

Supporting Information

Catalyst-free thiolation of indoles with sulfonyl hydrazides for the synthesis of 3-sulfenylindoles in water

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General Remarks

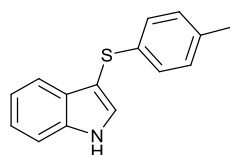
All substrates were purchased commercially without further purification. The yields were determined based on indoles.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-300 FT spectrometer at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively, with tetramethylsilane as an internal reference. Chemical shifts (δ) and coupling constants (J) were expressed in ppm and Hz, respectively. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a LC-TOF spectrometer (Micromass).

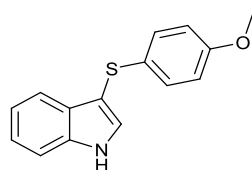
General procedures for the synthesis of Arylsulfonyl Hydrazides

Arylsulfonyl hydrazides **2b-2s** were prepared according to the literature procedure.^[1] To a solution of an arylsulfonyl chloride (3.0 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (15 mL), was added hydrazine monohydrate (375 mg, 7.5 mmol) dropwise under nitrogen at 0 °C. After vigorous stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was added ethyl acetate (60 mL), and washed with saturated brine (3 x 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, concentrated and added to hexane (12 mL) over 5 min. The mixture was filtered, and the collected solid was dried in vacuum.

Characterization data of products

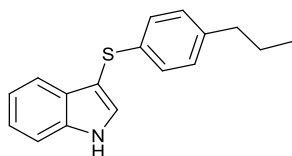


3-(p-tolylthio)-1H-indole (3aa).^[1] The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 87% yield; mp = 125–126 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.24 (s, 3H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.5, 135.5, 134.6, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 126.3, 122.9, 120.8, 119.7, 111.5, 103.5, 20.8.

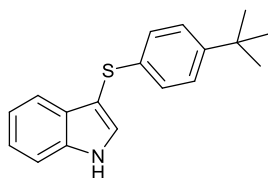


3-(4-methoxyphenylthio)-1H-indole (3ab).^[1] The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a

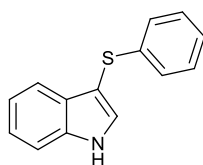
yellow solid: 93% yield, mp = 111–113 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.76 (s, 3H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8, 136.5, 130.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 123.0, 120.8, 119.6, 114.5, 111.6, 104.5, 55.4.



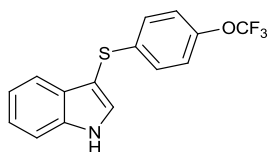
3-(4-propylphenylthio)-1H-indole (3ac). The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white crystal: 89% yield; mp = 109–111 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 2.47 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.5, 136.4, 135.8, 130.5, 129.2, 128.9, 126.1, 122.9, 120.8, 119.7, 111.5, 103.4, 37.4, 24.5, 13.8; HRMS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NS}$: 268.1155, found 268.1154.



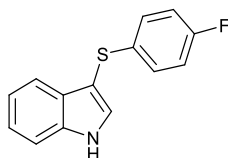
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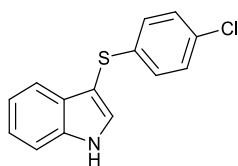
3-(phenylthio)-1H-indole (3ae).^[1] The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 91% yield; mp = 151–152 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 7.11 (m, 7H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.68 (m, 1H), 10.84 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 139.8, 137.2, 131.9, 129.2, 128.7, 125.6, 124.6, 122.4, 120.3, 118.7, 112.2, 100.9.



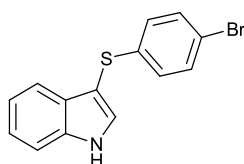
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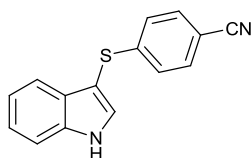
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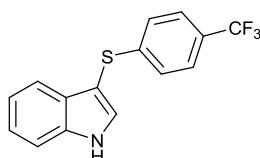
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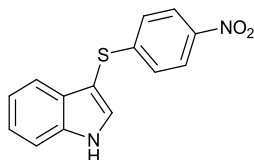
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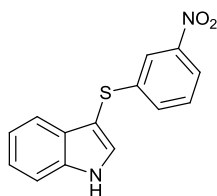
4-(1H-indol-3-ylthio)benzonitrile (3aj). The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a light green solid: 74% yield; mp = 184-186 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 3H), 8.58 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.1, 136.6, 132.2, 131.2, 128.5, 125.4, 123.5, 121.3, 119.3, 119.2, 111.9, 107.6, 100.2. HRMS $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{S}$: 250.0565, found 250.0564.



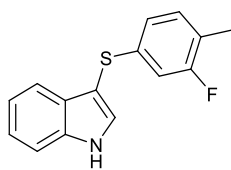
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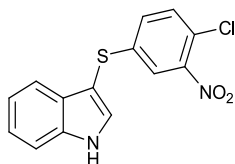
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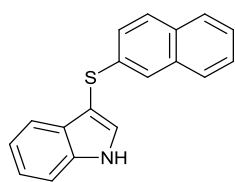
3-(3-nitrophenylthio)-1H-indole (3am).^[1] The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 78% yield; mp = 135–136 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.18 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.91 (m, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.6, 142.6, 136.6, 131.3, 129.3, 128.5, 123.5, 121.3, 120.4, 119.7, 119.2, 111.9, 100.8.



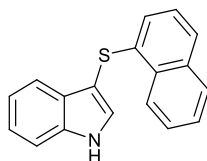
3-(3-fluoro-4-methylphenylthio)-1H-indole (3ao). The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 82% yield; mp = 138-140 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.15 (s, 3H), 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.6 (d, J_{CF} = 244.8 Hz), 138.3 (d, J_{CF} = 7.6 Hz), 136.5, 131.4 (d, J_{CF} = 5.5 Hz), 130.7, 128.9, 123.1, 121.3 (d, J_{CF} = 3.5 Hz), 121.2, 121.0, 119.5, 112.7 (d, J_{CF} = 24.9 Hz), 111.6, 102.5, 14.0 (d, J_{CF} = 3.5 Hz); HRMS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}$: 258.0753, found 258.0749.



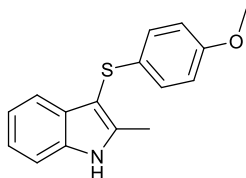
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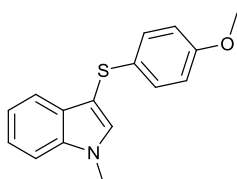
3-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-1H-indole (3aq). The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white crystal: 99% yield; mp = 142-143 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 7.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.77 (m, 3H), 10.88 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 137.4, 137.2, 133.9, 132.1, 131.4, 129.2, 128.2, 127.7, 126.7, 126.5, 125.1, 124.5, 123.1, 122.5, 120.3, 118.8, 112.2, 100.8.



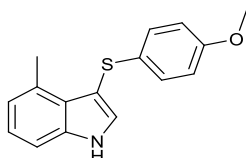
3-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-1H-indole (3ar). The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 67% yield; mp = 166-168 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.95 (dd, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1.0Hz, 1H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 7.55 (m, 5H), 7.82 (m, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.6, 136.2, 133.7, 130.9, 130.8, 129.1, 128.5, 126.1, 126.0, 125.7, 125.2, 124.0, 123.4, 123.1, 120.9, 119.7, 116.7, 102.3; HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄NS: 276.0841, found 276.0849.



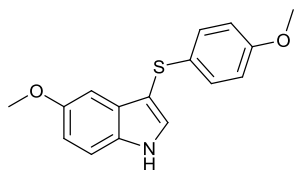
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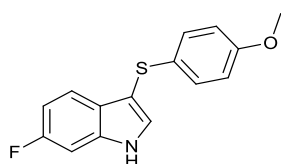
3-(4-methoxyphenylthio)-1-methyl-1H-indole (3cb).^[4] The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 99% yield; mp = 60-62 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 - 7.85 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 137.5, 134.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.4, 122.5, 120.4, 119.7, 114.5, 109.7, 102.3, 55.3, 33.1.



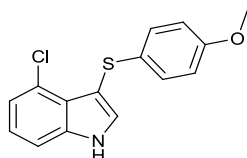
3-(4-methoxyphenylthio)-4-methyl-1H-indole (3db). The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 56% yield; mp = 117-119 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 137.0, 132.1, 132.0, 131.5, 127.6, 126.9, 123.1, 122.4, 114.6, 109.4, 103.8, 55.4, 18.8; HRMS [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆NOS: 270.0953, found 270.0944.



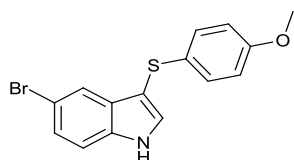
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6-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenylthio)-1H-indole (3fb). The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 85% yield; mp = 86-88 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.73 (s, 3H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (m, 1H), 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.6 (d, J_{CF} = 237.7 Hz), 157.9, 136.4 (d, J_{CF} = 12.7 Hz), 130.2 (d, J_{CF} = 3.1 Hz), 139.0, 128.7, 125.4, 120.6 (d, J_{CF} = 10.1 Hz), 114.5, 109.7 (d, J_{CF} = 24.6 Hz), 105.1, 98.0 (d, J_{CF} = 26.2 Hz), 55.3; HRMS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNOS}$: 274.0702, found 274.0701.

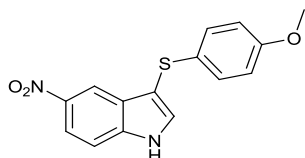


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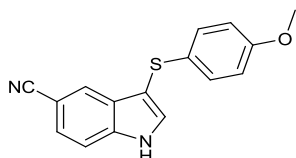


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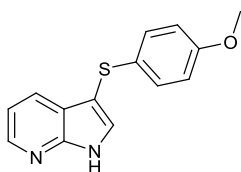
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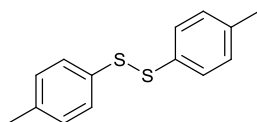
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3-(4-methoxyphenylthio)-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile (3jb). The title compound was prepared according to the general working procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 56% yield; mp = 236-238 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 3.73 (s, 3H), 6.83 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (m, 1H), 11.21 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3COCD_3) δ 158.5, 138.8, 133.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 125.1, 124.1, 119.8, 114.6, 113.5, 105.1, 103.4, 54.7; HRMS $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$: 280.0670, found 280.0671.

