

## **Supporting Information (SI)**

# **Synthesis and Reactions of Benzannulated Spiroaminals: Tetrahydrospirobiquinolines**

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## X-Ray Crystallography

All crystals for X-ray structural elucidation unless otherwise stated were obtained by vapor diffusion of pentane into a saturated solution of purified product in dichloromethane at room temperature from 1-4 days.

### The X-ray crystal structure of Spiro-biquinoline 14a

*Crystal data for 14a:* C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, *M* = 250.33, tetragonal, *I*-4 (no. 82), *a* = *b* = 18.6804(6), *c* = 7.6330(4) Å, *V* = 2663.6(2) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 8, *D*<sub>c</sub> = 1.249 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ(Mo-Kα) = 0.074 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *T* = 173 K, colorless tablets, Agilent Xcalibur 3 E diffractometer; 2775 independent measured reflections (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0251), *F*<sup>2</sup> refinement,<sup>[X2]</sup> *R*<sub>1</sub>(obs) = 0.0400, *wR*<sub>2</sub>(all) = 0.0771, 2305 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [*|F*<sub>o</sub>| > 4σ(*|F*<sub>o</sub>)], 2θ<sub>full</sub> = 50°, 180 parameters. The absolute structure of 14a could not be unambiguously determined [Flack parameter *x*' = -1.2(10)]. CCDC 1528661.

The two N-H hydrogens in the structure of 14a were located from a Δ*F* map and refined freely subject to an N-H distance constraint of 0.90 Å.

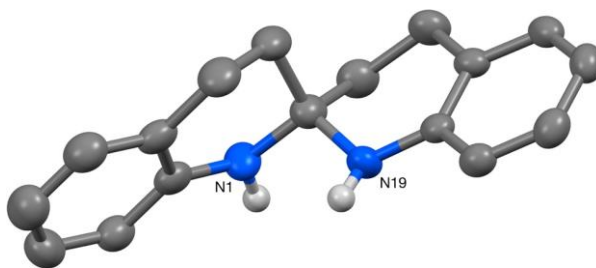
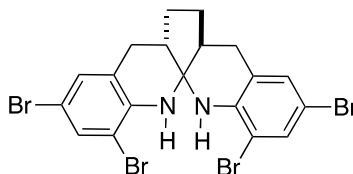


Fig. S1 The crystal structure of 14a (50% probability ellipsoids).

### The X-ray crystal structure of 1,3,10,12-tetrabromo-5,5a,6,7,7a,8,13,14-octahydrocyclopenta[1,2-b:1,5-b']diquinoline - 18b



*Crystal data for 18b:* C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, *M* = 591.98, monoclinic, *P*<sub>2</sub><sub>1</sub>/*c* (no. 14), *a* = 12.6560(8), *b* = 8.9013(6), *c* = 16.6514(11) Å, β = 97.911(6)°, *V* = 1858.0(2) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, *D*<sub>c</sub> = 2.116 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ(Mo-Kα) = 8.669 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *T* = 173 K, colourless plates, Agilent Xcalibur 3 E diffractometer; 3719 independent measured reflections (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0335), *F*<sup>2</sup> refinement,<sup>[X2]</sup> *R*<sub>1</sub>(obs) = 0.0436, *wR*<sub>2</sub>(all) = 0.0656, 2465 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [*|F*<sub>o</sub>| > 4σ(*|F*<sub>o</sub>)], 2θ<sub>full</sub> = 50°, 235 parameters. CCDC 1539105.

The two N-H hydrogens in the structure of 18b were located from a Δ*F* map and refined freely subject to an N-H distance constraint of 0.90 Å.

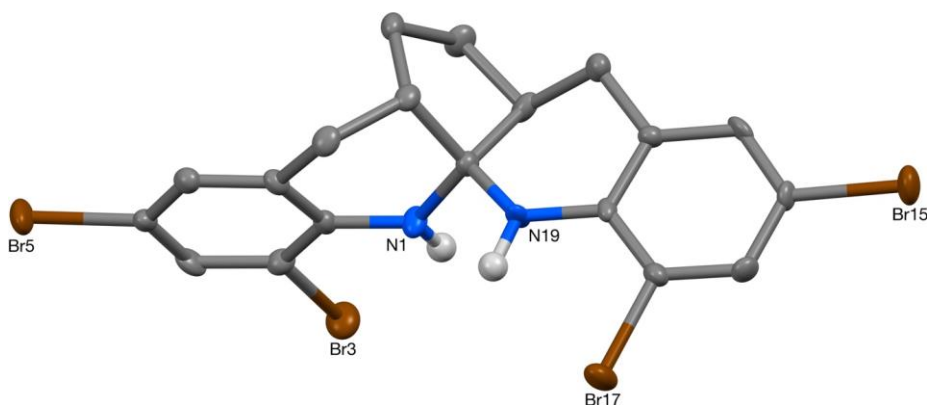
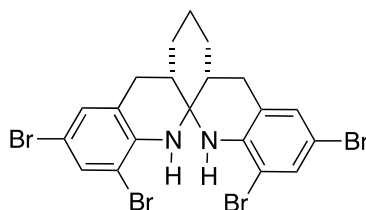


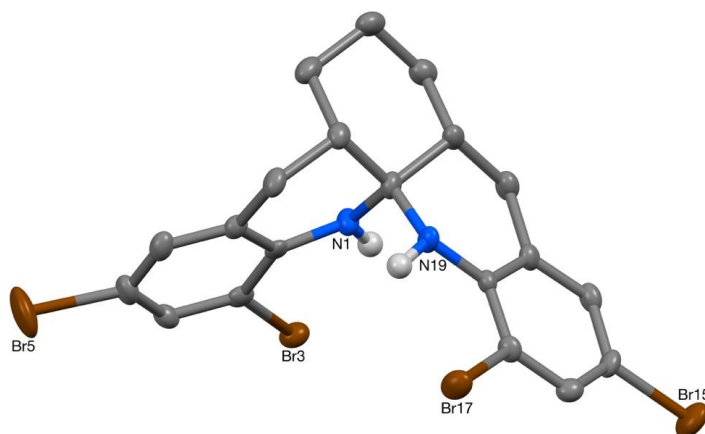
Fig. S2 The crystal structure of 18b (50% probability ellipsoids).

**The X-ray crystal structure of 1,3,11,13-tetrabromo-5a,6,7,8,8a,9,14,15-octahydro-5H-quinolino[3,2-d]acridine - 19b**



*Crystal data for 19b*: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, *M* = 606.00, triclinic, *P*-1 (no. 2), *a* = 8.6429(5), *b* = 9.5129(5), *c* = 12.9337(6) Å,  $\alpha$  = 80.017(4),  $\beta$  = 72.909(5),  $\gamma$  = 77.318(5)°, *V* = 984.87(10) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 2, *D<sub>c</sub>* = 2.043 g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$ (Mo-K $\alpha$ ) = 8.180 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *T* = 173 K, colourless blocks, Agilent Xcalibur 3 E diffractometer; 3873 independent measured reflections (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0178), *F*<sup>2</sup> refinement,<sup>[X2]</sup> *R*<sub>1</sub>(obs) = 0.0335, *wR*<sub>2</sub>(all) = 0.0648, 3033 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [*|F<sub>o</sub>||* > 4 $\sigma$ (*|F<sub>o</sub>||*), 2 $\theta$ <sub>full</sub> = 50°], 244 parameters. CCDC 1539106.

The two N–H hydrogens in the structure of **19b** were located from a  $\Delta F$  map and refined freely subject to an N–H distance constraint of 0.90 Å.

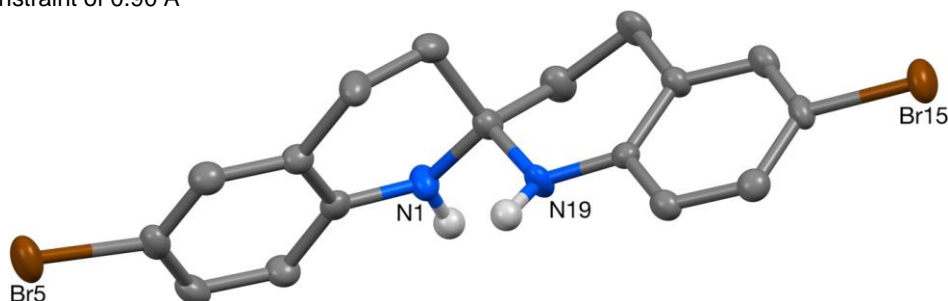


**Fig. S3** The crystal structure of **19b** (50% probability ellipsoids).

**The X-ray crystal structure of Spiro-biquinoline 25**

*Crystal data for 25*: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, *M* = 408.14, triclinic, *P*-1 (no. 2), *a* = 8.2840(6), *b* = 10.2385(6), *c* = 10.3631(8) Å,  $\alpha$  = 68.118(6),  $\beta$  = 71.449(7),  $\gamma$  = 87.541(6)°, *V* = 770.38(10) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 2, *D<sub>c</sub>* = 1.759 g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$ (Mo-K $\alpha$ ) = 5.256 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *T* = 173 K, colorless blocks, Agilent Xcalibur 3 E diffractometer; 3027 independent measured reflections (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0222), *F*<sup>2</sup> refinement,<sup>[X2]</sup> *R*<sub>1</sub>(obs) = 0.0305, *wR*<sub>2</sub>(all) = 0.0649, 2411 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [*|F<sub>o</sub>||* > 4 $\sigma$ (*|F<sub>o</sub>||*), 2 $\theta$ <sub>full</sub> = 50°], 199 parameters. CCDC 1528662.

The two N–H hydrogens in the structure of **25** were located from a  $\Delta F$  map and refined freely subject to an N–H distance constraint of 0.90 Å

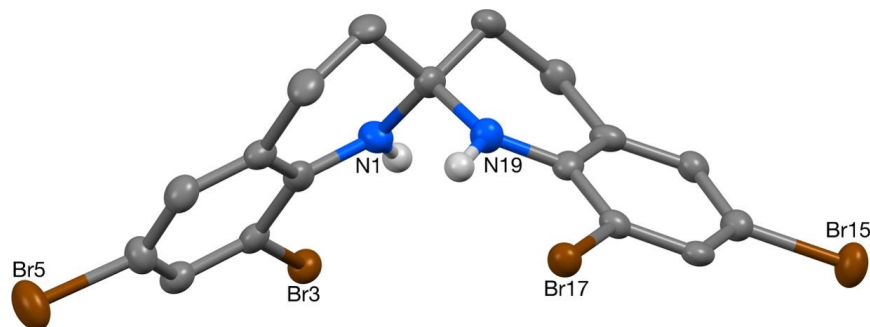


**Fig. S4** The crystal structure of **25** (50% probability ellipsoids).

### The X-ray crystal structure of Spiro-biquinoline 26

Crystal data for **26**: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, *M* = 565.94, monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c* (no. 14), *a* = 8.7964(3), *b* = 12.5727(4), *c* = 15.8234(5) Å, β = 100.818(3)°, *V* = 1718.88(10) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, *D*<sub>c</sub> = 2.187 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ(Cu-Kα) = 11.422 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *T* = 173 K, colorless tablets, Agilent Xcalibur PX Ultra A diffractometer; 3310 independent measured reflections (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0295), *F*<sup>2</sup> refinement,<sup>[X2]</sup> *R*<sub>1</sub>(obs) = 0.0354, *wR*<sub>2</sub>(all) = 0.0846, 2760 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [|*F*<sub>o</sub>| > 4σ(|*F*<sub>o</sub>|)], 2θ<sub>full</sub> = 135°, 217 parameters. CCDC 1528663.

The two N–H hydrogens in the structure of **26** were located from a Δ*F* map and refined freely subject to an N–H distance constraint of 0.90 Å.

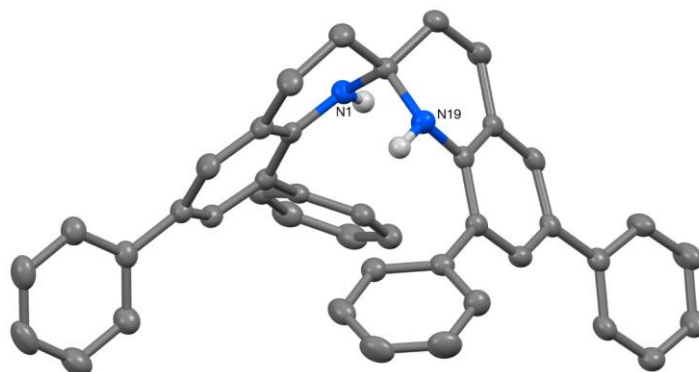


**Fig. S5** The crystal structure of **26** (50% probability ellipsoids).

### The X-ray crystal structure of Spiro-biquinoline 27

Crystal data for **27**: C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, *M* = 554.70, orthorhombic, *P*bca (no. 61), *a* = 18.7174(5), *b* = 12.0319(4), *c* = 26.3744(7) Å, *V* = 5939.6(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 8, *D*<sub>c</sub> = 1.241 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ(Mo-Kα) = 0.072 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *T* = 173 K, pale yellow blocks, Agilent Xcalibur 3 E diffractometer; 6138 independent measured reflections (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0221), *F*<sub>2</sub> refinement,<sup>[X2]</sup> *R*<sub>1</sub>(obs) = 0.0439, *wR*<sub>2</sub>(all) = 0.0992, 4594 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [|*F*<sub>o</sub>| > 4σ(|*F*<sub>o</sub>|)], 2θ<sub>full</sub> = 50°, 397 parameters. CCDC 1528664.

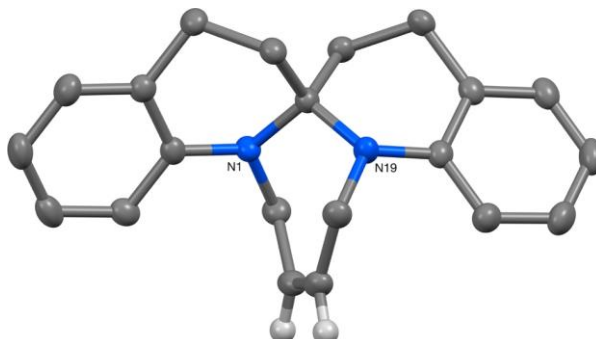
The two N–H hydrogens in the structure of **27** were located from a Δ*F* map and refined freely subject to an N–H distance constraint of 0.90 Å.



**Fig. S6** The crystal structure of **27** (50% probability ellipsoids).

### **The X-ray crystal structure of Spiro-biquinoline 29**

Crystal data for 29: C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>, *M* = 302.40, monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n* (no. 14), *a* = 8.4668(4), *b* = 8.8098(4), *c* = 20.8081(9) Å, β = 91.110(4)°, *V* = 1551.81(12) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, *D*<sub>c</sub> = 1.294 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ(Mo-Kα) = 0.076 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *T* = 173 K, pale yellow blocks, Agilent Xcalibur 3 E diffractometer; 3097 independent measured reflections (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0185), *F*<sup>2</sup> refinement,<sup>[X2]</sup> *R*<sub>1</sub>(obs) = 0.0427, *wR*<sub>2</sub>(all) = 0.1009, 2549 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [|*F*<sub>o</sub>| > 4σ(|*F*<sub>o</sub>|)], 2θ<sub>full</sub> = 50°, 209 parameters. CCDC 1528665.



