

Supporting Information For

**Approach to 2-(Arylthio)imidazoles and Imidazo[2,1-b]thiazoles
from Imidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazoles by Ring-Opening and
-Reconstruction**

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Characterization Data of Compounds

6-Phenylimidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole (1a)²¹

White solid (67 mg, 65% yield), mp 131-132 °C. IR (KBr) 3135, 3052, 1601, 1509, 1471, 1437, 726, 691. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 150.3, 146.1, 144.4, 134.0, 128.7, 127.3, 124.7, 110.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₀H₇N₃S *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ 202.0433; found: 202.0433.

6-(4-Tolyl)imidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole (1b)²¹

Yellow solid (65 mg, 60% yield), mp 142-144 °C. IR (KBr) 3133, 3094, 1605, 1542, 1490, 1458, 819. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 147.7, 146.2, 144.1, 137.5, 130.9, 129.4, 125.1, 109.1, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₁H₉N₃S *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ 216.0590; found: 216.0591.

6-(4-Chlorophenyl)imidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole (1c)²²

Yellow solid (74 mg, 63% yield), mp 152-154 °C. IR (KBr) 3103, 2922, 1589, 1510, 1484, 1460, 827. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 146.6, 144.4, 133.3, 132.2, 128.9, 127.2, 126.4, 109.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₀H₆ClN₃S *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ 236.0044; found: 236.0042.

6-(Naphthalen-2-yl)imidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole (1d): Yellow solid (58 mg, 72% yield), mp 154-156 °C. IR: ν = 3145, 3099, 1591, 1508, 1477, 1459, 777, 732 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.60 – 8.48 (m, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 146.6, 143.8, 133.9, 131.4, 131.1, 128.5, 128.3, 127.2, 126.4, 125.8, 125.6, 125.3, 112.5. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₄H₉N₃S⁺: 252.0590 [M+H]⁺; found: 252.0588.

4-Phenyl-2-thiocyanato-1H-imidazole (9): White solid (120 mg, 60% yield), mp 142-143 °C. IR: ν = 3128, 3038, 1608, 1567, 1493, 1458, 1396, 758, 687 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 13.46 (br, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 129.2, 127.7, 127.7, 126.8, 126.8, 124.9, 110.8, 110.8. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₀H₇N₃S⁺: 202.0433 [M+H]⁺; found: 202.0435.

4-Phenyl-2-(phenylthio)-1H-imidazole (3aa):¹⁹ Brown solid (108 mg, 85% yield), mp 132-134 °C. IR: ν = 3062, 1607, 1582, 1493, 1478, 1450, 737, 688 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.09 (s, 5H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 138.1, 134.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 127.4, 127.2, 125.0. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₂S⁺: 253.0794 [M+H]⁺; found: 253.0793.

4-Phenyl-2-(4-tolylthio)-1H-imidazole (3ab): Yellow solid (71 mg, 56% yield), mp 154-156 °C. IR: ν = 3281, 3066, 1605, 1589, 1490, 1449, 1396, 760, 695 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 149.7, 134.3, 130.5, 130.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.4, 126.3, 124.9, 107.9, 31.0. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₂S⁺: 267.0950 [M+H]⁺; found: 267.0950. Element analysis calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₂S·1/5EtOAc (%): C 71.05, H 5.54, N 9.86; found: C 70.87, H 5.27, N 9.98.

2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)thio)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ac): Colorless oil (39 mg, 30% yield), IR: ν = 3416, 2925, 1655, 1545, 1492, 1460, 1384, 824, 763 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.63 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 143.9, 133.9, 129.2, 127.5, 126.7, 124.9, 118.9, 118.9, 110.8, 56.6. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₂OS⁺: 283.0900 [M+H]⁺; found: 283.0895.

1-(4-((4-Phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)thio)phenyl)ethanone (3ad): Orange oil (70 mg, 47% yield), IR: ν = 3428, 2926, 1656, 1545, 1459, 824, 762, 625 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.06 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 141.0, 139.8, 135.8, 132.5, 130.5, 129.1, 128.6, 123.0, 122.8, 117.9, 116.3, 30.9. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄N₂OS⁺: 295.0900 [M+H]⁺; Found: 295.0900.

4-((4-Phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)thio)benzonitrile (3ae): Yellow solid (63 mg, 45% yield), mp 96-97 °C. IR: ν = 3437, 3074, 1656, 1562, 823, 760, 624 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.85 – 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 5.9, 3.9 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, acetone-*d*₆) δ = 144.3, 143.7, 134.3, 133.7, 132.8, 128.6, 127.0, 124.7, 118.3, 116.6, 109.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁N₃S⁺: 278.0746 [M+H]⁺; found: 278.0749.

4-Phenyl-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)-1H-imidazole (3af): Yellow oil (84 mg, 52% yield), IR: ν = 3433, 2926, 1657, 1561, 823, 761, 629 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, [D₆]acetone) δ = 7.72 (s, 3H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 134.2, 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 127.5, 127.3, 126.9, 126.8, 126.4, 125.9, 125.0. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁F₃N₂S⁺: 321.0668 [M+H]⁺; found: 321.0671.

4-Phenyl-2-(2-tolylthio)-1H-imidazole (3ag): White solid (68 mg, 54% yield), mp 167-168 °C. IR: ν = 3300, 3063, 1606, 1588, 1508, 1458, 1379, 752, 694 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 138.2, 137.8, 133.2, 130.7, 130.1, 128.7, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 124.8, 20.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₂S⁺: 267.0950 [M+H]⁺; found: 267.0955. Element analysis calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₂S·1/2EtOAc·1/4HCN (%): C 69.11, H 5.80, N 9.94; found: C 68.95, H 5.75, N 9.98.

4-Phenyl-2-(3-tolylthio)-1H-imidazole (3ah): White solid (81 mg, 64% yield), mp 150-151 °C. IR: ν = 3138, 3063, 1606, 1592, 1496, 909, 852, 760 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 140.6, 139.2, 138.3, 133.9, 132.1, 129.9, 129.1, 128.7, 128.0, 127.2, 126.4, 124.8, 118.6, 21.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₂S⁺: 267.0950 [M+H]⁺; found: 267.0953. Element analysis calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₂S·1/3EtOAc·1/3HCN (%): C 69.63, H 5.62, N 10.72; found: C 69.53, H 5.37, N 10.42.

2-((4-Phenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)thio)benzonitrile (3ai): Yellow solid (62 mg, 45% yield), mp 86-88 °C. IR: ν = 3439, 3072, 1657, 1545, 822, 760. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 13.24 (d, *J* = 32.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.92 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.83 (s, 2H), 7.71 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ = 140.9, 134.6, 134.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 124.9, 117.1, 110.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁N₃S⁺: 278.0746 [M+H]⁺; found: 278.0750.

2-((4-Fluorophenyl)thio)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3aj): Yellow oil (42 mg, 31% yield), IR: ν = 3066, 2972, 1607, 1589, 1489, 1450, 1395, 908, 827, 760, 733, 694 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.27 (dd, J = 14.5, 6.7 Hz, 3H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.76 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 138.2, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 129.0, 128.7, 127.3, 125.0, 124.8, 116.3 (d, J = 22.1). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{S}^+$: 271.0700 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 271.0702.

2-((4-Chlorophenyl)thio)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ak): Brown solid (64 mg, 44% yield), mp 181-182 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3426, 2926, 1655, 824, 763, 624 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.82 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 143.3, 135.2, 135.2, 134.5, 131.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 127.1, 124.9, 117.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{S}^+$: 287.0404 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 287.0408.

2-((3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3al): Colorless oil (35 mg, 18% yield), IR: ν = 3402, 3075, 1598, 1509, 1452, 1393, 738, 697 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.50 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 3H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 138.9, 134.4, 132.6, 132.2, 131.3, 128.9, 127.9, 127.2, 125.0, 124.1, 121.4, 120.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 389.0542 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 389.0539.

2-((5-Fluoro-2-methylphenyl)thio)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3am): White solid (76 mg, 53% yield), mp 145-146 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3138, 3029, 1602, 1482, 1448, 1384, 762, 692 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{acetone}-d_6$): δ = 10.52 (br, 1H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (td, J = 8.3 Hz, 2.6, 1H), 6.46 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 162.4, 156.0, 141.0, 136.3 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 131.8, 131.4 (dd, J = 31.7, 5.4 Hz), 128.7, 127.3, 124.8, 119.2, 114.0 (dd, J = 137.9, 22.6 Hz), 19.06. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{FS}^+$: 285.0856 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 285.0857.

2-Phenylthio)-4-(p-tolyl)-1H-imidazole (3ba): Yellow oil (66 mg, 49% yield), IR: ν = 3056, 2962, 1608, 1581, 1508, 740, 702 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.8, 8.3 Hz, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 140.4, 137.5, 137.0, 134.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 126.8, 126.1, 124.8, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 267.0950 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 267.0956.

4-(4-Tolyl)-2-(4-tolylthio)-1H-imidazole (3bb): Orange solid (77 mg, 55% yield), mp 175-176 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3346, 2922, 1596, 1509, 804, 734, 652 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{acetone}-d_6$): δ = 137.1, 136.8, 136.2, 131.7, 129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 124.6, 20.3, 20.1. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 281.1107 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 281.1105. Element analysis calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{S} \cdot 1/2\text{EtOAc}$ (%): C 70.34, H 6.21, N 8.63; found: C 70.51, H 5.89, N 9.00.

4-(4-Tolyl)-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)-1H-imidazole (3bf): Yellow solid (38 mg, 23% yield), mp 173-174 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3192, 2955, 1605, 1508, 823 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.10 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 140.6, 137.5, 135.1, 130.1, 129.5, 129.1, 127.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.9, 124.8, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}^+$: 335.0824 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 335.0828.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(phenylthio)-1H-imidazole (3ca): Yellow solid (75 mg, 52% yield), mp 154-156 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3146, 3073, 1579, 1509, 788, 740, 701 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 12.29 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd, J = 24.1, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 136.3, 135.9, 132.7, 131.5, 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 126.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{ClS}^+$: 287.0404 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 287.0404.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(2-tolylthio)-1H-imidazole (3cb): Yellow solid (59 mg, 40% yield), mp 193-194 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3338, 2956, 1638, 1588, 1509, 805, 733, 616 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 12.52 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 8.07 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.41 (s, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 137.1, 136.9, 132.7, 131.8, 131.4, 130.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 127.9, 126.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{ClS}^+$: 301.0561 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 301.0558.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-1H-imidazole (3cc): Brown oil (67 mg, 42% yield), IR: ν = 3306, 1591, 1491, 824, 796, 733 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.89 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 159.9, 141.0, 133.9, 133.5, 132.8, 130.8, 128.8, 126.1, 122.5, 116.7, 115.1, 55.3. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{ClOS}^+$: 317.0510 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 317.0508.

4-((4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl)thio)benzonitrile (3ce): Brown oil (62 mg, 40% yield), IR: ν = 3256, 3077, 1592, 1553, 823, 785, 735 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.64 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 142.8, 134.5, 133.3, 132.4, 130.3, 128.9, 128.8, 126.8, 126.1, 118.3, 109.4. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{ClS}^+$: 312.0357 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 312.0359.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)-1H-imidazole (3cf): Yellow solid (61 mg, 34% yield), mp 154-156 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3327, 2956, 1605, 1561, 1509, 829, 734 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ = 142.3, 131.7, 129.2, 129.1, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0, 126.6, 126.6, 125.9, 123.2. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{ClF}_3\text{S}^+$: 355.0284 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 355.0290.

4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(phenylthio)-1H-imidazole (3da): Brown solid (83 mg, 55% yield), mp 158-159 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3054, 1581, 1560, 1509, 735, 688 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.13 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 6.96 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 138.3, 137.6, 135.0, 133.9, 131.1, 129.7, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.0, 126.9, 126.4, 125.9, 125.6, 125.4, 123.0. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 303.0950 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 303.0947. Element analysis calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S} \cdot 2/5\text{EtOAc} \cdot 1/5\text{HCN}$ (%): C 73.03, H 5.26, N 8.84; found: C 72.82, H 5.07, N 8.66.

4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(p-tolylthio)-1H-imidazole (3db): Brown solid (82 mg, 52% yield), mp 138-139 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3287, 3052, 1595, 1561, 1509, 801, 776, 734 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.24 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.24 (ddd, J = 11.6, 6.9, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 138.3, 137.8, 136.9, 133.7, 131.0, 130.7, 129.8, 129.7, 128.2, 127.8, 126.7, 126.1, 125.6, 125.5, 125.2, 122.6, 20.9. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 317.1107 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 317.1105.

3,6-Diphenylimidazo[2,1-b]thiazole (5aa):¹⁴ Yellow solid (117 mg, 85% yield), mp 120-121 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. IR: ν = 3105, 3063, 1558, 1494, 733, 698 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.68 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41 (dd,

$J = 11.5, 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.3, 147.9, 134.3, 132.7, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 128.8, 127.6, 127.0, 125.4, 108.4, 107.5$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 277.0794 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 277.0790.

6-Phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ab): Yellow solid (119 mg, 82% yield), mp 177–178 °C. IR: $\nu = 3112, 3031, 1605, 1508, 1470, 1441, 772, 709$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.88 - 7.78$ (m, 3H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 10.1, 7.0$ Hz, 5H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.0, 147.5, 139.1, 134.0, 132.6, 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 127.4, 127.3, 125.1, 123.8, 107.9, 107.3, 21.4$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 291.0950 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 291.0960. Element analysis calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S} \cdot 1/4\text{EtOAc}$ (%): C 73.05, H 5.16, N 8.97; found: C 72.98, H 4.85, N 9.11.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ac): White solid (146 mg, 95% yield), mp 112–113 °C. IR: $\nu = 3112, 3067, 1610, 1508, 1469, 1441, 813, 772, 709$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.76 - 7.67$ (m, 3H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 10.1, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 160.3, 149.9, 147.4, 134.0, 132.1, 128.5, 128.1, 127.2, 125.0, 122.1, 114.5, 107.1, 106.7, 55.2$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{OS}^+$: 307.0900 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 307.0907.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ad):²⁰ White solid (117 mg, 80% yield), mp 131–132 °C. IR: $\nu = 3376, 2923, 1605, 1561, 1507, 1471, 1440, 771, 743, 708$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.87 - 7.79$ (m, 3H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dt, $J = 17.0, 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 6.73 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 164.5, 162.0, 150.0, 147.9, 134.0, 131.5, 128.9$ (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 128.7, 127.5, 127.5, 126.1 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 126.1 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 125.2, 116.5 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 107.6 (d, $J = 125.5$ Hz). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{S}^+$: 295.0700 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 295.0760. Element analysis calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{S}$ (%): C 69.37, H 3.77, N 9.52; found: C 69.61, H 3.64, N 9.29.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ae):²⁰ White solid (174 mg, 98% yield), mp 89–90 °C. IR: $\nu = 3344, 3070, 1600, 1577, 1509, 1471, 1441, 773, 733, 709$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.85$ (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 10.5, 4.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.0, 147.9, 135.6, 133.9, 131.4, 129.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 125.2, 108.7, 107.0$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{S}^+$: 311.0404 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 311.0411.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5af):²⁰ Yellow solid (156 mg, 88% yield), mp 126–127 °C. IR: $\nu = 3149, 3062, 1607, 1537, 1509, 1470, 1440, 772, 737, 707$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.83$ (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.0, 147.9, 133.9, 132.5, 131.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.5, 125.2, 123.7, 108.8, 107.0$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_2\text{S}^+$: 354.9899 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 354.9910.

6-Phenyl-3-(*m*-tolyl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ag):²⁰ Colorless oil (142 mg, 98% yield), IR: $\nu = 3381, 3106, 1606, 1560, 1509, 1469, 1442, 1373, 772, 737, 703$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.83$ (m, 3H), 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.1, 147.5, 139.1, 134.0, 132.6, 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 127.4, 127.3, 125.1, 123.8, 107.9, 107.3, 21.4$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 291.0950 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 291.0958.

3-(2-Fluorophenyl)-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ah):²⁰ Yellow solid (125 mg, 85% yield), mp 130–131 °C. IR: $\nu = 3329, 3070, 1599, 1505, 1473, 1440, 804, 770, 706$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.85 - 7.83$ (m, 3H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.73 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 164.5, 162.0, 150.0, 147.9, 134.0, 131.5, 128.9$ (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 128.7, 127.4, 126.1 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 125.2, 116.5 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 108.2, 107.0. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{S}^+$: 295.0700 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 295.0709.

6-Phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ai):²⁰ White solid (135 mg, 78% yield), mp 122–123 °C. IR: $\nu = 3304, 3068, 1602, 1511, 1475, 1441, 1418, 773, 734, 710$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.86$ (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.2, 148.2, 133.9, 133.4, 131.2, 128.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.46, 126.43, 125.3, 122.5, 110.2, 107.2$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 345.0668 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 345.0663.

3-(3,5-bis(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5aj): Yellow solid (111 mg, 54% yield), mp 185–186 °C. IR: $\nu = 3328, 3080, 1606, 1509, 1479, 1444, 775, 740, 700$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.13$ (s, 2H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.83 (dd, $J = 8.8, 1.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dt, $J = 9.4, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.1, 148.7, 133.5, 133.3, 132.9, 132.0, 129.5, 128.8, 127.8, 126.8, 125.4, 124.2, 123.2, 121.5, 111.5, 106.5$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 413.0542 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 413.0539.

3-Phenyl-6-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ba):²¹ Yellow oil (91 mg, 62% yield), mp 154–156 °C. IR: $\nu = 3113, 3059, 1604, 1548, 1509, 1467, 1446, 799, 728, 696$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.84$ (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.1, 147.9, 137.2, 132.6, 131.4, 130.1, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 126.9, 125.2, 108.2, 107.0, 21.3$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 291.0950 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 291.0959.

3,6-di-*p*-Tolylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5bb):²¹

Yellow solid (102 mg, 67% yield), mp 122–123 °C. IR: $\nu = 3112, 3025, 1581, 1546, 1508, 1465, 1414, 815$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.79$ (d, $J = 1.5, 1\text{H}$), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.1, 2\text{H}$), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.1, 2\text{H}$), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 149.8, 147.6, 139.5, 136.9, 132.4, 131.2, 129.8, 129.2, 126.9, 126.5, 124.9, 107.2, 106.8, 21.2, 21.1$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$: 305.1107 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 305.1102.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5bc):²¹ Brown oil (93 mg, 58% yield), IR: $\nu = 3366, 3112, 1611, 1585, 1508, 1466, 1422, 823$ cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.81$ (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 139.4, 138.5, 133.7, 130.2, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 127.4, 126.7, 124.9, 21.4$. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{OS}^+$: 321.1056 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 321.1053.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5be):²² White solid (101 mg, 62% yield), mp 129-130 °C. IR: ν = 3227, 3071, 1597, 1510, 1469, 1412, 1373, 815 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 149.9, 148.0, 137.2, 135.5, 131.3, 131.1, 129.5, 129.32, 128.4, 128.0, 125.1, 108.5, 106.6, 21.2. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₃ClN₂S⁺: 325.0561 [M+H]⁺; found: 325.0558.

6-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ca):²¹ Yellow solid (52 mg, 34% yield), mp 146-147 °C. IR: ν = 3342, 3119, 1594, 1510, 1465, 1404, 793, 728, 694 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 12.28 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 150.3, 146.6, 133.0, 132.6, 132.6, 129.9, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 126.9, 126.4, 108.4, 107.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₁ClN₂S⁺: 311.0404 [M+H]⁺; found: 311.0415.

6-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5cb): Orange solid (47 mg, 30% yield), mp 127-128 °C. IR: ν = 3286, 3032, 1583, 1536, 1508, 1466, 1402, 812 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.8 Hz, 4H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 150.2, 146.5, 139.9, 132.9, 132.7, 132.6, 130.0, 128.7, 126.9, 126.7, 126.4, 107.7, 107.4, 30.9. HRMS(ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₃ClN₂S⁺: 325.0561 [M+H]⁺; found: 325.0557. Element analysis calcd. for C₁₈H₁₃ClN₂S (%): C 66.56, H 4.03, N 8.62; found: C 66.63, H 3.91, N 8.46.

6-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5cc):²¹ Yellow solid (73 mg, 42% yield), mp 179-180 °C. IR: ν = 3284, 3116, 1611, 1584, 1508, 1465, 1402, 816 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.6, 150.2, 146.5, 132.8, 132.6, 132.3, 128.7, 128.3, 126.3, 122.2, 114.7, 107.3, 107.0, 55.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₃ClN₂OS⁺: 341.0510 [M+H]⁺; found: 341.0506.

3,6-bis(4-Chlorophenyl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5ce):²² Yellow solid (75 mg, 43% yield), mp 138-140 °C. IR: ν = 3375, 3063, 1600, 1536, 1509, 1466, 1404, 834 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.88 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 150.3, 146.6, 133.0, 132.58, 132.56, 129.9, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 126.9, 126.4, 108.5, 107.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₀N₂Cl₂S⁺: 345.0015 [M+H]⁺; found: 345.0024.

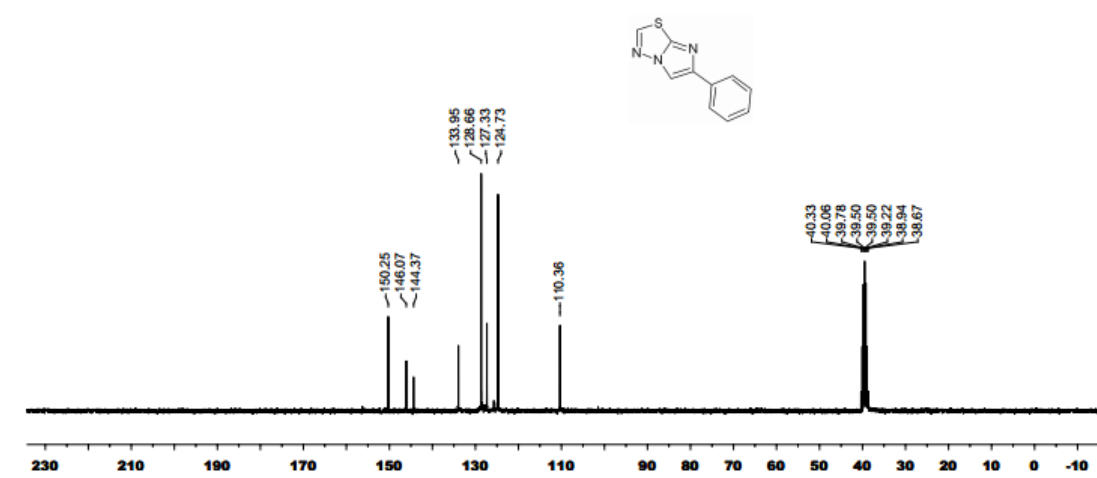
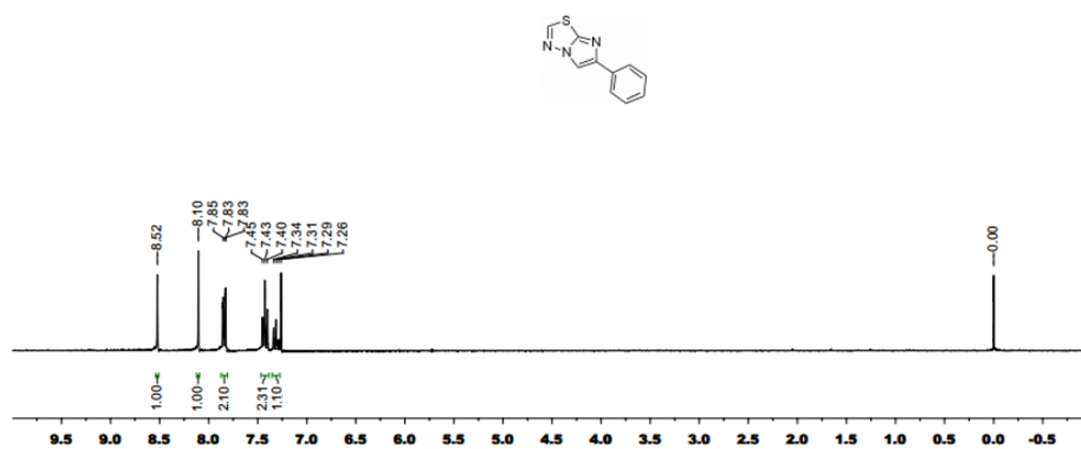
6-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5da): Yellow solid (103 mg, 63% yield), mp 198-199 °C. IR: ν = 3362, 3058, 1592, 1546, 1509, 1461, 1428, 806, 778, 690 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.62 – 8.59 (m, 1H), 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 6H), 6.82 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 140.5, 137.6, 133.9, 132.6, 131.9, 131.3, 130.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.3, 128.2, 127.1, 126.8, 126.3, 125.9, 125.7, 125.3, 110.4, 108.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₁₄N₂S⁺: 327.0950 [M+H]⁺; found: 327.0956. Element analysis calcd. for C₂₁H₁₄N₂S·1/4EtOAc·1/8HCN (%): C 75.53, H 4.62, N 8.46; found: C 75.64, H 4.43, N 8.30.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (5dc): Yellow oil (82 mg, 46% yield), IR: ν = 3110, 3050, 1611, 1585, 1507, 1462, 1381, 803, 739, 673 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.51 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.92 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.59 – 6.48 (m, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.4, 149.5, 146.9, 133.8, 132.2, 131.8, 131.2, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 127.0, 126.2, 125.9, 125.6, 125.2, 122.2, 114.5, 110.2, 106.8, 55.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₁₆N₂OS⁺: 357.1056 [M+H]⁺; found: 357.1066.

