

Supporting Information

Access to π -conjugated azaindole derivatives via rhodium (III)-catalyzed cascade reaction of azaindoles and diazo compounds

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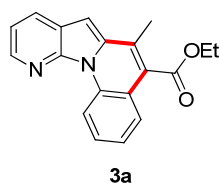
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1. General Methods

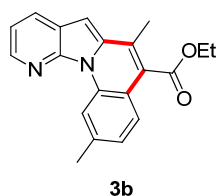
NMR data were obtained for ^1H at 400 MHz or 600 MHz, and for ^{13}C at 100 MHz or 151 MHz. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard in CDCl_3 solution. ESI HRMS was recorded on a Waters SYNAPT G2 and Water XEVO G2 Q-ToF. UV detection was monitored at 220 nm. TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh), eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. *N*-substituted 7-azaindoles were prepared according to the literature procedures.^[1]

2. General Procedure for Synthesis of 7-azaindole Derived Fused Compounds and Characterization Data

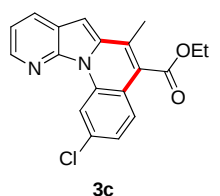
1-phenyl-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine **1a** (9.7 mg, 0.05 mmol), ethyl α -diazoacetoacetate **2a** (23.4 mg, 0.15 mmol) and $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (1.6 mg, 5 mol %) were stirred in *t*-BuOH (0.5 mL) at 80 °C for 10 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether (1:100) to give the product **3a** as a green solid (11.0 mg, 73%).



ethyl 6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3a**). 10 h, 11.1 mg, 73% yield (12:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 4.55 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.3, 146.5, 142.5, 135.6, 134.8, 128.9, 128.6, 127.0, 125.3, 125.1, 123.6, 122.0, 120.3, 118.2, 117.9, 94.5, 61.6, 15.7, 14.4, ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}$ 305.1290, found 305.1293.

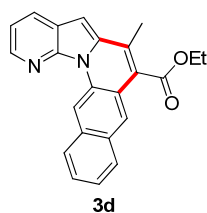


ethyl 2,6-dimethylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3b**). 10 h, 11.4 mg, 72% yield (30:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.05 (s, 1H), 8.59 (dd, J_1 = 1.6 Hz, J_2 = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, J_1 = 1.6 Hz, J_2 = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.53 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.4, 146.5, 142.2, 139.4, 135.8, 134.8, 128.4, 126.9, 125.0, 124.8, 124.1, 122.0, 118.3, 117.9, 117.9, 94.2, 61.6, 22.1, 15.6, 14.4, ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}$ 319.1447, found 319.1440.

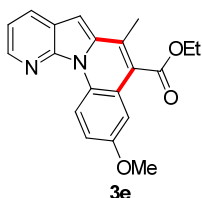


ethyl 2-chloro-6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3c**). 10 h, 12.7 mg, 75% yield (11:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.30 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 4.54 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.9, 146.4, 142.8, 135.3, 135.2, 134.5, 128.7, 126.2, 126.1, 125.8, 123.9, 122.0, 118.8, 118.3, 118.2, 95.1, 61.7, 15.7, 14.3 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2 + \text{H}$ 339.0900, found 339.0895.

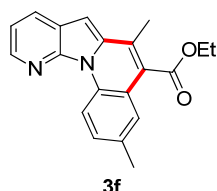
ethyl 6-methylbenzo[*g*]pyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoline-7-carboxylate (**3d**). 10 h, 13.9 mg,



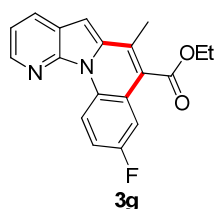
74% yield (9:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 8.64-8.63 (m, 1H), 8.12-8.07 (m, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 1H), 4.61 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.52 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.4, 147.5, 143.1, 135.4, 133.4, 132.4, 129.6, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 126.7, 125.5, 125.2, 124.4, 122.0, 120.8, 117.8, 115.1, 96.5, 61.7, 15.8, 14.4 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}$ 377.1266, found 377.1266.



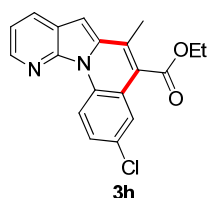
ethyl 3-methoxy-6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3e**). 10 h, 11.4 mg, 68% yield (17:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.13 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 4.55 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.3, 155.4, 146.0, 142.4, 135.2, 129.3, 128.6, 126.5, 126.1, 121.7, 121.4, 119.5, 117.7, 115.8, 108.7, 94.0, 61.6, 55.5, 15.8, 14.4, ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}$ 335.1396, found 335.1396.



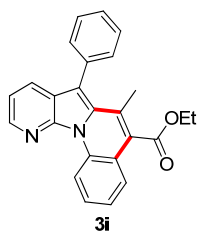
ethyl 3,6-dimethylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3f**). 10 h, 12.4 mg, 78% yield (9:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (dd, $J_1 = 1.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, $J_1 = 1.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J_1 = 1.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.55 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.5, 146.3, 142.3, 135.5, 133.0, 132.7, 129.9, 128.5, 126.9, 125.1, 125.0, 121.9, 120.2, 118.0, 117.8, 94.1, 61.6, 21.2, 15.7, 14.4 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}$ 319.1447, found 319.1447.



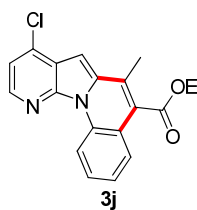
ethyl 3-fluoro-6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3g**). 10 h, 12.7 mg, 79% yield (7:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.44 (d, $J = 10.23$ -10.20 (m, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.55 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.7, 158.5 (d, $J = 241.3$ Hz), 146.1, 142.7, 135.1, 131.2, 128.8, 127.2, 125.9, 121.8 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 119.9 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 121.7, 118.0, 115.9 (d, $J = 22.8$ Hz), 110.0 (d, $J = 24.3$ Hz), 94.9, 61.8, 15.8, 14.3 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}$ 323.1196, found 323.1191.



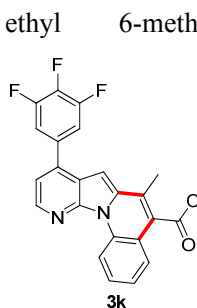
ethyl 3-chloro-6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3h**). 10 h, 12.3 mg, 73% yield (3:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.16 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.55 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.6, 146.3, 142.8, 136.1, 133.1, 128.8, 128.6, 127.0, 125.7, 124.6, 121.9, 121.7, 119.6, 118.1, 96.1, 61.8, 15.8, 14.3 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}$ 339.0900, found 339.0901.



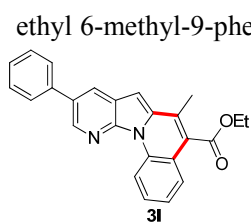
ethyl 6-methyl-7-phenylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3i**). 22 h, 8.5 mg, 46% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.31 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.35 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 4.49 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.7, 145.1, 143.1, 135.0, 131.5, 130.6, 129.0, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 125.9, 124.8, 123.6, 123.3, 120.2, 118.5, 118.0, 111.7, 61.6, 18.5, 14.3 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}$ 381.1603, found 381.1608.



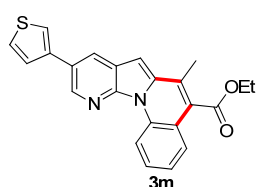
ethyl 8-chloro-6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3j**). 10 h, 10.6 mg, 63% yield (10:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.10 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.56 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.0, 146.6, 142.3, 135.9, 135.5, 134.4, 129.0, 127.6, 125.2, 125.0, 124.0, 121.3, 120.3, 118.2, 117.8, 92.8, 61.7, 15.6, 14.3 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}$ 339.0900, found 339.0898.



ethyl 6-methyl-8-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)pyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3k**). 10 h, 15.8 mg, 73% yield (5:2). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.20 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.56 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.1, 151.5 (ddd, $J_1 = 249.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 10$ Hz, $J_3 = 4$ Hz), 147.0, 142.5, 138.2, 135.5 (d, $J = 195$ Hz), 134.9-134.7 (m), 129.1, 127.7, 126.3 (d, $J = 268$ Hz), 125.3, 124.0, 120.4, 119.6, 118.4, 116.7, 112.9 (dd, $J_1 = 15.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 6$ Hz), 92.8, 61.7, 15.7, 14.4 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}$ 435.1320, found 435.1320.

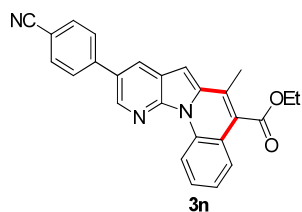


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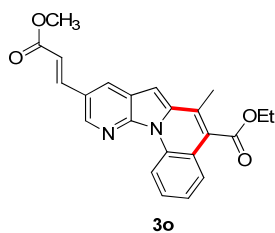


ethyl 6-methyl-9-(thiophen-3-yl)pyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3m**). 10 h, 13.9 mg, 68% yield (14:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.16 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 4.55 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.3, 145.6, 141.3, 140.1, 136.3, 134.6, 128.9, 127.0, 126.7, 126.4, 126.3, 125.7, 125.2, 123.7, 121.9, 120.4, 120.2, 118.1, 94.6, 61.6, 15.4, 14.4 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S} + \text{Na}$ 409.0987, found 409.0993.

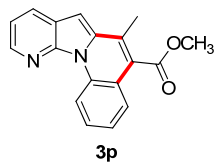
ethyl 9-(4-cyanophenyl)-6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3n**). 22 h, 12.7 mg, 63% yield (6:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 4H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.56 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.1, 146.3, 143.8, 141.3, 136.8, 134.5, 132.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.0, 126.8, 125.3, 125.1, 124.0, 121.9, 120.3, 118.8, 118.2, 111.0, 94.7, 61.8, 15.7, 14.4 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for C₂₆H₁₉N₃O₂+H 406.1556, found 406.1555.



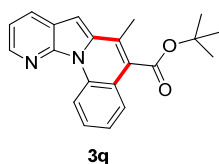
ethyl 9-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3o**). 10 h, 15.2 mg, 74% yield (11:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.1, 167.3, 146.8, 142.8, 136.8, 134.4, 129.0, 127.5, 127.1, 125.3, 125.0, 124.5, 124.0, 121.7, 120.3, 118.3, 117.5, 94.8, 61.7, 51.8, 15.7, 14.4 ppm. ESIHRMS: calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀N₂O₄+Na 411.1321, found 411.1326.



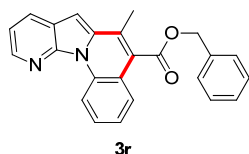
methyl 6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3p**). 10 h, 10.7 mg, 74% yield (10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, *J*₁ = 8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.8, 146.5, 142.5, 135.5, 134.8, 128.9, 128.6, 126.7, 125.6, 125.2, 123.6, 121.9, 120.2, 118.2, 118.0, 94.6, 52.4, 15.8 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₂+H 291.1134, found 291.1131.



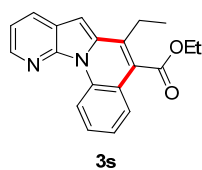
tert-butyl 6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3q**). 10 h, 7.5 mg, 45% yield (10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.19 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.36 (td, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.6, 146.5, 142.2, 135.6, 134.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 125.0, 124.0, 123.5, 122.0, 120.4, 118.2, 117.9, 94.1, 82.9, 28.3, 15.4 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₂+H 333.1603, found 333.1603.



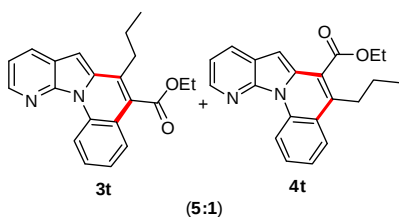
benzyl 6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3r**). 10 h, 15.3 mg, 70% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J*₁ = 8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (td, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J*₁ = 8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2, 146.5,



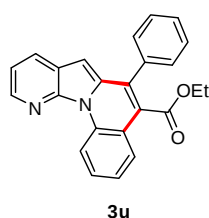
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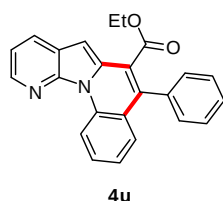
ethyl 6-ethylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3s**). 10 h, 12.0 mg, 71% yield (7:1). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 10.22 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.54 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.89 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.41 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 168.3, 146.4, 142.4, 134.9, 134.7, 131.1, 128.9, 128.5, 126.4, 125.2, 123.6, 122.0, 120.4, 118.2, 117.9, 94.3, 61.6, 24.1, 14.3, 14.1 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $C_{20}H_{18}N_2O_2+Na$ 341.1266, found 341.1263.



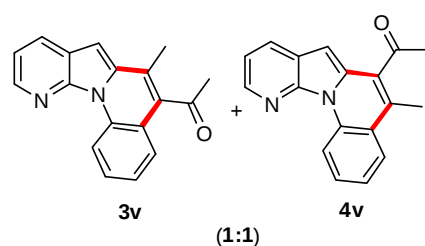
ethyl 6-propylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3t**). ethyl 5-propylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (**4t**). 10 h, 7.6 mg, 46% yield. 1H NMR (mixture of **3t** and **4t**) (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 10.26 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 10.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (dd, $J_1 = 4.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.54 (dd, $J_1 = 4.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 4.54 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.54 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.84 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.08 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $C_{21}H_{20}N_2O_2+H$ 333.1603, found 333.1609.



ethyl 6-phenylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-5-carboxylate (**3u**). 10 h, 14.3 mg, 78% yield (3:2). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 10.27 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 4.12 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.6, 146.5, 142.6, 136.2, 135.4, 135.3, 131.0, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 127.2, 125.9, 123.8, 122.0, 120.3, 118.4, 118.0, 97.1, 61.3, 13.6 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $C_{24}H_{18}N_2O_2+H$ 367.1447, found 367.1440.



ethyl 5-phenylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-6-carboxylate (**4u**). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 10.28 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (dd, $J_1 = 4.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.09 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 166.5, 146.1, 142.1, 136.9, 136.6, 136.2, 132.5, 130.4, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 123.4, 123.0, 122.2, 118.1, 118.1, 94.5, 61.2, 13.5 ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for $C_{24}H_{18}N_2O_2+H$ 367.1447, found 367.1443.

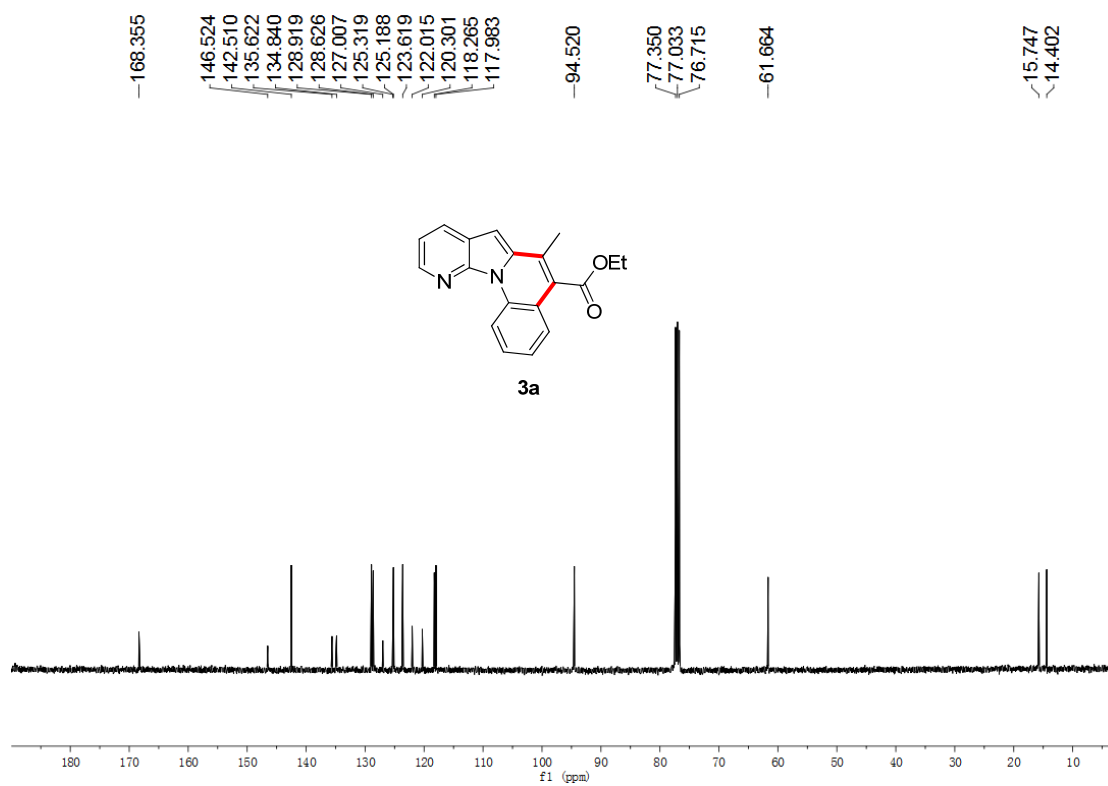
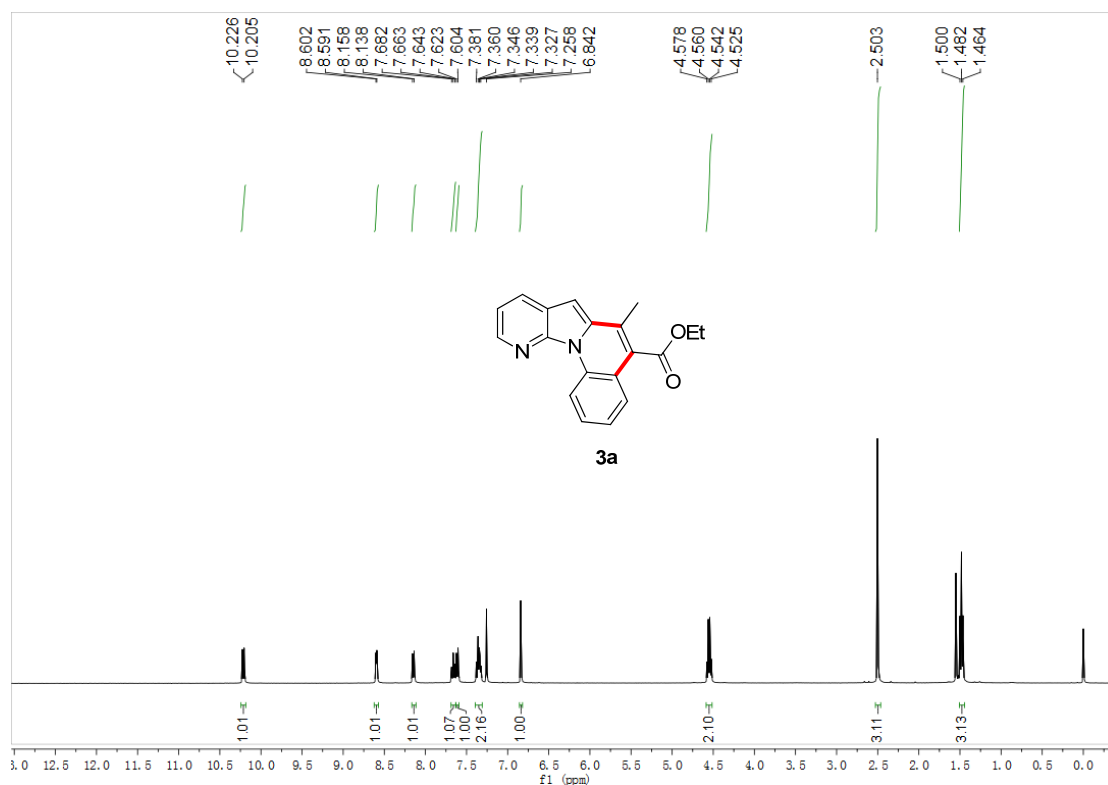


