

Supporting Information

Visible-Light-Induced Intermolecular [3+2] Alkenylation–Cyclization Strategy: Metal-Free Construction of Pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine Rings

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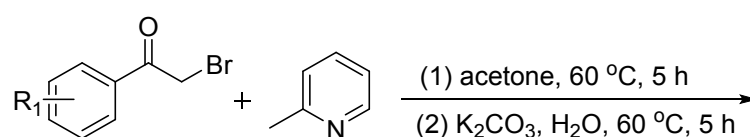
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A. General consideration

Analytical thin layer chromatography was carried out using silica gel GF254, visualized under UV light (at 254 nm). Proton NMR (^1H) were recorded at 400 MHz, and Carbon NMR (^{13}C) at 100 MHz NMR spectrometer. Multiplicities are abbreviated as: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. 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.

B. General procedure

Synthesis of 1a according to the following procedure:



A solution of 2-picoline (0.93 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 2-bromoacetophenone (1.99 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in acetone (50 mL) were added to a 100 mL round bottom flask and heated at 60 °C for 5 hours. The precipitate obtained by filtration separation was redissolved in 20 mL of hot water (60 °C). Then, K₂CO₃ (1.38 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added and heated at 60 °C for 5 hours. After filtration and drying in vacuo, a white solid compound 1a was obtained in 50% overall yield (965 mg, 5 mmol) without further purification.

Synthesis of 3a according to the following procedure:

A 25 mL sealed tube was charged with a stirring bar, and added 2-phenylindolizine 1a (0.039g, 1.0 equiv), methyl acrylate 2a (0.026g, 1.5 equiv), TFA (0.023g, 1 equiv), rose bengal (0.006g, 0.03 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The reaction was irradiated with a 20W blue LED at room temperature stirring for 10 h and monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was then diluted with EtOAc and water, extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄, evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by Thin layer chromatography silica gel plate (eluted with petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 15 : 1) to give 3a in 80% yield (44.0 mg).

C. X-ray Structure and Data of 3g

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for **3g** were collected at low temperature (100.00 K) with graphite-monochromatized MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). absorption corrections were performed using SADABS. A suitable crystal was selected and the cell parameters were obtained from the least squares refinement of the spots using the SMART program. The structure was solved by a direct method and followed by several cycles of full-matrix least-squares refinement using SHELXS-97 program package. In the final refinement, all non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal coefficients. Crystallographic data for compound **3g** is given in Table S1.

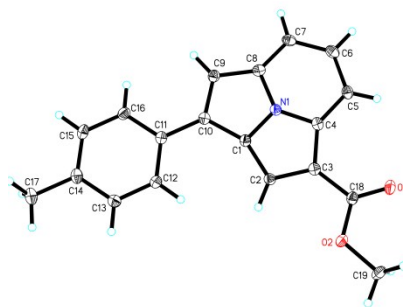


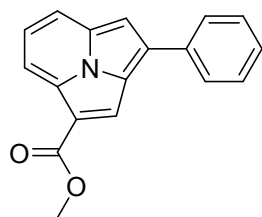
Figure S1. X-Ray crystal structure of **3g**

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3g**

Identification code	1
Empirical formula	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ NO ₂
Formula weight	289.32
Temperature/K	100.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁
a/Å	3.9198(2)
b/Å	25.3323(11)
c/Å	7.1542(3)
α/°	90
β/°	97.305(5)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	704.62(6)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.364
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.709
F(000)	304.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.13 × 0.12 × 0.11
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	12.474 to 146.678
Index ranges	-4 ≤ h ≤ 4, -31 ≤ k ≤ 30, -6 ≤ l ≤ 8
Reflections collected	3274
Independent reflections	2230 [R _{int} = 0.0177, R _{sigma} = 0.0212]
Data/restraints/parameters	2230/1/201
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.067
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0367, wR ₂ = 0.0949
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0385, wR ₂ = 0.0966
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.20/-0.29
Flack/Hoof parameter	-0.08(15)/-0.10(9)

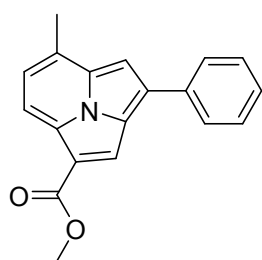
D. Analytical data for 3a-3P, 4a-4f, 5a-5d

Methyl 3-phenylpyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3a)



Yellow solid (44.0 mg, 80%); m.p. 100-101 °C. IR (KBr): 3054, 2969, 1554, 1462, 1221, 1132, 782 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dt, $J = 15.2, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 135.6, 134.0, 131.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 127.6, 124.4, 124.4, 119.6, 114.7, 113.9, 113.0, 109.1, 51.4. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ [$M + \text{H}$] $^+$: 276.1019, found: 276.1017.

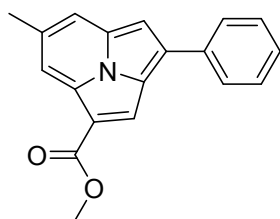
Methyl 5-methyl-3-phenylpyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3b)



Yellow solid (45.1 mg, 78%); m.p. 114-116 °C. IR (KBr): 3034, 2973, 1507, 1456, 1221, 1147, 779 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (dd, $J = 5.0, 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.83 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 134.3, 131.3, 129.1, 128.2, 127.5, 126.2, 124.5, 124.2, 118.9, 114.7, 113.9, 107.7, 51.4, 17.2. IR (KBr): 3054, 2969, 1554, 1462, 1221, 1132, 782 cm^{-1} . HRMS ESI (m/z):

calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$ [$M + \text{H}$] $^+$: 290.1176, found: 290.1180.

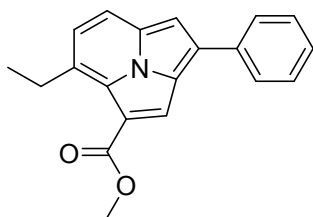
Methyl 6-methyl-3-phenylpyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3c)



Yellow solid (44.5 mg, 77%); m.p. 93-95 °C. IR (KBr): 3034, 2929, 1553, 1460, 1236 1127, 765 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 2.77 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 135.8, 135.7, 134.1, 131.7, 129.8, 129.0, 128.3, 127.4, 123.9, 119.4, 115.4, 114.1, 112.8, 108.38, 51.3, 22.6. HRMS ESI (m/z):

calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NaNO}_2$ [$M + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 312.0995, found: 312.0991.

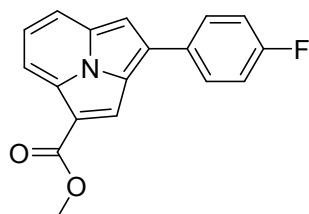
Methyl 7-ethyl-3-phenylpyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3d)



Yellow solid (42.4 mg, 70%); m.p. 94-96 °C. IR (KBr): 3057, 2930, 1550, 1460, 1392 1117, 794 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.61 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.0, 134.2, 133.8, 133.8, 130.6, 129.0,

128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 125.9, 124.2, 120.0, 114.4, 113.3, 108.8, 51.3, 26.8, 17.2. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NaNO}_2$ [$M + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 326.1151, found: 326.1148.

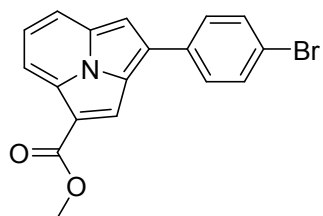
Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3e)



Yellow solid (44.0 mg, 75%); m.p. 94-96 °C. IR (KBr): 3063, 2932, 1537, 1341 1201, 1064, 776 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.88-7.83 (m,

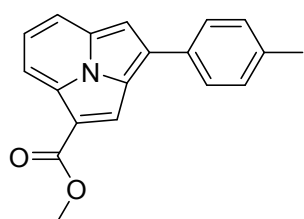
2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 164.2 ($J = 247.2$ Hz), 134.6, 131.9, 130.3, 130.3, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 124.6, 124.2, 119.4, 116.3, 116.1, 114.8, 114.18, 113.1, 108.9, 51.46. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 294.0925, found: 294.0922.

Methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3f)



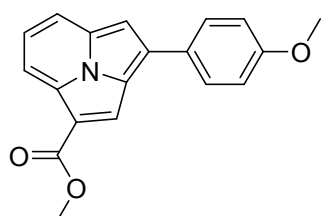
Yellow solid (55.1 mg, 78%); m.p. 165-167 °C. IR (KBr): 3061, 2926, 1688, 1554, 1263, 695 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.88 (dd, $J = 15.8, 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 134.3, 133.0, 132.3, 131.8, 129.9, 128.9, 124.6, 124.1, 122.5, 119.4, 115.1, 114.3, 113.4, 109.2, 51.5. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 354.0124, found: 354.0118.

Methyl 3-(*p*-tolyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3g)



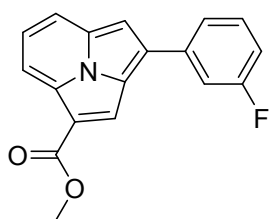
Yellow solid (42.8 mg, 74%); m.p. 107-108 °C. IR (KBr): 3049, 2970, 1532, 1383 1024, 887 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 138.5, 135.8, 132.1, 131.2, 129.8, 127.4, 124.4, 119.5, 114.5, 113.8, 112.8, 108.6, 51.4, 21.3. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NaNO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 312.0995, found: 312.0993.

Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3h)



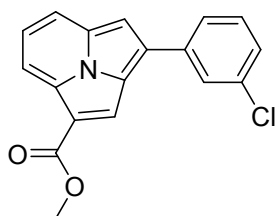
Yellow solid (43.3 mg, 71%); m.p. 103-104 °C. IR (KBr): 3046, 2963, 1699, 1583, 1224, 780 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (dd, $J = 5.6, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.84-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 159.9, 135.6, 132.2, 129.9, 128.8, 126.7, 124.4, 124.3, 119.3, 114.6, 114.3, 113.7, 112.5, 108.0, 55.3, 51.4. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 305.1042, found: 305.10464.

Methyl 3-(3-fluorophenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3i)



Yellow solid (44.0 mg, 75%); m.p. 125-126 °C. IR (KBr): 3043, 2894, 1521, 1365, 1179, 764 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.3, 164.5 ($J = 245.0$ Hz), 136.2 ($J = 8.0$ Hz), 134.1, 131.7, 130.7, 130.5, 129.8, 124.5, 124.1, 123.2, 119.50, 115.3 ($J = 13.0$ Hz), 114.3, 114.1, 113.5, 109.5, 51.4. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 293.0847, found: 293.08411.

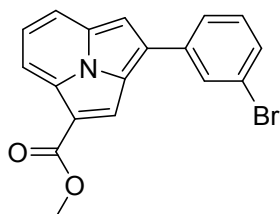
Methyl 3-(3-chlorophenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3j)



Yellow solid (40.8 mg, 66%); m.p. 126-128 °C. IR (KBr): 3057, 2899,

1554, 1440, 1201, 1122, 810 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.99-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 26.9, 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 135.9, 135.1, 134.0, 131.7, 130.3, 129.9, 128.3, 127.5, 125.6, 124.6, 124.1, 119.5, 115.2, 114.5, 113.5, 109.5, 51.5. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClNO}_2$ [$M + \text{H}$] $^+$: 310.0629, found: 310.0620.

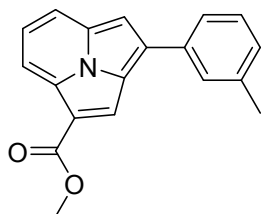
Methyl 3-(3-bromophenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3k)



Yellow solid (49.4 mg, 70%); m.p. 95-97 $^\circ\text{C}$. IR (KBr): 3034, 2912, 1552, 1375, 1221, 1130, 715 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.13 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.86 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 136.2, 133.8, 131.3, 130.6, 130.4, 129.9, 126.1, 124.6, 123.2, 119.5, 115.3, 114.5, 113.6, 109.6, 51.5. HRMS ESI (m/z):

calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNO}_2$ [$M + \text{H}$] $^+$: 354.0124, found: 310.0118.

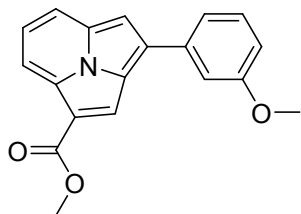
Methyl 3-(*m*-tolyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3l)



Yellow oil (41.1 mg, 71%); IR (KBr): 3054, 2924, 1543, 1324, 1183, 765 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 13.6, 6.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 138.7, 135.8, 133.9, 132.0, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.2, 124.7, 124.5, 124.4, 119.6, 114.7, 113.9, 112.9, 109.1, 51.4, 21.6. HRMS ESI

(m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNO}_2$ [$M + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 312.0995, found: 312.0991.

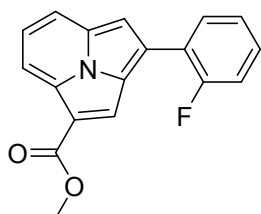
Methyl 3-(3-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3m)



Yellow solid (41.5 mg, 68%); m.p. 90-92 $^\circ\text{C}$. IR (KBr): 3042, 2964, 1692, 1521, 1365, 1179, 790 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 2H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 160.1, 135.5, 135.3, 131.9, 130.1, 129.8, 124.4, 120.1,

119.5, 114.8, 114.0, 113.8, 113.2, 113.1, 109.3, 55.3, 51.4. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNO}_3$ [$M + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 328.0944, found: 328.0945.

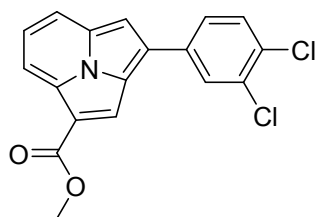
Methyl 3-(2-fluorophenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3n)



Yellow solid (38.1 mg, 65%); m.p. 122-123 $^\circ\text{C}$. IR (KBr): 3068, 2958, 1621, 1322, 1221, 1107, 780 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 164.5 ($J = 245.0$ Hz), 137.3, 134.2, 131.7, 130.6 ($J = 9.0$ Hz), 129.85, 124.55,

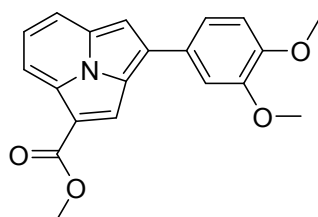
123.26, 119.50, 115.33 ($J = 22.0$ Hz), 115.20, 114.13 ($J = 22.0$ Hz), 113.51, 109.54, 51.48. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}_2$ [$M + \text{Na}$] $^+$: 294.0925, found: 294.0919.

Methyl 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3o)



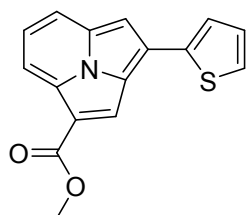
Yellow solid (48.0 mg, 70%); m.p. 113-115 °C. IR (KBr): 3075, 2899, 1576, 1407, 1311, 885 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dt, J = 15.6, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.3, 134.1, 133.2, 132.8, 132.3, 131.6, 131.0, 129.9, 129.0, 126.5, 124.7, 123.8, 119.3, 115.4, 114.6, 113.7, 109.5, 51.5. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 344.0240, found: 344.0238.

Methyl 3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3p)



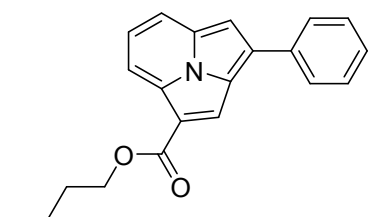
Yellow solid (44.2 mg, 66%); m.p. 153-154 °C. IR (KBr): 3072, 2982, 1565, 1477, 1328, 770 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33-8.30 (m, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 6H), 3.97 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 149.6, 149.4, 135.8, 132.1, 129.8, 127.0, 124.5, 124.3, 120.5, 119.2, 114.5, 113.7, 112.5, 111.6, 110.5, 108.2, 56.0, 55.9, 51.4. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 336.1230, found: 336.1223.

Methyl 3-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (3q)



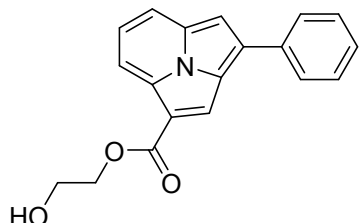
Yellow solid (38.8 mg, 69%); m.p. 75-77 °C. IR (KBr): 3067, 2964, 1521, 1481, 1221, 776 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (dd, J = 22.4, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 137.2, 131.9, 131.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 126.4, 126.0, 124.6, 118.8, 114.9, 112.9, 109.5, 108.4, 51.4. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 304.0403, found: 304.0404.

Butyl 3-phenylpyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (4a)



Yellow solid (43.8 mg, 69%); m.p. 62-64 °C. IR (KBr): 3043, 2965, 1565, 1464, 1221, 770 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.59 (dd, J = 15.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.2, 135.6, 134.0, 131.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 127.6, 124.3, 119.5, 114.7, 114.4, 112.9, 108.9, 64.0, 31.0, 19.4, 13.8. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 318.1489, found: 318.1484.

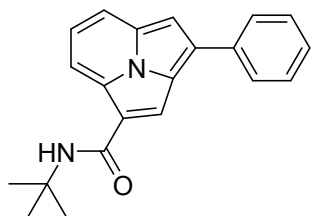
2-Hydroxyethyl 3-phenylpyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxylate (4b)



Yellow solid (41.5 mg, 68%); m.p. 128-129 °C. IR (KBr): 3640, 1677, 1376, 1250, 1123, 1052, 786 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.00-7.96 (m, 2H),

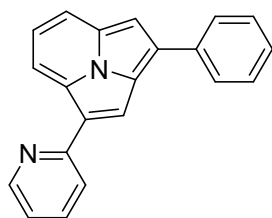
7.81 (dd, $J = 9.8, 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.57 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.04 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 135.7, 133.9, 132.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 127.5, 124.6, 124.4, 119.6, 114.7, 113.5, 113.0, 109.2, 66.0, 61.8. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 328.0944, found: 328.0941.

***N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-phenylpyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine-1-carboxamide (4c)**



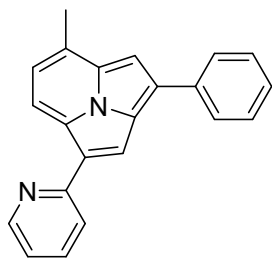
Yellow solid. (42.4 mg, 67%); m.p. 158-160 °C. IR (KBr): 3523, 3035, 2806, 1640, 1345, 790 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.59, 135.0, 134.4, 131.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.3, 127.6, 123.5, 121.9, 115.3, 114.9, 113.2, 108.3, 51.6, 29.3. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 317.1648, found: 317.1643.

3-Phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine (4d)



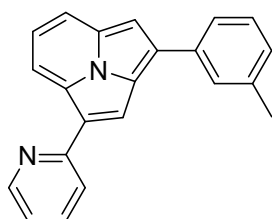
Yellow solid (38.2 mg, 65%); m.p. 124-126 °C. IR (KBr): 3048, 2965, 1571, 1482, 1175, 901 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.74 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 7.2, 5.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.7, 149.0, 137.1, 134.7, 134.1, 131.5, 129.0, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 124.9, 122.9, 120.6, 120.5, 115.2, 115.1, 113.2, 107.1. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 295.1230, found: 295.1225.

5-Methyl-3-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine (4e)

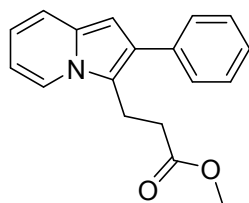


Yellow solid (42.5 mg, 69%); m.p. 126-128 °C. IR (KBr): 3055, 2972, 1551, 1392, 1165, 877 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.72 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.09 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1H), 2.88 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.2, 149.6, 136.5, 135.1, 132.5, 130.9, 129.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 124.9, 124.8, 124.3, 124.1, 120.4, 120.3, 115.2, 114.2, 105.4, 17.3. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 309.1386, found: 309.1391.

1-(Pyridin-2-yl)-3-(*m*-tolyl)pyrrolo[2,1,5-*cd*]indolizine (4f)

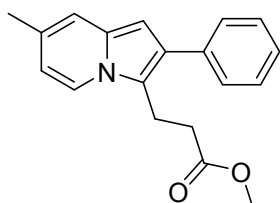


Yellow solid (40.7 mg, 66%); m.p. 126-128 °C. IR (KBr): 3054, 2922, 1541, 1332, 1185, 779 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.74 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.81-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.0, 149.4, 138.7, 136.8, 134.7, 134.2, 131.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 124.8, 122.7, 120.5, 120.5, 115.1, 115.1, 113.1, 107.0, 21.61. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 309.1386, found: 309.1391.

Methyl 3-(2-Phenylindolizin-3-yl)propanoate (5a)

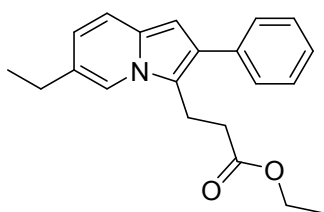
Yellow oil. (42.4 mg, 76%); IR (KBr): 3050, 1678, 1507, 1450, 1332, 759 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.51 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.5, 153.2, 148.7, 136.8, 135.1, 129.3, 128.8, 126.3, 125.1, 124.0, 122.0, 51.6, 38.2, 28.2.

HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 279.1254, found: 279.1254.

Methyl 3-(7-Methyl-2-phenylindolizin-3-yl)propanoate (5b)

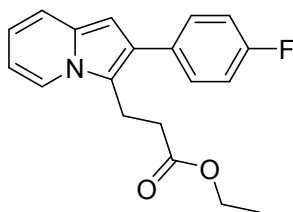
Yellow oil (45.7 mg, 78%); IR (KBr): 3047, 1699, 1550, 1402, 1327, 780 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.00 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.5, 153.1, 148.6, 147.8, 146.0, 135.4, 128.8, 128.7, 126.3, 125.4, 124.9, 122.9,

51.6, 38.4, 28.3, 20.9. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 293.1413, found: 293.1413.

Ethyl 3-(6-Ethyl-2-phenylindolizin-3-yl)propanoate (5c)

Yellow oil (44.3 mg, 69%); IR (KBr): 3055, 1683, 1563, 1455, 1347, 792 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 6.8$, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.37-32 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.62 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.24 (dd, $J = 7.2$, 3.0 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

173.2, 151.0, 148.8, 145.3, 137.9, 136.0, 135.5, 128.8, 128.7, 126.3, 125.23, 123.8, 60.5, 38.5, 28.7, 25.9, 15.2, 14.2. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 321.1723, found: 321.1723.

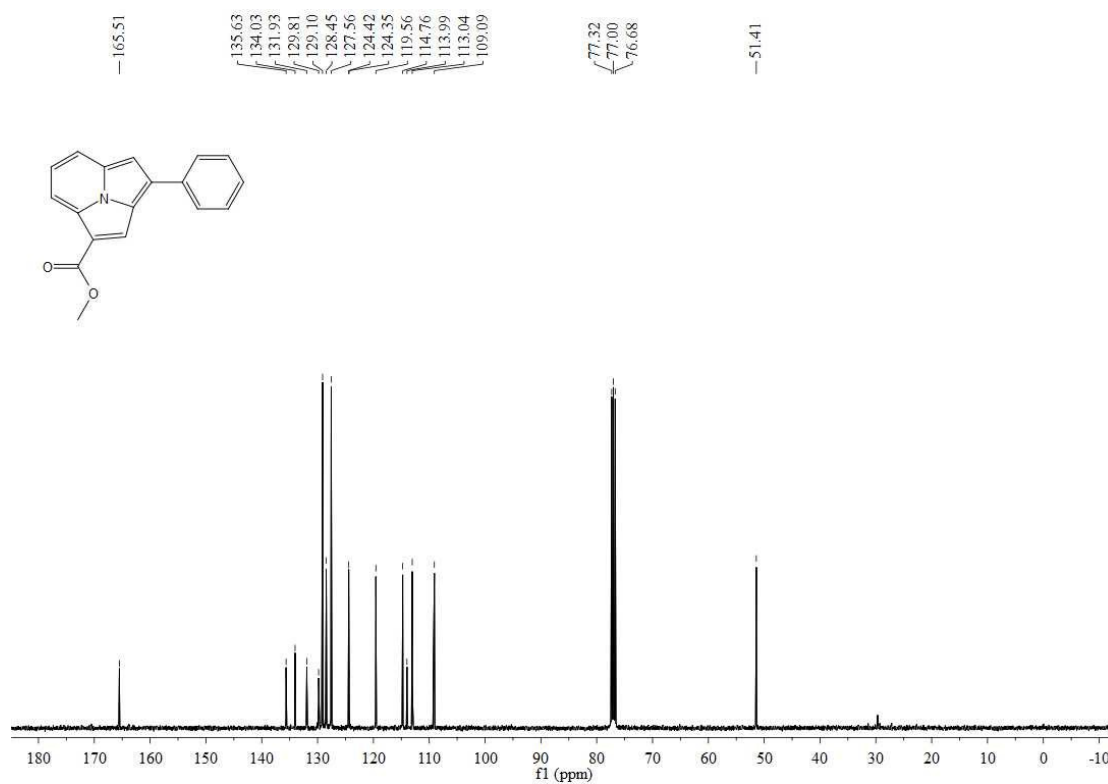
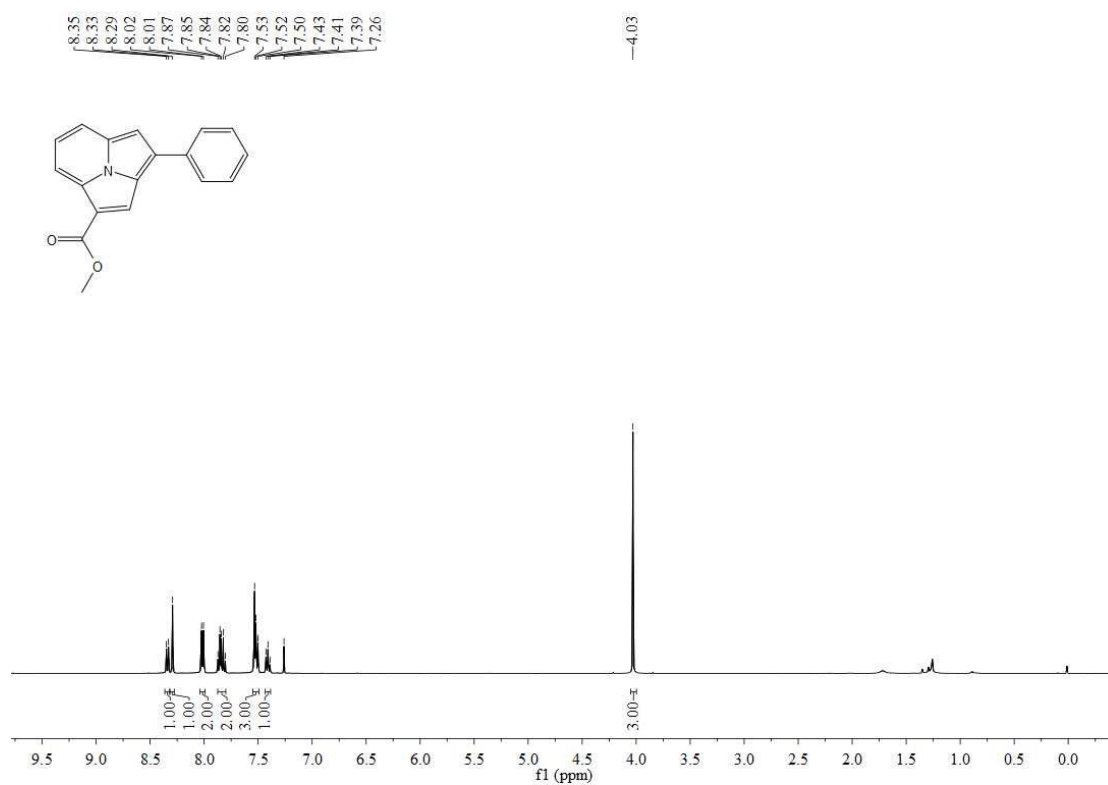
Ethyl 3-(2-(4-Fluorophenyl)indolizin-3-yl)propanoate (5d)

