

## Supporting Information

### C-H Alkenylation/Cyclization and Sulfamidation of 2-Phenylisatogens Using *N*-Oxide as a Directing Group

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## 1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Except for the specially mentioned, all the reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) and were visualized using UV light. The product purification was done using silica gel column chromatography. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) characterization was performed with precoated silica gel GF254 (0.2 mm), while column chromatography characterization was performed with silica gel (100-200 mesh).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  and  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  spectra were recorded with tetramethylsilane (TMS,  $\delta = 0.00$  ppm) as the internal standard.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra were recorded at 400 or 600 MHz (Varian),  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  spectra were recorded at 100 or 150 MHz (Varian) and  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  spectra were recorded at 376 MHz (Varian). Chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta = 7.26$  ppm) or  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  ( $\delta = 2.50$  ppm) for  $^1\text{H NMR}$  and chemical shifts for  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  spectra are reported in ppm relative to the central  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta = 77.0$  ppm) or  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  ( $\delta = 39.6$  ppm). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported as parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and the proton coupling patterns are described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m), broad (br). HRMS spectra were recorded on a Waters Q-TOF Premier. Melting points were measured with YRT-3 melting point apparatus (Shantou Keyi Instrument & Equipment Co., Ltd., Shantou, China). Commercial reagents were from Best-reagent (Homepage: <http://www.best-reagent.com>) or Astatech Chemical Technology Co, Ltd. (Homepage: <http://www.astabio-chem.com>).

## 2. Preparation of substrates

2-Phenylisatogens<sup>1-3</sup>, internal alkynes (**2a-2j** and **2l**)<sup>4</sup> and sulfonyl azides<sup>5</sup> were prepared according to the procedure described in the literatures. Compounds **2m-2o** and **2k** are commercially available.

### 1) Preparation of 2-phenylisatogens

Following a literature procedure<sup>1-3</sup>, 1-Iodo-2-nitrobenzene (2.0 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled triethylamine (8.0 mL) to which alkyne (2.0 eq) was added. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature under Ar for 30 min at which point Pd(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mol%) and CuI (10 mol%) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h and monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate. Then the combined solutions were evaporated to dryness, leaving an oil. The crude product was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (8.0 mL) and HOAc (2.0 mL), stirred at 45 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated, and the residue obtained was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate in petroleum ether) to afford the desired product.

## **2) Preparation of internal aryl alkynes via the Sonogashira reaction**

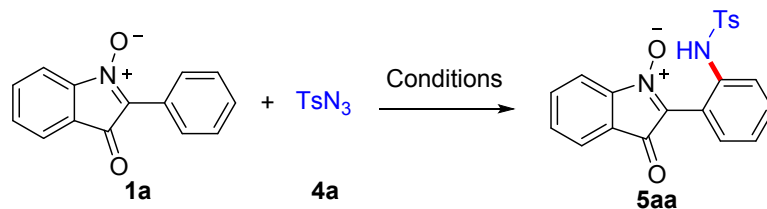
According to the classical Sonogashira procedure<sup>4</sup>, a dry round bottle was charged with aryl iodide (2.0 mmol), Pd(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) and CuI (10 mol%). The mixture was vacuumed and flushed with Ar for three times. Et<sub>3</sub>N (4.0 mL) and the alkyne substrate (1.2 eq) was then added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until all the aryl iodide was consumed. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified through silica gel flash chromatography.

## **3) Preparation of sulfonyl azides<sup>5</sup>**

Organic chloride (1.0 mmol) was taken in a 25 mL round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stirring bar and dissolved in 5 mL acetone. Aqueous solution of NaN<sub>3</sub> (1.5 mmol in 5 mL water) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. Then the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for overnight. After completion of the reaction, acetone was removed under reduced pressure and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate for several times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified using silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate).

### 3. Optimization of the C–H sulfamidation reaction

**Table S1.** Optimization of the C–H sulfamidation reaction <sup>a</sup>



Entry	Catalyst	Sliver salt	Additive	Solvent	T/°C	t/h	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	—	DCE	rt	24	N.R.
2	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	DCE	rt	24	10
3	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	DCE	90	24	80
4	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	DCE	90	24	N.R.
5	[CoCp*(CO)I <sub>2</sub> ]	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	DCE	90	24	N.R.
6	[Ru( <i>p</i> -cymene)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	DCE	90	24	N.R.
7	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgBF <sub>4</sub>	HOAc	DCE	90	24	60
8	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	HOAc	DCE	90	24	53
9	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgOTf	HOAc	DCE	90	24	45
10	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	DCE	90	5	75
11	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	1-AdCOOH	DCE	90	24	78
12	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	MeOH	90	24	trace
13	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	THF	90	24	N.R.
14	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	HFIP	90	24	70
15	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	DCM	90	24	38
16	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	TFE	90	24	88
17	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	TFE	90	5	88
18	[IrCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	TFE	rt	5	90

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **4a** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (5 mol%), sliver salt (20 mol%), additive (0.2 mmol) and solvent (1.0 mL), under Ar. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields by chromatography on silica gel.

We started our investigation with 2-phenylisatogen **1a** and TsN<sub>3</sub> **4a** as the model substrates. Initially, in presence of [IrCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, AgNTf<sub>2</sub> in DCE under argon at room temperature for 24 h (Table S1, entry 1). However, there was no reaction. When we turned our attention to HOAc, we were glad to find that the desired product **5aa** was formed albeit in low yield (Table S1, entry 2). Gratifyingly, the desired product **5aa** was isolated with improved 80% yield when we increased the temperature (Table S1, entry 3). [IrCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> is crucial for this transformation, for all other catalysts, such as [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> and [Cp\*CoI<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, failed to promote this reaction (Table S1, entries 4-6). Interestingly, when AgNTf<sub>2</sub> was replaced with either AgSbF<sub>6</sub>, AgBF<sub>4</sub> or AgOTf, poor yields were obtained (Table S1, entries 7-9). Changing the additive from HOAc to pivalic acid or 1-adamantanecarboxylic acid gave similar results (Table S1, entries 10 and 11). Further optimization of solvents showed that TFE was a better solvent than DCE, with the isolation of **5aa** in 86% yield (Table S1, entry 16). Finally, the reaction temperature and time were evaluated. The yield was not decreased by bringing the temperature down to room temperature and shortening the reaction time to 5 h (Table S1, entries 17 and 18). Thus, the optimal conditions for the reaction as follows: 5 mol% [Cp\*IrCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, 20 mol% AgNTf<sub>2</sub>, 2.0 equiv. of HOAc and 2.0 equiv. of TsN<sub>3</sub> in TFE under argon at room temperature for 5 h.

#### 4. Experimental procedures

##### 1) General procedure for the synthesis of **3** (taking **3aa** as an example):

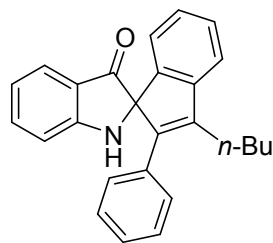
A 15 mL sealed tube was charged with 2-phenylisatogen **1a** (22.3 mg, 0.1 mmol), 1-phenyl-1-hexyne **2a** (31.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (7.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (18.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and DCE (1.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 28 h under Ar atmosphere and monitored by TLC. Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent to get yellow solid **3aa**.

##### 2) General procedure for the synthesis of **5** (taking **5aa** as an example):

A 15 mL test tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 2-phenylisatogen **1a** (22.3 mg, 0.1 mmol), TsN<sub>3</sub> **4a** (39.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), [IrCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (7.8 mg, 0.020 mmol), HOAc (12.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and TFE (1.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 5 h under Ar atmosphere and monitored by TLC. Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent to get orange solid **5aa**.

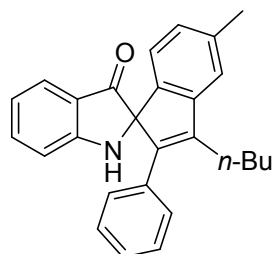
## 5. Characterization data of products

### 3-butyl-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (**3aa**)



Yellow solid, yield 81%, m.p: 51 – 52 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 198.3, 162.5, 145.1, 143.2, 143.1, 140.8, 137.7, 134.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 127.4, 125.9, 124.6, 120.5, 120.4, 120.2, 117.1, 112.4, 81.3, 30.4, 25.3, 22.0, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 388.1672, found 388.1675.

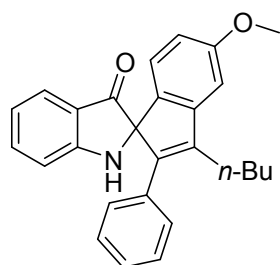
### 3-butyl-5-methyl-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (**3ba**)



Yellow solid, yield 78%, m.p: 74 – 75 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 197.4, 162.9, 148.8, 145.0, 143.3, 143.0, 141.0, 134.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 127.4, 125.9, 124.4, 120.4, 120.2, 118.9,

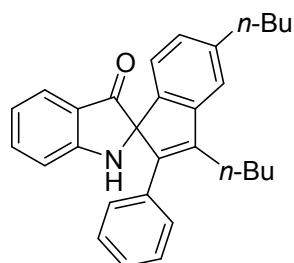
118.3, 112.1, 81.5, 30.4, 25.2, 22.0, 22.0, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 402.1828, found 402.1831.

### 3-butyl-5-methoxy-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ca)



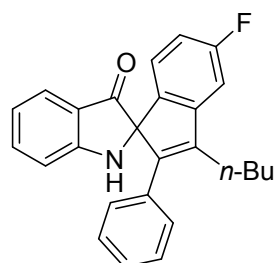
Yellow syrup, yield 72%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.60 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 198.6, 162.4, 160.0, 146.7, 143.0, 142.0, 137.5, 134.7, 134.3, 128.1, 128.1, 127.3, 124.5, 121.1, 120.3, 117.0, 112.3, 110.6, 106.7, 80.7, 55.4, 30.4, 25.1, 21.9, 13.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 418.1778, found 418.1780.

### 3,5-dibutyl-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3da)



Yellow solid, yield 68%, m.p: 160 – 161 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.59 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.37 – 1.30 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 198.6, 162.5, 145.3, 143.3, 142.7, 140.9, 140.4, 137.6, 134.4, 128.2, 127.3, 125.9, 124.6, 120.4, 120.2, 120.2, 117.0, 112.3, 81.0, 35.0, 33.5, 30.4, 26.4, 25.2, 21.9, 21.8, 13.8, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 444.2298, found 444.2301.

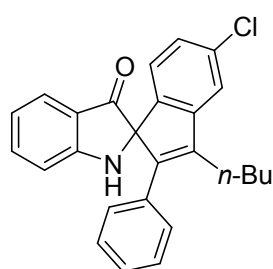
### 3-butyl-5-fluoro-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ea)



Yellow solid, yield 56%, m.p: 46 – 47 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.92 (dd, *J* =

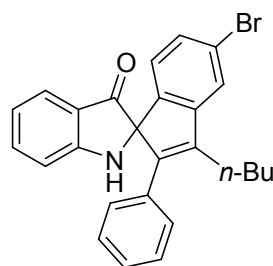
10.4, 7.6 Hz, 3H), 6.68 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.0, 162.8 (d,  $J = 241$  Hz), 162.5, 147.6 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz), 143.0, 142.5 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz), 138.6 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz), 137.8, 133.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 124.7, 121.8 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz), 120.2, 117.3, 112.40, 112.2 (d,  $J = 23$  Hz), 107.8 (d,  $J = 24$  Hz), 80.7, 30.3, 25.1, 21.9, 13.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -113.92; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  406.1578, found 406.1580.

### 3-butyl-5-chloro-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3fa)



Yellow solid, yield 60%, m.p: 173 – 175 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.79 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  197.4, 162.5, 145.0, 143.9, 142.4, 141.6, 137.9, 133.8, 130.4, 128.2 (2s), 128.1, 127.6, 124.7, 121.6, 120.5, 120.1, 117.4, 112.5, 80.9, 30.2, 25.1, 21.8, 13.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  422.1282, found 422.1288.

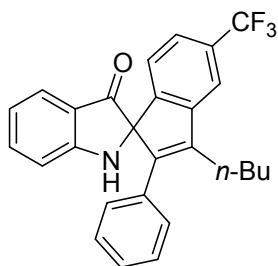
### 5-bromo-3-butyl-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ga)



Yellow solid, yield 55%, m.p: 116 – 118 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.90 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.69 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  197.5, 162.4, 147.5, 142.6, 142.4, 142.1, 137.8, 133.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 124.7, 123.0, 122.3, 121.5, 120.2, 117.3, 112.4, 80.9, 30.3, 24.9, 21.8, 13.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  466.0777, found 466.0781.

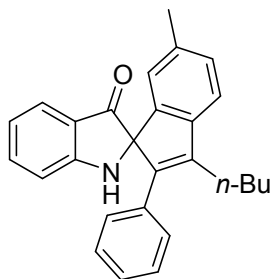
### 3-butyl-2-phenyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)spiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ha)





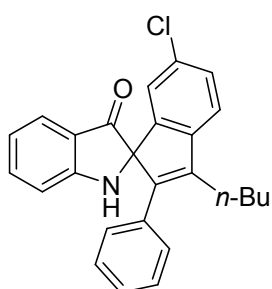
Yellow solid, yield 46%, m.p: 154 – 157 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 197.1, 162.5, 147.3, 146.0, 143.0, 142.4, 137.9, 133.6, 129.2 (q, *J* = 31 Hz), 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 125.7, 124.7, 123.0, (d, *J* = 5 Hz), 121.1, 120.2, 117.4, 116.4 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 112.5, 81.2, 30.2, 24.8, 21.7, 13.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -60.54; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 456.1546, found 456.1551.

### 3-butyl-6-methyl-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ia)



Yellow solid, yield 79%, m.p: 57 – 59 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.58 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 198.4, 162.4, 143.3, 143.1, 142.5, 139.8, 137.6, 135.3, 134.4, 128.7, 128.1, 128.1, 127.2, 124.6, 121.1, 120.3, 119.9, 117.0, 112.3, 81.1, 30.4, 25.3, 21.9, 20.8, 13.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 402,1828, found 402.1830.

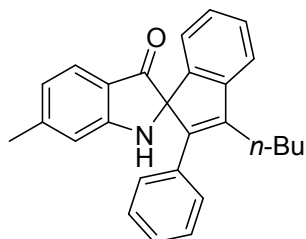
### 3-butyl-6-chloro-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ja)



Yellow solid, yield 58%, m.p: 199 – 201 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,

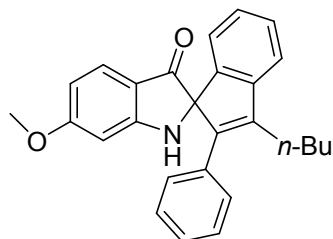
DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  197.7, 162.6, 145.1, 144.1, 142.6, 141.7, 138.1, 133.9, 130.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 124.9, 121.8, 120.7, 120.2, 117.6, 112.6, 81.1, 30.4, 25.2, 22.0, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>CINO [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 422,1282, found 422.1280.

### 3-butyl-6'-methyl-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ka)



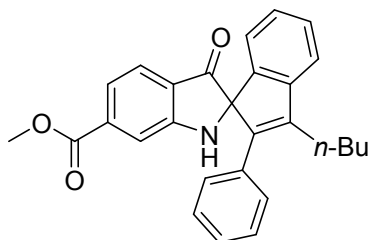
Yellow solid, yield 66%, m.p: 54 – 56 °C, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  198.6, 162.5, 145.3, 143.2, 141.0, 140.2, 137.7, 137.6, 134.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.3, 126.4, 124.6, 120.9, 120.3, 120.2, 117.0, 112.3, 81.0, 30.4, 25.3, 22.0, 21.2, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 402,1828, found 402.1829.

### 3-butyl-6'-methoxy-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3la)



Light yellow oil, yield 40%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.74 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.59 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  195.4, 167.4, 164.6, 145.0, 143.5, 142.9, 141.1, 134.4, 128.2, 128.2, 128.2, 127.3, 126.1, 125.9, 120.5, 120.1, 113.9, 107.4, 94.0, 81.7, 55.6, 30.4, 25.3, 22.0, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 418.1778, found 418.1772.

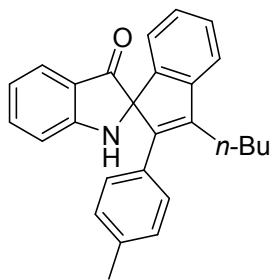
### methyl 3-butyl-3'-oxo-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indoline]-6'-carboxylate (3ma)



Yellow oil, yield 50%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J*

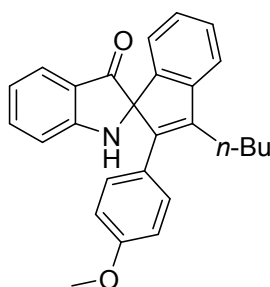
= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.62 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.6, 165.8, 162.0, 145.0, 143.7, 142.4, 140.4, 137.5, 134.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 126.2, 125.0, 123.2, 120.7, 120.4, 117.2, 112.9, 81.8, 52.6, 30.4, 25.2, 22.0, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  446.1727, found 446.1732.

### 3-butyl-2-(p-tolyl)spiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ab)



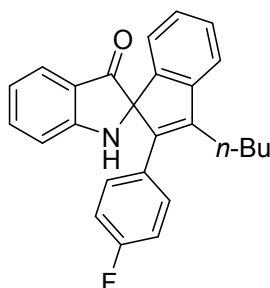
Yellow solid, yield 74%, m.p: 52 – 54°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 6.92 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.68 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.9, 163.0, 145.7, 143.5, 143.3, 141.3, 138.1, 137.1, 131.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 126.3, 125.1, 120.9, 120.8, 120.5, 117.5, 112.8, 81.7, 30.9, 25.8, 22.5, 21.2, 14.2; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  402.1828, found 402.1834.

### 3-butyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)spiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one



Yellow solid, yield 71%, m.p: 44 – 45°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (s, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.91 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.5, 162.5, 158.5, 145.3, 143.0, 142.4, 140.6, 137.7, 129.4, 128.3, 126.4, 125.7, 124.6, 120.4, 120.4, 120.0, 117.1, 113.7, 112.4, 81.3, 54.9, 30.4, 25.3, 22.1, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  418.1778, found 418.1781.

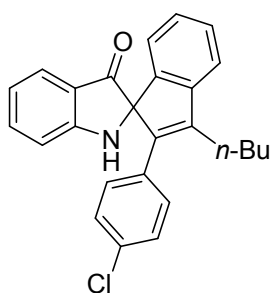
### 3-butyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)spiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ad)



Yellow oil, yield 60%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,

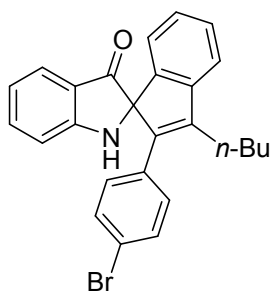
$J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 6.93 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.2, 162.4, 161.4 (d,  $J = 243$  Hz), 144.9, 143.5, 142.9, 139.7, 137.7, 130.50 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 128.3, 126.0, 124.5, 120.5, 120.3, 120.2, 117.1, 115.1 (d,  $J = 21$  Hz), 112.3, 81.3, 30.3, 25.1, 21.85, 13.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -114.39; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  406.1578, found 406.1576.

### 3-butyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)spiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ae)



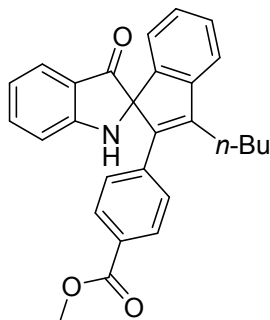
Yellow solid, yield 77%, m.p: 42 – 43 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.72 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.14 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 6.0$  Hz, 3H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.2, 162.5, 144.8, 143.9, 142.9, 139.4, 137.8, 133.1, 132.2, 130.0, 128.4, 128.4, 126.2, 124.7, 120.6, 120.4, 120.3, 117.3, 112.4, 81.3, 30.4, 25.2, 21.9, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  422.1282, found 422.1283.

### 2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-butylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3af)



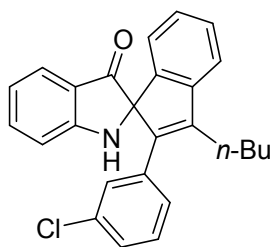
Yellow solid, yield 61%, m.p: 52 – 53 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.93 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.1, 162.5, 144.8, 143.9, 143.0, 139.5, 137.8, 133.5, 131.3, 130.3, 128.4, 126.2, 124.7, 120.8, 120.6, 120.4, 120.3, 117.3, 112.4, 81.2, 30.4, 25.2, 21.9, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}$  [ $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ ] $^+$  466.0777, found 466.0779.

**methyl 4-(3-butyl-3'-oxospiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-2-yl)benzoate (3ag)**



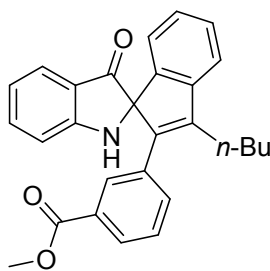
Yellow solid, yield 64%, m.p: 166 – 168 °C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.91 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.67 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.0, 165.9, 162.5, 144.7, 144.7, 143.0, 139.7, 139.4, 137.9, 129.1, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 126.4, 124.7, 120.6, 120.5, 120.3, 117.3, 112.4, 81.3, 52.1, 30.4, 25.2, 21.9, 13.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  446.1727, found 446.1733.

**3-butyl-2-(3-chlorophenyl)spiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ah)**



Yellow oil, yield 82%;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dt,  $J = 7.2, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (150 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.1, 162.5, 144.7, 144.4, 142.9, 139.1, 137.9, 136.4, 132.8, 130.2, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 126.3, 124.7, 120.6, 120.5, 120.3, 117.3, 112.4, 81.2, 30.3, 25.1, 21.9, 13.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  422.1282, found 422.1285.

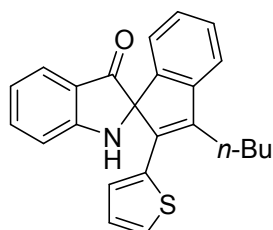
**methyl 3-(3-butyl-3'-oxospiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-2-yl)benzoate (3ai)**



Yellow solid, yield 68%, m.p: 160 – 161 °C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.83 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.31 (m, 7H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.2, 165.9, 162.6, 144.8, 144.3,

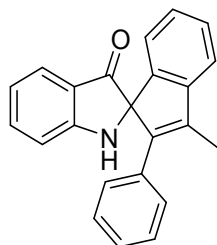
143.0, 139.5, 137.9, 134.7, 132.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 126.3, 124.7, 120.6, 120.5, 120.3, 117.3, 112.5, 81.2, 52.2, 30.4, 25.3, 21.9, 13.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{28}H_{25}NO_3$   $[M + Na]^+$  446.1727, found 446.1730.

### 3-butyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)spiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3aj)



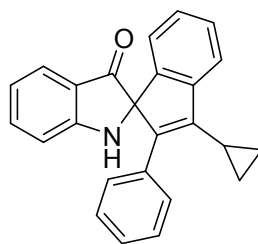
Yellow oil, yield 43%;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.85 (s, 1H), 7.57 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd,  $J = 5.2, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 2.90 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.1, 162.6, 145.0, 142.7, 142.7, 138.0, 135.5, 133.2, 128.7, 127.4, 126.4, 126.3, 125.4, 124.9, 120.3, 120.2, 120.2, 117.7, 112.8, 80.6, 30.2, 25.9, 22.5, 13.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{24}H_{21}NOS$   $[M + Na]^+$  394.1236, found 394.1230.

### 3-methyl-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3ak)



Yellow solid, yield 79%, m.p: 216 – 217 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.7, 162.6, 146.0, 142.9, 140.3, 139.1, 137.9, 134.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.4, 126.3, 124.8, 120.4, 120.2, 120.1, 117.4, 112.6, 81.2, 12.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{23}H_{17}NO$   $[M + Na]^+$  346.1202, found 346.1205.

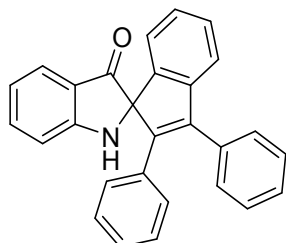
### 3-cyclopropyl-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3al)



Yellow solid, yield 77%, m.p: 57 – 59 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.72 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.96–1.91 (m, 1H), 0.92 – 0.84 (m, 2H), 0.55 – 0.46 (m, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  198.3, 162.5,

145.2, 143.4, 142.9, 141.2, 137.8, 134.0, 128.4, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 126.0, 124.7, 120.5, 120.3, 120.3, 117.2, 112.4, 80.9, 8.9, 6.8, 6.4; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{25}H_{19}NO$   $[M + Na]^+$  372.1359, found 372.1358.

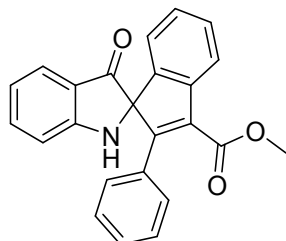
### 2,3-diphenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indolin]-3'-one (3am)



Yellow solid, yield 56%, m.p: 223 – 224 °C,  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.88 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.93 (m, 4H), 6.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H);

$^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  197.8, 162.5, 144.6, 143.0, 142.9, 141.9, 138.0, 133.9, 133.7, 128.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0 (2s), 127.4, 126.5, 124.9, 120.8, 120.7, 120.3, 117.5, 112.6, 81.2; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{28}H_{19}NO$   $[M + Na]^+$  408.1359, found 408.1356.

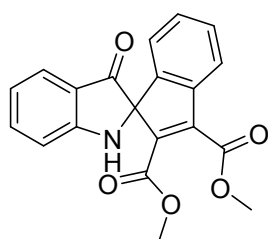
### methyl 3'-oxo-2-phenylspiro[indene-1,2'-indoline]-3-carboxylate (3an)



Yellow solid, yield 56%, m.p: 172 – 174°C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.92 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.98 (dd,  $J$  = 15.2, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$

NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  196.3, 164.4, 162.6, 152.7, 142.1, 141.0, 138.2, 133.0, 132.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 126.9, 125.1, 122.2, 121.0, 120.0, 117.8, 112.6, 81.6, 51.8; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{24}H_{17}NO_3$   $[M + Na]^+$  390.1101, found 390.1009.

### dimethyl 3'-oxospiro[indene-1,2'-indoline]-2,3-dicarboxylate (3ao)

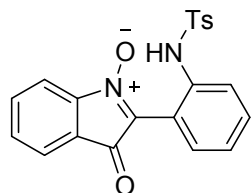


Yellow solid, yield 48% m.p: 153 – 155°C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.74 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s,

3H), 3.60 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  195.2, 163.9, 162.7, 162.0,

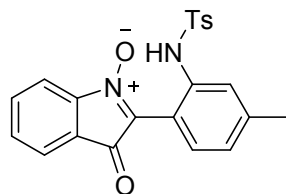
144.2, 143.4, 138.9, 137.8, 137.1, 129.7, 129.3, 125.2, 123.1, 121.8, 120.8, 117.8, 112.9, 78.7, 52.8, 52.2; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 372.0842, found 372.0840.

**2-(2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5aa)**



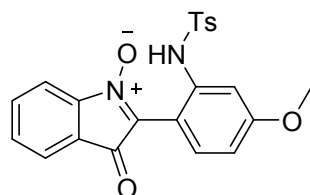
Orange solid, yield 91%, m.p: 203 – 205 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.07 (s, 1H), 7.89– 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 183.8, 146.9, 143.4, 136.6, 136.1, 135.3, 135.1, 132.2, 132.0, 131.8, 129.6, 126.0, 125.7, 125.6, 123.0, 121.9, 118.7, 114.4, 20.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 415.0723, found 415.0720.

**2-(4-methyl-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ba)**



Orange solid, yield 89%, m.p: 190 – 192 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 184.1, 147.3, 143.8, 143.1, 137.0, 136.5, 135.9, 135.7, 132.4, 132.2, 130.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.2, 123.3, 122.4, 116.7, 114.8, 21.6, 21.4; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 429.0879, found 429.0882.

**2-(4-methoxy-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ca)**

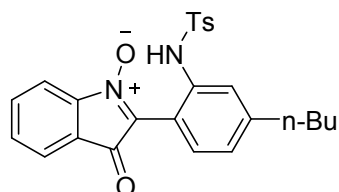


Red solid, yield 90%, m.p: 173 – 175 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H),



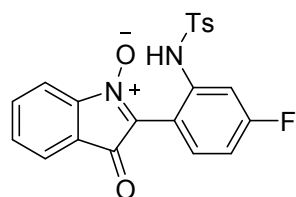
6.93 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  183.9, 162.1, 146.9, 143.4, 138.4, 135.9, 135.5, 135.1, 133.6, 131.5, 129.6, 125.9, 122.8, 122.0, 114.3, 112.0, 111.4, 110.9, 55.7, 20.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  445.0829, found 445.0831.

**2-(4-butyl-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5da)**



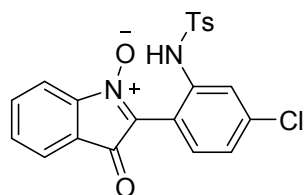
Orange solid, yield 90%, m.p.: 155 – 157 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.03 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd,  $J = 8.0$ , 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.55 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.19 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  183.9, 147.0, 146.9, 143.3, 136.5, 136.0, 135.4, 135.2, 132.0, 131.7, 129.5, 126.2, 126.0, 126.0, 122.9, 121.9, 116.4, 114.3, 34.6, 32.6, 21.5, 20.9, 13.8; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  471.1349, found 471.1348.

**2-(4-fluoro-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ea)**

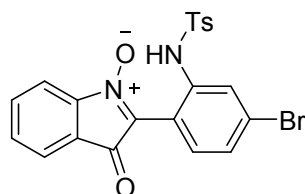


Orange solid, yield 85%, m.p.: 168 – 170 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.54 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  184.5, 164.0 (d,  $J = 248$  Hz), 147.4, 144.3, 139.3 (d,  $J = 11$  Hz), 136.3, 135.7, 134.8 (d,  $J = 10$  Hz), 134.6, 132.2, 130.2, 126.8, 123.6, 122.35, 114.4 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz), 114.4, 112.9 (d,  $J = 22$  Hz), 111.9 (d,  $J = 25$  Hz), 21.4;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -107.09; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  433.0629, found 433.0628.

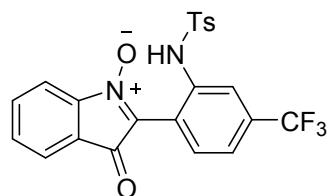
**2-(4-chloro-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide**

**(5fa)**

Orange solid, yield 75%, m.p.:150 – 152 °C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.30 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  183.8, 146.9, 143.7, 136.0, 135.7, 135.3, 133.9, 132.0, 131.6, 131.4, 129.8, 129.4, 126.3 (2s), 123.1, 122.0, 120.1, 114.5, 21.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  449.0333, found 449.0336.

**2-(4-bromo-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide****(5ga)**

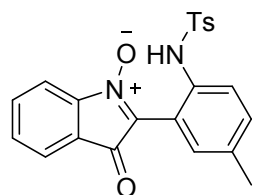
Orange solid, yield 90%, m.p.:169 – 171 °C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.46 (s, 1H), 7.88–7.84 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.57 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  183.8, 147.0, 143.8, 138.0, 135.9, 135.3, 134.3, 133.8, 131.9, 129.8, 128.3, 126.6, 126.3, 124.9, 123.1, 122.0, 117.3, 114.4, 21.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  492.9828, found 492.9826.

**2-(2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole****1-oxide (5ha)**

Orange solid, yield 32%, m.p.: 168 – 170 °C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.71 (s, 1H), 7.92 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  184.0, 147.1, 144.0, 137.5, 135.8, 135.2, 133.7, 133.5, 132.1, 131.3 (q,  $J = 32$  Hz) 129.8, 126.5, 123.4 (q,  $J = 272$  Hz), 123.3, 122.0, 121.6, 121.3 (d,  $J = 4$  Hz), 119.2 (d,  $J = 5$  Hz), 114.5, 21.0;  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$

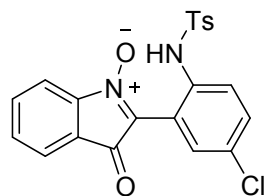
(376 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -61.90; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0597, found 483.0593.

**2-(5-methyl-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ia)**



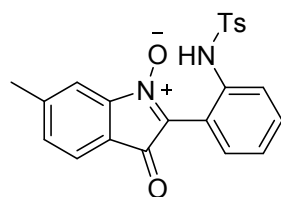
Orange solid, yield 88%, m.p: 130 – 132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.86 (s, 1H), 7.87 (td,  $J$  = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  183.7, 146.8, 143.2, 136.1, 135.5, 135.4, 135.2, 134.1, 132.8, 132.1, 131.8, 129.5, 126.7, 125.9, 122.8, 121.9, 119.2, 114.4, 20.9, 20.4; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 429.0879, found 429.0878.

**2-(5-chloro-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ja)**



Orange solid, yield 89%, m.p: 144 – 145 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.34 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.61 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  183.6, 146.9, 143.5, 136.0, 135.7, 135.2, 133.8, 131.9, 131.5, 131.3, 129.7, 129.4, 126.2, 126.2, 123.0, 121.9, 120.1, 114.4, 20.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 449.0333, found 449.0332.

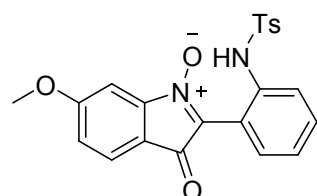
**6-methyl-2-(2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ka)**



Orange solid, yield 90%, m.p: 210 – 212 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.01 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  =

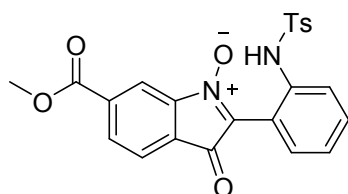
8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  183.4, 147.3, 147.1, 143.4, 136.7, 136.0, 135.4, 132.2, 132.1, 131.8, 129.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.9, 122.0, 120.5, 119.2, 115.2, 21.8, 21.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  429.0879, found 429.0883.

**6-methoxy-2-(2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5la)**



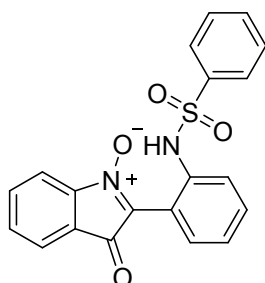
Red solid, yield 60%, m.p.:168 – 170 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.95 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  182.2, 165.5, 149.6, 143.4, 136.7, 136.0, 132.3, 132.2, 129.7, 126.8, 126.2, 125.8, 124.1 (2s), 119.3, 115.8, 115.0, 101.8, 56.8, 21.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  445.0829, found 445.0828.

**6-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ma)**



Orange solid, yield 82%, m.p.:136 – 138 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.16 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  183.2, 164.6, 147.0, 143.5, 136.7, 136.2, 136.2, 135.5, 133.2, 132.2, 132.1, 129.7, 126.6, 126.2, 125.6, 125.1, 122.2, 118.3, 114.0, 53.1, 21.0; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  473.0778, found 473.0779.

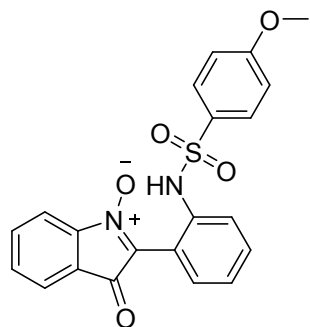
**3-oxo-2-(2-(phenylsulfonamido)phenyl)-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ab)**



Orange solid, yield 96%, m.p.:185 – 187 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.33 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 (q,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);

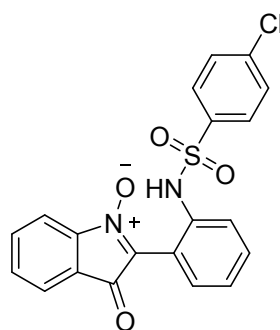
3H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  184.1, 147.1, 139.1, 136.6, 135.3, 135.1, 133.0, 132.2, 131.9, 131.9, 129.2, 126.2, 125.6, 124.7, 123.1, 122.1, 118.6, 114.4; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  401.0566, found 401.0565.

**2-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ac)**



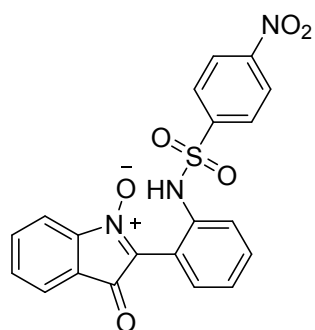
Orange solid, yield 93%, m.p:166 – 168 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.03 (s, 1H), 7.87 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  184.0, 162.4, 147.0, 136.8, 135.4, 135.2, 132.2, 132.0, 131.8, 130.5, 128.3, 125.7, 125.5, 123.0, 122.0, 118.7, 114.4, 114.3, 55.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  431.0672, found 431.0671.

**2-(2-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ad)**



Orange solid, yield 88%, m.p:175 – 177 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.38 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  184.1, 147.0, 138.0, 137.9, 136.3, 135.4, 135.0, 132.3, 132.1, 131.9, 129.4, 128.1, 126.0, 125.4, 122.9, 122.0, 119.0, 114.4; HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  435.0177, found 435.0178.

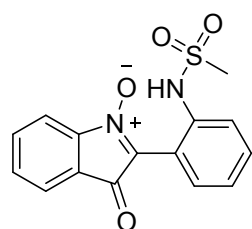
**2-(2-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5ae)**



Orange solid, yield 90%, m.p: 220 – 223 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.86-7.64 (m, 6H), 7.60 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.25 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  184.7, 150.0, 147.3, 145.2, 136.3, 135.7, 135.2, 132.7, 132.4, 132.4, 128.4,

126.6, 125.6, 125.0, 123.3, 122.2, 119.7, 114.8; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 446.0417, found 446.0415.

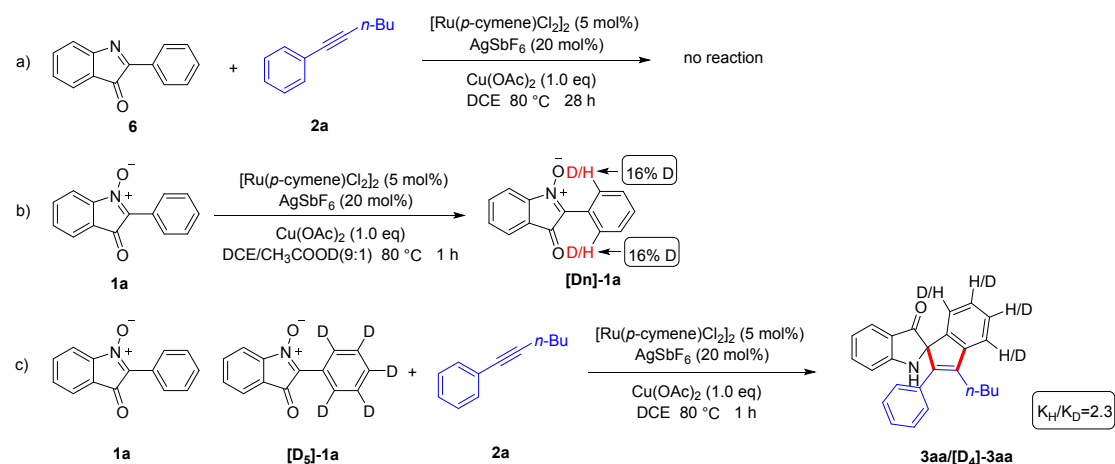
## 2-(2-(methylsulfonylamido)phenyl)-3-oxo-3H-indole 1-oxide (5af)



Orange solid, yield 81%, m.p: 185 – 187 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.27 (s, 1H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 185.4, 147.5, 137.7, 134.9, 134.8, 132.3, 131.8, 131.7, 124.1, 123.7, 121.8, 120.9, 116.7, 114.2, 39.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 339.0410, found 339.0418.

