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Graphene Oxide (GO)–catalyzed Multi–component Reactions: Green Synthesis of Library of pharmacophore 3–Sulfenylimidazo[1,2–a]pyridines

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S1. Procedure for the preparation of Graphene Oxide (GO).

GO was prepared according to the modified Hummers method.^{1a-b}

To an ice-cold concentrated sulfuric acid (46 mL) was slowly added 0.1 g of sodium nitrate portion-wise and then graphite powder (2 g) with vigorous magnetic stirring. After the complete addition of graphite powder, potassium permanganate (6 g) was added to the reaction mixture very slowly, maintaining the temperature within 0–5 °C to avoid any possible explosion. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 6 h forming a thick paste. It was diluted with distilled water (92 mL) under stirred condition. The temperature of the solution was then raised to about 90 °C and the mixture was allowed to stir for another 30 min. Finally, water (280 mL) was added followed by slow addition of H₂O₂ (30%, 3 mL). The colour of the solution gradually changes from dark brown to yellowish brown. The overall solution was exfoliated under sonication for about 30 min followed by centrifuged at 15000 rpm to collect the solid mass at the bottom. This process was continued for several times until the pH of the supernatant aqueous part becomes neutral (using pH paper). Finally, the brown mass was collected and dried at 60 °C under vacuum to obtain solid graphene oxide (GO). A comparable literature data,^{1c} were obtained when characterized by FT-IR spectroscopy: $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{KBr})$: 3359, 1719, 1618, 1411, 1218, 1052 cm⁻¹.

S2. NMR Spectral data and scanned copies for compounds in Table 2; entries (5a – 5i) & Table 3; entries (8a – 8r):

Table 2:

2-Phenyl*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5a): Pale yellow solid, mp 134-136 °C (lit.² 135 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 6.60 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.93 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 107.9, 112.0, 117.0, 124.4, 125.3, 125.7, 127.6, 128.4, 133.5, 145.3.

2-(4-Ethylphenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5b): Brown solid, mp 115-117 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.66 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.94-7.97 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 15.5, 28.7, 107.8, 112.2, 117.2, 124.5, 125.6, 126.0, 128.2, 131.1, 144.1, 145.5, 145.8.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5c): Pale yellow solid, mp 215-217 °C (lit.³ 216 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ : 6.75-6.80 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.78-7.82

(m, 3H), 8.07-8.09 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 108.2, 112.7, 117.4, 121.9, 125.1, 125.6, 127.5, 131.8, 132.5, 144.4, 145.5.

2-(4-Iodophenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5d): White solid, mp 225-227 °C (lit.⁴ 227 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 6.75-6.80 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.85 (m, 6H), 8.08-8.10 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 93.4, 108.3, 112.6, 117.6, 124.9, 125.6, 127.8, 133.3, 137.8, 144.7, 145.7.

2-(3-Bromophenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5e): Pale yellow solid, mp 135-137 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 6.70-6.75 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.83 (m, 2H), 8.02-8.10 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 108.4, 112.6, 117.3, 122.8, 124.4, 124.9, 125.6, 128.8, 130.1, 130.6, 135.7, 143.9, 145.5.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5f): Pale yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 6.77-6.80 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.68 (m, 2H), 8.13-8.16 (m, 2H), 8.27 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 112.0, 112.6, 117.6, 121.5, 124.9, 125.8, 127.6, 128.9, 131.7, 133.7, 134.3, 143.1, 144.5.

2-(4-Ethylphenyl)-5-methyl*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5g): Brown liquid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.69 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.58-6.60 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.92 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 15.4, 18.7, 28.7, 104.9, 111.5, 114.8, 124.7, 126.1, 128.2, 131.3, 134.3, 144.1, 145.9, 146.1.

6-Chloro-2-(4-chlorophenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5h): Pale yellow solid, mp 204-206 °C (lit.⁵ 209 °C). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 7.13-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.86 (m, 2H), 8.14 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 108.5, 117.7, 120.9, 123.4, 126.5, 127.3, 129.0, 131.6, 134.1, 143.9, 145.5.

2-(3-Bromophenyl)-5-methyl*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5i): Pale yellow solid, mp 106-108 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 2.49 (s, 3H), 6.61-6.63 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.88-7.91 (m, 1H), 8.13-8.15 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 18.7, 105.7, 111.8, 115.0, 122.9, 124.6, 125.2, 129.0, 130.2, 130.7, 134.5, 136.1, 144.2, 146.2.

Table 3:

2-Phenyl-3-(phenylthio)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8a): Pale yellow solid, mp 106-108 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 6.81-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.97-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.46 (m, 4H),

7.73 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.19-8.27 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 106.4, 113.1, 117.6, 124.5, 125.6, 126.1, 126.7, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 129.5, 133.3, 135.2, 147.1, 151.4.

3-(*p*-Tolylthio)-2-phenyl*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8b): Pale yellow solid, mp 141-143 °C (lit.⁶ 142-143 °C). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 2.22 (s, 3H), 6.78-7.00 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.70 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.20-8.25 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 20.8, 106.8, 112.9, 117.5, 124.4, 125.7, 126.5, 128.3, 128.5, 130.1, 131.4, 133.3, 135.9, 146.9, 151.0.

3-(4-Methoxyphenylthio)-2-phenyl*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8c): Pale yellow solid, mp 124-126 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 3.67 (s, 3H), 6.71-6.75 (m, 2H), 8.82-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.99 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.24-8.30 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 55.2, 107.8, 112.9, 115.1, 117.5, 124.4, 125.4, 126.4, 128.0, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 133.4, 146.7, 150.7, 158.5.

3-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-2-phenyl*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8d): Pale yellow solid, mp 161-163 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 6.86-6.93 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.74 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.16-8.24 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 105.8, 113.3, 117.8, 124.3, 126.8, 126.9, 128.3, 128.5, 128.8, 129.6, 132.1, 133.1, 133.7, 147.2, 151.5.

3-(2,5-Dimethylphenylthio)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8e): Pale yellow solid, mp 131-133 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 1.22 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.64 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.71-6.81 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.70 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.12-8.14 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 15.5, 19.4, 21.1, 28.8, 105.4, 112.9, 117.5, 124.5, 124.6, 126.5, 126.6, 128.0, 128.4, 130.6, 130.9, 131.9, 133.8, 136.7, 144.8, 147.2, 151.8.

3-(2-Methoxyphenylthio)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8f): Brown solid, mp 146-148 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 1.24 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 2.66 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 6.37-6.40 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.67 (m, 1H), 6.82-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.09-6.10 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.73 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.25 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 15.4, 28.7, 55.8, 104.9, 110.8, 112.8, 117.4, 121.5, 123.3, 124.7, 125.5, 126.5, 126.8, 127.9, 128.3, 130.7, 144.7, 147.1, 151.7, 156.1.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(naphthalen-3-ylthio)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8g): Pale yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 6.79-7.84 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.97 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.77 (m, 3H), 8.18-8.28 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3), δ : 55.2, 105.2, 113.1, 113.9, 117.3, 123.3, 123.8, 124.4, 125.6, 125.7, 126.7, 126.8, 126.9, 127.7, 129.2, 129.7, 131.7, 132.6, 133.8, 146.9, 151.2, 160.1.

3-(*p*-tolylthio)-2-(naphthalen-3-yl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8h): Pale yellow solid, mp 134-136 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 6.80-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.96-7.04 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.95 (m, 4H), 8.30-8.32 (m, 1H), 8.45-8.48 (m, 1H), 8.80-8.81 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 20.7, 107.5, 112.9, 117.4, 124.4, 125.8, 125.9, 125.95, 125.98, 126.0, 126.2, 126.5, 127.5, 127.7, 128.6, 130.1, 130.8, 131.4, 133.3, 136.0, 146.9, 150.8.

3-(4-Fluorophenylthio)-2-*p*-tolyl*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8i): Pale yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 3.38 (s, 3H), 6.81-6.87 (m, 1H), 6.89-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.95-7.00 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13-8.15 (m, 2H), 8.23-8.26 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 21.4, 106.3, 113.1, 116.4, 116.7, 117.6, 124.3, 126.7, 127.6, 127.7, 128.2, 129.2, 130.2, 130.3, 130.4, 138.6, 147.0, 151.4, 159.9, 163.1.

3-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8j): Pale yellow solid, mp 143-145 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.81-6.98 (m, 5H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.14-8.21 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 55.1, 104.6, 112.9, 113.8, 117.3, 124.1, 125.6, 126.6, 126.7, 129.4, 129.5, 131.8, 133.8, 147.0, 151.3, 160.0.

3-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8k): Pale yellow solid, mp 156-158 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 6.85-6.94 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.82 (m, 3H), 8.24-8.26 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 55.8, 104.9, 111.0, 111.4, 113.0, 117.4, 120.9, 124.1, 125.9, 126.6, 126.7, 129.5, 132.0, 133.9, 147.0, 148.8, 149.6, 151.3.

3-(2-Bromophenylthio)-2-*p*-tolyl*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8l): White solid, mp 159-161 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 2.34 (s, 3H), 6.33-6.36 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.83 (m, 1H), 6.93-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 21.4, 105.0, 113.2, 117.6, 120.4, 124.4, 125.6, 126.9, 127.0, 128.2, 129.2, 130.2, 133.3, 136.4, 138.7, 147.4, 152.1.

3-(*p*-tolylthio)-2-(4-bromophenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8m): White solid, mp 147-149 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 2.24 (s, 3H), 6.82-6.89 (m, 3H), 6.99-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10-8.15 (m, 2H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 20.8, 107.1, 113.1, 117.5, 122.8, 124.4, 125.8, 126.8, 129.8, 130.2, 131.0, 131.5, 132.3, 136.2, 146.9, 149.7.

3-(*p*-tolylthio)-2-(4-iodophenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8n): Pale yellow solid, mp 134-136 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 2.24 (s, 3H), 6.82-6.89 (m, 3H), 6.99-7.02 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.34 (m, 1H),

7.69-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.97-8.00 (m, 2H), 8.24-8.27 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 20.8, 94.8, 107.2, 113.2, 117.5, 124.4, 125.8, 126.8, 129.9, 130.2, 131.0, 132.8, 136.2, 137.5, 146.8, 149.7.

3-(*p*-tolylthio)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8o): Pale yellow solid, mp 133-135 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 2.25 (s, 3H), 6.84-6.90 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.70-7.74 (m, 1H), 8.18-8.20 (m, 2H), 8.26-8.29 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 20.8, 107.1, 113.2, 117.5, 124.5, 125.8, 126.9, 128.6, 129.5, 130.2, 131.0, 131.7, 134.5, 136.2, 146.8, 149.6.

3-(4-Chlorothio)-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8p): White solid, mp 208-210 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 6.82-6.95 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.60 (m, 5H), 7.80-7.92 (m, 3H), 8.17-8.17 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 108.7, 113.4, 117.9, 124.5, 124.9, 125.8, 126.1, 126.4, 126.8, 127.1, 128.2, 128.7, 129.2, 129.4, 130.4, 131.9, 132.2, 133.7, 133.8, 147.0, 152.7.

3-(2-Bromophenylthio)-2-(2-bromophenyl)*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8q): White solid, mp 185-187 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 6.31-6.34 (m, 1H), 6.85-6.99 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09-8.20 (m, 2H), 8.36-8.37 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 106.1, 113.5, 117.7, 120.5, 122.6, 124.4, 125.5, 126.6, 127.1, 127.2, 128.1, 129.8, 131.1, 131.5, 133.3, 135.0, 135.8, 147.2, 150.0.

3-(Pentylthio)-2-*p*-tolyl*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (8r): Pale yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 0.77 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.10-1.28 (m, 4H), 1.42 (qnt, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.46-8.49 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃), δ: 13.7, 21.2, 22.0, 29.0, 30.6, 35.6, 109.9, 112.4, 117.3, 124.2, 125.7, 128.1, 128.9, 130.9, 137.9, 146.1, 149.4.

