

Supporting Information

Metal-Free Iodine-Catalyzed Direct Cross-Dehydrogenative Coupling (CDC) Between Pyrazoles and Thiols

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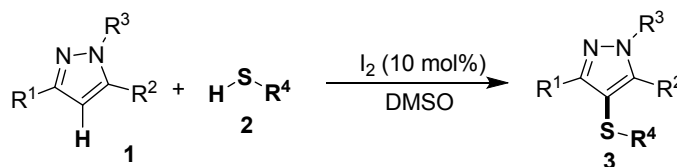
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General information

All commercially available reagent-grade chemicals were purchased from chemical suppliers and used as received without further purification unless otherwise stated. pyrazoles were prepared according to previous literatures.¹ Proton and carbon magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR) were recorded using either tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard in CDCl₃ (¹H NMR: TMS at 0.00 ppm, CDCl₃ at 7.24 ppm; ¹³C NMR: CDCl₃ at 77.0 ppm) or tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard in DMSO-*d*₆ (¹H NMR: TMS at 0.00 ppm, DMSO at 2.50 ppm; ¹³C NMR: DMSO at 40.0 ppm). The chemical shifts (δ) were expressed in ppm and *J* values were given in Hz. The following abbreviations are used to indicate the multiplicity: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t) and multiplet (m). All first order splitting patterns were assigned on the basis of the appearance of the multiplet. Splitting patterns that could not be easily interpreted were designated as multiplet (m). Mass analyses and HRMS were obtained by ESI on a TOF mass analyzer. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh).

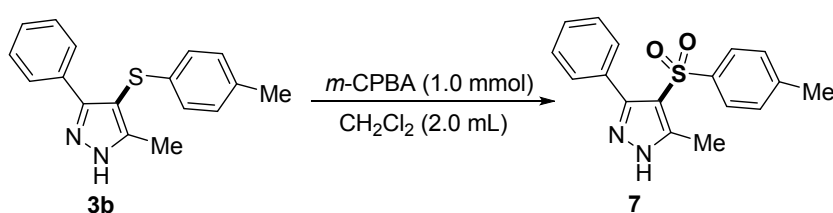
General experimental procedures for synthesis of C-4 sulfenylated pyrazoles



A 25 ml Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with iodine (5 mg, 0.02 mmol), substituted various pyrazole (1) (0.2 mmol), thiols (2) (0.24 mmol), and DMSO (2 mL). The tube was sealed, and then the mixture was

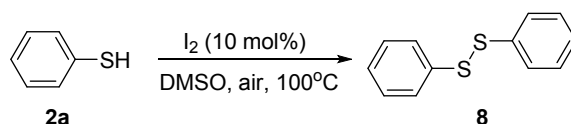
stirred under air atmosphere at 100 °C for 18 h. After completion of the reaction, the resulting solution was cooled down to room temperature, and the solvent was removed with the aid of a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to provide the desired product (**3**).

General procedure for synthesis of compounds **7**²



A solution of **3b** (0.3 mmol) in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂ was cooled to 0 °C. Then, *m*-CPBA (0.104g, 0.6 mmol) dissolved in 2 mL CH₂Cl₂ was added drop wise to the stirred solution of **3b**. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the resulting solution was cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed with the aid of a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to provide the desired product **7** in 73% yield as a white solid.

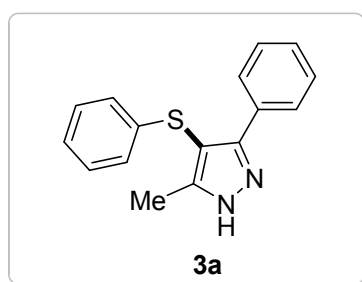
General procedure for synthesis of compounds **5**



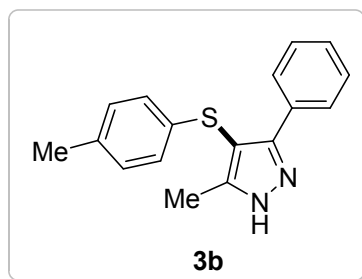
A 25 ml Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with iodine (5 mg, 0.02 mmol), benzenethiol (0.24 mmol), and DMSO (2 mL). The tube was sealed, and then the mixture was stirred under air atmosphere at 100 °C for 18 h. After

completion of the reaction, the resulting solution was cooled down to room temperature, and the solvent was removed with the aid of a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to provide the desired product (**8**).

Characterization data of products **3a-3ae**, **4** and **5**

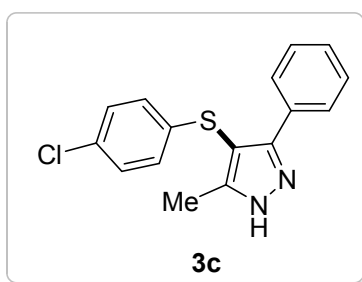


5-Methyl-3-phenyl-4-(phenylthio)-1H-pyrazole (3a). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid, 50 mg, 94% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, $R_f = 0.3$). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 11.46 (s, br, 1H), 7.78 (dd, 2H, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 7.35-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.24 (t, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 7.12 (t, 1H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 7.07 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 2.16 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz, ppm) δ 151.7, 149.5, 138.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 125.3, 124.9, 102.8, 10.6. HRMS m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{S}[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 267.0950, found: 267.0948.

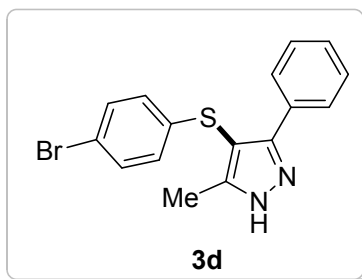


5-Methyl-3-phenyl-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazole (3b). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Brown solid, 51 mg, 92% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1,

Rf= 0.3). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.71 (dd, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 6.88 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz, ppm) δ 151.3, 149.6, 134.9, 134.7, 131.1, 129.7, 128.6, 127.8, 125.5, 103.4, 20.9, 10.7. HRMS m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 281.1107, found: 281.1110.

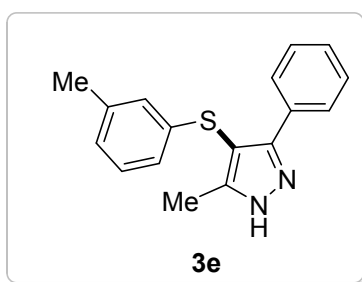


4-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3c). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid, 52 mg, 87% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, Rf= 0.4). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.74 (dd, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 6.97 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 2.23 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz, ppm) δ 151.3, 149.7, 137.1, 130.9, 130.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 126.6, 102.6, 10.8. HRMS m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 301.0561, found: 301.0564.

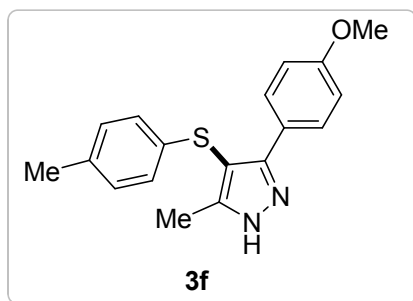


4-(4-Bromophenylthio)-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3d). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Brown solid, 61 mg, 89% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl

acetate = 3:1, Rf= 0.3). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.74 (dd, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 7.38-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 6.91 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 2.23 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz, ppm) δ 151.3, 149.8, 137.8, 131.9, 130.7, 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 126.9, 118.5, 10.8. HRMS m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 345.0061, 347.0041, found: 345.0052, 347.0059.

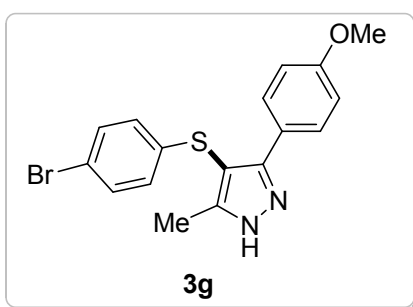


5-Methyl-3-phenyl-4-(*m*-tolylthio)-1*H*-pyrazole (3e). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Brown solid, 48 mg, 86% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, Rf= 0.3). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.78 (dd, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 7.40-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, 1H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.83 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz, ppm) δ 150.8, 150.0, 138.8, 138.3, 130.9, 130.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 125.9, 122.3, 103.0, 21.4, 10.9. HRMS m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 281.1107, found: 281.1105.

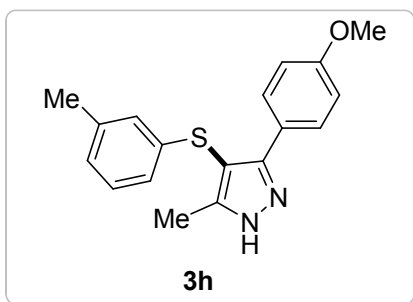


3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-(*p*-tolylthio)-1*H*-pyrazole (3f). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Brown solid, 55 mg, 89% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl

acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 12.00 (br, s, 1H), 7.71 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 7.06 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.99 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.85 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 159.9, 150.9, 149.9, 135.2, 134.6, 129.8, 129.2, 125.5, 123.5, 113.9, 102.7, 55.2, 20.9, 10.9. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 311.1213, found: 311.1214.

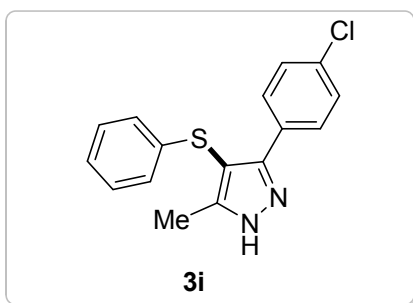


4-(4-Bromophenylthio)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole (3g). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Brown solid, 65 mg, 88% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 12.36 (br, s, 1H), 7.66 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.31 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.91 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 6.84 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 160.0, 151.0, 149.9, 138.0, 132.0, 129.1, 126.8, 123.1, 118.5, 114.0, 101.7, 55.2, 10.8. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆BrN₂OS [M+H]⁺: 376.0245, 378.0224, found: 376.0047, 378.0231.

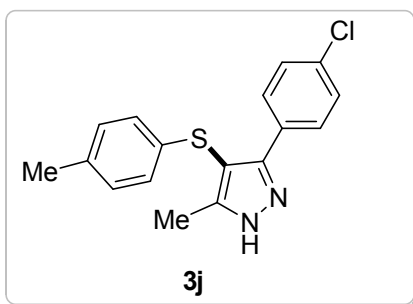


3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-(*m*-tolylthio)-1*H*-pyrazole (3h). Eluent petroleum

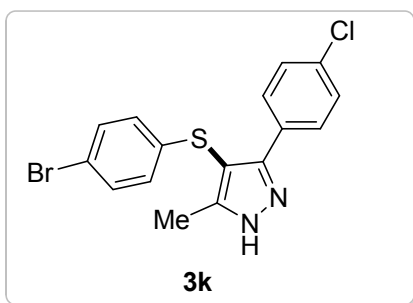
ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Brown solid, 52 mg, 84% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.5). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 11.8 (br, s, 1H), 7.71 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 7.13 (t, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.98-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, 3H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 159.9, 151.1, 150.0, 138.8, 138.6, 129.2, 128.9, 125.9, 125.8, 123.5, 122.3, 113.9, 102.3, 55.2, 21.5, 10.9. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 311.1213, found: 311.1214.



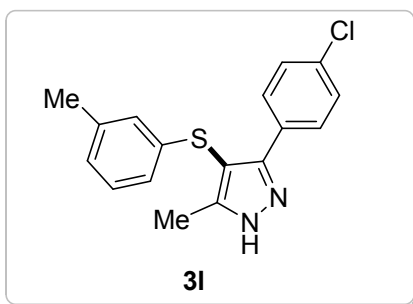
3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-4-(phenylthio)-1H-pyrazole (3i). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid, 83 mg, 92% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.29-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.14 (t, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.06 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 151.2, 149.1, 138.2, 134.7, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 125.4, 125.2, 103.2, 10.5. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄ClN₂S [M+H]⁺: 301.0561, found: 301.0564.



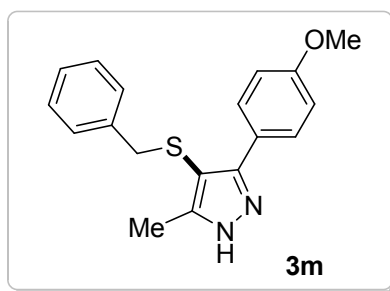
3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-4-(*p*-tolylthio)-1*H*-pyrazole (3j). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Brown solid, 53 mg, 85% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.78 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.34 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.04 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.94 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 50.9, 148.8, 135.0, 134.5, 129.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 103.7, 20.9, 10.6. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆ClN₂S [M+H]⁺: 315.0717, found: 315.0719.



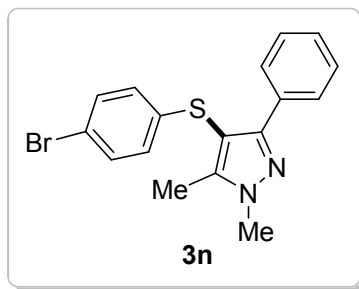
4-(4-Bromophenylthio)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-pyrazole (3k). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Brown solid, 65 mg, 86% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.5). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.71 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.33 (dd, 4H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.98 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 151.1, 148.8, 137.4, 134.8, 132.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 126.9, 125.6, 118.7, 10.6. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃BrClN₂S [M+H]⁺: 378.9671, 380.9651, found: 378.9680, 380.9654.



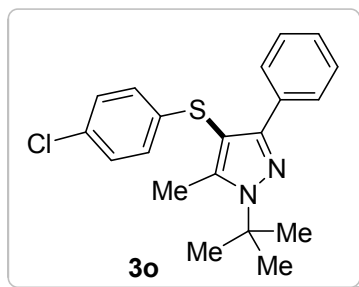
3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-4-(*m*-tolylthio)-1*H*-pyrazole (3l). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Brown solid, 53 mg, 85% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f= 0.4). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 10.3 (br, s, 1H), 7.71 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.29 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.94 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 151.1, 150.0, 138.9, 137.9, 134.6, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 126.1, 125.9, 122.3, 103.3, 21.5, 10.6. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆ClN₂S [M+H]⁺: 315.0717, found: 315.0719.



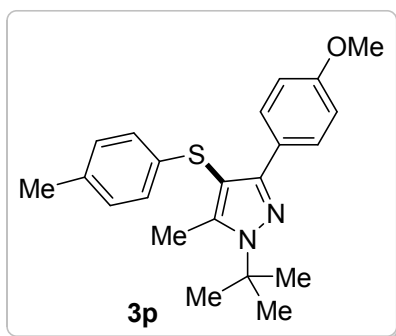
3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-4-(phenethylthio)-1*H*-pyrazole (3m). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid, 42 mg, 65% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f= 0.4). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 11.7 (br, s, 1H), 7.87 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.06 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.91 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.80 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 159.7, 150.0, 148.5, 140.4, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 126.2, 124.2, 113.8, 105.4, 55.2, 37.5, 36.0, 10.9. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 325.1369, found: 325.1365.



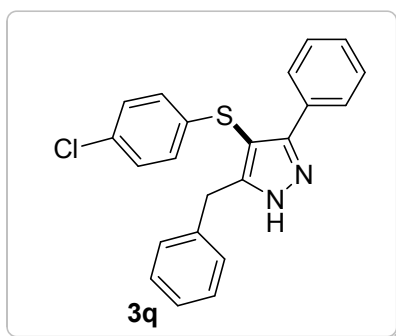
4-(4-Bromophenylthio)-1,5-dimethyl-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3n). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). White solid, 64 mg, 90% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.85 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.38-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.33 (d 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 152.8, 145.2, 138.3, 132.5, 131.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 126.8, 118.4, 101.9, 37.2, 10.0. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆BrN₂S [M+H]⁺: 359.0212, 361.0197, found: 359.0215, 361.0219.



5-*tert*-Butyl-4-(4-chlorophenylthio)-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3o). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). White solid, 53 mg, 77% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.32 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.35-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 1.46 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 1148.1, 141.0, 127.0, 125.9, 123.9, 123.8, 122.3, 120.6, 118.5, 114.4, 114.2, 113.8, 58.5, 18.5, 15.3. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀ClN₂S [M+H]⁺: 343.1030, found: 343.1038.

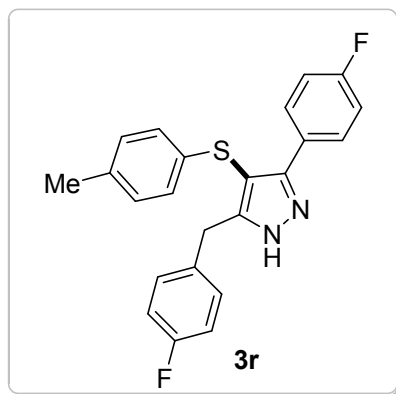


5-*tert*-Butyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(*p*-tolylthio)-1*H*-pyrazole (3p). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1). White solid, 57 mg, 82% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.4). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 13.1 (br, s, 1H), 7.64 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 7.04 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.83 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz, ppm) δ 159.7, 158.6, 147.8, 140.9, 131.5, 128.9, 124.9, 121.5, 120.6, 114.3, 113.6, 55.3, 44.7, 30.1, 27.4. HRMS m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 353.1682, found: 353.1685.

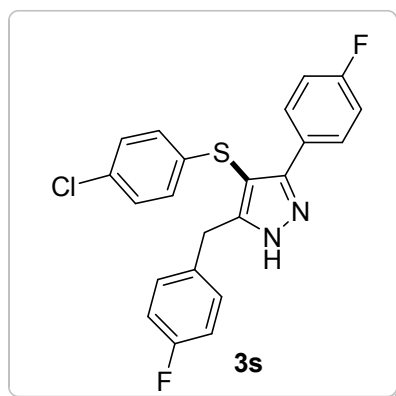


5-Benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenylthio)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole (3q). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid, 59 mg, 78% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.73 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 7.36-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 7.11 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 6.89 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.00 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz, ppm) δ

1152.9, 150.7, 137.4, 136.9, 130.7, 130.3, 128.93, 128.91, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 126.63, 126.61, 102.4, 31.9. HRMS m/z calcd. for $C_{22}H_{18}ClN_2S$ $[M+H]^+$: 377.0874, found: 377.0883.

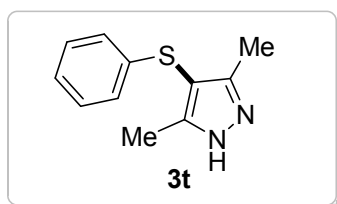


5-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazole (3r). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1). White solid, 63 mg, 80% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.70 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 7.10 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 7.00 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 6.90 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.88 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 6.77 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 3.97 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 161.6 (d, J_{CF} = 245.0 Hz), 159.9, 158.2, 134.1 (d, J_{CF} = 7.5 Hz), 134.6, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.8, 125.5, 123.2, 114.0, 113.98, 113.94, 102.4, 31.1, 20.9. HRMS m/z calcd. for $C_{23}H_{19}F_2N_2S$ $[M+H]^+$: 393.1232, found: 393.1236.



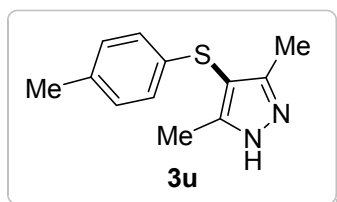
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Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid, 62 mg, 75% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.64 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.09 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.04 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.85 (dd, 4H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 6.69 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 3.92 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 160.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 243.0 Hz), 158.2, 153.5, 150.3, 137.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 7.5 Hz), 130.5, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 126.5, 122.7, 114.1, 113.8, 101.4, 31.2. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₁₆ClF₂N₂S [M+H]⁺: 413.0685, found: 413.0689.



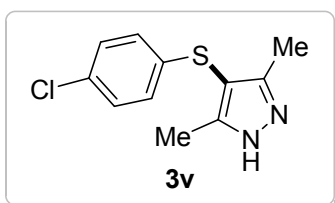
3,5-Dimethyl-4-(phenylthio)-1H-pyrazole (3t). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). White solid, 38 mg, 93% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.24 (dd, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.12 (dd, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.04 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.36 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 148.9, 138.6, 128.9, 125.3, 124.8, 104.2, 103.7, 11.1. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃N₂S [M+H]⁺: 205.0794, found: 205.0799.

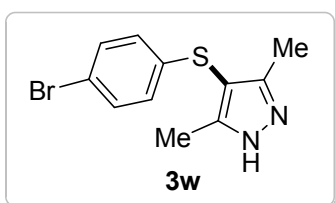


3,5-Dimethyl-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazole (3u). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). White solid, 41 mg, 95% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3).

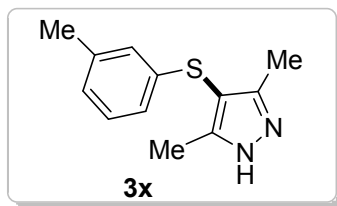
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.08 (d, 2H, $J = 5.0$ Hz, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 6.97 (d, 2H, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 125 MHz, ppm) δ 148.8, 135.0, 134.7, 129.7, 125.6, 104.3, 20.9, 11.2. HRMS m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 219.0950, found: 219.0959.



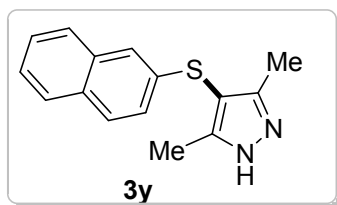
4-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole (3v). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid, 43 mg, 91% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, $R_f = 0.3$). ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 10.9 (br, s, 1H), 7.19 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 6.94 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 2.33 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 148.9, 137.1, 130.7, 129.0, 126.6, 103.5, 11.1. HRMS m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 239.0404, found: 239.0408.



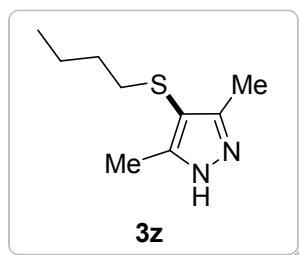
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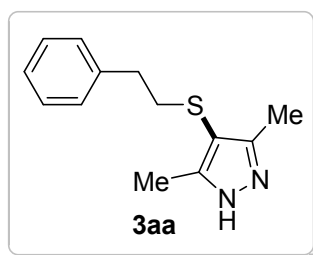
3,5-Dimethyl-4-(*m*-tolylthio)-1*H*-pyrazole (3x). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid, 40 mg, 92% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f= 0.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 12.0 (br, s, 1H), 7.24 (dd, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.94 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.83 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 148.9, 138.7, 138.3, 128.8, 125.9, 125.8, 122.4, 21.5, 11.2. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₂H₁₅N₂S [M+H]⁺: 219.0950, found: 219.0959.



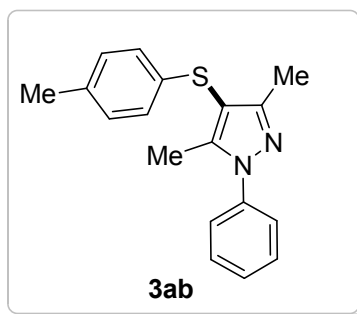
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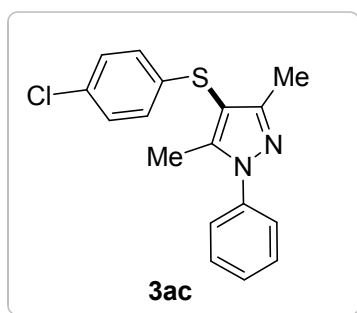
4-(Butylthio)-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole (3z). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid, 23 mg, 62% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, R_f = 0.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 10.6 (br, s, 1H), 2.51 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.35 (s, 6H), 1.48-1.40 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, 3H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 10.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 147.8, 146.2, 106.7, 36.1, 31.7, 21.7, 13.7, 12.9, 11.2. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₉H₁₇N₂S [M+H]⁺: 185.1107, found: 185.1101.



