

## Supporting Information

# Highly Regioselective Synthesis of Fused Seven-Membered Ring through Copper-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling

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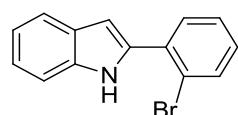
## General experimental procedures

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under N<sub>2</sub>, 2-halophenols and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without any further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz or 500 MHz using TMS as internal standard. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz or 125MHz using TMS as internal standard. The multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m). Coupling constants are reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectroscopy data were collected on HRMS-EI and HRMS-ESI instrument.

## General procedure for synthesis of substrates

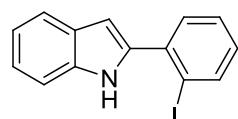
**2a-g** were prepared according to the method of reference 1, and **2h** was prepared according to the method of reference 2.

## Characterization data of compounds 2a-h



**2a**

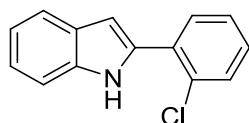
**2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1H-indole (2a).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 7.66-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.5Hz), 7.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.38 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.0Hz), 7.19-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 6.82 (d, 1H, , *J* = 1.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 131.0, 131.0, 128.8, 128.2, 126.2, 124.0, 122.9, 122.5, 117.4, 116.1, 115.6, 115.0, 105.8, 98.4.



**2b**

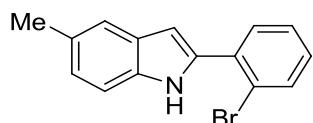
**2-(2-Iodophenyl)-1H-indole (2b) .** <sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 11.38 (s, 1H), 8.04 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.60 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.50-755 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.13-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 139.9, 139.0, 137.9, 136.2, 130.9, 129.7, 128.3, 127.7, 121.5, 120.2, 119.2, 111.4, 102.0, 98.5.



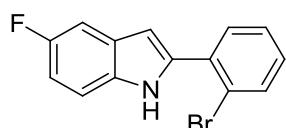
**2c**

**2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indole (2c).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 11.45 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.60 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.43-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.13-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.03 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, , *J* = 1.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 136.5, 134.2, 131.3, 131.0, 130.6, 130.6, 129.0, 127.9, 127.5, 121.9, 120.3, 119.3, 111.4, 103.0.



**2d**

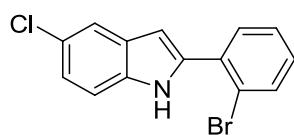
**2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5-methyl-1*H*-indole (2d).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.59 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.0Hz), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.19 (td, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.5Hz), 7.05 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.73 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 2.46 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 136.3, 134.6, 134.0, 133.6, 131.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 127.7, 124.3, 121.3, 120.4, 110.7, 103.2, 21.5.



**2e**

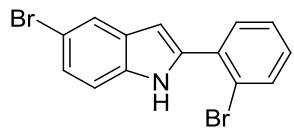
**2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5-fluoro-1*H*-indole (2e).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.57 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.37 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.28-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.96 (td, 1H, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2.5Hz), 6.76 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C

NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  158.1 ( $J_{CF} = 233.1$  Hz), 138.0, 134.1, 133.1, 132.8, 131.4, 129.5, 128.5 ( $J_{CF} = 9.1$  Hz), 127.8, 121.3, 111.5 ( $J_{CF} = 72.8$  Hz), 111.3 ( $J_{CF} = 90.4$  Hz), 105.5 ( $J_{CF} = 23.6$  Hz), 103.7 ( $J_{CF} = 4.4$  Hz). (EI): m/z (%) = 291 ([M<sup>+</sup>H], 97), 290 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 17), 209 (33), 183 (100), 149 (31), 104 (38).



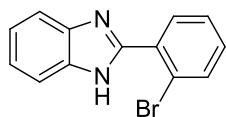
**2f**

**2-(2-Bromophenyl)-5-chloro-1H-indole (2f).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.61 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.34-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 7.18-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  137.7, 134.6, 134.1, 133.0, 131.4, 129.6, 129.2, 127.8, 125.8, 122.9, 121.3, 120.2, 112.1, 103.2. (EI): m/z (%) = 307 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 40), 305 (31), 165 (100), 65 (21), 51 (23).



**2g**

**5-Bromo-2-(2-bromophenyl)-1H-indole (2g).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.68 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.58 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1.5 Hz), 7.36-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.29 (s, 2H), 7.22 (td, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1.5 Hz), 6.73 (d, 1H,  $J = 2.0$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  137.5, 134.8, 134.1, 132.9, 131.5, 129.9, 129.6, 127.8, 125.4, 123.3, 121.3, 113.4, 112.5, 103.1. (EI): m/z (%) = 351 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 1), 250 (100), 206 (23), 172 (16), 71 (23).



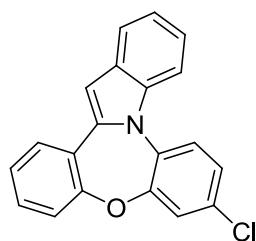
**2h**

**2-(2-Bromophenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2h).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  12.79 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 7.55 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 7.46 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.24 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  150.8, 143.5, 134.8, 133.8, 132.7, 132.6, 131.8, 128.2, 123.1, 122.0, 121.9, 119.5, 112.0.

### General procedure for synthesis of indole-fused dibenzo[*b,f*][1,4]oxazepines

A sealable tube (20 mL) was charged with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), dibenzoylmethane (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), tripotassium phosphate (127.4 mg, 0.6 mmol), the 2-halophenol (**1**, 0.24 mmol) and the 2-(2-halophenyl)-1*H*-indole (**2**, 0.20 mmol). DMF (2 mL) was added and the tube sealed. The mixture was allowed to stir under N<sub>2</sub> at 120 °C for 12 h. Saturated aqueous NaCl (25 mL), and EtOAc (25 mL) were added to the cooled reaction mixture successively. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous phase was further extracted with EtOAc (2 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous NaSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether as eluent to provide the desired products (**3**).

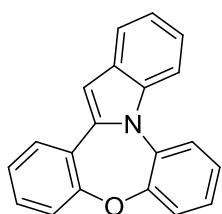
### Characterization data of compounds **3a-l**



**3a**

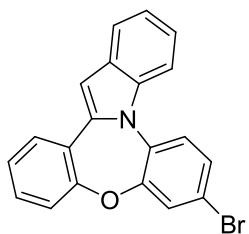
**8-Chlorodibenzo[*b,f*]indolo[1,2-*d*][1,4]oxazepine (3a) [New compound].** Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 133-135 °C (uncorrected).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.75-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.69 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.38-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.05 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  157.3, 153.6, 136.4, 136.3, 131.0, 130.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.0, 126.8, 126.6, 125.9,

124.3, 123.6, 123.2, 122.0, 121.5, 121.4, 111.7, 104.1. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NOCl (M)<sup>+</sup> 317.0607; Found, 317.0604.



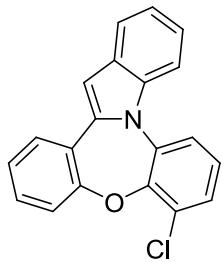
**3b**

**Indolo[1,2-d]dibenzo[b,f][1,4]oxazepine (3b) [New compound].** Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 135-137 °C (uncorrected). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.75-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.54-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.02 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 157.7, 153.3, 136.7, 136.4, 131.3, 130.7, 129.7, 129.0, 128.0, 126.6, 126.5, 124.8, 124.5, 123.5, 123.0, 121.9, 121.5, 121.3, 111.7, 103.7. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO (M)<sup>+</sup> 283.0997; Found, 283.0996.



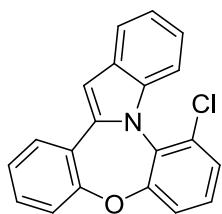
**3c**

**8-Bromodibenzo[b,f]indolo[1,2-d][1,4]oxazepine (3c) [New compound].** Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 133-135 °C (uncorrected). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 7.82 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.5 Hz), 7.72-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.56 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz), 7.52 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.46 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.5 Hz), 7.35 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.30 (td, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.23-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 162.2, 158.6, 141.2, 135.8, 135.7, 134.6, 134.5, 133.9, 131.6, 131.2, 130.9, 129.2, 128.5, 126.9, 126.4, 126.3, 123.7, 116.5, 109.1, 109.0. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NOBr (M)<sup>+</sup> 361.0102; Found, 361.0107.



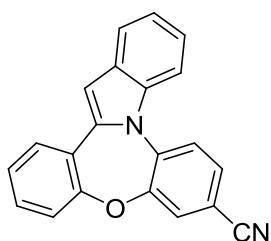
**3d**

**9-Chlorodibenzo[b,f]indolo[1,2-d][1,4]oxazepine (3d) [New compound].** Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 133-135 °C (uncorrected).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.71-7.75 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.35 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.29 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.24 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.08 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 156.5, 148.3, 136.2, 135.9, 132.7, 130.3, 129.4, 128.6, 127.5, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 124.1, 123.3, 121.8, 121.3, 121.2, 111.5, 104.0. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO (M)<sup>+</sup> 317.0607; Found, 317.0608.



**3e**

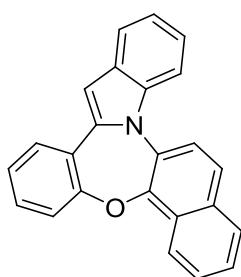
**6-Chlorodibenzo[b,f]indolo[1,2-d][1,4]oxazepine (3e) [New compound].** Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 151-153 °C (uncorrected).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.69-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 3H), 6.84 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 158.9, 157.8, 136.6, 136.3, 130.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 126.1, 125.3, 122.2, 121.2, 120.9, 120.8, 120.5, 113.8, 104.4. HRMS (EI) Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO (M)<sup>+</sup> 317.0607; Found, 317.0606.



**3f**

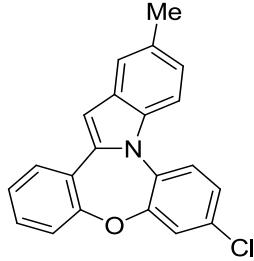
**Dibenzo[*b,f*]indolo[1,2-*d*][1,4]oxazepine-8-carbonitrile (3f) [New compound].**

Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 173-175 °C (uncorrected).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.87 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.68-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.57 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz), 7.36-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.93 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  157.2, 153.3, 136.7, 136.6, 136.6, 130.3, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 126.7, 126.3, 125.2, 124.3, 123.6, 122.4, 121.5, 120.9, 117.7, 111.4, 109.9, 104.8. HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M})^+$  308.0950; Found, 308.0955.



**3g**

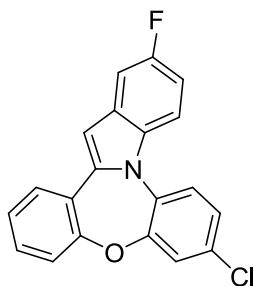
**Benzo[*f*]naphtho[1,2-*b*]indolo[1,2-*d*][1,4]oxazepine (3g) [New compound].** Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 166-168 °C (uncorrected).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.63 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.89 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz), 7.79 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.73-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.65 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.53 (t, 2H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 7.31-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  158.5, 148.3, 137.3, 136.9, 132.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 126.4, 125.7, 125.5, 125.2, 122.8, 122.6, 121.9, 121.5, 121.2, 111.6, 103.3. HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO} (\text{M})^+$  333.1154; Found, 333.1156.



**3h**

**2-Methyl-8-chlorodibenzob[f]indolo[1,2-d][1,4]oxazepine (3h) [New compound].**

Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 143-145 °C (uncorrected).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.71 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1.5Hz), 7.67 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 7.57 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.26 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz), 7.23-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.10 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1.0Hz), 6.80 (s, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  152.3, 148.5, 131.5, 129.8, 126.1, 125.8, 125.7, 124.6, 124.2, 124.0, 120.7, 120.5, 119.7, 119.6, 119.4, 117.9, 115.7, 115.6, 105.8, 98.0, 16.2. HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{NOCl}$  ( $M$ ) $^+$  331.0764; Found, 331.0768.

