

Supporting Information

An unexpected cascade reaction of 3-hydroxyindoles with coumarin-3-carboxylates to construct 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran spirooxindoles

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1. General methods

NMR spectra were recorded with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz, and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz (Bruker Avance). ^1H NMR chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent signal as the internal standard (CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ at 2.50 ppm). ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 at 77.00 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ at 39.52 ppm). Data are given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (double of doublet), br (broad) or m (multiplets), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. High resolution mass spectra were obtained with the Q-TOF-Premier mass spectrometer. Reactions were monitored by TLC and visualized with ultraviolet light. IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Fisher Nicolet Avatar 360 FTIR spectrometer on a KBr beam splitter. All the solvents were used directly without any purification.

2. Selected bioactive compounds containing spirooxindole scaffolds

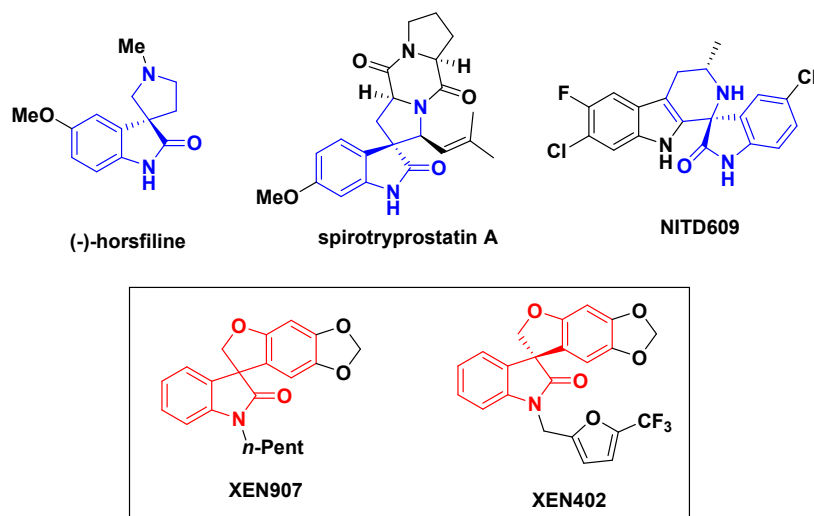
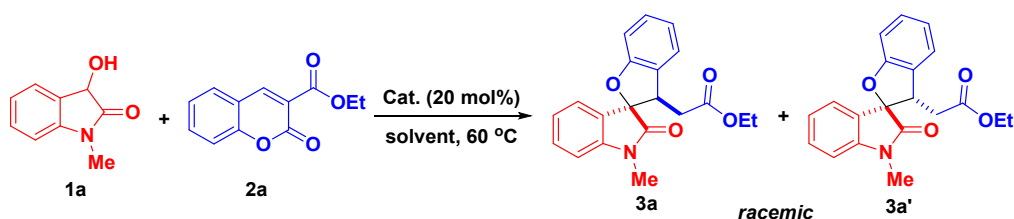


Figure S1 Selected biologically active compounds containing spirooxindole scaffold

3. Optimization of reaction conditions

Table S1 Optimization of reaction conditions^a



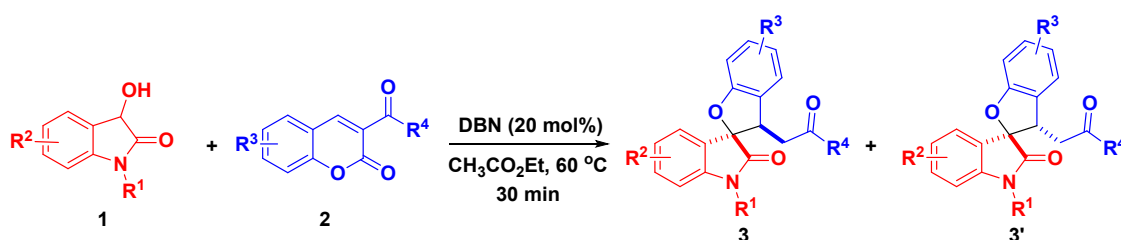
entry	Cat.	Solvent	time (h)	yield ^b (%)	3a/3a' ^c
1	Et ₃ N	CH ₃ CN	5	98	1:1.1
2	DBU	CH ₃ CN	5	99	1.1:1
3	DABCO·6H ₂ O	CH ₃ CN	5	99	1:1
4	DBN	CH ₃ CN	2	99	1:1
5	K ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	4	91	1:1.3
6	Cs ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	4	91	1:1
7	DBN	1,4-dioxane	1	89	1:1.5
8	DBN	DCE	1	85	1:1.5
9	DBN	CHCl ₃	0.5	72	1:1.4
10	DBN	EtOAc	0.5	99 (95) ^d	1:1
11 ^e	DBN	EtOAc	12	trace	---
12 ^f	DBN	EtOAc	12	35	1:1
13 ^g	DBN	EtOAc	1	90	1:1

^a Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were conducted with 0.25 mmol of **1a** and **2a** in the presence of 20 mol% of catalyst in 1.0 mL of specified solvent at 60 °C. ^b¹H NMR yield with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard. ^c The dr value was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. ^d Isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography. ^e At 0 °C. ^f At 25 °C. ^g At 40 °C. DBN = 1,5-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene; DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane.

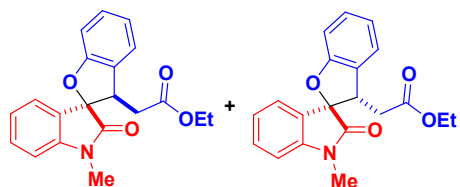
To improve the synthetic efficiency, initially, some bases including organic bases and inorganic bases were evaluated (Table S1). Among them, 1,5-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene (DBN) proved to be the best in terms of yield and reaction time, in which the reaction time was shortened to 2 h (Table S1, entry 4). The reaction media optimization indicated that the reaction could not only be performed in CH₃CN, it also proceeded smoothly in other solvents, such as 1,4-dioxane, 1,2-dichloroethane, CHCl₃ and EtOAc. To our delight, the reaction went to completion within 30 min in EtOAc with the formation of **3a/3a'** in 95% isolated yield, which was chosen as the optimal solvent to evaluate other parameters. The reaction was quite sensitive to temperatures. When the temperature was decreased to 0 °C, the reaction proceeded very sluggishly, and only a trace

amount of products were generated after 12 h (Table S1, entry 11). The NMR yield was enhanced to 35% when the reaction was conducted at 25 °C for 12 h (Table S1, entry 12). Further increasing the temperature to 40 °C, 90% NMR yield of **3a/3a'** was obtained (Table S1, entry 13). As a consequence, the optimized reaction condition for the construction of **3a** and **3a'** was found to be 0.25 mmol of **1a** and **2a** with 20 mol% of DBN as catalyst in 1.0 mL of EtOAc at 60 °C for 30 min (Table S1, entry 10).

4. Experimental data for dihydrobenzofuran spirooxindoles **3**



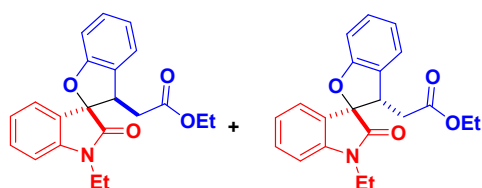
General procedure: To a 5.0 mL vial were successively added 3-hydroxyoxindoles **1** (0.25 mmol), coumarin-3-carboxylates **2** (0.25 mmol), DBN (0.05 mmol) and 1.0 mL EtOAc. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 30 min, and then the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding dihydrobenzofuran spirooxindoles **3** and **3'**.



Ethyl 2-(1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3a/3a'**)

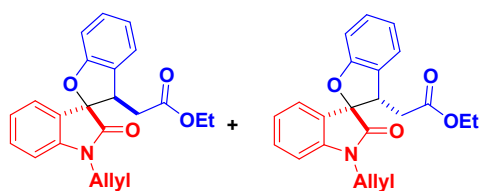
White solids for **3a** and **3a'**, 79.8 mg, 95% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1 (**3a/3a'**, separable isomers); m. p. 109.8-110.1 °C (**3a**), 158.2-158.6 °C (**3a'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3a** δ 7.36 (t, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.27 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 3.02 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3a** δ 172.6, 171.5, 158.6, 143.6, 130.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 124.0, 123.5, 123.3, 121.4, 110.1, 108.3, 87.7, 60.6, 46.8, 35.5, 26.0, 14.0. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)

for **3a'** δ 7.34 (t, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.97 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.85 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.42 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.04 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3a'** δ 175.1, 170.7, 158.5, 144.3, 130.7, 128.9, 128.2, 125.1, 125.0, 123.8, 122.5, 121.3, 110.0, 108.5, 88.6, 60.6, 44.5, 36.1, 26.4, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3a** ν 3441, 2991, 1732, 1607, 1476, 1178, 756 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3a'** ν 3443, 2985, 1728, 1607, 1468, 1187, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 338.1387, found: 338.1390.



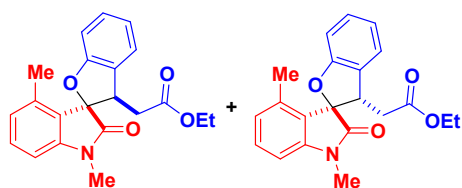
Ethyl 2-(1'-ethyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3b/3b'**)

White solids for **3b** and **3b'**, 80.8 mg, 92% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.2 (**3b/3b'**, separable isomers); m. p. 94.7-95.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (**3b**), 135.4-136.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (**3b'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3b** δ 7.34 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.27 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.98 (m, 2H), 3.81-3.64 (m, 2H), 3.04 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3b** δ 172.2, 171.5, 158.6, 142.7, 130.4, 129.6, 129.0, 128.5, 124.0, 123.7, 123.1, 121.4, 110.1, 108.4, 87.6, 60.6, 46.7, 35.5, 34.6, 14.0, 12.4. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3b'** δ 7.32 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.85 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.42 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.87-3.73 (m, 4H), 2.86 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.03 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3b'** δ 174.7, 170.7, 158.6, 143.5, 130.6, 128.9, 128.3, 125.3, 125.3, 123.8, 122.3, 121.3, 110.0, 108.7, 88.6, 60.5, 44.5, 36.0, 34.9, 13.9, 12.3. IR (KBr) for **3b** ν 3450, 2984, 1730, 1620, 1475, 753 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3b'** ν 3442, 2983, 1727, 1608, 1475, 1373, 1188, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 352.1543, found: 352.1542.



Ethyl 2-(1'-allyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3c/3c'**)

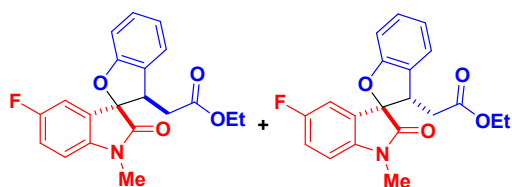
Colorless oil for **3c** and white solid for **3c'**, 87.0 mg, 96% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.2 (**3c/3c'**, separable isomers); m. p. 113.8-114.1 °C (**3c'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3c** δ 7.36-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.93-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.31 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.44-4.23 (m, 3H), 4.10-3.98 (m, 2H), 3.08 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3c** δ 172.3, 171.5, 158.5, 142.8, 131.1, 130.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 124.0, 123.5, 123.2, 121.4, 117.9, 110.1, 109.3, 87.6, 60.6, 46.7, 42.3, 35.5, 13.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3c'** δ 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.11 (m, 3H), 6.98-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.94-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45-4.29 (m, 3H), 3.84 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3c'** δ 174.8, 170.7, 158.5, 143.6, 131.3, 130.5, 128.9, 128.1, 125.1, 125.0, 123.8, 122.4, 121.3, 117.8, 110.0, 109.5, 88.5, 60.5, 44.5, 42.7, 36.0, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3c** ν 3450, 2983, 1731, 1615, 1475, 1181, 753 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3c'** ν 3448, 2976, 1730, 1610, 1477, 1372, 1186, 747 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 364.1543, found: 364.1548.



Ethyl 2-(1',4'-dimethyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3d/3d'**)

White solids for **3d** and **3d'**, 78.8 mg, 90% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 2:1 (**3d/3d'**, separable isomers); m. p. 114.2-114.8 °C (**3d**), 147.3-147.9 °C (**3d'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3d** δ 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.91 (m, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H),

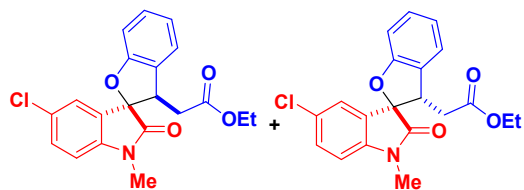
2.91 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3d** δ 172.7, 171.4, 159.14, 144.0, 136.0, 130.1, 129.0, 128.3, 126.3, 125.7, 123.8, 121.3, 109.7, 105.9, 89.1, 60.7, 44.6, 35.6, 26.0, 17.7, 13.9. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3d'** δ 7.21 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.85 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3d'** δ 176.0, 170.8, 158.8, 144.7, 136.6, 130.3, 129.2, 128.3, 125.4, 124.0, 123.0, 121.3, 109.7, 105.9, 89.6, 60.6, 46.1, 35.2, 26.5, 19.7, 14.0. IR (KBr) for **3d** ν 3444, 2929, 1729, 1623, 750 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3d'** ν 3446, 1725, 1632, 1048, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 352.1543, found: 352.1548.



Ethyl 2-(5'-fluoro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3e/3e'**)

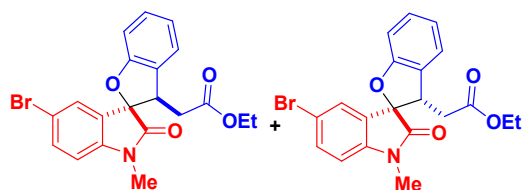
Colorless oil for **3e** and white solid for **3e'**, 76.4 mg, 86% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.4 (**3e/3e'**, separable isomers); m. p. 158.2-158.8 °C (**3e**), 152.5-153.4 °C (**3e'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3e** δ 7.20 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.07 (dd, $J_1 = 12.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3e** δ 172.5, 171.6, 159.5 (d, $J = 241.0$ Hz, 1C), 158.5, 139.6 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1C), 131.1 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1C), 129.3, 128.2, 124.2, 121.8, 116.7 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1C), 111.7 (d, $J = 25.0$ Hz, 1C), 110.3, 109.1 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1C), 87.6, 60.8, 47.0, 35.7, 26.3, 14.1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3e'** δ 7.20 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.76 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.84 (m, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.06 (tt, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3e'** δ 174.9, 170.6, 158.8 (d, $J = 241.0$ Hz, 1C), 158.3, 140.4, 129.1, 127.8, 126.5 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1C), 123.9, 121.6, 116.9 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz, 1C), 113.1 (d, $J = 25.0$ Hz, 1C), 110.1, 109.1 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1C), 88.5, 60.7, 44.7, 35.8, 26.5, 13.9. IR

(KBr) for **3e** ν 3436, 2981, 1728, 1468, 1234, 747 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3e'** ν 3446, 2922, 1733, 1474, 1243, 1179, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 356.1293, found: 356.1299.



Ethyl 2-(5'-chloro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3f/3f'**)

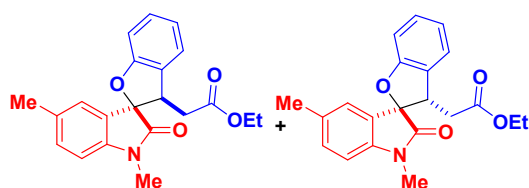
White solids for **3f** and **3f'**, 78.4 mg, 84% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.5 (**3f/3f'**, separable isomers); m. p. 100.3-101.1 °C (**3f**), 141.5-142.1 °C (**3f'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3f** δ 7.31 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.97 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.95 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.08 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3f** δ 172.2, 171.5, 158.3, 142.1, 131.2, 130.2, 129.2, 128.5, 127.9, 124.1, 123.9, 121.7, 110.2, 109.4, 87.2, 60.7, 46.8, 35.6, 26.1, 13.9. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3f'** δ 7.31 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.90 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.07 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3f'** δ 174.7, 170.7, 158.3, 143.0, 130.5, 129.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 125.3, 123.8, 121.6, 110.1, 109.5, 88.3, 60.8, 44.7, 35.9, 26.5, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3f** ν 3443, 2931, 1733, 1480, 1239, 751 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3f'** ν 3436, 3066, 1727, 1488, 1361, 1249, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 372.0997, found: 372.0998.



Ethyl 2-(5'-bromo-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3g/3g'**)

White solids for **3g** and **3g'**, 98.9 mg, 95% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.6 (**3g/3g'**, separable isomers); m. p. 121.6-122.6 °C (**3g**), 139.1-139.7 °C (**3g'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

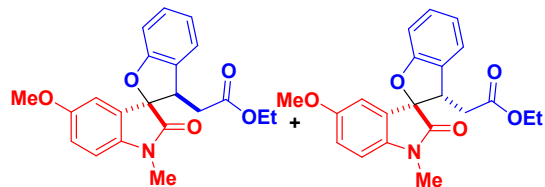
CDCl₃) for **3g** δ 7.47 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.07-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.08 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3g** δ 172.2, 171.6, 158.3, 142.6, 133.2, 131.6, 129.2, 128.0, 126.7, 124.1, 121.7, 115.8, 110.3, 109.9, 87.2, 60.8, 46.9, 35.7, 26.2, 14.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3g'** δ 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.84 (m, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.90 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.07 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3g'** δ 174.6, 170.7, 158.3, 143.5, 133.4, 129.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 123.9, 121.6, 115.0, 110.1, 110.0, 88.3, 60.8, 44.7, 35.9, 26.5, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3g** ν 3441, 2948, 1734, 1477, 1181, 747 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3g'** ν 3443, 2983, 1727, 1474, 1248, 750 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉BrNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 416.0492, found: 416.0496.



Ethyl 2-(1',5'-dimethyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3h/3h'**)

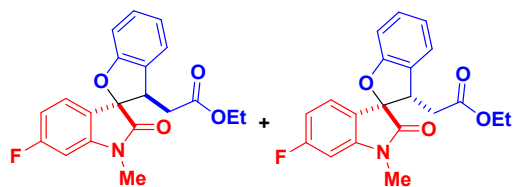
White solids for **3h** and **3h'**, 77.7 mg, 89% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.3 (**3h/3h'**, separable isomers); m. p. 95.3-96.2 °C (**3h**), 98.6-99.5 °C (**3h'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3h** δ 7.23-7.12 (m, 4H), 6.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.00 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3h** δ 172.5, 171.5, 158.6, 141.2, 132.9, 130.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 124.2, 124.0, 121.3, 110.0, 108.1, 87.8, 60.5, 46.7, 35.5, 26.0, 20.8, 13.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3h'** δ 7.23-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.98-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.89-3.84 (m, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.86 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3h'** δ 175.1, 170.7, 158.6, 142.0, 132.2, 130.9, 128.9, 128.3, 125.8, 125.1, 123.9, 121.3,

110.0, 108.3, 88.7, 60.6, 44.5, 36.2, 26.4, 20.9, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3h** ν 3437, 1723, 1467, 1182, 743 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3h'** ν 3442, 1728, 1472, 1192, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 352.1543, found: 352.1535.



Ethyl 2-(5'-methoxy-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3i/3i'**)

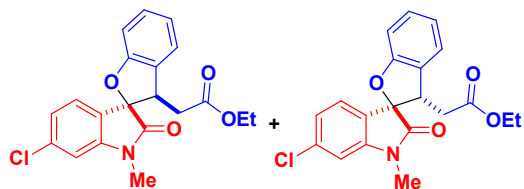
White solid for **3i** and **3i'**, 77.8 mg, 85% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1 (**3i/3i'**, separable isomers); m. p. 82.9-83.9 °C (**3i**), 125.1-126.1 °C (**3i'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3i** δ 7.19 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.85 (m, 3H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.98 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.99 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3i** δ 172.4, 171.5, 158.6, 156.5, 136.9, 130.3, 129.0, 128.4, 124.0, 121.4, 114.9, 110.7, 110.0, 108.8, 88.0, 60.6, 55.7, 46.9, 35.5, 26.1, 13.9. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3i'** δ 7.21-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.40 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.85 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.06 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3i'** δ 174.8, 170.6, 158.5, 155.8, 137.7, 128.9, 128.1, 126.1, 123.8, 121.4, 114.8, 112.5, 110.0, 108.9, 88.8, 60.6, 55.8, 44.5, 36.0, 26.4, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3i** ν 3449, 2938, 1728, 1471, 1239, 750 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3i'** ν 3429, 2948, 1726, 1490, 1246, 1030, 759 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 368.1492, found: 368.1486.



Ethyl 2-(6'-fluoro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3j/3j'**)

White solids for **3j** and **3j'**, 82.8 mg, 93% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.1 (**3j/3j'**, separable isomers); m. p. 88.4-89.2 °C (**3j**), 108.1-109.1 °C (**3j'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

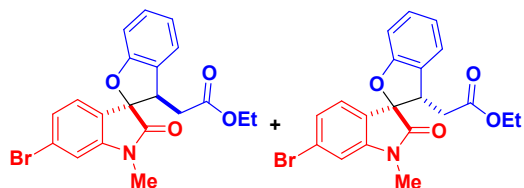
CDCl₃) for **3j** δ 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.69 (m, 1H), 6.59 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.03 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3j** δ 172.9, 171.6, 164.3 (d, $J = 247.0$ Hz, 1C), 158.4, 145.5 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1C), 129.1, 128.2, 124.9 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1C), 124.8 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 124.0, 121.5, 110.1, 109.2 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz, 1C), 97.3 (d, $J = 28.0$ Hz, 1C), 87.2, 60.7, 46.8, 35.5, 26.1, 14.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3j'** δ 7.21-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.66-6.61 (m, 1H), 6.56 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3j'** δ 175.3, 170.6, 164.4 (d, $J = 247.0$ Hz, 1C), 158.3, 146.3 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1C), 129.0, 127.8, 126.3 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1C), 123.7, 121.4, 120.6 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 109.9, 108.4 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz, 1C), 97.4 (d, $J = 27.0$ Hz, 1C), 88.0, 60.6, 44.5, 35.9, 26.4, 13.8. IR (KBr) for **3j** ν 3446, 2973, 1732, 1613, 1468, 1231, 749 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3j'** ν 3459, 1741, 1617, 1469, 1244, 751 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉FNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 356.1293, found: 356.1297.



Ethyl 2-(6'-chloro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3k/3k'**)

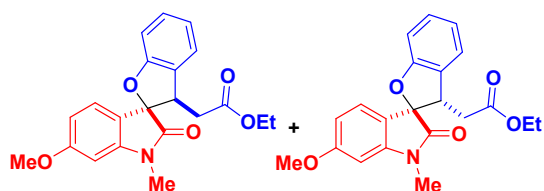
White solid for **3k** and **3k'**, 83.5 mg, 90% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.4 (**3k/3k'**, separable isomers); m. p. 110.1-110.7 °C (**3k**), 141.7-142.1 °C (**3k'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3k** δ 7.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.07-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.05 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3k** δ 172.5, 171.6, 158.3, 144.8, 136.2, 129.1, 128.1, 127.9, 124.4, 124.0, 123.0, 121.5, 110.1, 109.2, 87.1, 60.7, 46.8, 35.5, 26.1, 14.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3k'** δ 7.19 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.83 (m, 2H), 4.38 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H),

3.89-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3k'** δ 175.0, 170.6, 158.3, 145.7, 136.5, 129.0, 127.8, 125.9, 123.8, 123.4, 122.2, 121.5, 110.0, 109.3, 88.0, 60.7, 44.6, 35.9, 26.5, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3k** ν 3451, 2934, 1734, 1613, 1239, 747 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3k'** ν 3442, 2973, 1731, 1608, 1473, 1373, 1245, 751 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 372.0997, found: 372.1002.



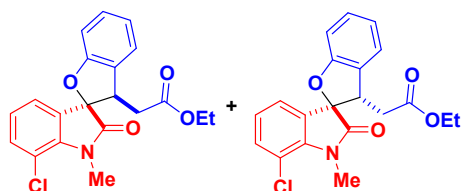
Ethyl 2-(6'-bromo-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3l/3l'**)

White solids for **3l** and **3l'**, 95.5 mg, 92% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.6 (**3l/3l'**, separable isomers); m. p. 92.3-93.3 °C (**3l**), 166.3-166.8 °C (**3l'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3l** δ 7.23-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.07-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.05 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3l** δ 172.4, 171.5, 158.3, 144.9, 129.1, 128.4, 128.0, 126.0, 124.7, 124.1, 124.0, 121.5, 111.9, 110.1, 87.1, 60.7, 46.7, 35.5, 26.1, 14.0. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3l'** δ 7.20 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.07 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3l'** δ 175.0, 170.7, 158.3, 145.8, 129.1, 127.8, 126.2, 125.2, 124.5, 124.0, 123.8, 121.5, 112.1, 110.1, 88.1, 60.8, 44.6, 35.9, 26.5, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3l** ν 3451, 2966, 1735, 1601, 1469, 1373, 1175, 988, 750 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3l'** ν 3442, 2929, 1729, 1606, 1475, 1246, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 416.0492, found: 416.0500.



Ethyl 2-(6'-methoxy-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3m/3m'**)

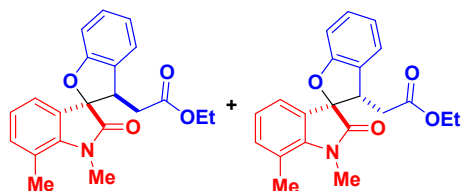
Colorless oils for **3m** and **3m'**, 85.3 mg, 93% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1.6:1 (**3m/3m'**, separable isomers); m. p. 99.1-100.0 °C (**3m'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3m** δ 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.93 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.94 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3m** δ 172.9, 171.4, 161.8, 158.4, 145.1, 128.7, 128.5, 124.5, 123.8, 121.1, 120.7, 109.8, 106.7, 96.3, 87.6, 60.4, 55.3, 46.5, 35.2, 25.8, 13.8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3m'** δ 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.85 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3m'** δ 175.6, 170.7, 162.0, 158.4, 145.9, 128.8, 128.2, 126.0, 123.8, 121.2, 116.9, 109.9, 106.0, 96.5, 88.5, 60.5, 55.4, 44.3, 36.1, 26.3, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3m** ν 3450, 2975, 1731, 1625, 1241, 1088, 750 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3m'** ν 3446, 2969, 1732, 1622, 1243, 1086, 753 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂NO₅ [M+H]⁺: 368.1492, found: 368.1495.



Ethyl 2-(7'-chloro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3n/3n'**)

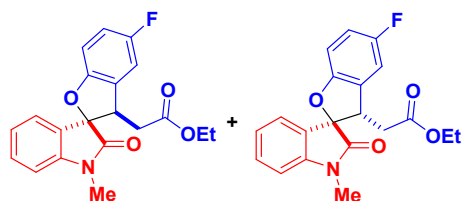
White solids for **3n** and **3n'**, 88.8 mg, 96% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.7 (**3n/3n'**, separable isomers); m. p. 101.5-102.1 °C (**3n**), 150.1-150.7 °C (**3n'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3n** δ 7.29 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.07 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3n** δ 173.0, 171.6, 158.4, 139.5, 132.6, 132.4, 129.2, 128.1, 124.2, 124.1, 122.0, 121.6, 115.7, 110.2, 87.0, 60.8, 47.3, 35.6, 29.5, 14.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3n'** δ 7.25 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.87 (dd,

$J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.41 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.92-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.07 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3n'** δ 175.5, 170.5, 158.3, 140.1, 132.8, 129.0, 127.9, 127.7, 123.7, 123.4, 123.3, 121.5, 115.9, 110.0, 87.8, 60.7, 45.0, 35.7, 29.8, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3n** ν 3443, 2925, 1733, 1623, 1469, 746 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3n'** ν 3450, 1731, 1637, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 372.0997, found: 372.1001.



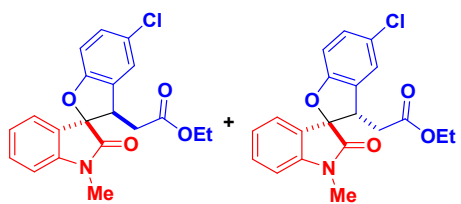
Ethyl 2-(1',7'-dimethyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3o/3o'**)

White solids for **3o** and **3o'**, 79.2 mg, 90% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1 (**3o/3o'**, separable isomers); m. p. 117.6-118.3 °C (**3o**), 180.6-181.4 °C (**3o'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3o** δ 7.19 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.06-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.98 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3o** δ 173.4, 171.6, 158.6, 141.2, 134.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.6, 124.0, 123.3, 121.5, 121.3, 120.0, 110.0, 87.2, 60.6, 47.0, 35.5, 29.6, 18.8, 13.9. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3o'** δ 7.19 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.40 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.92-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.83 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.58-2.51 (m, 4H), 1.06 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3o'** δ 176.0, 170.7, 158.6, 141.8, 134.3, 128.8, 128.2, 125.7, 123.8, 122.9, 122.5, 121.2, 120.2, 110.0, 88.0, 60.5, 44.8, 35.9, 29.8, 18.9, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3o** ν 3443, 2980, 2929, 1727, 1607, 748 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3o'** ν 3445, 2928, 2860, 1721, 1635, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 352.1543, found: 352.1542.



Ethyl 2-(5-fluoro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3p/3p'**)

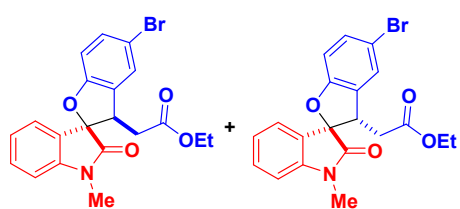
White solids for **3p** and **3p'**, 80.5 mg, 91% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.1 (**3p/3p'**, separable isomers); m. p. 118.7-119.3 °C (**3p**), 176.8-177.6 °C (**3p'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3p** δ 7.36 (tt, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (tt, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.93 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.92 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3p** δ 172.4, 171.3, 158.0 (d, $J = 237.0$ Hz, 1C), 154.5, 143.7, 130.7, 130.0 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1C), 128.6, 123.6, 123.4, 115.2 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz, 1C), 111.5 (d, $J = 25.0$ Hz, 1C), 110.2 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1C), 108.5, 88.4, 60.8, 46.8 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1C), 35.1, 26.0, 13.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3p'** δ 7.34 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.88-6.82 (m, 3H), 6.76 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.04 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3p'** δ 174.8, 170.4, 158.0 (d, $J = 237.0$ Hz, 1C), 154.5, 144.3, 130.8, 129.7 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1C), 125.0, 124.8, 122.6, 115.2 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz, 1C), 111.3 (d, $J = 25.0$ Hz, 1C), 110.2 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1C), 108.7, 89.2, 60.7, 44.6, 35.9, 26.4, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3p** ν 3433, 2937, 1729, 1478, 1187, 772 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3p'** ν 3441, 2927, 1729, 1483, 1188, 750 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉FNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 356.1293, found: 356.1299.



Ethyl 2-(5-chloro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3q/3q'**)

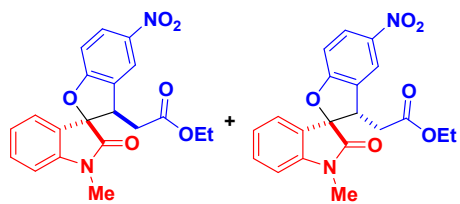
White solid for **3q** and colorless oil for **3q'**, 91.0 mg, 98% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1.5:1 (**3q/3q'**, separable isomers); m. p. 104.9-105.1 °C (**3q**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3q** δ 7.37 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.93 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3q** δ 172.3, 171.3, 157.4, 143.7, 130.8, 130.5, 129.0,

128.6, 126.3, 124.4, 123.7, 123.5, 111.0, 108.5, 88.5, 60.9, 46.7, 35.2, 26.1, 14.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3q'** δ 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.82 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3q'** δ 174.6, 170.4, 157.2, 144.3, 130.9, 130.2, 128.8, 126.2, 125.0, 124.6, 124.2, 122.6, 110.9, 108.7, 89.1, 60.7, 44.4, 35.9, 26.4, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3q** ν 3436, 2970, 1728, 1607, 1474, 1173, 763 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3q'** ν 3445, 2969, 1730, 1613, 1472, 1245, 1174, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉ClNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 372.0997, found: 372.0995.



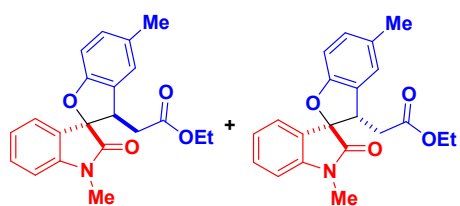
Ethyl 2-(5-bromo-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3r/3r'**)

White solids for **3r** and **3r'**, 83.6 mg, 80% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1.5:1 (**3r/3r'**, separable isomers); m. p. 106.8-107.5 °C (**3r**), 114.4-114.6 °C (**3r'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3r** δ 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.94 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3r** δ 172.2, 171.2, 157.9, 143.7, 131.8, 131.0, 130.8, 128.5, 127.2, 123.7, 123.4, 113.3, 111.6, 108.5, 88.4, 60.8, 46.6, 35.2, 26.1, 14.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3r'** δ 7.37-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.82 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3r'** δ 174.6, 170.4, 157.8, 144.3, 131.8, 130.9, 130.7, 127.0, 125.0, 124.5, 122.6, 113.2, 111.6, 108.7, 89.1, 60.8, 44.3, 35.9, 26.4, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3r** ν 3439, 2971, 1733, 1607, 1469, 1239, 1174, 758 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3r'** ν 3453, 2973, 1734, 1613, 1469, 1243, 1177, 747 cm⁻¹. C₂₀H₁₉BrNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 416.0492, found: 416.0492.



Ethyl 2-(1'-methyl-5-nitro-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3s/3s'**)

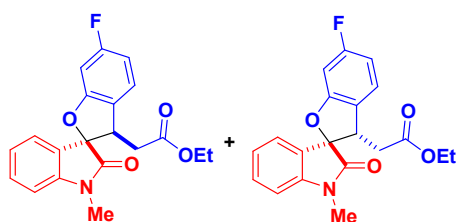
White solids for **3s** and **3s'**, 81.0 mg, 85% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.6 (**3s/3s'**, separable isomers); m. p. 114.5-115.2 °C (**3s**), 118.5-119.1 °C (**3s'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3s** δ 8.16 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3s** δ 171.5, 170.8, 163.9, 143.9, 142.7, 131.3, 130.3, 127.2, 126.4, 123.9, 123.6, 120.6, 109.9, 108.7, 89.9, 61.0, 45.7, 34.8, 26.1, 13.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3s'** δ 8.18 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.92 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3s'** δ 174.0, 170.1, 163.7, 144.5, 142.7, 131.4, 130.1, 126.4, 125.2, 123.7, 122.8, 120.5, 109.9, 108.9, 90.4, 61.0, 43.6, 35.9, 26.5, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3s** ν 3433, 2973, 1730, 1607, 1472, 1256, 758 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3s'** ν 3439, 2928, 1728, 1334, 1262, 756 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉N₂O₆ [M+H]⁺: 383.1238, found: 383.1242.



Ethyl 2-(1',5-dimethyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3t/3t'**)

Colorless oil for **3t** and white solid for **3t'**, 75.0 mg, 85% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.3 (**3t/3t'**, separable isomers); m. p. 136.0-136.9 °C (**3t'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3t** δ 7.34 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.99 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ =

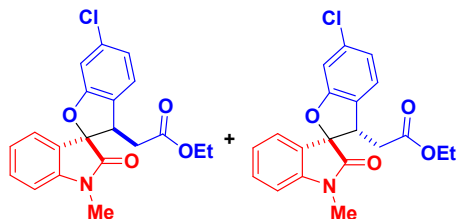
8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3t** δ 172.6, 171.5, 156.5, 143.5, 130.6, 130.4, 129.3, 129.3, 128.4, 124.5, 123.4, 123.2, 109.5, 108.3, 87.8, 60.5, 46.8, 35.4, 25.9, 20.7, 13.9. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3t'** δ 7.32 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.84 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.04 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3t'** δ 175.2, 170.7, 156.5, 144.3, 130.7, 130.6, 129.3, 128.1, 125.2, 125.0, 124.4, 122.5, 109.5, 108.5, 88.6, 60.5, 44.5, 36.1, 26.3, 20.8, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3t** ν 3432, 2978, 1730, 1617, 1484, 1248, 753 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3t'** ν 3439, 2927, 1727, 1611, 1484, 1246, 1178, 756 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 352.1543, found: 352.1549.



Ethyl 2-(6-fluoro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3u/3u'**)

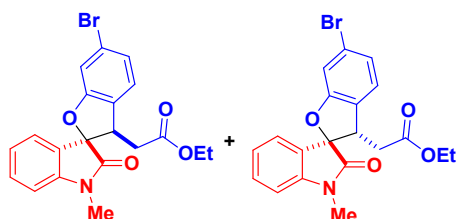
White solid for **3u** and yellow solid for **3u'**, 81.9 mg, 92% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 2:1 (**3u/3u'**, separable isomers); m. p. 124.7-124.5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (**3u**), 124.6-125.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (**3u'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3u** δ 7.36 (tt, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.68-6.58 (m, 2H), 4.21 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.94 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.14 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3u** δ 172.2, 171.4, 163.6 (d, $J = 243.0$ Hz, 1C), 159.7 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1C), 143.7, 130.7, 128.7, 124.4 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1C), 124.2 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 123.6, 123.4, 108.5, 108.1 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz, 1C), 98.7 (d, $J = 27.0$ Hz, 1C), 88.9, 60.7, 46.1, 35.5, 26.0, 14.0. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3u'** δ 7.35 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.68-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.60-6.57 (m, 1H), 4.35 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.87-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.82 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.04 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3u'** δ 174.6, 170.5, 163.5 (d, $J = 244.0$ Hz, 1C), 159.6 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1C), 144.3, 130.9, 125.1, 124.6, 124.2 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1C), 123.8 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1C), 122.6, 108.6, 108.0 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz, 1C),

98.6 (d, $J = 26.0$ Hz, 1C), 89.6, 60.7, 44.6, 35.9, 26.4, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3u** ν 3441, 2976, 1732, 1612, 1487, 1182, 751 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3u'** ν 3446, 2948, 1730, 1613, 1490, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 356.1293, found: 356.1299.



Ethyl 2-(6-chloro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3v/3v'**)

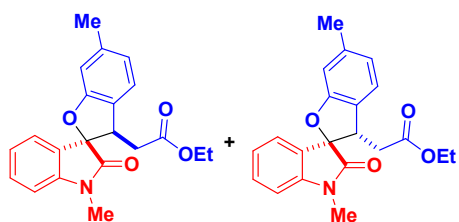
White solids for **3v** and **3v'**, 88.6 mg, 95% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 2:1 (**3v/3v'**, separable isomers); m. p. 113.8-114.3 °C (**3v**), 126.3-127.2 °C (**3v'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3v** δ 7.35 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.93 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.12 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3v** δ 172.0, 171.1, 159.3, 143.6, 134.2, 130.7, 128.4, 127.3, 124.6, 123.5, 123.3, 121.4, 110.7, 108.4, 88.6, 60.6, 46.1, 35.1, 25.9, 13.9. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3v'** δ 7.34 (tt, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.81 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.03 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3v'** δ 174.6, 170.4, 159.3, 144.3, 134.3, 130.9, 127.1, 125.1, 124.5, 124.4, 122.6, 121.5, 110.7, 108.7, 89.3, 60.7, 43.9, 36.0, 26.4, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3v** ν 3441, 2975, 1729, 1605, 1470, 1181, 744 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3v'** ν 3442, 2926, 1728, 1477, 1185, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 372.0997, found: 372.0994.



Ethyl 2-(6-bromo-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3w/3w'**)

White solids for **3w** and **3w'**, 102.1 mg, 98% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column
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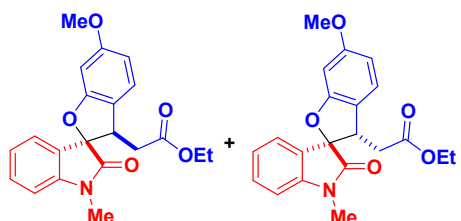
chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 2:1 (**3w/3w'**, separable isomers); m. p. 107.1-107.5 °C (**3w**), 135.9-136.9 °C (**3w'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3w** δ 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 4H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.93 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3w** δ 172.1, 171.3, 159.5, 143.7, 130.8, 128.5, 128.0, 125.1, 124.5, 123.7, 123.4, 122.1, 113.7, 108.5, 88.6, 60.8, 46.3, 35.2, 26.1, 14.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3w'** δ 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.81 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3w'** δ 174.6, 170.4, 159.5, 144.4, 130.9, 127.7, 125.1, 124.9, 124.5, 124.4, 122.6, 122.0, 113.6, 108.7, 89.2, 60.7, 44.0, 36.0, 26.4, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3w** ν 3433, 2983, 1729, 1604, 1468, 1228, 762 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3w'** ν 3442, 2983, 1729, 1474, 1186, 756 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉BrNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 416.0492, found: 416.0496.



Ethyl 2-(1',6-dimethyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3x/3x'**)

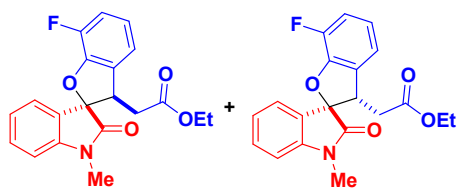
White solids for **3x** and **3x'**, 82.4 mg, 94% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.5 (**3x/3x'**, separable isomers); m. p. 107.5-108.2 °C (**3x**), 109.0-110.0 °C (**3x'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3x** δ 7.34 (tt, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.93 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 2.98 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3x** δ 172.6, 171.5, 158.8, 143.6, 139.2, 130.4, 129.3, 125.5, 123.5, 123.5, 123.2, 122.1, 110.7, 108.3, 87.9, 60.5, 46.6, 35.6, 25.9, 21.4, 13.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3x'** δ 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.83 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H).

= 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3x'** δ 175.1, 170.7, 158.7, 144.3, 139.1, 130.5, 125.2, 125.1, 125.0, 123.3, 122.4, 122.0, 110.6, 108.4, 88.6, 60.5, 44.3, 36.2, 26.3, 21.4, 13.8. IR (KBr) for **3x** ν 3448, 2987, 1718, 1611, 1465, 1370, 762 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3x'** ν 3445, 2981, 1729, 1609, 1253, 1187, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 352.1543, found: 352.1539.



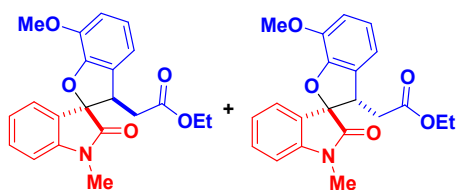
Ethyl 2-(6-methoxy-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3y/3y'**)

White solid for **3y** and **3y'**, 71.6 mg, 78% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.4 (**3y/3y'**, separable isomers); m. p. 107.3-108.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (**3y**), 145.5-146.5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (**3y'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3y** δ 7.34 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.04-3.91 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.96 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.13 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3y** δ 172.5, 171.5, 160.9, 159.8, 143.5, 130.4, 129.2, 124.1, 123.4, 123.2, 120.3, 108.3, 107.1, 96.6, 88.4, 60.5, 55.4, 46.2, 35.6, 25.9, 13.9. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3y'** δ 7.32 (tt, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.03-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.82 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.03 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3y'** δ 175.0, 170.7, 160.9, 159.8, 144.3, 130.6, 125.1, 123.9, 122.5, 120.1, 108.5, 107.0, 96.6, one carbon missing in the aromatic region, 89.2, 60.5, 55.5, 43.9, 36.3, 26.3, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3y** ν 3437, 2982, 1727, 1617, 1479, 1266, 757 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3y'** ν 3442, 2973, 1732, 1614, 1477, 1208, 761 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 368.1492, found: 368.1496.



Ethyl 2-(7-fluoro-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3z/3z'**)

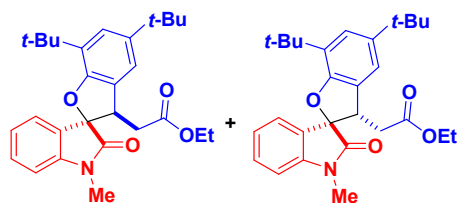
White solids for **3z** and **3z'**, 82.0 mg, 92% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 2.5:1 (**3z/3z'**, separable isomers); m. p. 110.0-110.9 °C (**3z**), 147.6-148.5 °C (**3z'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3z** δ 7.20 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.80-6.77 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.93-3.79 (m, 2H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.01 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3z** δ 171.8, 171.1, 147.2 (d, $J = 246.0$ Hz, 1C), 145.1 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1C), 143.7, 132.0, 130.7, 128.2, 123.6, 123.3, 122.0 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1C), 119.2 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1C), 116.1 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 1C), 108.4, 88.9, 60.6, 46.7 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1C), 35.1, 25.9, 13.8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3z'** δ 7.33 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.86 (m, 4H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.86 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.02 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3z'** δ 174.4, 170.4, 147.3 (d, $J = 254.0$ Hz, 1C), 145.1 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1C), 144.4, 131.8 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 131.0, 125.2, 124.4, 122.6, 122.0 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1C), 119.1 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1C), 116.2 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1C), 108.6, 89.7, 60.7, 44.6 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1C), 36.0, 26.4, 13.8. IR (KBr) for **3z** ν 3438, 2983, 1727, 1617, 1479, 1266, 757 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3z'** ν 3452, 2970, 1733, 1620, 763 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉FNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 356.1293, found: 356.1292.



Ethyl 2-(7-methoxy-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3za/3za'**)

Colorless oil for **3za** and white solid for **3za'**, 86.0 mg, 94% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1.4:1 (**3za/3za'**, separable isomers); m. p. 124.1-124.7 °C (**3za'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for

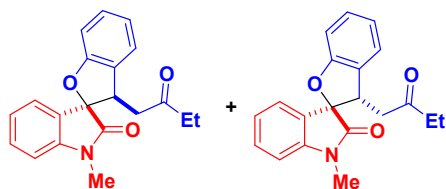
3za δ 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 3H), 4.23 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.96-3.82 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 2.95 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.04 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3za** δ 172.0, 171.2, 146.5, 144.3, 143.5, 130.3, 129.4, 128.8, 123.4, 122.9, 121.9, 115.7, 111.9, 108.0, 87.9, 60.3, 55.6, 46.7, 35.1, 25.7, 13.7. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3za'** δ 7.30 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 4.42 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.79 (m, 5H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.86 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.01 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3za'** δ 174.8, 170.6, 146.7, 144.5, 144.5, 130.6, 129.3, 125.2, 124.9, 122.4, 122.0, 115.8, 112.1, 108.3, 88.8, 60.5, 55.9, 44.7, 36.1, 26.3, 13.8. IR (KBr) for **3za** ν 3448, 2976, 1730, 1619, 1485, 1279, 756 cm^{-1} ; IR (KBr) for **3za'** ν 3445, 2930, 1732, 1616, 1463, 1380, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 368.1492, found: 368.1489.



Ethyl 2-(5,7-di-tert-butyl-1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**3zb/3zb'**)

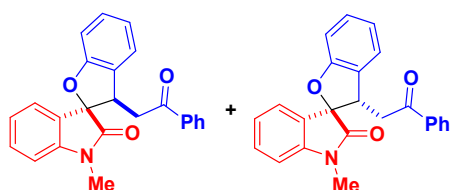
White solids for **3zb** and **3zb'**, 103.0 mg, 92% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:2.3 (**3zb/3zb'**, separable isomers); m. p. 143.4-144.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (**3zb**), 165.4-165.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (**3zb'**); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3zb** δ 7.34 (tt, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.91 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.00 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 18H), 1.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3zb** δ 173.0, 171.7, 154.4, 143.9, 143.6, 132.5, 130.2, 130.1, 128.1, 123.4, 123.1, 122.7, 118.3, 108.2, 87.6, 60.5, 47.1, 35.8, 34.5, 34.2, 31.8, 29.3, 26.0, 14.0. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) for **3zb'** δ 7.32 (tt, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.97 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.87 (dd, $J_1 = 4.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (s, 18H), 1.05 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3zb'** δ 175.6, 170.8, 154.3, 144.2, 143.9, 132.3, 130.2, 127.8, 125.8, 124.8, 122.5, 122.3, 118.1, 108.3, 88.3, 60.4, 44.7, 36.3, 34.5, 34.1, 31.7, 29.3, 26.3, 13.9. IR (KBr) for **3zb** ν 3445, 2958, 1733, 1612, 1249, 763 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3zb'** ν 3452, 2960, 1733, 1469, 1362, 1168, 759 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₈H₃₆NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 450.2639, found: 450.2635.



1'-Methyl-3-(2-oxobutyl)-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one (**3zc/3zc'**)

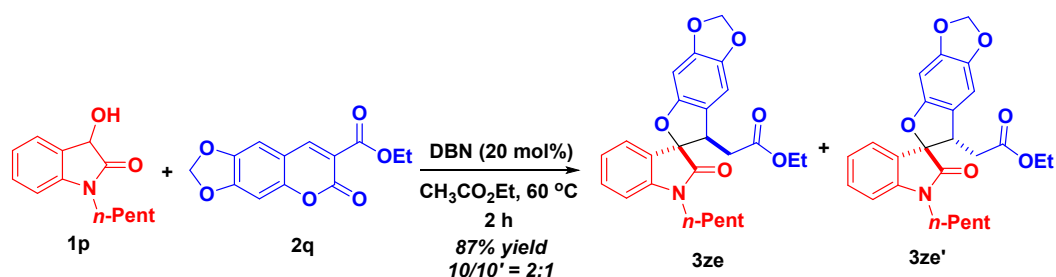
White solids for **3zc** and **3zc'**, 76.5 mg, 95% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.8 (**3zc/3zc'**, separable isomers); m. p. 119.4-120.3 °C (**3zc**), 168.1-168.9 °C (**3zc'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3zc** δ 7.34 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 2.85 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48-2.34 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3zc** δ 209.7, 173.1, 158.6, 143.1, 130.3, 130.1, 129.0, 128.9, 124.2, 123.3, 123.0, 121.4, 110.2, 108.5, 87.4, 45.8, 44.4, 35.7, 26.0, 7.65. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3zc'** δ 7.29 (tt, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.94 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.71 (m, 1H), 0.69 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3zc'** δ 208.2, 175.3, 158.6, 144.4, 130.6, 128.7, 128.3, 125.4, 124.6, 123.6, 122.1, 121.2, 109.9, 108.6, 88.6, 44.0, 43.6, 35.4, 26.3, 7.5. IR (KBr) for **3zc** ν 3421, 1723, 1619, 1473, 754 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3zc'** ν 3444, 2974, 1725, 1611, 1476, 1246, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 322.1438, found: 322.1432.



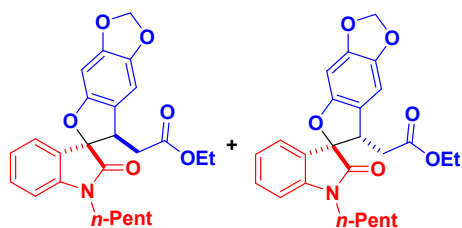
1'-Methyl-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one (**3zd/3zd'**)

White solids for **3zd** and **3zd'**, 77.8 mg, 84% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 1:1.6 (**3zd/3zd'**, separable isomers); m. p. 148.7-149.6 °C (**3zd**), 194.9-195.8 °C (**3zd'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3zd** δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (tt, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3zd** δ 198.3, 173.0, 158.6, 143.3, 136.4, 133.2, 130.3, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 124.3, 123.3, 123.1, 121.4, 110.2, 108.4, 87.5, 46.1, 40.9, 26.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3zd'** δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.51-3.39 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3zd'** δ 197.1, 175.3, 158.7, 144.3, 136.1, 133.0, 130.5, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 125.4, 124.5, 123.8, 122.1, 121.2, 110.0, 108.6, 88.8, 44.3, 40.4, 26.4. IR (KBr) for **3zd** ν 3443, 2923, 1728, 1679, 1605, 1467, 1233, 761 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3zd'** ν 3448, 2923, 1730, 1186, 747 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₀NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 370.1438, found: 370.1433.

5. Experimental data for XEN907 analogue **3ze** and **3ze'**



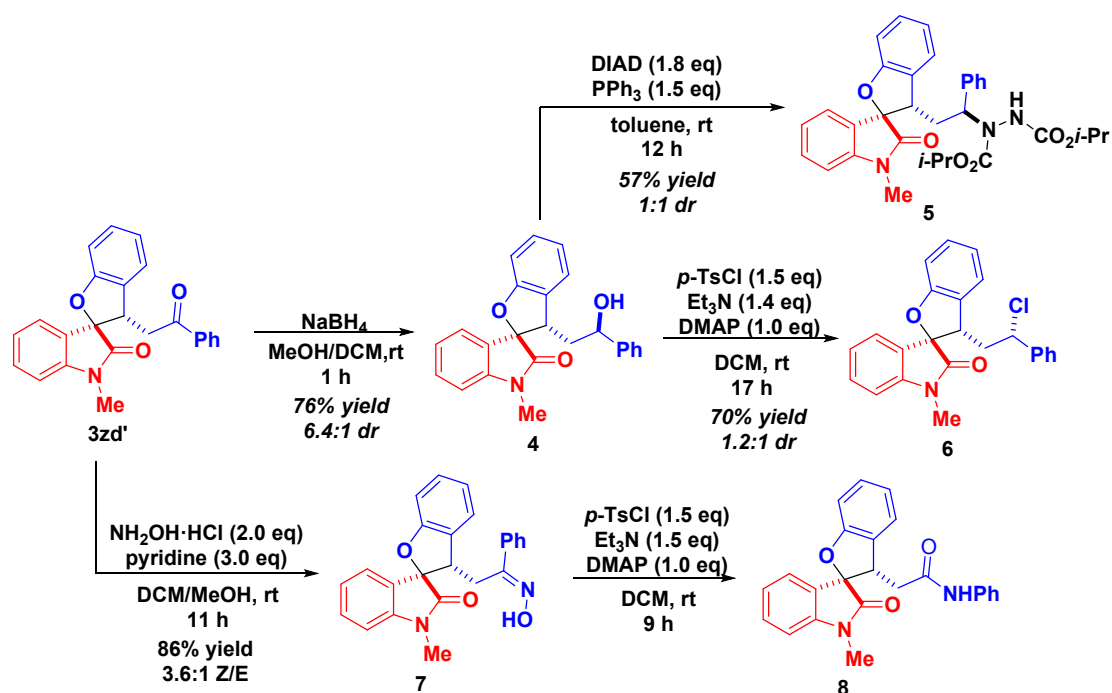
General procedure: To a 5.0 mL vial were successively added 3-hydroxyoxindole **1p** (0.25 mmol), coumarin-3-carboxylate **2q** (0.25 mmol), DBN (0.05 mmol) and 1.0 mL EtOAc. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 2 h, and then the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding XEN907 analogues **3ze** and **3ze'** in 87% yield with 2:1 dr.



Ethyl 2-(2-oxo-1-pentyl-7'*H*-spiro[indoline-3,6'-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-*f*]benzofuran]-7'-yl)acetate
(**3ze/3ze'**)

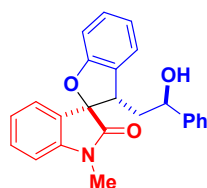
White solids for **3ze** and **3ze'**, 95.1 mg, 87% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1-8:1); Reaction time = 0.5 h; dr = 2:1 (**3ze/3ze'**, separable isomers); m. p. 102.1-102.8 °C (**3ze**), 118.2-118.6 °C (**3ze'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3ze** δ 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 5.92 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71-3.56 (m, 2H), 2.94 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.34 (m, 4H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3ze** δ 172.4, 171.6, 153.2, 148.0, 143.1, 142.3, 130.5, 129.4, 123.7, 123.1, 119.5, 108.6, 104.3, 101.4, 93.7, 88.4, 60.7, 46.7, 40.1, 35.7, 29.0, 26.9, 22.3, 14.0, 13.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3ze'** δ 7.29 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.36 (m, 4H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **3ze'** δ 174.7, 170.5, 153.1, 147.9, 143.8, 142.2, 130.5, 125.2, 125.1, 122.2, 119.1, 108.8, 104.0, 101.3, 93.4, 89.1, 60.5, 44.4, 40.2, 36.3, 28.9, 26.8, 22.2, 13.9, 13.8. IR (KBr) for **3ze** ν₃₄₂₉, 2929, 1728, 1466, 1151, 1035, 751 cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **3ze'** ν₃₄₃₁, 2933, 1729, 1467, 1155, 910, 735 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₅H₂₈NO₆ [M+H]⁺: 438.1911, found: 438.1900.

