### Supplementary Materials for

# Laccase-catalyzed 1,4-dioxane-mediated synthesis of belladine *N*-oxides with antiinfluenza A virus activity.

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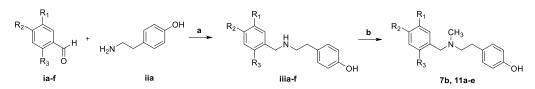
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#### SM #1. General procedures

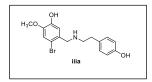
Reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers (Sigma-Aldrich Srl, Milan, Italy). Reactions were monitored using thin layer chromatography on precoated aluminium silica gel Merck 60 F254 plates and an UV lamp ( $\lambda$ max = 254 nm) was used for visualization. Merck silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh) was used for flash chromatography with the indicated solvent system. All products were dried in high vacuum (10-3 mbar). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR and, DEPT-135 NMR were recorded on a Bruker Avance DRX400 (400 MHz/100 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million ( $\delta$  scale) and internally referenced to the CD<sub>3</sub>OD and DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> signal at  $\delta$  3.33 ppm and 2.50 ppm respectively. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hz. Multiplicities are reported in the conventional form: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, td= triplet of doublets, q = quartet, ABq = AB quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad.

#### SM #2. Synthesis of compounds 7b and 11a-h

SM #2.1. Synthesis of compounds 7b and 11a-e

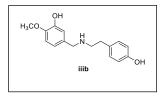


a: NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH, r.t. (90-96%); b: H<sub>2</sub>CO, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH, r.t. (93-98%).



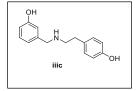
4-bromo-5-(((4-hydroxyphenethyl)amino)methyl)-2-methoxyphenol iiia: 2-bromo-5-hydroxy-4methoxybenzaldehyde ia (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and tyramine iia (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude

mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH4OH 7:1:0.1) to afford **iiia** as a white powder (96%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.05 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.00 (d, 2H, ArH, J= 8.4 Hz), 6.84 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.71-6.69 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.83 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.80-2-76 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.73-2.70 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, MeOD): 155.5, 147.8, 146.0, 130.2, 129.9, 129.2, 117.1, 115.4, 114.9, 111.7, 55.3, 52.2, 49.7, 34.2 ppm.



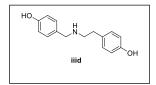
*5-(((4-hydroxyphenethyl)amino)methyl)-2-methoxyphenol iiib:* 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde **ib** (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and tyramine **iia** (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. Compound **iiib** was purified by crystallization in methanol to afford a colorless crystal (90%). <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 6.97 (d, 2H, ArH, J= 8.0 Hz), 6.81 (d, 1H, ArH, J= 8.0 Hz), 6.73 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.65 (m, 3H, ArH), 3.72 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.54 (s, 2H,

ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.60-2.58 (brm , 4H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 155.8, 146.7, 146.6, 134.0, 130.9, 129.8, 118.9, 115.8, 115.4, 112.4, 56.1, 53.0, 51.1, 35.4 ppm.



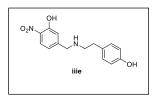
3-(((4-hydroxyphenethyl)amino)methyl)phenol *iiic* : 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde **ic** (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and tyramine **iia** (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. Compound **iiic** was purified by crystallization in methanol to afford a colorless crystal (91%). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 7.06 (t, 1H, Ar*H*, J= 7.6), 6.98 (d, 2H, Ar*H*, J= 8.0 Hz), 6.72-6.58 (m, 5H, Ar*H*), 3.60 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.62-2.61 (brd, 4H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 157.7, 155.8,

142.9, 130.9, 129.8, 129.4, 118.9, 115.4, 115.1, 113.8, 53.3, 51.3, 35.4 ppm.



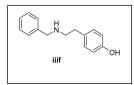
4-(2-((4-hydroxybenzyl)amino)ethyl)phenol *iiid*: 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde **id** (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and tyramine **iia** (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column

chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH4OH 7:1:0.1) to afford **iiid** as a white powder (94%). <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.13-7.11 (dd, 2H, ArH, J= 6.4, 2.0 Hz), 7.02-7.00 (dd, 2H, ArH, J= 6.4, 2.0 Hz), 6.75-6.70 (m, 4H, ArH), 3.67 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.81-2.70 (m, 4H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, MeOD): 156.5, 155.5, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 114.9, 114.8, 52.3, 49.9, 34.0 ppm



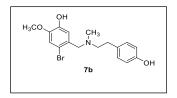
5-(((4-hydroxyphenethyl)amino)methyl)-2-nitrophenol *iiie*: 3-hydroxy-4-nitrobenzaldehyde **ie** (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and tyramine **iia** (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. Compound **iiie** was purified by crystallization in methanol to afford an orange crystal (91%). **'H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 7.80 (d, 1H, ArH, J= 8.4 Hz), 7.00-6.98 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.78 (d, 2H, ArH, J= 8.4 Hz), 6.66 (d, 1H, ArH, J= 8.4 Hz), 3.70 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.69-2.60 (m,

4H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 155.9, 155.1, 149.0, 135.5, 130.4, 129.8, 125.7, 119.6, 117.7, 115.5, 52.3, 51.0, 35.0 ppm.



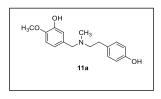
4-(2-(*benzylamino*)*ethyl*)*phenol iiif* : benzaldehyde if (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and tyramine *iia* (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH4 (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH 15:1:0.1) to afford *iiif* as

a white powder (96%). <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 7.28-7.17 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.97 (d, 2H, ArH, J= 8.4 Hz), 6.65 (d, 2H, ArH, J= 8.4 Hz), 3.68 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.64-2-59 (brm, 4H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 155.8, 141.4, 130.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.3, 126.9, 115.4, 53.3, 51.2, 35.4 ppm.



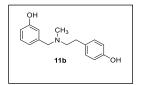
4-bromo-5-(((4-hydroxyphenethyl)(methyl)amino)methyl)-2-methoxyphenol **7b** : compound **iiia** (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and formaldehyde (1.05 eq., 1.05 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH 14:1:0.1) to afford **7b** as a white

powder (98%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.07 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.01 (d, 2H, ArH, J= 8.8 Hz), 6.93 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.71-6.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.83 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.58 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.76-2-72 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.65-2.60 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.29 (s, 3H, -NCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, MeOD): 155.2, 147.7, 145.8, 130.8, 129.5, 129.1, 117.5, 115.3, 114.8, 112.8, 60.0, 59.5, 55.2, 40.9, 32.1 ppm.



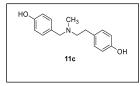
5-(((4-hydroxyphenethyl)(methyl)amino)methyl)-2-methoxyphenol **11a**: compound **iiib** (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and formaldehyde (1.05 eq., 1.05 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH 16:1:0.1) to afford **11a** as a white powder (97%). **'H**-

NMR (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.90 (d, 1H, ArH, J= 8.4 Hz), 6.82 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.78-6.75 (dd, 1H, ArH, J= 8.0, 2 Hz), 6.72-6.68 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.86 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.50 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.76-2.72 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.60-2.56 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.29 (s, 3H, -NCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, MeOD): 155.3, 147.1, 146.0, 130.5, 129.9, 129.1, 120.8, 116.4, 114.8, 111.0, 60.9, 58.8, 55.0, 40.7, 31.8 ppm.



