

Supporting Information

Synthesis of 1-Aminoindole Derivatives through Rh(III)-Catalyzed Annulation Reaction of Hydrazines with Sulfoxonium Ylides

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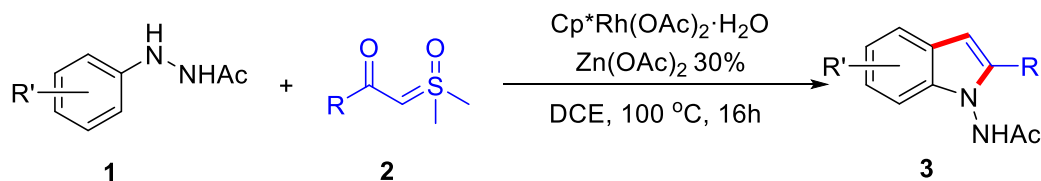
Experimental Section

General Information: All the reactions were carried out under N₂ atmosphere using standard Schlenk technique. ¹H NMR (400 MHz), ¹⁹F (376 M Hz), and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) were recorded on a NMR spectrometer with DMSO-*d*₆ as solvent. Chemical shifts of ¹H, ¹⁹F and ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm). The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (DMSO-*d*₆: δ H = 2.50 ppm, δ C = 39.43 ppm). All coupling constants (*J* values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of doublet of doublets (ddd), doublet of triplets (dt), triplet (t), triplet of doublets (td), quartet (q), and multiplet (m). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 200–300 mesh or alumina 200–300 mesh. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by UV absorbance (254 nm). High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was done on an Agilentn6210 ESI/TOF mass spectrometer. [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ was prepared from RhCl₃·xH₂O following a literature procedure.^[1] [Cp*Rh(OAc)₂] was prepared from [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ following a literature procedure.^[2] Unless otherwise noted below, all other compounds have been reported in the literature or are commercially available without any further purification.

General Procedure: Preparation of the Substrates

The substrates **1a-1s**,^[3] **2a-2p**,^[4] were prepared according to the literature reports.

General Procedure for Synthesis of **3** via Rh(III)-Catalyzed C-H Activation and Annulation with Sulfoxonium Ylides



A mixture of **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), Cp*Rh(OAc)₂·H₂O (7.5 mg, 0.02mmol, 10.0 mol%), and Zn(OAc)₂ (11.0 mg, 0.3 equiv.) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry DCE (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 16 h under N₂ atmosphere. Afterwards, it was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was adsorbed onto small amounts of silica. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EA:PE = 1:3).

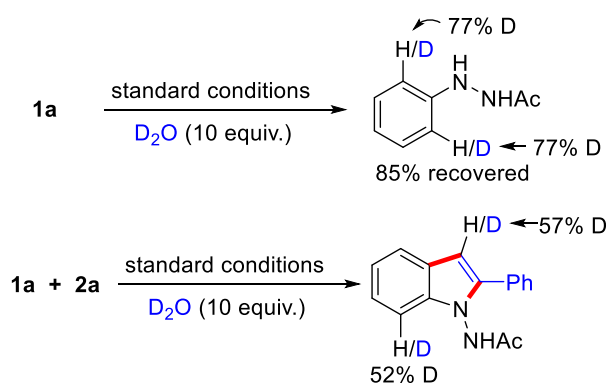
Gram-scale synthesis of **3aa**:

A mixture of **1a** (4 mmol), **2a** (4.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv), Cp*Rh(OAc)₂·H₂O (149.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 10.0 mol%), and Zn(OAc)₂ (220.2 mg, 0.3 equiv.) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry DCE (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 16 h under N₂ atmosphere. Afterwards, it was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was adsorbed onto small amounts of silica. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel and good yield of **3aa** 81% (0.8137 g) was still attained (eluent: EA:PE = 1:3).

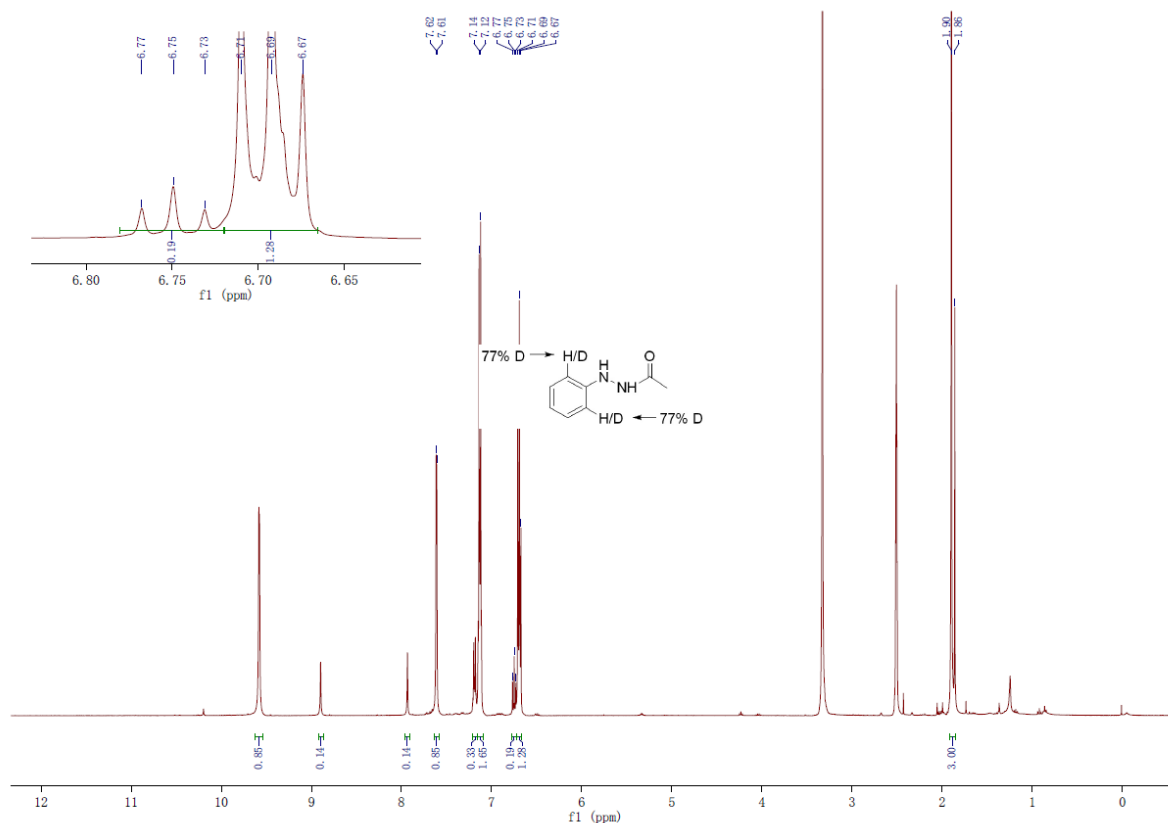
Derivatization of **3aa**:

A 50 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **3aa** (50.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 4 M HCl (2.0 mL) dissolved in THF (2.0 mL) was added, subsequently, the solution was sealed with a Teflon-lined cap and heated to reflux (in an 80 °C oil bath) for 6 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was quenched by saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extract was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the crude product. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent EA:PE = 8:1) to give the product **4** in 74% yield (30.2 mg) as a white solid.

H/D Exchange Experiments:

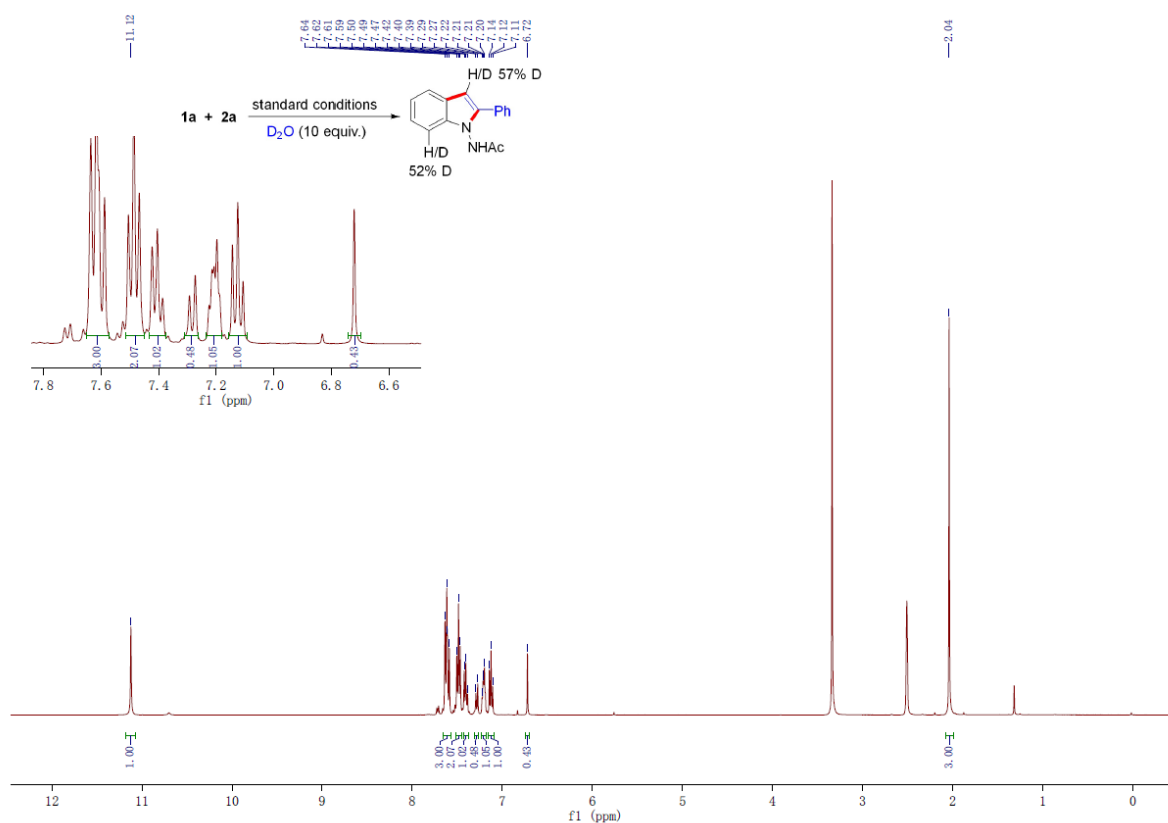


Procedure for the reaction without 2a: A mixture of 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cp*Rh(OAc)₂·H₂O (7.5 mg, 0.02mmol, 10.0 mol%), and Zn(OAc)₂ (11.0 mg, 0.3 equiv.) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry DCE (2.0 mL) and D₂O (2.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 16 h under N₂ atmosphere. Afterwards, it was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was adsorbed onto small amounts of silica. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EA/DCM = 1:2) to recover **1a** in 85% yield.



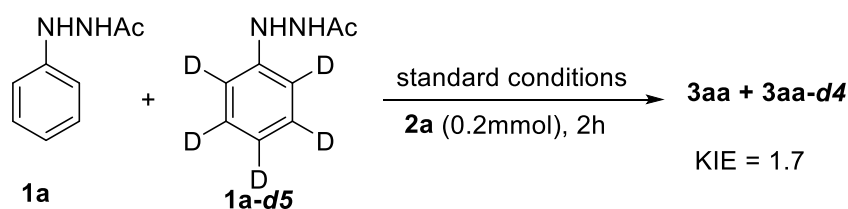
¹H NMR of the recovered **1a** of the reaction without **2a**

Procedure for the reaction in the presence of 2a: A mixture of 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine **1a** (0.2 mmol), α -benzoyl sulfur ylide **2a** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), Cp*Rh(OAc)₂·H₂O (7.5 mg, 0.02mmol, 10.0 mol%), and Zn(OAc)₂ (11.0 mg, 0.3 equiv.) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry DCE (2.0 mL) and D₂O (2.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 16 h under N₂ atmosphere. Afterwards, it was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was adsorbed onto small amounts of silica. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EA/PE = 1:3) to give the product **3aa** (25.3 mg).

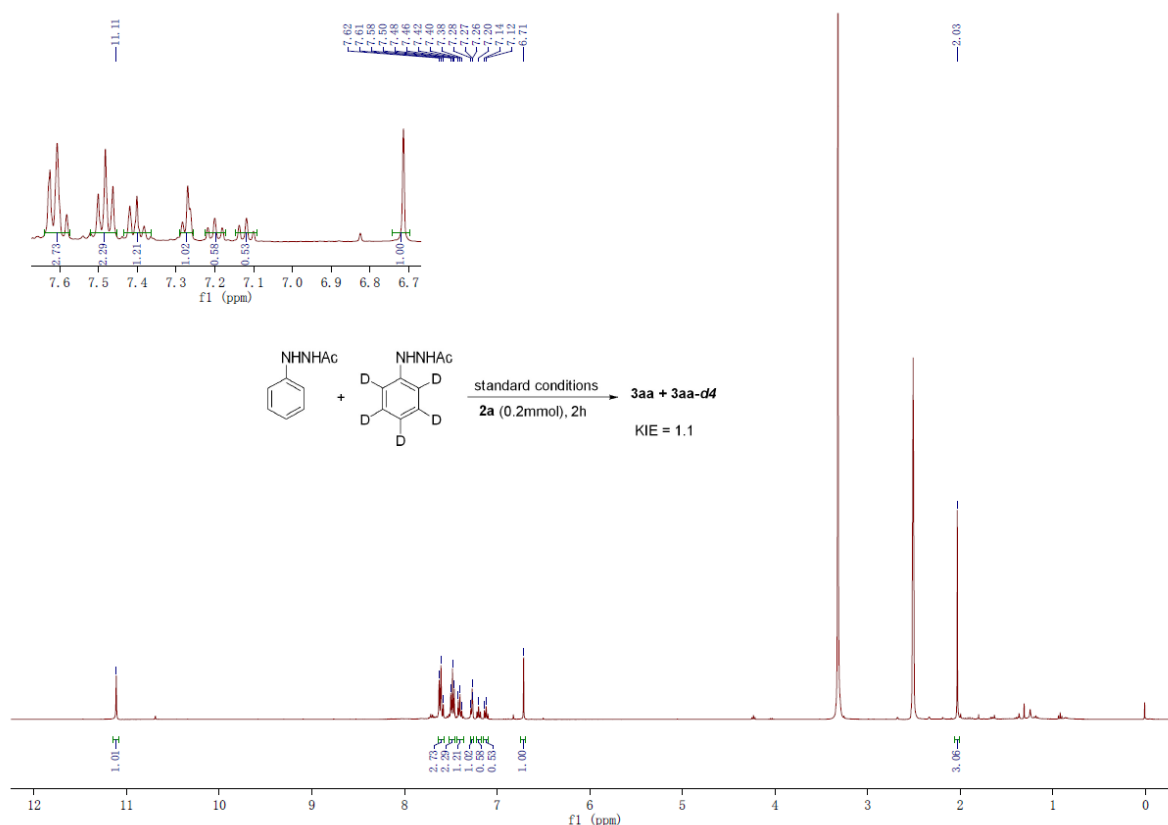


¹H NMR of the product **3aa** for the H/D exchange reaction in presence of **2a**

Competition KIE Experiment:

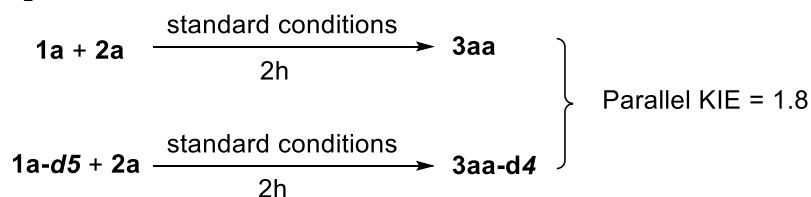


A mixture of 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **1a-d5** (0.2mmol, 1.0 equiv), α -benzoyl sulfur ylide **2a** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), Cp*Rh(OAc)₂·H₂O (7.5 mg, 0.02mmol, 10.0 mol%), and Zn(OAc)₂ (11.0 mg, 0.3 equiv.) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry DCE (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 2h under N₂ atmosphere. Afterwards, it was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was adsorbed onto small amounts of silica. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EA/PE = 1:3) to give the product **3aa** and *d4*-**3aa** (2.7 mg). The KIE value was determined to be $k_H/k_D = 1.1$ on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis.

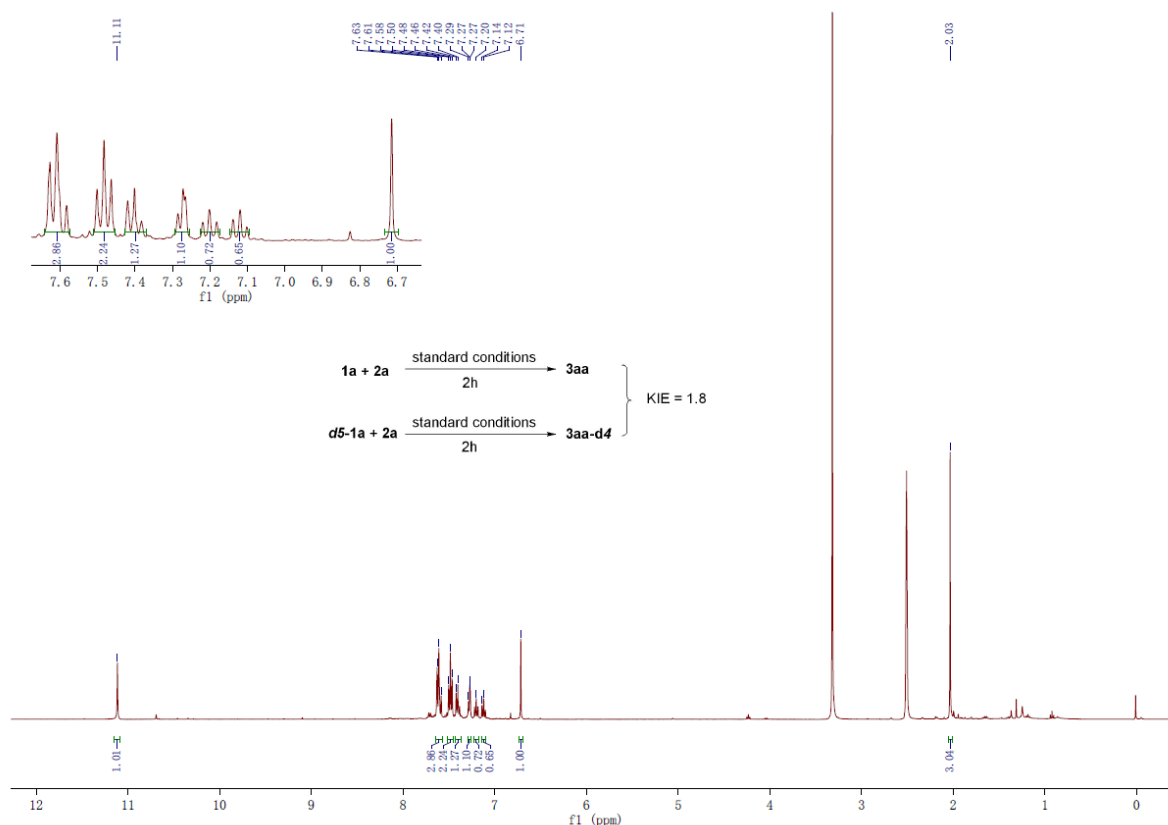


¹H NMR of product **3aa** obtained from the competition KIE experiment

Parallel KIE Experiment:



A mixture of 2-acetyl-1-phenylhydrazine **1a** (0.2 mmol), α -benzoyl sulfur ylide **2a** (0.24 mmol), Cp*Rh(OAc)₂·H₂O (7.5 mg, 0.02mmol), Zn(OAc)₂ (11.0 mg) and DCE (2.0 mL) were charged into Schlenk tube. To another tube **1a-d5** (0.2mmol), α -benzoyl sulfur ylide **2a** (0.24 mmol), Cp*Rh(OAc)₂·H₂O (7.5 mg, 0.02mmol), Zn(OAc)₂ (11.0 mg) and DCE (2.0 mL) were added. These two reaction mixtures were stirred side-by-side in the same oil bath at 100 °C for 2h under N₂ atmosphere. The reactions tubes were quenched at 0 °C and these two mixtures were rapidly combined. The combined mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was adsorbed onto small amounts of silica. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EA/PE = 1:3) to give the product **3aa** and *d4*-**3aa** (7.5 mg). The KIE value was determined to be $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 1.8$ on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis.



¹H NMR of product **3aa** obtained from the parallel KIE experiment

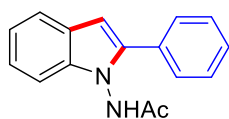
R = OMe/CF₃ (**1f/1h**) = 1:1

R = OMe/CF₃ (**3fa/3ha**) = 5:1

Figure 1 displays the ^1H NMR spectra of compound **3fa**. The top spectrum is an inset showing the aromatic region (10.8–11.4 ppm) with peaks at 11.34, 11.06, 7.61, 7.57, 7.47, 7.18, 7.16, 7.10, and 6.63 ppm. The main spectrum shows peaks from 0 to 12 ppm, including a large peak at 3.79 ppm and a peak at 2.05 ppm. Integration values are provided for several peaks: 0.20, 1.00, 0.13, 0.13, 0.13, 0.13, 1.02, 1.02, 2.52, 0.60, and 3.02. The chemical reaction scheme shows the synthesis of **3fa/3ha** from **1f/1h** and **2a** under standard conditions for 12 hours.

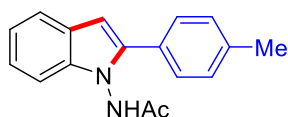
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Characterization of Products:



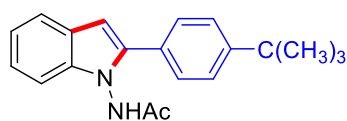
N-(2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3aa**): pale yellow solid (46.2 mg, 92%); M.p.: 224-227 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3026, 2361, 1690, 1678, 1528,

1456, 1335, 1269, 800, 766, 745, 704. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.26 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.73, 140.59, 138.15, 131.50, 129.11, 128.50, 128.31, 126.12, 122.88, 121.15, 120.93, 109.96, 100.83, 20.99. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O [M+H]⁺ 251.1179, Found 251.1182.



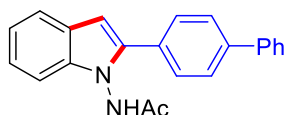
N-(2-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3ab**): pale yellow solid (47.5 mg, 90%); M.p.: 213-215 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3264, 3024, 2359, 2342,

1680, 1531, 1265, 1099, 781, 745. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.11 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 24.3, 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.59, 140.57, 137.93, 129.67, 128.56, 128.13, 126.03, 122.61, 121.00, 120.69, 109.82, 100.21, 21.29, 20.94. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺ 265.1335, Found 265.1333.



N-(2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3ac**): pale yellow solid (45.9 mg, 75%); M.p.: 209 - 211 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν

3256, 3032, 2963, 2359, 2344, 1684, 1539, 1458, 1369, 1267, 785, 740. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.12 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 5H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.66, 150.99, 140.34, 137.91, 128.56, 127.90, 126.02, 125.88, 122.61, 120.99, 120.69, 109.83, 100.30, 34.86, 31.53, 21.01. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O [M+H]⁺ 307.1805, Found 307.1802.



***N*-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ad):** pale

yellow solid (47.5 mg, 73%); M.p.: 239-242 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3279,

2359, 2332, 1672, 1601, 1487, 1447, 1408, 1368, 1258, 1007, 845, 764. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

DMSO): δ 11.19 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.71 (m, 6H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz,

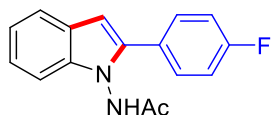
2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m,

1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.69, 140.02, 140.00,

139.92, 138.15, 130.42, 129.47, 128.64, 128.13, 127.31, 127.08, 126.02, 122.89, 121.12,

120.85, 109.90, 100.85, 21.00. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₂O [M+H]⁺ 327.1492, Found

327.1488.



***N*-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ae):** pale yellow

solid (44.3 mg, 82%); M.p.: 251-254 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3248, 3030, 2925,

2359, 1678, 1537, 1498, 1223, 843, 783, 745. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.14 (s, 1H),

7.70 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 –

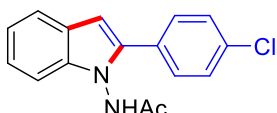
7.10 (m, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.73, 162.45 (d, J

= 245.6 Hz), 139.47, 137.91, 130.35 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 130.35 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 127.90 (d, J = 3.2

Hz), 125.92, 122.86, 121.13, 120.98 (d, J = 29.4 Hz), 120.83, 116.20, 116.09 (d, J = 21.6 Hz),

115.98, 109.89, 100.74, 20.92. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -113.71. HRMS (ESI): Calcd

for C₁₆H₁₄FN₂O [M+H]⁺ 269.1085, Found 269.1081.



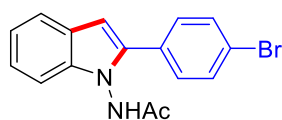
***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3af):** pale yellow

solid (31.5 mg, 55%); M.p.: 254-257 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3252, 3030,

2924, 2361, 2344, 1680, 1508, 1456, 1273, 1092, 1012, 783. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ

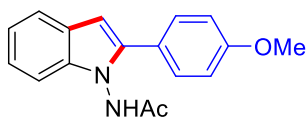
11.15 (s, 1H), 7.69 – 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,

$J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.72, 139.16, 138.10, 133.25, 131.61, 130.23, 129.83, 129.17, 123.09, 121.21, 120.95, 109.95, 101.19, 20.93. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 285.0789, Found 285.0790.



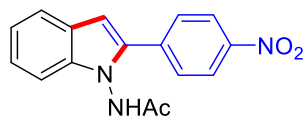
***N*-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ag):** pale yellow solid (47.4 mg, 72%); M.p.: 265-267 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3246, 3028,

2359, 2344, 1682, 1533, 1456, 1273, 1103, 1008, 781, 745. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.15 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 13.0, 8.1$ Hz, 3H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.72, 139.20, 138.12, 132.09, 130.59, 130.10, 125.89, 123.11, 121.88, 121.23, 120.97, 109.96, 101.19, 20.94; HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 329.0284, Found 329.0283.



***N*-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ah):** pale yellow solid (29.8 mg, 53%); M.p.: 185-187 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3254,

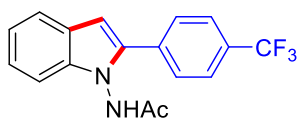
2359, 1678, 1501, 1456, 1248, 1028, 787, 745. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.09 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 7.5, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.63, 159.66, 140.43, 137.78, 129.58, 126.08, 123.79, 122.39, 120.95, 120.54, 114.59, 109.73, 99.68, 55.68, 20.95. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 281.1285, Found 281.1282.



***N*-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ai):** pale yellow solid (13.2 mg, 22%); M.p.: 295-298 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3198, 2924,

2359, 1601, 1489, 1341, 1280, 746, 692. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.28 (s, 1H), 8.36 – 8.30 (m, 2H), 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz,

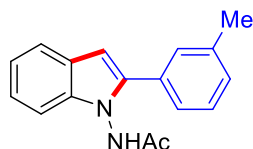
1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.79, 146.97, 138.78, 138.02, 137.75, 128.73, 125.76, 124.40, 124.06, 121.58, 121.46, 110.21, 103.57, 20.96. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 296.1030, Found 296.1028.



N-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3aj**):

pale yellow solid (44.8 mg, 73%); M.p.: 278-280 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν

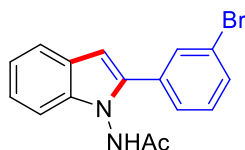
3250, 3024, 2357, 1680, 1618, 1325, 1159, 1125, 745. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.23 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.76, 138.70, 138.37, 135.35, 128.63, 126.01 (dd, J = 7.7, 3.9 Hz), 125.79, 123.53, 121.36, 121.21, 110.08, 102.31, 20.93. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄F₃N₂O [M+H]⁺ 319.1053, Found: 319.1051.



N-(2-(*m*-tolyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3ak**): pale yellow solid (33.4

mg, 63%); M.p.: 178-179 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3240, 3026, 2359, 1601,

1489, 1341, 1280, 746, 692. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.12 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.58, 140.57, 138.22, 138.00, 131.30, 129.10, 128.91, 128.90, 125.97, 125.27, 122.72, 121.02, 120.77, 109.85, 100.56, 21.54, 20.92. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺ 265.1335, Found 265.1333.

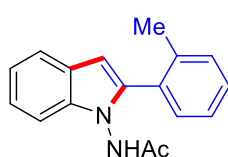


N-(2-(3-bromophenyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3al**): pale yellow solid

(43.4 mg, 66%); M.p.: 197-200 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3265, 3024, 2359, 1680,

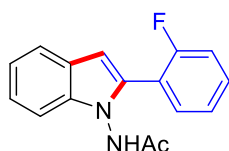
1450, 1265, 781, 717, 669. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.19 (s, 1H), 7.82 (t, J = 1.7 Hz,

1H), 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.72, 138.67, 138.19, 133.62, 131.24, 131.13, 130.49, 127.14, 125.81, 123.30, 122.33, 121.28, 121.09, 109.99, 101.70, 20.90. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄BrN₂O [M+H]⁺ 329.0284, Found 329.0285.