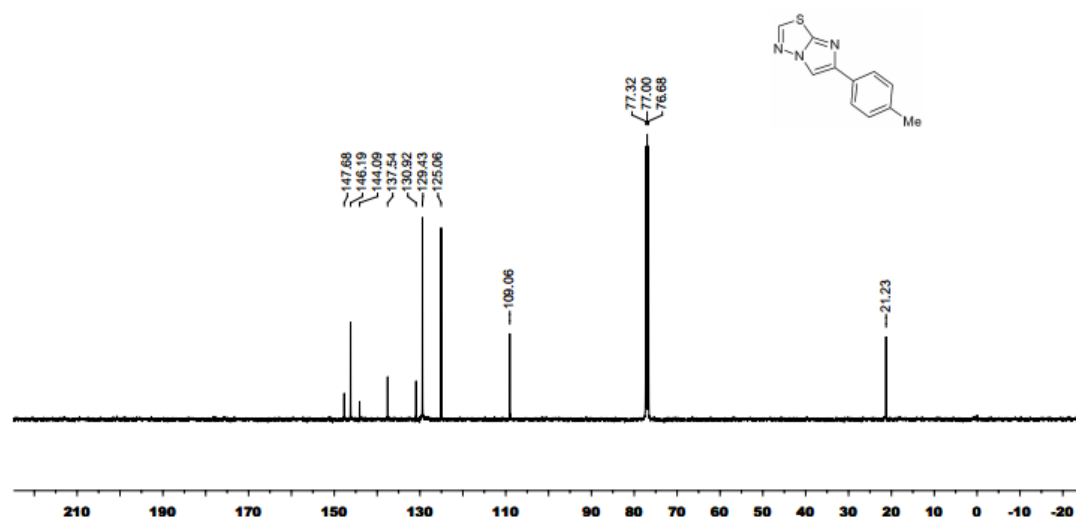
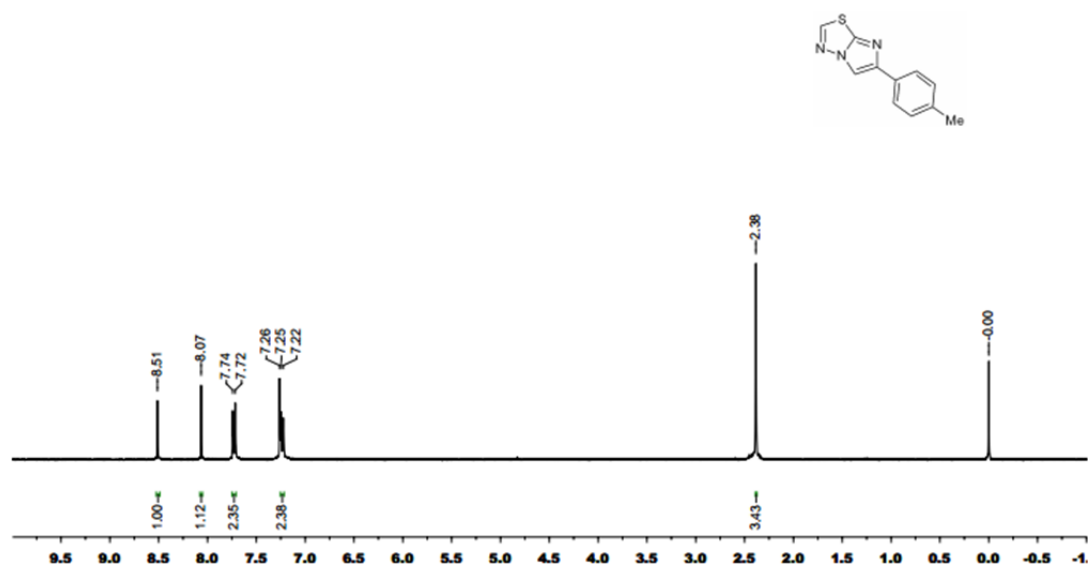
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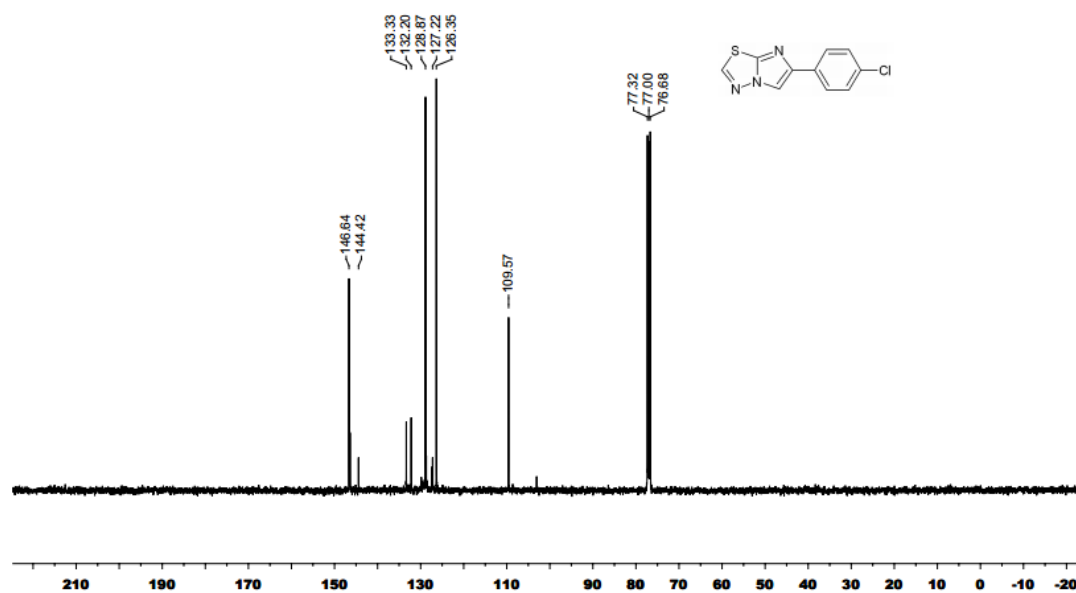
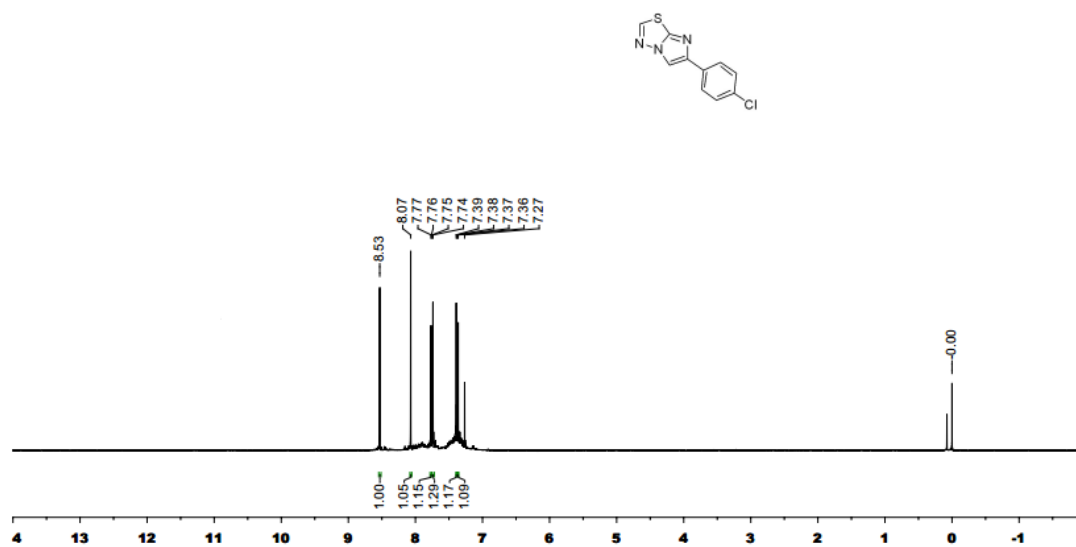
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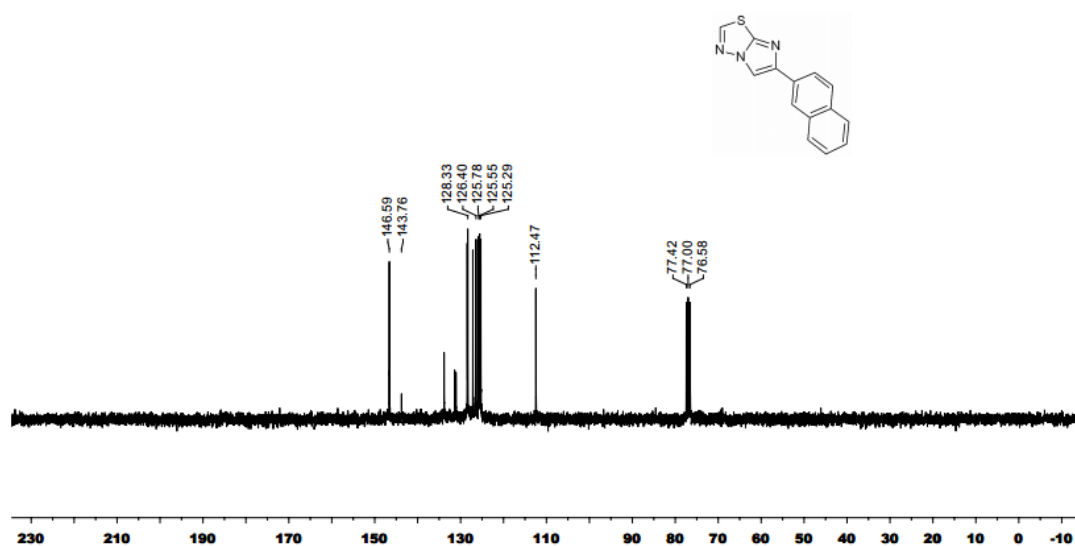
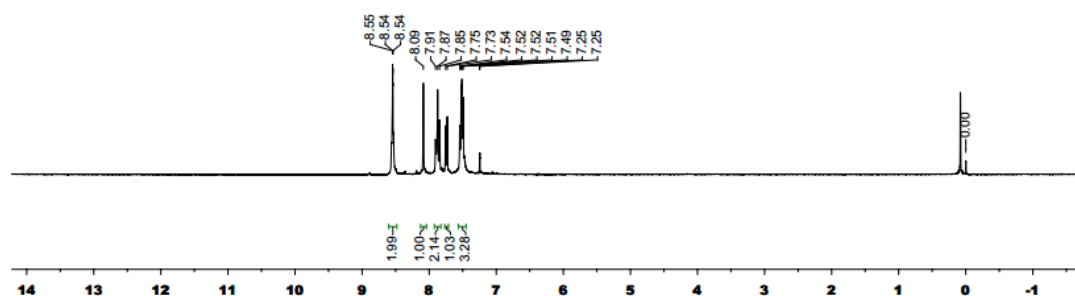
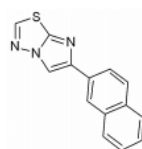
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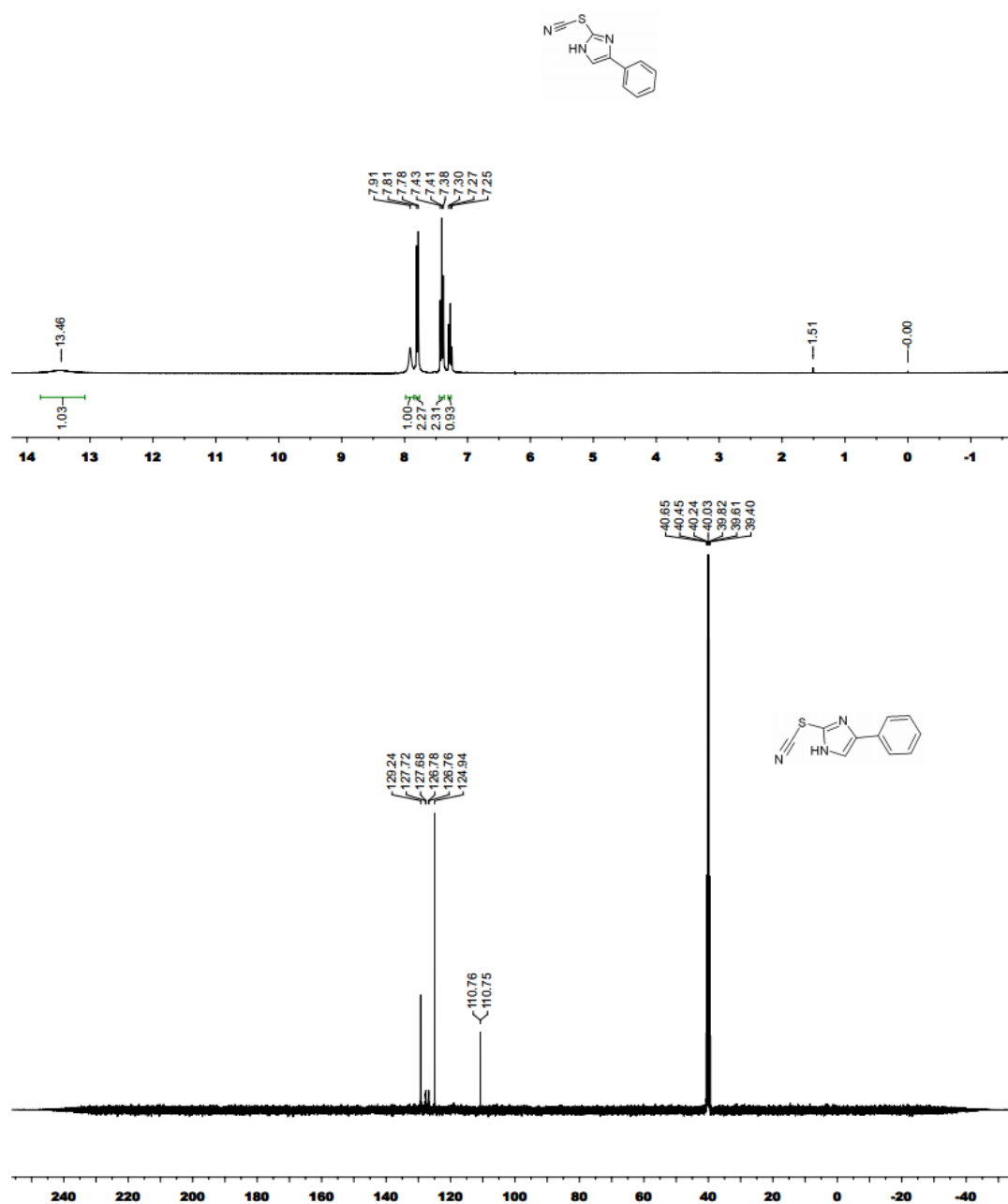
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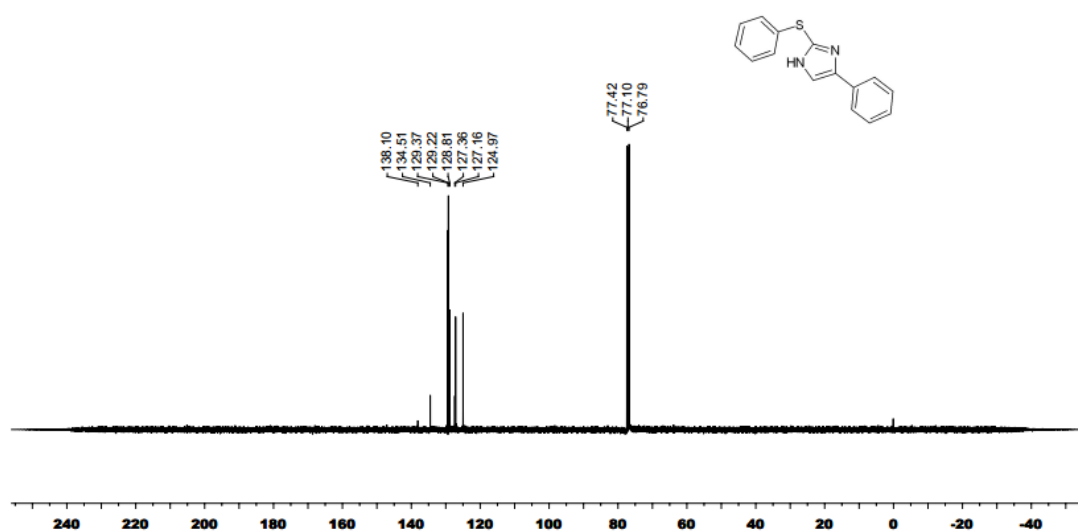
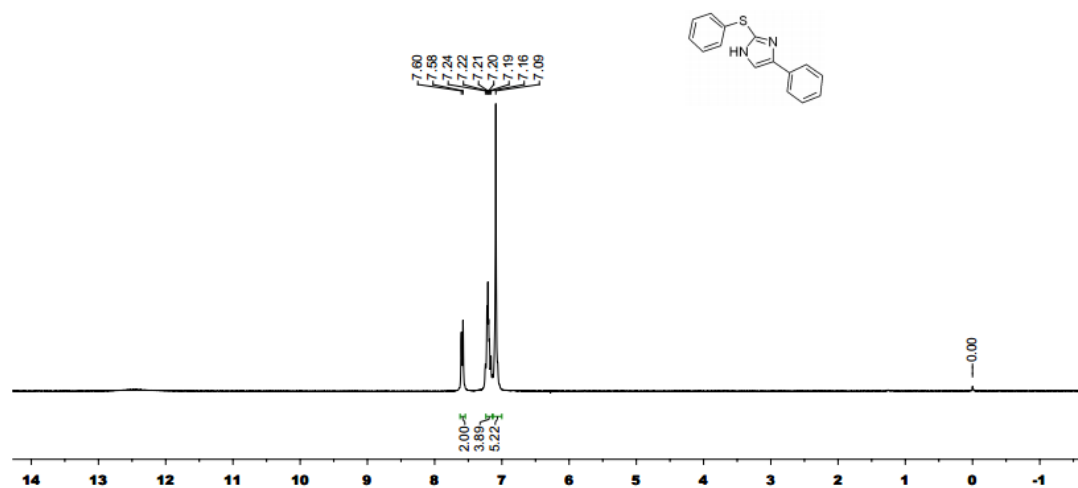
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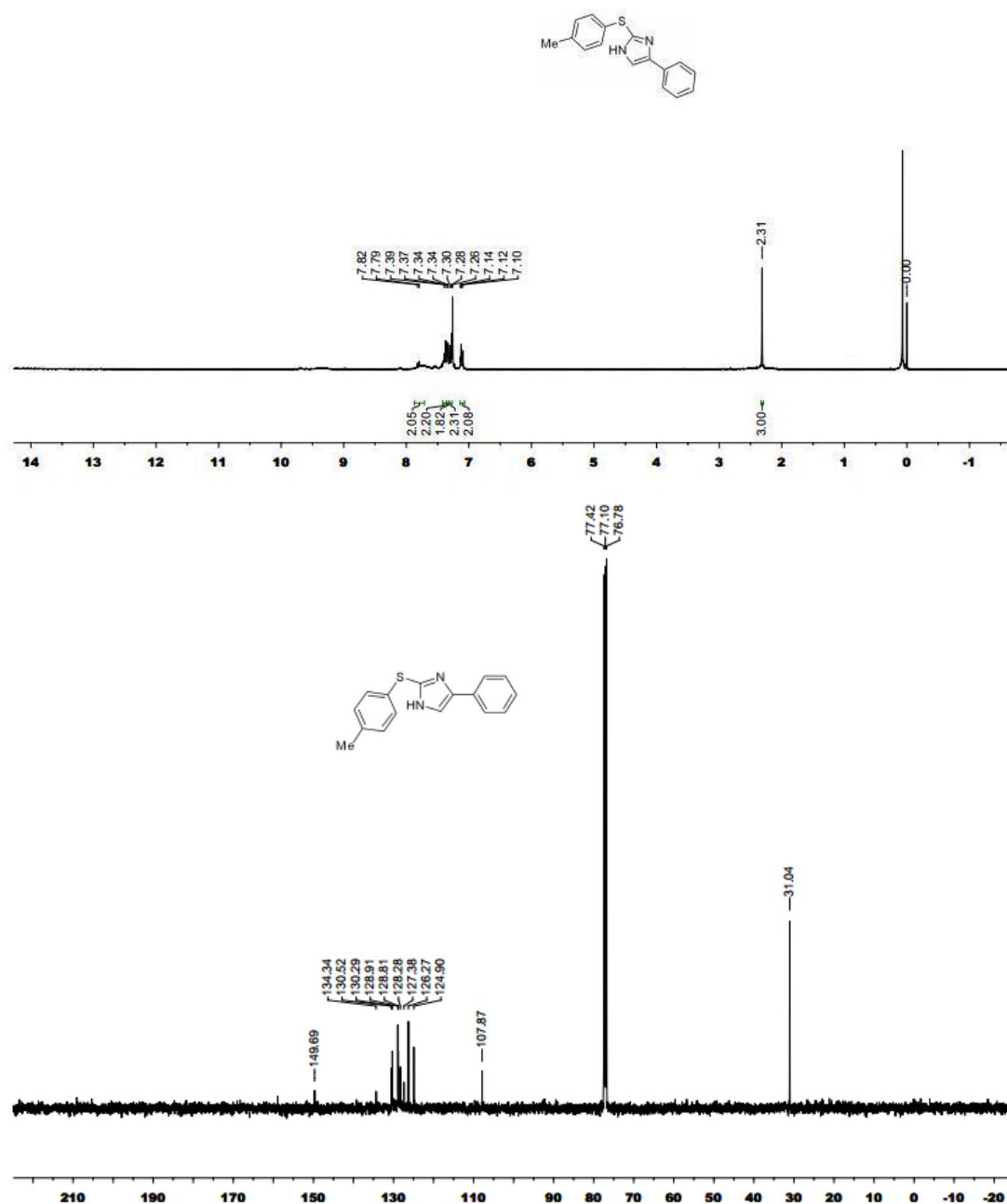
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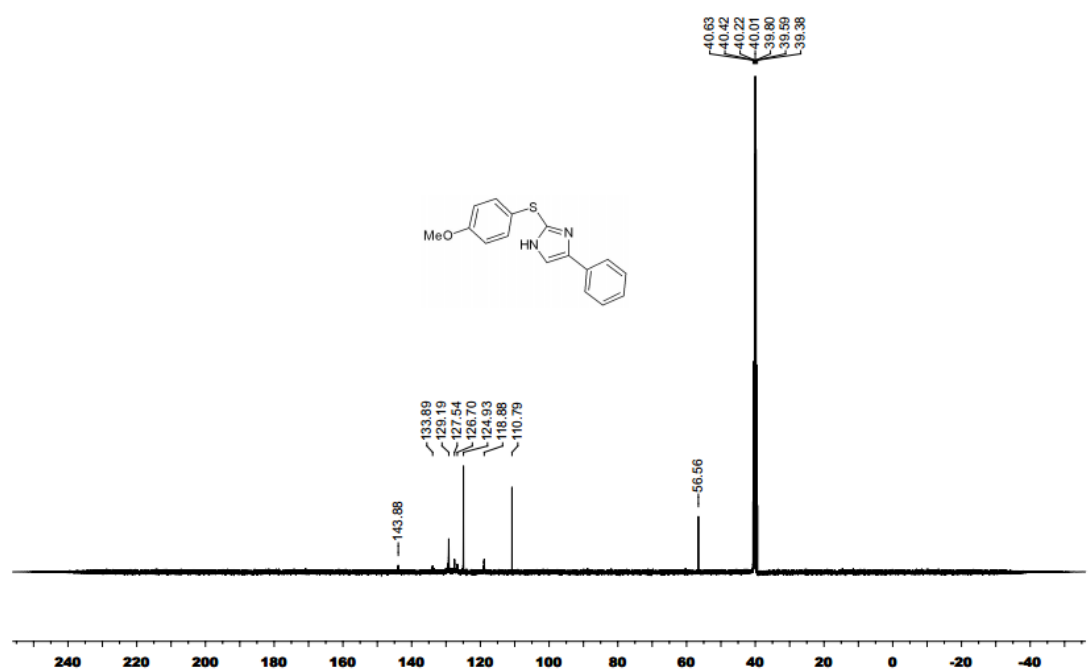
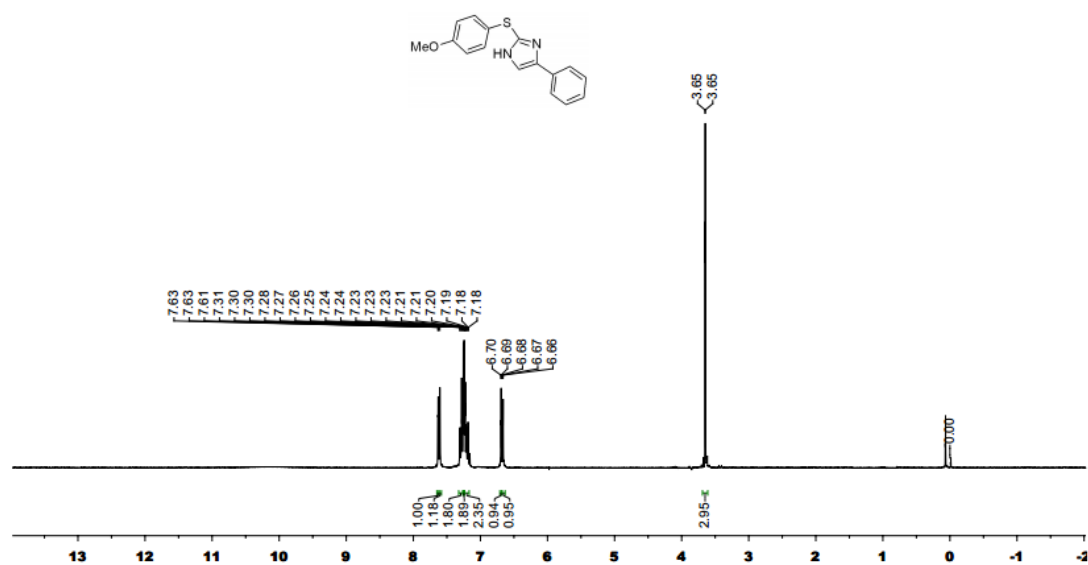
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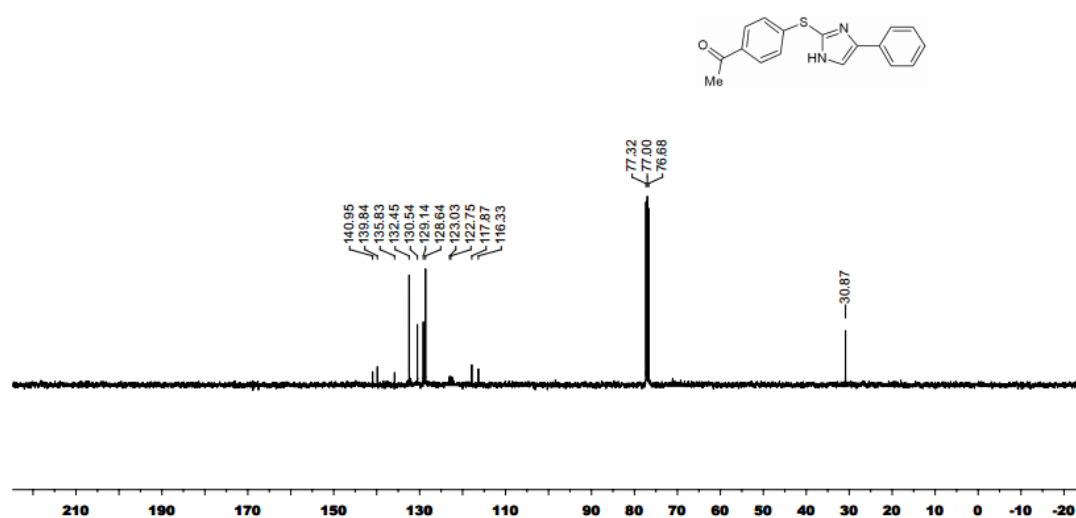
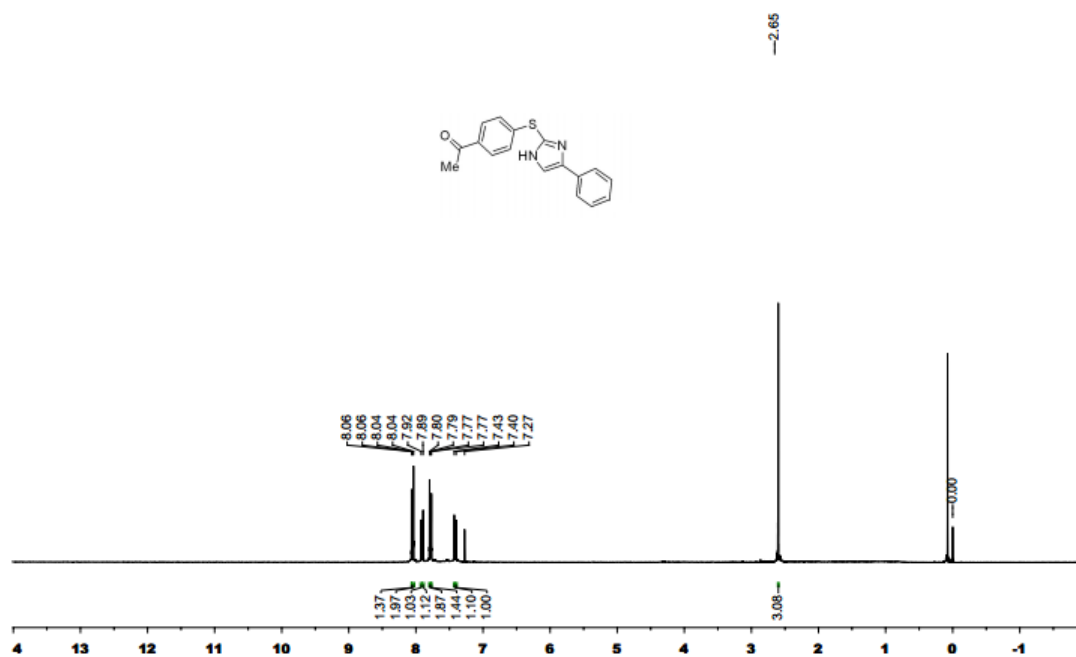
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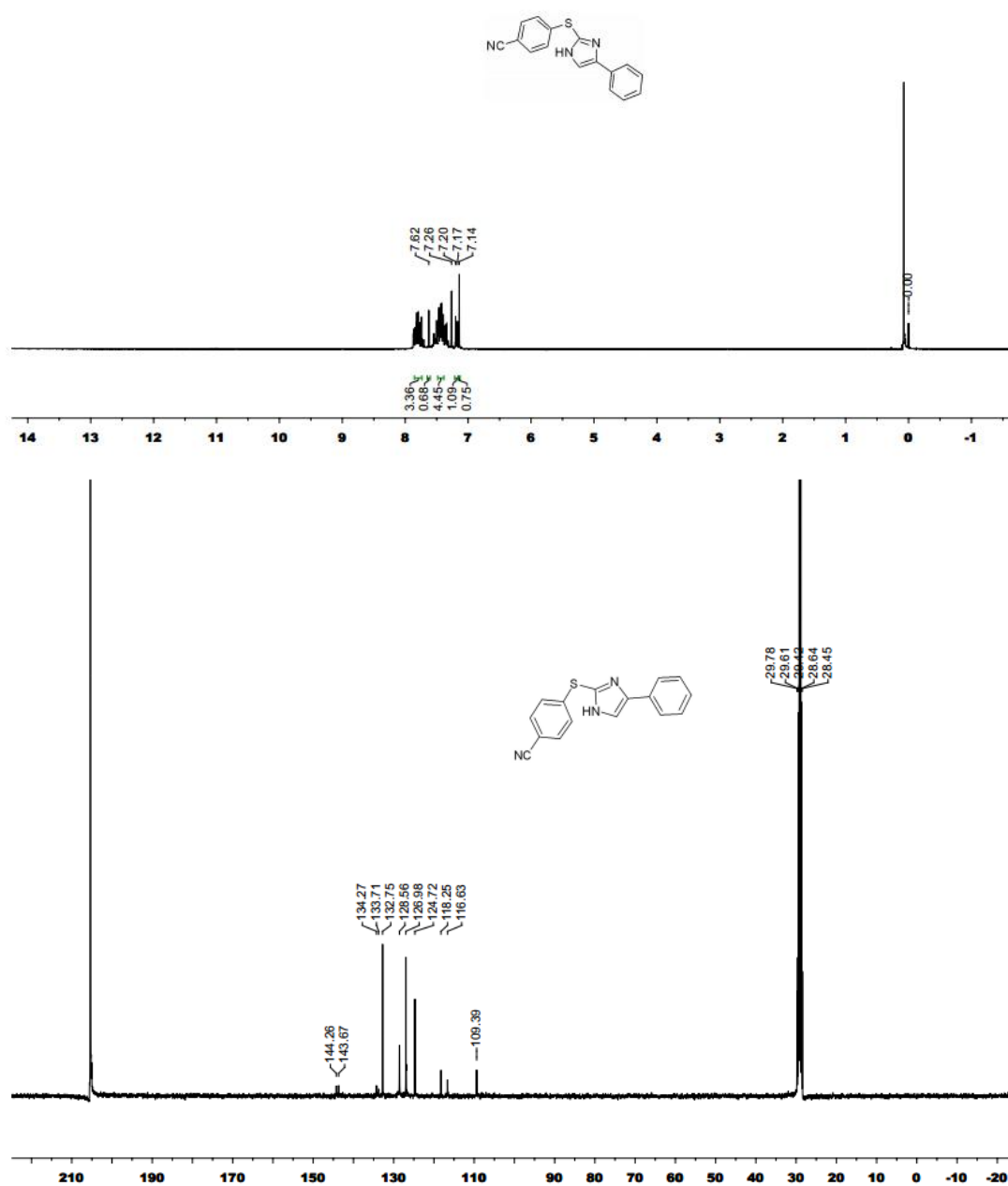