**Fig. S7** The crystal structure of **29** (50% probability ellipsoids).

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Fig S8 - <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (400 MHz) – 8-Azidoquinoline-7-carbaldehyde – 15c

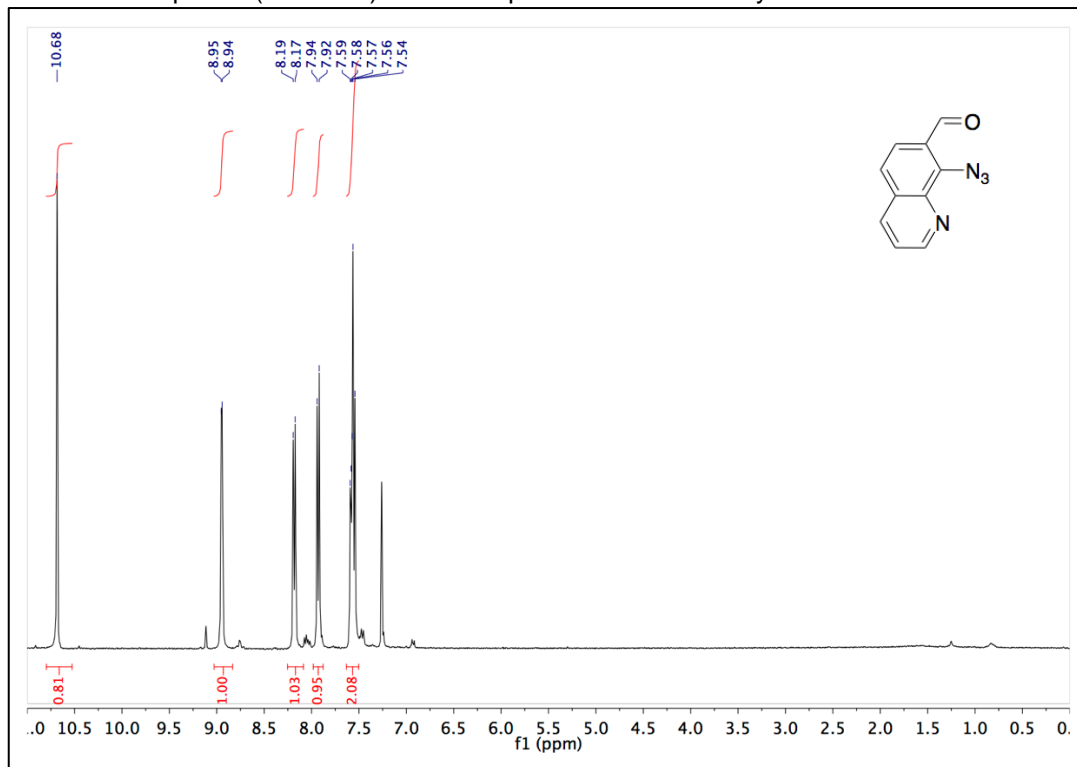


Fig S9 - <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (101 MHz) – 8-Azidoquinoline-7-carbaldehyde – 15c

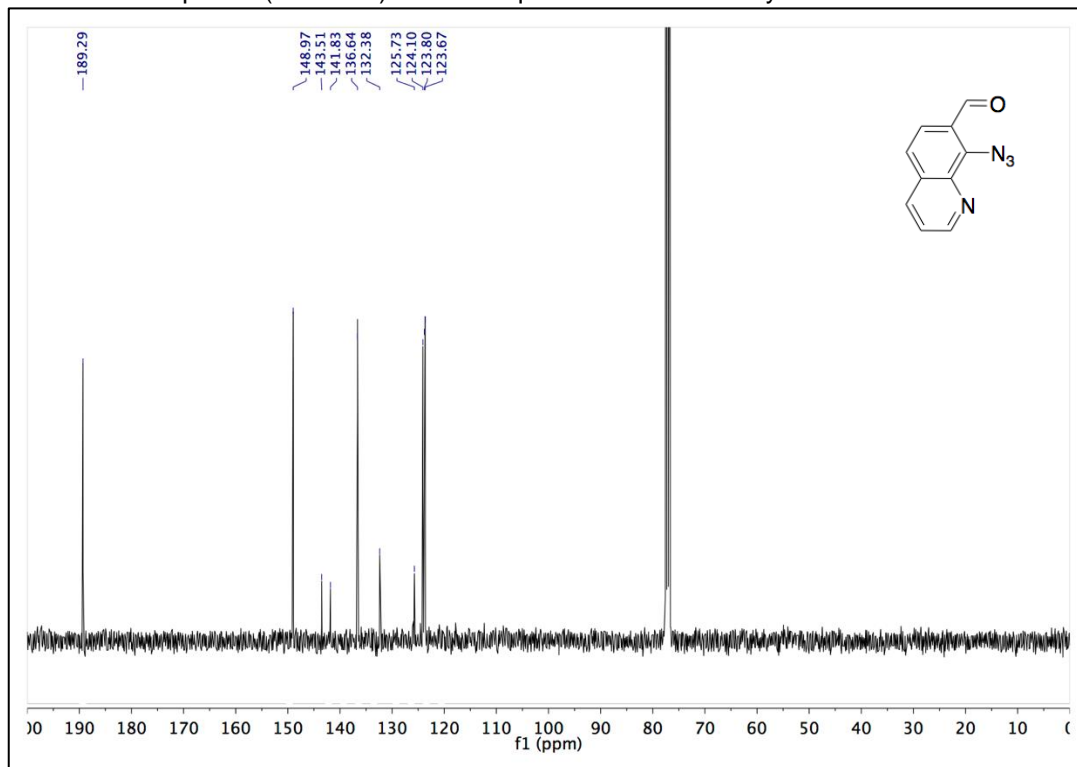


Fig S10 - <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – 14a

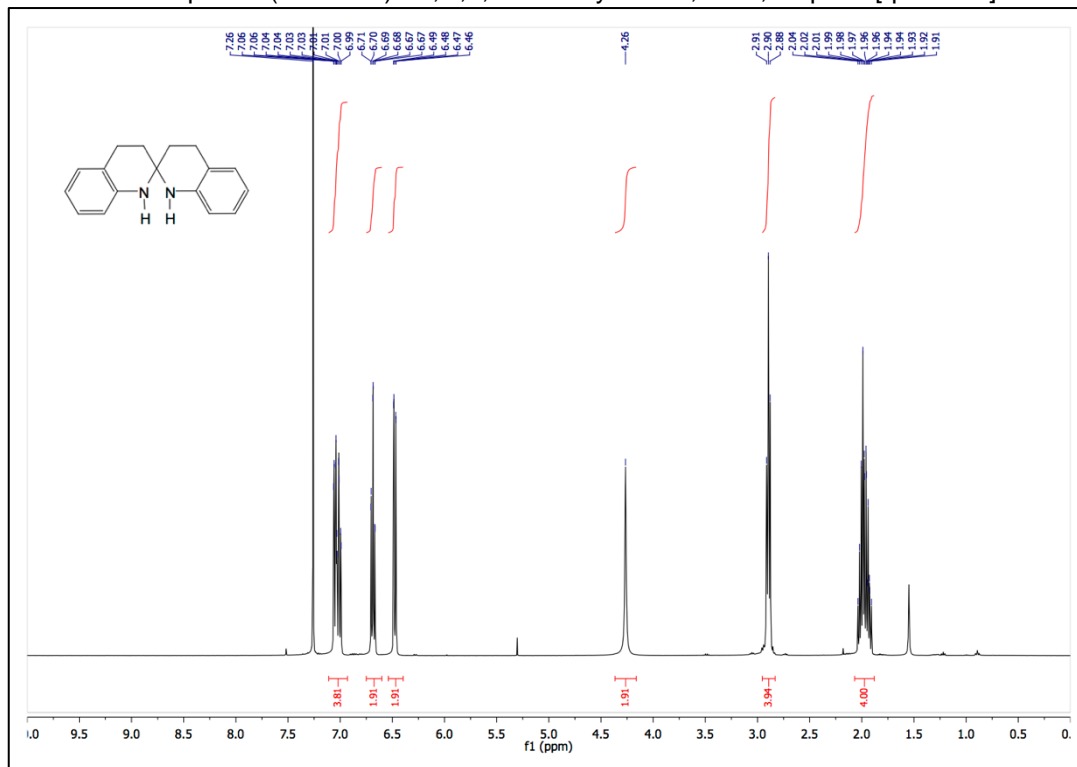
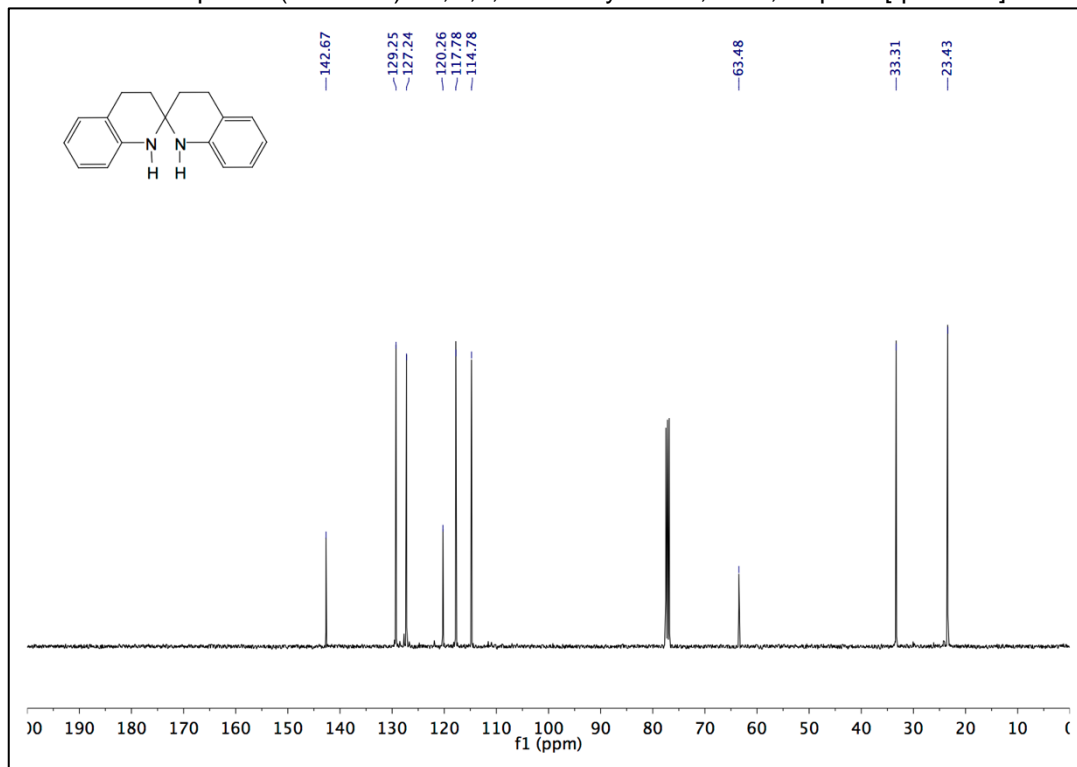
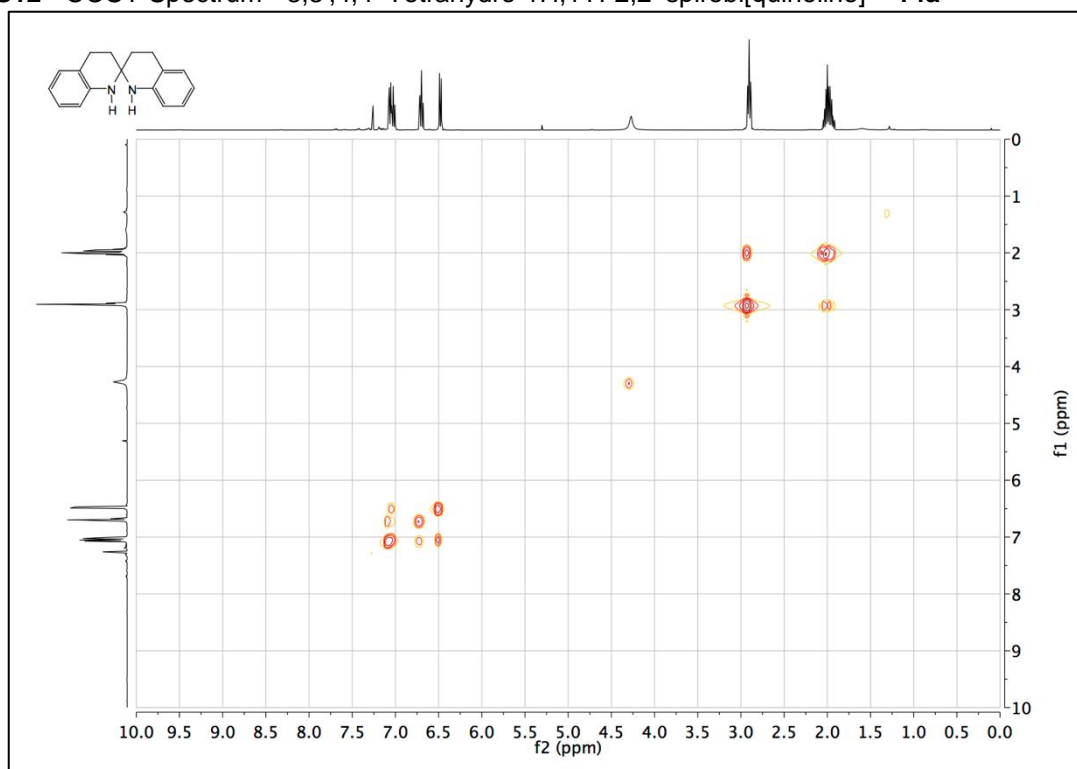