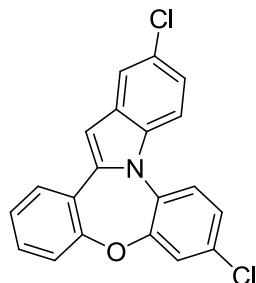


**3i**

**2-Fluoro-8-chlorodibenzob[f]indolo[1,2-d][1,4]oxazepine (3i) [New compound].**

Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 162-164 °C (uncorrected).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.64 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.59-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 7.31-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.00 (td, 1H,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2.5 Hz), 6.83 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  158.7 ( $J_{CF}$  = 235 Hz), 155.8 ( $J_{CF}$  = 463.1 Hz), 138.3, 133.2, 131.8, 130.6, 130.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 126.1, 125.9, 124.9, 124.4, 123.3, 121.0, 111.8 ( $J_{CF}$  = 100.1 Hz), 111.7 ( $J_{CF}$  = 116.4 Hz),

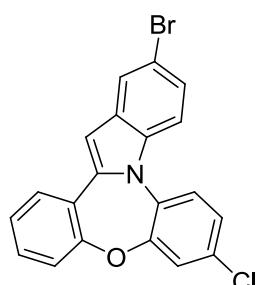
106.0 ( $J_{CF} = 23.9$  Hz), 103.3 ( $J_{CF} = 5.0$  Hz). HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{11}NOFCl$  (M)  
+ 335.0513; Found, 335.0512.



**3j**

**2-Chloro-8-chlorodibenzo[b,f]indolo[1,2-d][1,4]oxazepine (3j) [New compound].**

Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 165-167 °C (uncorrected).  $^1H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.64 (dd, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1.5 Hz), 7.61 (d, 1H,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 7.52-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, 1H,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 7.27-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, 1H,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2.0 Hz), 6.75 (s, 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 157.6, 153.9, 138.1, 135.0, 132.0, 130.4, 130.3, 129.4, 127.2, 126.1, 125.9, 124.9, 124.3, 123.3, 123.2, 121.1, 120.6, 112.4, 103.0. HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{11}NOCl_2$  (M)  
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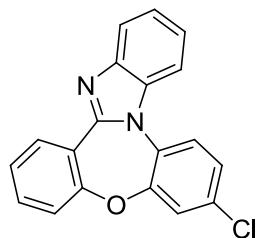


**3k**

**2-Bromo-8-chlorodibenzo[b,f]indolo[1,2-d][1,4]oxazepine (3k) [New compound].**

Eluent: petroleum ether. White solid, mp = 174-176 °C (uncorrected).  $^1H$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.79 (d, 1H,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 7.67 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 7.57 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 7.51 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 7.44 (d, 1H,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 7.29-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.23-

7.26 (m, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  157.7, 154.0, 137.9, 135.3, 132.0, 130.9, 130.4, 130.3, 129.4, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.0, 124.3, 123.7, 123.3, 121.0, 114.7, 112.7, 102.8. HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOBrCl} (\text{M})^+$  394.9713; Found, 394.9712.

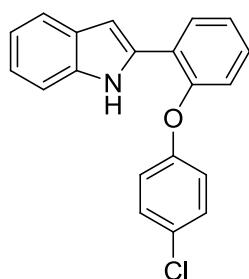


**3l**

**8-Chlorodibenzo[*b,f*]benzimidazo[1,2-*d*][1,4]oxazepine (3l) [New compound].**

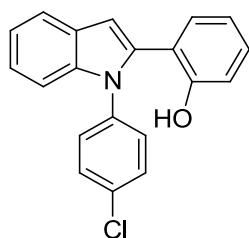
Eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate (20:1). White solid, mp = 199-201 °C (uncorrected).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.22 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2.0Hz), 7.94 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1.0Hz), 7.68-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.43 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz)  $\delta$  158.9, 153.4, 149.5, 143.8, 134.1, 133.1, 132.5, 130.7, 128.8, 126.3, 126.2, 124.0, 123.9, 123.8, 123.5, 122.7, 121.0, 120.7, 111.2. HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{OCl} (\text{M})^+$  318.0560; Found, 318.0561.

**Characterization data of intermediates 6a and 7a in control experiments**



**6a**

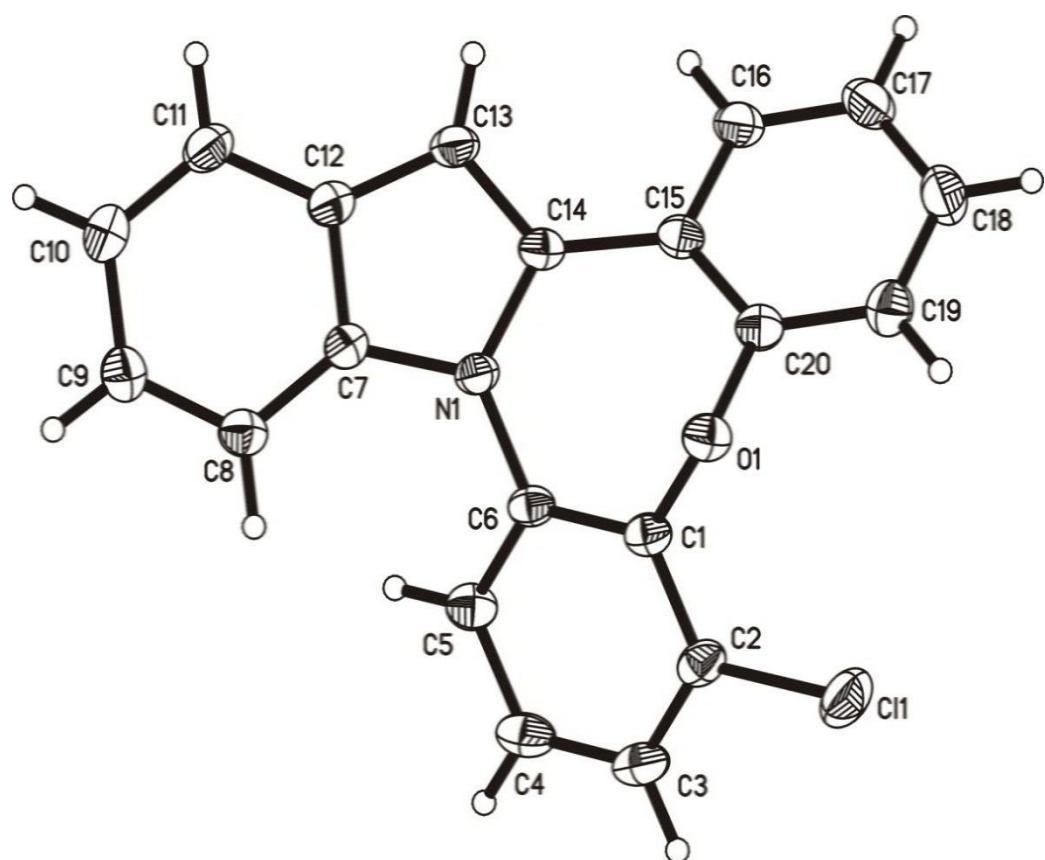
**2-(2-(4-chlorophenoxy)phenyl)-1*H*-indole (6a) [New compound].**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.31 (s, 1H), 7.88-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.36 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz), 7.31-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz), 7.10 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz), 7.02 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz), 6.95 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz), 6.89-6.92 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  155.0, 153.2, 136.3, 134.5, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 124.4, 123.3, 122.2, 120.4, 120.4, 120.0, 119.6, 110.9, 101.1. HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{NOCl} (\text{M})^+$  319.0764; Found, 319.0770.



**7a**

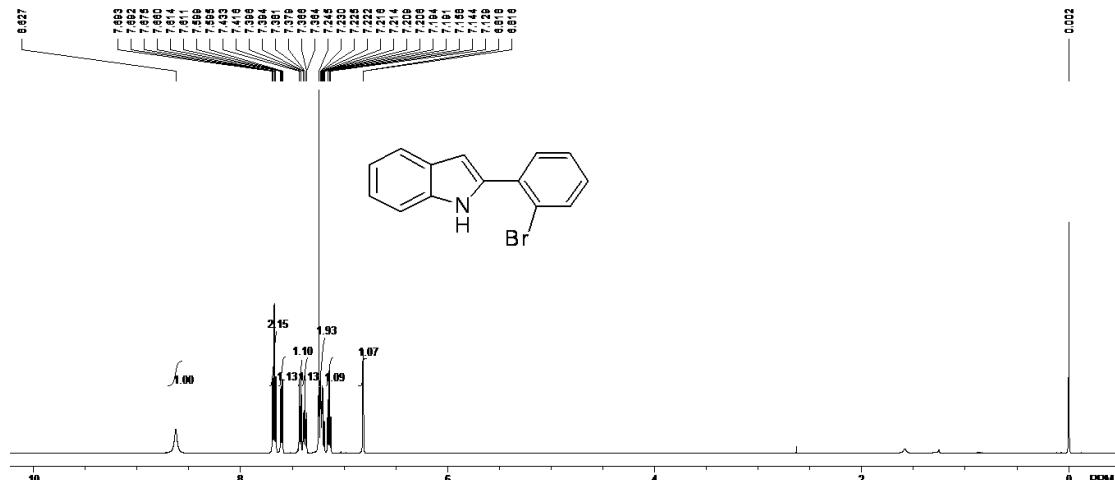
**2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)phenol (7a) [New compound].**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.68-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 7.12 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz), 6.93 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 6.88 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.75 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz), 5.84 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  153.8, 138.4, 136.1, 134.5, 133.0, 131.0, 130.1, 129.4, 128.7, 128.0, 123.1, 121.2, 120.8, 120.1, 118.1, 115.6, 110.6, 104.5. HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{NOCl} (\text{M})^+$  319.0764; Found, 319.0763.