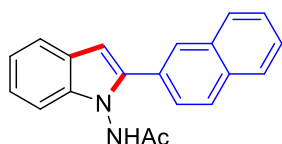
***N*-(2-(*o*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3am)**: pale yellow solid (39.0 mg, 74%); M.p.: 197-200 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3244, 3030, 2359, 1676, 1531,

1456, 1329, 1269, 804, 769, 741, 615. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.46, 139.52, 137.76, 136.76, 130.91, 130.68, 130.62, 128.86, 125.92, 125.69, 122.39, 120.76, 120.66, 109.72, 101.59, 20.78, 20.60. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺ 265.1335, Found 265.1336.



***N*-(2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3an)**: pale yellow solid (37.9 mg, 70%); M.p.: 237-239 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3229, 3022, 2361, 1678,

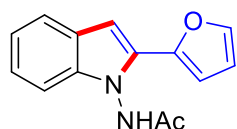
1489, 1267, 1105, 772, 745. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.09 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.53, 159.85 (d, J = 247.7 Hz), 137.44, 133.95, 131.37 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 130.85 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 125.84, 124.87 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 123.07, 121.02 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 119.11 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 116.48 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 109.89, 102.90 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 20.82. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -114.06. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄FN₂O [M+H]⁺ 269.1085, Found 269.1089.



***N*-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ao):** pale yellow

solid (52.4 mg, 87%); M.p.: 168-172 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3267, 3032,

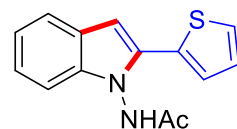
2926, 1676, 1512, 1381, 1253, 800, 472. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.24 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.03 – 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.80 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.68, 140.34, 138.26, 133.41, 132.81, 128.86, 128.57, 128.48, 128.06, 127.10, 126.97, 126.91, 126.21, 126.07, 122.97, 121.16, 120.90, 109.94, 101.33, 20.95. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₂₀H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺ 301.1335, Found: 301.1339.



***N*-(2-(furan-2-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ap):** pale yellow solid

(42.4 mg, 88%); M.p.: 225-227 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3231, 1678, 1520, 1437,

1371, 1333, 1269, 1011, 800, 741. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.25 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.69, 145.74, 143.51, 137.68, 130.98, 125.74, 123.14, 121.21, 120.99, 112.35, 109.59, 107.75, 98.70, 21.08. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₂NaO [M+Na]⁺ 263.0791, Found: 263.0795.



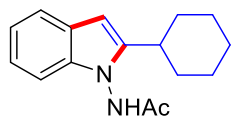
***N*-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ap):** pale yellow solid

(33.8 mg, 66%); M.p.: 110-113 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3435, 1655, 1524, 1441,

1385, 1107, 691. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.27 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.90, 137.57, 134.09,

132.27, 128.17, 127.00, 126.20, 125.83, 122.93, 121.23, 120.70, 109.63, 99.49, 21.18. **HRMS**

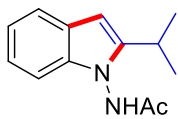
(ESI): Calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}N_2NaOS$ $[M+Na]^+$ 279.0563, Found: 279.0569.



***N*-(2-cyclohexyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ar):** pale yellow solid (15.5 mg, 30%); M.p.: 203-205 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 2924, 1458, 1442, 779, 744,

732, 723, 526. **1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):** δ 10.88 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.01 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 1.43 – 1.23 (m, 6H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO):** δ 169.65, 146.73, 136.31, 125.98, 121.38, 120.19, 120.12, 109.02, 95.70, 34.85, 33.50, 32.32, 26.49, 26.44, 26.15, 20.96. **HRMS (ESI):**

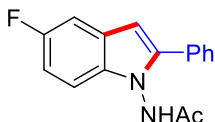
Calcd for $C_{16}H_{20}N_2NaO$ $[M+Na]^+$ 279.1468, Found: 279.1464.



***N*-(2-isopropyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3as):** pale yellow solid (17.1 mg, 39%); M.p.: 115-117 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3234, 2933, 1680, 1525, 1384, 1116. **1H**

NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 2.88 (dt, J = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.25 (dd, J = 11.7, 6.9 Hz, 6H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO):** δ 169.62, 147.72, 136.49, 129.46, 125.90, 121.43, 120.21, 120.14, 119.15, 109.00, 95.38, 25.17, 23.17, 22.16, 20.96. **HRMS (ESI):**

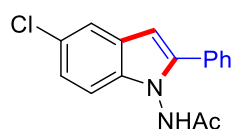
Calcd for $C_{13}H_{16}N_2NaO$ $[M+Na]^+$ 239.1155, Found: 239.1151.



***N*-(5-fluoro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ba):** pale yellow solid (45.2 mg, 84%); M.p.: 273-275 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3254, 2363, 1676, 1520,

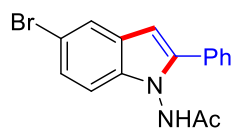
1470, 1263, 750. **1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):** δ 11.17 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 9.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO):** δ 169.68, 158.29 (d, J = 233.1

Hz), 142.18, 134.64, 131.06, 129.13, 128.75, 128.25, 126.26 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz), 111.10, 110.98 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 110.70, 105.64 (d, $J = 23.8$ Hz), 100.69 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 20.93. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -123.41. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 269.1085, Found 269.1087



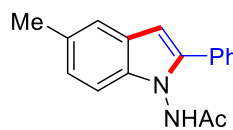
N-(5-chloro-2-phenyl-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3ca**): pale yellow solid

(42.3 mg, 74%); M.p.: 243-244 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3244, 3026, 2361, 1678, 1458, 1271, 754. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.22 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.67, 141.98, 136.51, 130.87, 129.16, 128.85, 128.30, 127.08, 125.58, 122.75, 120.03, 111.54, 100.32, 20.92. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 285.0789, Found: 285.0787.



N-(5-bromo-2-phenyl-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3da**): pale yellow solid

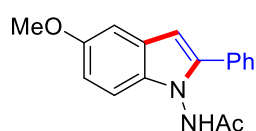
(58.6 mg, 89%); M.p.: 236-238 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3244, 3024, 2357, 1678, 1524, 1458, 1368, 1269, 754, 694. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.23 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.65, 141.82, 136.78, 130.83, 129.16, 128.86, 128.32, 127.76, 125.30, 123.05, 113.47, 111.98, 100.22, 20.93. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 329.0284, Found 329.0281.



N-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3ea**): pale yellow solid

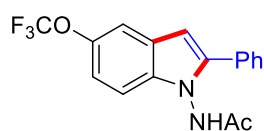
(40.1 mg, 76%); M.p.: 213-214 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3221, 2360, 1678, 1514, 1265, 795, 694. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.08 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.51 –

7.37 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.59, 140.45, 136.53, 131.50, 129.71, 129.04, 128.33, 128.10, 126.22, 124.30, 120.43, 109.63, 100.29, 21.56, 20.93. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺ 265.1335, Found 265.1336.



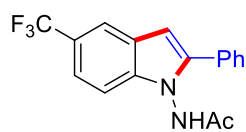
N-(5-methoxy-2-phenyl-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3fa**): pale yellow

solid (24.1mg, 43%); M.p.: 188-190 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3250, 2360, 1678, 1471, 1263, 1099, 1034, 804. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.06 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.64, 155.00, 140.90, 133.21, 131.47, 129.06, 128.37, 128.08, 126.43, 112.71, 110.67, 102.71, 100.49, 55.92, 20.94; HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 281.1285, Found 281.1283.



N-(2-phenyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3ga**):

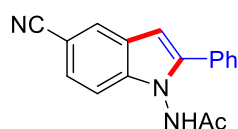
pale yellow solid (56.7mg, 78%); M.p.: 212-214 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3250, 3028, 2361, 1684, 1526, 1254, 1165, 756. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.28 (s, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.54 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.71, 143.37 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 142.53, 136.39, 130.84, 129.16, 128.91, 128.35, 126.14, 116.39, 113.20, 111.12, 100.98, 20.89. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -57.01. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄F₃N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 335.1002, Found 335.0999.



N-(2-phenyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (**3ha**): pale

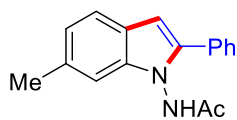
yellow solid (52.7 mg, 86%); M.p.: 216-218 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3246, 3028, 2361, 1684, 1528, 1344, 1163, 1101, 746. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.36 (s, 1H), 8.02

(s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.67 (s), 139.44 (s), 130.65 (s), 129.19 (s), 129.03 (s), 128.42 (s), 122.08 (q, J = 31.2 Hz), 119.22 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 118.52 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 110.75 (s), 101.49 (s), 20.90 (s). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -58.76. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄F₃N₂O [M+H]⁺ 19.1053, Found 319.1050.



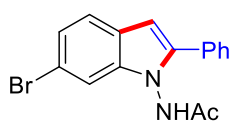
***N*-(5-cyano-2-phenyl-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ia)**: yellow solid (47.7 mg, 86%); M.p.: 226-228 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3240, 2361, 2224, 1676, 1522,

1265, 759, 741. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.38 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.67, 142.82, 139.58, 130.36, 129.21, 129.18, 128.46, 126.32, 125.75, 125.72, 120.72, 111.27, 103.39, 101.25, 20.92. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₃O [M+H]⁺ 276.1131, Found 276.1130.



***N*-(6-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ja)**: pale yellow solid (26.8 mg, 51%); M.p.: 207-209 °C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3256, 2361, 1676, 1522,

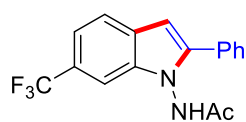
1265, 812, 746. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.06 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.61, 139.82, 138.45, 132.20, 131.55, 129.73, 129.04, 128.25, 128.07, 123.88, 122.75, 120.56, 109.67, 100.58, 21.92, 20.96. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺ 276.1135, Found 265.1337.



***N*-(6-bromo-2-phenyl-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3ka)**: pale yellow solid (38.6 mg, 53%); M.p.: 255-259°C. IR (cm⁻¹): ν 3250, 2361, 1676, 1522,

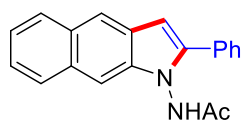
1456, 1260, 814, 756, 689. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.19 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.3 Hz,

2H), 7.57 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.26 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.76, 141.33, 138.82, 130.87, 129.73, 129.14, 129.03, 128.77, 128.27, 125.01, 124.06, 122.64, 115.61, 112.63, 100.83, 20.99. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 329.0284, Found 329.0286.



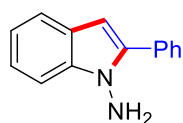
***N*-(2-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide (3la):** pale yellow solid (48.8 mg, 79%); M.p.: 227-229 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3254, 3017,

2357, 1682, 1522, 1456, 1341, 1285, 1155, 1109, 824, 756. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.32 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.55 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.84, 143.56, 136.94, 130.59, 129.18, 129.14, 128.64, 128.47, 127.01, 124.31, 123.40, 123.09, 121.75, 117.44, 117.41, 107.29, 107.25, 100.95, 40.40, 39.98, 20.98. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -58.90. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 319.1053, Found 319.1049.



***N*-(2-phenyl-1H-benzof[1,2-b]indol-1-yl)acetamide (3pa):** pale yellow solid (40.6 mg, 67%); M.p.: 264-268 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3258, 2357, 1676, 1518,

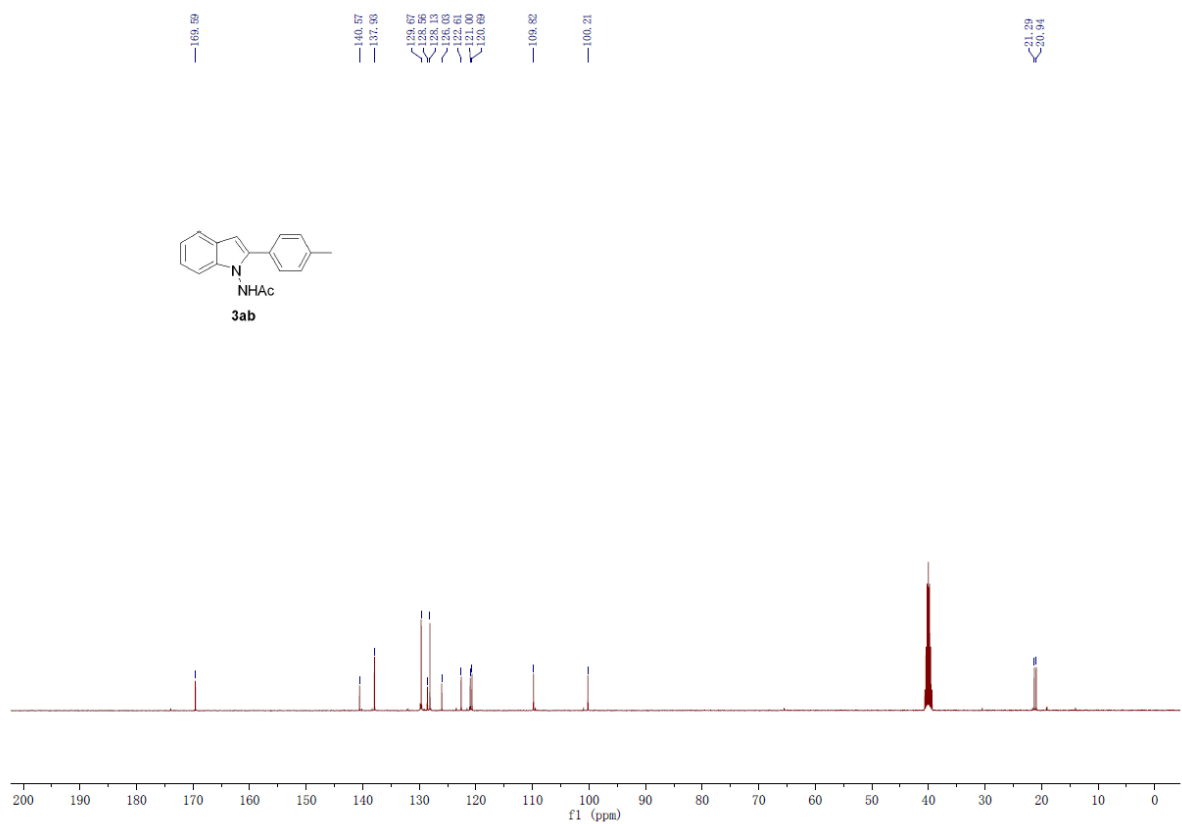
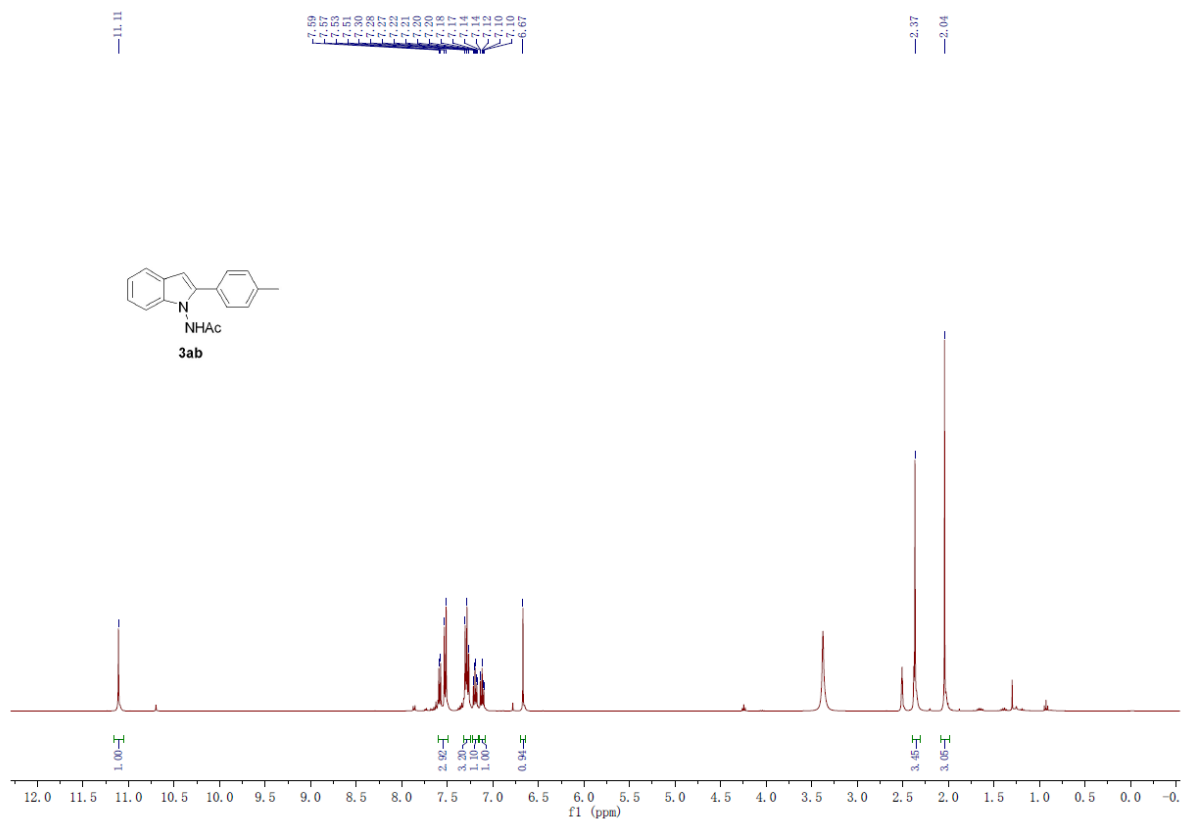
1489, 1449, 1368, 1265, 856, 762, 741, 690. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.21 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.75, 144.85, 138.99, 131.08, 130.59, 129.60, 129.15, 128.99, 128.39, 128.36, 127.76, 127.66, 124.46, 123.34, 118.25, 105.15, 100.35, 21.05. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 301.1335, Found 301.1338.

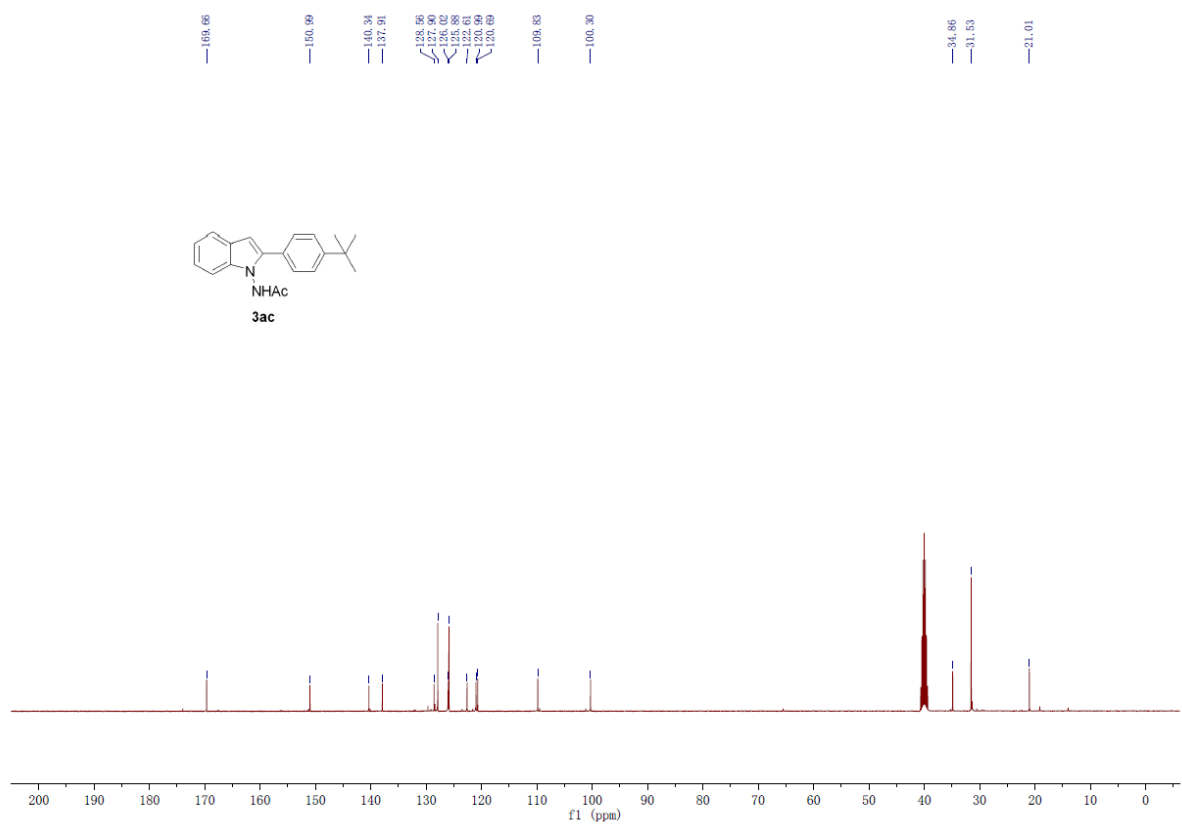
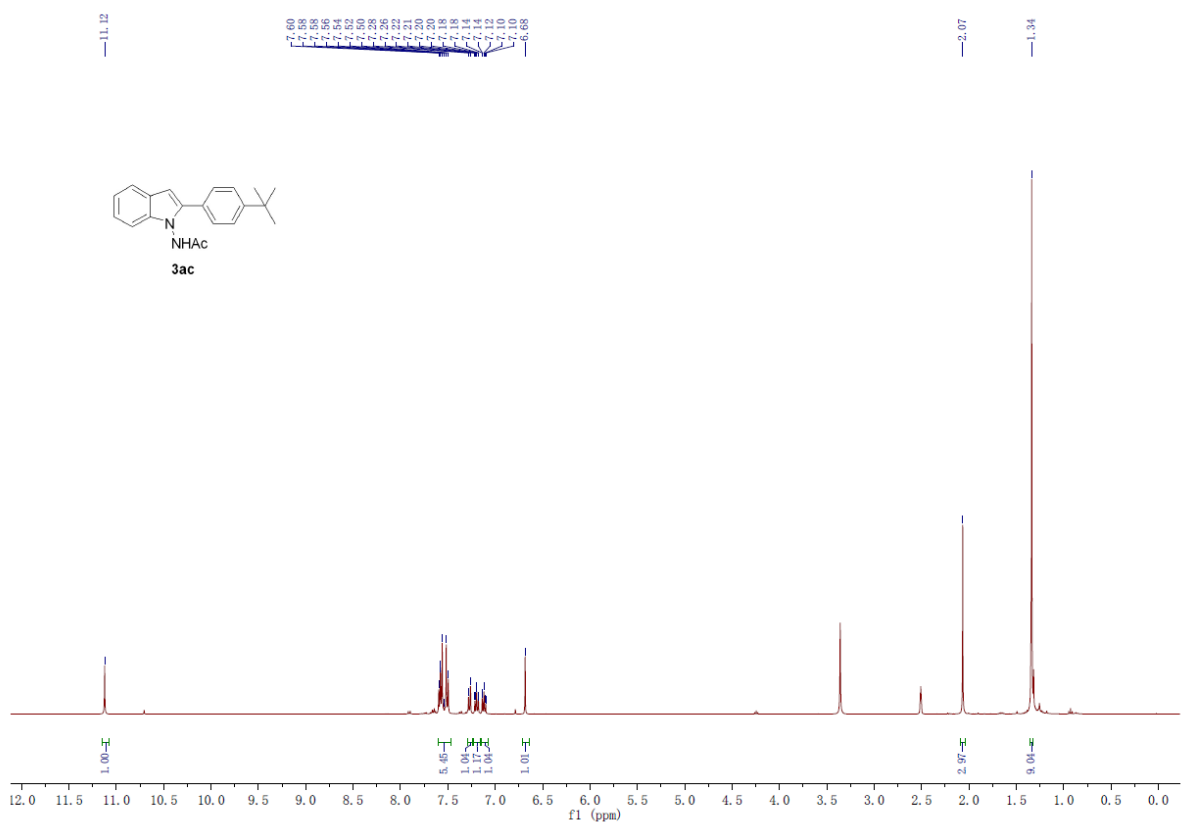


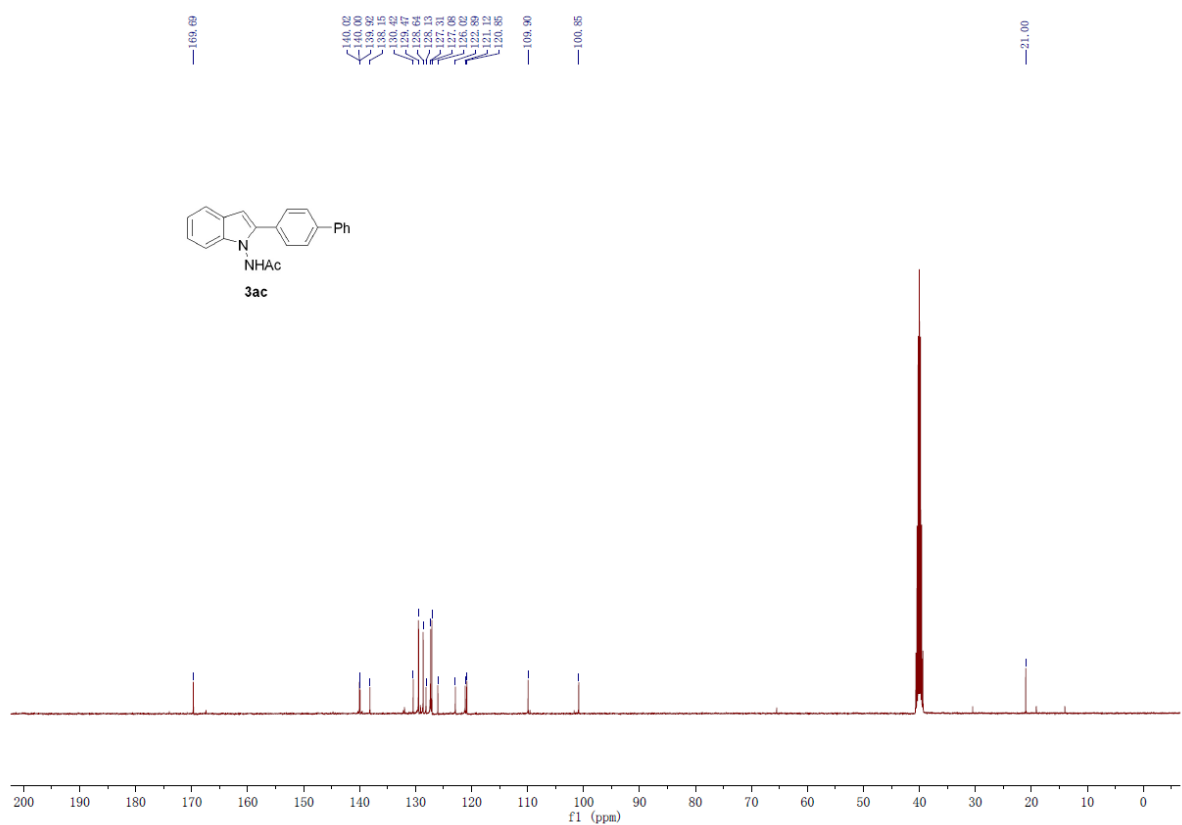
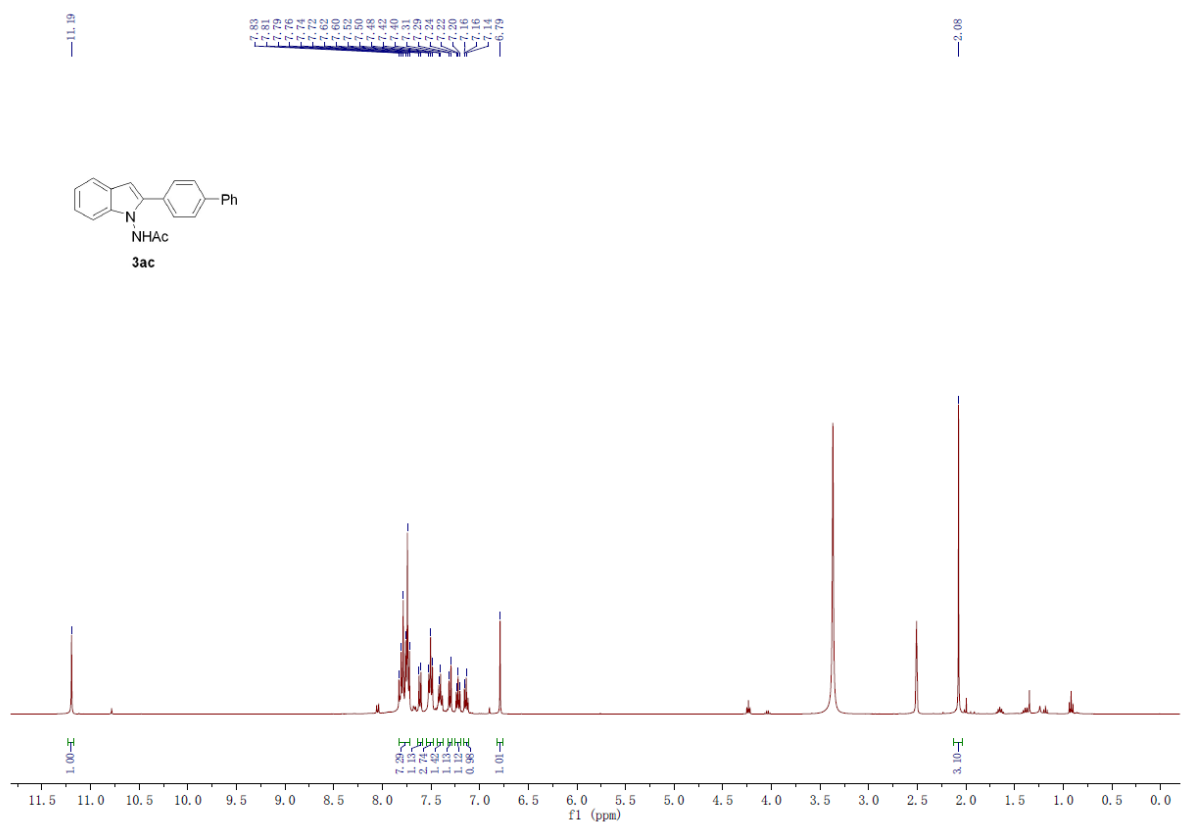
2-phenyl-1H-indol-1-amine (4): pale yellow solid (30.2 mg, 74%); M.p.: 140-146 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): ν 3394, 2933, 2295, 1591, 1471, 1379, 1120, 823, 746,