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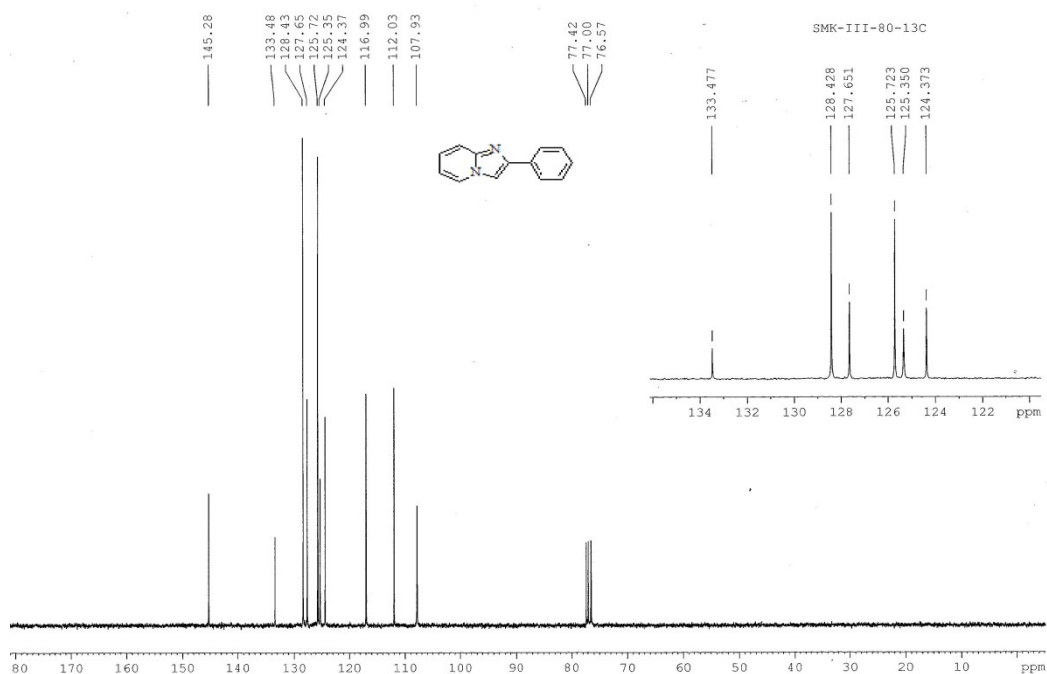
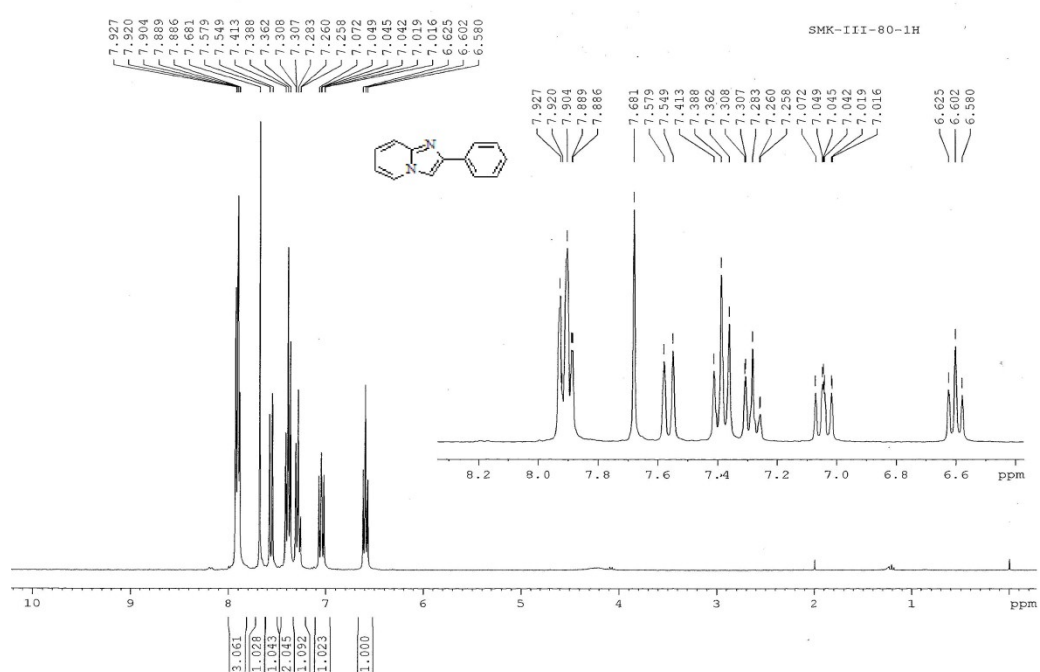


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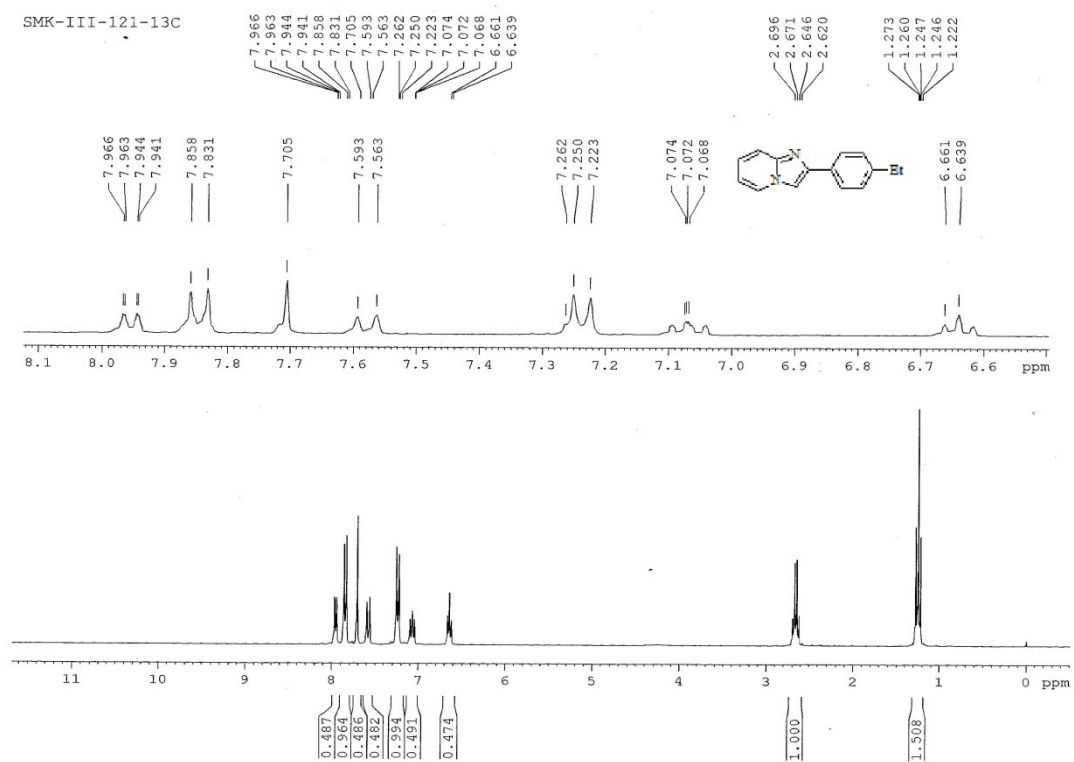
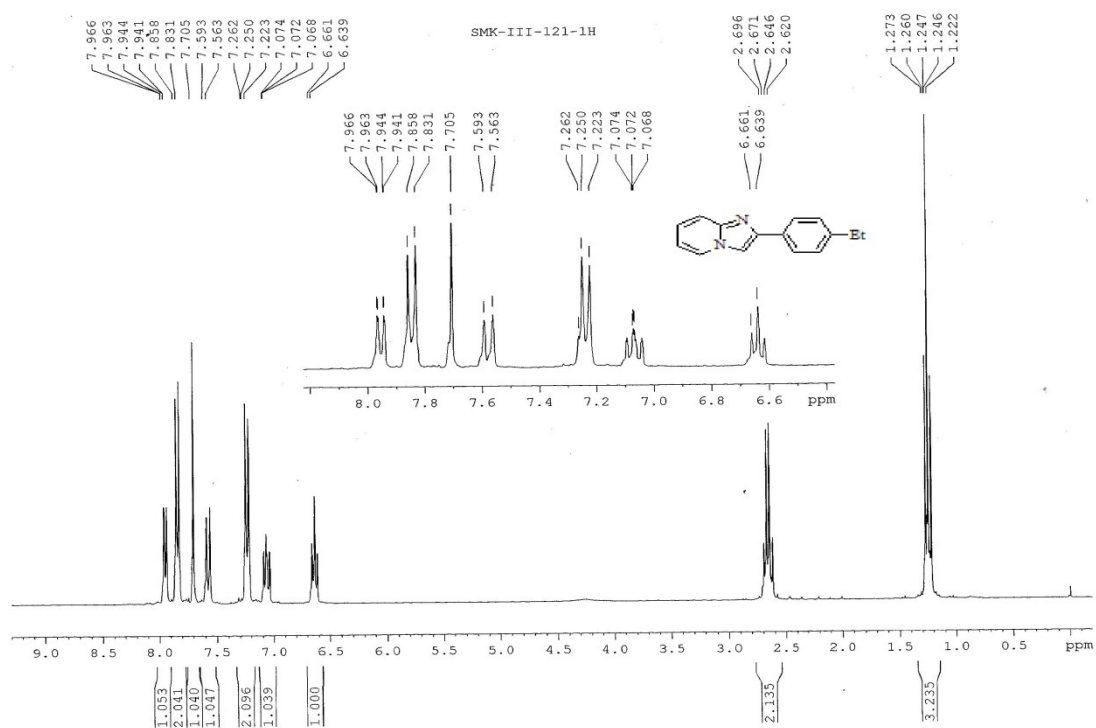


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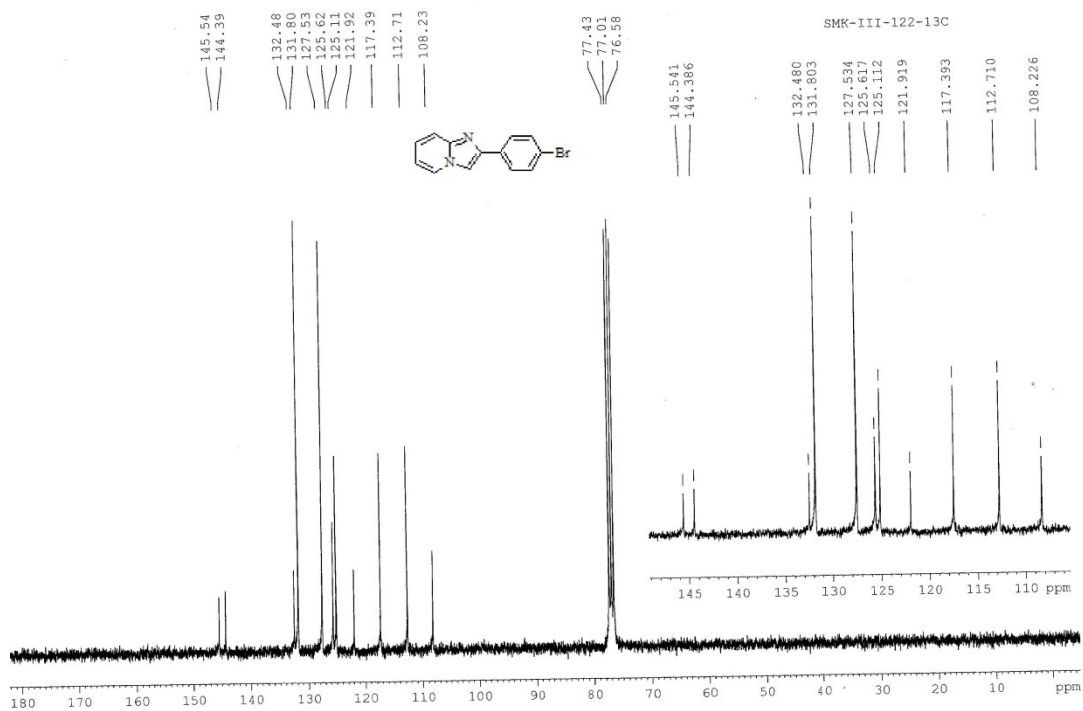
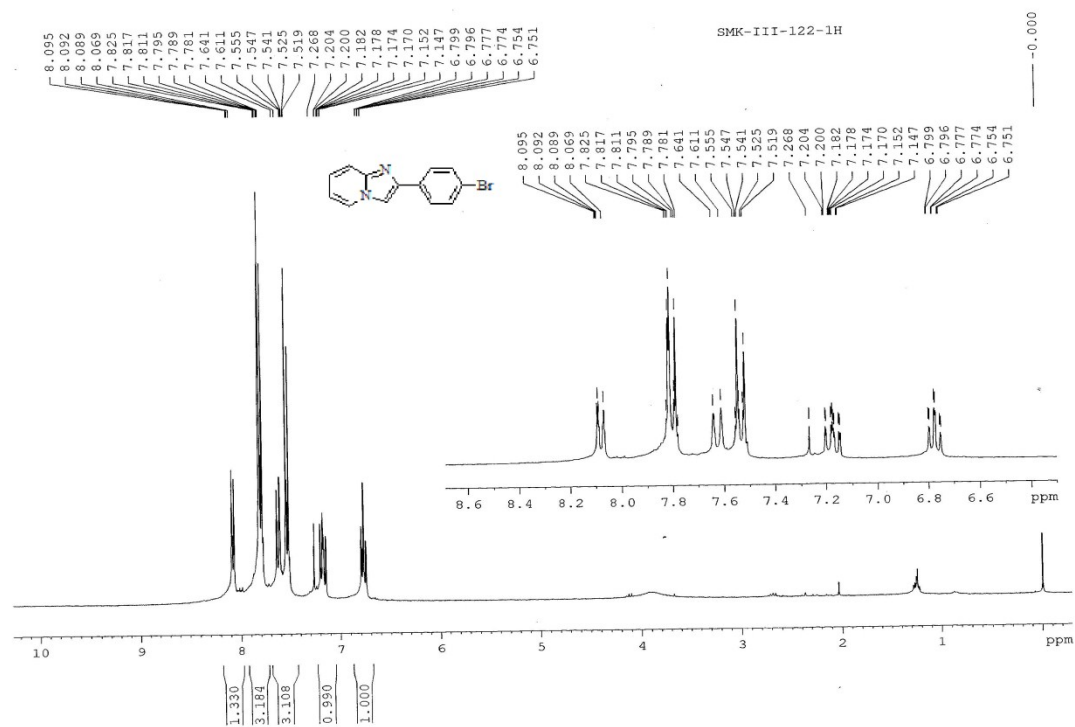


