

## Convenient KI-catalyzed regioselective synthesis of 2-sulfonylindoles using water as solvent

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### A typical procedure for the preparation of 2-sulfonylindoles:

Indoles **1** (0.2 mmol), sodium sulfinate **2** (0.3 mmol), KI (0.04 mmol) and Oxone® (0.5 mmol) were added successively to water (3 mL). The suspension was vigorously stirred at r. t. for 1 h. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched by addition of sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×5 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then purified on a silica gel plate (4:1 petroleum ether-ethyl acetate) to furnish products **3**.

### 2-(Phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (**3a**)

White solid; mp: 136–137°C (Lit.<sup>1</sup> 137–138°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.45 (br s, 1H), 8.05–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 141.5, 137.2, 134.0, 133.5, 129.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 122.7, 121.6, 112.4, 109.3;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 280 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 45], 117 (100).

### 1-Methyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (**3b**)

Pale yellow solid; mp: 124–125°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 118–119°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 8.01–7.96 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 141.3, 139.5, 134.8, 133.4, 129.3, 127.6, 125.7, 125.2, 122.8, 121.2, 110.8, 110.2, 31.0;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 294 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 42], 131 (100).

### 3-Methyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (**3c**)

White solid; mp: 186–187°C (Lit.<sup>1</sup> 167–168°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.44 (br s, 1H), 8.04–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 144.5, 138.6, 137.1, 134.5, 130.0, 127.3, 127.1, 125.9, 122.6, 121.5, 112.4, 108.9, 21.6;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 294 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 81], 117 (100).

### 4-Methyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (**3d**)

White solid; mp: 153–154°C (Lit.<sup>1</sup> 167–170°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.58 (br s, 1H), 8.07–8.03 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.52–

7.48 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H);  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 141.6, 137.3, 133.4, 133.2, 132.4, 129.3, 127.3, 127.2, 126.2, 121.4, 109.9, 108.0, 18.5;  
MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 294 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 67], 131 (100).

**5-Methyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3e)**

Pale yellow solid; mp: 116–117°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 116–117°C);  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.51 (br s, 1H), 8.05-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 141.6, 135.7, 133.8, 133.3, 131.0, 129.3, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 121.8, 112.1, 108.8, 21.4;  
MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 294 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 58], 131 (100).

**7-Methyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3f)**

Pale yellow solid; mp: 139–140°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 139–140°C);  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.34 (br s, 1H), 8.09-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.07 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H);  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 141.7, 137.1, 133.7, 133.4, 129.4, 127.3, 126.8, 126.3, 121.9, 120.2, 109.9, 16.7;  
MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 294 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 43], 131 (100).

**5-Methoxy-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3g)**

White solid; mp: 117–118°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 121–122°C);  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.50 (br s, 1H), 8.04-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H);  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 155.2, 141.6, 134.0, 133.4, 132.7, 129.3, 127.5, 127.2, 117.8, 113.4, 108.8, 102.5, 55.7;  
MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 310 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 60], 147 (100).

**5-Fluoro-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3h)**

Pale yellow solid; mp: 142–143°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 144–145°C);  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.52 (br s, 1H), 8.05-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td, *J* = 9.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H);  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 159.4, 157.5, 141.2, 135.6, 133.7 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 129.5, 128.0, 127.3, 115.4 (d, *J* = 26.9 Hz), 113.5 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 108.9 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 107.0 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz);  
MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 298 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 100].

**5-Bromo-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3i)**

Pale yellow solid; mp: 154–155°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 158–159°C);  
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.57 (br s, 1H), 8.07-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H);  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 141.1, 135.7, 135.3, 133.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 127.3, 125.0, 114.8, 113.9, 108.3;  
MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 358 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 100].

**2-Tosyl-1*H*-indole (3j)**

White solid; mp: 192–193°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 194–195°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.59 (br s, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 144.5, 138.5, 137.2, 134.4, 130.0, 127.3, 127.0, 125.9, 122.6, 121.5, 112.4, 108.8, 21.6;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 294 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 56], 117 (100).

### **5-Methyl-2-tosyl-1*H*-indole (3k)**

White solid; mp: 154–155°C (Lit.<sup>3</sup> 158–160°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.52 (br s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 144.4, 138.7, 135.6, 134.2, 130.9, 129.9, 127.9, 127.32, 127.25, 121.8, 112.0, 108.4, 21.5, 21.4;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 308 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 89], 131 (100).

### **5-Methoxy-2-tosyl-1*H*-indole (3l)**

White solid; mp: 163–164°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 159–160°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.62 (br s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.14–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 155.2, 144.4, 138.7, 134.6, 132.4, 130.0, 127.6, 127.3, 117.6, 113.3, 108.4, 102.6, 55.7, 21.6;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 324 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 95], 147 (100).

### **5-Fluoro-2-tosyl-1*H*-indole (3m)**

White solid; mp: 137–138°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 142–143°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.75 (br s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 9.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 159.4, 157.5, 144.8, 138.3, 136.1, 133.6, 130.1, 127.4, 115.2 (d, *J* = 26.8 Hz), 113.4 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 108.5 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 106.9 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 21.6;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 312 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 75], 338 (100).

### **5-Bromo-2-tosyl-1*H*-indole (3n)**

Pale yellow solid; mp: 186–187°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 193–194°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.18 (br s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 144.9, 138.1, 135.8, 135.5, 130.1, 129.0, 128.7, 127.4, 125.0, 114.7, 113.8, 107.9, 21.6;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 372 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 51], 338 (100).

### **2-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3o)**

White solid; mp: 165–166°C (Lit.<sup>3</sup> 167–168°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.59 (br s, 1H), 7.98–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 140.1, 139.9, 137.5, 133.3, 129.7, 128.7, 126.9, 126.3, 122.7, 121.7, 112.5, 109.6;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 314 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 100].

**2-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-indole (3p)**

Pale yellow solid; mp: 142–143°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 152–153°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.37 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 140.1, 140.0, 135.9, 133.2, 131.2, 129.6, 128.6, 128.3, 127.3, 121.8, 112.1, 109.1, 21.4;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 328 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 57], 131 (100).

**2-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-5-methoxy-1*H*-indole (3q)**

White solid; mp: 124–125°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.39 (br s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 155.2, 140.1, 140.0, 133.5, 132.7, 129.6, 128.6, 127.5, 118.1, 113.4, 109.1, 102.5, 55.7;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 344 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 56], 147 (100);

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S 344.0125, found 344.0112.

**2-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-5-fluoro-1*H*-indole (3r)**

White solid; mp: 148–149°C;

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.36 (br s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 159.4, 157.5, 140.4, 139.7, 135.1, 133.9, 129.8, 128.8, 127.3 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J* = 26.9 Hz), 113.5 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 109.2 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 107.0 (d, *J* = 23.6 Hz);

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 332 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 56], 131 (100);

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClFNO<sub>2</sub>SnA 331.9924, found 331.9903.

**5-Bromo-2-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3s)**

Brown solid; mp: 182–183°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 184–185°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.13 (br s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 140.5, 139.6, 135.7, 134.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 126.2, 125.1, 123.8, 115.0, 113.8, 112.7, 108.6;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 394 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 43], 338 (100).

**2-(Methylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3t)**

White solid; mp: 169–170°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 167–168°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.46 (br s, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 137.0, 133.3, 126.9, 126.3, 122.7, 121.7, 112.5, 108.6, 45.5;

MS (ESI): *m/z* (%) 218 [(M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 40], 117 (100).

**5-Methyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3u)**

White solid; mp: 154–155°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 159–160°C);

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 9.28 (br s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23

(dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.13 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  135.5, 133.1, 131.2, 128.2, 127.2, 121.9, 112.1, 108.2, 45.5, 21.4;

MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (%) 232 [(M+Na) $^+$ , 39], 131 (100).

### 5-Methoxy-2-(methylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3v)

White solid; mp: 176–177°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 177–178°C);

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  9.15 (br s, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd,  $J = 2.1, 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  155.3, 133.5, 132.2, 127.5, 118.0, 113.3, 108.2, 102.6, 55.7, 45.6;

MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (%) 248 [(M+Na) $^+$ , 33], 147 (100).

### 5-Fluoro-2-(methylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3w)

Pale yellow solid; mp: 160–161°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 157–158°C);

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  9.51 (br s, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 9.1, 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 2.0, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd,  $J = 9.1, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  159.5, 157.6, 134.8, 133.5, 127.2, 115.6 (d,  $J = 26.9$  Hz), 113.6 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz), 108.4 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 107.1 (d,  $J = 23.5$  Hz), 45.5;

MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (%) 236 [(M+Na) $^+$ , 8], 338 (100).

### 5-Bromo-2-(methylsulfonyl)-1*H*-indole (3x)

Pale yellow solid; mp: 188–189°C (Lit.<sup>2</sup> 188–189°C);

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  9.29 (br s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  135.3, 134.6, 129.4, 128.6, 125.2, 115.0, 113.9, 107.8, 45.5;

MS (ESI):  $m/z$  (%) 296 [(M+Na) $^+$ , 6], 338 (100).

