

## ***Electronic Supplementary Information***

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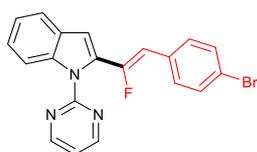
## 1. General Methods

All chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and were used as received unless otherwise noted. All reactions were carried out using Schlenk techniques in absolute TFE under N<sub>2</sub>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz or 600 MHz NMR spectrometer. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz or 150 MHz. The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded at 565 MHz. The chemical shift is given in dimensionless δ values and is frequency referenced relative to TMS in <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on an Agilent Q-TOF 6540 spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (300-400 mesh) using ethyl acetate (EA) /petroleum ether (PE). Substrates **2a** was obtained from commercial sources. Arenes **1a-1s**<sup>1</sup> and olefins **2b-2m**<sup>2</sup> were synthesized according to literature reports.

### Experimental procedure and characterization

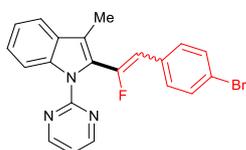
#### General procedure for the synthesis of fluoroalkenes

Indole (0.2 mmol), *gem*-difluoroalkene (0.32 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %), Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv), and TFE (1 mL) were charged into a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred under Ar at 100 °C for 12 h. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA to afford the product.



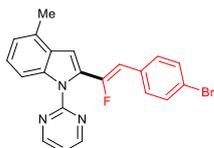
(*Z*)-2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3aa**)

**3aa** was obtained according to the general procedure in 94% yield (73.8 mg). white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.76 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 35.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -99.11 (d, *J* = 35.6 Hz, 1F). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>3</sup> HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>: 416.0169, found: 416.0165.



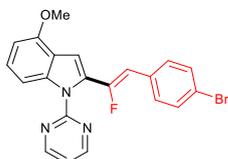
### 3ba (Z/E=8:1)

**3ba** was obtained according to the general procedure in 95% yield (77.3 mg). white solid; **Z isomer** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.70 (s, 2H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 4H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 36.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> **E isomer** (only clearly assignable signals are listed) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.69 (s, 2H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 4H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H). HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>: 430.0326, found: 430.0336.



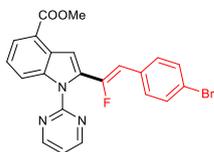
### (Z)-2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-4-methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3ca**)

**3ca** was obtained according to the general procedure in 95% yield (77.3 mg). white solid, mp 79.0-83.1°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.77 (s, 2H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 4H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 35.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.9 (d, *J* = 92.0 Hz), 157.7, 153.4, 151.8, 138.9, 132.9, 132.3 (d, *J* = 194.3 Hz), 130.4 (t, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 126.1, 121.0, 119.2, 117.7, 108.4 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 107.6 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 107.1, 102.4, 55.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) -99.23 (d, *J* = 35.7 Hz, 1F). HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>: 430.0326, found: 430.0329.



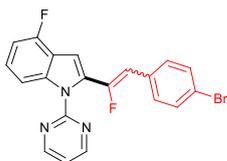
### (Z)-2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-4-methoxy-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3da**)

**3da** was obtained according to the general procedure in 80% yield (67.7mg). white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.81 – 8.68 (m, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.19 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 35.7 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>ONa<sup>+</sup>: 446.0280, found: 446.0275.



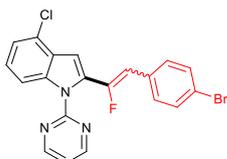
### (Z)-methyl 2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole-4-carboxylate (**3ea**)

**3ea** was obtained according to the general procedure in 69% yield (62.2 mg). white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.81 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 35.9 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>: 474.0224, found: 474.0221.



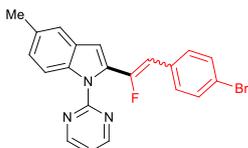
**3fa** (Z/E=7:1)

**3fa** was obtained according to the general procedure in 88% yield (72.3 mg). white solid, mp 93.1-95.0°C **Z isomer**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.79 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd,  $J = 16.6, 7.1$  Hz, 4H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.94 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d,  $J = 35.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.4, 157.4 156.9, 155.3, 152.9, 151.1, 139.6(d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz), 131.7, 130.4 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 125.7 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 121.3, 118.0, 117.7 (d,  $J = 22.6$  Hz), 110.2 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 108.5 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz), 107.5 (d,  $J = 18.3$  Hz), 106.5 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -99.88 (d,  $J = 35.7$  Hz, 1F), -121.58 (dd,  $J = 9.4, 5.4$  Hz, 1F). **E isomer** (only clearly assignable signals are listed)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.76 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d,  $J = 17.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.3, 148.6, 147.8, 132.6 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 132.2 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz), 132.0, 131.5, 130.0 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -91.27 (d,  $J = 17.4$  Hz, 1F), -121.16 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1F). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_2\text{N}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 434.0074, found: 434.0078.



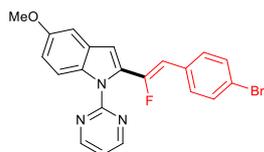
**3ga** (Z/E=3:1)

**3ga** was obtained according to the general procedure in 71% yield (60.6 mg). white solid; **Z isomer**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.78 (s, 2H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 4H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d,  $J = 35.7$  Hz, 1H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> **E isomer**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.74 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 4H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d,  $J = 18.1$  Hz, 1H). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrClFN}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 449.9779, found: 449.9777.



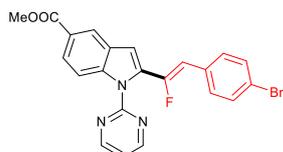
**3ha** (Z/E=14:1)

**3ha** was obtained according to the general procedure in 90% yield (73.3 mg). white solid; **Z isomer**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.67 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d,  $J = 35.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) -98.69 (d,  $J = 35.6$  Hz, 1F). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> **E isomer** (only clearly assignable signals are listed)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.64 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.33 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.03 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -90.04 (d,  $J = 17.8$  Hz, 1F). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrFN}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 430.0326, found: 430.0324.



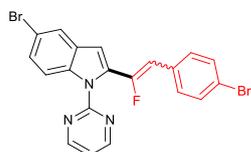
(Z)-2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-5-methoxy-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3ia**)

**3ia** was obtained according to the general procedure in 52% yield (43.9 mg). white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.75 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 2H), 8.32 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.19 (d,  $J = 35.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrFN}_3\text{ONa}^+$ : 446.0280, found: 446.0272.



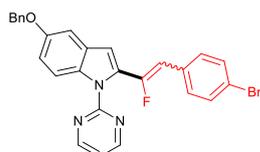
(Z)-methyl 2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (**3ja**)

**3ja** was obtained according to the general procedure in 41% yield (37.0 mg). white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.82 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.39 (d,  $J = 13.7$  Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd,  $J = 18.3, 7.4$  Hz, 4H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 16.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.26 (d,  $J = 35.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrFN}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ : 474.0224, found: 474.0229.



**3ka** (Z/E=7:1)

**3ka** was obtained according to the general procedure in 88% yield (82.9 mg). white solid; **Z isomer**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.78 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2H), 8.27 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dt,  $J = 20.1, 9.9$  Hz, 5H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.22 (d,  $J = 35.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) -99.64 (d,  $J = 35.7$  Hz, 1F). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> **E isomer** (only clearly assignable signals are listed)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.75 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2H), 8.41 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -91.38 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{Br}_2\text{FN}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 495.9259, found: 495.9258.



**3la** (Z/E=11:1)

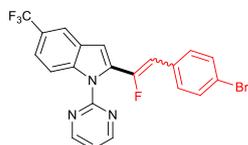
**3la** was obtained according to the general procedure in 49% yield (48.9 mg). white solid, mp 151.8-153.0 °C; **Z isomer**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.73 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 2H), 8.32 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd,  $J = 13.2, 8.1$  Hz, 6H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 13.4$

Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.18 (d,  $J = 35.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.2, 157.5, 155.0, 153.5, 151.8, 137.3, 132.8, 132.8 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 132.6, 132.4, 131.7, 130.4 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 129.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 121.1, 117.4, 115.7, 115.4 (d,  $J = 15.7$  Hz), 111.2 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 107.9 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz), 104.4, 70.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -98.69 (d,  $J = 35.4$  Hz, 1F). **E isomer** (only clearly assignable signals are listed)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.71 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, 2H), 8.46 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d,  $J = 17.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.1, 157.3, 133.1, 131.5, 130.1 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 116.2, 112.7 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 110.24 (d,  $J = 31.5$  Hz), 60.4.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -90.20 (d,  $J = 17.7$  Hz, 1F). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrFN}_3\text{ONa}^+$ : 522.0587, found: 522.0588.



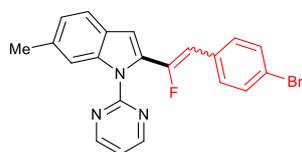
### 3ma (Z/E=11:1)

**3ma** was obtained according to the general procedure in 94% yield (77.3 mg). white solid; **Z isomer**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.75 (dd,  $J = 10.7, 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.36 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (q,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 4H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.21 (d,  $J = 35.6$  Hz, 1H). **E isomer** (only clearly assignable signals are listed)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.50 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_2\text{N}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 434.0074, found: 434.0080.



### 3na (Z/E=5:1)

**3na** was obtained according to the general procedure in 53% yield (48.9 mg). white solid, mp 118.5-122.1°C; **Z isomer**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.79 (d,  $J = 16.7$  Hz, 2H), 8.45 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd,  $J = 18.8, 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.25 (d,  $J = 35.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.4, 152.6, 150.9, 138.9, 133.9, 133.7, 132.4, 131.8, 130.4 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 127.9, 121.7 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 118.8 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 118.6, 114.6, 110.9 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 108.9 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -60.98 (s, 3F), -100.06 (d,  $J = 35.7$  Hz, 1F). **E isomer** (only clearly assignable signals are listed)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.78 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.2, 130.6 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 128.0, 125.7, 125.0, 124.8 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 123.9, 121.5 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.07 (s, 3F), -91.89 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1F). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_4\text{N}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 484.0043, found: 484.0043.



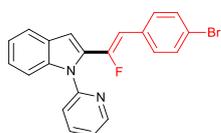
### 30a (Z/E=13:1)

**30a** was obtained according to the general procedure in 64% yield (52.1 mg). white solid; **Z isomer**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.78 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (q,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 4H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.19 (d,  $J = 35.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), -99.05 (d,  $J = 35.7$  Hz, 1F). The NMR data agree, with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> **E isomer** (only clearly assignable signals are listed):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.74 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.36 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 1H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -90.20 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1F). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrFN}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 430.0326, found: 430.0329.



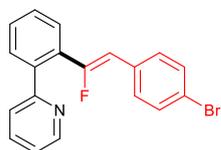
### (Z)-2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-6-fluoro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3pa**)

**3pa** was obtained according to the general procedure in 77% yield (63.3 mg). white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.75 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 10.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 15.6, 7.9$  Hz, 4H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.17 (d,  $J = 35.4$  Hz, 1H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_2\text{N}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 434.0074, found: 434.0079.



### (Z)-2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3qa**)

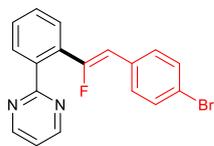
**3qa** was obtained according to the general procedure in 31% yield (24.3mg). white oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.66 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.88 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 5.95 (d,  $J = 37.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.4, 151.6, 150.6, 149.6, 138.7, 138.5, 132.3 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz), 131.9, 131.8, 131.7, 130.3 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 127.7, 124.5, 122.5, 121.7, 121.4, 120.6, 111.2, 108.8 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz), 107.7 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -105.02 (s, 1F). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrFN}_3\text{H}^+$ : 393.0397, found: 393.0407.



### (Z)-2-(2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)phenyl)pyridine (**3ra**)

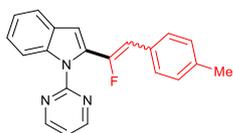
**3ra** was obtained according to the general procedure in 33% yield (23.3 mg). green oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 5.82 (d,  $J = 37.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.4, 158.9, 157.7, 149.5, 139.5, 136.3, 132.7 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 132.0, 131.9, 131.6, 130.6, 130.2 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 129.80 (s, 1H), 129.2 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz), 128.4, 123.4, 122.1, 121.0 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 109.2 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -96.16 (s, 1F). HRMS: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrFNH<sup>+</sup>: 354.0288, found: 354.0287.



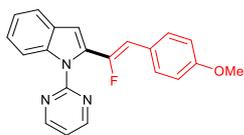
(Z)-2-(2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)phenyl)pyrimidine (**3sa**)

**3sa** was obtained according to the general procedure in 42% yield (29.7 mg). white oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.72 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 37.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 160.6, 157.9, 157.1, 137.7, 132.9 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 132.9, 132.6, 131.6, 130.9, 130.3 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.7 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 129.6, 120.9 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 119.1, 108.0 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -94.45 (d, *J* = 37.4 Hz, 1F). HRMS: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrFN<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup>: 355.0241, found: 355.0238.



**3ab** (Z/E=16:1)

**3ab** was obtained according to the general procedure in 94% yield (61.9 mg). white solid; **Z isomer** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.77 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 36.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). **E isomer** (only clearly assignable signals are listed) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.73 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 1H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>3</sup> HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>: 352.1220, found: 352.1227.



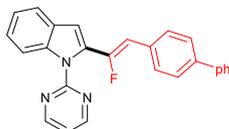
(Z)-2-(1-fluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3ac**)

**3ac** was obtained according to the general procedure in 60% yield (41.4 mg). white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 36.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>ONa<sup>+</sup>: 368.1170, found: 368.1169.



(Z)-2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3ad**)

**3ad** was obtained according to the general procedure in 88% yield (61.4 mg). white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.76 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd,  $J = 13.7, 8.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J = 35.7$  Hz, 1H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClFN}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 372.0674, found: 372.0679.



(Z)-2-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3ae**)

**3ae** was obtained according to the general procedure in 80% yield (62.6 mg). white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.78 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 2H), 8.37 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.58 (m, 7H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.25 (dd,  $J = 13.3, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.32 (d,  $J = 36.2$  Hz, 1H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 414.1377, found: 414.1379.



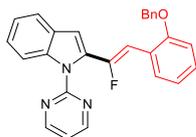
(Z)-2-(2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3af**)

**3af** was obtained according to the general procedure in 66% yield (49.0 mg). white solid, mp 77.2-79.3°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.76 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.35 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.26 (d,  $J = 36.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.3, 152.5, 150.8, 150.5, 137.6, 132.7, 132.6 (d,  $J = 25.7$  Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 125.5, 124.9, 122.5, 121.2, 117.6, 114.0, 110.8 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 108.90 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz), 34.7, 31.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -101.53 (d,  $J = 36.6$  Hz, 1F). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{FN}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 394.1690, found: 394.1697.