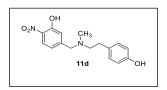
3-(((4-hydroxyphenethyl)(methyl)amino)methyl)phenol **11b:** compound **iiic** (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and formaldehyde (1.05 eq., 1.05 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography

(DCM/MeOH/NH4OH 14:1:0.1) to afford **11b** as a white powder (94%). <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.15 (t, 1H, ArH, J= 6.4, 1.6 Hz), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.81-6.79 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.73-6.68 (m, 3H, ArH), 3.53 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.76-2.72 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.61-2.57 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.29 (s, 3H, -NCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, MeOD): 157.1, 155.2, 138.8, 130.6, 129.2, 128.9, 120.6, 116.2, 114.9, 114.0, 61.4, 59.0, 41.0, 31.9 ppm.



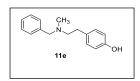
4-(2-((4-hydroxybenzyl)(methyl)amino)ethyl)phenol **11c:** compound **iiid** (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and formaldehyde (1.05 eq., 1.05 mmol) was added to the solution. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH 14:1:0.1) to afford **11c** as a

white powder. <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.15 (d, 2H, ArH, J= 8.4 Hz), 6.99 (d, 2H, ArH, J= 8.4 Hz), 6.77-6.74 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.71-6.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.52 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.75-2.71 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.61-2.57 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.28 (s, 3H, -NCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR** (100 MHz, MeOD): 156.6, 155.3, 130.7, 130.4, 129.1, 127.5, 114.8, 114.6, 60.7, 58.7, 40.6, 31.7 ppm.



5-(((4-hydroxyphenethyl)(methyl)amino)methyl)-2-nitrophenol **11d**: compound **iiie** (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) and formaldehyde (1.05 eq., 1.05 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH4 (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient

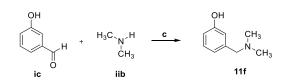
column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH4OH 12:1:0.1) to afford **11d** as a yellow powder (93%). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD): 8.02 (d, 1H, Ar*H*, J= 8.8 Hz), 7.10 (d, 1H, Ar*H*, J= 1.6 Hz), 7.01-6.98 (d, 2H, Ar*H*, J= 8.4 Hz), 6.96-6.93 (dd, 1H, Ar*H*, J= 8.4, 1.6 Hz), 6.71-6.76 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 3.61 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.76-2.72 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.64-2.60 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.31 (s, 3H, -NCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, MeOD): 155.3, 154.5, 149.0, 133.3, 130.6, 129.2, 124.7, 120.0, 119.6, 114.7, 60.7, 59.2, 41.1, 32.2 ppm.



4-(2-(*benzyl(methyl)amino)ethyl)phenol 11e*: compound **iiif** (1.0 eq., 1 mmol) and formaldehyde (1.05 eq., 1.05 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH 20:1:0.1) to afford **11e** as a white powder (98%). **'H-NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.34-7.25 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.99-

6.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.70-6.67 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.58 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.75-2.71 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.59-2.57 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.27 (s, 3H, -NCH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, MeOD): 155.3, 137.5, 130.7, 129.2, 129.1, 127.9, 127.0, 114.8, 61.5, 59.0, 40.9, 31.9 ppm.

SM #2.2. Synthesis and characterization of compound 11f



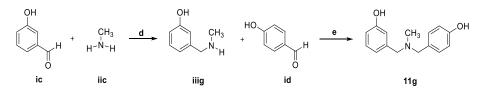
c: Ti(Oi-Pr)<sub>4</sub>, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH dry, r.t., argon (91%)



3-((dimethylamino)methyl)phenol 11f: 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde ic (1.0 eq., 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in dry methanol (2.0 mL). Ti(Oi-Pr)<sub>4</sub> (1.3 eq., 1.3 mmol) and dimethylamine iib (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol, 2M solution in methanol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 4h at room temperature under inert atmosphere. After this period, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature, filtered over Celite® and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH

10:1) to afford **11f** as a colorless oil (91%). **'H-NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.14 (t, 1H, ArH, J= 8.4, 8.0 Hz), 6.80-6.76 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.71-6.68 (dd, 1H, ArH, J= 8.0, 2.0 Hz), 3.63 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.37 (s, 6H, -N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, MeOD): 152.8, 135.6, 124.4, 114.5, 110.4, 109.2, 50.2, 29.3 ppm.

SM #2.3. synthesis and characterization of compound 11g

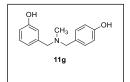


d: NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH, r.t. (96%); e:Ti(Oi-Pr)<sub>4</sub>, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH dry, r.t., argon (82%)



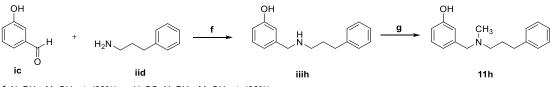
3-((*methylamino*)*methyl*)*phenol iiig*:3-hydroxybenzaldehyde ic (1.0 eq., 1 mmol) and methylamine (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol, 2M solution in methanol) were dissolved in methanol and the solution was stirred over night at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH, 7:1:0.1) to afford **iiig** as **1H-NMR** (400 MHz DMSO-ds): 7.06 (t 1H ArH I= 7.6 Hz) 6.71-6.69 (m 2H ArH) 6.60-6.58 (dd 1H ArH I= 7.6 Hz)

colorless oil (96%). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 7.06 (t, 1H, Ar*H*, J= 7.6 Hz), 6.71-6.69 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.60-6.58 (dd, 1H, Ar*H*, J= 7.6, 1.2 Hz), 3.53 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.23 (s, 3H, -NCH<sub>3</sub>), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 157.1, 141.9, 128.8, 118.3, 114.6, 113.2, 54.8, 35.3 ppm

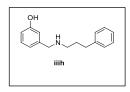


3-(((4-hydroxybenzyl)(methyl)amino)methyl)phenol **11g**: 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde **id** (1.0 eq., 1 mmol) was dissolvend in dry methanol (2 .0 mL). Then Ti(O*i*-Pr)<sub>4</sub> (1.3 eq., 1.3 mmol) and **iiig** (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) were added and the mixture was stirred for 4h at room temperature under inert atmosphere. After this period, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the solution was stirred for 5h at room temperature. The solution was then filtered over Celite® and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude

mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH 10:1) to afford **11g** as a white powder (82%). **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.17-7.12 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.81-6.75 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.72-6.70 (m, 1H, ArH), 3.45 (s, 4H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.17 (s, 3H, -NCH<sub>3</sub>), ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, MeOD): 157.1, 156.5, 139.2, 130.4, 128.9, 128.2, 120.3, 115.9, 114.6, 113.9, 60.9, 60.6, 40.7 ppm

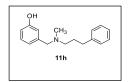


f: NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH, r.t. (93%); g: H<sub>2</sub>CO, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH, r.t. (96%)



3-(((3-phenylpropyl)amino)methyl)phenol *iiih*: 3-hydroxybenzaldehyde **ic** (1.0 eq., 1 mmol) and 3-phenyl-1propylamine **iid** were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 4h at room temperature. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the solution was filtered over Celite® and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH4OH 20:1:0.1) to afford **iiih** as a white powder (93%).<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.27-7.11

(m, 6H,), 6.78-6.76 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.71-6.68 (m, 1H, ArH), 3.65 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.65-2.58 (m, 4H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 1.87-1.80 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, MeOD): 157.3, 141.8, 140.5, 129.0, 128.0, 127.9, 125.4, 119.1, 115.0, 113.7, 52.9, 33.2, 30.7 ppm.

