

Supporting Information

Electrochemical Diselenylation of Indolizines via Intermolecular C-Se Formation of 2-Methylpyridines, α -Bromoketones with Diselenides

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A. General Methods

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer using CDCl_3 as solvent. The chemical shifts are referenced to signals at 7.26 and 77.0 ppm, respectively. The data of HRMS was carried out on a high-resolution mass spectrometer (LCMS-IT-TOF). IR spectra were obtained either as potassium bromide pellets or as liquid films between two potassium bromide pellets with a Bruker TENSOR 27 spectrometer. Melting points were determined with a Büchi Melting Point B-545 instrument. The instrument for electrolysis is dual display potentiostat (CHI 660E) (made in China). The anode electrode is vitreous carbon plate (10 mm×10 mm×1 mm) and cathodic electrode was platinum plate (10 mm×10 mm×0.1 mm). Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

B. General Procedure for the Preparation of 4 and 5

2-Bromoacetophenone (0.8 mmol, 1.6 equiv), 2-methylpyridine (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv), diphenyl diselenide (0.5 mmol 1 equiv), KI (1 mmol), K_2CO_3 (0.5 mmol), DMF (6 mL) and H_2O (5 mL) were placed in a 20 mL undivided electrolytic cell with a vitreous carbon plate anode (10 mm×10 mm×1 mm) and a platinum plate cathode (10 mm×10 mm×0.1 mm). The electrolysis was carried out at 50 °C under a constant current of 10 mA for 8 hours (monitored by TLC). When the reaction was finished, the resulting reaction solution was quenched with 100 mL brine and extracted with 4×60 mL ethylacetate. The extract was dried with Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator. The pure product was obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

C. General procedure for cyclic voltammetry

Cyclic voltammetry was performed in a three-electrode cell connected to a schlenk line under nitrogen at room temperature. The working electrode was a steady vitreous carbon plate electrode, the counter electrode was a platinum plate. The reference was an Ag/AgCl electrode submerged in saturated aqueous KCl solution, and separated from reaction by a salt bridge. Then 10mL electrolyte solution containing 0.05 M *n*-Bu₄NPF₆ in the mixed solvent of DMF and H₂O was poured into electrochemical cell. The concentration of samples was 0.01 M. The scan rate was 0.1 V/s, ranging from 0 V to 2.0 V.

D. Cyclic voltammogram

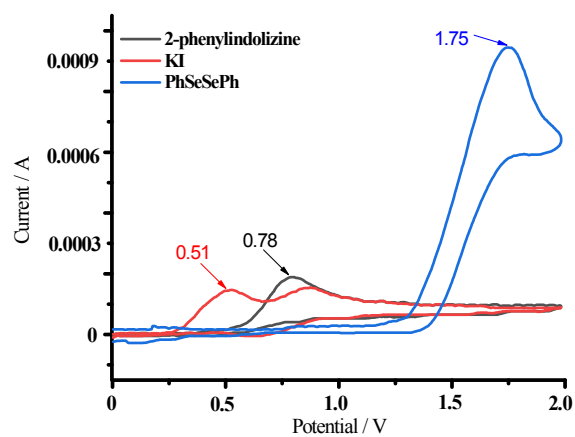
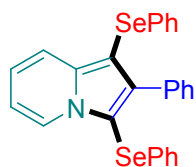


Figure S1 Cyclic voltammetry of 2-phenylindolizine **6aa**, KI and diphenyl diselenide **3a** in the mixed solvent of DMF and H₂O.

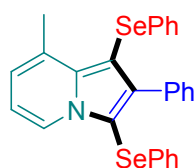
E. Analytical data

2-phenyl-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4aa)



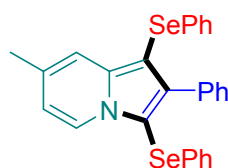
Yellow solid (194.4 mg, 77%), mp 136.2-138.5 °C; IR (KBr): 3055, 2921, 1475, 1344, 747, 687 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.42 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 8H), 7.06-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.4, 140.0, 134.9, 134.6, 132.2, 130.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 126.2, 125.7, 125.4, 121.7, 118.8, 112.5, 105.5, 94.7. ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 227.8, 205.9. HRMS MALDI (*m/z*): calcd for C₂₆H₁₉NSe₂ [M + H]⁺: 505.9922, found: 505.9926.

8-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ab)



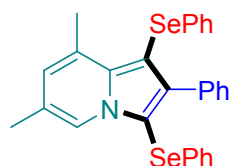
Brown solid (199.8 mg, 77%), mp 92.3-95.8 °C; IR (KBr): 3067, 2917, 1578, 1476, 734, 691 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.34 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 5H), 7.14-7.03 (m, 8H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 144.0, 138.4, 137.6, 135.3, 132.3, 130.9, 129.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 127.3, 126.1, 125.0, 124.5, 122.8, 111.9, 106.3, 94.2, 20.4. HRMS MALDI (*m/z*): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁NSe₂ [M + H]⁺: 520.0079, found: 520.0082.

7-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ac)



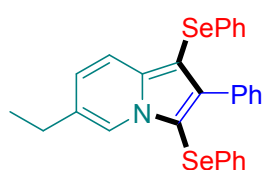
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6,8-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ad)



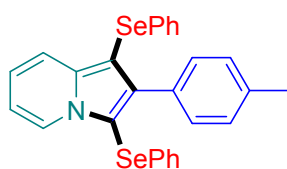
Yellow solid (213.2 mg, 80%), mp 137.1-139.6 °C; IR (KBr): 3064, 2921, 1475, 734, 689 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 5H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 143.7, 137.8, 137.3, 135.4, 132.7, 130.9, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 126.3, 126.0, 124.9, 122.2, 121.4, 105.8, 93.7, 20.2, 18.2. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 534.0235, found: 534.0239.

6-ethyl-2-phenyl-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ae)



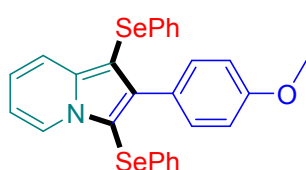
Brown solid (218.5 mg, 82%), mp 209.8-212.1 °C; IR (KBr): 3055, 2921, 2312, 1475, 732, 687 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 3H), 7.23-7.12 (m, 8H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.1, 139.1, 135.2, 134.8, 132.5, 130.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 126.1, 125.3, 123.9, 122.7, 118.4, 105.3, 94.2, 26.0, 15.0. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 534.0235, found: 534.0239.

1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)-2-(p-tolyl)indolizine (4ba)



Brown solid (228.4 mg, 88%), mp 123.9-126.4 °C; IR (KBr): 3058, 2917, 1475, 734, 691 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.41 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 10H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.72 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.6, 140.0, 137.1, 135.1, 132.3, 131.7, 130.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 126.1, 125.8, 125.3, 121.7, 118.8, 112.4, 105.4, 94.7, 21.3. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 520.0079, found: 520.0082.

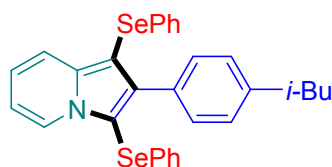
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ca)



Brown oil (224.7 mg, 84%); IR (KBr): 3057, 2920, 1473, 1230, 733, 689 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.39 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.2-7.10 (m, 8H), 7.05-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.73-6.69 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 159.0, 142.2,

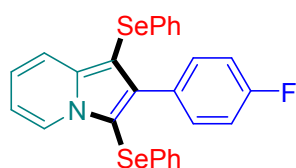
140.1, 135.1, 132.4, 131.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.0, 126.2, 125.8, 125.4, 121.7, 118.8, 113.1, 112.4, 105.4, 94.7, 55.1. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁NSe₂ [M + H]⁺: 536.0028, found: 536.0032.

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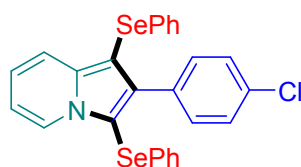
Brown oil (224.4 mg, 80%); IR (KBr): 3057, 2951, 2312, 1474, 731, 689 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.42 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.12 (m, 10H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.72 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.98 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.3, 140.8, 140.0, 135.0, 132.3, 131.8, 130.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 126.1, 125.7, 125.4, 121.6, 118.8, 112.3, 105.4, 94.8, 45.2, 30.0, 22.5. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for C₃₀H₂₇NSe₂ [M + H]⁺: 562.0548, found: 562.0553.

2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ea)



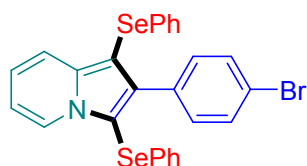
Brown solid (185.7 mg, 71%), mp 152.9-155.7 °C; IR (KBr): 3053, 2921, 1471, 837, 734, 688 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.40 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.09 (m, 8H), 7.04-6.97 (m, 5H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 162.4 (*J* = 246.5 Hz), 141.5, 140.1, 134.8, 132.4 (*J* = 8.0 Hz), 132.2, 130.6 (*J* = 3.3 Hz), 129.5, 129.0, 128.1, 127.9, 126.3, 125.8, 125.5, 121.9, 118.9, 114.6 (*J* = 21.5 Hz), 112.6, 105.7, 94.8. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₈FNSe₂ [M + H]⁺: 523.9835, found: 523.9831.

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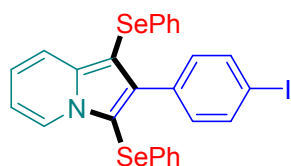
Yellow solid (164.4 mg, 61%), mp 139.7-142.1 °C; IR (KBr): 3067, 2925, 1476, 833, 734, 691 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 4H), 7.10-6.99 (m, 8H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 141.2, 140.2, 134.7, 133.5, 133.1, 132.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 126.3, 125.8, 125.6, 122.0, 118.9, 112.7, 105.6, 94.7. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₈ClNSe₂ [M + H]⁺: 539.9529, found: 539.9532.

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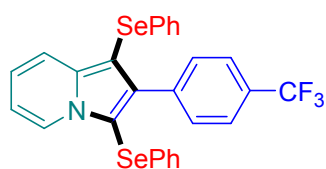
Yellow solid (172.0 mg, 59%), mp 137.7-139.8 °C; IR (KBr): 3051, 2921, 1495, 829, 734, 687 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.41 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 8H), 7.04-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.74 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 141.2, 140.2, 134.7, 133.6, 132.4, 132.1, 130.7, 129.6, 129.0, 128.1, 127.9, 126.4, 125.8, 125.6, 122.0, 121.9, 118.9, 112.7, 105.6, 94.6. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 583.9026, found: 583.9026.

2-(4-iodophenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ha)



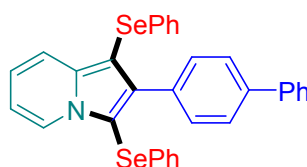
Yellow solid (170.3 mg, 54%), mp 163.6-166.2 °C; IR (KBr): 3053, 2922, 1487, 837, 731, 692 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.40 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.08 (m, 10H), 6.98-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.74 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 141.3, 140.2, 136.7, 134.7, 134.2, 132.6, 132.1, 129.6, 129.1, 128.1, 127.9, 126.4, 125.8, 125.6, 122.0, 118.9, 112.7, 105.5, 94.6, 93.8. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{INSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 631.8889, found: 631.8892.

1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)indolizine (4ia)



Yellow solid (197.7 mg, 69%), mp 145.5-147.9 °C; IR (KBr): 3067, 2925, 1475, 1326, 1125, 734, 691 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.46 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.13 (m, 8H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 6.78 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 140.9, 140.2, 138.4, 134.6, 132.0, 131.1, 129.6, 129.2 (J = 33.5 Hz), 129.1, 128.1, 127.9, 126.4, 125.8, 125.7, 124.5 (J = 3.8 Hz), 124.3 (J = 270.8 Hz), 122.1, 119.0, 112.9, 105.8, 94.75. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 573.9796, found: 573.9800.

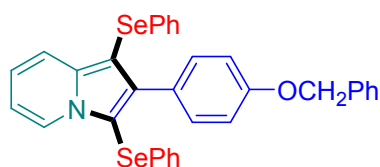
2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ja)



Yellow solid (215.0 mg, 74%), mp 94.1-96.7 °C; IR (KBr): 3055, 2931, 1470, 737, 689 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.45 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.13 (m, 8H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 1H),

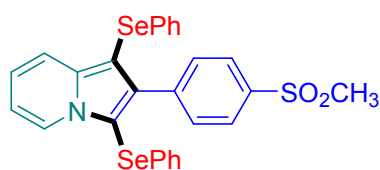
6.75 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 142.0, 140.8, 140.2, 140.0, 135.0, 133.6, 132.3, 131.2, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 127.0, 126.2, 125.8, 125.4, 121.8, 118.8, 112.5, 105.5, 94.7. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{23}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 582.0235, found: 582.0240.

2-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ka)



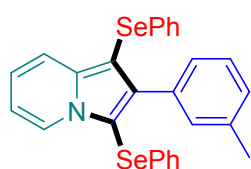
Brown oil (235.2 mg, 77%); IR (KBr): 3064, 2924, 1475, 1238, 733, 689 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 8.44 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 8H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 3H), 6.74 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 158.3, 142.1, 140.0, 136.9, 135.0, 132.3, 131.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 126.1, 125.7, 125.4, 121.7, 118.7, 113.9, 112.4, 105.3, 94.6, 69.8. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{25}\text{NOSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 612.0341, found: 612.0346.

2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4la)



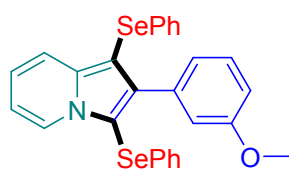
Brown oil (195.3 mg, 67%); IR (KBr): 3067, 2924, 1475, 1311, 1145, 734, 688, 544 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 8.44 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.08 (m, 8H), 7.04 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.78 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 140.5, 140.3, 140.1, 138.9, 134.4, 131.8, 131.7, 129.6, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.5, 126.5, 125.8, 125.7, 122.3, 119.0, 113.1, 106.0, 94.7, 44.4. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{SSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 583.9697, found: 583.9700.

1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)-2-(*m*-tolyl)indolizine (4ma)



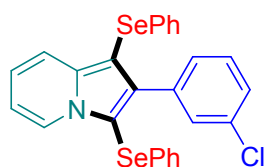
Brown oil (210.2 mg, 81%); IR (KBr): 3057, 2912, 1473, 736, 694 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 8.41 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.11 (m, 12H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.69 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 142.6, 140.0, 136.8, 135.1, 134.5, 132.4, 131.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 126.2, 125.7, 125.4, 121.6, 118.8, 112.4, 105.6, 94.9, 21.4. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 520.0079, found: 520.0082.

2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4na)



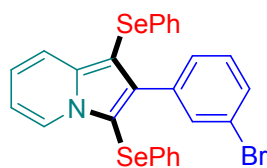
Brown oil (214.0 mg, 80%); IR (KBr): 3067, 2921, 1475, 736, 688 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.47 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 7H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 158.6, 142.3, 140.2, 135.9, 135.2, 132.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.1, 125.7, 125.3, 123.1, 121.8, 118.8, 115.6, 113.9, 112.5, 105.6, 94.5, 54.7. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 536.0028, found: 536.0032.

2-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4oa)



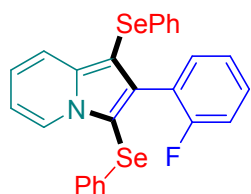
Brown oil (207.5 mg, 77%); IR (KBr): 3052, 2920, 1475, 731, 691 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.47 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.13 (m, 8H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 13.4$, 5.3 Hz, 3H), 6.75 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 140.8, 140.0, 136.5, 134.6, 133.1, 131.9, 130.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 126.4, 125.7, 125.6, 121.9, 118.9, 112.7, 105.8, 95.0. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 539.9529, found: 539.9531.

2-(3-bromophenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4pa)



Brown solid (215.7 mg, 74%), mp 96.9-99.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 3055, 2926, 1473, 734, 691 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.44 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.14 (m, 9H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.75 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 140.7, 140.0, 136.7, 134.6, 133.8, 132.0, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 126.4, 125.7, 125.7, 121.9, 121.4, 118.9, 112.7, 105.9, 95.0. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 583.9021, found: 583.9026.

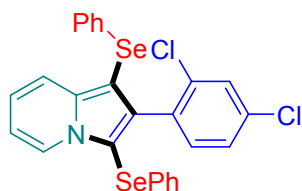
2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4qa)



Green solid (185.7 mg, 71%), mp 107.9-110.4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 3054, 2921, 1475, 741, 687 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.37 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 10H),

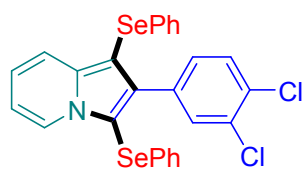
7.07 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.72 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 161.3 ($J = 246.5$ Hz), 139.6, 137.0, 134.3, 133.0 ($J = 2.9$ Hz), 131.5, 129.6 ($J = 8.1$ Hz), 129.3, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 126.3, 125.6, 125.5, 123.3 ($J = 3.6$ Hz), 122.8 ($J = 15.4$ Hz), 121.5, 118.8, 115.4 ($J = 22.3$ Hz), 112.5, 106.7, 95.9. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 523.9828, found: 523.9831.

2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ra)



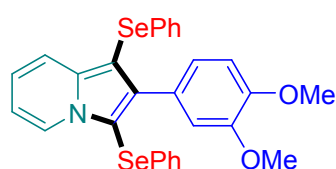
Brown oil (209.1 mg, 73%); IR (KBr): 3069, 2923, 1461, 732, 691 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 8.39 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.13 (m, 10H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.74 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 139.3, 139.2, 135.4, 134.2, 133.9, 133.5, 132.9, 131.2, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.4, 126.3, 125.6, 125.6, 121.6, 118.8, 112.6, 106.6, 95.9. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 573.9134, found: 573.9138.

2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4sa)



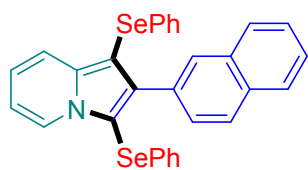
Brown oil (223.4 mg, 78%); IR (KBr): 3052, 2921, 1469, 731, 696 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 8.44 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 9H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.76 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 140.2, 139.8, 134.7, 134.4, 132.7, 131.9, 131.6, 131.5, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 126.5, 125.8, 125.8, 122.1, 119.0, 112.9, 105.9, 94.9. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 573.9134, found: 573.9138.

2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ta)



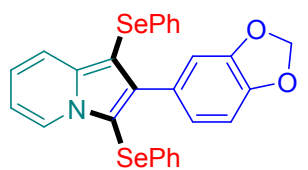
Brown solid (231.7 mg, 82%), mp 155.9-159.0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 3057, 2924, 1476, 1233, 731, 692 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 8.46 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.11 (m, 8H), 7.05 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ ppm 148.3, 147.8, 142.2, 140.5, 135.5, 132.8, 129.5, 129.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 126.1, 125.8, 125.3, 122.7, 121.9, 118.7, 114.0, 112.5, 110.2, 105.4, 94.3, 55.6, 55.0. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{Se}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 566.0133, found: 566.0138.

2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4ua)



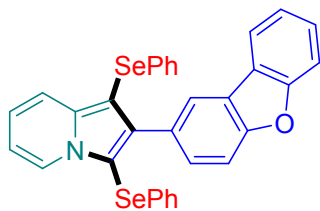
Brown solid (185.9 mg, 67%), mp 113.9-115.4 °C; IR (KBr): 3067, 2912, 1475, 733, 689 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.43 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.07 (s, 5H), 7.02 (t, J = 9.8 Hz, 3H), 6.76 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 141.3, 139.5, 134.2, 133.2, 133.1, 133.0, 131.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 126.4, 126.3, 125.7, 125.6, 125.5, 125.4, 124.8, 121.5, 118.7, 112.4, 107.3, 97.1. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 556.0079, found: 556.0083.

2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4va)



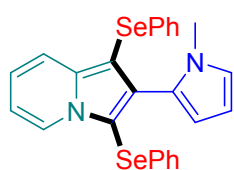
Brown oil (208.6 mg, 76%); IR (KBr): 3053, 2931, 1453, 737, 682 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.41 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.11 (m, 8H), 7.06-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.93-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 147.0, 146.8, 142.1, 139.9, 134.8, 132.2, 129.5, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 126.2, 125.7, 125.4, 124.5, 121.8, 118.8, 112.5, 111.2, 107.6, 105.5, 100.9, 94.7. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Se}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 549.9820, found: 549.9824.

2-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-2-yl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4wa)



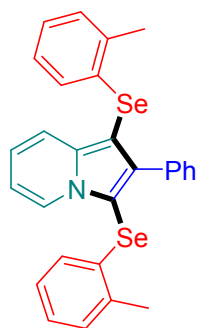
Brown oil (229.1 mg, 77%); IR (KBr): 3061, 2924, 1462, 735, 683 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.49 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 8H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.77 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 156.4, 155.7, 142.3, 140.2, 135.2, 132.5, 131.4, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 126.9, 126.3, 125.8, 125.6, 124.3, 123.6, 123.2, 122.5, 121.9, 120.6, 118.9, 112.6, 111.5, 110.7, 106.0, 95.3. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 596.0028, found: 596.0033.

2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)-1,3-bis(phenylselanyl)indolizine (4xa)



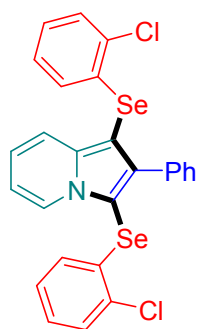
Brown oil (147.3 mg, 58%); IR (KBr): 3068, 2920, 1544, 1020, 735, 685 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.35 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.03 (m, 10H), 7.01-6.95 (m, 3H), 6.77-6.73 (m, 1H), 6.10 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 139.4, 133.4, 133.0, 131.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1, 126.7, 126.0, 125.7, 121.8, 119.0, 113.6, 112.9, 108.6, 104.5, 97.8, 97.4, 34.6. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{Se}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 509.0031, found: 509.0034.

2-phenyl-1,3-bis(o-tolylselanyl)indolizine(5ab)



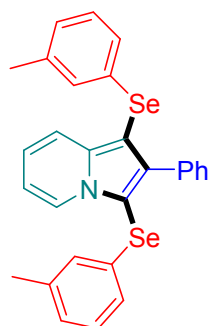
Brown solid (207.9 mg, 78%), mp 115.8-118.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 3051, 2923, 1475, 731, 688 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.31 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.92 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.76-6.69 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.9, 140.3, 136.3, 136.0, 135.5, 134.6, 132.8, 130.6, 130.4, 129.8, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 126.0, 125.9, 125.1, 121.7, 118.9, 112.5, 104.6, 93.9, 21.2, 21.0. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 534.0235, found: 534.0239.

1,3-bis((2-chlorophenyl)selanyl)-2-phenylindolizine (5ac)



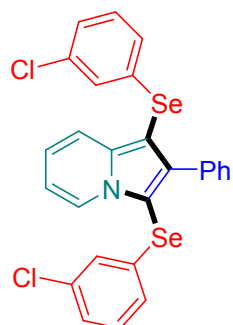
Yellow solid (212.0 mg, 74%), mp 152.9-154.7 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 3062, 2921, 1476, 734, 687 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.35 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 7H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 2H), δ 6.99 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 143.6, 140.7, 135.1, 134.0, 132.6, 132.5, 132.1, 130.5, 129.8, 129.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.7, 127.2, 127.2, 126.3, 126.0, 122.4, 118.9, 113.0, 104.7, 93.7. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 509.0031, found: 509.0034.

2-phenyl-1,3-bis(m-tolylselanyl)indolizine (5ad)



Brown oil (218.5 mg, 82%); IR (KBr): 3057, 2927, 1475, 727, 692 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.41 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.08-6.97 (m, 5H), 6.93-6.88 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.4, 140.0, 139.3, 138.6, 134.9, 134.7, 132.1, 130.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.3, 125.8, 125.1, 124.9, 121.6, 118.9, 112.4, 105.6, 94.7, 21.4, 21.4. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 534.0235, found: 534.0239.

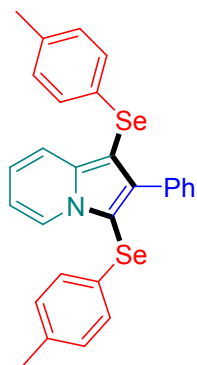
1,3-bis((3-chlorophenyl)selanyl)-2-phenylindolizine (5ae)



Yellow solid (226.3 mg, 79%), mp 109.1-111.7 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 3062, 2921, 1476, 734, 687 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.39 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.09-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 5H), 6.97 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.9, 140.2, 136.8, 135.3, 134.9, 134.3, 134.1, 130.7, 130.5, 129.9, 127.7, 126.5, 126.0, 125.9, 125.7, 125.6, 122.4, 118.8, 112.9, 105.2, 94.3.

HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 509.0031, found: 509.0034.

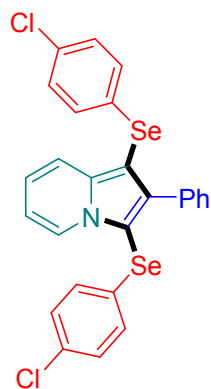
2-phenyl-1,3-bis(p-tolylselanyl)indolizine (5af)



Green solid (229.2 mg, 86%), mp 116.9-119.4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 3052, 2929, 1470, 729, 682 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.44 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.07 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.03-6.97 (m, 6H), 6.72 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.2, 139.8, 136.1, 135.1, 134.8, 131.0, 130.9, 130.2, 129.7, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 127.3, 125.7, 121.5, 118.8, 112.3, 105.8, 95.0, 20.9, 20.9.

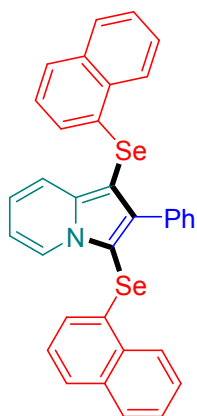
HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 534.0235, found: 534.0239.

1,3-bis((4-chlorophenyl)selanyl)-2-phenylindolizine (5ag)



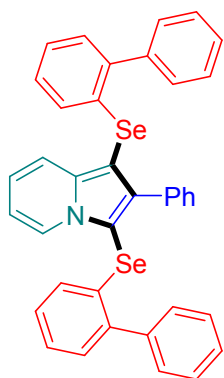
Yellow solid (226.3 mg, 79%), mp 130.2-132.9 °C; IR (KBr): 3068, 2929, 1475, 729, 693 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.37 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.6, 140.0, 134.4, 133.0, 132.4, 131.5, 130.7, 130.3, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 127.7, 127.6, 125.7, 122.2, 118.8, 112.8, 105.4, 94.7. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 509.0031, found: 509.0034.

1,3-bis(naphthalen-1-ylselanyl)-2-phenylindolizine (5ah)



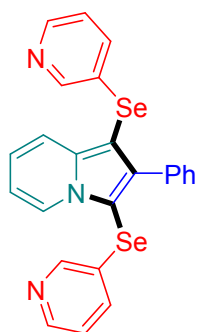
Yellow solid (245.0 mg, 81%), mp 135.2-137.5 °C; IR (KBr): 3041, 2941, 1470, 733, 692 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.26 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.01-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.88-6.82 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 143.0, 140.4, 134.5, 134.1, 133.8, 133.7, 132.2, 132.1, 130.7, 130.5, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 126.0, 125.9, 125.7, 125.5, 125.4, 121.8, 118.9, 112.5, 104.4, 93.9. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{23}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 606.0235, found: 606.0241.

1,3-bis([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ylselanyl)-2-phenylindolizine (5ai)



Brown solid (243.1 mg, 74%), mp 162.3-164.4 °C; IR (KBr): 3053, 2911, 1483, 740, 689 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.22 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.35 (m, 13H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.8, 141.8, 141.4, 141.3, 140.8, 140.3, 134.8, 134.5, 132.1, 130.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 125.9, 125.2, 121.7, 118.9, 112.5, 105.9, 95.1. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{27}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 658.0548, found: 658.0555.

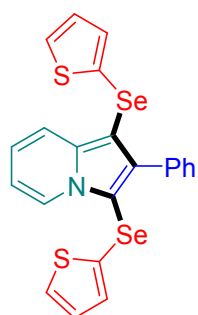
2-phenyl-1,3-bis(pyridin-3-ylselanyl)indolizine (5aj)



Yellow solid (212.9 mg, 84%), mp 120.8-123.5 °C; IR (KBr): 3026, 2922, 1540, 1406, 1014, 744, 702 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.39 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.76 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 149.0, 147.6, 146.5, 142.8, 140.0, 136.4, 136.1, 134.1, 131.7, 130.7, 127.8, 127.7, 125.6, 124.4, 124.0, 122.4, 118.7, 113.0, 104.5, 93.8. HRMS

MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{Se}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 507.9827, found: 507.9830.

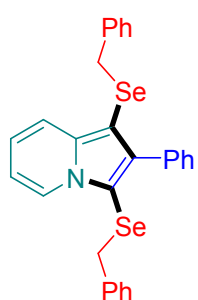
2-phenyl-1,3-bis(thiophen-2-ylselanyl)indolizine (5ak)



Brown solid (183.5 mg, 71%), mp 95.3-97.8 °C; IR (KBr): 3020, 2922, 1629, 1492, 741, 694 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.57 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.44 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.76 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 141.0, 138.8, 134.8, 132.4, 131.8, 131.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.5, 127.5, 125.5,

125.4, 121.6, 118.8, 112.3, 107.5, 97.8. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{NS}_2\text{Se}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 517.9048, found: 517.9051.

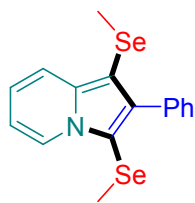
1,3-bis(benzylselanyl)-2-phenylindolizine (5al)



Brown oil (213.2 mg, 80%); IR (KBr): 3024, 2926, 1492, 1342, 743, 692 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.23 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 6H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.82-6.78 (m, 1H), 6.54 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 142.0, 139.3, 139.2, 138.5, 135.4, 131.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 125.2, 120.2, 118.5, 111.3, 106.5,

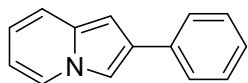
95.8, 33.0, 32.8. ^{77}Se NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 202.2, 184.4. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 534.0235, found: 534.0239.

1,3-bis(methylselanyl)-2-phenylindolizine (5am)



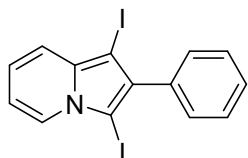
Brown oil (117.8 mg, 62%); IR (KBr): 3057, 2920, 1492, 1340, 748, 698 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.51 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.73 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 140.1, 138.0, 135.6, 130.9, 127.5, 127.2, 125.5, 120.0, 118.9, 111.6, 107.1, 96.6, 9.8, 8.7. ^{77}Se NMR (76 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 21.2, 1.6. HRMS MALDI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NSe}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 381.9609., found: 381.9607.

2-phenylindolizine (6aa)



Brown solid (57.9 mg, 60%); mp 213.6-215.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 3101, 1631, 1454, 727, 688 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 7.89 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.68-6.60 (m, 1H), 6.45 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 135.3, 133.6, 129.4, 128.7, 126.5, 126.2, 125.0, 119.0, 117.3, 110.5, 109.2, 96.6. MS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}$: 193.1, found: 193.1.

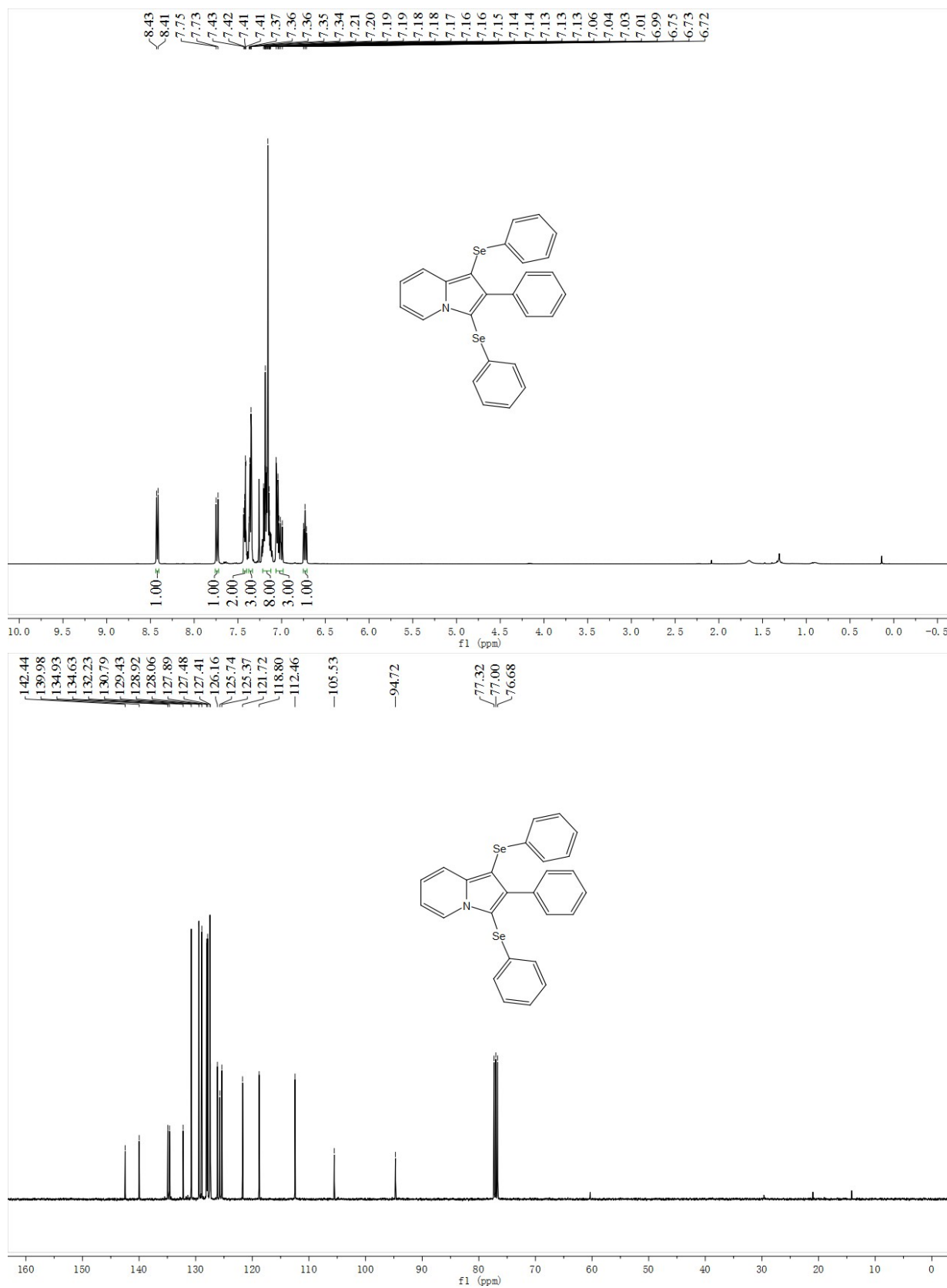
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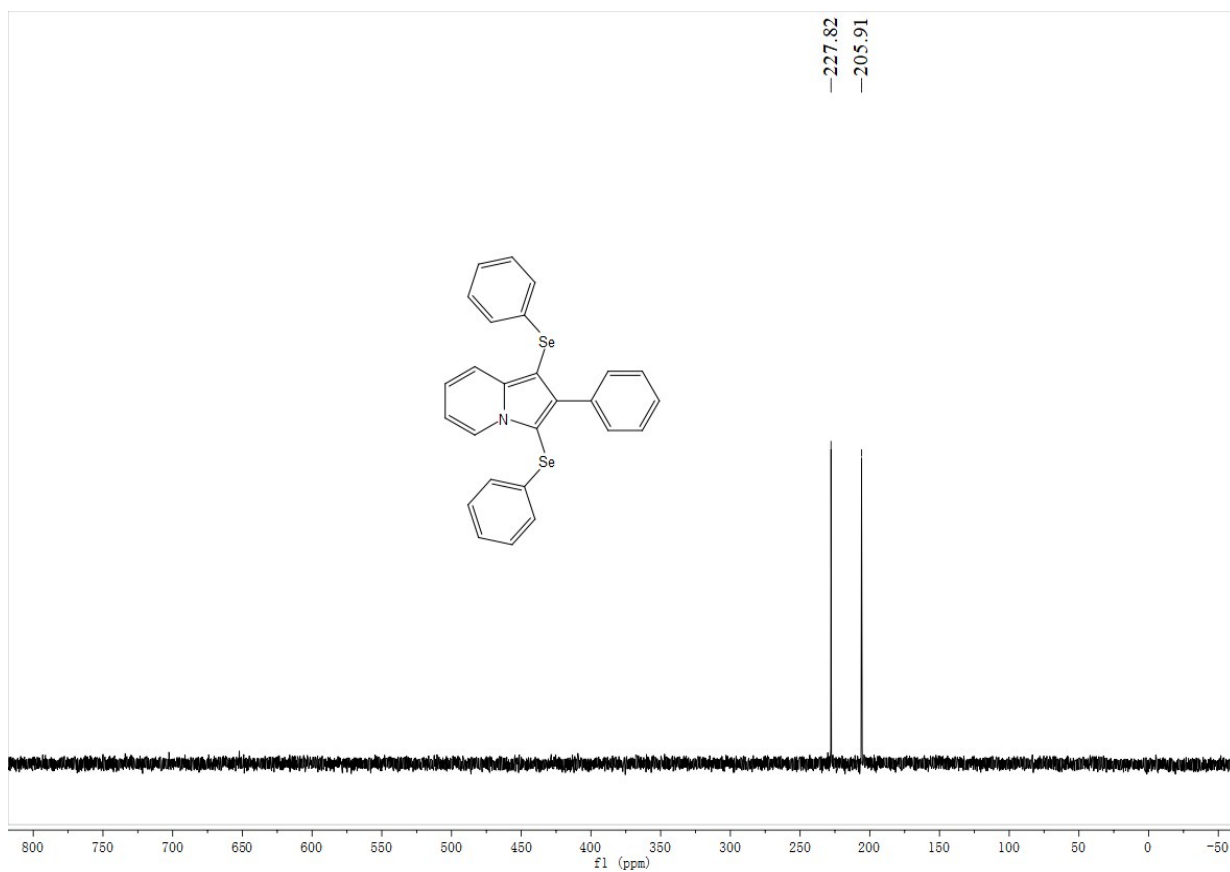


Unstable white solid (193.5 mg, 87%); IR (KBr): 2920, 2848, 1631, 1348, 725, 702 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 8.06 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.35 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.82 (m, 1H), 6.71 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ ppm 137.9, 136.4, 135.4, 130.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 119.8, 119.7, 112.4, 62.2, 55.4. MS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{I}_2\text{N}$: 444.9, found: 444.9.