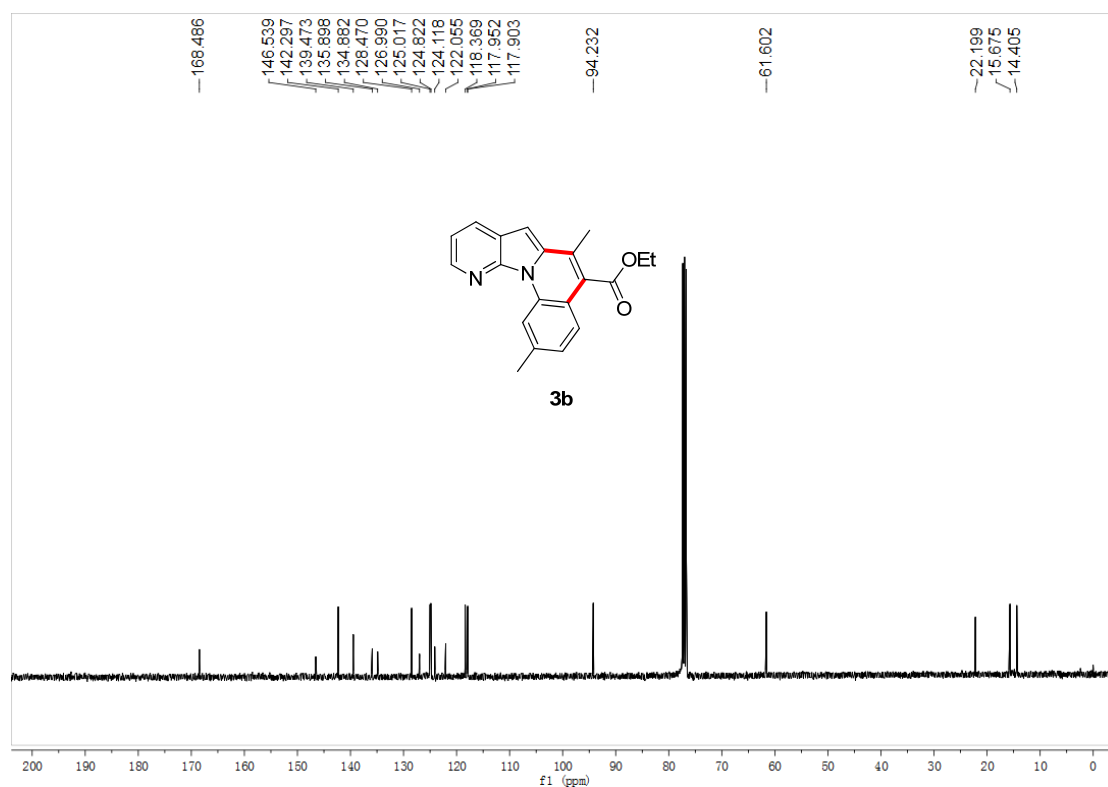
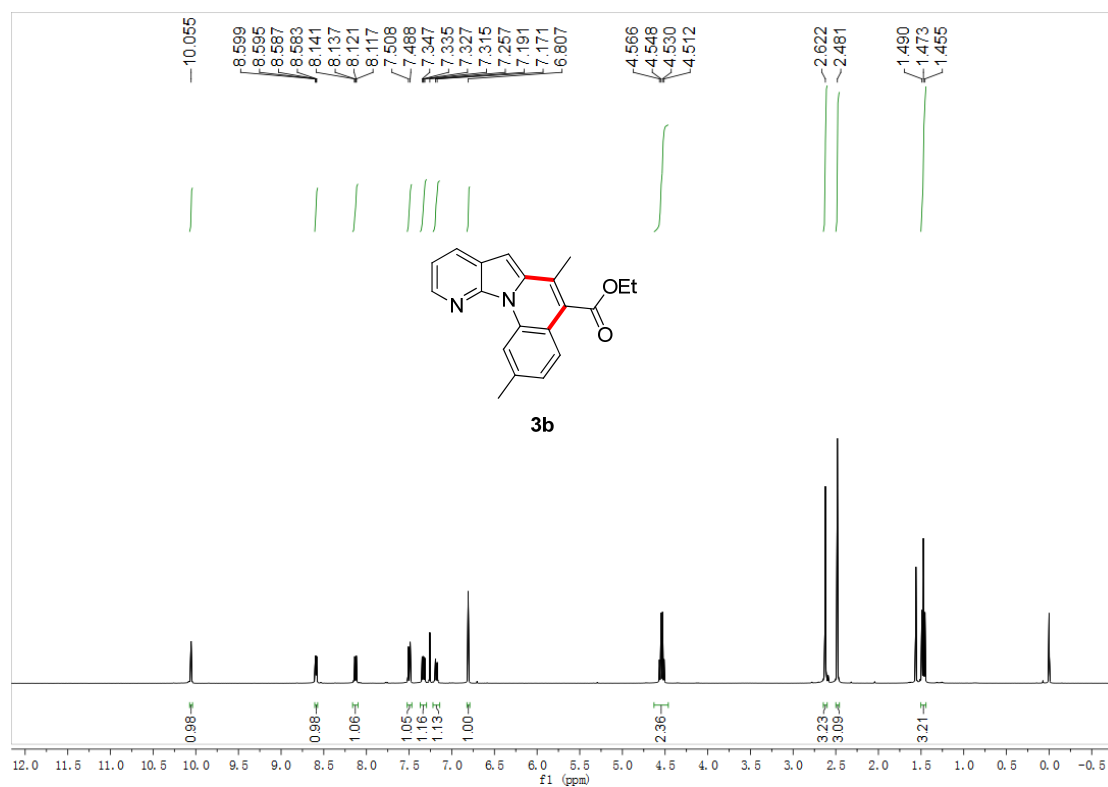
1-(6-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinolin-5-yl)ethanone (**3v**). 1-(5-methylpyrido[3',2':4,5]pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinolin-6-yl)ethanone (**4v**). 10 h, 38% yield (5.2 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.56 (dd, *J*₁ = 14.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.30 (m, 5H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H) ppm. ESI HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O+H 275.1184, found 275.1187.

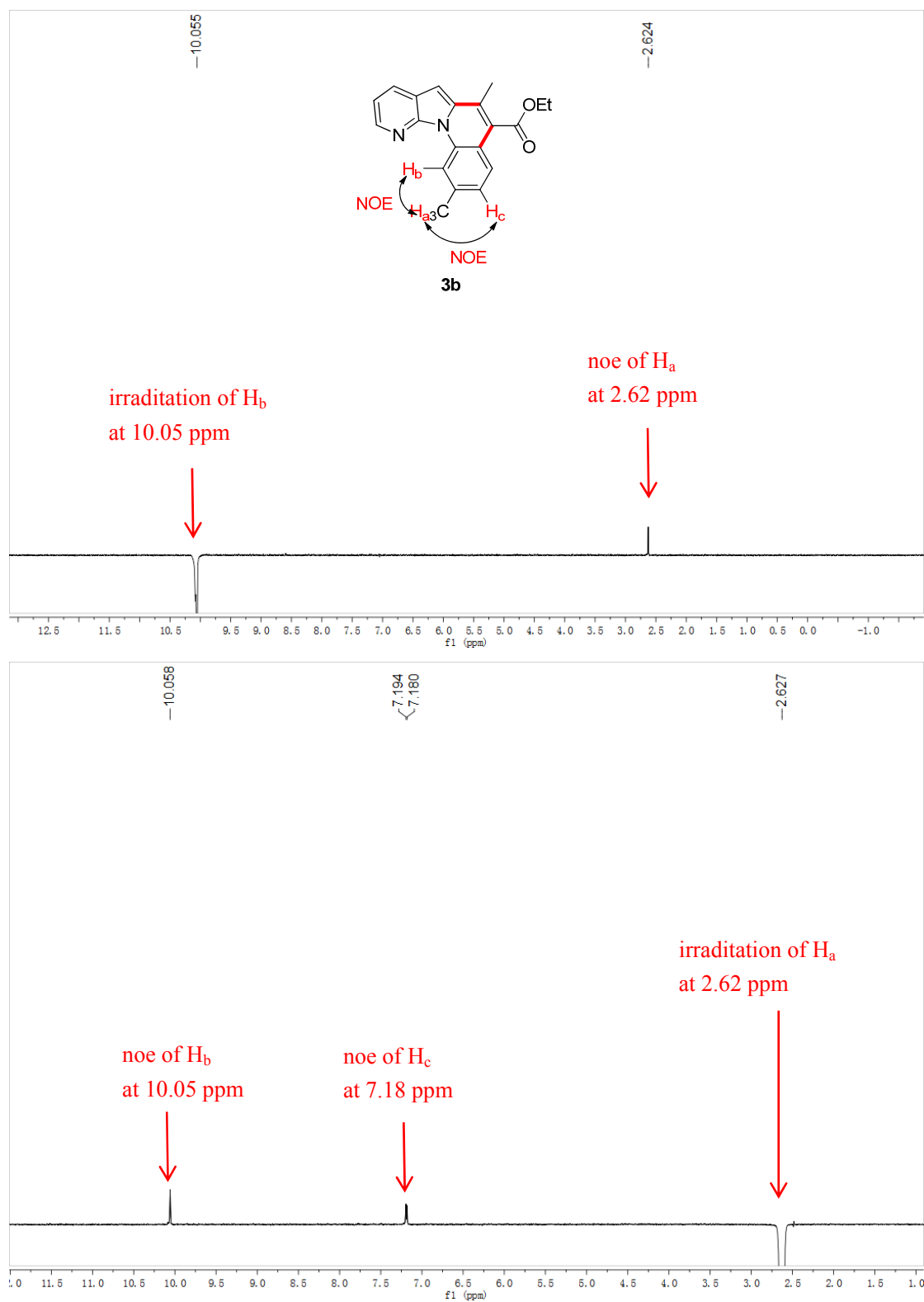
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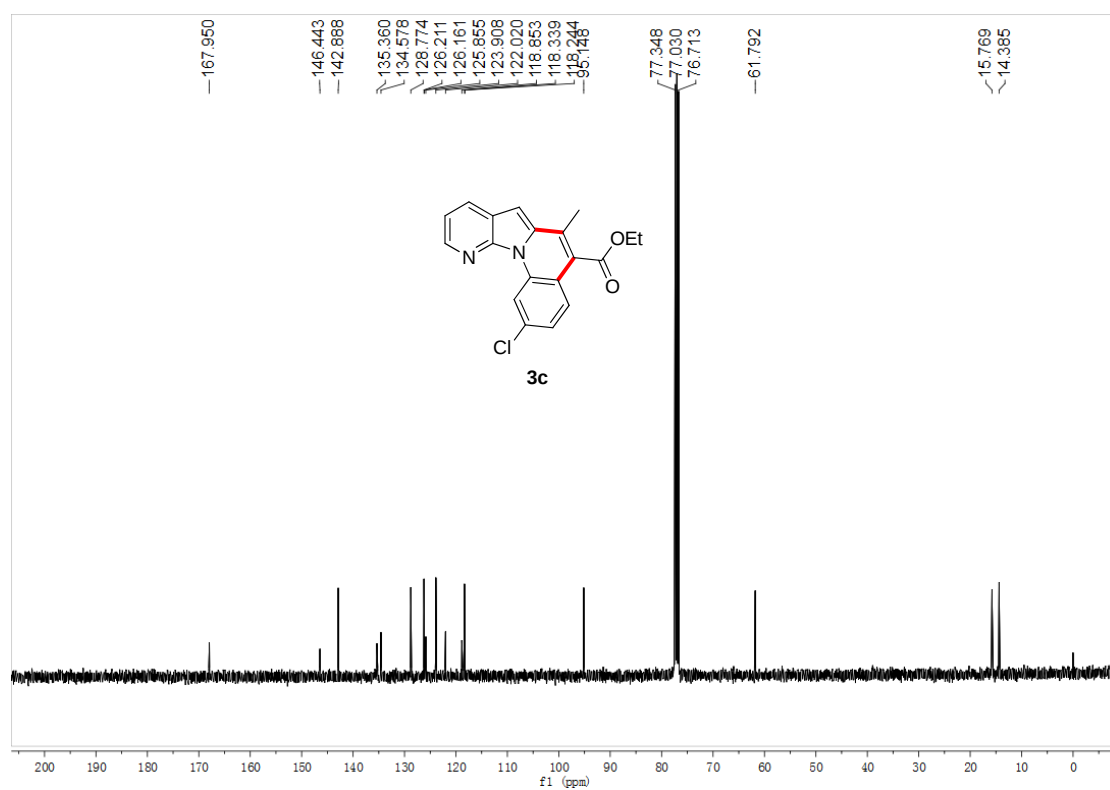
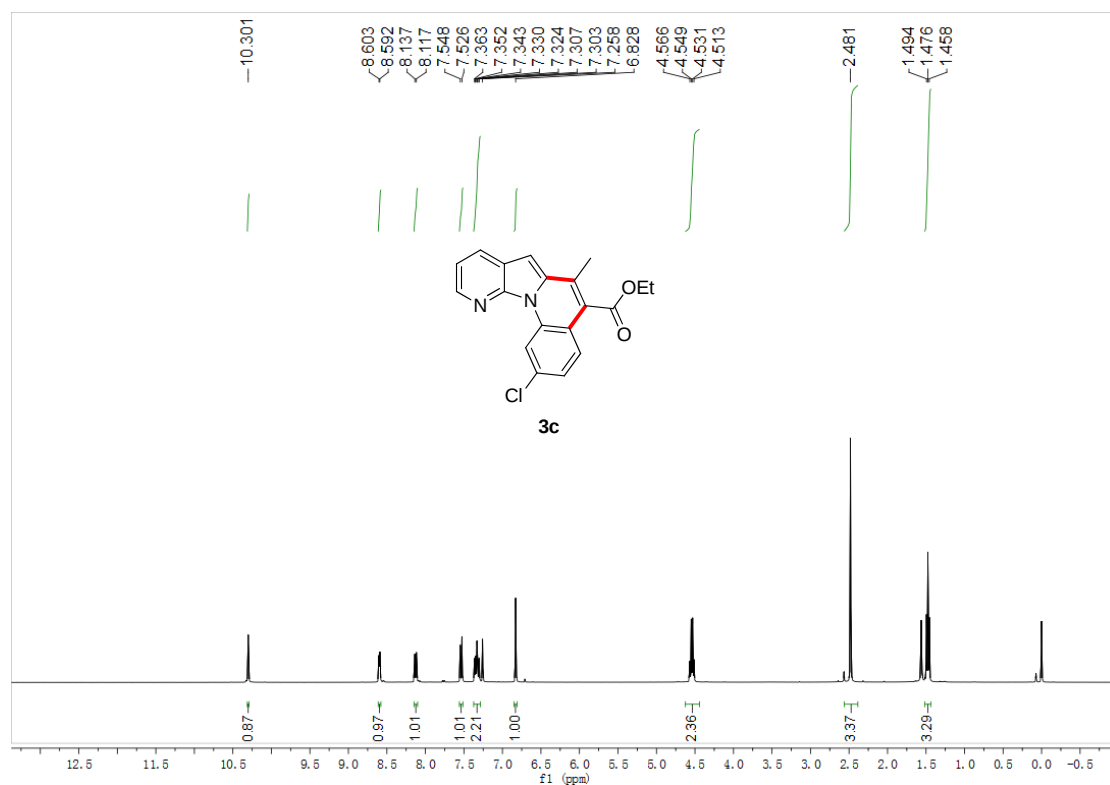
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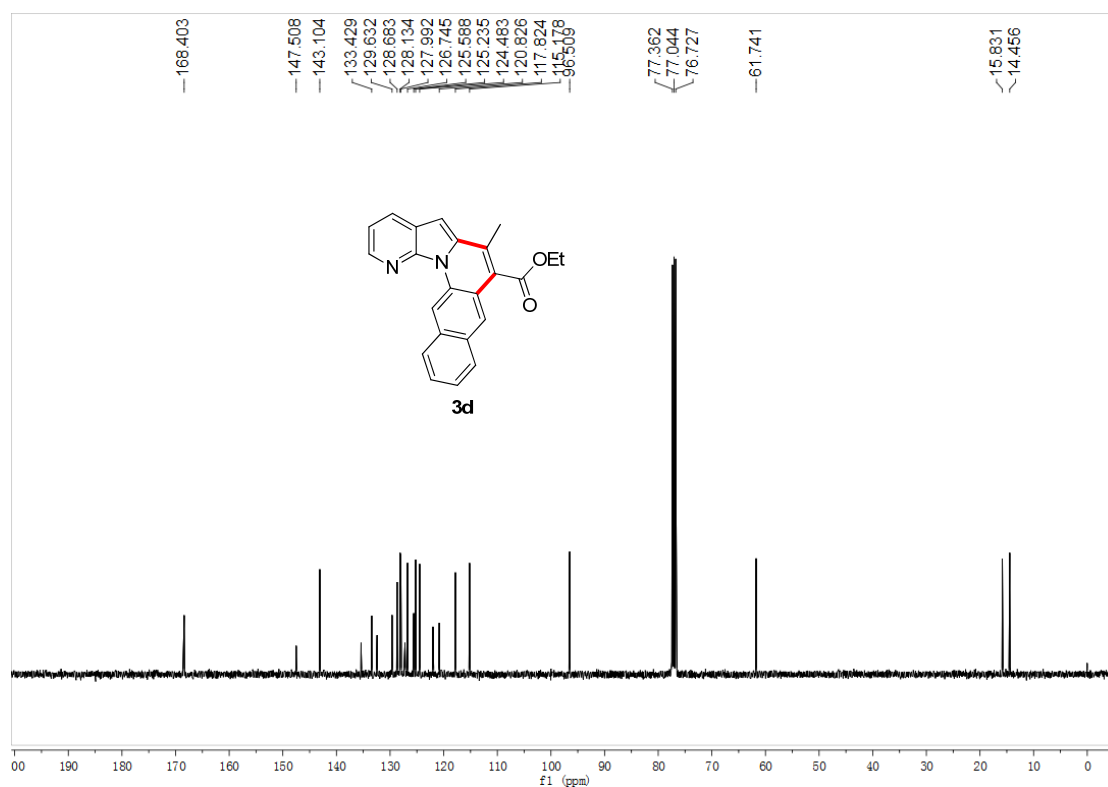
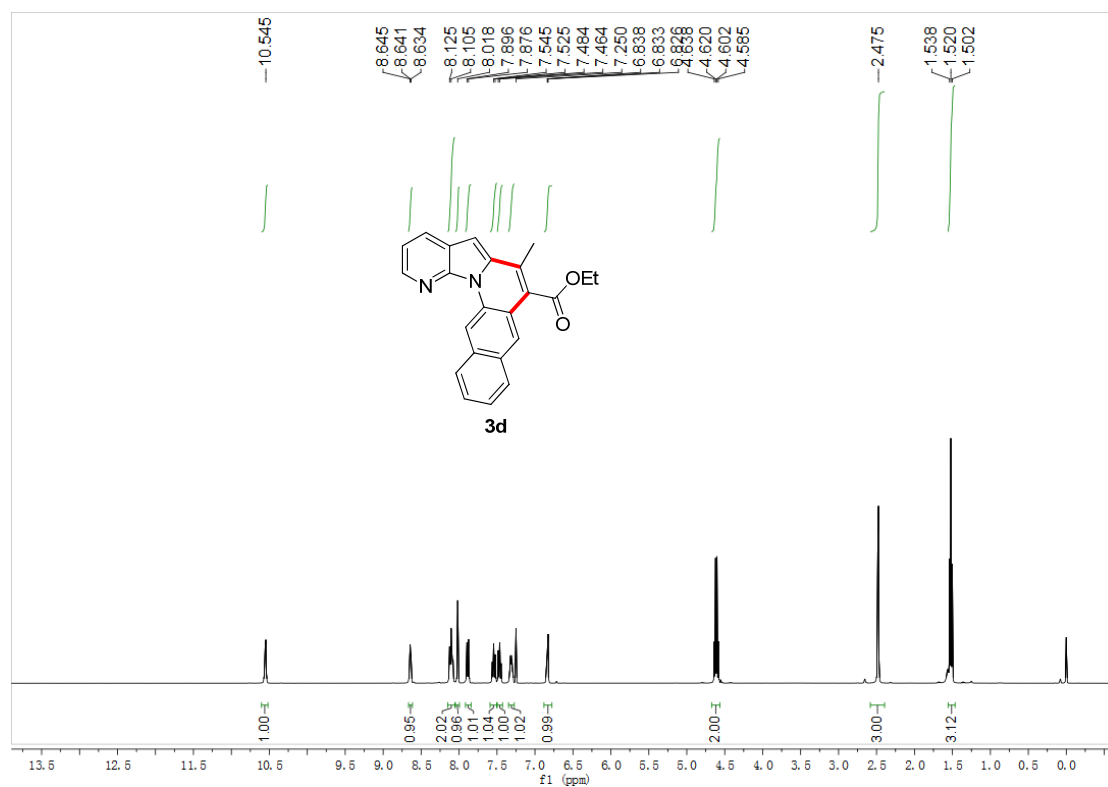