Yellow oil (44.8 mg, 72%); IR (KBr): 3077, 1674, 1532, 1449, 1322, 756 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.54 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, $J = 7.0$, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.26 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.0, 164.4 ($J = 248.0$ Hz),

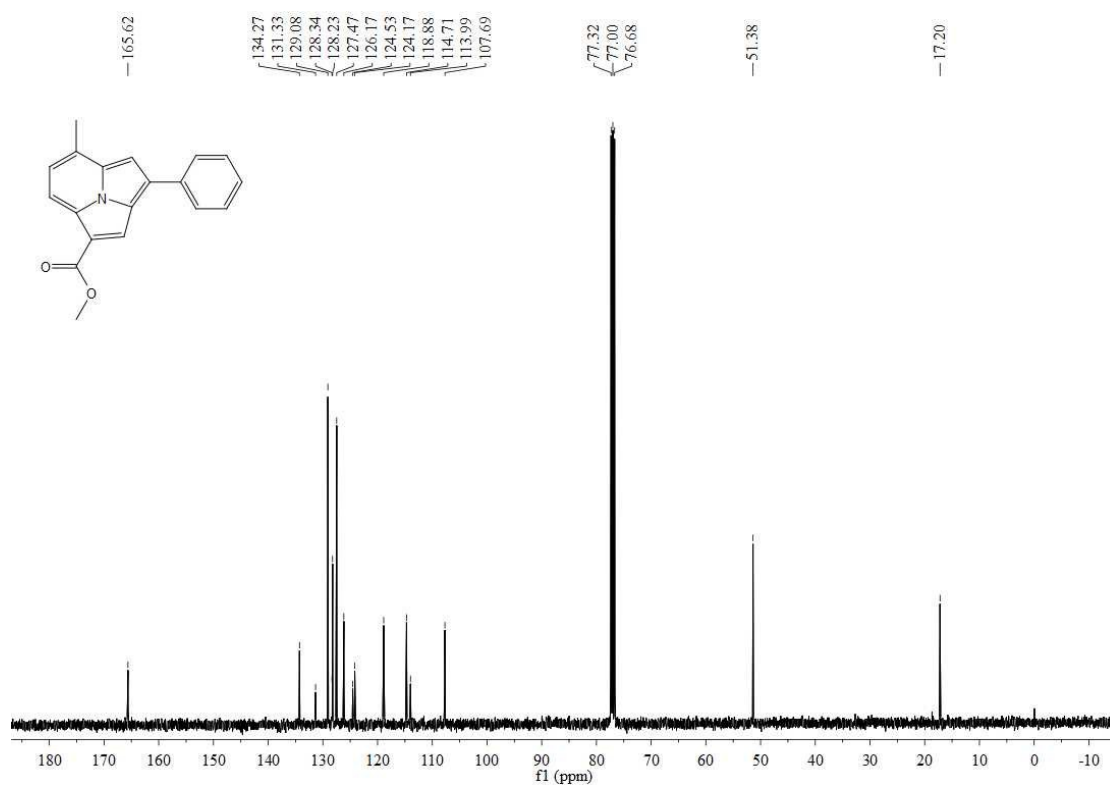
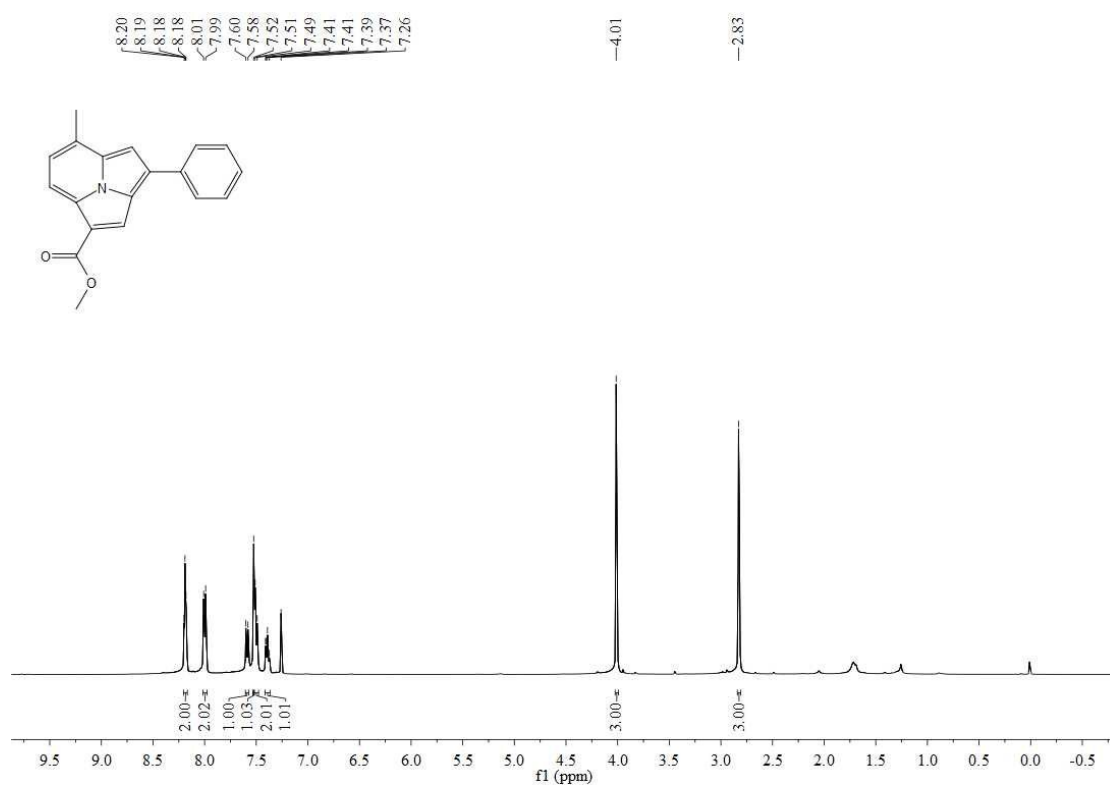
153.2, 148.70, 137.0, 131.3, 128.3 ($J = 9.0$ Hz), 124.9, 123.9, 122.1, 115.9 ($J = 22.0$ Hz), 60.52, 38.19, 28.47, 14.16. HRMS ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 311.1316, found: 311.1316.