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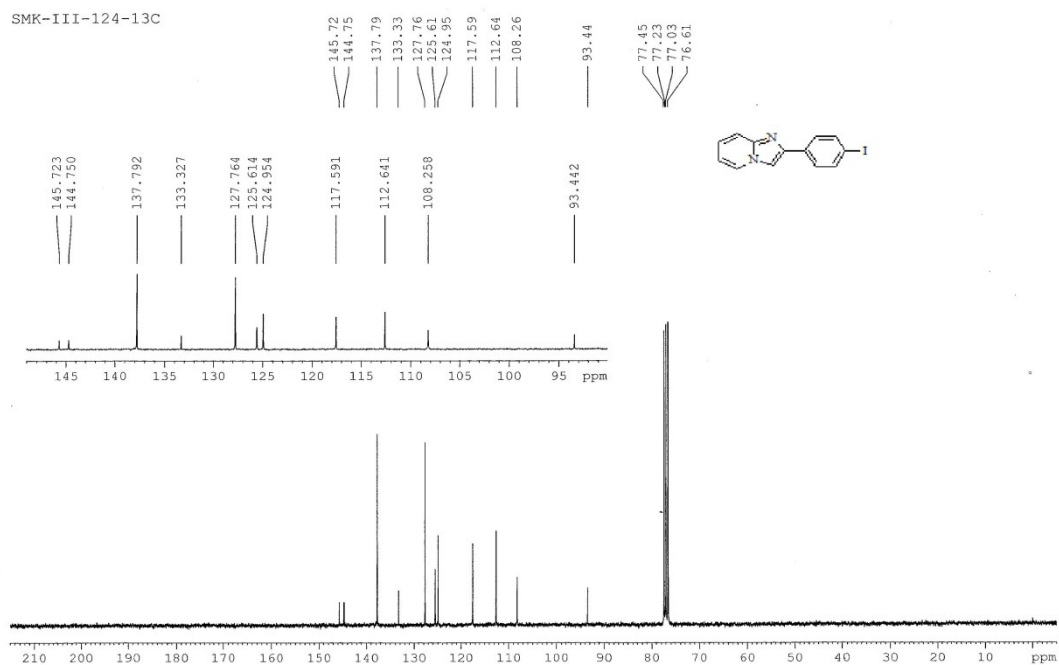
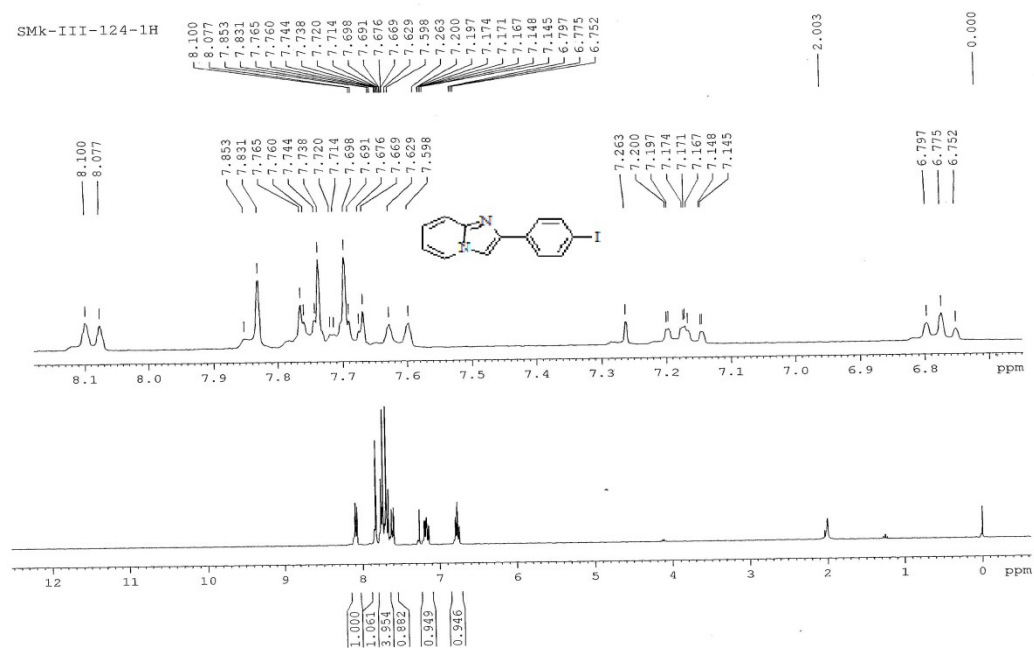


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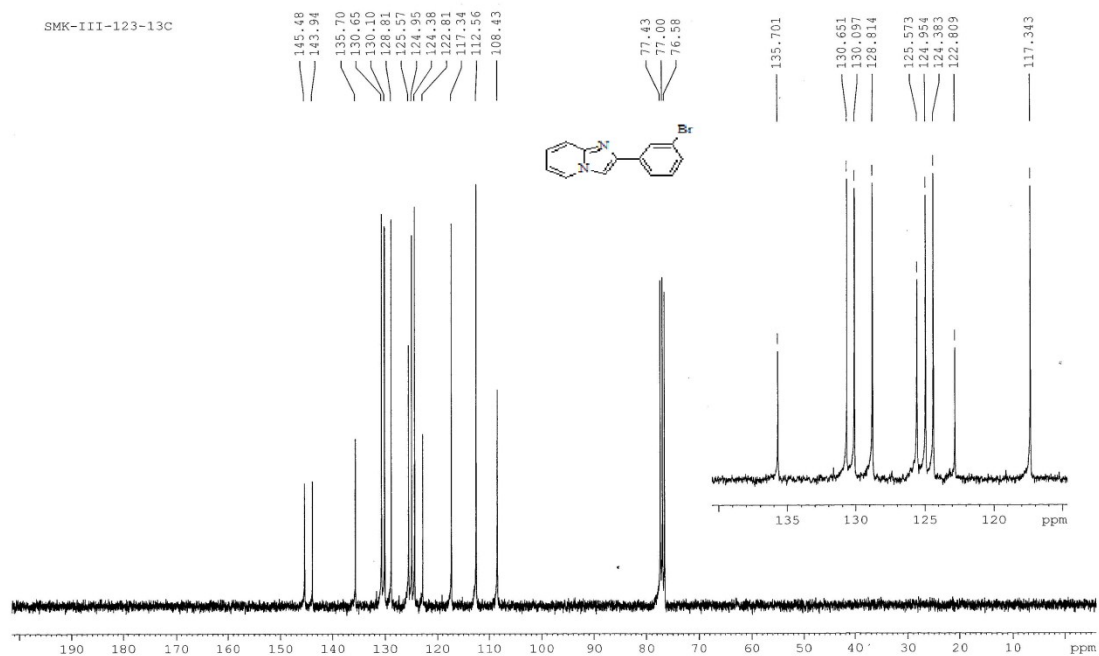
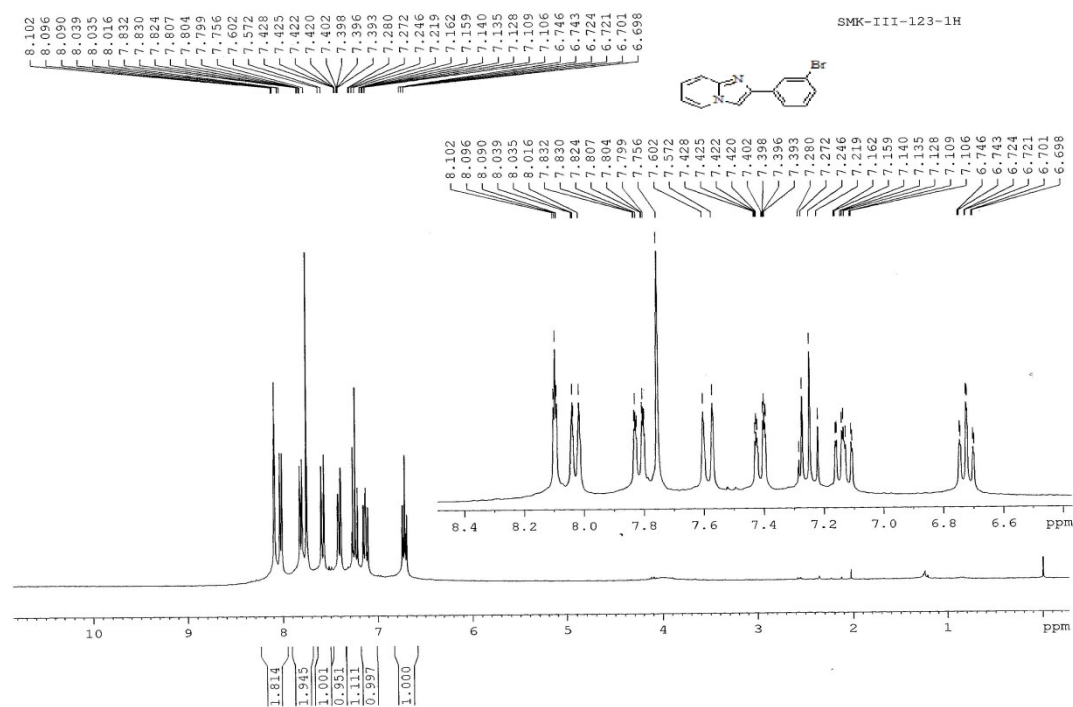


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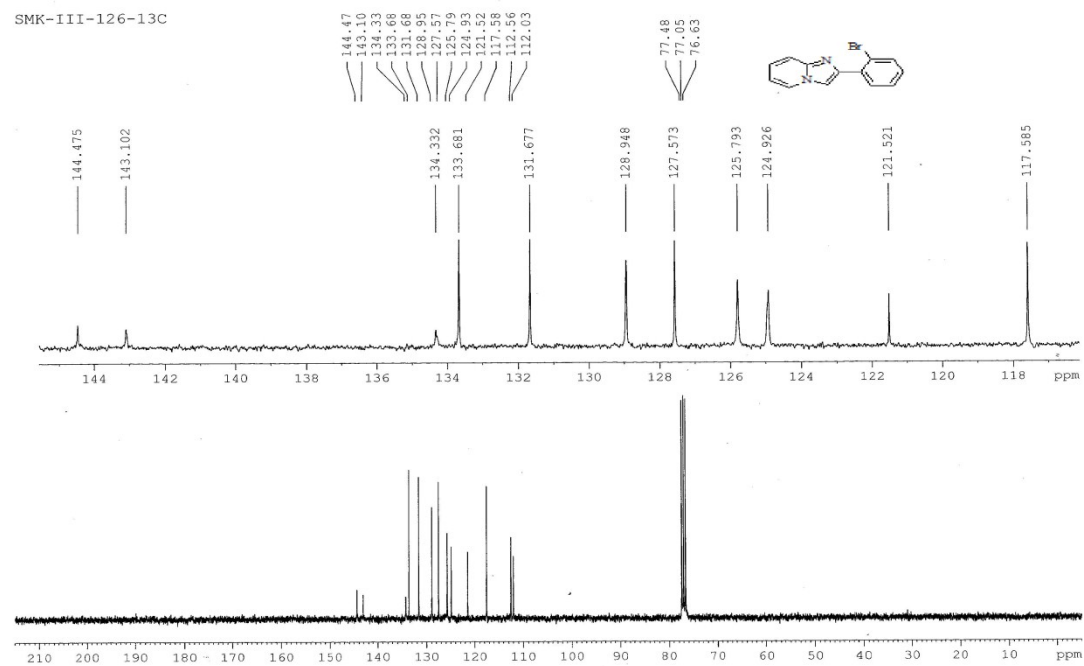
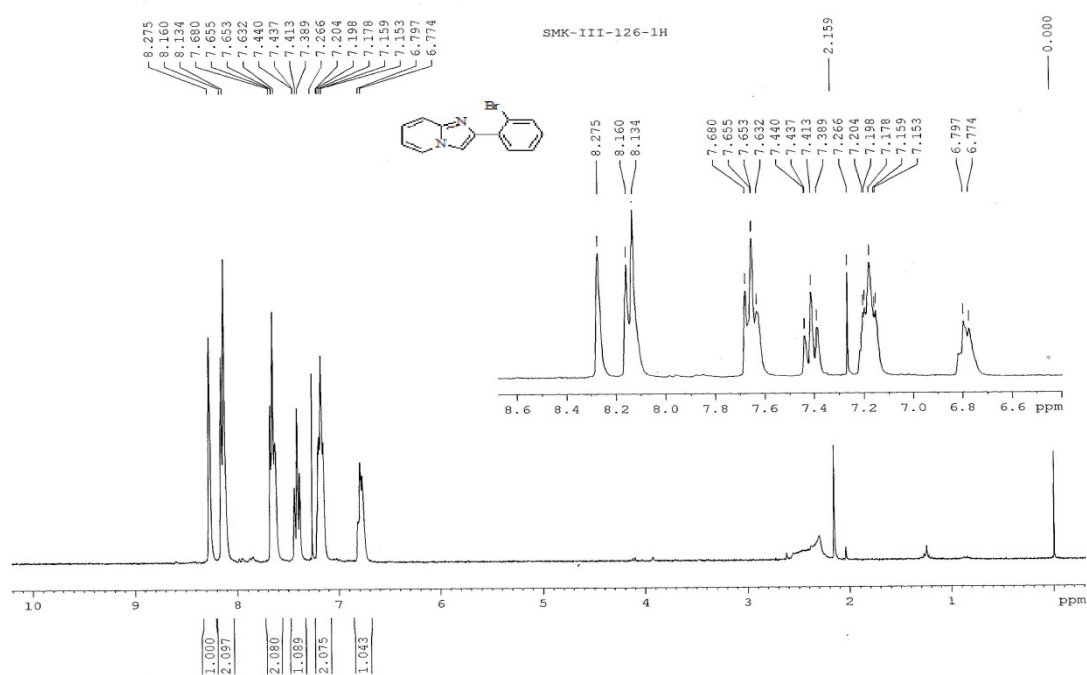
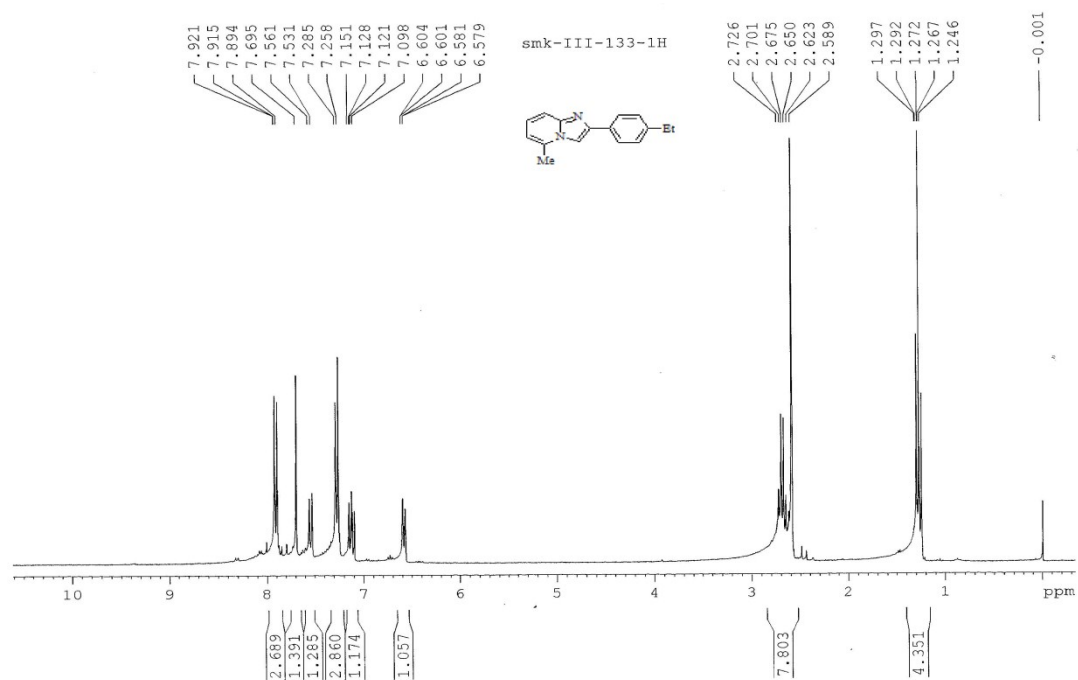


