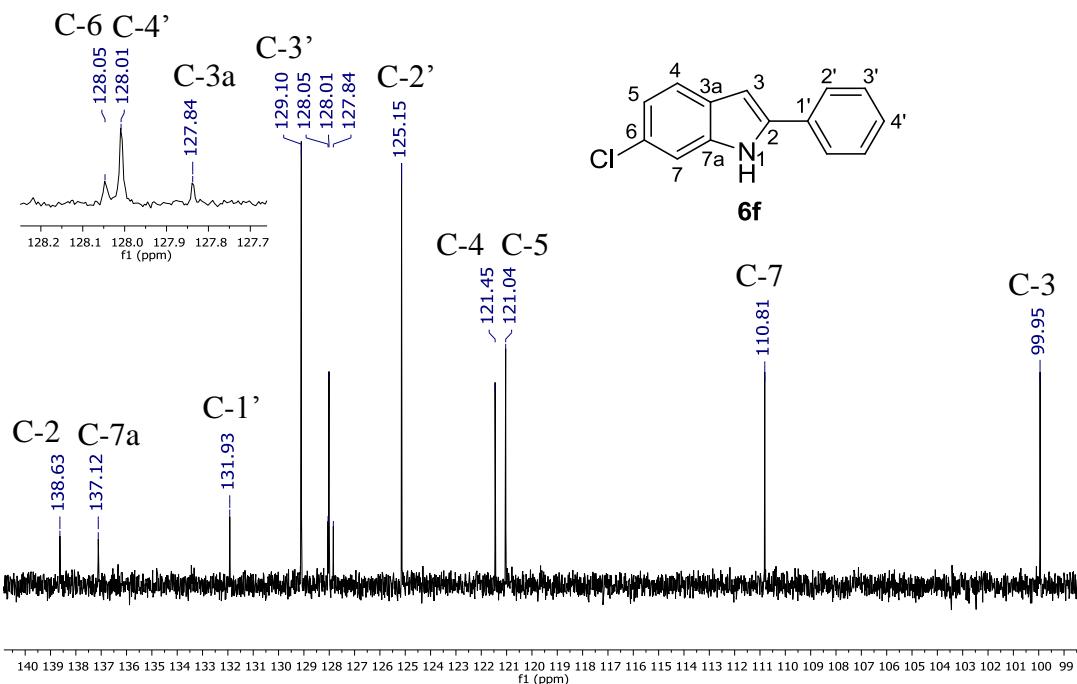
**Figure S35.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6e**.



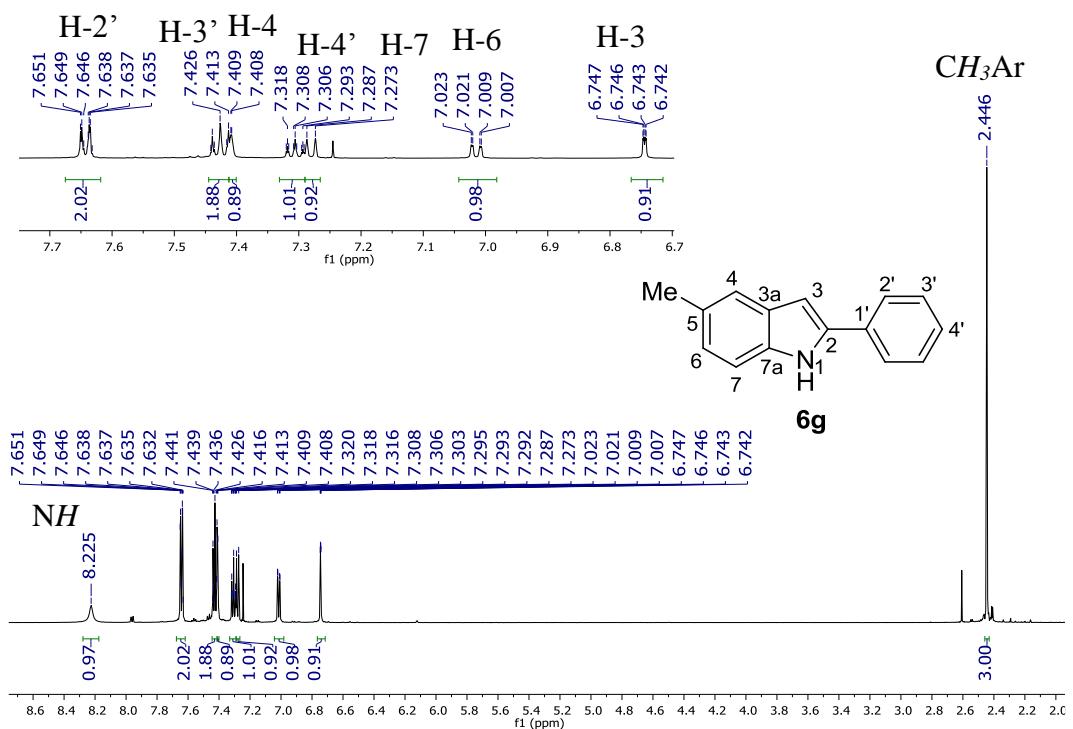
**Figure S36.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) de **6e**.



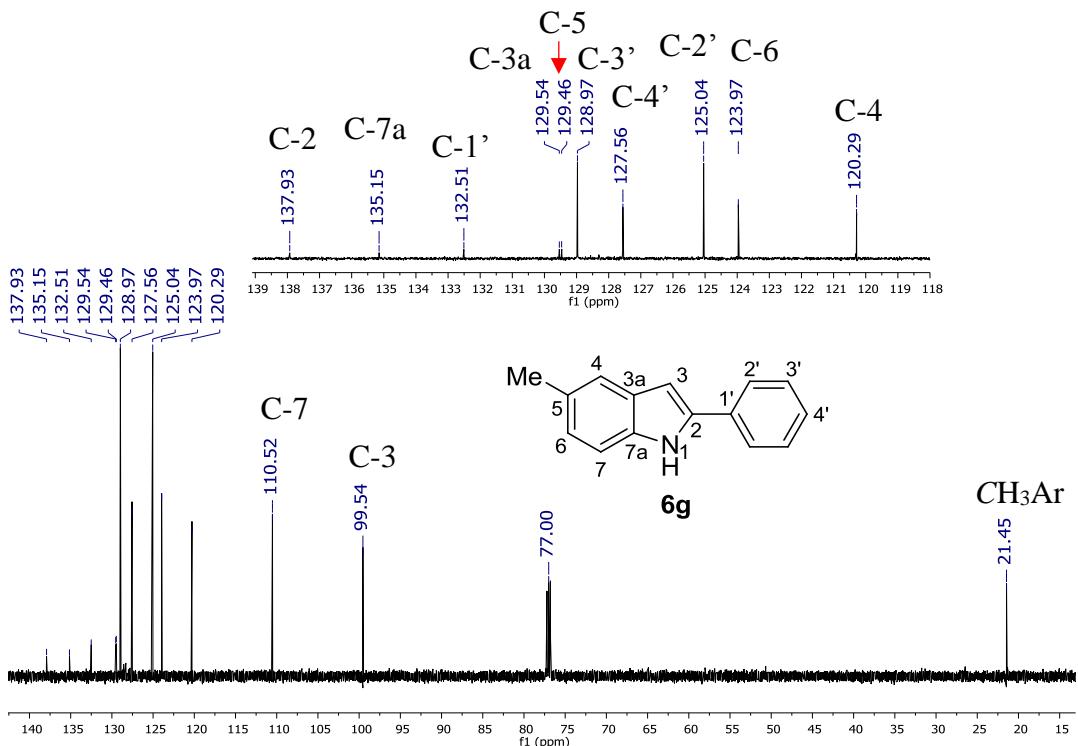
**Figure S37.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6f**.



