

Supporting Information

Cobalt-Catalyzed Carbon-Sulfur/Selenium Bond Formation: Synthesis of Benzo[*b*]thio/selenophene-fused Imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridines

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Materials and Methods

General

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware. Melting point (m.p.) was measured on a microscopic melting point apparatus. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-300 spectrometers, and were referenced to the residual peaks of CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm (^1H NMR) and CDCl_3 at 77.23 ppm (^{13}C NMR). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm (δ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, brs = broad singlet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. High Resolution Mass measurement was performed on Agilent QTOF 6520 mass spectrometer with electron spray ionization (ESI) as the ion source. Flash column chromatography was carried out using commercially available 200-300 mesh under pressure.

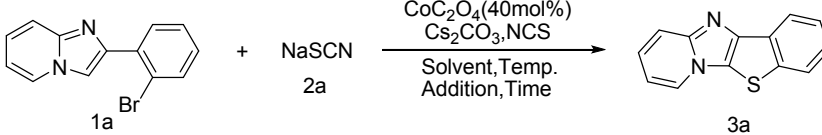
Materials

Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers used without further purification. PE refers to petroleum ether (b.p. 60-90 °C) and EA refers to ethyl acetate, and all reaction solvents were freshly distilled prior to use.

Preparation of Substrates

All substrates were synthesized according to the literature procedures and the ^1H NMR spectrum data for them showed good agreement with the literature data.¹

Table S1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions^a

						
Entry	Addition	Solvent	Temp.(°C)	Time(h)	Yield ^b (%)	
1	/	CH ₃ CN	120	5	70	
2	/	H ₂ O	120	5	12	
3	/	THF	120	5	trace	
4	/	DMF	120	5	0	
5	/	EtOH	120	5	22	
6	/	DCE	120	5	0	
7	/	CH ₃ CN	80	5	0	
8	/	CH ₃ CN	100	5	trace	
9	/	CH ₃ CN	130	5	76	

10	/	CH ₃ CN	140	5	72
11	/	CH ₃ CN	130	1	42
12	/	CH ₃ CN	130	3	62
13	/	CH ₃ CN	130	10	72
14	1,10-phen	CH ₃ CN	130	5	82
15	EDTA	CH ₃ CN	130	5	trace
16	TBAI	CH ₃ CN	130	5	0
17	glycine	CH ₃ CN	130	5	34

^aReaction conditions: 1a (0.1 mmol), 2a (0.15 mmol), CoC₂O₄ (20 %mol), NCS (0.15 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.15 mmol), CH₃CN (1.5 ml) at 130 °C for 5h. ^bIsolated yield.

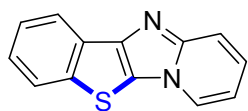
General Procedure for benzo[*b*]-thiophene/imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridines

To a 15 mL sealed tube with a magnetic stirring bar were added 2-(2-iodophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine derivatives (**1**, 0.3 mmol), NaSCN/KSeCN (**2**, 0.45 mmol), CoC₂O₄ (20 mol %), NCS (0.45 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (0.45 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (10 mol %) and CH₃CN (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was placed in an oil bath at 130 °C and vigorously stirred for 5 h. Afterward it was cooled to ambient temperature, the solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography using PE/EA = 15:1 ~ 4:1 as an eluent to obtain the desired product.

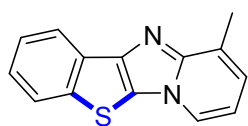
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Analytical Data for the Products

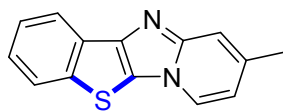


Compound **3a**: m.p.118-120; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.96, 145.32, 139.67, 128.48, 124.97, 124.84, 123.88, 123.72, 123.66, 121.12, 117.79, 111.57. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₃H₈N₂S [M + H]⁺ 225.0486, found 225.0483.

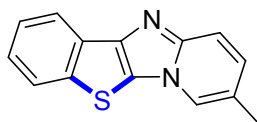


Compound **3b**: m.p.170-171; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.53, 144.85, 139.56, 128.75, 127.83, 124.73, 124.71, 123.69, 122.76,

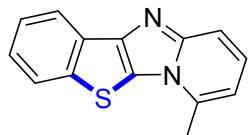
122.58, 121.53, 121.19, 111.53, 17.03. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2S$ $[M + H]^+$ 239.0643, found 239.0641.



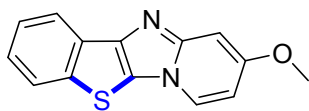
Compound **3c**: m.p.159-160; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.67 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 149.48, 145.14, 139.53, 135.02, 129.54, 124.75, 124.65, 123.69, 122.80, 121.46, 120.95, 116.13, 114.19, 21.08. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2S$ $[M + H]^+$ 239.0643, found 239.0640.



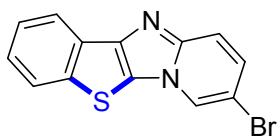
Compound **3d**: m.p.194-195; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.99, 144.92, 139.58, 128.52, 127.34, 124.87, 123.73, 123.44, 122.89, 121.57, 121.42, 121.09, 117.05, 17.76. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2S$ $[M + H]^+$ 239.0643, found 239.0641.



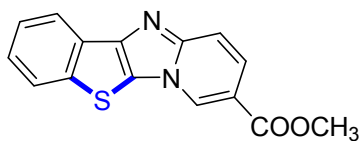
Compound **3e**: m.p.115-117; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.28 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 150.62, 145.90, 140.95, 134.60, 130.69, 128.80, 125.45, 125.38, 125.16, 123.88, 121.70, 115.93, 111.09, 19.22. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2S$ $[M + H]^+$ 239.0643, found 239.0641.



Compound **3f**: m.p.121-122; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.19 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.55 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.48, 150.70, 139.16, 128.53, 124.87, 124.46, 124.08, 123.57, 121.20, 107.10, 95.14, 55.19. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}BrN_2S$ $[M + H]^+$ 255.0592, found 255.0590.

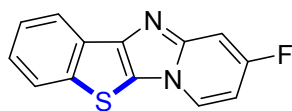


Compound **3g**: m.p.181-182; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.29 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.36, 146.11, 139.70, 128.16, 127.17, 125.41, 125.04, 123.76, 123.61, 122.31, 121.28, 118.32, 106.15. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{13}H_7BrN_2S$ $[M + H]^+$ 302.9592, found 302.9590.

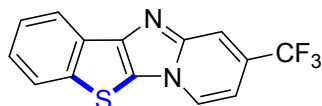


Compound **3h**: m.p.156-158; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.09, 149.82, 147.36, 140.34, 128.65, 128.27, 125.99, 125.55, 124.26, 123.84,

123.61, 121.82, 117.41, 116.03, 52.53. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{15}H_{10}N_2O_2S$ [$M + H$] $^+$ 283.0541, found 283.0539.



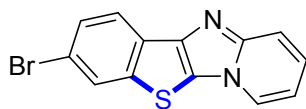
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Compound **3j**: m.p.225-227; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.96, 147.47, 140.47, 133.00, 128.54 (q, $J = 315$ Hz, 1C), 128.53, 126.39, 125.74, 124.76 (q, $J = 180$ Hz, 1C), 124.73, 124.35, 122.06, 116.31 (q, $J = 10$ Hz, 1C), 108.05 (q, $J = 5.25$ Hz, 1C). HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_7F_3N_2S$ [$M + H$] $^+$ 293.0355, found 293.0355.



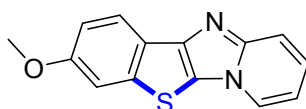
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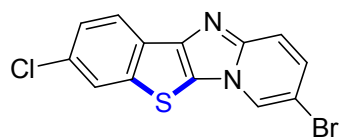
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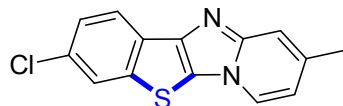
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Compound **3n**: m.p.122-124; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.14 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.12, 149.40, 145.85, 141.78, 127.28, 123.89, 122.73, 122.14, 118.16, 114.12, 113.83, 111.98, 108.09, 55.70. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}BrN_2S$ [$M + H$] $^+$ 255.0592, found 255.0590.



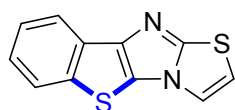
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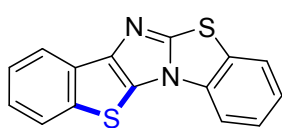
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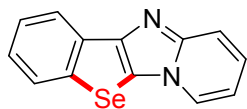
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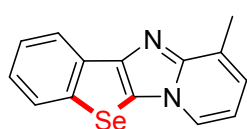
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Compound **3s**: m.p.186-188; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.48, 146.41, 138.32, 130.59, 128.68, 128.23, 125.91, 124.88, 124.33, 123.78, 123.76, 123.53, 121.90, 120.03, 112.09. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 281.0202, found 281.0207.

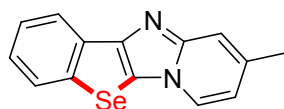


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Compound **4b**: m.p.188-190; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.40 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 7.90 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.02, 147.51, 140.18, 131.26, 128.26,

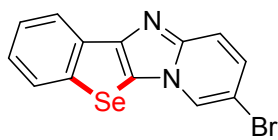
126.98, 125.71, 125.60, 123.22, 123.16, 122.52, 118.92, 112.14, 17.44. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2Se$ $[M + H]^+$ 287.0082, found 287.0090.



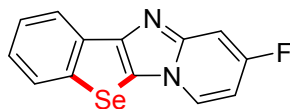
Compound **4c**: m.p.184-186; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 149.31, 147.11, 139.71, 134.86, 130.64, 126.43, 125.19, 124.93, 123.14, 122.34, 121.35, 115.92, 114.17, 20.96. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2Se$ $[M + H]^+$ 287.0082, found 287.0085.



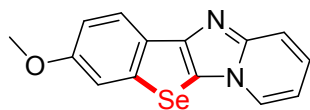
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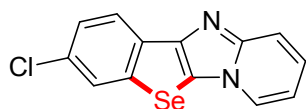
Compound **4e**: m.p.180-182; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.25 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 148.29, 147.33, 139.78, 130.06, 127.08, 126.46, 125.73, 125.49, 124.02, 122.72, 118.16, 118.09, 106.21. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{13}H_7BrN_2Se$ $[M + H]^+$ 350.9031, found 350.9032.



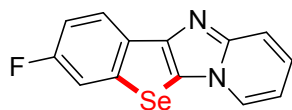
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Compound **4g**: m.p.158-160; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.13 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.17, 149.32, 147.79, 141.62, 124.42, 124.31, 123.92, 123.41, 117.96, 116.36, 113.67, 112.08, 111.30, 55.65. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $C_{14}H_{10}N_2OSe$ $[M + H]^+$ 303.0031, found 303.0038.



Compound **4h**: m.p.172-174; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.06 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 149.17, 146.68, 140.51, 130.87, 128.98, 126.13, 126.03, 124.22, 124.15, 123.47, 123.08, 117.92, 111.98. $C_{13}H_7ClN_2Se$ $[M + H]^+$ 306.9541, found 306.9542.



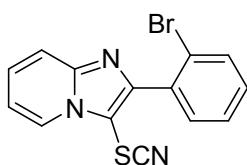
Compound **4i**: m.p.185-187; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (q, $J = 8.6, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (q, $J = 9.5, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.81 (d, $J = 245.25$ Hz, 1C), 149.53, 147.13, 141.00, 140.88, 127.38 (d, $J = 2.25$ Hz, 1C), 124.48 (d, $J = 5.25$ Hz, 1C), 123.64 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 1C), 118.27, 114.21, 113.91 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1C), 113.58, 112.32. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_7\text{FN}_2\text{Se}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 290.9831, found 290.9833.



Compound **4j**: m.p.169-171; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.52, 157.97, 149.76, 147.24, 141.45, 135.23, 124.55, 123.59, 123.49, 116.34, 114.79, 113.58, 111.29, 55.64, 21.45. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{OSe}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 317.0188, found 317.0196.

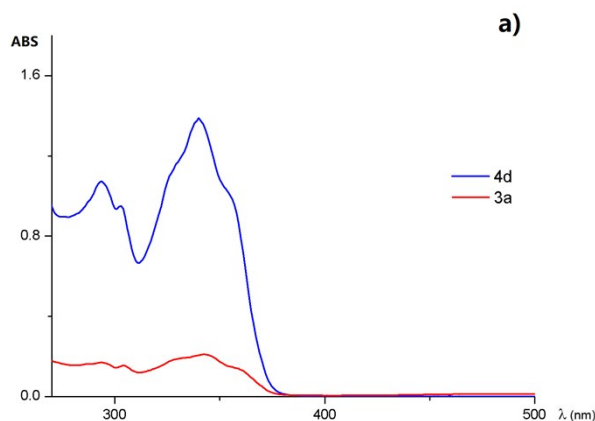


Compound **4k**: m.p.213-215; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.61, 149.26, 138.53, 130.72, 126.30, 125.29, 124.30, 121.68, 117.11, 116.57, 111.74. HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_6\text{N}_2\text{SSe}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 278.9490, found 278.9494.



Compound **5a**: m.p.132-135; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.66, 147.26, 132.89, 132.53, 131.75, 130.39, 127.37, 127.02, 123.95, 122.93, 118.11, 114.23, 107.25; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{BrN}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 329.9701, found 329.9700.

Ultraviolet absorption and fluorescence emission spectra of compounds **3a** and **4d**.