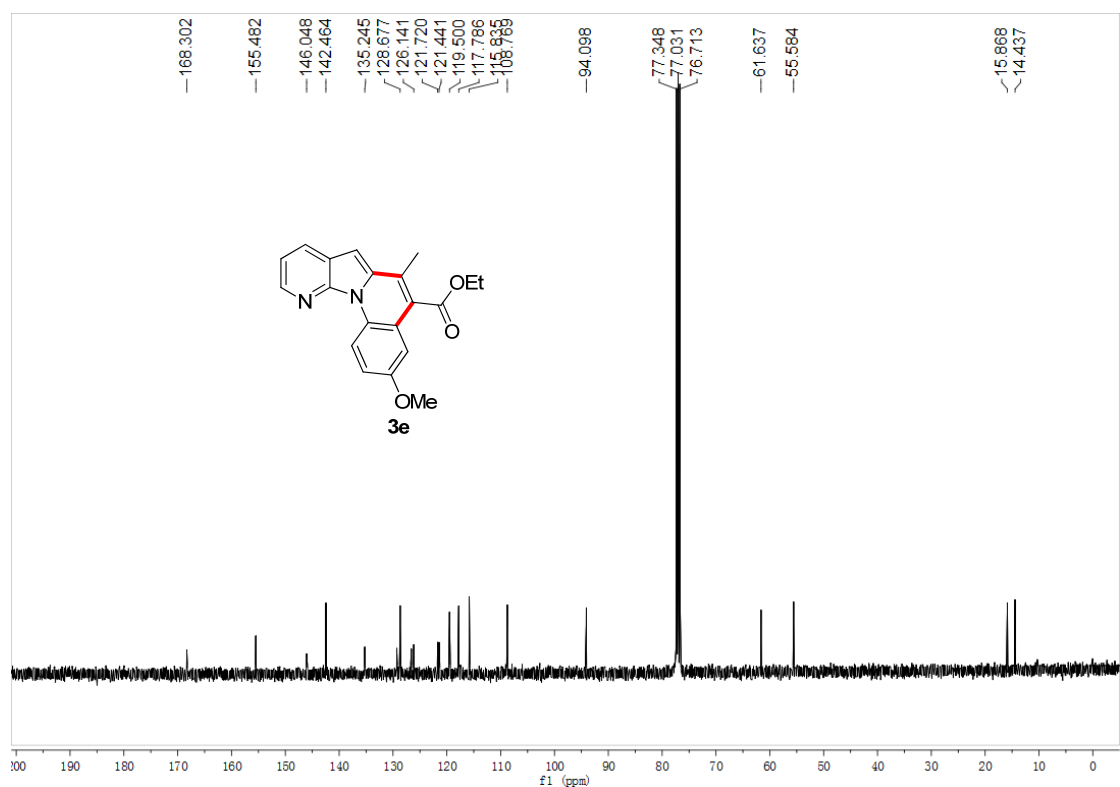
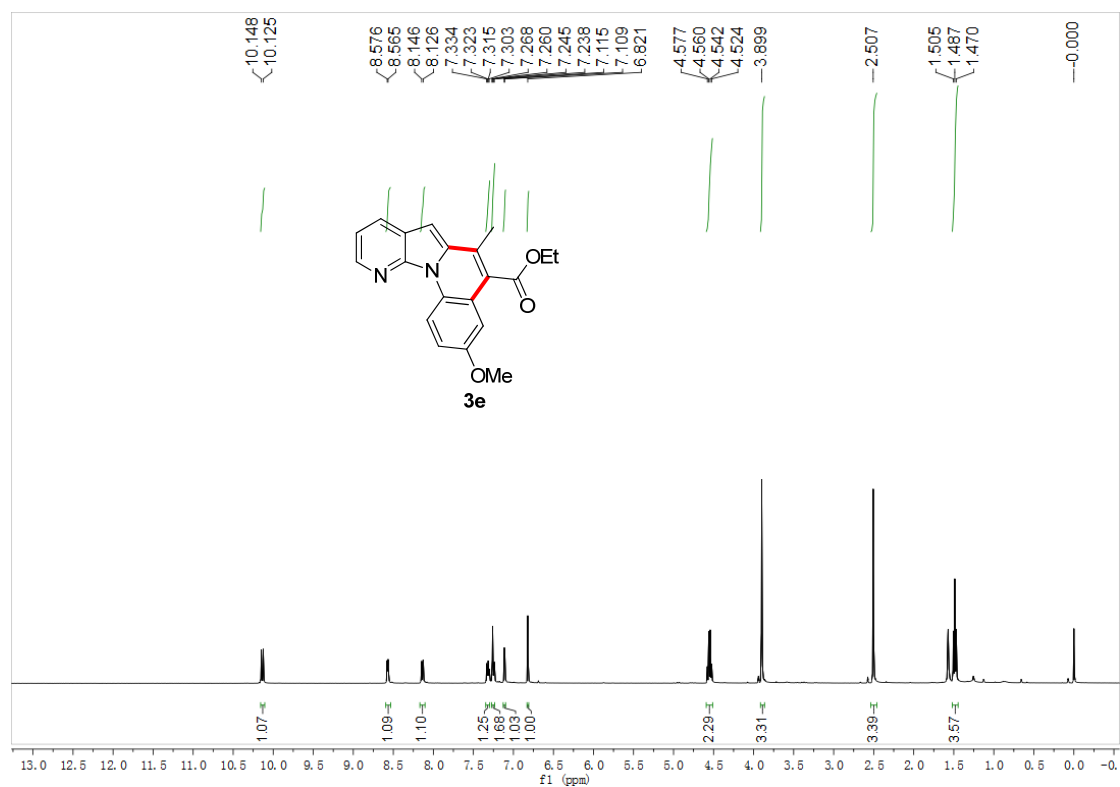


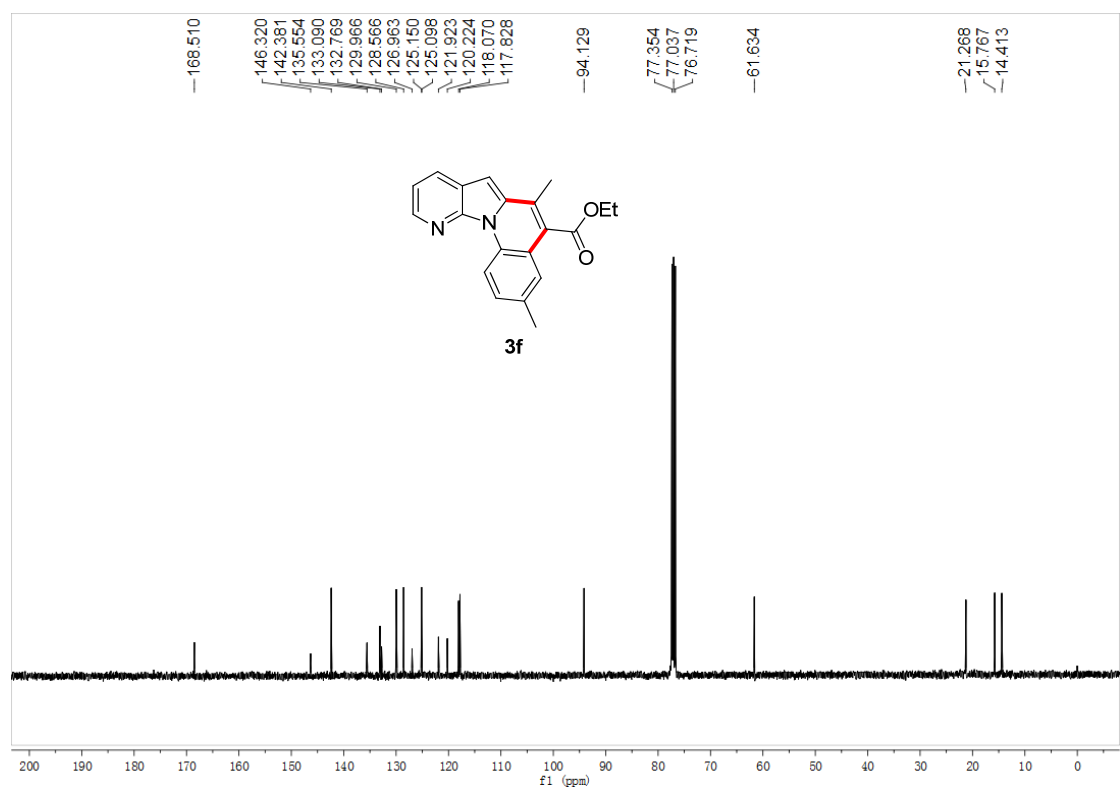
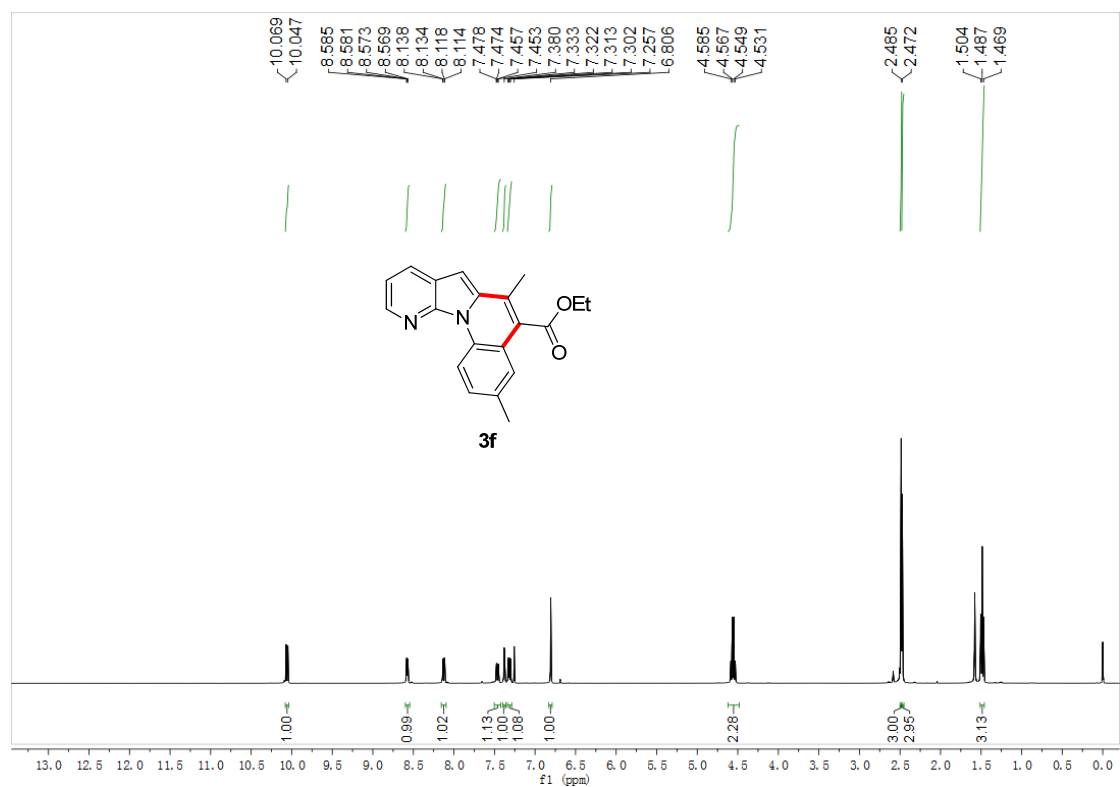


