

Supporting Information

An Efficient *t*-BuOK Promoted C3-Chalcogenylation of Indoles with Dichalcogenides

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General information and materials:

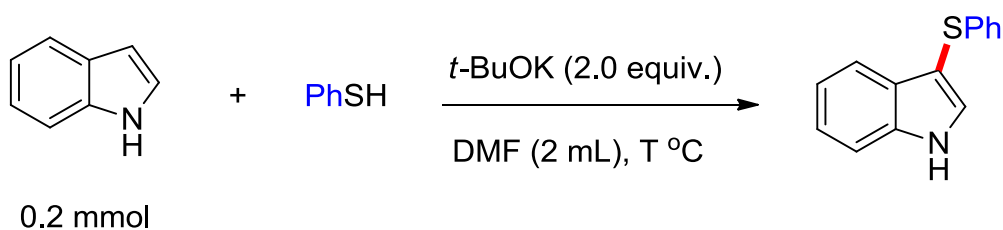
Unless otherwise noted, all commercially available compounds were used as provided without further purification. Solvents for chromatography were technical grade. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel Merck 60 (particle size 0.040-0.063 mm). Solvent mixtures are understood as volume/volume.

^1H -NMR, ^{13}C -NMR, ^{19}F -NMR were recorded on a *Bruker DRX500 (500 MHz)* spectrometer in CDCl_3 ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm for ^1H , $\delta = 77.00$ ppm for ^{13}C) and in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ($\delta = 2.50$ ppm for ^1H , $\delta = 39.43$ ppm for ^{13}C). Data are reported in the following order: chemical shift (δ) in ppm; multiplicities are indicated s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet); coupling constants (J) are given in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a ESI-Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Chemical yields refer to isolated pure substances.

General procedure for product synthesis:

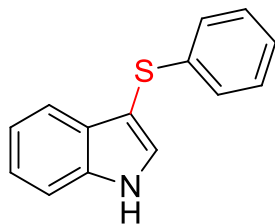
A mixture of indole **1** (0.2 mmol), dichalcogenide **2** (0.22 mmol), *t*-BuOK (0.4 mmol), and DMF (2 mL) were added in a 5 mL glass tube, which was stirred at room temperature for 0.5–12 h. When the reaction was completed, it was mixed with water and ethyl acetate. The reaction mixture was extracted three times with ethyl acetate or dichloromethane. The combined organic layer was washed two times with a little amount of water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered. The filtrate was evaporated under vacuum and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (elutig with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate) to provide the desired product **3**.

Sulfenylation of indole with thiophenol:



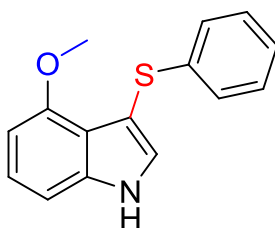
Entry	Amount of PhSH (equiv.)	T (°C)	Reaction Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	1.1	rt	12	trace
2	2.2	rt	12	28
3	2.0	70	2	85

Characterization of product 3



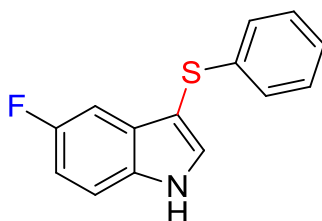
3-(Phenylthio)-1H-indole (3a)

Brick red solid; mp 131–132 °C; R_f = 0.4 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.40 (brs, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.20, 136.47, 130.63, 129.08, 128.67, 125.85, 124.76, 123.03, 120.89, 119.65, 111.54, 102.87 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NS}$: 226.0685, found: 226.0685.



4-Methoxy-3-(phenylthio)-1H-indole (3b)

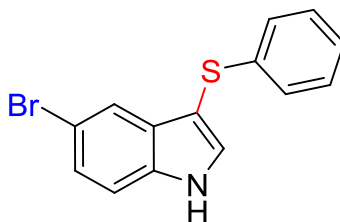
Black oil; R_f = 0.2 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.61 (brs, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.51 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 153.85, 141.09, 138.53, 131.15, 128.38, 125.44, 124.24, 122.93, 118.03, 105.31, 100.82, 98.96, 55.08 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOS}$: 256.0791, found: 256.0791.



5-Fluoro-3-(phenylthio)-1H-indole (3c)

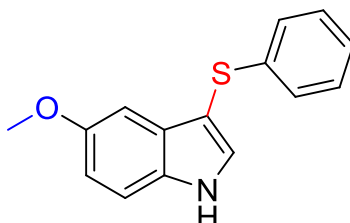
Yellow solid; mp 164–166 °C; R_f = 0.3 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.84 (brs, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 7.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 7.01 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 157.65 (d, J = 233.9 Hz), 138.76, 134.40, 133.31, 129.38 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 128.87, 125.44, 124.92, 113.63 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 110.43 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 102.89 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 99.62 (d, J = 4.7 Hz) ppm; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz,

DMSO-*d*₆) δ -123.19 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[M+H]^+$ C₁₄H₁₀FNS: 244.0591, found: 244.0591.



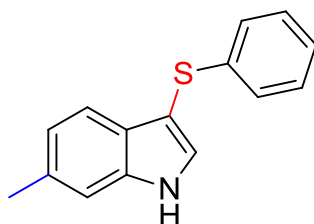
5-Bromo-3-(phenylthio)-1H-indole (3d)

Light yellow solid; mp 118–119 °C; R_f = 0.35 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (brs, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.07 (m, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.67, 135.11, 131.82, 130.98, 128.80, 126.10, 125.90, 125.03, 122.23, 114.47, 113.04, 102.82 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[M+Na]^+$ C₁₄H₁₀BrNS: 325.9615, found: 325.9613.



5-Methoxy-3-(phenylthio)-1H-indole (3e)

Dark green oil; R_f = 0.2 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (brs, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.93 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.12, 139.32, 131.38, 131.31, 129.95, 128.68, 125.69, 124.70, 113.55, 112.40, 102.18, 100.86, 55.77 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[M+H]^+$ C₁₅H₁₃NOS: 256.0791, found: 256.0791.

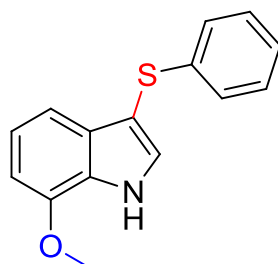


6-Methyl-3-(phenylthio)-1H-indole (3f)

Brown black solid; mp 131–132 °C; R_f = 0.4 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (brs, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.37, 136.94, 132.95, 130.05, 128.64, 126.90, 125.78, 124.67, 122.65, 119.24, 111.52, 102.49, 21.65 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[M+H]^+$ C₁₅H₁₃NS: 240.0842, found: 240.0841.

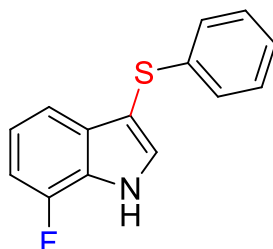
3-(Phenylthio)-1*H*-indol-6-amine (3g)

Dark brown solid; mp 120–121 °C; R_f = 0.4 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.07 (brs, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (brs, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 144.76, 139.64, 138.37, 128.88, 128.61, 125.07, 124.43, 120.07, 118.38, 110.72, 98.79, 95.55 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{S}$: 241.0794, found: 241.0794.



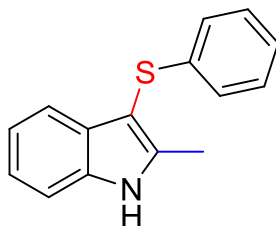
7-Methoxy-3-(phenylthio)-1*H*-indole (3h)

Amorphous; R_f = 0.3 (6% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.68 (brs, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.29, 139.35, 130.56, 130.14, 128.63, 127.06, 125.84, 124.68, 121.28, 112.20, 103.12, 102.77, 55.40 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOS}$: 256.0791, found: 256.0791.



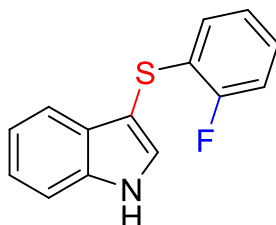
7-Fluoro-3-(phenylthio)-1*H*-indole (3i)

Gray solid; mp 91–92 °C; R_f = 0.4 (6% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.70 (brs, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.98 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.56 (d, J = 245.2 Hz), 138.69, 132.63 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 131.15, 128.73, 126.06, 124.99, 124.90 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 121.14 (d, J = 6.2 Hz), 115.41 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 107.88 (d, J = 16.1 Hz), 104.13 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -135.15 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNS}$: 244.0591, found: 244.0609.



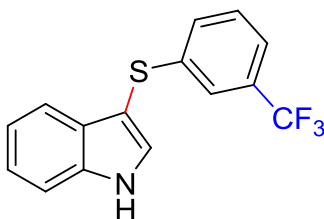
2-Methyl-3-(phenylthio)-1H-indole (3j)

Red solid; mp 115–117 °C; R_f = 0.5 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (brs, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.13, 139.32, 135.42, 130.25, 128.64, 125.47, 124.47, 122.10, 120.62, 118.90, 110.65, 99.21, 12.06 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NS}$: 240.0842, found: 240.0841.



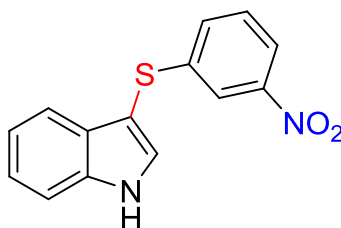
3-(2-Fluorophenylthio)-1H-indole (3k)

Gray solid; mp 132–133 °C; R_f = 0.3 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (brs, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.79 (td, J = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.14 (d, J = 243.6 Hz), 136.52, 131.10, 129.11, 128.16 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 126.45 (d, J = 16.5 Hz), 126.27 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 124.30 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 123.16, 121.03, 119.54, 115.08 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 111.64, 100.94 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNS}$: 244.0591, found: 244.0591.



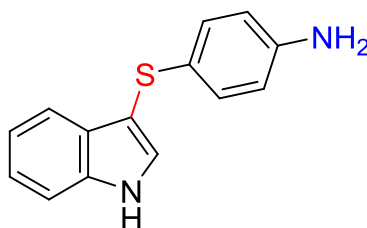
4-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenylthio)-1H-indole (3l)

Gray solid; mp 69–70 °C; R_f = 0.15 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.49 (brs, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.43, 135.23, 131.77, 131.46, 131.13 (q, J = 32.1 Hz), 129.64, 129.17, 125.11 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.88, 123.18, 122.38 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 121.10, 120.09, 111.49, 97.30 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.70 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{NS}$: 316.0384, found: 316.0378.



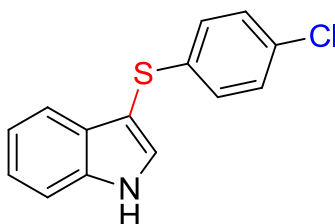
3-(3-Nitrophenylthio)-1H-indole (3m)

Orange solid; mp 124–126 °C; R_f = 0.3 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.60 (brs, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.62, 142.57, 136.59, 131.30, 131.23, 129.28, 128.48, 123.44, 121.30, 120.23, 119.62, 119.14, 111.89, 100.82 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 271.0536, found: 271.0526.



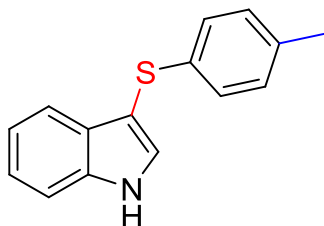
4-(1H-Indol-3-ylthio)aniline (3n)

Brown solid; mp 108–109 °C; R_f = 0.45 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.46 (brs, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.47 – 6.45 (m, 2H), 5.24 (brs, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 146.75, 136.37, 130.57, 129.82, 128.53, 122.69, 121.66, 119.52, 118.40, 114.52, 111.92, 103.51 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{S}$: 241.0794, found: 241.0794.



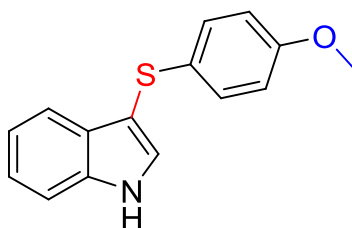
3-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-1H-indole (3o)

Yellow solid; mp 124–125 °C; R_f = 0.4 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.49 (brs, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.82, 136.52, 130.68, 130.54, 128.80, 128.73, 127.12, 123.18, 121.03, 119.48, 111.65, 102.46 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNS}$: 260.0295, found: 260.0278.



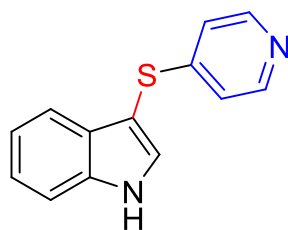
3-(*p*-Tolylthio)-1*H*-indole (3p)

Brown solid; mp 116–117 °C; R_f = 0.4 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (brs, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.47, 135.47, 134.64, 130.36, 129.46, 129.12, 126.30, 122.95, 120.81, 119.69, 111.49, 103.60, 20.82 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NS}$: 240.0842, found: 240.0835.



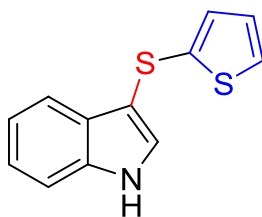
3-(4-Methoxyphenylthio)-1*H*-indole (3q)

Brown solid; mp 96–98 °C; R_f = 0.3 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (brs, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.79, 136.46, 129.98, 129.52, 129.00, 128.58, 122.90, 120.74, 119.62, 114.48, 111.49, 104.64, 55.31 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOS}$: 256.0791, found: 256.0784.



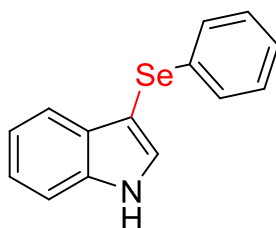
3-(Pyridin-4-ylthio)-1*H*-indole (3r)

Light yellow solid; mp 172–173 °C; R_f = 0.3 (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.88 (brs, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 150.70, 149.05, 136.69, 132.98, 128.15, 122.28, 120.34, 119.38, 117.90, 112.46, 95.97 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{S}$: 227.0637, found: 227.0637.



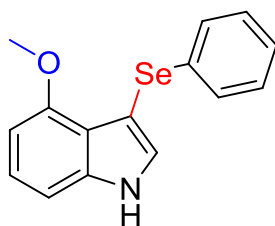
3-(Thiophen-2-ylthio)-1H-indole (3s)

Tan solid; mp 84–85 °C; R_f = 0.4 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (brs, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 (dd, J = 5.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.80 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.91, 136.10, 129.77, 129.23, 128.45, 127.26, 127.20, 122.91, 120.77, 119.36, 111.52, 106.60 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{NS}_2$: 254.0074, found: 254.0066.



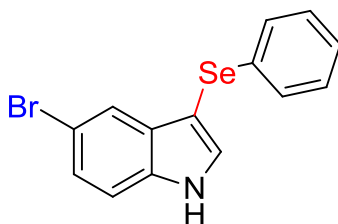
3-(Phenylselanyl)-1H-indole (3t)

Brown solid; mp 113–114 °C; R_f = 0.15 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (brs, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.40, 133.78, 131.18, 129.97, 128.92, 128.70, 125.58, 122.91, 120.83, 120.35, 111.34, 98.21 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NSe}$: 274.0130, found: 274.0153.



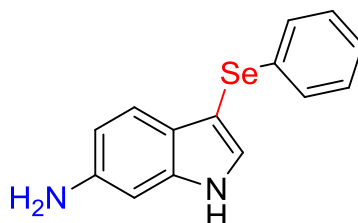
4-Methoxy-3-(phenylselanyl)-1H-indole (3u)

White solid; mp 82–83 °C; R_f = 0.35 (11% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (brs, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.59, 138.35, 134.62, 130.01, 128.99, 128.73, 125.72, 123.66, 118.97, 104.57, 101.15, 97.01, 55.41 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOSe}$: 304.0235, found: 304.0230.



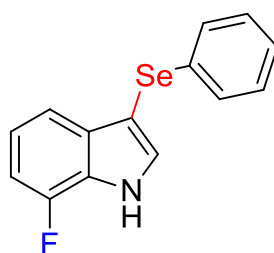
5-Bromo-3-(phenylselanyl)-1H-indole (3v)

Pink solid; mp 101–102 °C; R_f = 0.25 (11% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (brs, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.00, 133.29, 132.34, 131.84, 129.05, 128.73, 125.94, 125.83, 122.92, 114.35, 112.83, 97.92 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNSe}$: 351.9235, found: 351.9233.



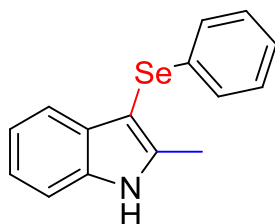
3-(Phenylselanyl)-1H-indol-6-amine (3w)

Black solid; mp 167–169 °C; R_f = 0.3 (50% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.06 (brs, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.16 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.46 – 6.43 (m, 1H), 4.87 (brs, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 144.65, 138.21, 134.08, 129.22, 128.82, 127.85, 125.24, 121.02, 119.04, 110.67, 95.30, 94.64 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{Se}$: 289.0239, found: 289.0267.



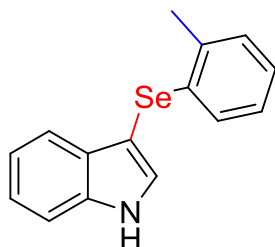
7-Fluoro-3-(phenylselanyl)-1H-indole (3x)

White solid; mp 91–92 °C; R_f = 0.45 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.59 (brs, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.42 (d, J = 245.2 Hz), 133.52 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 133.29, 131.64, 129.00, 128.86, 125.80, 124.78 (d, J = 13.3 Hz), 121.03 (d, J = 6.2 Hz), 116.13 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 107.74 (d, J = 15.9 Hz), 99.22 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNSe}$: 292.0035, found: 292.0064.



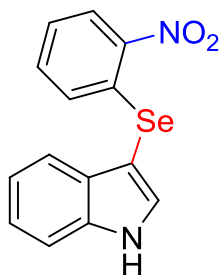
2-Methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1H-indole (3y)

Red solid; mp 89–91 °C; R_f = 0.25 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.06 (m, 7H), 2.47 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.80, 135.72, 133.88, 131.18, 128.90, 128.31, 125.33, 122.04, 120.58, 119.69, 110.48, 96.17, 13.06 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NSe}$: 288.0286, found: 288.0290.



3-(*o*-Tolylselanyl)-1H-indole (3z)

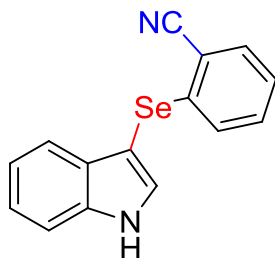
Brown solid; mp 83–85 °C; R_f = 0.4 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.69 (brs, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 136.64, 135.34, 134.17, 132.91, 129.70, 129.53, 127.20, 126.34, 125.23, 121.91, 119.92, 118.87, 112.04, 93.97, 20.68 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NSe}$: 288.0286, found: 288.0291.



3-(2-Nitrophenylselanyl)-1H-indole (3aa)

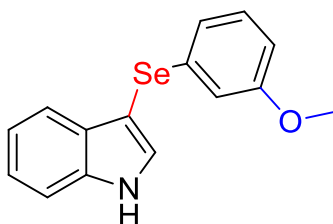
Yellow amorphous; R_f = 0.15 (17% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.89 (brs, 1H), 8.33 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 145.26, 136.84, 135.19, 134.18, 133.90, 129.43, 129.25, 126.23, 126.02, 122.23, 120.33, 118.73, 112.25, 95.24 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Se}$:

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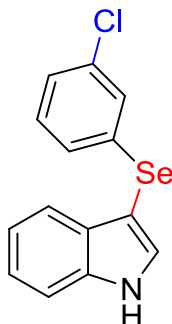
2-(1*H*-Indol-3-ylselanyl)benzonitrile (3ab)

Gray solid; mp 101–102 °C; R_f = 0.2 (25% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.67 (brs, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.60, 136.48, 133.35, 132.77, 132.05, 129.66, 129.59, 125.76, 123.26, 121.22, 120.04, 117.60, 112.25, 111.60, 96.43 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{S}$: 320.2031, found: 320.2059.



3-(3-Methoxyphenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (3ac)

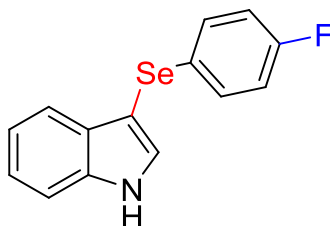
Amorphous; R_f = 0.2 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.48 (brs, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.95, 136.43, 135.09, 131.24, 129.99, 129.65, 122.92, 121.09, 120.85, 120.34, 114.41, 111.34, 111.29, 98.14, 55.10 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOSe}$: 304.0235, found: 304.0230.



3-(3-Chlorophenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (3ad)

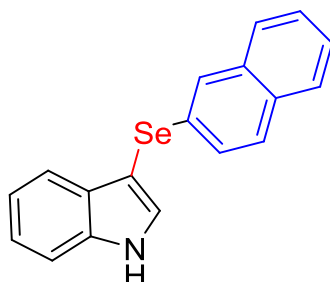
White solid; mp 95–97 °C; R_f = 0.4 (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43 (brs, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30

(t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.39, 135.80, 134.79, 131.43, 129.85, 129.73, 128.21, 126.65, 125.76, 123.11, 121.05, 120.17, 111.44, 97.52 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ \text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNSe}$: 329.9865, found: 329.9862.



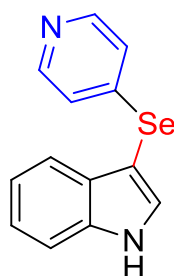
3-(4-Fluorophenylselanyl)-1H-indole (3ae)

Brown solid; mp 105–106 °C; $R_f = 0.3$ (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 (brs, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.83 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.48 (d, $J = 244.7$ Hz), 136.31, 130.99, 130.71 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 129.67, 127.86 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 122.96, 120.88, 120.13, 115.98 (d, $J = 21.7$ Hz), 111.40, 98.51 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -117.02 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNSe}$: 292.0035, found: 292.0040.



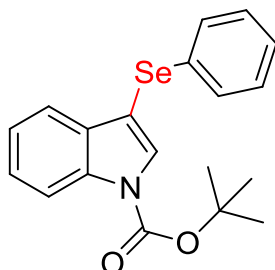
3-(Naphthalen-2-ylselanyl)-1H-indole (3af)

Yellow solid; mp 152–154 °C; $R_f = 0.15$ (9% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.75 (brs, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 136.58, 133.37, 132.72, 131.23, 131.13, 129.43, 128.20, 127.51, 126.58, 126.49, 126.41, 126.05, 125.33, 121.92, 119.94, 118.89, 112.04, 94.95 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NSe}$: 324.0286, found: 324.0299.