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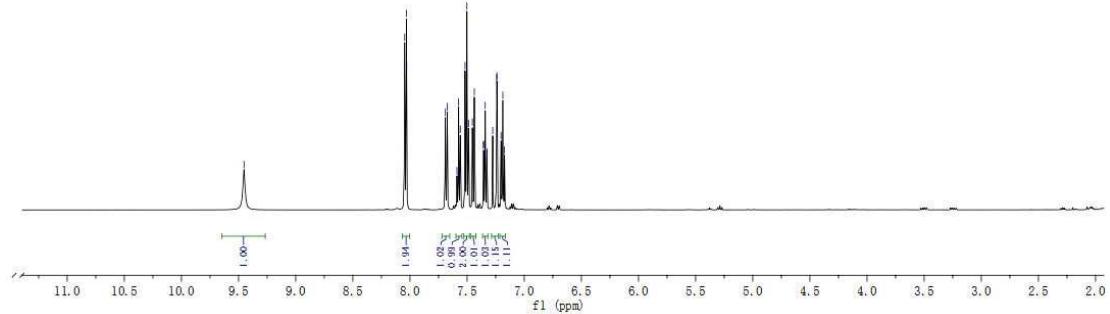
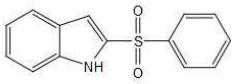
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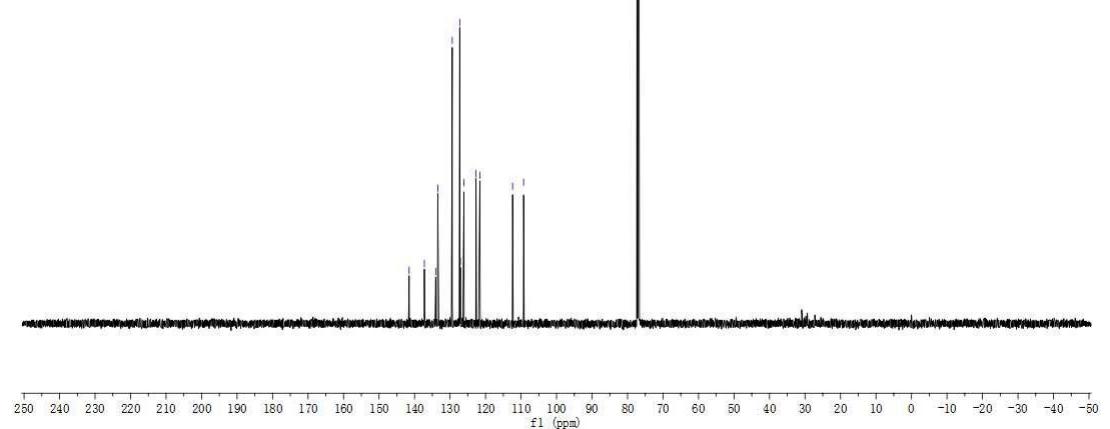
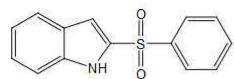
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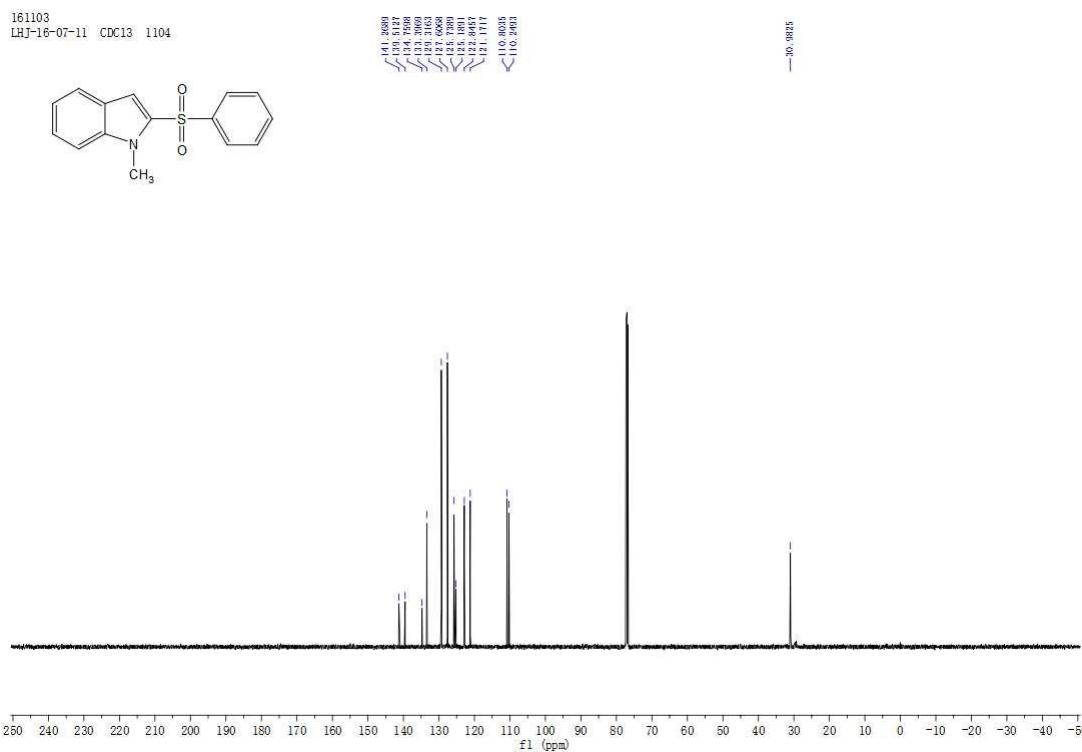
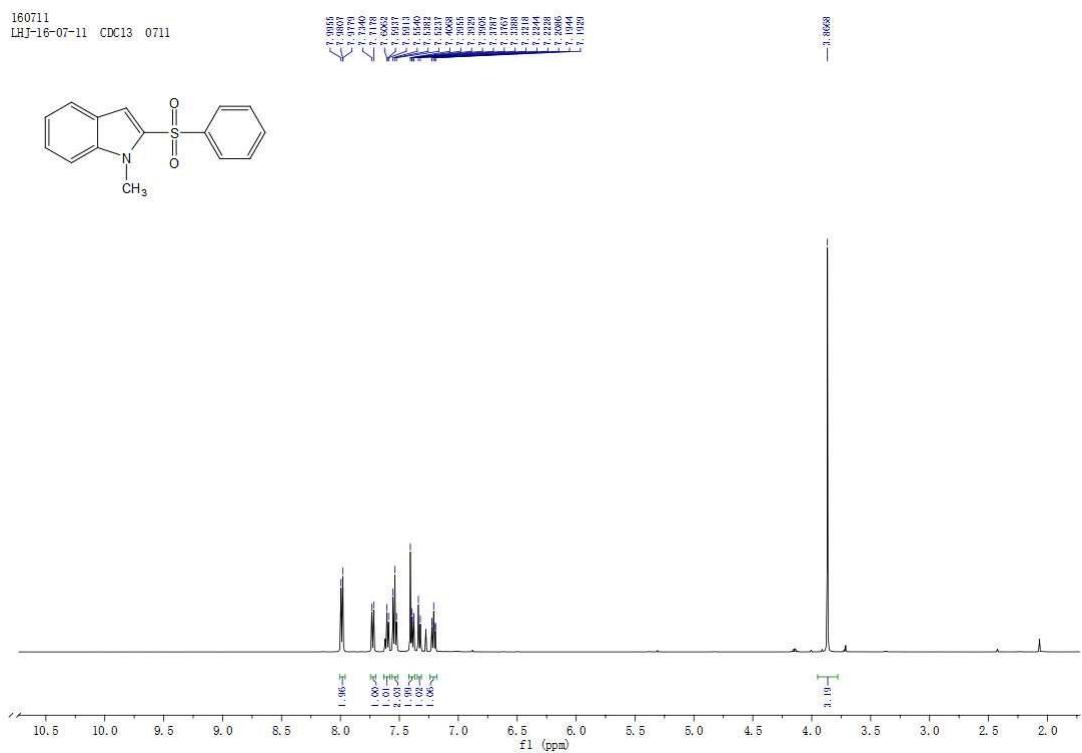


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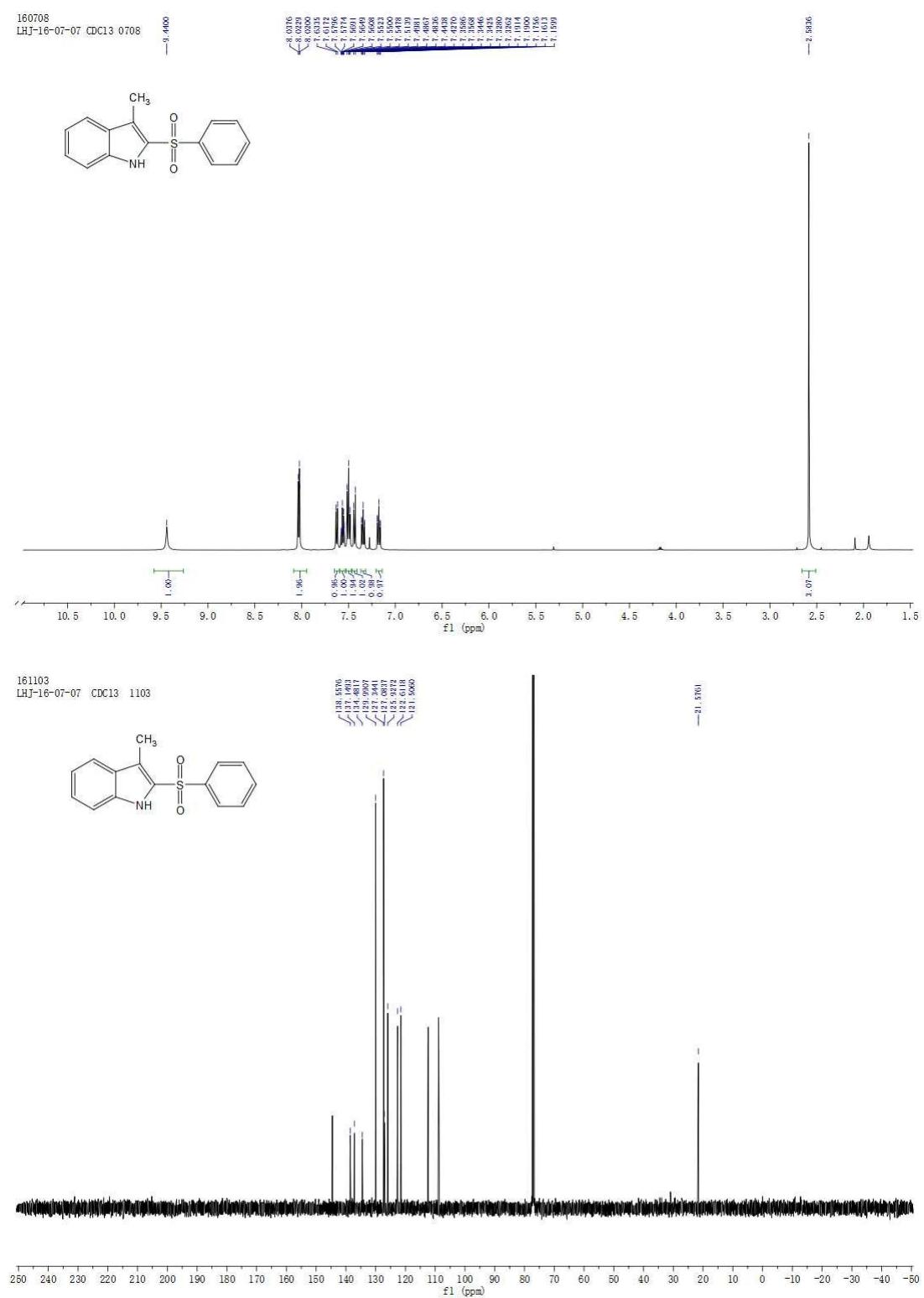
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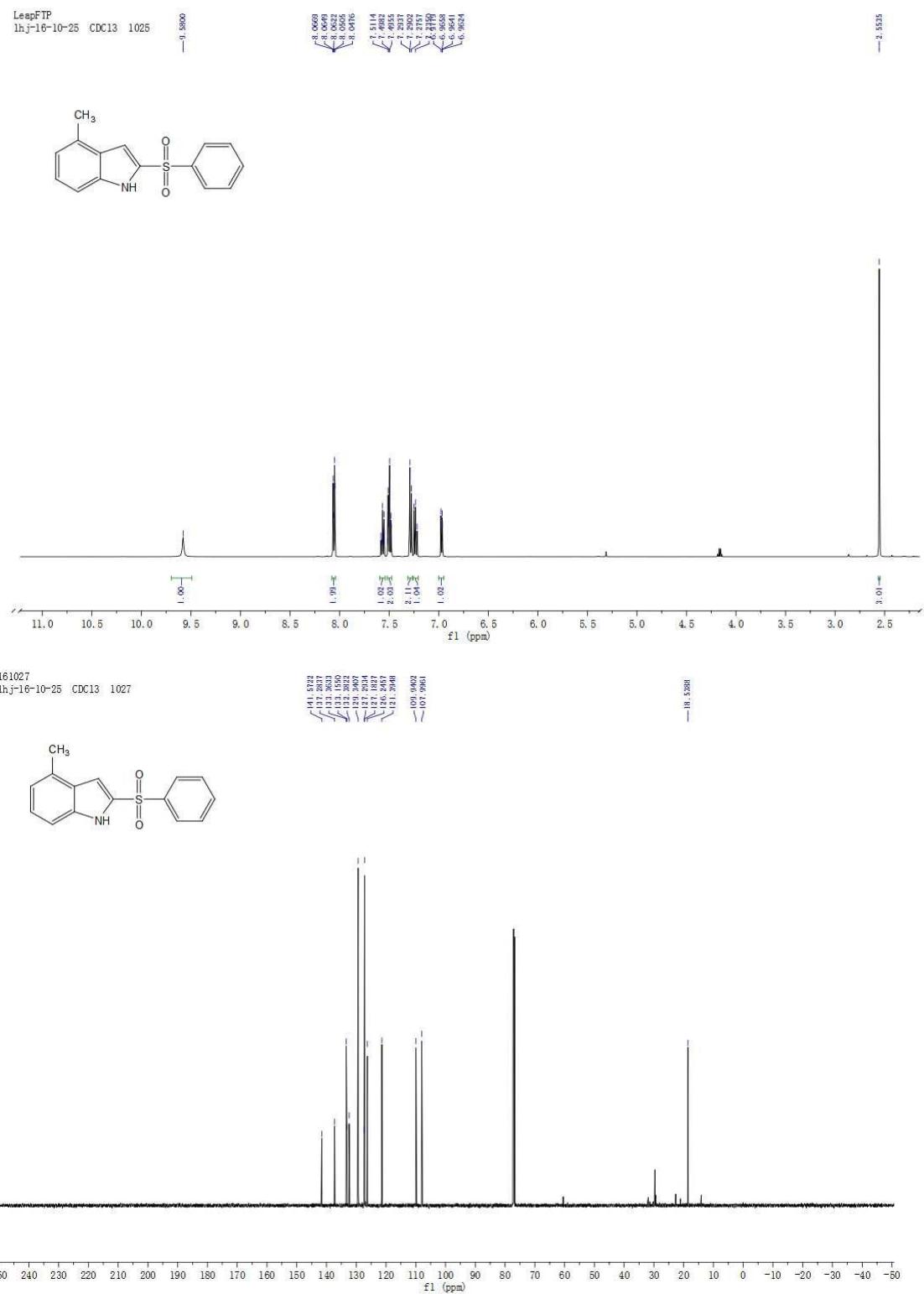
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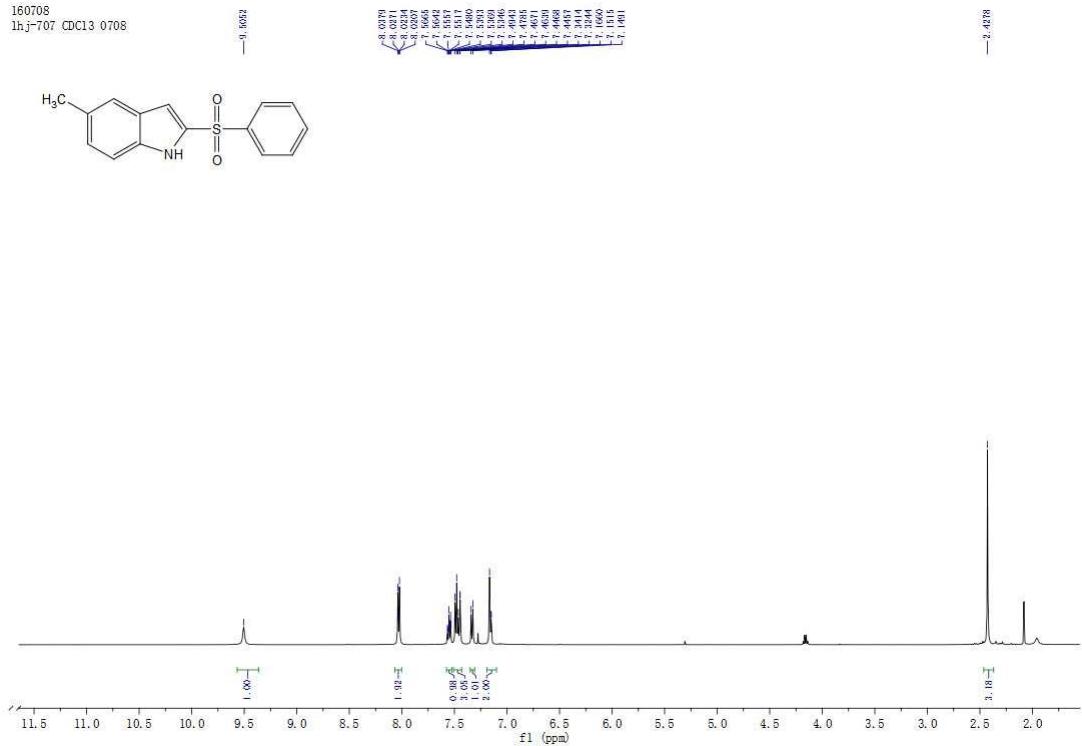
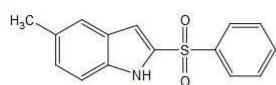