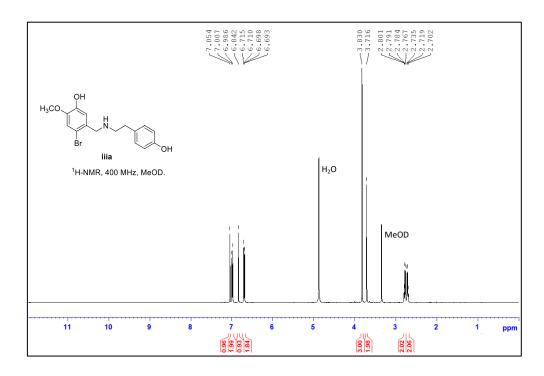


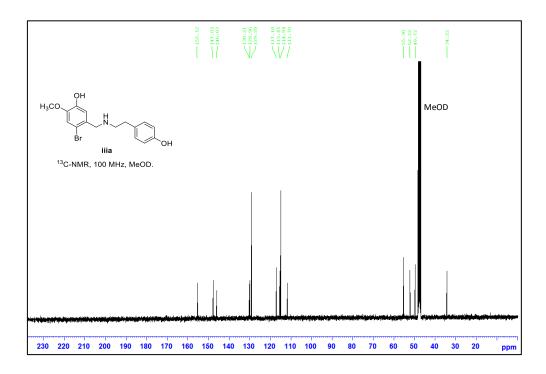
3-((methyl(3-phenylpropyl)amino)methyl)phenol **11h**: compound **iiih** (1.0 eq., 1 mmol) and formaldehyde (1.05 eq., 1.05 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL) and the solution was stirred for 5h at room temperature. Then NaBH4 (1.1 eq., 1.1 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 5h at room temperature. After this period the mixture was filtered over Celite® and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel gradient column chromatography (DCM/MeOH/NH4OH

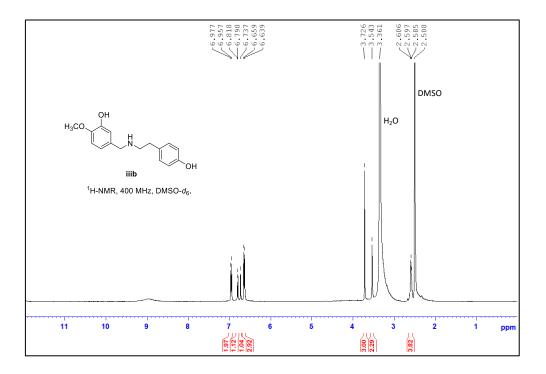
9:1:0.1) to afford **11h** as a white powder (96%). <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR** (400 MHz, MeOD): 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 7.19-7.11 (m, 4H, Ar*H*), 6.78-6.76 (m, 2H, Ar*H*), 6.72-6.69 (m, 1H, Ar*H*), 3.47 (s, 2H, ArC*H*<sub>2</sub>N-), 2.65-2.61 (t, 2H, -NC*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar, J= 8.0 Hz), 2.46-2.42 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar), 2.22 (s, 3H, -NC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.91-1.82 (m, 2H, -NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ar) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, MeOD): 157.1, 141.8, 138.9, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 125.4, 120.4, 116.0, 113.9, 61.6, 56.3, 41.0, 33.1, 28.3 ppm.

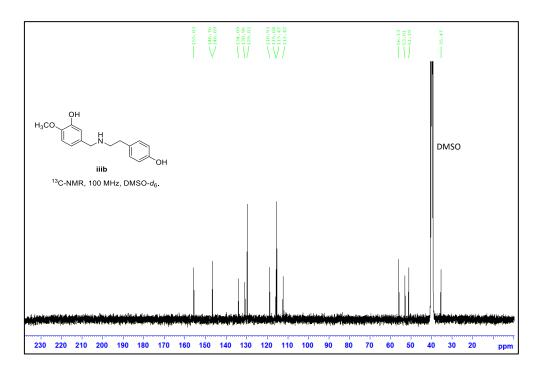
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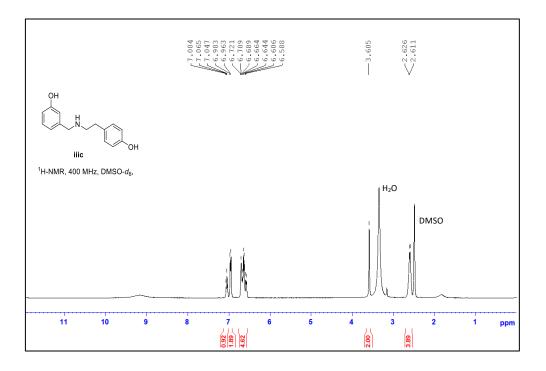
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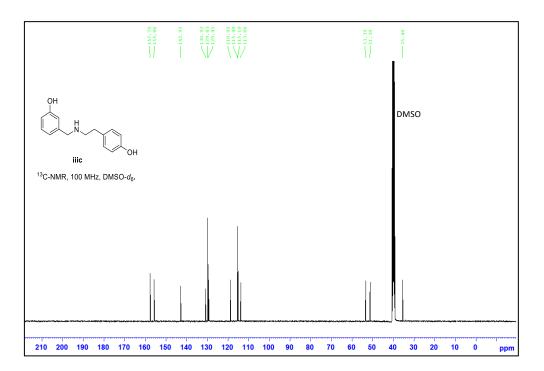