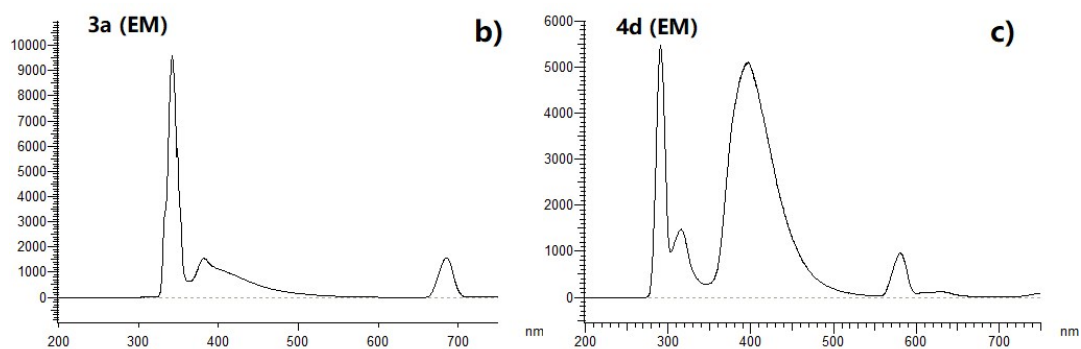
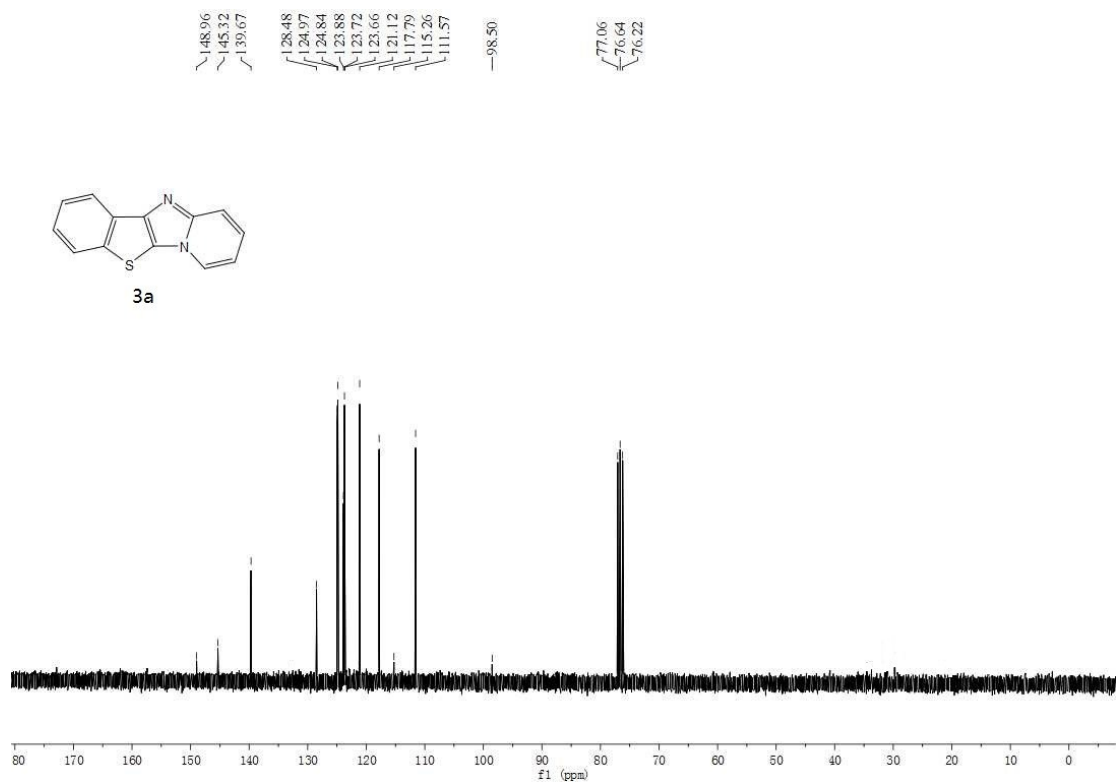
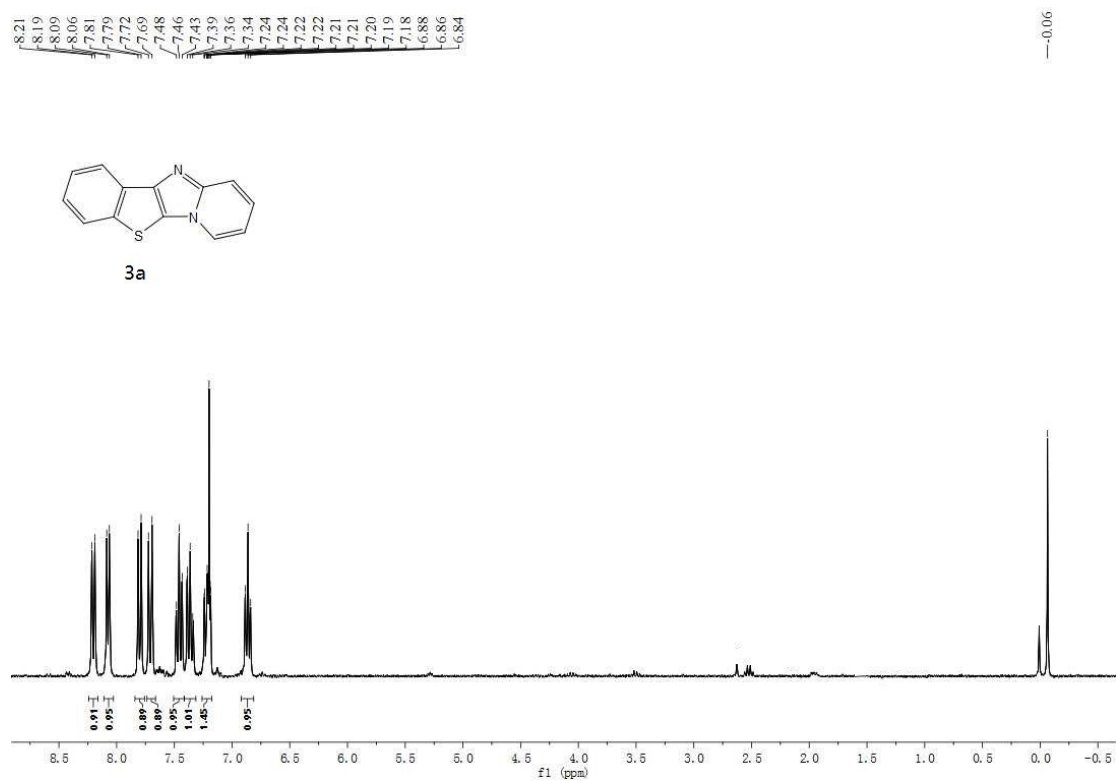
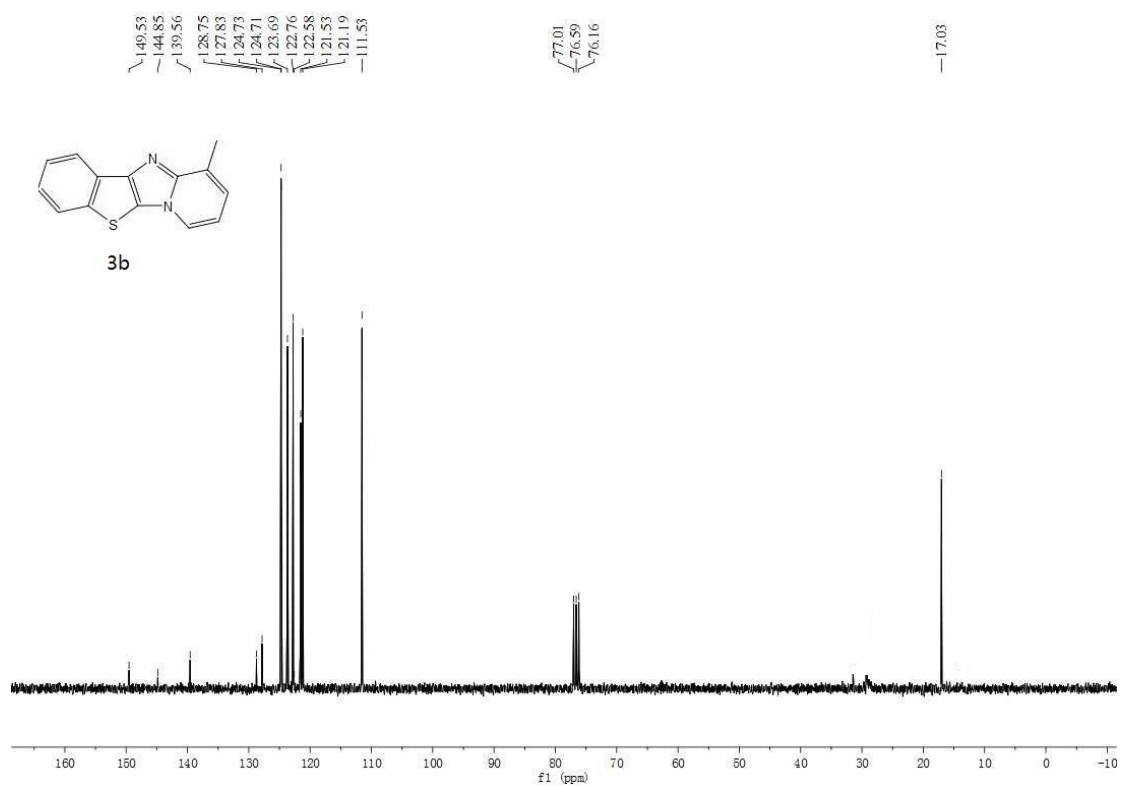
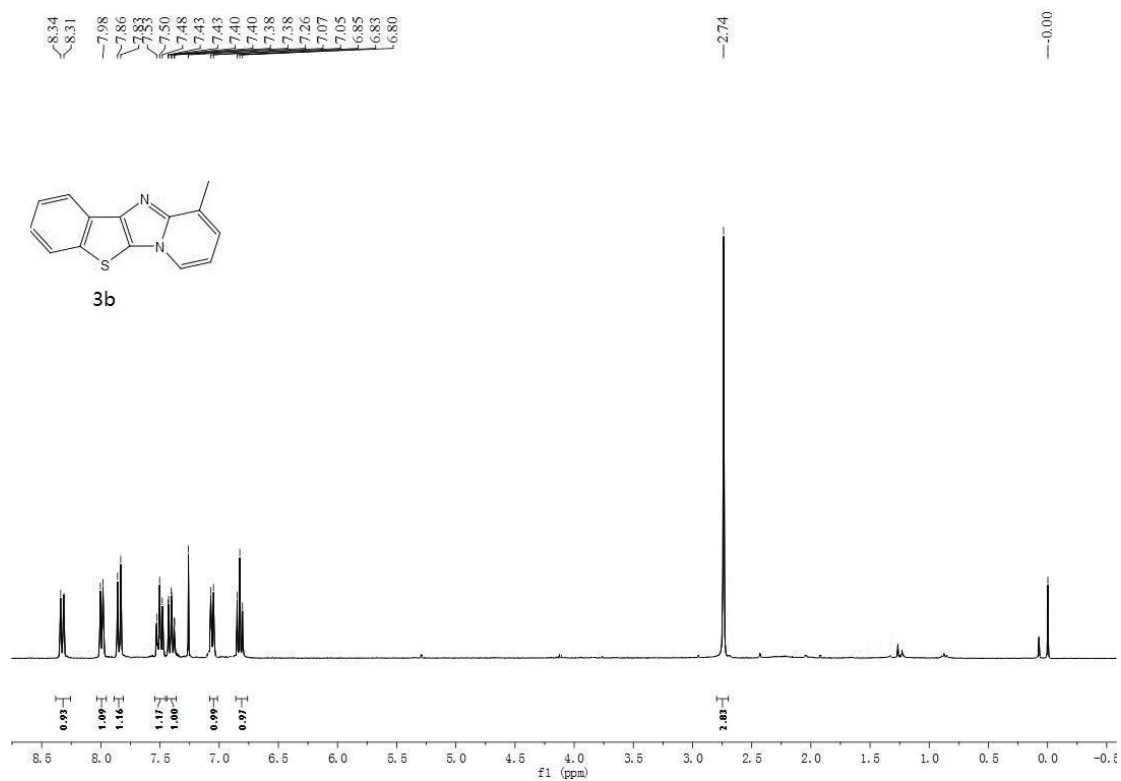
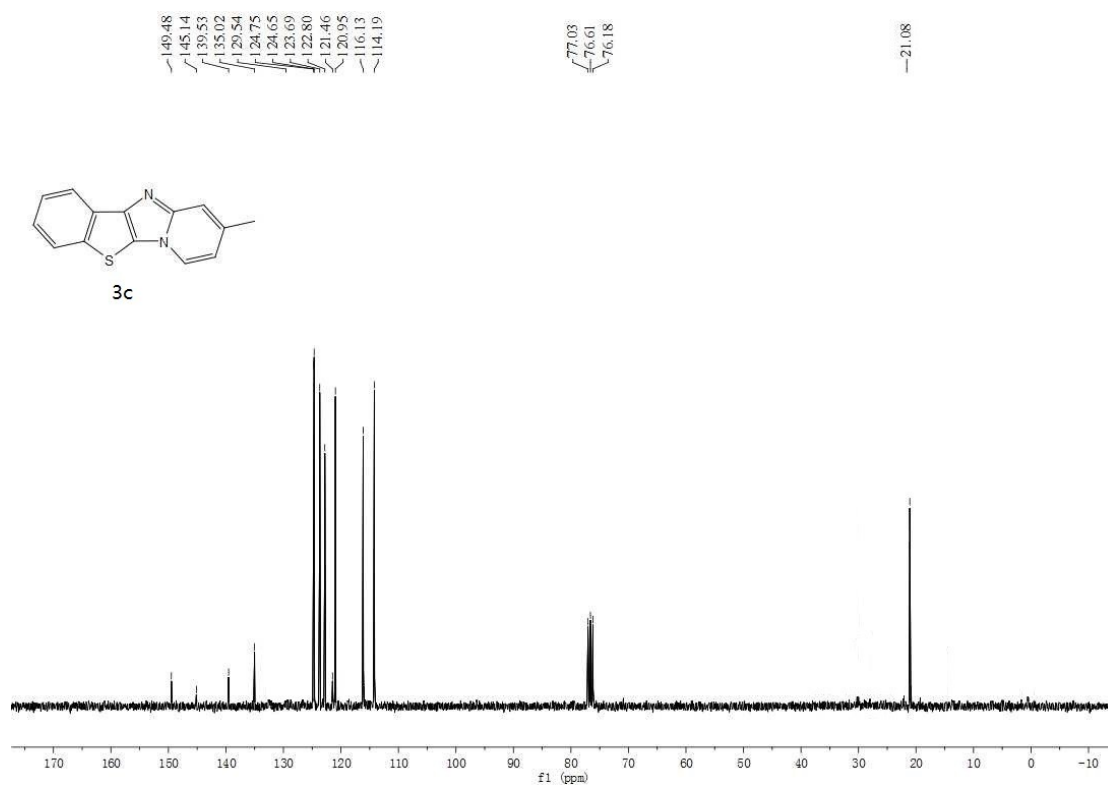
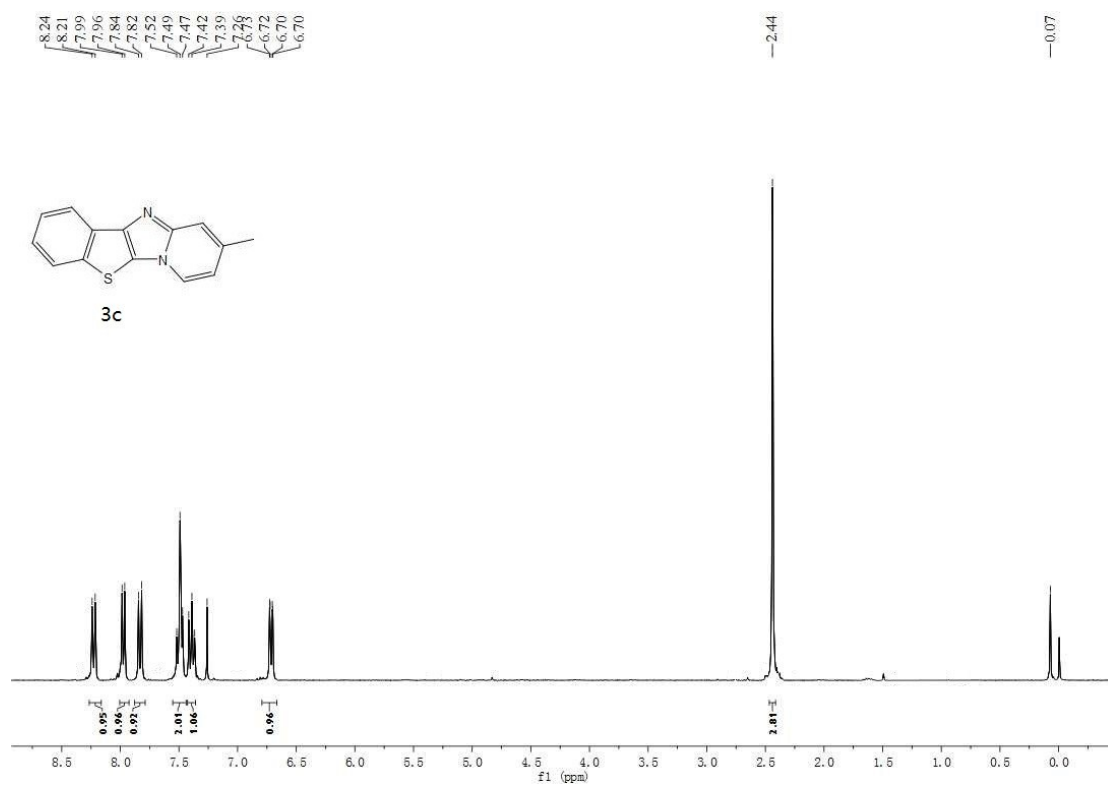


