

## Supporting Information

### Transition-Metal-Free Sulfonylation of Methylthiolated Alkynones to Synthesize 3-Sulfonylated Thioflavones

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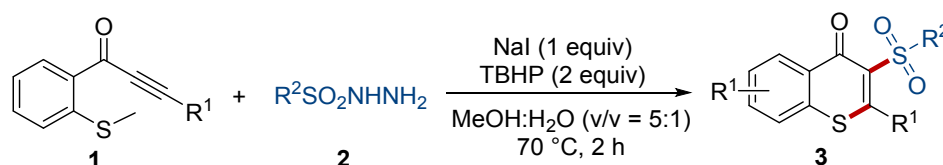
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## 1. General information

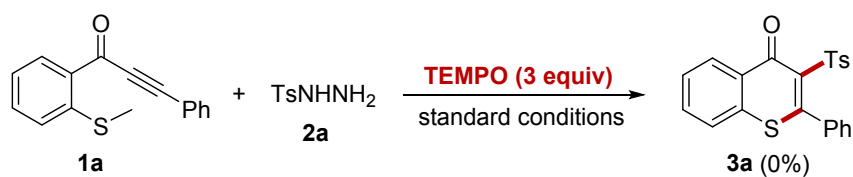
### 1.1 Materials and instruments

Tert-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP), sodium iodide (NaI) were purchased from Tansoole, Shanghai, China. Other reagents were purchased from Bidepharm.com. Unless otherwise stated, all commercially available reagents were directly used without further purification. All solvents were purified by standard methods prior to use. All reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC), and column chromatography was carried out on 100-200 mesh of silica gel purchased from Damas-beta. All nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature (20 ± 3 °C), using tetramethylsilane as internal standard. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were conducted on a 3000-mass spectrometer, using Bruker compact Qq TOF MS/MS system with the ESI technique.

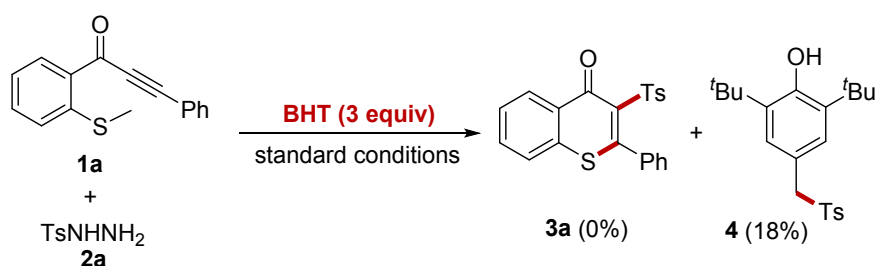
## 2. Experimental procedures



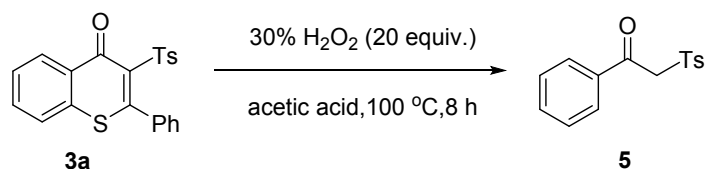
**General experimental procedures for 3-sulfonylated thioflavones:** In a 25 mL flask, 1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ones **1** (0.2 mmol) and arylsulfonyl hydrazides **2** (3.0 equiv) were dissolved in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 5/1) (2 mL), and then TBHP (2.0 equiv), NaI (1.0 equiv) were added. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 2 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Then, the residue was quenched with water (5 mL), and then the ethyl acetate (15 mL) was added three times for extraction. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to afford the desired product.



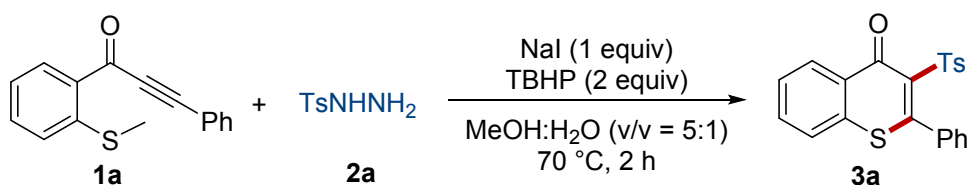
**Control experiments with TEMPO:** In a 25 mL flask, 1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**1a**) (0.2 mmol) and TsNHNH<sub>2</sub> (**2a**) (3.0 equiv) were dissolved in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 5/1) (2 mL) and TBHP (3.0 equiv), NaI (1.0 equiv) were added. Afterward, ((2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxidanyl) (TEMPO, 3.0 equiv) was added in the mixture. The mixture was allowed to stir at 70 °C for 2h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Then, the residue was quenched with water (5 mL), and then the ethyl acetate (15 mL) was added three times for extraction. The reaction mixture was tested using HRMS and product **4** was successfully detected. Furthermore, product **4** was isolated in 18% yield.



**Control experiments with BHT:** In a 25 mL flask, 1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**1a**) (0.2 mmol) and TsNHNH<sub>2</sub> (**2a**) (3.0 equiv) were dissolved in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 5/1) (2 mL) and TBHP (3.0 equiv), NaI (1.0 equiv) were added. Afterward, (2,6-ditert-butyl-4-methylphenol) (BHT, 3.0 equiv) was added in the mixture. The mixture was allowed to stir at 70 °C for 2 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Then, the residue was quenched with water (5 mL), and then the ethyl acetate (15 mL) was added three times for extraction. The reaction mixture was tested using HRMS and no desired product was detected.



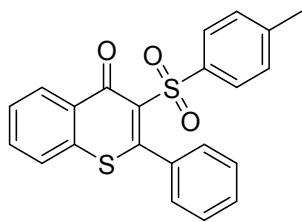
**Transformation of the product 3a:** In a 25 mL flask, 2-phenyl-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (**3a**) (0.2 mmol) was dissolved in acetic acid (5 mL), and then 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (20 equiv) was added. The mixture was refluxed at 100 °C for 8 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was quenched with saturated sodium carbonate solution (8 mL). Then, the ethyl acetate (15 mL) was added three times for extraction. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1) to afford product **5** in 43% yield.



**Gram-scale synthesis of 3a:** In a 250 mL flask, 1-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**1a**) (4 mmol) and TsNHNH<sub>2</sub> (**2a**) (3.0 equiv) were dissolved in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 5/1) (40 mL), and then TBHP (2.0 equiv), NaI (1.0 equiv) were added. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 2 h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Then, the residue was quenched with water (50 mL), and then the ethyl acetate (150 mL) was added three times for extraction. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to afford product **3a** in 33% yield.

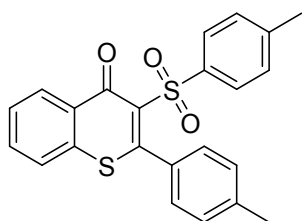
### 3. Characterization of compounds

*2-phenyl-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3a)*



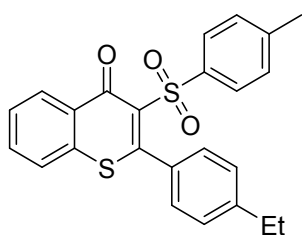
66.6 mg, 85%; White solid, m.p. 171-172°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 7H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.2, 162.5, 144.0, 138.9, 135.8, 134.8, 133.2, 132.7, 131.8, 130.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 125.4, 21.7. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 393.0614, Found: 393.0604.

*2-(p-tolyl)-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3b)*



56.8 mg, 70%; White solid, m.p. 179-180 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.4, 162.8, 144.0, 140.9, 139.1, 136.0, 133.3, 132.6, 132.1, 132.0, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 125.4, 21.8, 21.7. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 407.0770, Found: 407.0765.

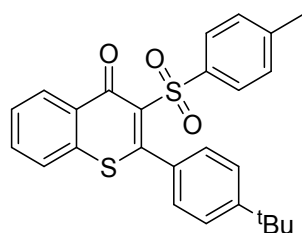
*2-(4-ethylphenyl)-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3c)*



58.8 mg, 70%; White solid, m.p. 158-159 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 4H),

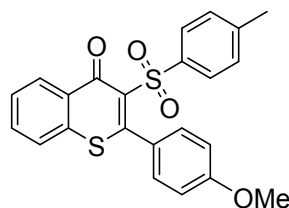
7.34 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.76 (q,  $J = 15.0, 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.4, 162.8, 146.9, 144.0, 139.1, 136.0, 133.2, 132.6, 132.2, 132.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.8, 125.4, 28.9, 21.8, 15.2. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  421.0927, Found: 421.0933.

*2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3d)*



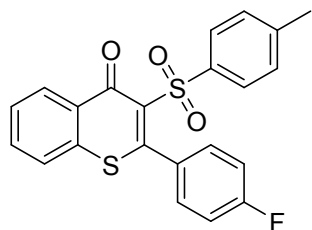
79.8 mg, 89%; White solid, m.p. 238-239°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.36 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 6H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.4, 162.9, 153.9, 143.9, 139.2, 136.1, 133.1, 132.6, 132.0, 131.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 125.4, 125.3, 35.1, 31.4, 21.8. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  449.1240, Found: 449.1220.

*2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3e)*



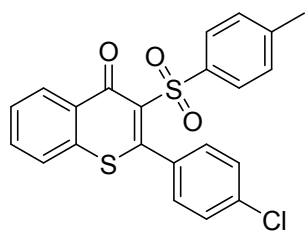
66.7 mg, 79%; White solid, m.p. 183-184°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.34 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.5, 162.5, 161.7, 143.9, 139.2, 136.0, 133.2, 132.6, 132.1, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.0, 125.3, 113.9, 55.6, 21.8. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  423.0719, Found: 423.0710.

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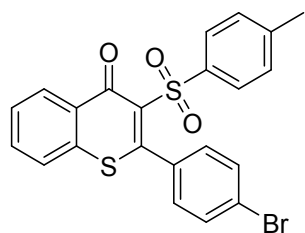
64.1 mg, 78%; White solid, m.p. 221-222 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.2, 164.1 (d,  $J$  = 249.0 Hz), 161.2, 144.2, 138.8, 135.6, 133.6, 132.7, 131.9, 130.8 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz), 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 125.4, 115.6 (d,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz), 21.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (564 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -109.6. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{FO}_3\text{S}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ : m/z 411.0519, Found: 411.0509.

*2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3g)*



52.9 mg, 62%; White solid, m.p. 204-205°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.1, 161.0, 144.3, 138.8, 136.9, 135.6, 133.6, 133.3, 132.8, 131.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 125.4, 21.8. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClO}_3\text{S}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$ : m/z 427.0224, Found: 427.0224.

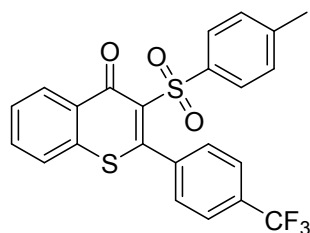
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89.3 mg, 95%; White solid, m.p. 189-190°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (d,  $J$

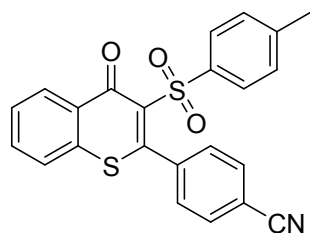
= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.1, 161.0, 144.3, 138.8, 135.6, 133.8, 133.6, 132.8, 131.9, 131.6, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 125.4, 125.1, 21.8. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNaO}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ :  $m/z$  492.9536, Found: 492.9514.

*3-tosyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3i)*



81.9 mg, 89%; White solid, m.p. 242-243 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.40 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.0, 160.4, 144.5, 138.5, 135.4, 133.7, 132.9, 132.3 (q,  $J = 31.5$  Hz), 131.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 125.5, 125.4 (q,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 123.9 (q,  $J = 271.5$  Hz), 21.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (564 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.8. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  461.0487, Found: 461.0481.

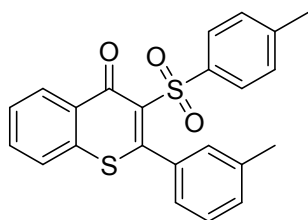
*4-(4-oxo-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-2-yl)benzotrile (3j)*



53.4 mg, 64%; White solid, m.p. 240-242°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.40 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  175.8, 159.6, 144.7, 139.4, 138.3, 135.2, 133.8, 133.0, 132.1, 131.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 125.5, 118.2, 114.2, 21.82. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  418.0566, Found: 418.0557.

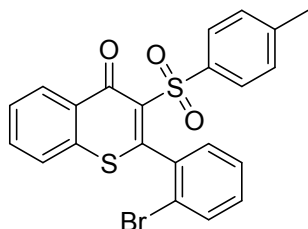


*2-(m-tolyl)-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3k)*



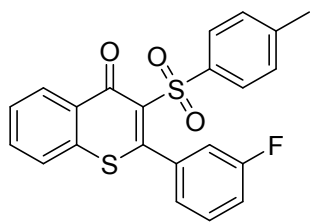
66.6 mg, 82%; White solid, m.p. 170-171°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (q, *J* = 15.6, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.4, 162.8, 144.0, 139.1, 138.0, 135.9, 134.9, 133.2, 132.6, 132.0, 131.3, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 125.5, 125.4, 21.8, 21.6. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 407.0770, Found: 407.0766.

*2-(2-bromophenyl)-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3l)*



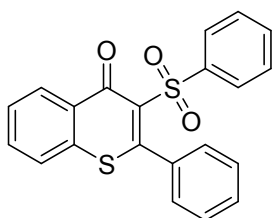
51.7 mg, 55%; White solid, m.p. 150-151 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 175.9, 160.6, 144.3, 138.7, 135.9, 135.6, 133.9, 133.0, 132.7, 131.9, 131.3, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 127.3, 125.6, 121.8, 21.8. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 470.9719, Found: 470.9705.

*2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-tosyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3m)*



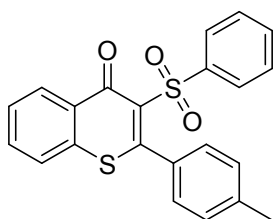
64.0 mg, 78%; White solid, m.p. 188-189°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.39 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 11.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.1, 162.2 (d,  $J = 246.0$  Hz), 160.6, 160.5, 144.3, 138.7, 136.6 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 135.6, 133.6, 132.8, 131.9, 130.0 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 125.4, 124.3 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 117.4 (d,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 115.6 (d,  $J = 24.0$  Hz), 21.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (564 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -112.0. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{FO}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : m/z 411.0519, Found: 411.0505.

*2-phenyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3n)*



67.3 mg, 89%; White solid, m.p. 194-195°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 8H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.3, 162.9, 142.0, 135.9, 134.8, 133.2, 133.1, 132.7, 131.9, 130.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 125.4. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ : m/z 379.0457, Found: 379.0443.

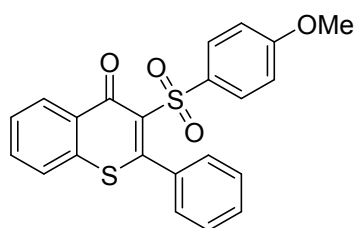
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45.5 mg, 58%; White solid, m.p. 150-152 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.35 (d,  $J$

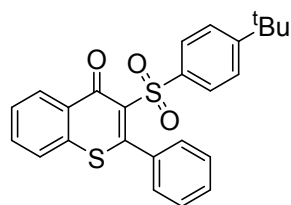
= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.3, 163.2, 142.1, 141.0, 136.0, 133.1, 132.9, 132.7, 131.9, 131.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 125.4, 21.7. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  393.0614, Found: 393.0621.

*3-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-2-phenyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3p)*



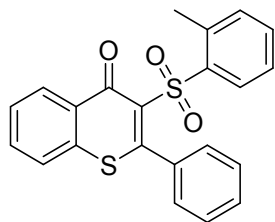
77.5 mg, 95%; White solid, m.p. 169-170°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.40 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 7H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.4, 163.4, 162.1, 135.9, 135.1, 133.6, 133.4, 132.6, 132.0, 131.5, 130.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 125.4, 113.7, 55.72. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  409.0563, Found: 409.0557.

*3-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-2-phenyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3q)*



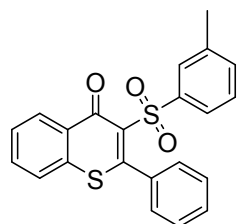
54.7 mg, 63%; White solid, m.p. 167-168 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.41 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.4, 162.5, 157.0, 138.8, 135.9, 134.9, 133.3, 132.7, 132.0, 130.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 125.7, 125.4, 35.3, 31.2. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  435.1083, Found: 435.1062.

*2-phenyl-3-(o-tolylsulfonyl)-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3r)*



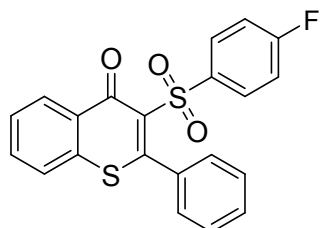
40.2 mg, 51%; White solid, m.p. 190-191°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 5H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 175.9, 162.5, 140.5, 136.6, 136.0, 134.5, 133.0, 132.9, 132.7, 132.0, 131.6, 130.9, 130.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 126.1, 125.6, 19.9. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 393.0614, Found: 393.0604.

*2-phenyl-3-(m-tolylsulfonyl)-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3s)*



46.3 mg, 59%; White solid, m.p. 167-168 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 7H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.3, 162.7, 141.9, 138.6, 135.9, 134.8, 134.0, 133.1, 132.7, 132.0, 130.5, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 125.4, 21.5. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z 393.0614, Found: 393.0604.

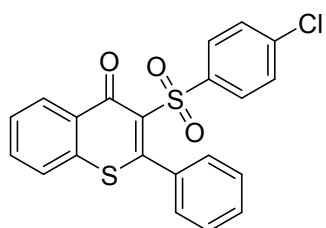
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62.6 mg, 79%; White solid, m.p. 184-185 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (q, *J* = 9.0, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 7H),

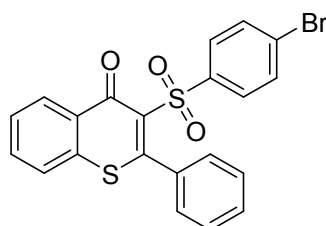
7.14 (t,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.2, 165.5 (d,  $J = 253.5$  Hz), 163.1, 137.8 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 135.8, 134.7, 132.9, 132.8, 131.9 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz), 131.9, 130.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 125.5, 115.7 (d,  $J = 22.5$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (564 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -104.5. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  397.0363, Found: 397.0327.

*3-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-phenyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3u)*



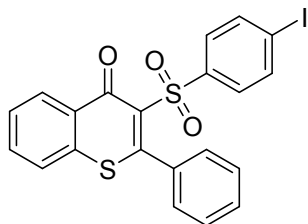
38.0 mg, 46%; White solid, m.p. 172-173 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 7H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.2, 163.3, 140.5, 139.8, 135.9, 134.7, 132.9, 132.8, 131.9, 130.7, 130.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 125.5. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClO}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  413.0067, Found: 413.0050.

*3-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-phenyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3v)*



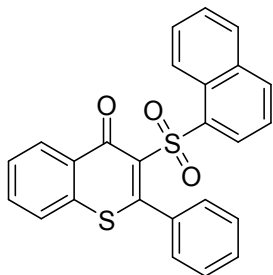
57.5 mg, 63%; White solid, m.p. 173-174 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 7H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.2, 163.3, 141.0, 135.8, 134.6, 132.9, 132.7, 131.9, 131.8, 130.7, 130.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 125.5. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrO}_3\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  456.9562, Found: 456.9552.

*3-((4-iodophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-phenyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3w)*



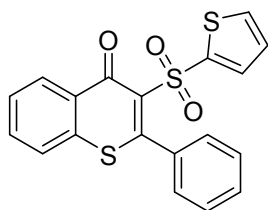
60.4 mg, 60%; White solid, m.p. 176-177 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 7H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.2, 163.3, 141.7, 137.8, 135.8, 134.6, 132.9, 132.7, 131.8, 130.7, 130.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 125.5, 101.2. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>IO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 504.9424, Found: 504.9443.

*3-(naphthalen-1-ylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-4H-thiochromen-4-one (3x)*



42.8 mg, 50%; White solid, m.p. 196-197 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 5H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 175.8, 162.2, 136.7, 135.8, 134.5, 134.4, 133.9, 133.6, 132.6, 131.6, 131.3, 131.0, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 126.3, 125.4, 124.5, 123.8. HRMS Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* 429.0614, Found: 429.0594.