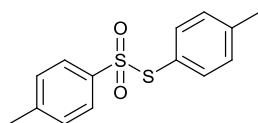


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1,2-dip-tolyldisulfane (4).^[1] The title compound was prepared according to the general working

procedure and purified by column chromatography to give the product as a white solid: 25% yield; mp = 45–46 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.31 (s, 6H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.5, 133.9, 129.8, 128.5, 21.1.

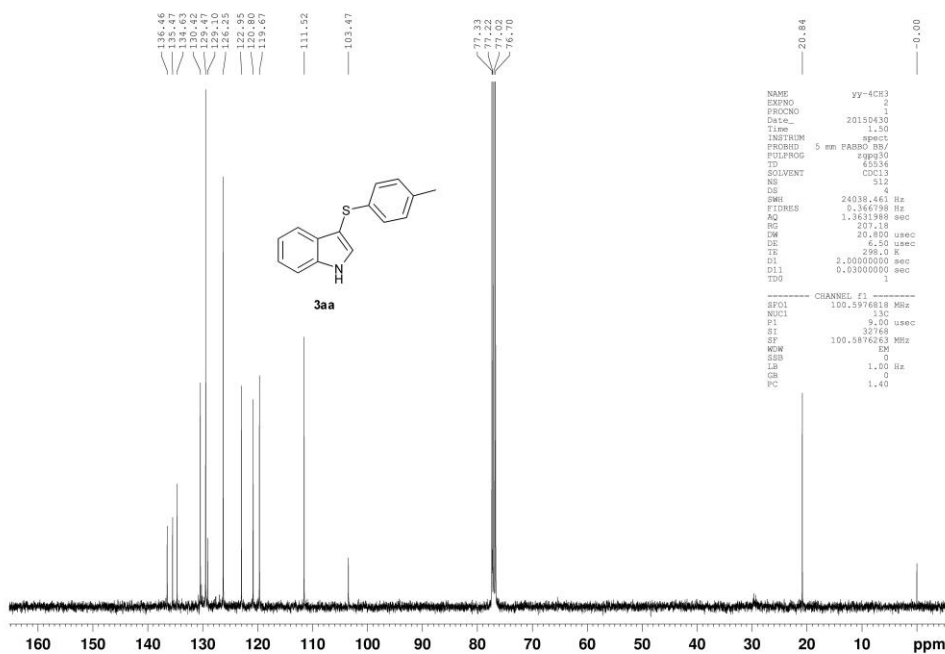
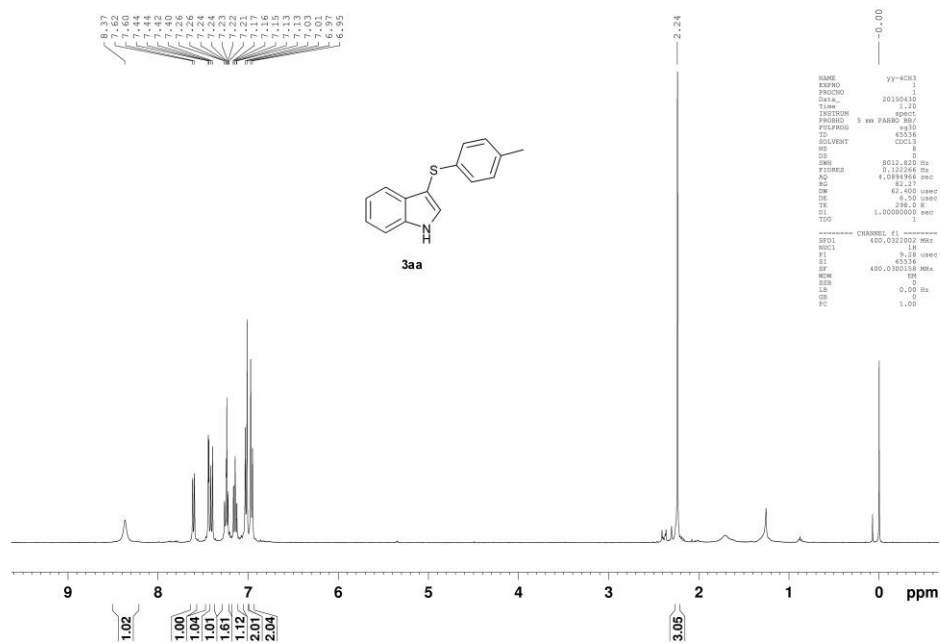