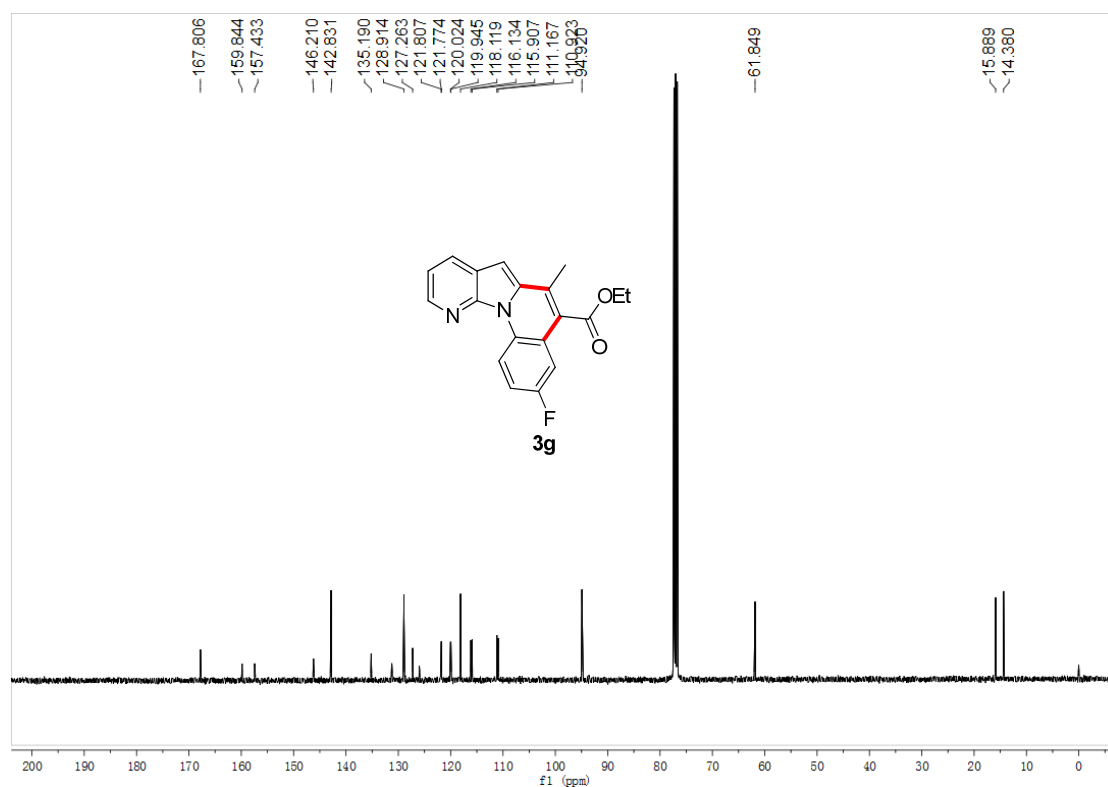
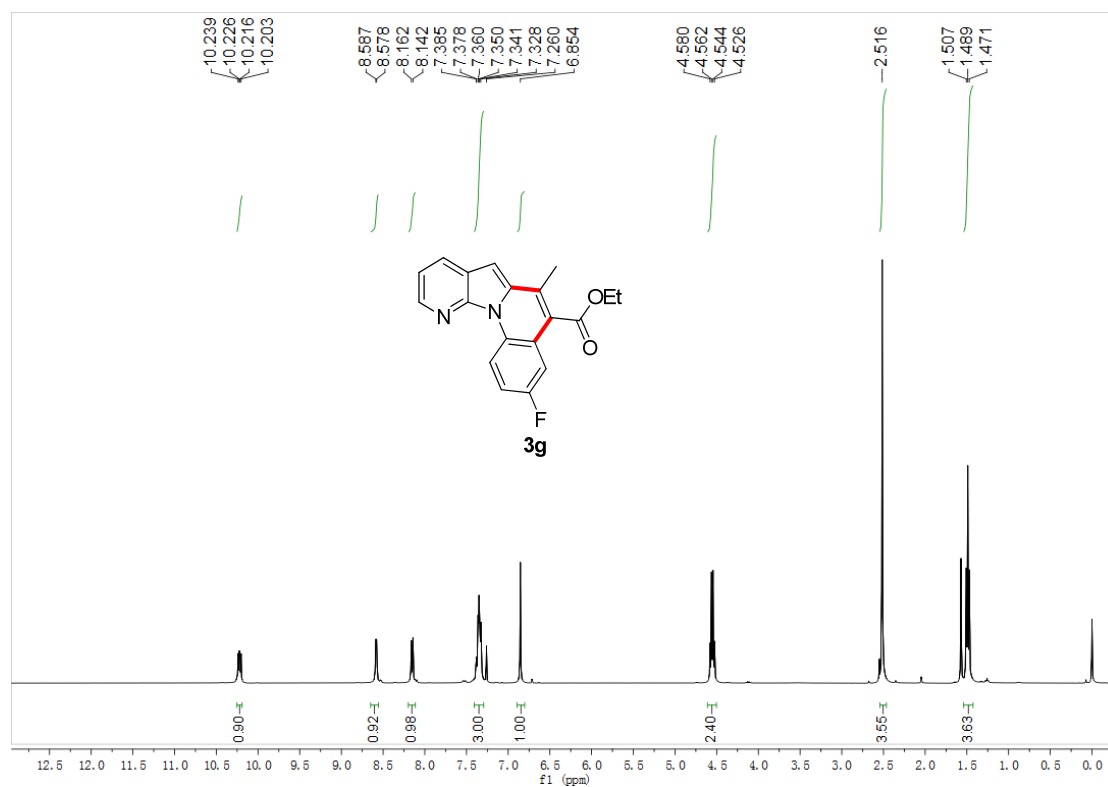
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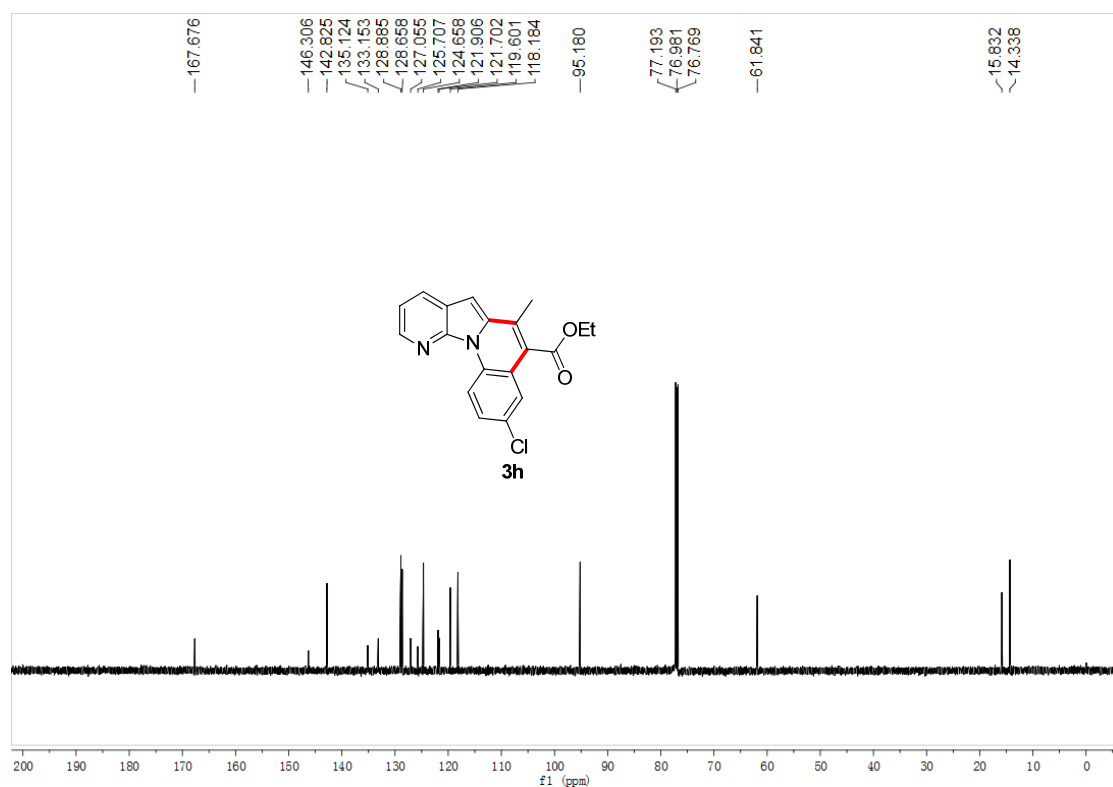
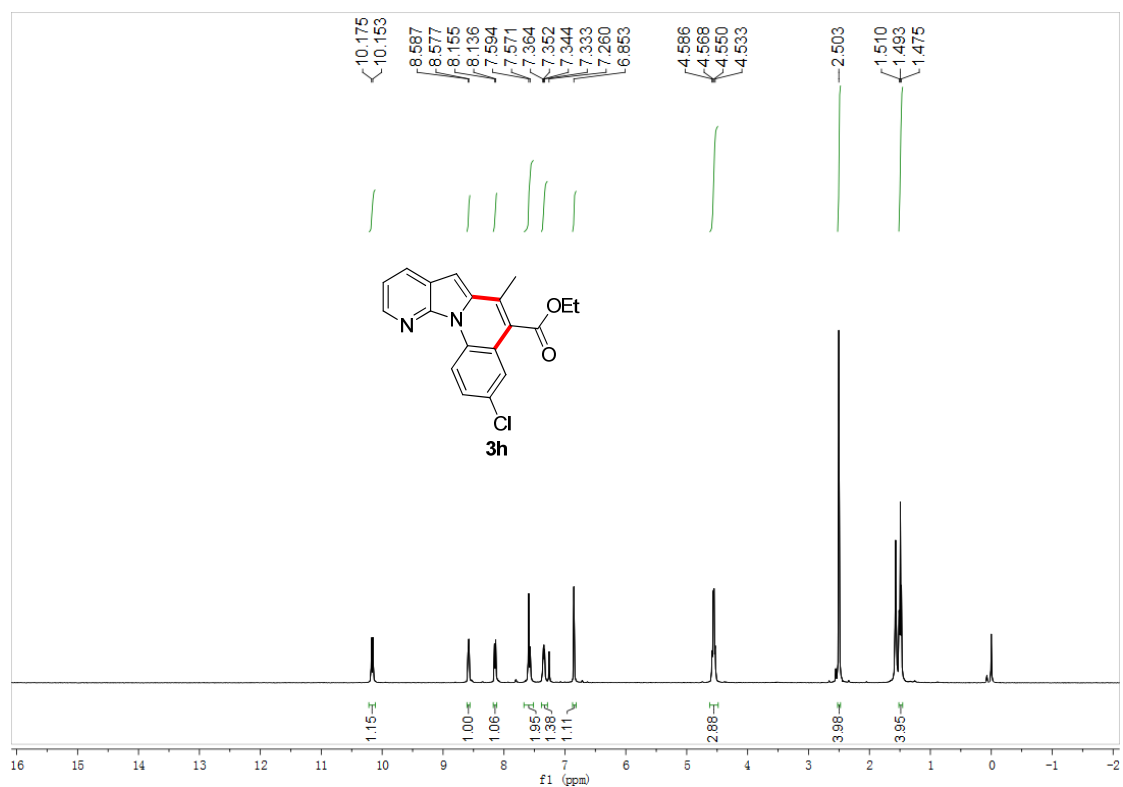


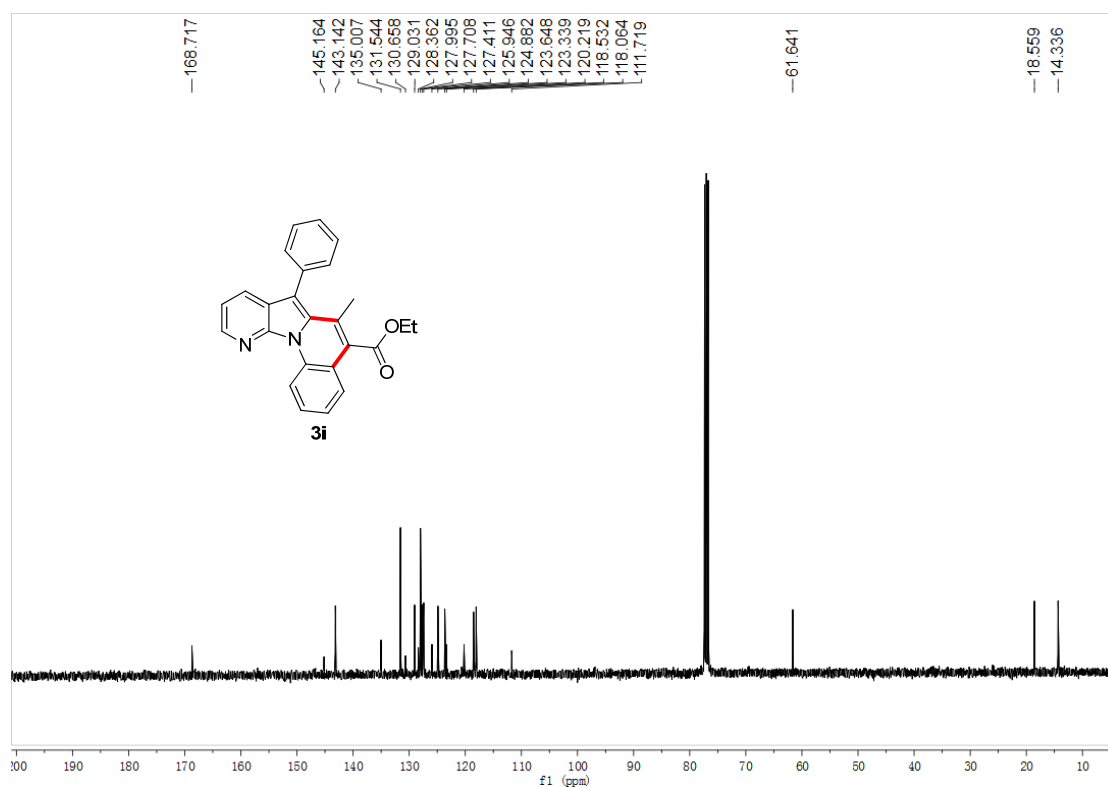
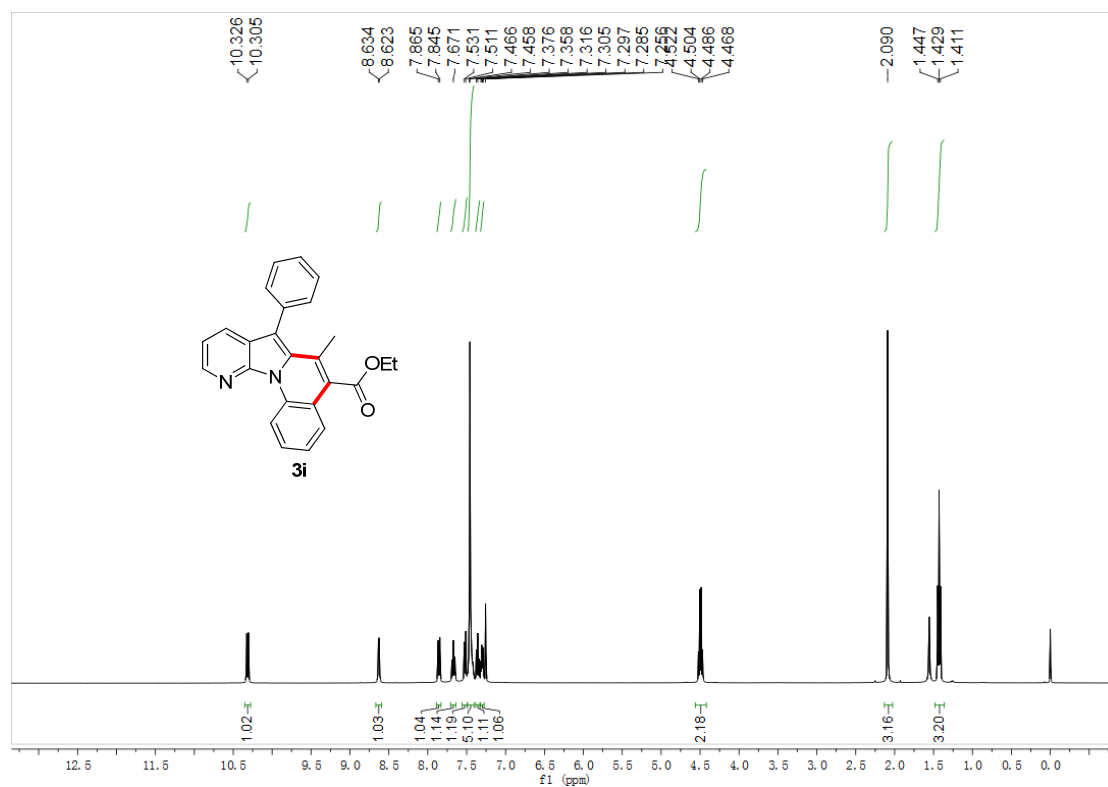


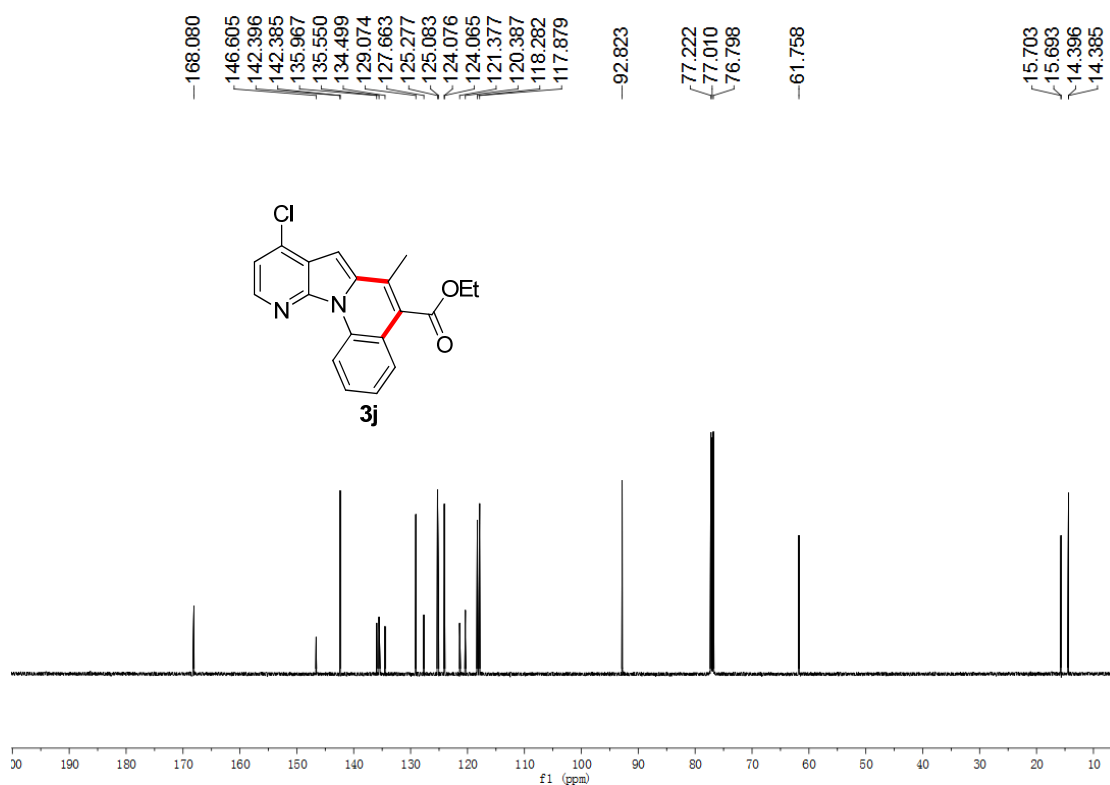
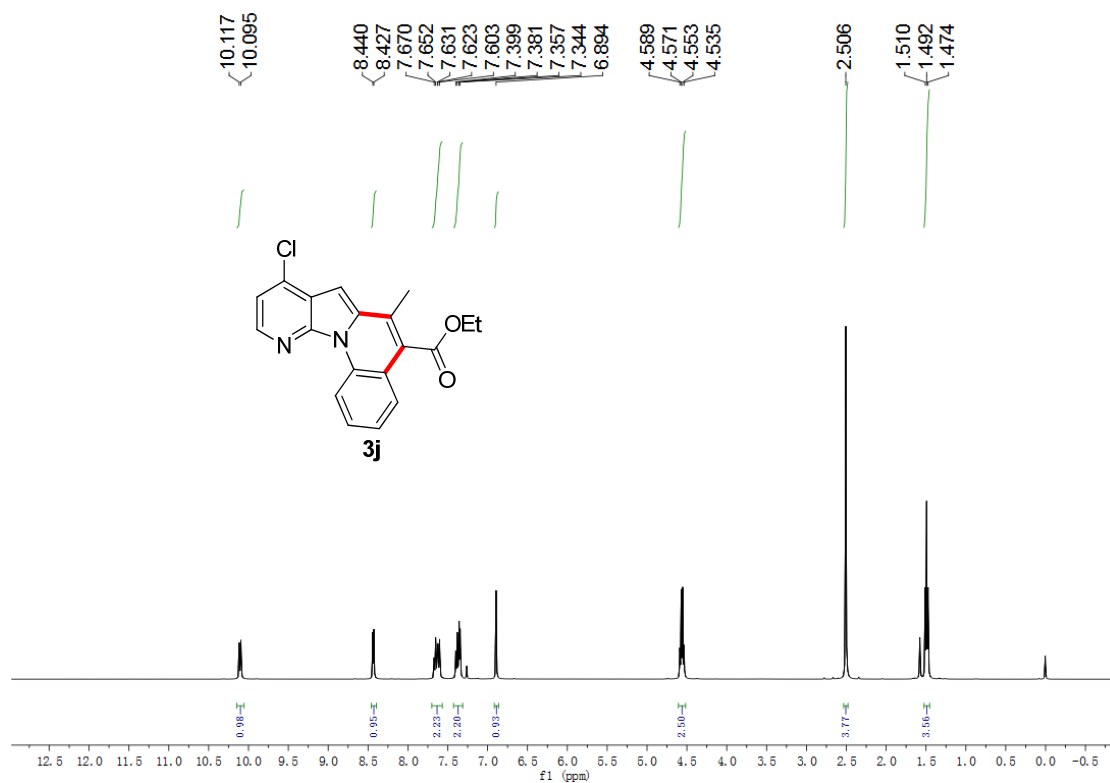