## 6. Mechanistic Studies

### 1) Mechanistic studies of Ru-catalyzed C-H alkenylation/cyclization



Scheme S1 Mechanistic studies of Ru-catalyzed C-H alkenylation/cyclization

#### a) Control experiment

A 15 mL sealed tube was charged with phenyl-3H-indol-3-one **6** (20.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), 1-phenyl-1-hexyne **2a** (31.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (7.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (18.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and DCE (1.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 28 h under Ar atmosphere and monitored by TLC. There was no reaction, which suggests that *N*-oxide might be the

guiding group of this reaction.

### b) Reversible D/H exchange

To a 15 mL sealed tube was added 2-phenylisatogen **1a** (22.3 mg, 0.1 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (7.9 mg, 0.020 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (18.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCE (0.9 mL):CH<sub>3</sub>COOD(0.1 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h under Ar atmosphere and monitored by TLC. Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent to get the mixture of **[Dn]-1a** (orange solid), which was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. H/D exchange of **1a** at the ortho-position of benzene ring was observed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (with 16% D), suggesting reversible C-H activation.

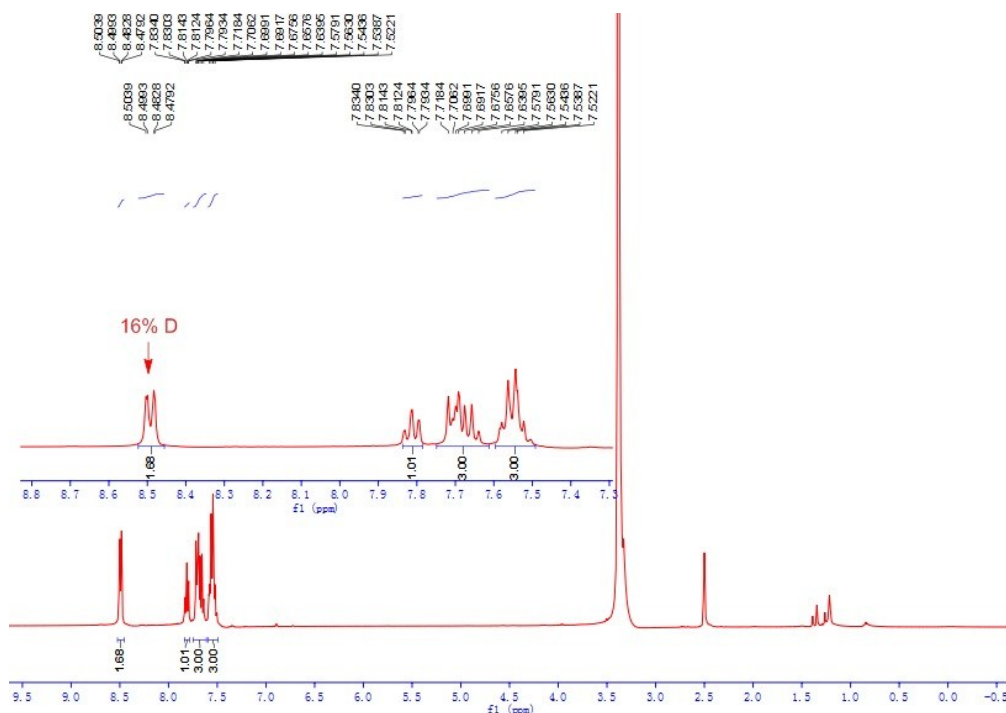


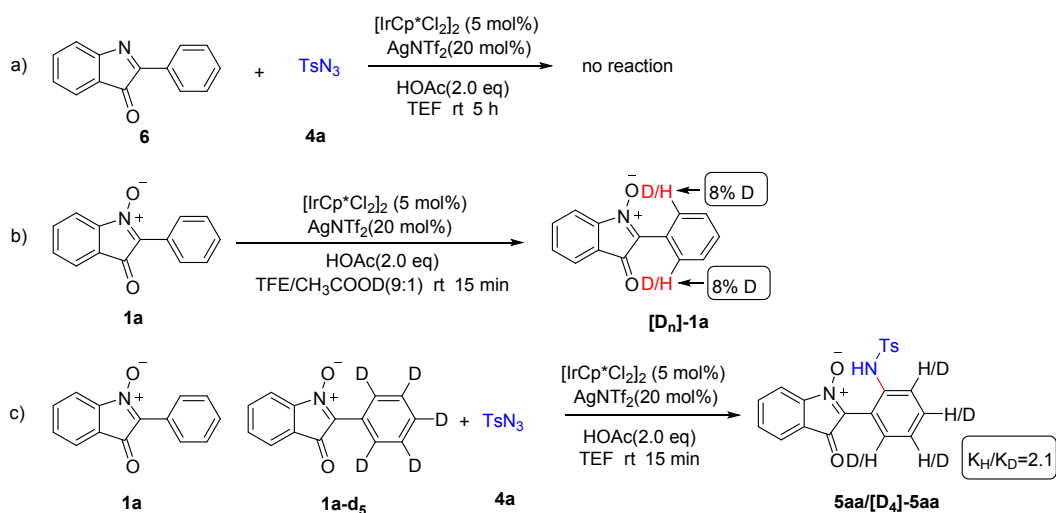
Figure S1. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the mixture of **[Dn]-1a**

### c) Kinetic isotope effect test

Two 15 mL sealed tubes were each added **1a** (22.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) or **[D<sub>5</sub>]-1a** (22.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) **2a** (31.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (7.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (18.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), and DCE (1.0 mL). The two mixtures were stirred side-by-side at 80 °C for 1 h under Ar atmosphere

and monitored by TLC. Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent to afford **3aa** and **[D<sub>4</sub>]-3aa**. The KIE value was determined to be  $k_H/k_D = 2.3$  on the yield ratio of **3aa** and **[D<sub>4</sub>]-3aa**, indicates that cleavage of the C–H bond is likely involved in the turnover limiting step.

## 2) Mechanistic studies of the Ir-catalyzed C-H sulfamidation



Scheme S2 Mechanistic studies of Ir-catalyzed C-H sulfamidation

### a) Control experiment

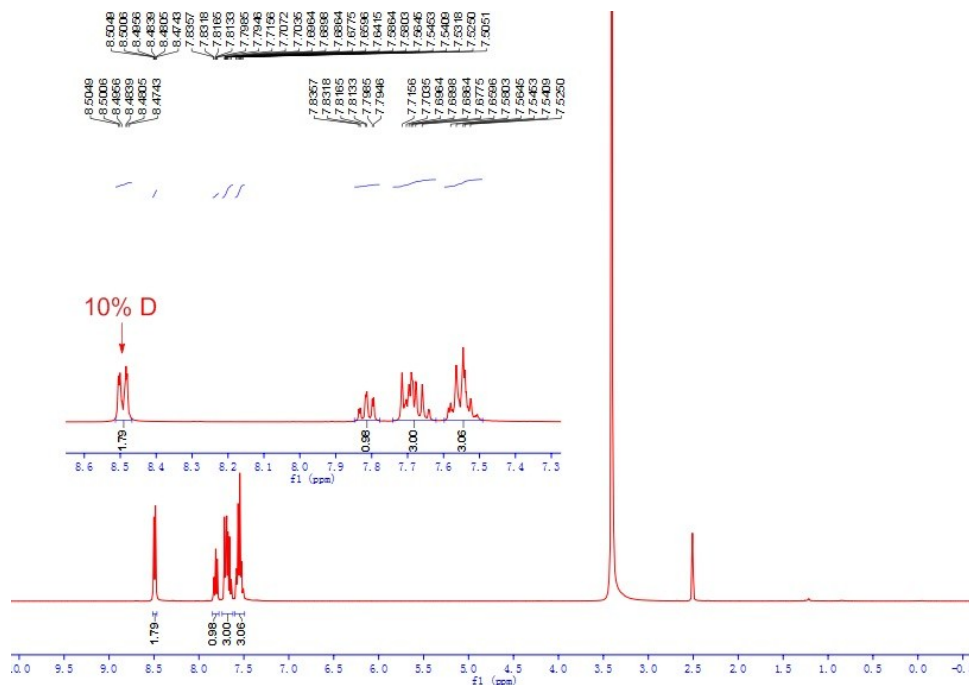
A 15 mL test tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with phenyl-3*H*-indol-3-one **6** (20.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), TsN<sub>3</sub> **4a** (39.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), [IrCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (7.8 mg, 0.020 mmol), HOAc (12.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and TFE (1.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 5 h under Ar atmosphere and monitored by TLC. There was no reaction, which confirms that *N*-oxide might be the guiding group of this reaction.

### b) Reversible D/H exchange

A 15 mL test tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 2-phenylisatogen **1a** (22.3 mg, 0.1 mmol), [IrCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (7.8 mg, 0.020 mmol), and TFE (0.9 mL):CH<sub>3</sub>COOD(0.1 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt under Ar atmosphere. The reaction was stopped after 15 minutes, and the mixture of **1a** and



**[Dn]-1a** were analyzed by  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectroscopy. H/D exchange of **1a** at the ortho-position of benzene ring was observed (with 10% D). It suggests the C-H activation is a reversible process.



**Figure S2.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of the mixture of **[Dn]-1a**

### c) Kinetic isotope effect test

Two 15 mL test tubes were each added **1a** (22.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) or **[D<sub>5</sub>]-1a** (22.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2a** (31.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), TsN<sub>3</sub> **4a** (39.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), [IrCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (7.8 mg, 0.020 mmol), HOAc (12.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and TFE. The two mixtures were stirred side-by-side at rt for 15 minutes under Ar atmosphere and monitored by TLC. Then the solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was further purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent to get **5aa** and **[D<sub>4</sub>]-5aa**. The KIE value was determined to be  $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 2.1$ , indicates that the C-H bond cleavage is likely to be involved in the turnover limiting step.

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## 8. NMR spectra of compounds

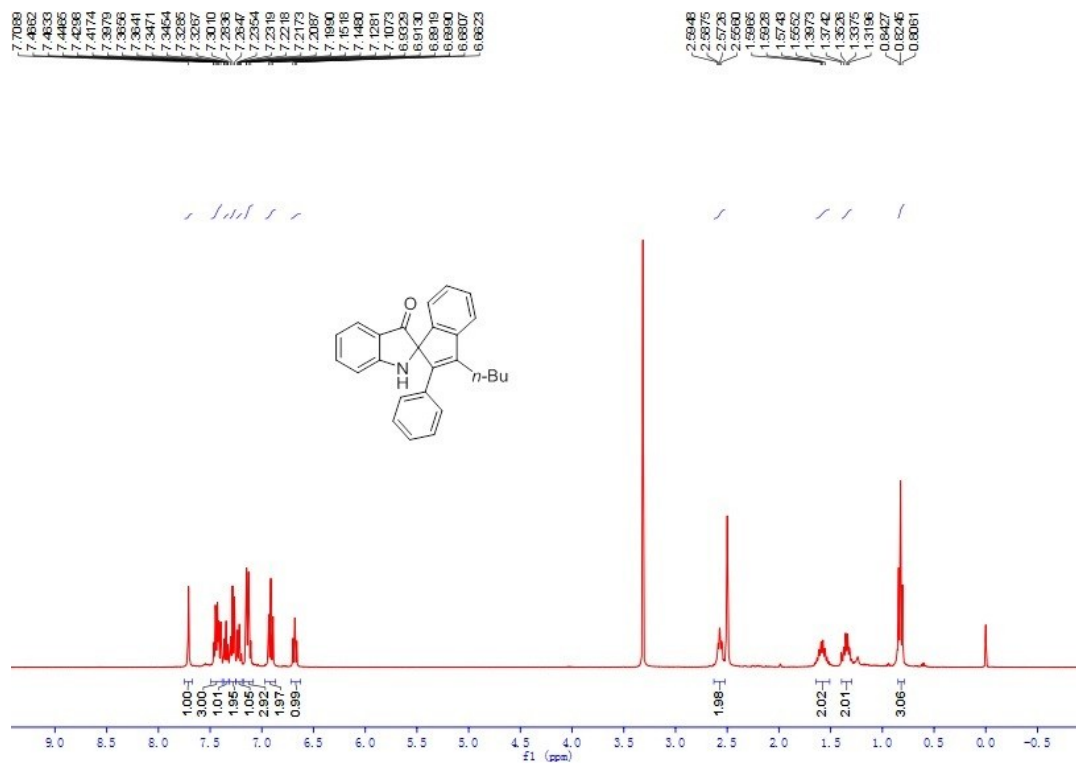


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compound 3aa

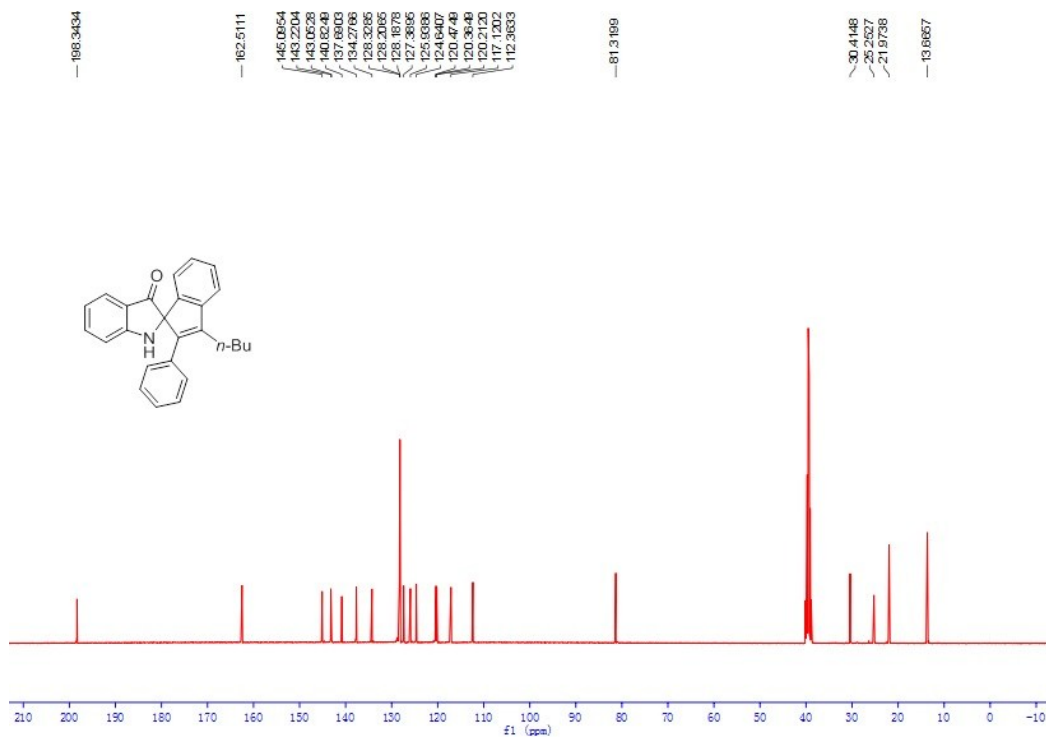


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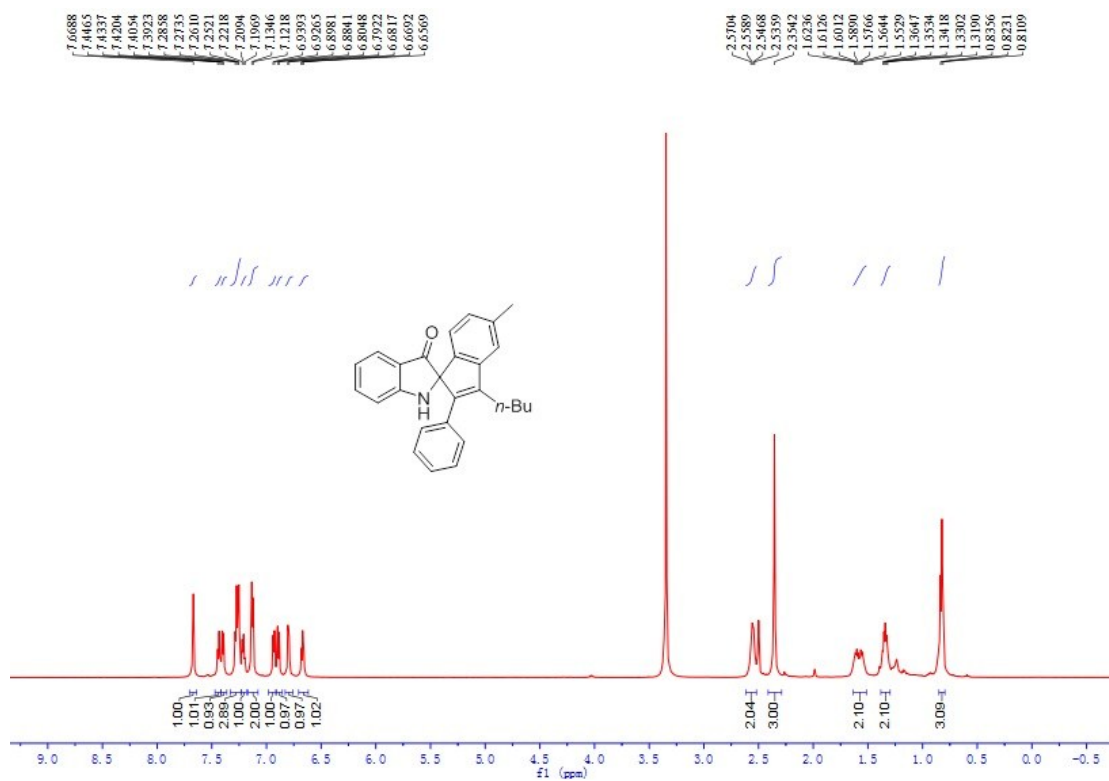


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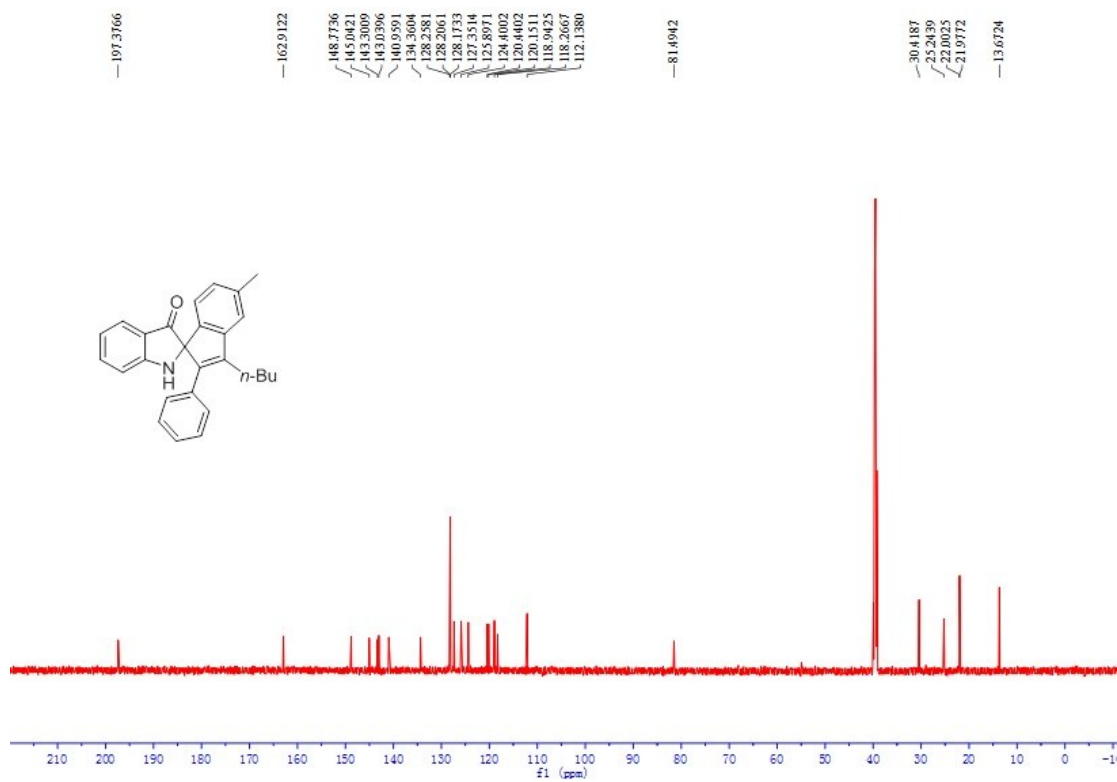


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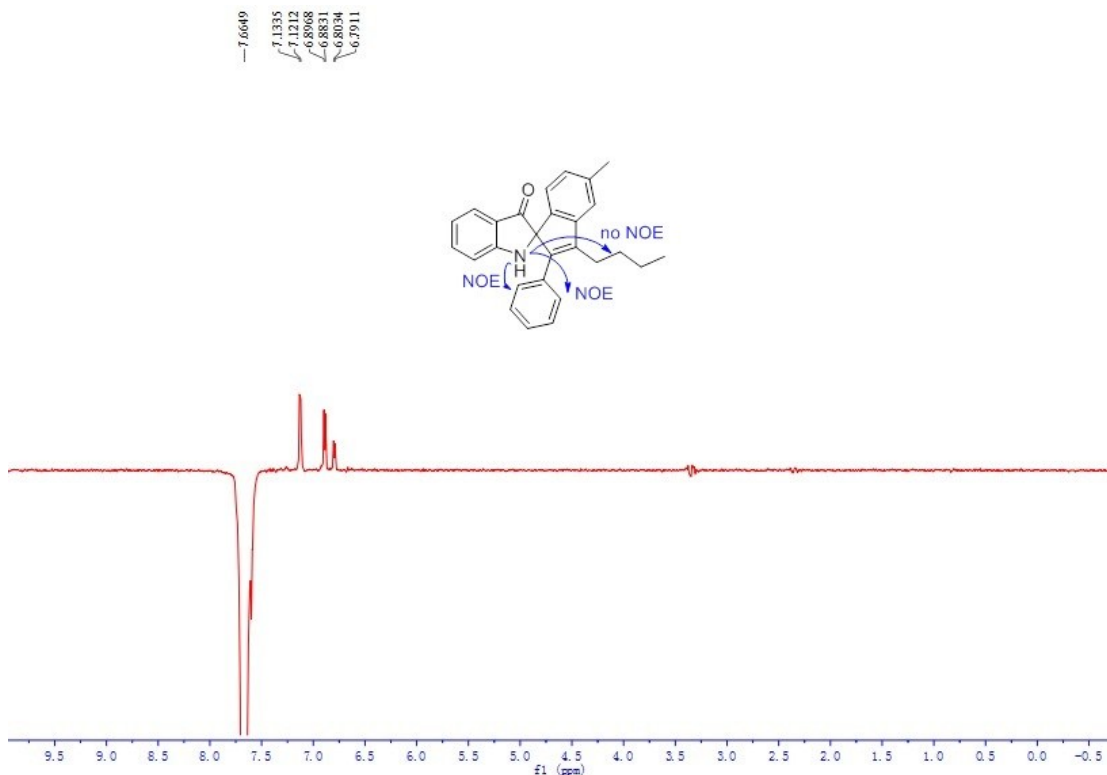


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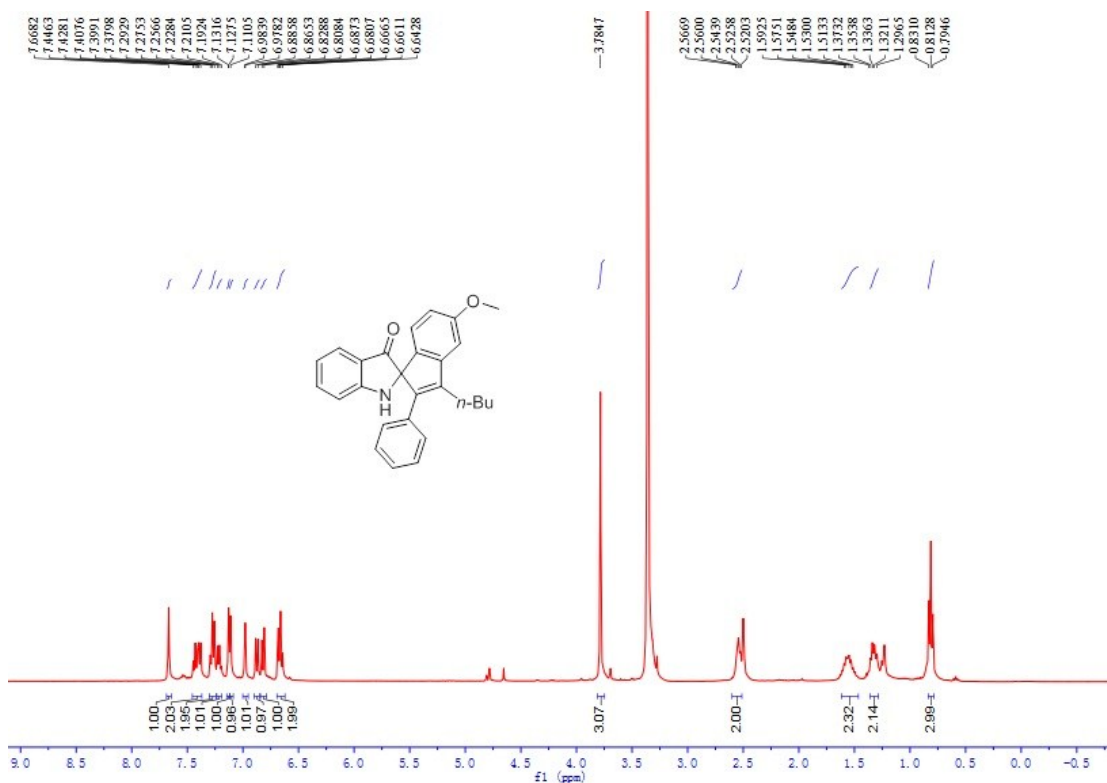


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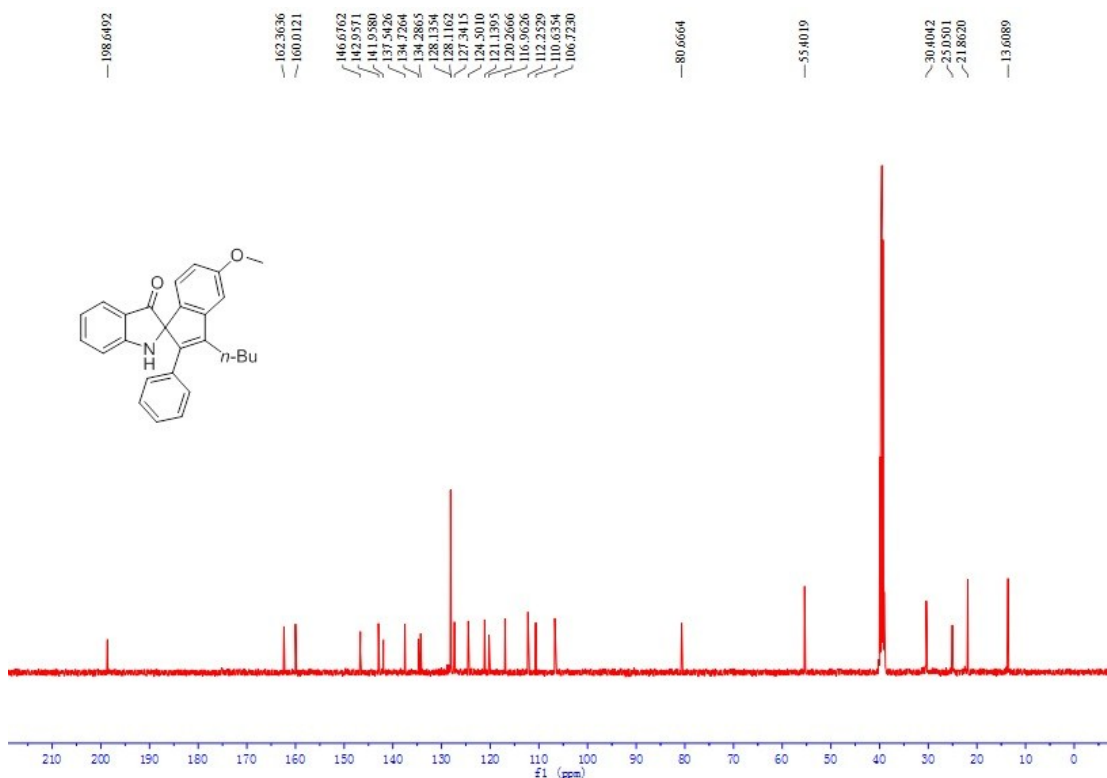


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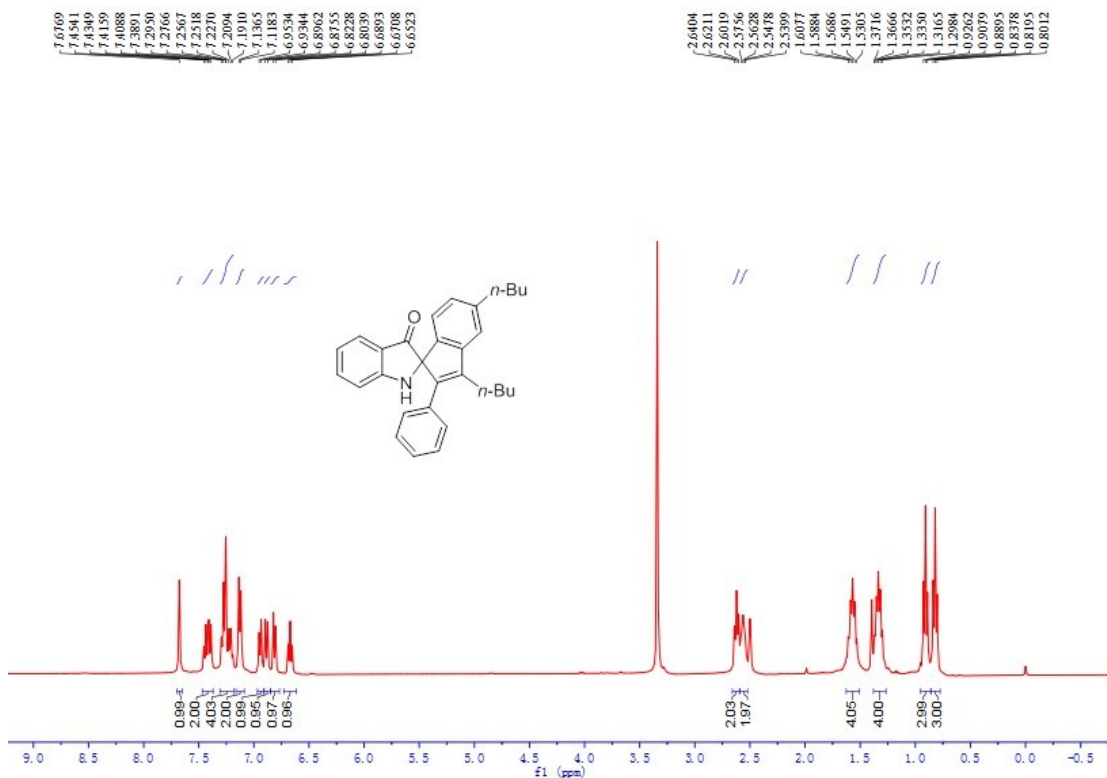


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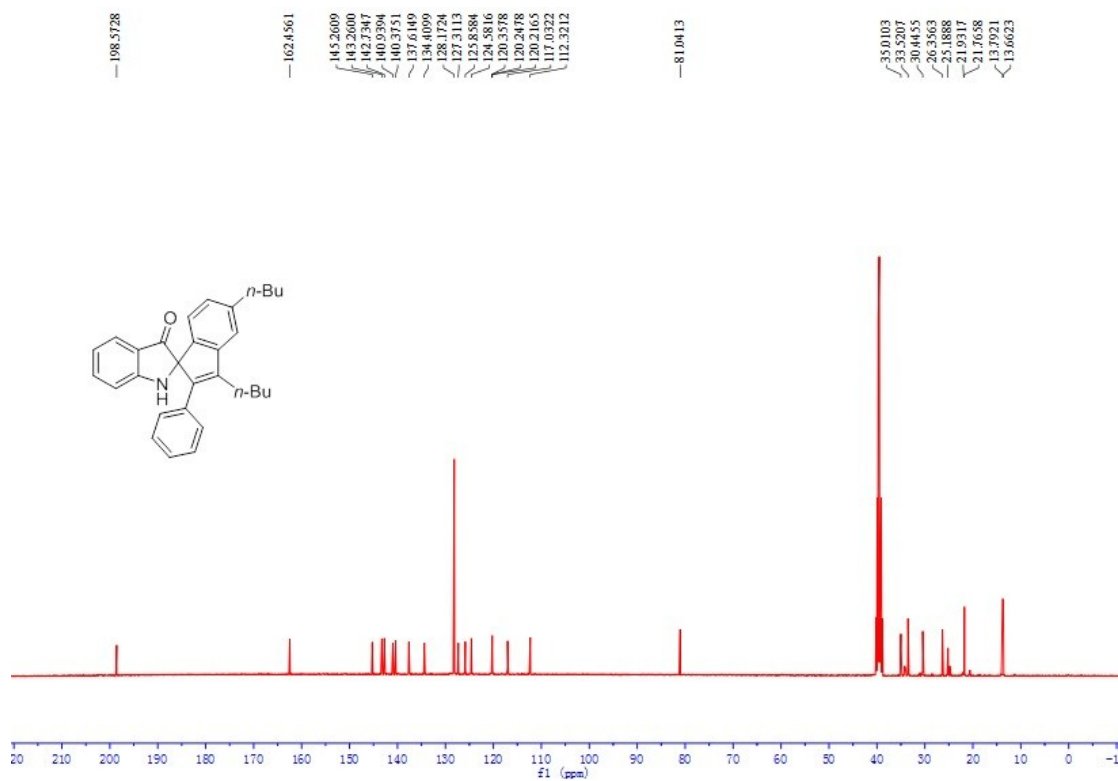


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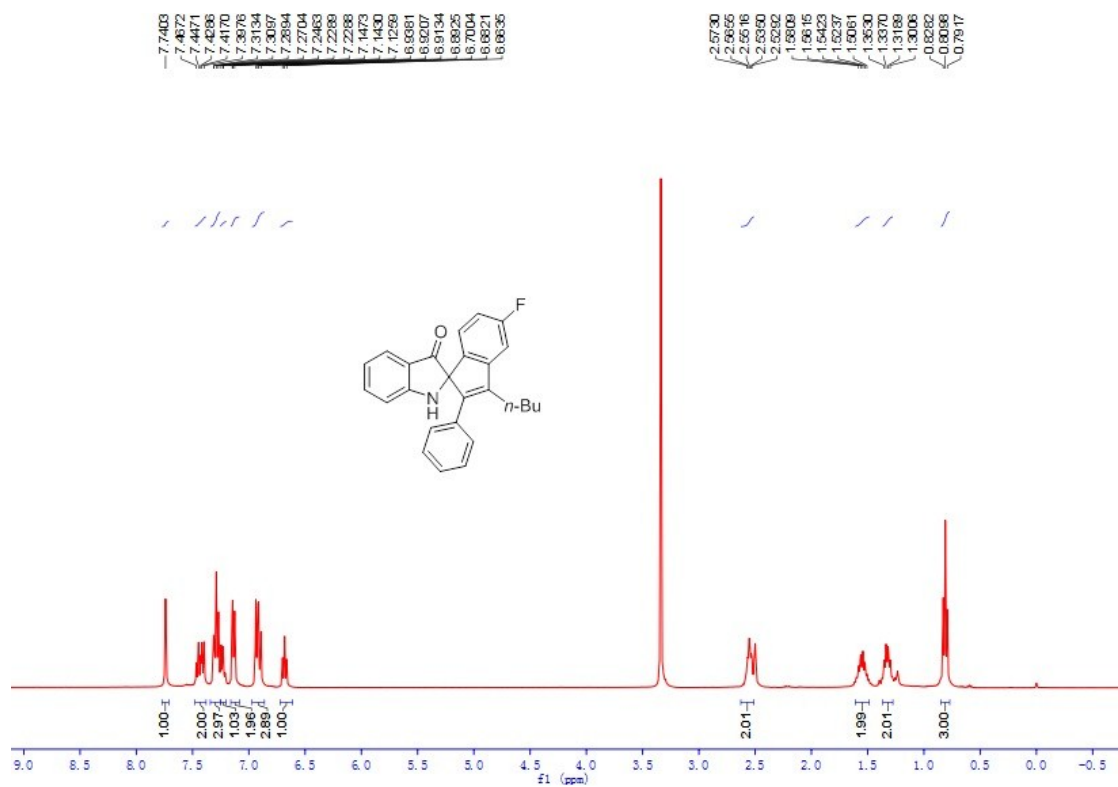


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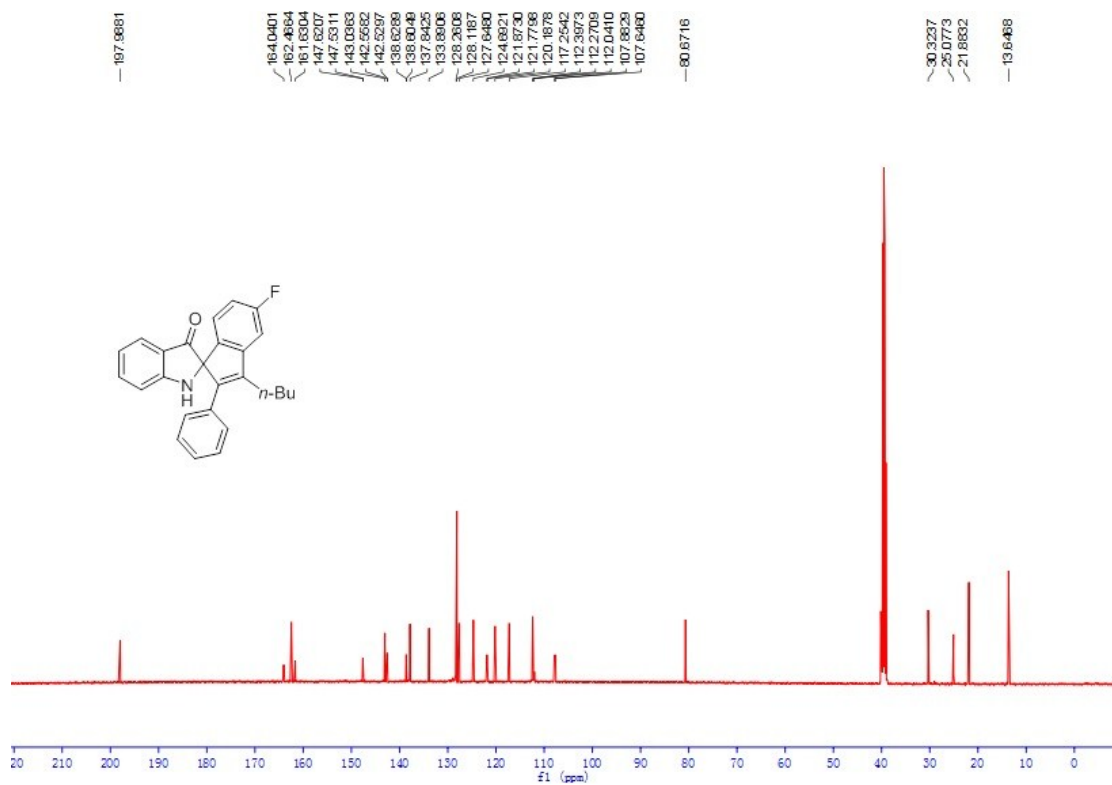