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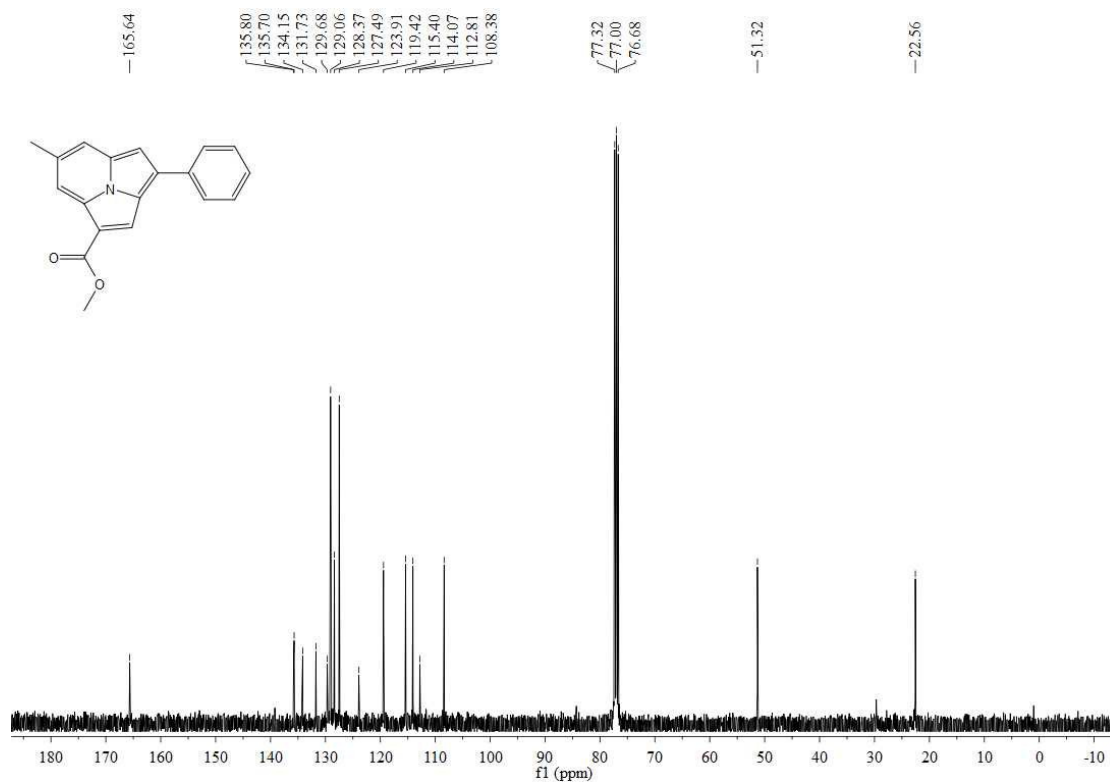
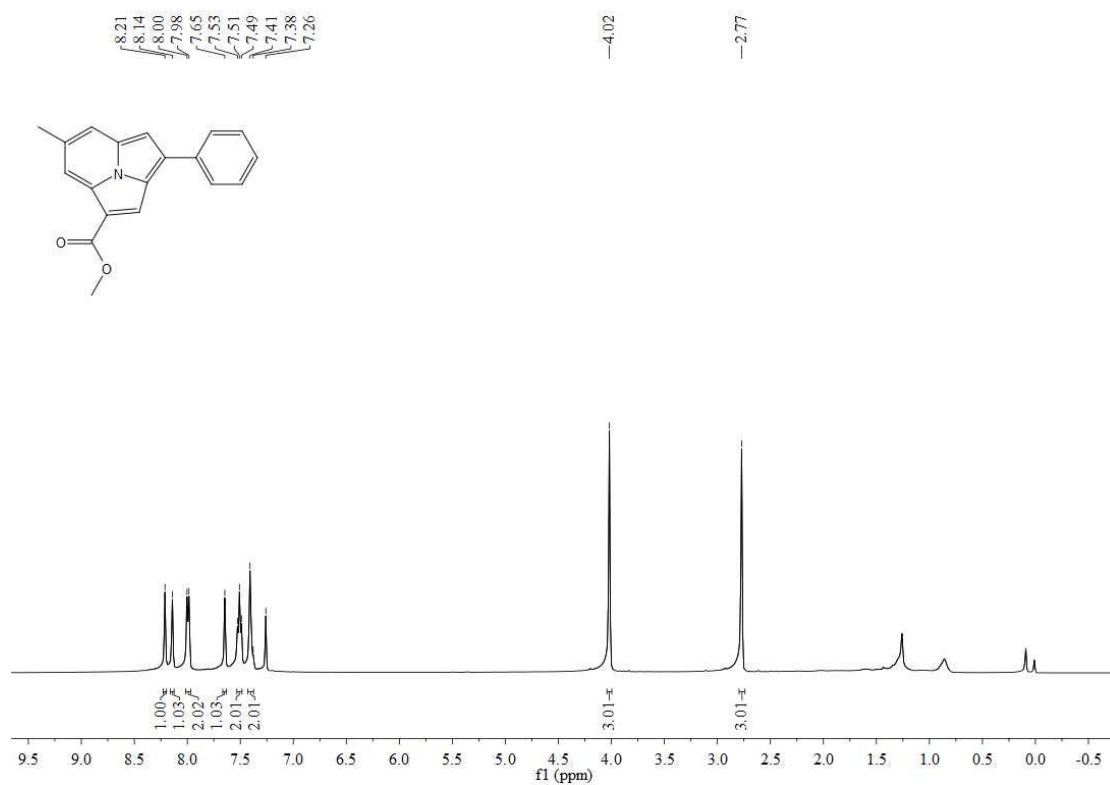
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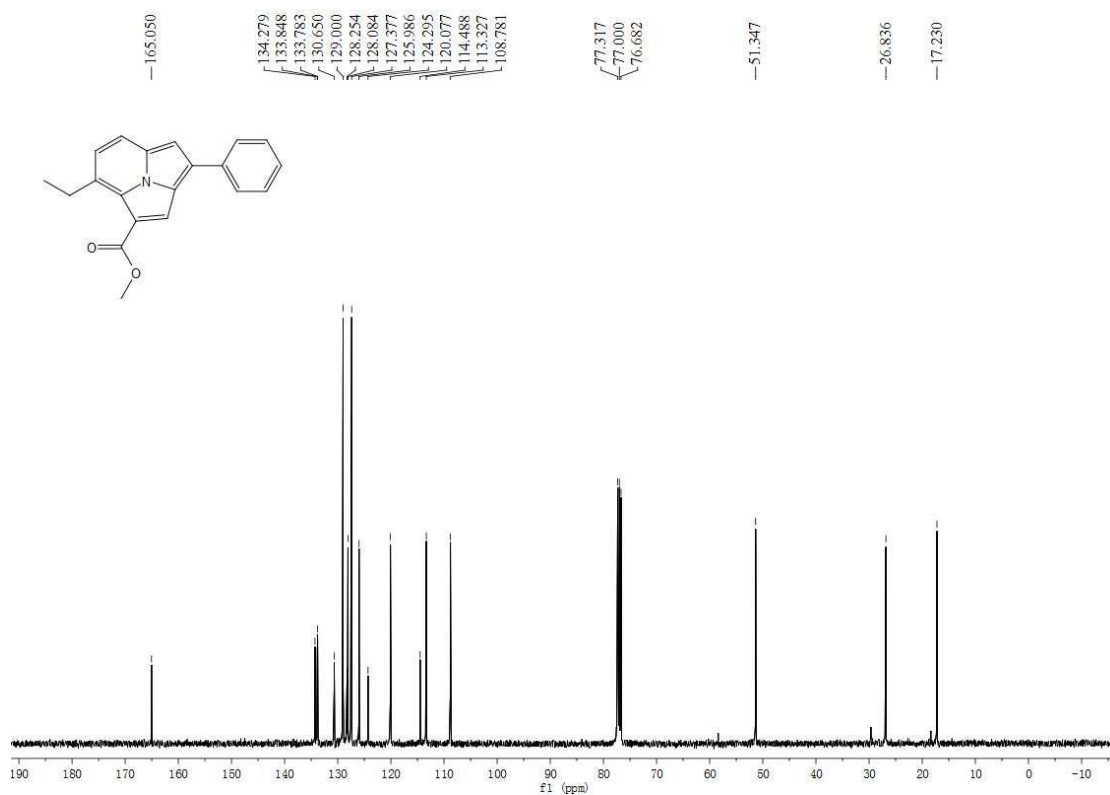
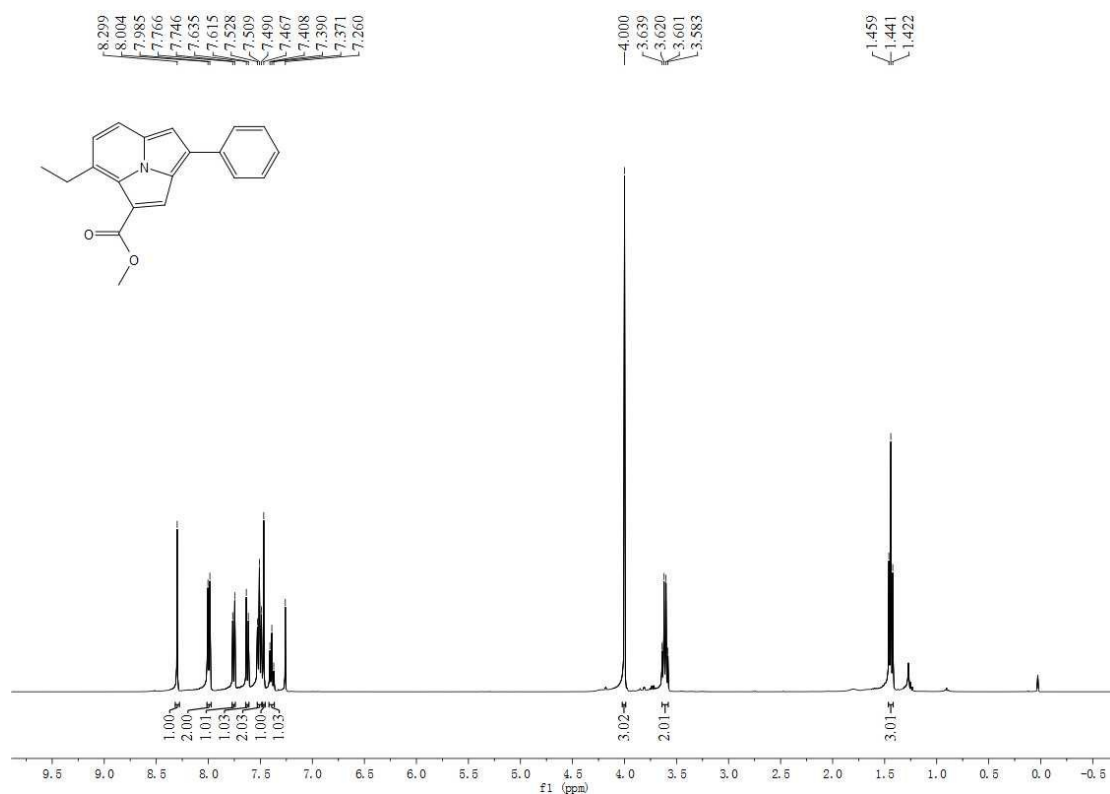
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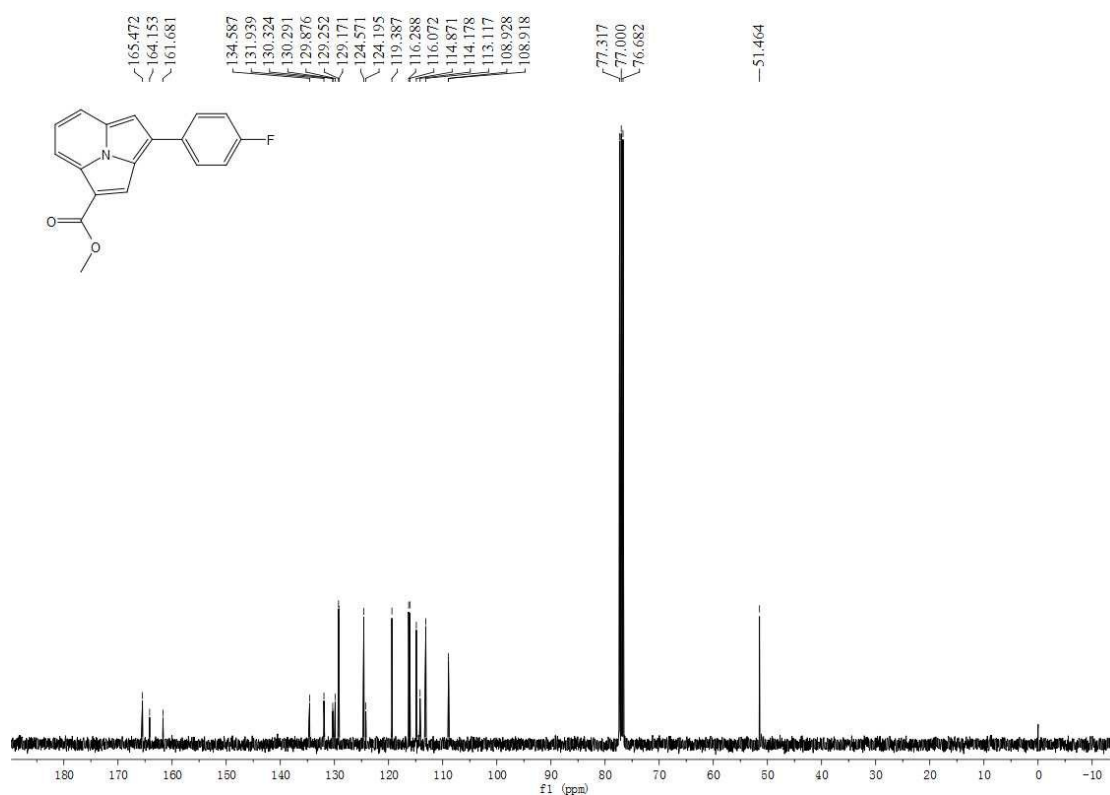
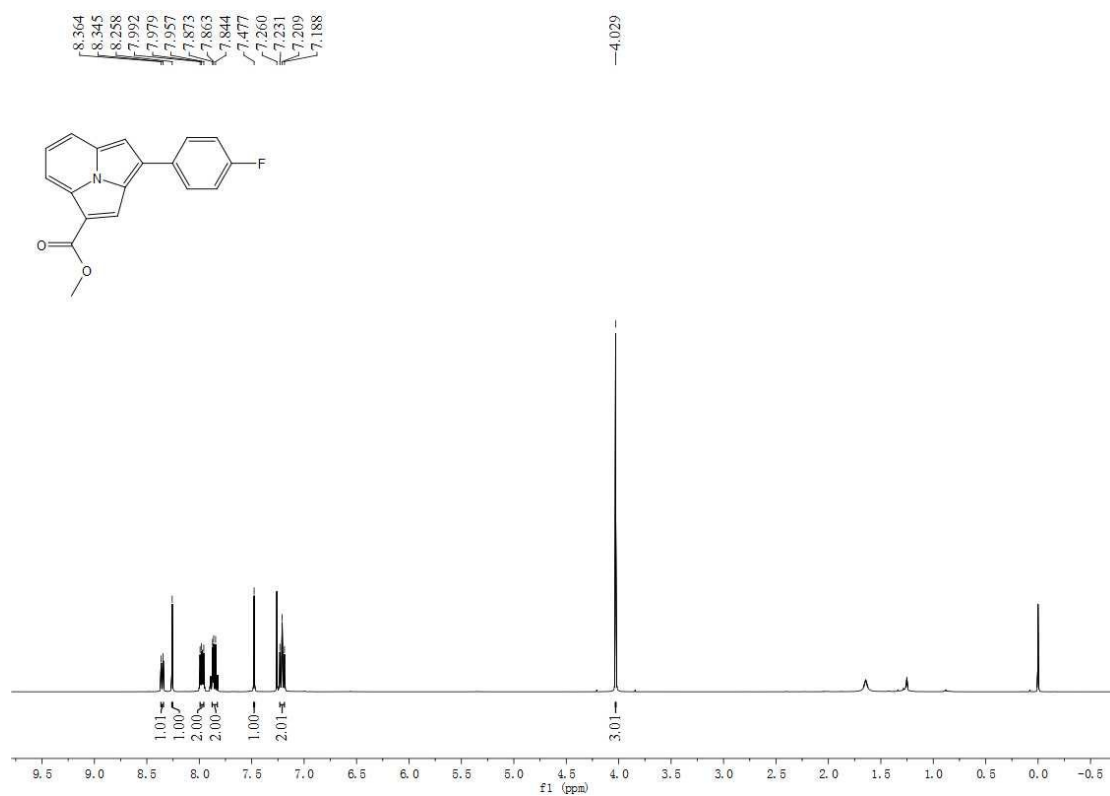
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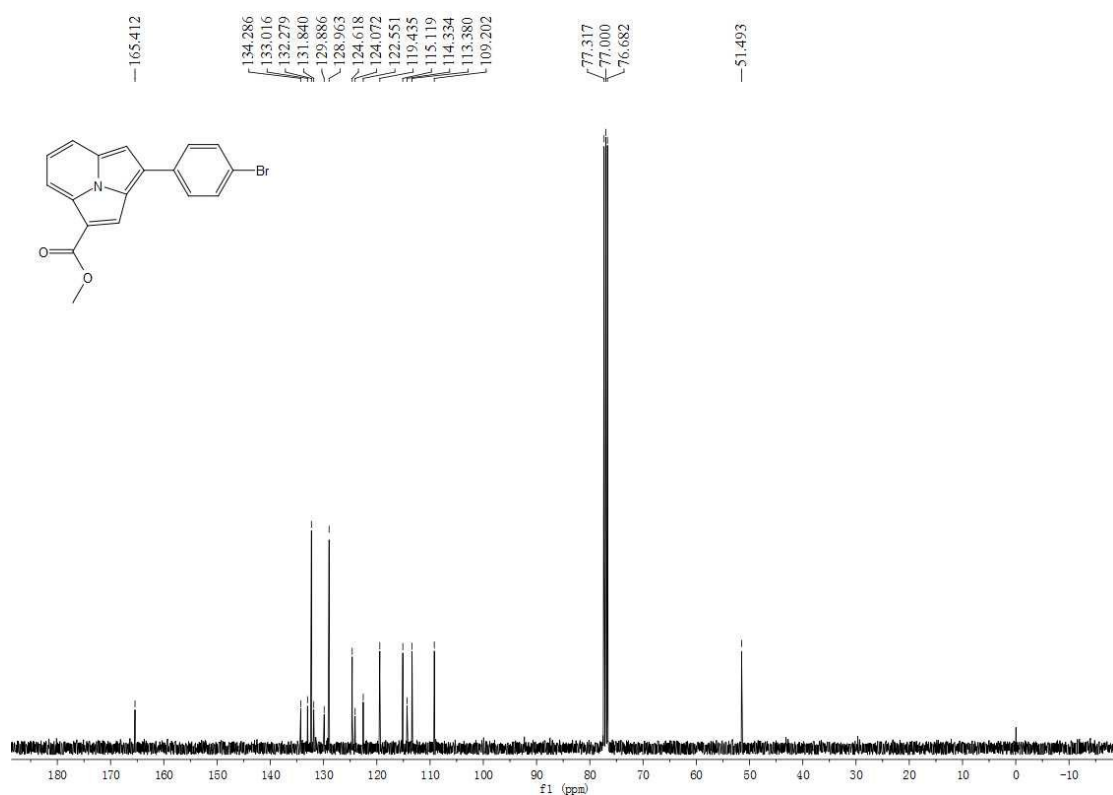
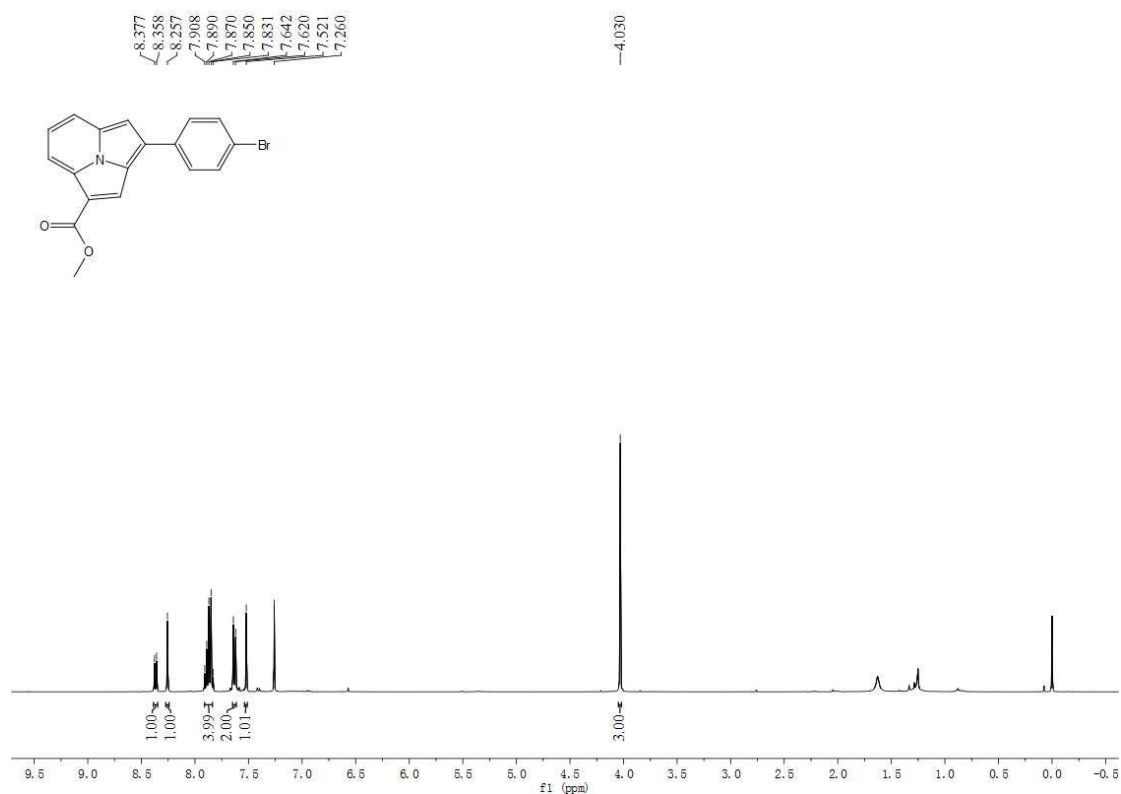
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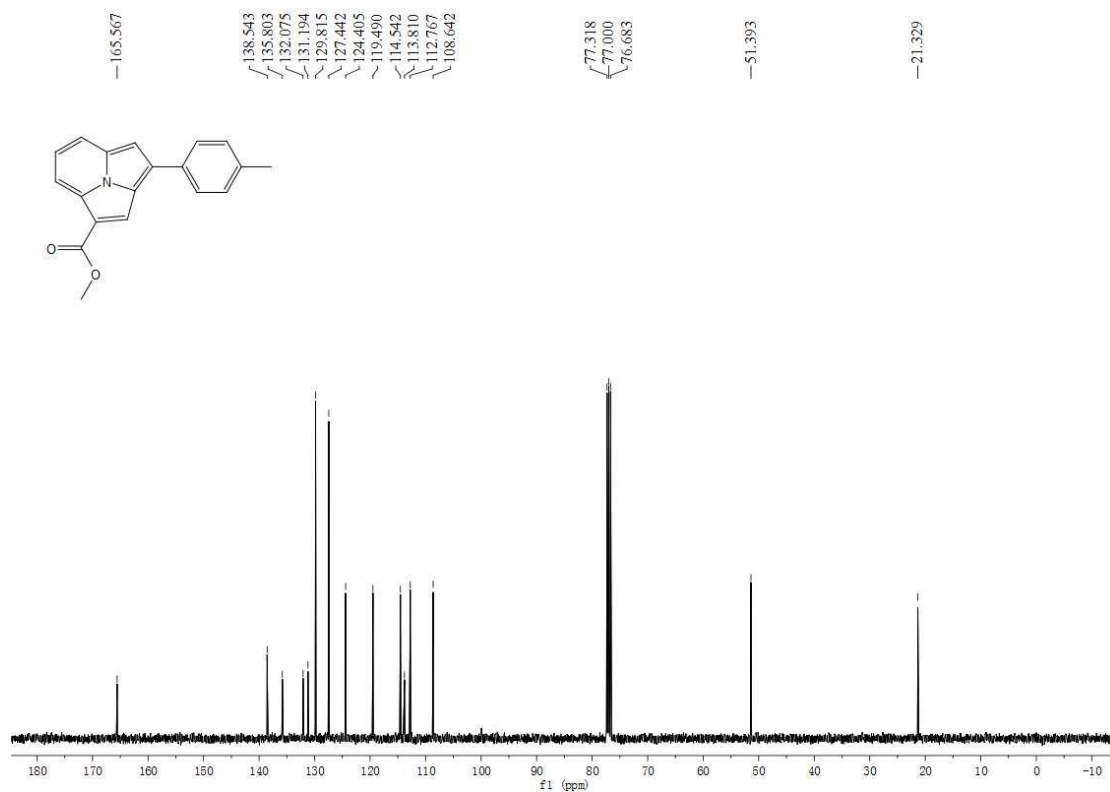
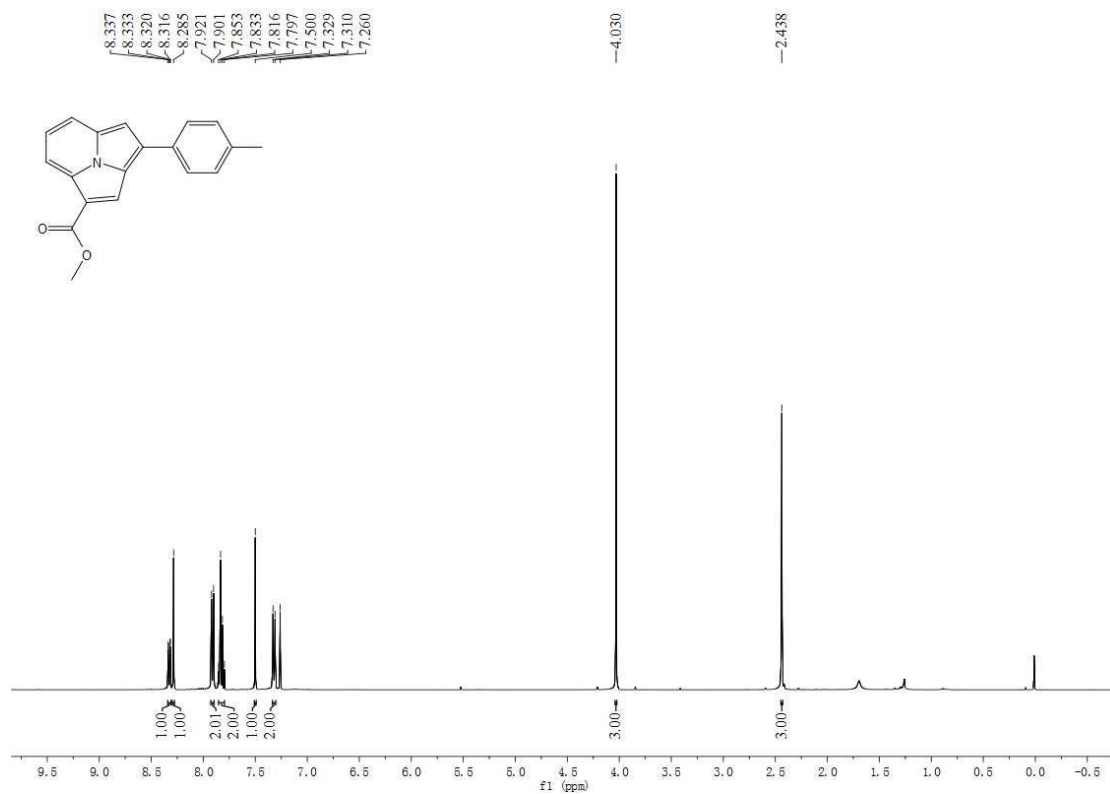
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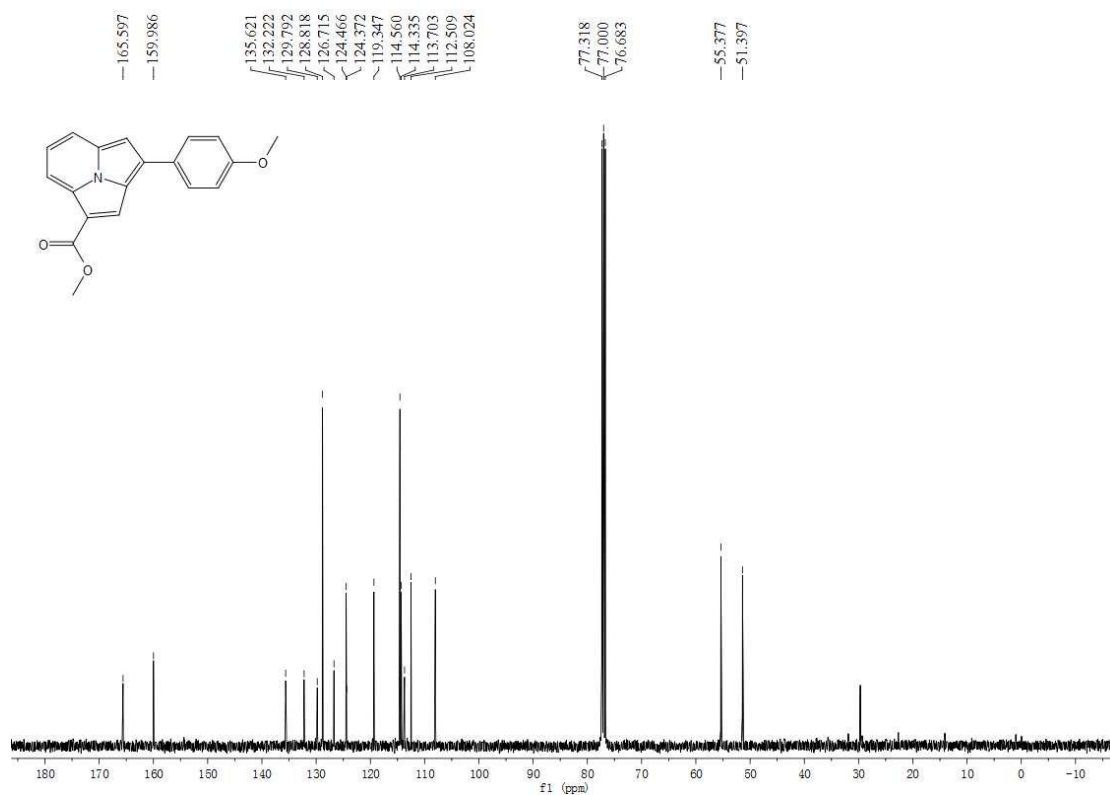
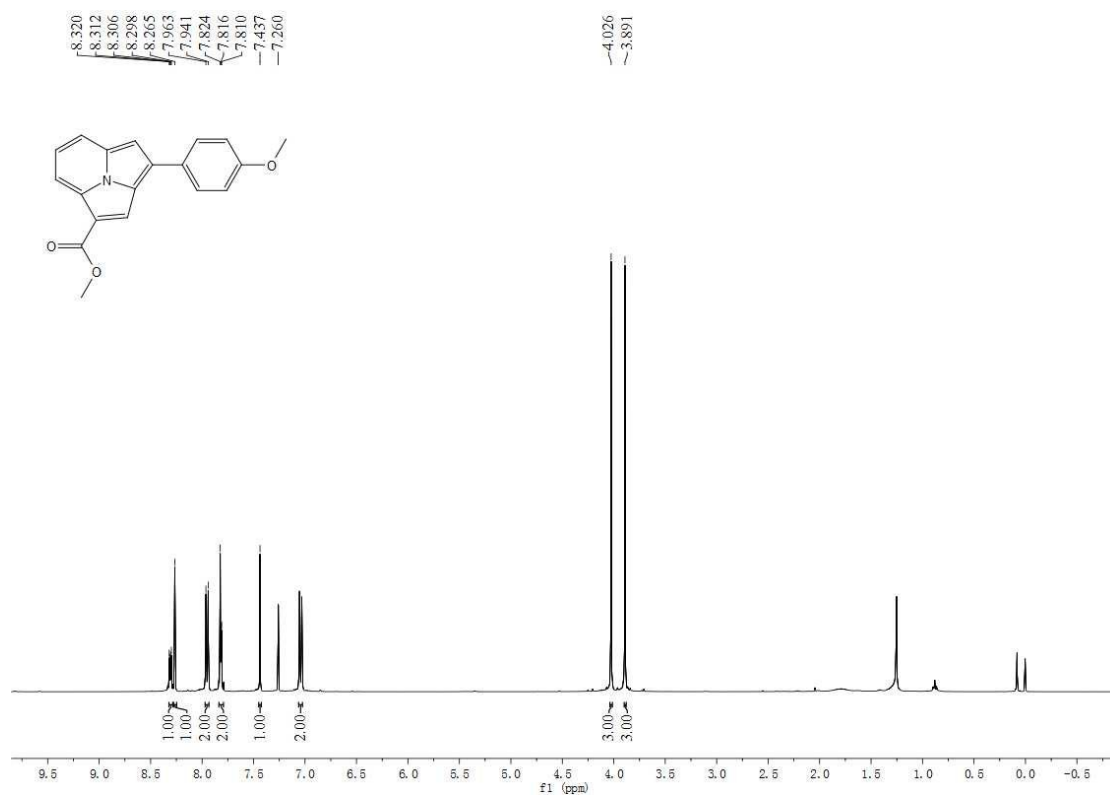
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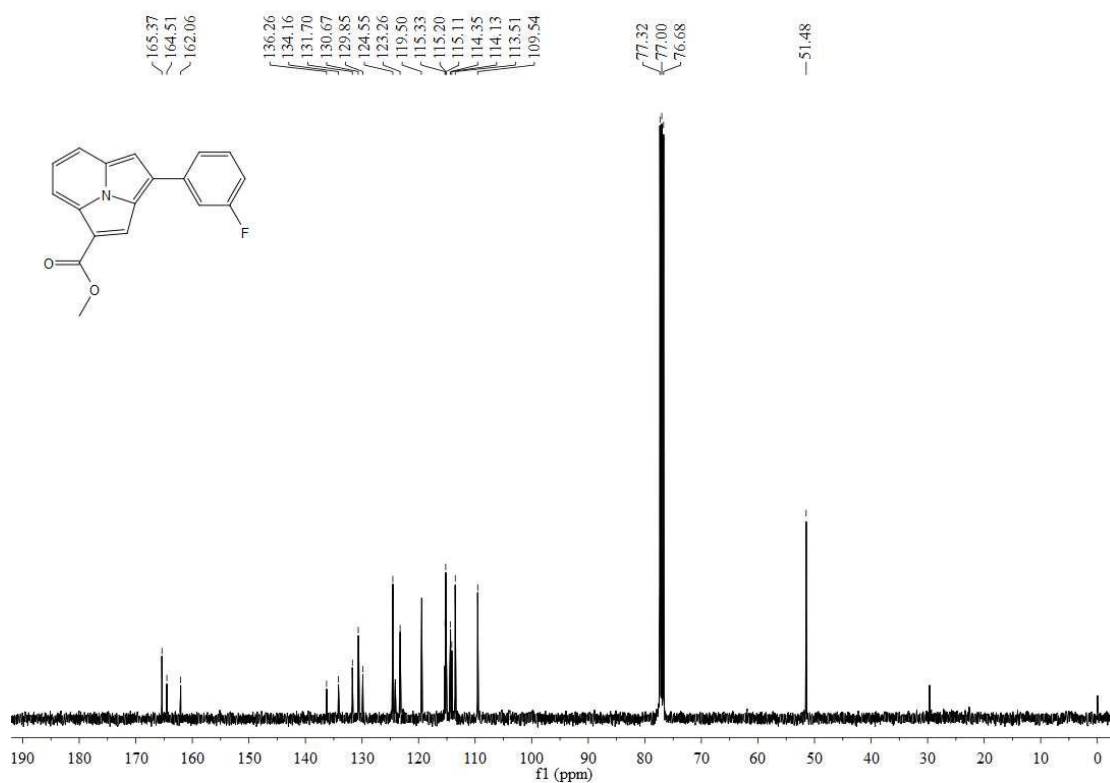