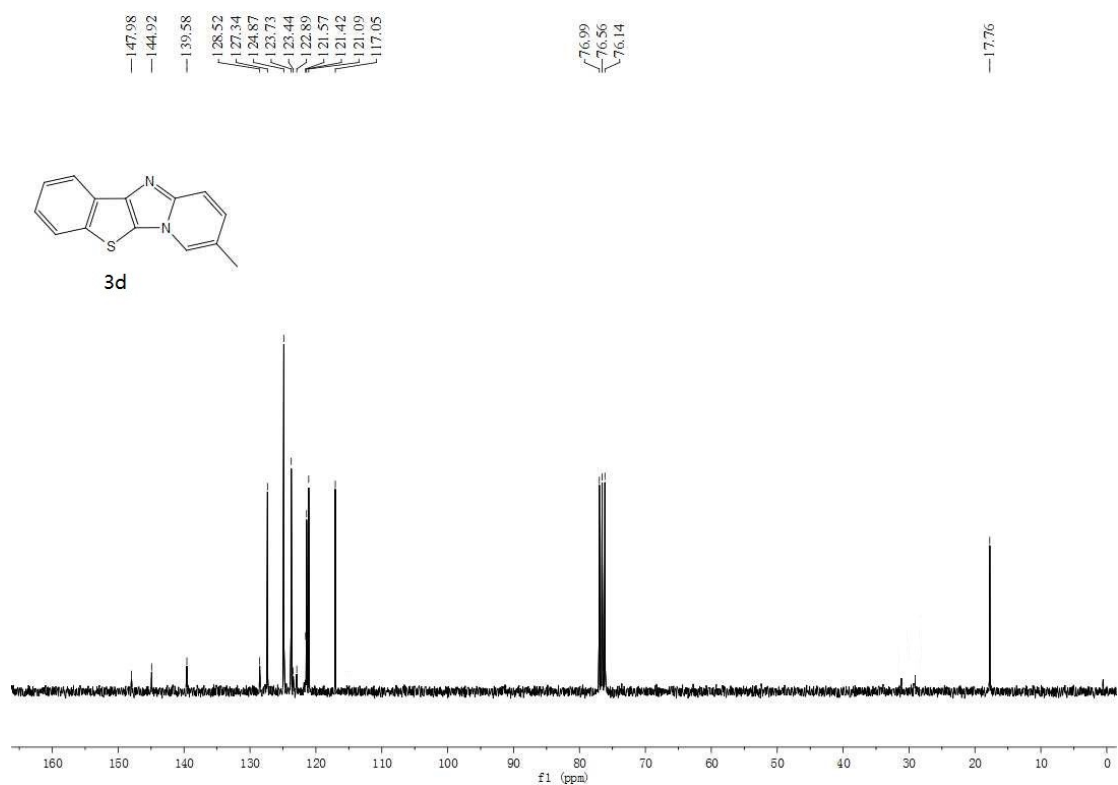
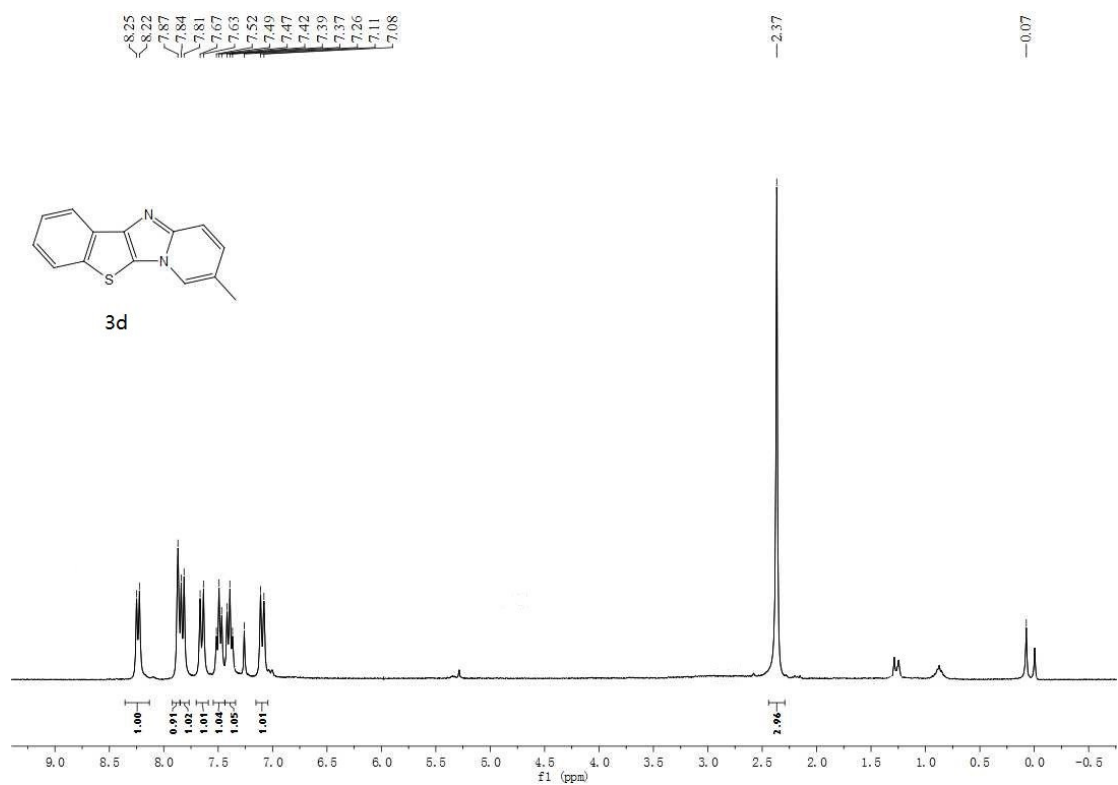
Figure S1. a) The Ultraviolet absorption spectra of compound **3a** (1 μM, $\lambda_{\text{abs}} = 344\text{nm}$) and **4d** (1 μM, $\lambda_{\text{abs}} = 288\text{nm}$, 340nm) in methanol. b) The fluorescence spectra of compound **3a** (1 nM) in methanol. c) The fluorescence spectra of compound **4d** (1 μM) in methanol.