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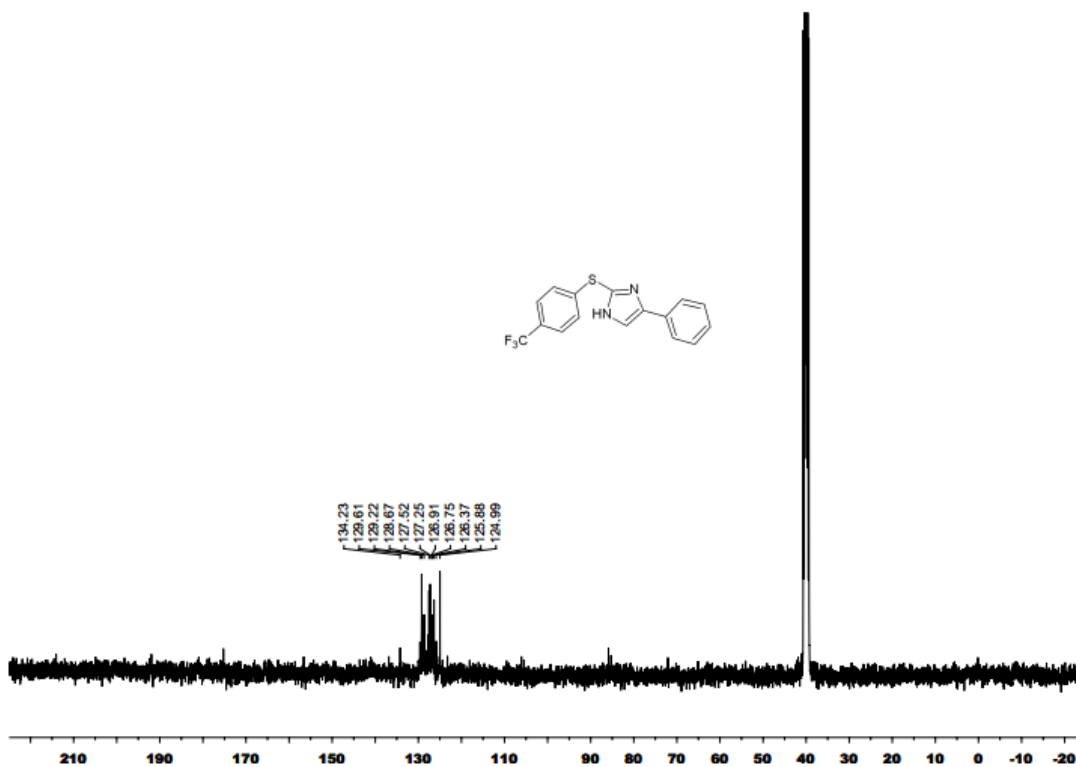
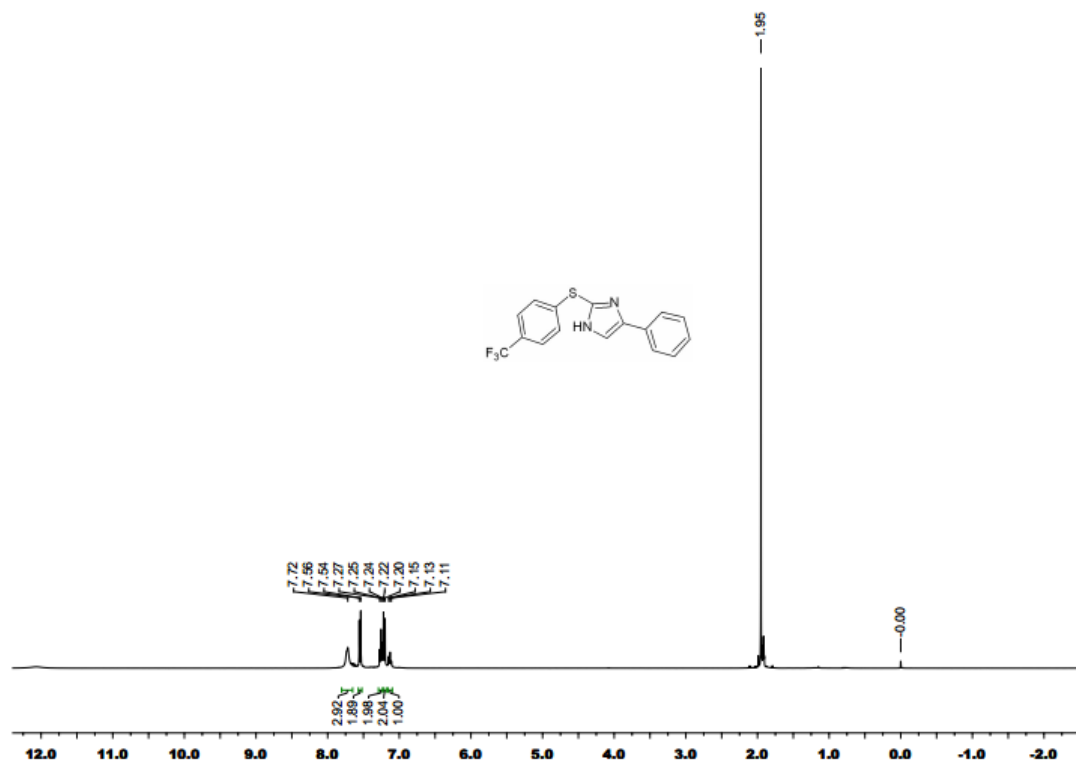
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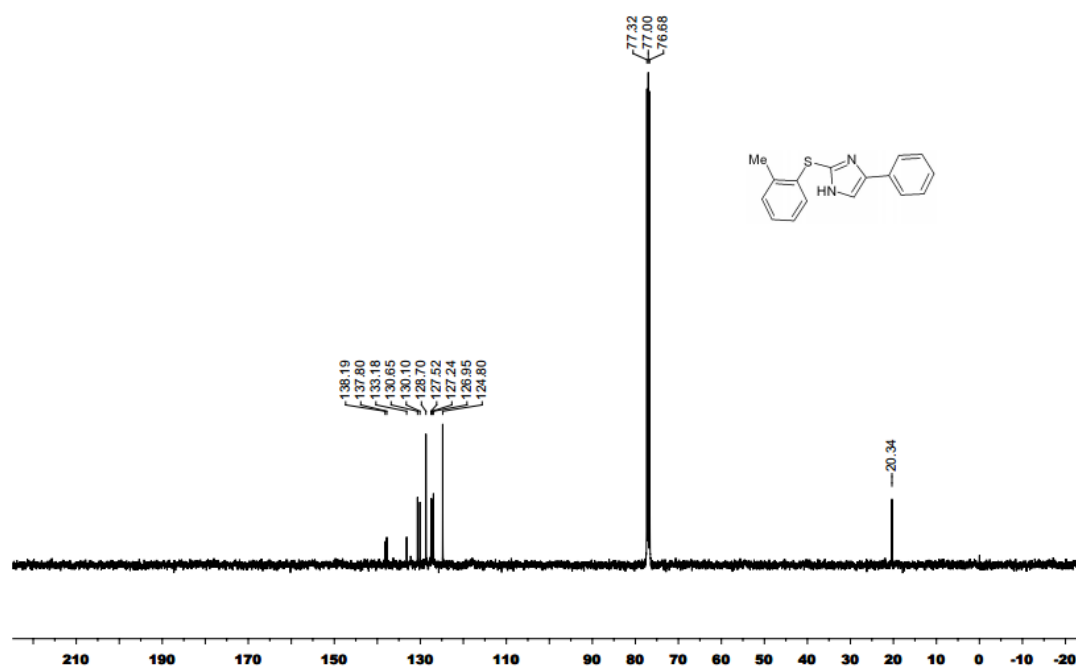
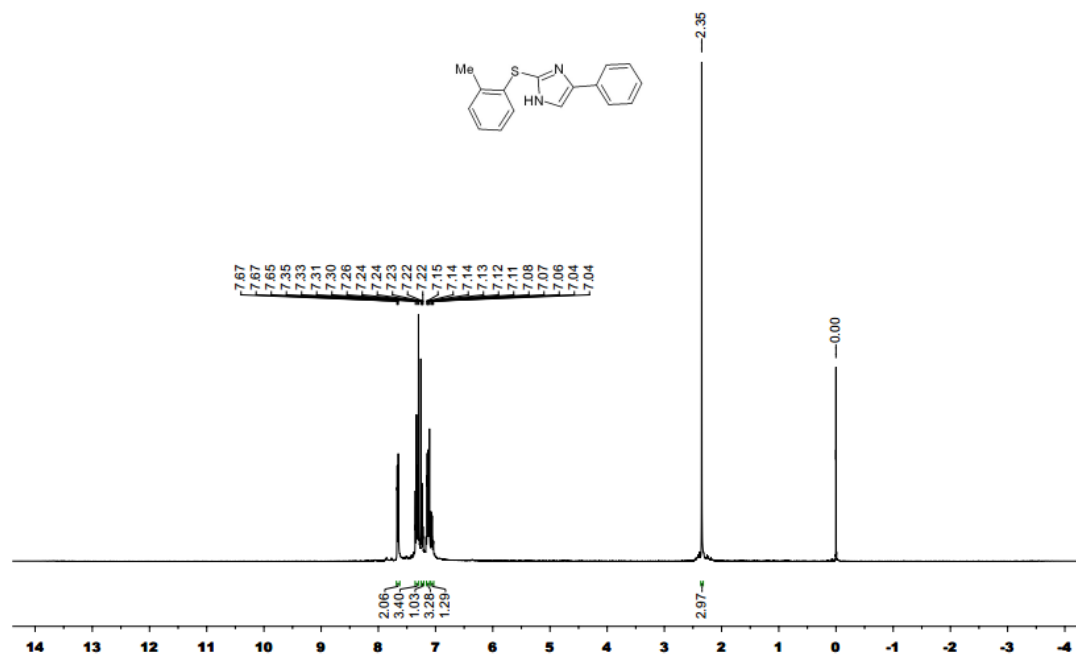
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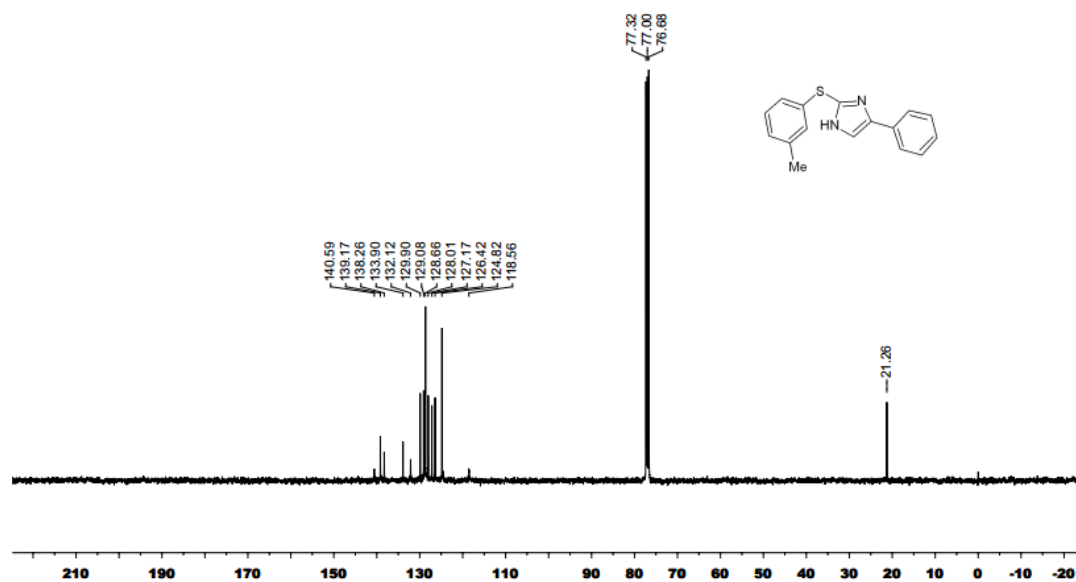
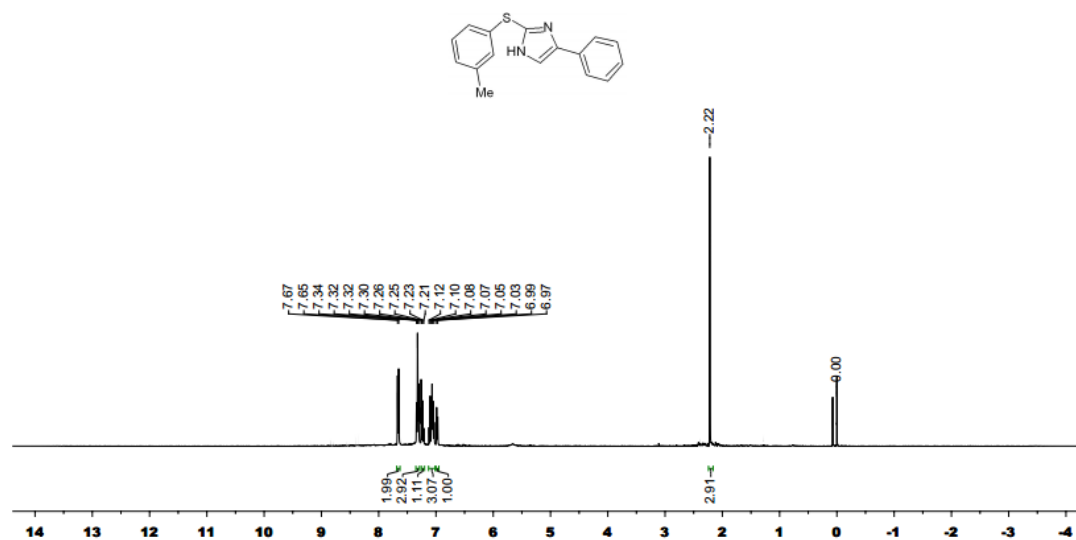
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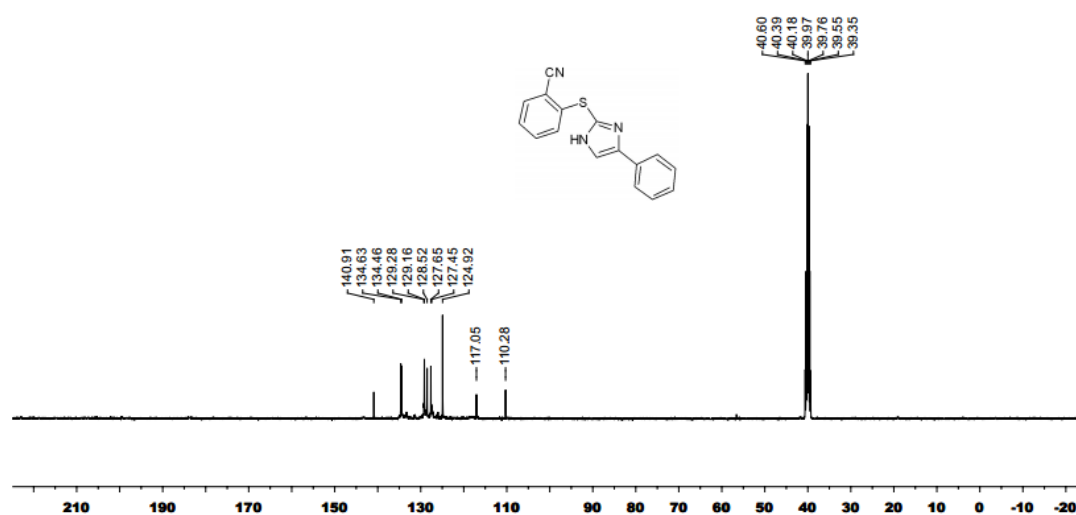
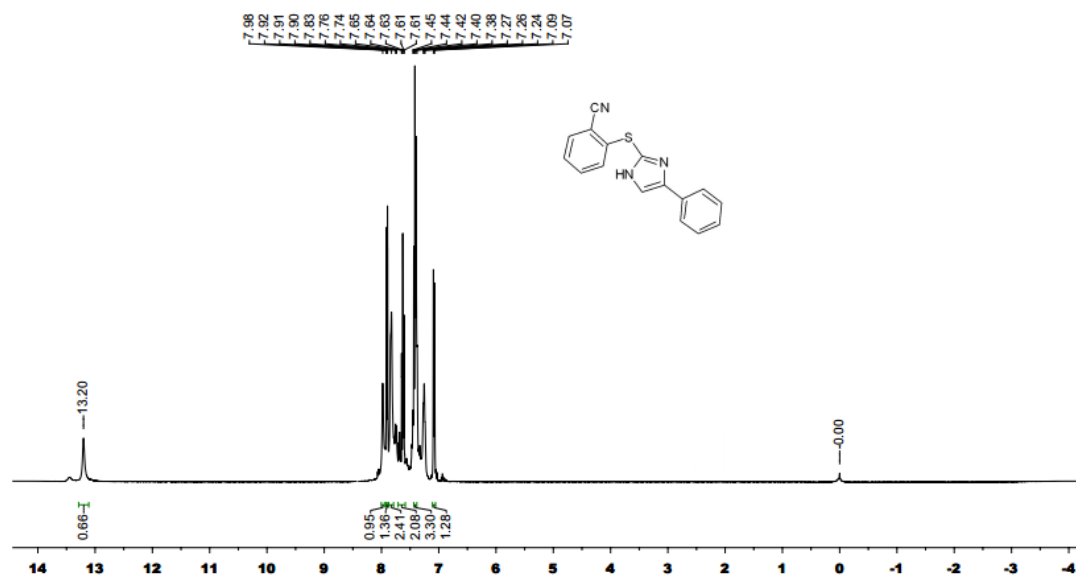
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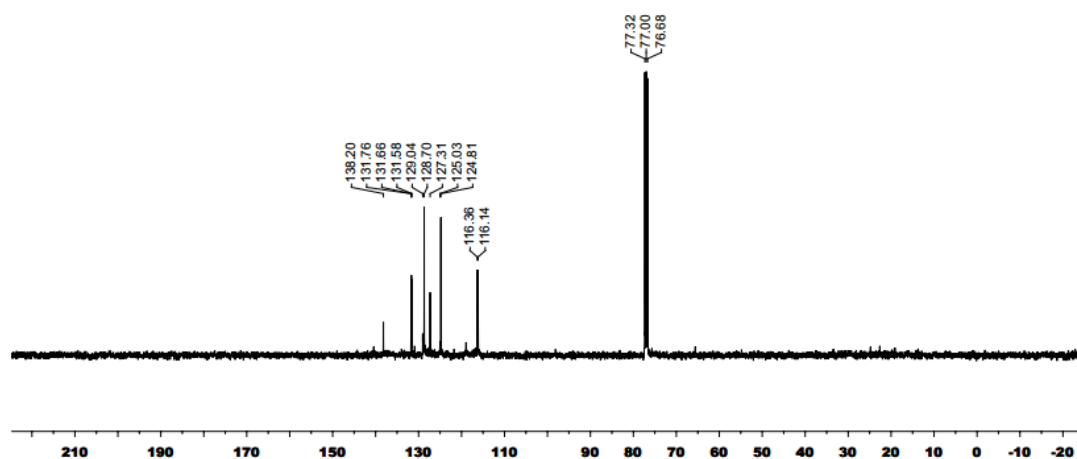
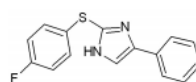
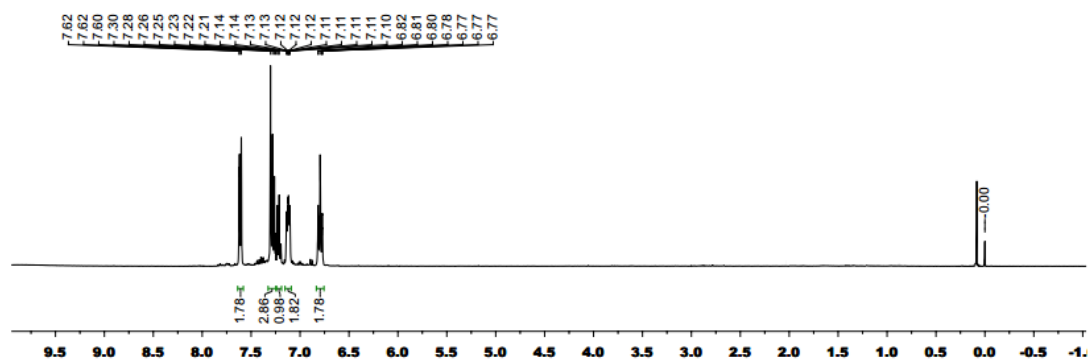
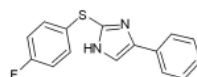
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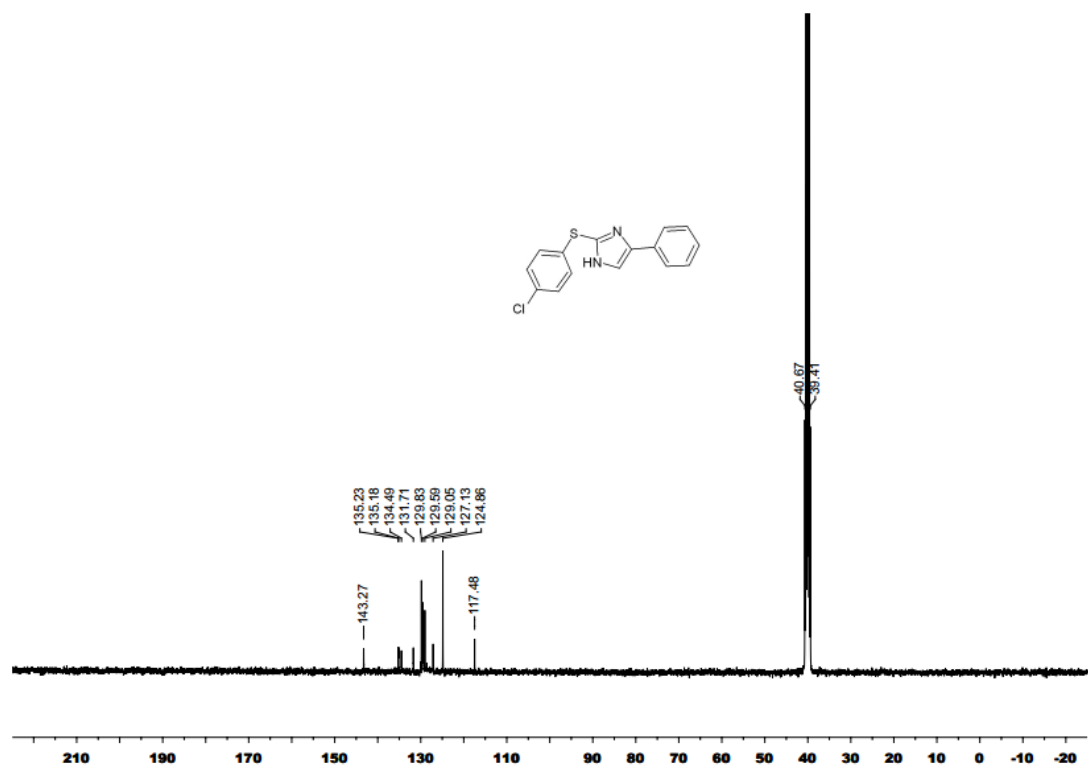
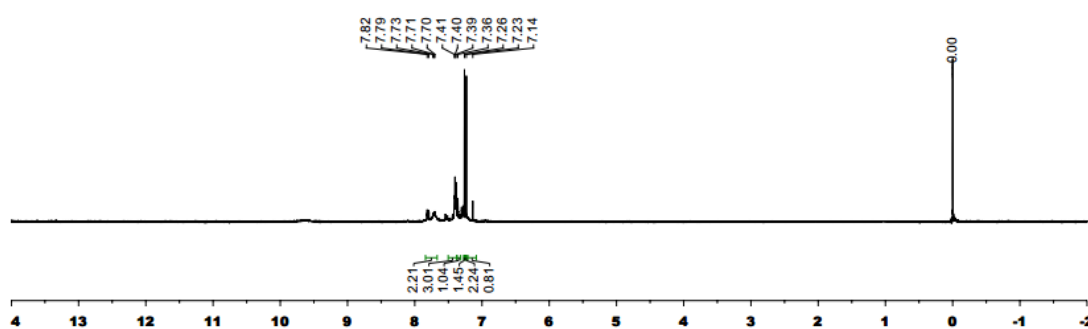
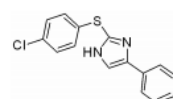
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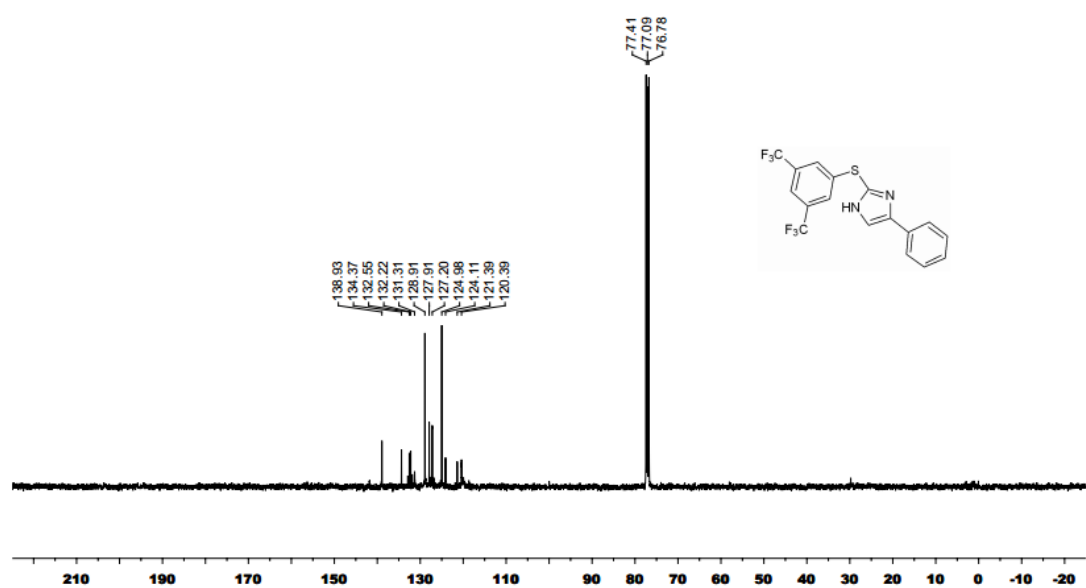
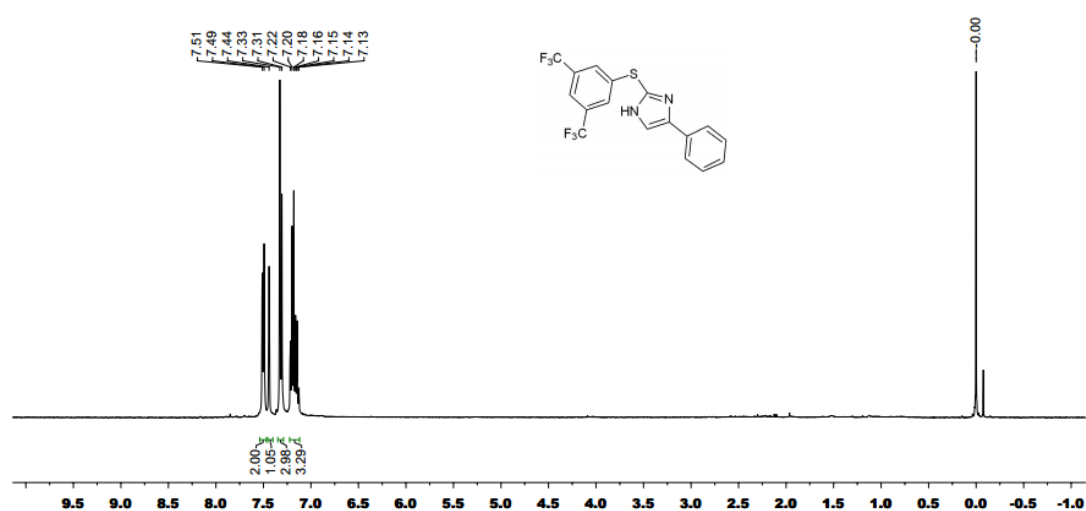
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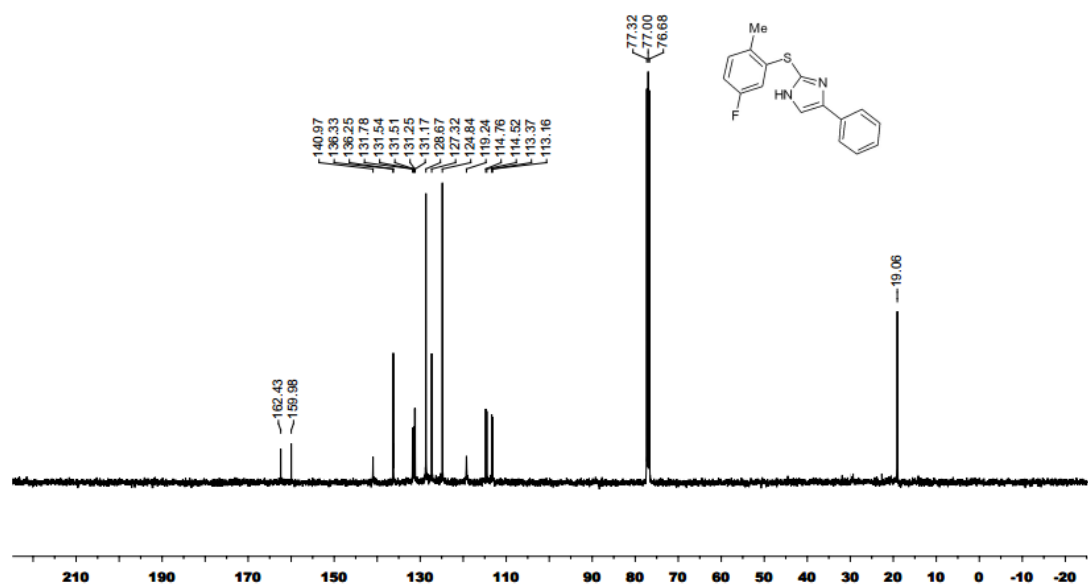