6. Experimental data for derivations of 3zd'



Scheme S1 Chemical transformations of 3zd'

General procedure for the formation of 4: A solution of 3zd' (111.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) in 4.0 mL MeOH and 2.0 mL DCM was cooled to 0 °C, and then NaBH₄ (22.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added successively. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h until the complete consumption of 3zd' as monitored by thin layer chromatography. Then, saturated aq. NH₄Cl solution was added. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified with silica gel column chromatography to obtain 4 in 76% yield with 6.4:1 dr.

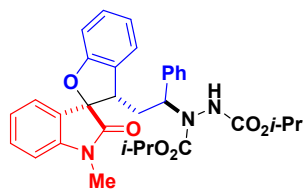


3-(2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-1'-methyl-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one (4)

White solid, 85.1mg, 76% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 3:1); Reaction time = 1 h; dr = 6.4:1 (inseparable isomers); m. p. 166.1-166.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.61-4.57 (m, 1H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.91 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 158.2, 144.0, 143.9, 130.4, 129.9, 128.4, 127.6, 126.0, 125.6, 124.9, 124.8, 124.1, 122.6, 121.1, 109.8, 108.7, 89.8, 72.5, 45.6, 39.5, 26.2. IR (KBr) ν 2922, 1720, 1609, 1469, 1375, 753 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 372.1594, found: 372.1598.

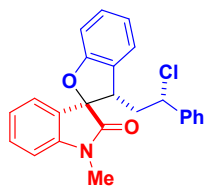
General procedure for the formation of 5: To a solution of **4** (94.2 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 1.0 mL toluene, PPh₃ (98.4 mg, 0.38 mmol) and DIAD (91.0 mg, 0.45 mmol) were successively added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 17 h until complete consumption of **4** as monitored by thin layer chromatography. Afterward, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to form **5** as a white solid in 57% yield with 2:1 dr.



Diisopropyl 1-(1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)-1-phenylethylhydrazine-1,2-dicarboxylate (**5**)

White solid, 79.6mg, 57% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 25:1-15:1); Reaction time = 12 h; dr = 2:1 (inseparable isomers); m. p. 141.6-142.5°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.49-8.81 (m, 1H), 7.59-6.84 (m, 13H), 4.90-4.70 (m, 2H), 4.52-3.88 (m, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.65-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.23-1.13 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.5, 158.1, 156.2, 155.1, 144.3, 139.1, 138.6, 130.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 125.3, 124.9, 124.7, 122.4, 120.9, 109.3, 88.1, 79.2, 69.1, 67.9, 57.2, 44.8, 26.4, 21.9, 21.4. IR (KBr) ν 3449, 3306, 2981, 1729, 1246, 1105, 754 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₃₂H₃₆N₃O₆ [M+H]⁺: 558.2599, found: 558.2582.

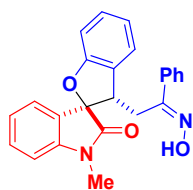
General procedure for the formation of 6: To a solution of **4** (110.0 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2.0 mL DCM, *p*-TsCl (85.8 mg, 0.45 mmol), DMAP (36.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and Et₃N (42.5 mg, 0.42 mmol) were successively added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 17 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford **6** as a white solid in 70% yield.



3-(2-Chloro-2-phenylethyl)-1'-methyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one (**6**)

White solid, 82.1 mg, 70% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 35:1-20:1); Reaction time = 17 h; dr = 2:1 (inseparable isomers); m. p. 162.5-163.1°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.10 (m, 7H), 7.03-6.78 (m, 5H), 4.40 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.58-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.18 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 158.4, 143.9, 134.1, 130.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 126.1, 125.3, 125.1, 124.9, 123.7, 123.0, 121.3, 109.9, 108.9, 88.4, 60.9, 46.3, 26.5. IR (KBr) ν 3450, 2921, 1733, 1609, 1467, 1235, 752cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁ClNO₂ [M+H]⁺: 390.1255, found: 390.1258.

General procedure for the synthesis of 7: To a 5.0 mL vial were successively added dihydeobenzofuran spirooxindole **3zd'** (92.5 mg, 0.25 mmol), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (34.8 mg, 0.50 mmol) and 1.0 mL EtOAc and 1.0 mL CH₂Cl₂. Then, pyridine (59.5 mg, 0.73 mmol) was added by syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 11 h until almost full consumption of **3zd'** as monitored by thin layer chromatography, and then the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding oxime **7** in 86% yield with a E/Z ratio of 3.6:1.

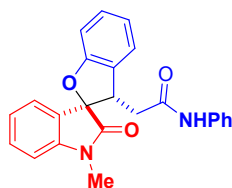


3-(2-(Hydroxyimino)-2-phenylethyl)-1'-methyl-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-2'-one (**7**)

White solid, 82.5 mg, 86% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 5:1-3:1); Reaction time = 11 h; dr = 3.6:1 (inseparable isomers); m. p. 187.2-188.0°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.39 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.00 (m, 9H), 6.98-6.91 (m, 4H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 173.7, 158.0, 154.3, 143.6, 135.6, 130.8, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.2, 125.9, 124.8, 124.3, 122.5, 121.3, 109.4, 109.3, 88.8, 44.9, 26.1, 26.1. IR

(KBr) ν 3448, 1627, 1469, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 385.1547, found: 385.1544.

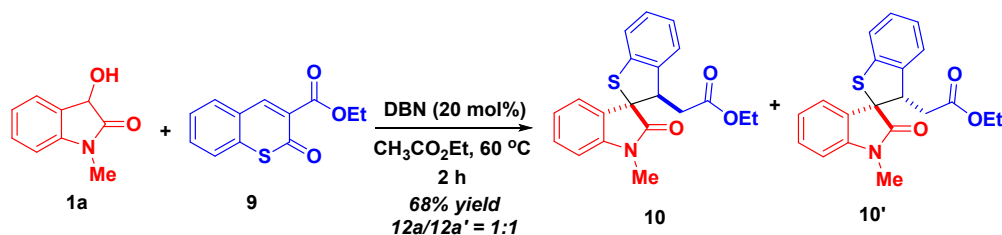
General procedure for the synthesis of 8: To a solution of **7** (56.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) in 1.0 mL DCM, *p*-TsCl (43.8 mg, 0.23 mmol), DMAP (18.3 mg, 0.15 mmol) and Et_3N (21.2 mg, 0.21 mmol) were successively added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 9 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford **8** as a white solid in 52% yield.



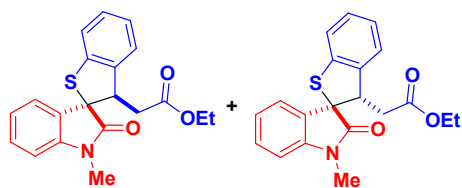
2-(1'-Methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)-*N*-phenylacetamide (**8**)

White solid, 30.2mg, 52% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 15:1-3:1); Reaction time = 9 h; m. p. 104.6-105.5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.23-7.05 (m, 10H), 6.95-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.91 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.3, 167.8, 158.7, 144.3, 137.5, 130.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 125.3, 124.7, 124.1, 123.9, 122.4, 121.4, 119.6, 110.0, 108.9, 88.7, 45.2, 38.7, 26.4. IR (KBr) ν 3430, 2924, 1511, 1017, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 385.1547, found: 385.1549.

7. Experimental data for dihydrobenzothiophene spirooxindoles **10** and **10'**



General procedure: To a 5.0 mL vial were successively added 3-hydroxyoxindole **1a** (0.25mmol), coumarin-3-carboxylate **9** (0.25 mmol), DBN (0.05 mmol) and 1.0 mL EtOAc. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 h, and then the reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding dihydrobenzothiophene spirooxindoles **10** and **10'** in 68% yield with 1:1 dr.



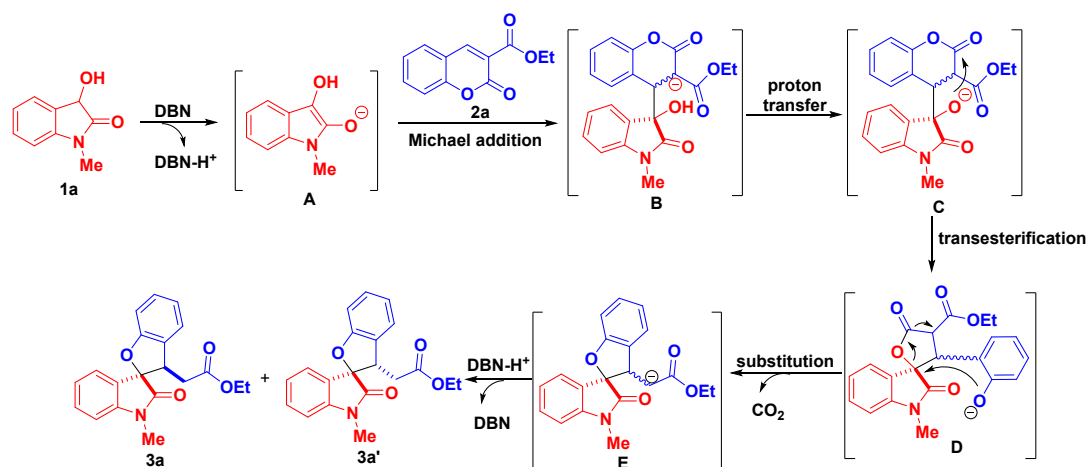
ethyl 2-(1'-methyl-2'-oxo-3*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*]thiophene-2,3'-indolin]-3-yl)acetate (**10/10'**)

White solids for **10** and **10'**, 59.8mg, 68% isolated yield obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 35:1-15:1); Reaction time = 2 h; dr = 1:1 (**10/10'**, separable isomers); m. p. 121.2-121.5°C (**10**), 152.0-152.2°C (**10'**); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **10** δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.04 (m, 5H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.80 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **10** δ 174.8, 171.5, 143.3, 139.9, 138.8, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.4, 123.9, 123.1, 122.3, 108.2, 62.9, 60.7, 52.0, 34.4, 26.3, 14.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for **10'** δ 7.32-7.23(m, 3H), 7.14-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.73 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for **10'** δ 175.8, 170.8, 142.6, 139.4, 139.1, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 125.2, 124.2, 124.1, 122.8, 122.2, 108.5, 63.9, 60.8, 50.7, 35.6, 26.8, 14.0. IR (KBr) for **10** ν 3428, 1717, 1611, 1468, 758cm⁻¹; IR (KBr) for **10'** ν 3425, 1730, 1715, 1609, 1469, 766 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NO₃S [M+H]⁺: 354.1158, found: 354.1162.

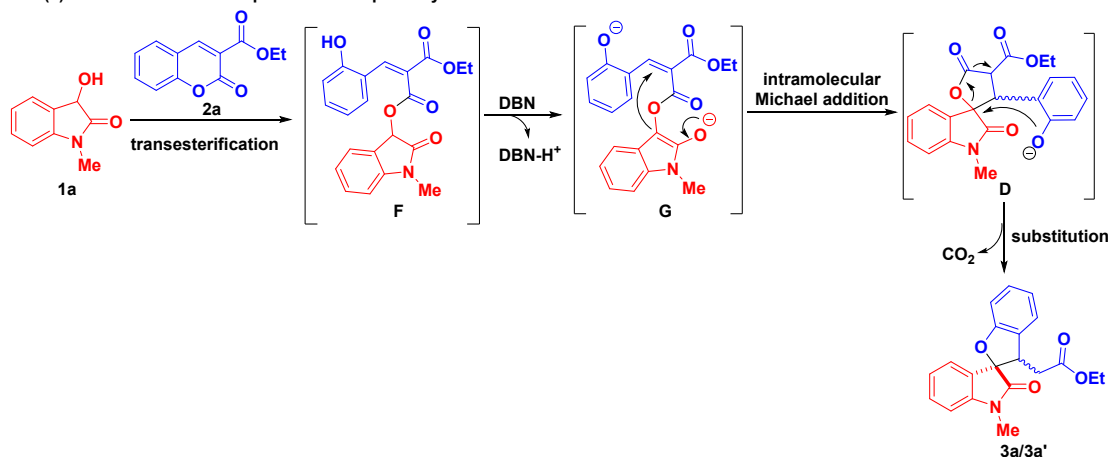
8. Details about theoretical studies.

(1) Proposed reaction mechanism

(1) Michael addition-inspired cascade pathway:



(2) Transesterification-inspired cascade pathway:



Scheme S2. Possible transesterification-inspired cascade pathway

Based on the experimental results, a plausible reaction mechanism was proposed to explain the possible pathway (Scheme S3, taking the formation of **3a** and **3a'** for example). Initially, a Michael addition between **1a** and **2a** occurred with the catalysis of DBN to generate intermediate **B**. After sequential proton transfer and transesterification, the coumarin ring was opened to afford intermediate **D** with a pendant nucleophilic phenolic anion. Next, an intramolecular nucleophilic substitution of **D** took place respectively with the emission of one molecule of CO_2 to furnish intermediate **E**. Finally, a protonation proceeded to afford the dihydrobenzofuran spirooxindole **3a** and **3a'** with the release of DBN to participate in next catalytic cycle. Also, there was another possible pathway, in

which transesterification proceeded first, followed by intramolecular Michael addition and sequential substitution.

(2) Computational results

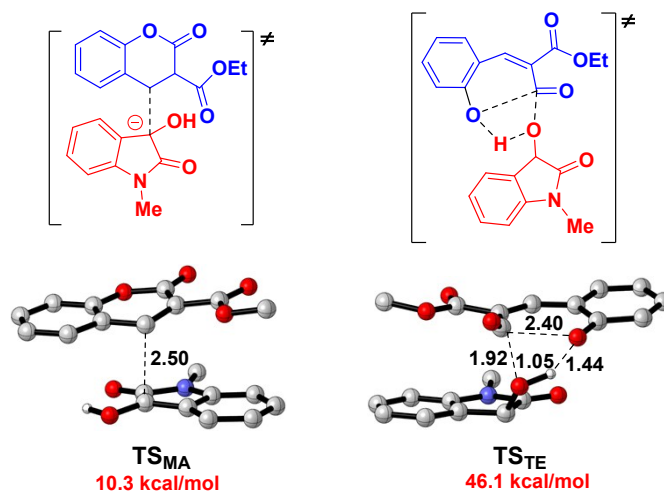


Figure S2. Optimized geometry parameters of all involved transition states. Bond lengths in Å.

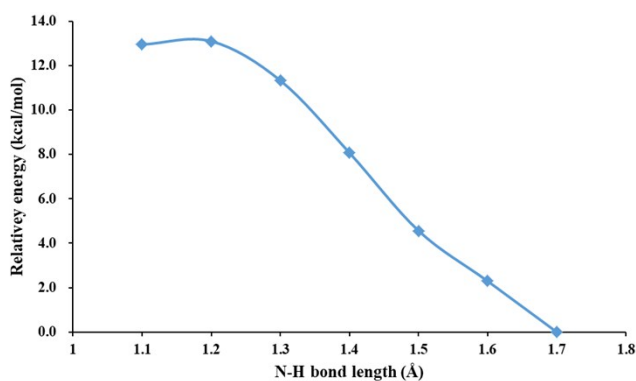


Figure S3. The flexible scanning curve to the N-H bond.

To differentiate these two pathways, DFT calculations were conducted. It is revealed that free energy barrier of the direct transesterification of **1a** and **2a** via TS_{TE} is 46.1 kcal/mol, which is too high to be overcome under mild experimental conditions. This should be mainly due to the strain of the four-membered ring structure in TS_{TE} . As for the Michael addition-inspired cascade mechanism, the deprotonation of **1a** with assistance of DBN was verified to be feasible by a flexible scanning of the N-H bond (Figure S3). The subsequent Michael addition was predicted to be with a free energy barrier of 10.3 kcal/mol only. All these results demonstrated the reaction went through the Michael addition-inspired cascade process.

(3) Computational details

The density functional theory (DFT)¹⁻² calculations were performed by using the *Gaussian 09* program.³ The geometric structures of all involved transition states were optimized by using the M06-2X⁴⁻⁵ density functional, combined with the 6-31G(d, p)⁶⁻⁷ basis set. The harmonic frequency calculations were conducted at the same level to corroborate each transition state has one and only one imaginary frequency and other structures have no imaginary frequency. Based on the optimized structures, all energies were refined by conducting single point energy calculations at the M06-2X/6-31++G(2df, 2pd)⁸ level of theory, with the solvent effects of CH₃CO₂Et simulated by the IEFPCM⁹⁻¹⁰ model. The optimized geometries were illustrated by using the CYLview program.¹¹

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(4) Cartesian coordinates of all structures involved.

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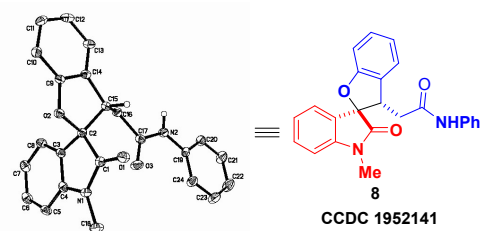
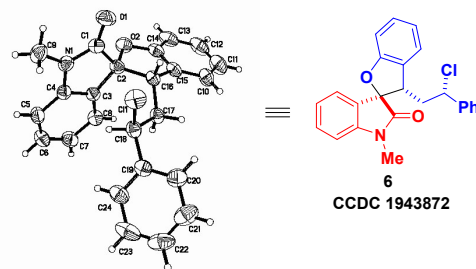
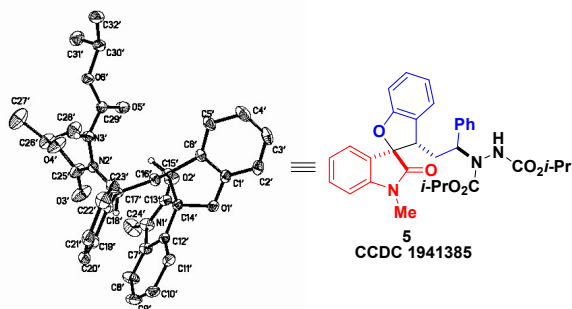
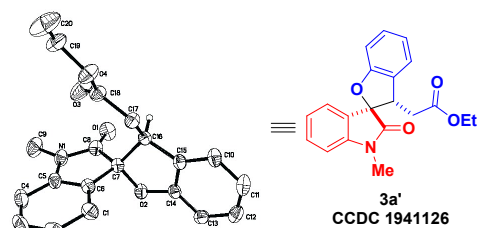
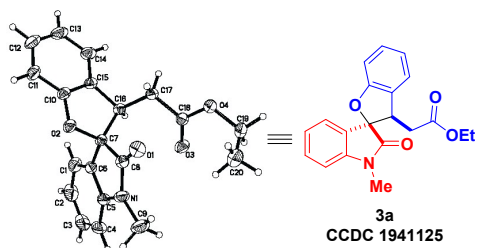
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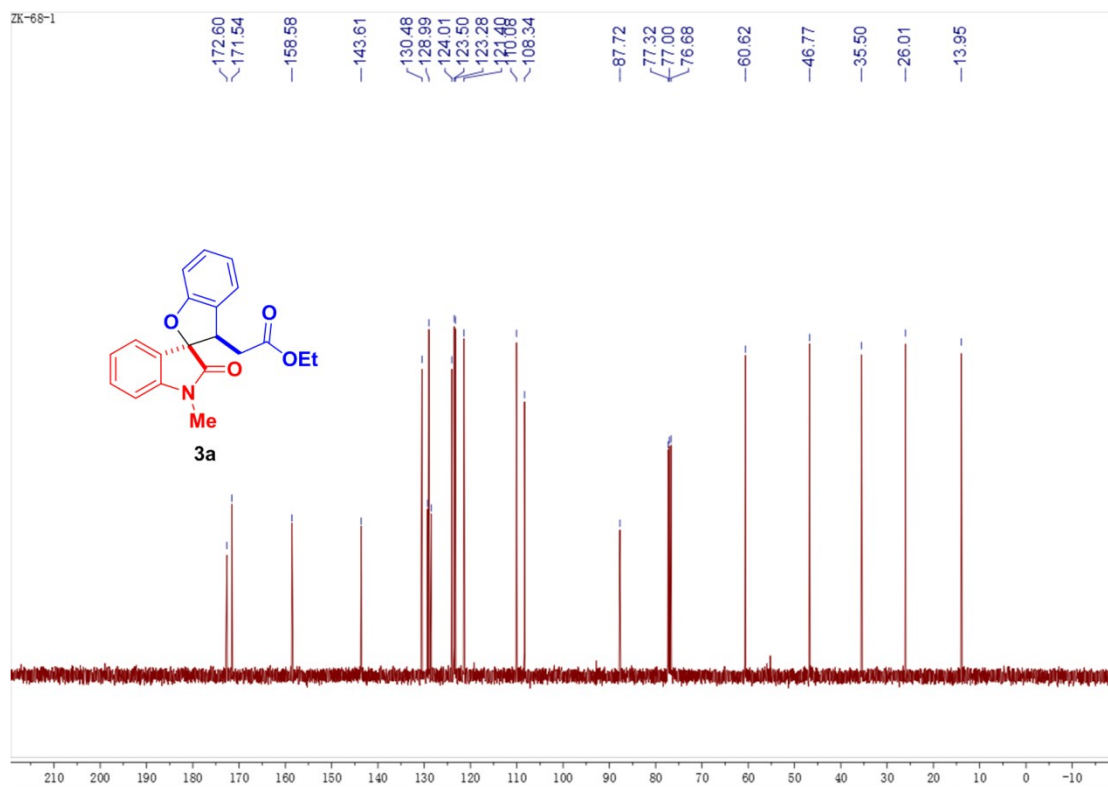
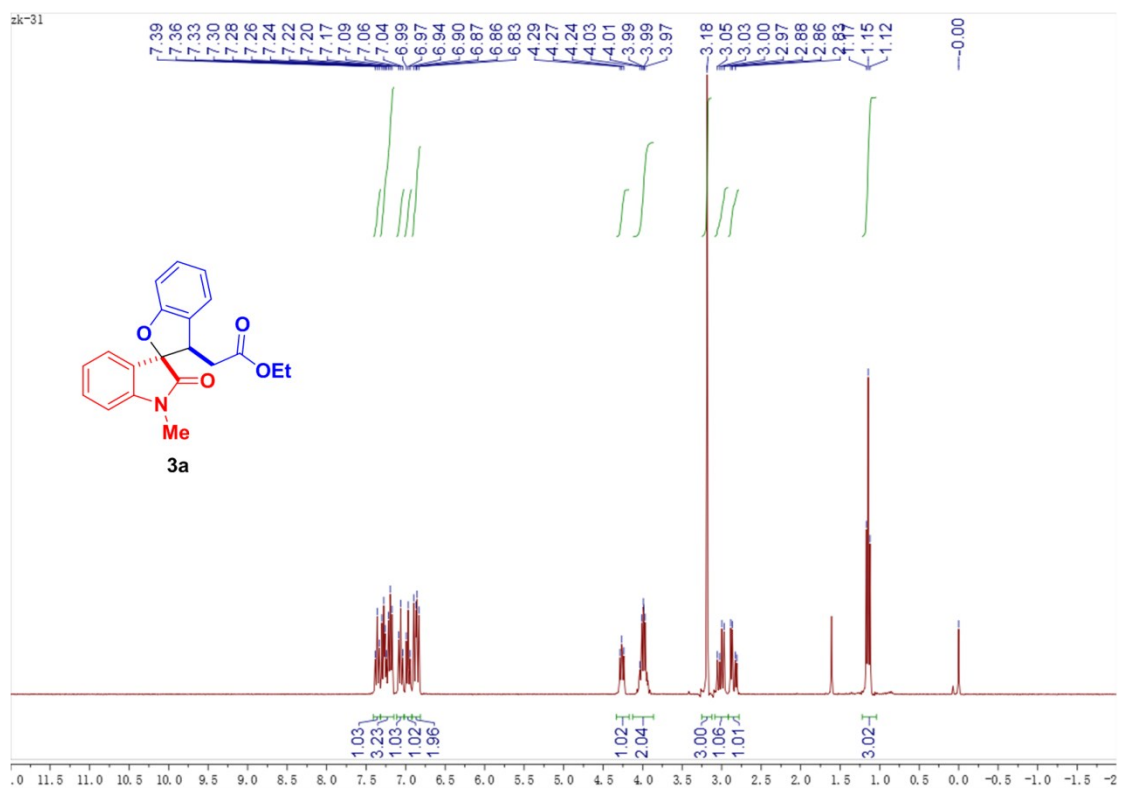
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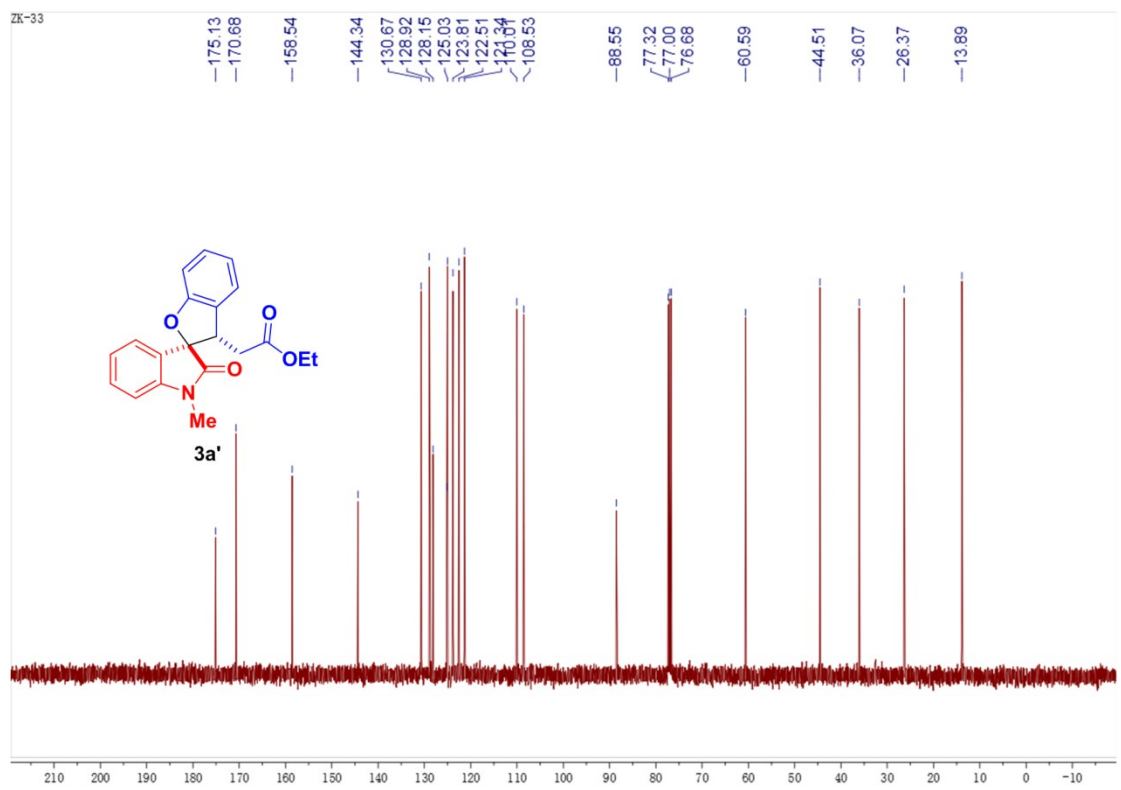
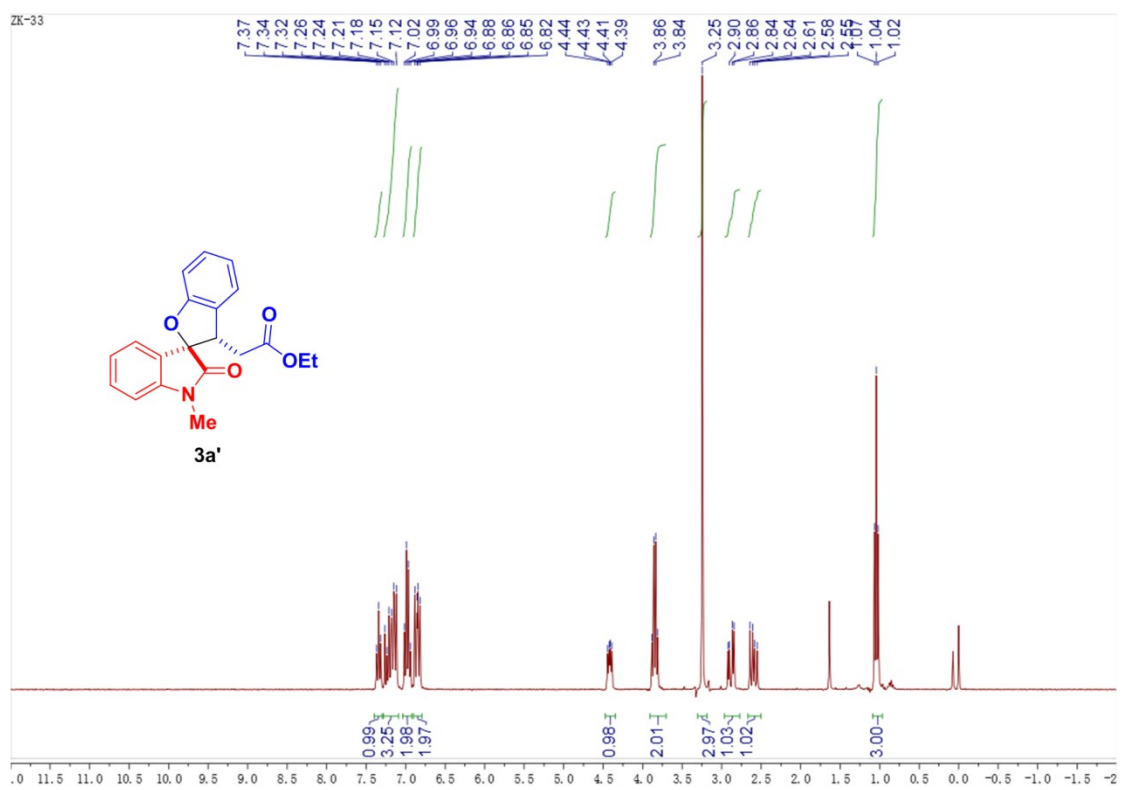
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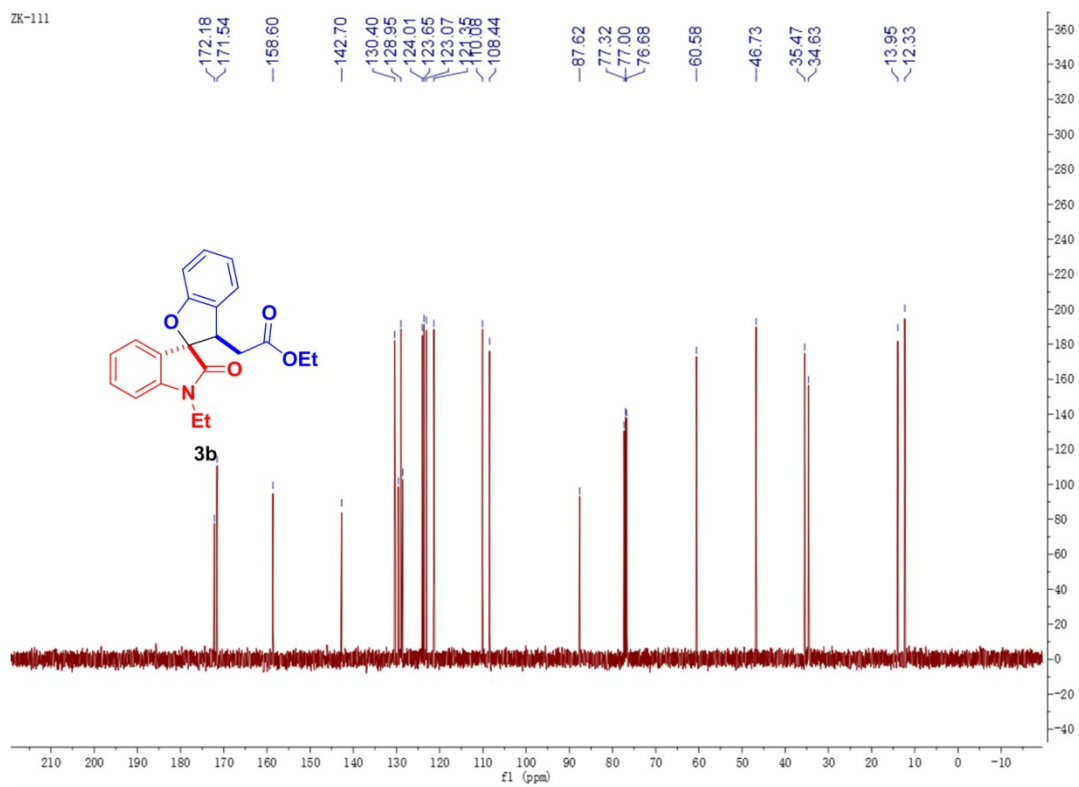
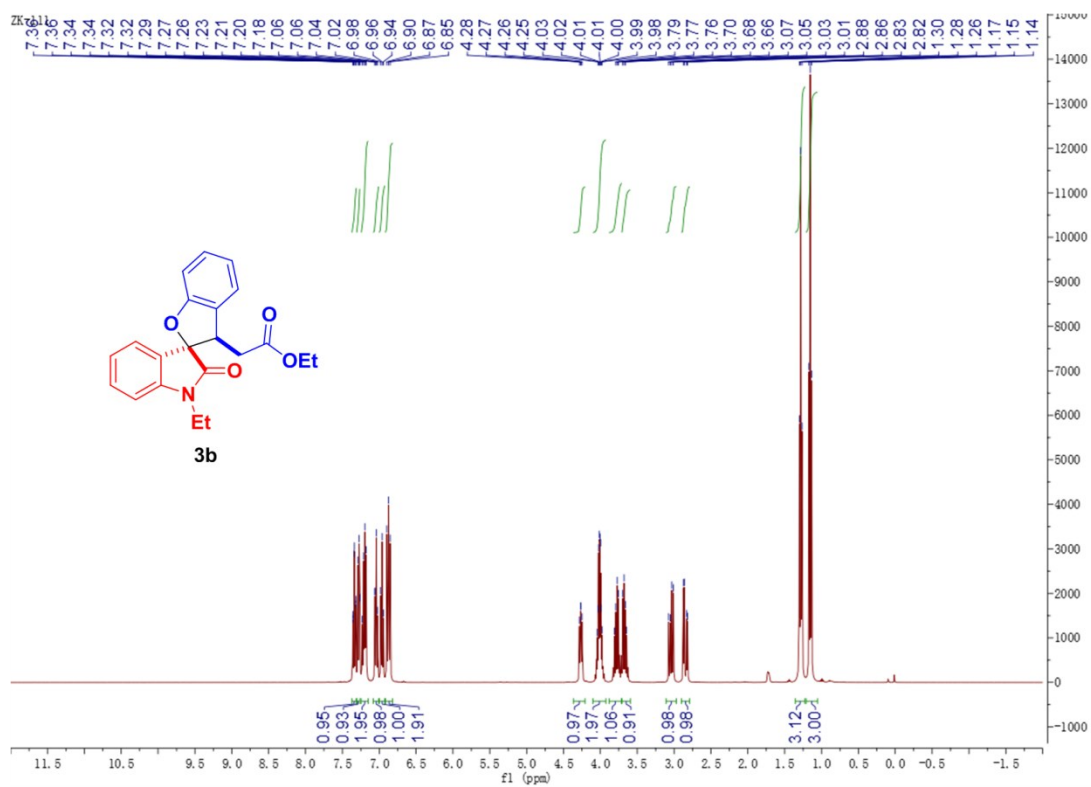


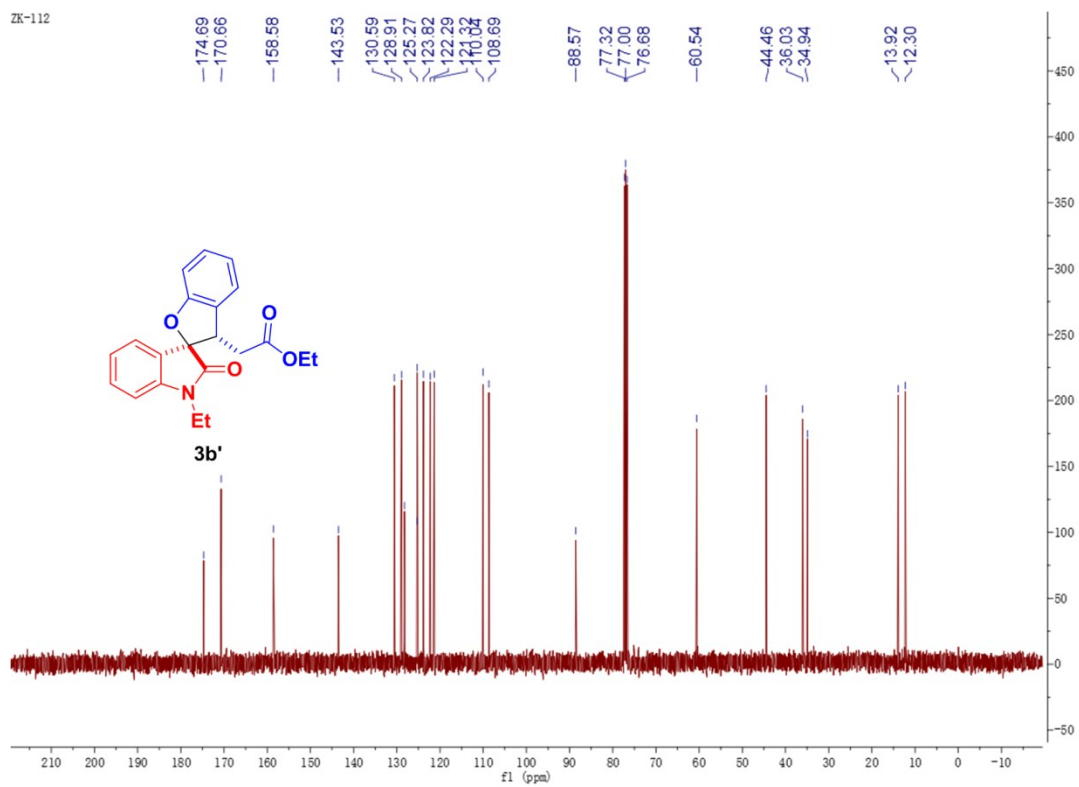
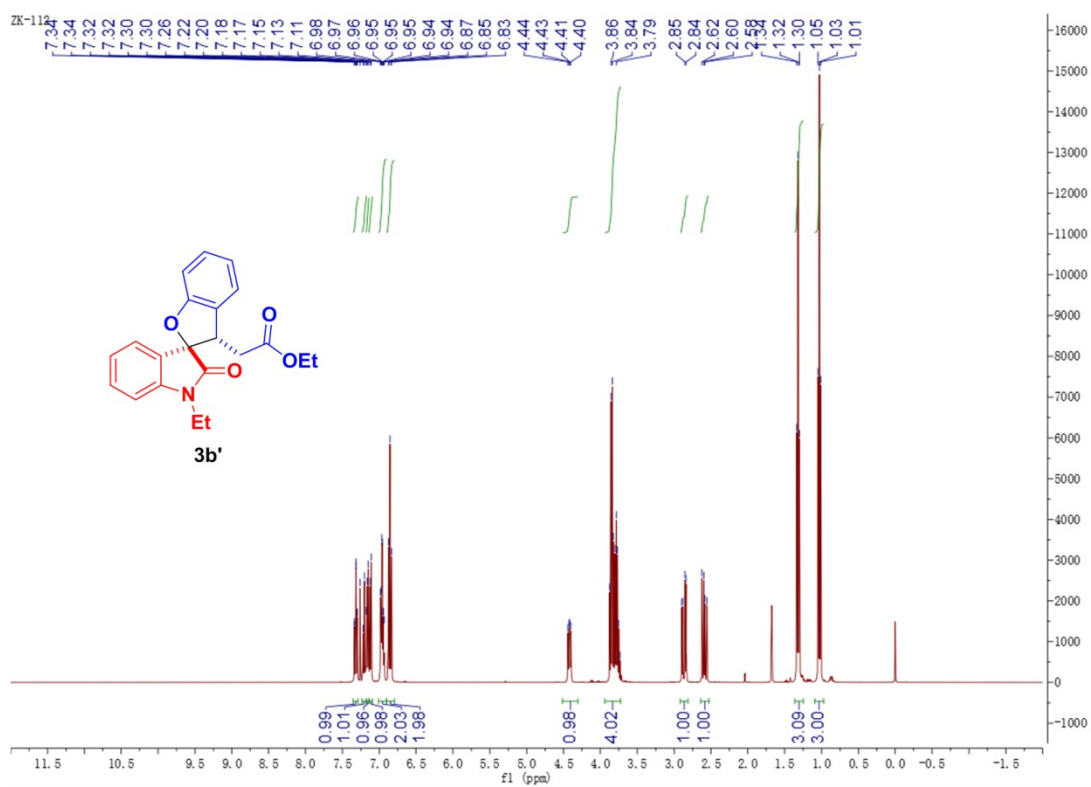
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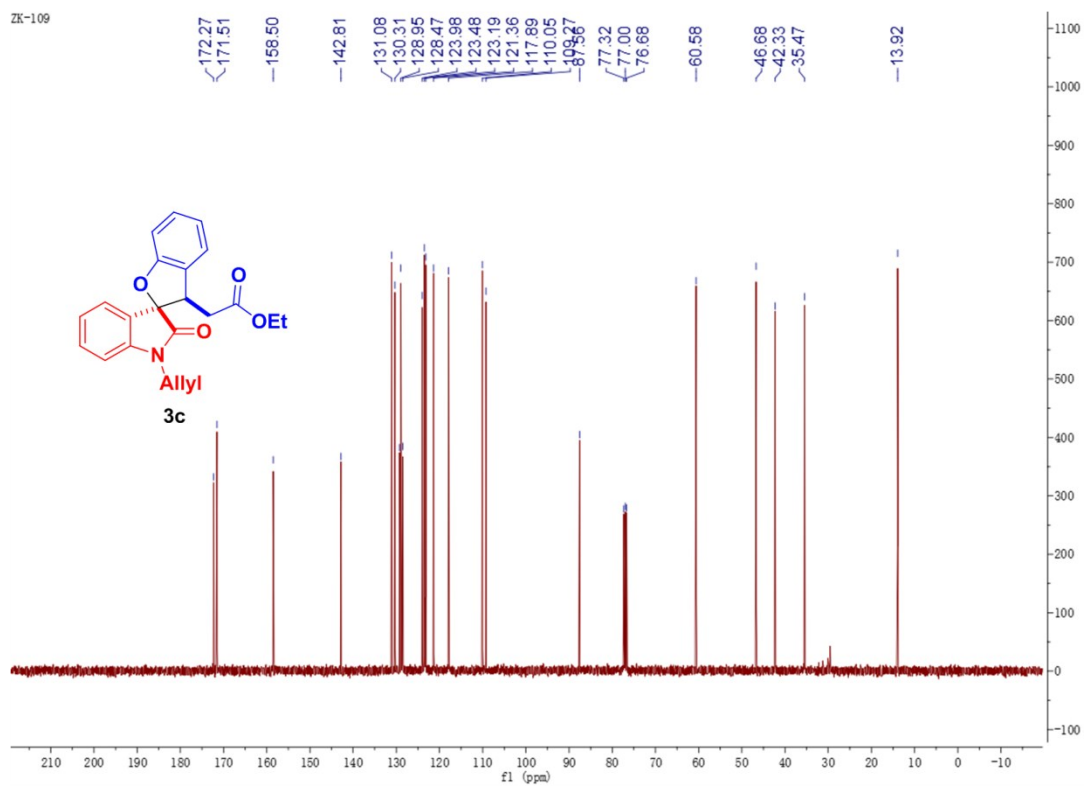
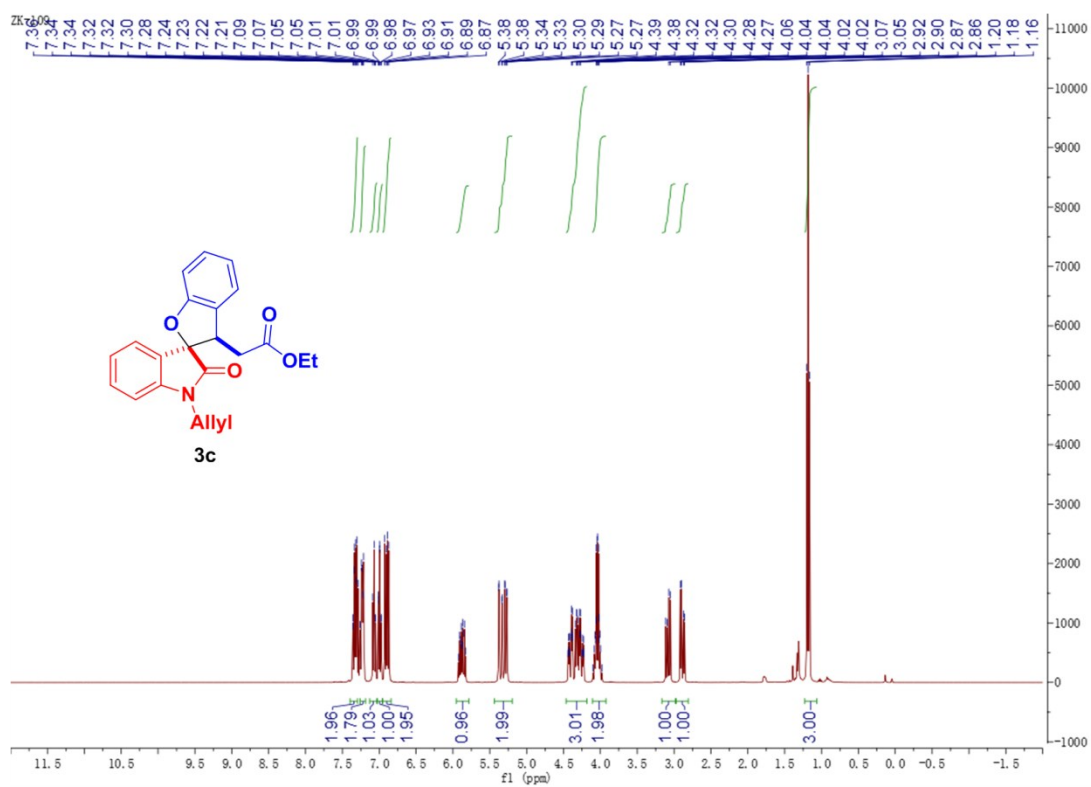
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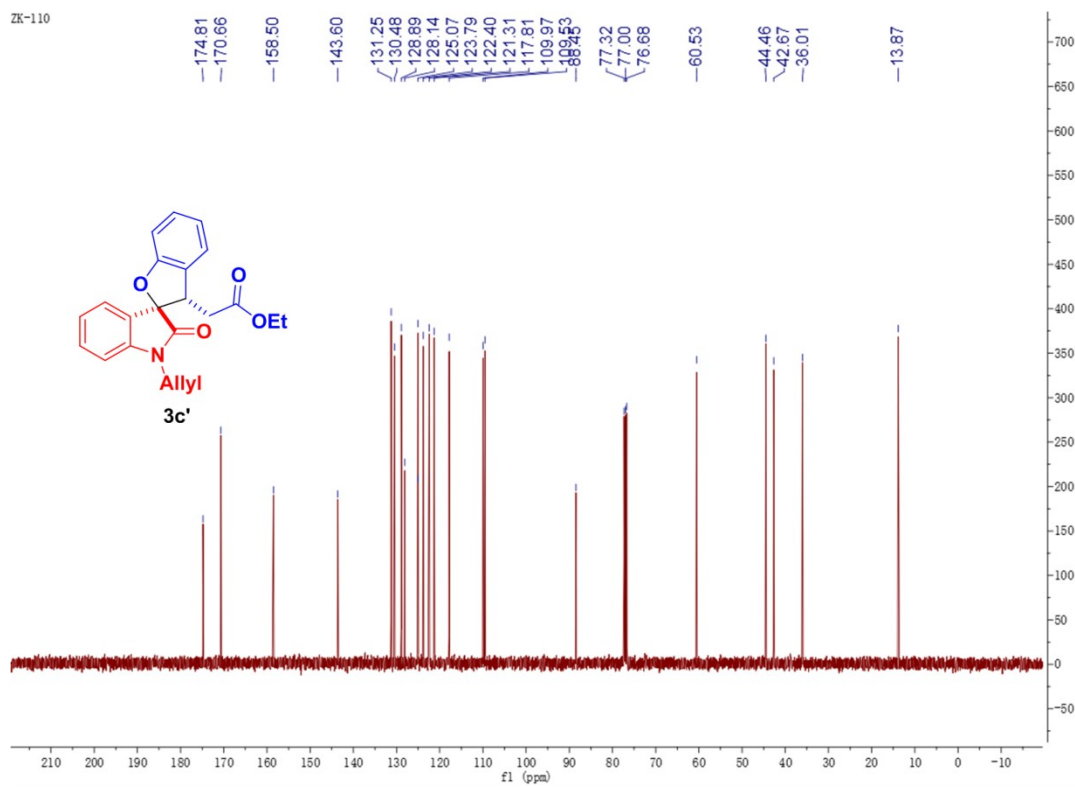
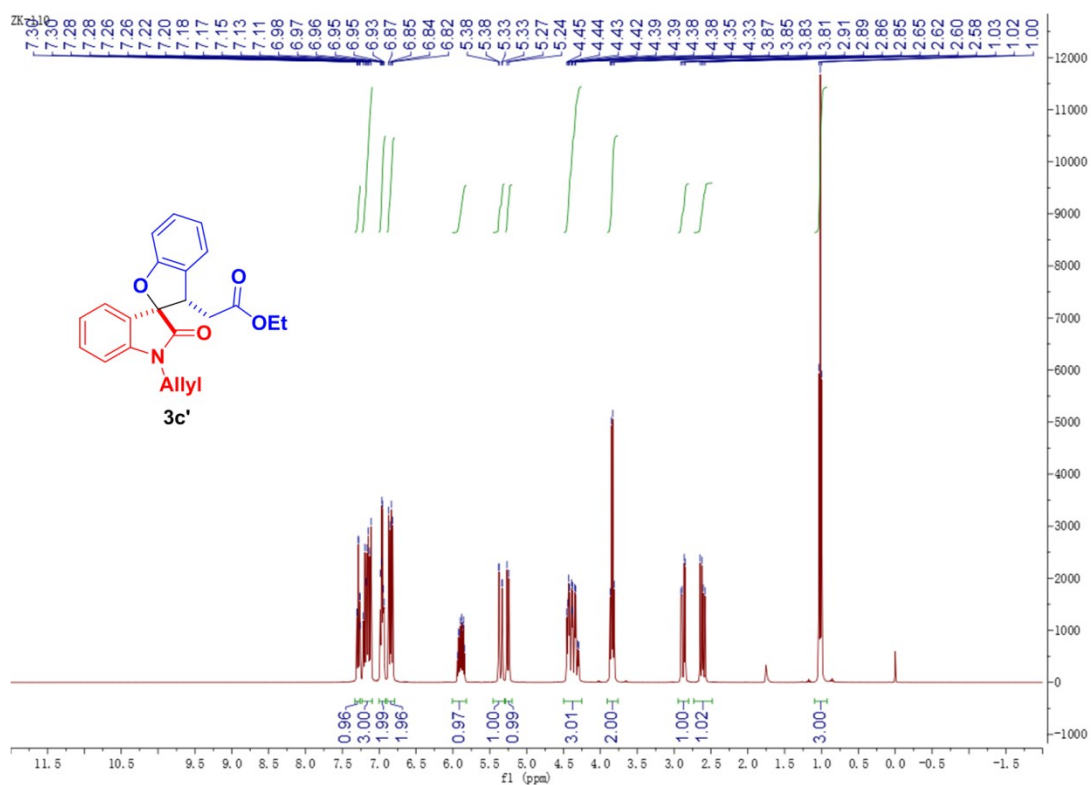


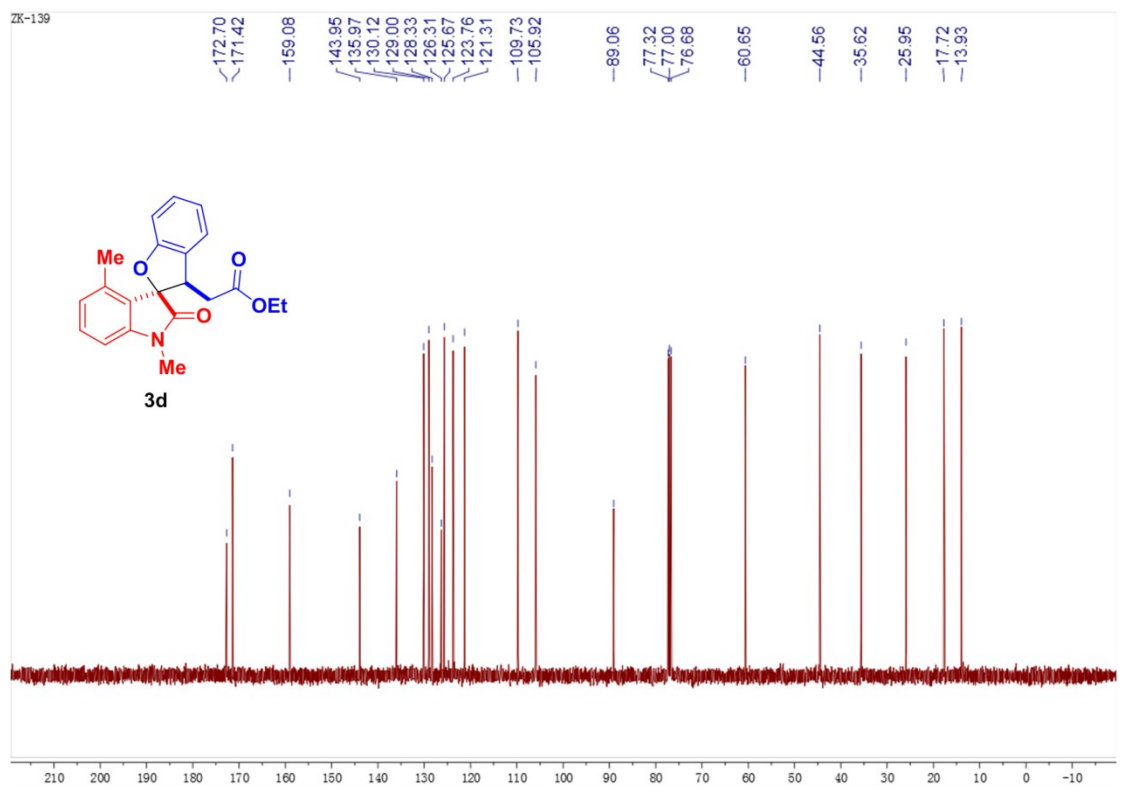
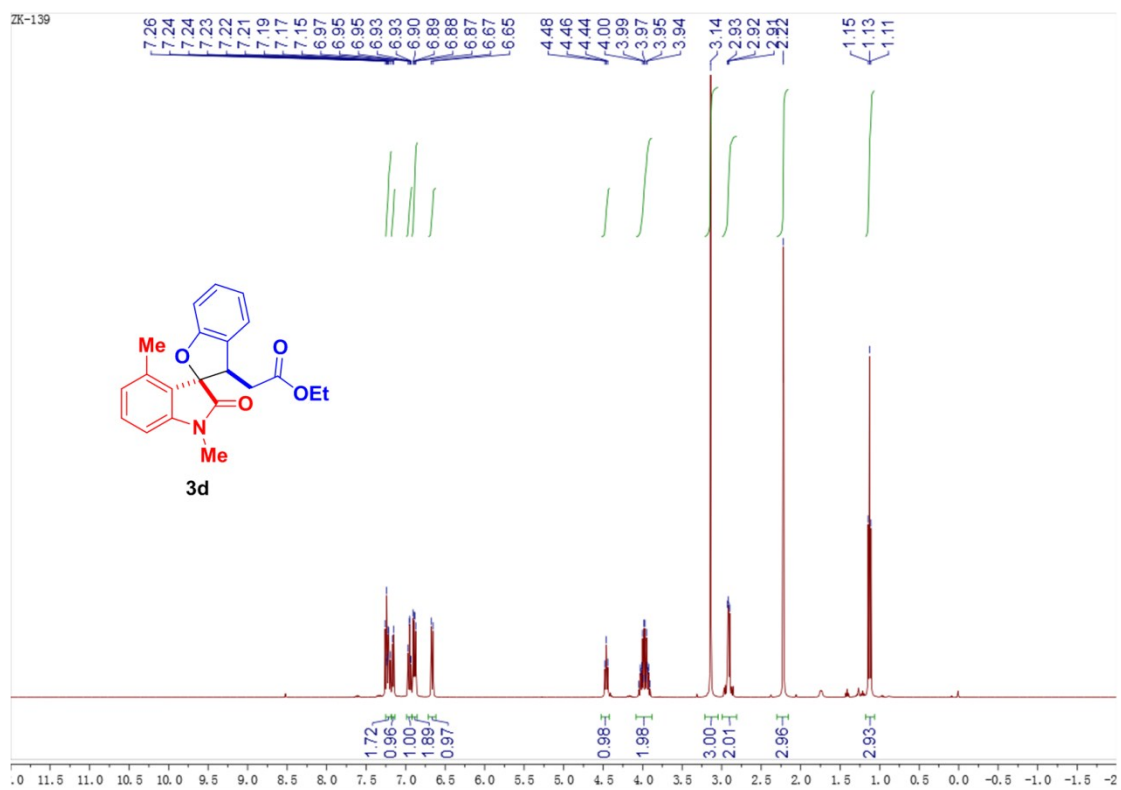