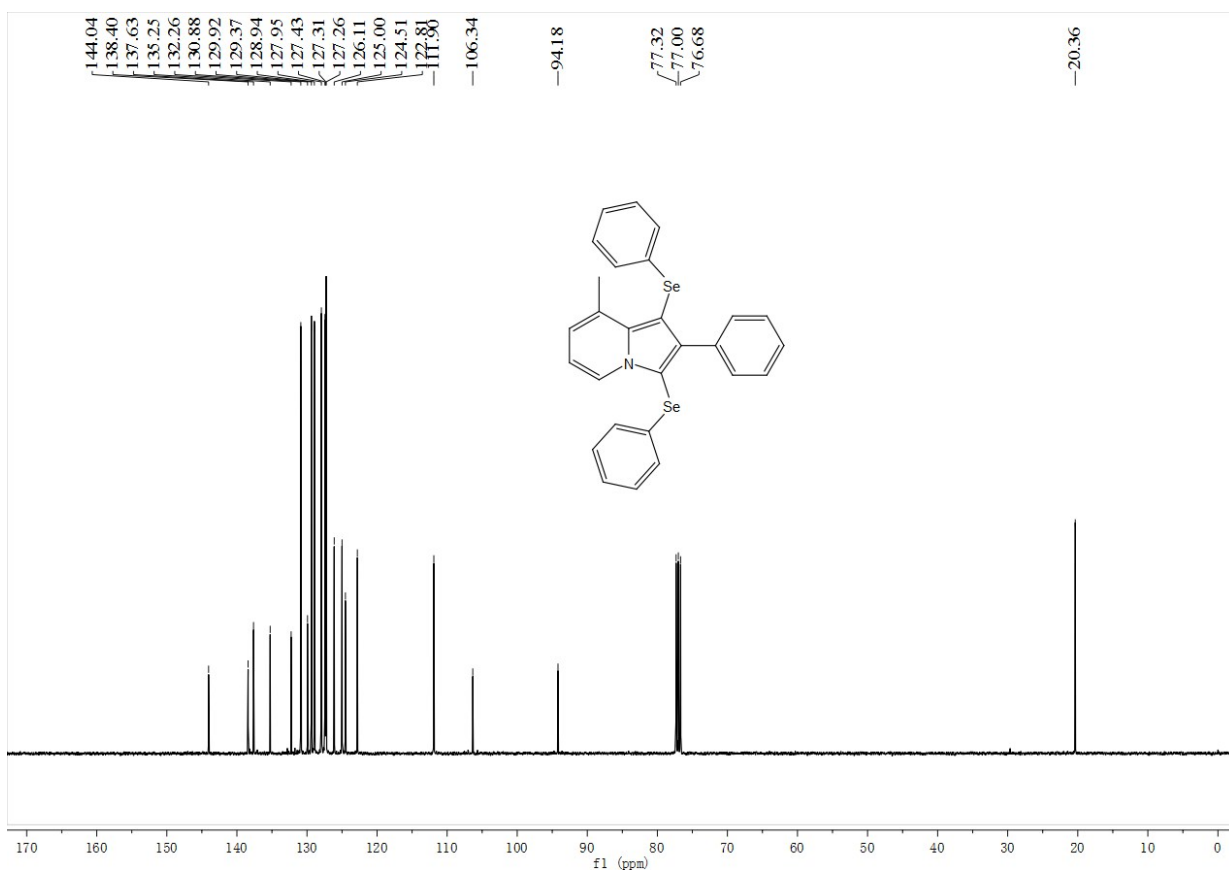
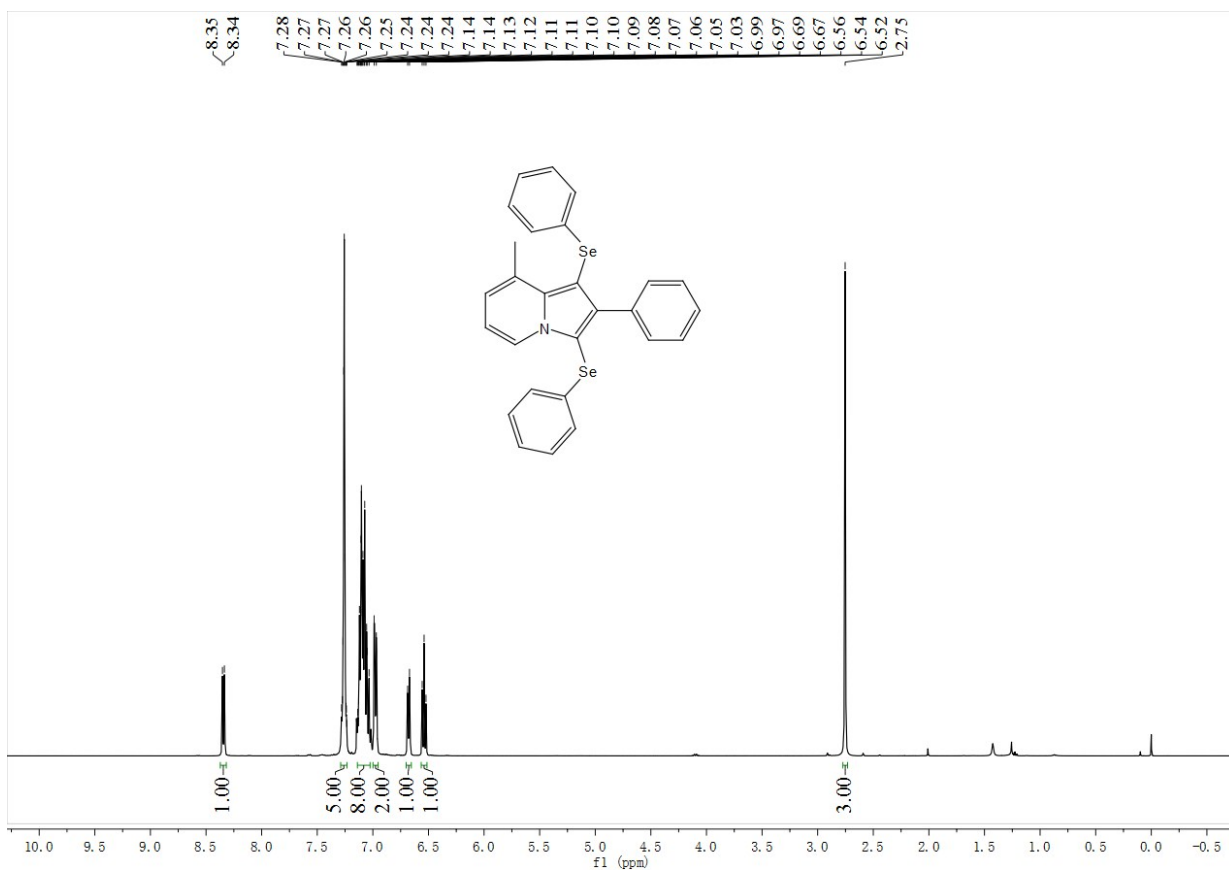
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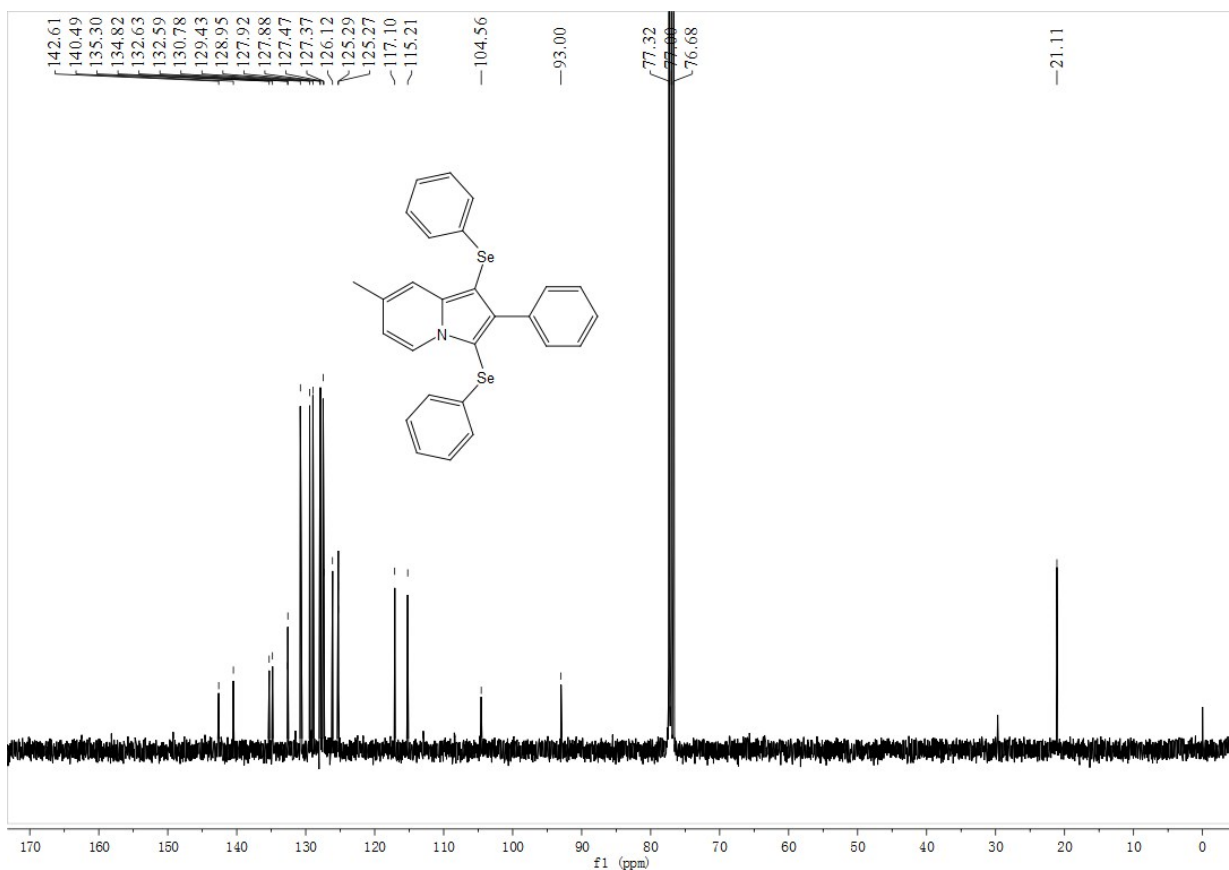
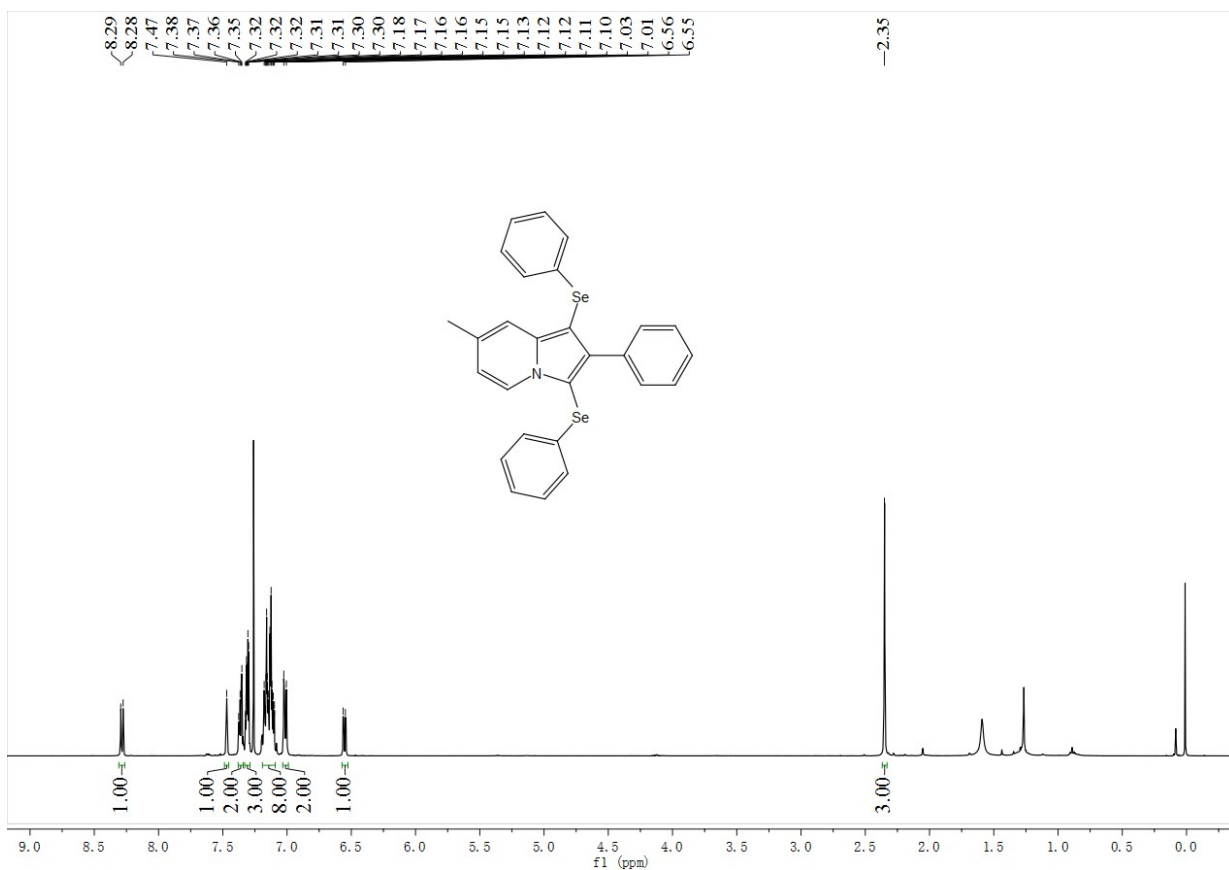