Fig S11 - <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – 14a



**Fig S12 - COSY Spectrum - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – 14a**



**Fig S13 - HMBC Spectrum - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – 14a**

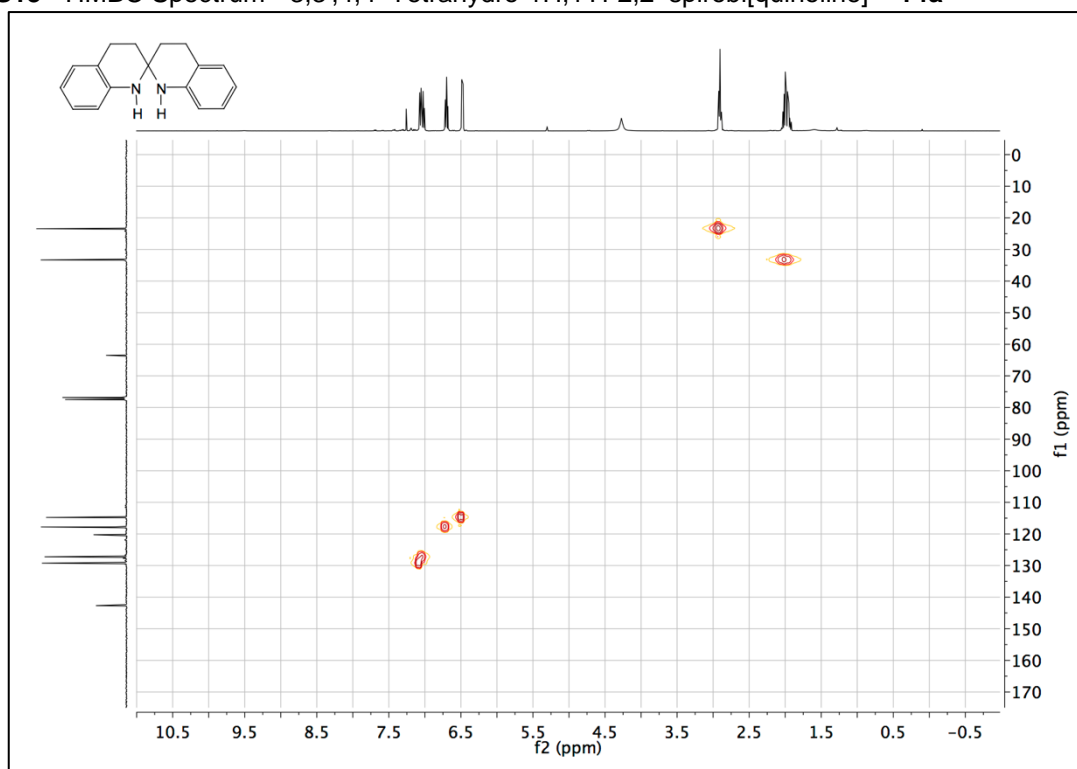
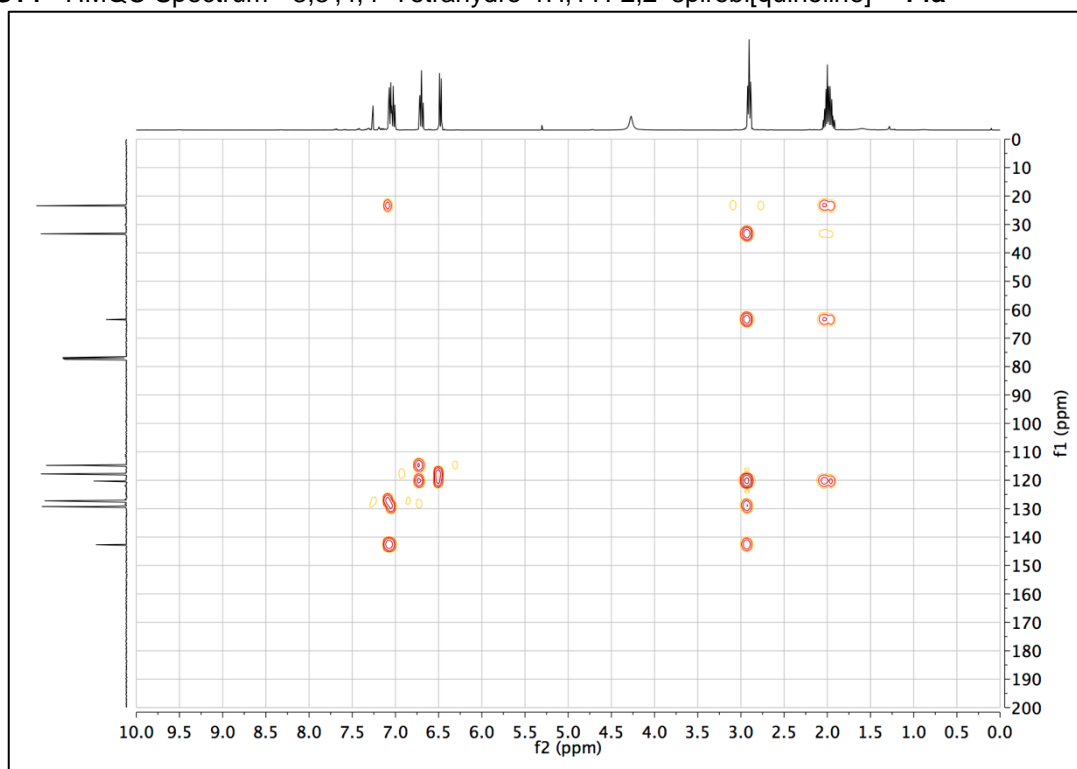
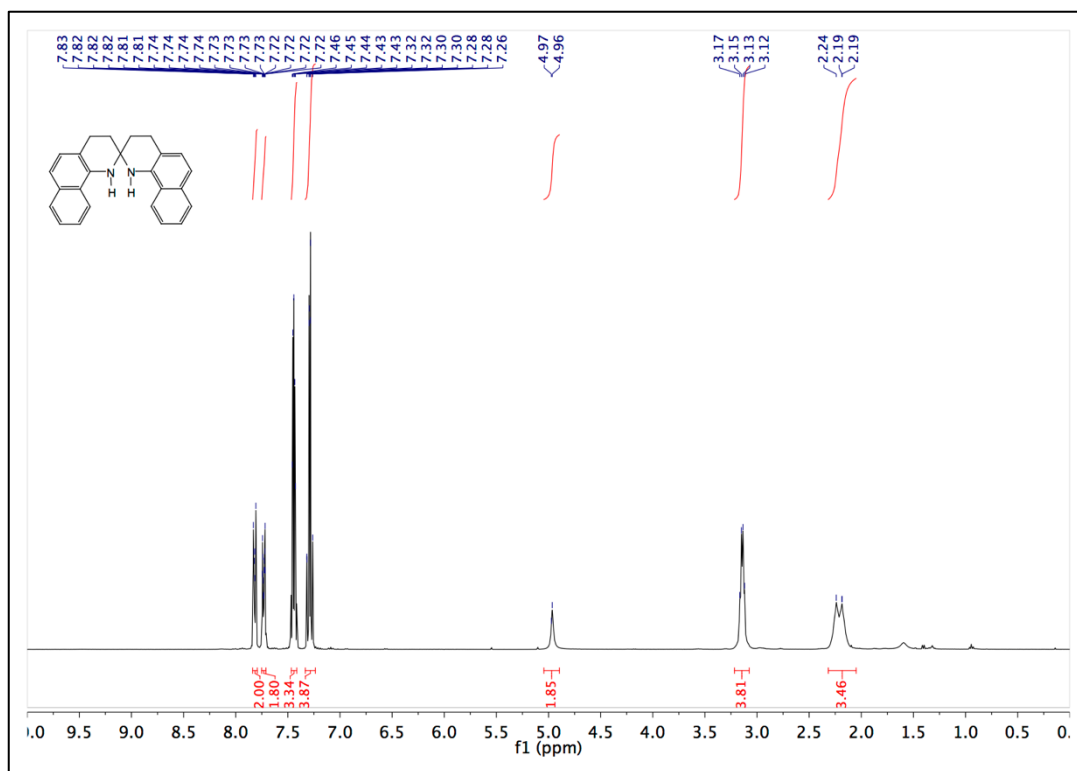




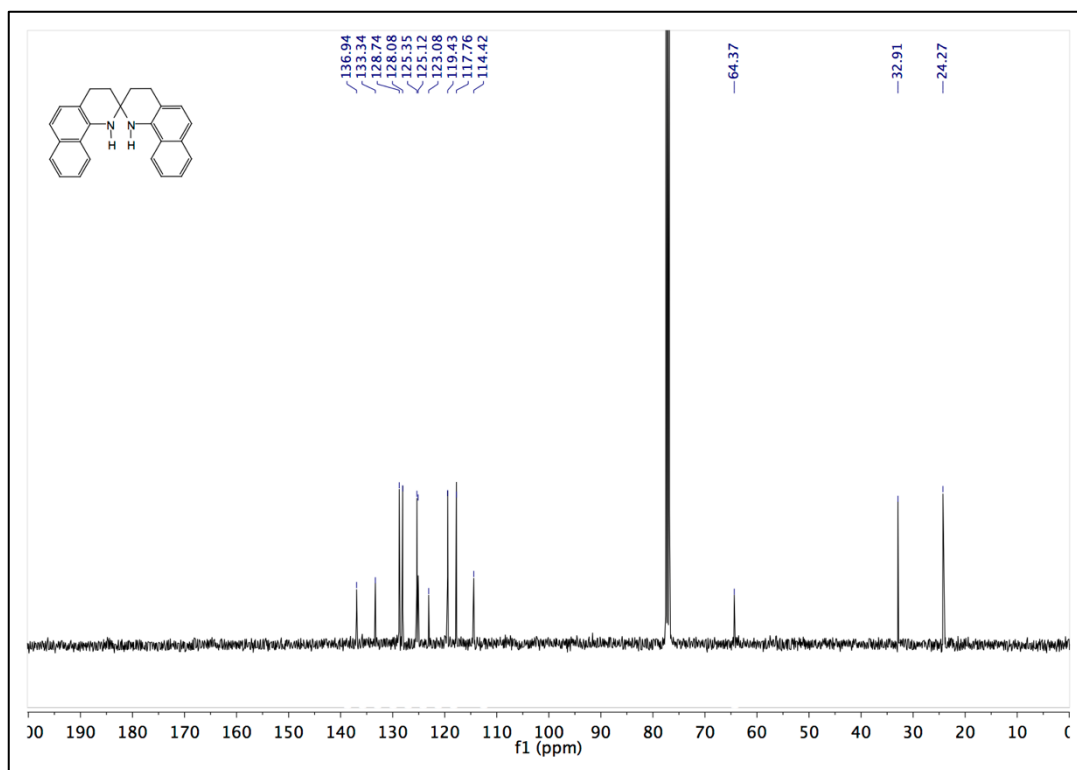
Fig S14 - HMQC Spectrum - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – 14a



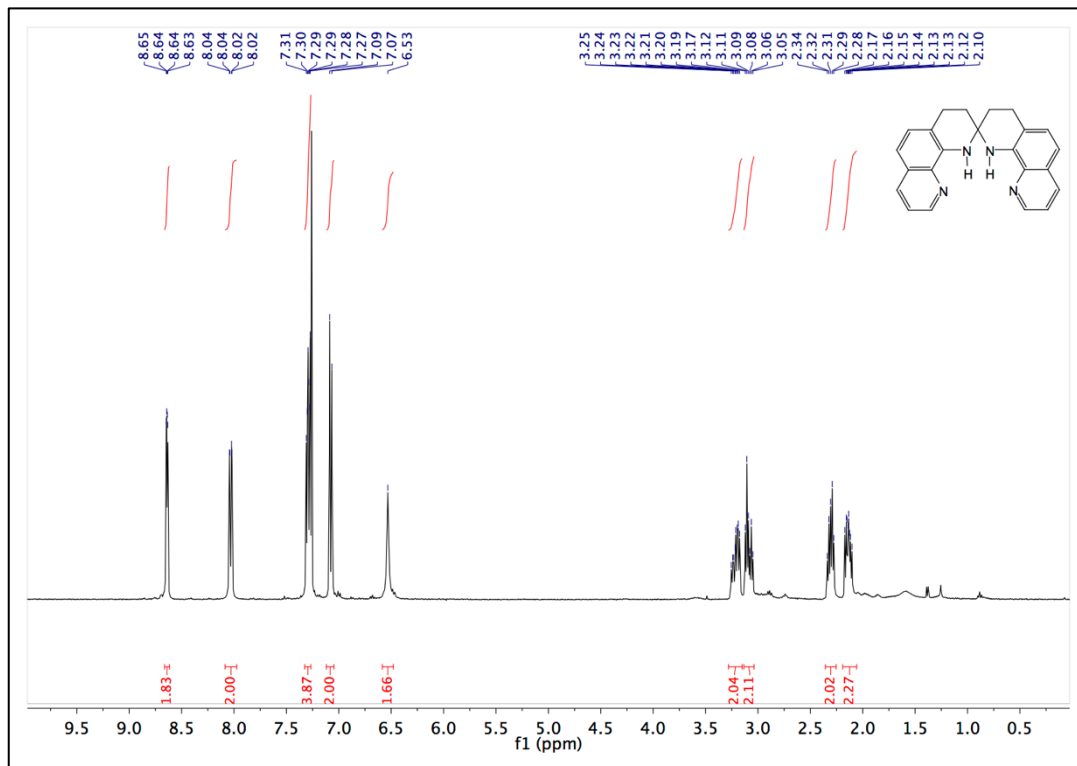
**Fig S15** - <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[benzo[h]quinoline] – 14b



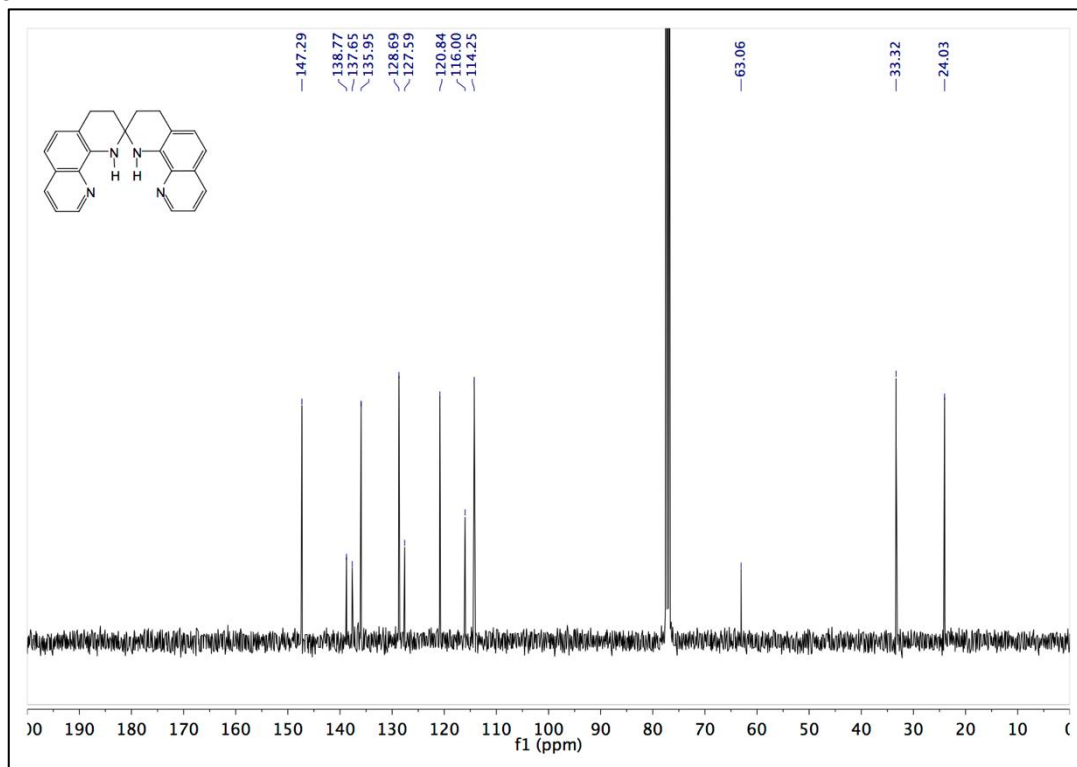
**Fig S16** - <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (101 MHz) 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[benzo[h]quinoline] – 14b



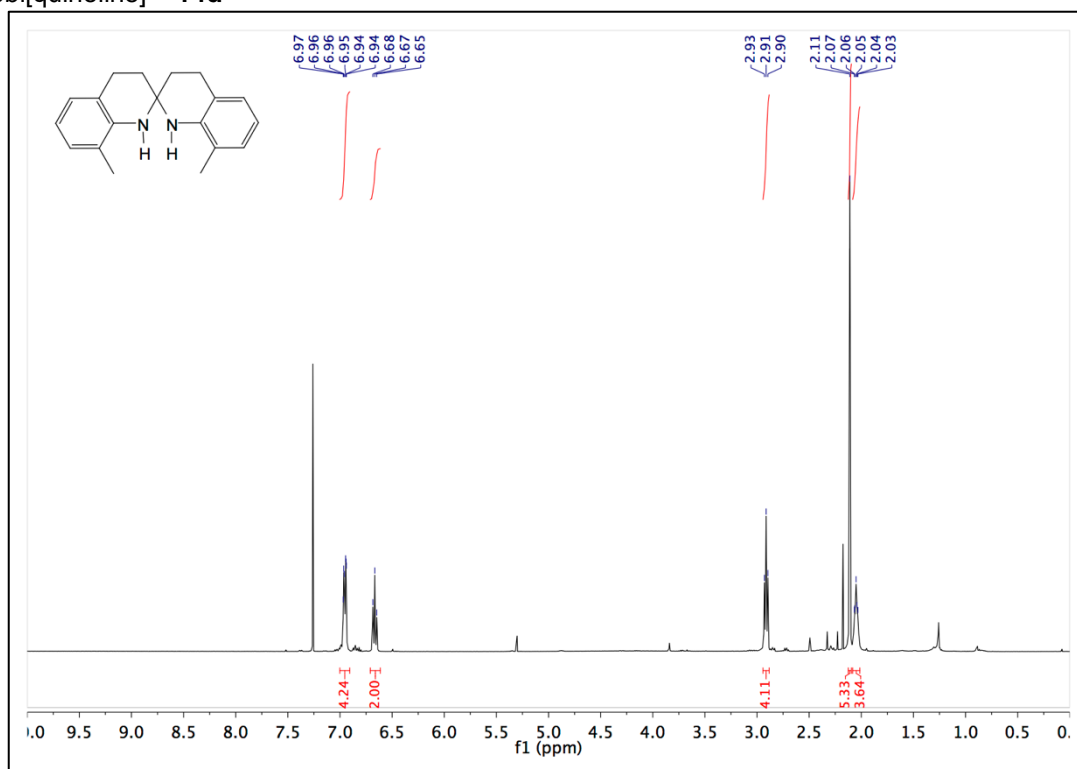
**Fig S17** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[[1,10]phenanthroline] - **14c**



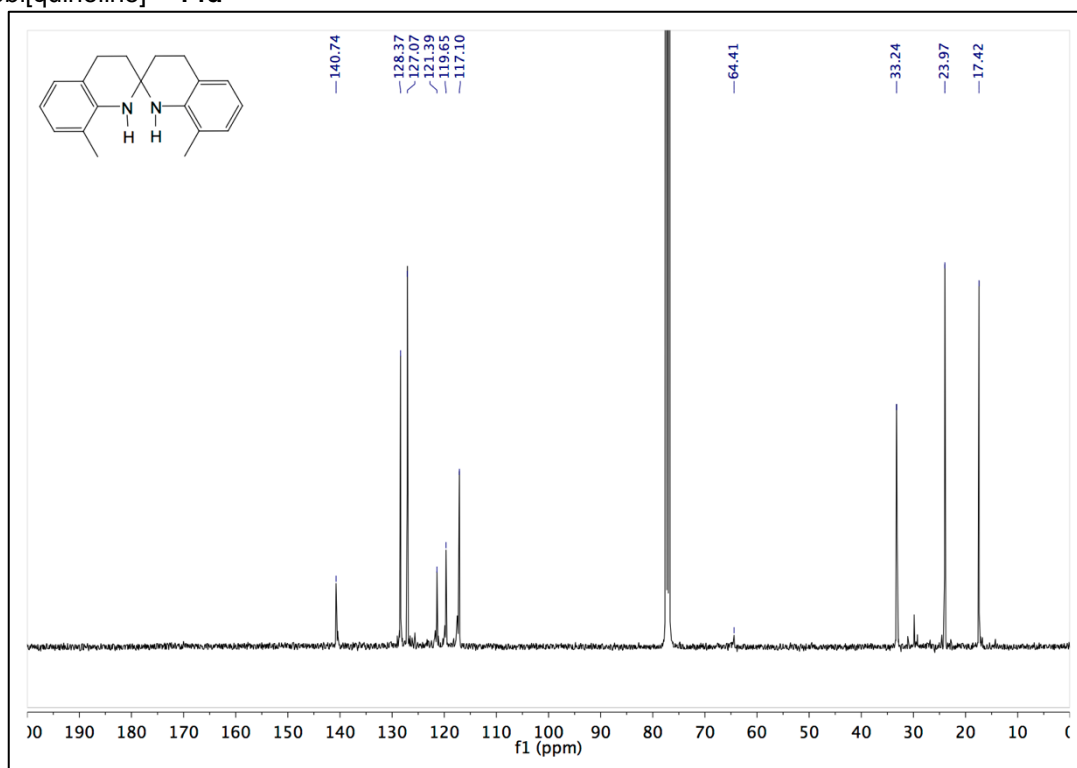
**Fig S18** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[[1,10]phenanthroline] - **14c**