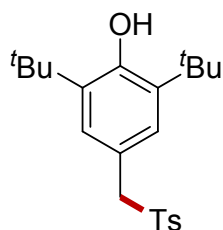
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33.1 mg, 43%; White solid, m.p. 150-151 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H),

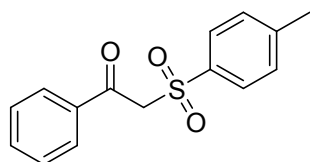
7.55-7.50 (m, 6H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  176.6, 162.7, 143.0, 135.8, 135.7, 134.9, 134.3, 133.1, 132.8, 132.0, 130.5, 129.5, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 127.1, 125.4. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{S}_3$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  385.0021, Found: 384.9998.

*2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-(tosylmethyl)phenol (4)*



13.5 mg, 18%; White solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.44 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 18H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.3, 144.4, 136.1, 135.1, 129.4, 129.0, 127.8, 119.1, 63.4, 34.3, 30.2, 21.7. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{30}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ :  $m/z$  397.1808, Found: 397.1784.

*1-phenyl-2-tosylethan-1-one (5)<sup>1</sup>*

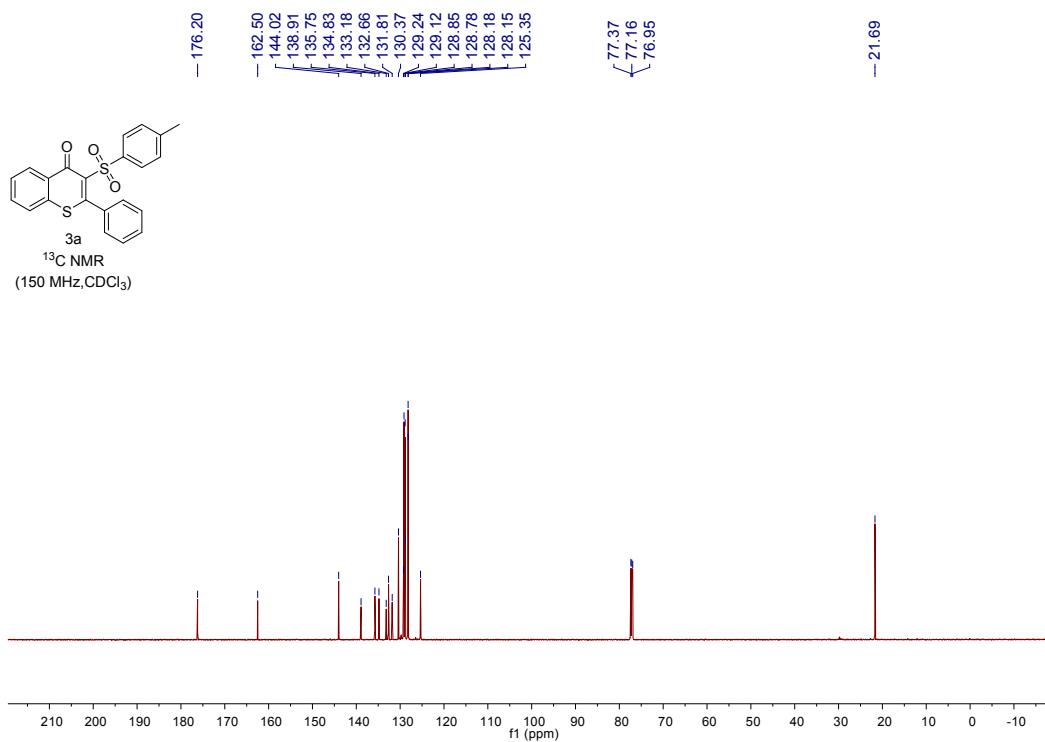
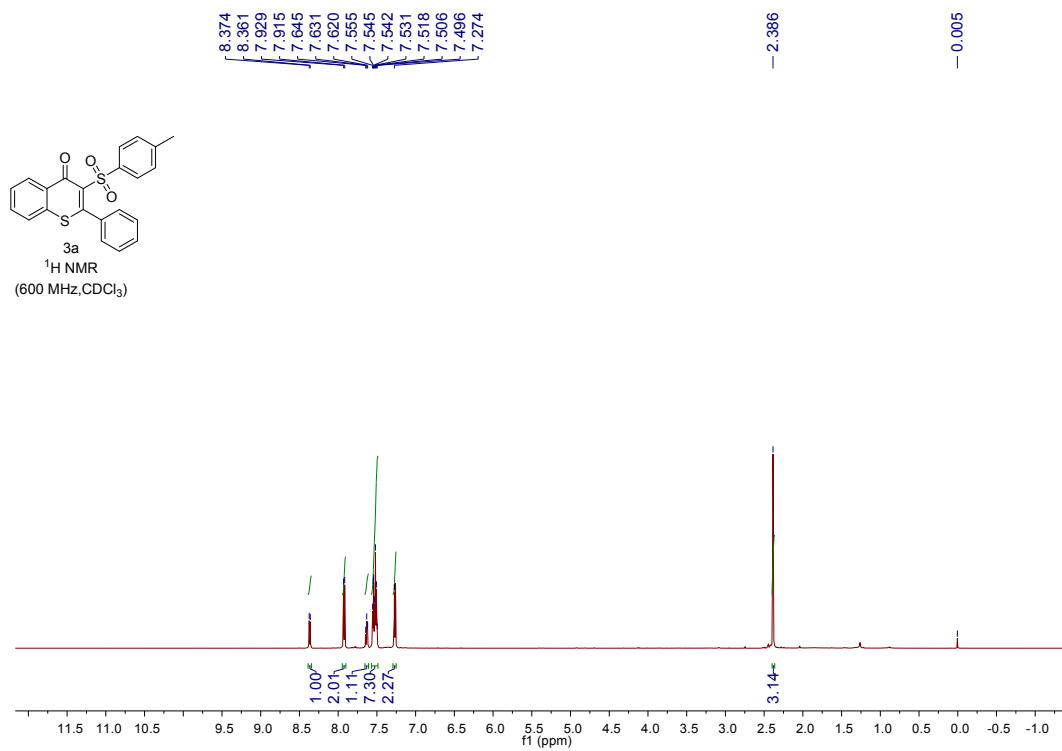


23.7 mg, 43%; White solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  188.3, 145.5, 136.0, 135.9, 134.5, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 63.8, 21.9. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ :  $m/z$  275.0736, Found: 275.0737.

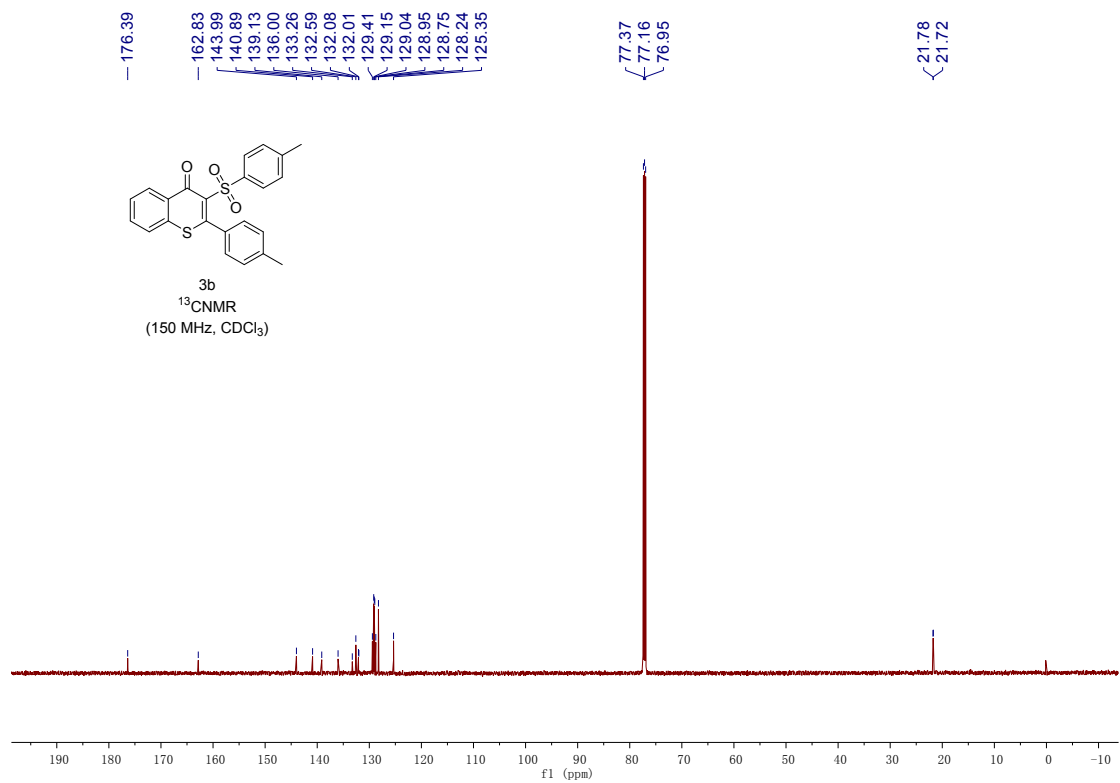
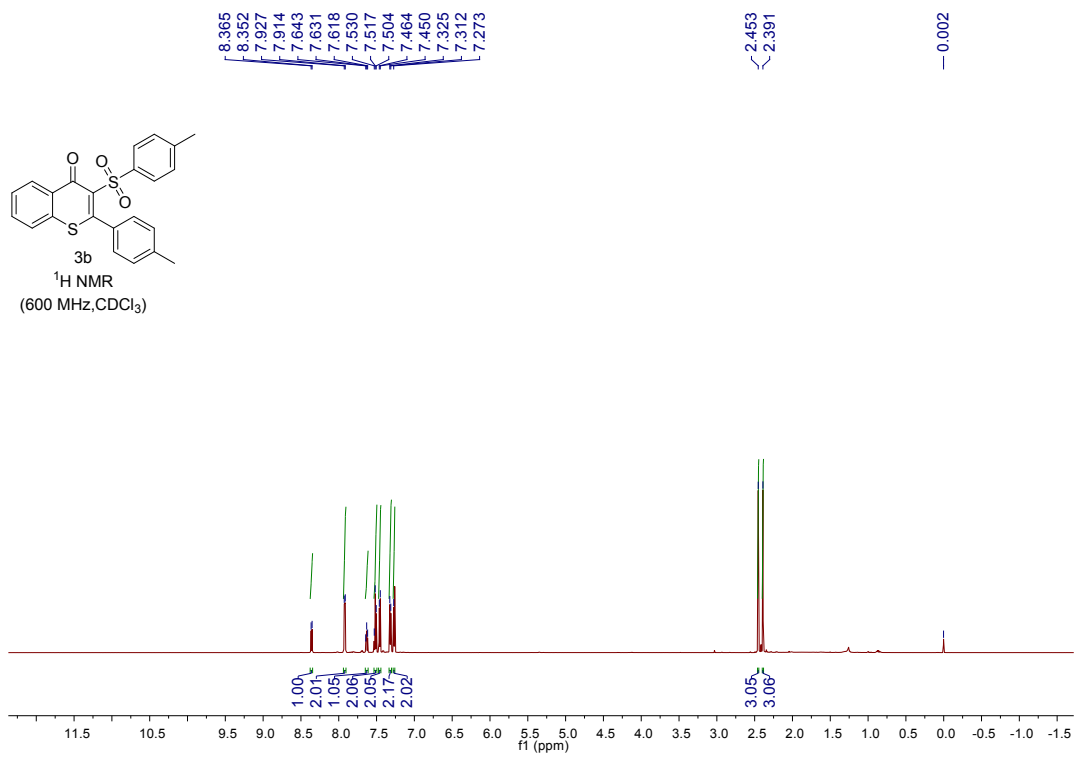
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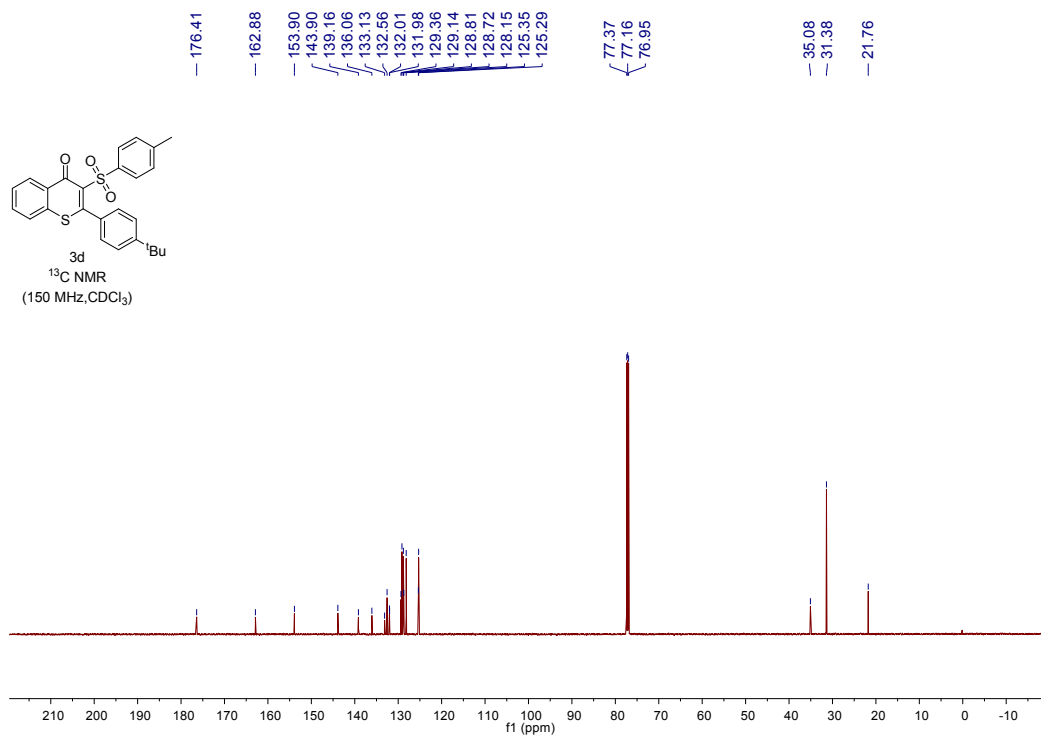
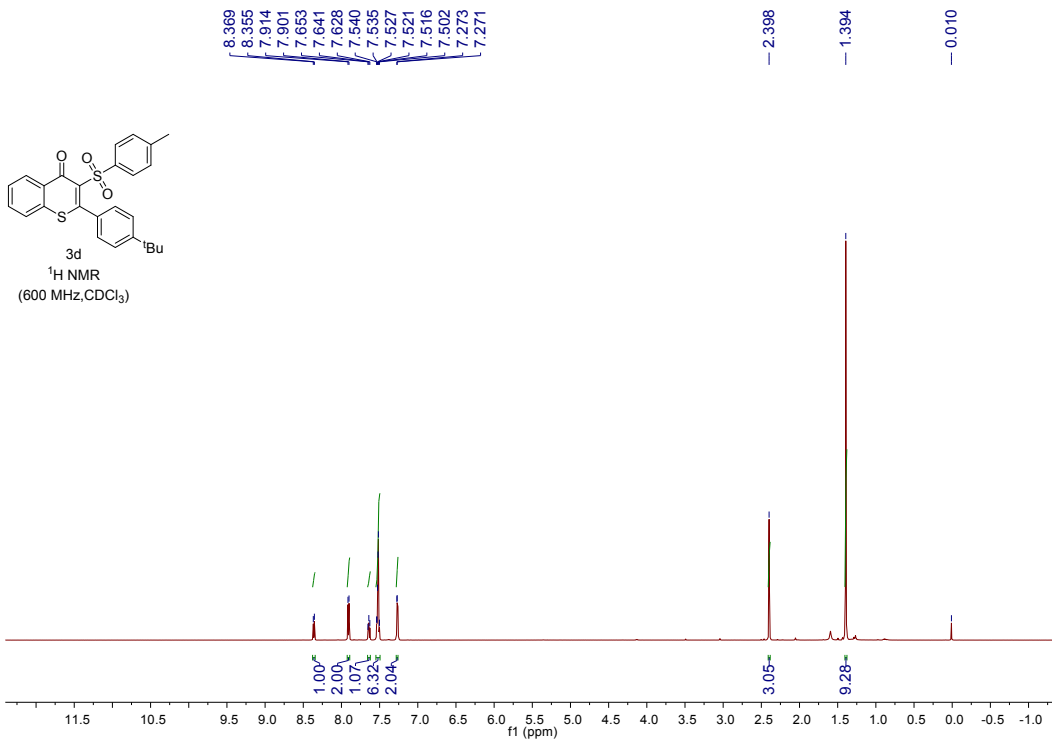
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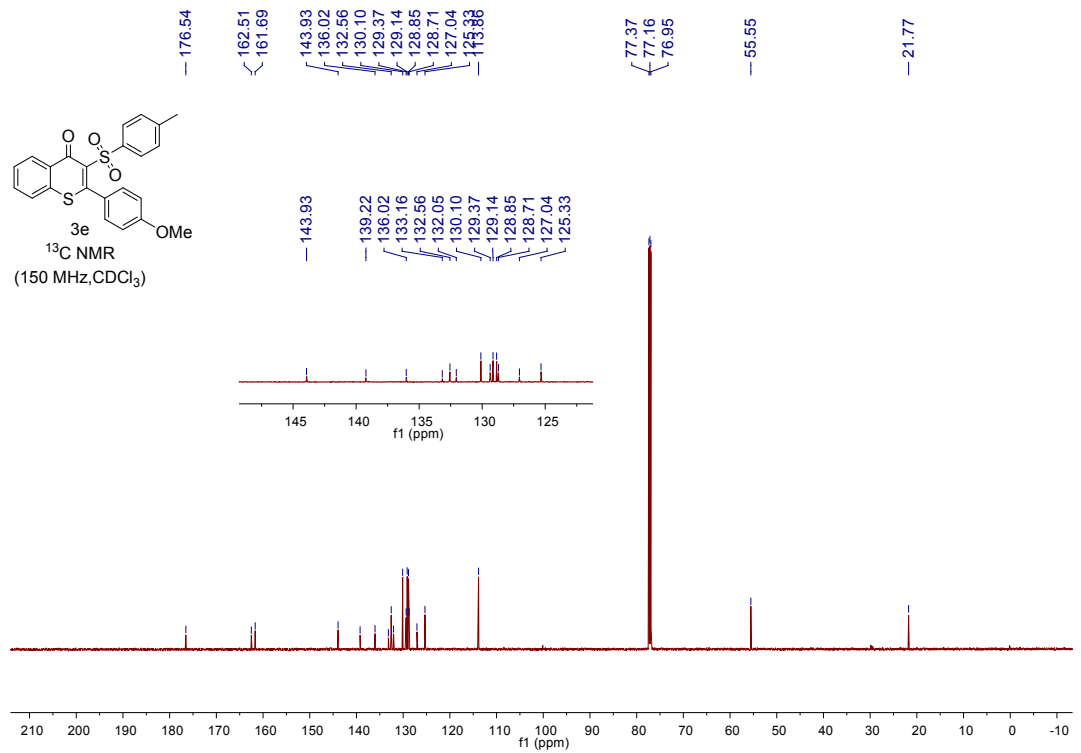
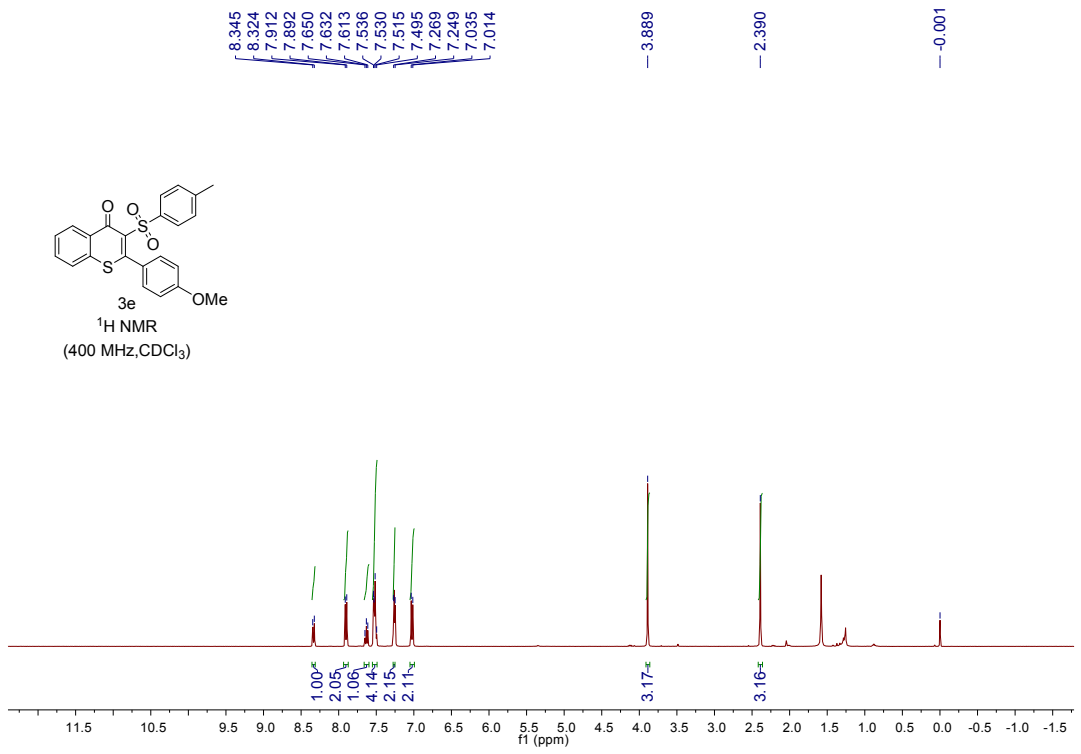