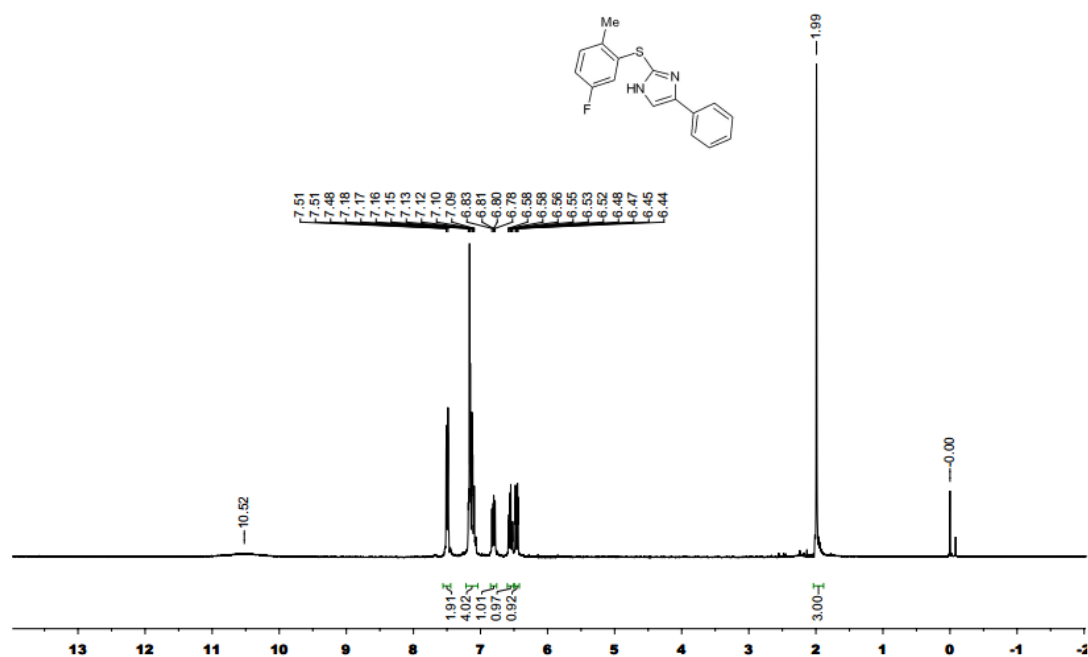
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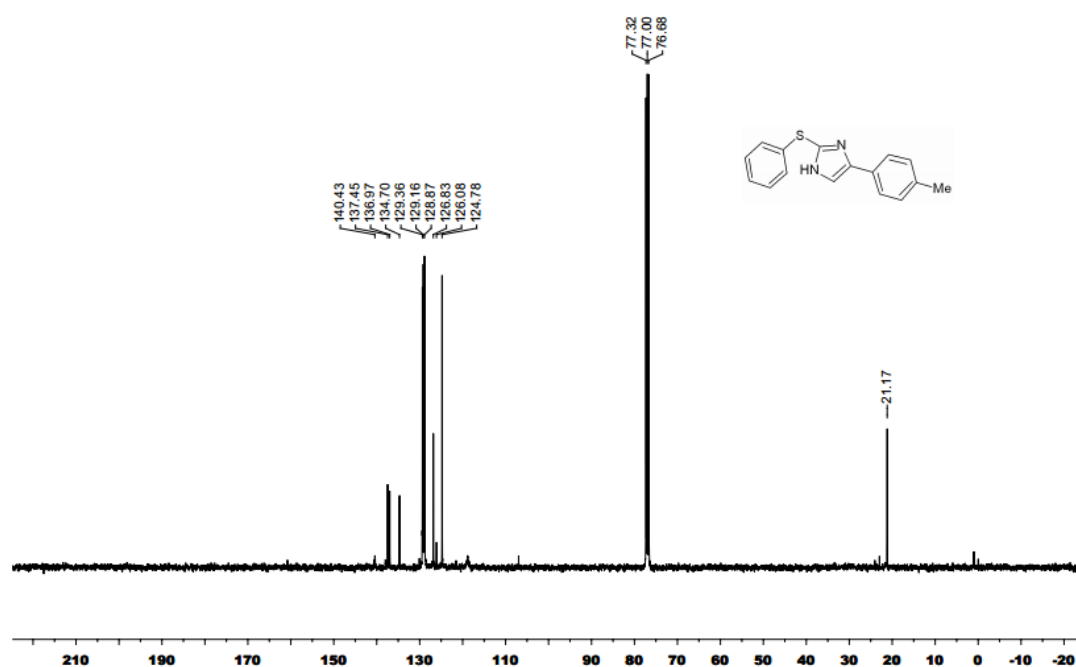
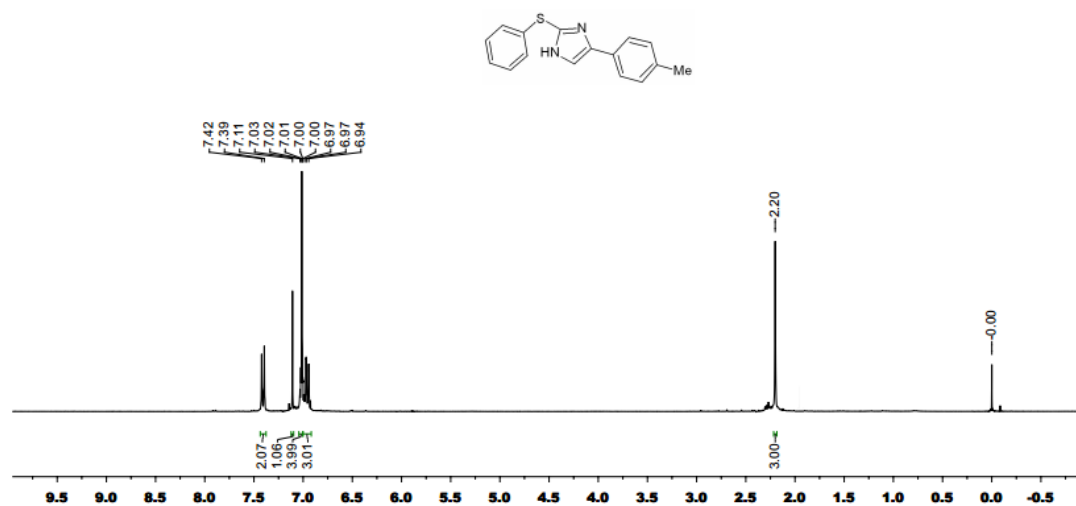
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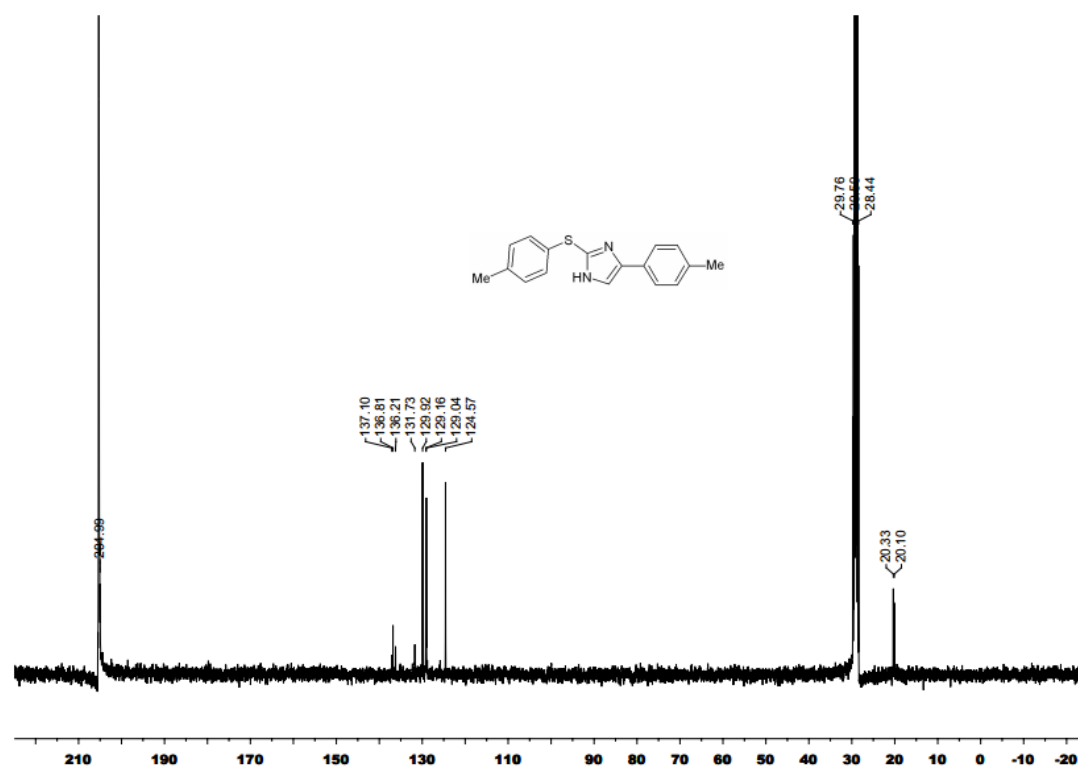
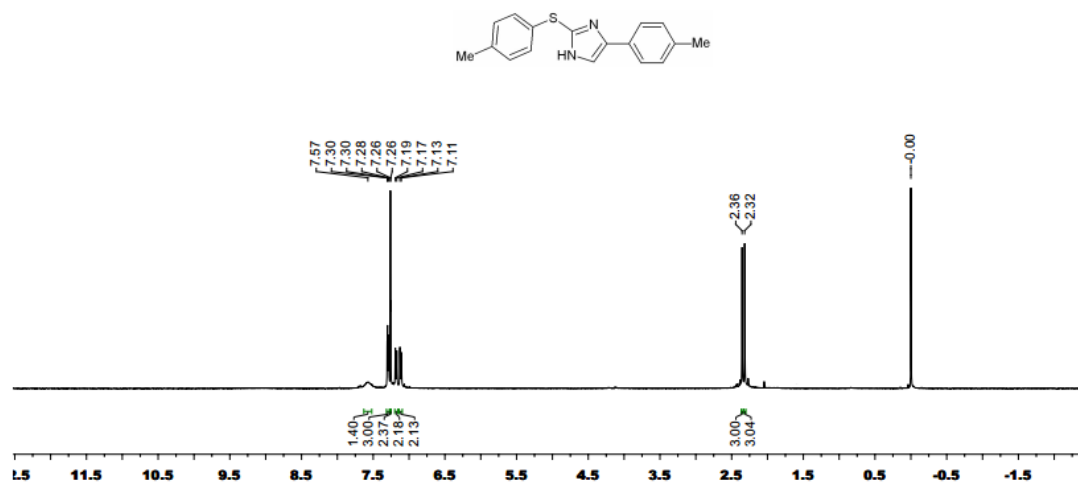
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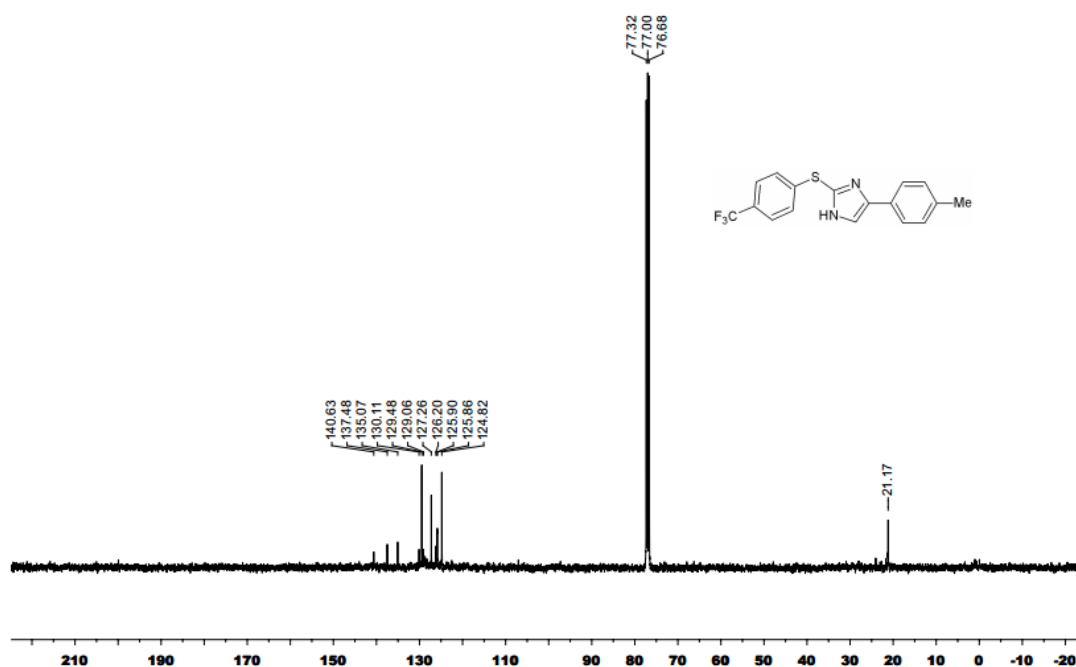
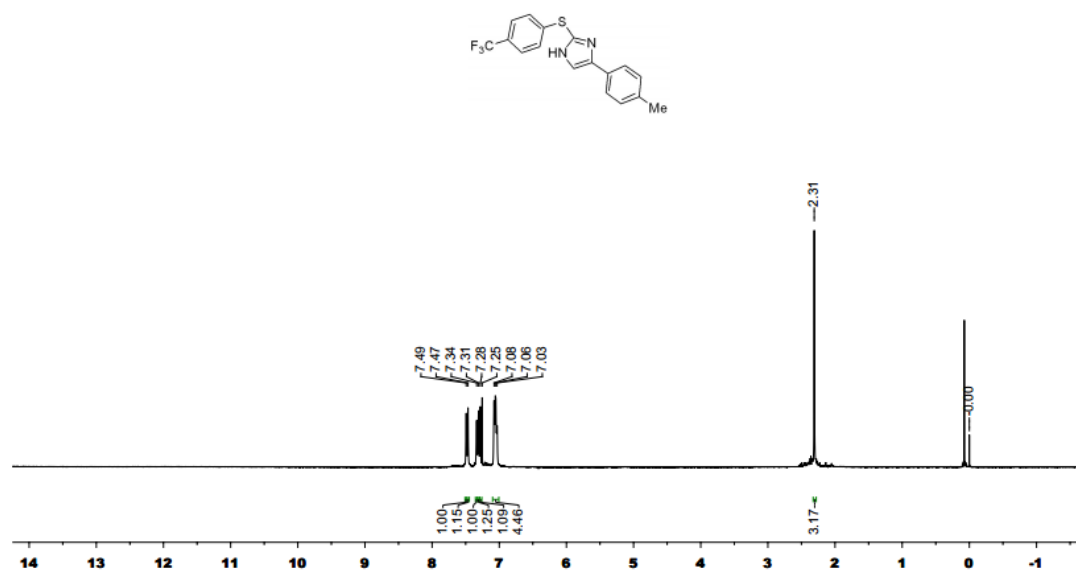
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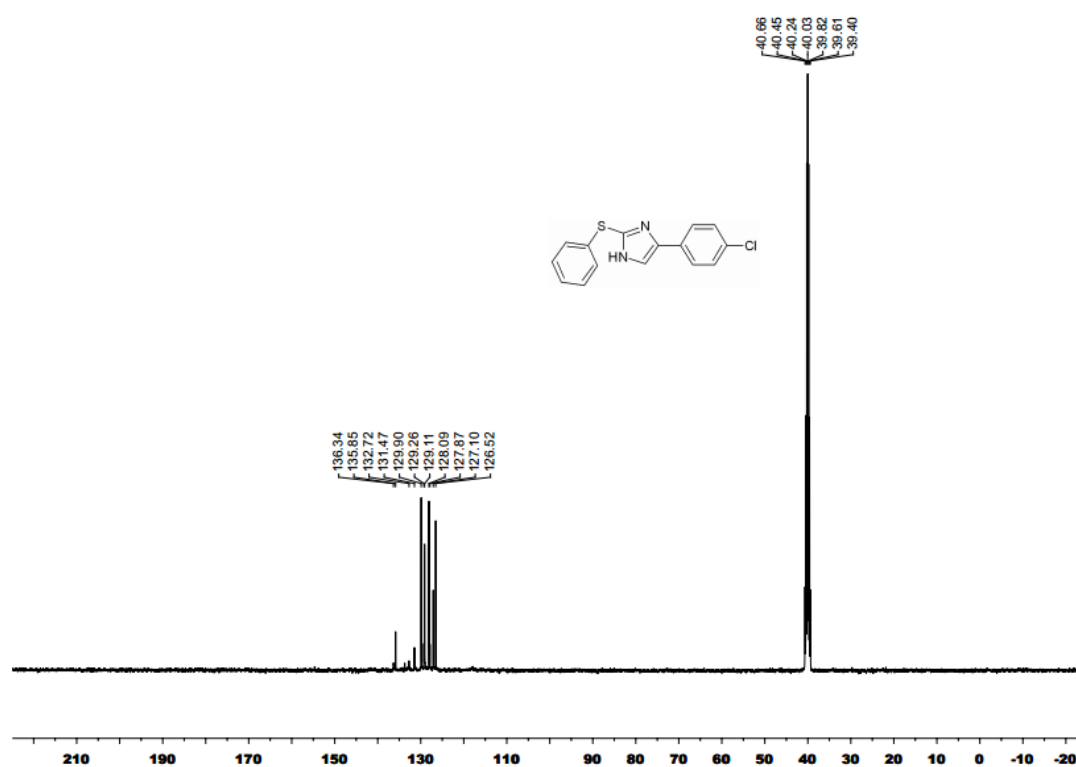
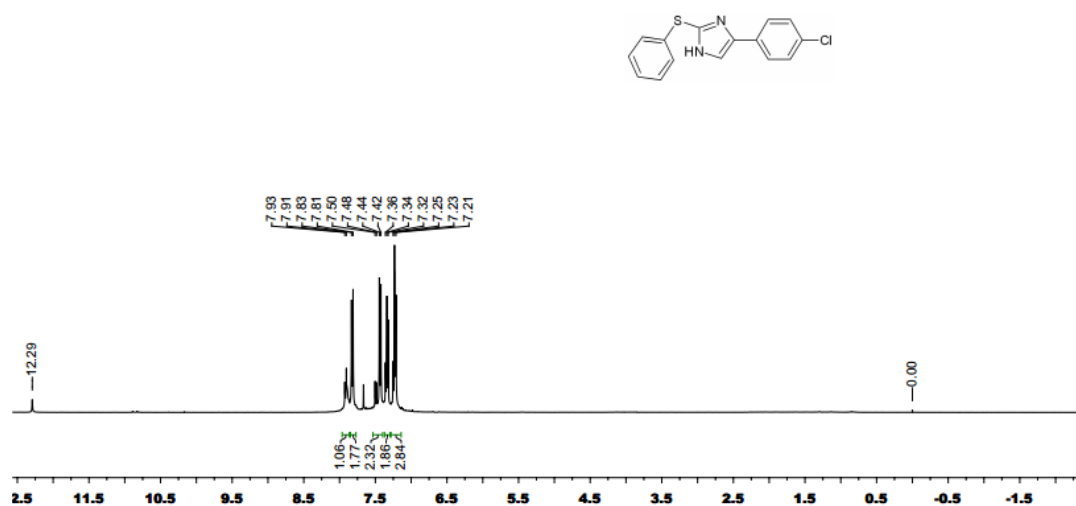
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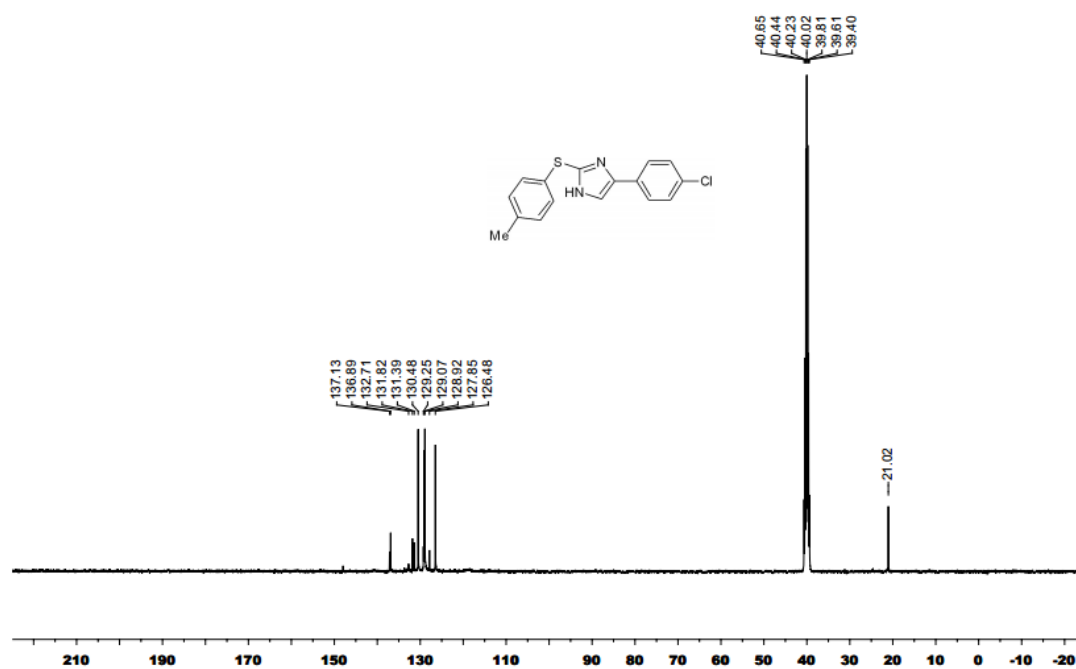
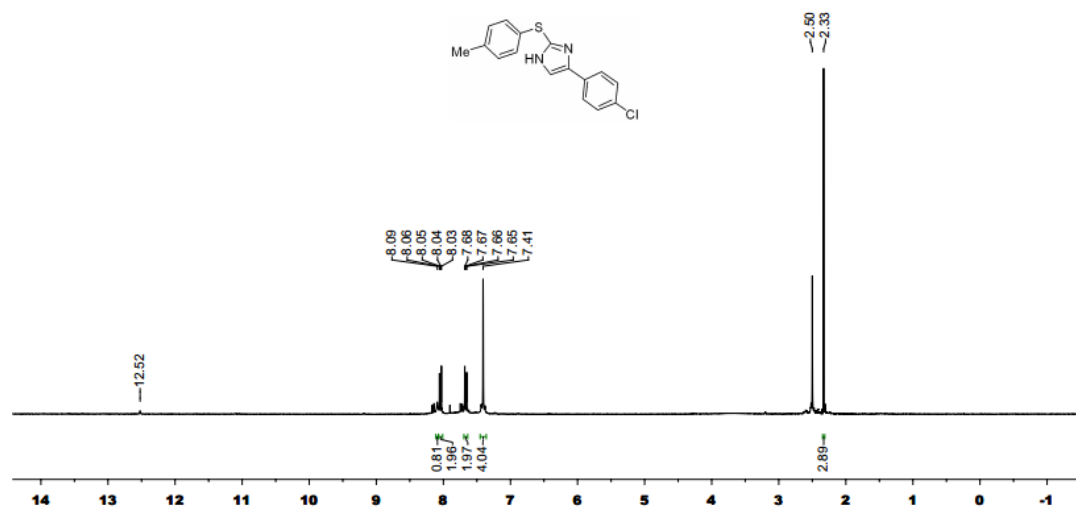
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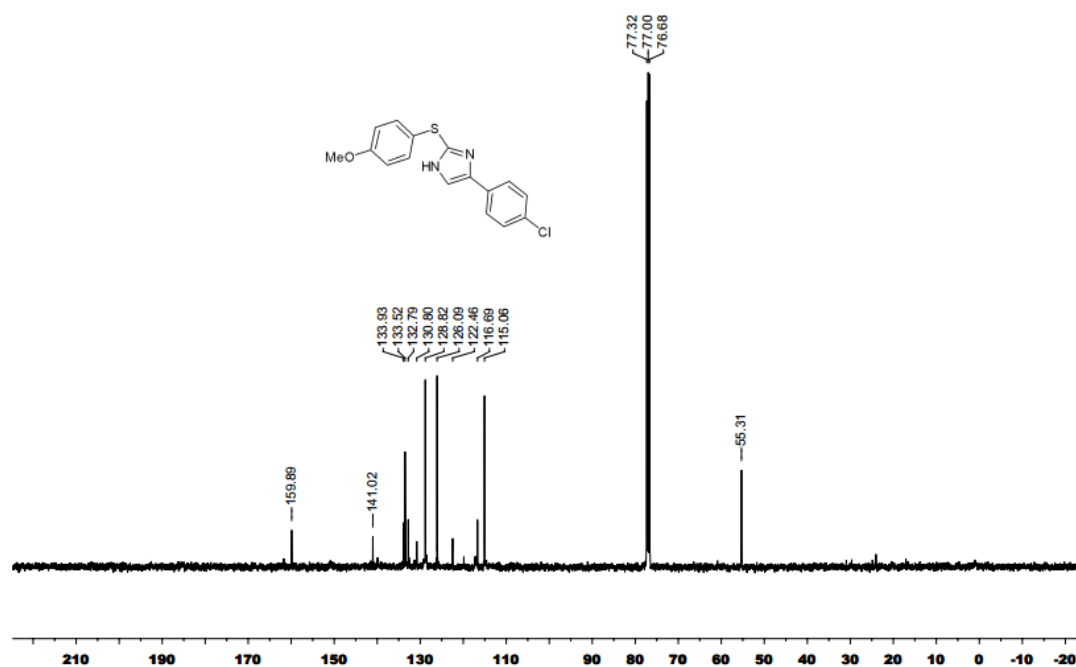
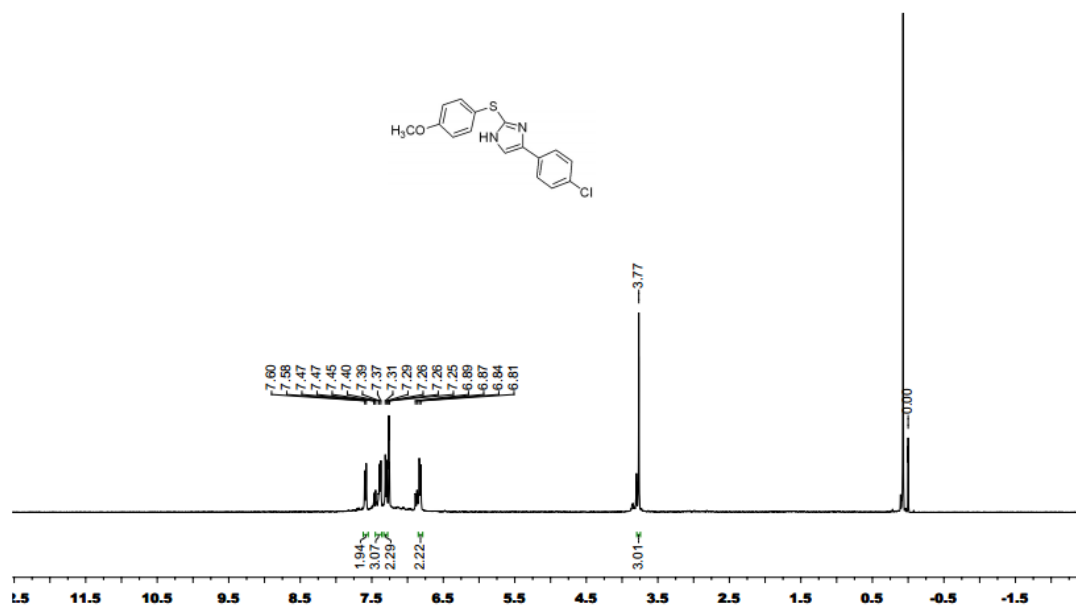
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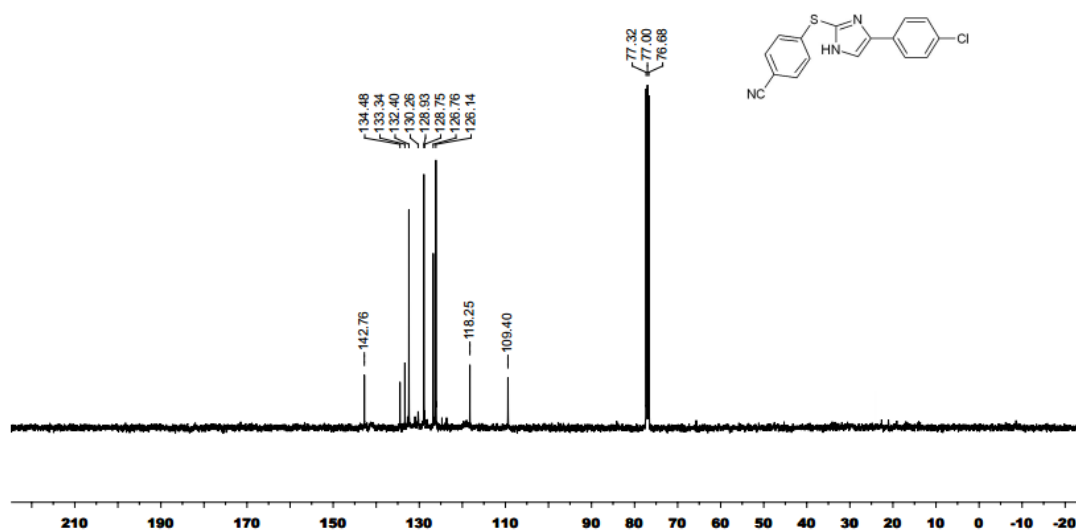
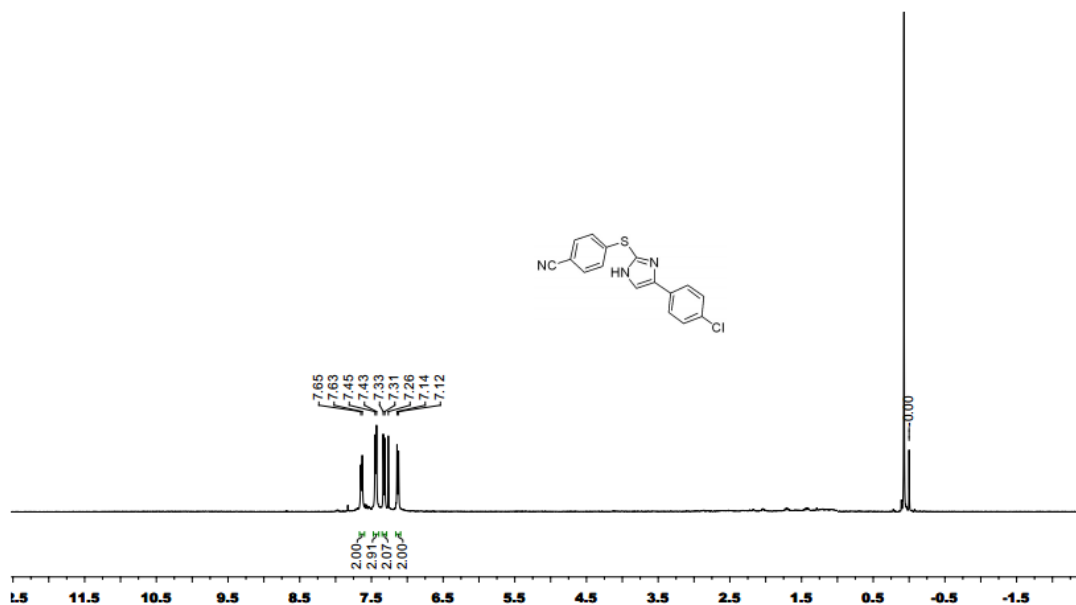
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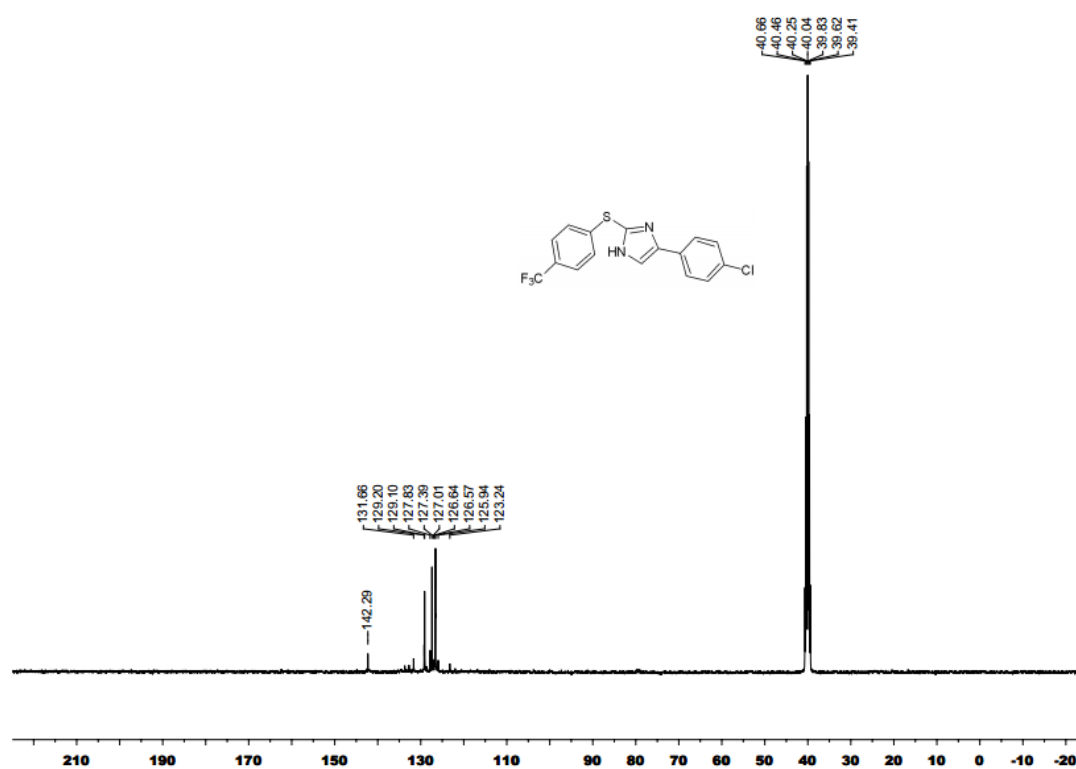