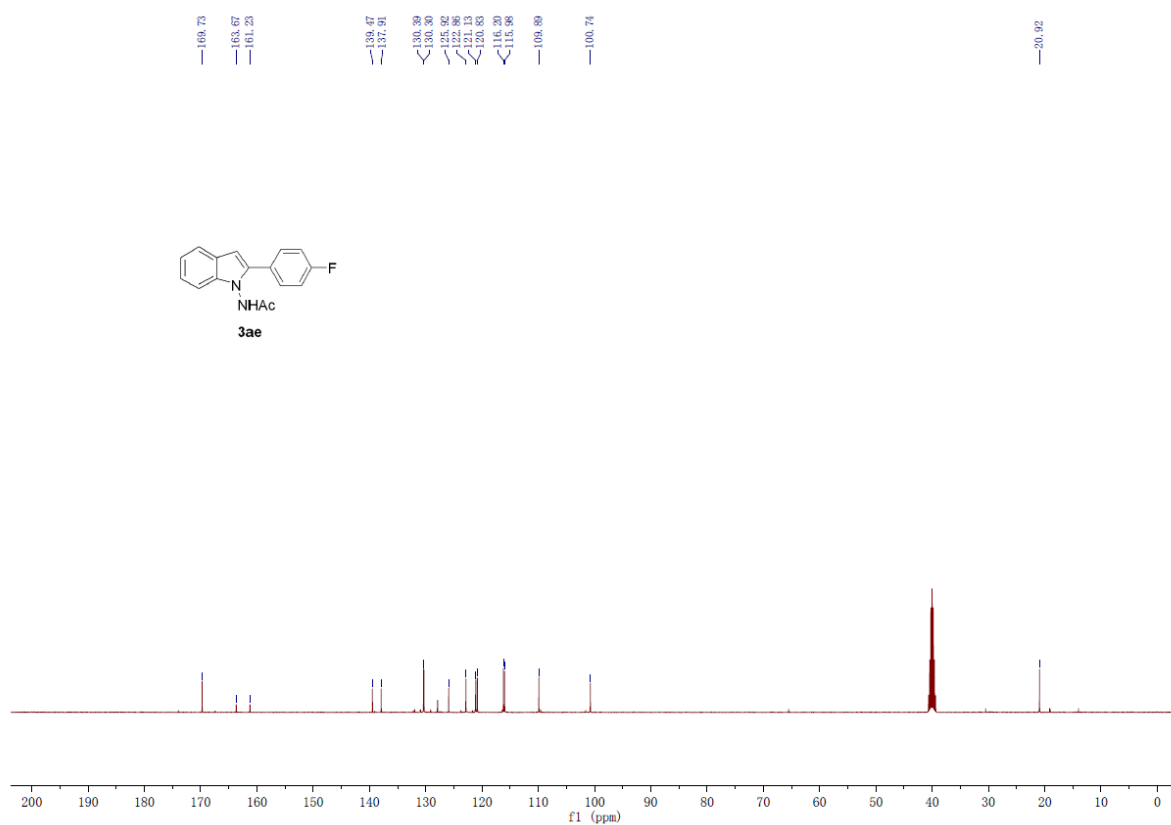
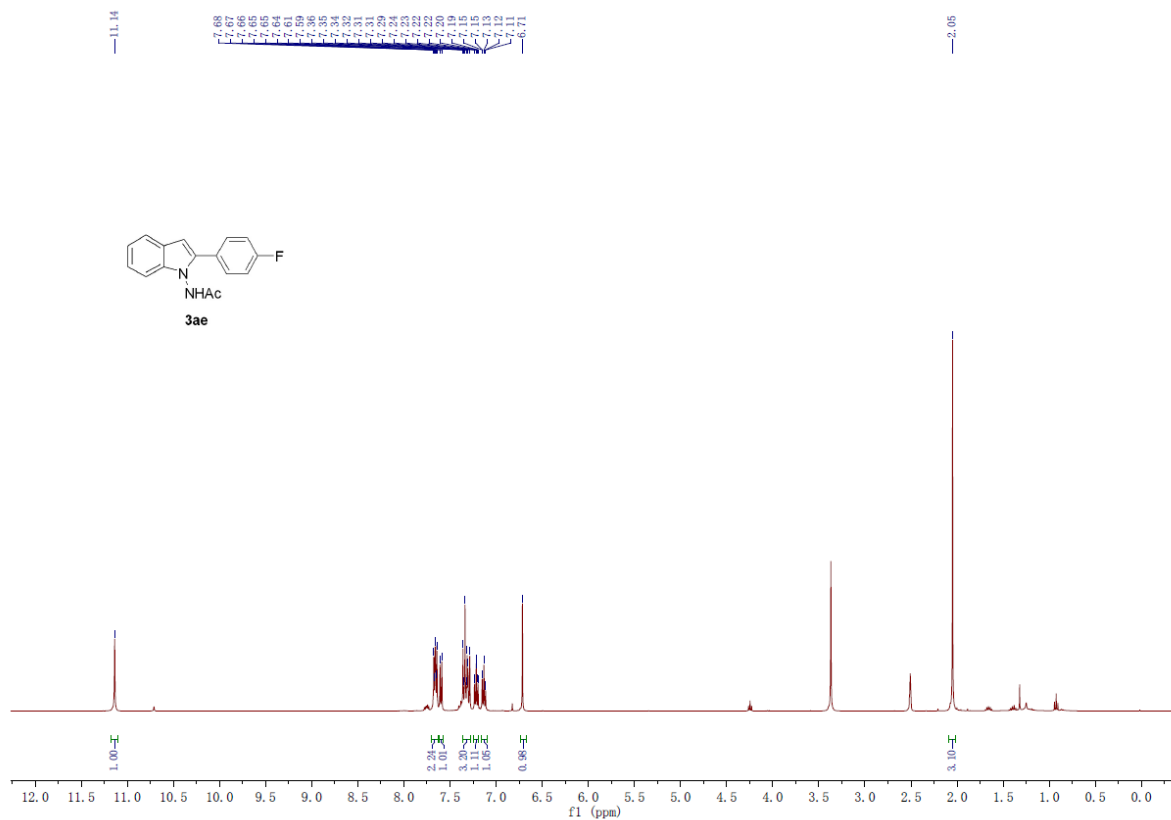
686, 559. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.82 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 139.72, 138.90, 137.50, 128.77, 128.56, 128.48, 127.50, 125.38, 122.00, 116.08, 111.96. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₂ [M+H]⁺ 209.1073, Found 200.1069.

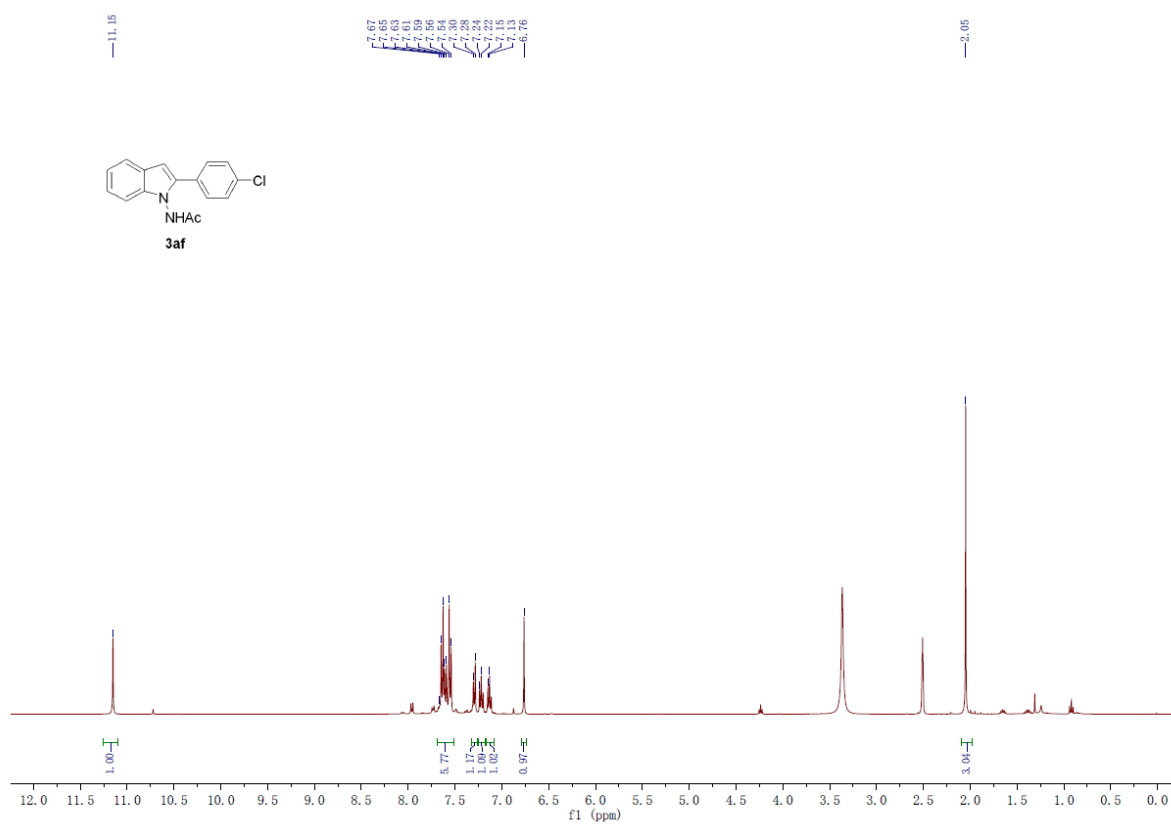
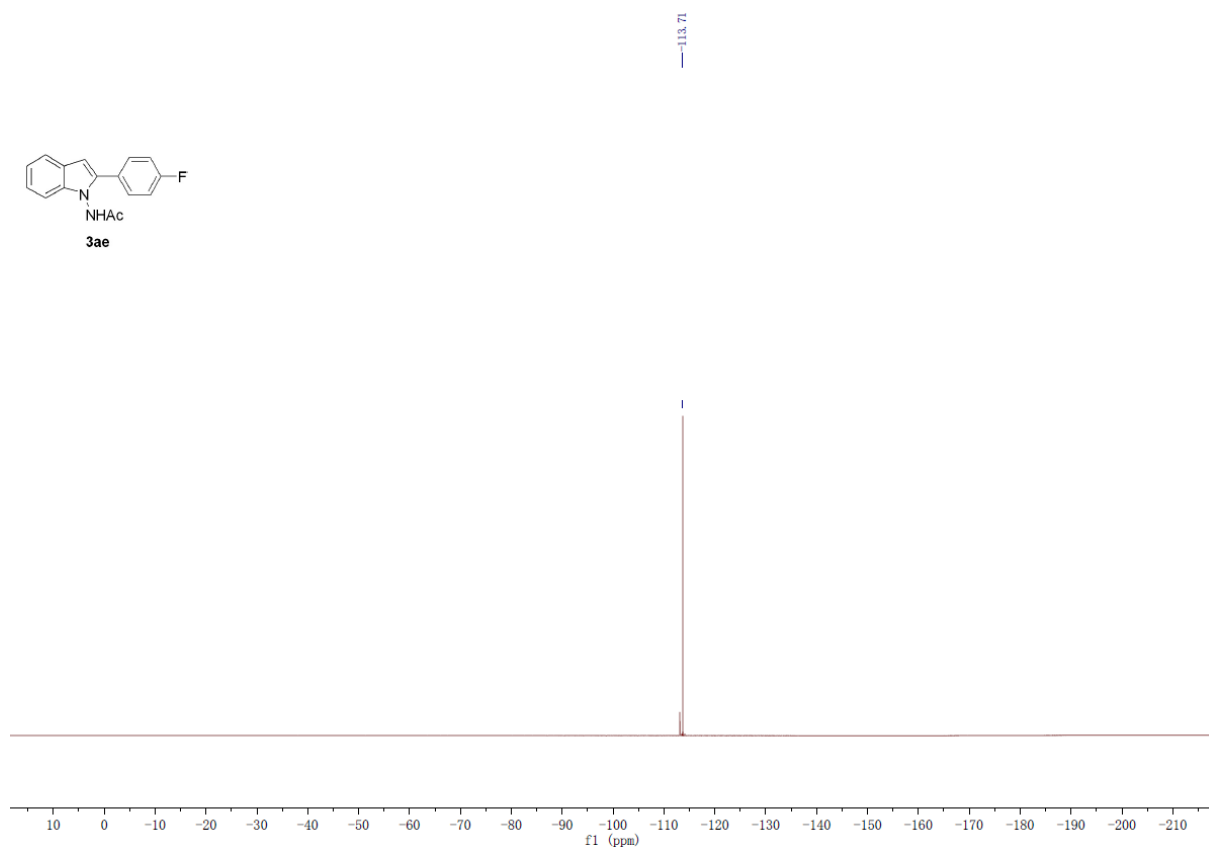
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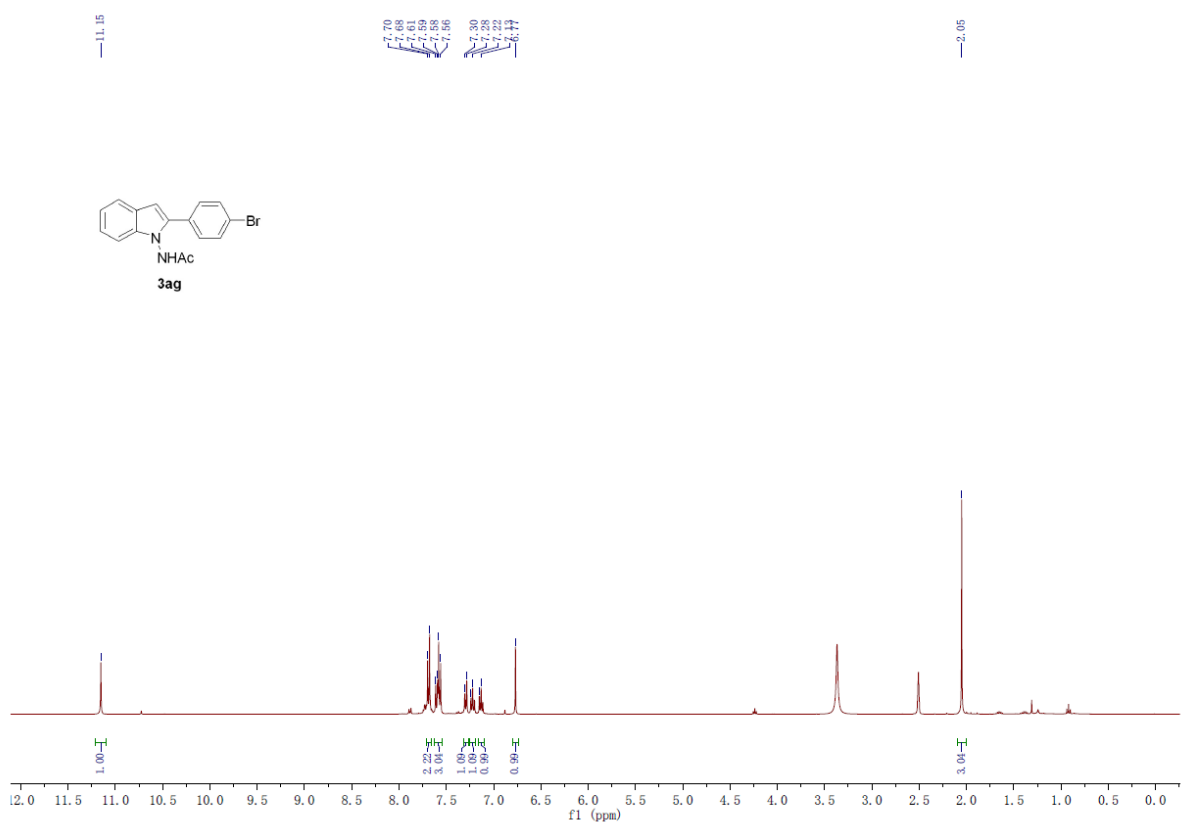
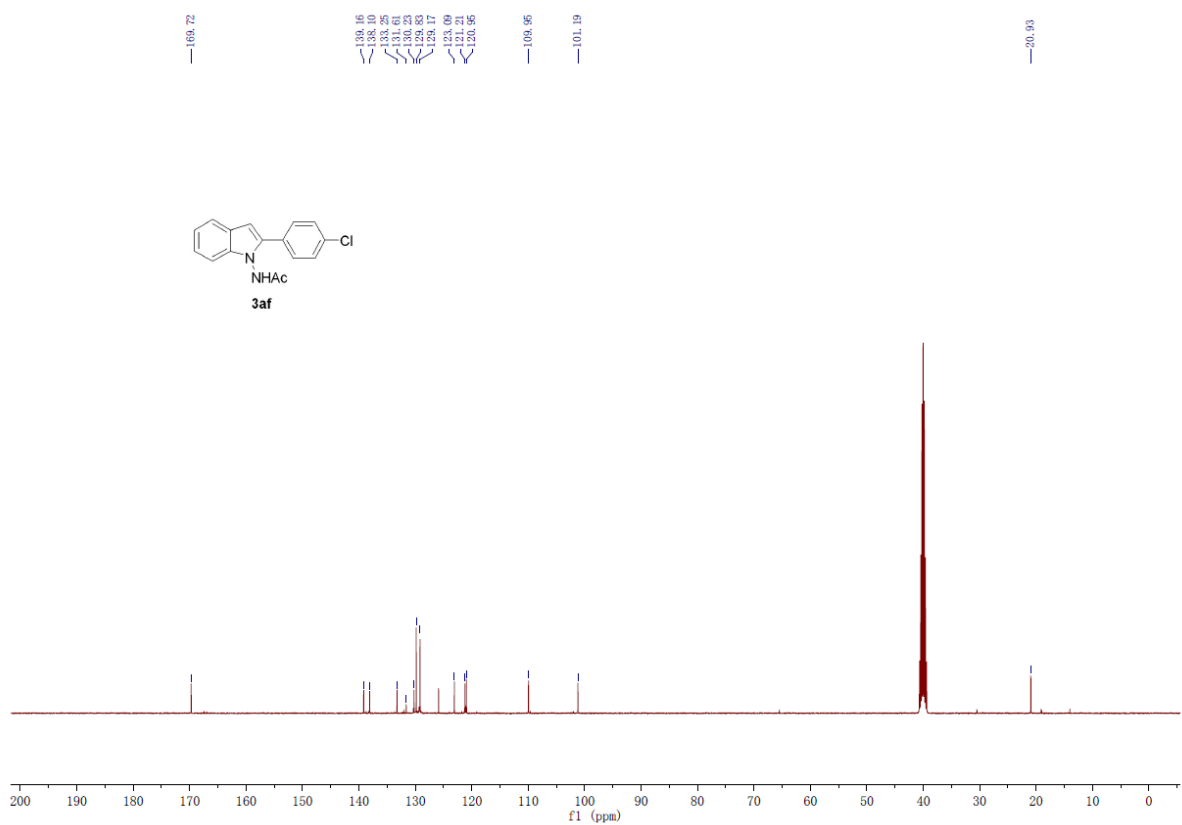


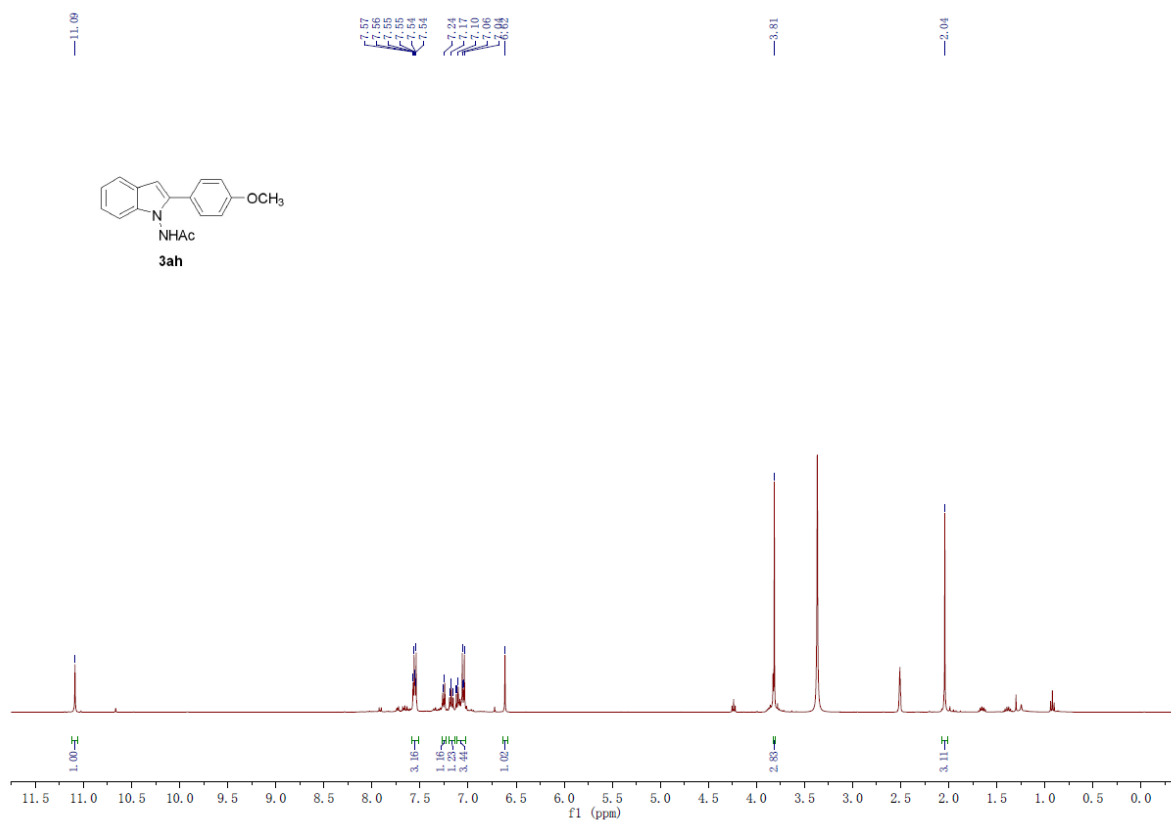
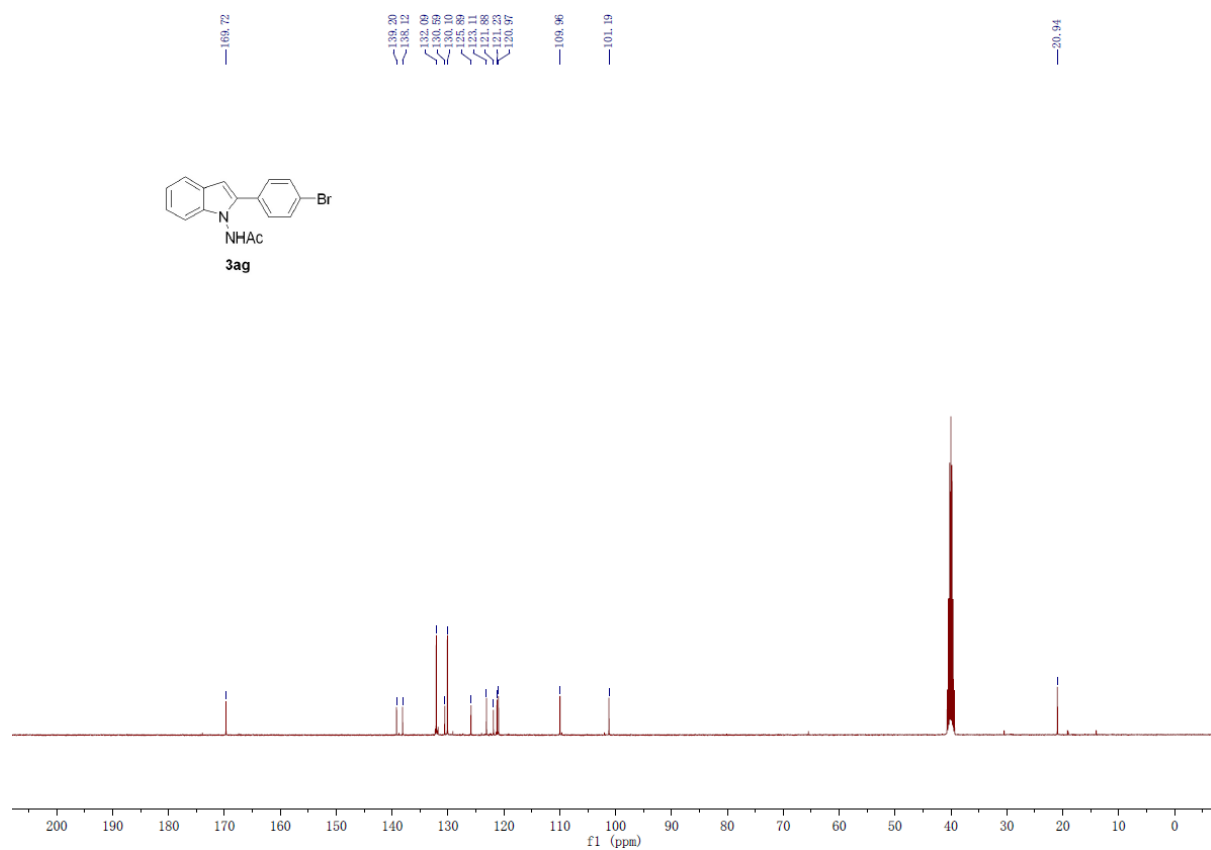