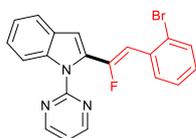
(Z)-2-(1-fluoro-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3ag**)

**3ag** was obtained according to the general procedure in 80% yield (62.6 mg). white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.76 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd,  $J = 18.4, 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.30 (d,  $J = 35.3$  Hz, 1H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>3</sup> HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_4\text{N}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 406.0938, found: 406.0939.



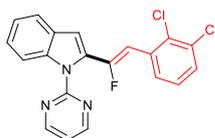
(Z)-2-(2-(2-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3ah**)

**3ah** was obtained according to the general procedure in 87% yield (73.3 mg). white oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.75 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, 2H), 8.36 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.15 (dd,  $J = 26.9, 5.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d,  $J = 35.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.9, 158.3, 157.6, 153.2, 151.4, 137.7, 137.07, 135.2 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 132.4, 132.3, 129.5, 128.6 (d,  $J = 13.7$  Hz), 128.0, 127.6, 125.1, 122.6, 121.9 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 121.3, 117.6, 115.2 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 114.1 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 111.1 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 108.9 (d,  $J = 9.7$  Hz), 70.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -99.52 (d,  $J = 35.9$  Hz). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_3\text{ONa}^+$ :444.1483, found: 444.1487.



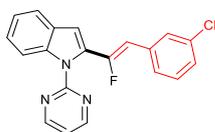
(Z)-2-(2-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3ai**)

**3ai** was obtained according to the general procedure in 39% yield (30.7mg). white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.79 (s, 2H), 8.38 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd,  $J = 36.6, 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.27 (dd,  $J = 20.1, 13.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 14.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 35.4$  Hz, 1H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>4</sup> HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrFN}_3\text{Na}^+$ :416.0169, found: 416.0167.



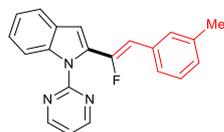
(Z)-2-(2-(2-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1-fluorovinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3aj**)

**3aj** was obtained according to the general procedure in 34% yield (26.0mg). white solid, mp 93.9-95.0°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.77 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.37 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dt,  $J = 7.8, 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 34.7$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.3, 157.6, 154.6, 152.9, 133.9, 131.8, 131.2, 128.5, 128.4, 125.4, 121.4, 114.3, 111.4 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 104.9 (d,  $J = 8.5$  ).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -98.93 (d,  $J = 34.8$  Hz, 1F). HRMS:  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{FN}_3\text{Na}^+$ : 406.0284, found: 406.0276.



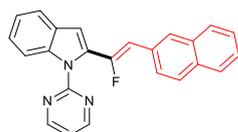
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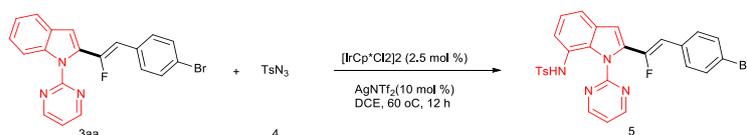
**3al** was obtained according to the general procedure in 64% yield (42.0mg). white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 36.4 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>3</sup> HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>: 352.1220, found: 352.1230.



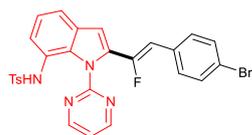
(Z)-2-(1-fluoro-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (**3am**)

**3am** was obtained according to the general procedure in 82% yield (59.9mg). white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.74 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 36.2 Hz, 1H). The NMR data agree with those in a literature report.<sup>3</sup> HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>: 388.1220, found: 388.1220.

### Further Functionalization of **3aa**



In a Schlenk tube, substrate **3aa** (98.3mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sulfonyl azide (98.6 mg, 0.50 mmol, 2.0 equiv), [IrCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (9.7 mg, 10.0 mol %) and DCE (2 mL) were added. Then the mixture was stirred at 60 °C (oil temperature) for 12 h under Ar atmosphere. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL) and the organic layer was washed by water (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered through a plug of celite. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired product **5**.<sup>5</sup>



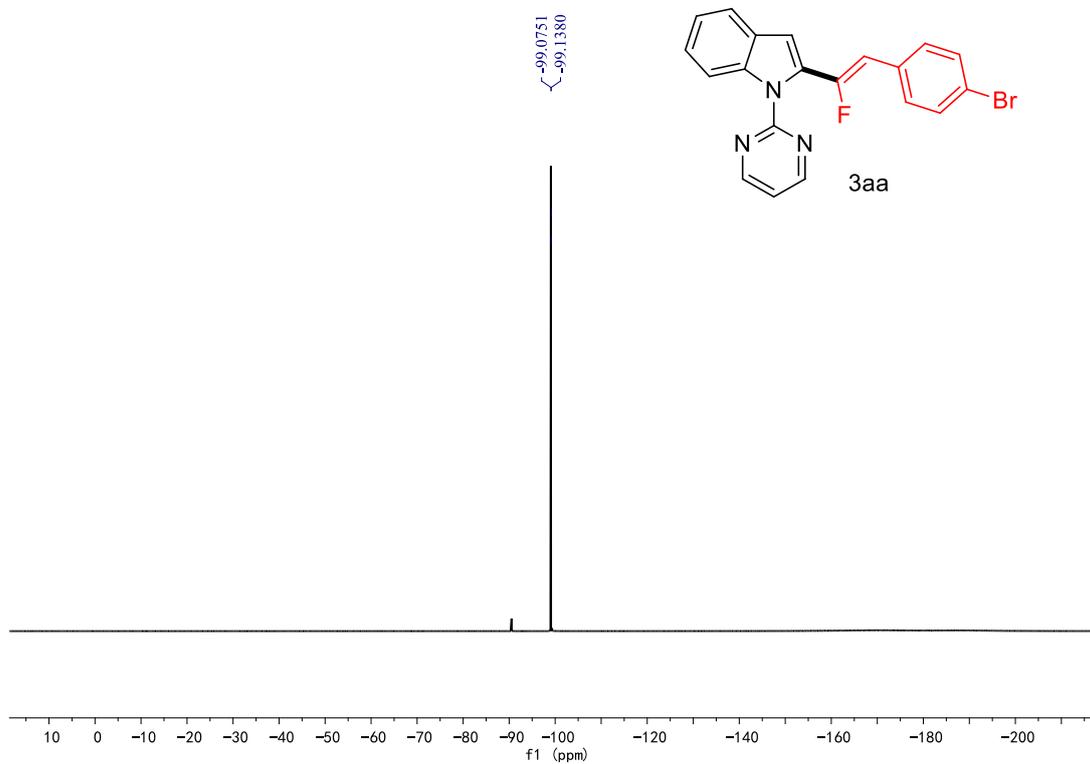
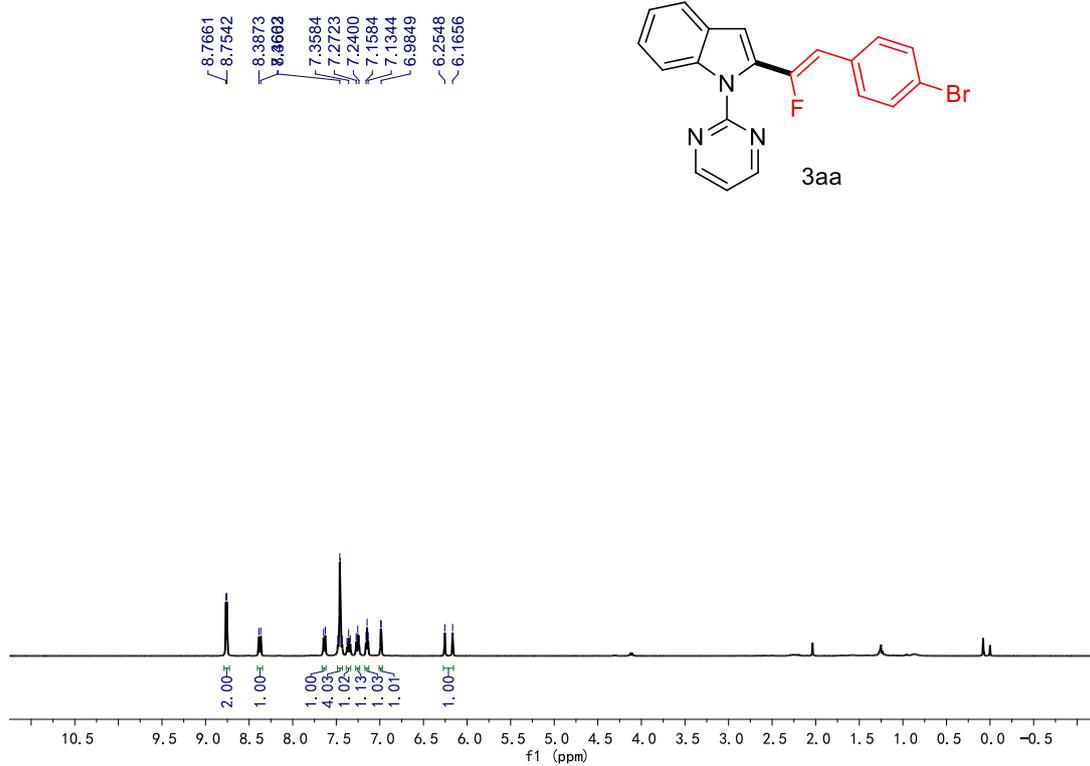
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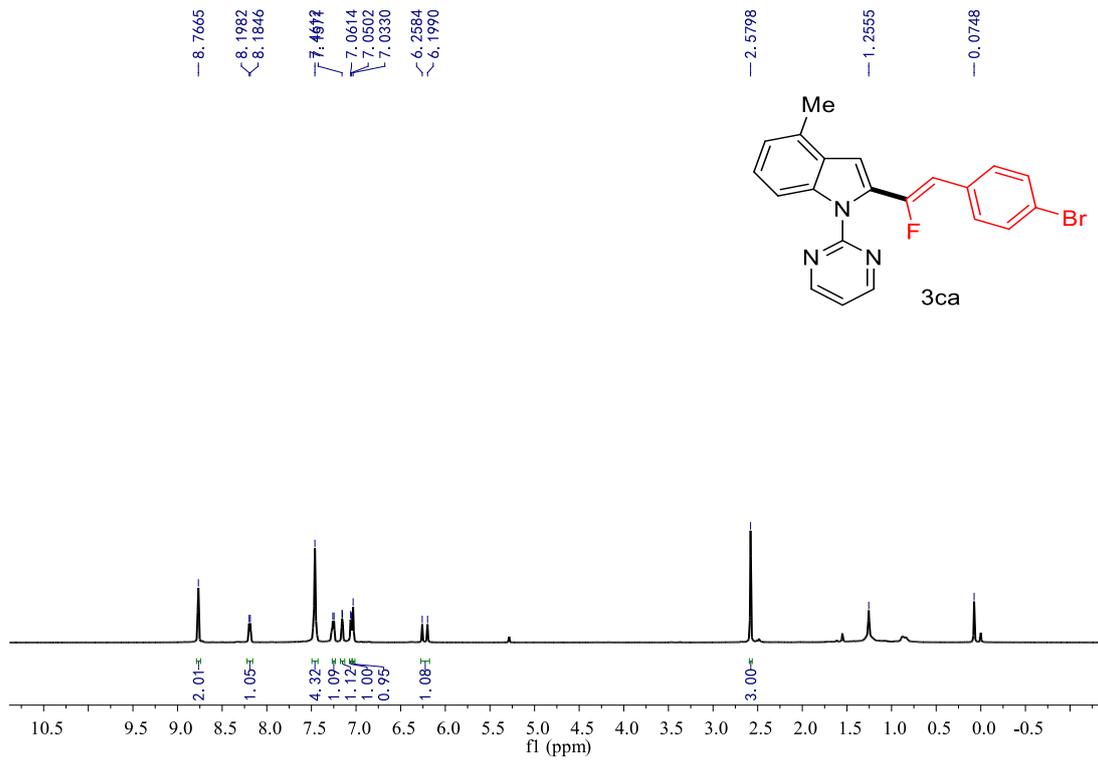
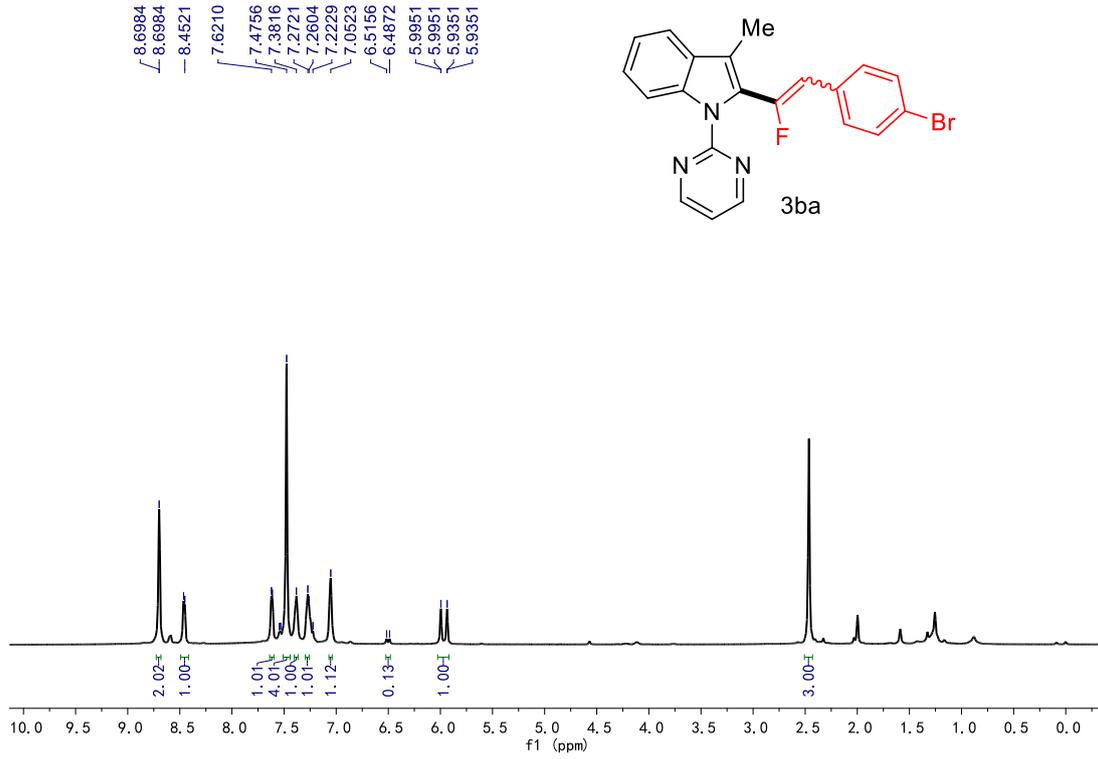
**5** was obtained according to the general procedure in 70% yield (98.4mg). white solid, mp 155.2-157.3°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.64 (s, 1H), 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 6H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 36.2 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.35, 156.98, 143.34, 138.93 – 136.64, 132.31 (d, *J* = 24.9 Hz), 131.98 (d, *J* = 73.1 Hz), 130.87, 130.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 129.62, 129.28, 126.48, 124.28, 123.34, 121.02, 118.89, 118.25, 112.00, 108.22 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 99.99, 21.45. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -101.31 (d, *J* = 36.2 Hz). HRMS: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrFN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S Na<sup>+</sup>: 585.0367, found: 585.0369.