**Representation of the X-ray crystal structure of 3d (CCDC 890740)**

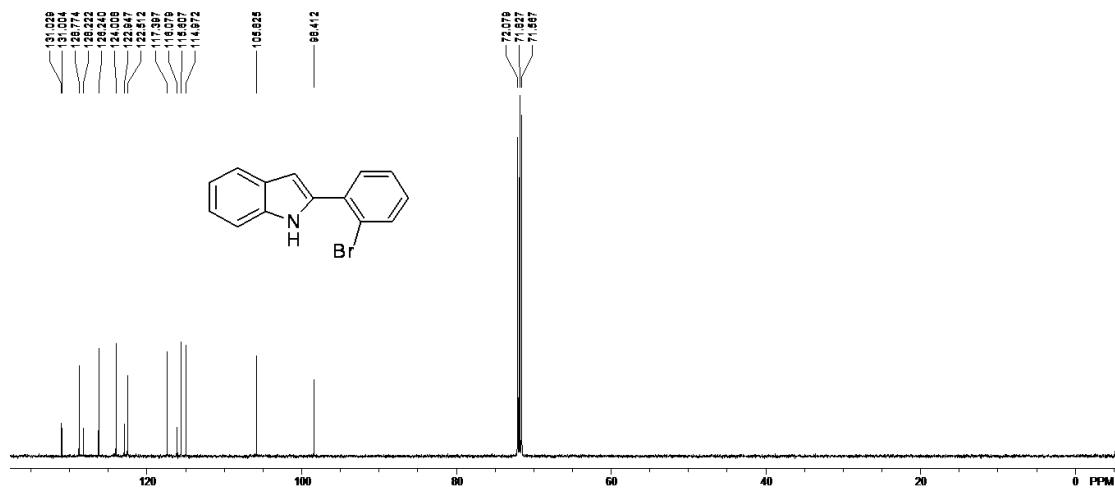


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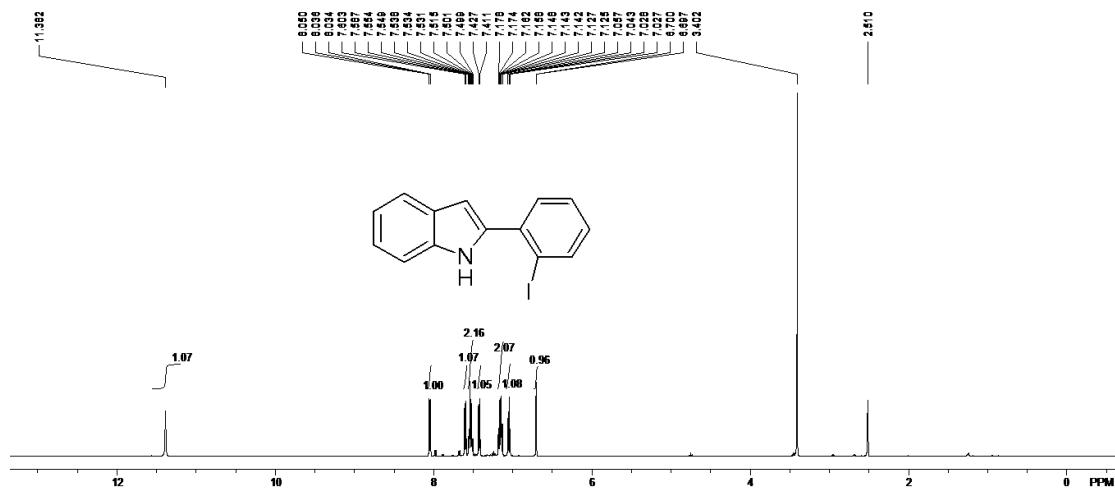
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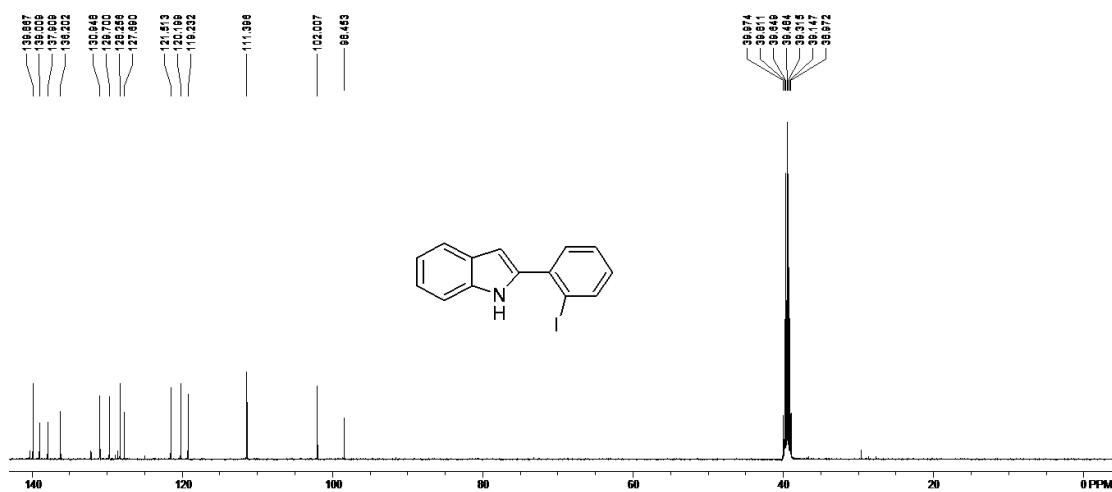
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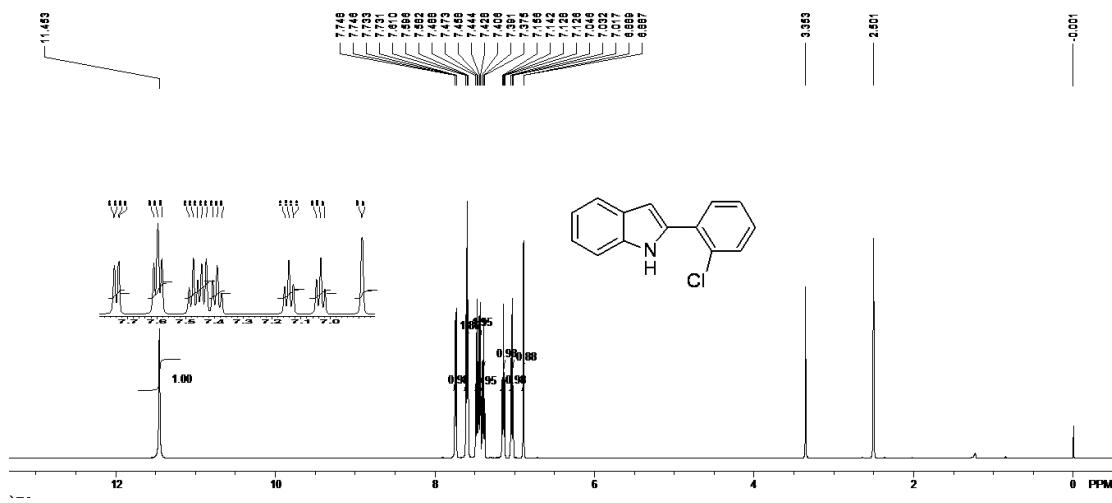
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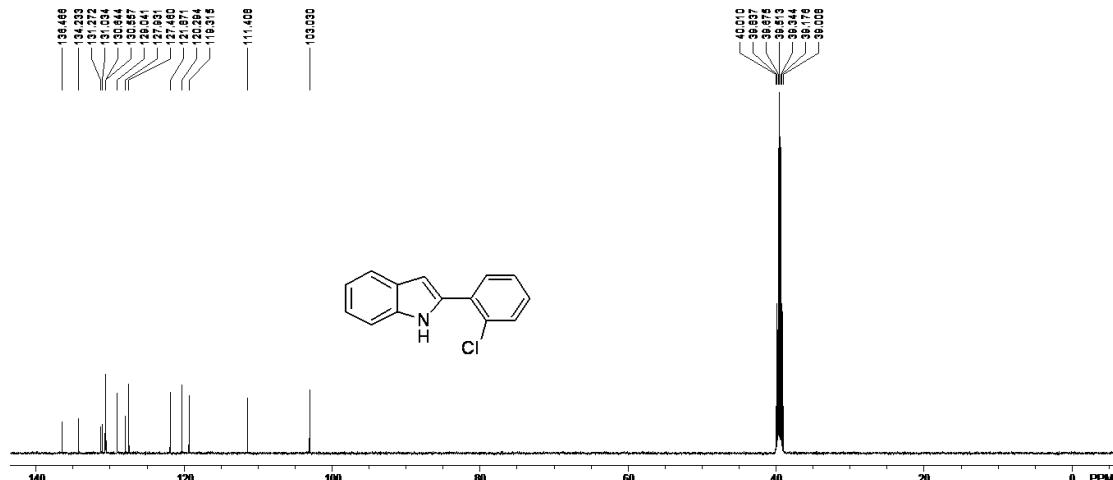
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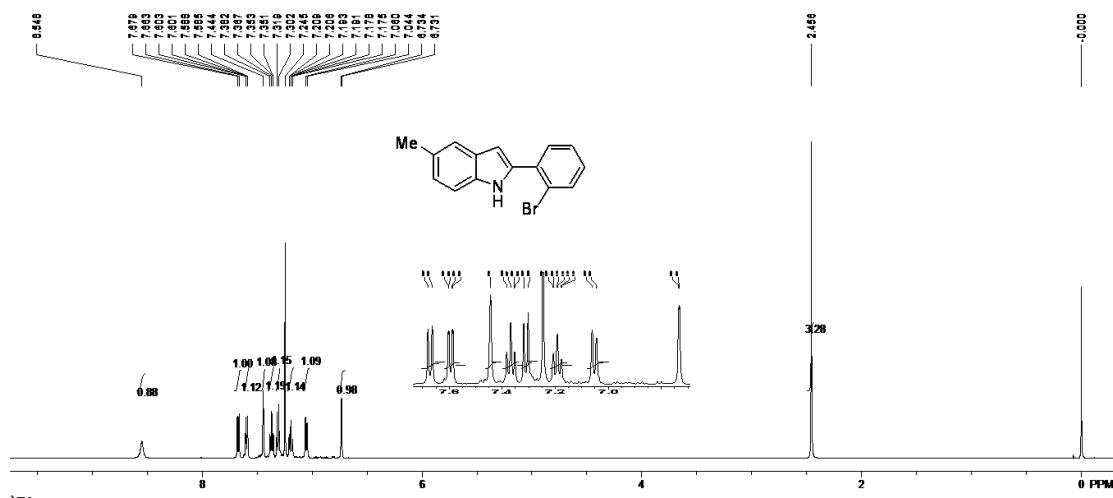
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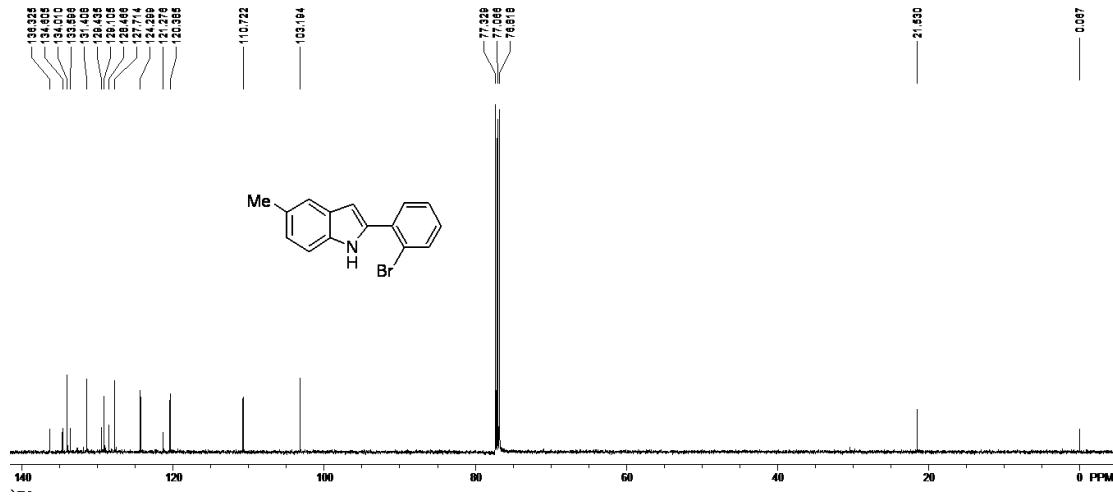
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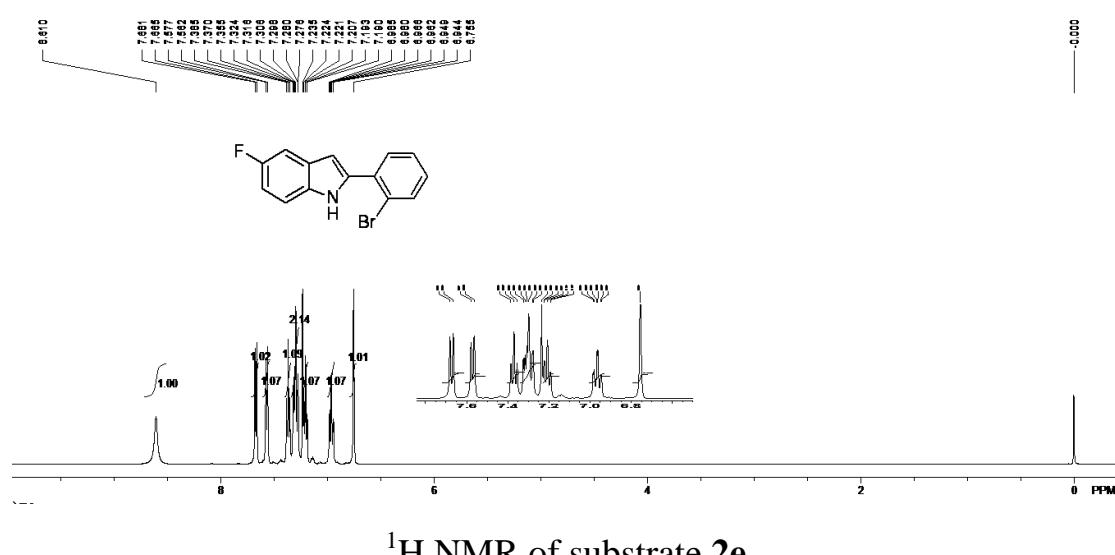
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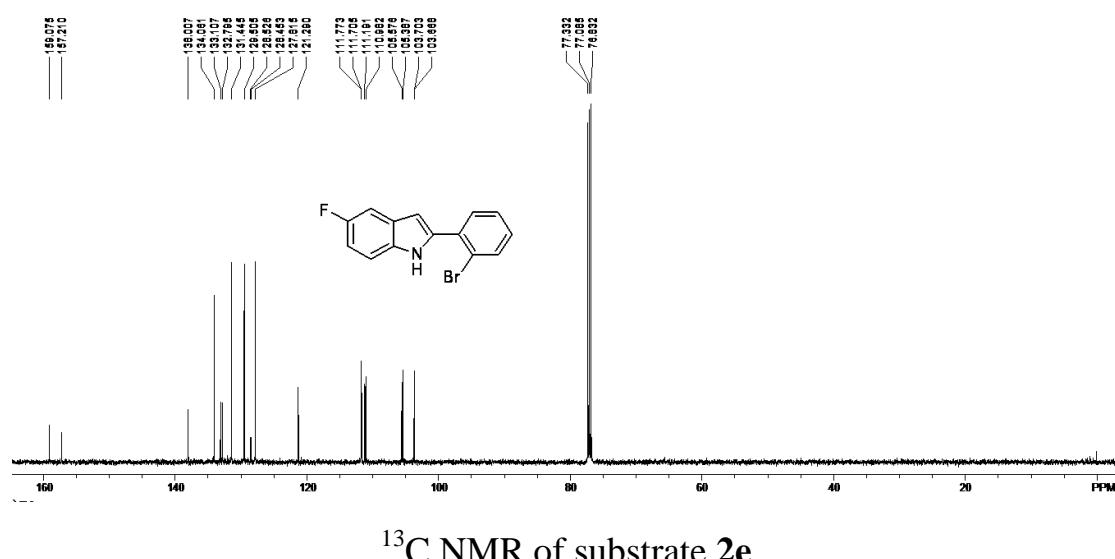