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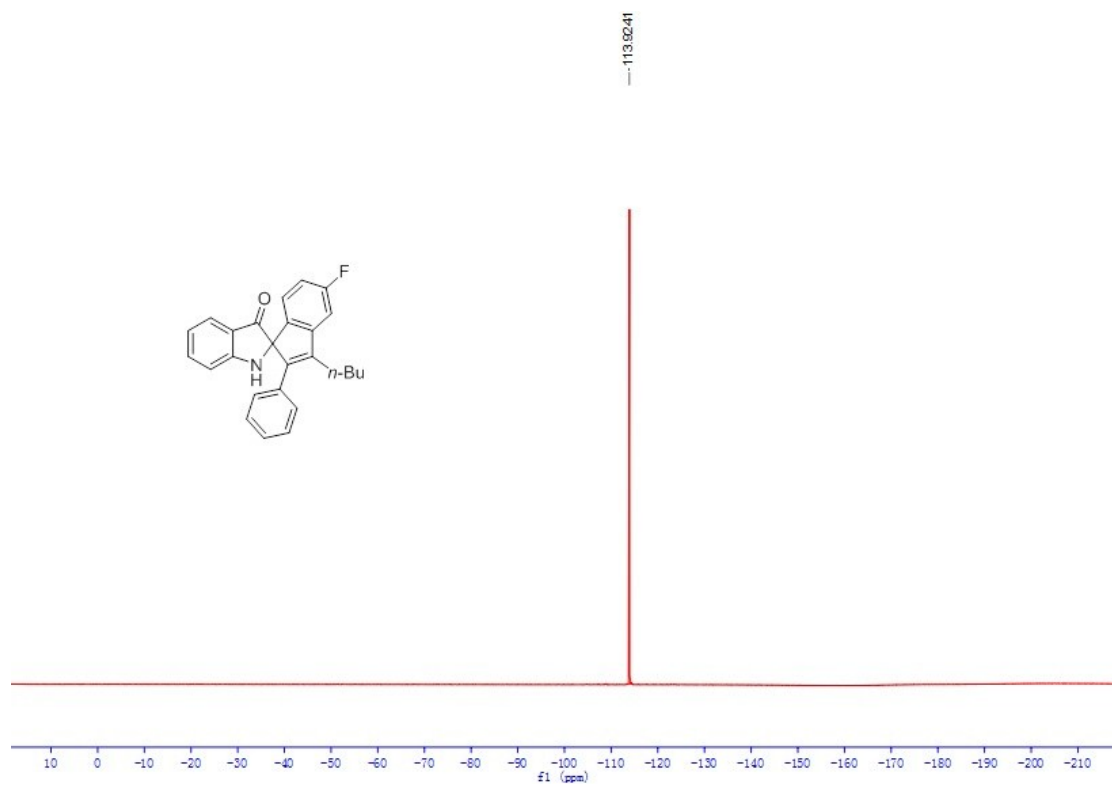


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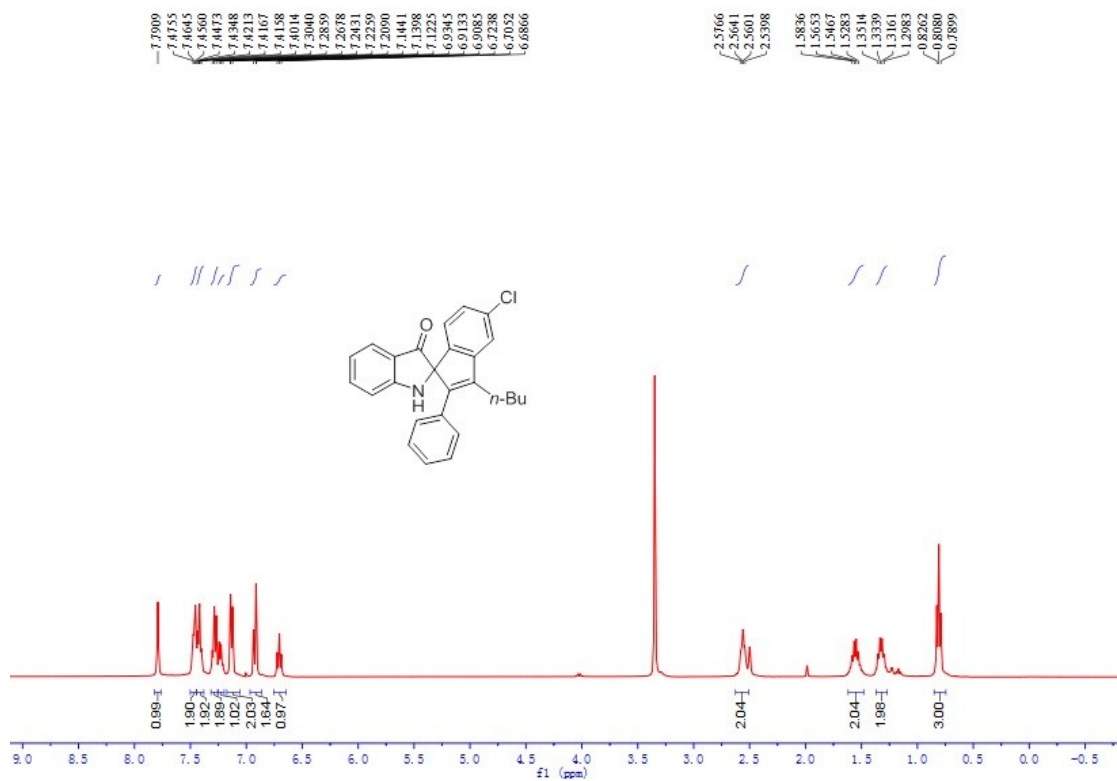


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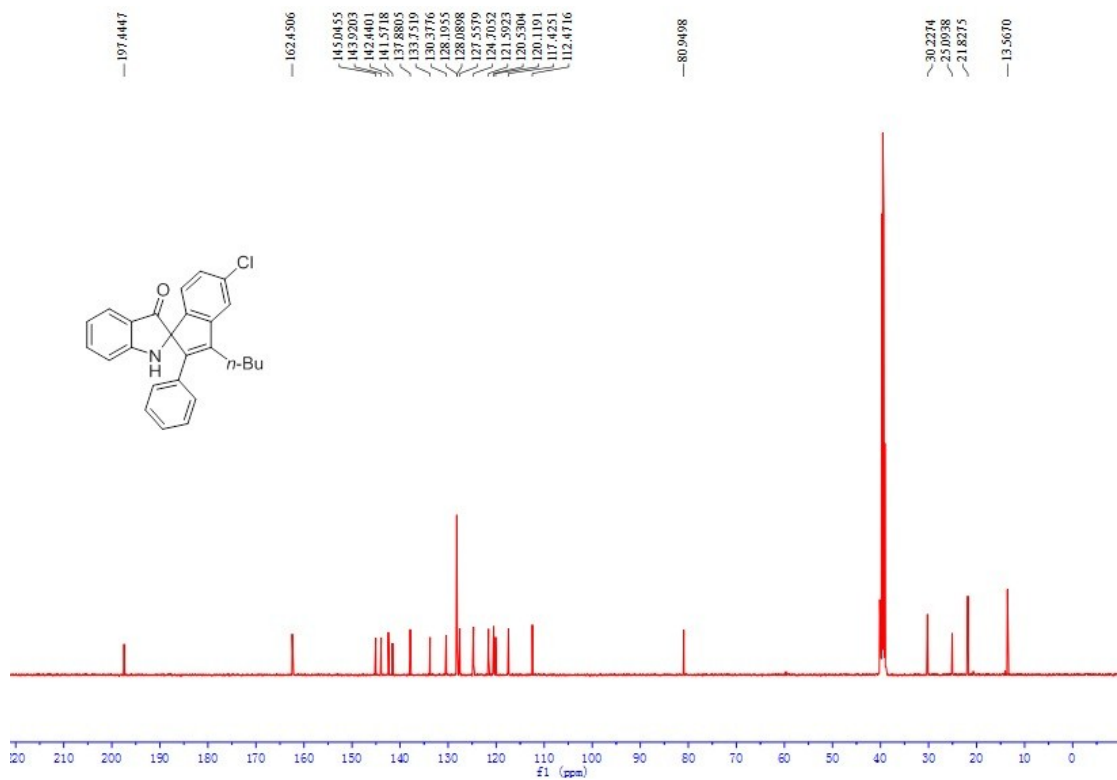


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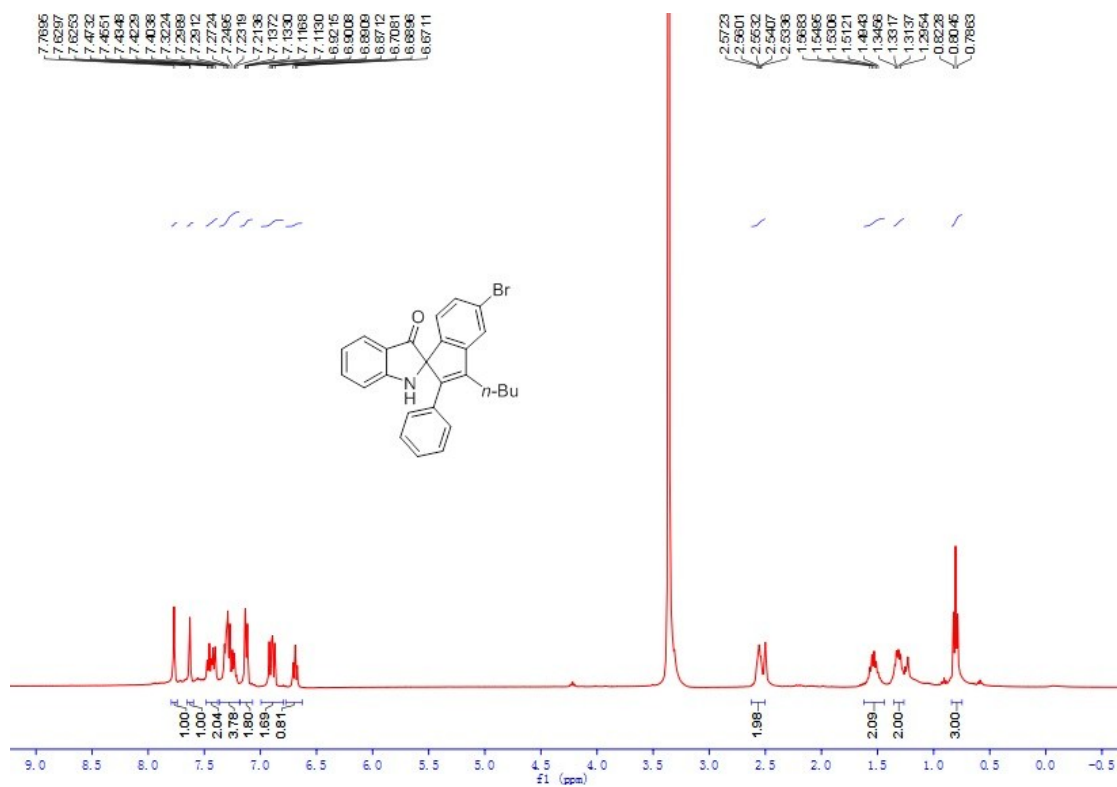


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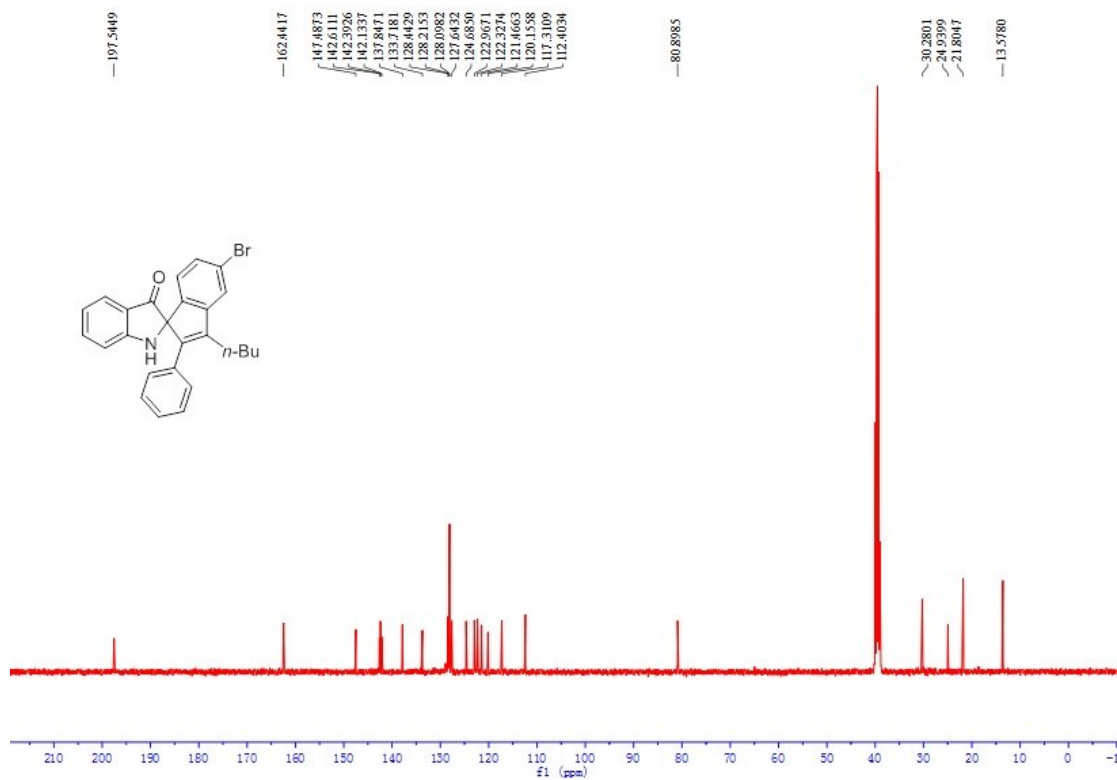


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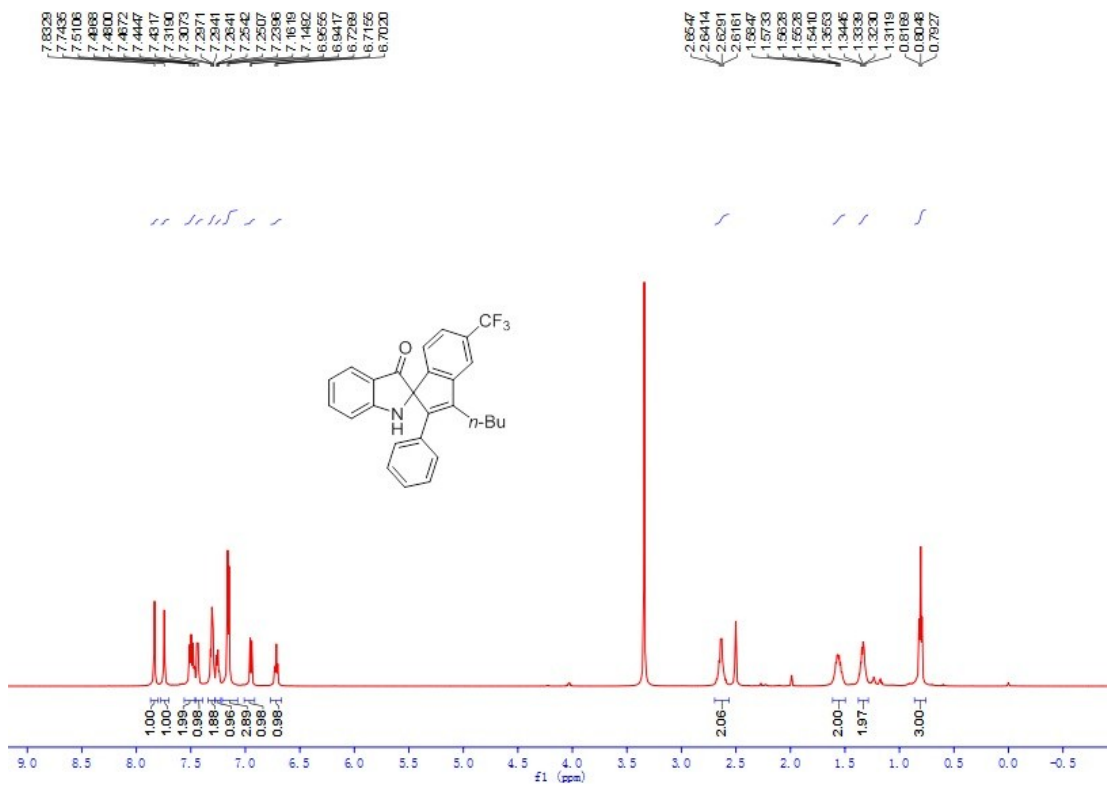


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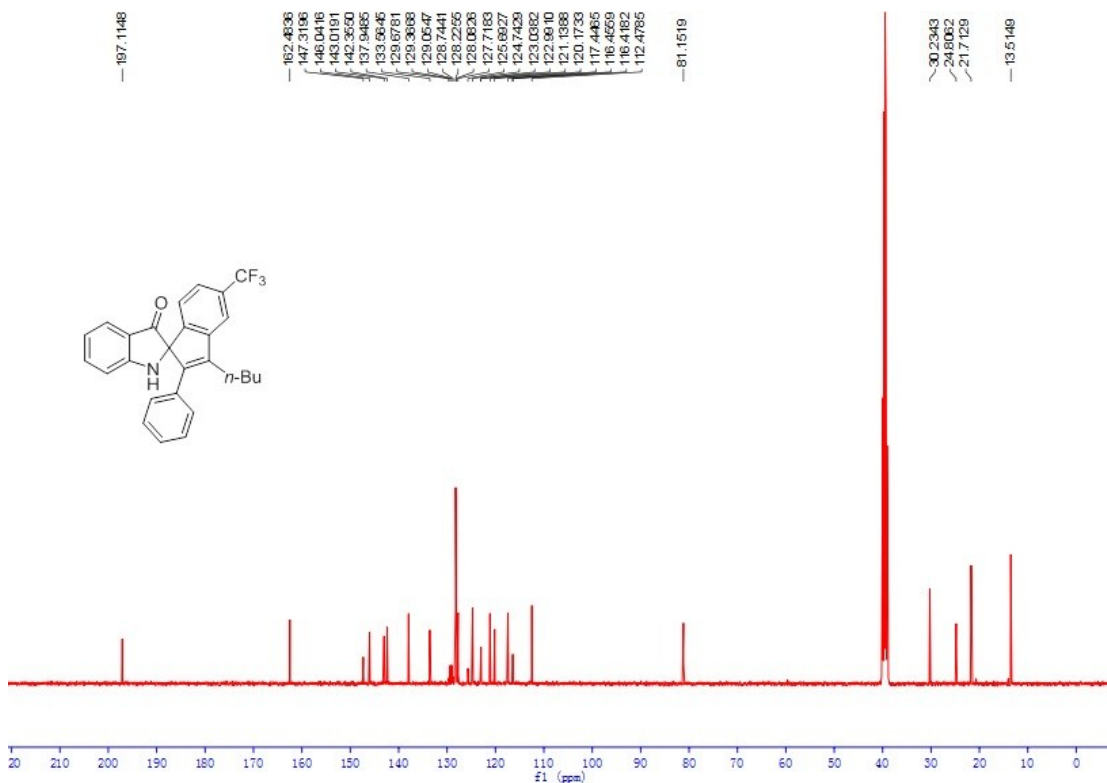


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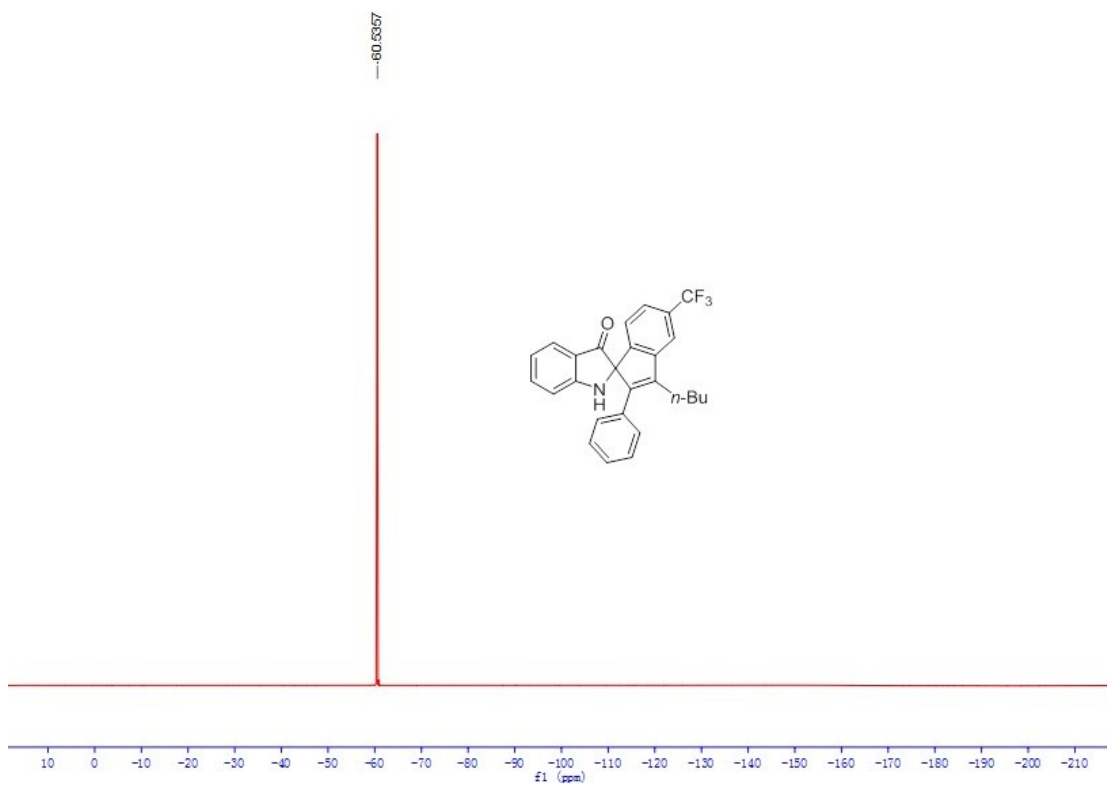


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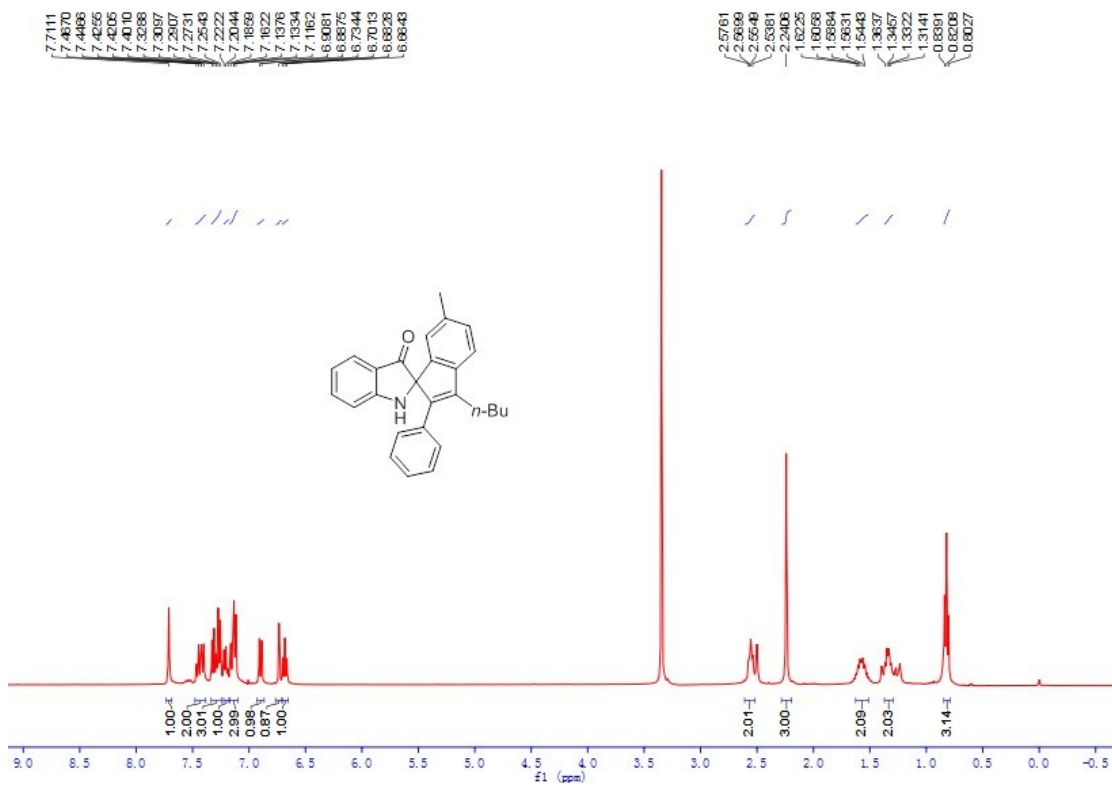


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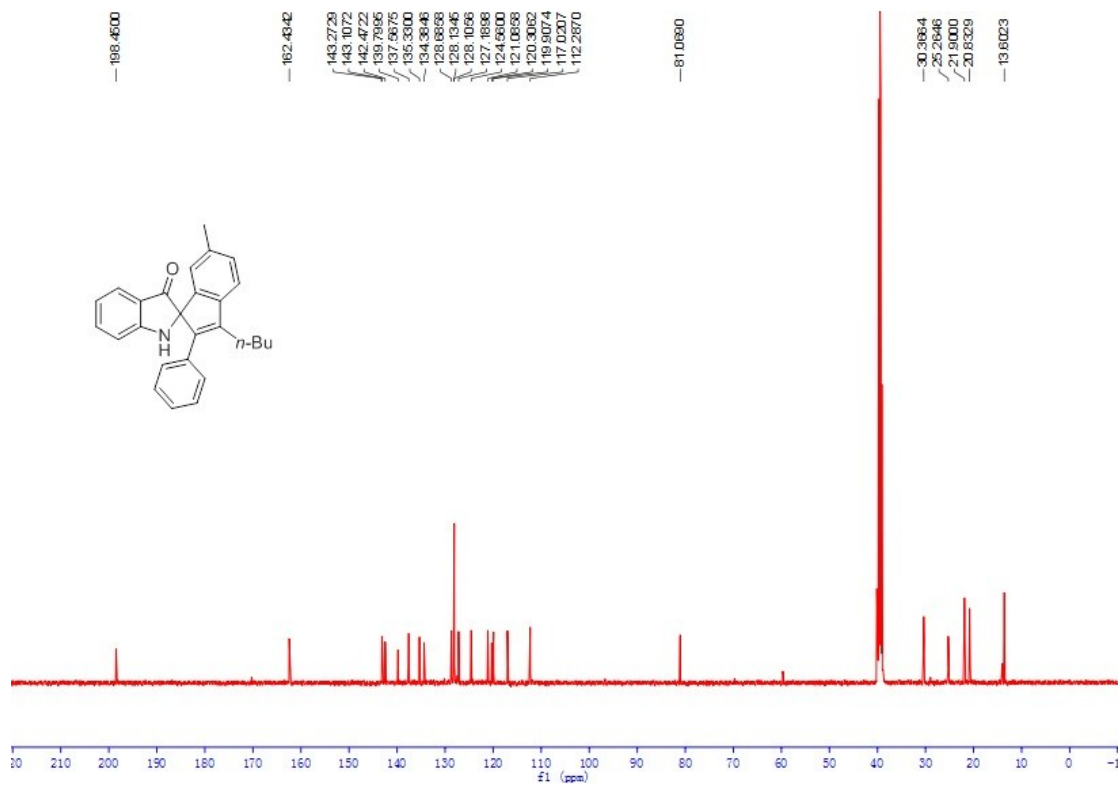


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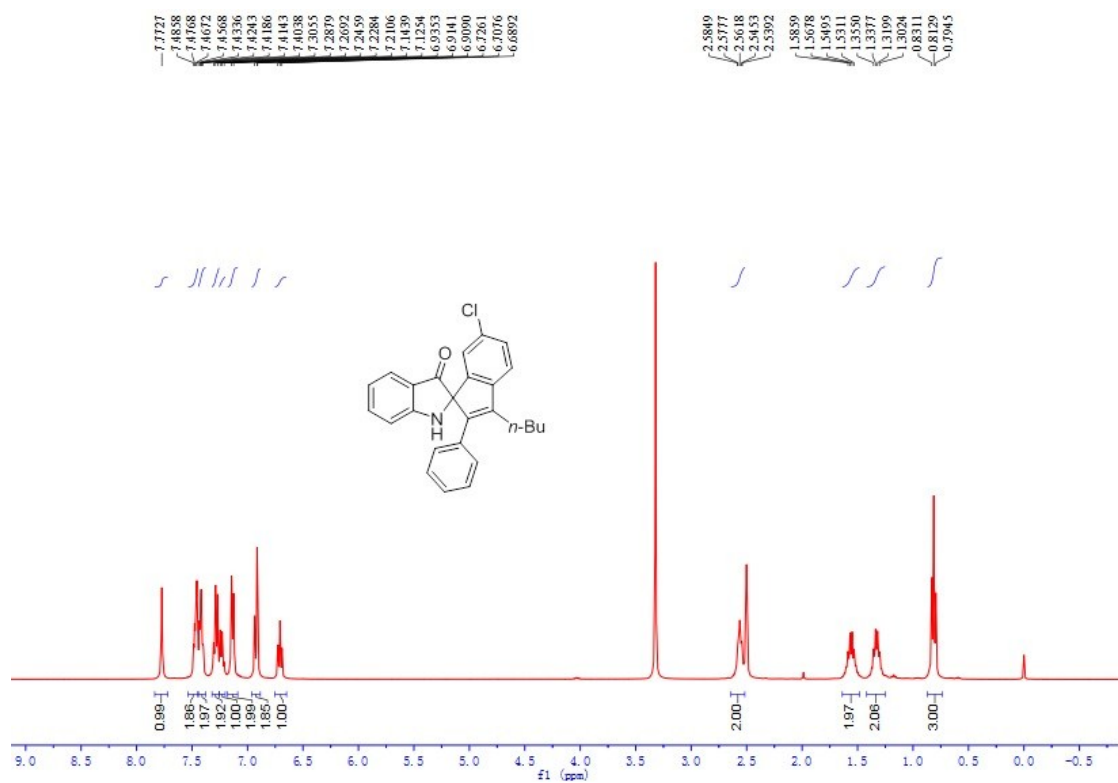


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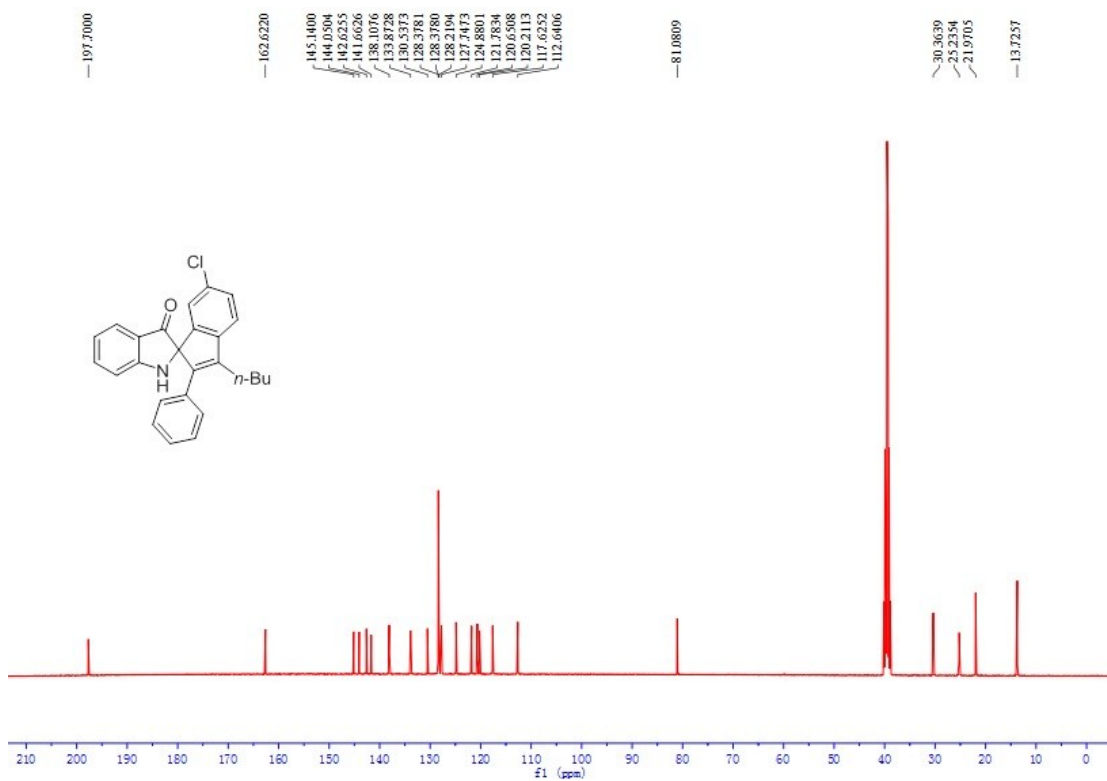


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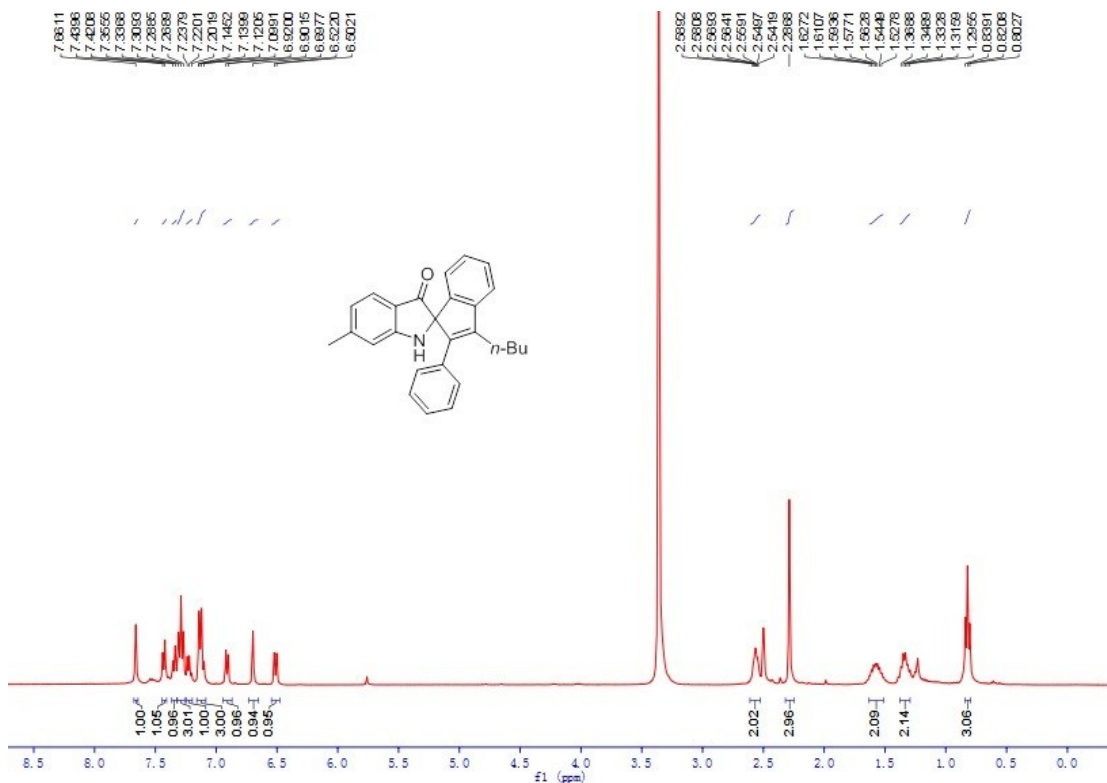


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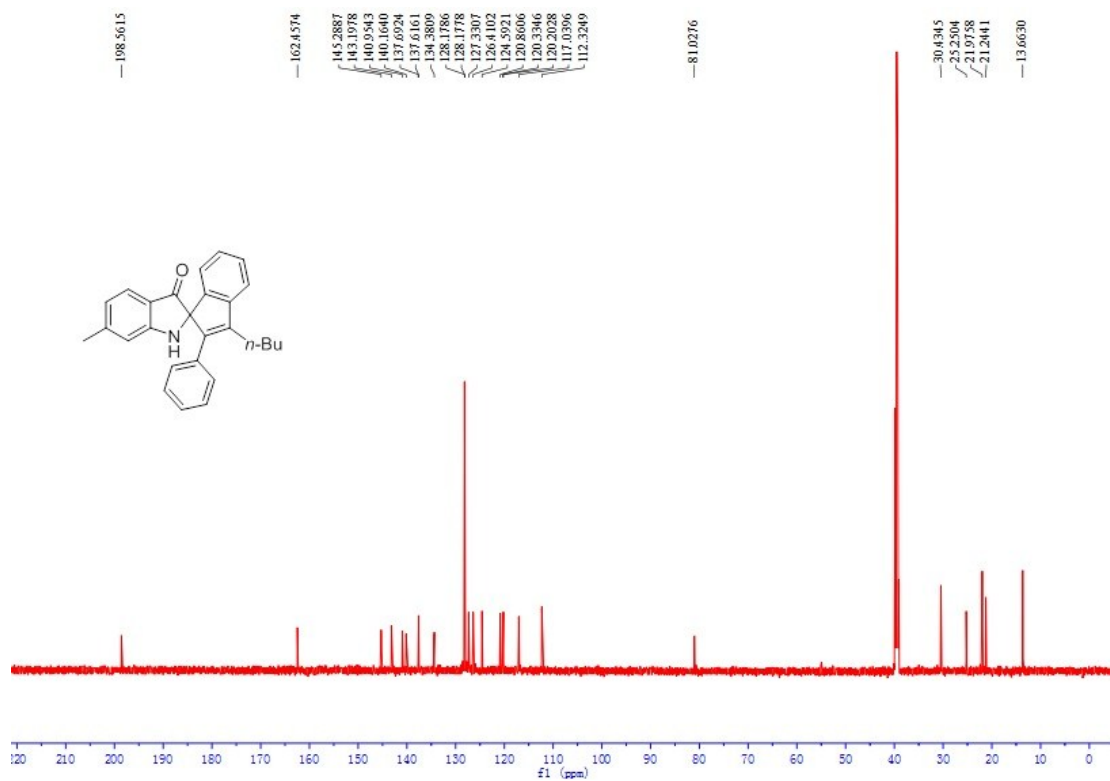


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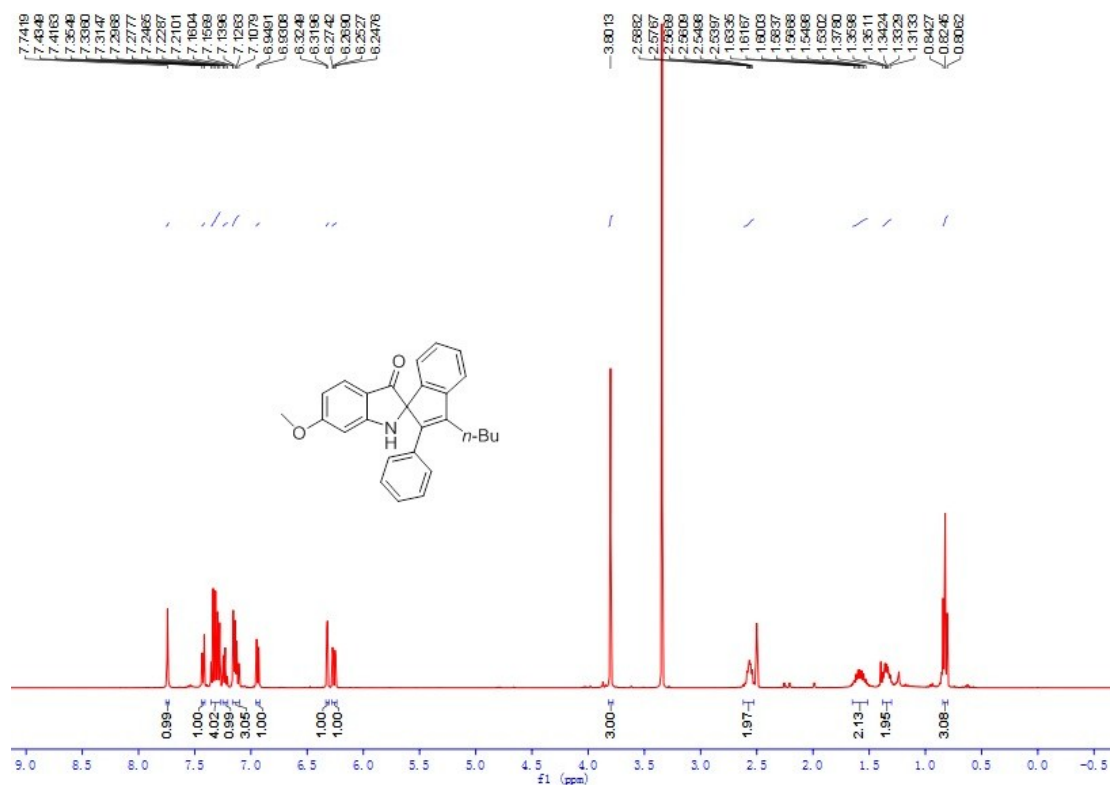