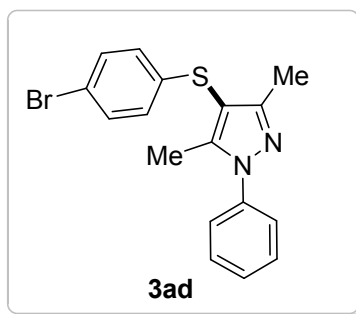
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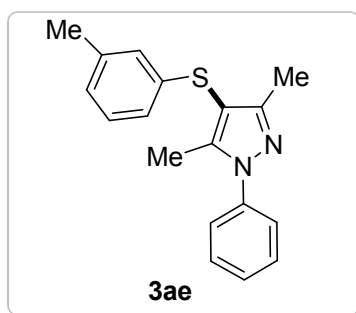
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4-(4-Chlorophenylthio)-3,5-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole (3ac). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1). White solid, 54 mg, 86% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1, R_f = 0.3). ¹H NMR CDCl₃ (, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.53-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.01 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 153.1, 144.2, 139.7, 137.0, 130.8, 129.2, 129.0, 127.9, 126.7, 124.7, 105.8, 12.1, 11.5. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆ClN₂S [M+H]⁺: 315.0717, found: 315.0713.

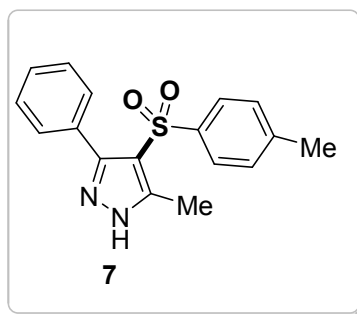


4-(4-Bromophenylthio)-3,5-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3ad). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1). White solid, 61 mg, 85% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1, R_f = 0.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.52-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 153.1, 144.2, 139.7, 137.7, 131.9, 129.2, 128.0, 127.0, 126.7, 124.7, 118.5, 105.6, 12.1, 11.5. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆BrN₂S [M+H]⁺: 359.0218, 361.0197, found: 359.0215, 361.0194.

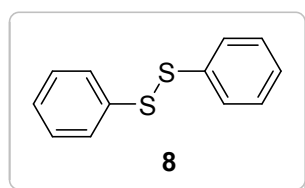


3,5-Dimethyl-1-phenyl-4-(*m*-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazole (3ae). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (30:1). White solid, 52 mg, 88% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 25:1, R_f = 0.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.52-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.15 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, ppm) δ 153.2, 144.1, 139.8, 138.7, 138.1, 129.2, 128.8, 127.8, 126.0, 125.9, 124.7, 122.5, 106.2, 21.5, 12.1, 11.6. HRMS *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₂S [M+H]⁺:

295.1263, found: 295.1269.



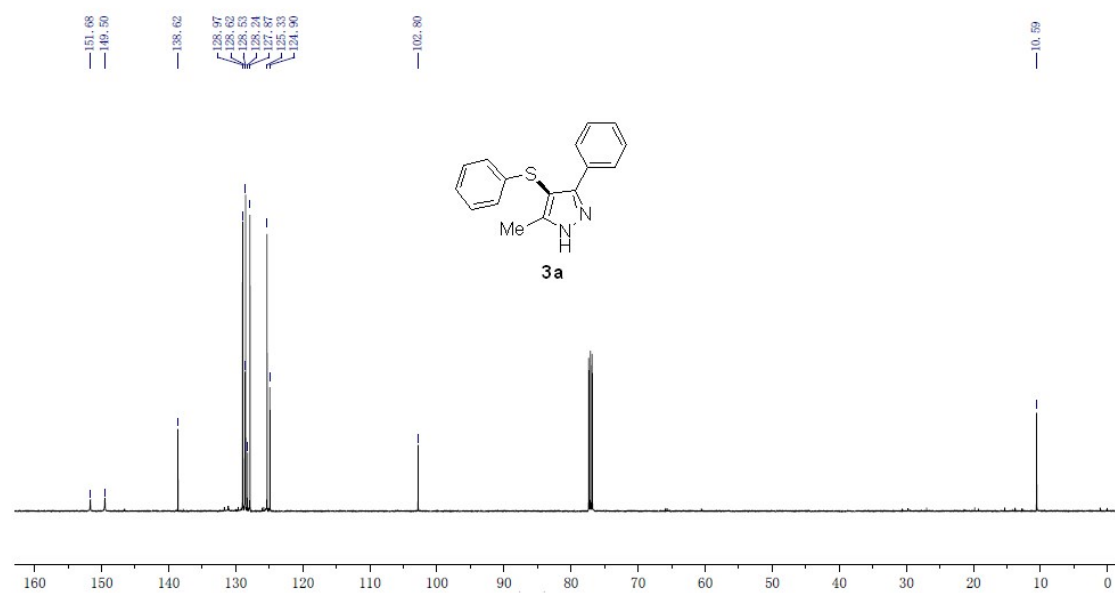
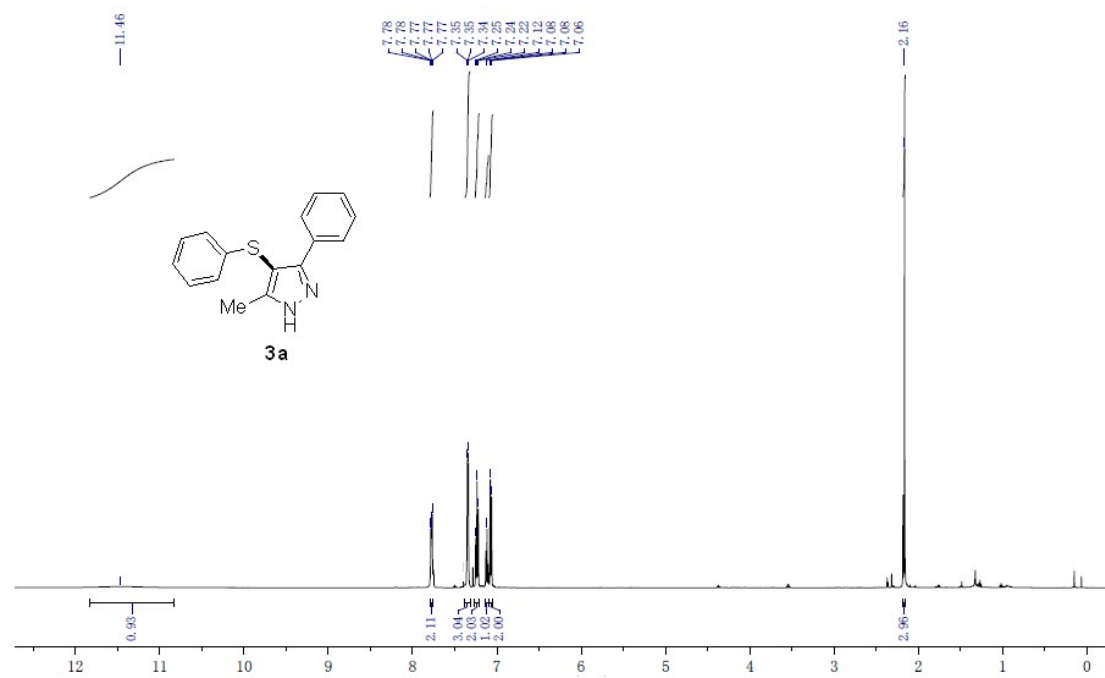
5-Methyl-3-phenyl-4-tosyl-1H-pyrazole (7). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid, 68mg, 73% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1, Rf= 0.2). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.42-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, 2H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz, ppm) δ 171.4, 150.6, 145.7, 143.6, 140.0, 130.2, 129.9, 129.35, 129.31, 128.0, 126.7, 117.8, 21.8, 11.3. HRMS m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 313.1005, found: 313.1009.

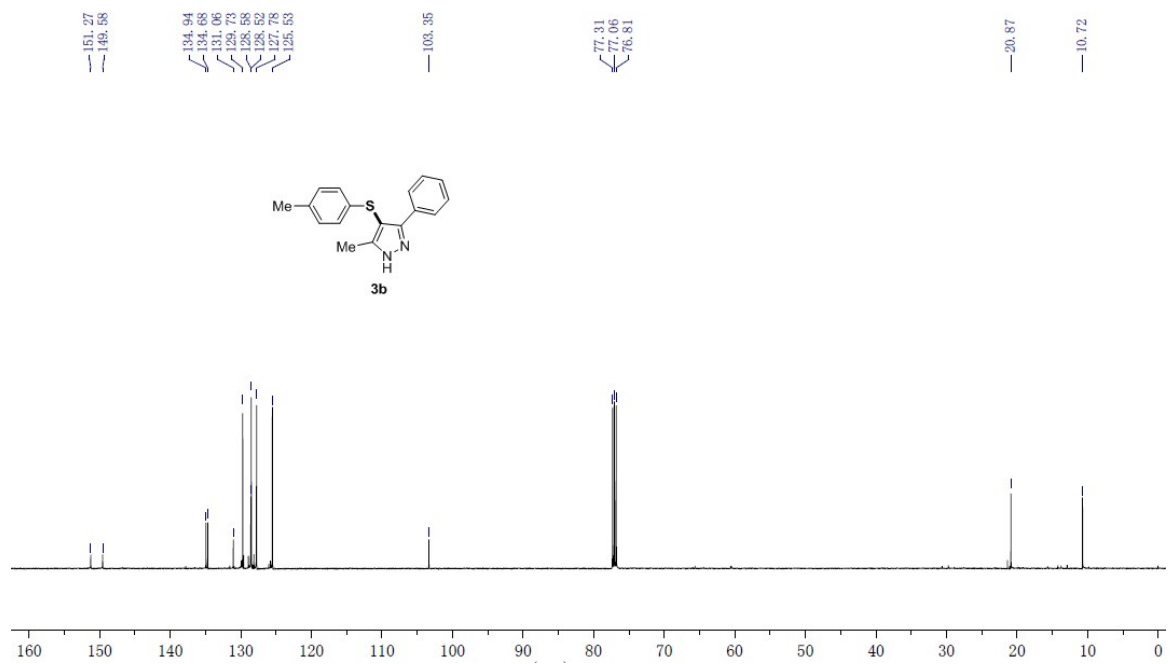
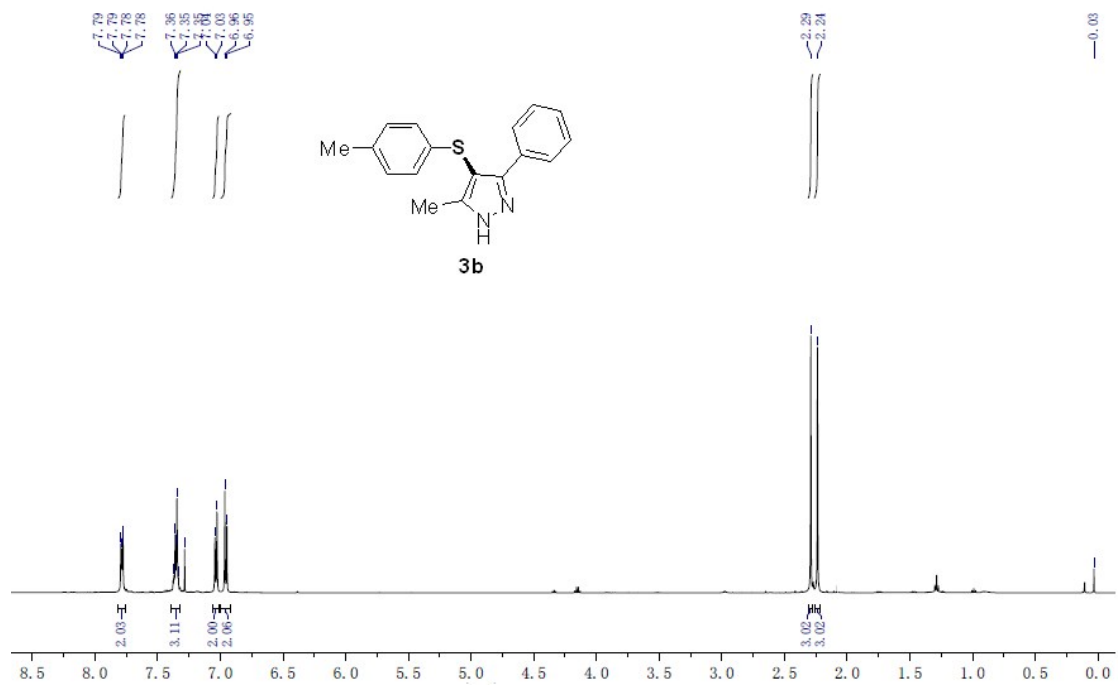


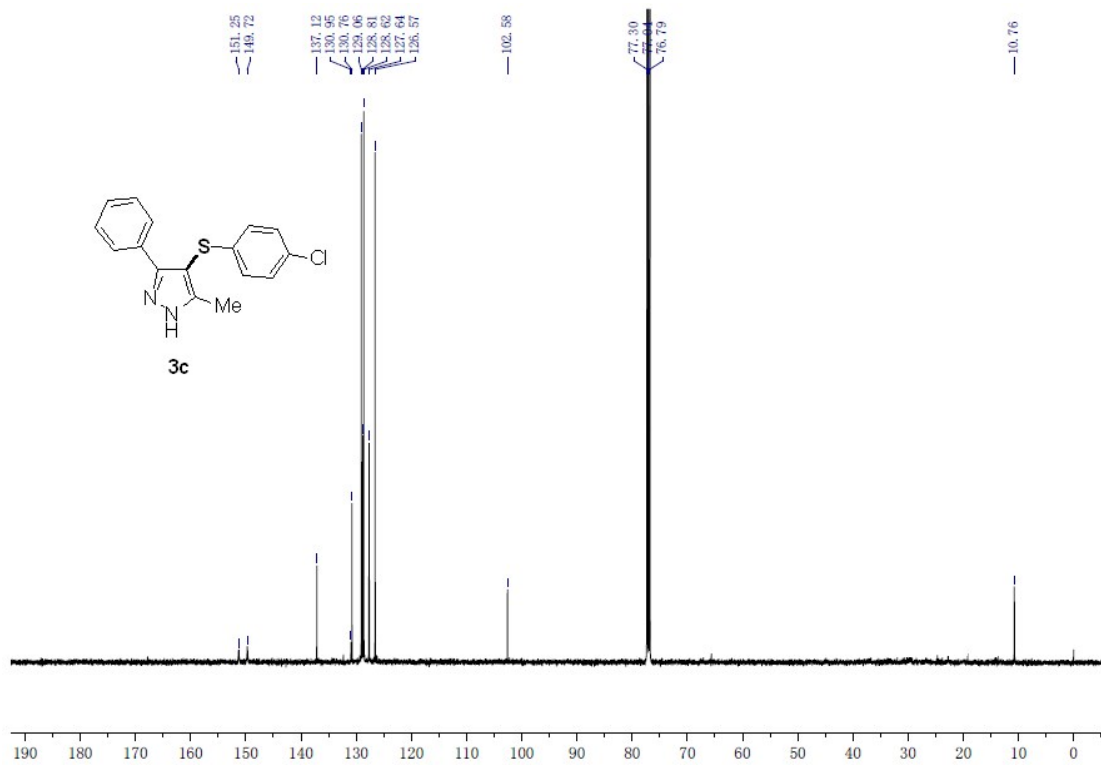
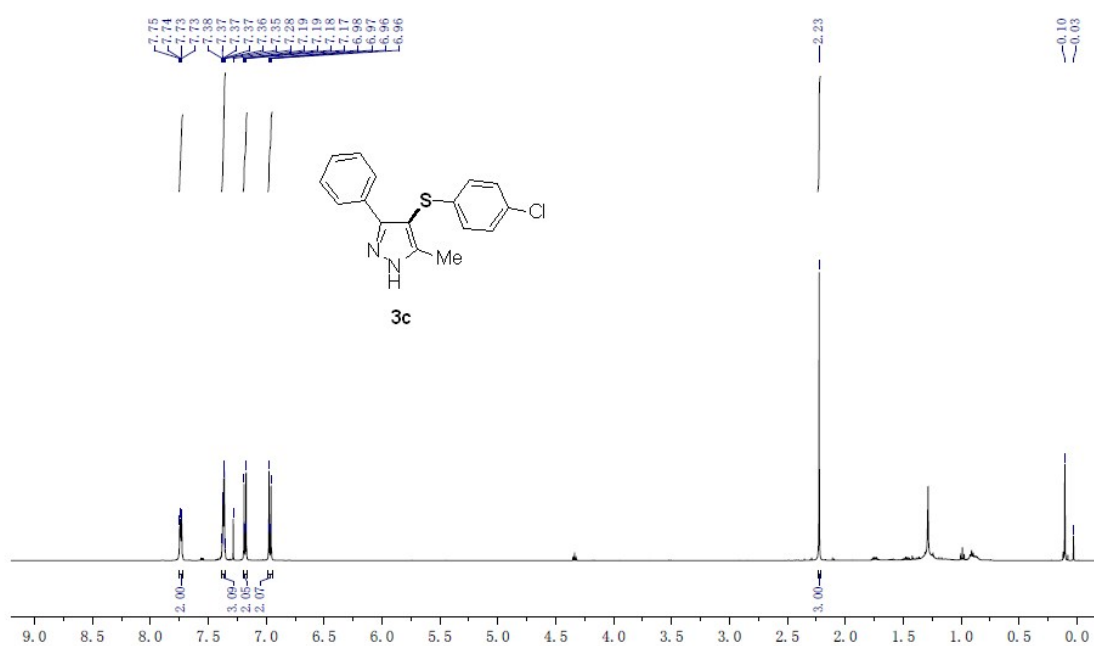
1,2-Diphenyldisulfane (8). Eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:1). White solid, 25.6 mg, 98% yield. (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1, Rf= 0.8). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz, ppm) δ 7.55 (d, 4H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 7.34 (dd, 4H, $J = 5.0$ Hz, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 7.27 (dd, 2H, $J = 5.0$ Hz, $J = 10.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 125 MHz, ppm) δ 137.1, 129.1, 127.5, 127.2.