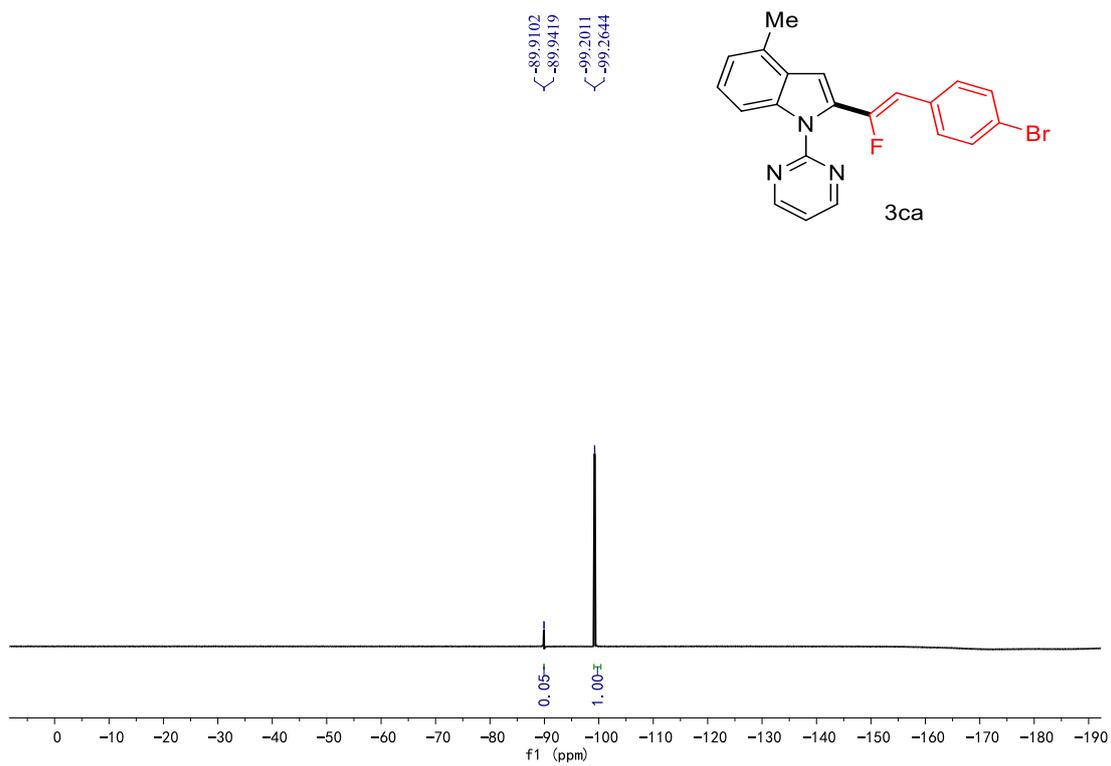
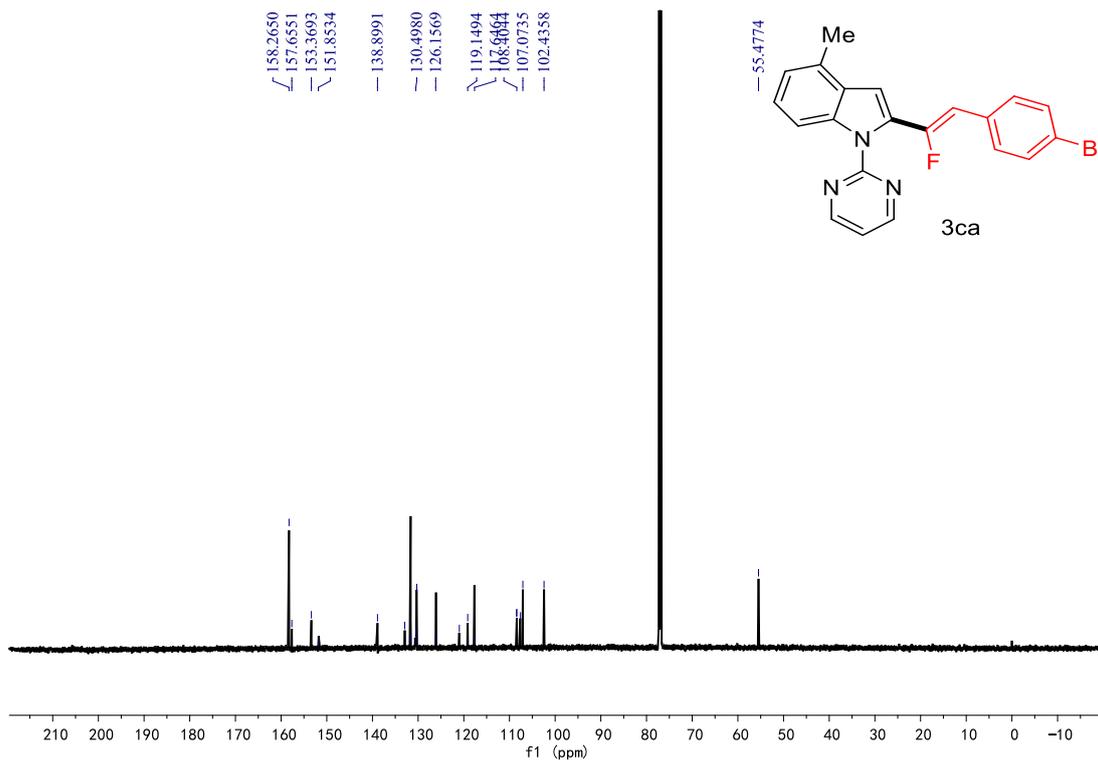
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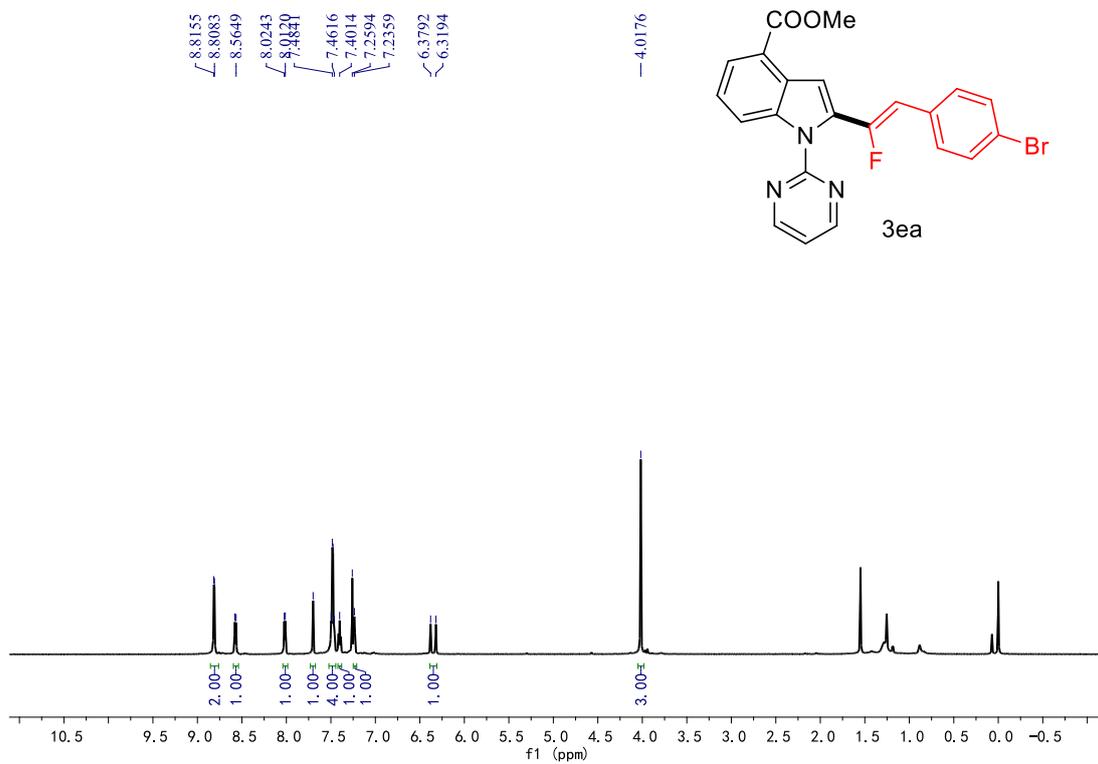
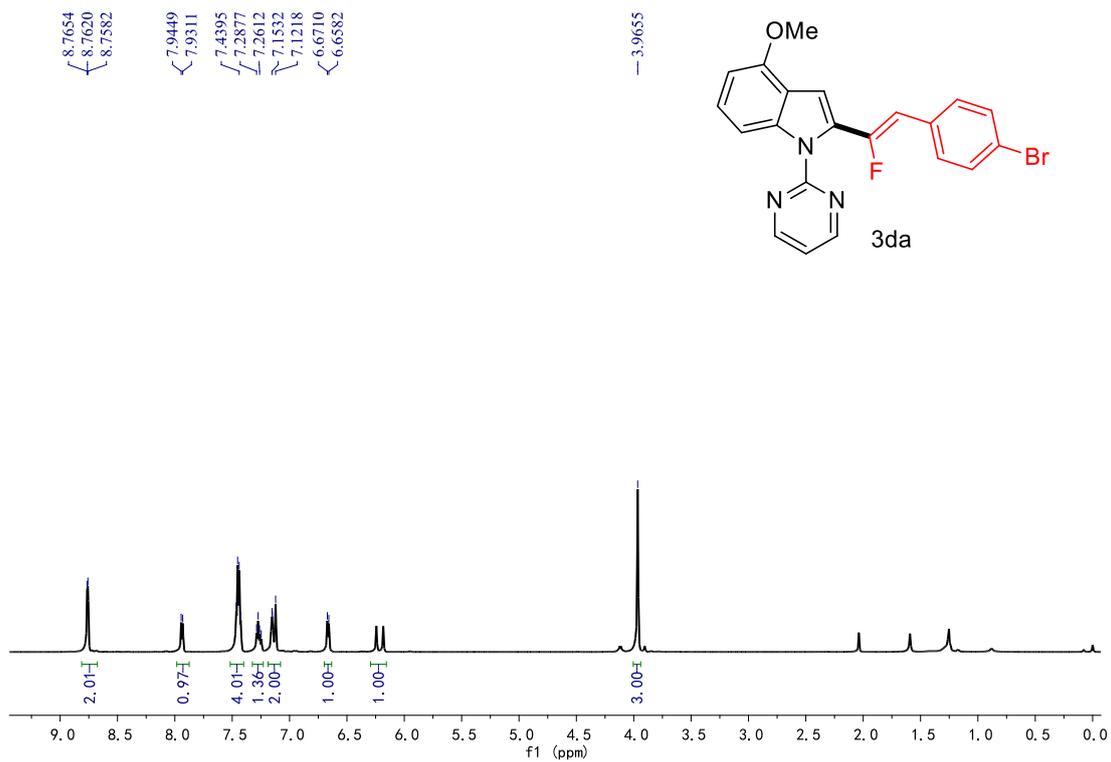
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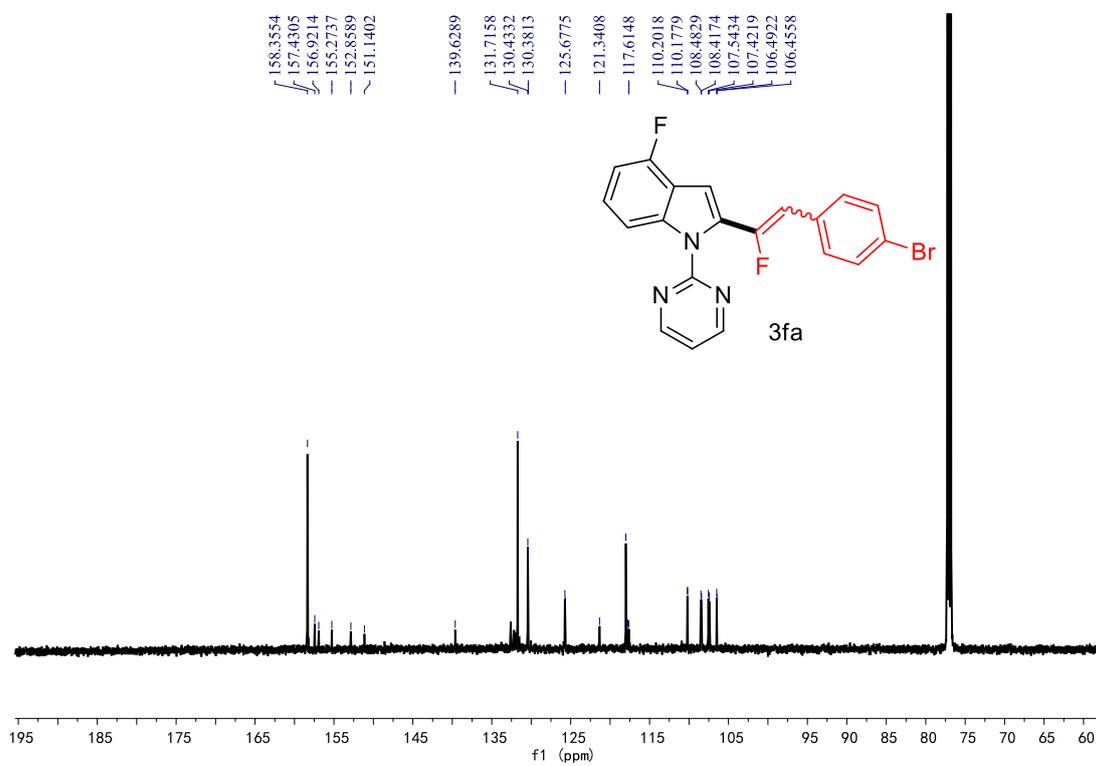
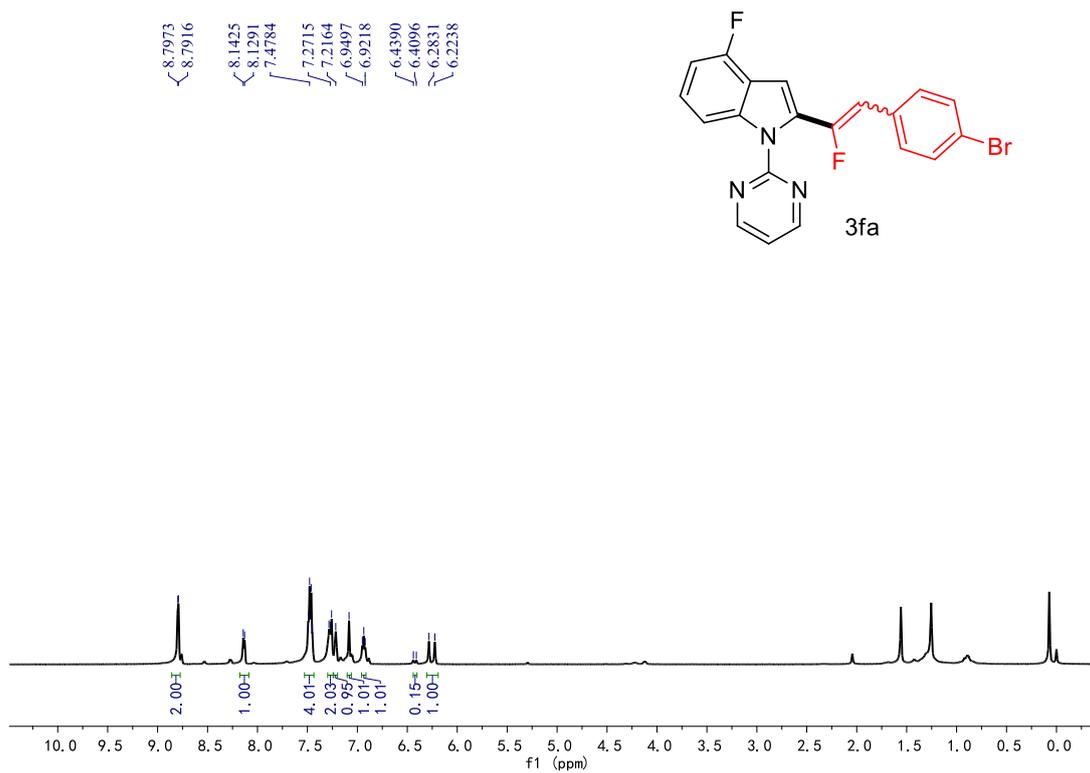
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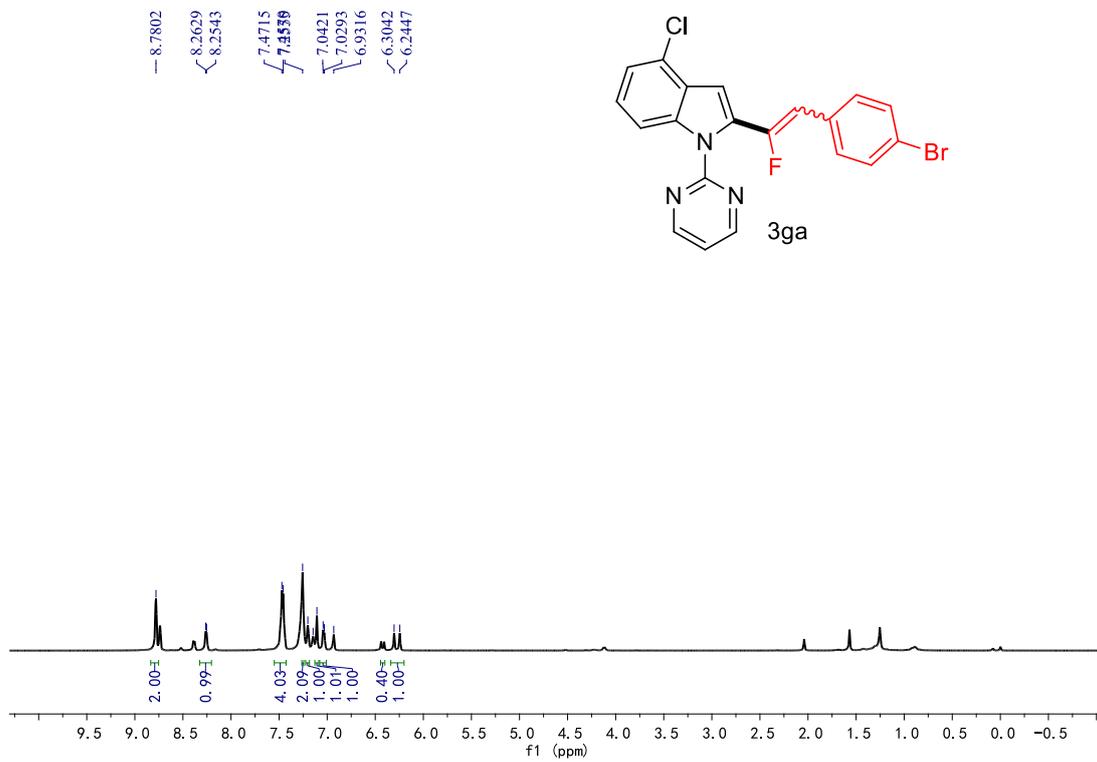
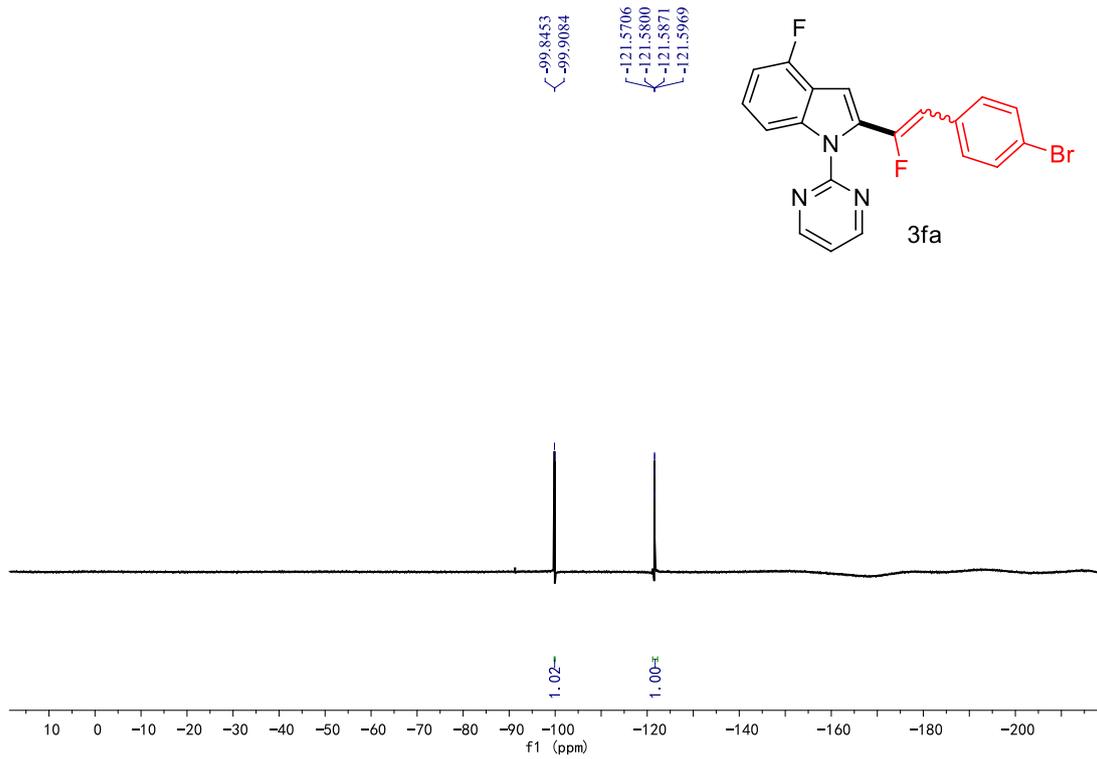