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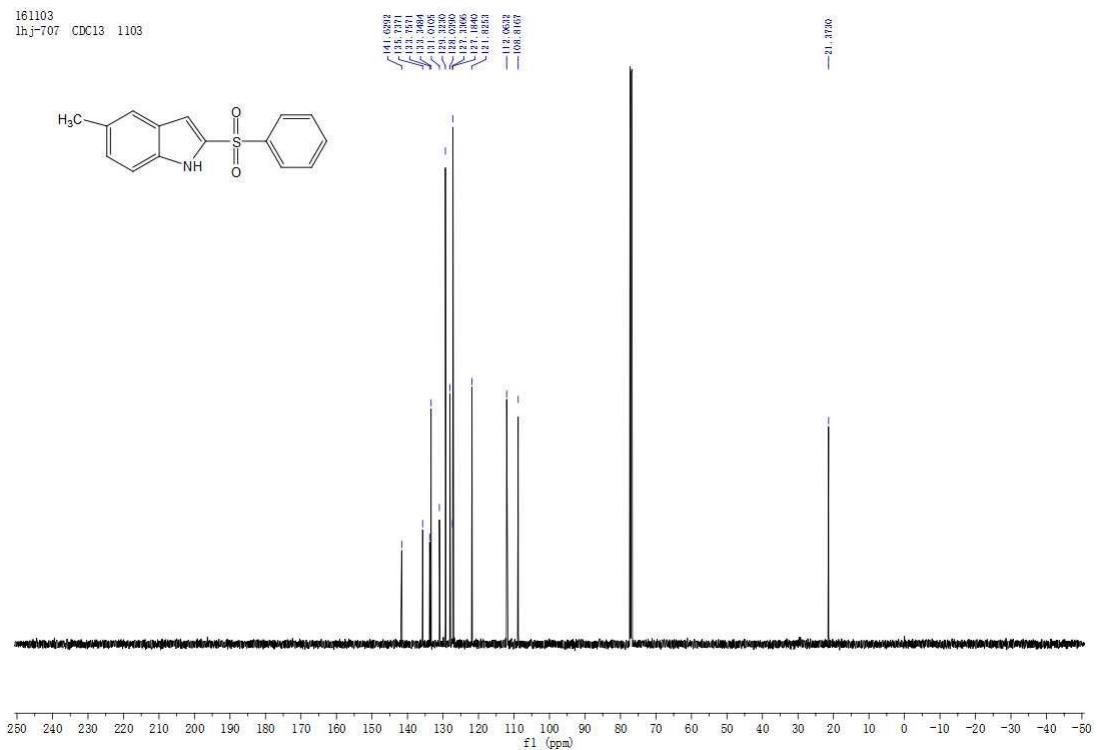
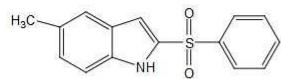


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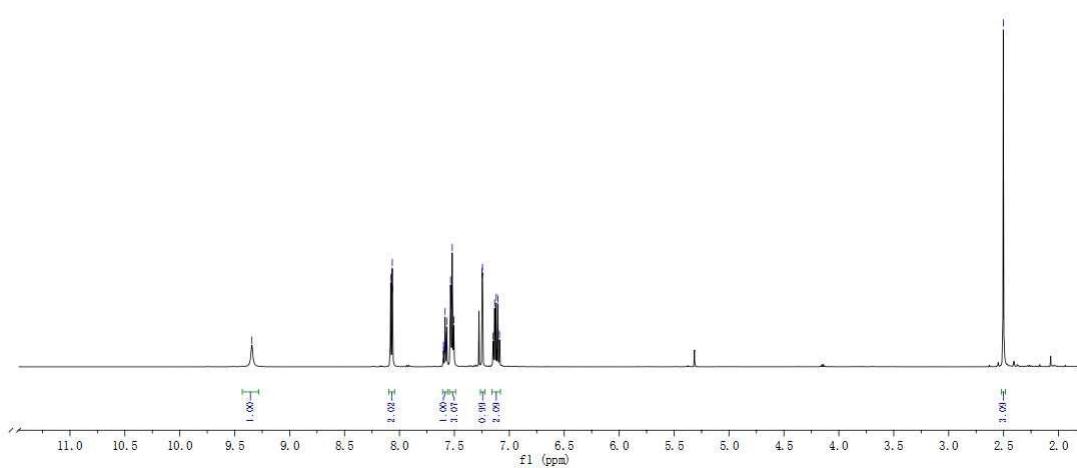
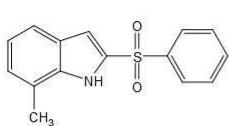


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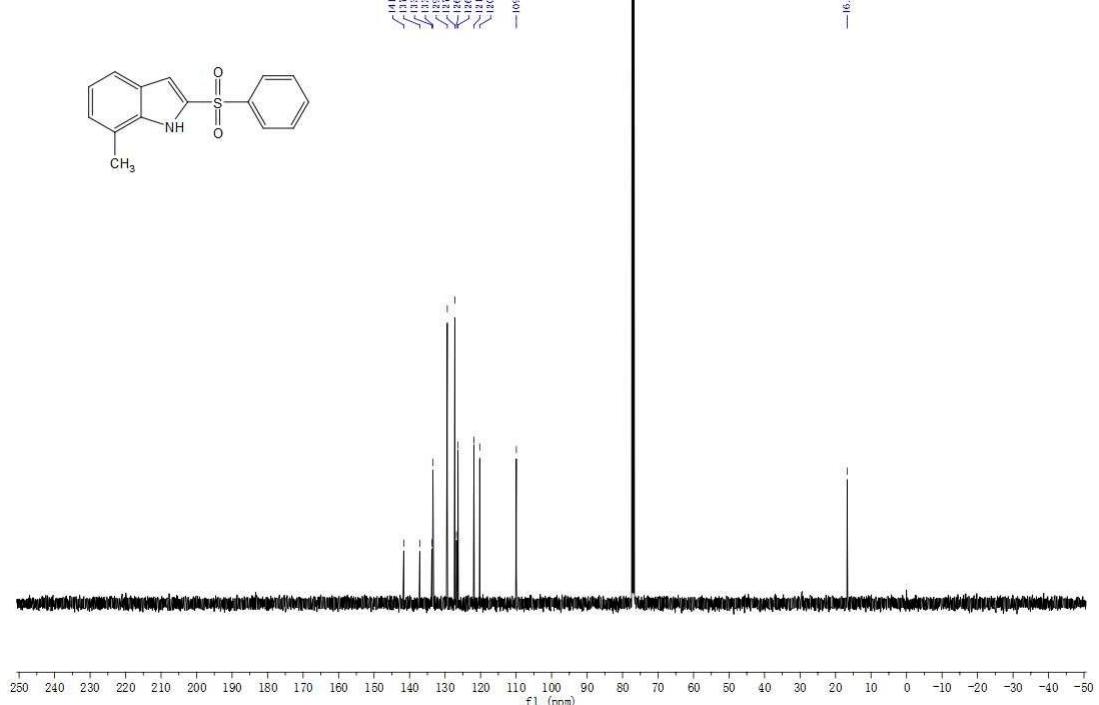
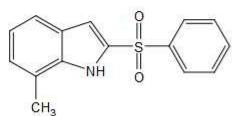