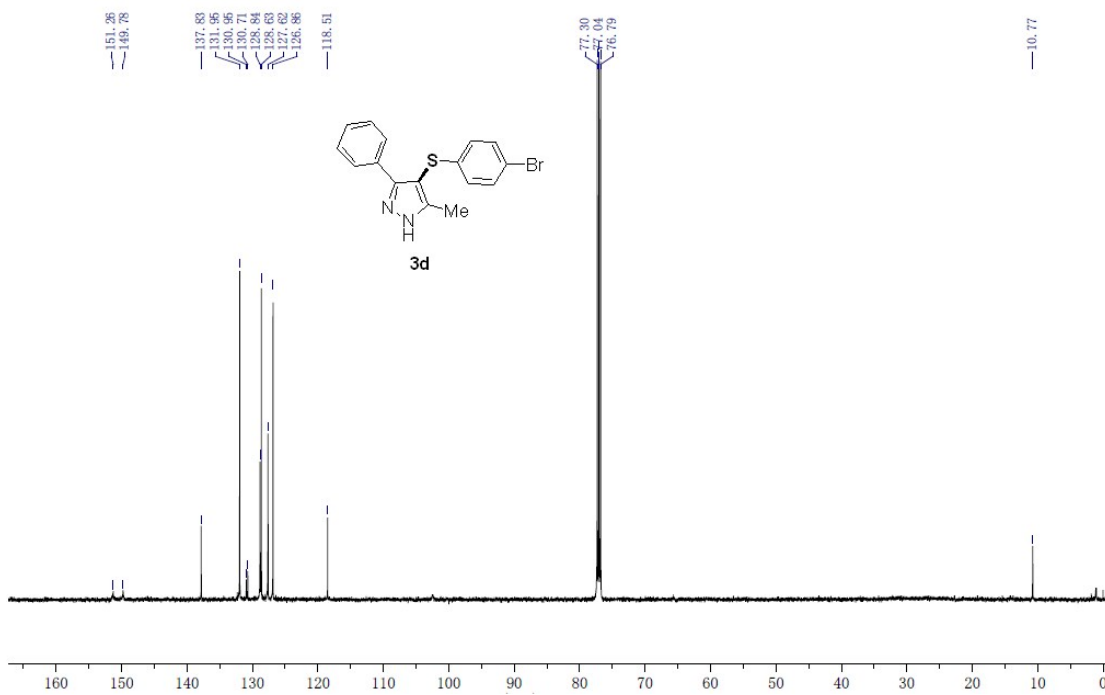
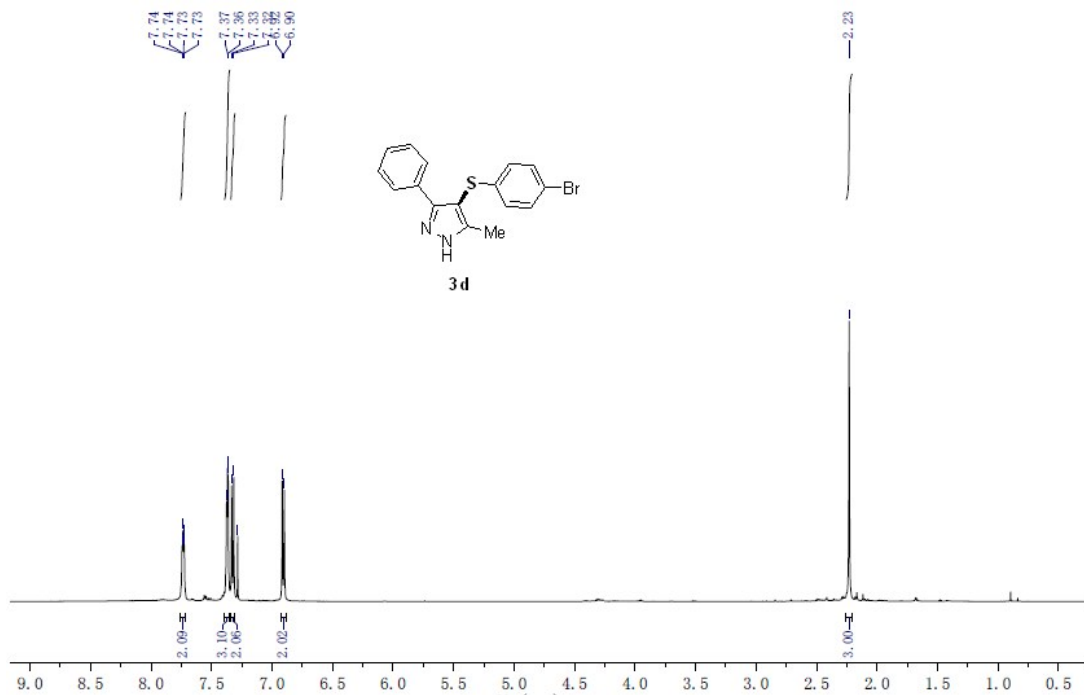
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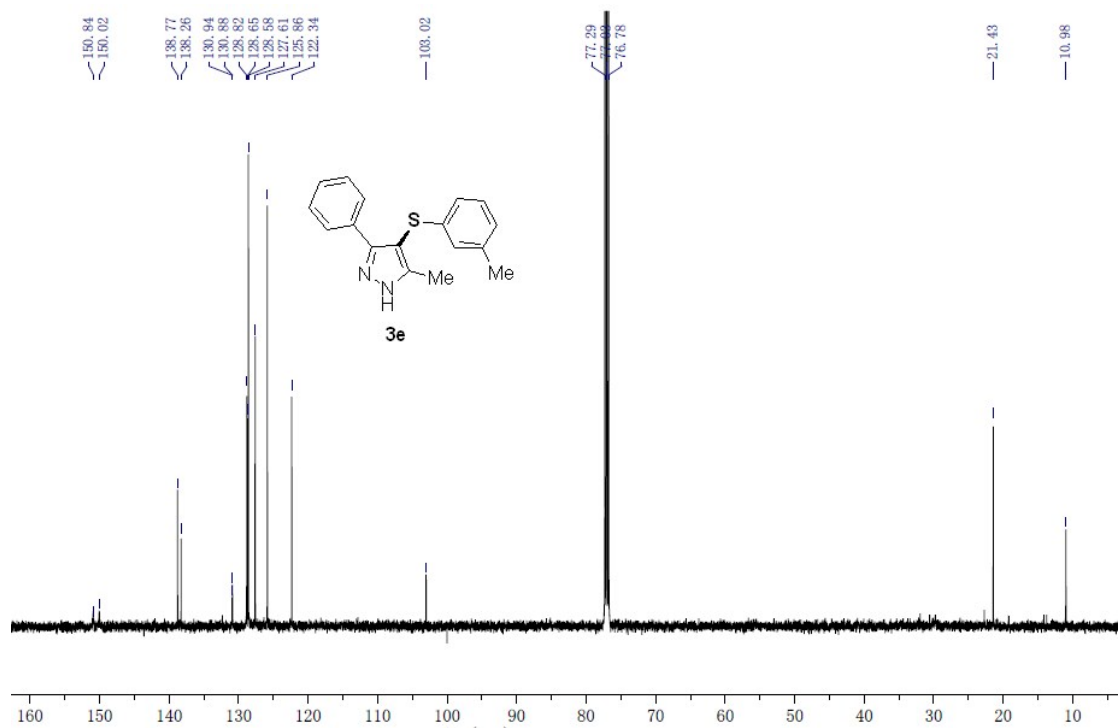
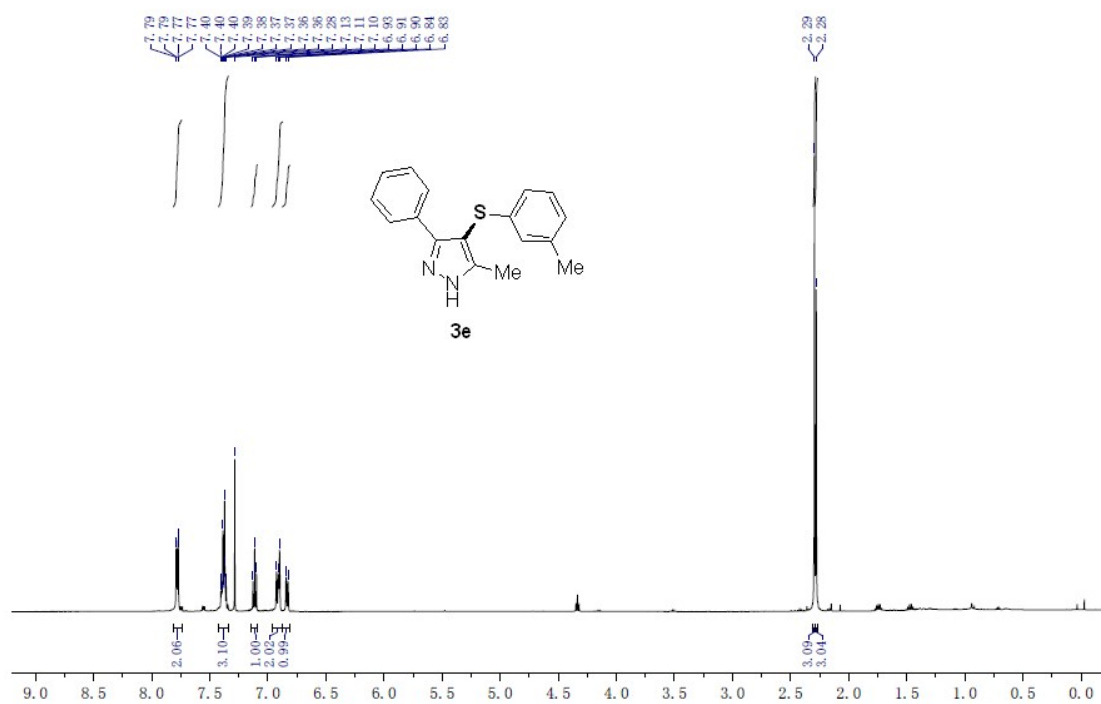
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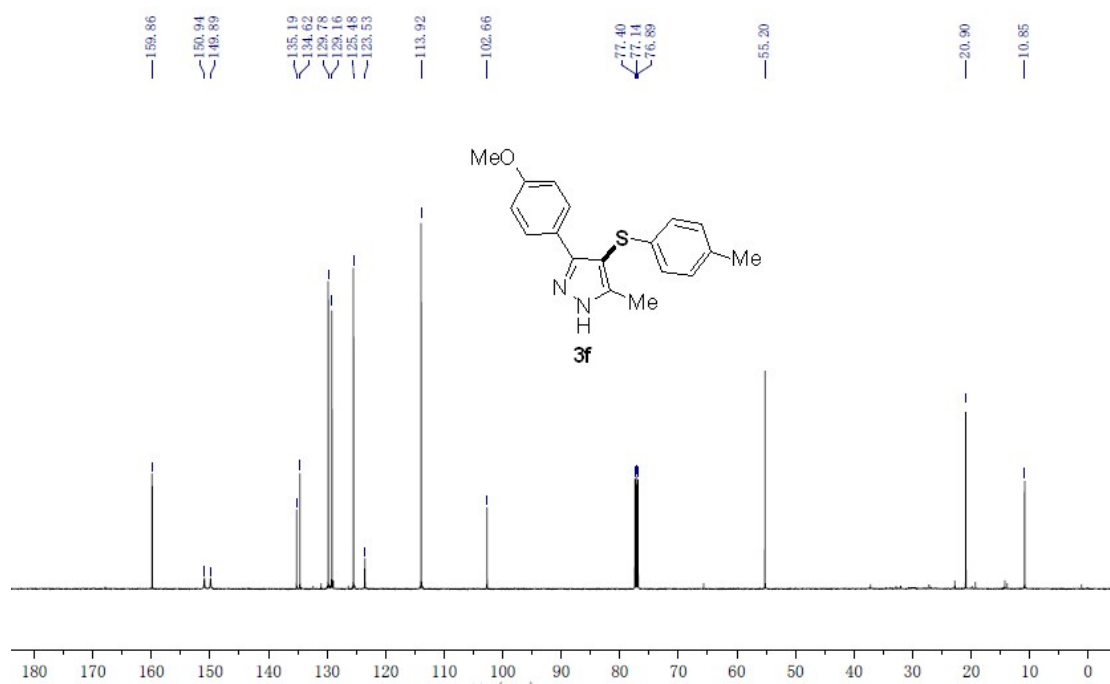
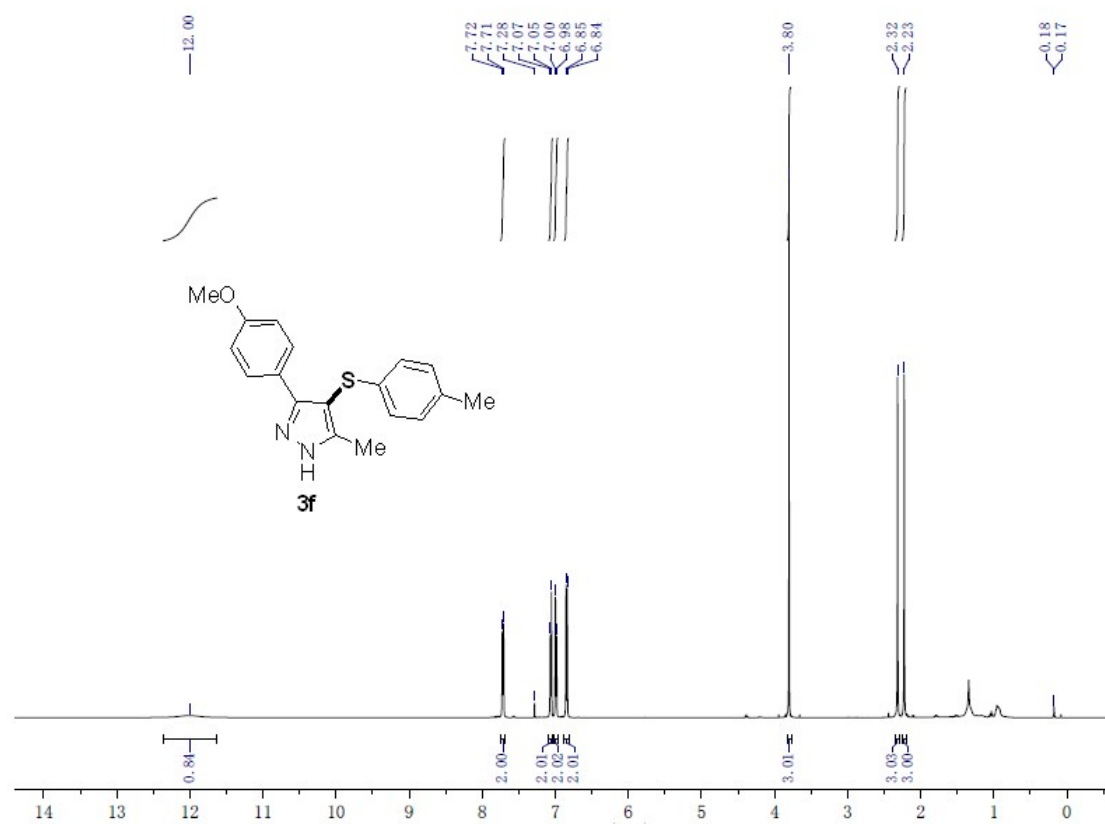


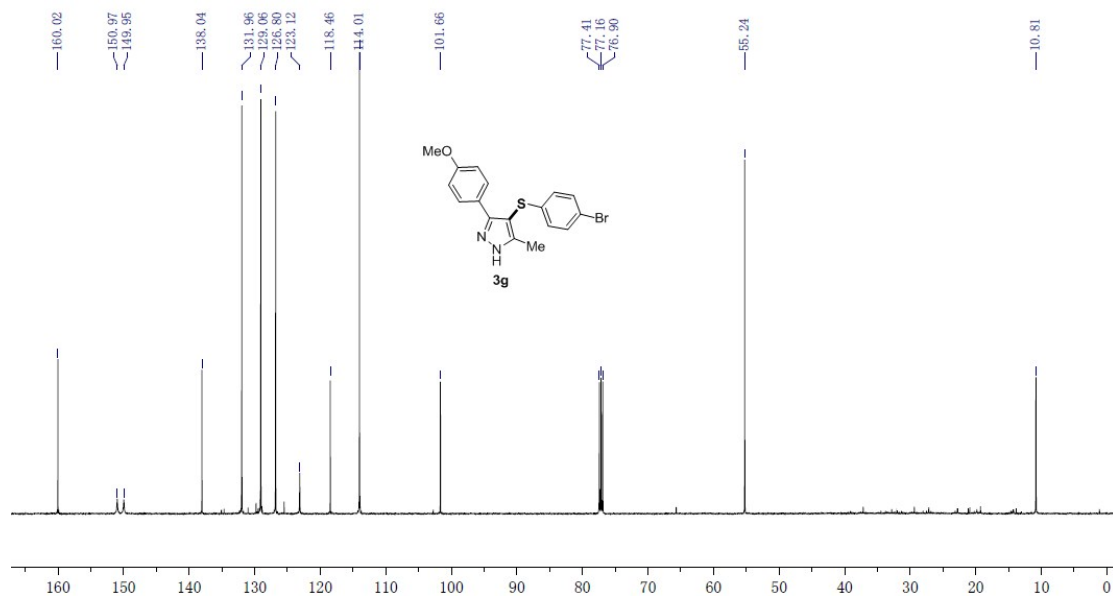
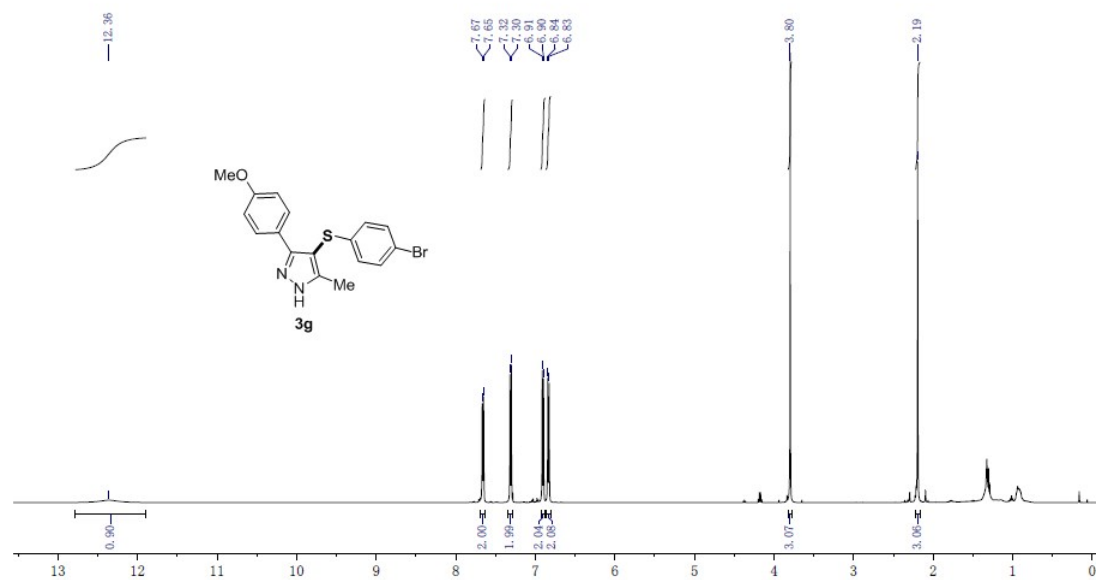


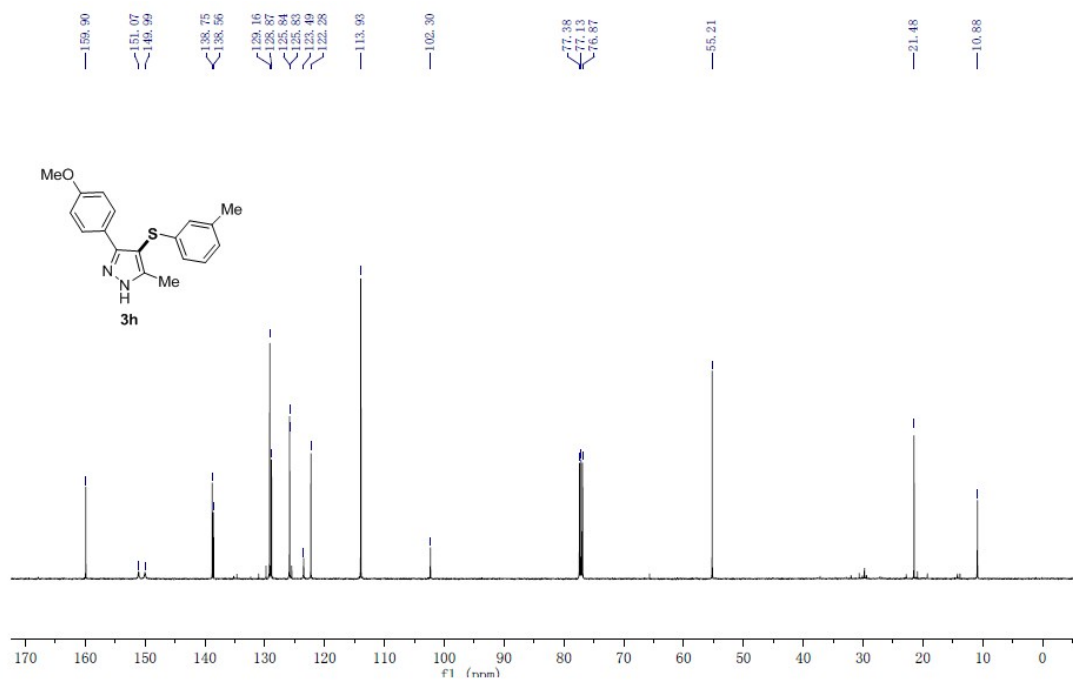
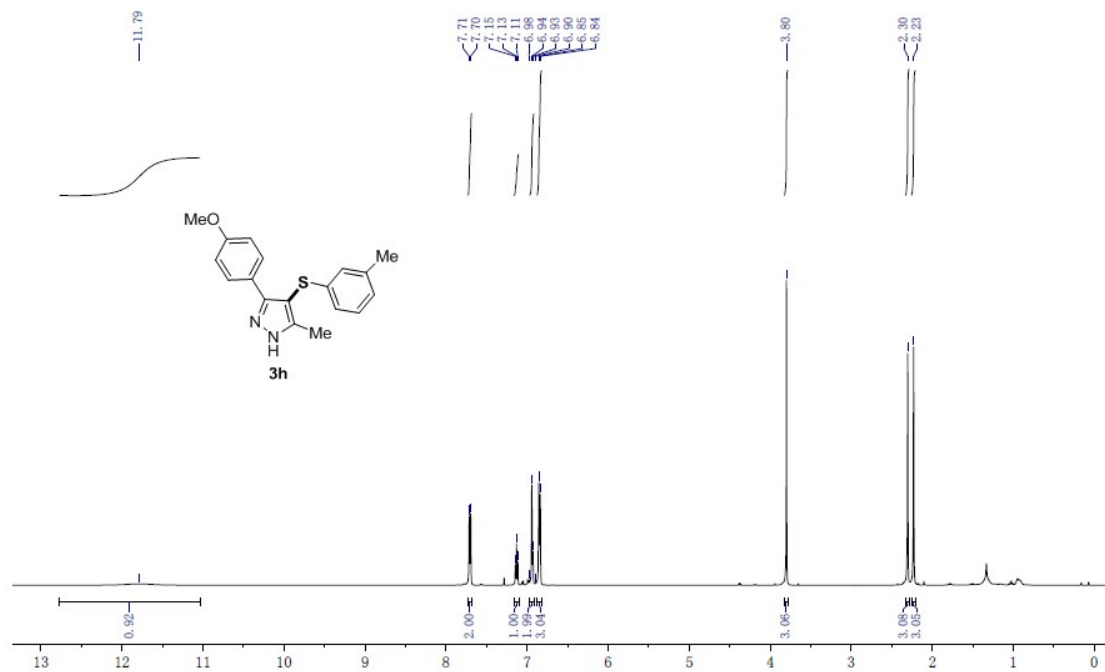


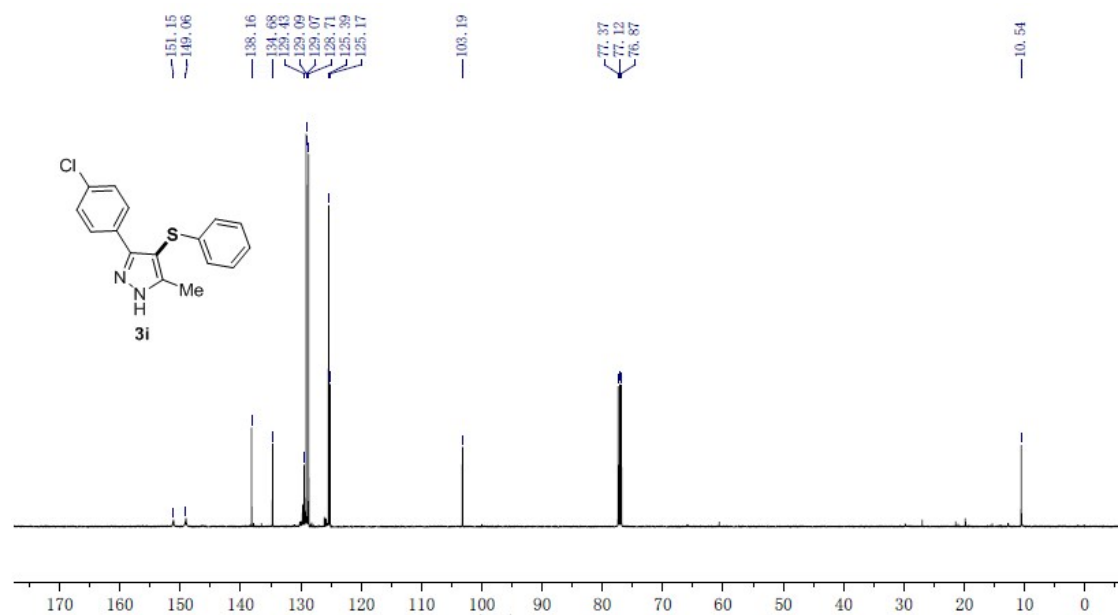
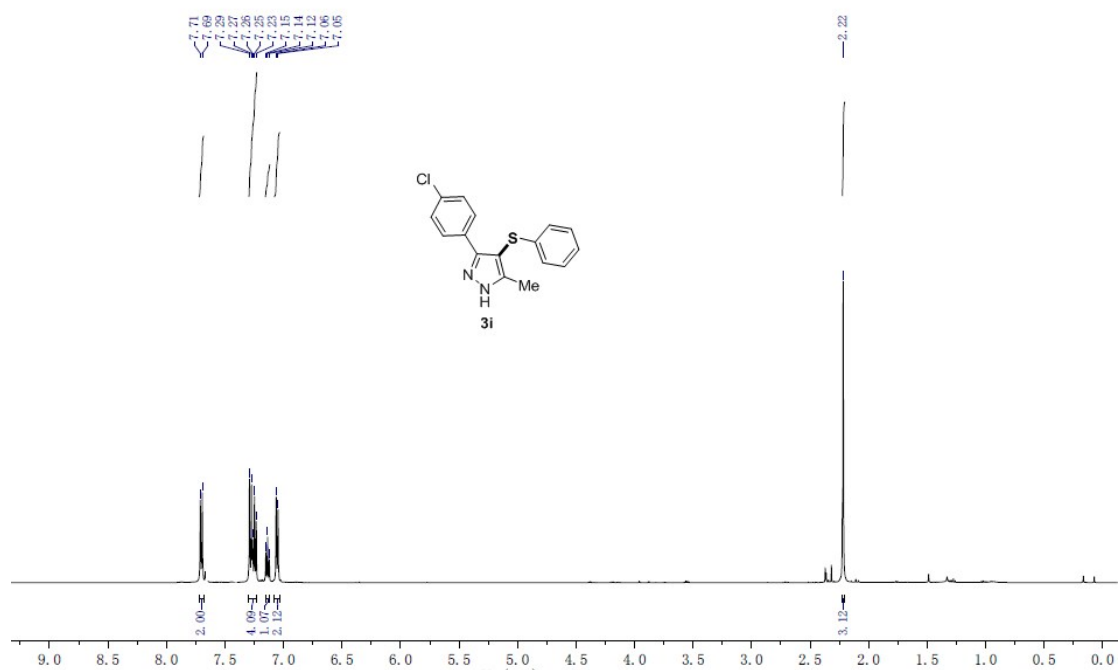