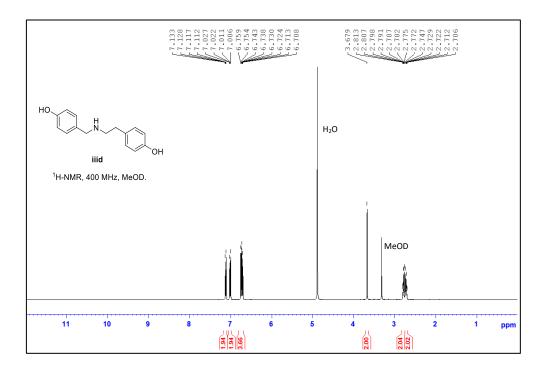


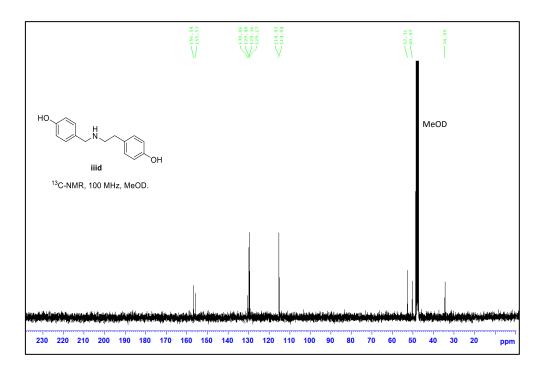


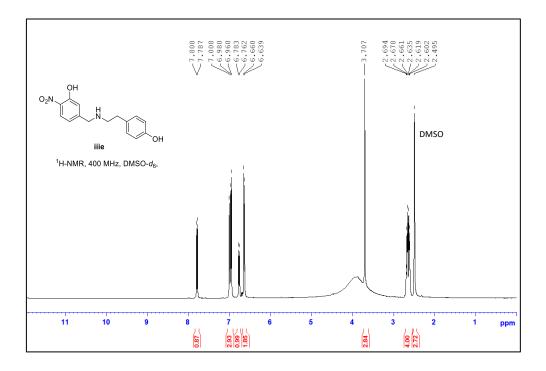


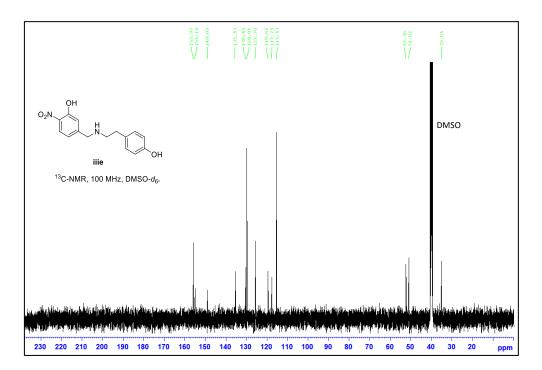


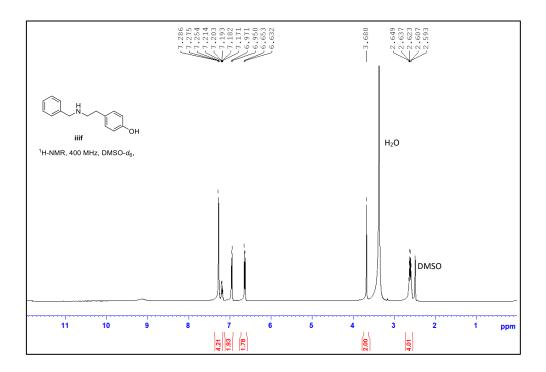


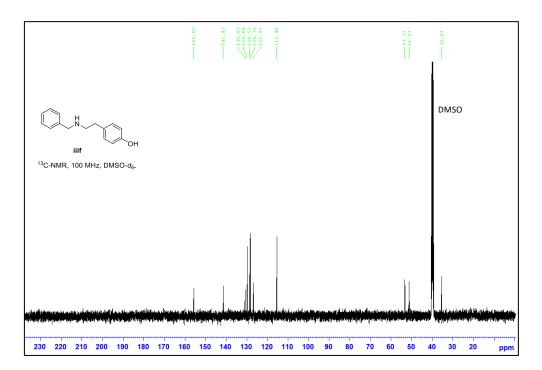


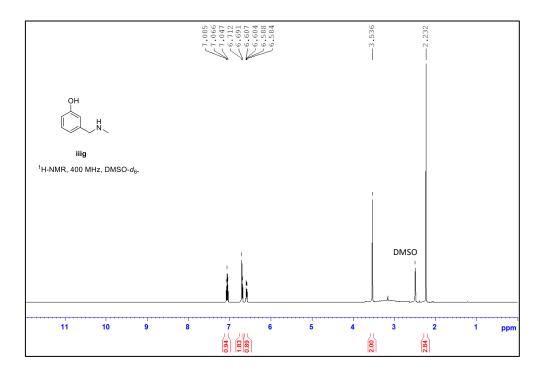


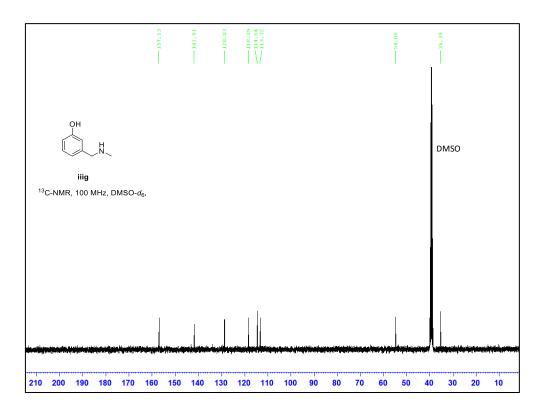


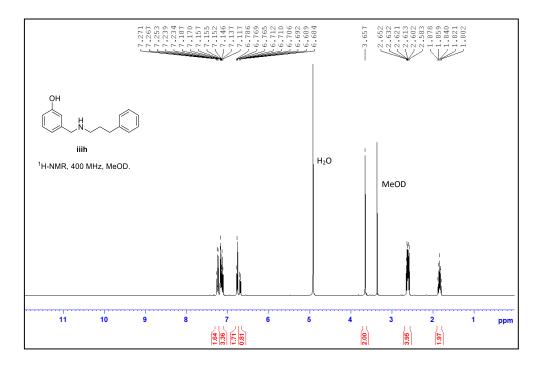


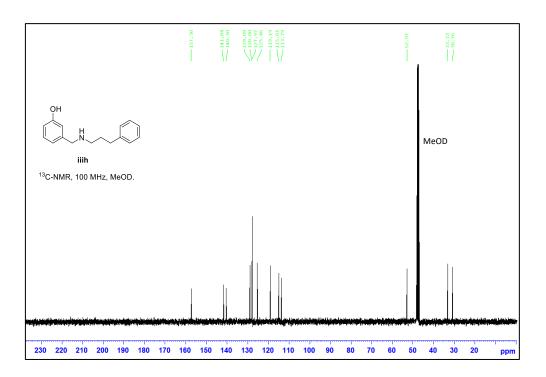


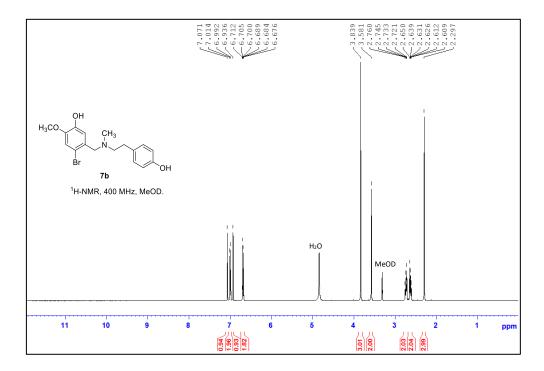


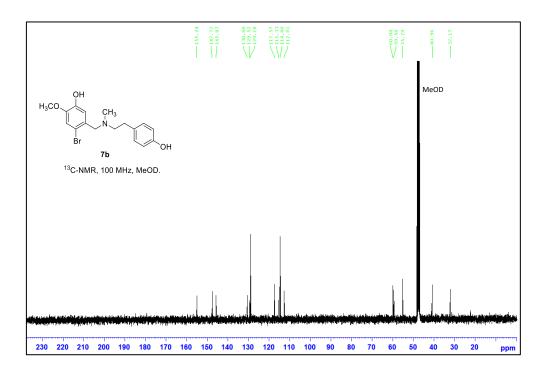