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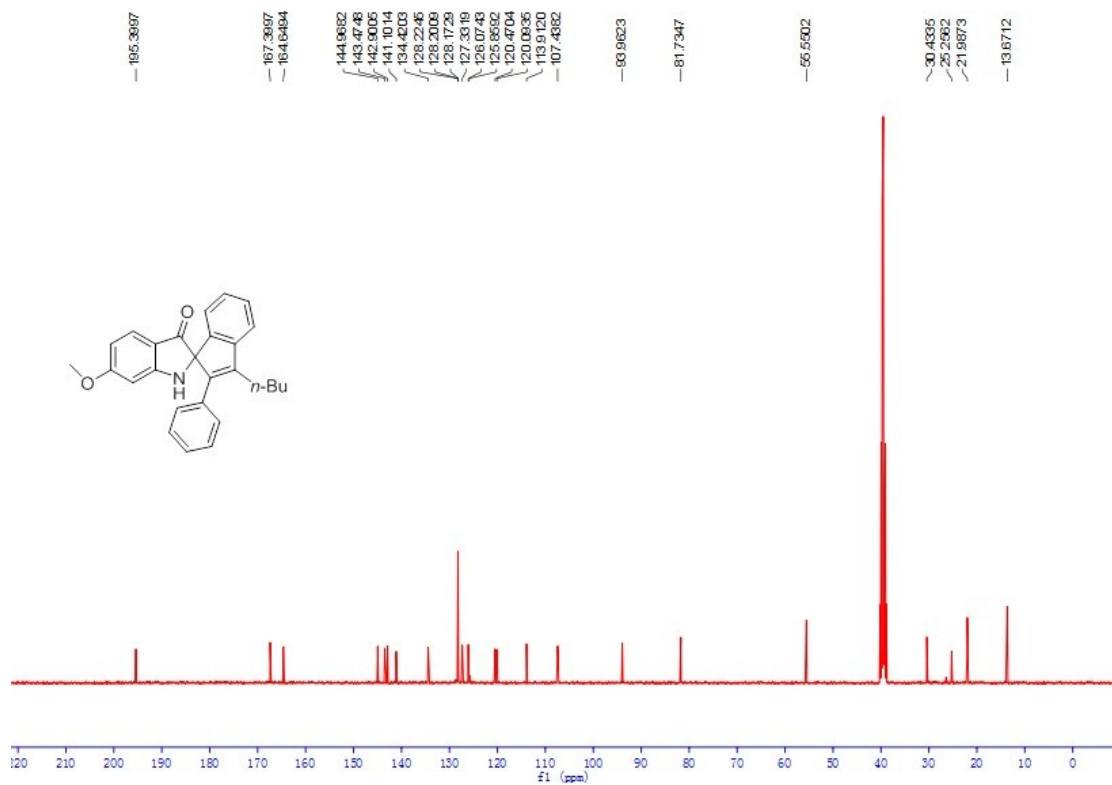


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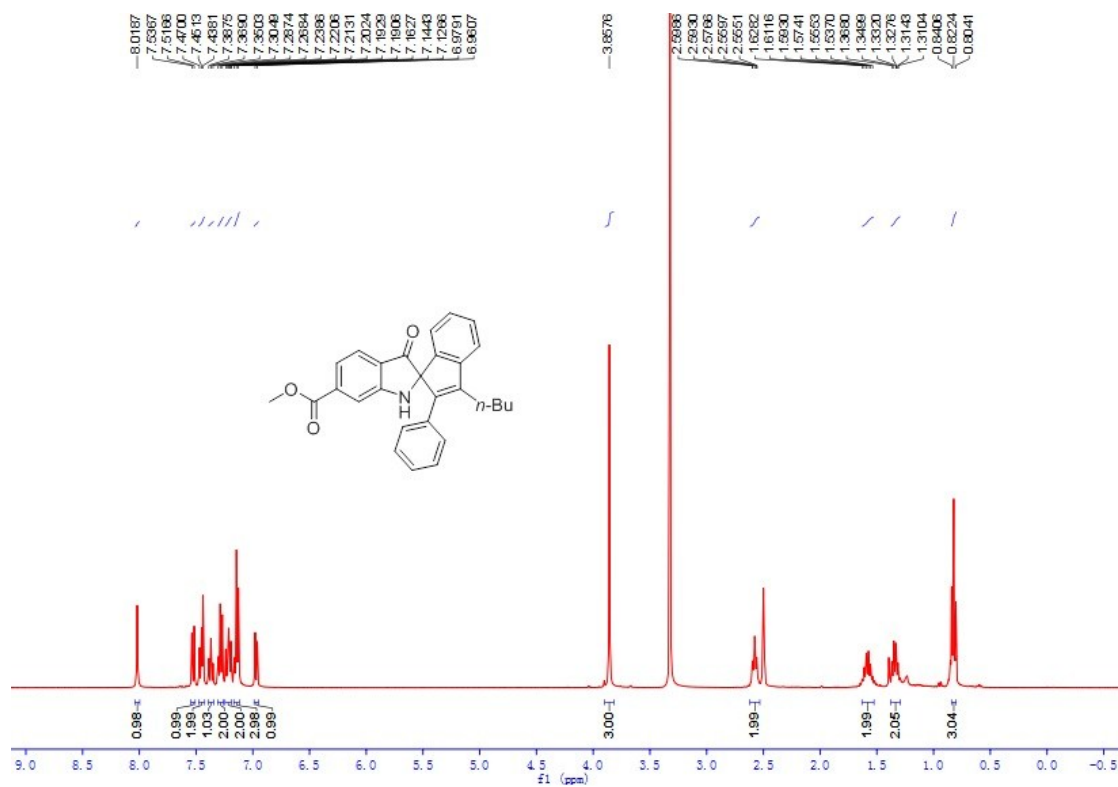


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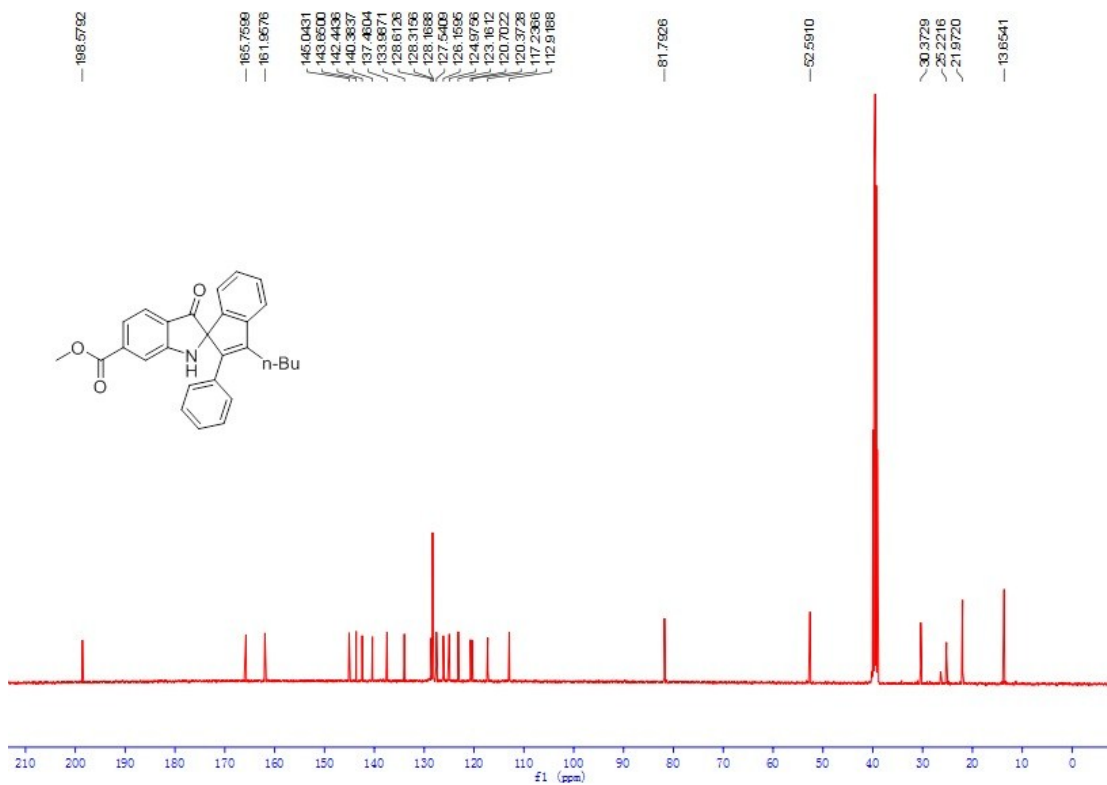


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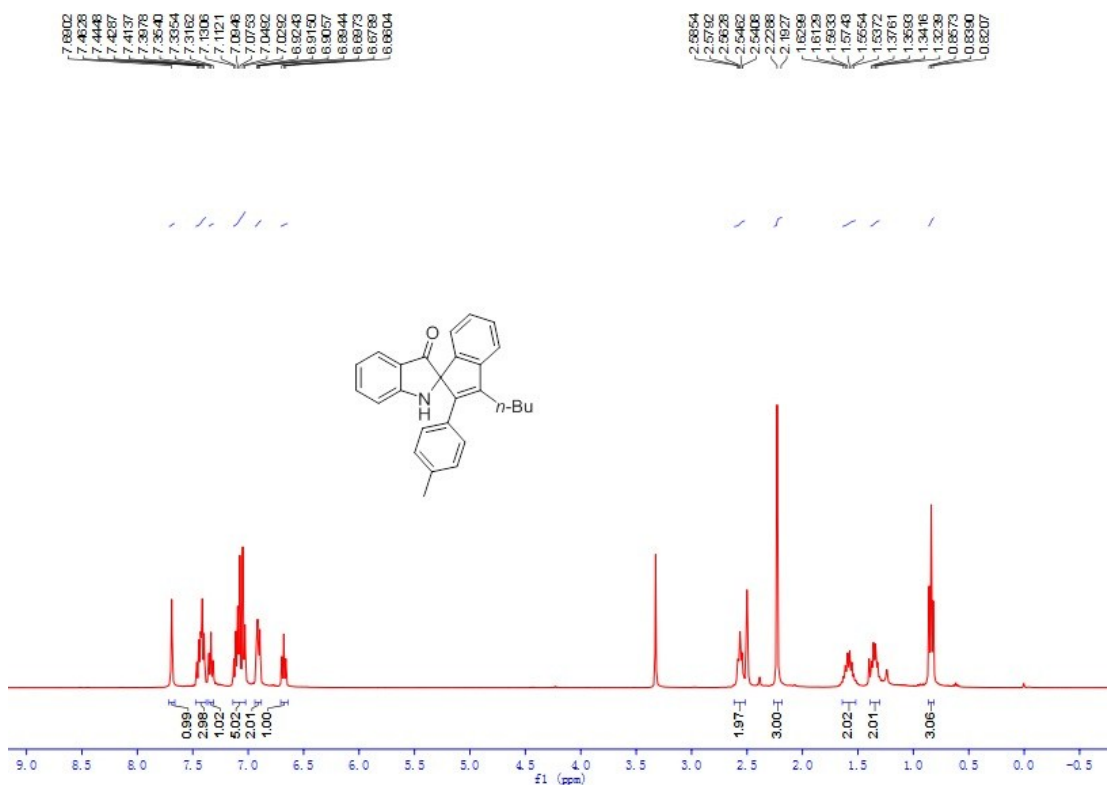


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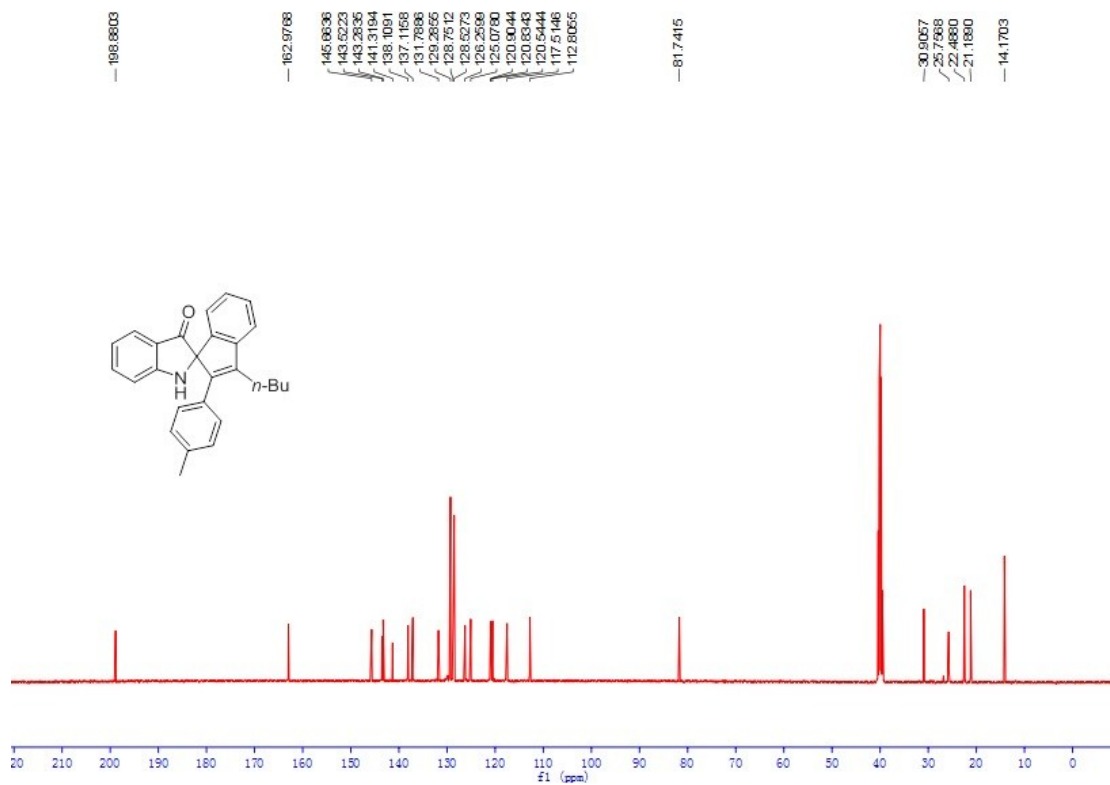


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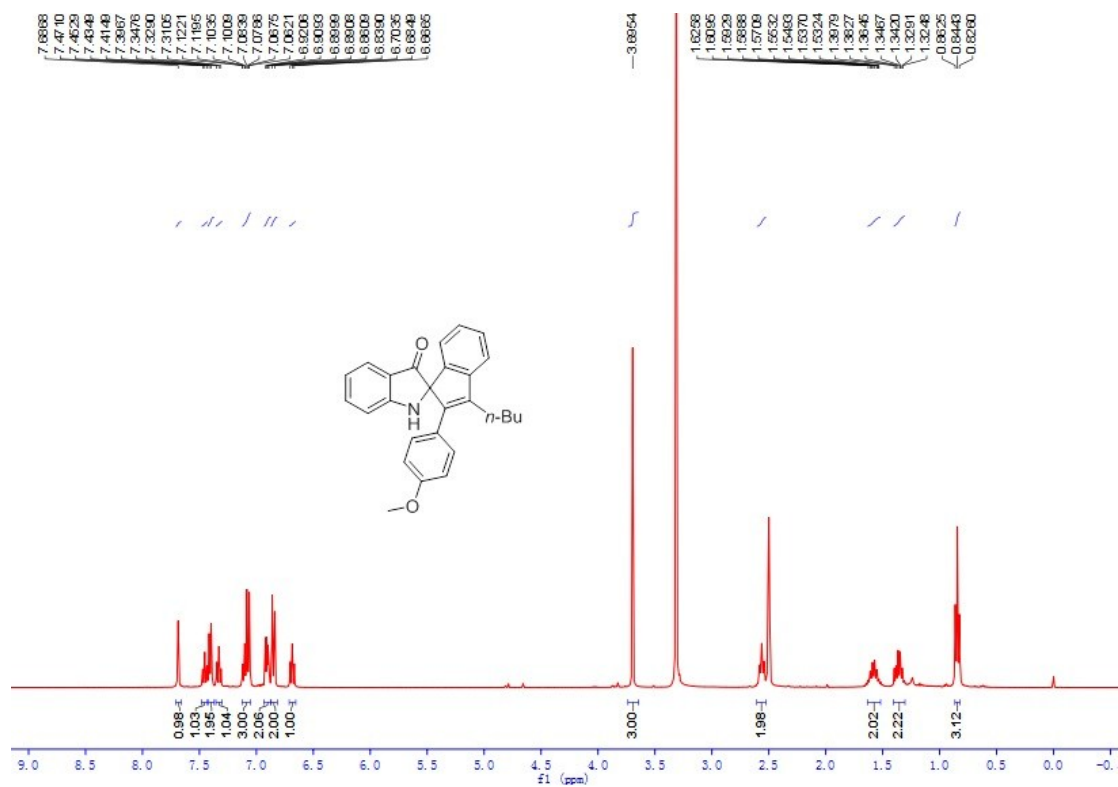


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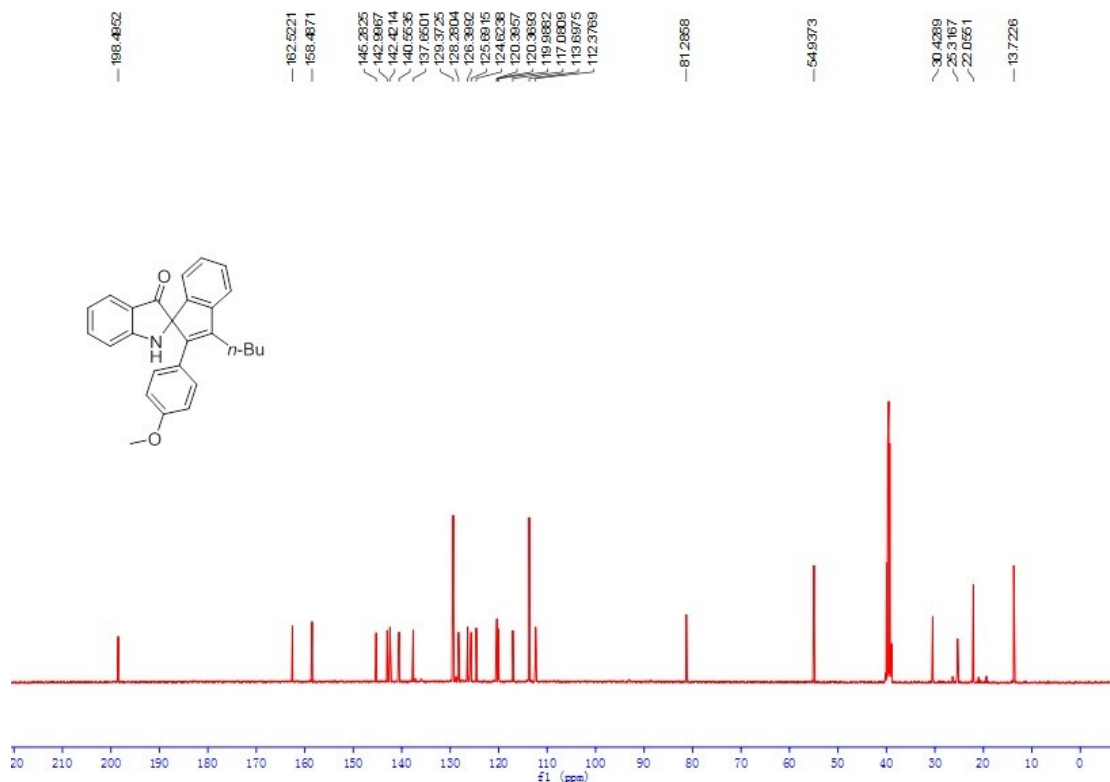


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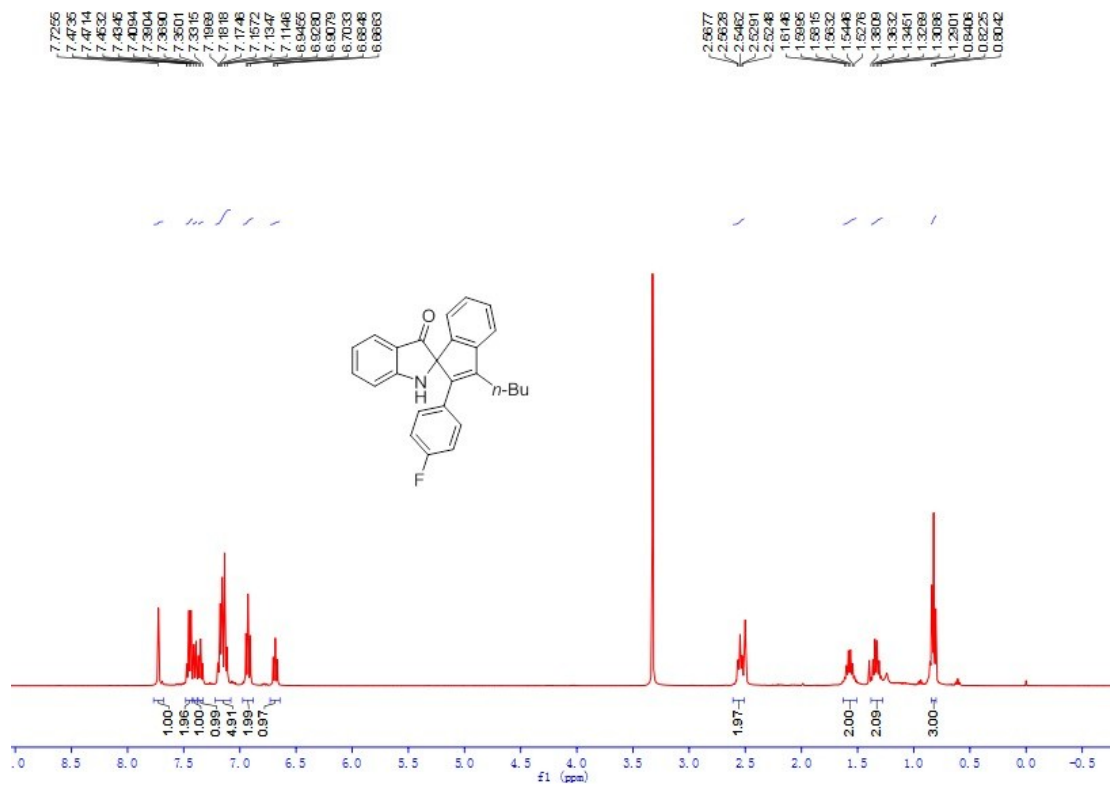


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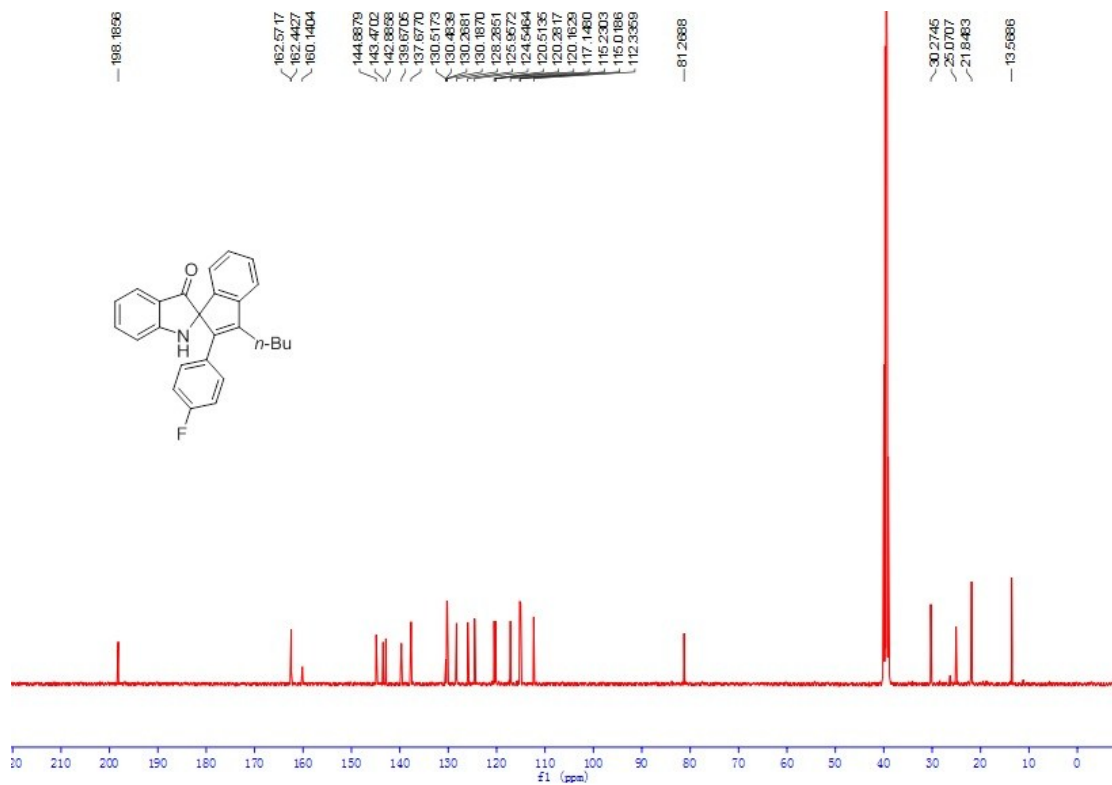


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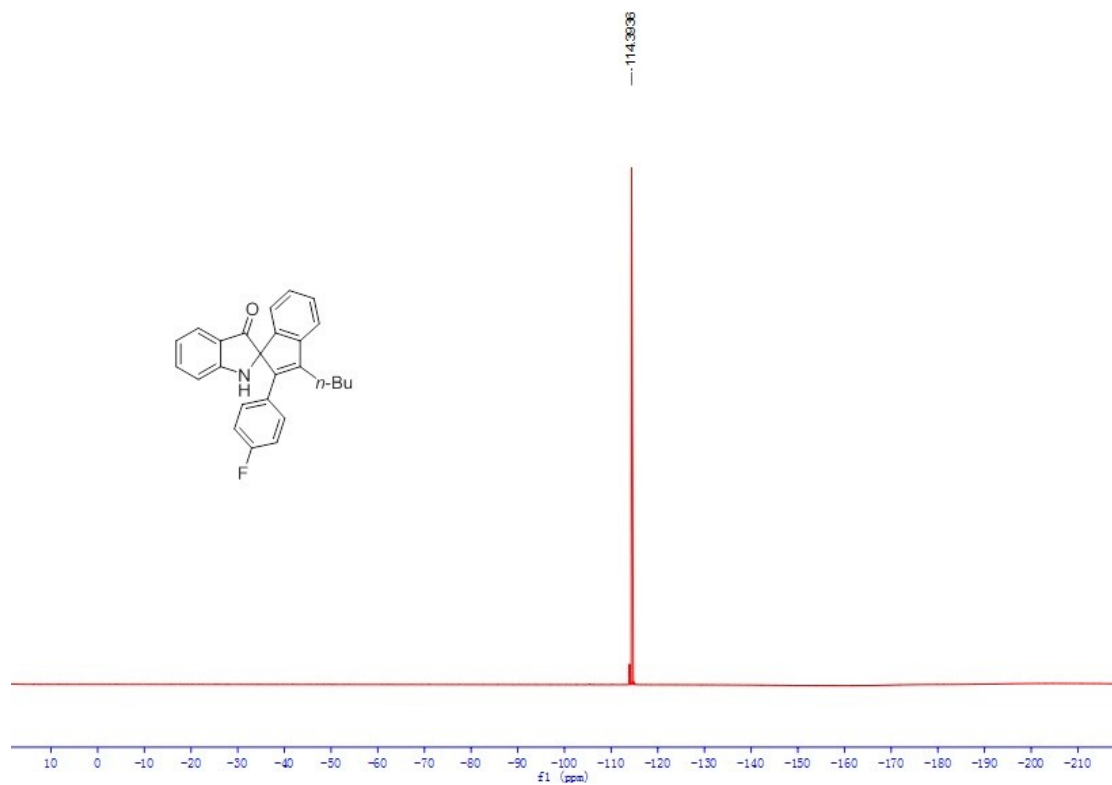


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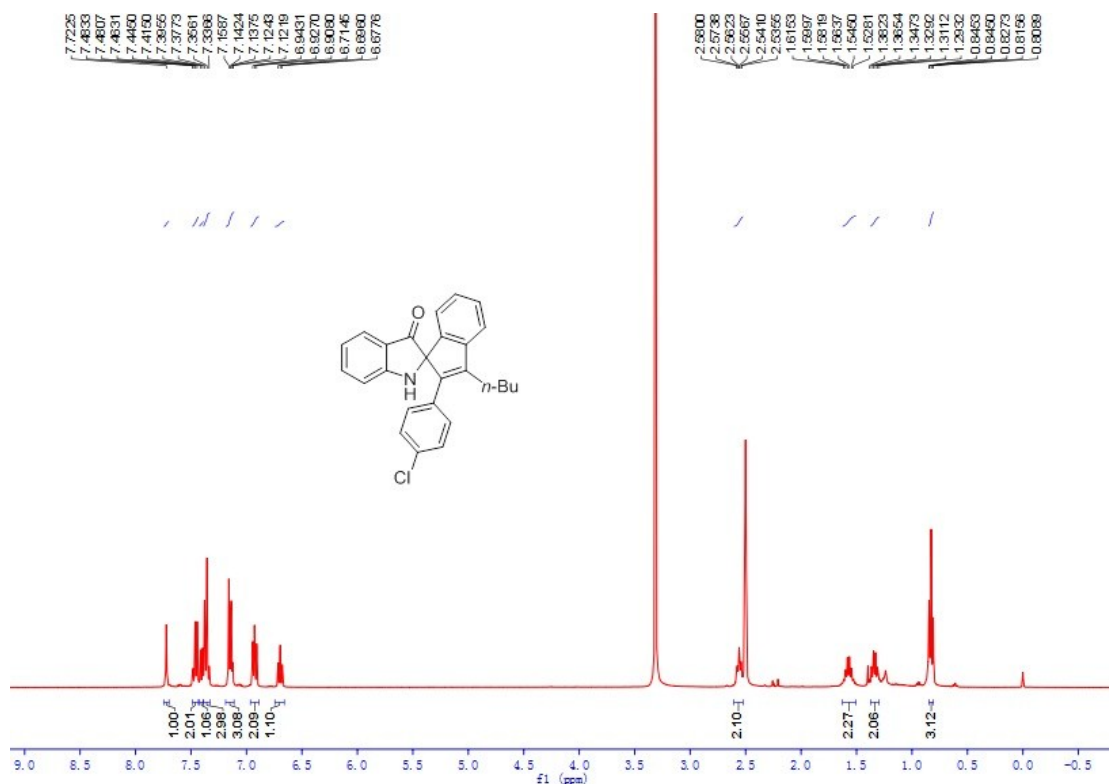


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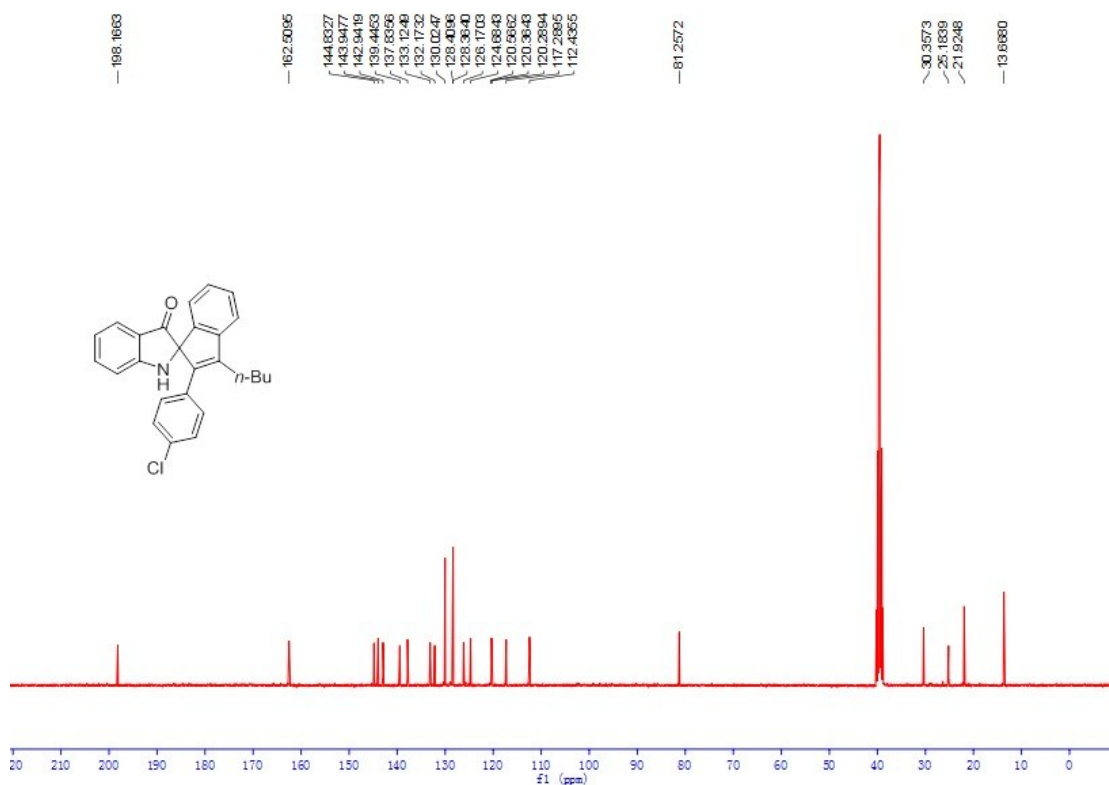


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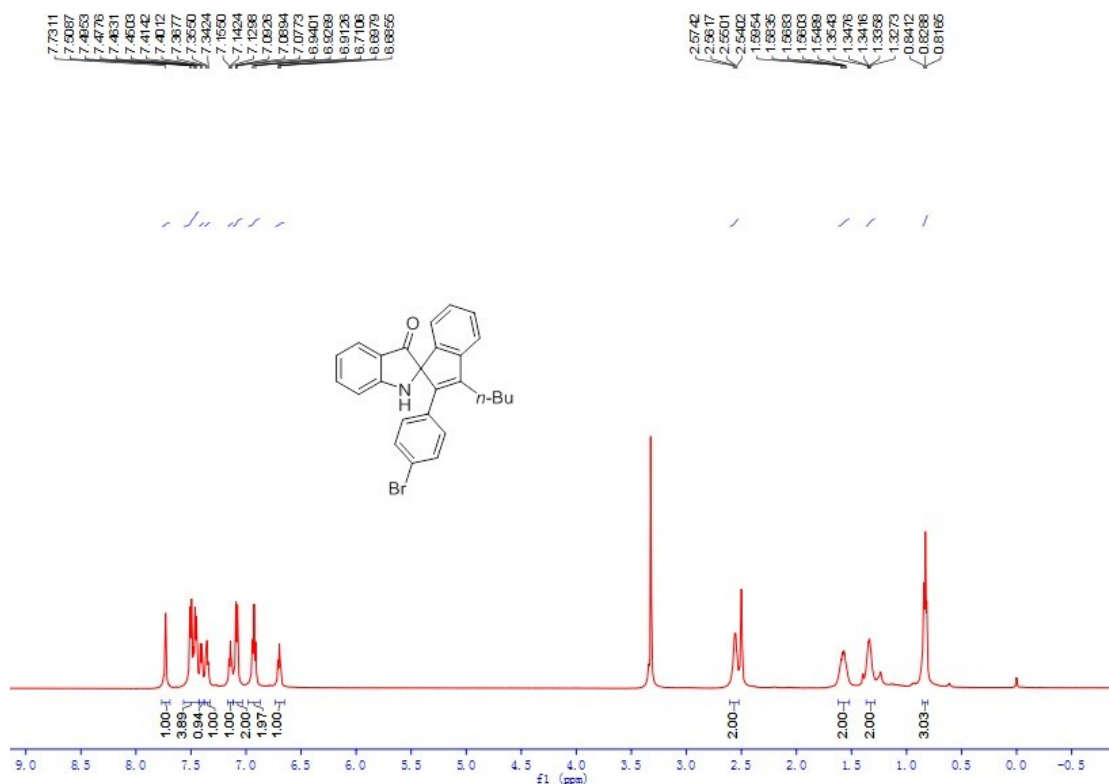


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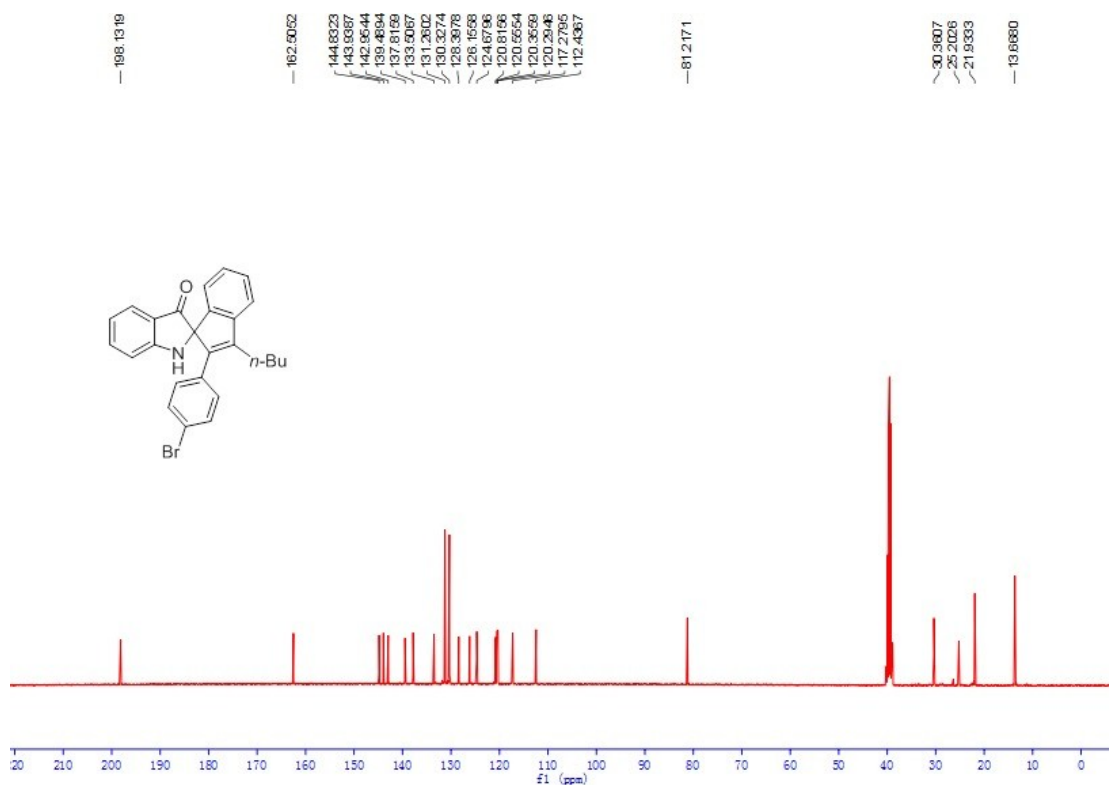