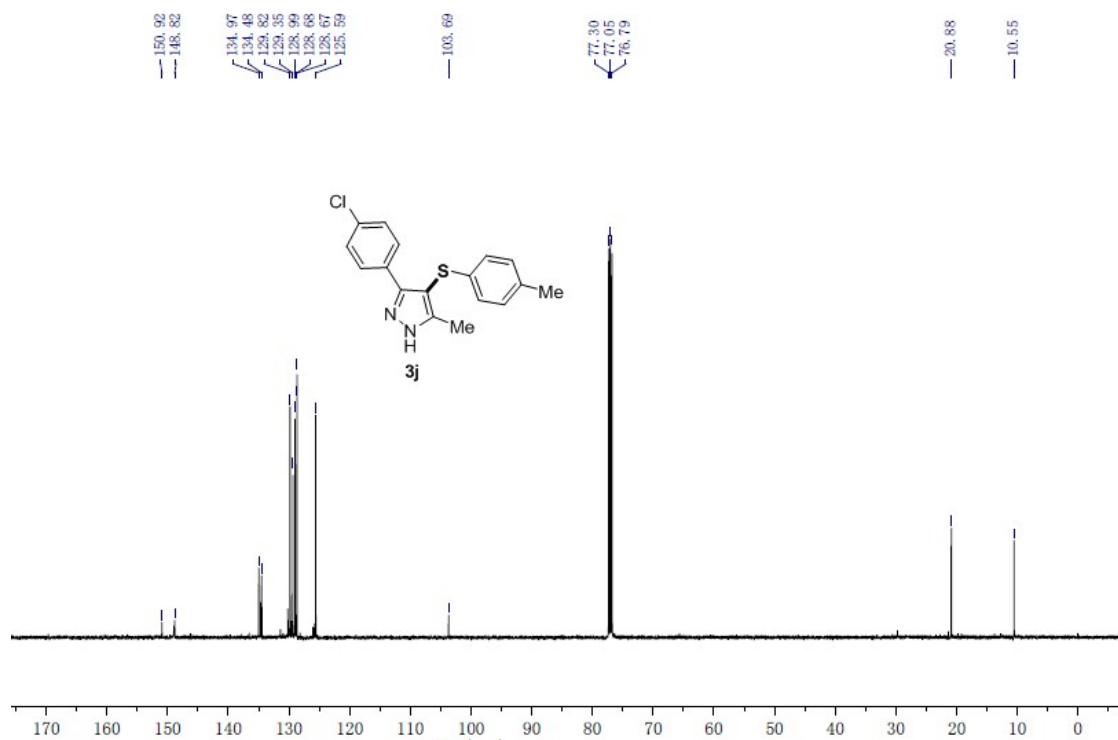
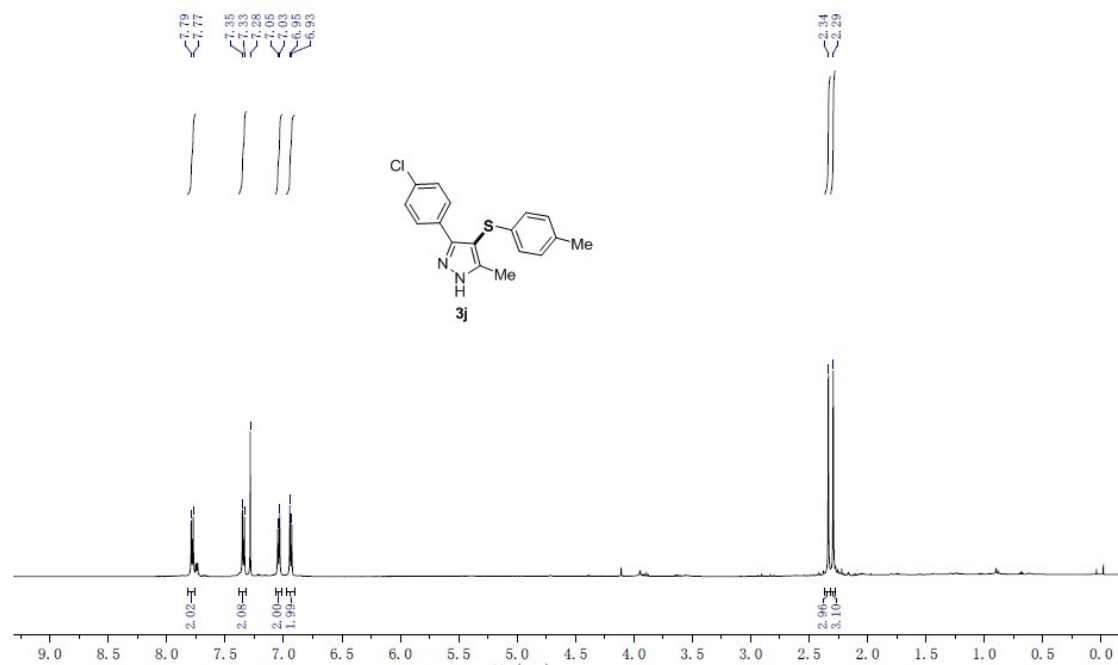


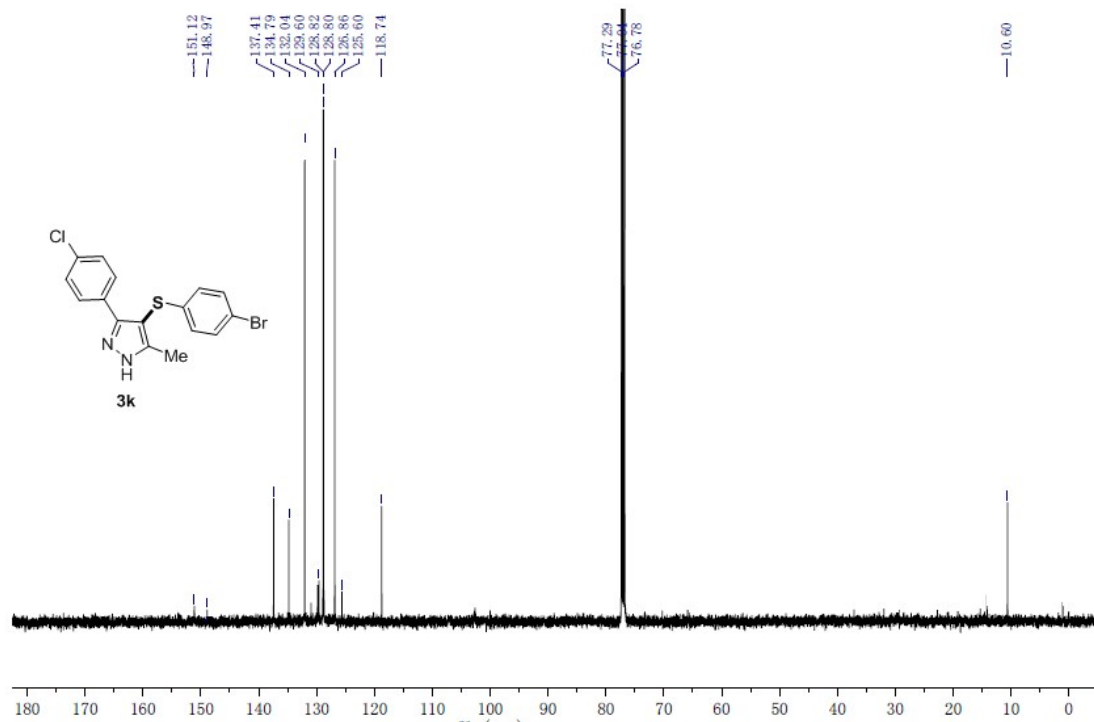
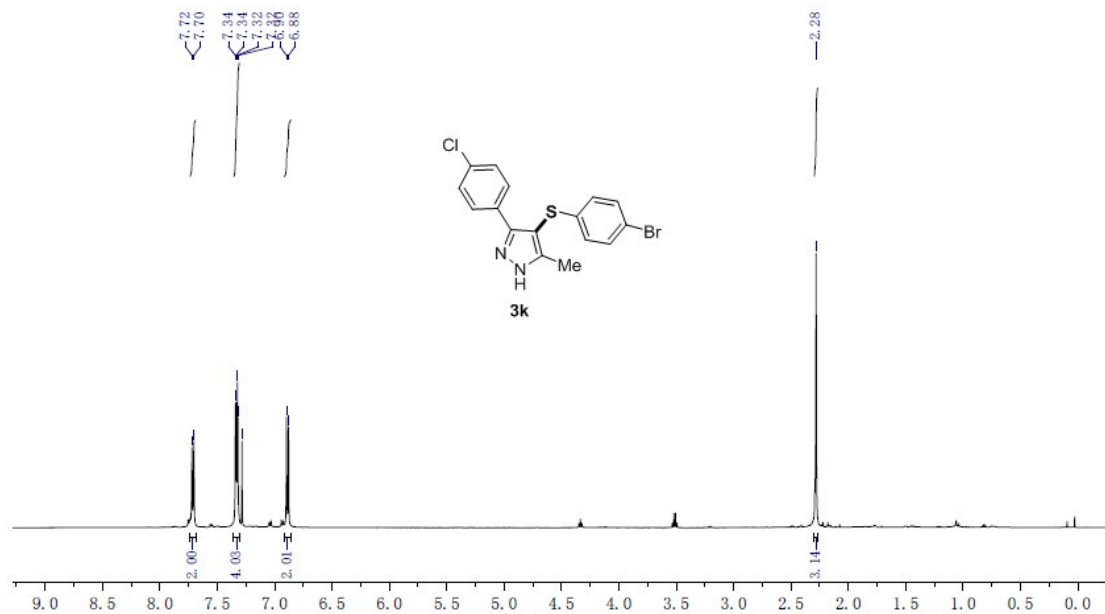


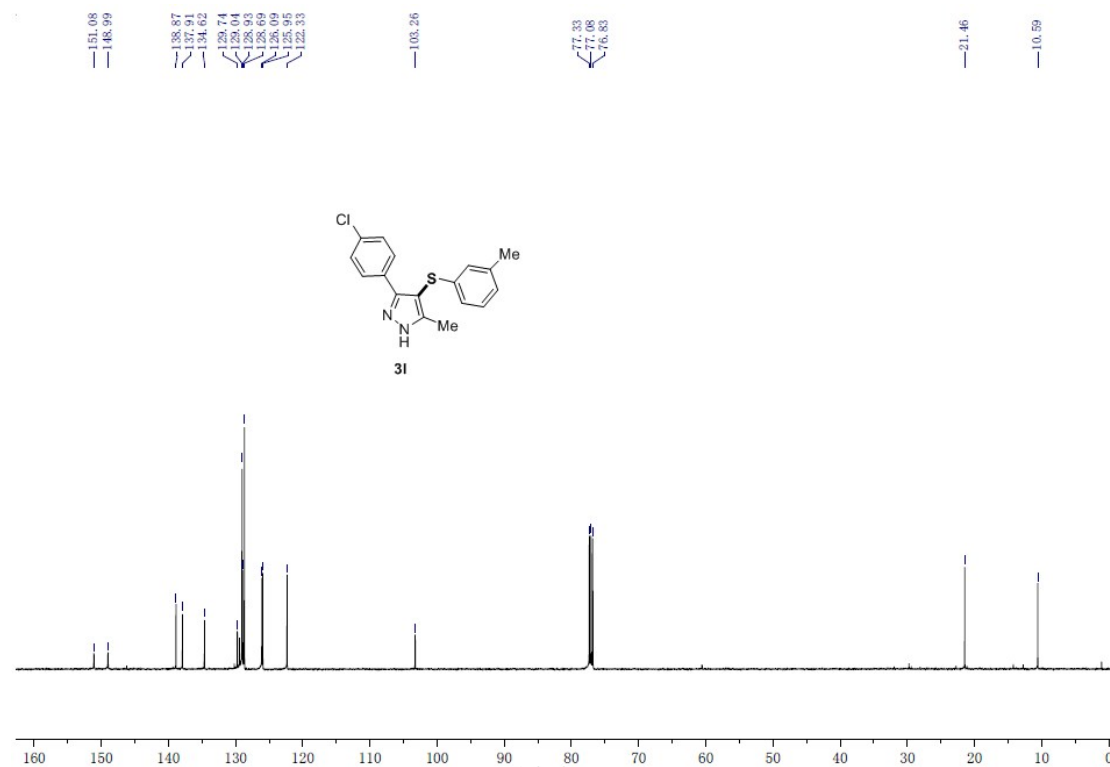
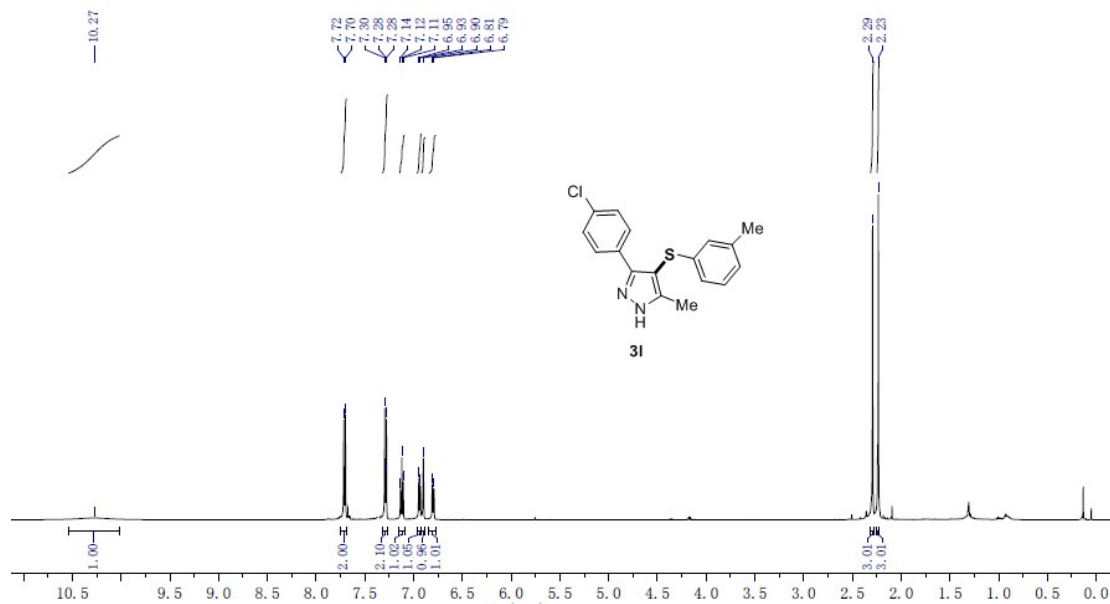


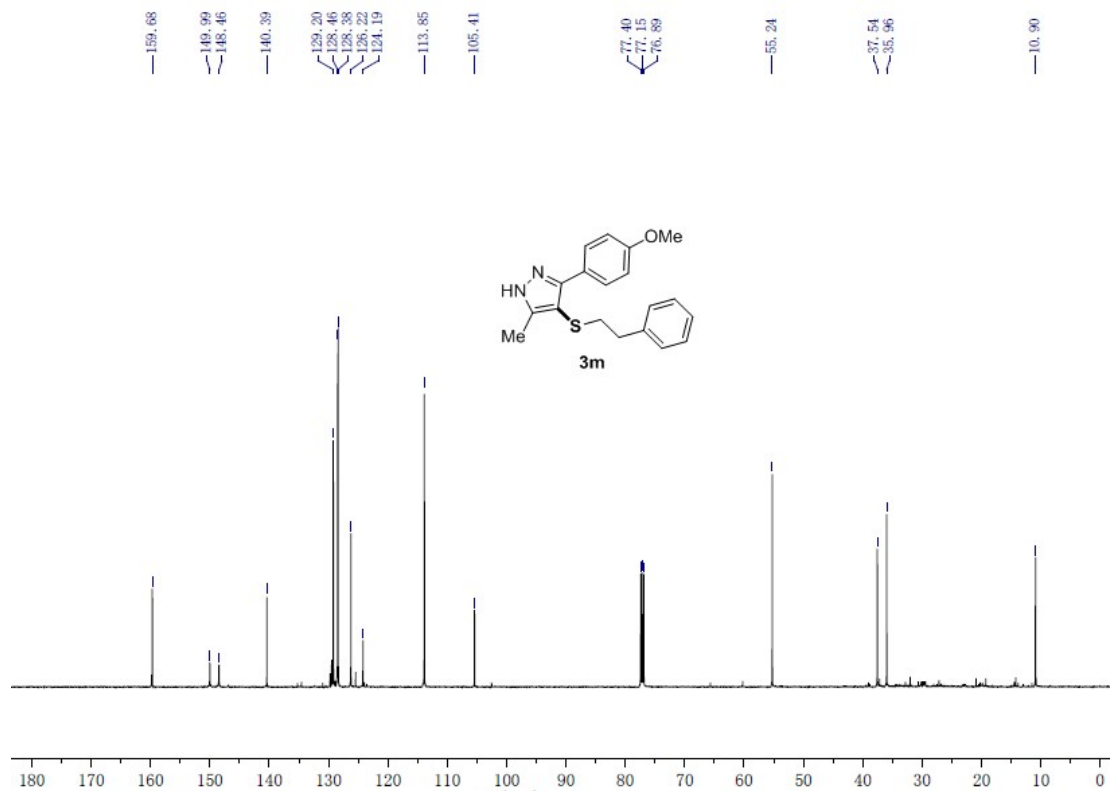
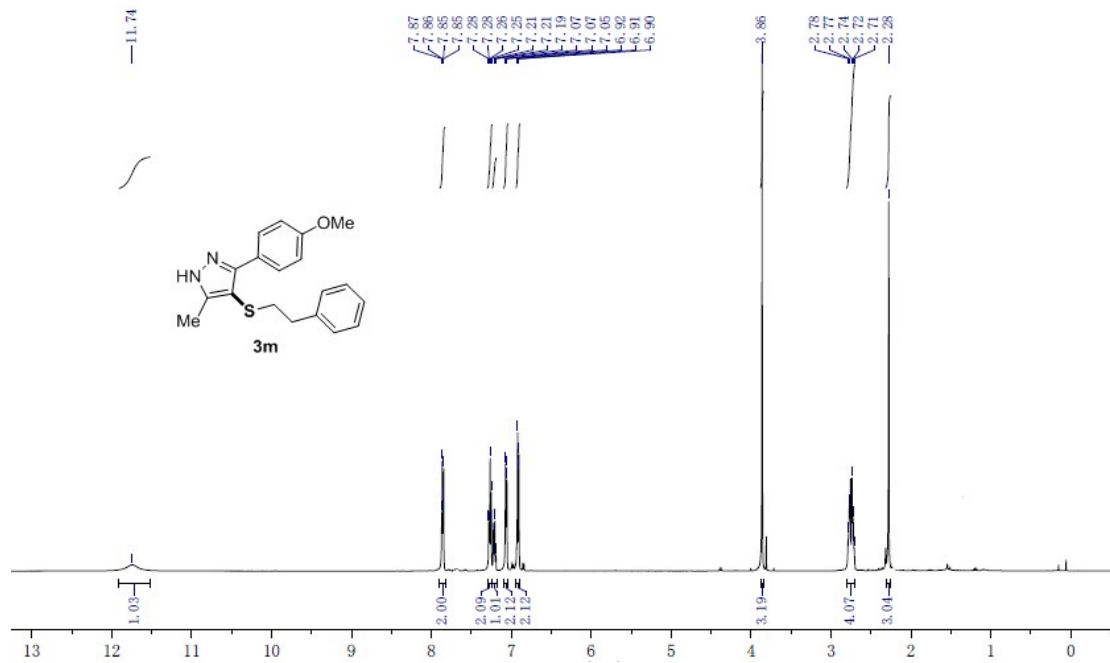


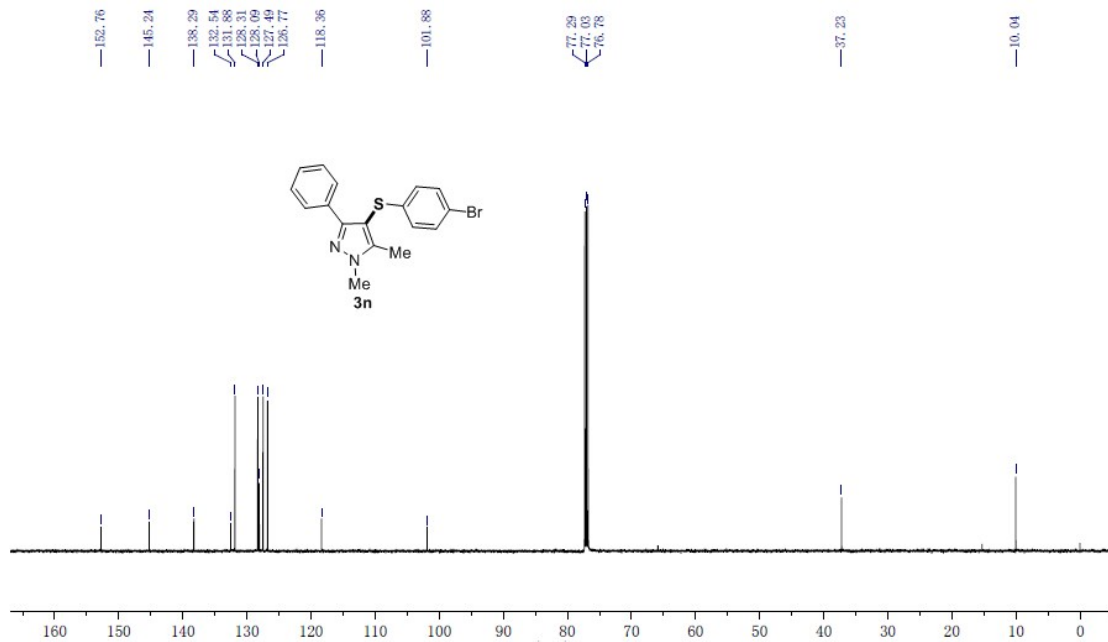
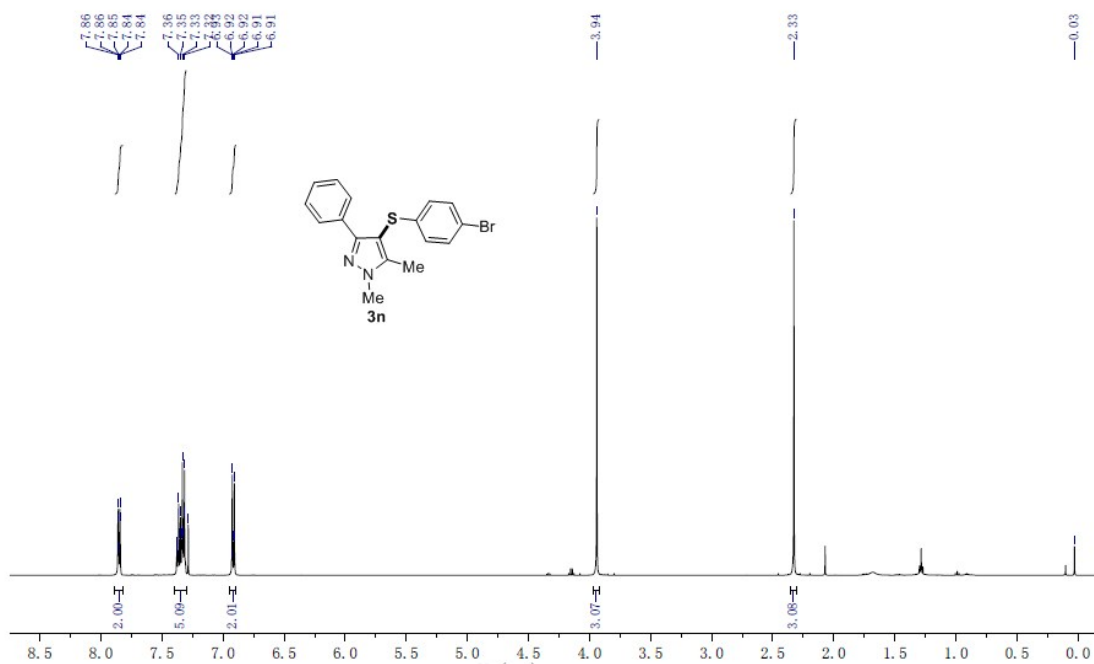