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SMK-III-133-13C

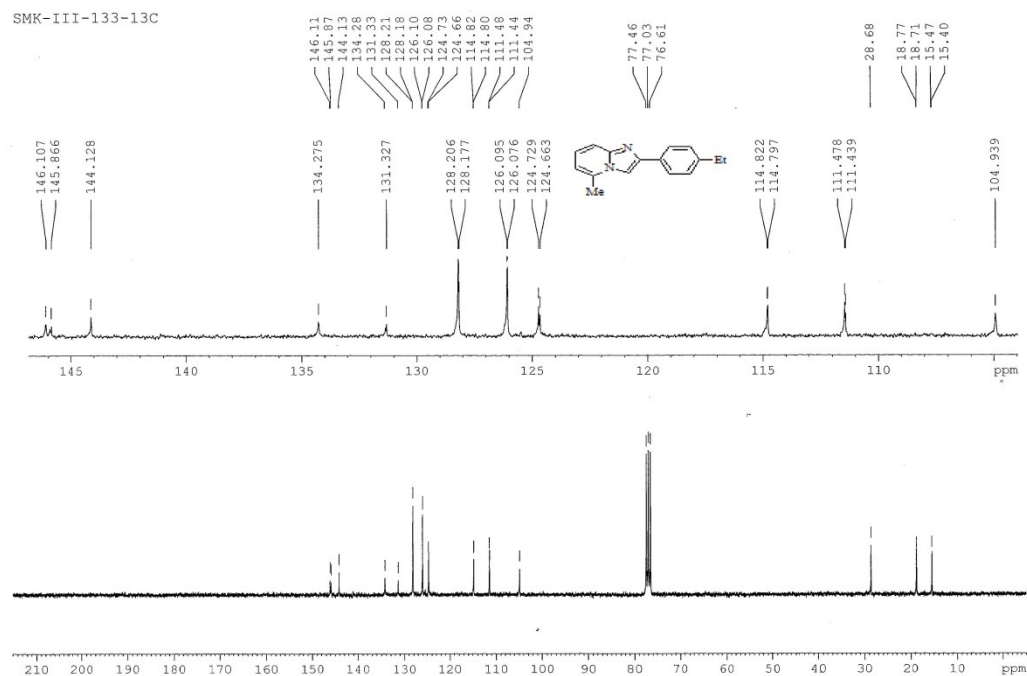
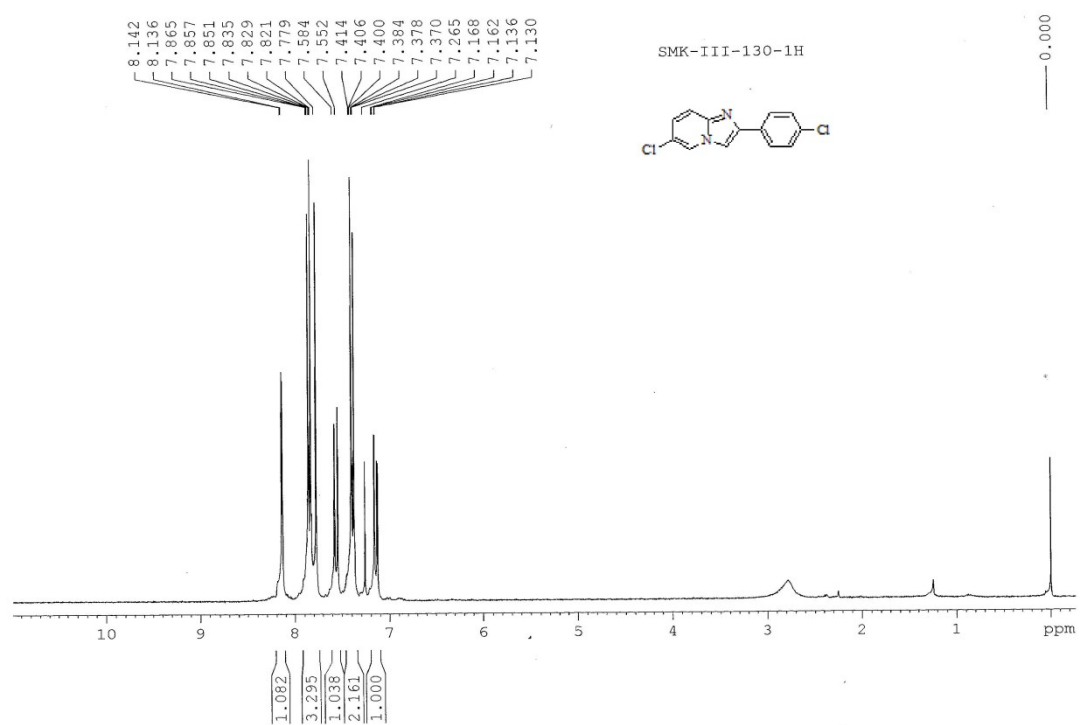


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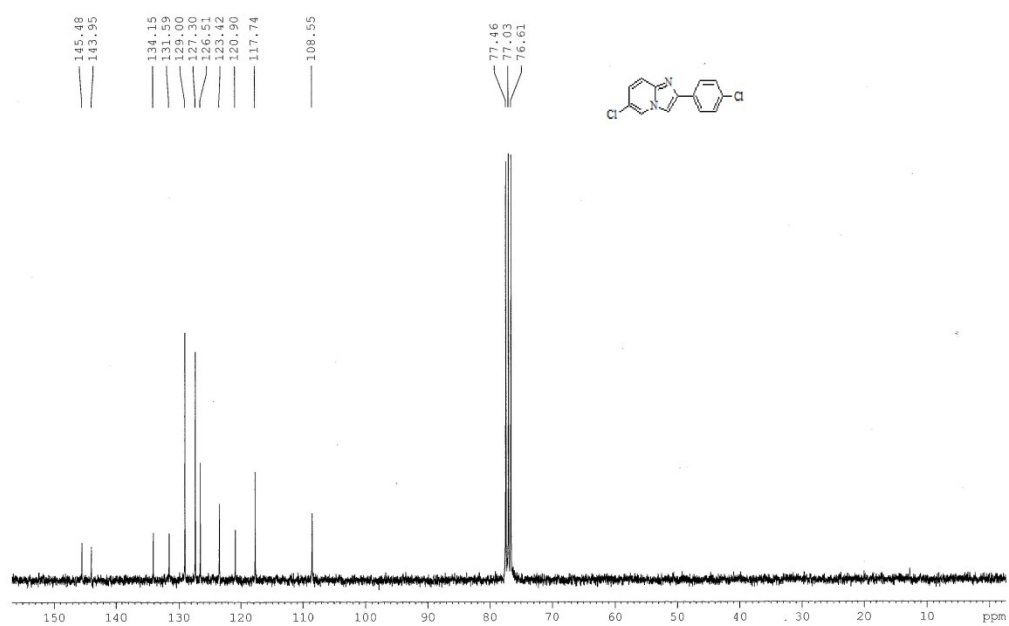


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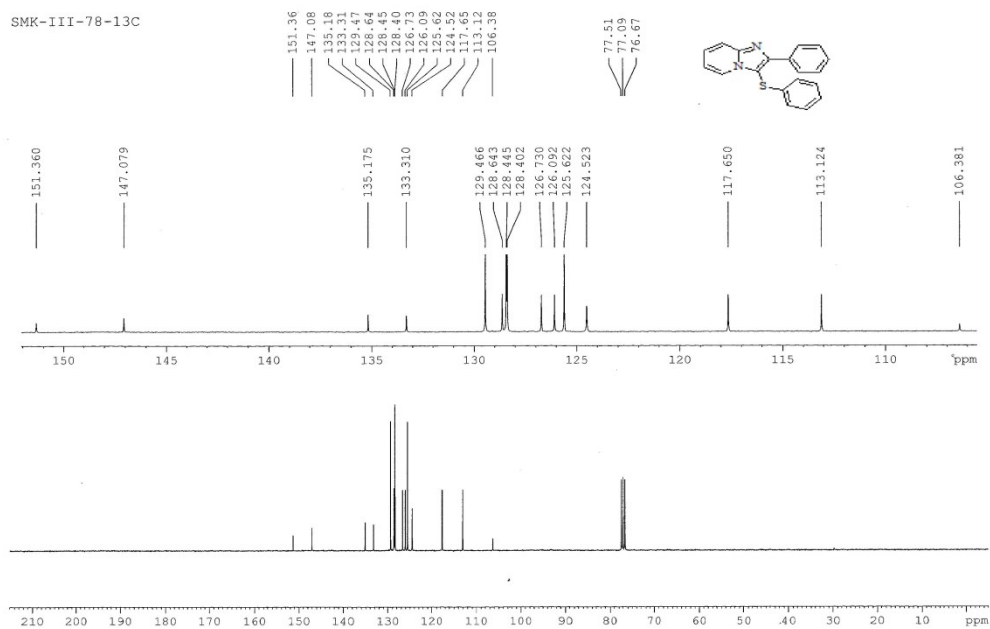
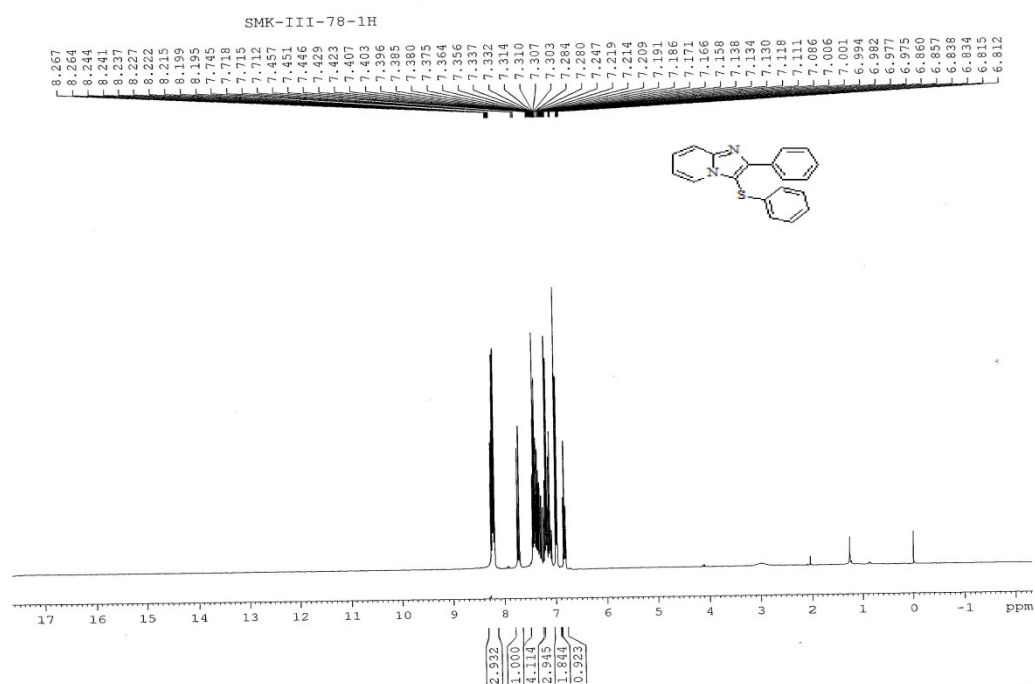


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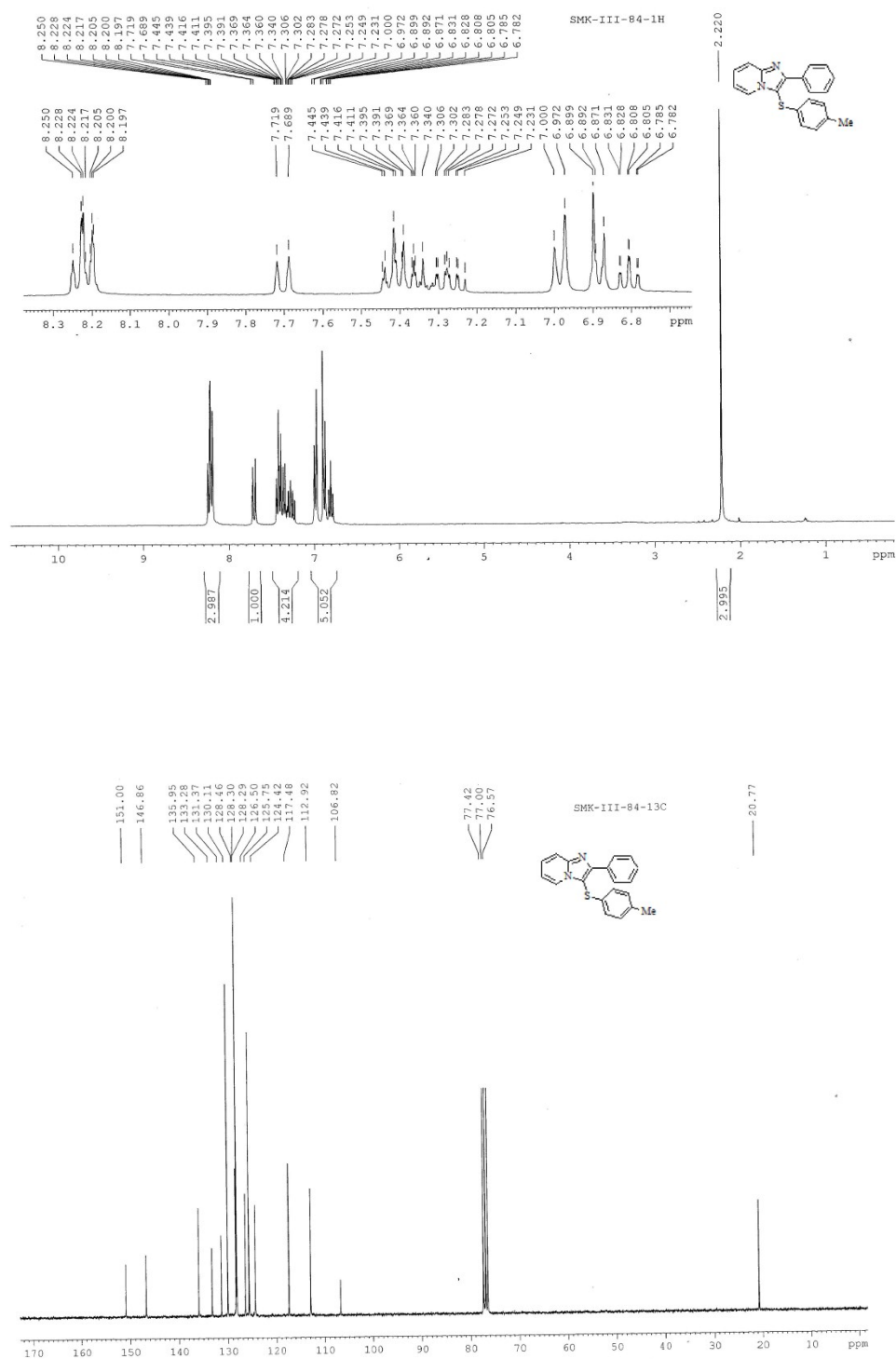