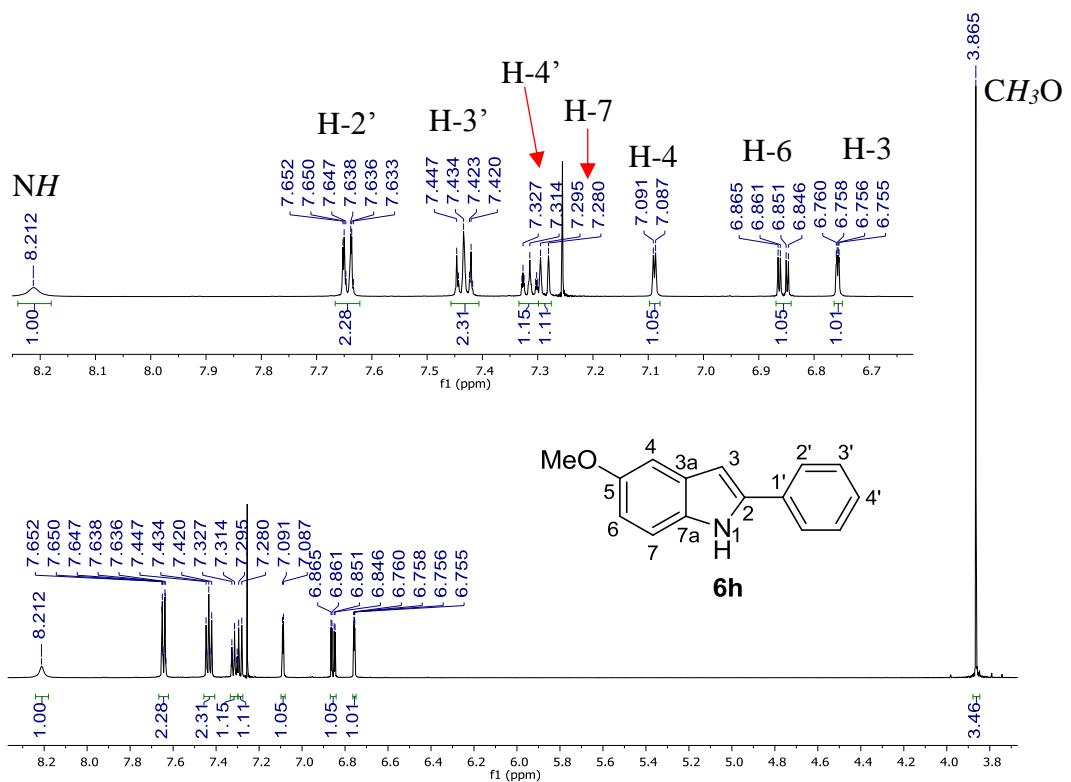
**Figure S38.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6f**.



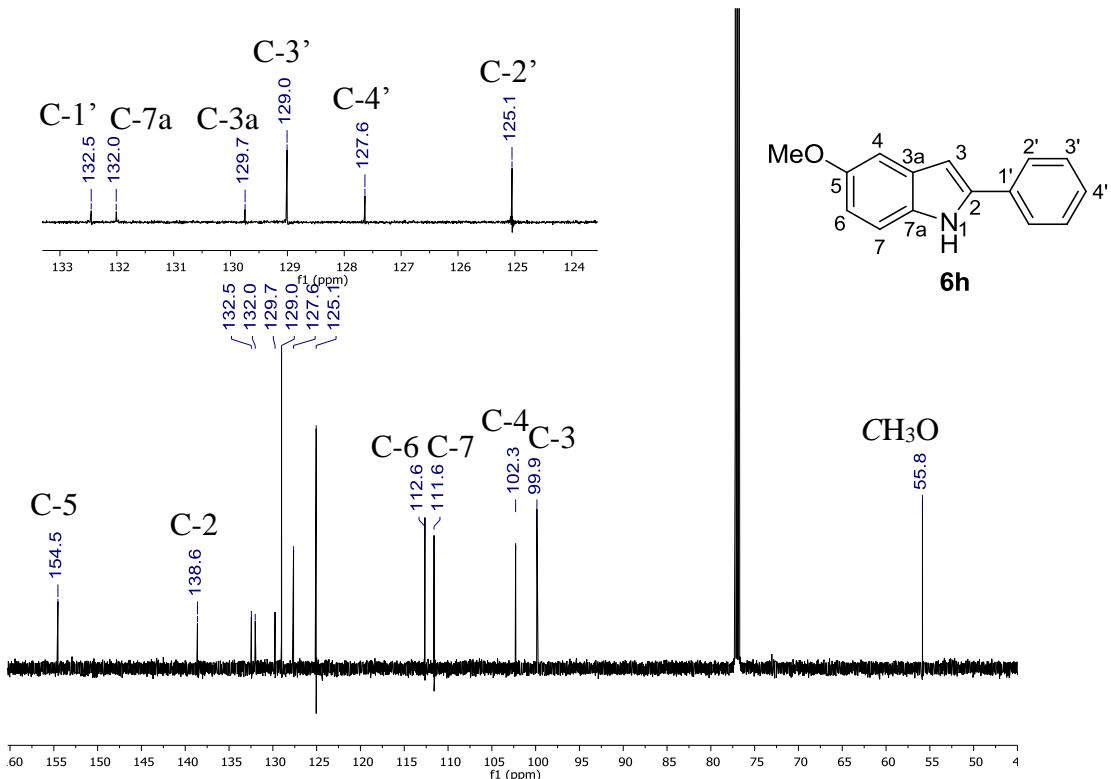
**Figure S39.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6g**.



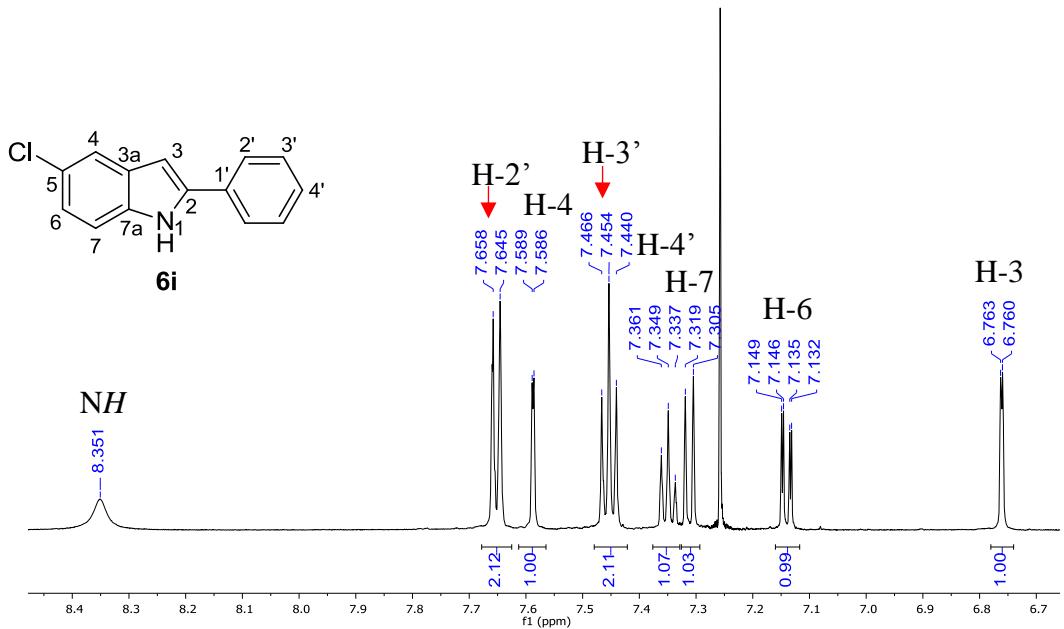
**Figure S40.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6g**.