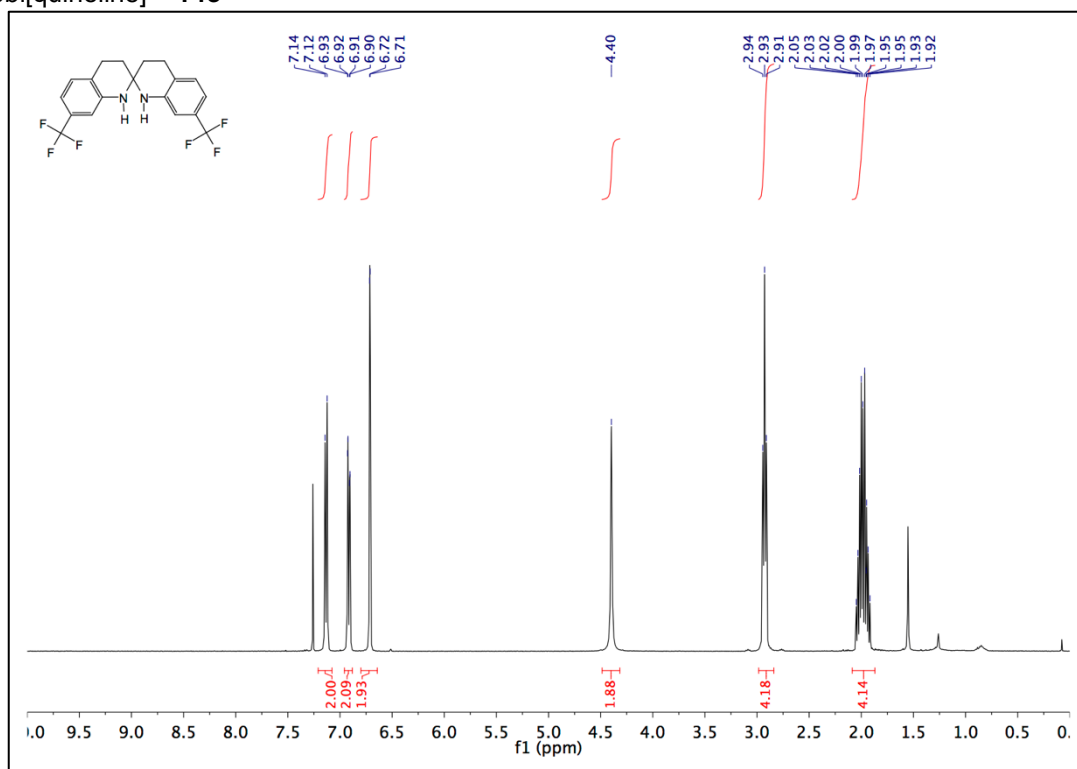
**Fig S19** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 8,8'-Dimethyl-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **14d**



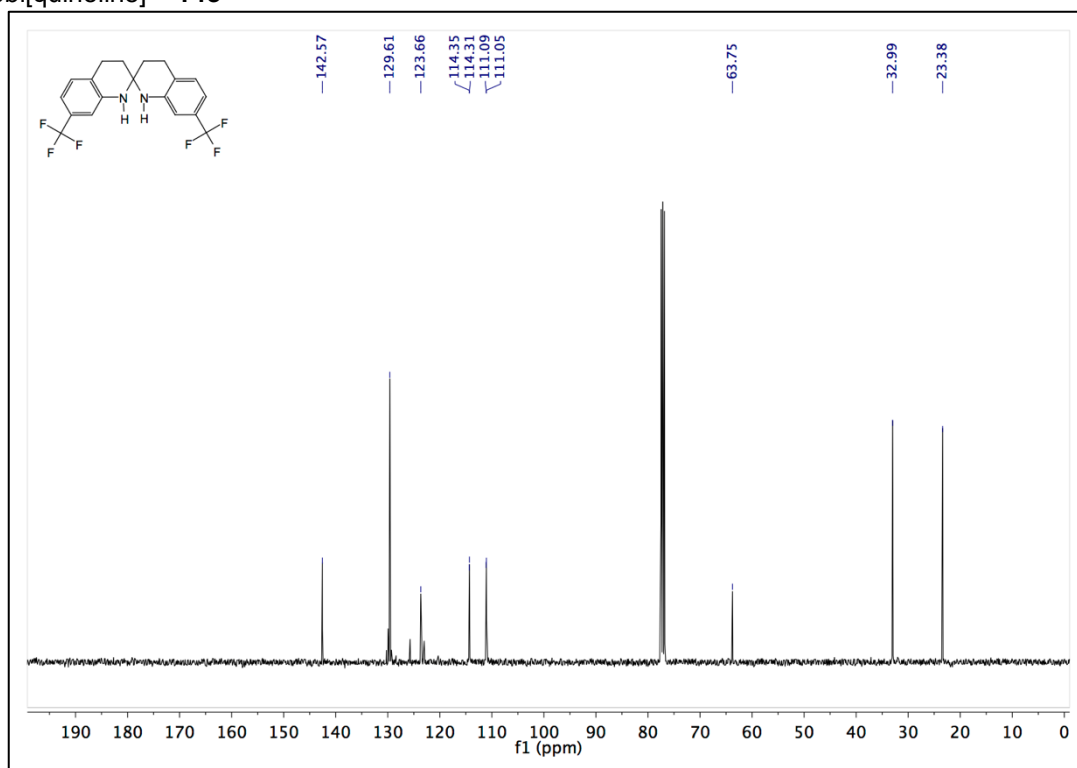
**Fig S20** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 8,8'-Dimethyl-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **14d**



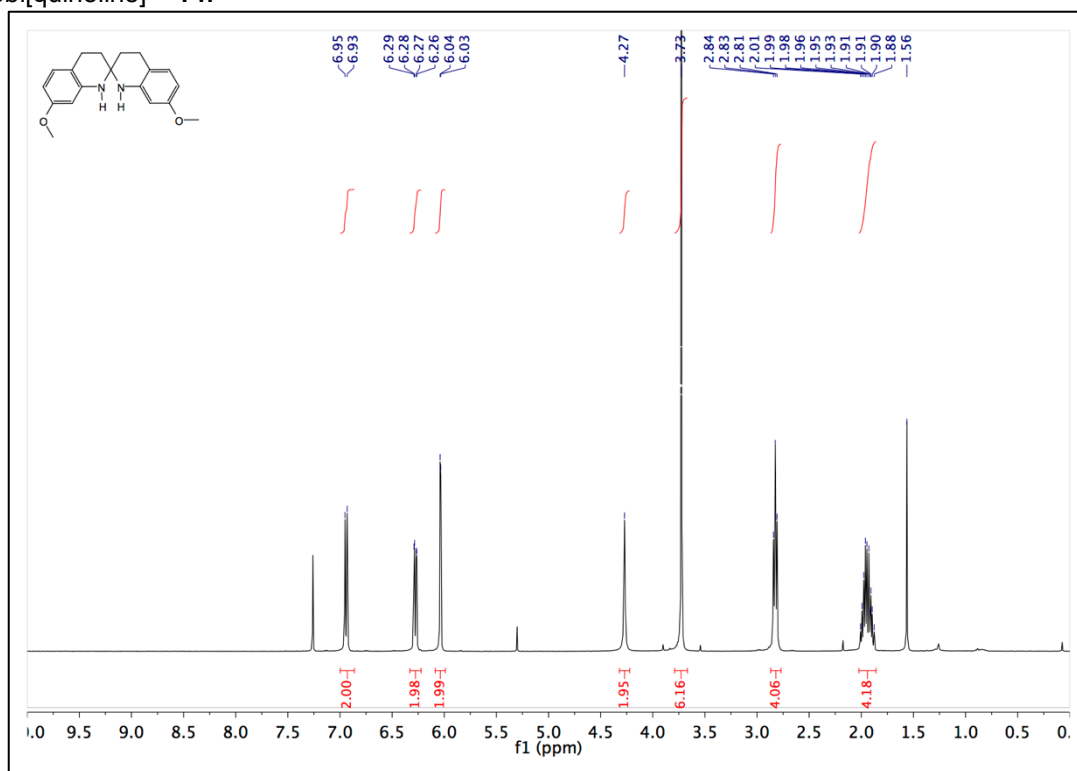
**Fig S21** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 7,7'-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **14e**



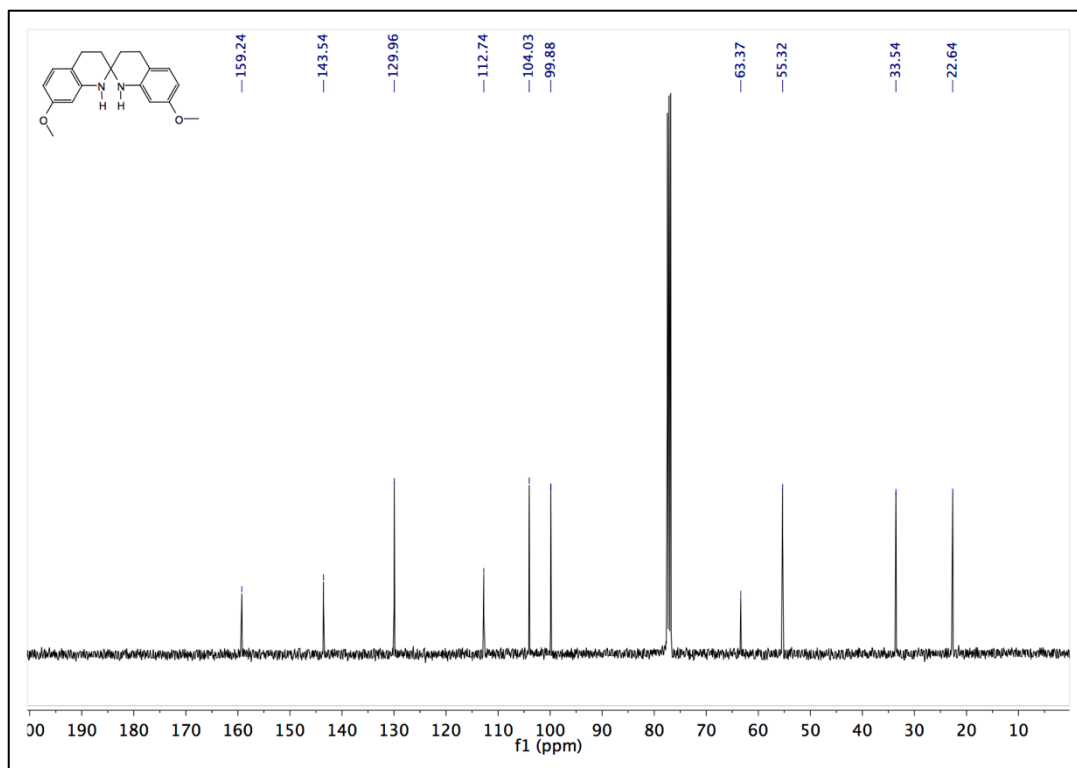
**Fig S22** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 7,7'-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **14e**



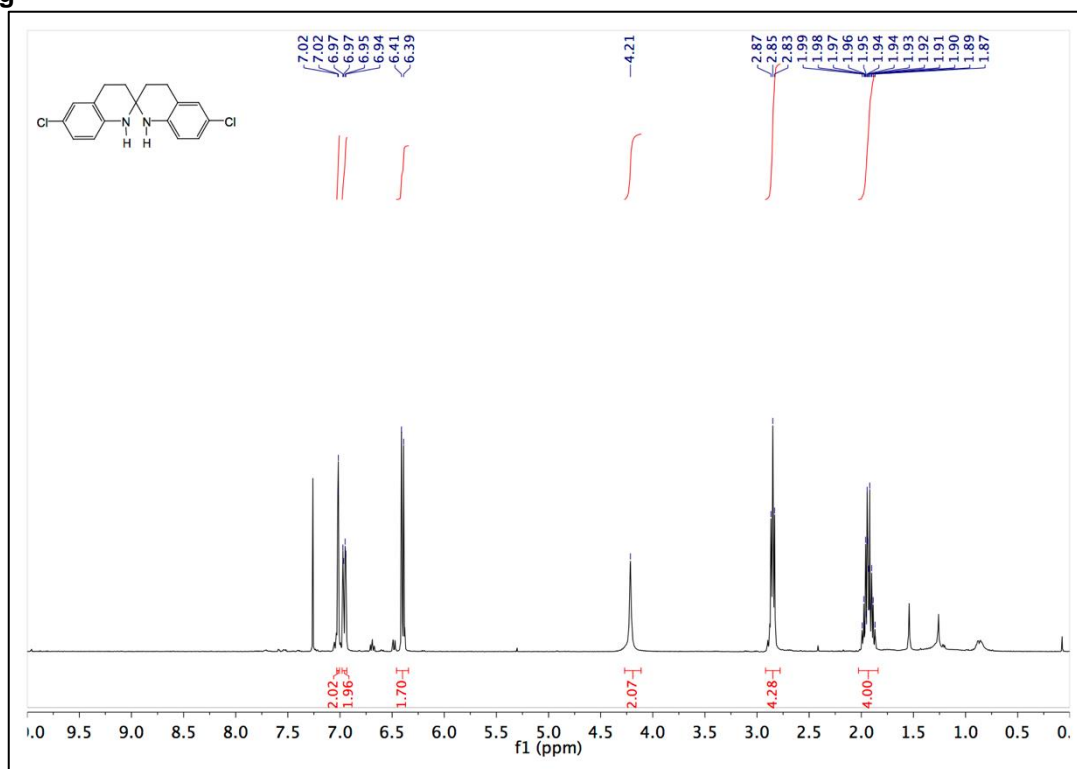
**Fig S23** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 7,7'-Dimethoxy-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **14f**



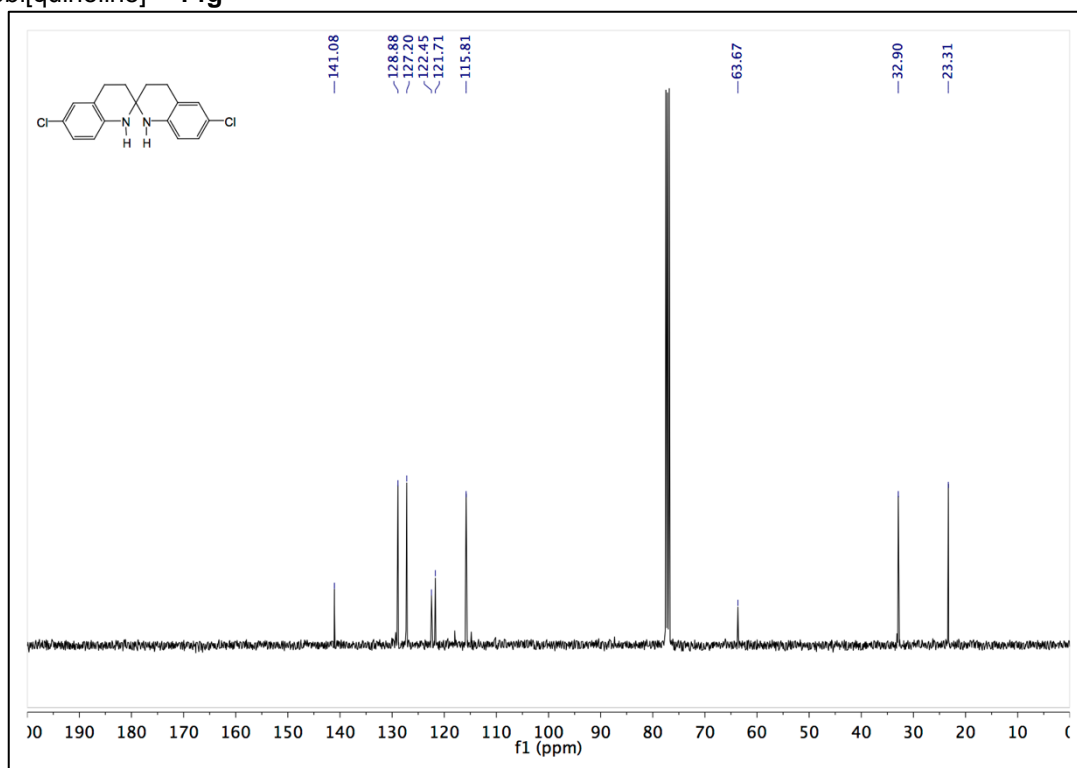
**Fig S24** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 7,7'-Dimethoxy-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **14f**