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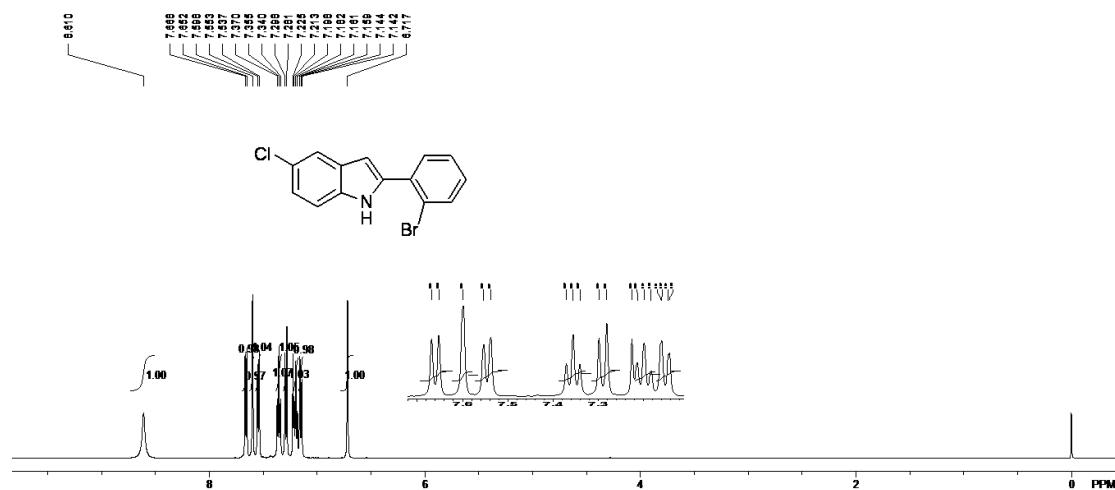
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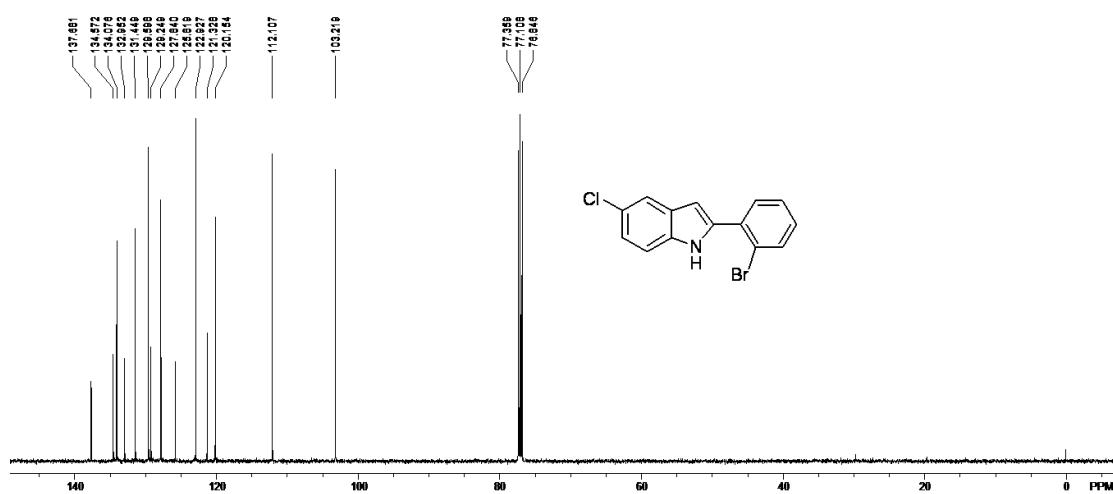
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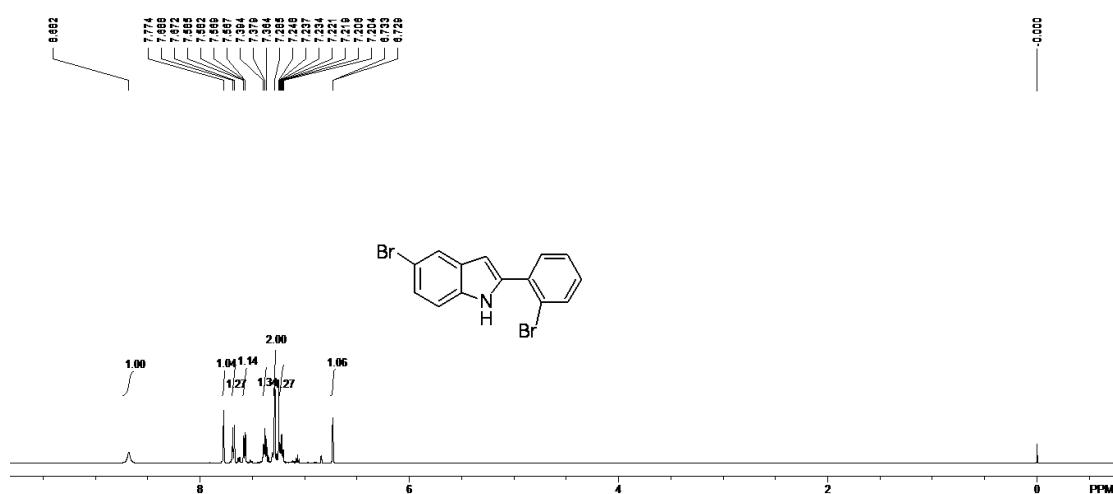
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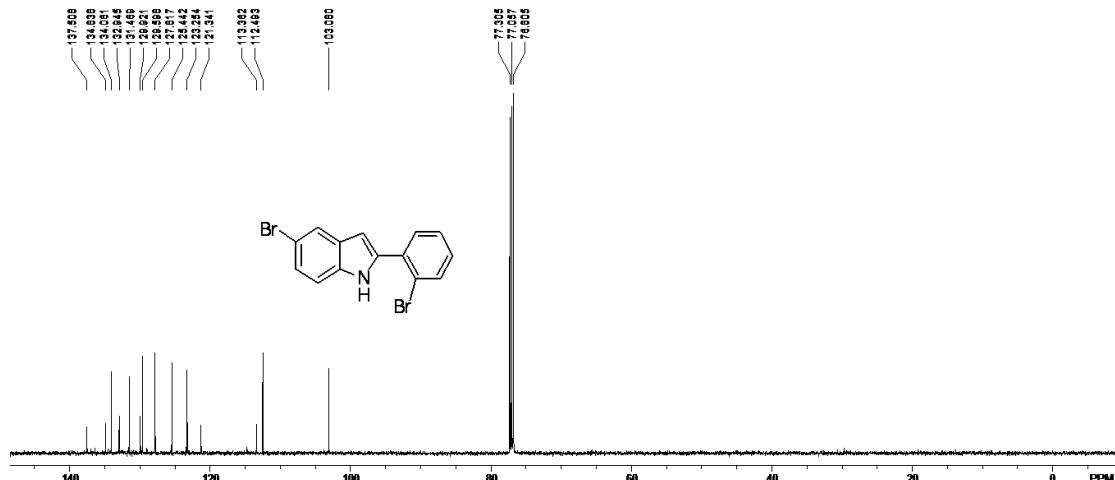
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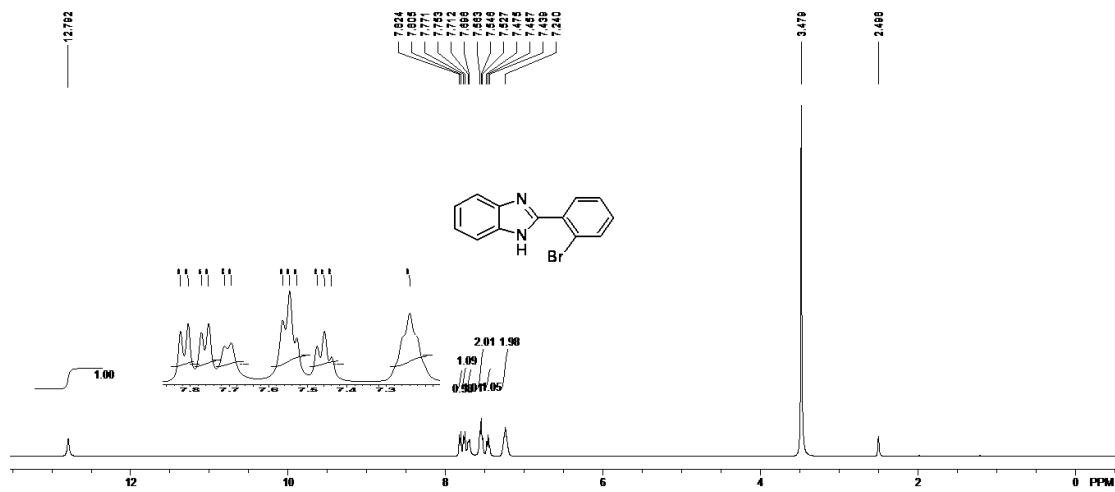
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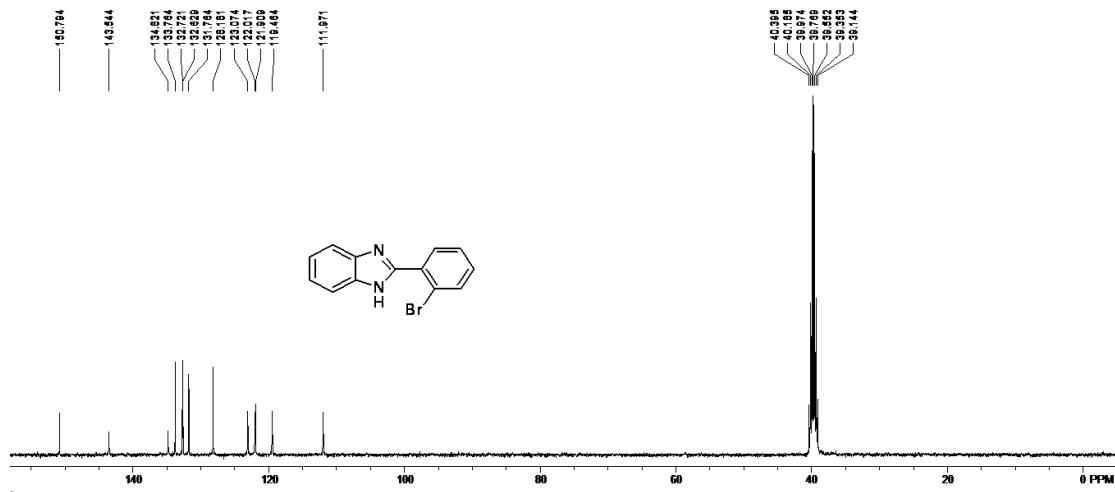
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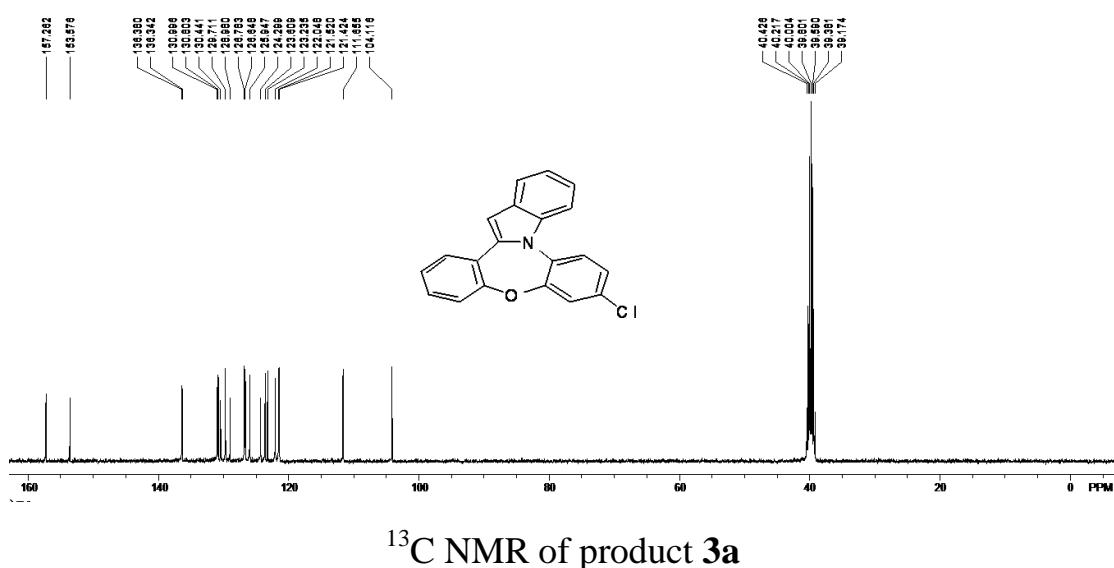
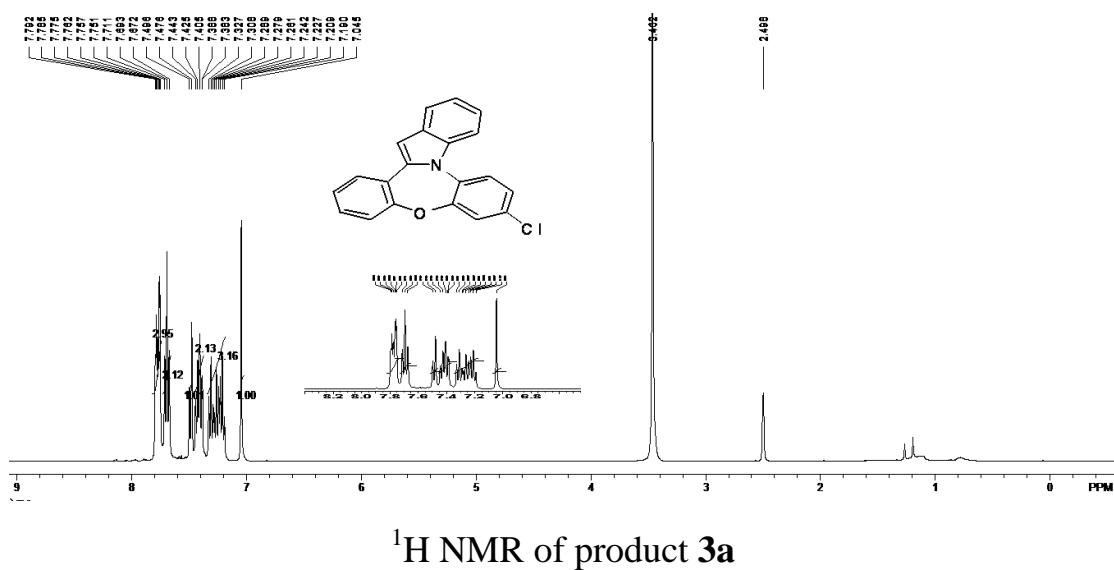
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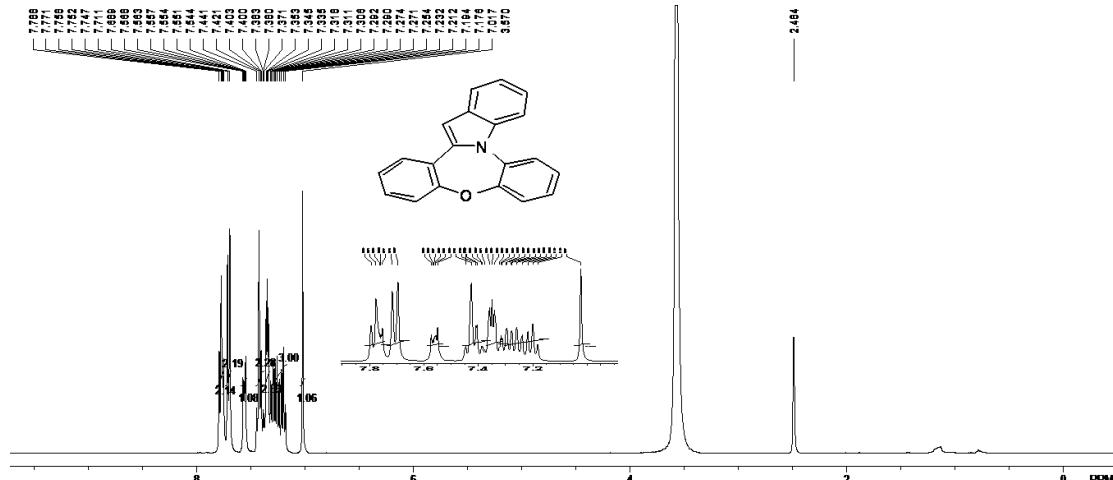