3-(Pyridin-4-ylselanyl)-1H-indole (3ag)

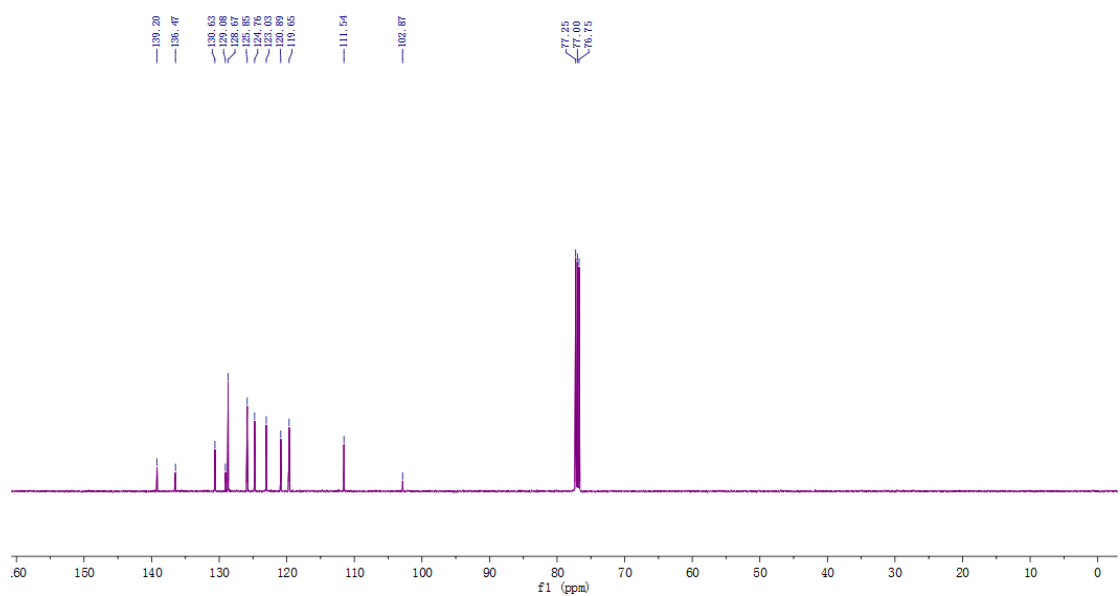
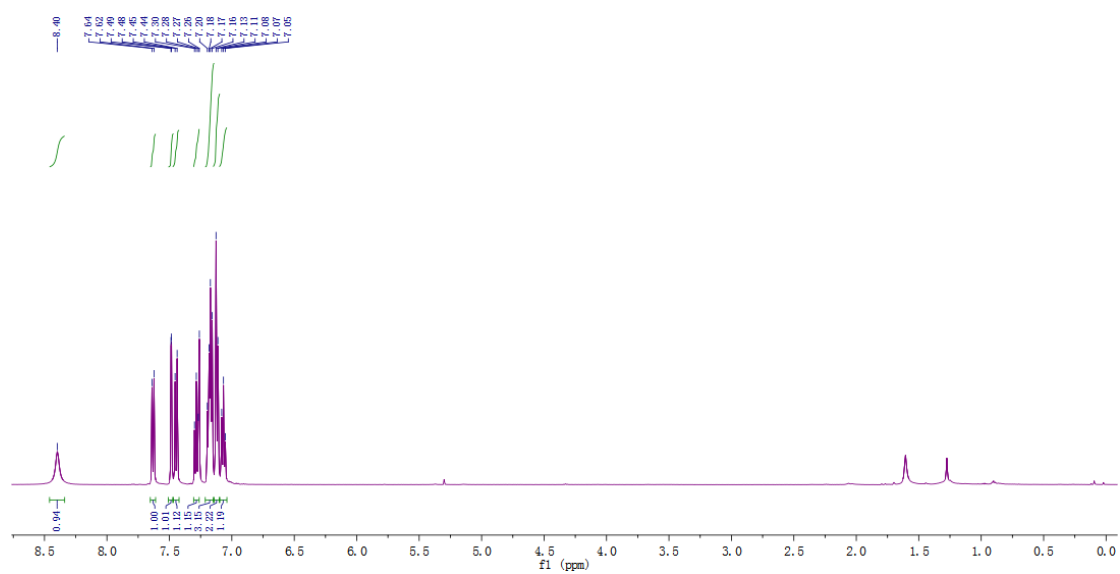
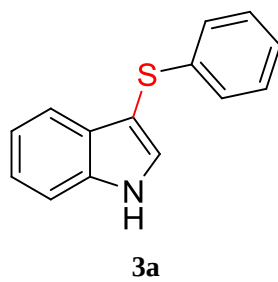
Light yellow oil; $R_f = 0.3$ (33% EtOAc in petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 11.85 (brs, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 149.12, 146.22, 136.64, 133.34, 129.10, 122.41, 122.14, 120.24, 118.64, 112.21, 92.47 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{Se}$: 275.0082, found: 275.0060.

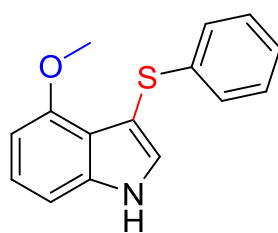


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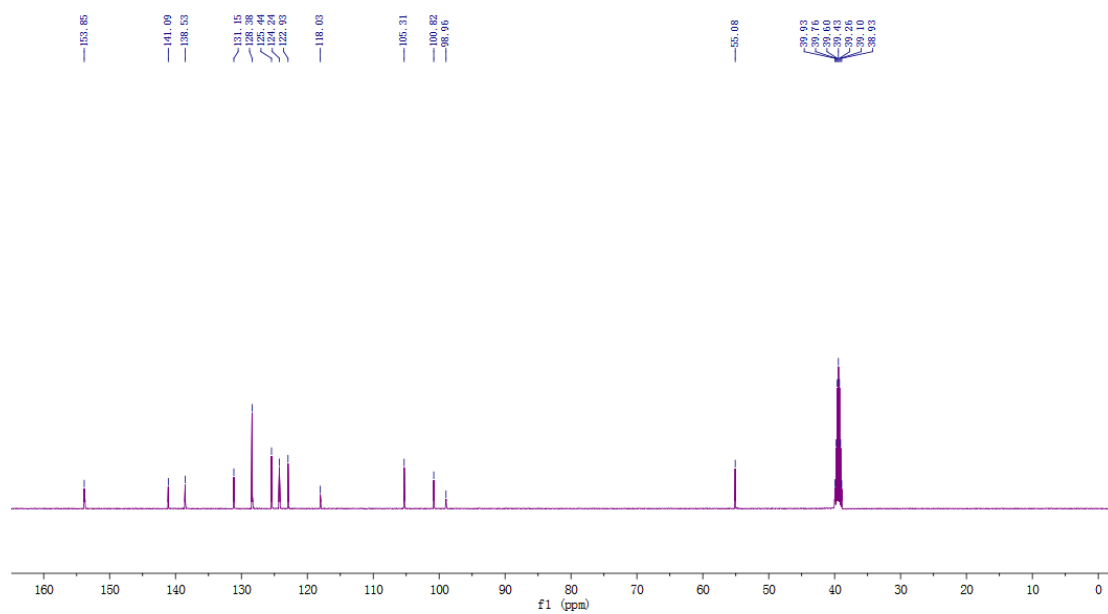
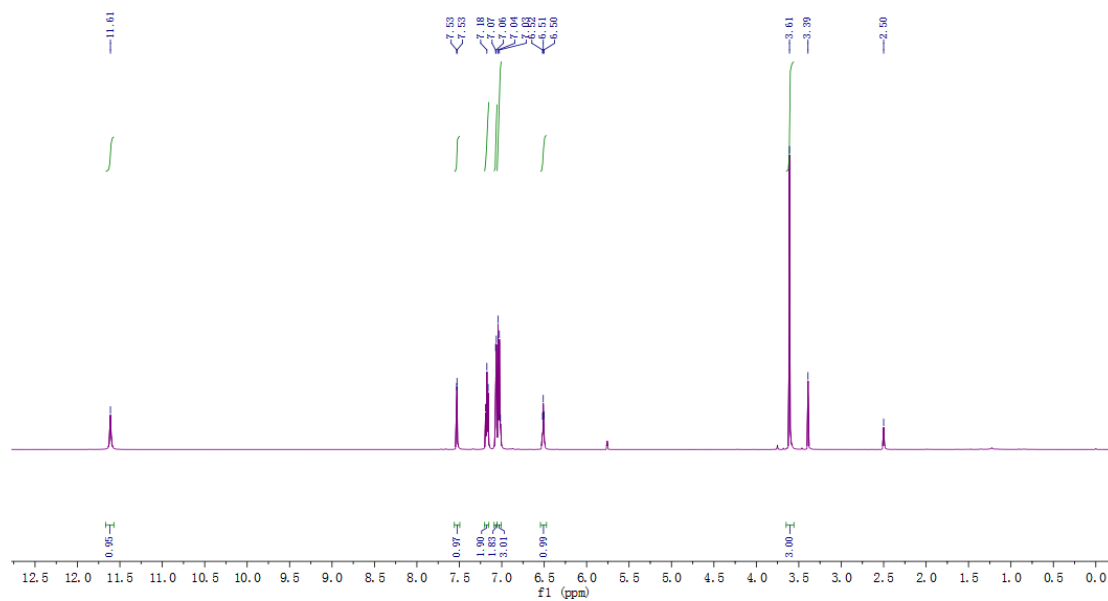
Colorless oil; $R_f = 0.3$ (100% petroleum ether); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H) , 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 1.70 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.07, 135.72, 131.85, 129.64, 129.09, 126.20, 124.98, 123.24, 120.72, 115.20, 104.58, 84.29, 28.15 ppm; HRMS: calc. for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ \text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Se}$: 374.0654, found: 374.0645.

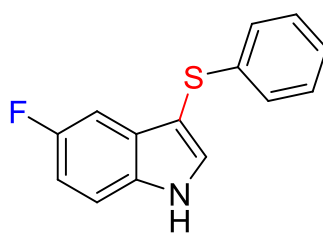
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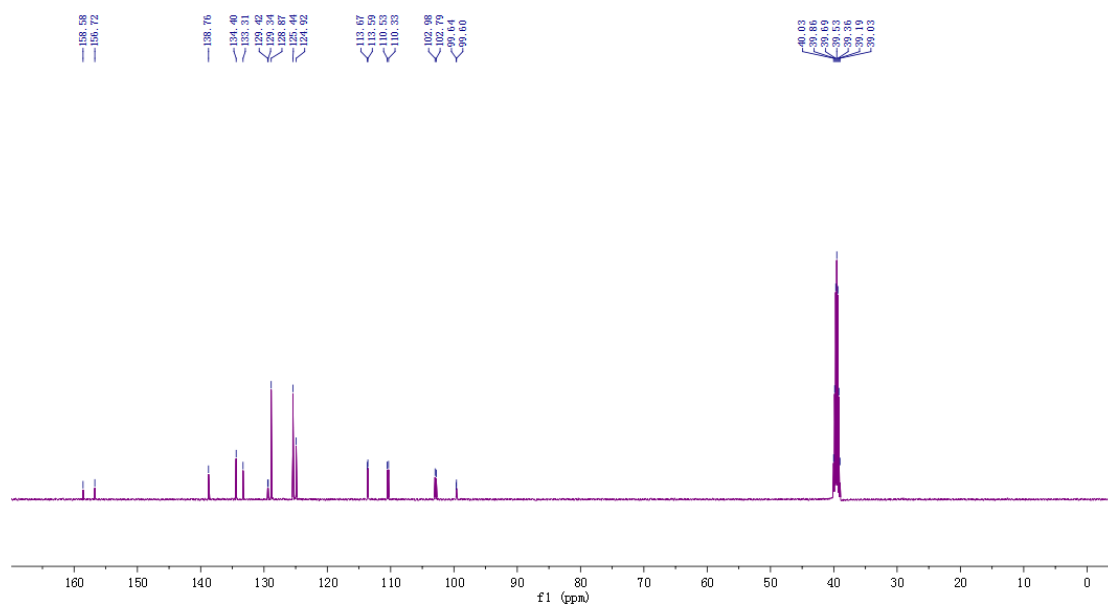
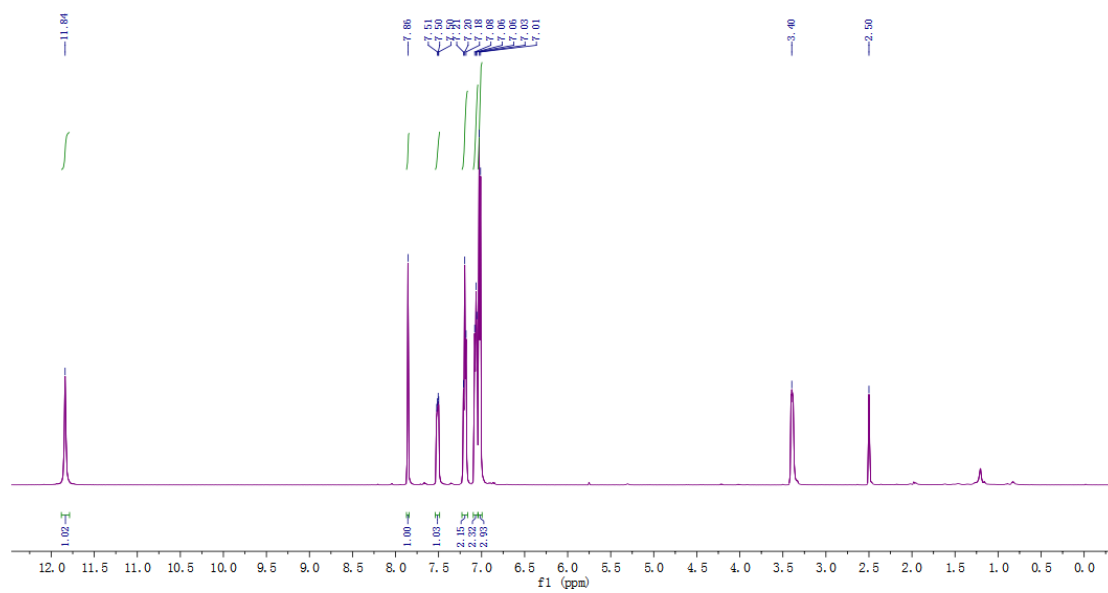


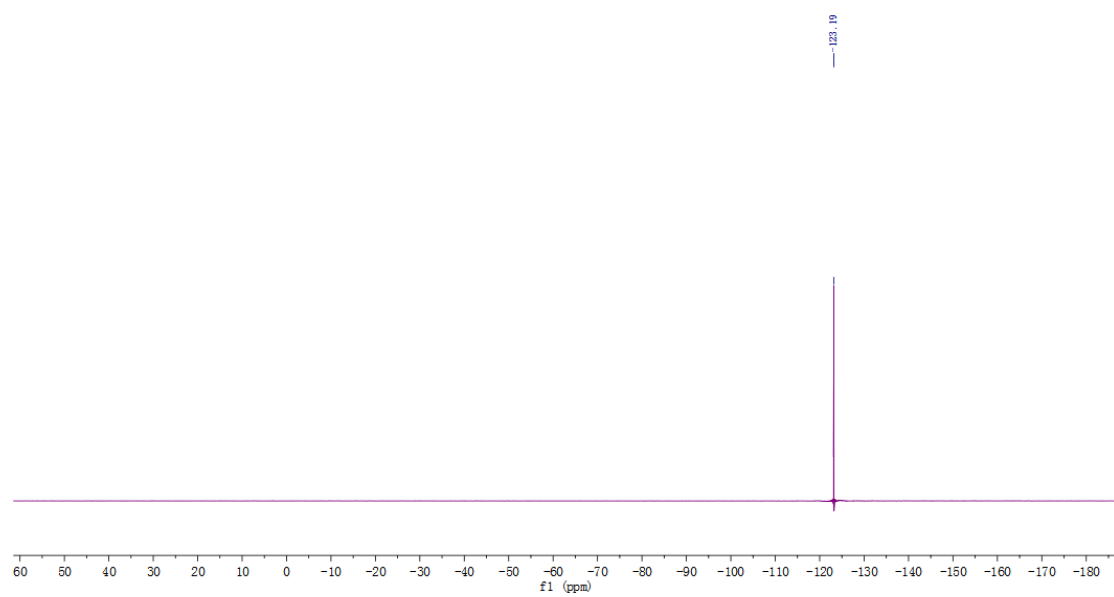
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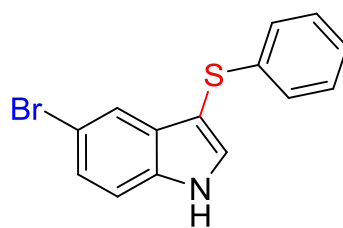




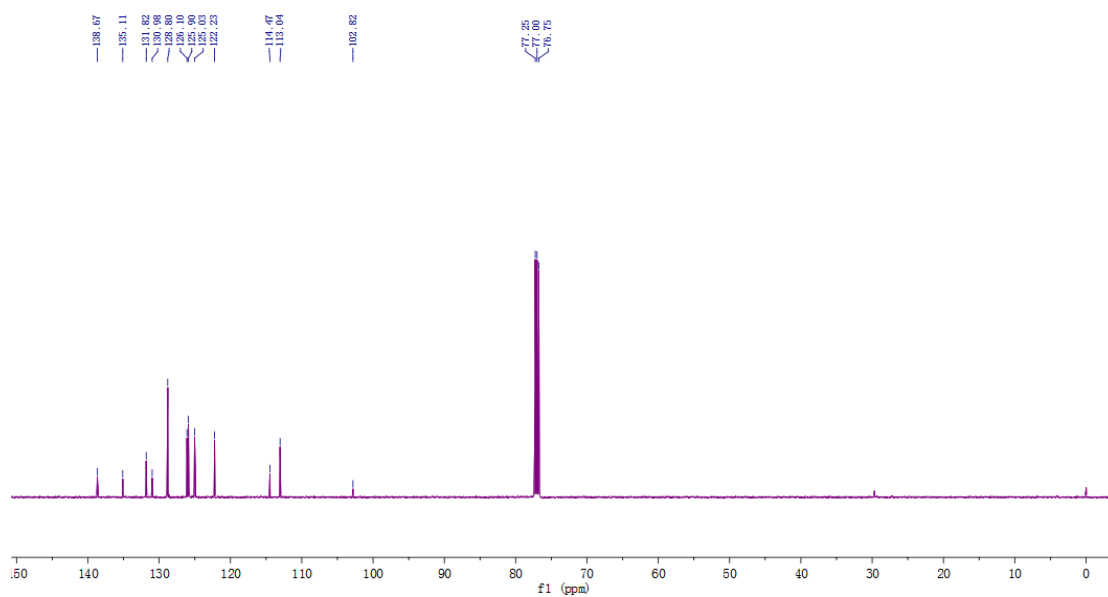
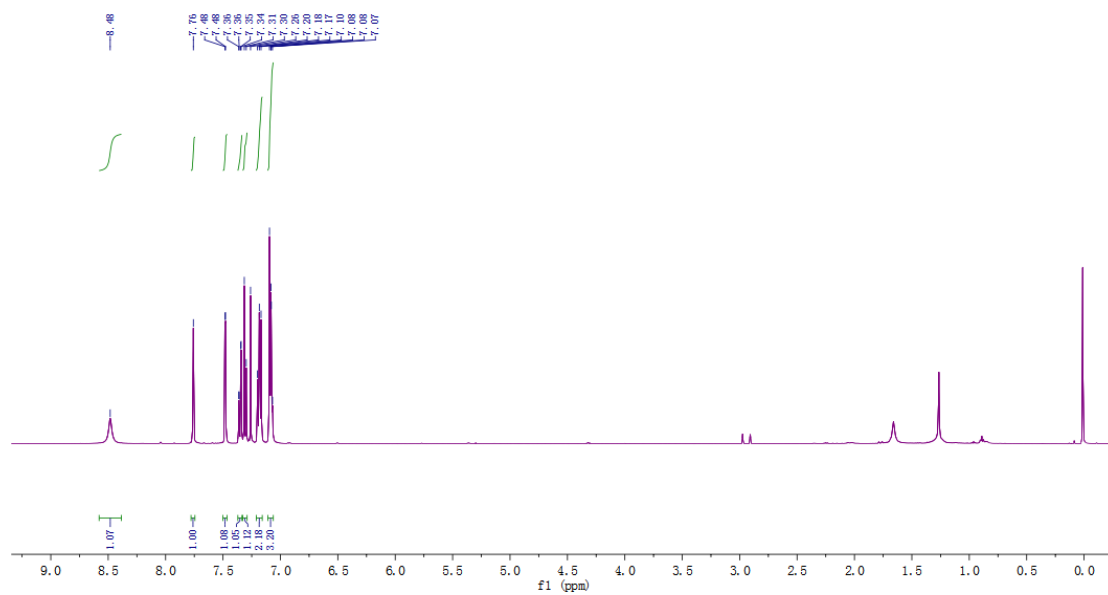
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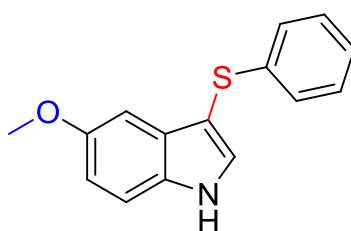