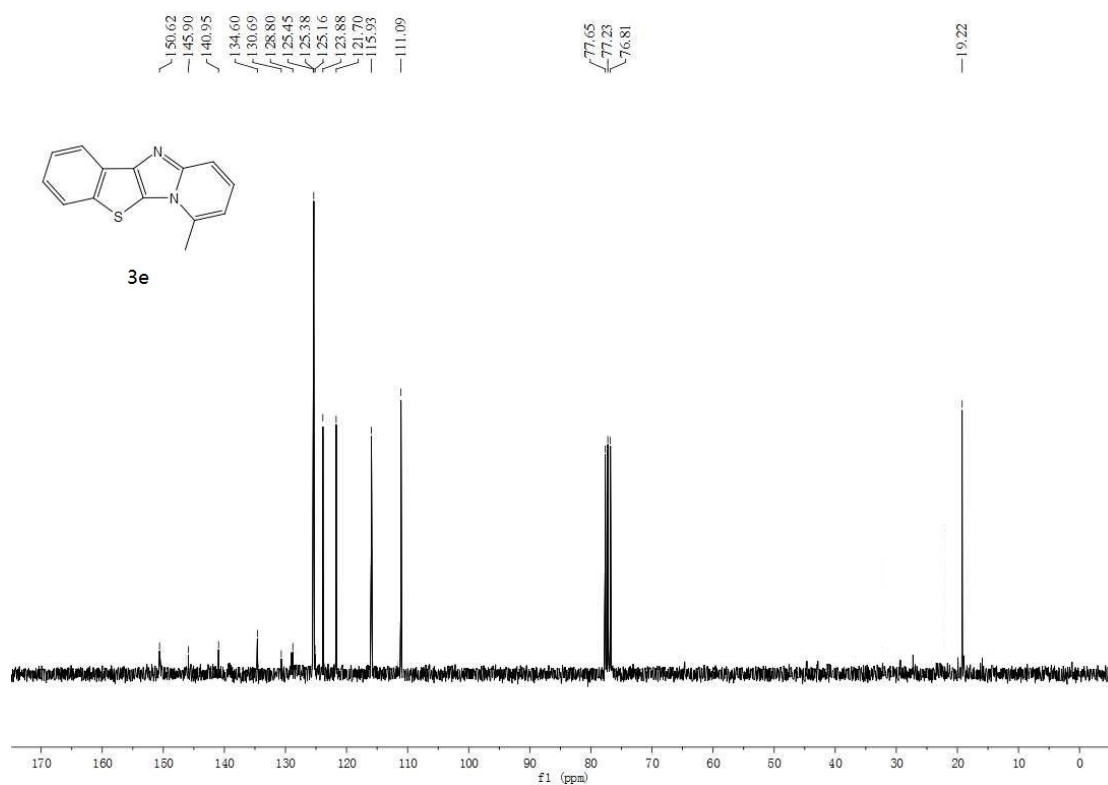
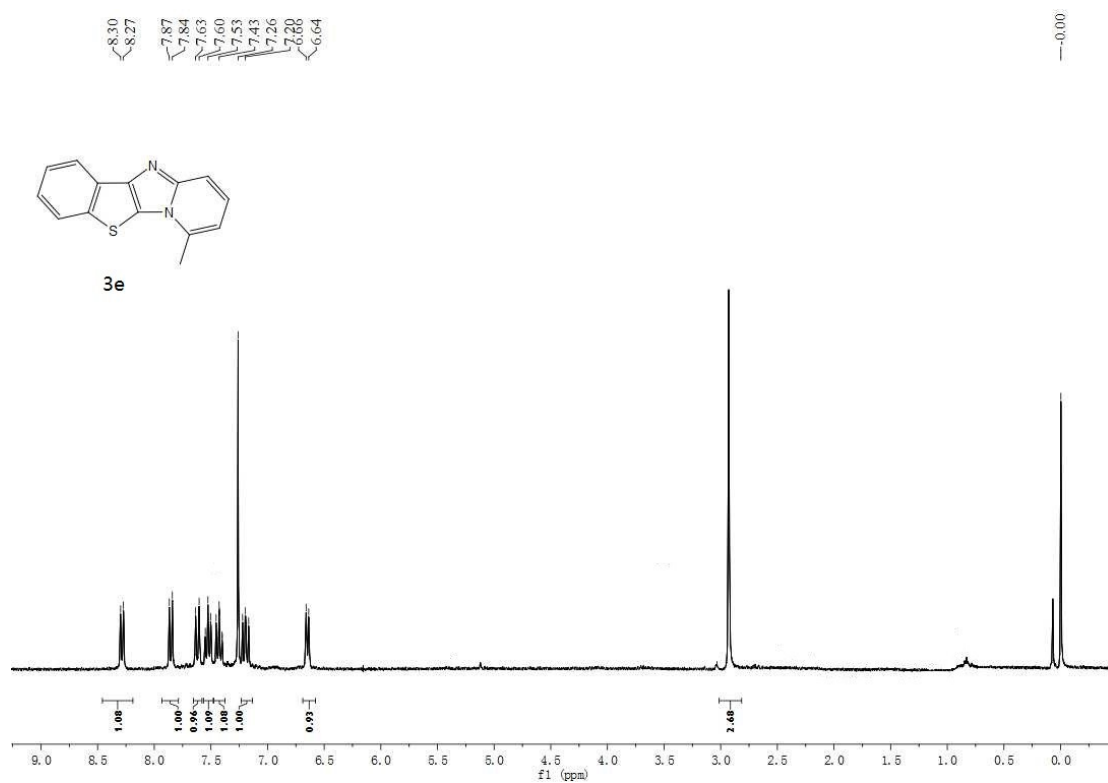
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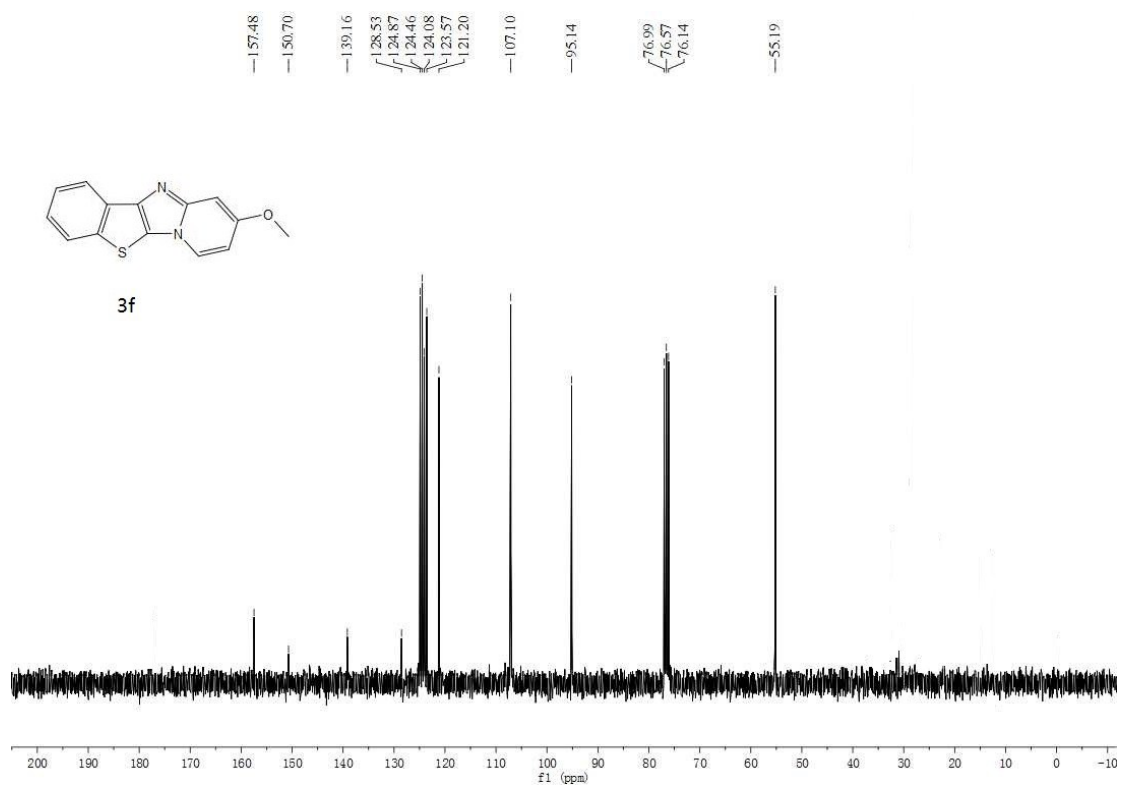
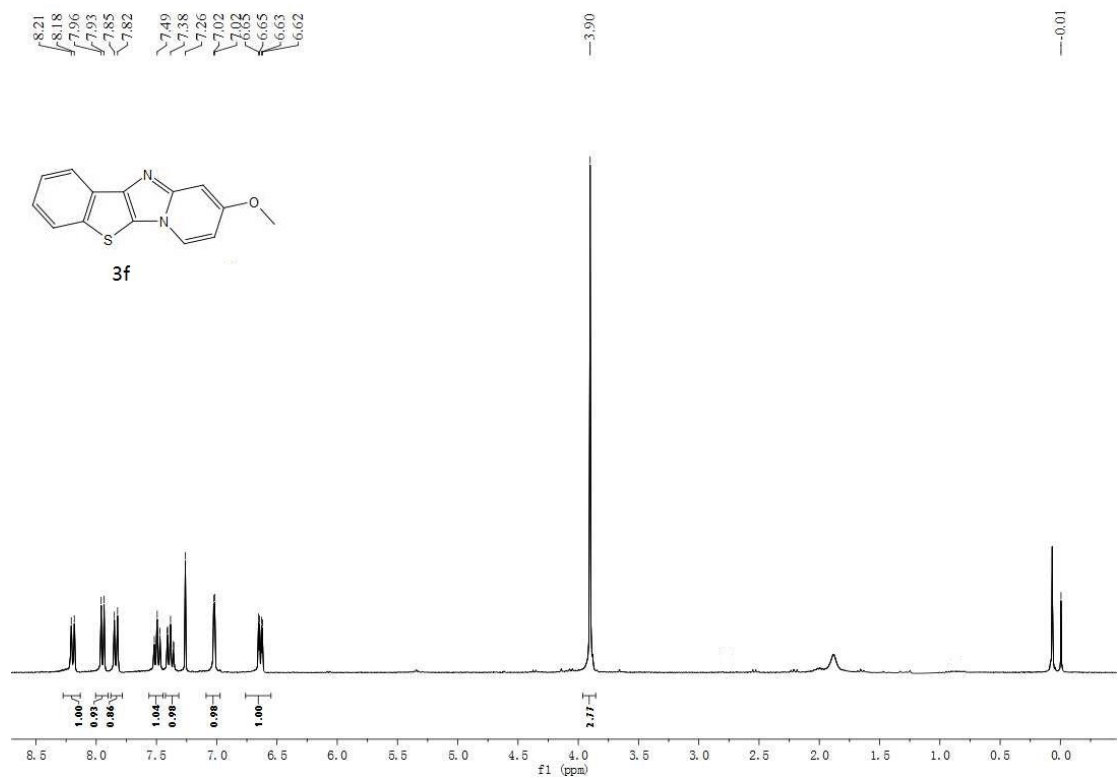


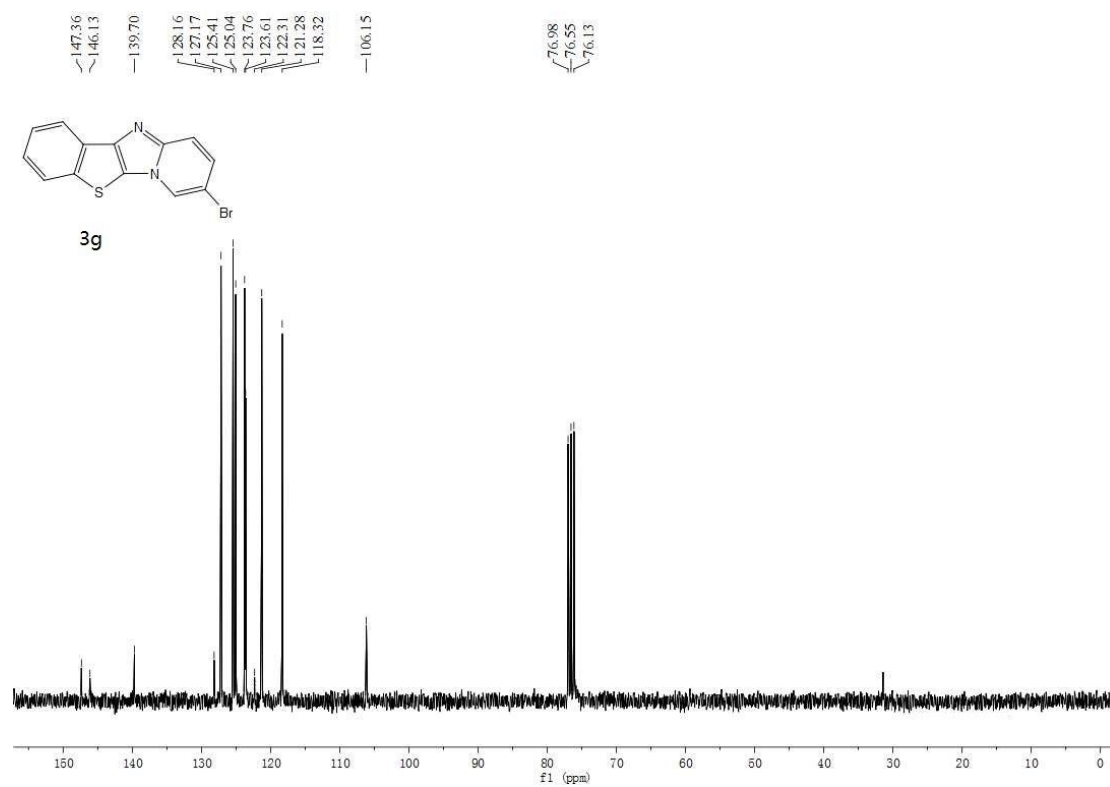
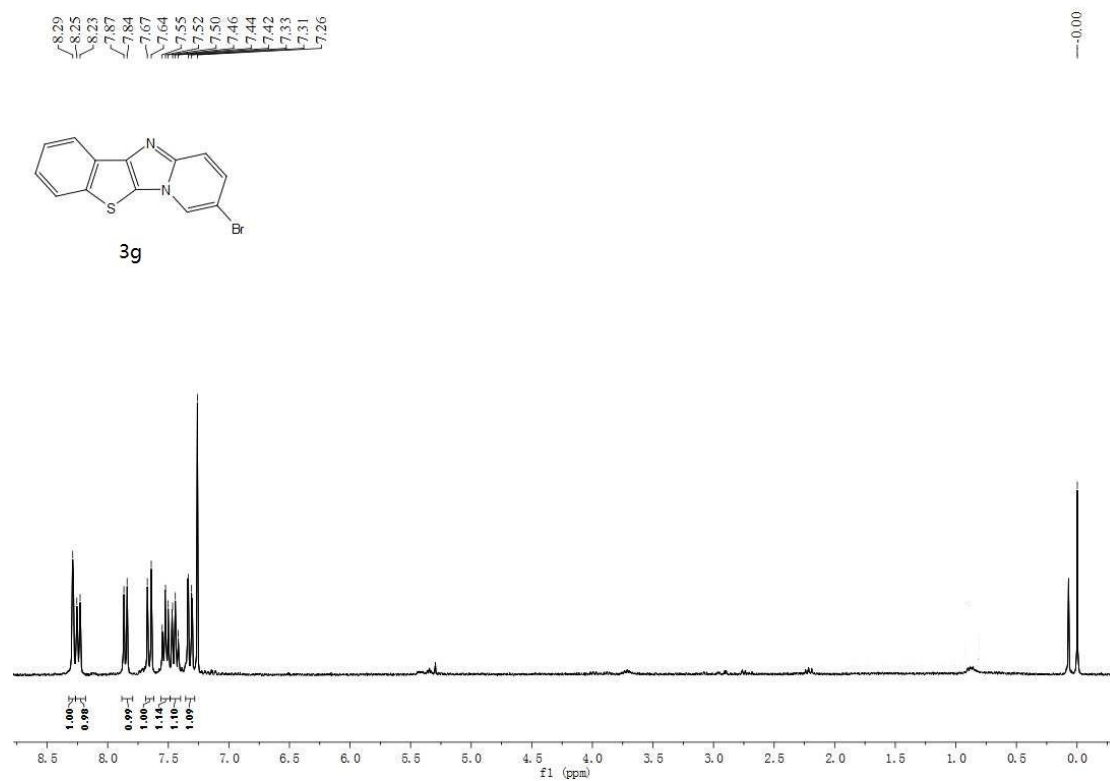