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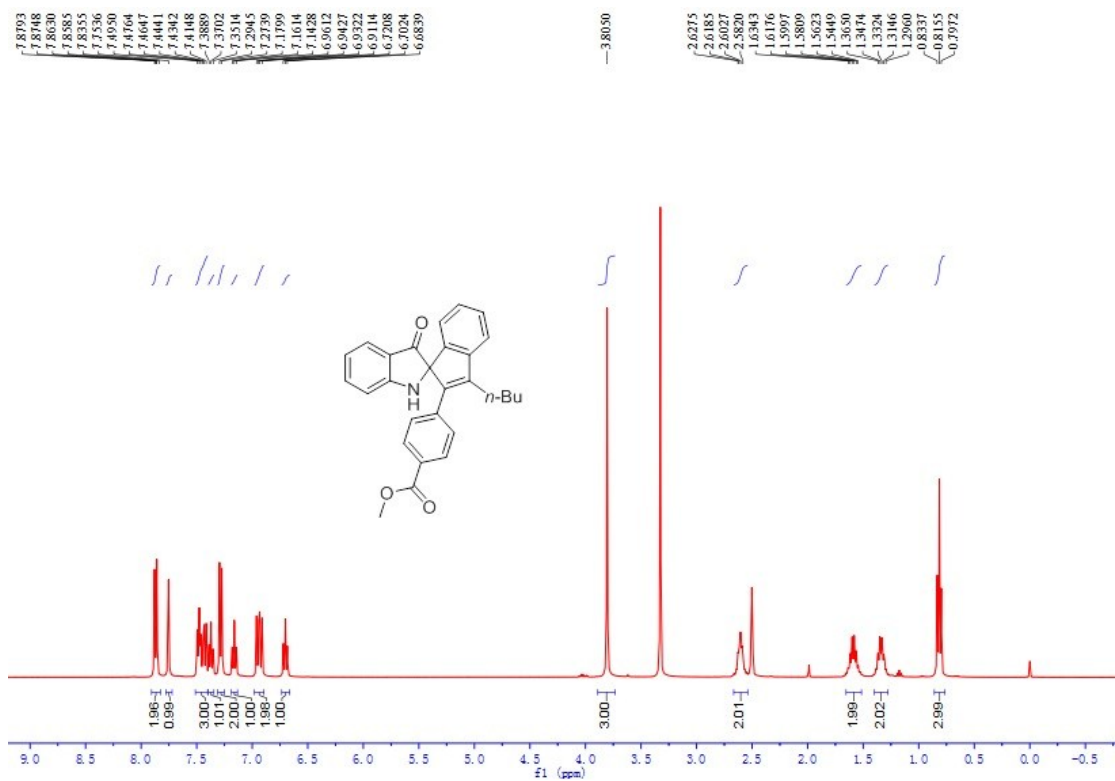


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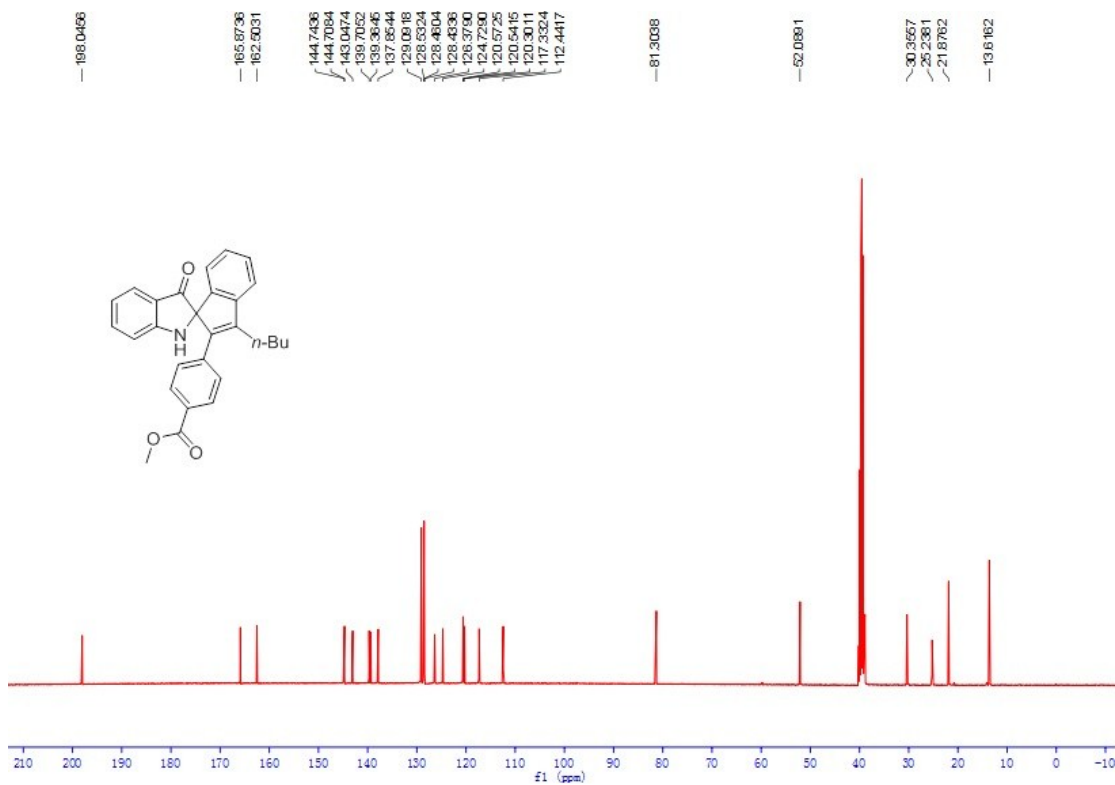


Figure S44. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 3ag

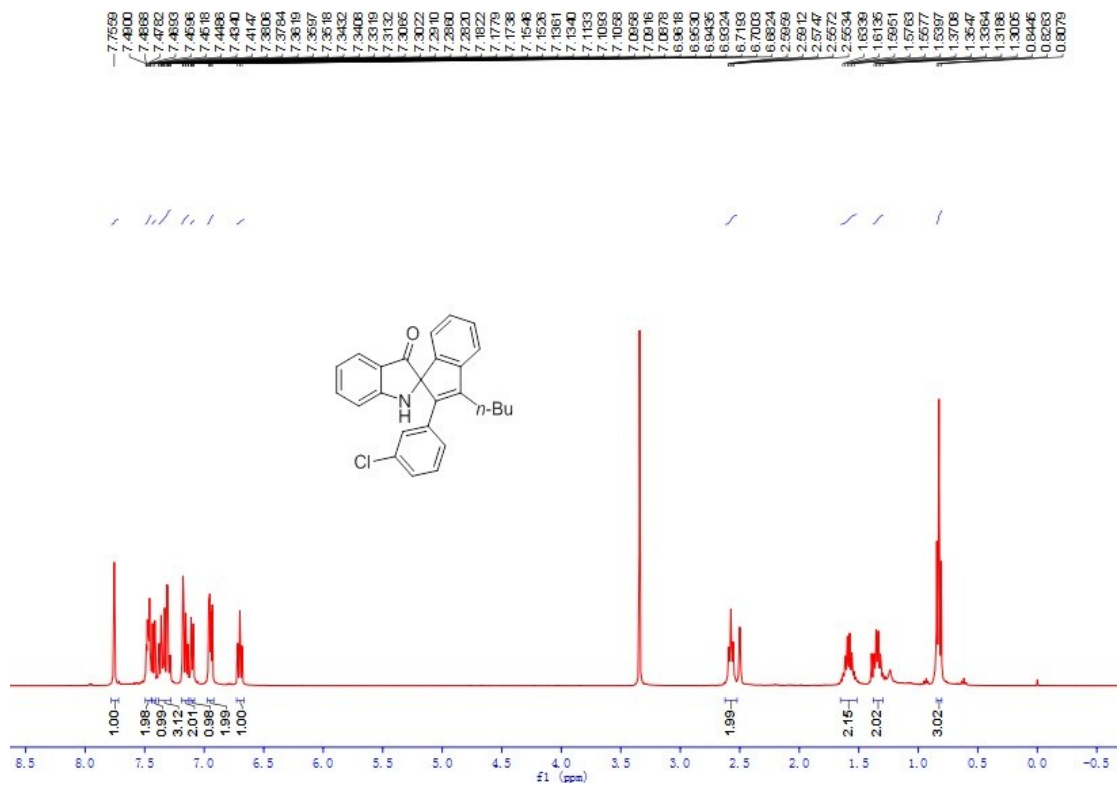


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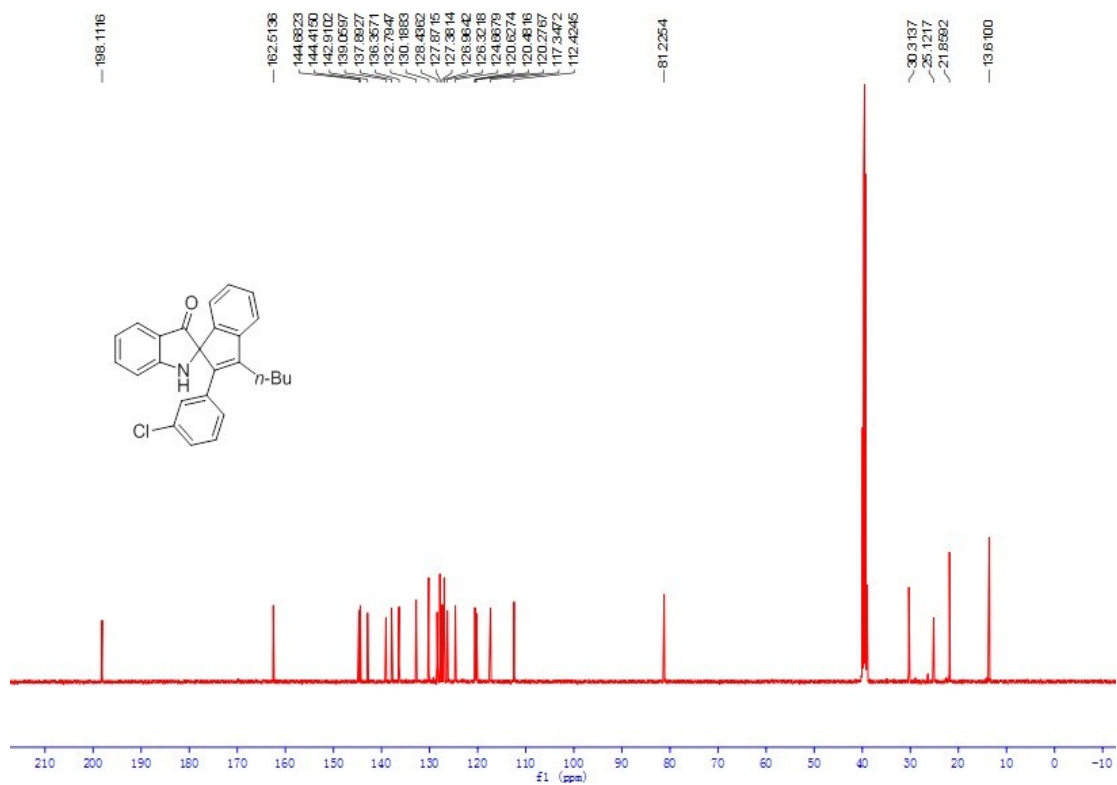


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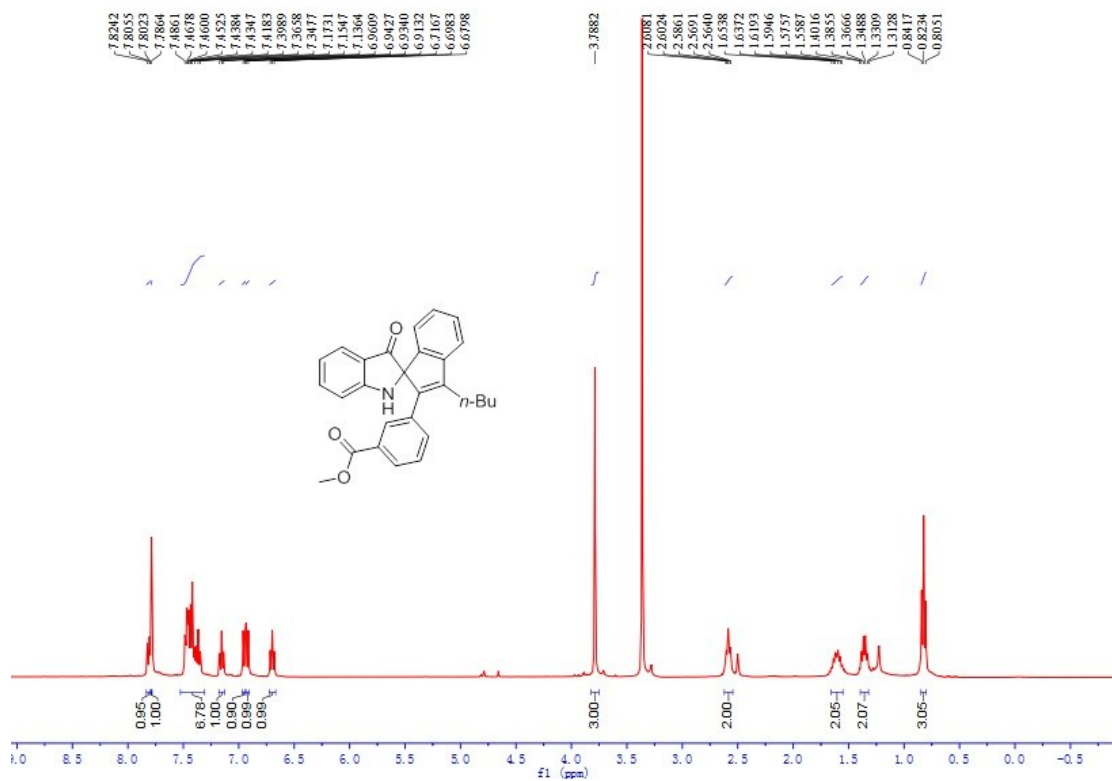


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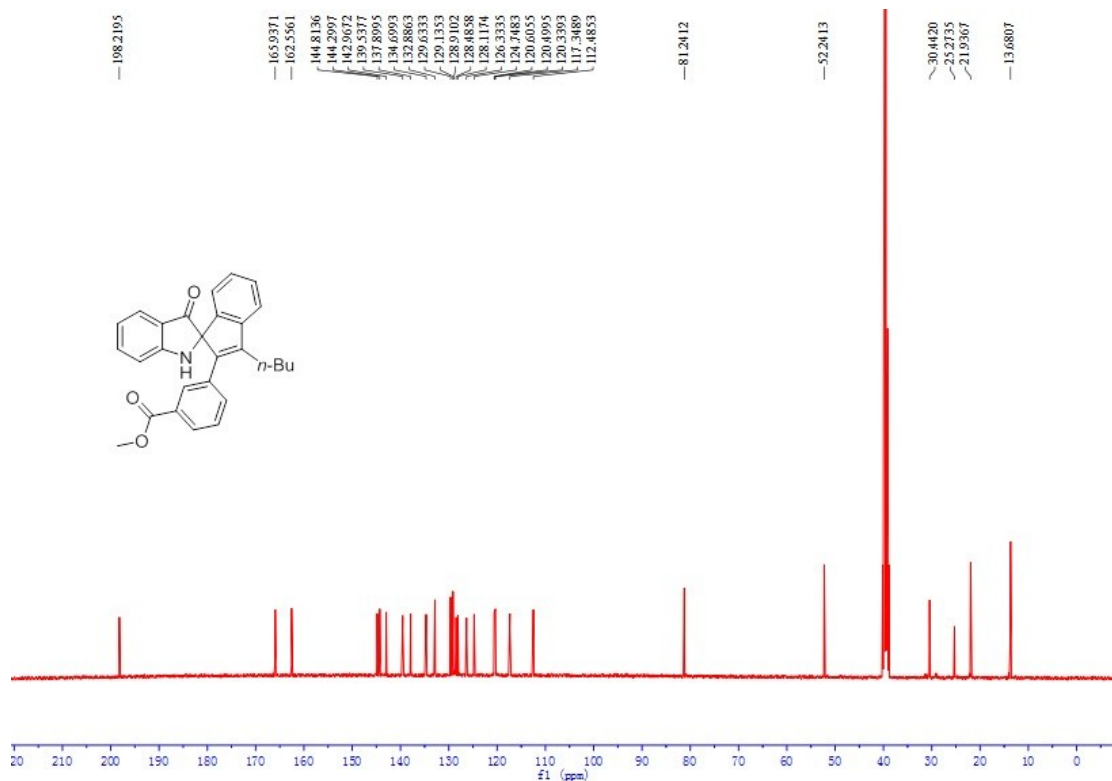


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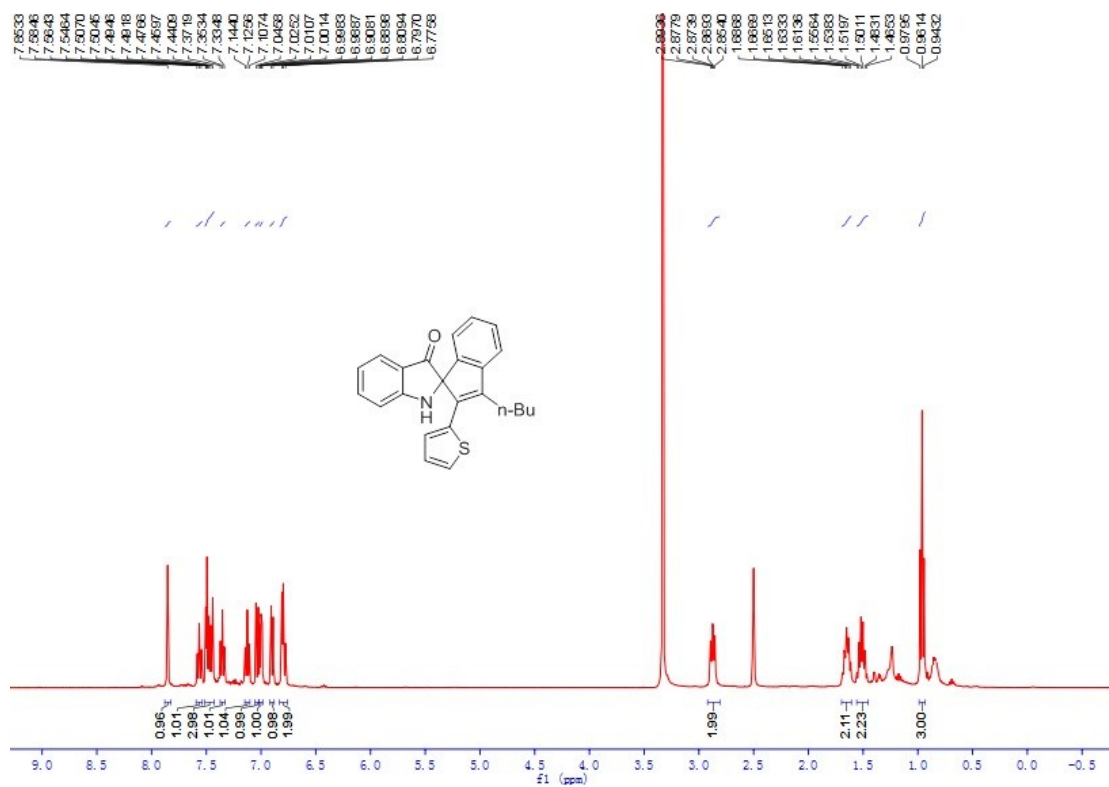


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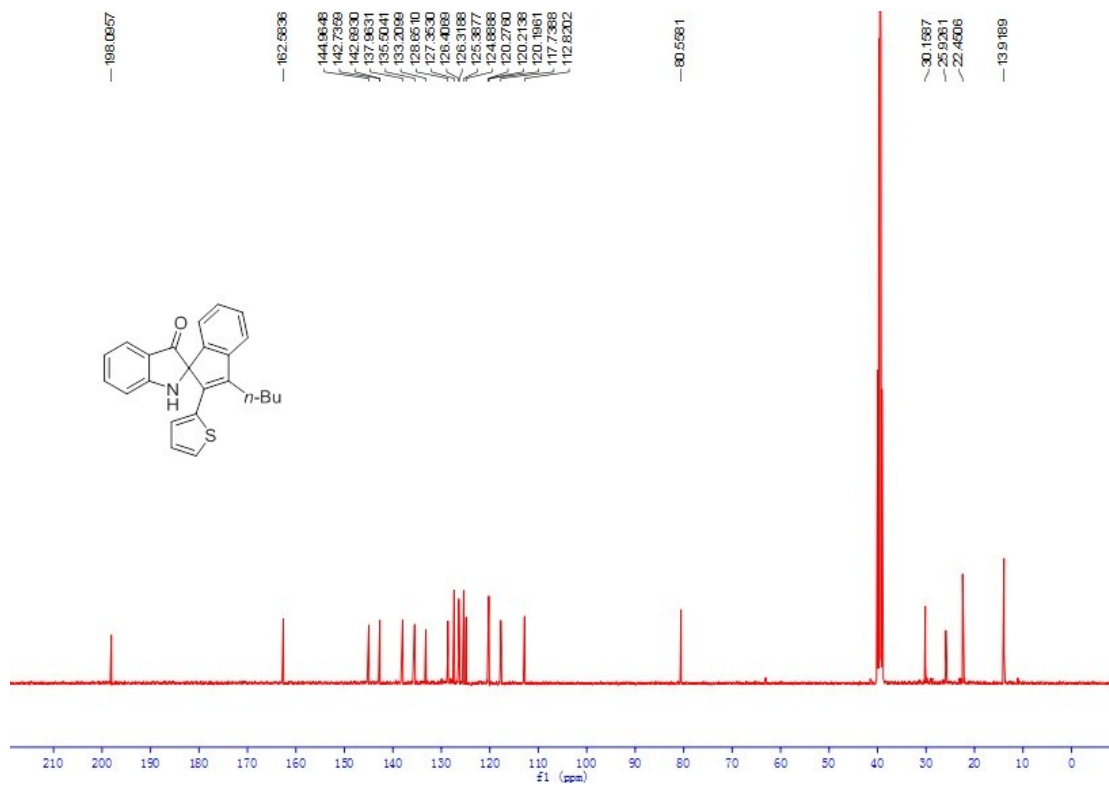


Figure S50. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 3aj

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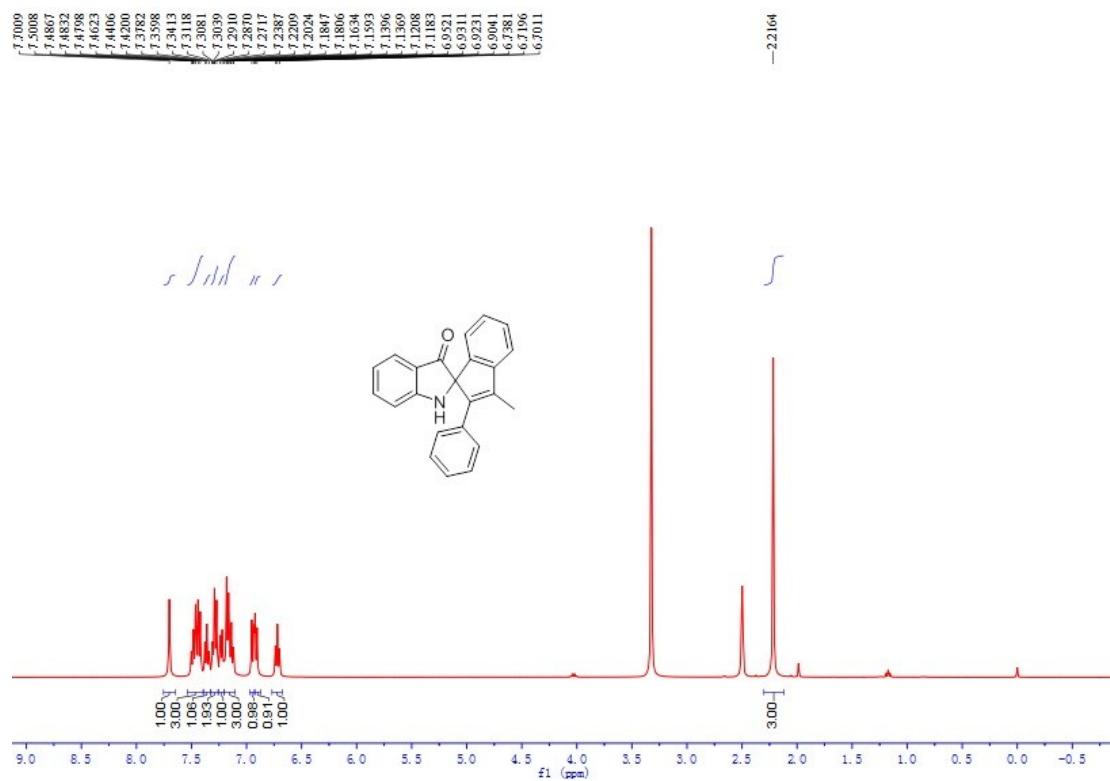


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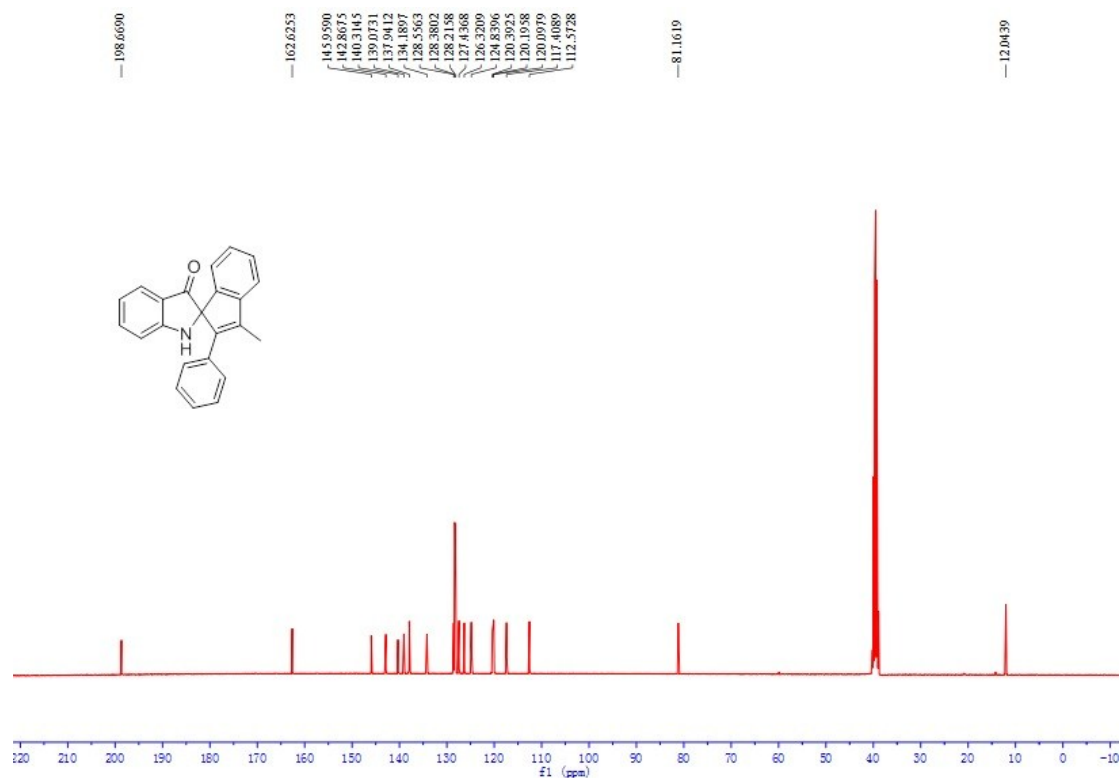


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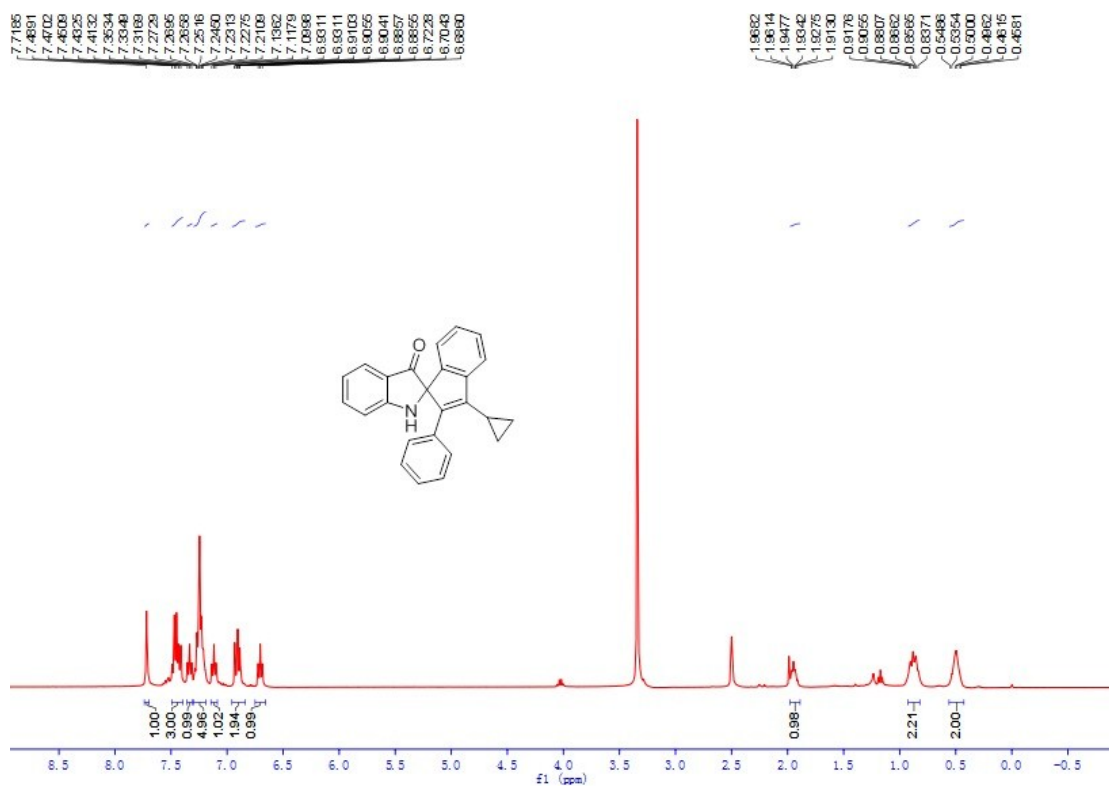


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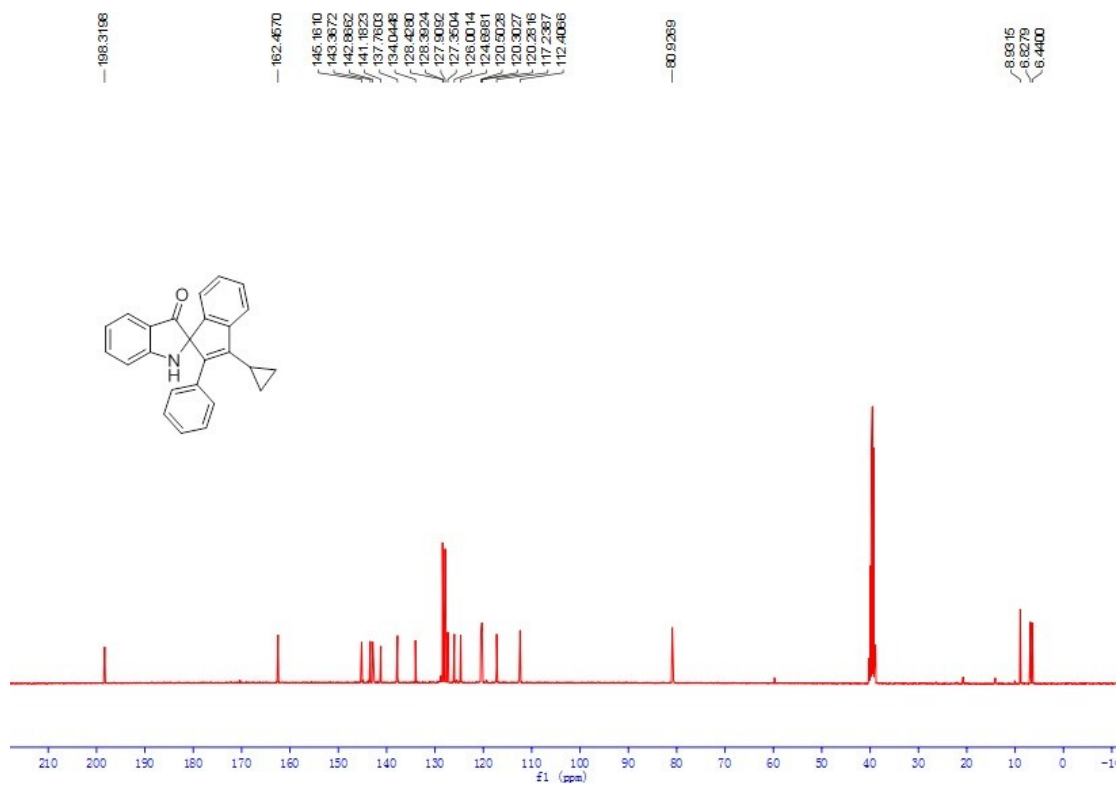
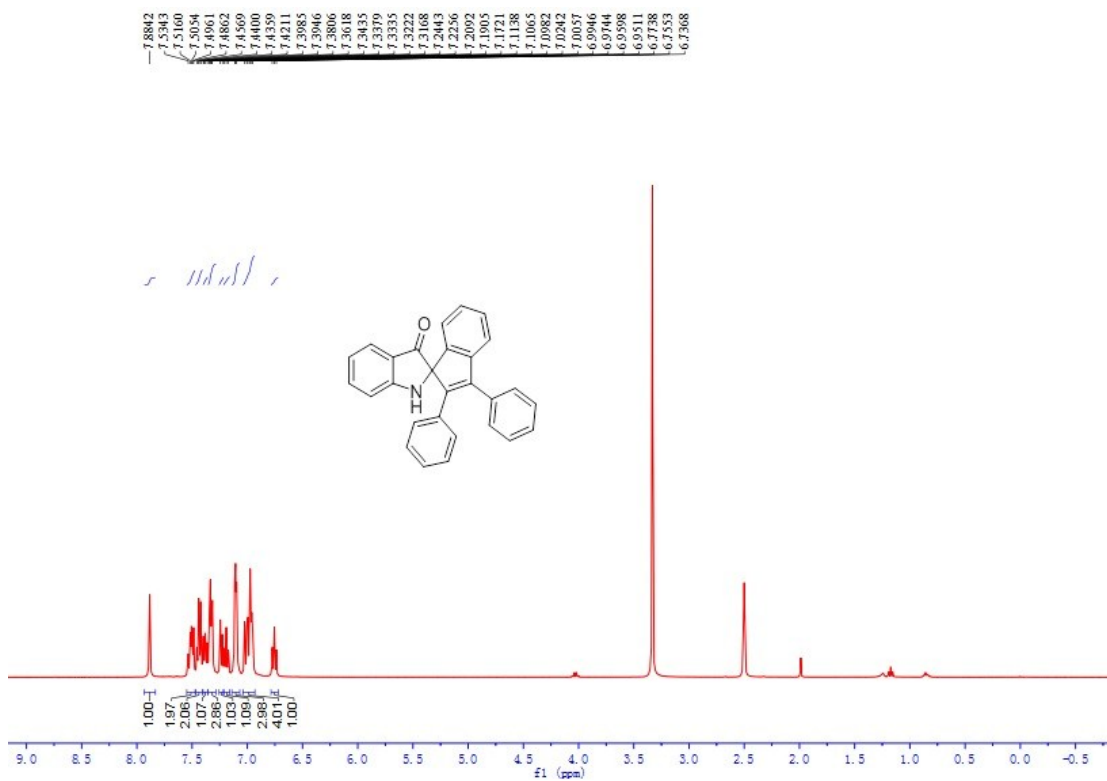
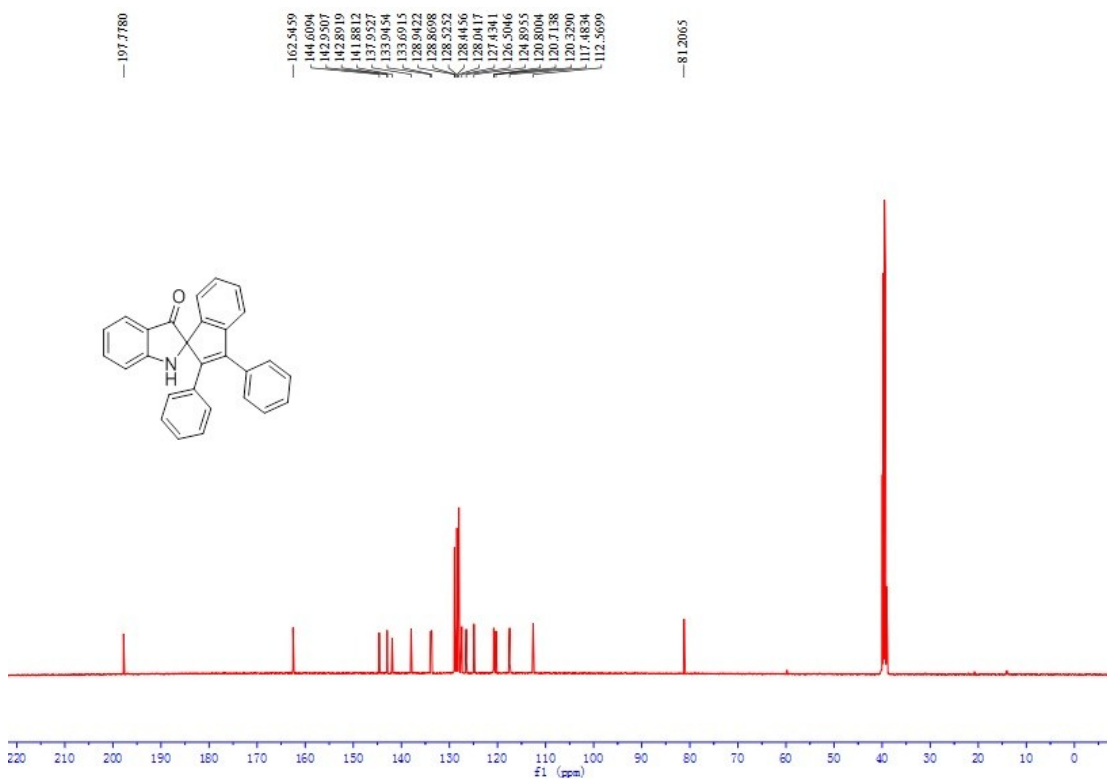


