

Supporting Information

Synthesis of *N*-alkyl-3-sulfonylindoles and *N*-alkyl-3-sulfanylindoles by cascade annulation of 2-alkynyl-*N,N*-dialkylanilines

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Experimental section

General information:

¹H NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer (400 MHz) in CDCl₃ by using tetramethylsilane (δ = 0 ppm) as an internal standard and acetone-*d*₆ as solvents. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker AVANCE 400 (100 MHz) spectrometer by using residual non-deuterated solvent peak (CHCl₃, δ = 77.00 ppm) as an internal standard. Infrared spectra were recorded with a Bruker ALPHA FT-IR spectrometer and only partial data were listed. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded with a Bruker micro TOF spectrometer in the ESI mode. Melting points were recorded with a Sanyo Gallenkamp apparatus. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography and visualized by UV and a solution of KMnO₄. *N,N*-Dialkyl-2-(1-alkynyl)anilines were synthesized according to literature procedures.²³ The structures of known compounds were corroborated by comparing their ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR data with those in the literature.

All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed by using Merck silica gel 60 (Art 7734).

General procedure for the synthesis of *N,N*-dialkyl-2-(1-alkynyl)anilines²³

To an oven-dried reaction flask was added *N,N*-dialkyl-2-iodoaniline (5.0 mmol), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (45.6 mg, 0.065 mmol), CuI (9.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), and Et₃N (10 mL). The reaction flask was flushed with Ar. Terminal alkyne was added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for overnight. After completion, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution (5 mL) followed by extraction with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated (aspirator). The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate) to provide the corresponding *N,N*-dialkyl-2-(1-alkynyl)aniline product.

General procedure for the synthesis *N*-alkyl-3-sulfonylindoles

To a solution of *N,N*-dialkyl-2-(1-ethynyl)aniline **1** (0.25 mmol), arenesulfonyl hydrazide **2** (1.25 mmol, and 70% aqueous TBHP (1.5 mmol) in EtOAc (2 mL) was added iodine (0.3 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 2–6 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Na₂S₂O₃ solution (2 mL) followed by extraction with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and filtered. The solvent was removed (aspirator) and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding 3-sulfonylindole product.

General procedure for the synthesis *N*-alkyl-3-sulfanylindoles

To a solution of *N,N*-dialkyl-2-(1-ethynyl)aniline **1** (0.25 mmol) and arenesulfonyl hydrazide **2** (0.75 mmol) in EtOAc (2 mL) was added iodine (0.275 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Na₂S₂O₃ solution (2 mL) followed by extraction with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and filtered. The solvent was removed (aspirator) and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding 3-sulfanylindole product.

1-Methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3aa). white solid (81.7 mg, 87%); mp = 153–155 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.33–8.30 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.5, 142.7, 141.4, 139.7, 136.1, 130.7, 129.1, 128.8, 126.5, 126.1, 125.0, 123.4, 122.5, 120.7, 109.9, 30.9, 21.5, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1310, 1143, 1083 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₁NO₂SNa 398.1191, found 398.1192.

1-Methyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (3ab). pale yellow solid (47.9 mg, 53%); mp = 183–185 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.35–8.32 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.28 (m, 8H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.7, 144.1, 139.8, 136.1, 132.0, 130.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 126.4, 125.9, 125.0, 123.4, 122.6, 120.6, 113.0, 110.0, 30.9, 21.5 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1296, 1138, 1080 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉NO₂SNa 384.1034, found 384.1036.

3-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (3ac). yellow solid (85.1 mg, 86%); mp = 190–192 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.30–8.29 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 142.7, 140.0, 138.4, 136.1, 130.6, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 125.8, 124.9, 123.6, 122.8, 120.5, 112.7, 110.1, 31.0, 21.5 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1296, 1138, 1080 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₈ClNO₂SNa 418.0644, found 418.0646.

3-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (3ad). pale yellow solid (106.8 mg, 97%); mp = 220–223 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.32–8.29 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 143.2, 140.0, 136.1, 131.7, 130.6, 128.9, 128.0, 126.9, 125.8, 124.9, 123.6, 122.8, 120.5, 112.6, 110.1, 31.0, 21.5 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1322, 1147, 1080 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₈BrNO₂SNa 462.0139, found 462.0124.

1-Methyl-3-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (3ae). yellow solid (75.2 mg, 74%); mp = 192–194 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.33–8.30 (m, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 149.6, 145.6, 140.4, 136.2, 130.6, 129.0, 127.6, 125.4, 124.9, 123.9, 123.8, 123.2, 120.4, 111.5, 110.3, 31.1, 21.5 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1294, 1146, 1079 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₂O₄SNa 429.0885, found 429.0886.

3-((3-Fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (3af). colourless solid (74.9 mg, 79%); mp = 153–155 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.32–8.30 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 163.0 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 251 Hz), 146.1 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 6 Hz), 145.0, 140.1, 136.1, 130.6, 130.3, 128.9, 125.7, 125.0, 123.6, 122.8, 122.2 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 3 Hz), 120.5, 119.3 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 21 Hz), 113.8 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 24 Hz), 112.4, 110.1, 31.0, 21.5 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1295, 1133, 1078 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₈FNO₂SNa 402.0940, found 402.0943.

3-((2,4-Dimethylphenyl)sulfonyl)-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (3ag). white solid (10.7 mg, 11%); mp = 187–189 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.37–8.35 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 140.7, 139.4, 135.6, 134.9, 134.4, 132.6, 131.6, 130.8, 130.4, 129.3, 128.6, 125.7, 125.5, 123.2, 122.4, 121.0, 109.9, 30.8, 21.4, 20.5, 19.5 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1281, 1129, 1059 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₃NO₂SNa 412.1347, found 412.1345.

5-Bromo-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ba). white solid (44.3 mg, 39%); mp = 179–181 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 145.3, 143.0, 141.1, 140.0, 134.8, 131.5, 130.6, 130.4, 129.2, 128.9, 126.5, 126.4, 125.6, 123.2, 116.1, 111.4, 31.0, 21.5, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1313, 1145, 1082 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₀BrNO₂Na 476.0296, found 476.0294.

5-Chloro-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ca). white solid (44.1 mg, 43%); mp = 173–175 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.33–8.32 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 145.5, 143.0, 141.1, 140.0, 134.5, 130.6, 130.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 126.5, 126.0, 125.6, 123.9, 120.2, 111.0, 31.1, 21.5, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1313, 1147, 1083 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₀ClNO₂Na 432.0801, found 432.0807.

6-Chloro-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3da). white solid (73.8 mg, 72%); mp = 182–84 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 145.0, 143.0, 141.0, 140.0, 136.5, 130.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 126.5, 125.6, 123.5, 123.2, 121.7, 113.8, 110.1, 31.0, 21.5, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1313, 1148, 1084 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₁ClNO₂S 410.0982, found 410.0988.

5-Fluoro-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ea). white solid (35.4 mg, 36%); mp = 170–173 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 159.3 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 238 Hz), 145.6, 142.9, 141.2, 139.9, 132.6, 130.6, 129.2, 128.8, 126.5, 125.8, 125.6 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 11 Hz), 113.6, 111.9 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 26 Hz), 110.8 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 10 Hz), 106.1 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 26 Hz), 31.1, 21.5, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1312, 1168, 1082 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₁FNO₂S 394.1277, found 394.1280.

1,5-Dimethyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3fa). white solid (68.2 mg, 70%); mp = 169–170 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.14 (m, 6H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 142.6, 141.5, 139.6, 134.5, 132.1, 130.7, 129.1, 128.7, 126.4, 126.2, 125.2, 124.9, 120.2, 112.7, 109.6, 30.9, 21.6, 21.5, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1313, 1142, 1081 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₄NO₂S 390.1528, found 390.1522.

1-Methyl-2-phenyl-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ga). pale yellow solid (43.4 mg, 48%); mp = 131–133 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.35–8.33 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.47 (m, 5H), 7.37–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 142.7, 141.3, 136.1, 130.8, 129.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.0, 126.5, 125.0, 123.5, 122.6, 120.7, 113.6, 110.0, 30.9, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1313, 1145, 1082 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉NO₂Na 384.1034, found 384.1037.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ha). white solid (52.2 mg, 55%); mp = 159–162 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.34–8.31 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 163.5 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 250 Hz), 142.9, 141.2, 136.1, 132.8 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 8 Hz), 129.2, 126.4, 125.0 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 3 Hz), 124.9, 123.6,

122.7, 120.7, 115.3 (d, J_{CF} = 22 Hz), 113.9, 110.0, 30.9, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1317, 1143, 1082 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉FNO₂SNa 402.0940, found 402.0937.

2-(3-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ia). white solid (47.4 mg, 50%); mp = 144–147 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.33–8.31 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.00–6.97 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 162.1 (d, J_{CF} = 248 Hz), 143.0, 142.4, 141.1, 136.1, 131.1 (d, J_{CF} = 8 Hz), 129.8 (d, J_{CF} = 8 Hz), 129.2, 126.8, 126.5, 124.8, 123.8, 122.8, 120.8, 117.9 (d, J_{CF} = 22 Hz), 116.8 (d, J_{CF} = 21 Hz), 114.0, 110.0, 31.0, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1295, 1133, 1078 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₈FNO₂SNa 402.0940, found 402.0935.

2-(3-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ja). yellow solid (58.3 mg, 53%); mp = 115–117 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.35–8.33 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.28 (m, 6H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 142.0, 141.0, 136.1, 133.3, 132.8, 131.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 126.6, 124.8, 123.8, 122.8, 122.0, 120.9, 110.0, 31.0, 21.5 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1312, 1144, 1083 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉BrNO₂S 440.0320, found 440.0316.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ka). pale yellow solid (89.2 mg, 81%); mp = 185–187 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.33–8.30 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 143.0, 142.6, 141.2, 136.2, 132.5, 131.4, 129.3, 128.5, 128.0, 126.4, 124.9, 124.4, 123.8, 122.8, 120.8, 110.0, 31.0, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1299, 1144, 1083 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉BrNO₂S 440.0320, found 440.0317.

1-Methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3la). yellow solid (53.9 mg, 53%); mp = 208–210 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.31–8.29 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 148.6, 143.4, 140.9, 136.5, 135.9, 132.2, 130.2, 130.1, 129.4, 126.3, 124.7, 124.3, 123.2, 123.1, 120.9, 110.1, 31.2, 21.5 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1302, 1147, 1082 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₂O₄SNa 429.0885, found 429.0880.

1-Methyl-3-tosyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indole (3ma). white solid (39.7 mg, 37%); mp = 198–200 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.40–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 143.1, 142.0, 141.1, 136.3, 133.0, 131.8 (q, J_{CF} = 33 Hz), 131.4, 129.8, 126.5, 125.0 (q, J_{CF} = 4 Hz), 124.9, 124.0, 123.9 (q, J_{CF} = 273 Hz), 122.9, 120.9, 114.5, 110.1, 31.1, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1321, 1146, 1083 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₁₈F₃NO₂SNa 452.0908, found 452.0915.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3na). pale yellow solid (51.9 mg, 53%); mp = 165–167 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.34–8.31 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 144.3, 142.7, 141.4, 136.1, 132.3, 130.1, 129.1, 126.5, 125.1, 123.4, 122.5, 121.0, 120.7, 113.5, 109.9, 55.4, 30.9, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1289, 1144, 1082 (SO₂) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₁NO₃SNa 414.1140, found 414.1145.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3oa). colourless solid (12.1 mg, 11%); mp = 182–184 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.31–8.29 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H),

7.50–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 143.0, 142.2, 140.7, 136.0, 133.9, 132.3, 131.4, 130.6, 129.2, 127.0, 126.8, 124.7, 124.6, 123.5, 122.6, 120.7, 113.7, 110.1, 30.6, 21.5 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1299, 1146, 1081 (SO_2) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNO}_2\text{SNa}$ 462.0139, found 462.0134.

1-Methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3qa). brown solid (75.1 mg, 73%); mp = 170–172 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 8.40–8.37 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 144.1, 142.9, 141.3, 136.2, 133.6, 132.5, 130.9, 129.1, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 126.7, 126.6, 125.1, 123.6, 122.7, 120.8, 114.0, 110.0, 31.1, 21.4 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1298, 1144, 1082 (SO_2) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$ 434.1191, found 434.1197.

2-Hexyl-1-methyl-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ra). colourless solid (54.5 mg, 59%); mp = 100–103 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 8.14–8.12 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 5H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.16–3.12 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.57–1.51 (m, 4H), 1.47–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.33–1.29 (m, 4H), 0.92–0.88 (m, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 146.3, 142.9, 141.8, 136.3, 129.7, 129.4, 126.1, 125.1, 122.8, 122.2, 120.0, 109.5, 31.5, 29.9, 29.6, 29.5, 25.0, 22.5, 21.4, 14.1 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1298, 1141, 1083 (SO_2) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 370.1841, found 370.1839.

1-Ethyl-2-(p-tolyl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3sa). pale solid (35.1 mg, 36%); mp = 145–147 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 8.32–8.30 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.28 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 144.0, 142.7, 141.4, 139.6, 134.9, 130.5, 129.1, 128.8, 126.6, 126.3, 125.2, 123.3, 122.4, 120.8, 113.6, 110.1, 39.0, 21.5, 21.4, 15.1 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1284, 1135, 1083 (SO_2) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$ 412.1347, found 412.1341.

1-(4-Iodobutyl)-2-(p-tolyl)-3-tosyl-1H-indole (3ta). white solid (34.0 mg, 25%); mp = 135–137 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 8.33–8.31 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.76–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.60 (m, 2H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 144.0, 142.3, 141.2, 139.8, 135.1, 130.7, 129.2, 128.9, 126.6, 126.0, 125.1, 123.5, 122.5, 120.9, 110.2, 42.9, 30.4, 30.3, 21.6, 21.4, 5.2 ppm.; IR (neat) ν 1297, 1138, 1085 (SO_2) cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{INO}_2\text{SNa}$ 566.0627, found 566.0630.

1-Methyl-2-(p-tolyl)-3-(p-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4aa). pale yellow solid (80.7 mg, 94%); mp = 113–115 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 4H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 145.9, 138.6, 137.5, 136.4, 134.0, 130.4, 129.8, 129.4, 129.0, 127.5, 125.6, 122.6, 120.8, 119.7, 90.7, 31.6, 21.4, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NSNa}$ 366.1292, found 366.1292.

1-Methyl-3-(phenylthio)-2-(p-tolyl)-1H-indole (4ab).^{23c} pale yellow solid (76.6 mg, 93%); mp = 114–116 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes) (lit.^{23c} mp 112.6–113.8 °C); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 3H), 7.05–6.99 (m, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 146.1, 140.1, 138.7, 137.5, 130.4, 129.7, 129.0, 128.6, 127.4, 125.4, 124.3, 122.6, 120.8, 119.7, 109.8, 99.2, 31.6, 21.4 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NS}$ 330.1316, found 330.1318.

3-((4-Chlorophenyl)thio)-1-methyl-2-(p-tolyl)-1H-indole (4ac). colourless solid (88.2 mg, 97%); mp = 135–137 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.09 (m, 6H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ

146.2, 138.9, 138.7, 137.5, 130.3, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.3, 126.6, 122.8, 121.0, 119.5, 109.9, 98.8, 31.6, 21.4 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}ClNS$ 364.0927, found 364.0930.

3-((4-Bromophenyl)thio)-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (4ad). colourless solid (97.0 mg, 95%); mp = 133–135 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); 1H NMR (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 7.59 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.17 (m, 8H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 146.2, 139.4, 138.9, 137.5, 131.5, 130.3, 129.4, 129.1, 127.2, 126.9, 122.8, 121.0, 119.5, 117.8, 109.9, 98.6, 31.7, 21.4 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}BrNS$ 408.0422, found 408.0425.

1-Methyl-3-((4-nitrophenyl)thio)-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (4ae). yellow solid (87.1 mg, 93%); mp = 128–130 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); 1H NMR (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 150.5, 146.6, 144.7, 139.2, 137.6, 130.2, 129.2, 129.0, 126.9, 124.8, 123.8, 123.1, 121.3, 119.1, 110.1, 96.7, 31.7, 21.4 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}N_2O_2SNa$ 397.0987, found 397.0988.

3-((3-Fluorophenyl)thio)-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (4af). pale yellow solid (82.5 mg, 95%); mp = 88–90 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); 1H NMR (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 7.61 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.18 (m, 6H), 7.11–7.06 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71–6.68 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 163.1 (d, J_{CF} = 245 Hz), 146.3, 142.9 (d, J_{CF} = 2 Hz), 138.9, 137.6, 130.3, 129 (d, J_{CF} = 8 Hz), 129.5, 129.1, 127.3, 122.8, 121.0, 120.9 (d, J_{CF} = 2 Hz), 119.5, 112.2 (d, J_{CF} = 24 Hz), 111.2 (d, J_{CF} = 22 Hz), 109.9, 98.4, 31.7, 21.4 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}FNS$ 348.1222, found 348.1220.

3-((2,4-Dimethylphenyl)thio)-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (4ag). pale yellow solid (85.8 mg, 96%); mp = 85–87 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); 1H NMR (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 7.59 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 145.9, 138.5, 138.4, 137.7, 135.6, 131.3, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6, 129.0, 127.5, 125.7, 125.0, 122.5, 120.7, 119.8, 109.7, 99.1, 31.7, 21.4, 21.1, 19.4 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}NS$ 358.1629, found 358.1622

3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)thio)-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (4ah). pale yellow solid (74.6 mg, 83%); mp = 97–99 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); 1H NMR (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 7.66 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.20–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 2.41 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 157.4, 145.6, 138.6, 137.5, 132.6, 130.5, 129.8, 129.0, 127.8, 127.6, 122.5, 120.7, 119.7, 114.6, 114.4, 109.7, 55.2, 31.6, 21.4 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{23}H_{22}NOS$ 360.1422, found 360.1429

1-Methyl-3-(methylthio)-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1H-indole (4ai). oil (38.8 mg, 58%); 1H NMR (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 7.82 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.23 (m, 7H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 144.2, 138.4, 137.2, 130.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.0, 122.3, 120.3, 119.3, 109.7, 104.6, 31.3, 21.4, 20.2 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M + H]^+$ calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}NS$ 268.1160, found 268.1151

5-Bromo-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ba). pale yellow solid (102.4 mg, 97%); mp = 200–202 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); 1H NMR (400 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 7.76 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 5H), 6.97–6.90 (m, 4H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; $CDCl_3$) δ 147.1, 139.0, 136.2, 135.9, 134.3, 131.6, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 127.1, 125.7, 125.5, 122.2, 114.3, 111.3, 31.8, 21.4, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}BrNSNa$ 446.0377, found 446.0383.

5-Chloro-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ca). pale yellow solid (87.9 mg, 93%); mp = 181–183 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.22 (m, 6H), 6.97–6.90 (m, 4H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 147.2, 139.0, 135.9, 134.3, 131.0, 130.3, 129.5, 129.1, 127.1, 126.7, 125.7, 122.9, 119.1, 110.8, 99.6, 31.8, 21.4, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₀ClNS 377.1005, found 377.1006.

6-Chloro-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4da). amorphous solid (92.6 mg, 98%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 8.2 Hz, 4H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 146.5, 138.9, 137.9, 135.9, 134.3, 130.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 127.1, 125.7, 121.4, 120.6, 109.9, 100.3, 31.7, 21.4, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₀ClNS 377.1005, found 377.1006.

5-Fluoro-1-methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ea). pale yellow solid (81.3 mg, 90%); mp = 129–131 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.02 (td, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97–6.91 (m, 4H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 158.7 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 236 Hz), 147.4, 138.9, 135.9, 134.3, 134.0, 130.6 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 10 Hz), 130.4, 129.5, 129.0, 127.3, 125.7, 110.9 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 26 Hz), 110.5 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 10 Hz), 99.9, 31.8, 21.4, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₁FNS 362.1379, found 362.1377.

1,5-Dimethyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4fa). pale yellow solid (86.7 mg, 97%); mp = 144–146 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 4H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 146.0, 138.5, 136.7, 135.9, 133.8, 130.4, 130.2, 130.1, 129.4, 128.9, 127.6, 125.4, 124.2, 119.2, 109.4, 98.7, 31.7, 21.4, 21.3, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₄NS 358.1629, found 358.1623.

1-Methyl-2-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ga). ^{23c} colourless solid (78.2 mg, 95%); mp = 111–113 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes) (lit. ^{23c} mp 106.1–106.8 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 6H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 1H), 6.94 (s, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 145.7, 137.5, 136.3, 134.1, 130.6, 130.5, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.2, 125.7, 122.7, 120.8, 119.8, 109.8, 100.0, 31.7, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₀NS 330.1316, found 330.1311.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ha). pale yellow solid (82.5 mg, 95%); mp = 86–88 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.11 (m, 3H), 6.93 (s, 4H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 162.9 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 249 Hz), 144.6, 137.5, 136.1, 134.2, 132.4 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 8 Hz), 129.7, 129.5, 126.5, 125.7, 122.9, 121.0, 119.8, 115.4 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 22 Hz), 109.8, 100.4, 31.6, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉FNS 348.1222, found 348.1228.

2-(3-Fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ia). pale yellow solid (83.4 mg, 96%); mp = 77–79 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.94 (s, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 162.3 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 247 Hz), 144.1, 137.6, 135.9, 134.3, 132.6 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 8 Hz), 129.8 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 8 Hz), 129.7, 129.5, 126.4 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 3 Hz), 125.8, 123.0, 121.0, 120.0, 117.6 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 22 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 21 Hz), 109.8, 100.9, 31.7, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉FNS 348.1222, found 348.1232.

2-(3-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ja). amorphous solid (98.0 mg, 96%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.94 (s, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 137.6, 135.8, 134.4, 133.4, 132.6, 131.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 126.0, 123.1, 122.2, 121.0, 120.0, 109.8, 101.2, 31.7, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉BrNS 410.0401, found 410.0408.

2-(3-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ka). colourless solid (100.0 mg, 98%); mp = 133–134 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.91 (m, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 137.6, 136.0, 134.3, 132.1, 131.5, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 125.7, 123.2, 123.0, 121.0, 119.9, 109.8, 100.6, 31.7, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₈BrNSNa 432.0221, found 432.0233.

1-Methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4la). yellow solid (40.3 mg, 43%); mp = 187–189 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97–6.91 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 147.6, 142.7, 138.0, 137.1, 135.4, 134.7, 131.5, 129.7, 129.6, 125.8, 123.7, 123.4, 121.4, 120.2, 110.0, 102.3, 32.0, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₂O₂NSNa 397.0987, found 397.0988.

1-Methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indole (4ma). orange solid (99.4 mg, 81%); mp = 101–103 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.94 (s, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 137.8, 135.7, 134.4, 134.2, 131.0, 130.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 33 Hz), 129.7, 129.5, 125.8, 125.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 272 Hz), 123.3, 121.2, 120.0, 109.9, 101.3, 31.8, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₁₈F₃NS 397.1112, found 397.1116.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4na).^{23b} pale yellow solid (78.2 mg, 87%); mp = 153–155 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes) (lit.^{23b} mp 153–155 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.98–6.95 (m, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 145.7, 137.5, 136.4, 134.0, 131.8, 129.8, 129.4, 125.6, 122.7, 122.5, 120.8, 119.6, 113.7, 109.7, 99.6, 55.3, 31.6, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₂NOS 360.1422, found 360.1428.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4oa). pale yellow solid (101.1 mg, 99%); mp = 108–110 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 20.0, 8.3 Hz, 4H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.4, 137.2, 135.5, 134.2, 133.2, 132.7, 132.4, 130.7, 129.3, 127.2, 126.2, 125.3, 122.8, 120.8, 120.0, 109.8, 101.1, 31.2, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₉BrNS 410.0401, found 410.0404.

2-Mesityl-1-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4pa). colourless solid (92.0 mg, 99%); mp = 152–153 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.97–6.89 (m, 6H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 6H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 138.8, 138.5, 137.3, 135.2, 134.1, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 127.2, 126.4, 122.0, 120.5, 119.7, 109.7, 100.2, 30.3, 21.2, 20.8, 20.1 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₅NSNa 394.1605, found 394.1607.