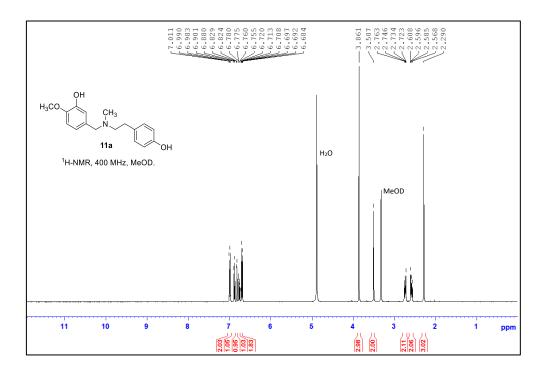


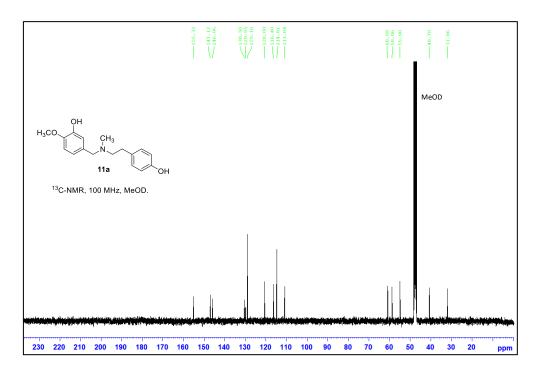


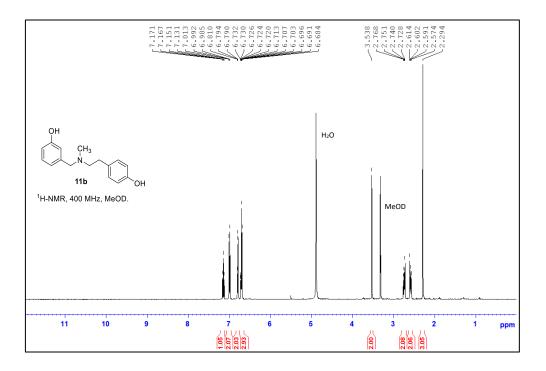


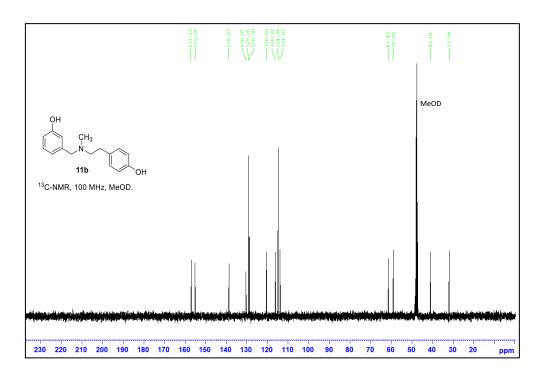


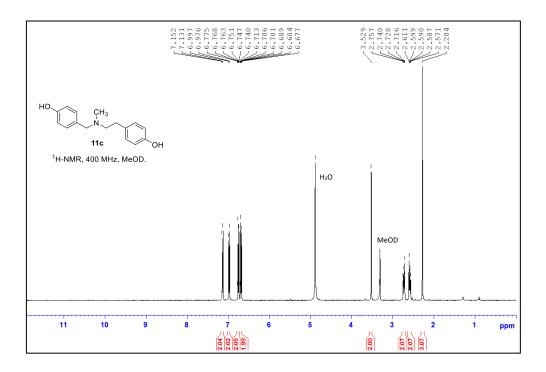


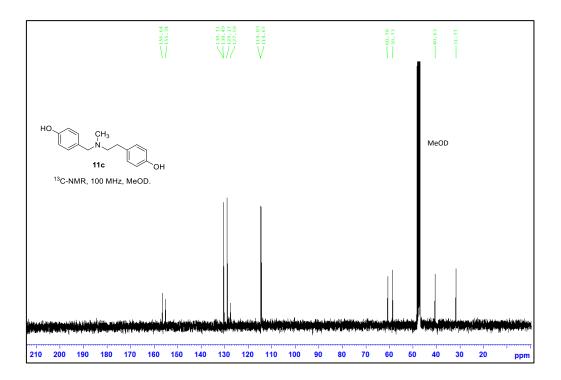


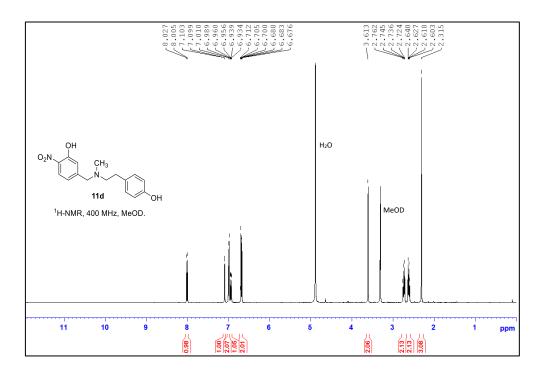


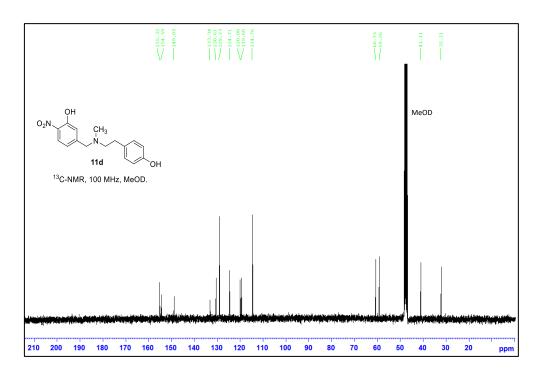


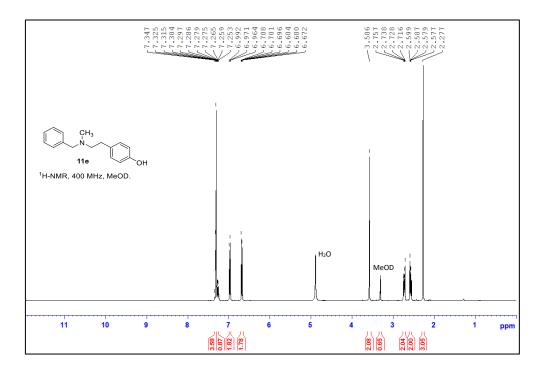


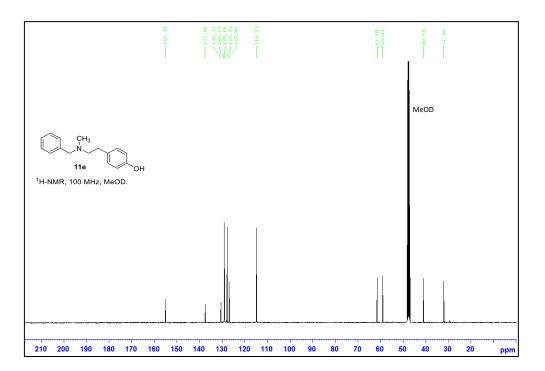


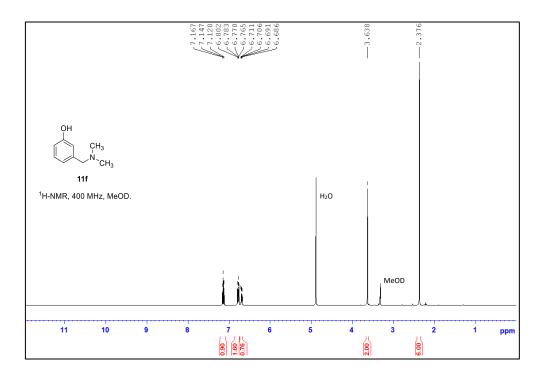


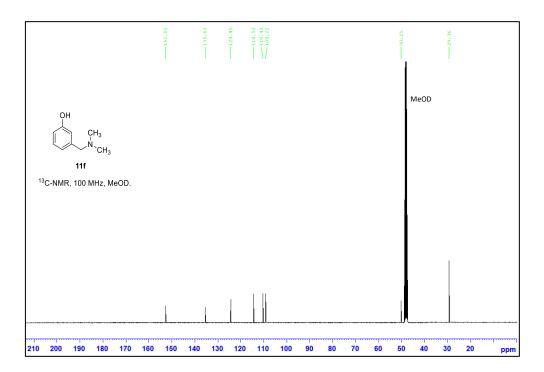


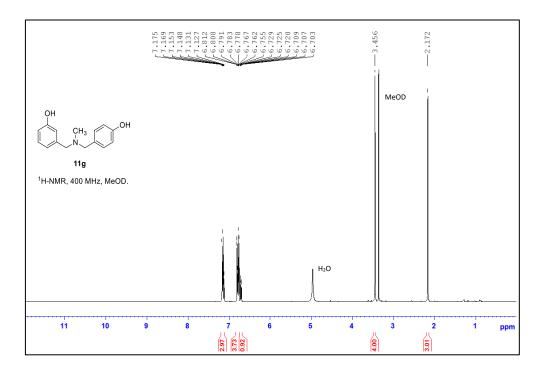