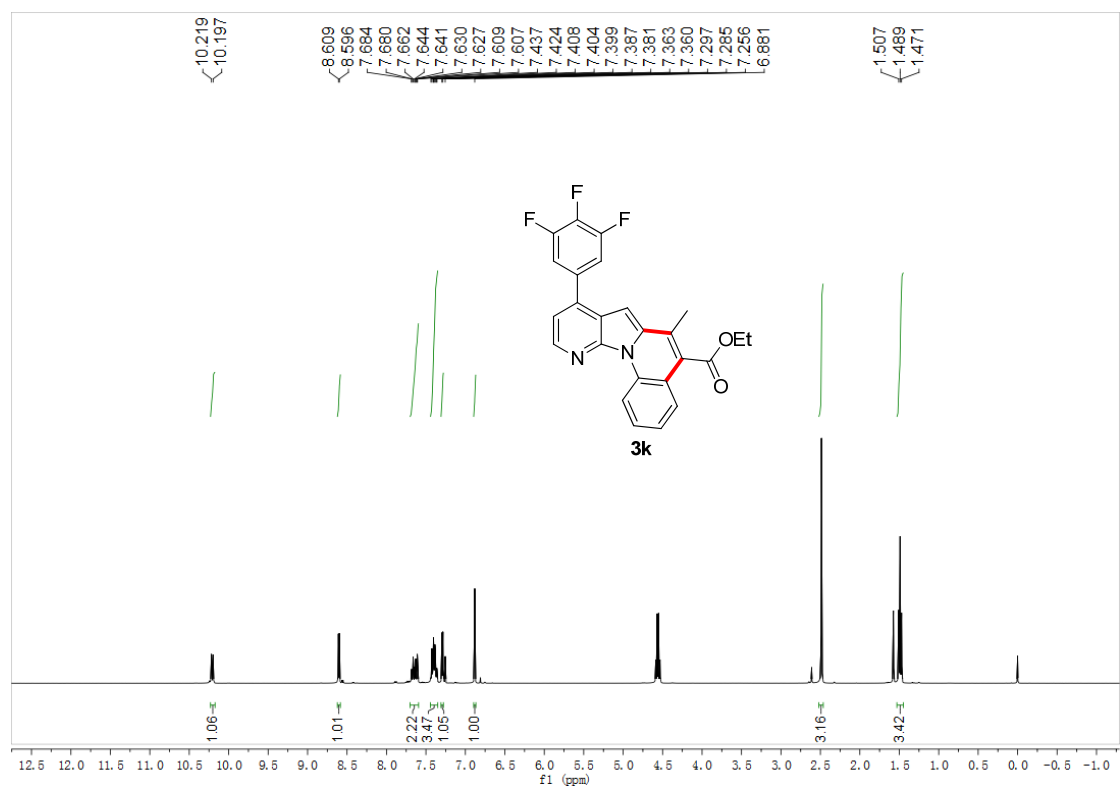


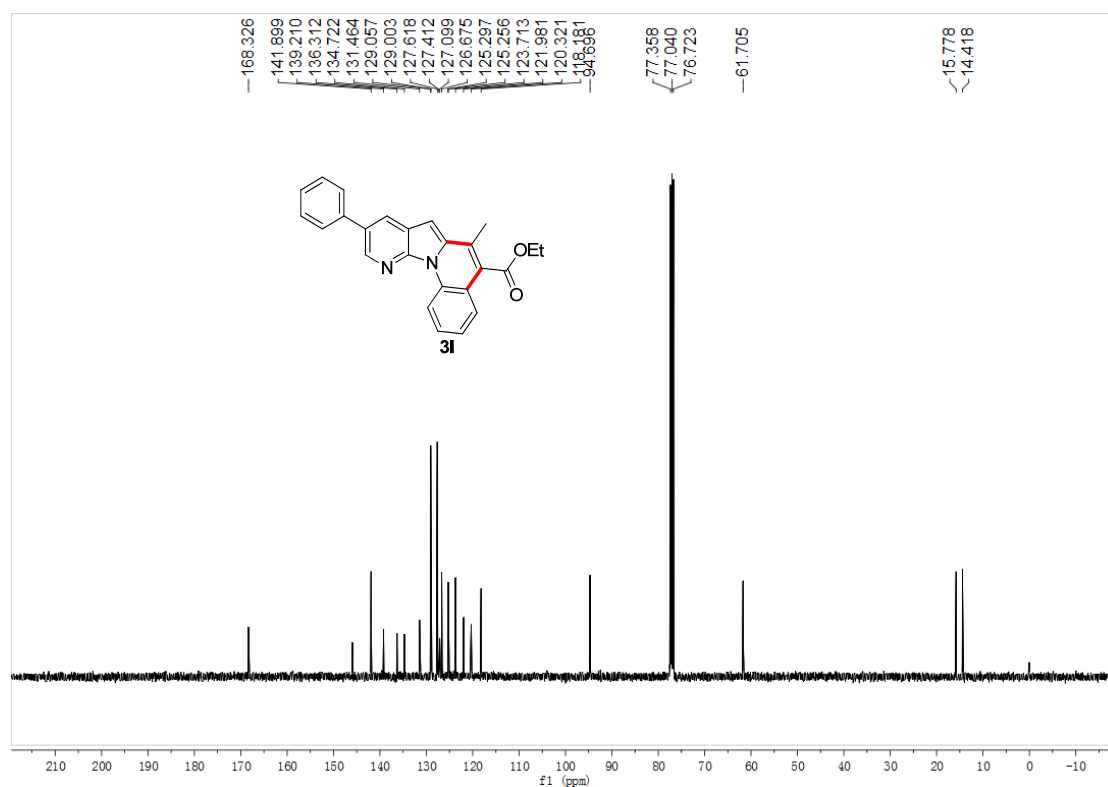
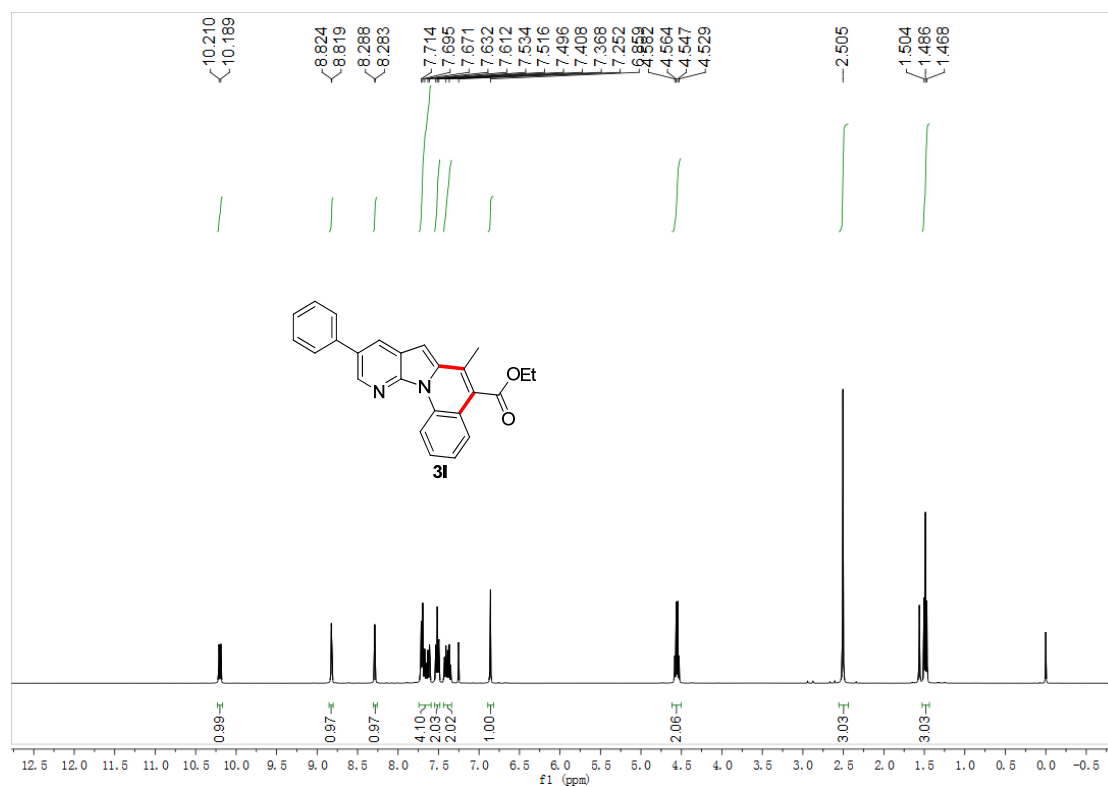


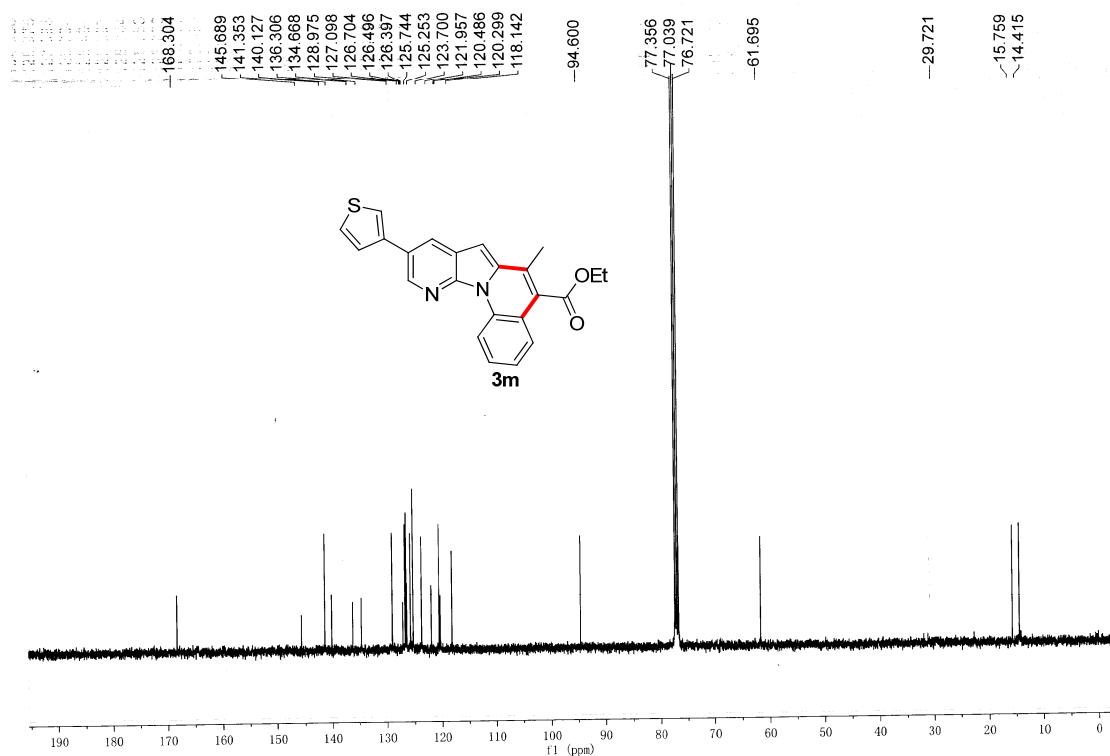
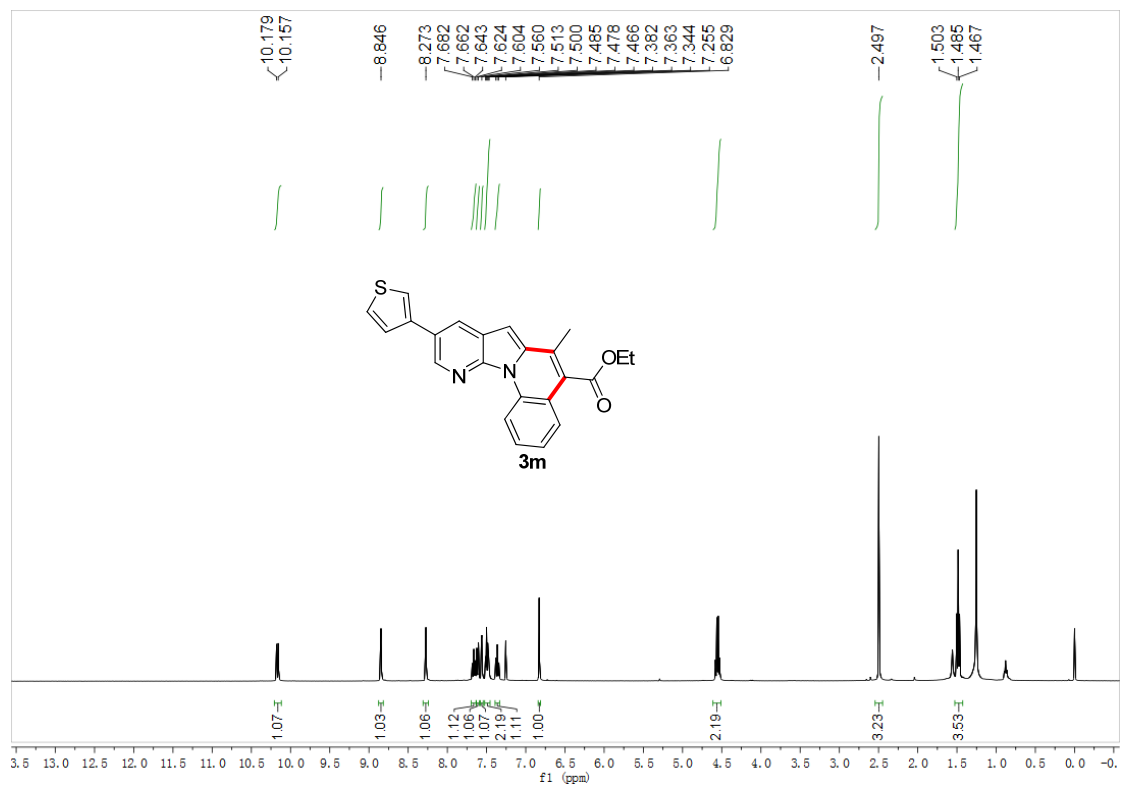