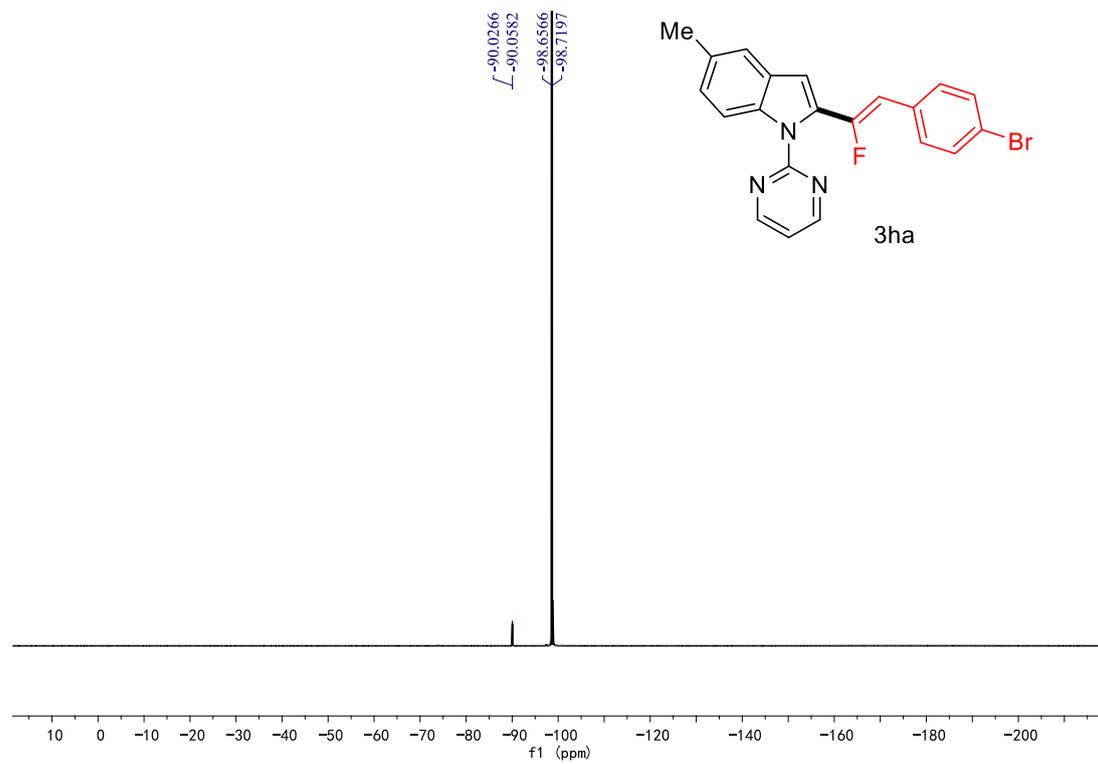
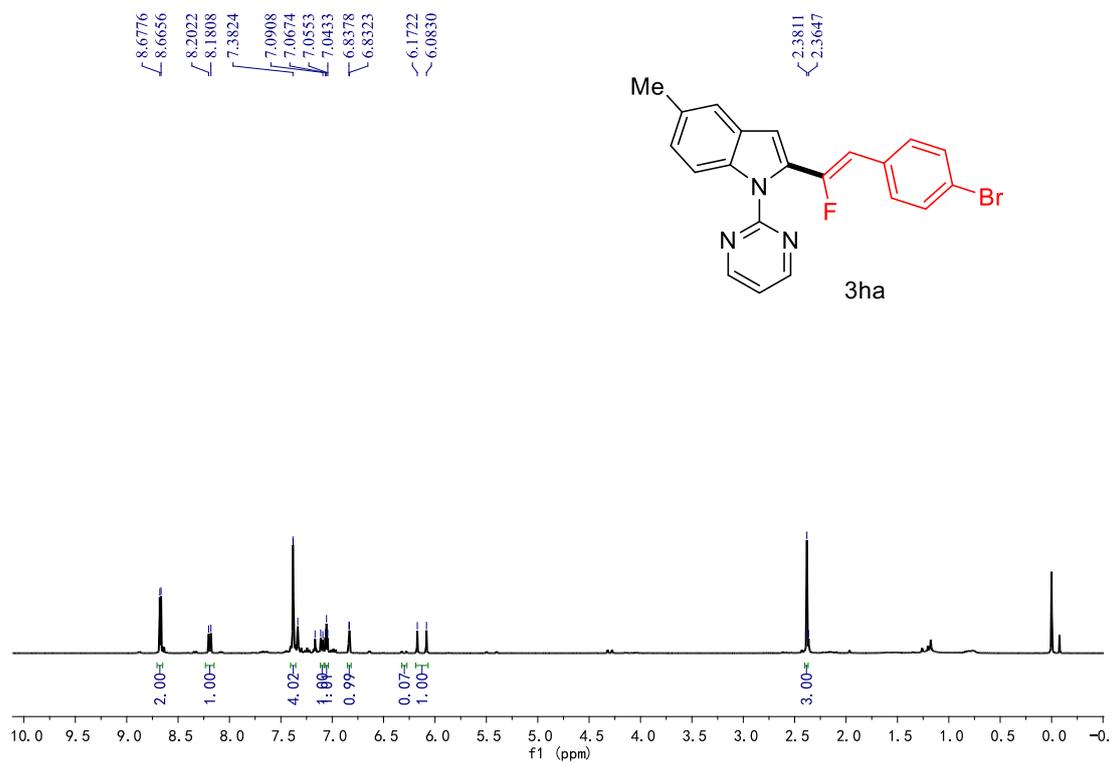