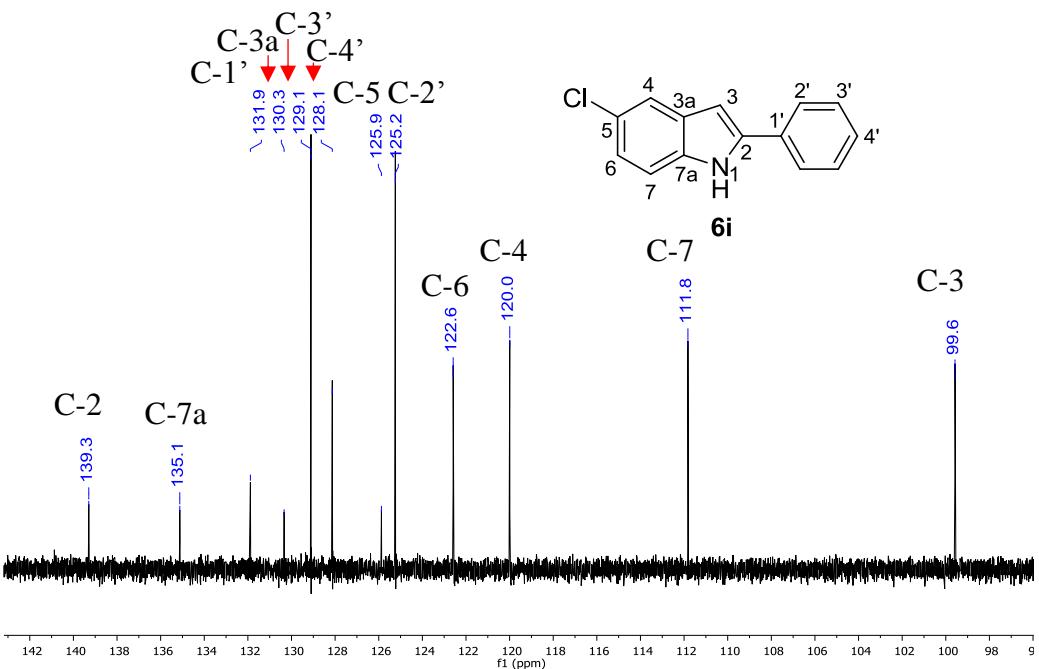
**Figure S41.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6h**.



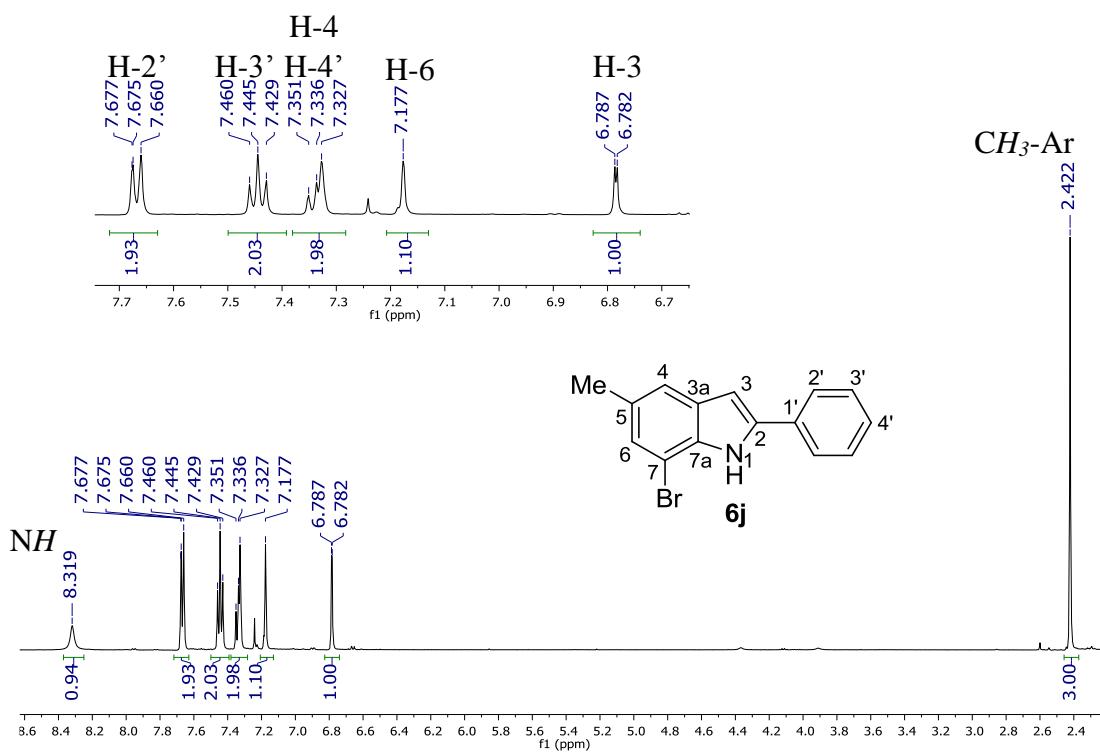
**Figure S42.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6h**.



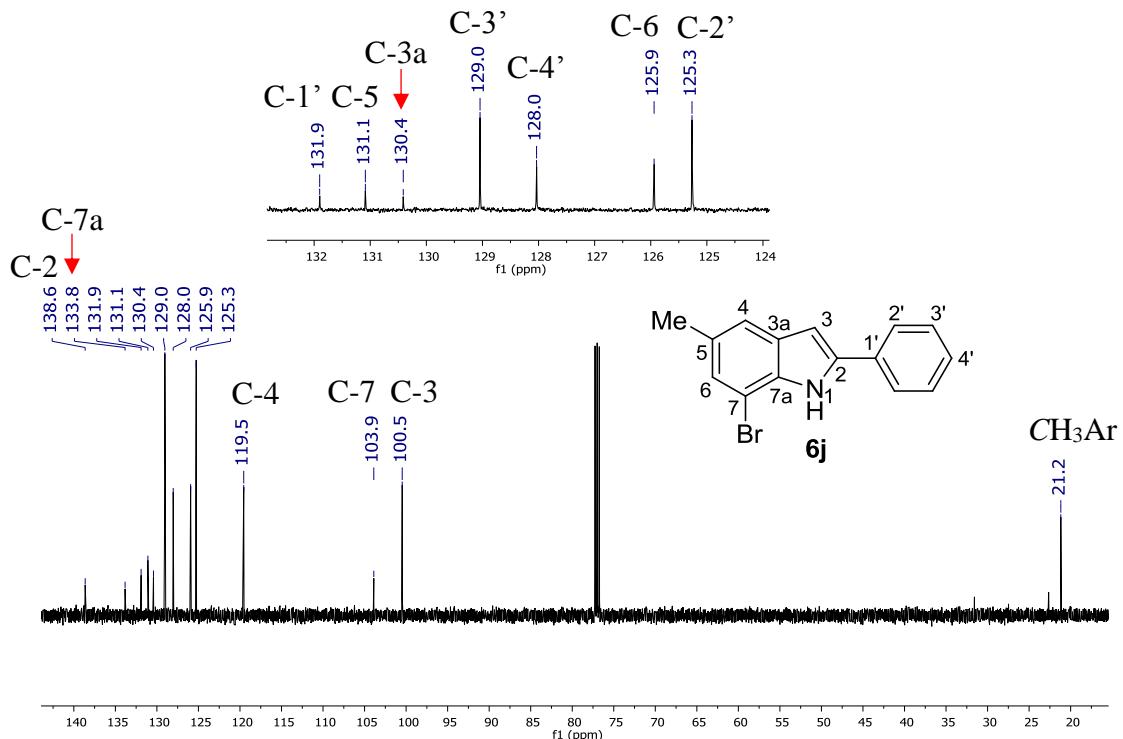
**Figure S43.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6i**.