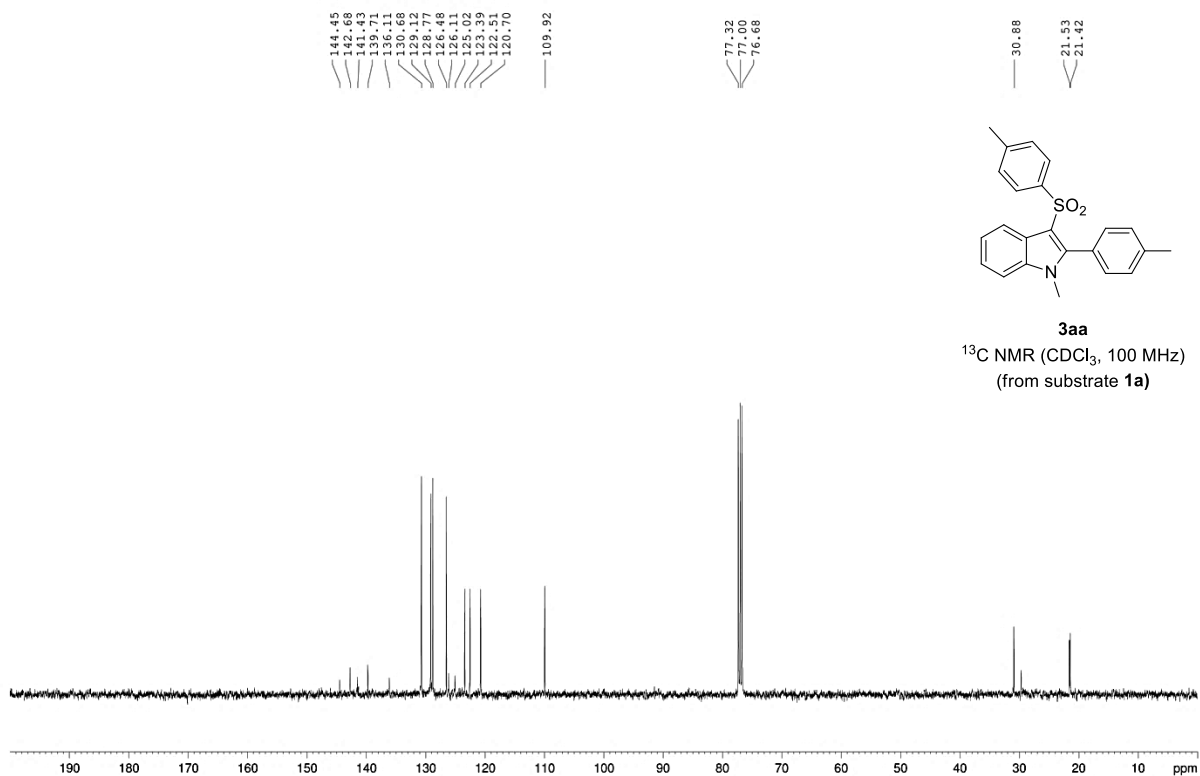
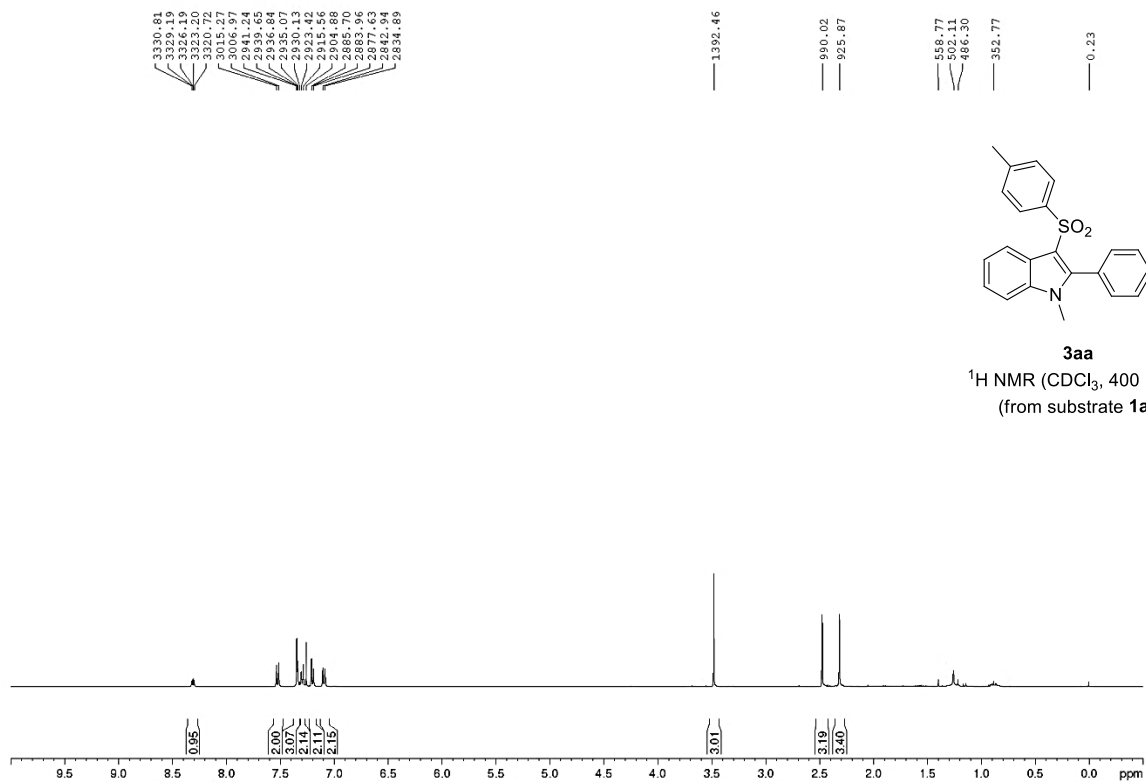
1-Methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4qa). pale yellow solid (87.3 mg, 92%); mp = 148–150 °C (from CH₂Cl₂/hexanes); ¹H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 7.91–7.87 (m, 3H), 7.83–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 1H), 6.99–6.94 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm.; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl₃) δ 145.6, 137.7, 136.3, 134.2, 133.1, 132.9, 130.3, 129.9, 129.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.4, 126.0, 122.8, 120.9, 119.9, 109.8, 100.7, 31.8, 20.8 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₁NSNa 402.1292, found 402.1294.

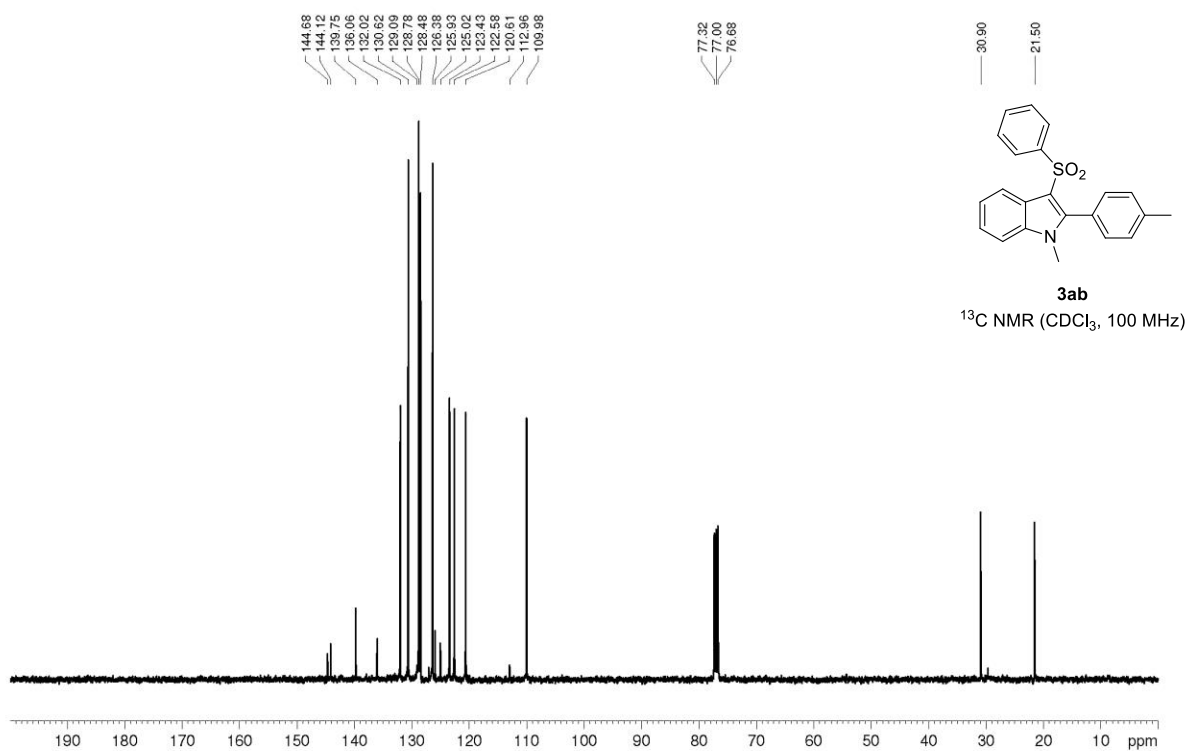
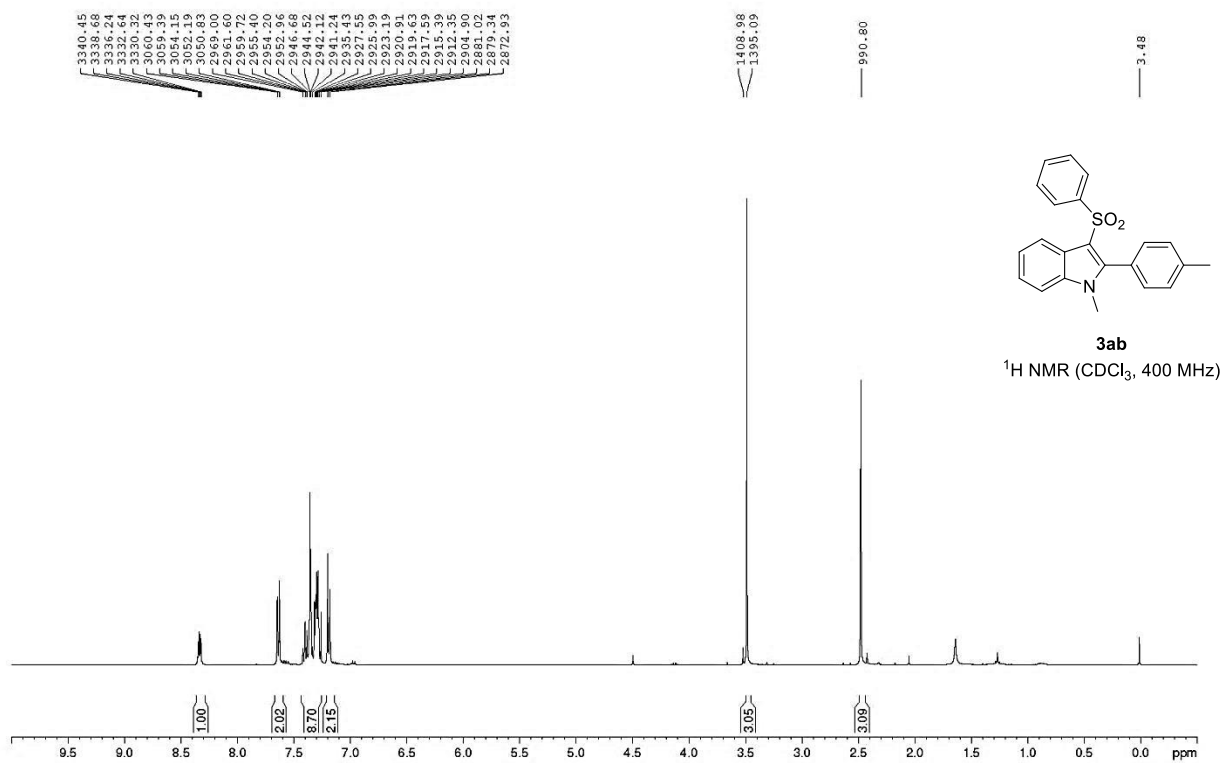
2-Hexyl-1-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ra). oil (38.8 mg, 46%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 7.56 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14–7.10 (m, 1H), 6.94 (s, 4H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.94–2.91 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.57–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.22 (m, 6H), 0.85–0.82 (m, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 146.8, 137.2, 136.3, 134.0, 129.8, 129.3, 125.6, 121.6, 120.4, 119.0, 109.1, 98.3, 31.5, 30.3, 29.7, 29.1, 25.0, 22.5, 20.8, 14.0 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{NSNa}$ 360.1762, found 360.1755.

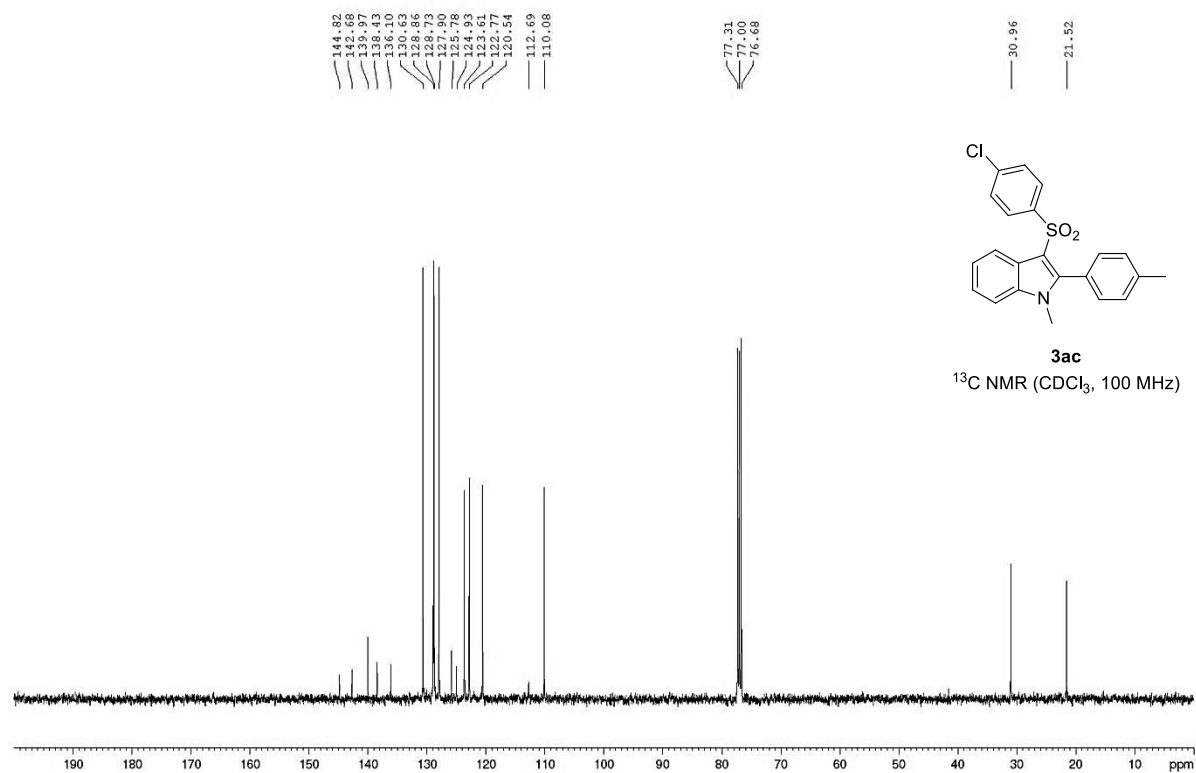
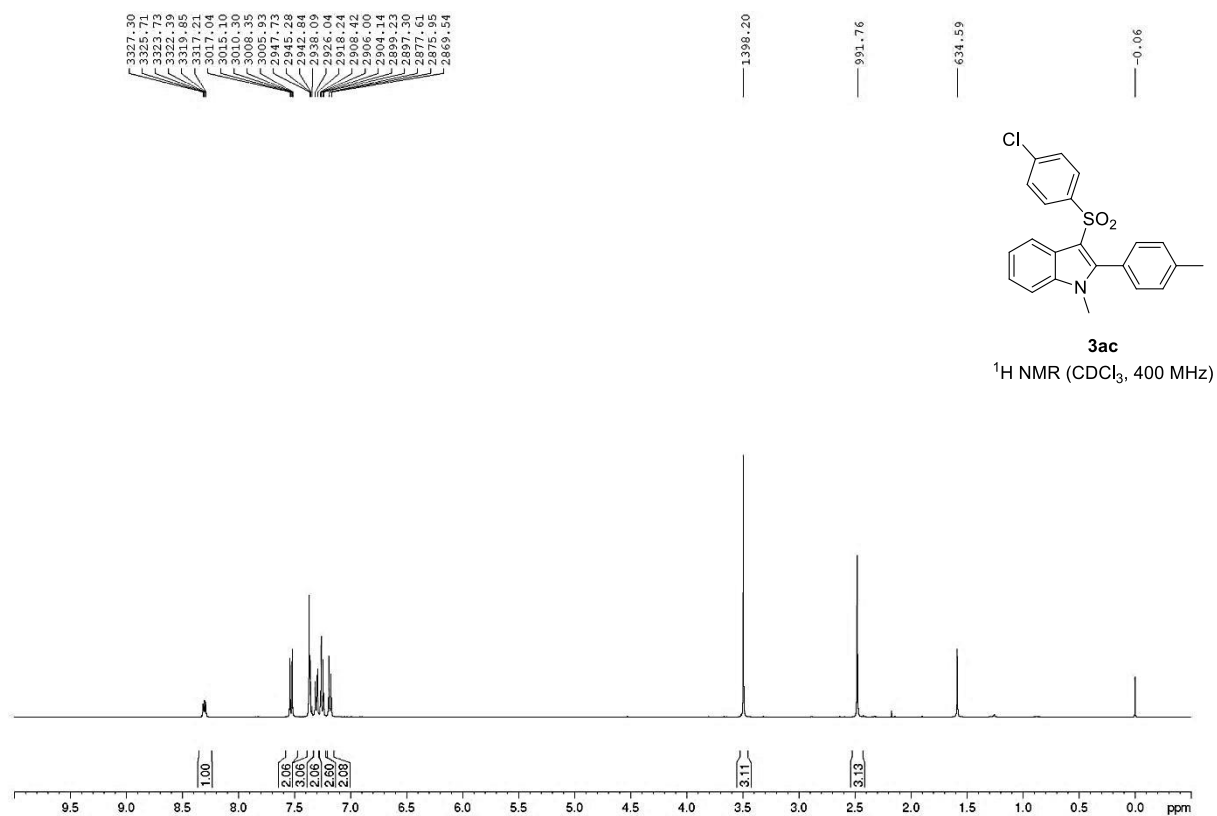
1-Ethyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4sa). pale yellow solid (85.8 mg, 96%); mp = 128–130 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 1H), 6.94 (s, 4H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 145.6, 138.6, 136.4, 136.3, 134.0, 130.2, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 127.9, 125.7, 122.4, 120.7, 119.9, 110.0, 100.1, 39.4, 21.4, 20.8, 15.4 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{NS}$ 357.1551, found 357.1565.

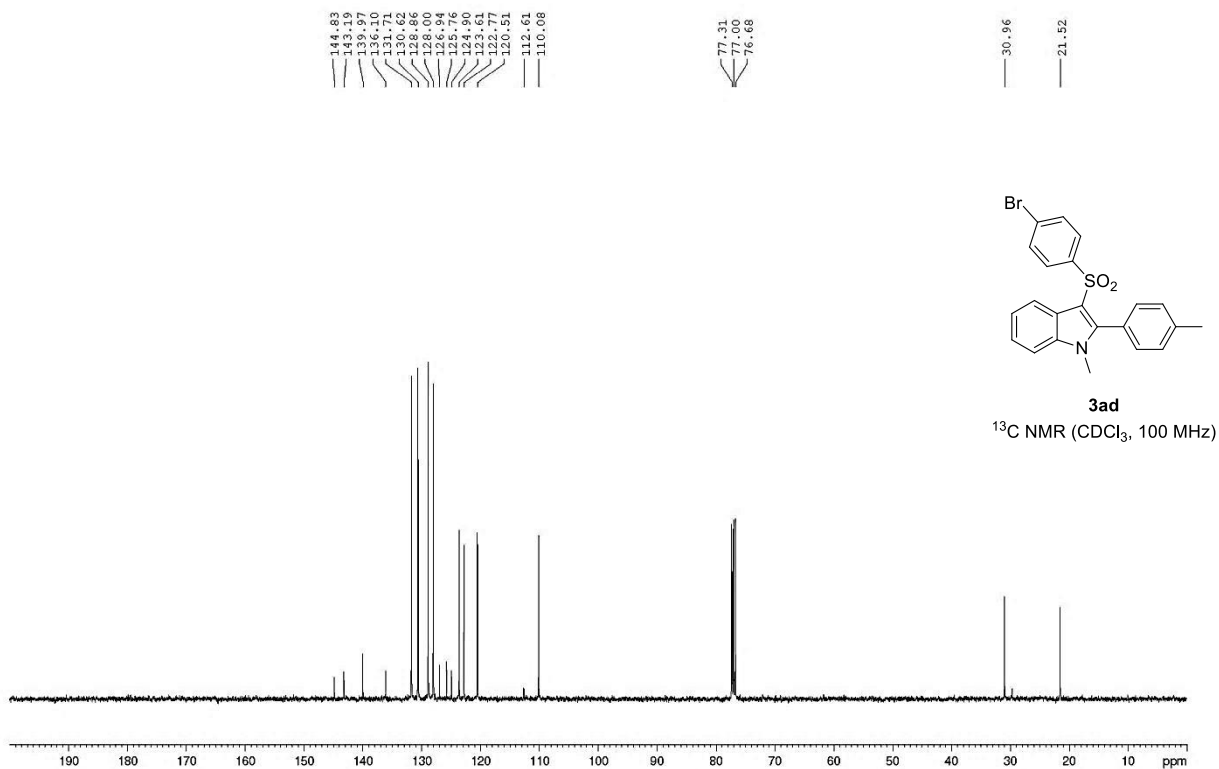
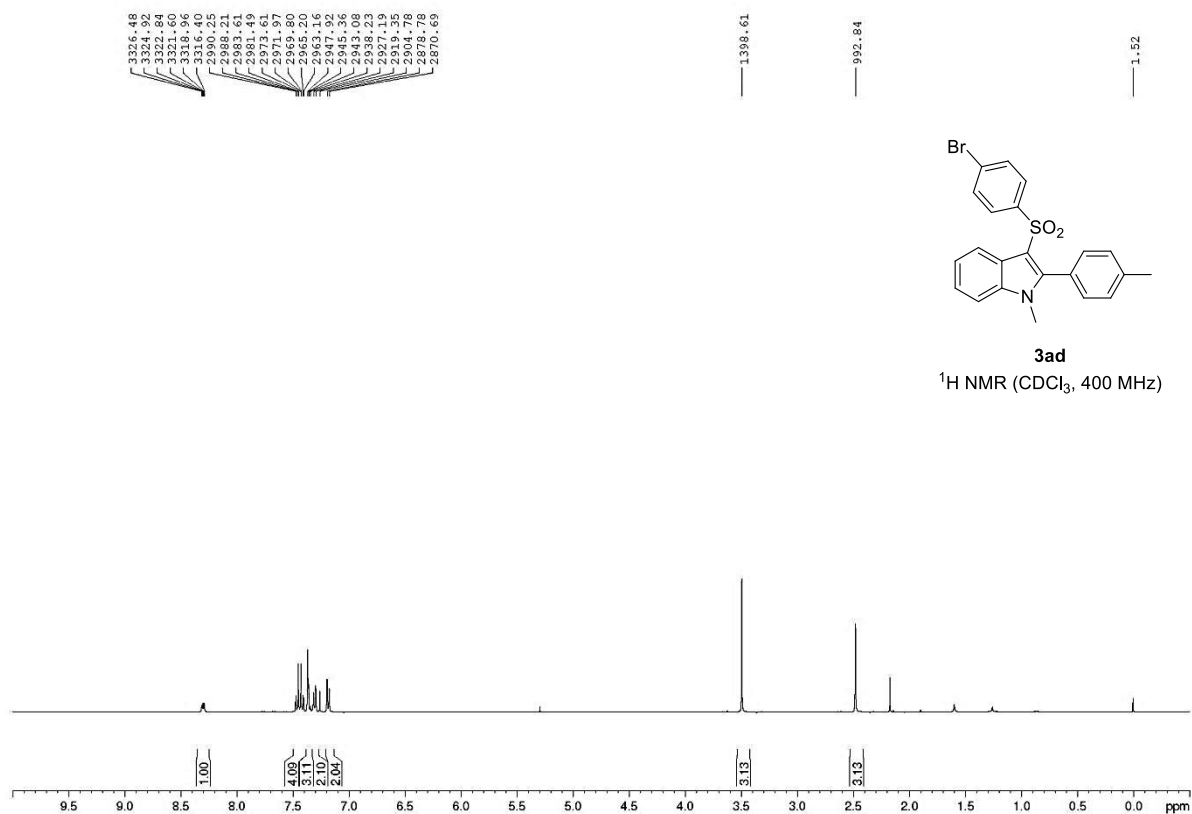
1-(4-Iodobutyl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)-3-(*p*-tolylthio)-1H-indole (4ta). white solid (89.5 mg, 70%); mp = 142–140 °C (from CH_2Cl_2 /hexanes); ^1H NMR (400 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.91 (m, 4H), 4.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.83–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.60 (m, 2H) ppm.; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz; CDCl_3) δ 145.7, 138.8, 136.5, 136.2, 134.0, 130.3, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 127.7, 125.7, 122.6, 120.8, 119.9, 110.1, 100.7, 43.3, 30.6, 30.5, 21.4, 20.8, 5.5 ppm.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{INSNa}$ 534.0728, found 534.0731.