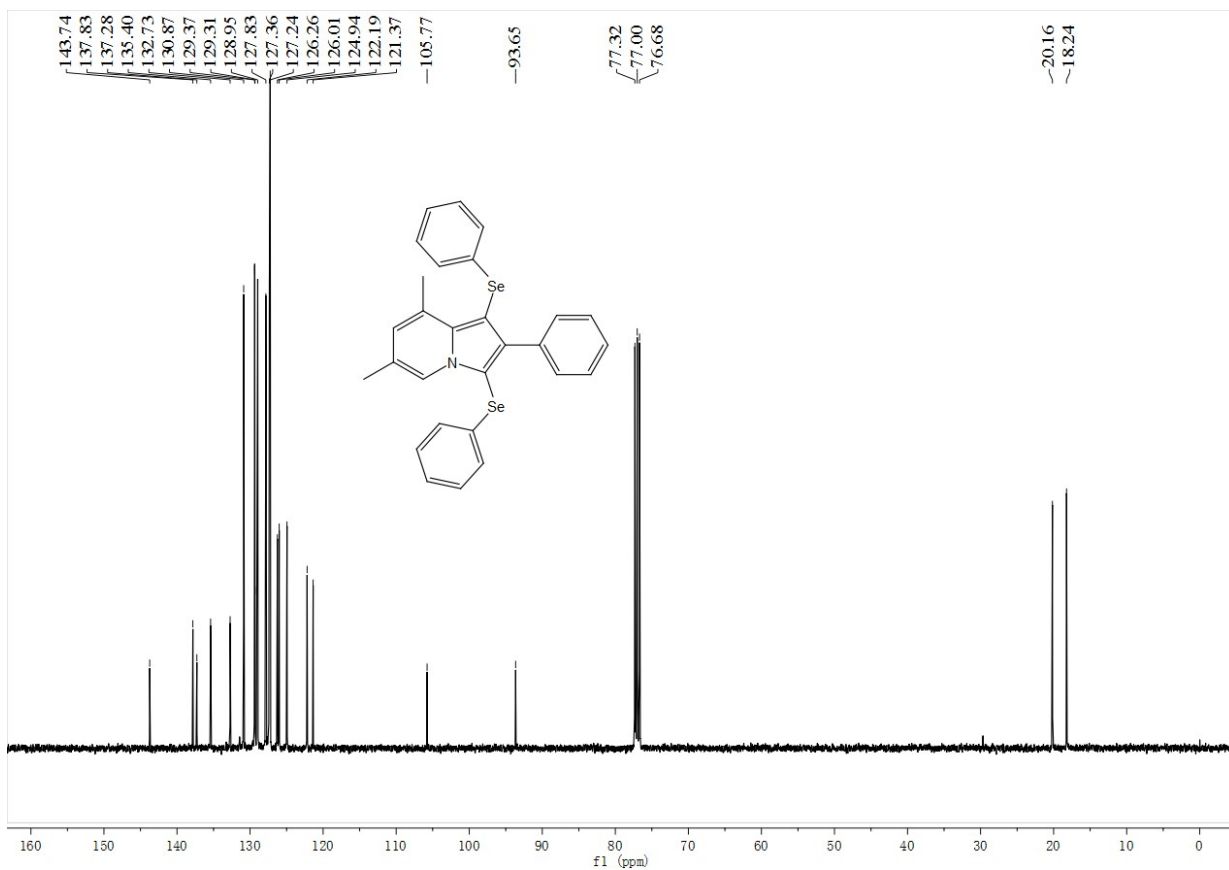
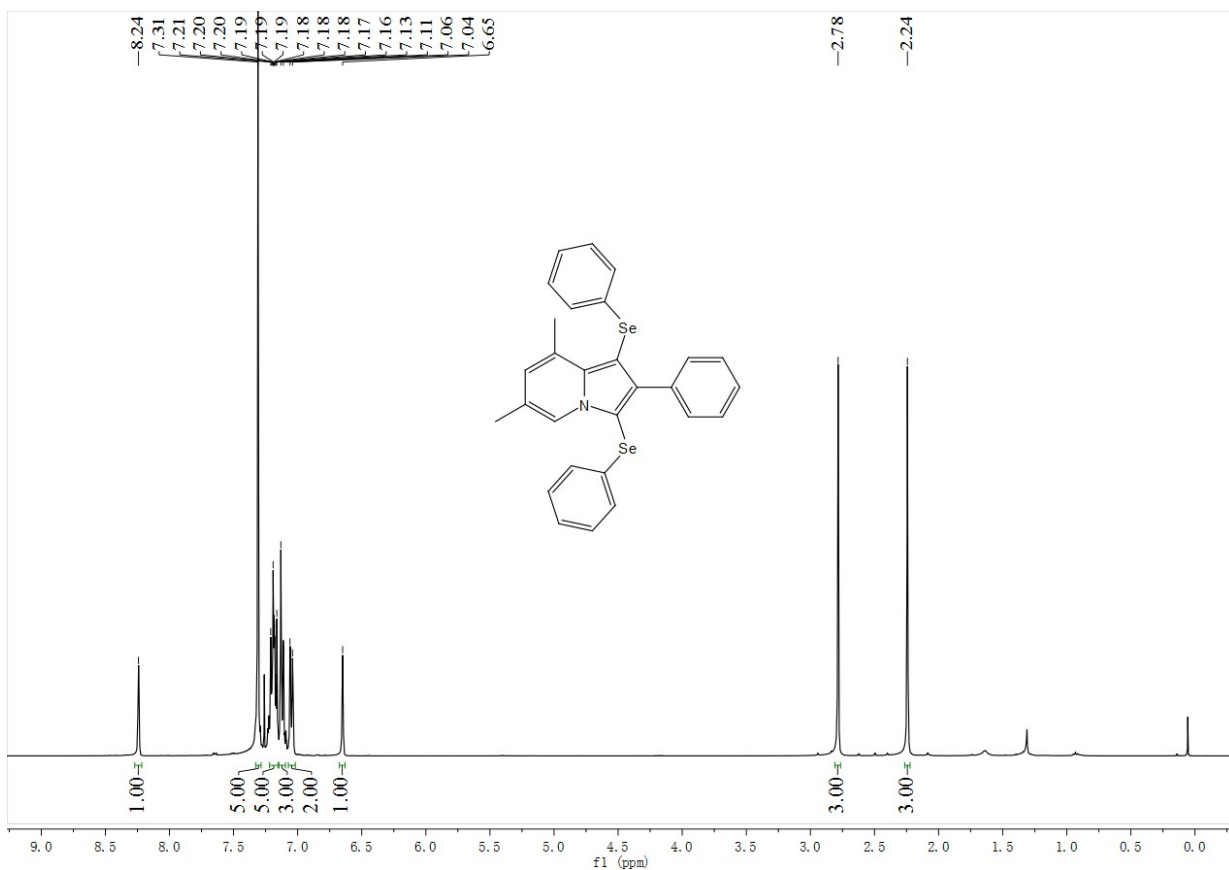
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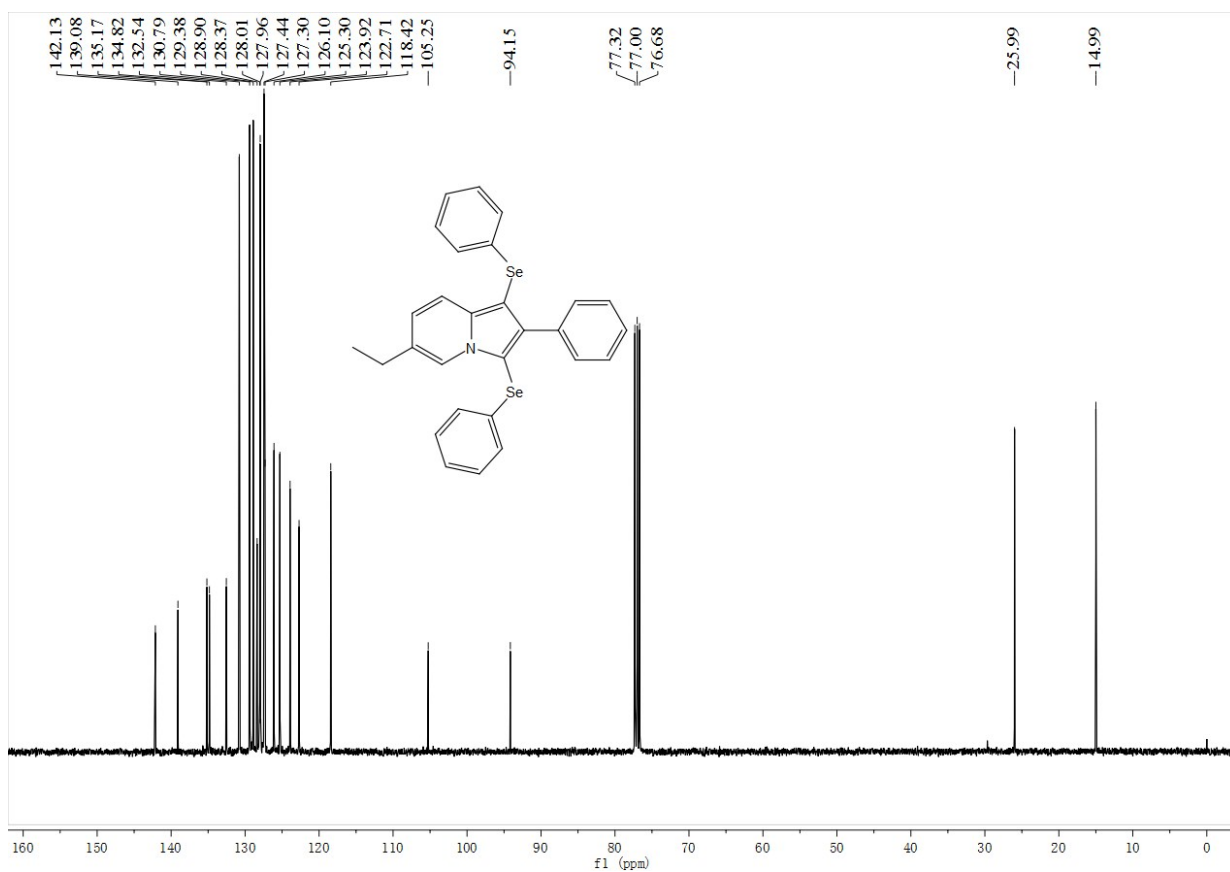
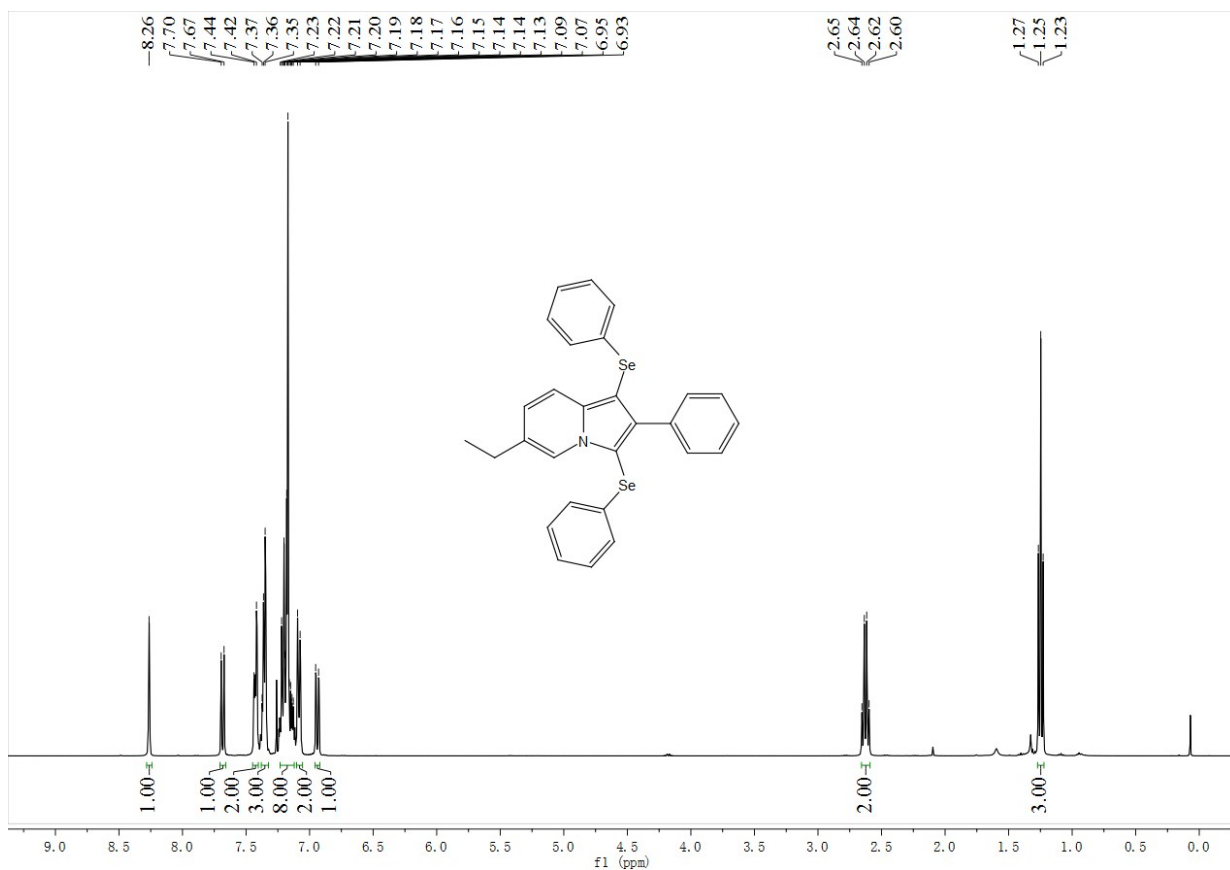
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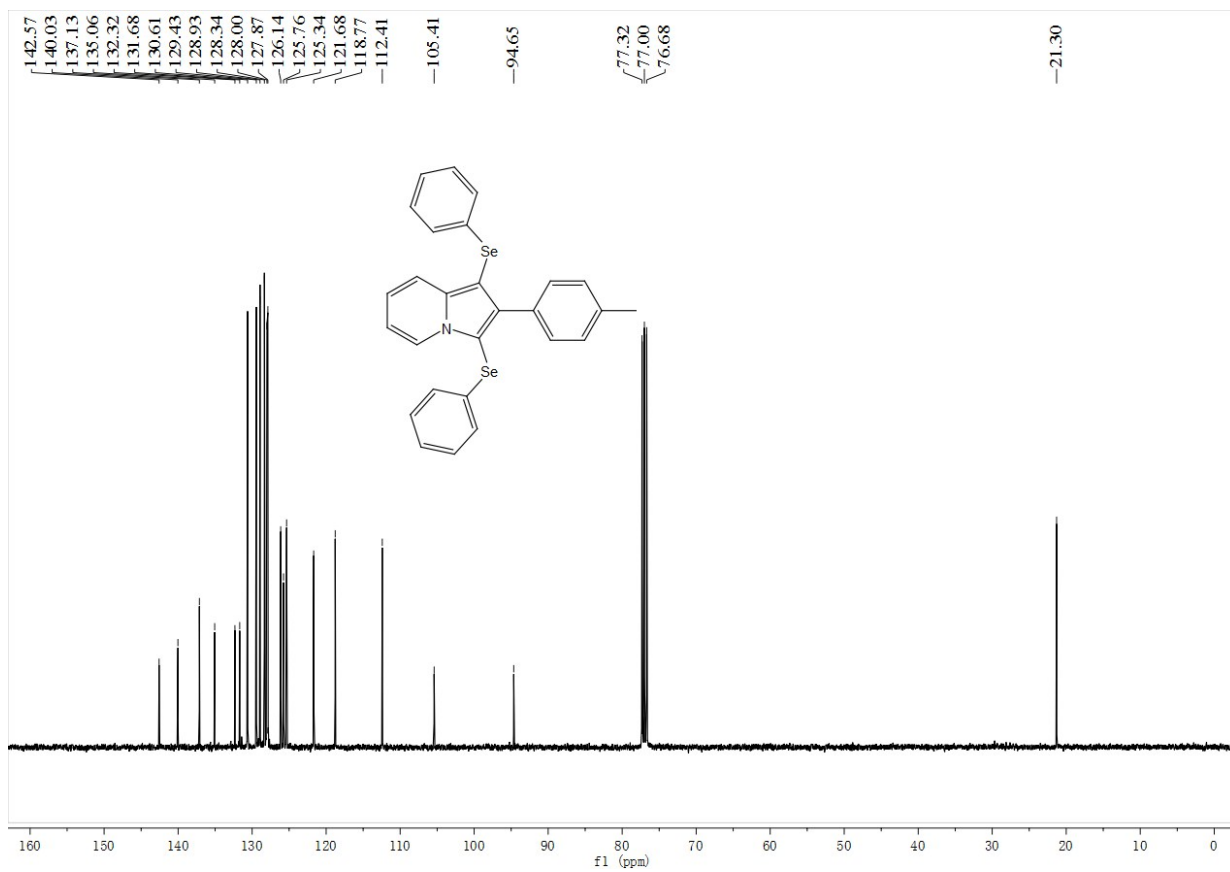
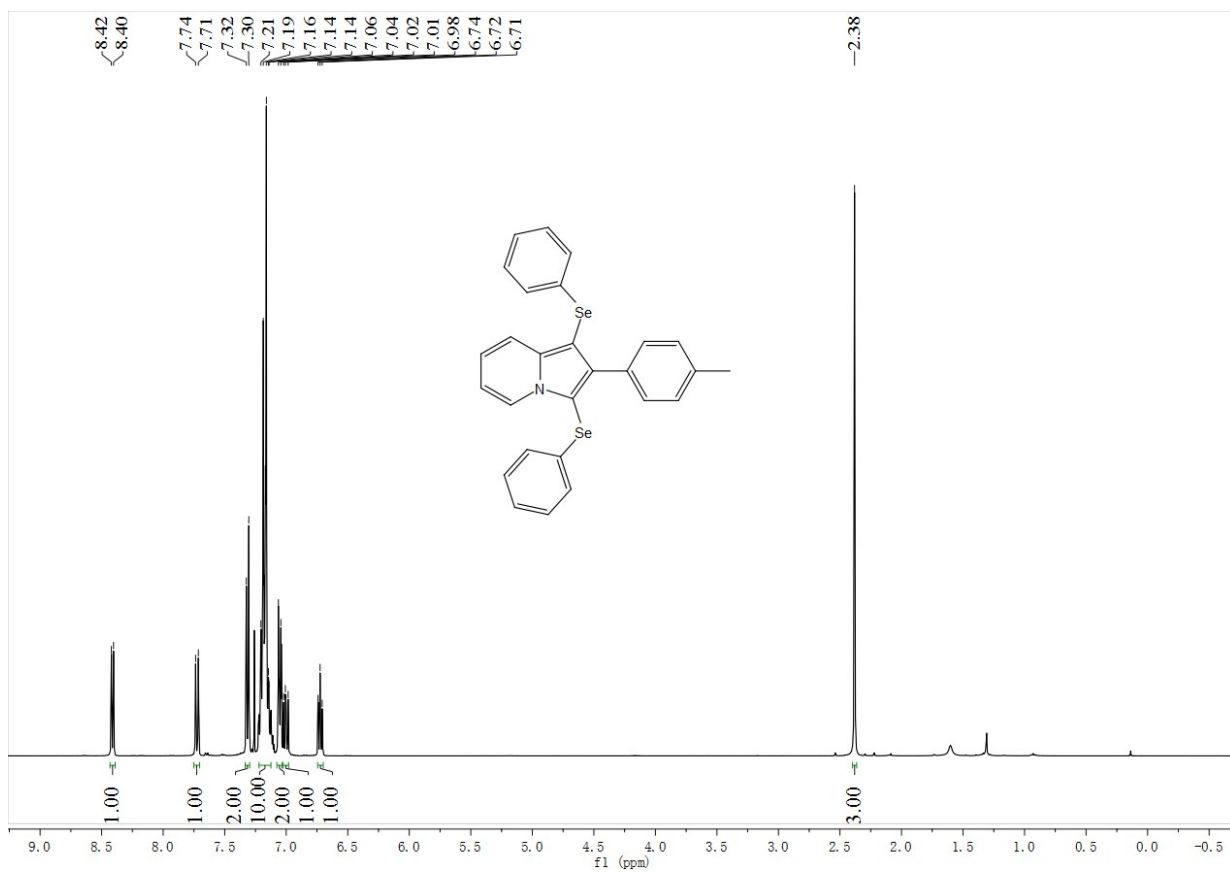
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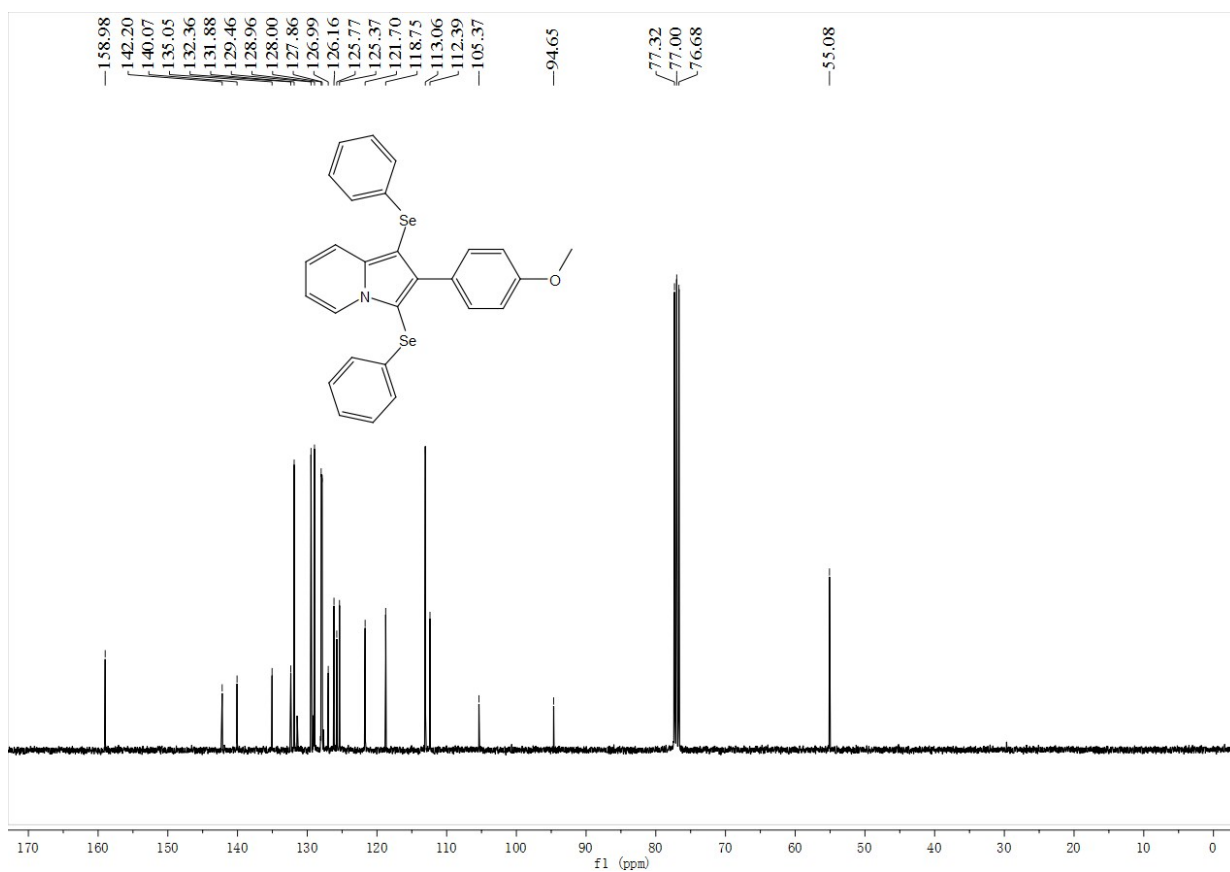
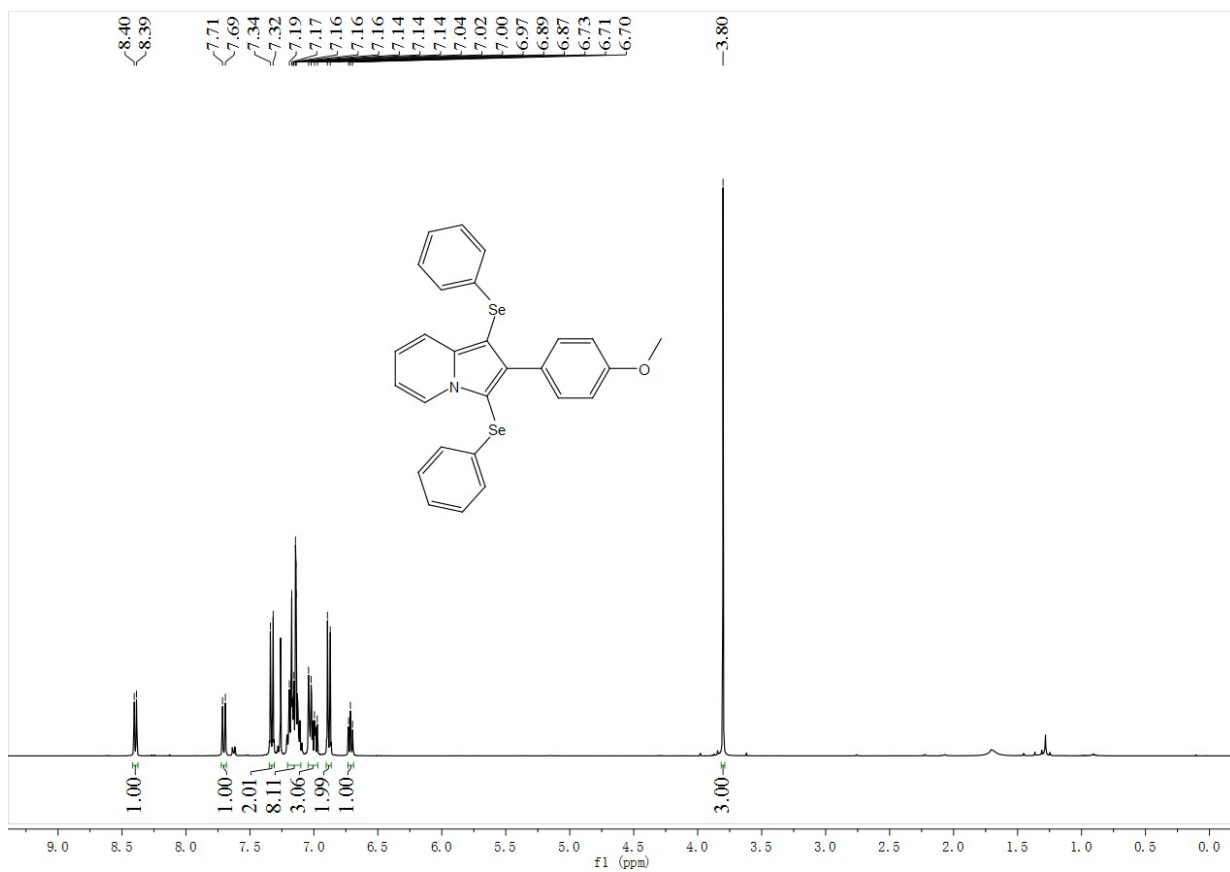
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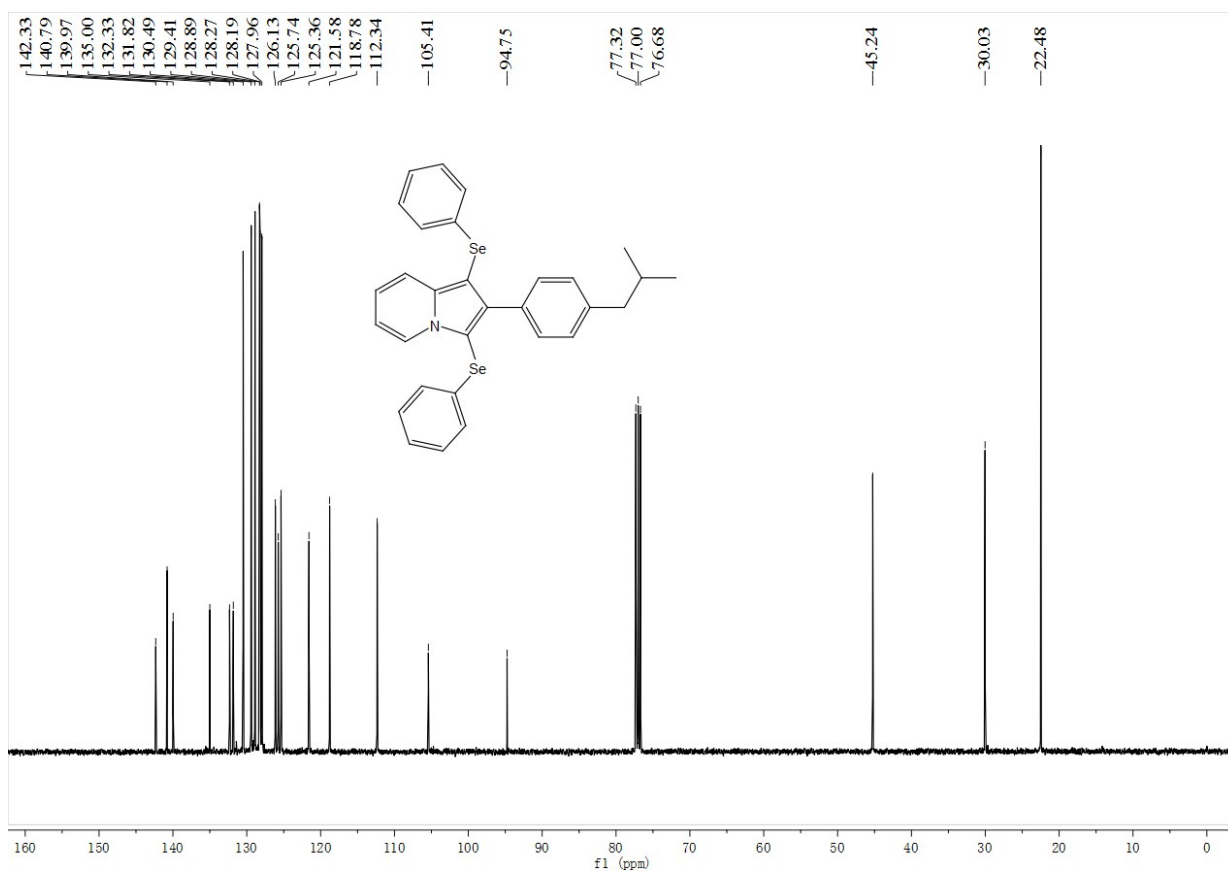
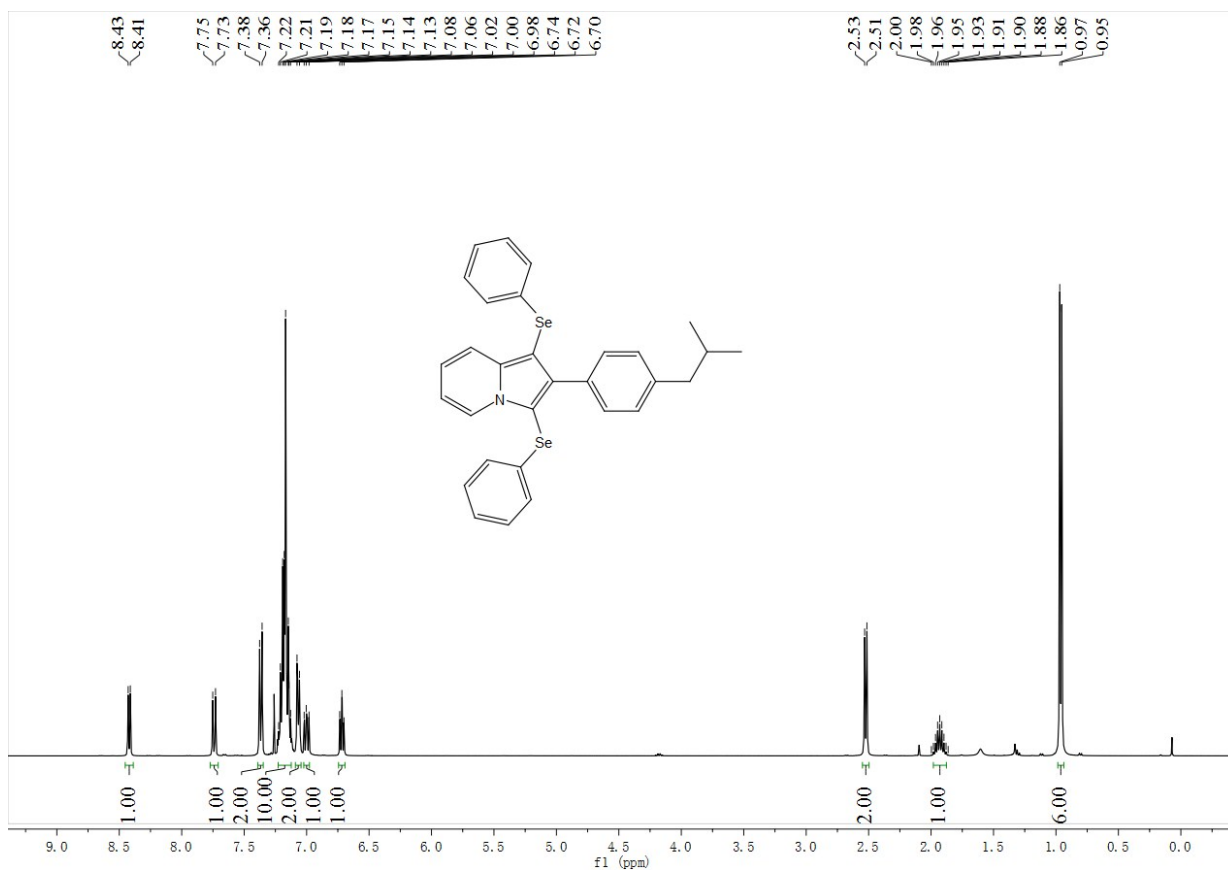
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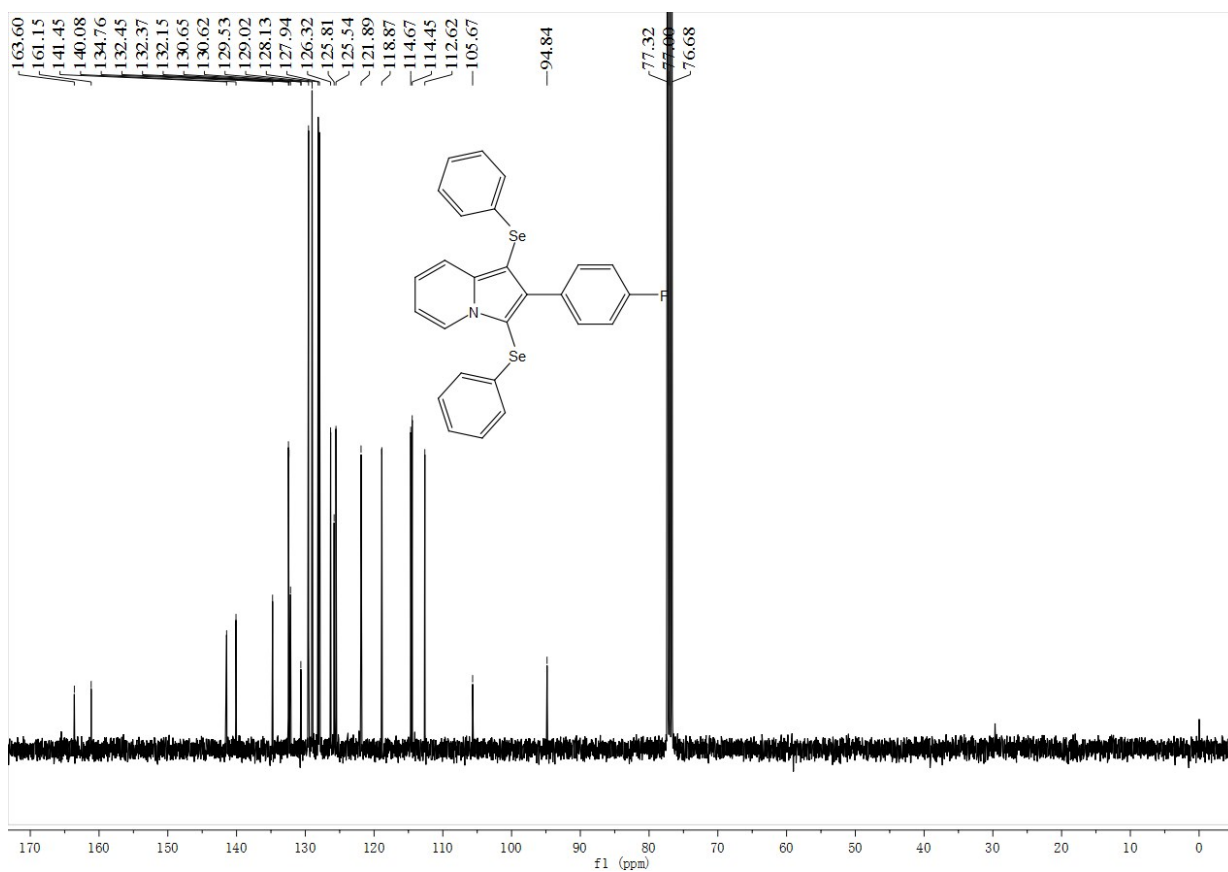
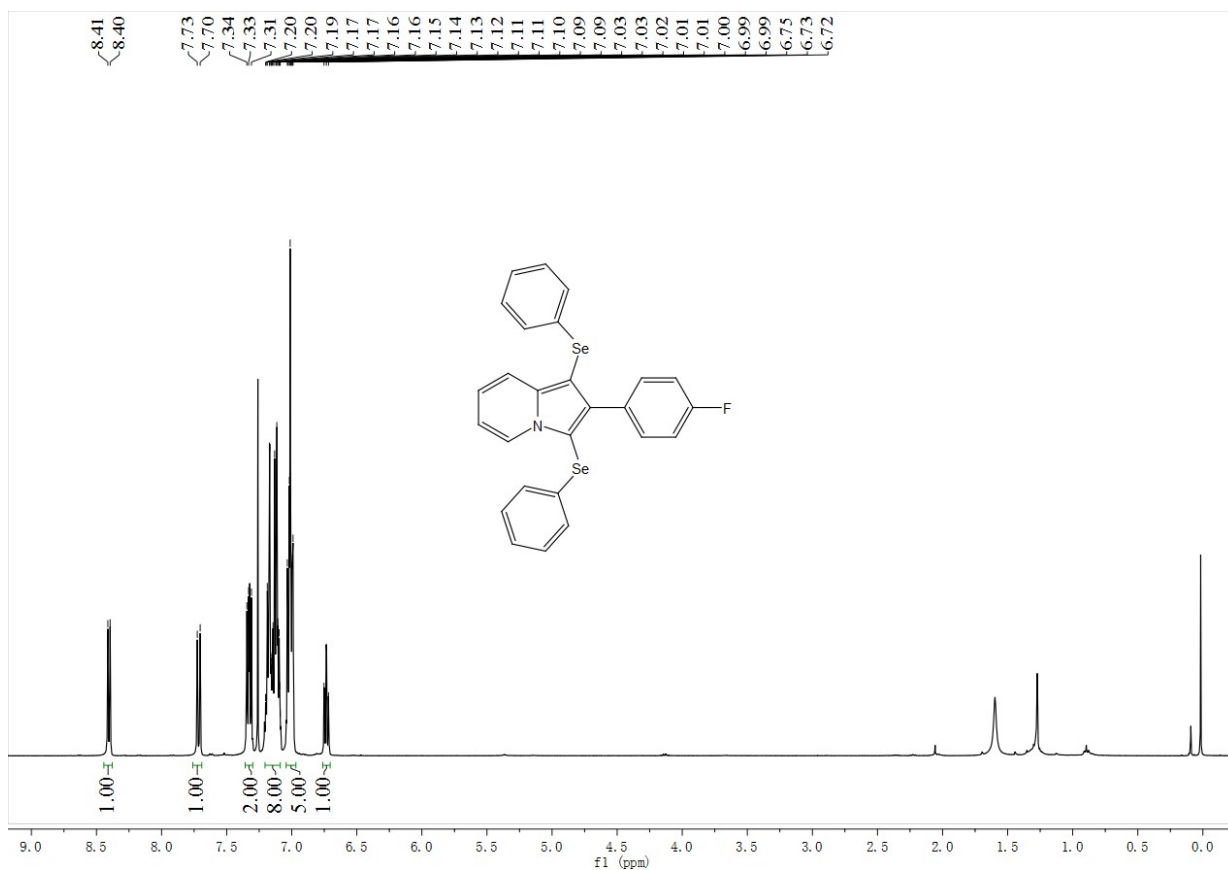
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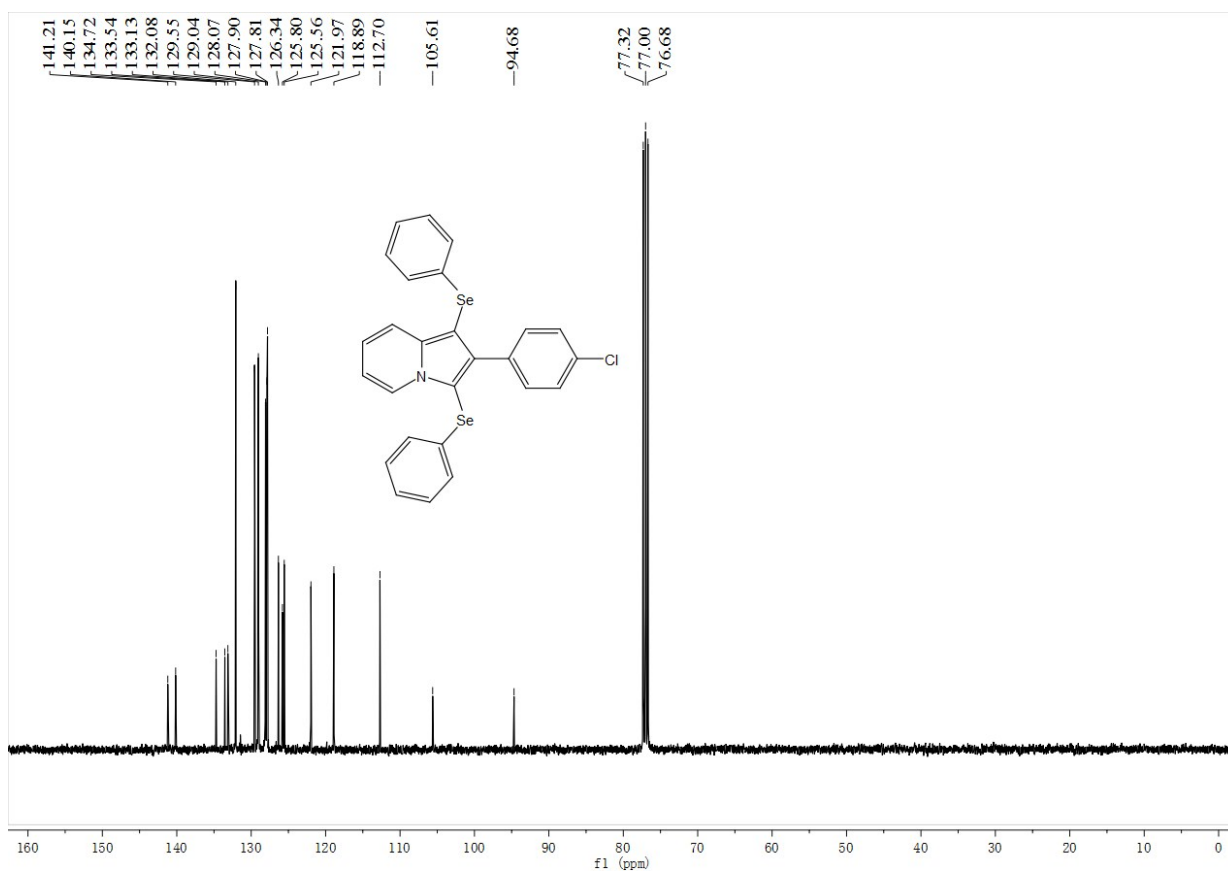
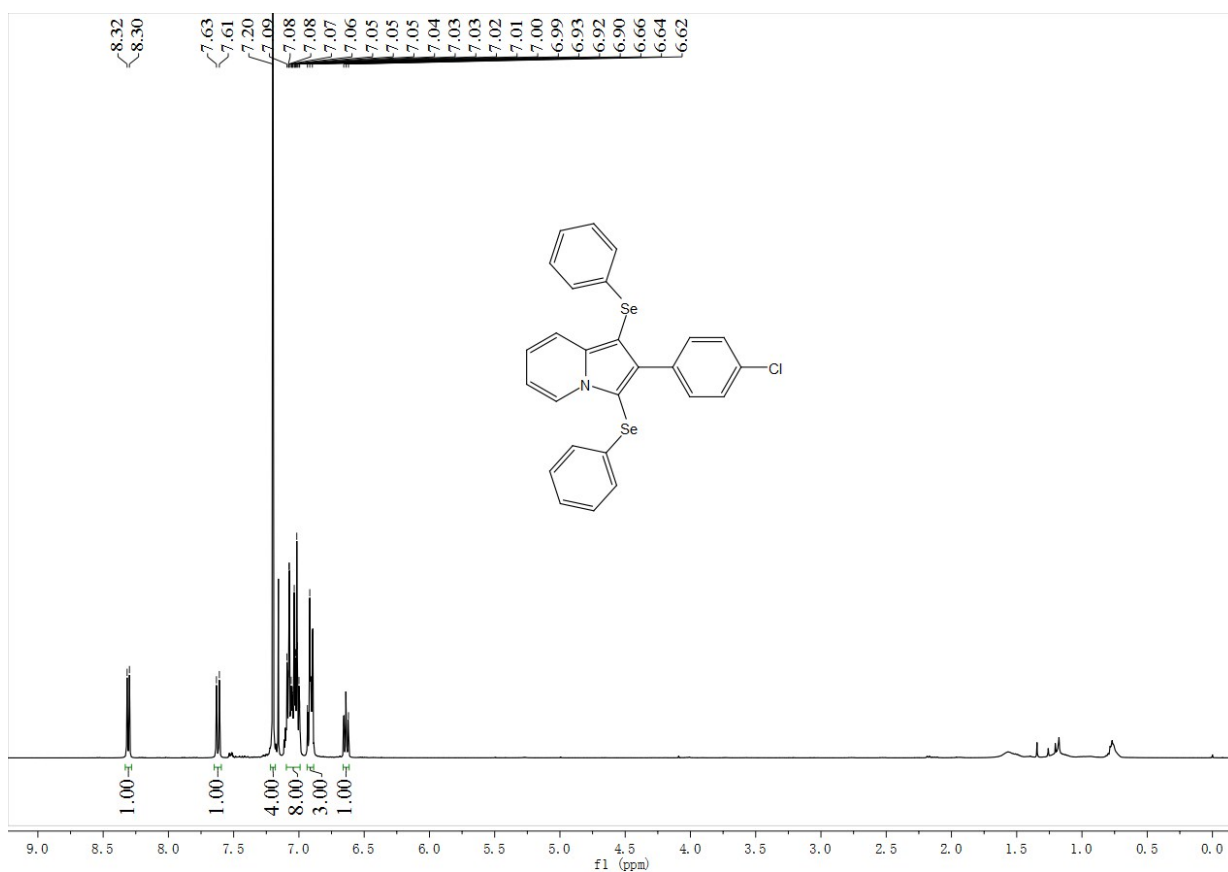
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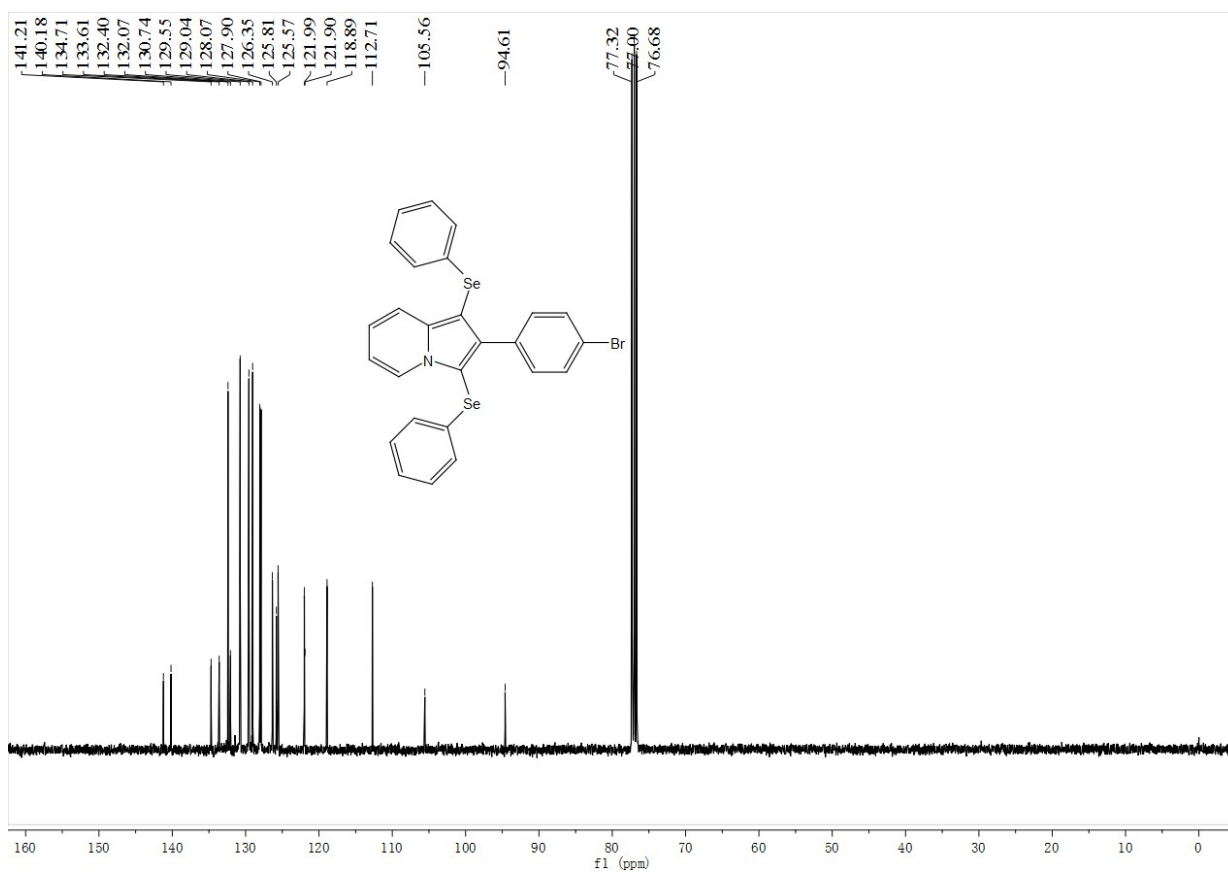
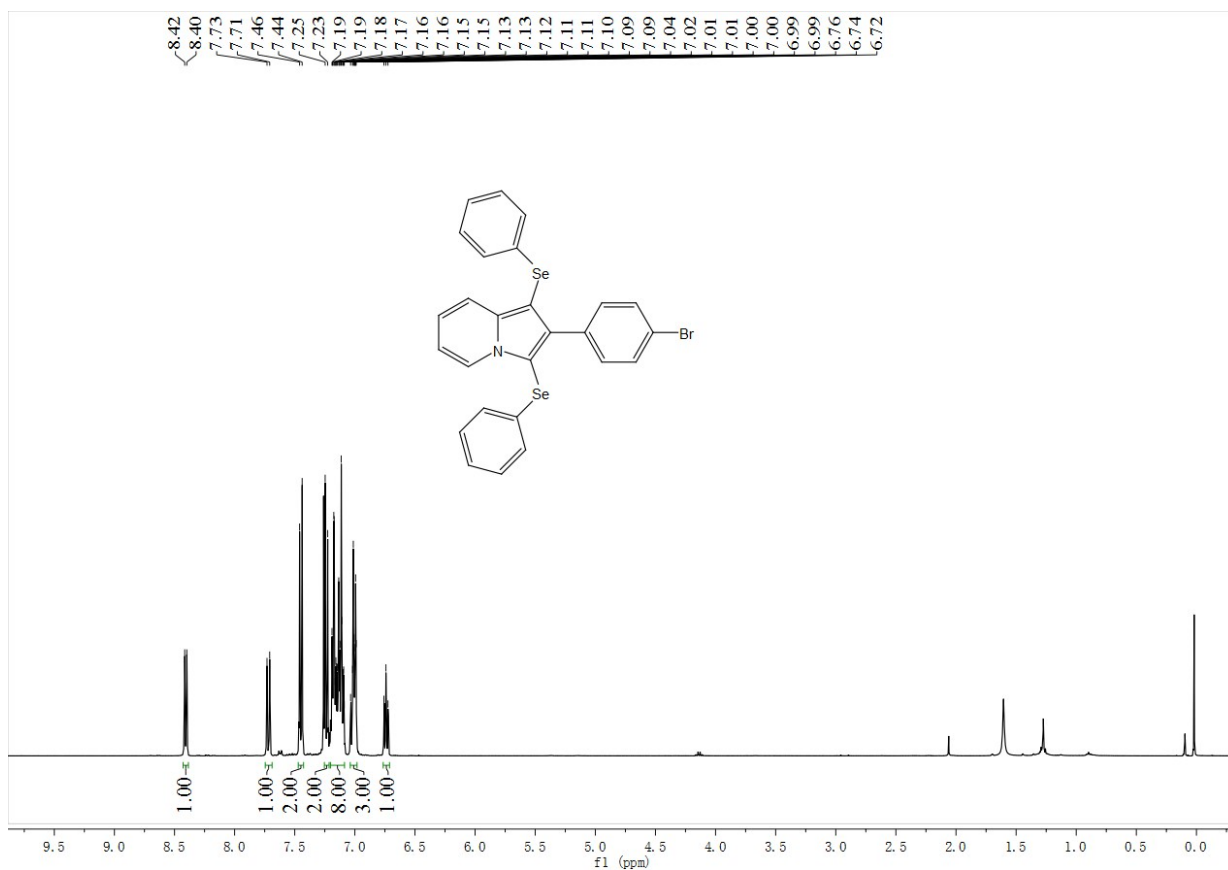
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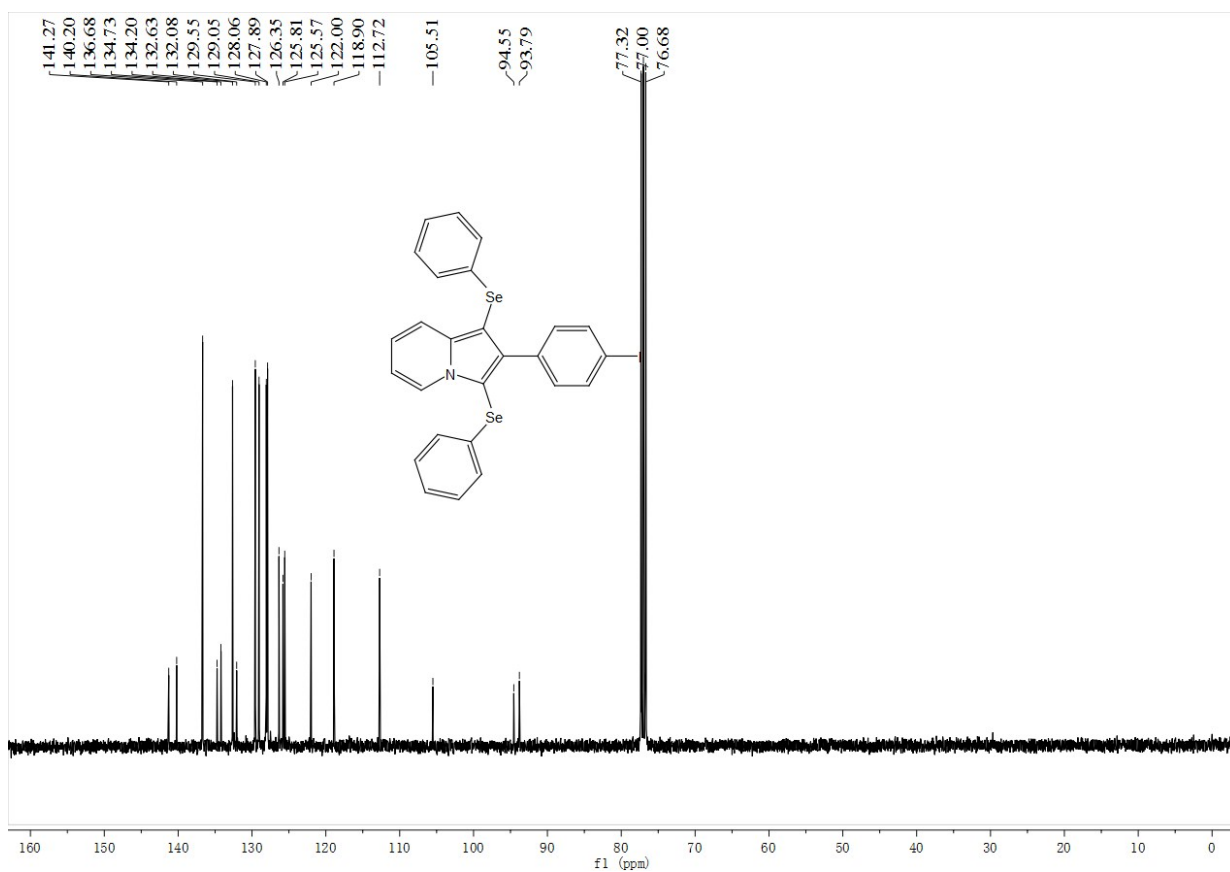
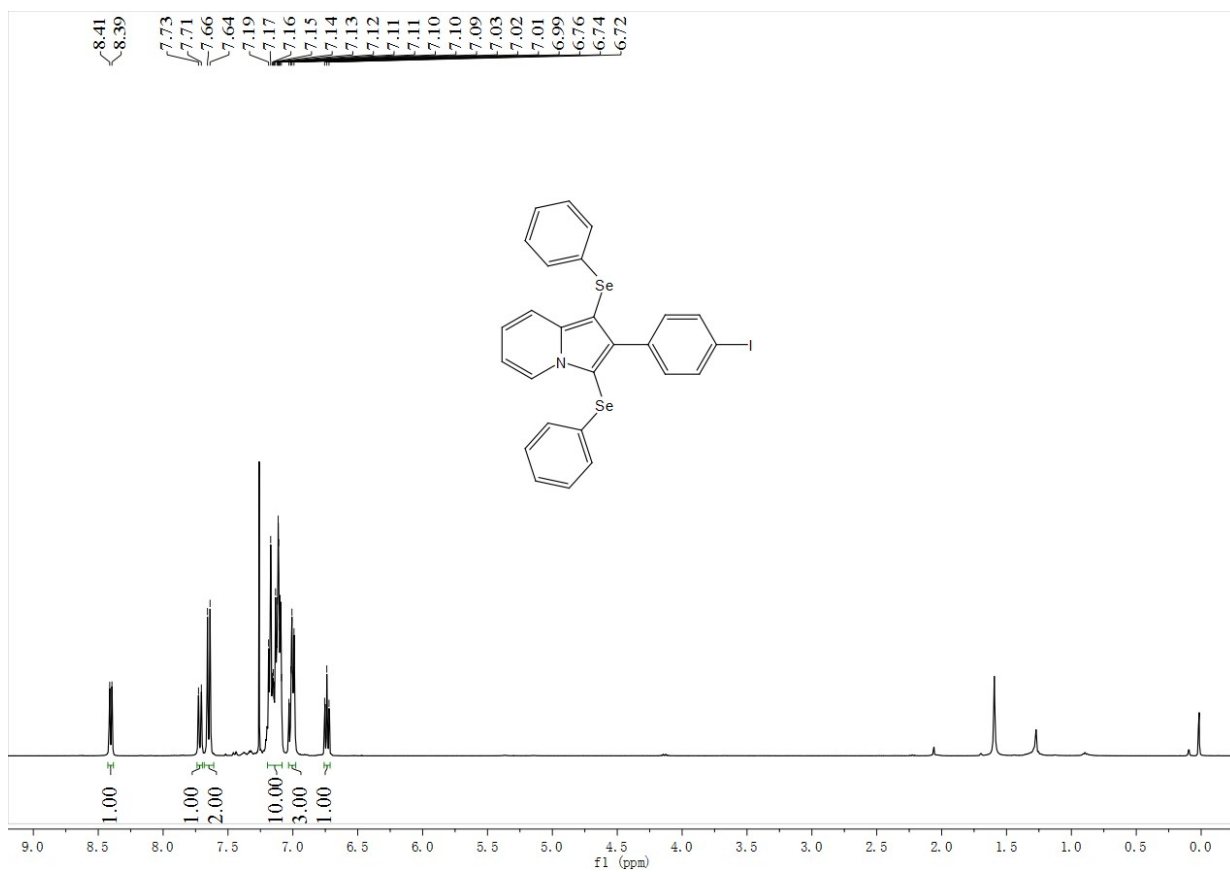
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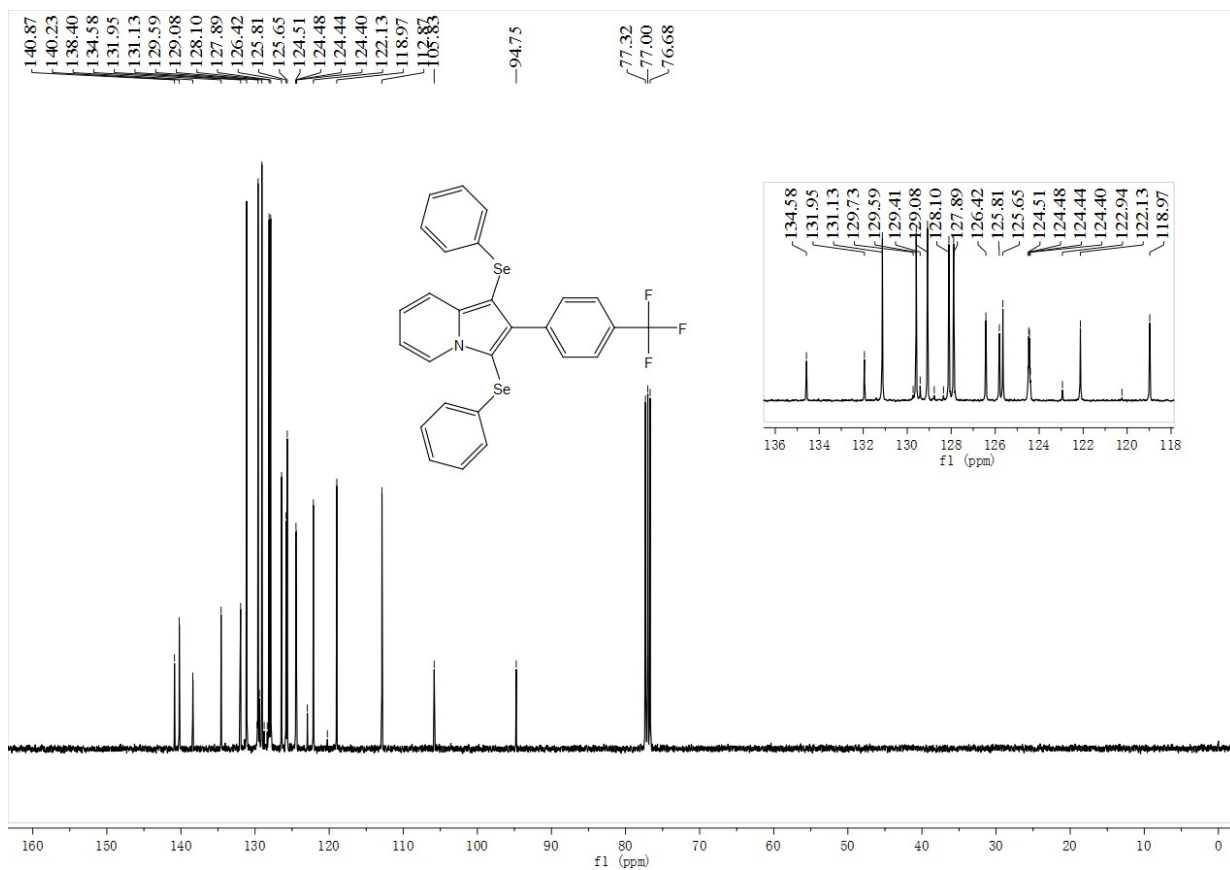
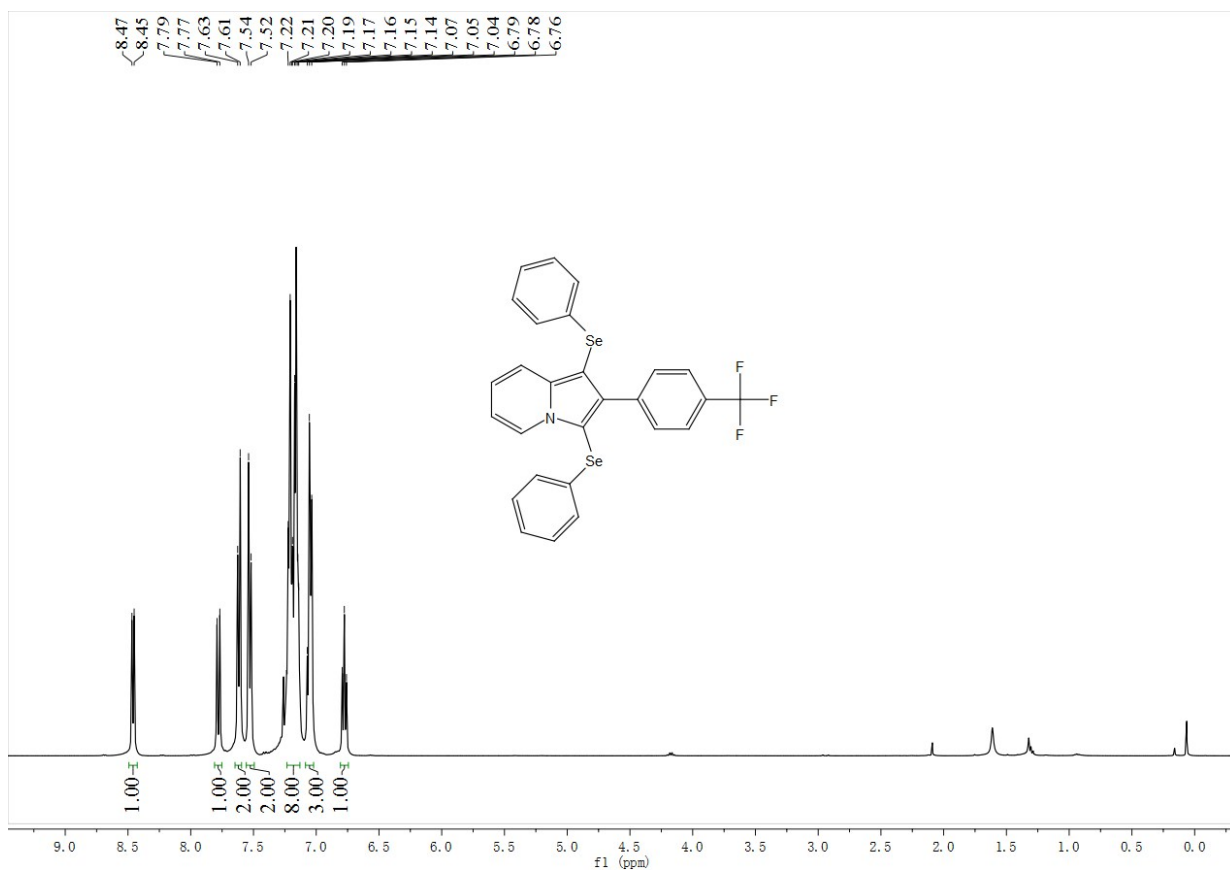
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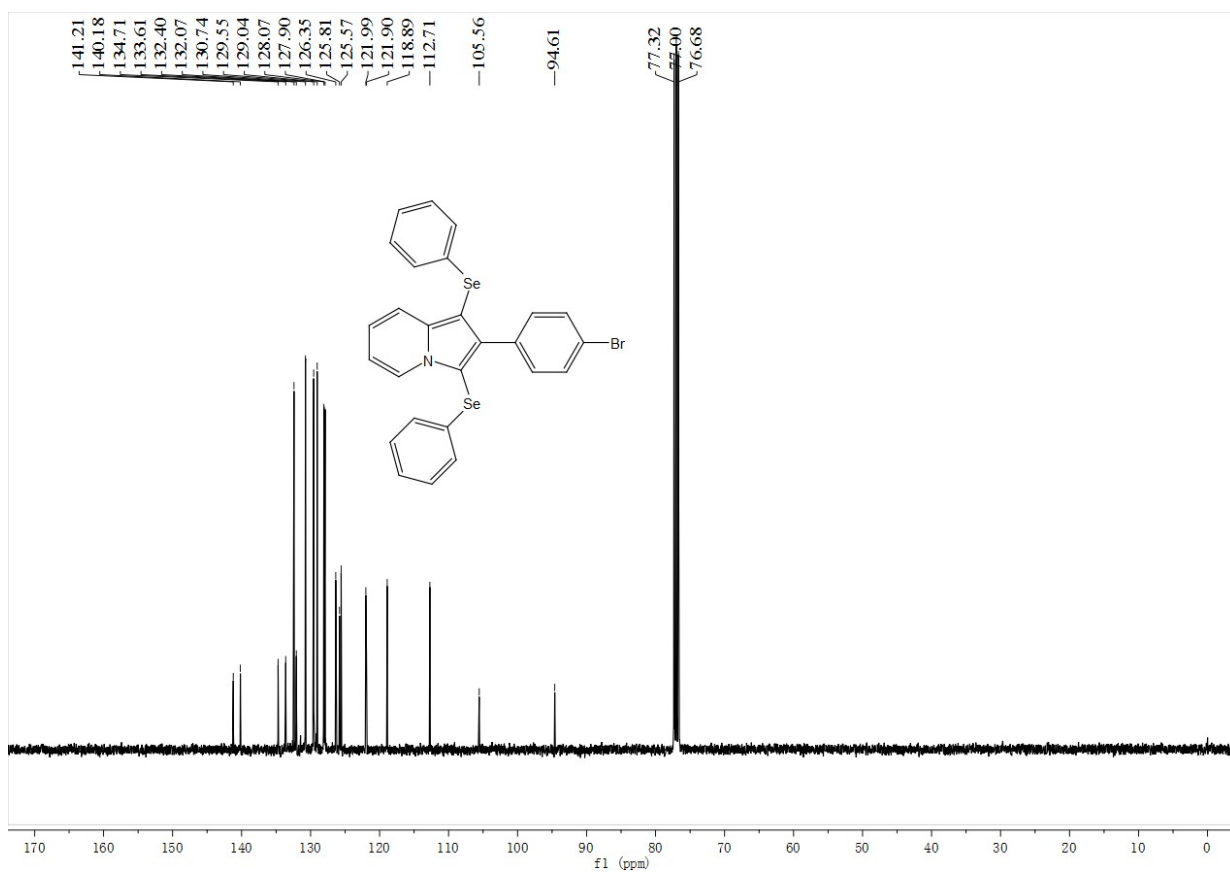
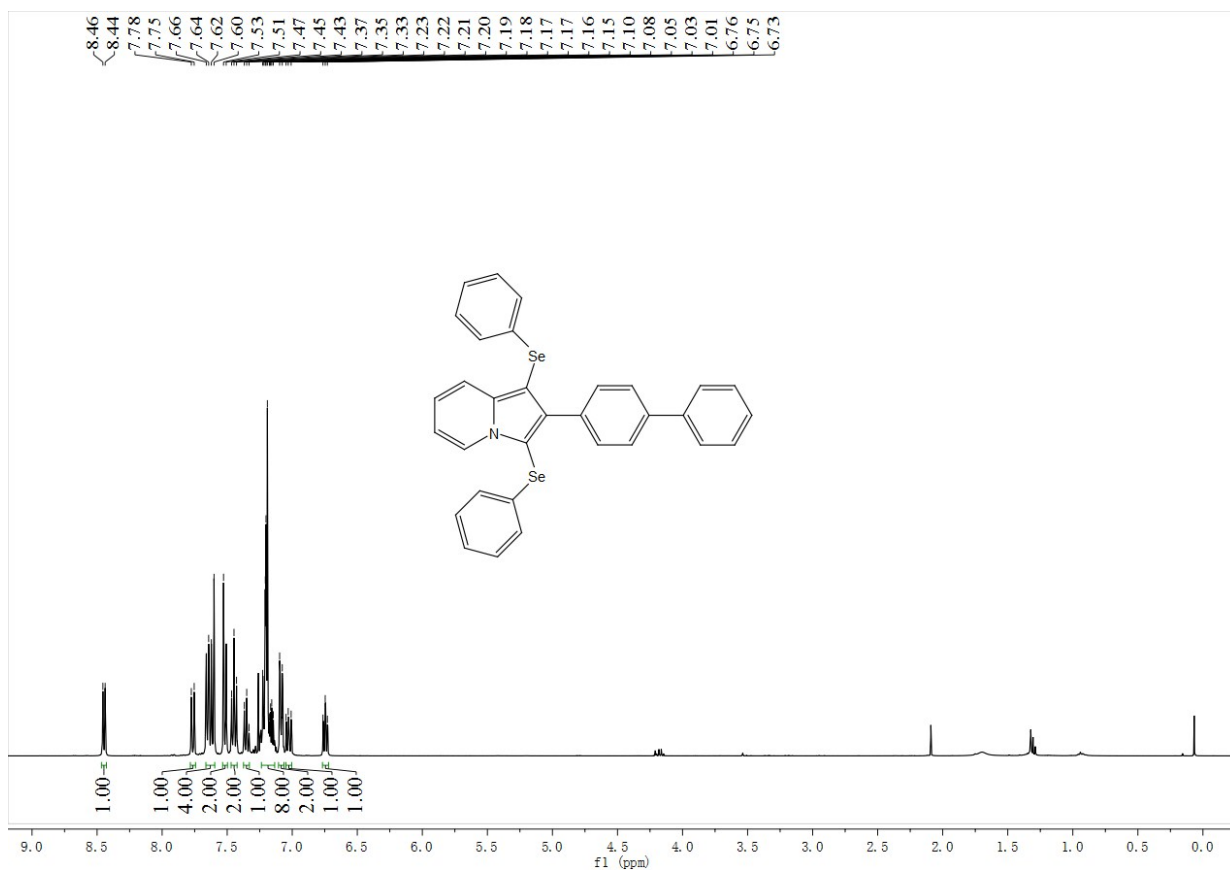
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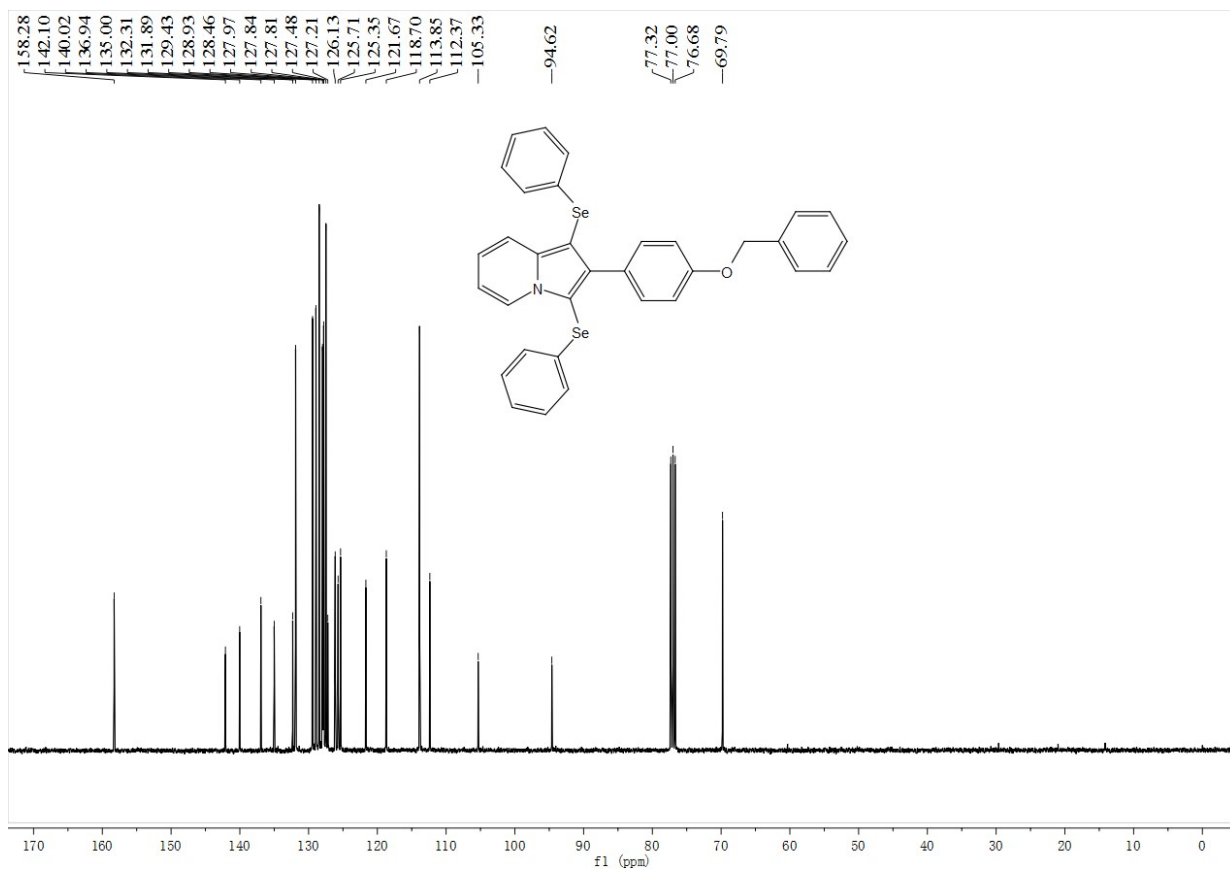
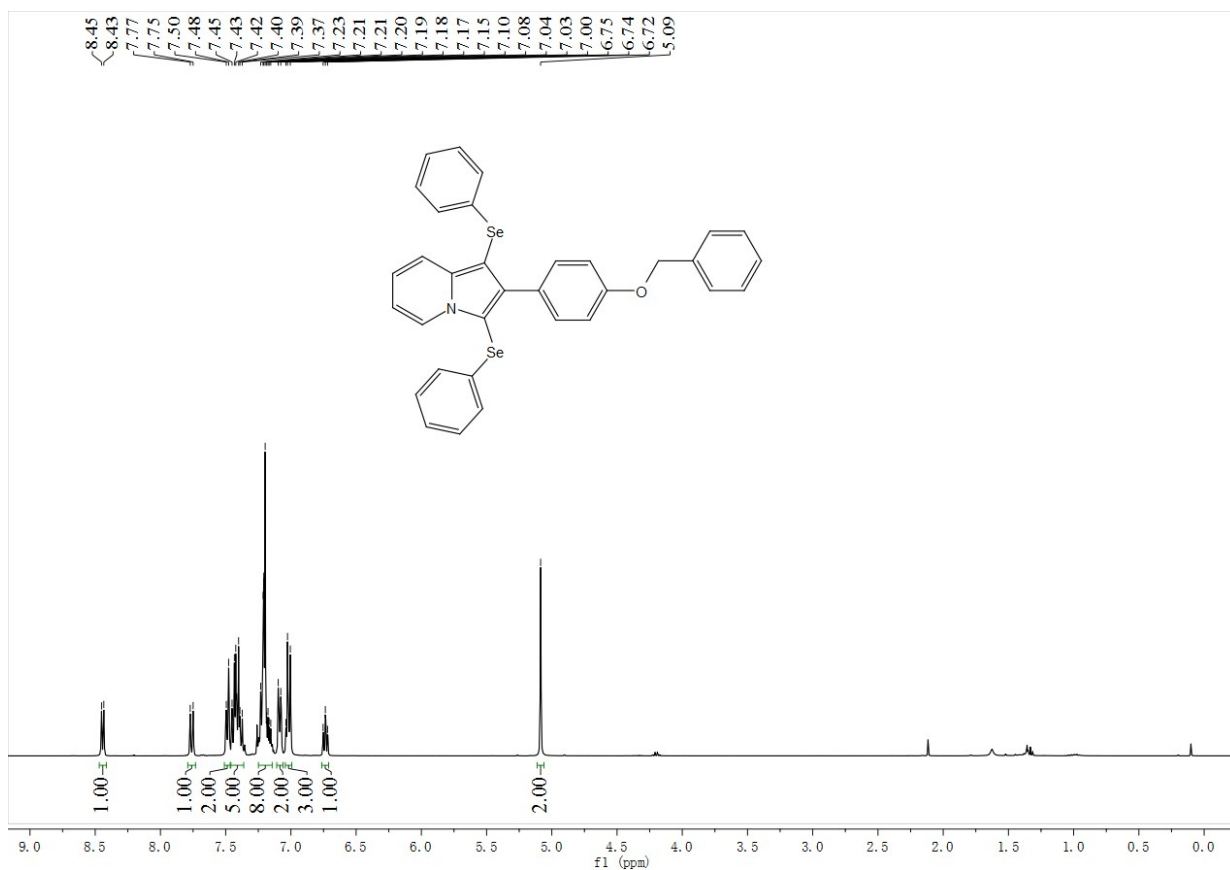
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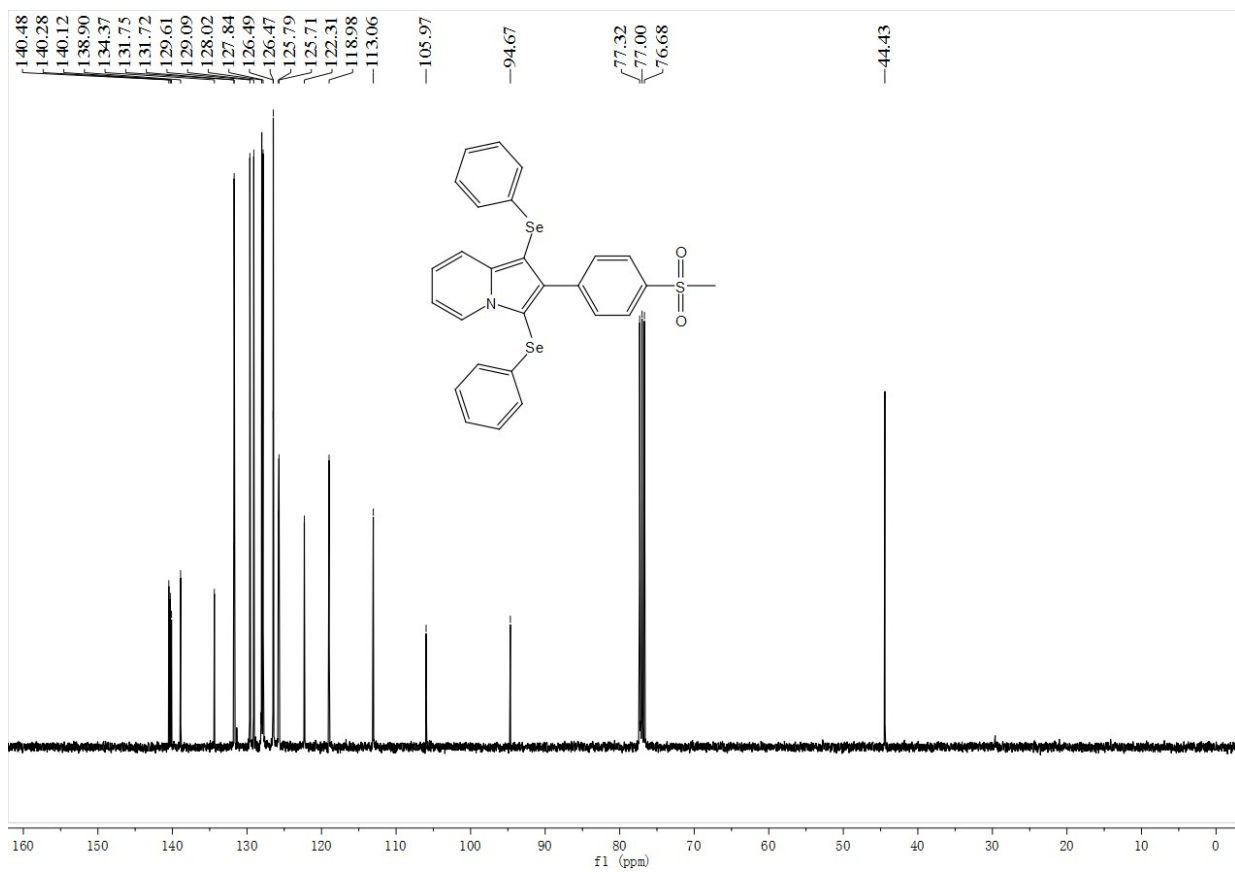
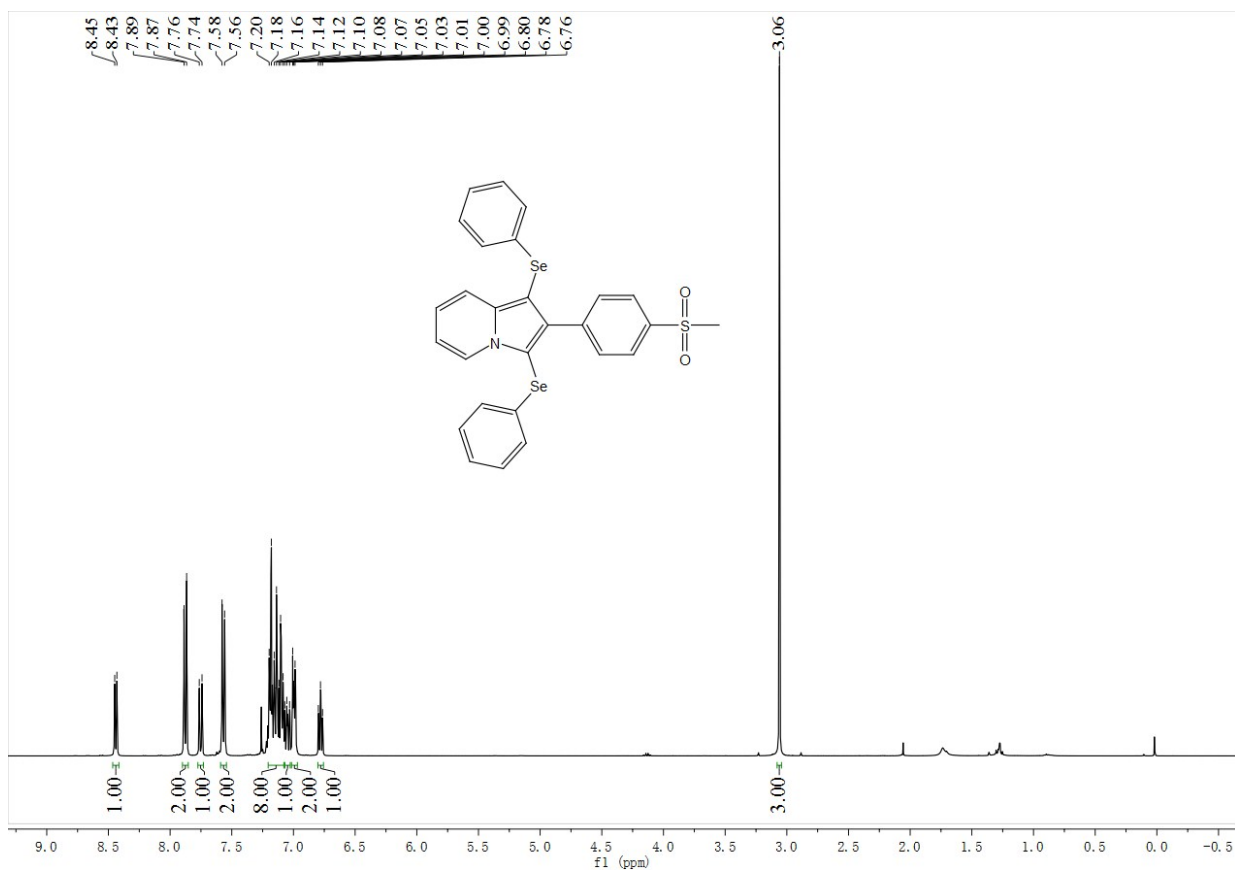
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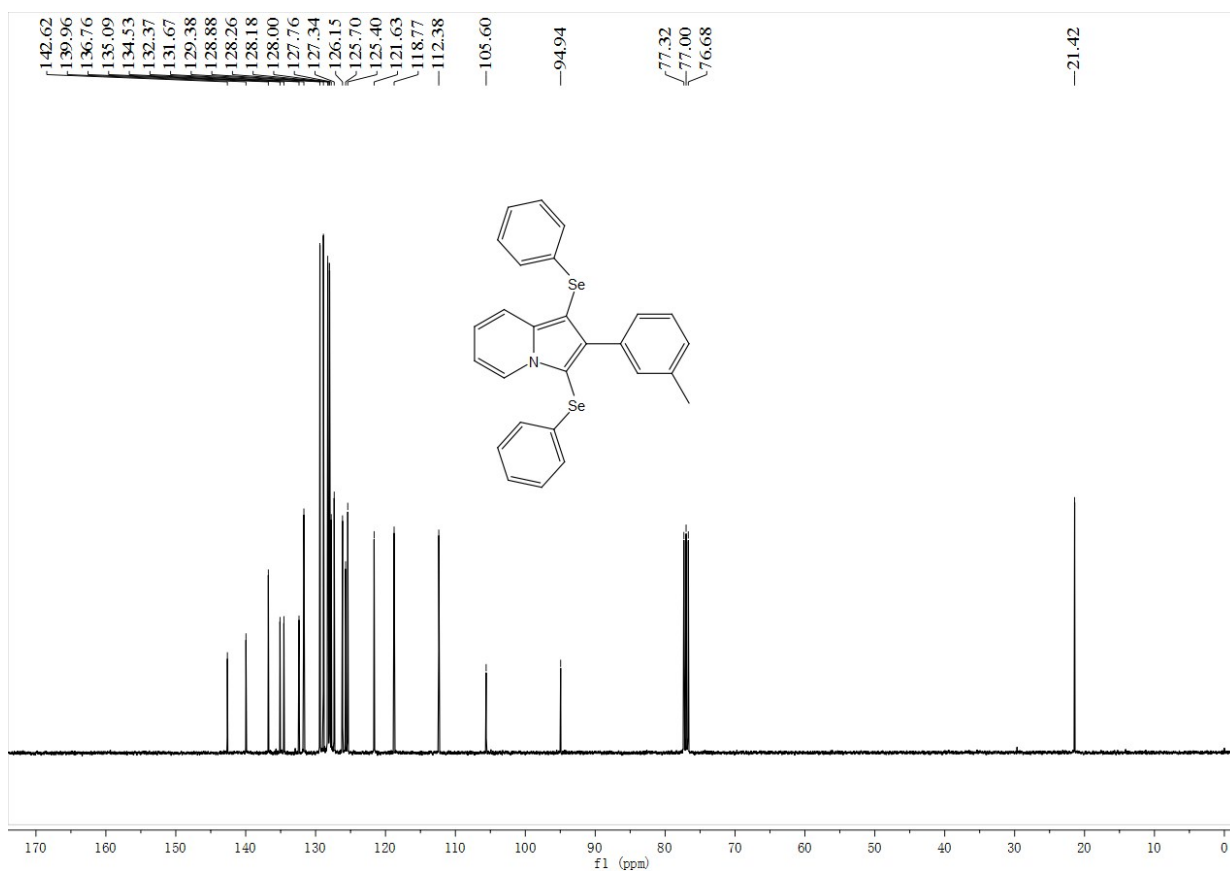
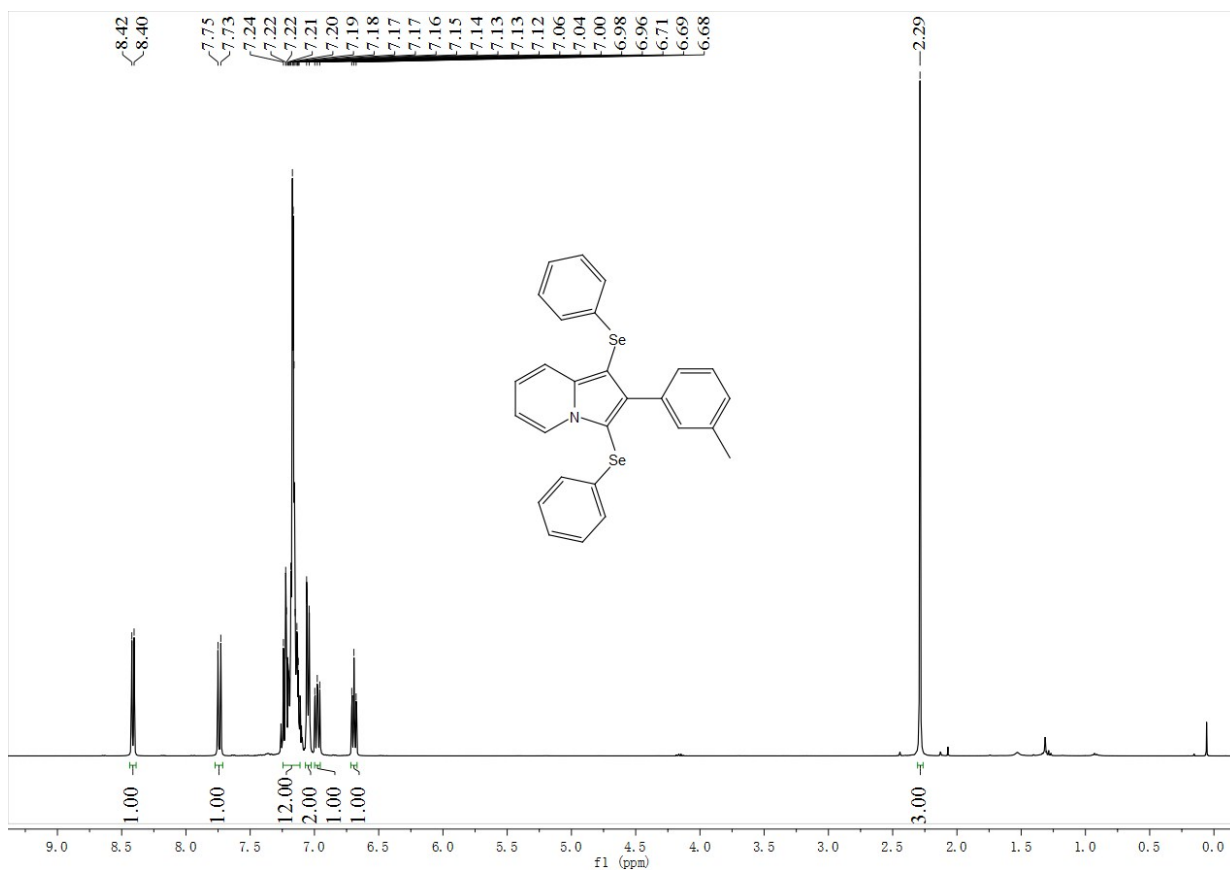
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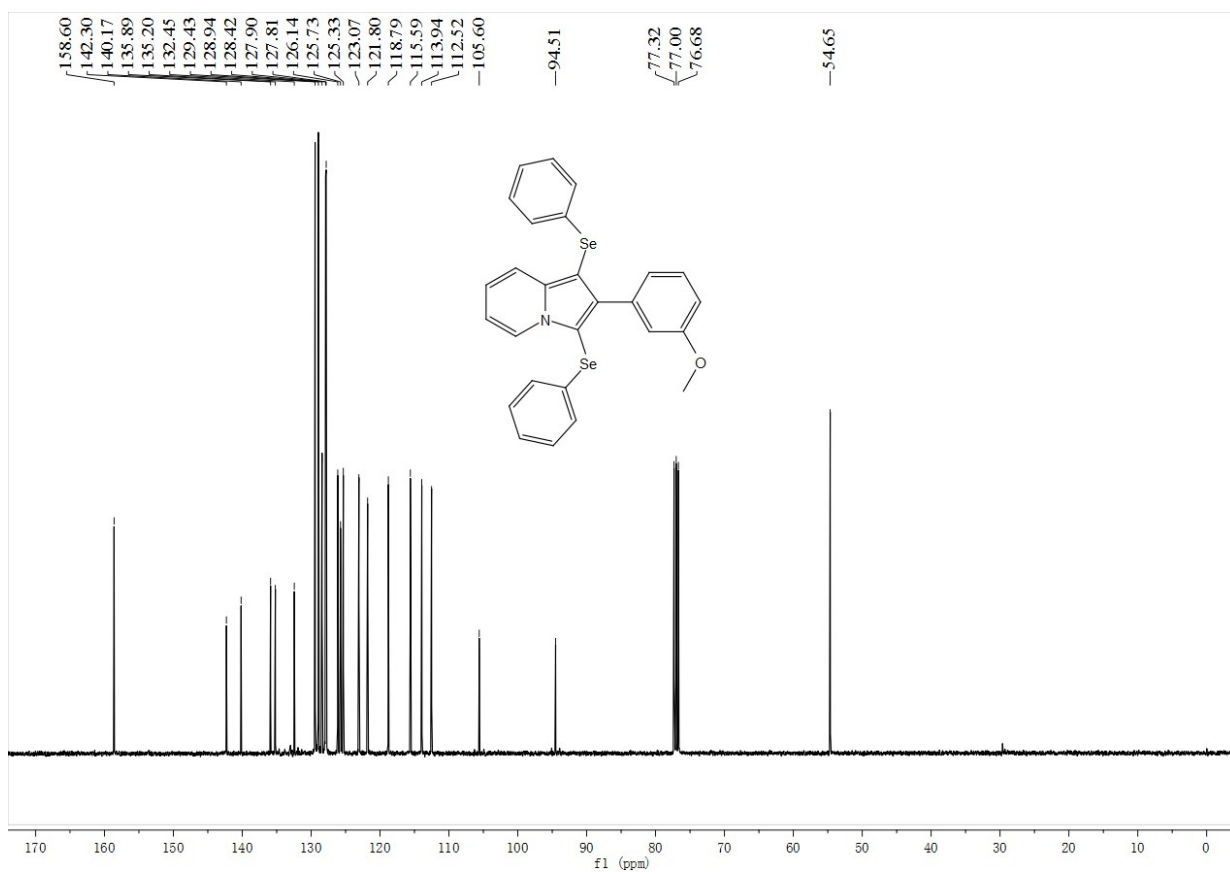
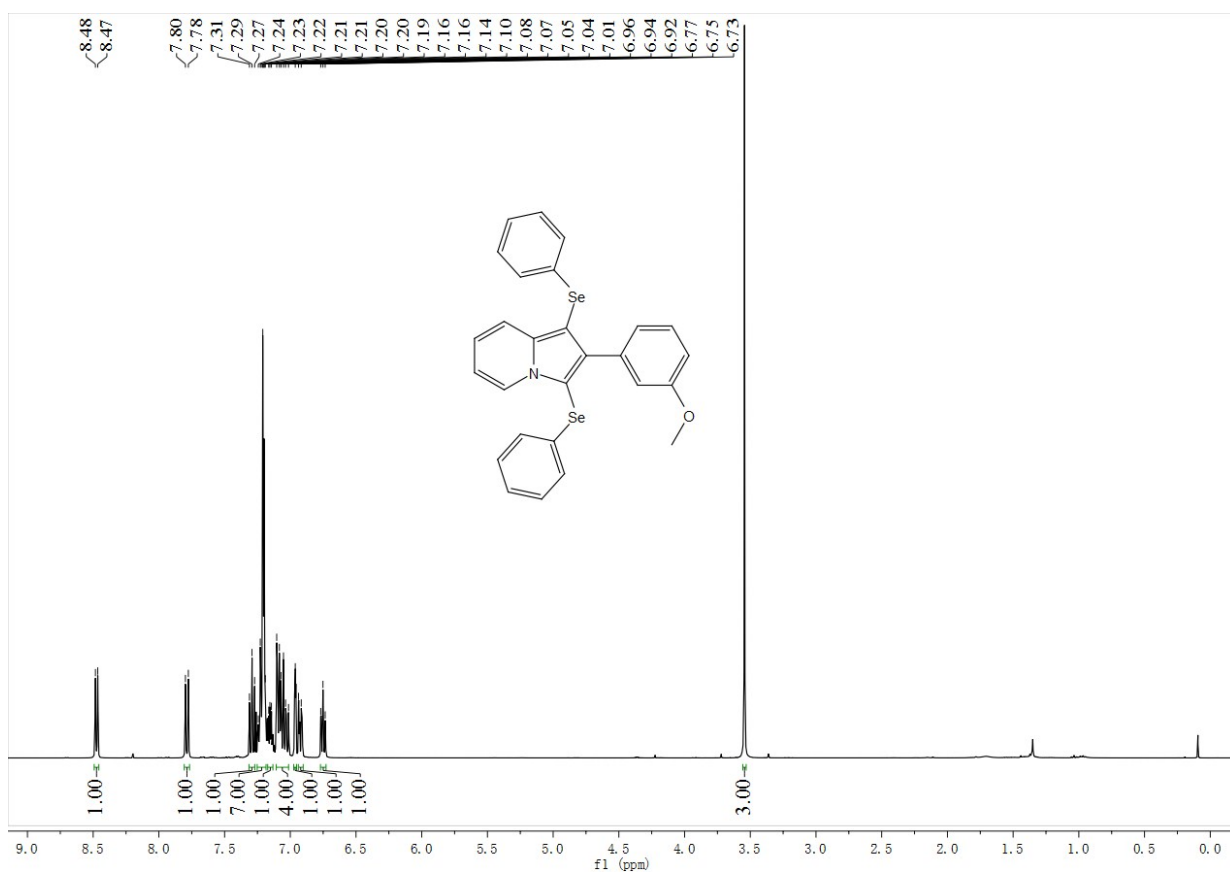
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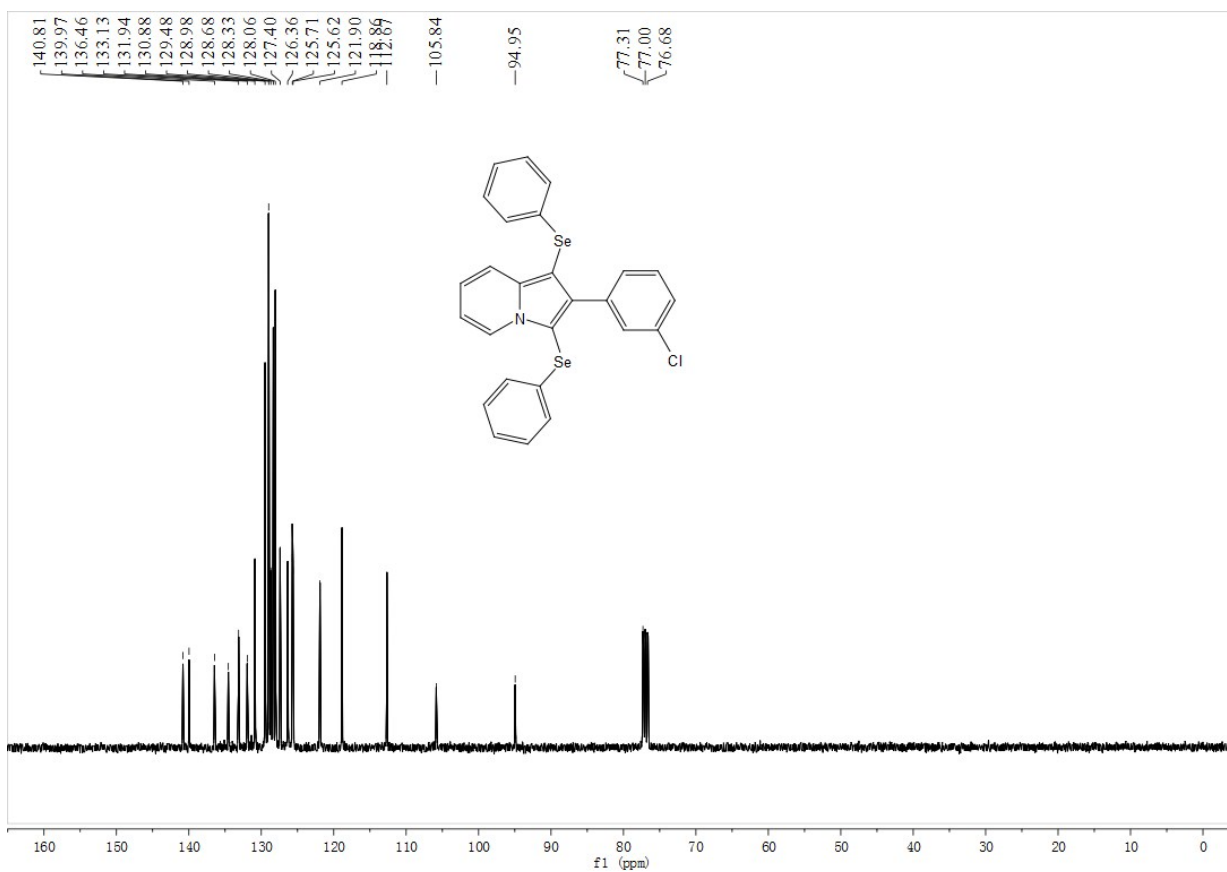
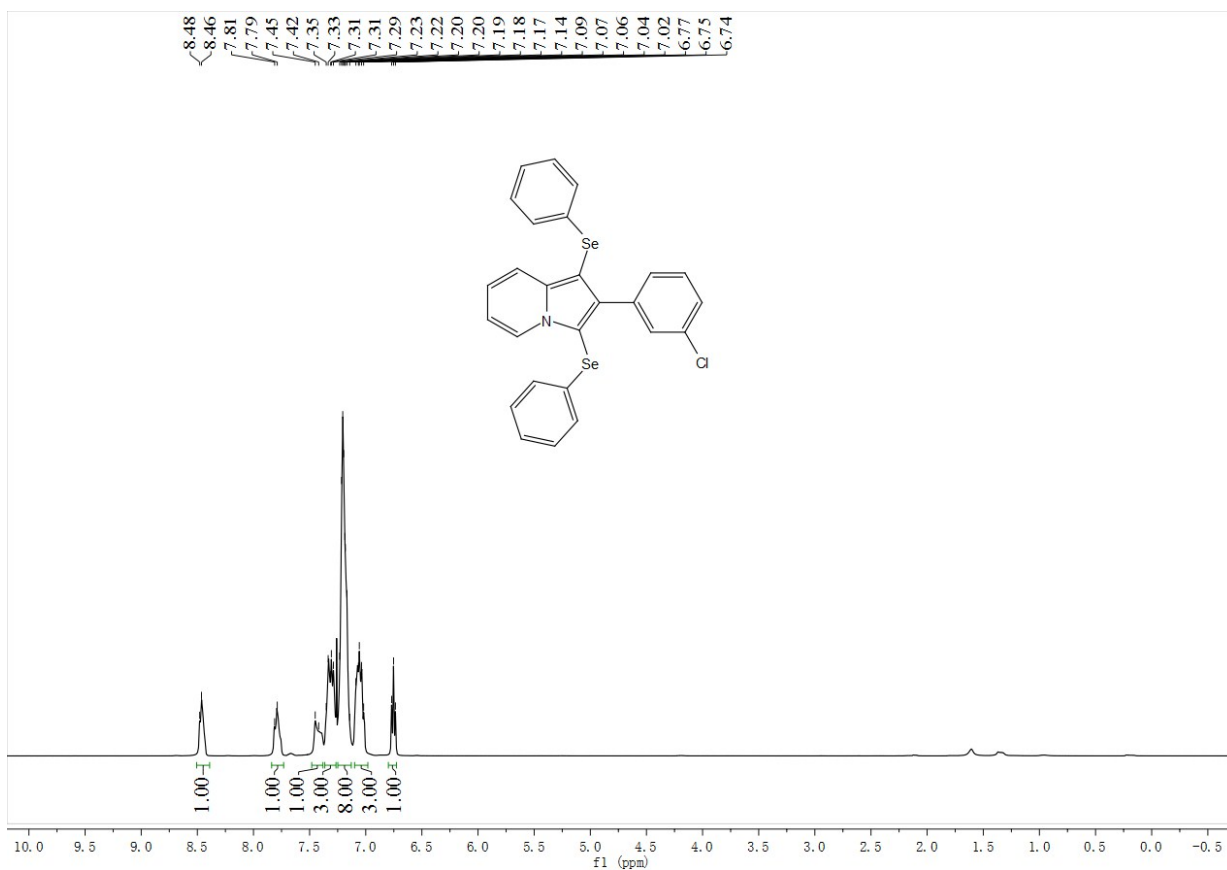
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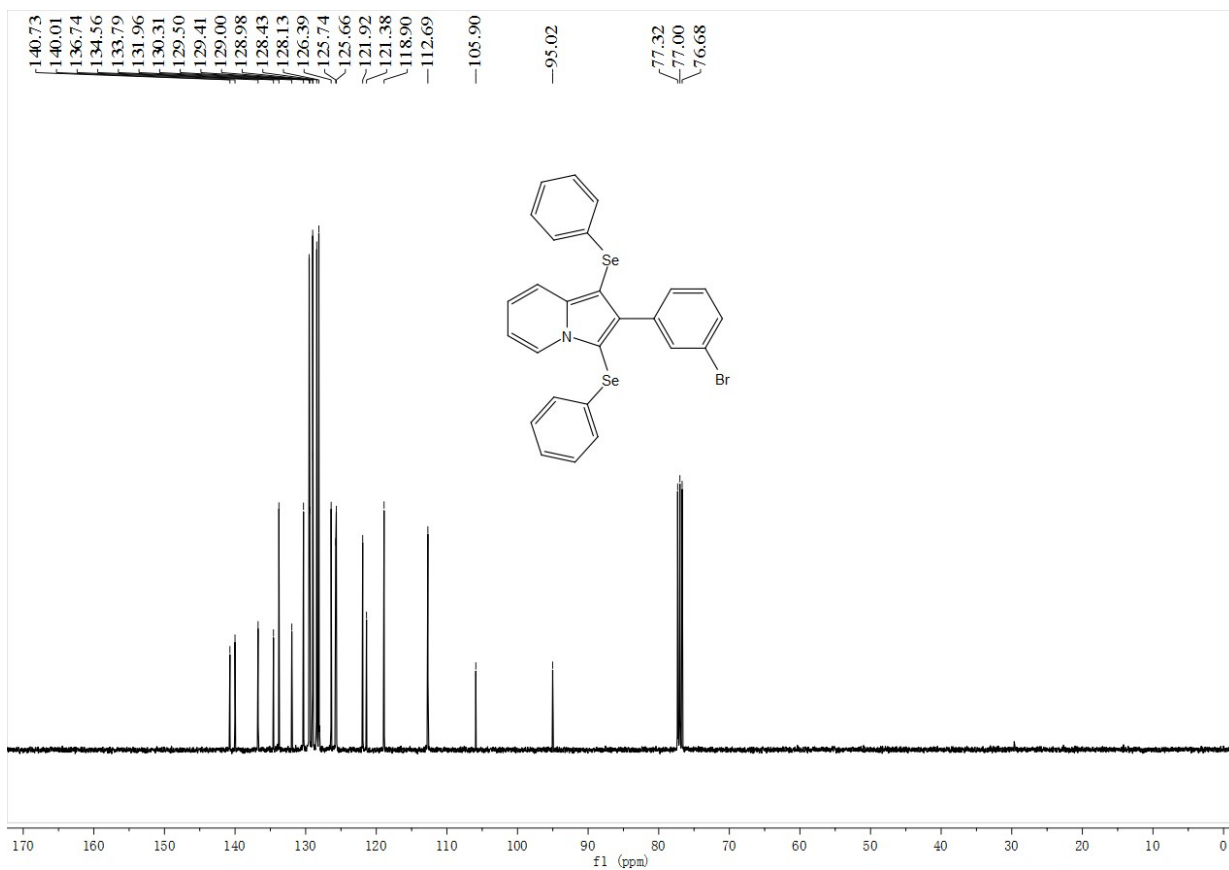
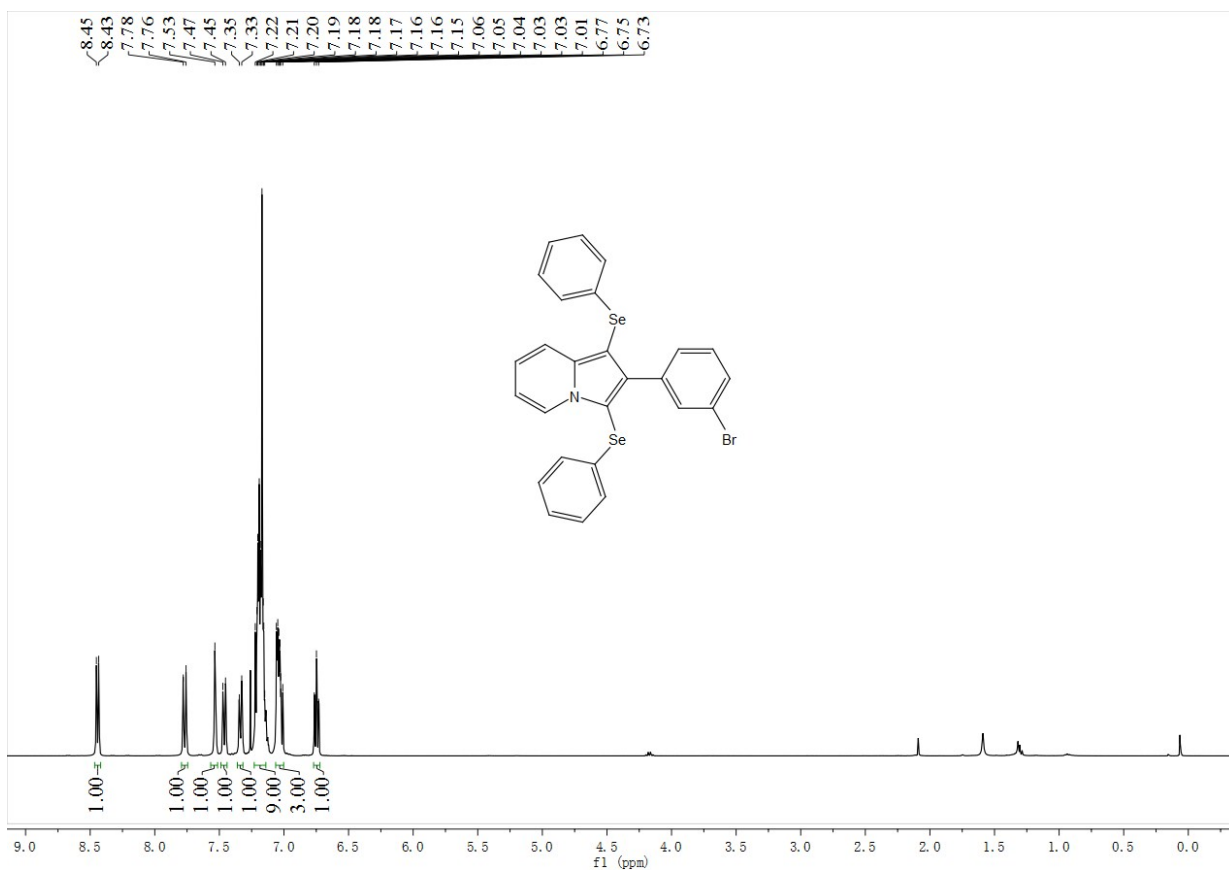
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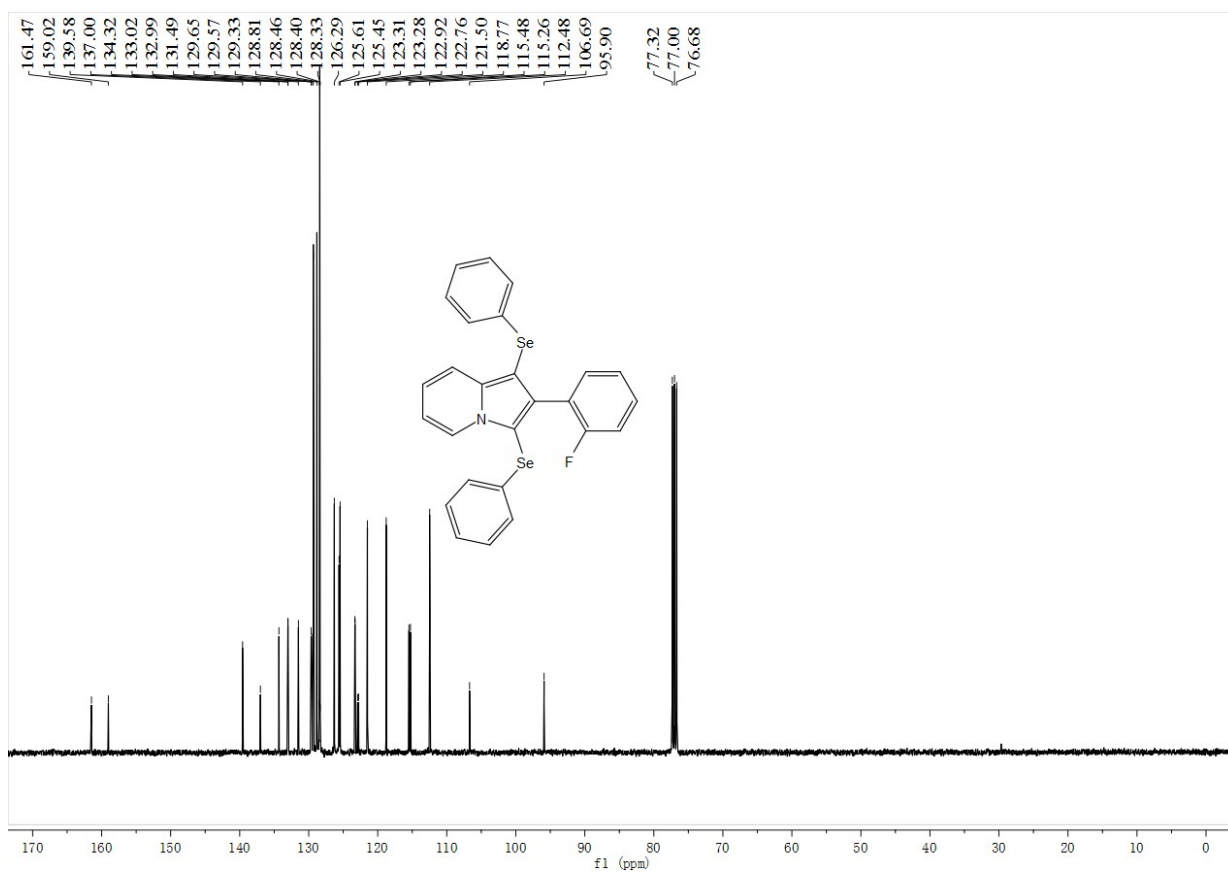
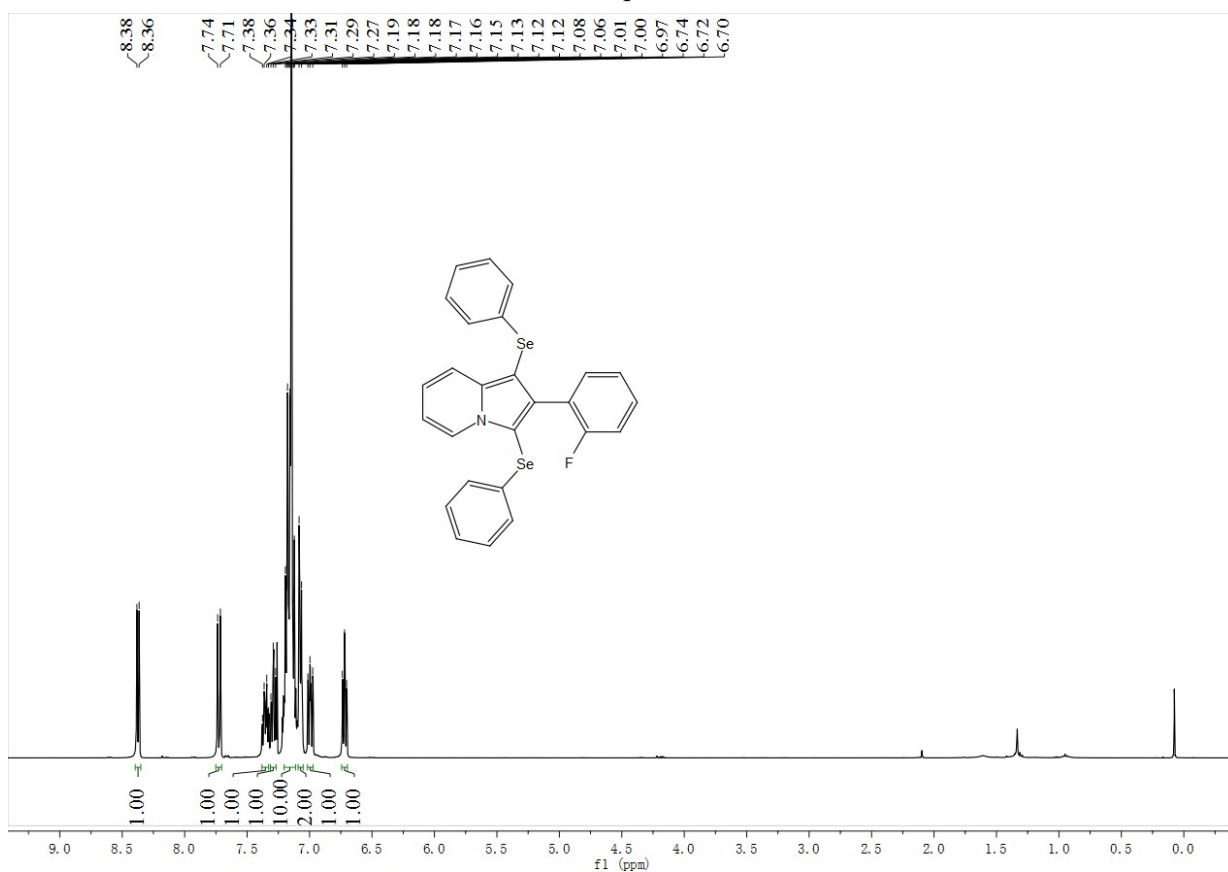
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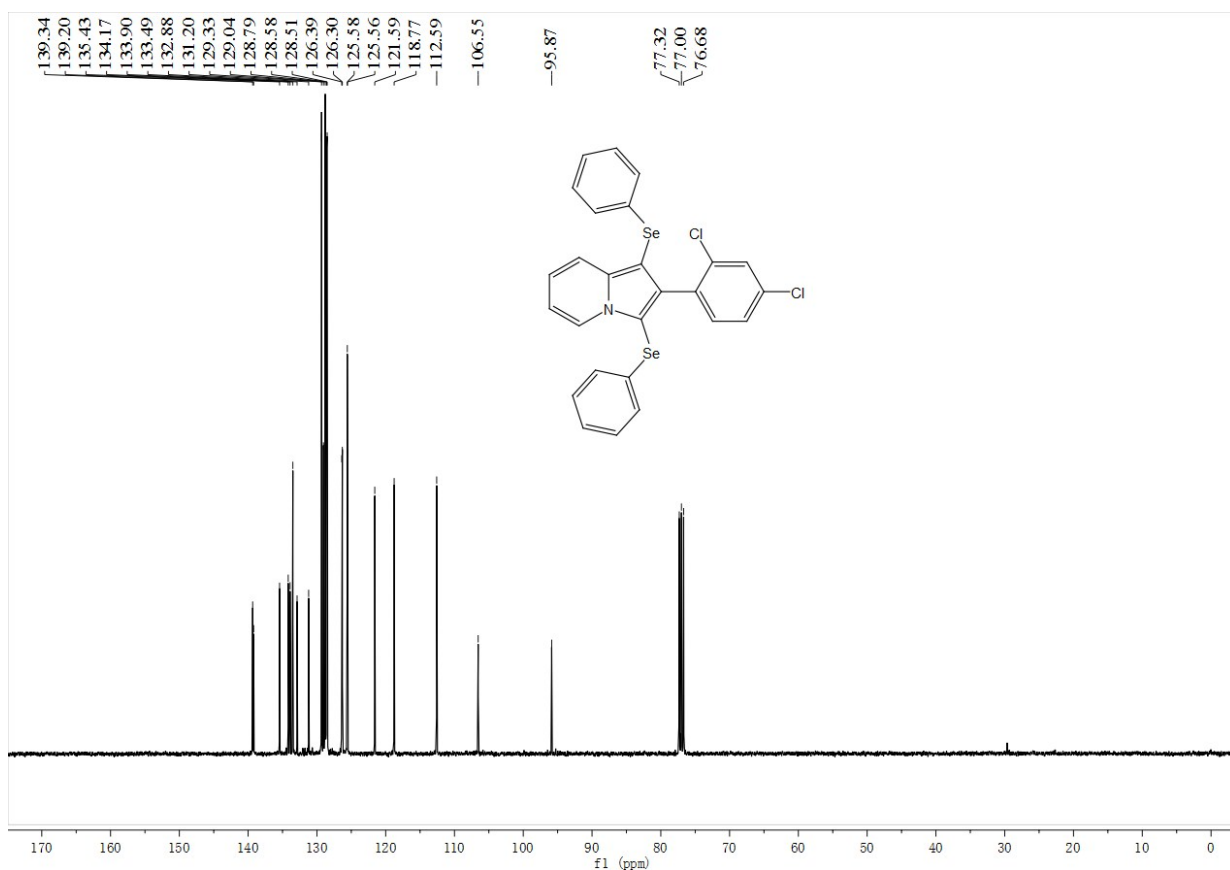
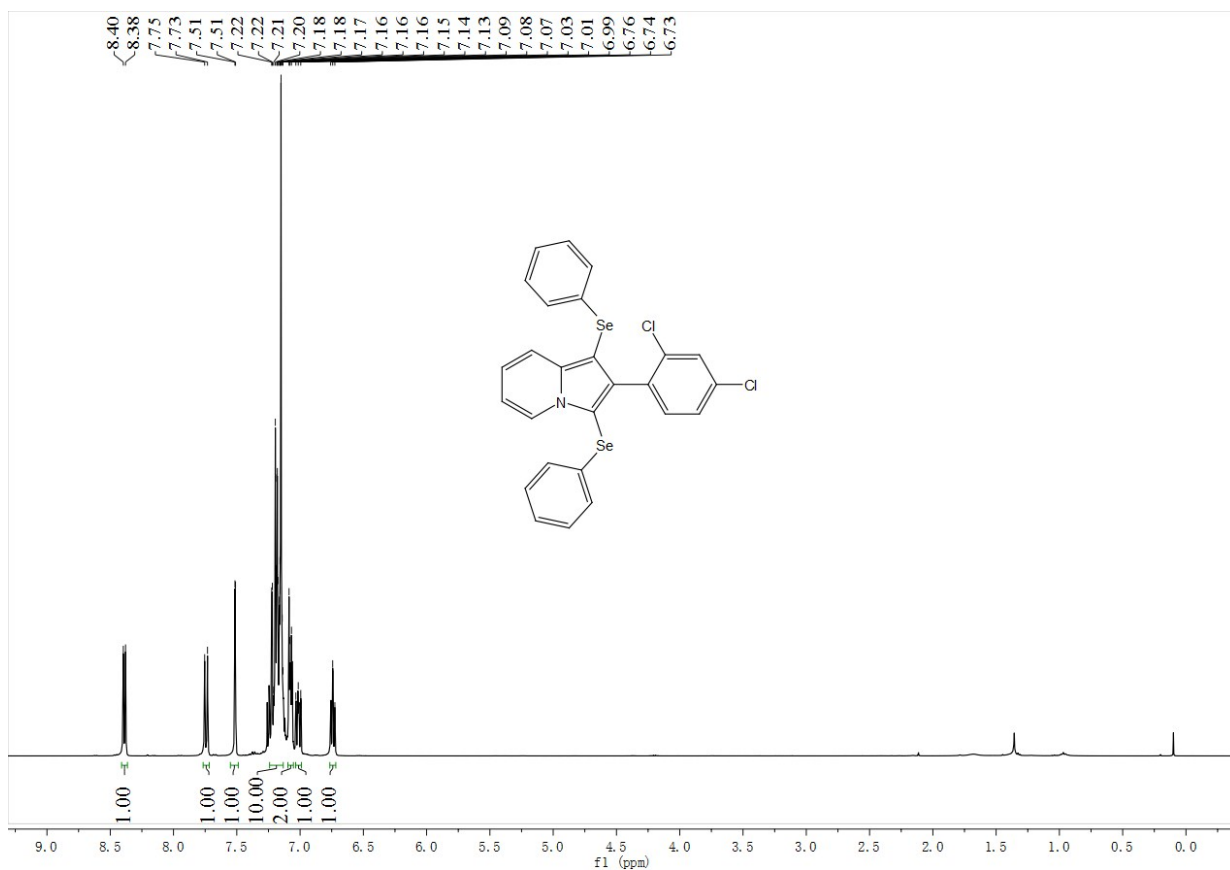
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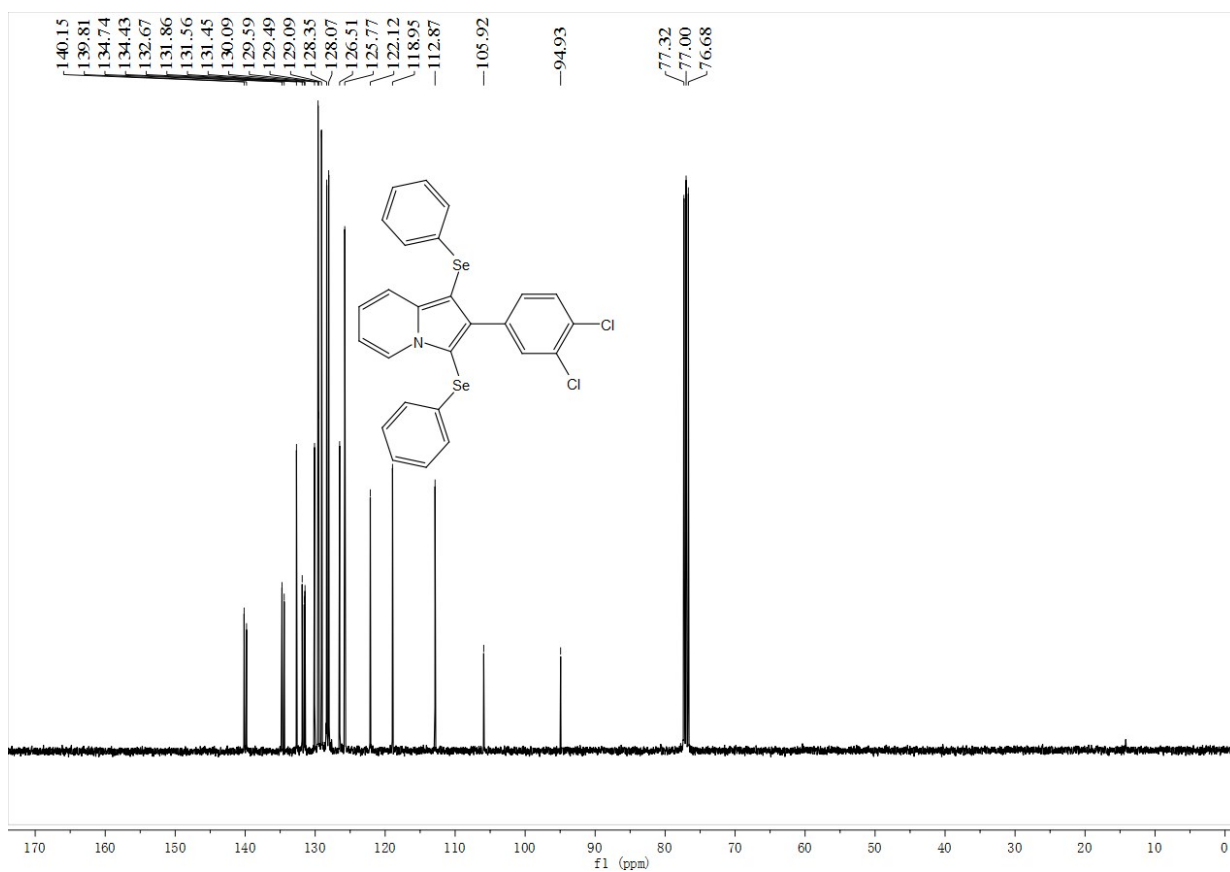
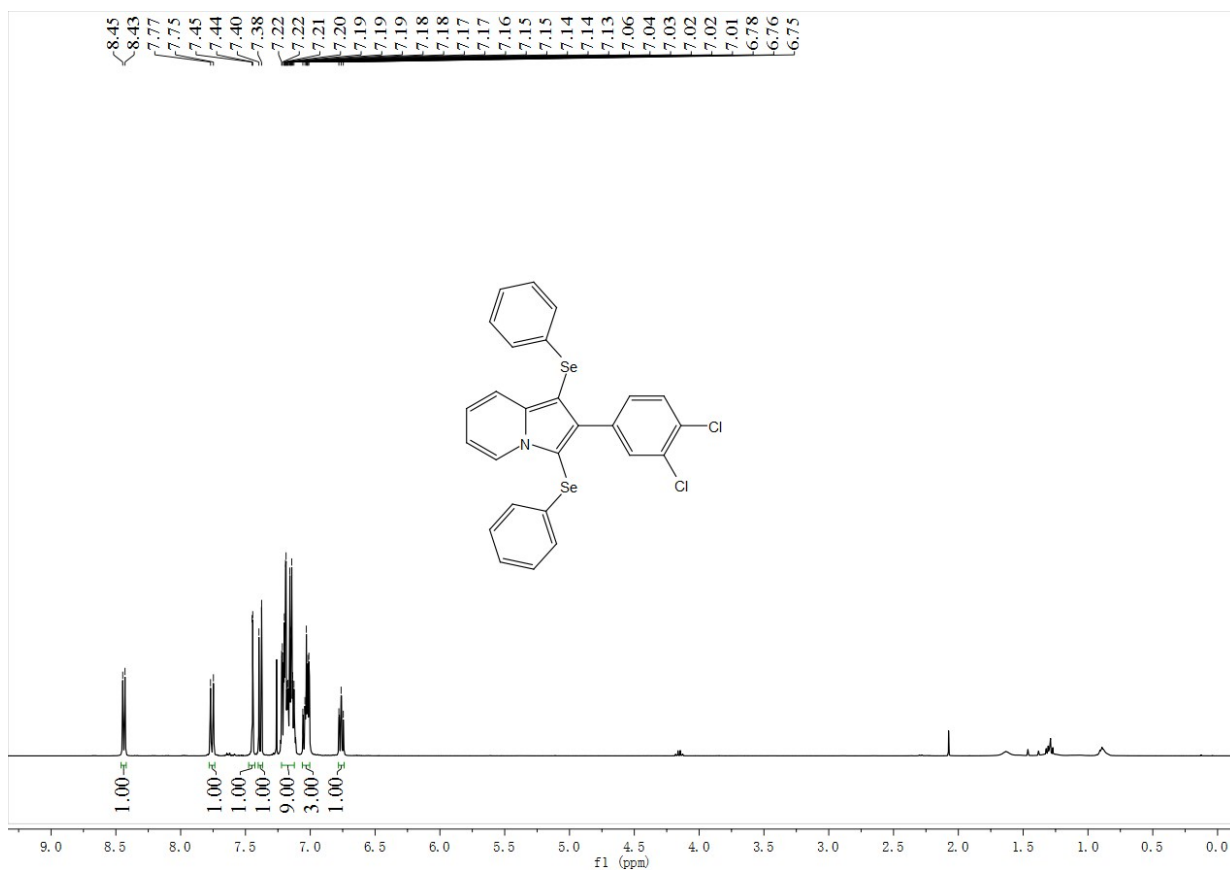
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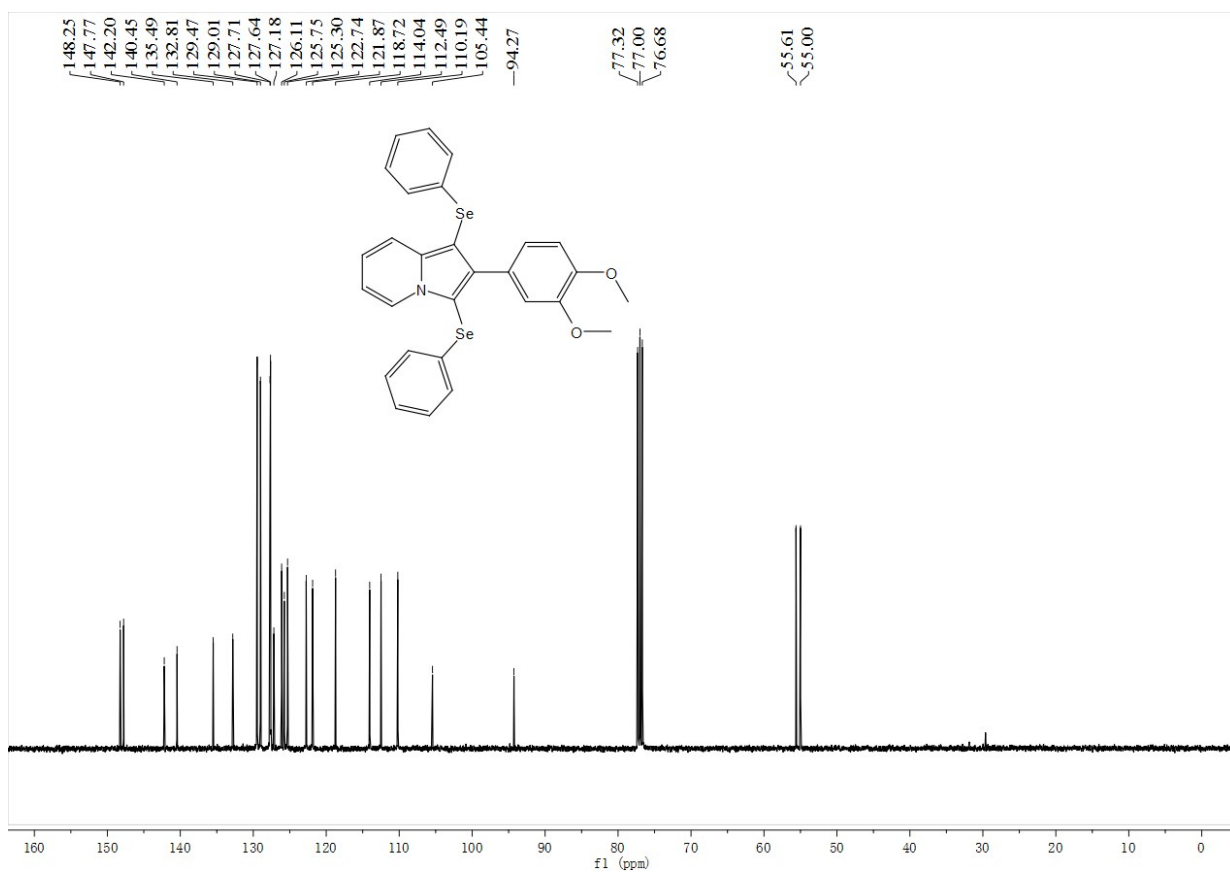
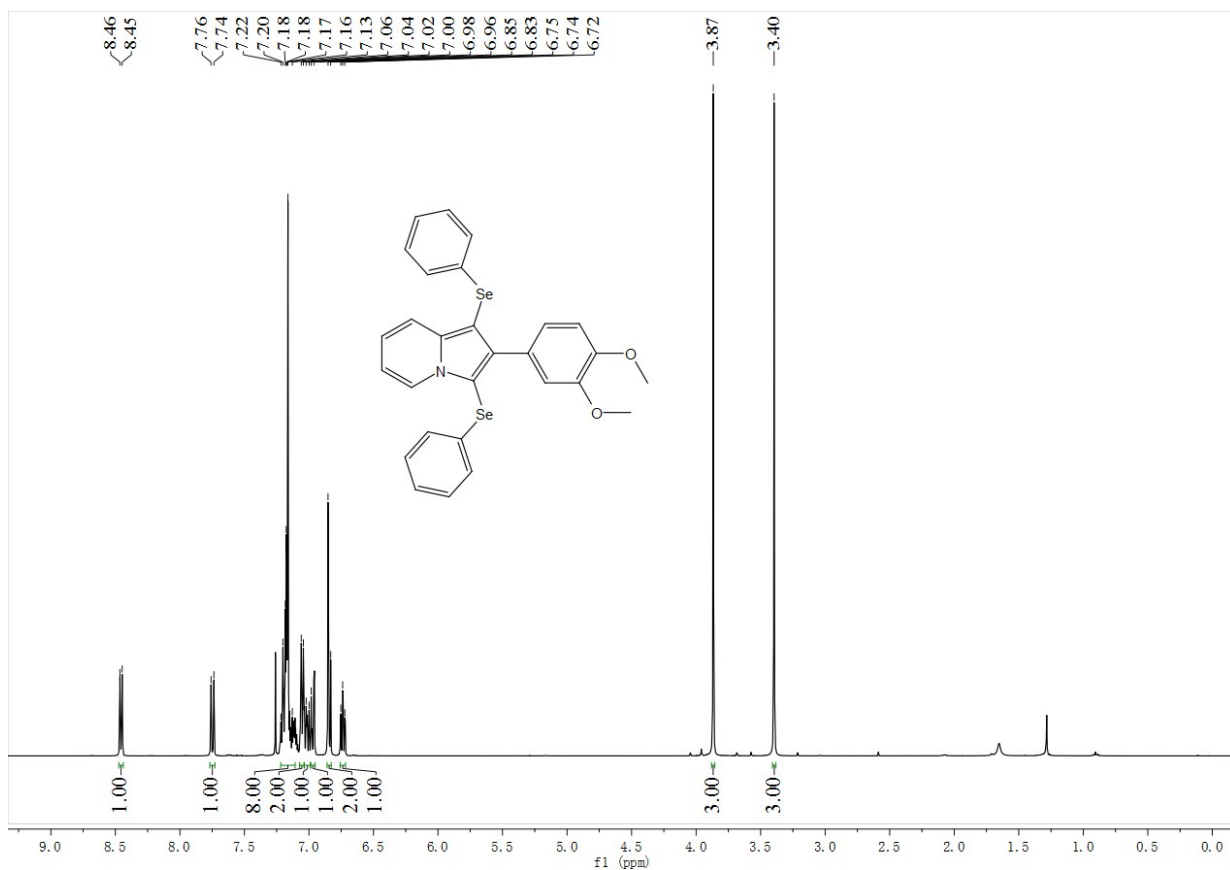
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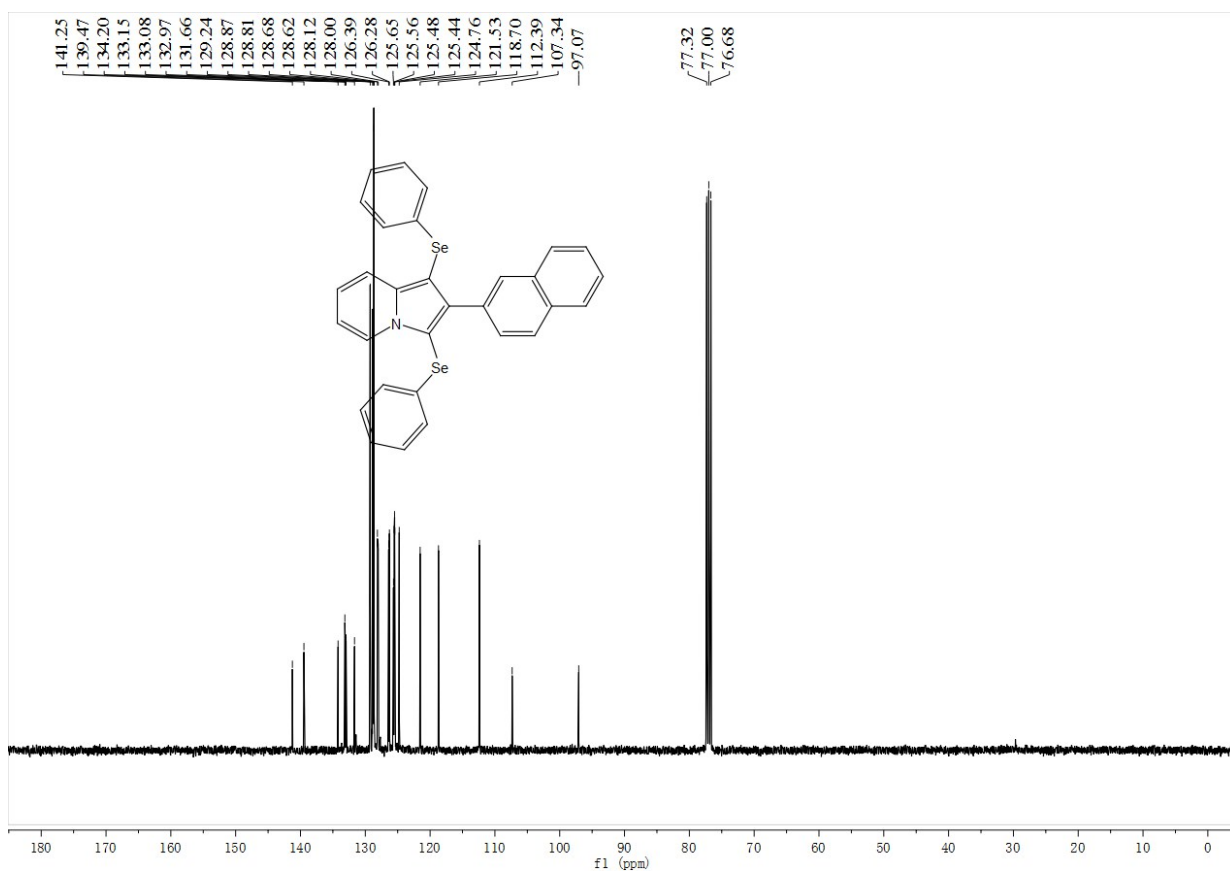
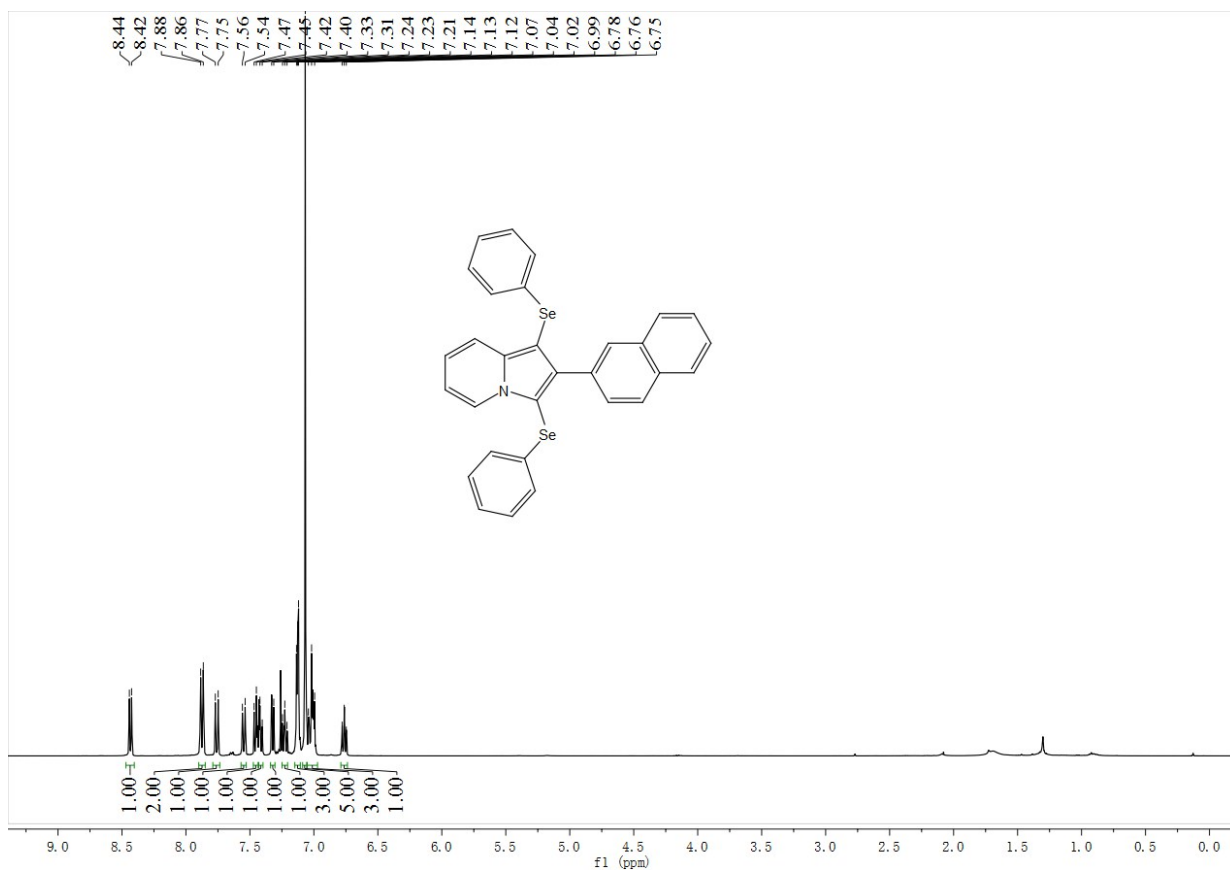
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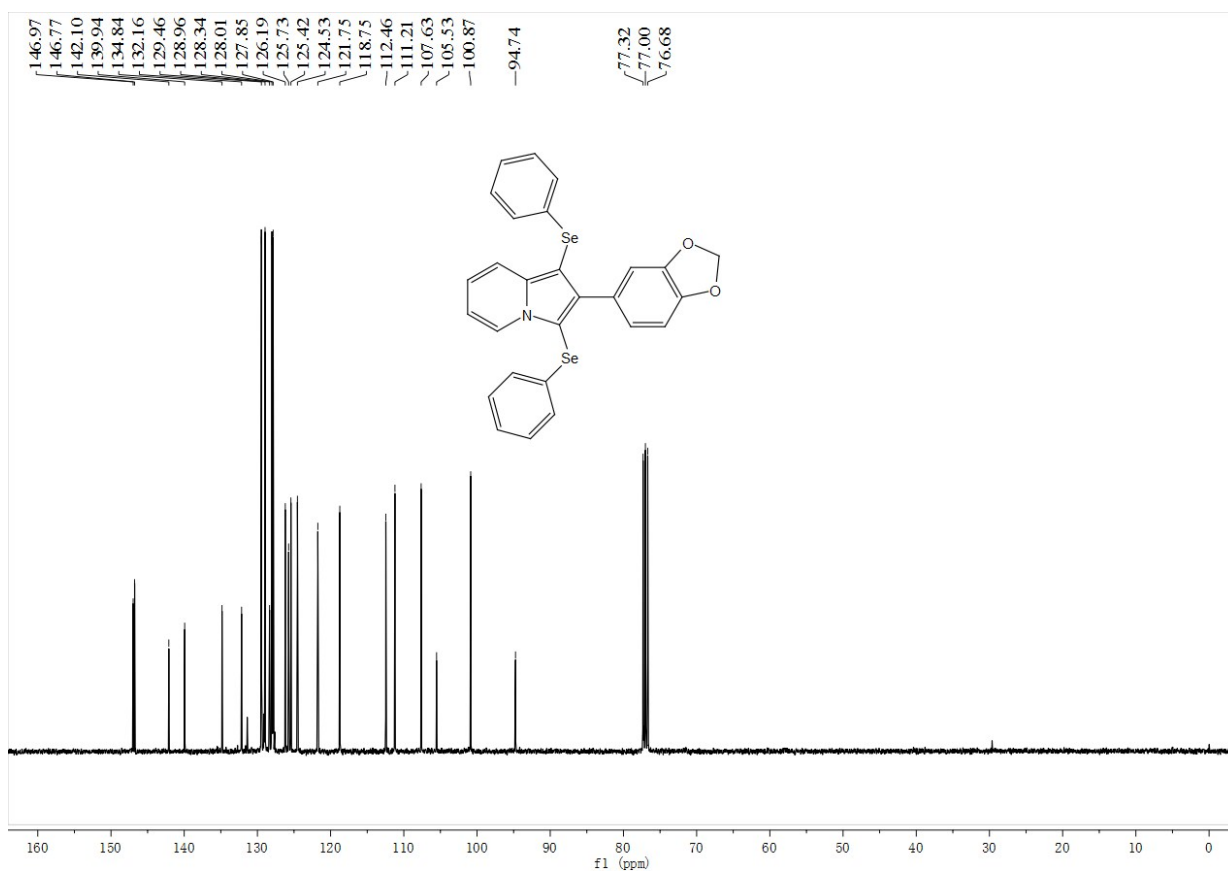
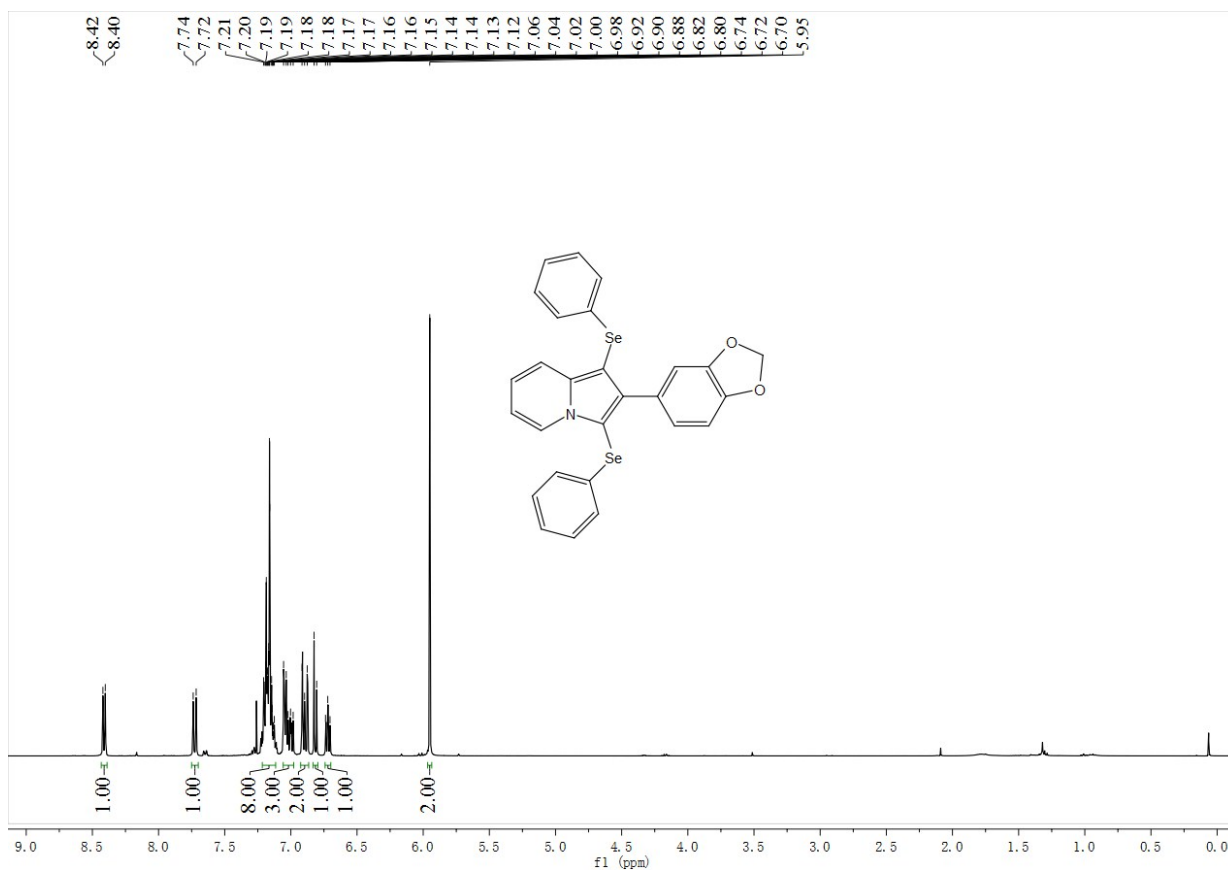
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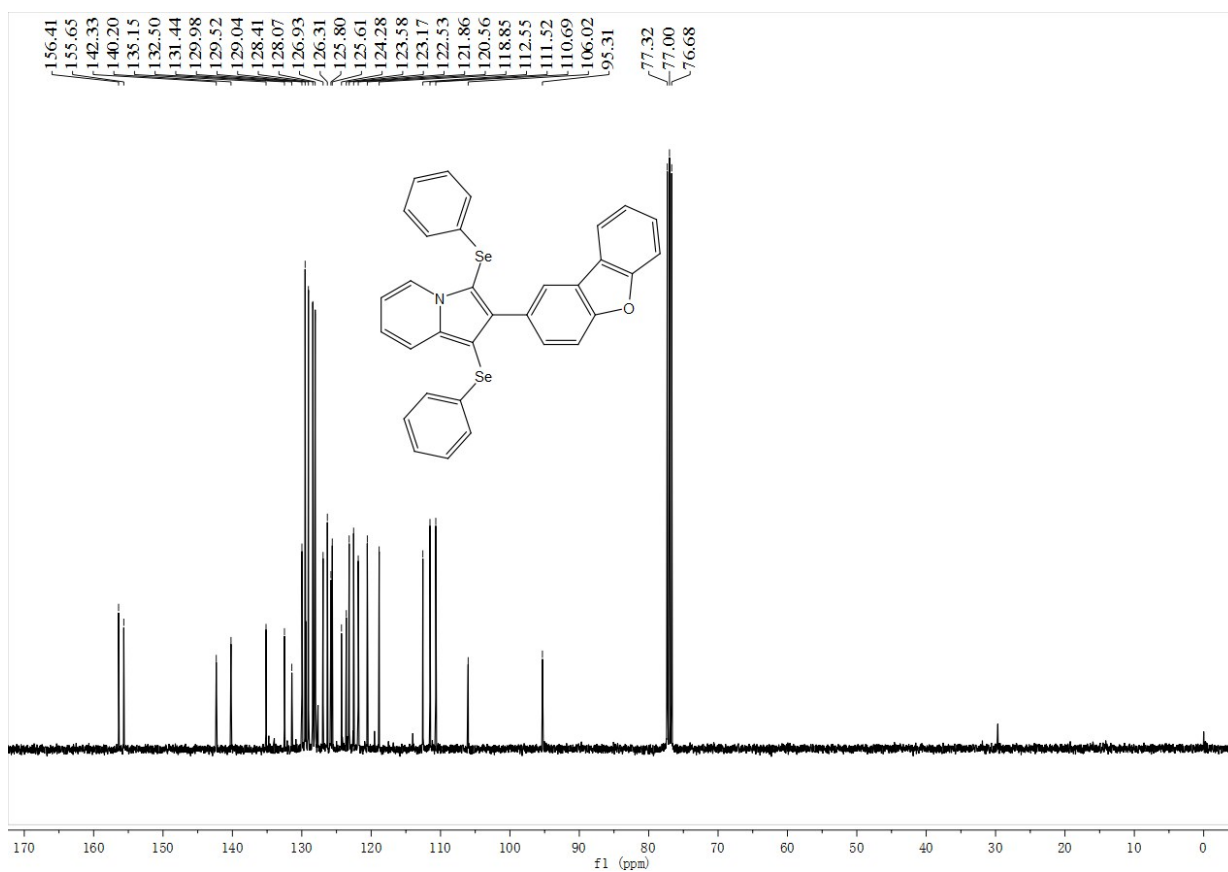
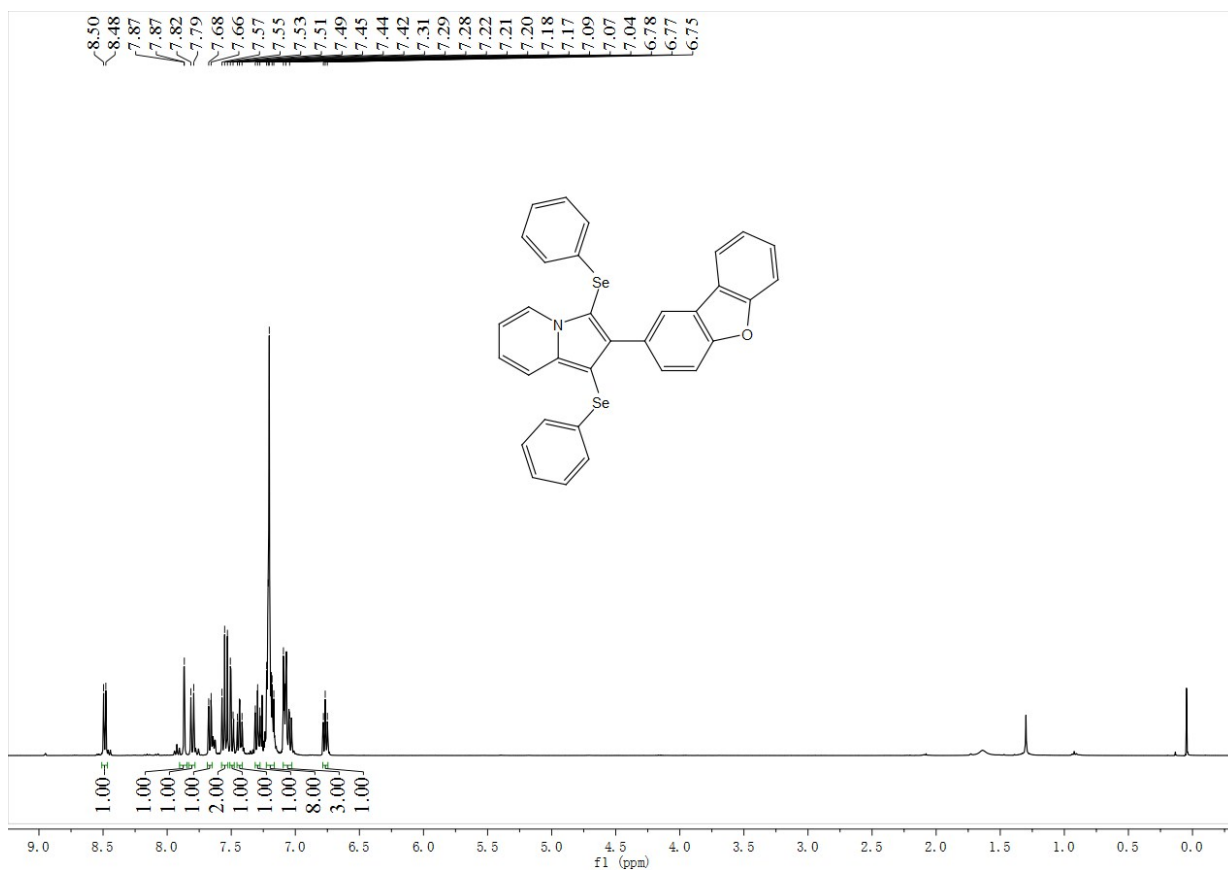
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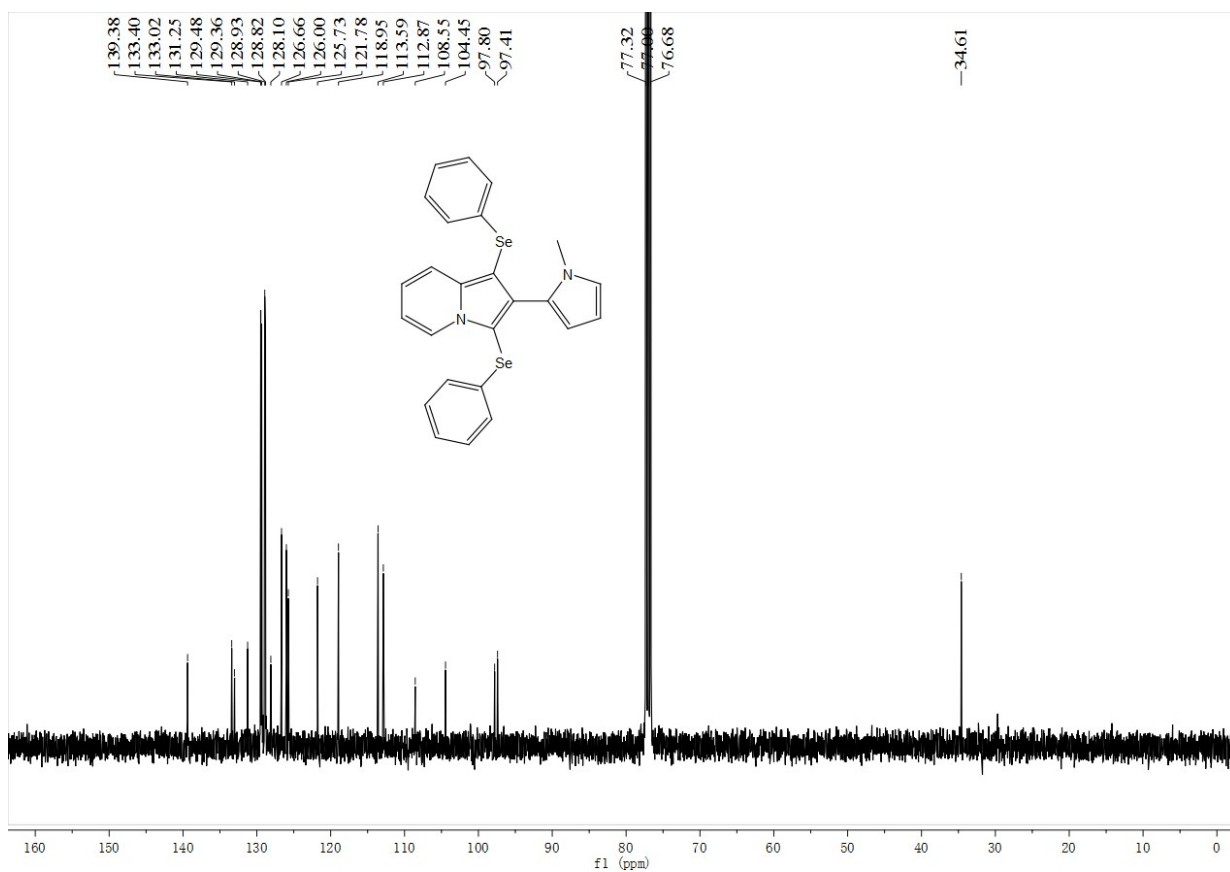
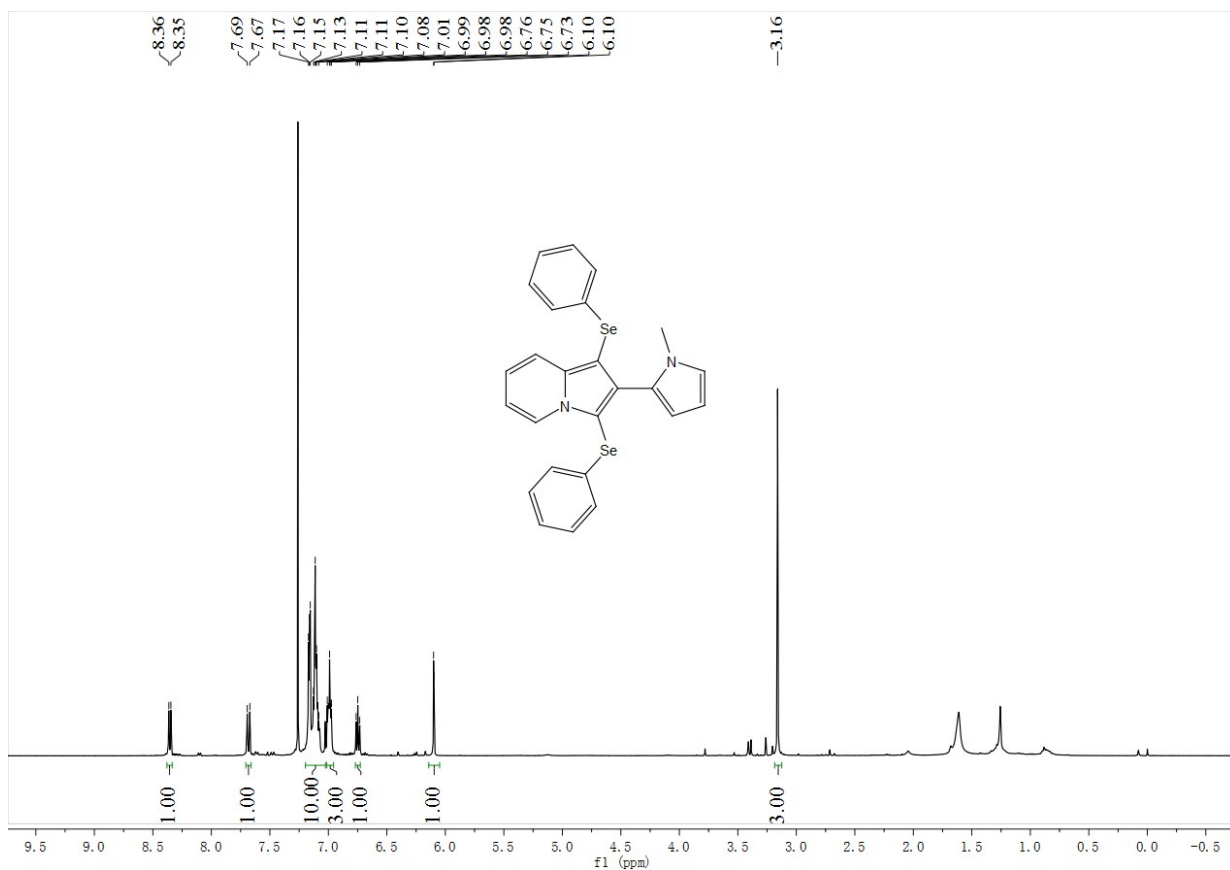
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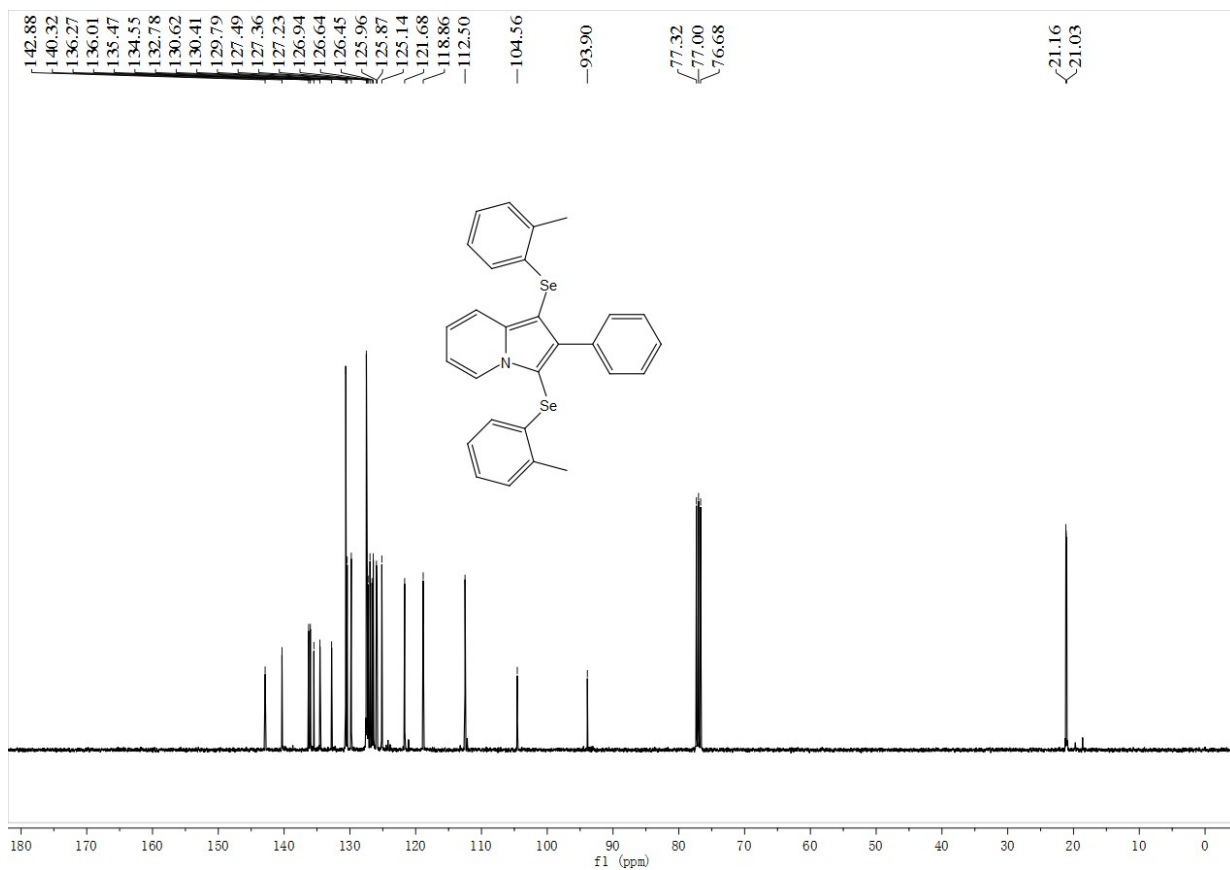
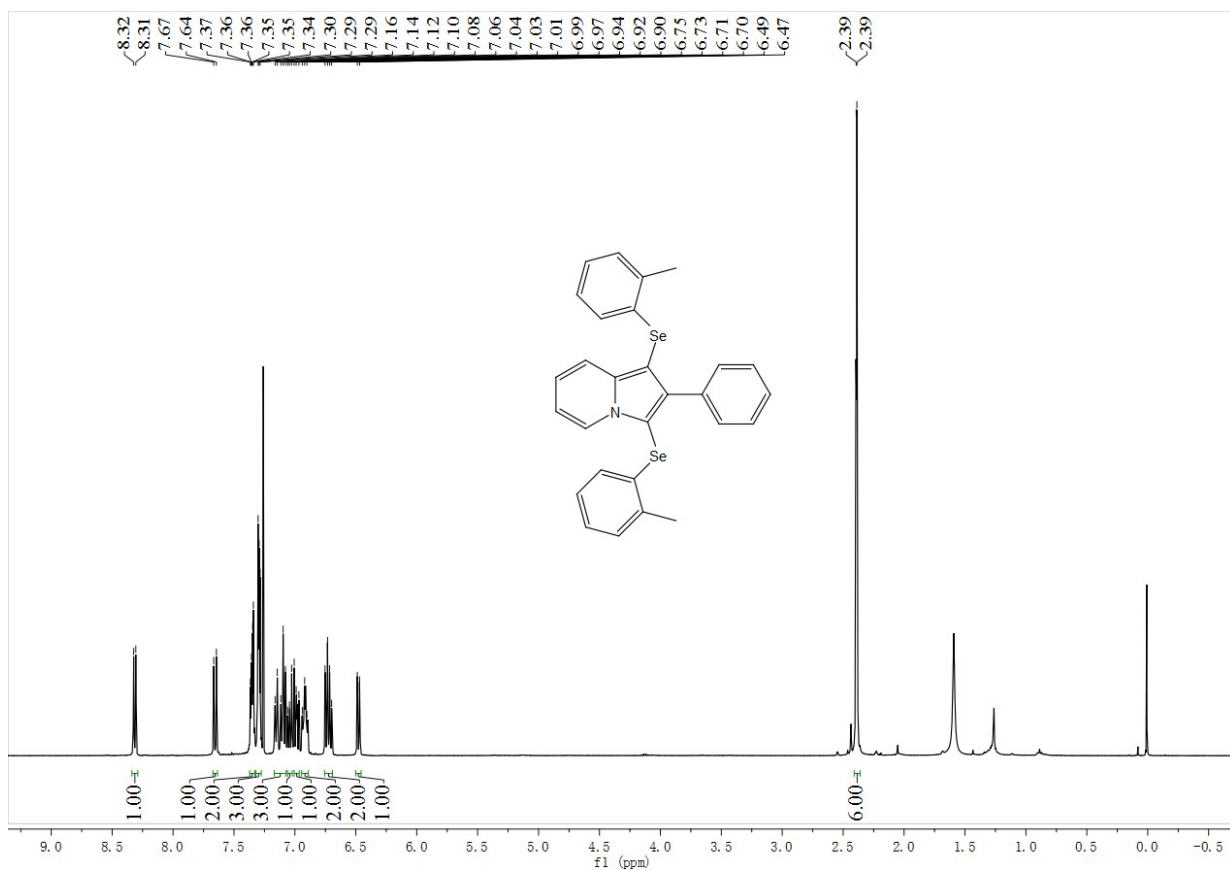
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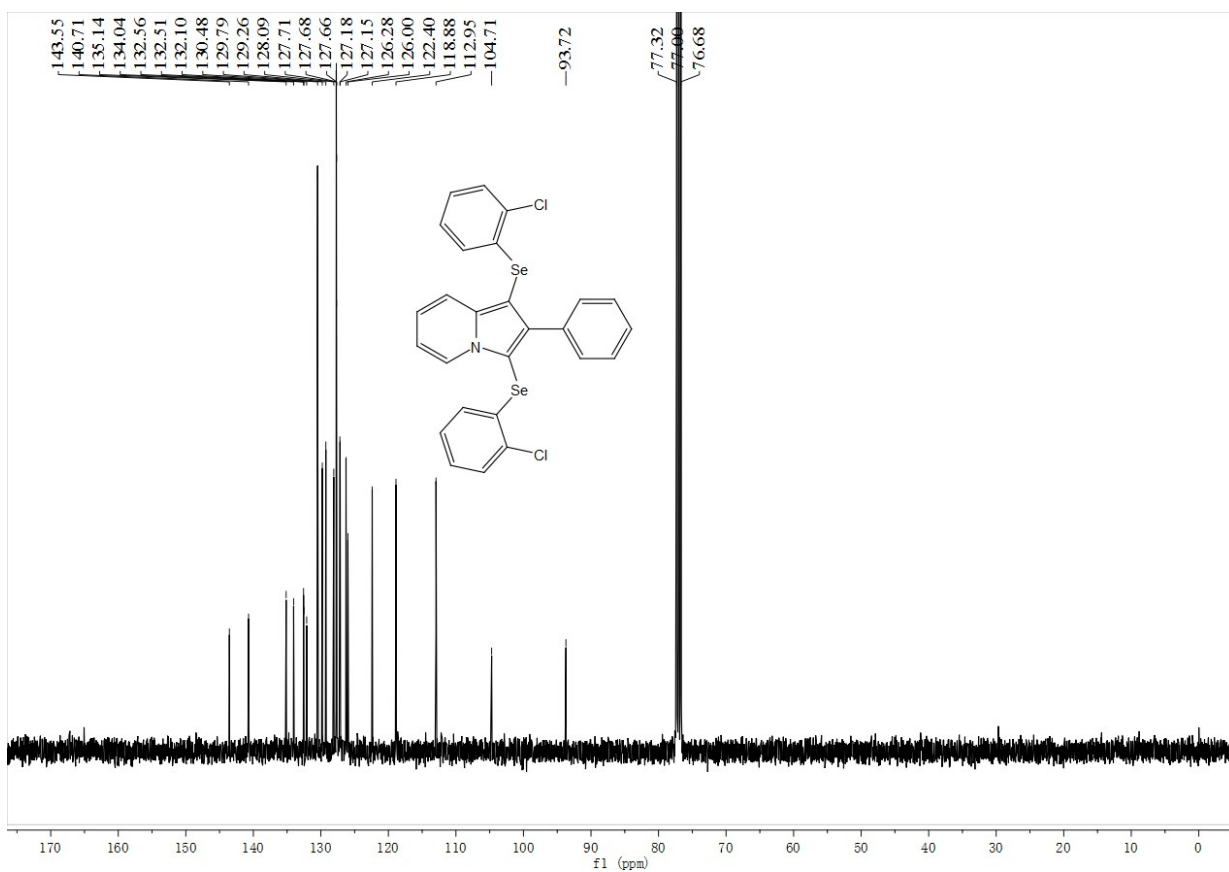
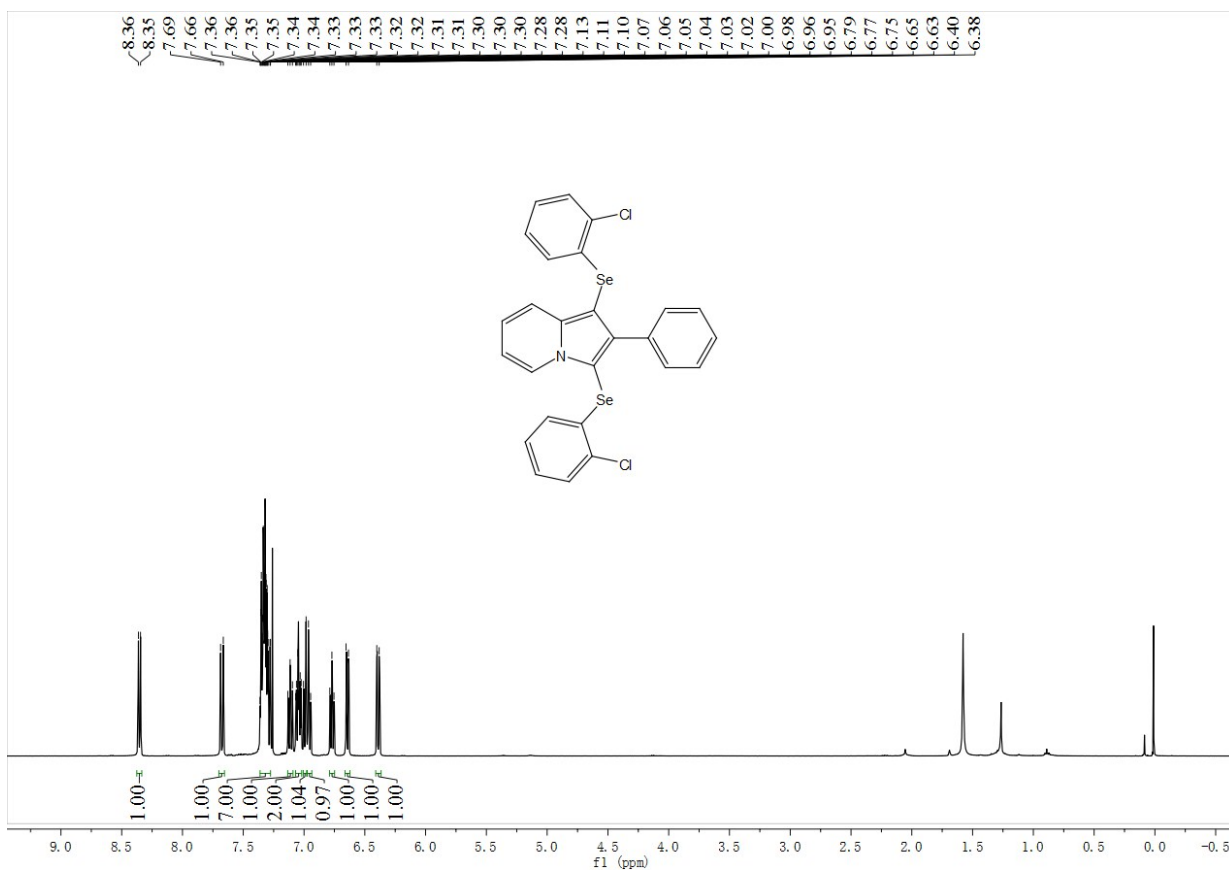
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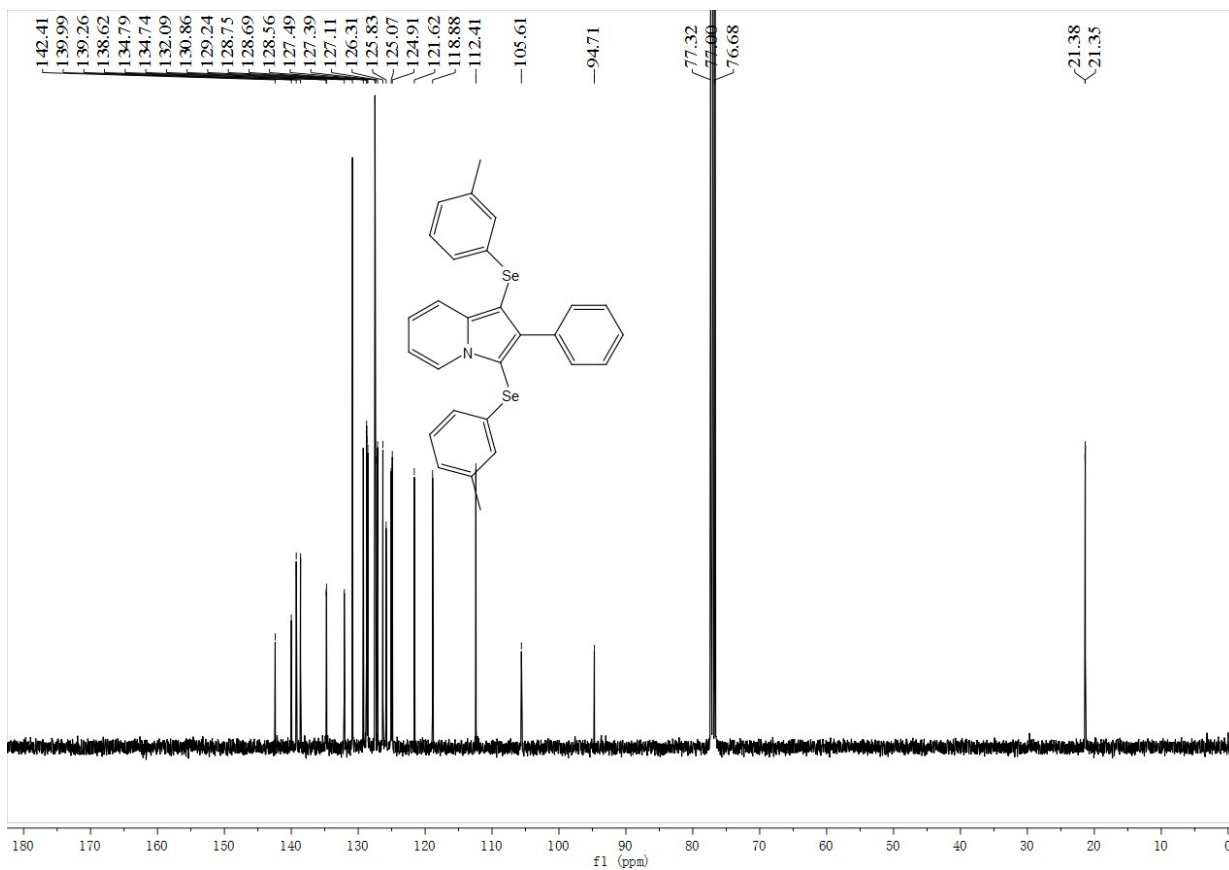
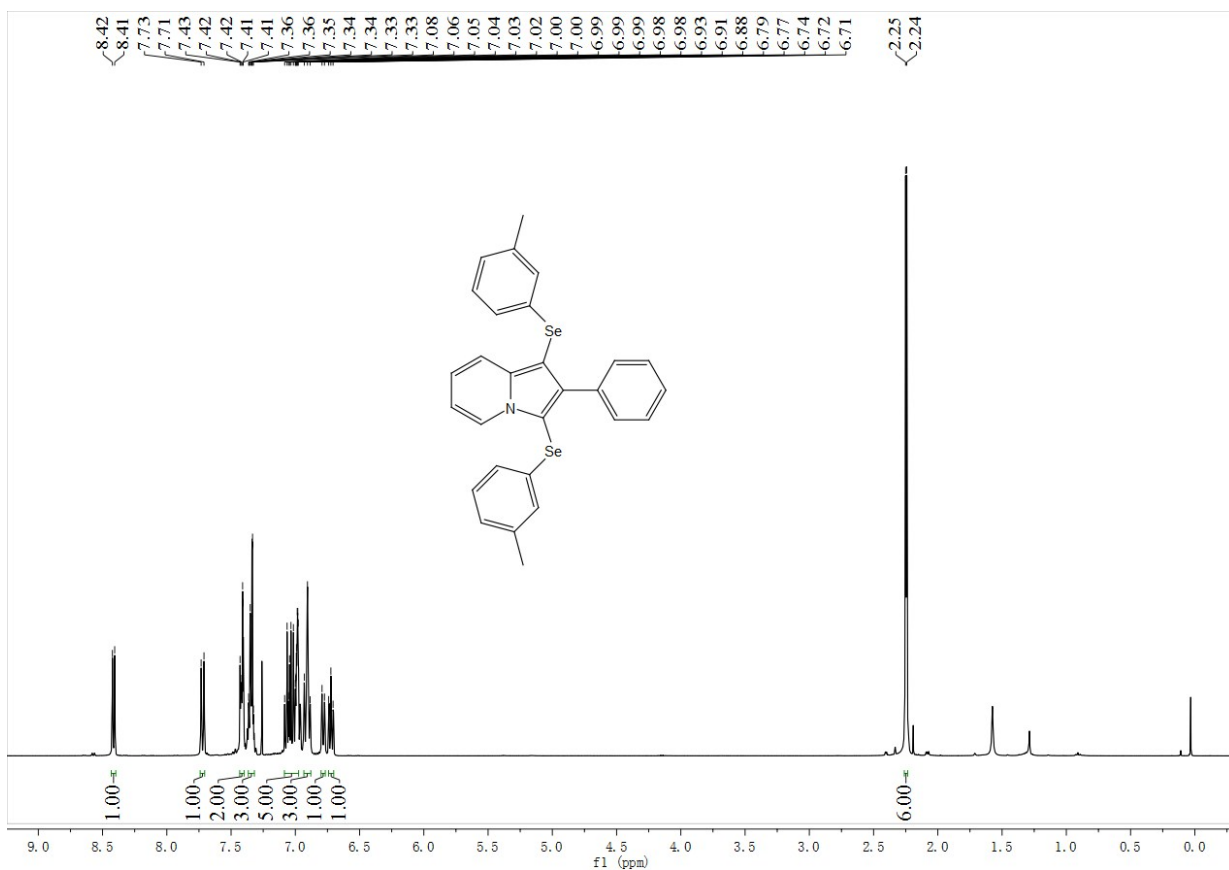
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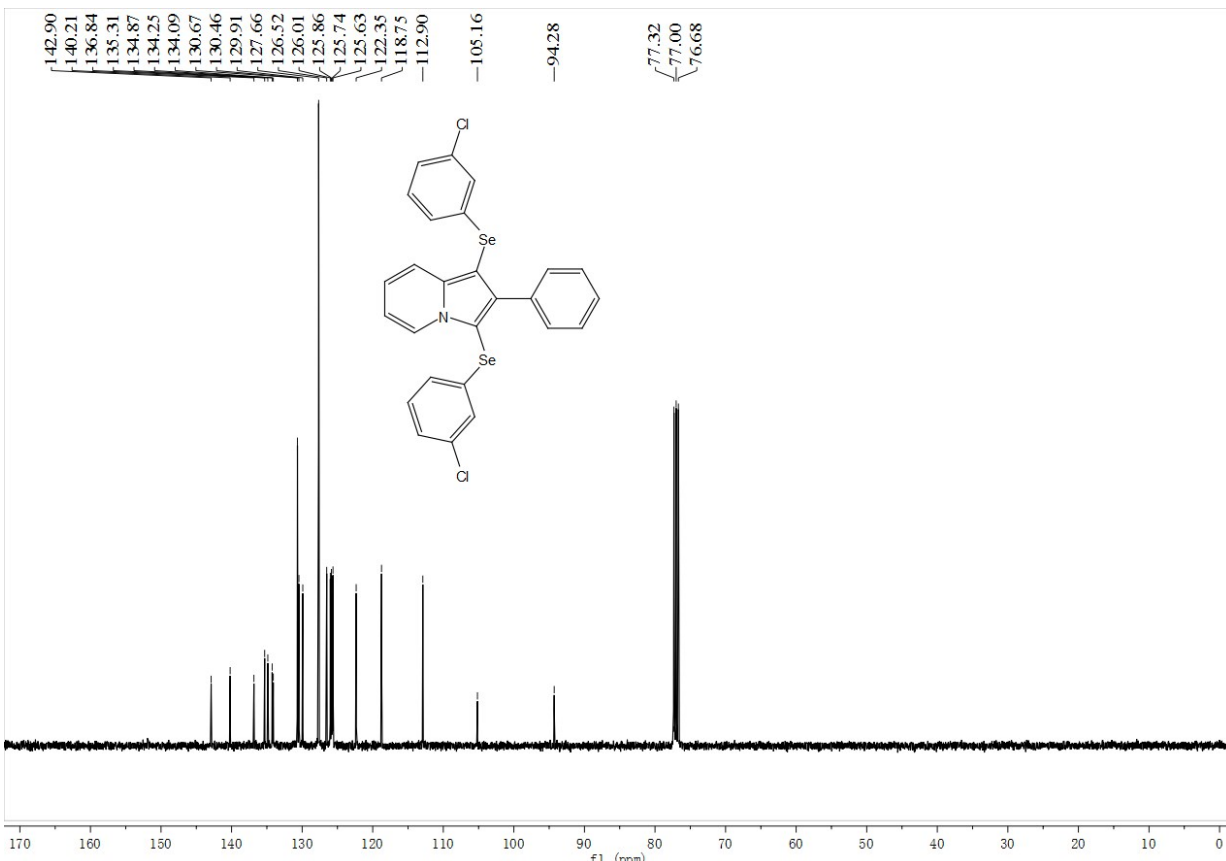
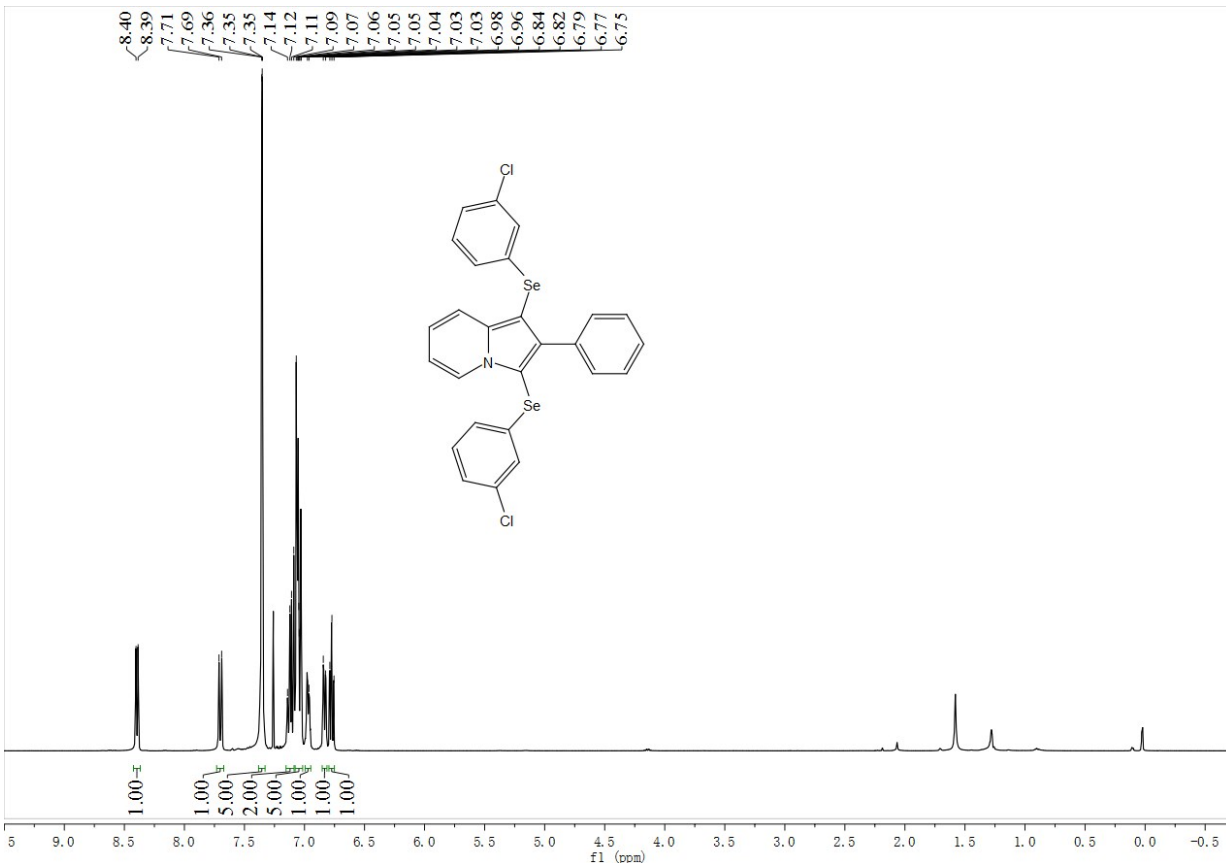
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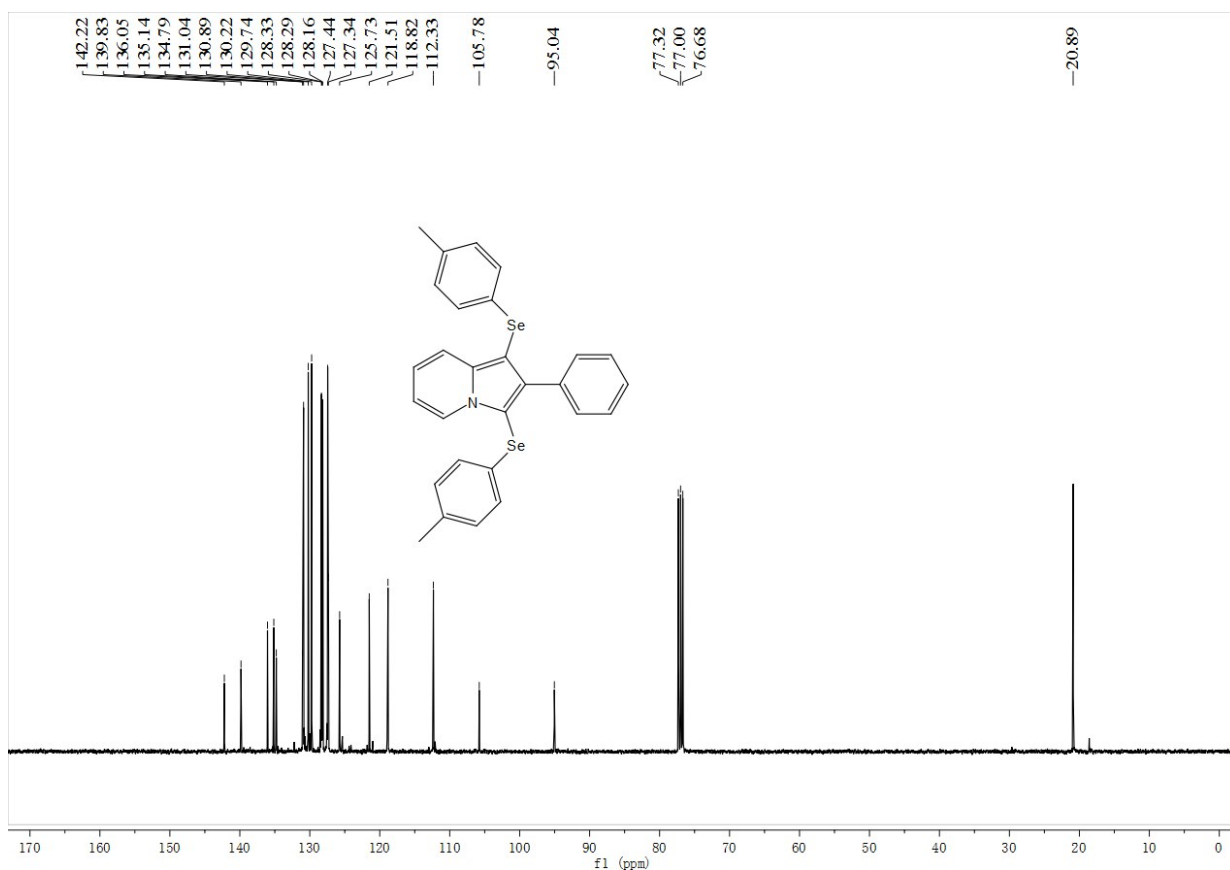
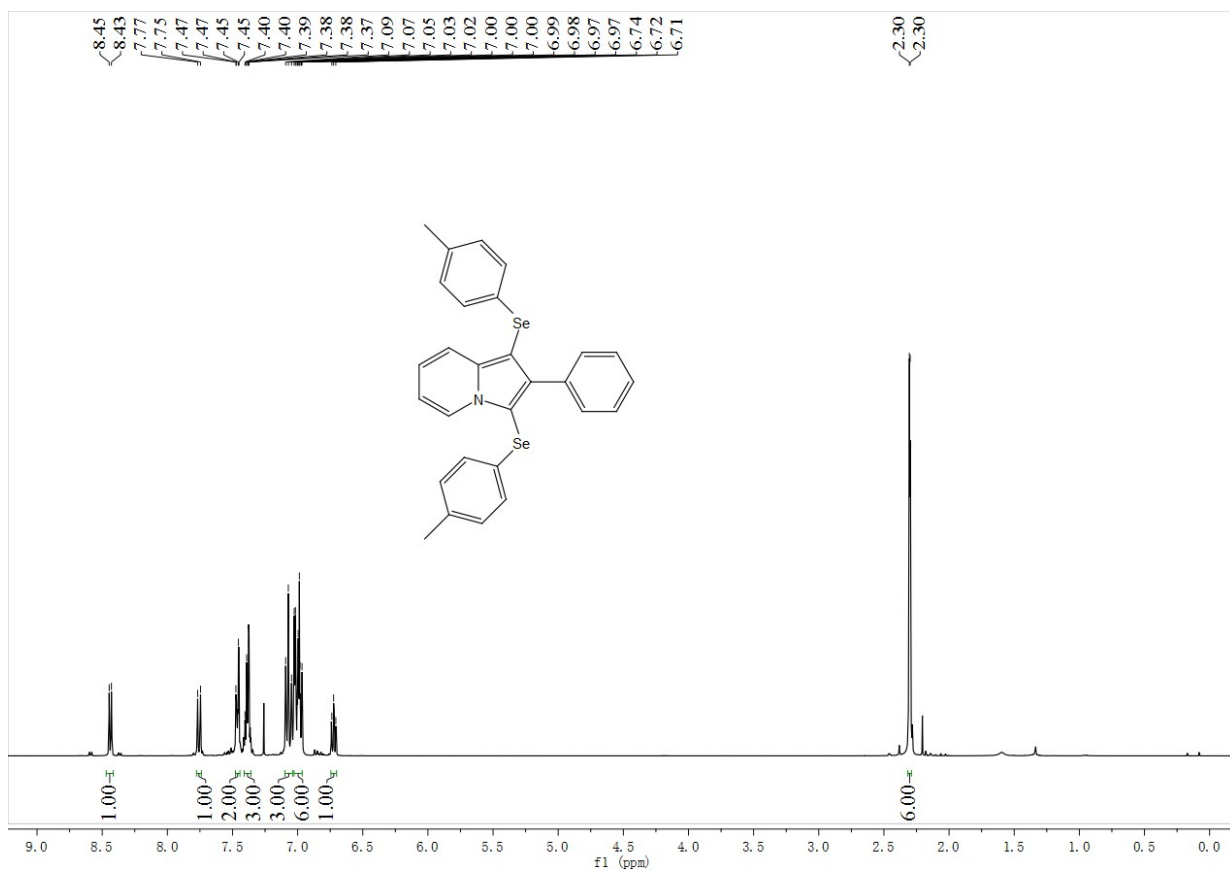
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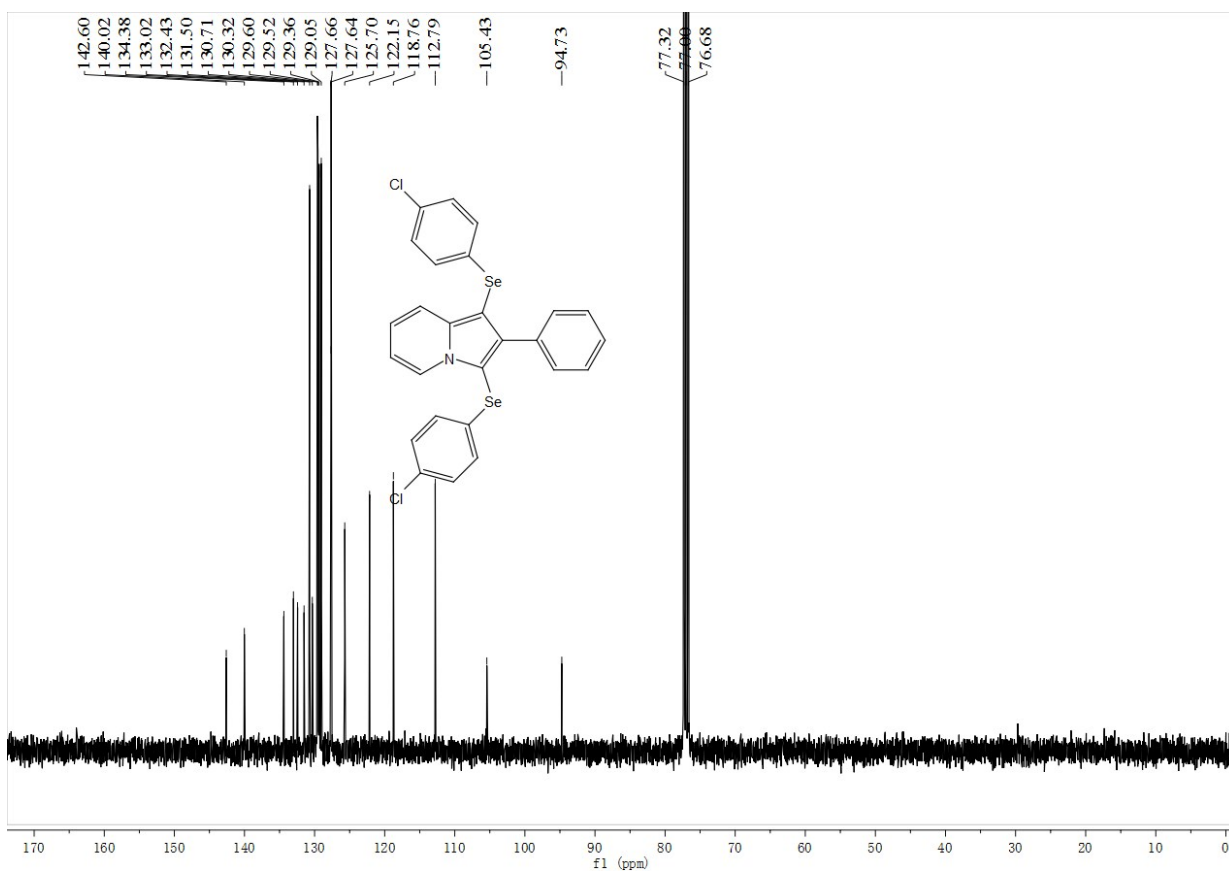
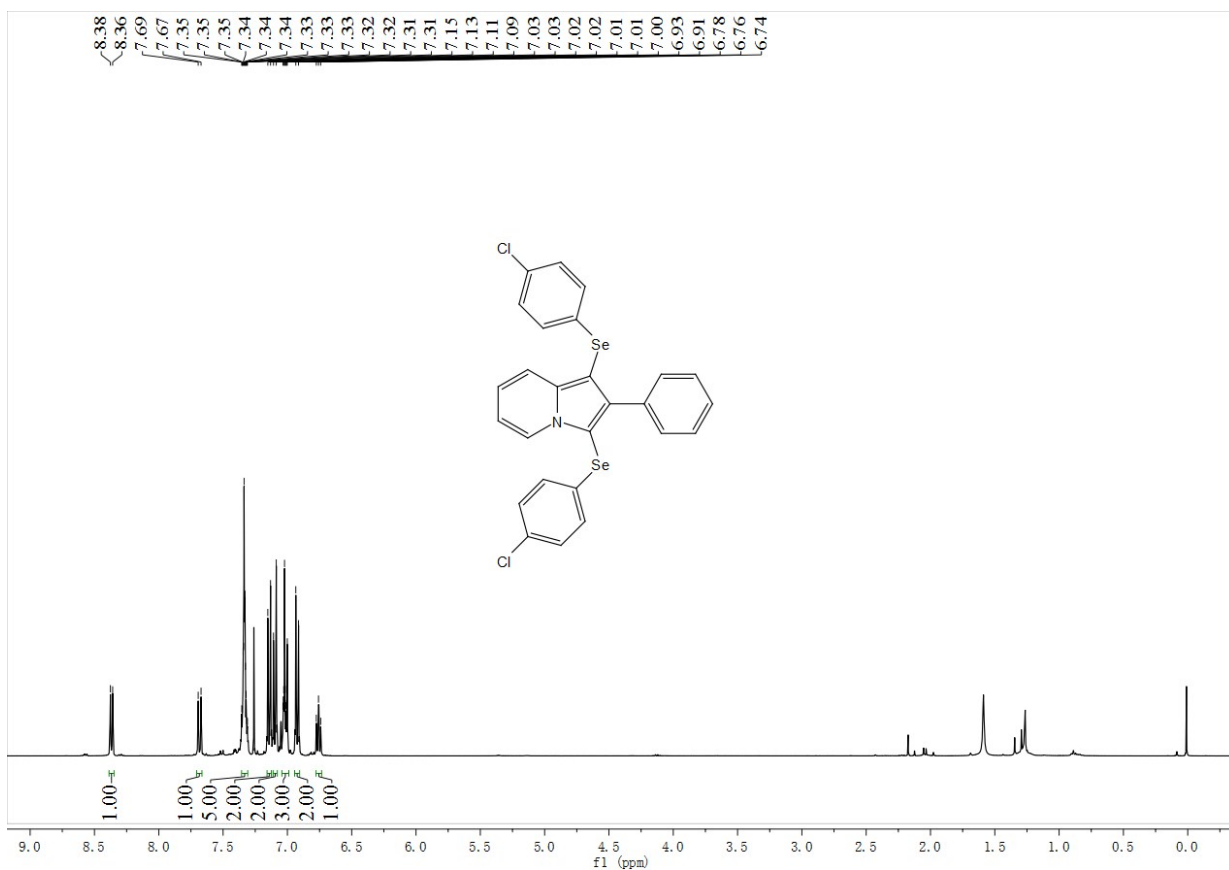
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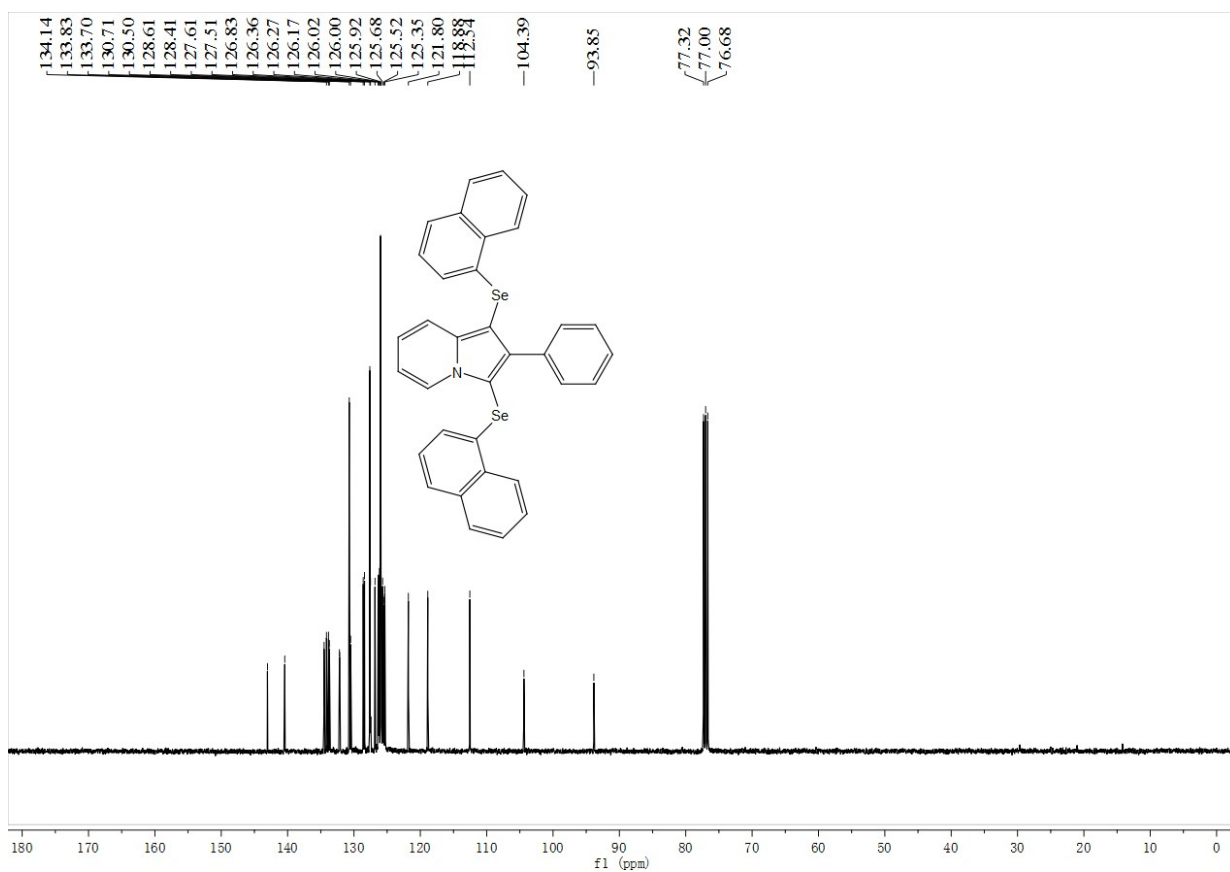
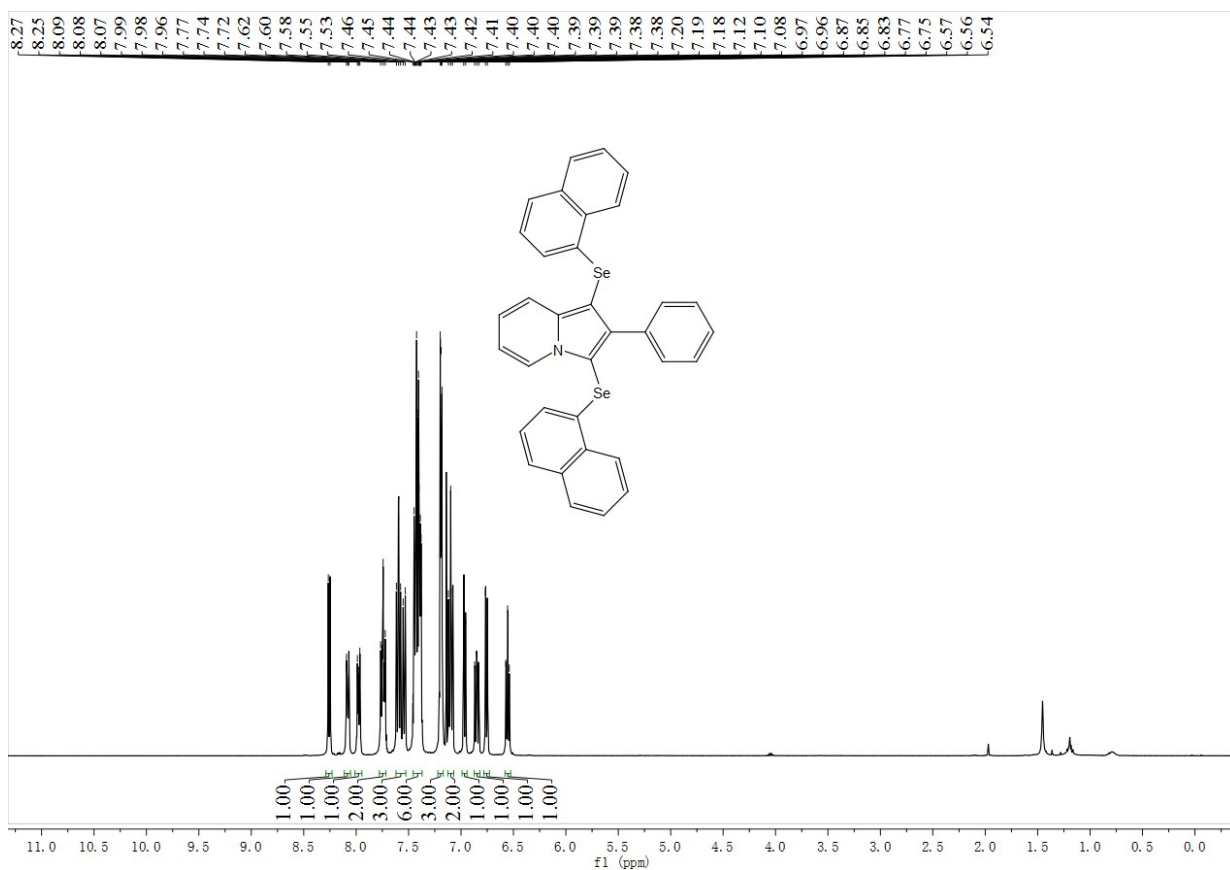
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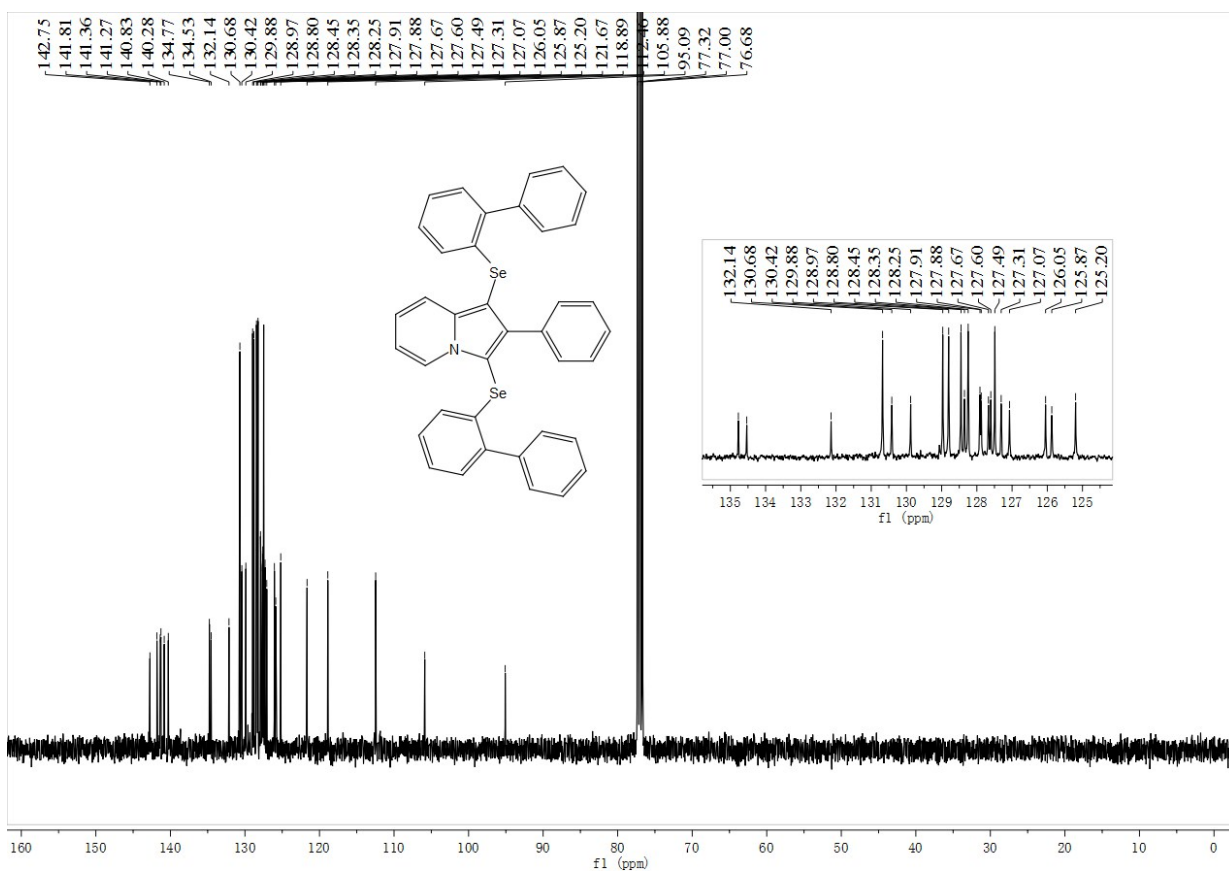