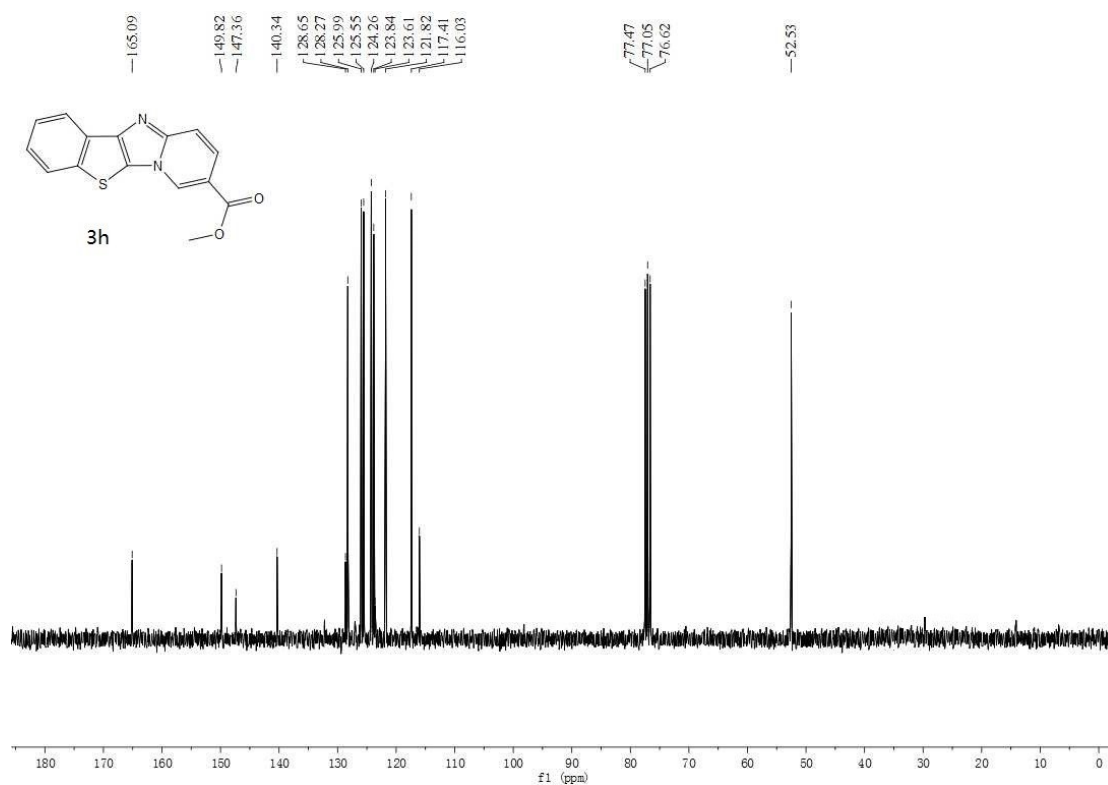
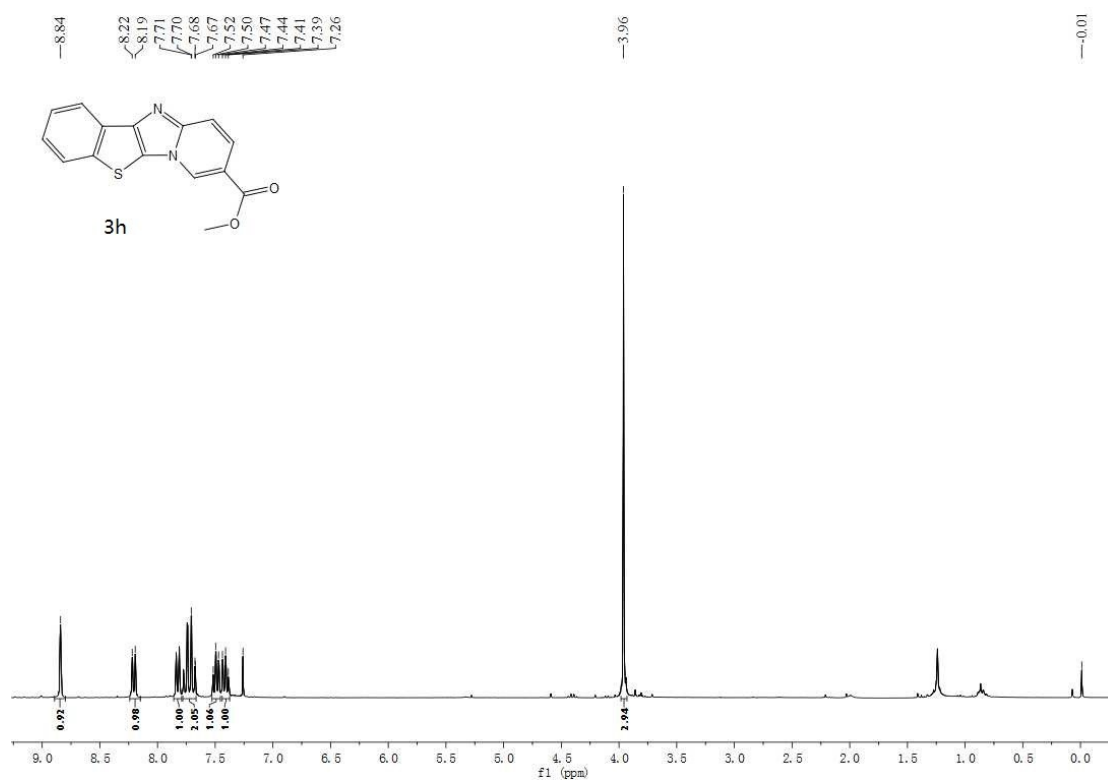


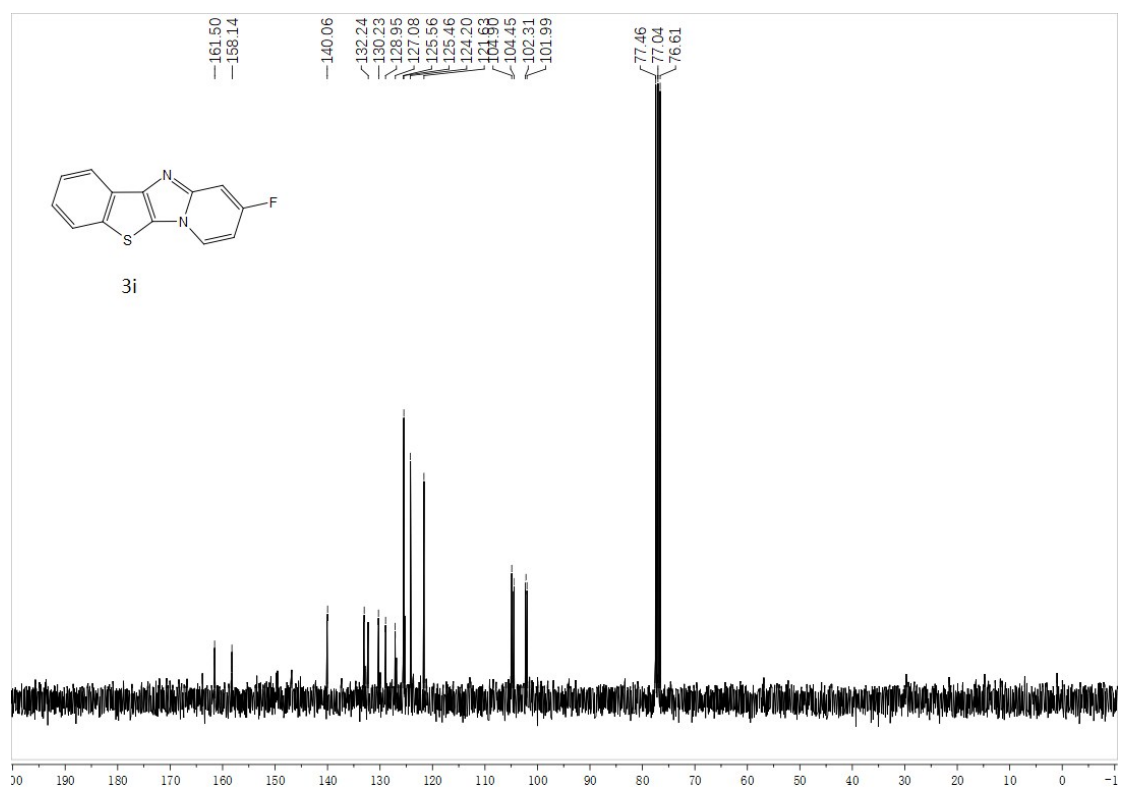
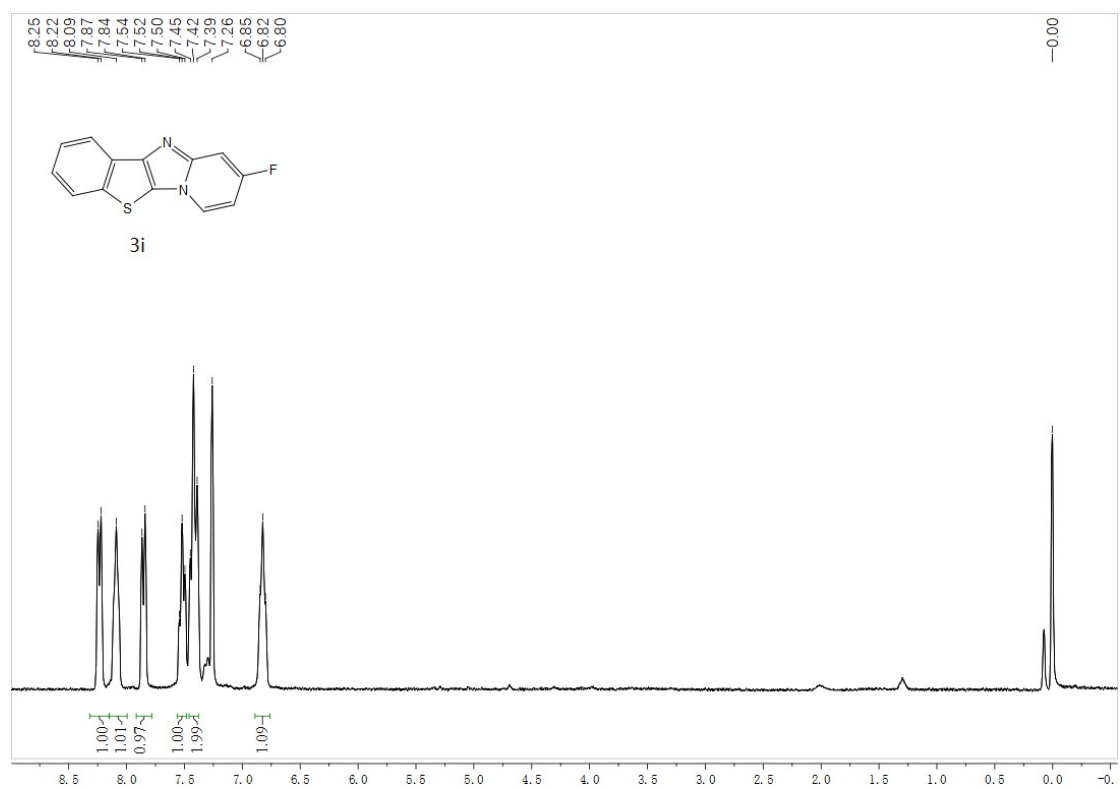


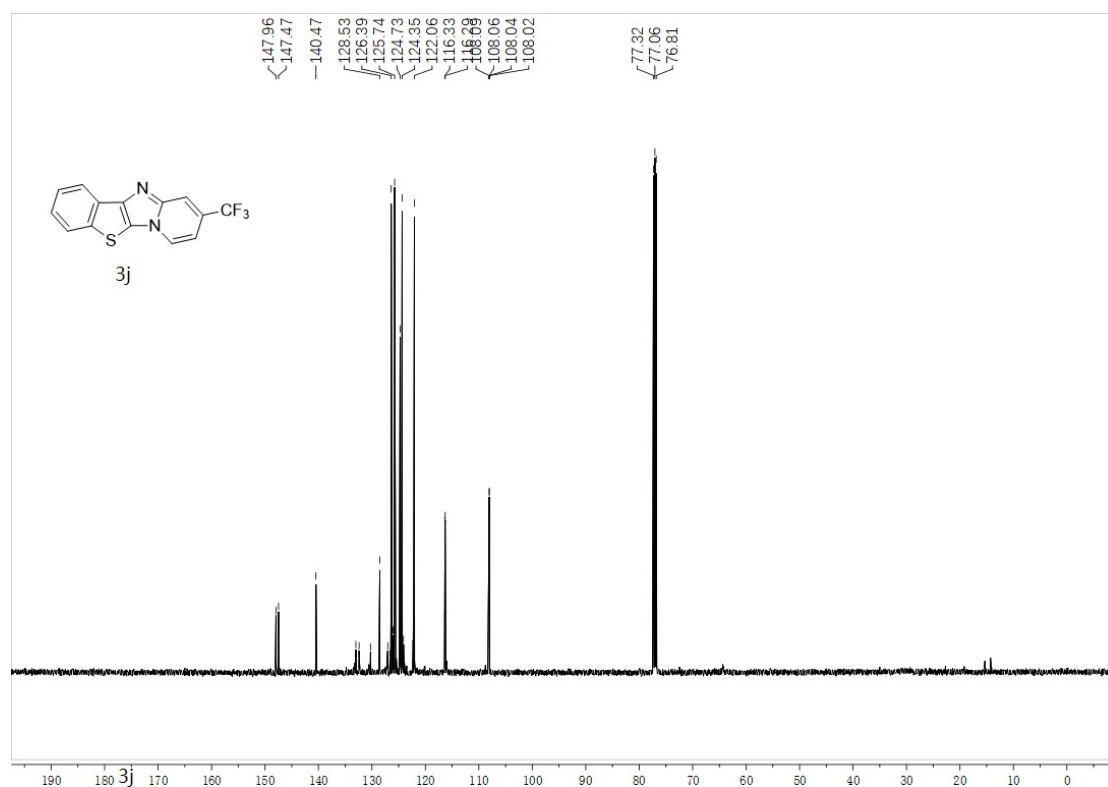
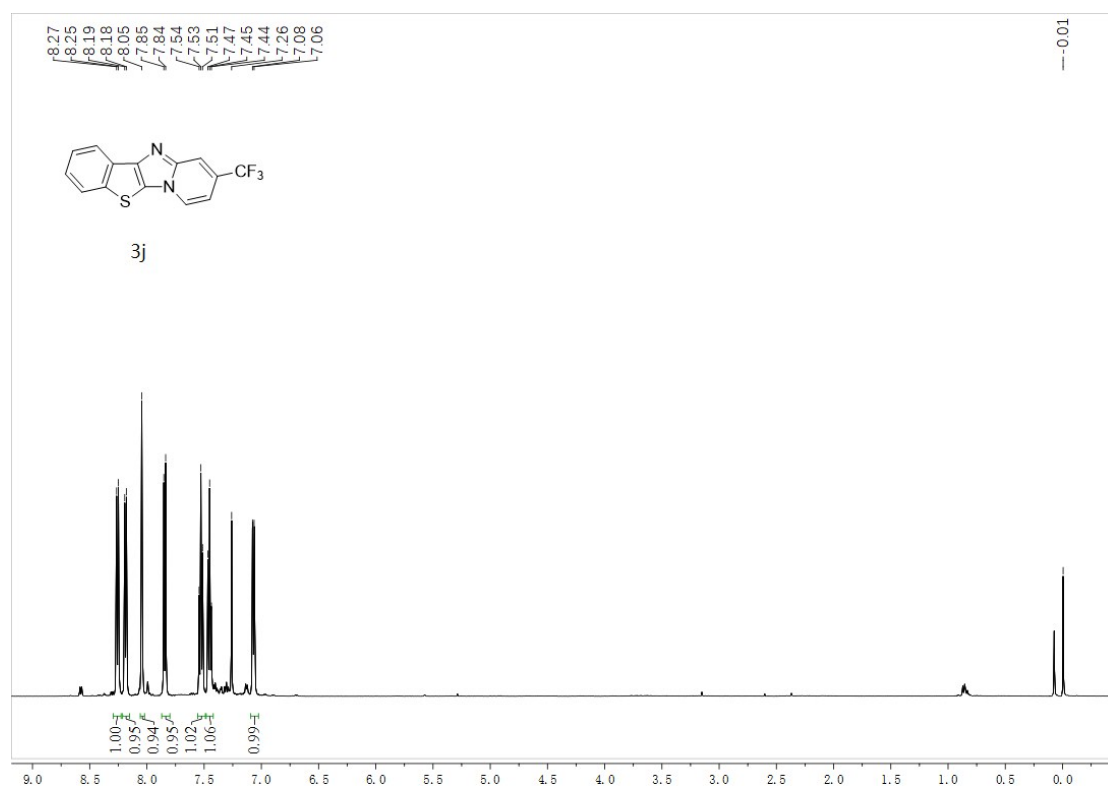