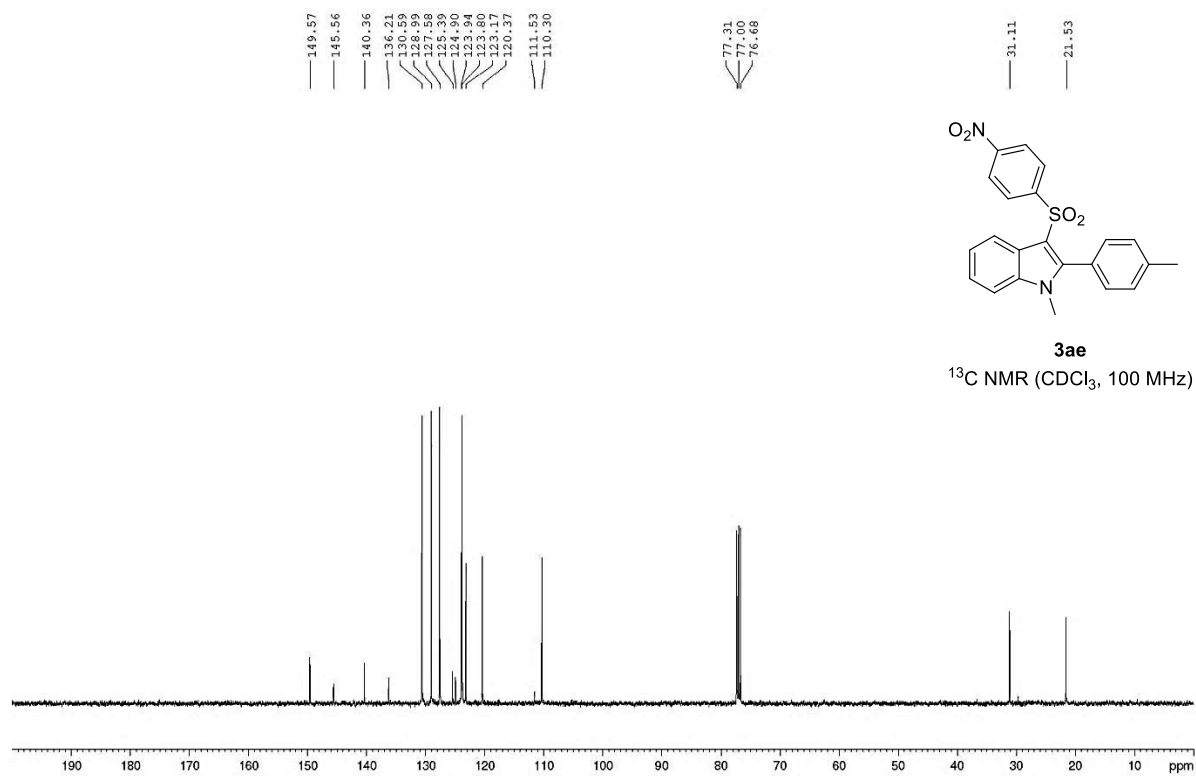
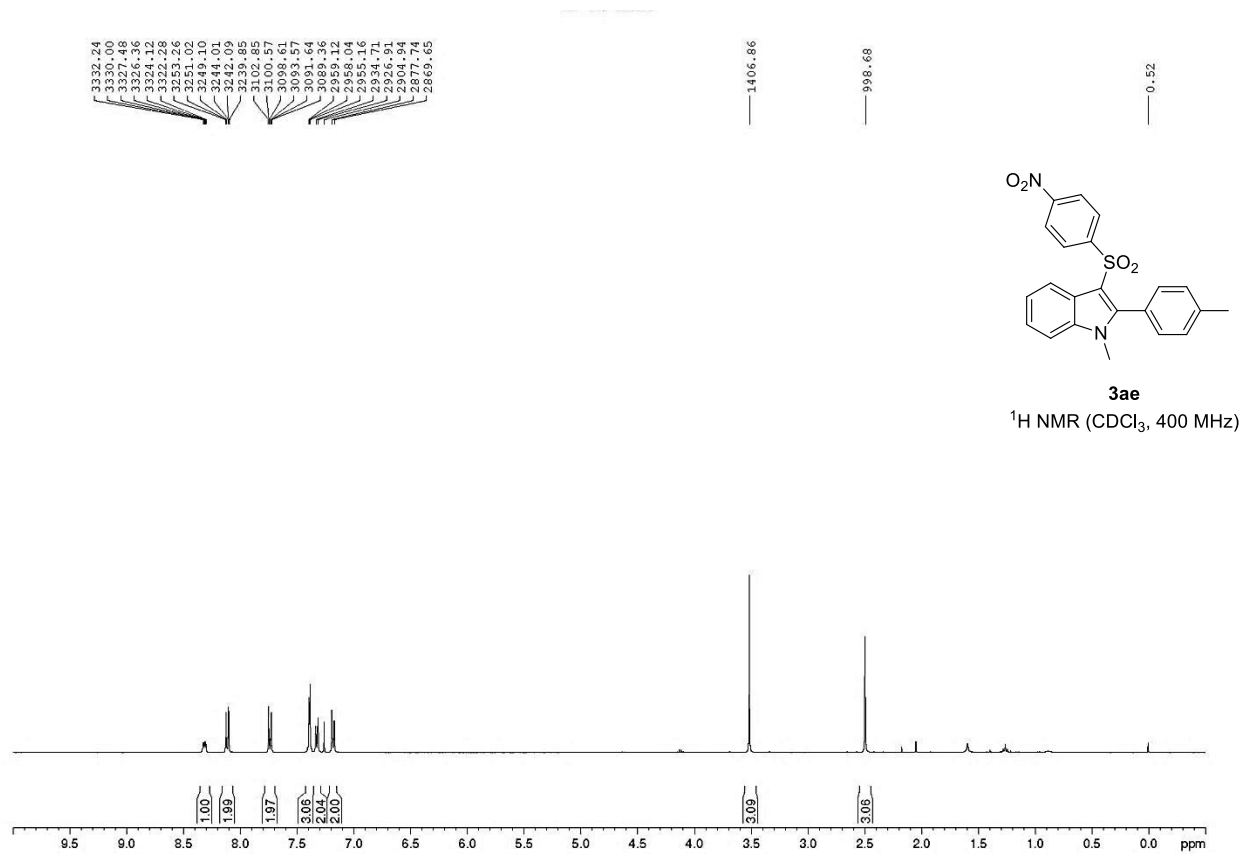
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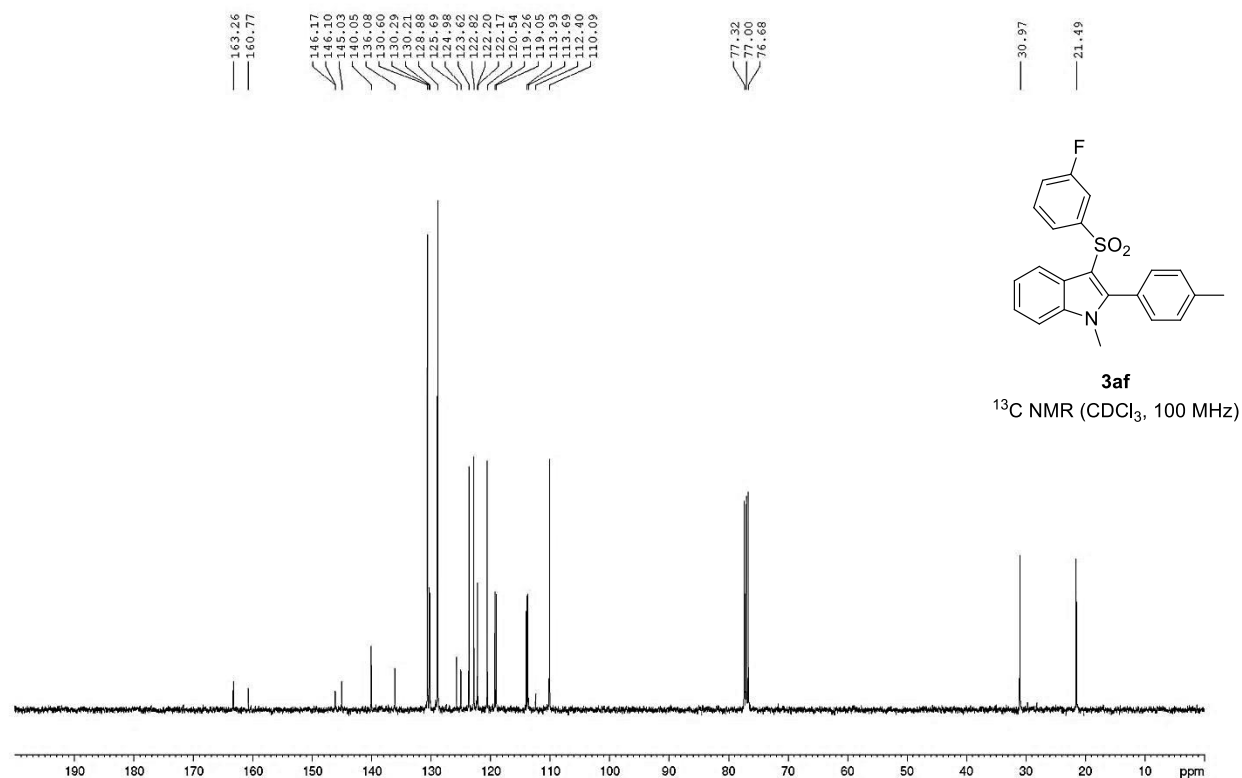
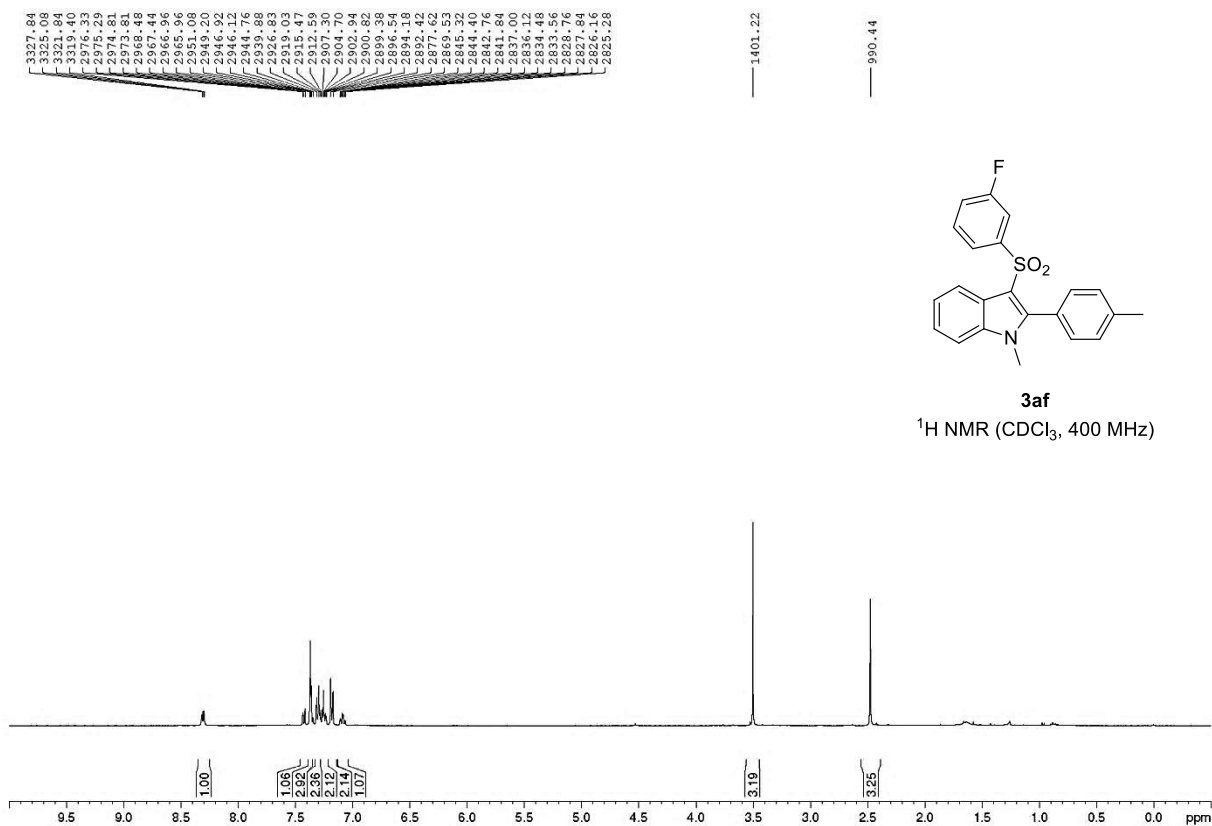


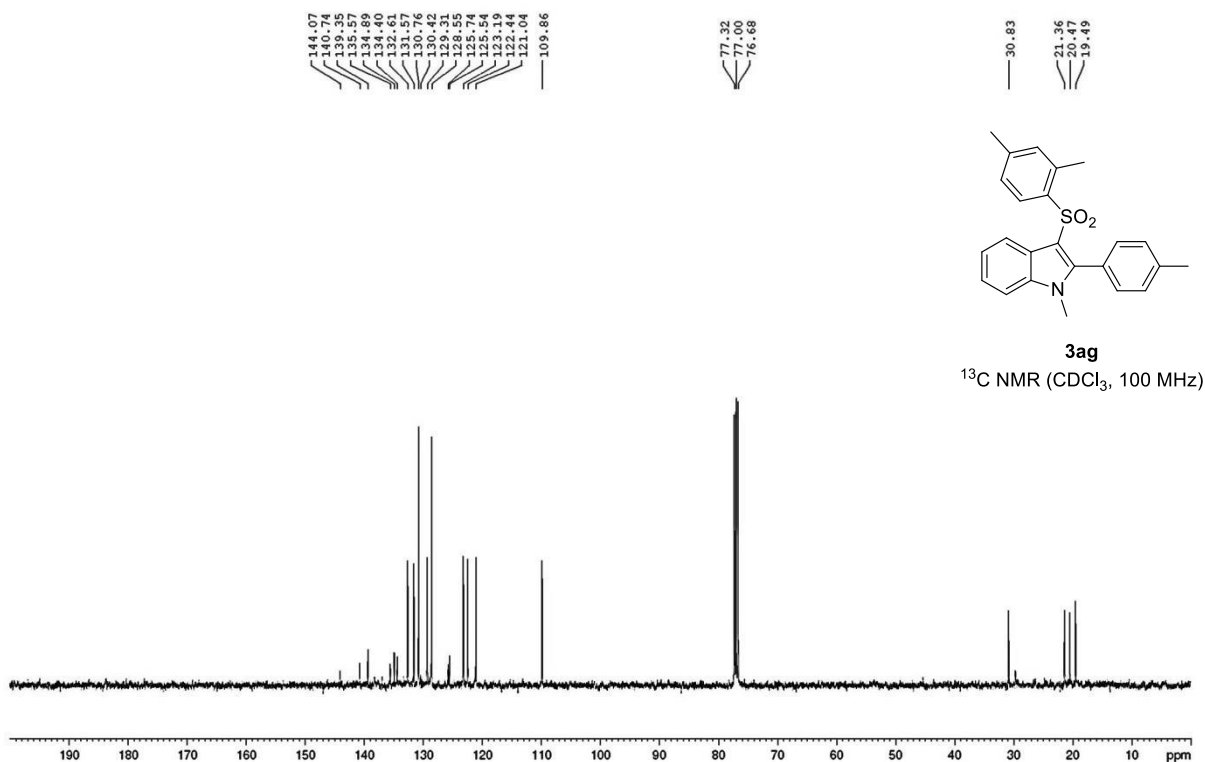
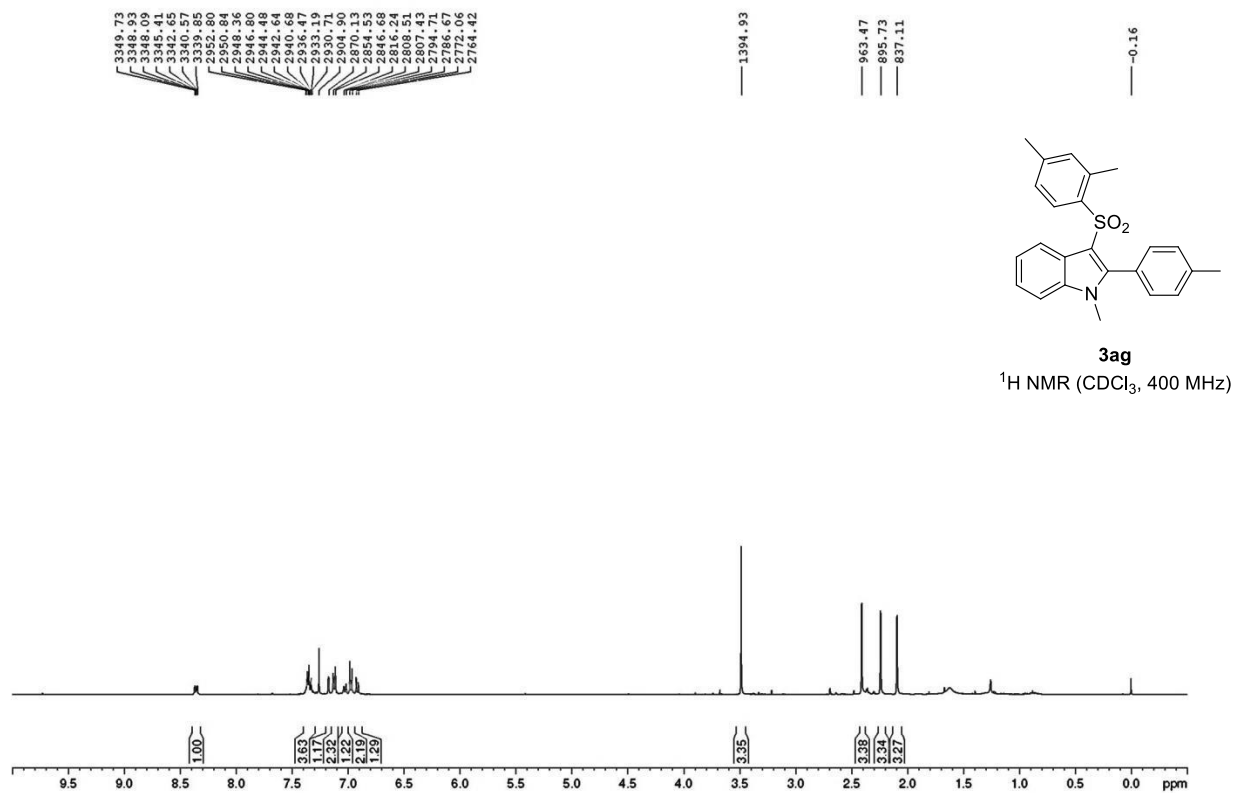


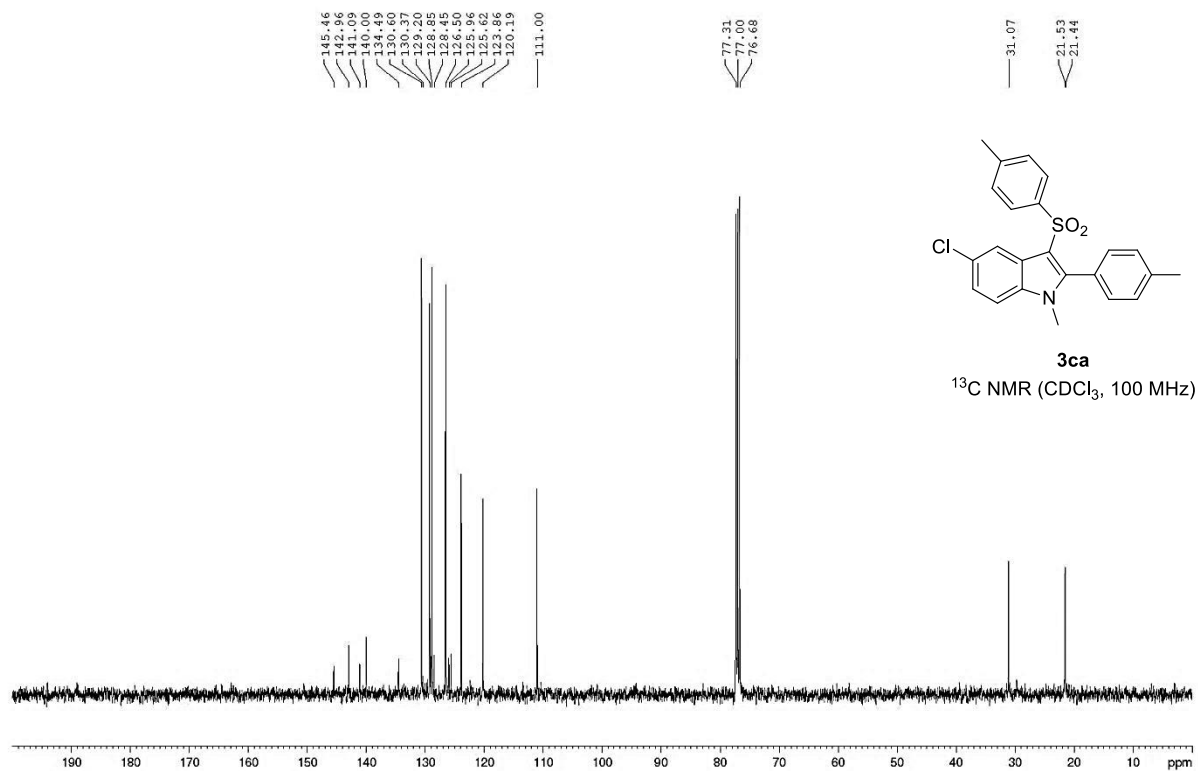
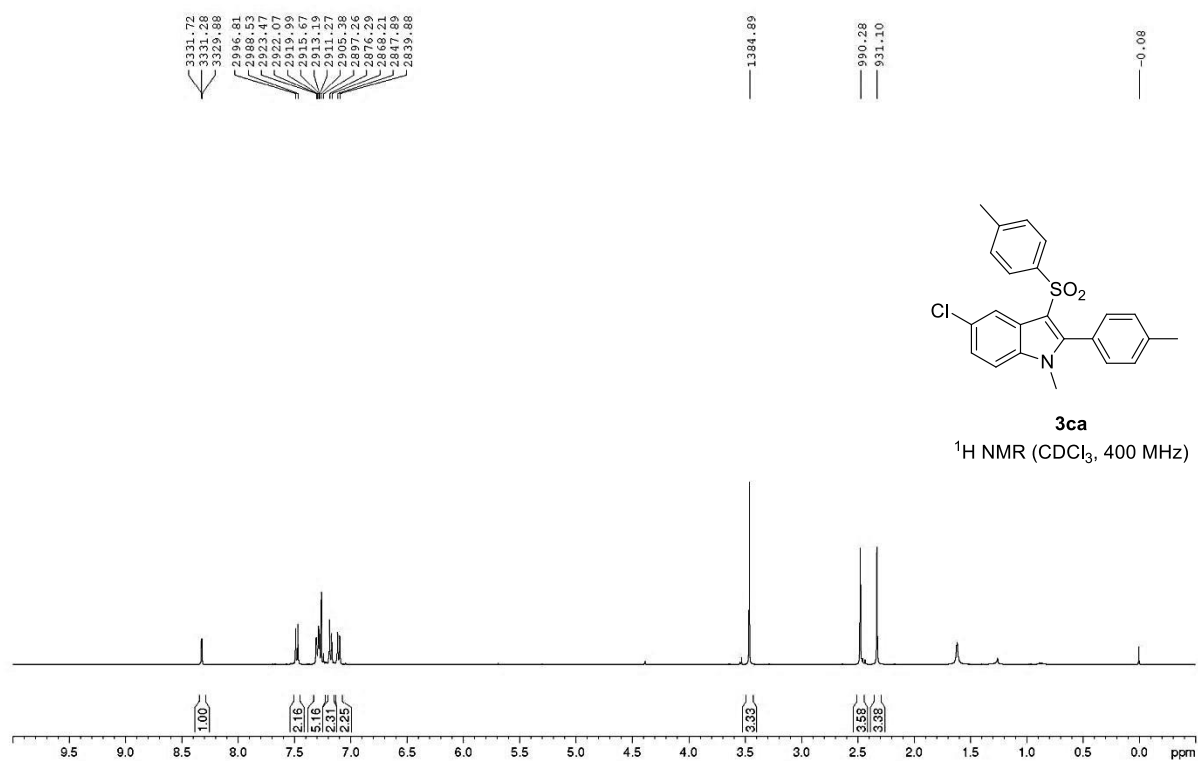