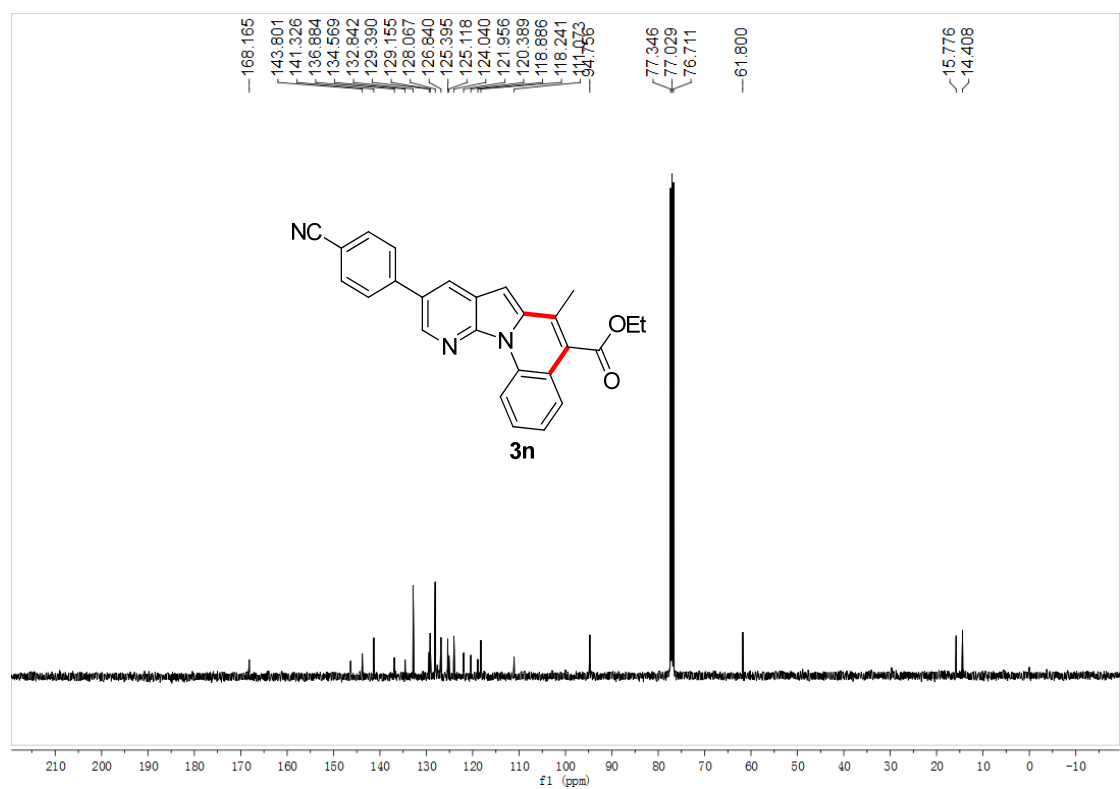
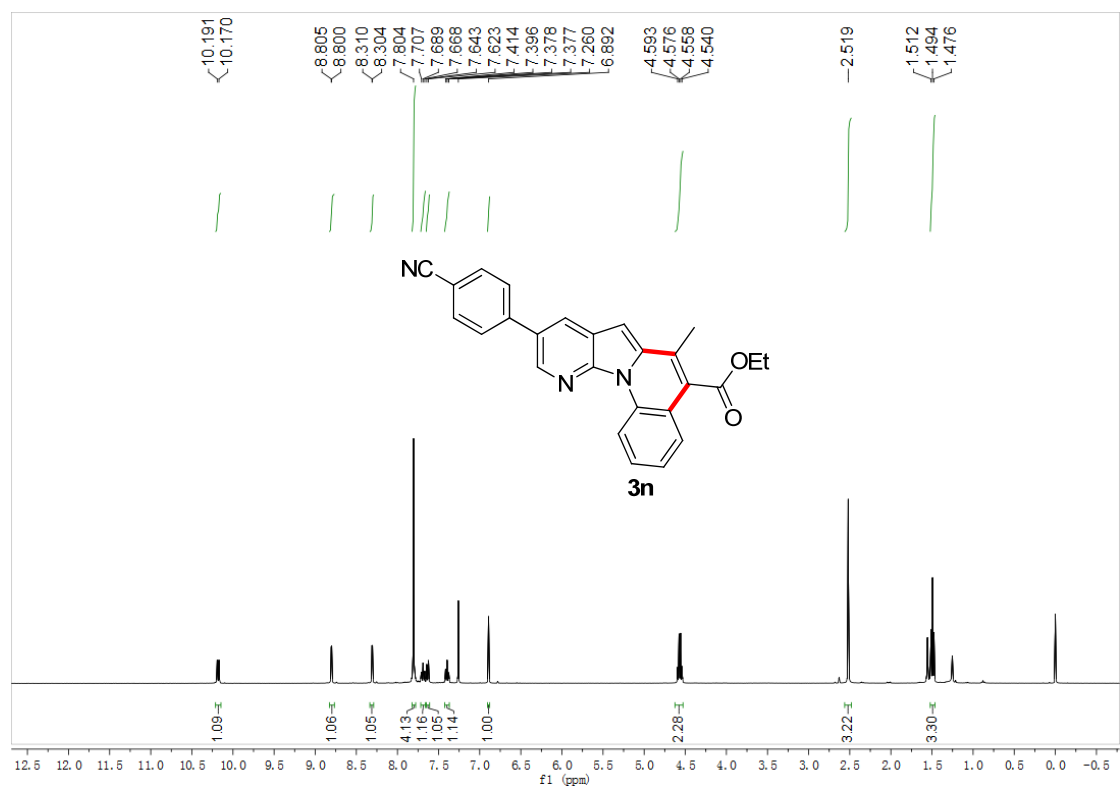


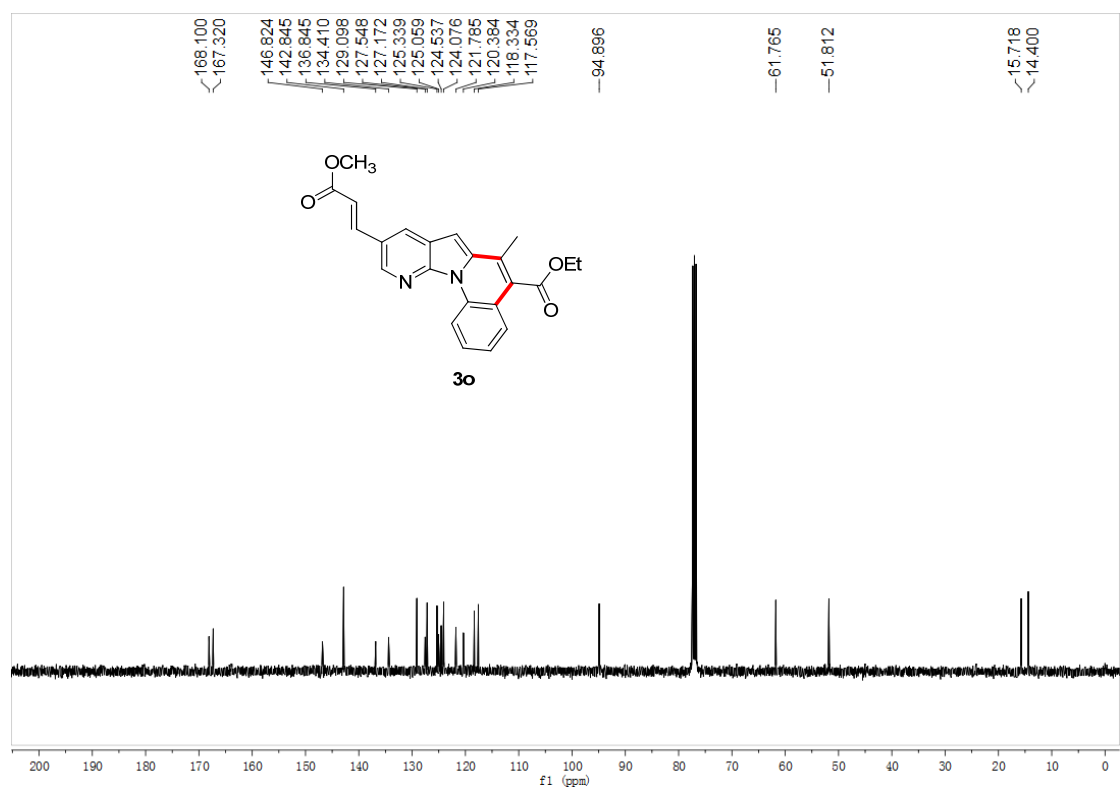
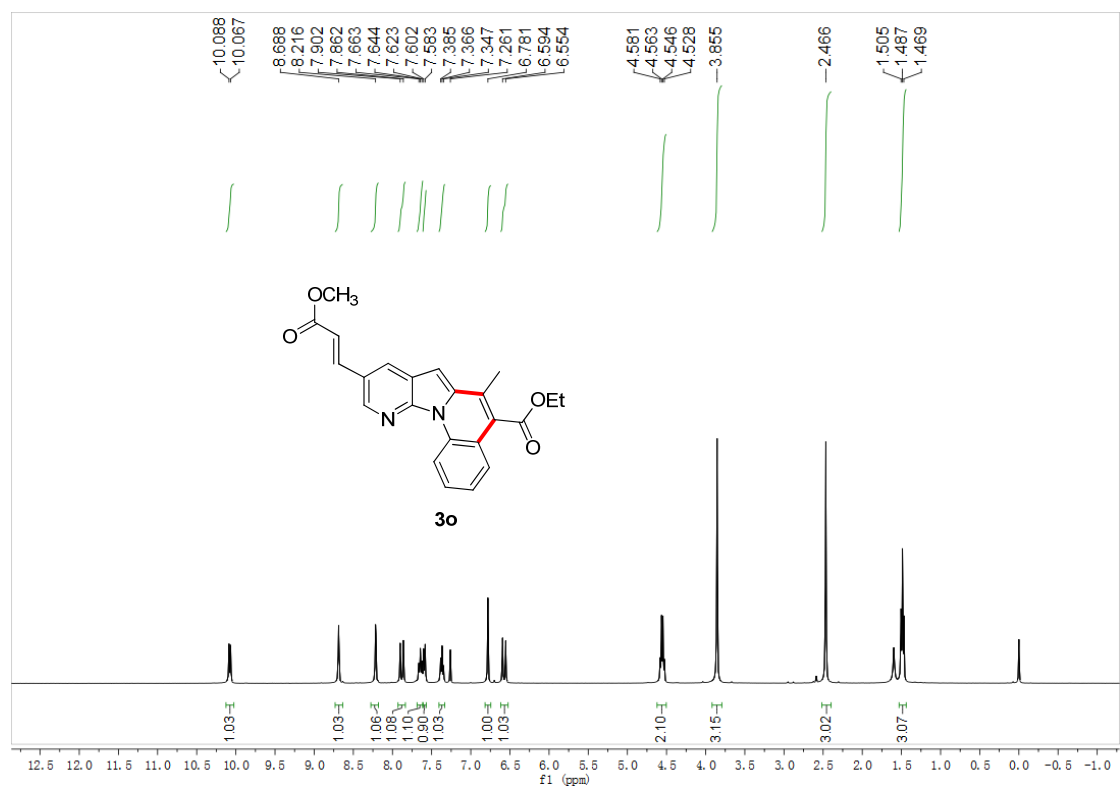


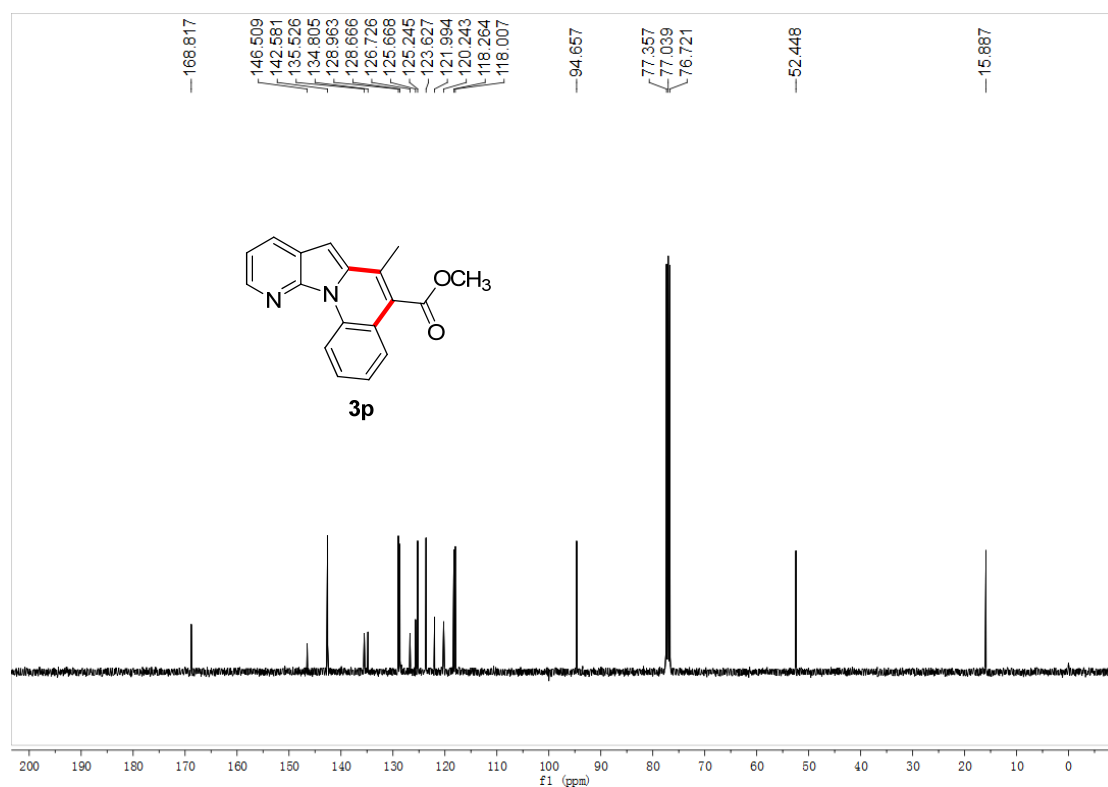
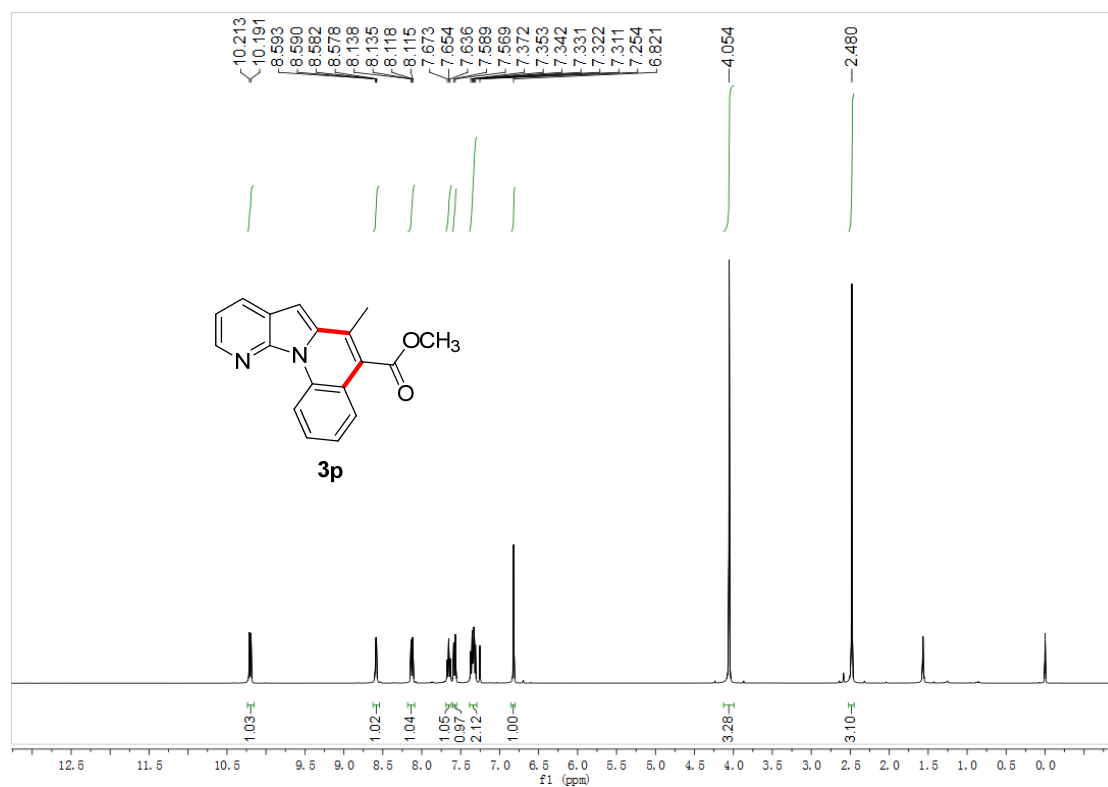


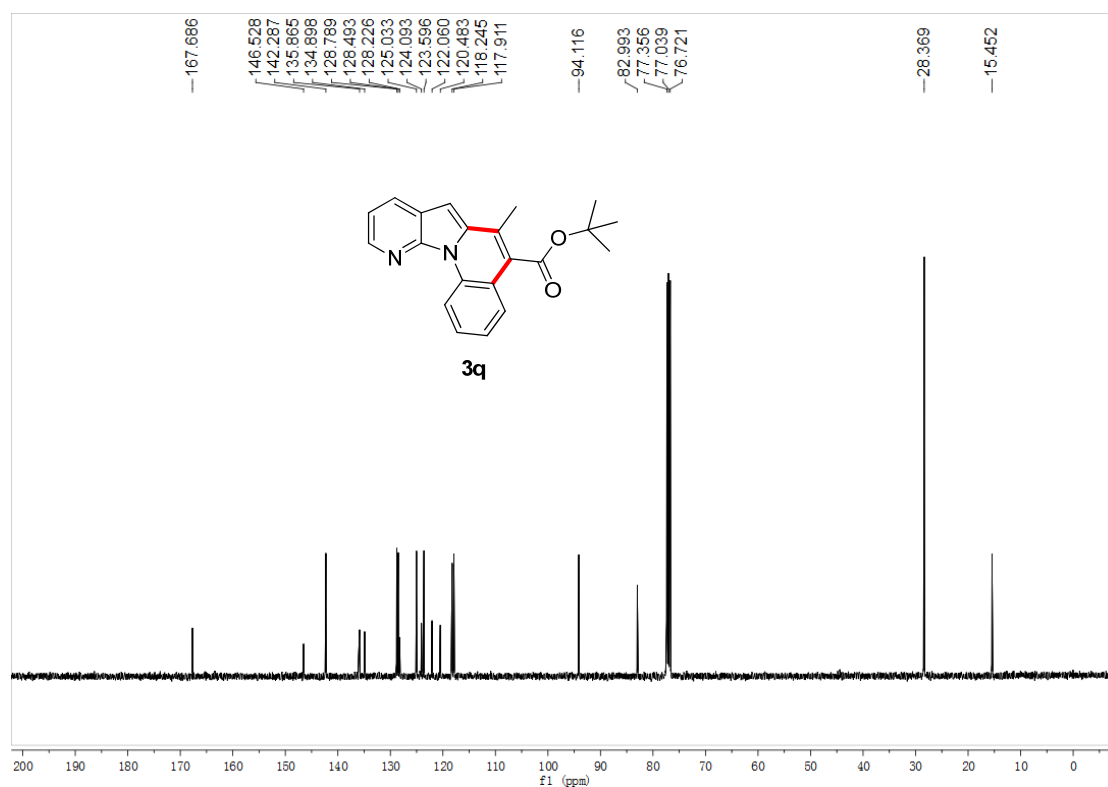
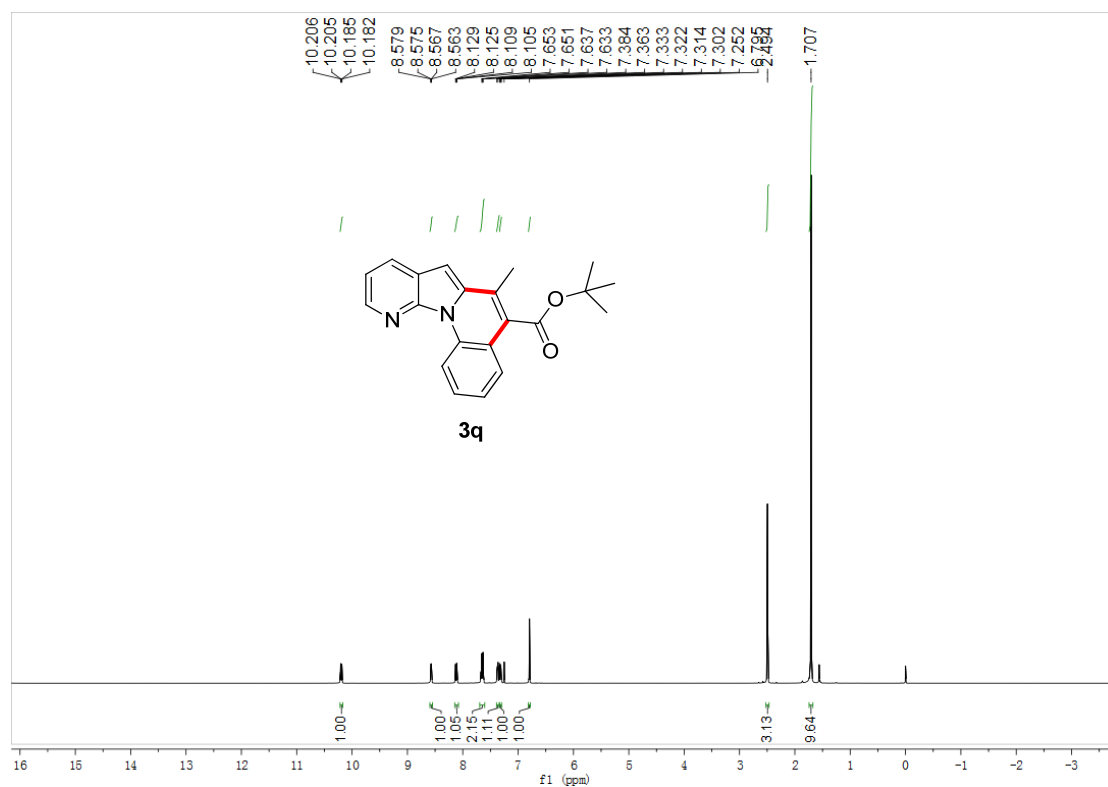