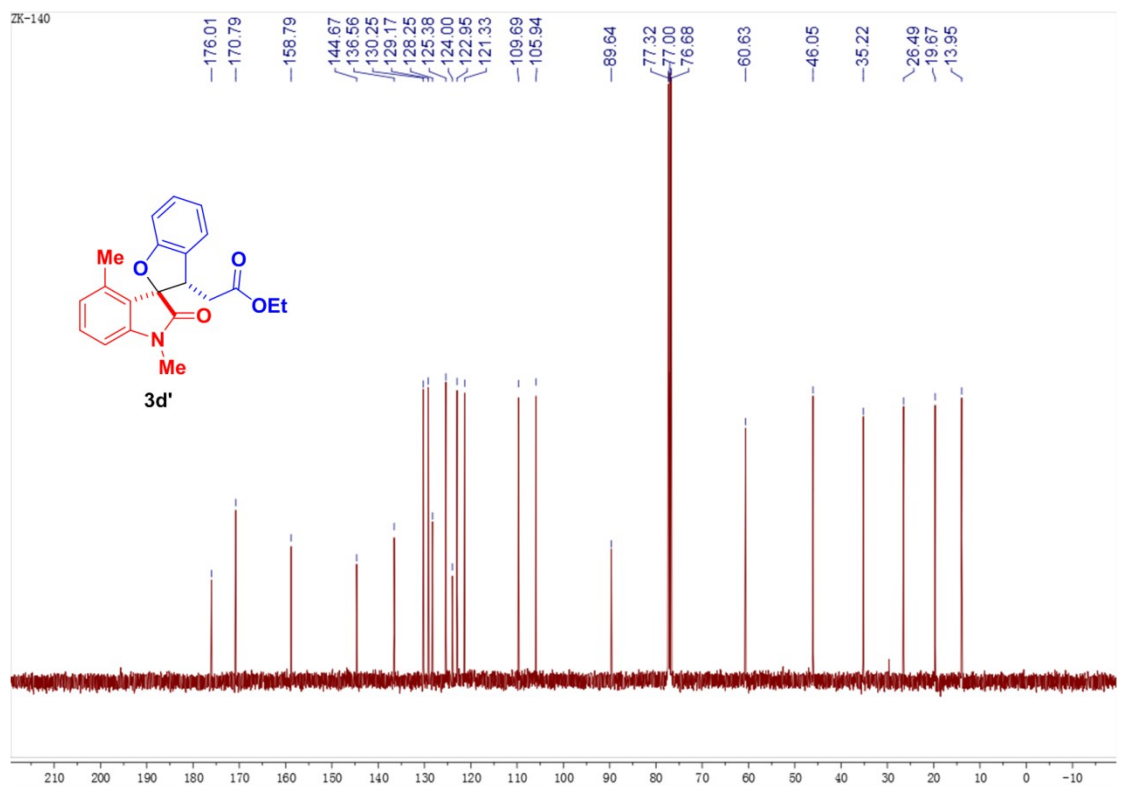
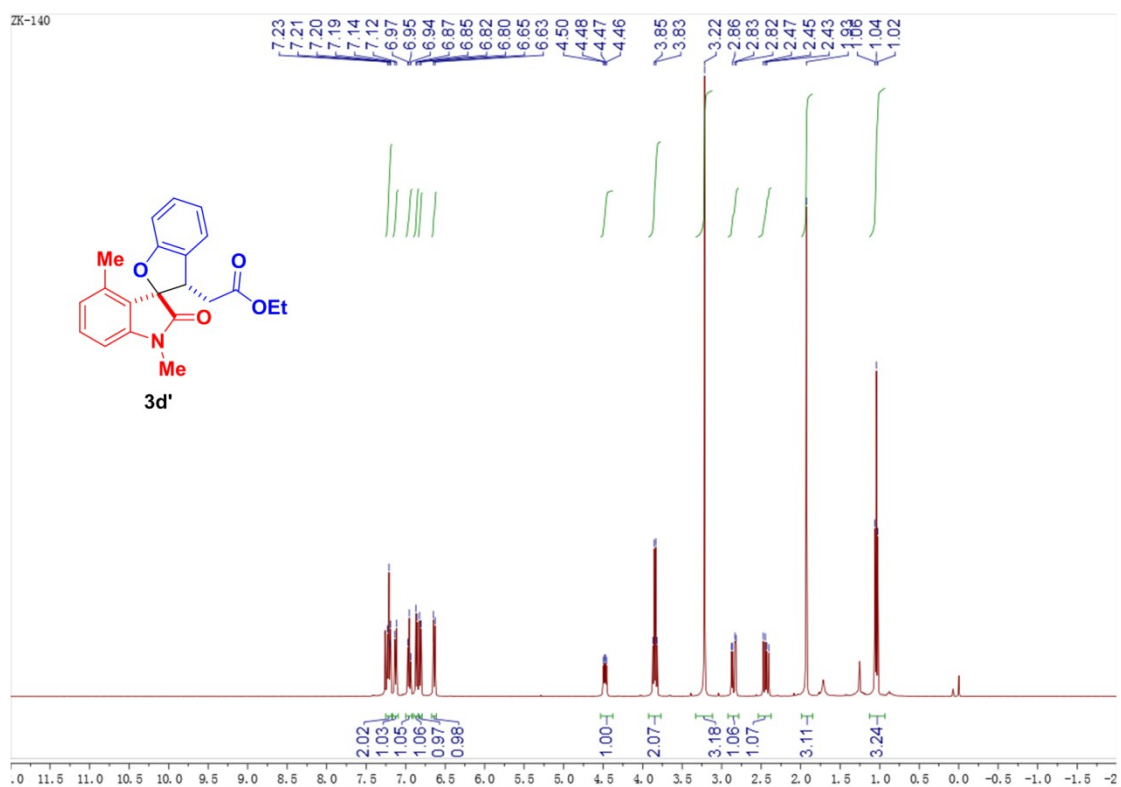


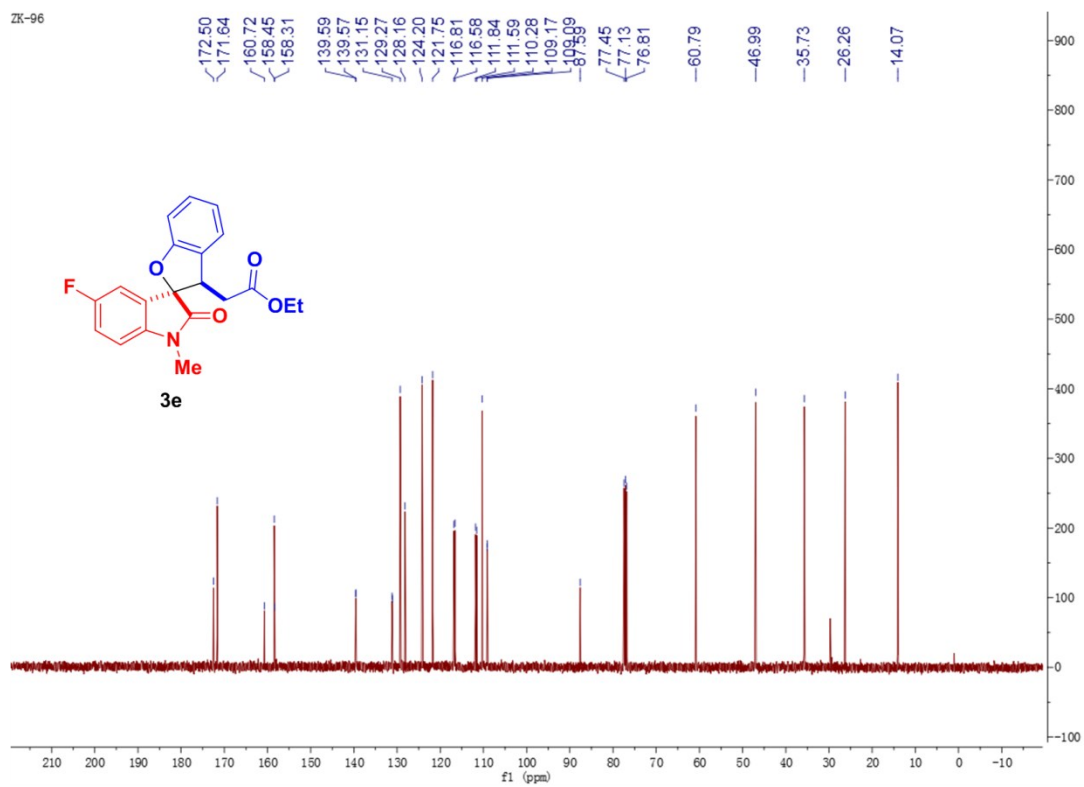
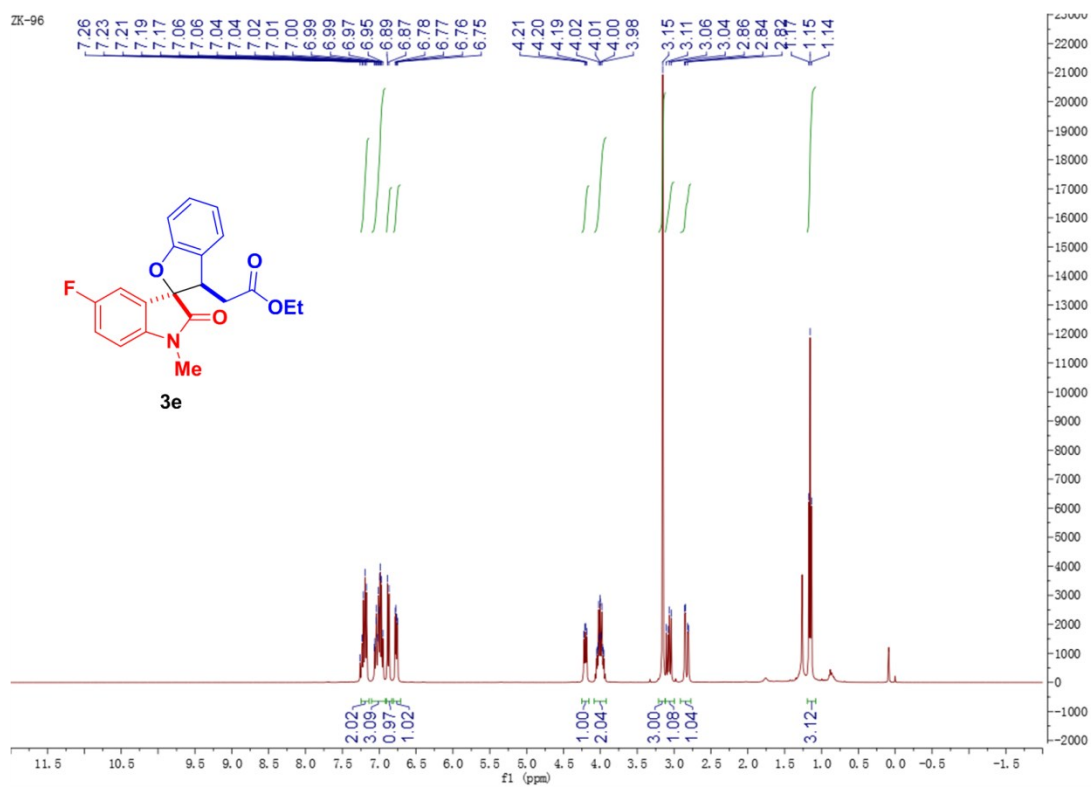


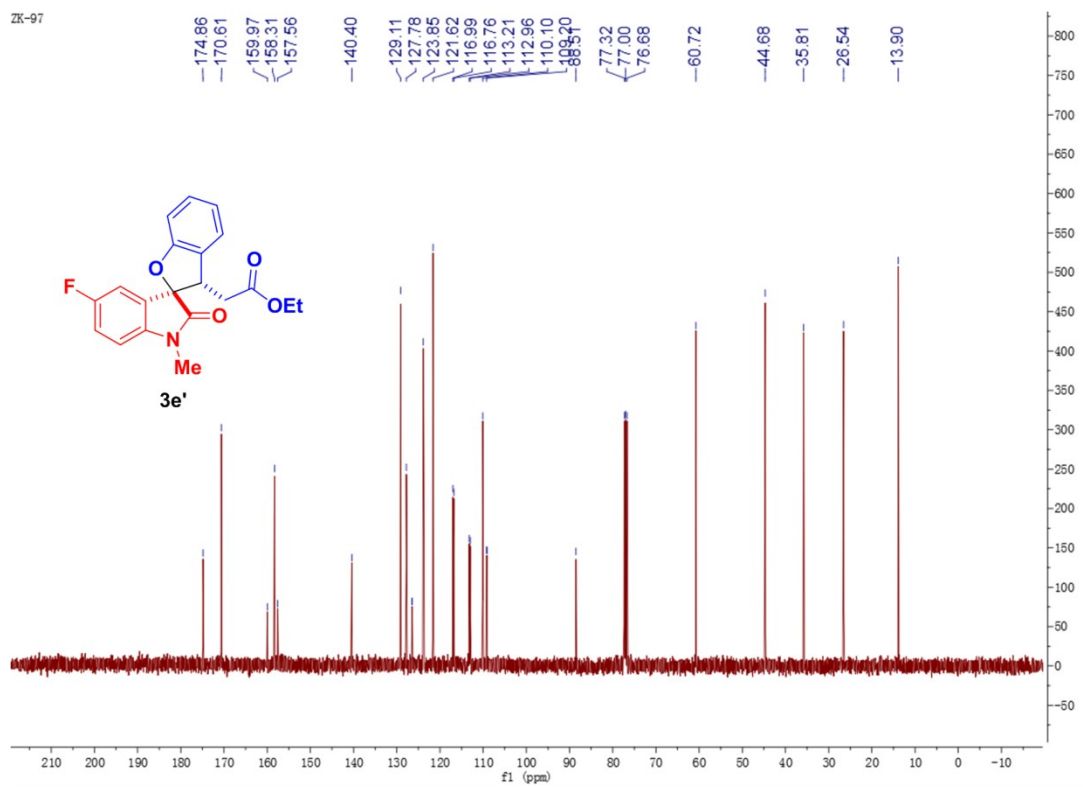
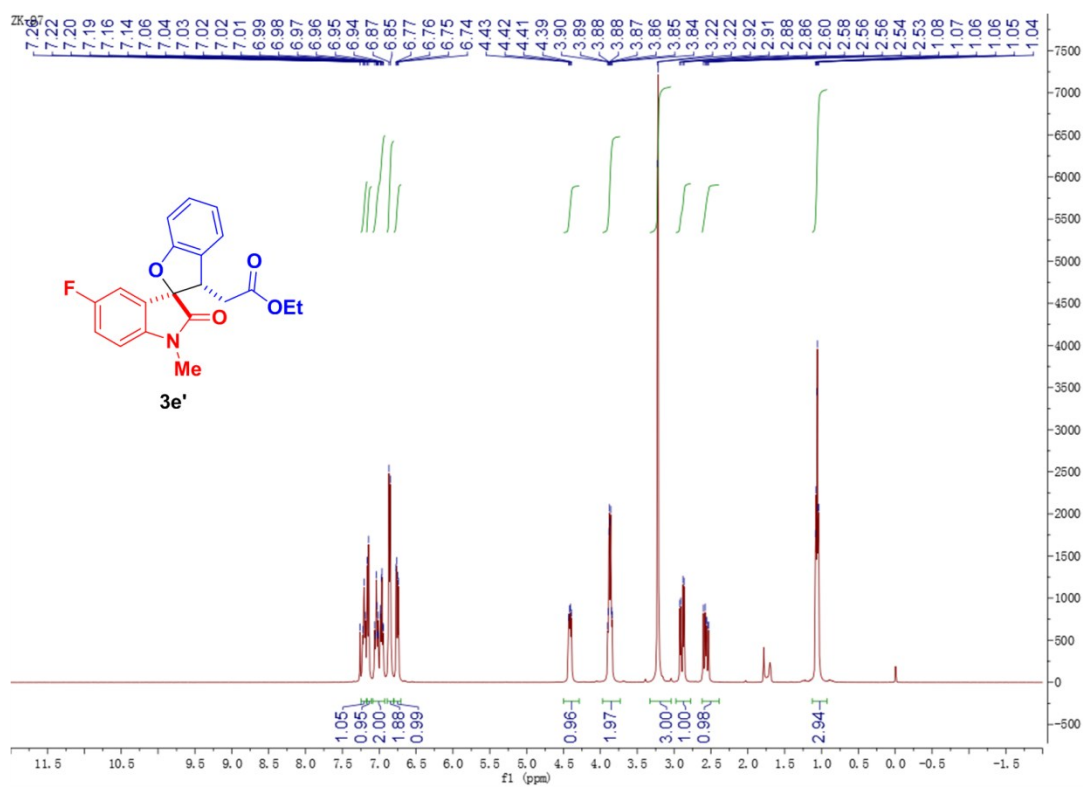


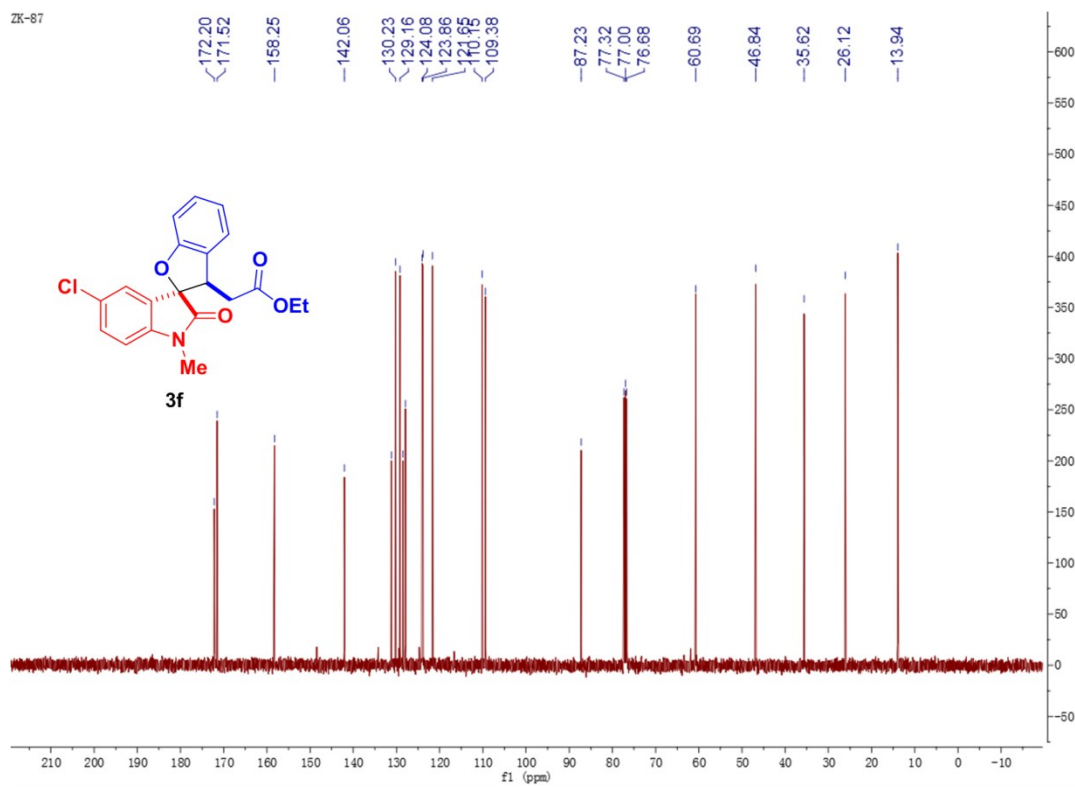
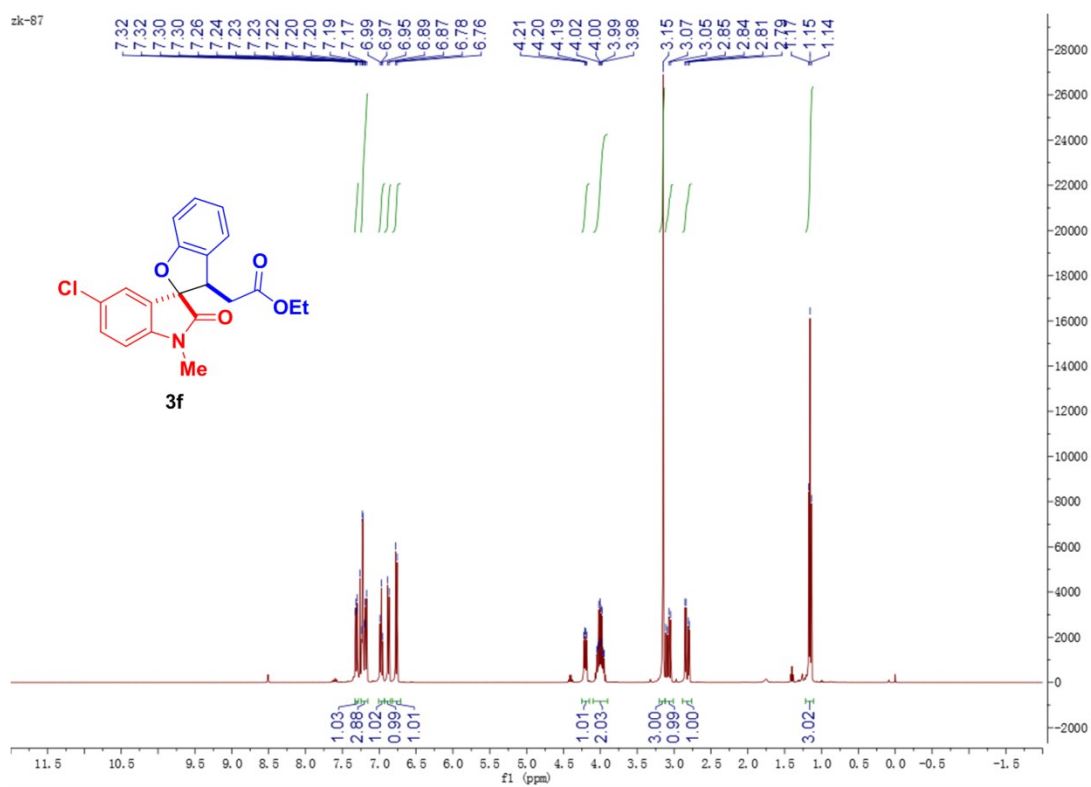


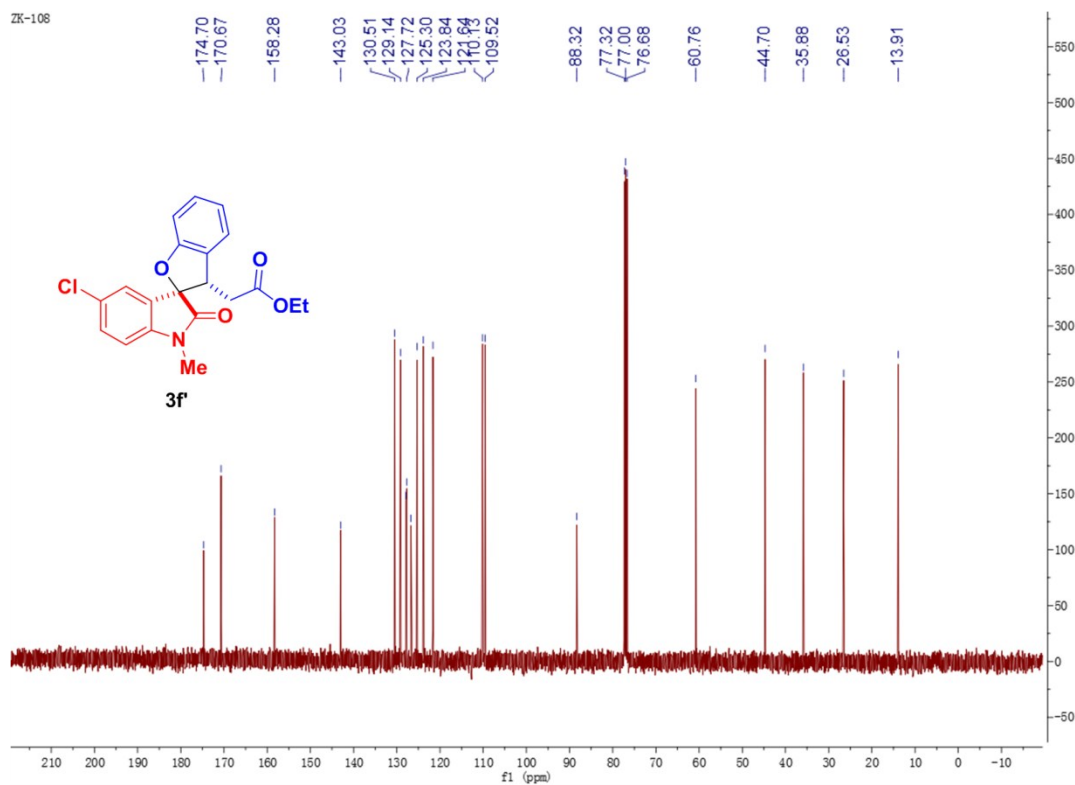
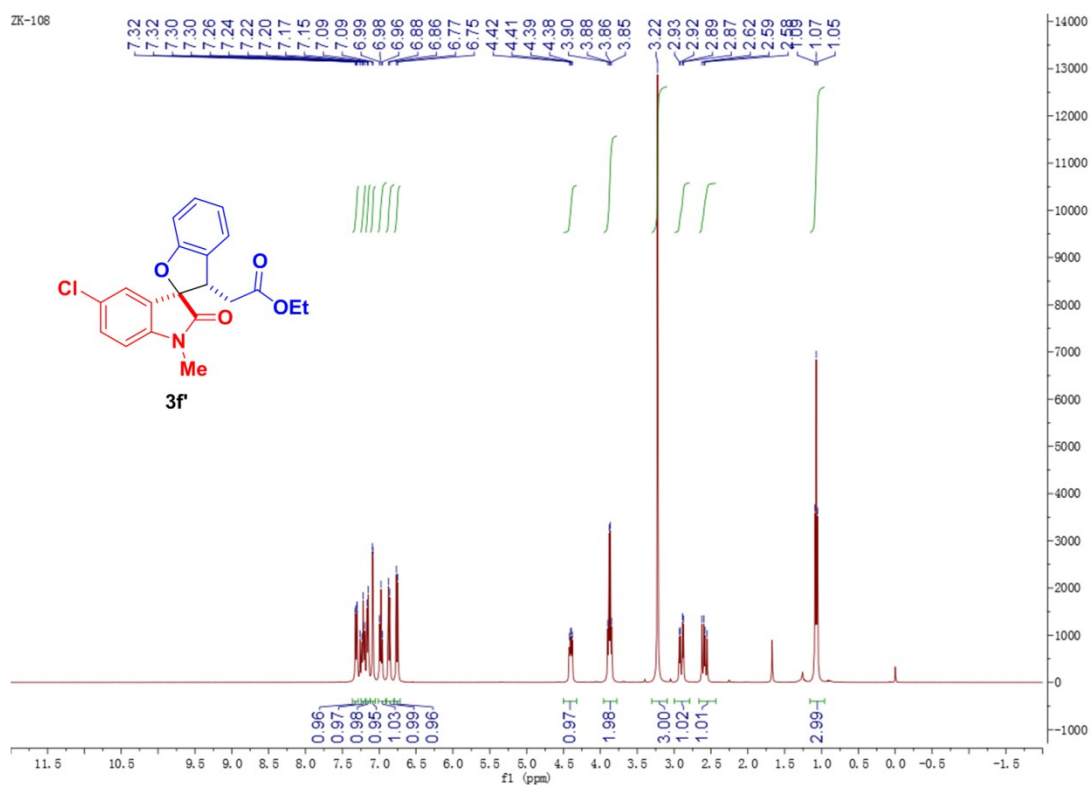


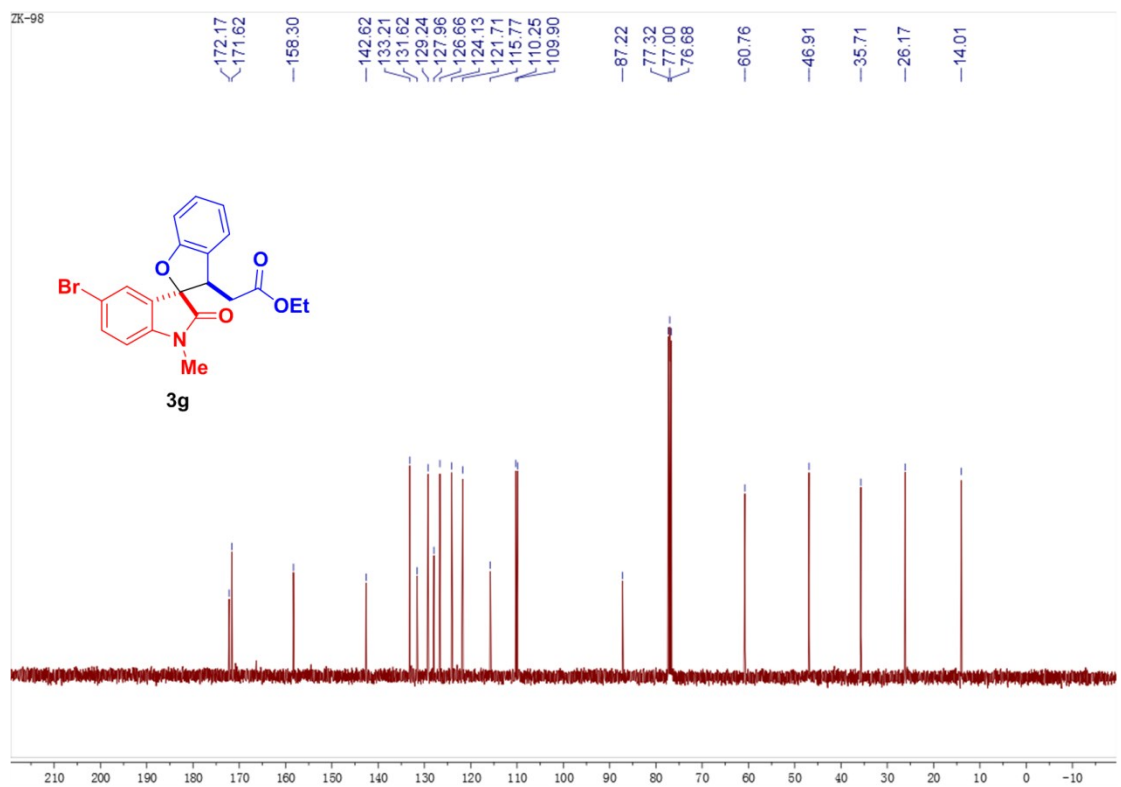
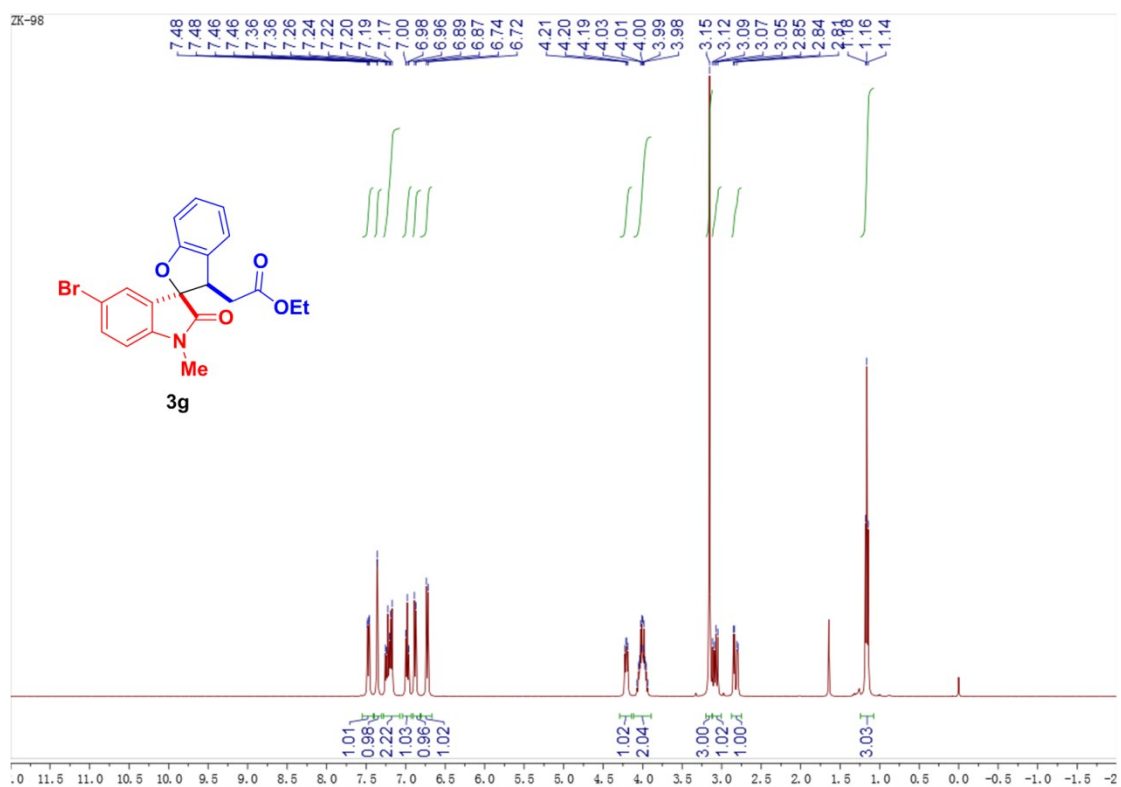


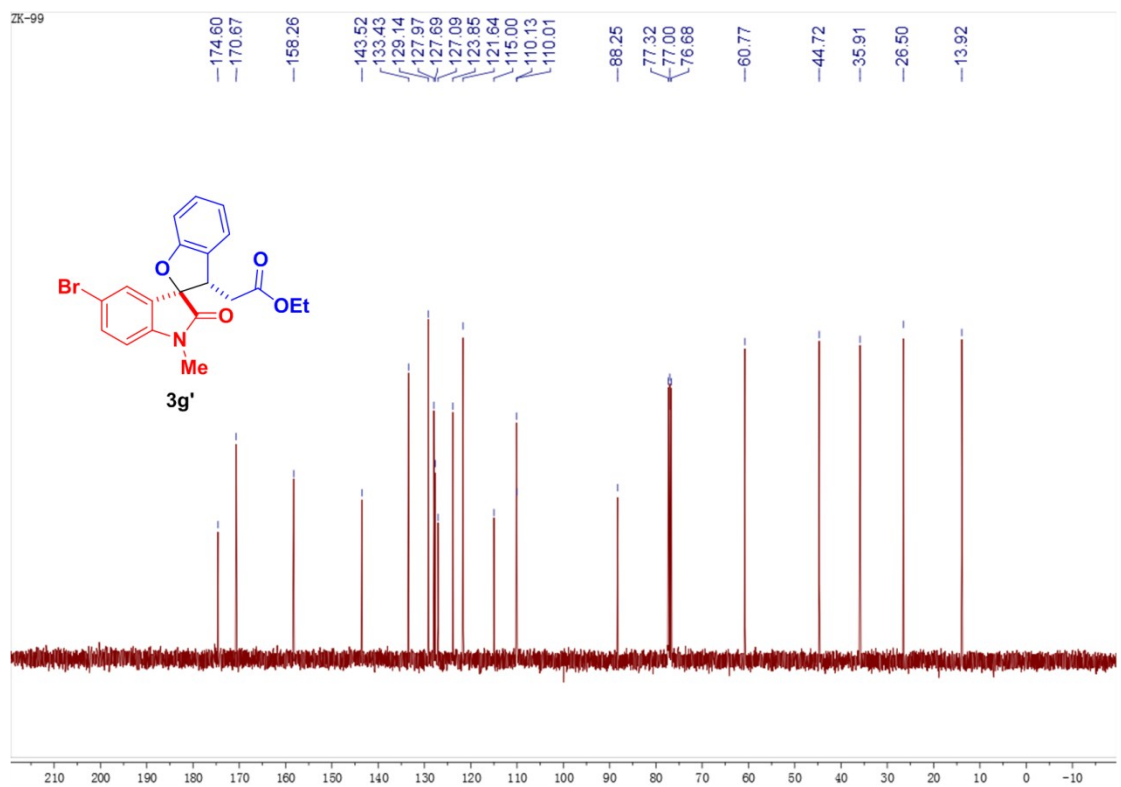
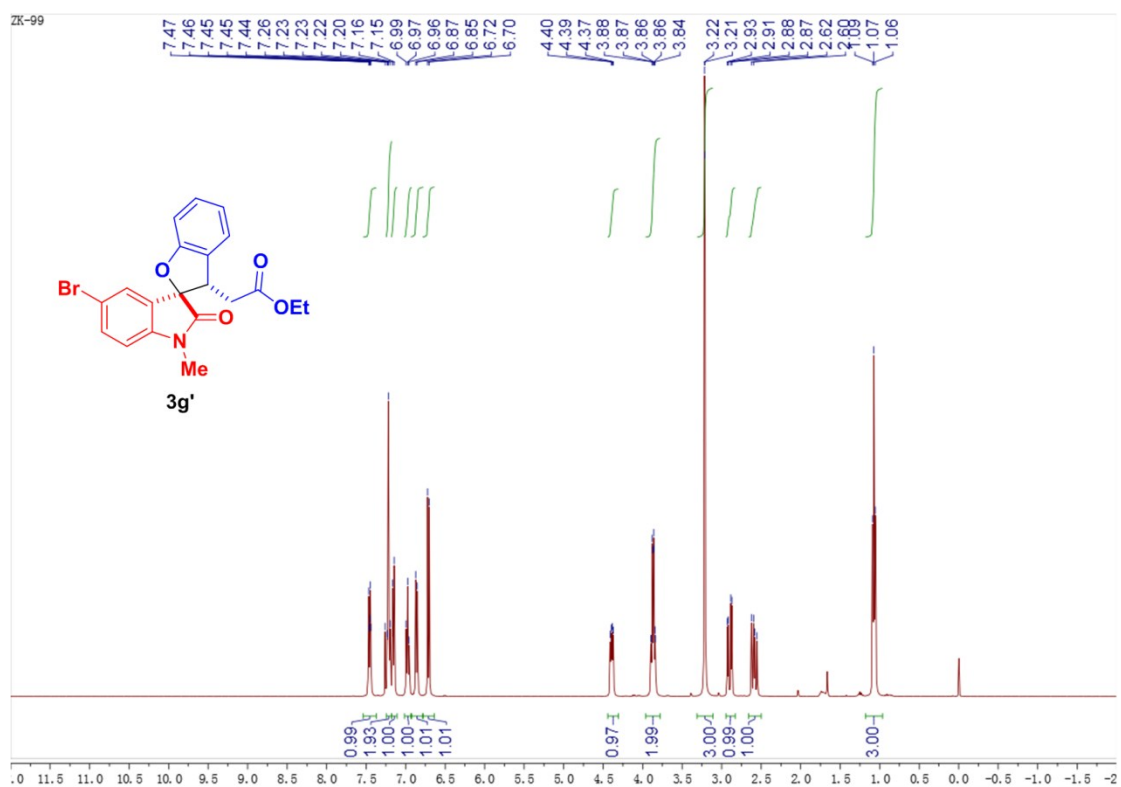


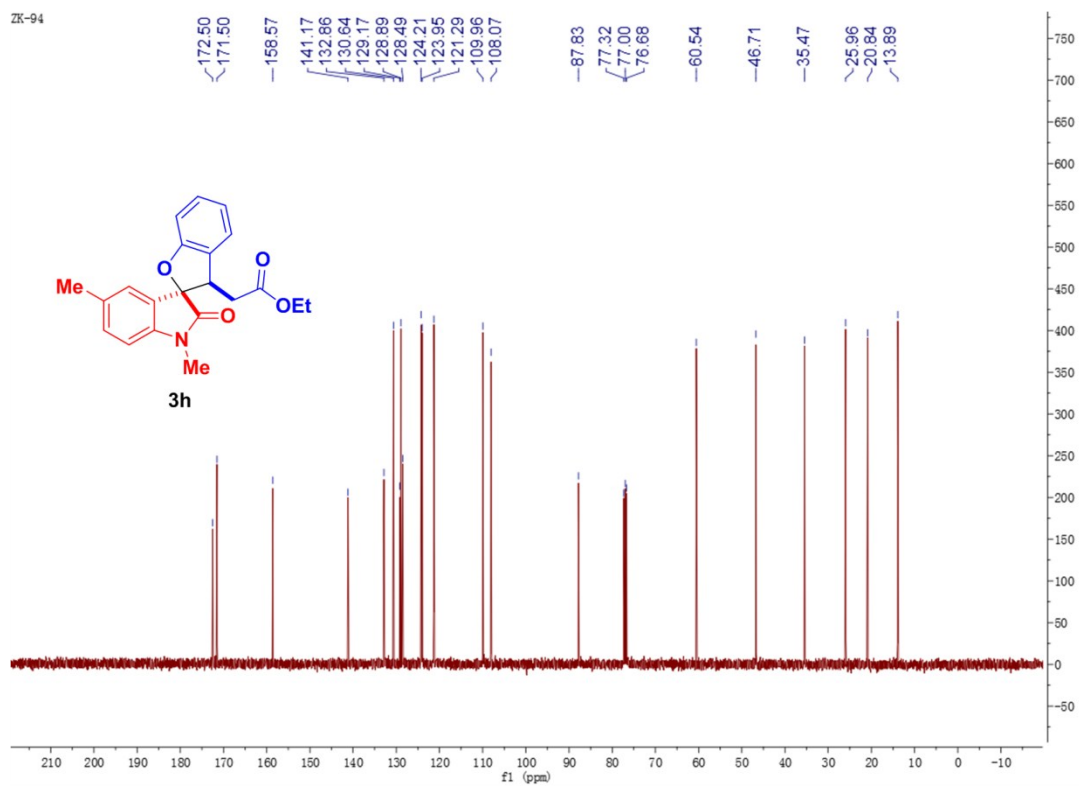
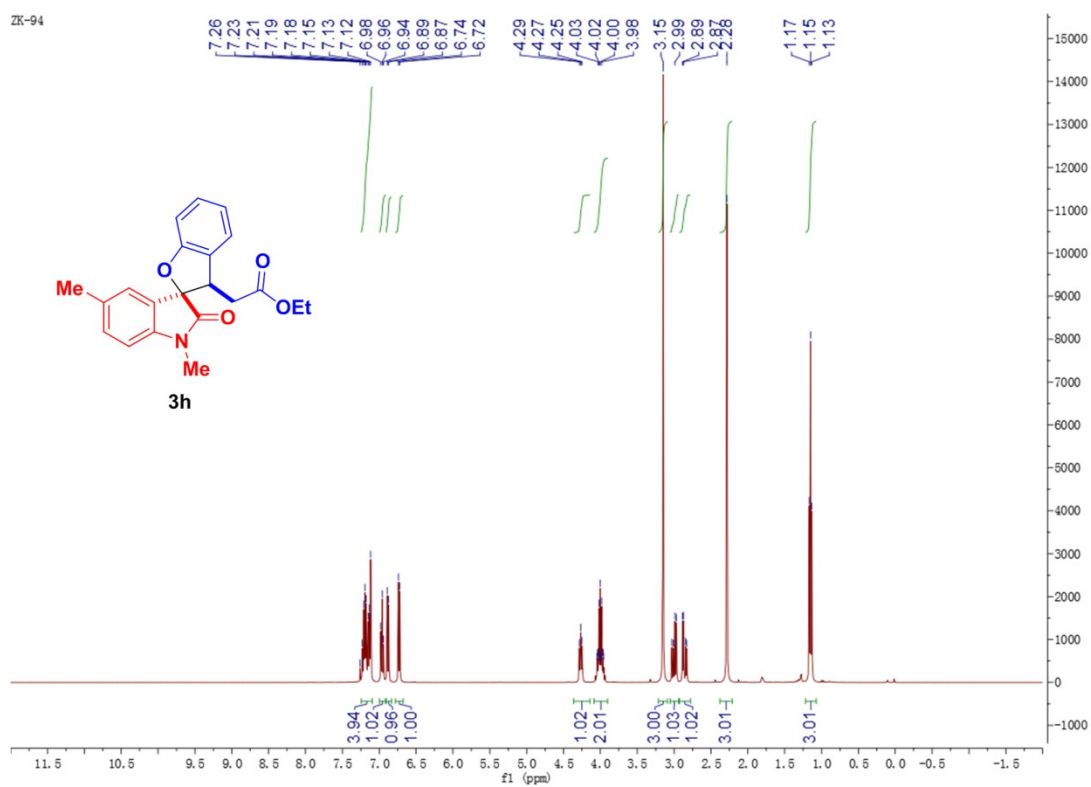


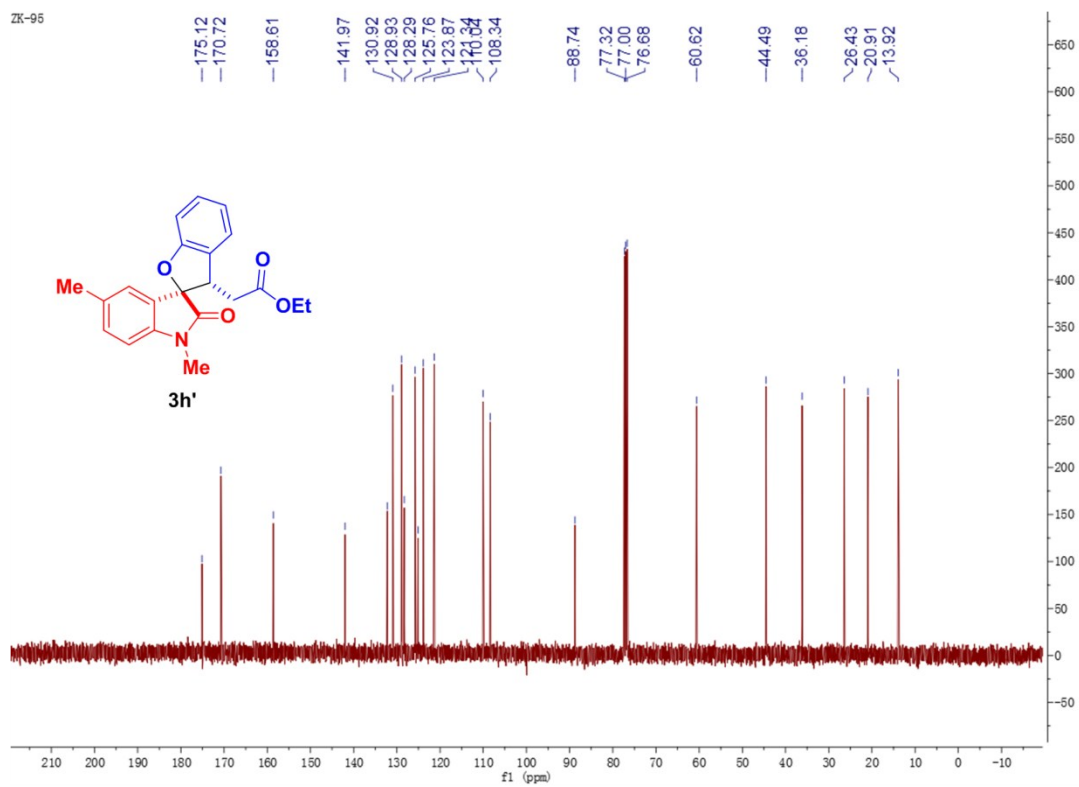
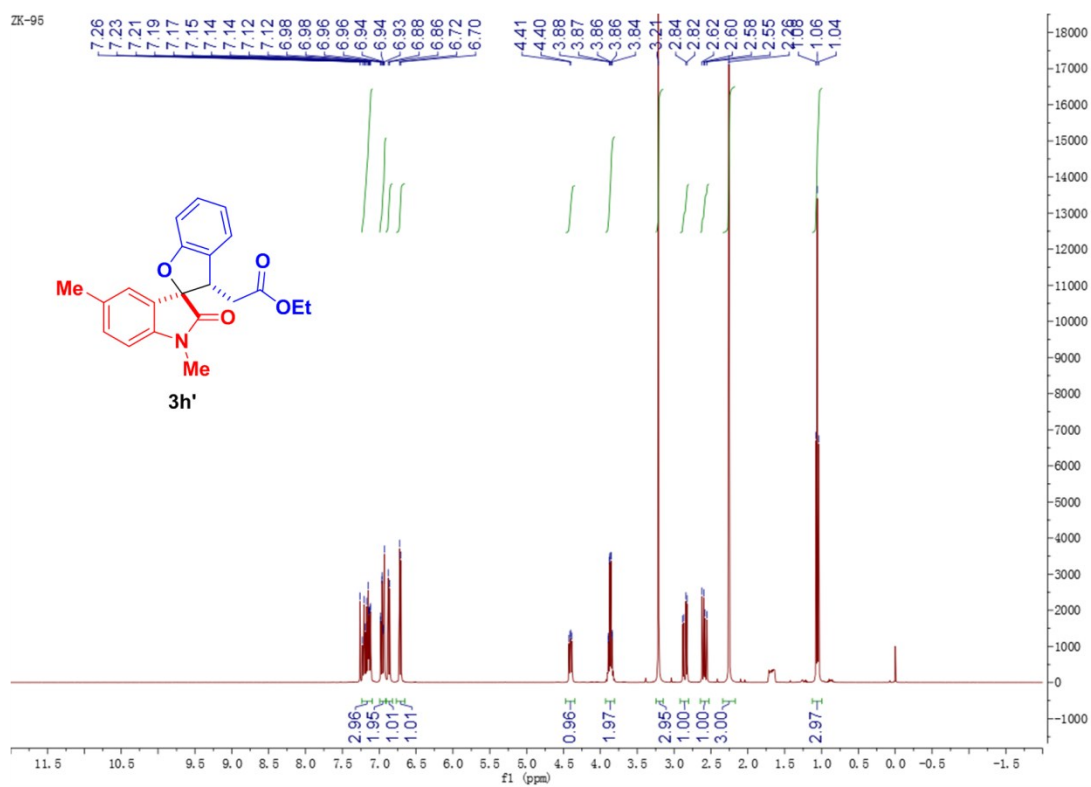


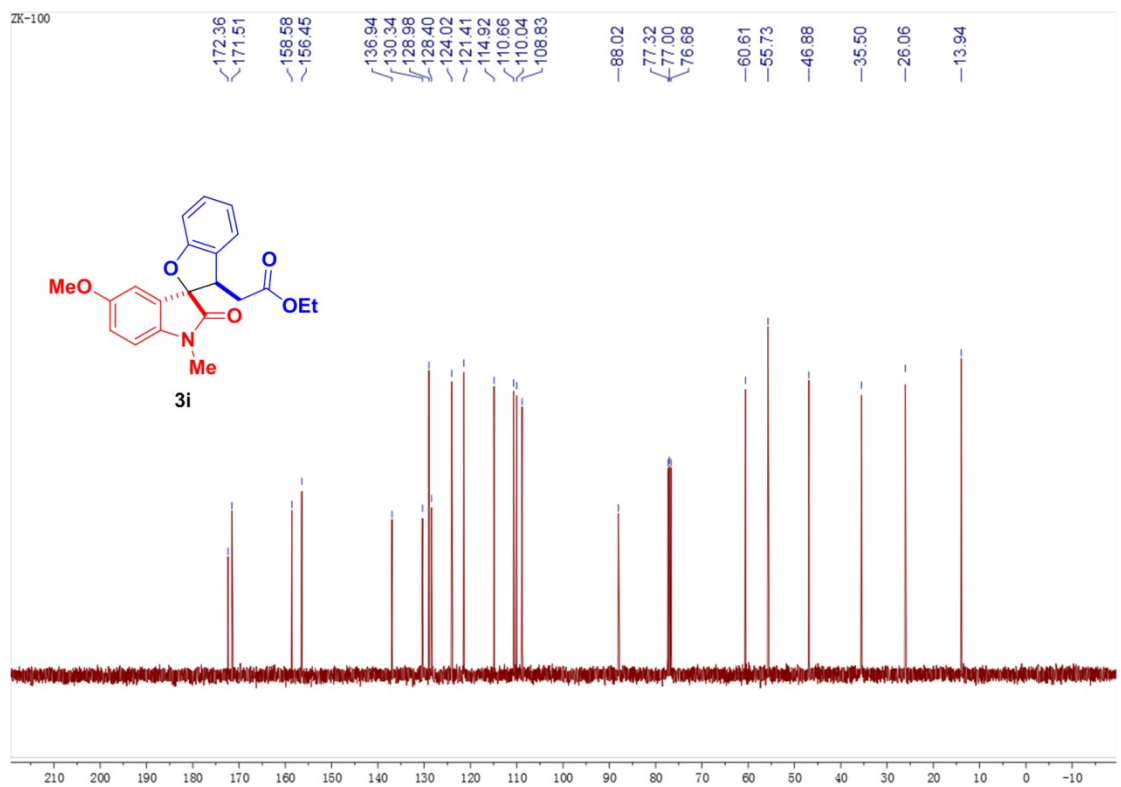
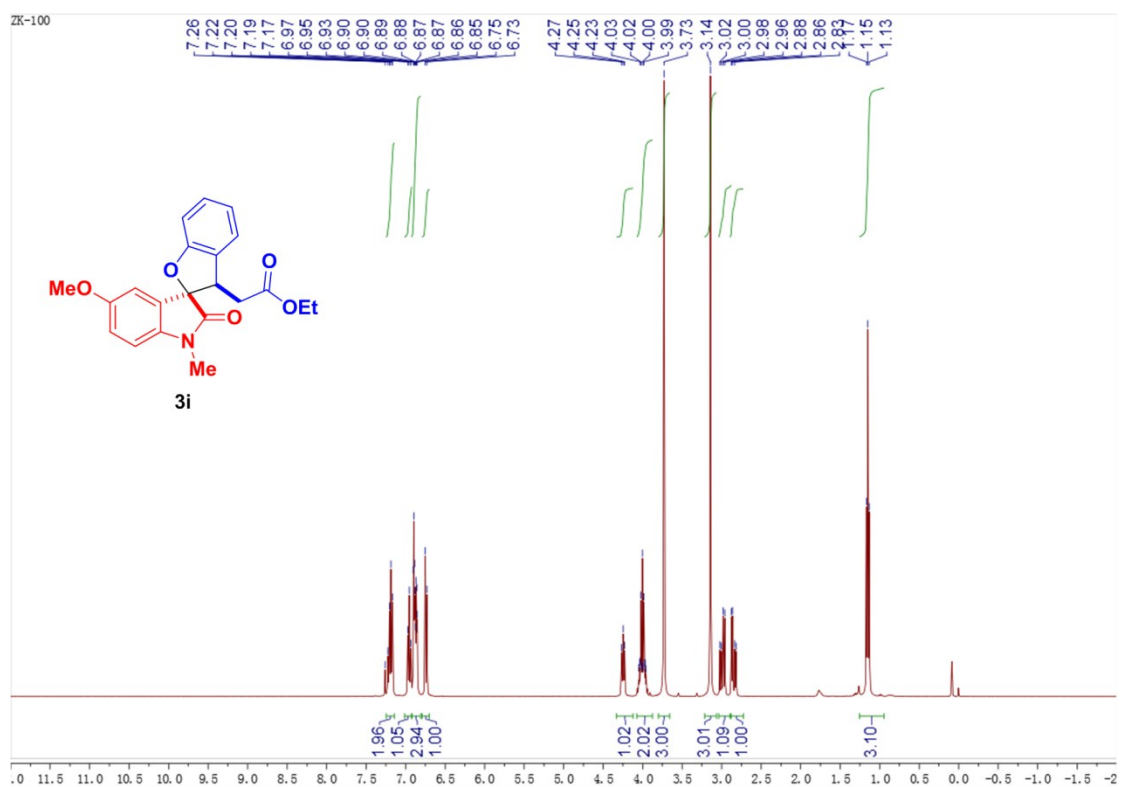