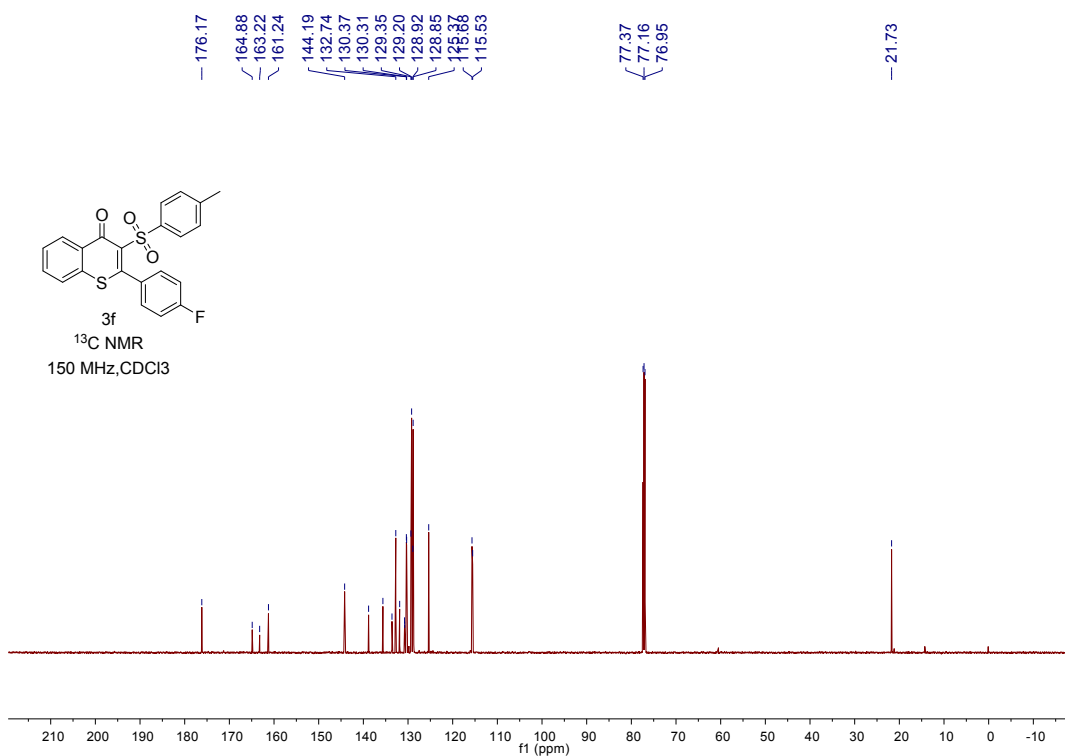
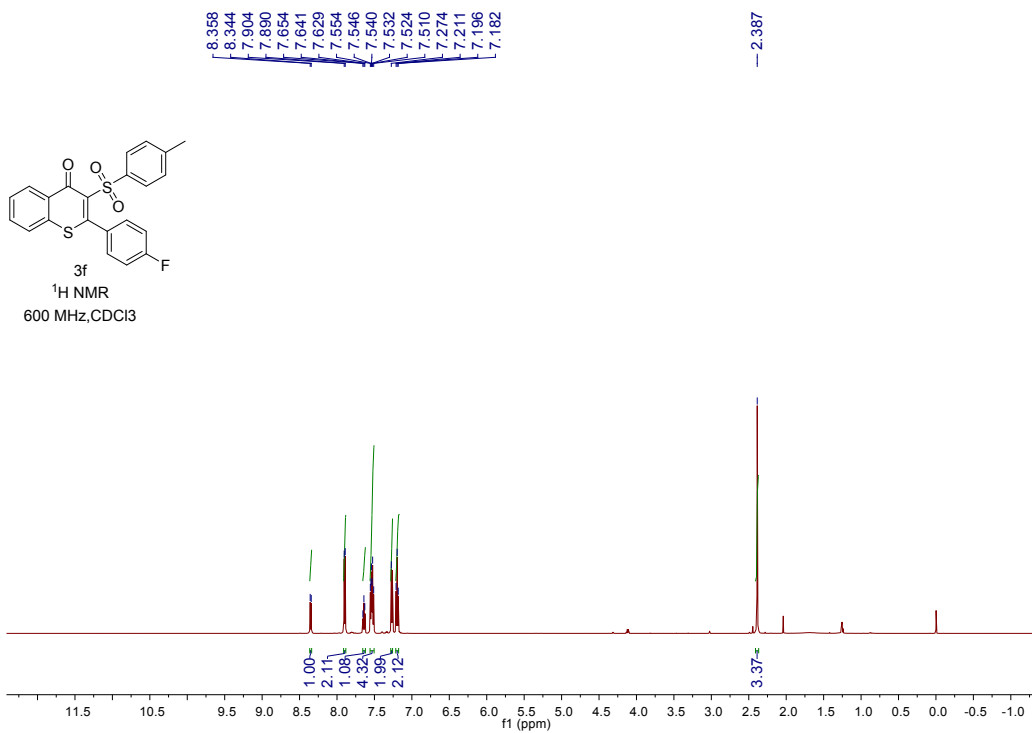


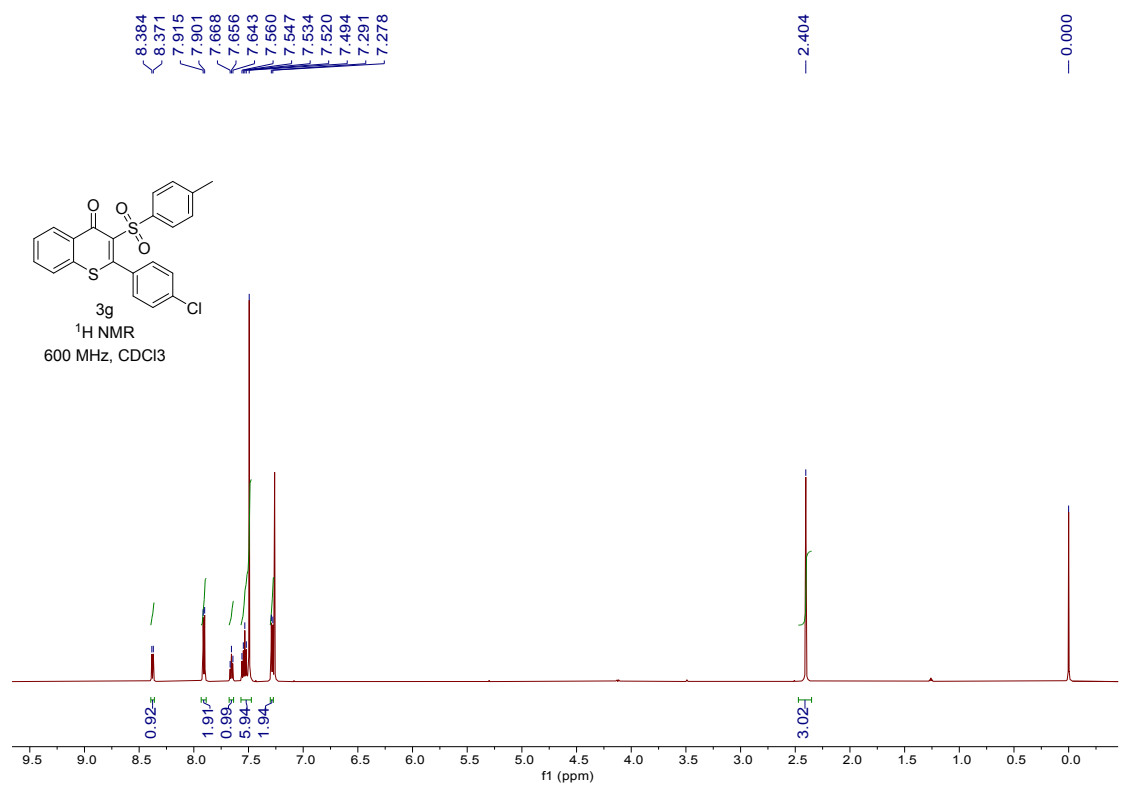
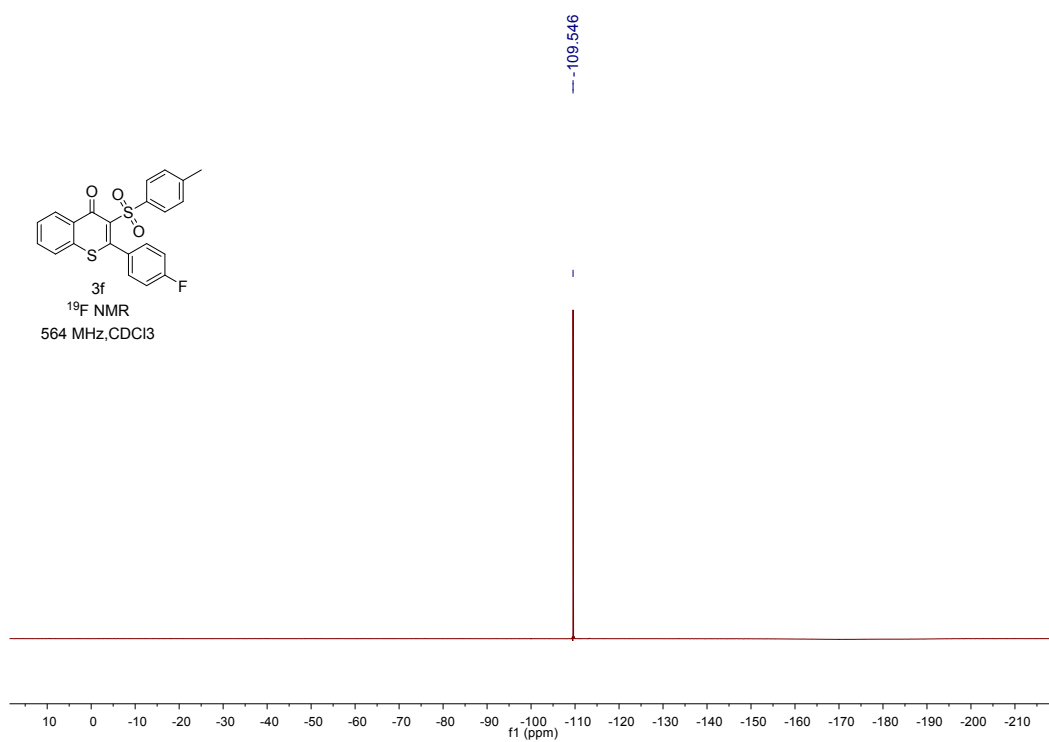


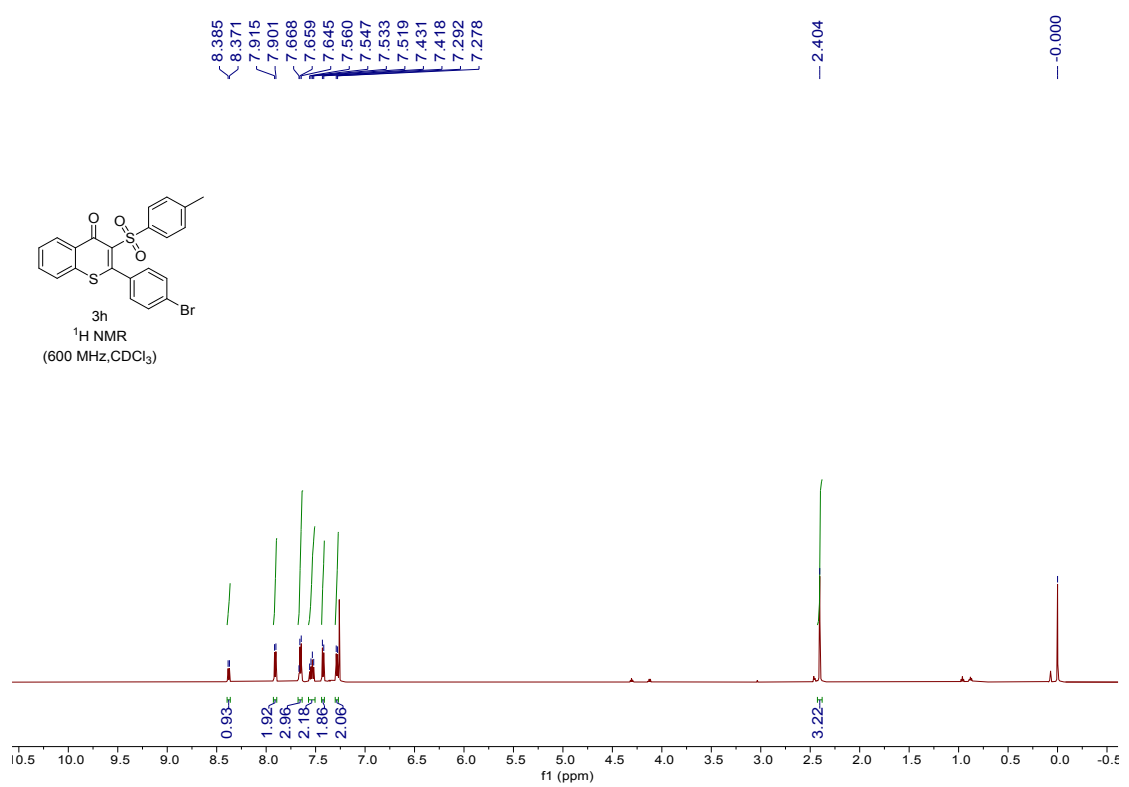
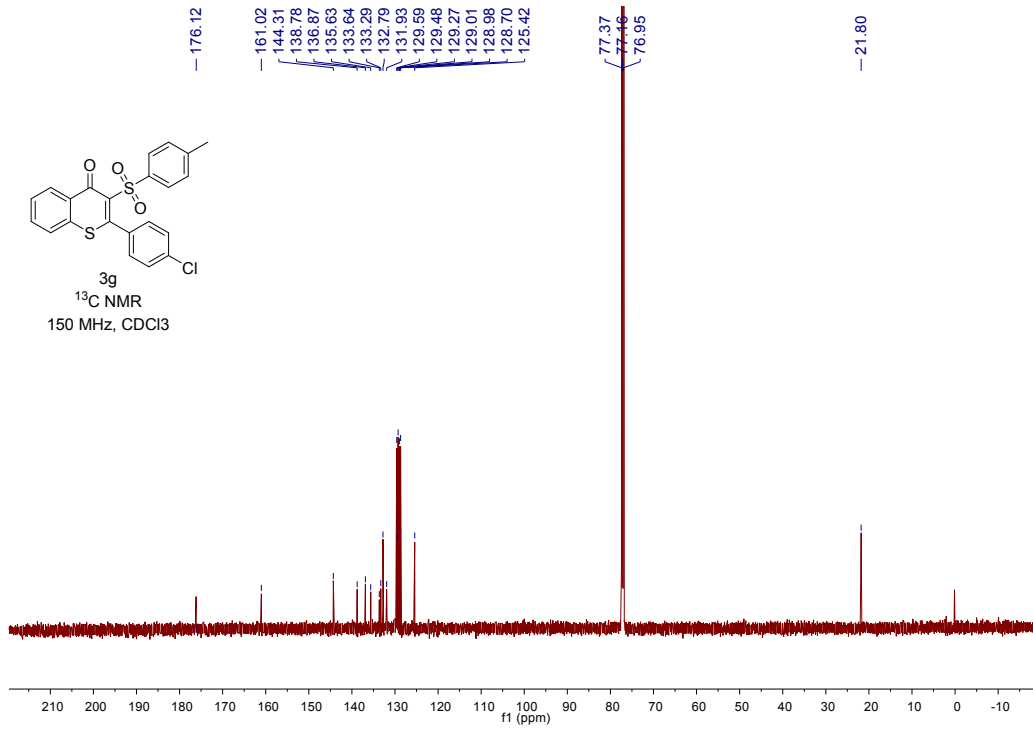


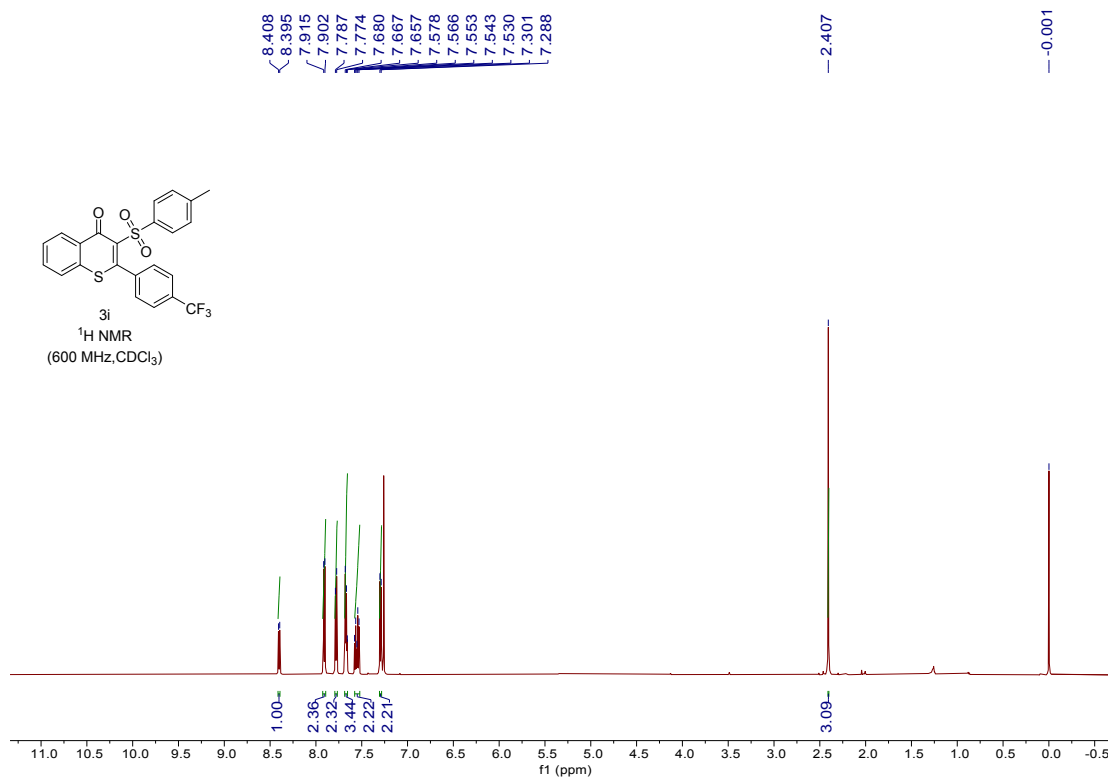
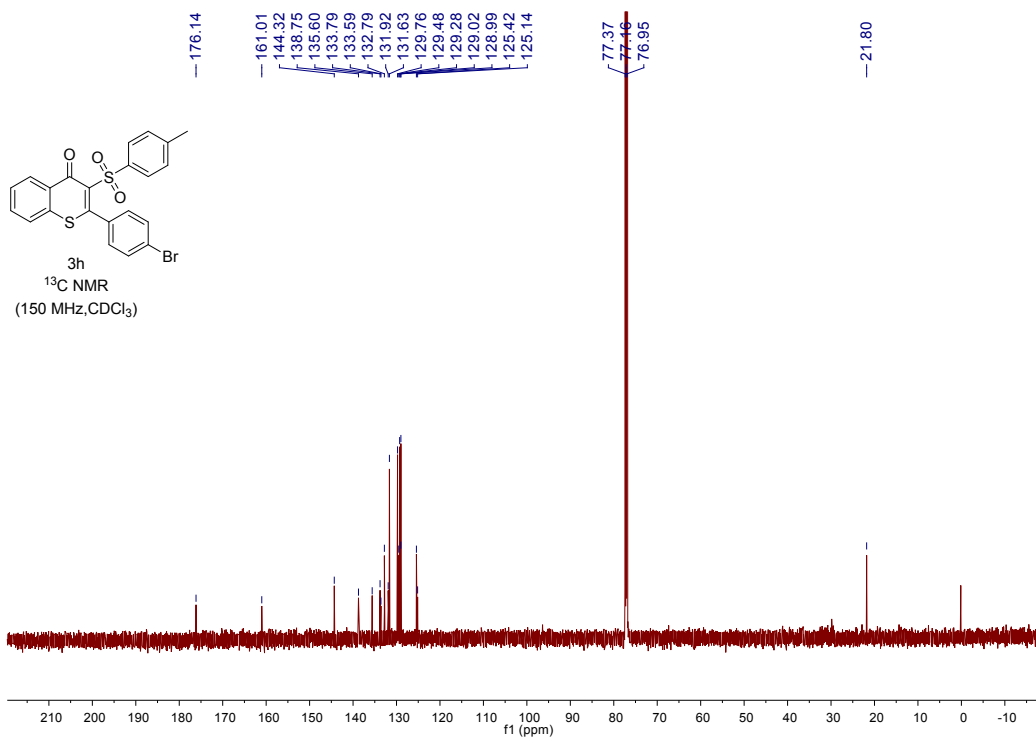