Figure S54. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 3al



**Figure S55.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound **3am**



**Figure S56.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound **3am**

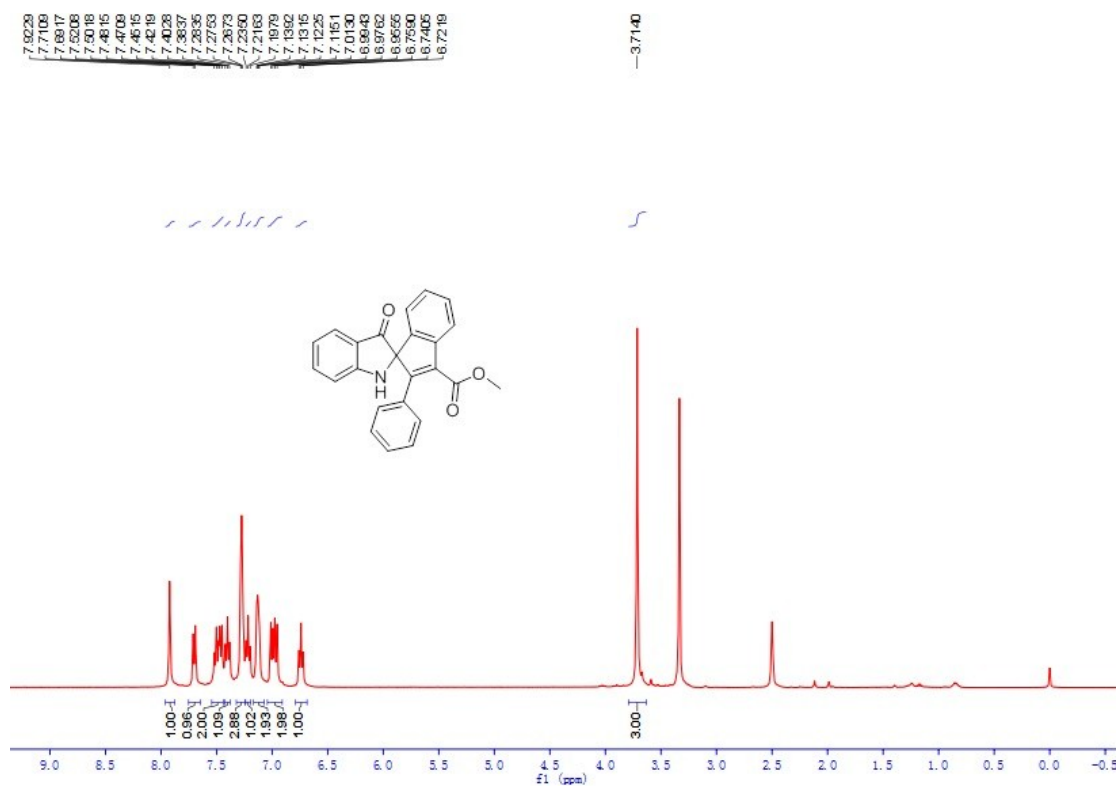


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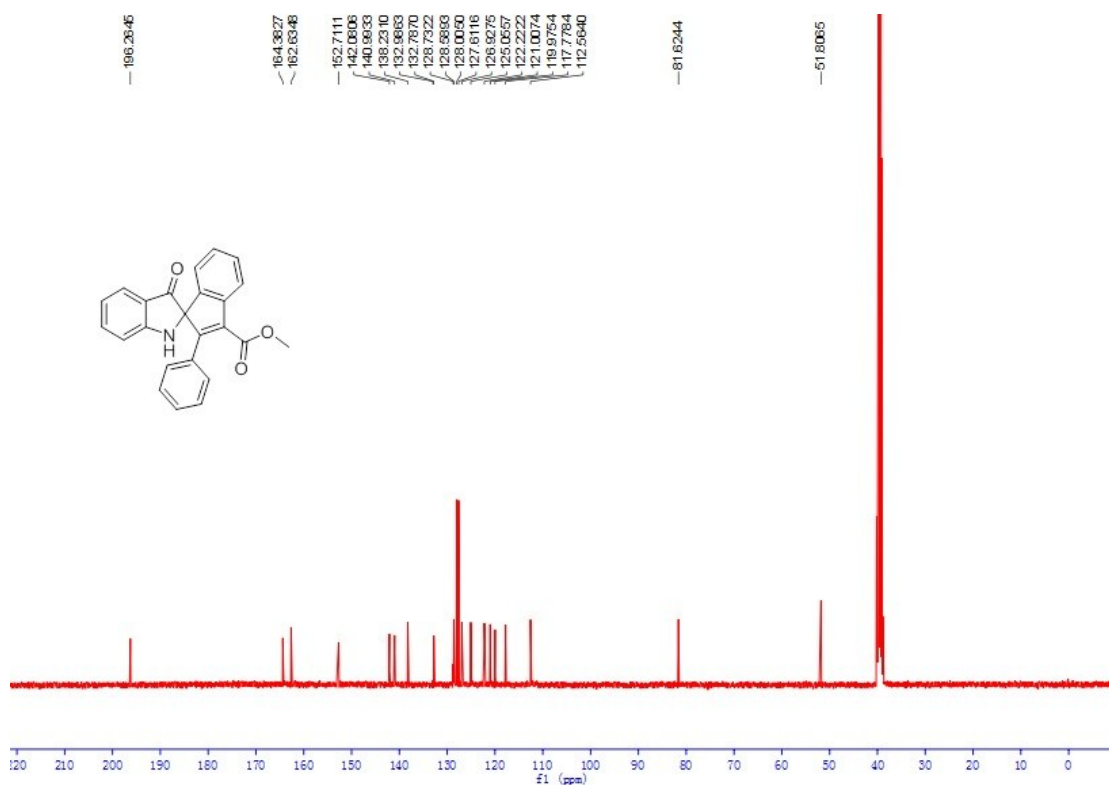


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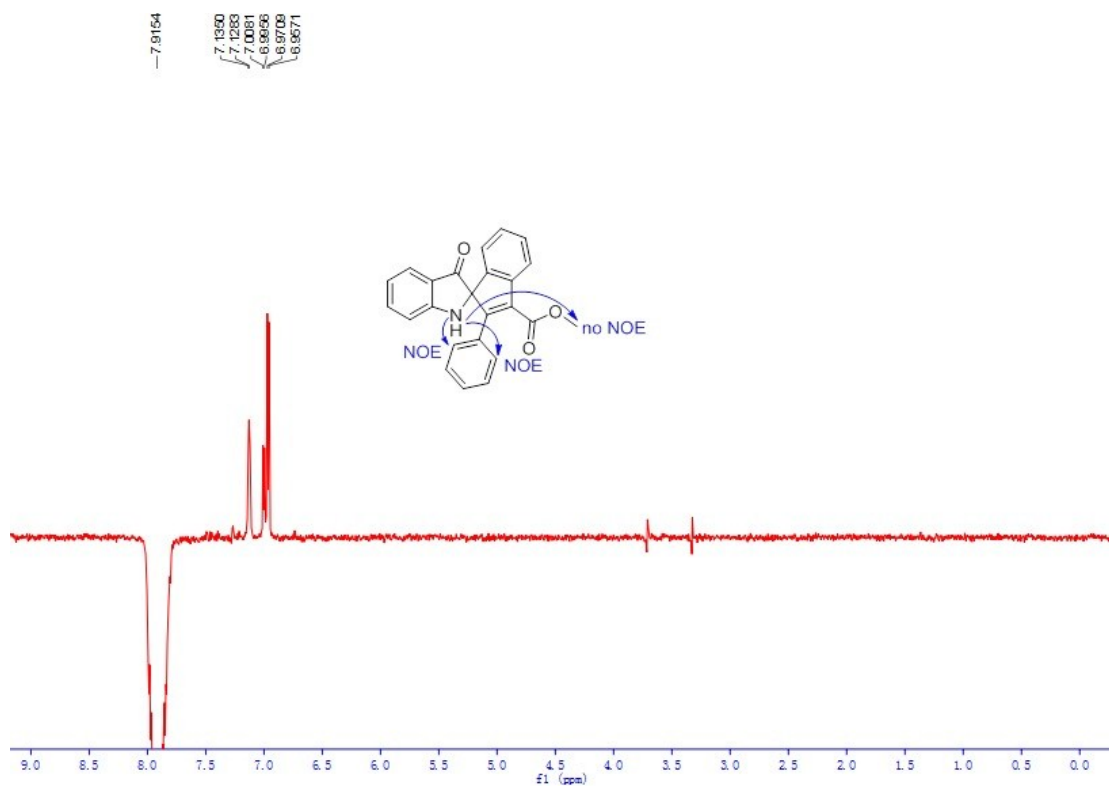


Figure S59. NOE spectra of compound 3an

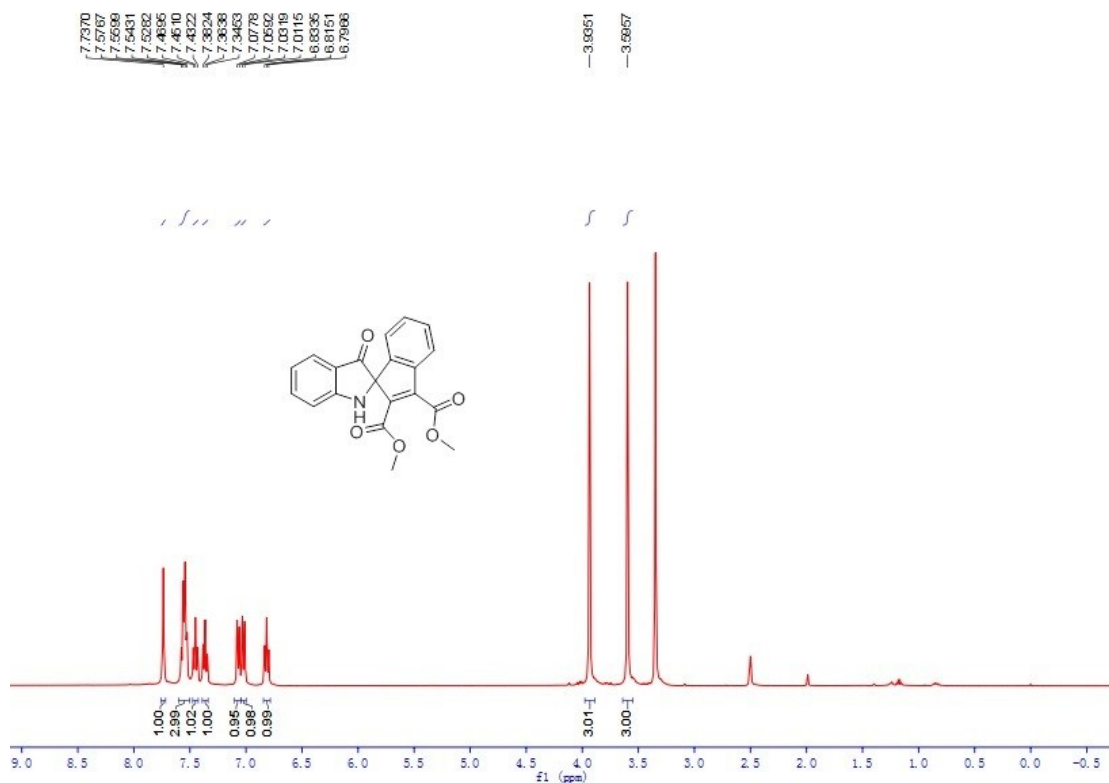


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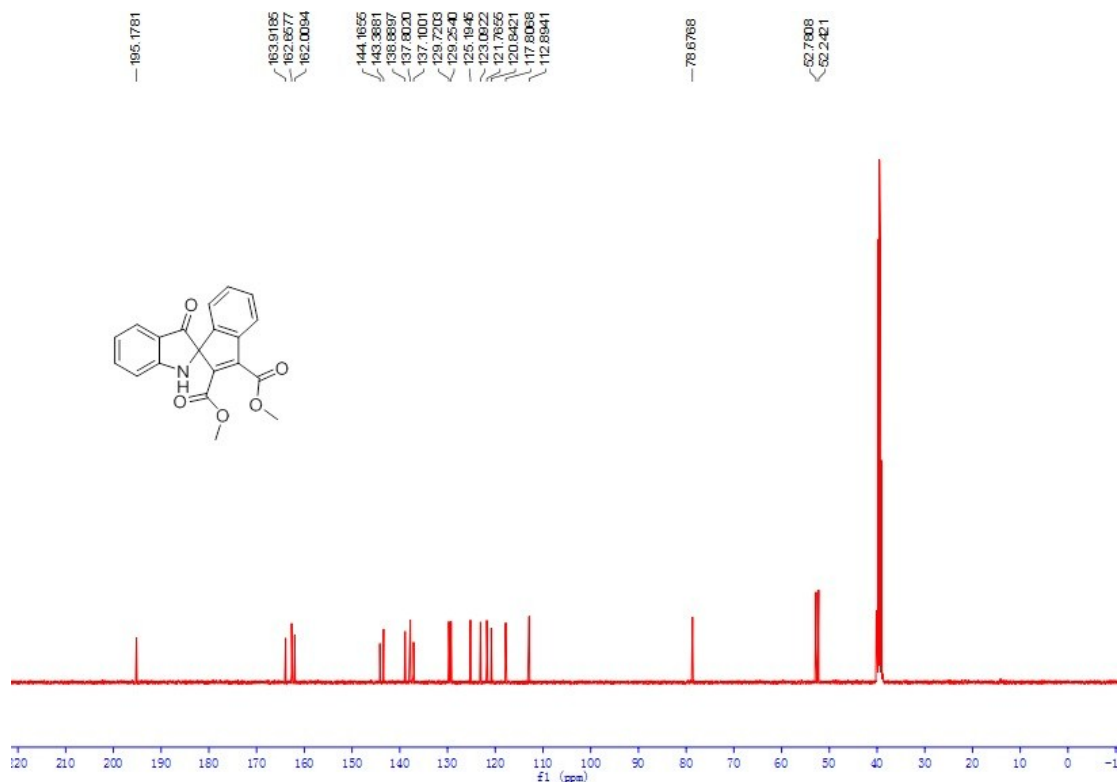


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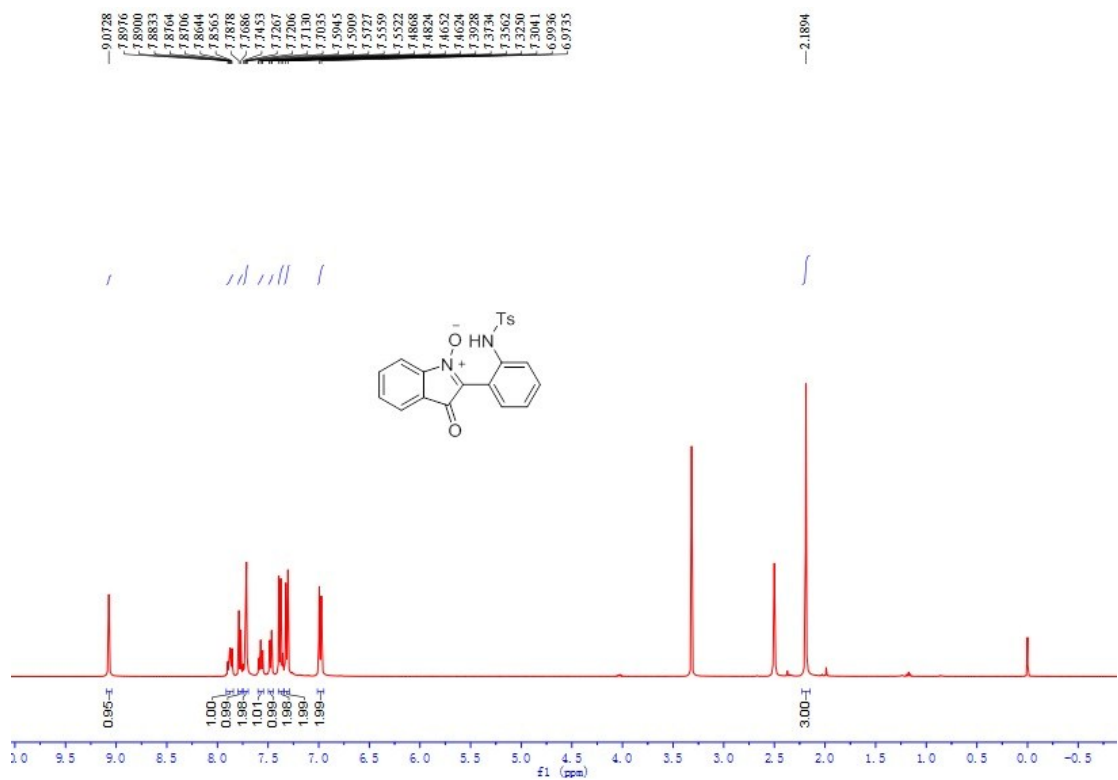


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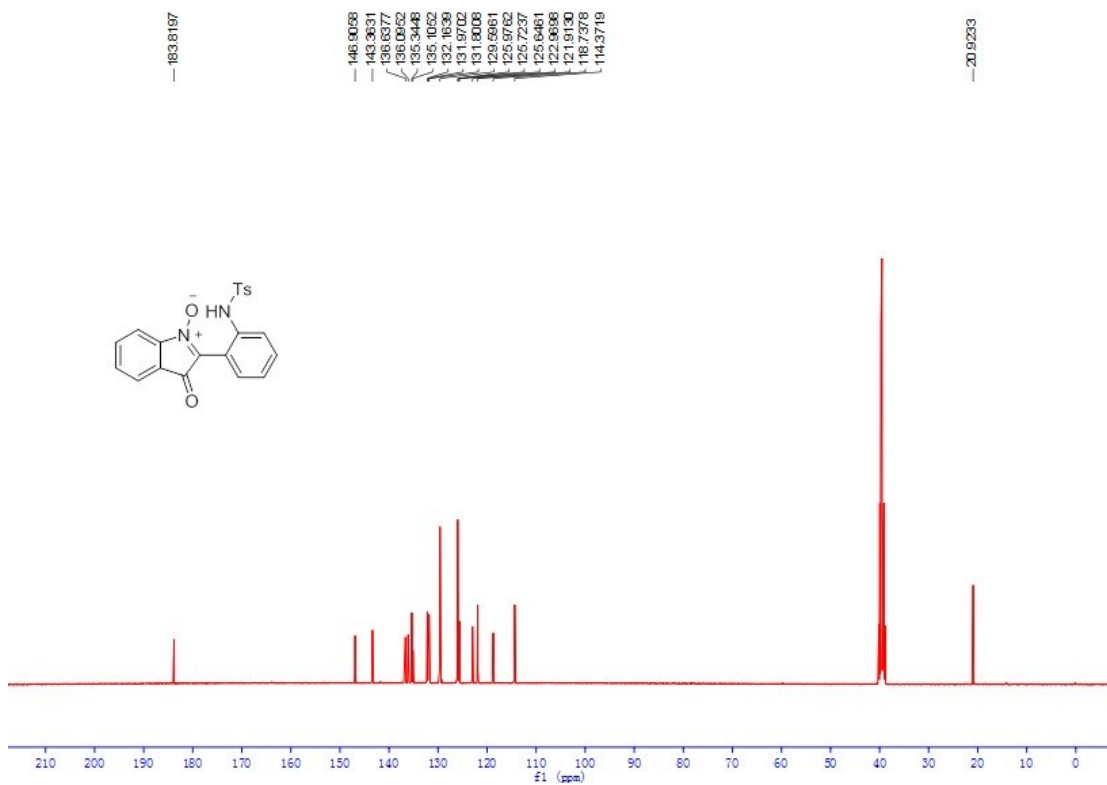


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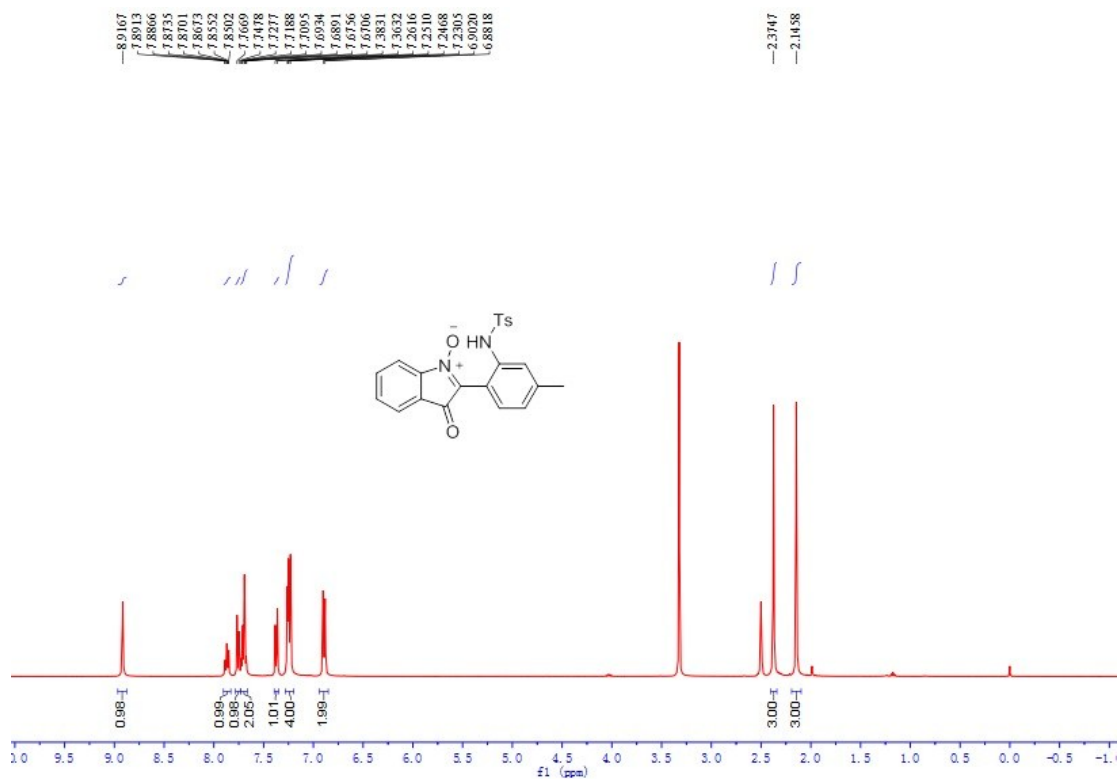


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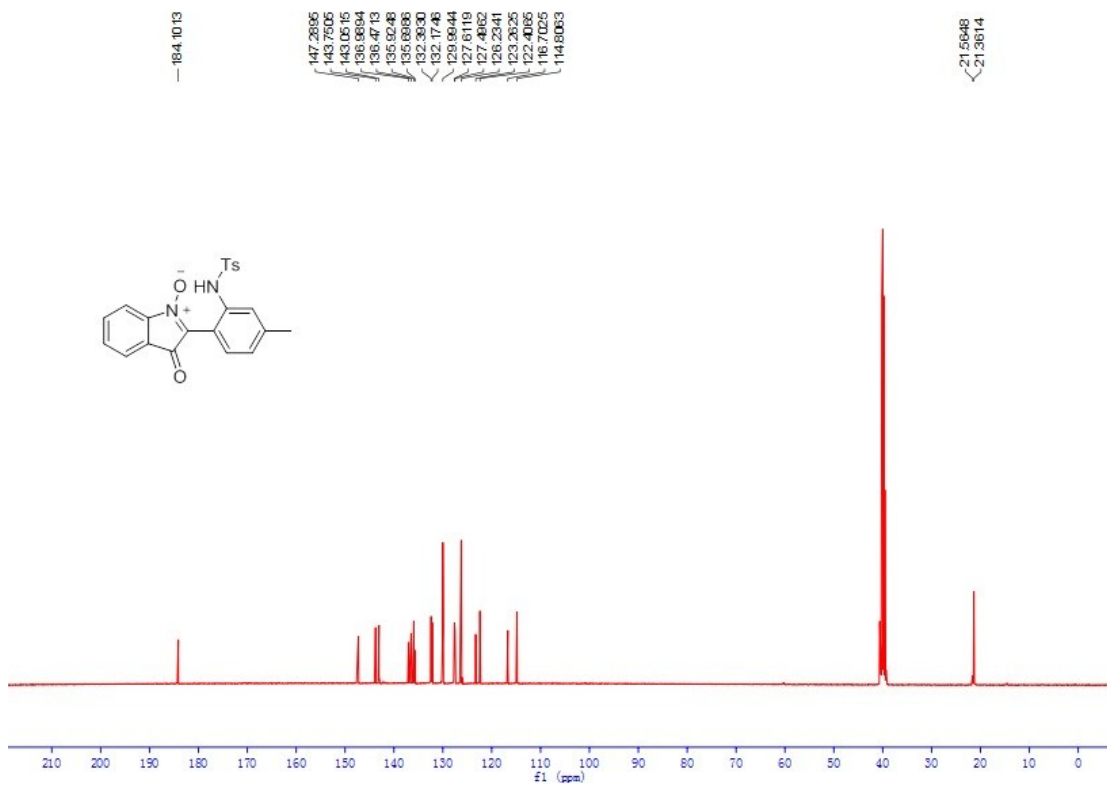


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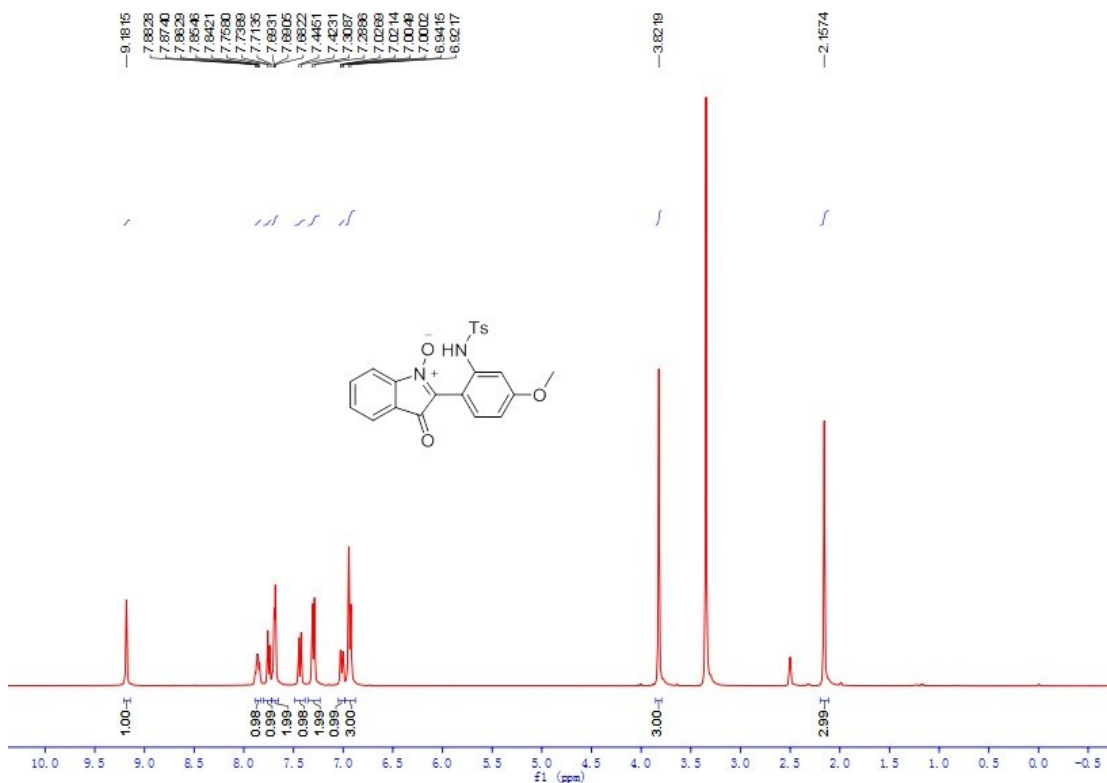


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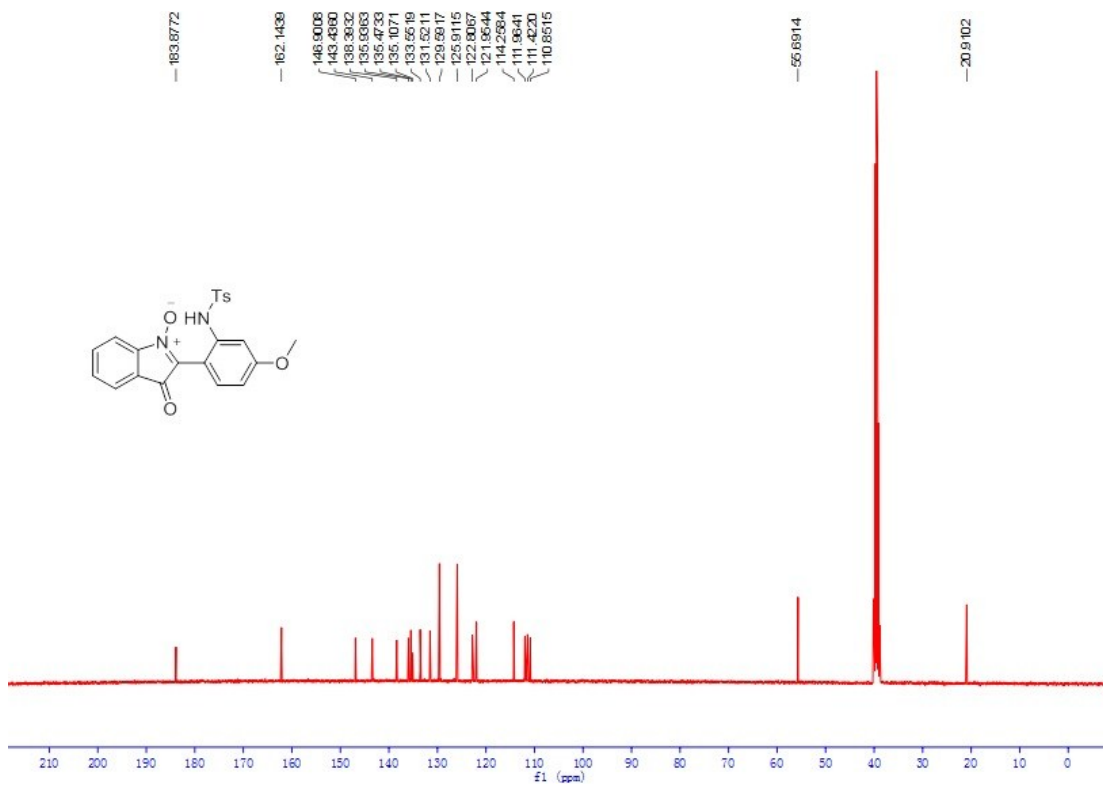


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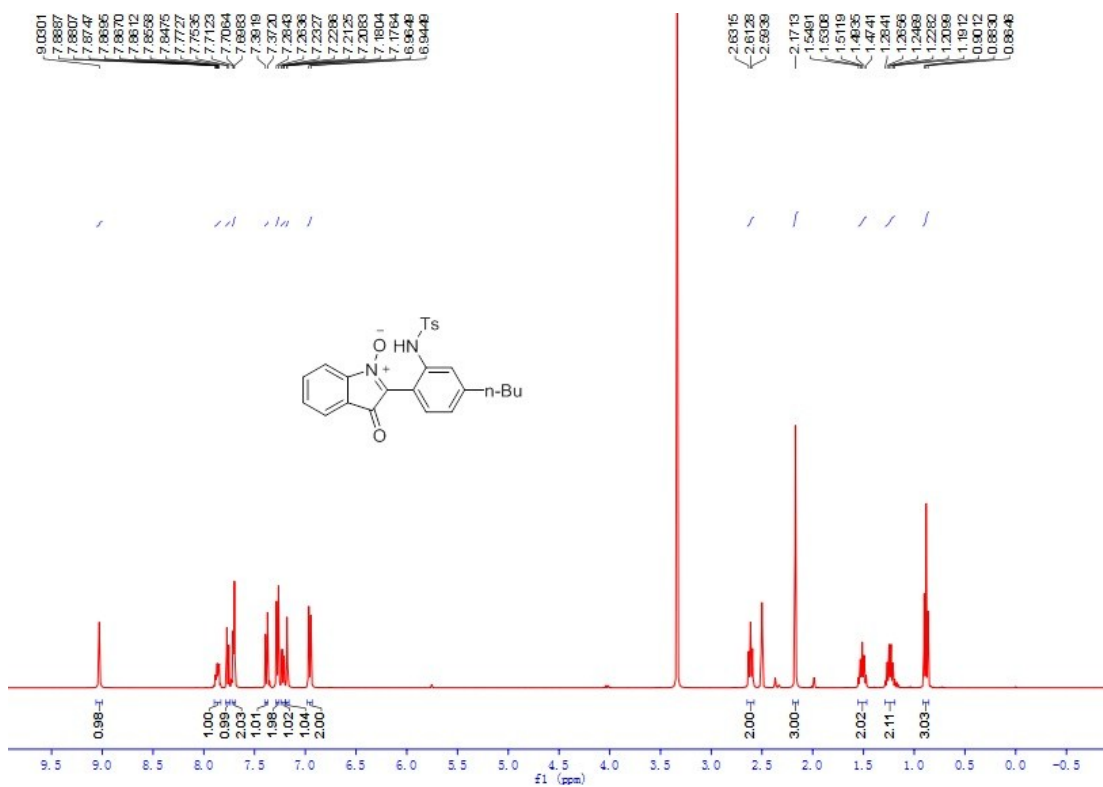
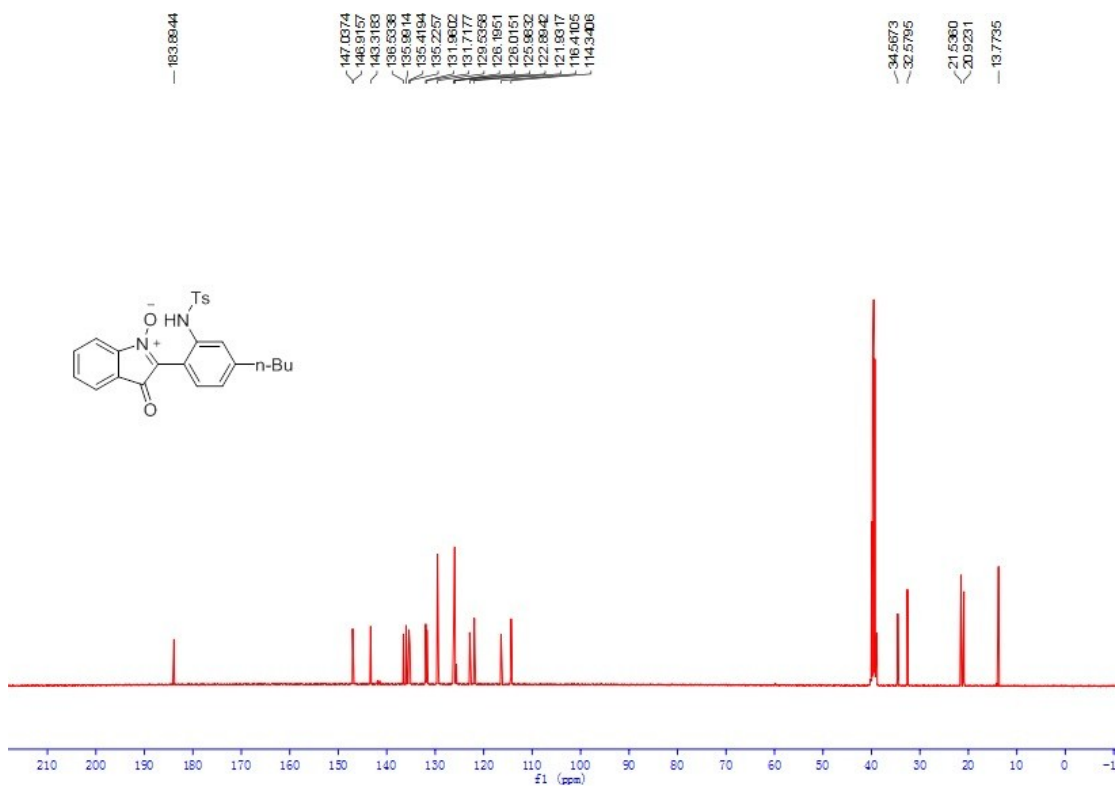
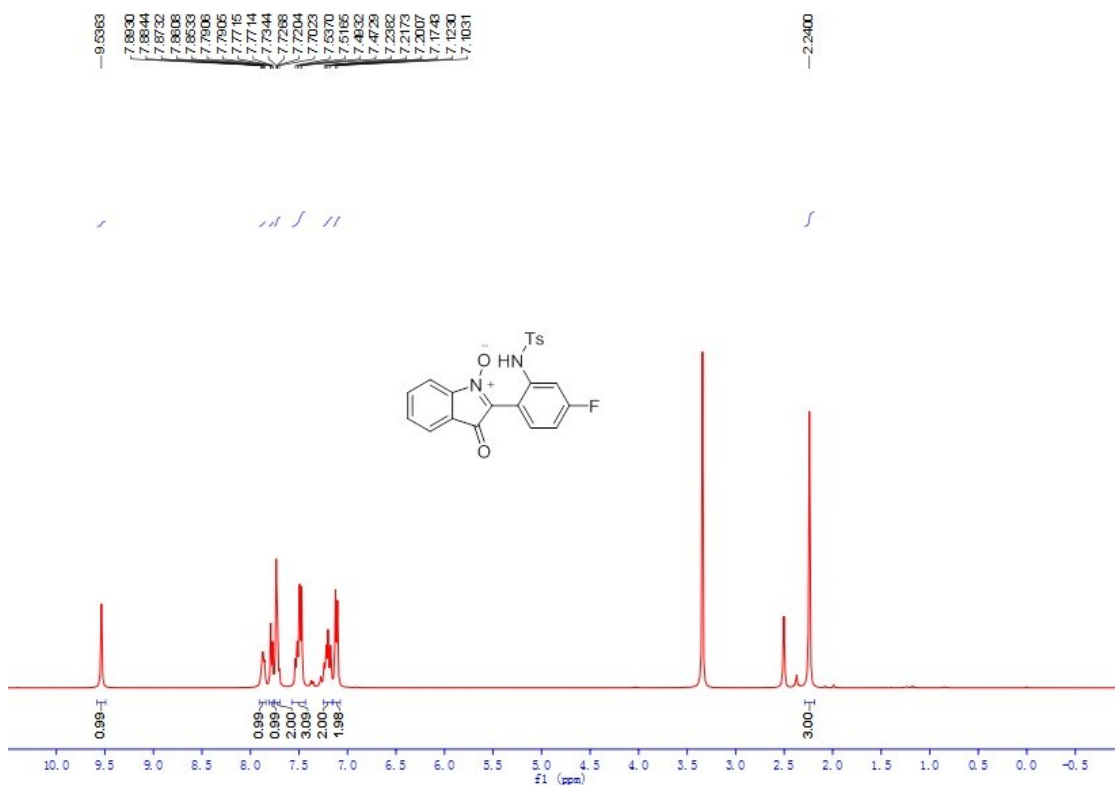