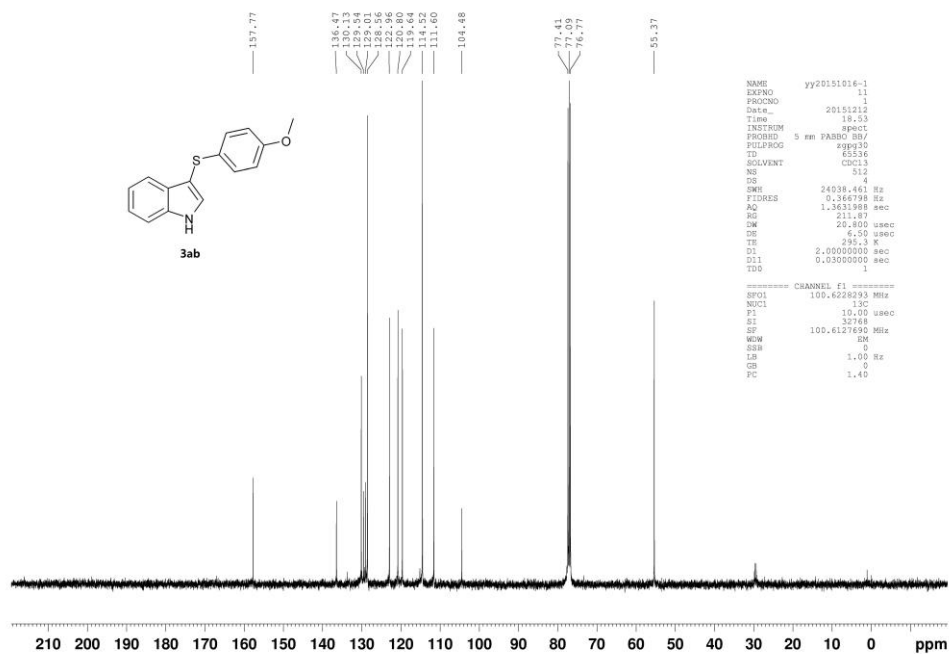
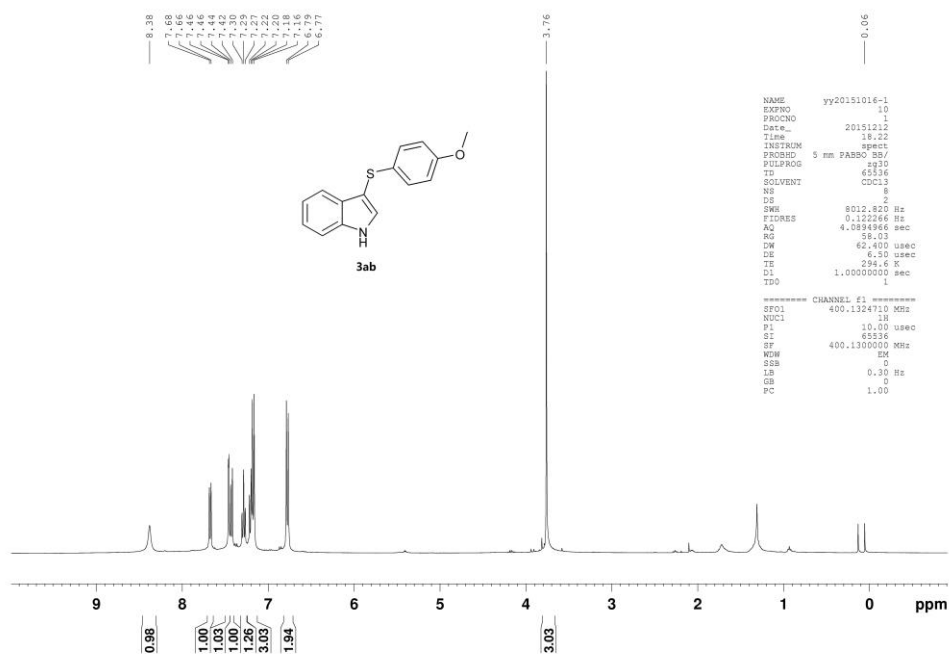
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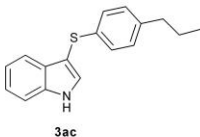
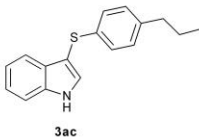
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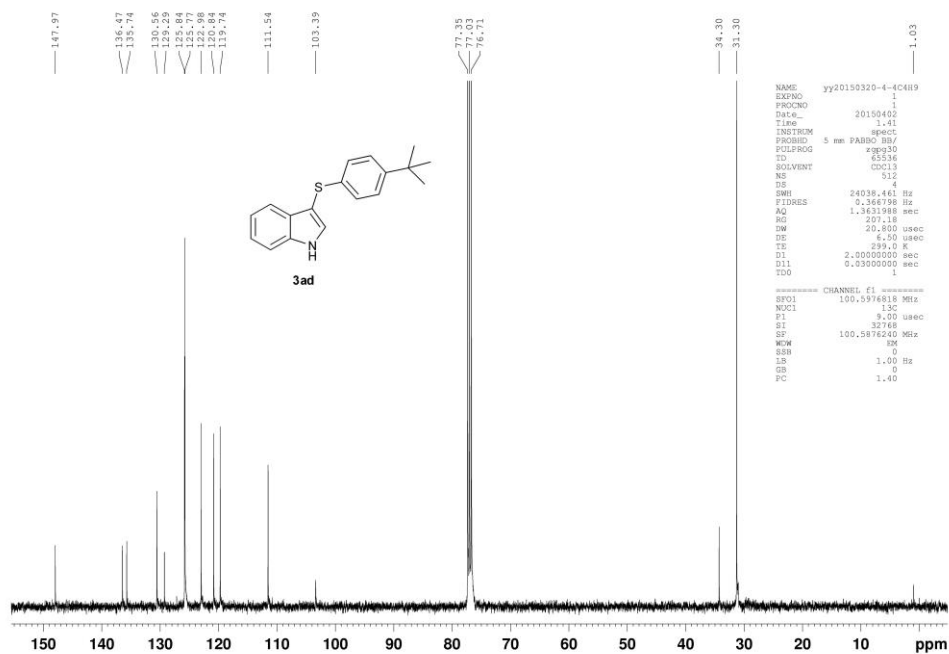
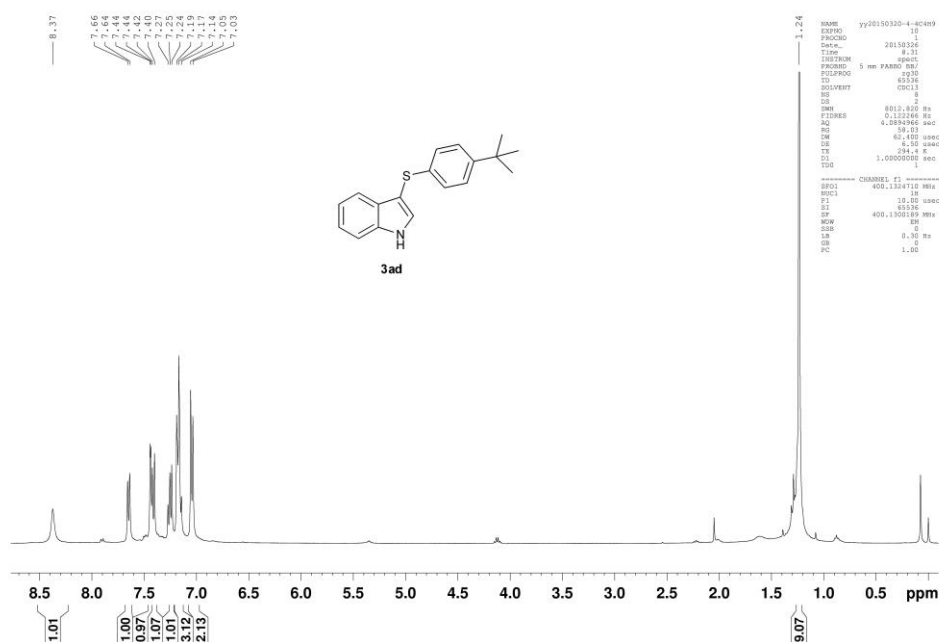
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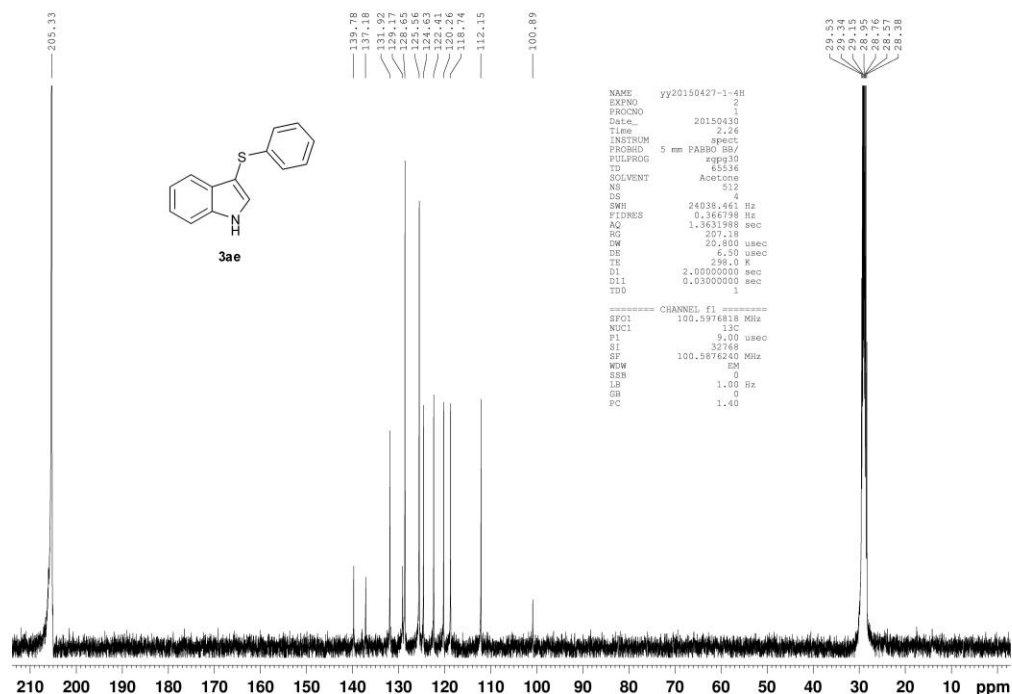
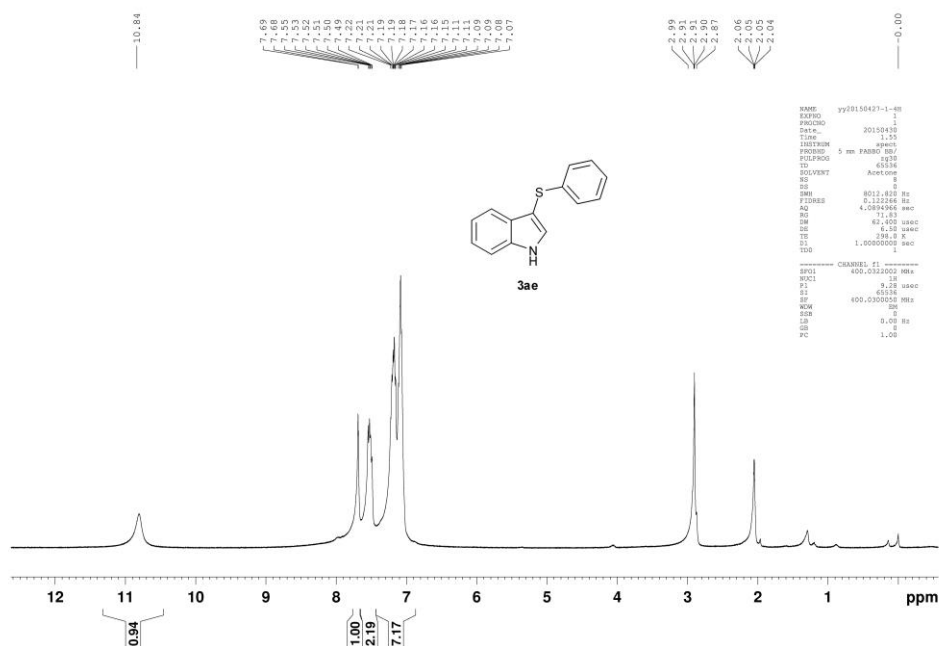
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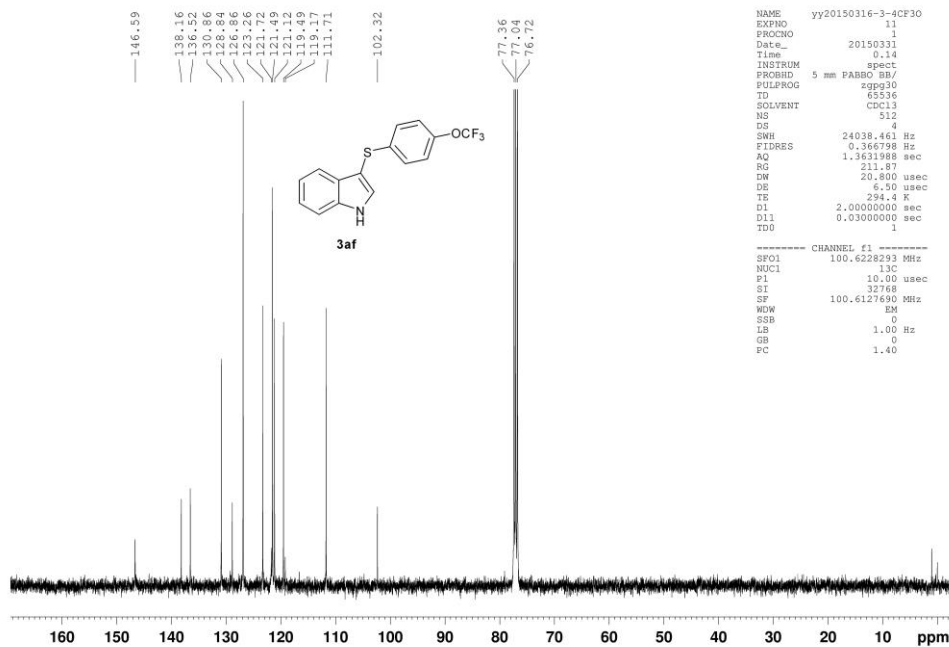
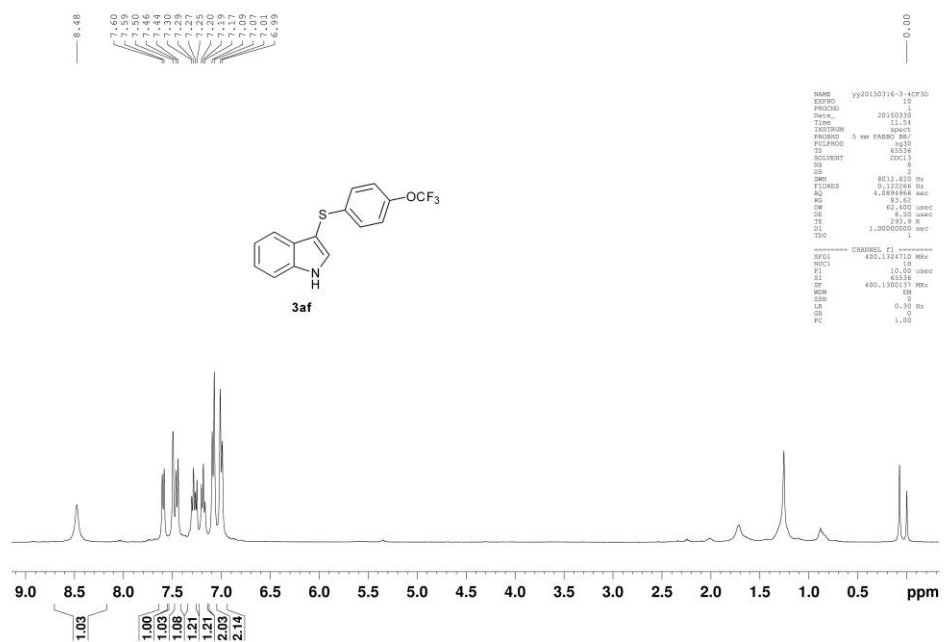


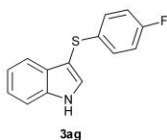
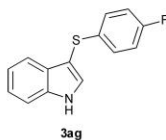