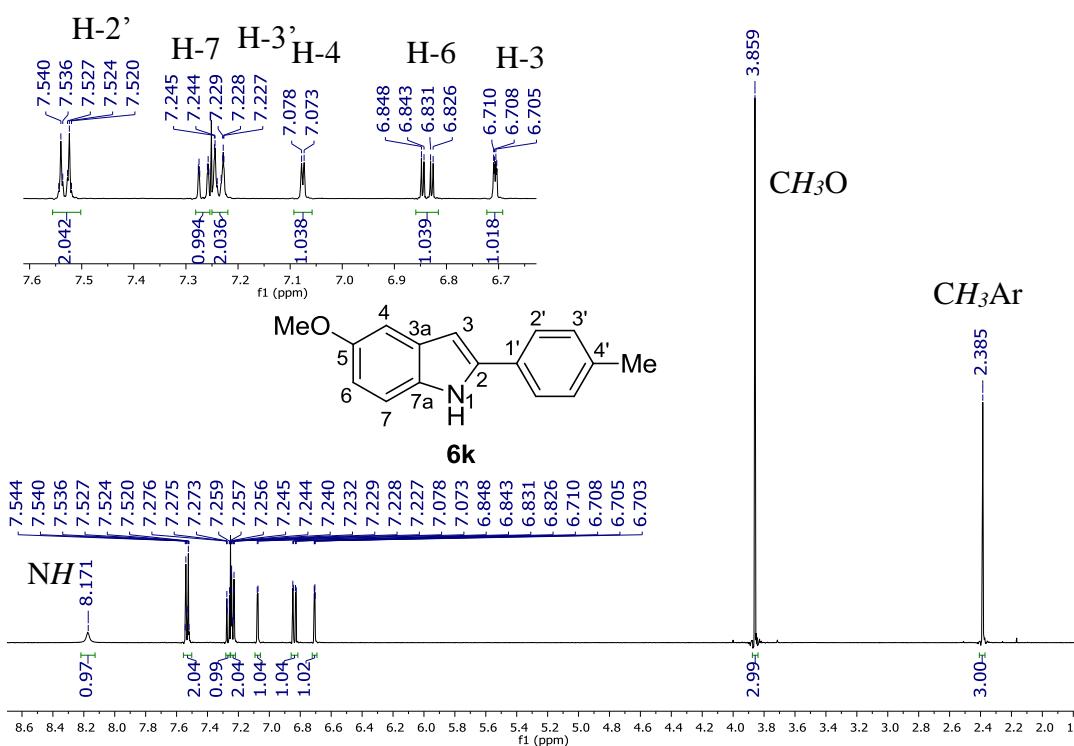
**Figure S44.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6i**.



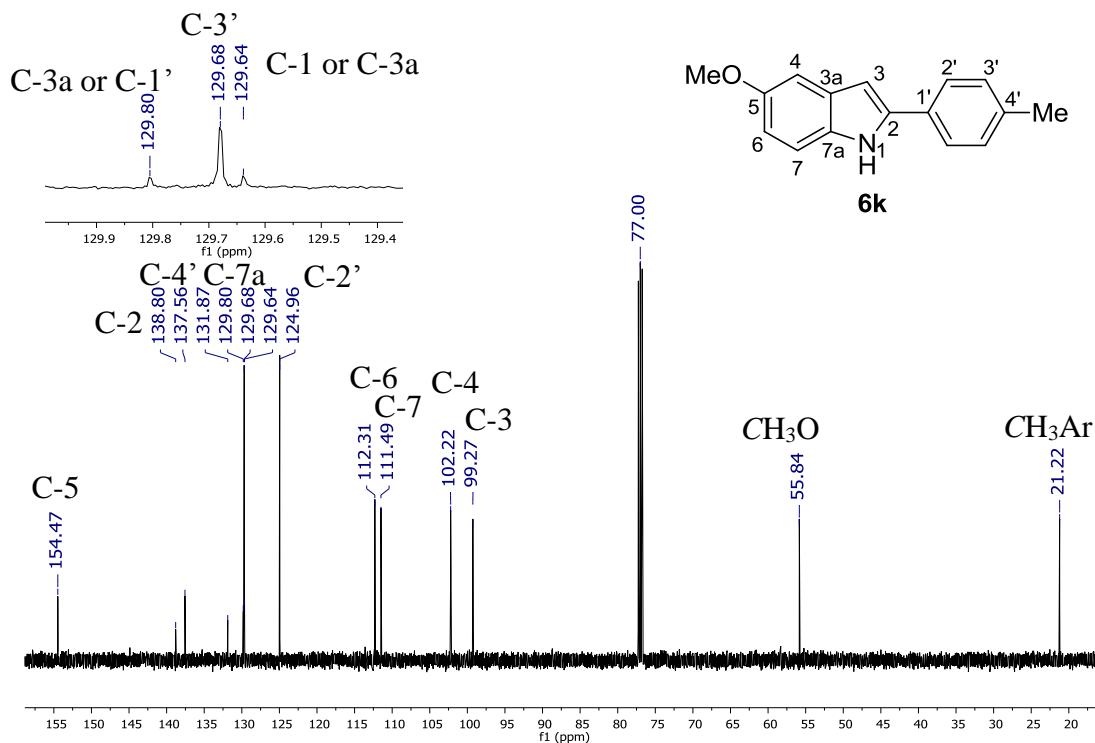
**Figure S45.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6j**.



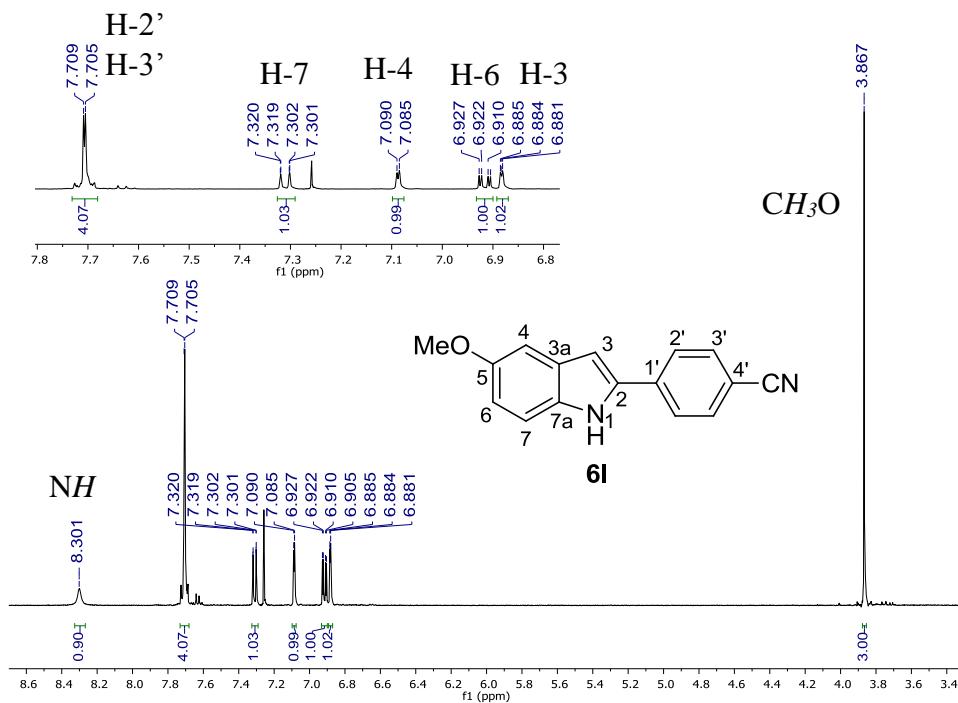
**Figure S46.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6j**.