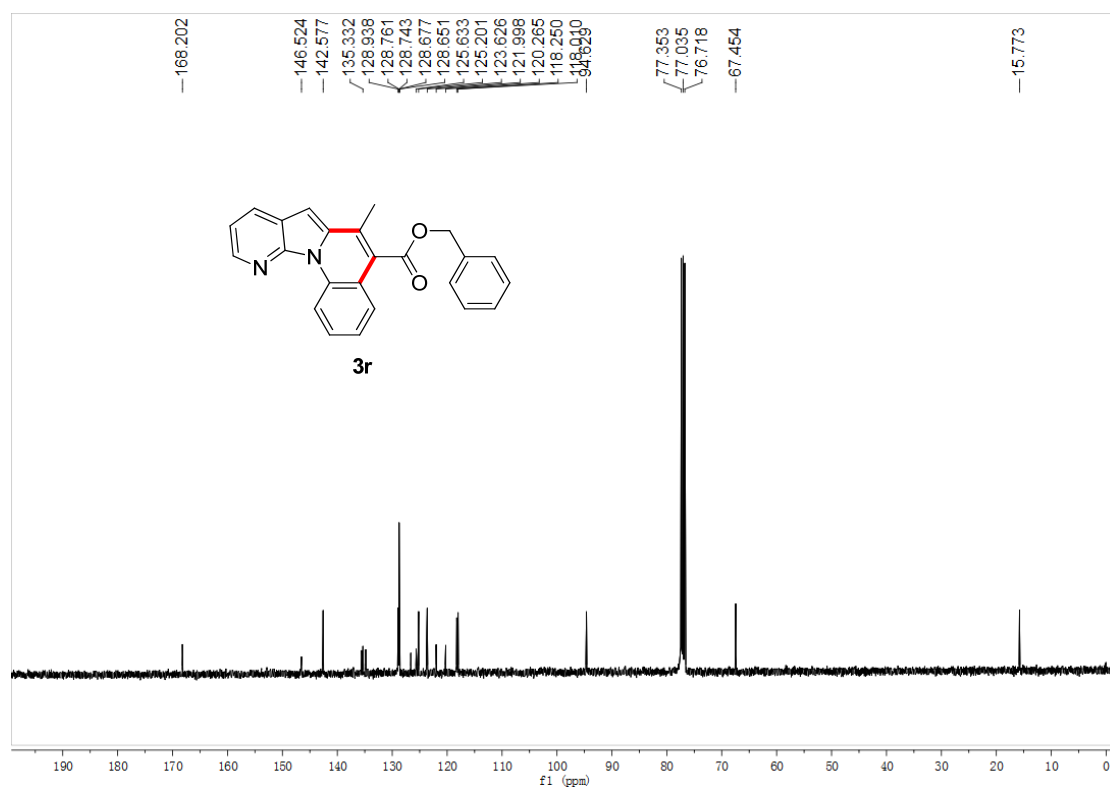
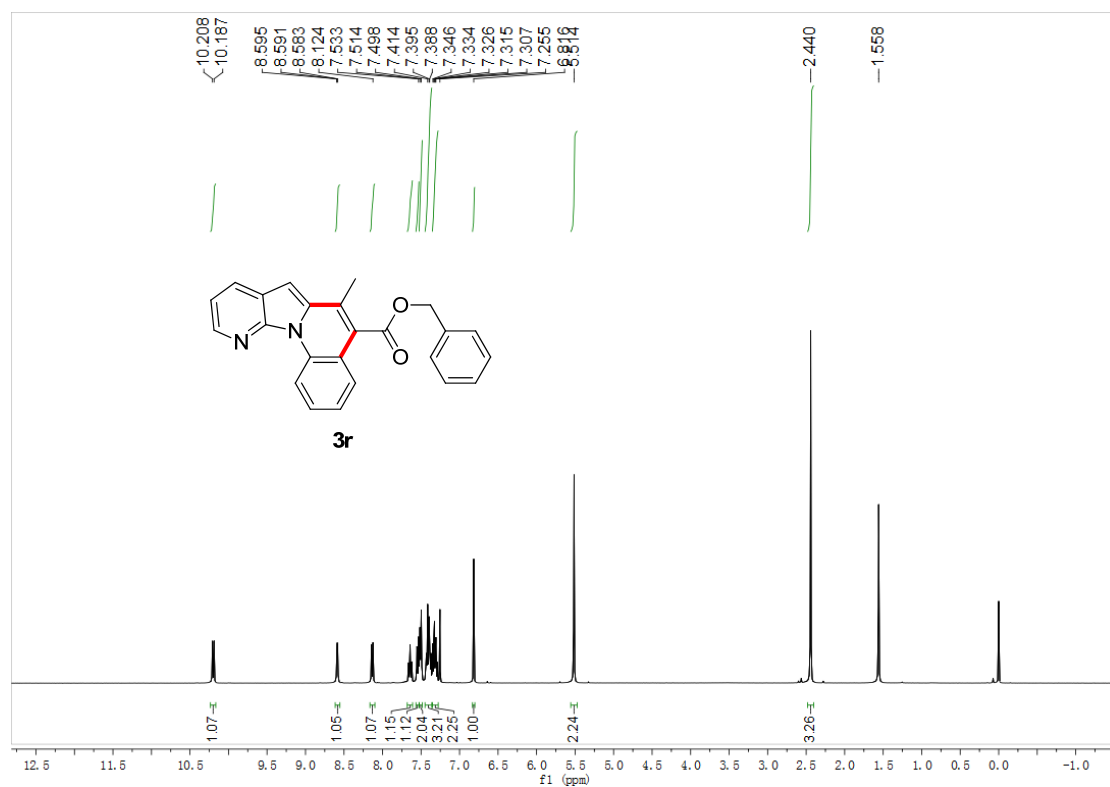


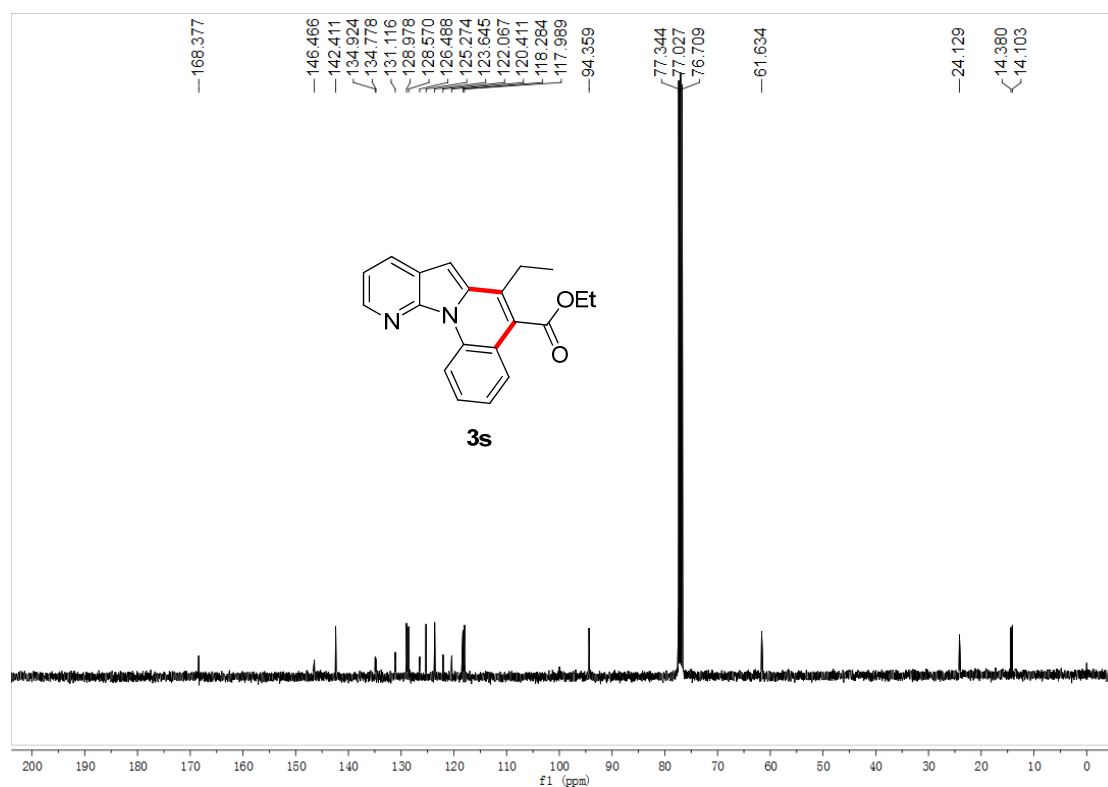
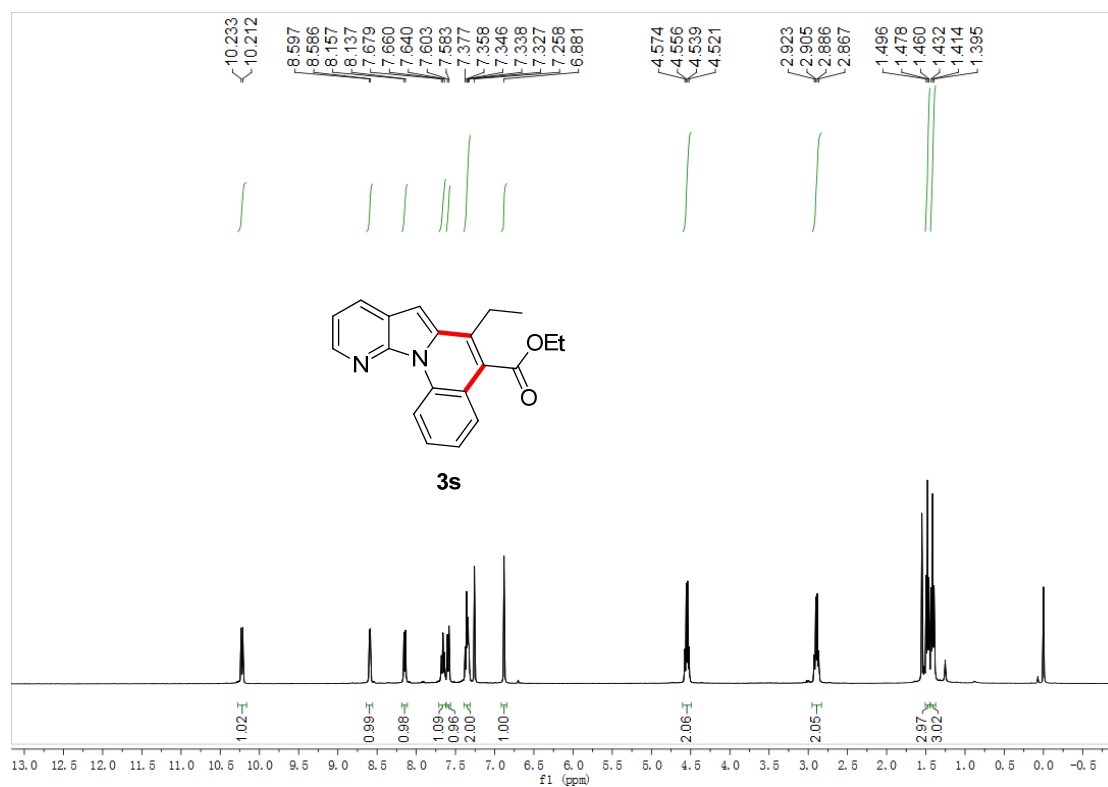


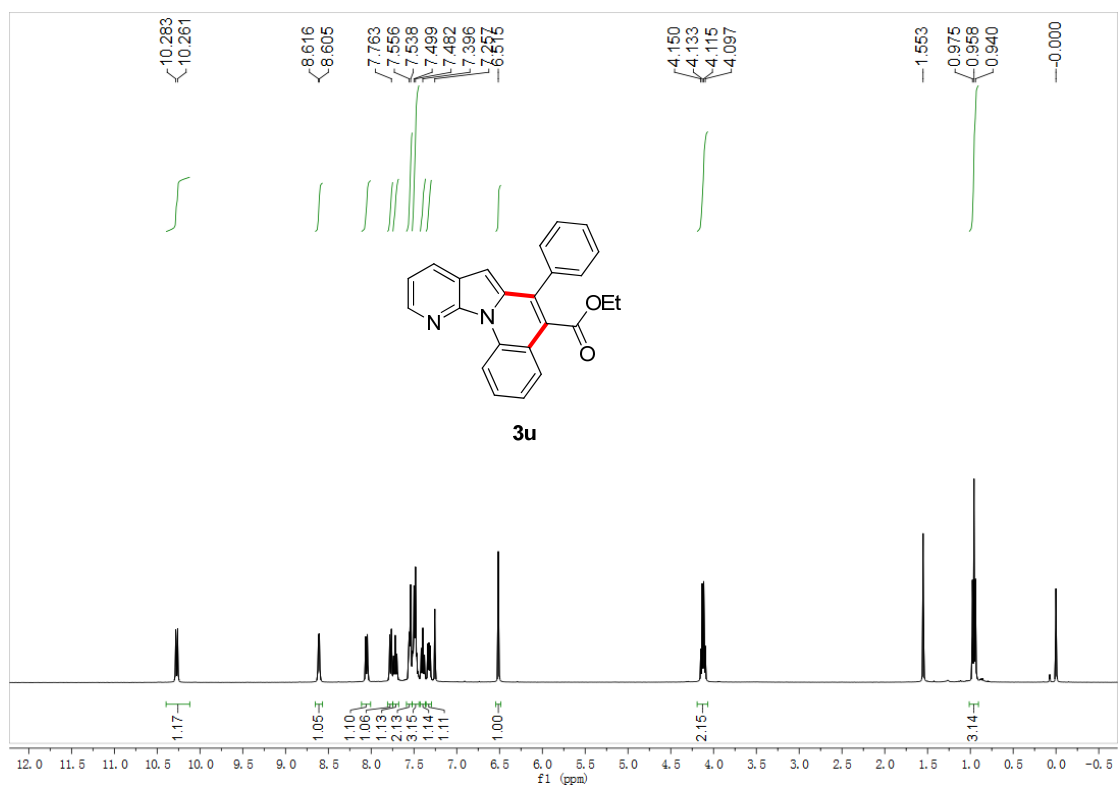
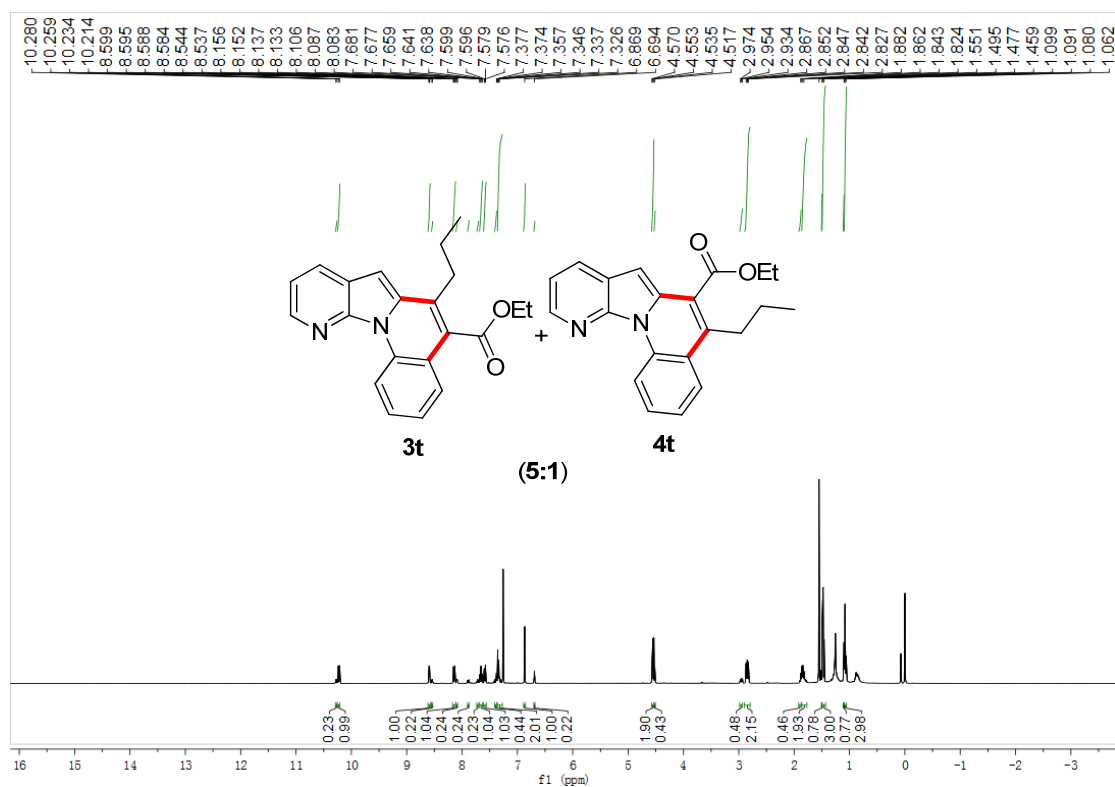