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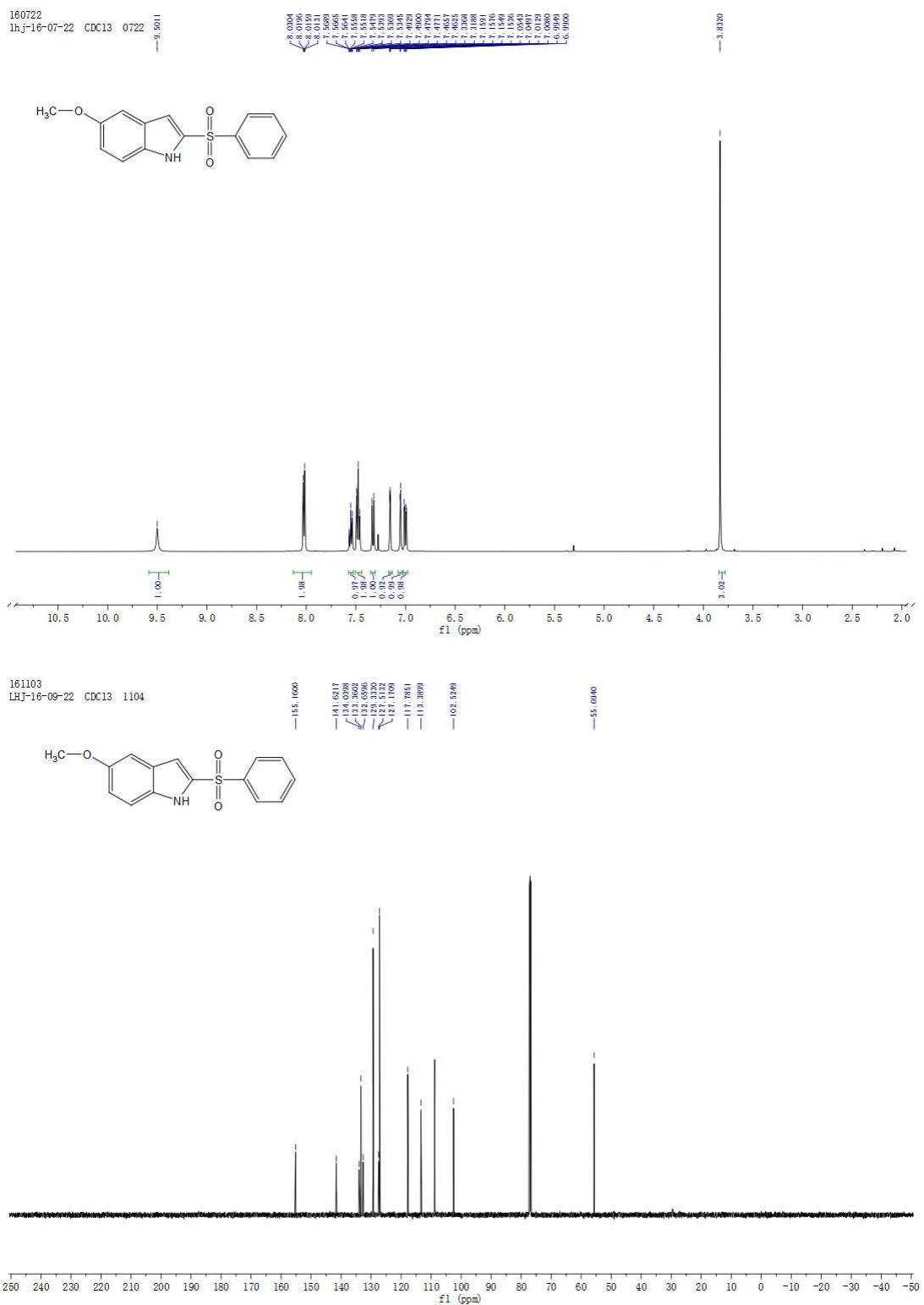
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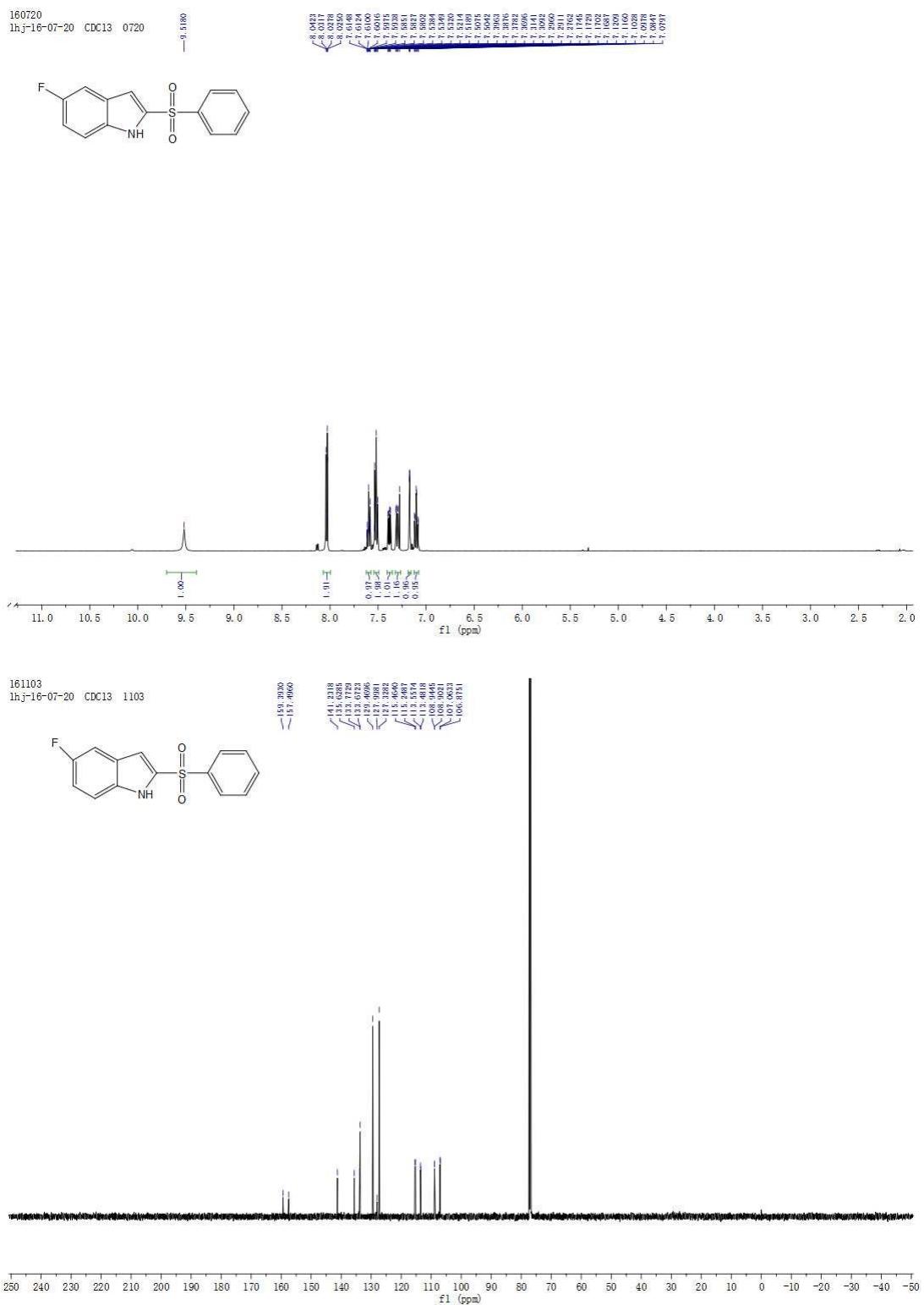
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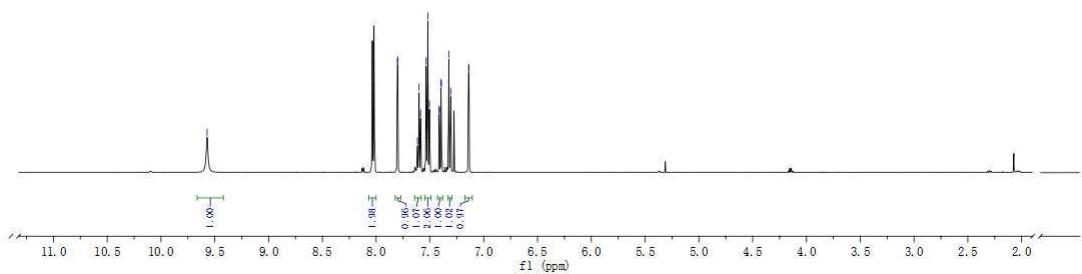
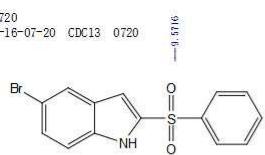


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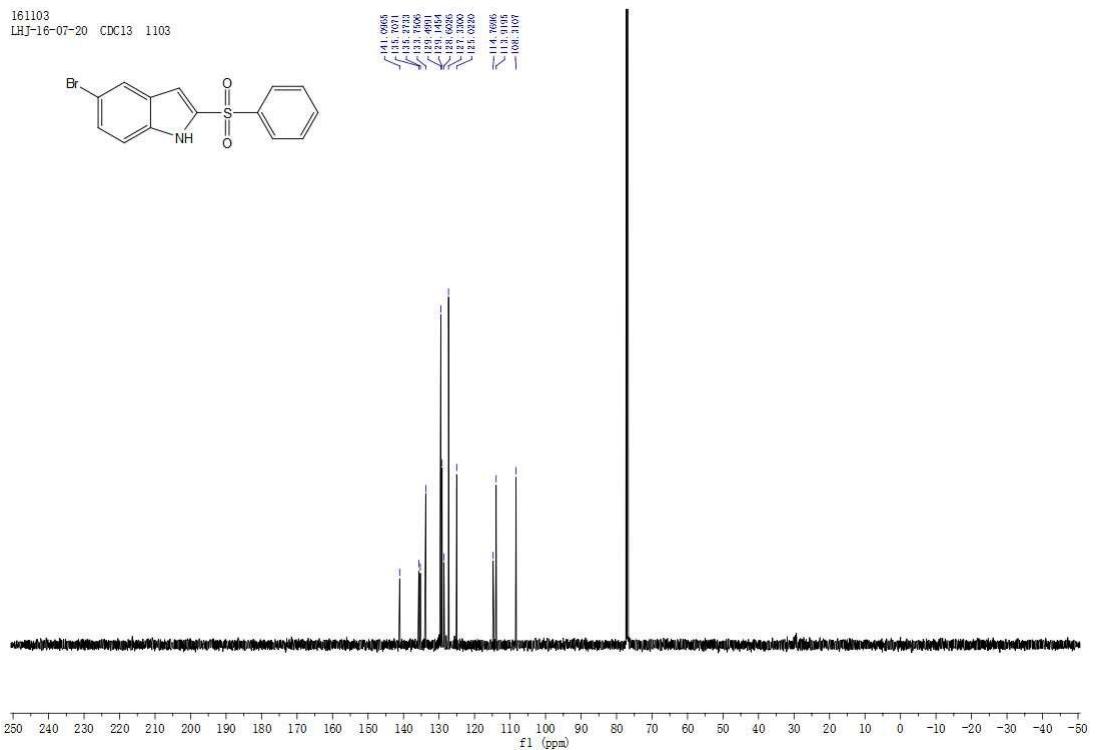
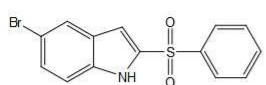


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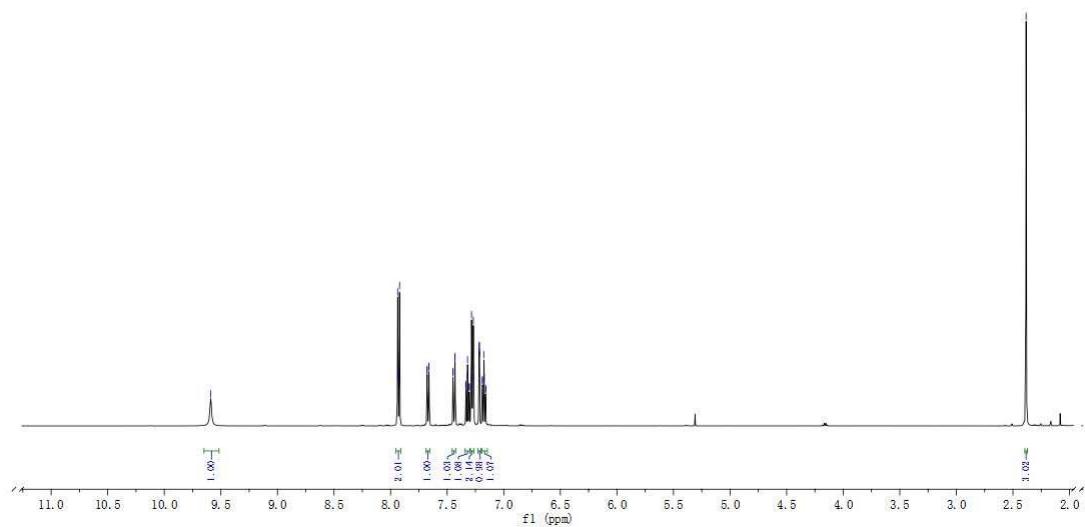
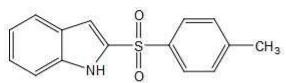
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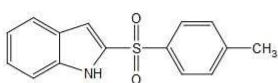
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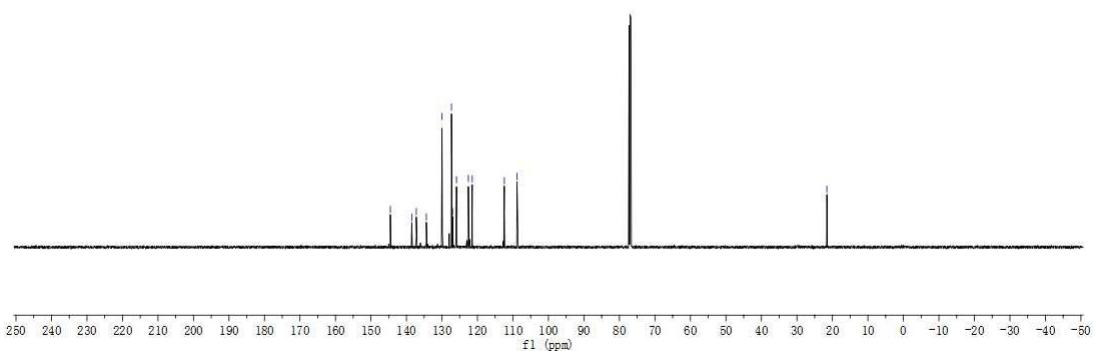