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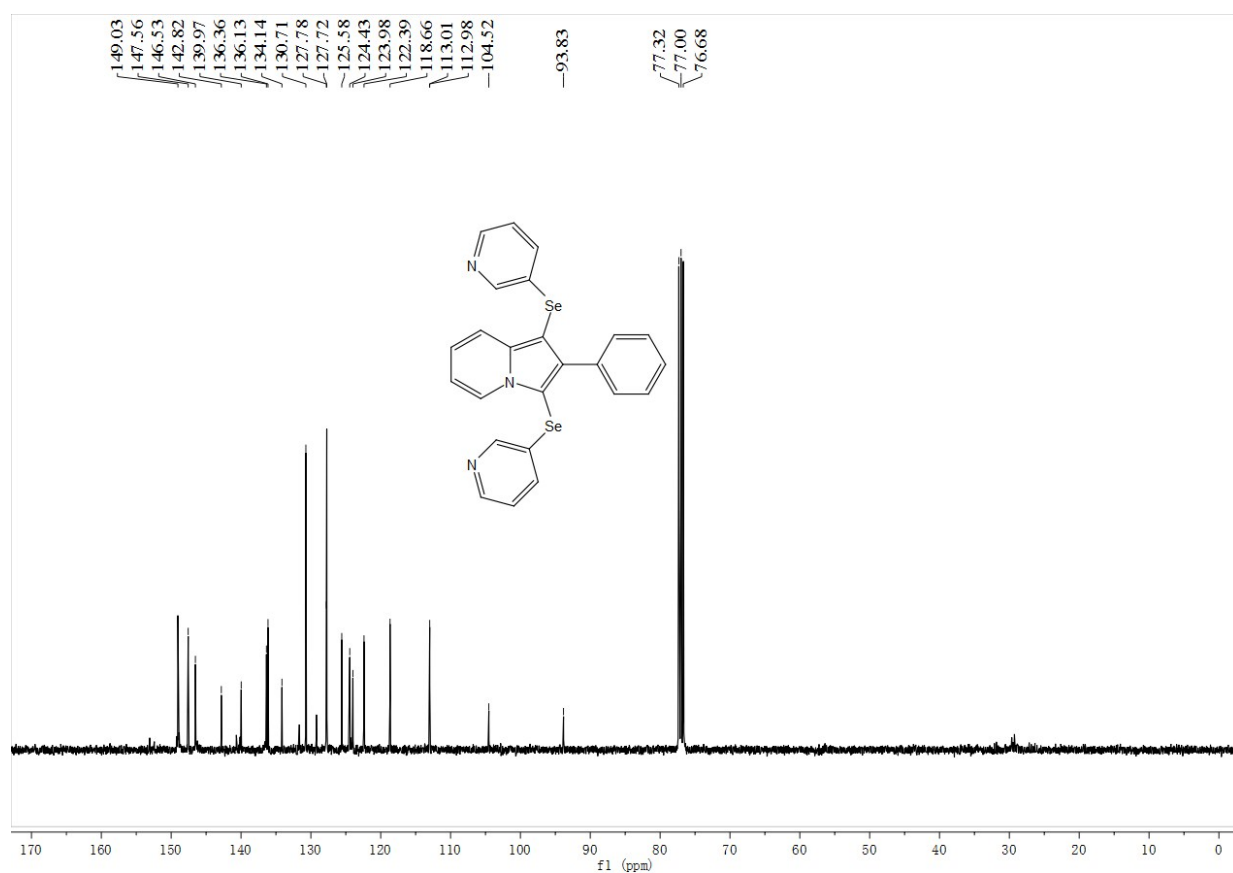
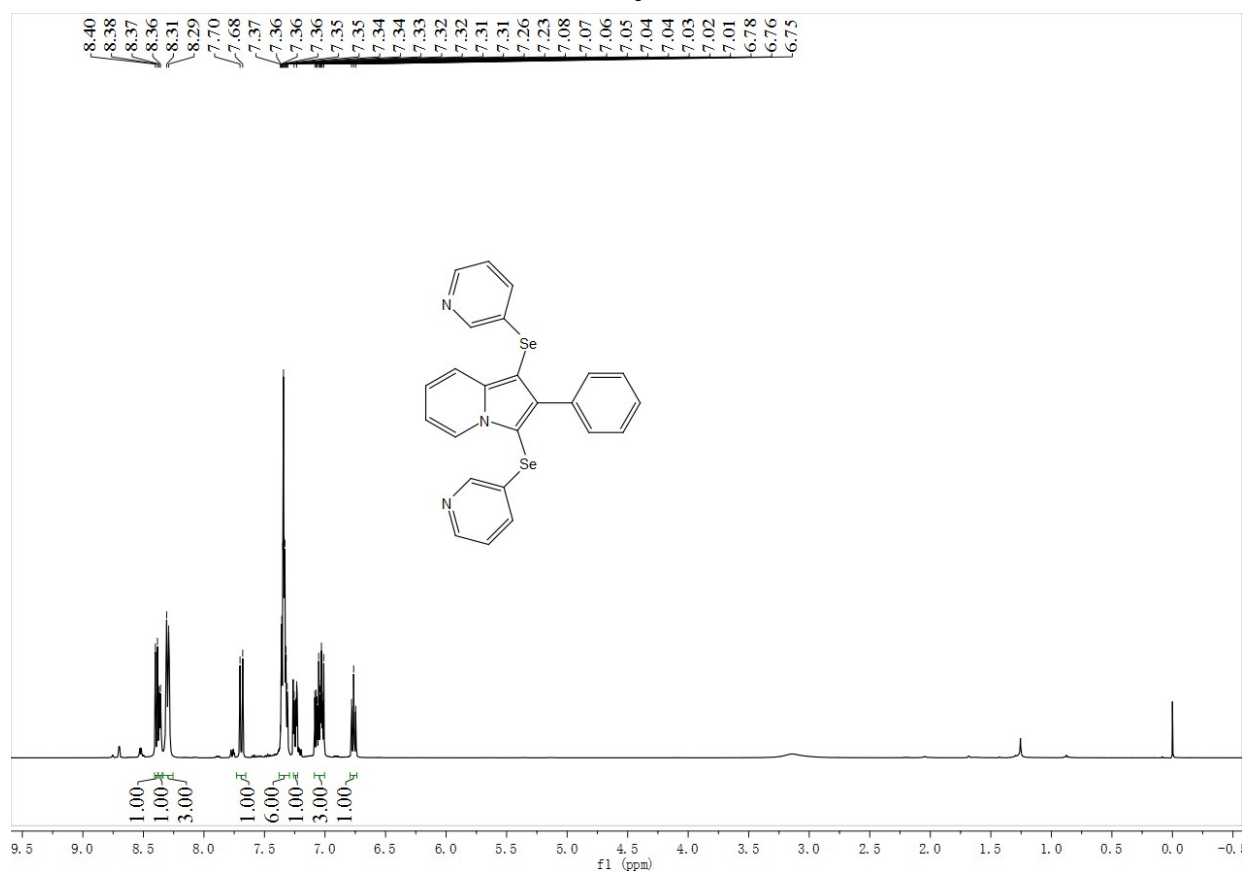