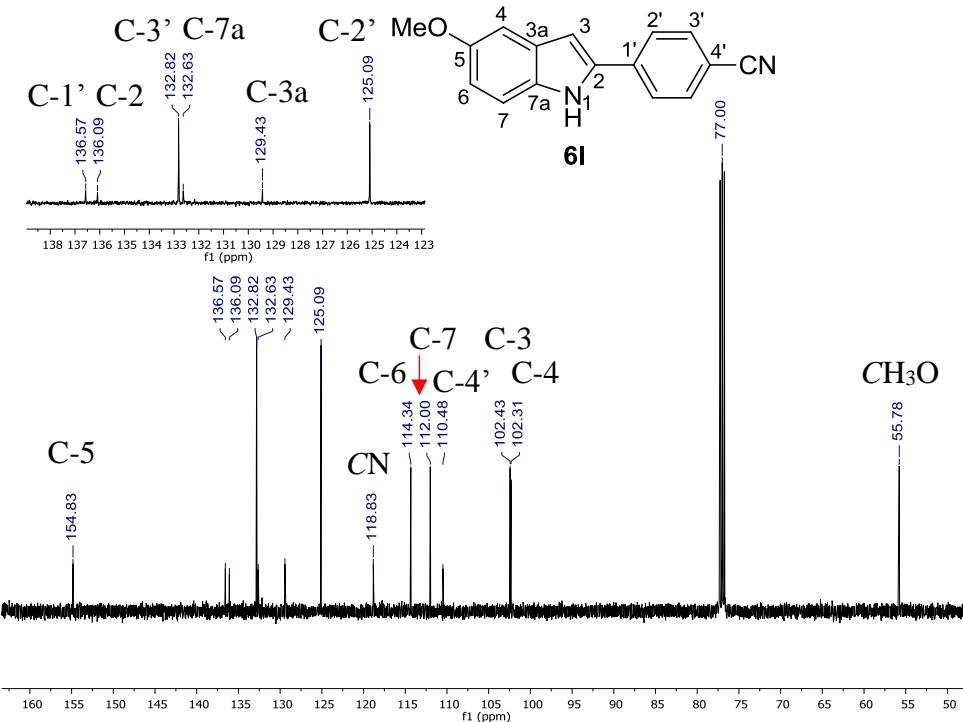
**Figure S47.** Spectrum of <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **6k**.



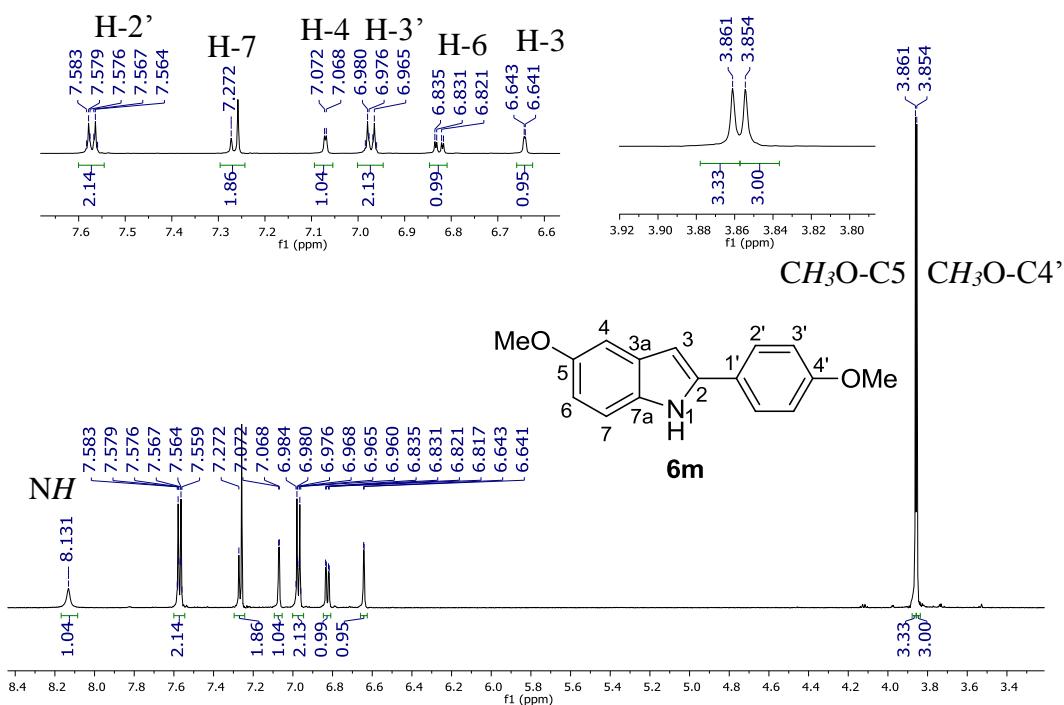
**Figure S48.** Spectrum of <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **6k**.



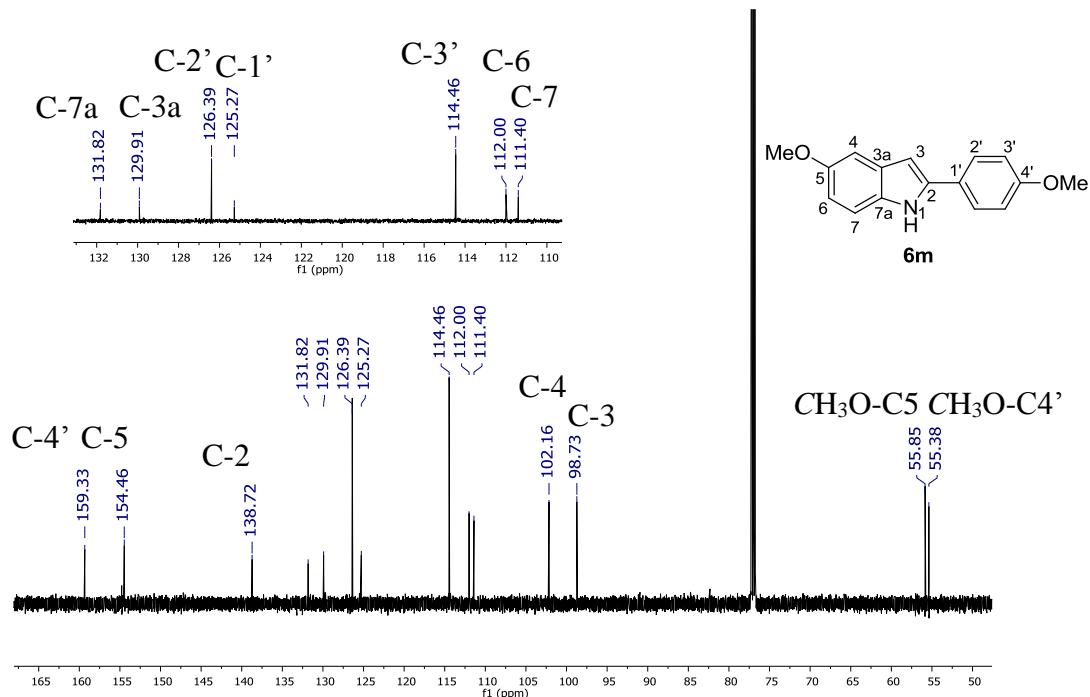
**Figure S49.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6l**.