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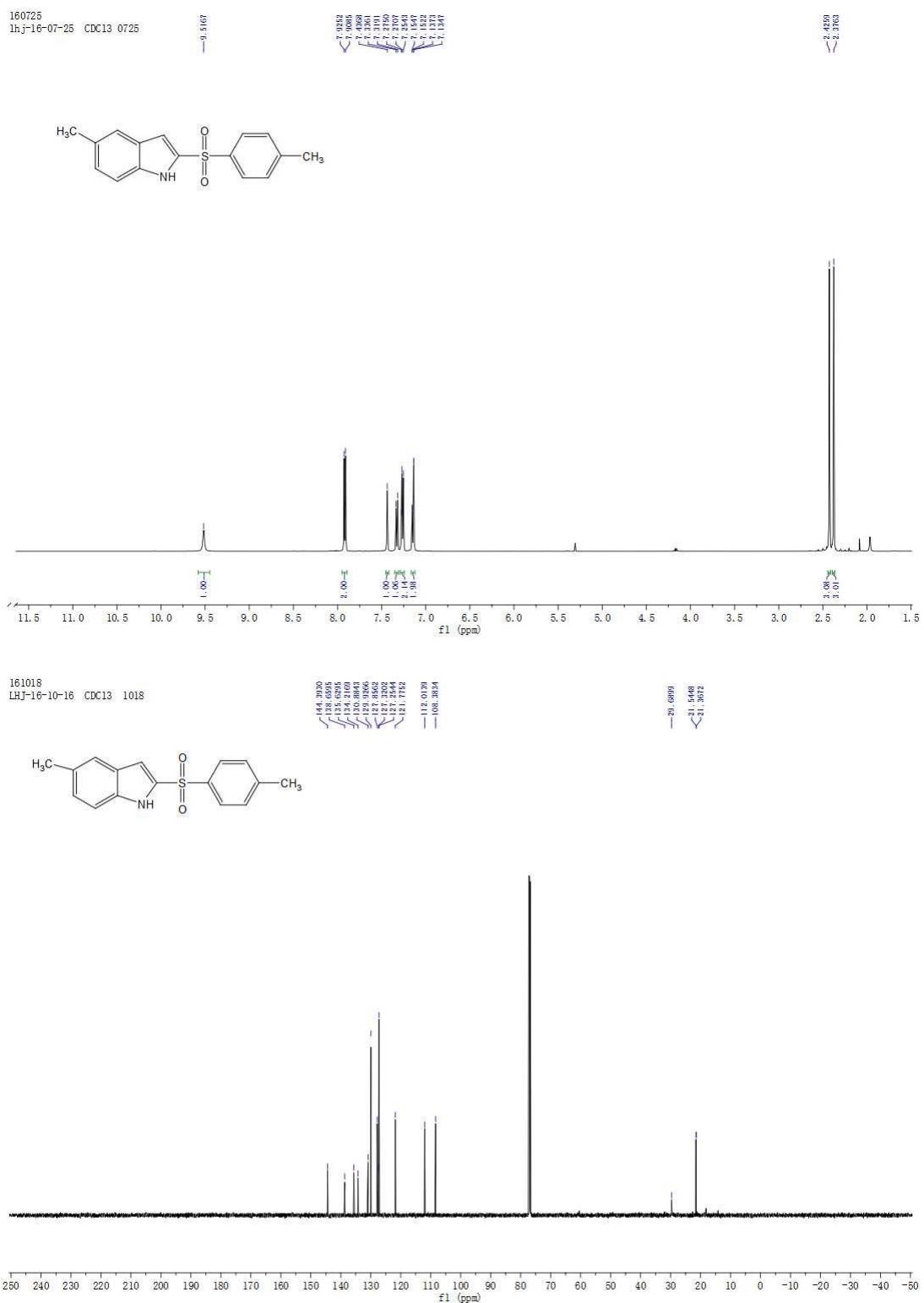


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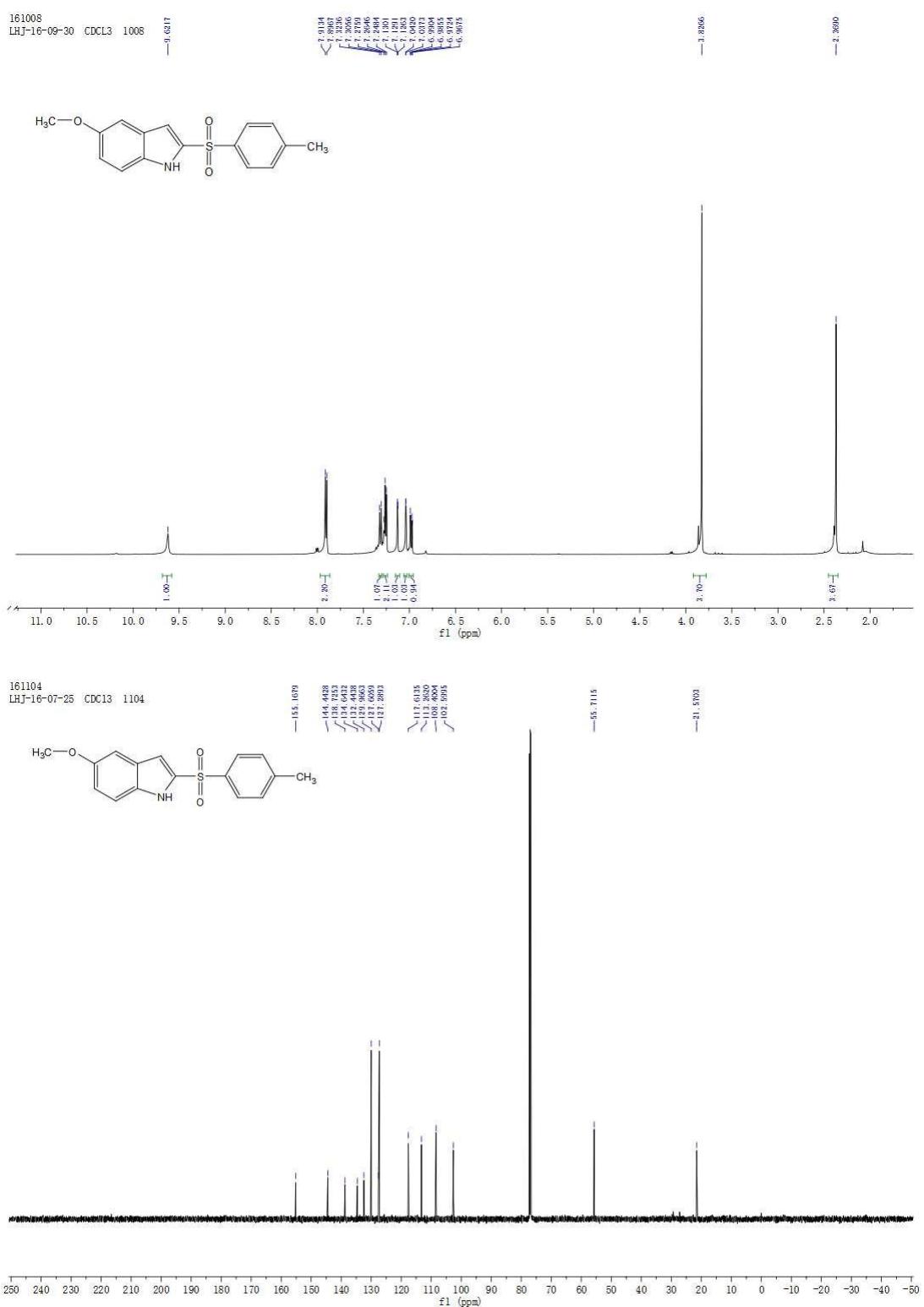
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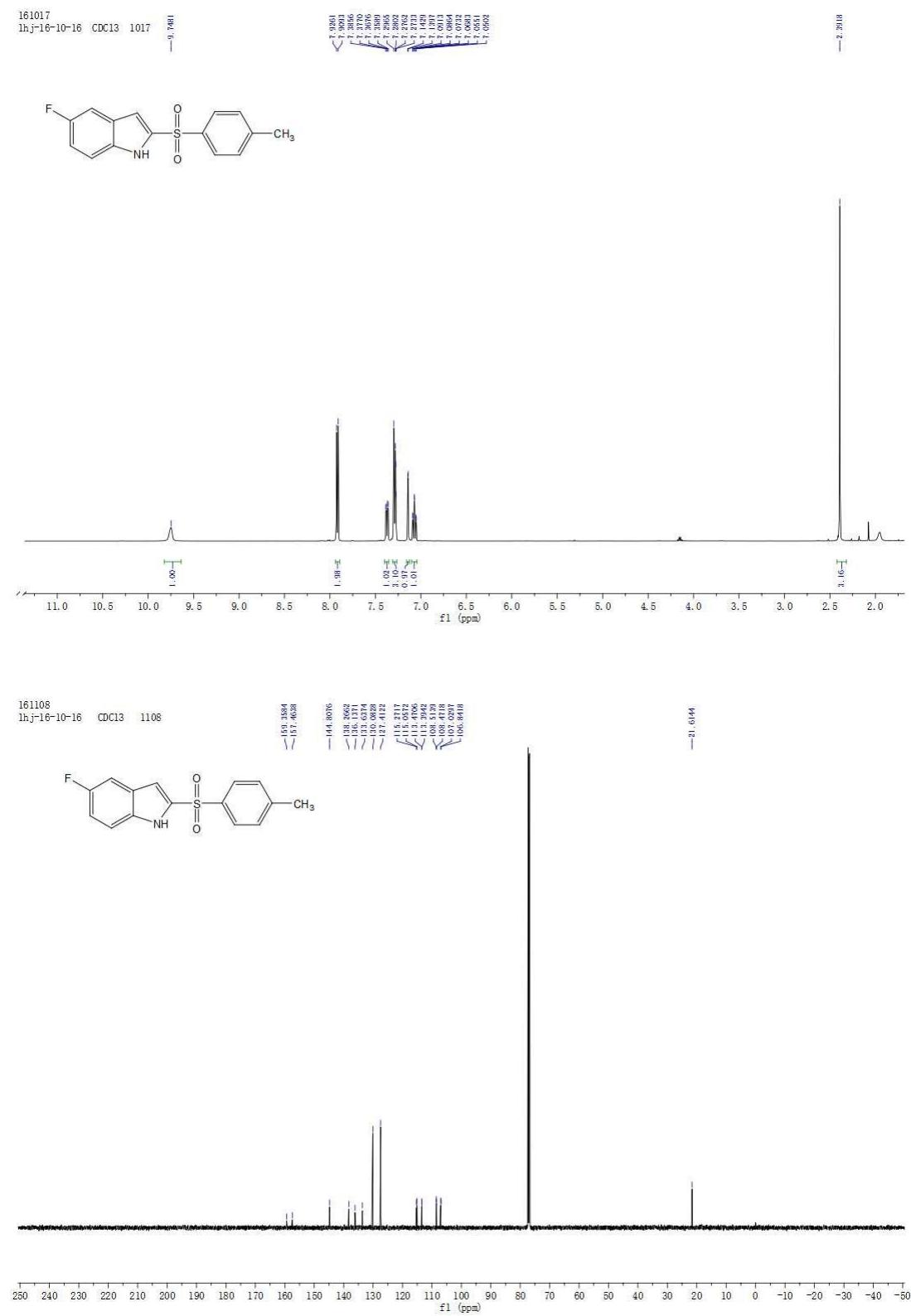
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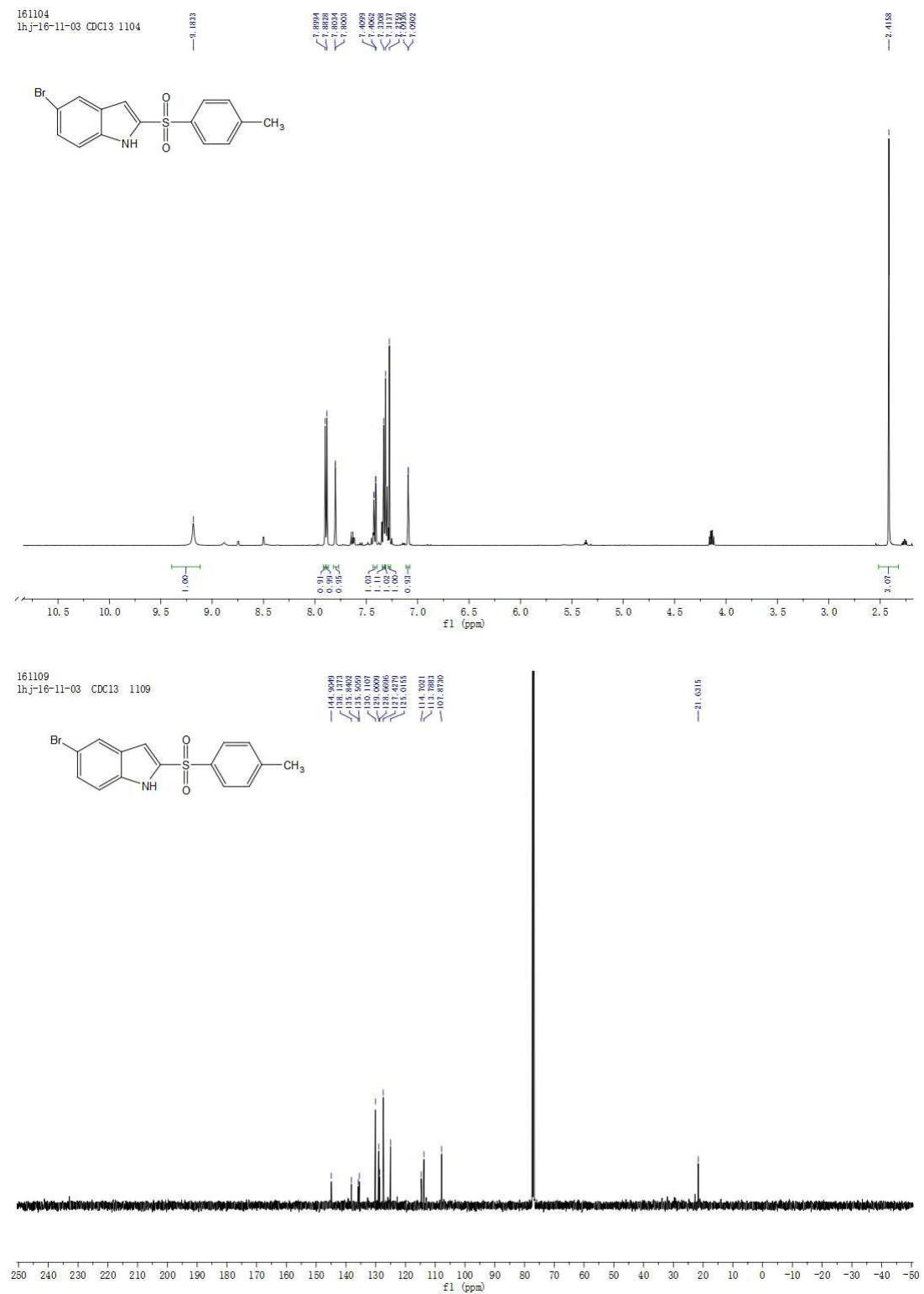
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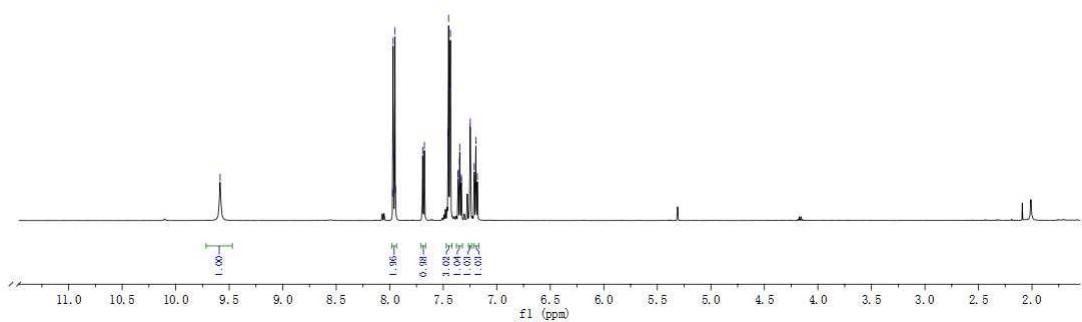
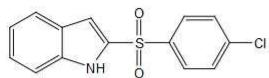