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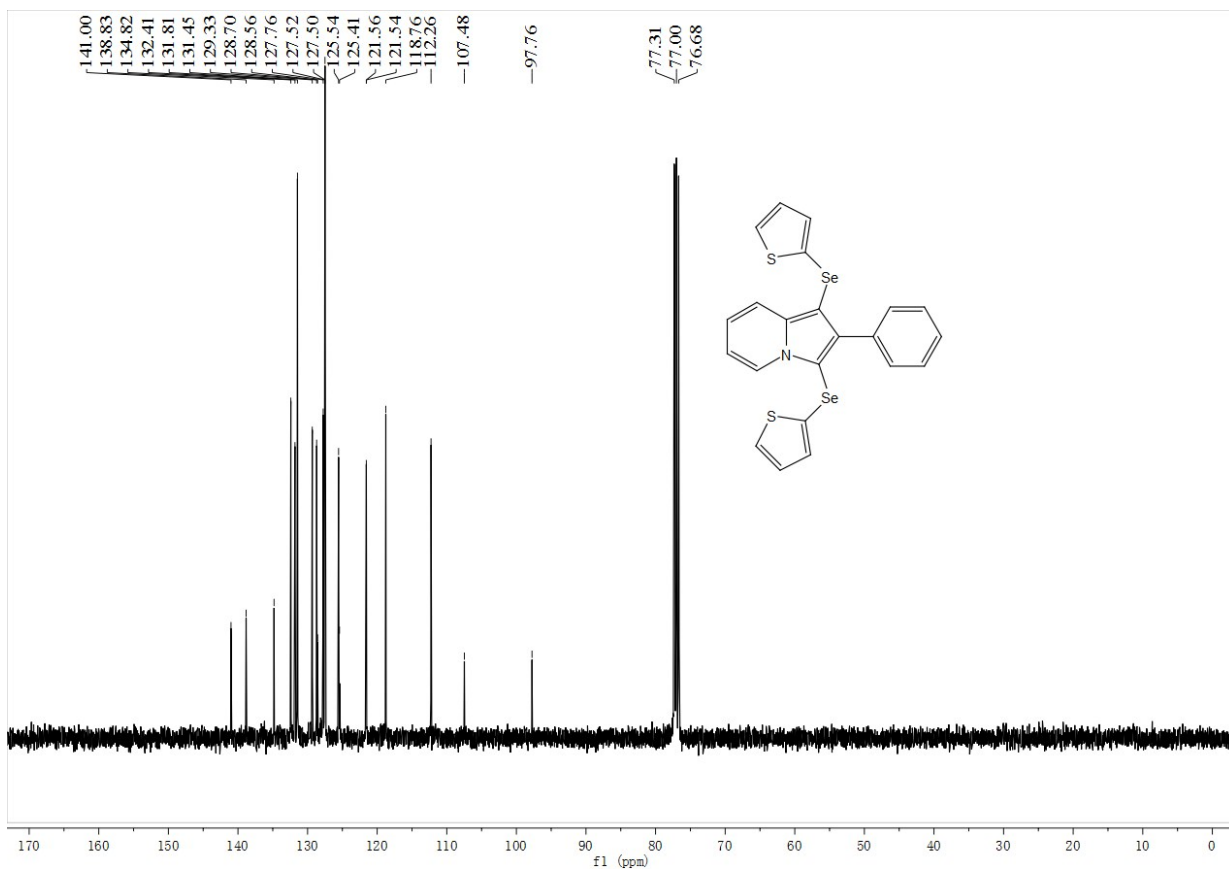
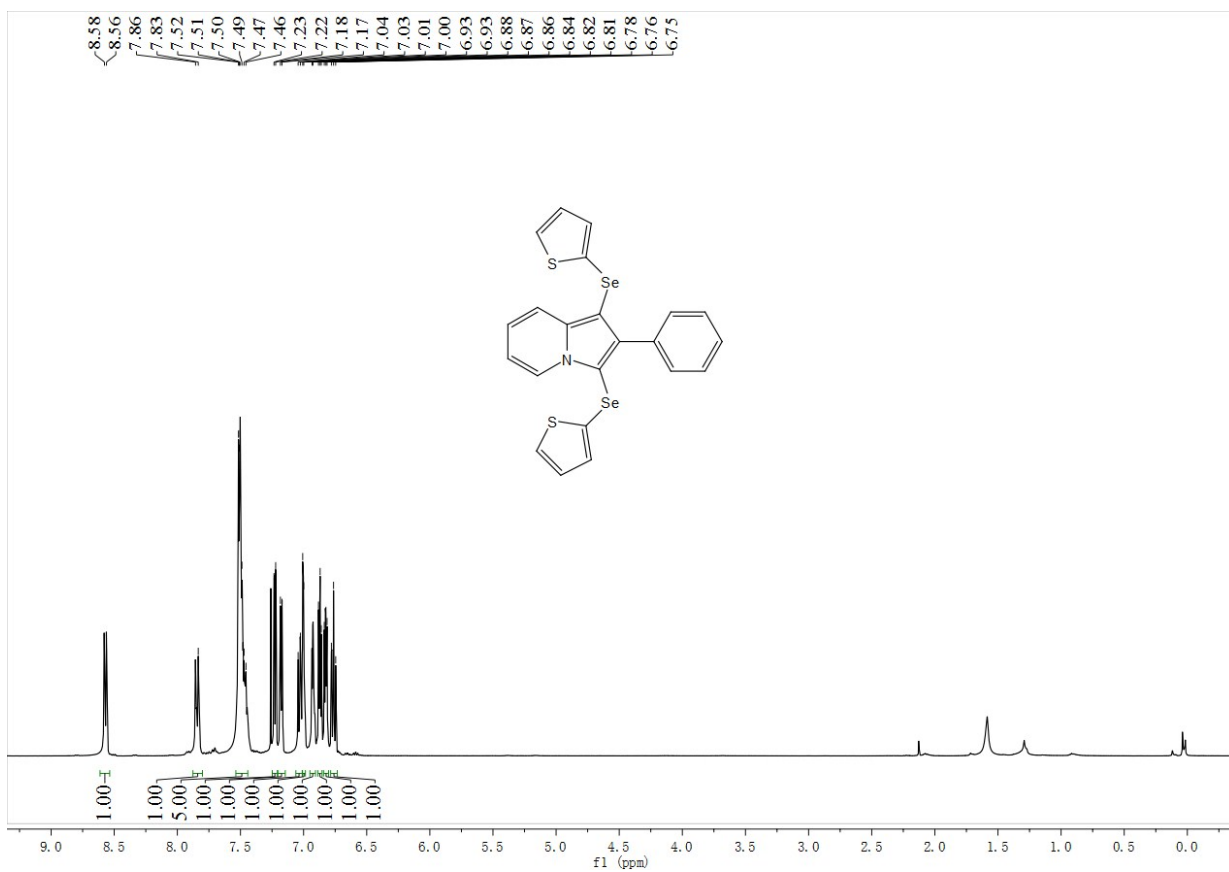