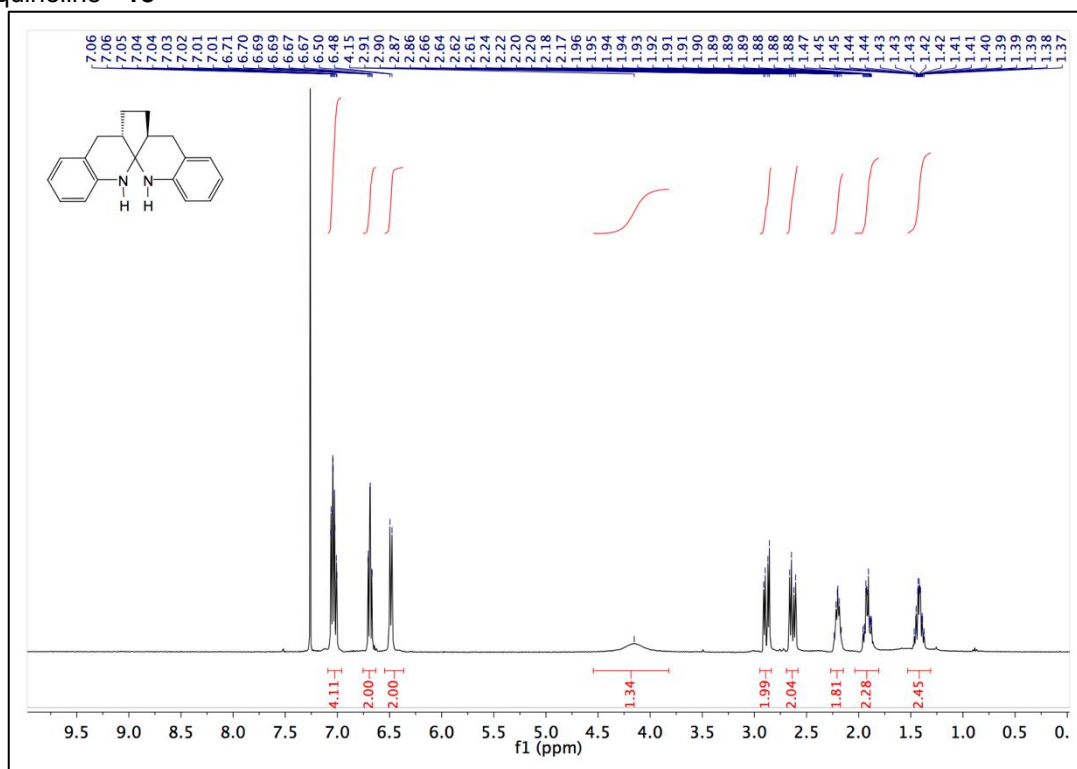
**Fig S25** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 6,6'-Dichloro-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] - **14g**



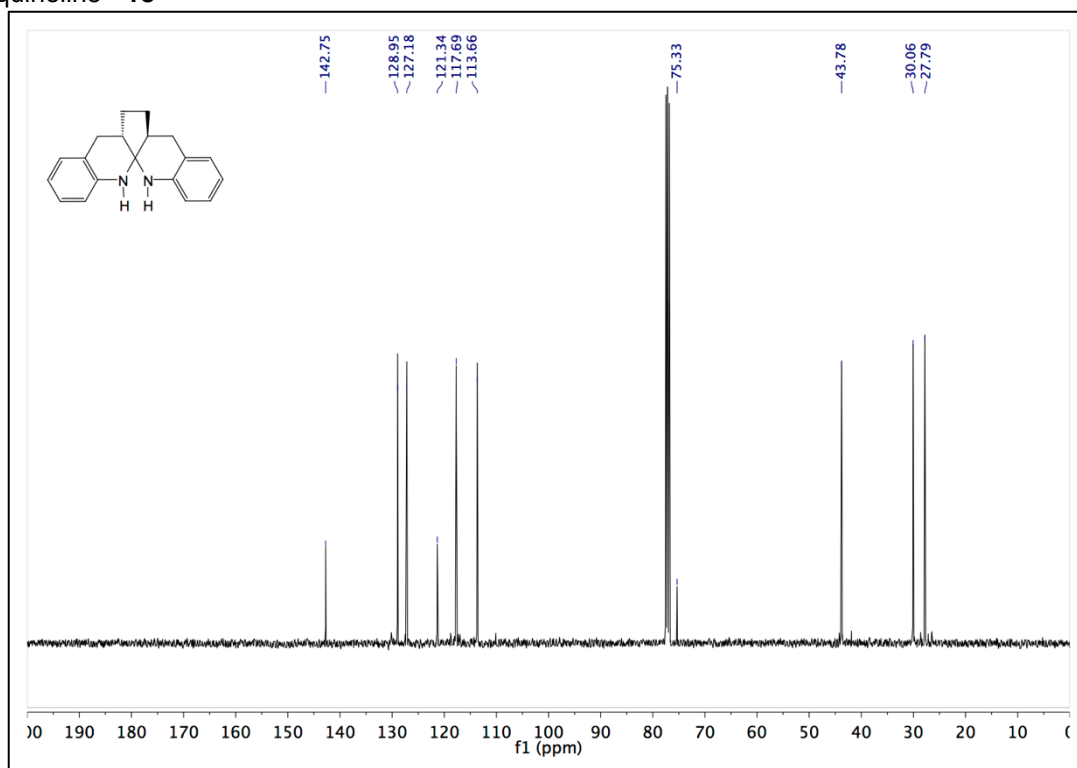
**Fig S26** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 6,6'-Dichloro-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] - **14g**



**Fig S27** - <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 5,5a,6,7,7a,8,13,14-Octahydrocyclopenta[1,2-b:1,5-b']diquinoline - **18**

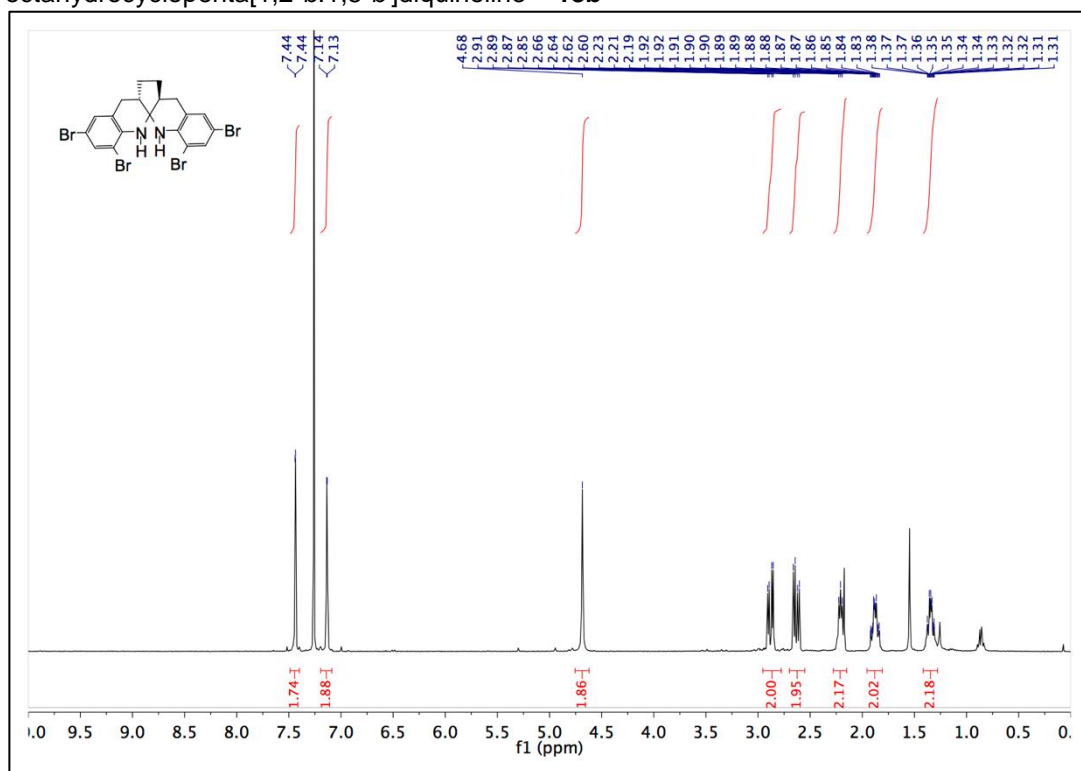


**Fig S28** - <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 5,5a,6,7,7a,8,13,14-Octahydrocyclopenta[1,2-b:1,5-b']diquinoline - **18**

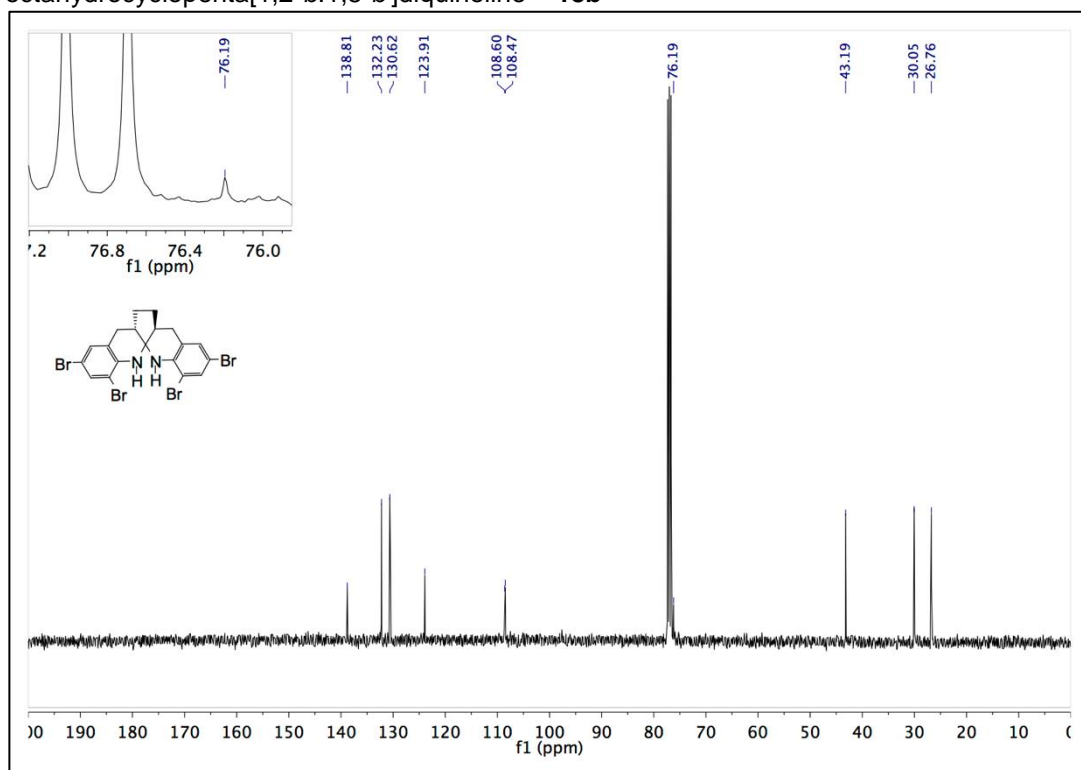




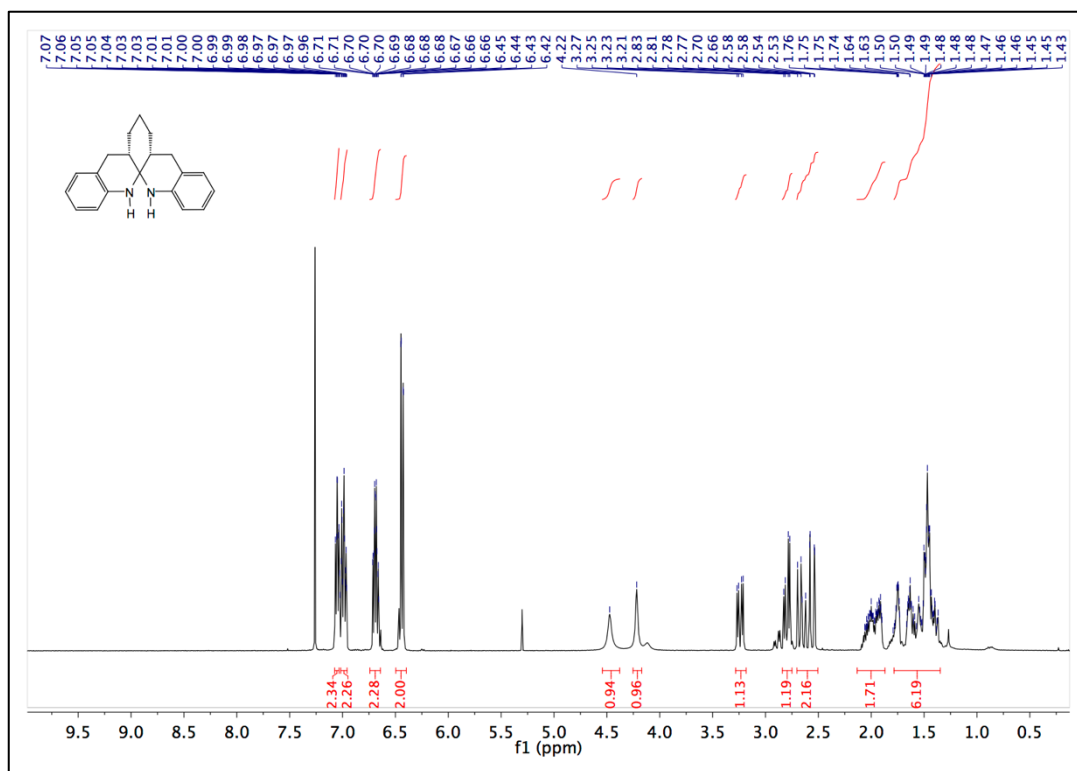
**Fig S29** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 1,3,10,12-tetrabromo-5,5a,6,7,7a,8,13,14-octahydrocyclopenta[1,2-*b*:1,5-*b'*]diquinoline – **18b**