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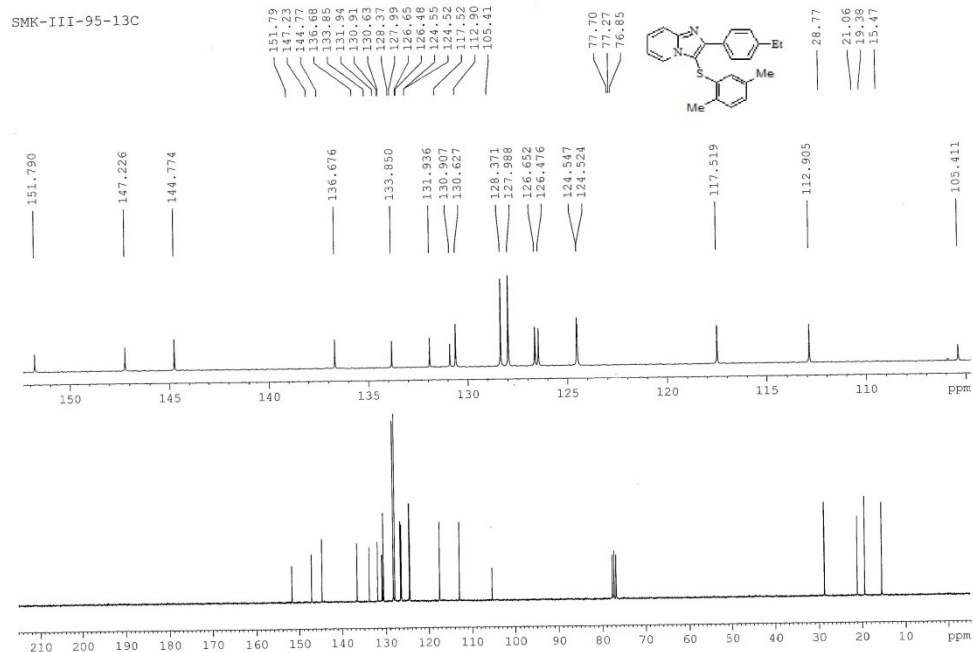
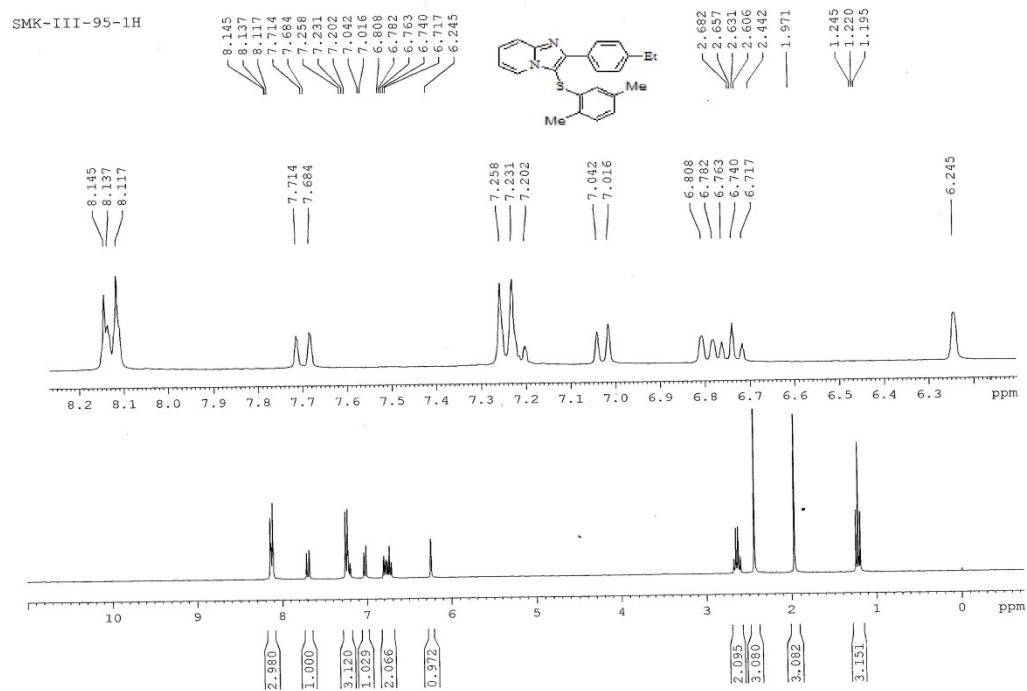


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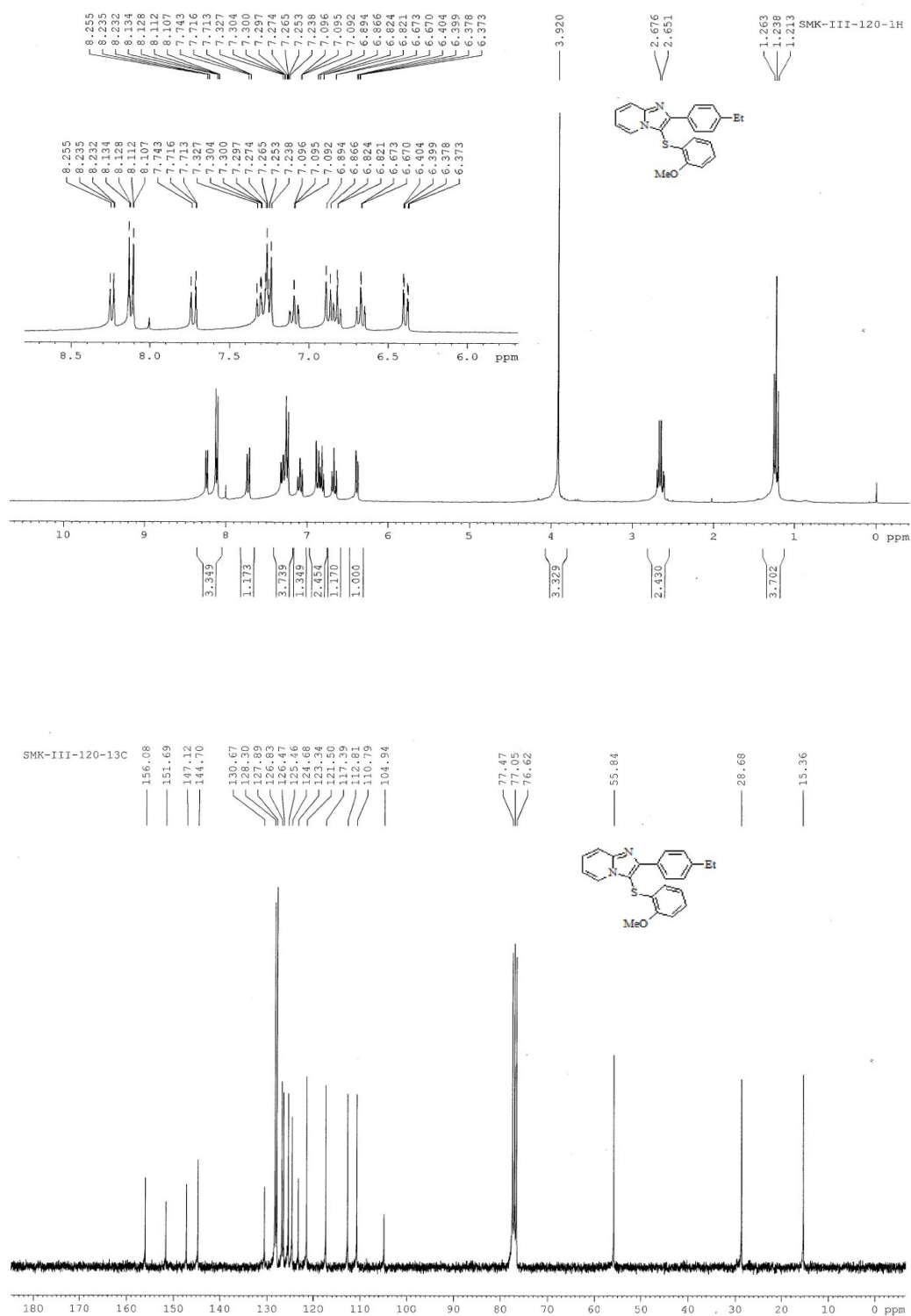


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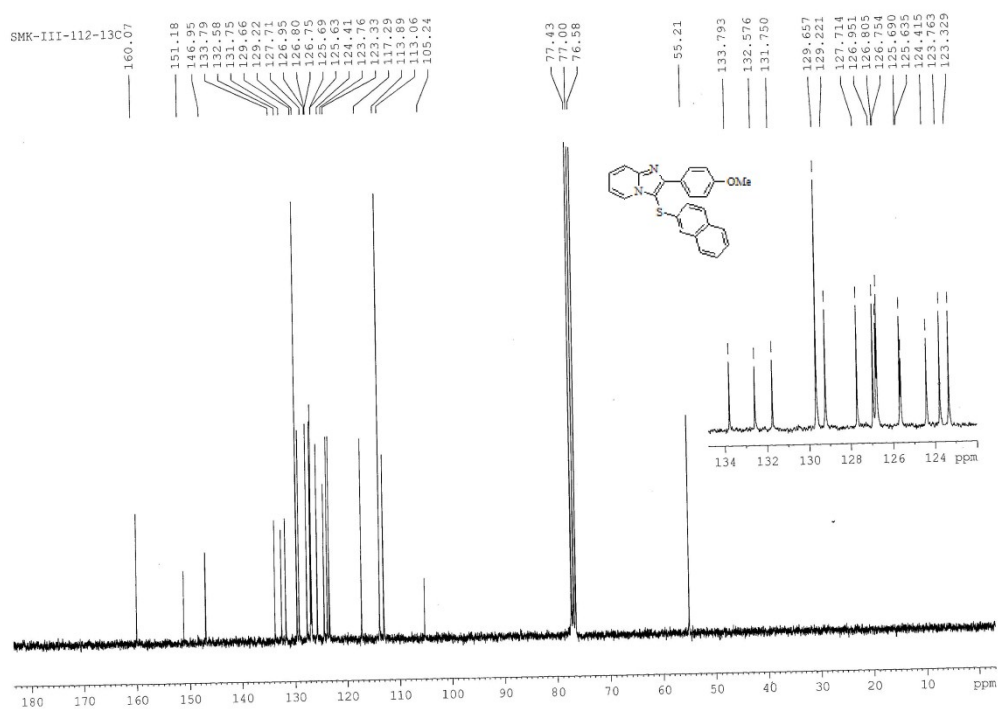
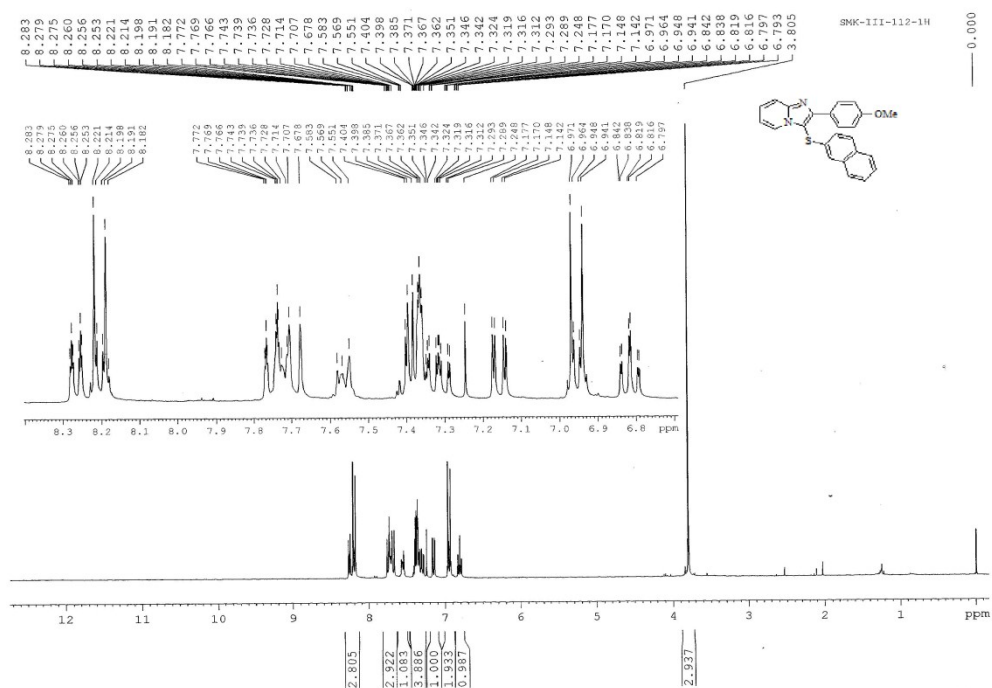