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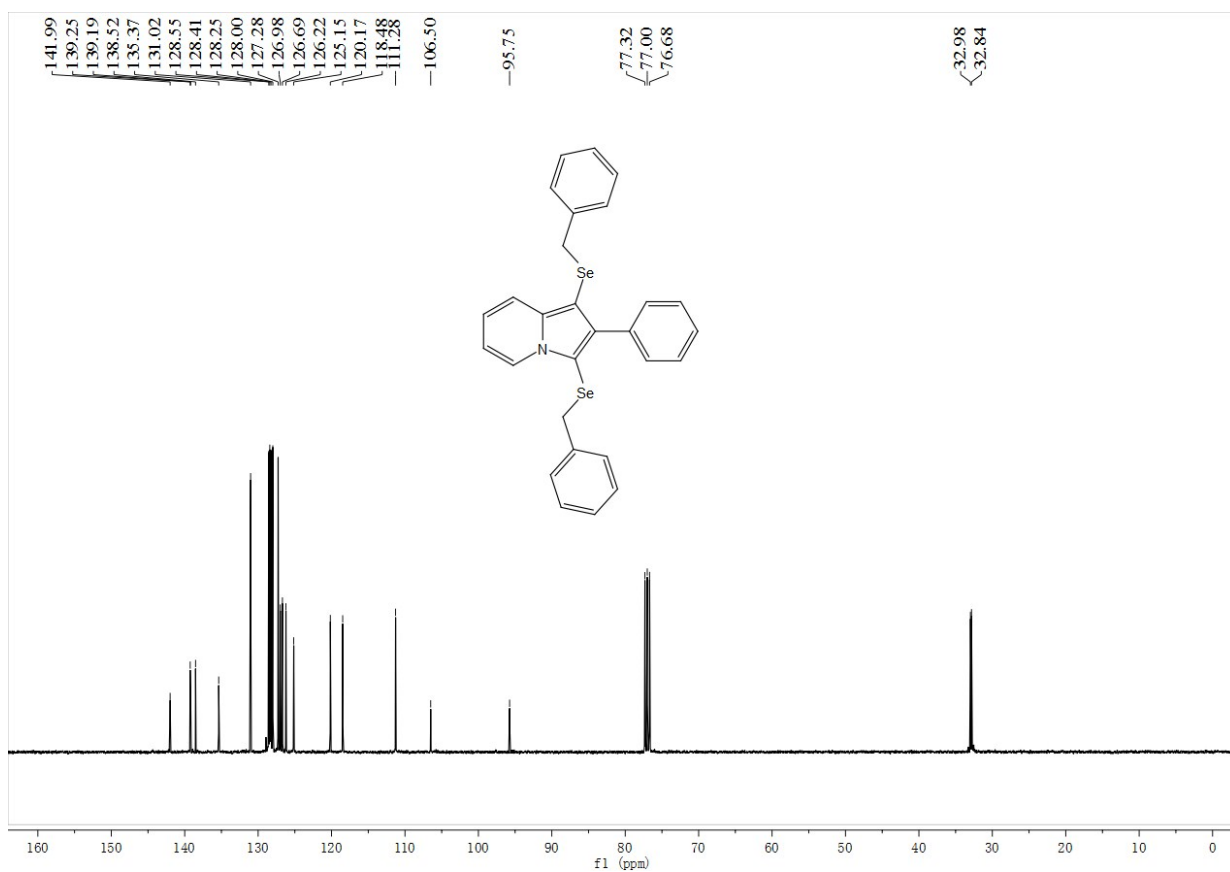
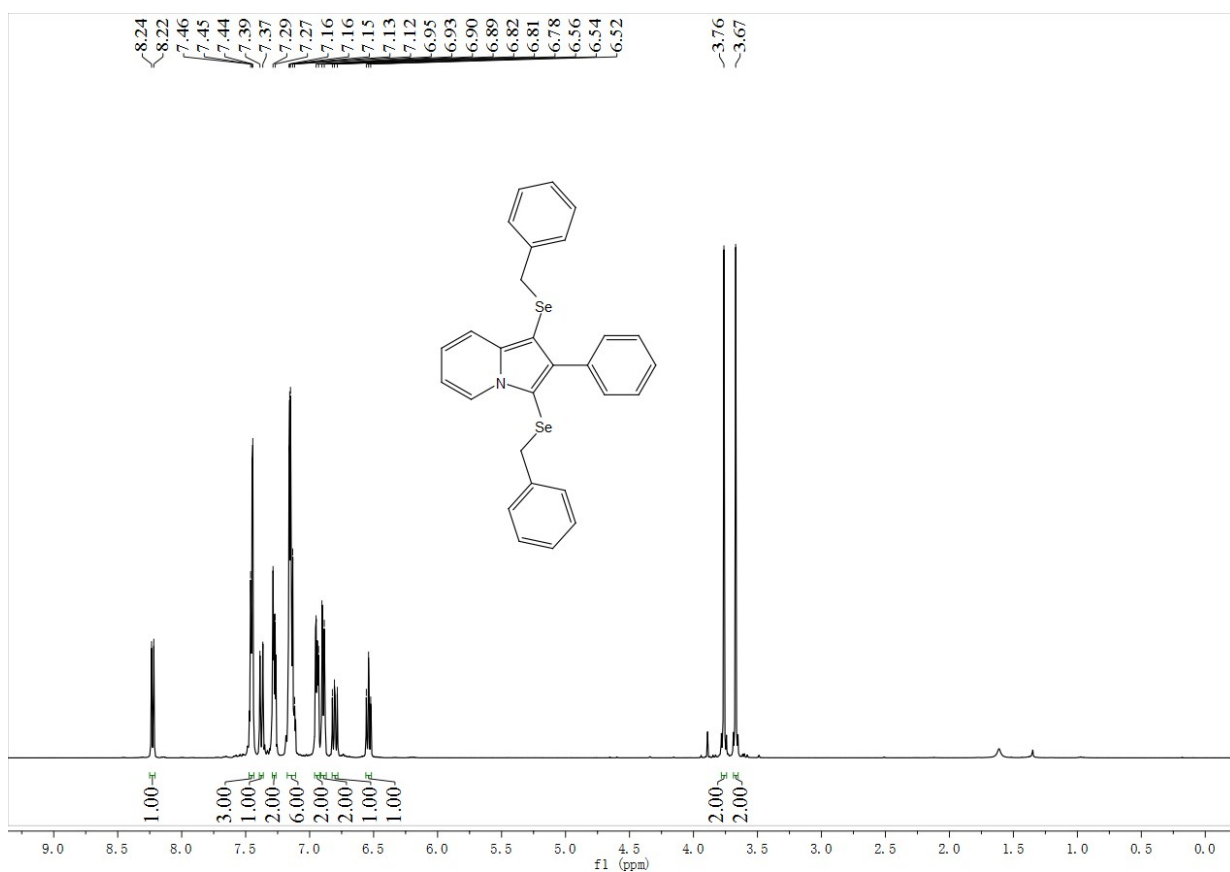
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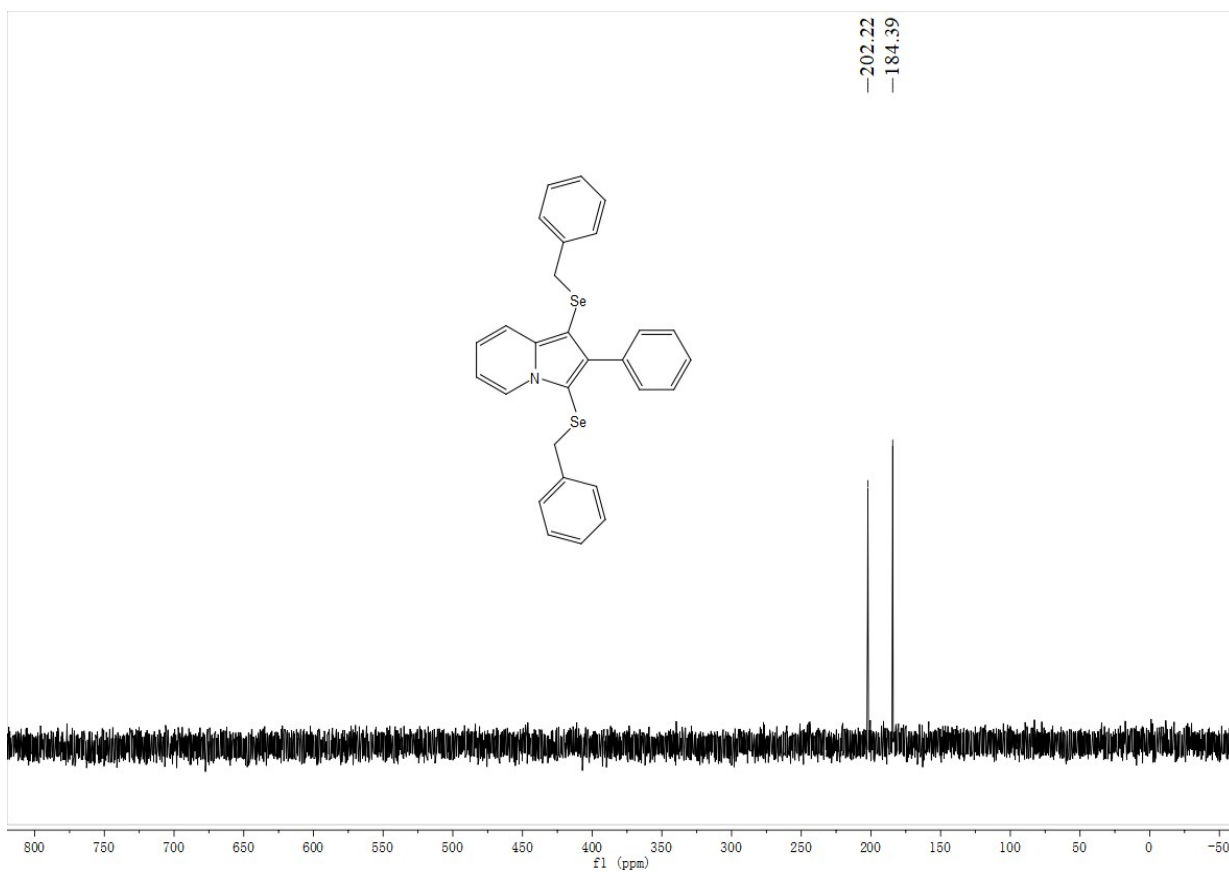