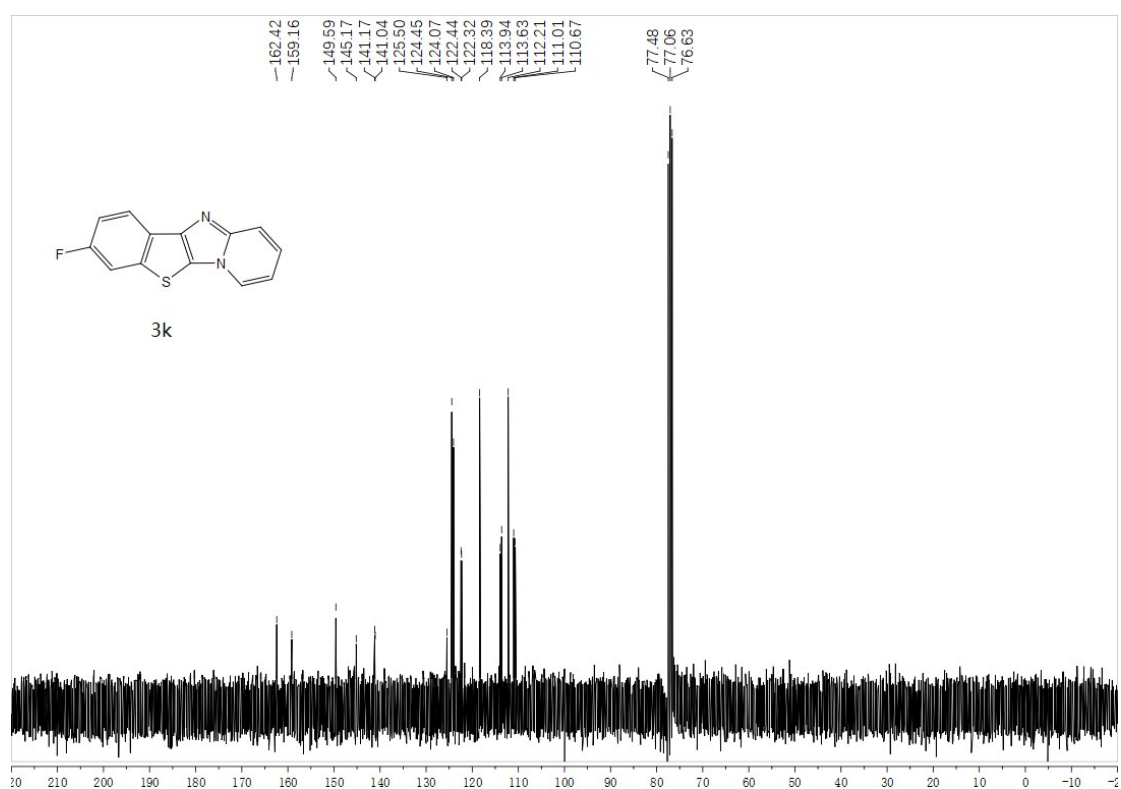
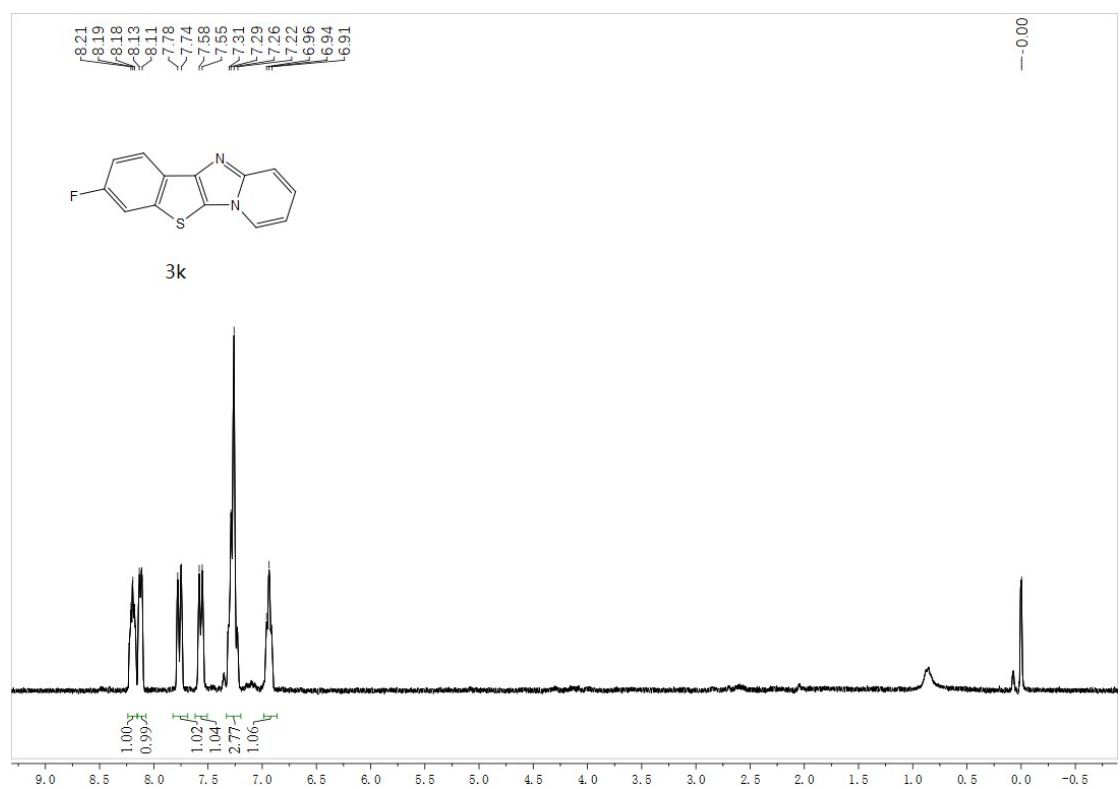


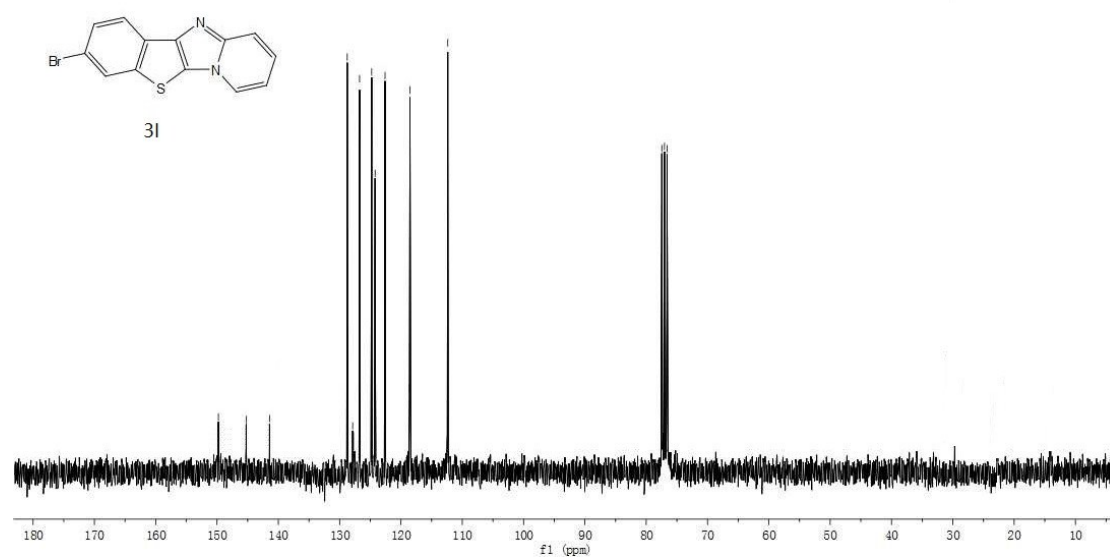
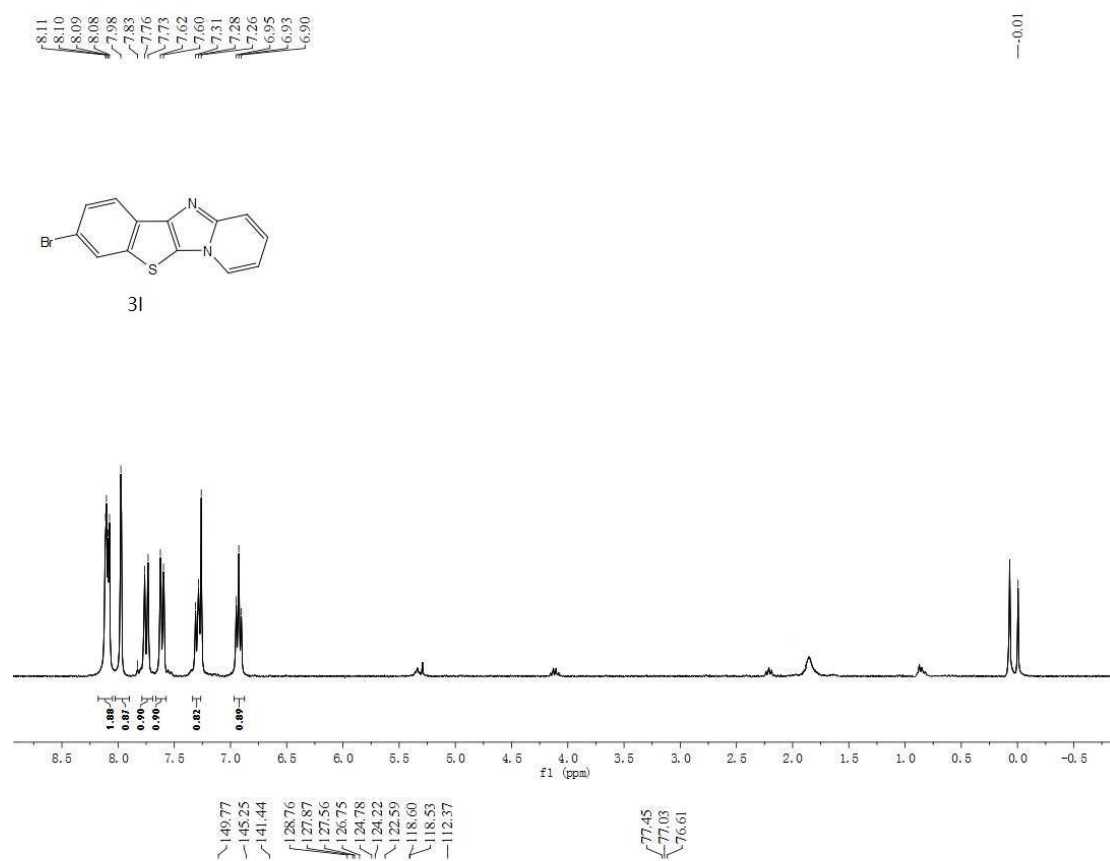