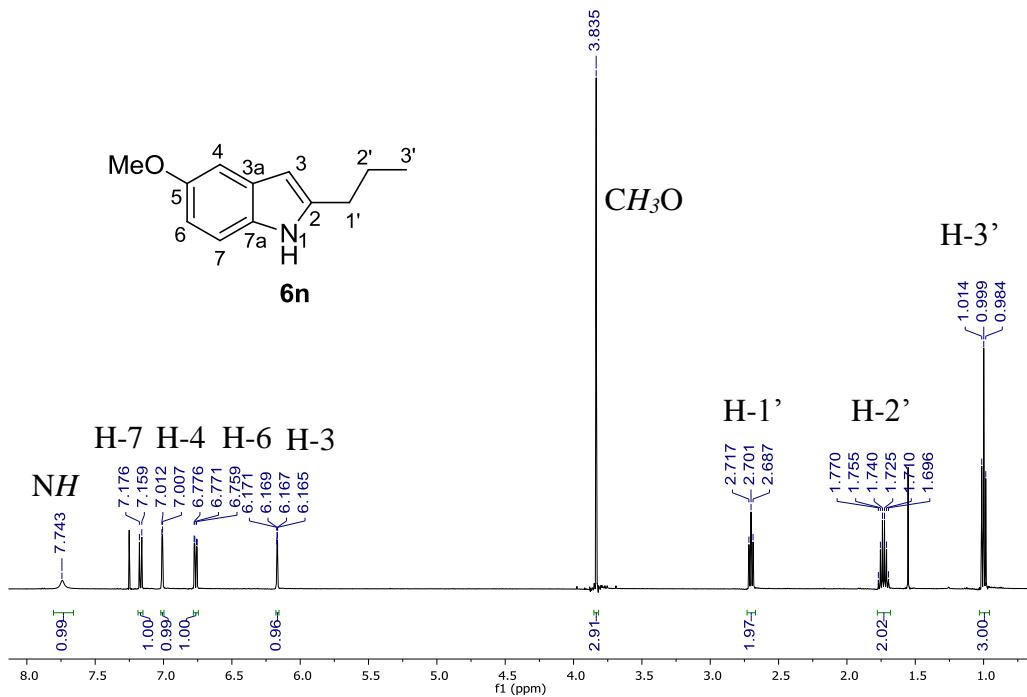
**Figure S50.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6l**.



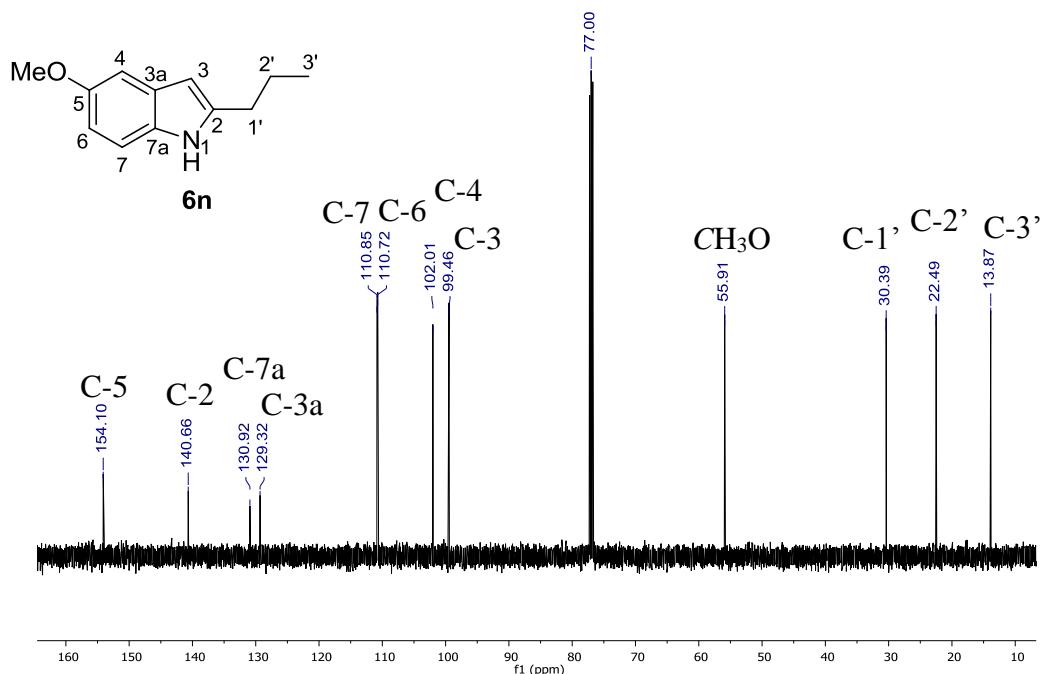
**Figure S51.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6m**.



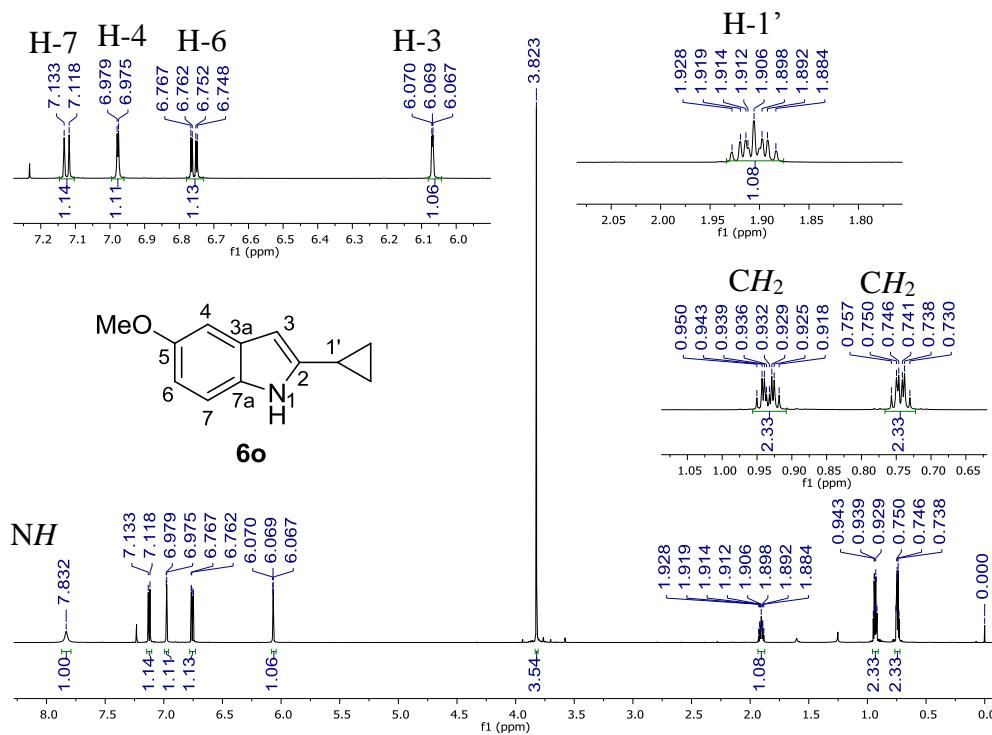
**Figure S52.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6m**.



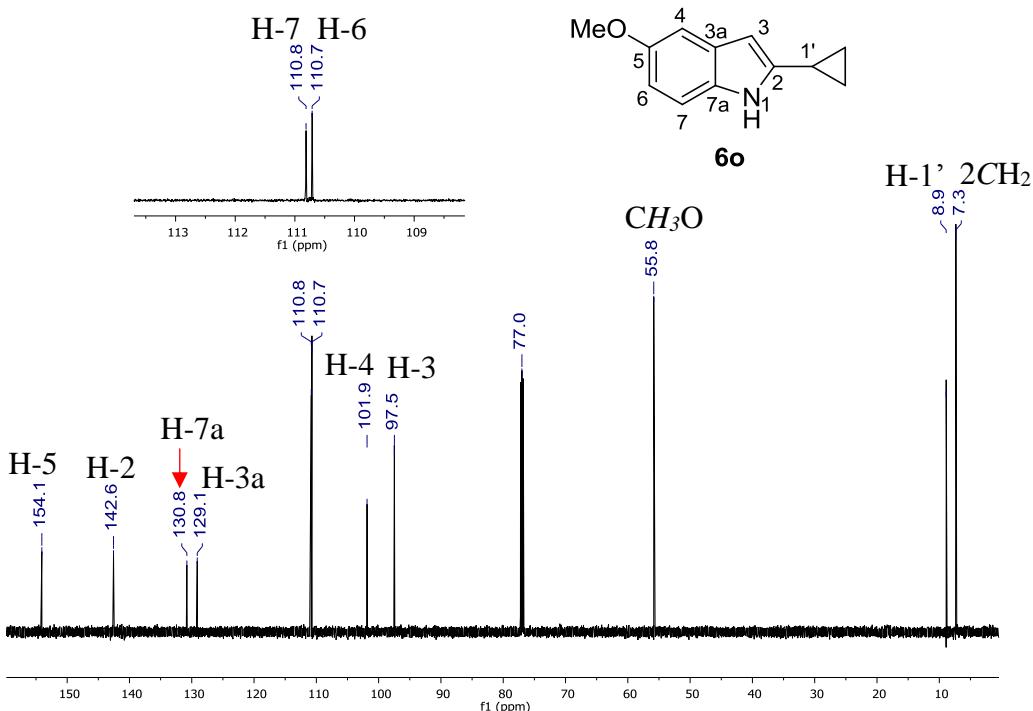
**Figure S53.** Spectrum of <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **6n**.