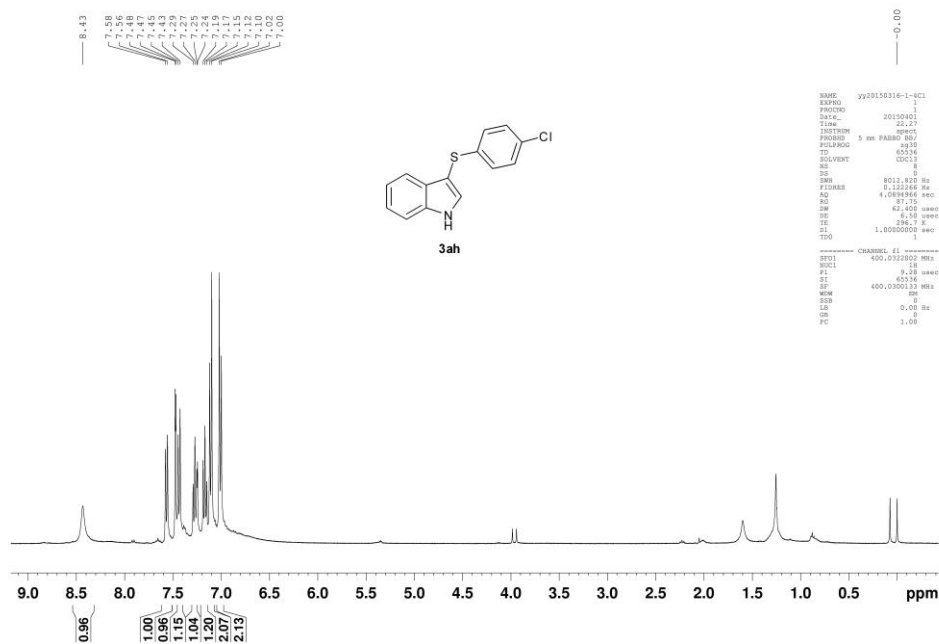








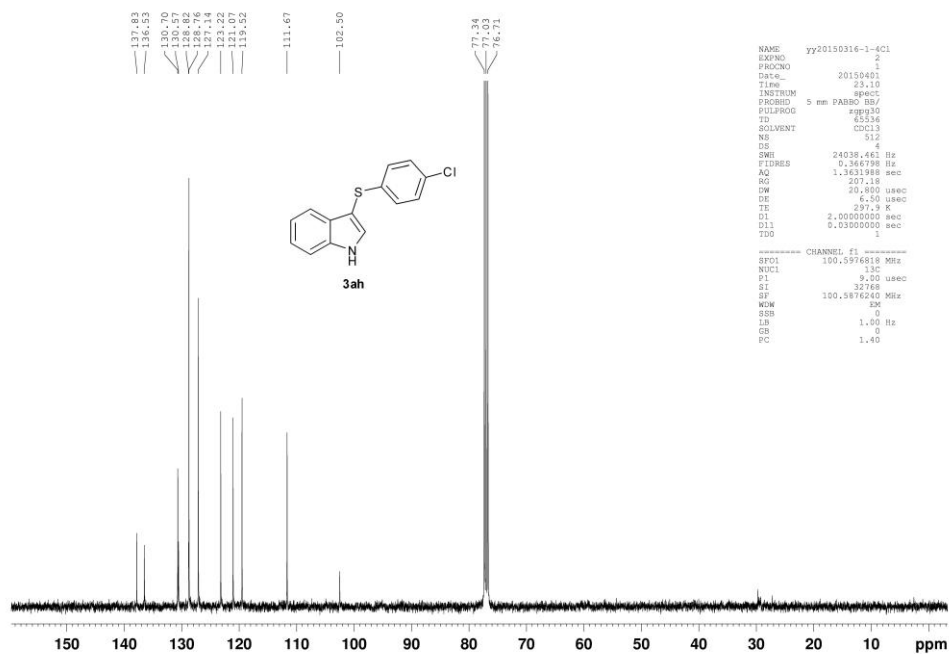




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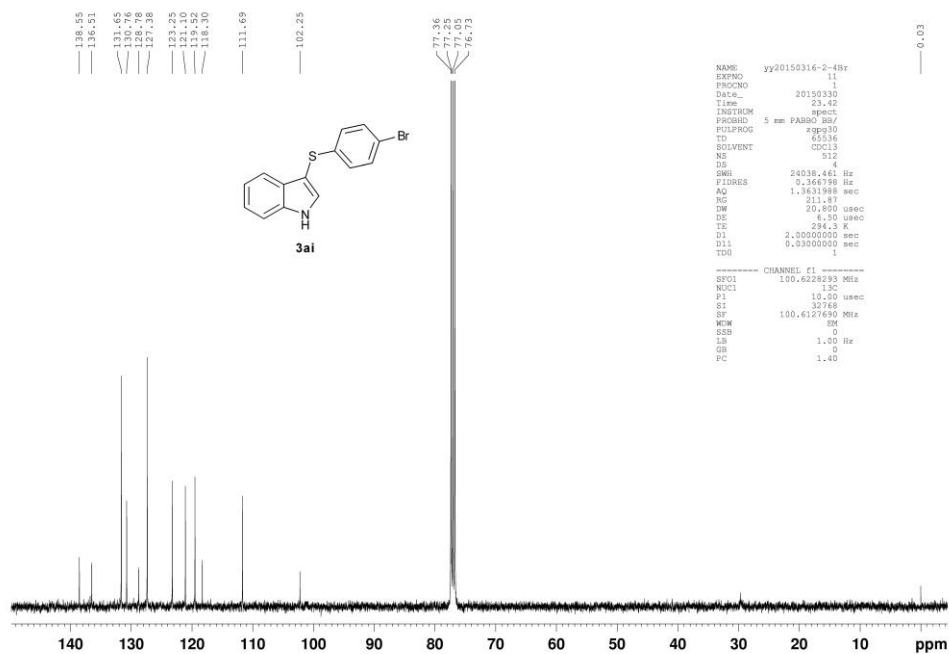
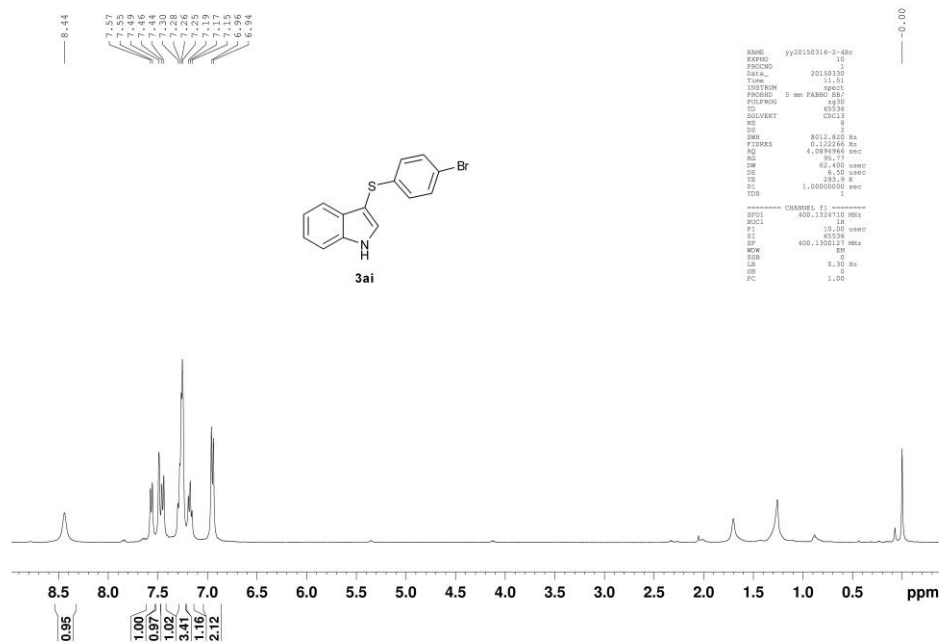
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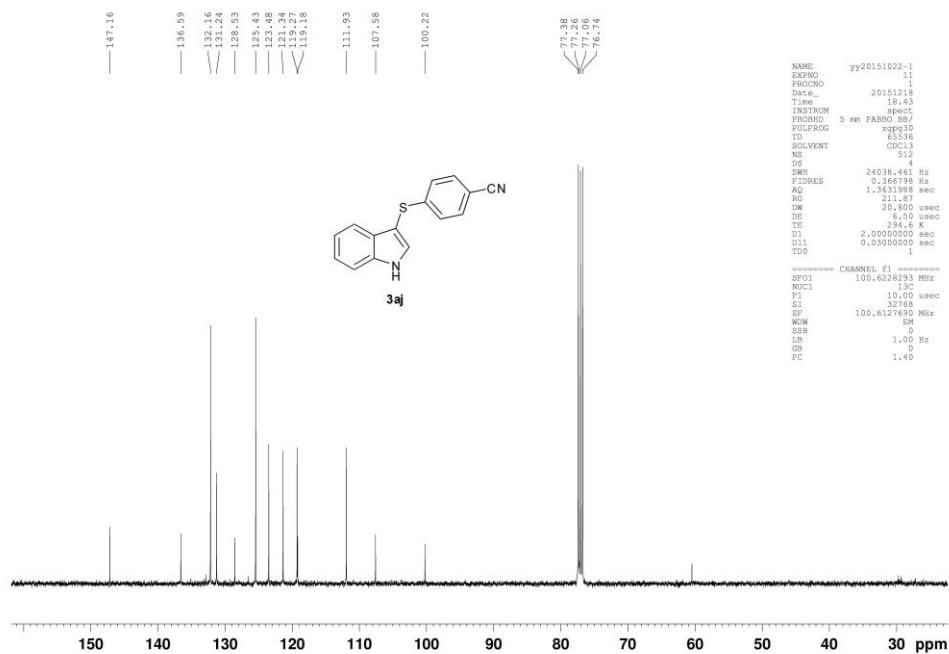
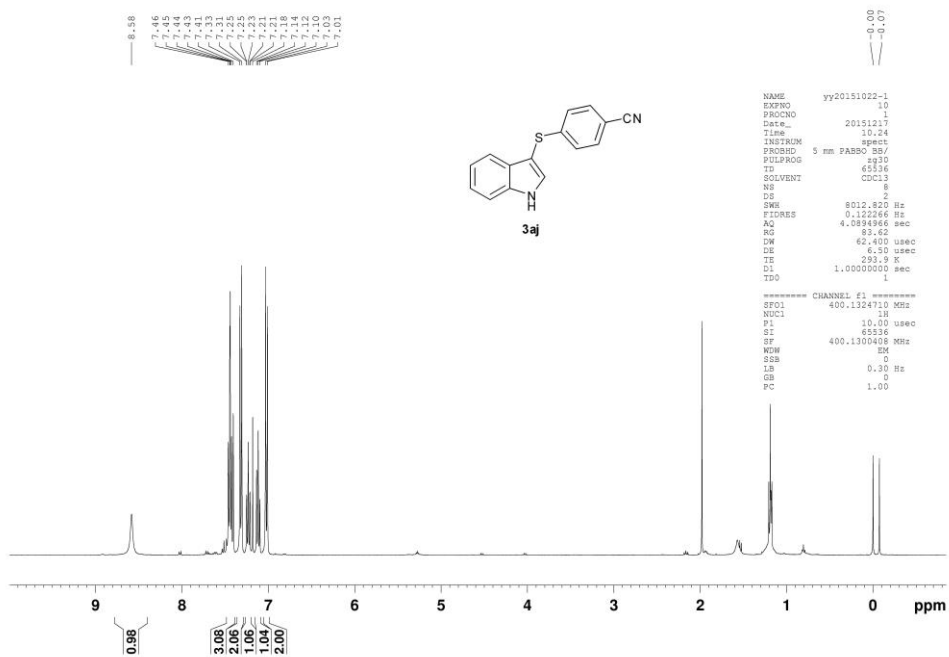