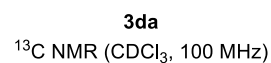
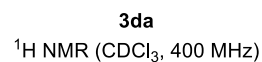


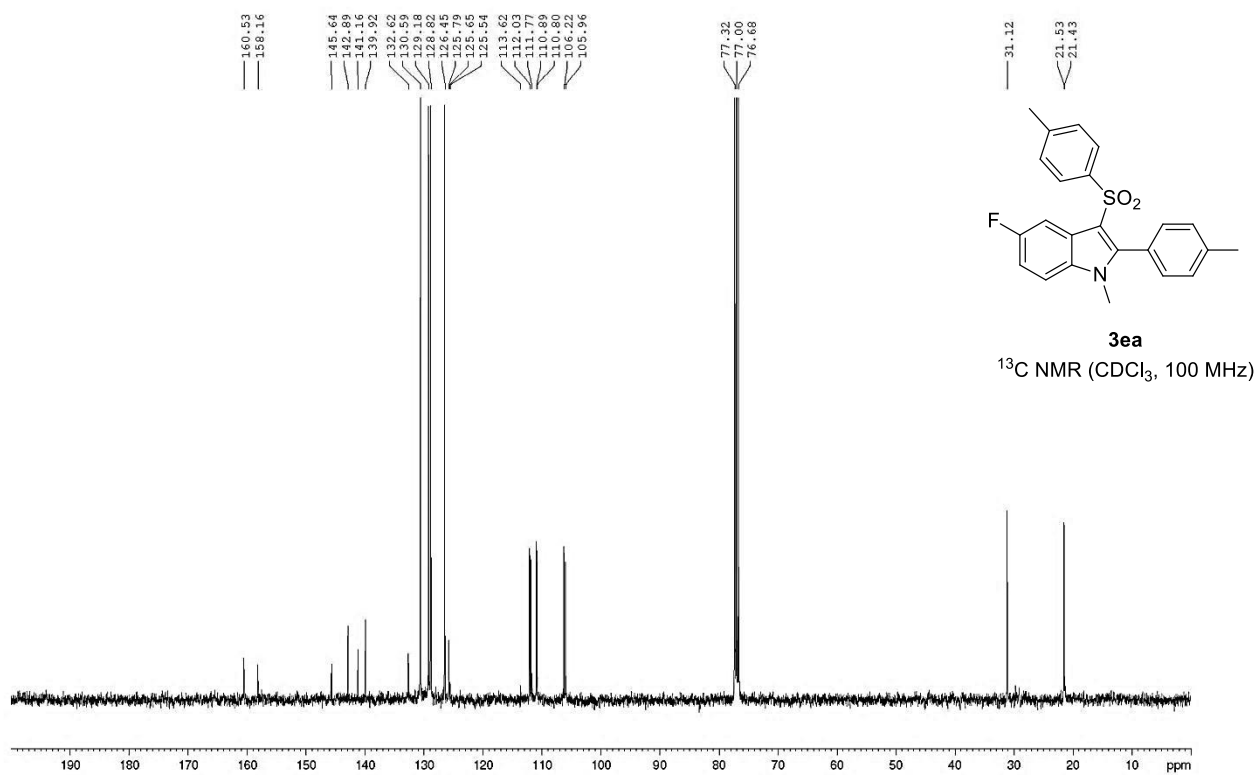
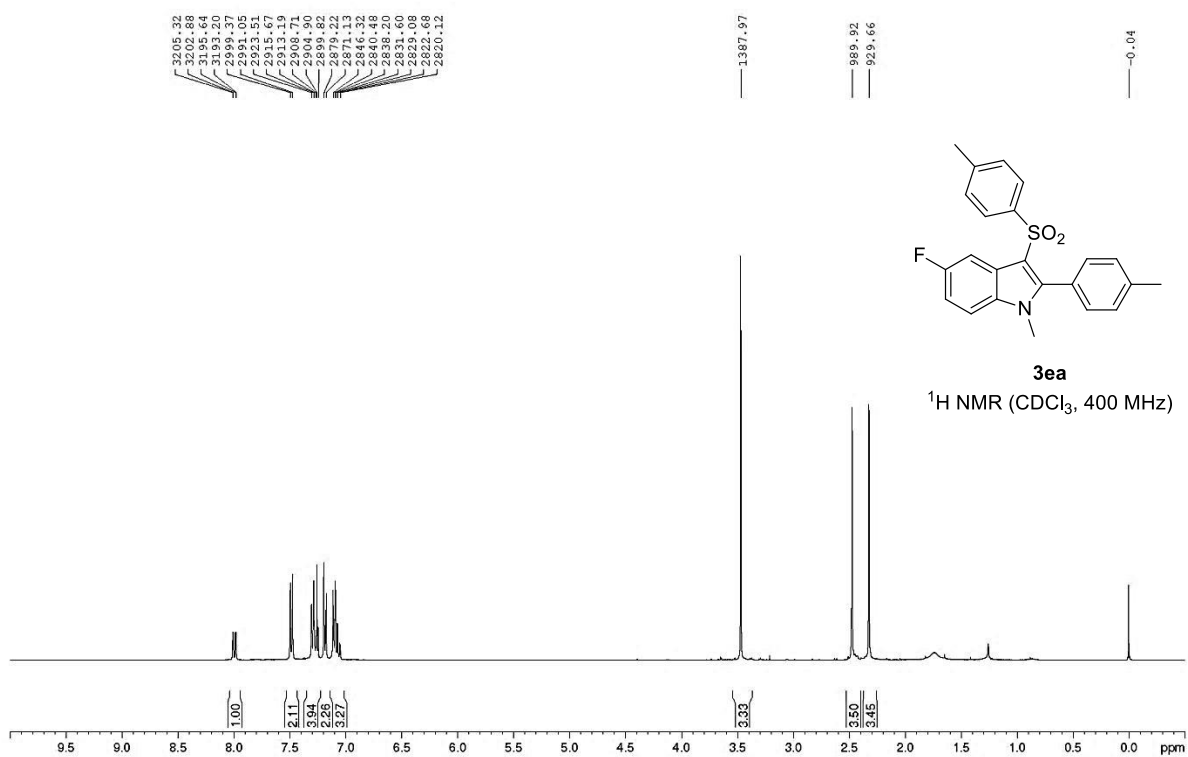


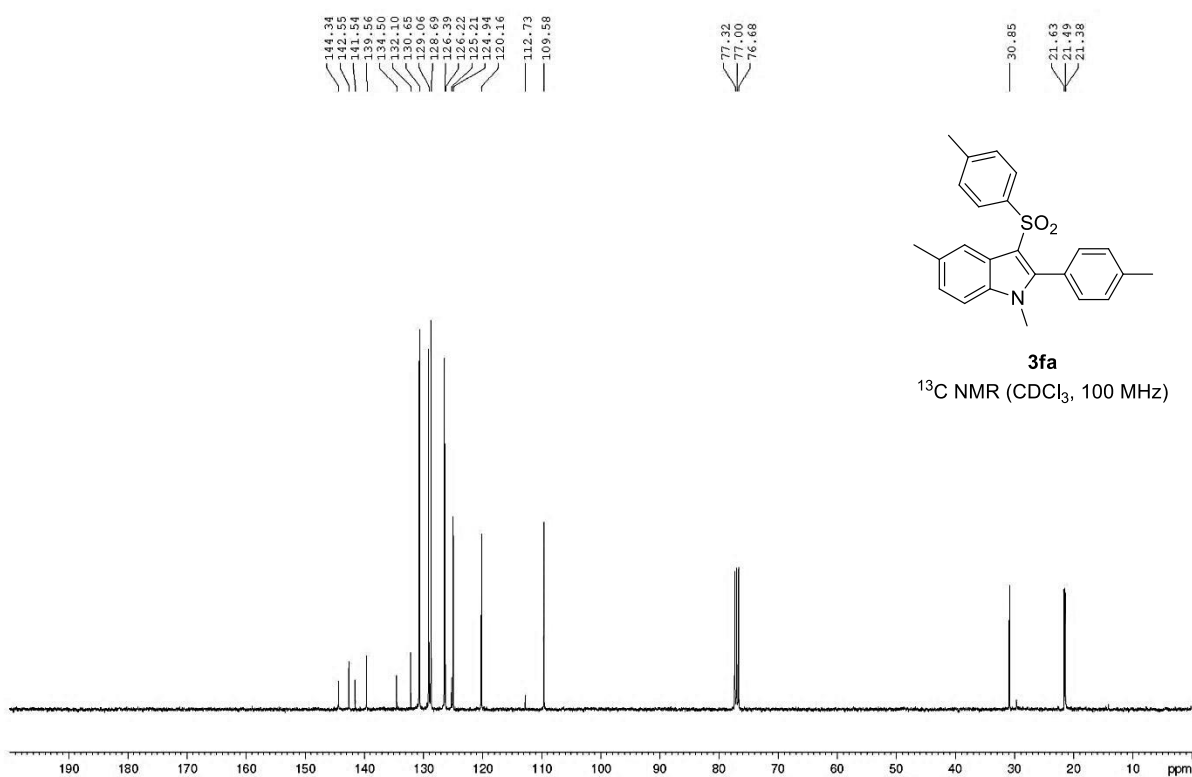
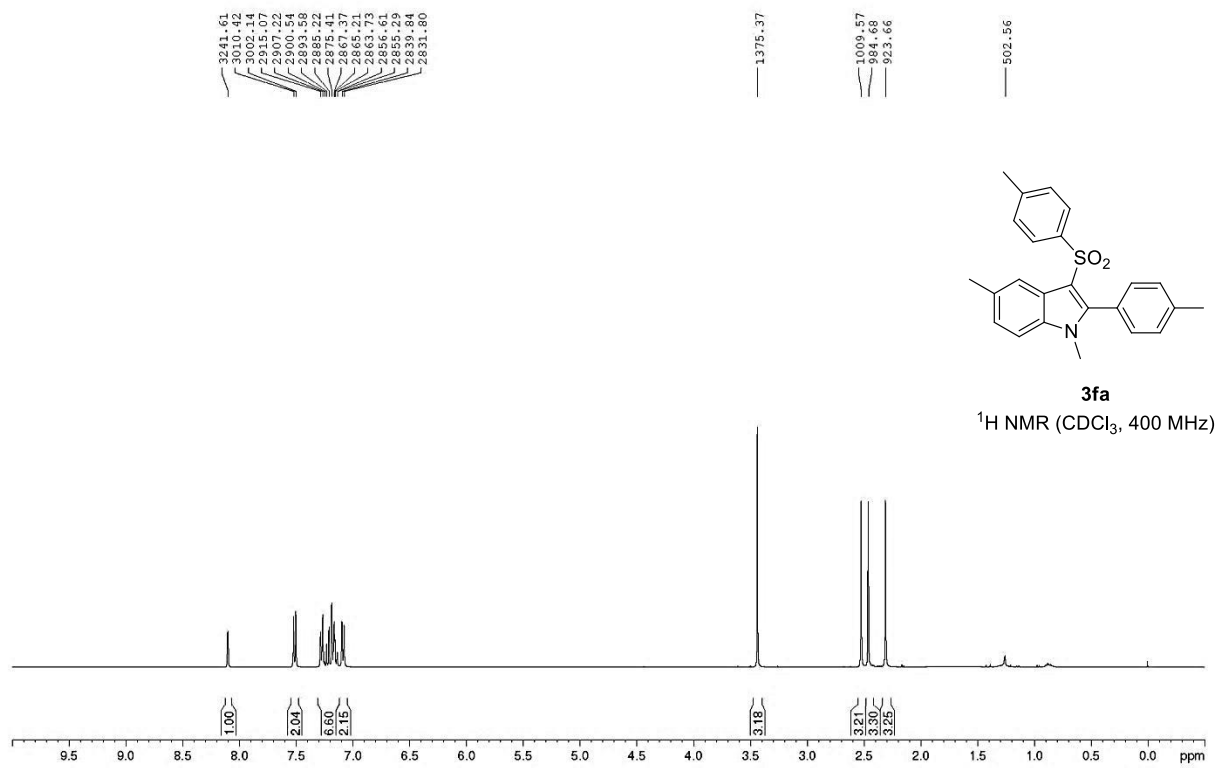


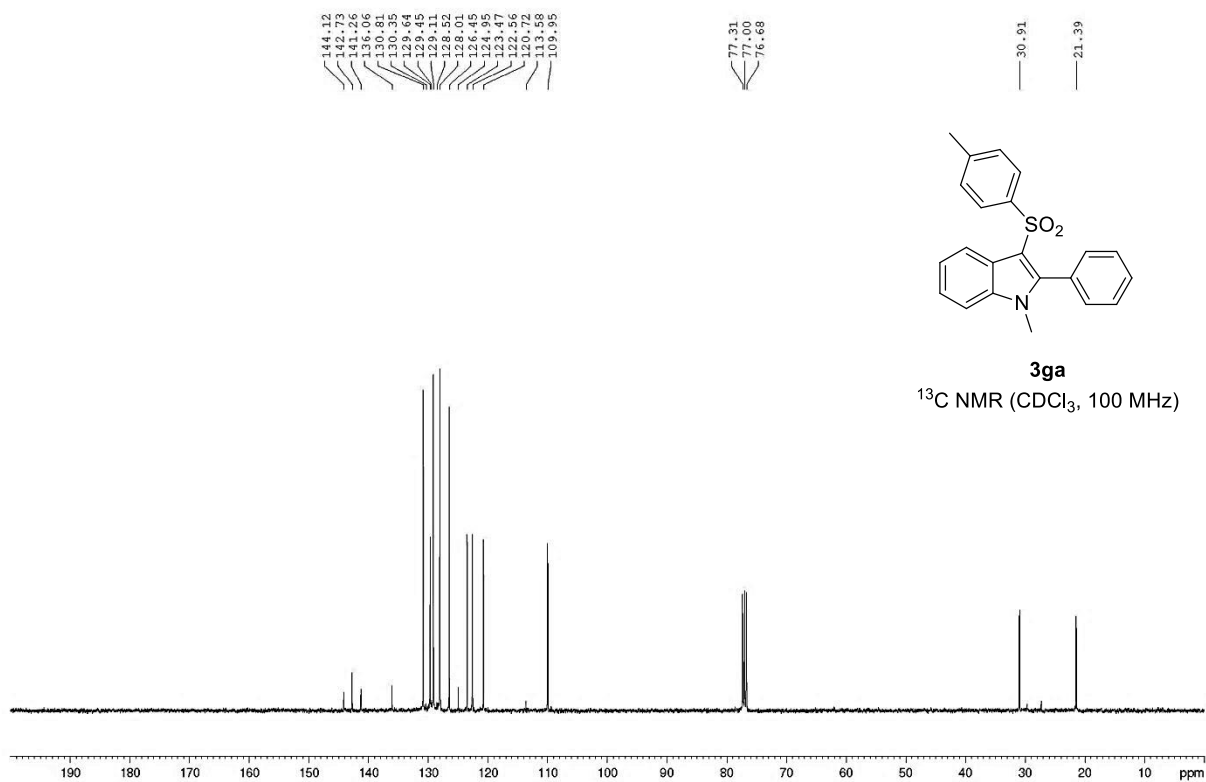
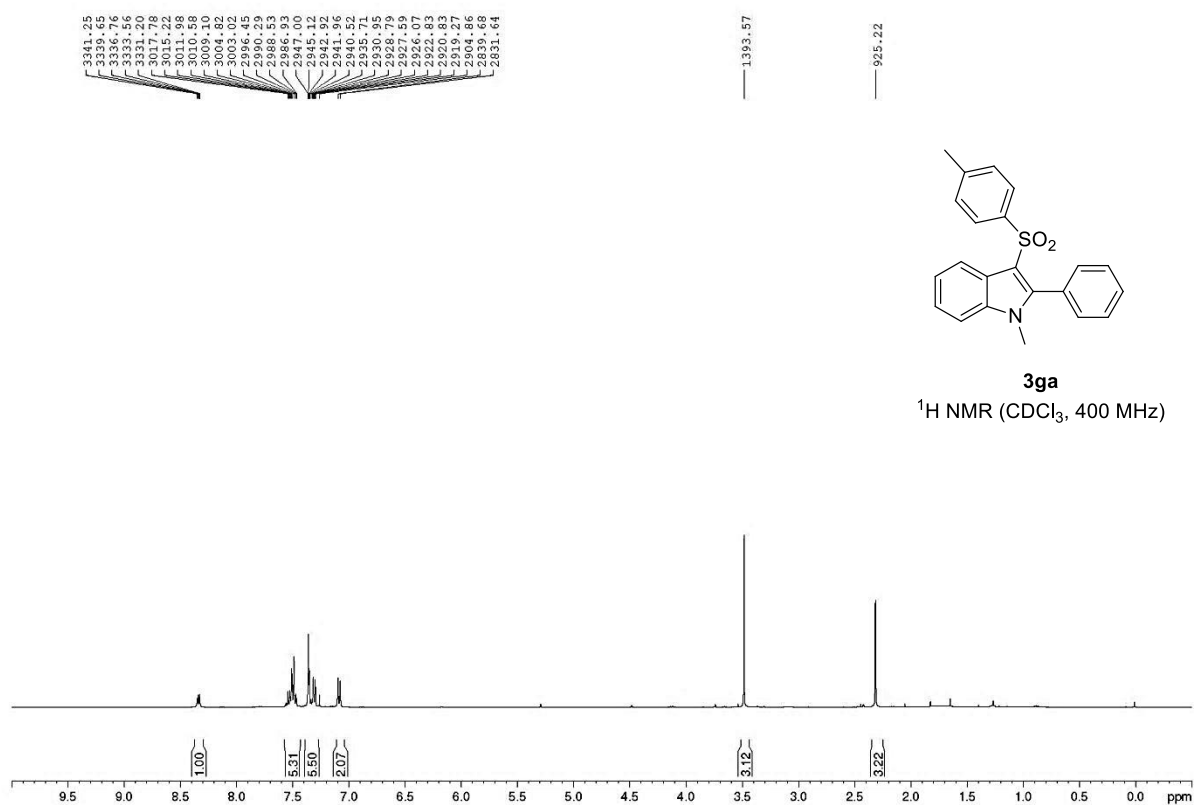


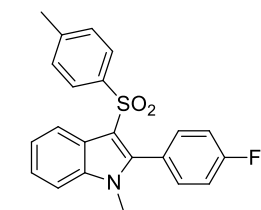
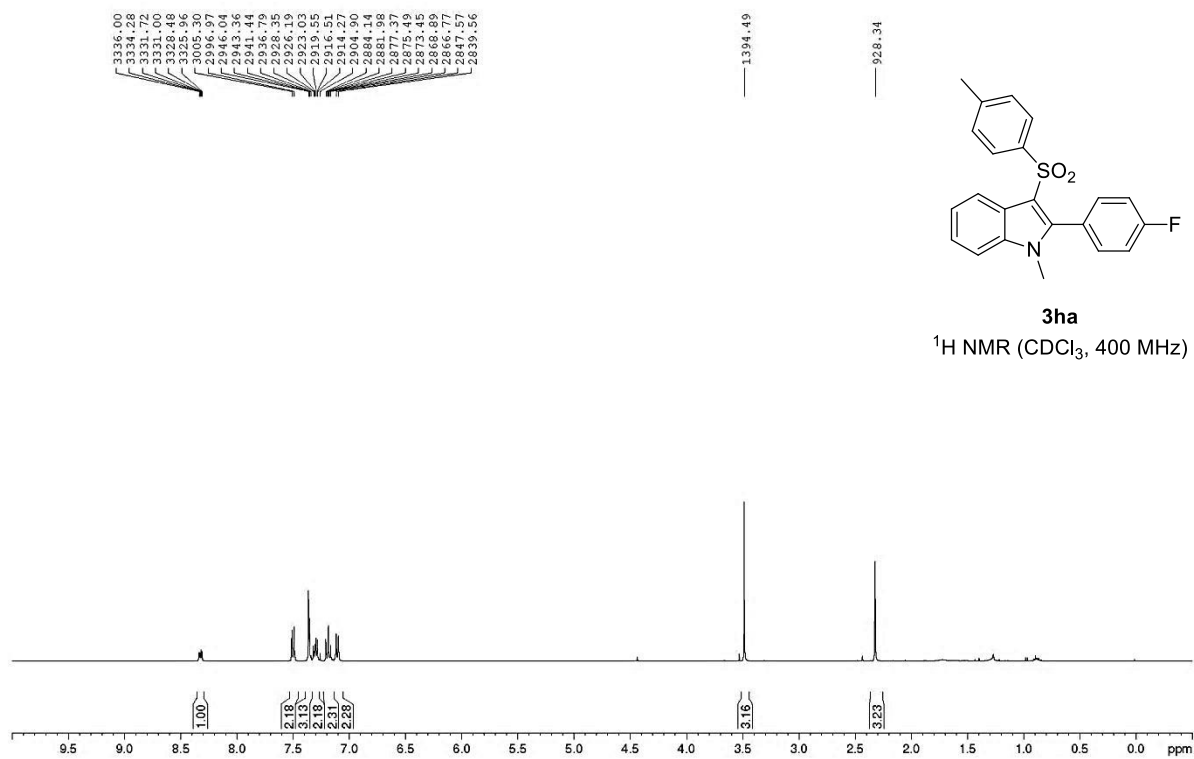