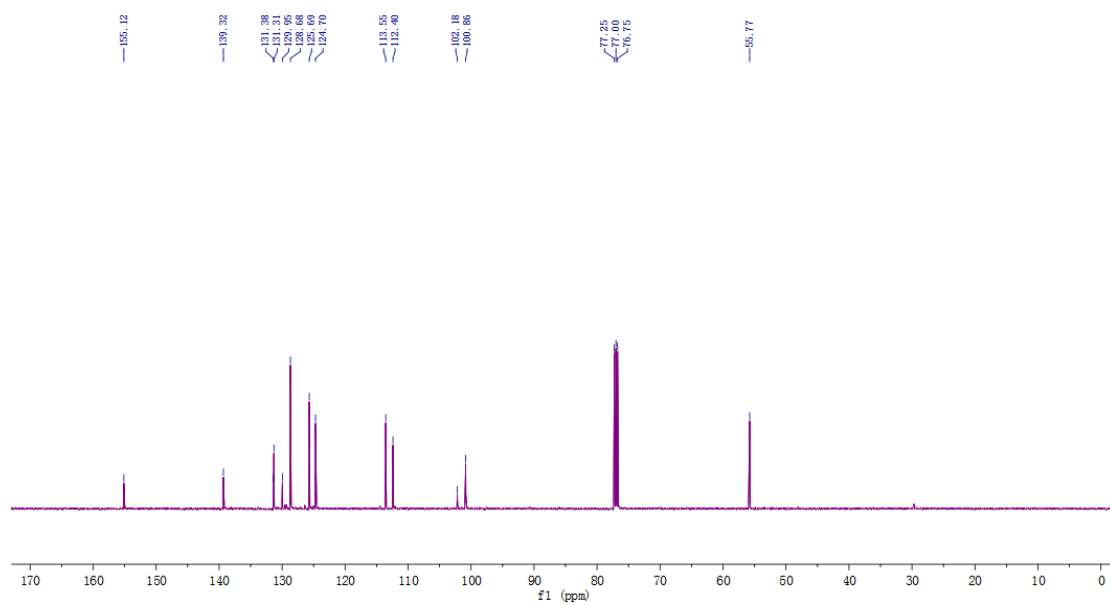
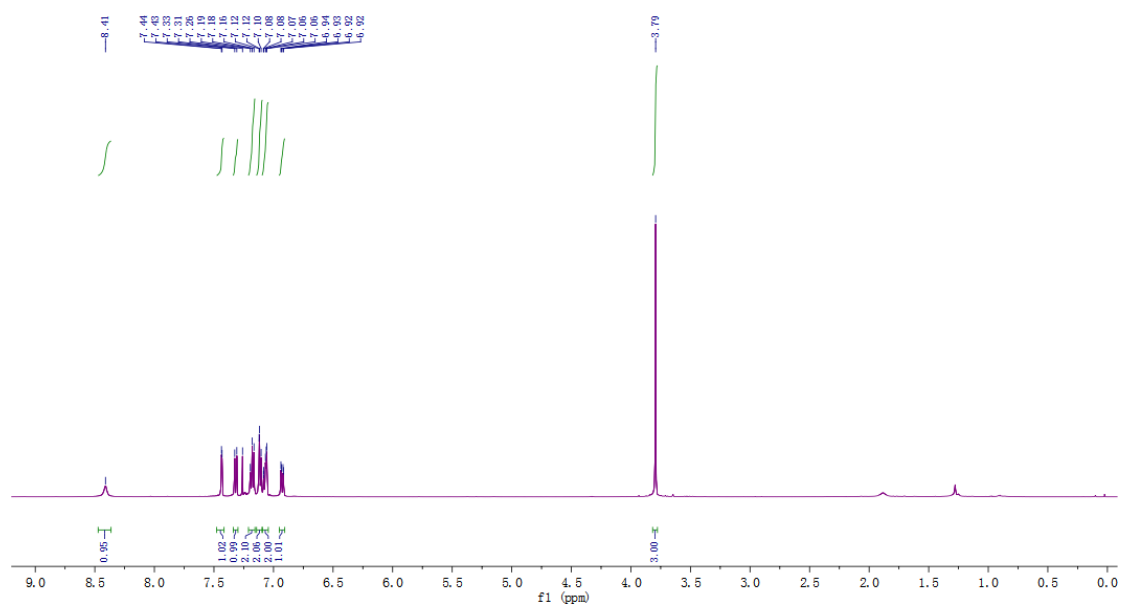


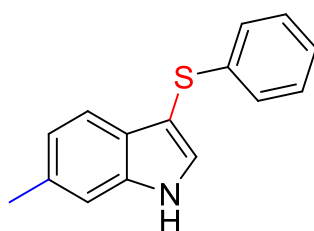
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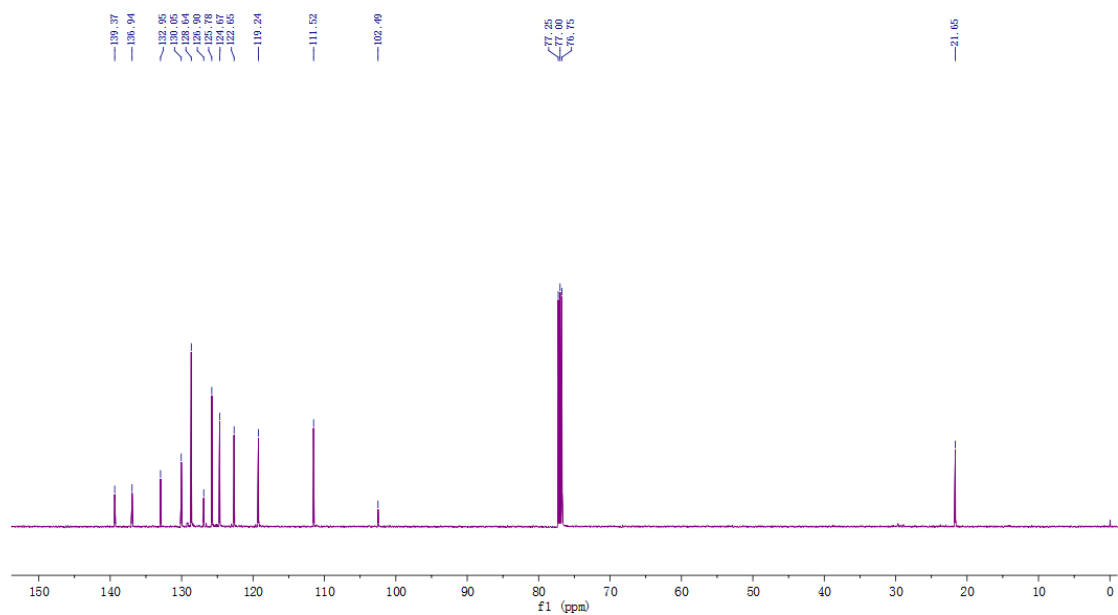
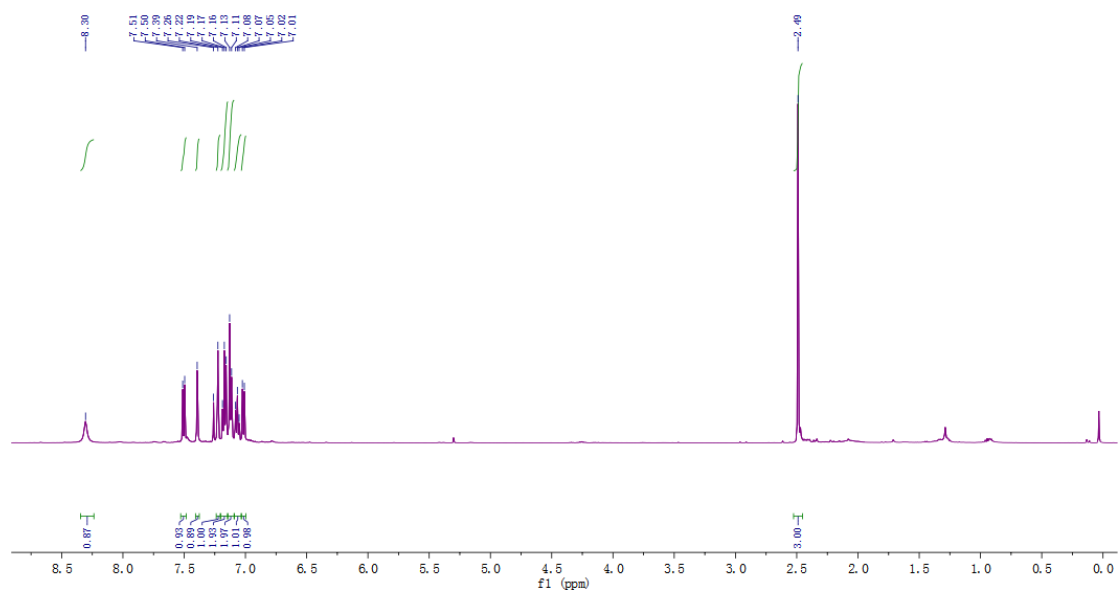


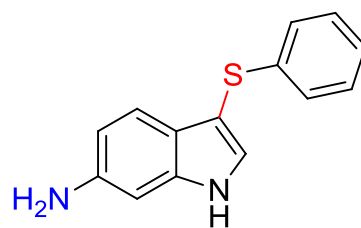
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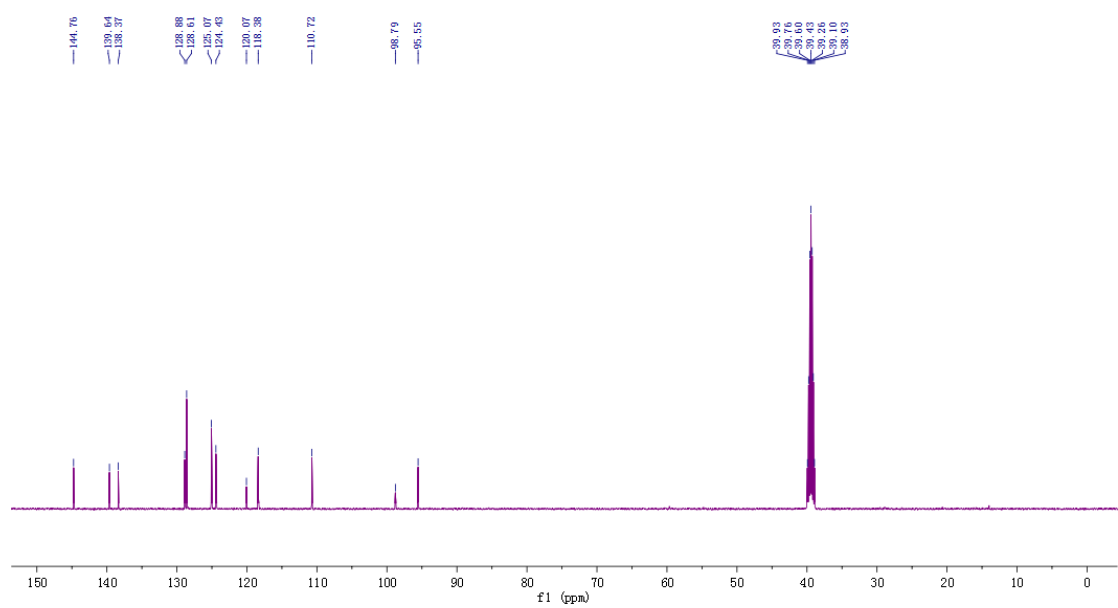
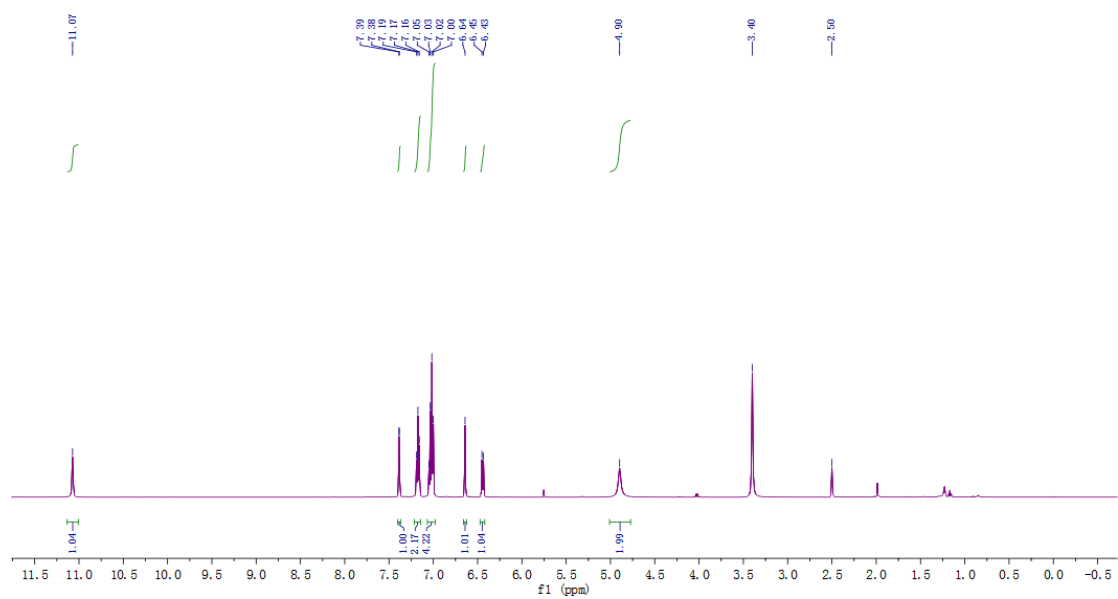


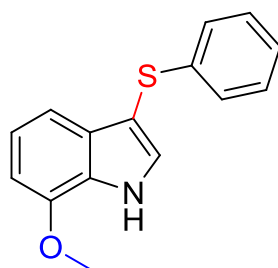
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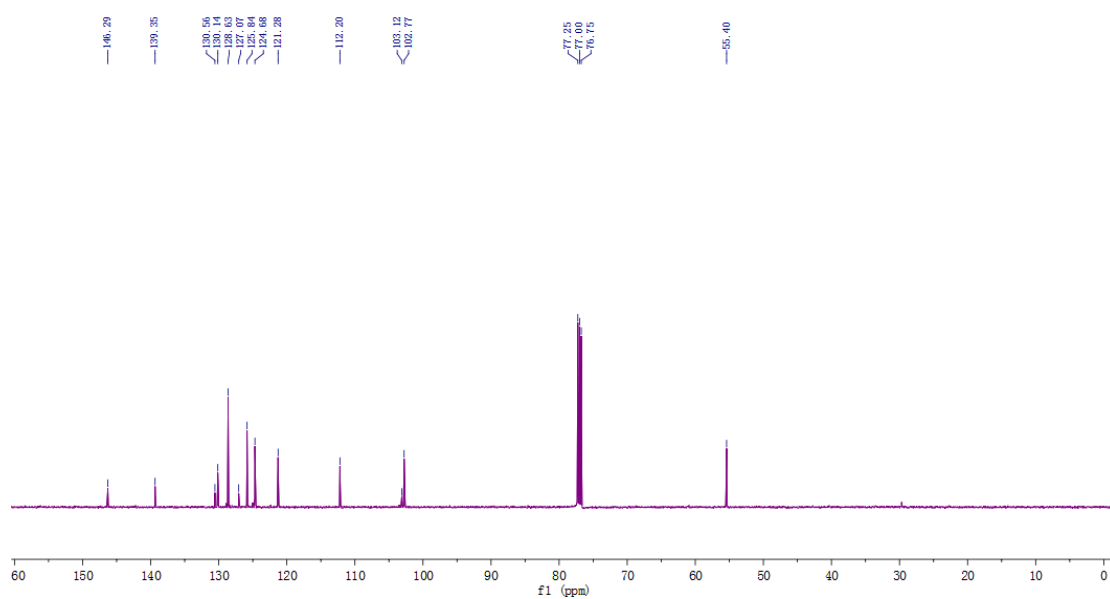
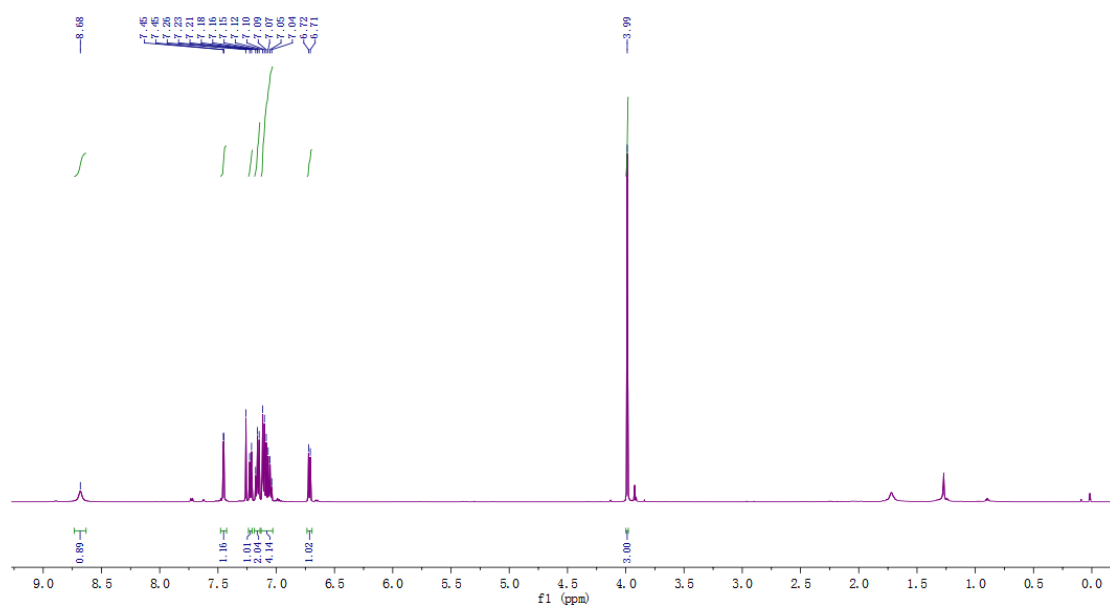


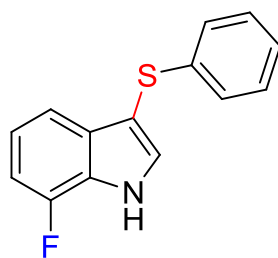
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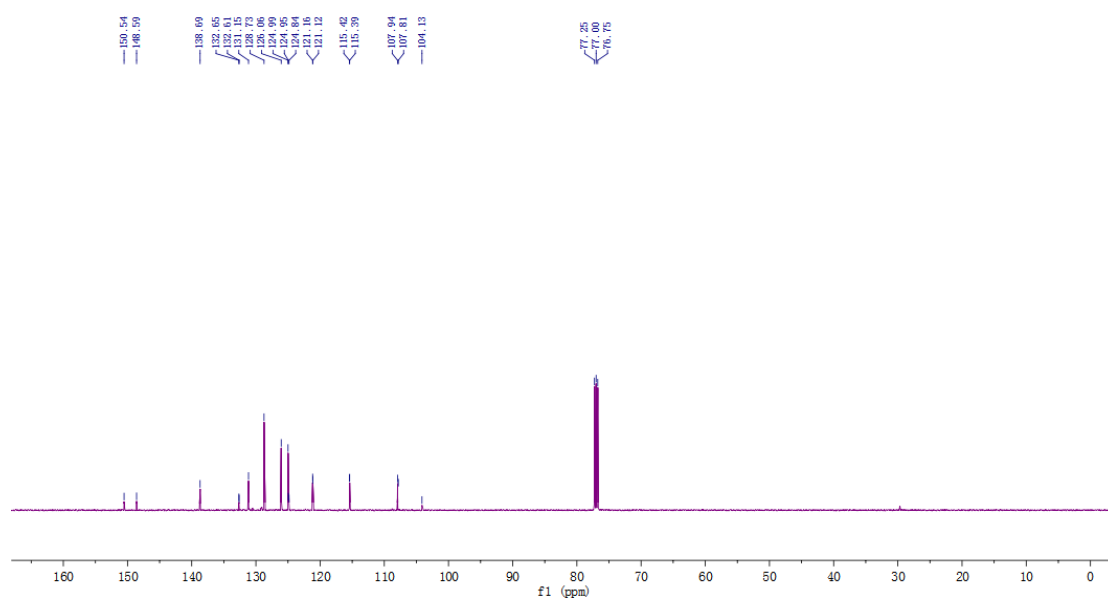
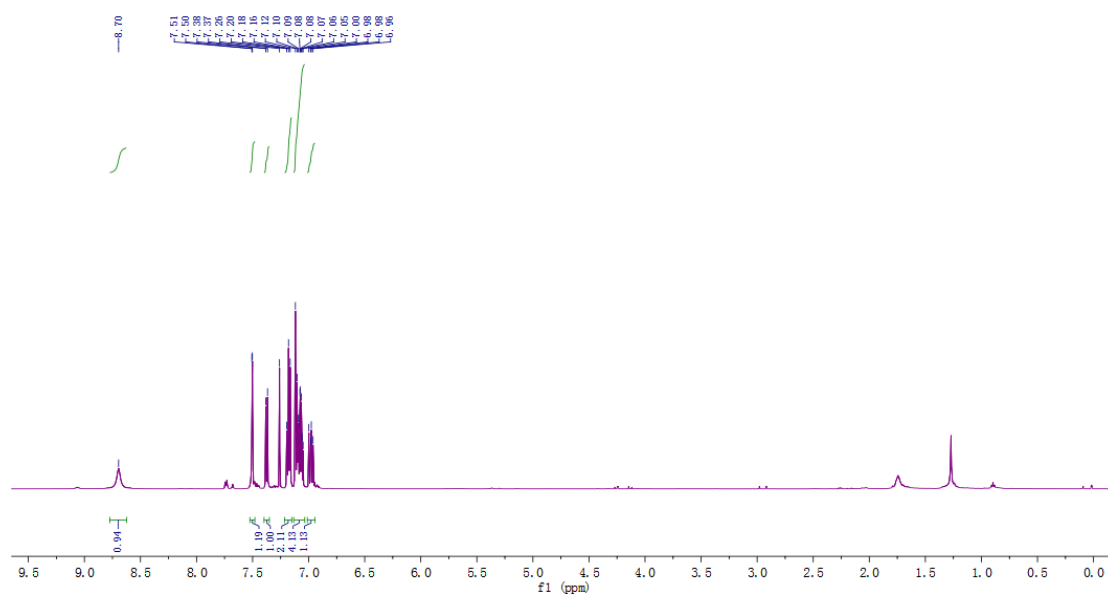