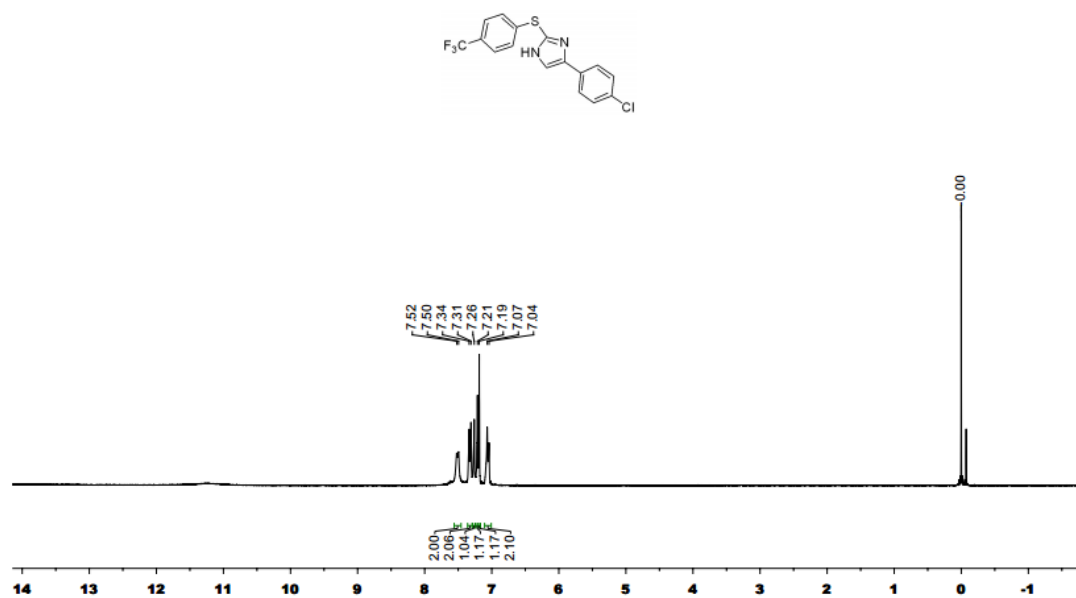
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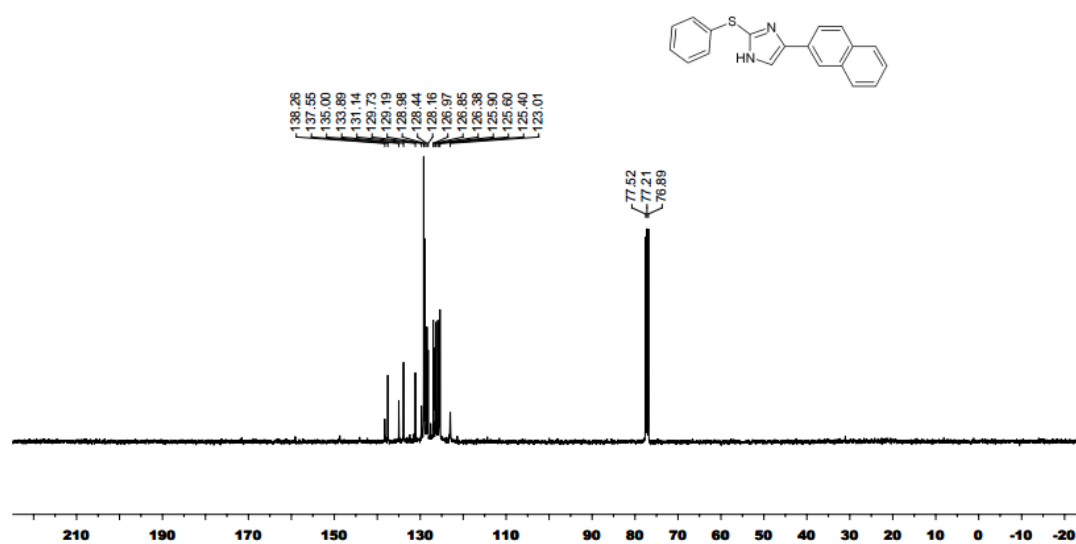
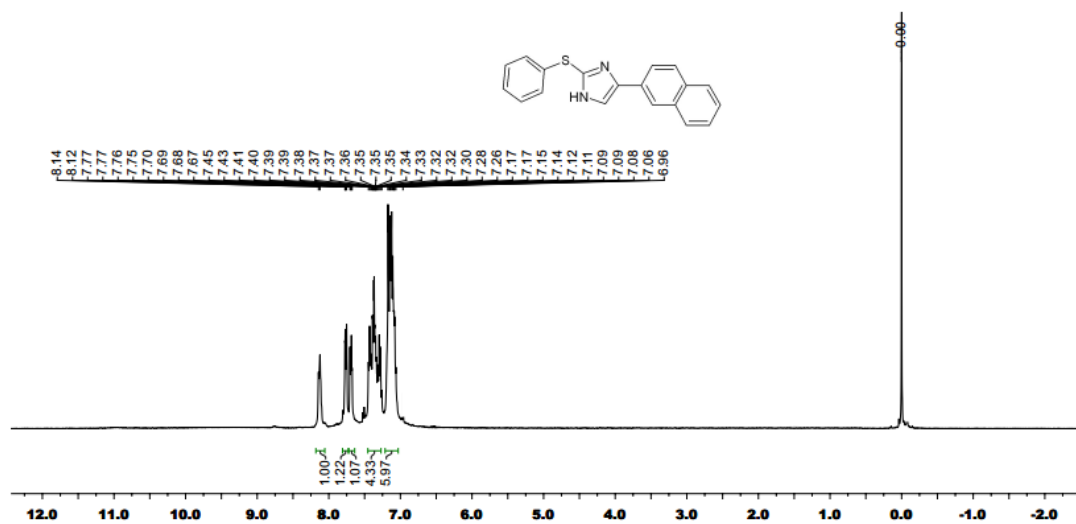
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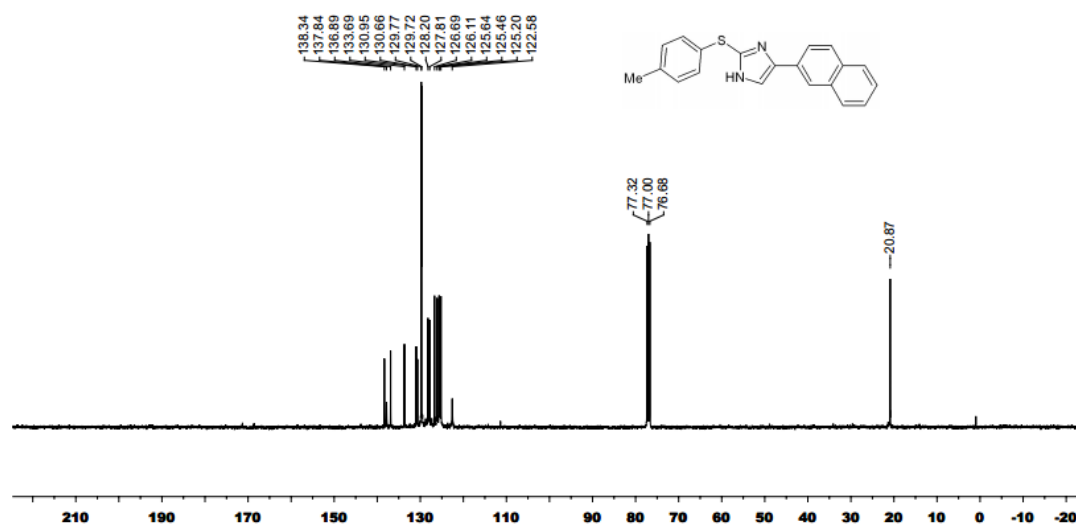
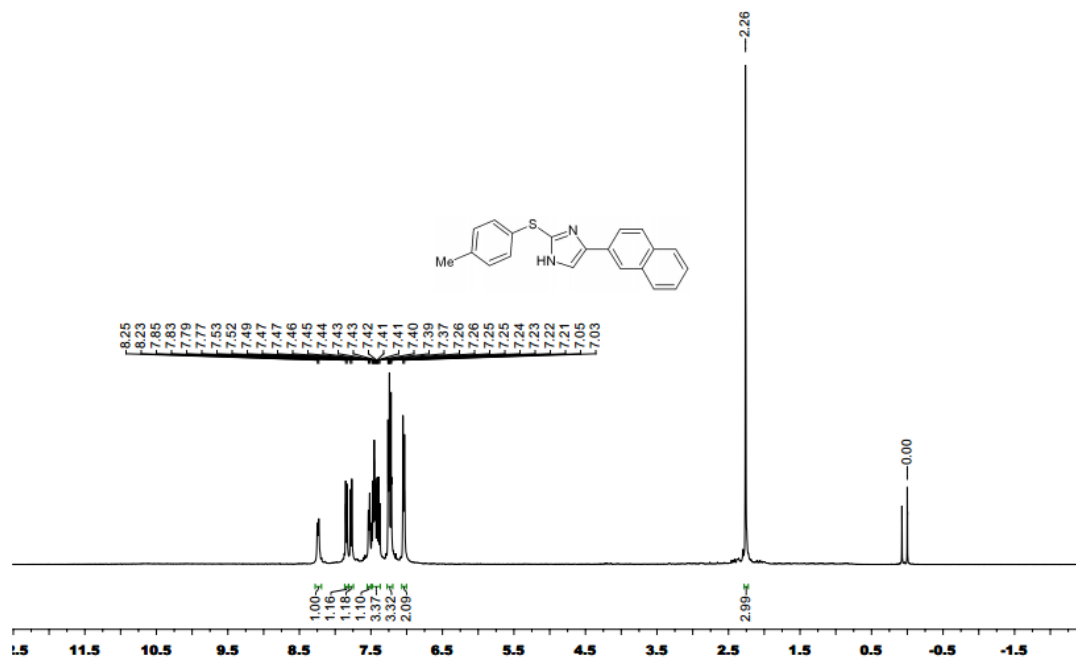
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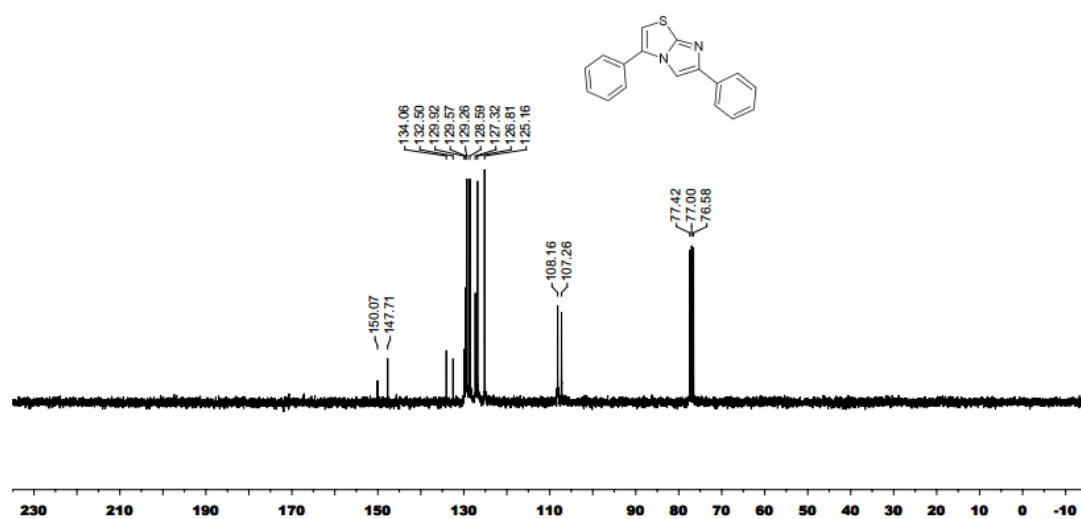
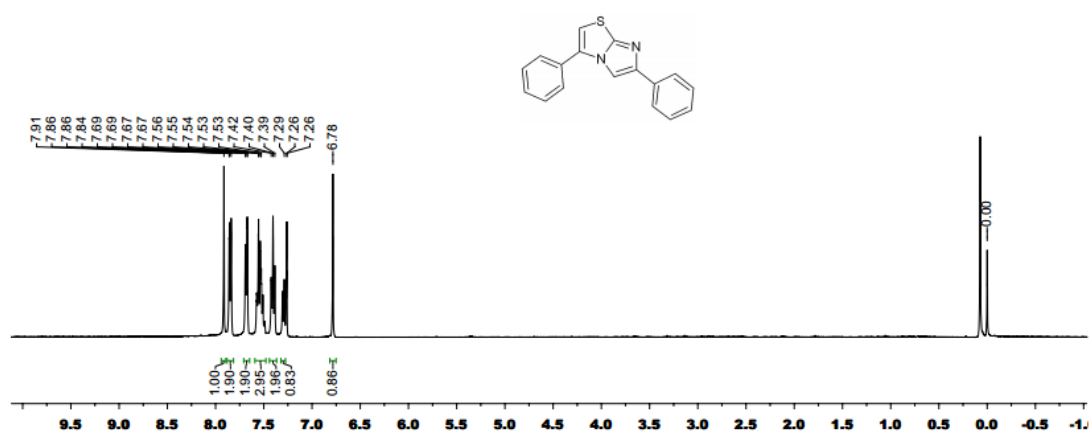
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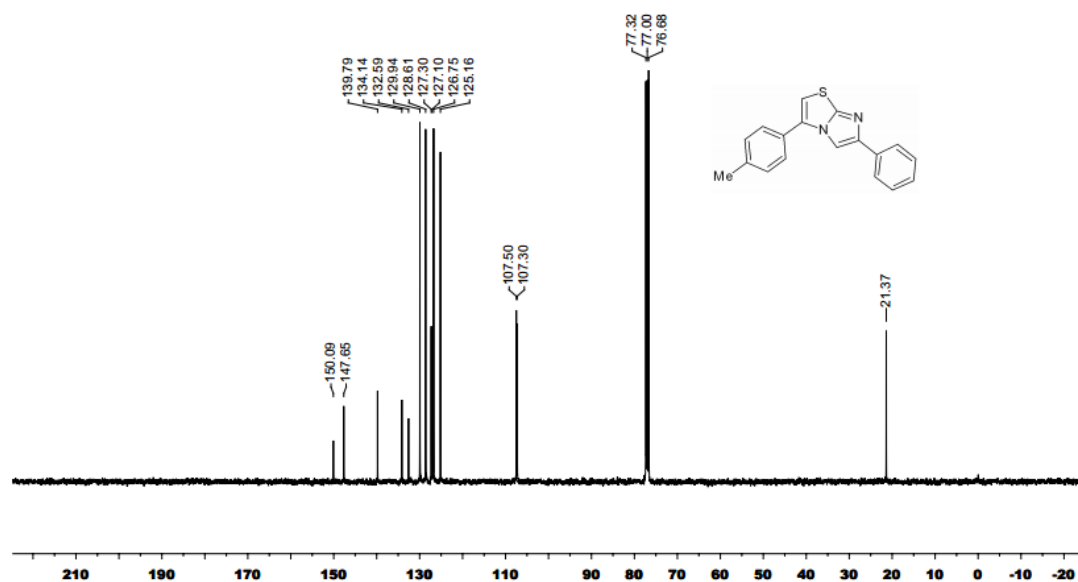
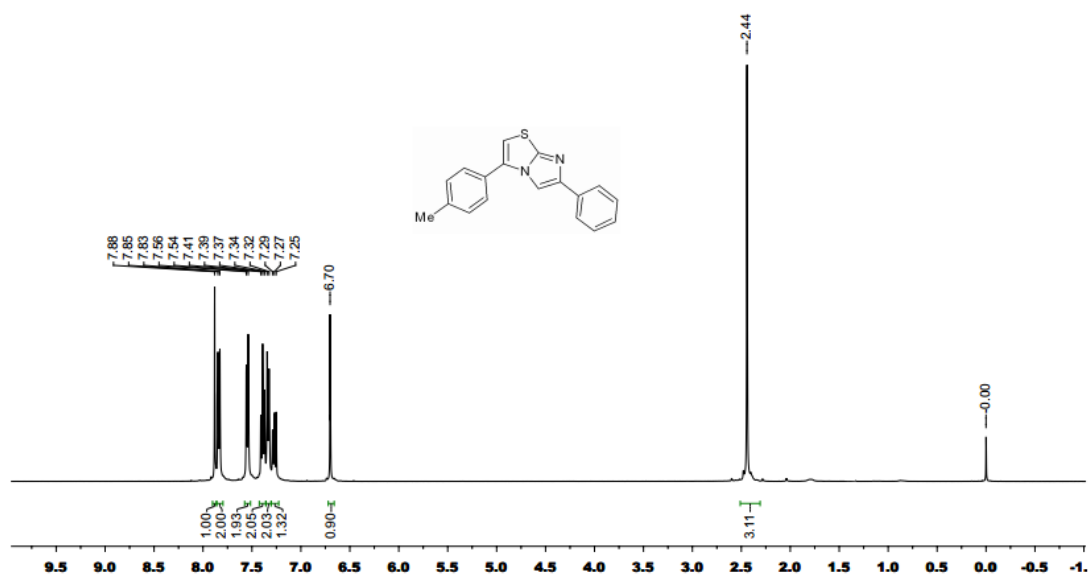
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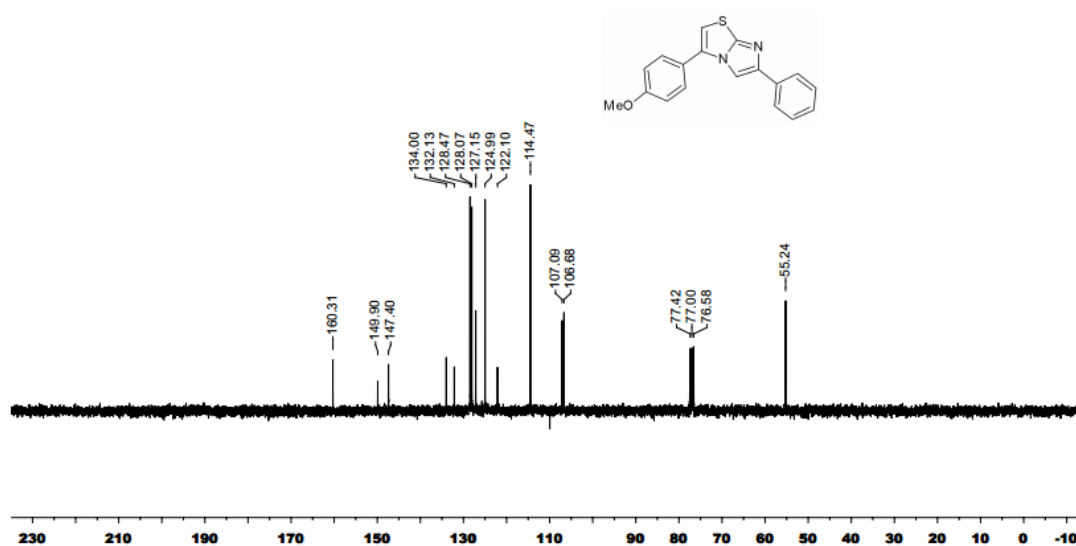
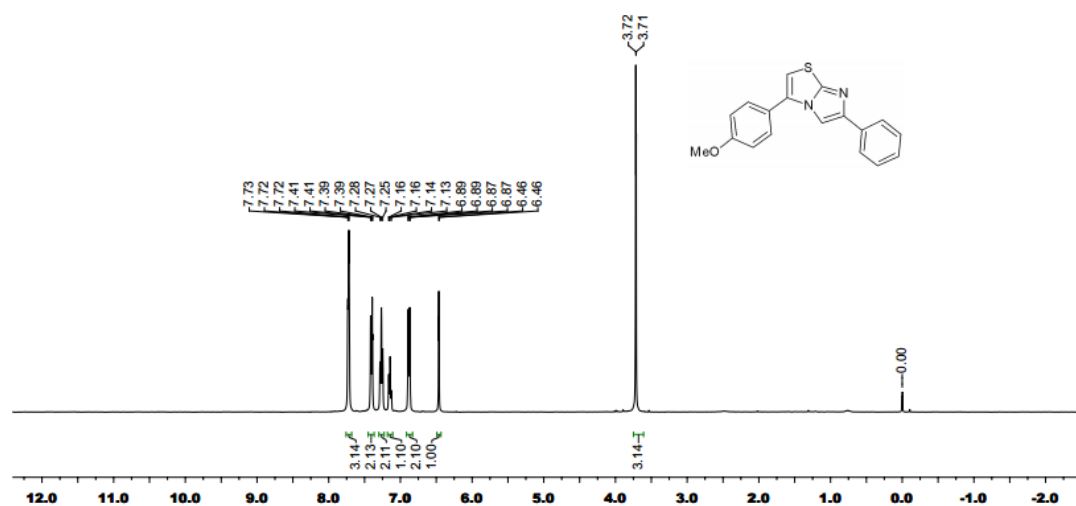
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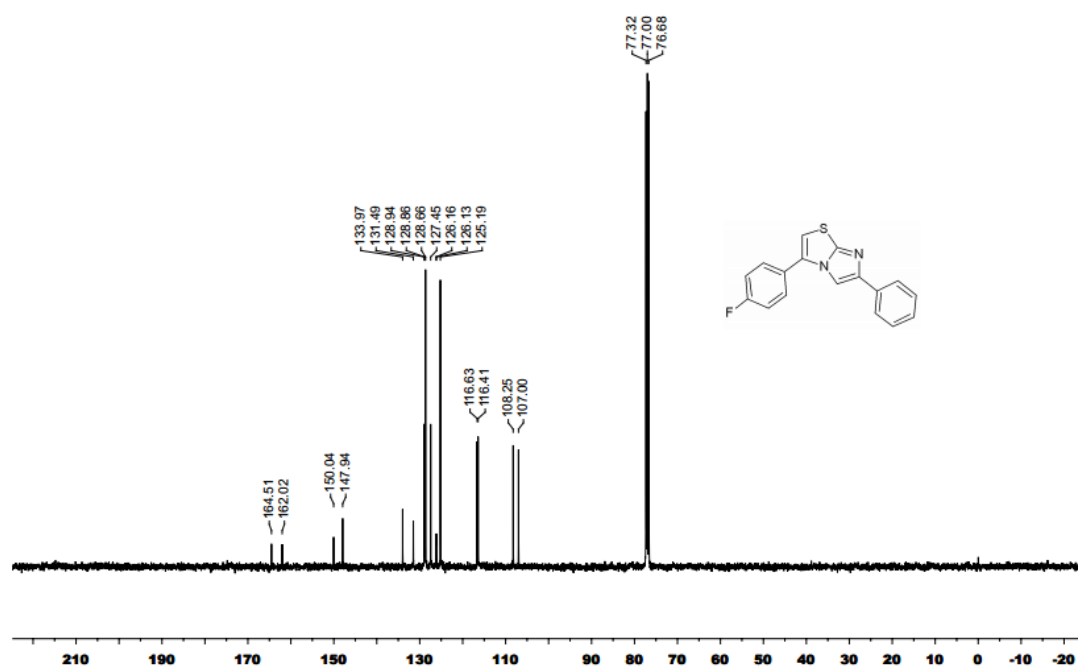
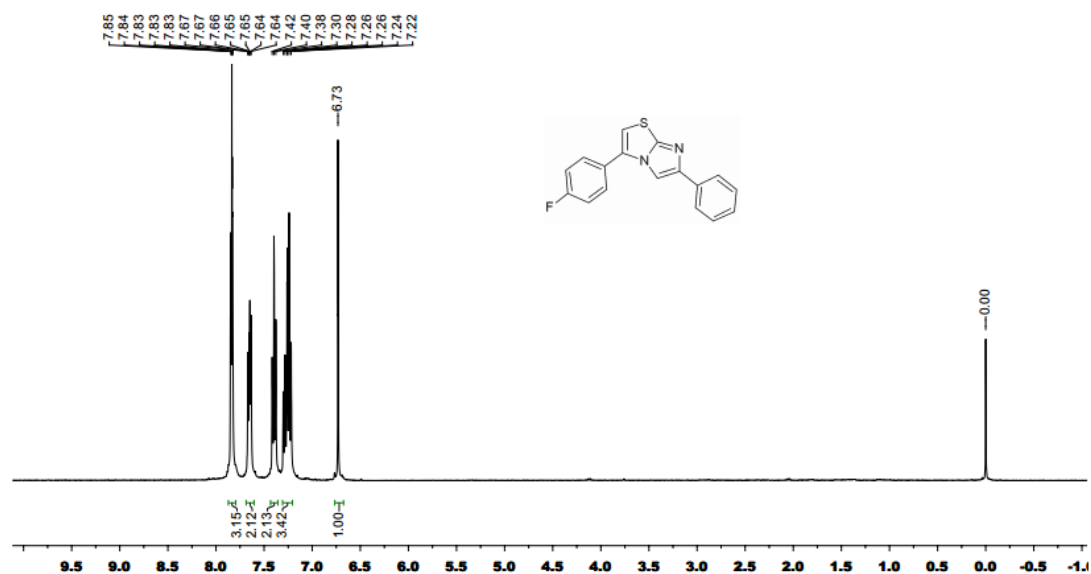
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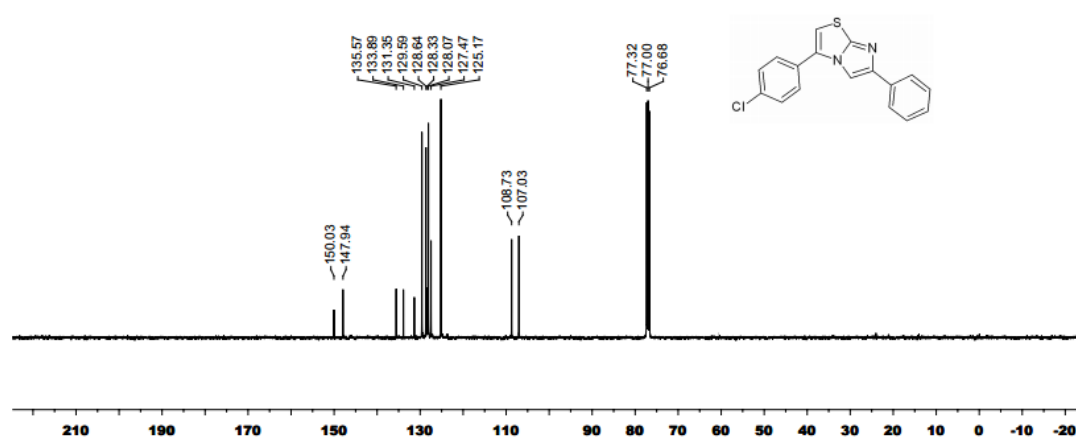
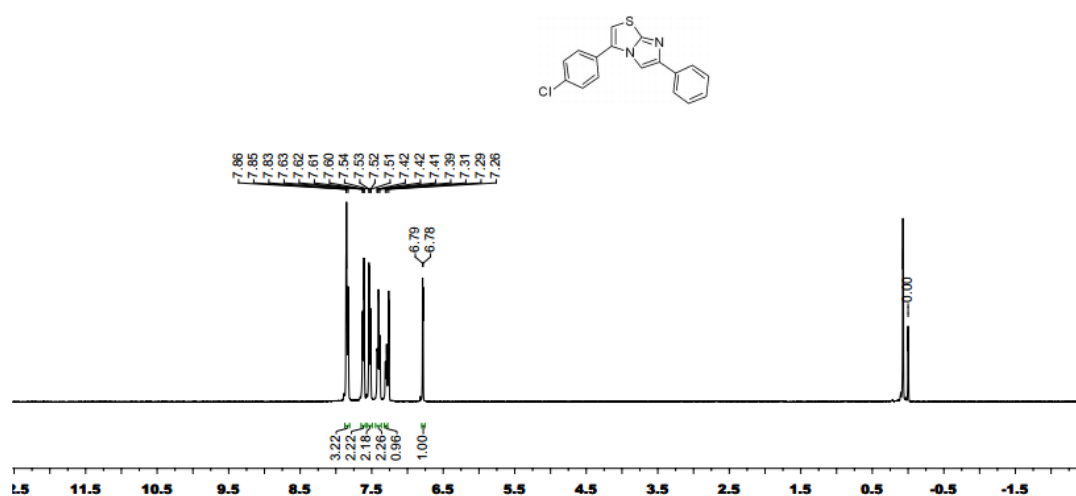
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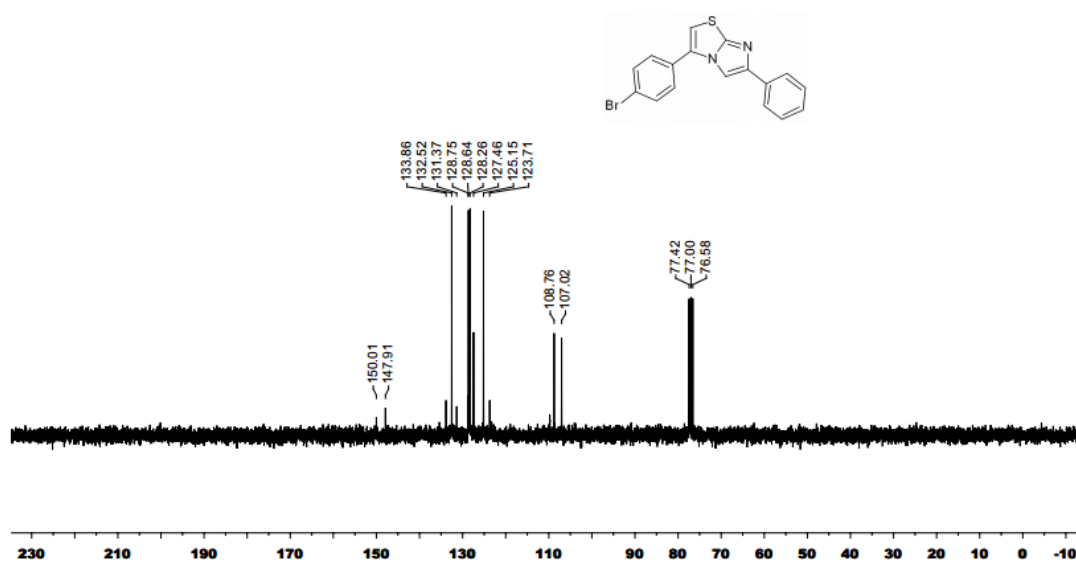
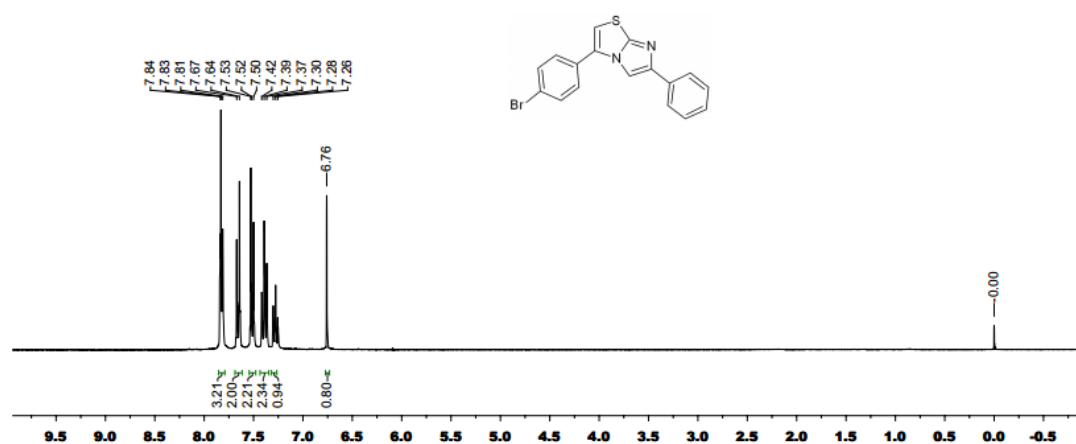