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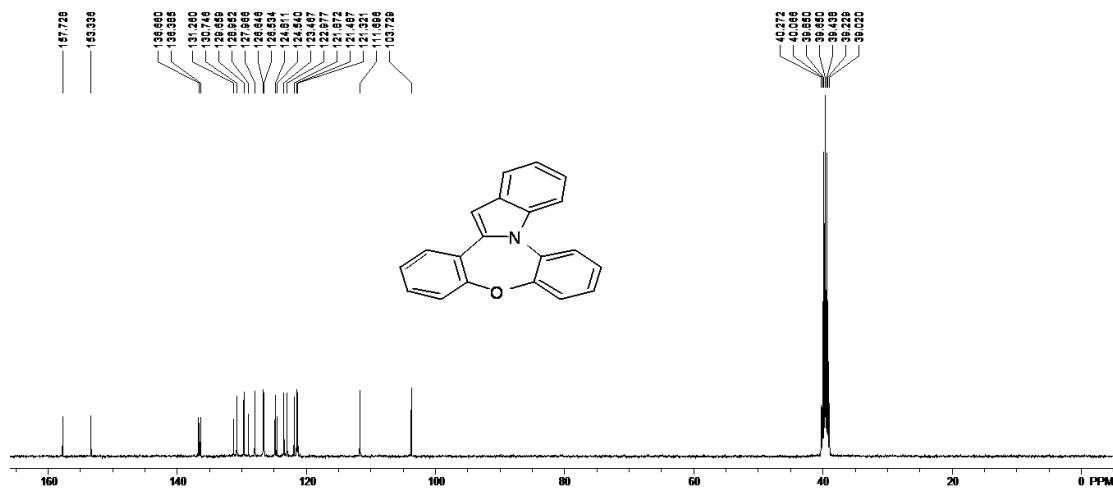


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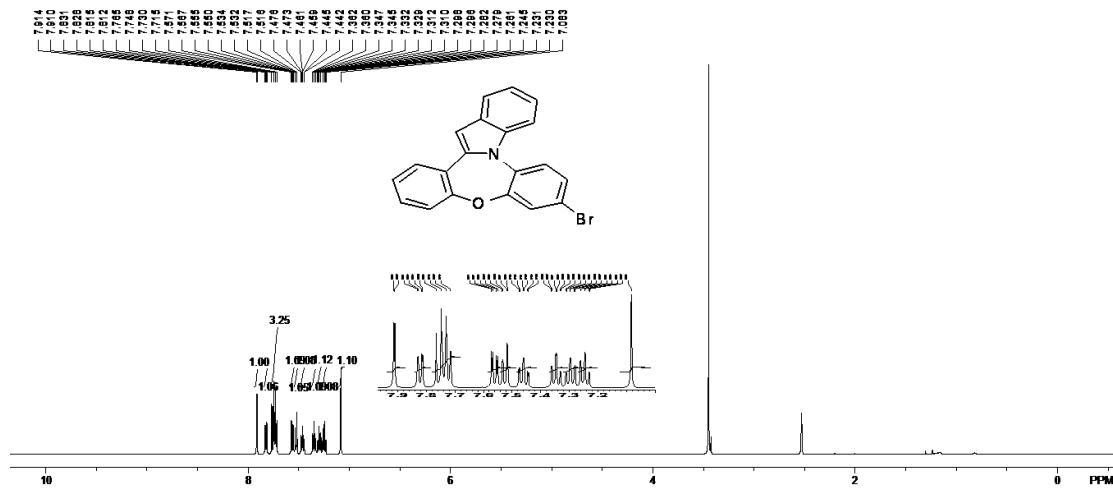