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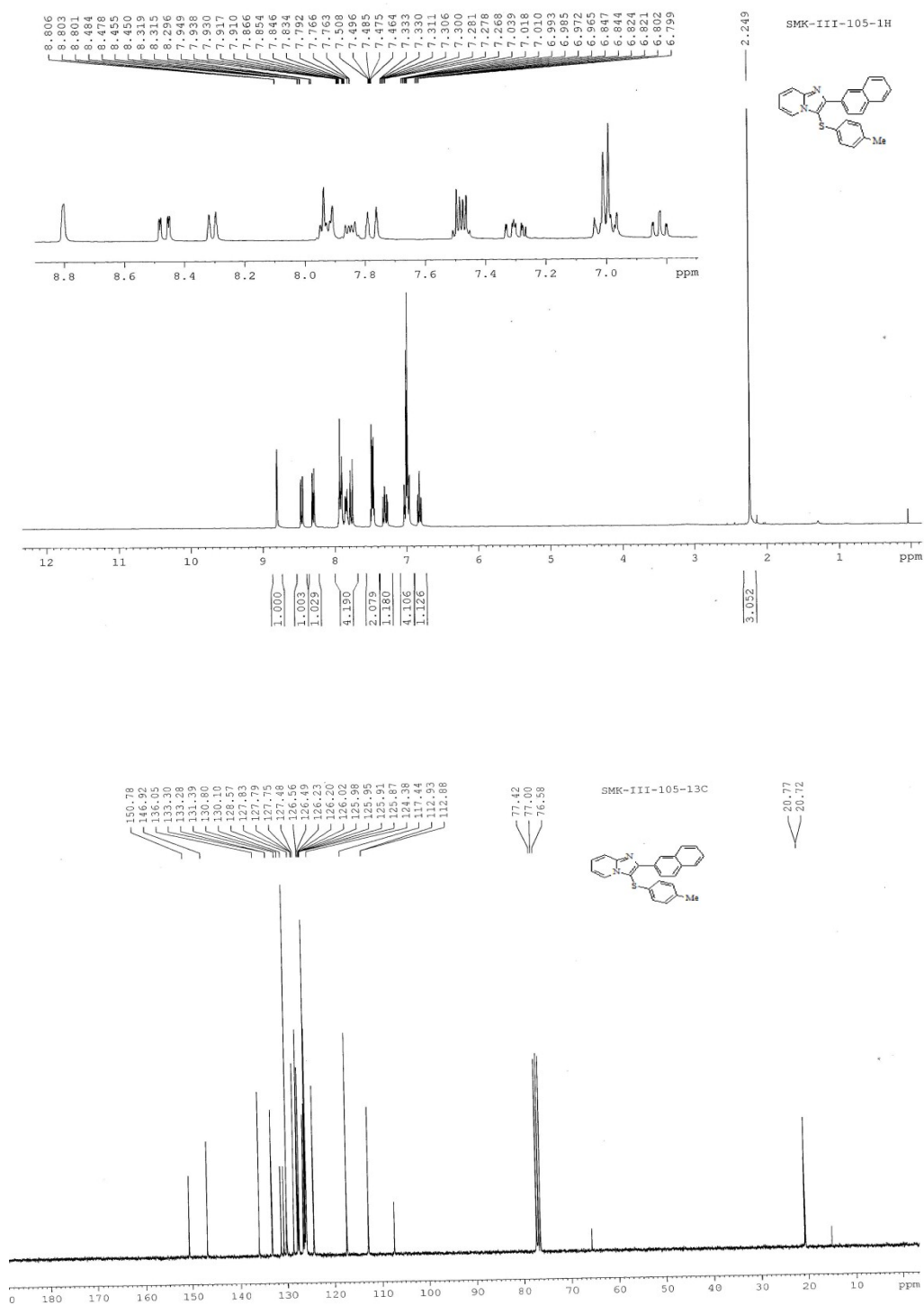


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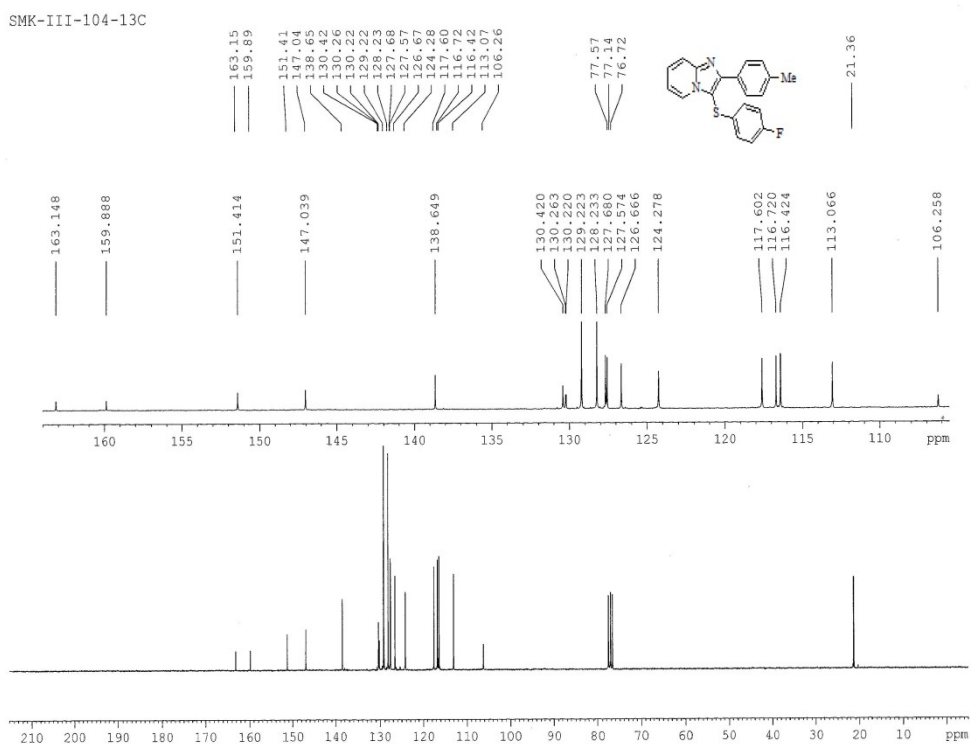
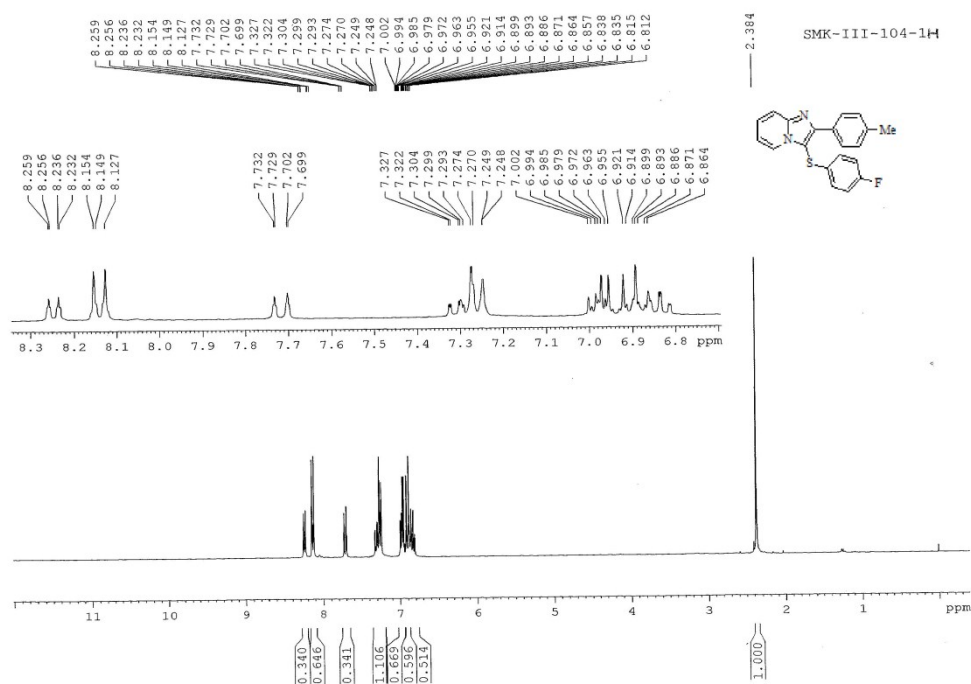


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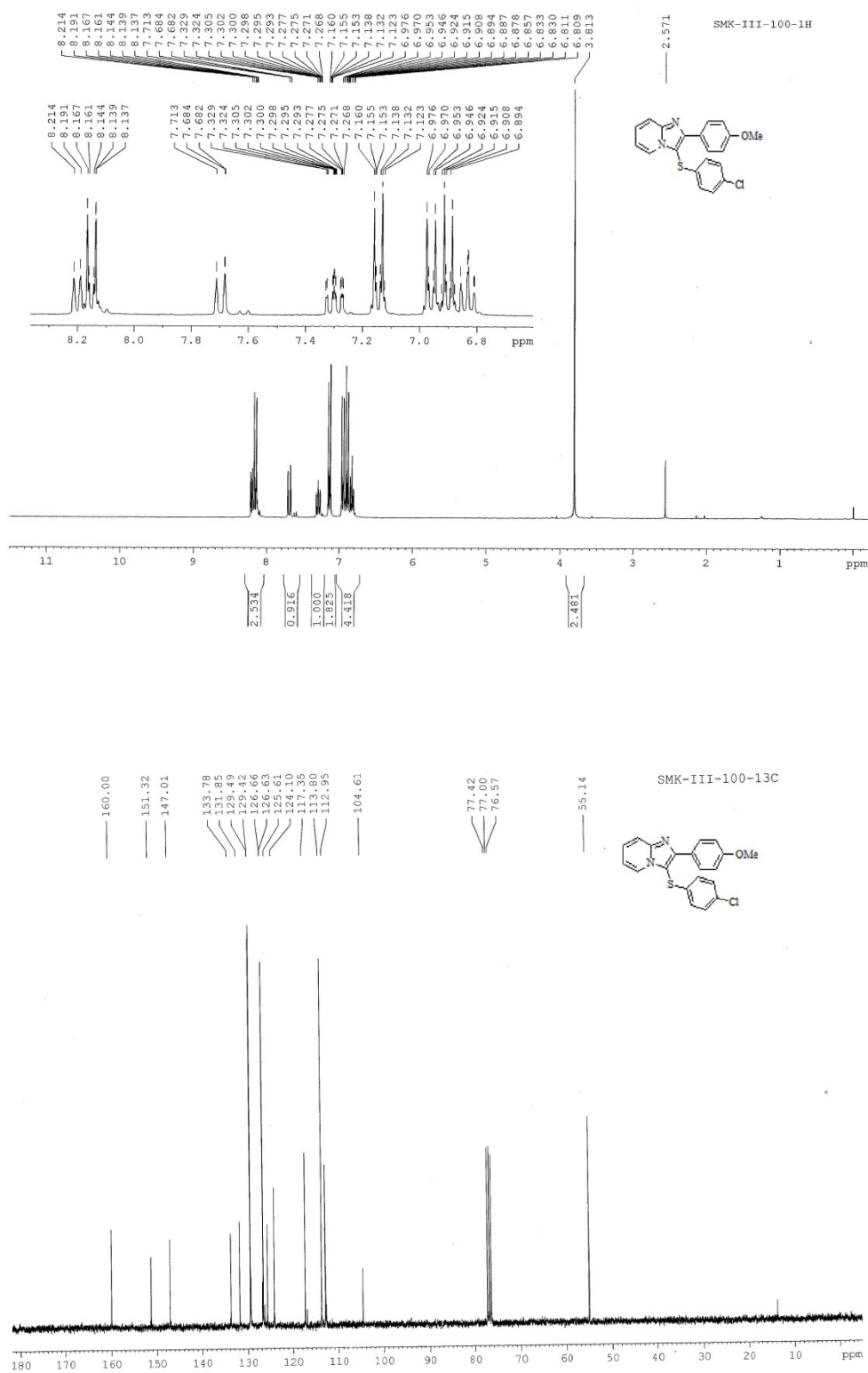