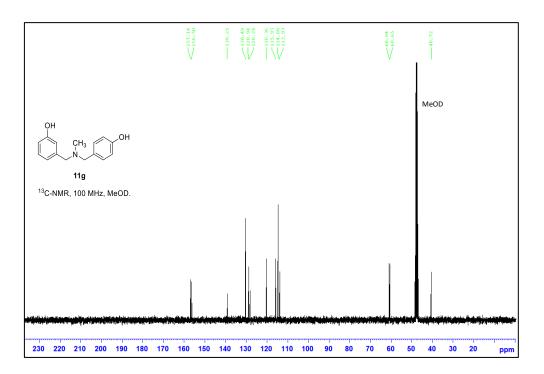


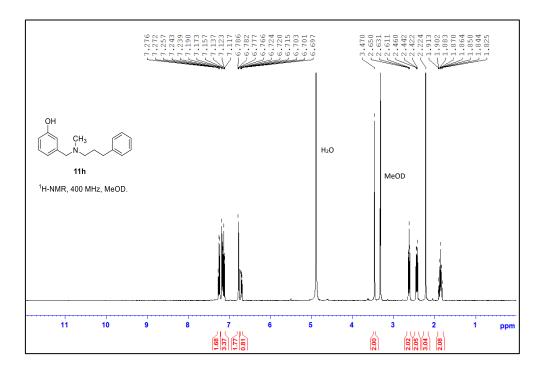


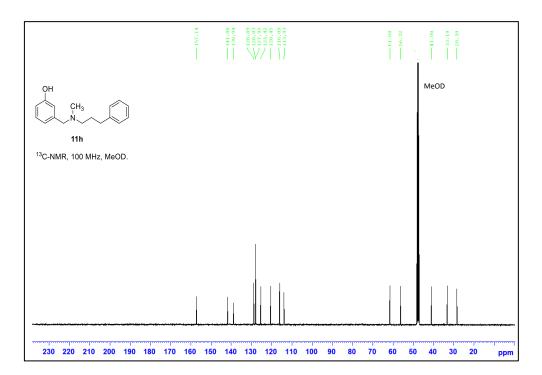


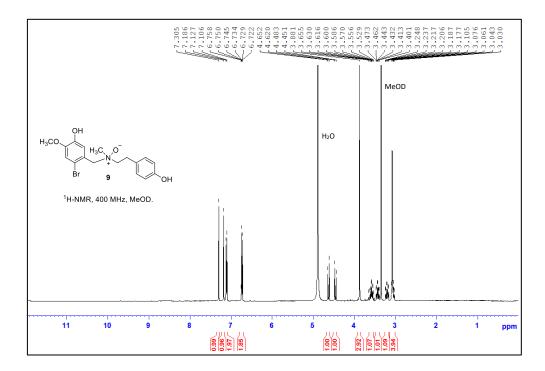


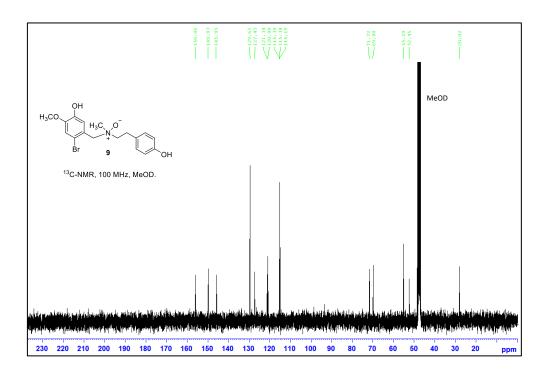




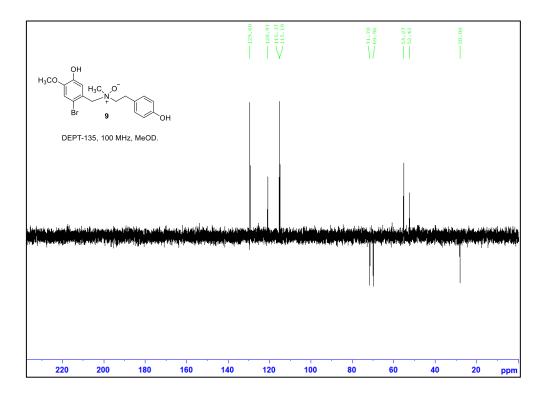


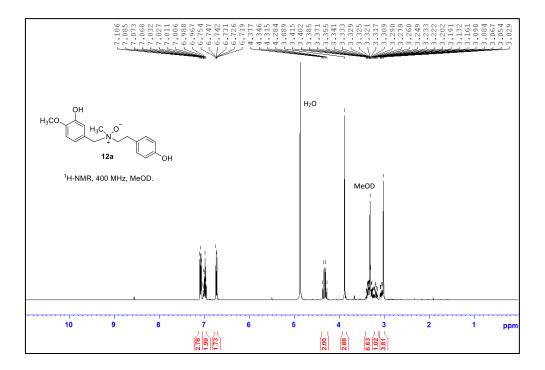


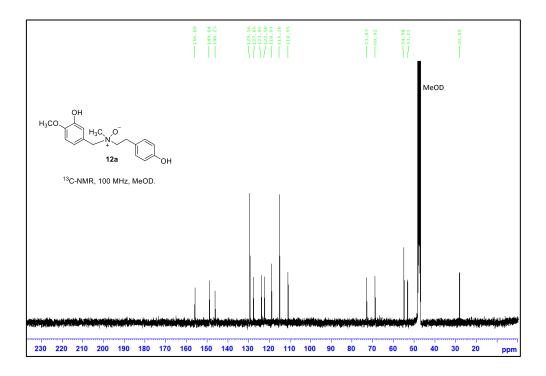


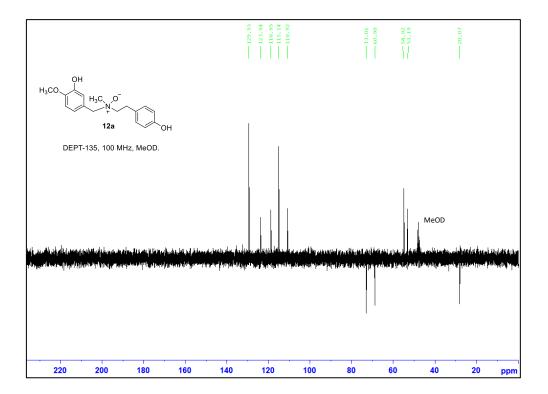


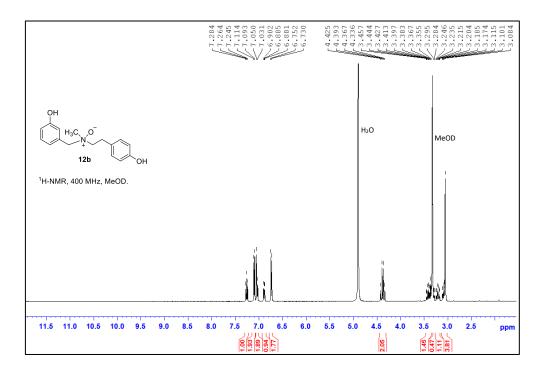
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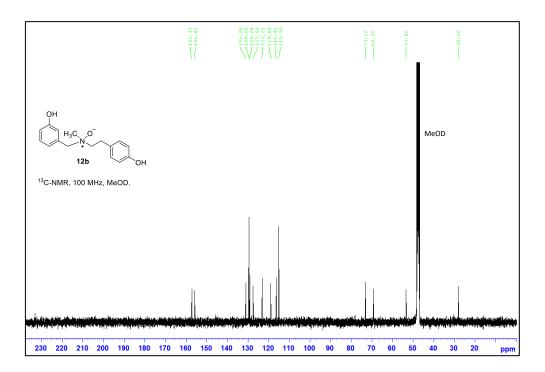