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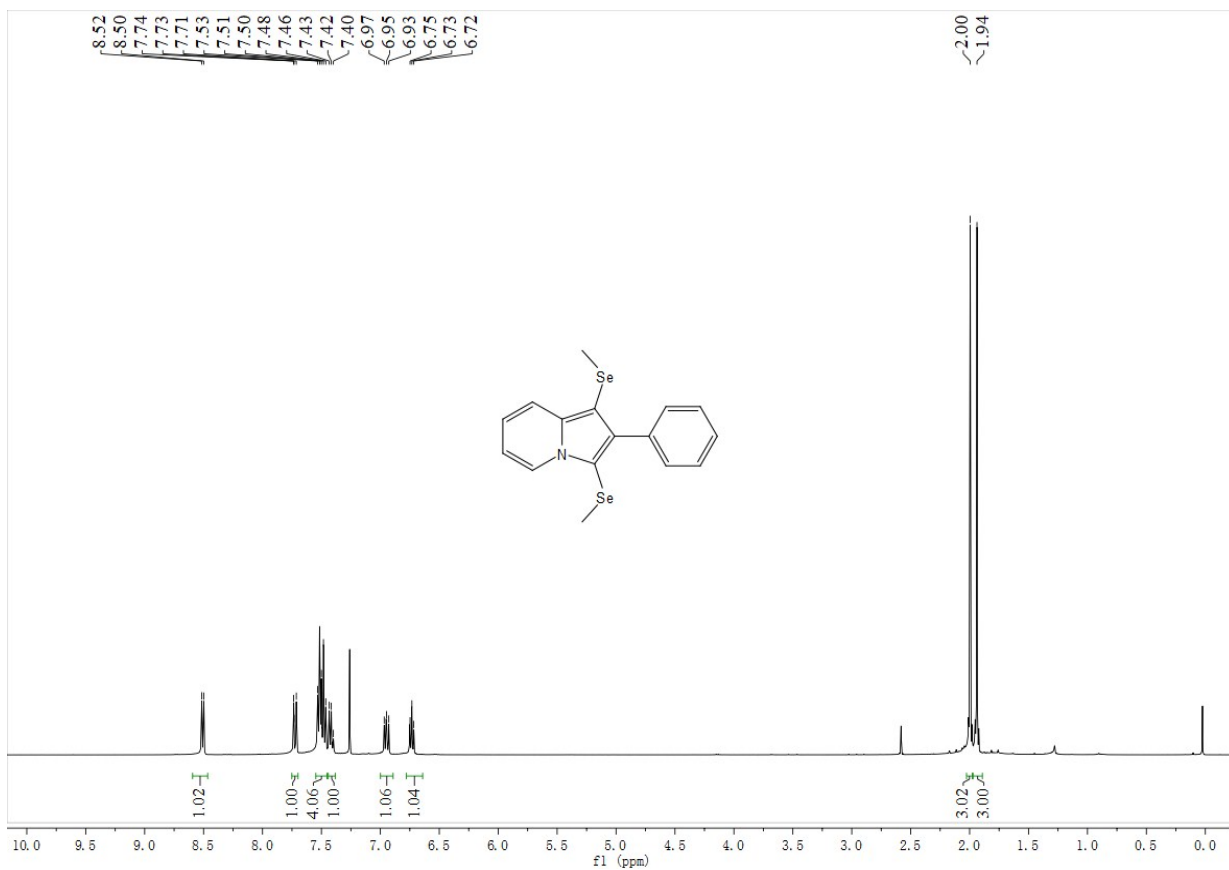