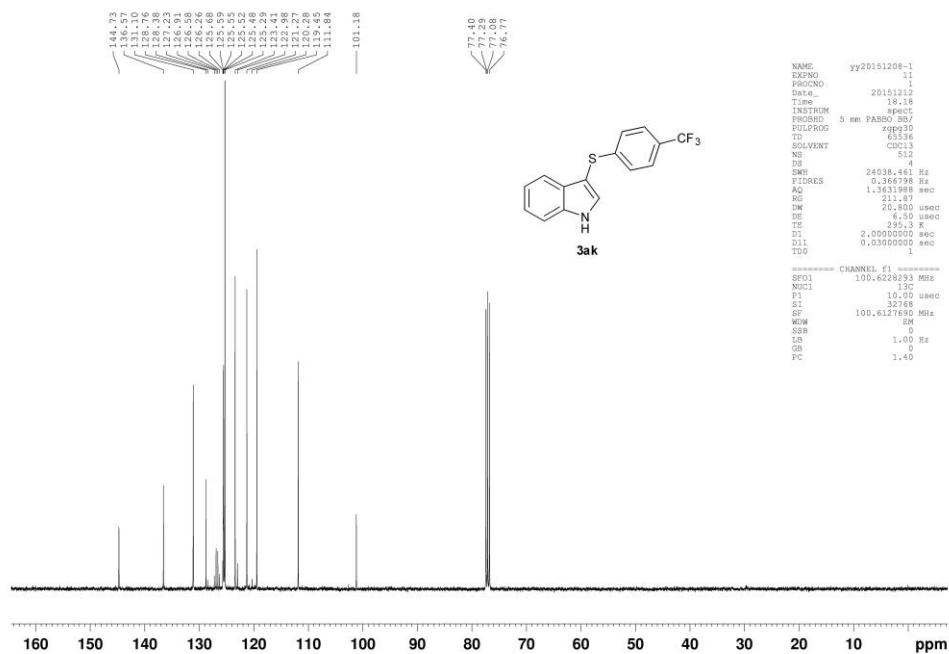
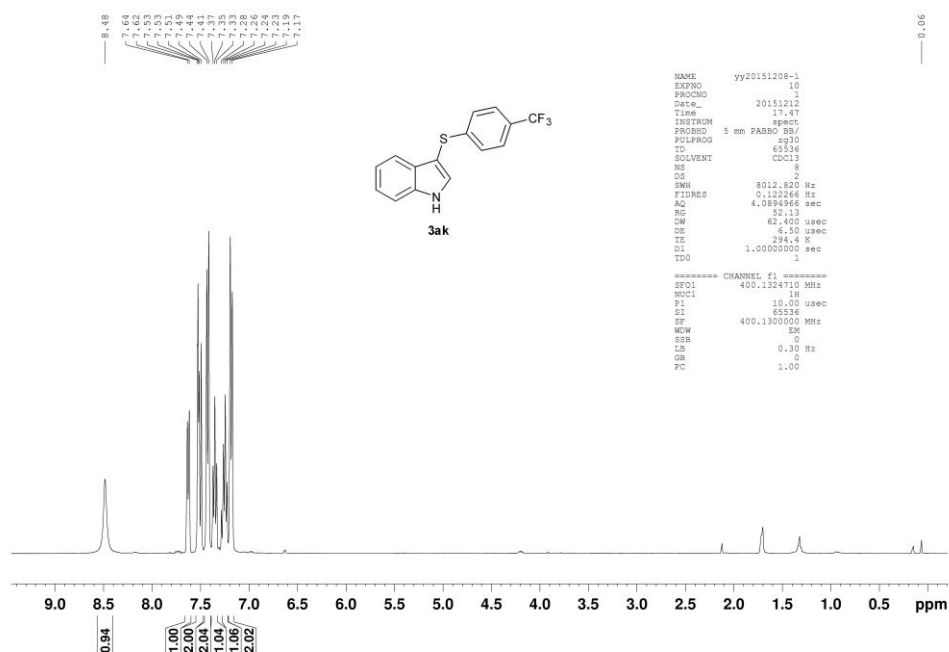
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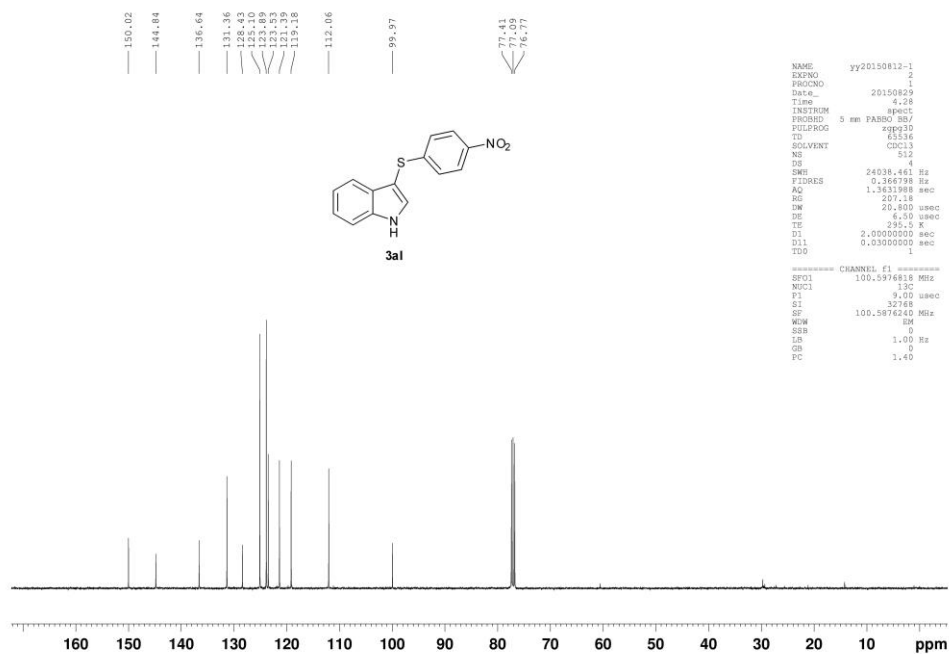
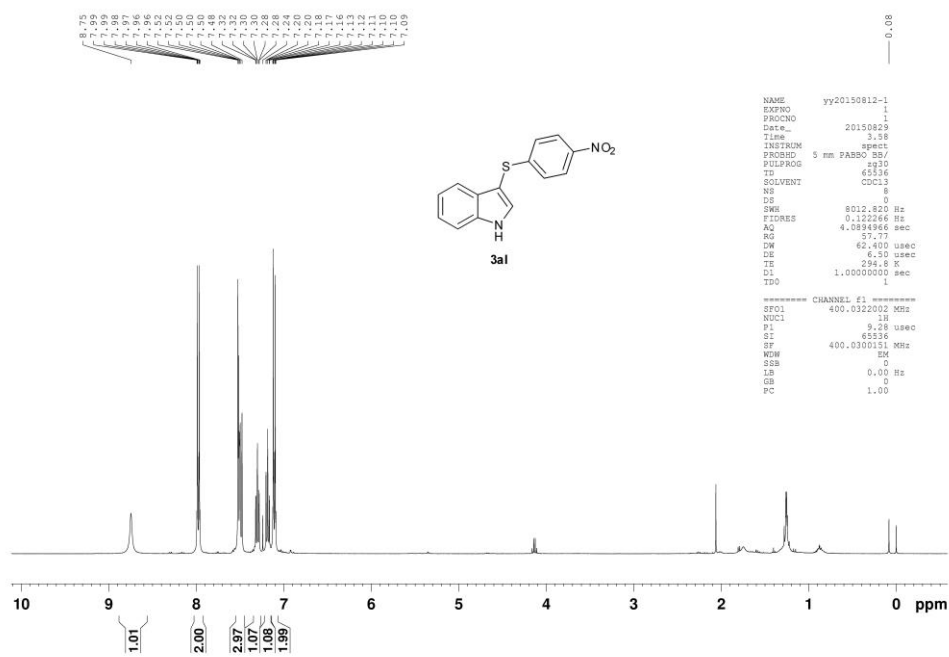
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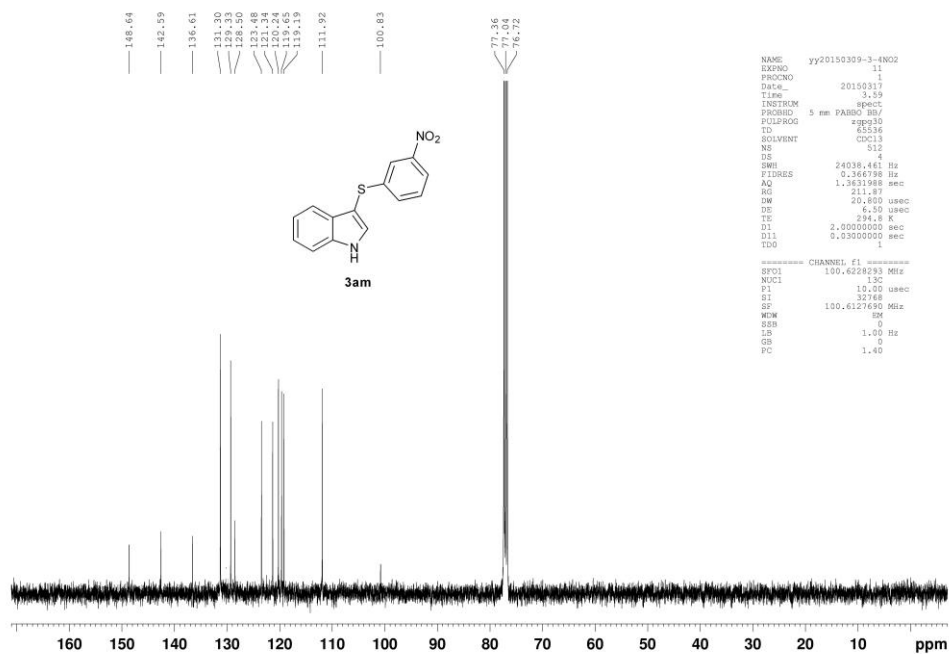
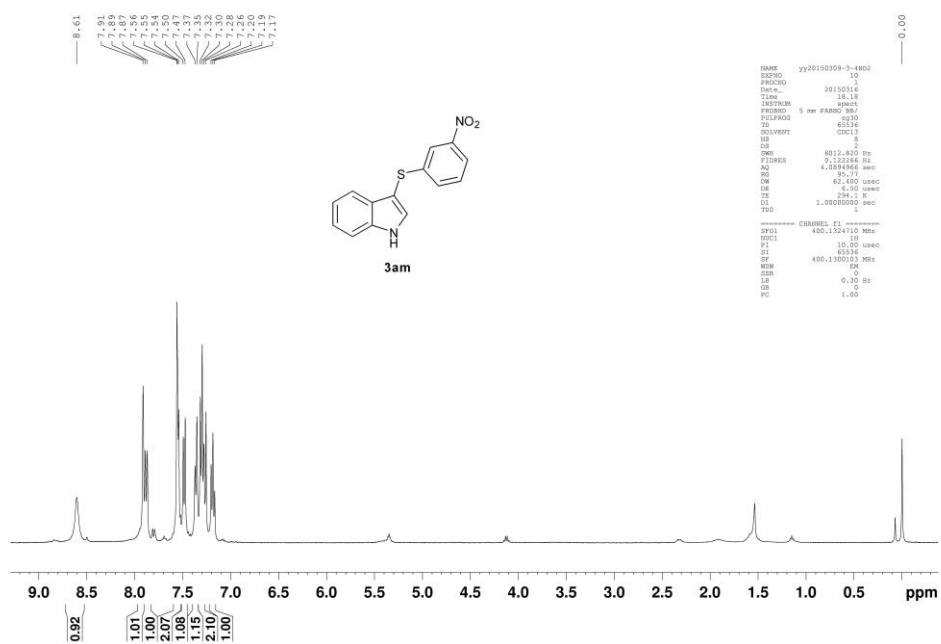
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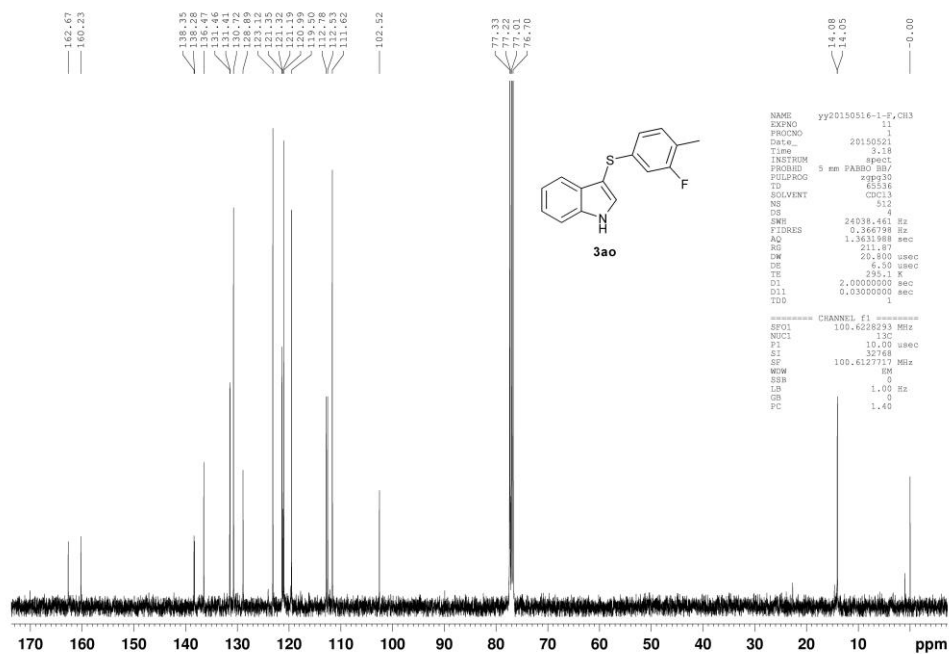
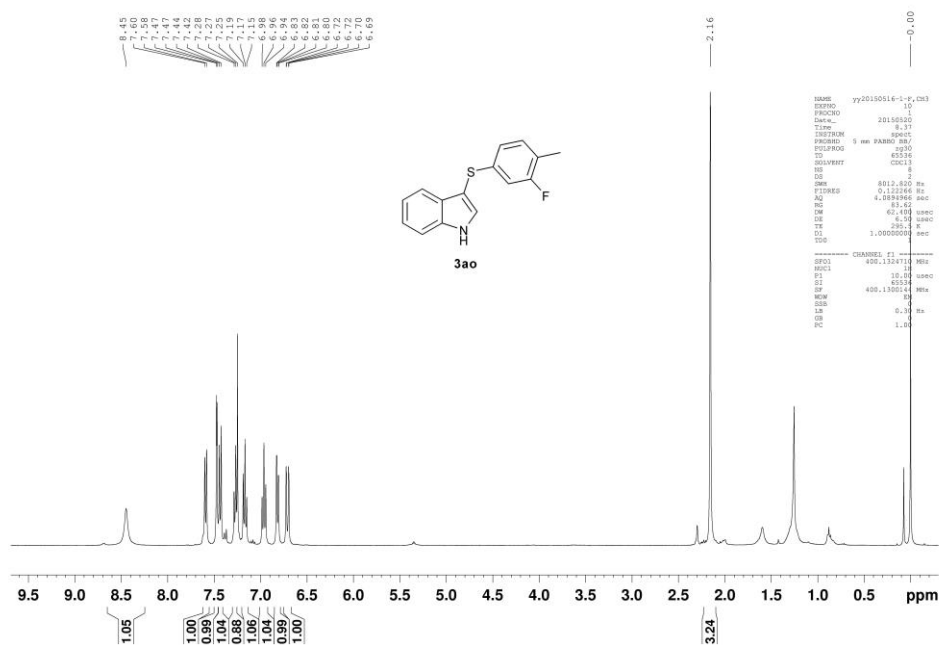