Figure S68. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compound 5da



**Figure S69.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound **5da**



**Figure S70.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound **5ea**

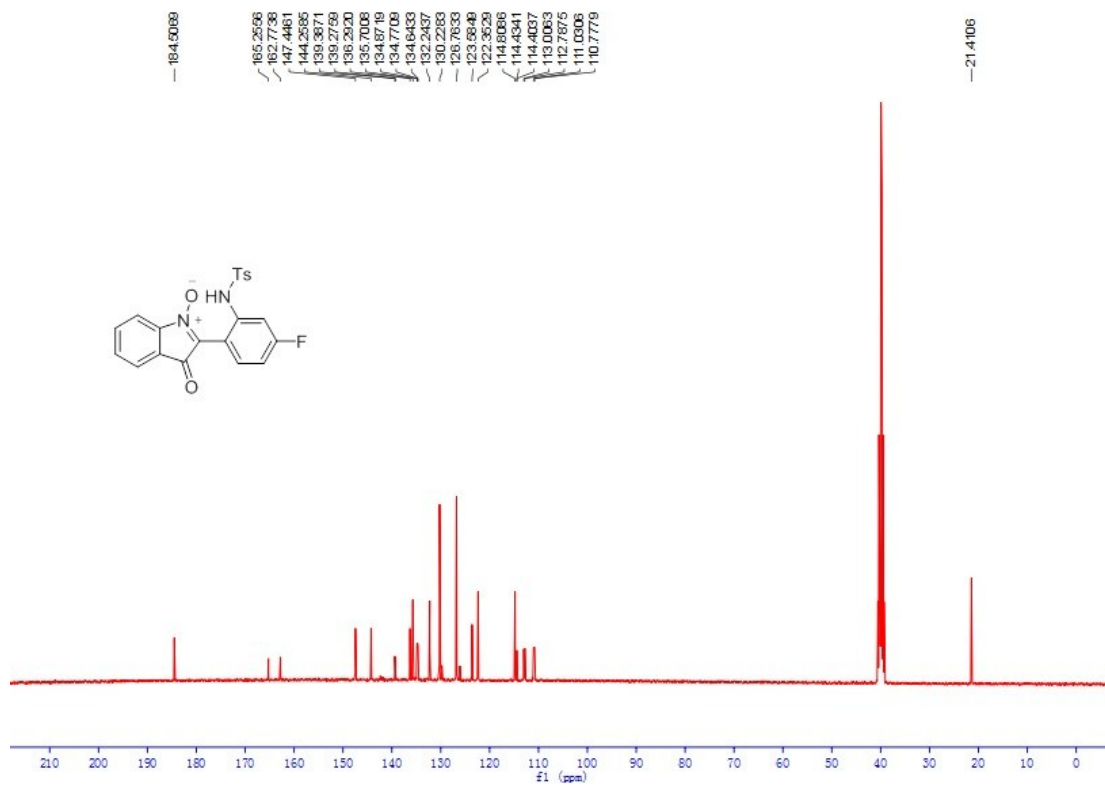


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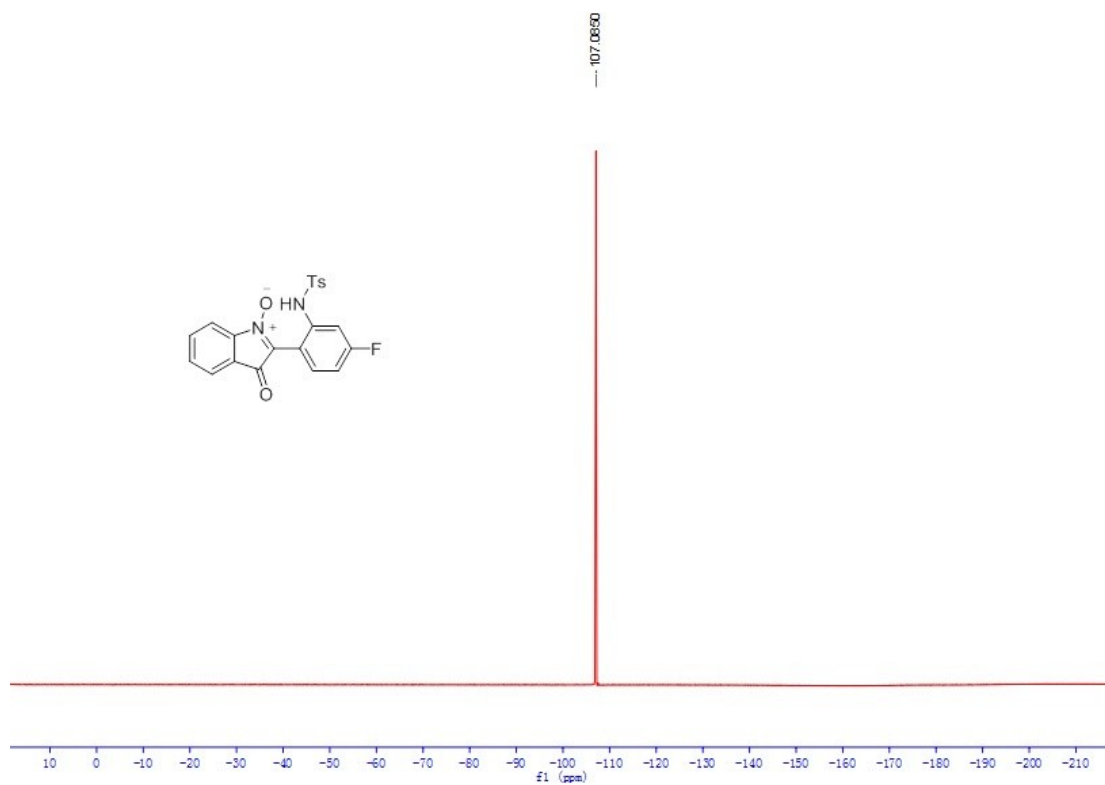


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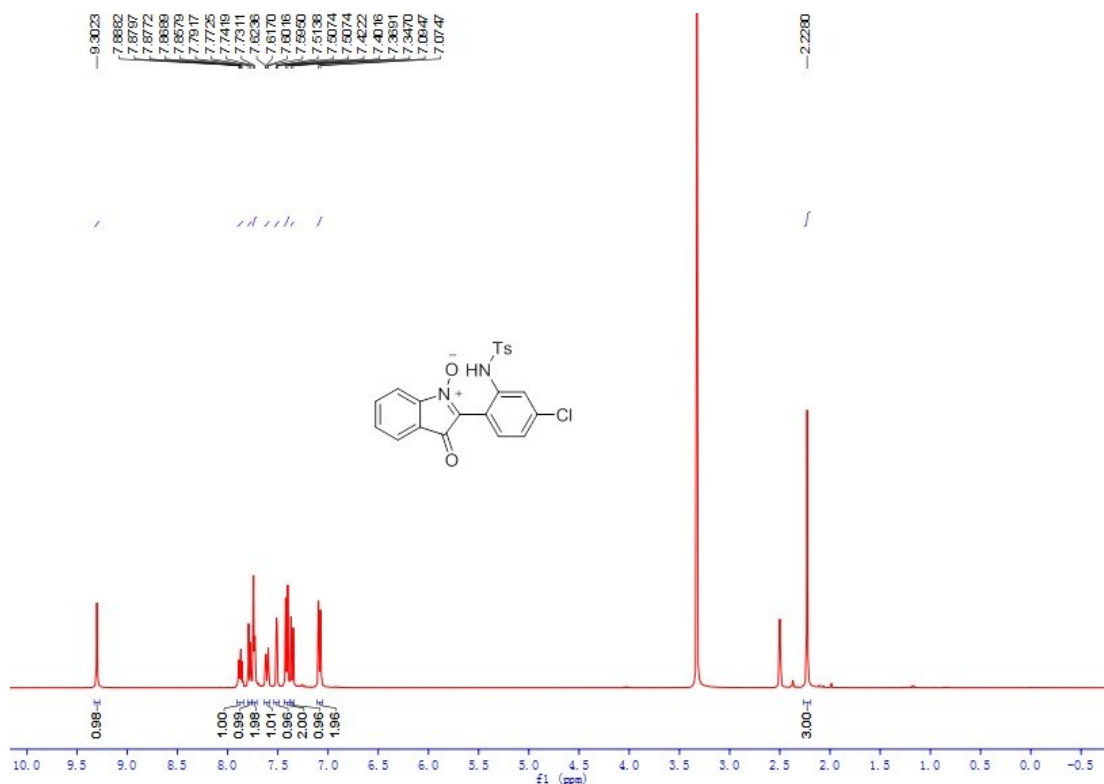


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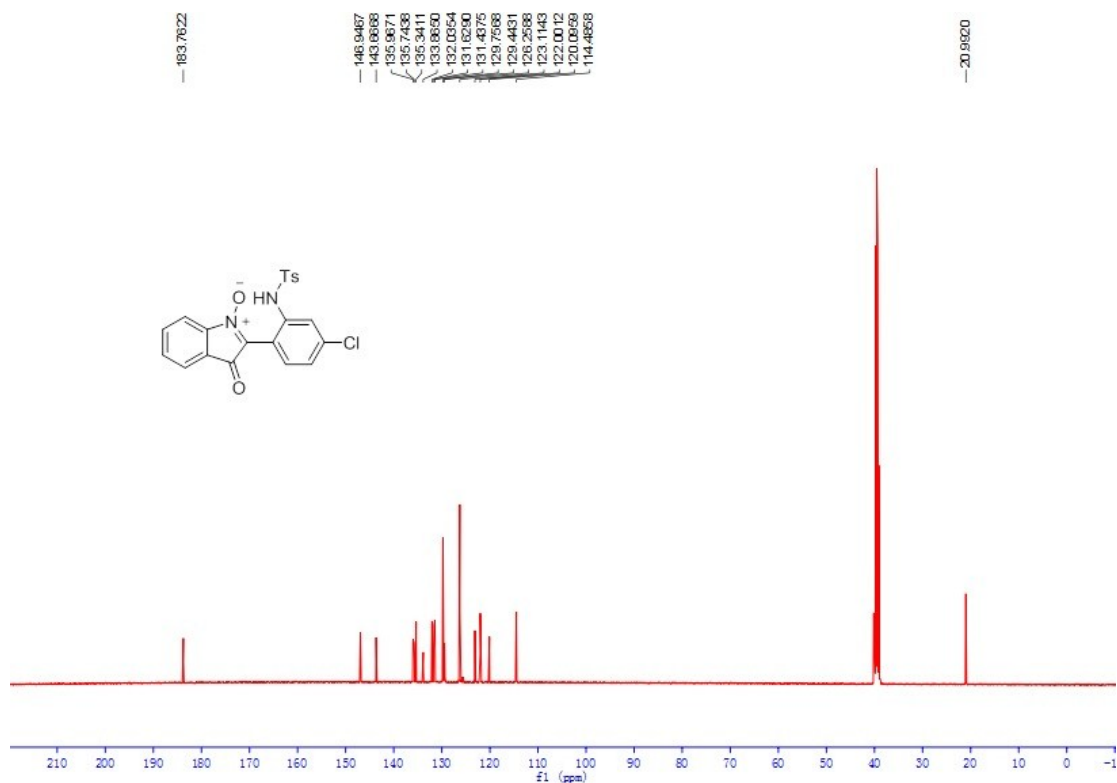


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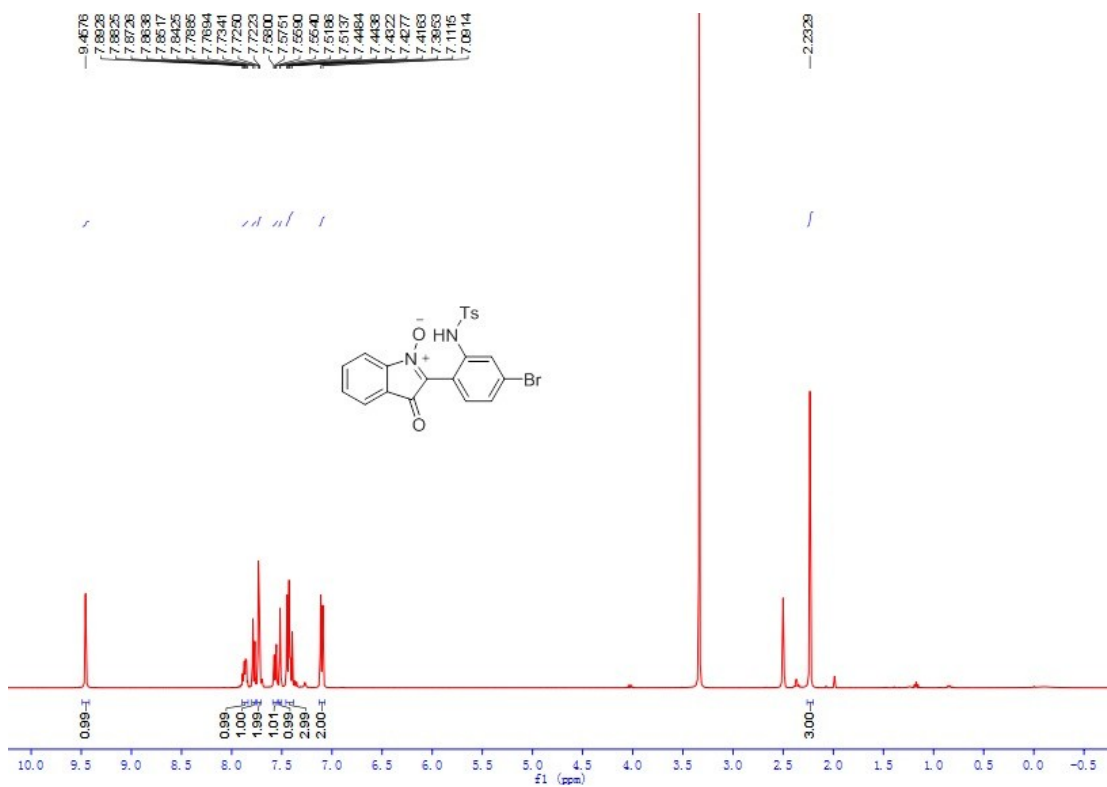


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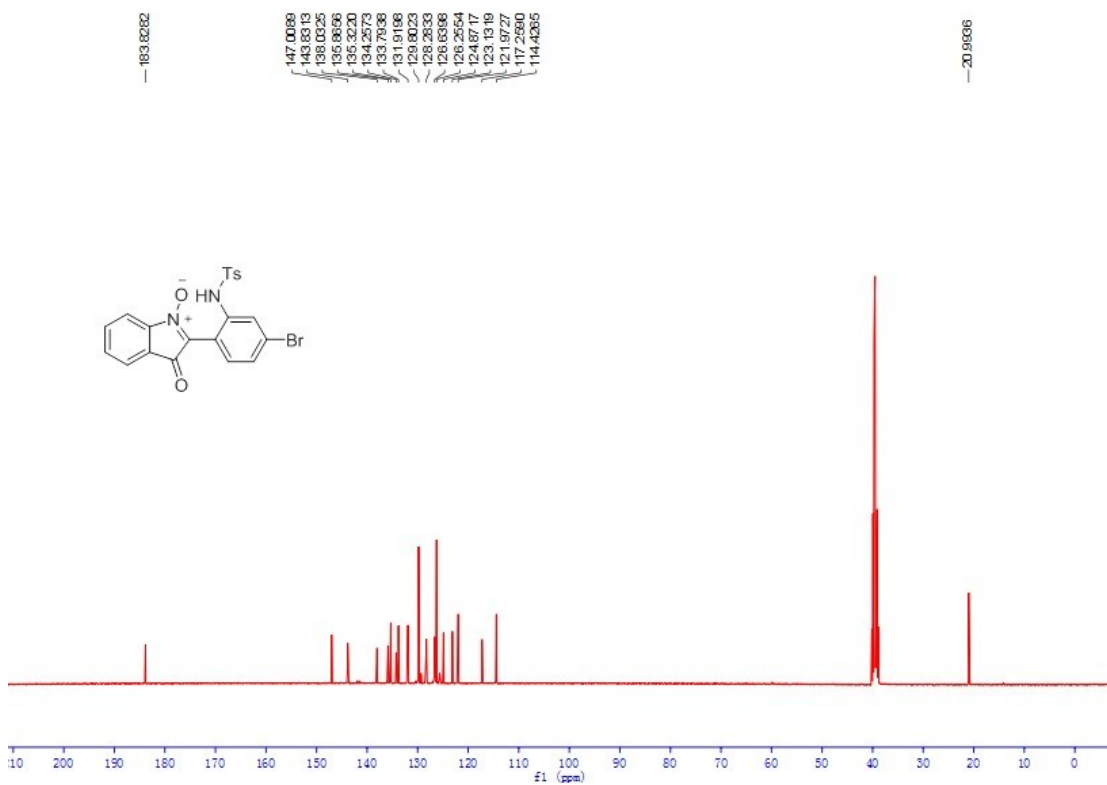


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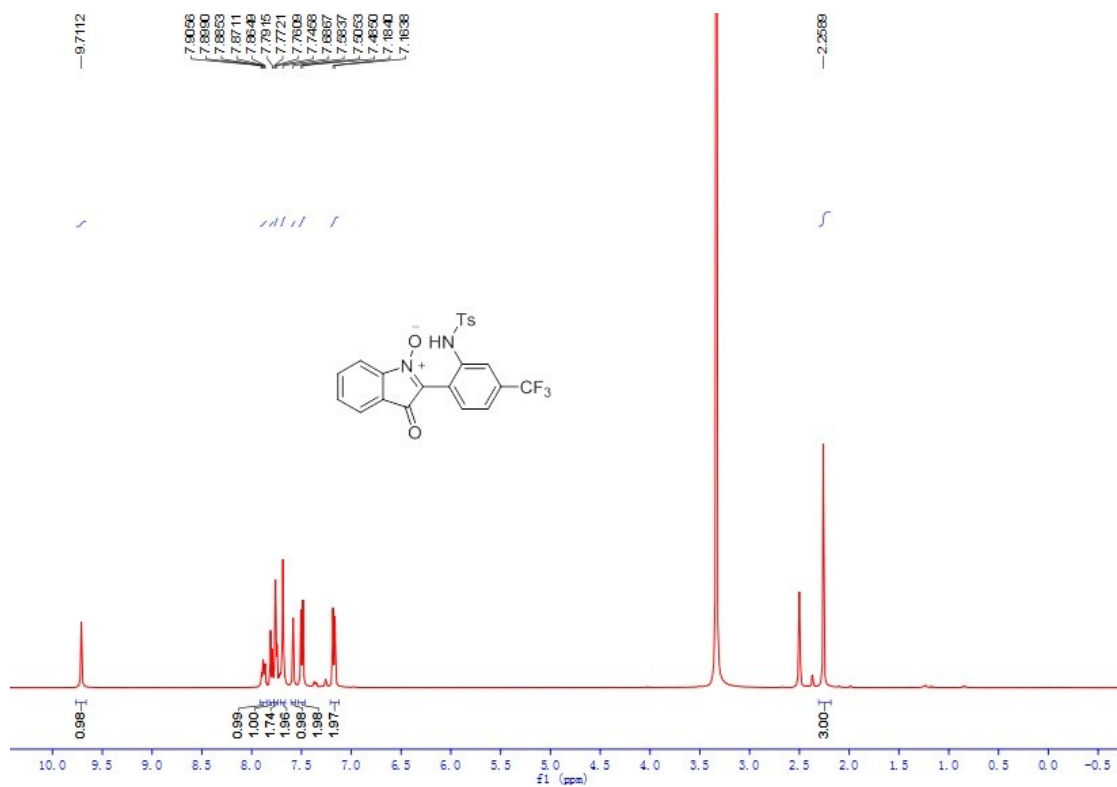


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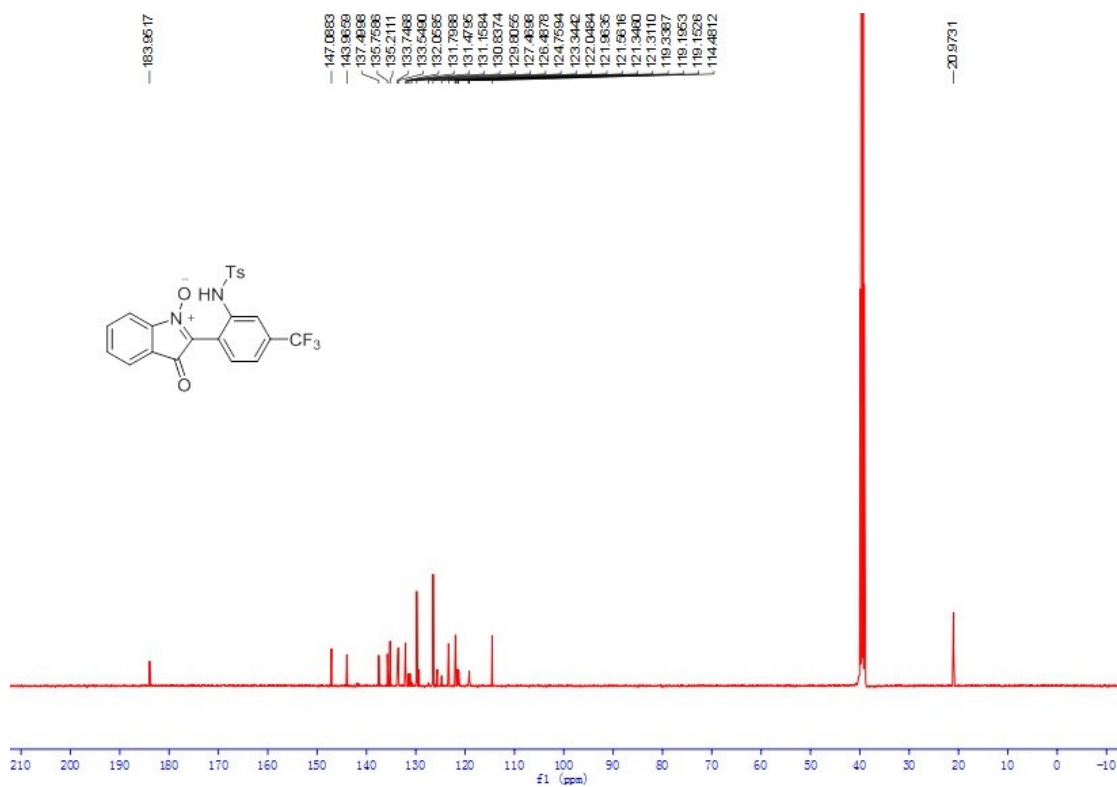


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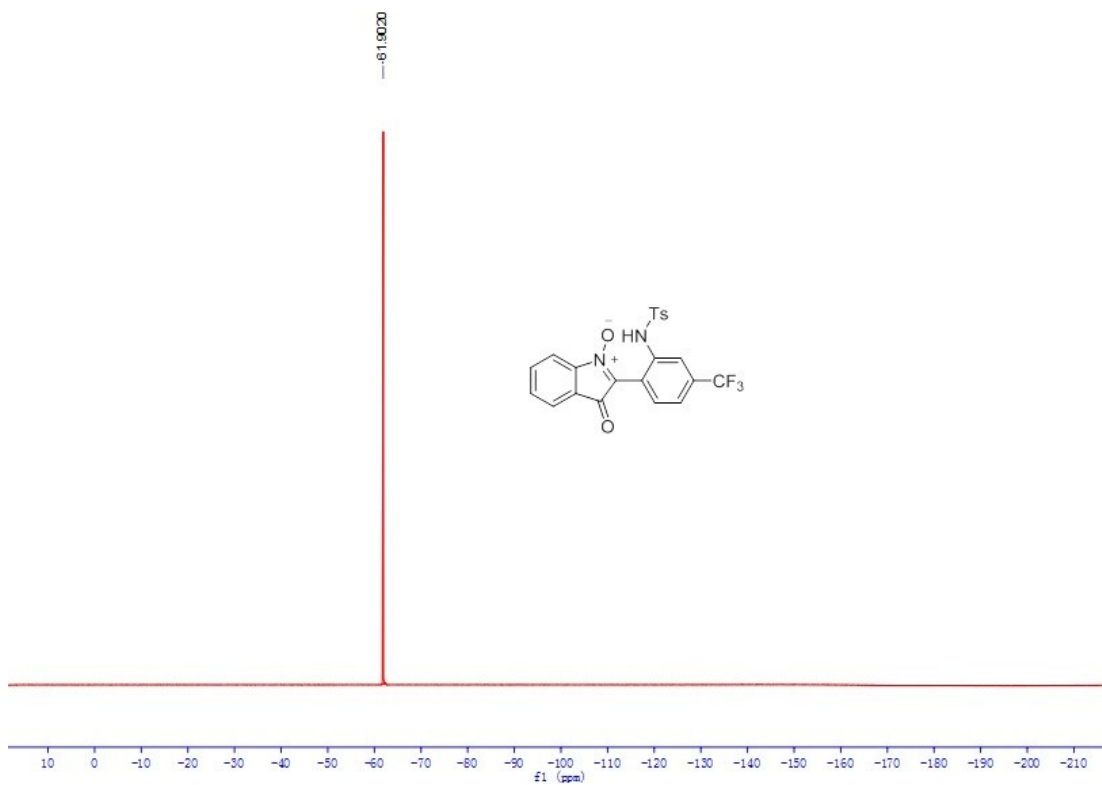


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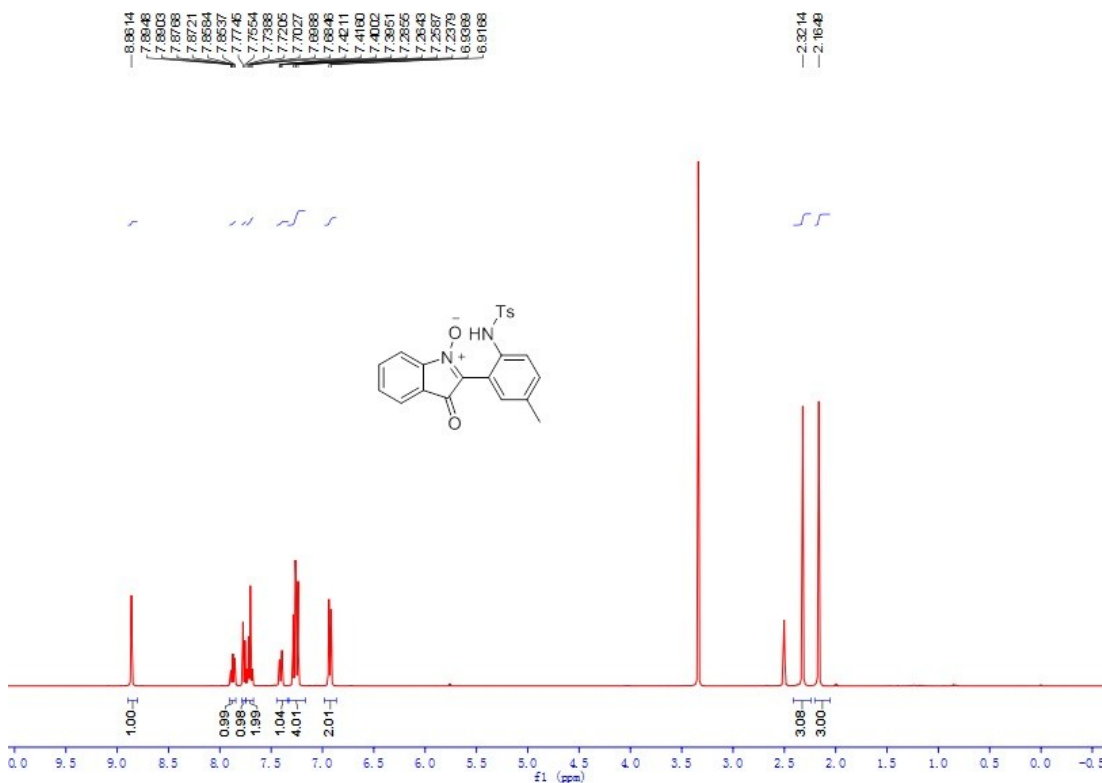
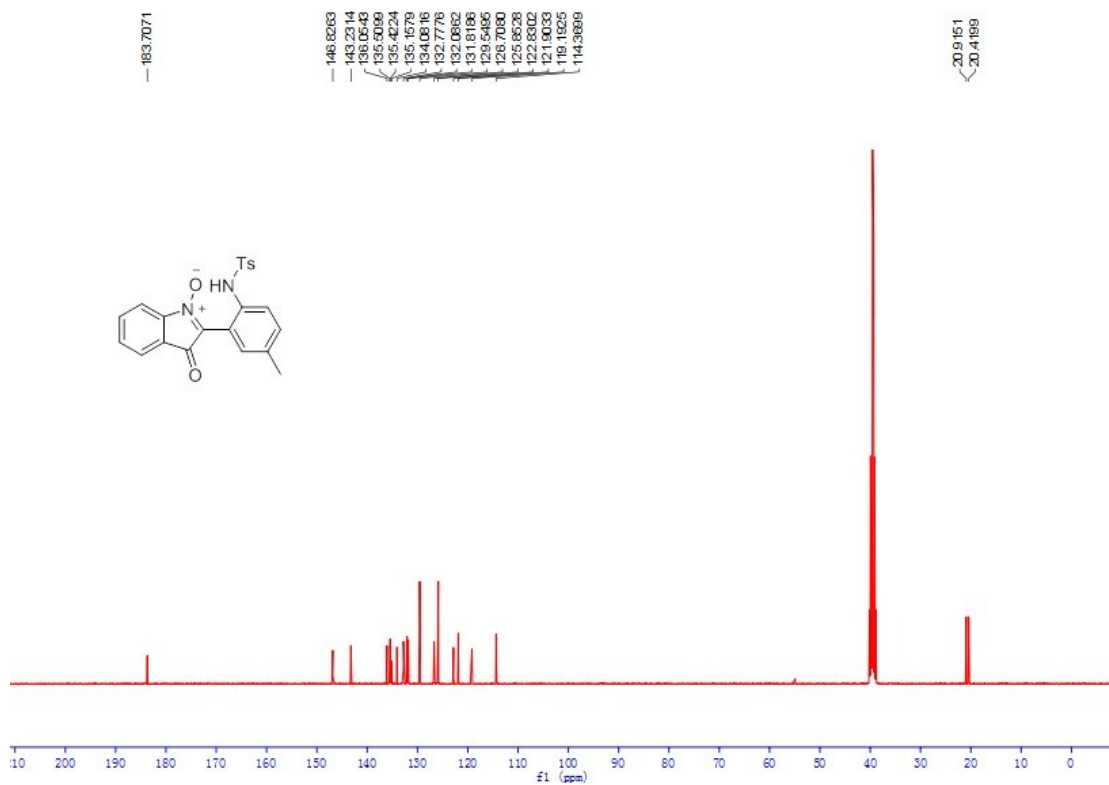
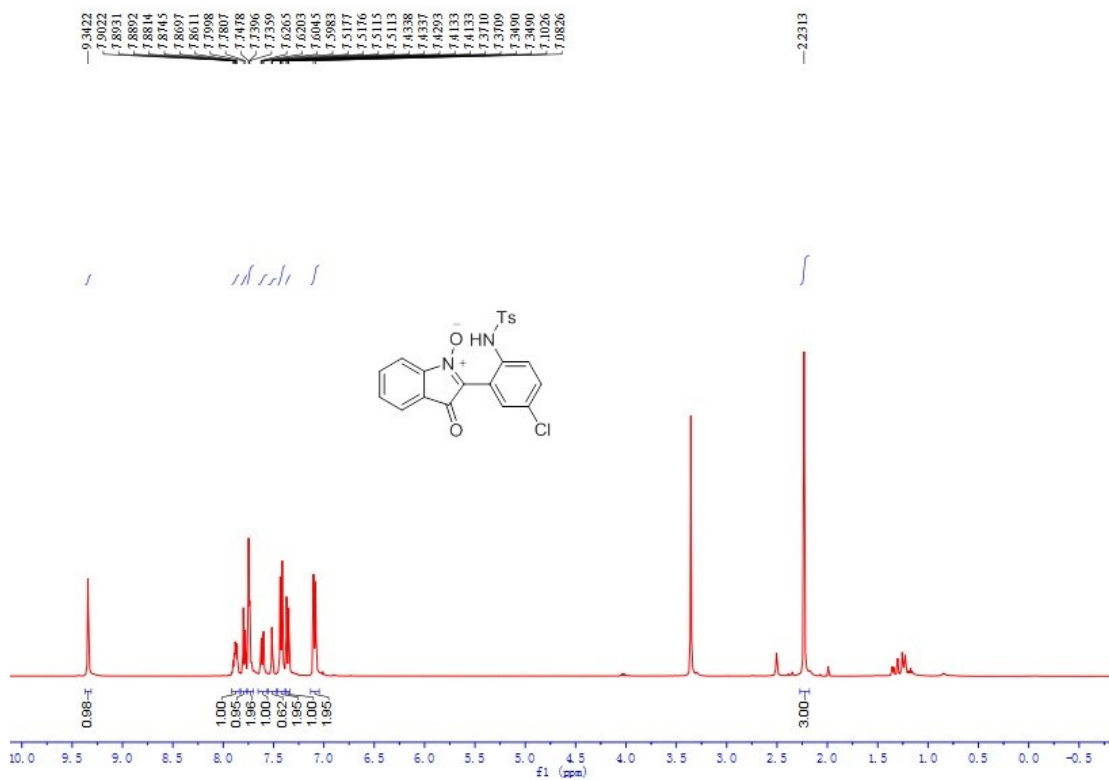


Figure S80.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound 5ia



**Figure S81.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of compound **5ia**



**Figure S82.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound **5ja**

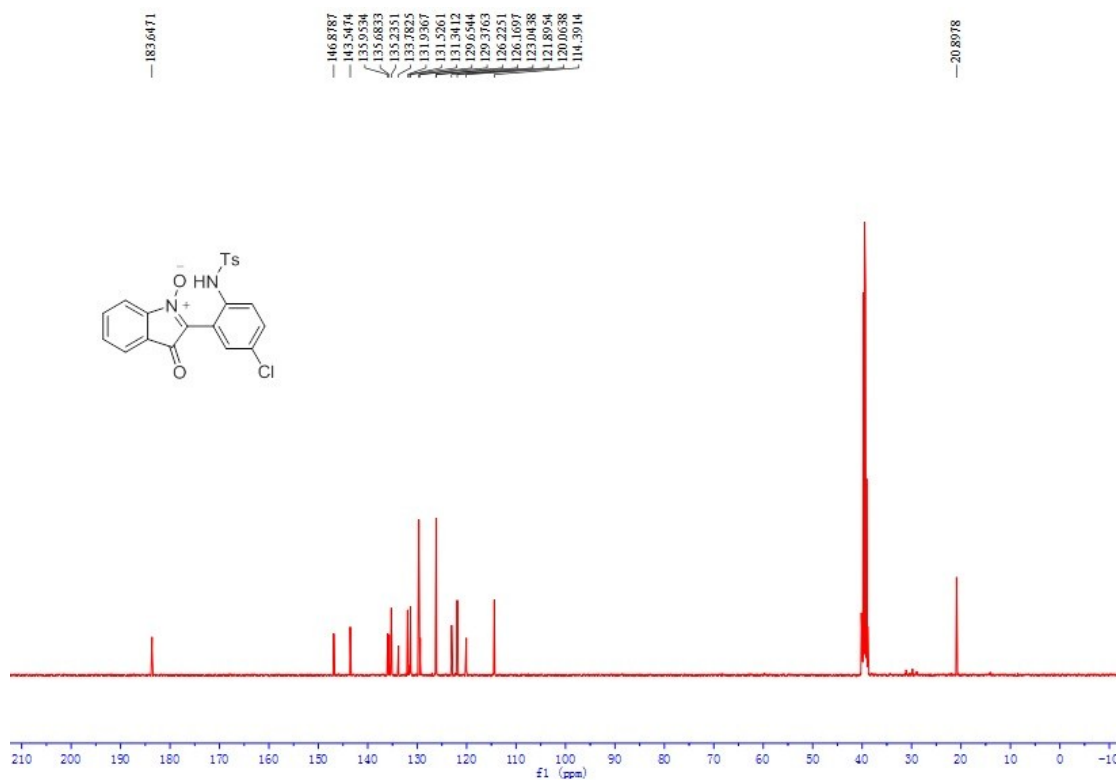


Figure S83. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 5ja

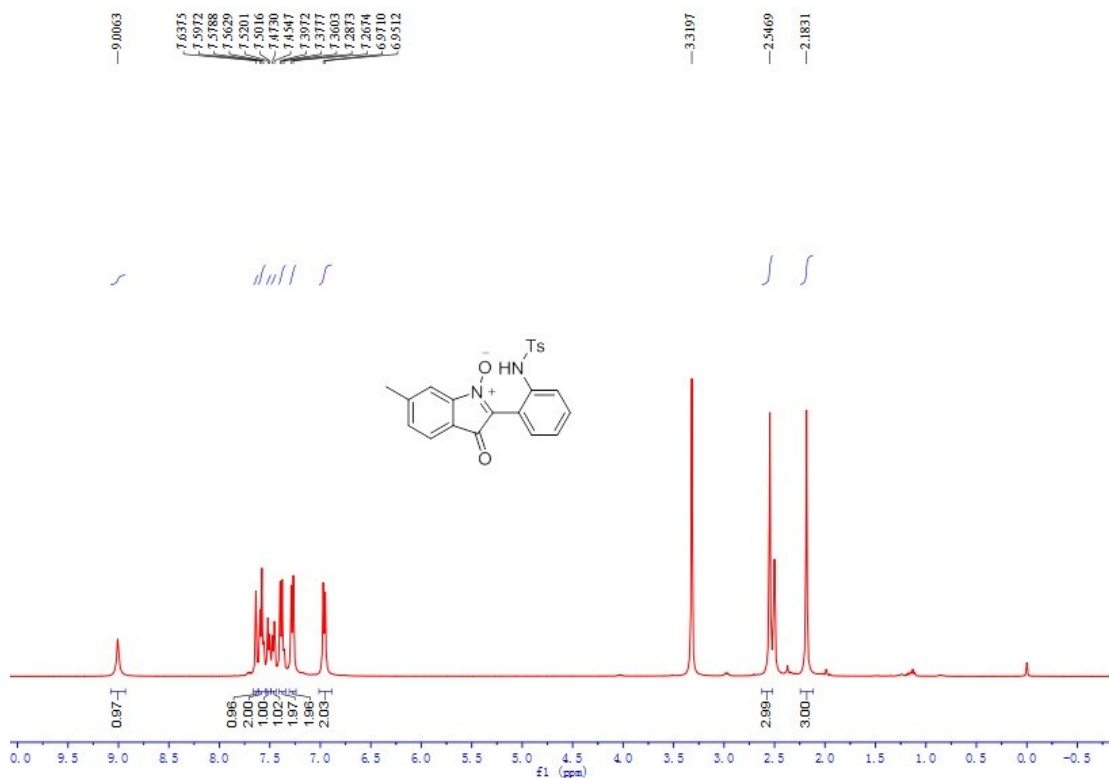


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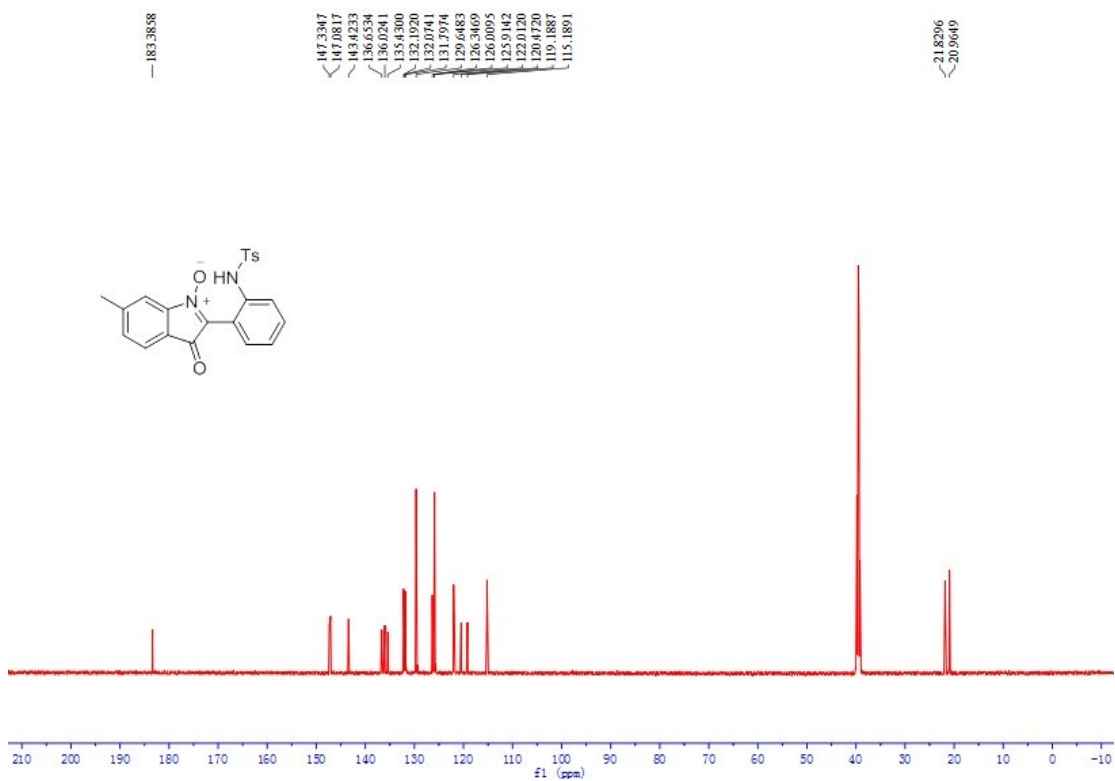