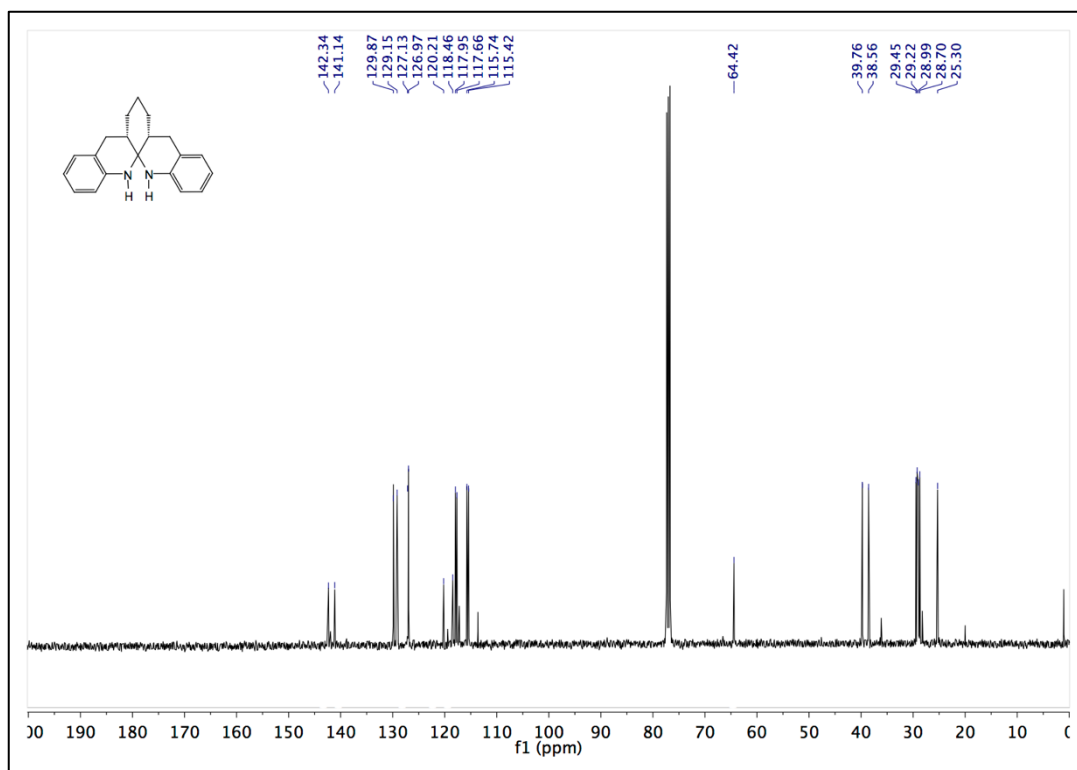
**Fig S30** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz)- 1,3,10,12-tetrabromo-5,5a,6,7,7a,8,13,14-octahydrocyclopenta[1,2-*b*:1,5-*b'*]diquinoline – **18b**



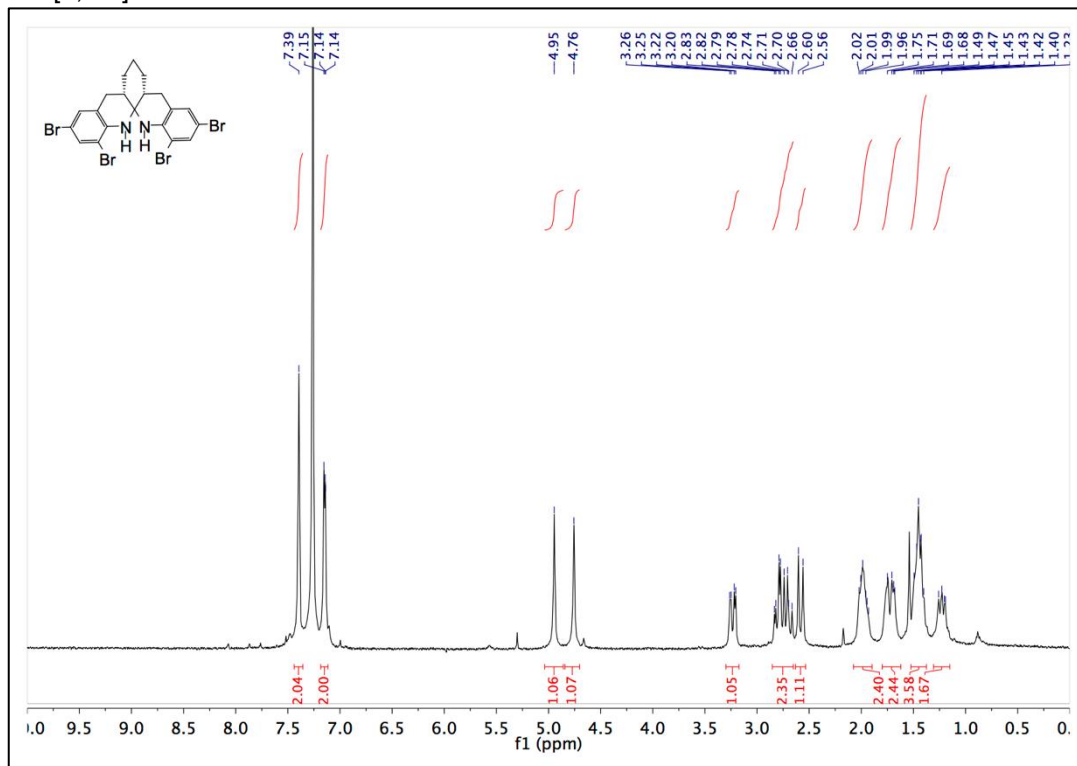
**Fig S31** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 5a,6,7,8,8a,9,14,15-Octahydro-5H-quinolino[3,2-d]acridine - 19



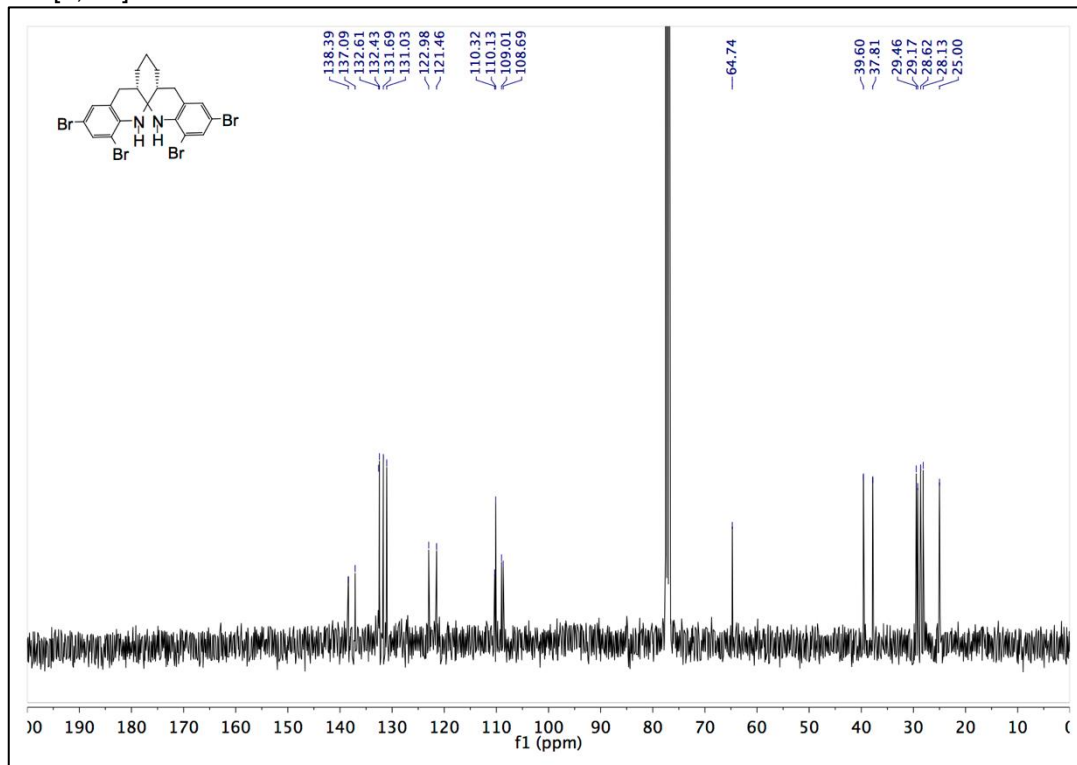
**Fig S32** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 5a,6,7,8,8a,9,14,15-Octahydro-5H-quinolino[3,2-d]acridine - 19



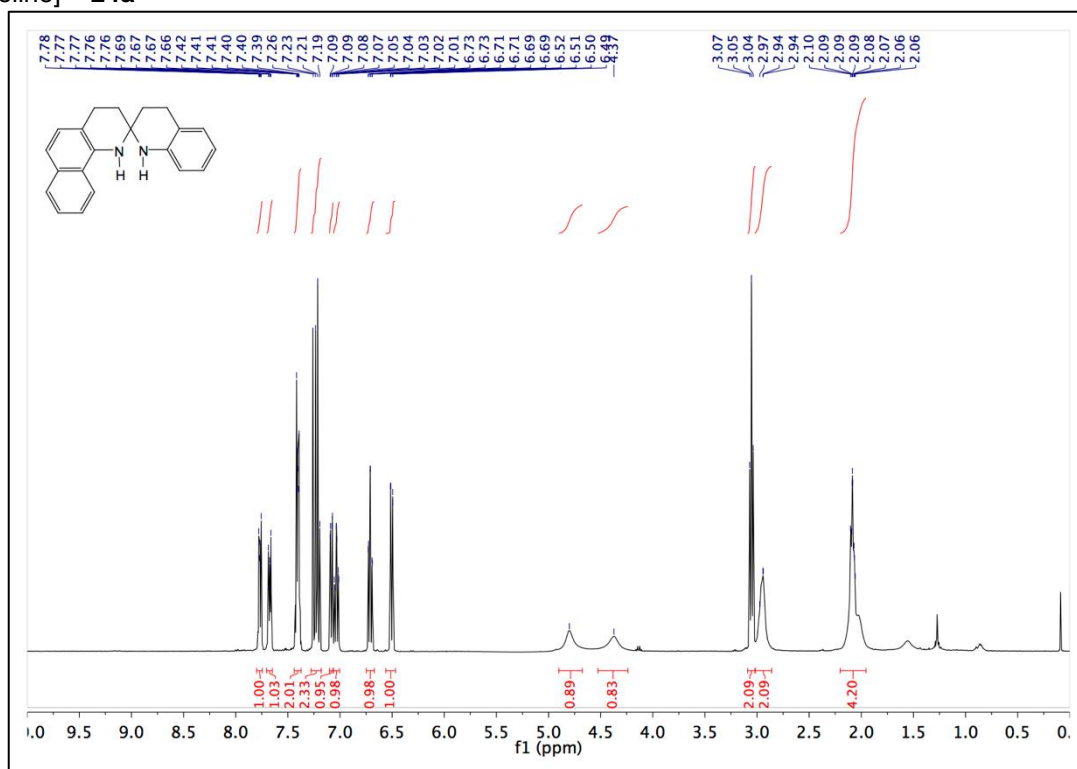
**Fig S33** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 1,3,11,13-tetrabromo-5a,6,7,8,8a,9,14,15-octahydro-5H-quinolino[3,2-d]acridine – **19b**



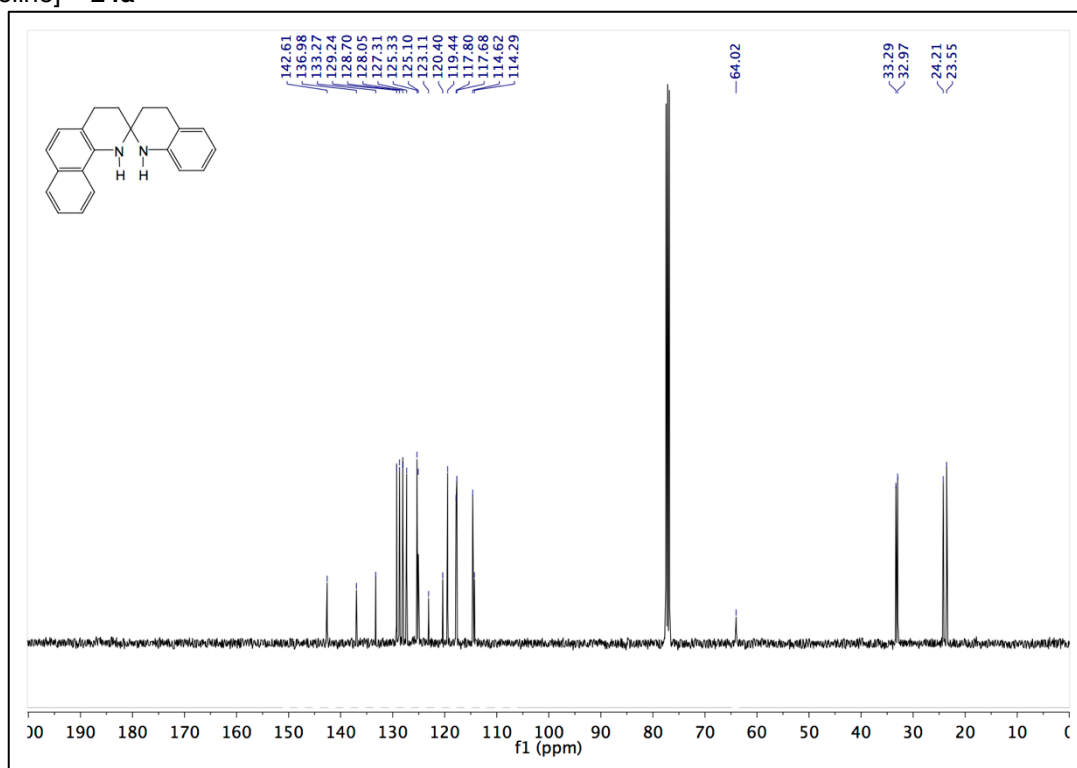
**Fig S34** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 1,3,11,13-tetrabromo-5a,6,7,8,8a,9,14,15-octahydro-5H-quinolino[3,2-d]acridine – **19b**



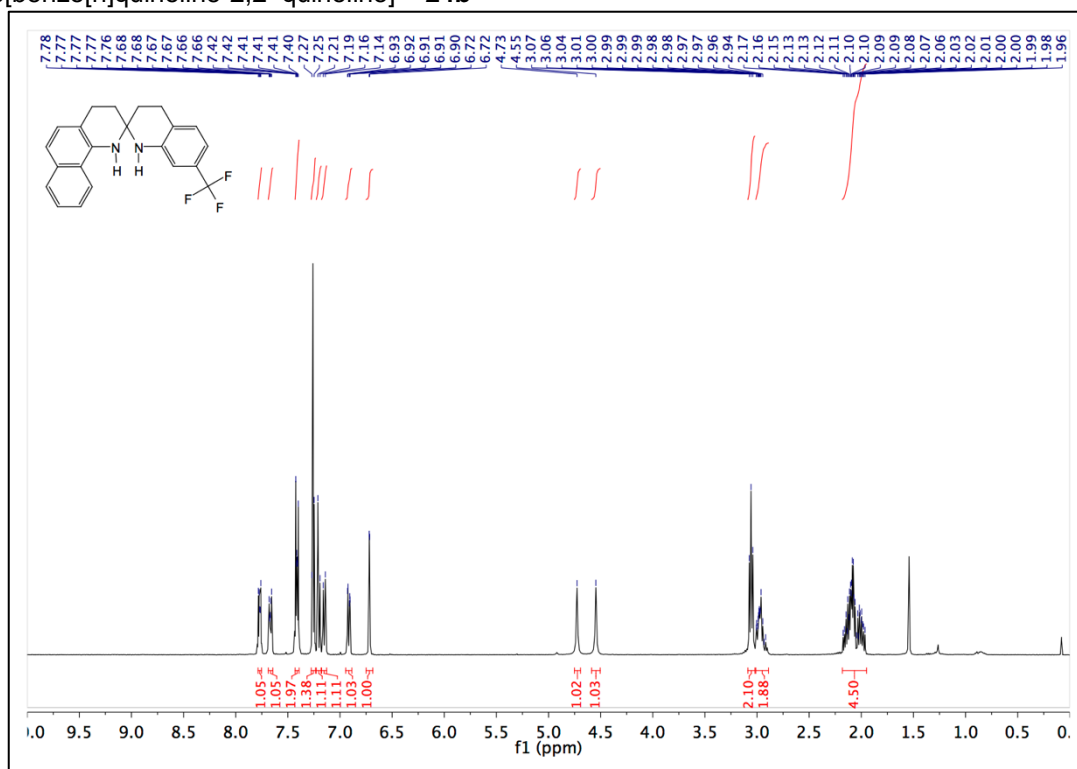
**Fig S35** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-spiro[benzo[h]quinoline-2,2'-quinoline] – **24a**