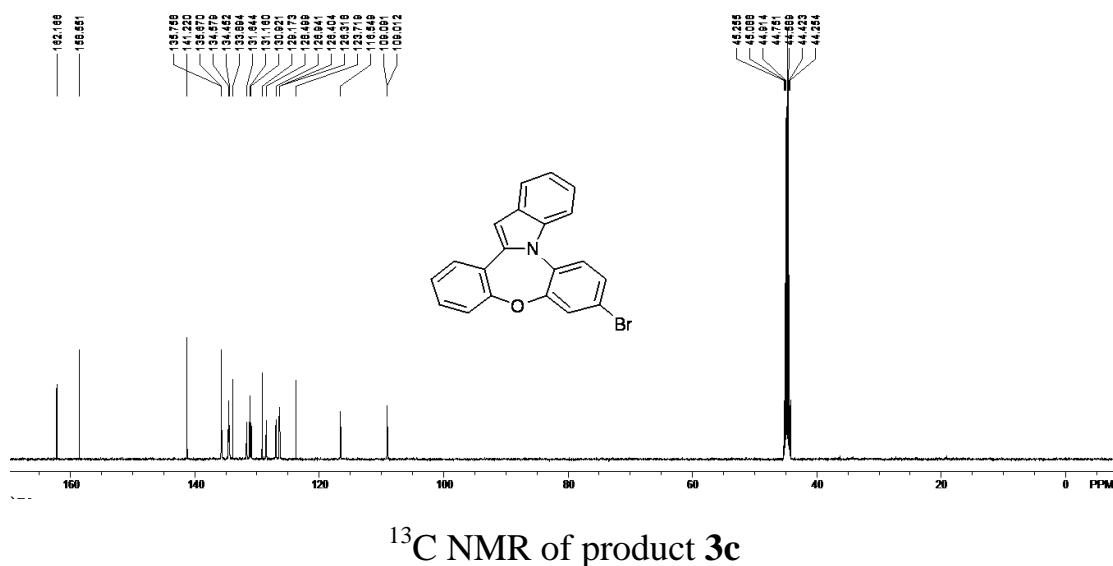
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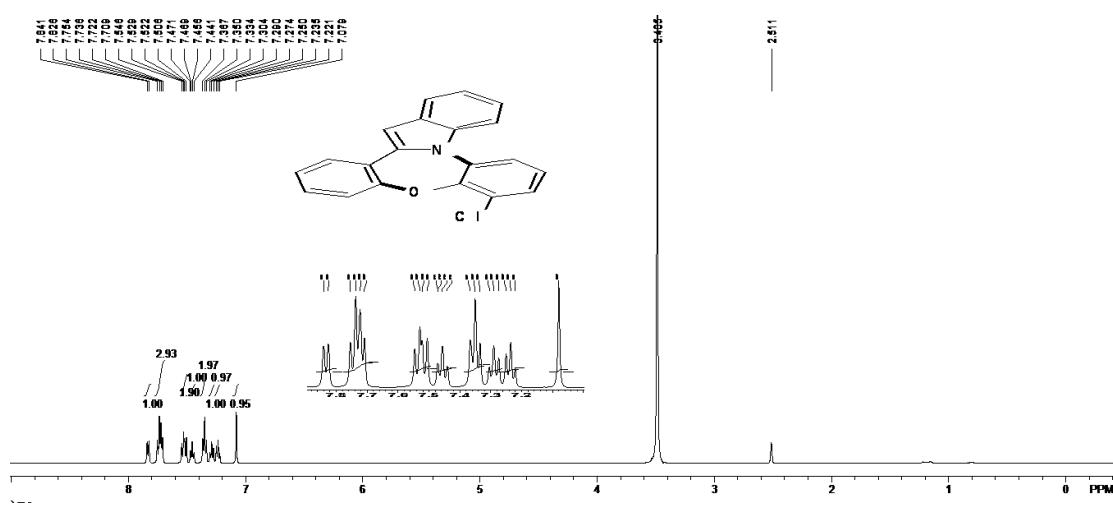
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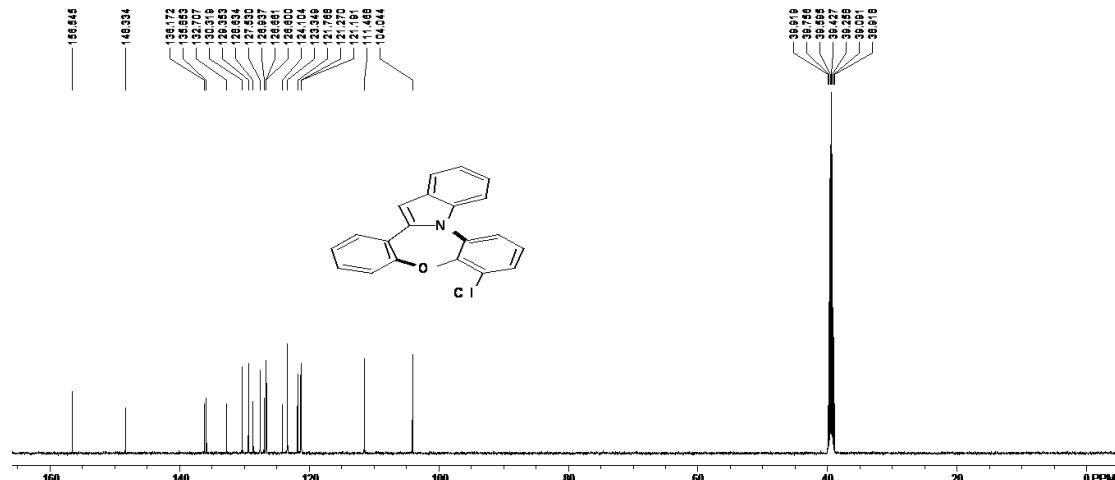
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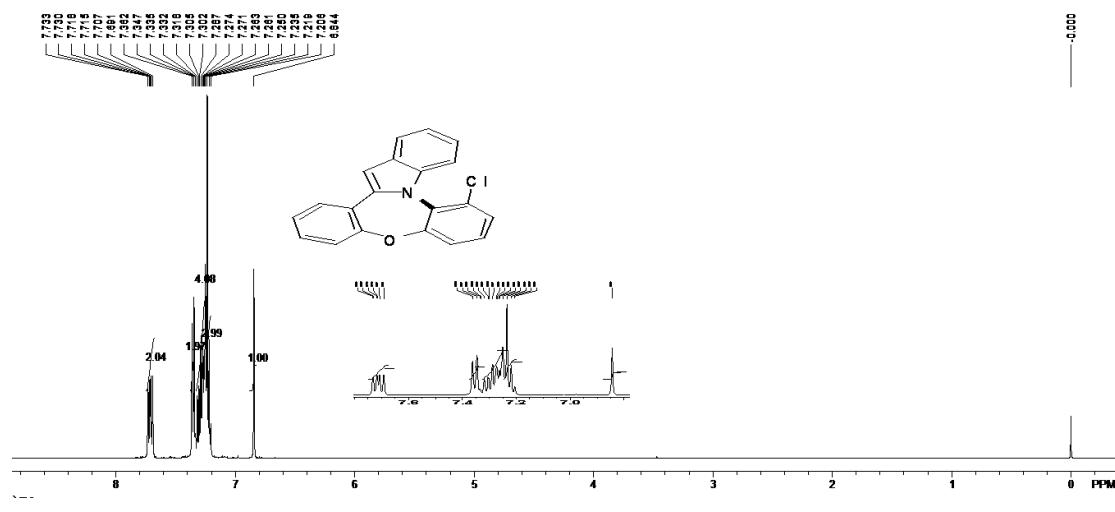
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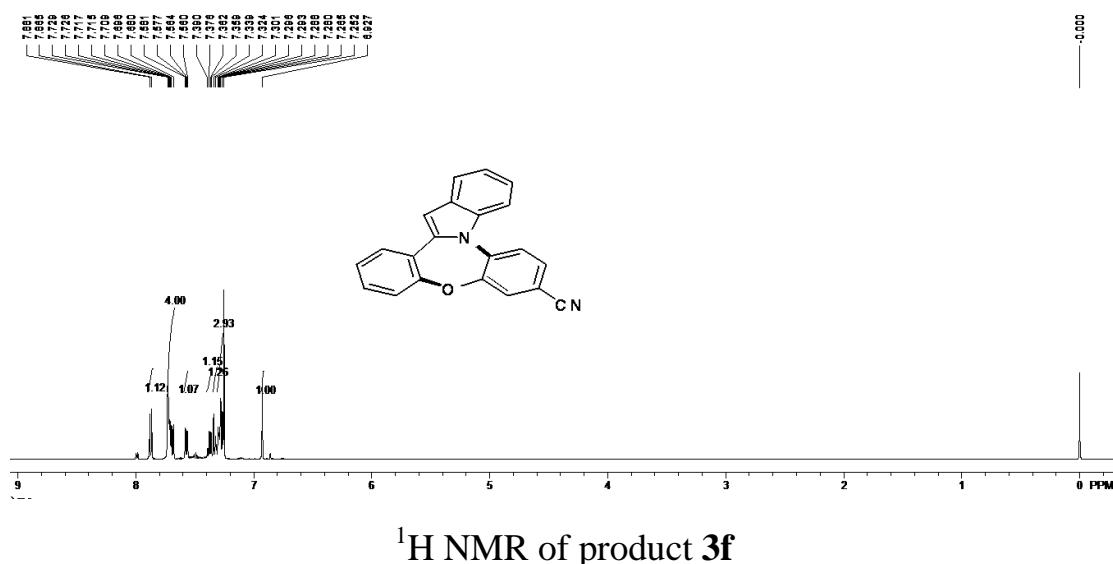


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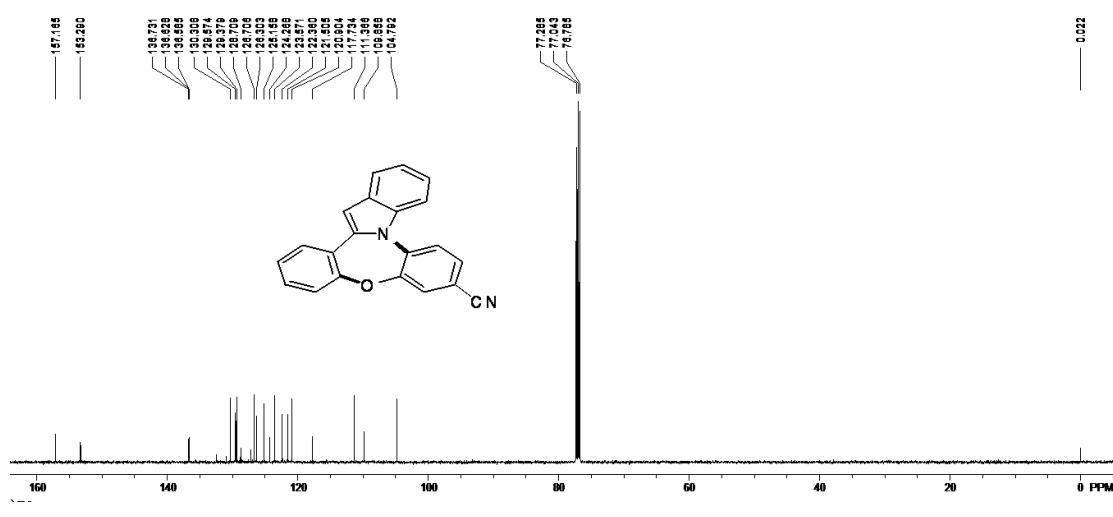


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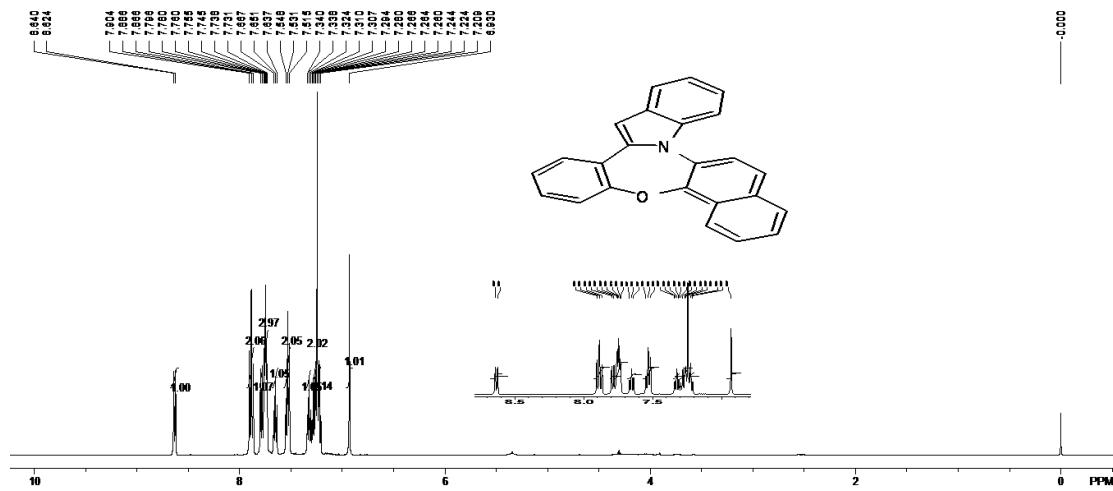