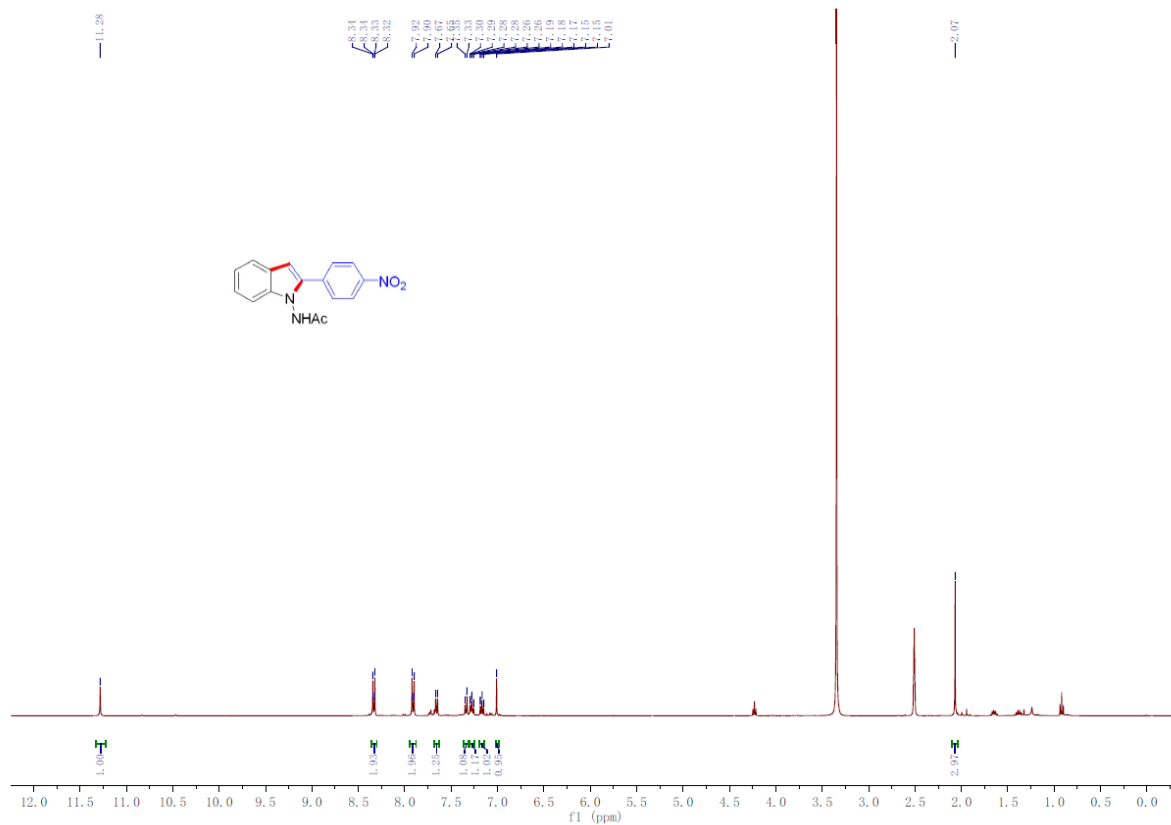
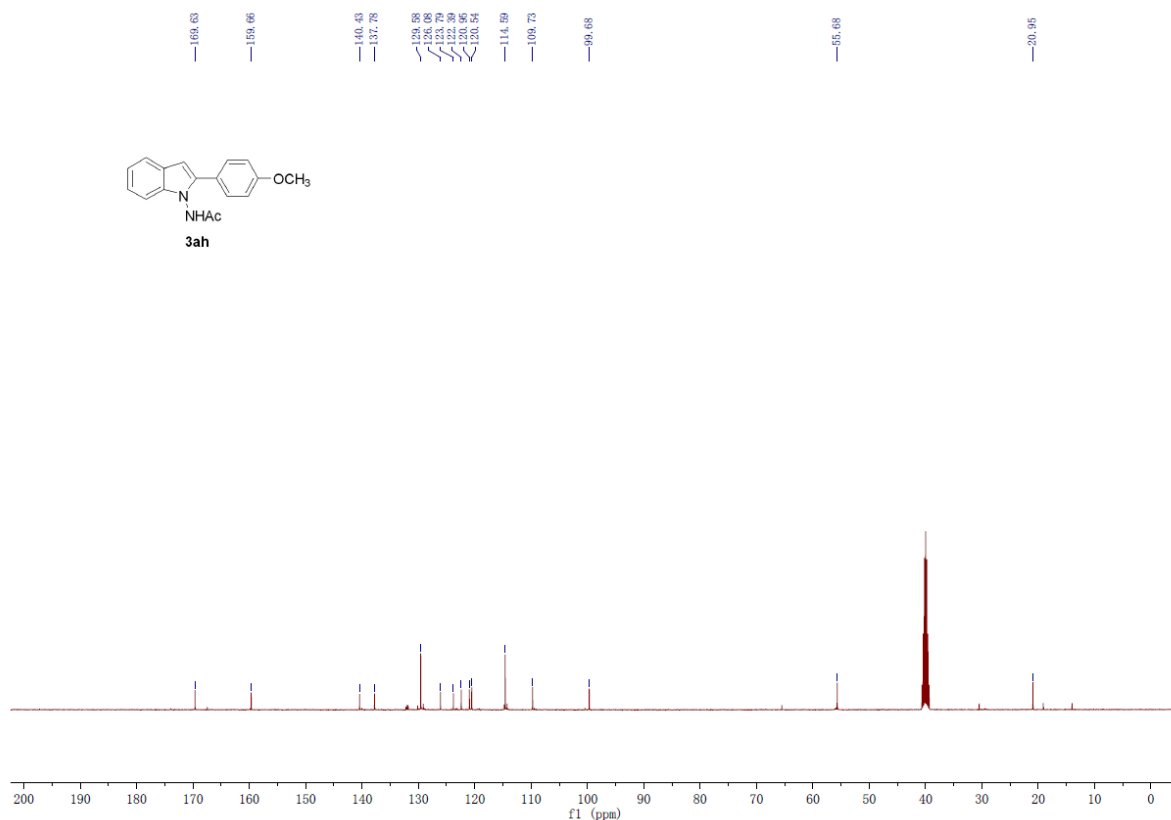


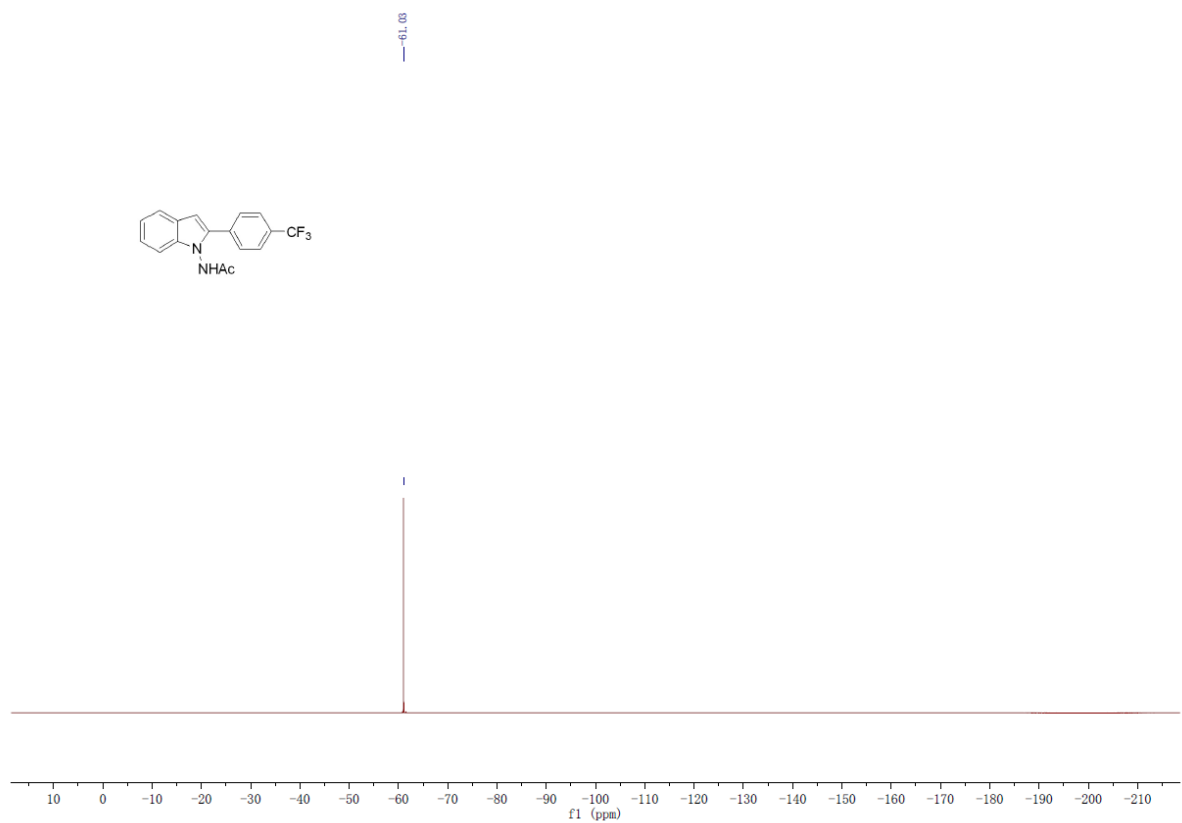
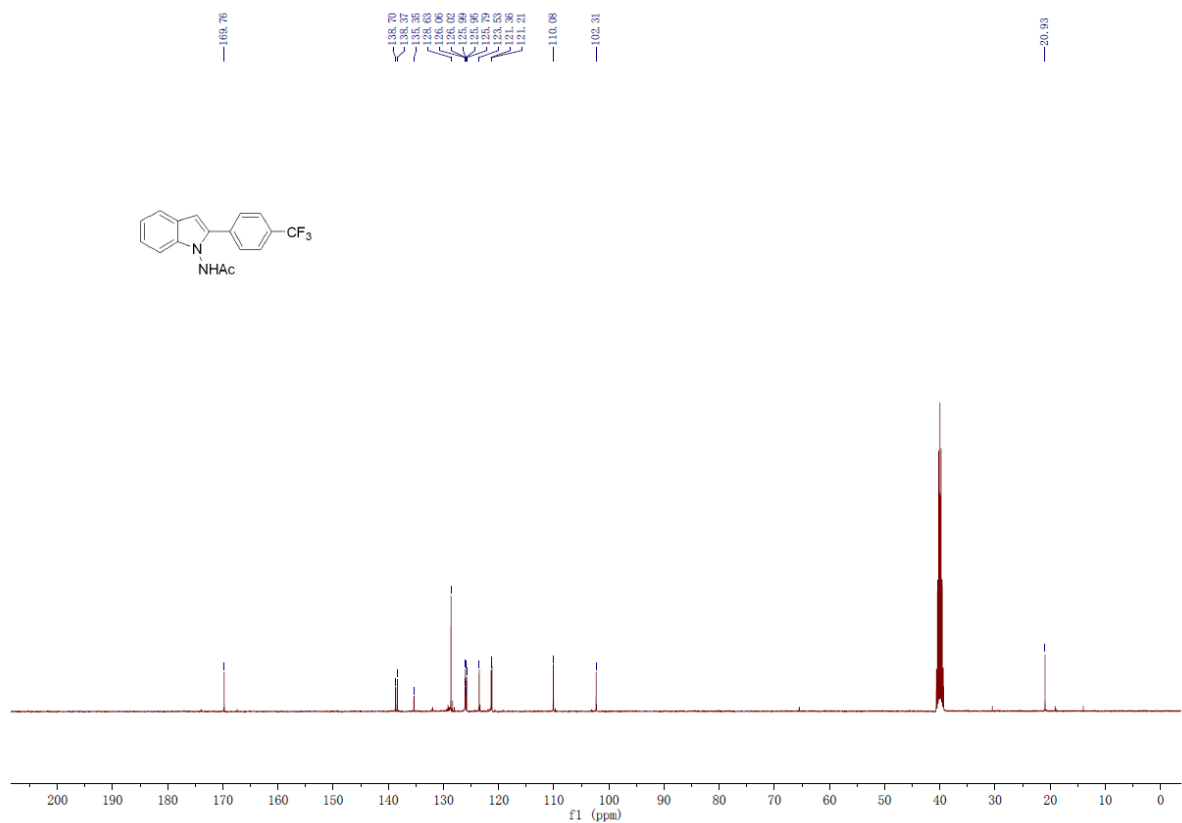


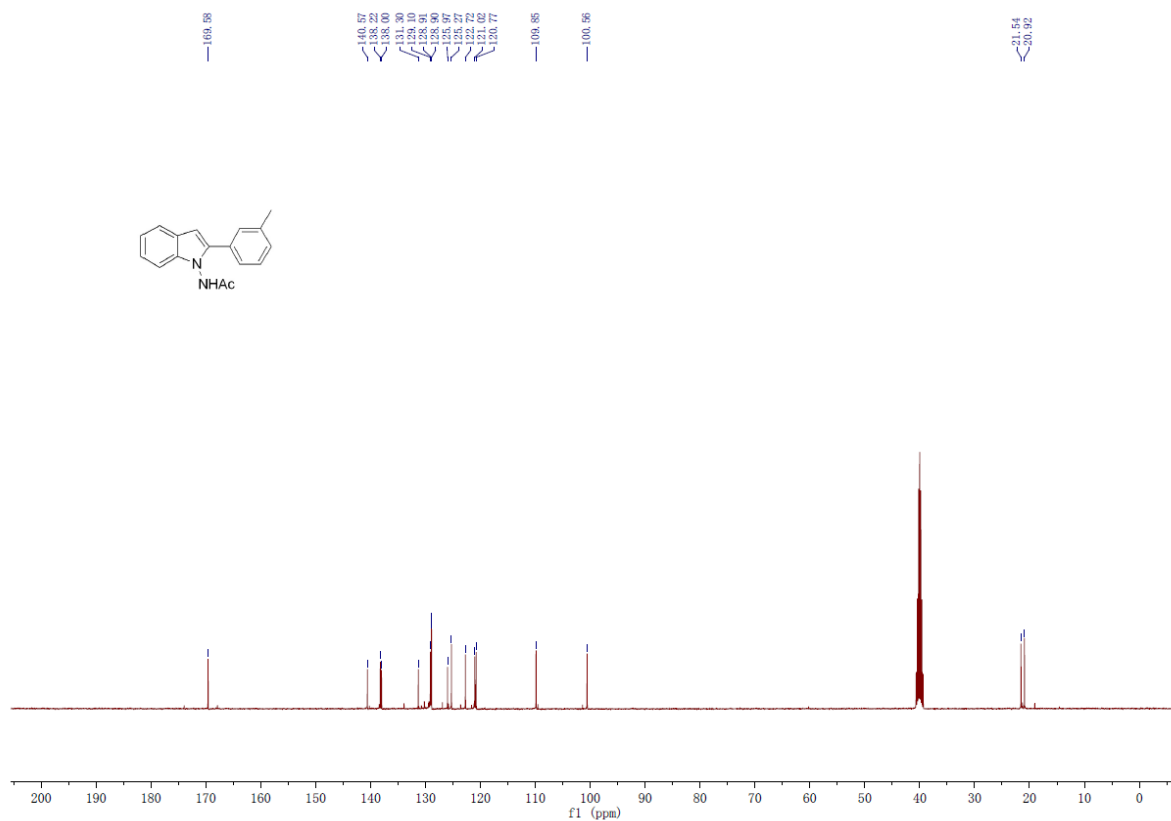
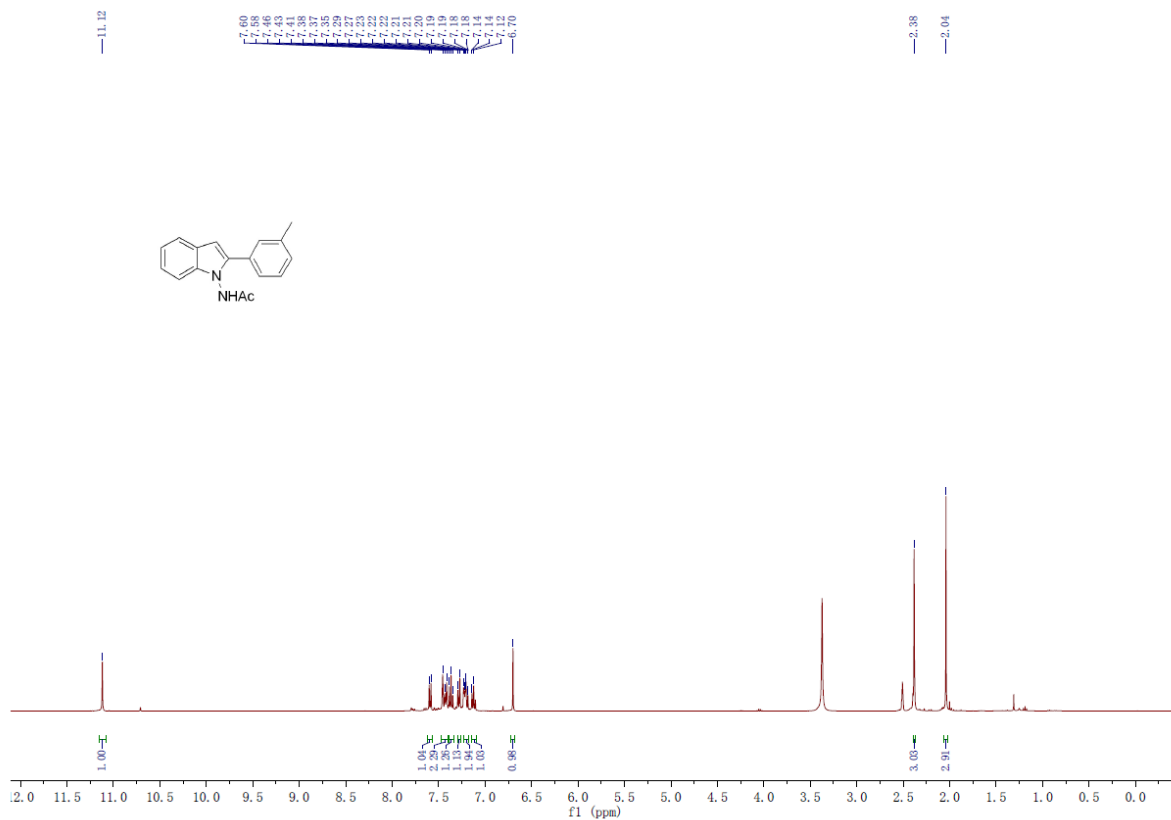


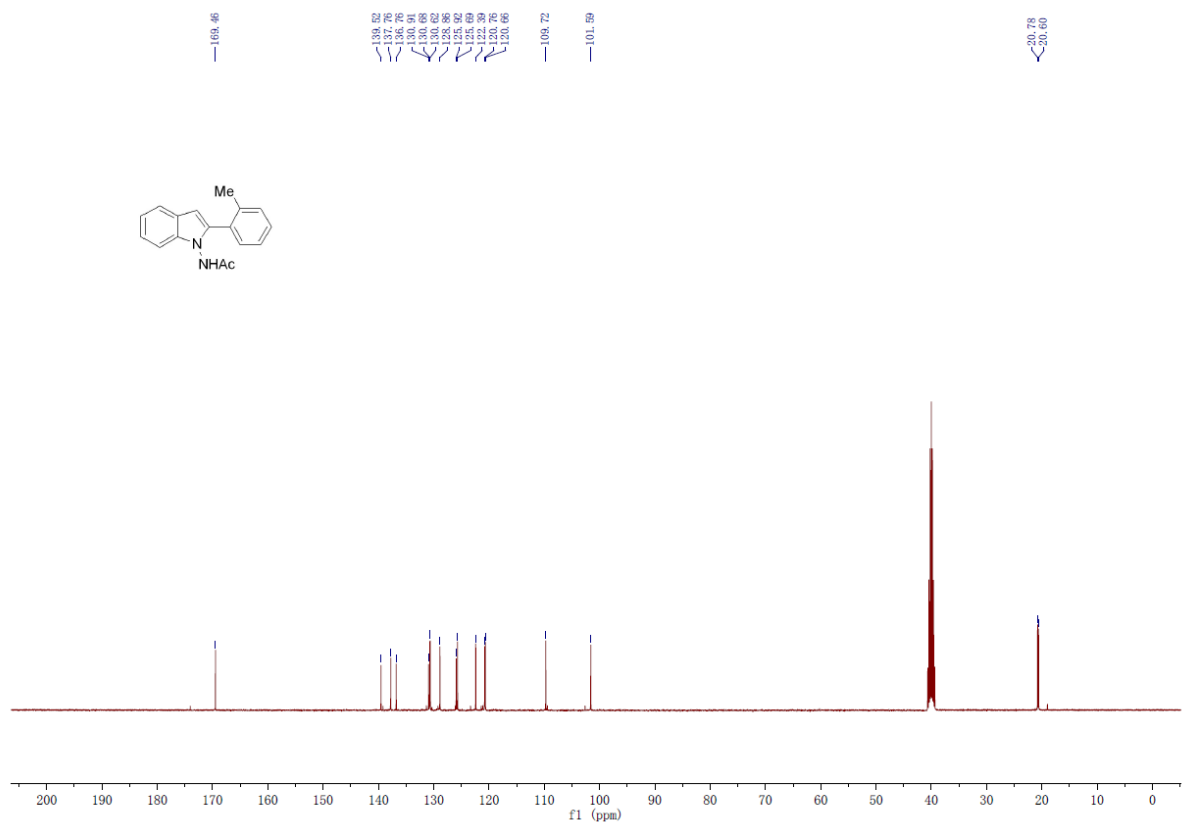
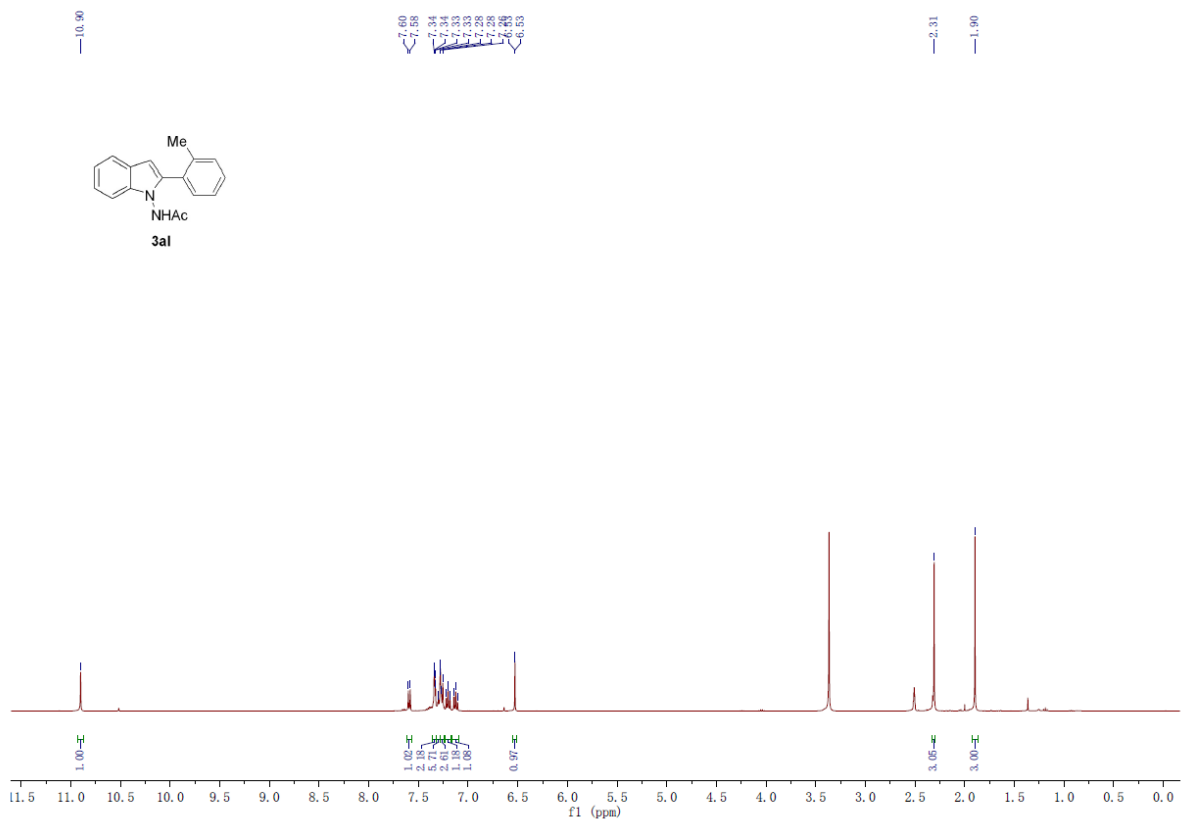


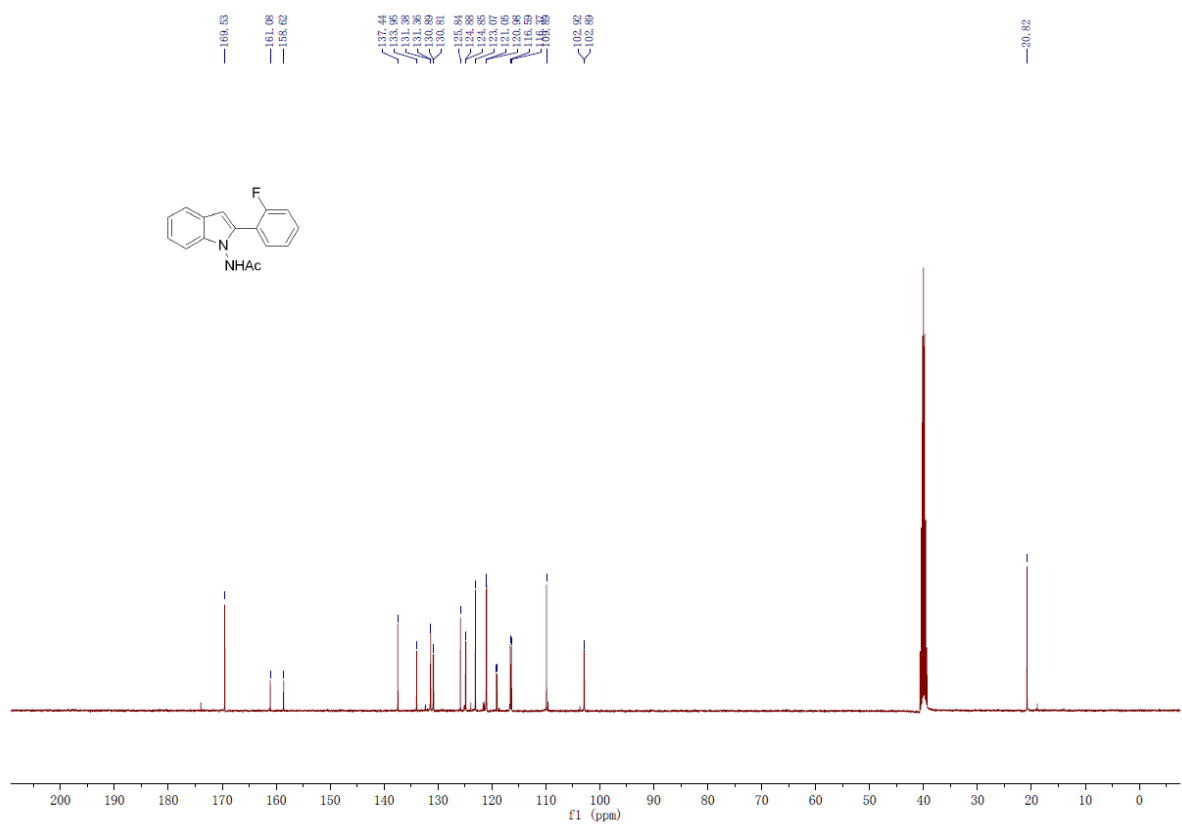
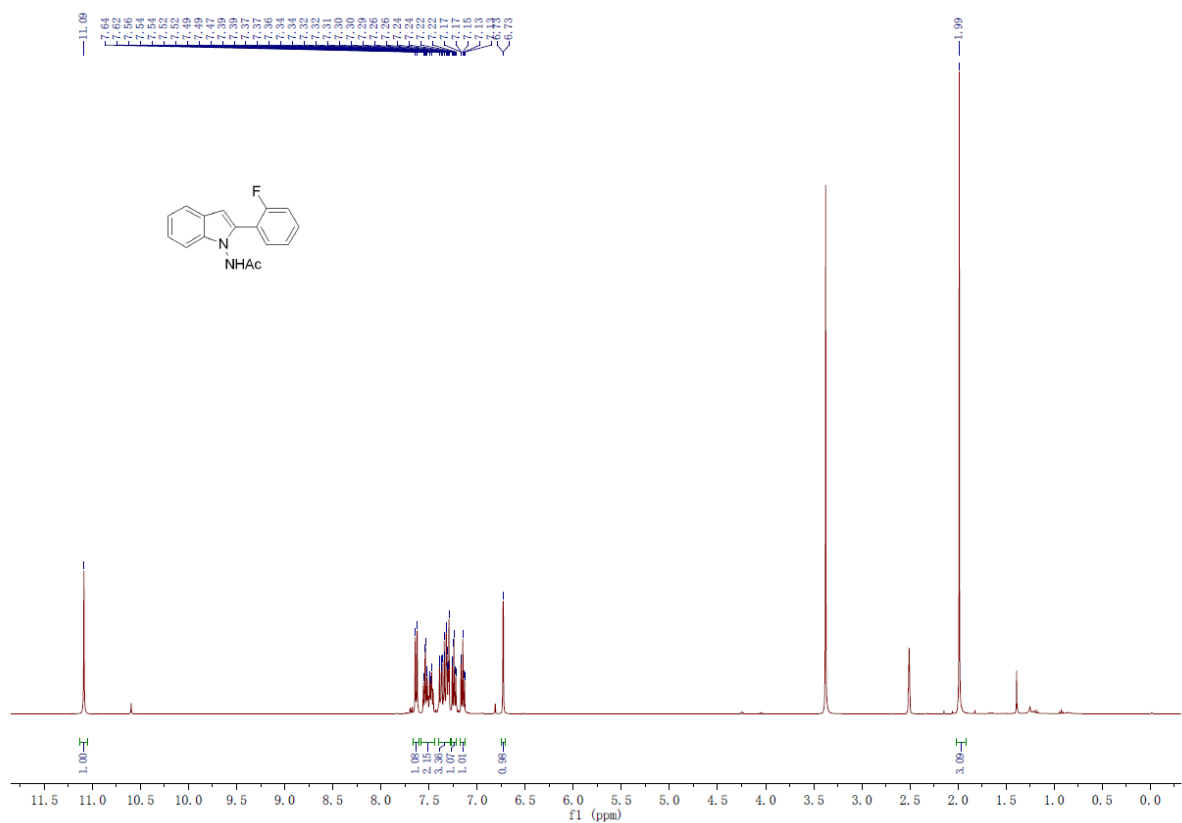