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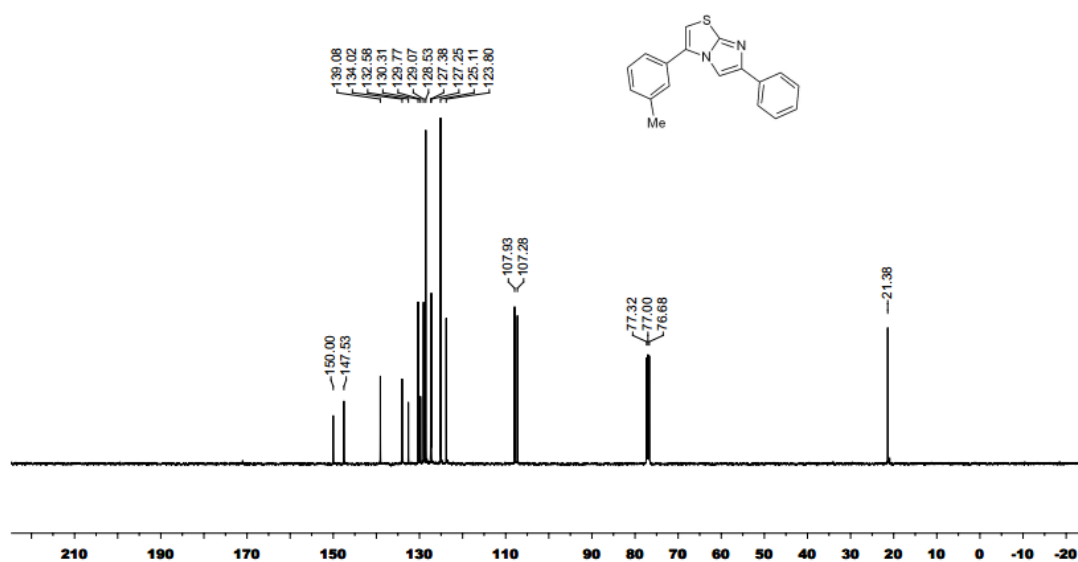
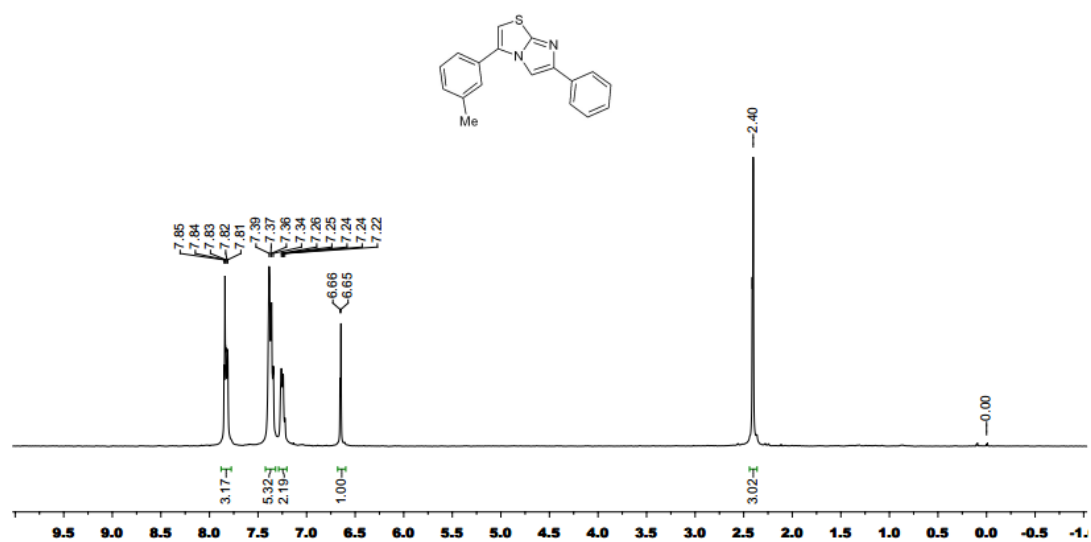
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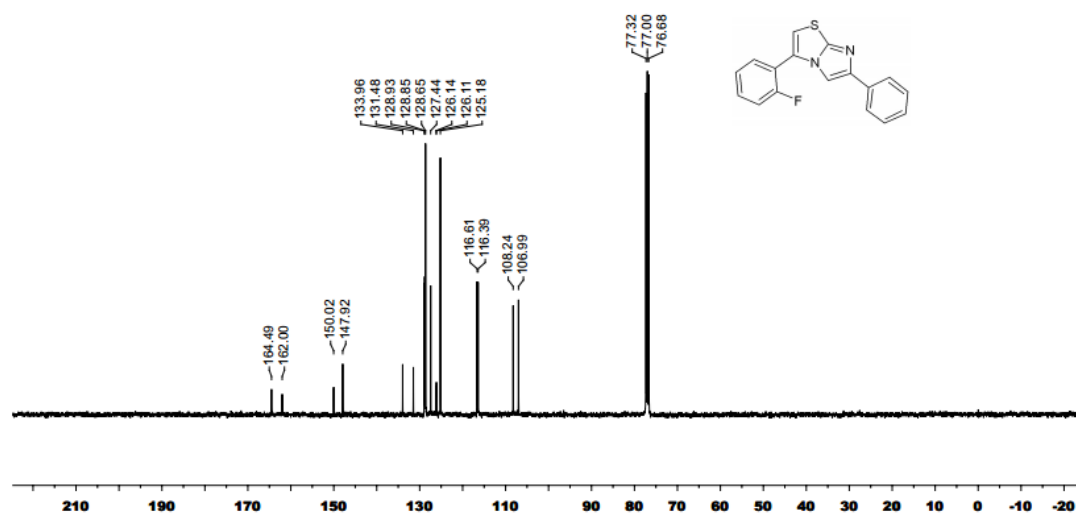
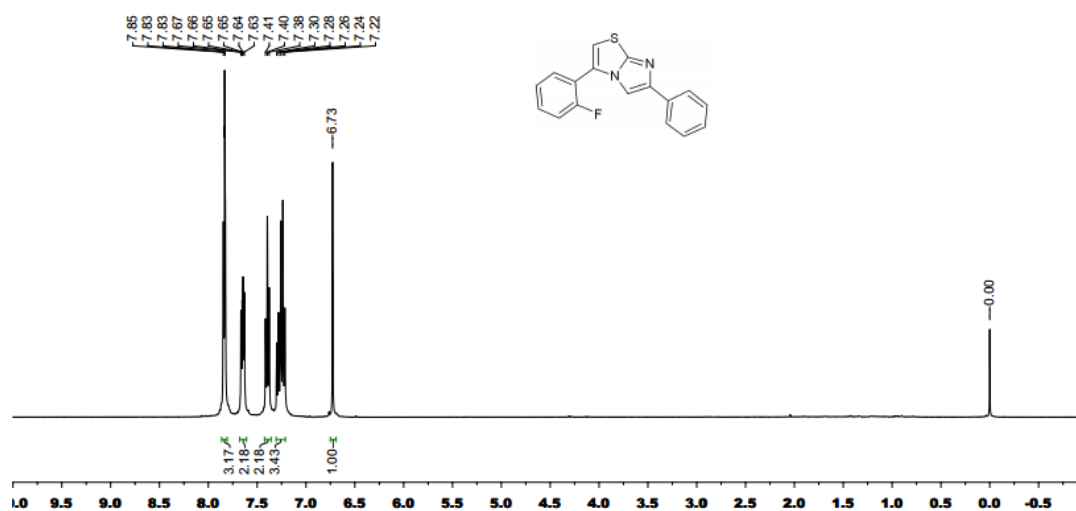
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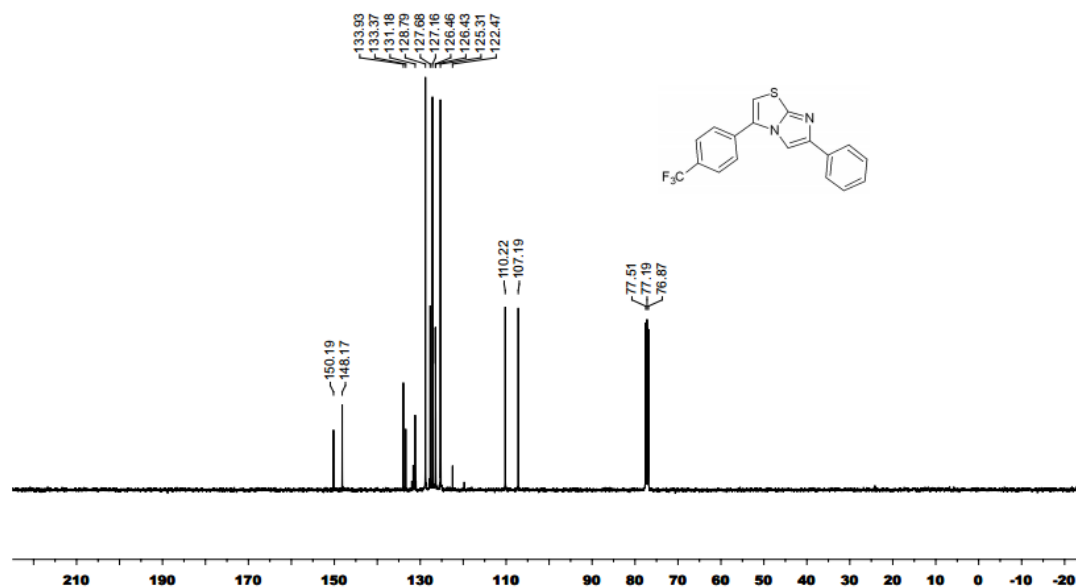
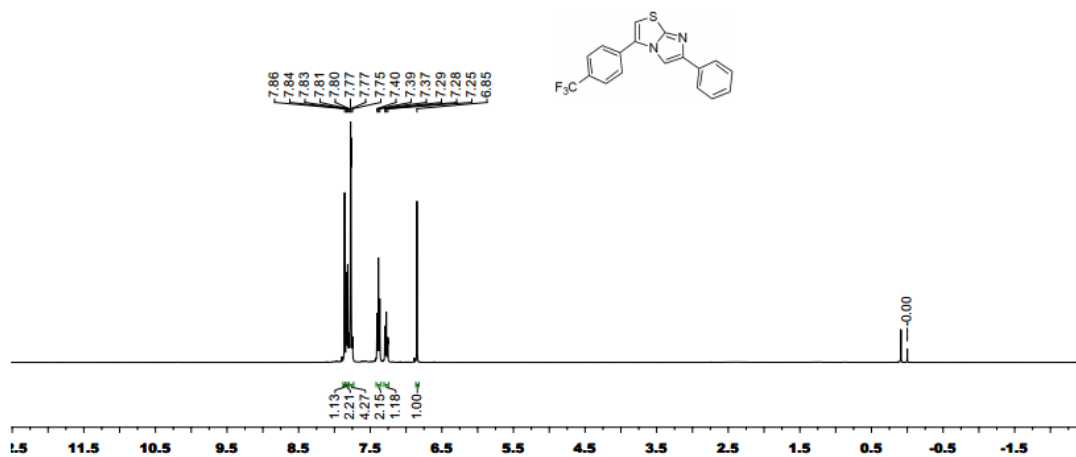
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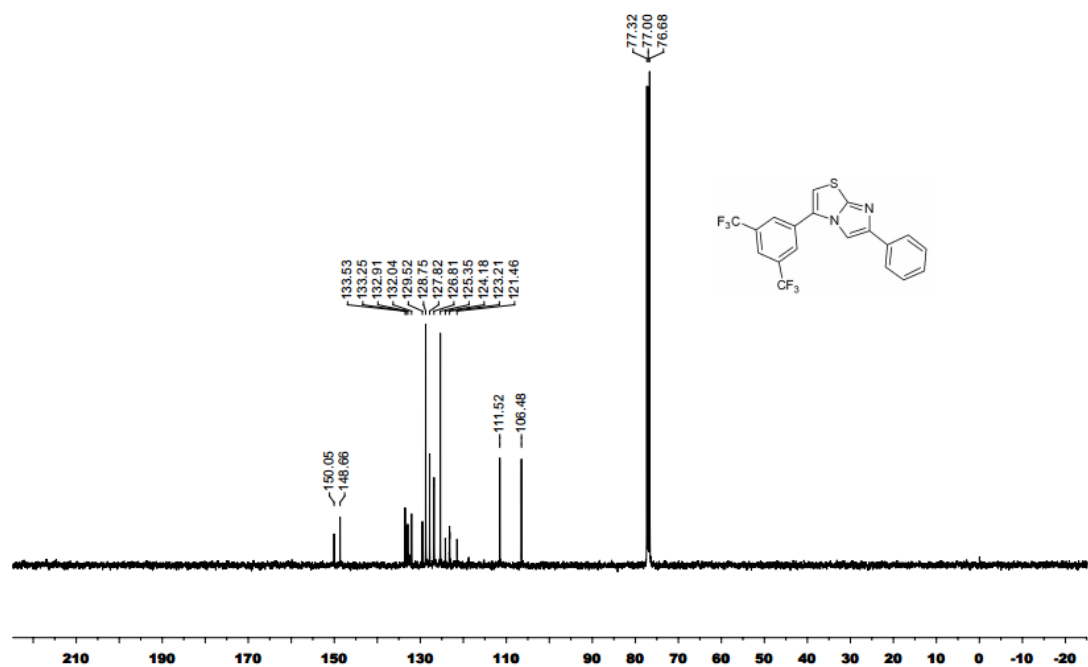
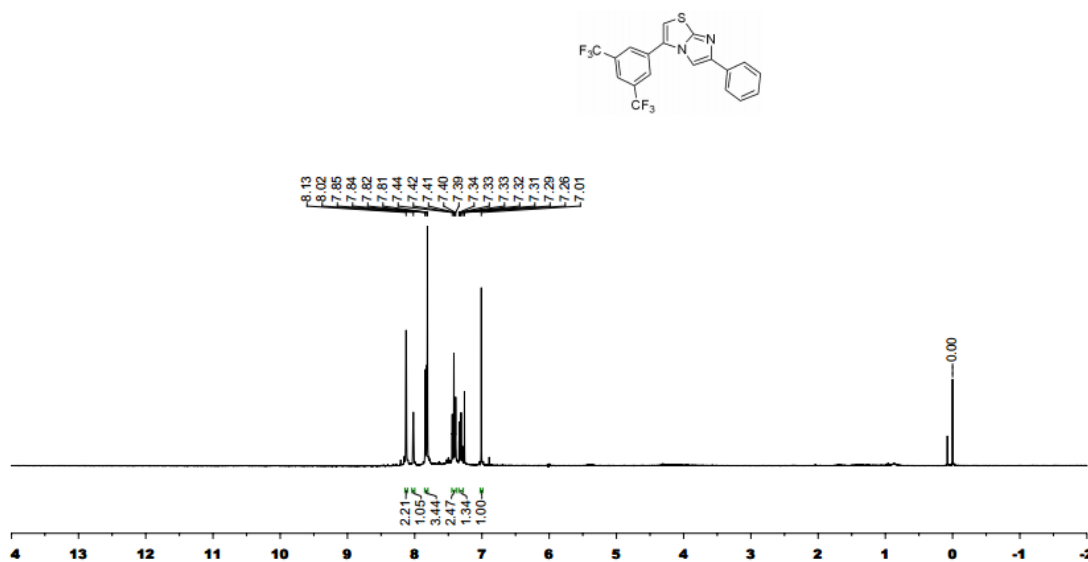
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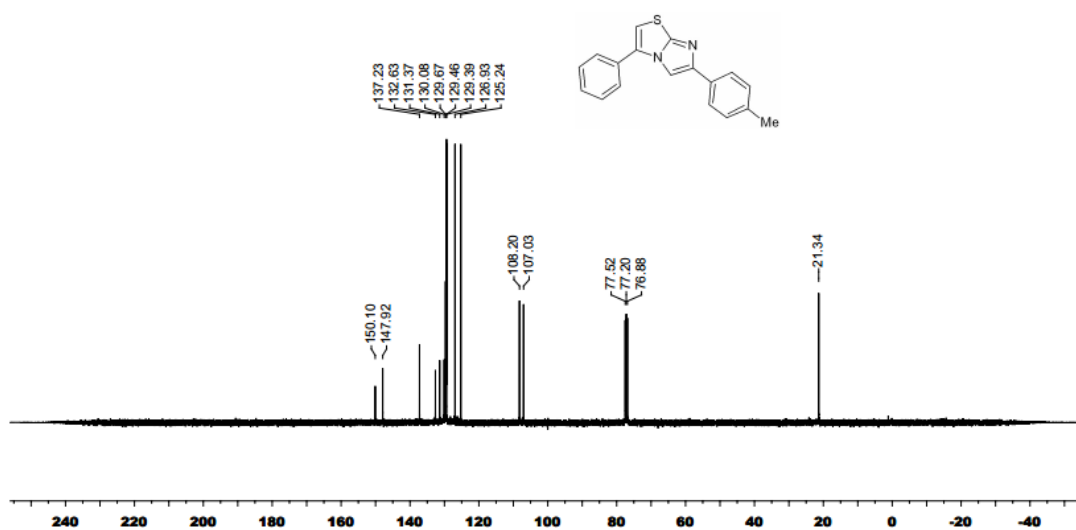
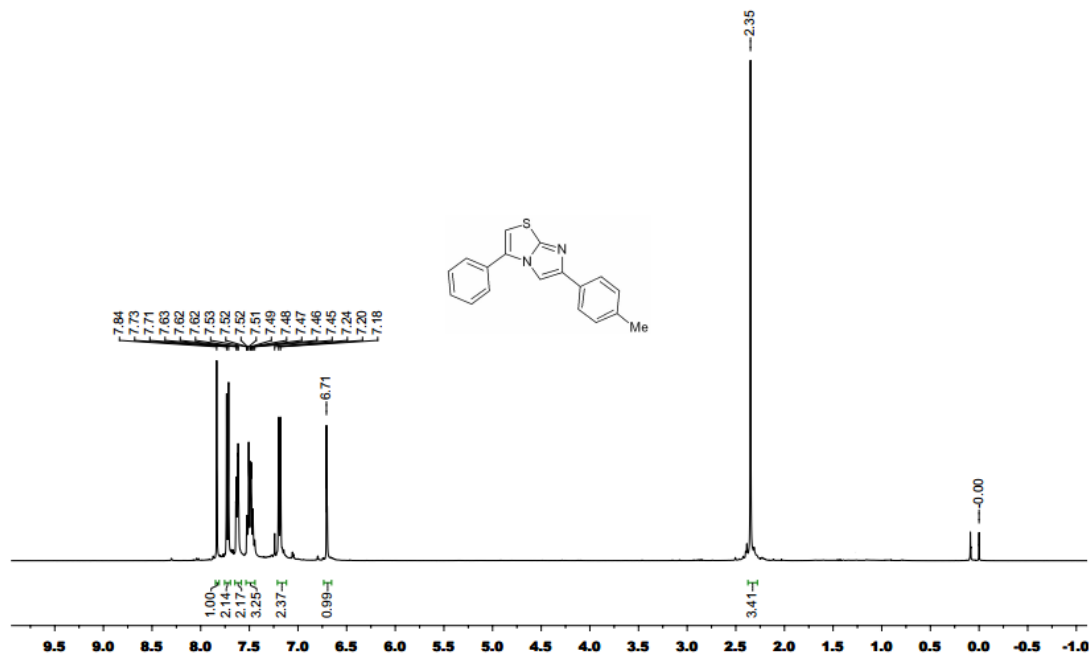
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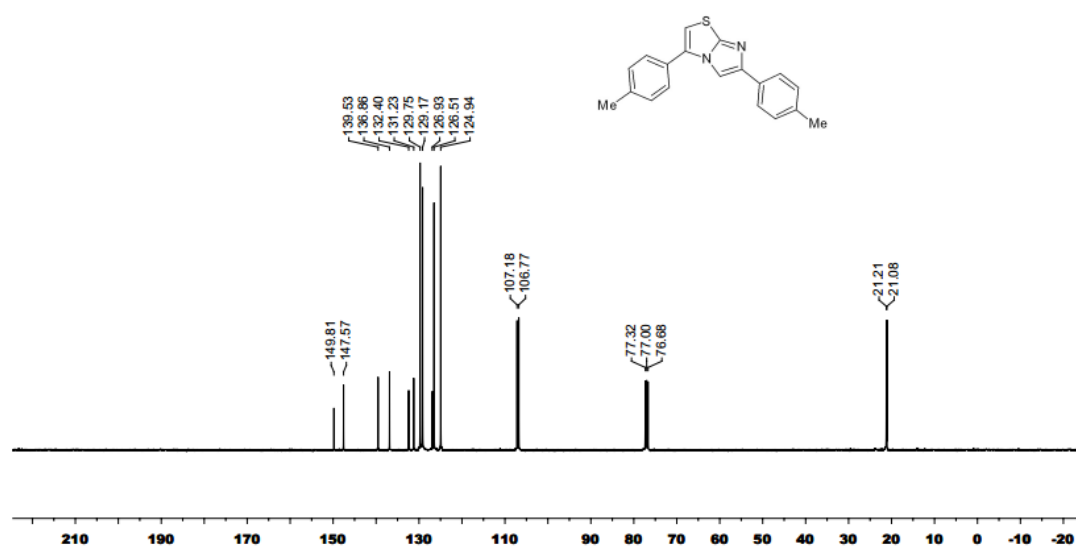
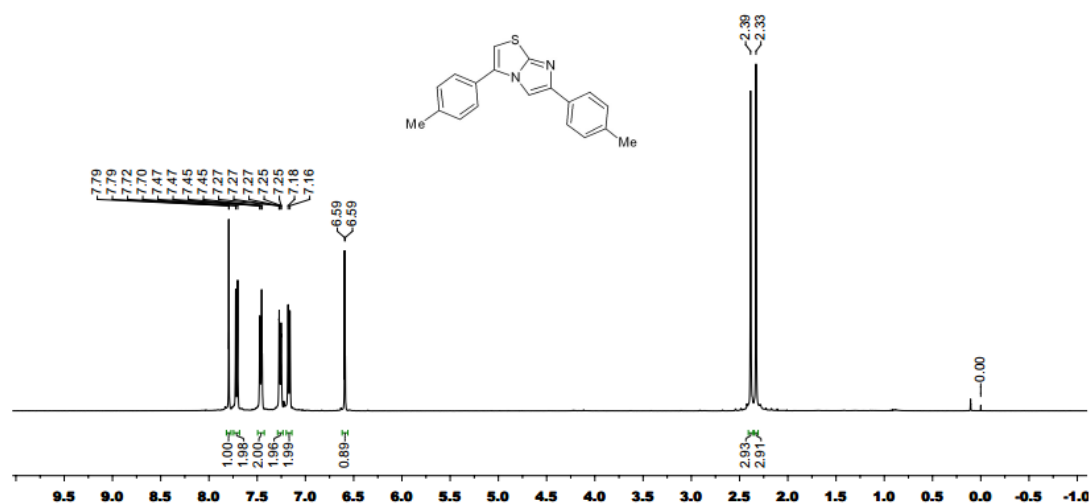
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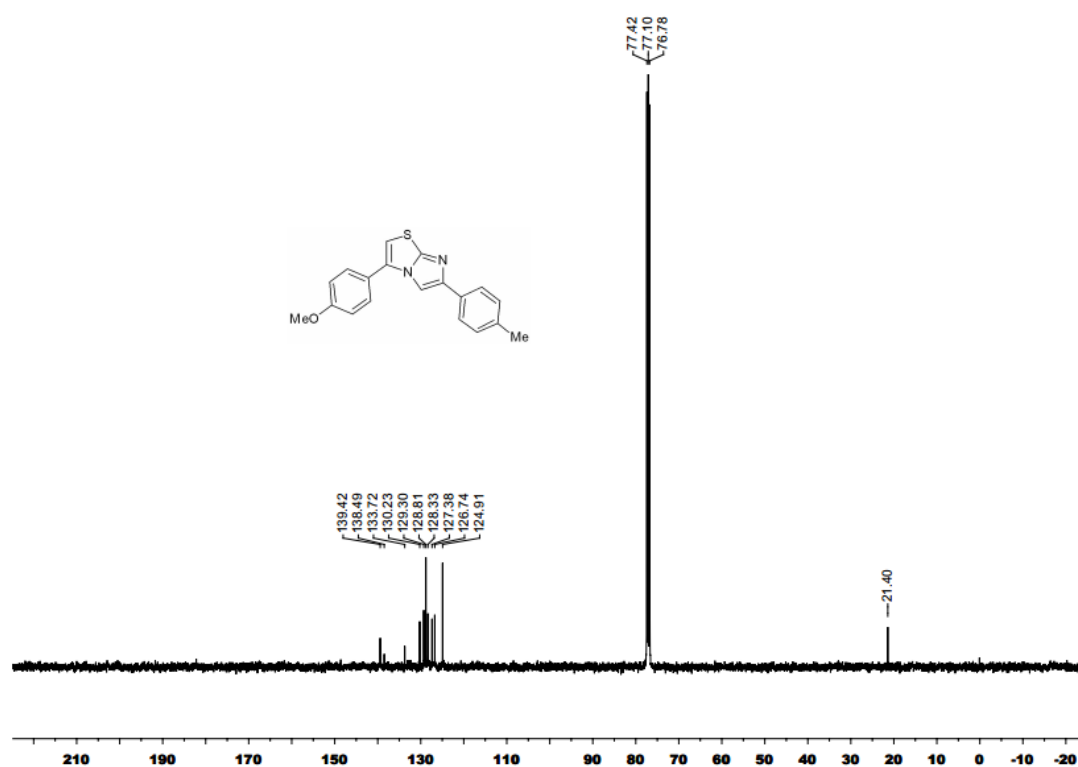
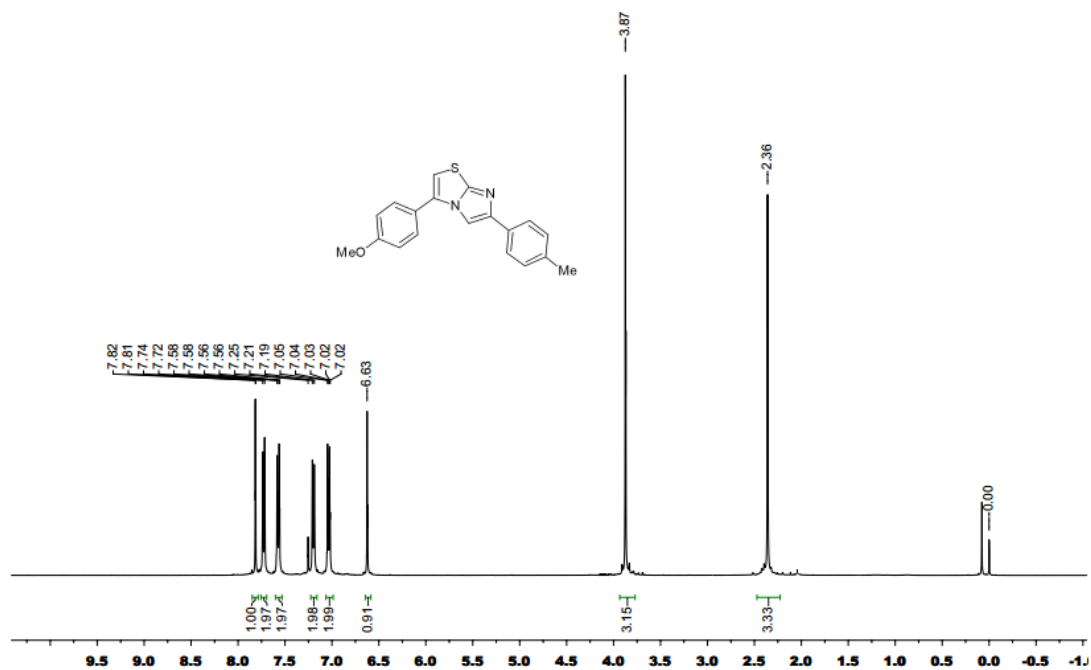
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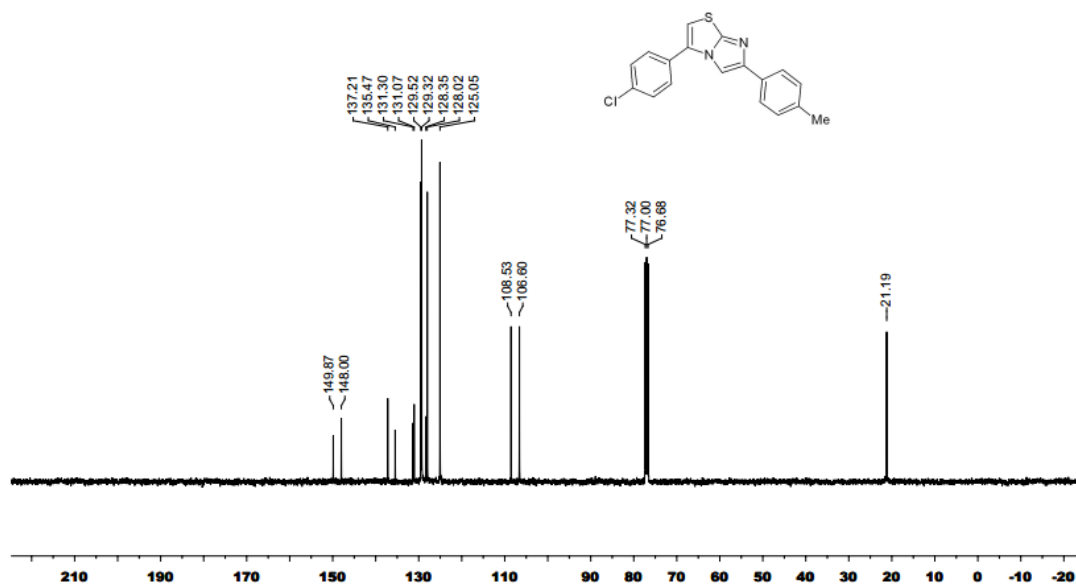
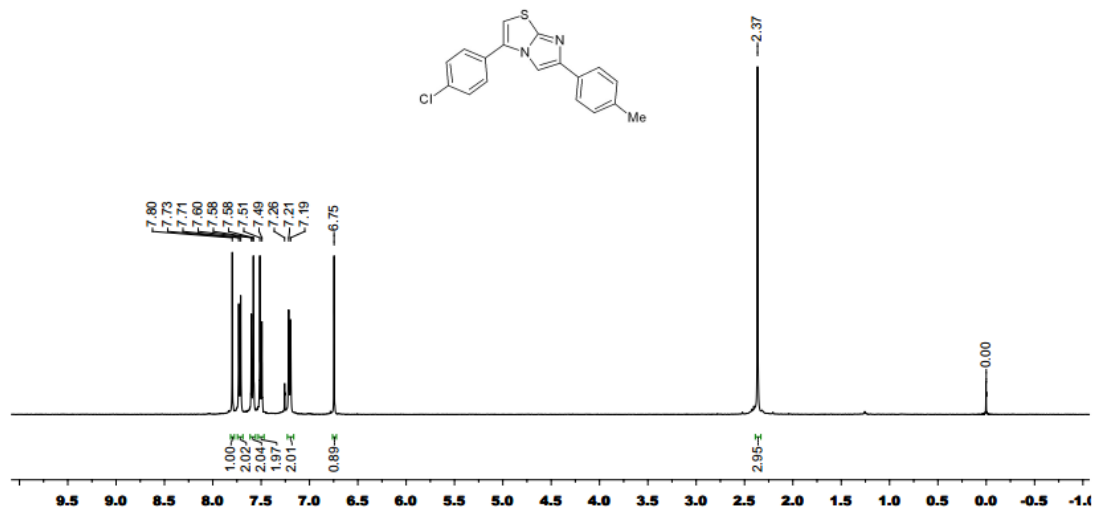