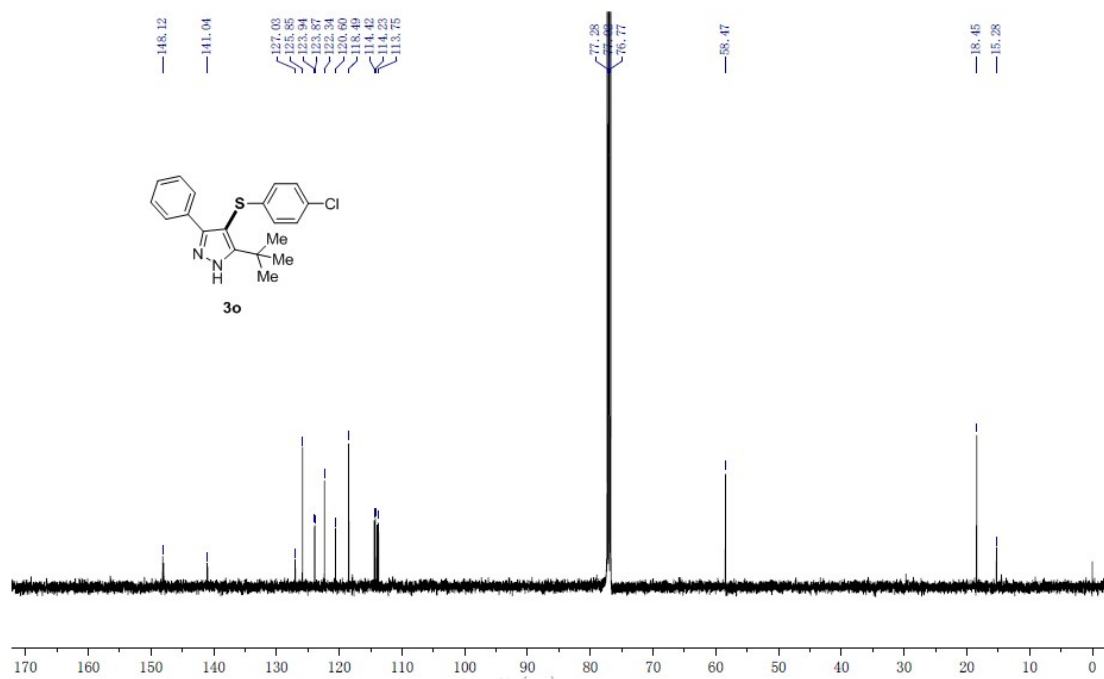
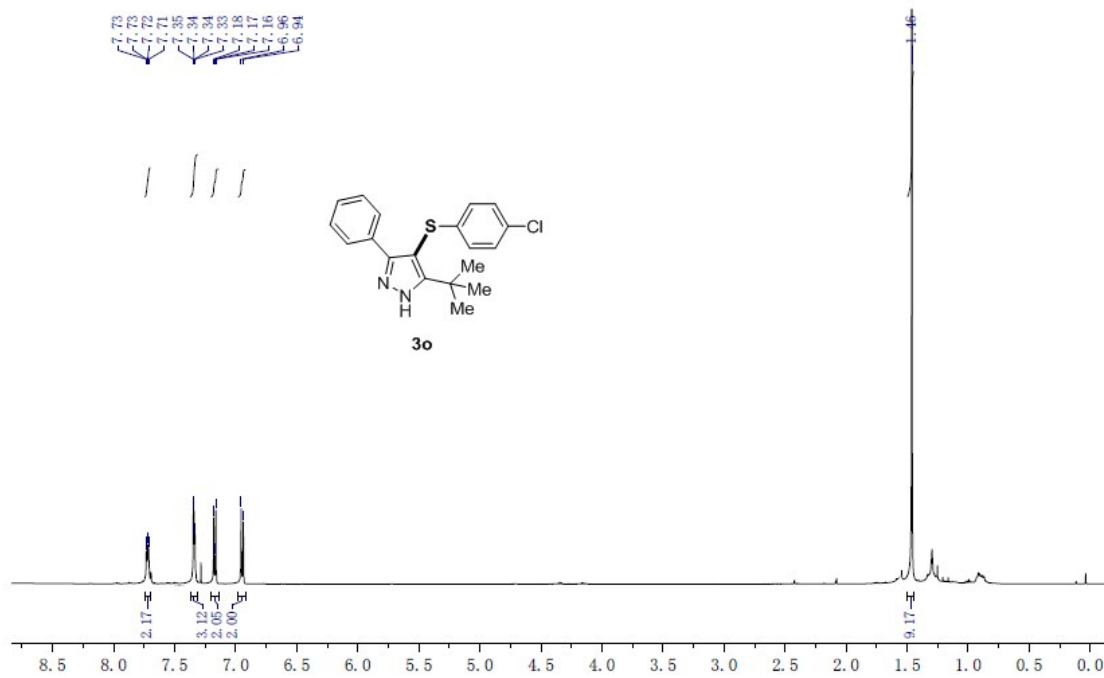


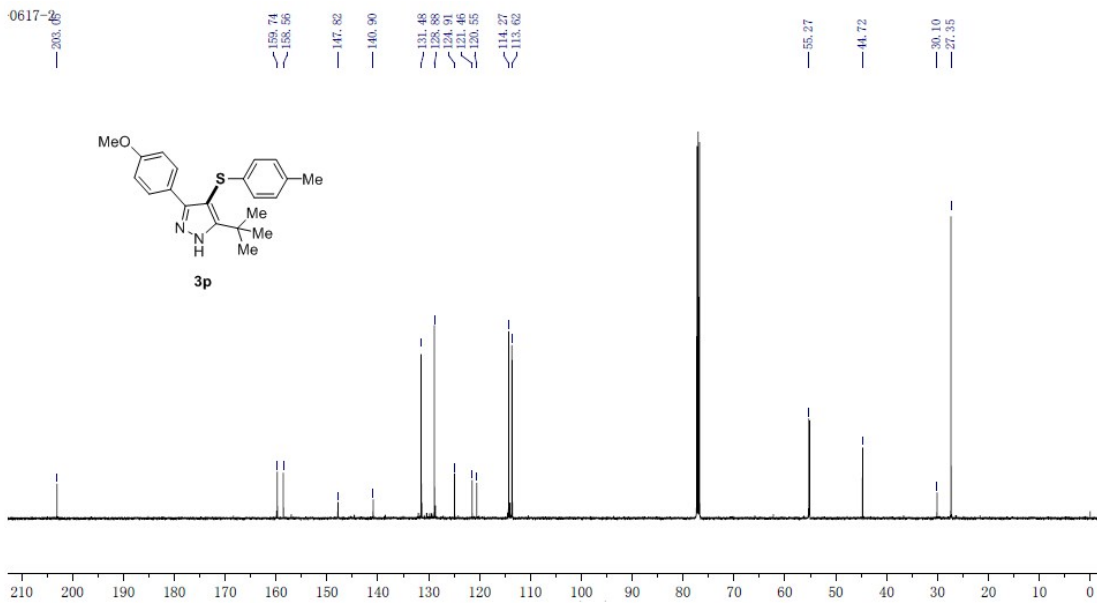
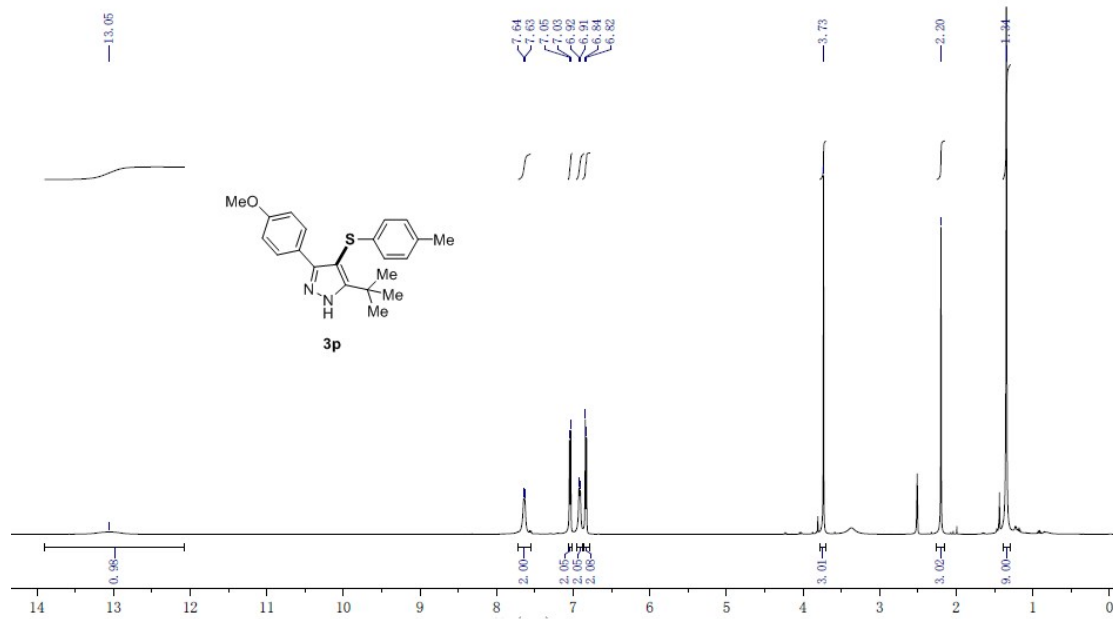


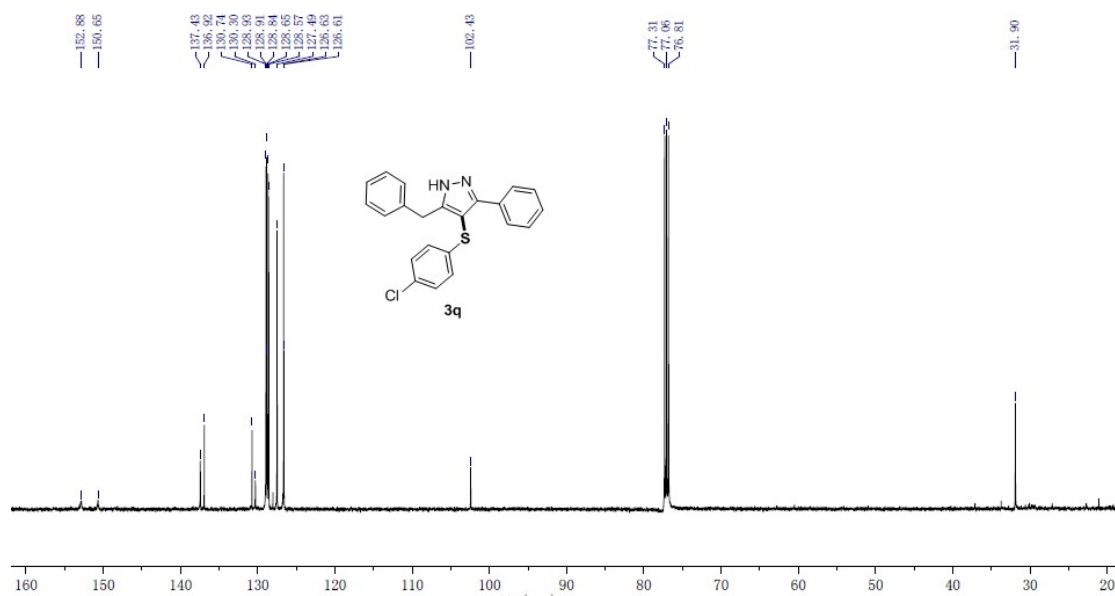
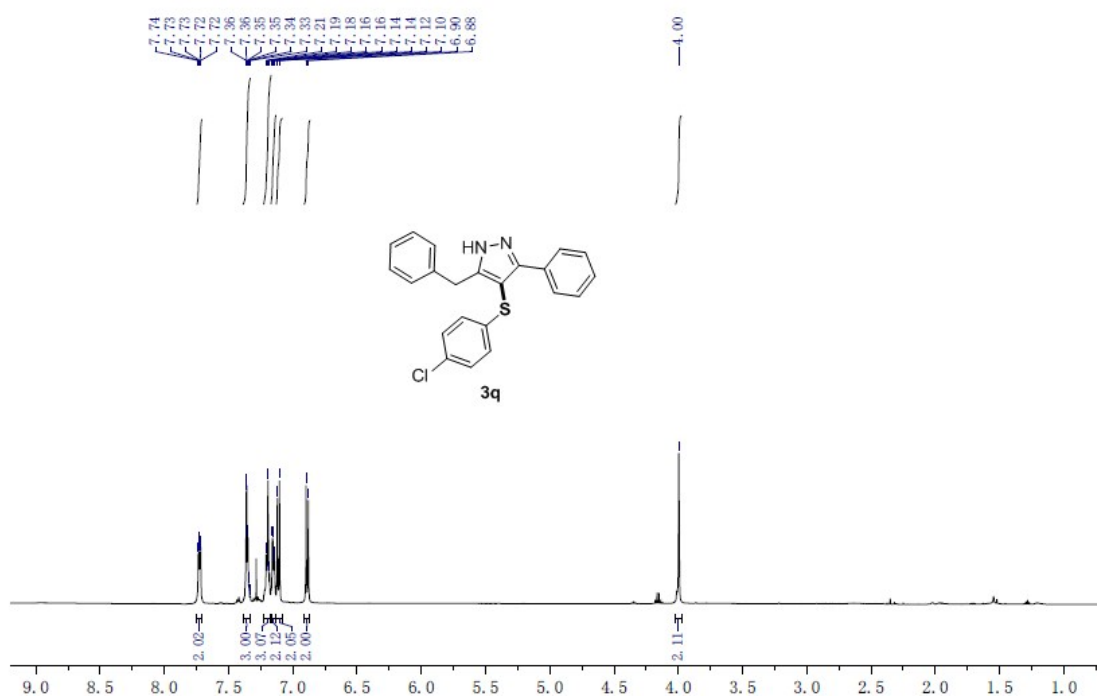


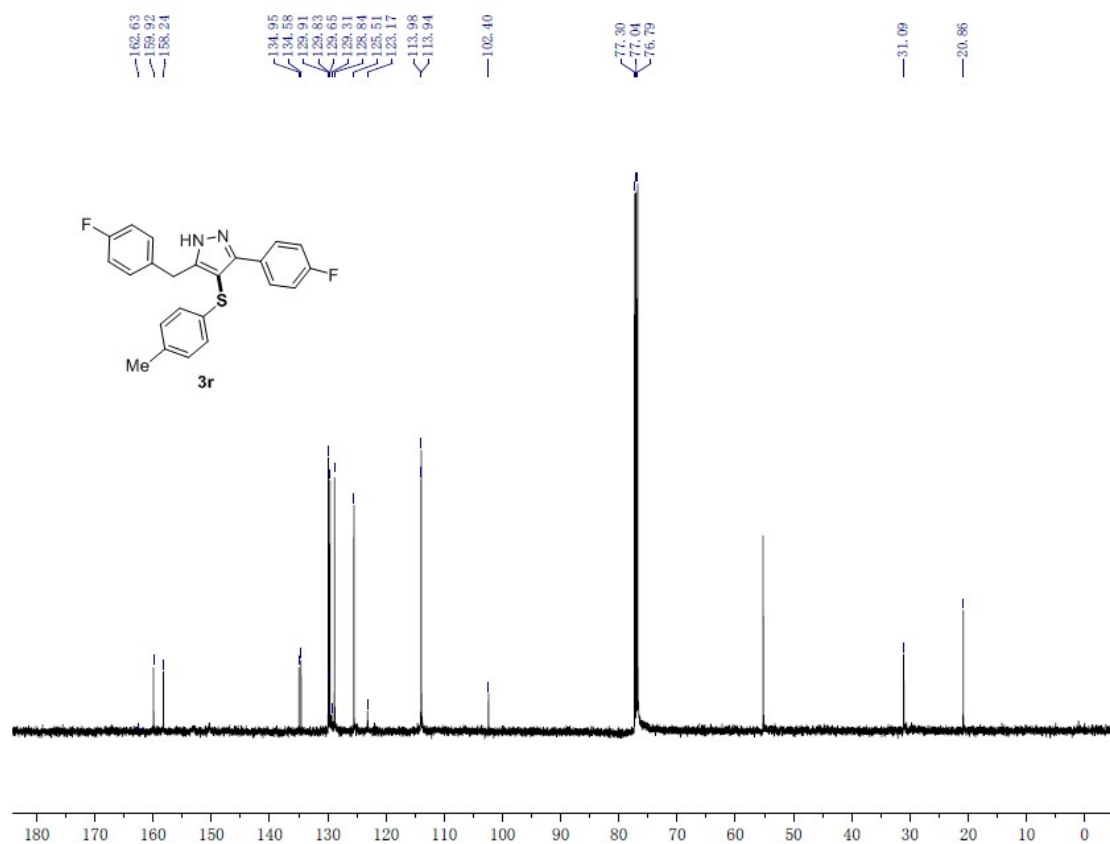
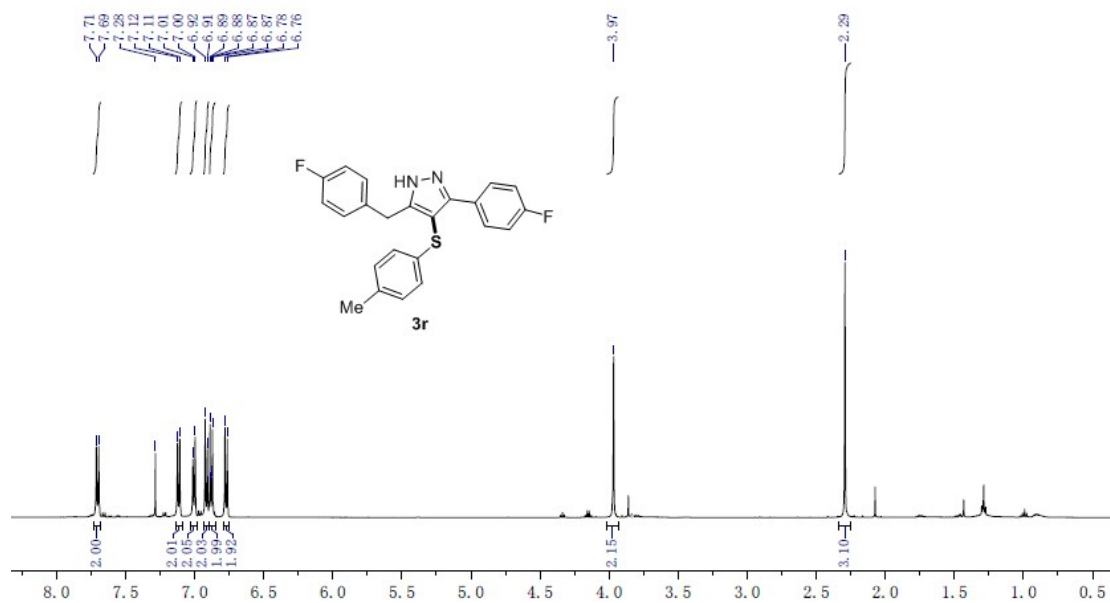


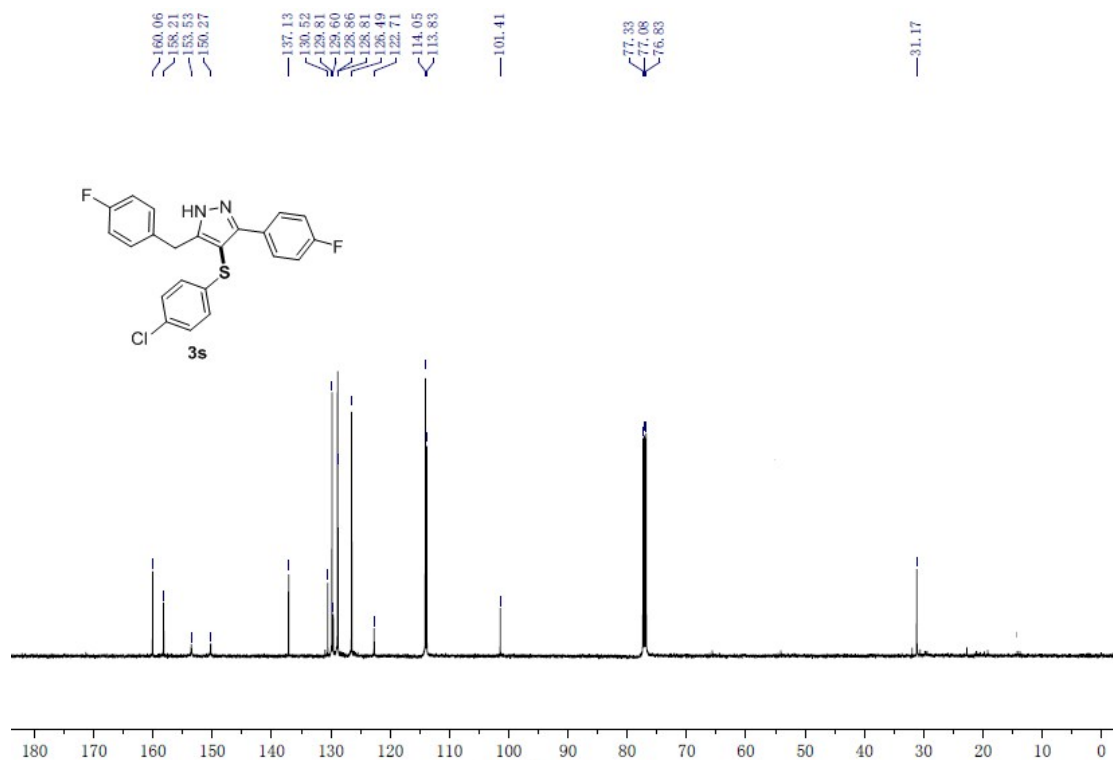
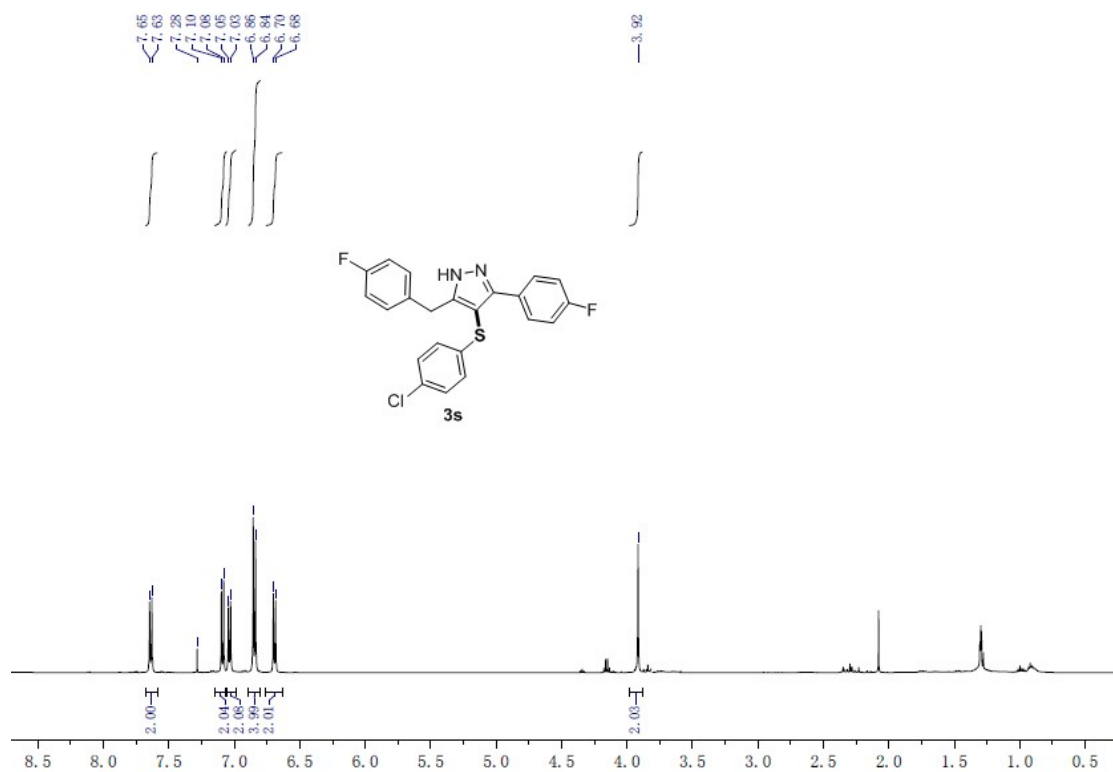