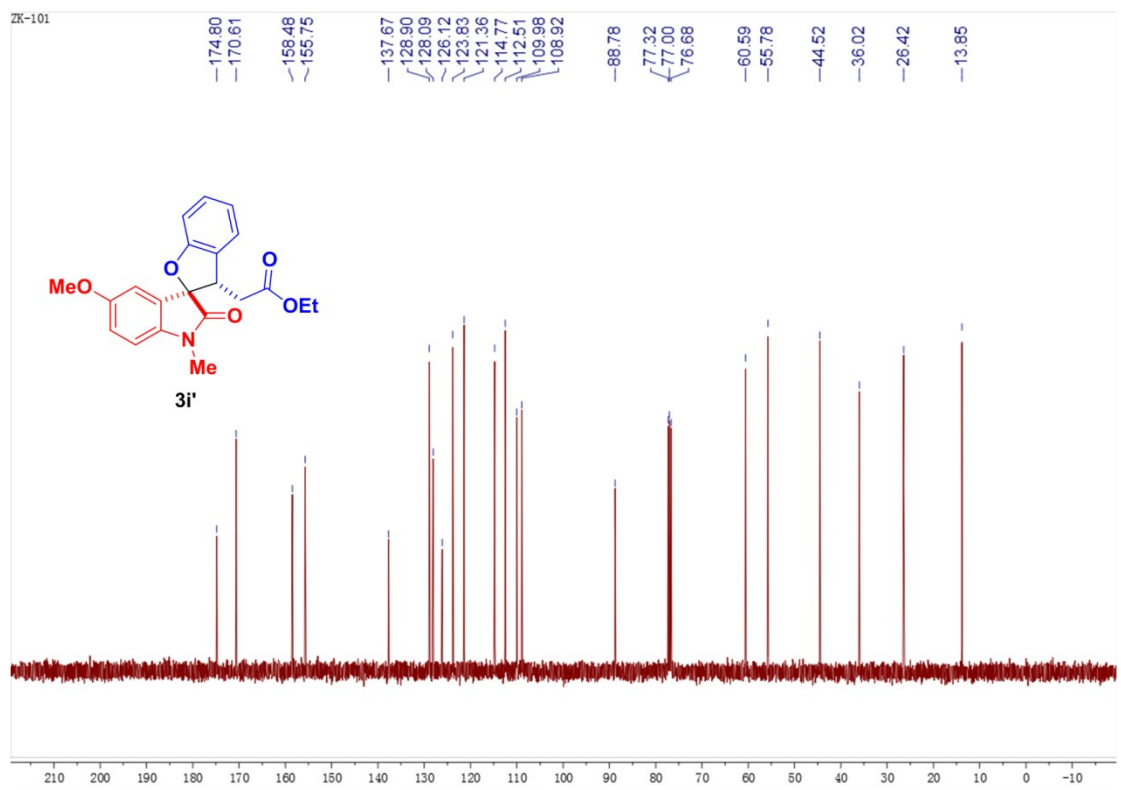
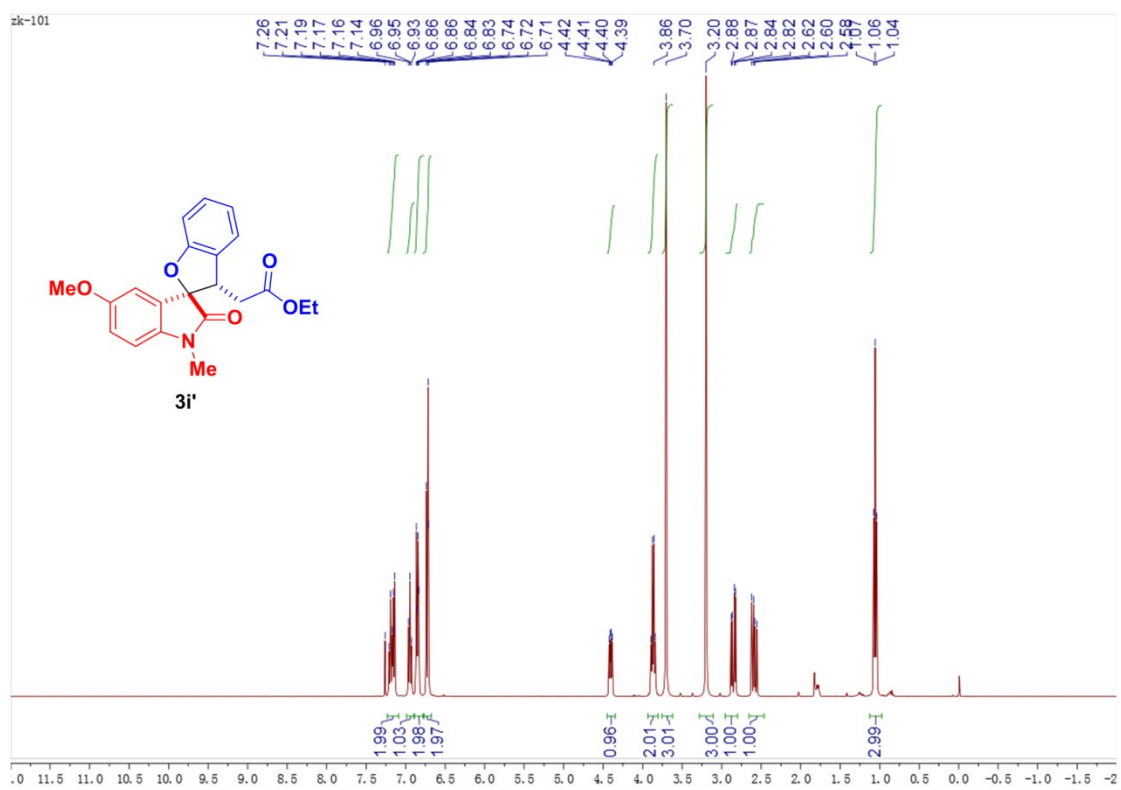


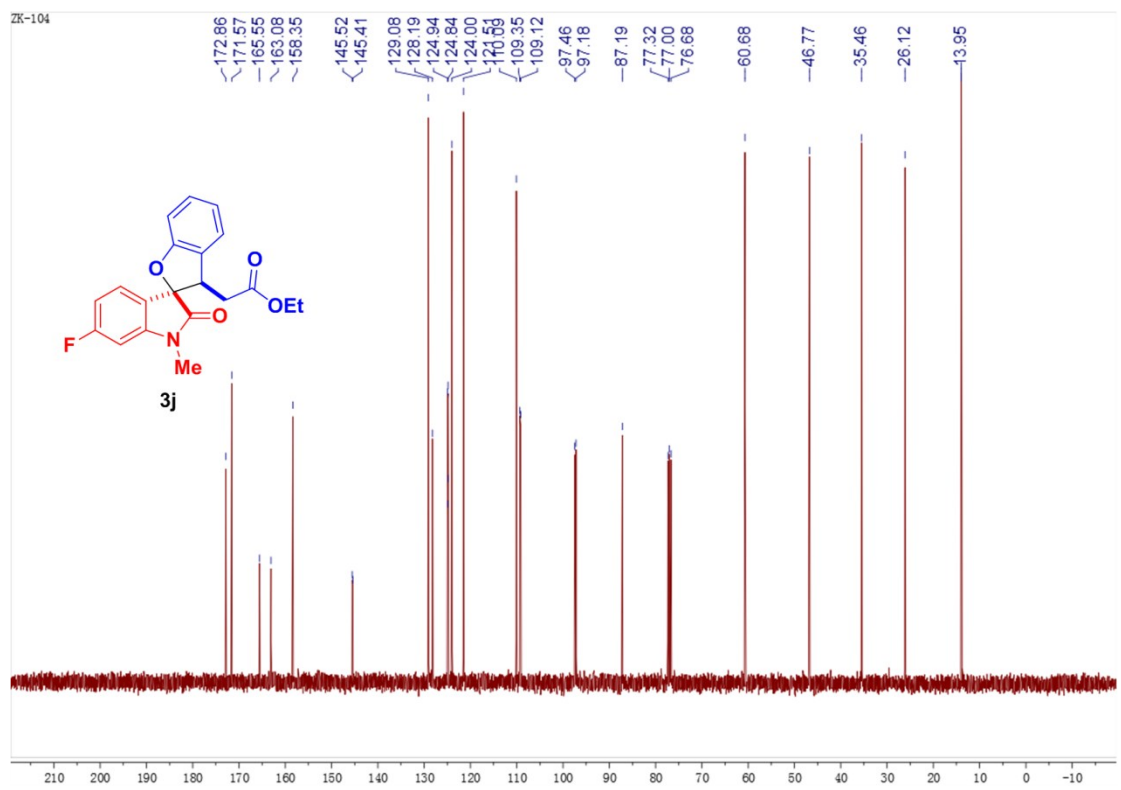
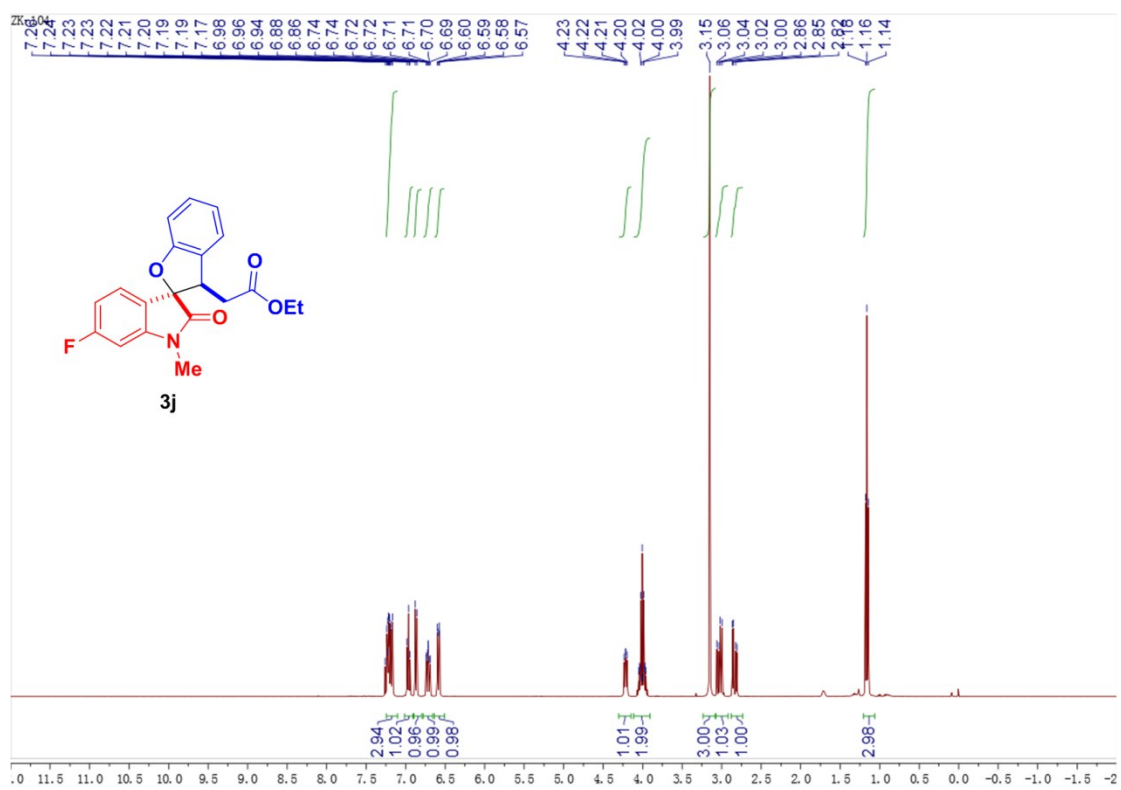


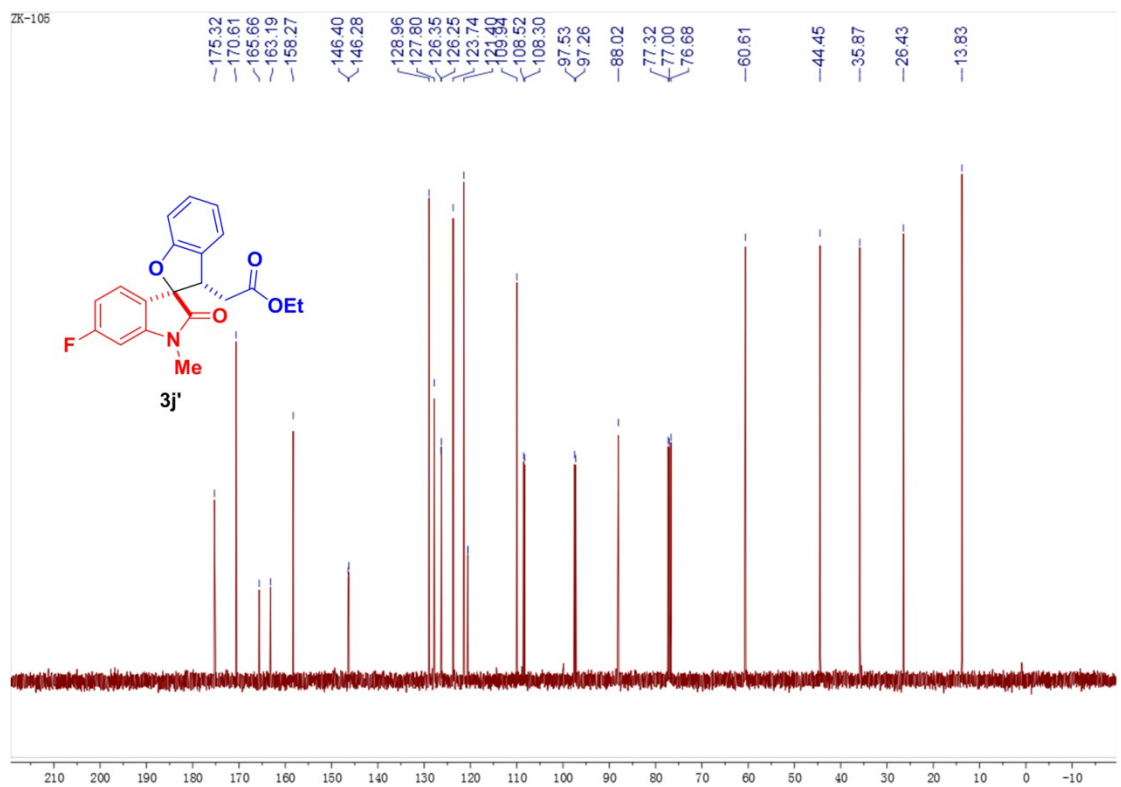
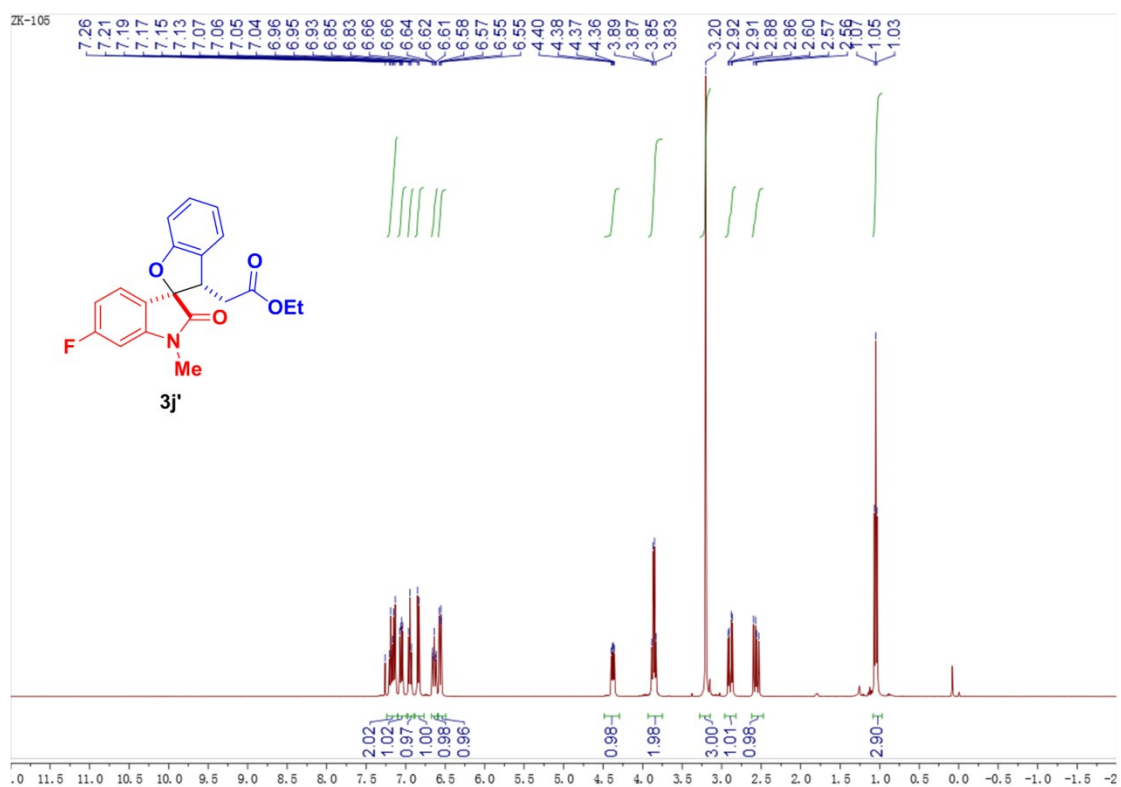


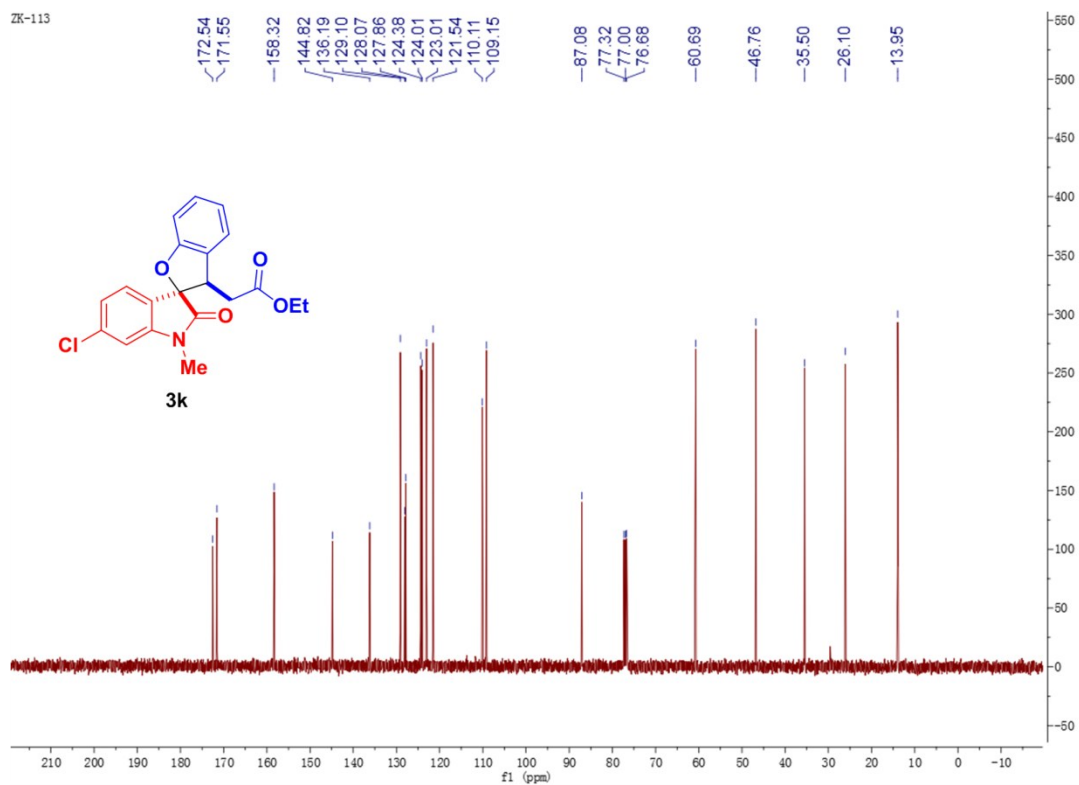
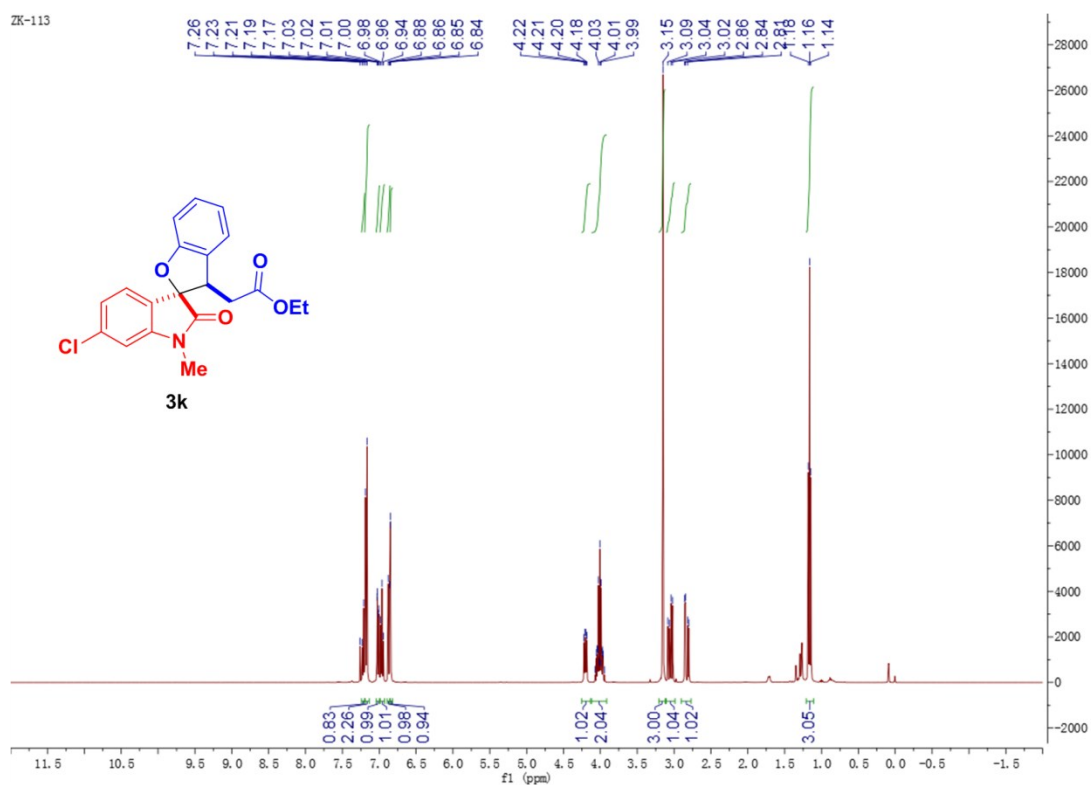


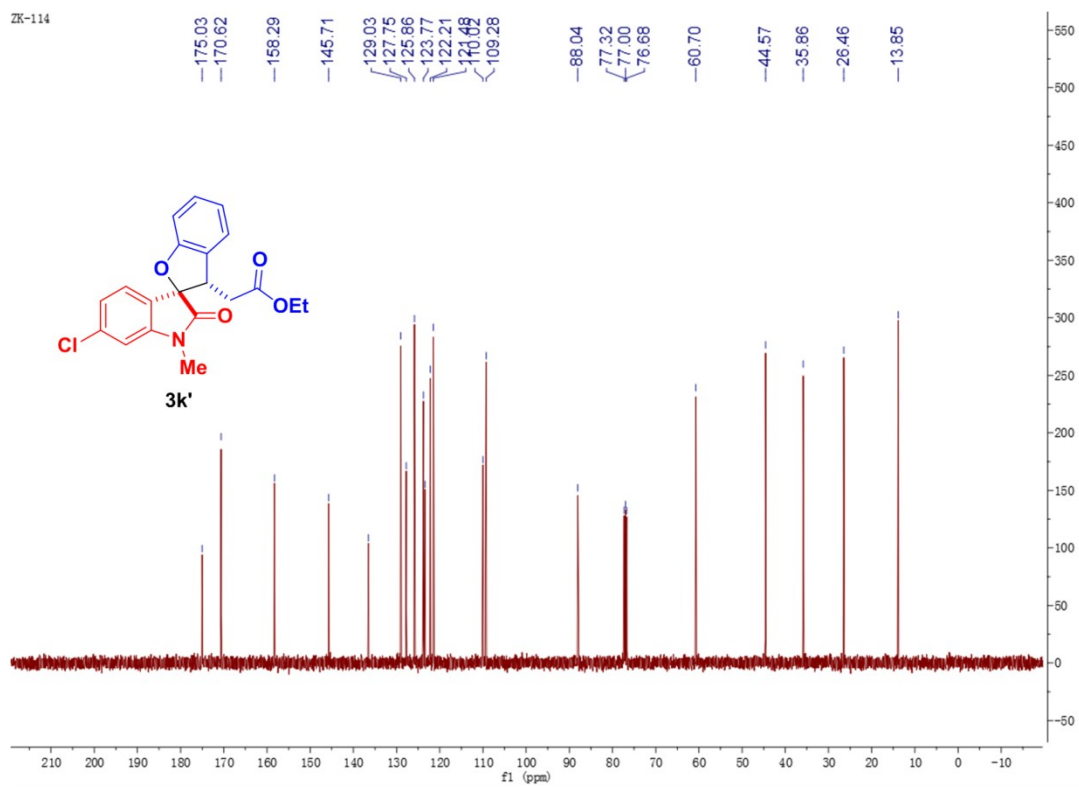
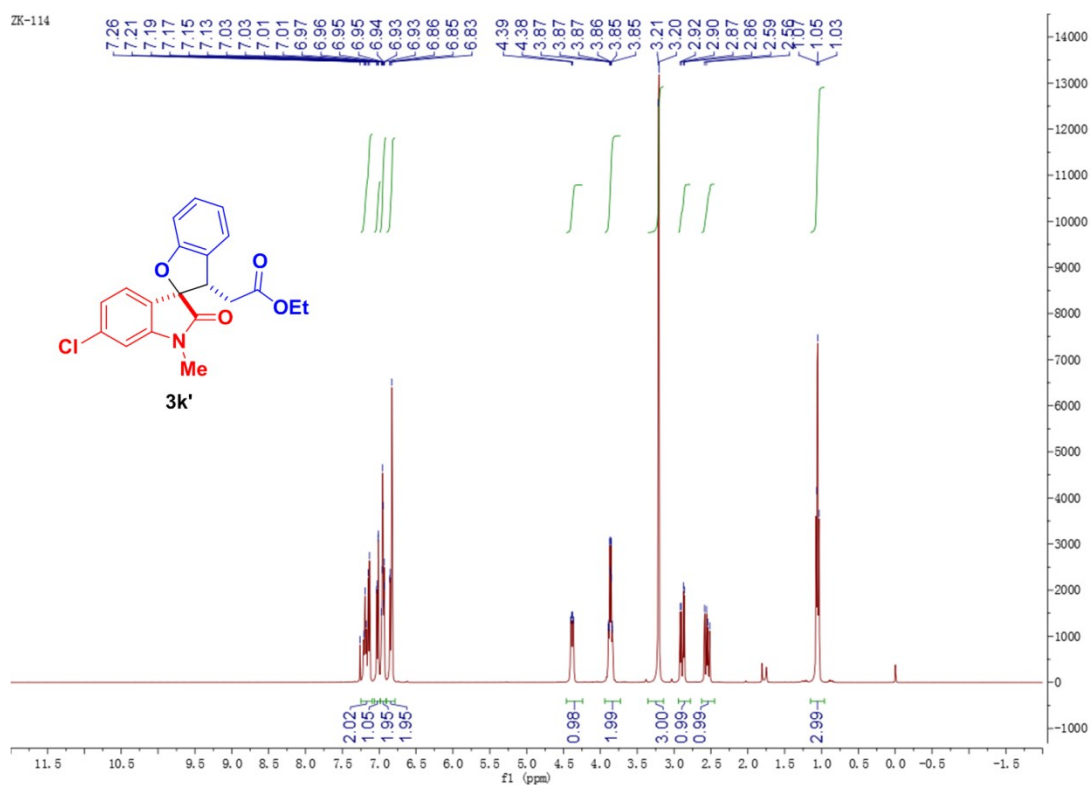


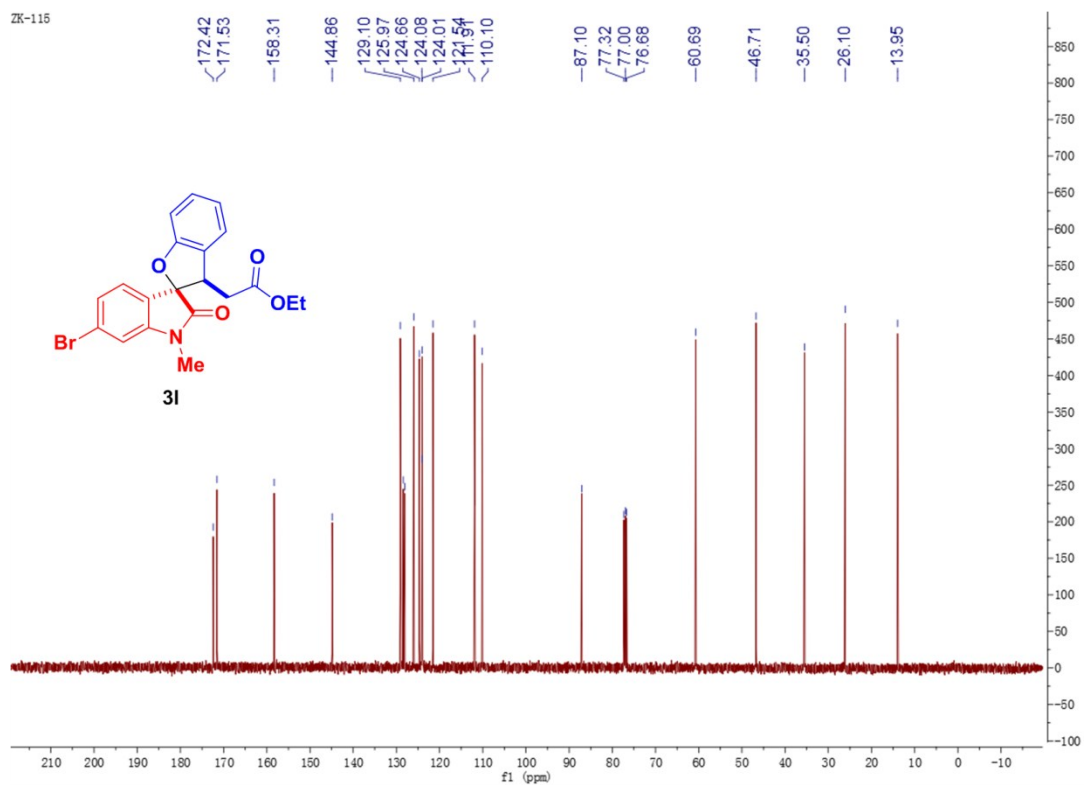
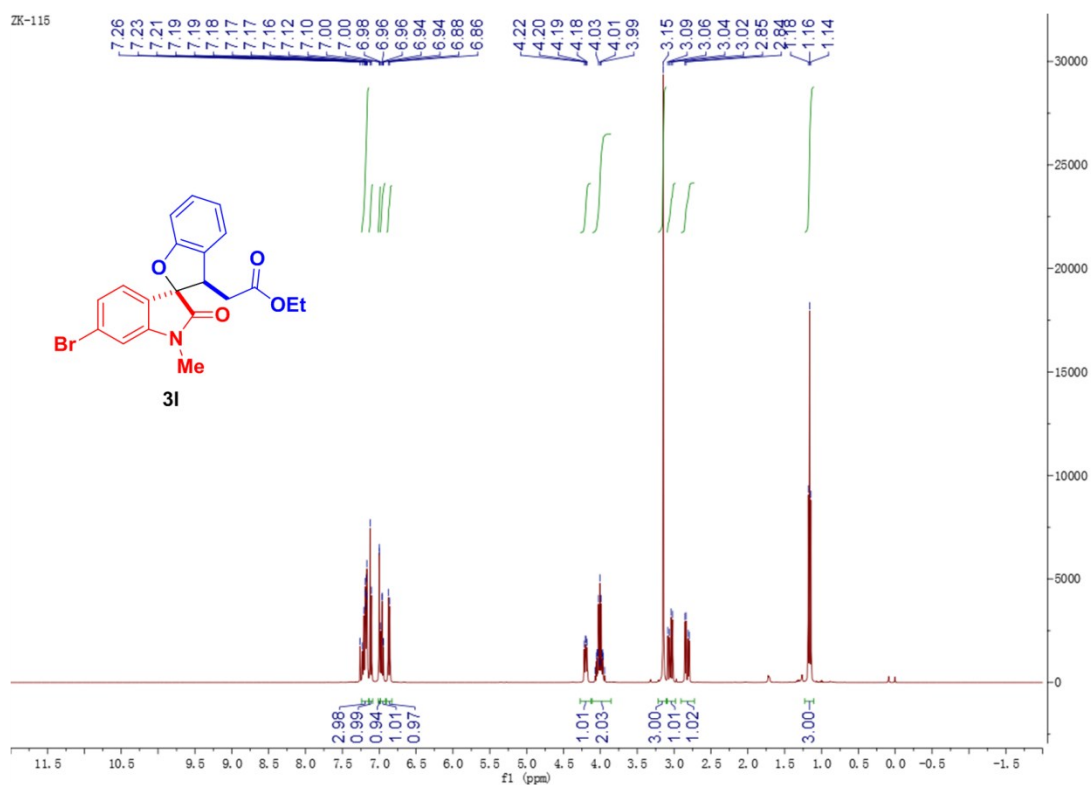




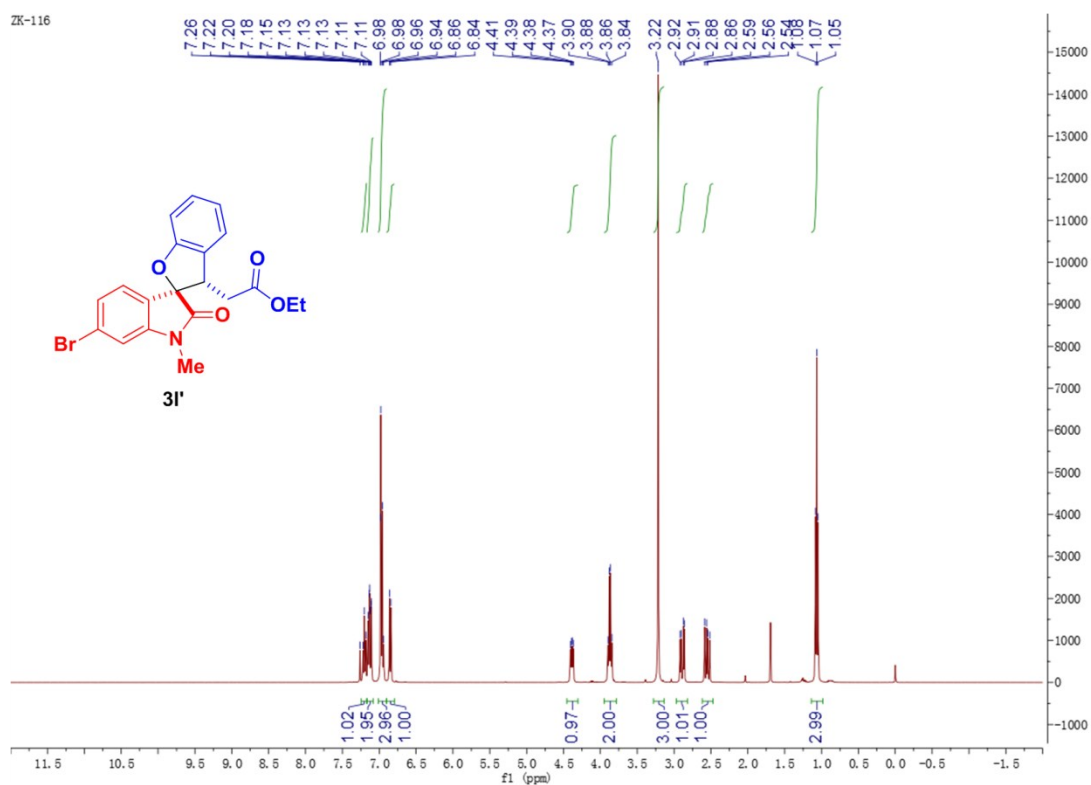




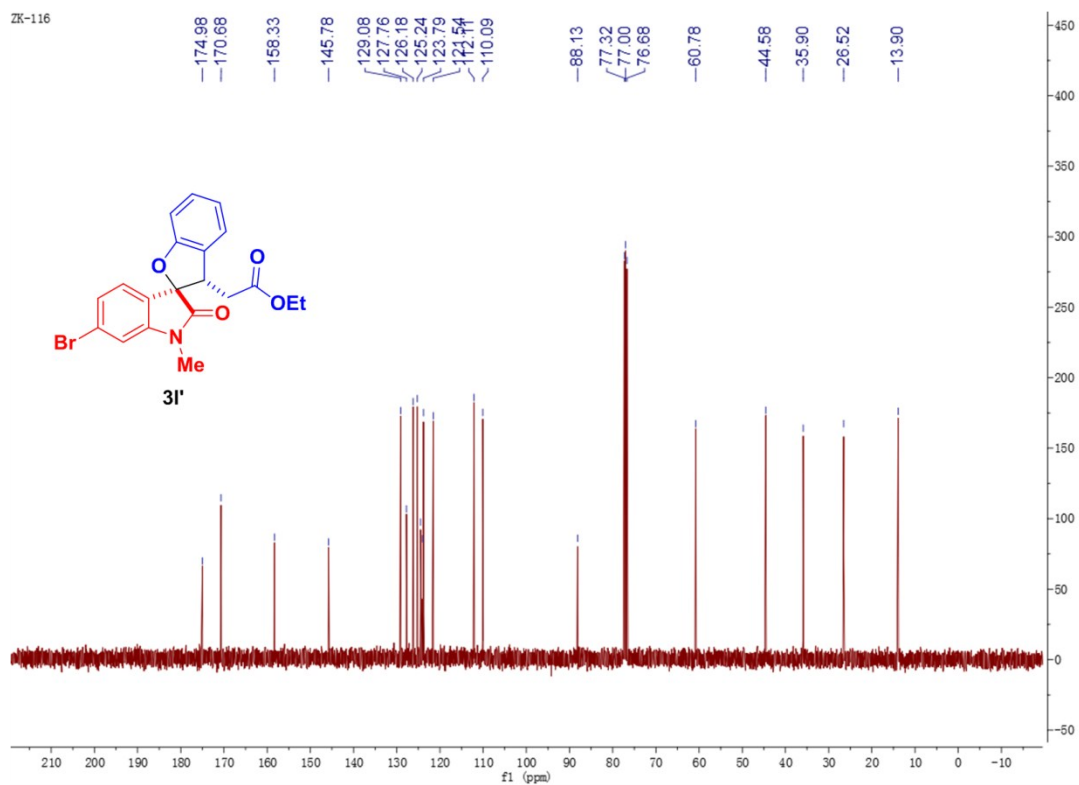


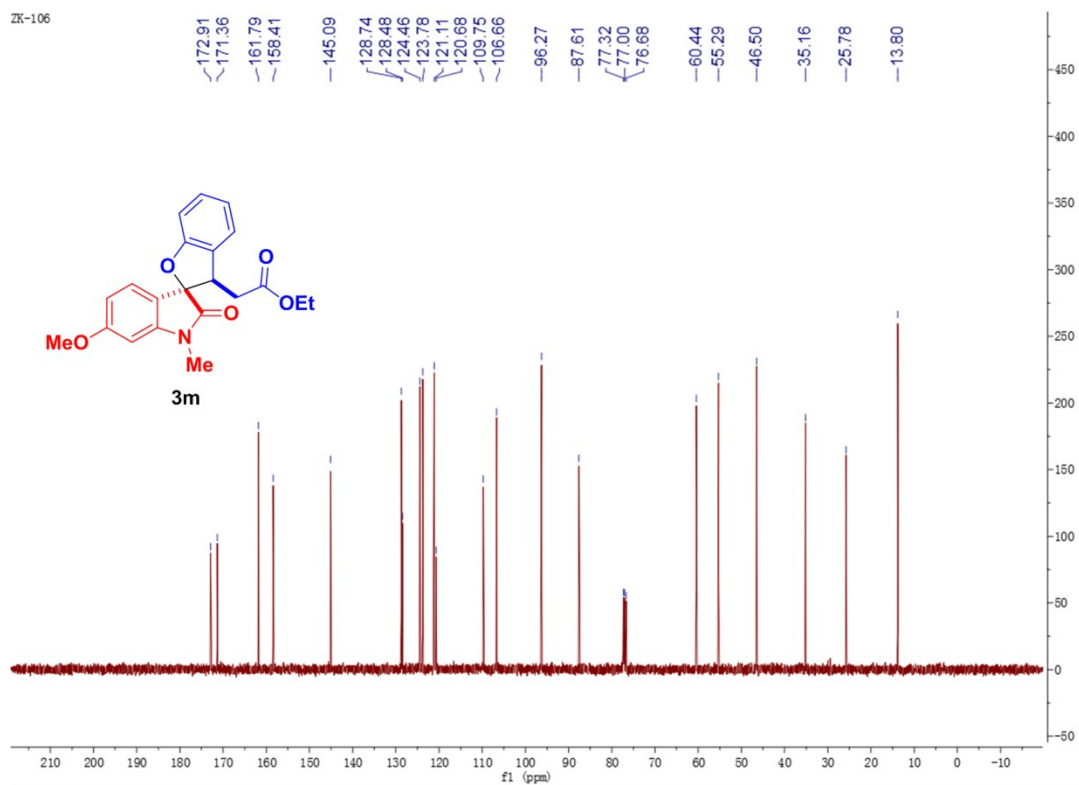
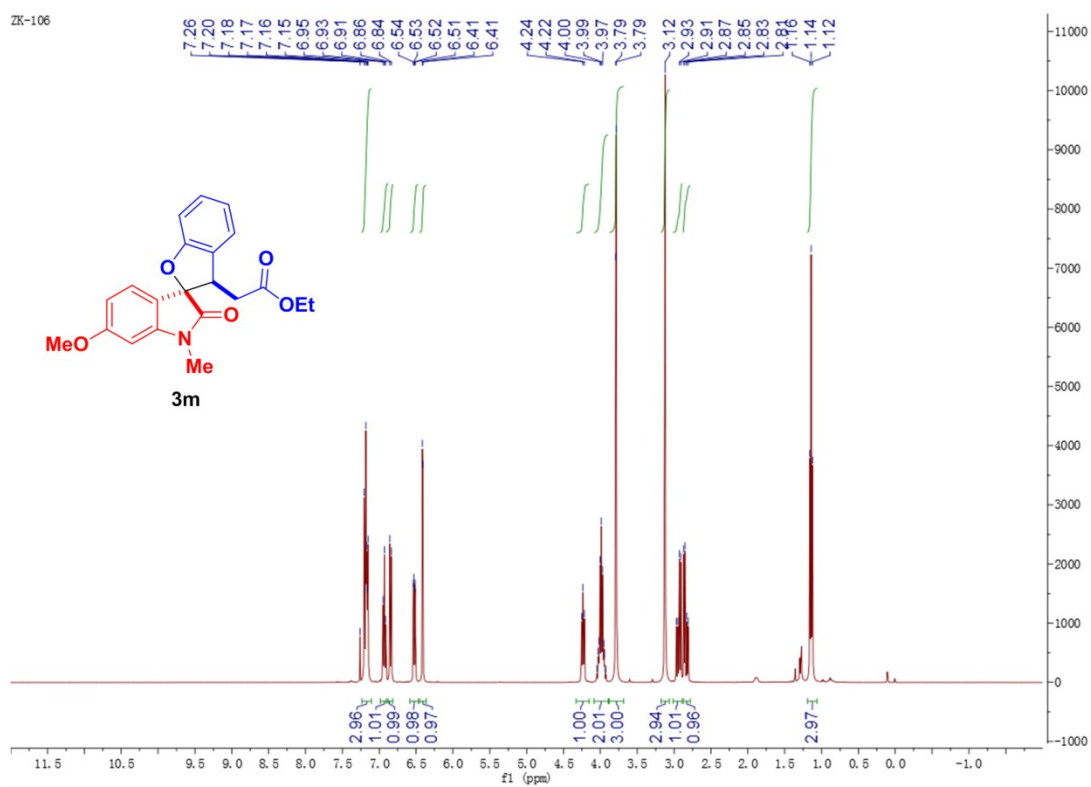


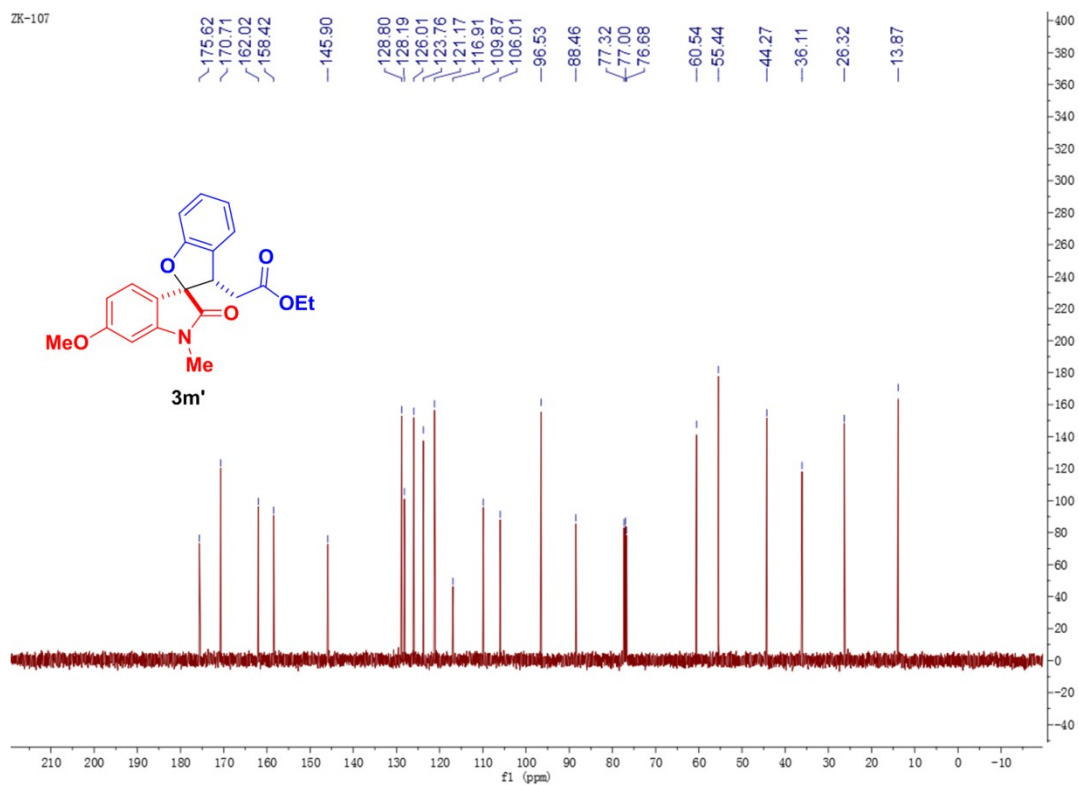
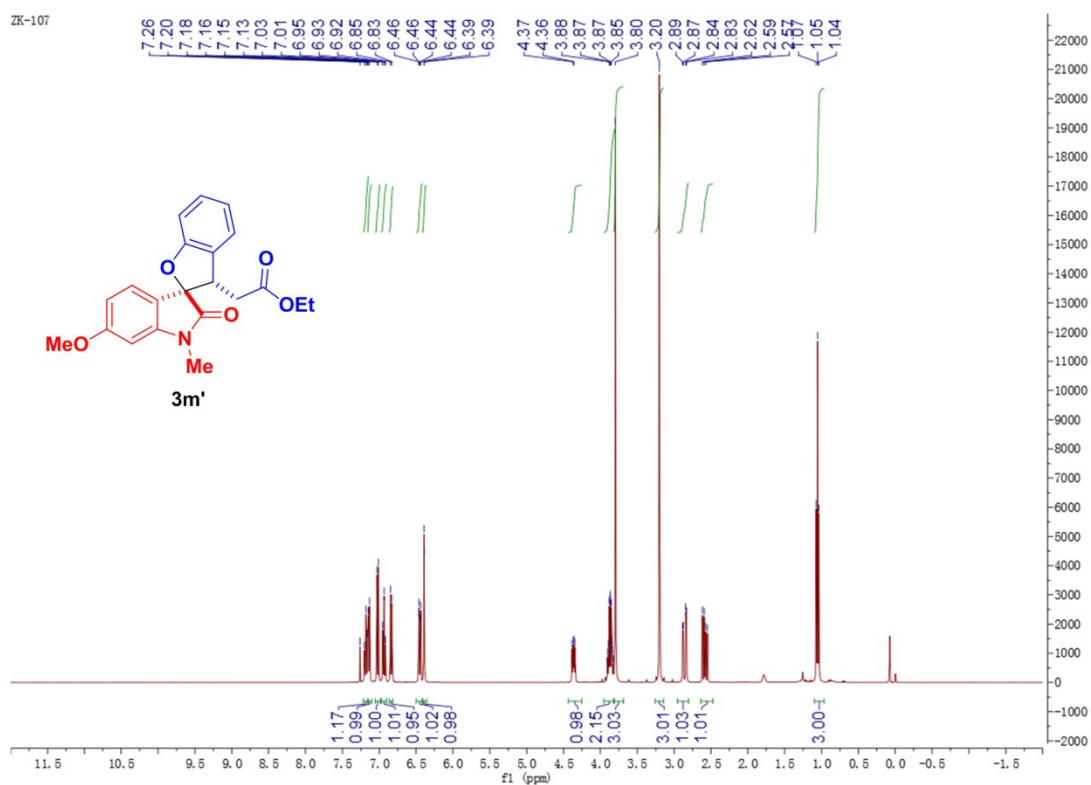
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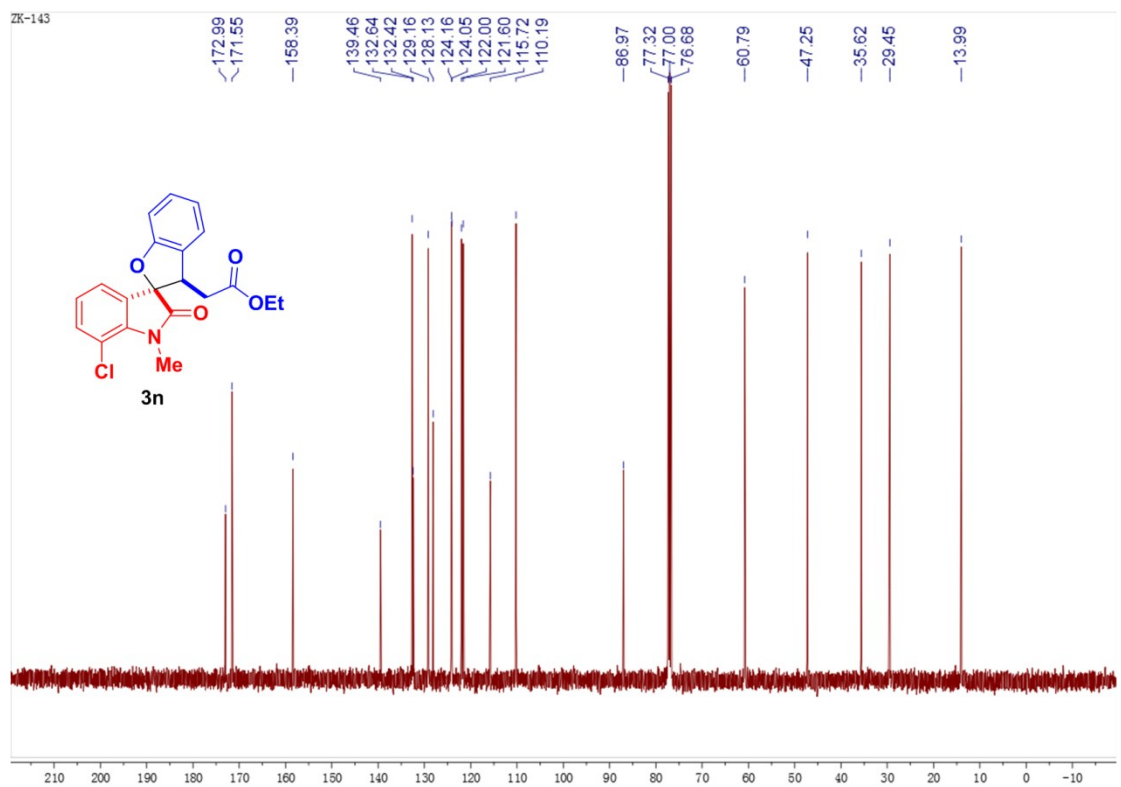
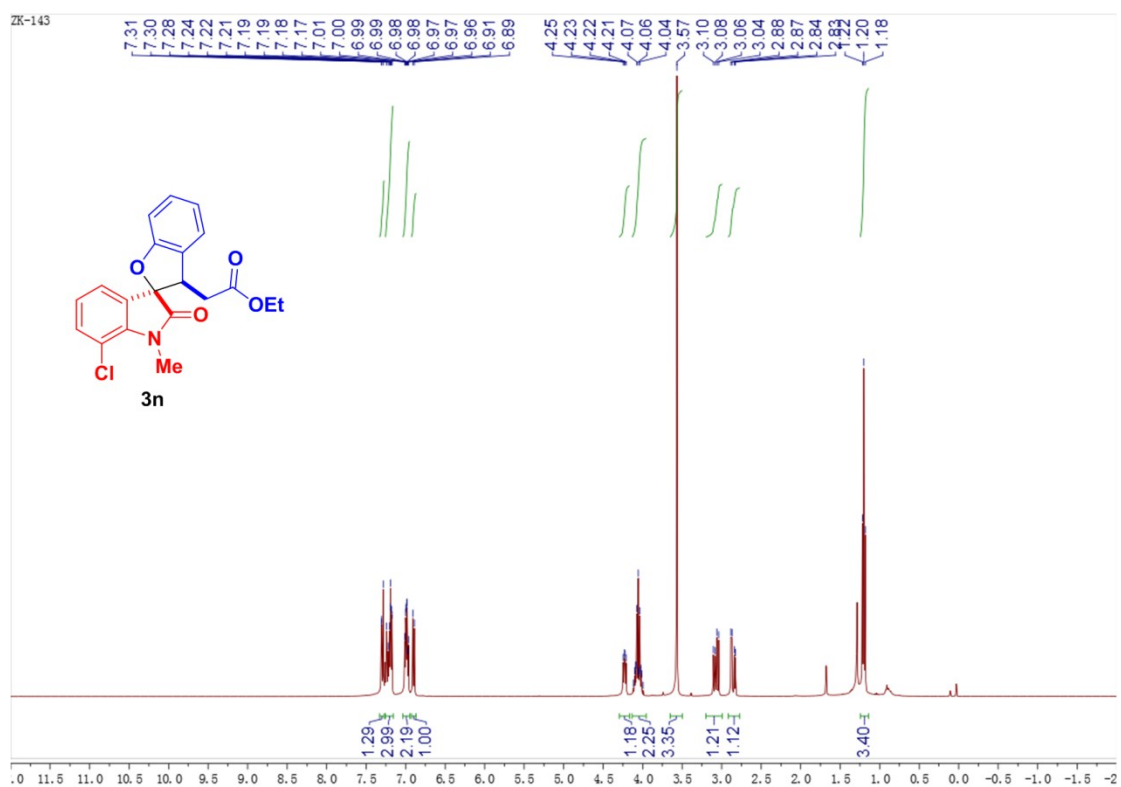