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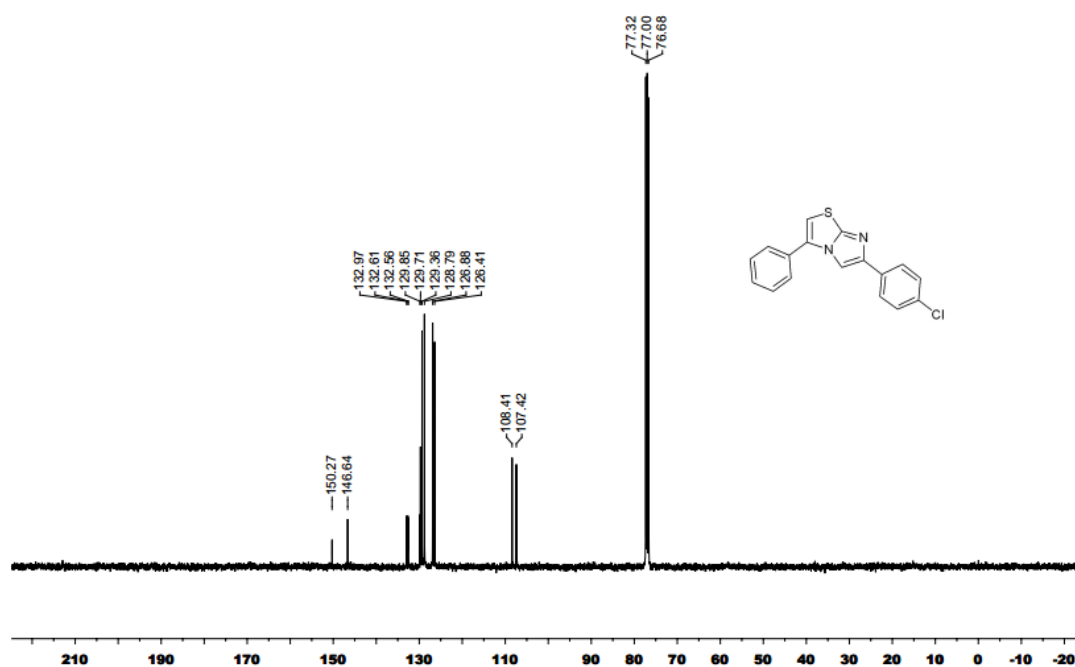
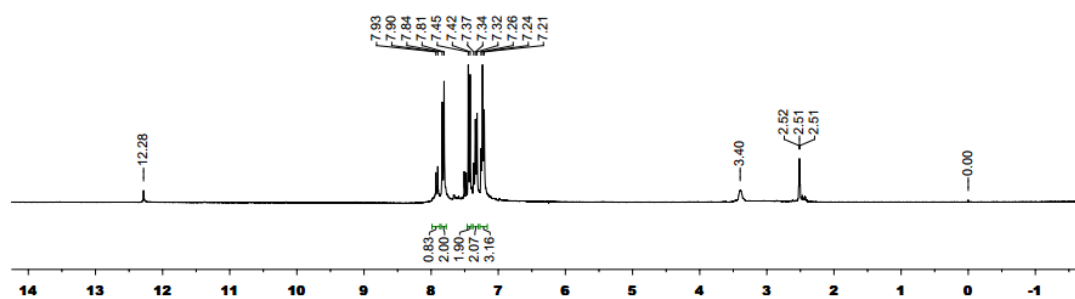
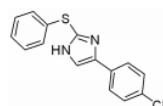
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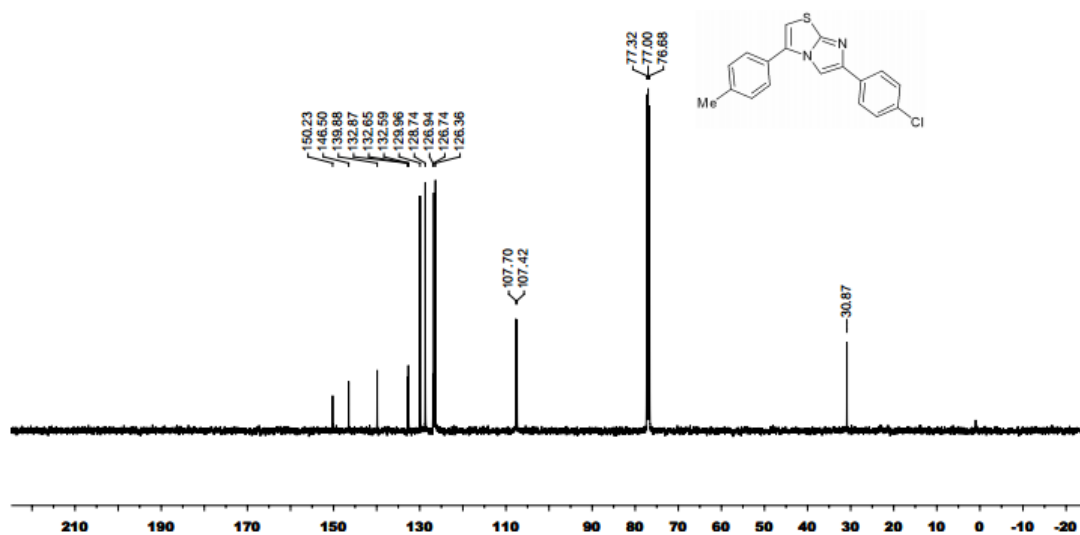
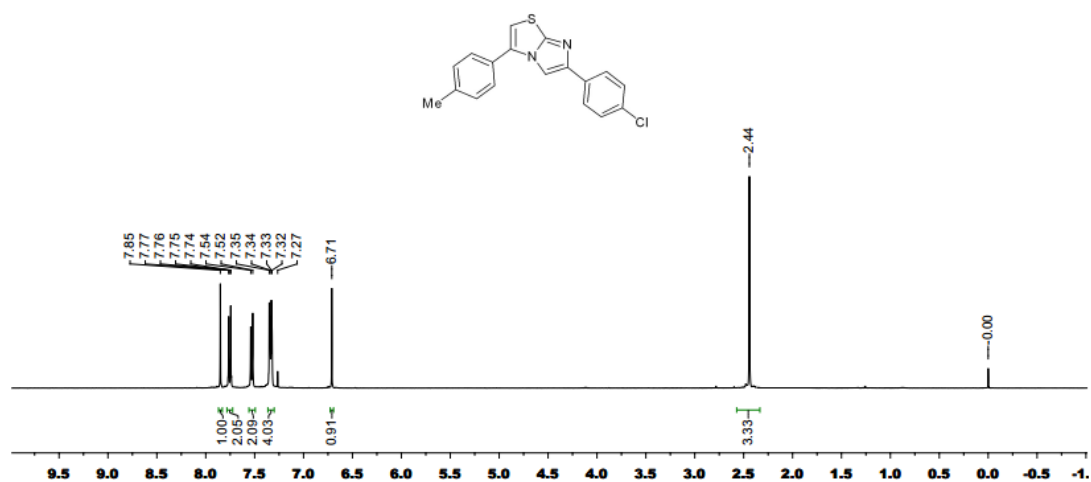
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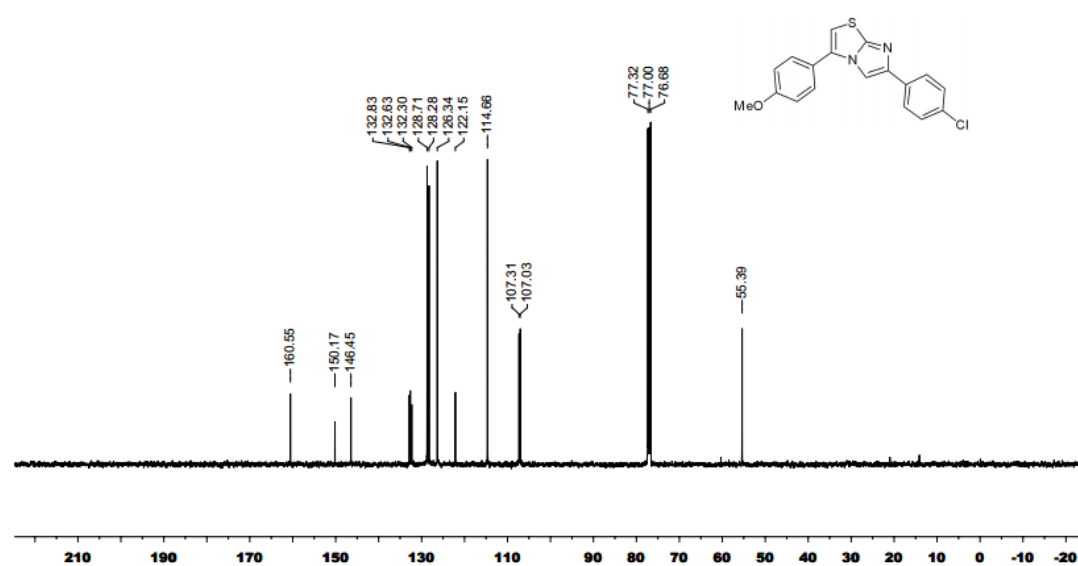
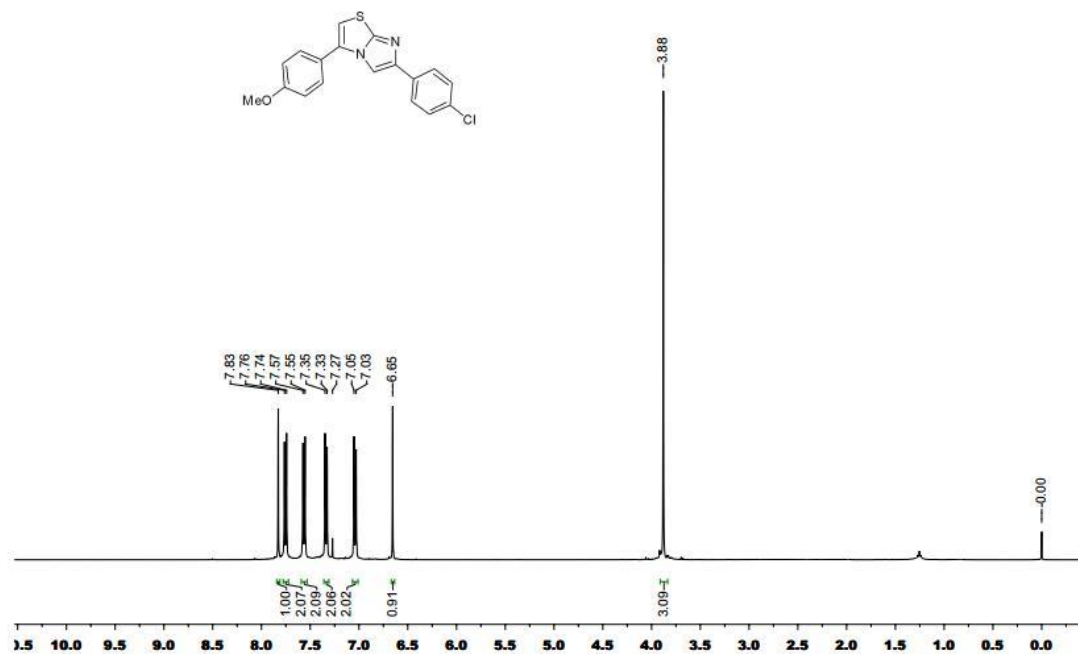
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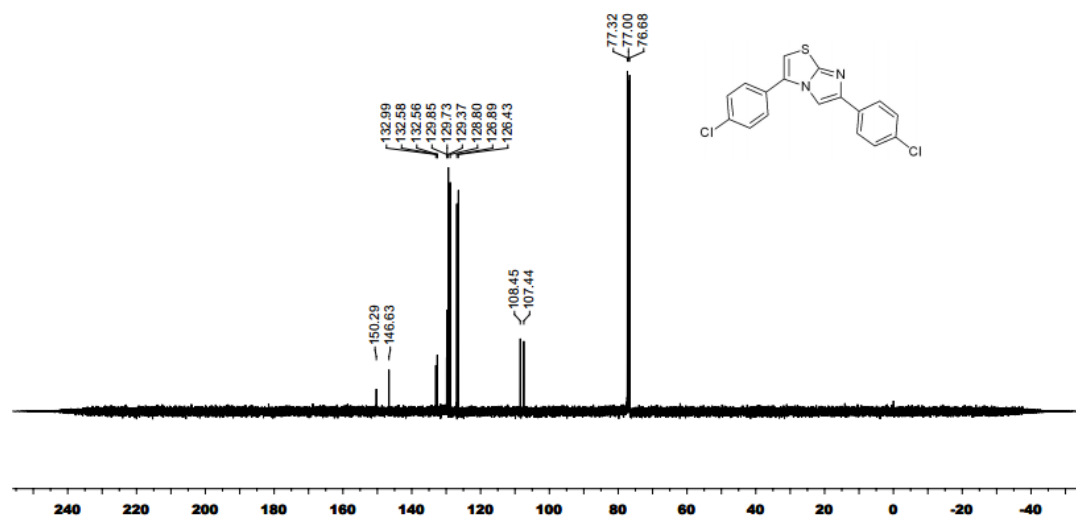
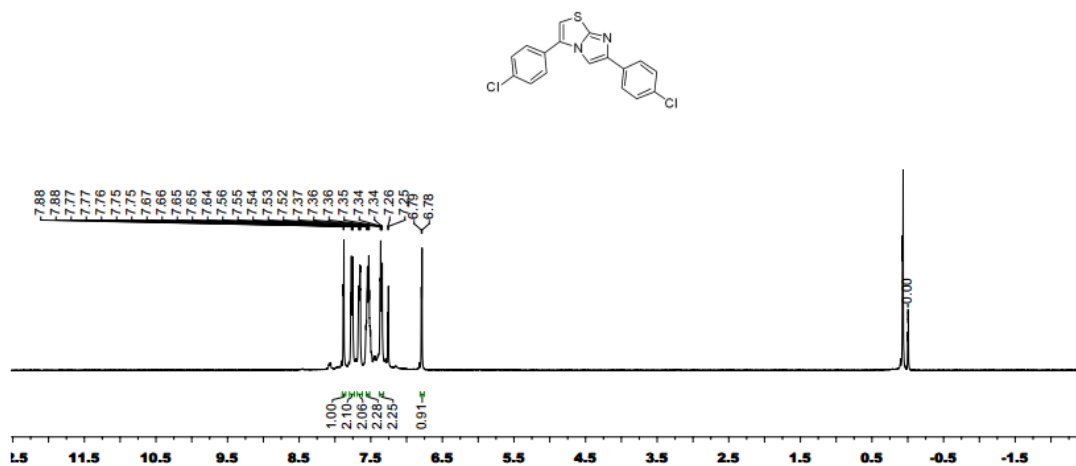
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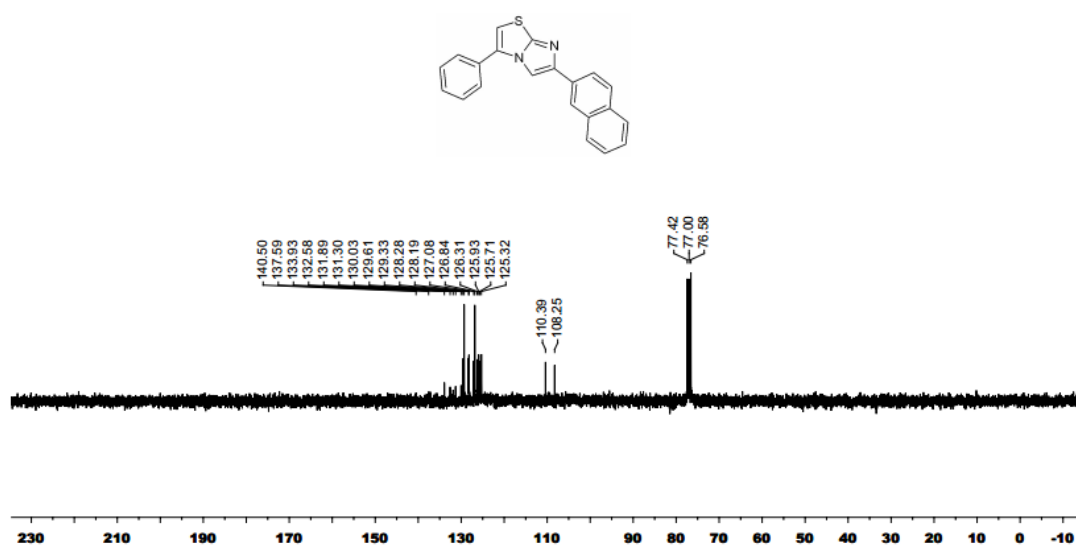
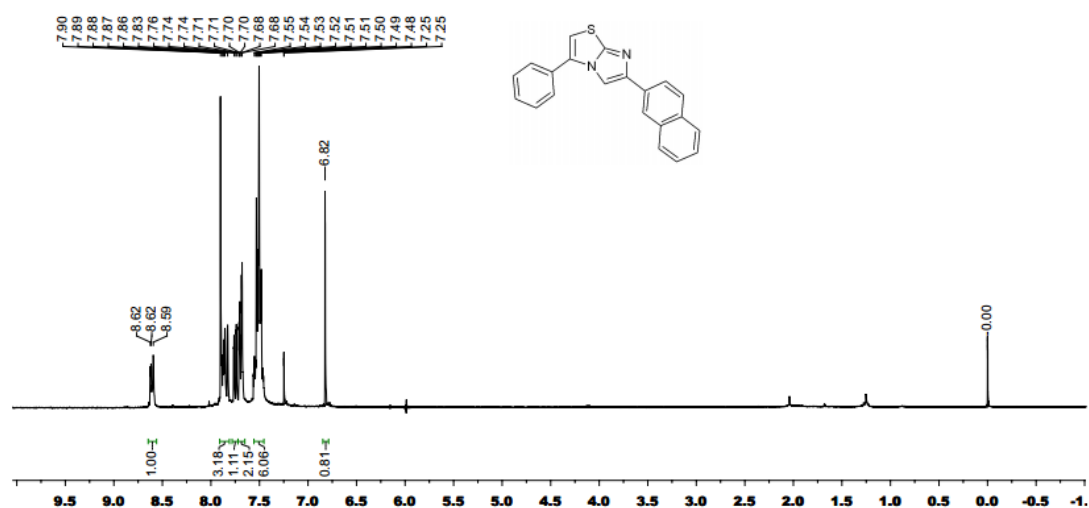
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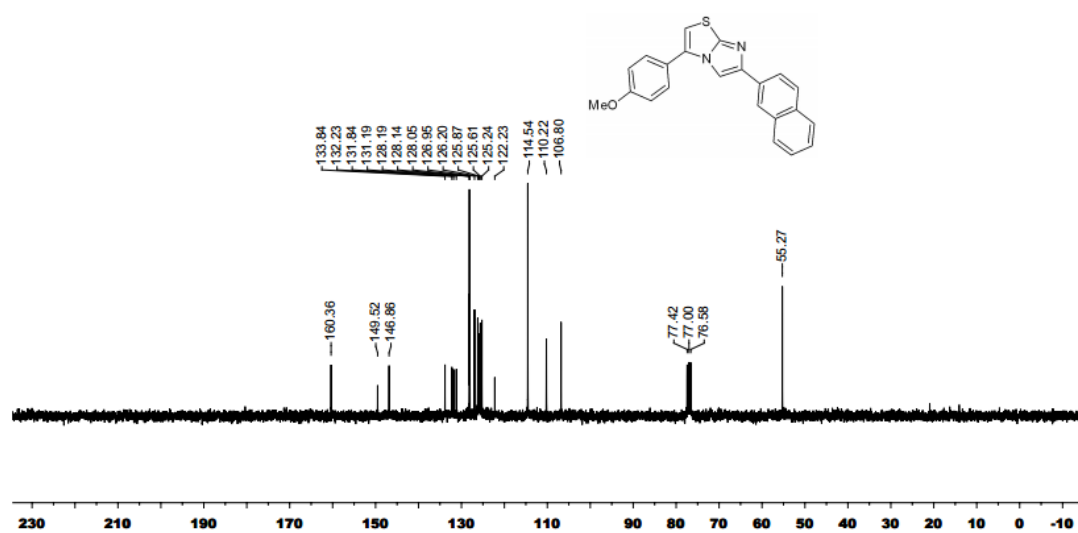
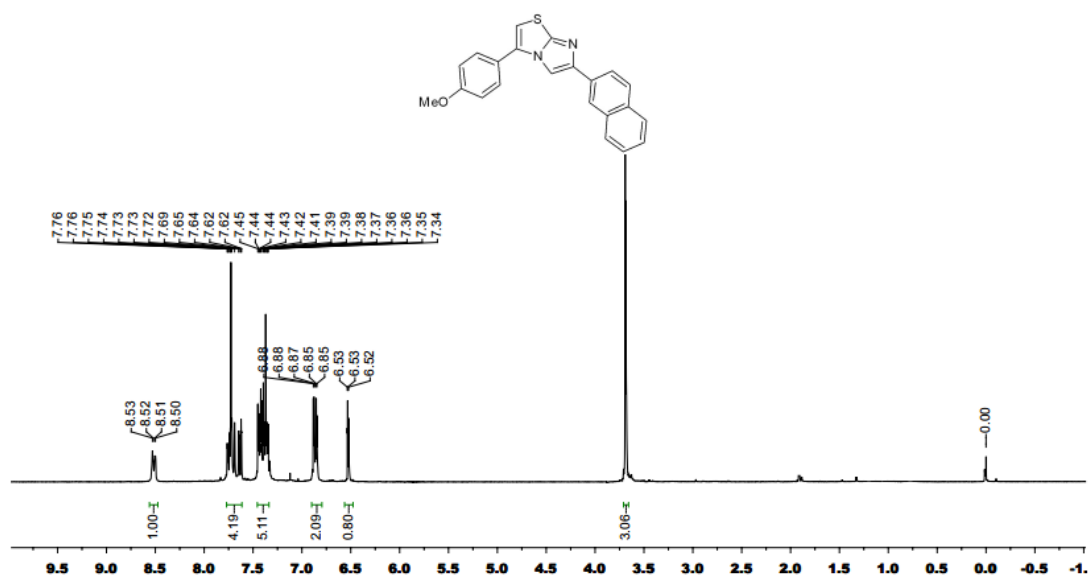
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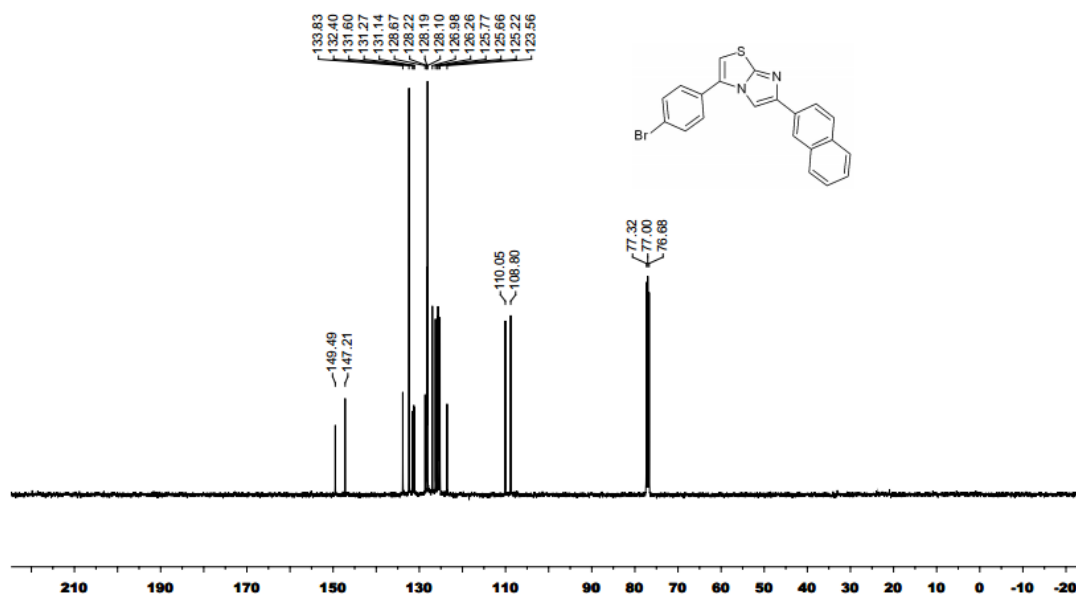
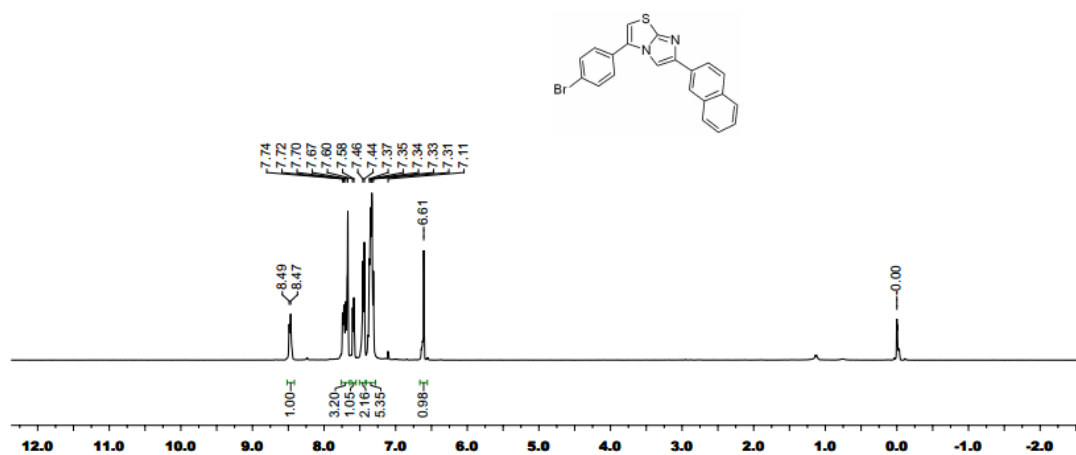
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3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)imidazo[2,1-b]thiazole (5dc)