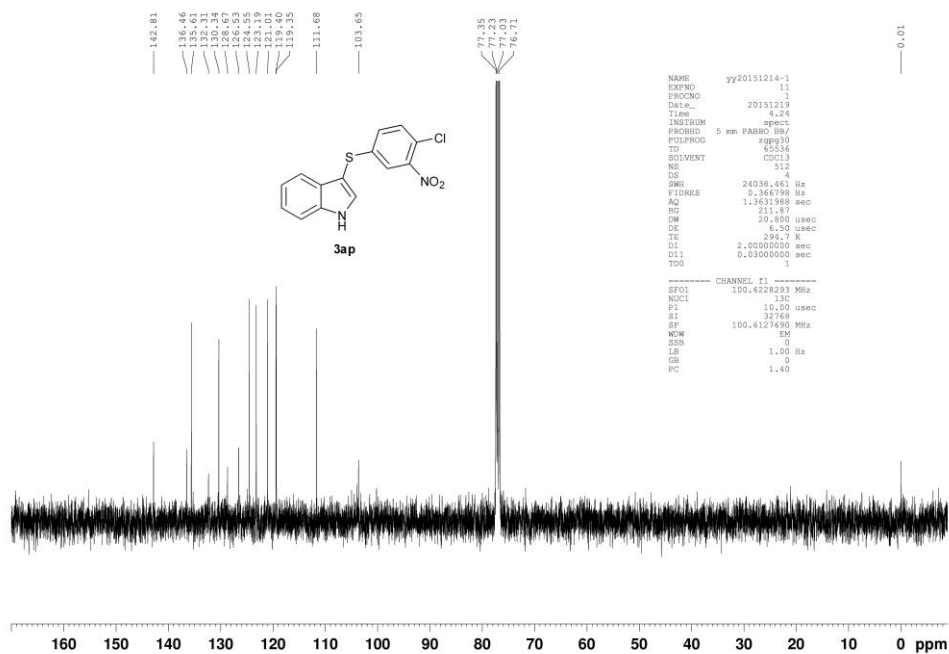
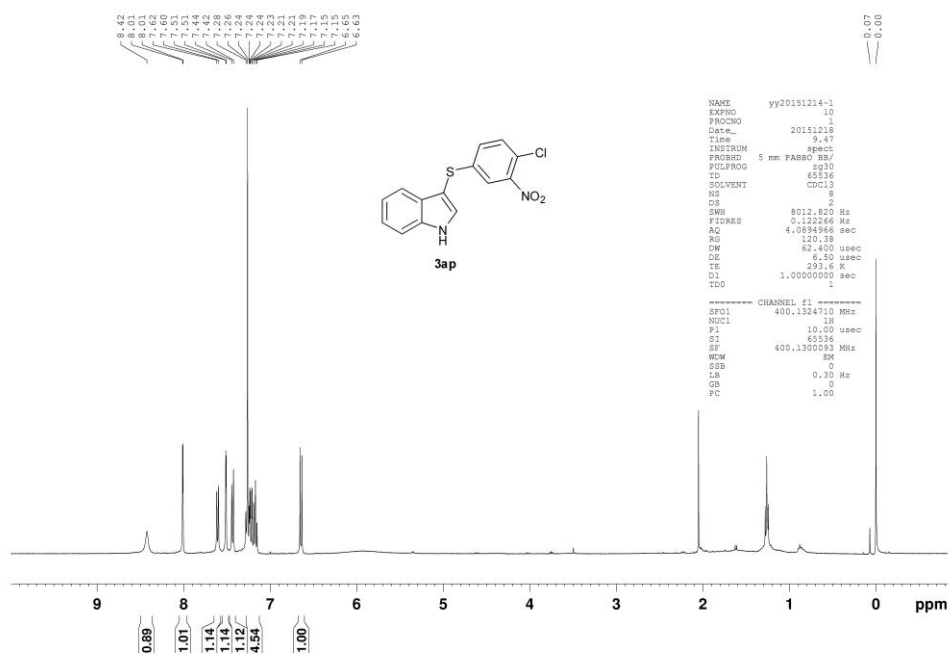