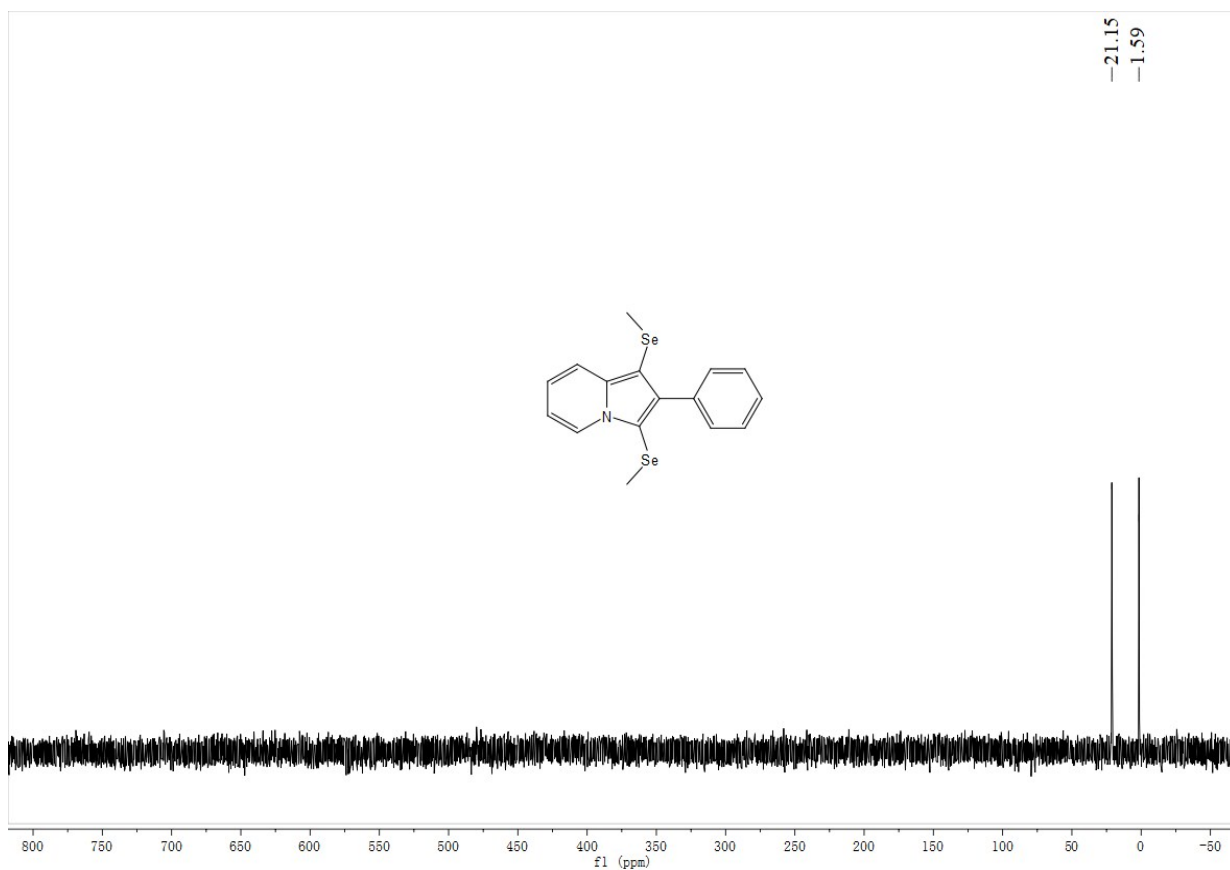
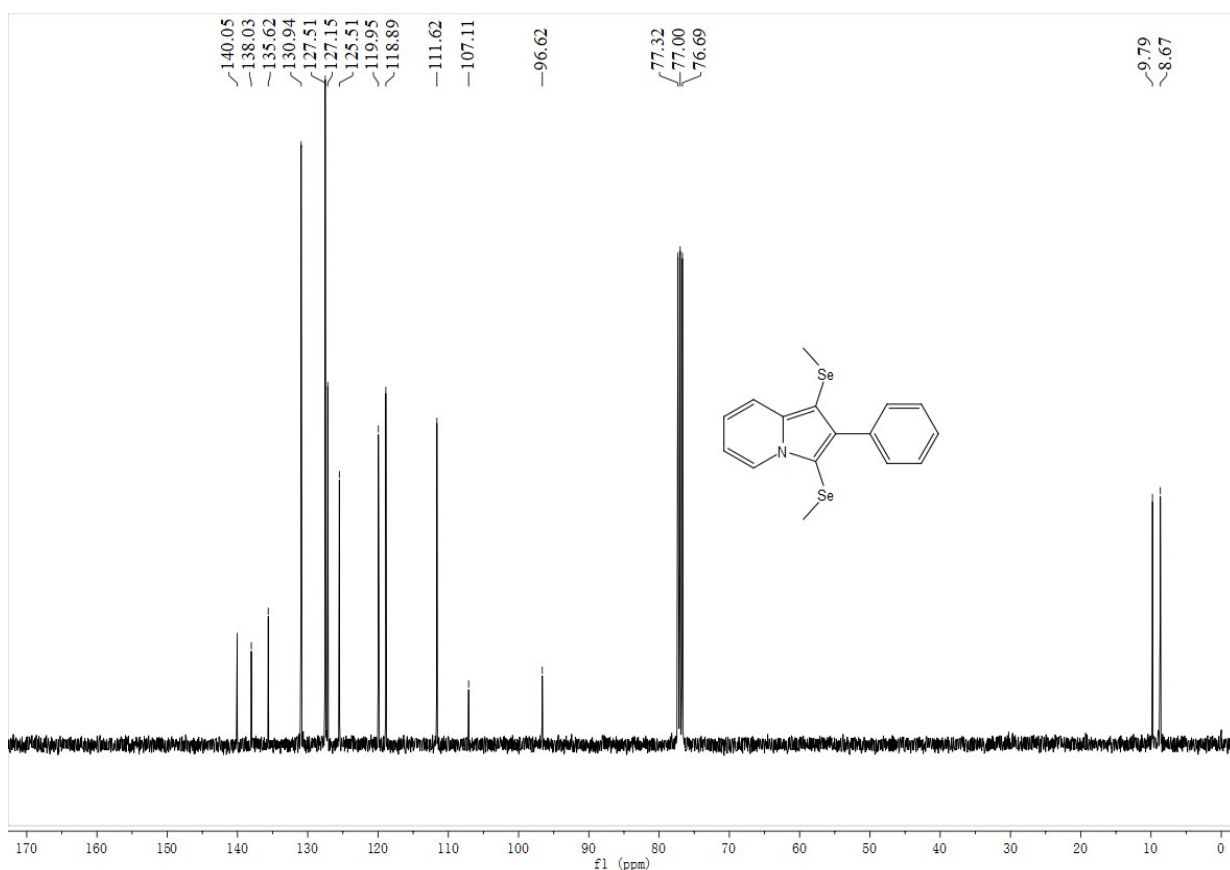
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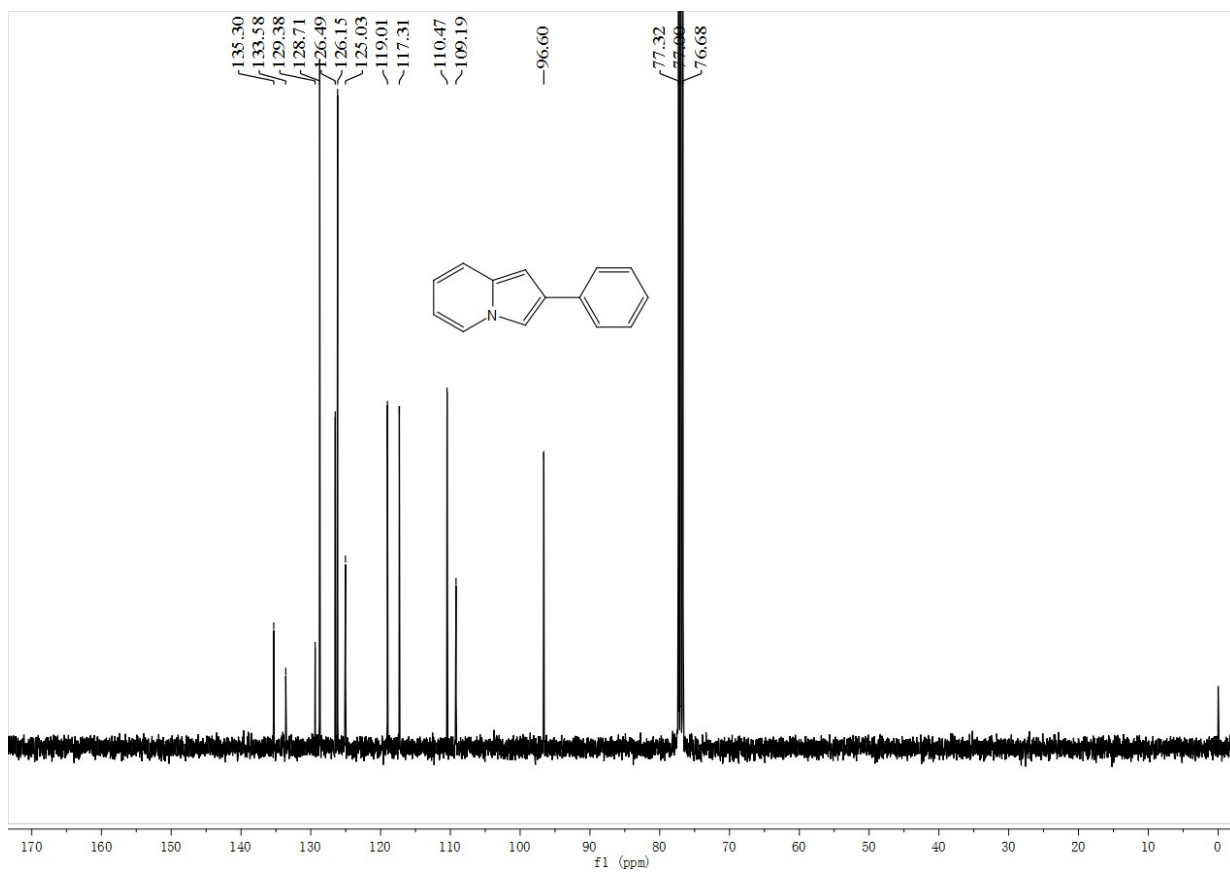
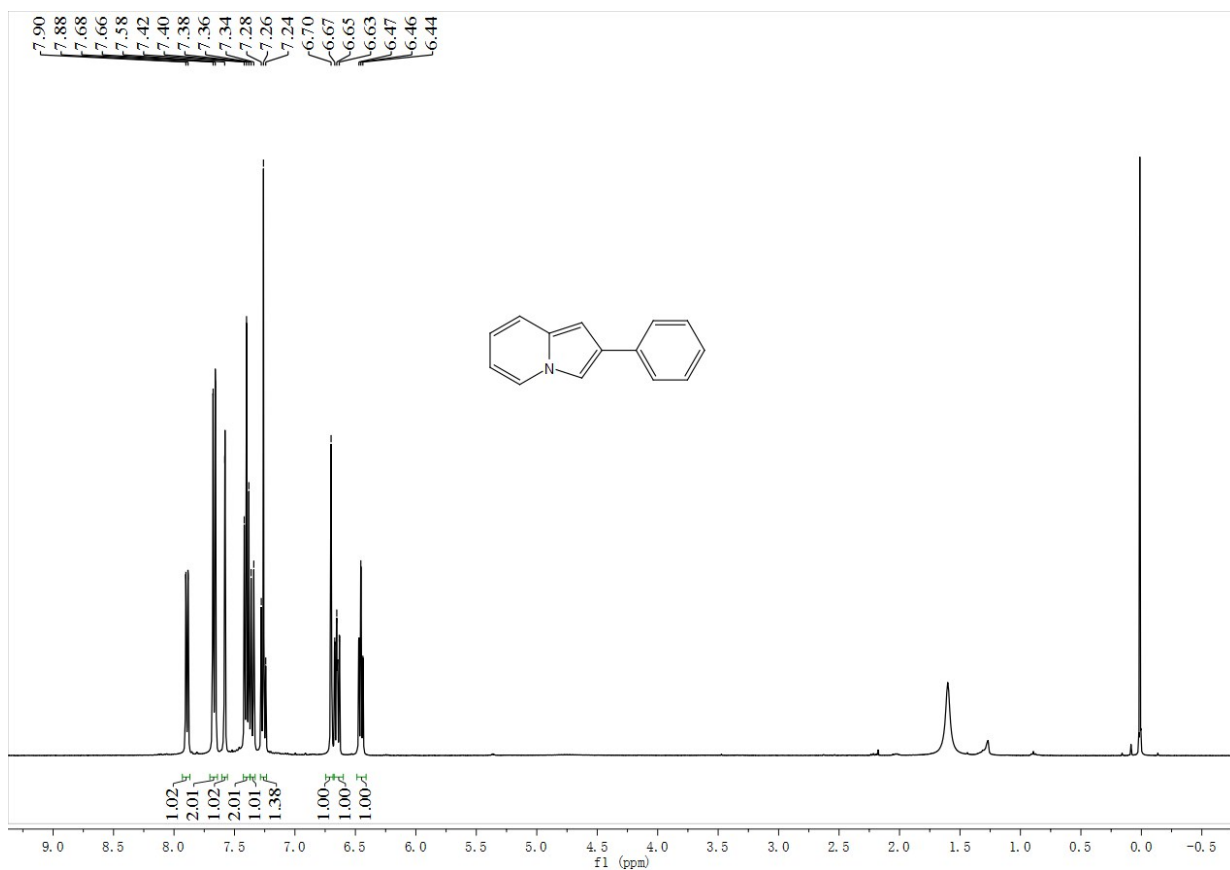


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