3-(4-bromophenyl)-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)imidazo[2,1-b]thiazole (5df)



Part one

The Cartesian Coordinates of all stationary points.

R1 (1a + ^tBuO⁻)

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H	6.07588100	-0.37204500	-2.58564100

H	7.01812900	-2.47020300	-1.63686800
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C	2.84288100	-0.12402700	0.69728000
C	1.87929500	0.41390000	1.21684400

IM5

C	2.05833900	0.32471700	-2.27126600
C	2.49168300	0.29822800	-0.93594100
C	0.68811800	1.42231500	-1.08644700
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C	4.58092500	-1.07953000	-1.14625000
C	3.95007200	-0.24692300	1.02915900
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C	-3.72971600	-1.68732900	0.38601900
H	-5.30003700	1.30553500	0.86670400
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C	-2.83546400	0.59069200	0.07266800
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TS5

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S	-0.78116700	3.06446800	0.02348000
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H	-6.47852200	-1.00084100	-0.82175500
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C	-2.41592600	0.98231400	0.03594200
C	-2.29311500	2.25480300	0.02562300

IM6

C	-0.38820200	-0.29706800	0.00789700
C	-1.63034800	0.32844700	-0.01130800
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H	-0.10927400	-1.33462700	0.07933800
N	0.54755000	0.71951000	-0.06852400
N	-1.47729700	1.70633300	-0.08957700
S	0.96059500	3.23732500	-0.12737900
C	-2.96038300	-0.29803800	0.04313900

C	-3.11287600	-1.69847400	0.09383100
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C	-4.37921600	-2.28215800	0.14872600
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H	-4.02470700	1.57277400	0.00861700
C	-5.52892100	-1.48322600	0.15281600
H	-4.46805600	-3.36443700	0.18707800
H	-6.27459700	0.54174900	0.10355900
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C	4.03677700	-0.27722100	0.75112800
H	1.67300300	-1.49862000	-1.36990400
H	3.18957100	-3.43409000	-1.32949600
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H	5.81612200	-1.32603900	1.35048700
H	4.26574700	0.60680000	1.33739100
C	1.97100500	0.89451900	-0.03026400
C	2.40624600	2.19828000	-0.05135600

TS6

C	1.86336900	0.64052000	-0.10414100
C	2.81618300	-0.36957500	-0.05616300
C	0.91721100	-1.34836500	-0.21793700
H	1.94897100	1.71387100	-0.08709700
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N	2.20842200	-1.61699400	-0.13121300
S	-0.56542800	-2.25495300	-0.41535900
C	4.27724600	-0.23209100	0.05542300
C	4.89071400	1.03291100	0.15031700
C	5.10297500	-1.37202800	0.06911000
C	6.27715700	1.15178700	0.25406800
H	4.28314600	1.93297500	0.14451100
C	6.49054500	-1.25131900	0.17352500
H	4.64516500	-2.35256300	-0.00334400
C	7.08741700	0.01020600	0.26661100
H	6.72564100	2.13875800	0.32621800
H	7.10654900	-2.14644000	0.18191700

H	8.16640400	0.10381700	0.34765800
C	-1.16773000	1.73463600	-0.33656000
C	-0.63704800	2.66378900	0.57914700
C	-1.07861600	3.98922100	0.59126100
C	-2.06218300	4.41462300	-0.30748100
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C	-2.15438500	2.17707000	-1.23749300
H	0.10626400	2.34564600	1.30378300
H	-0.65862200	4.68705700	1.31025700
H	-2.40381400	5.44553400	-0.29828500
H	-3.36282100	3.81869100	-1.92463600
H	-2.56548400	1.47244000	-1.95291600
C	-0.73544300	0.32154800	-0.34943000
C	-1.54474900	-0.77267800	-0.48037900
C	-4.87206600	-1.41907000	0.46745500
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H	-6.49357400	-2.30883100	-0.68356900
H	-6.98853200	-1.79852800	0.94602300
H	-6.72201600	-0.58556800	-0.32627400
C	-4.71729400	-0.32823000	1.55498600
H	-5.29502100	-0.56267900	2.45865200
H	-3.66455300	-0.22209900	1.84046800
H	-5.06240800	0.63791200	1.16826700
C	-4.39470400	-2.77565100	1.04156600
H	-4.50430300	-3.56265300	0.28579900
H	-3.33690000	-2.72160600	1.32261800
H	-4.96828200	-3.07158300	1.92981800
O	-4.13365500	-1.07899600	-0.68285700
H	-2.89135700	-0.91433100	-0.53511300

P (5aa) + ^tBuO⁻

C	2.10199000	0.52633900	-0.03136900
C	2.99167500	-0.53844300	-0.03093100
C	1.03768600	-1.40639700	-0.11457500
H	2.25075200	1.59253800	-0.01237900
N	0.84124400	-0.04460400	-0.07600900
N	2.30866600	-1.74869900	-0.08774800
S	-0.48665700	-2.25092900	-0.25072900
C	4.46195500	-0.49156400	0.01943300
C	5.15343500	0.73237600	0.10695800
C	5.21405100	-1.68010000	-0.01964700
C	6.54763700	0.76495900	0.15149900

H	4. 60233100	1. 66736000	0. 14280900
C	6. 60954300	-1. 64549300	0. 02597300
H	4. 69393200	-2. 62945700	-0. 08673600
C	7. 28530900	-0. 42404200	0. 11129500
H	7. 05873800	1. 72119100	0. 21924500
H	7. 16952700	-2. 57603400	-0. 00574700
H	8. 37043400	-0. 39745100	0. 14657900
C	-0. 89008500	1. 78734400	-0. 12158300
C	-0. 27583100	2. 69028400	0. 76578300
C	-0. 67349000	4. 02842600	0. 80385200
C	-1. 69208600	4. 48621200	-0. 03803900
C	-2. 31208300	3. 59455100	-0. 91947300
C	-1. 91215000	2. 25801800	-0. 96551900
H	0. 49569600	2. 34397000	1. 44613100
H	-0. 19176600	4. 71068700	1. 49809300
H	-1. 99900400	5. 52741600	-0. 00791400
H	-3. 10198200	3. 94082100	-1. 57949700
H	-2. 38485100	1. 57260500	-1. 66145300
C	-0. 50676200	0. 36351400	-0. 15826900
C	-1. 34139800	-0. 70720800	-0. 25835300
C	-5. 49241400	-1. 29886500	0. 16880800
C	-6. 69332700	-1. 29963800	-0. 81878200
H	-6. 54038700	-2. 06526800	-1. 59008400
H	-7. 65520100	-1. 49897400	-0. 32486500
H	-6. 76230200	-0. 32637900	-1. 32130800
C	-5. 76876900	-0. 22160900	1. 25580000
H	-6. 70433700	-0. 39825500	1. 80571000
H	-4. 94492700	-0. 20578100	1. 98059400
H	-5. 82853800	0. 77066000	0. 79122700
C	-5. 45121600	-2. 68564000	0. 87139400
H	-5. 27420700	-3. 47400800	0. 12894700
H	-4. 62555500	-2. 71250600	1. 59387100
H	-6. 38171400	-2. 92293400	1. 40700000
O	-4. 30357400	-1. 04290000	-0. 49441500
H	-2. 44291800	-0. 72716200	-0. 28244900

Part two

The absolute energies of all stationary points. (Hartree/Particle)

R1(1a + <i>t</i> -BuO ⁻)	TS1	IM1+ <i>t</i> -BuOH
-1180.928176	-1180.926078	-1180.936073
IM1	TS2	IM2
-947.218873	-947.206675	-947.274146
IM3	TS4	IM4
-1255.655717	-1255.657783	-1255.708519
IM5+HCN	IM5	TS5
-1255.702836	-1162.254408	-1162.221537
IM6	IM6+ <i>t</i> -BuOH	TS6
-1162.256201	-1395.974557	-1395.968655
P+ <i>t</i> -BuO ⁻		
-1395.975959		

Alternative mechanism

Scheme S1. The detailed reaction process from **1a** to **P (5aa)**.

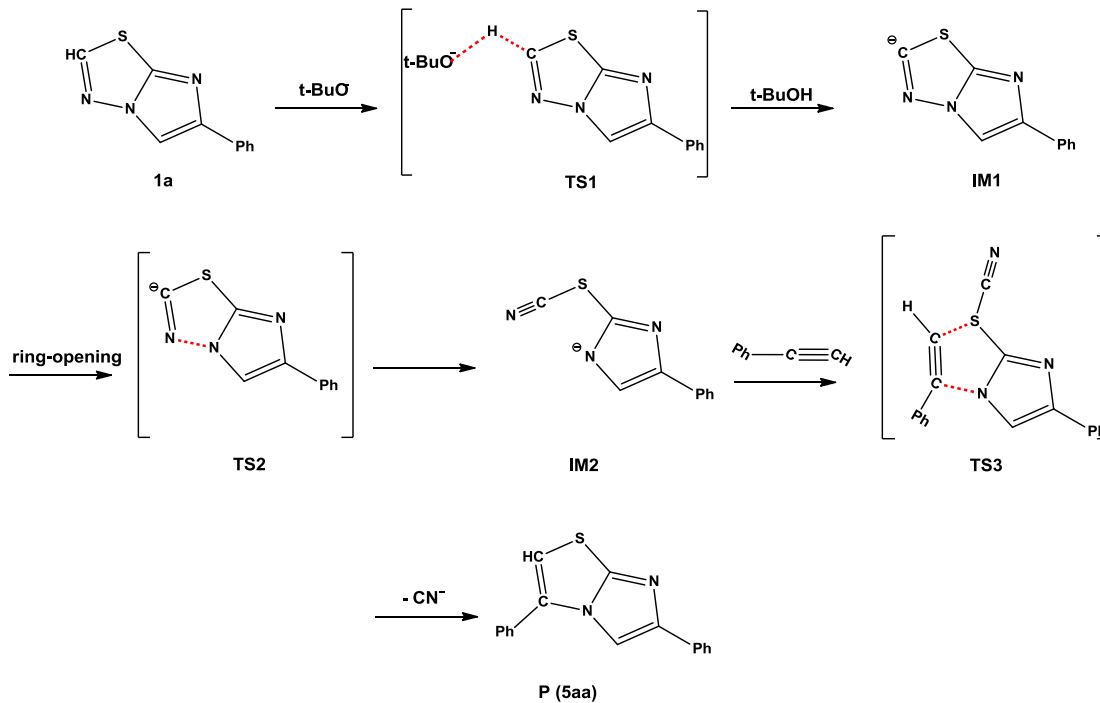
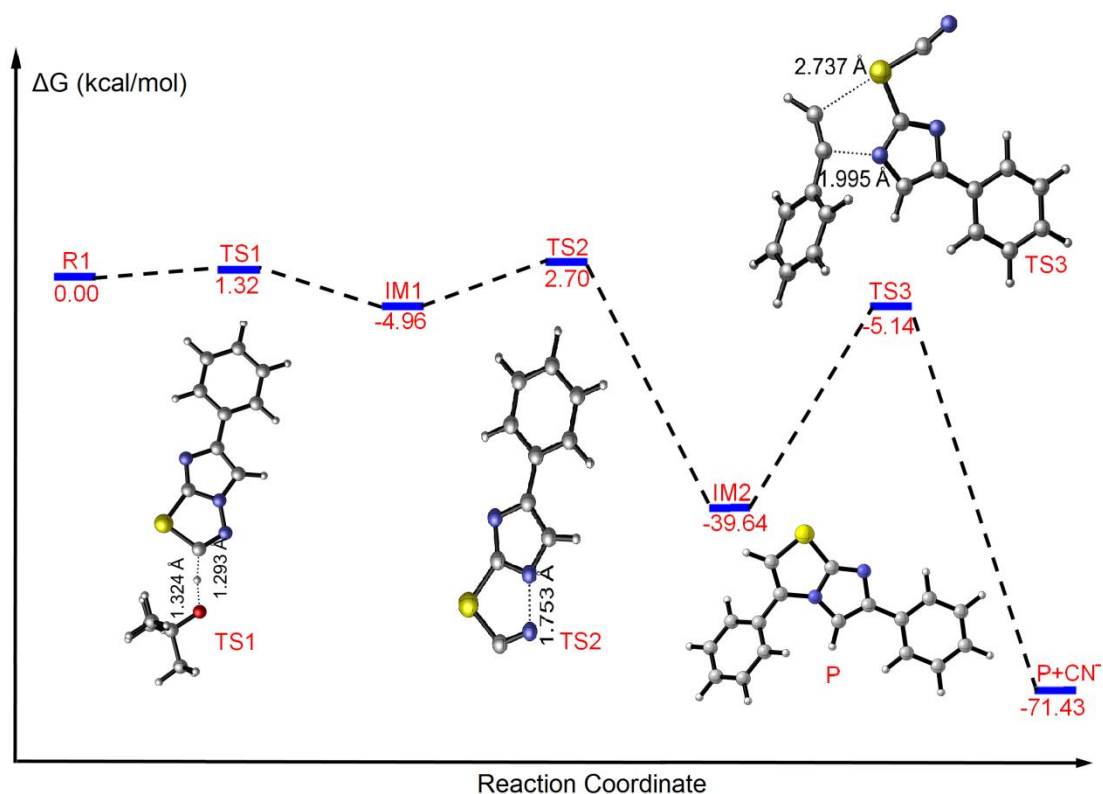


Figure S1. The potential energy and transition states for the **R1**→**P** reactions with DMF as solvent.



Alternative Mechanism

Part one

The Cartesian Coordinates of all stationary points.

IM2 + phenylacetylene

C	1.32768000	-0.20406600	0.48947600
C	2.63479300	-0.33726800	-0.01035200
C	1.94387500	1.64857000	-0.31503300
C	2.49701700	4.17290800	0.50424000
H	0.69784000	-0.94461200	0.96763800
N	2.90912200	4.78186200	1.41305900
N	0.88541200	1.06990500	0.29182400
N	3.01940100	0.87485800	-0.53067700
S	1.88839600	3.34785000	-0.86546700
C	3.51316100	-1.51569000	-0.02659800
C	3.07823200	-2.76056500	0.47480100
C	4.82191300	-1.43960800	-0.54513700
C	3.91507600	-3.87768900	0.45909700
H	2.07497900	-2.85760000	0.87936900
C	5.65783200	-2.55811400	-0.56131500

H	5.17599100	-0.49107000	-0.93504400
C	5.21225700	-3.78619200	-0.05943900
H	3.55186400	-4.82360800	0.85217700
H	6.66240200	-2.46947100	-0.96692600
H	5.86276600	-4.65591500	-0.07198700
C	-5.55518500	0.15935600	-0.12930200
C	-5.15519400	-0.43580000	1.08431700
C	-5.41995700	-1.78407700	1.32570100
C	-6.08443800	-2.55550700	0.36594100
C	-6.48490400	-1.97172800	-0.84095500
C	-6.22433400	-0.62423100	-1.09120100
H	-4.63906200	0.16304900	1.82781300
H	-5.10682000	-2.23255700	2.26369400
H	-6.28857600	-3.60471500	0.55709000
H	-7.00066100	-2.56629600	-1.58899900
H	-6.53390400	-0.17081600	-2.02737800
C	-5.28477200	1.54324800	-0.38186900
C	-5.05555200	2.71578100	-0.59592300
H	-4.85174500	3.74701800	-0.78369400

TS3

C	0.14245600	-0.59421500	-0.02792800
C	1.48207900	-0.21544400	0.00408300
C	0.27053100	1.54579800	0.00787400
C	1.24677900	3.93507600	0.55491300
H	-0.31520600	-1.57310700	-0.04989900
N	2.15849900	4.57260600	0.91548400
N	-0.62437200	0.54332700	-0.01475800
N	1.54663000	1.16966600	0.02454700
S	-0.26055100	3.27425800	-0.00455400
C	2.68958400	-1.05161300	0.01753200
C	2.60990800	-2.45716100	-0.07474600
C	3.97011800	-0.47256700	0.12548100
C	3.75993400	-3.24734100	-0.05796800
H	1.63985300	-2.93775200	-0.16421100
C	5.12033400	-1.26487400	0.14111700
H	4.05238300	0.60672300	0.19839200
C	5.02560600	-2.65783300	0.05013800
H	3.66740800	-4.32774700	-0.13100500
H	6.09489400	-0.79100500	0.22600600
H	5.92026800	-3.27356300	0.06260100

C	-3.13613600	-0.37066800	-0.20695600
C	-3.00630700	-1.05448400	1.01645200
C	-3.67174200	-2.26265200	1.22892500
C	-4.47265600	-2.81556200	0.22253100
C	-4.60466700	-2.14776500	-0.99905300
C	-3.94251500	-0.93625800	-1.21370200
H	-2.38084800	-0.63116500	1.79536800
H	-3.56535200	-2.77397700	2.18153200
H	-4.98666600	-3.75773200	0.38901400
H	-5.22011000	-2.57051900	-1.78813200
H	-4.04548900	-0.41878000	-2.16273500
C	-2.53482900	0.93610000	-0.43620800
C	-2.63301900	2.14750000	-0.77526300
H	-3.45180900	2.79312600	-1.05318700

P(5aa) + CN⁻

C	1.15694200	0.52001300	0.00711000
C	1.95446200	-0.61420200	-0.02121100
C	-0.06019300	-1.31446100	-0.18372900
C	-6.53574900	-4.05374000	0.05102900
H	1.38861000	1.56706600	0.10462000
N	-7.38368000	-4.86249200	0.20363100
N	-0.14446800	0.05910600	-0.10782100
N	1.17474800	-1.76134700	-0.13754600
S	-1.64971800	-2.04067100	-0.25951300
C	3.42219700	-0.69547300	0.05901400
C	4.21796400	0.46425200	0.12925200
C	4.06424600	-1.94724300	0.06847000
C	5.60805600	0.37335000	0.20884900
H	3.75263700	1.44528100	0.11942900
C	5.45577700	-2.03603600	0.14750400
H	3.46226000	-2.84774000	0.01420100
C	6.23608900	-0.87766600	0.21847600
H	6.20192600	1.28146200	0.26176500
H	5.93048900	-3.01329000	0.15383700
H	7.31819100	-0.94709200	0.27969500
C	-1.73158500	2.01998500	-0.02557000
C	-0.98954000	2.94503700	-0.78244800
C	-1.29046400	4.30717000	-0.72498000
C	-2.33646100	4.76520200	0.08266700
C	-3.08166800	3.85140200	0.83489500
C	-2.77968400	2.48934800	0.78631900

H	-0.19401800	2.60037300	-1.43555000
H	-0.71184200	5.00891700	-1.31830200
H	-2.56756400	5.82527800	0.12651100
H	-3.89182700	4.19898000	1.46900100
H	-3.34585700	1.78644800	1.38961900
C	-1.45287200	0.57394200	-0.09845700
C	-2.36362200	-0.43359200	-0.17364900
H	-3.43709000	-0.32552800	-0.22171400

Part two

The absolute energies of all stationary points. (Hartree/Particle)

IM2 + phenylacetylene	TS3	P (5aa) + CN ⁻
-1255.696095	-1255.641119	-1255.746762

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