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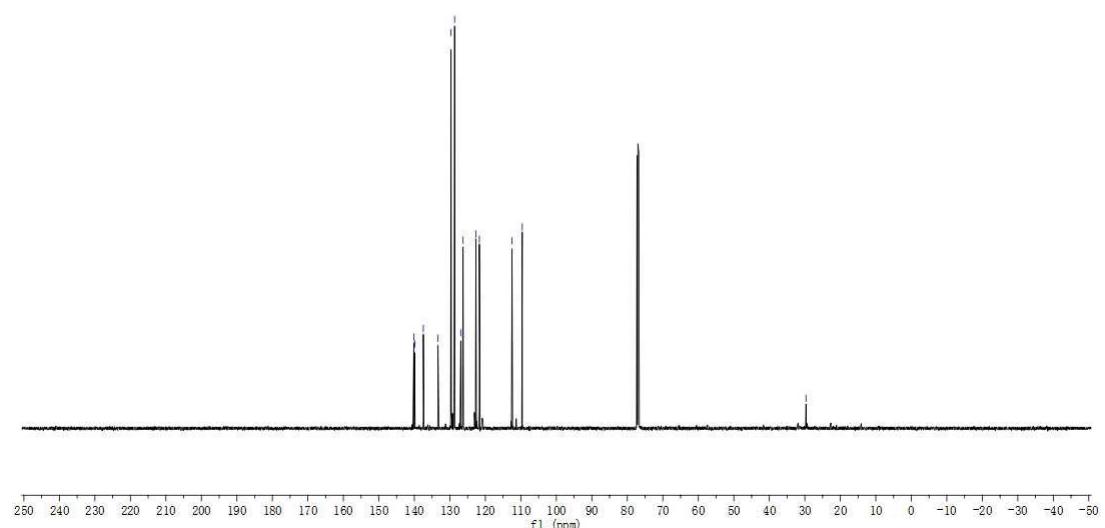
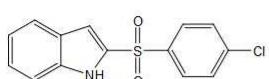