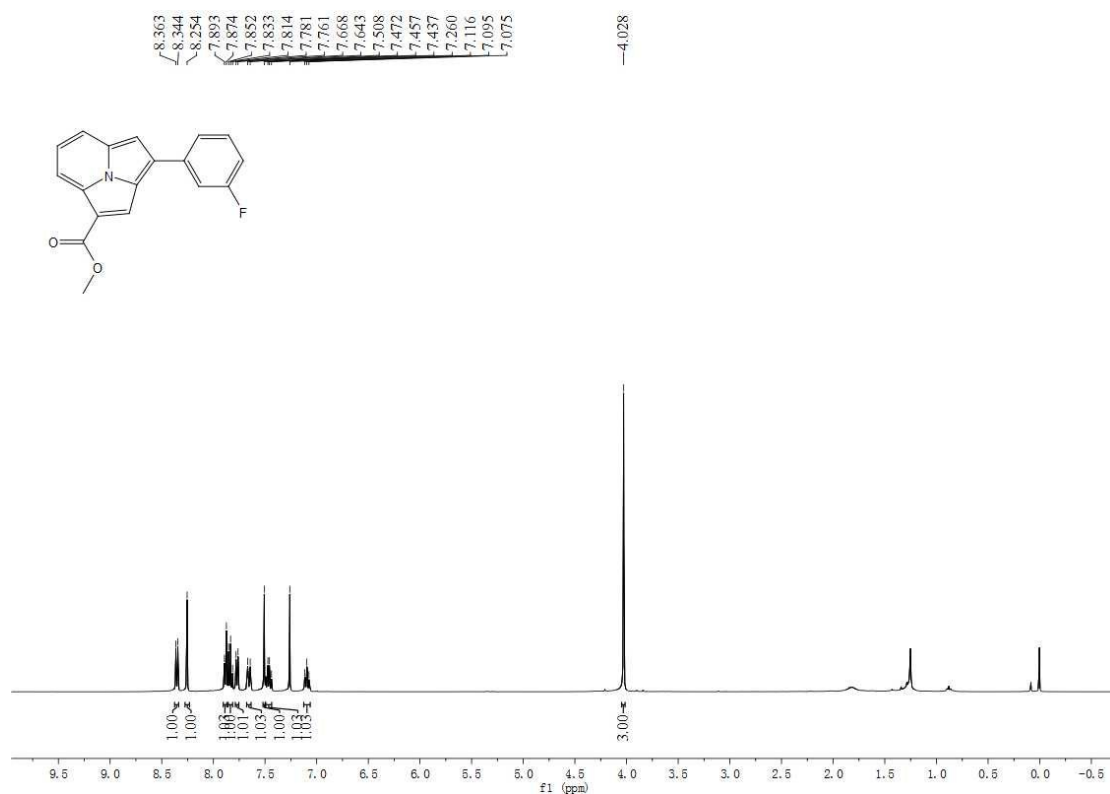
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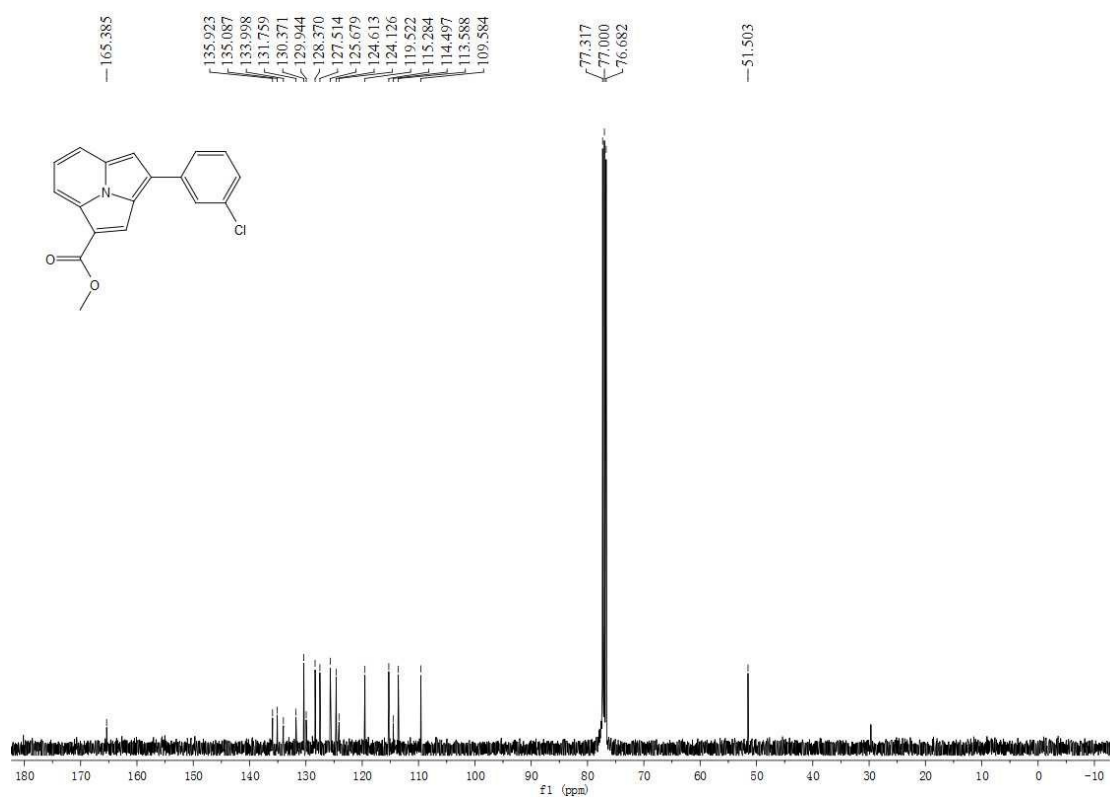
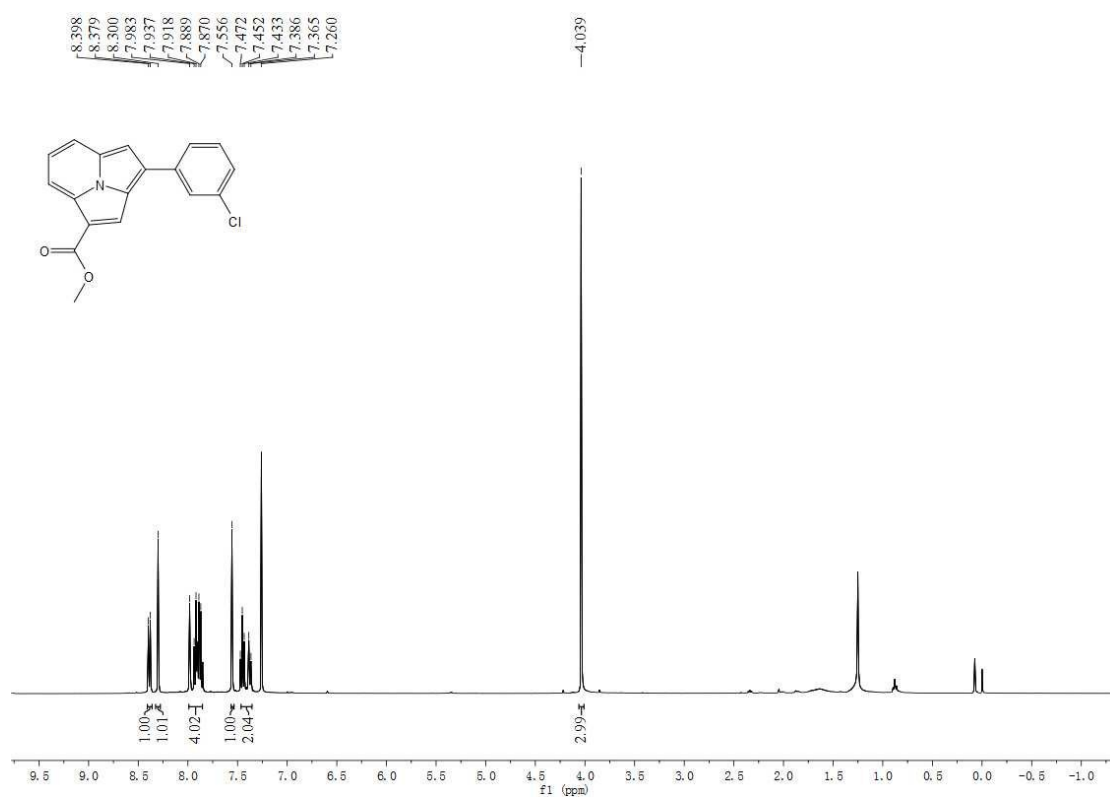
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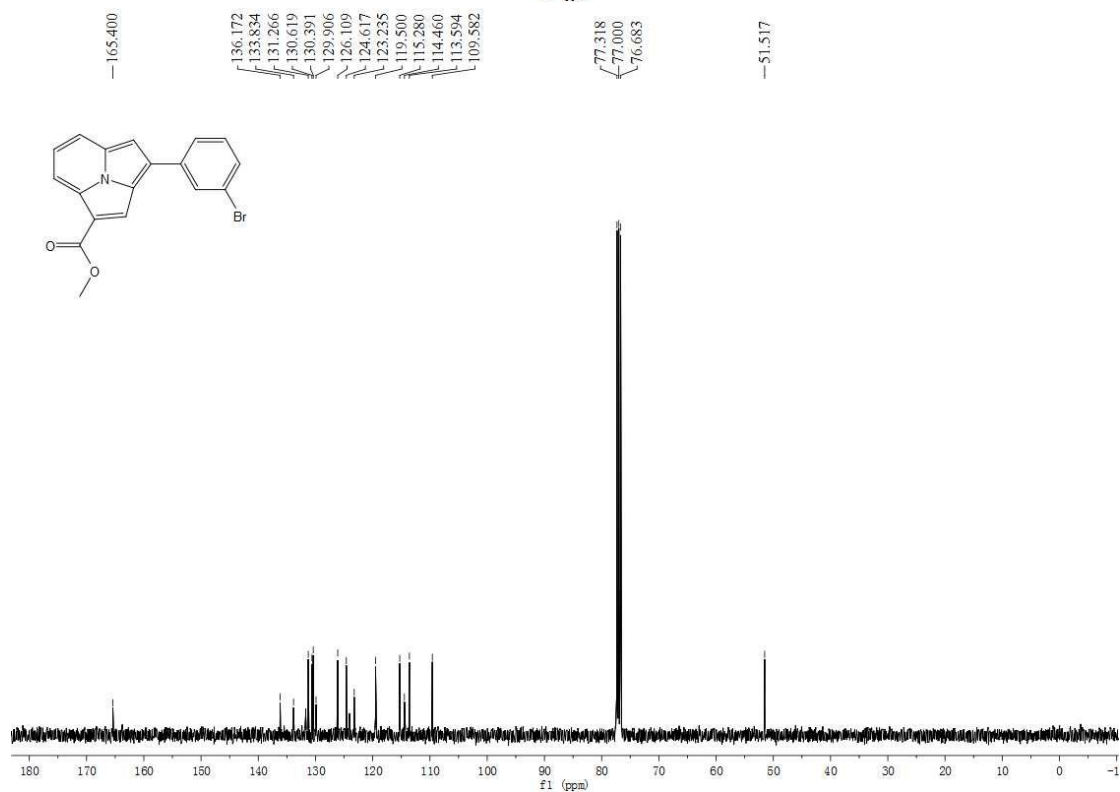
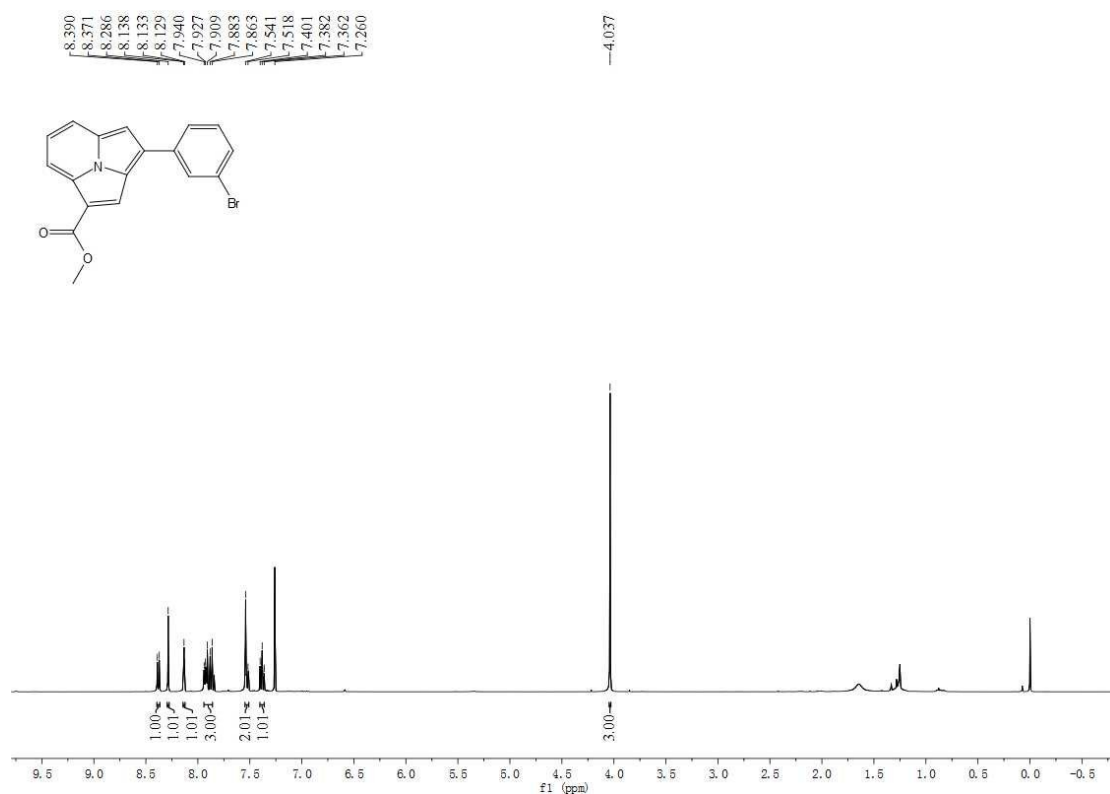
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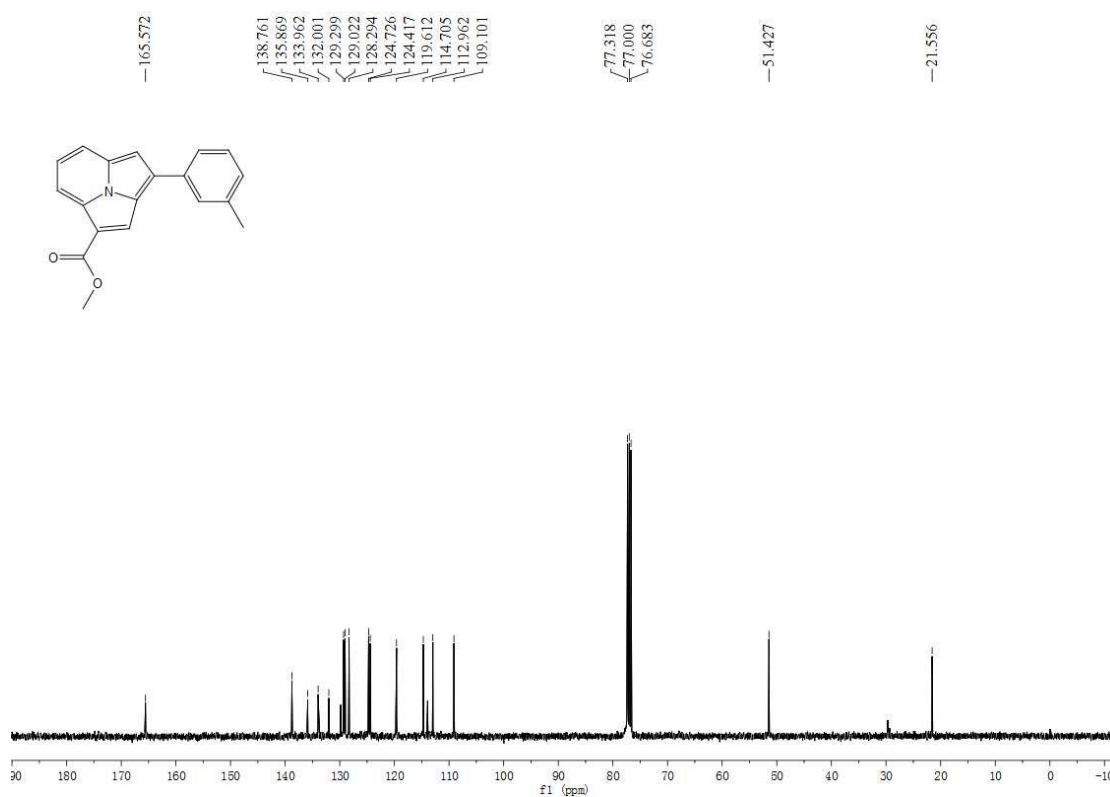
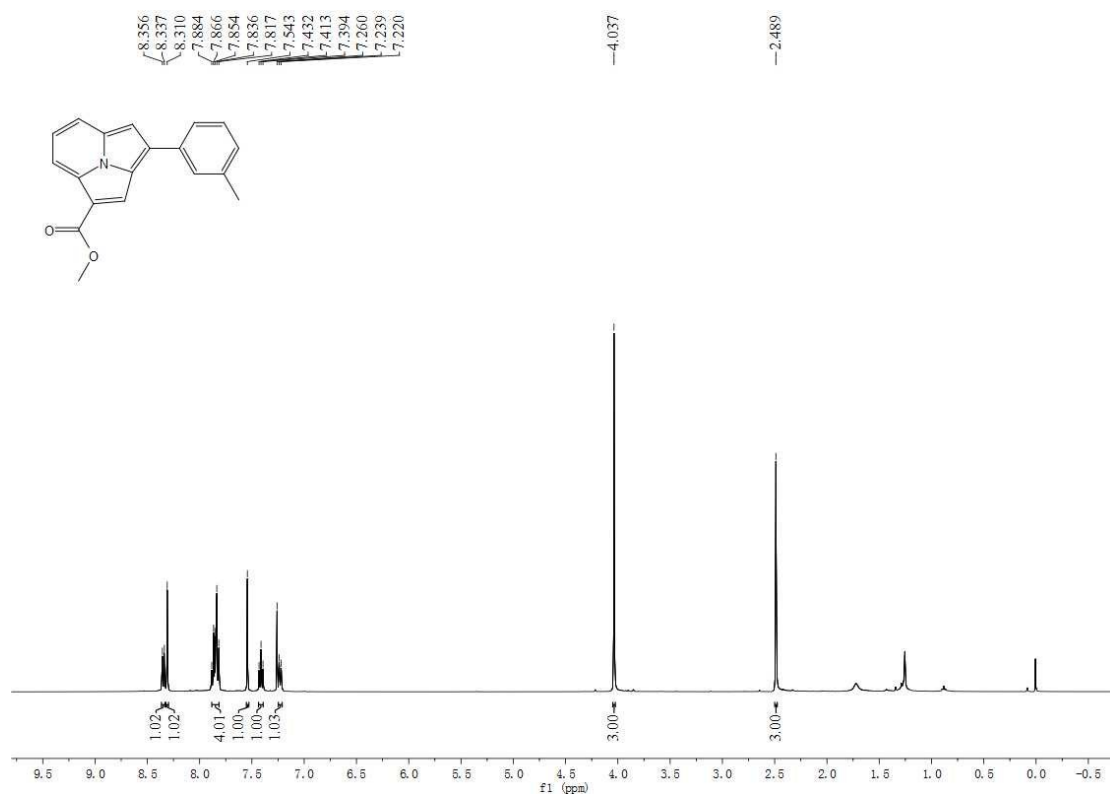
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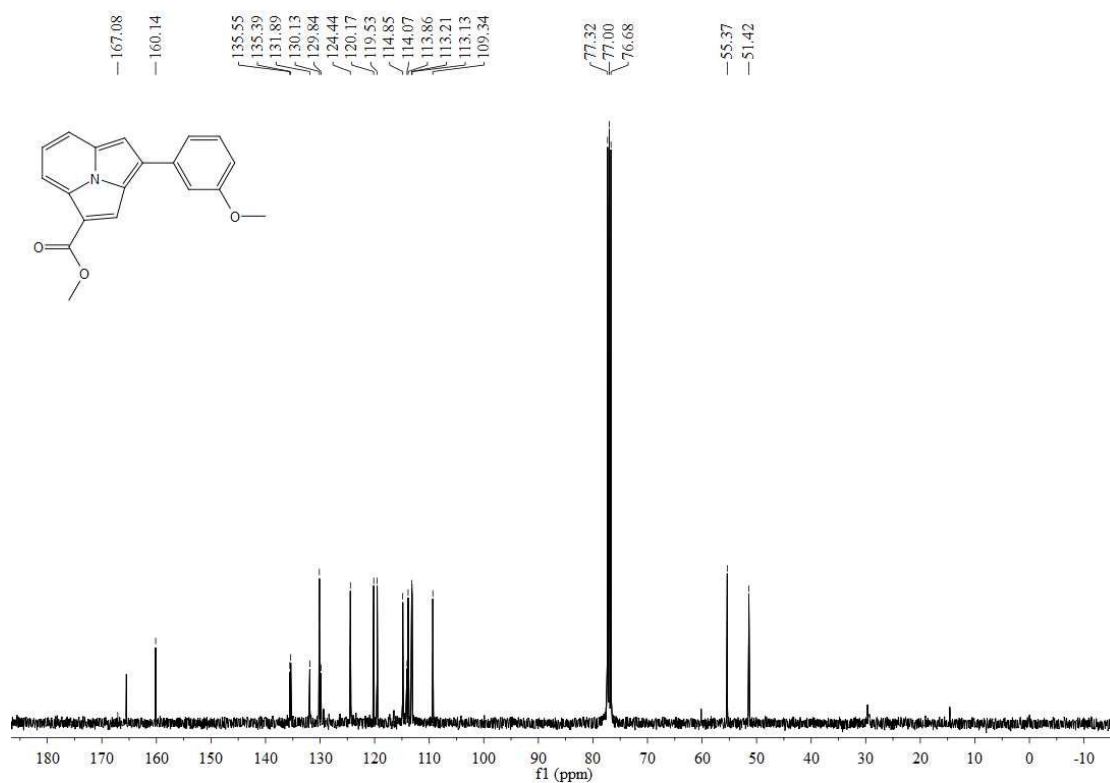
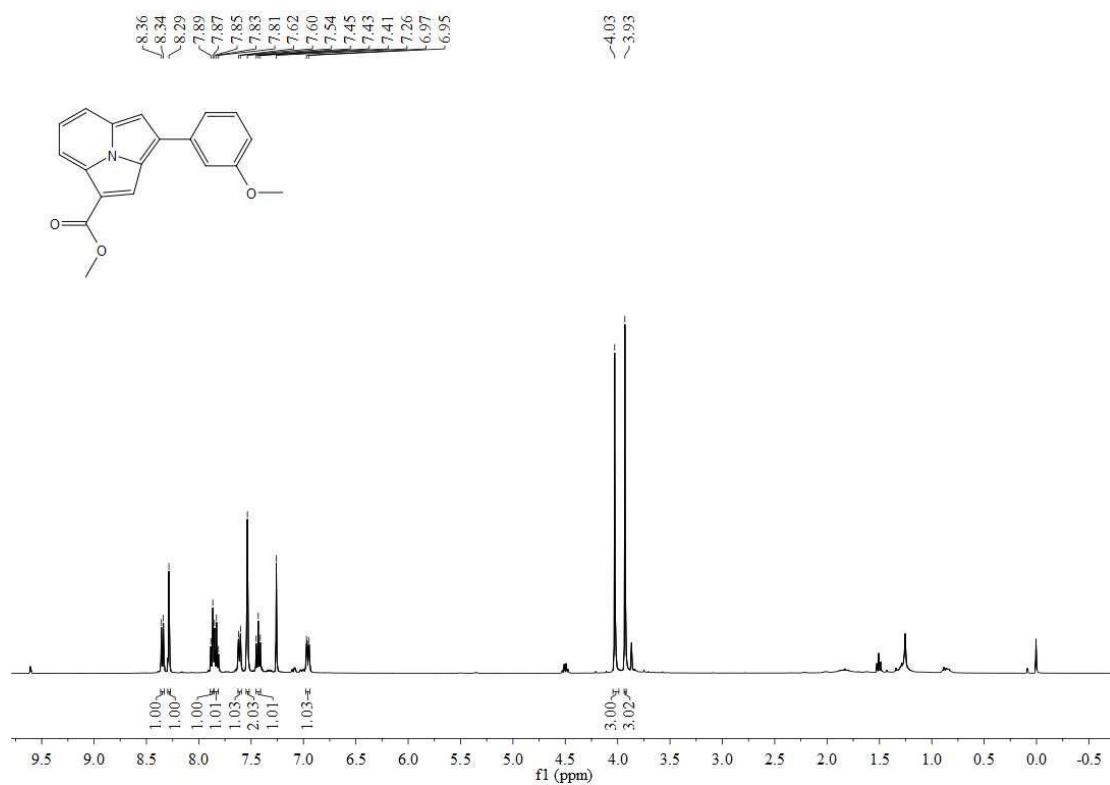
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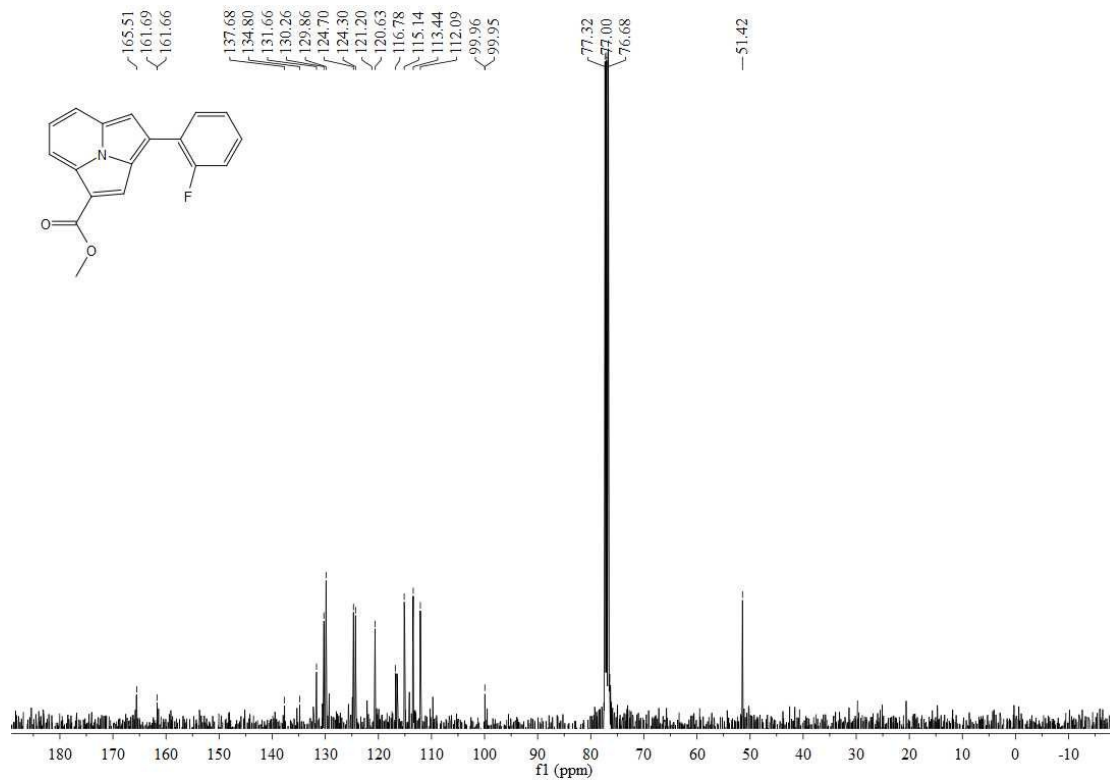
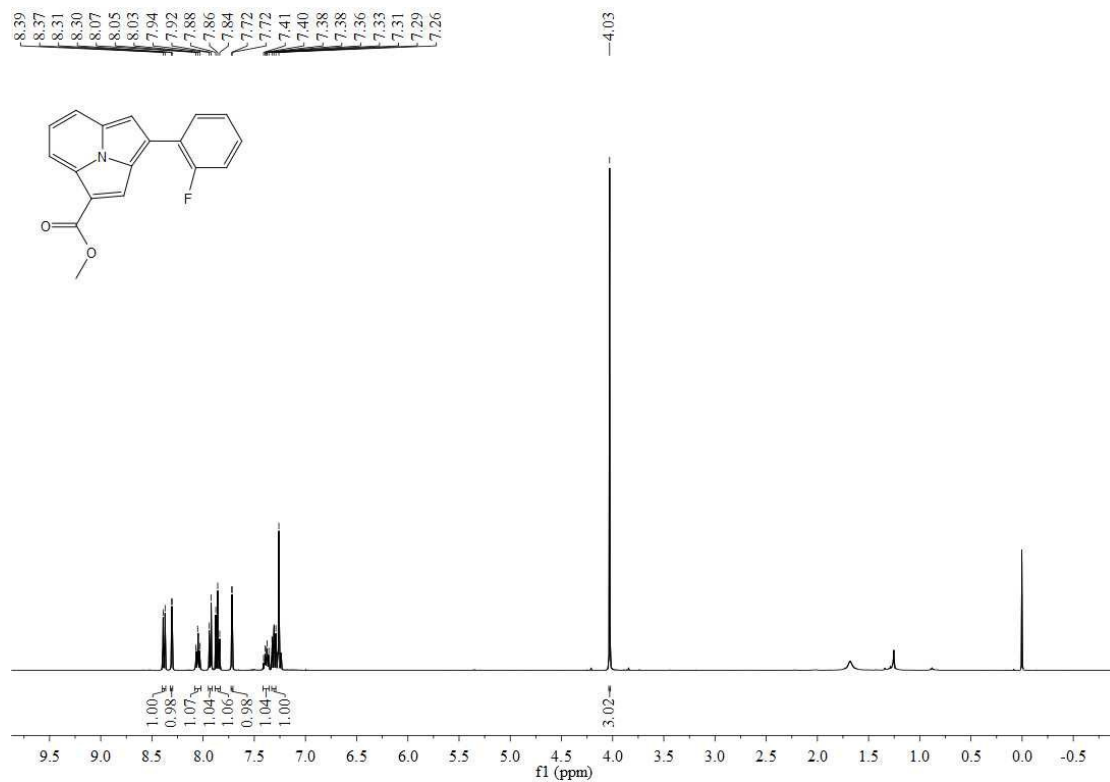
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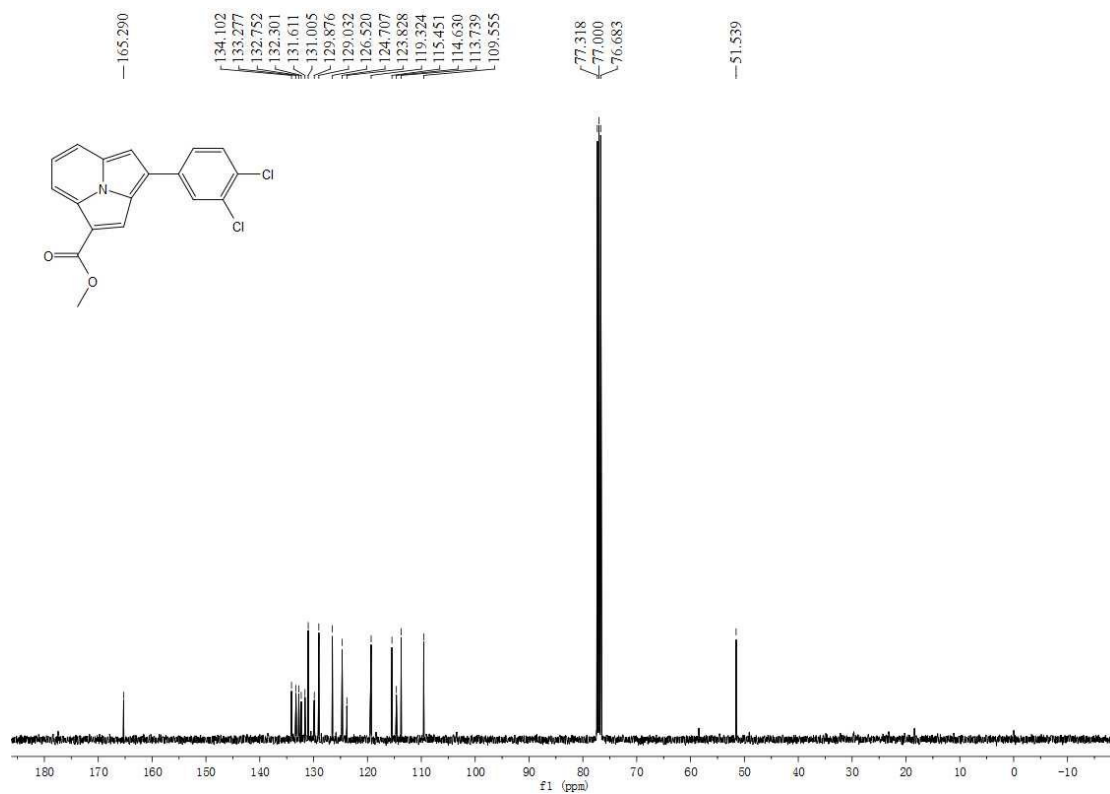
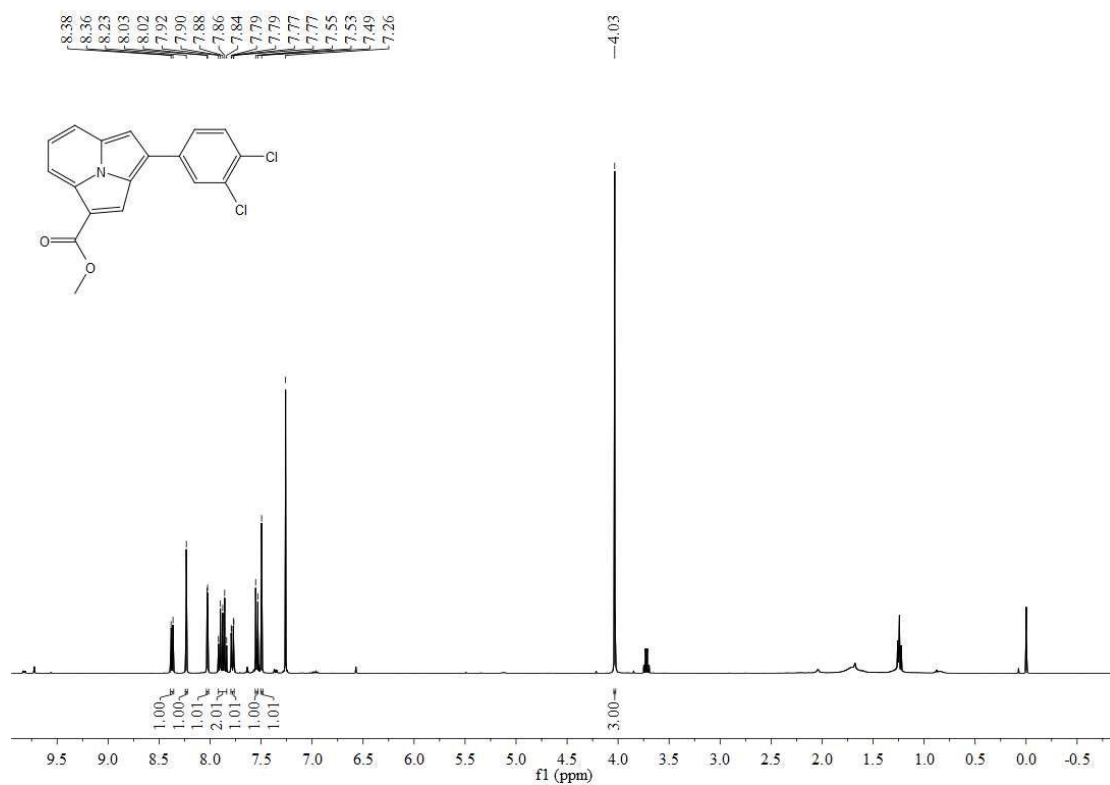