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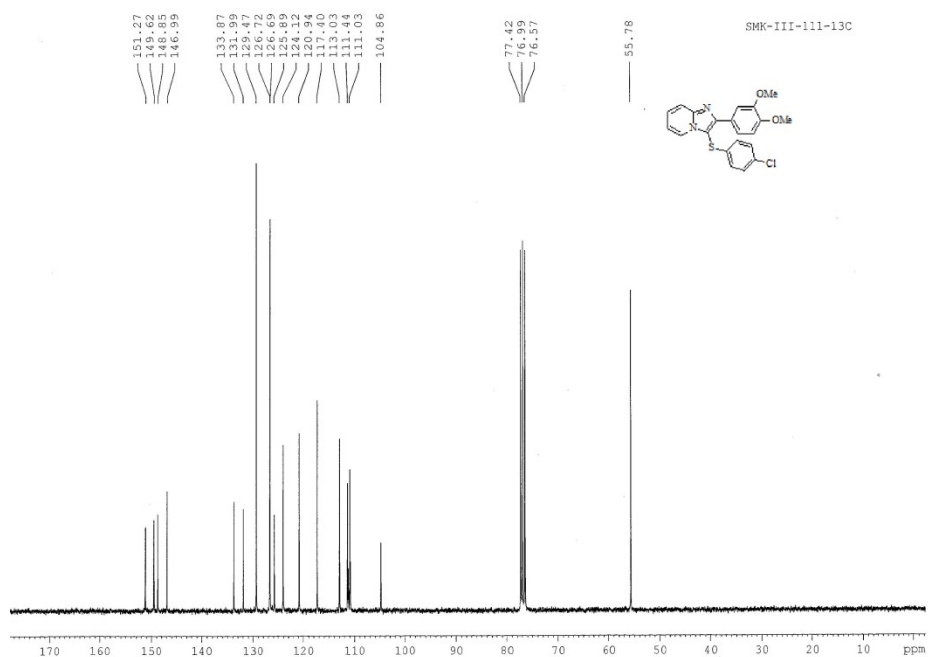
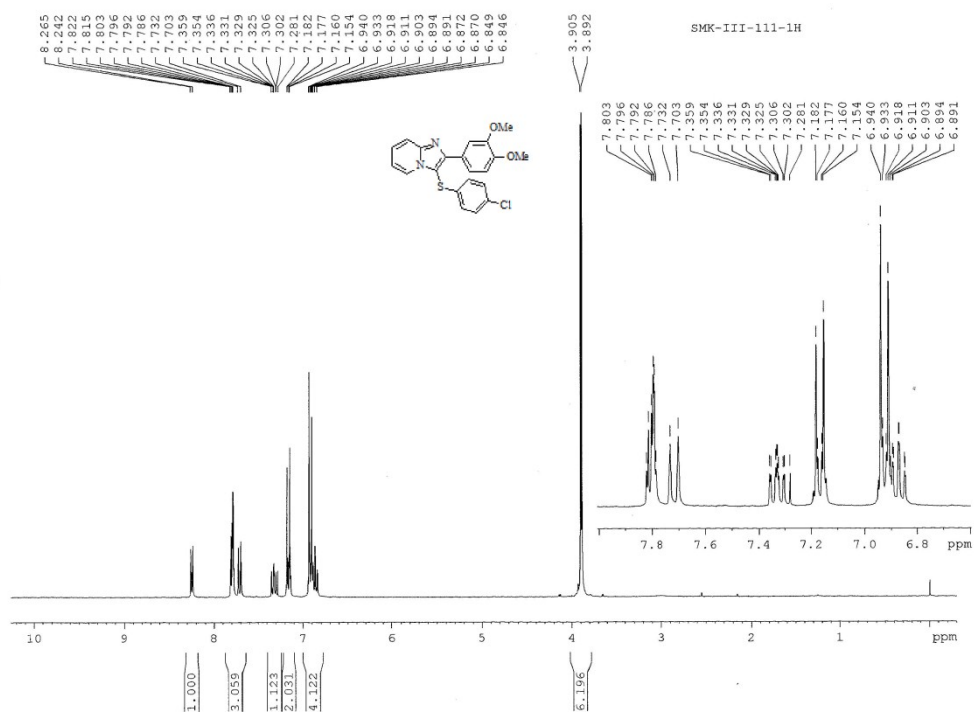


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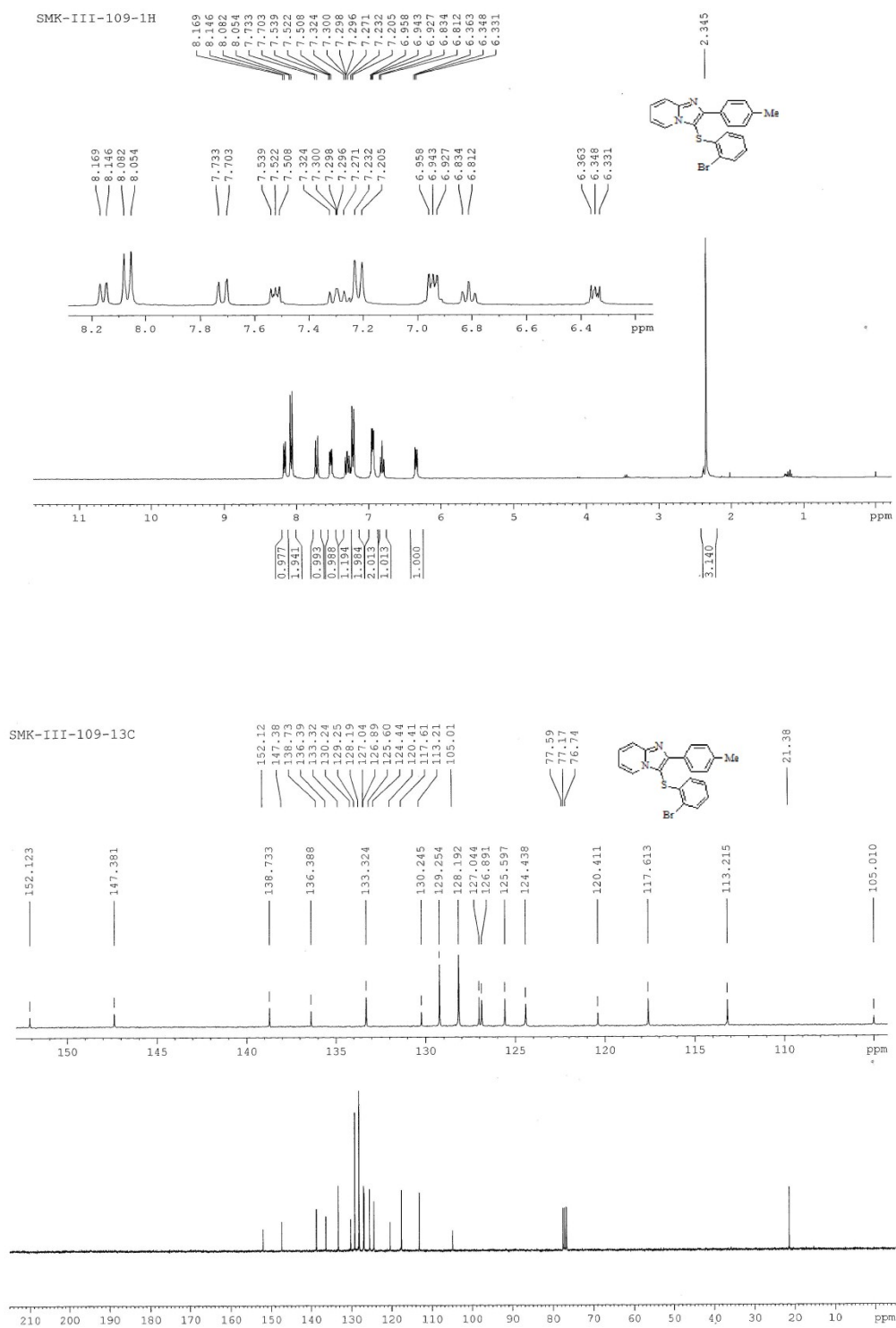


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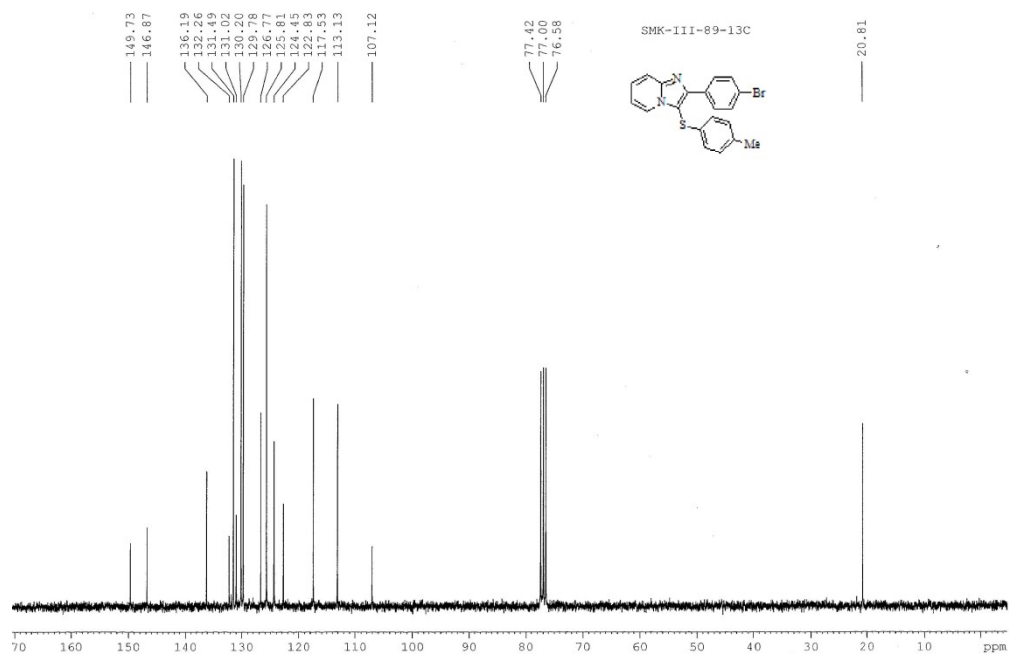
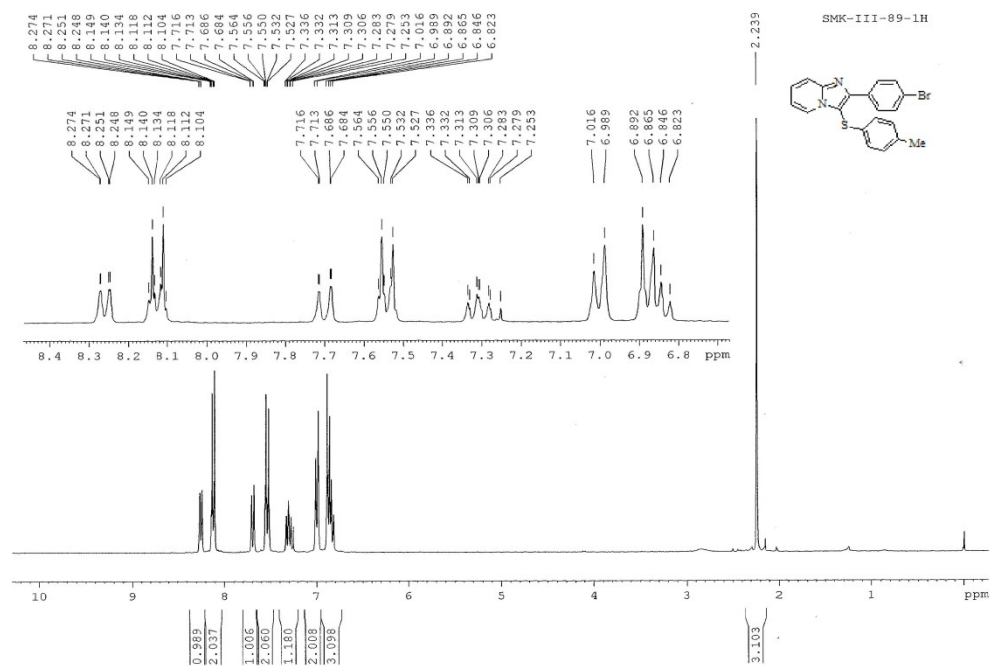


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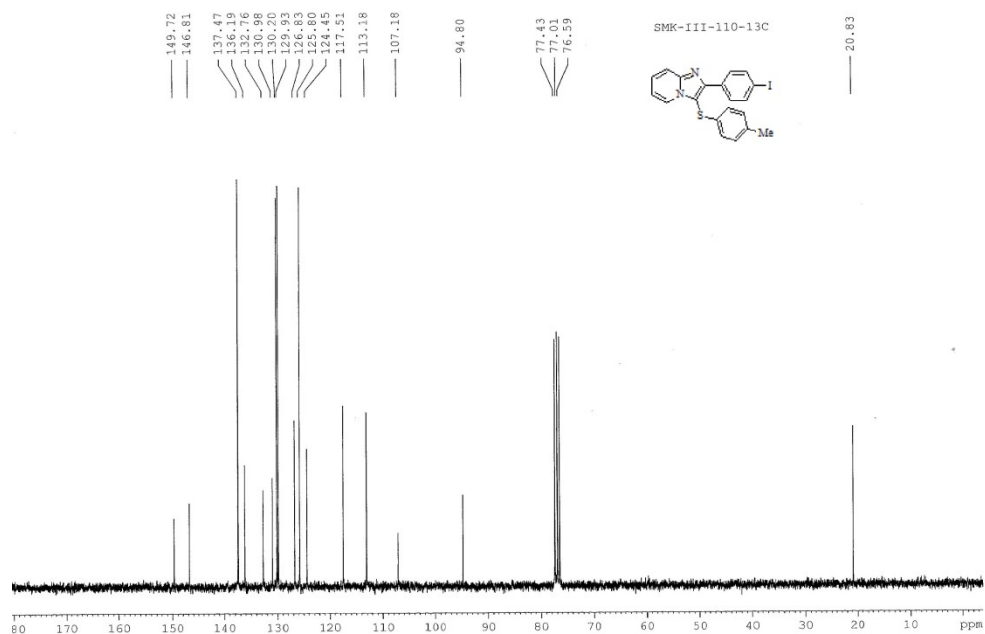
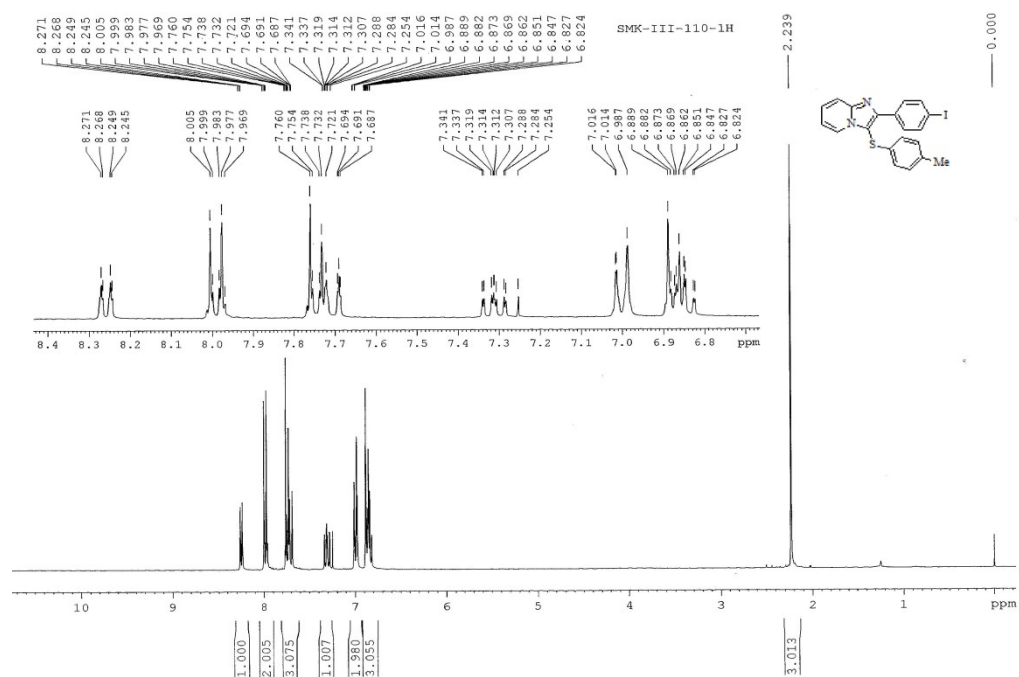