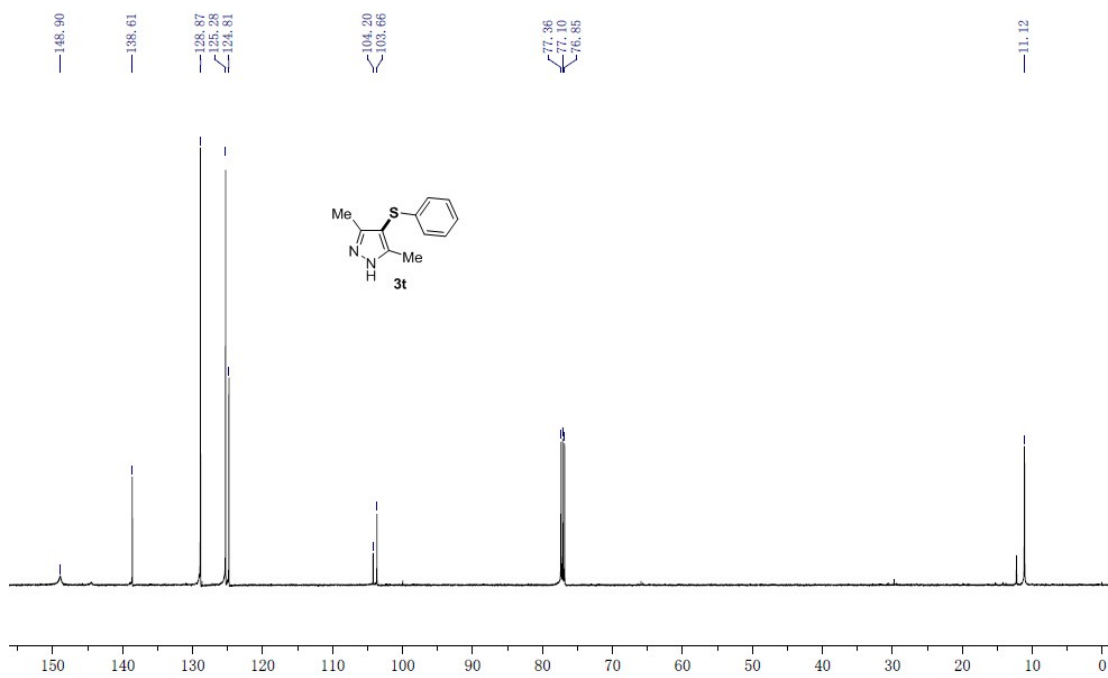
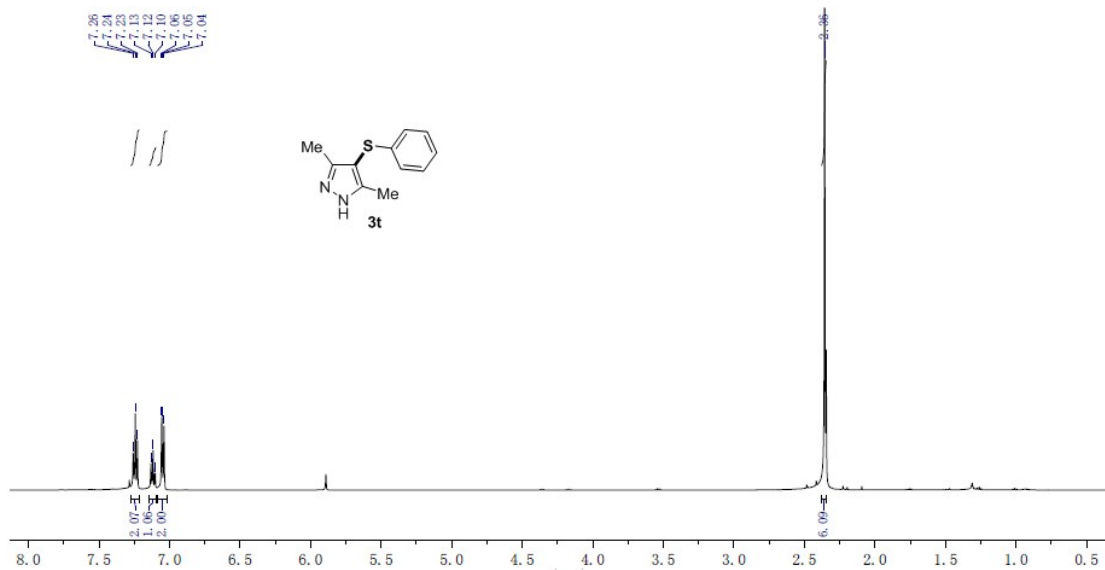


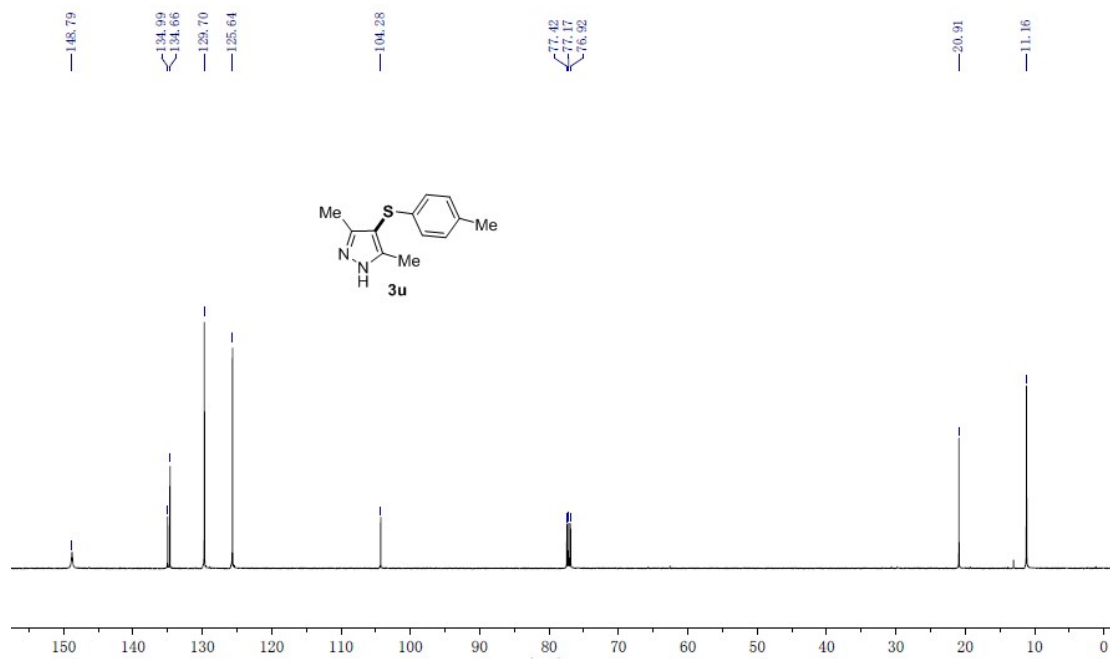
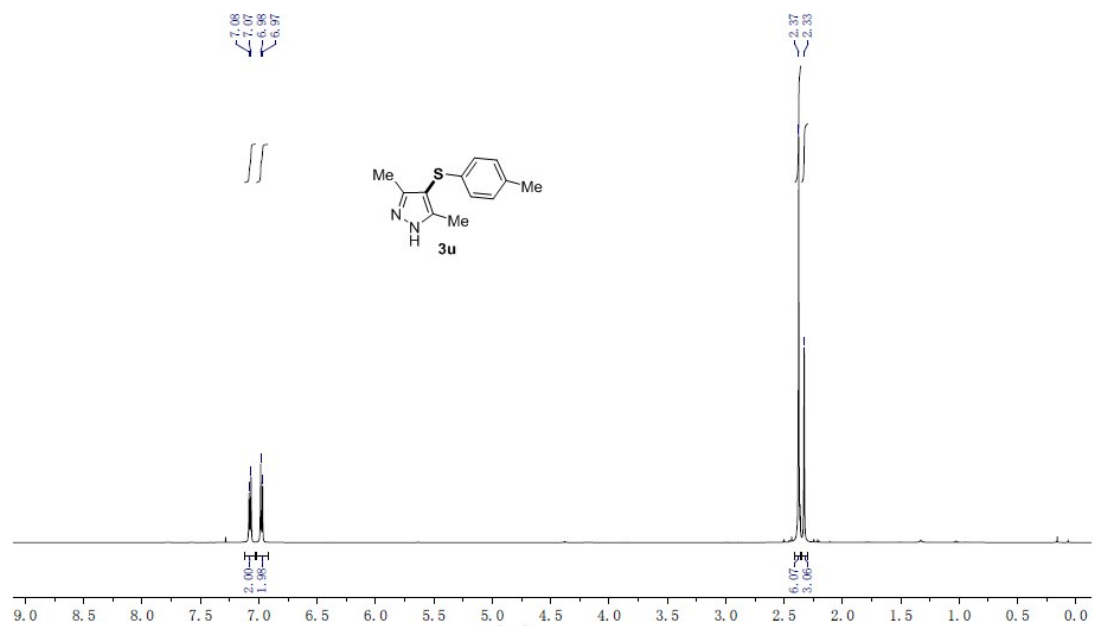


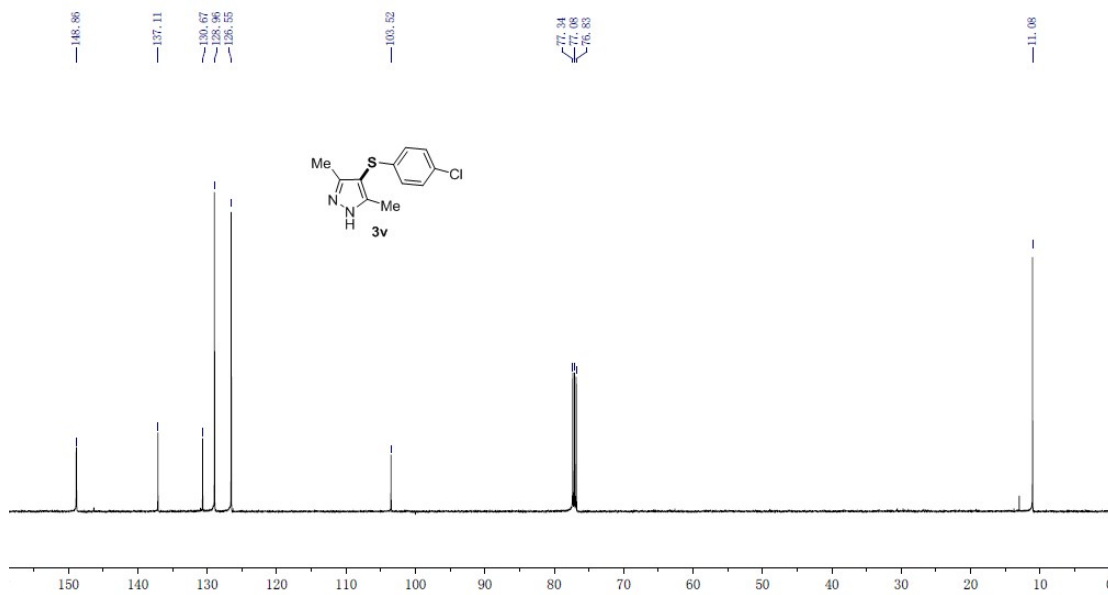
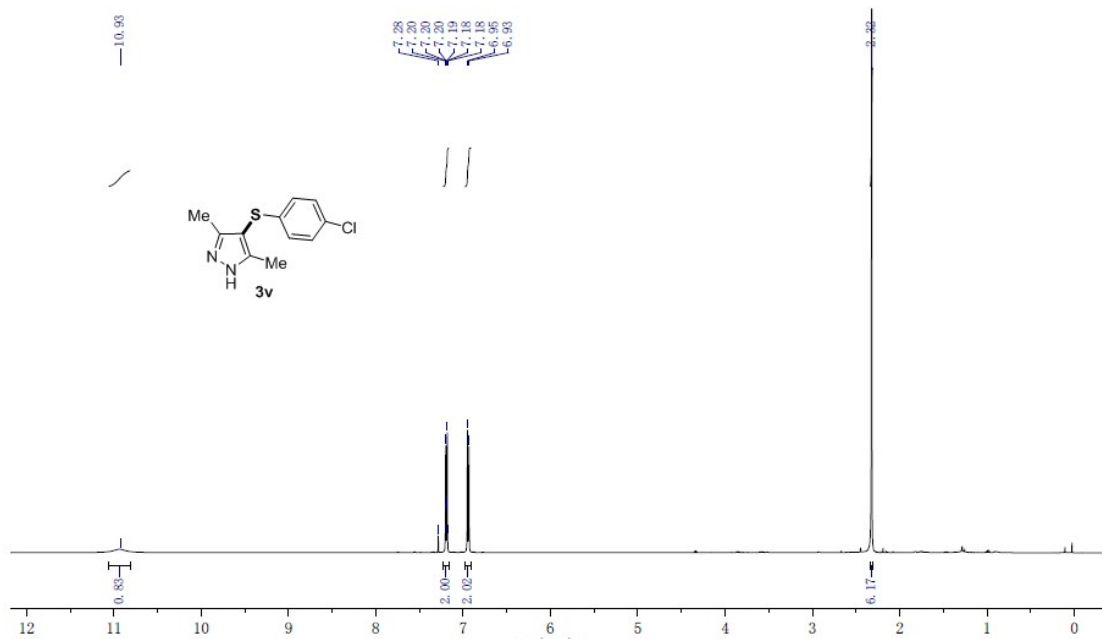


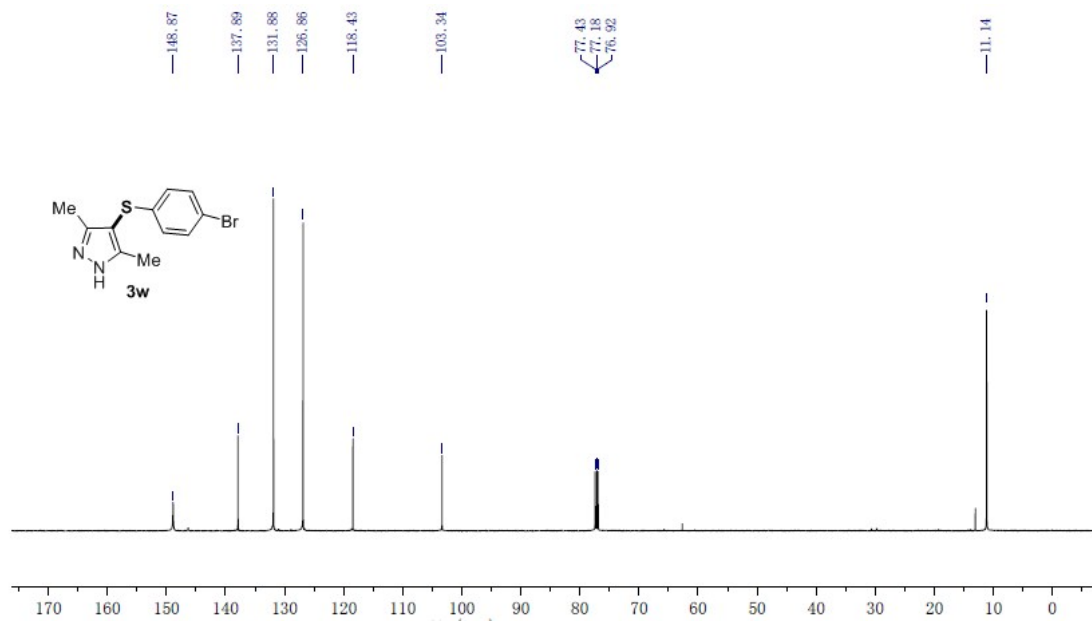
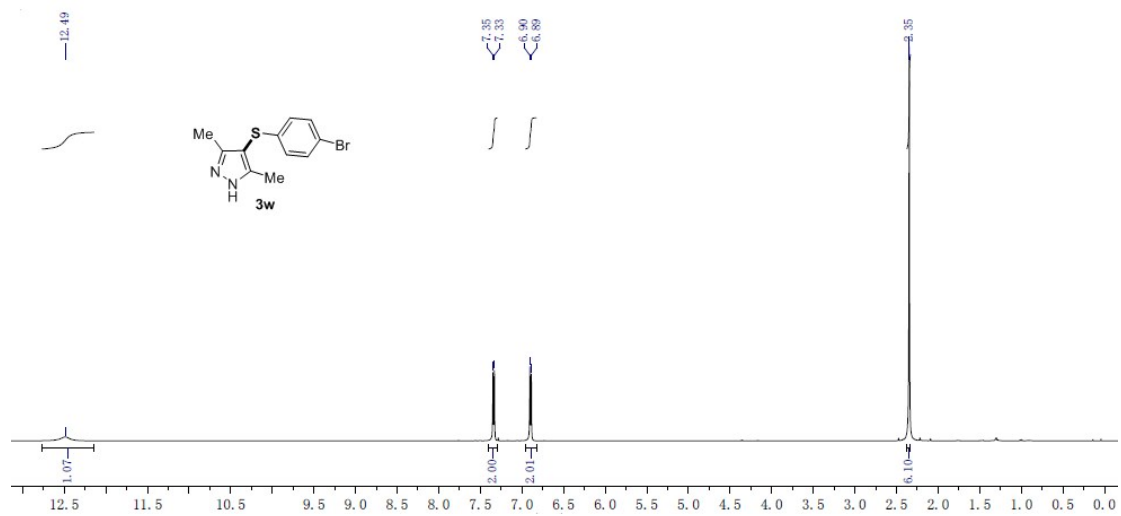


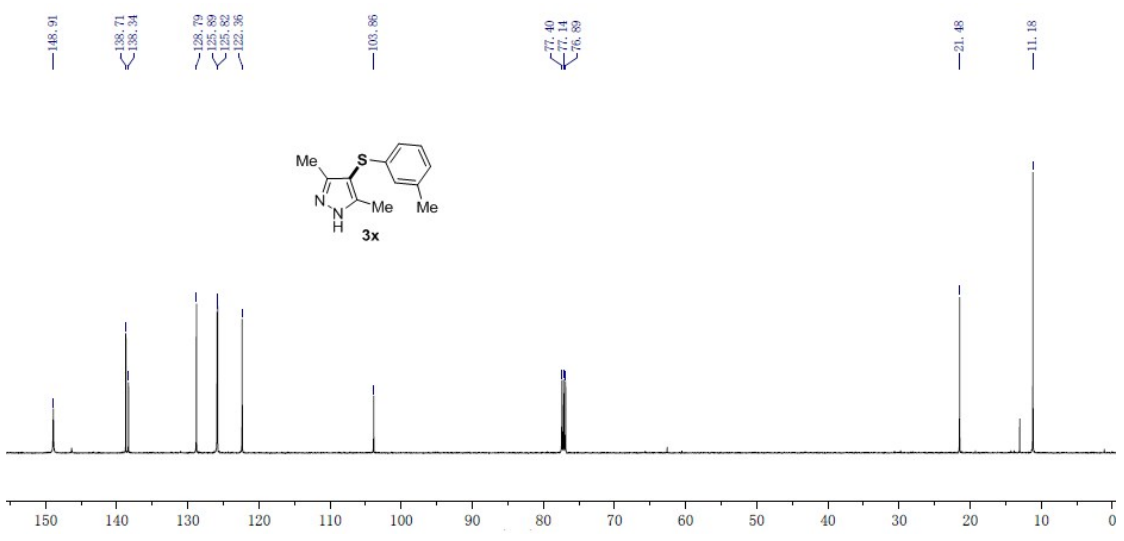
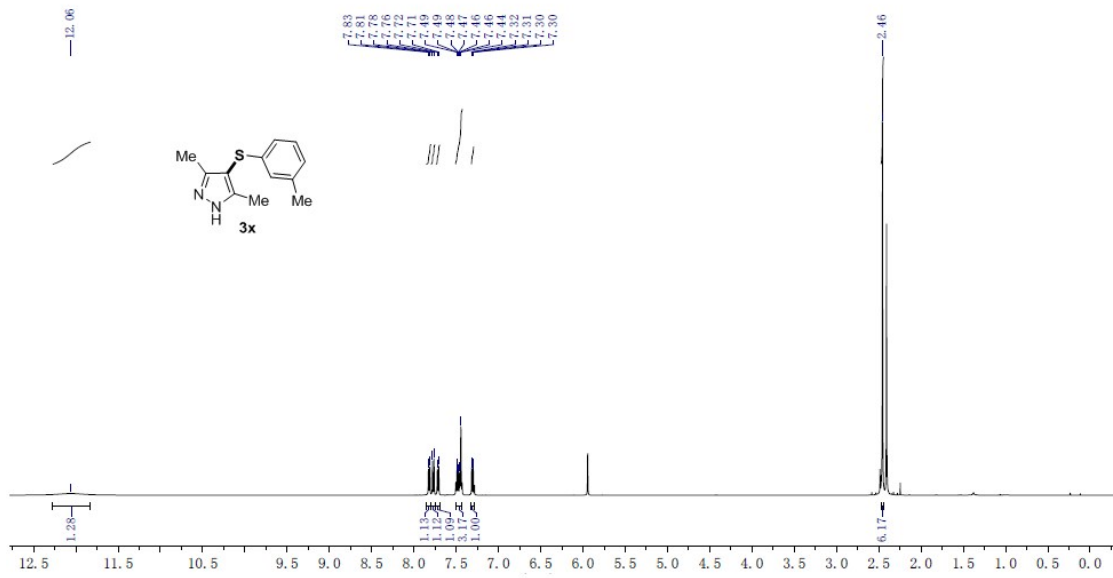