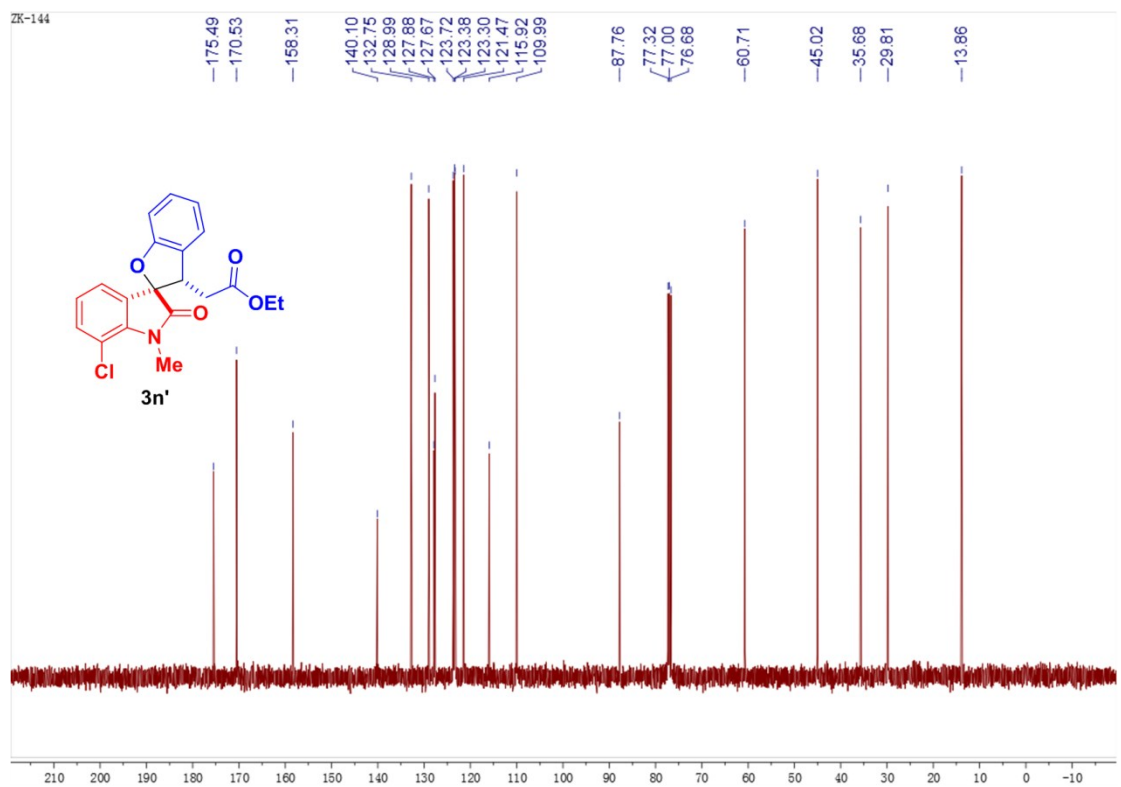
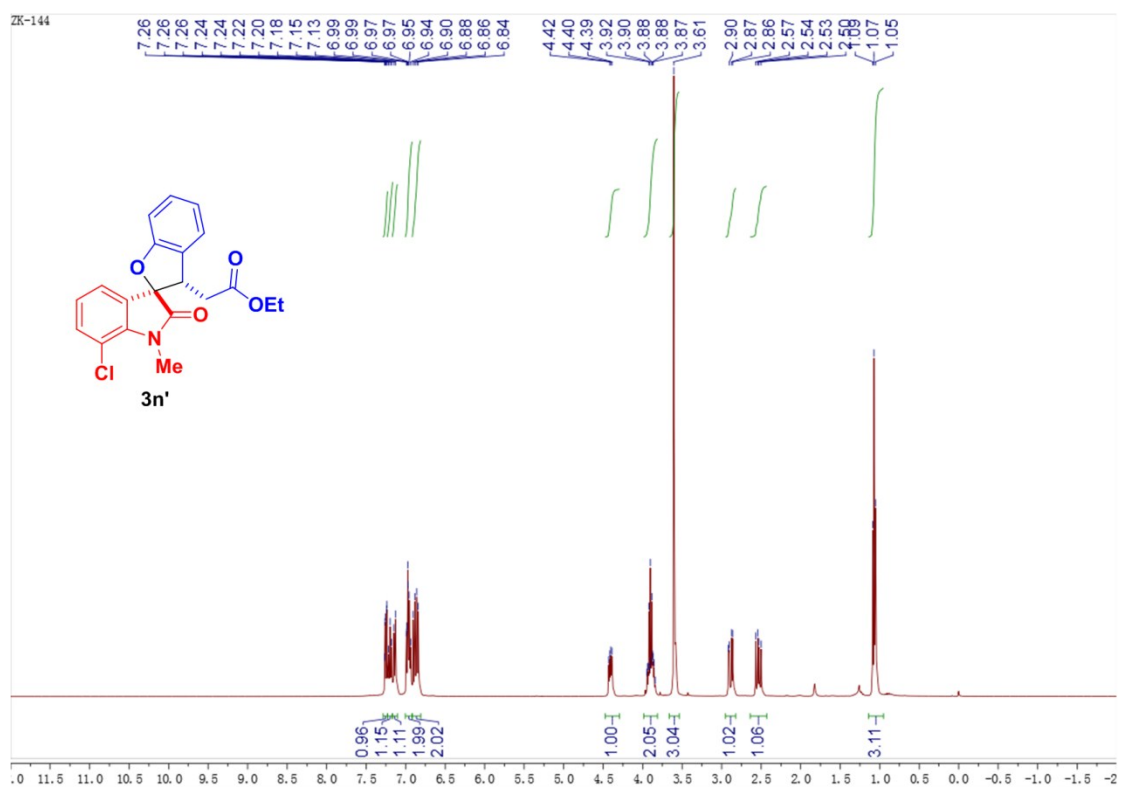
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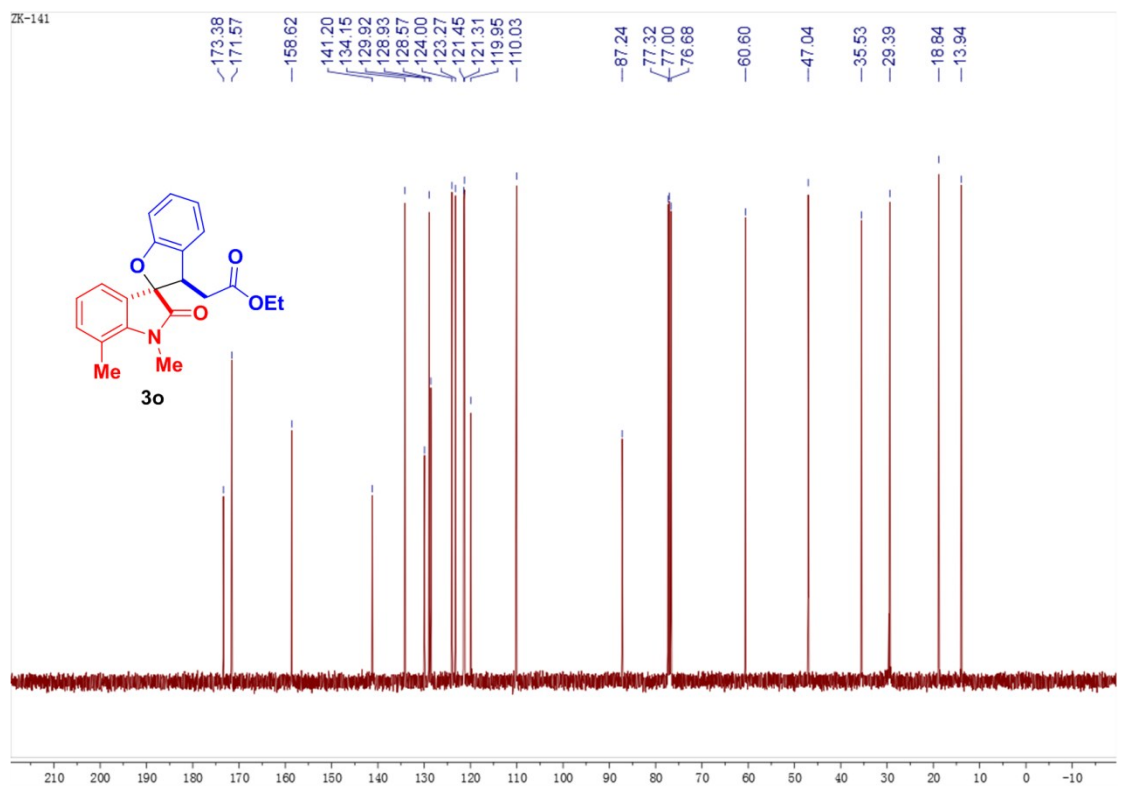
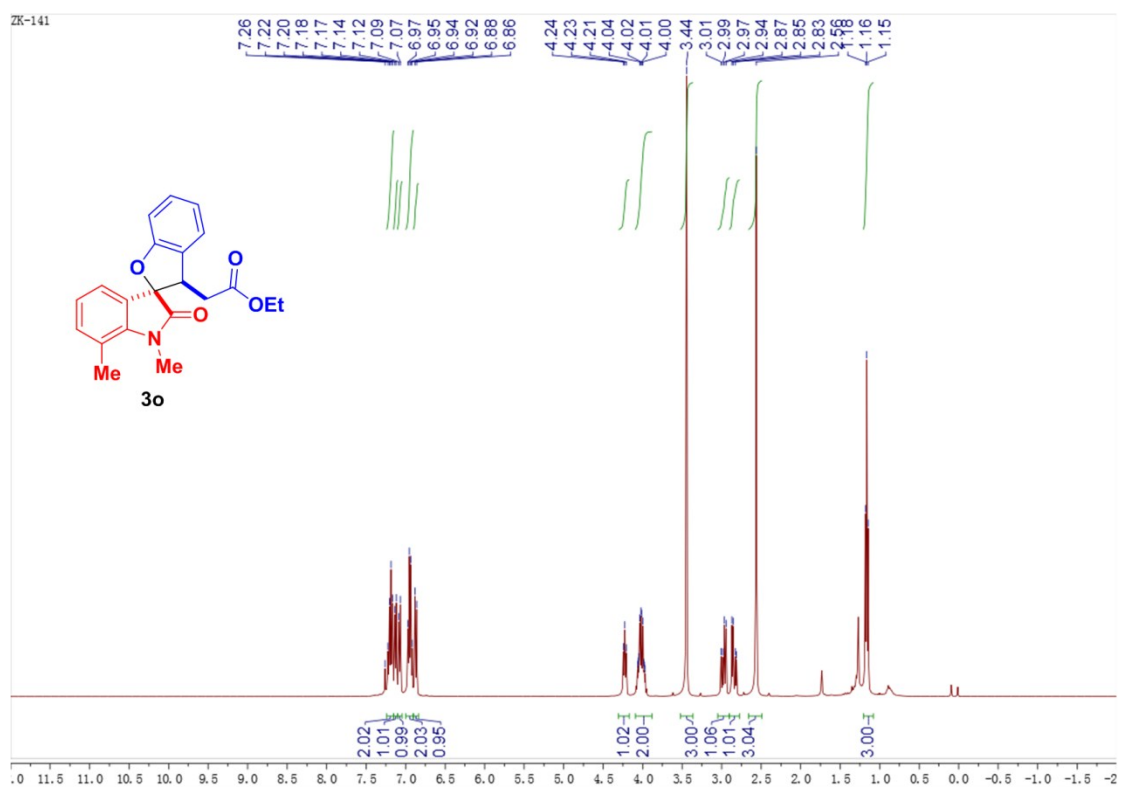


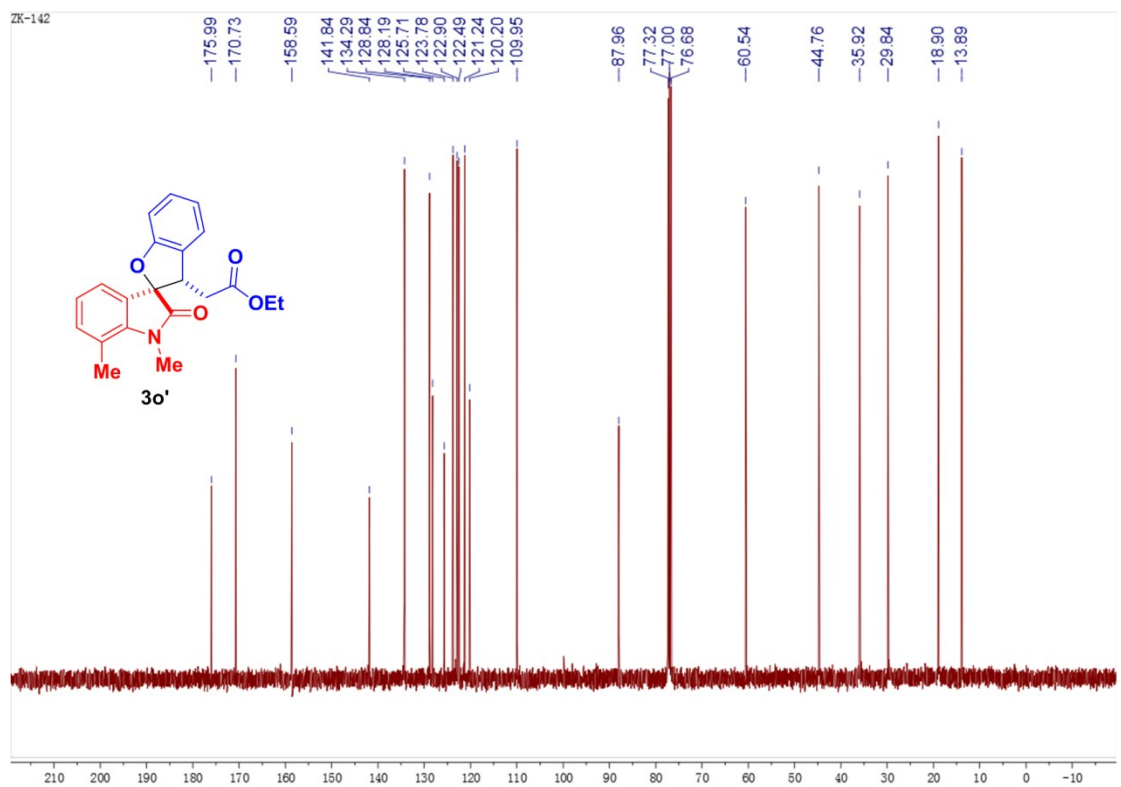
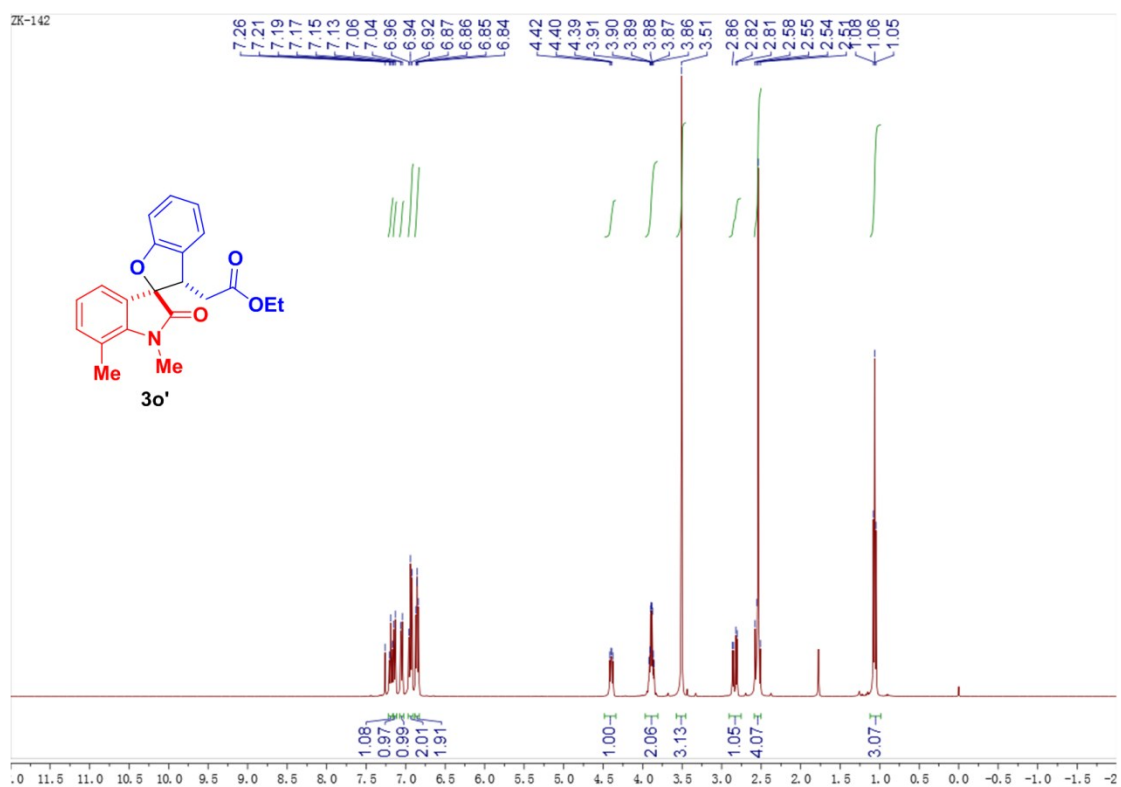


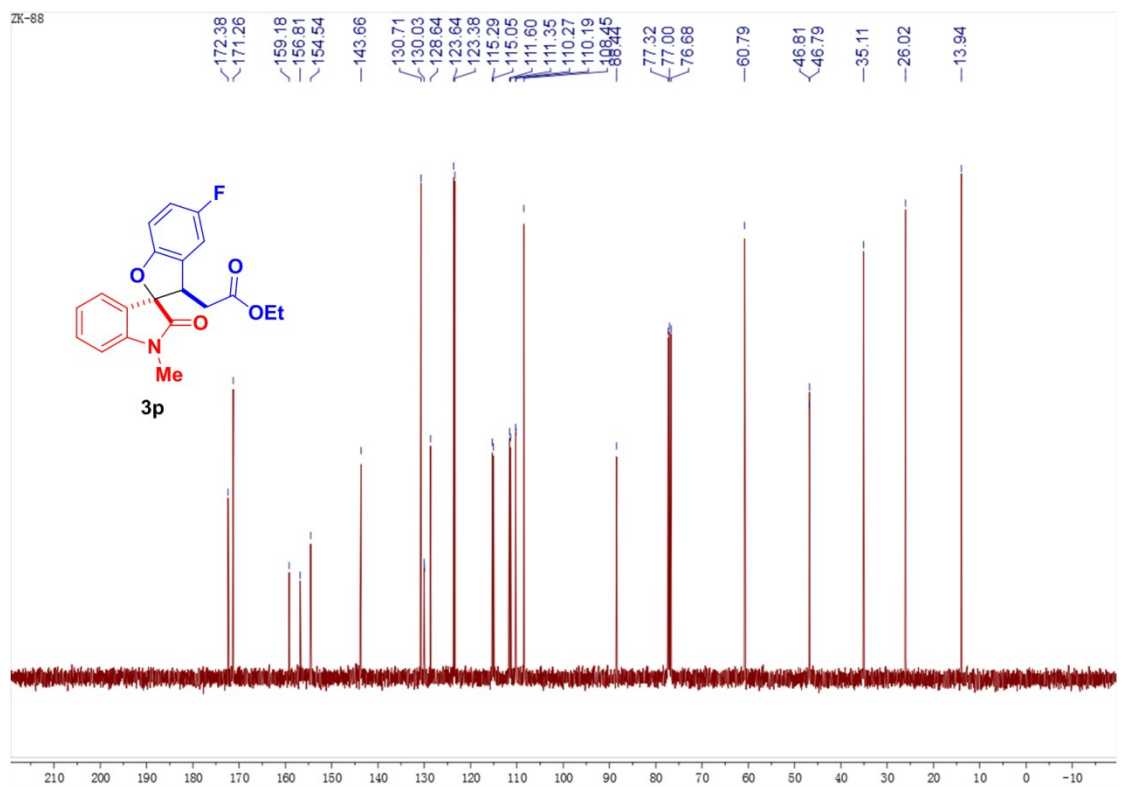
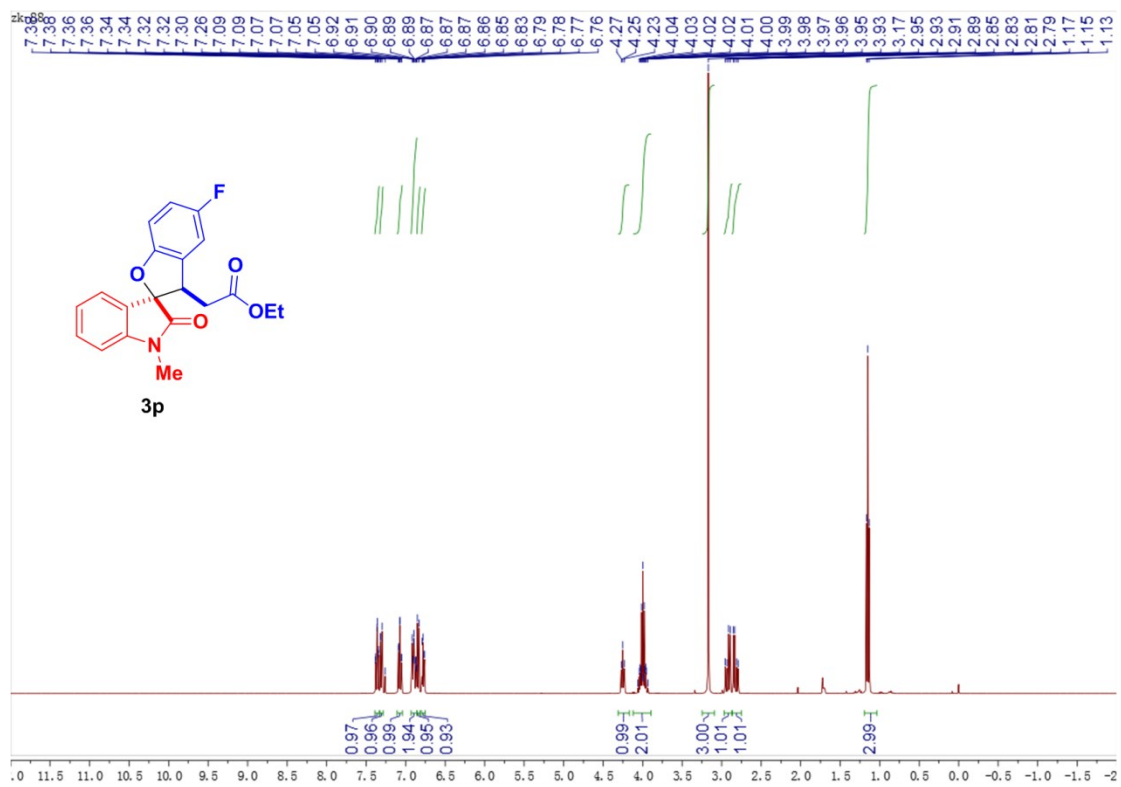


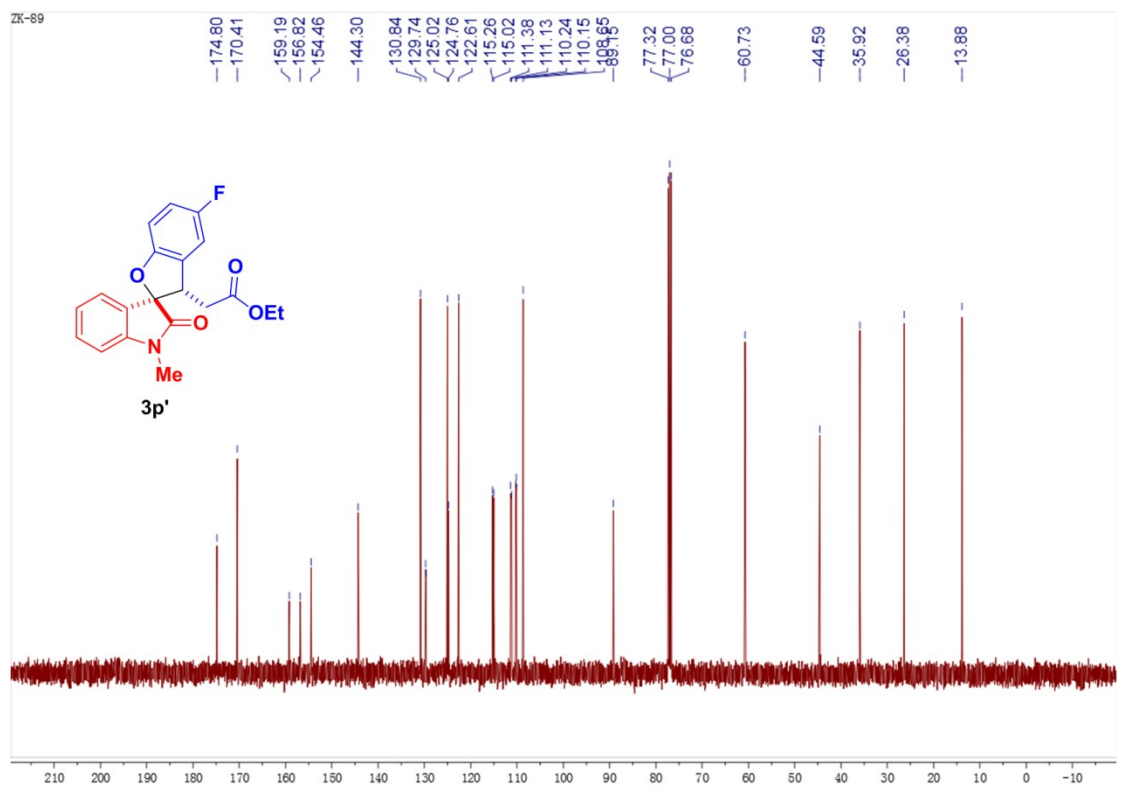
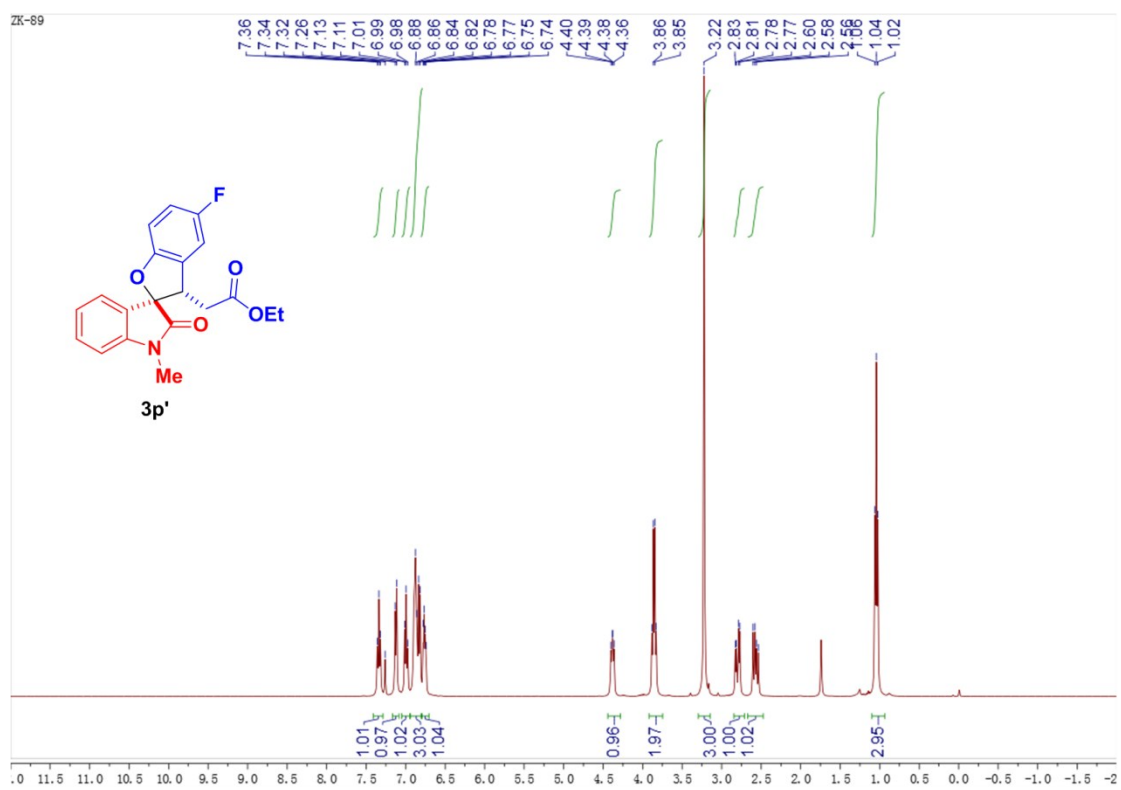


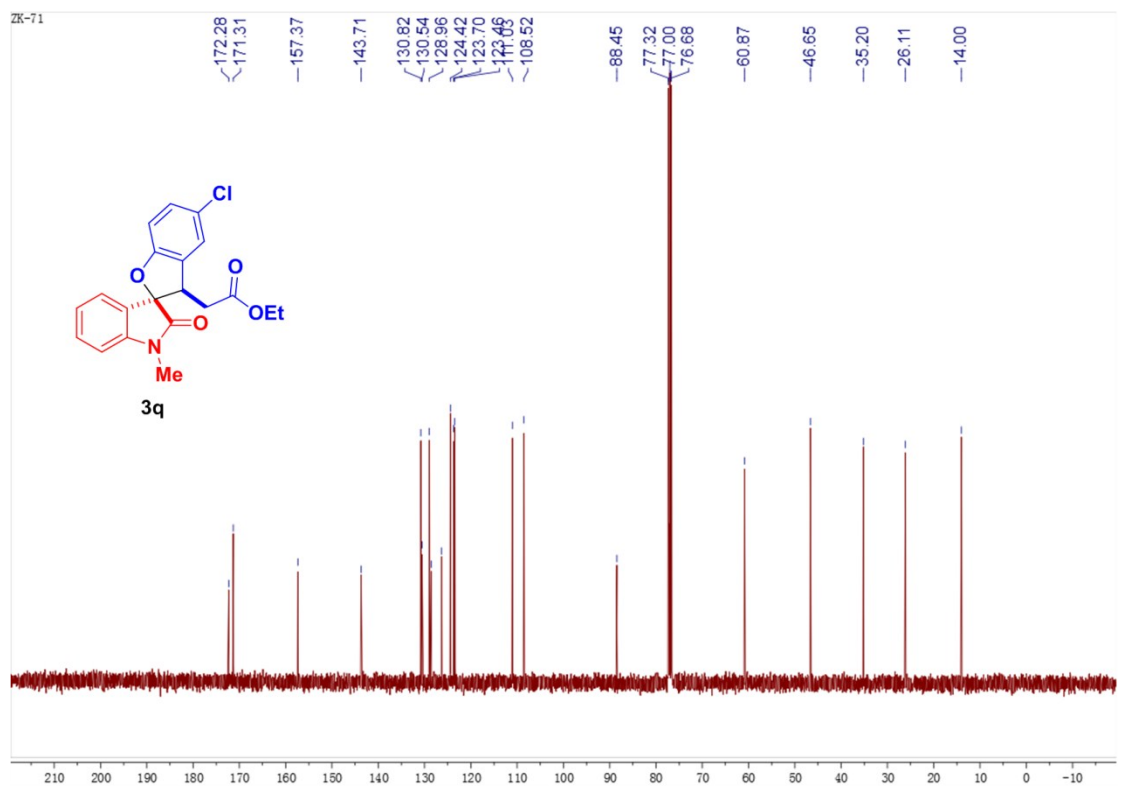
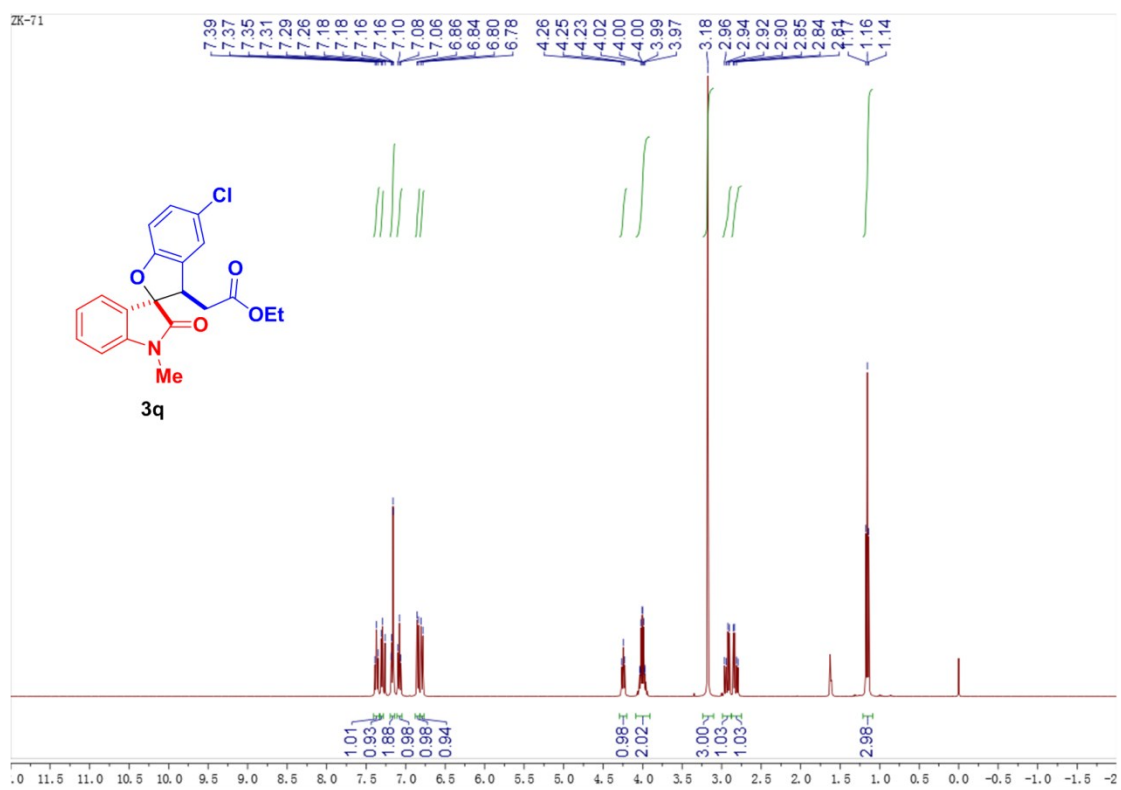


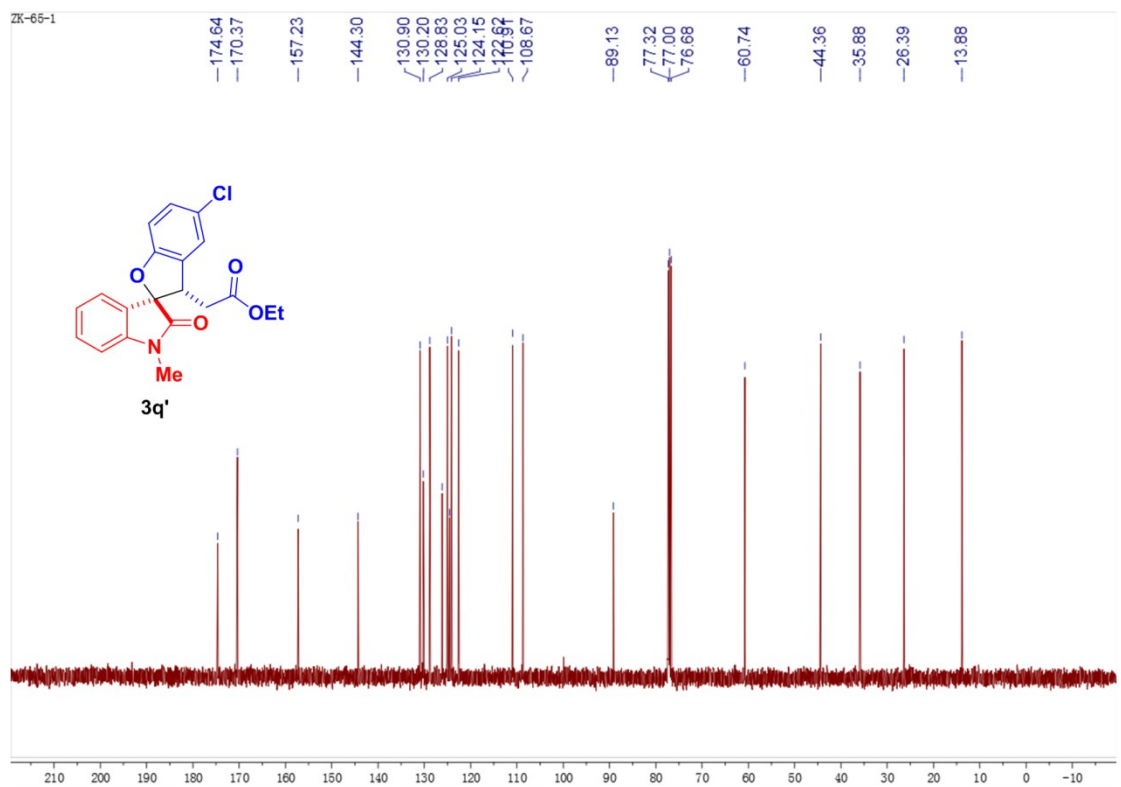
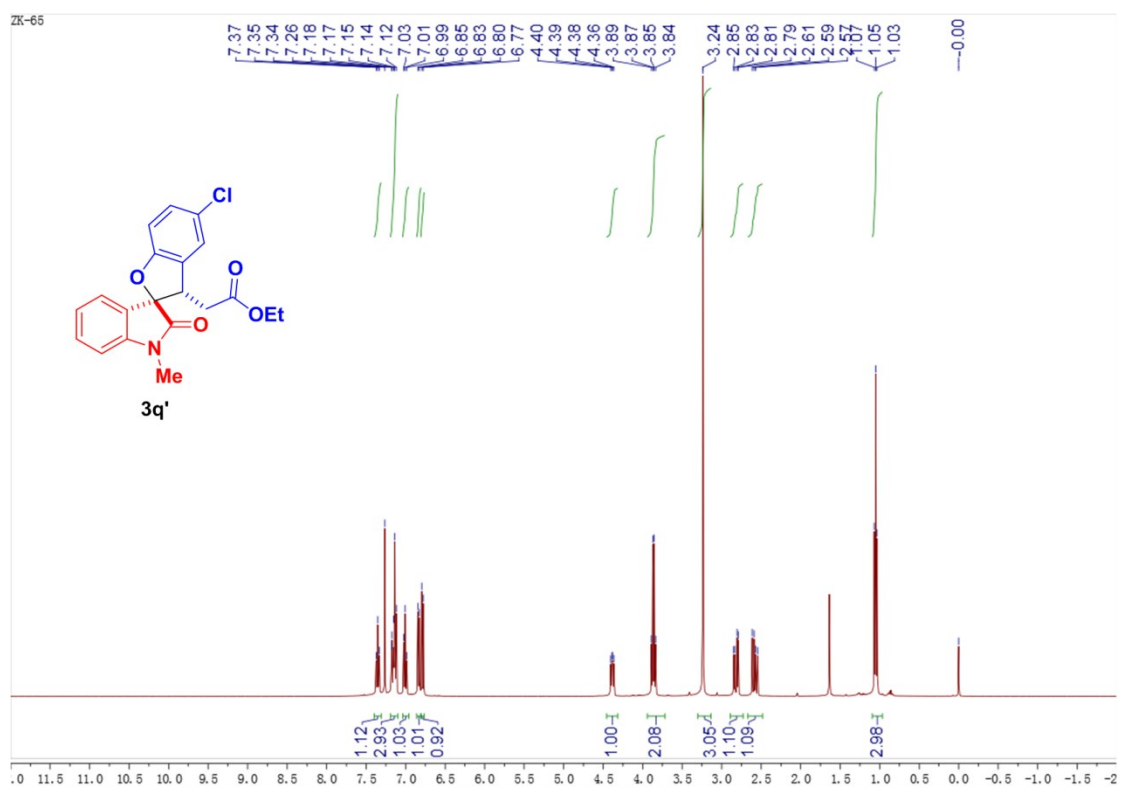


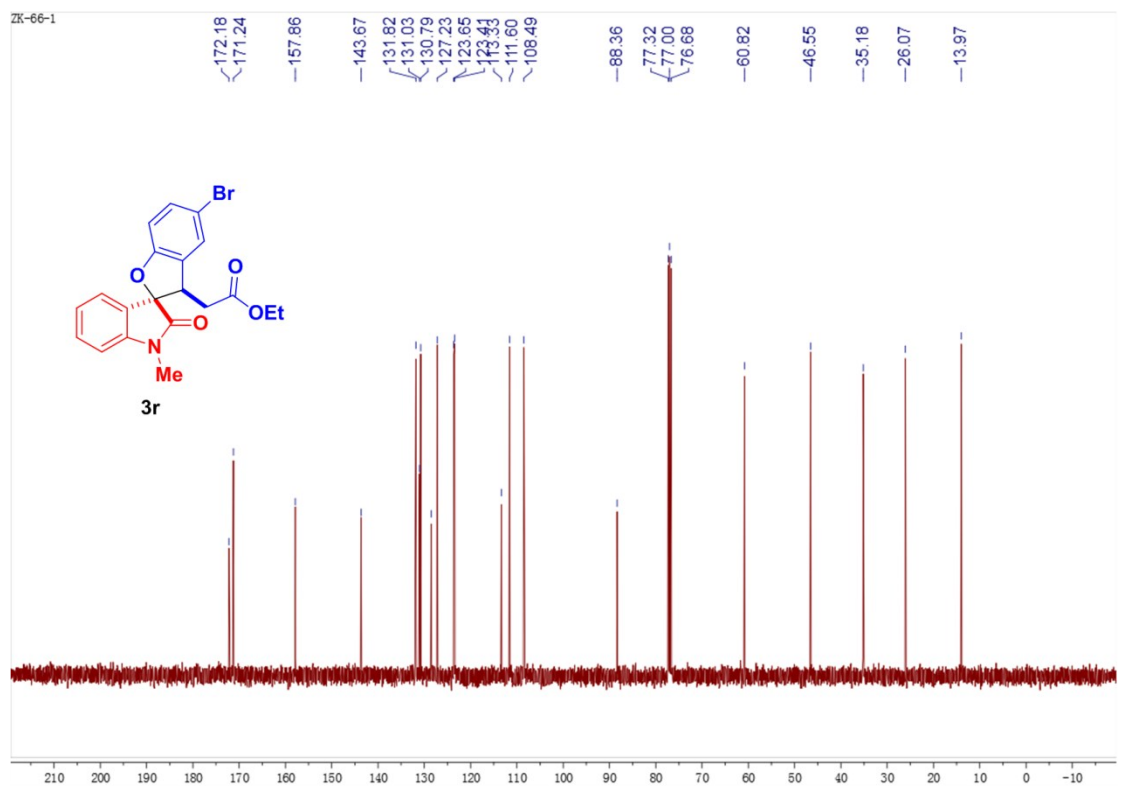
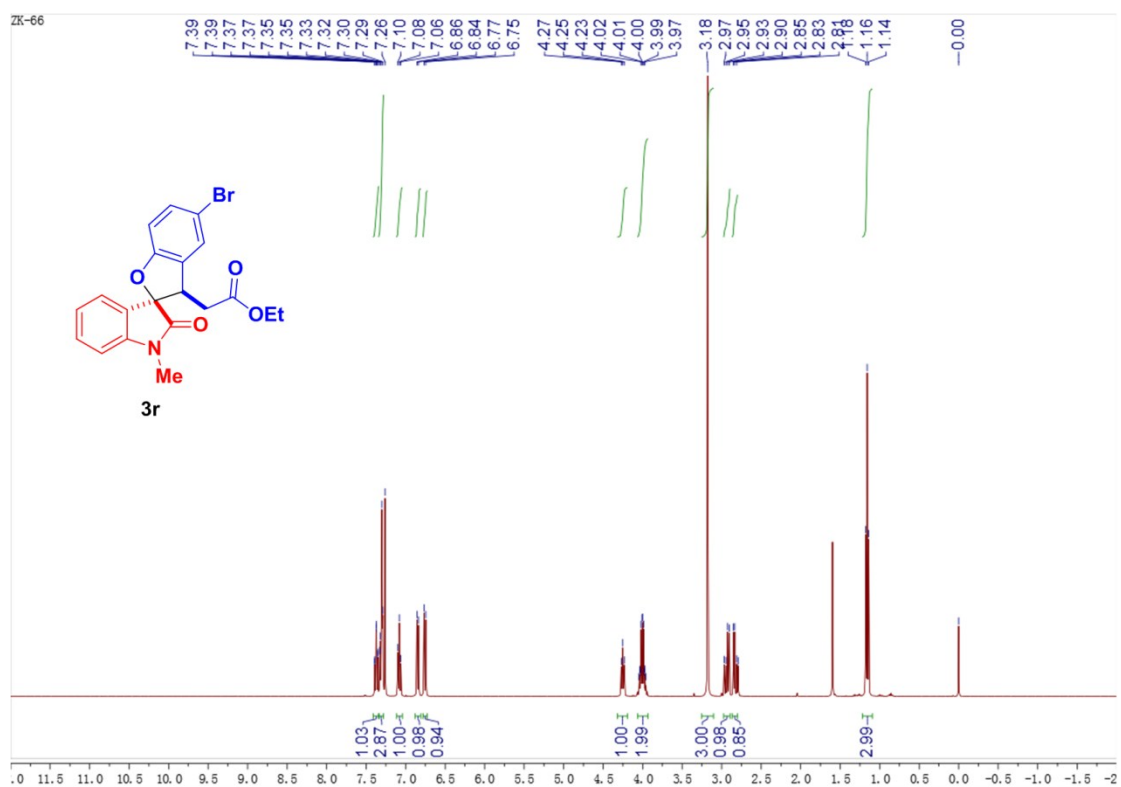


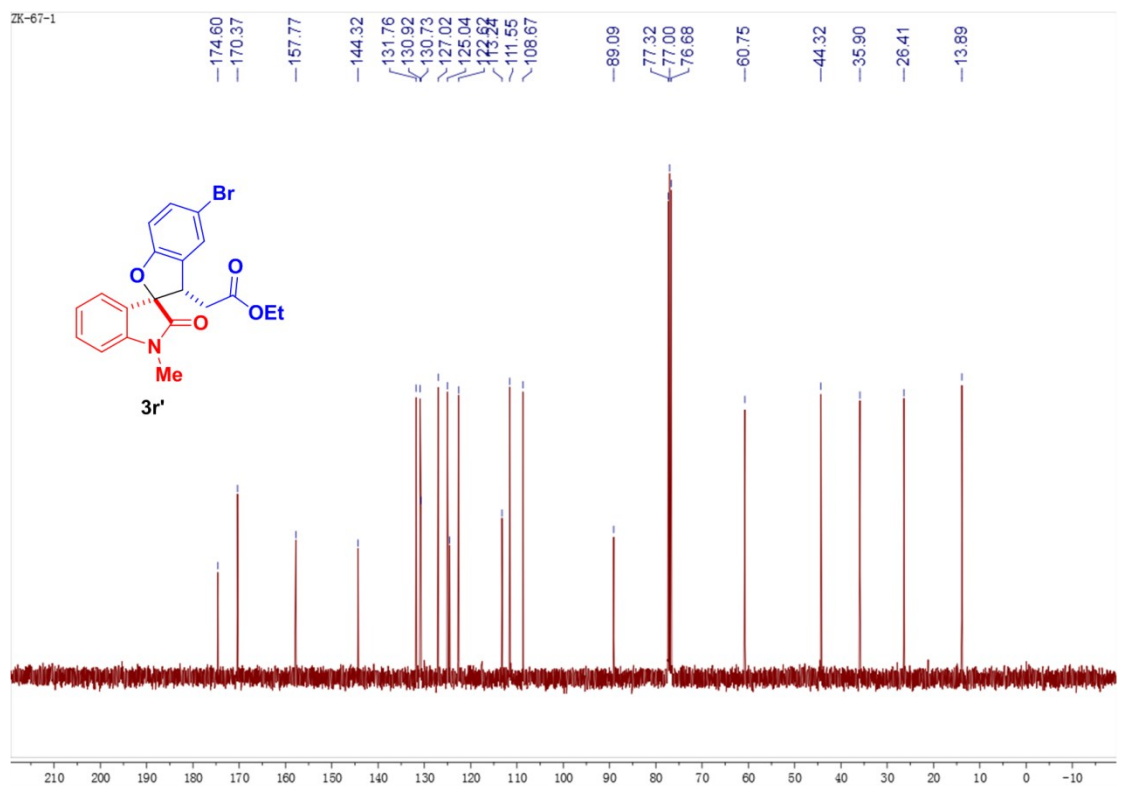
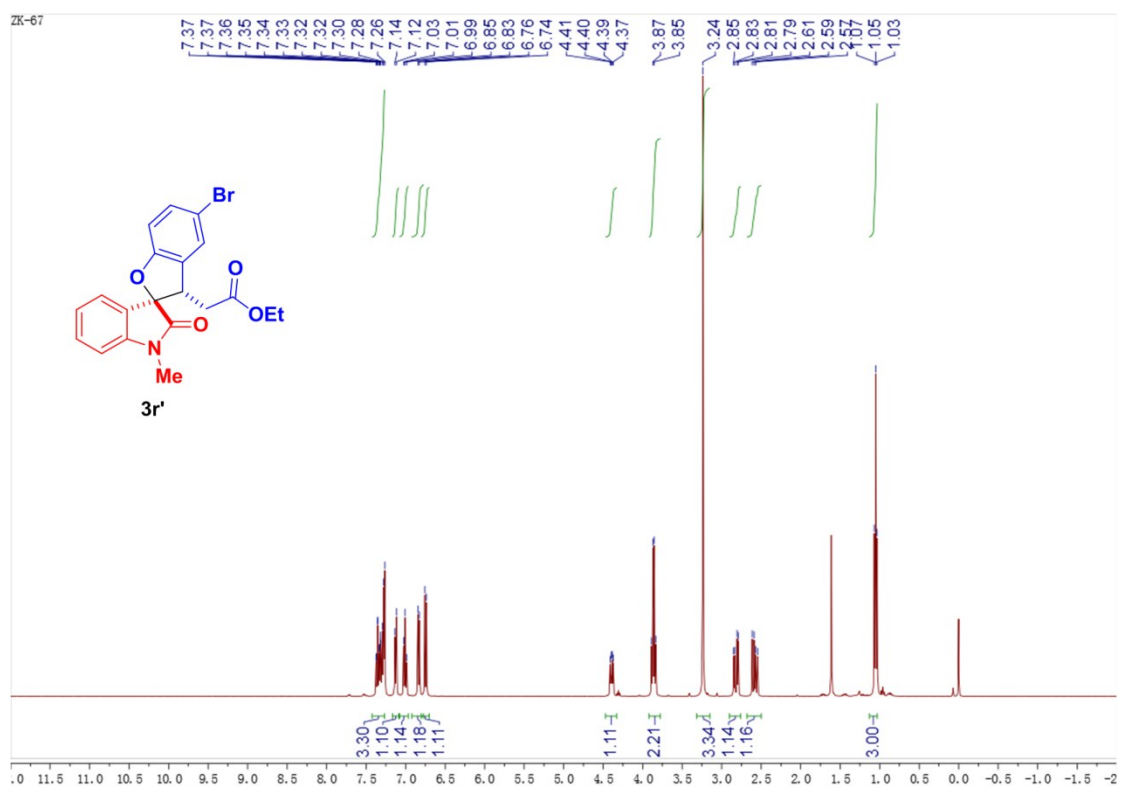


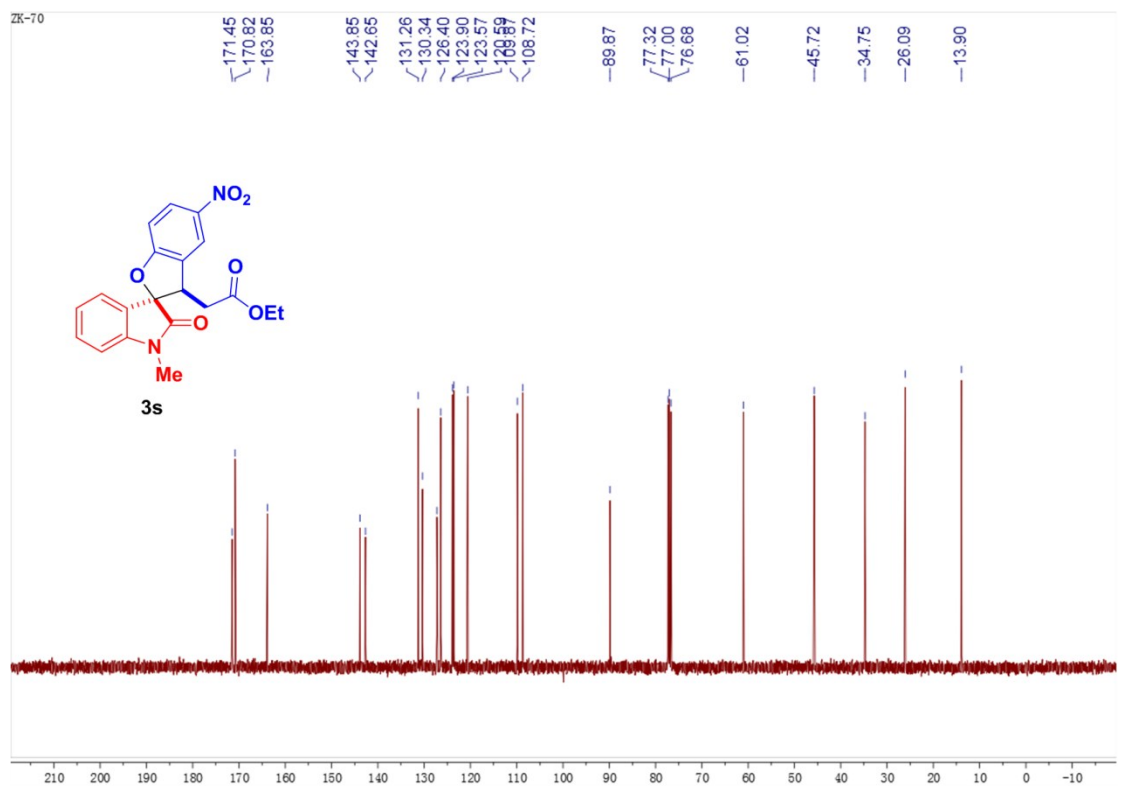
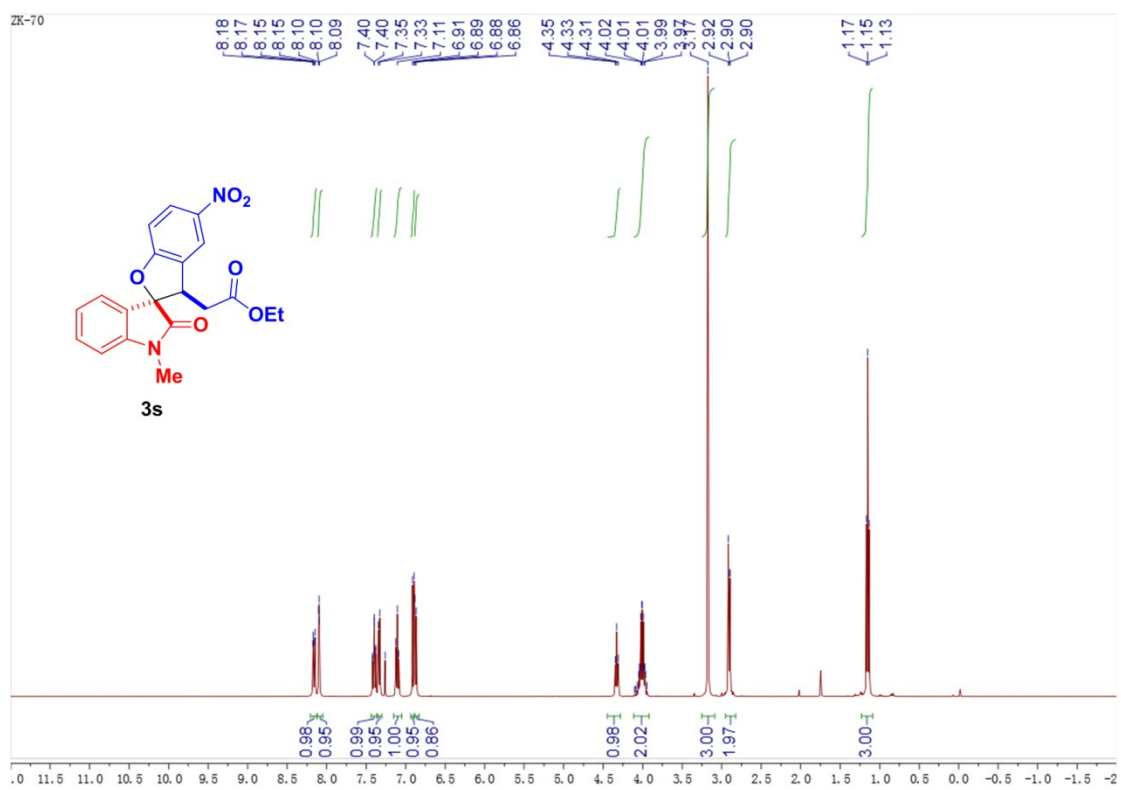