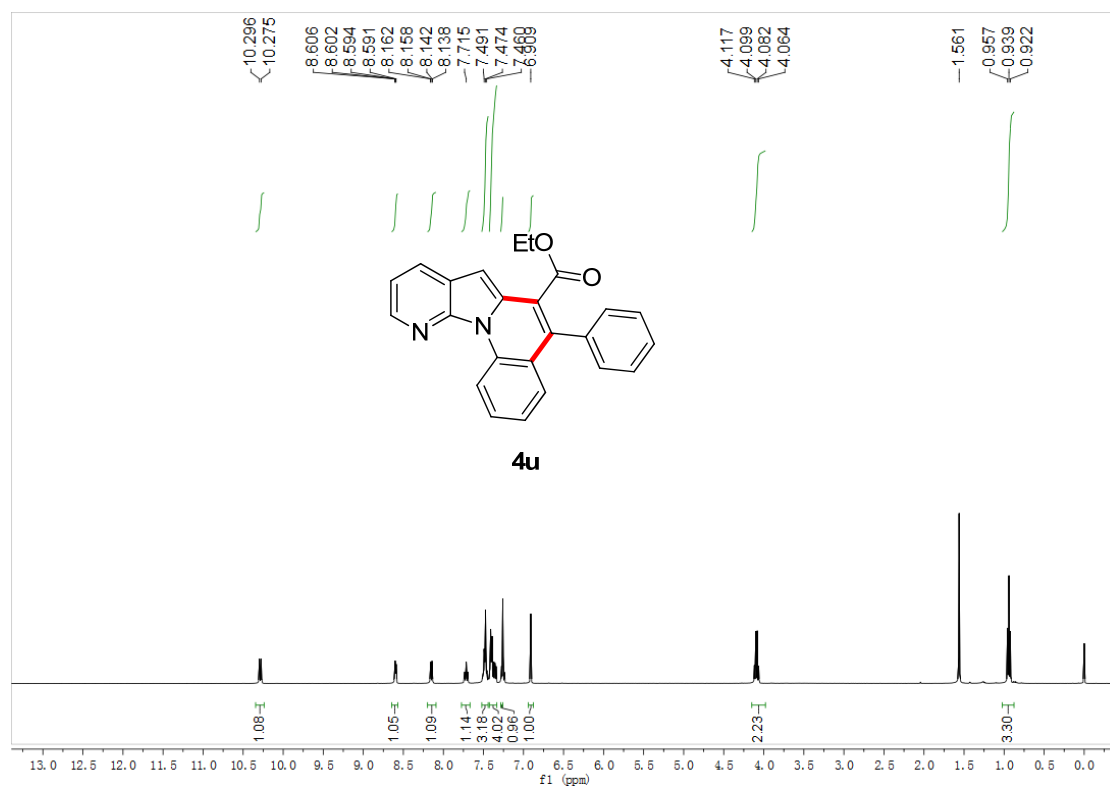
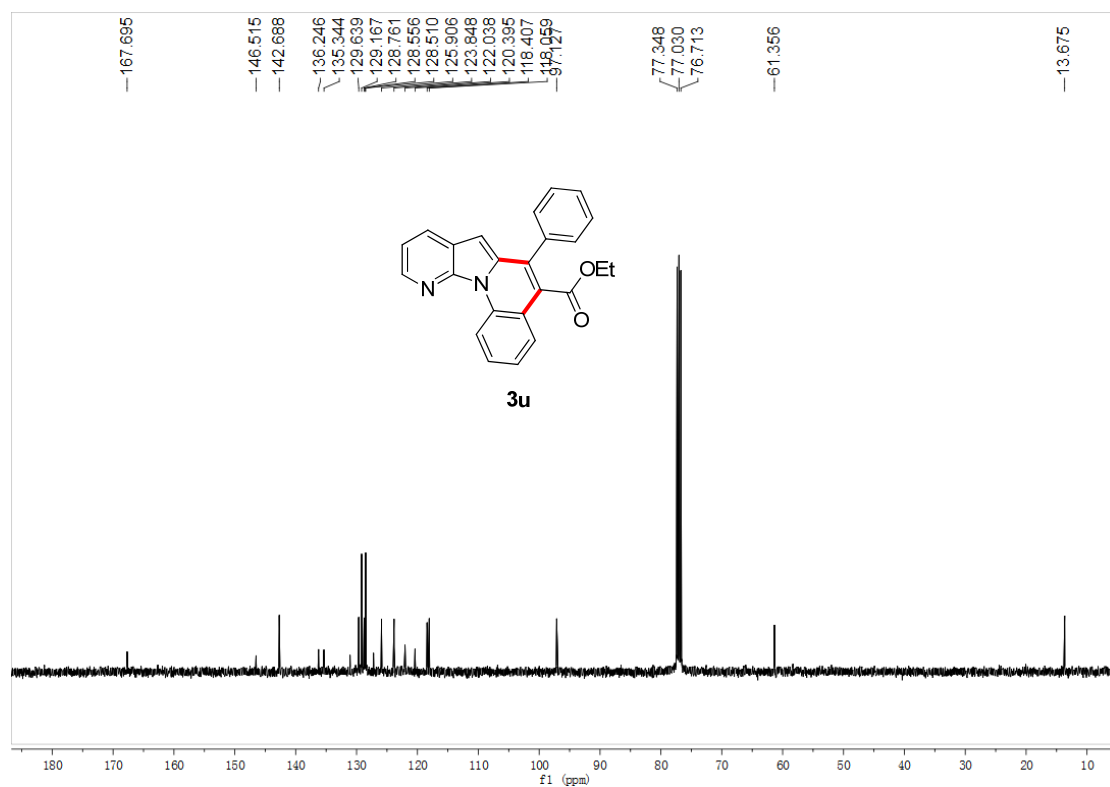


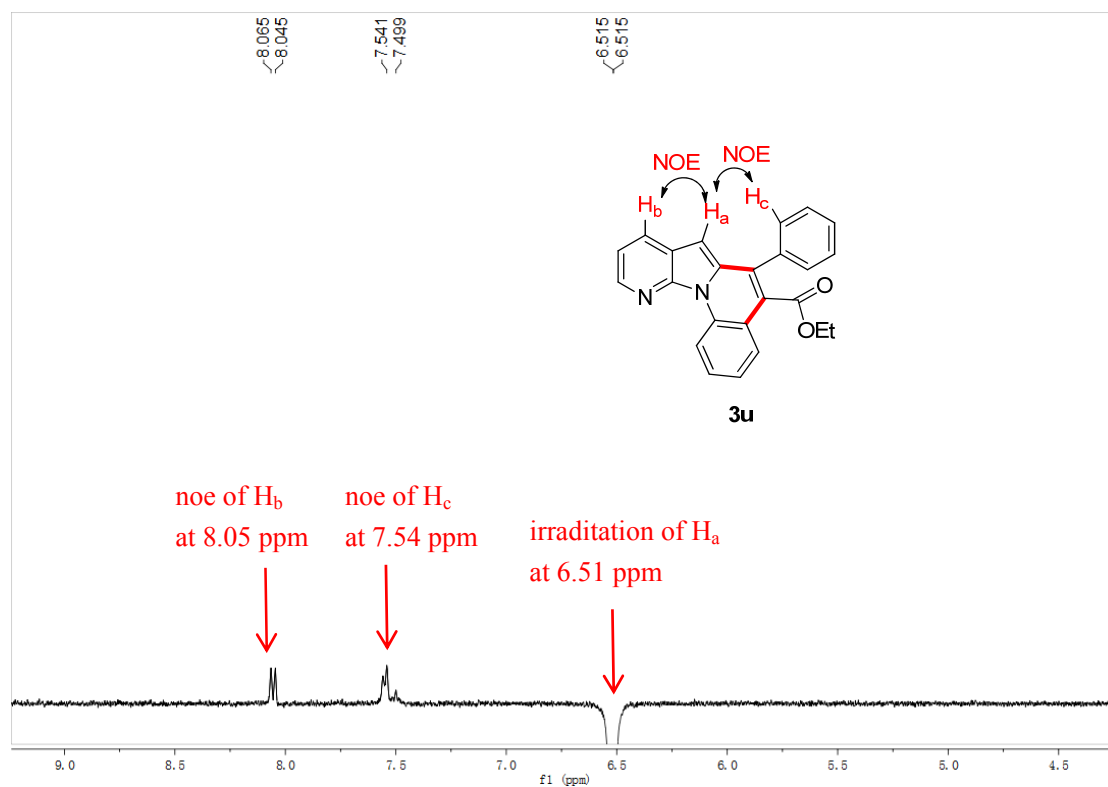
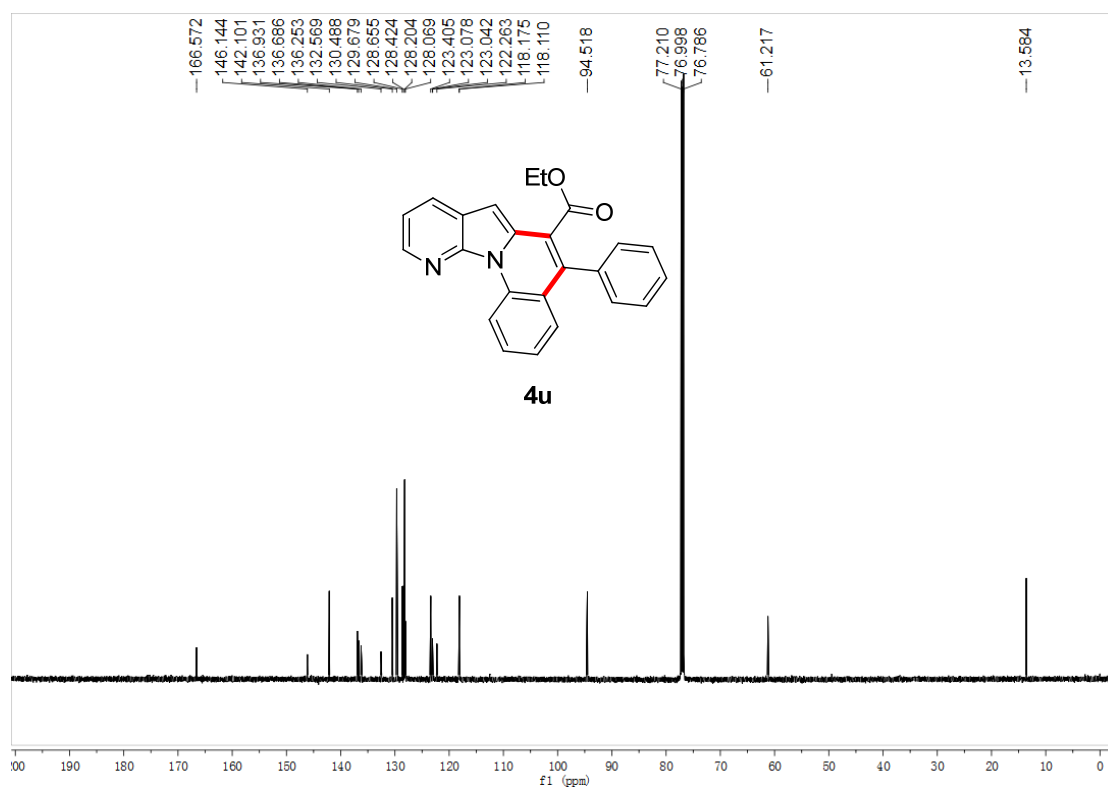


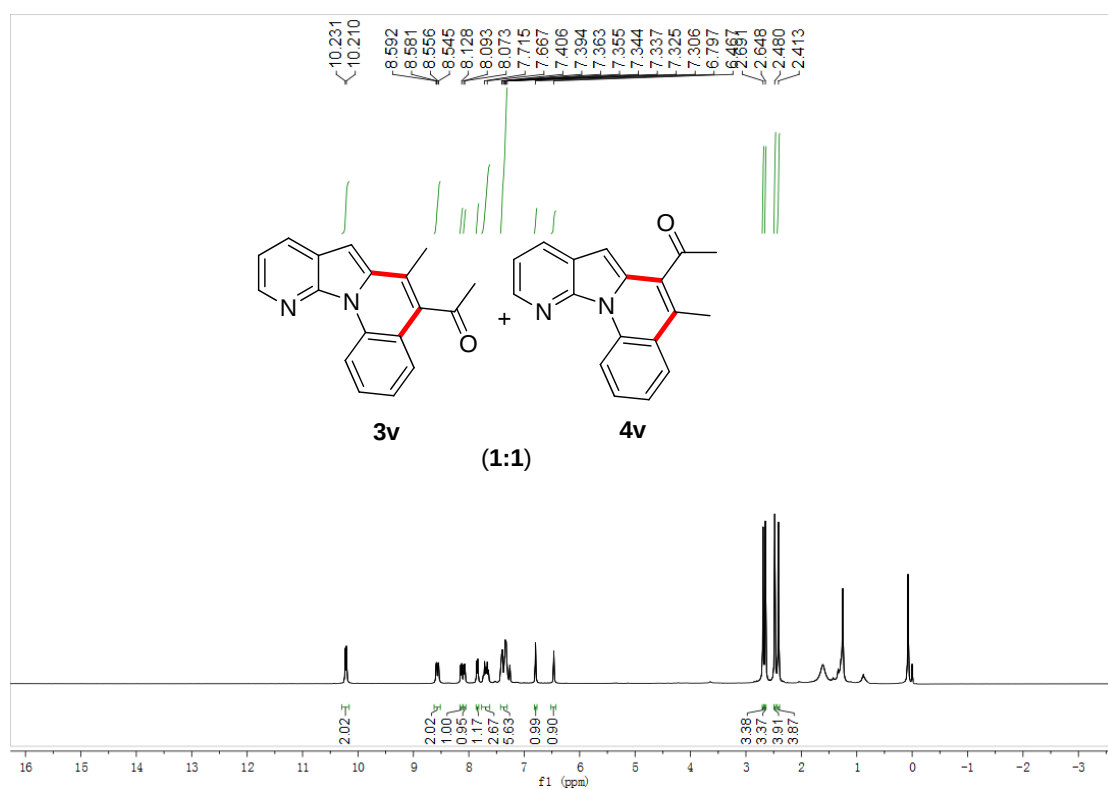
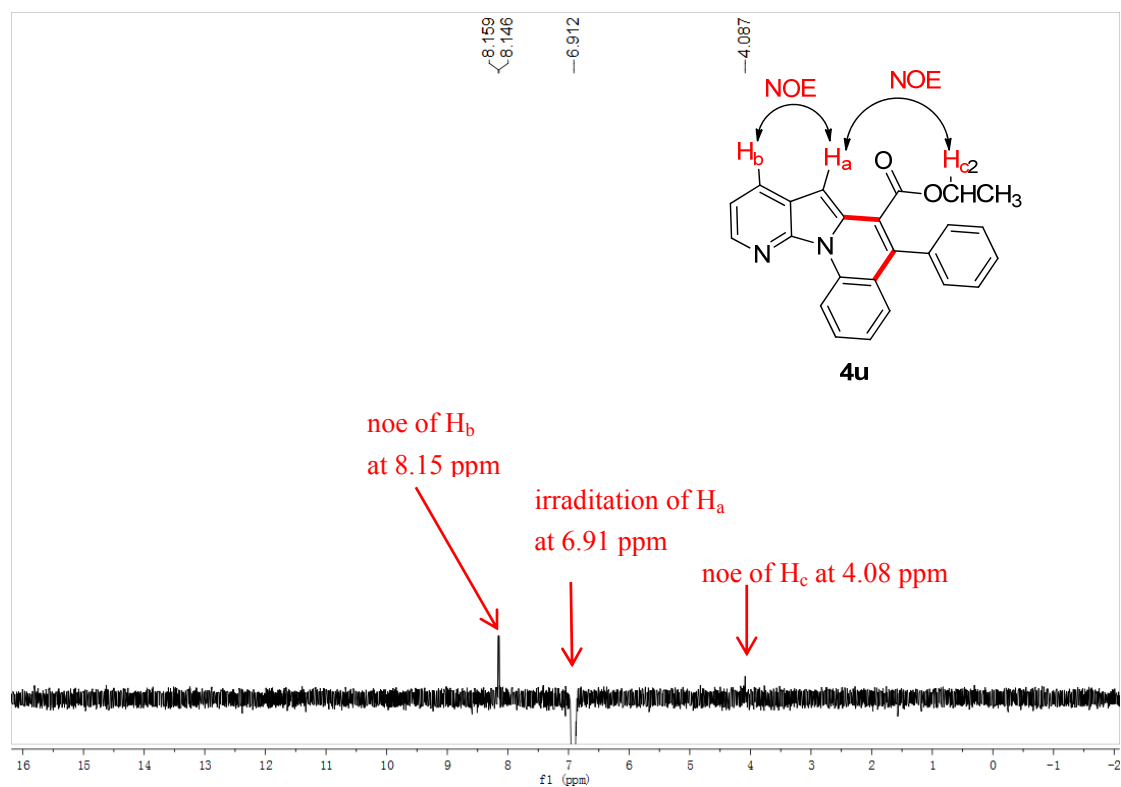












4. NMR Spectra of Ratio of 3 and 4.