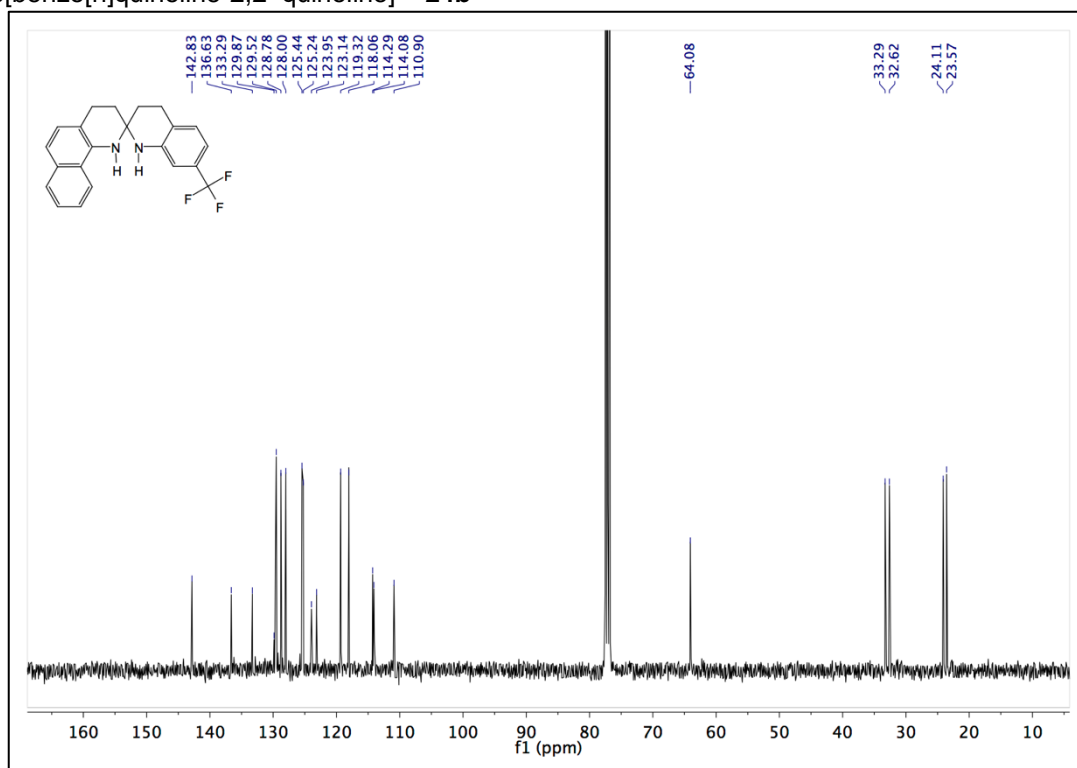
**Fig S36** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 3,3',4,4'-Tetrahydro-1H,1'H-spiro[benzo[h]quinoline-2,2'-quinoline] – **24a**



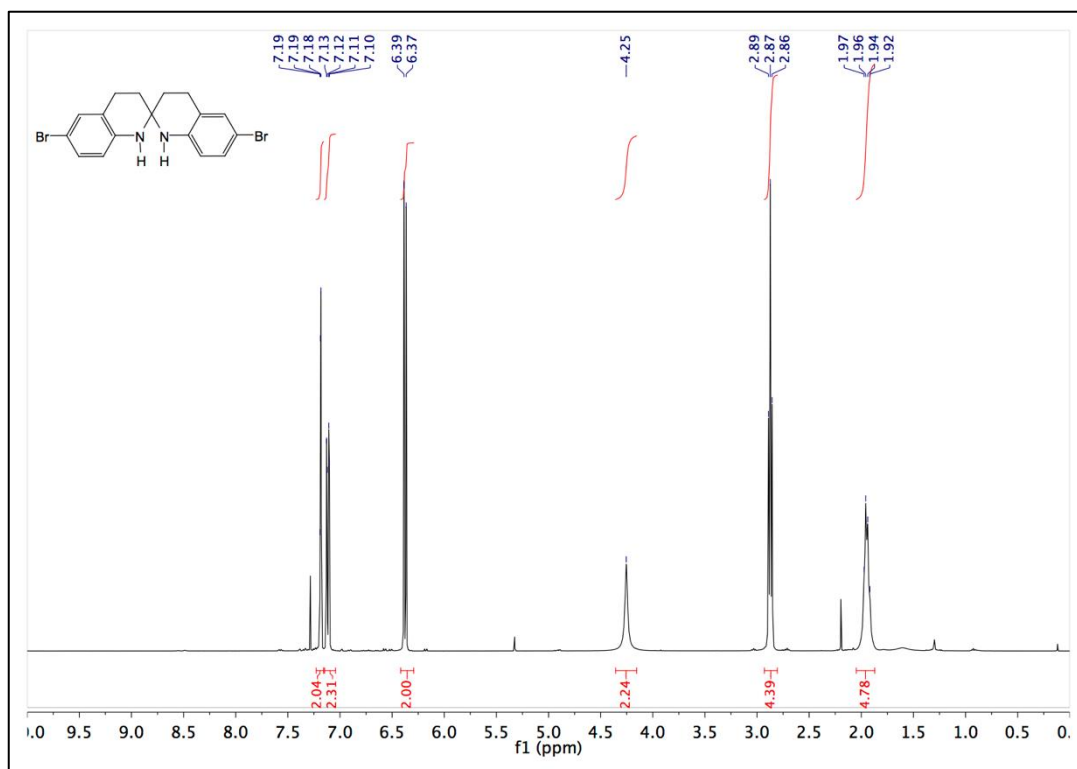
**Fig S37** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 7'-(Trifluoromethyl)-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-spiro[benzo[h]quinoline-2,2'-quinoline] – **24b**



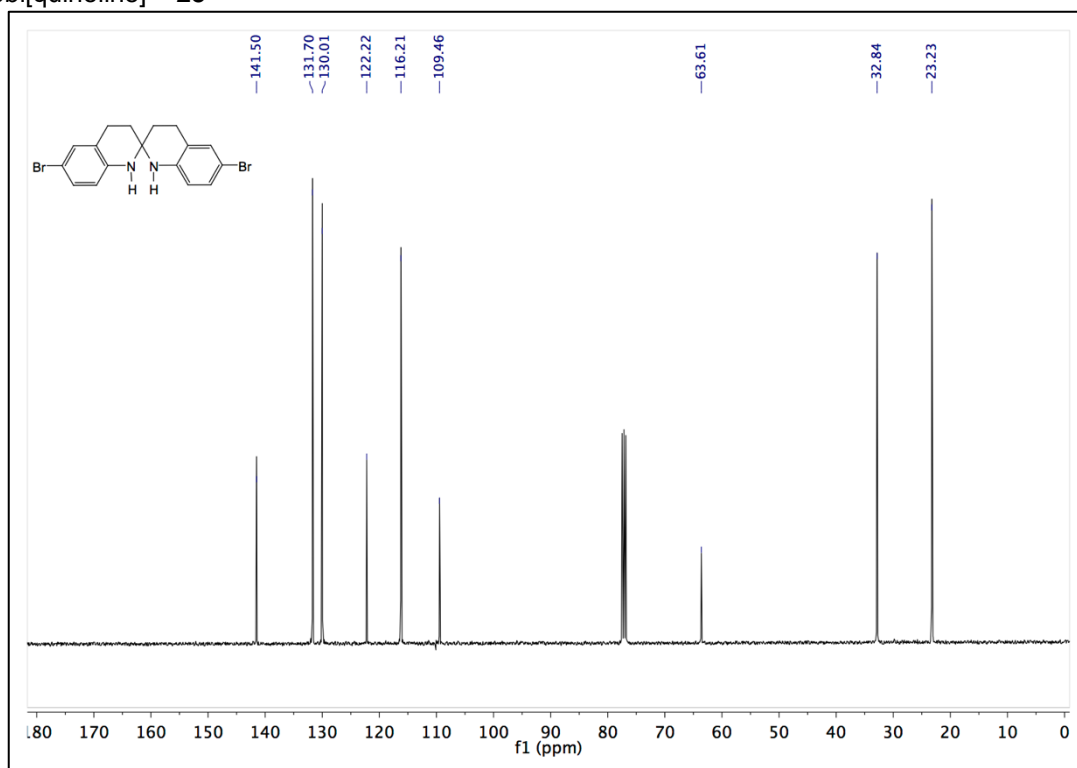
**Fig S38** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 7'-(Trifluoromethyl)-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-spiro[benzo[h]quinoline-2,2'-quinoline] – **24b**



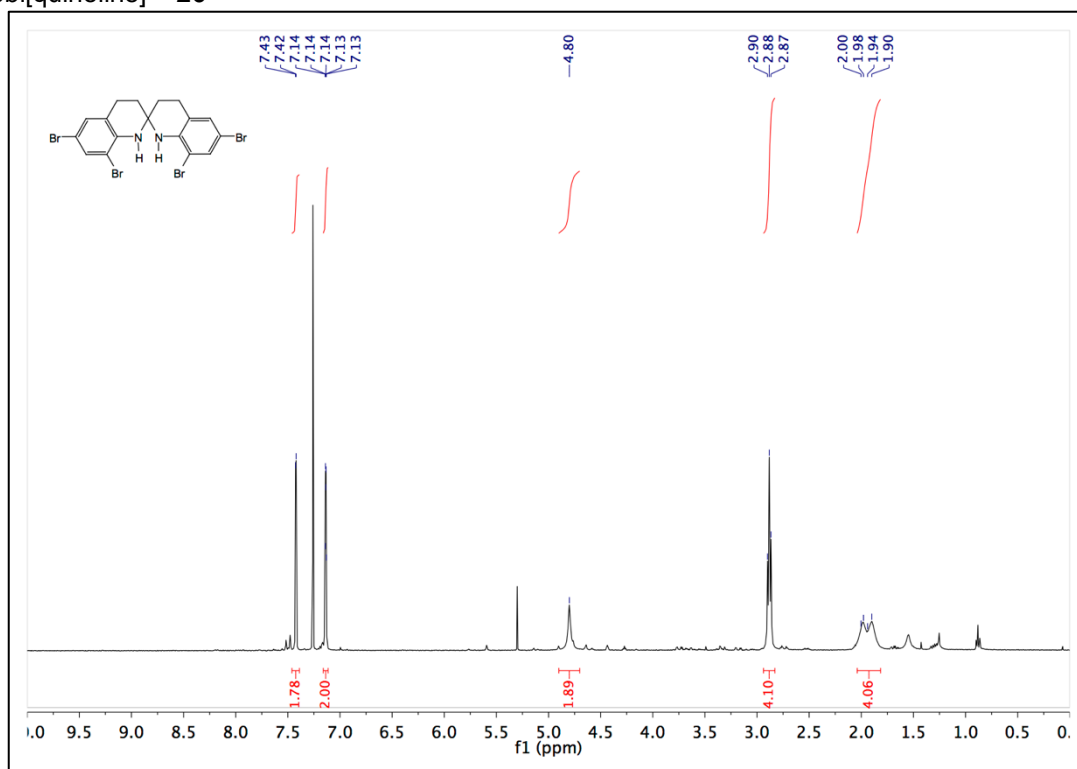
**Fig S9** - <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 6,6'-Dibromo-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] - 25



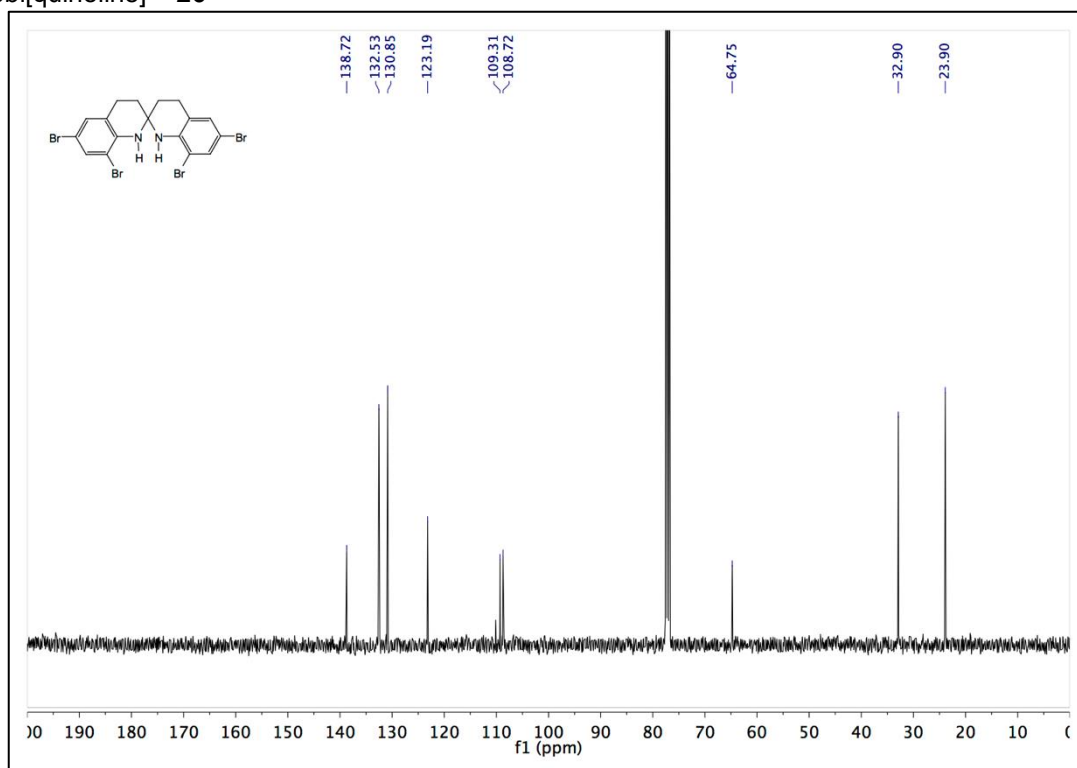
**Fig S40** - <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 6,6'-Dibromo-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] - 25



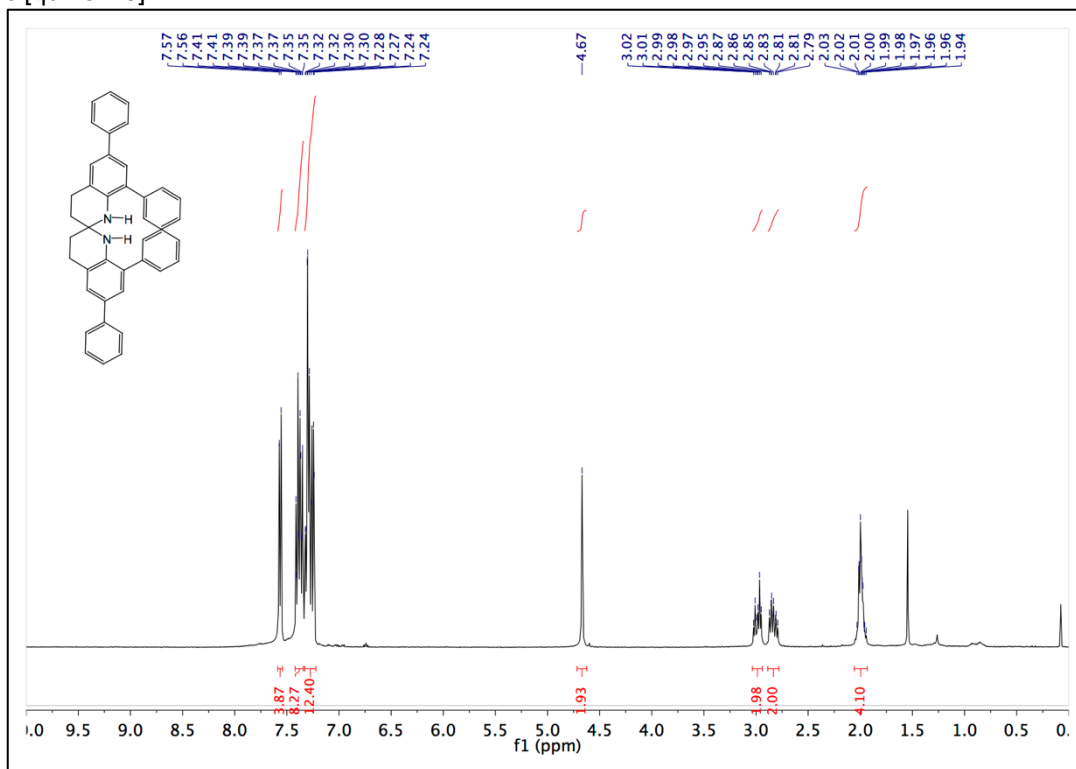
**Fig S41** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 6,6',8,8'-Tetrabromo-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **26**