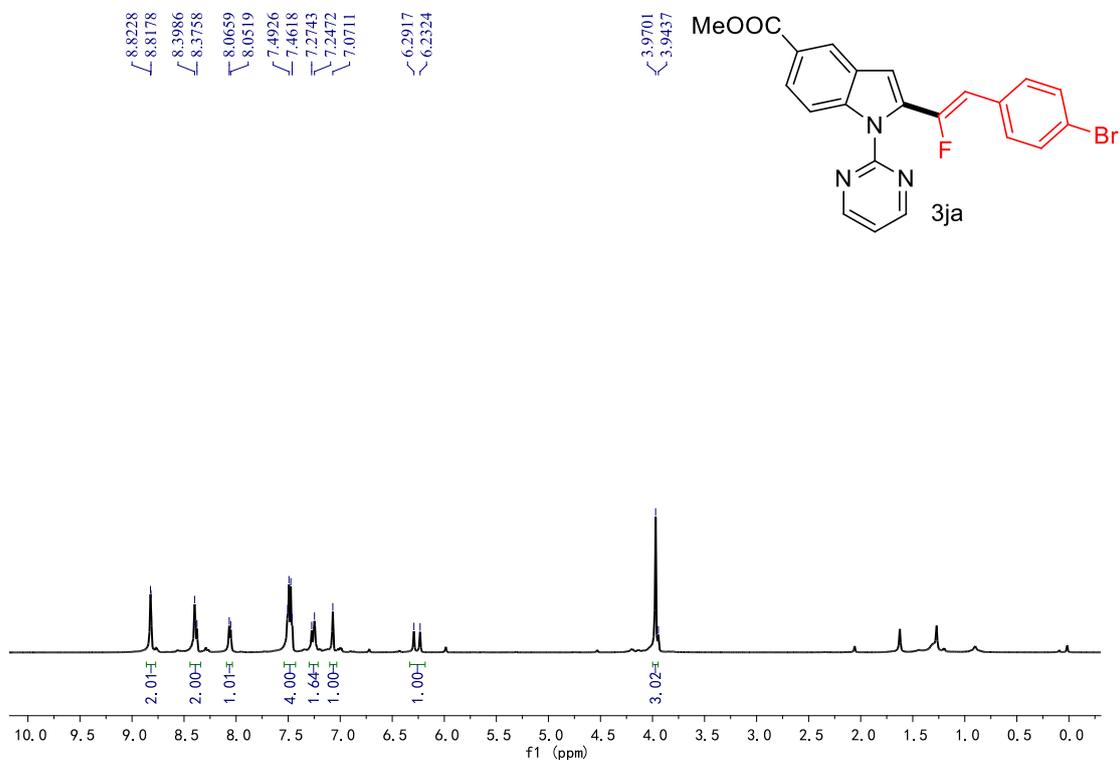
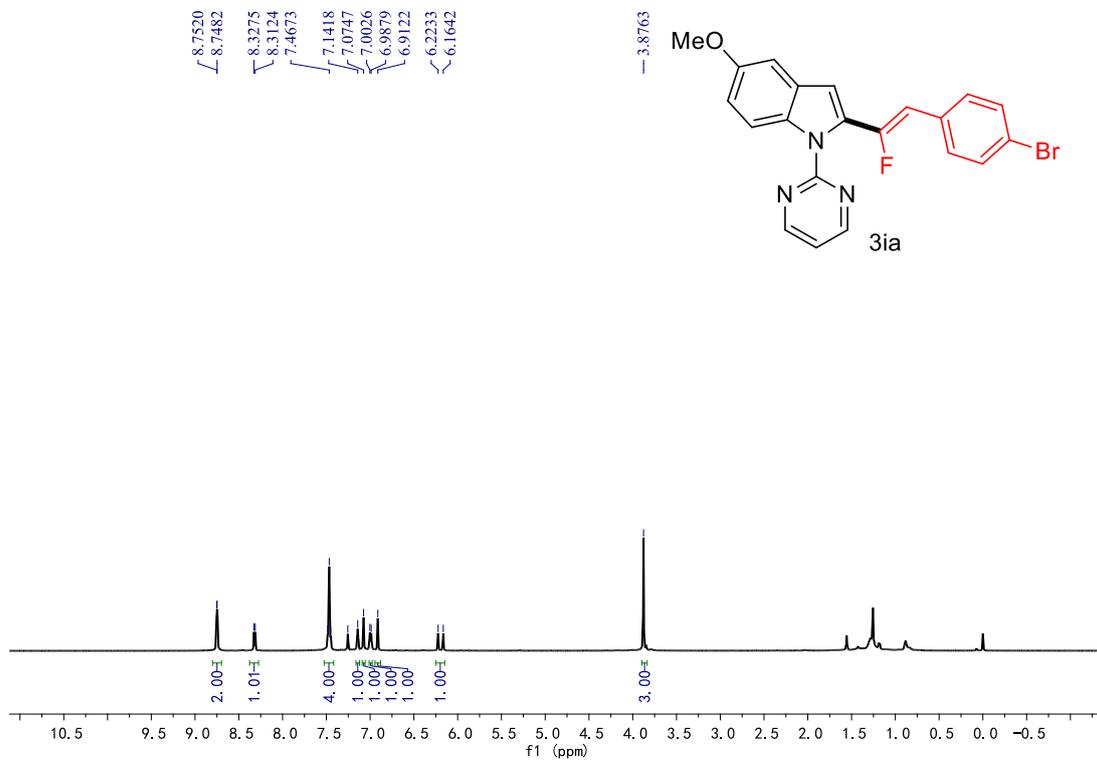


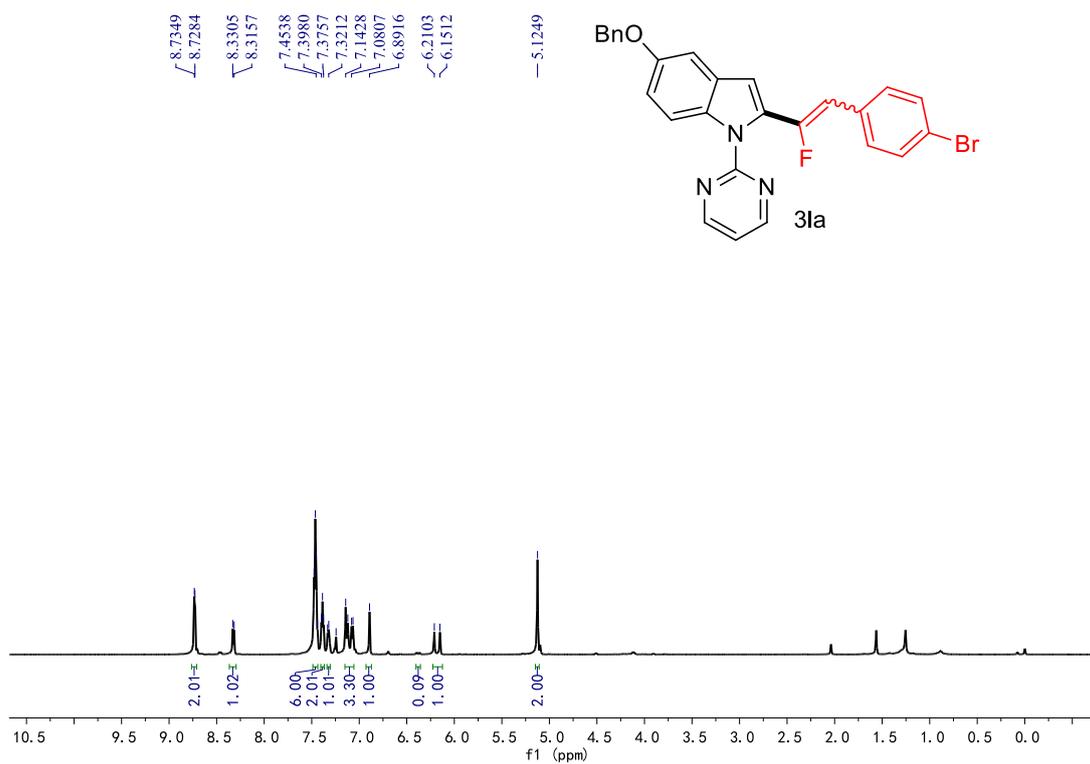
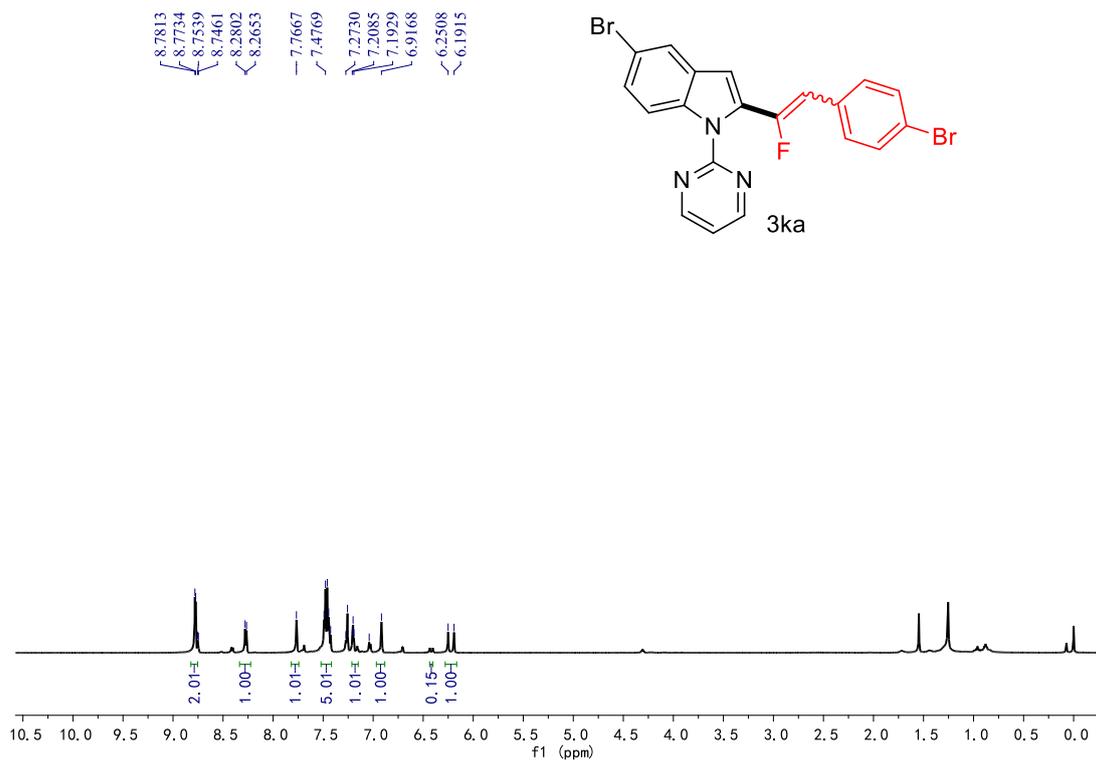


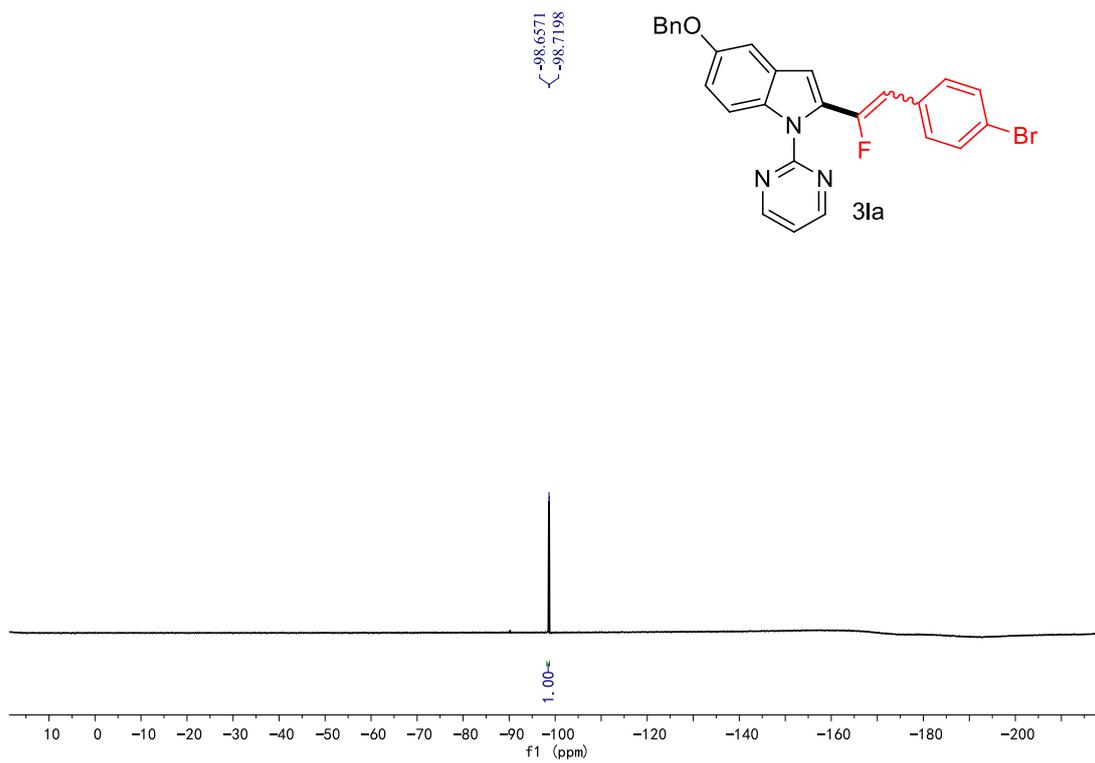
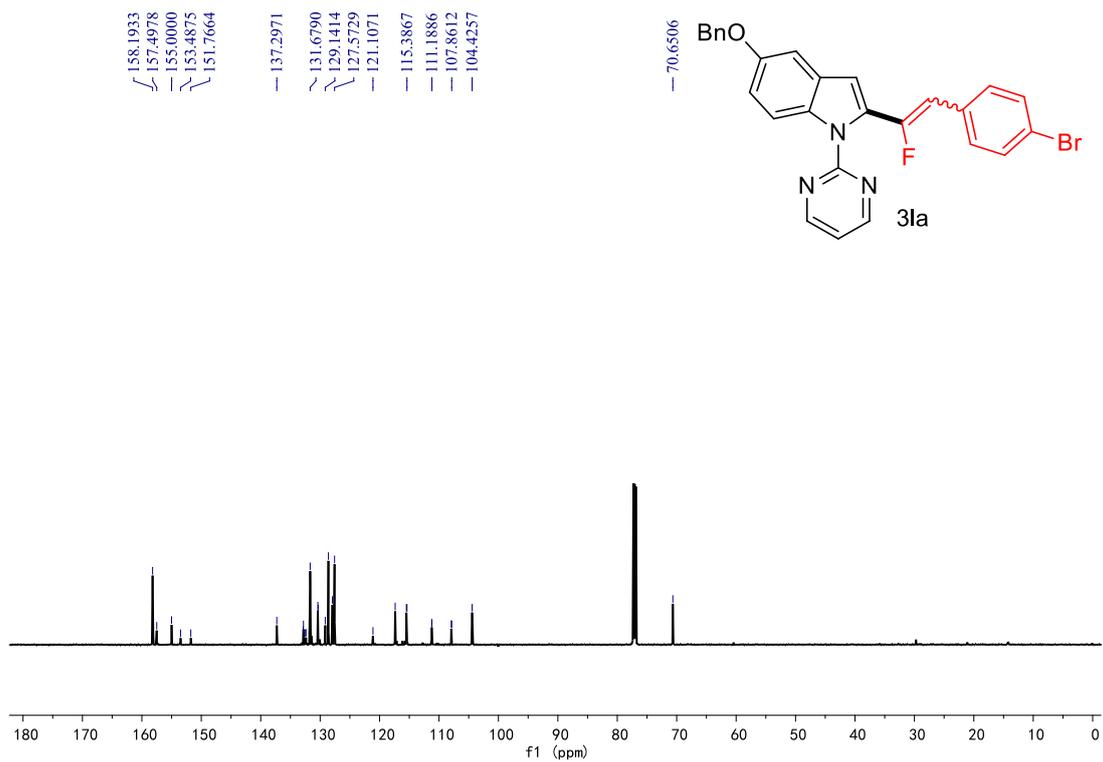