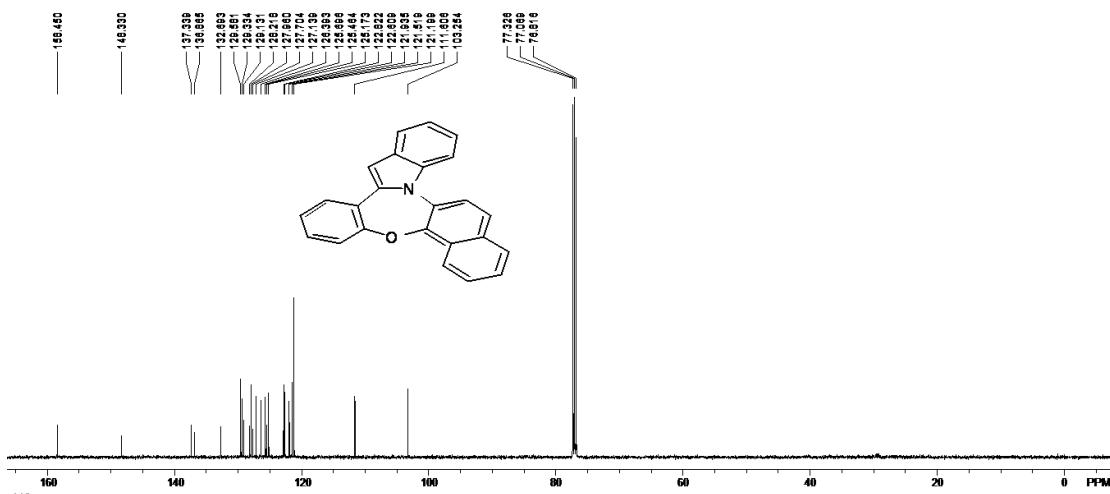
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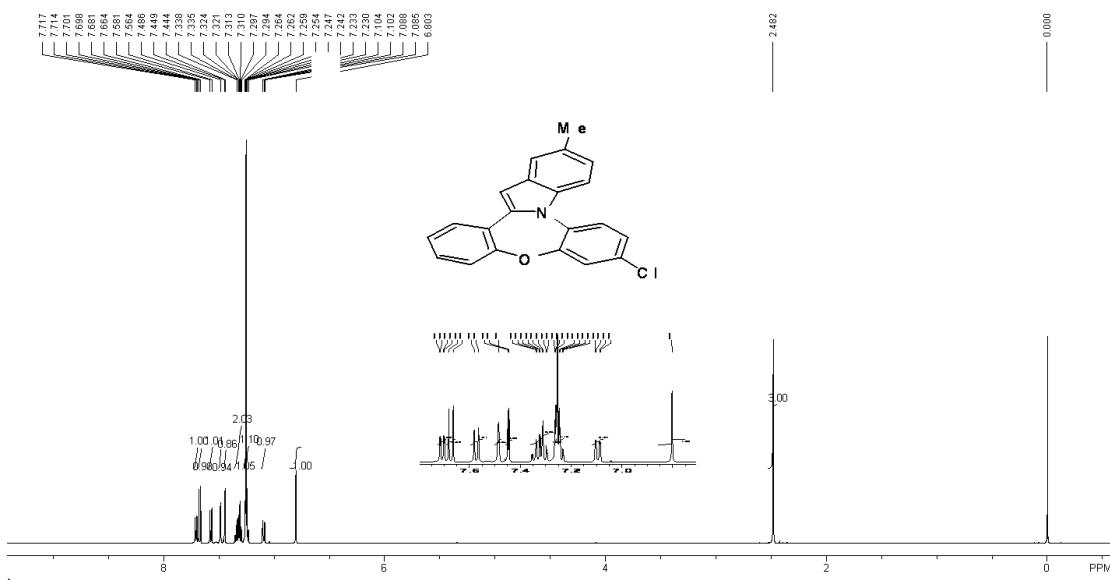
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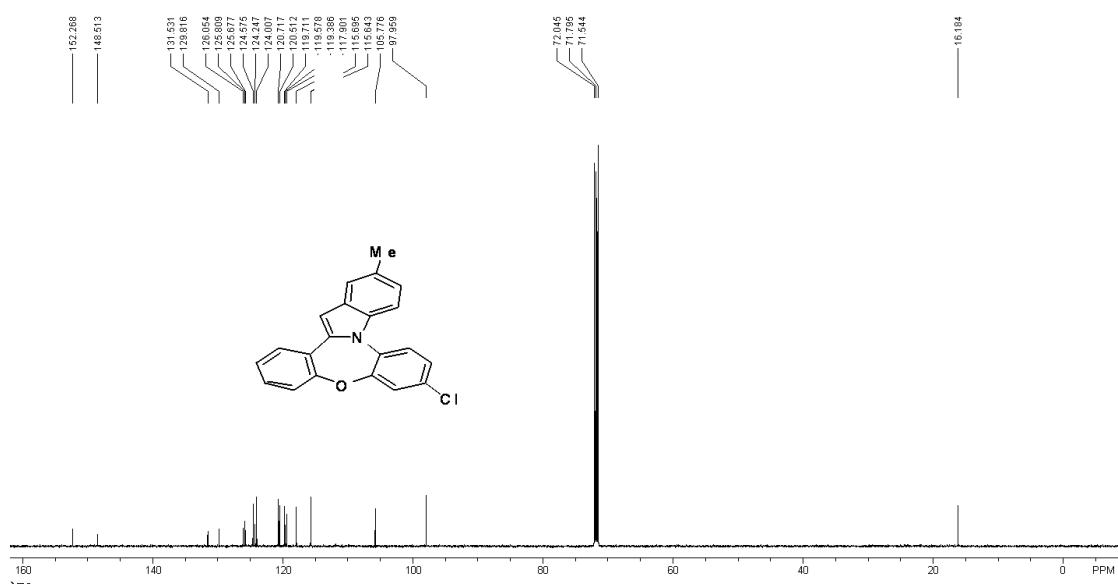
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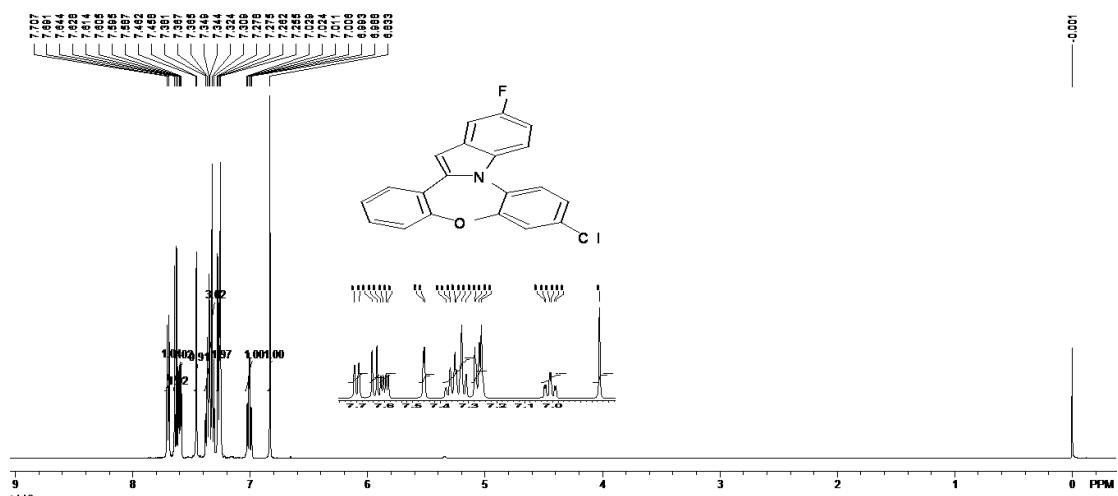
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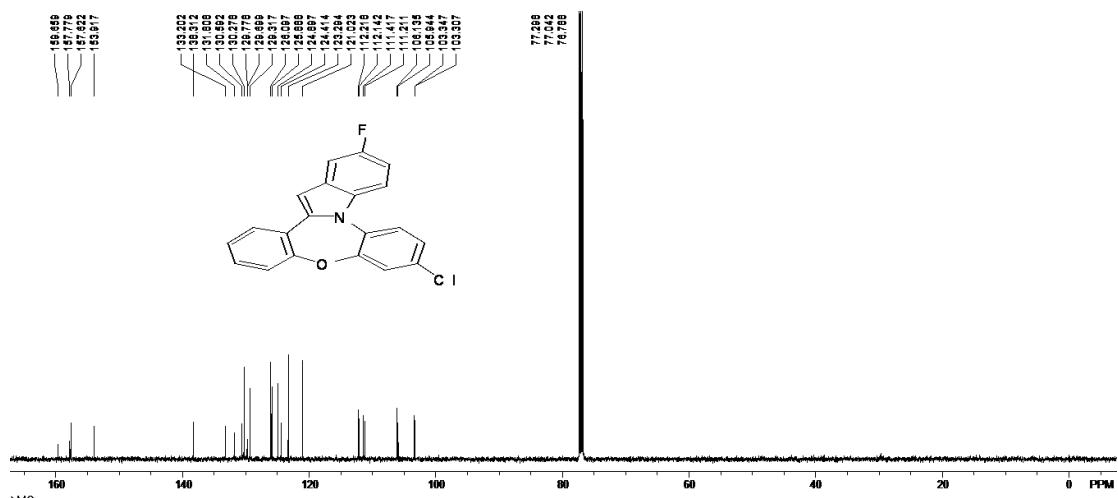
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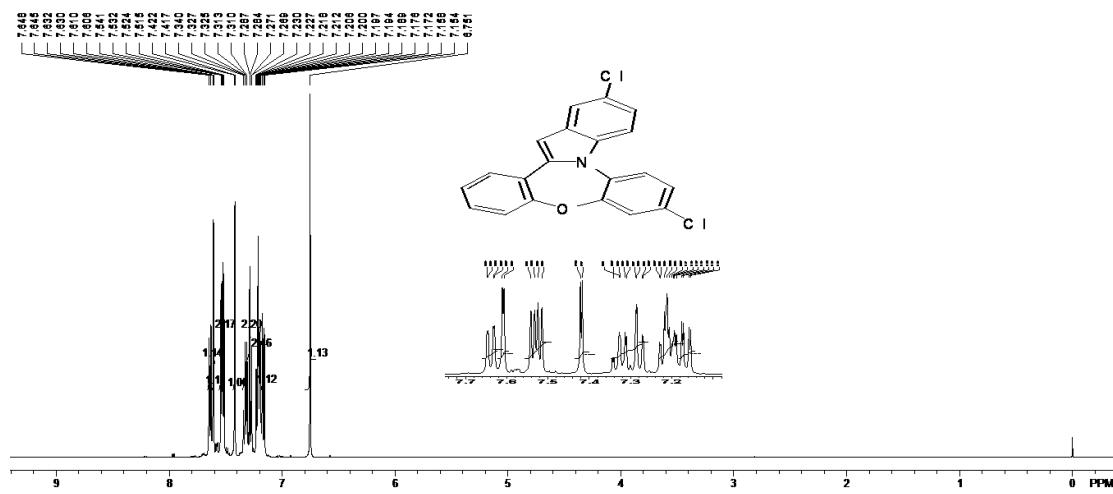
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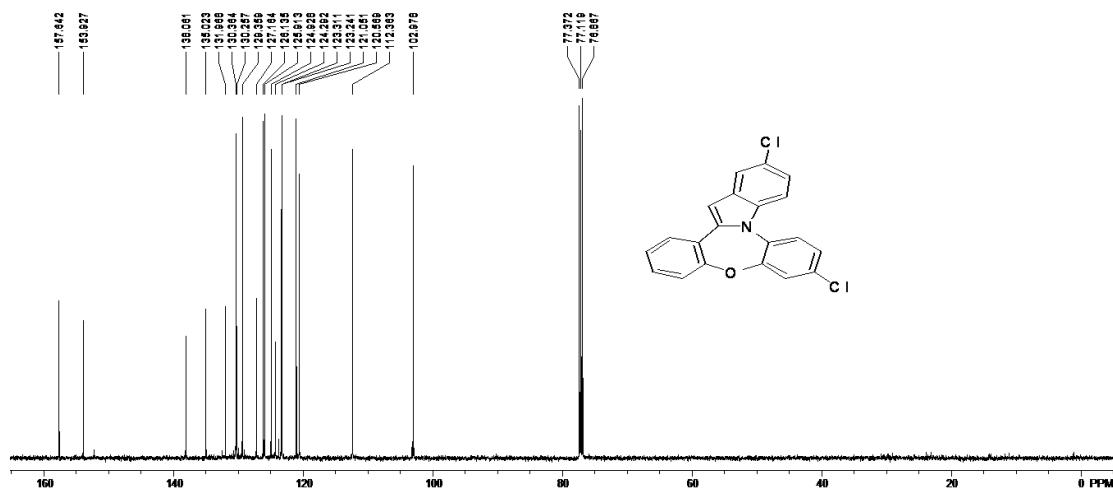