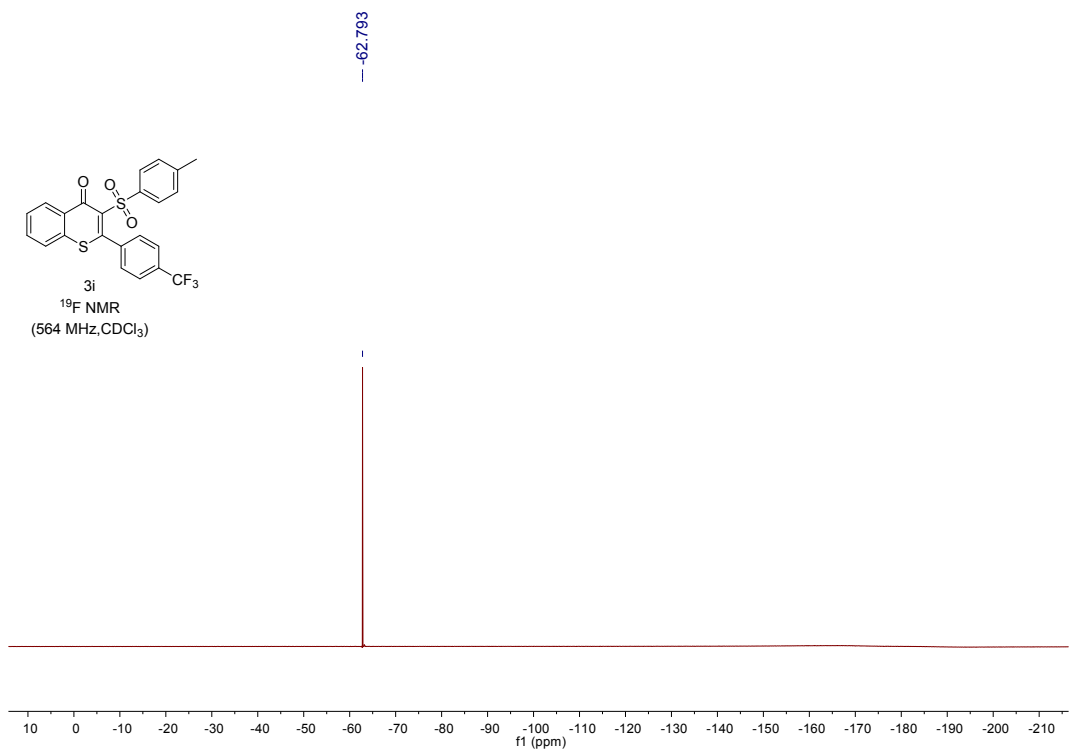
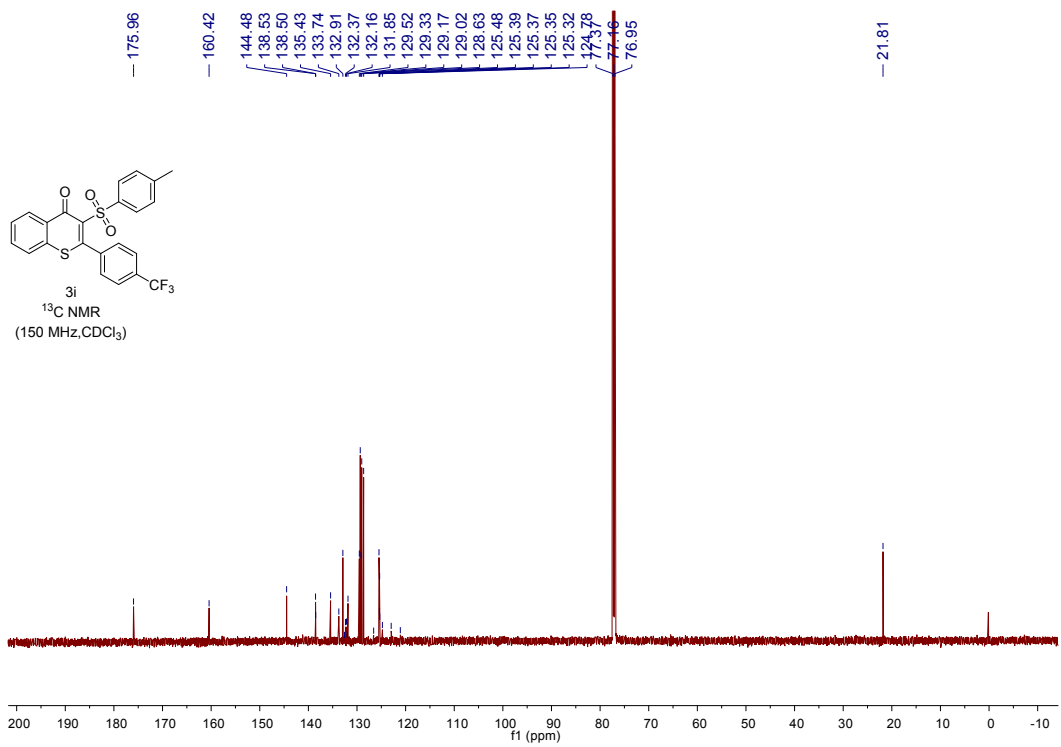


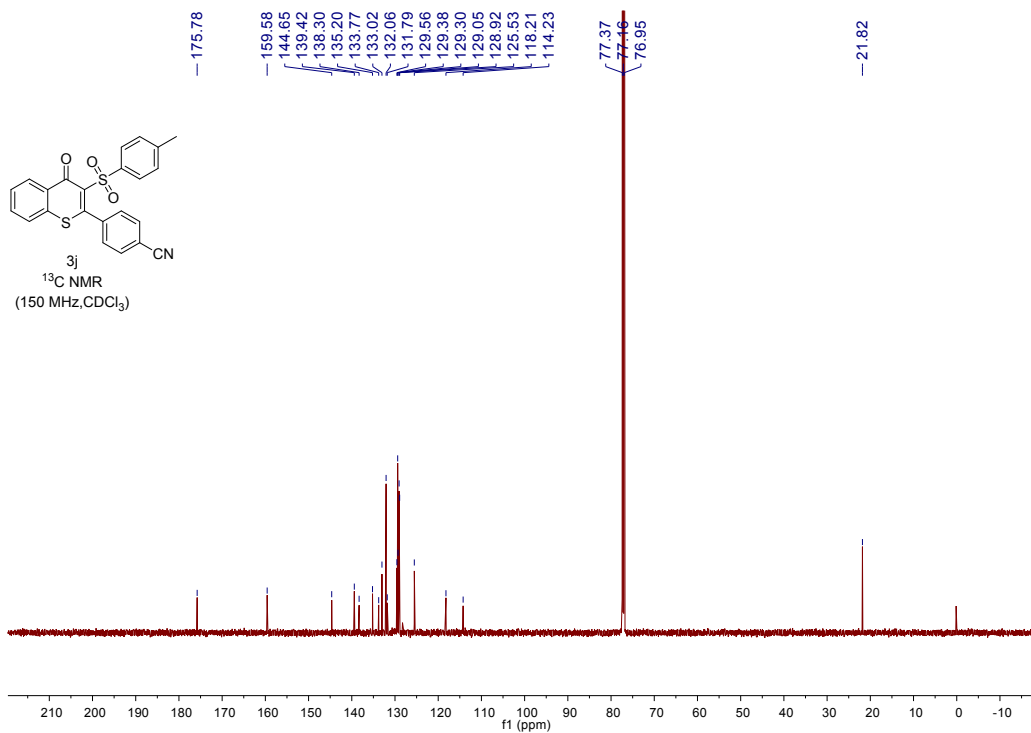
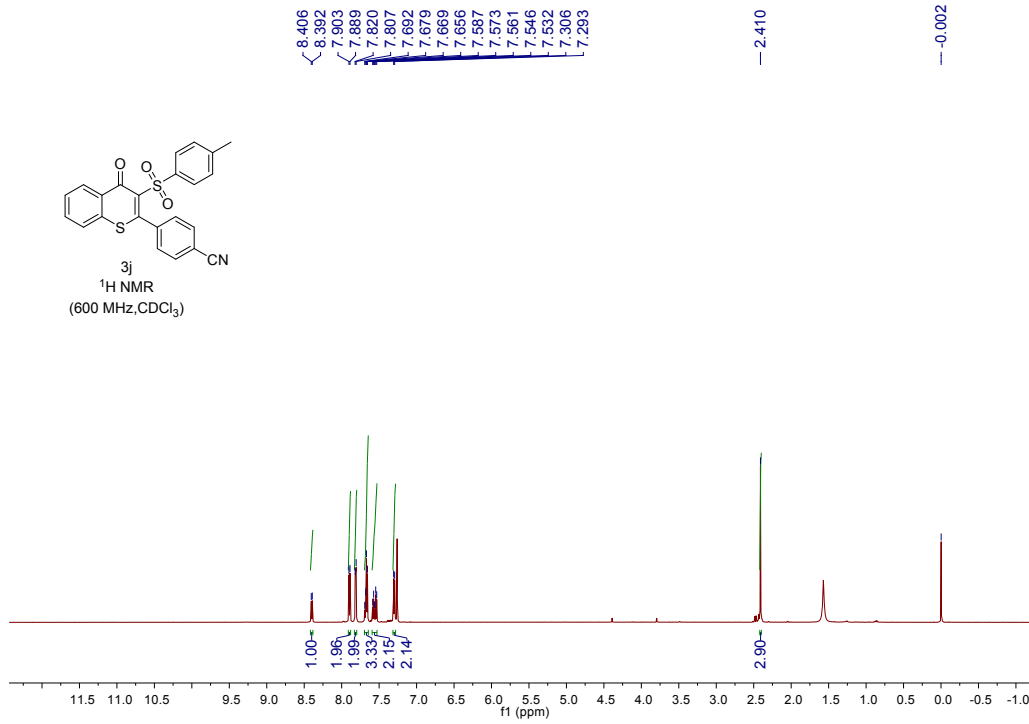


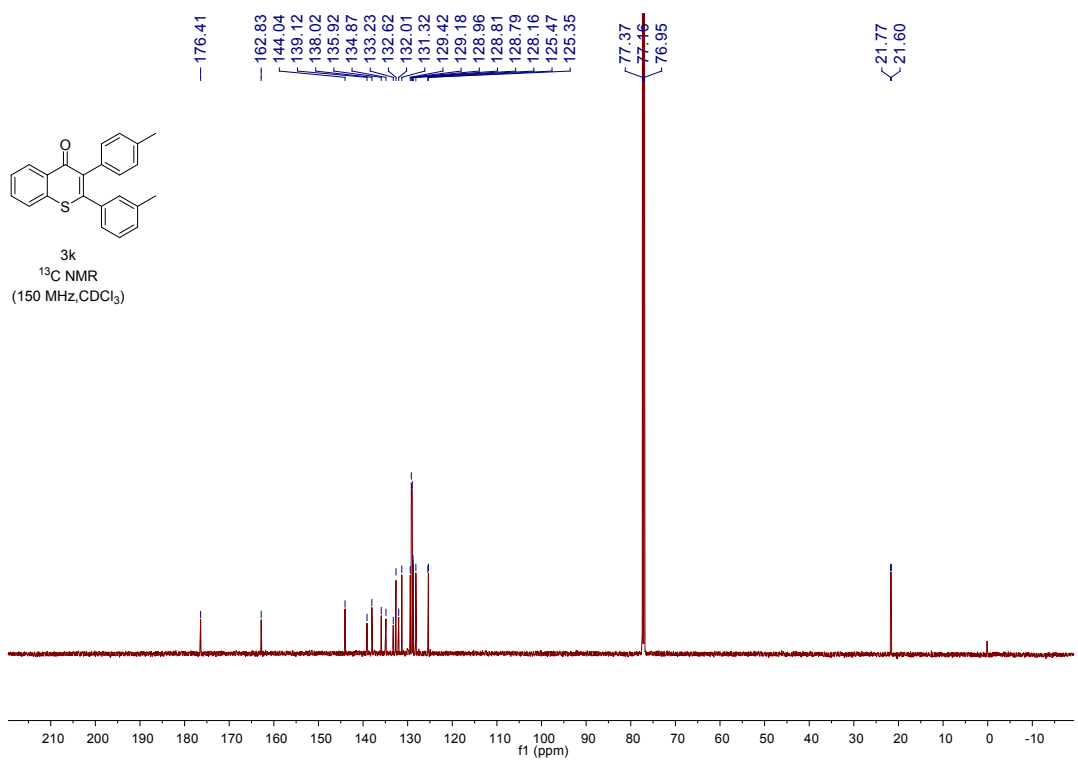
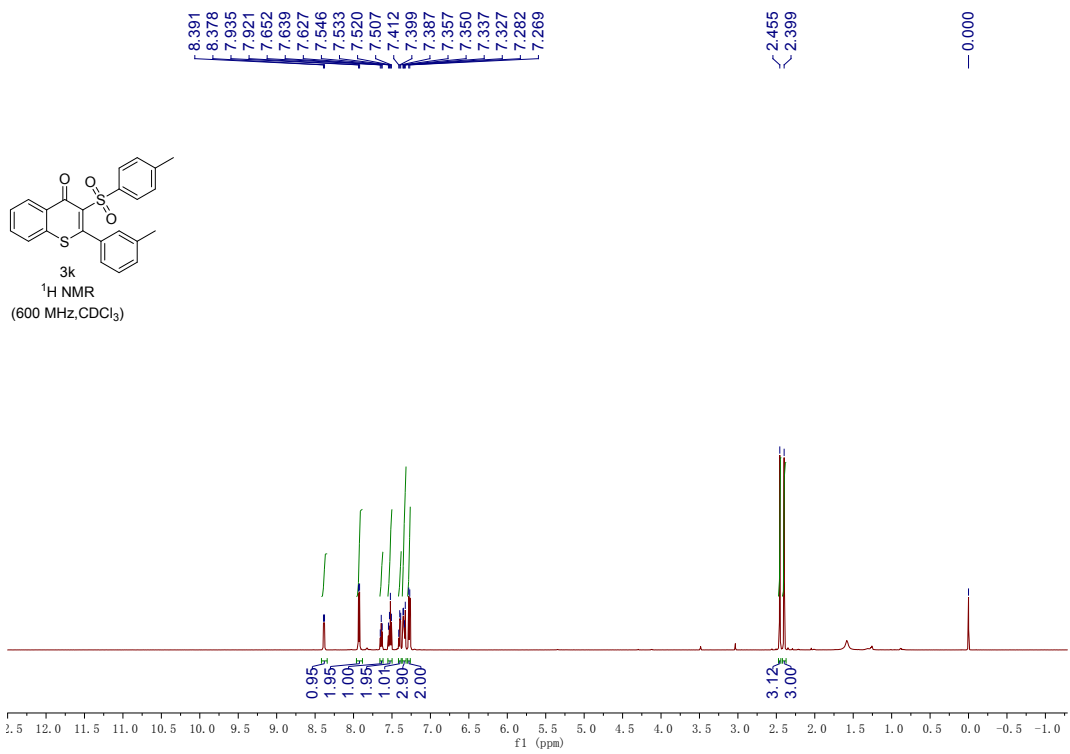


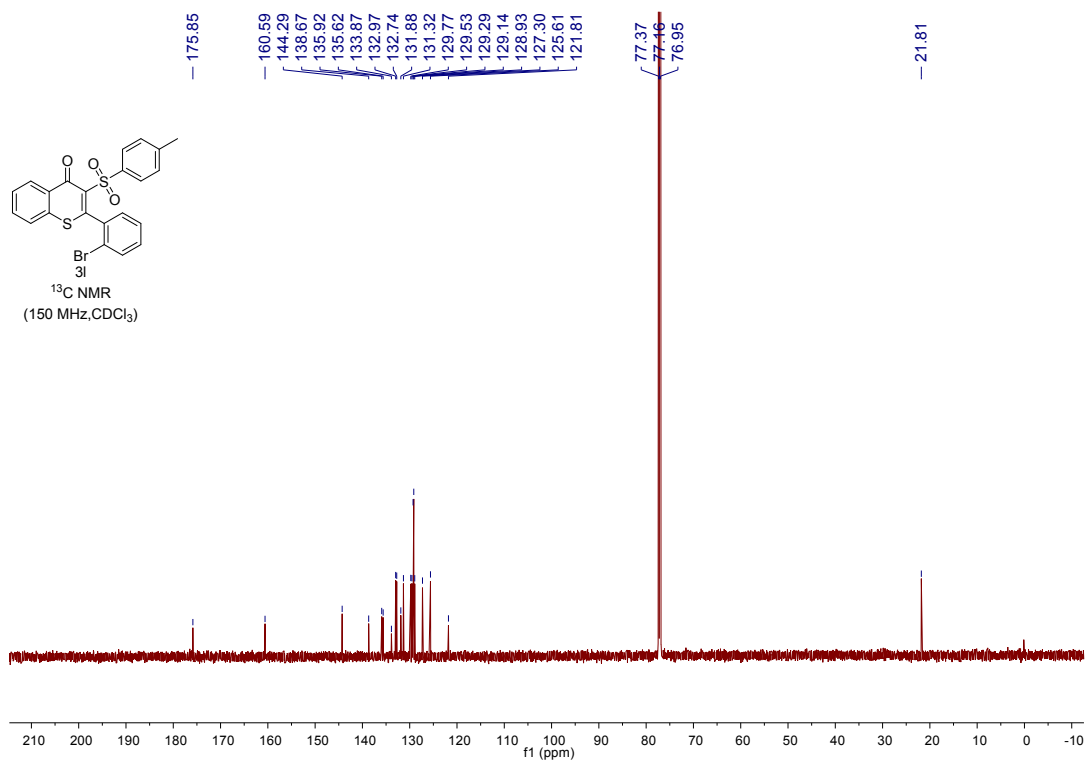
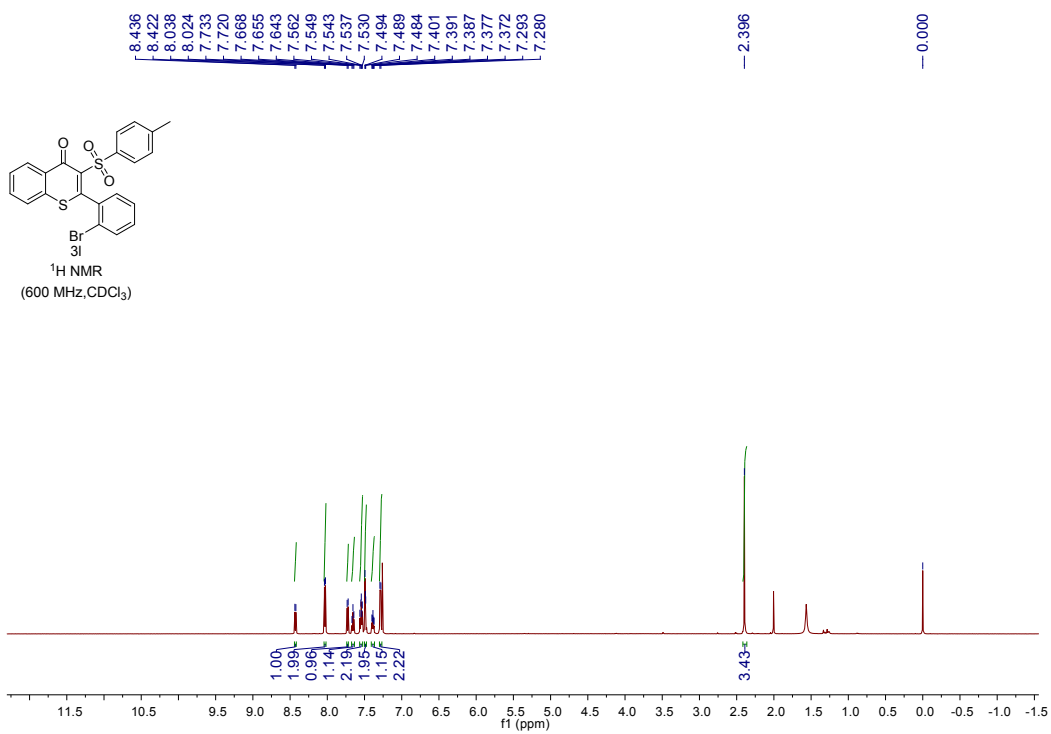