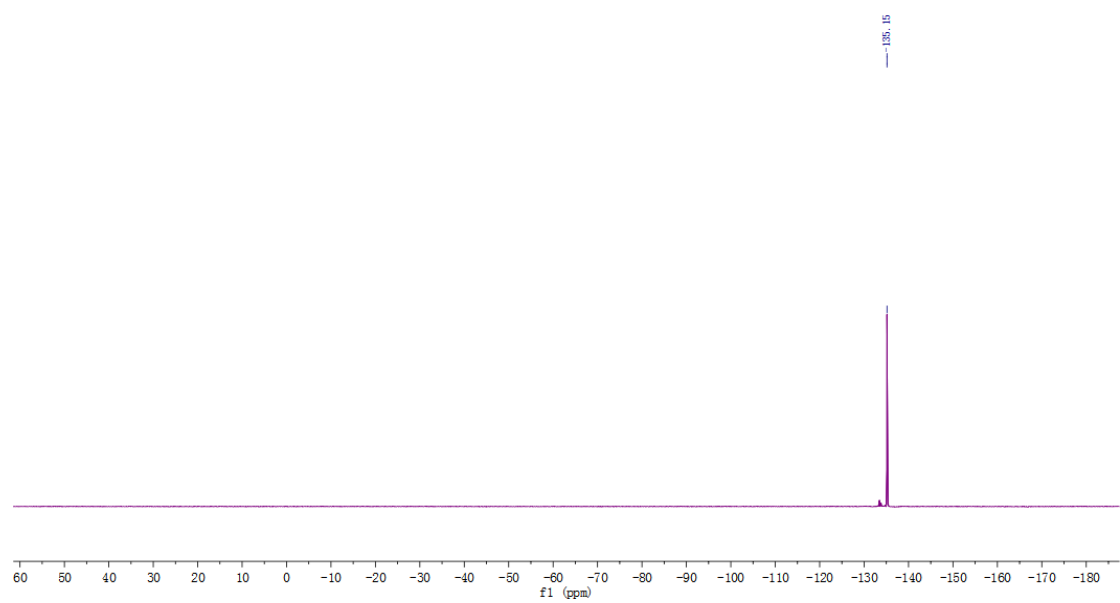
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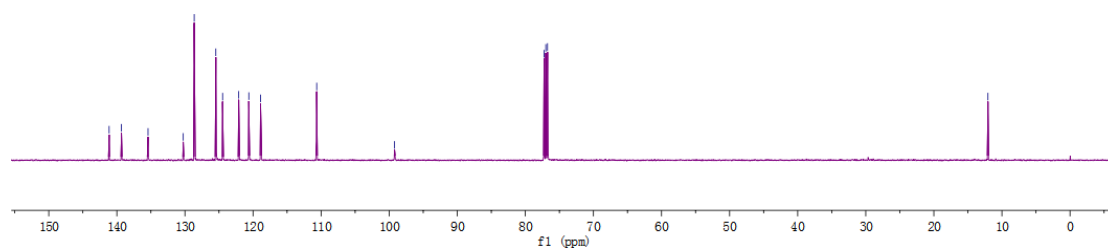


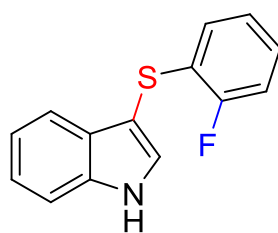


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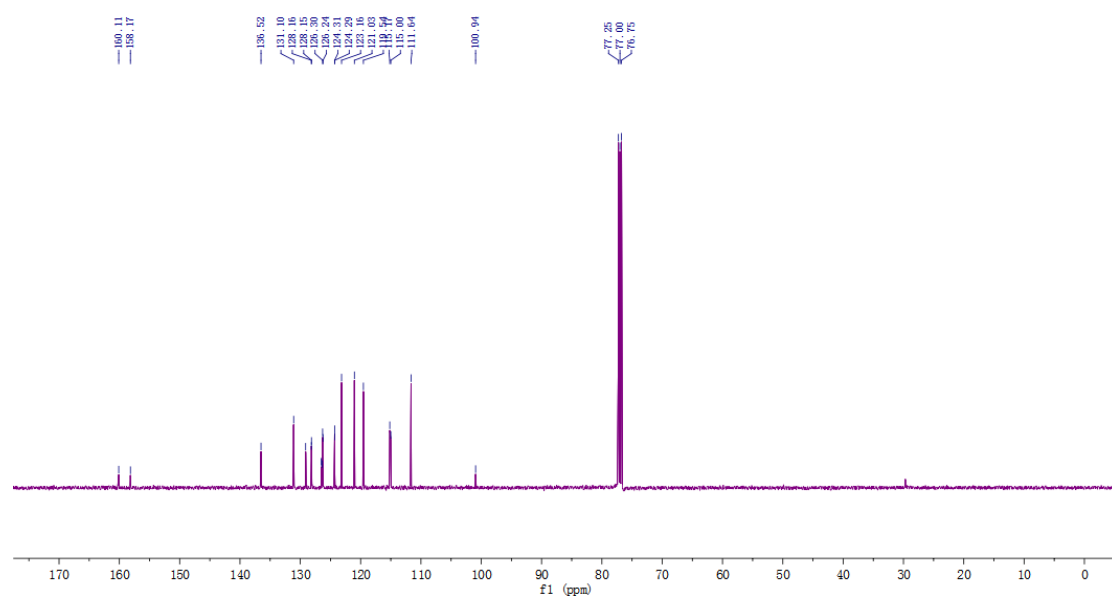
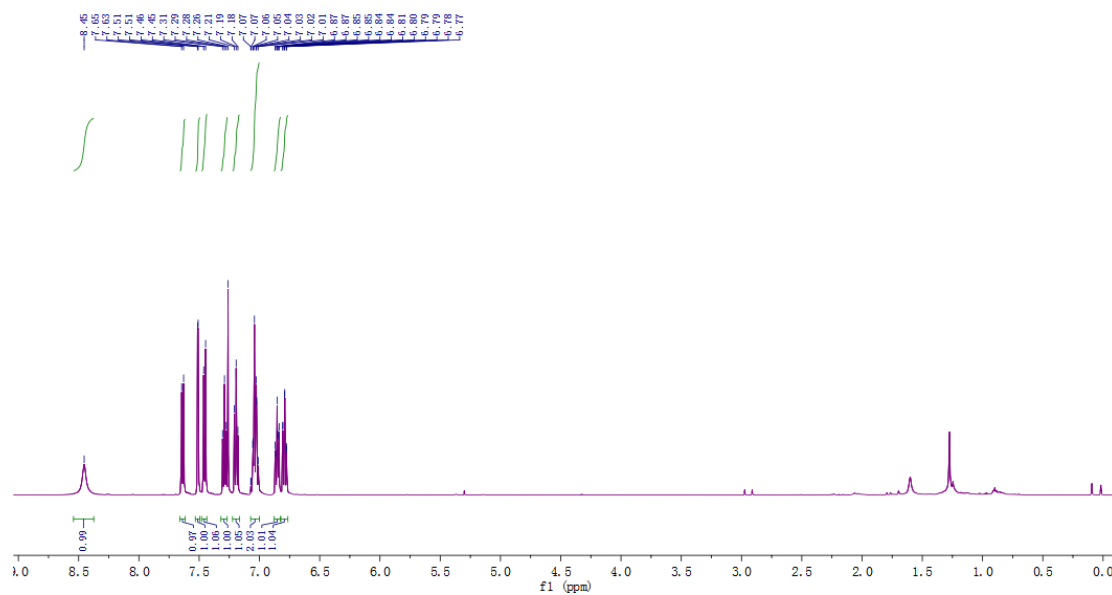


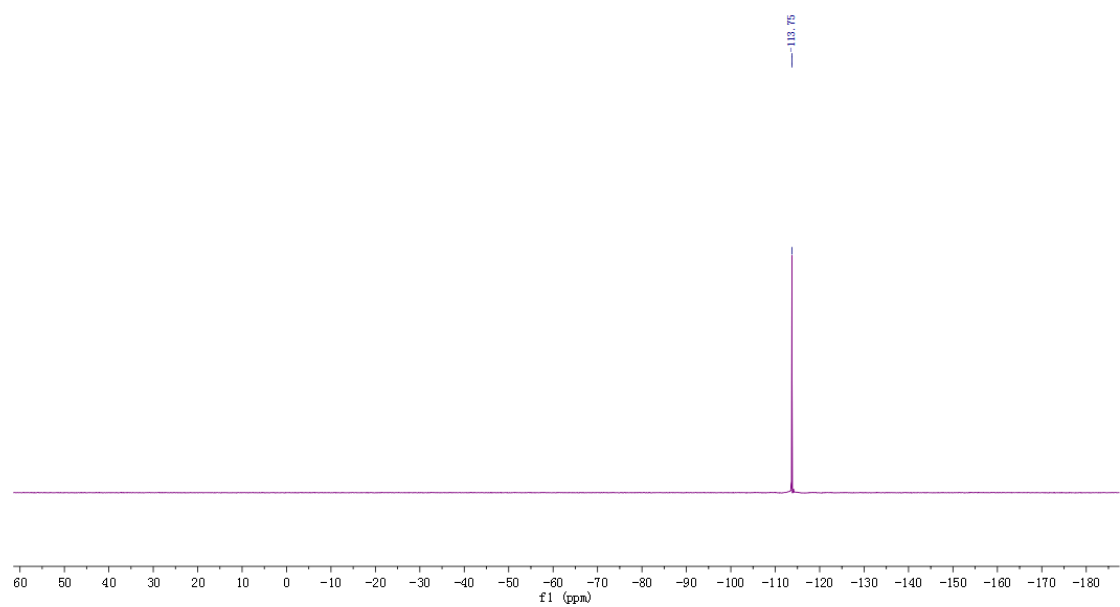


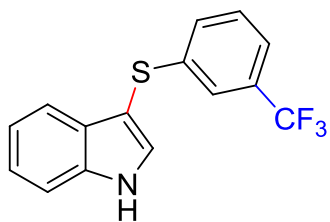




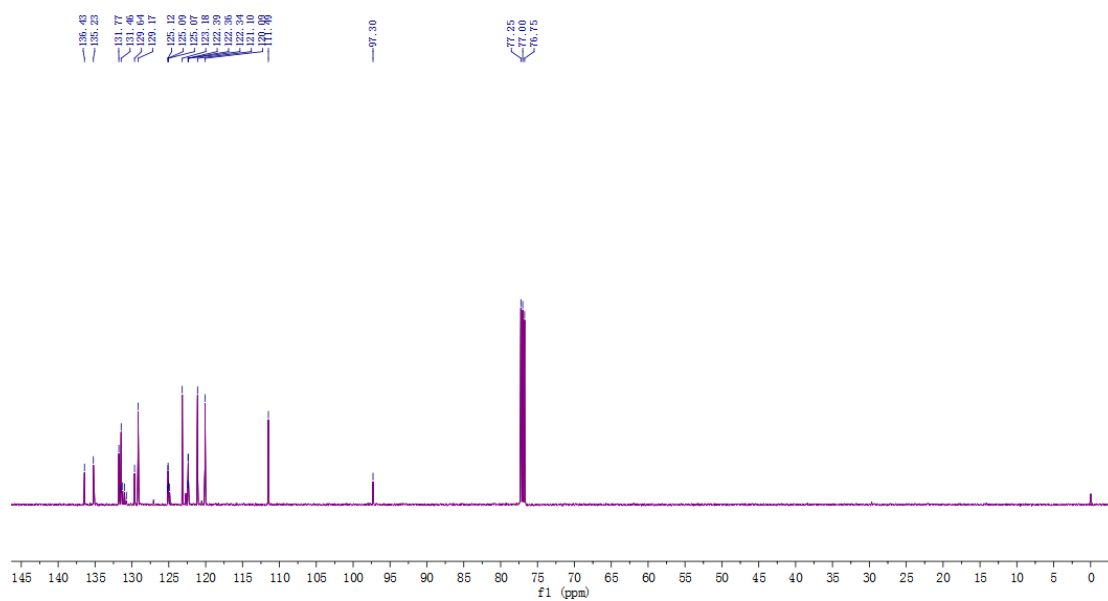
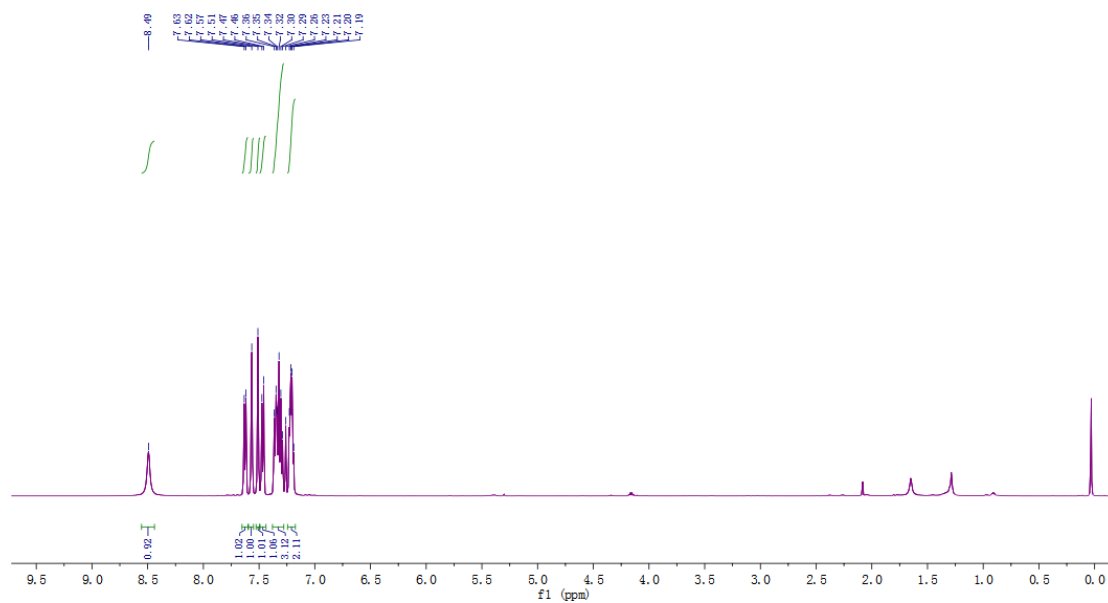
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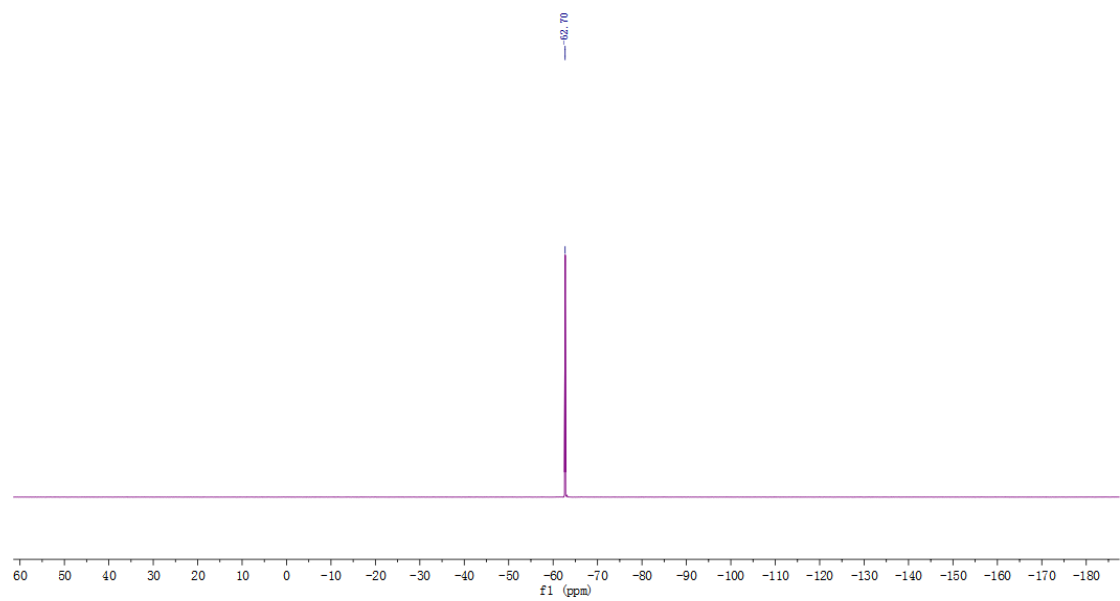


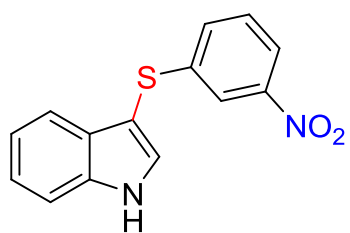




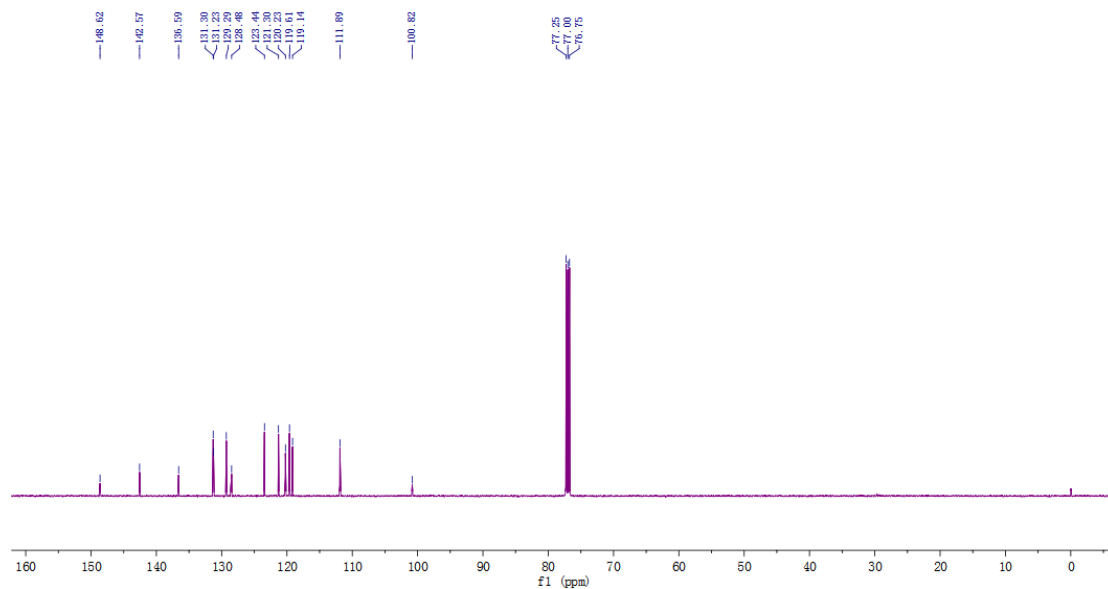
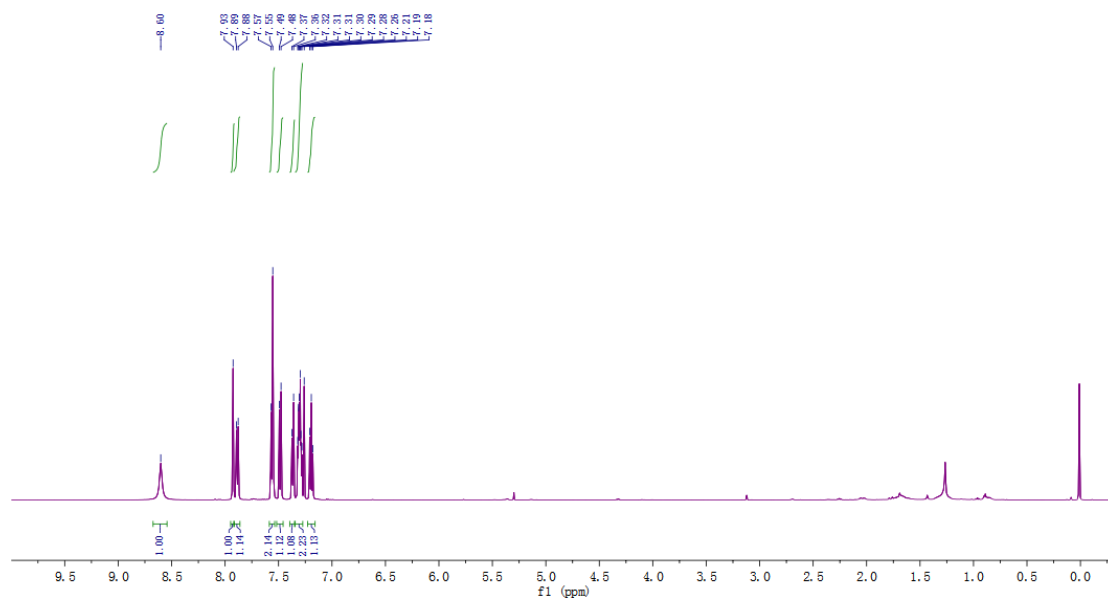
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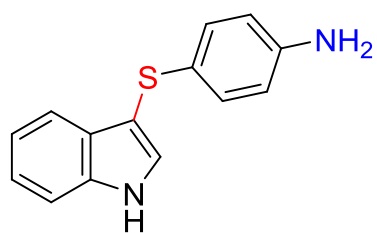