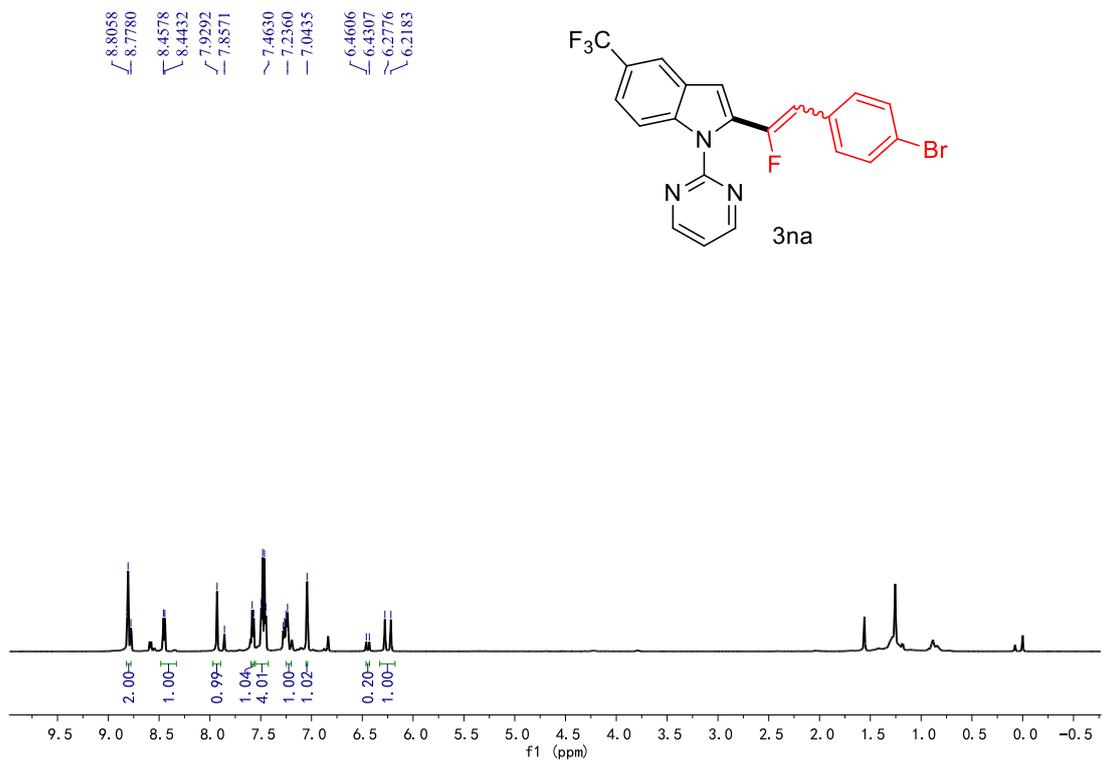
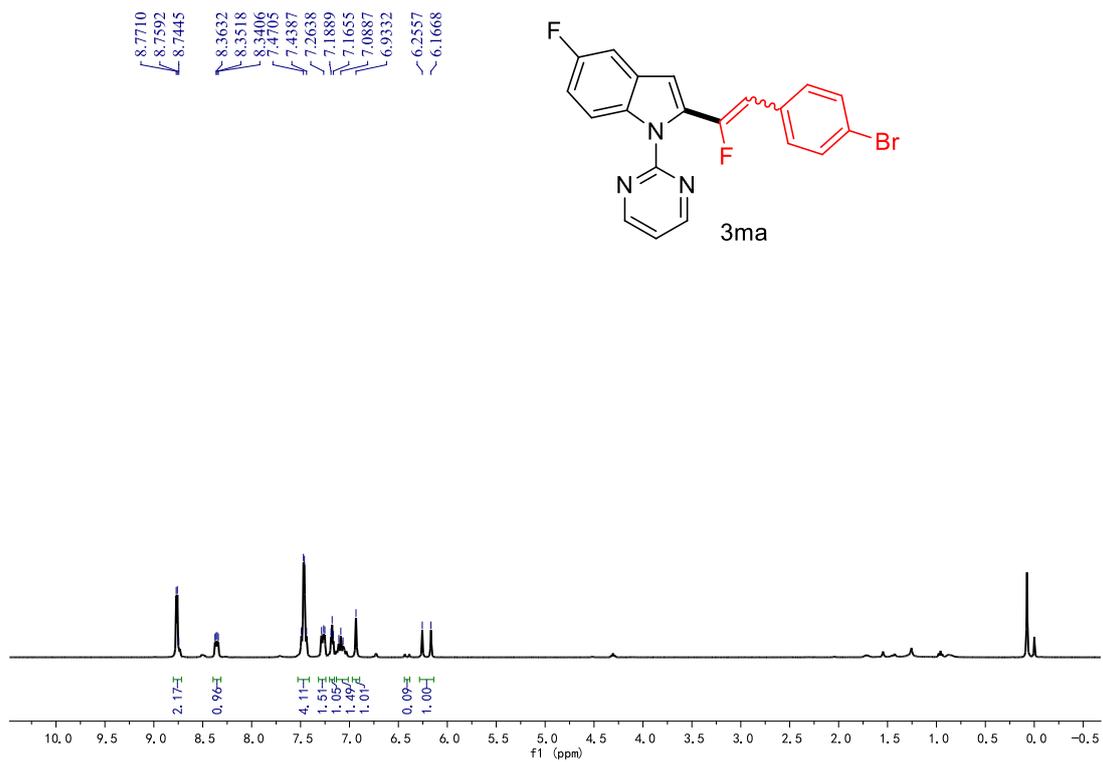


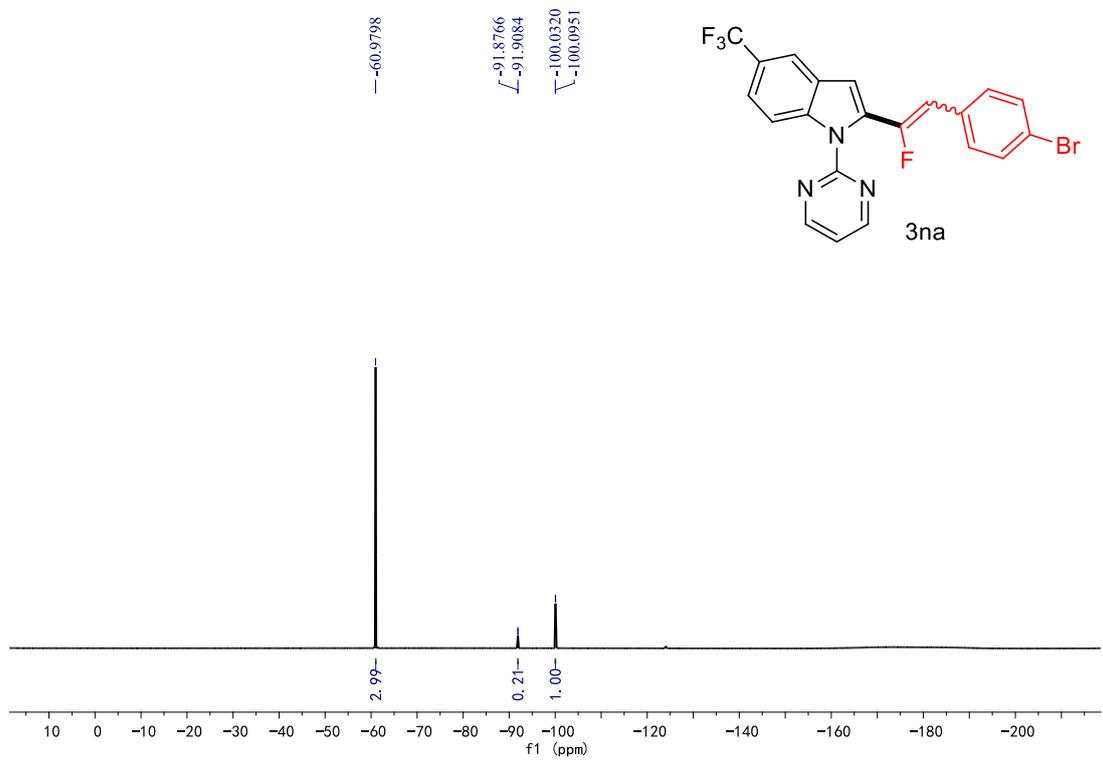
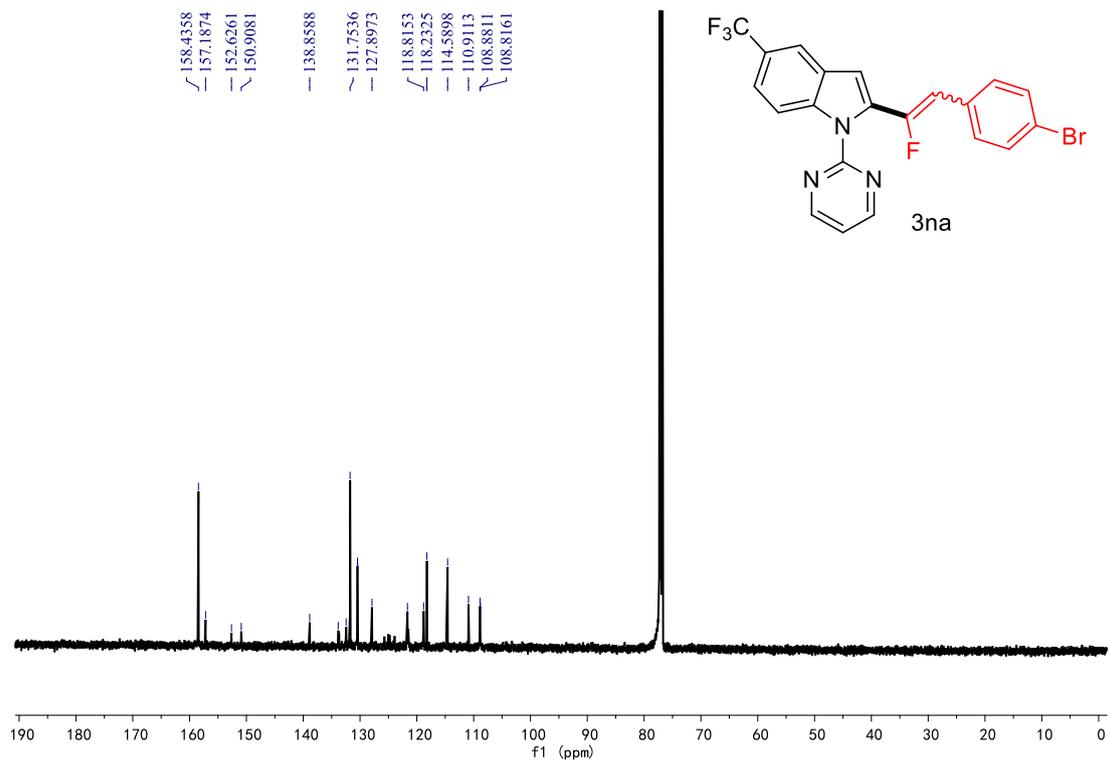


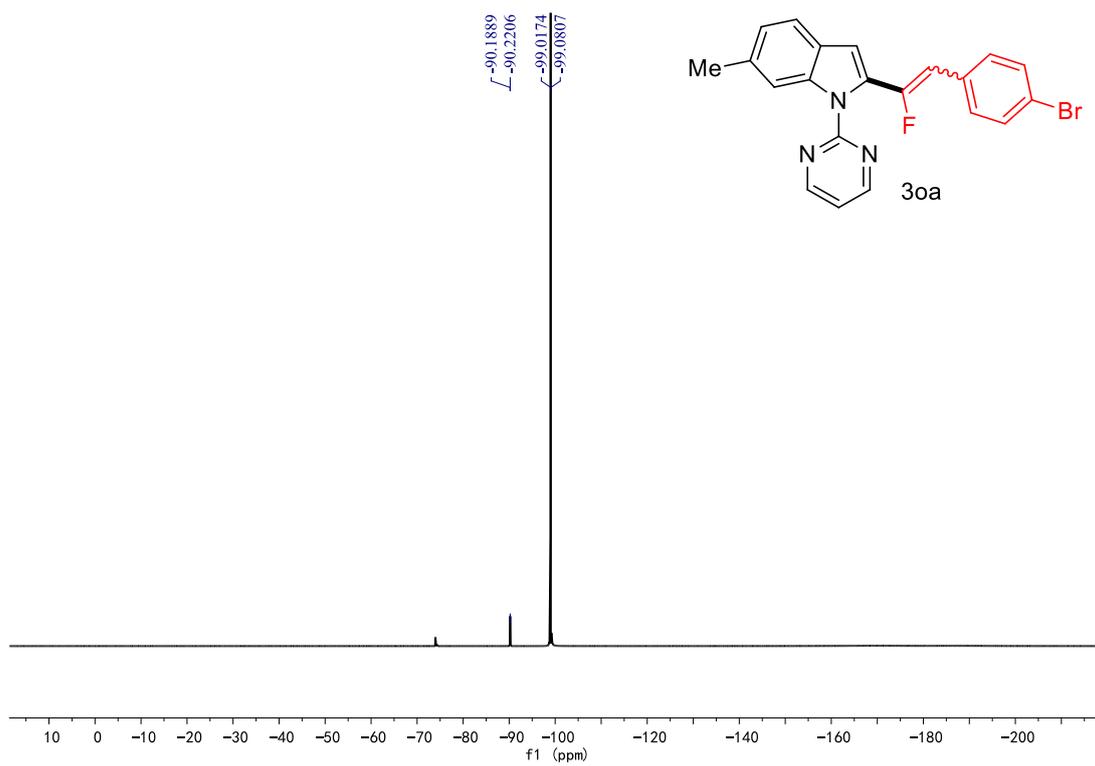
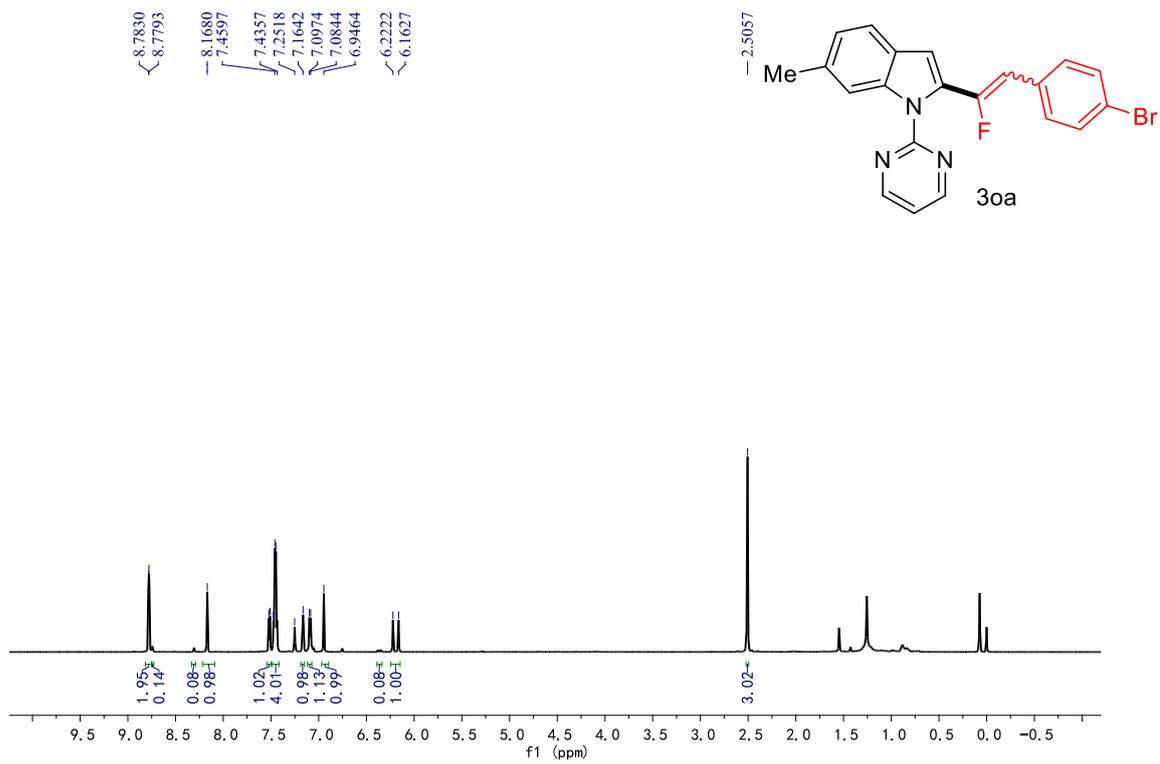