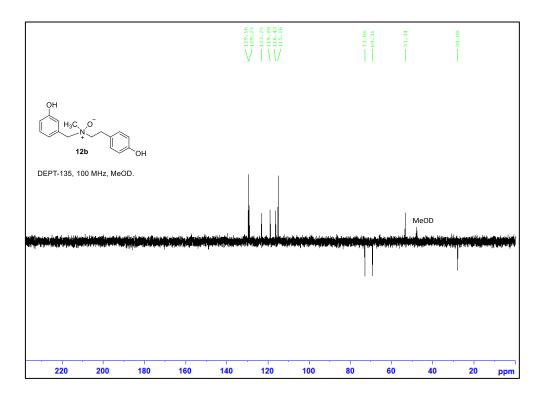


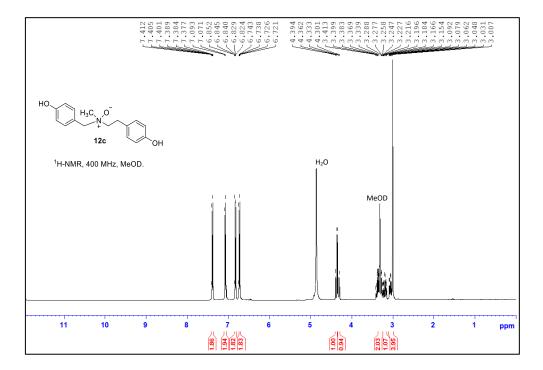


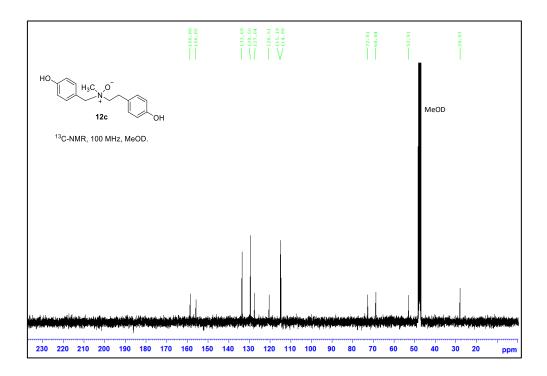


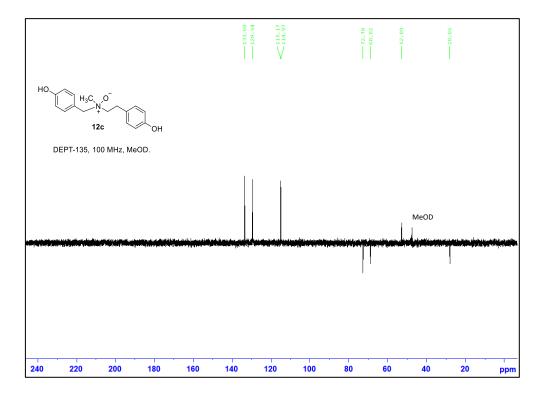


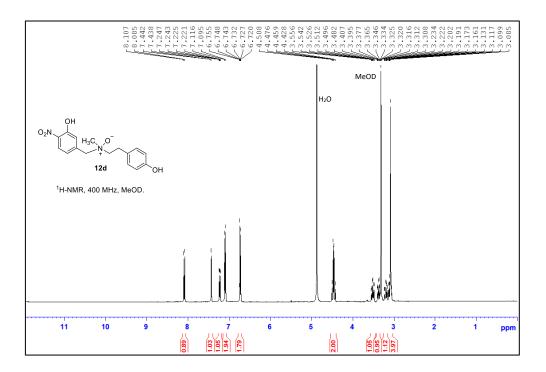


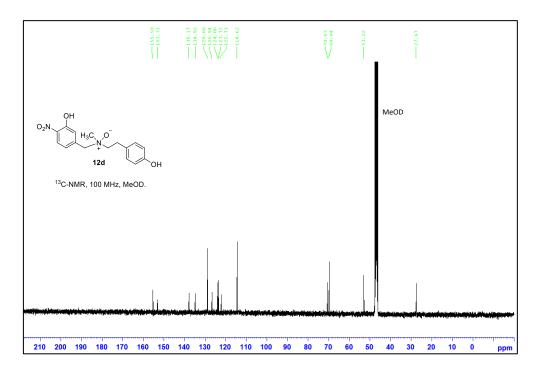


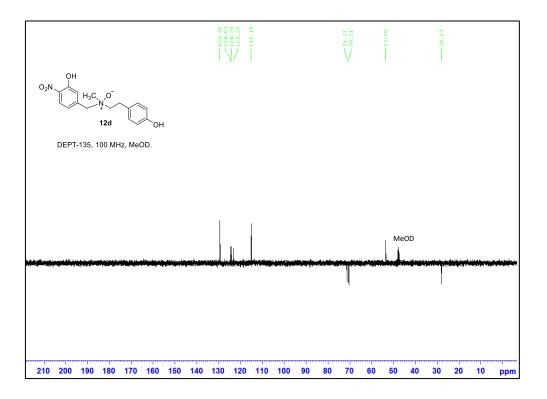


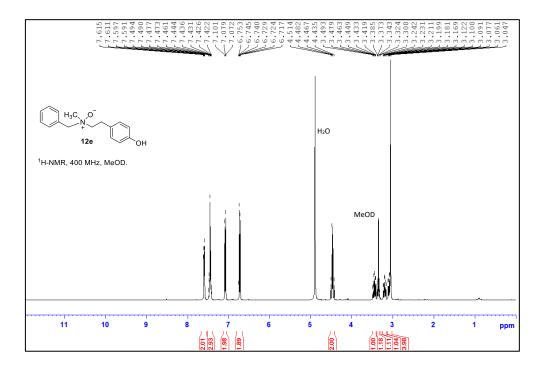


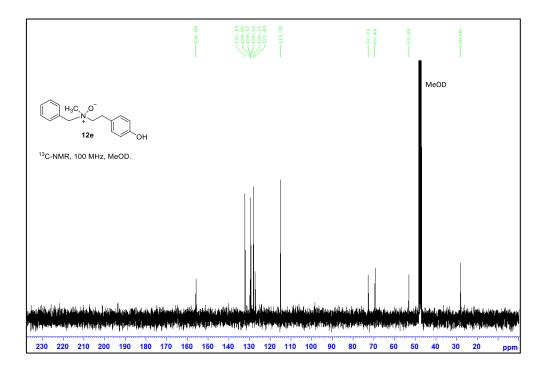


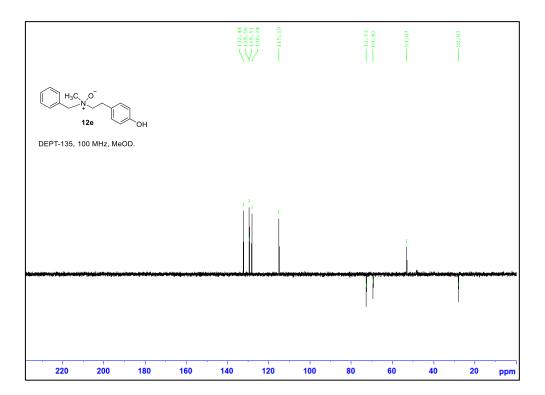