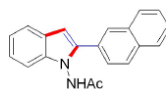
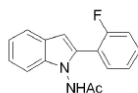


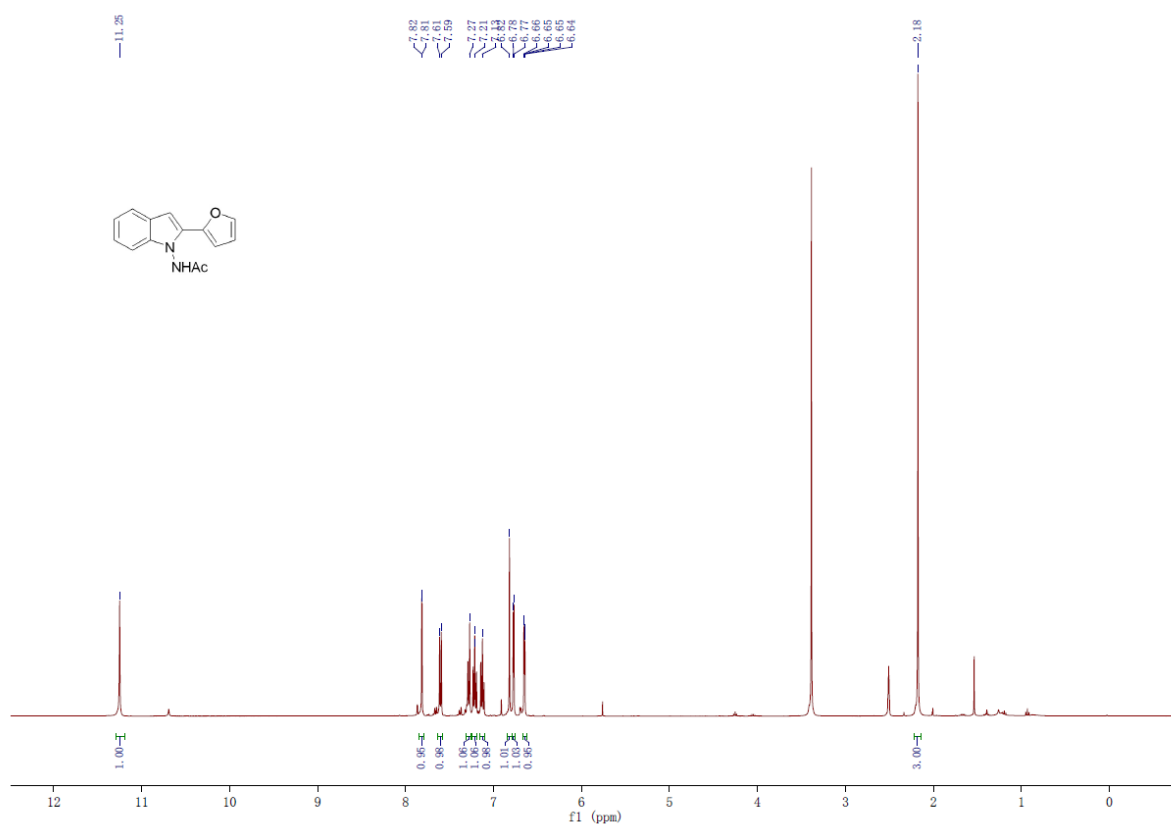
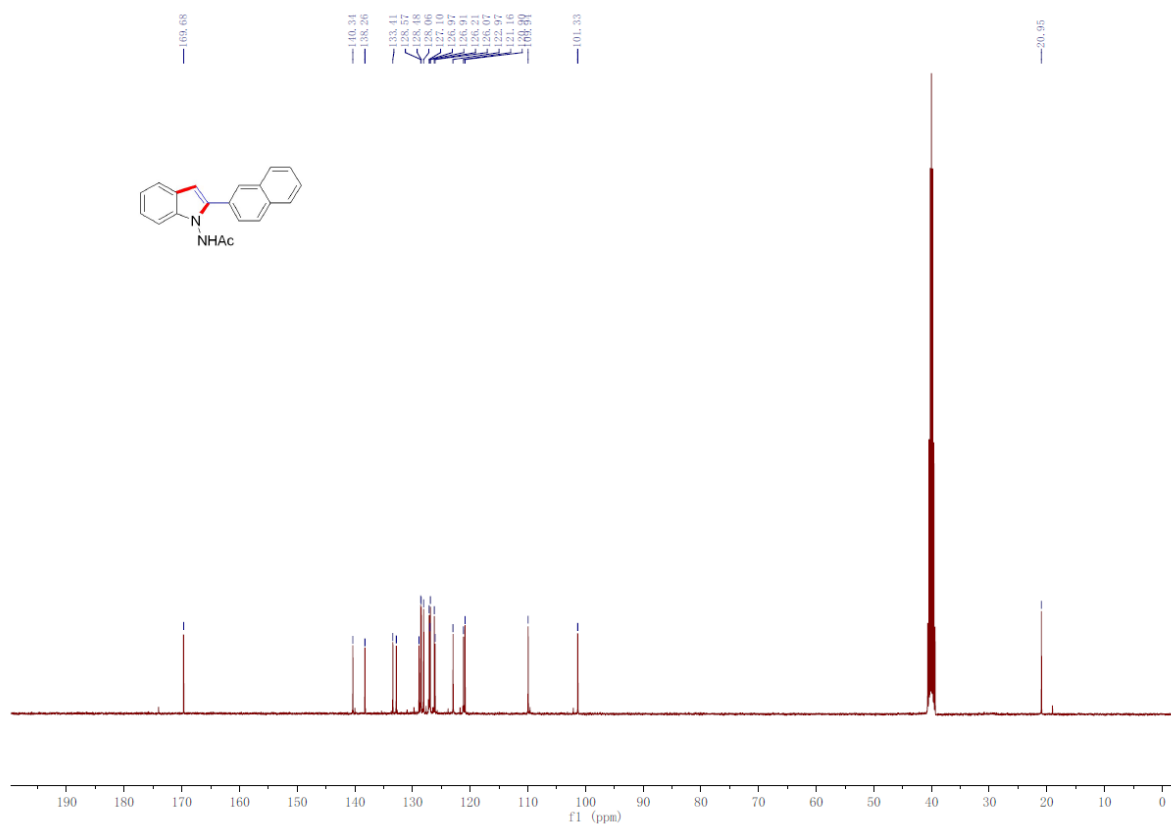


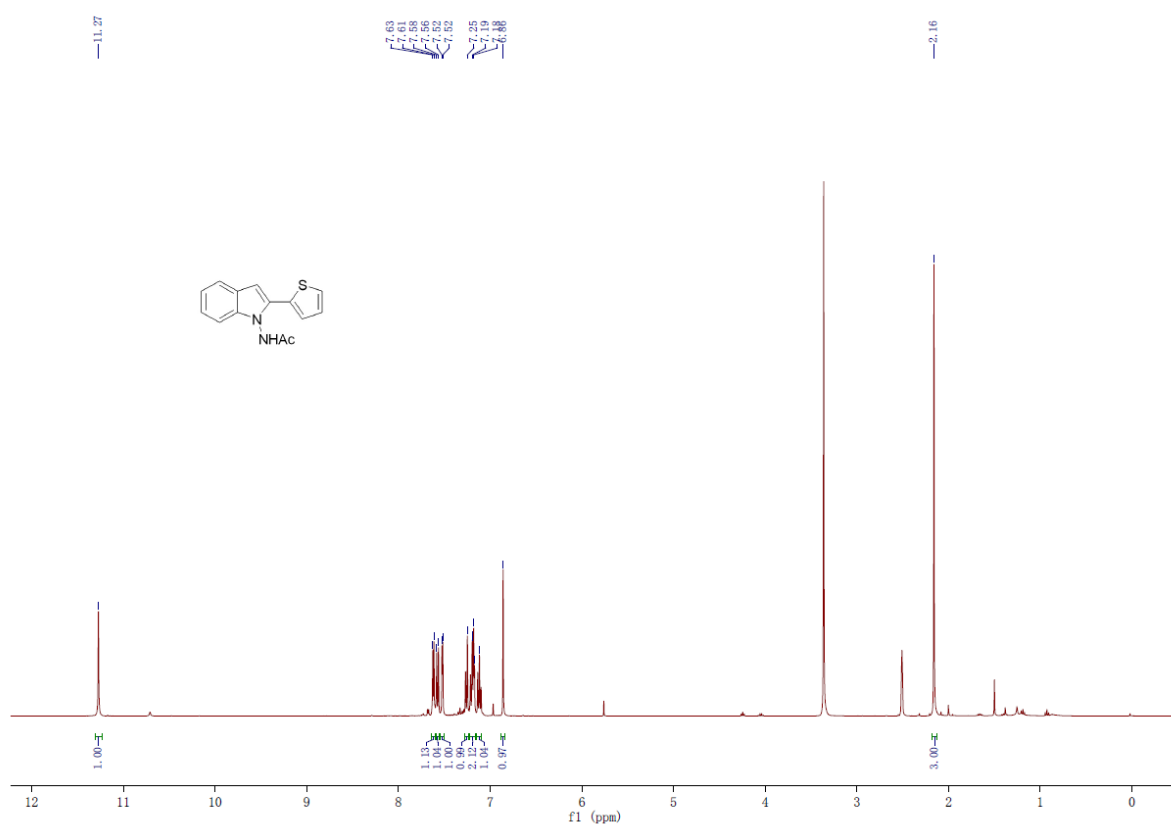
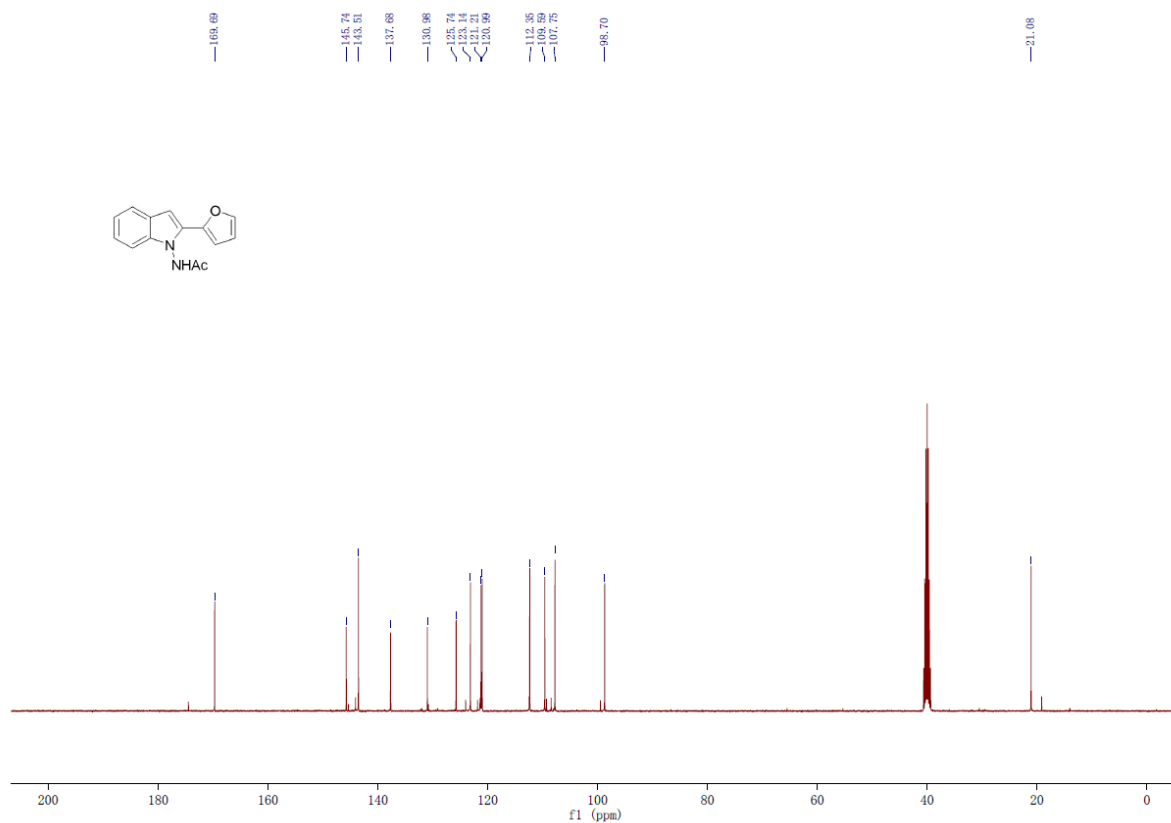


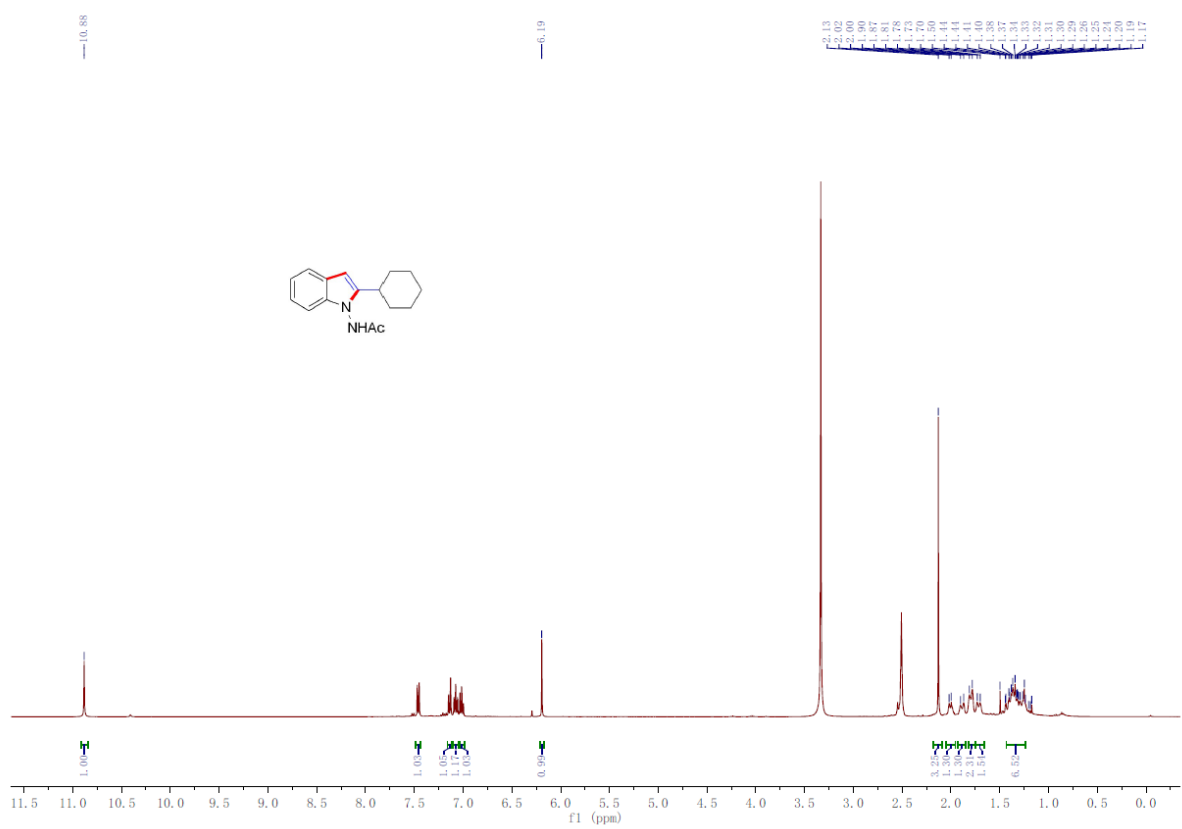
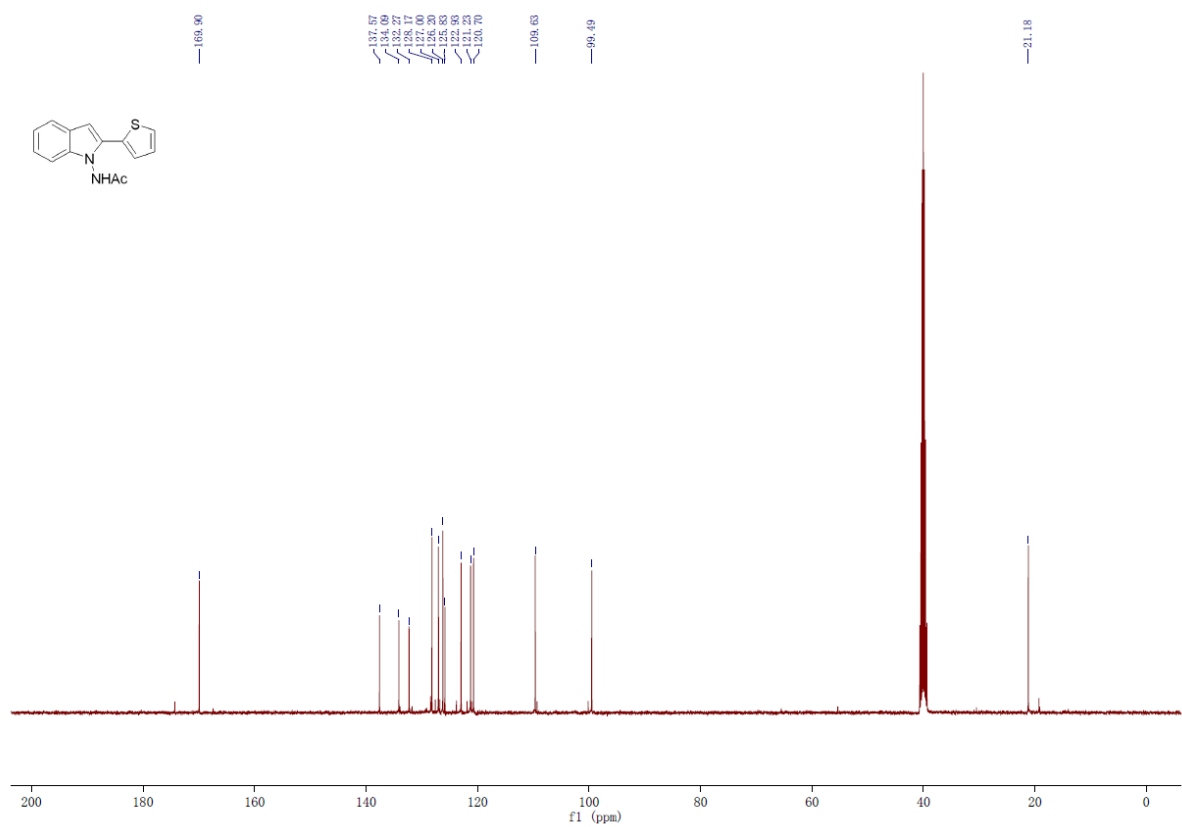


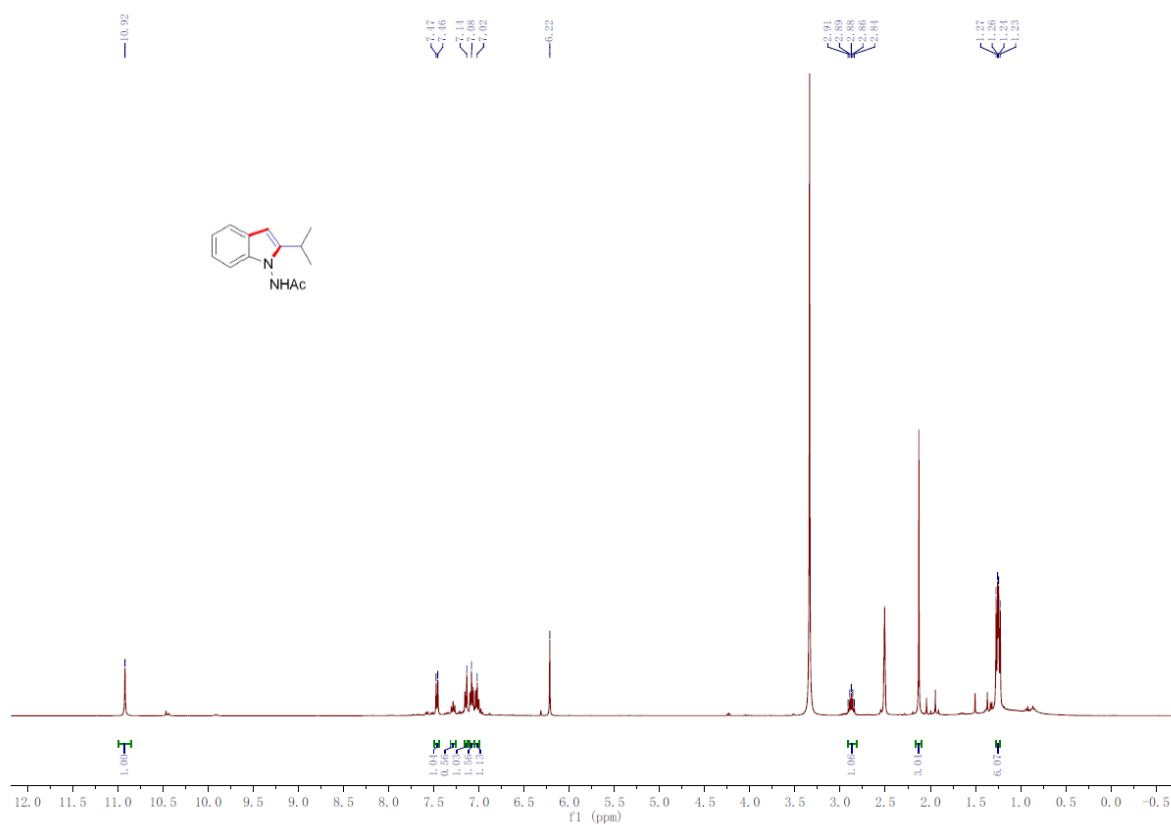
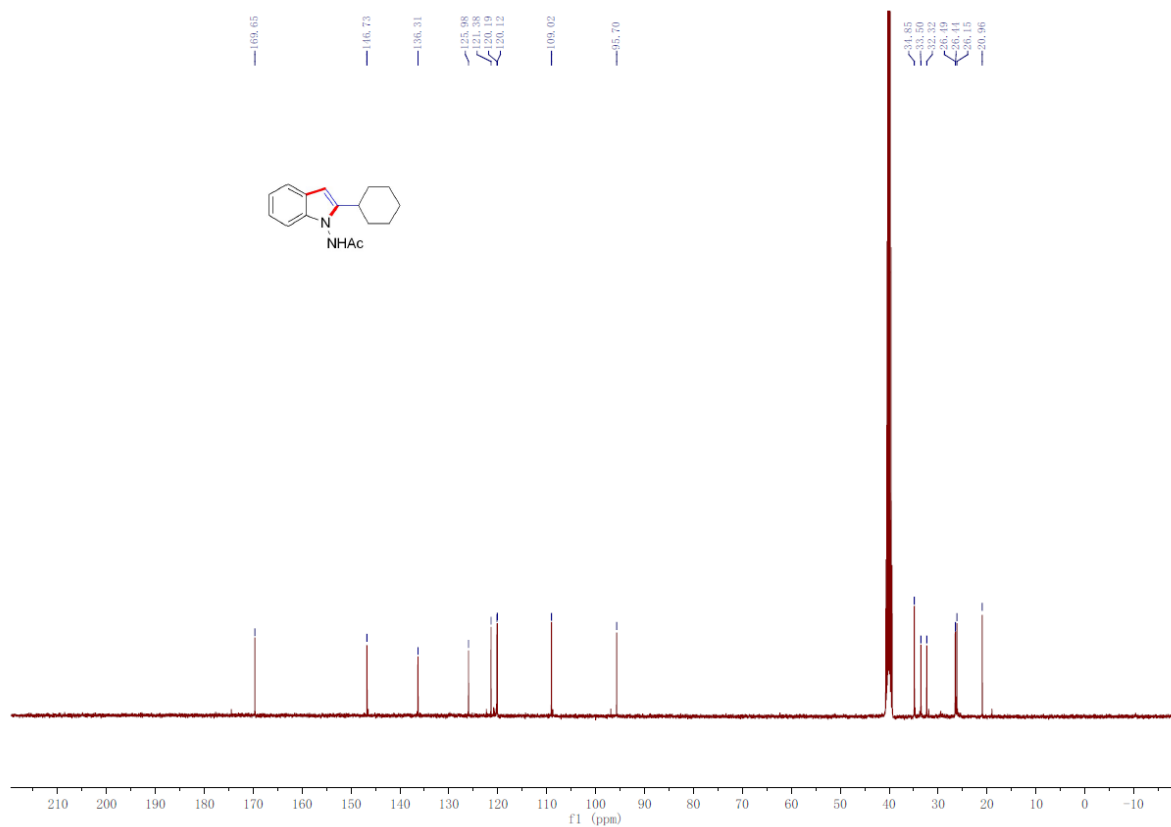


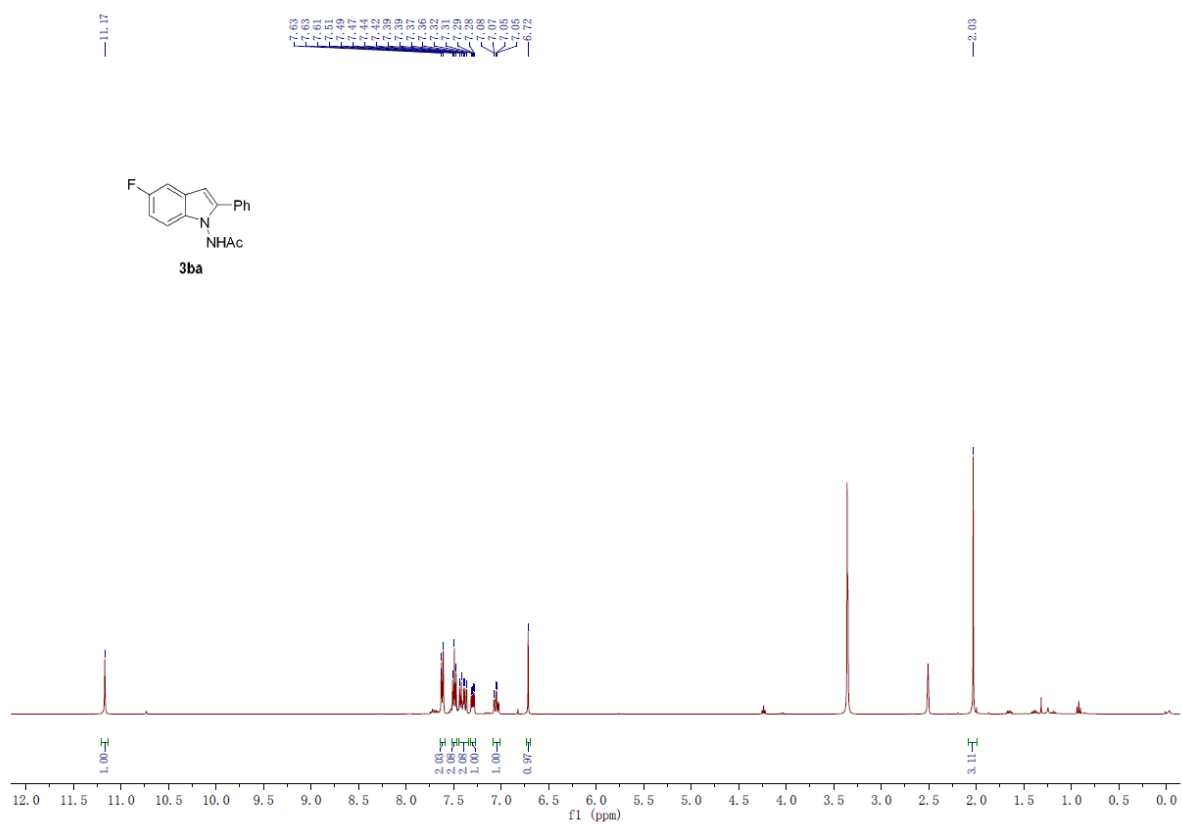
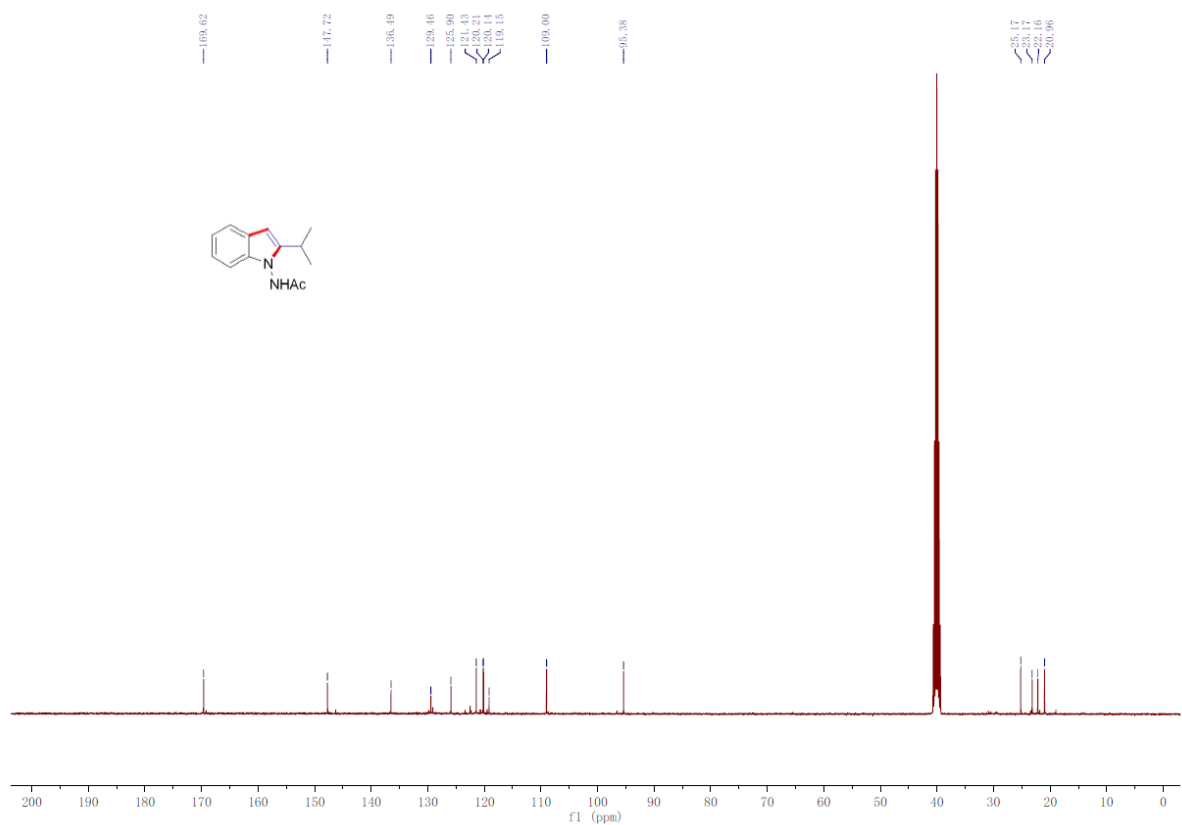