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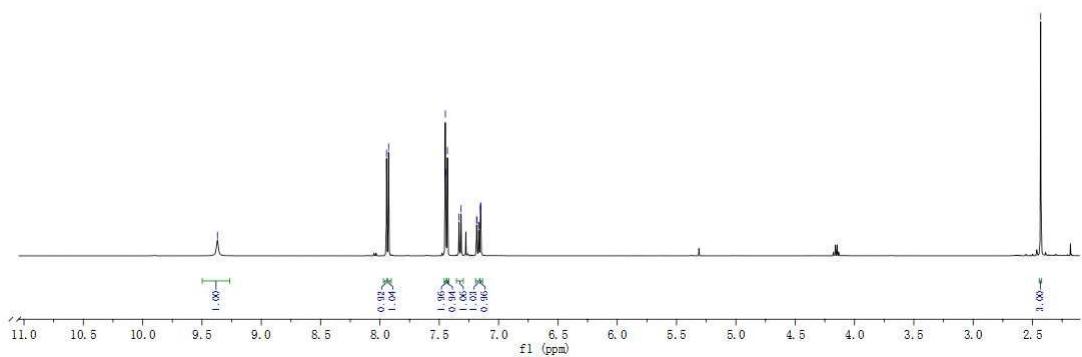
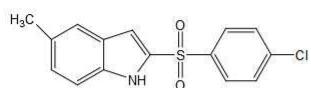
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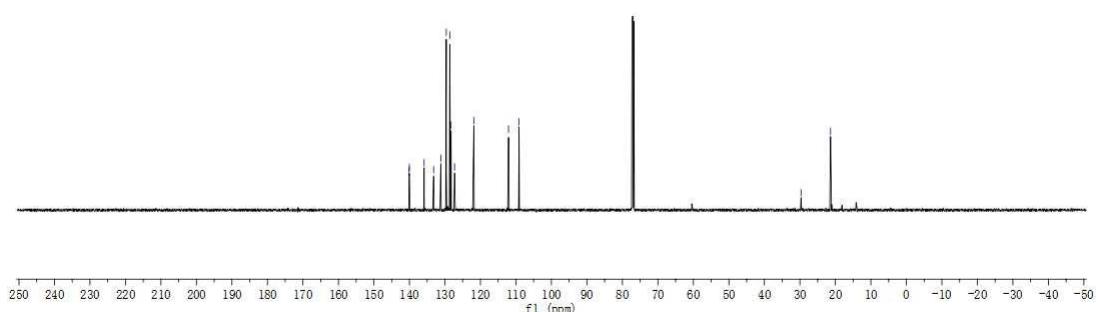
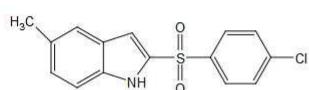
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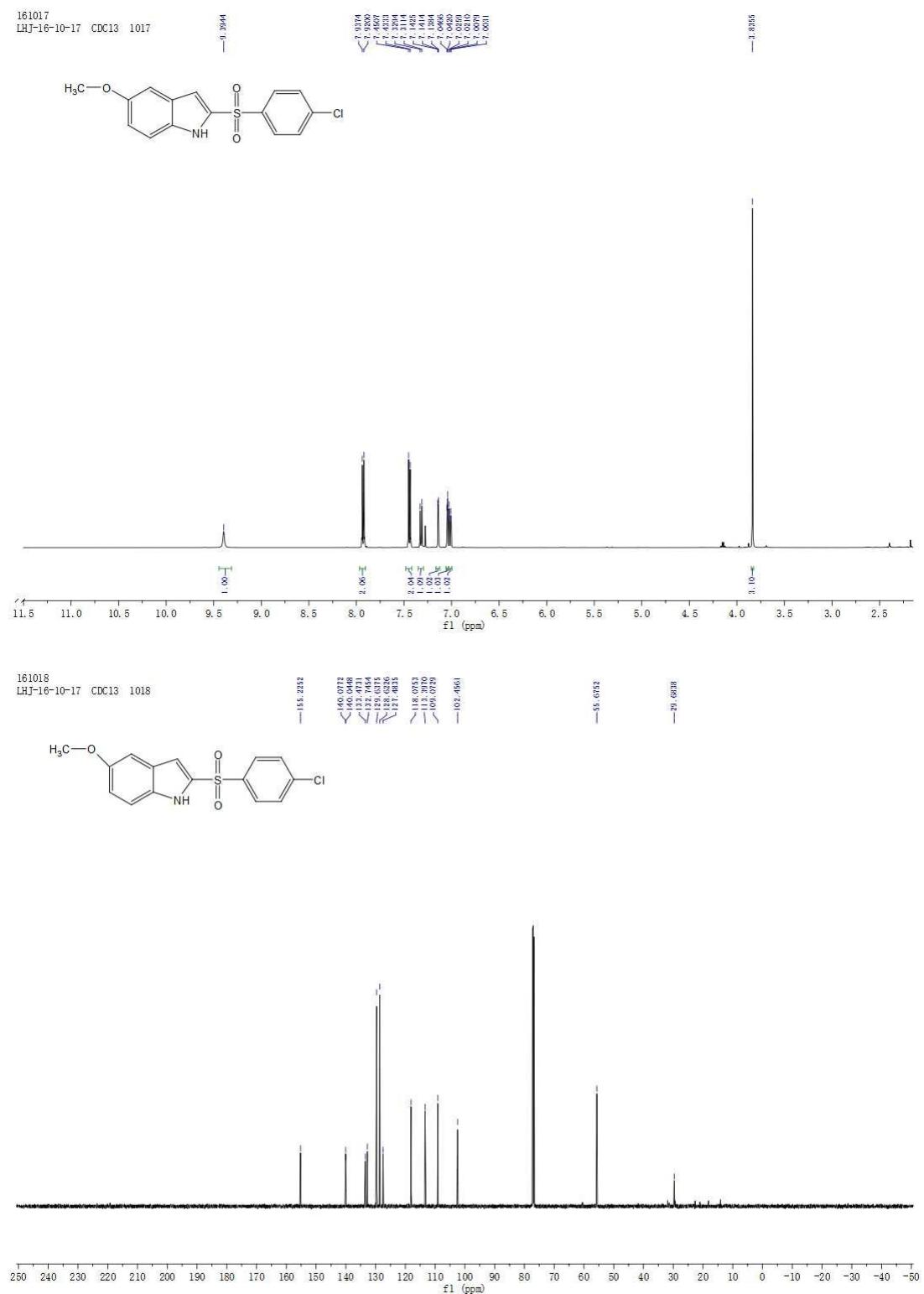
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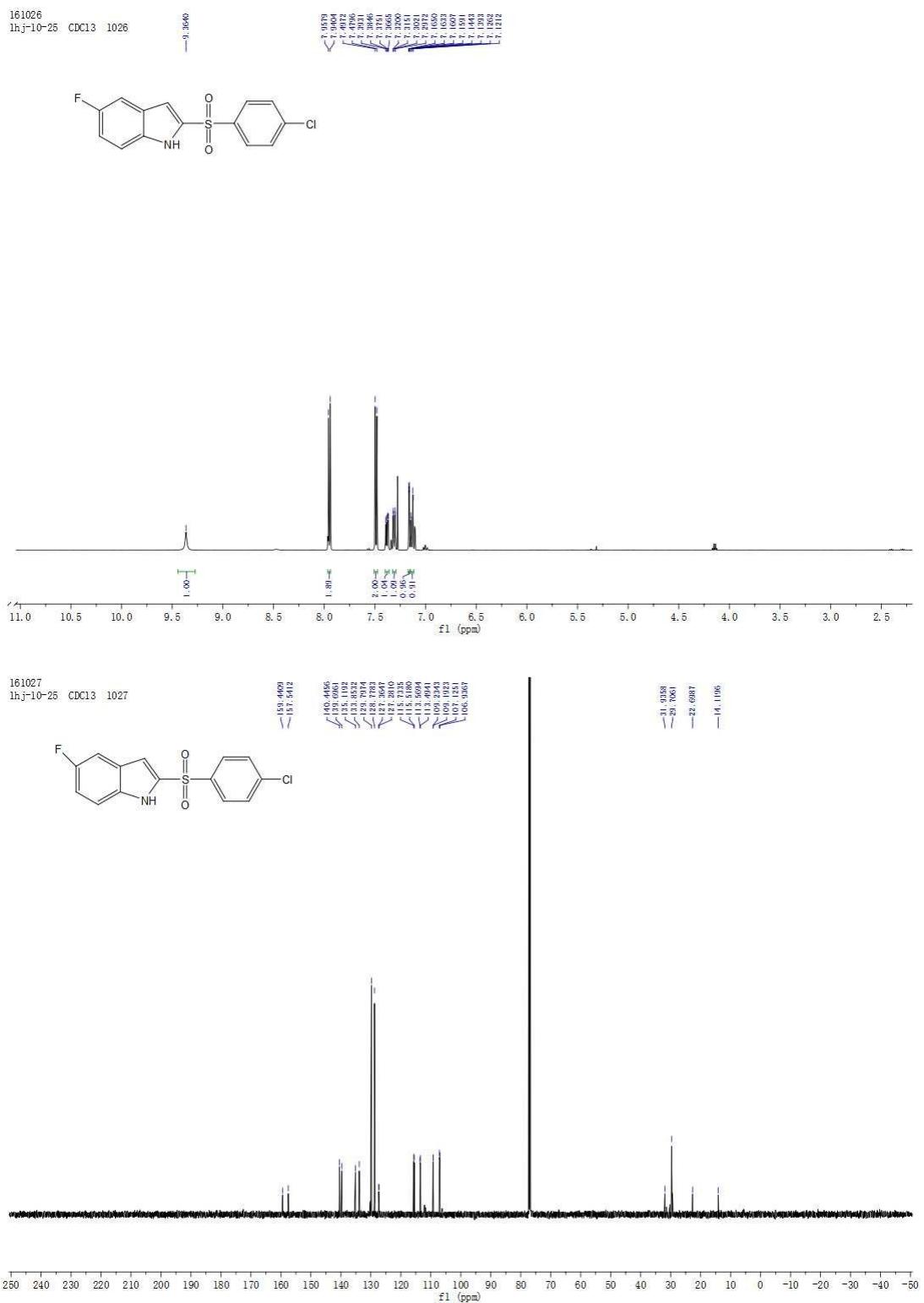
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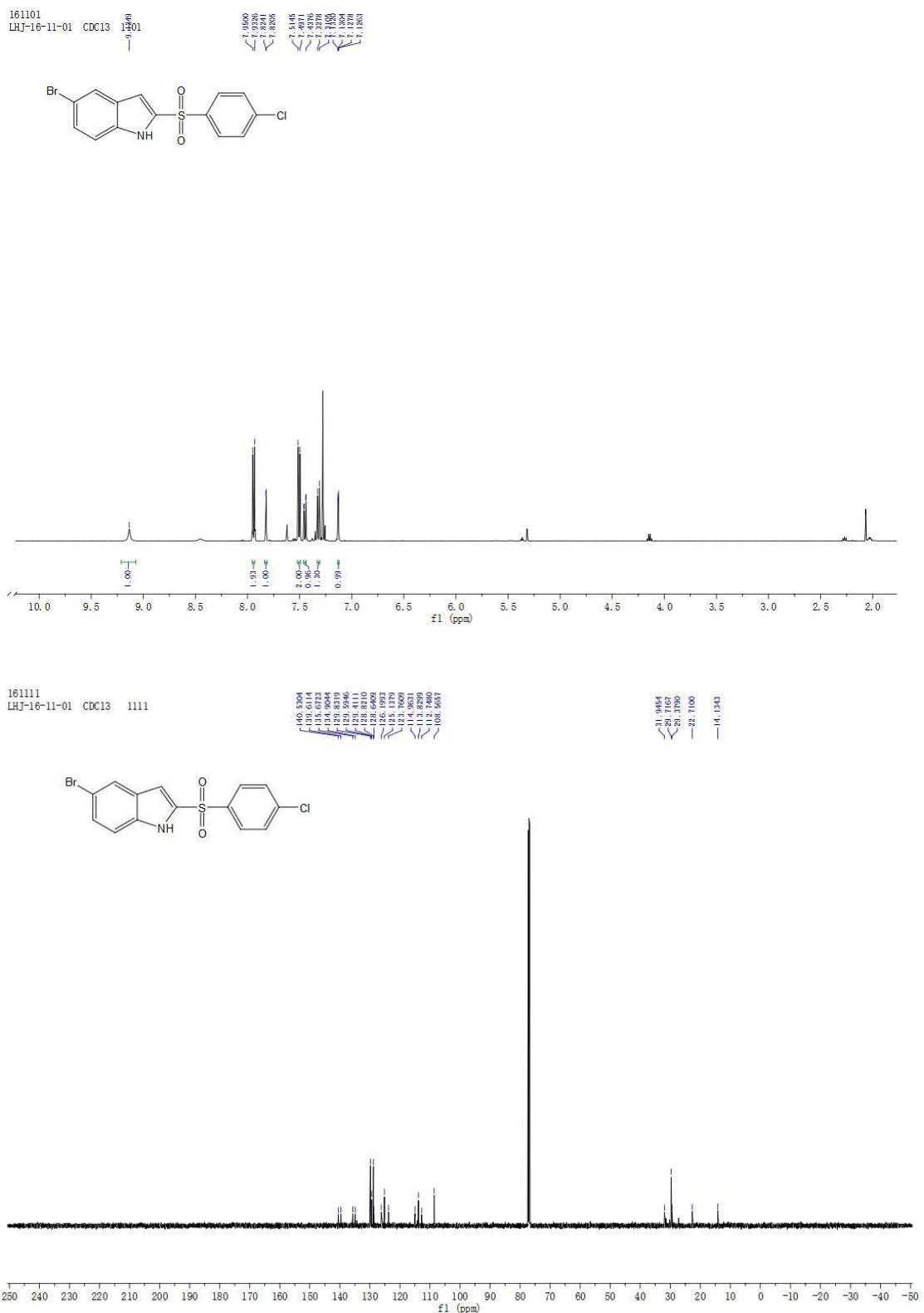
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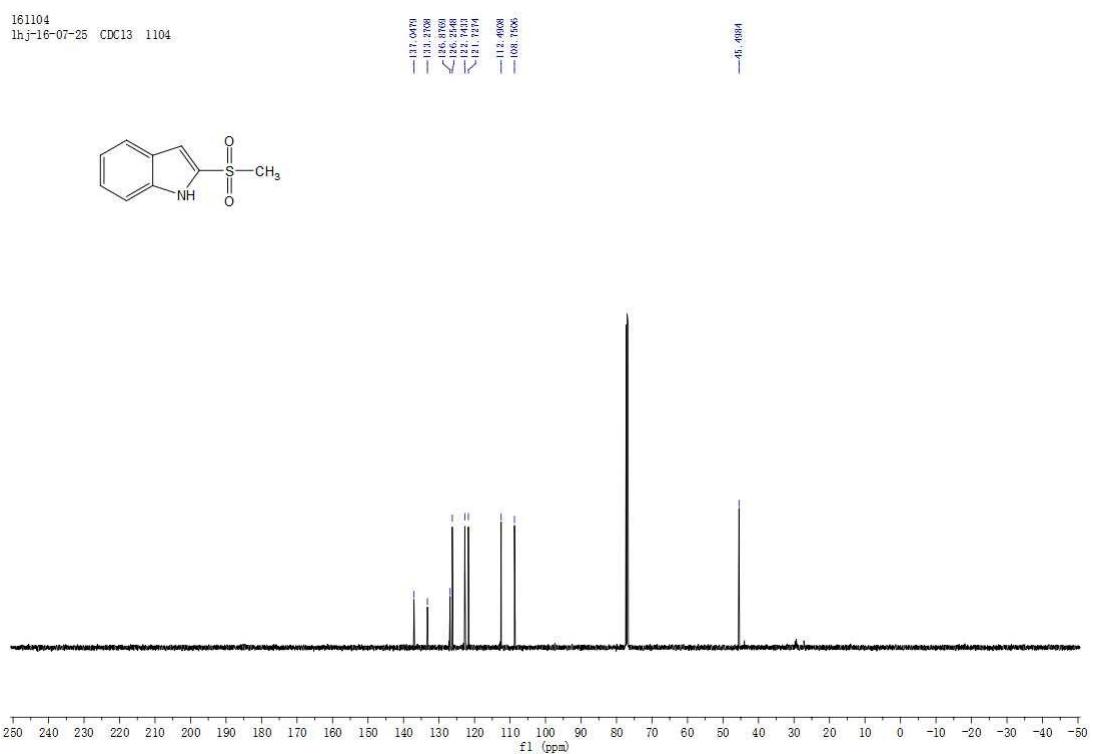
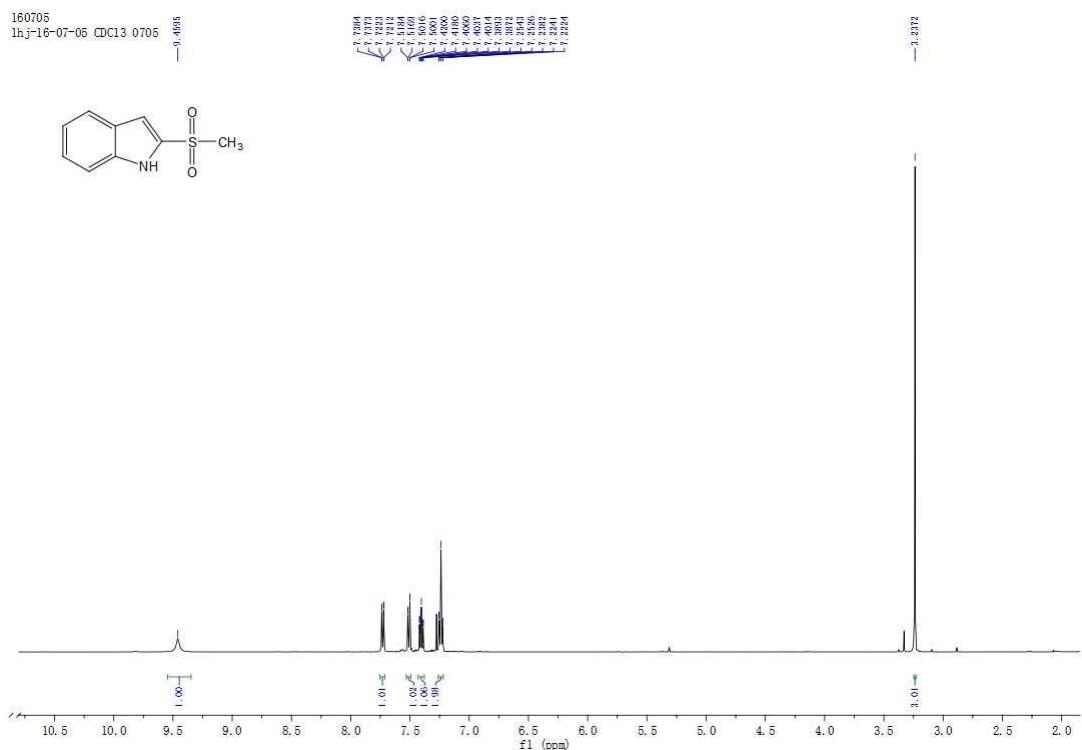
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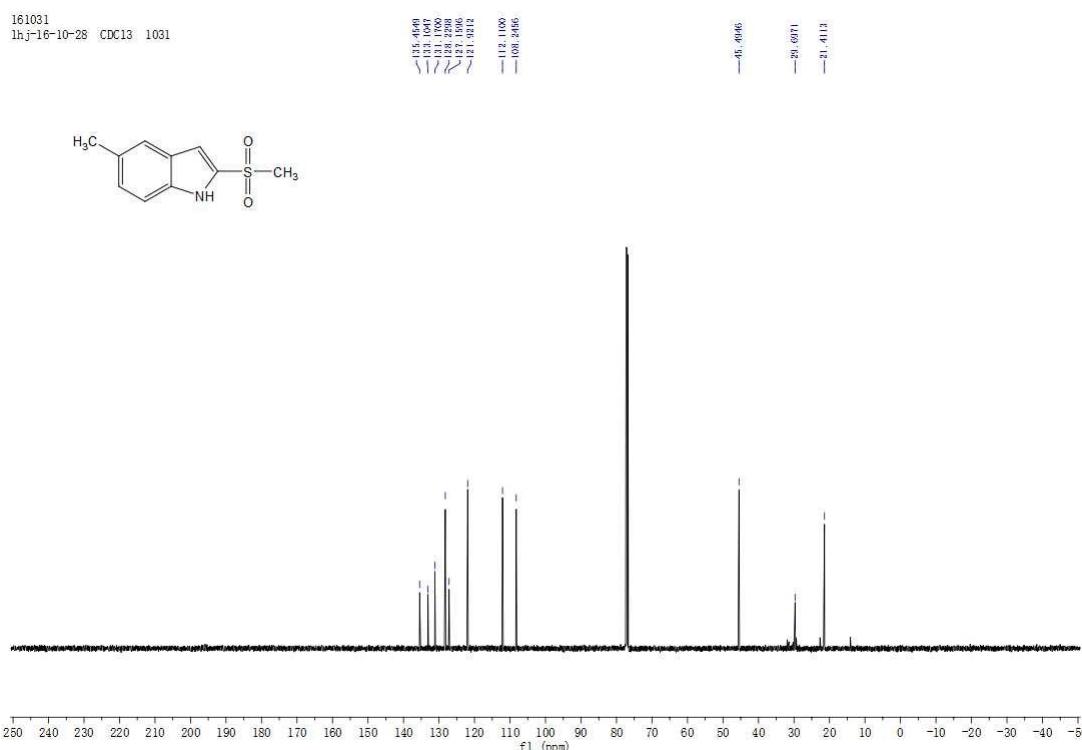
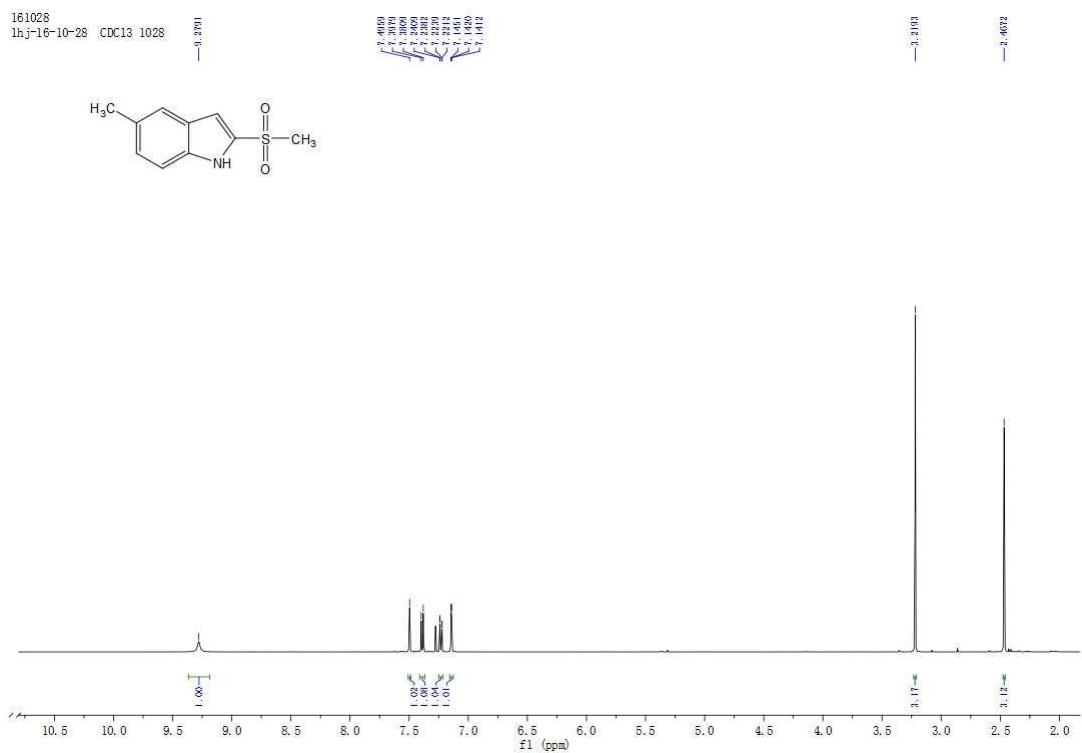
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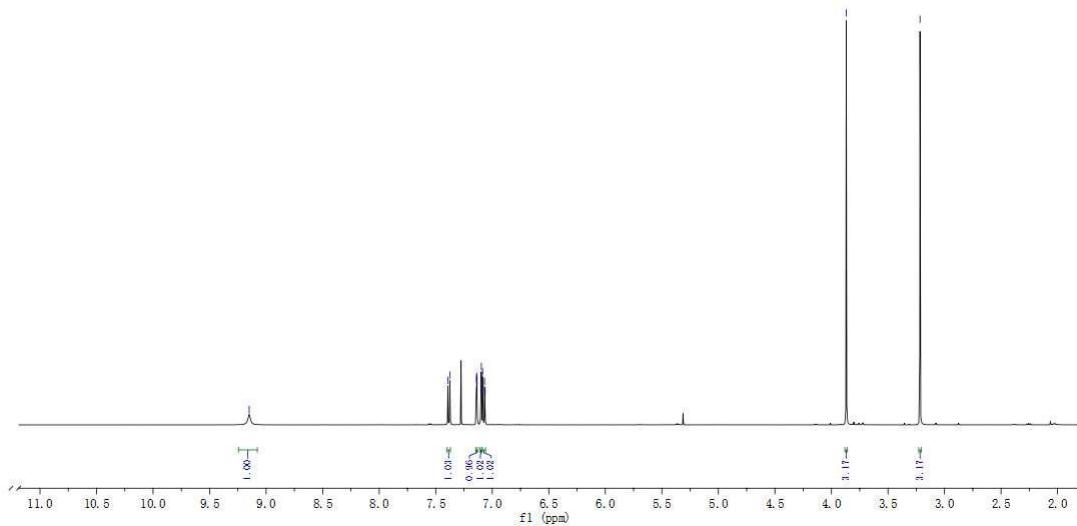
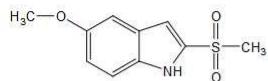