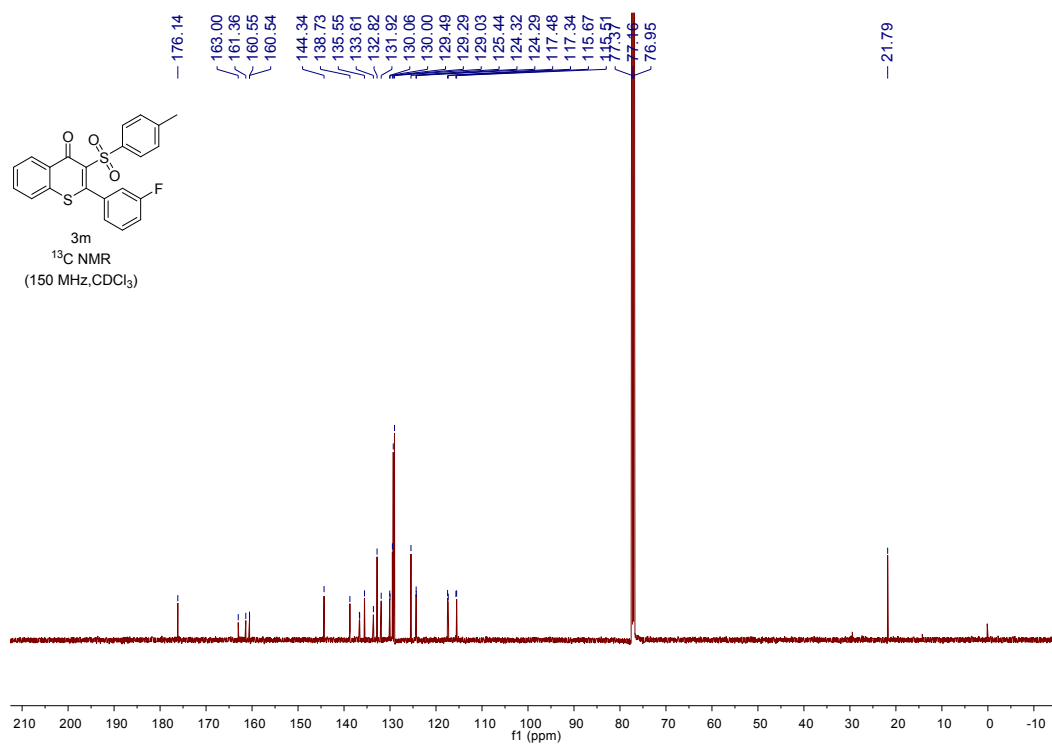
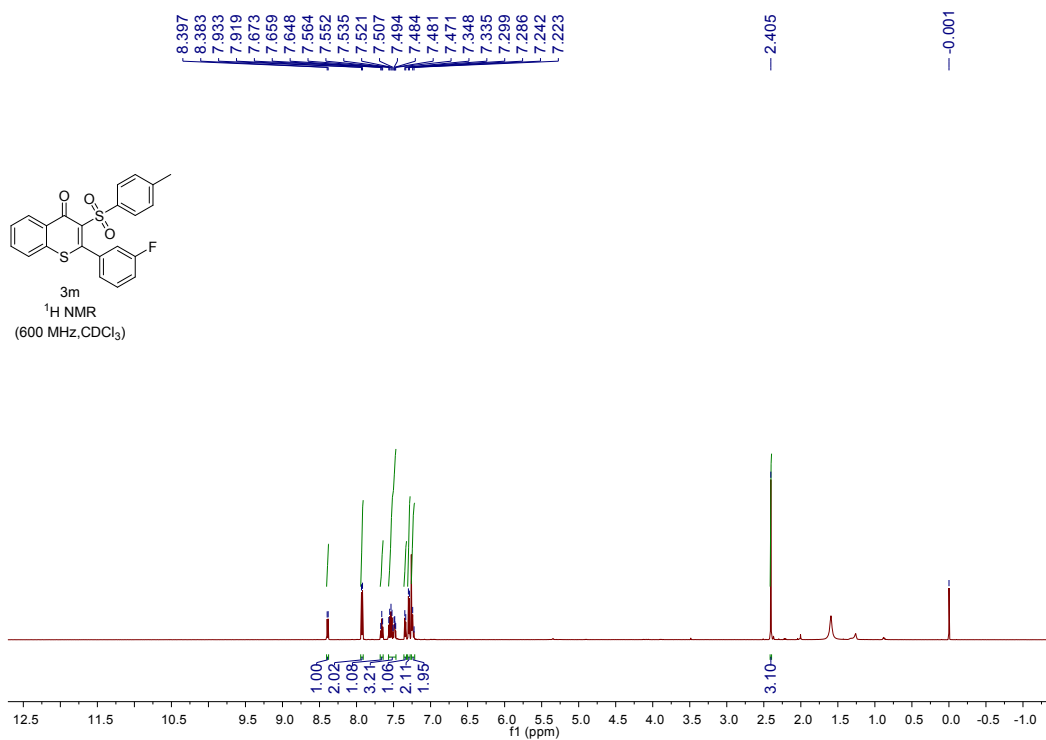


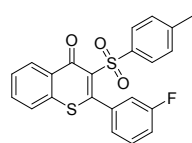




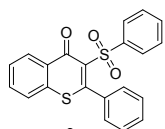
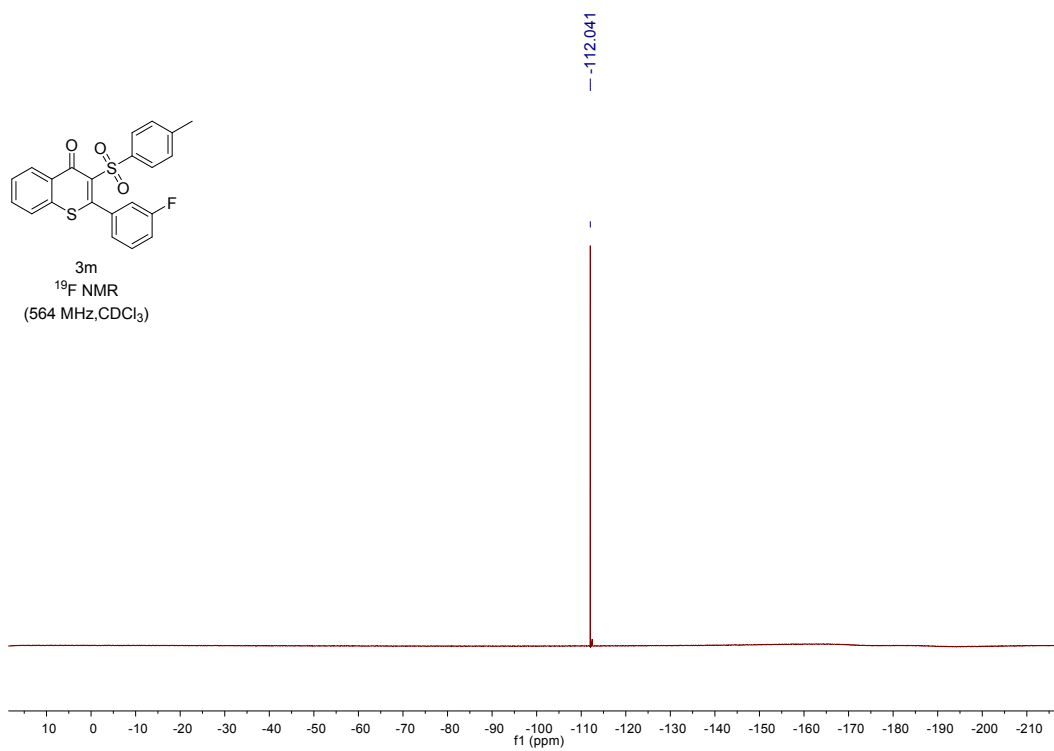




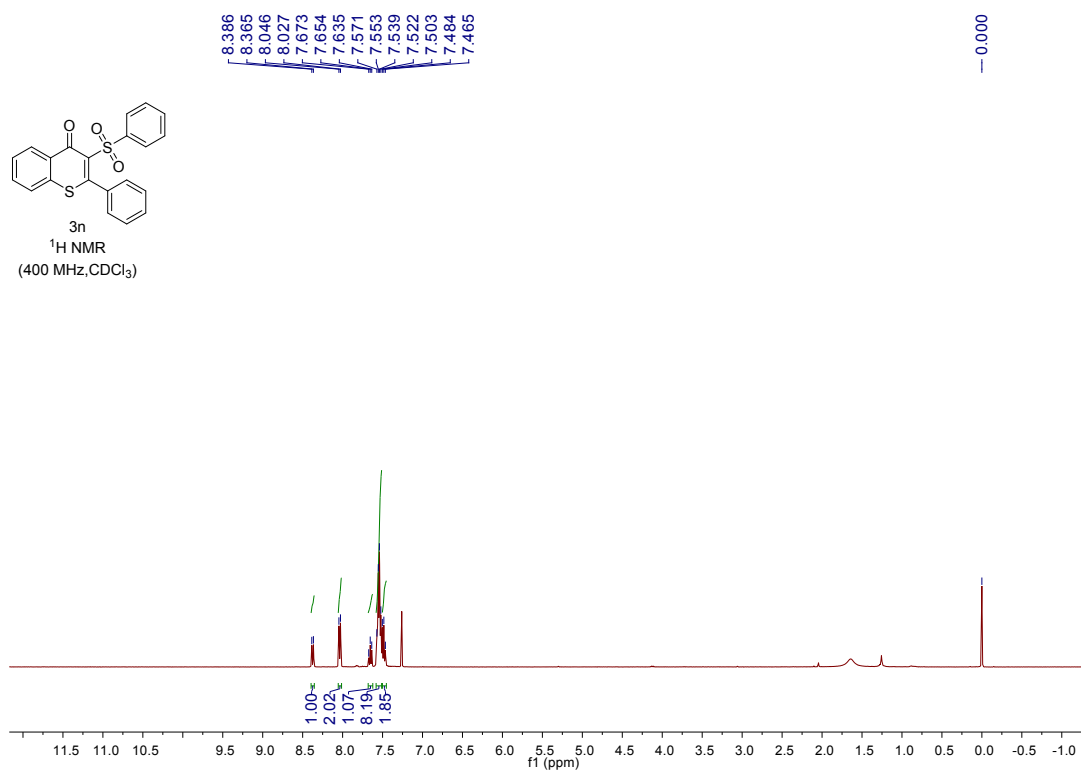


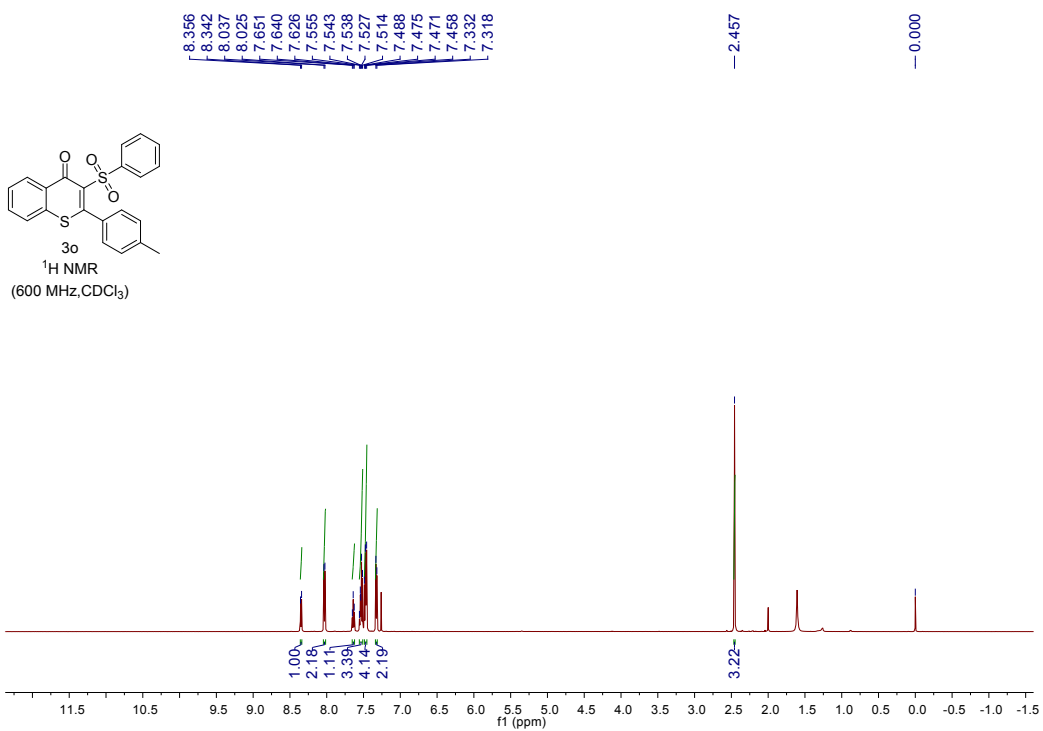
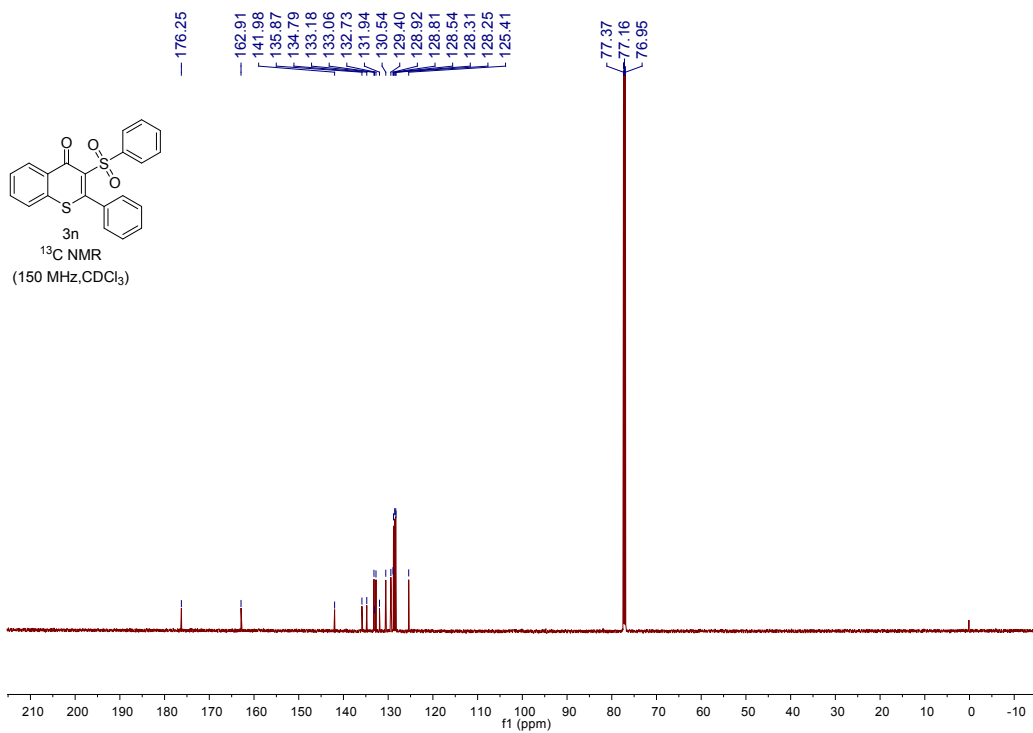