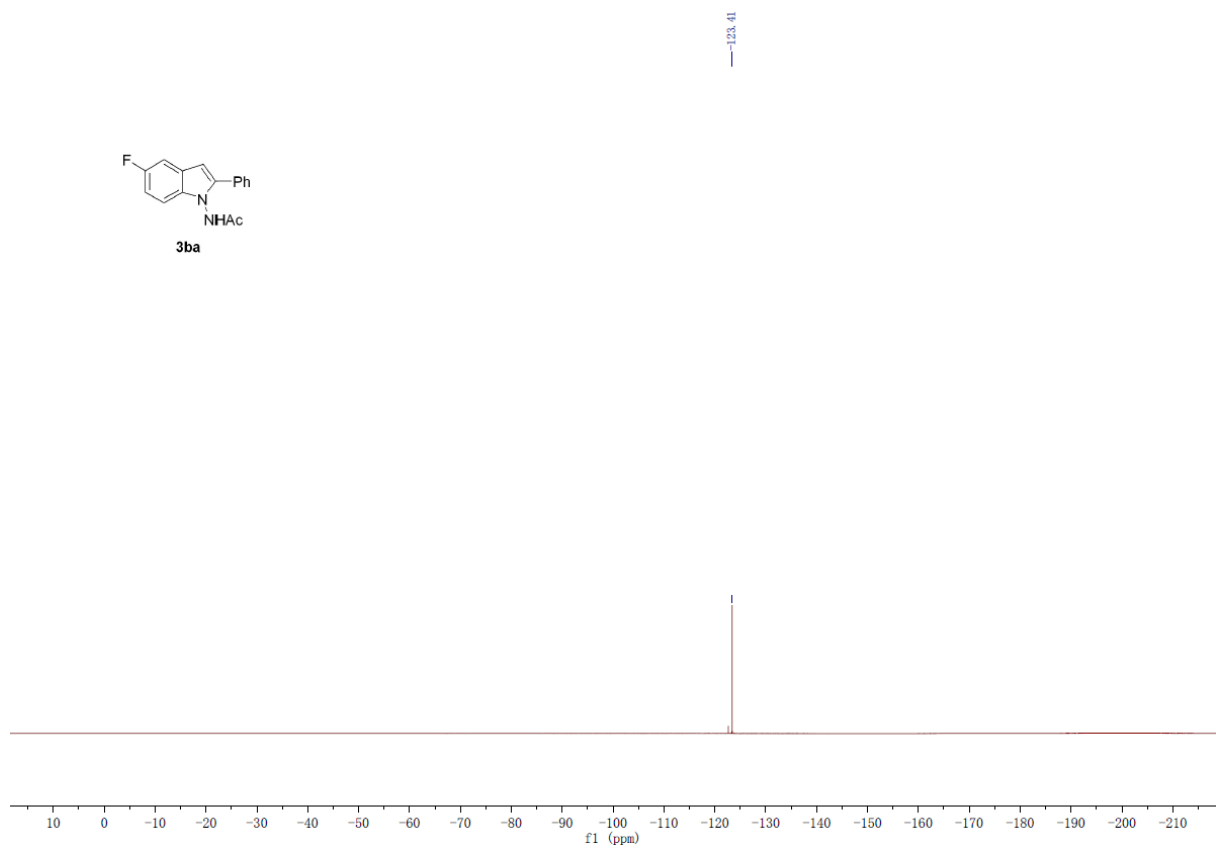
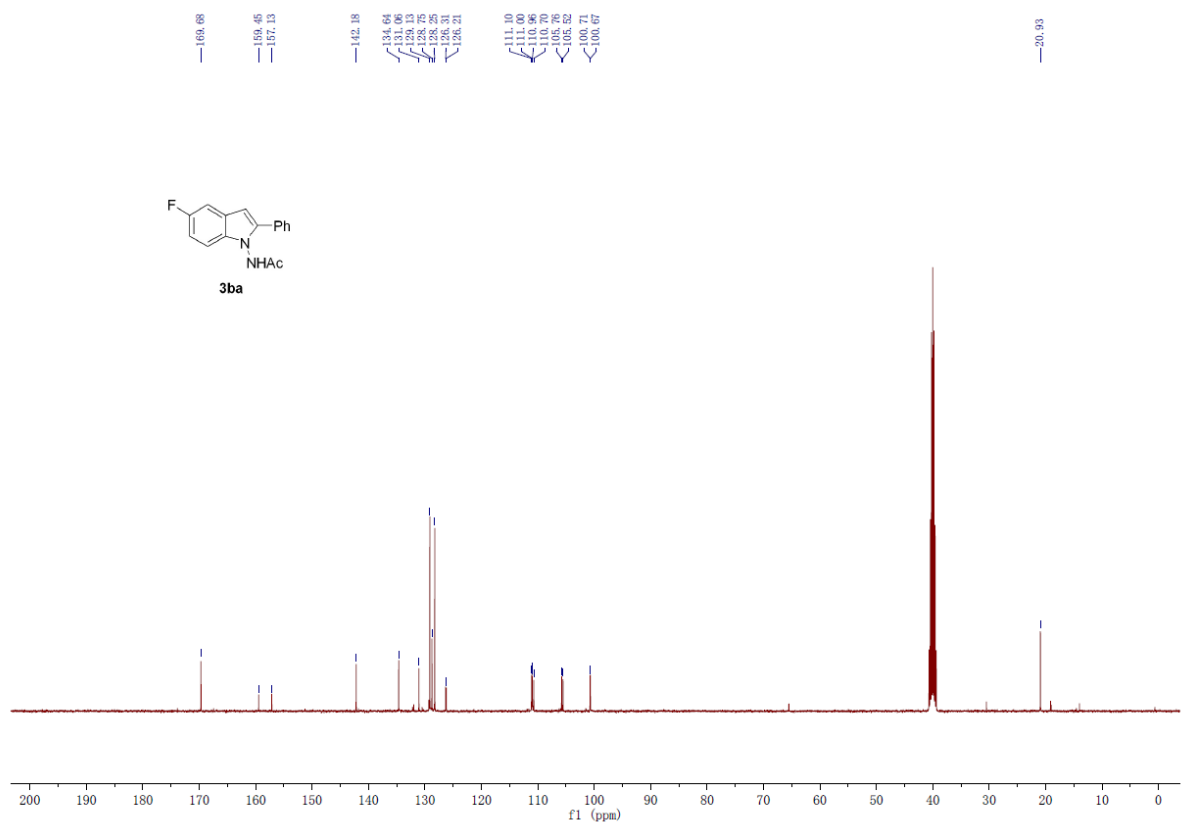


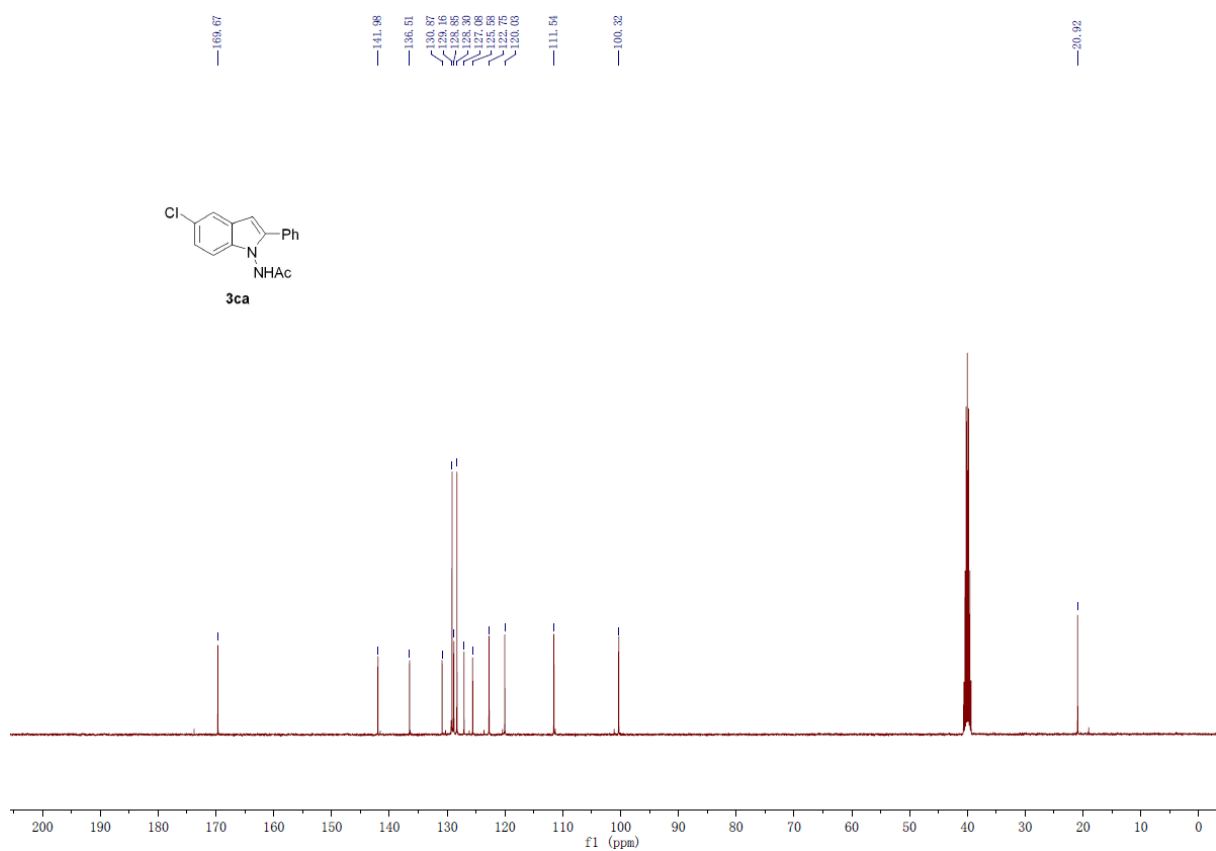
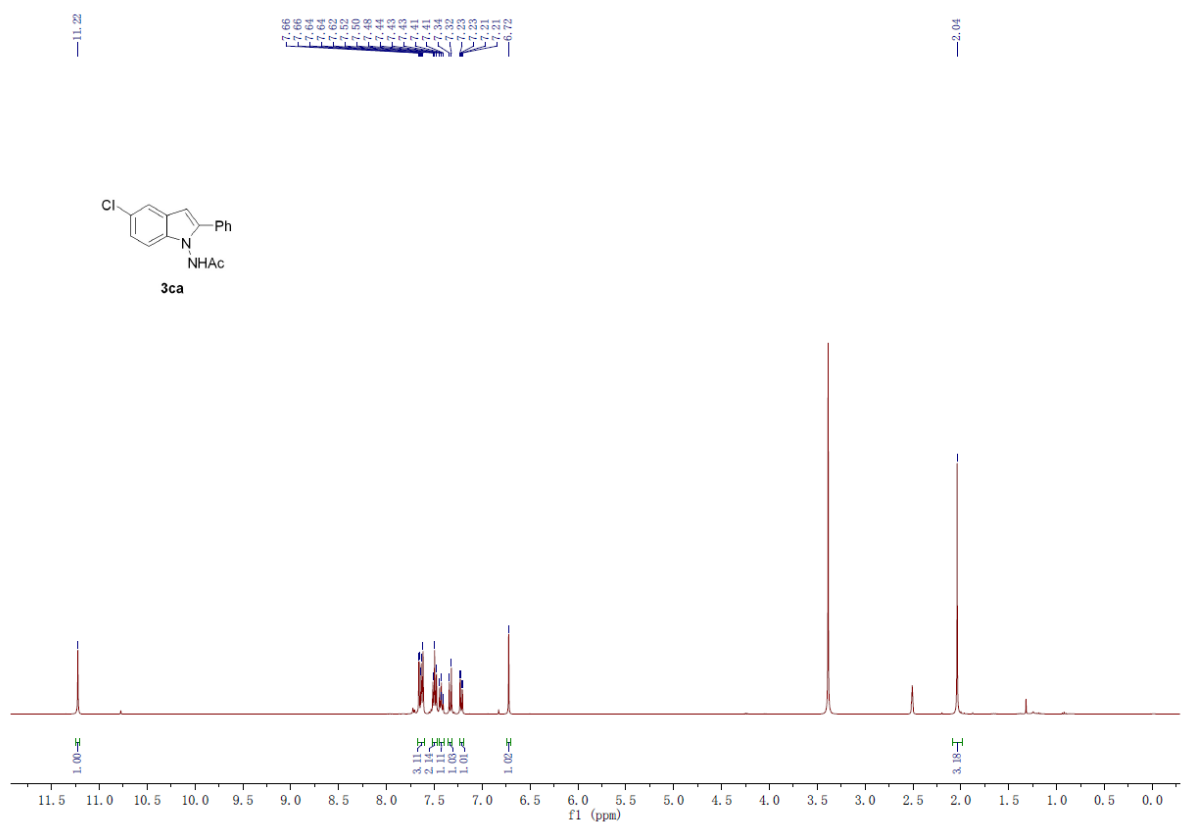


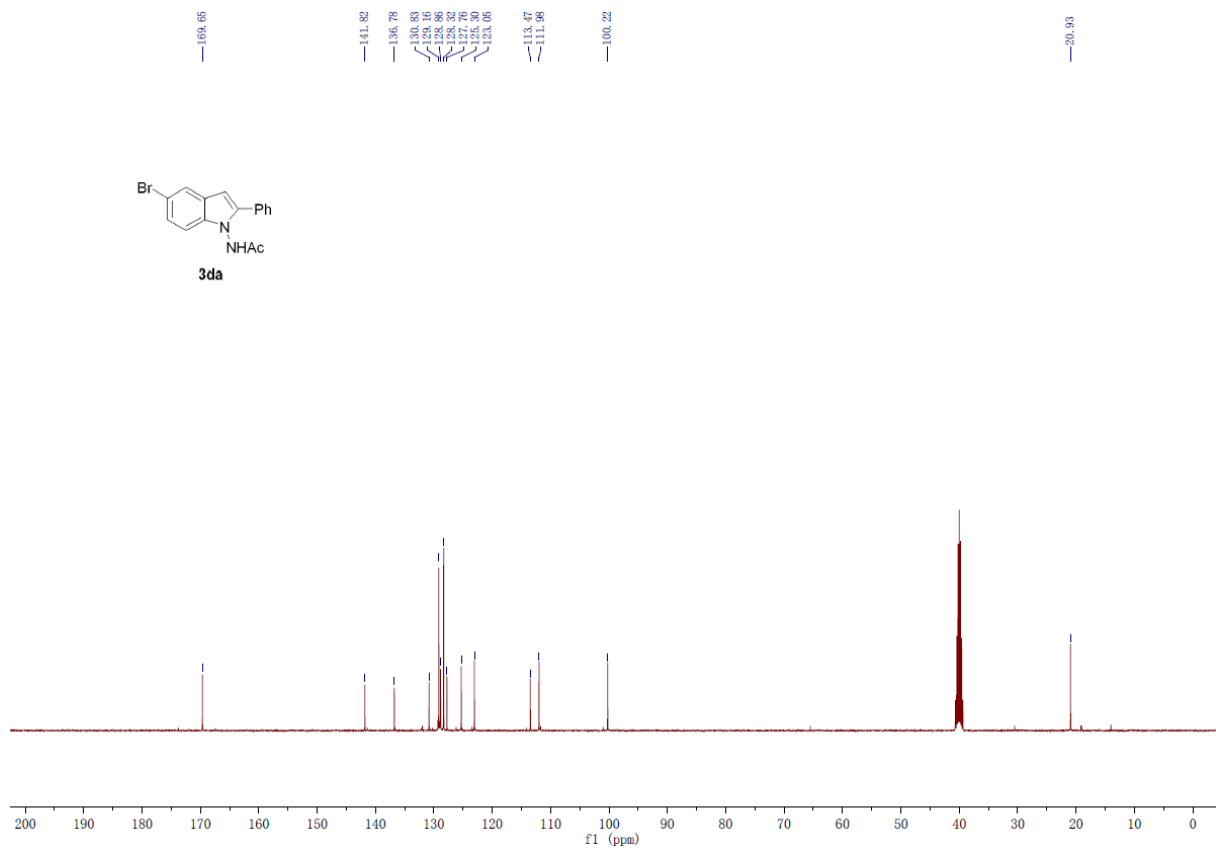
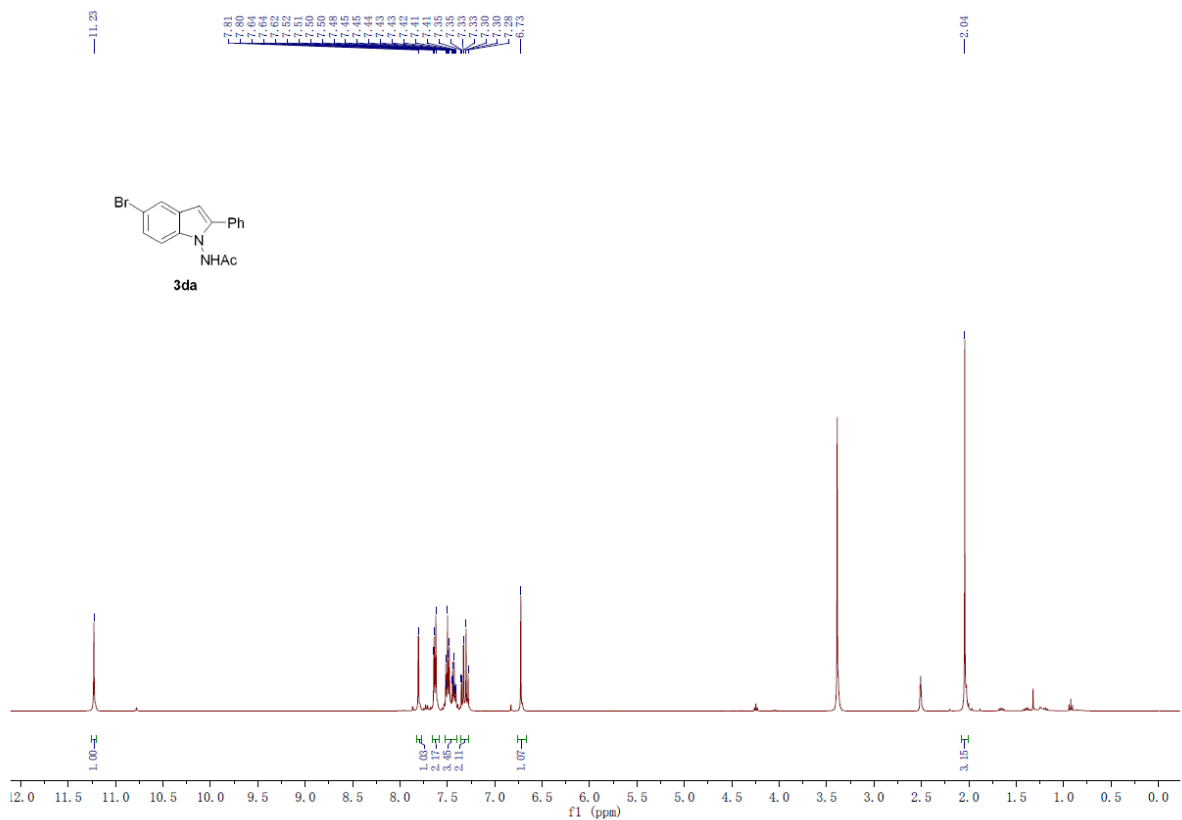


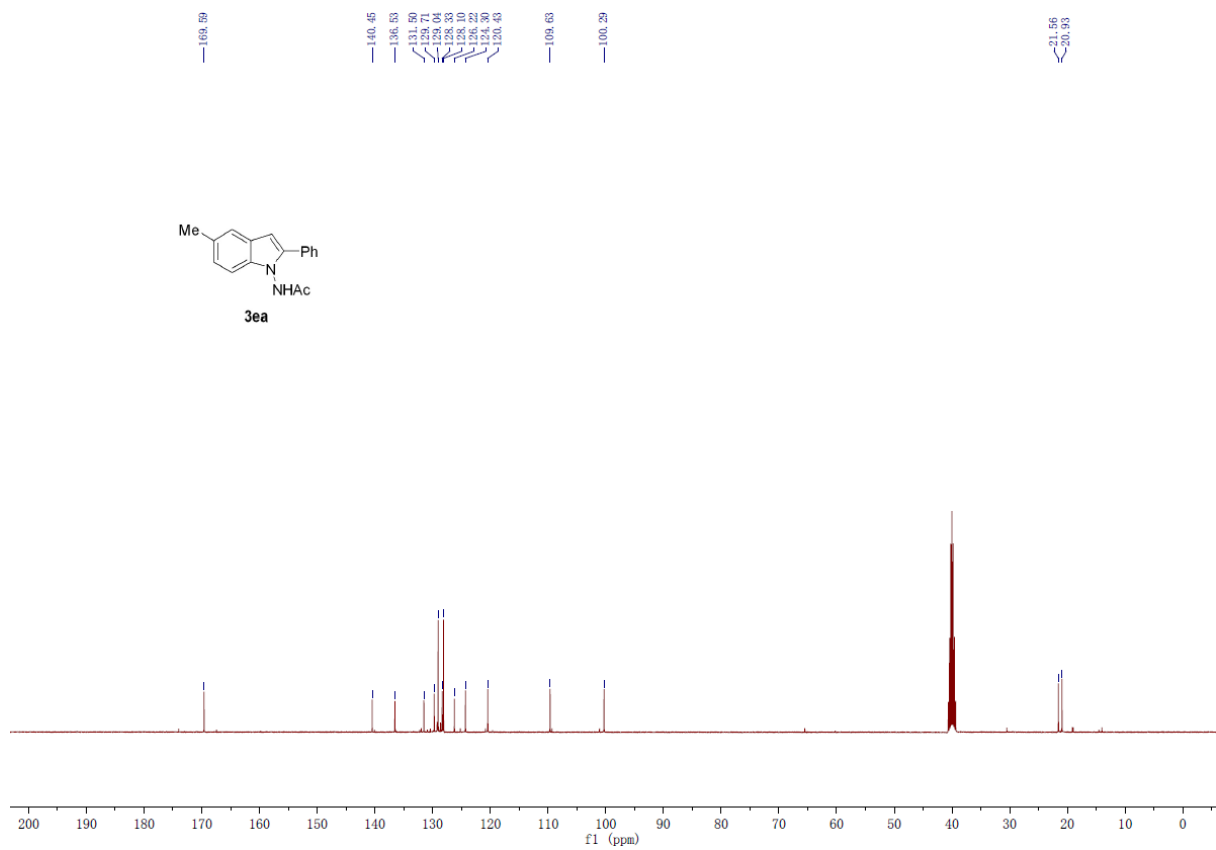
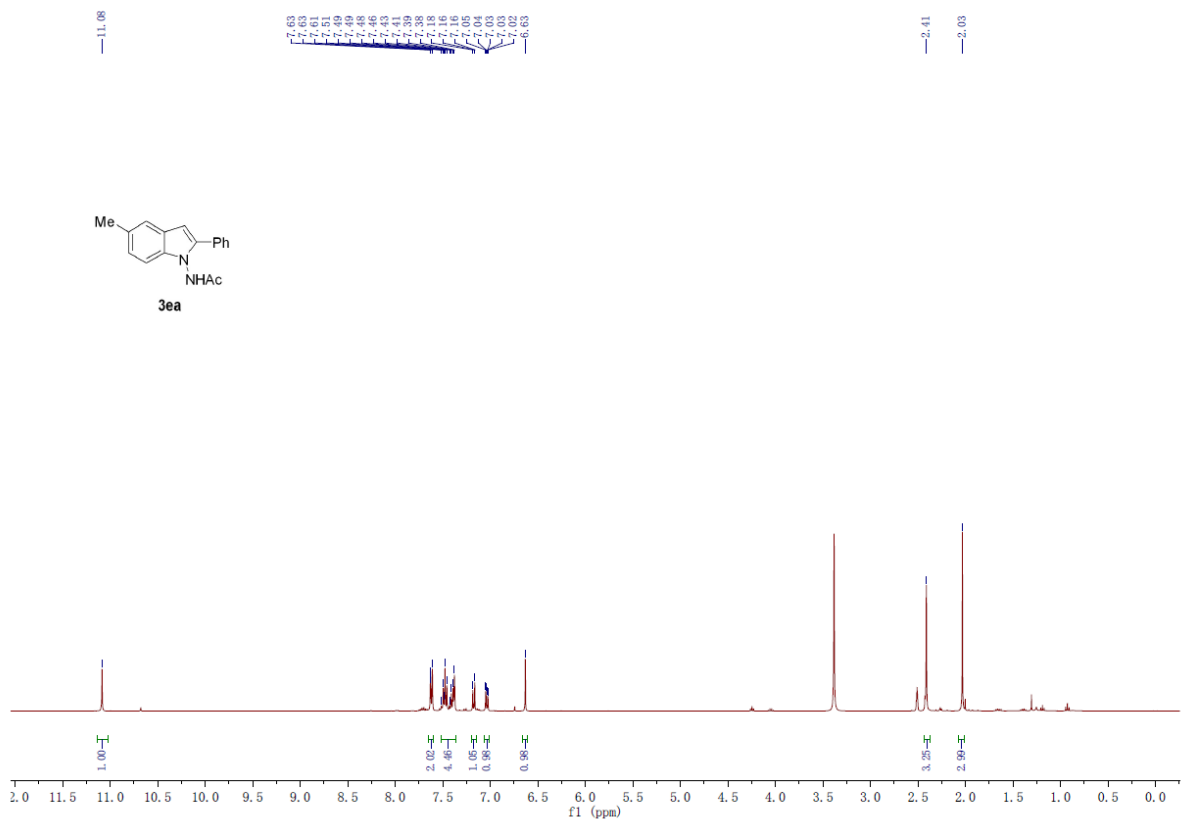