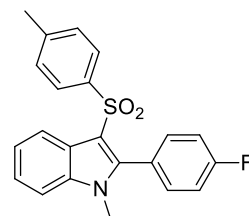
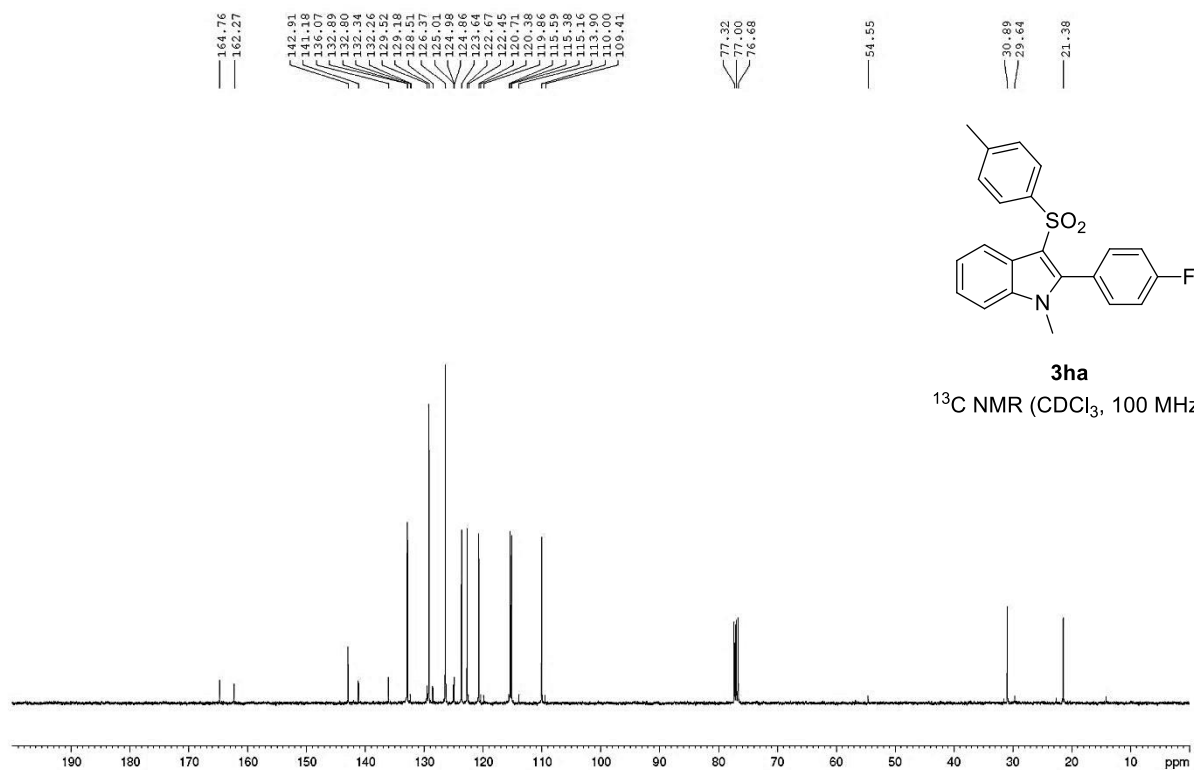






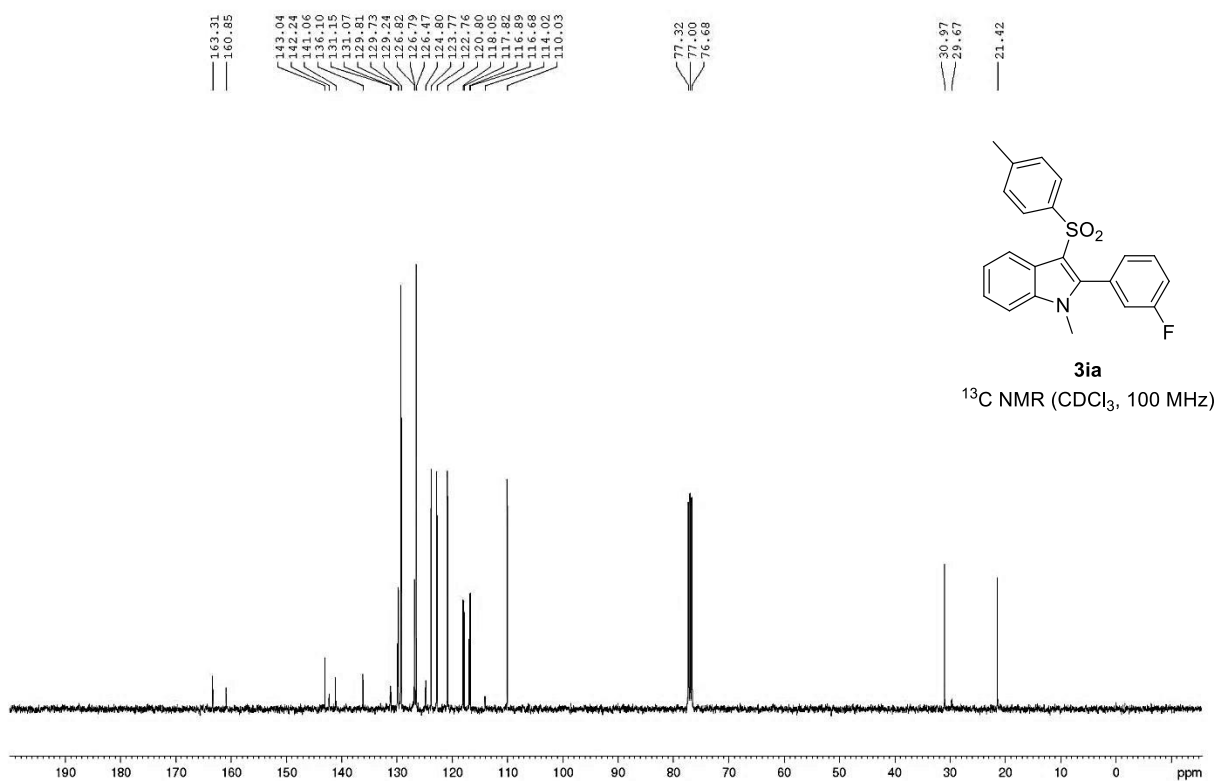
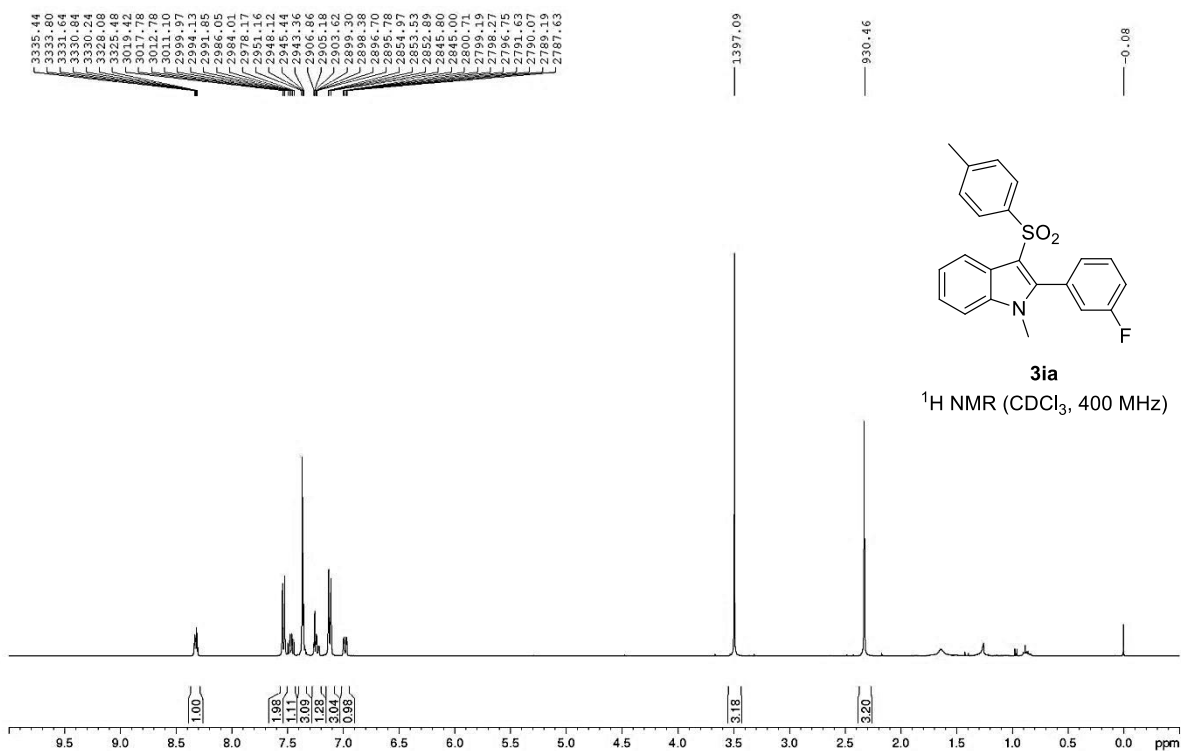
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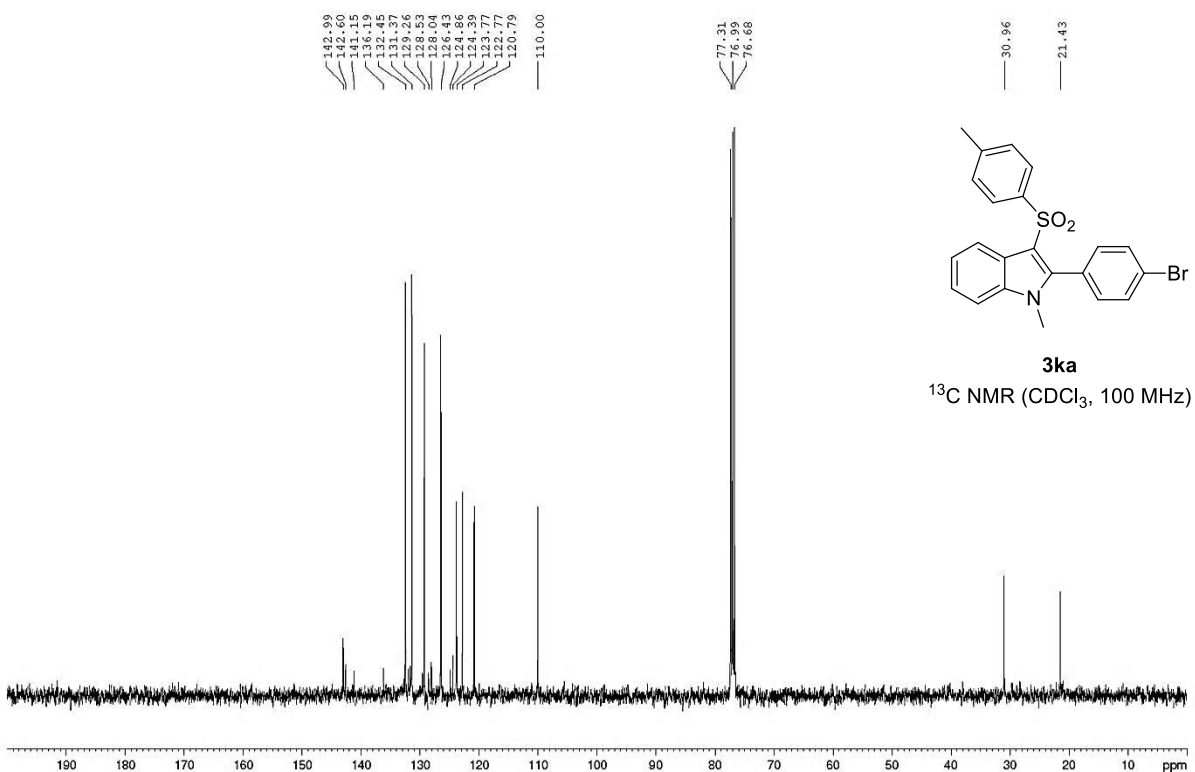
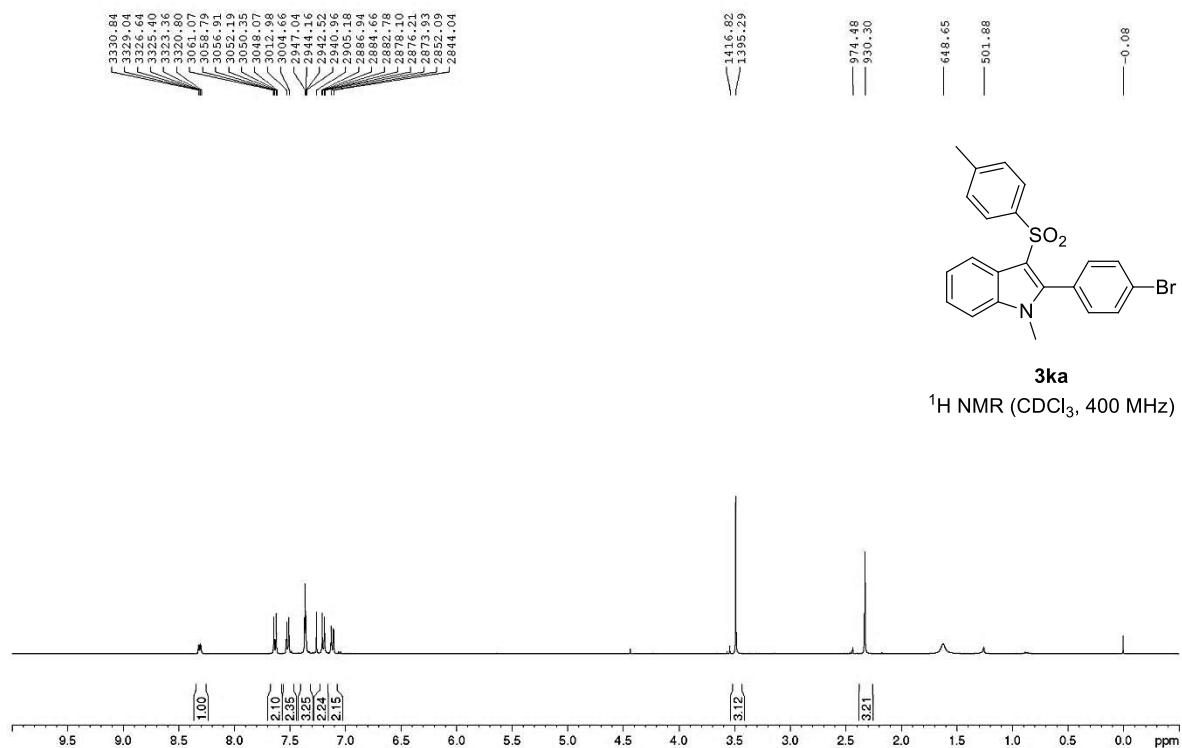
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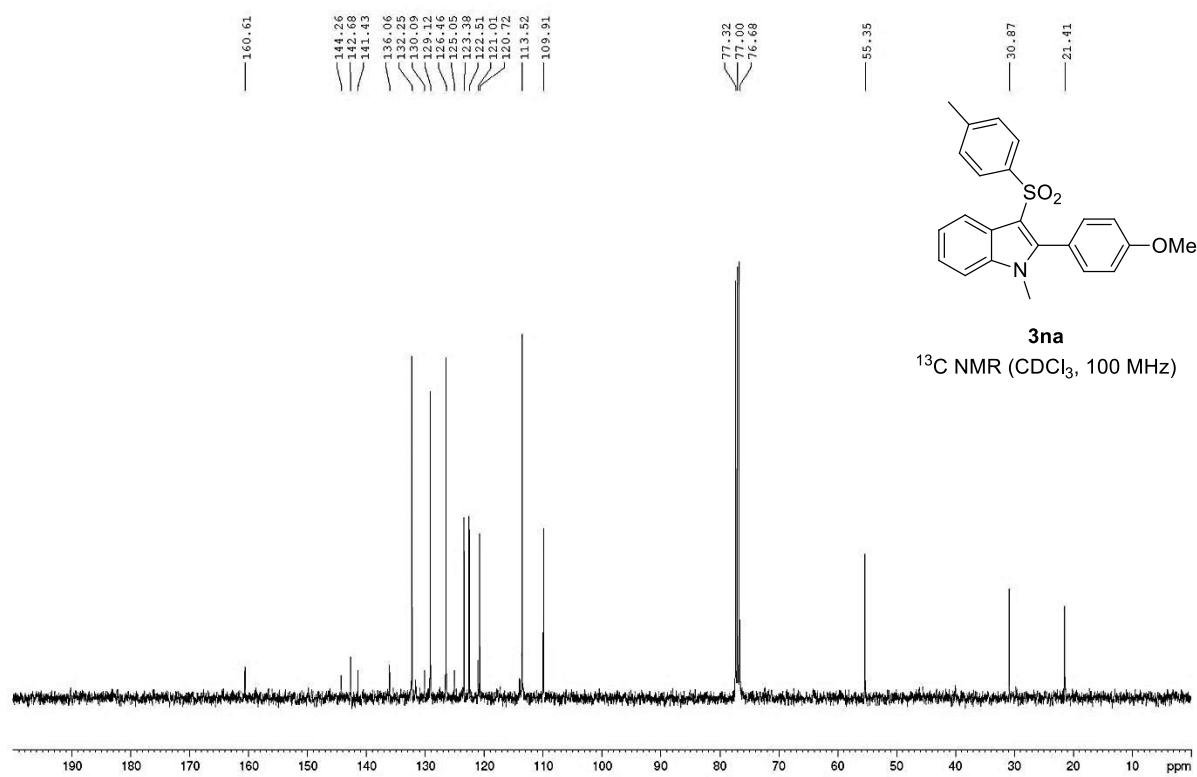
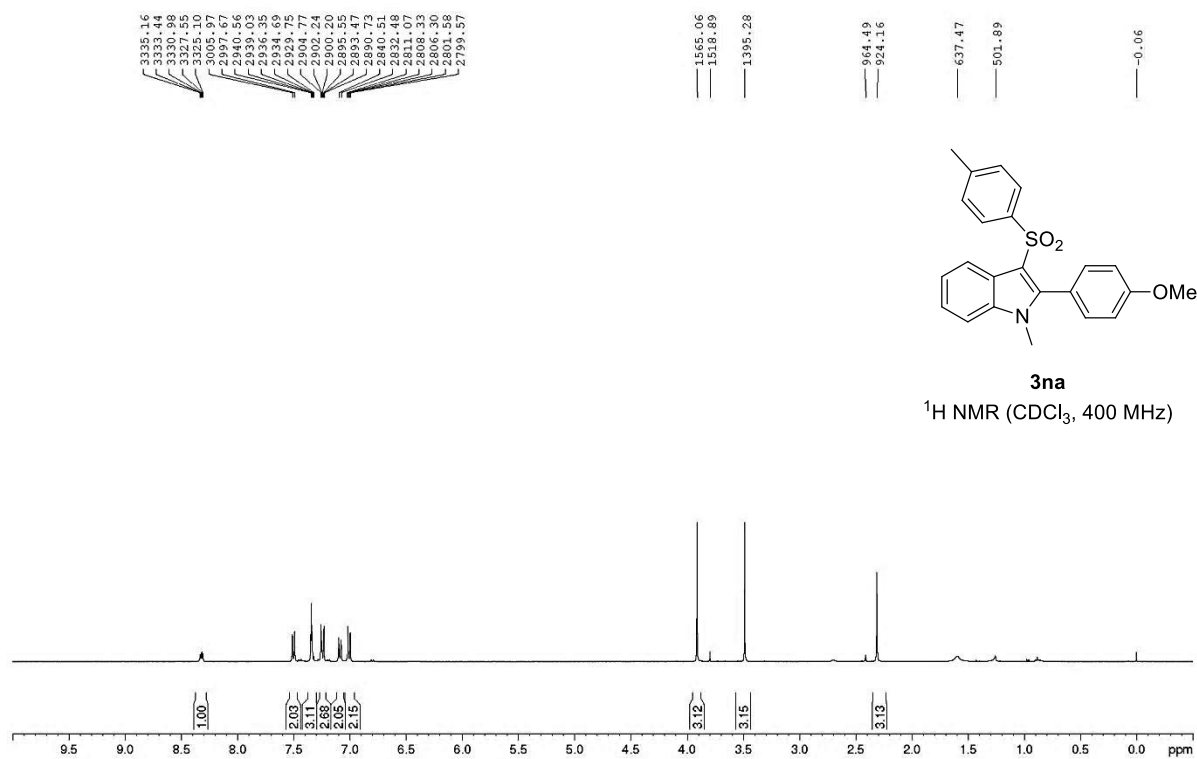