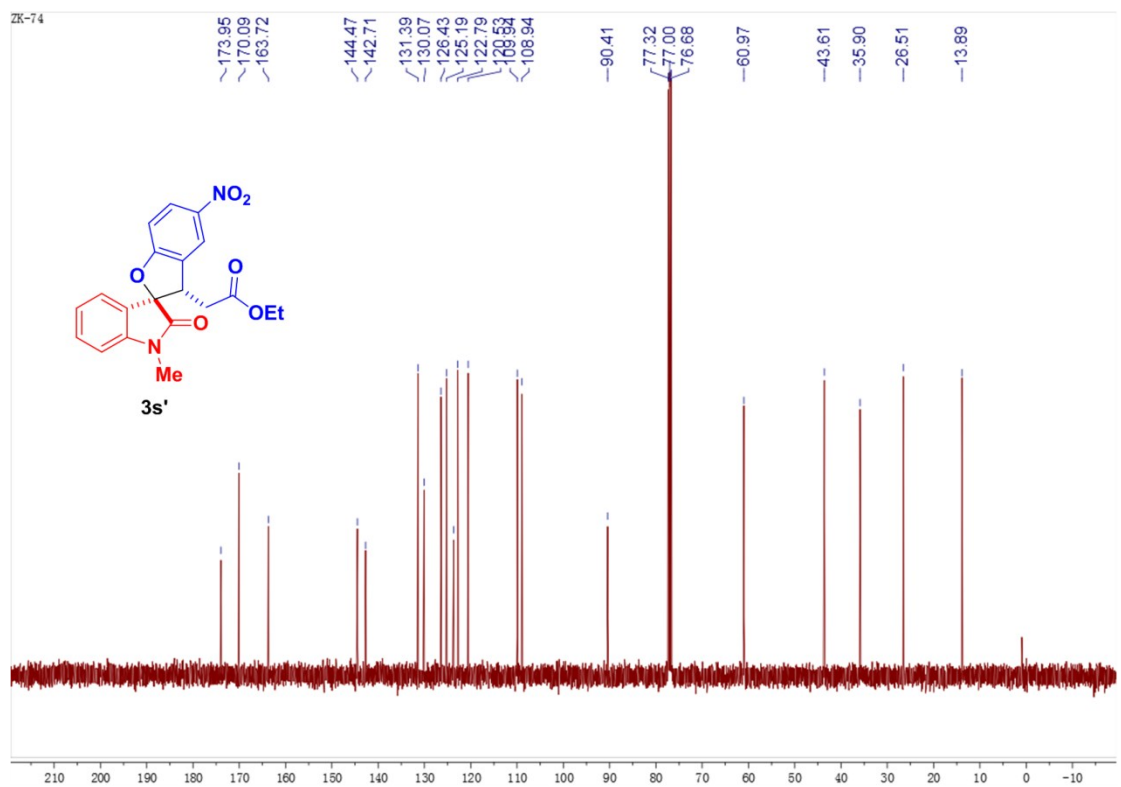
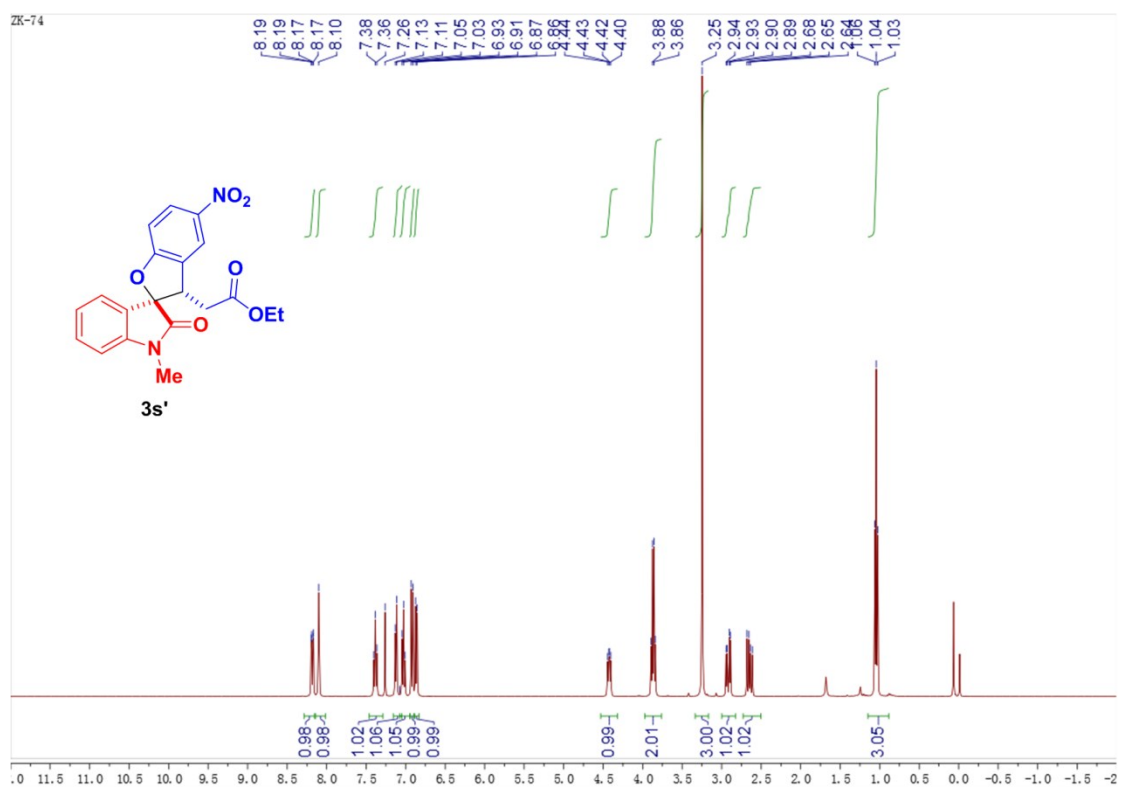


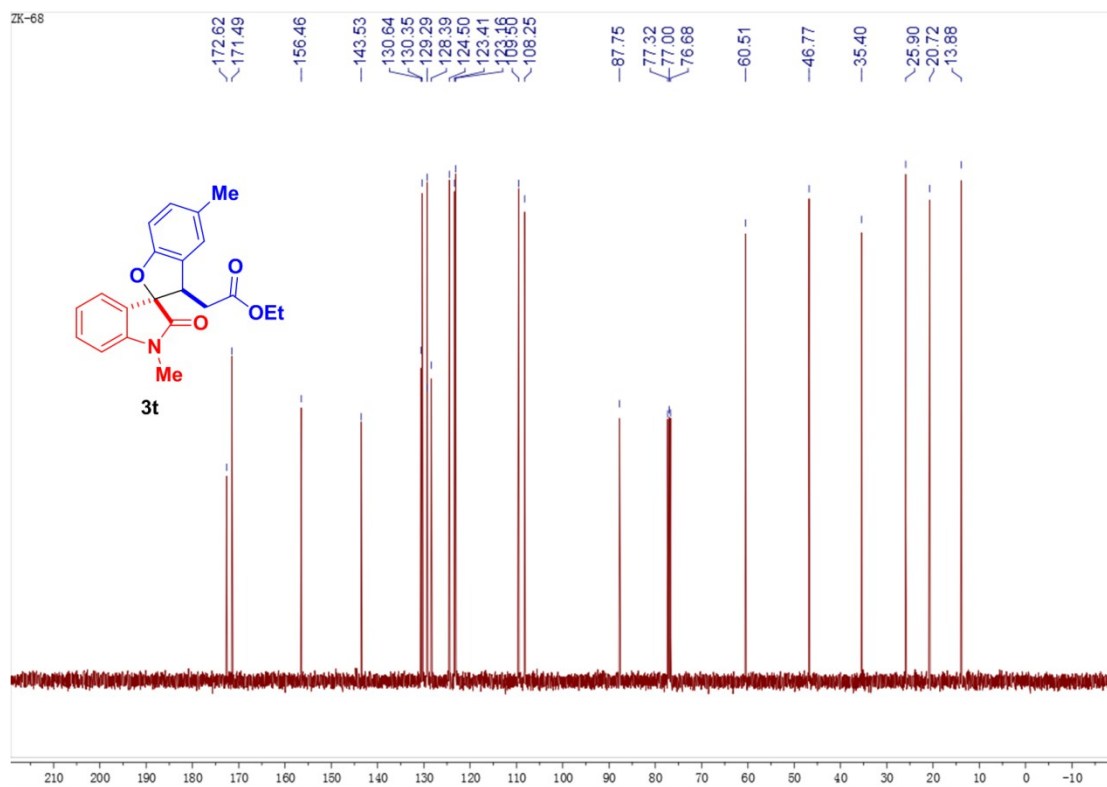
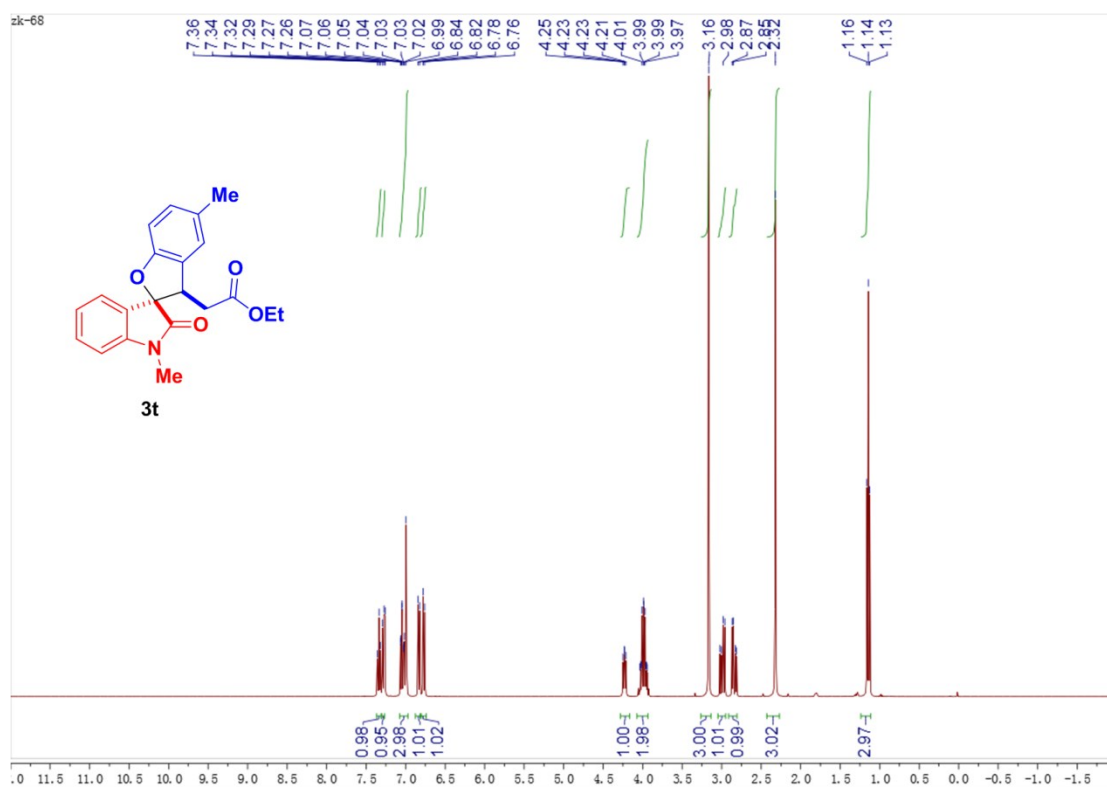


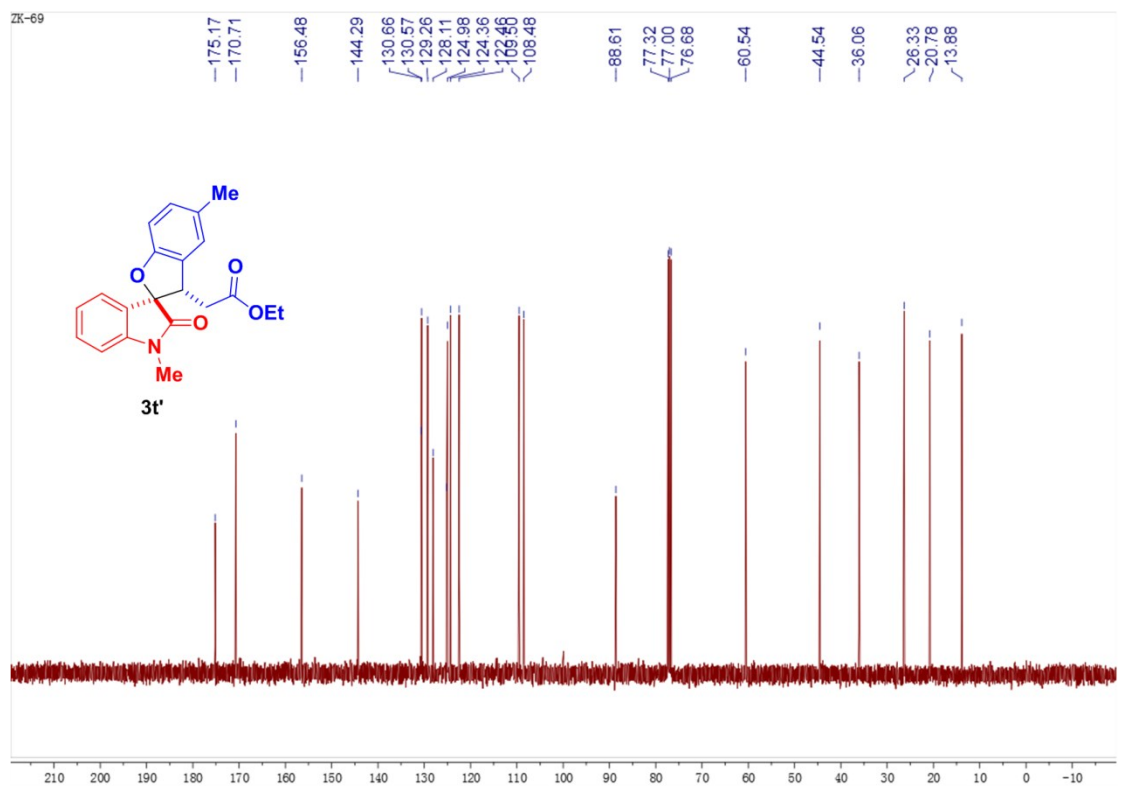
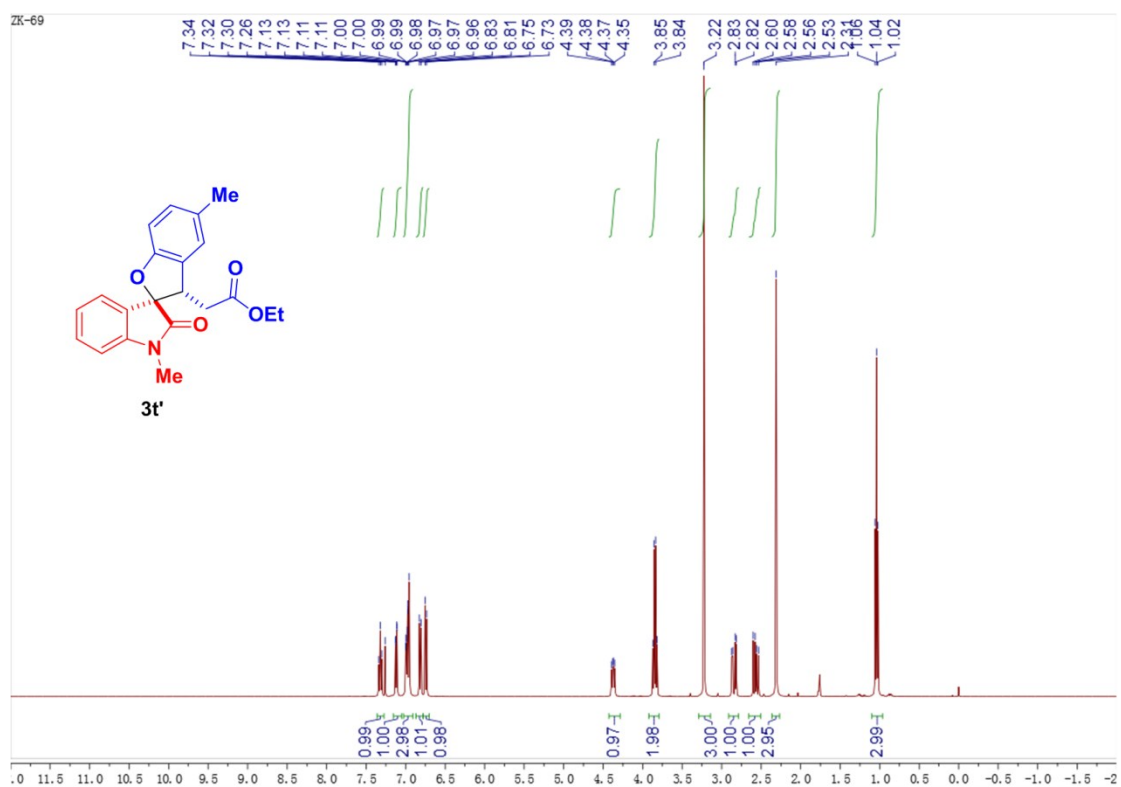


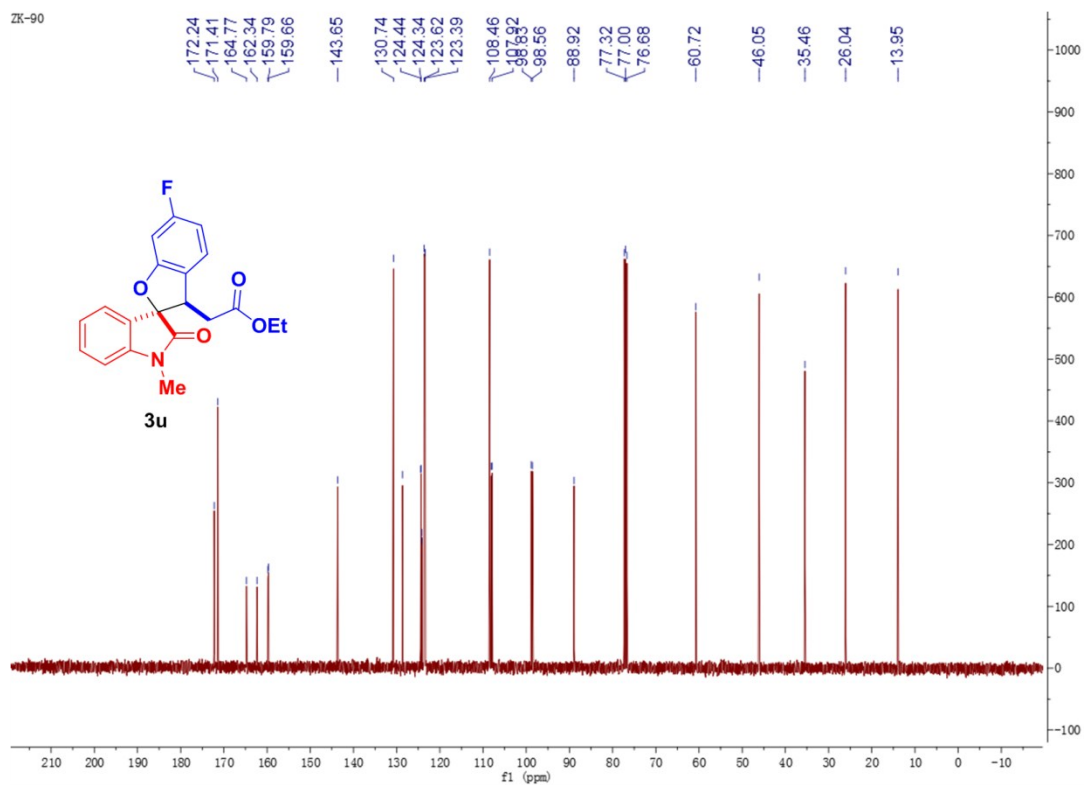
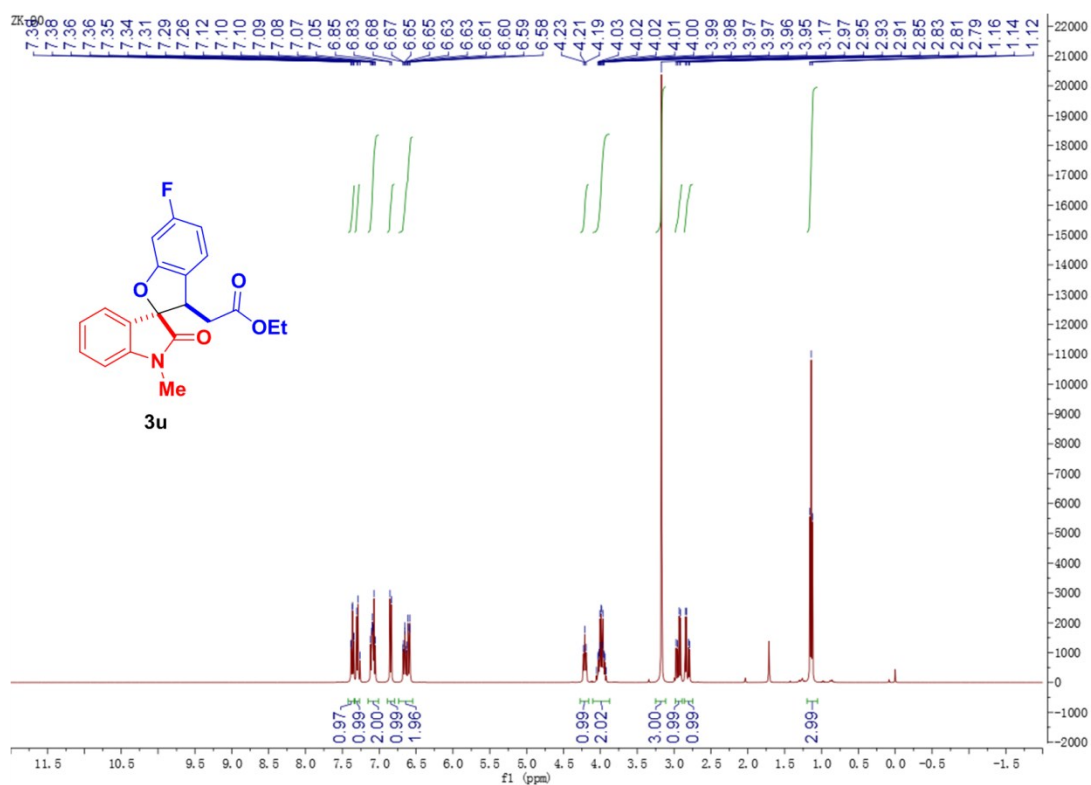


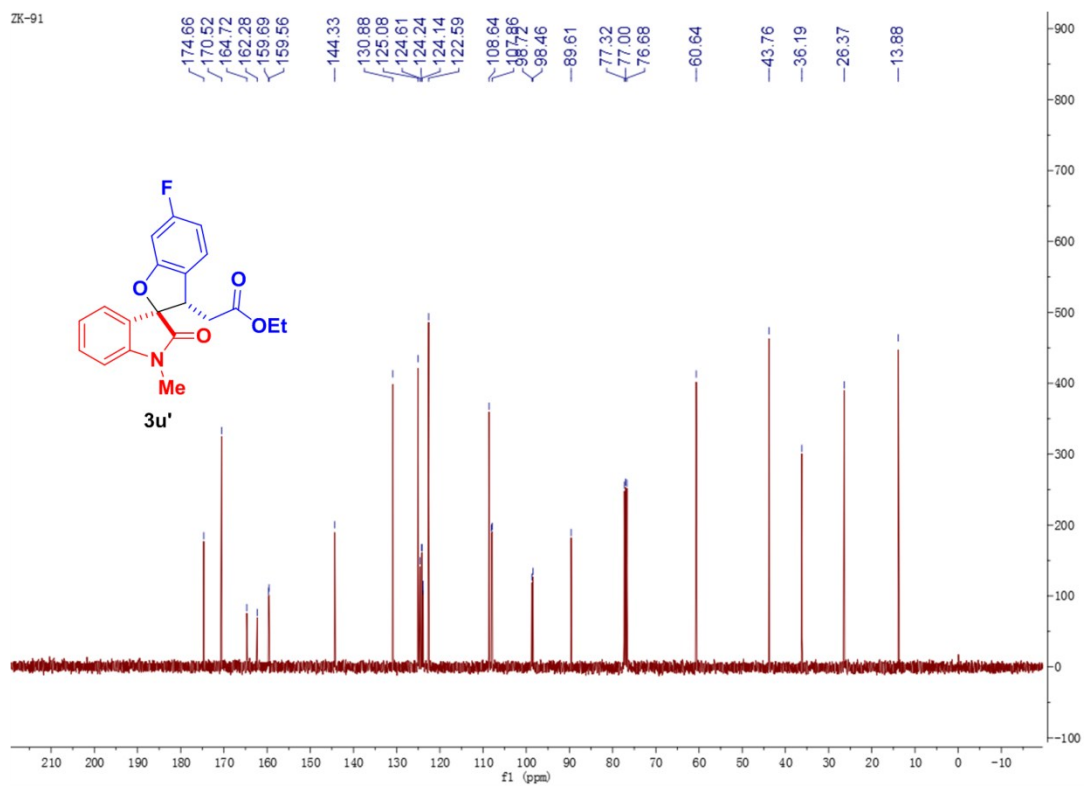
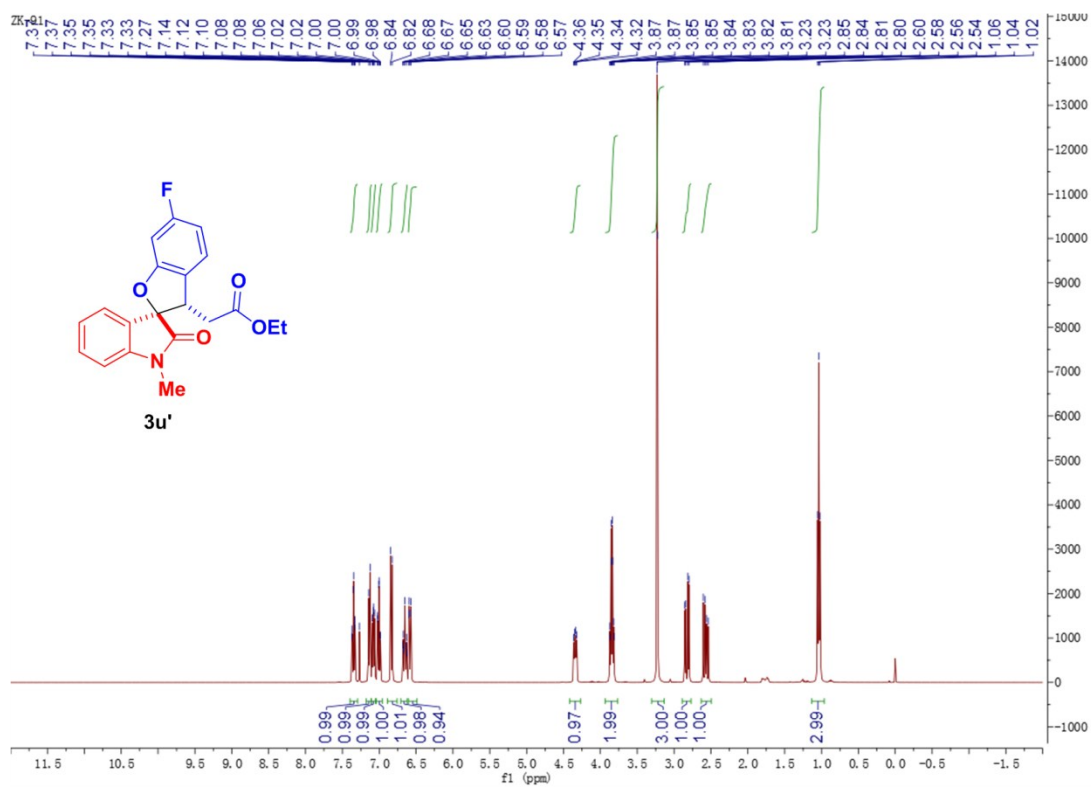




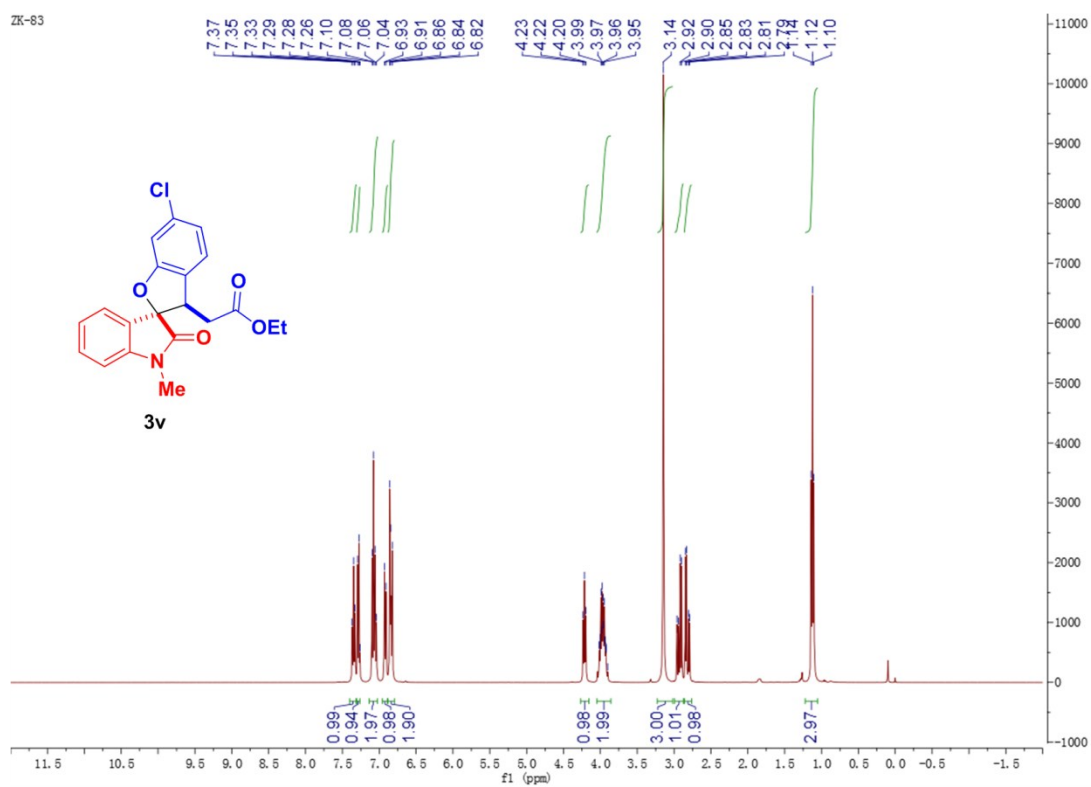




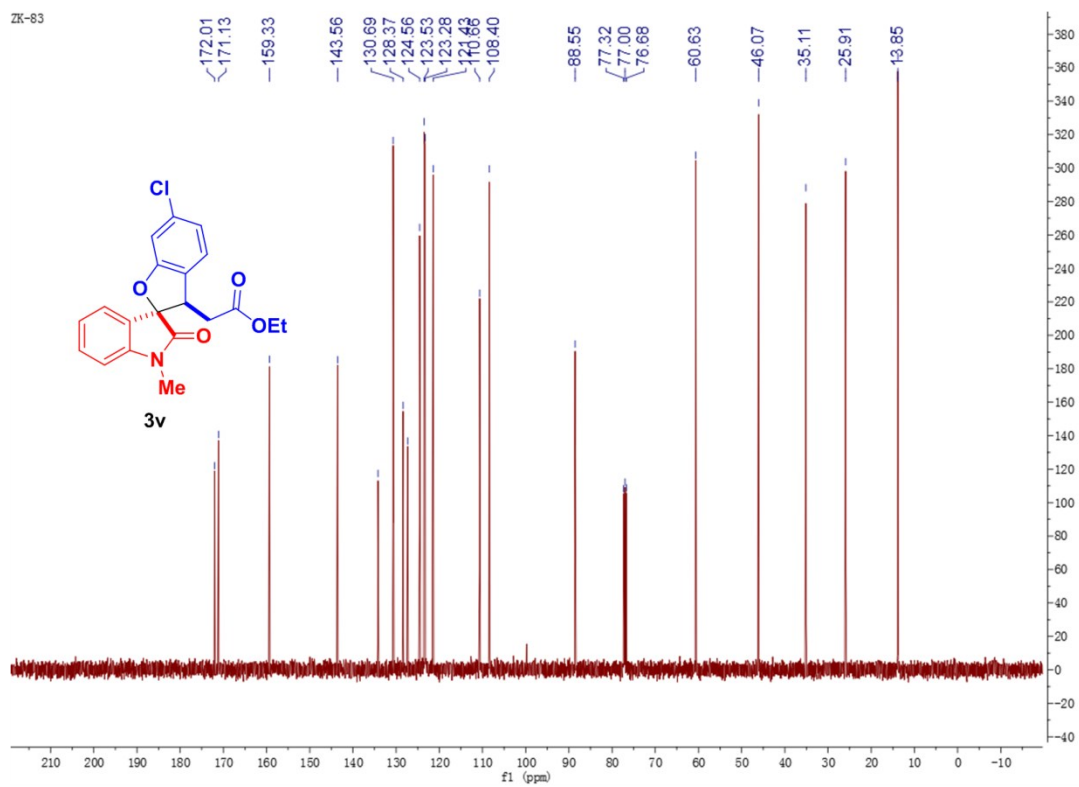




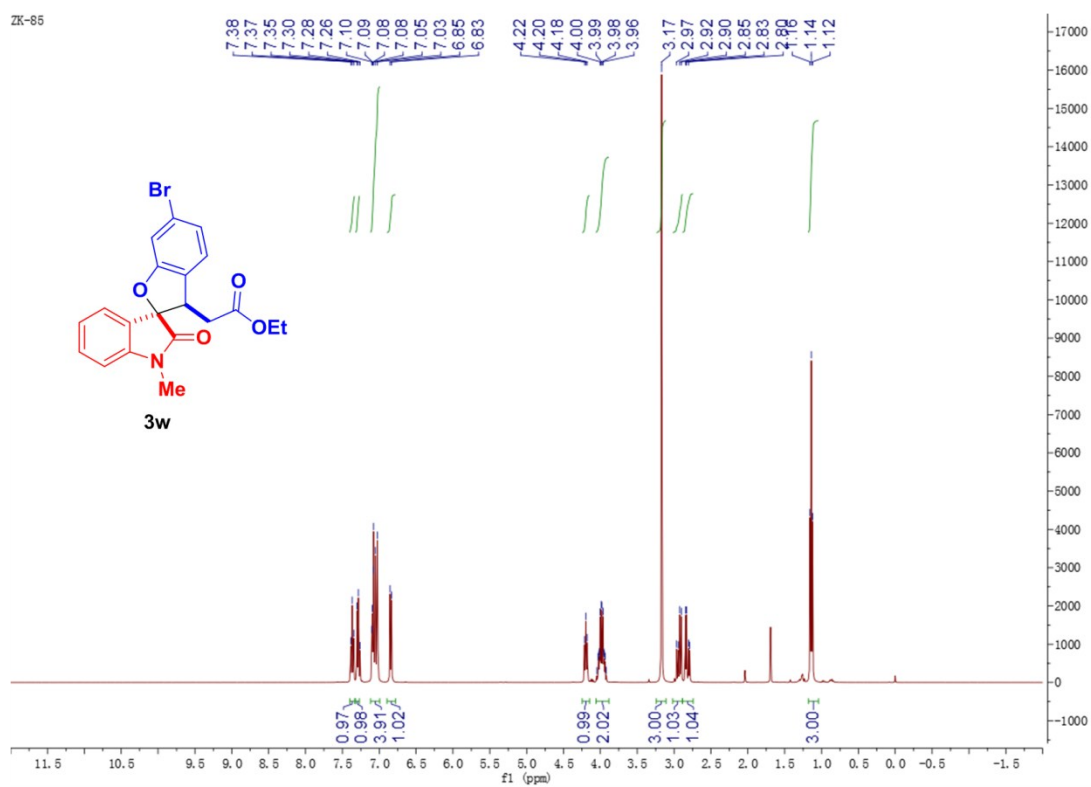
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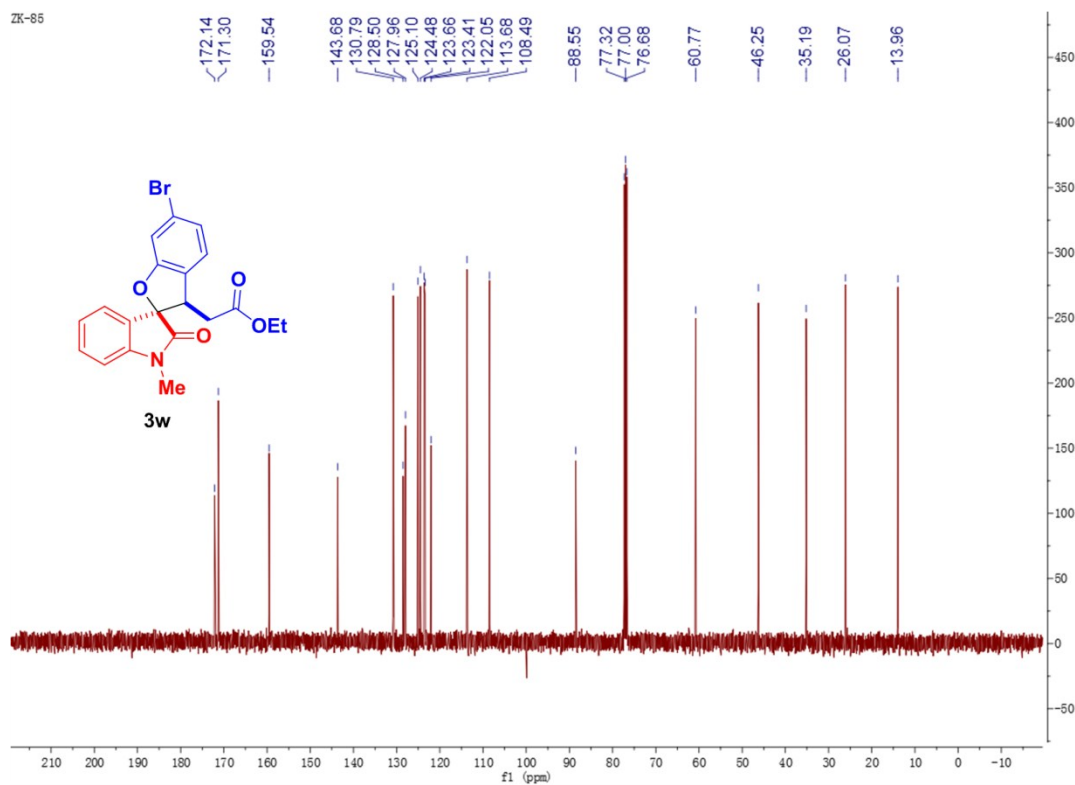
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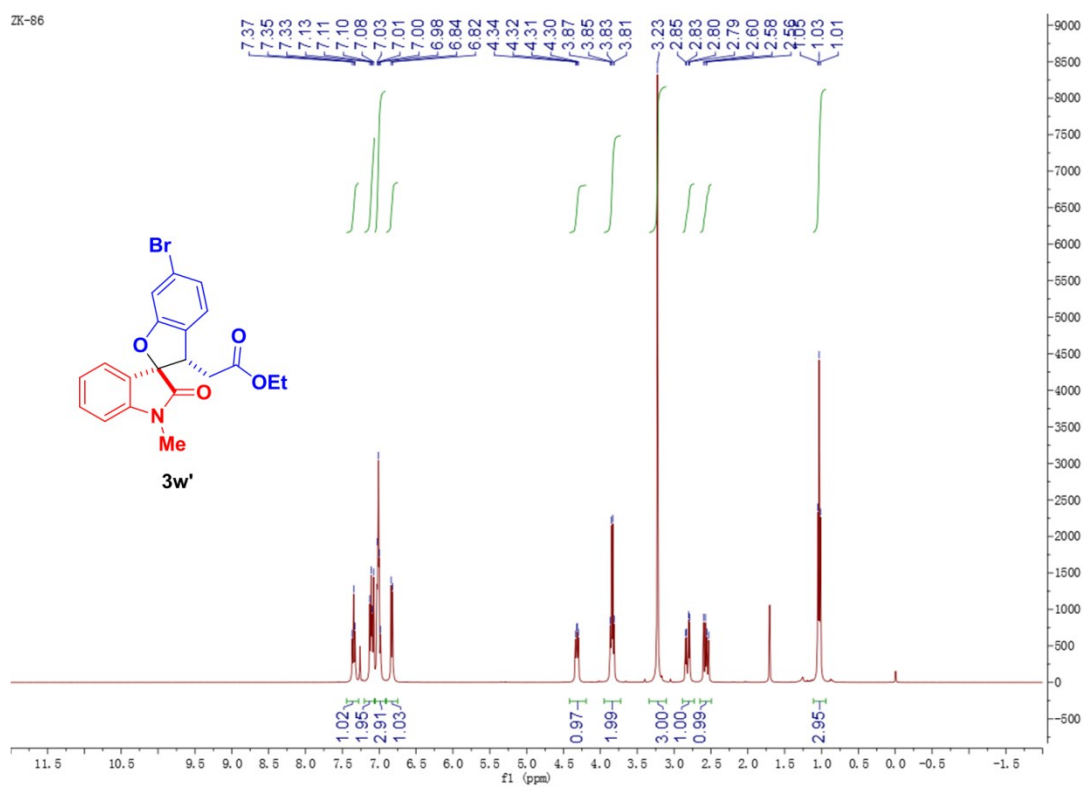
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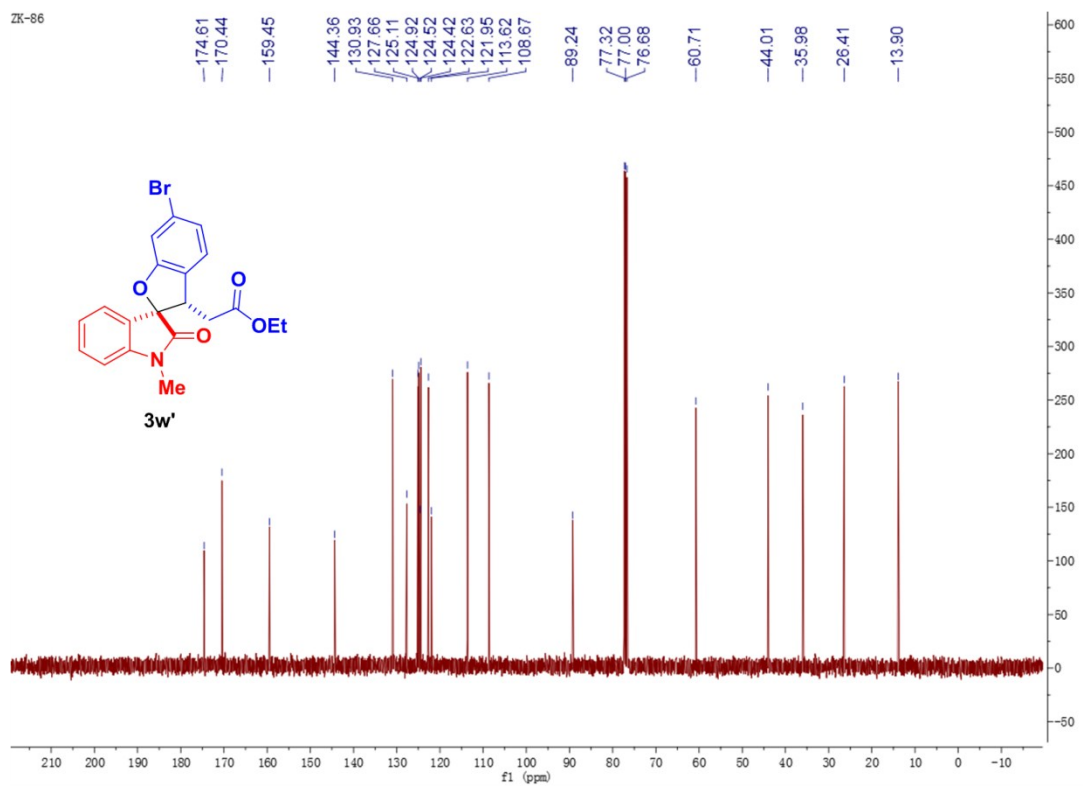
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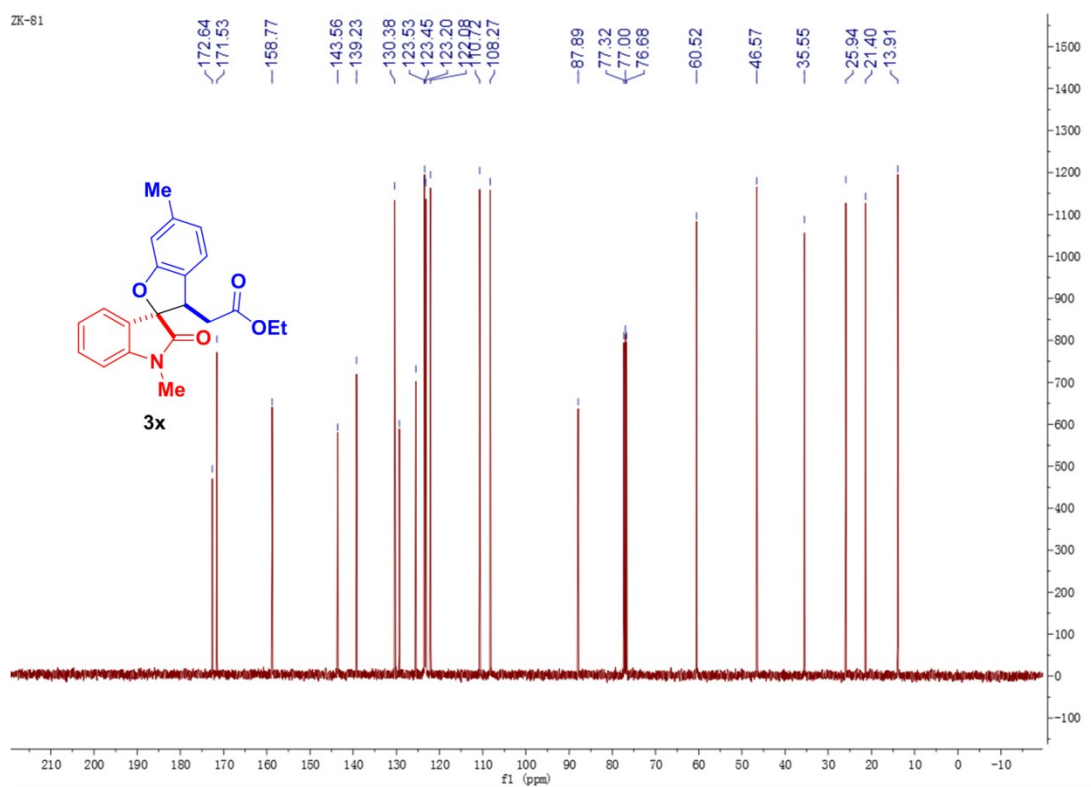
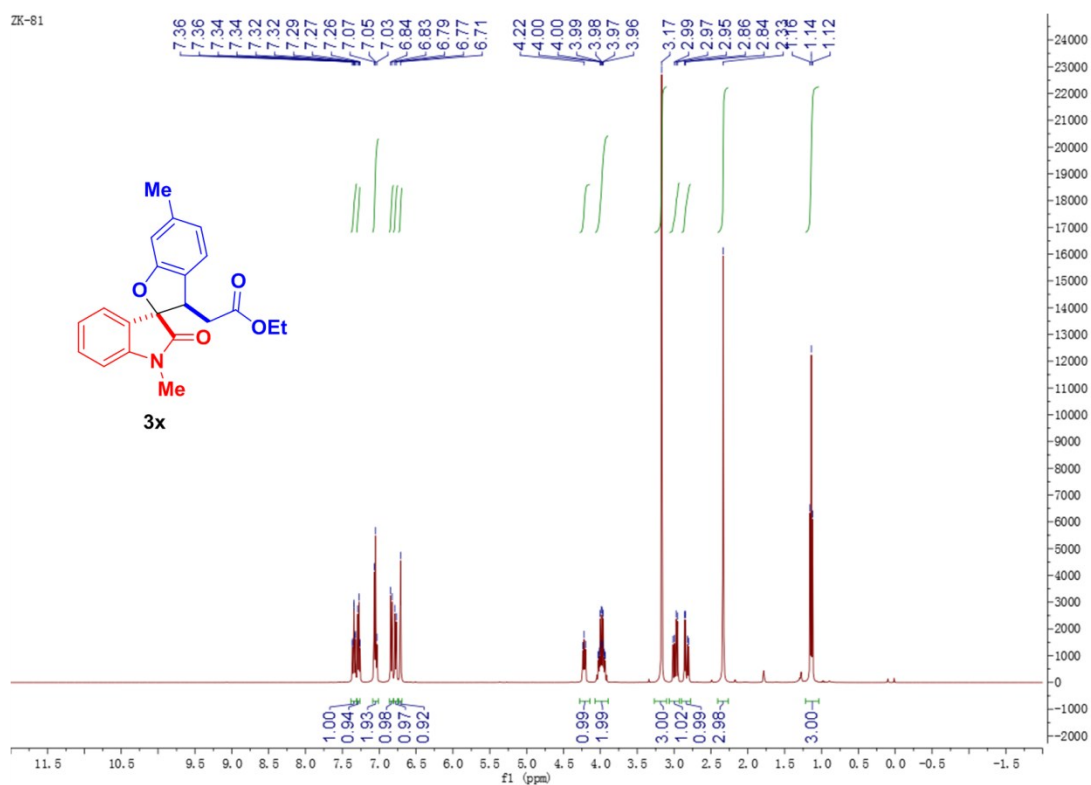