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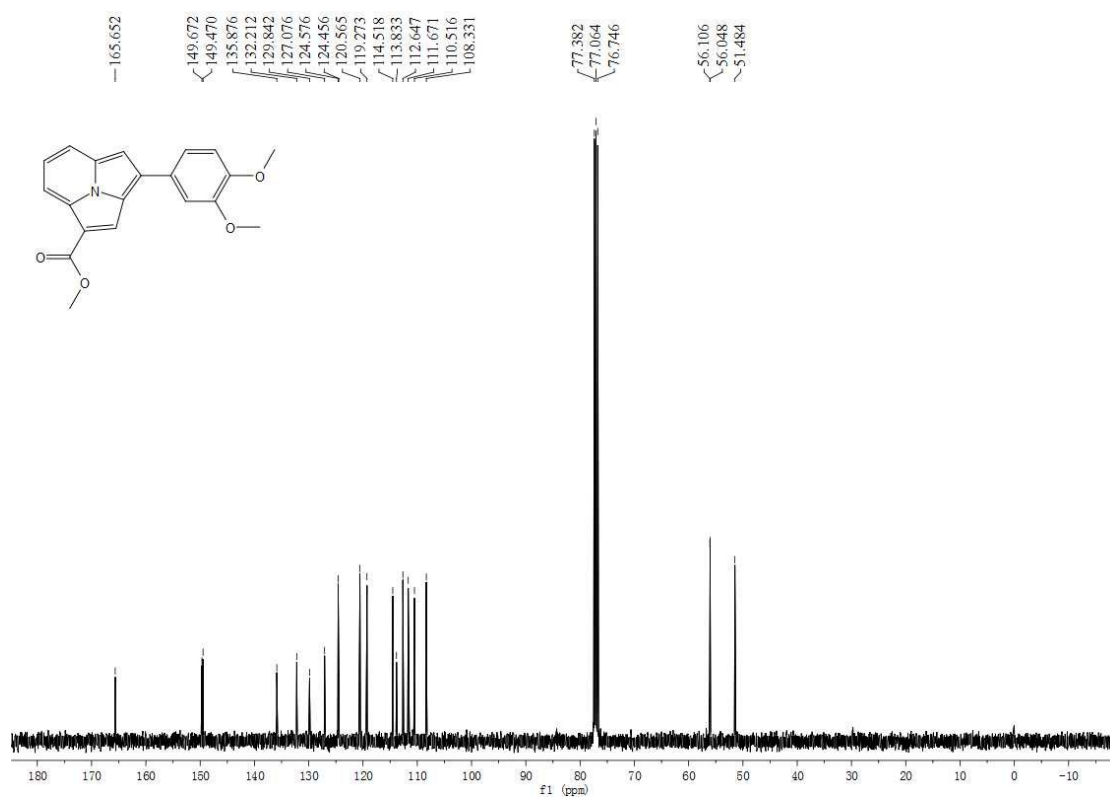
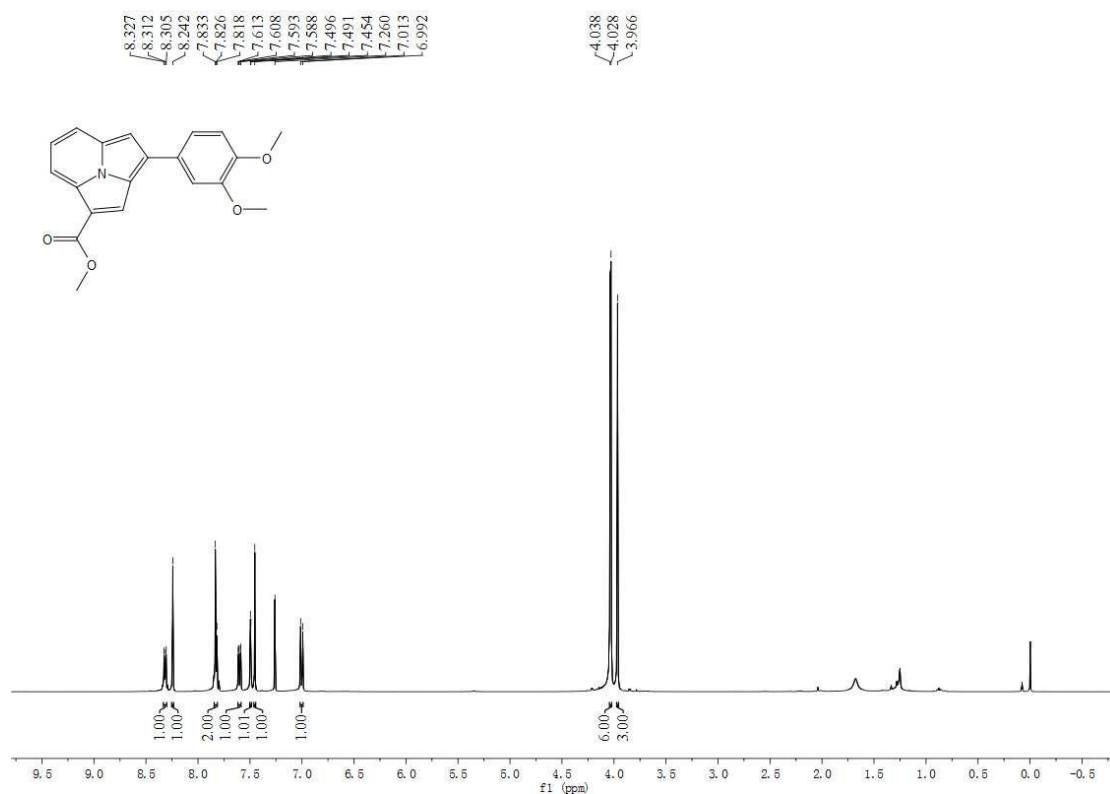
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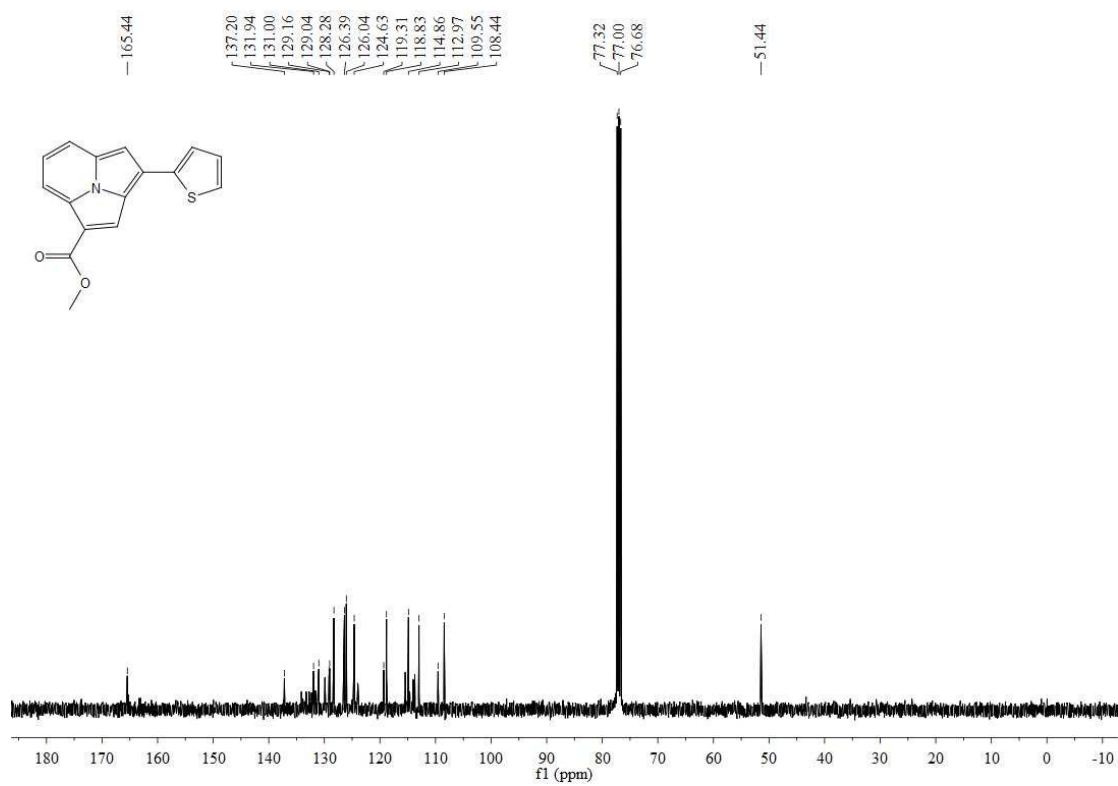
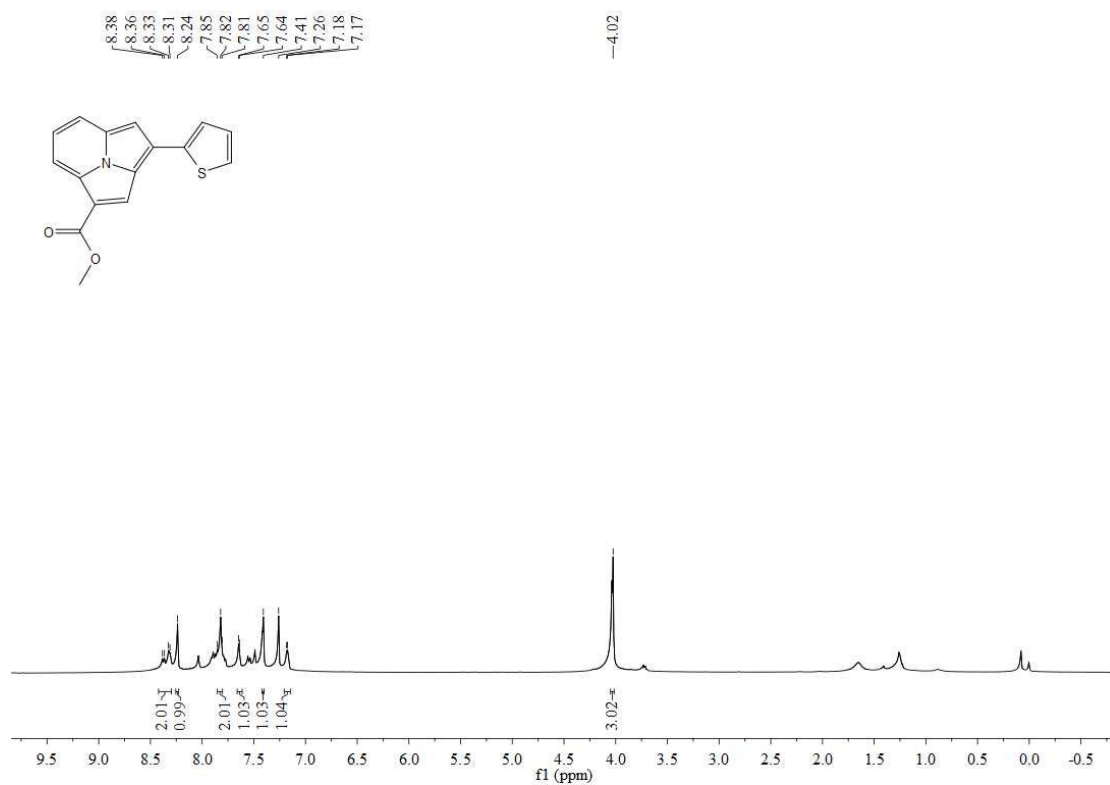
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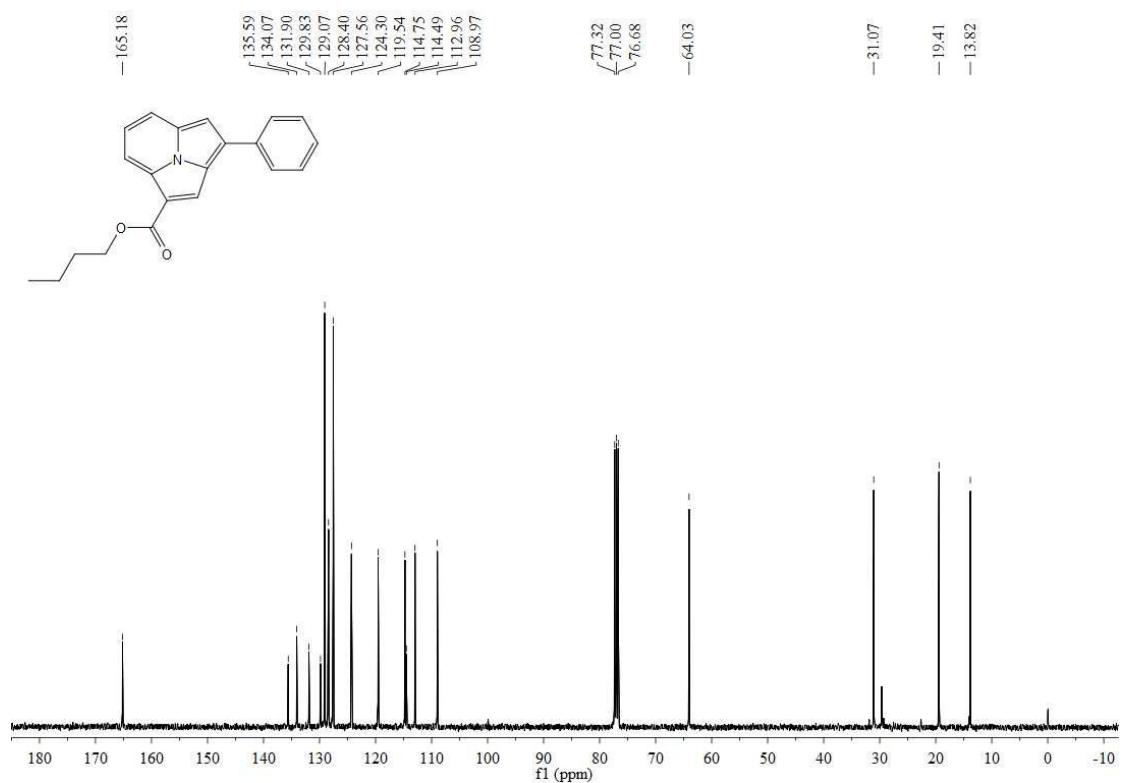
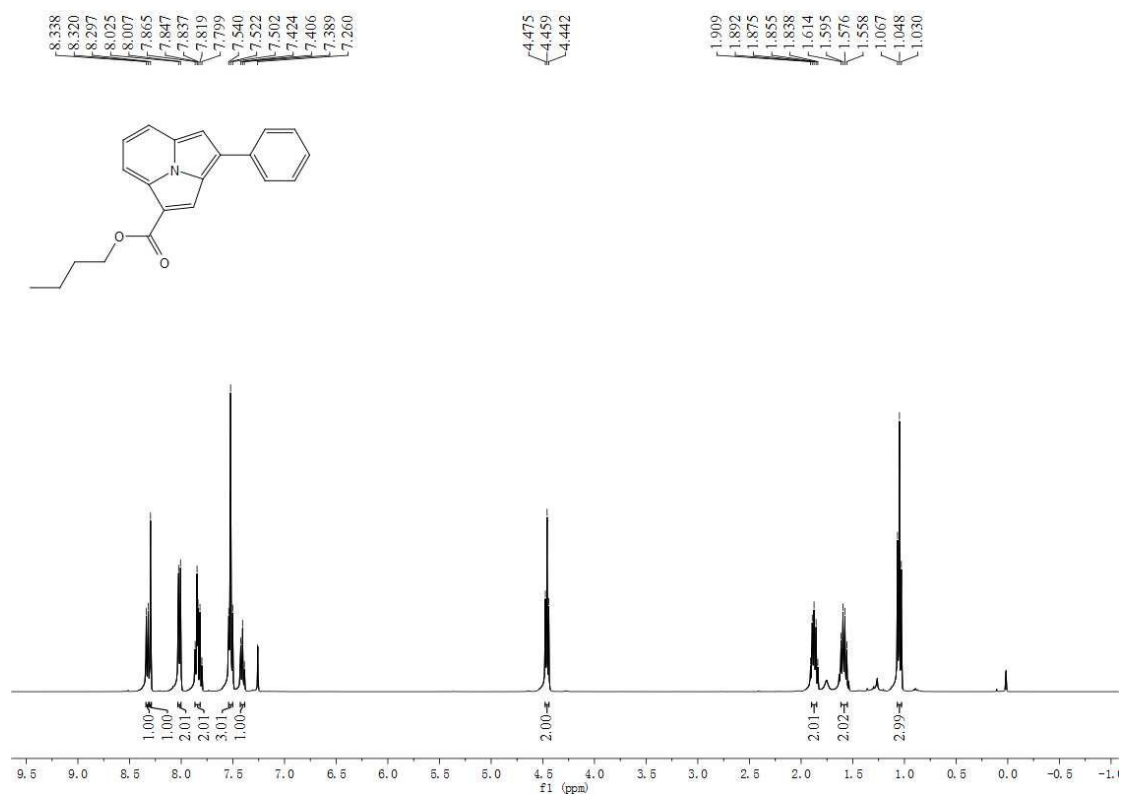
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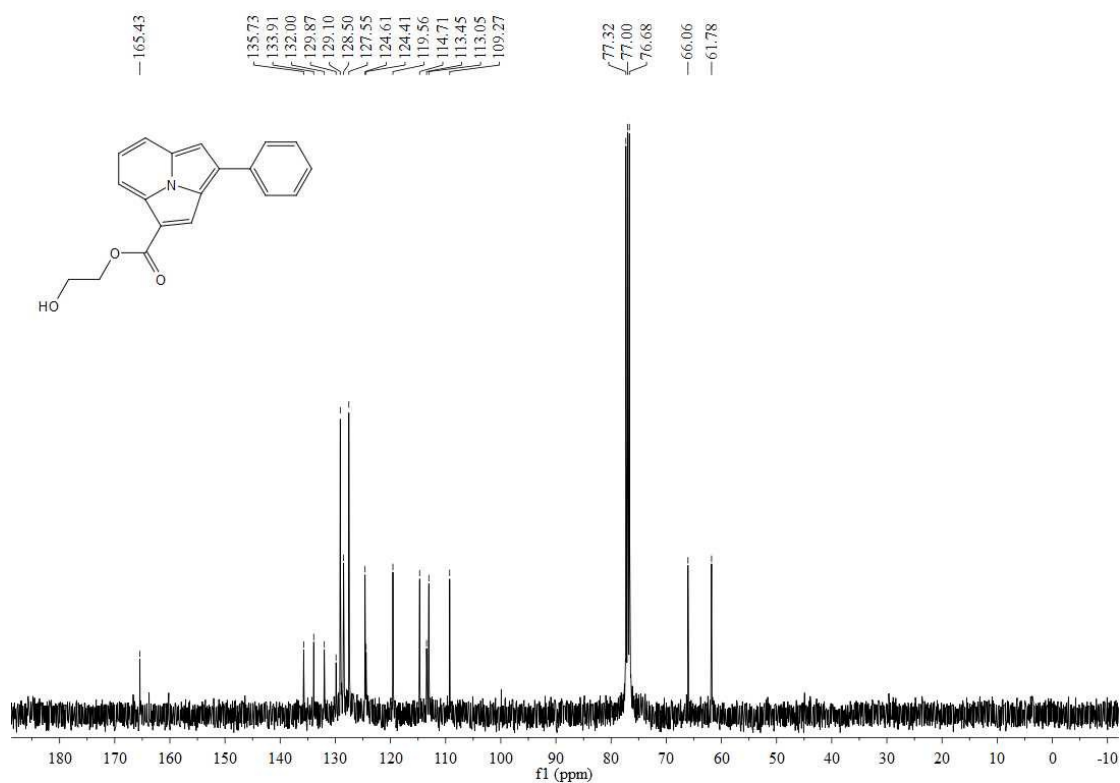
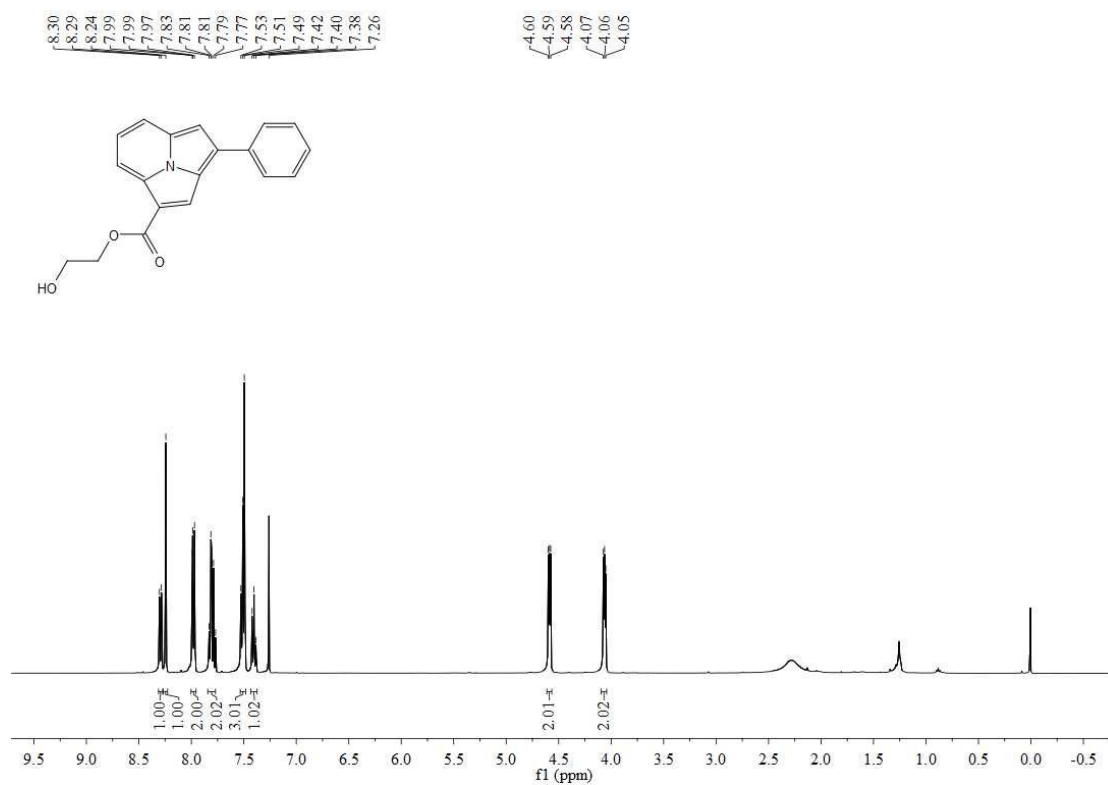
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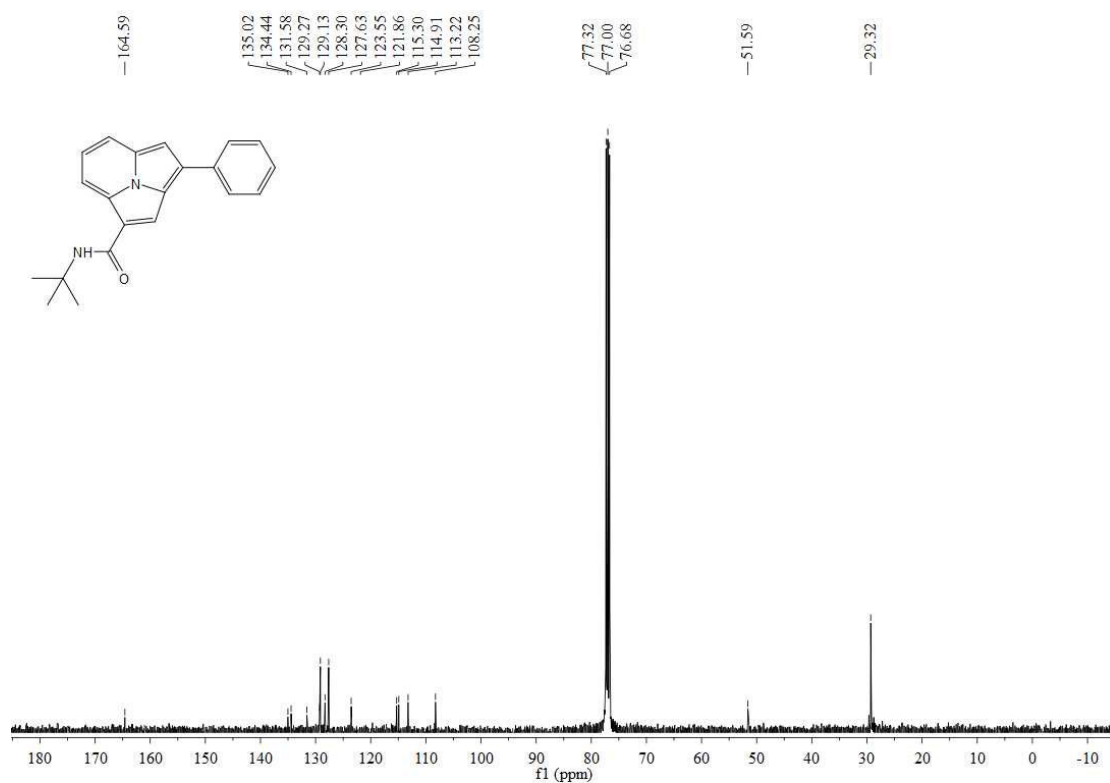
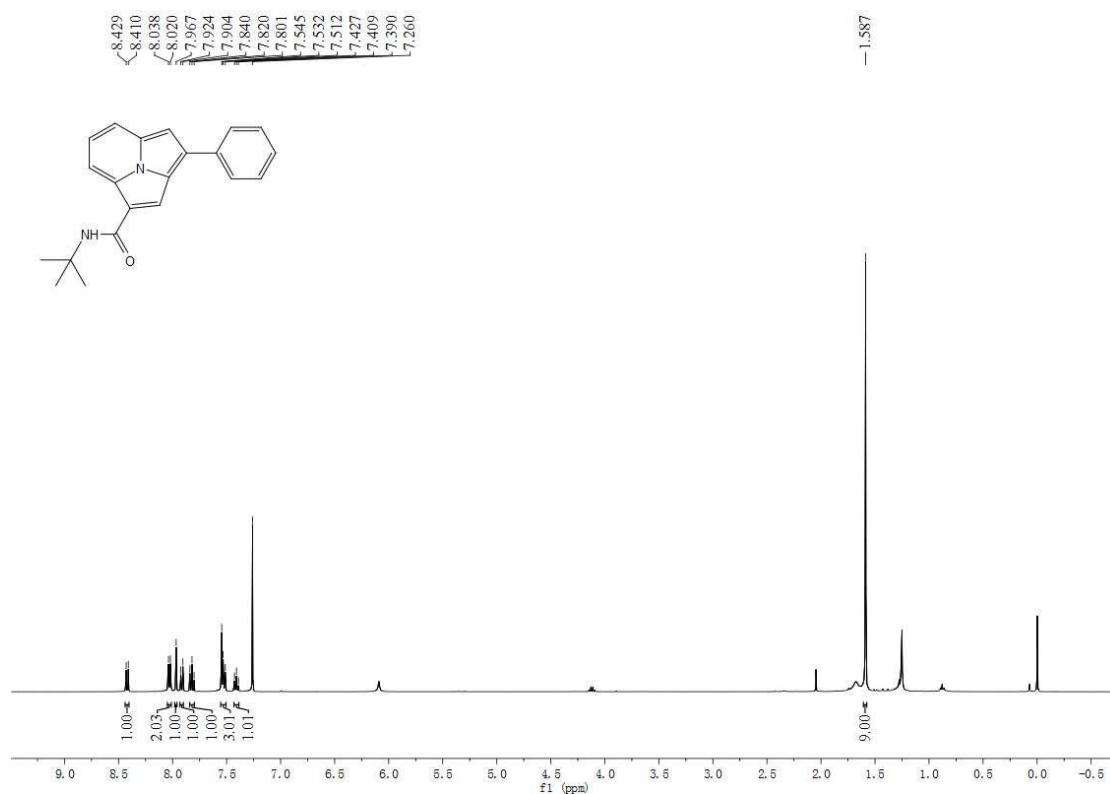
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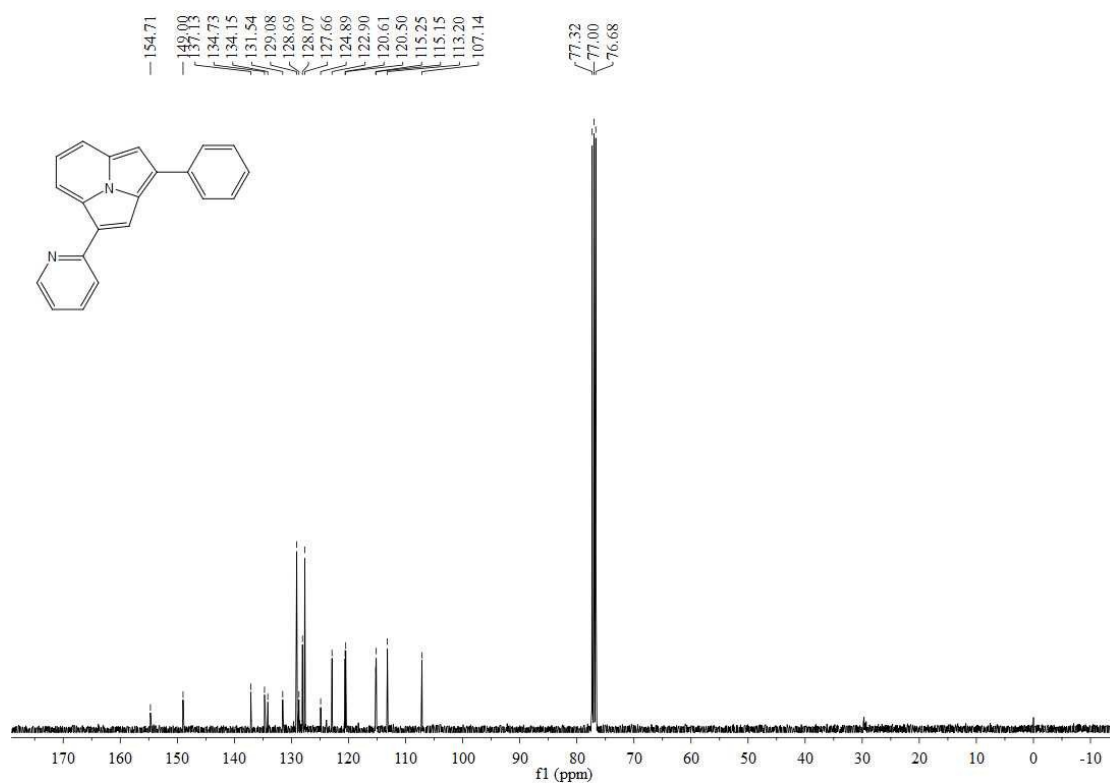
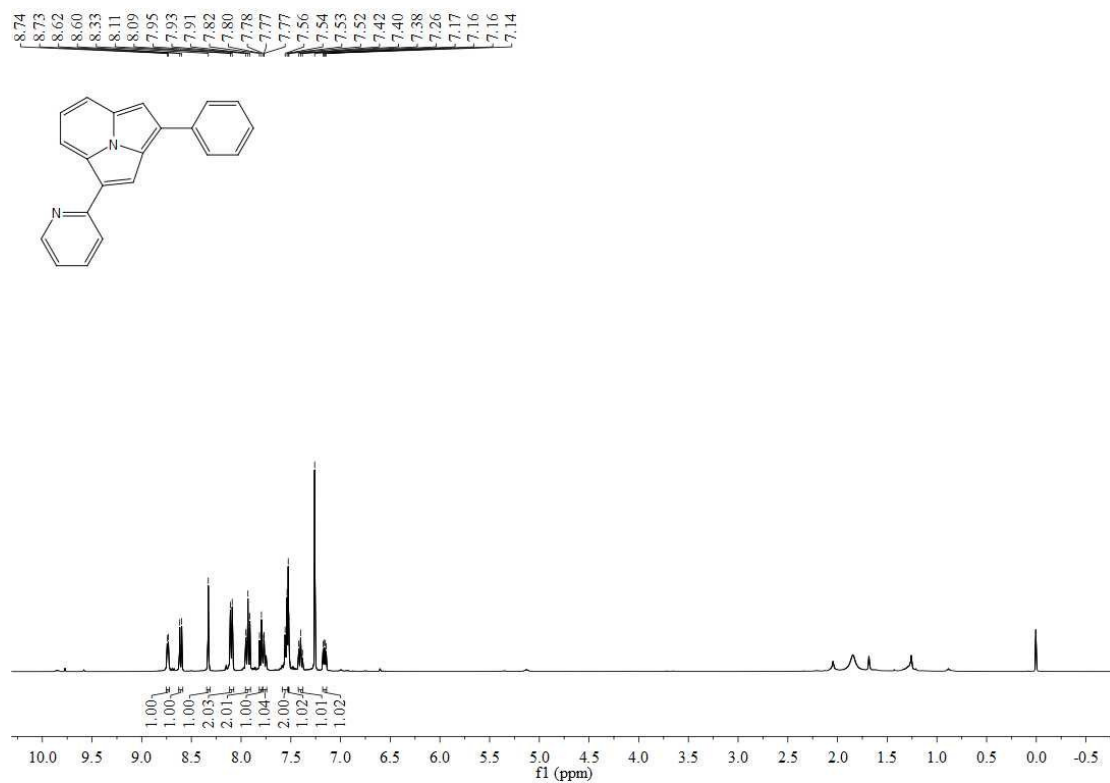
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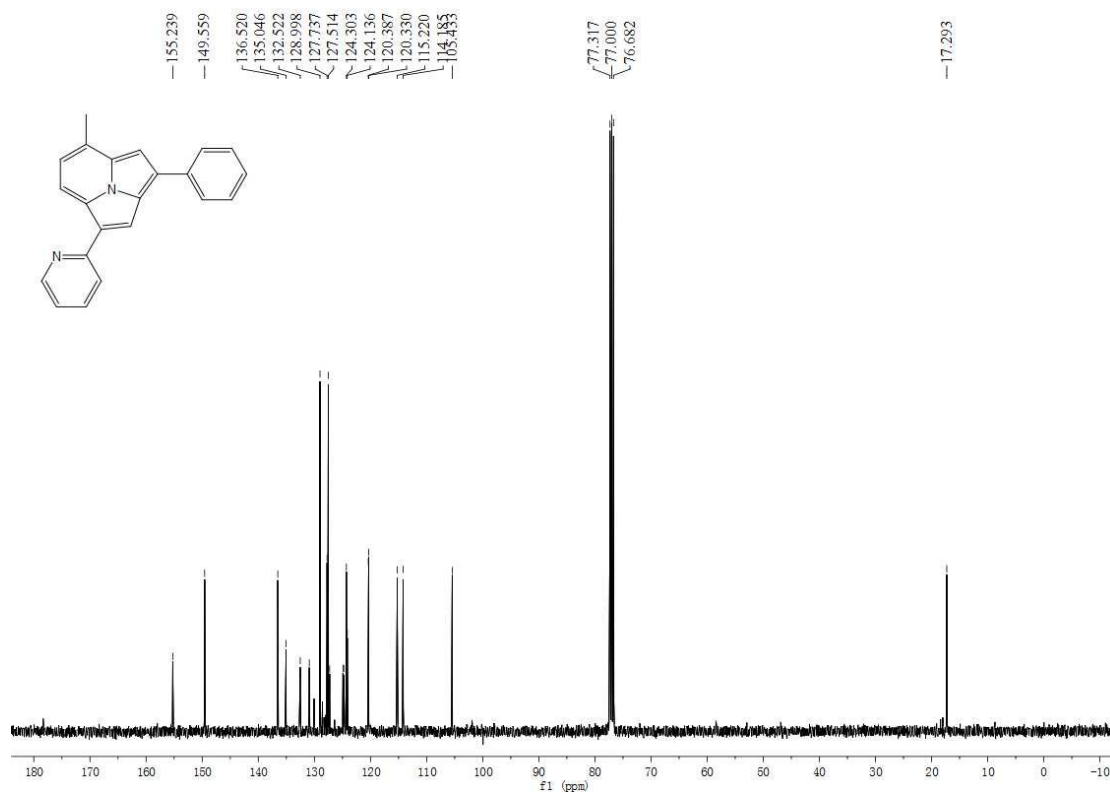