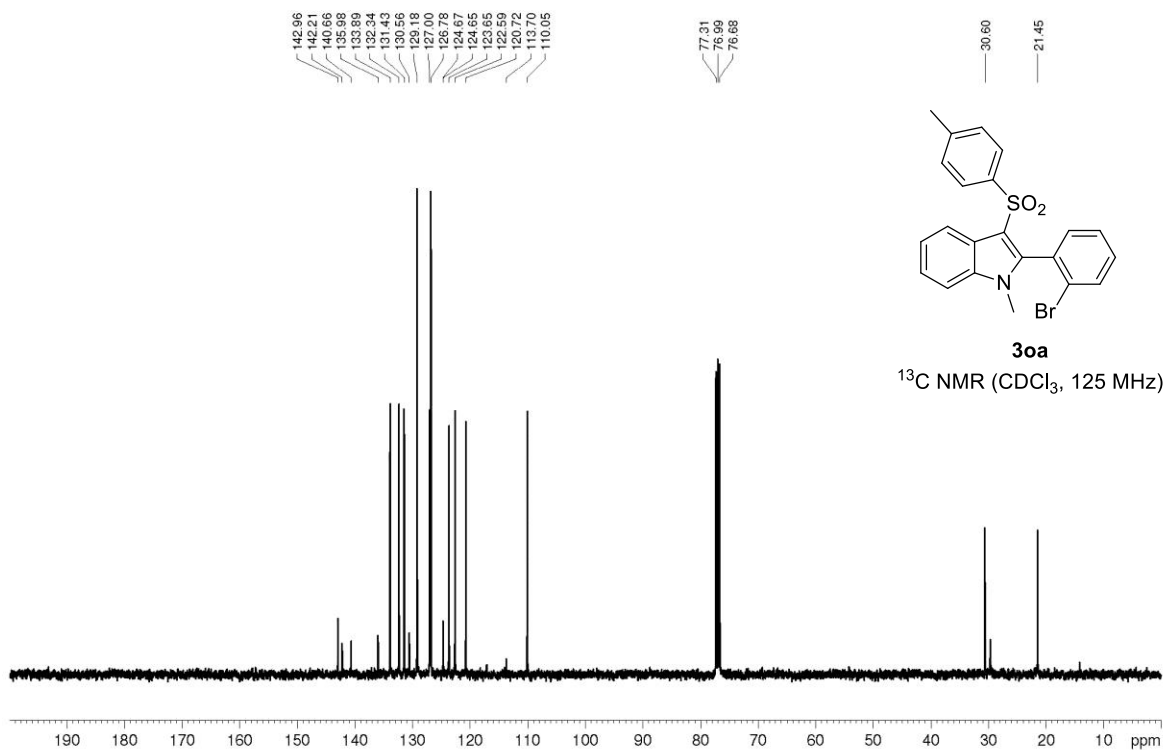
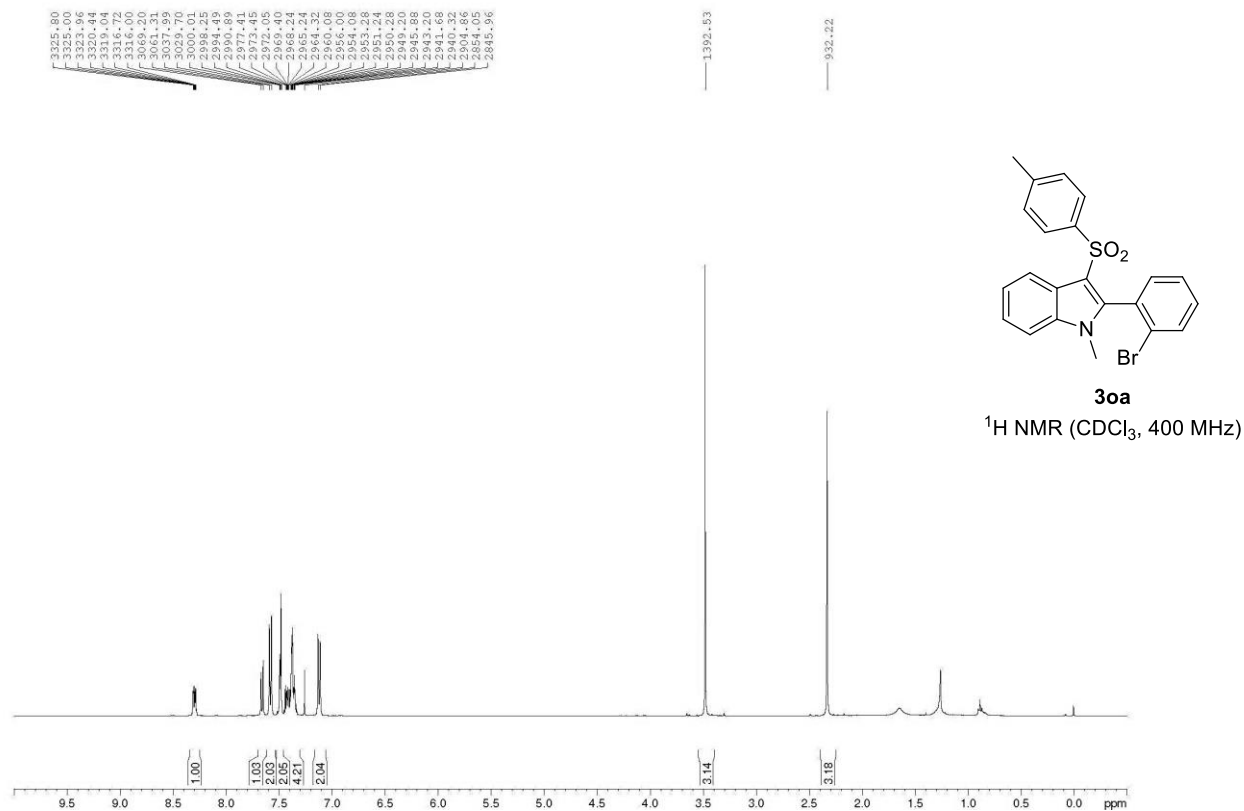
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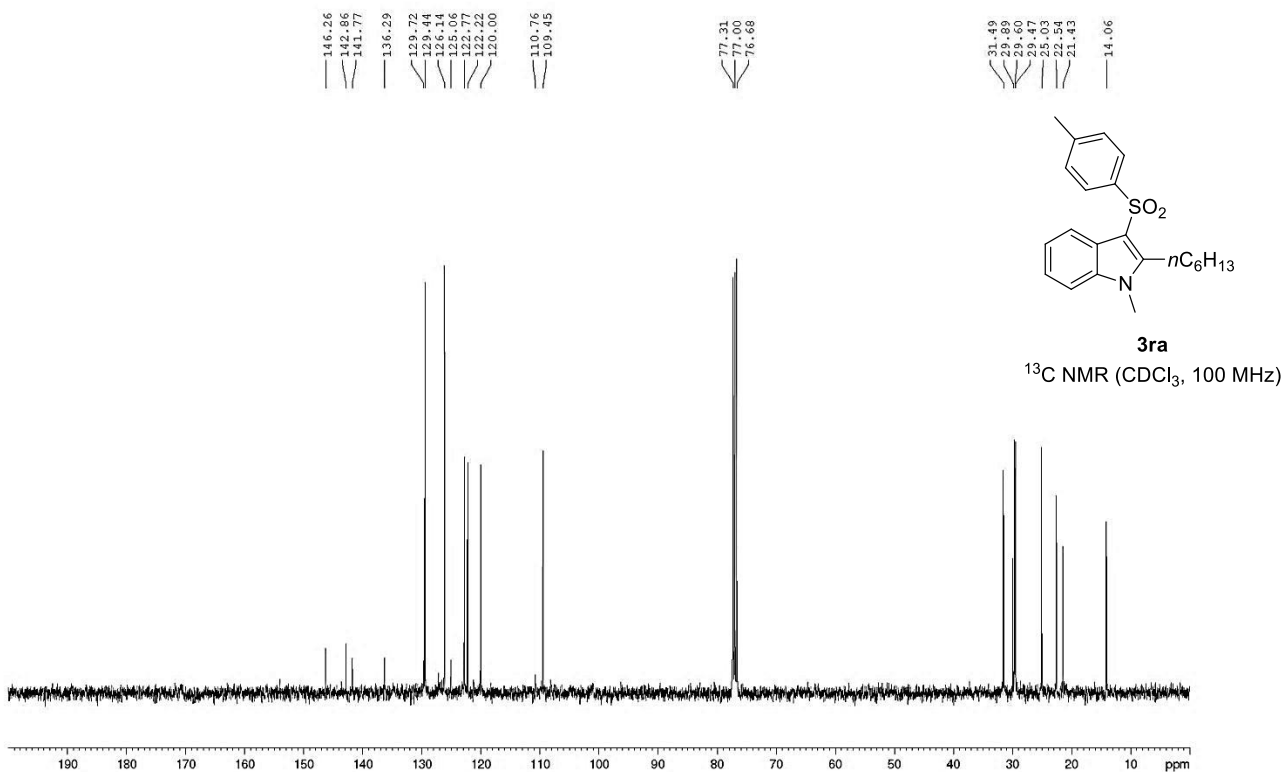
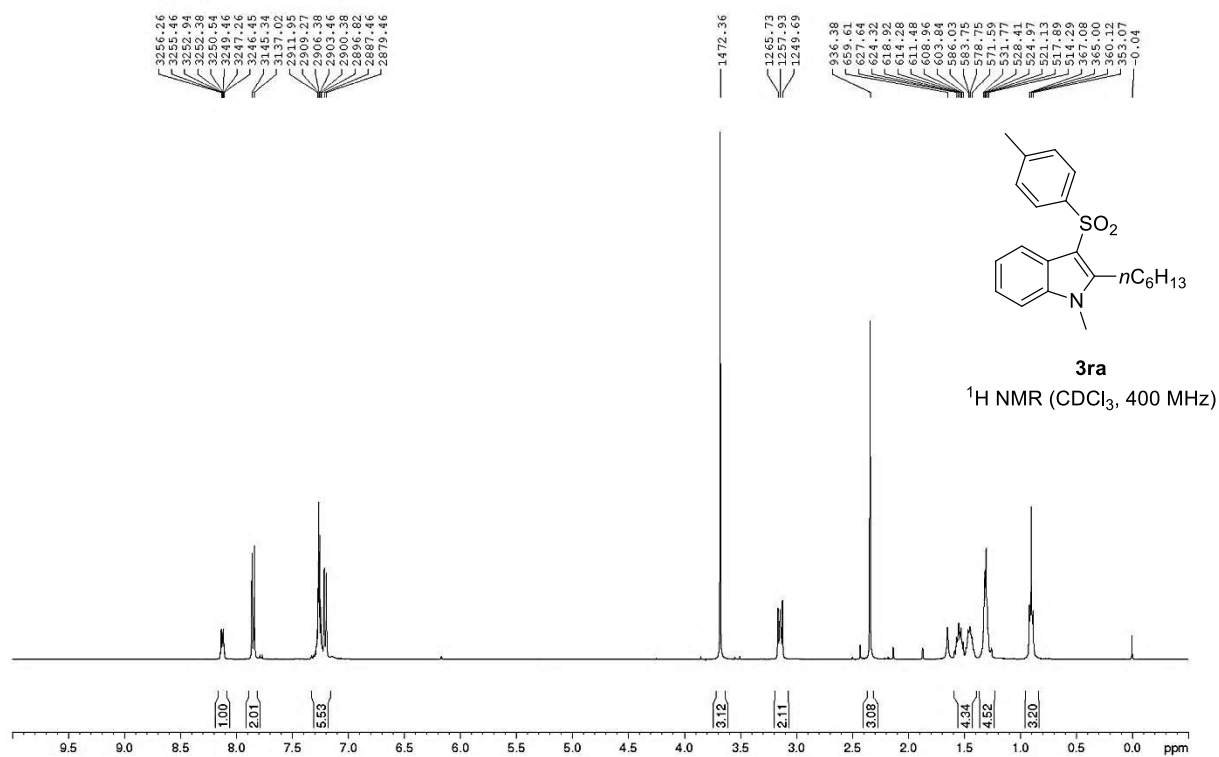
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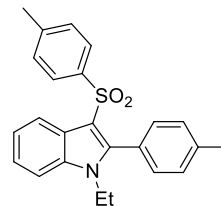
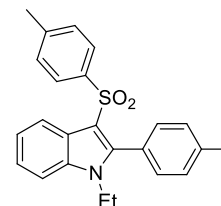




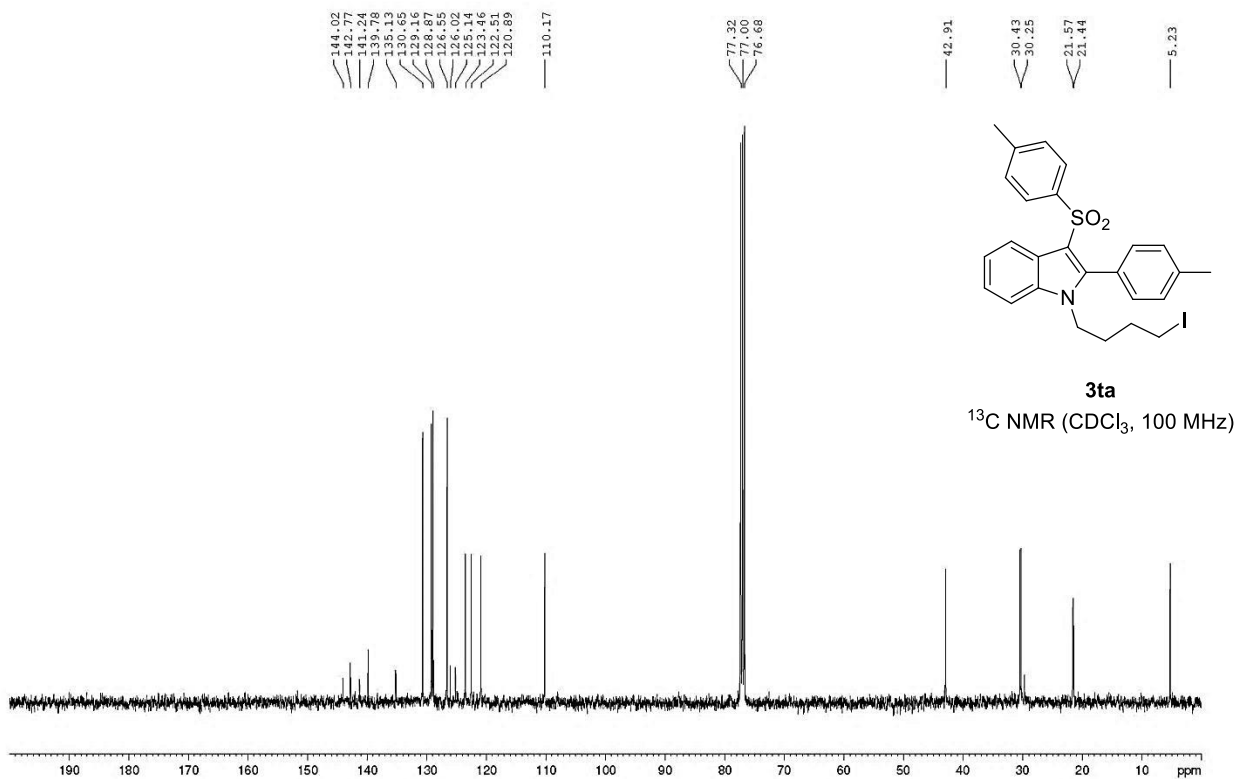
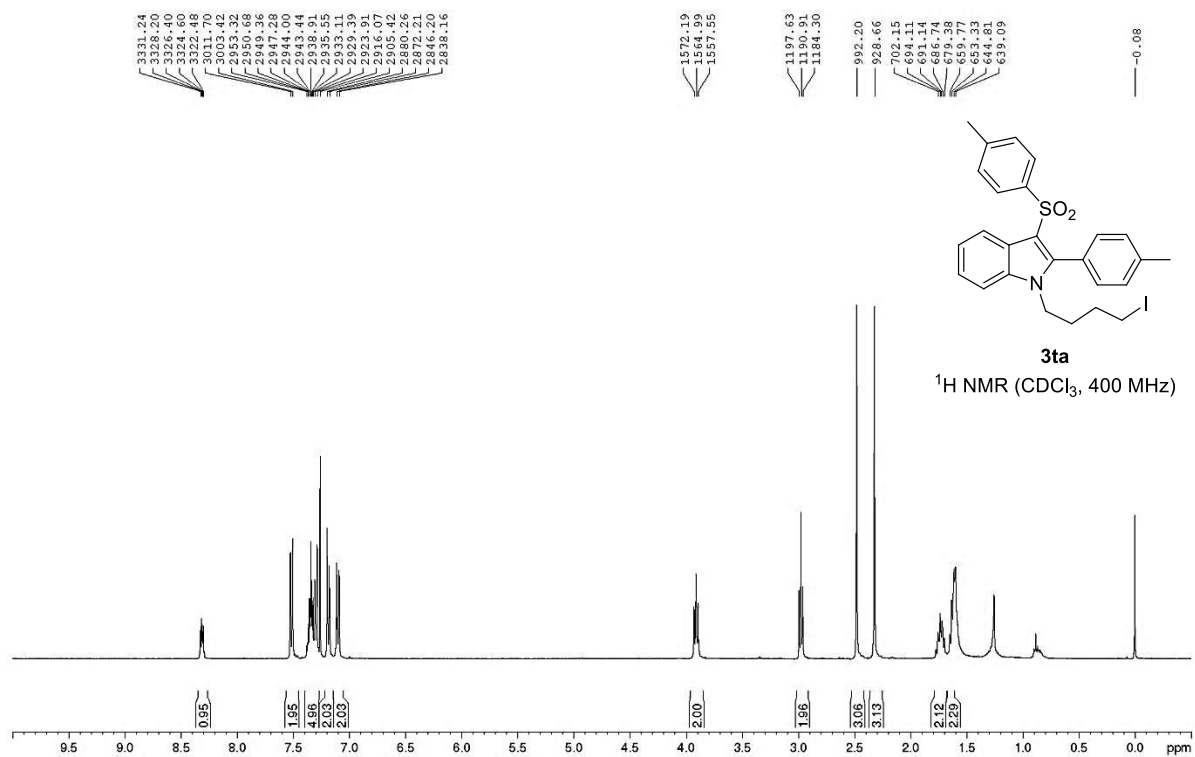


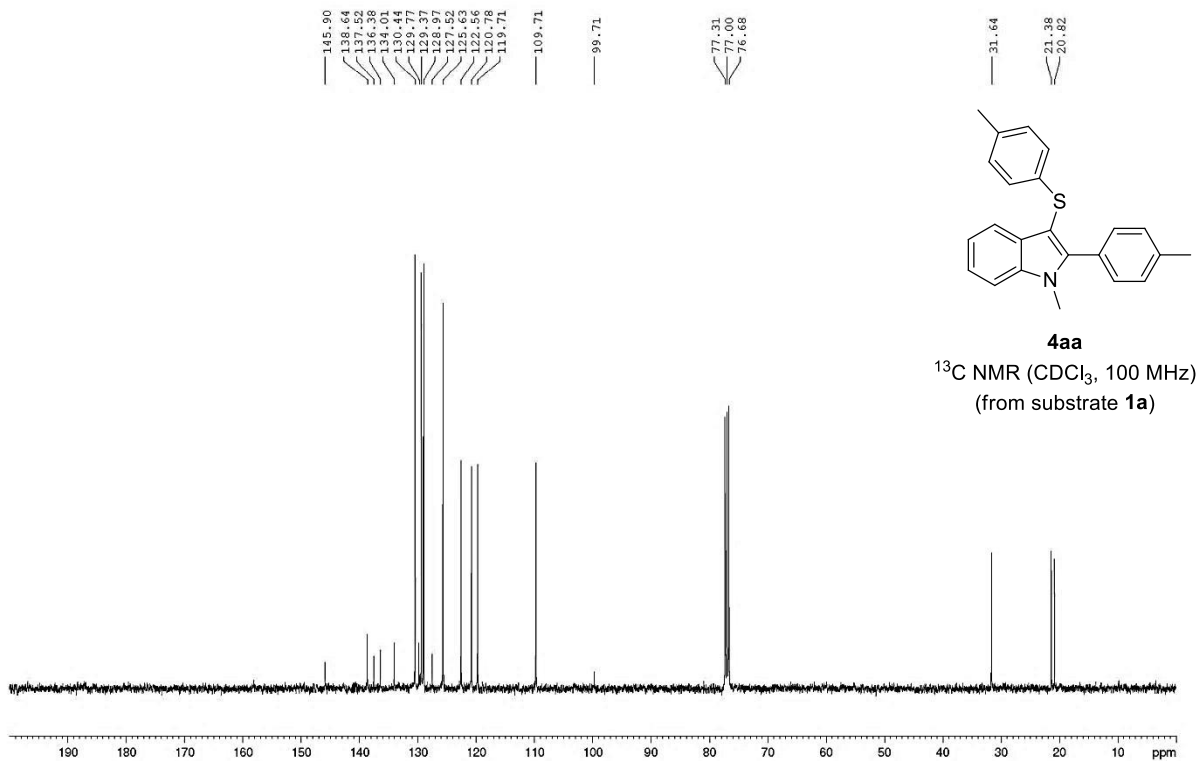
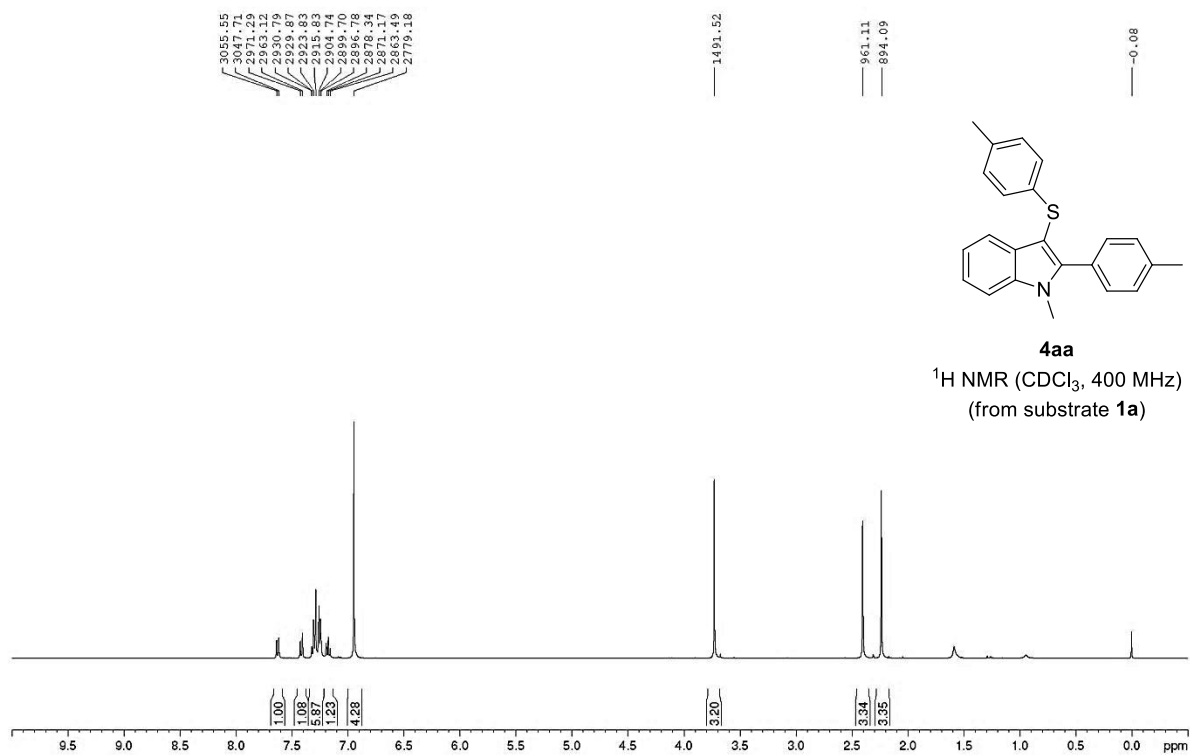


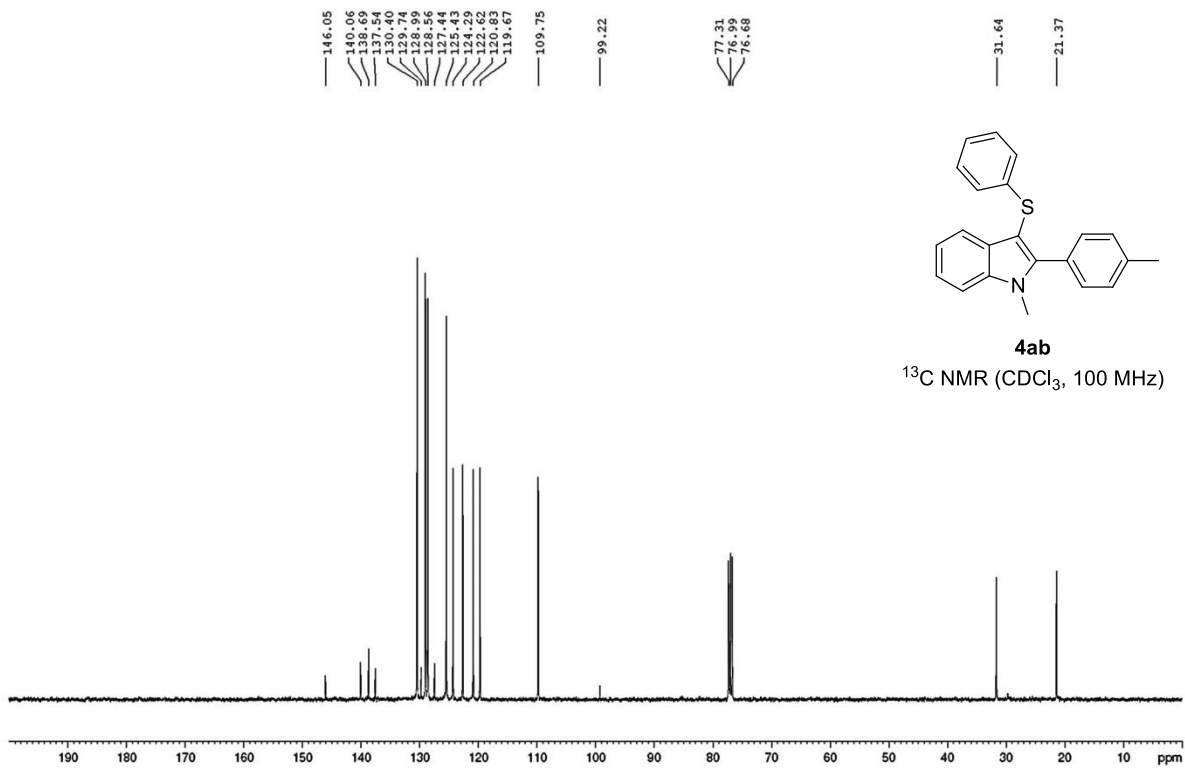
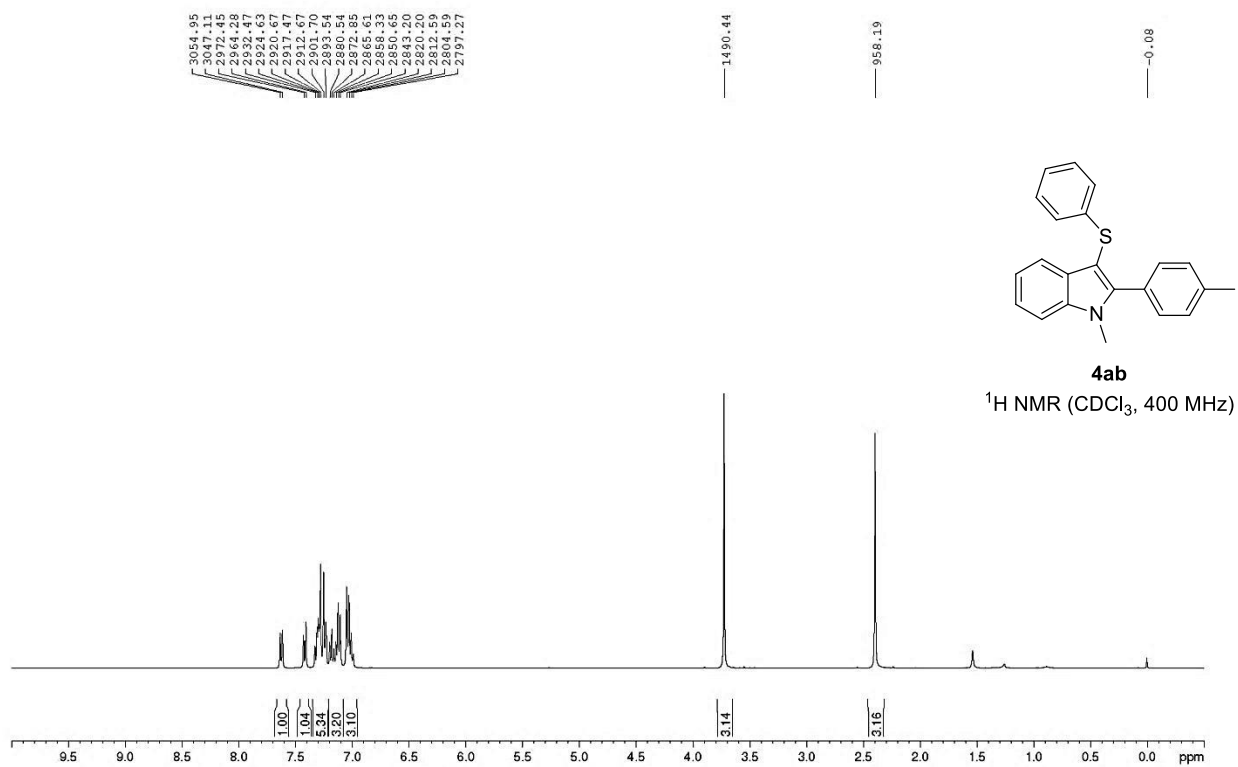