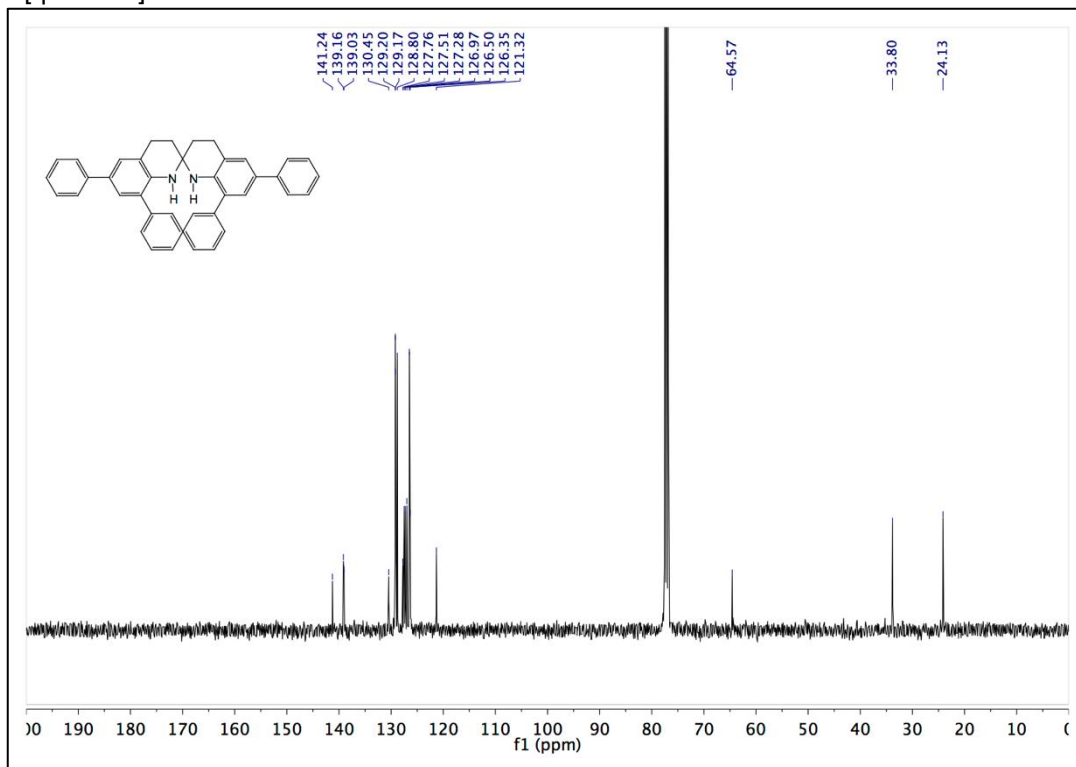
**Fig S42** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 6,6',8,8'-Tetrabromo-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **26**



**Fig S44** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 6,6',8,8'-Tetraphenyl-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **27**

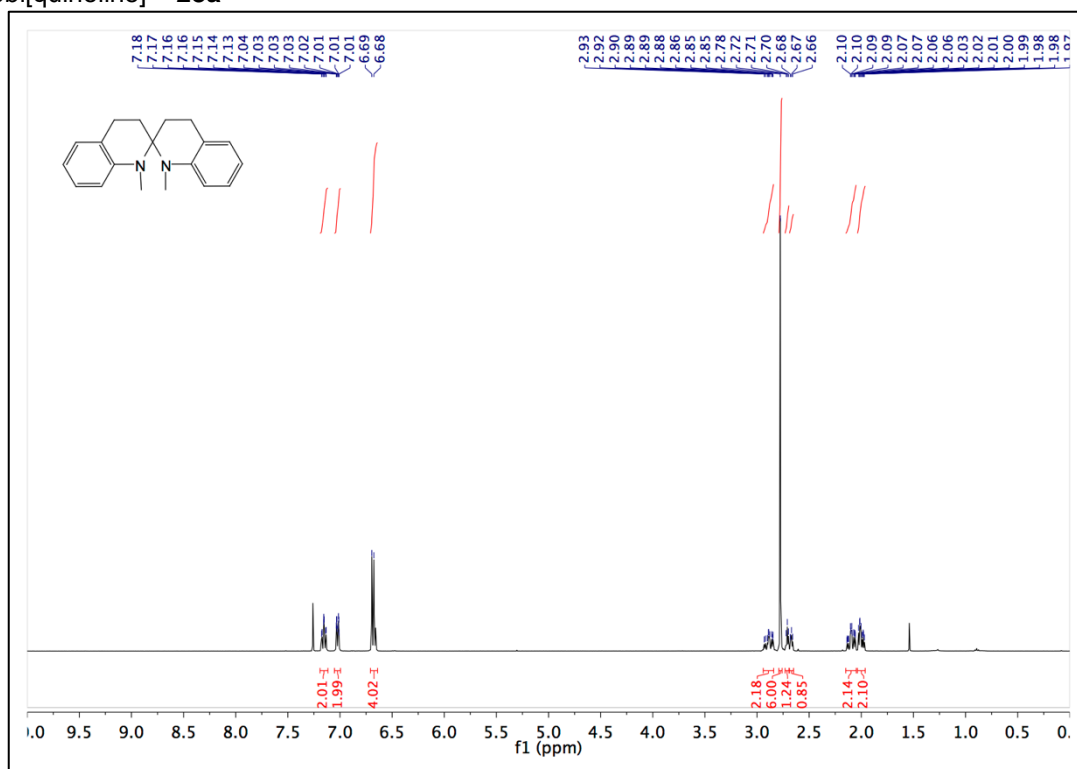


**Fig S45** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 6,6',8,8'-Tetraphenyl-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **27**

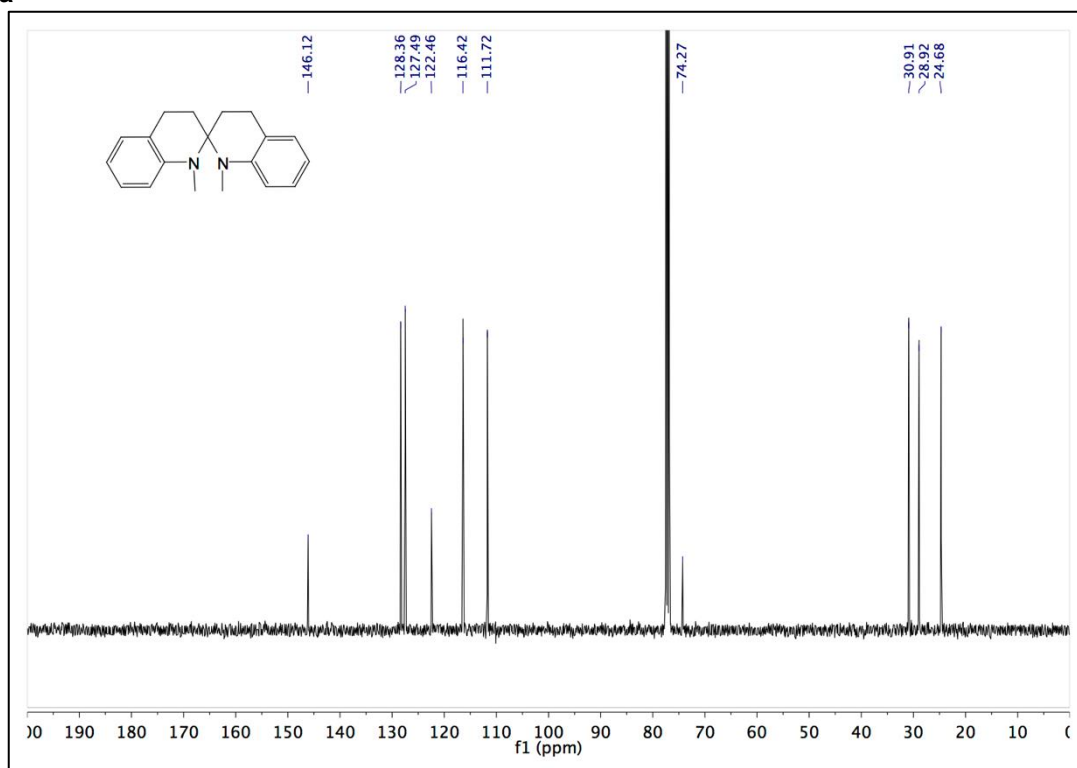




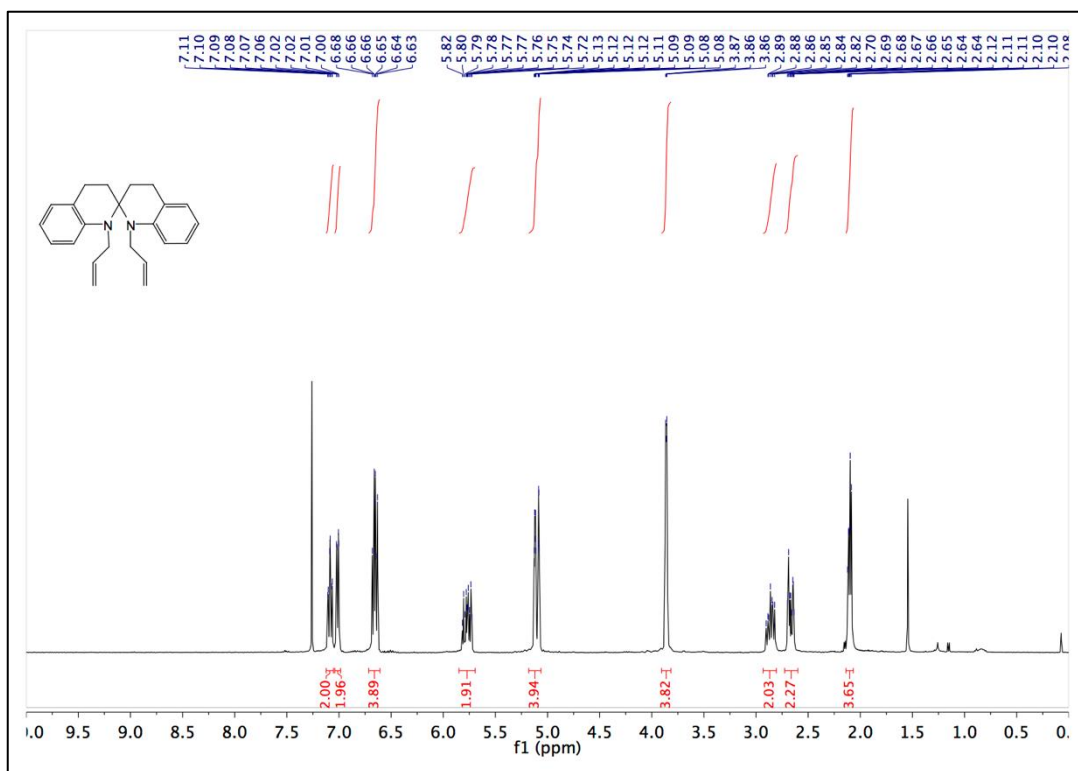
**Fig S46** -  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 1,1'-Dimethyl-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **28a**



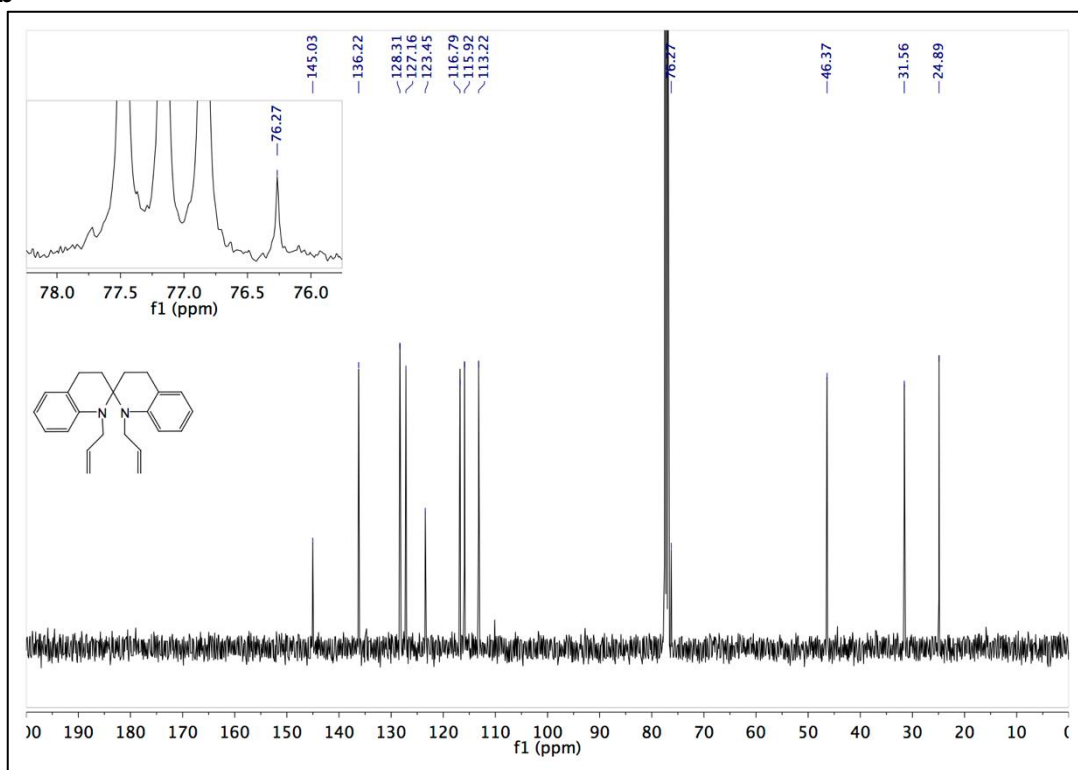
**Fig S47** -  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra (101 MHz) 1,1'-Dimethyl-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – **28a**



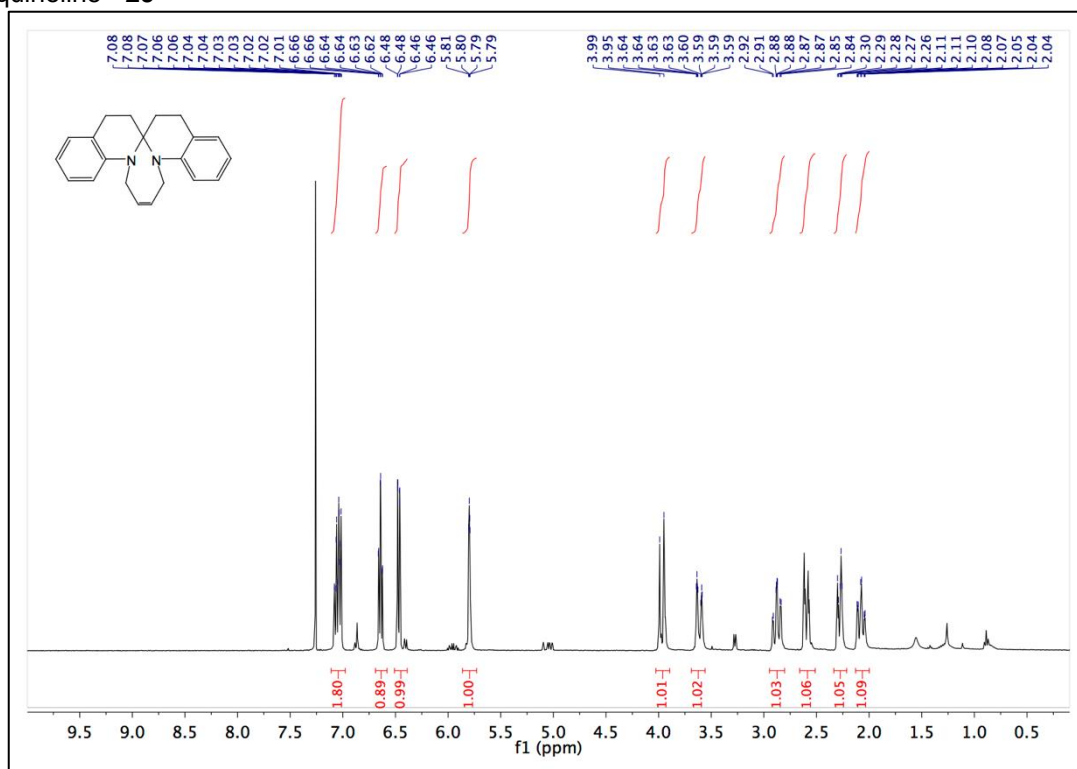
**Fig S48 - <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 1,1'-Diallyl-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – 28b**



**Fig S49 - <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 1,1'-Diallyl-3,3',4,4'-tetrahydro-1H,1'H-2,2'-spirobi[quinoline] – 28b**



**Fig S50** - <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra (400 MHz) - 1,4,10,11,12,13-Hexahydro-[1,3]diazepino[1,2-a:3,2-a']diquinoline - **29**



**Fig S51** - <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra (101 MHz) - 1,4,10,11,12,13-Hexahydro-[1,3]diazepino[1,2-a:3,2-a']diquinoline - **29**