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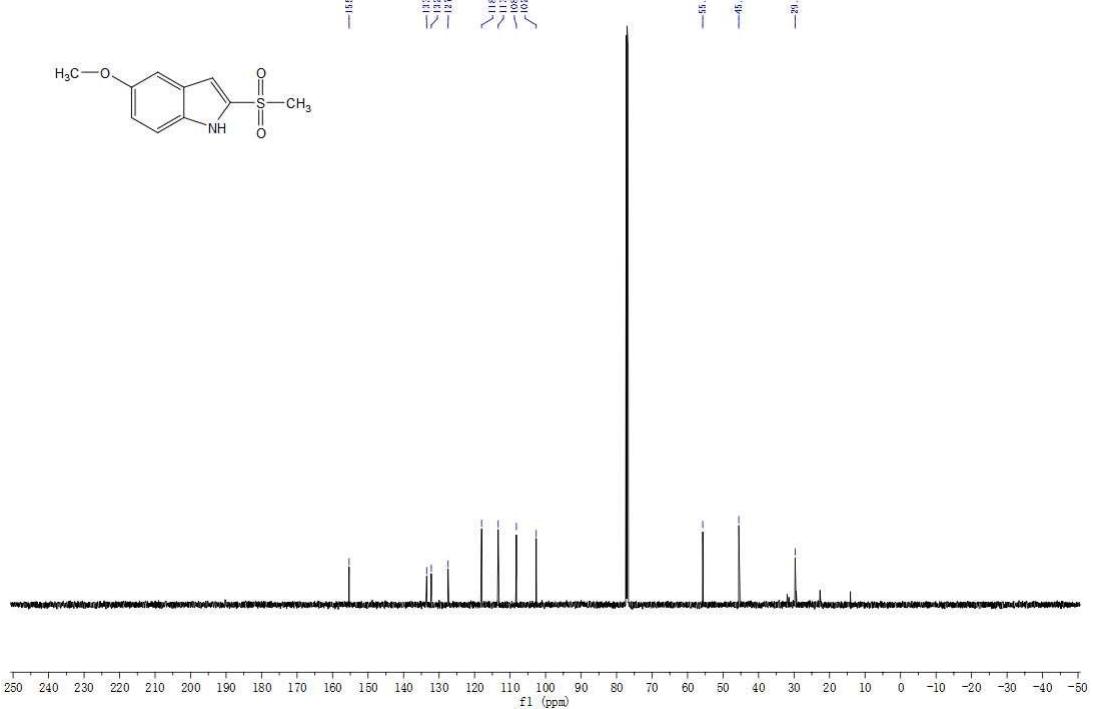
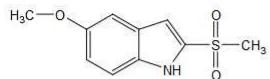


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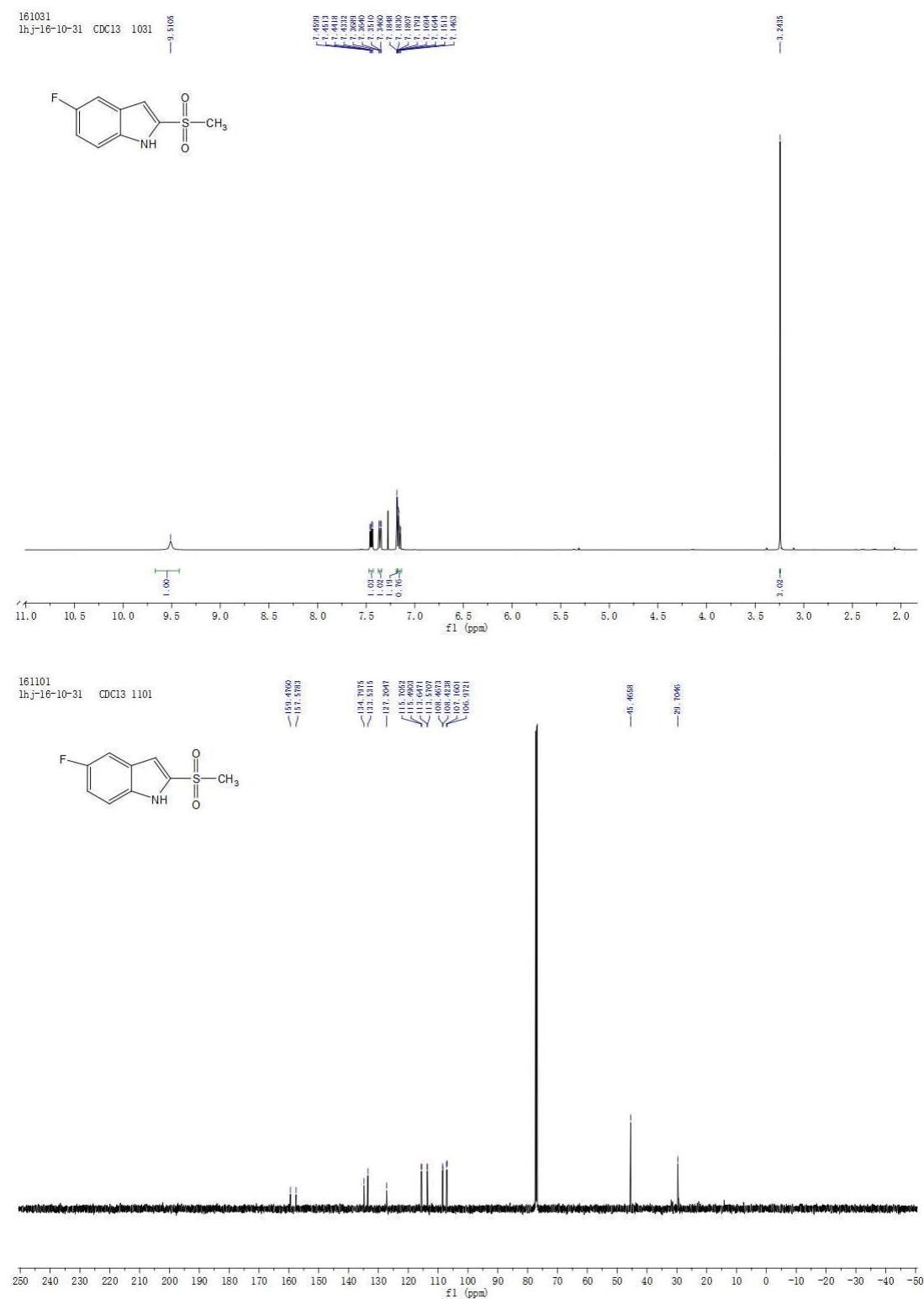
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