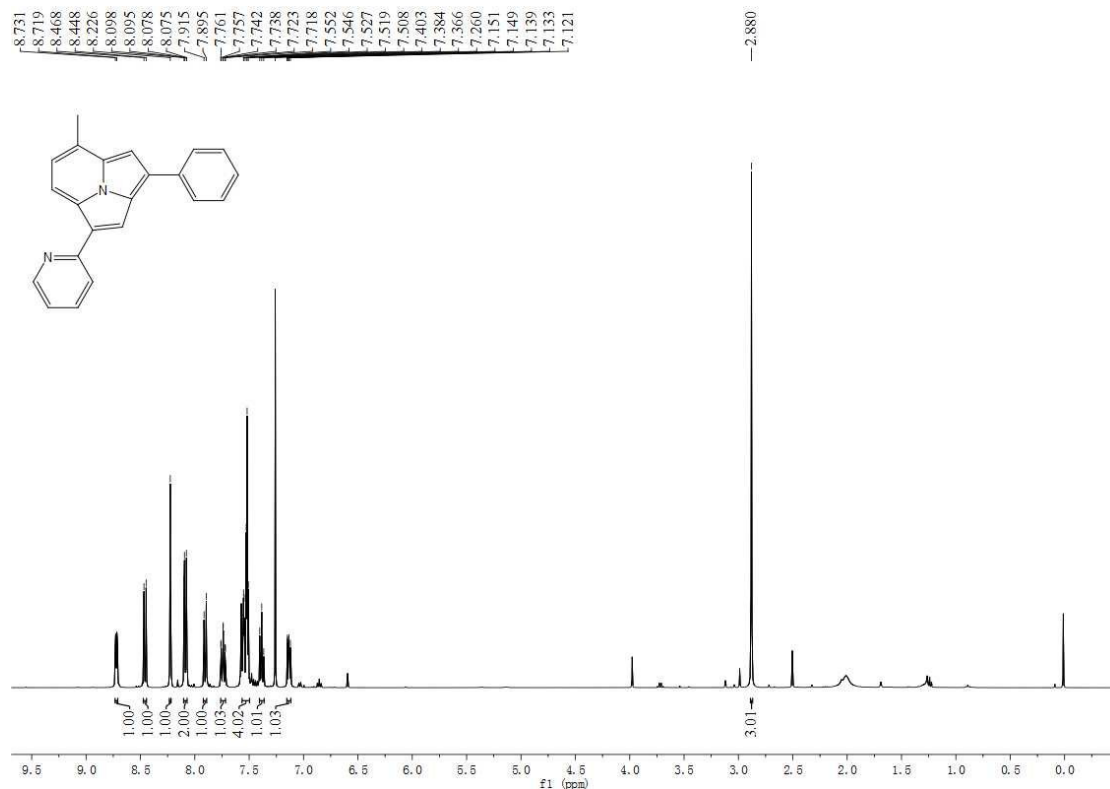
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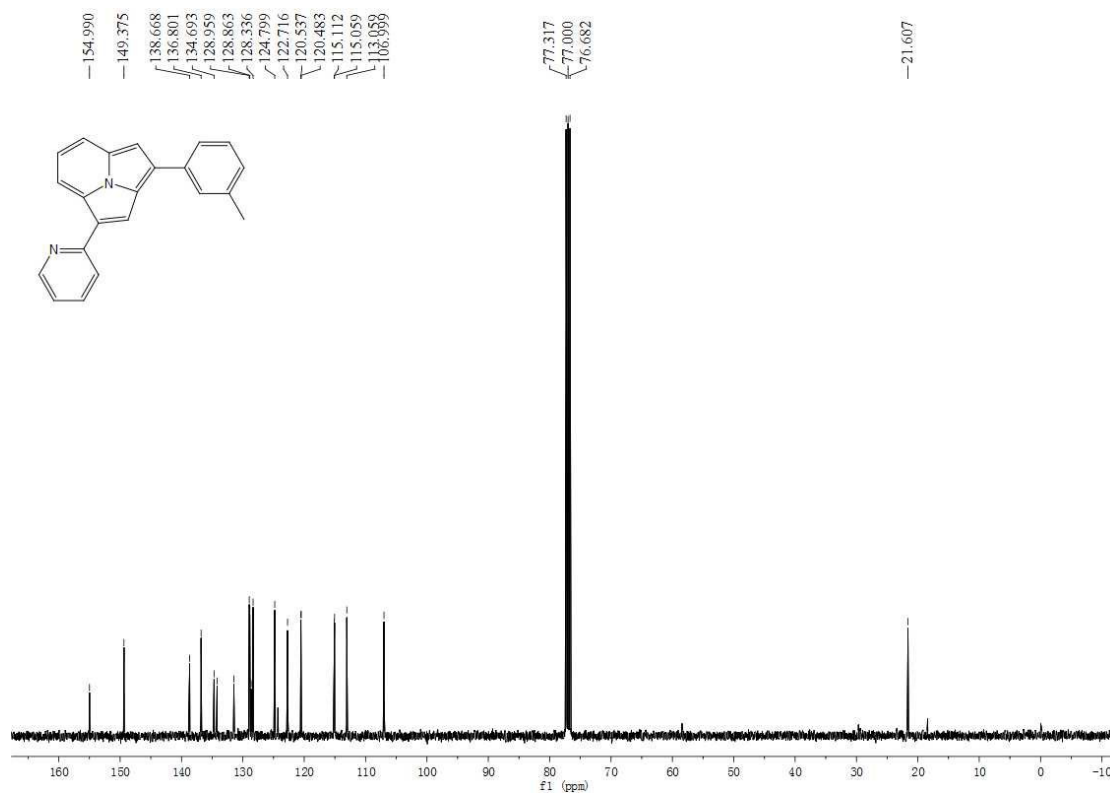
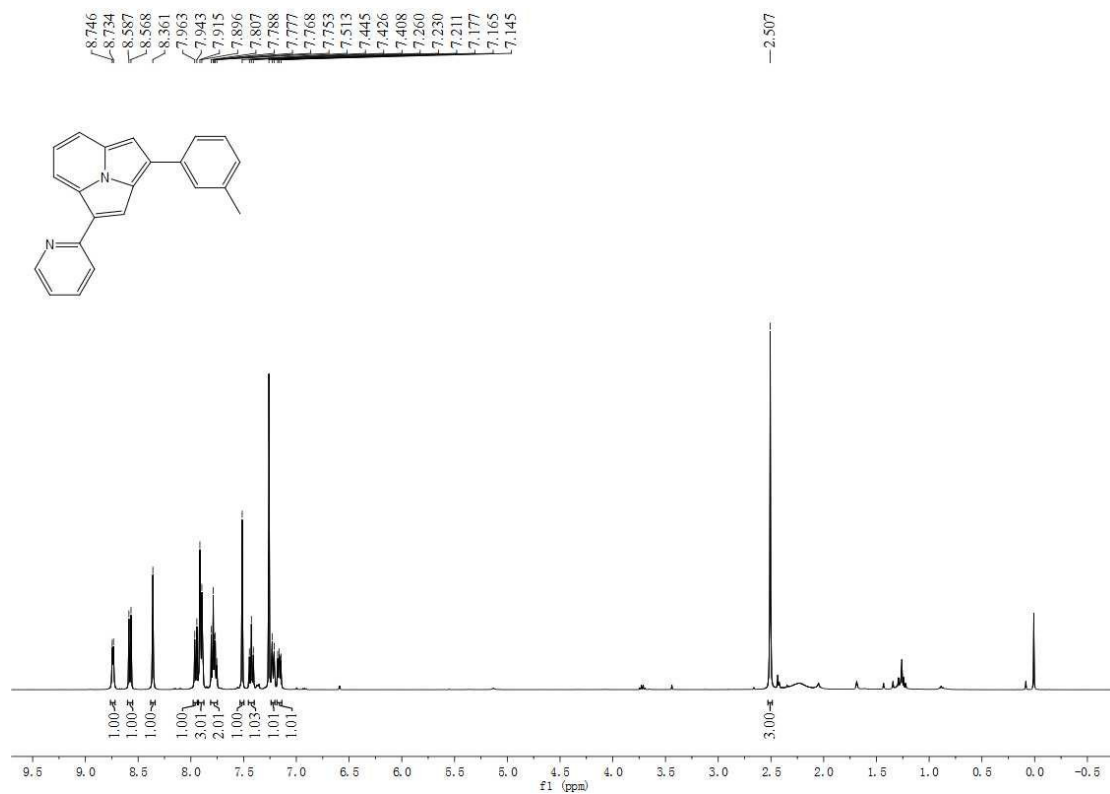
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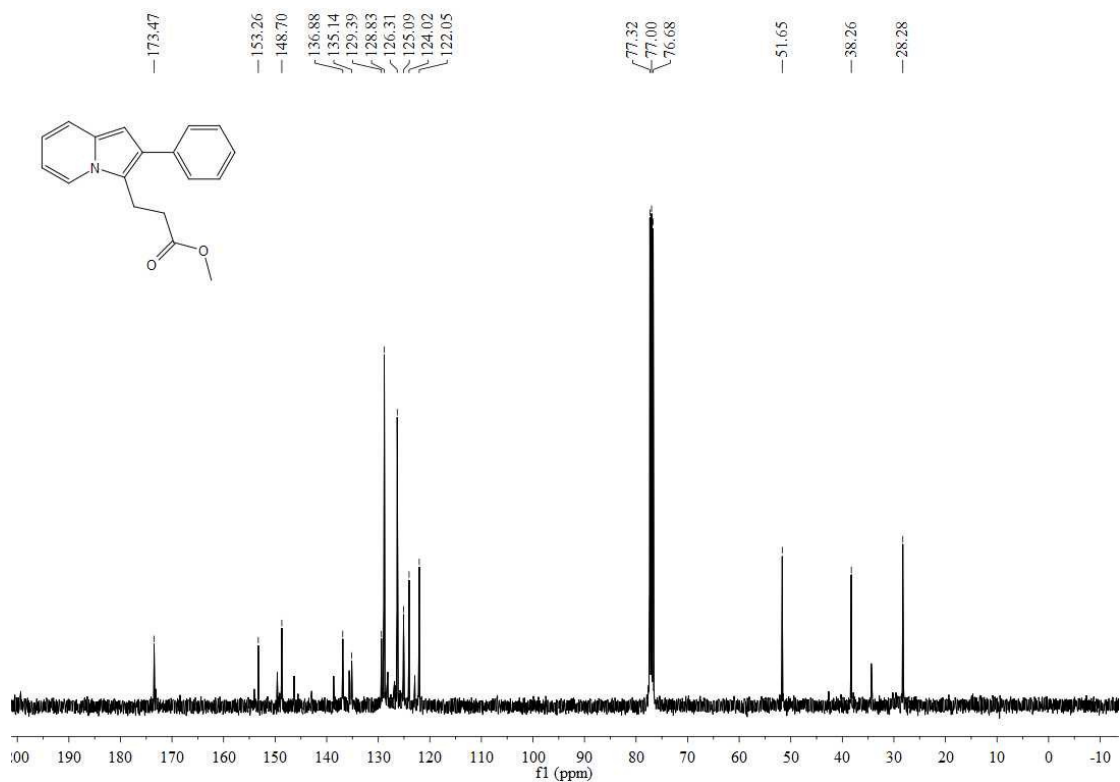
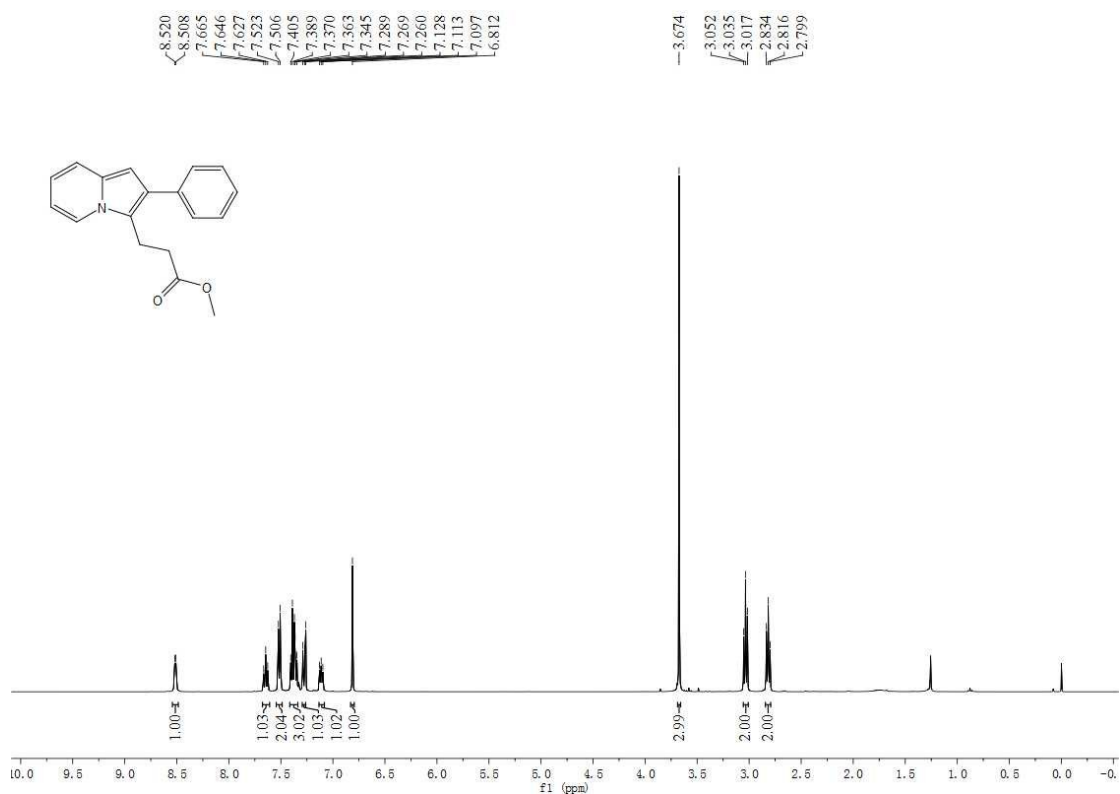
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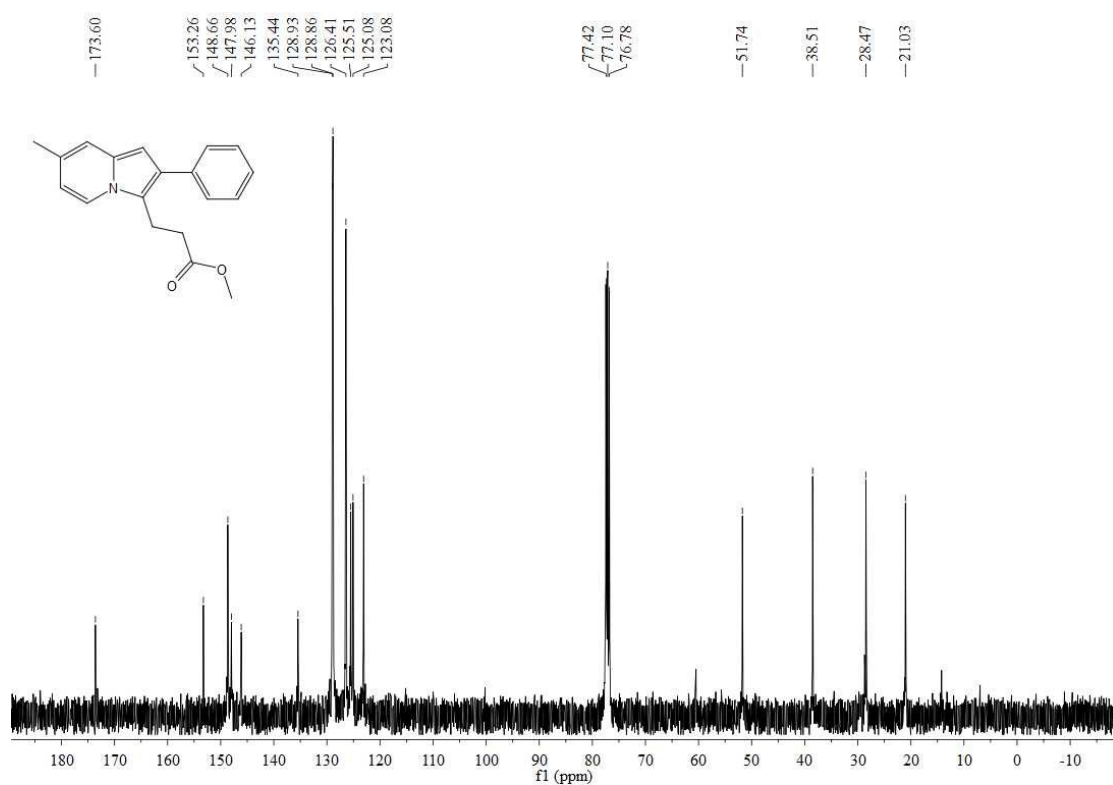
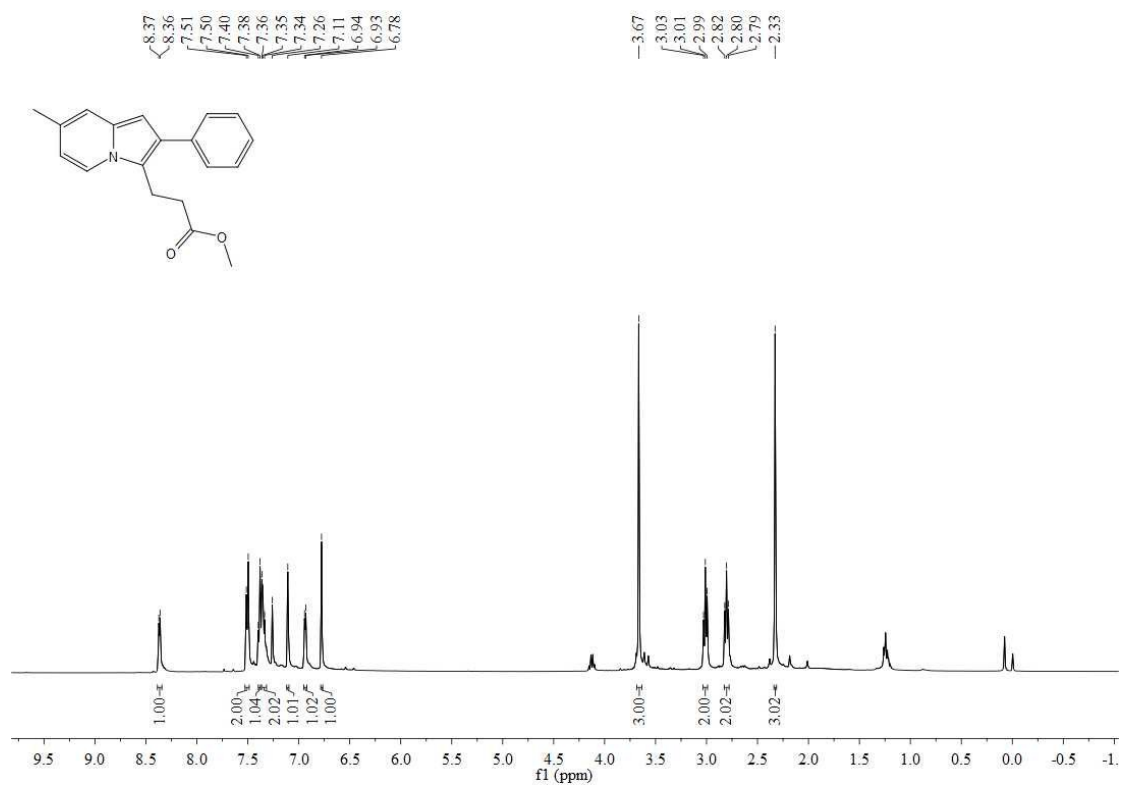
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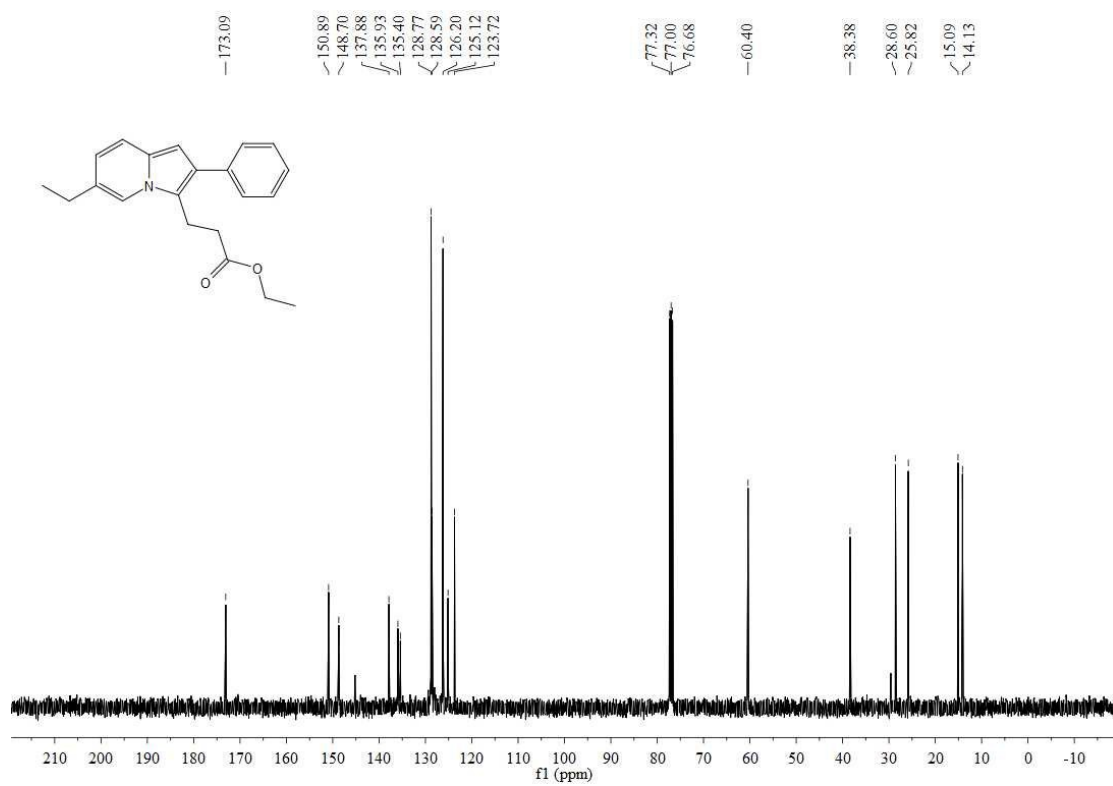
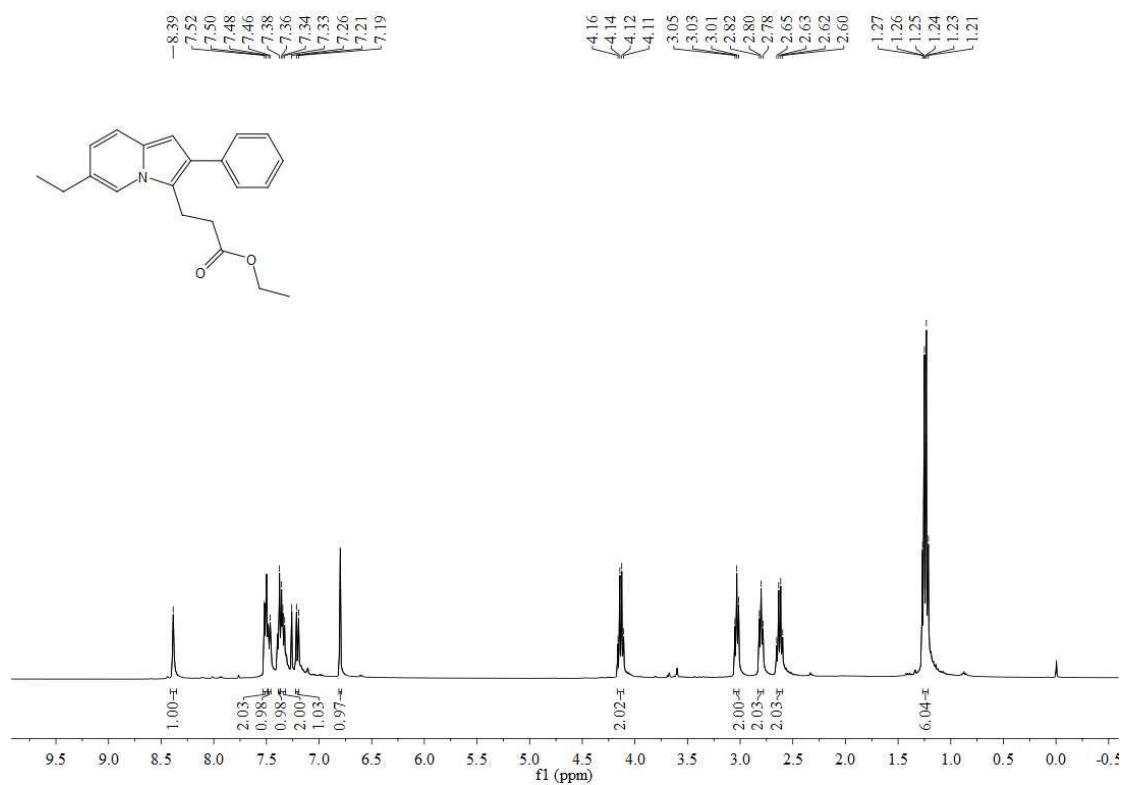
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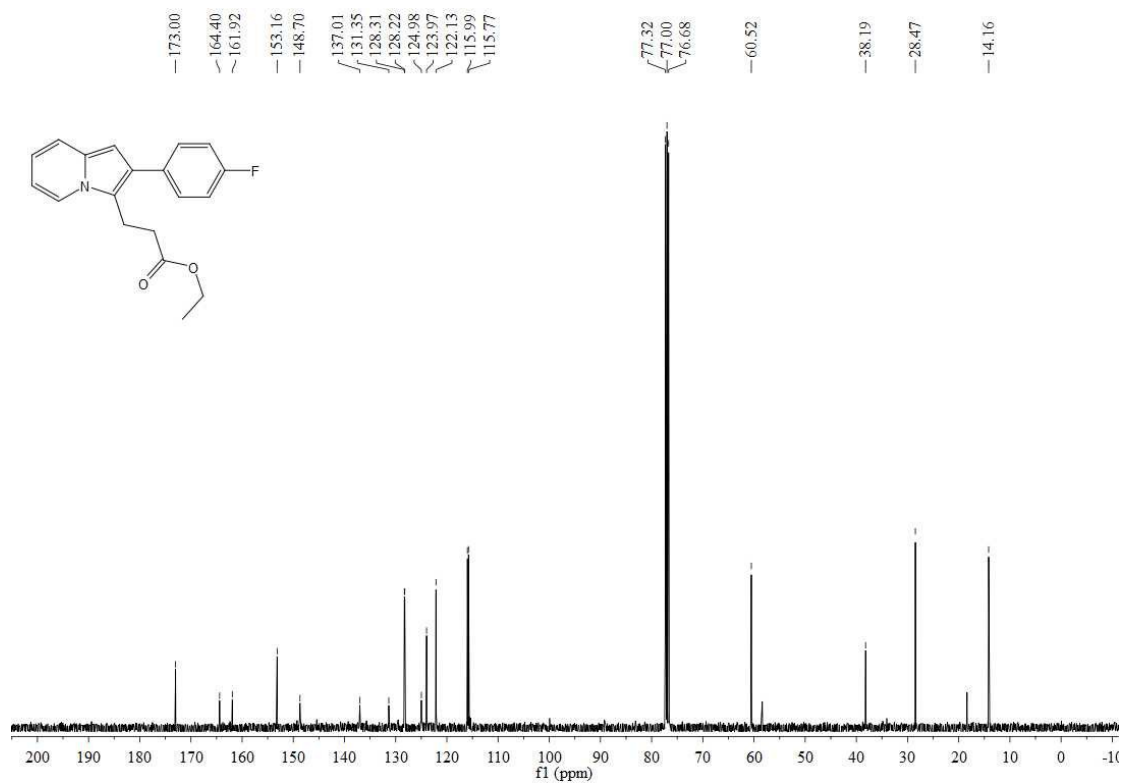
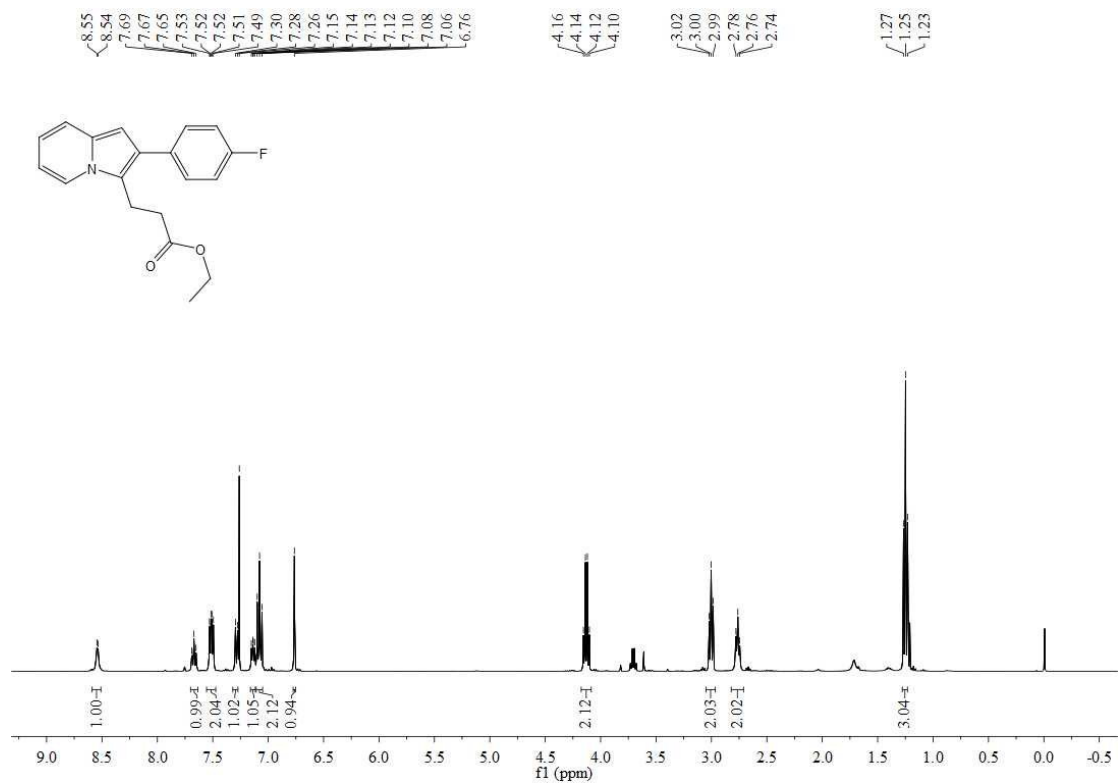
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Ethyl 3-(6-Ethyl-2-phenylindolizin-3-yl)propanoate (5c)