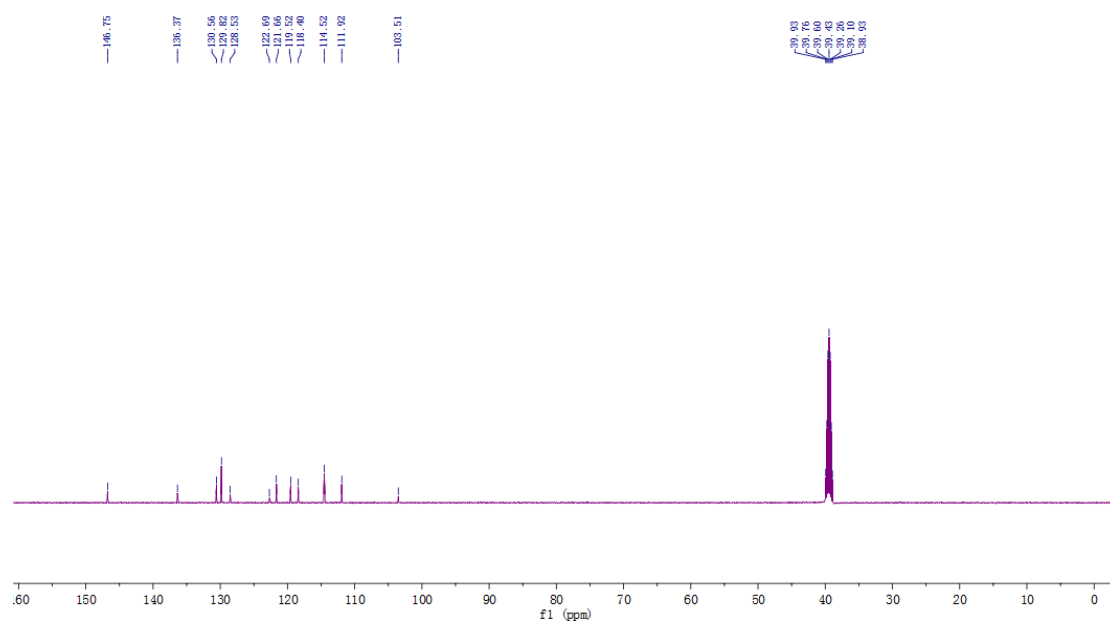
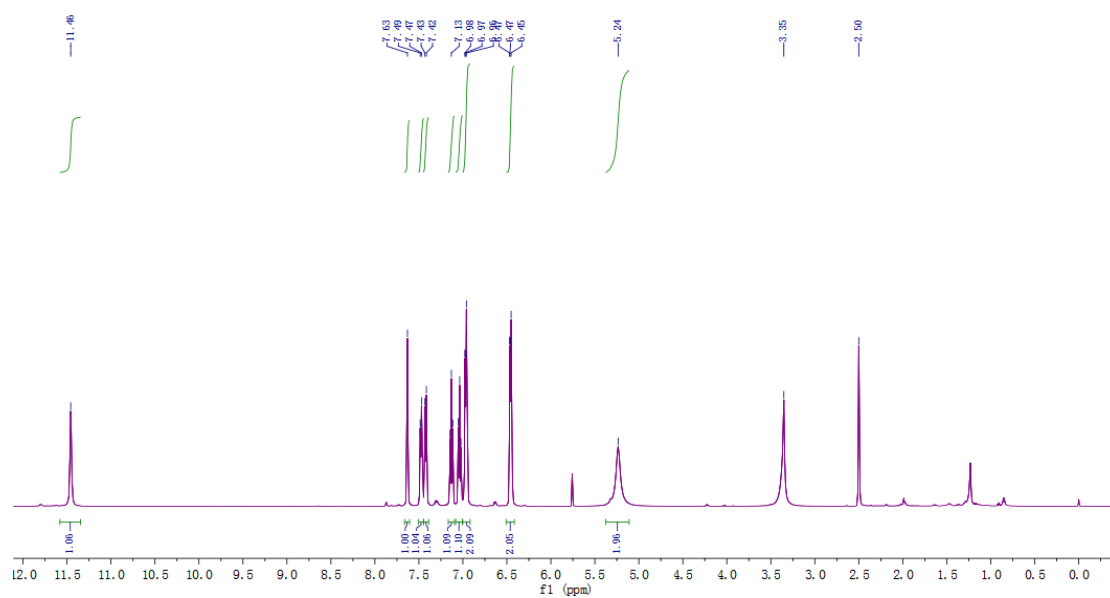


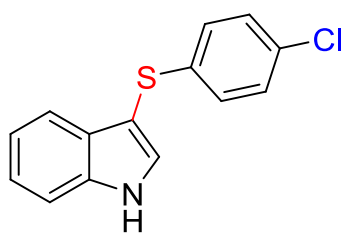
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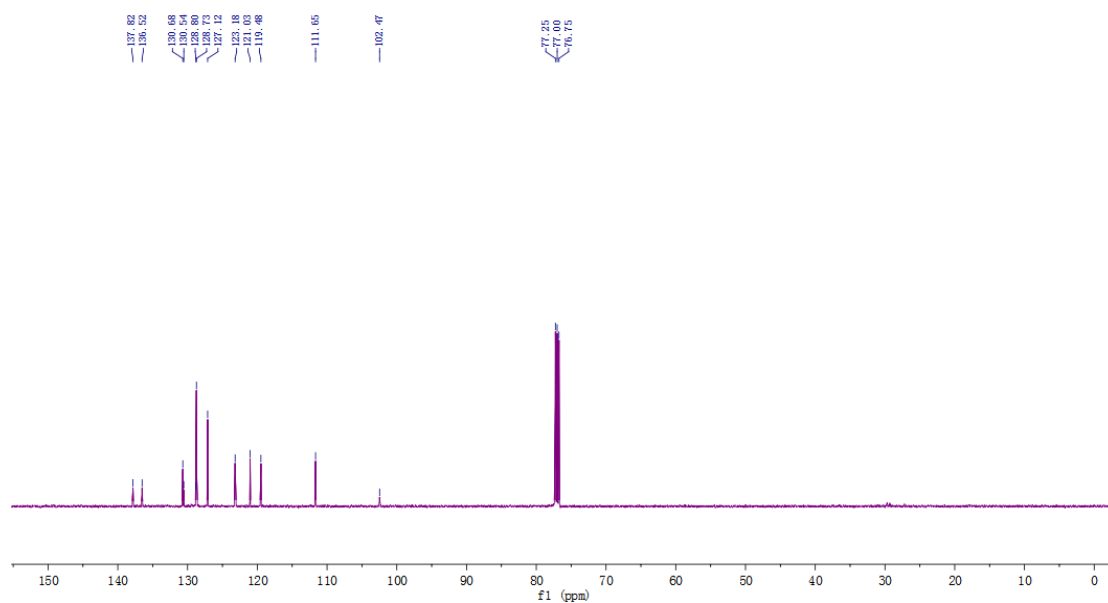
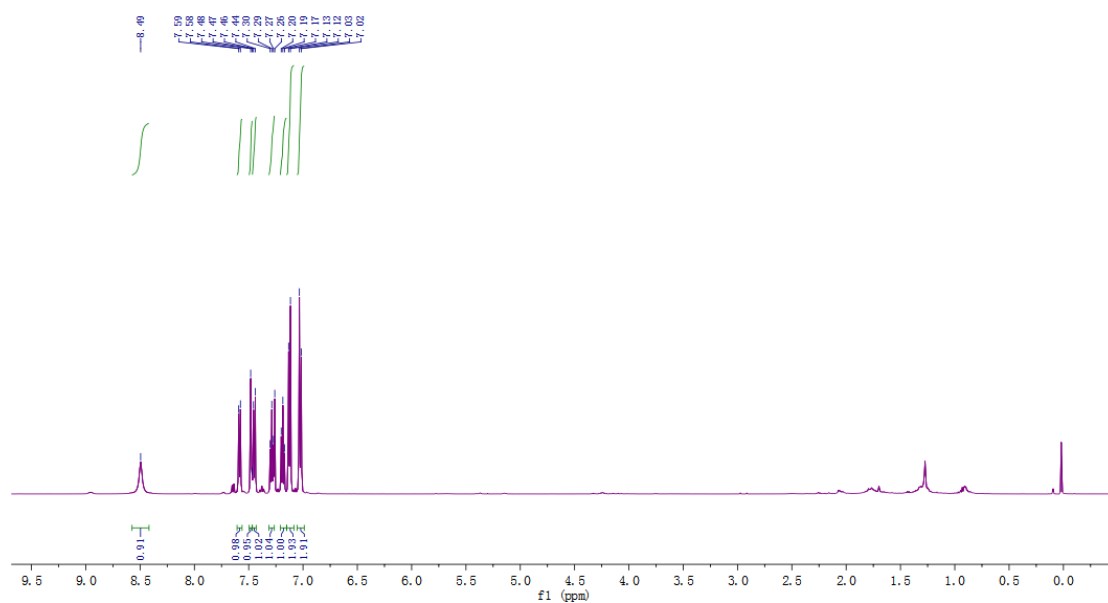


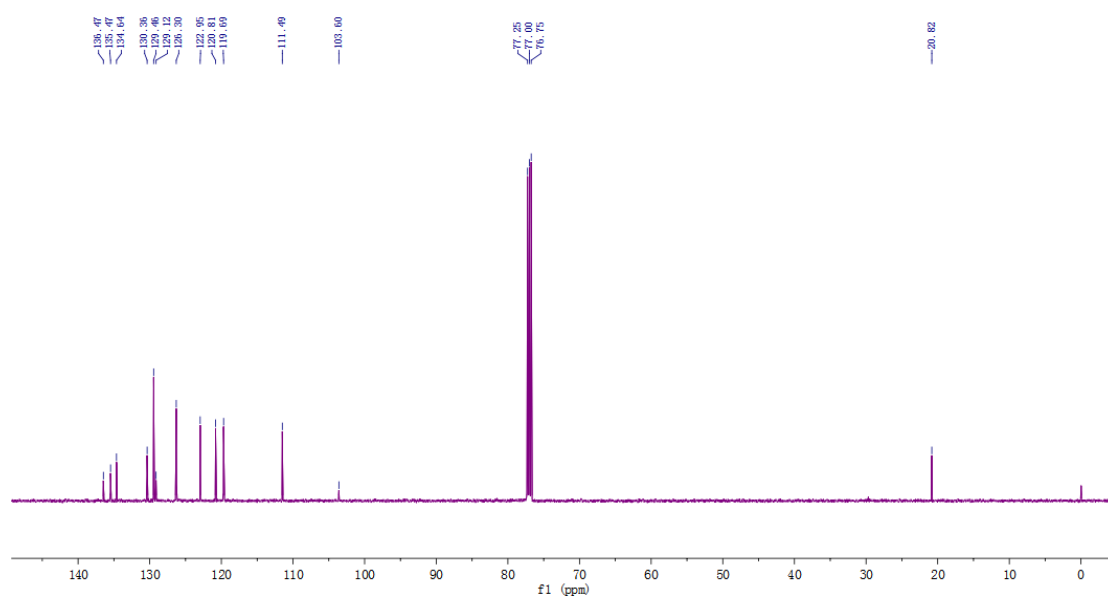
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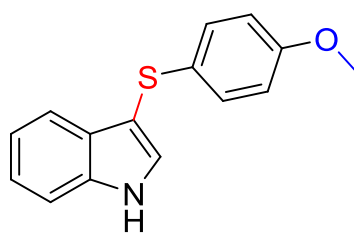




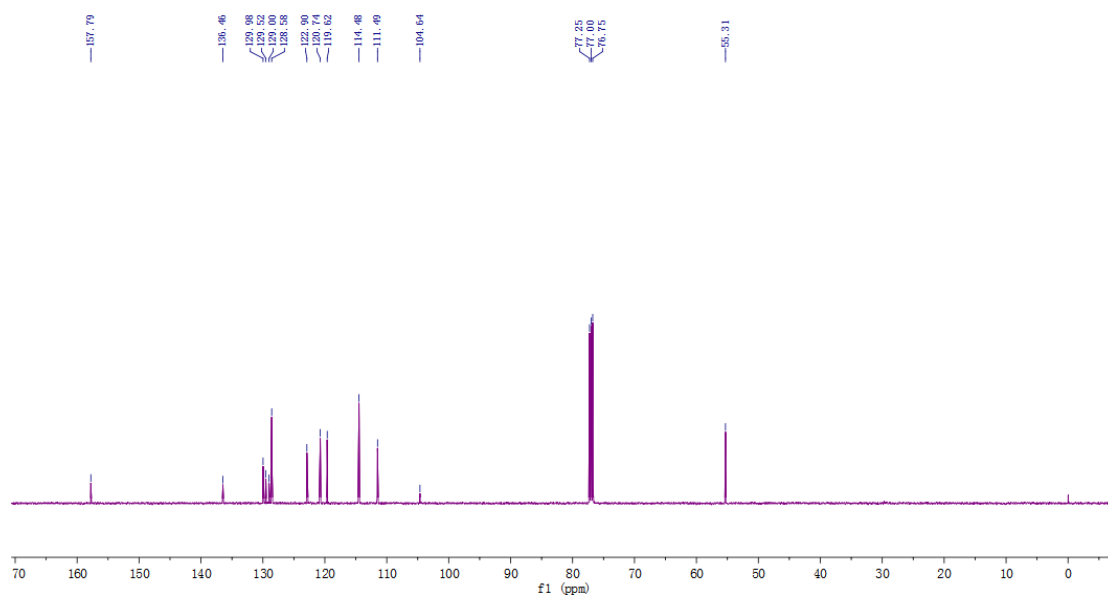
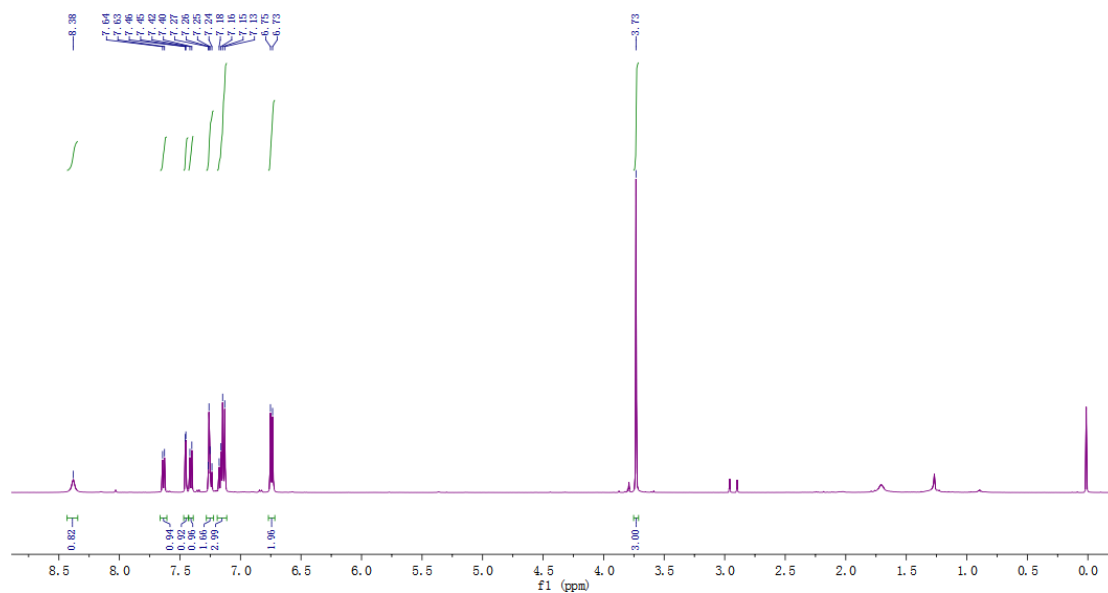
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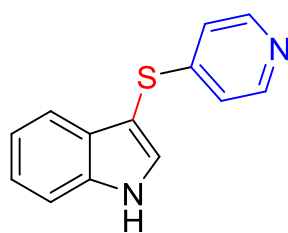




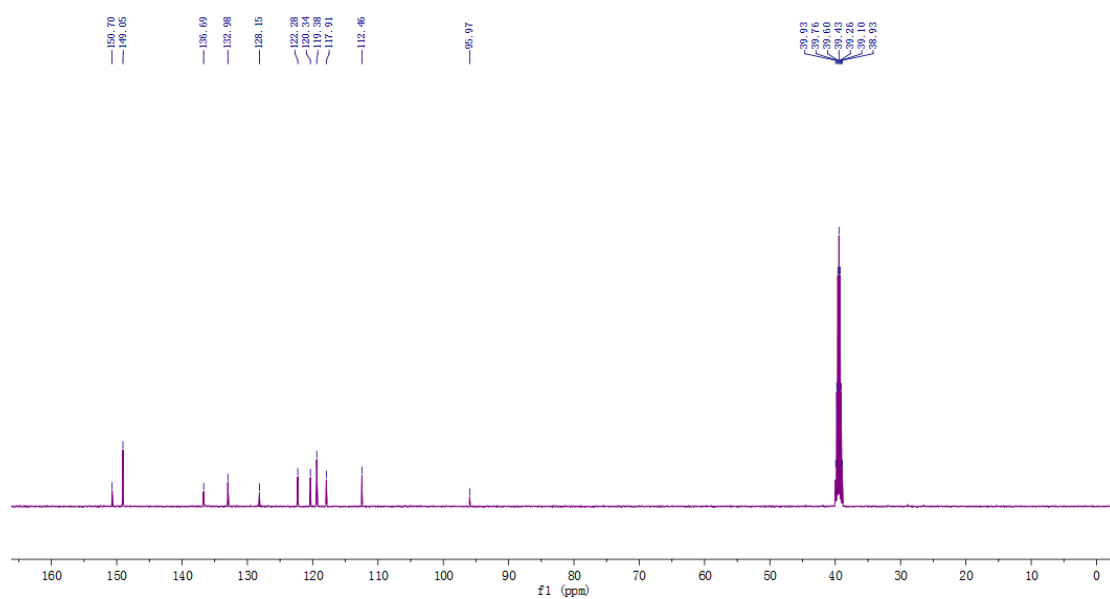
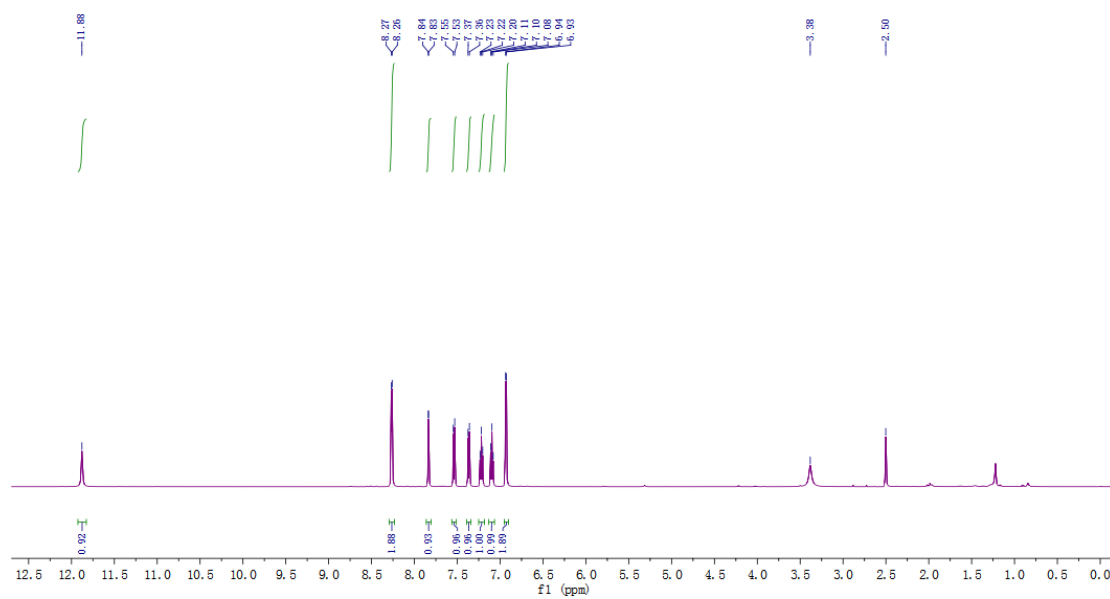


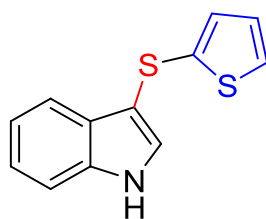
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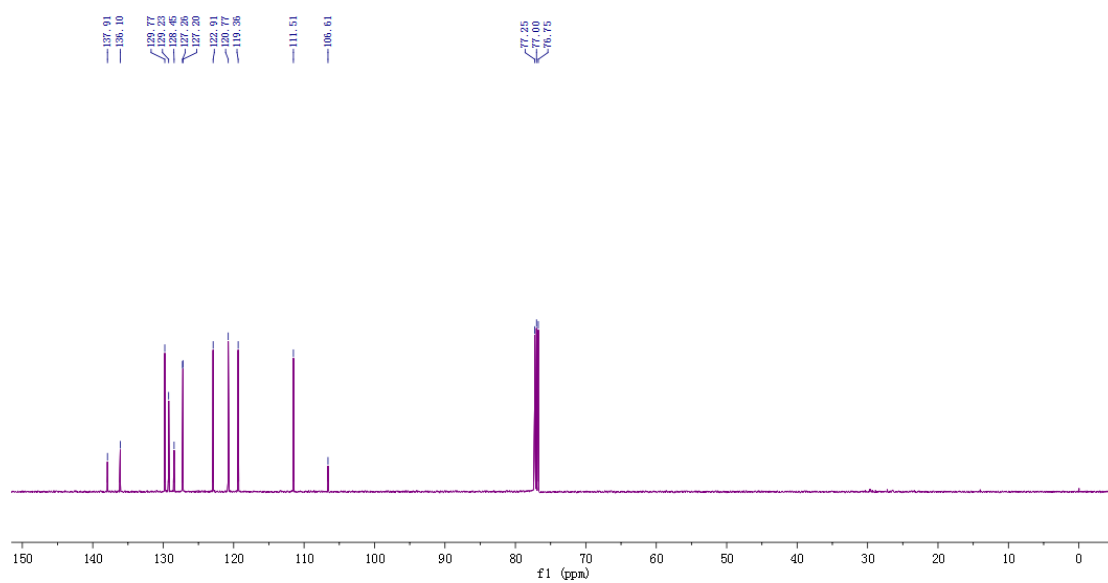
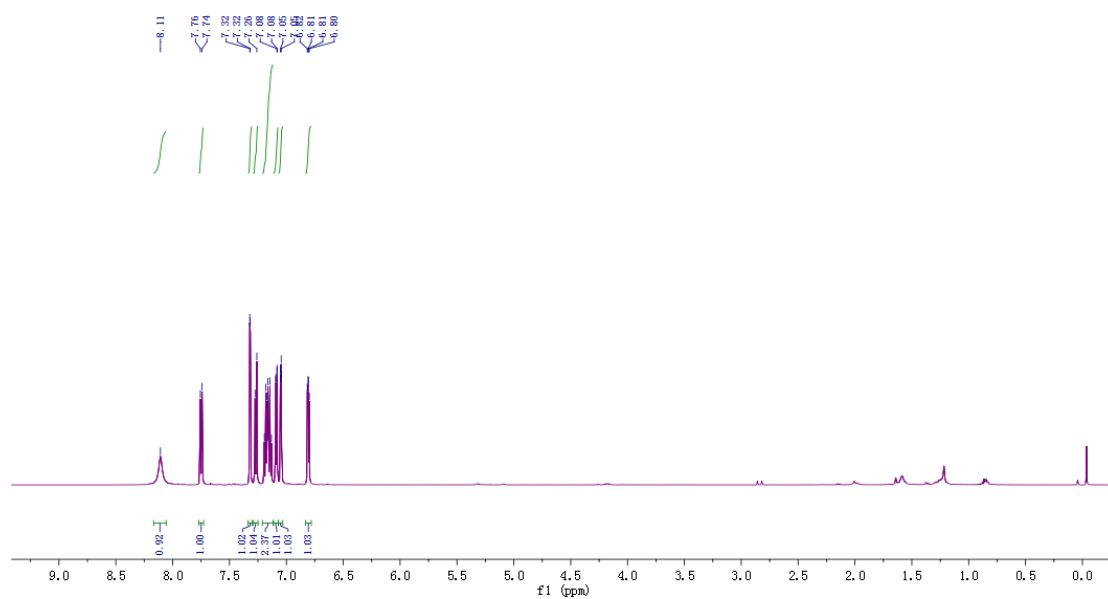