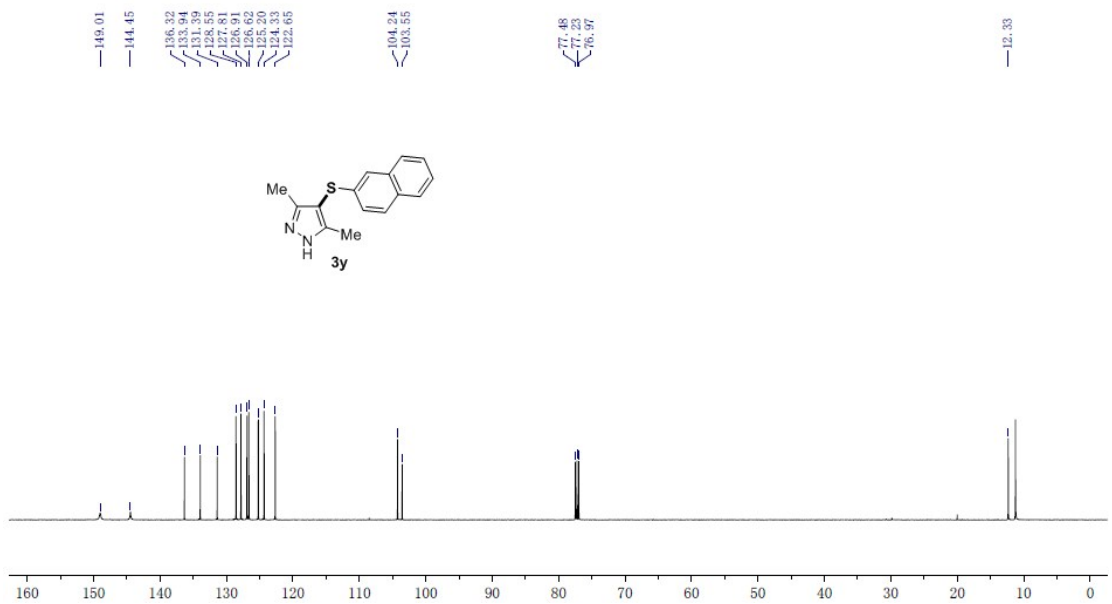
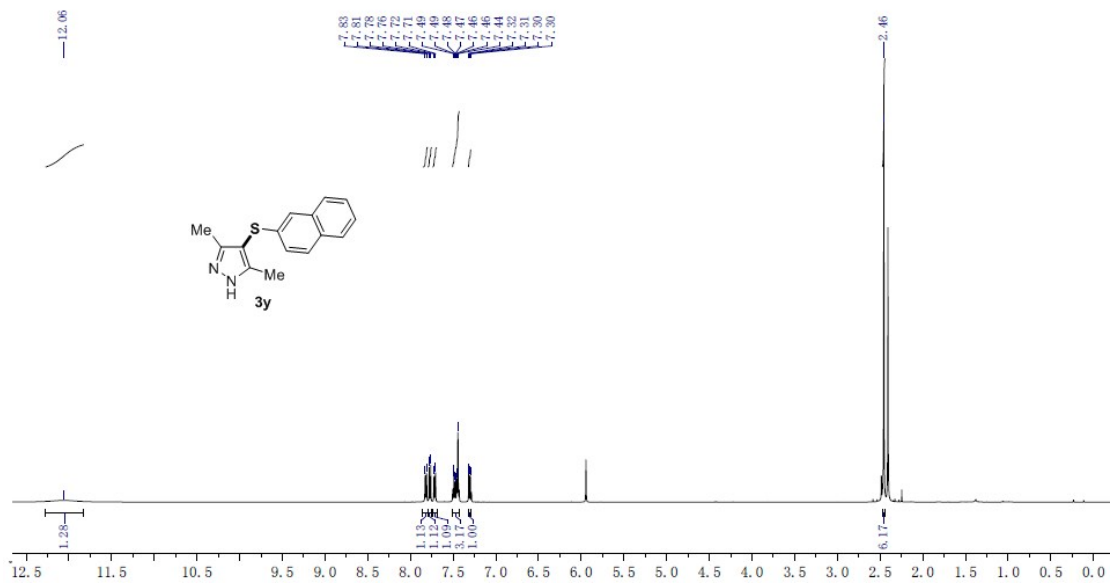


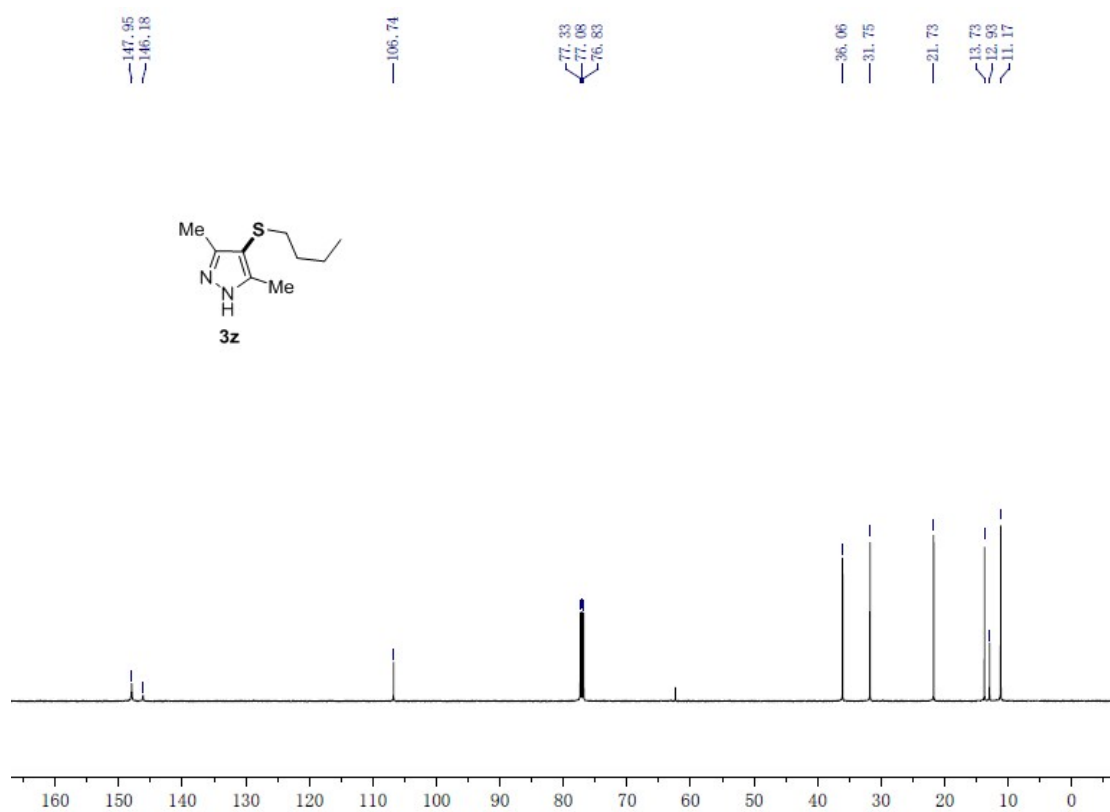
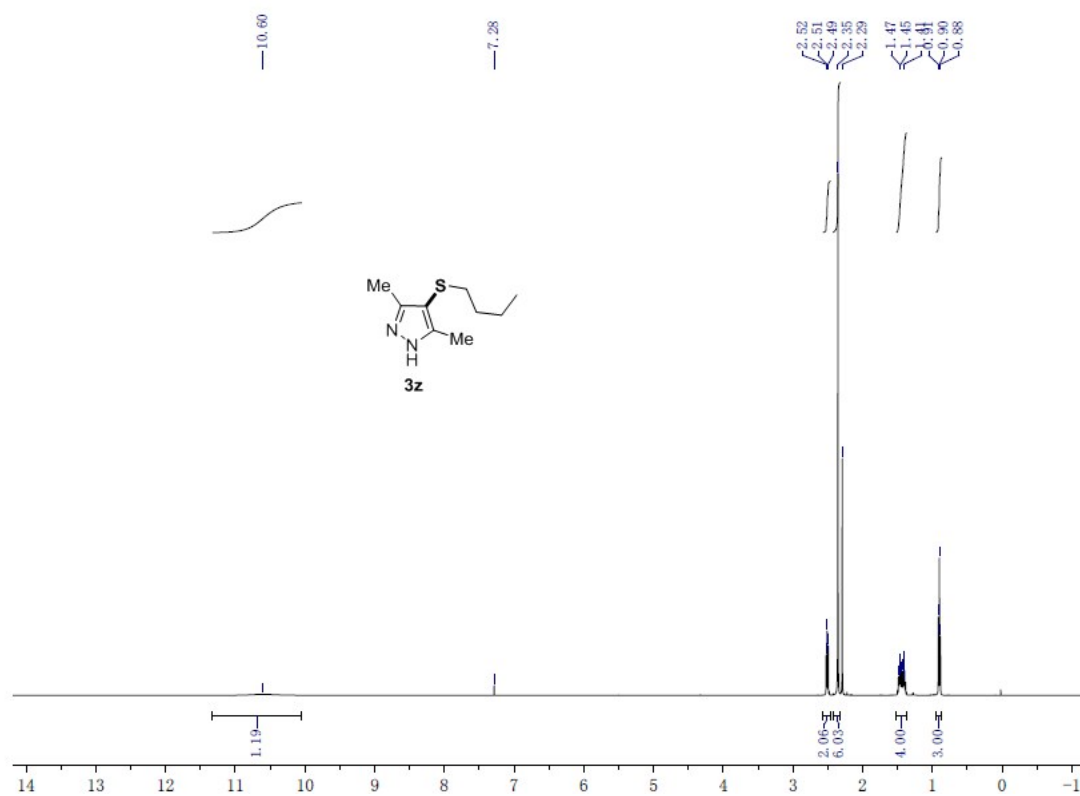


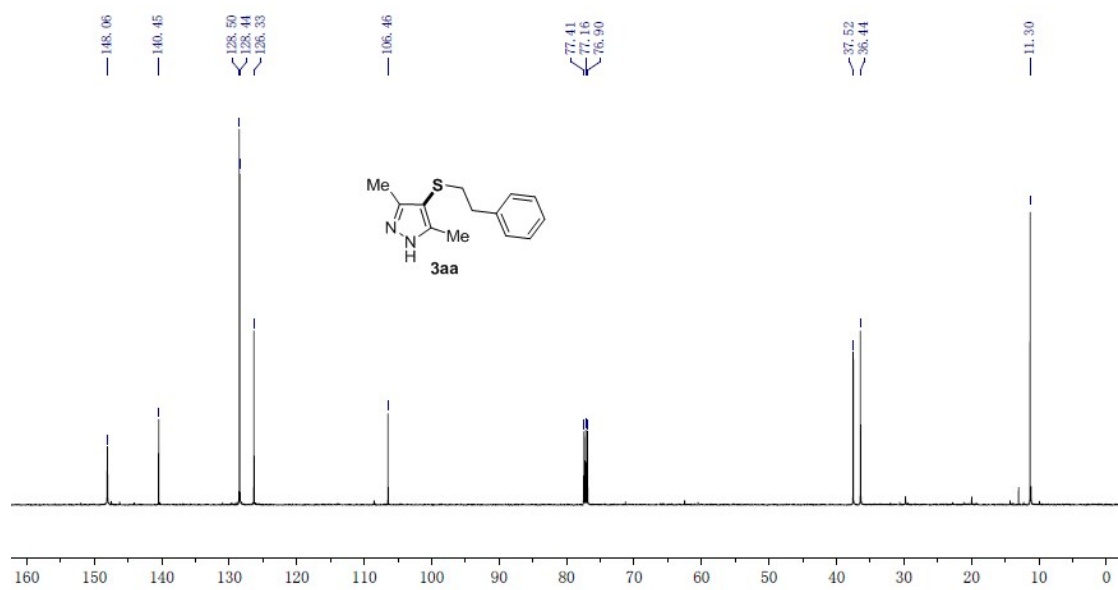
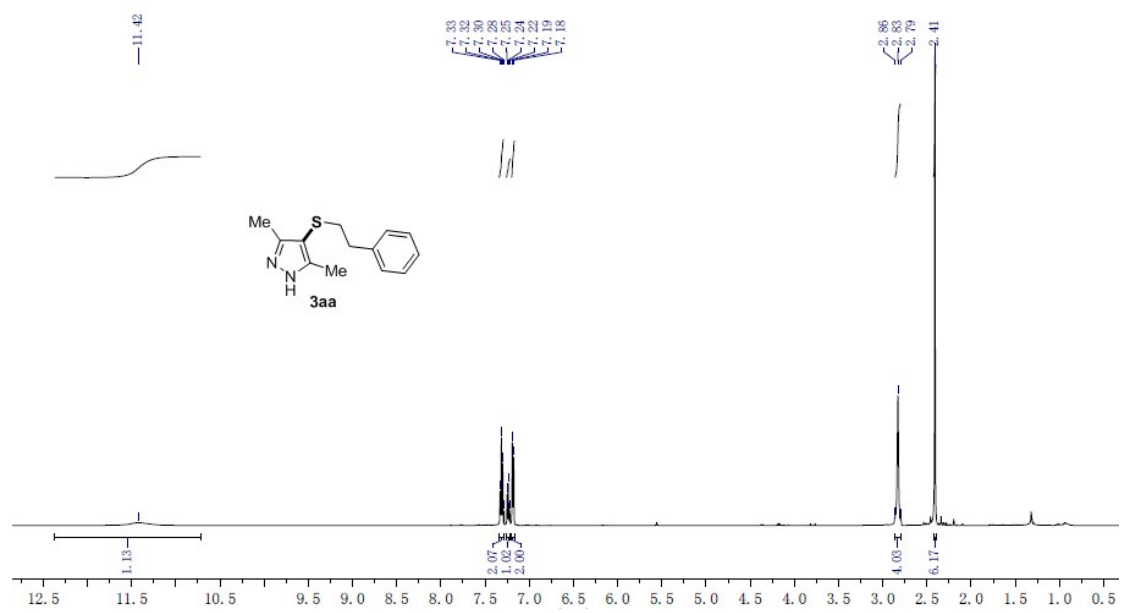


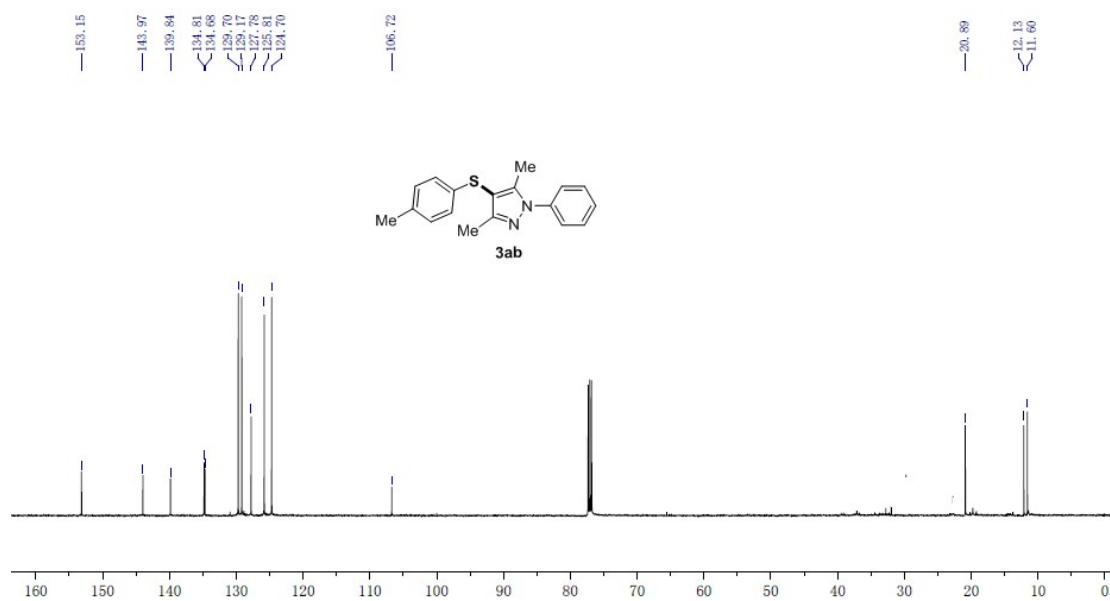
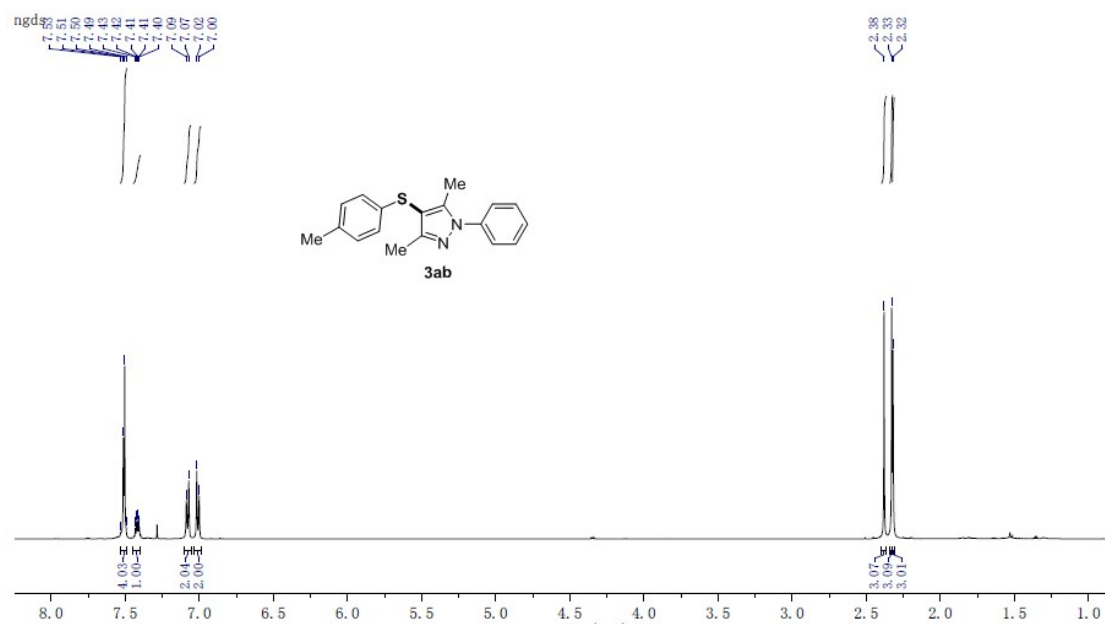


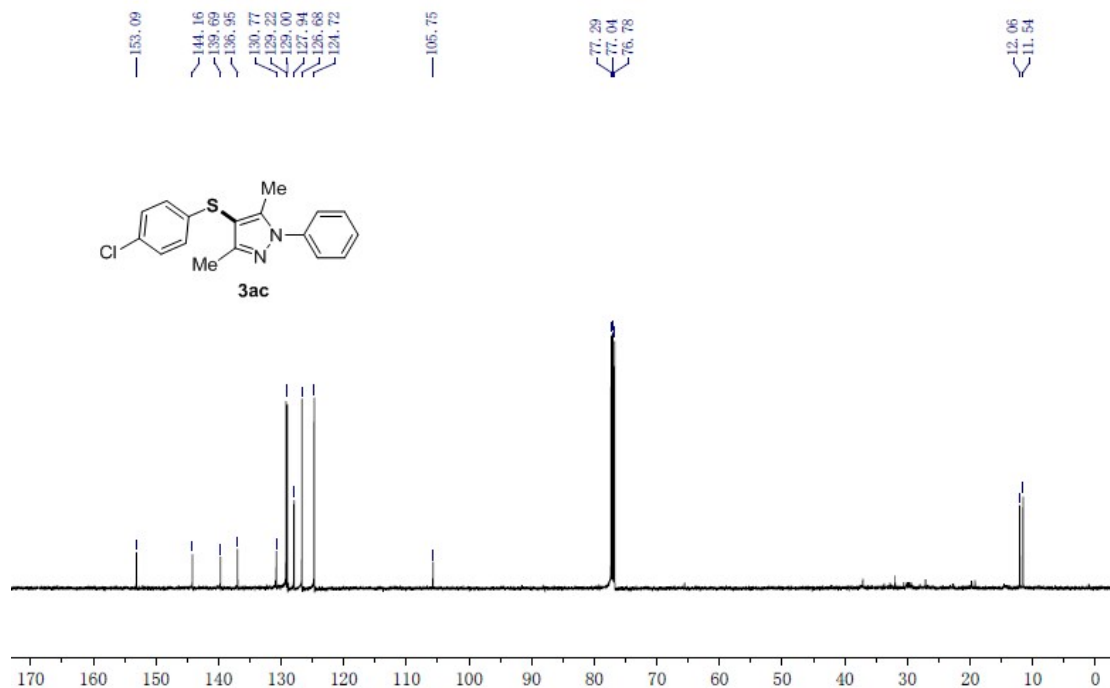
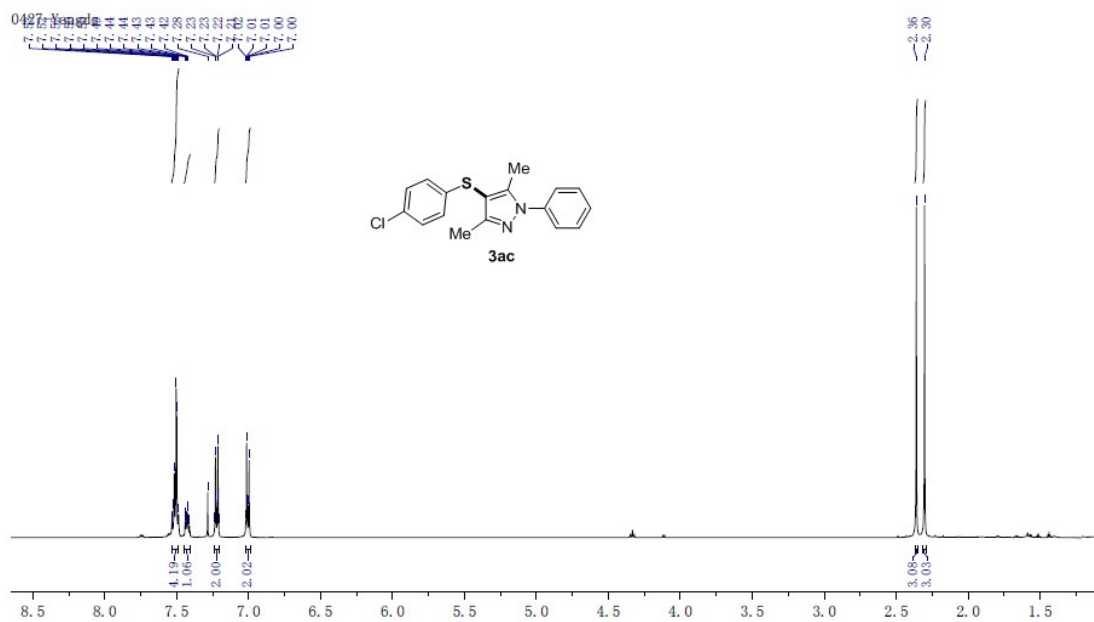