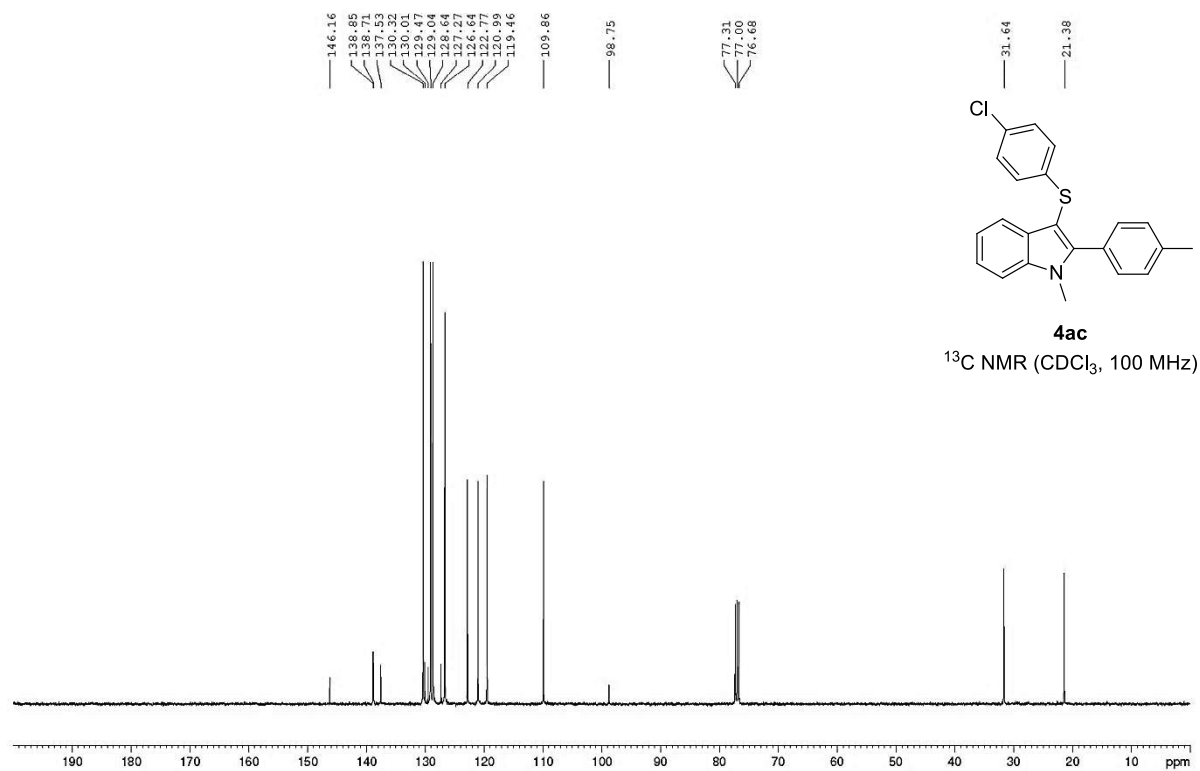
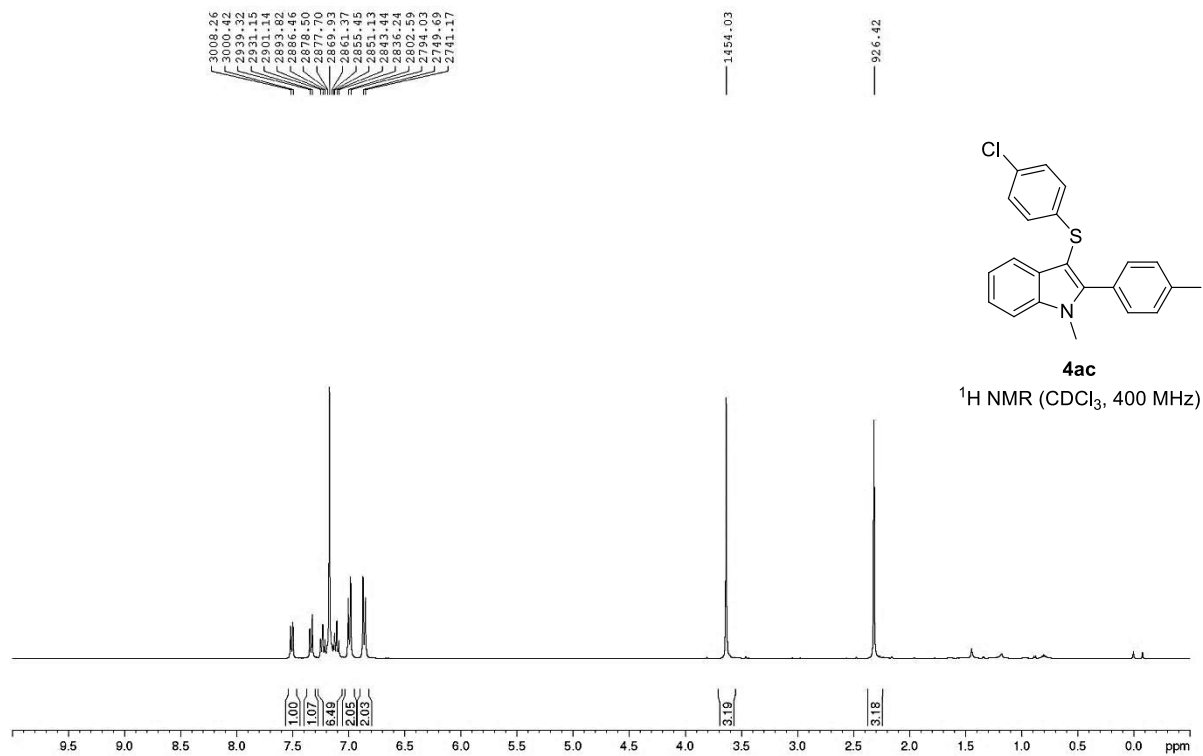
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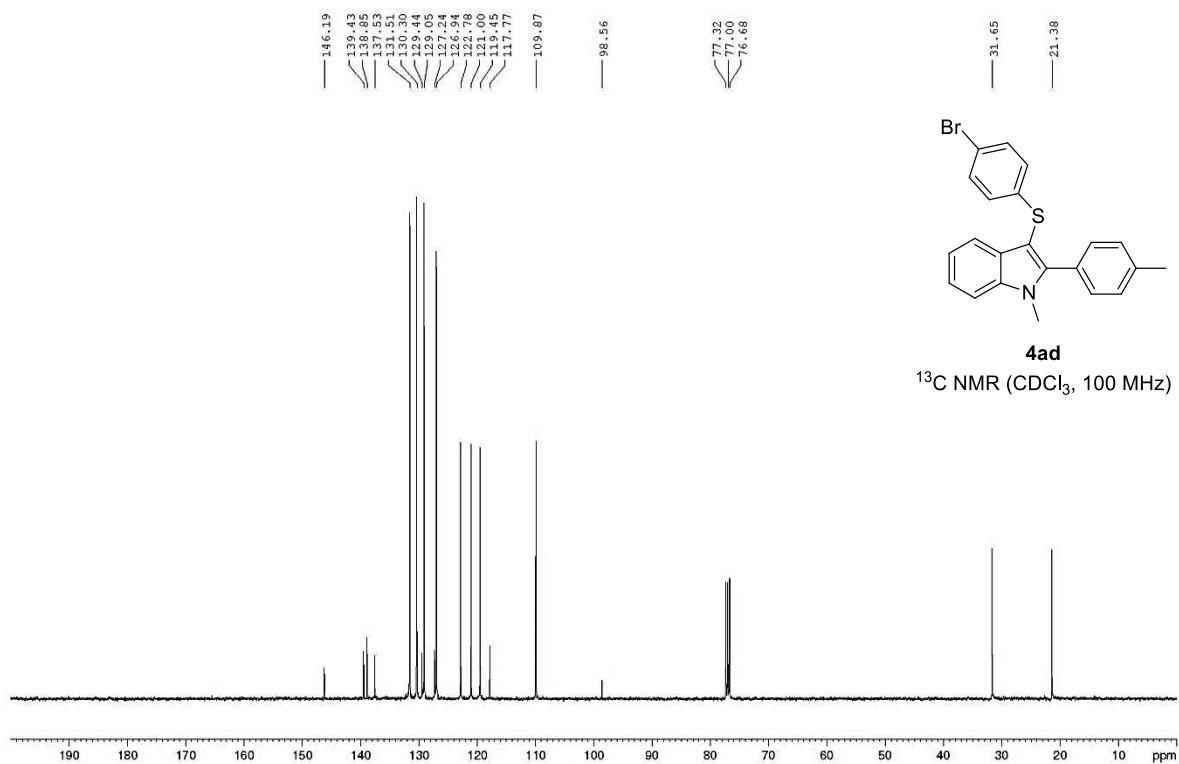
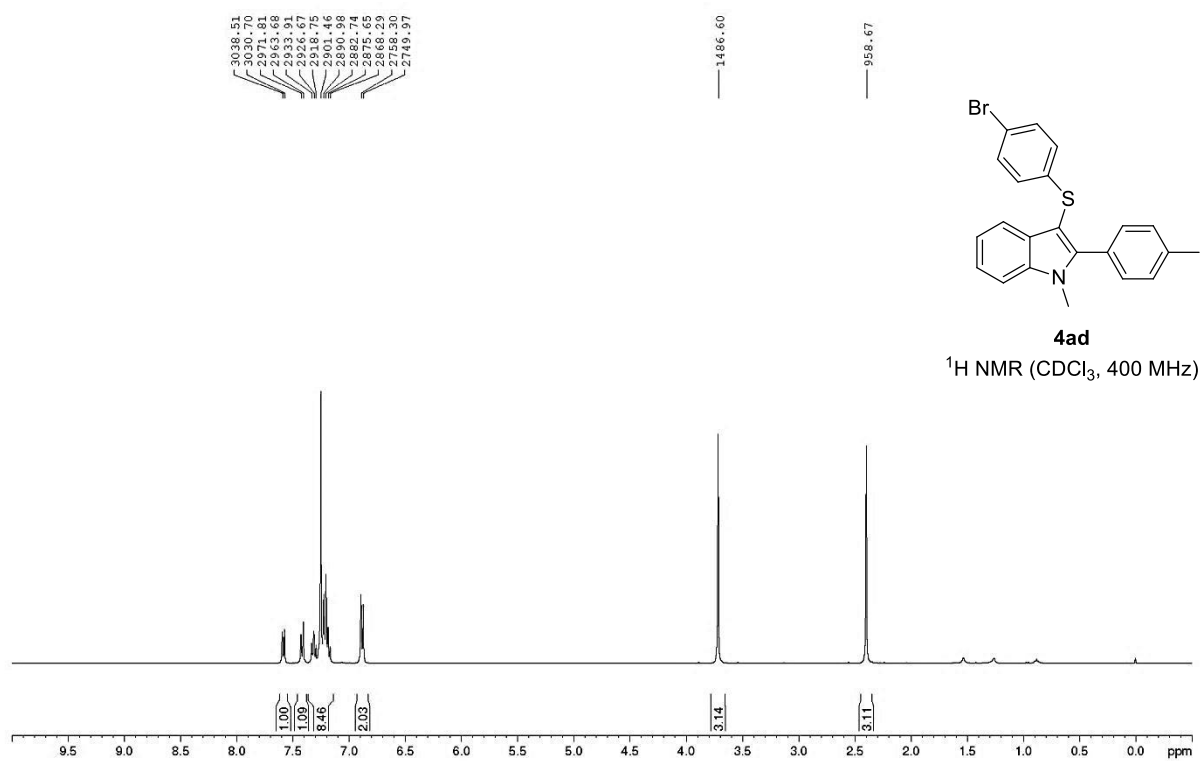
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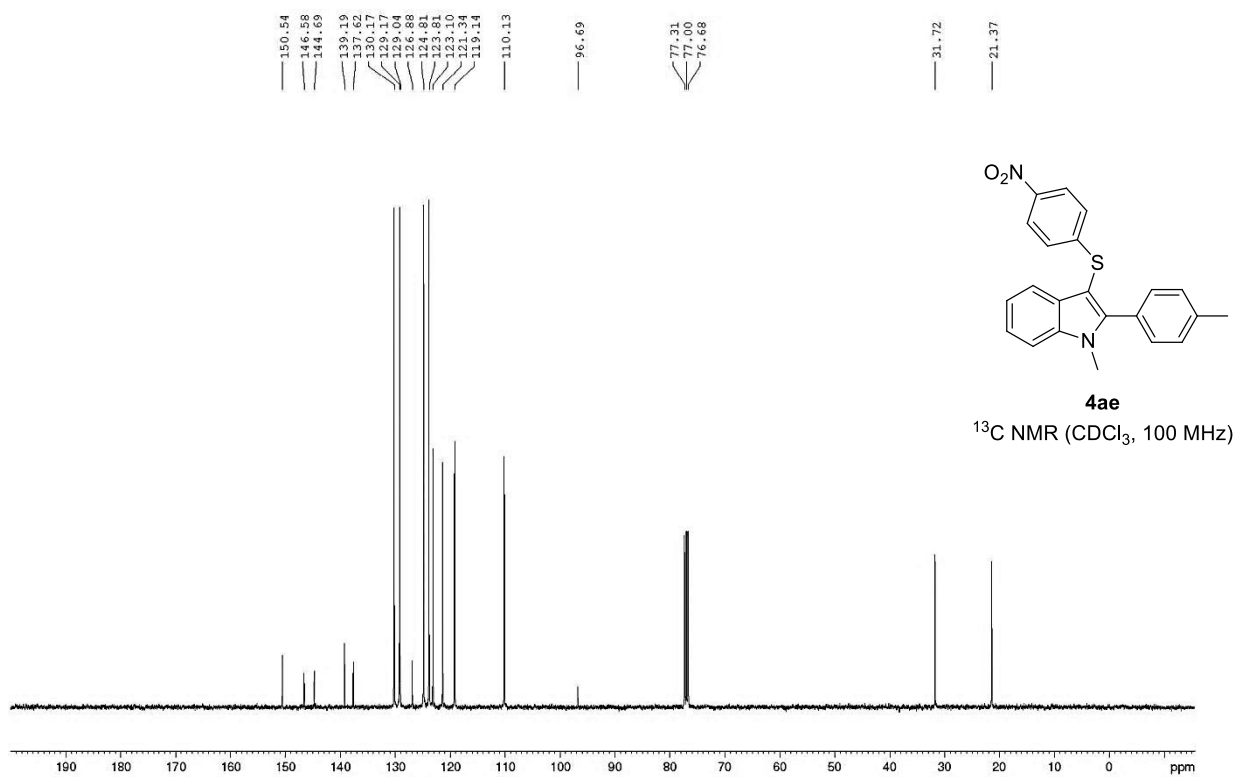
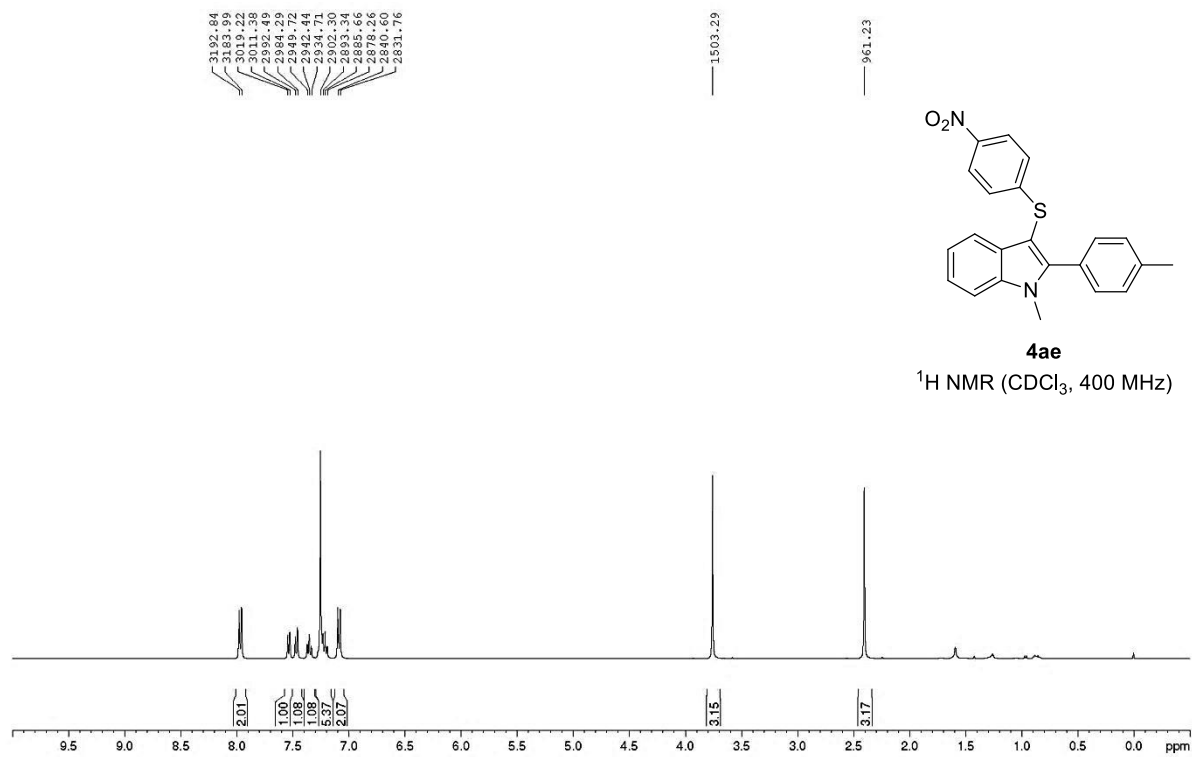


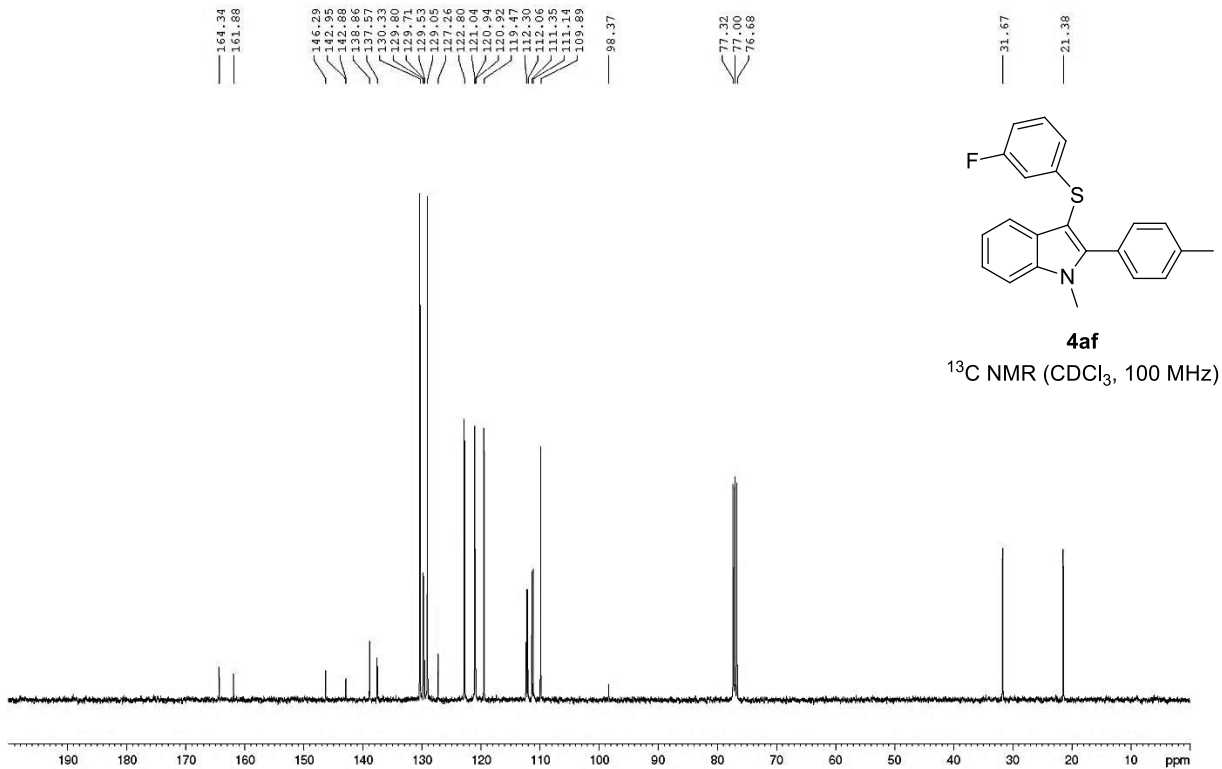
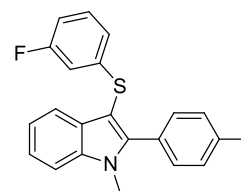