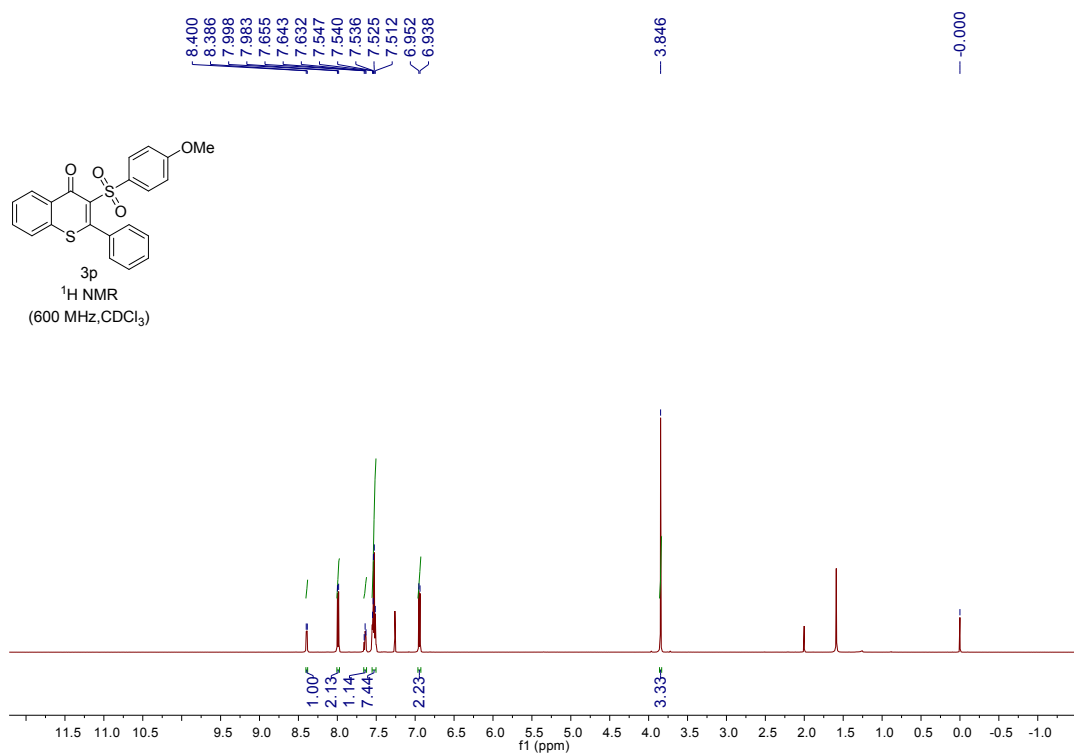
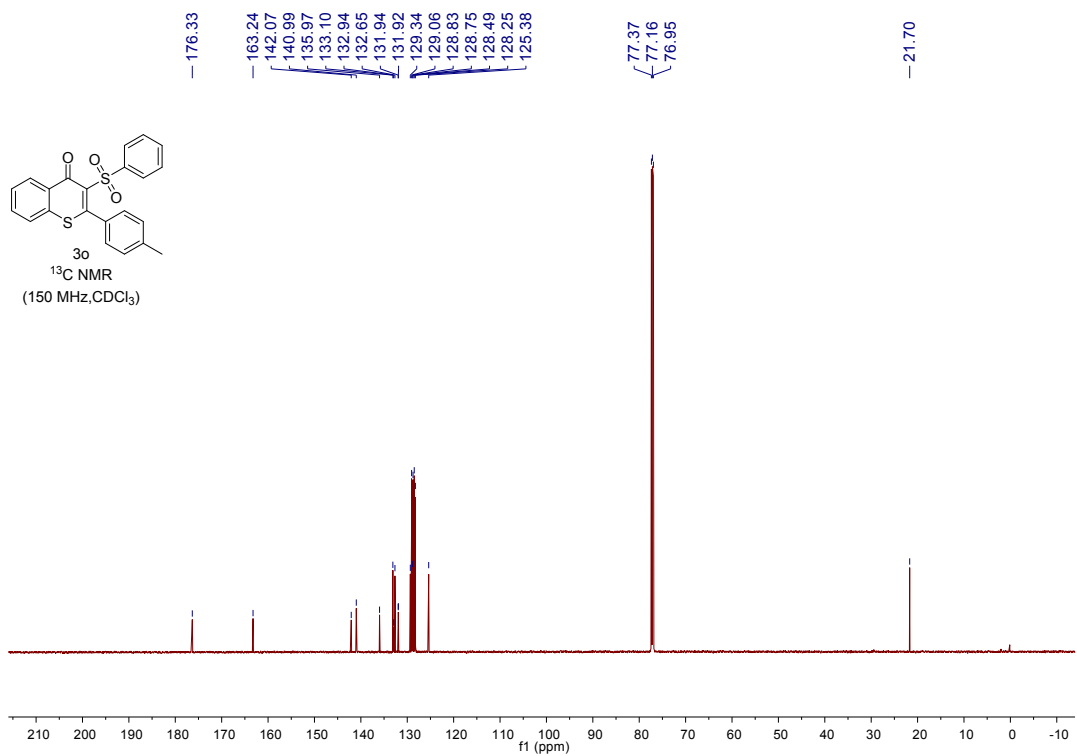
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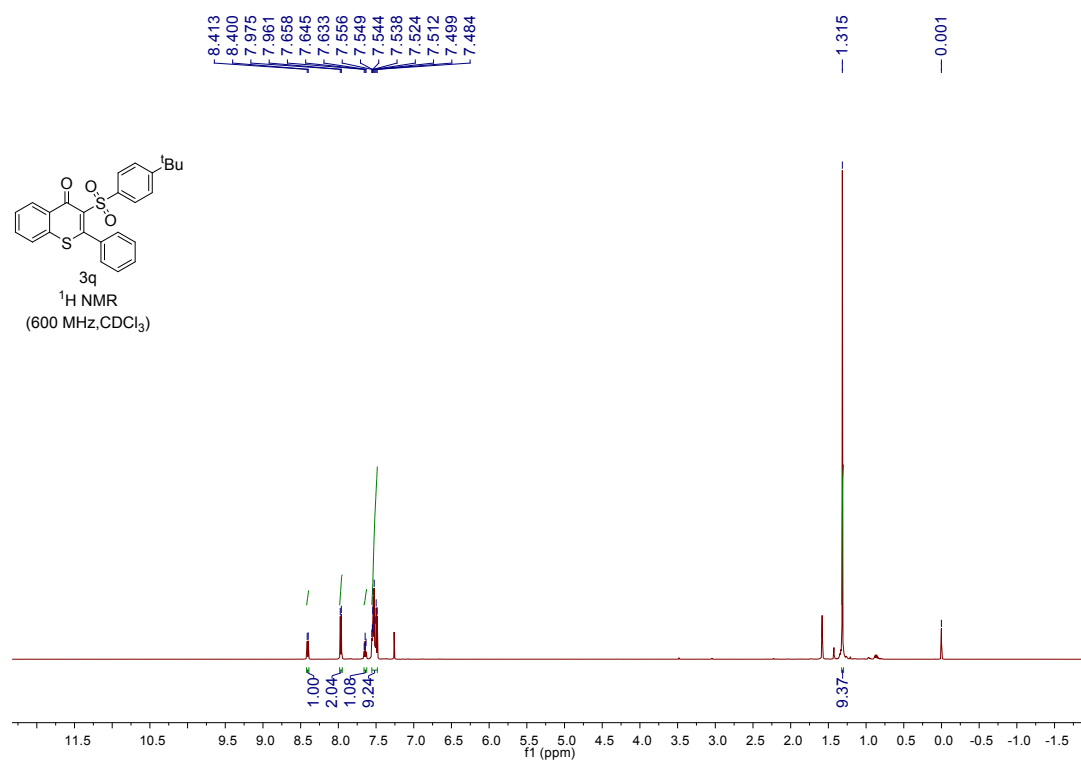
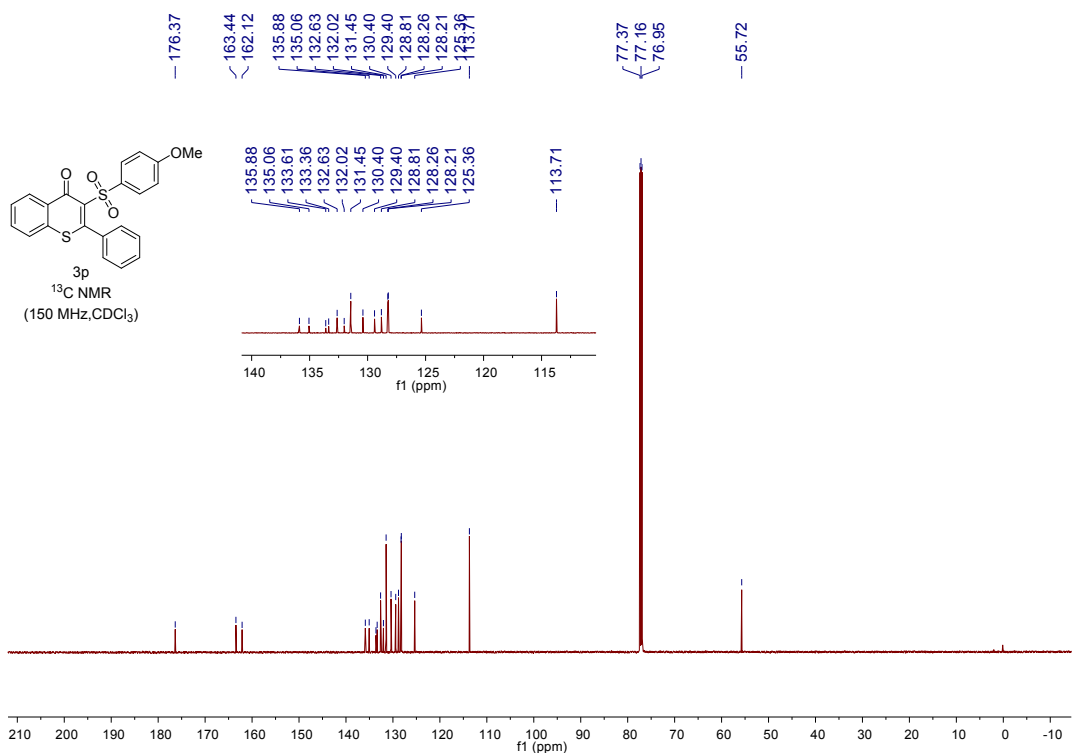
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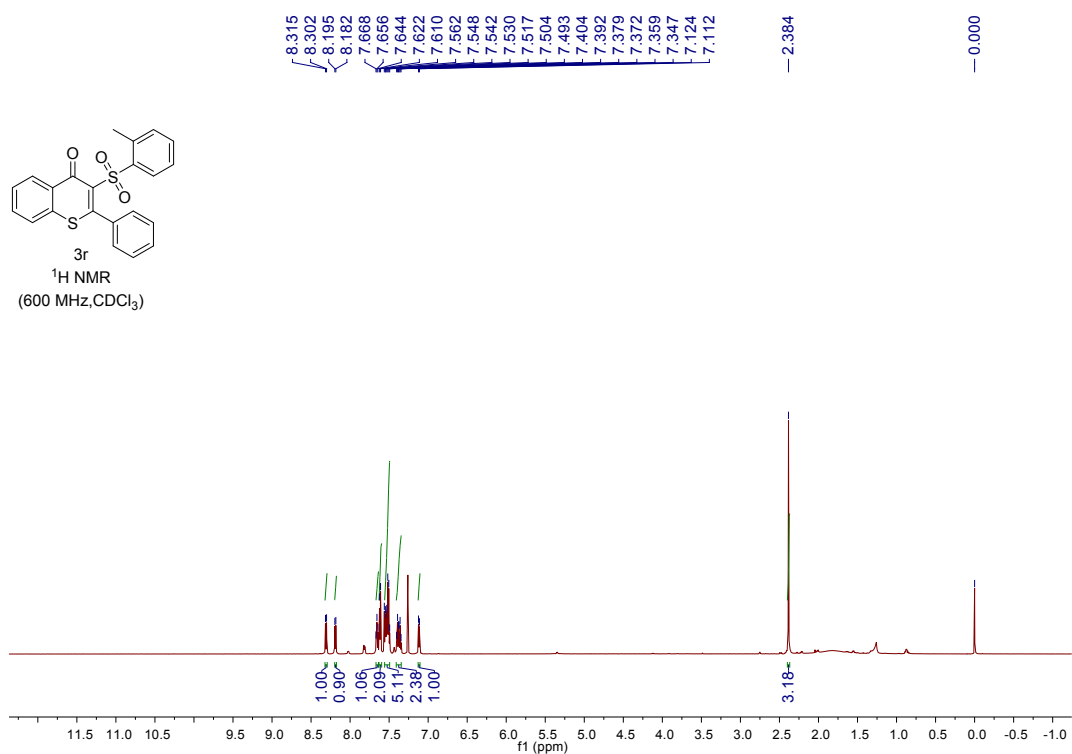
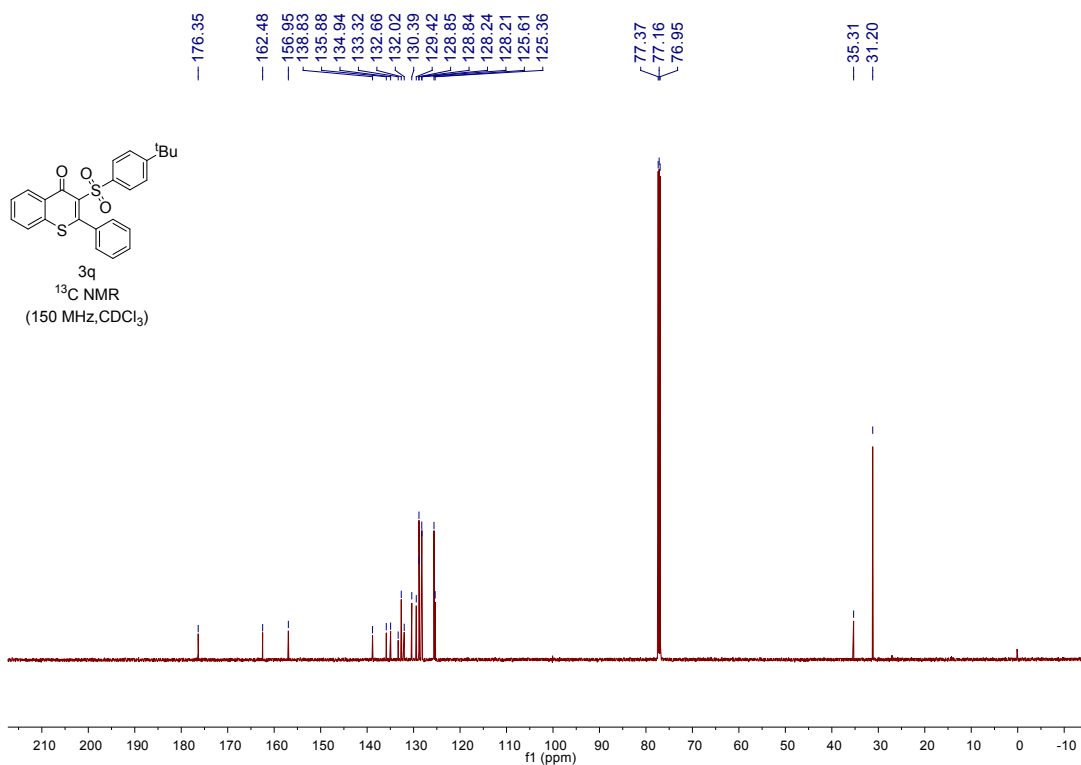


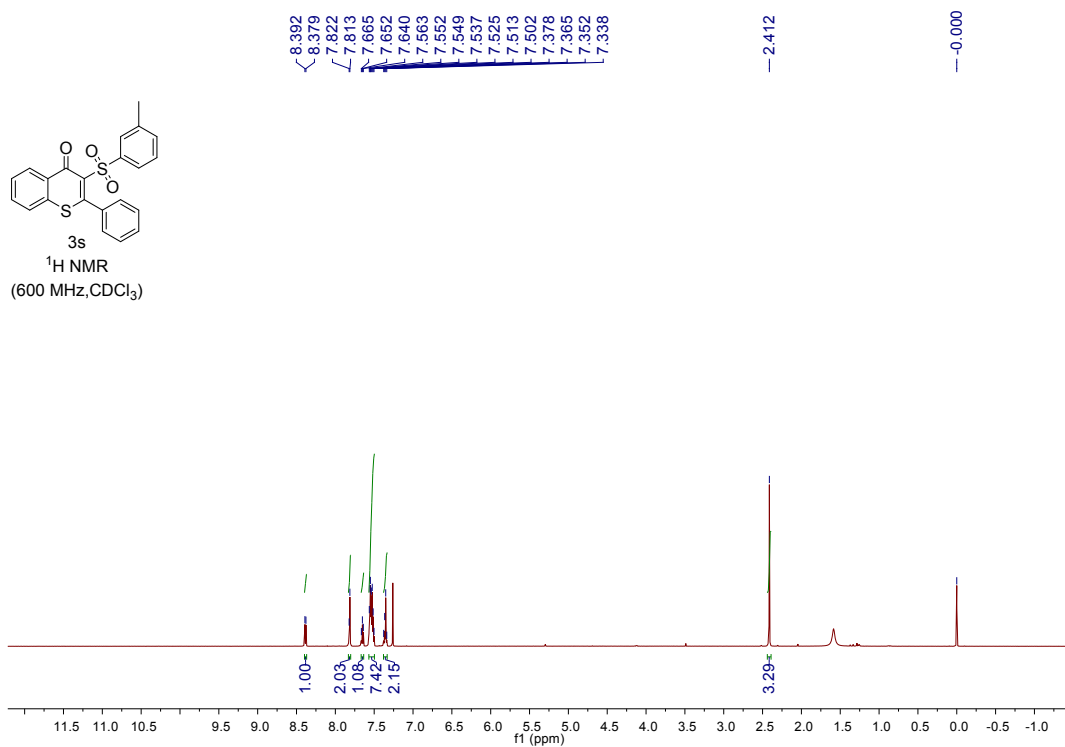
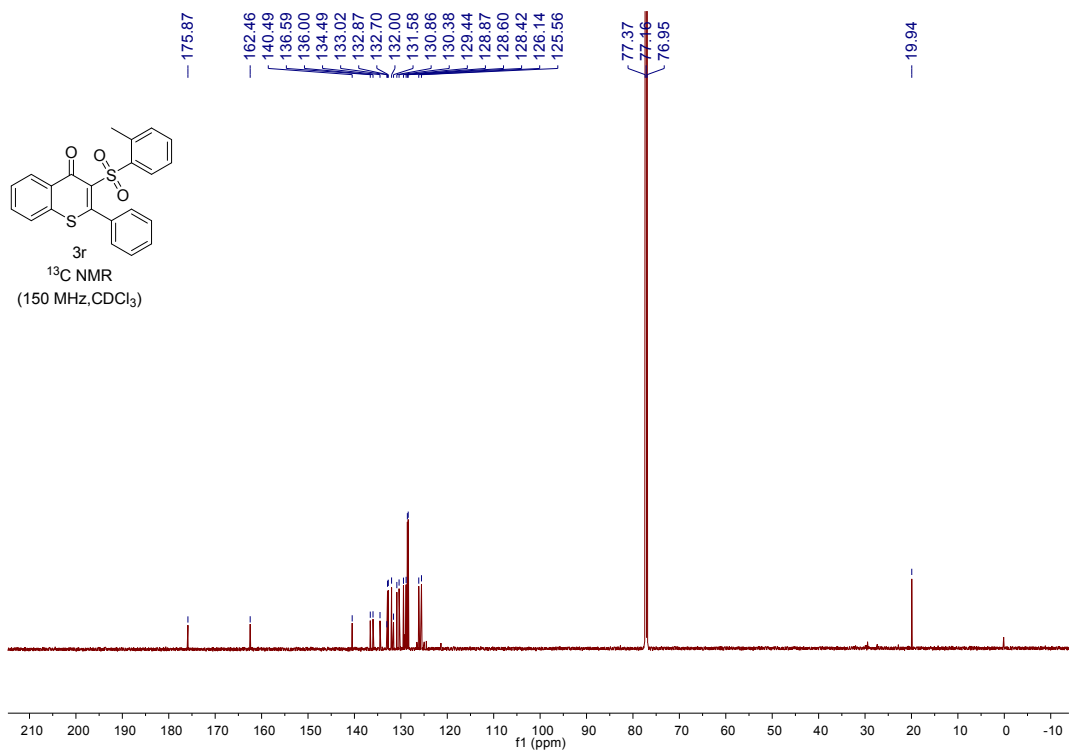