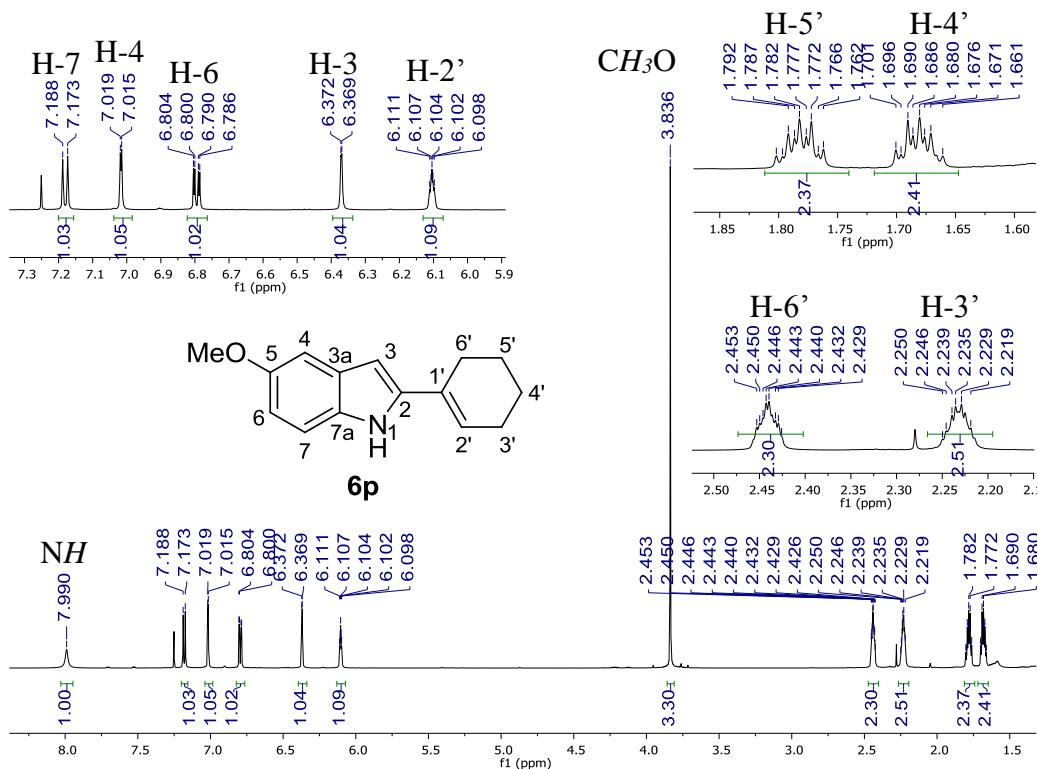
**Figure S54.** Spectrum of <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **6n**.



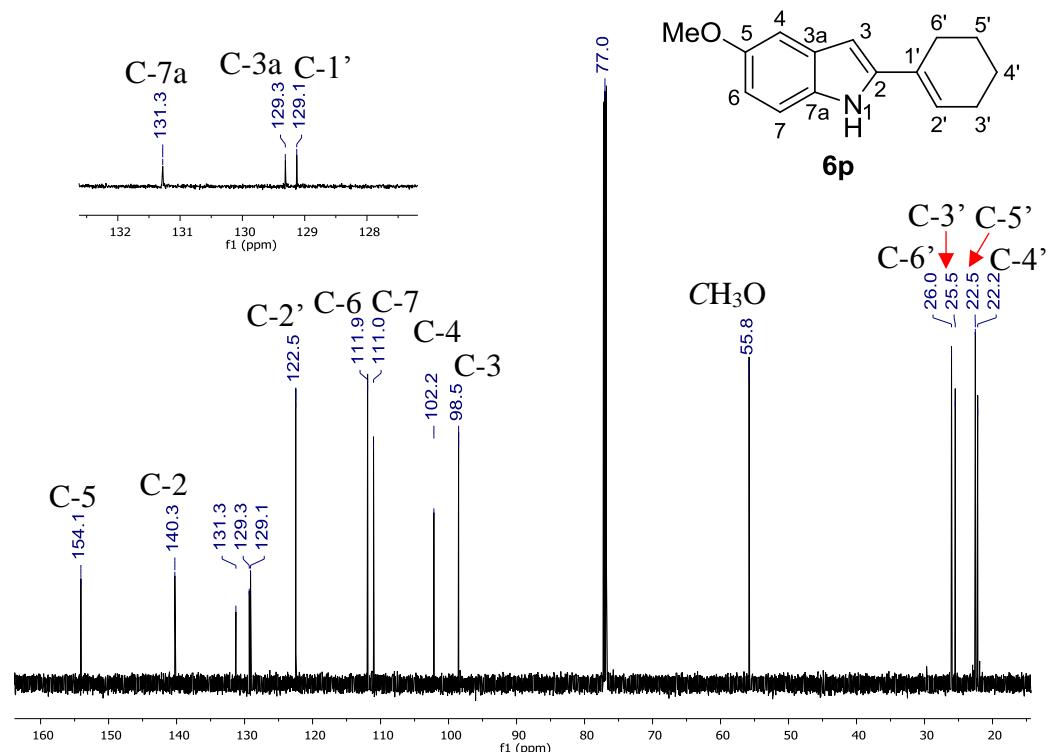
**Figure S55.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6o**.



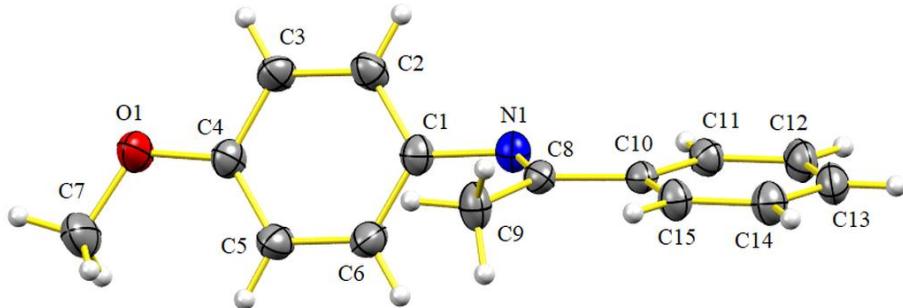
**Figure S56.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6o**.