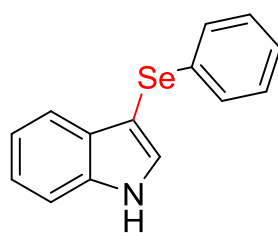
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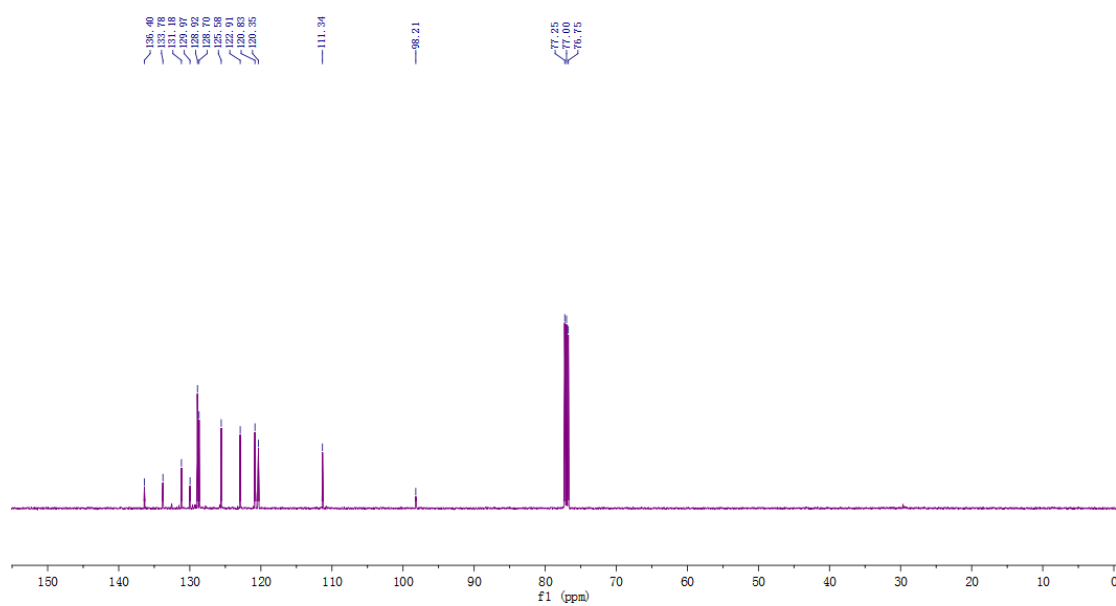
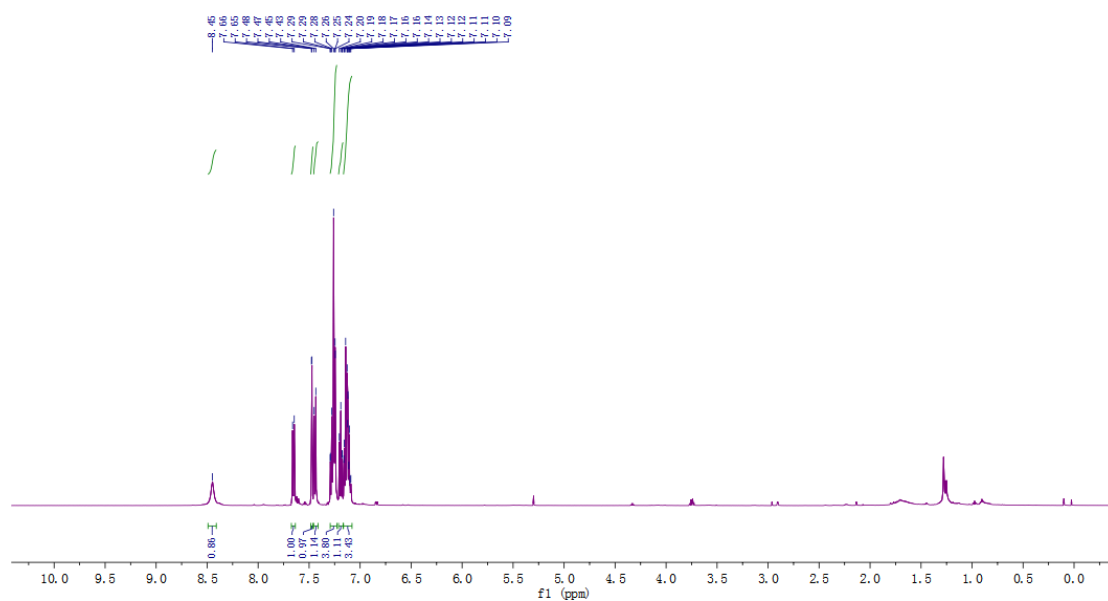


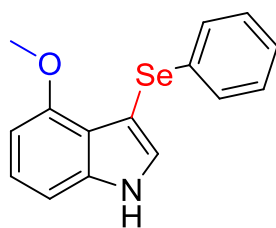
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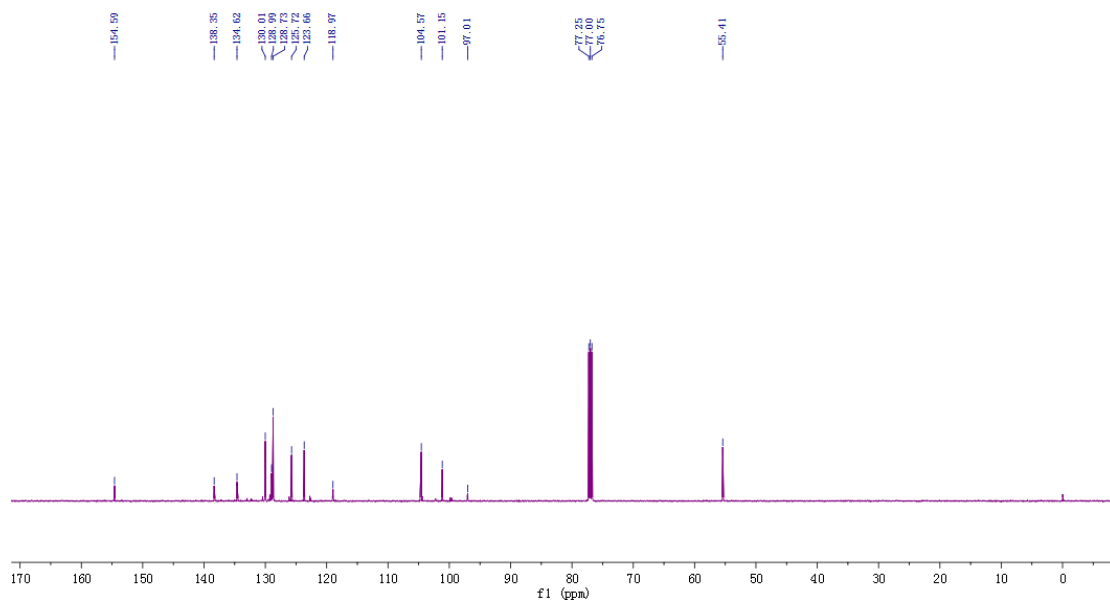
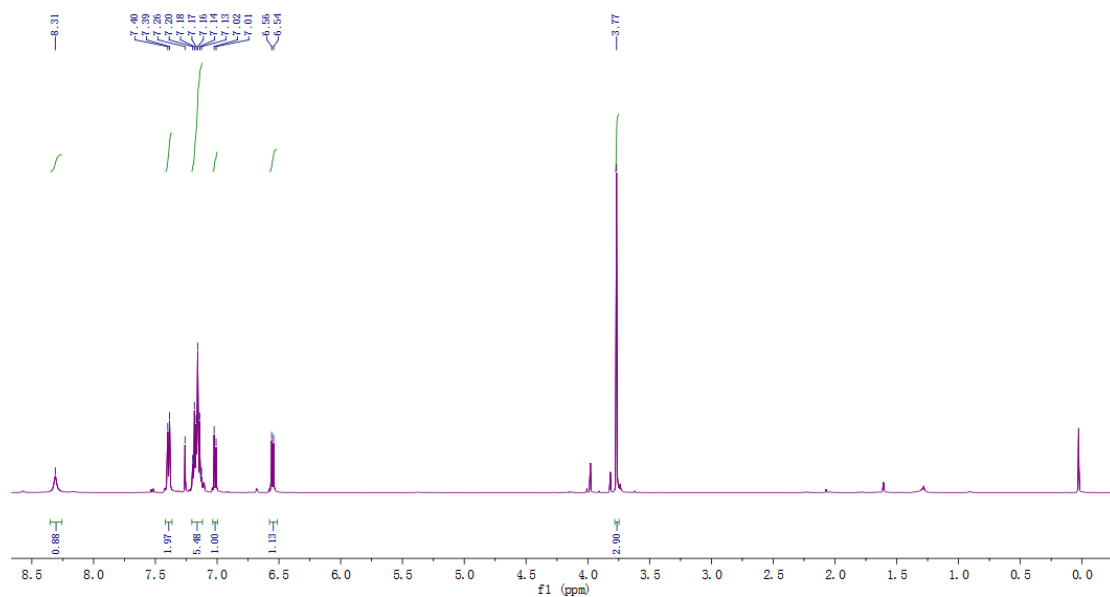


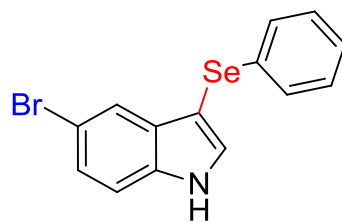
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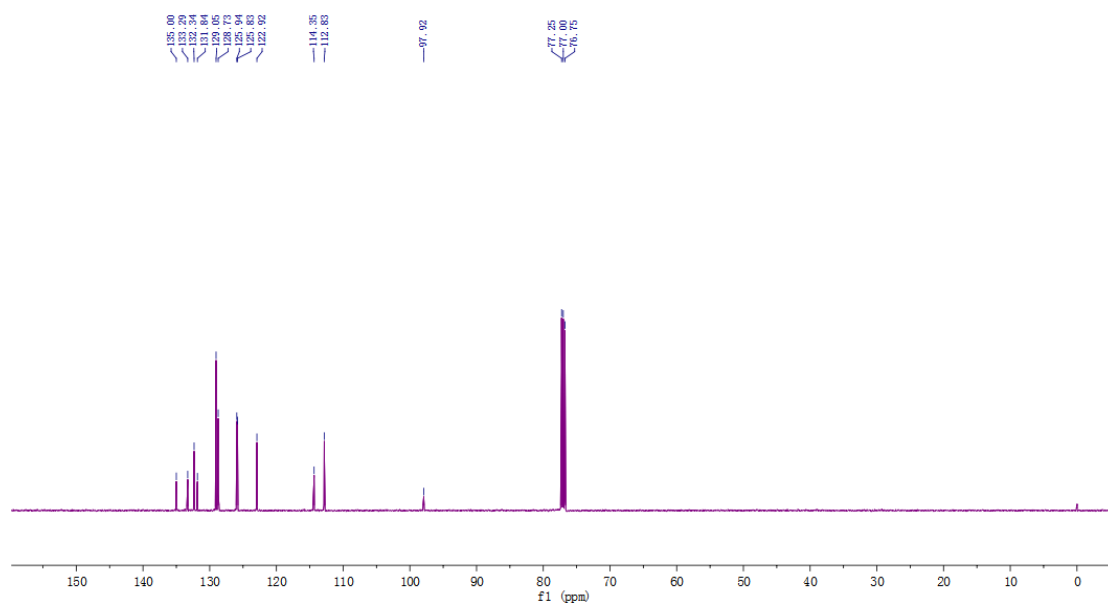
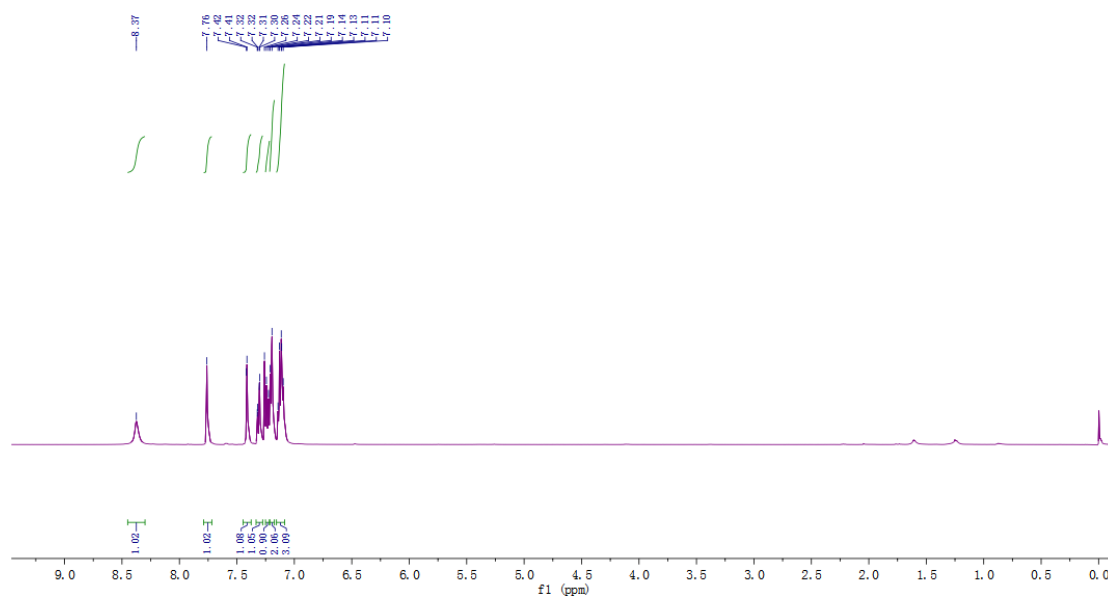


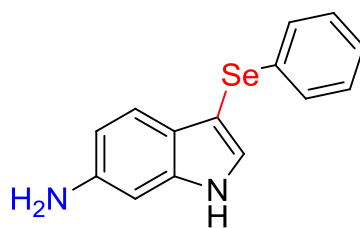
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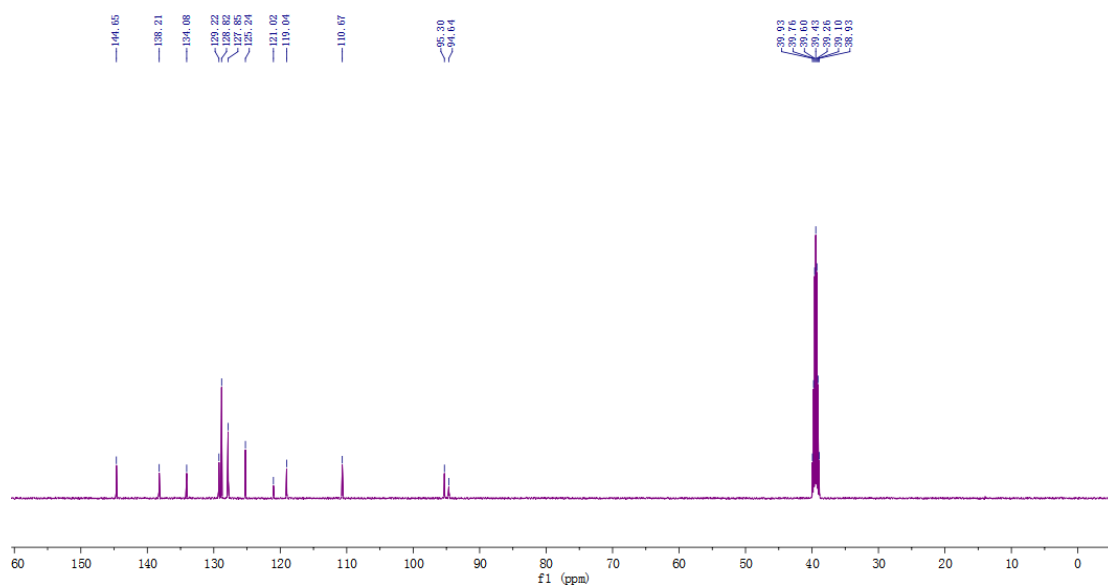
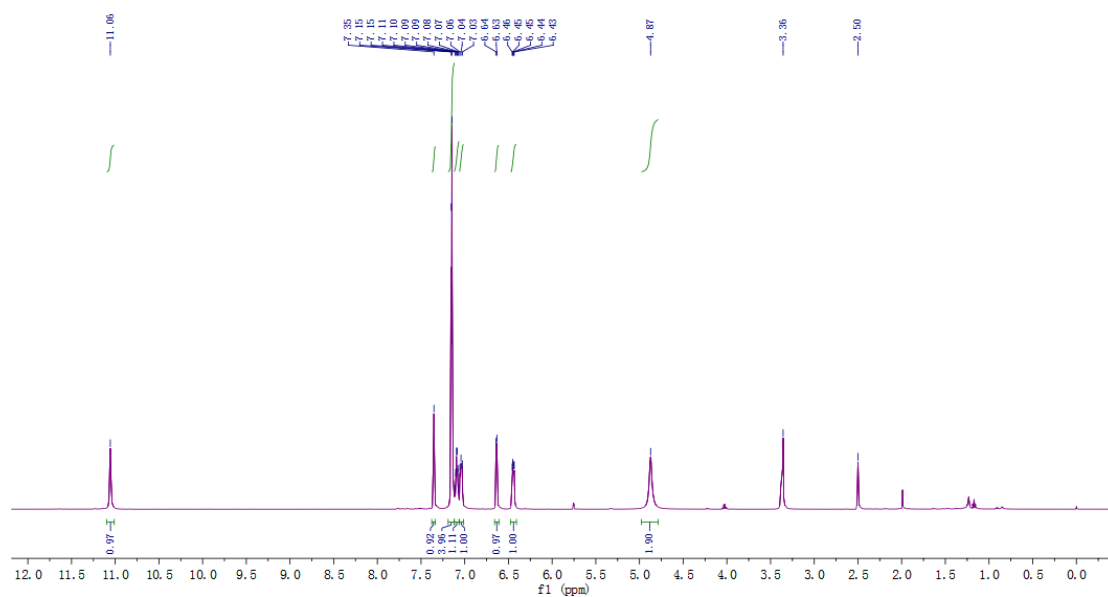


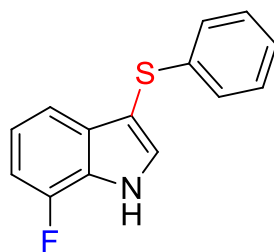
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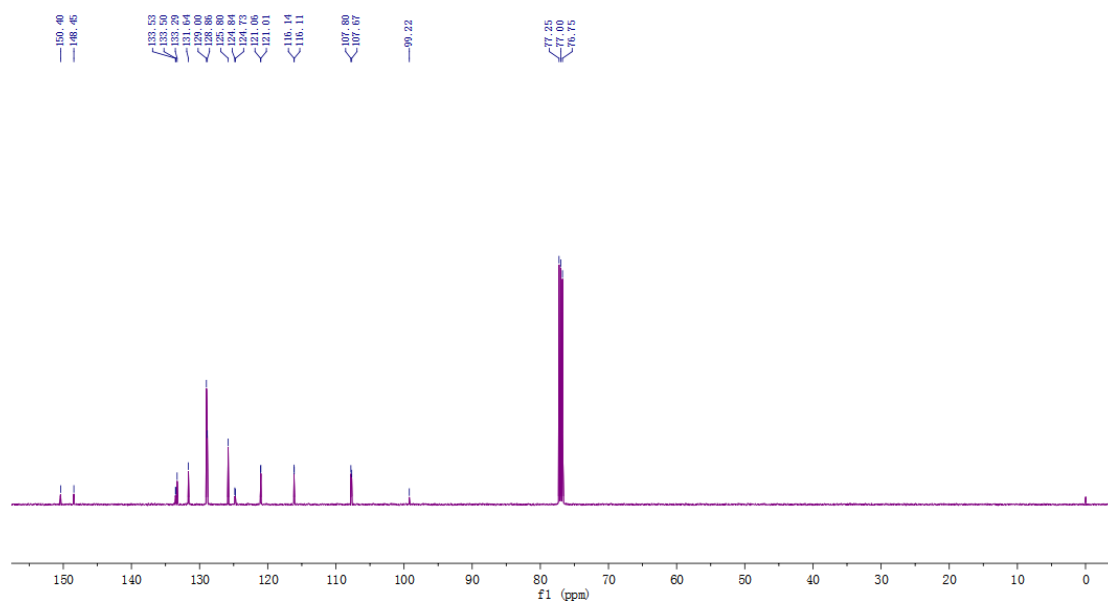
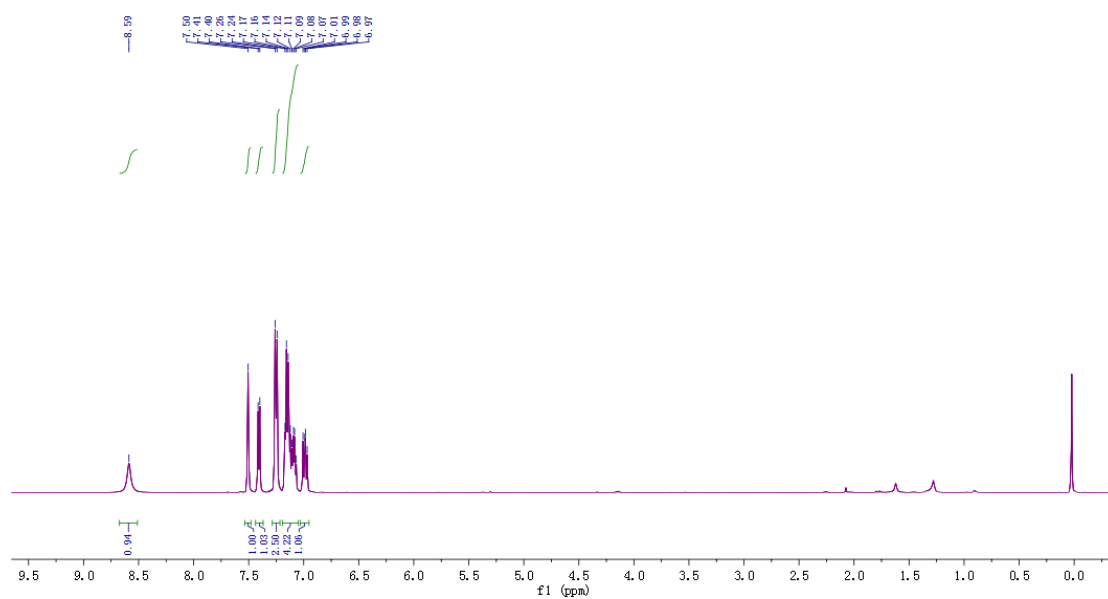