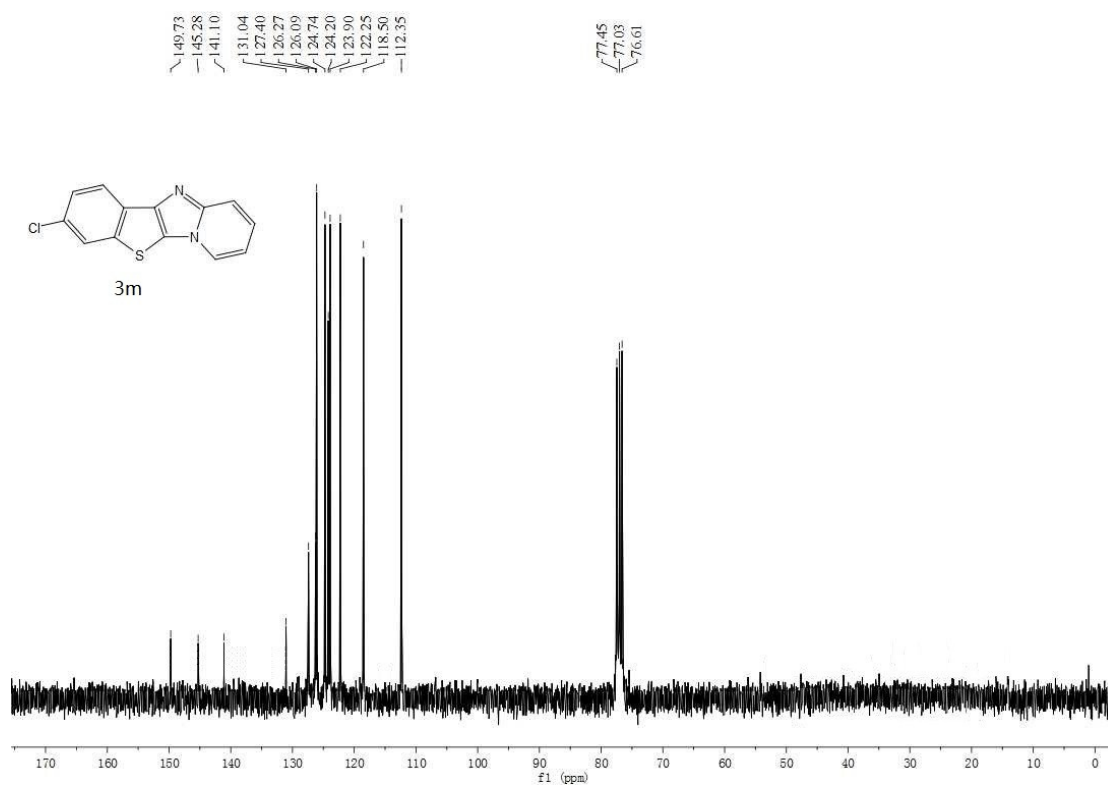
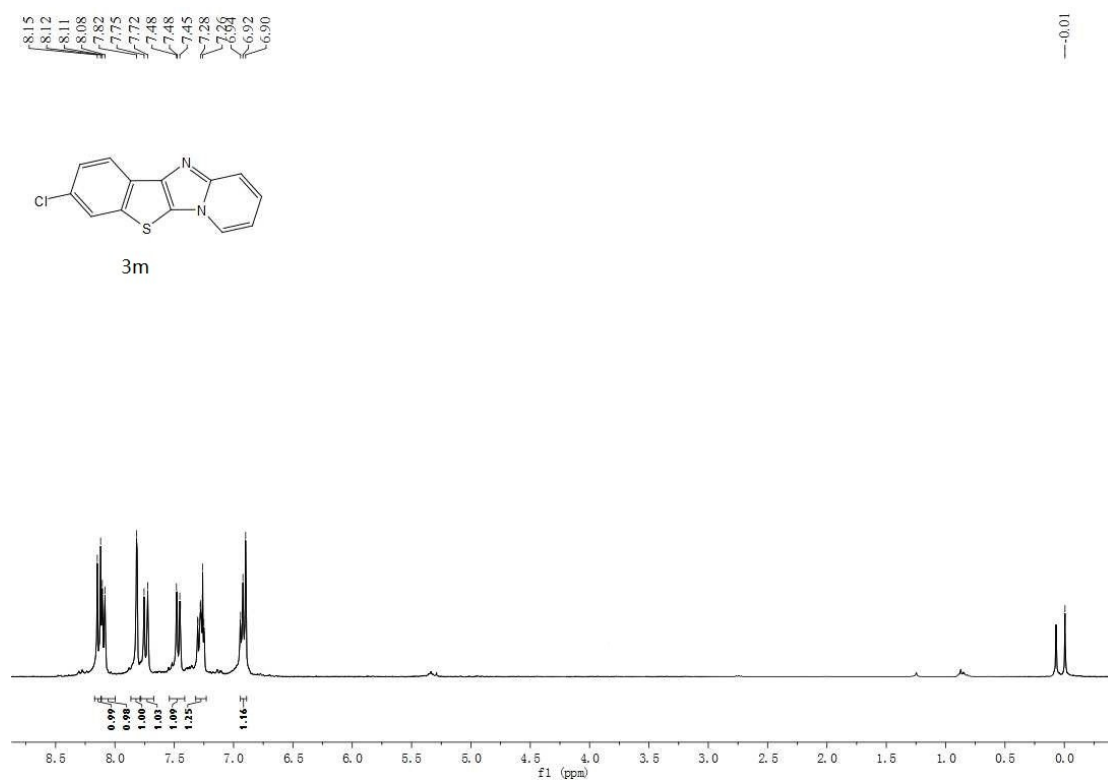


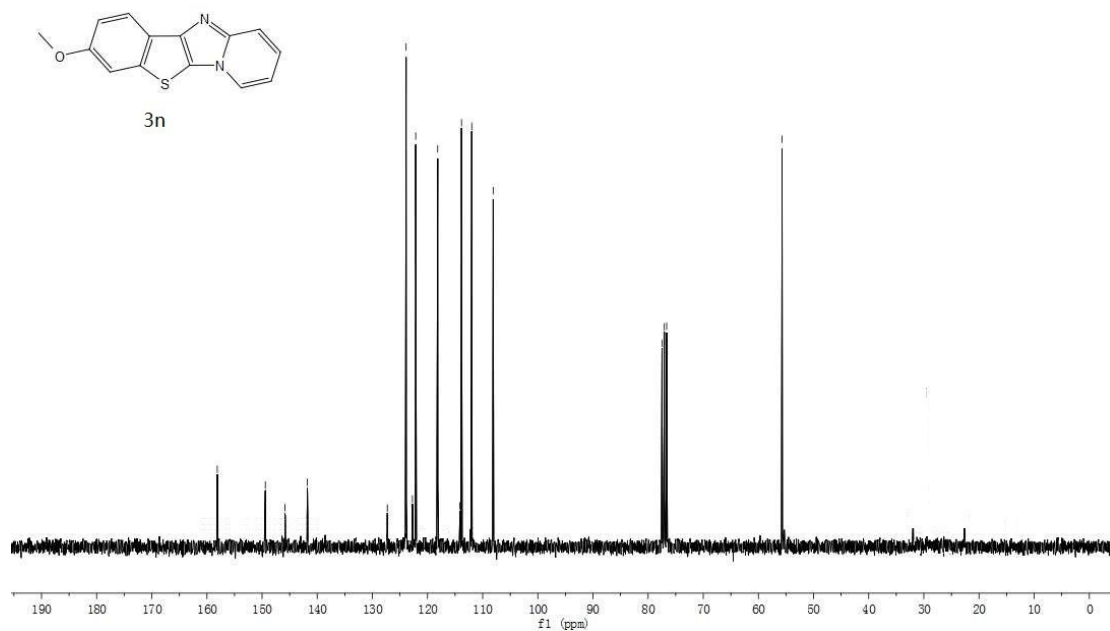
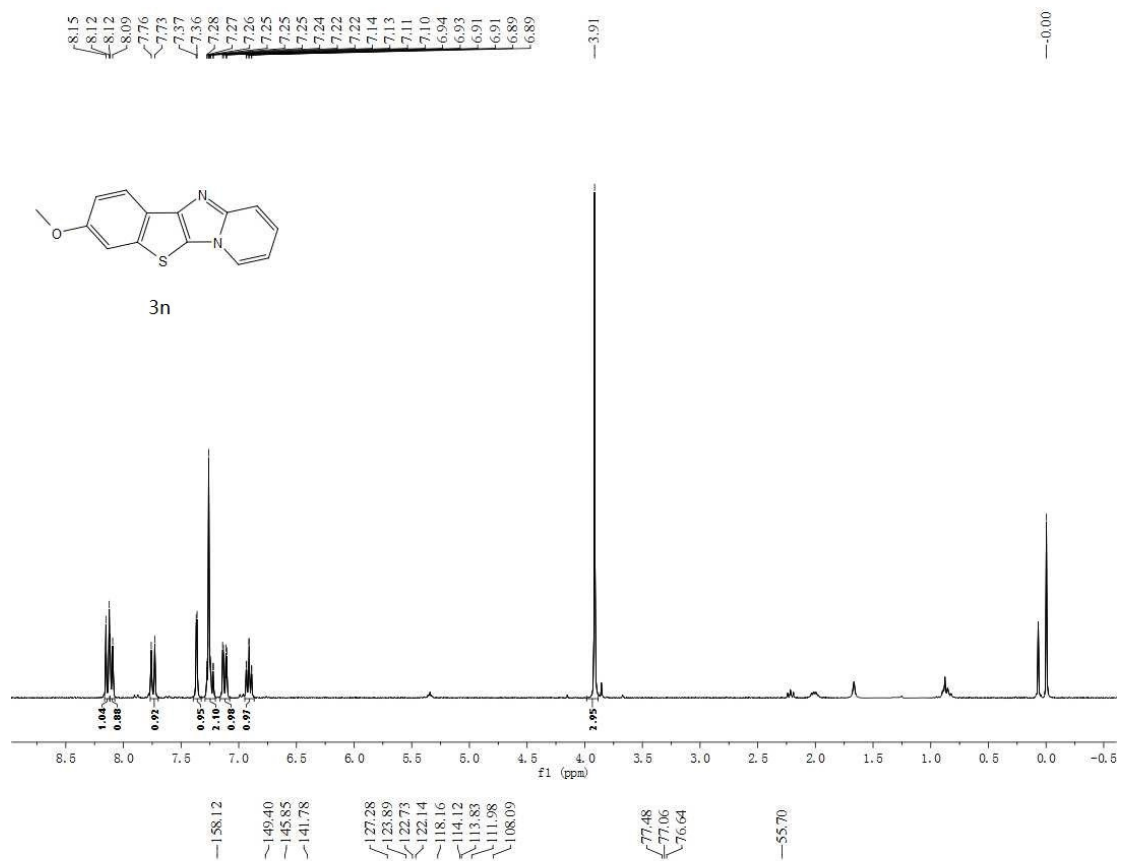


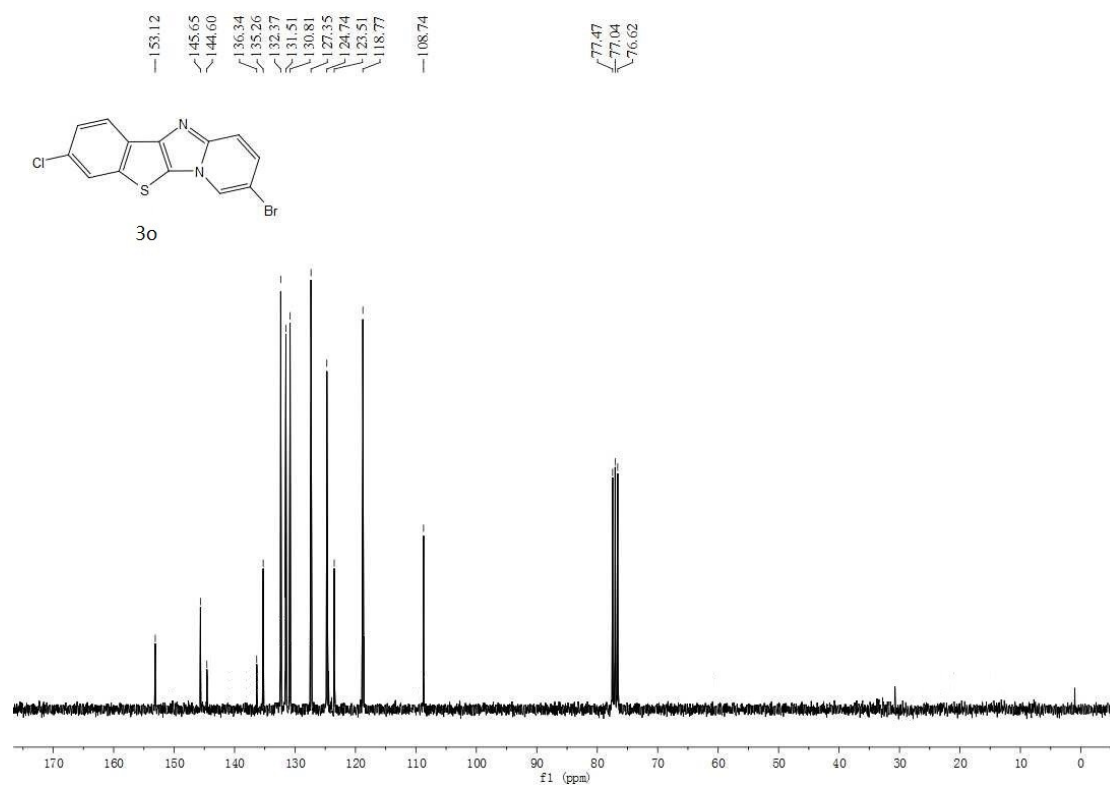
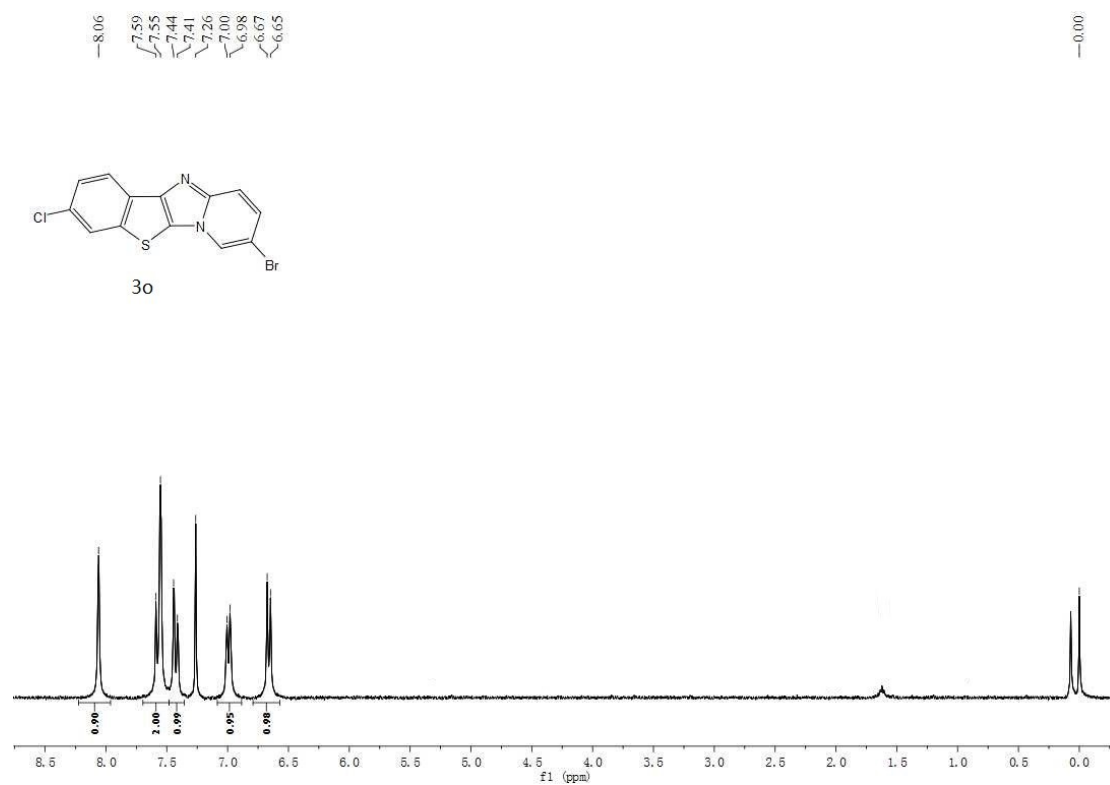