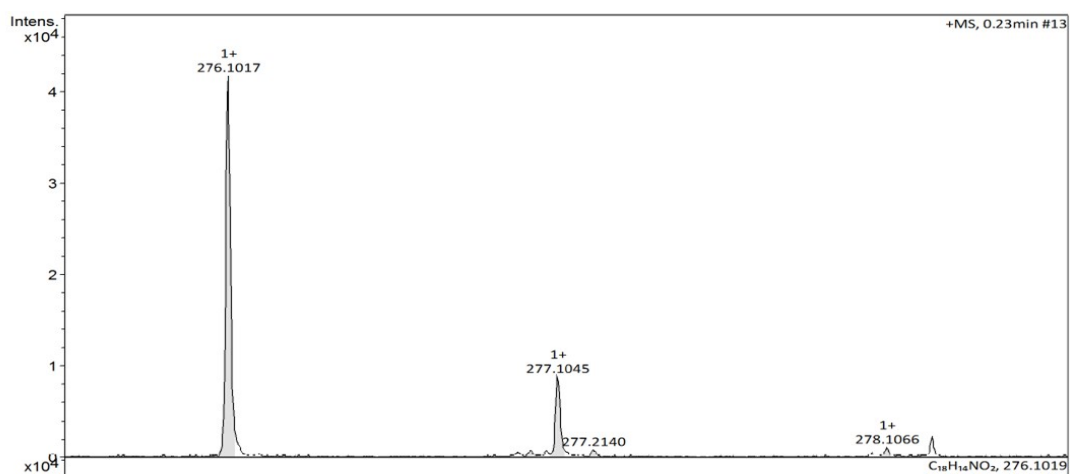


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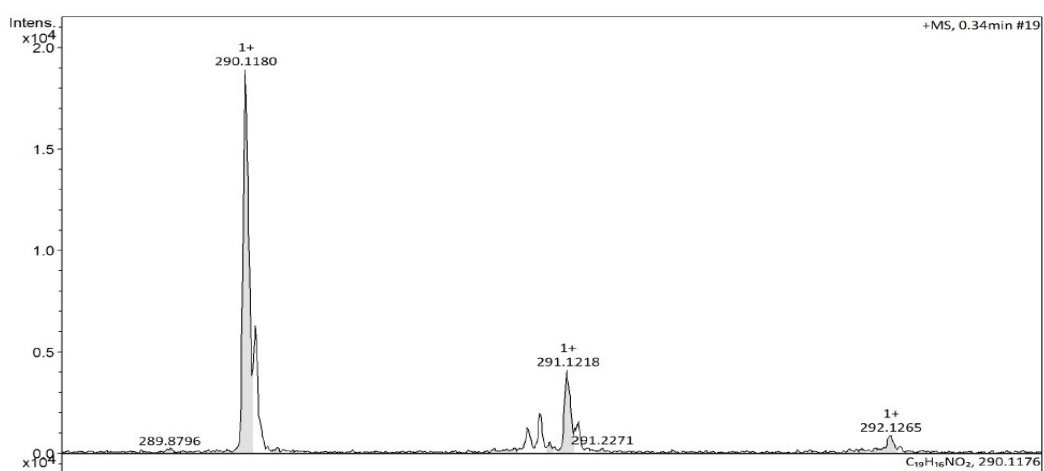