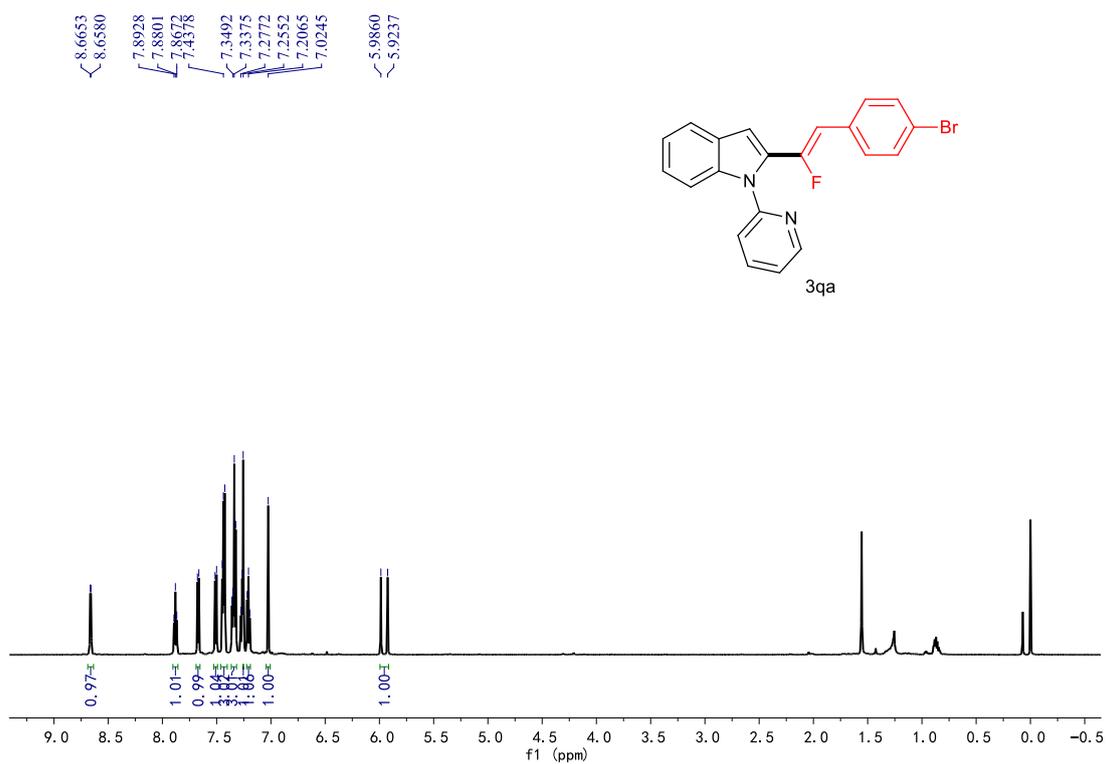
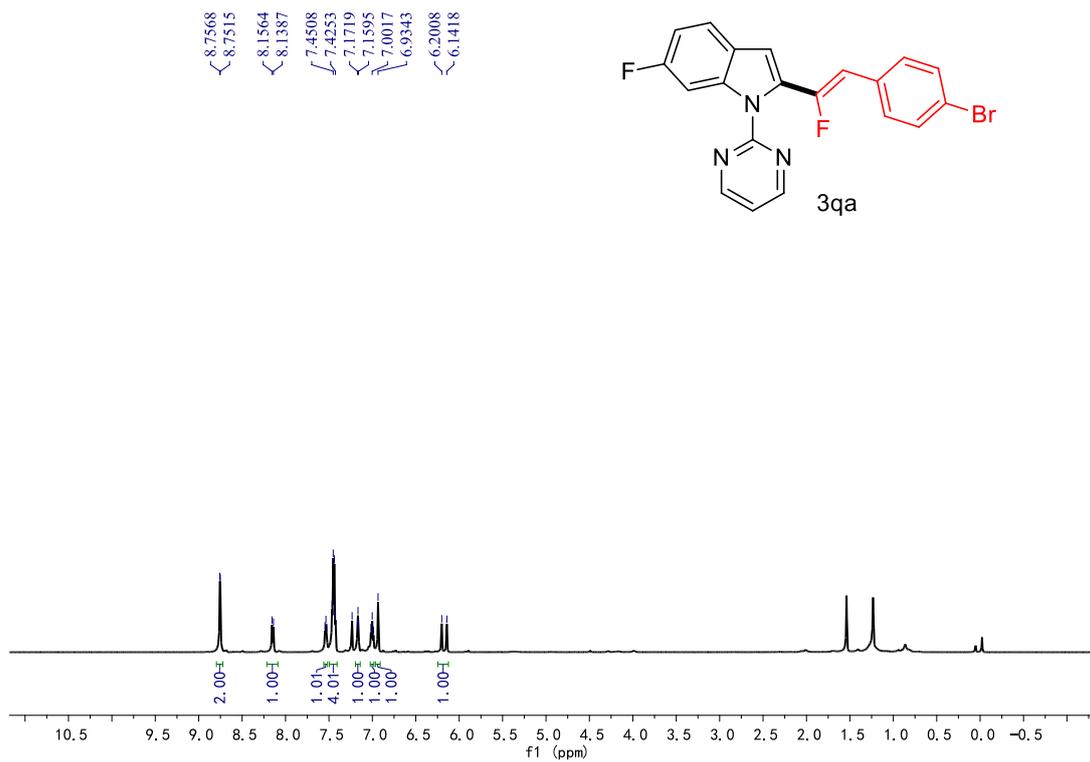


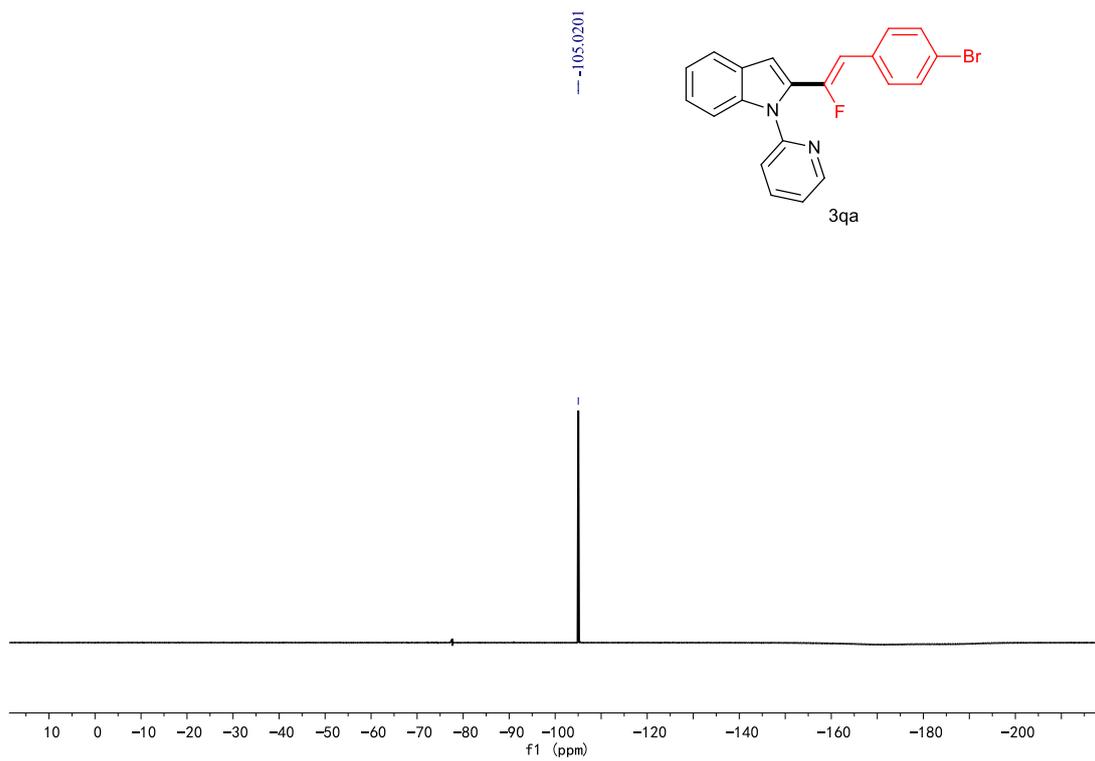
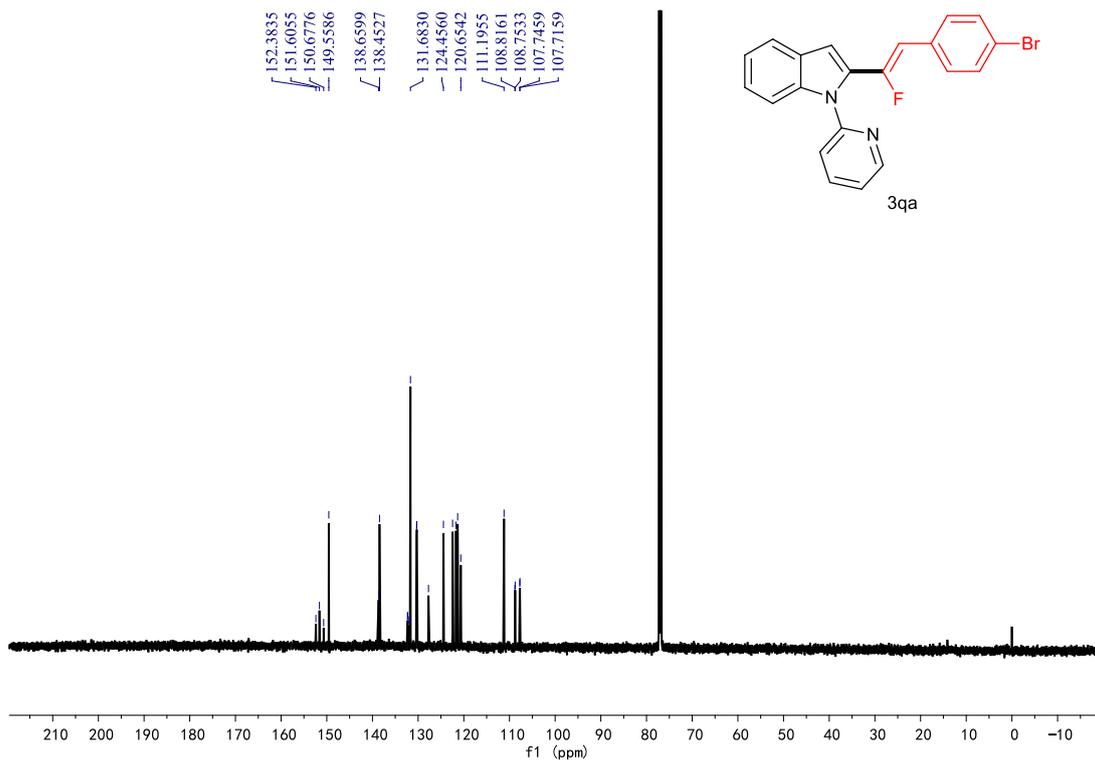