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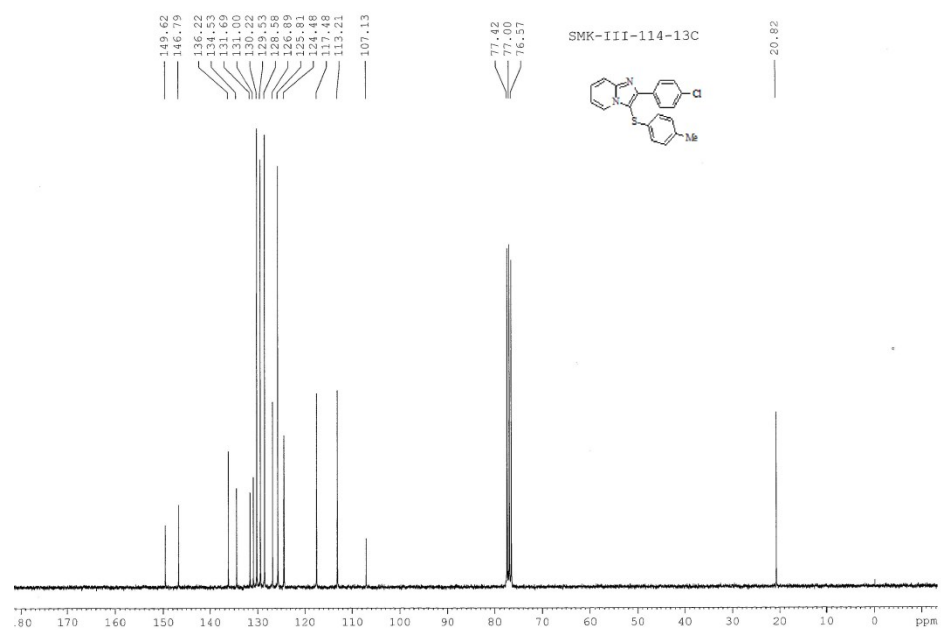


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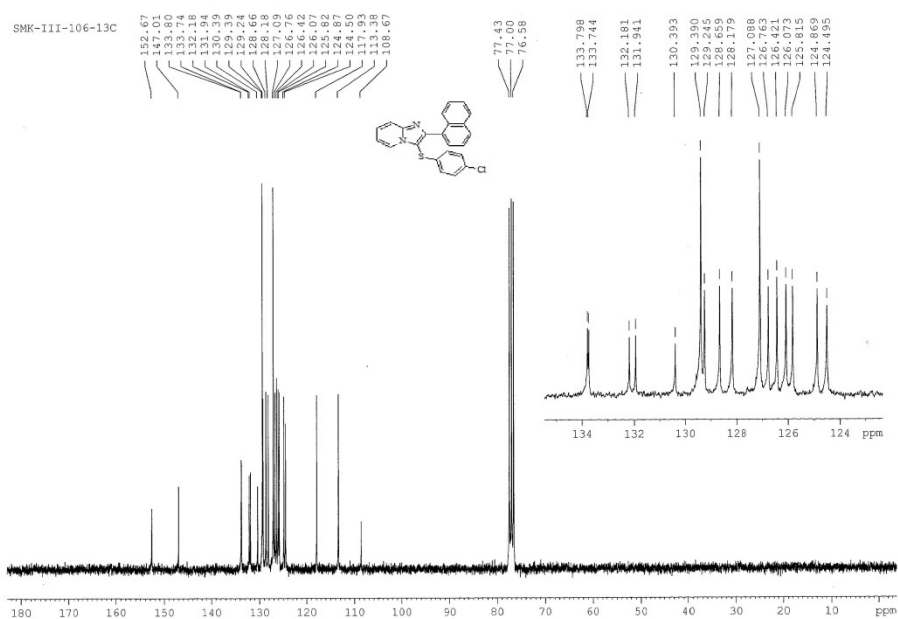
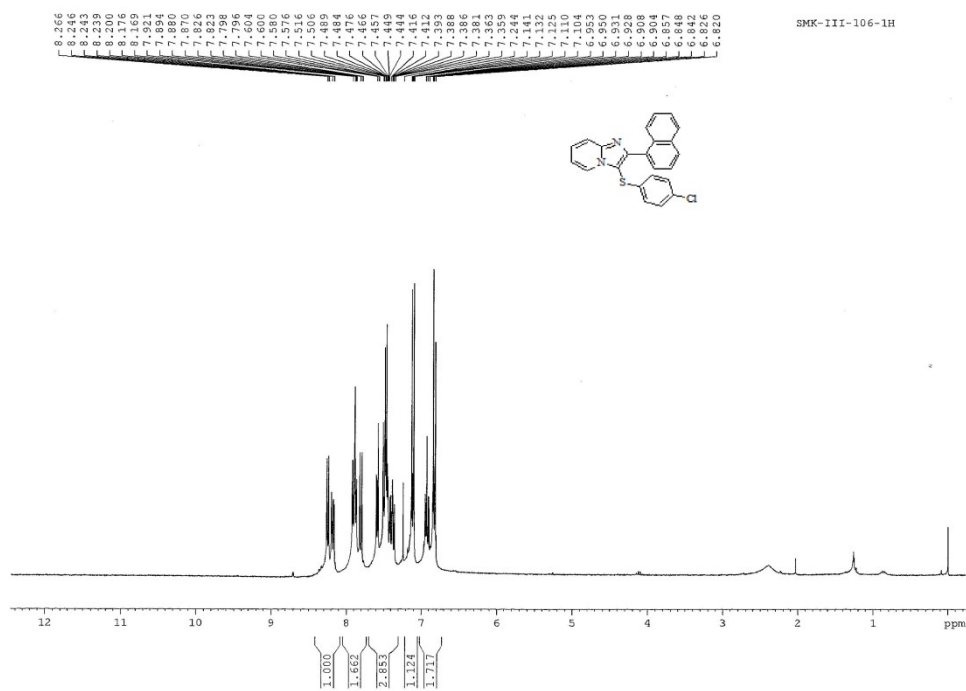


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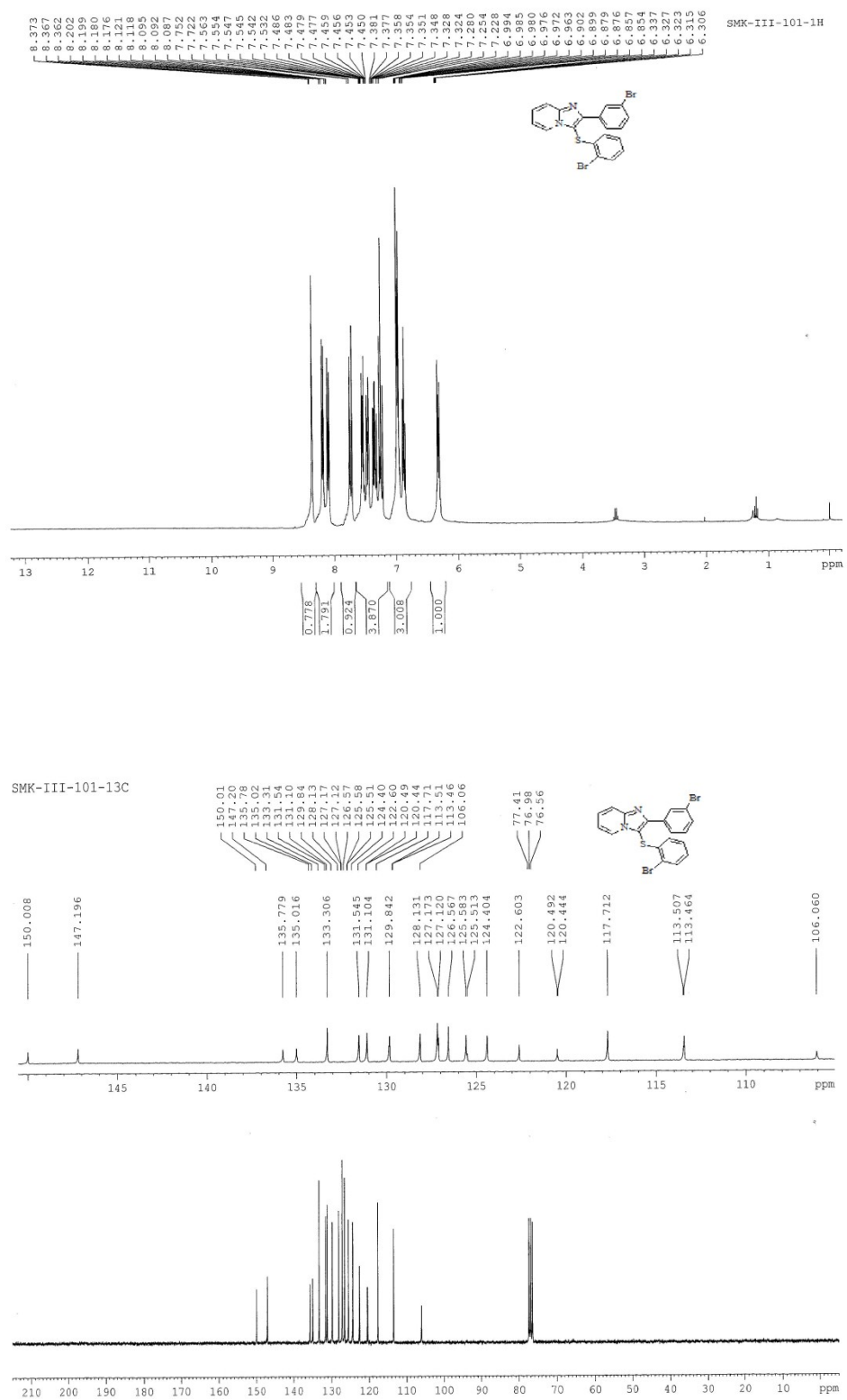
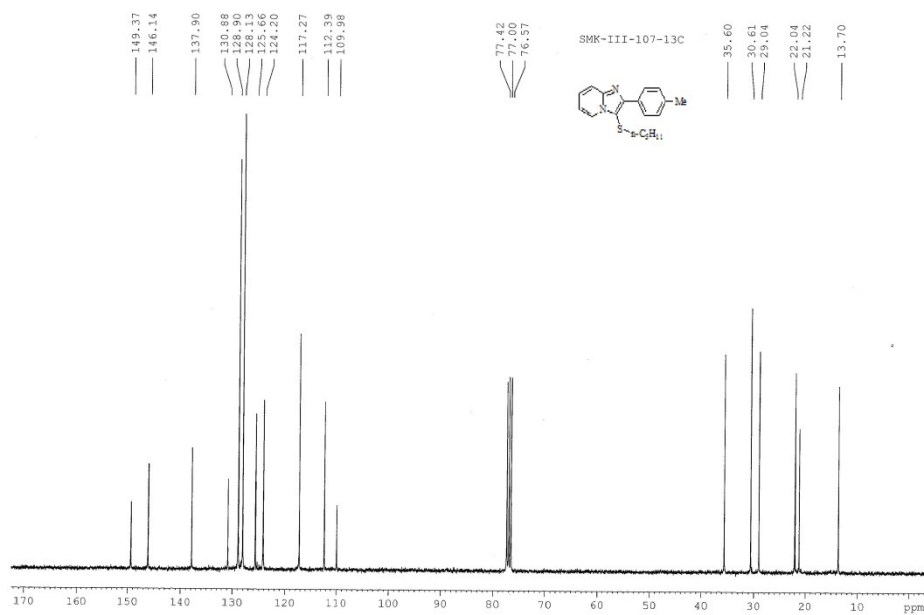
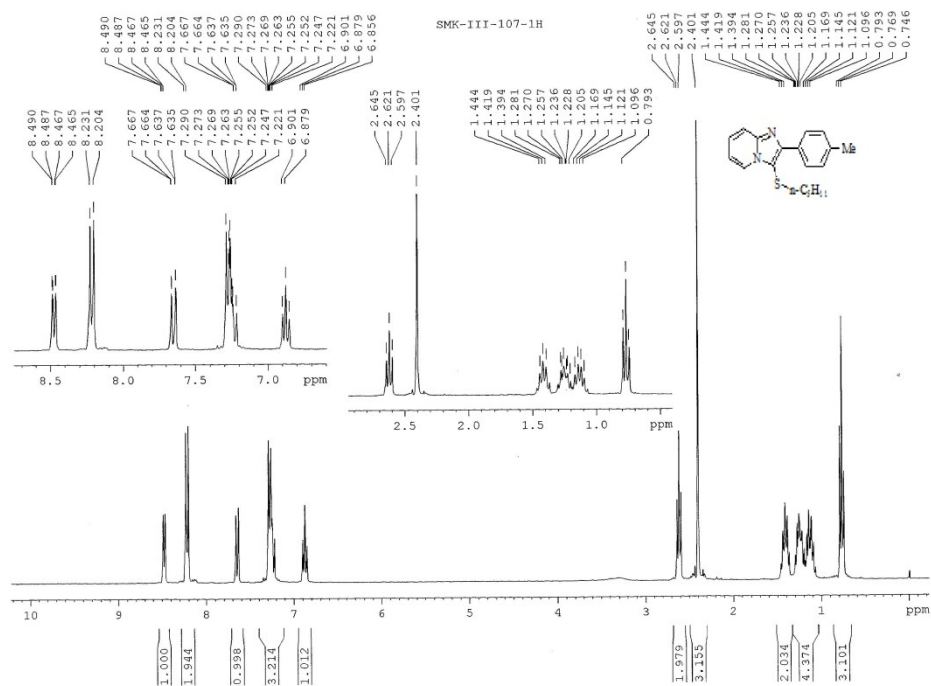


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