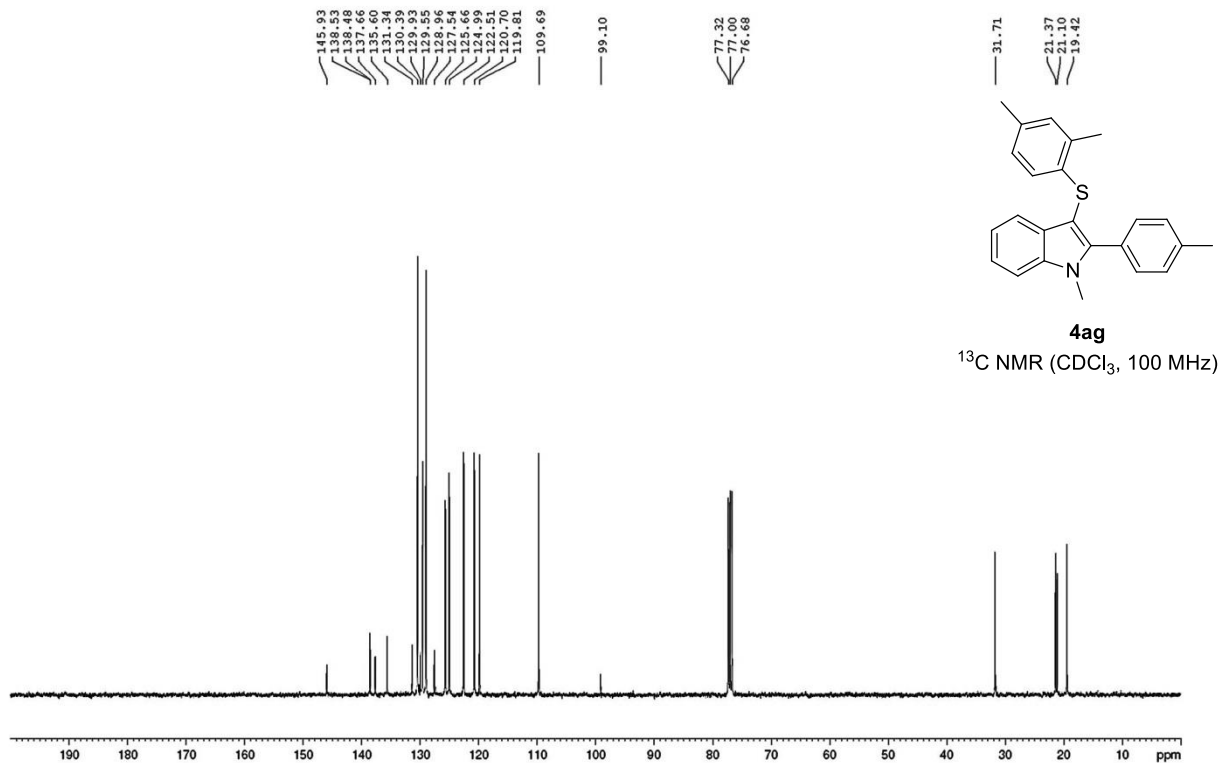
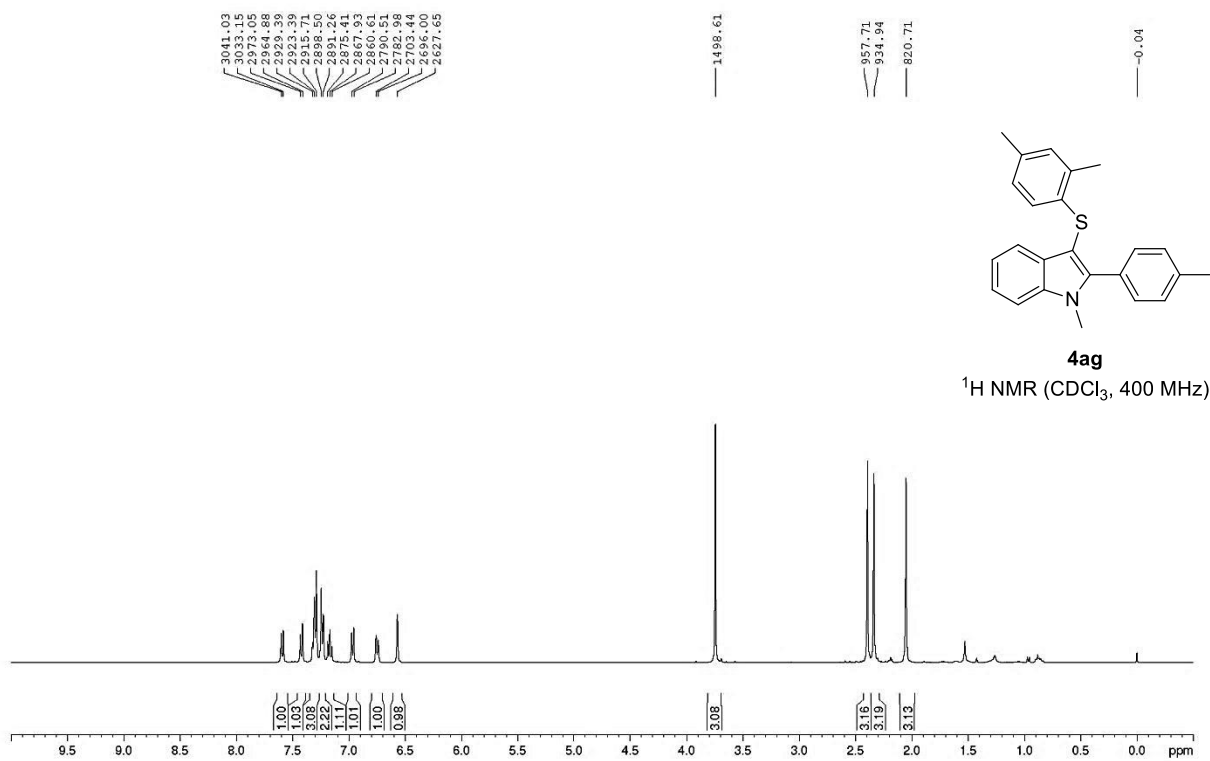


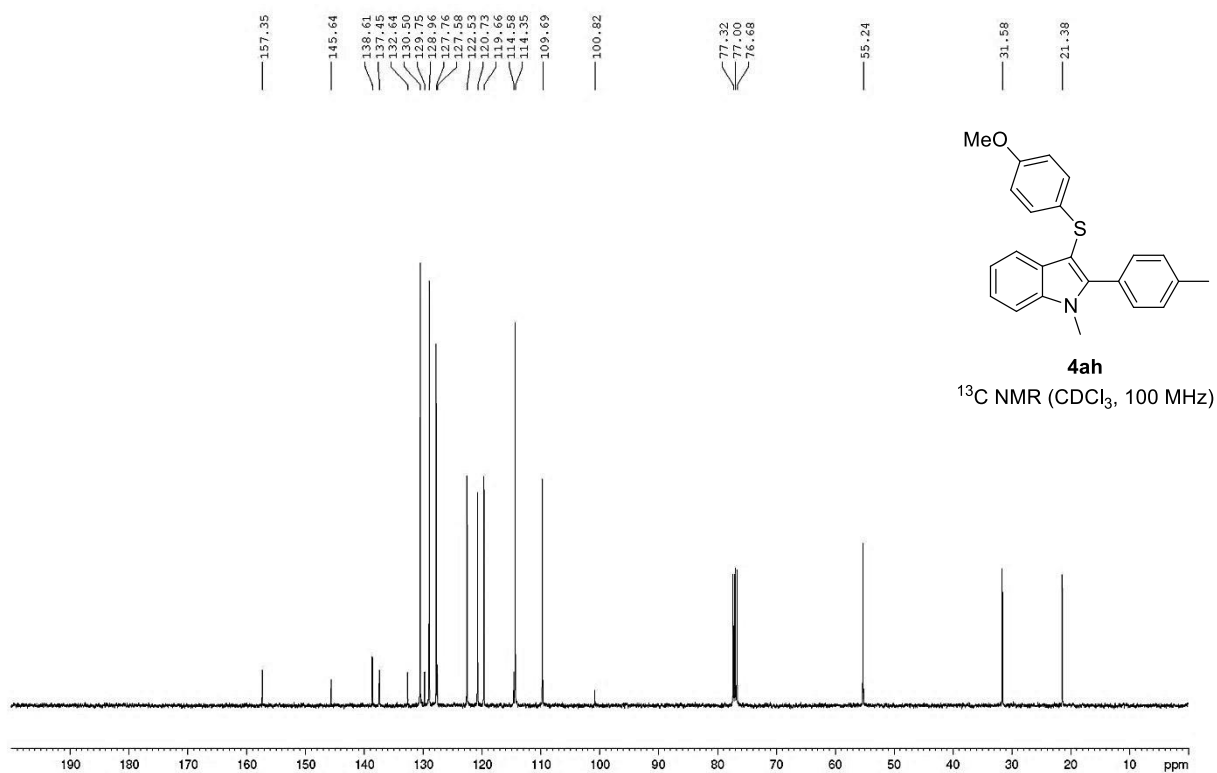
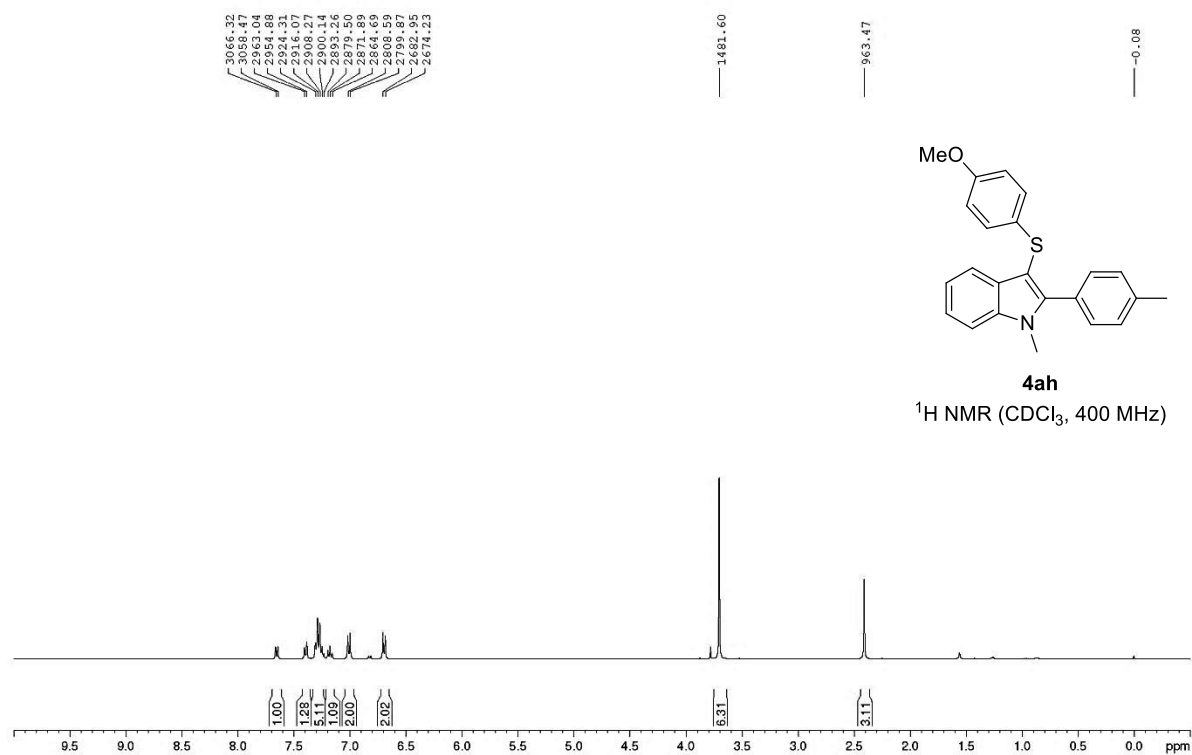


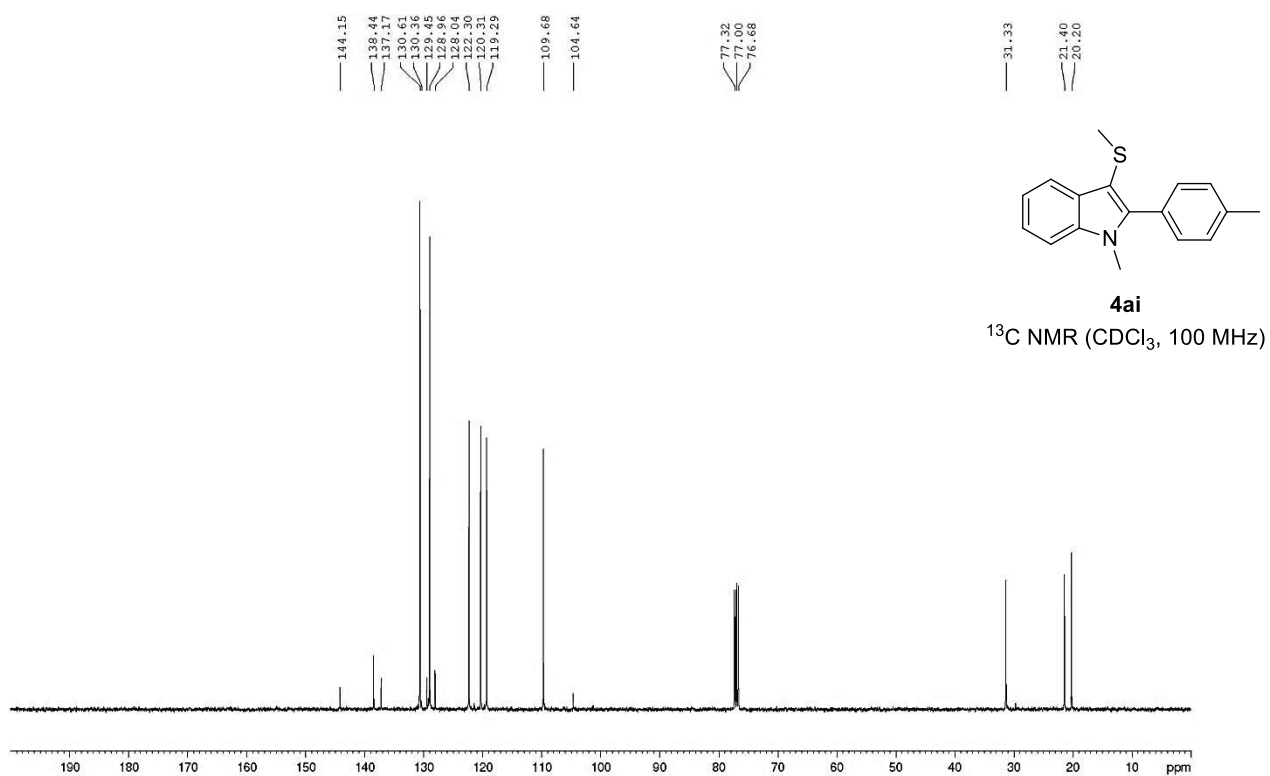
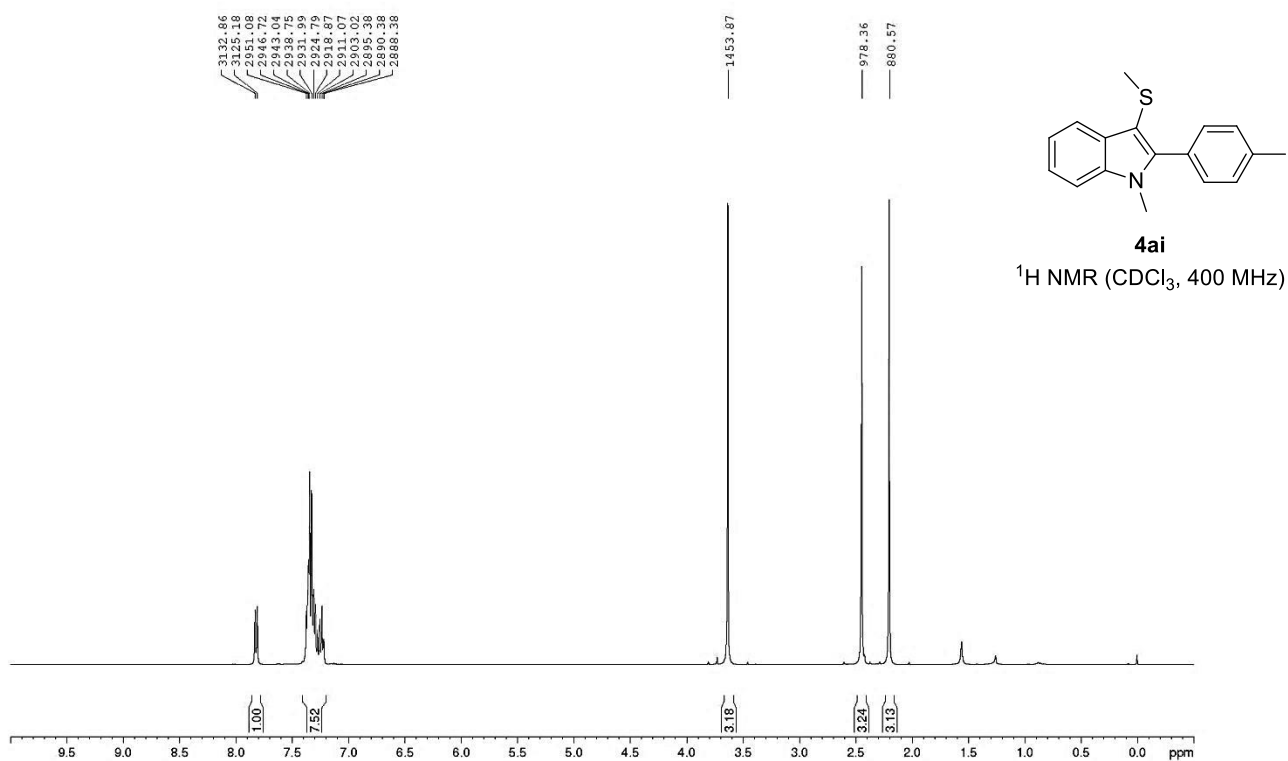


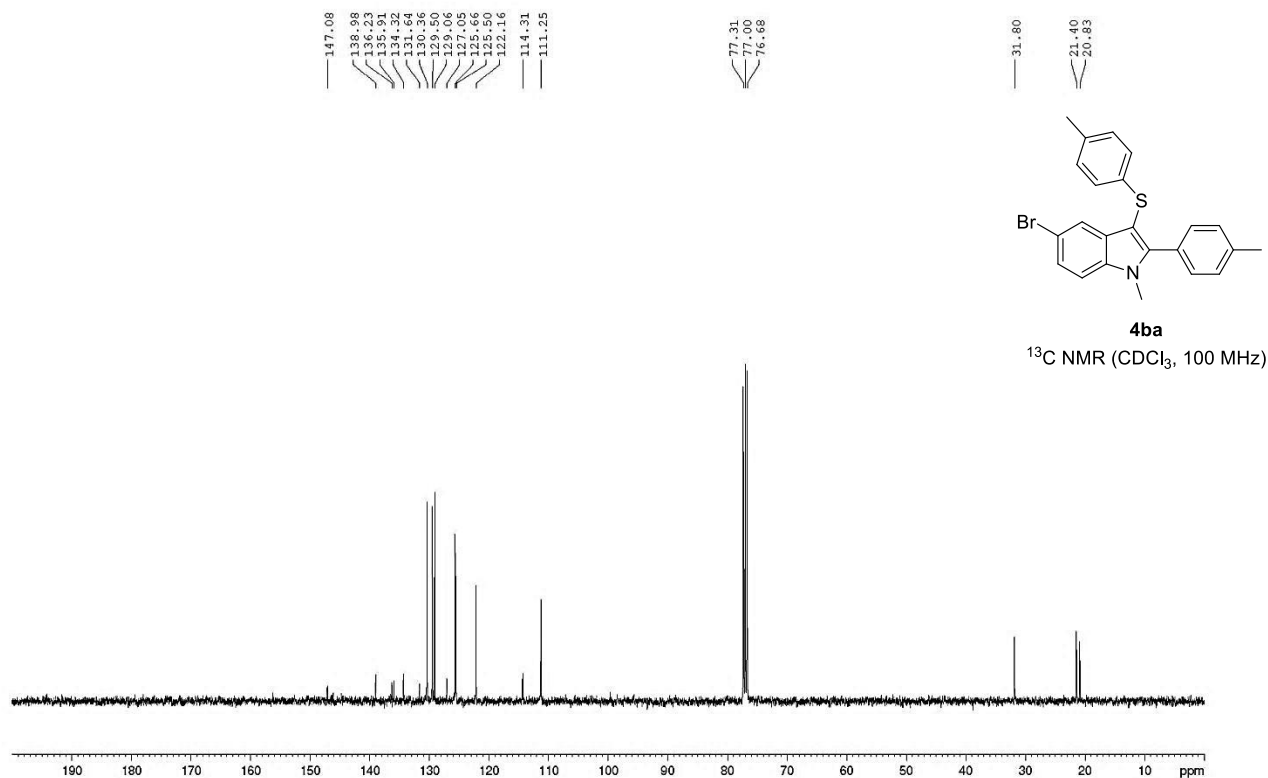
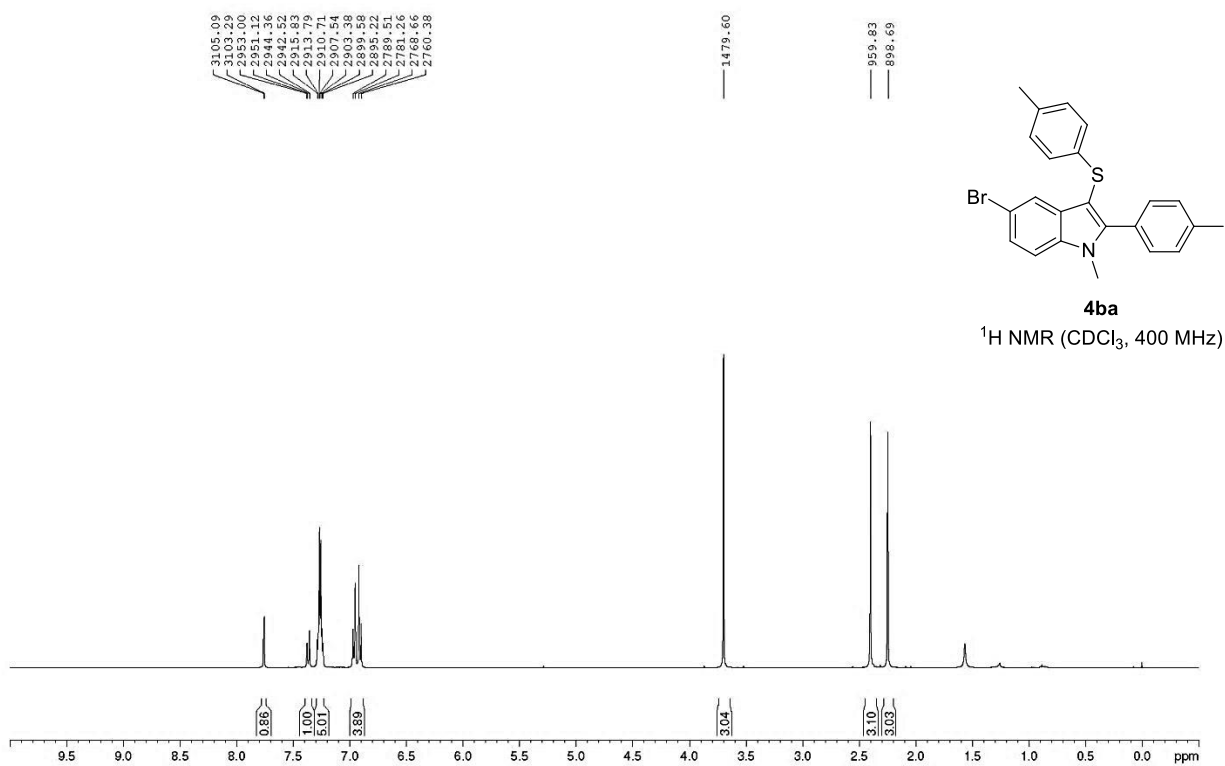


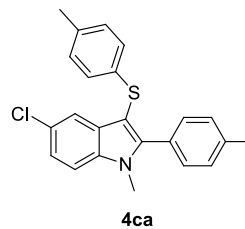










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