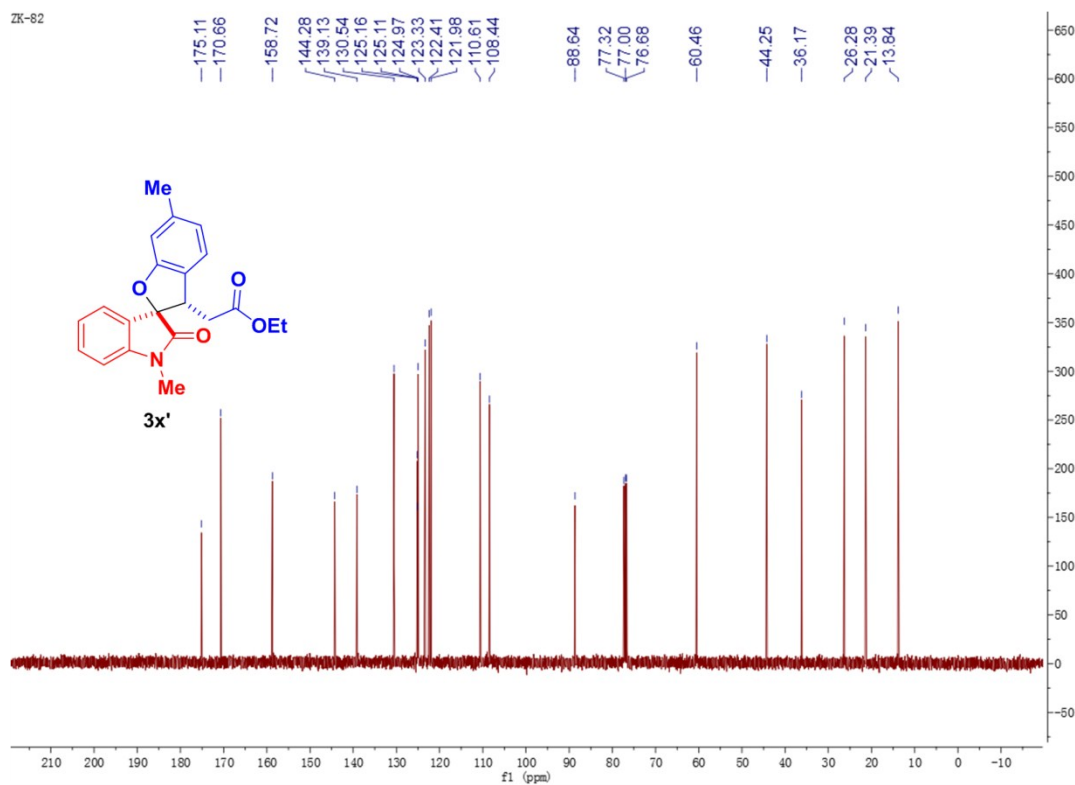
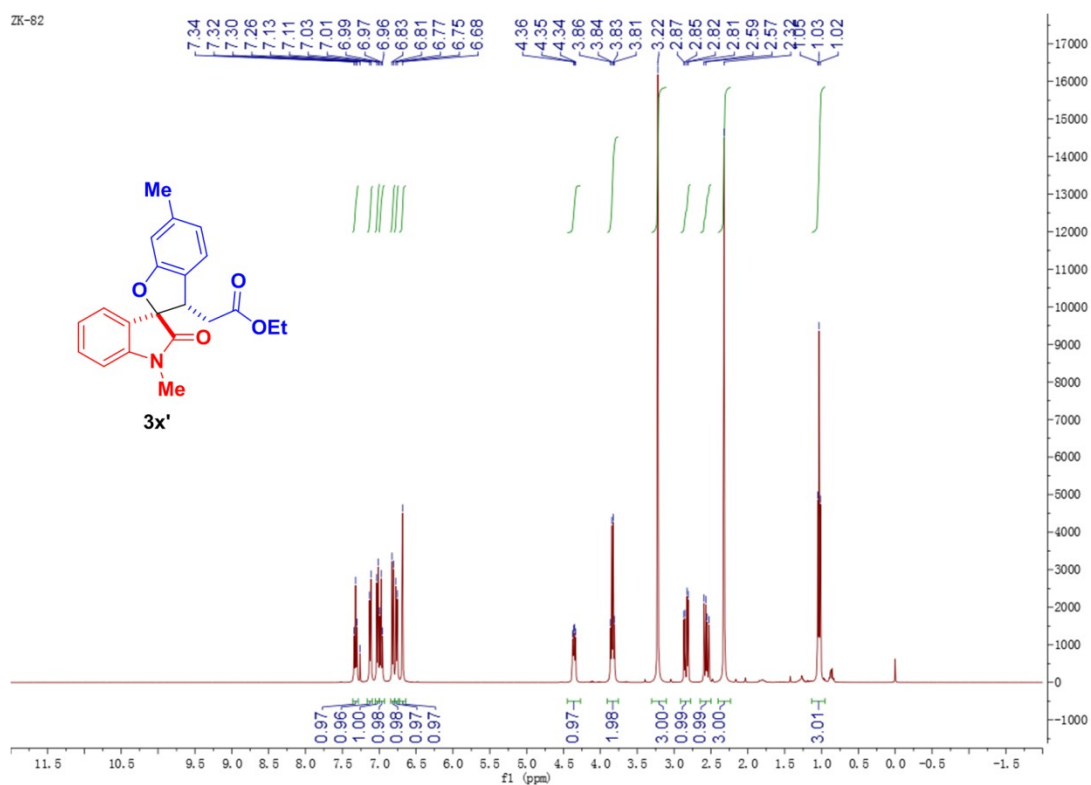
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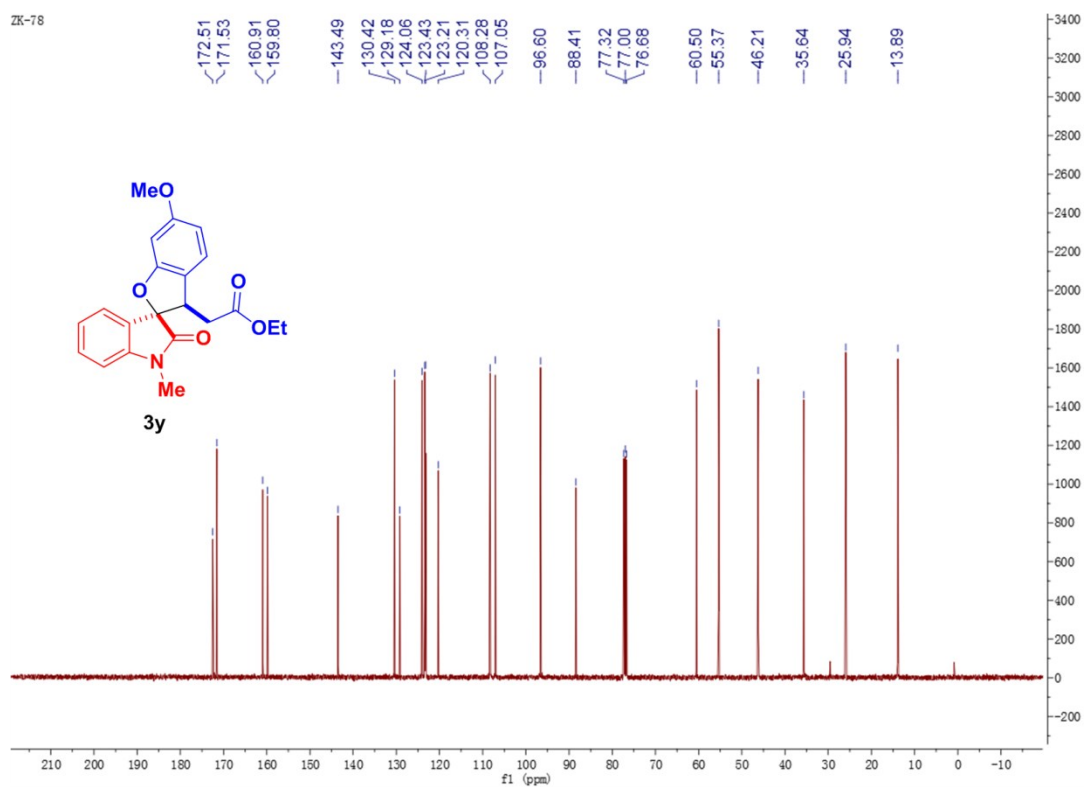
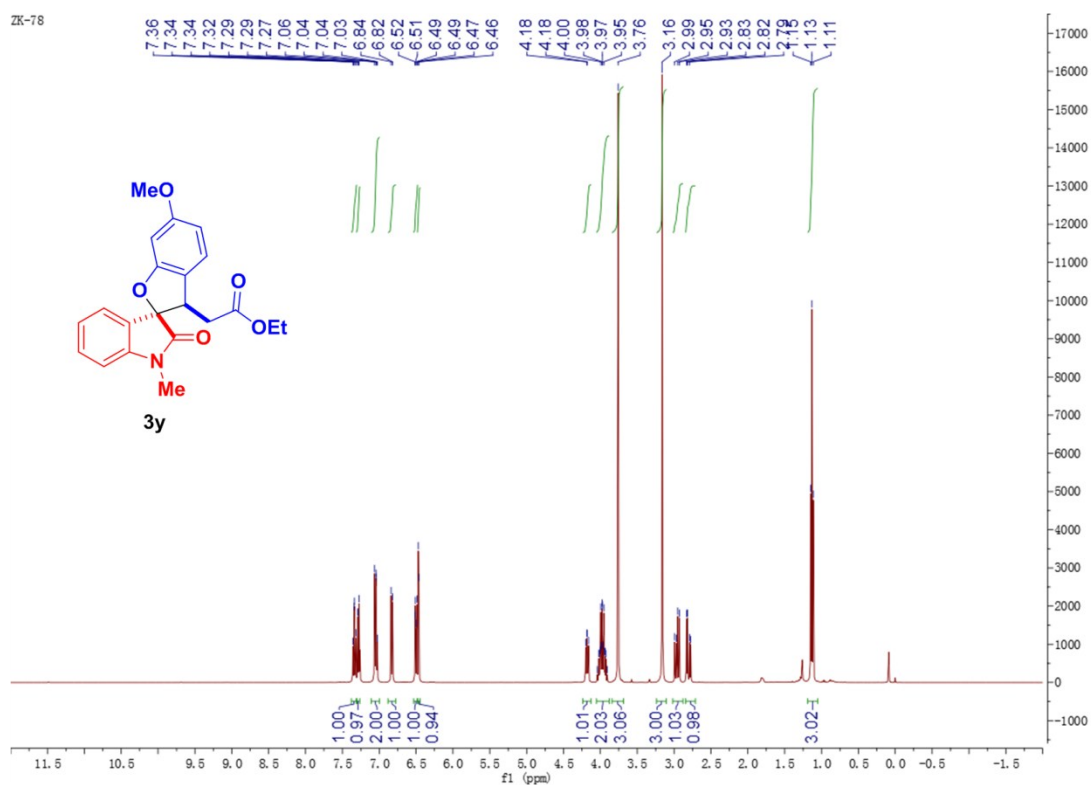


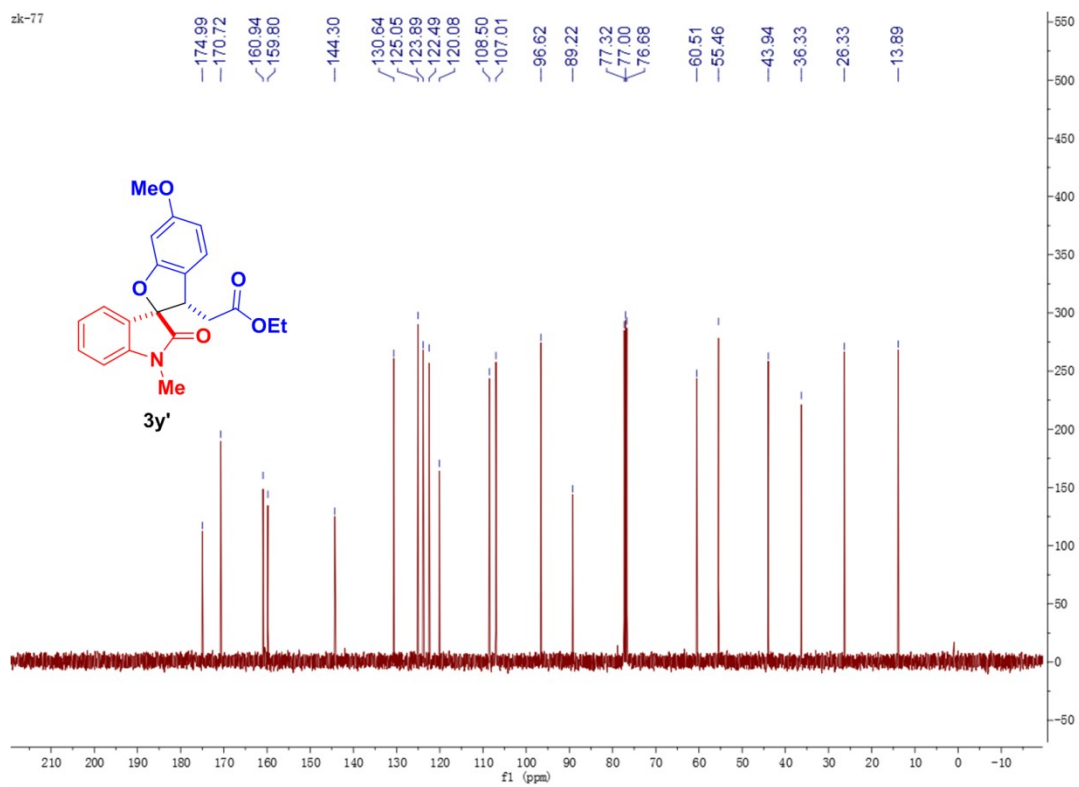
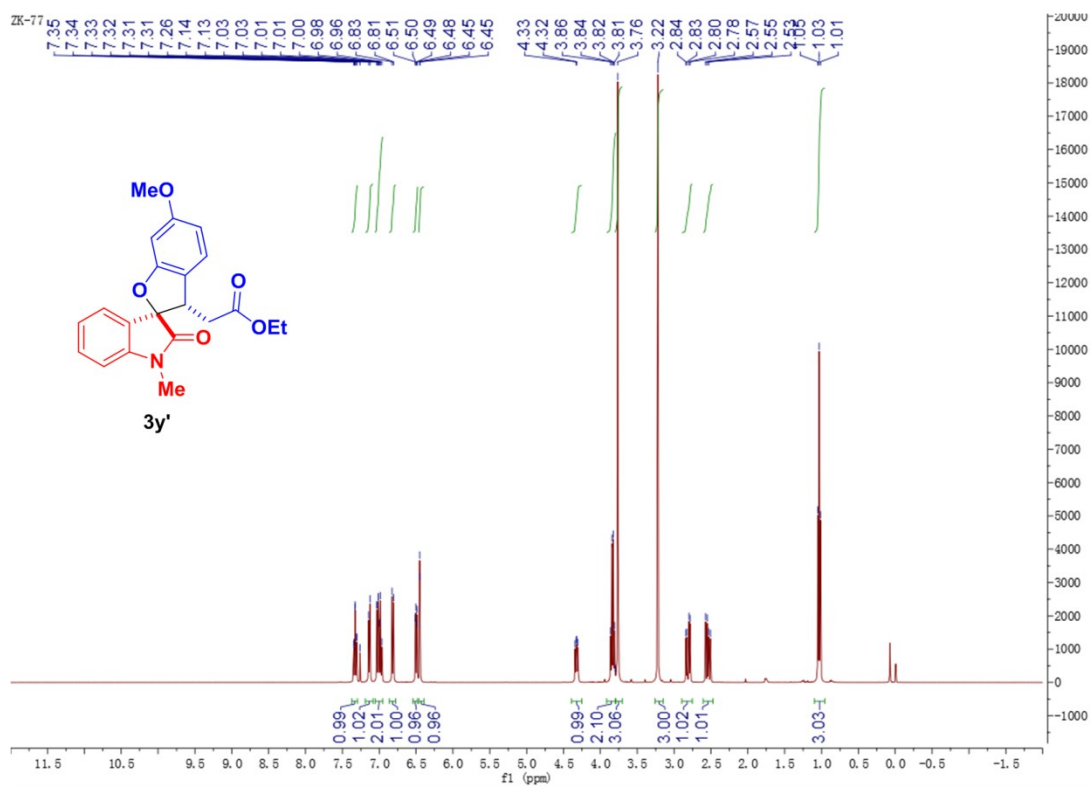
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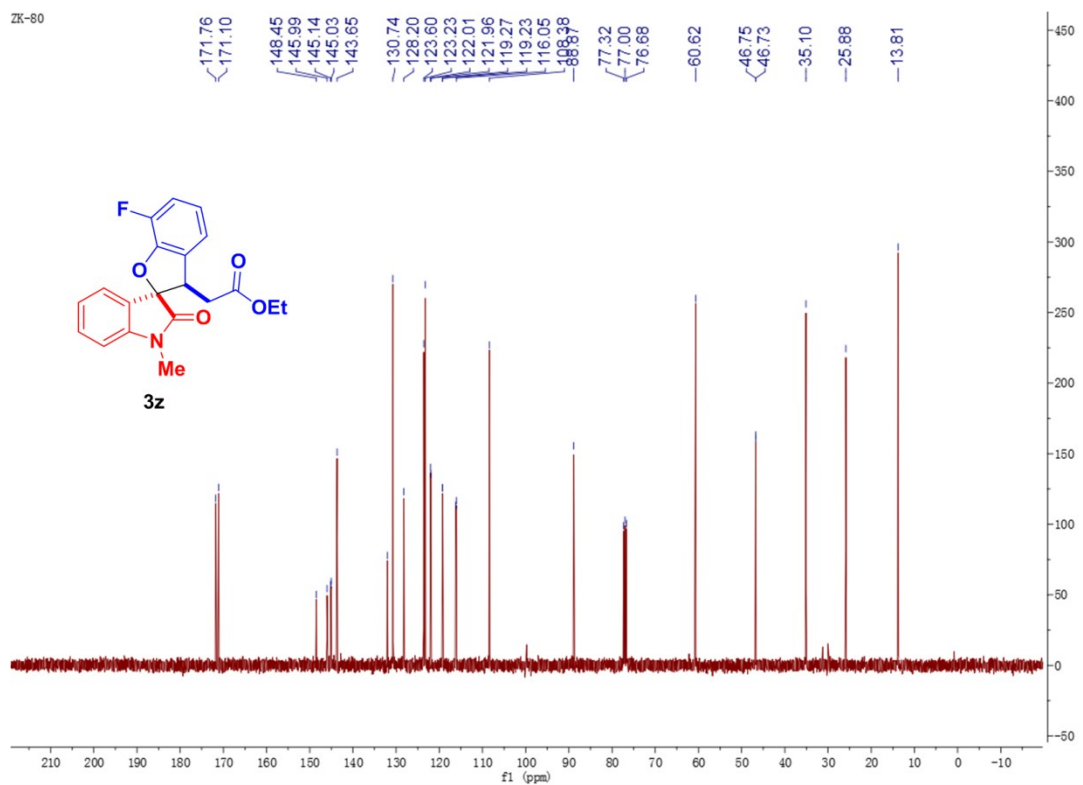
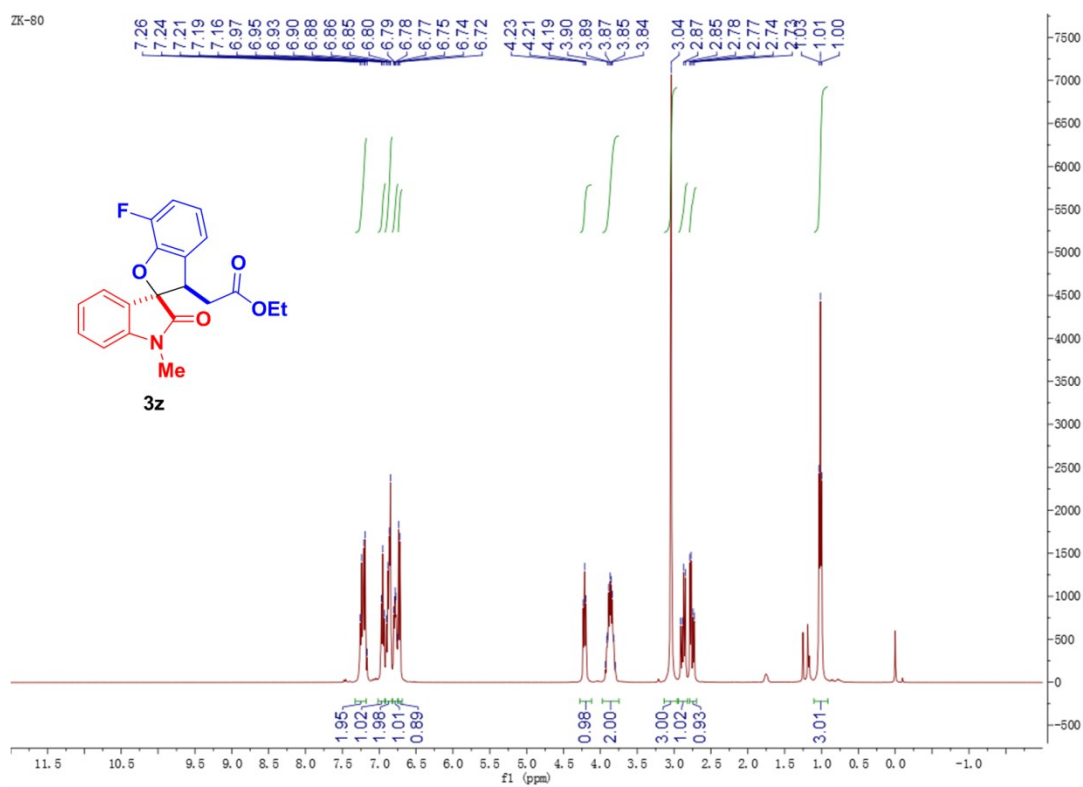


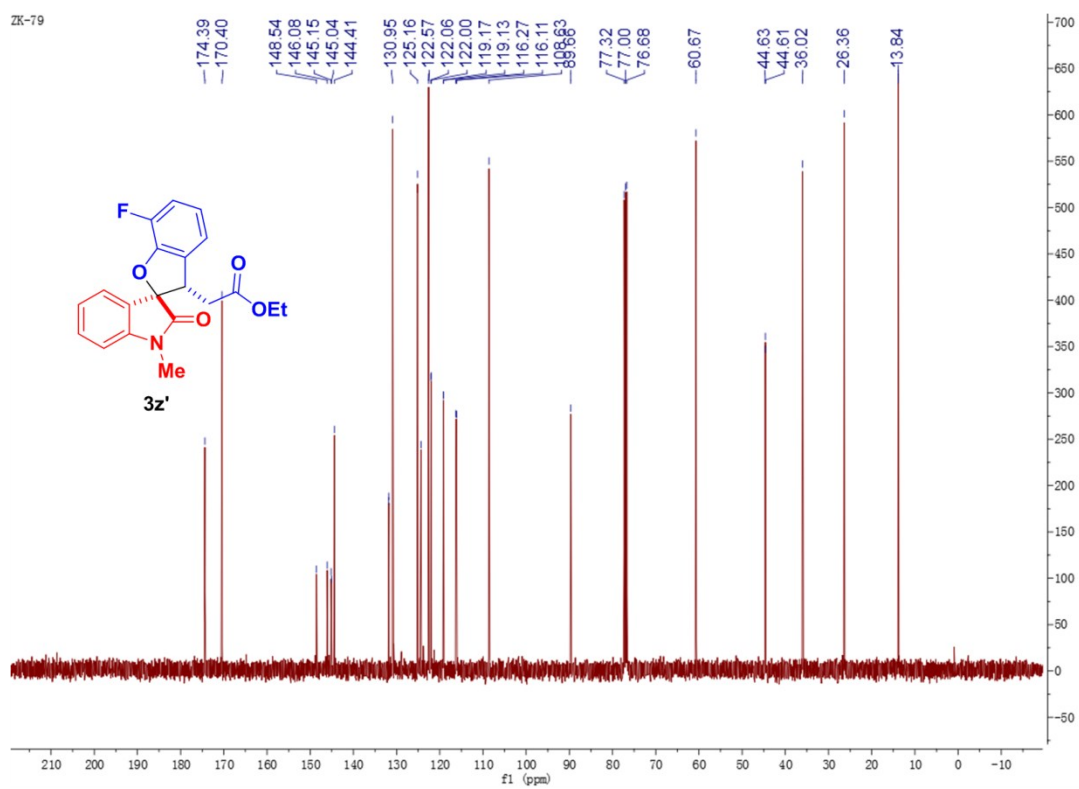
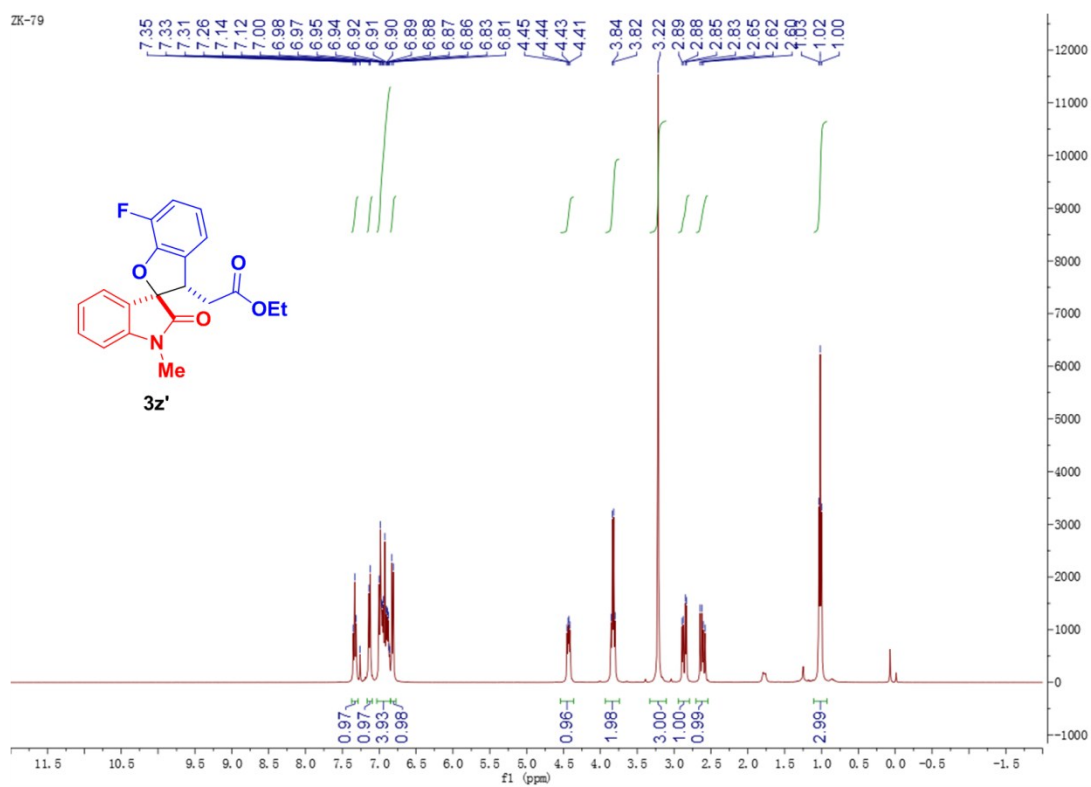


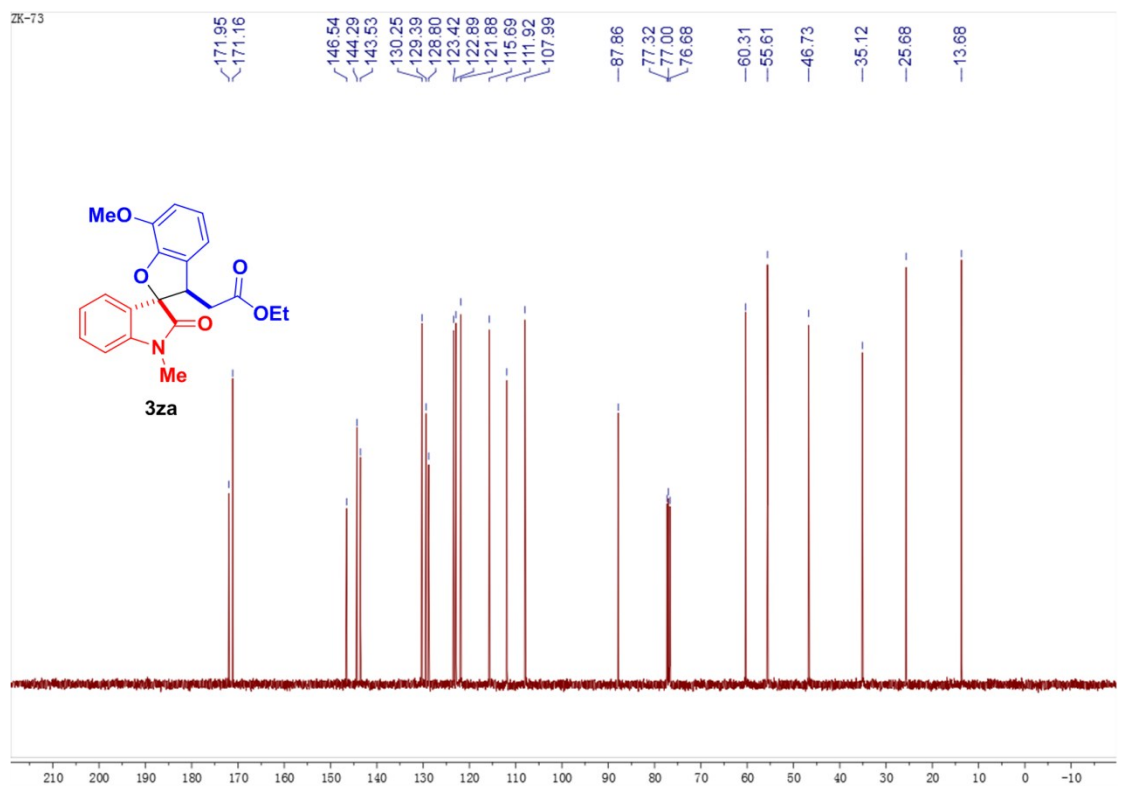
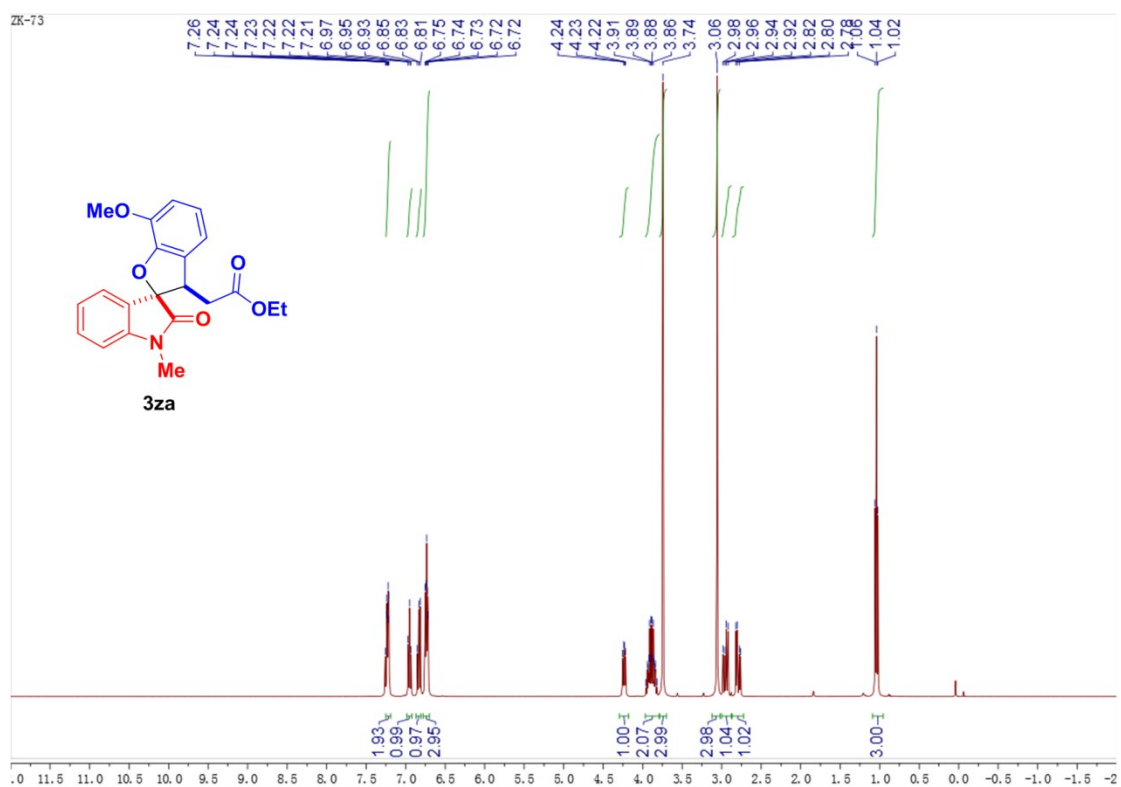


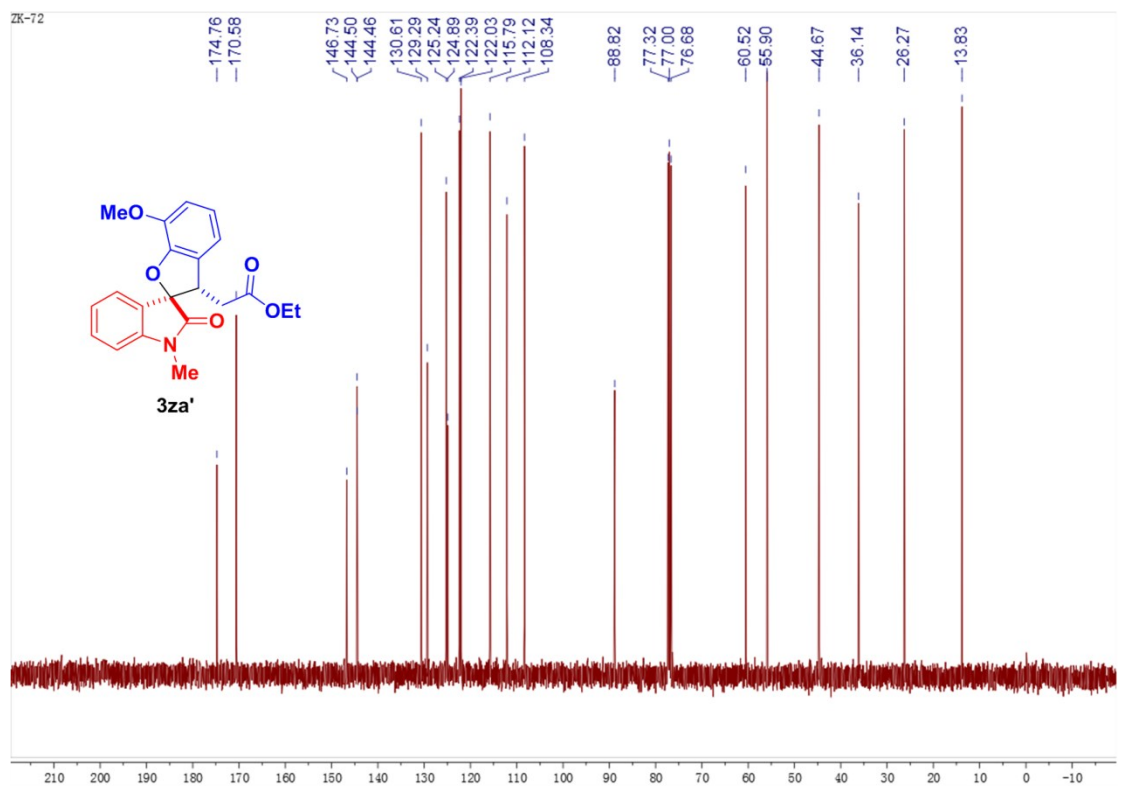
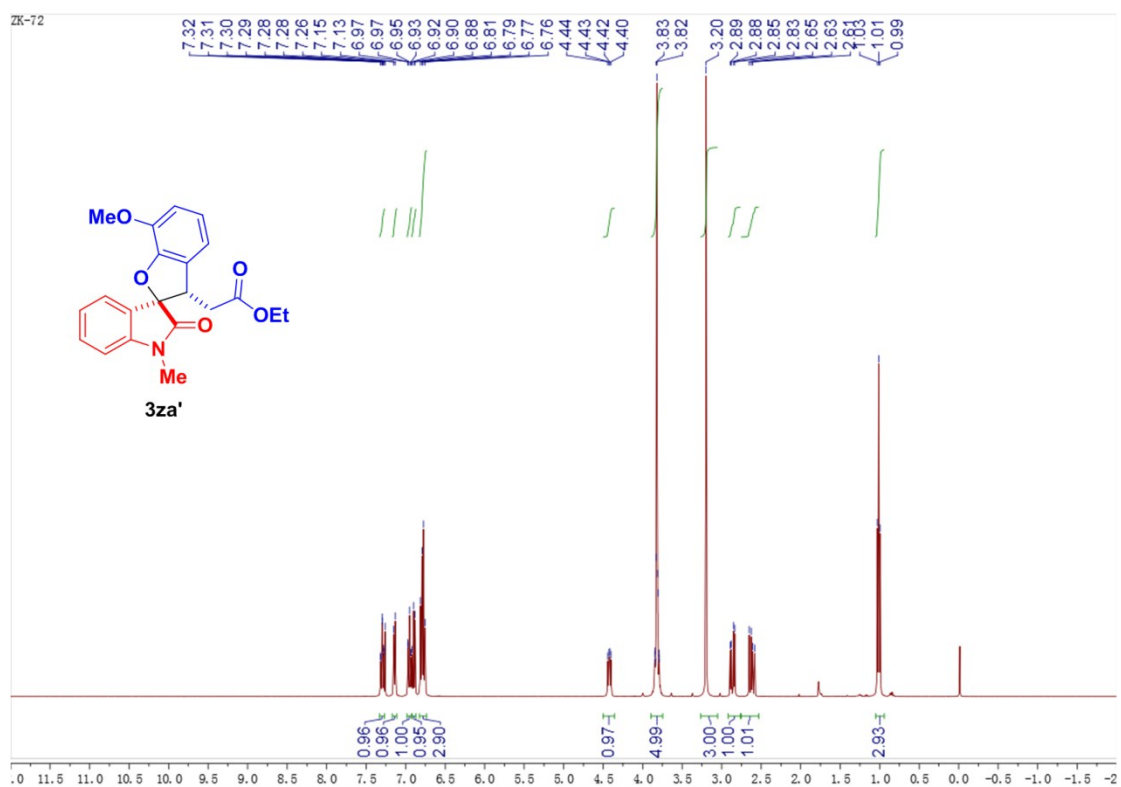


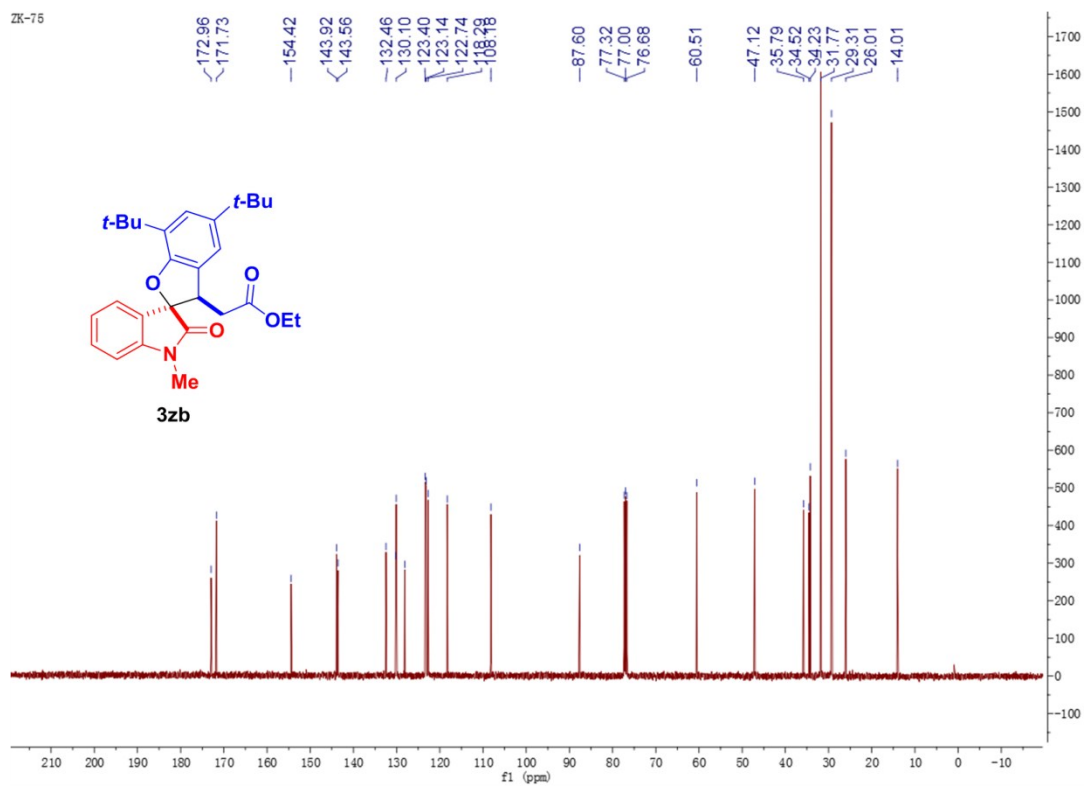
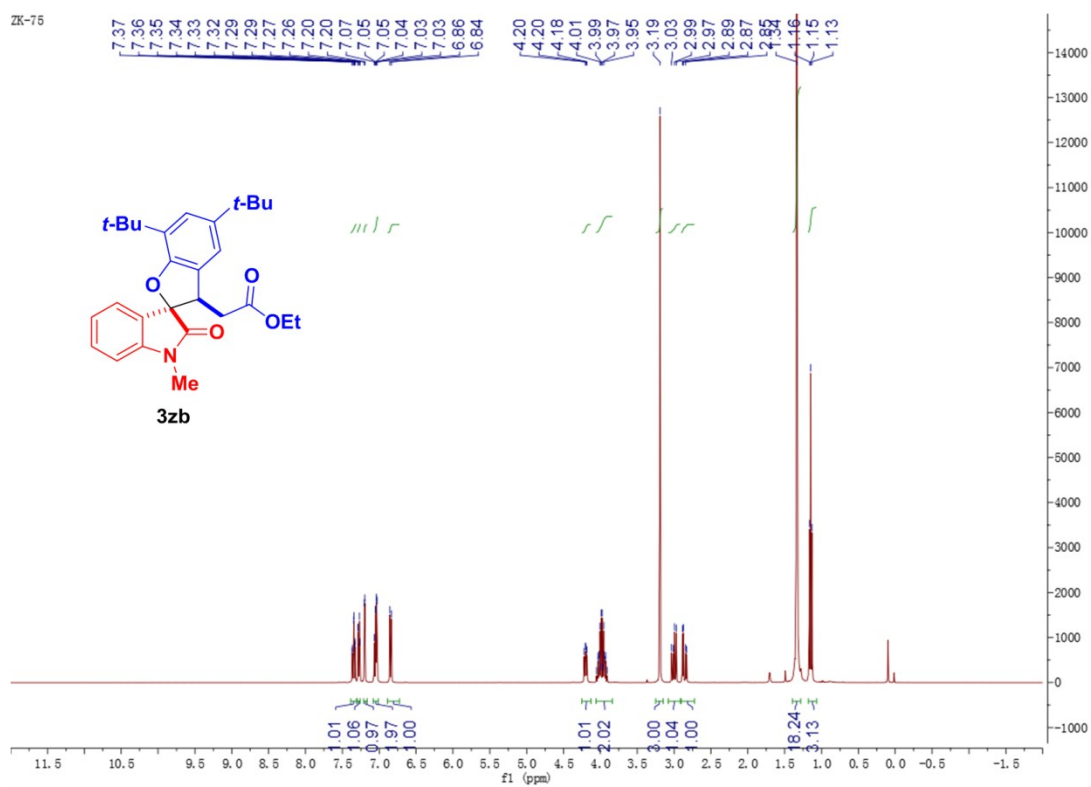


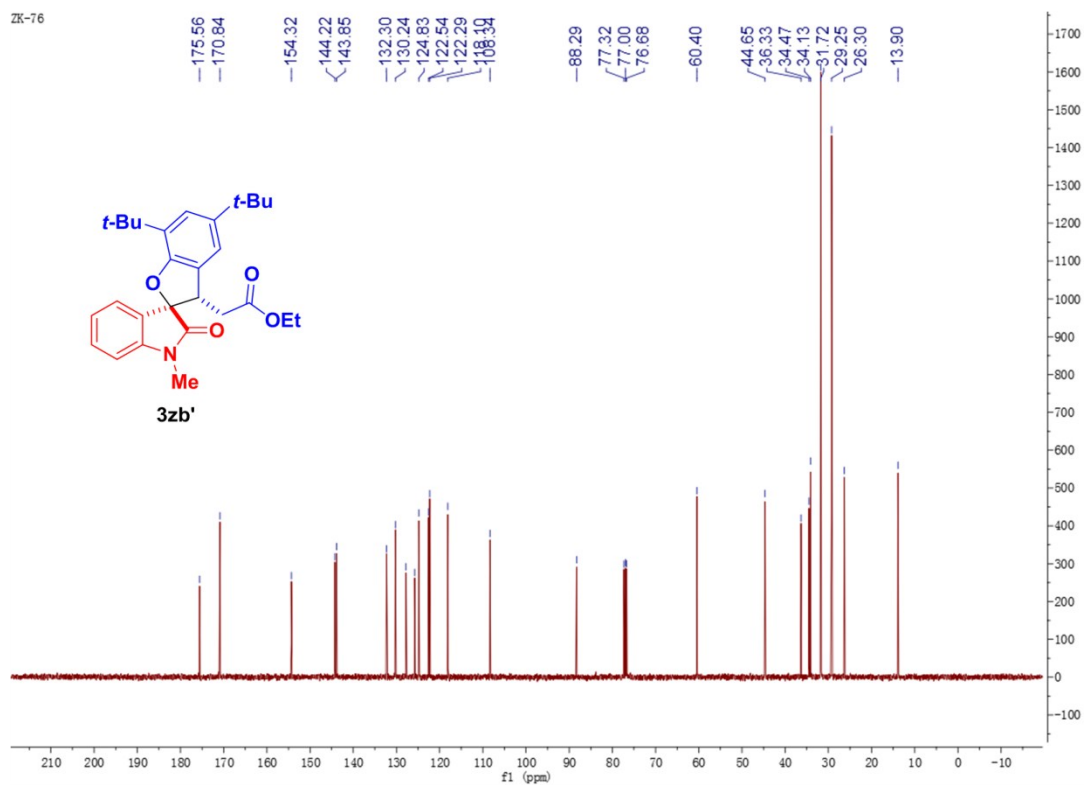
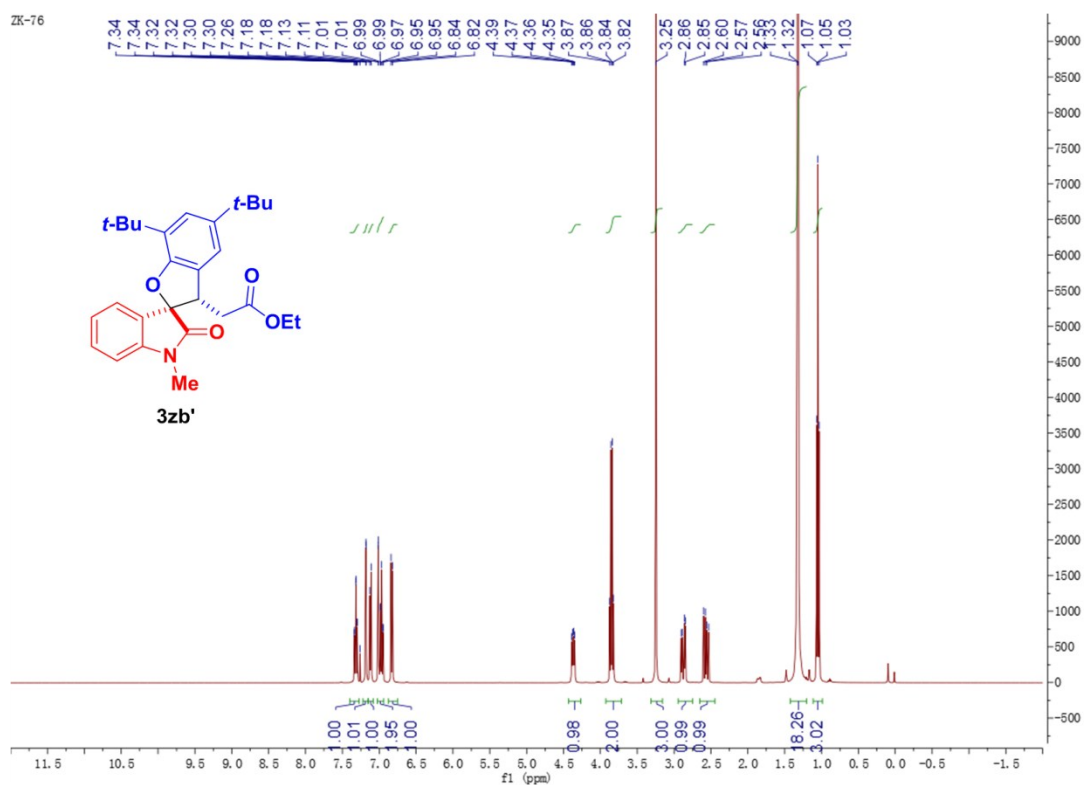


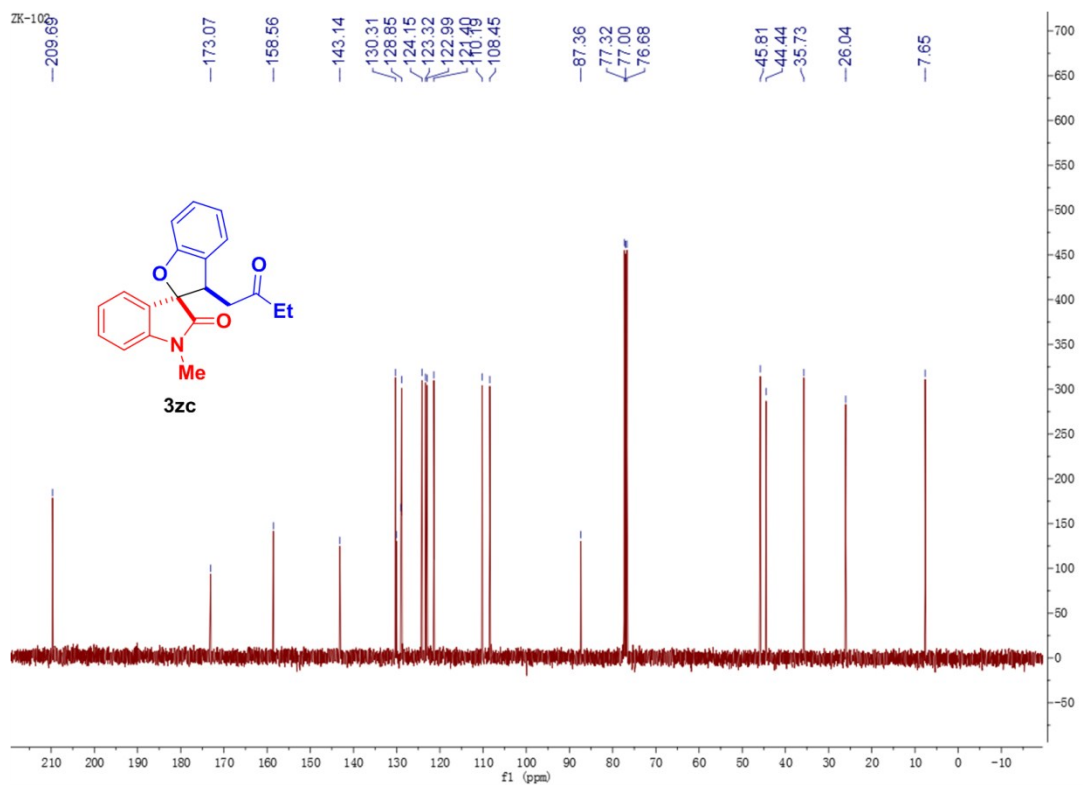
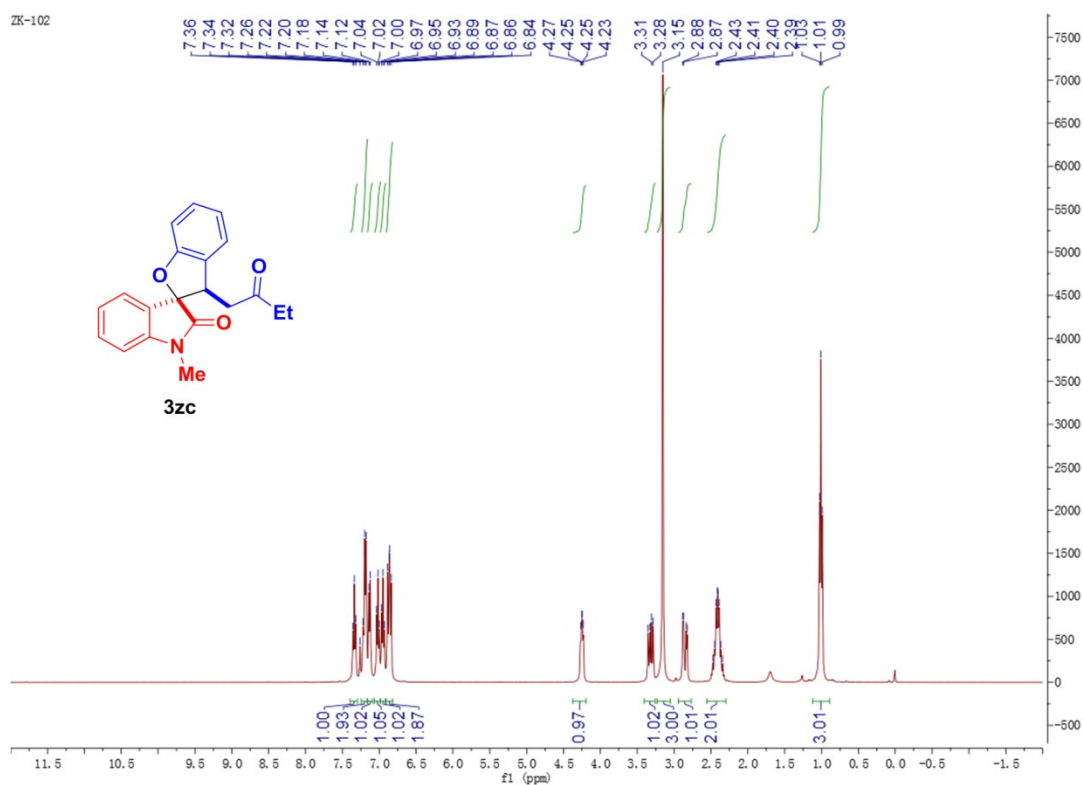


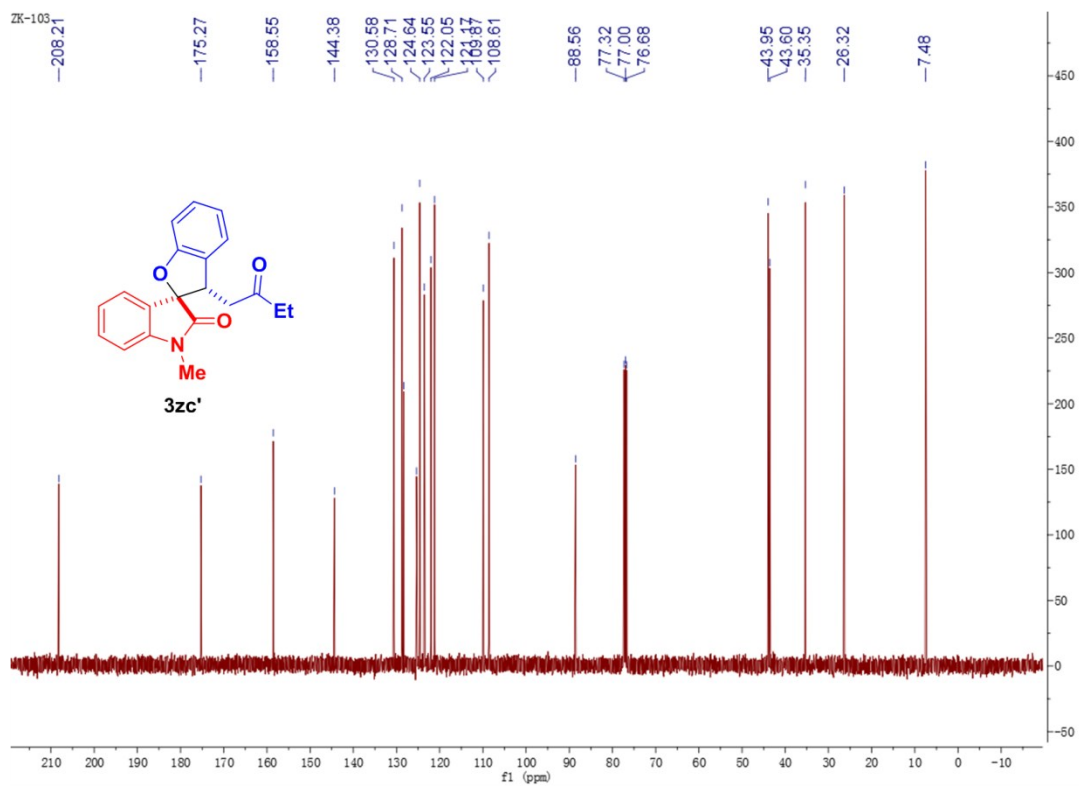
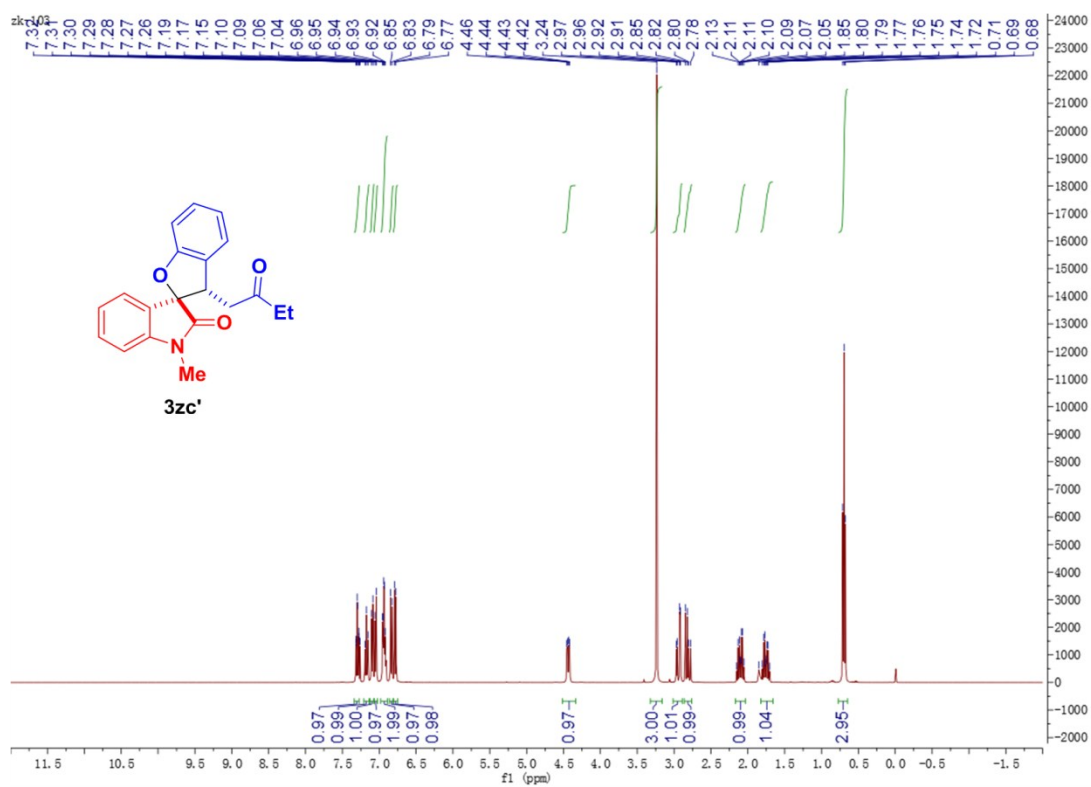