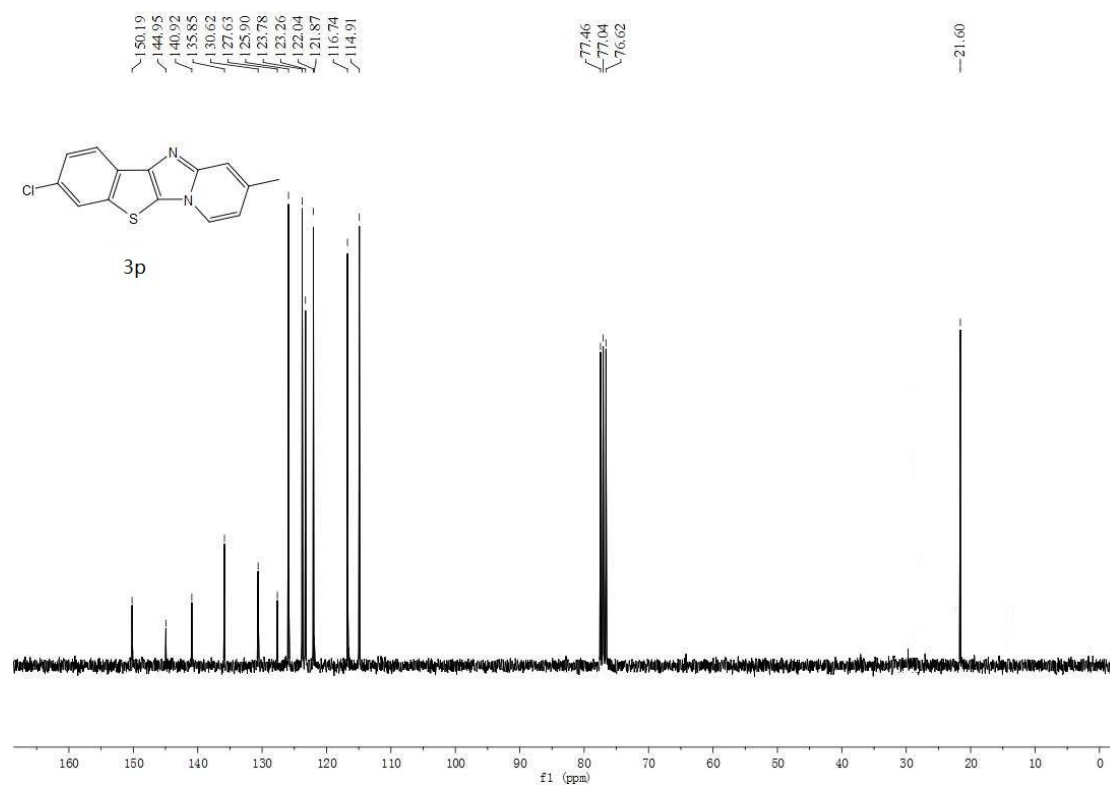
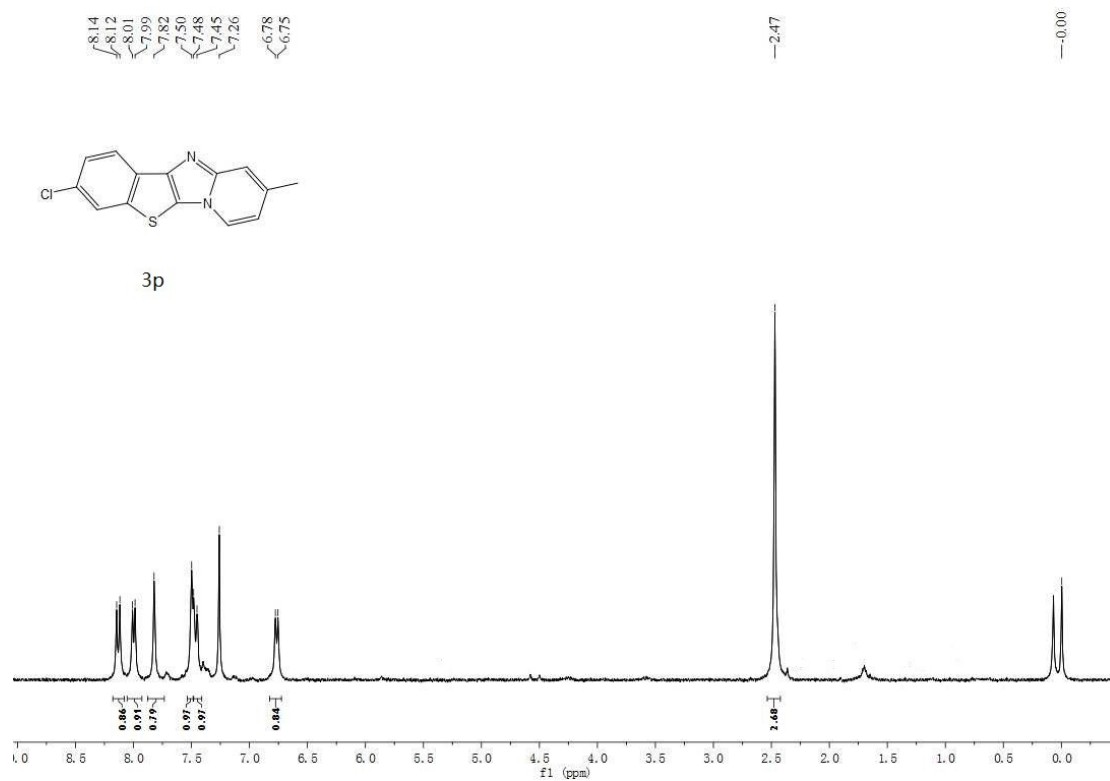


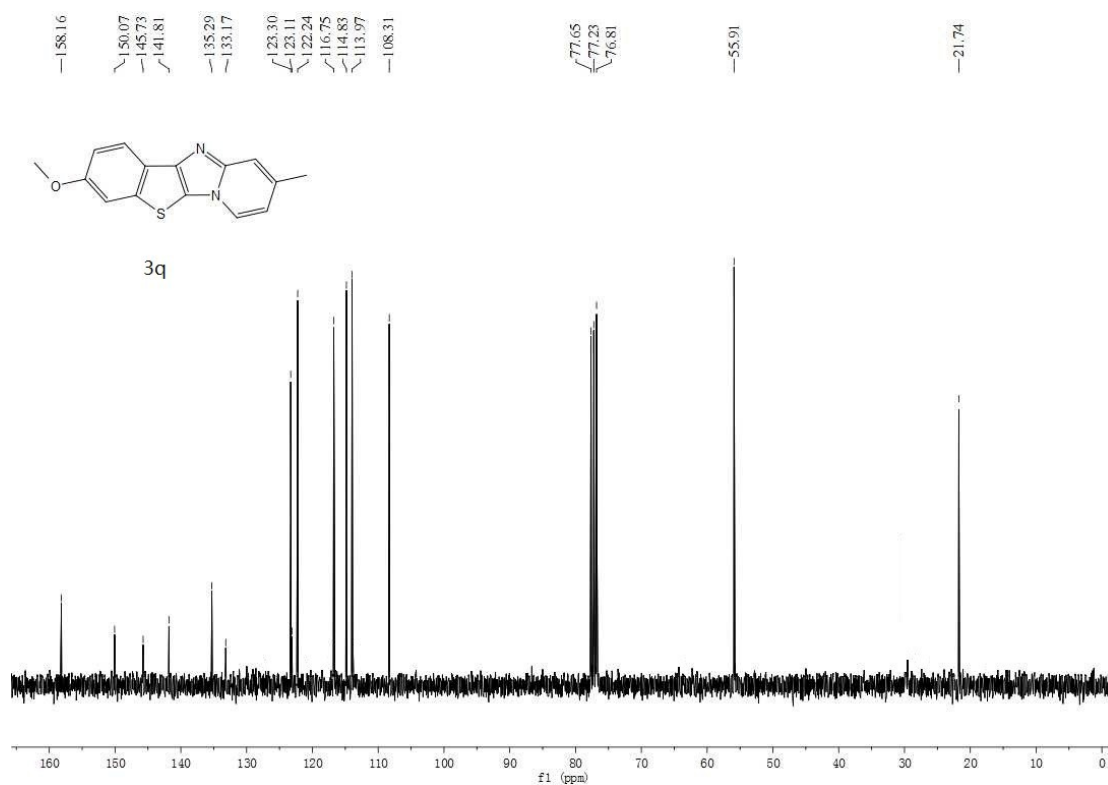
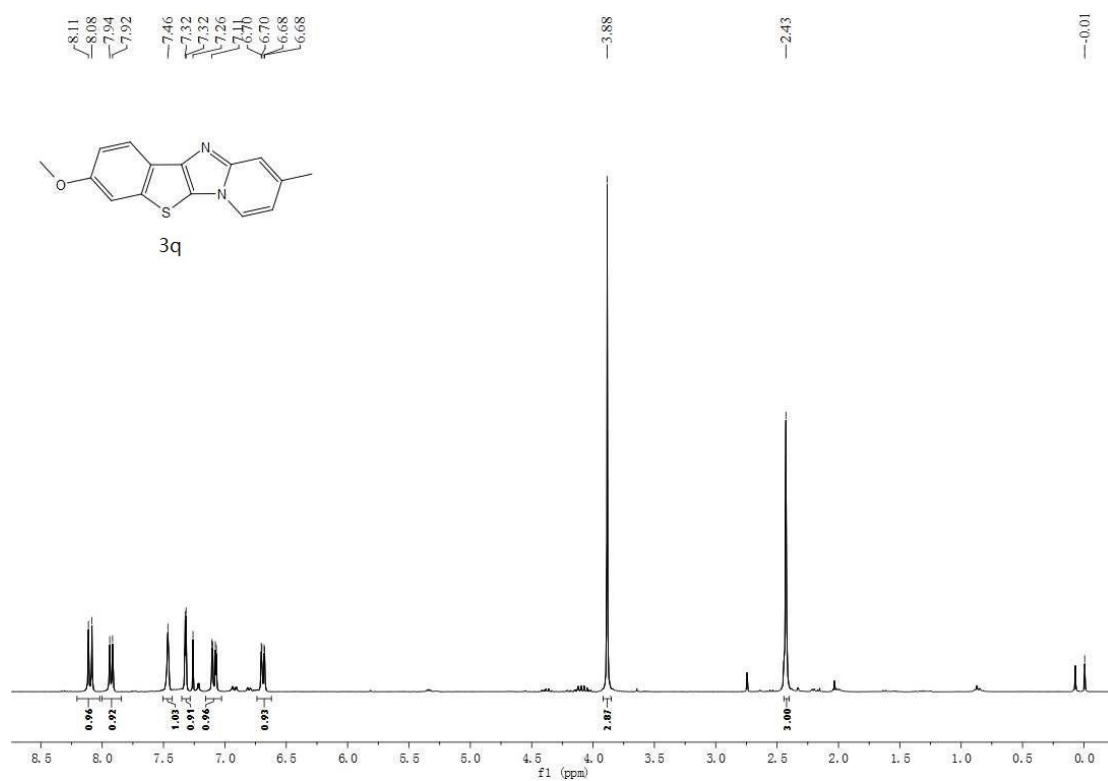






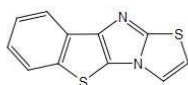




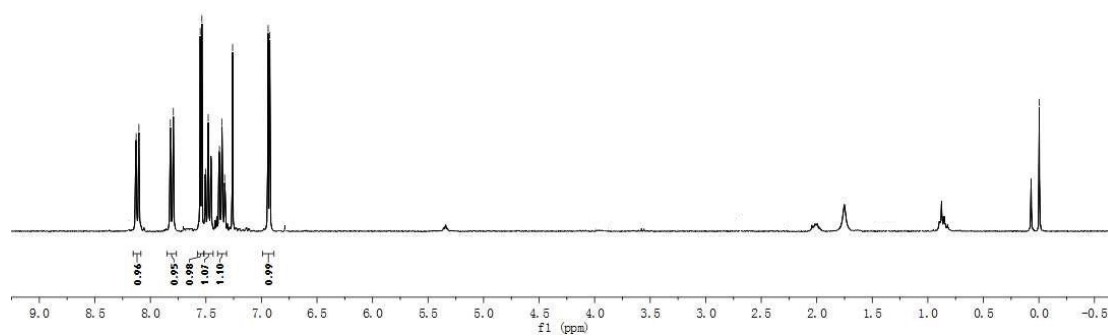


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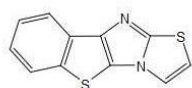
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