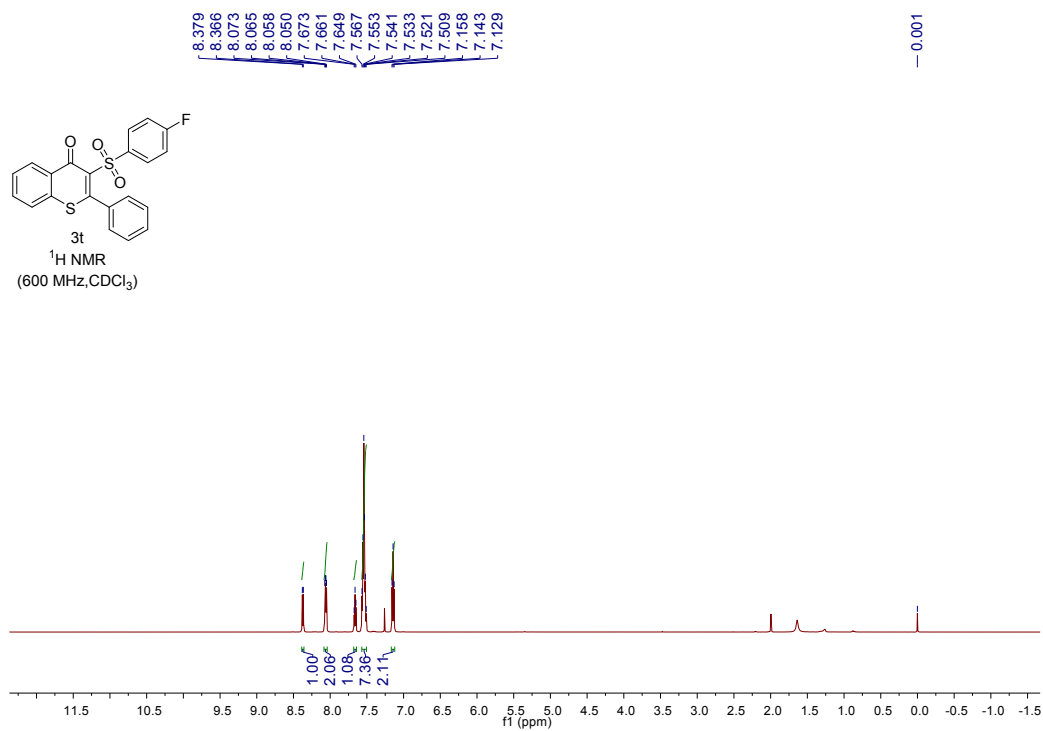
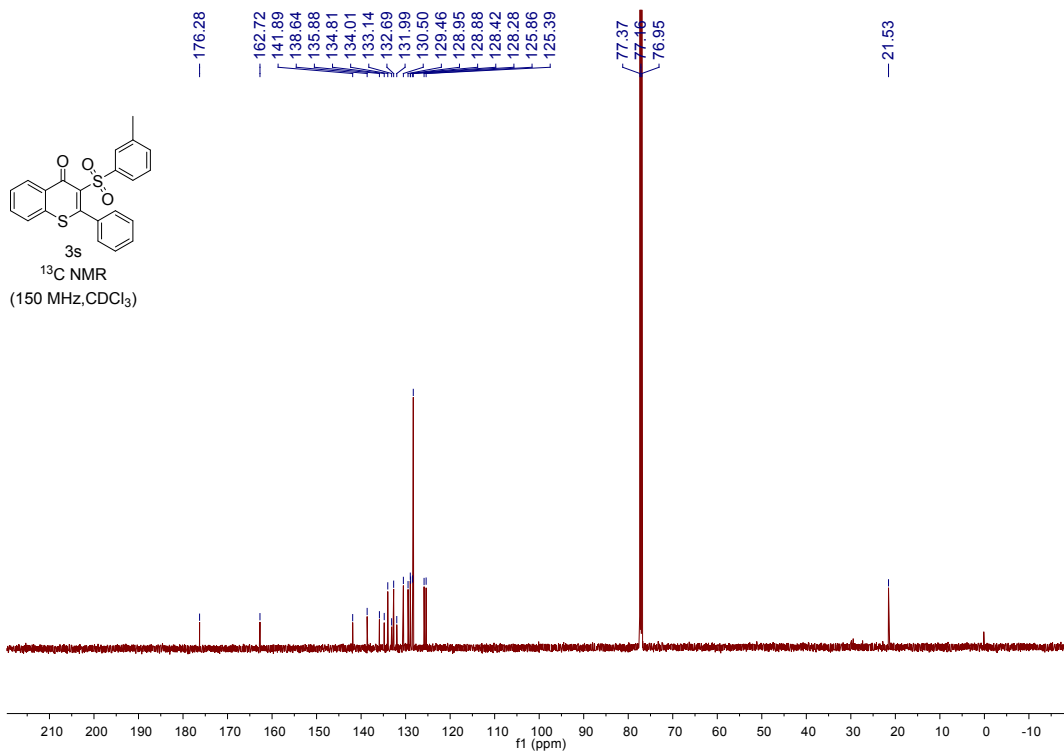


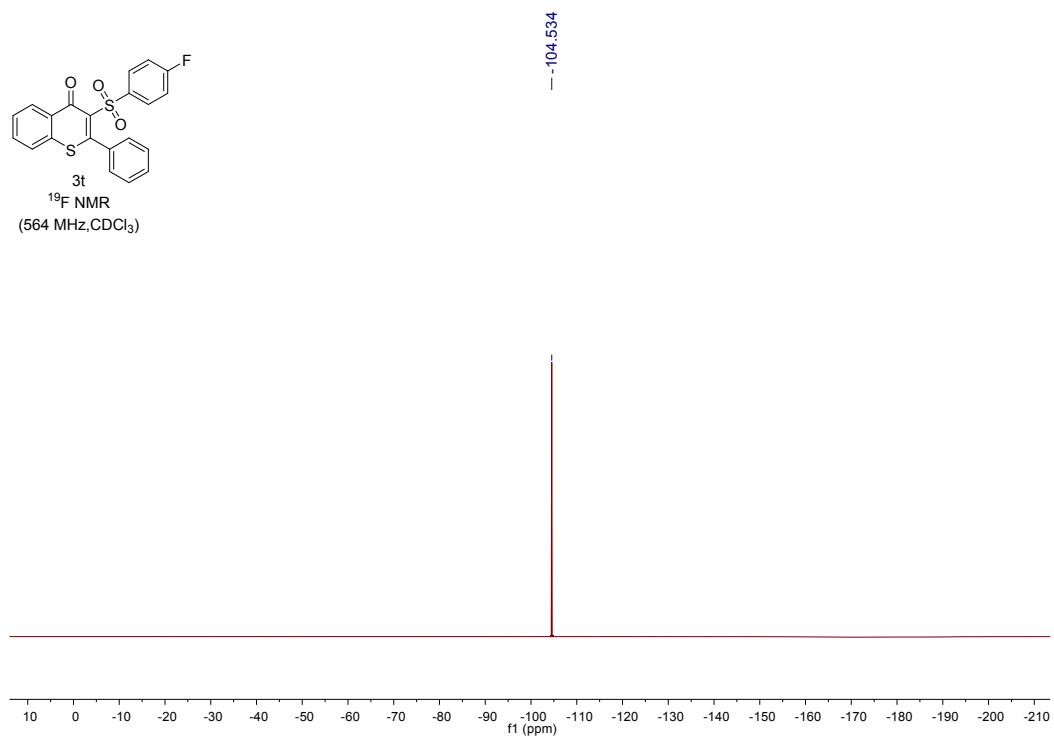
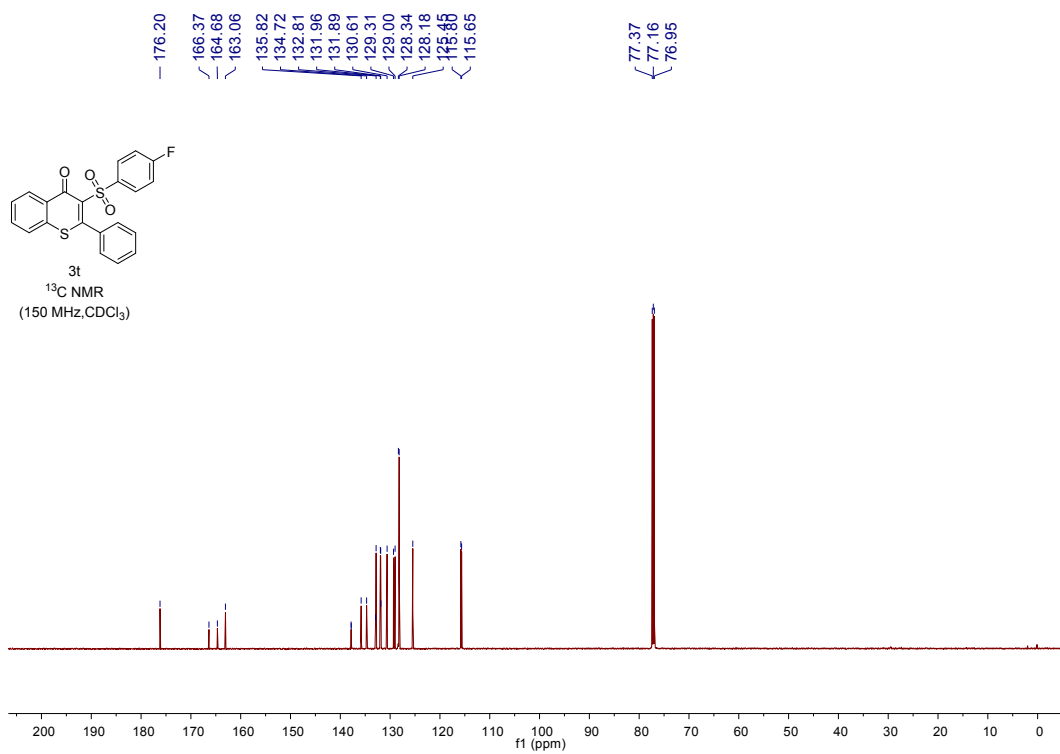


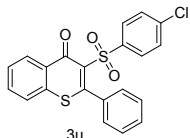




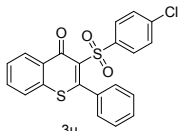
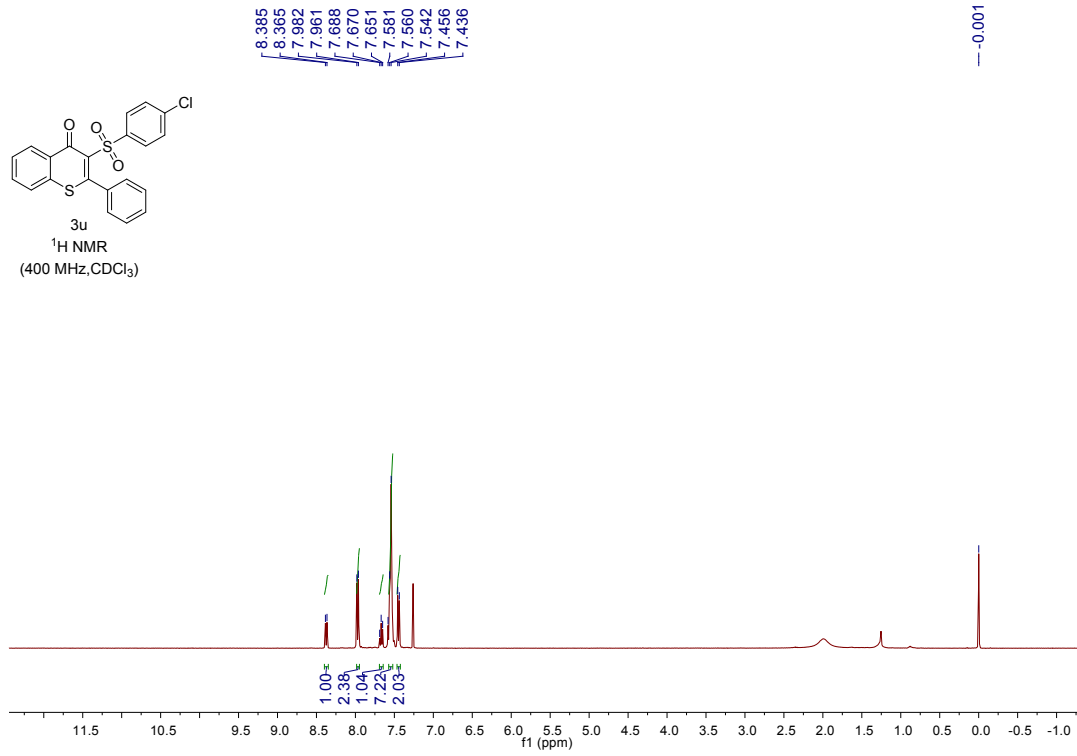




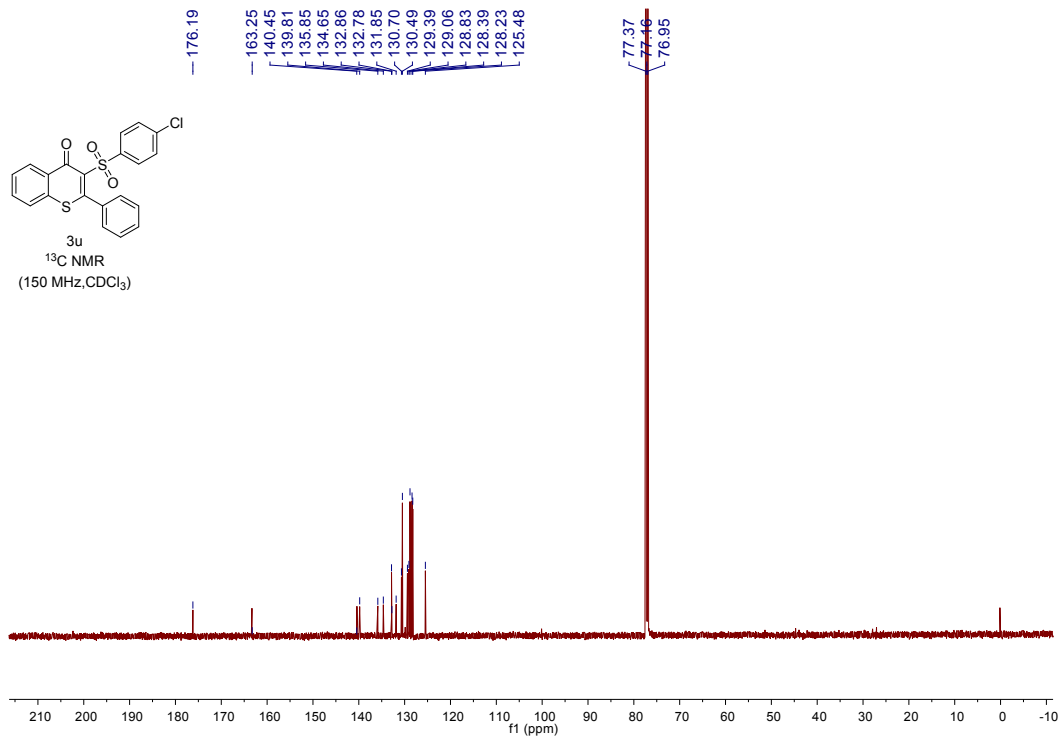


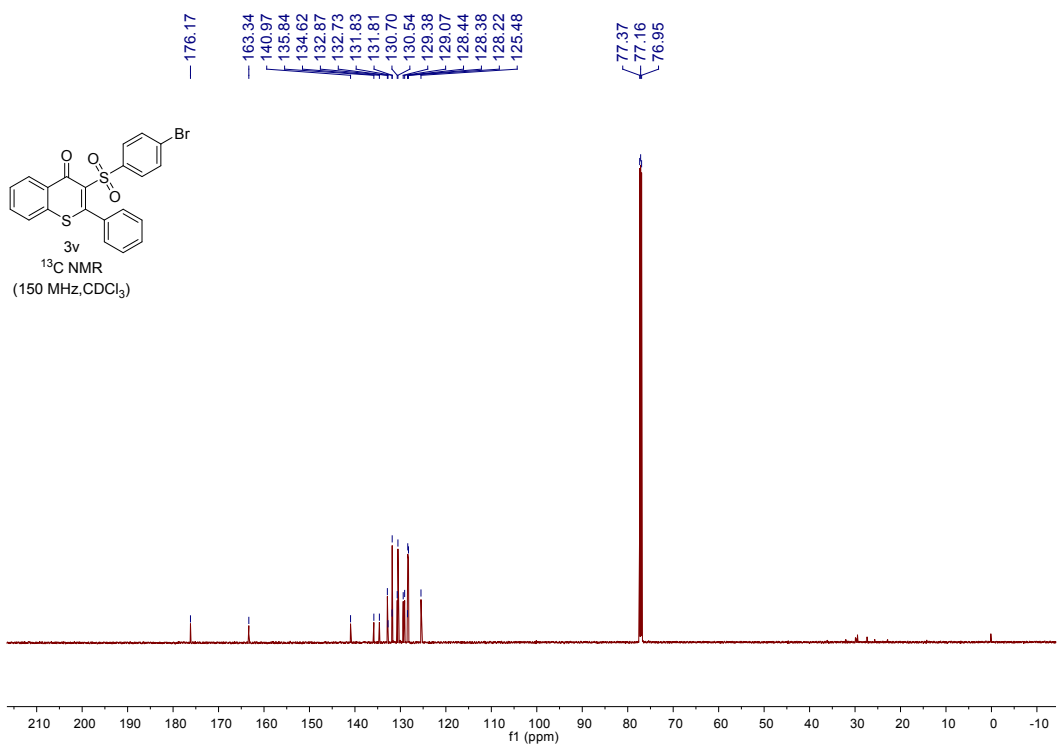
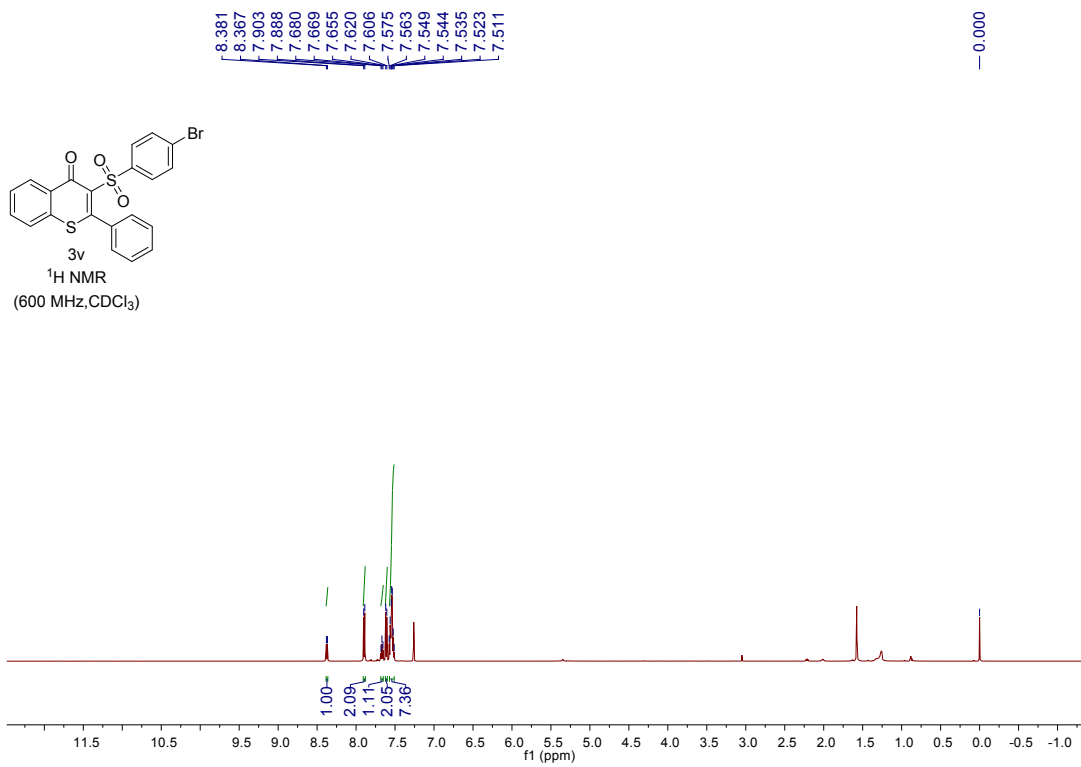