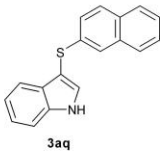
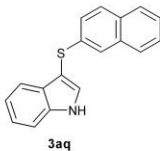


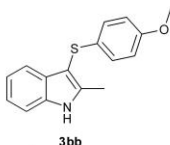
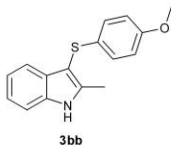


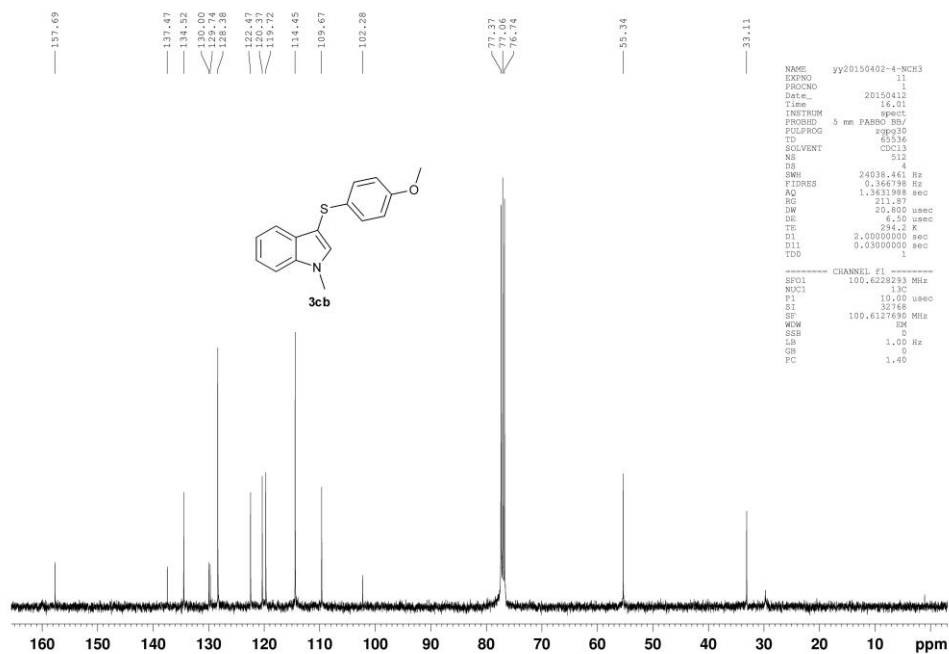
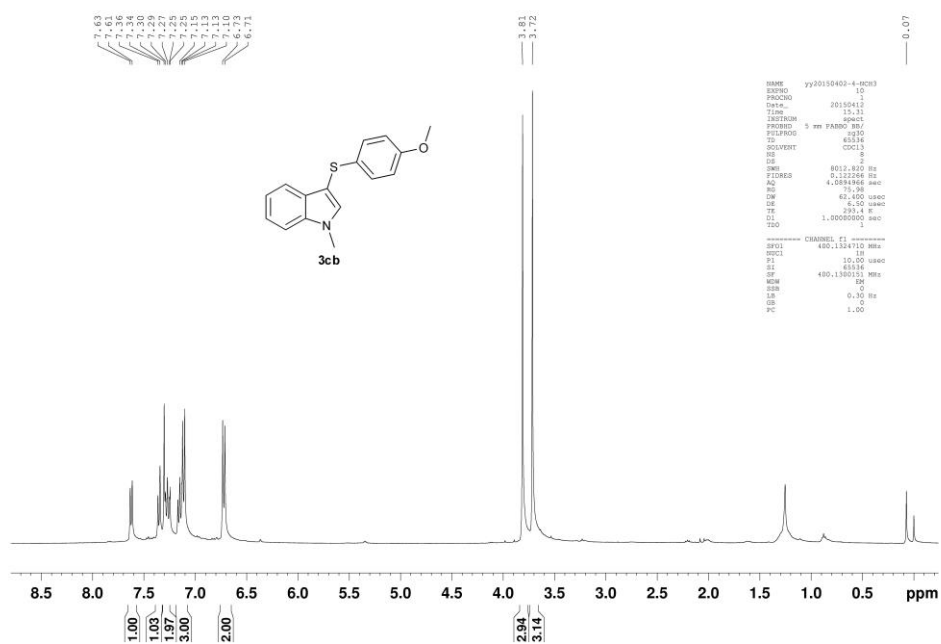


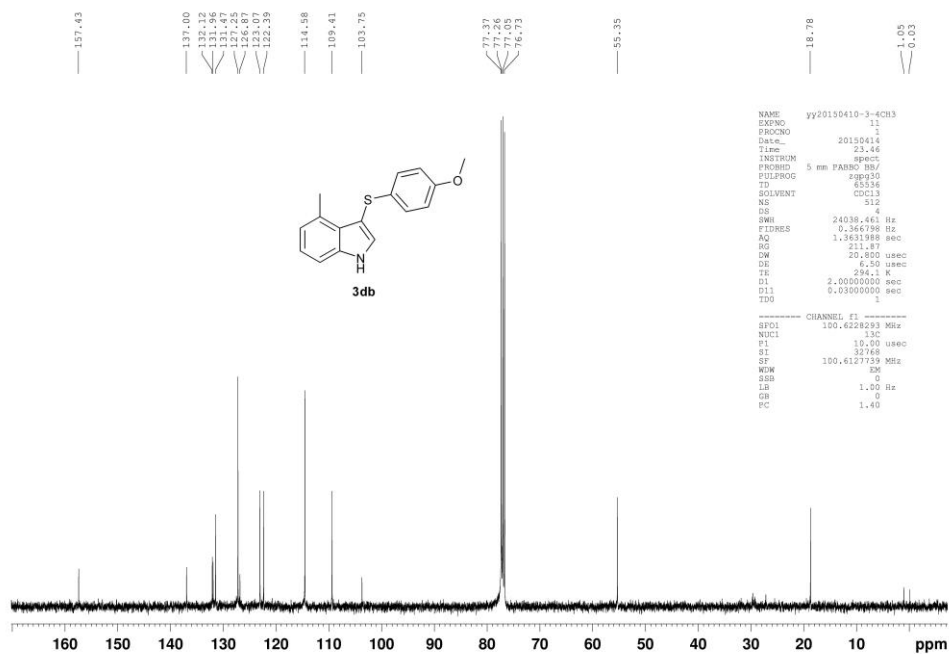
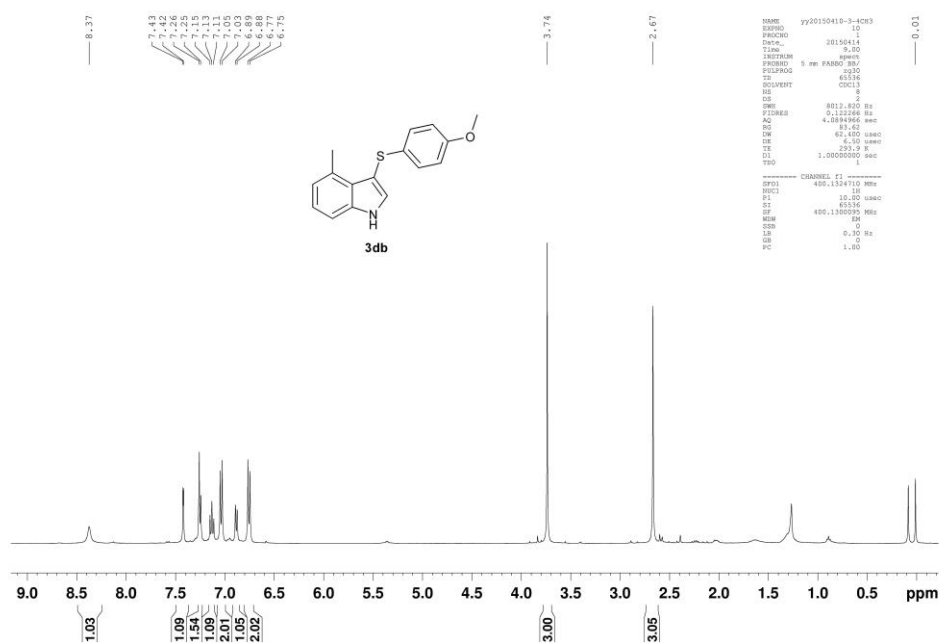