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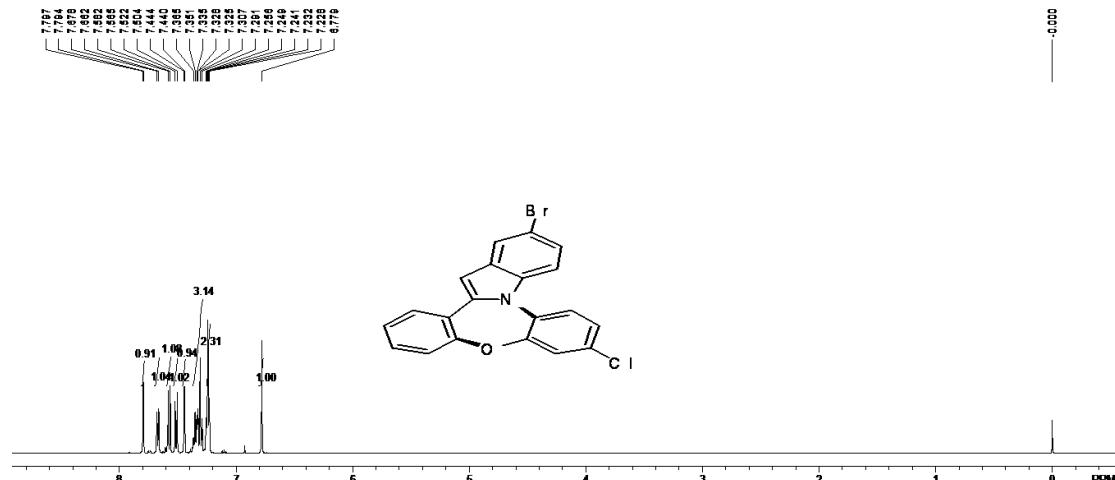
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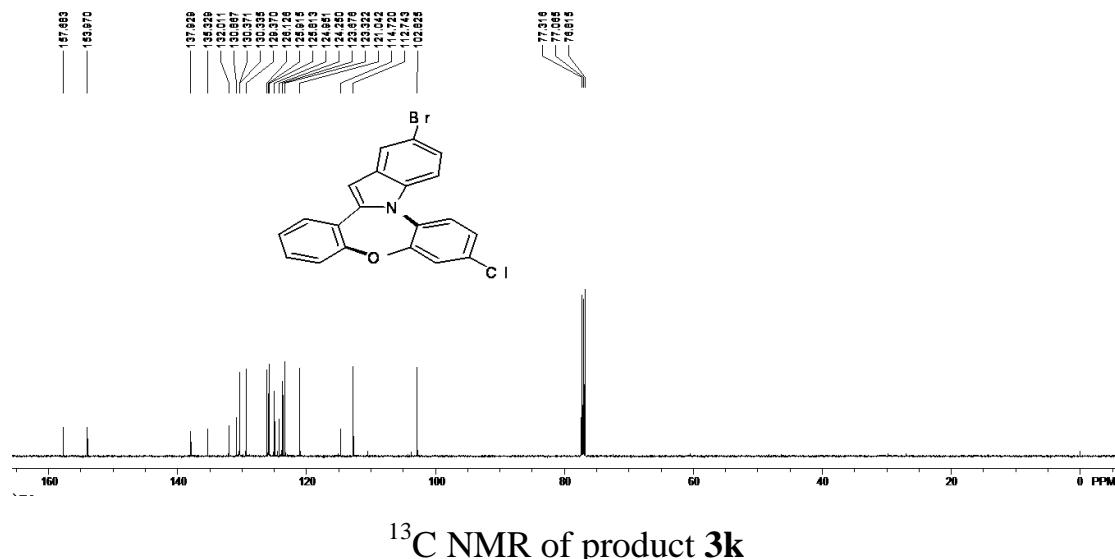
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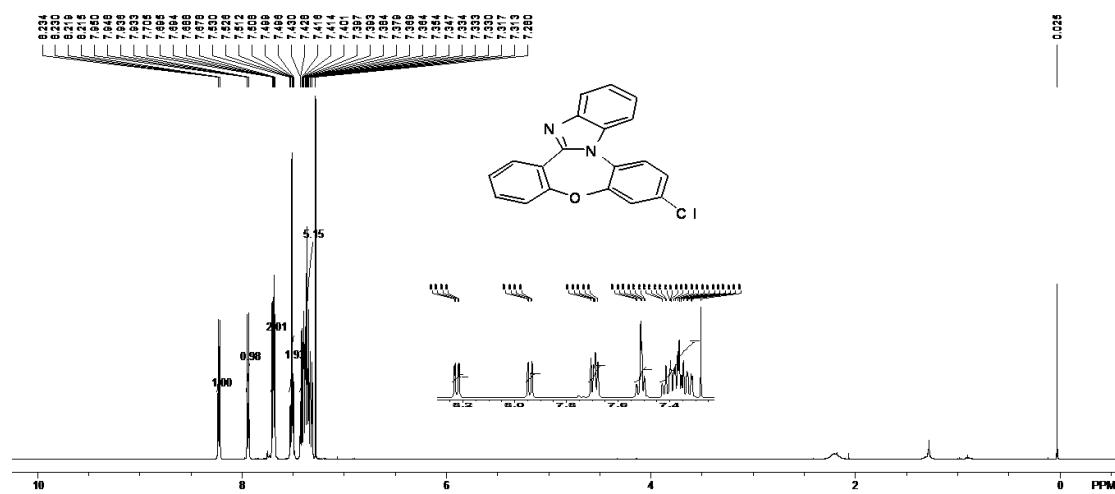
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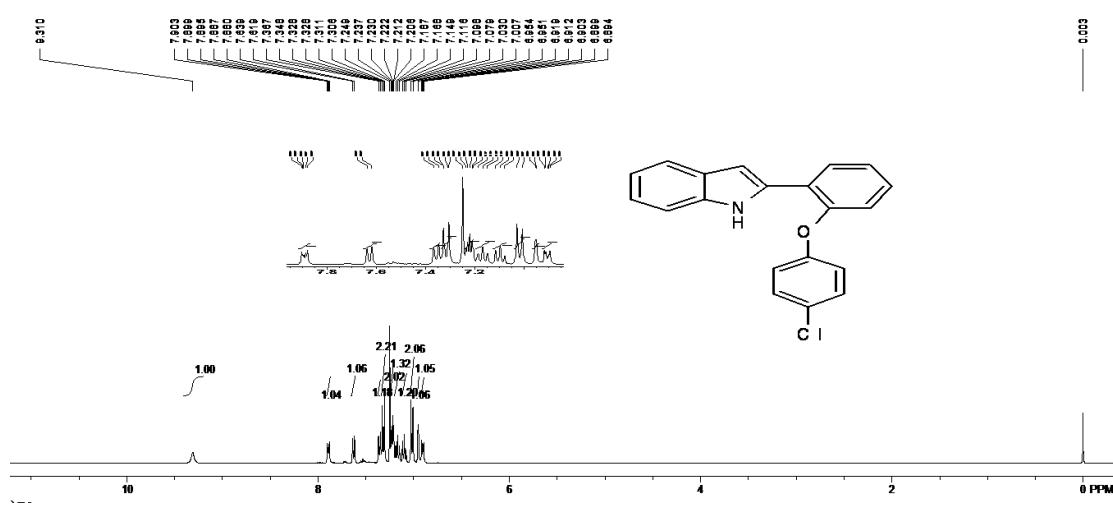
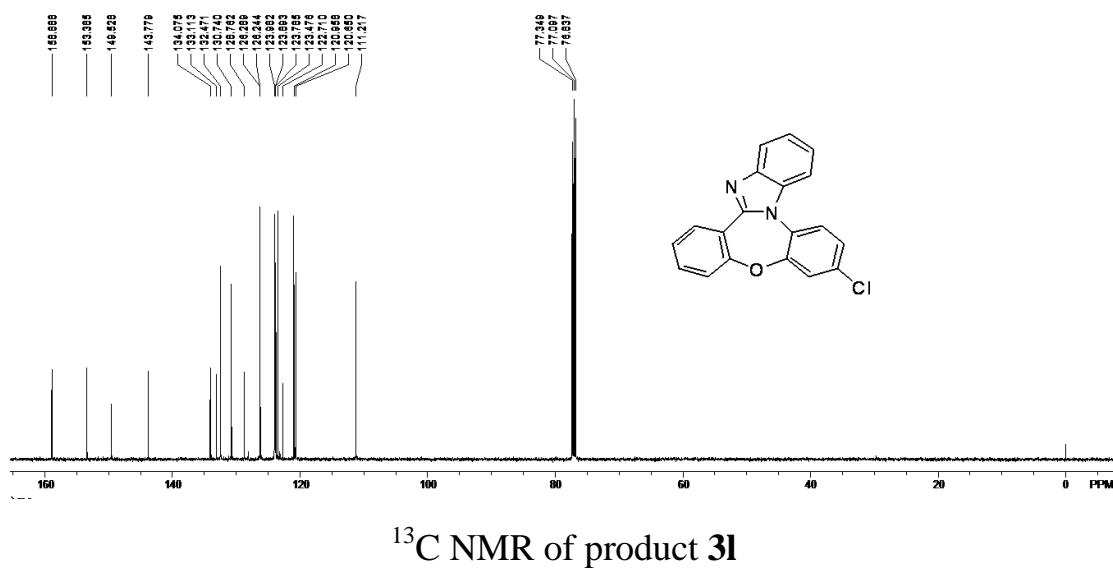
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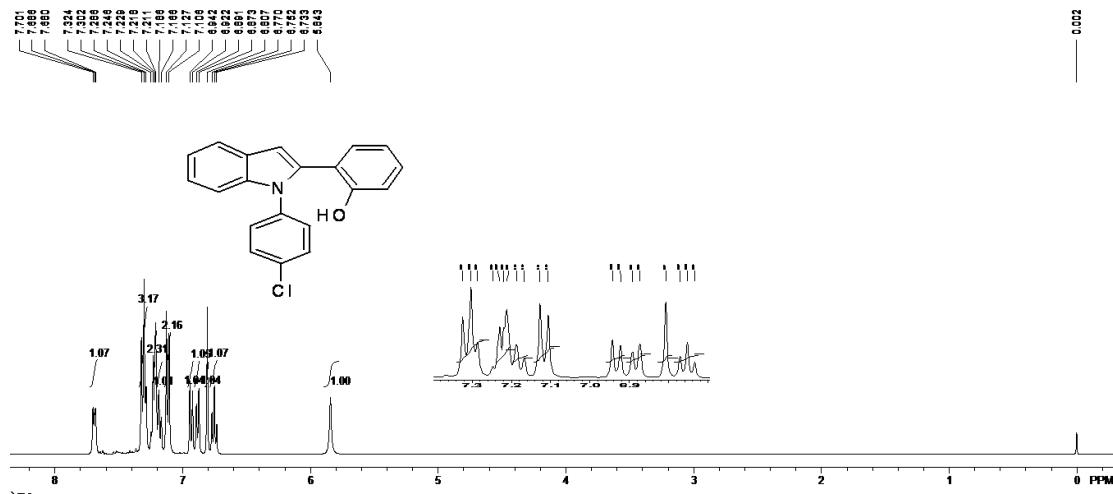
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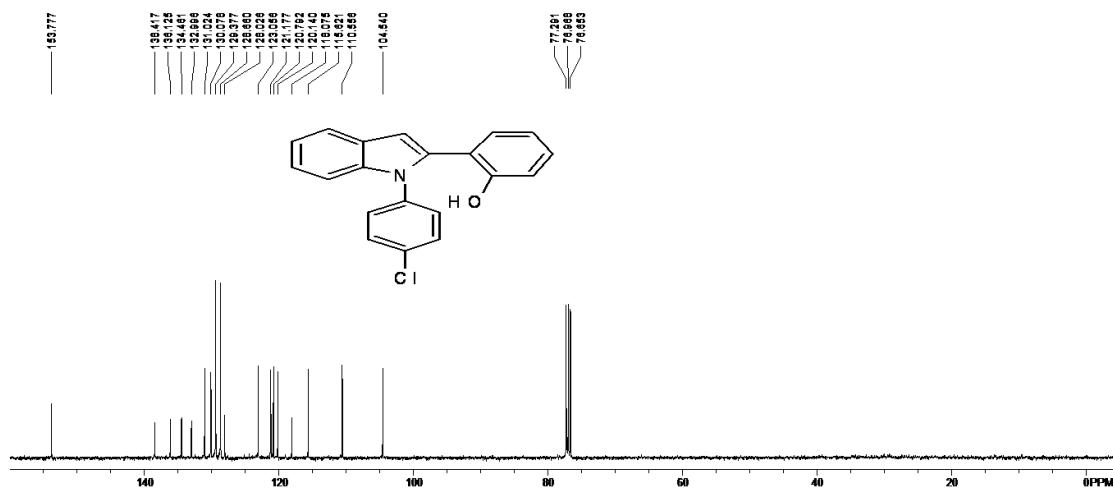
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