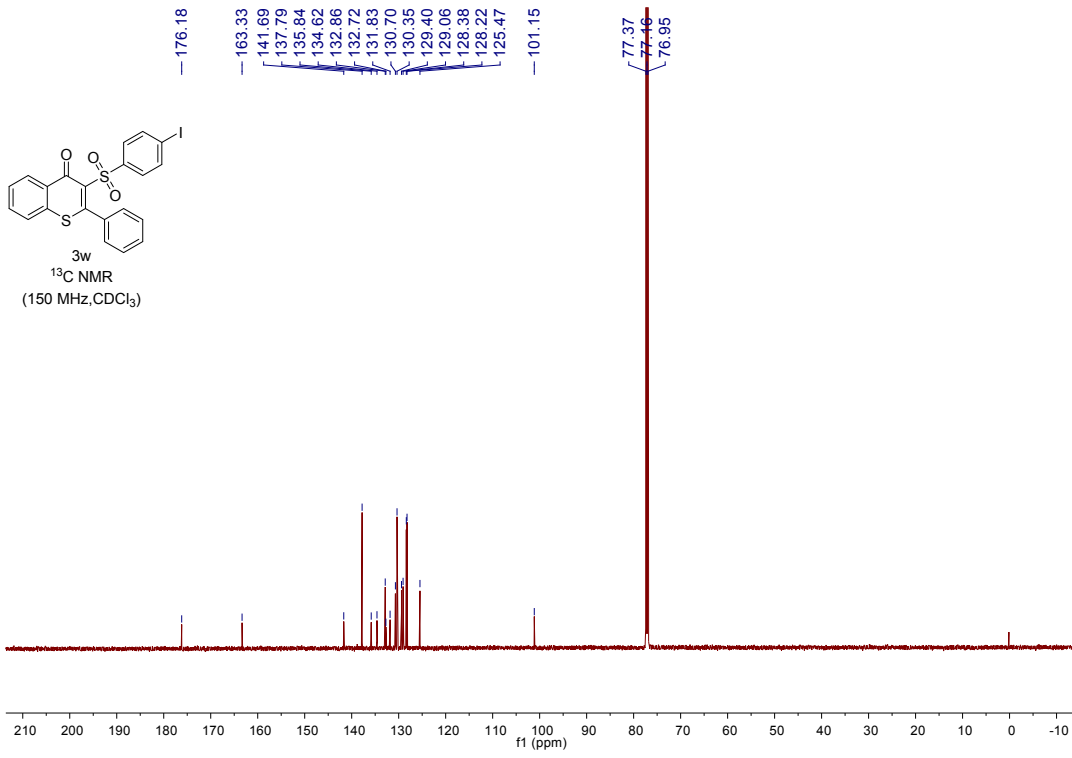
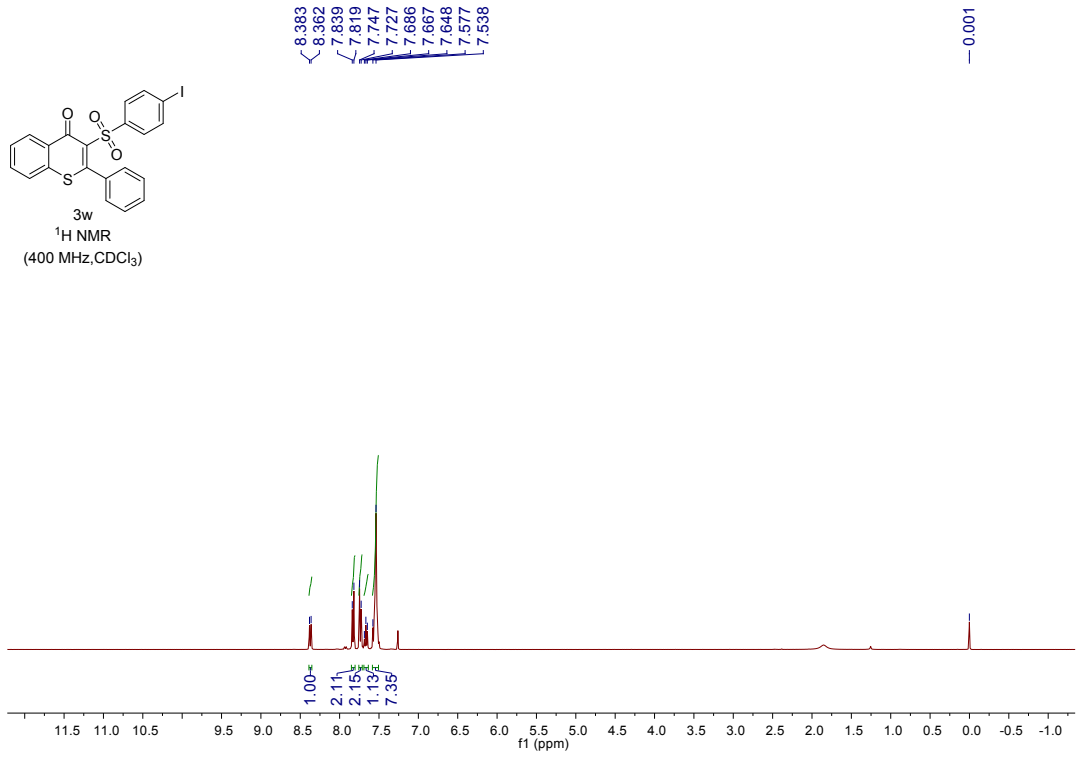
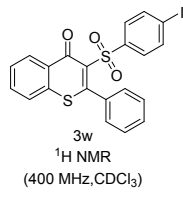
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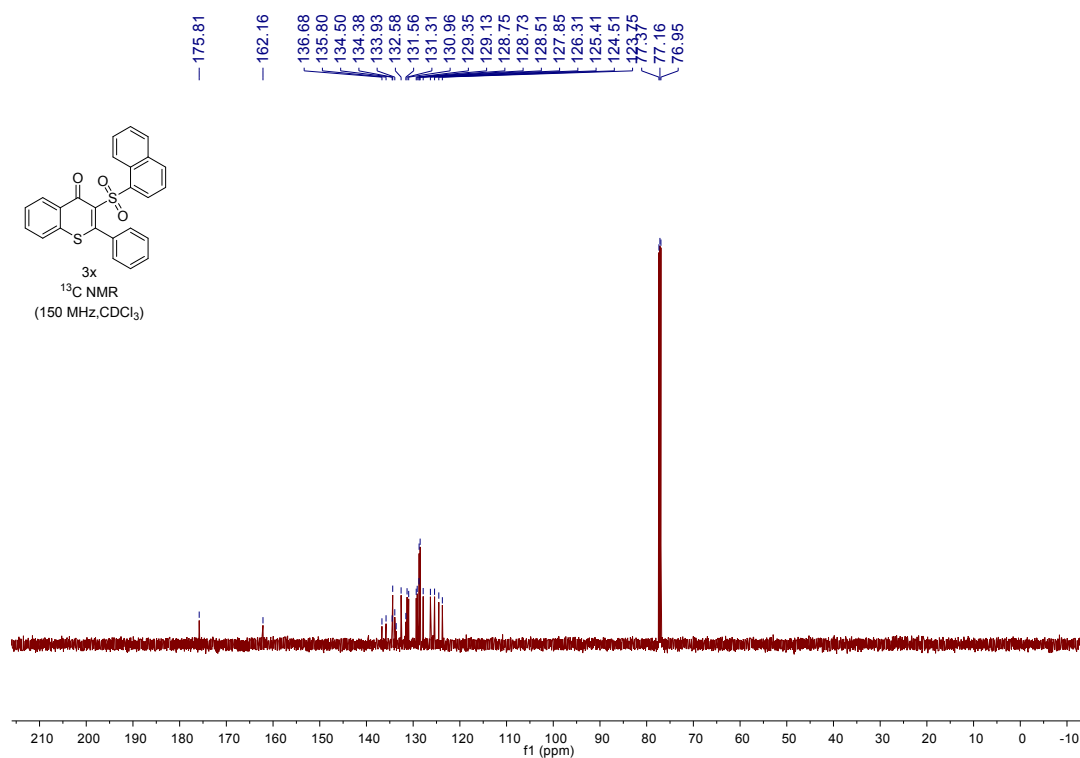
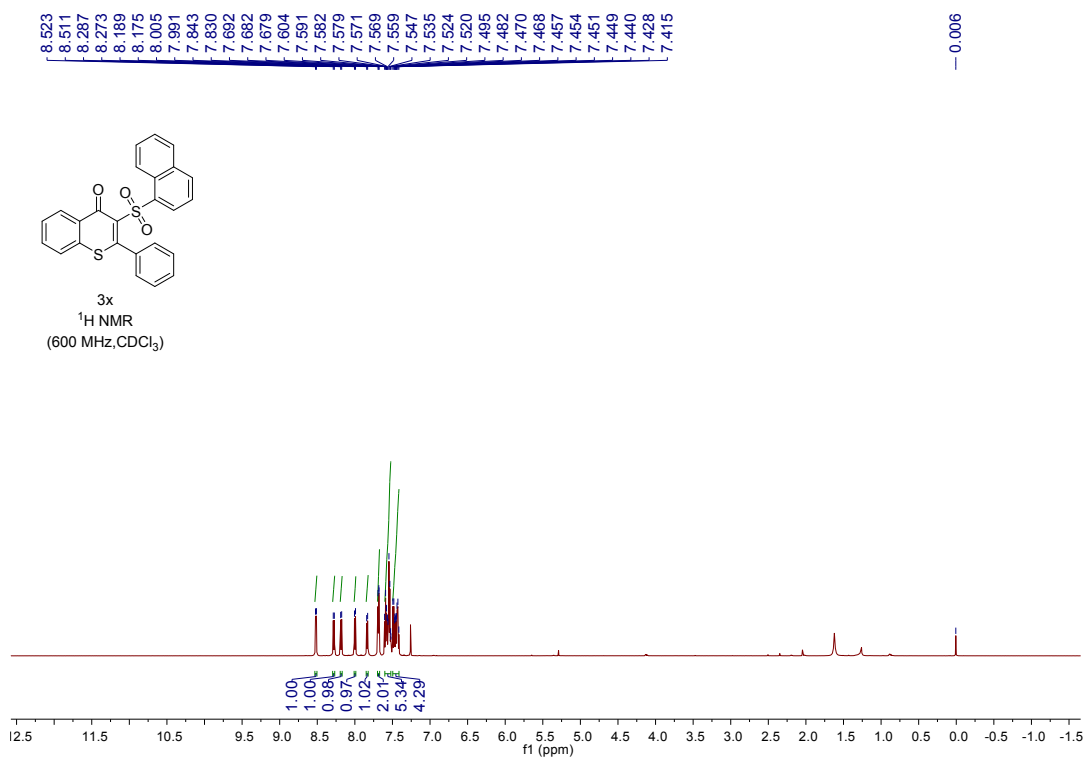
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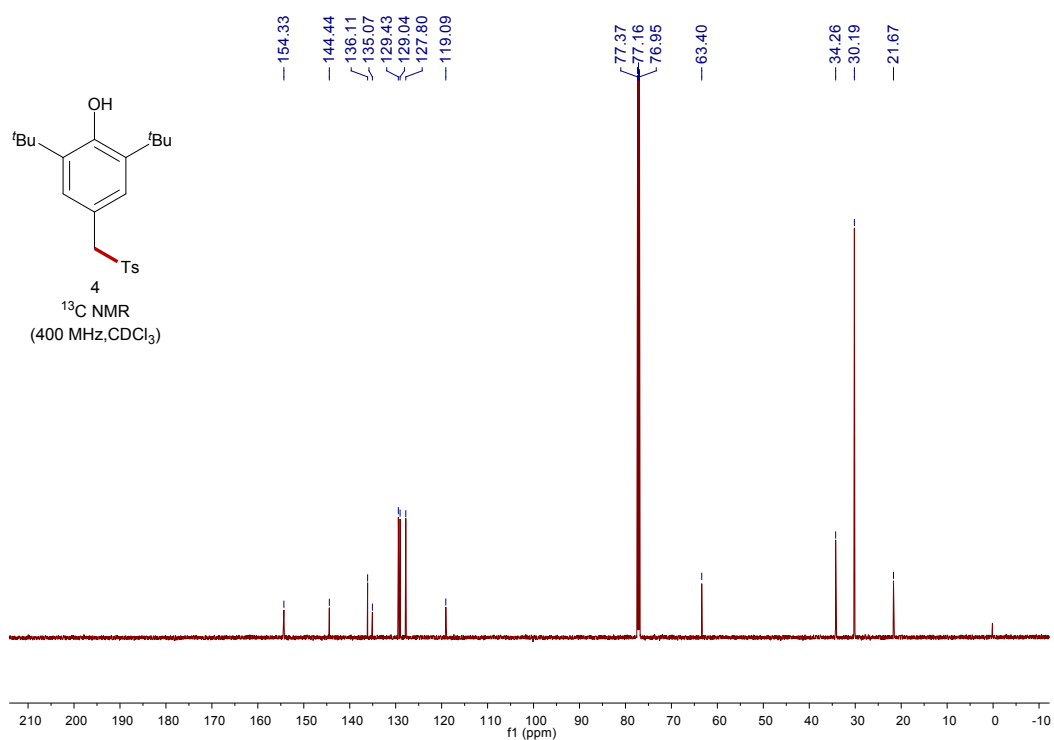
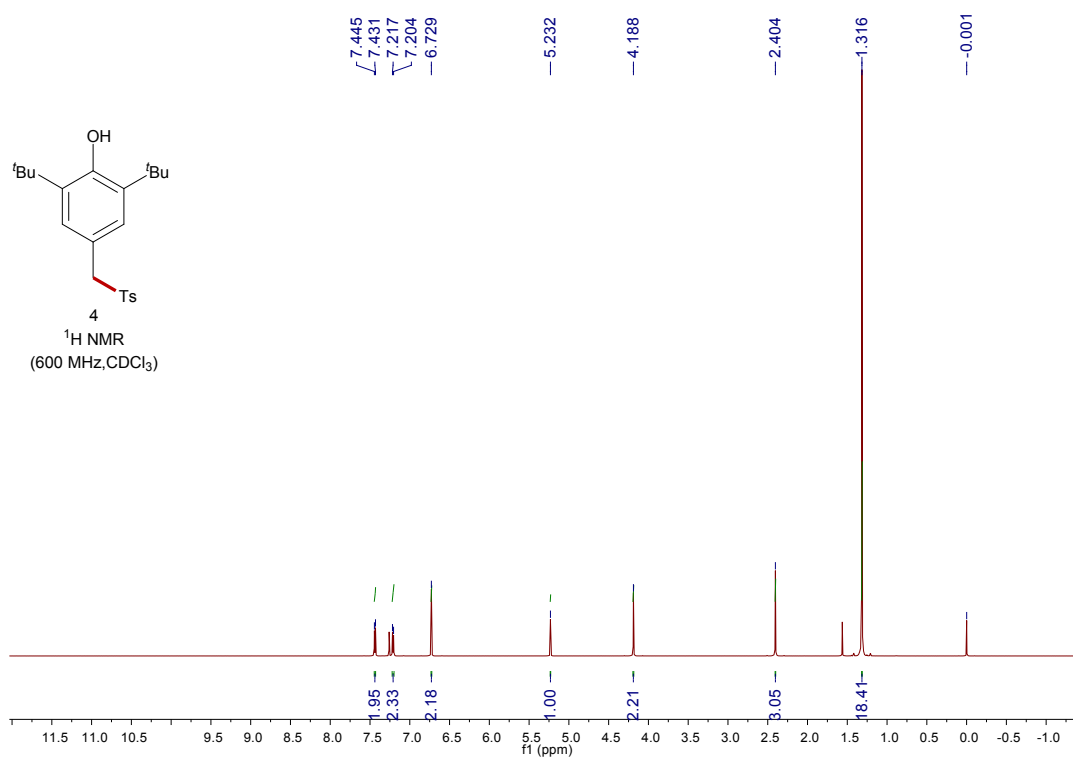












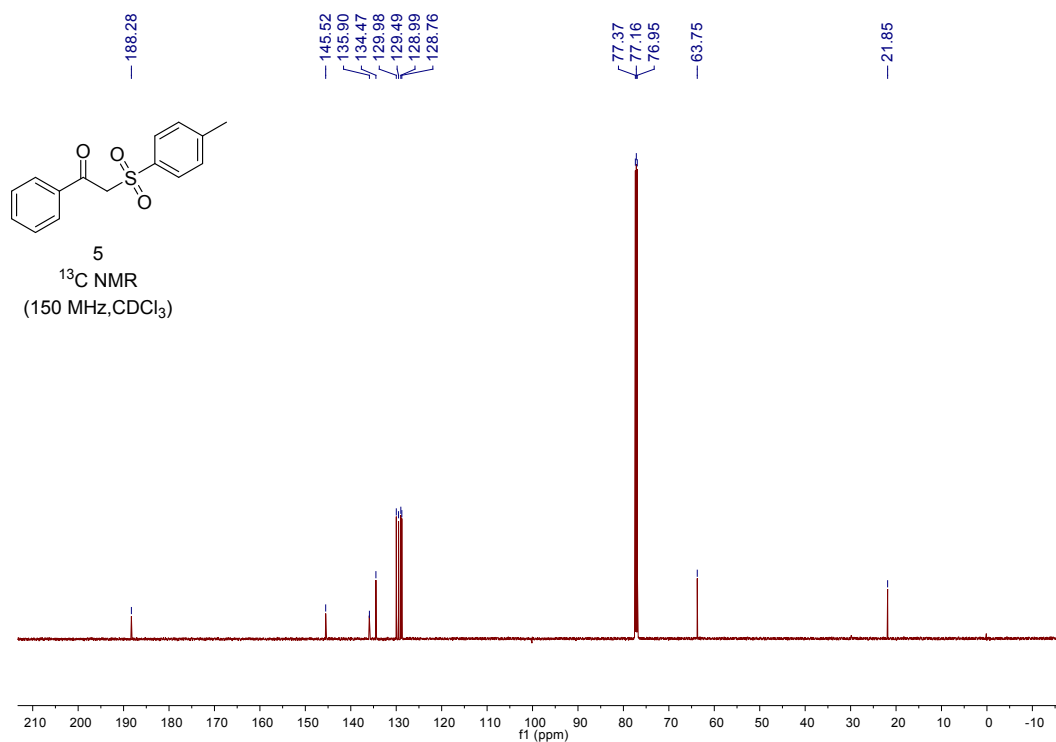
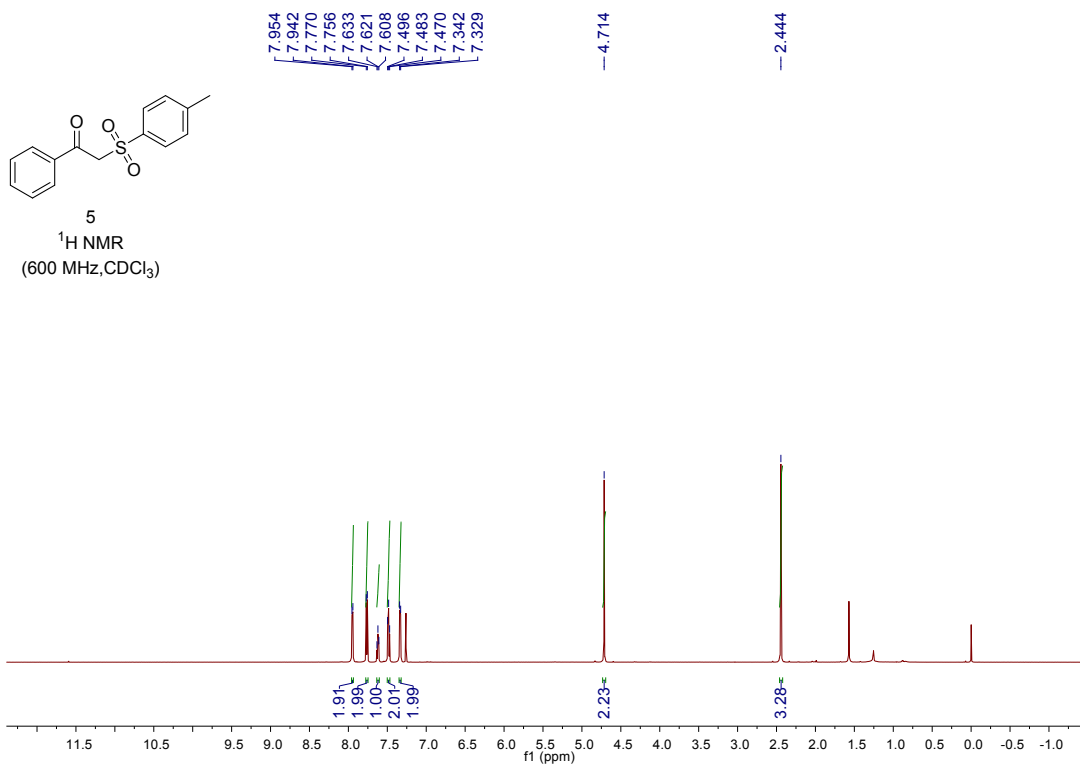
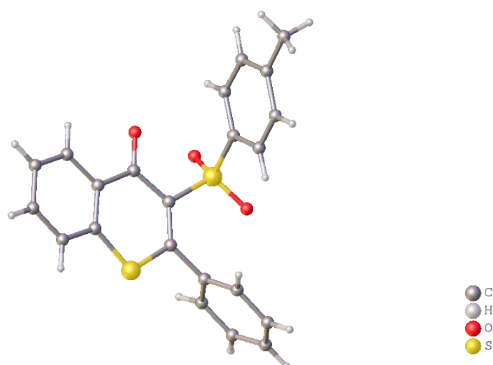


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **3a**.



Identification code	CCDC number: 1953609
Empirical formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	392.47
Temperature/K	295.5(3)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	5.3571(2)
b/Å	12.7753(6)
c/Å	13.8969(6)
α/°	74.461(4)
β/°	86.616(3)
γ/°	85.790(3)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	913.08(7)
Z	2
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.427
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.813
F(000)	408.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.4 × 0.2 × 0.2
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	7.194 to 124.964
Index ranges	-6 ≤ h ≤ 4, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -15 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	7397
Independent reflections	2919 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0279, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0342]
Data/restraints/parameters	2919/0/245
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.065
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0374, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1029
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0420, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1055
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.22/-0.29