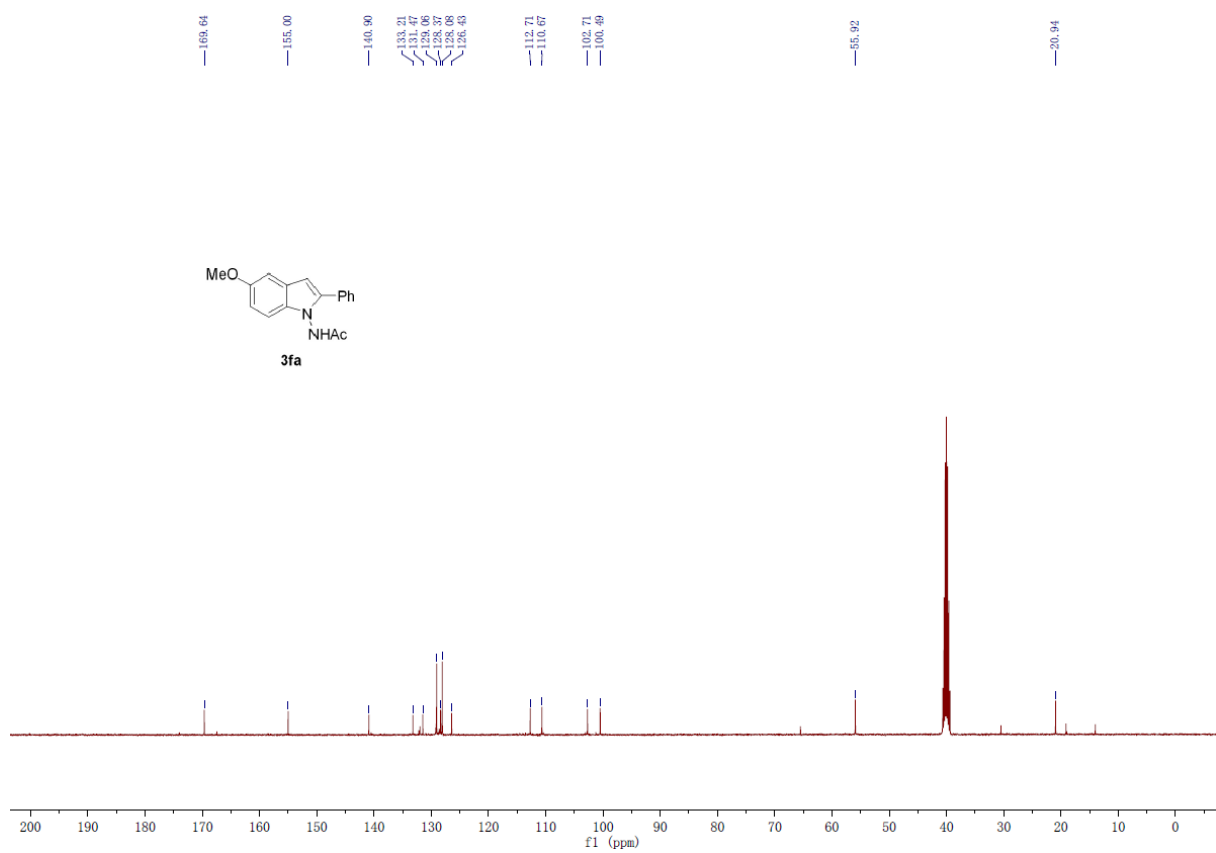
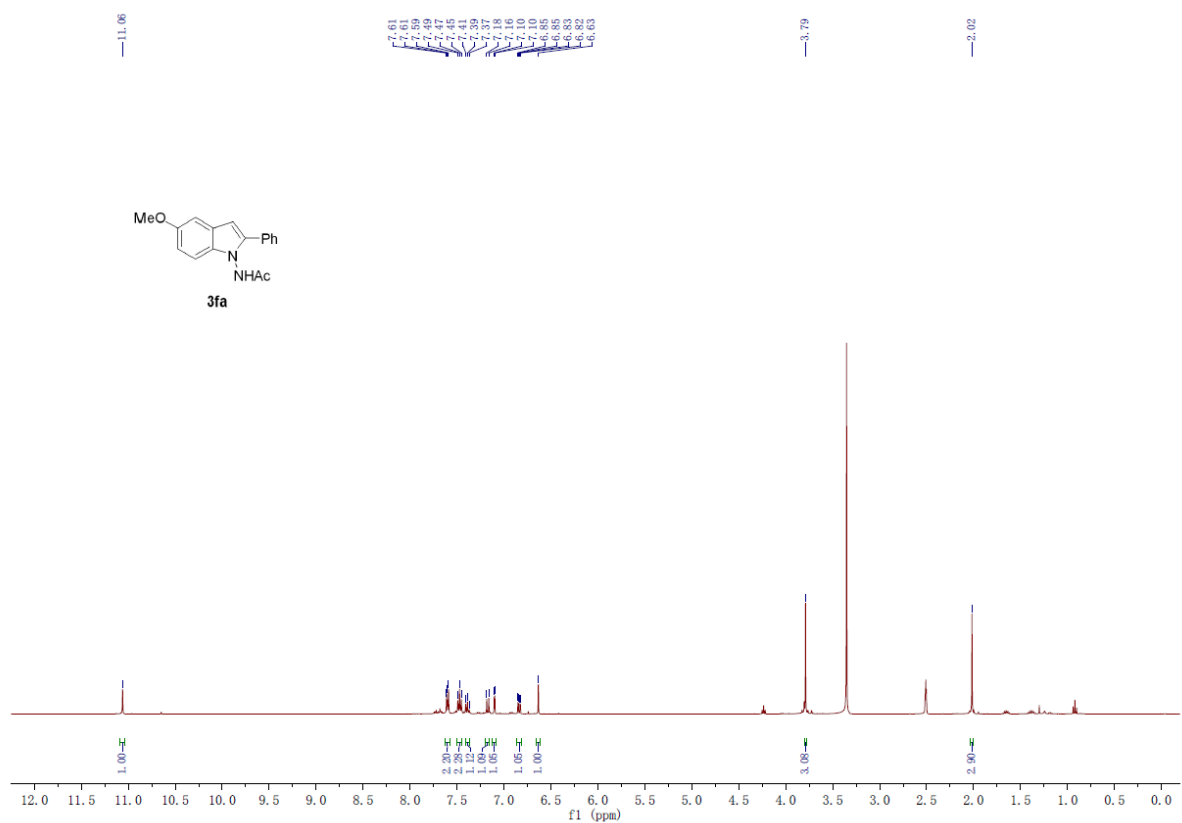


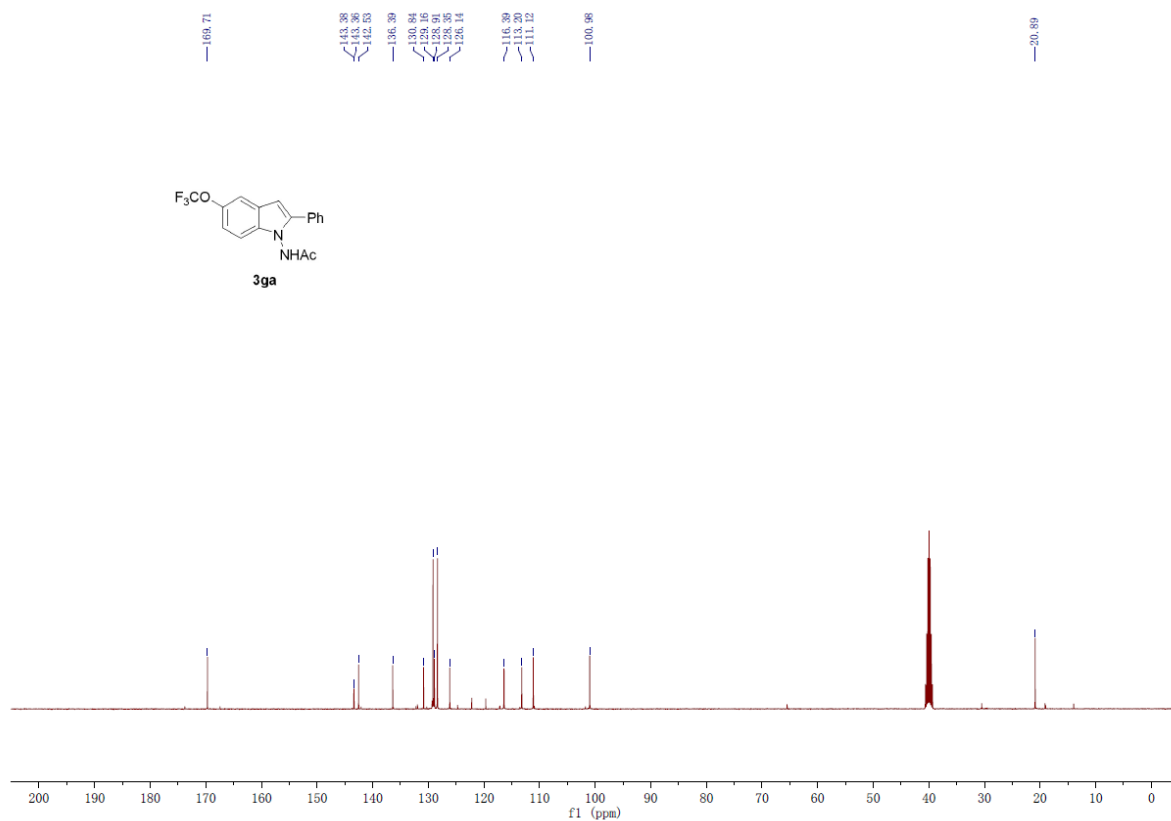
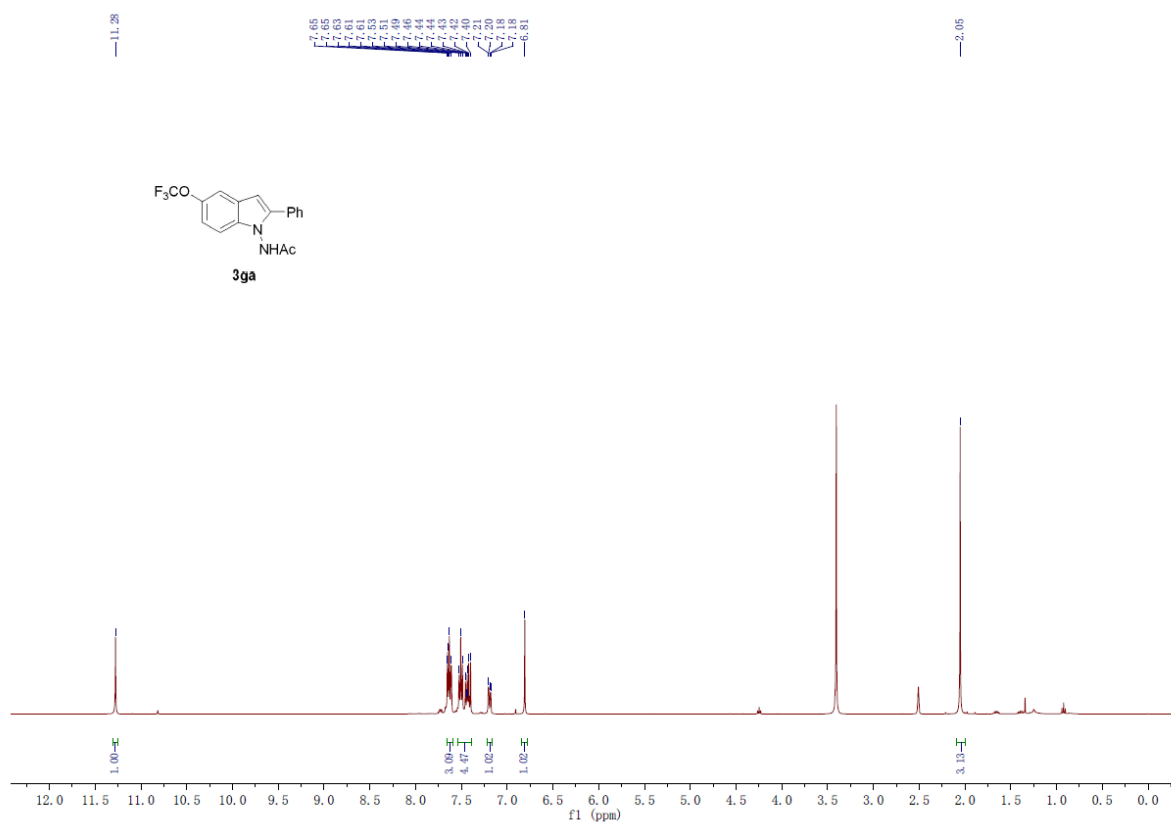


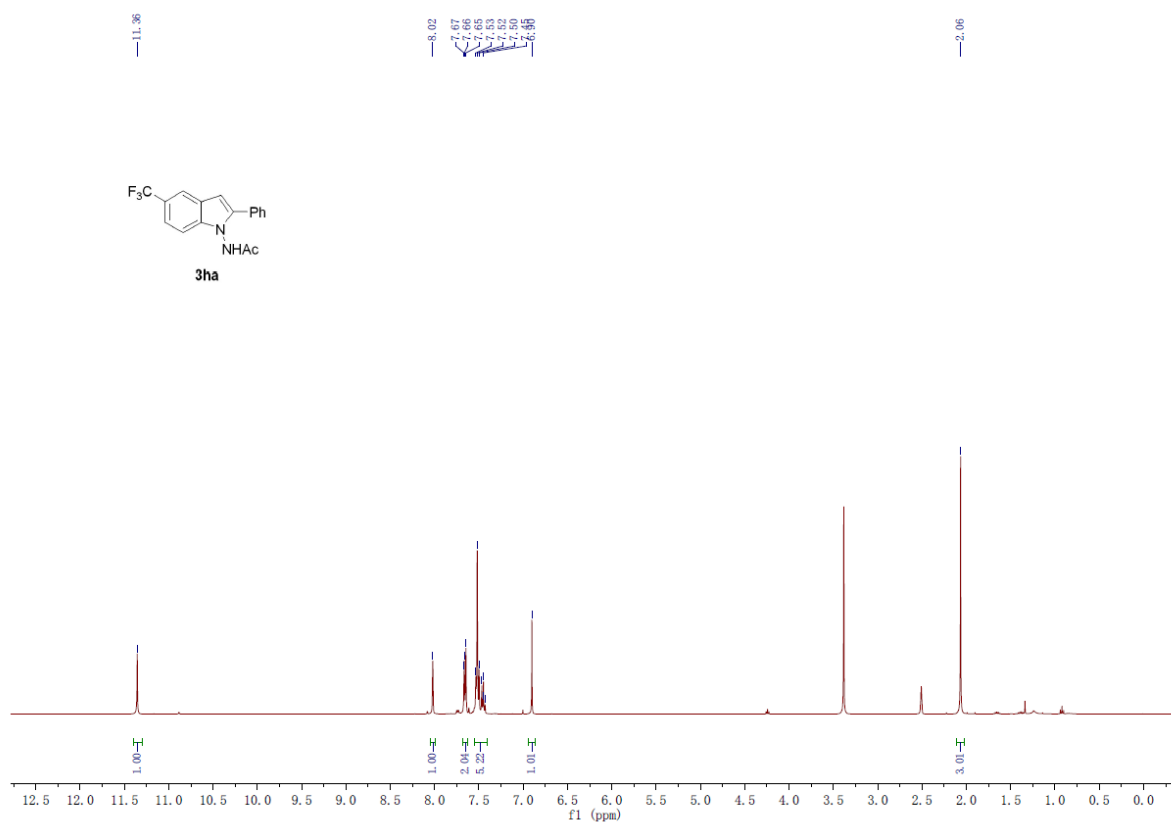
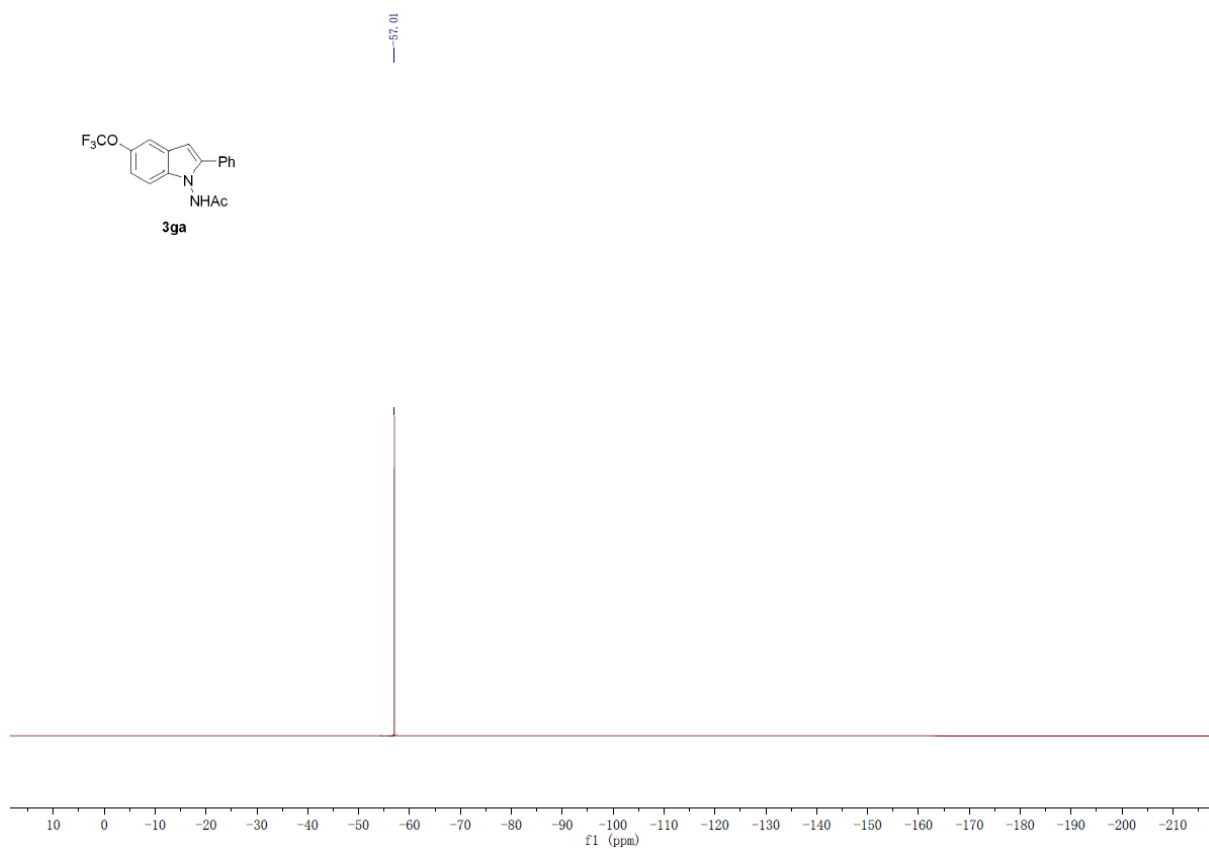


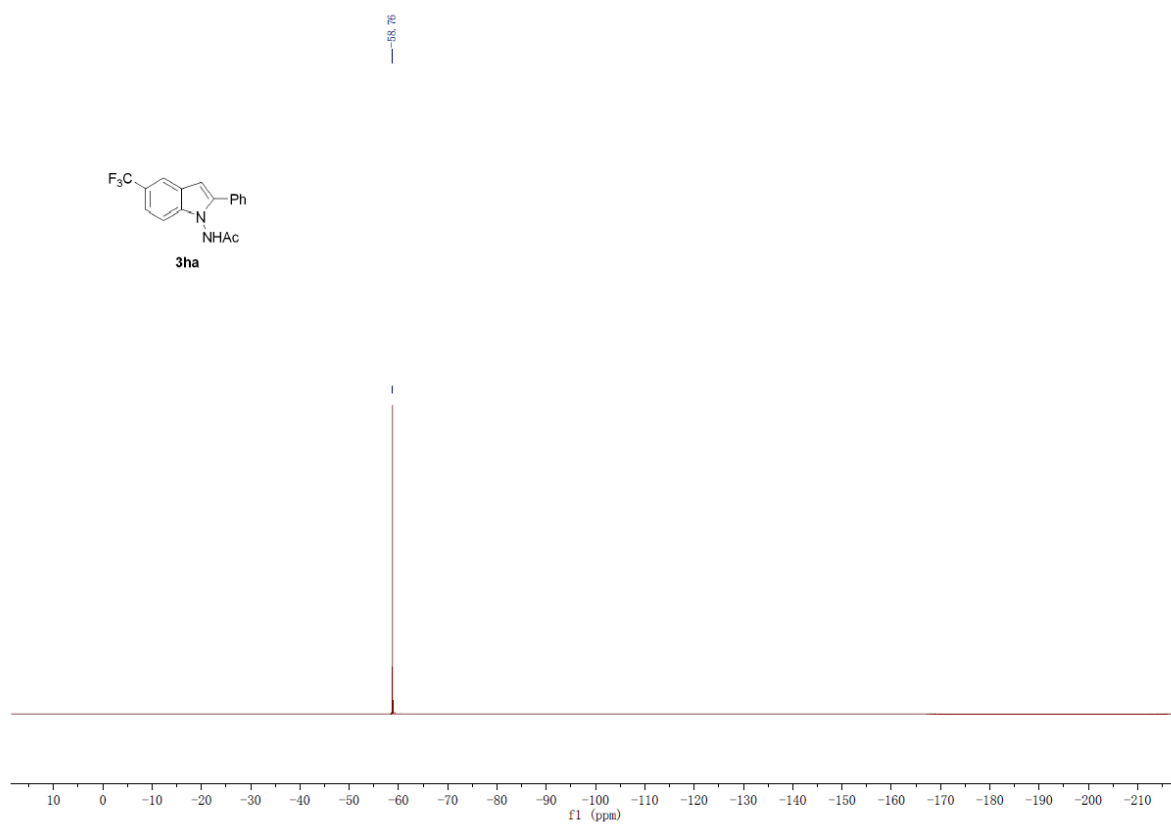
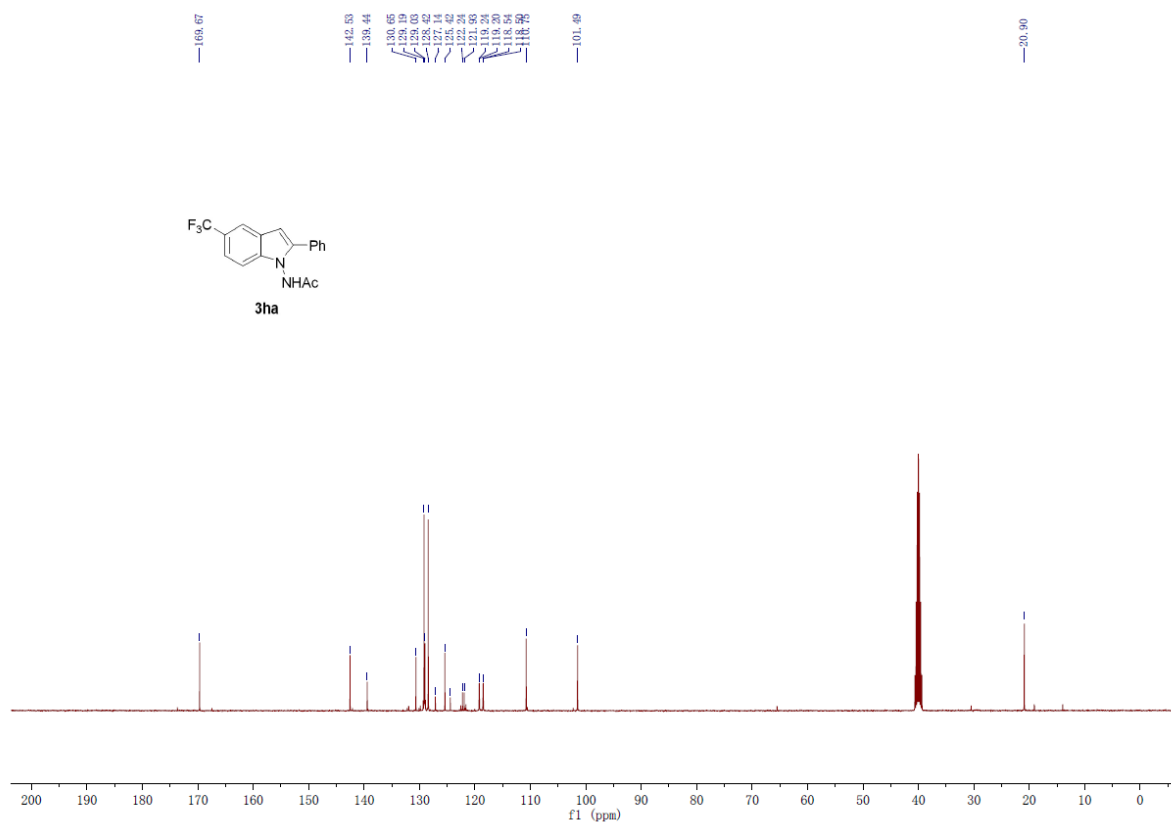


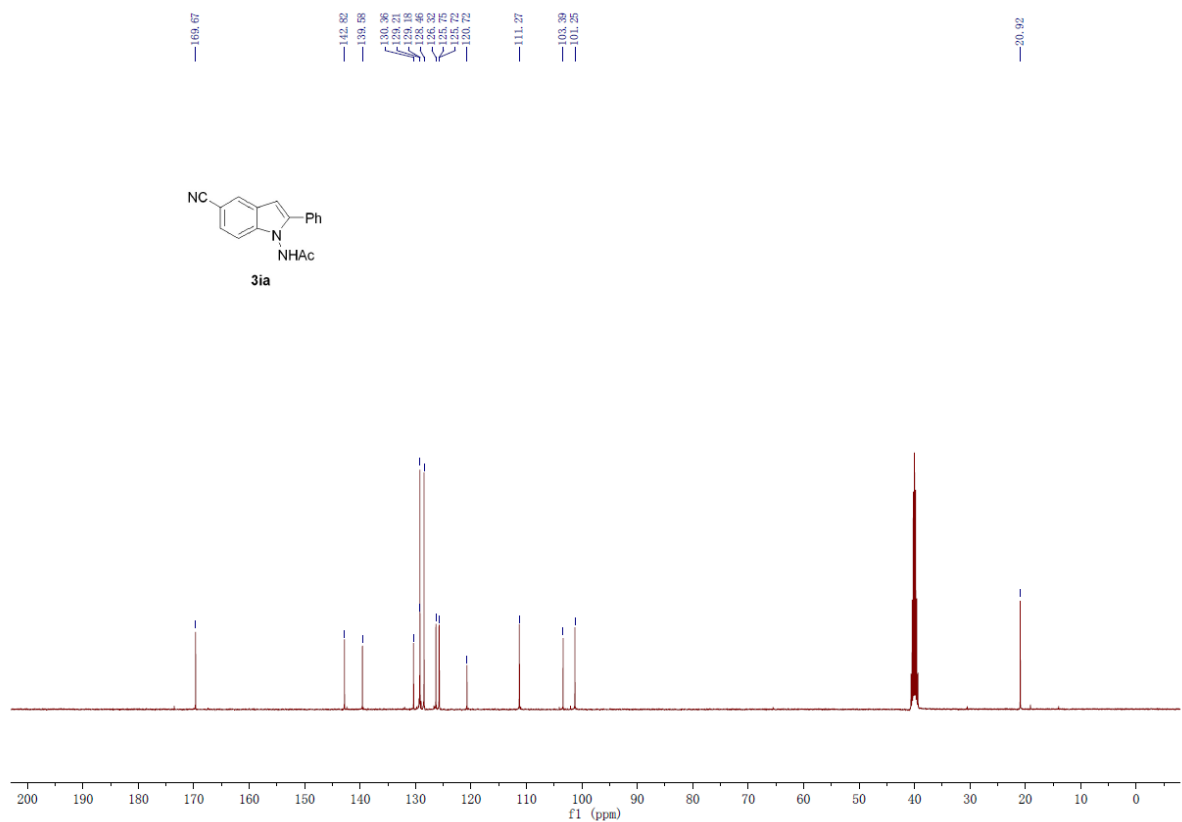
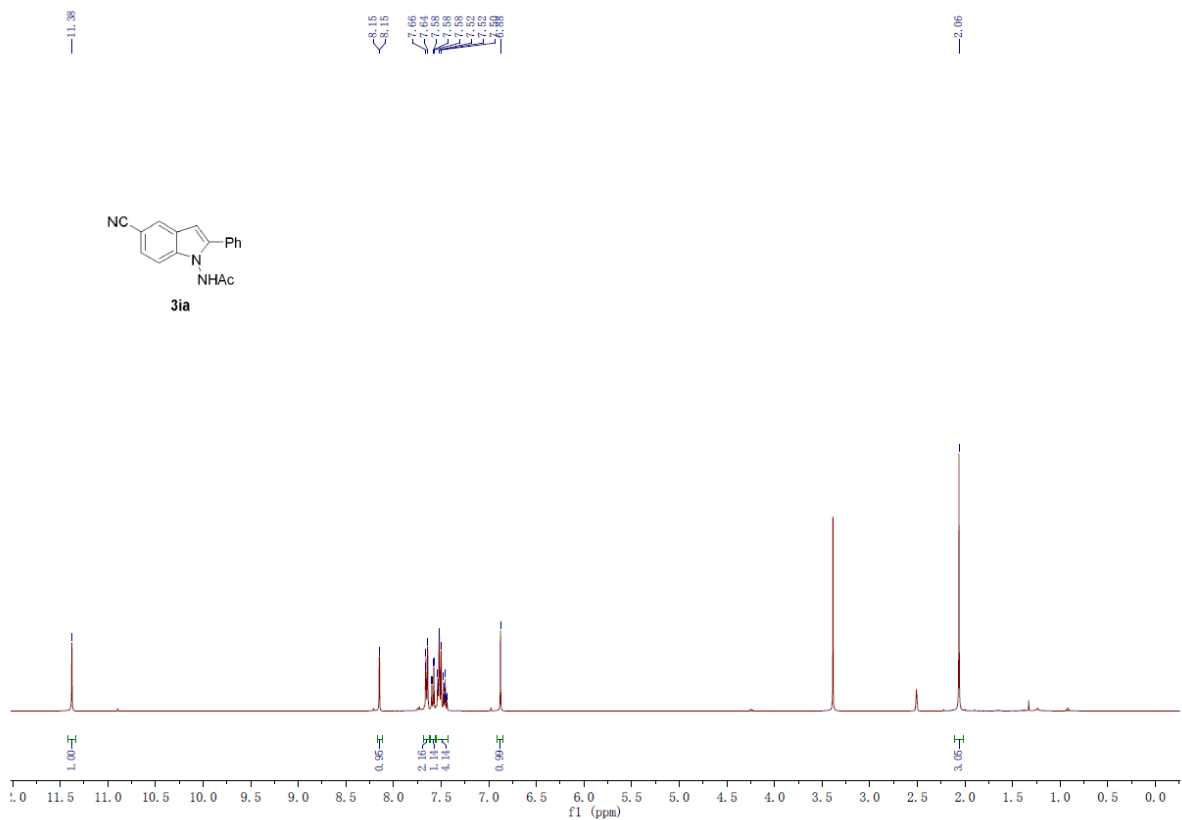