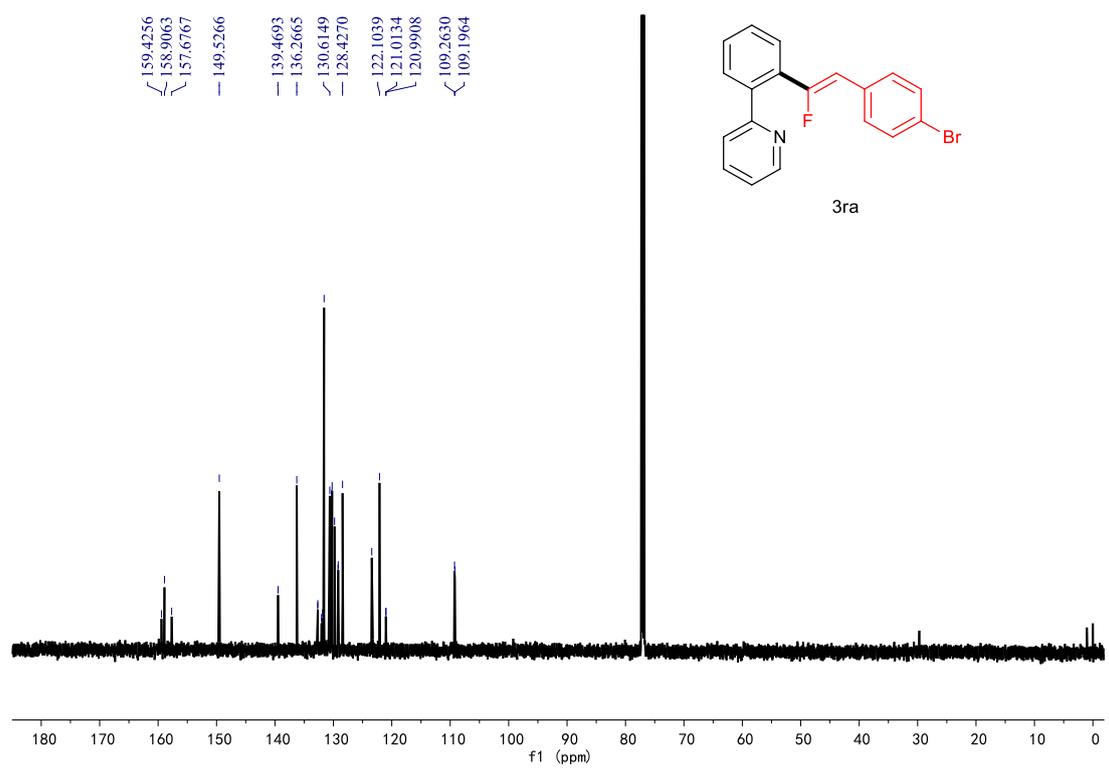
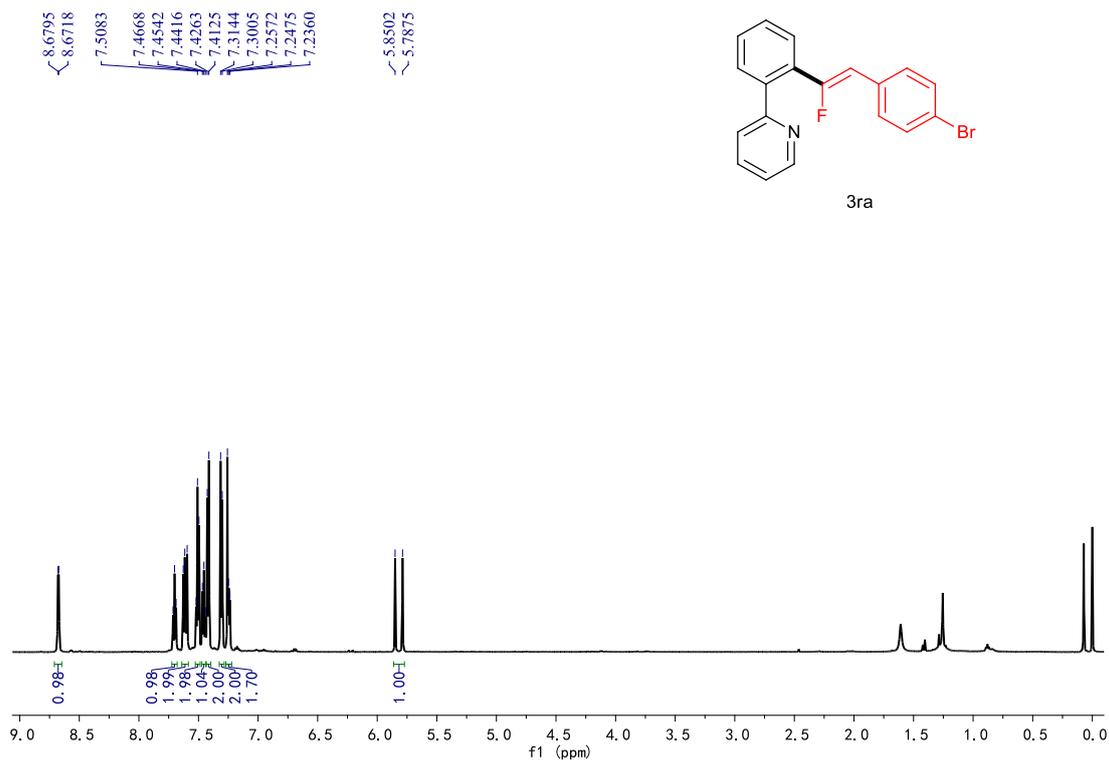


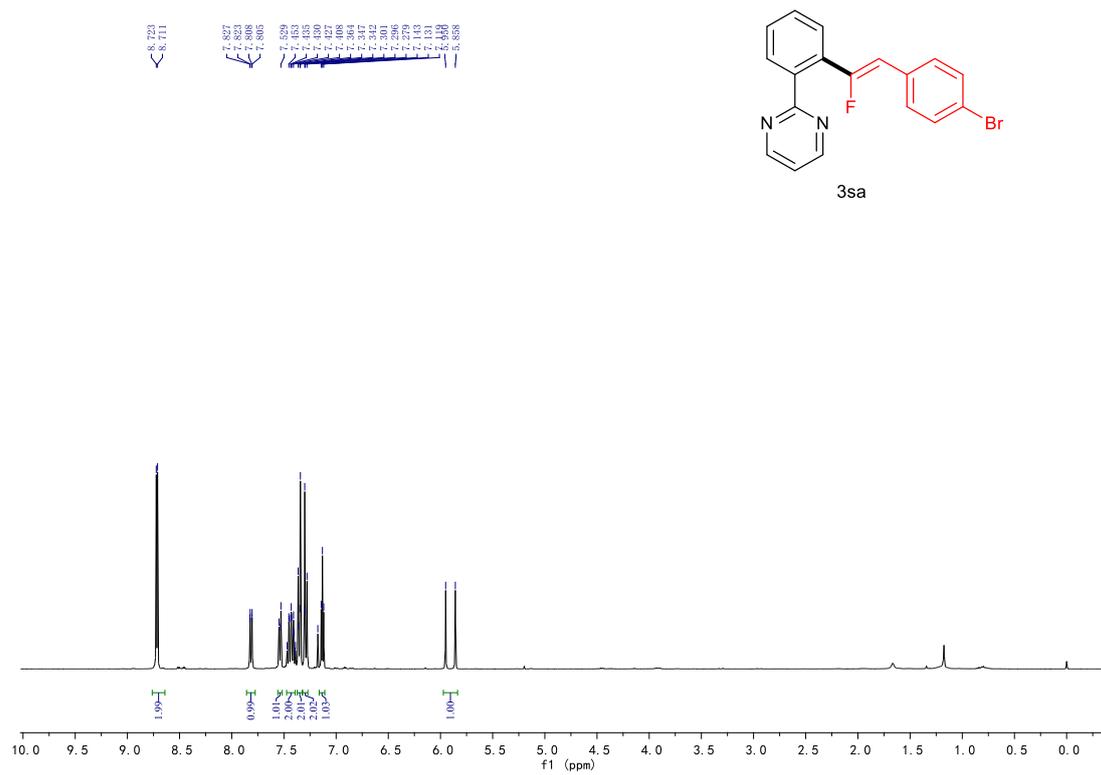
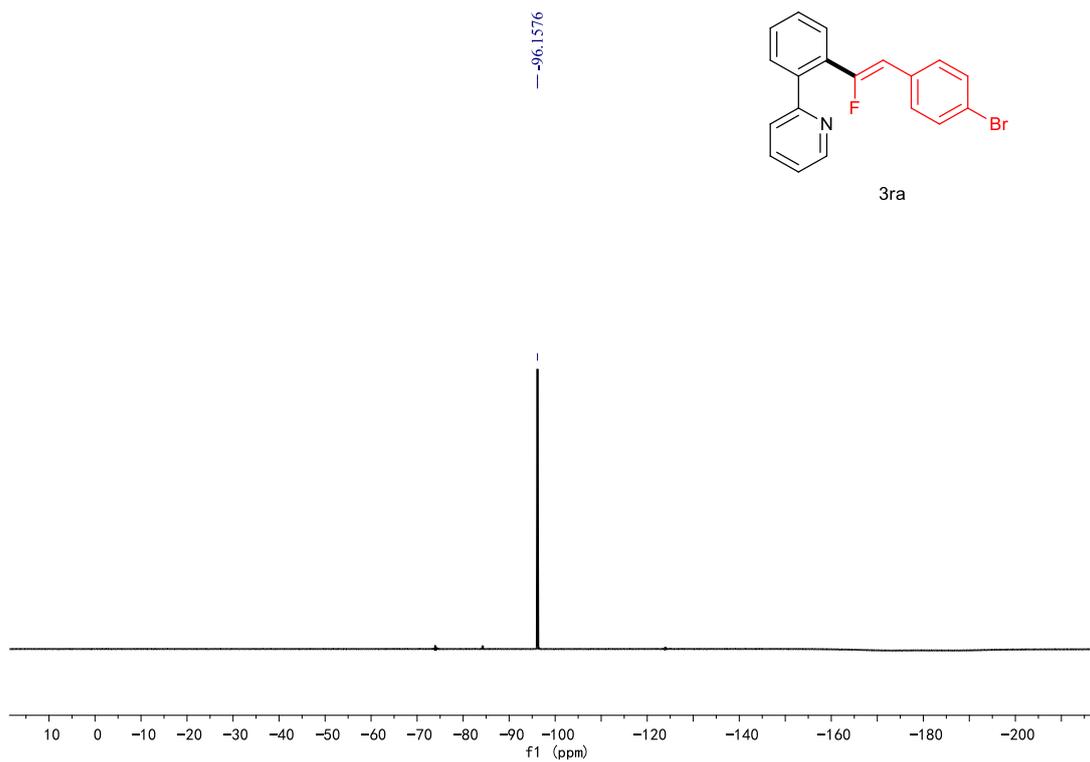




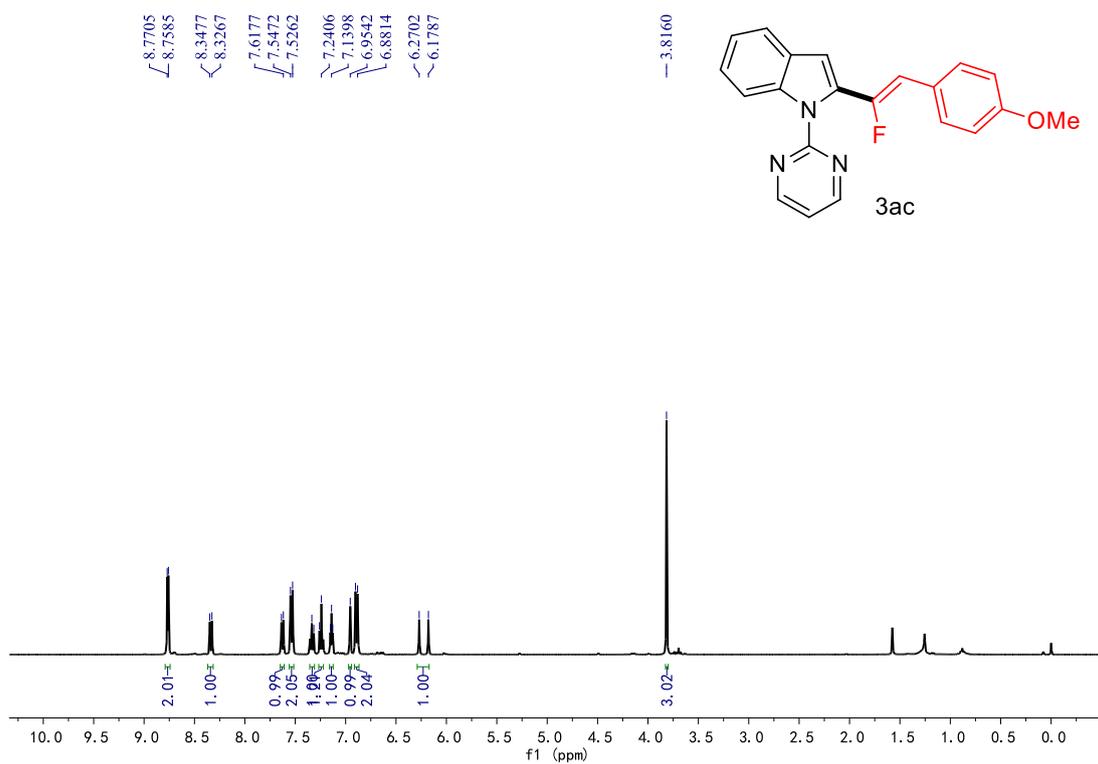
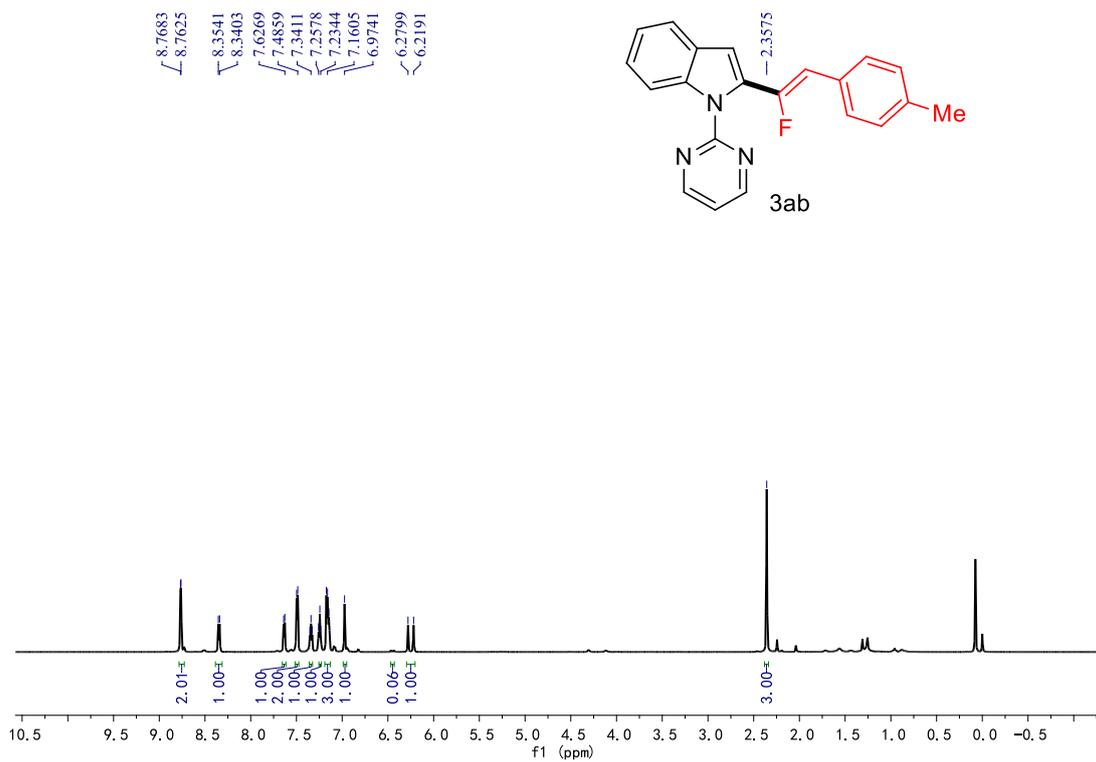




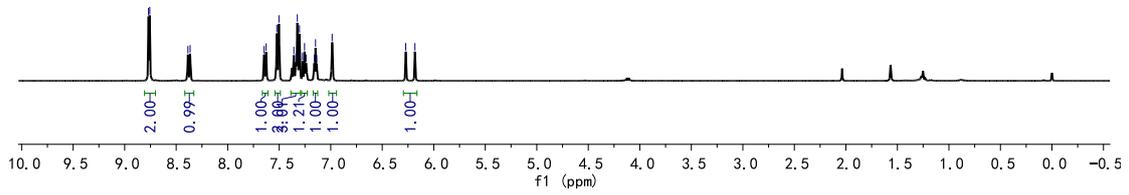
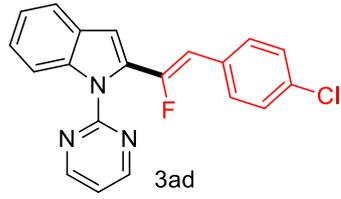








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