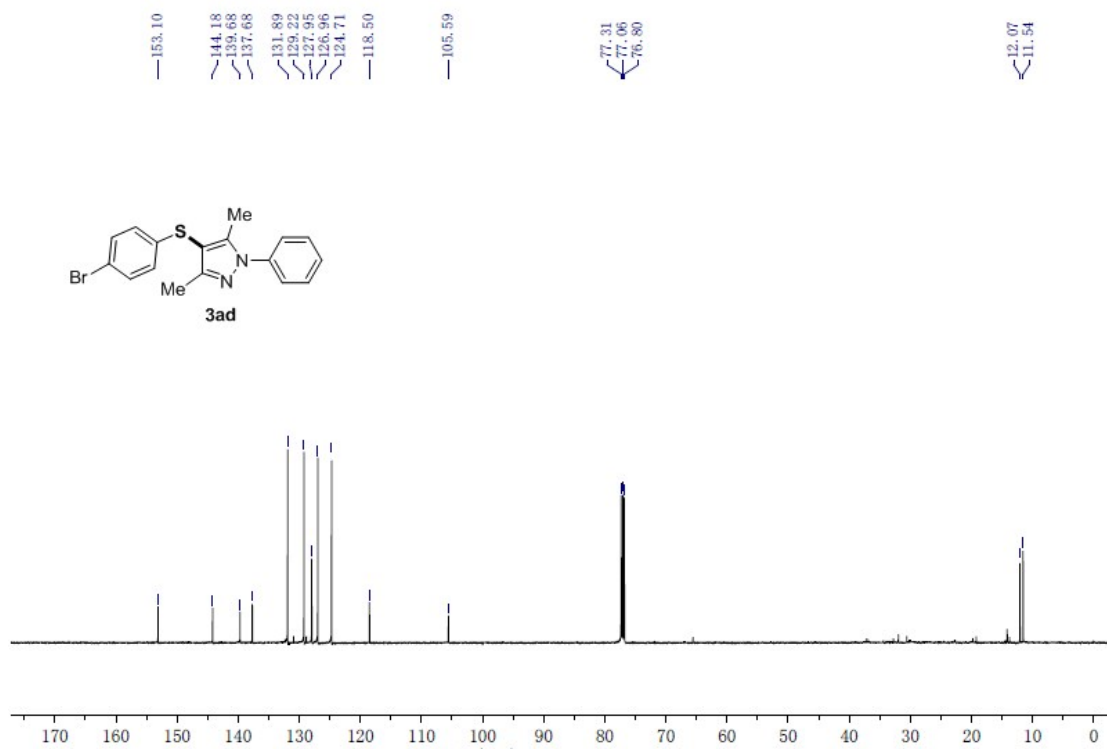
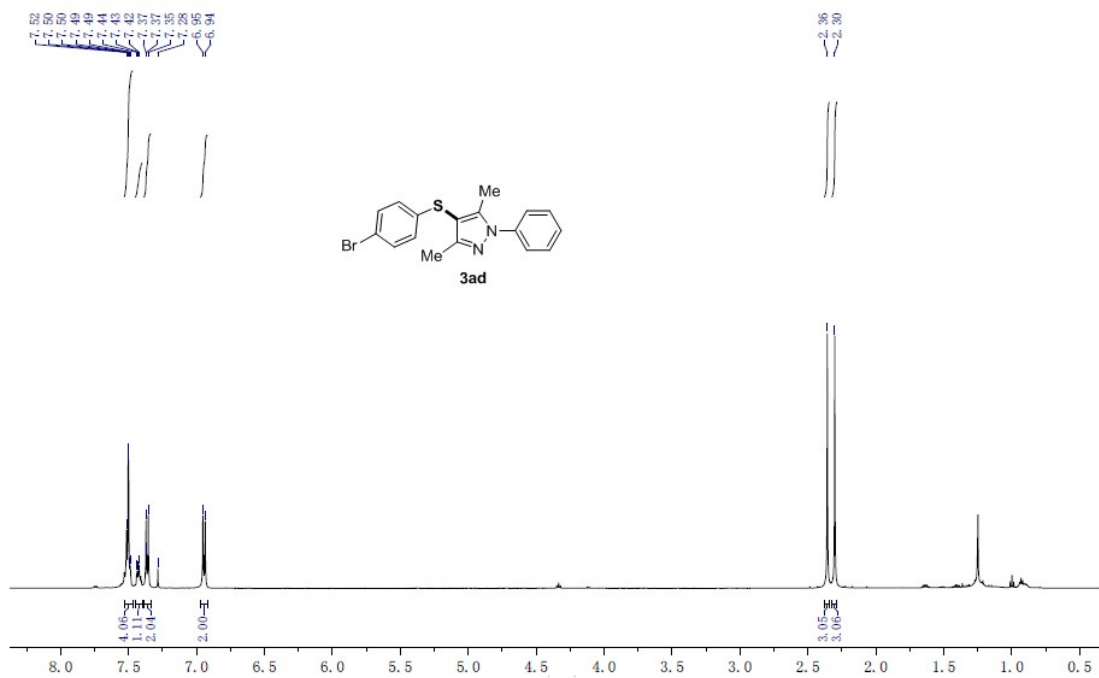


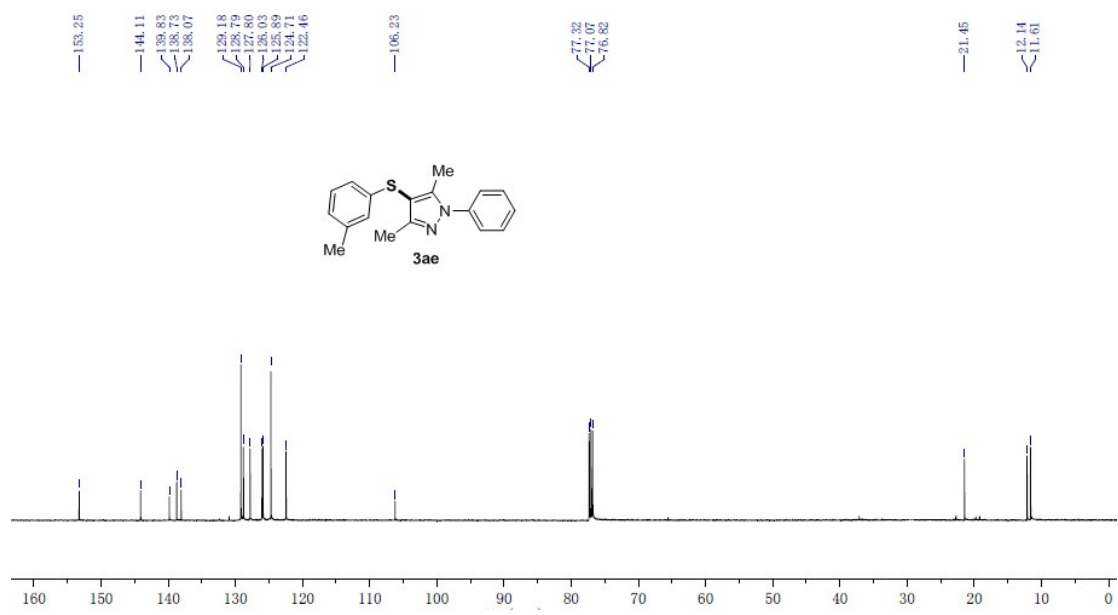
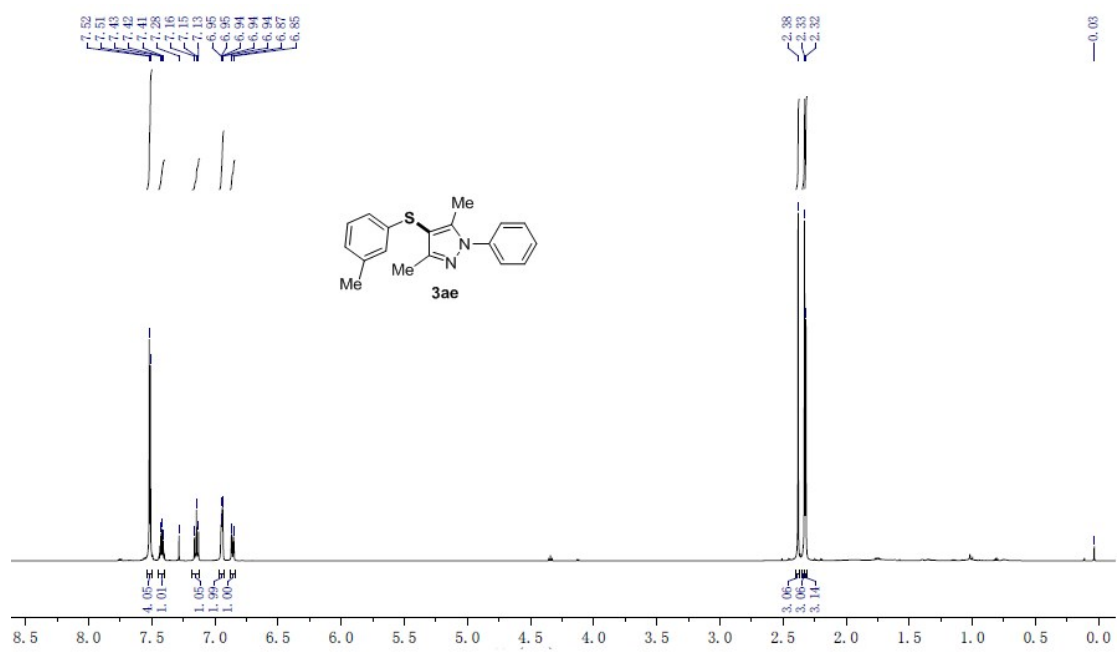


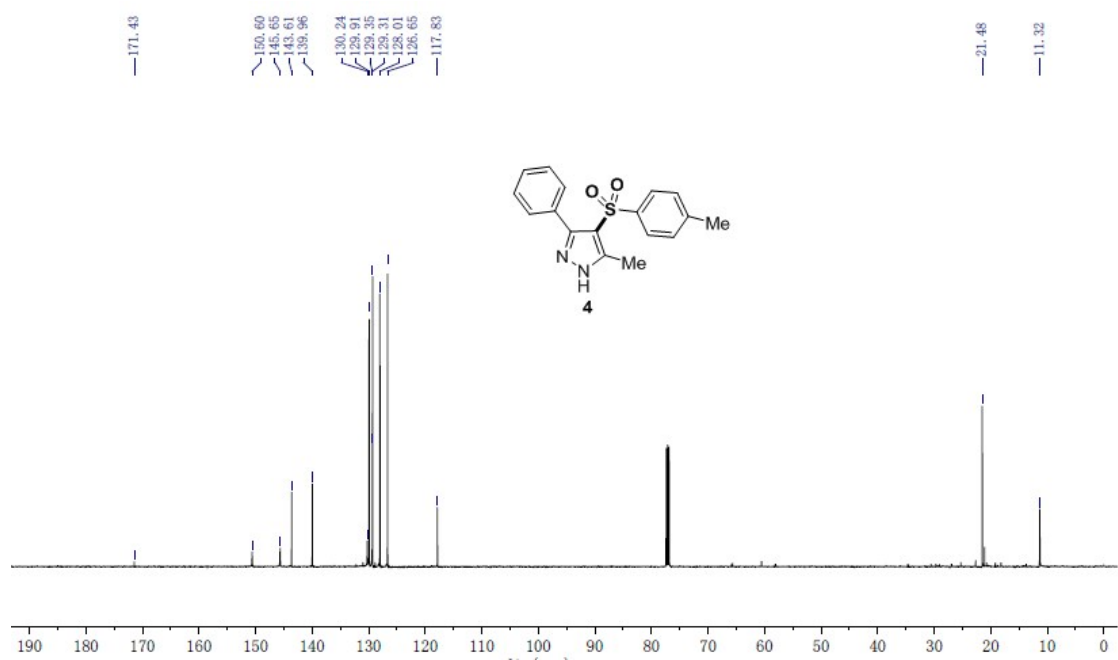
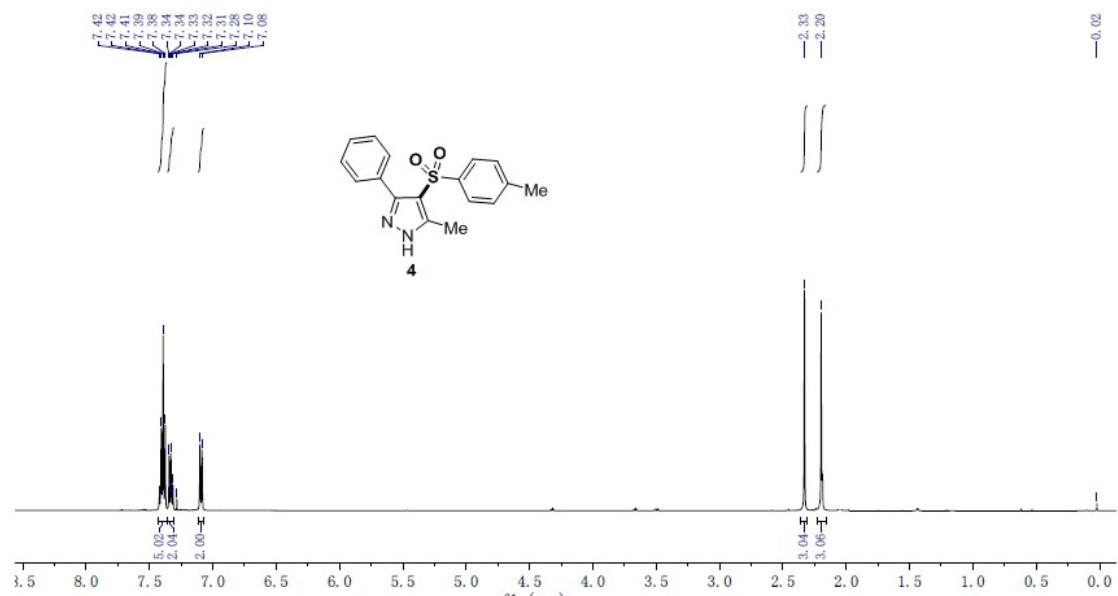


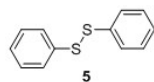
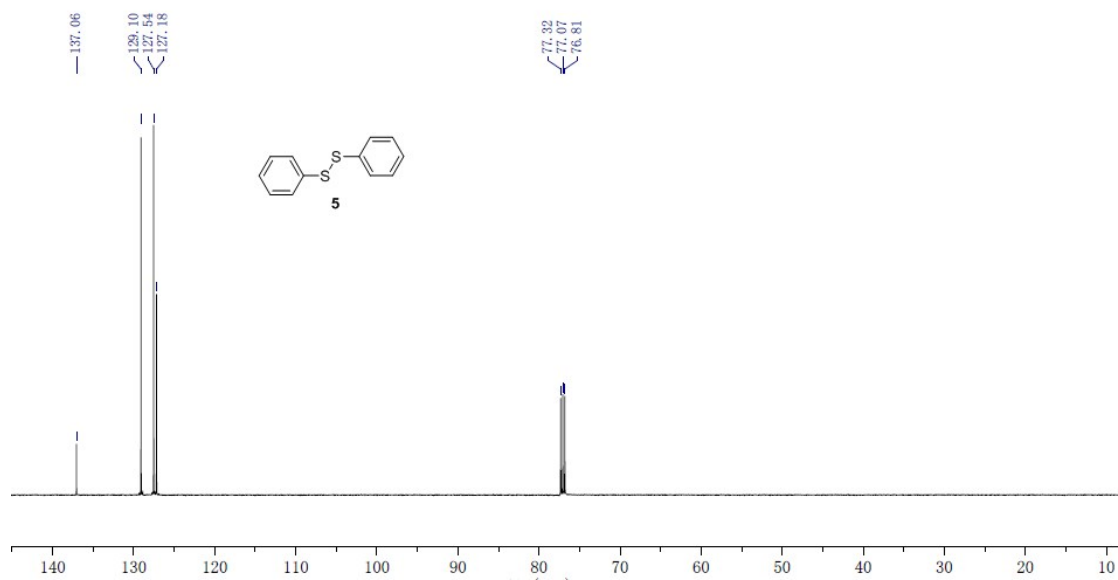
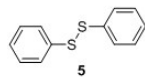
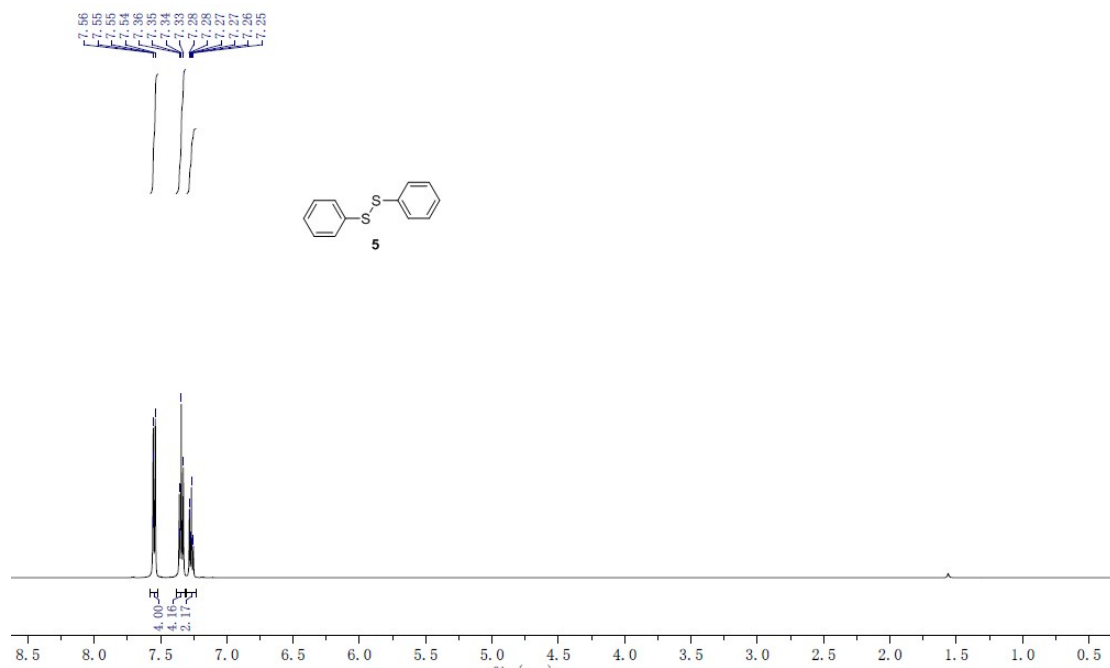












Kinetic Isotopic Effect (KIE) Studies:

A 25 ml Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with iodine (5 mg, 0.02 mmol), 5-methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole **1a** (0.1 mmol), **1a-d₄** (0.2 mmol), benzenethiol **2a** (0.24 mmol), and DMSO (2 mL). The tube was sealed, and then the mixture was stirred under air atmosphere at 100 °C for 18 h. After completion of the reaction, the resulting solution was cooled down to room temperature, and the solvent was removed with the aid of a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to provide the desired product, the product was analyzed by ¹H-NMR (500 MHz) (Figure S1). The result was summarized in equation S1:

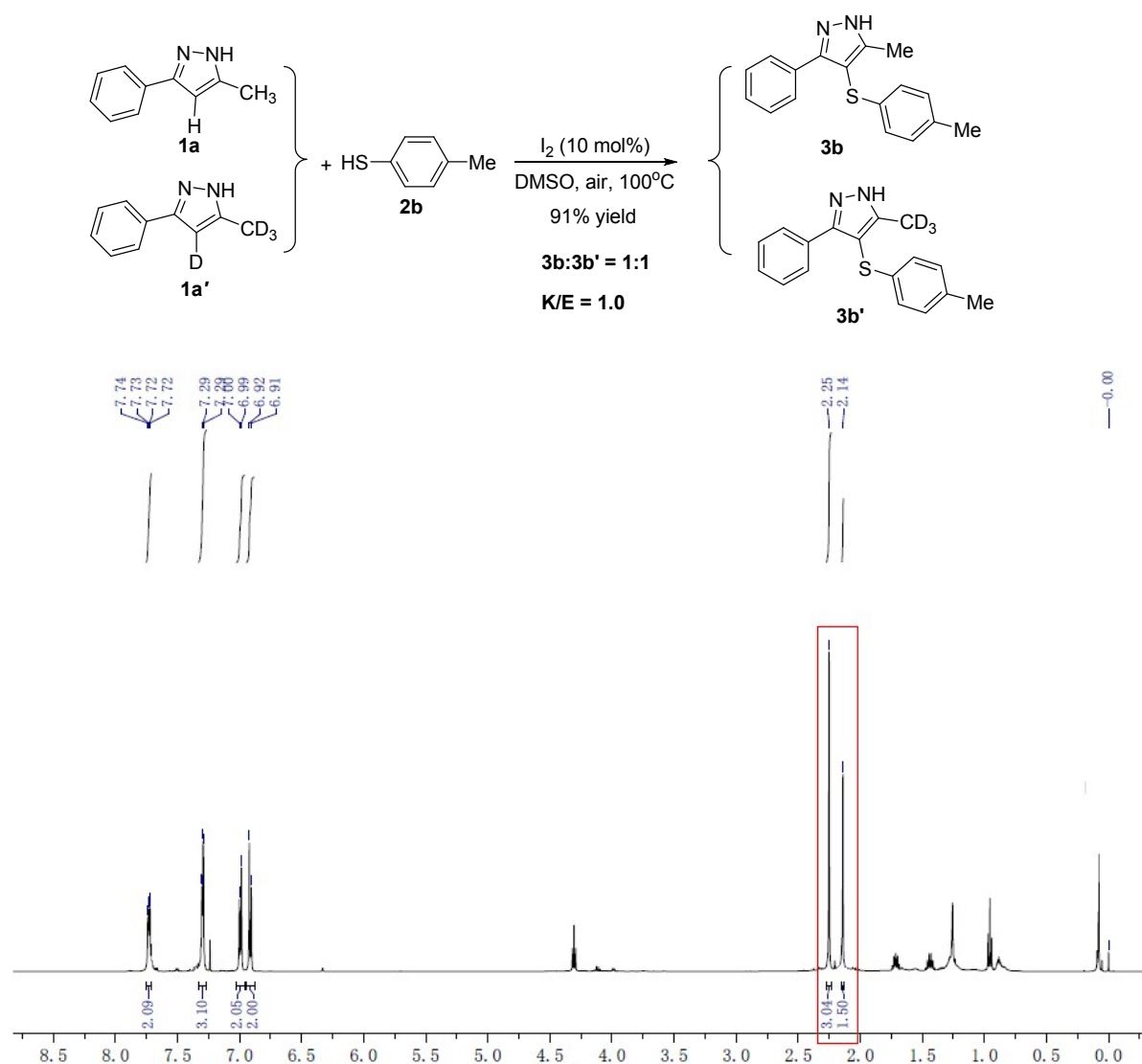


Figure S1. The ¹H-NMR spectrum of **3b** and **3b-d₃**