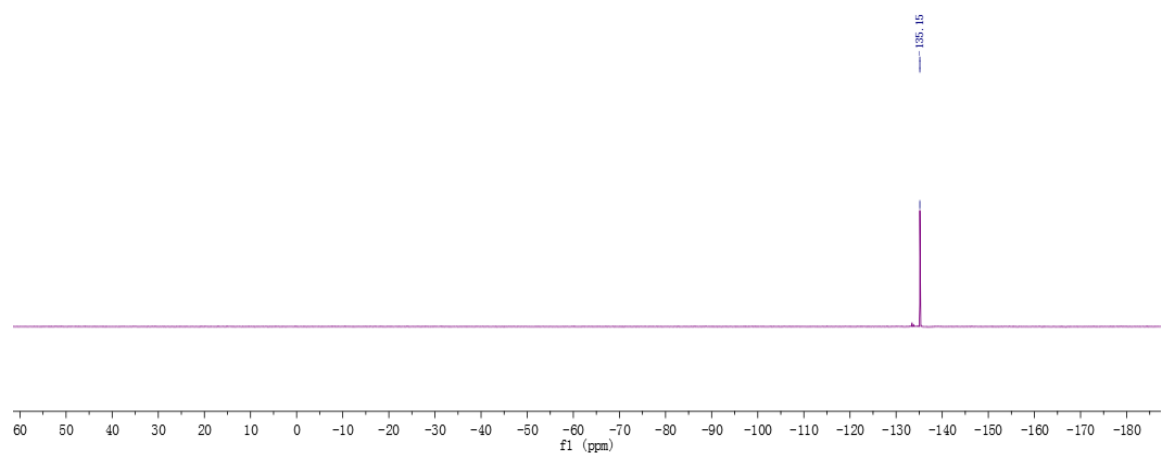
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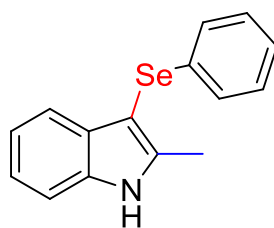




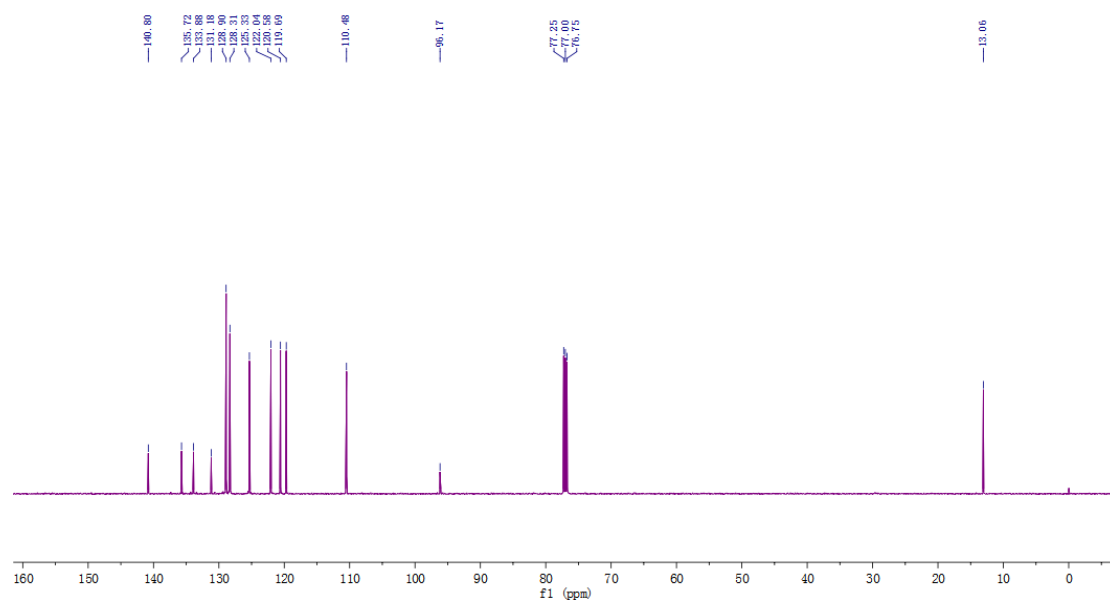
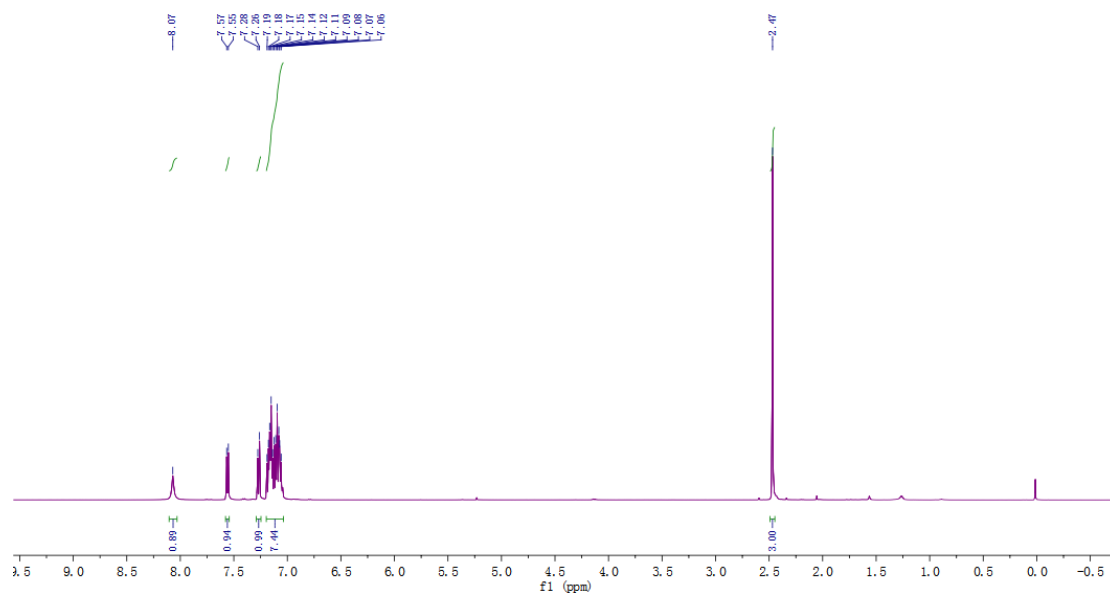
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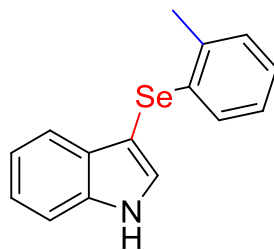




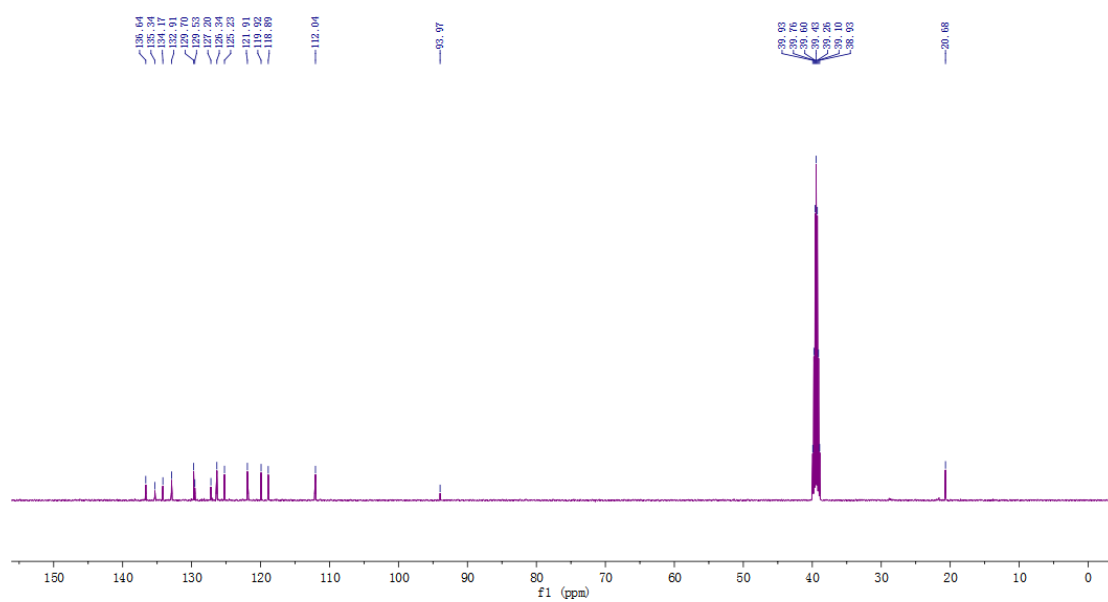
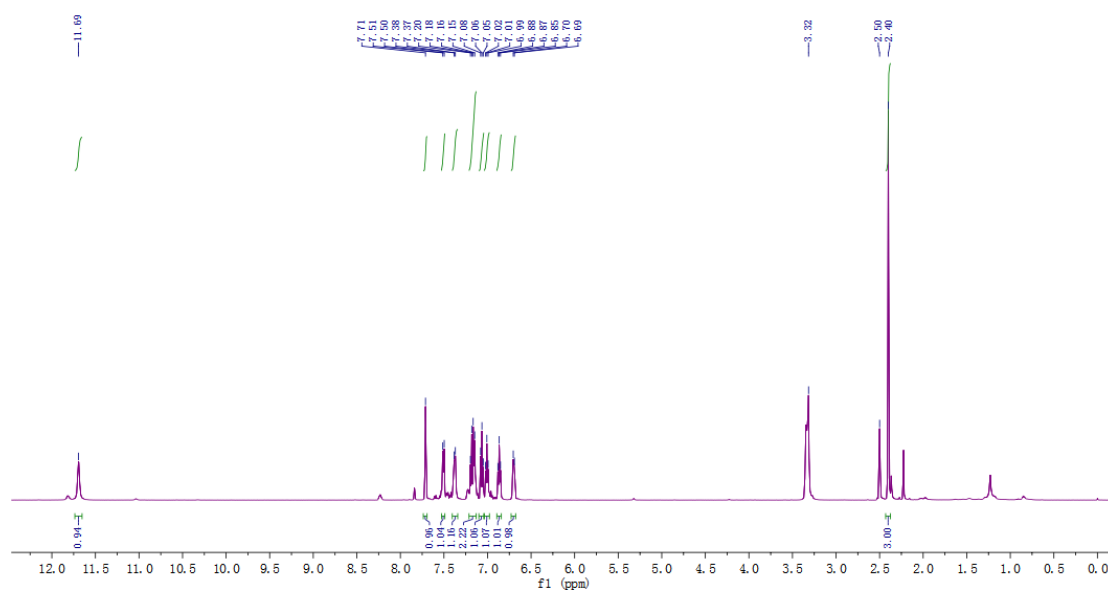


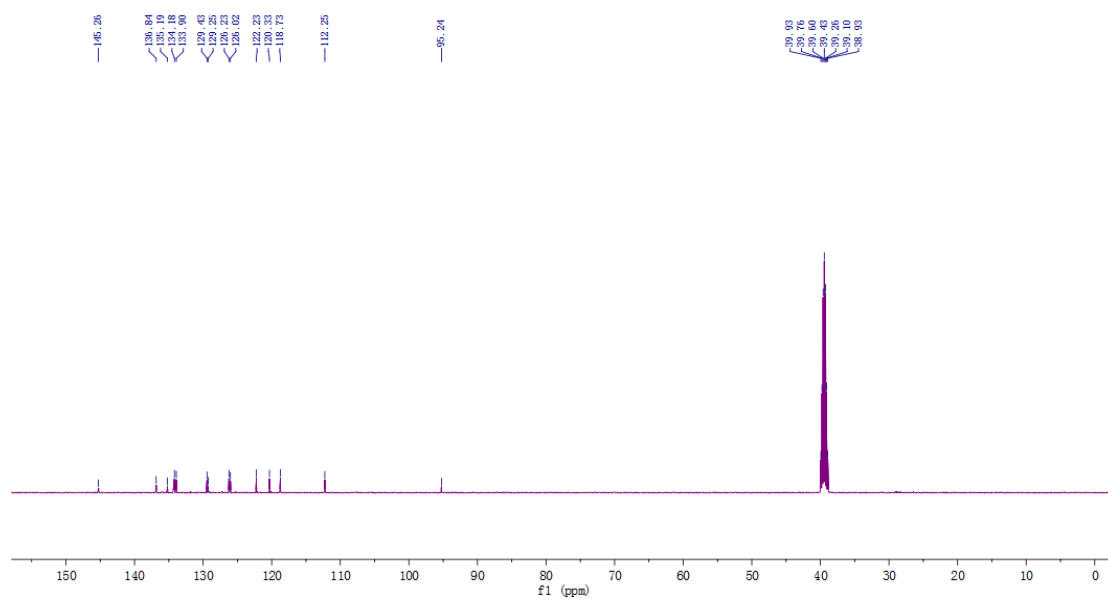
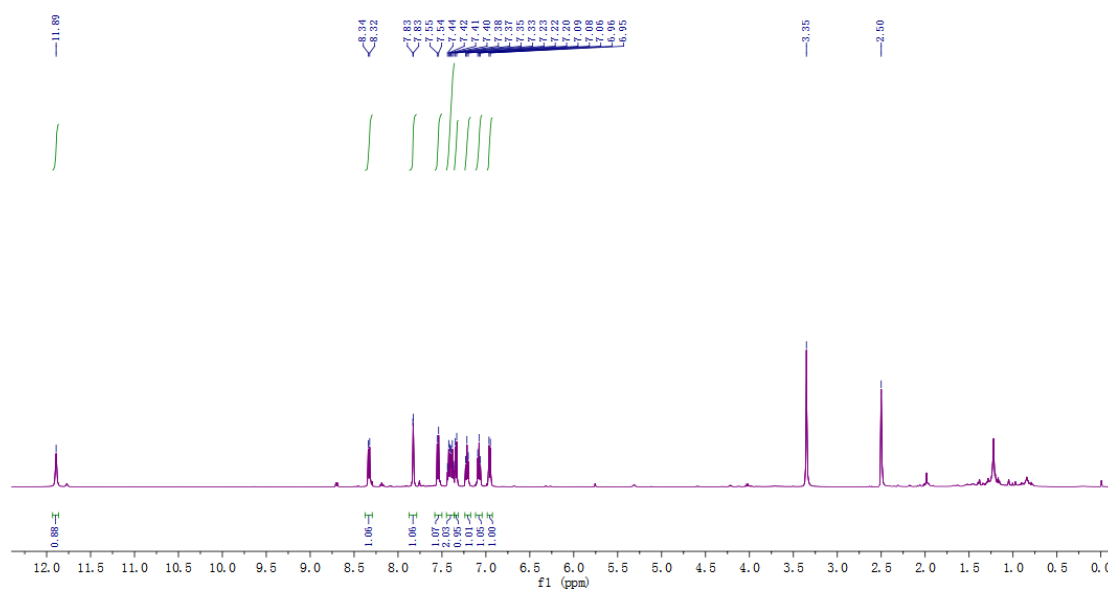
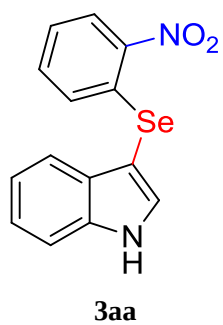
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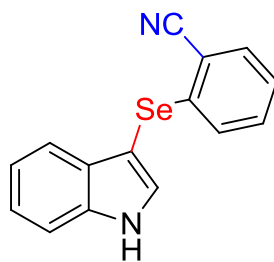




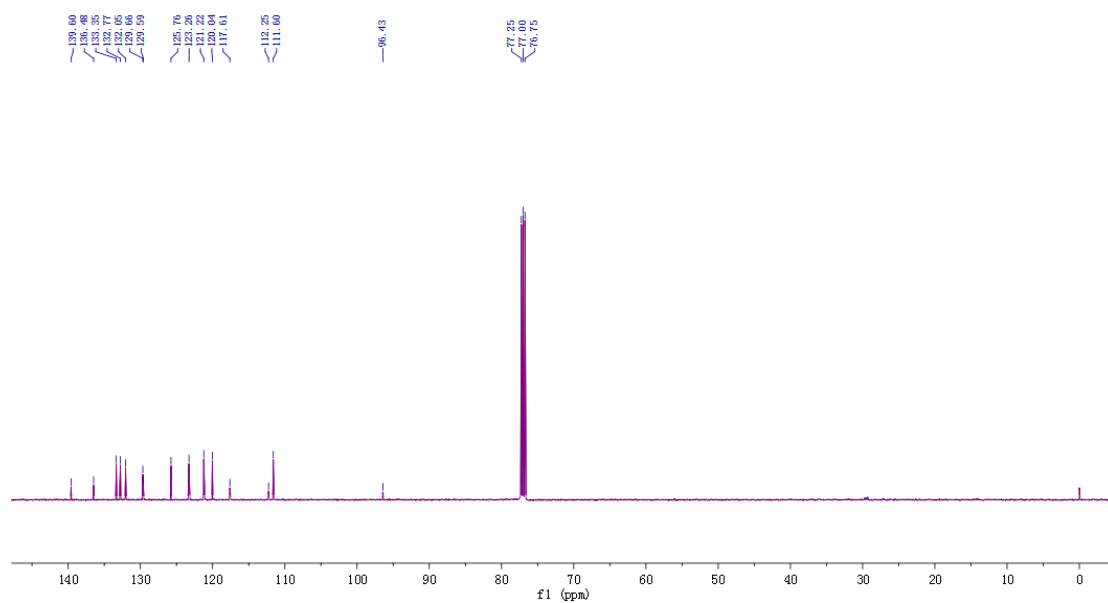
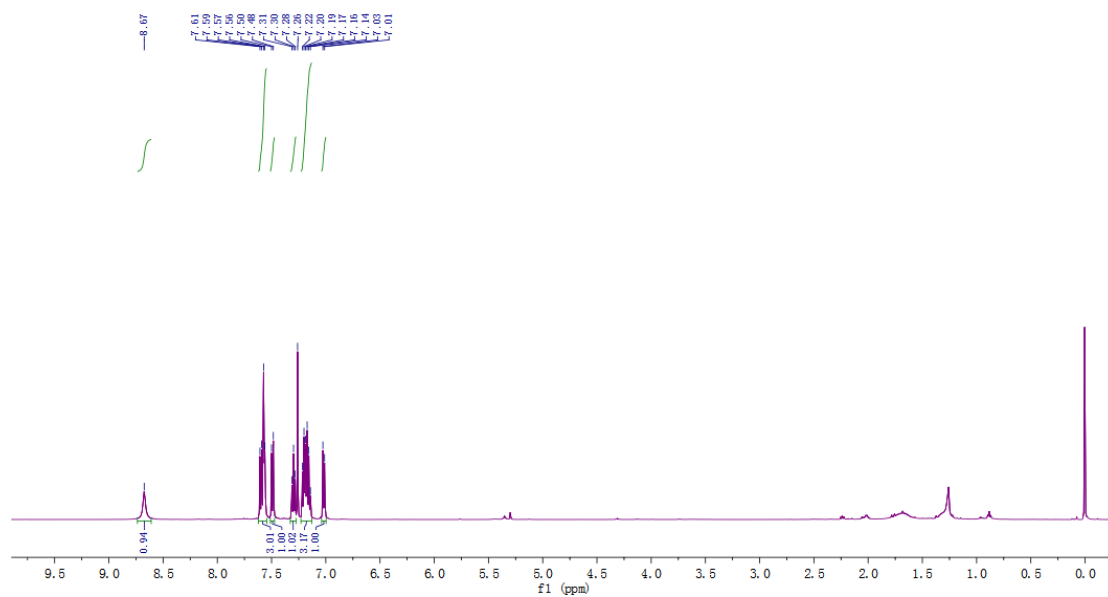
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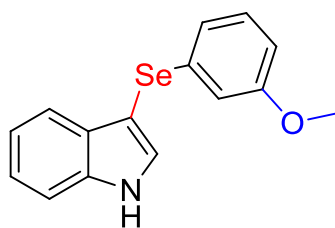




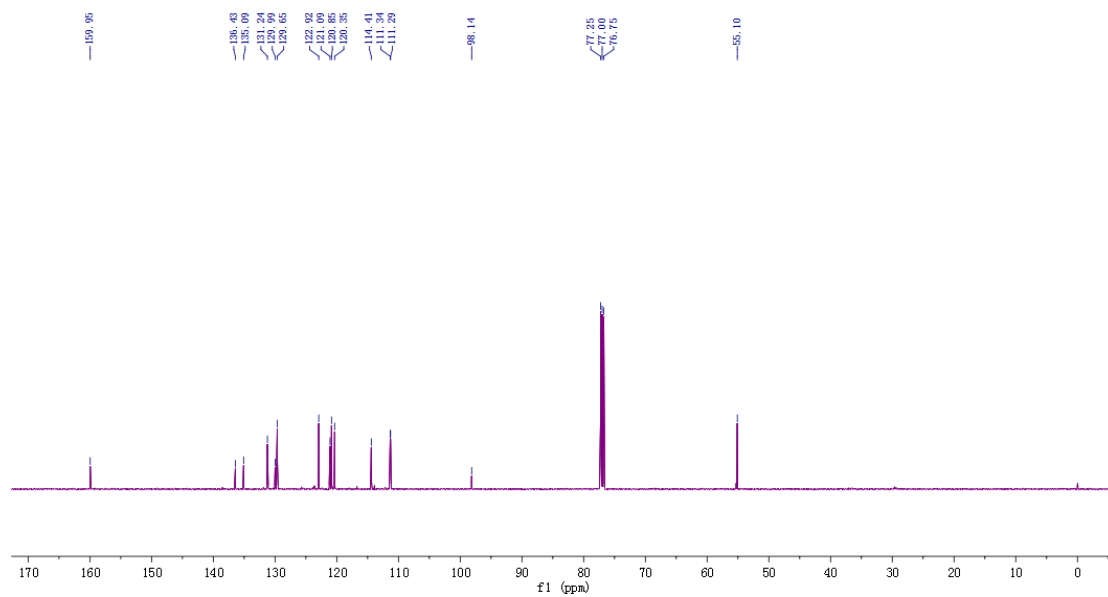
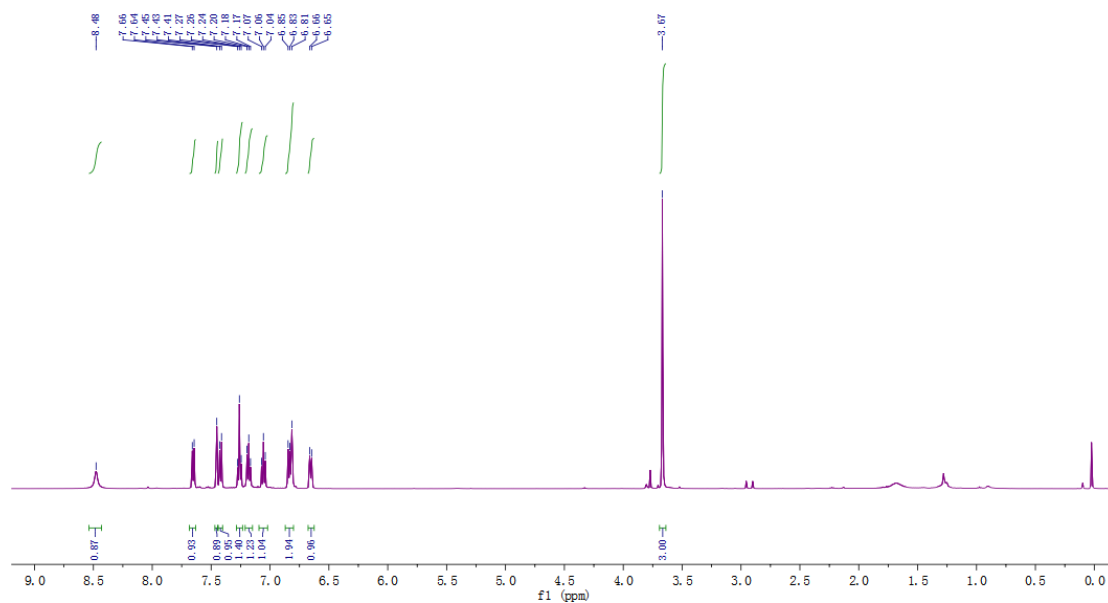