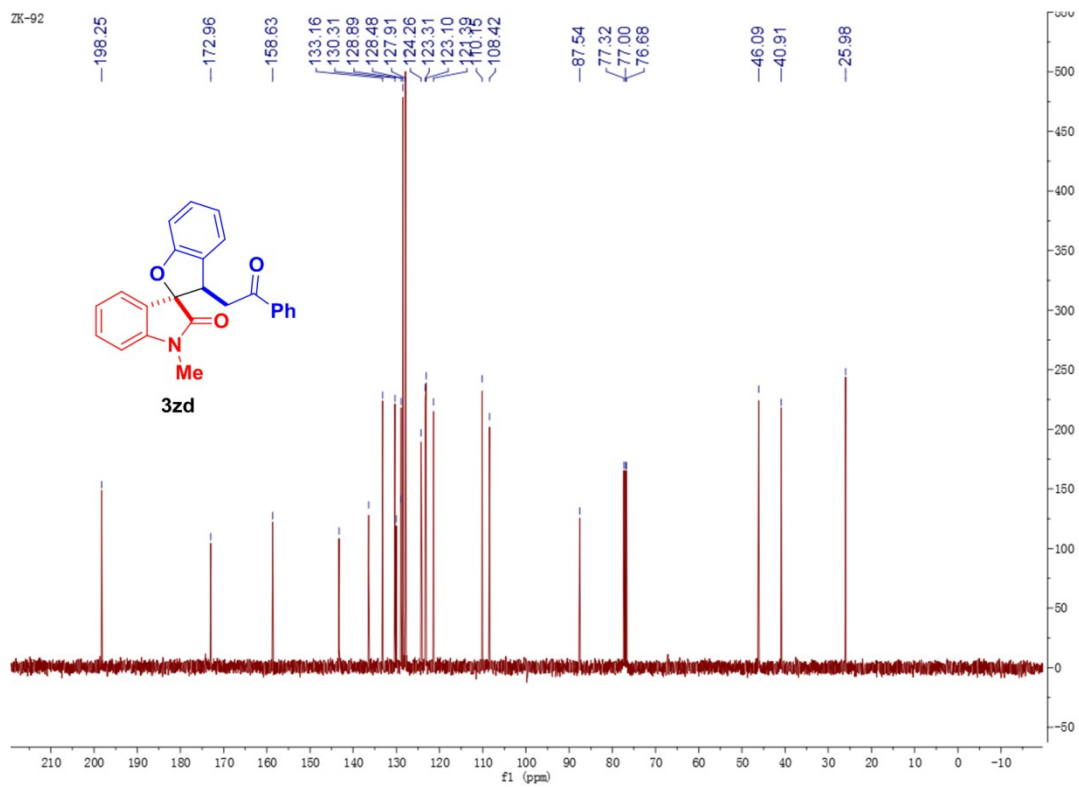
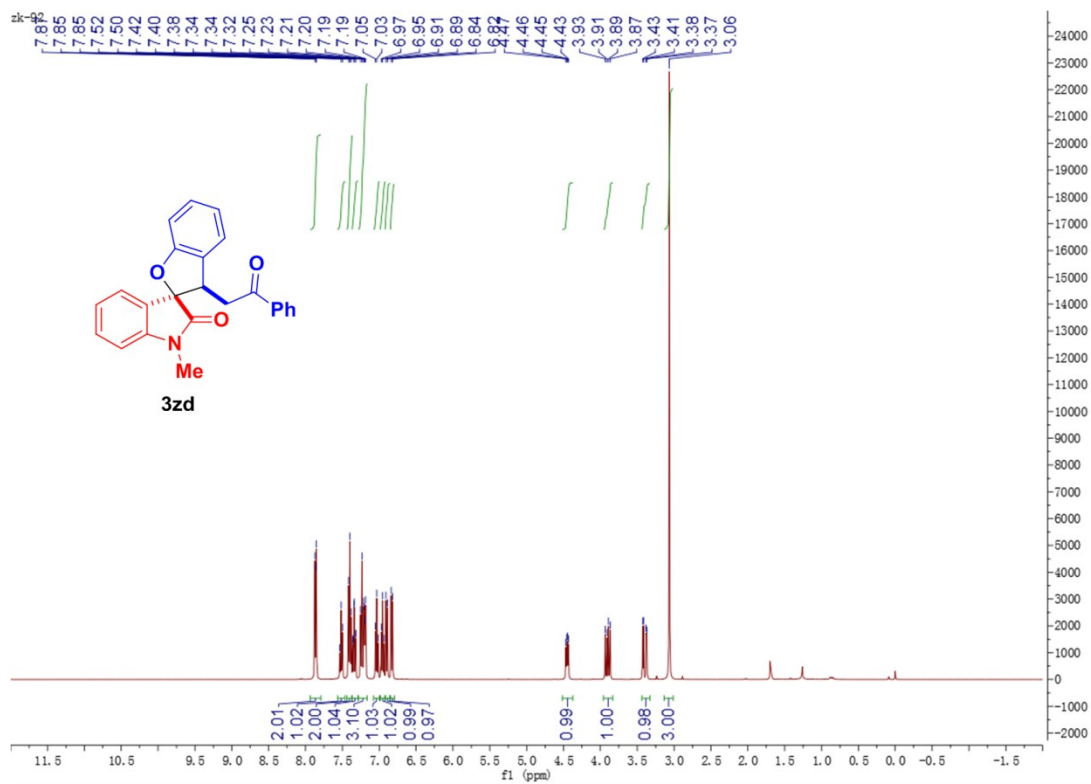


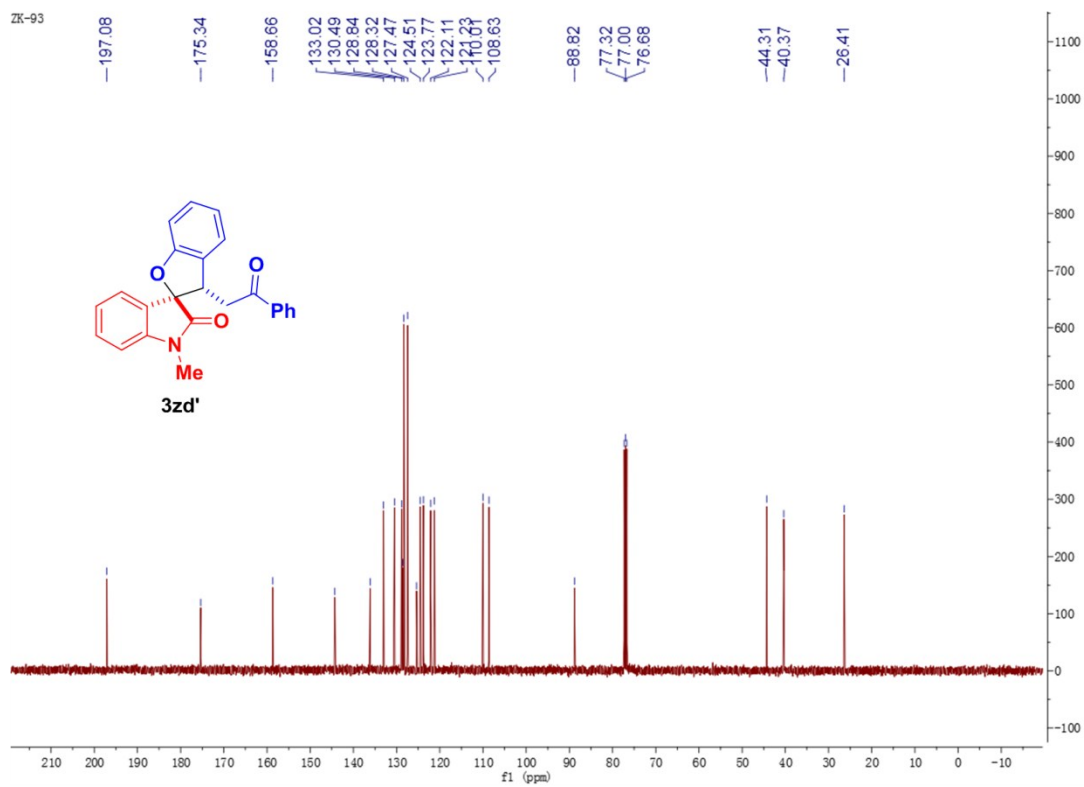
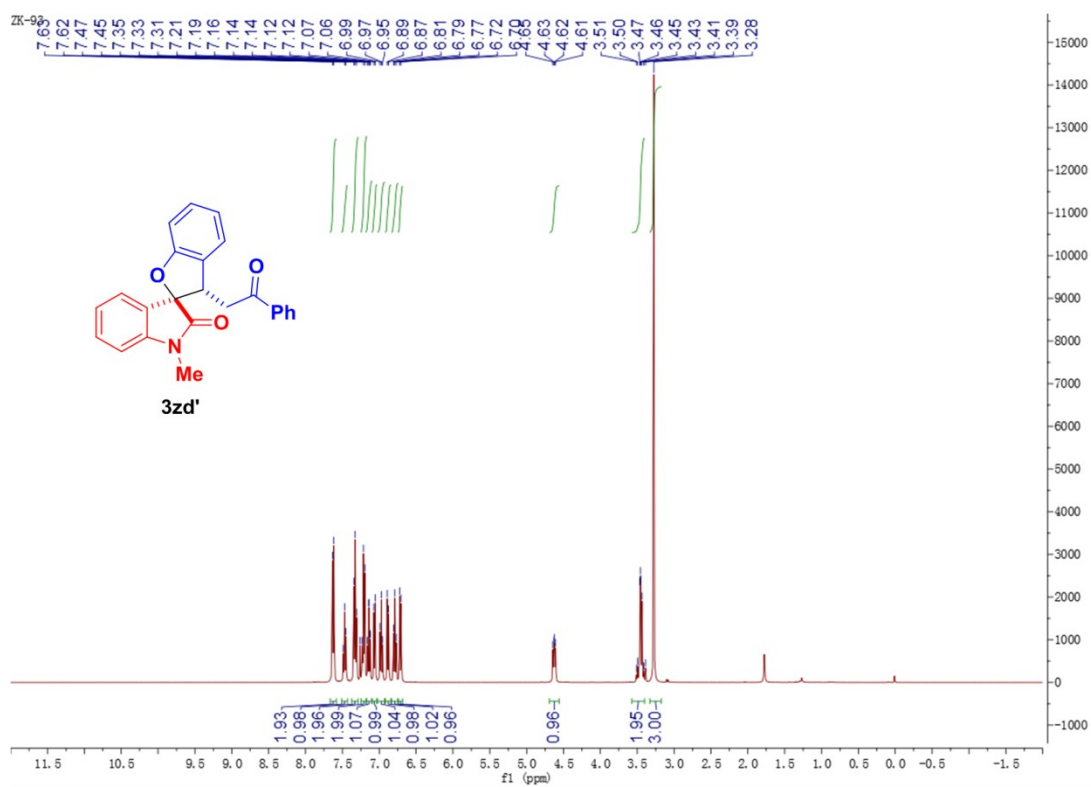


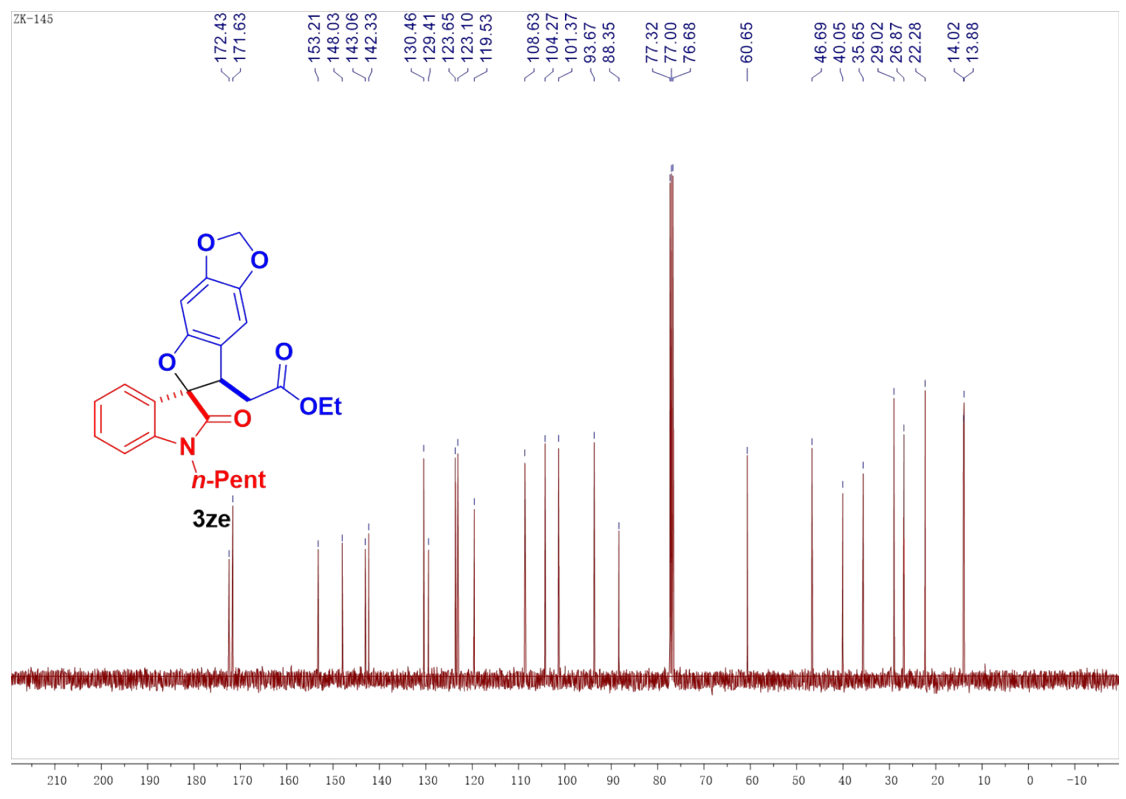
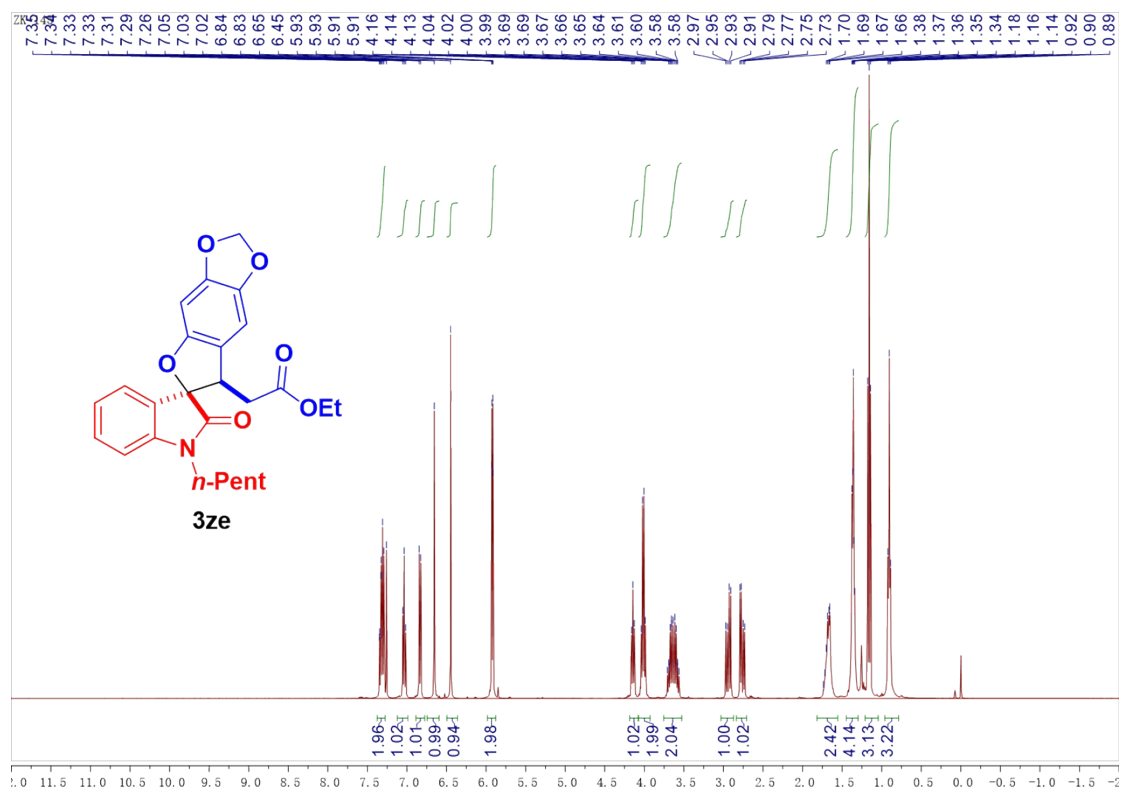


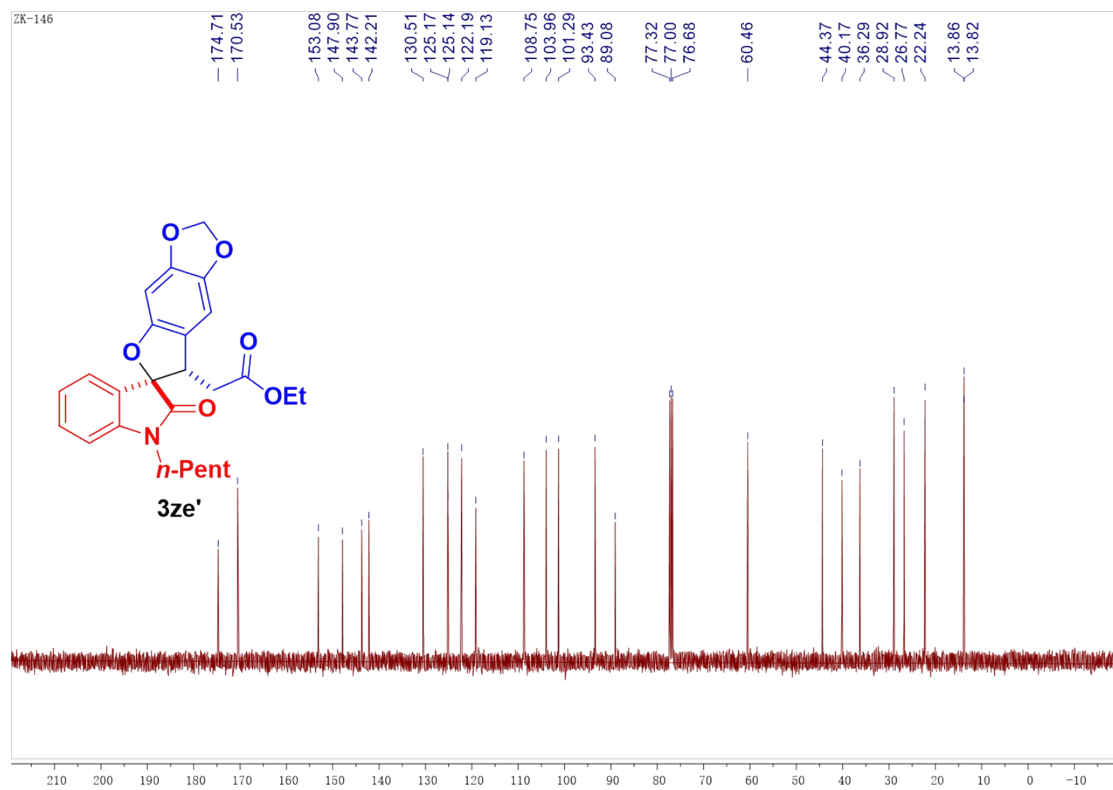
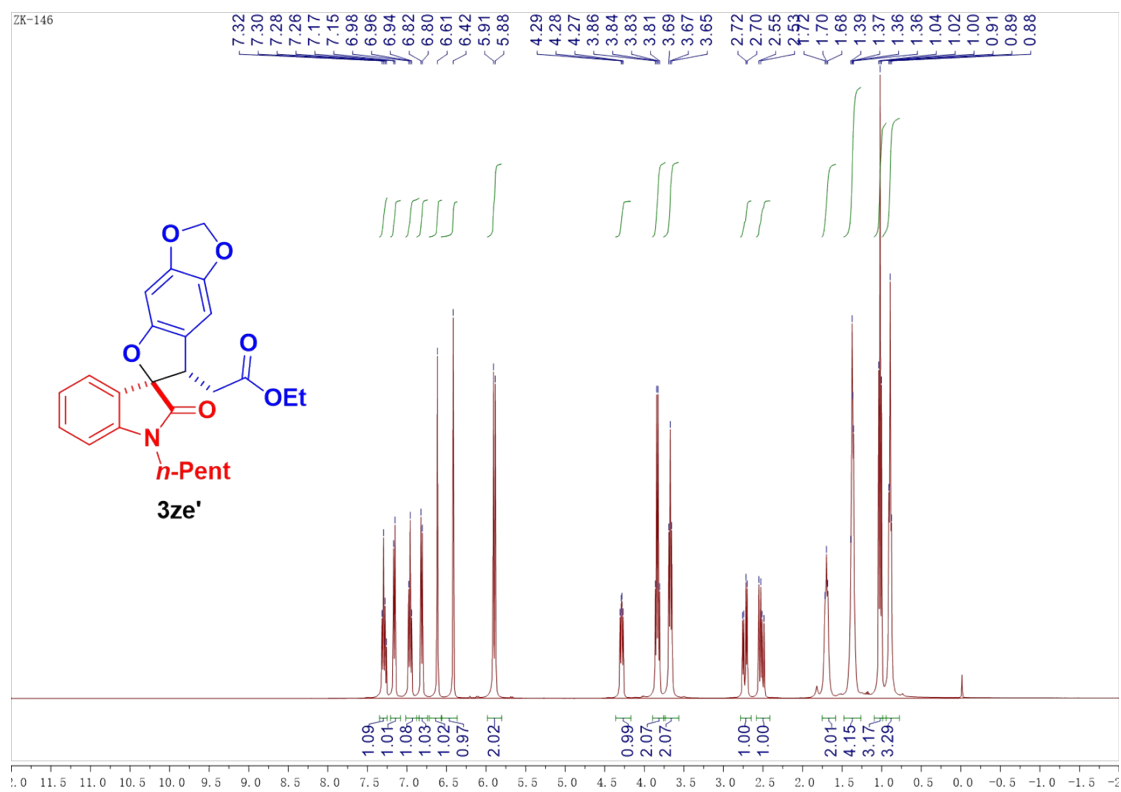


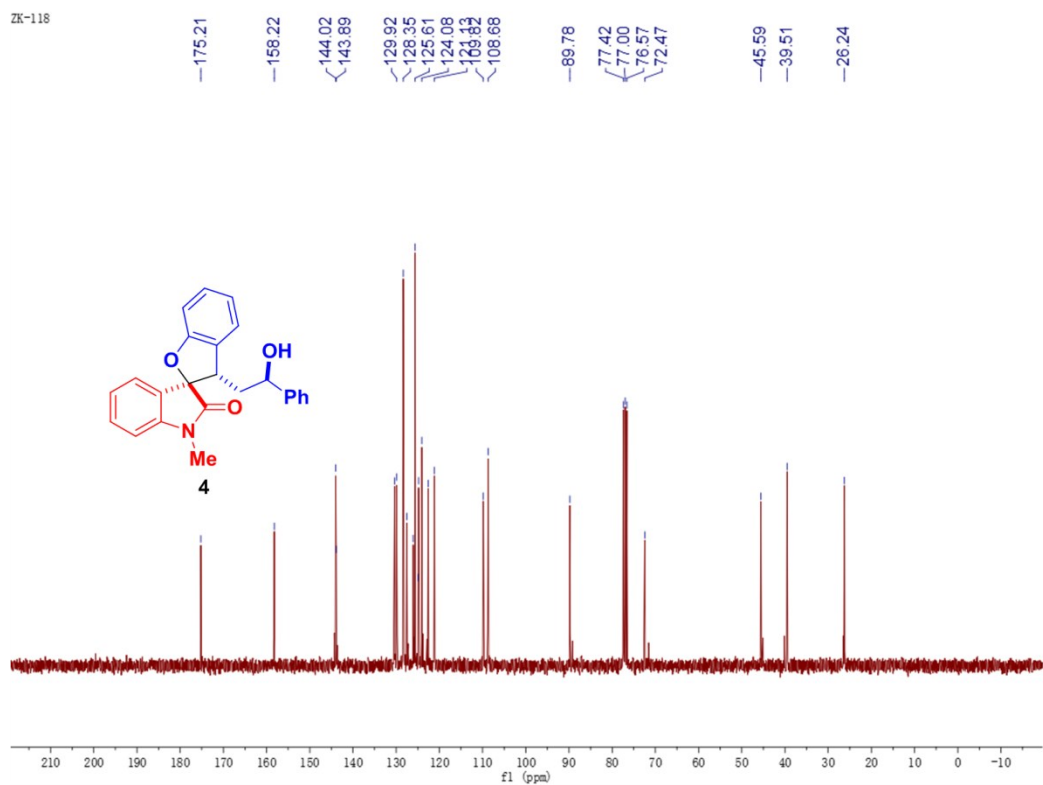
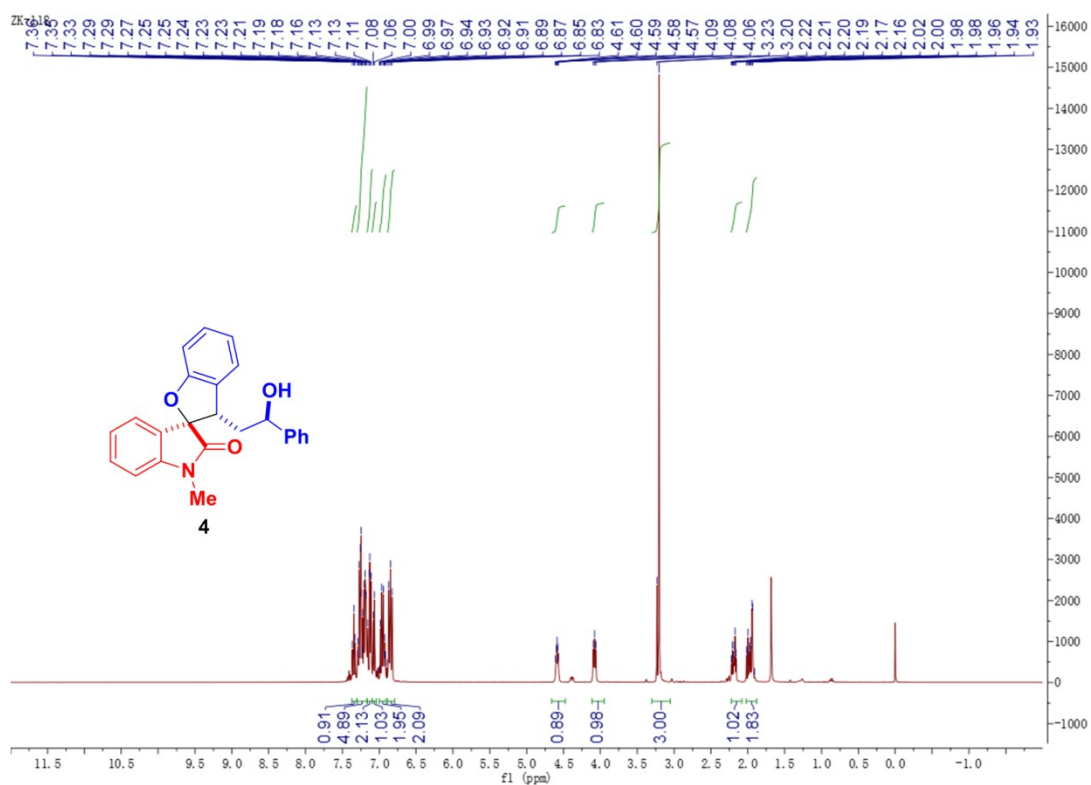


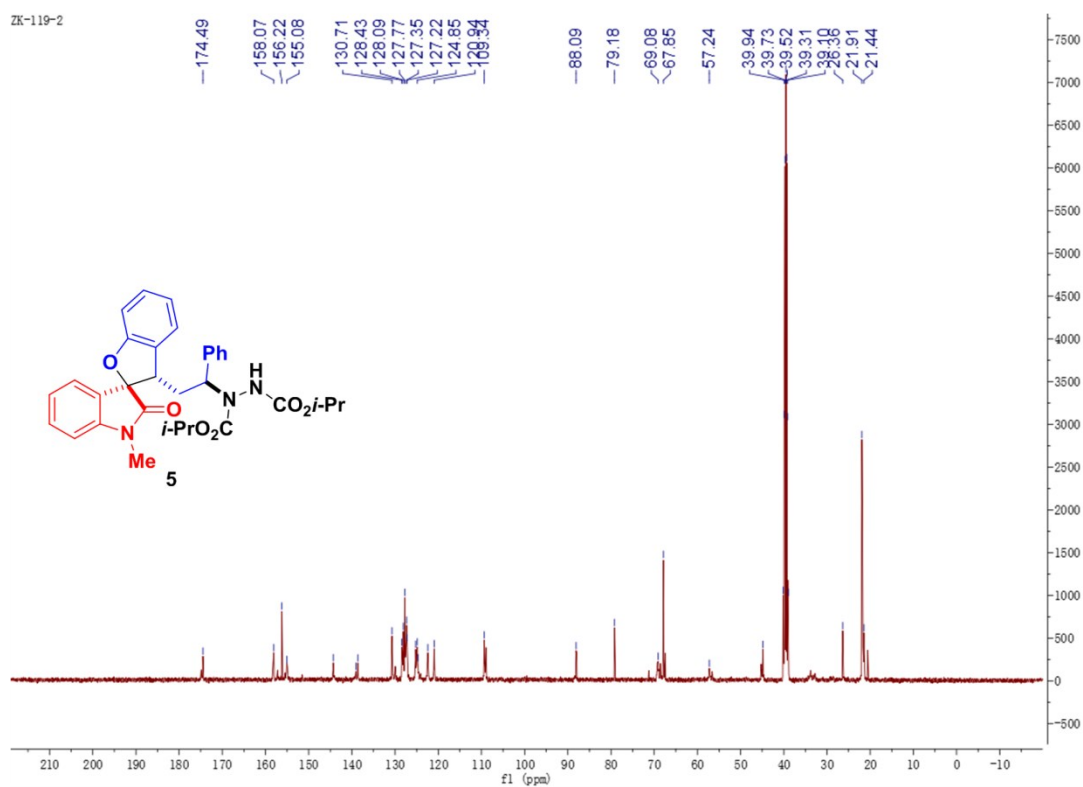
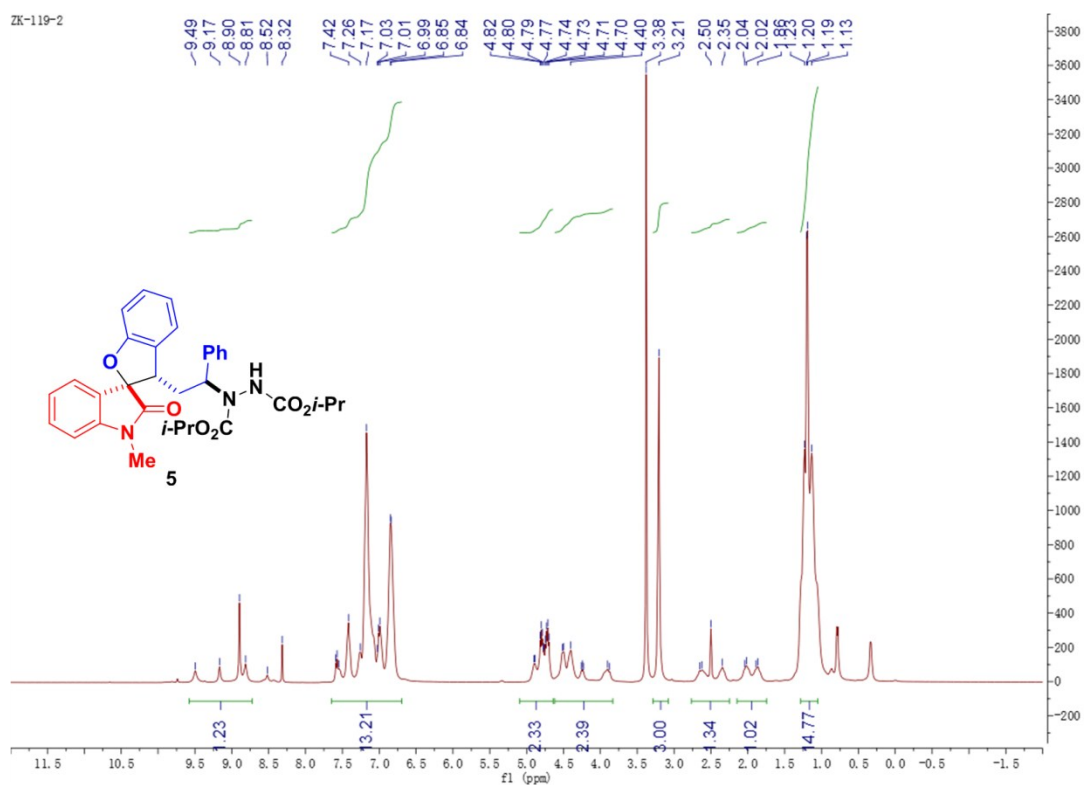


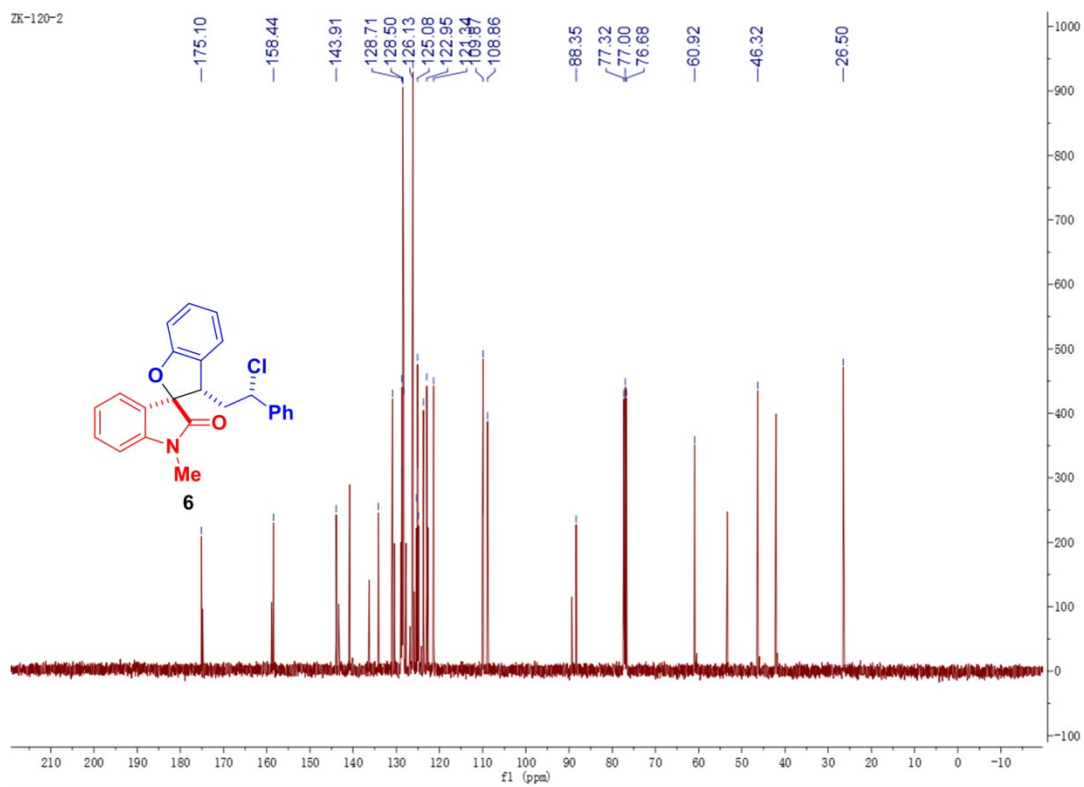
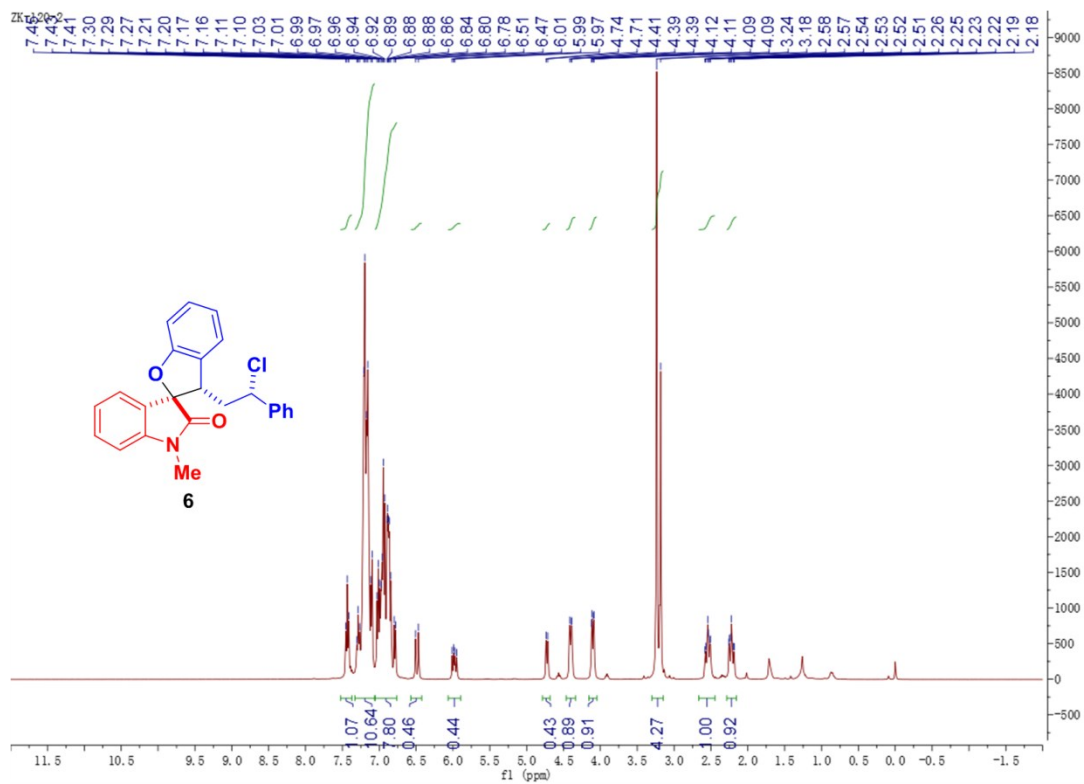




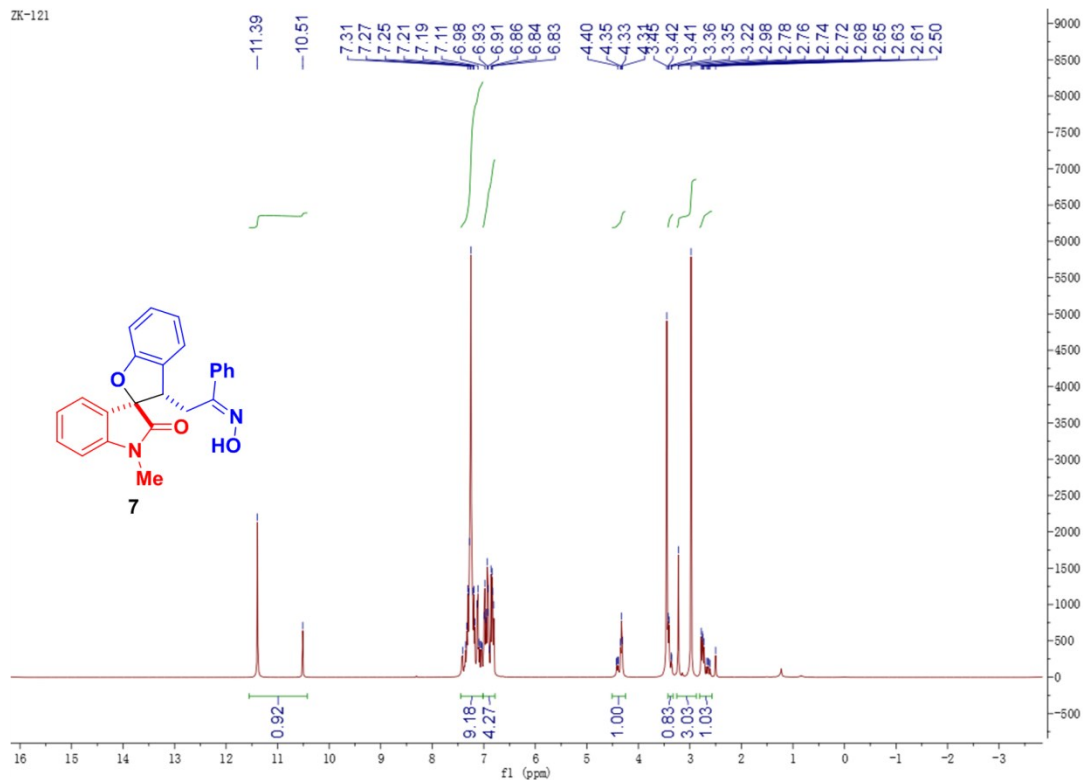




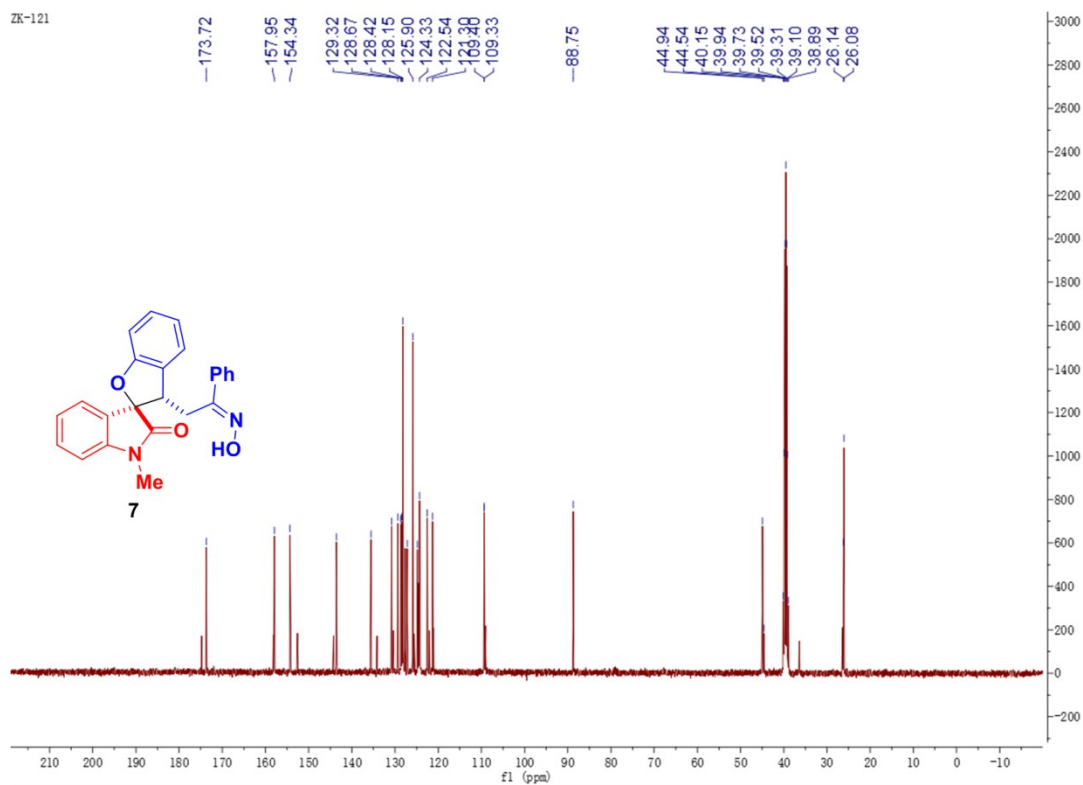




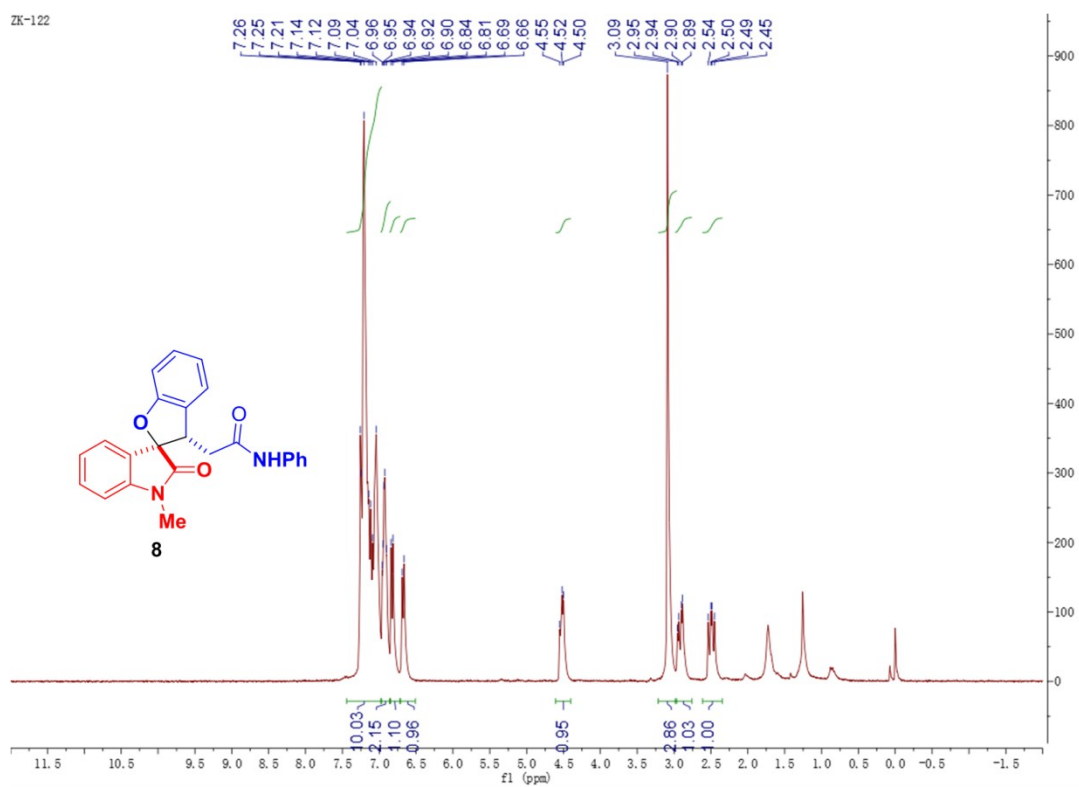
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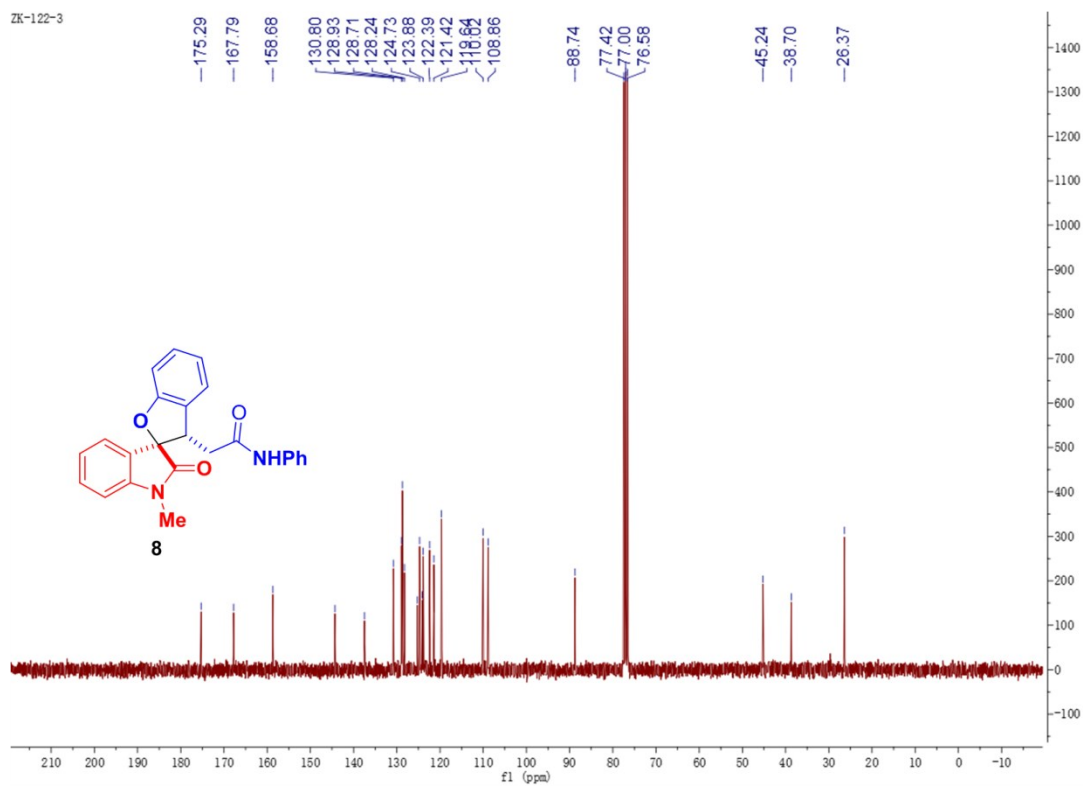
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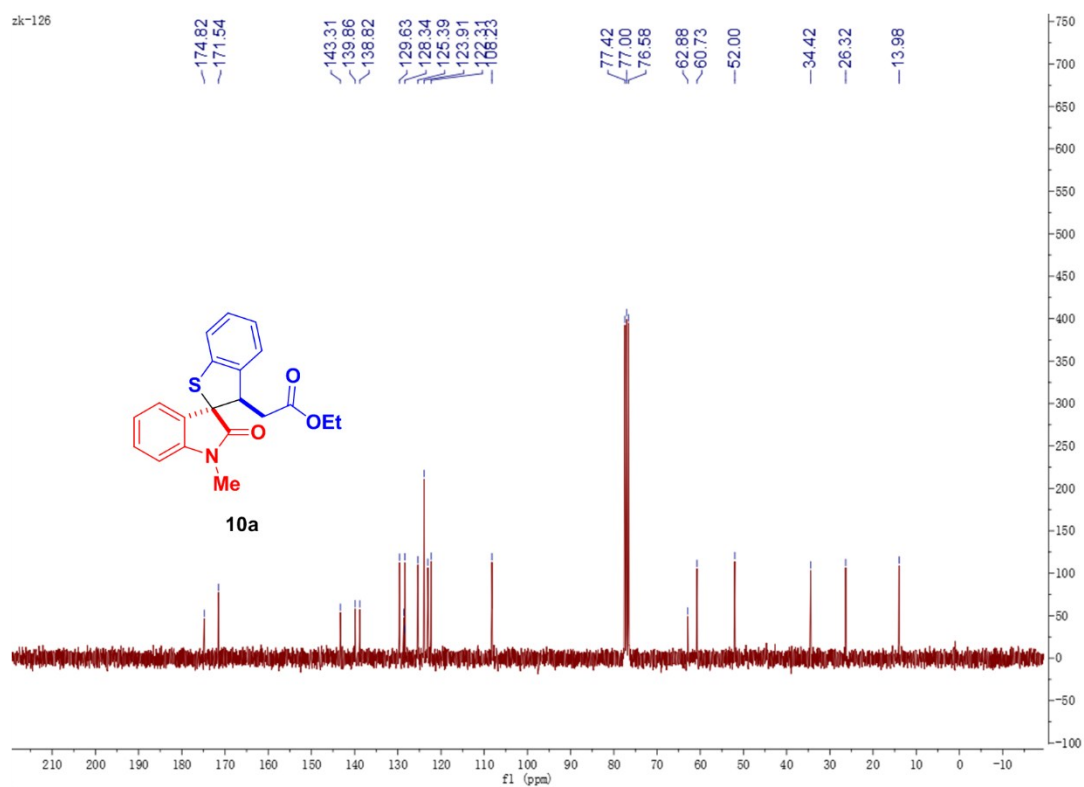
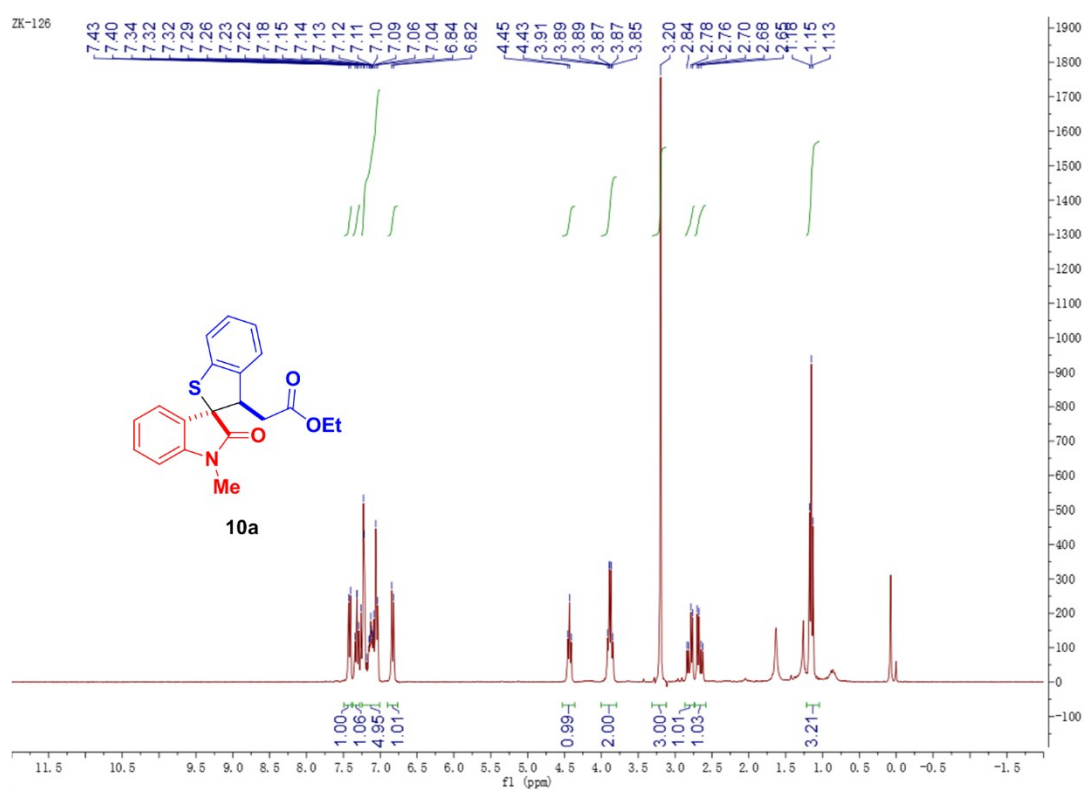


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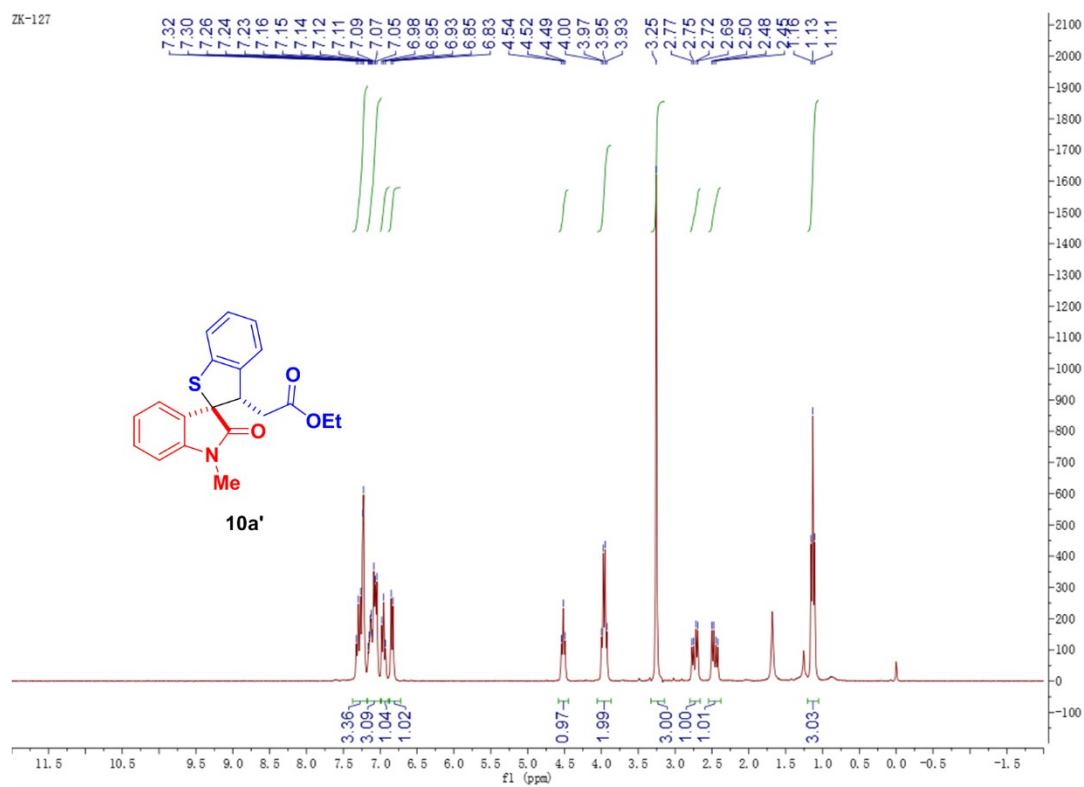


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