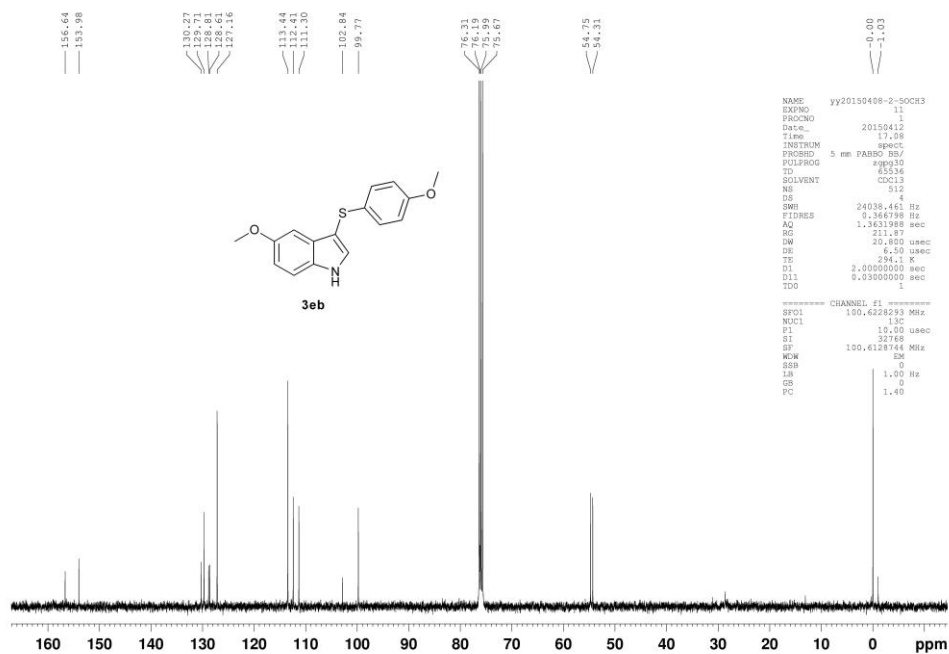
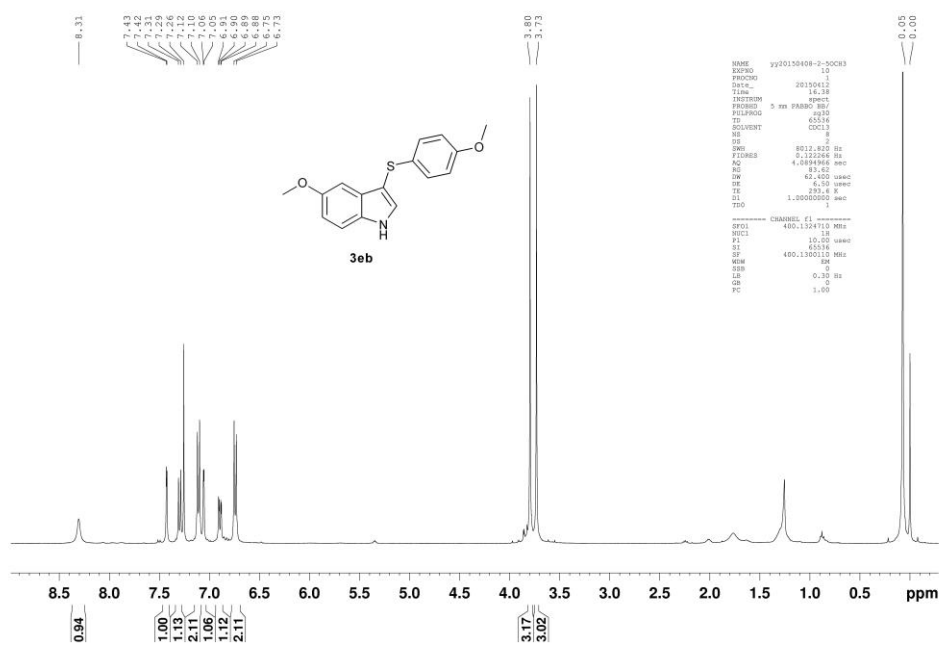


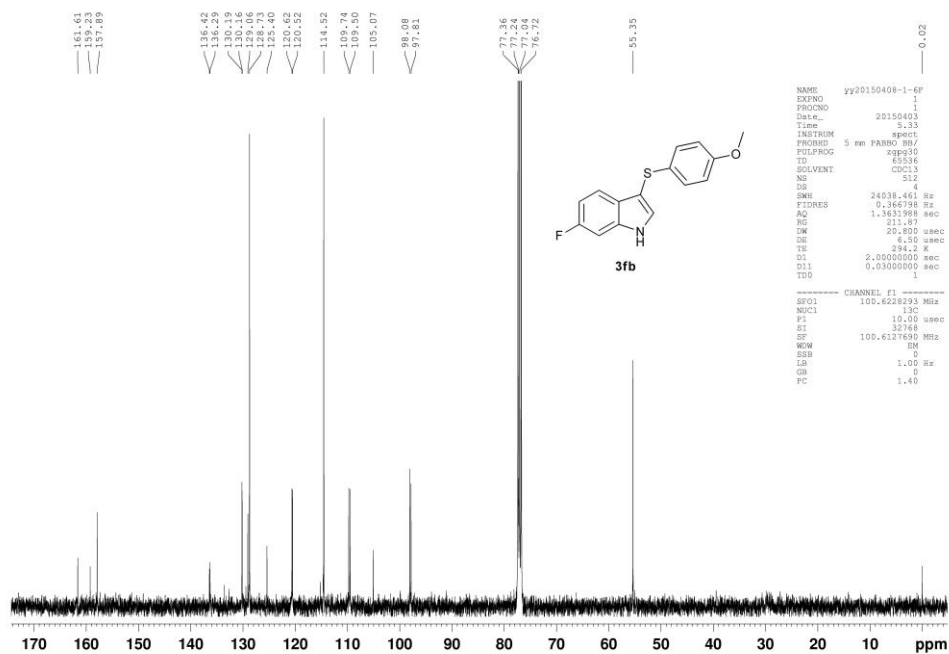
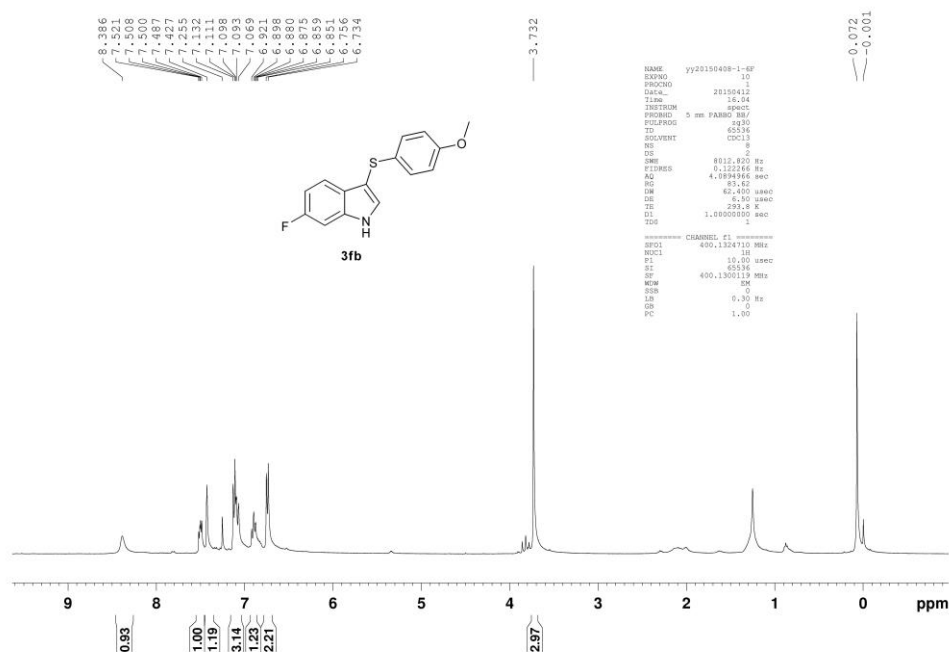


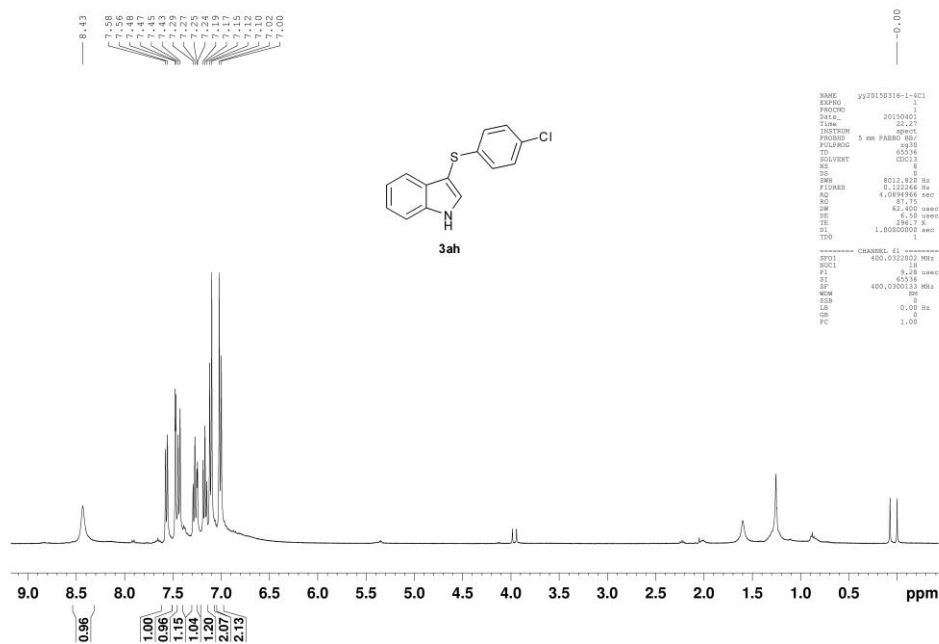






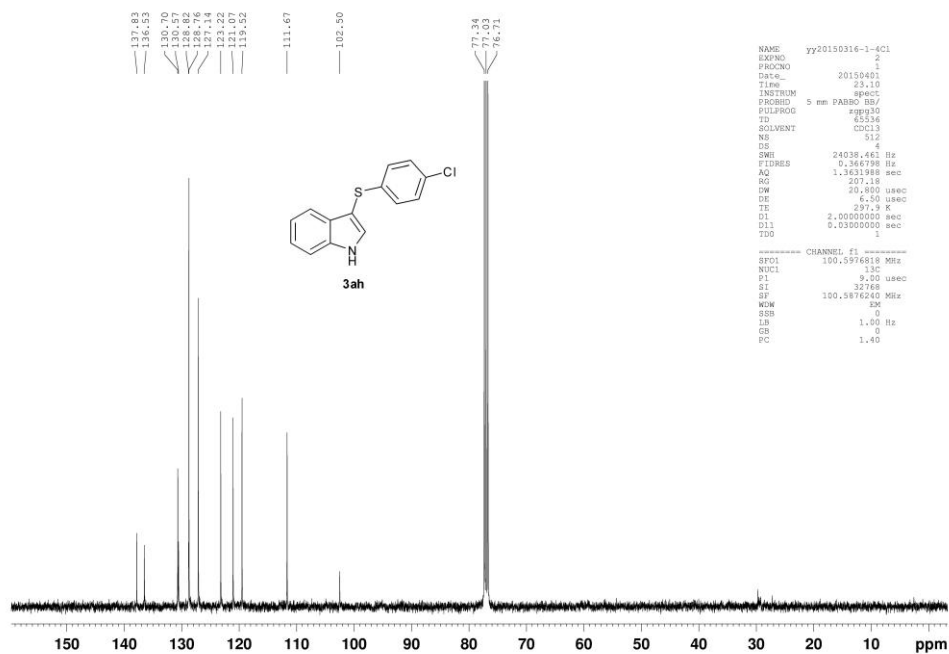






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