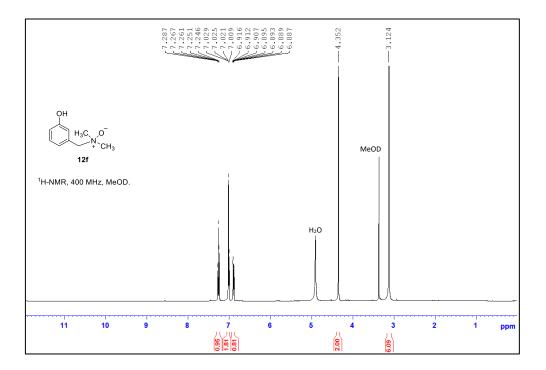


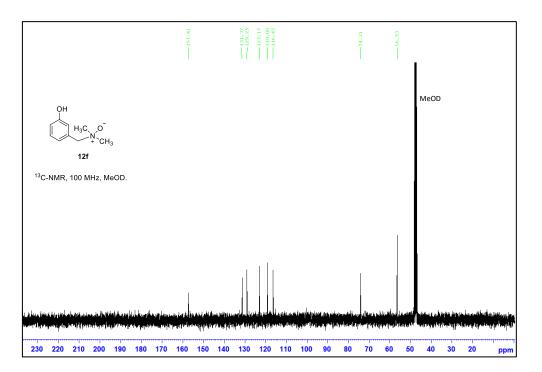


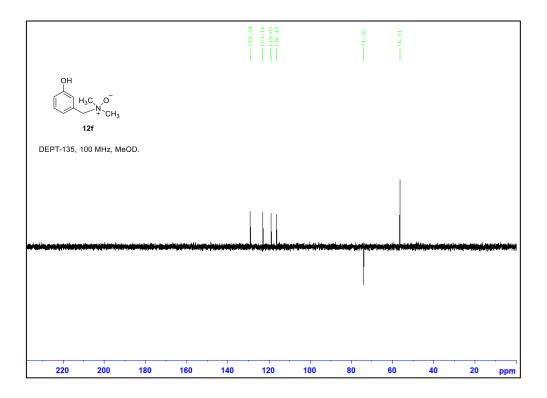


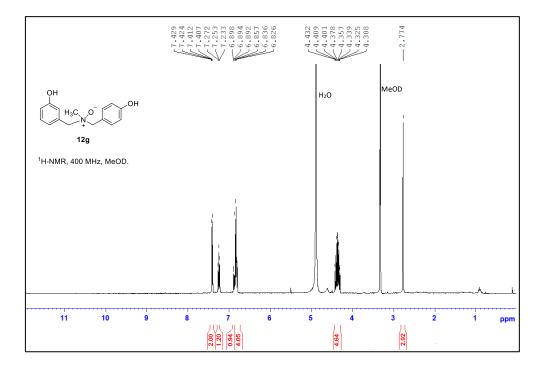


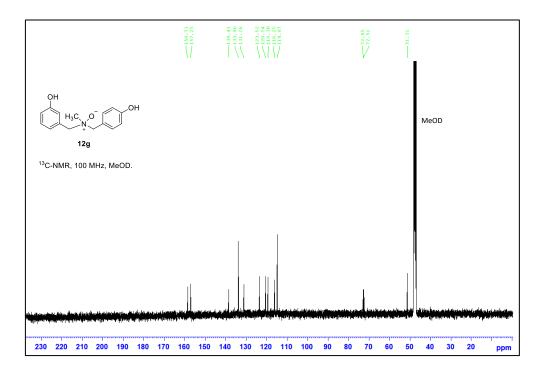


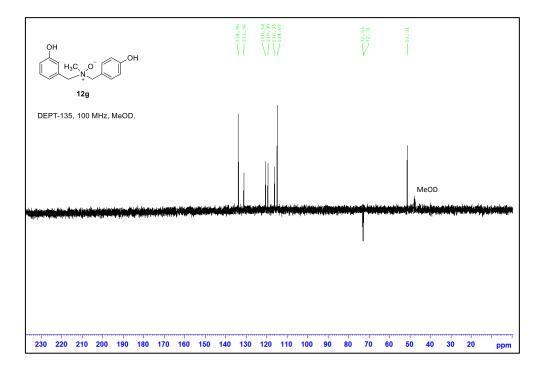


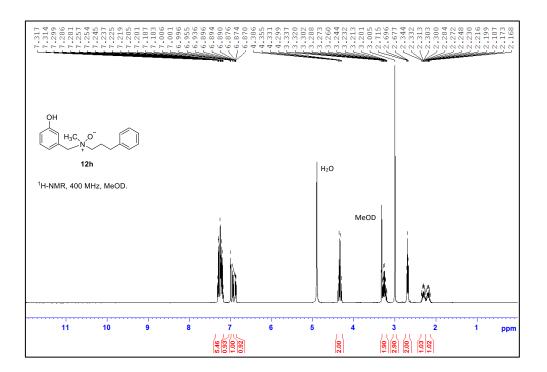


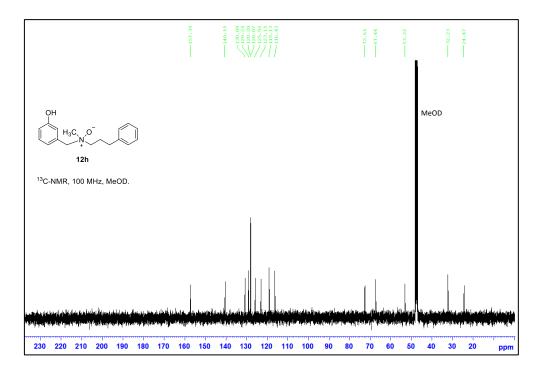


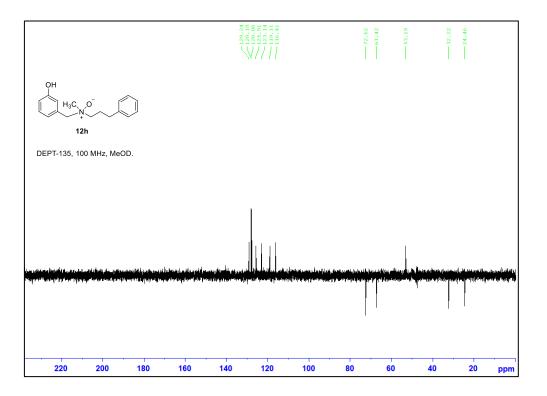












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