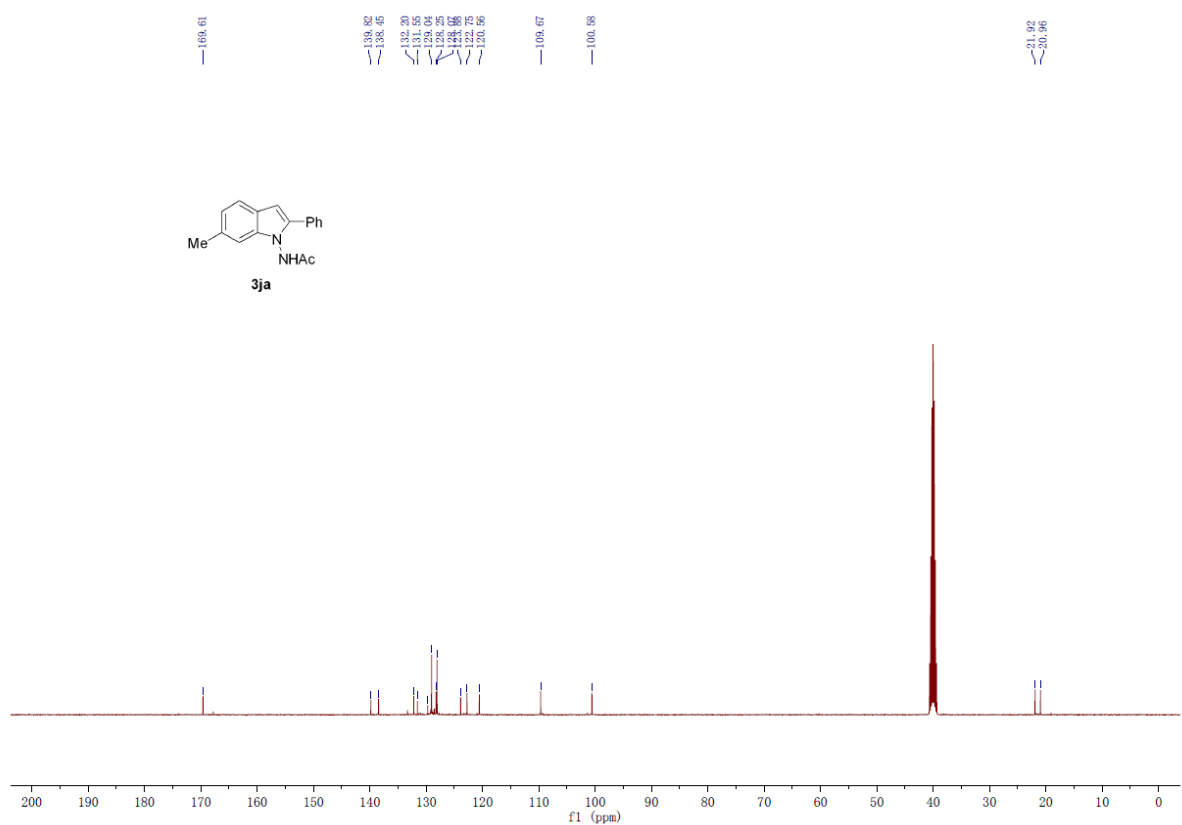
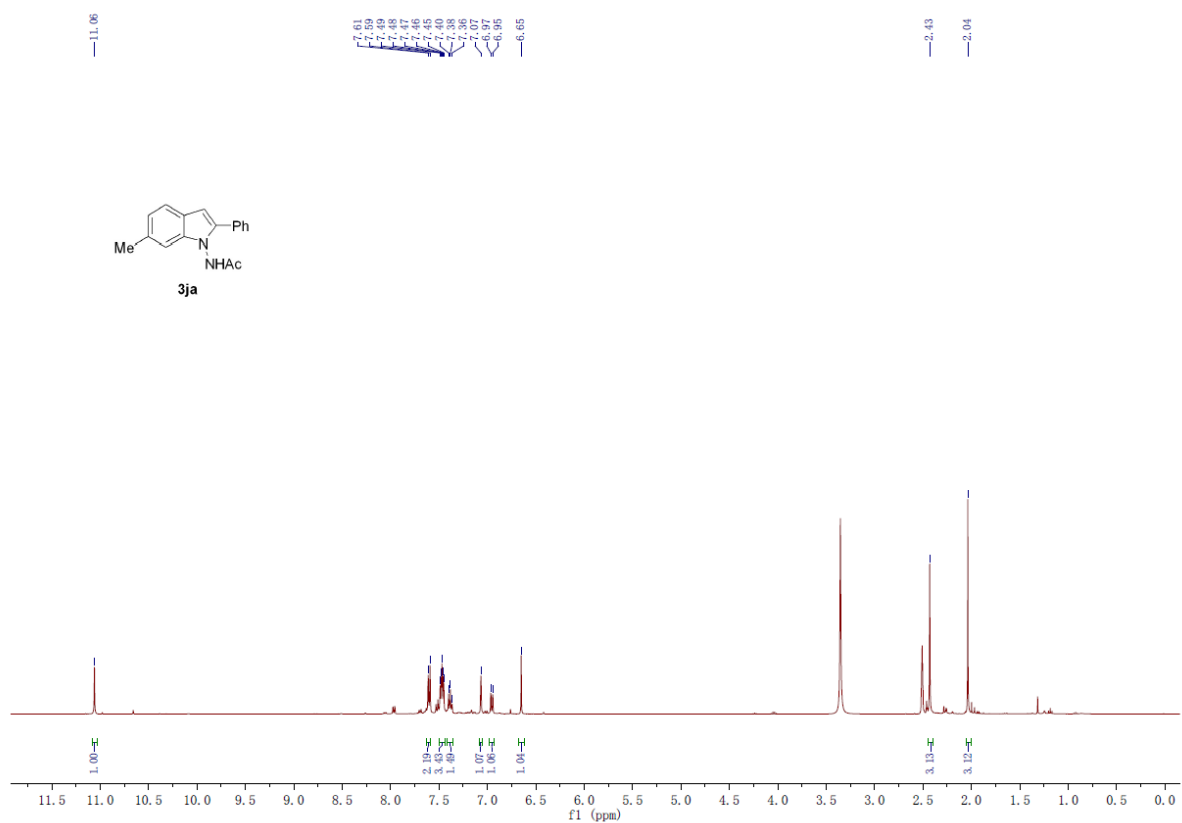


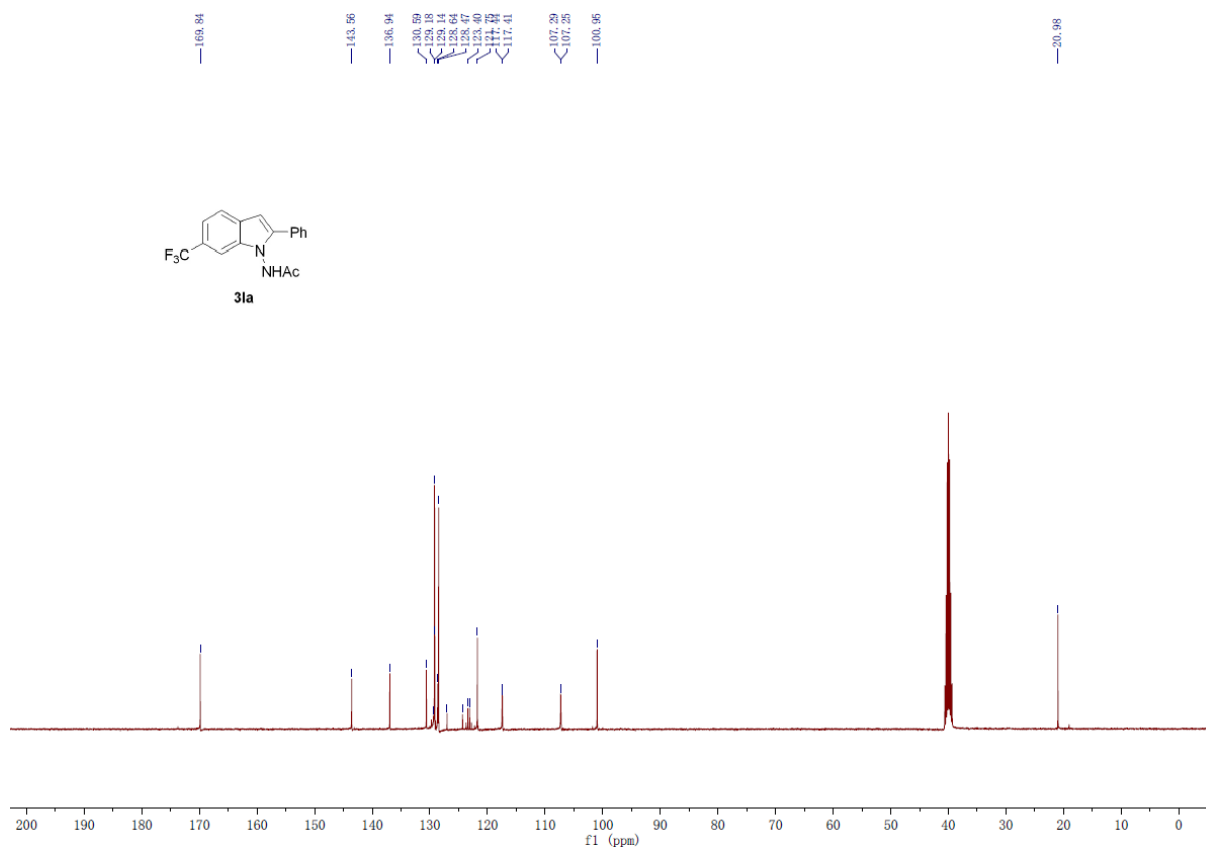
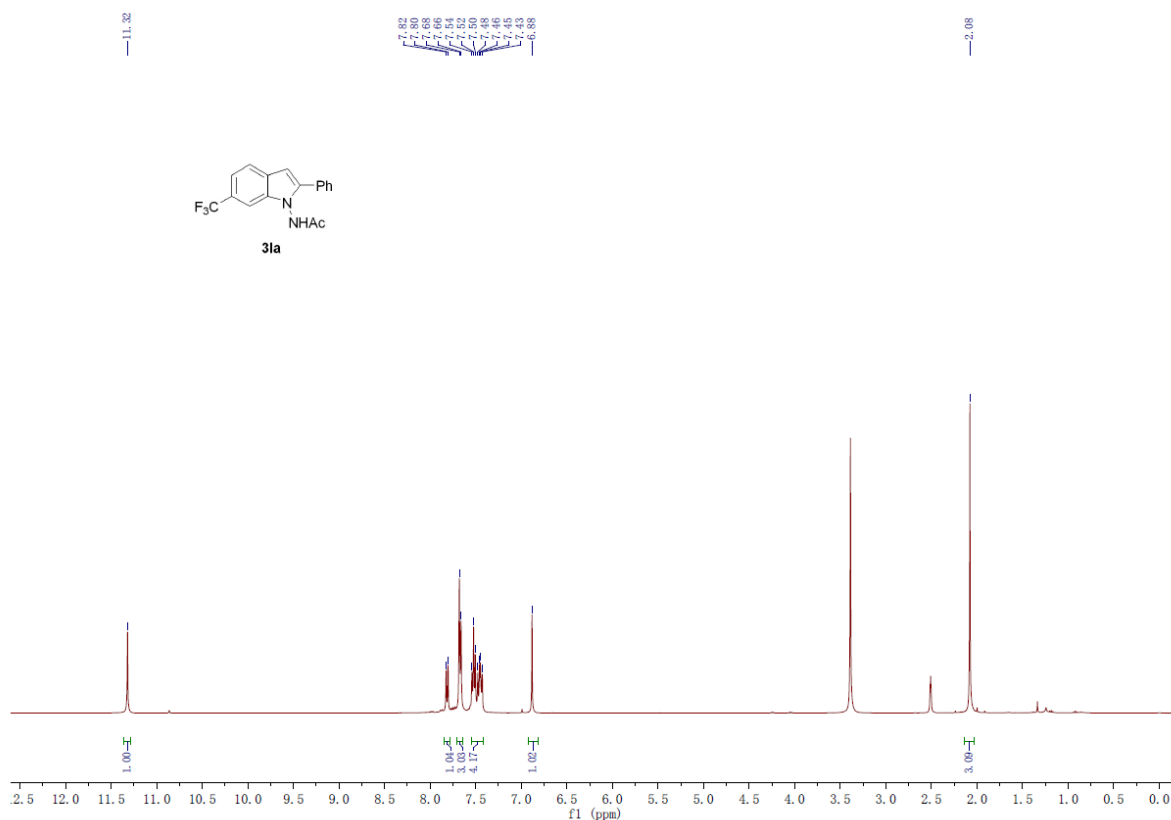


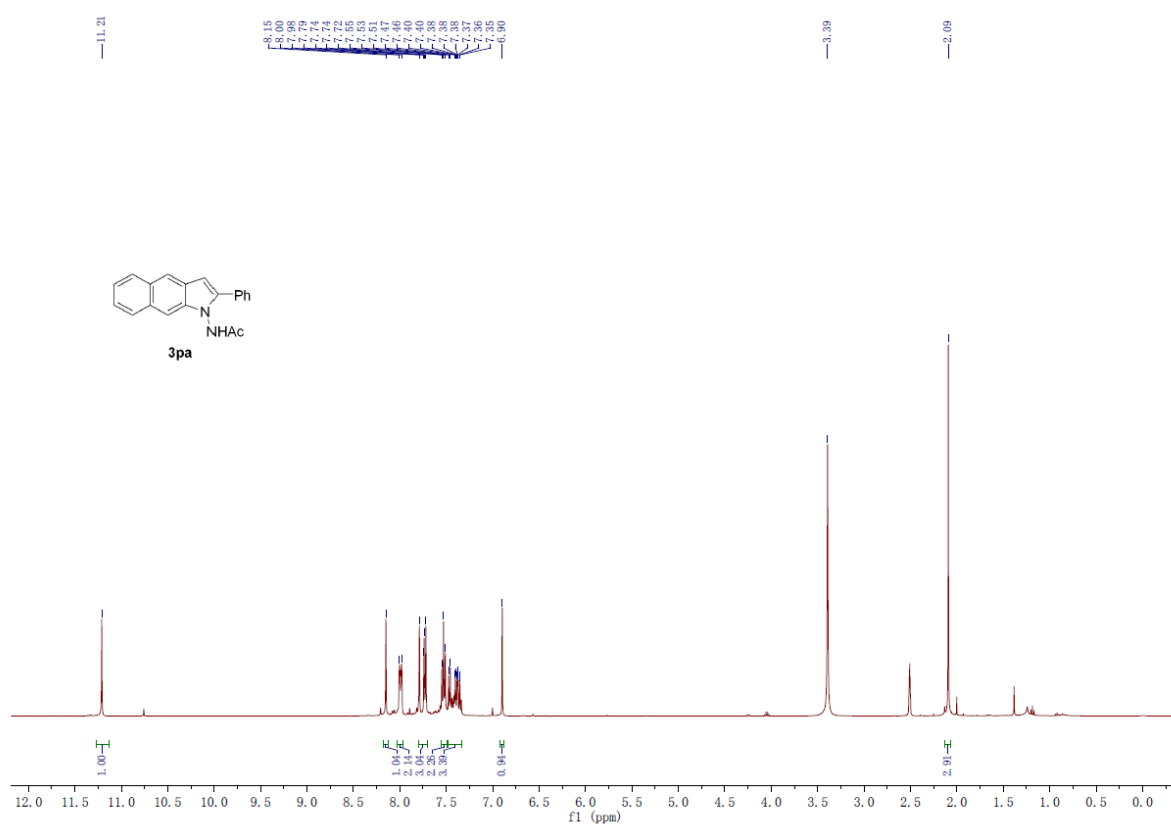
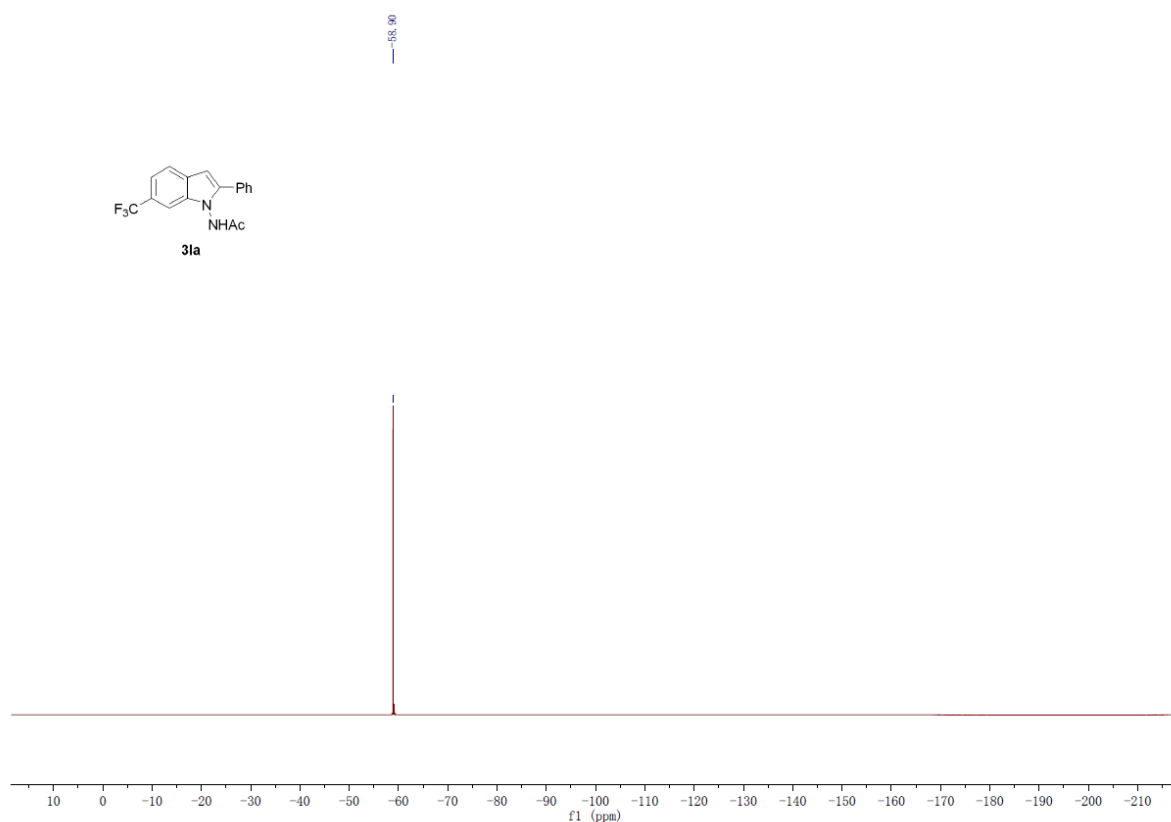


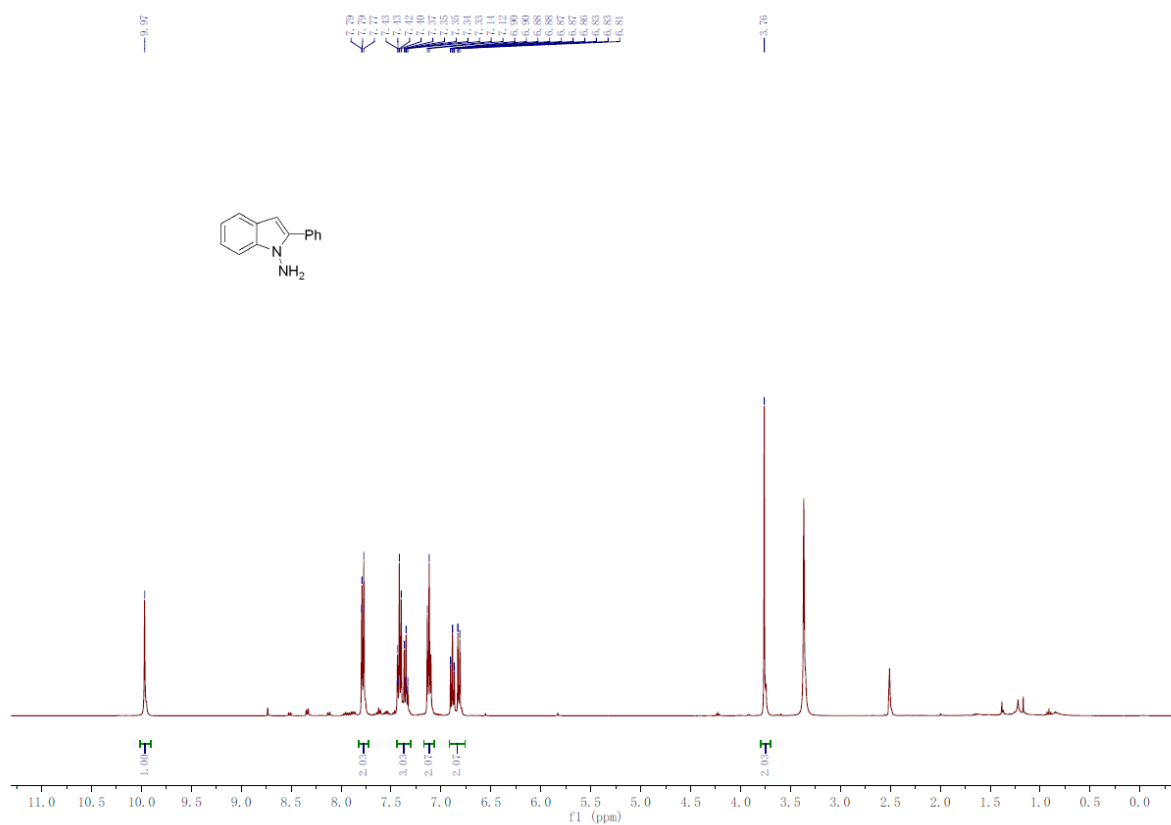
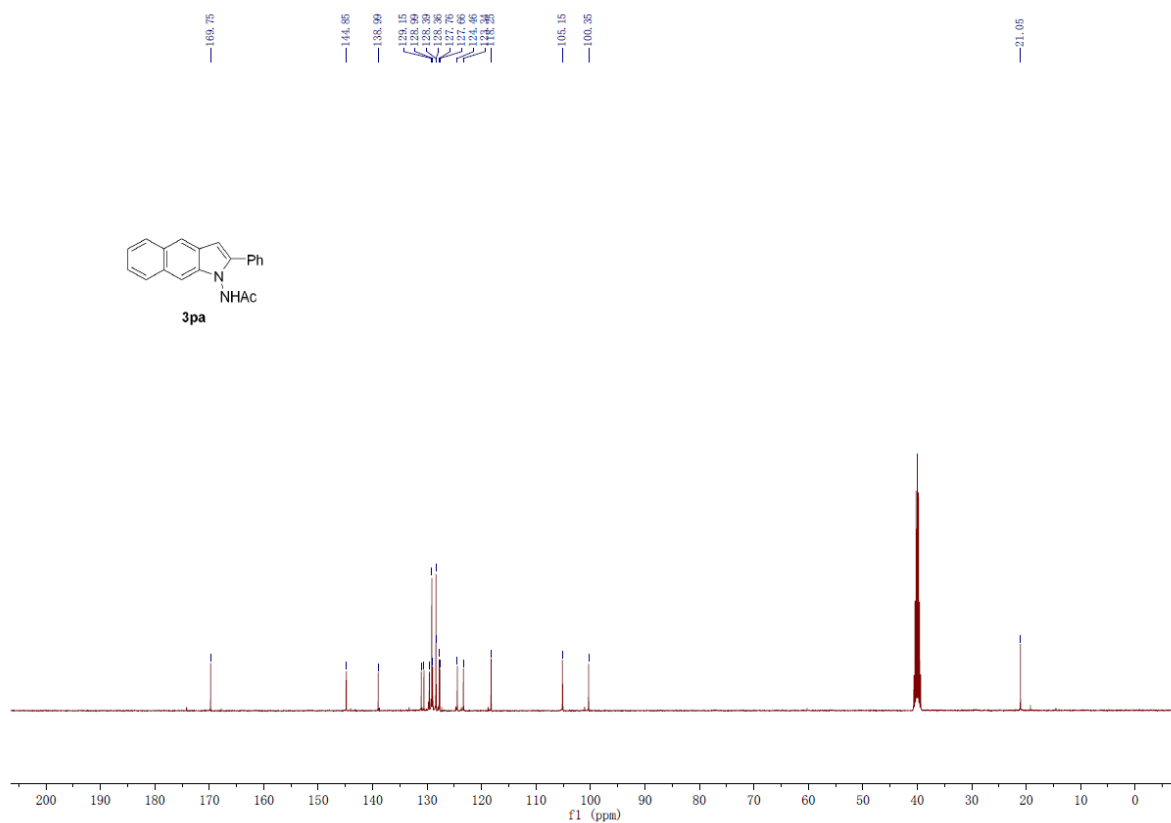


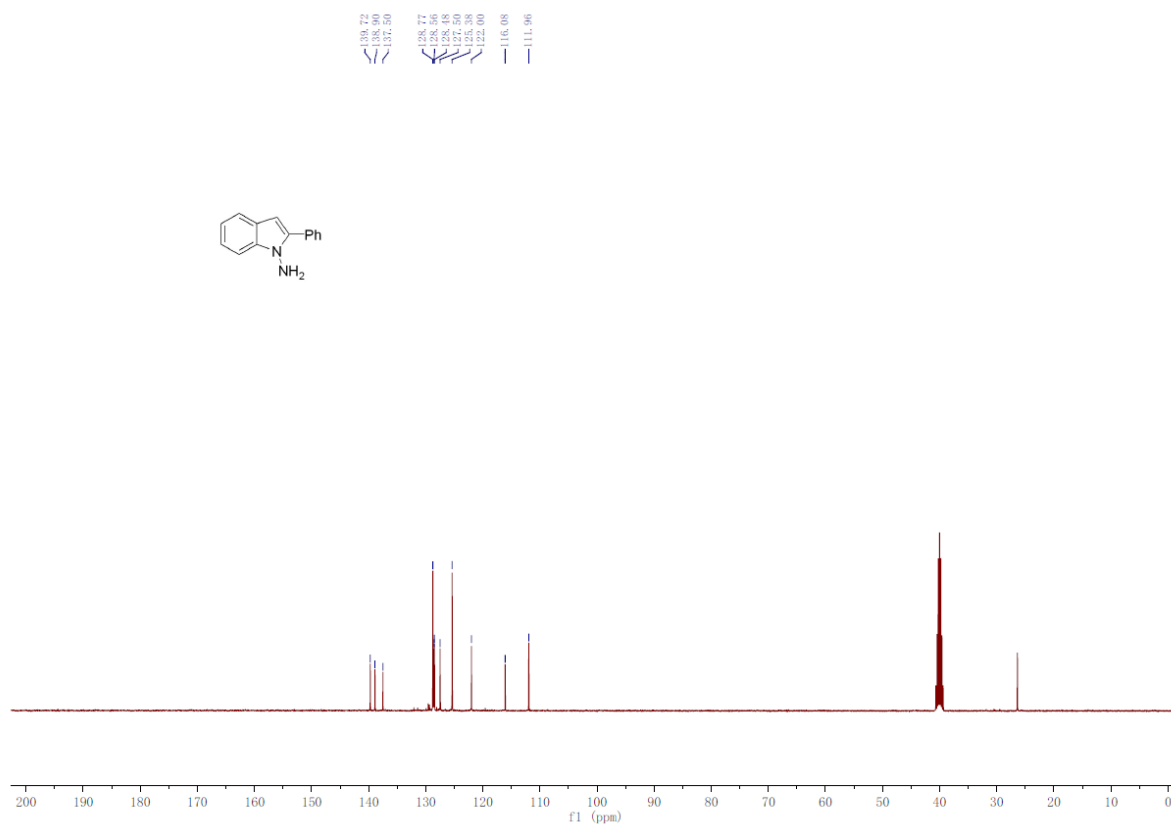












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