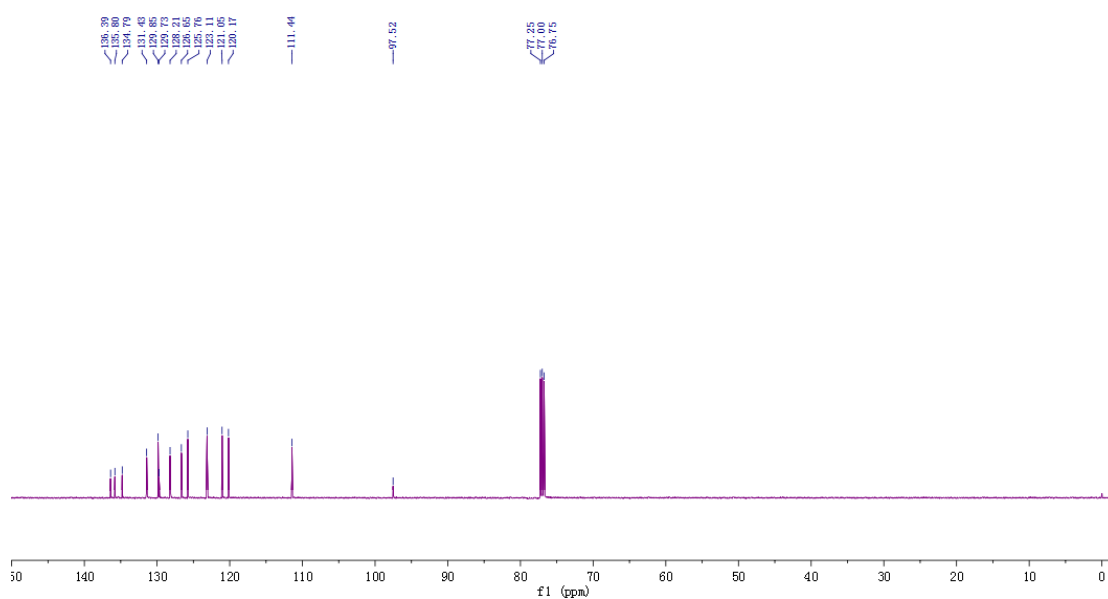
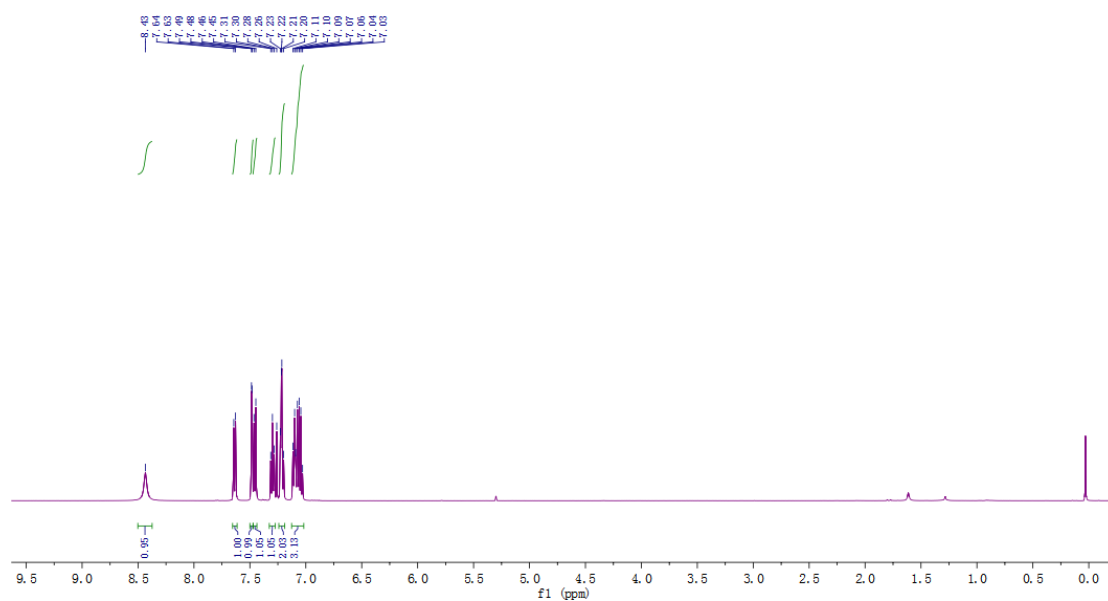
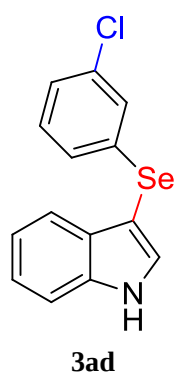
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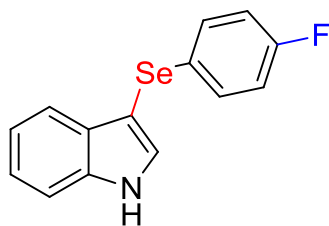




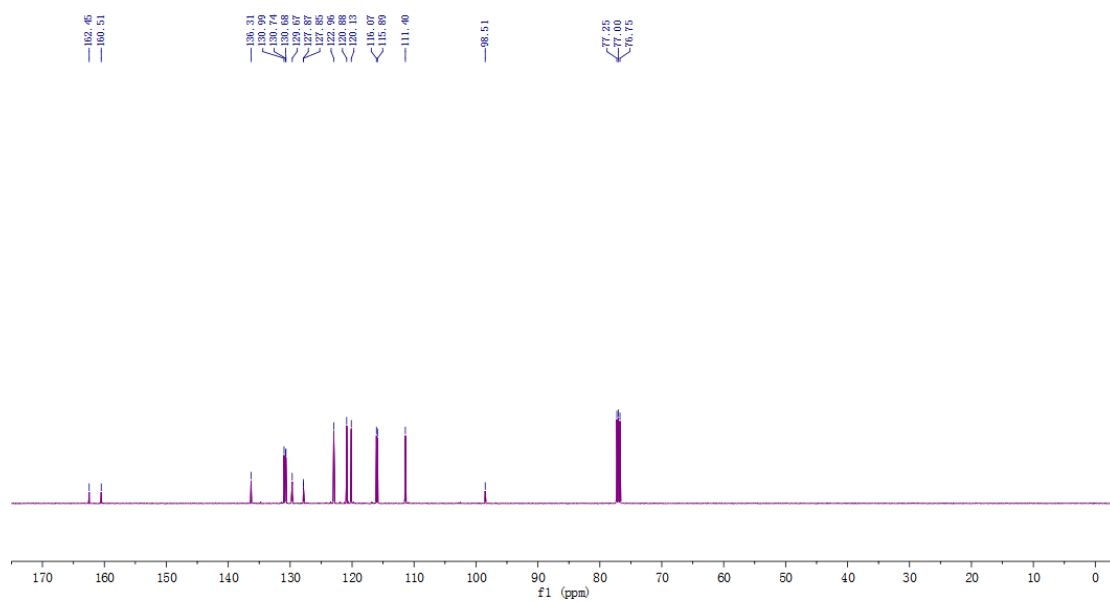
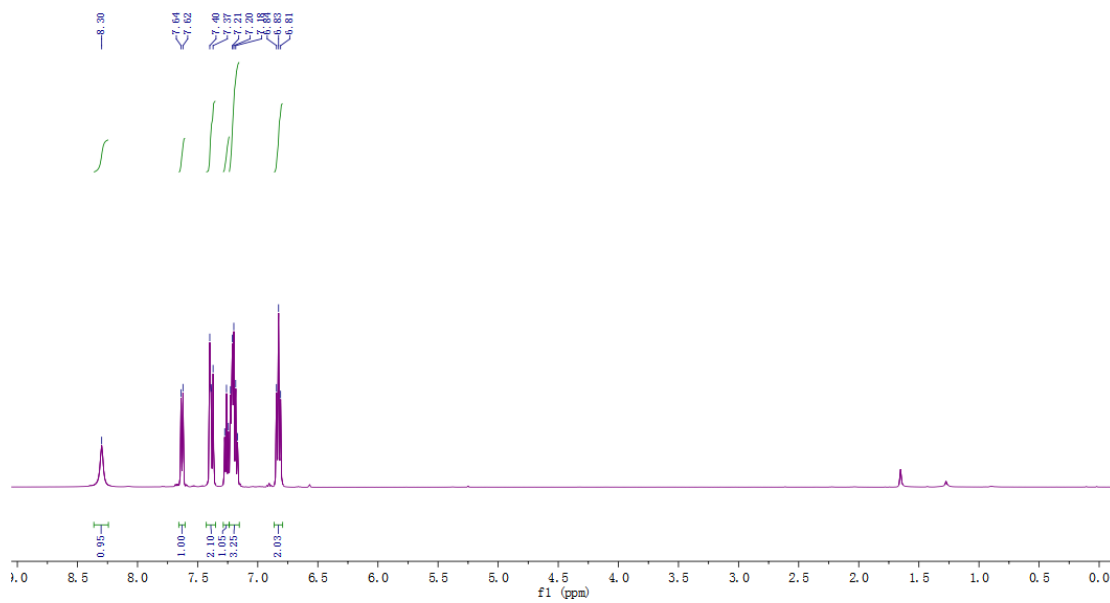
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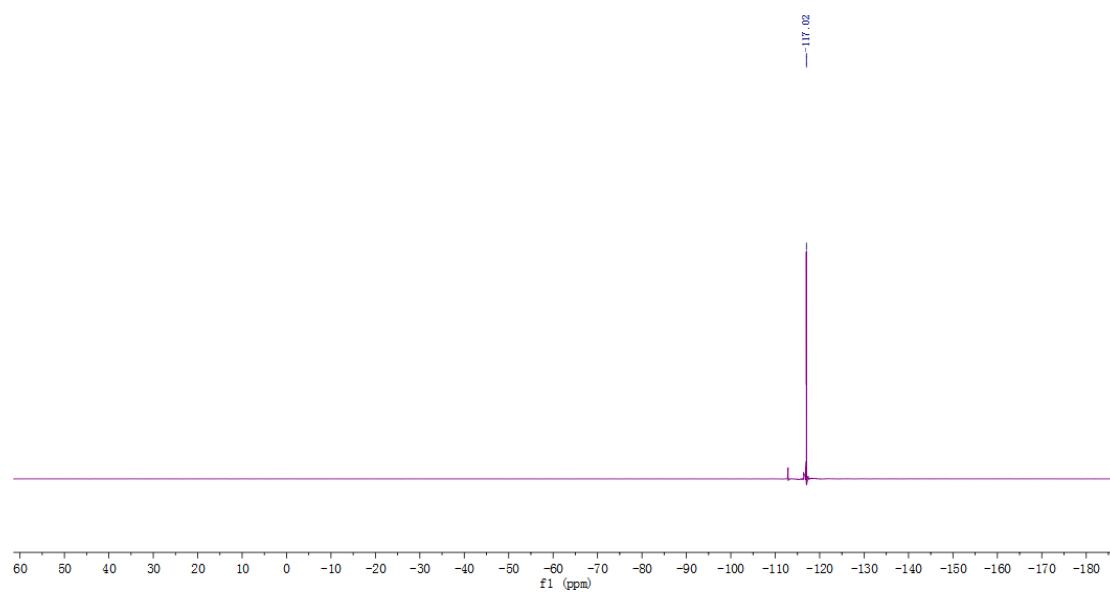


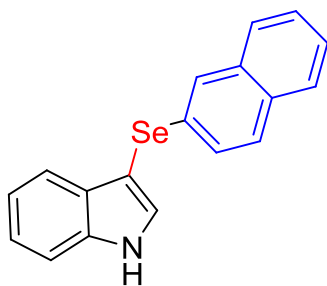




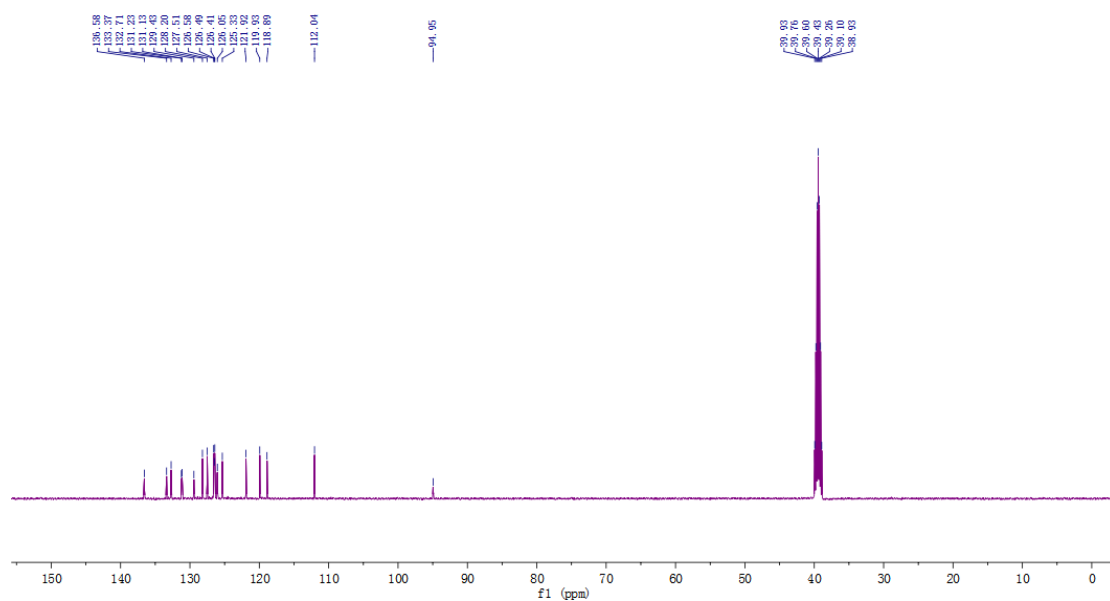
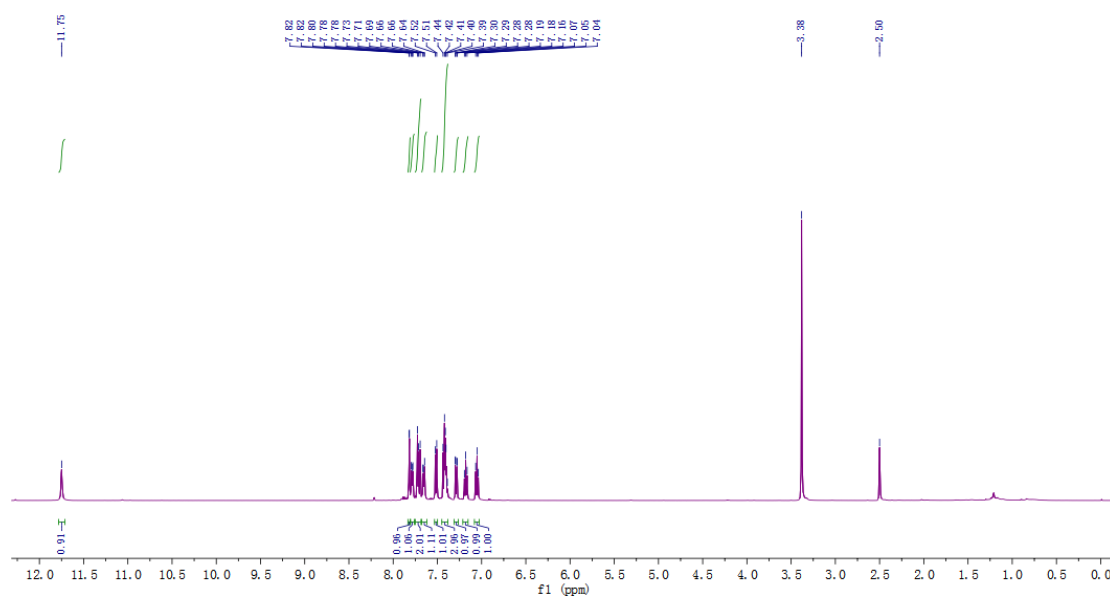
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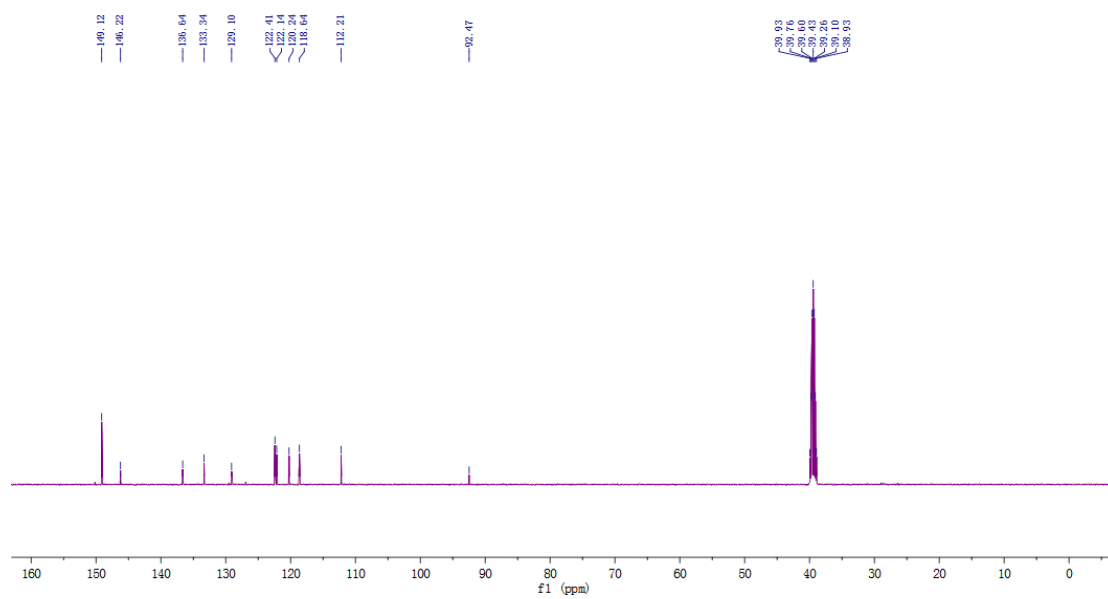
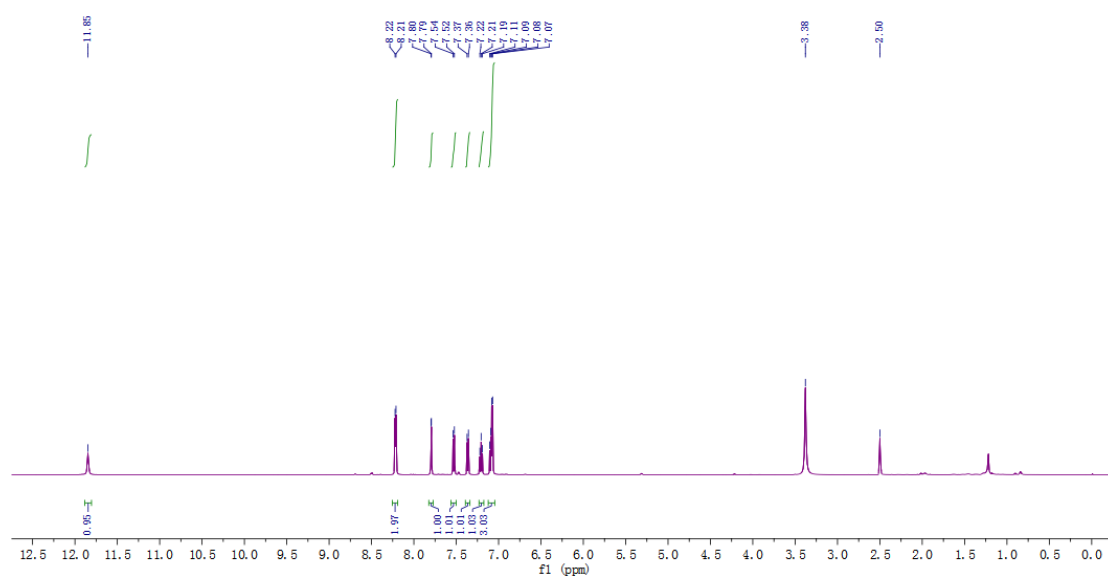
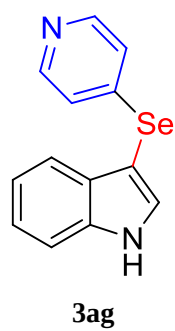


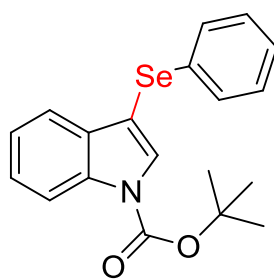




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