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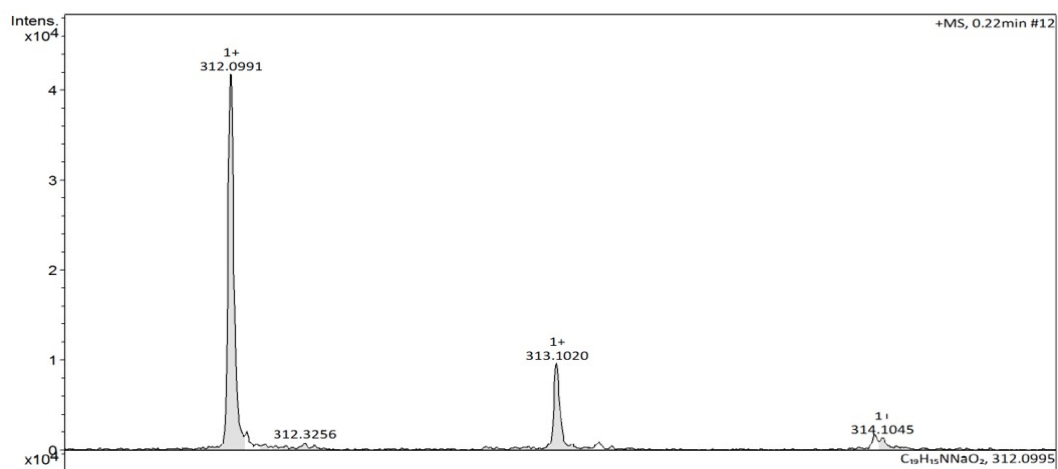
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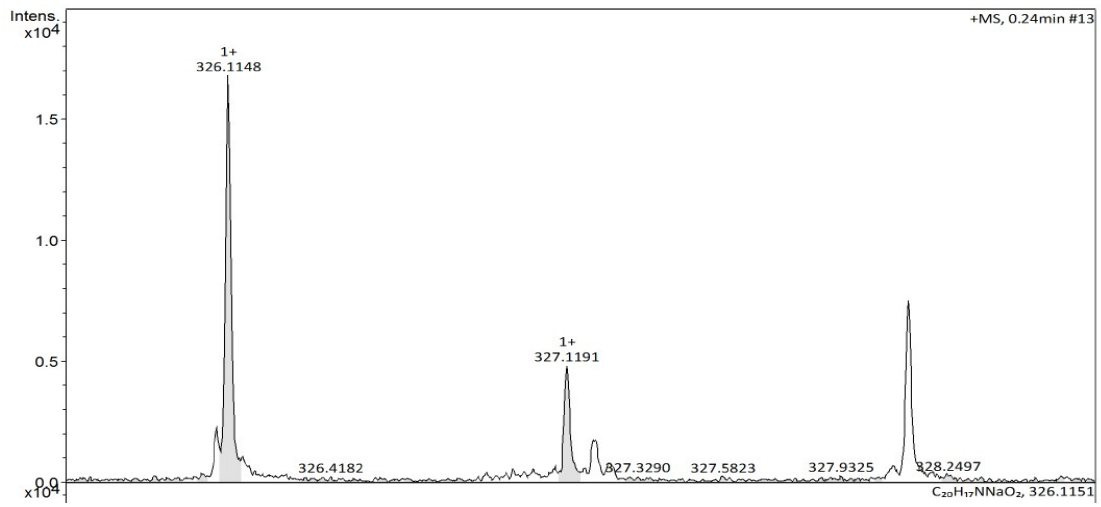
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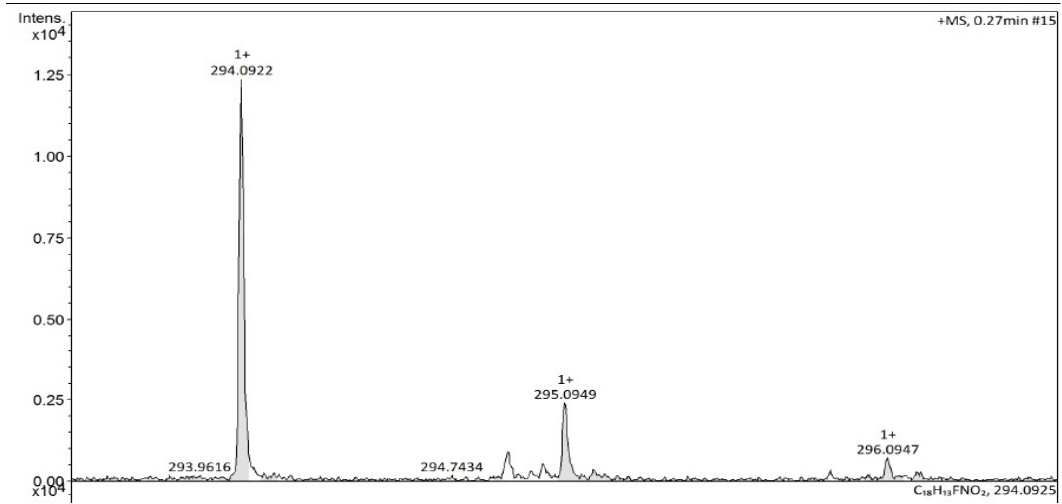
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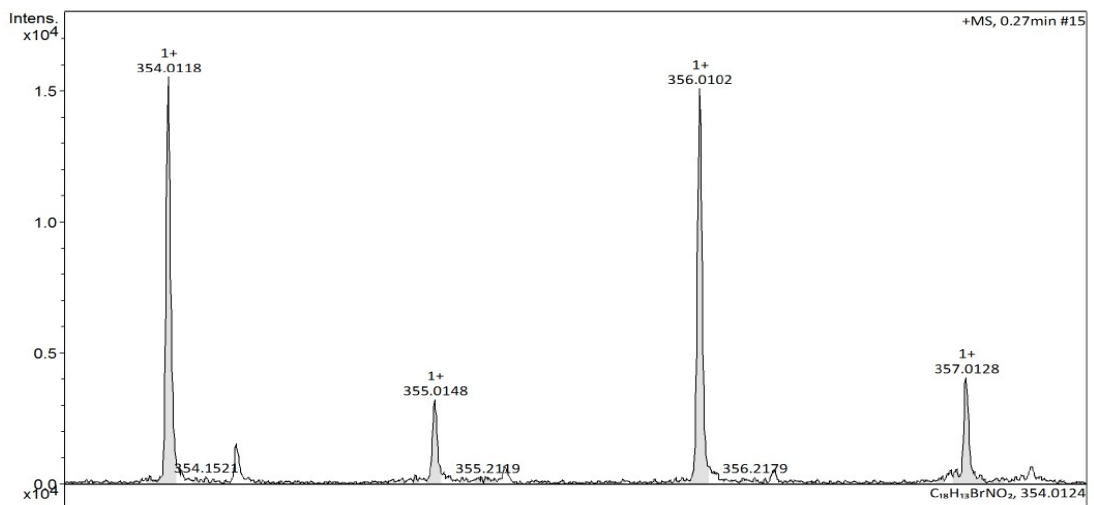
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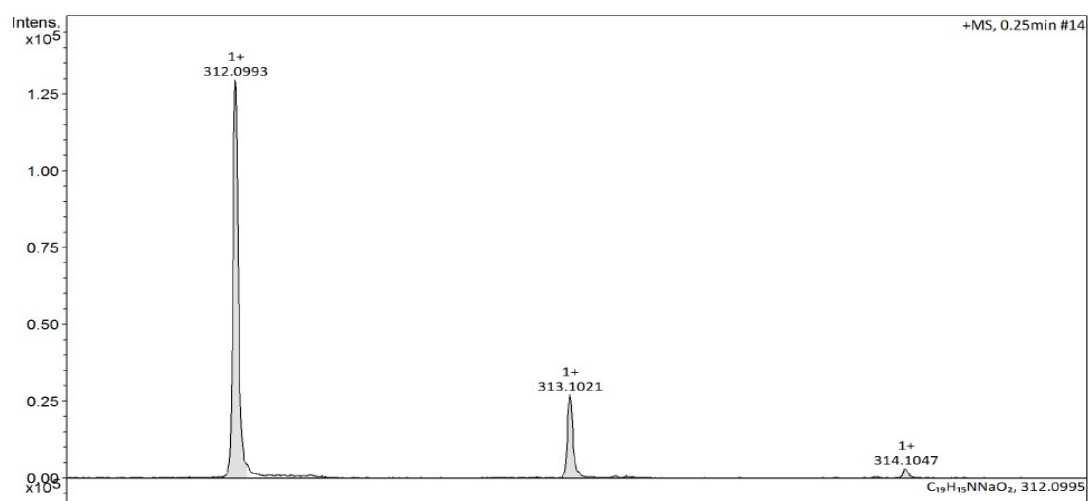
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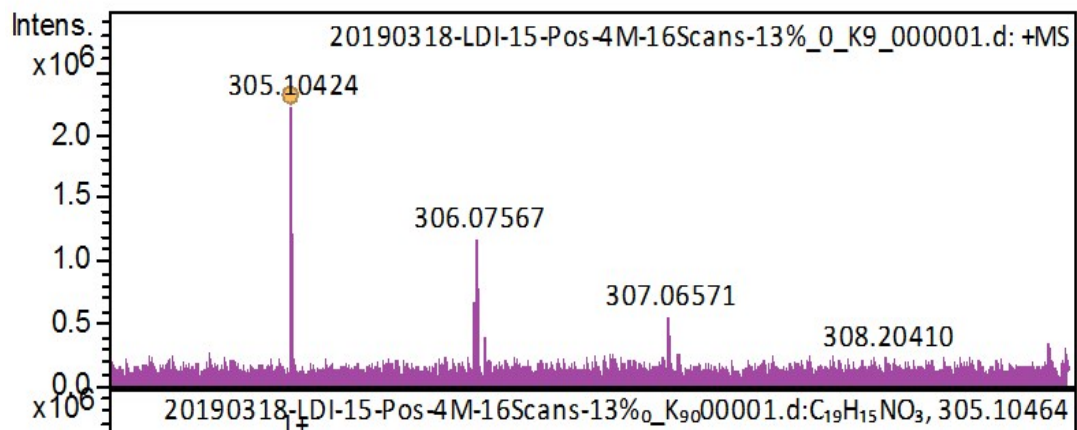
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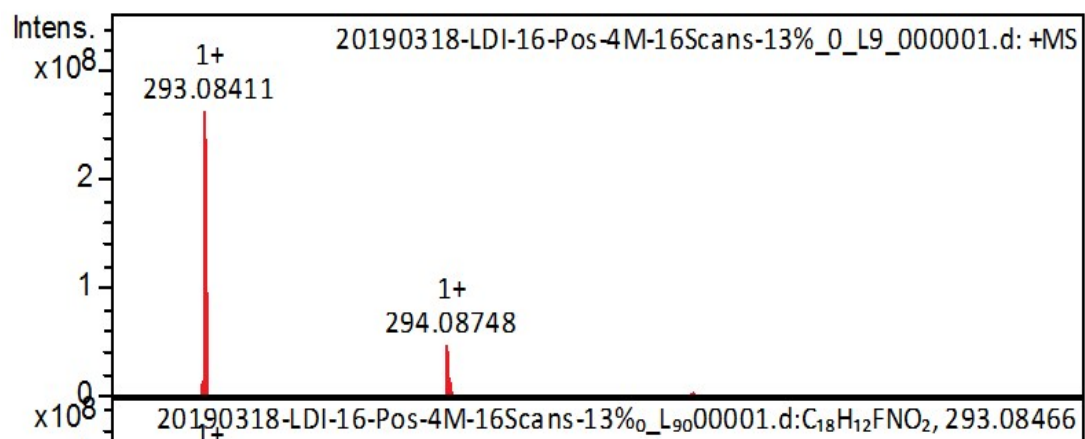
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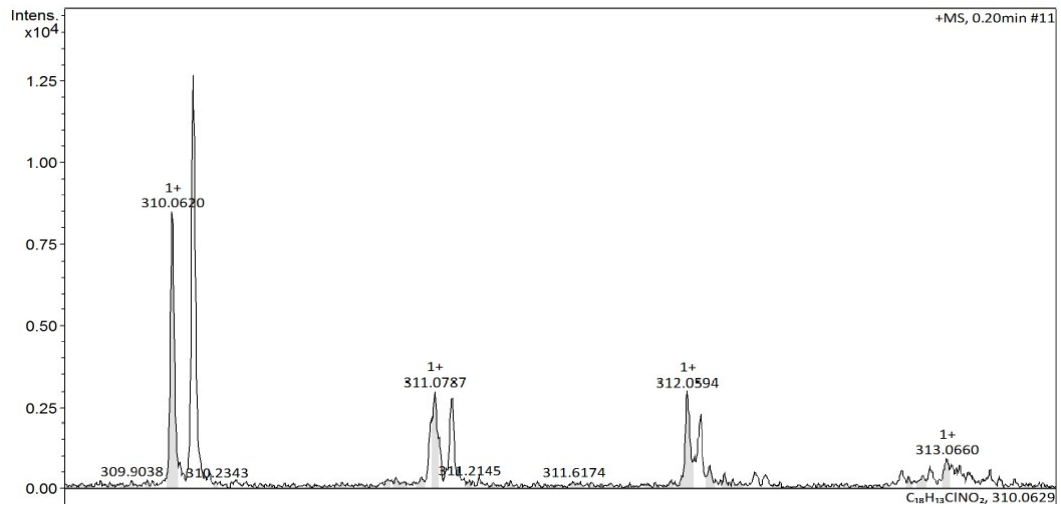
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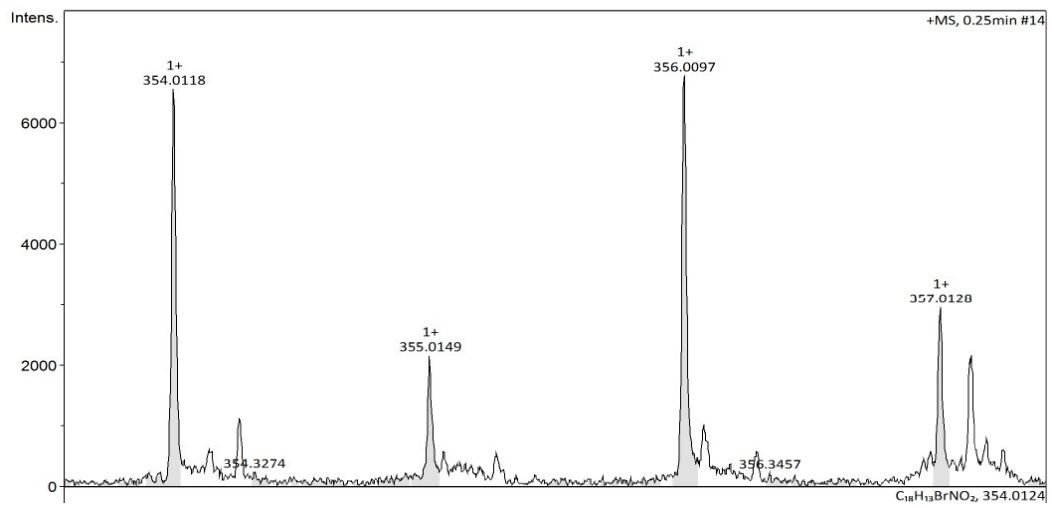
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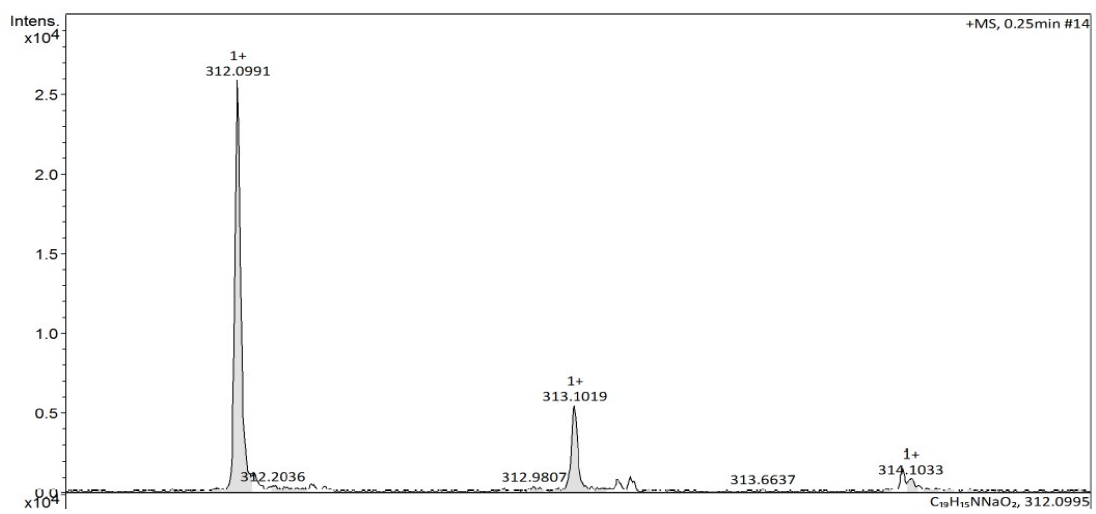
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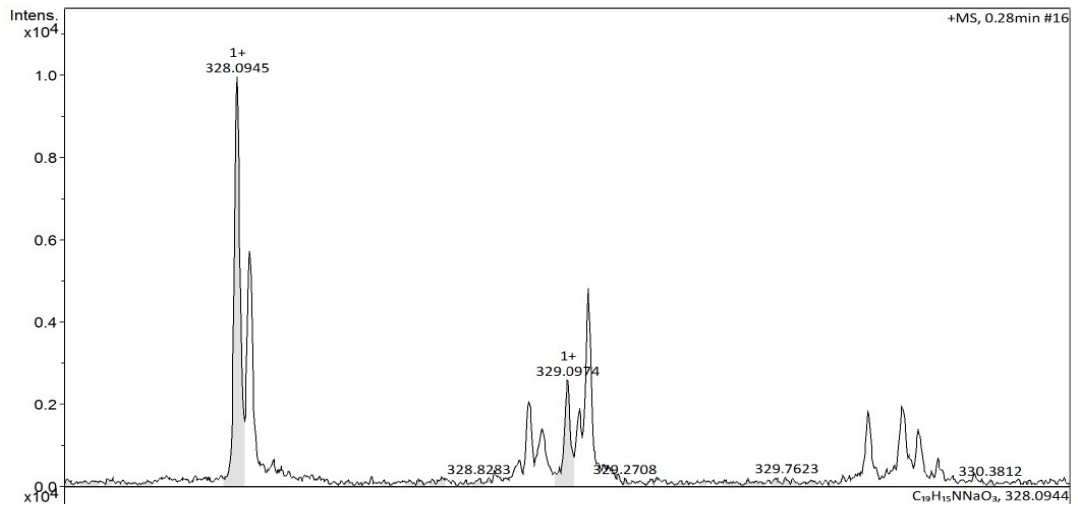
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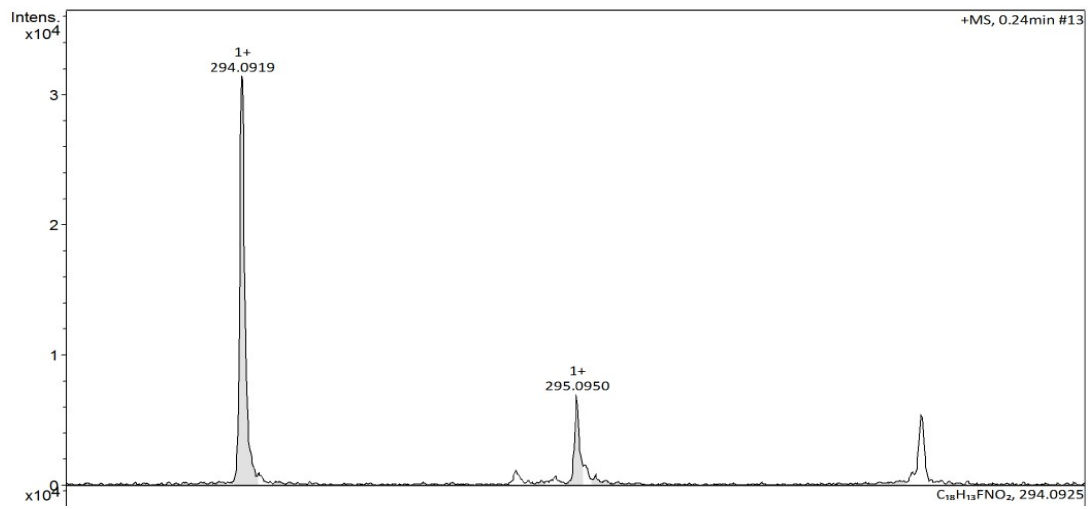
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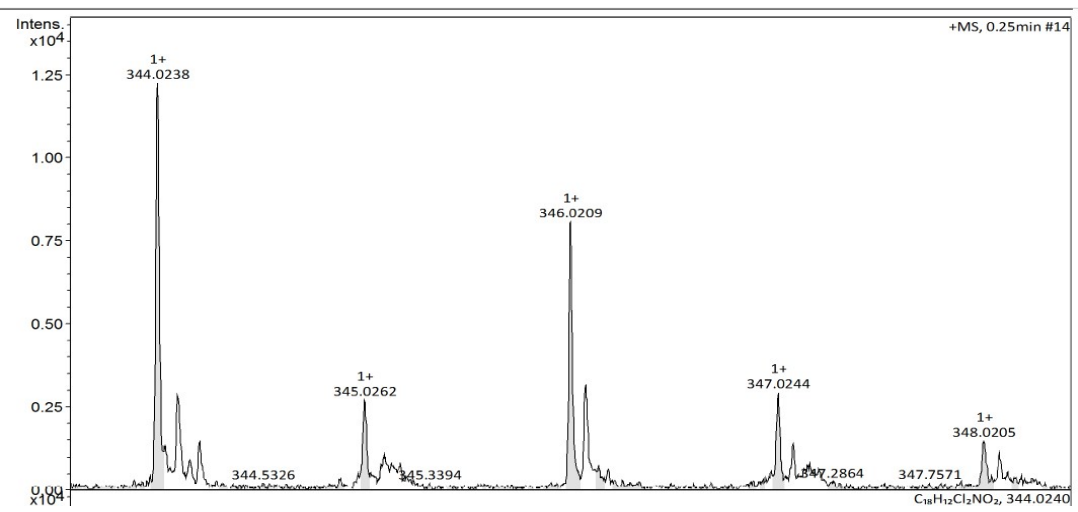
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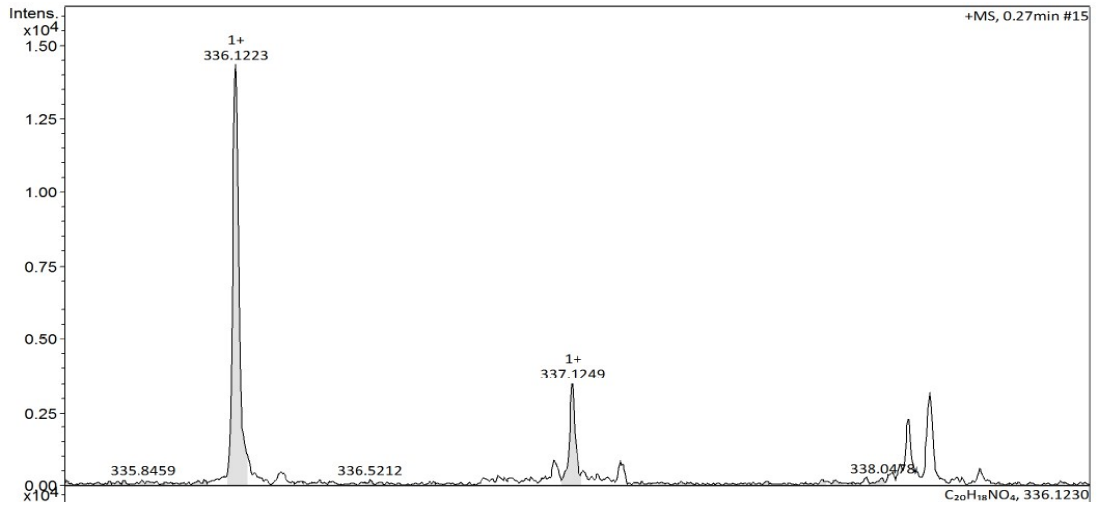
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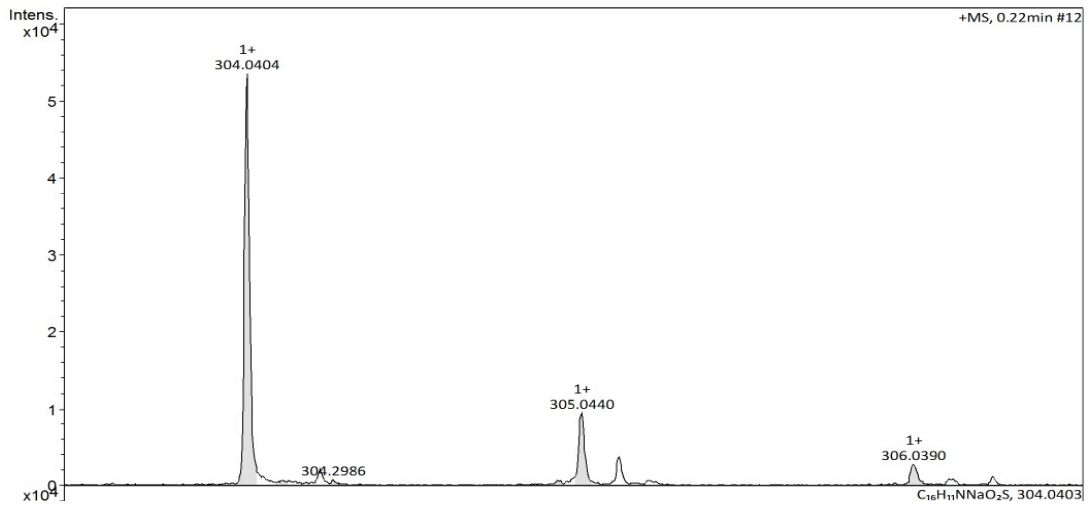
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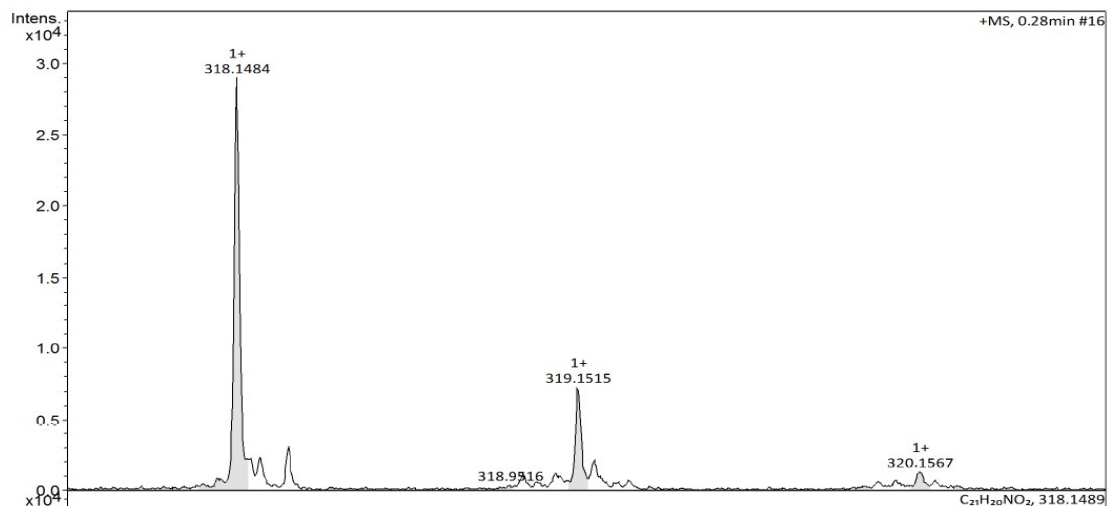
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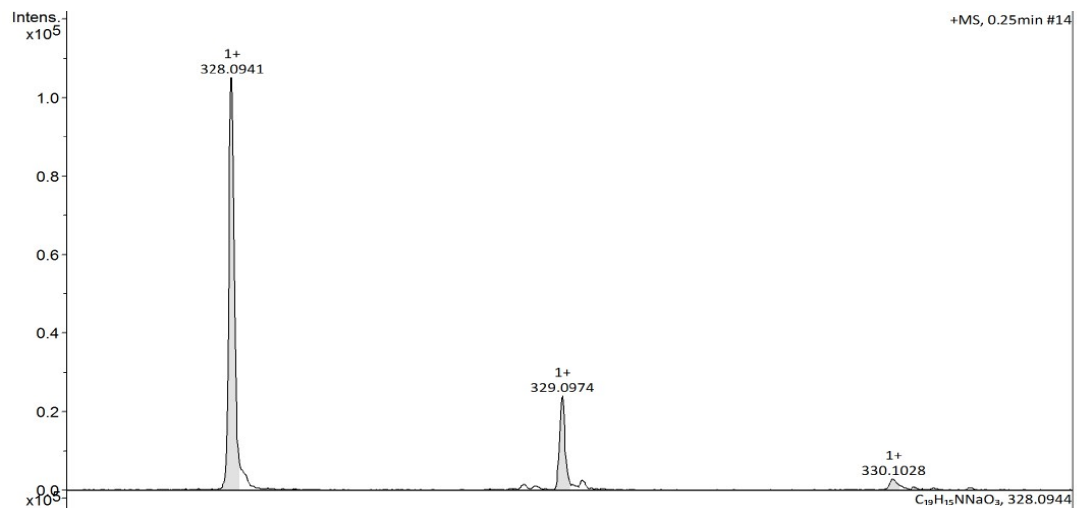
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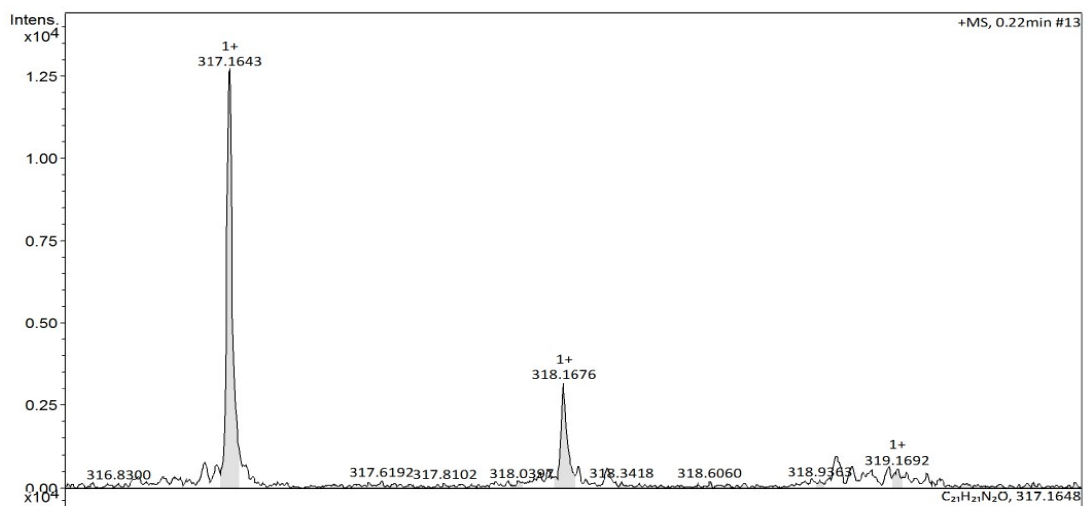
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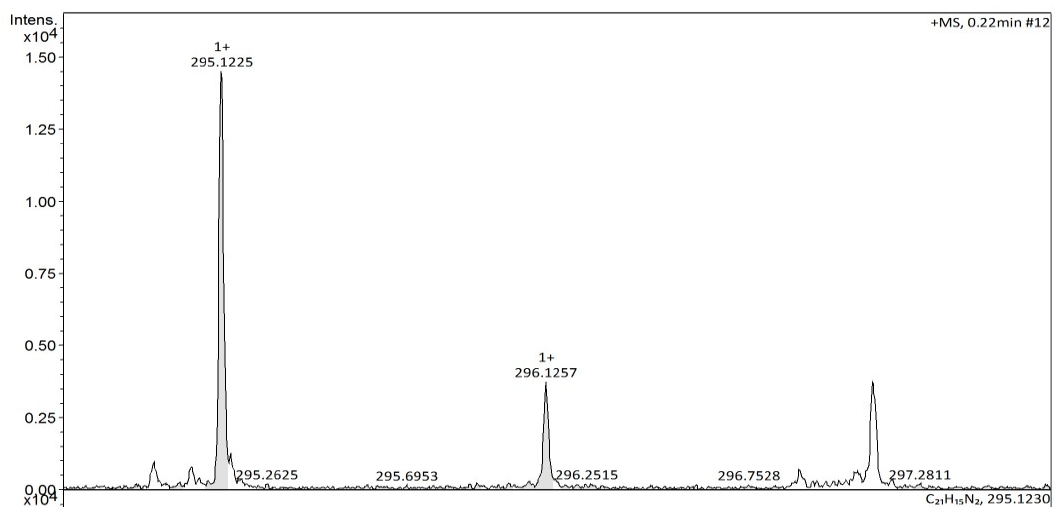
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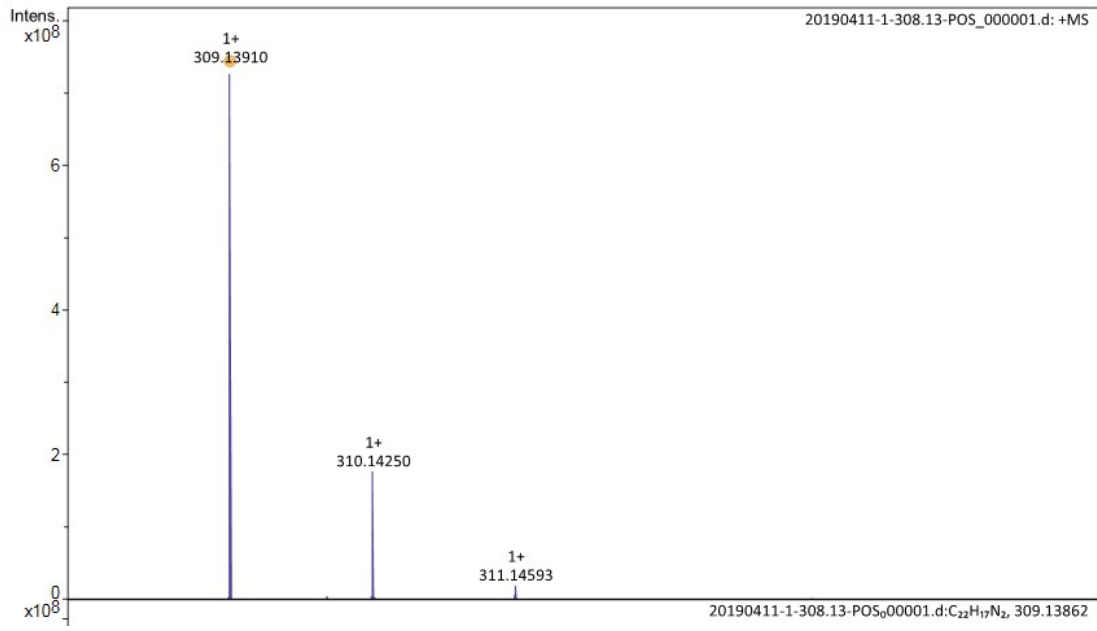
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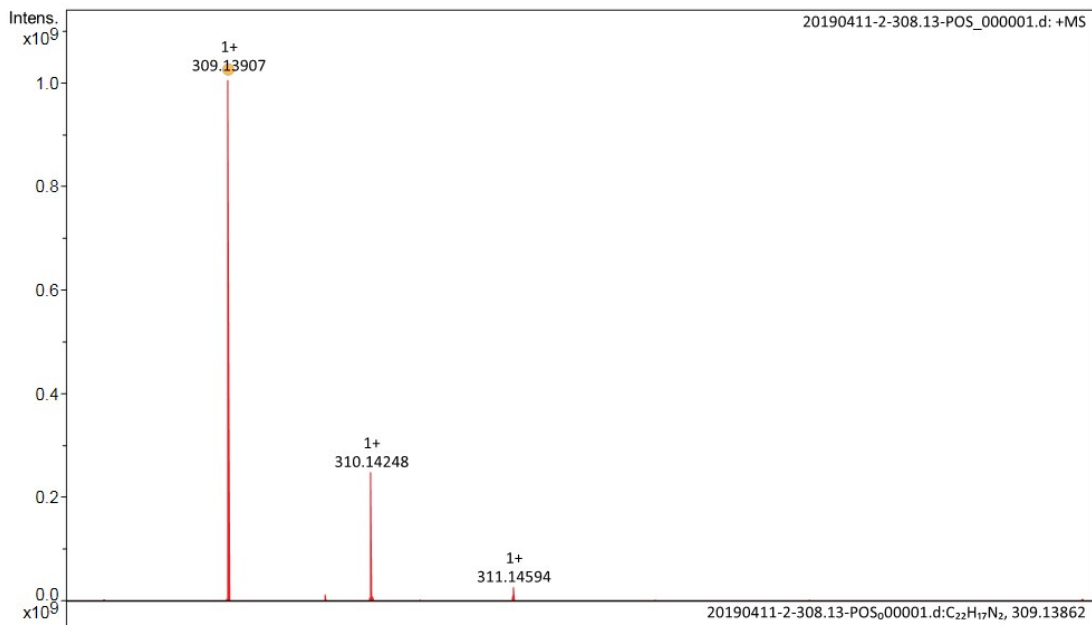
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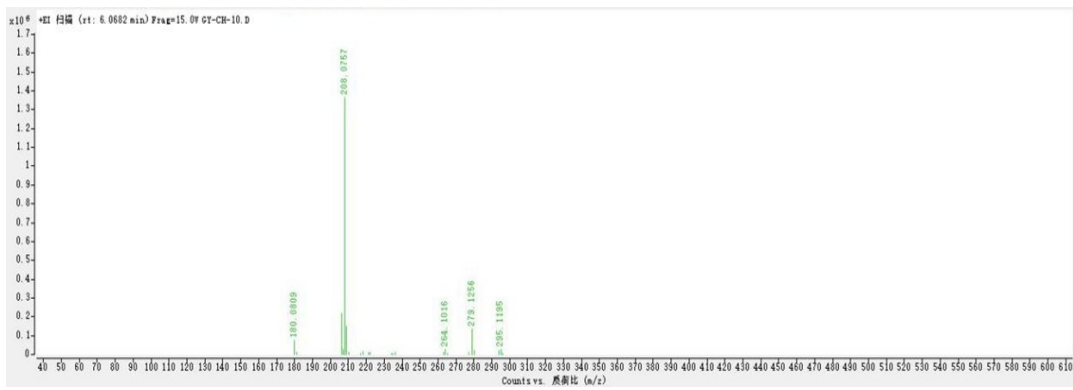
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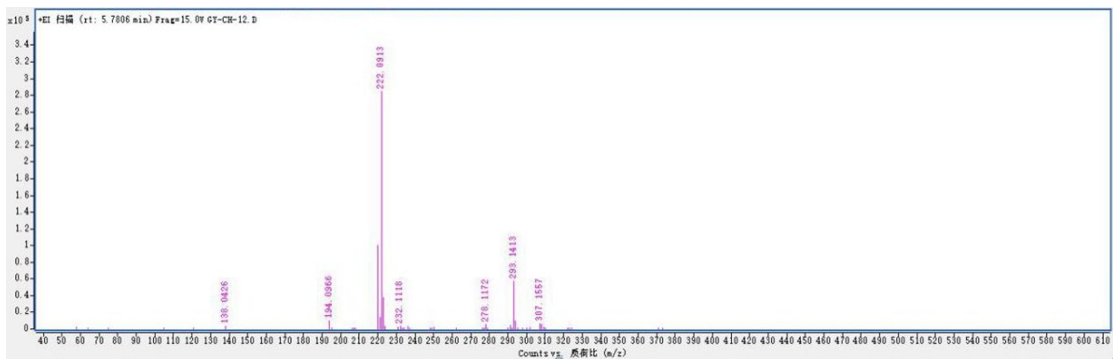
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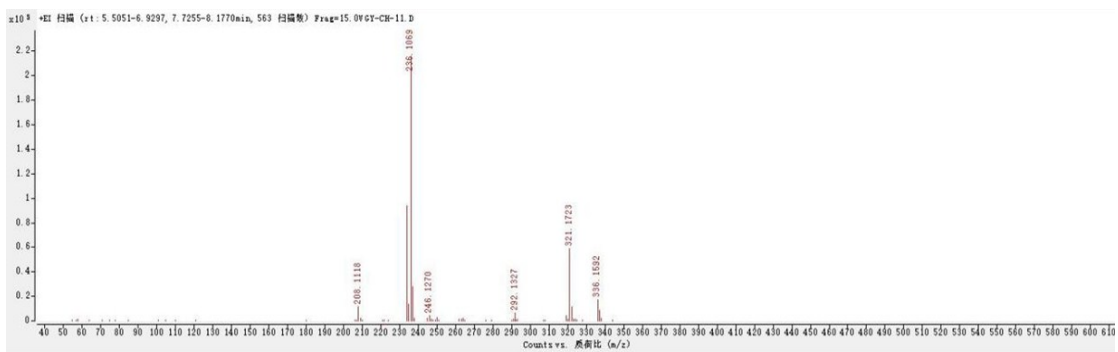
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