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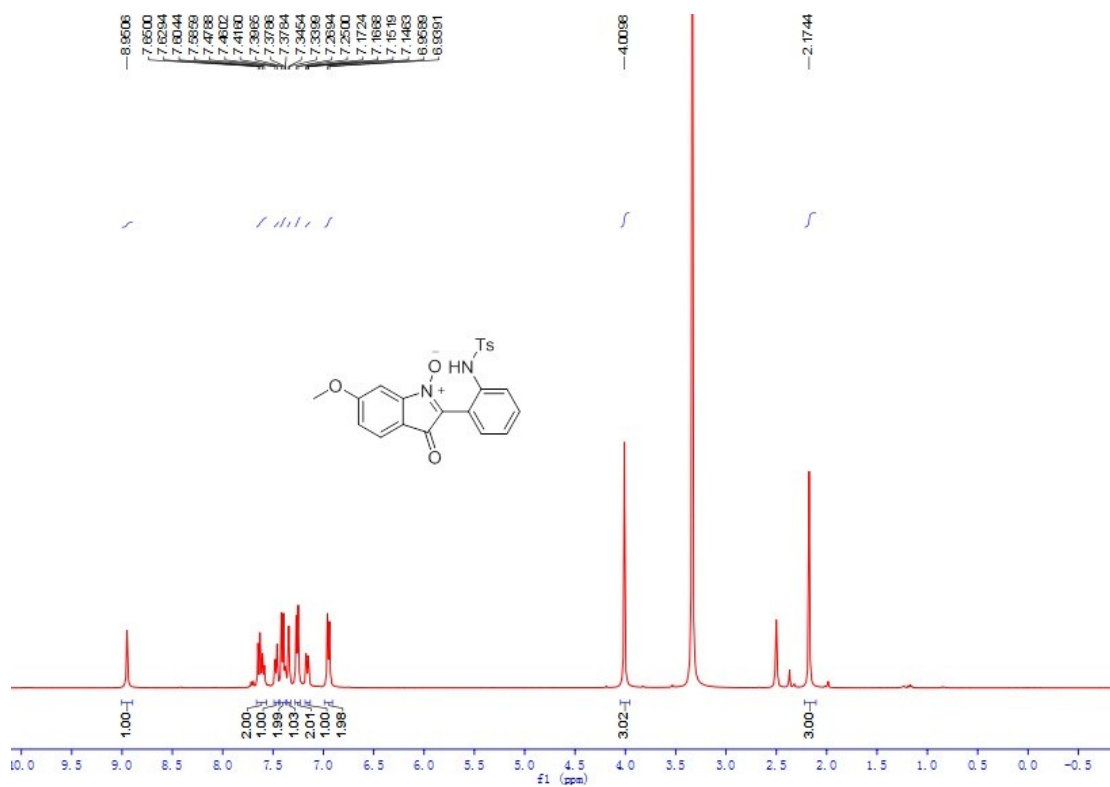


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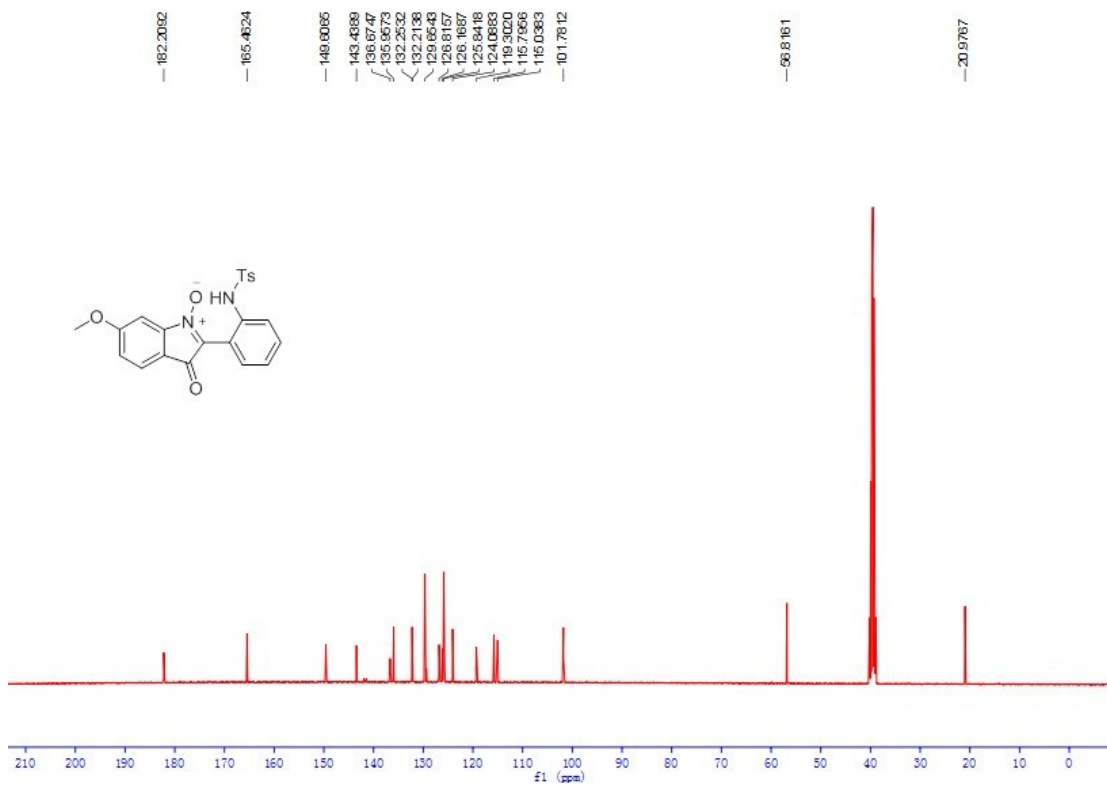


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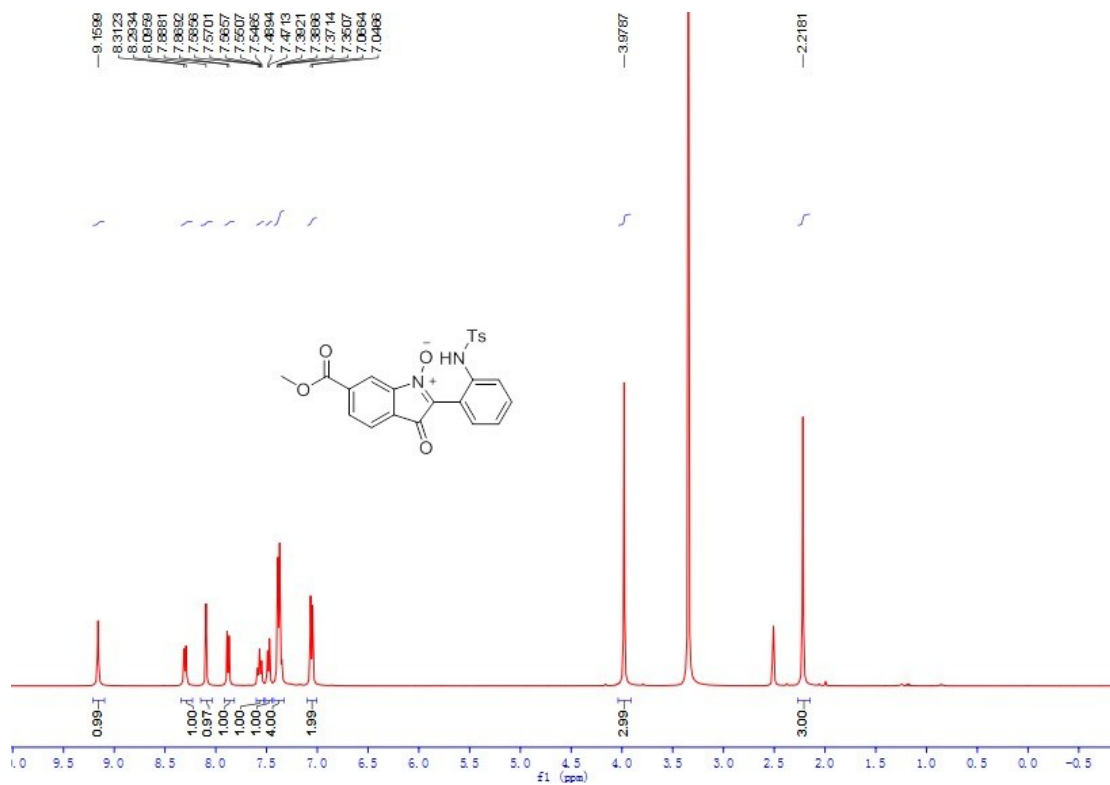


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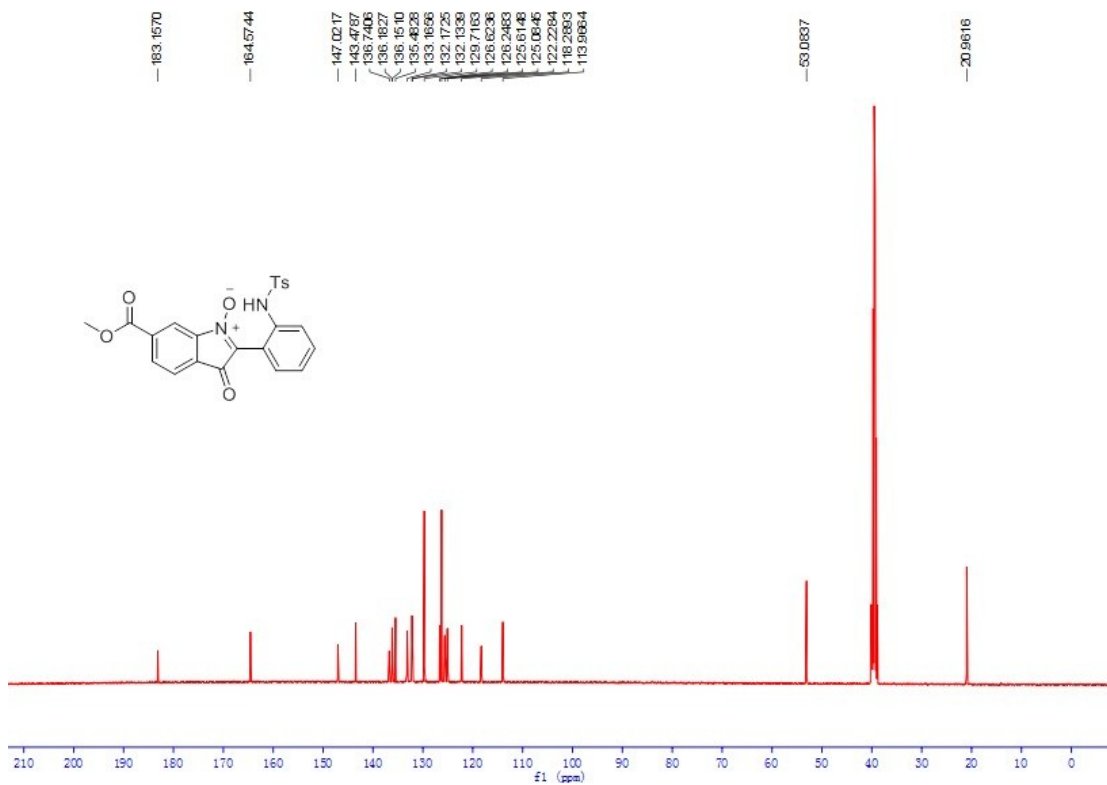


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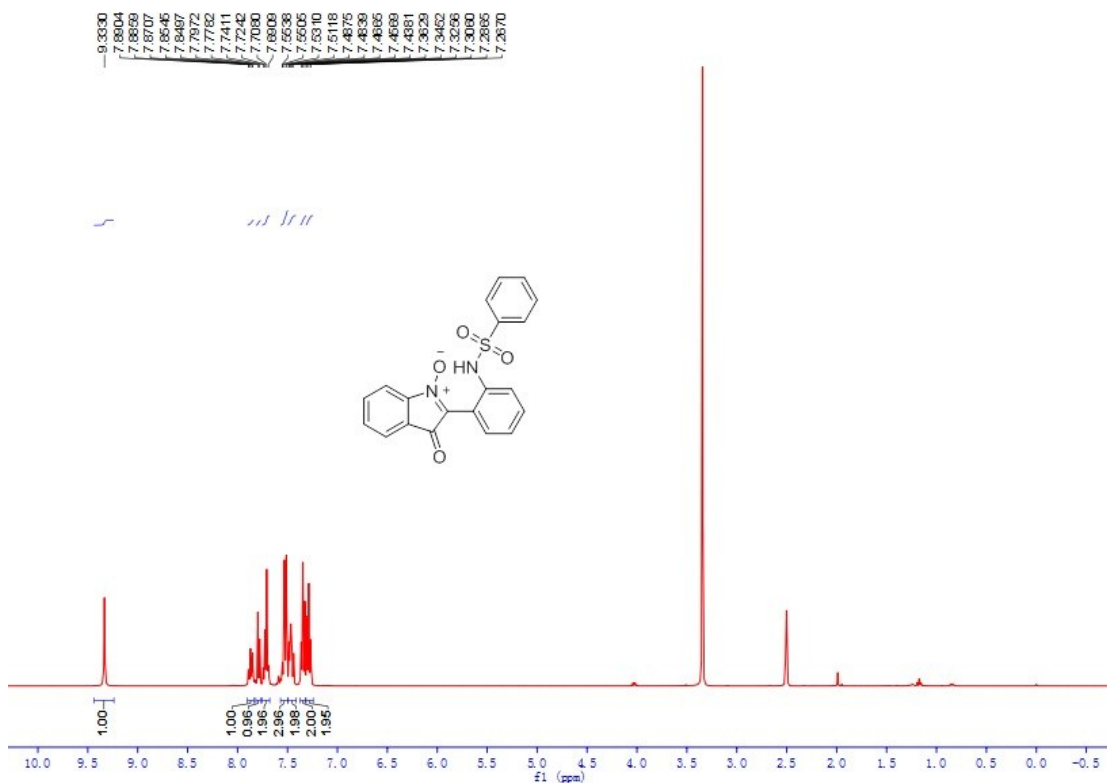


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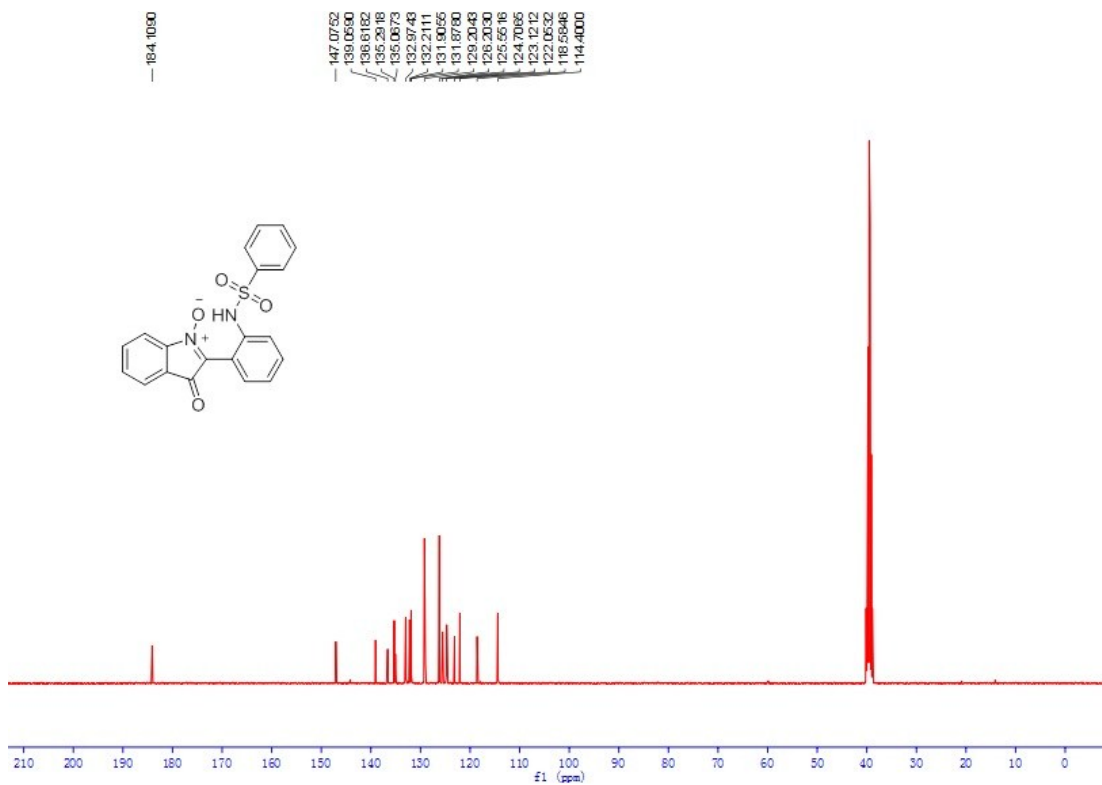


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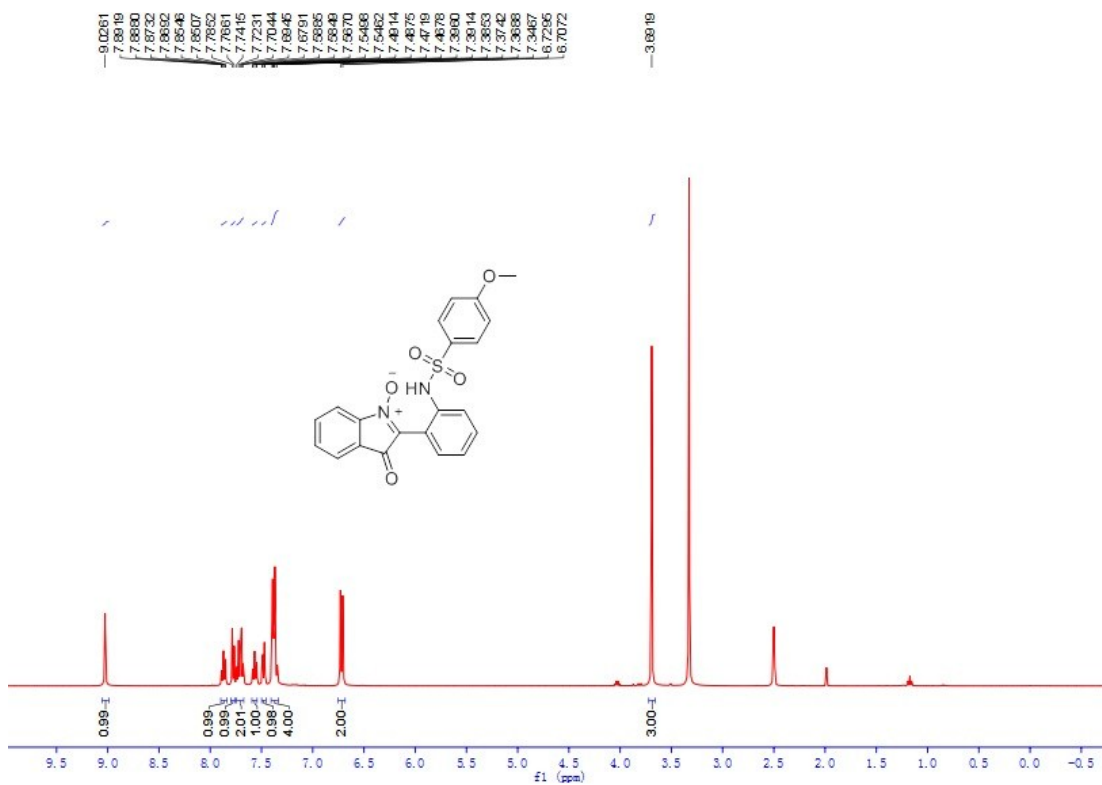


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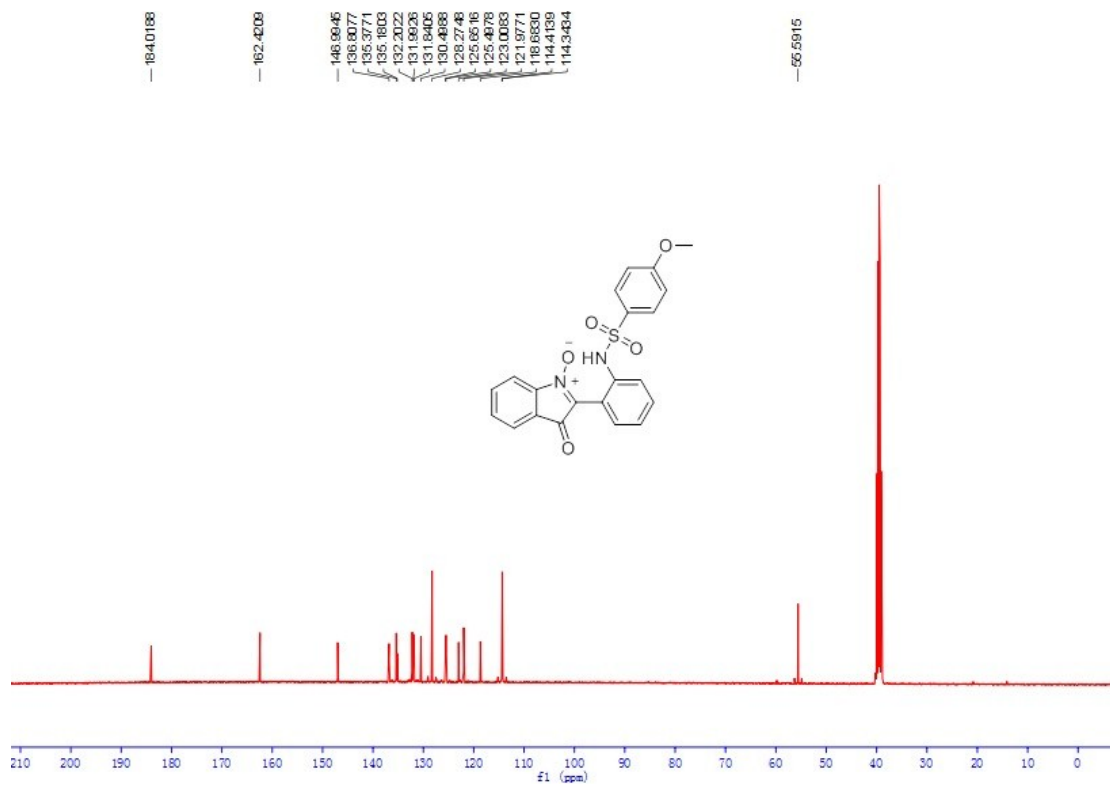


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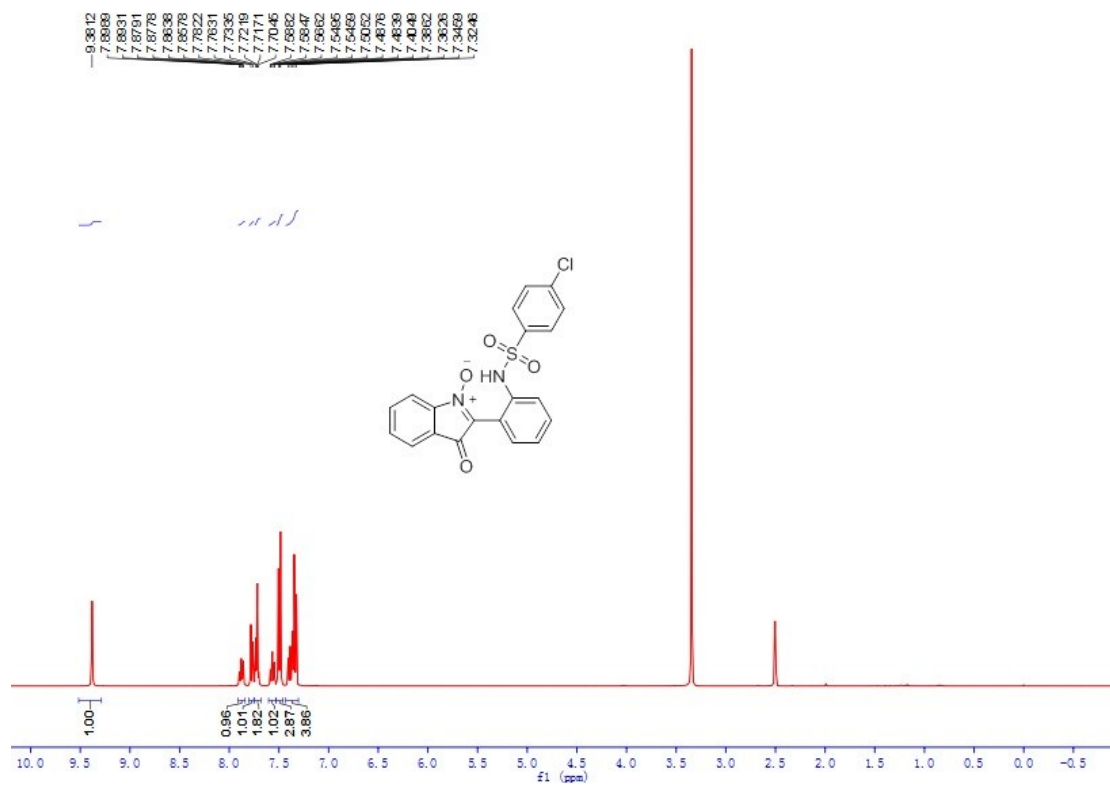


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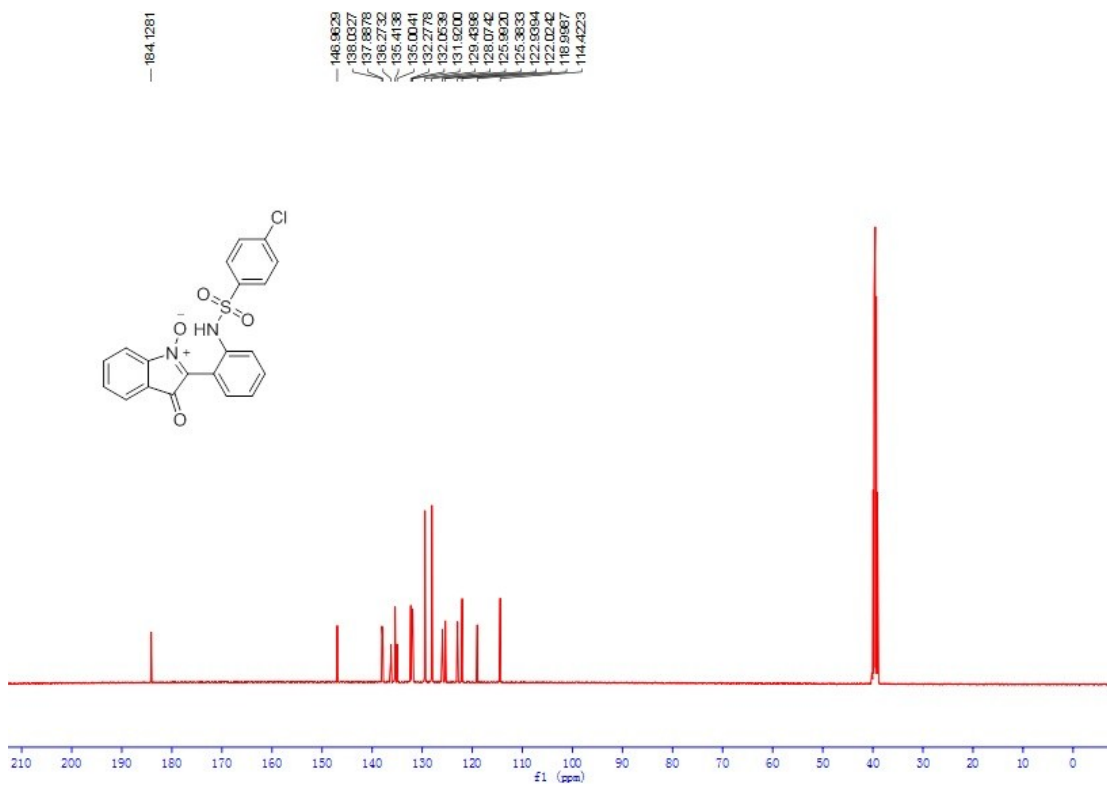


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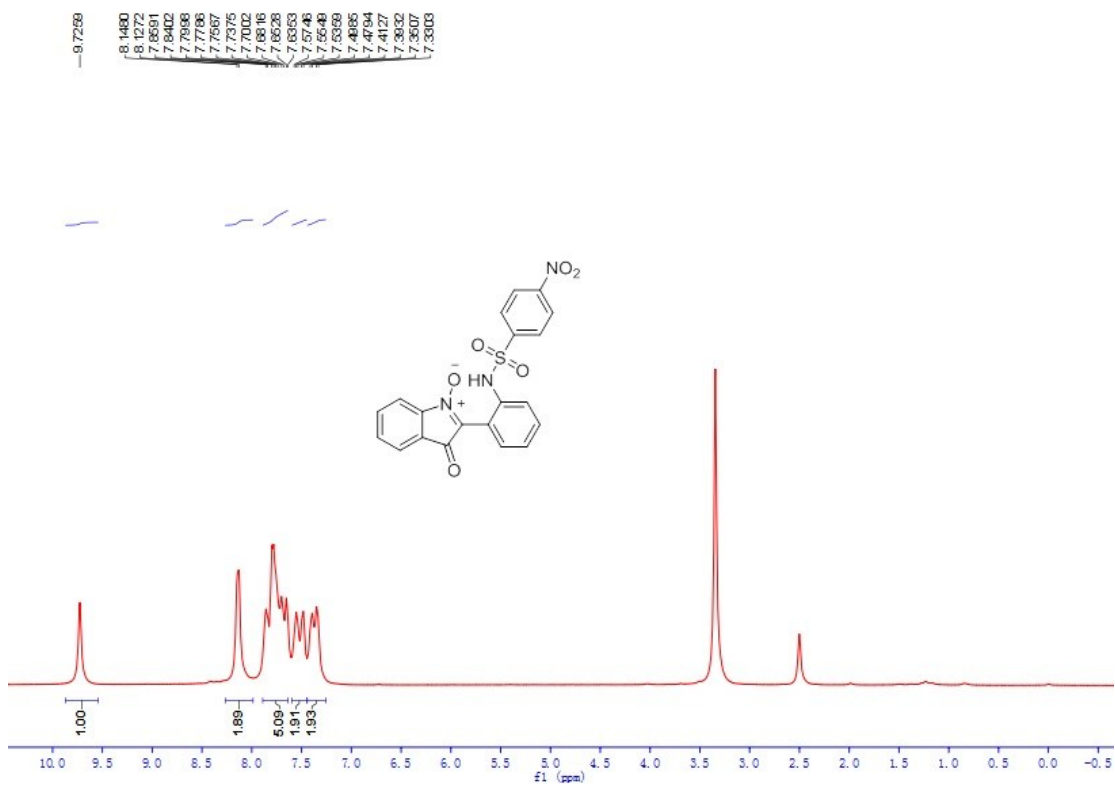


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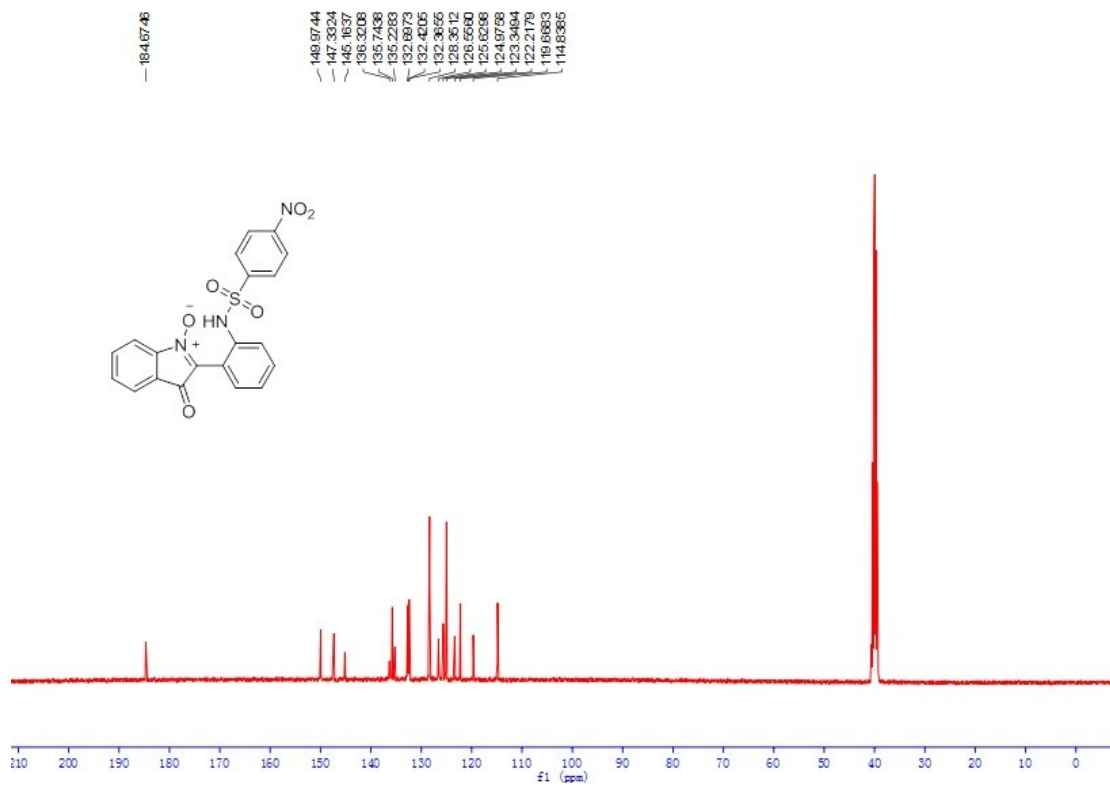


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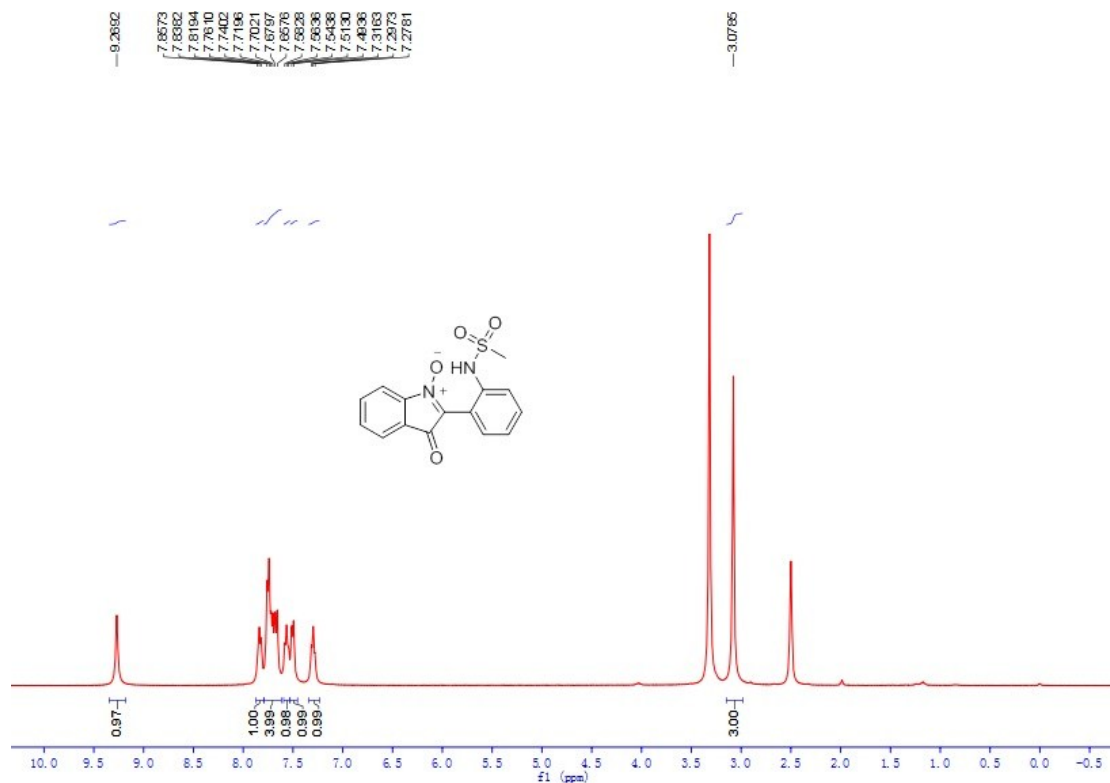
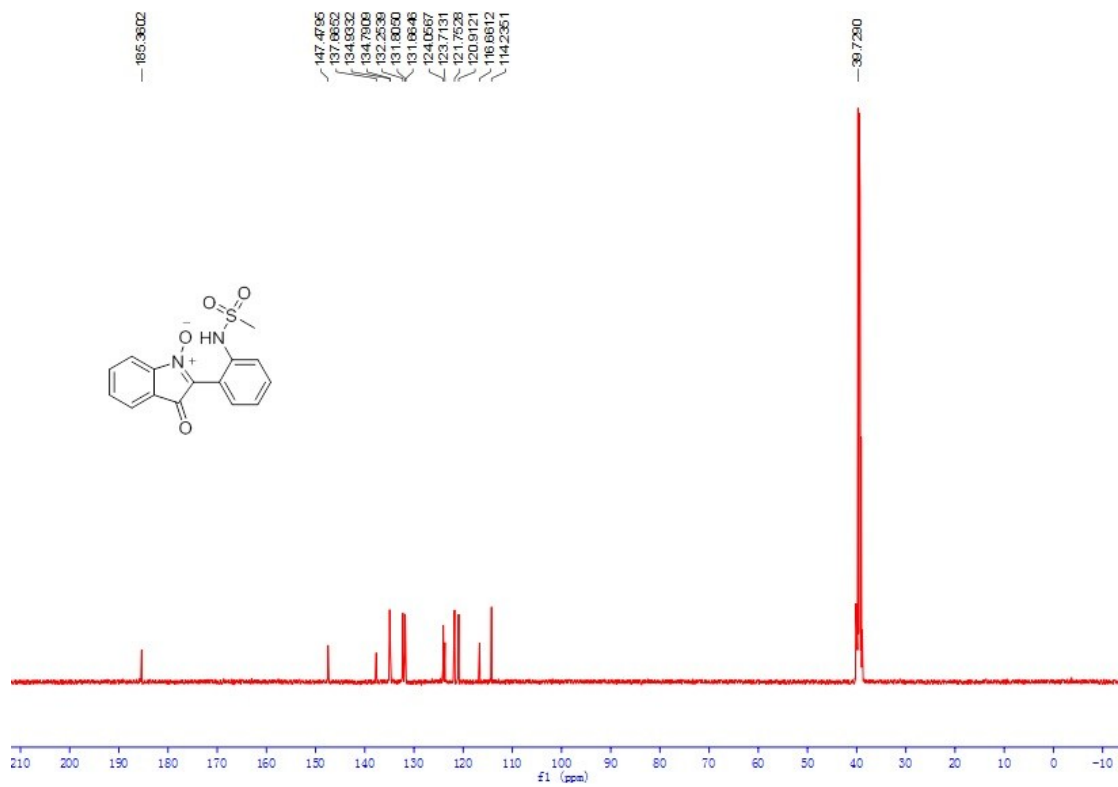


Figure S98.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound 5af



**Figure S99.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound **5af**