**Figure S57.** Spectrum of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6p**.



**Figure S58.** Spectrum of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **6p**.

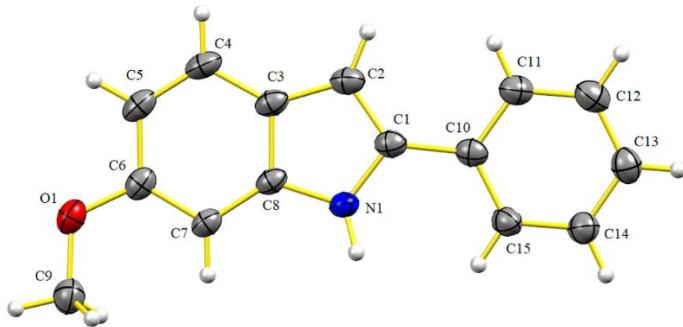
**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **5i**.

Identification code (CCDC deposition number)	2082632	
Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O	
Formula weight	225.28	
Temperature	292(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 21/n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.0110(6) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 8.7430(5) Å	β = 104.172(7)°.
	c = 14.6687(11) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	1244.82(14) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.202 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.075 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	480	
Crystal size	0.790 x 0.470 x 0.270 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.655 to 29.183°.	
Index ranges	-9<=h<=13, -5<=k<=11, -19<=l<=12	
Reflections collected	5094	
Independent reflections	2839 [R(int) = 0.0177]	
Completeness to theta = 27.500°	95.5 %	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	2839 / 0 / 178	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.042	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0505, wR2 = 0.1110	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0777, wR2 = 0.1253	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.130 and -0.154 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table S2.** Torsion angles [°] for **5i**.

C(1)-N(1)-C(8)-C(10)	176.72(13)
C(1)-N(1)-C(8)-C(9)	-3.7(2)
C(11)-C(10)-C(8)-N(1)	-4.7(2)
C(15)-C(10)-C(8)-N(1)	176.97(14)
C(11)-C(10)-C(8)-C(9)	175.72(15)
C(15)-C(10)-C(8)-C(9)	-2.6(2)
C(7)-O(1)-C(4)-C(5)	3.0(3)
C(7)-O(1)-C(4)-C(3)	-176.0(2)
C(11)-C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	-0.6(2)
C(8)-C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	177.78(14)
C(8)-N(1)-C(1)-C(6)	-66.8(2)
C(8)-N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	115.31(17)
C(15)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	0.4(2)
C(8)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	-178.07(14)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	3.0(2)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-178.95(14)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	-1.2(2)
O(1)-C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	177.55(15)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	-1.5(2)
O(1)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-176.73(15)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	2.2(3)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	0.0(3)
C(10)-C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	0.5(3)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	-0.3(3)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	0.1(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	-0.3(3)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-2.3(3)
N(1)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	179.71(15)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

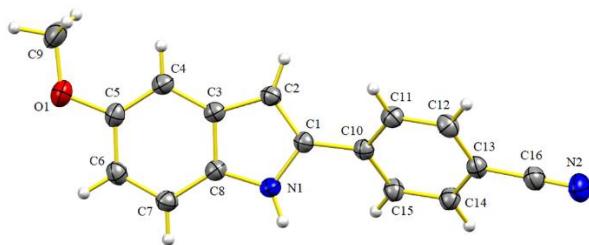
**Table S3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **6e**.

Identification code (CCDC deposition number)	2082633	
Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O	
Formula weight	223.26	
Temperature	292(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	P 21 21 21	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 5.6782(3) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 8.0462(3) Å	β = 90°.
	c = 25.5690(16) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	1168.19(11) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.269 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.080 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	472	
Crystal size	0.500 x 0.300 x 0.210 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.187 to 29.557°.	
Index ranges	-7<=h<=6, -10<=k<=9, -19<=l<=34	
Reflections collected	3635	
Independent reflections	2352 [R(int) = 0.0132]	
Completeness to theta = 25.000°	99.8 %	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	2352 / 0 / 174	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.056	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0387, wR2 = 0.0841	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0468, wR2 = 0.0899	
Absolute structure parameter	0.3(9)	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.095 and -0.147 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table S4.** Torsion angles [°] for **6e**.

C(1)-N(1)-C(8)-C(7)	-178.35(19)
C(1)-N(1)-C(8)-C(3)	1.4(2)
C(8)-N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	-1.4(2)
C(8)-N(1)-C(1)-C(10)	179.71(17)
C(9)-O(1)-C(6)-C(7)	2.8(3)
C(9)-O(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-177.33(19)
O(1)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	-179.65(17)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	0.5(3)
N(1)-C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	-179.65(18)
C(3)-C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	0.6(3)
C(2)-C(1)-C(10)-C(11)	2.7(3)
N(1)-C(1)-C(10)-C(11)	-178.78(19)
C(2)-C(1)-C(10)-C(15)	-176.8(2)
N(1)-C(1)-C(10)-C(15)	1.8(3)
N(1)-C(8)-C(3)-C(4)	178.94(17)
C(7)-C(8)-C(3)-C(4)	-1.3(3)
N(1)-C(8)-C(3)-C(2)	-0.9(2)
C(7)-C(8)-C(3)-C(2)	178.94(18)
C(7)-C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	-1.0(3)
O(1)-C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	179.18(18)
C(15)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	-0.4(3)
C(1)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	-179.9(2)
C(11)-C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	0.5(3)
C(1)-C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	179.9(2)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	0.9(2)
C(10)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	179.6(2)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	-179.8(2)
C(8)-C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	0.0(2)
C(10)-C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	-0.2(3)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	0.3(3)
C(8)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	0.8(3)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	-179.5(2)
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	-0.2(3)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	0.1(4)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	0.2(3)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table S5.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **6l**.

Identification code (CCDC deposition number)	2082634	
Empirical formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	
Formula weight	248.28	
Temperature	292(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 21/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 7.0104(3) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 14.5242(8) Å	β = 98.202(4)°.
	c = 12.5032(7) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	1260.06(11) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.309 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.084 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	520	
Crystal size	0.520 x 0.300 x 0.270 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.936 to 29.453°.	
Index ranges	-9<=h<=9, -19<=k<=10, -15<=l<=11	
Reflections collected	5405	
Independent reflections	2909 [R(int) = 0.0154]	
Completeness to theta = 25.000°	99.8 %	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	2909 / 0 / 192	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.022	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0450, wR2 = 0.1001	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0633, wR2 = 0.1135	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.138 and -0.163 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table S6.** Torsion angles [°] for **6l**.

C(1)-N(1)-C(8)-C(7)	-174.64(13)
C(1)-N(1)-C(8)-C(3)	2.11(15)
C(4)-C(3)-C(8)-N(1)	-179.11(11)
C(2)-C(3)-C(8)-N(1)	-1.53(14)
C(4)-C(3)-C(8)-C(7)	-2.03(18)
C(2)-C(3)-C(8)-C(7)	175.55(11)
C(8)-N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	-1.87(15)
C(8)-N(1)-C(1)-C(10)	176.22(11)
C(15)-C(10)-C(1)-C(2)	-149.99(14)
C(11)-C(10)-C(1)-C(2)	32.1(2)
C(15)-C(10)-C(1)-N(1)	32.41(18)
C(11)-C(10)-C(1)-N(1)	-145.55(13)
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	0.88(14)
C(10)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-176.94(12)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	177.45(13)
C(8)-C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	0.40(14)
C(8)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	1.78(18)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	-174.98(13)
C(11)-C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	1.20(19)
C(1)-C(10)-C(15)-C(14)	-176.80(12)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-O(1)	-179.76(12)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-0.15(19)
C(9)-O(1)-C(5)-C(4)	1.8(2)
C(9)-O(1)-C(5)-C(6)	-177.87(14)
N(1)-C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	176.93(13)
C(3)-C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	0.56(19)
C(10)-C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	0.8(2)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	-2.0(2)
C(16)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	176.11(12)
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	1.1(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	-1.4(2)
O(1)-C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	178.30(12)
C(15)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	-1.95(19)
C(1)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	176.06(12)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	0.7(2)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	1.3(2)
C(16)-C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	-176.86(13)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: