

Supporting Information

NCS-Promoted Thiocyanation and Selenocyanation of Pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalines

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Experimental section

General Information Unless otherwise noted, all synthetic steps were performed under the air atmosphere using Schlenk tubes. The materials obtained from commercial sources were used without further purification. ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance III HD 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ solution. All chemical shifts were reported in ppm (δ) relative to the internal standard TMS (0 ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were acquired in electrospray ionization (ESI/APCI) mode using a TOF mass analyzer.

General procedure for NCS-promoted thiocyanation of pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline and KSCN or NH_4SCN .

A Schlenk tube (25 mL) was charged with pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline **1** (0.5 mmol), KSCN or NH_4SCN **2** (1 mmol), NCS (1.5 equiv.), and MeCN (2 mL) in air. Then the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After reaction completion, the solution was extracted with dichloromethane (3×10 mL). Then, the combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the final products **3**.

*1-Thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline (3a)*

Yield: 96%; Yellow solid; mp 146.2–147.3 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.27 (dd, $J = 8.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.07 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.3, 137.2, 131.6, 131.0, 129.4, 128.8, 127.6, 126.6, 115.7, 109.1, 108.0, 104.5. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 226.04342, found: 226.04344.

*8-Methyl-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline (3b)*

Yield: 83%; Yellow solid; mp 149.7–150.1 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.77 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

144.4, 139.4, 135.3, 131.7, 130.7, 129.2, 127.8, 127.5, 115.7, 109.2, 107.6, 103.9, 22.4. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₉N₃S [M+H]⁺ 240.05899, found: 240.05865.

8-Fluoro-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3c)

Yield: 76%; Yellow solid; mp 162.8–163.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.96 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 249.7 Hz), 144.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 134.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.4 Hz), 132.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 9.9 Hz), 131.3, 129.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 11.6 Hz), 128.1, 114.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 23.3 Hz), 108.7, 108.0, 104.6, 102.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 29.5 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -107.03. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C₁₂H₆FN₃S [M+H]⁺ 244.03392, found: 244.03362.

7-Methyl-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3d)

Yield: 82%; Yellow solid; mp 174.2–175.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.15 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.3, 137.3, 136.6, 131.5, 130.8, 129.9, 127.3, 127.2, 115.4, 109.2, 107.8, 104.0, 21.1. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C₁₃H₉N₃S [M+H]⁺ 240.05899, found: 240.05855.

7-Thiocyanatoindolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3e)

Yield: 87%; Yellow solid; mp 183.7–184.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.49–8.46 (m, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.54 (m, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.3, 136.4, 132.6, 131.5, 131.3, 129.9, 129.7, 129.7, 125.9, 125.6, 124.9, 120.4, 115.2, 115.2, 110.3, 88.0. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C₁₆H₉N₃S [M+H]⁺ 276.05899, found: 276.05884.

3-Iodo-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3f)

Yield: 65%; Yellow solid; mp 202.3–204.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.22 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5, 137.6, 133.6, 131.6, 131.4, 129.2, 128.9, 127.2, 115.4, 108.6, 106.3, 61.0. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C₁₂H₆IN₃S [M+H]⁺ 351.93999, found: 351.93954.

3-Bromo-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3g)

Yield: 29%; White solid; mp 197.3–198.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.22 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 137.5, 131.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.2, 115.6, 108.5, 104.8, 95.3. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₆BrN₃S [M+H]⁺ 303.95386, found: 303.95346.

3-Phenyl-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3h)

Yield: 56%; Yellow solid; mp 154.2–155.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.26 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 5H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.6, 137.5, 132.4, 131.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 126.7, 126.6, 124.0, 115.7, 109.0, 104.5. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₁N₃S [M+H]⁺ 302.07464, found: 302.07413.

1-Thiocyanato-3-(4-vinylphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3i)

Yield: 61%; Yellow solid; mp 150.1–151.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.23 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.5, 137.5, 137.3, 136.2, 131.8, 131.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.1, 126.6, 126.6, 123.6, 115.7, 114.7, 109.0, 104.6. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₃N₃S [M+H]⁺ 328.09029, found: 328.08993.

4-Phenyl-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3j)

Yield: 81%; Yellow solid; mp 159.2–159.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.32 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 137.5, 137.5, 131.2, 131.0, 130.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 126.7, 115.5, 109.4, 109.3, 104.8. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₁N₃S [M+H]⁺ 302.07458, found: 302.07455.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3k)

Yield: 90%; Yellow solid; mp 168.3–170.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.32 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 162.9, 153.1, 137.4, 133.6, 133.6, 131.2, 130.9, 130.8, 130.8, 128.5, 128.5, 127.7, 126.8, 116.1, 115.9, 115.6, 109.2, 109.2, 105.1. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.15. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₀FN₃S [M+H]⁺ 320.0652, found: 320.0657.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3l)

Yield: 68%; Yellow solid; mp 190.2–190.7 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 137.4, 136.5, 135.9, 131.2, 130.7, 130.2, 129.2, 128.6, 128.6, 127.7, 126.8, 115.6, 109.2, 109.2, 105.2. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₀ClN₃S [M+H]⁺ 336.03567, found: 336.03491.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3m)

Yield: 74%; Yellow solid; mp 191.3–192.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.31 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 137.4, 136.4, 132.1, 131.2, 130.6, 130.4, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 126.8, 124.8, 115.6, 109.2, 109.1, 105.2. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₀BrN₃S [M+Na]⁺ 401.9671, found: 401.9675.

1-Thiocyanato-4-(p-tolyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3n)

Yield: 80%; Yellow solid; mp 179.5–180.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.31 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 140.5, 137.6, 134.7, 131.1, 131.1, 129.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 126.6, 115.5,

109.4, 109.4, 104.6, 21.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{13}N_3S$ $[M+H]^+$ 316.0903, found: 316.0908.

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3o)

Yield: 78%; Yellow solid; mp 173.1–174.3 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.30 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 161.4, 153.7, 137.6, 131.0, 131.0, 130.3, 130.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 126.6, 115.5, 114.3, 109.4, 104.6, 55.6. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{13}N_3OS$ $[M+H]^+$ 332.0852, found: 332.0854.

4-(1-Thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)benzotrile (3p)

Yield: 51%; Yellow solid; mp 221.2–222.5 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.35 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.76–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 152.1, 141.7, 137.2, 132.7, 131.4, 130.3, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 127.8, 127.0, 118.5, 115.6, 114.0, 109.0, 108.9, 105.7. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for $C_{18}H_{10}N_4O_2S$ $[M+H]^+$ 327.06989, found: 327.06940.

4-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3q)

Yield: 61%; Yellow solid; mp 194.7–195.9 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.35 (dd, $J = 8.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.15 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.76–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 151.8, 148.9, 143.4, 137.2, 131.5, 130.3, 129.9, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.0, 124.1, 115.7, 109.0, 108.9, 105.8. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for $C_{18}H_{10}N_4O_2S$ $[M+H]^+$ 347.05972, found: 347.05942.

2-(1-Thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)phenol (3r)

Yield: 59%; Yellow solid; mp 183.1–184.2 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 10.27 (s, 1H), 9.35 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.43–

7.32 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 155.8, 153.2, 136.2, 131.2, 130.3, 130.1, 129.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.0, 126.5, 123.2, 119.1, 116.5, 115.7, 111.3, 109.6, 107.2. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 318.06956, found: 318.06918.

4-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3s)

Yield: 73%; Yellow solid; mp 209.7–210.2 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.35 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.9, 137.0, 136.3, 134.5, 134.0, 131.7, 131.3, 130.9, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 127.7, 127.7, 126.8, 115.6, 109.2, 109.1, 105.1. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_9\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 369.99670, found: 369.99634.

4-(Furan-2-yl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3t)

Yield: 81%; Yellow solid; mp 169.3–170.6 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.28 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, $J = 3.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.8, 144.9, 142.9, 137.0, 130.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 126.6, 115.4, 113.6, 112.3, 109.3, 109.2, 104.5. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 292.05391, found: 292.05350.

7-Chloro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3u)

Yield: 71%; mp 161.2–162.7 °C; Yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.19 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, $J = 9.1, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.09–7.03 (m, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.6, 154.7, 138.6, 131.8, 130.7, 130.36, 130.1, 129.5, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 116.6, 114.3, 109.9, 109.1, 105.1, 55.6. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_3\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 366.04624, found: 366.04596.

7-Chloro-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (3v)

Yield: 70%; Yellow solid; mp 210.5–211.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.36 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 152.7, 148.5, 142.3, 137.6, 130.5, 130.2, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 126.9, 123.9, 117.6, 110.9, 109.8, 109.4. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₉ClN₄O₂S [M+H]⁺ 381.02075, found: 381.02008.

*4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7-methyl-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline (3w)*

Yield: 84%; Yellow solid; mp 175.3–176.6 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.09 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 153.4, 137.4, 136.4, 130.6, 130.5, 130.2, 130.0, 129.1, 127.0, 126.1, 115.0, 114.1, 109.4, 109.0, 104.0, 55.5, 21.0. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₃OS [M+H]⁺ 346.10086, found: 346.10049.

*7-Methyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-thiocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline (3x)*

Yield: 49%; Yellow solid; mp 221.8–222.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.22 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.95–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.6, 148.8, 143.5, 138.6, 137.2, 137.1, 133.3, 131.1, 130.5, 130.2, 129.9, 127.5, 126.5, 124.1, 115.3, 109.1, 108.7, 105.3, 21.1. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₂N₄O₂S [M+H]⁺ 361.07537, found: 361.07471.

General procedure for NCS-promoted selenocyanation of pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline and KSeCN.

A Schlenk tube (25 mL) was charged with pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline **1** (0.5 mmol), KSeCN (1 mmol), NCS (1.5 equiv.), and EtOAc (2 mL) in air. Then the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After reaction completion, the solution was extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). Then, the combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and

the crude was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the final products **4**.

1-Selenocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (4a)

Yield: 72%; Yellow solid; mp 167.7–168.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 136.2, 130.9, 129.2, 128.4, 127.1, 126.7, 120.9, 115.4, 113.9, 101.12, 92.4. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₇N₃Se [M+H]⁺ 273.98780, found: 273.98737.

7-Methyl-1-selenocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (4b)

Yield: 47%; Yellow solid; mp 180.1–181.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 145.6, 136.6, 135.6, 130.0, 129.8, 129.0, 127.6, 126.9, 115.6, 108.5, 106.1, 105.2, 20.4. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₉N₃Se [M+H]⁺ 288.00345, found: 288.00290.

8-Fluoro-1-selenocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (4c)

Yield: 40%; Yellow solid; mp 147.1–148.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.09 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 249.4 Hz), 144.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.5 Hz), 134.0, 132.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 9.9 Hz), 131.6, 130.1 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 11.1 Hz), 129.7, 114.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 23.3 Hz), 108.5, 102.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 29.6 Hz), 100.6, 99.7. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₆FN₃Se [M+H]⁺ 291.97837, found: 291.97837.

4-Phenyl-1-selenocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (4d)

Yield: 68%; Yellow solid; mp 170.5–171.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.27 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9, 137.4, 137.3, 130.9, 130.8, 130.2, 128.9, 128.7,

128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 126.3, 115.4, 109.6, 100.7, 100.4. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₁N₃Se [M+H]⁺ 350.01910, found: 350.01868.

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-selenocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (4e)

Yield: 50%; Yellow solid; mp 197.0–197.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.32 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3, 153.6, 137.5, 131.1, 130.9, 130.3, 130.1, 129.1, 128.6, 127.8, 126.5, 115.5, 114.3, 109.7, 100.6, 100.5, 55.6. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₃N₃OSe [M+H]⁺ 380.02966, found: 380.02905.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-selenocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (4f)

Yield: 42%; Yellow solid; mp 181.1–182.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.35 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72–7.63 (m, 3H), 7.62–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 137.4, 136.5, 132.1, 131.2, 130.8, 130.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 126.7, 124.8, 115.6, 109.5, 101.1, 100.3. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₀BrN₃Se [M+H]⁺ 427.92961, found: 427.92892.

4-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1-selenocyanatopyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline (4g)

Yield: 38%; Yellow solid; mp 185.9–186.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.22 – 8.05 (m, 3H), 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 148.9, 143.5, 137.2, 131.4, 130.4, 129.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 126.9, 124.1, 115.7, 109.3, 101.6, 100.1. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₀N₄O₂Se [M+H]⁺ 395.00417, found: 395.00354.

General procedure for gram-scale experiment.

A 50 mL round-bottomed flask was charged with **1a** (6 mmol), **2a** (12 mmol), NCS (1.5 equiv.), and MeCN (20 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After reaction completion, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the

crude was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the final product **3a** (1.128 g, 83% yield).

Typical procedure for the synthesis of 3aa.

To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, **3a** (0.2 mmol), concentrated sulfuric acid (18 M) (0.1 mL), and CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) were added. The reaction vessel was allowed to stir under the ice bath condition for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was washed with the saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution (10 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 × 10 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in a vacuum. The crude was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the final product pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline-1-thiol **3aa** in 84% yield.

*Pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline-1-thiol (3aa)*

Yield: 84%; Yellow solid; mp 126.3–127.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.93–6.87 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 136.7, 131.2, 130.2, 129.4, 127.9, 127.1, 125.5, 120.6, 115.4, 107.5. HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₇N₂S [M-H]⁺ 199.03245, found 199.03285.

Typical procedure for the synthesis of 3ab.

To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, **3a** (0.2 mmol), TMSCF₃ (2 equiv.), Cs₂CO₃ (2 equiv.) and MeCN (2 mL) were added. The reaction vessel was allowed to stir at room temperature for 15 h. After reaction completion, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the final product **3ab** in 45% yield.

*1-((Trifluoromethyl)thio)pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline (3ab)*

Yield: 45%; White solid; mp 94.2–94.8 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5, 137.2, 131.7, 130.8, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 128.2, 126.7,

126.2, 116.4, 107.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.44. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 269.03548, found: 269.03510.

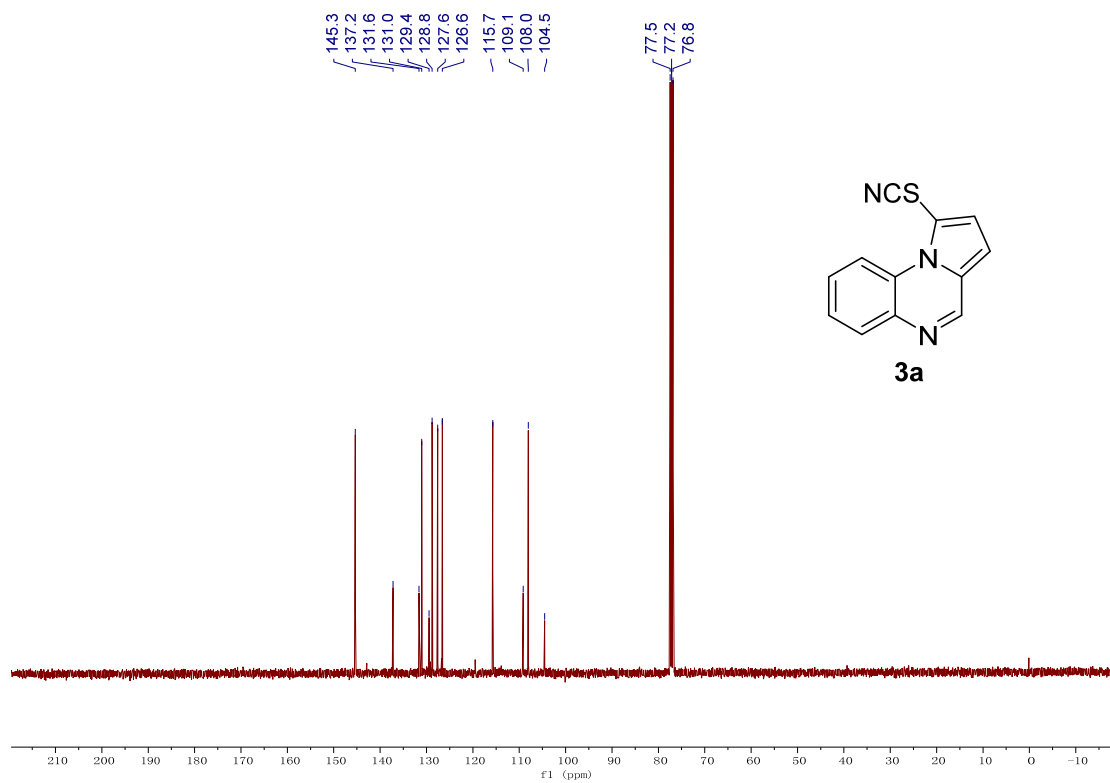
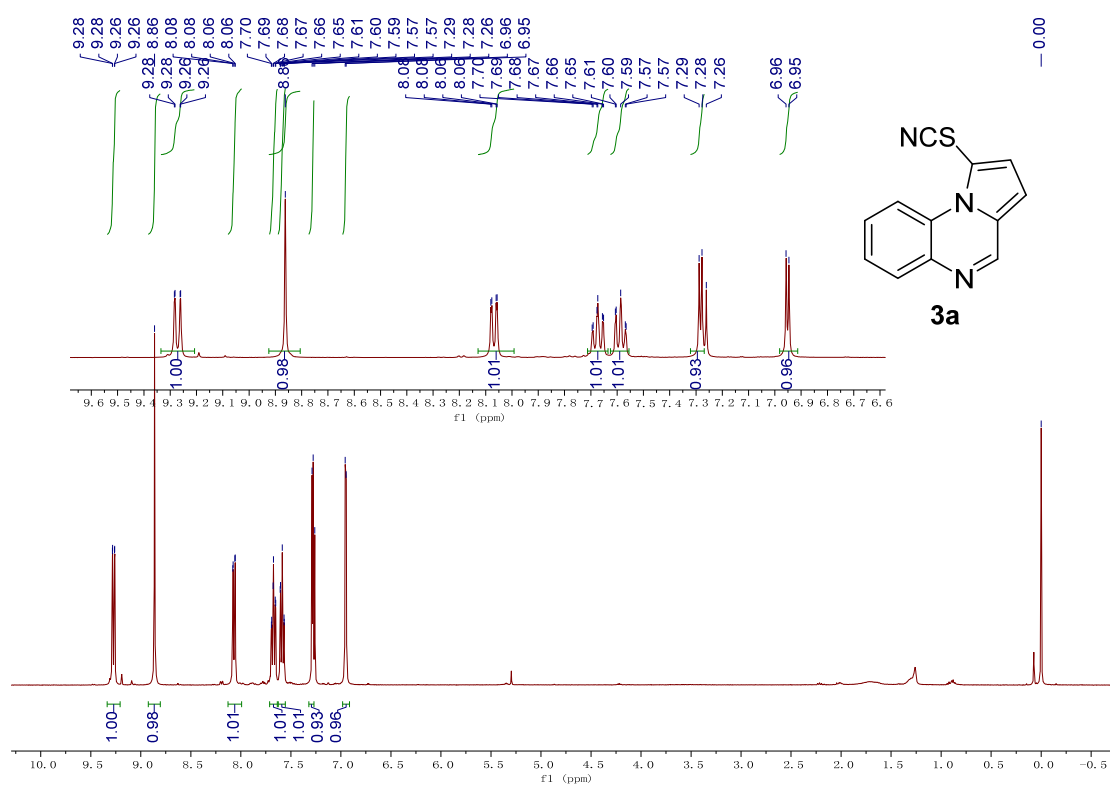
Typical procedure for the synthesis of 4aa.

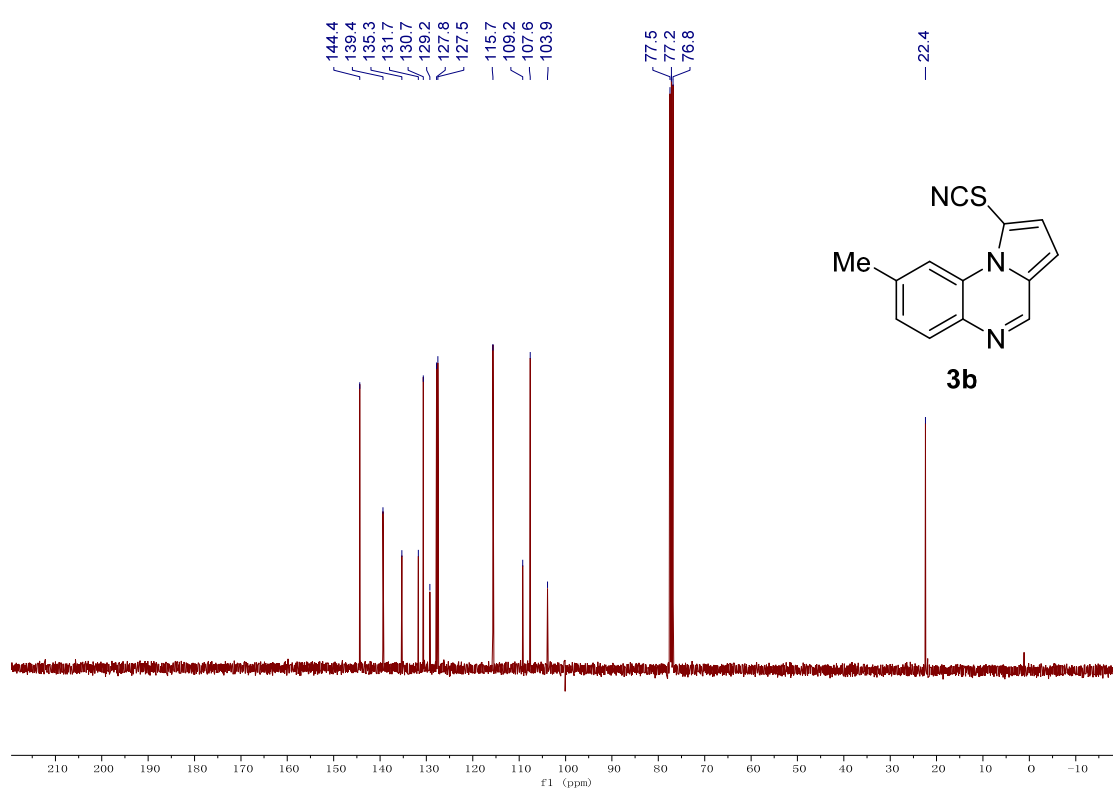
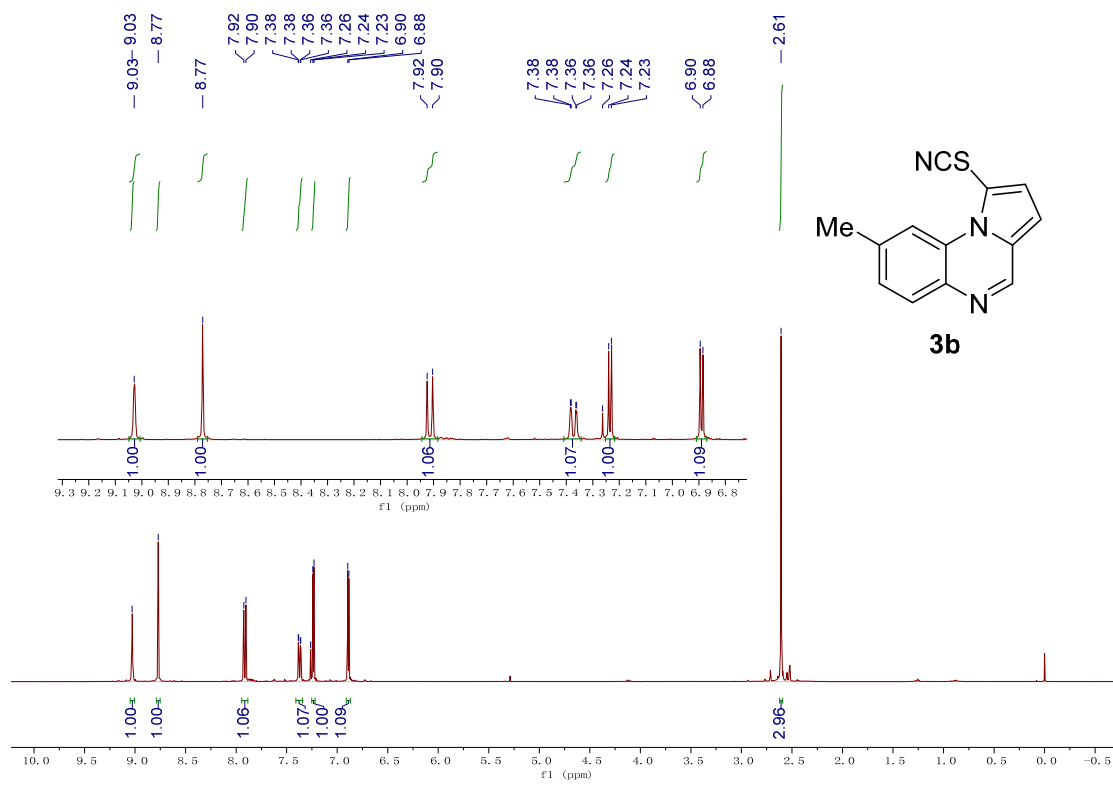
To a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, **4a** (0.1 mmol), phenylacetylene (0.1 mmol), $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%), Ag_2CO_3 (20 mol%), Cs_2CO_3 (1 equiv.), and NMP (1.5 mL) were added. The reaction vessel was allowed to stir at 100 °C for 8 h under argon atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was washed with the saturated solution of NaCl (3×10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in a vacuum. The crude mixture was purified via column chromatography using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as eluent to give the final product **4aa** in 44% yield.

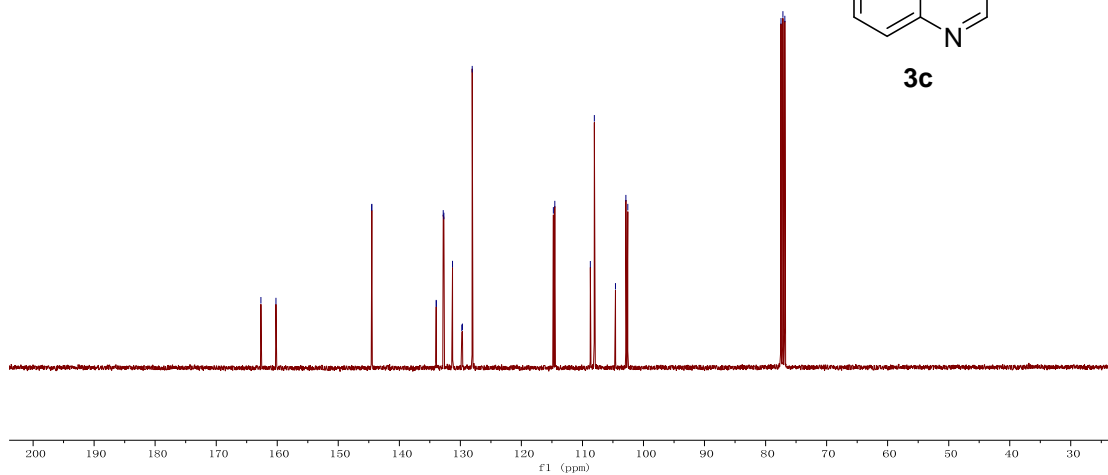
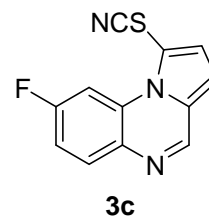
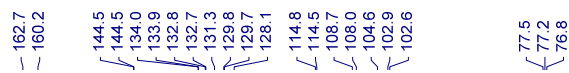
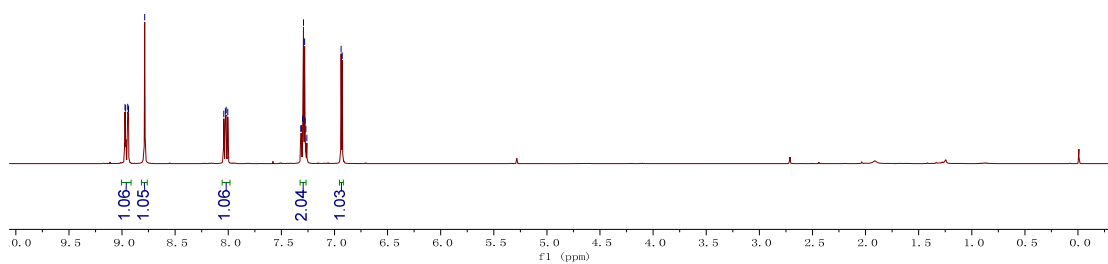
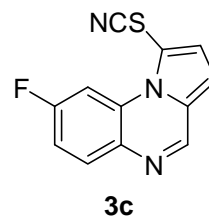
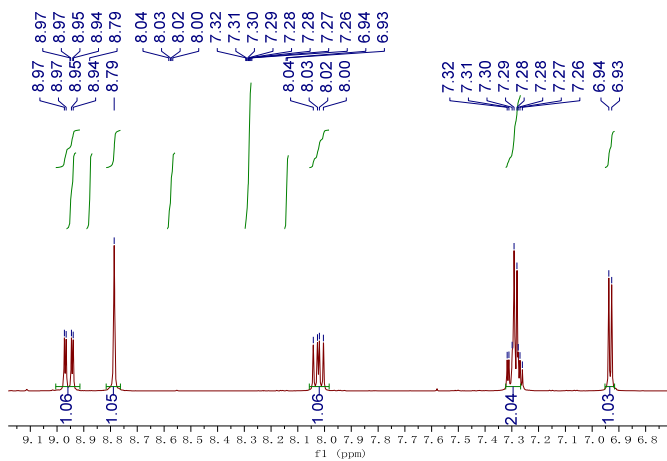
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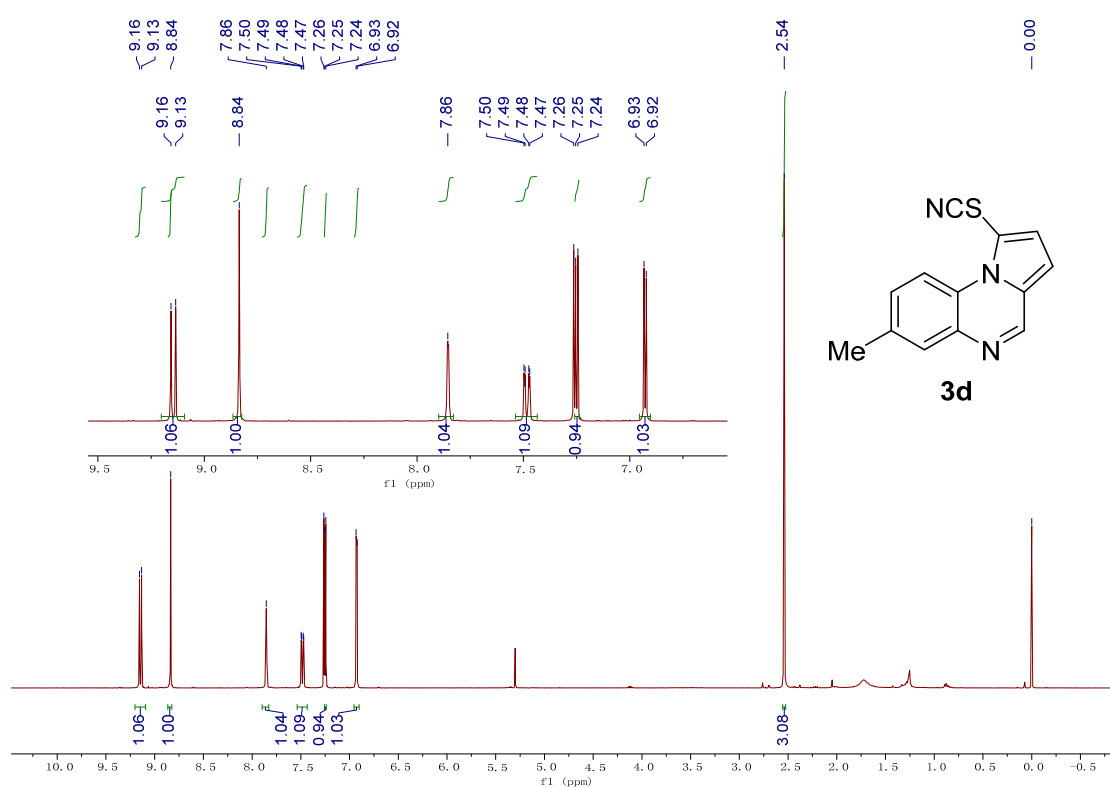
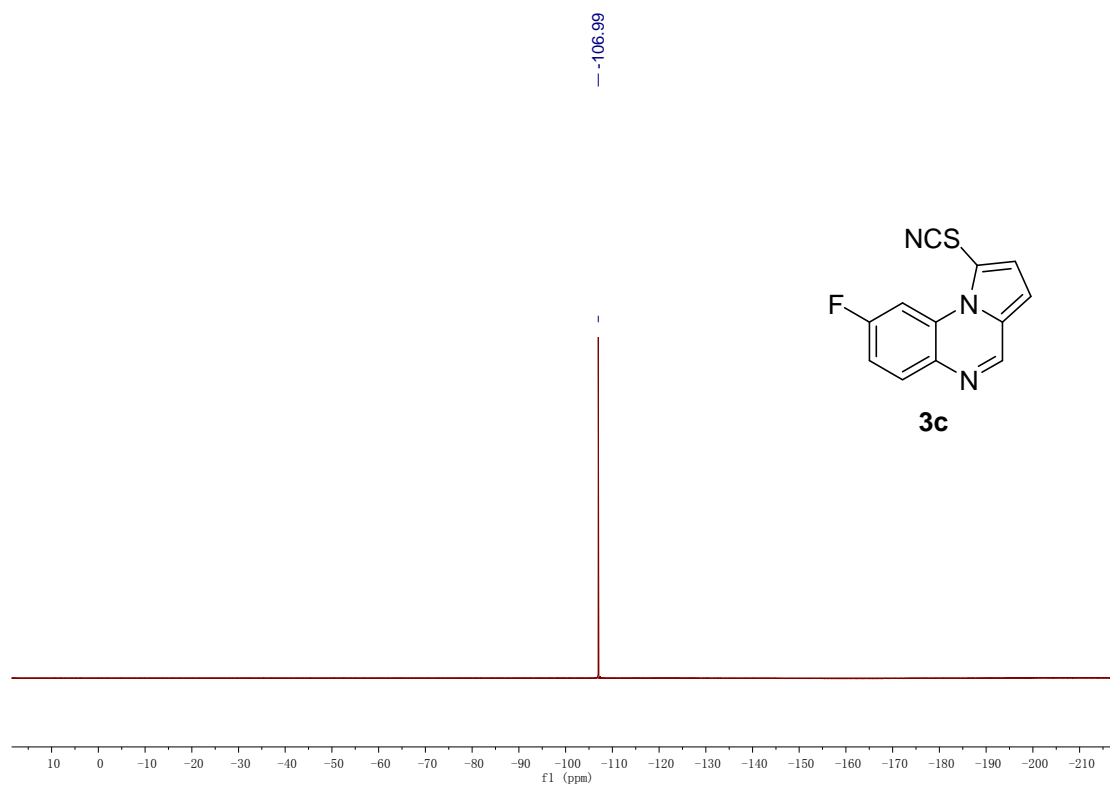
Yield: 44%; White solid; mp 169.7–170.9 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.11 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.0, 136.1, 131.8, 130.5, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 127.1, 126.0, 123.2, 119.6, 114.6, 113.8, 100.7, 97.7, 70.5. HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 349.02385, found: 349.02347.

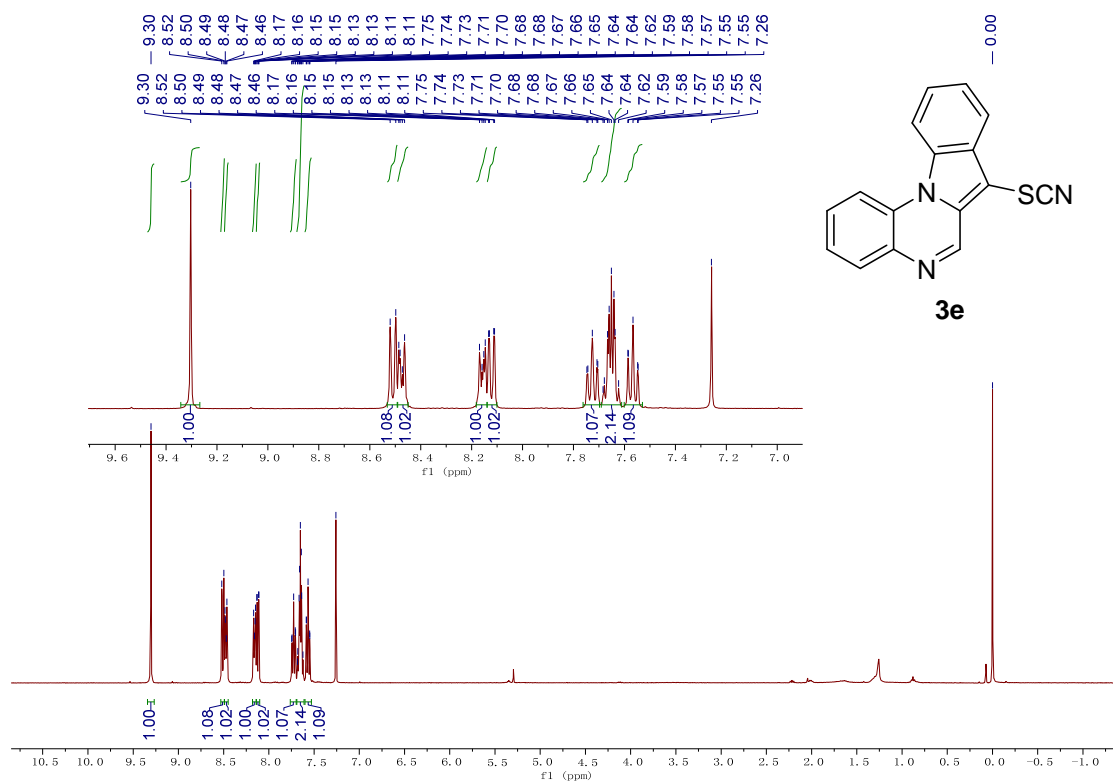
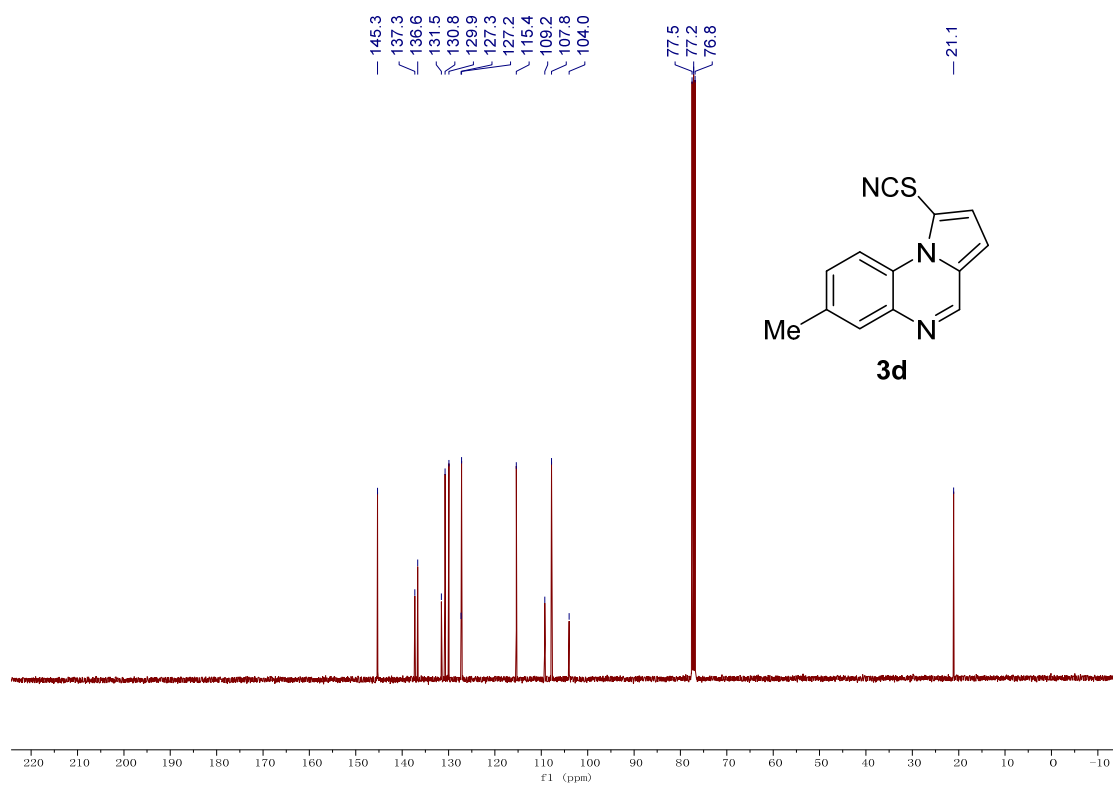
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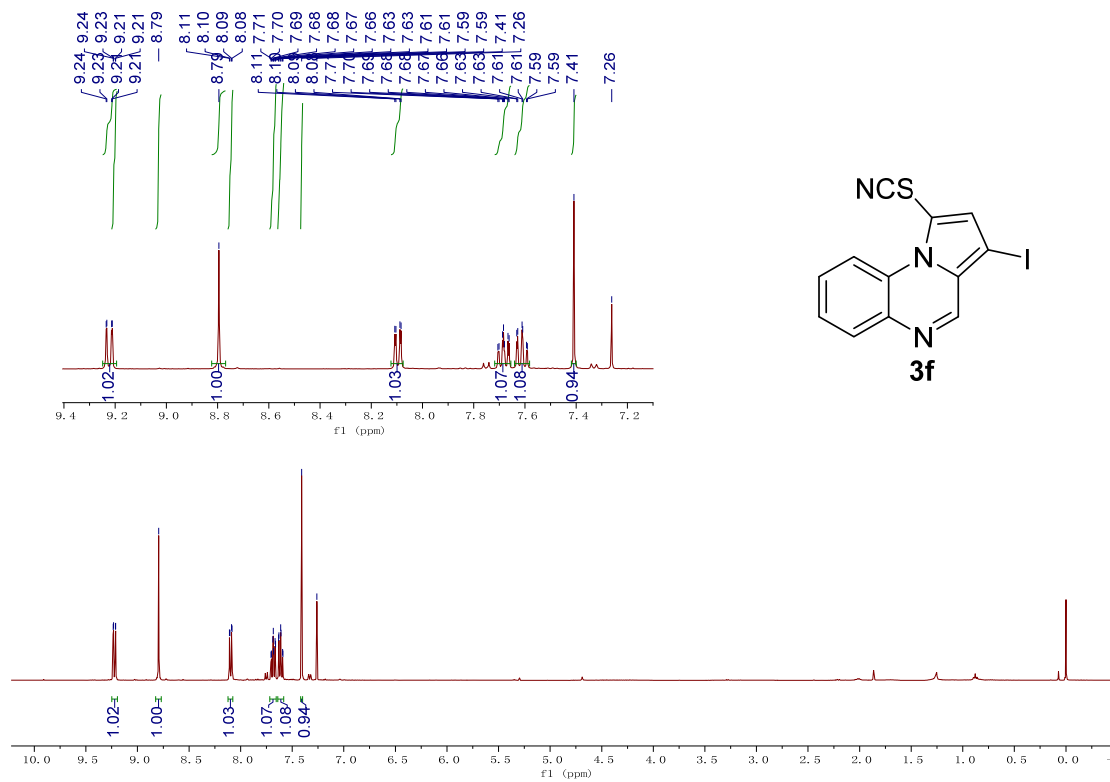
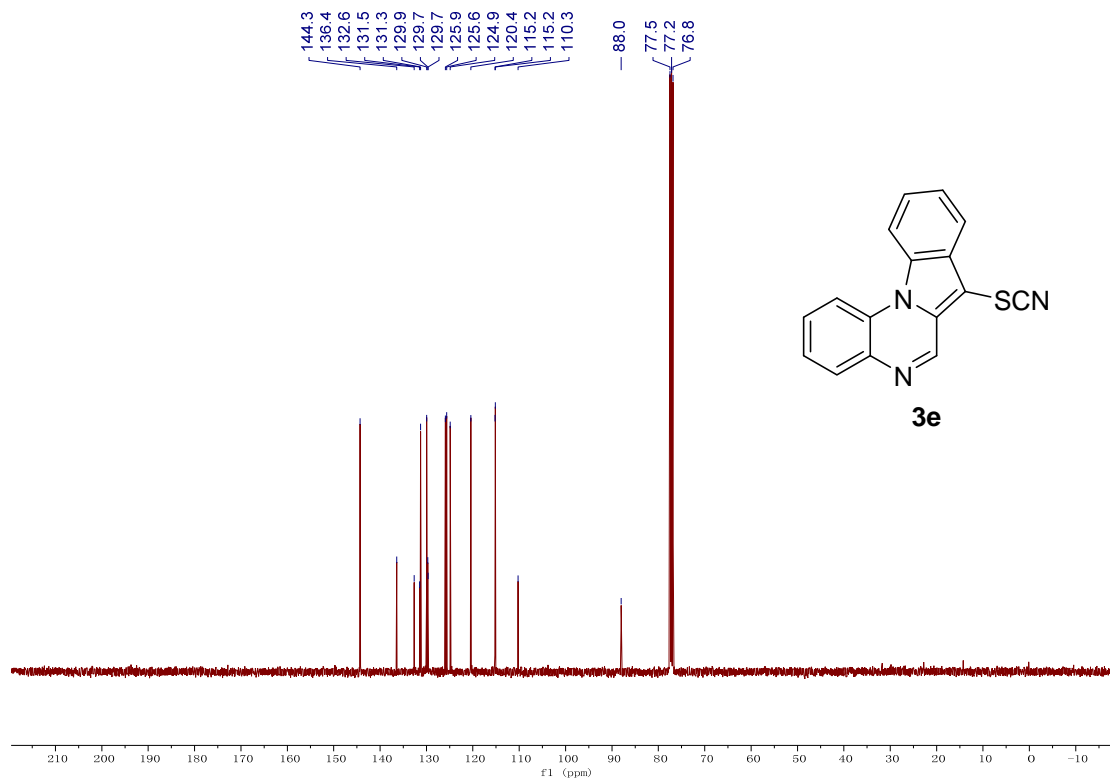


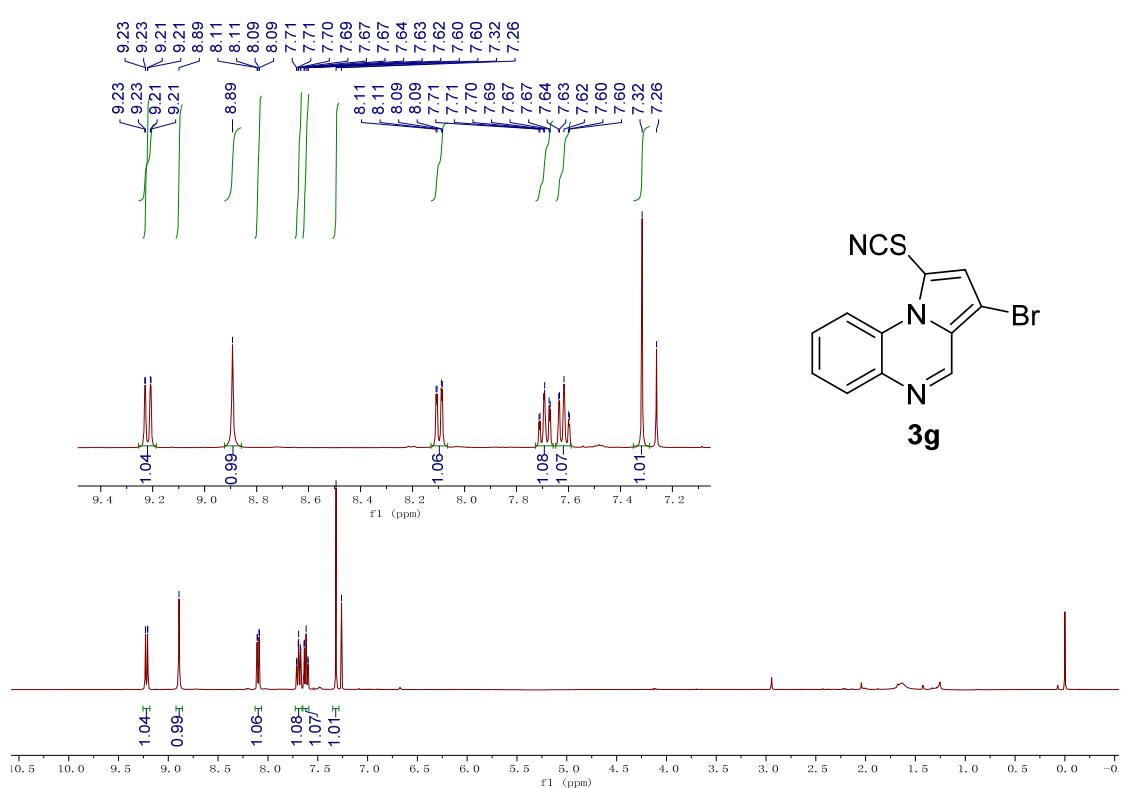
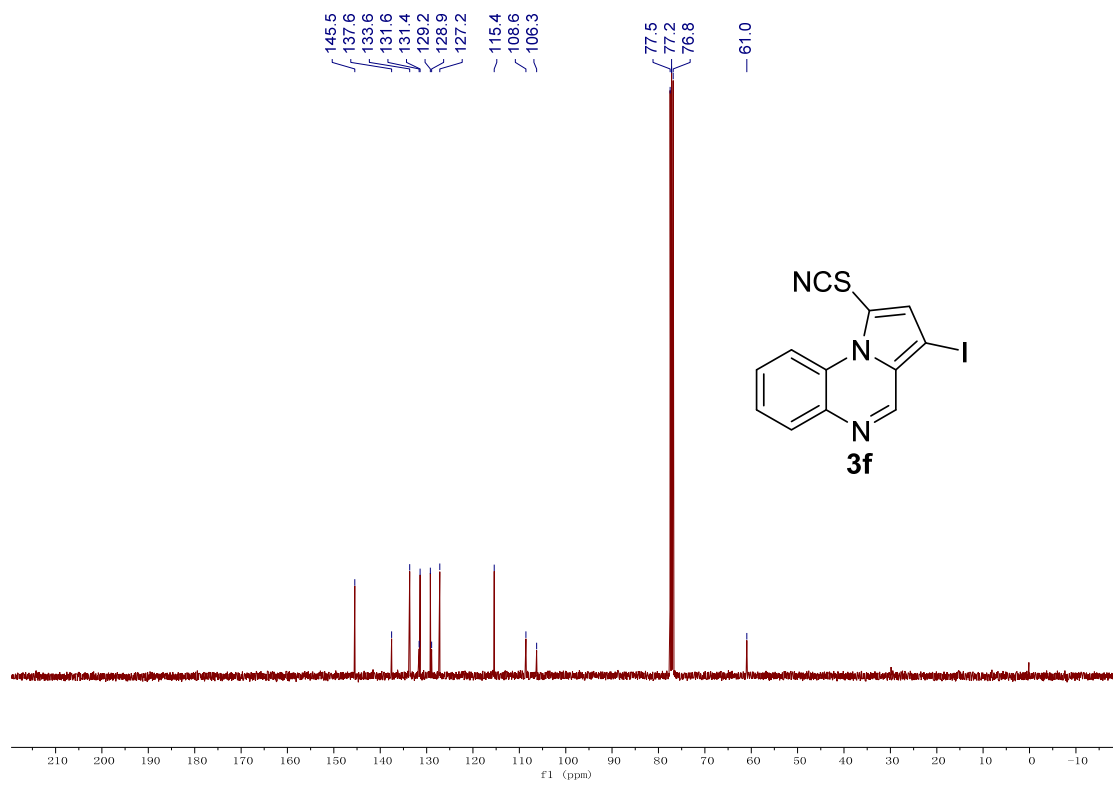


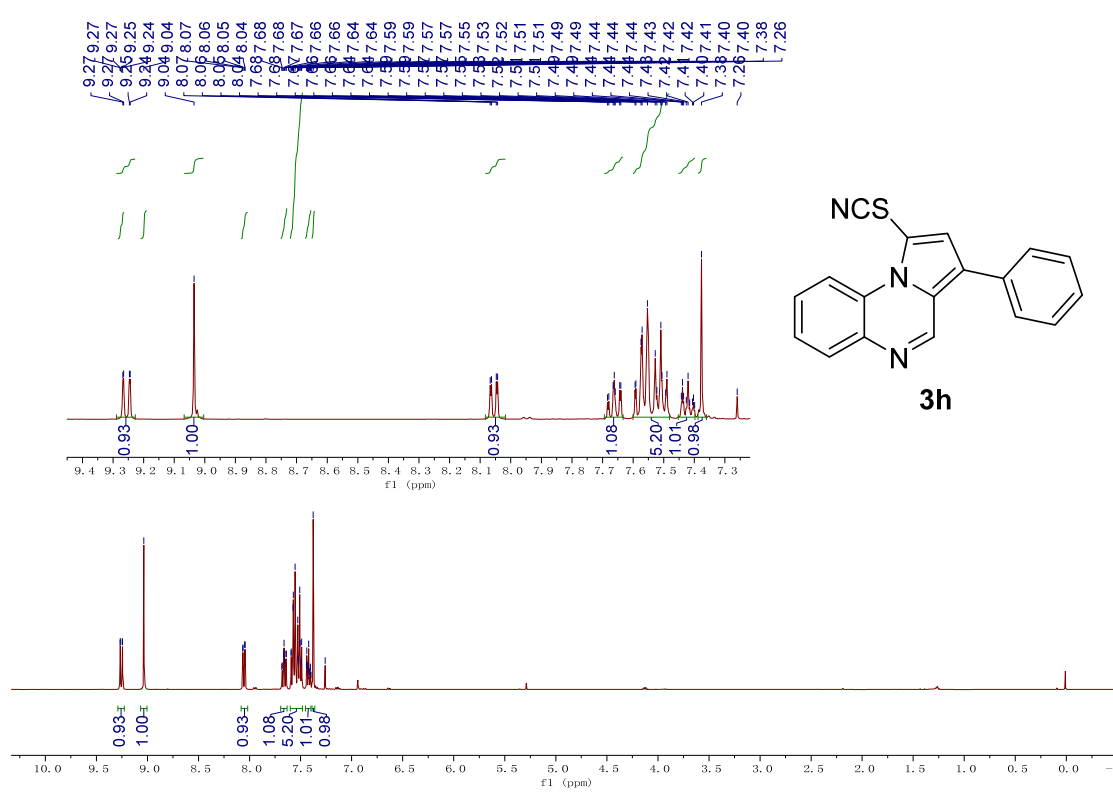
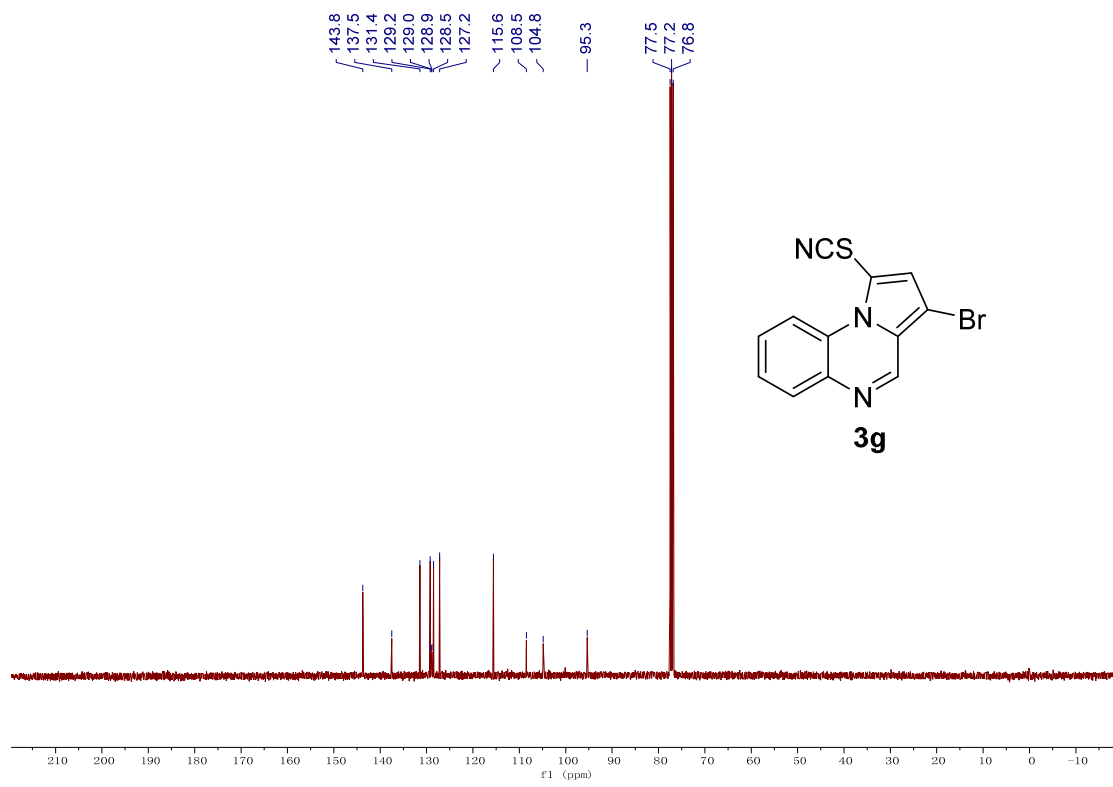


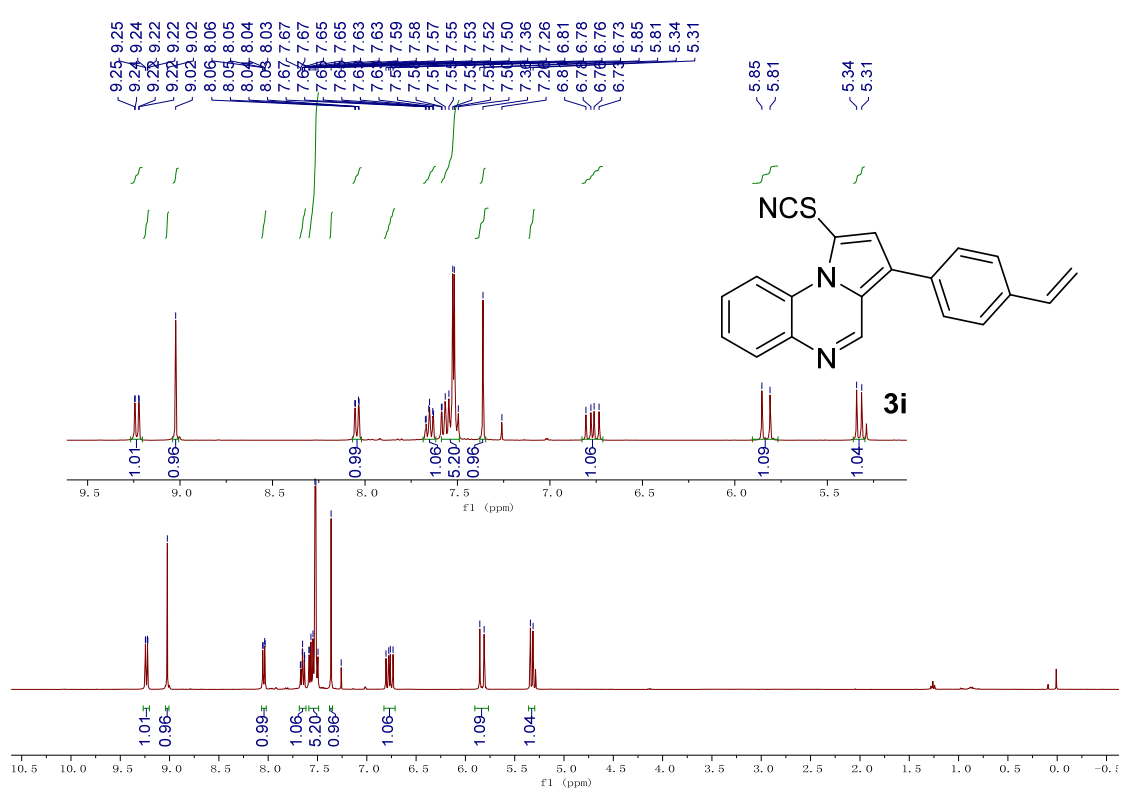
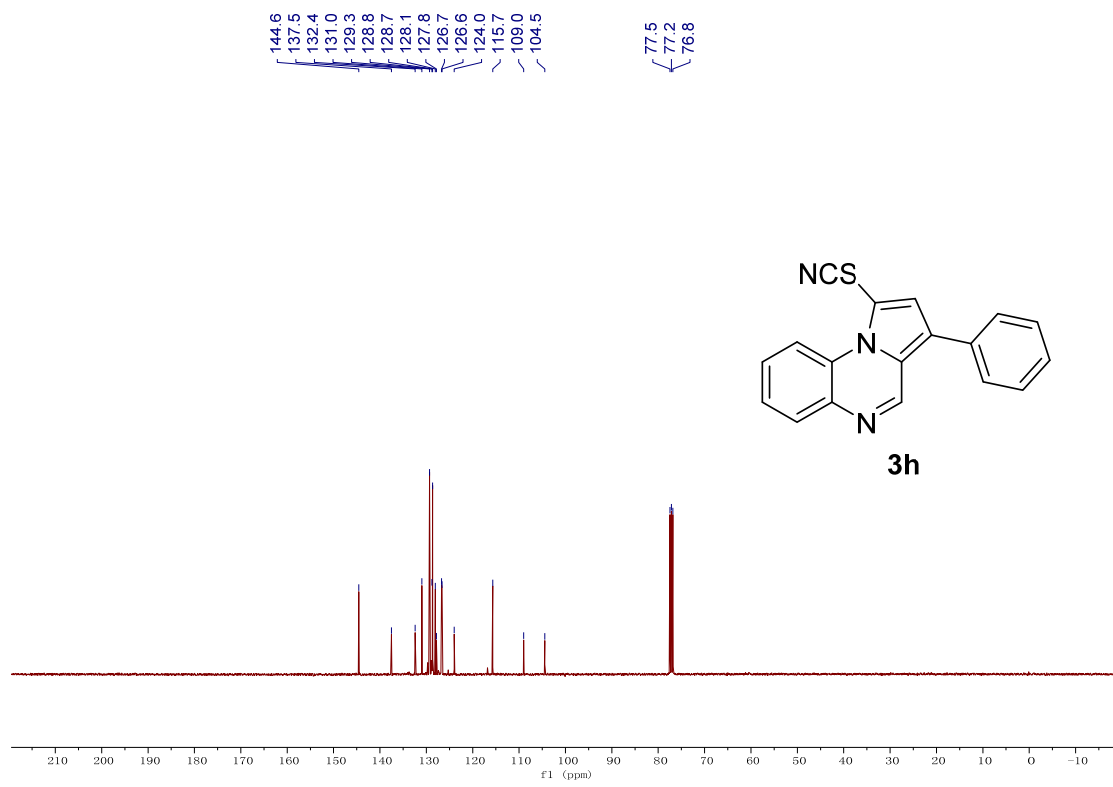


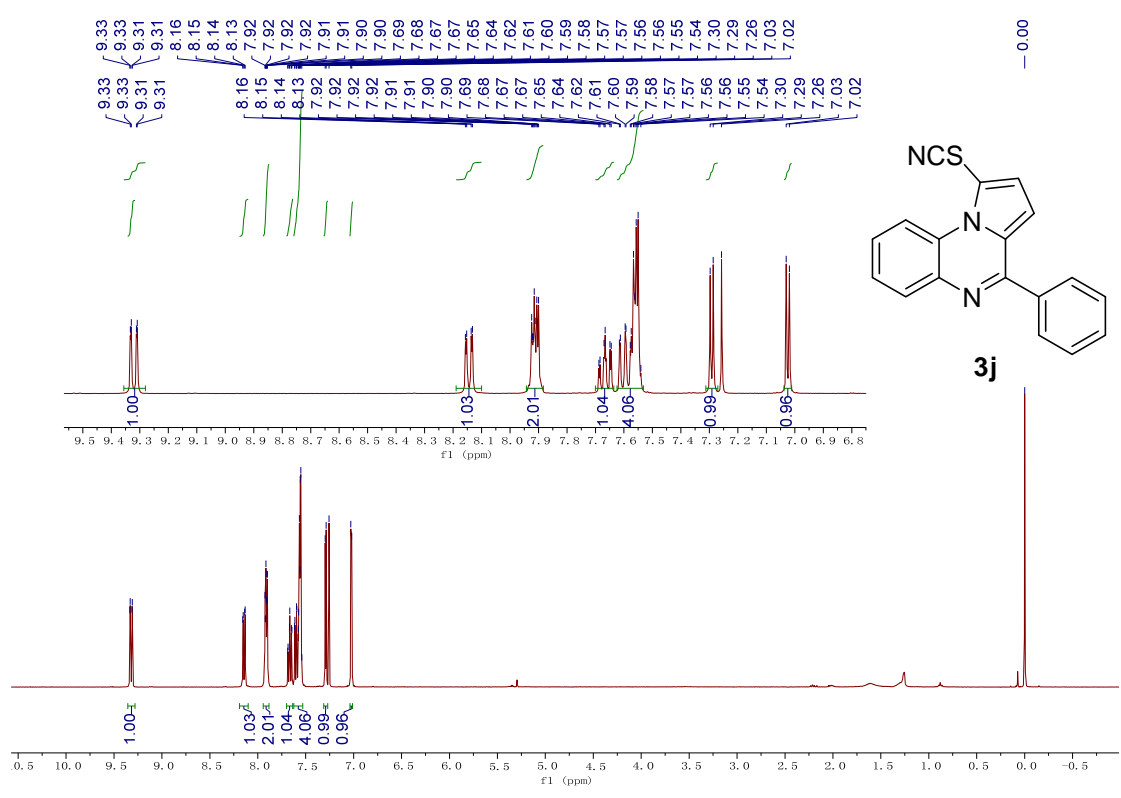
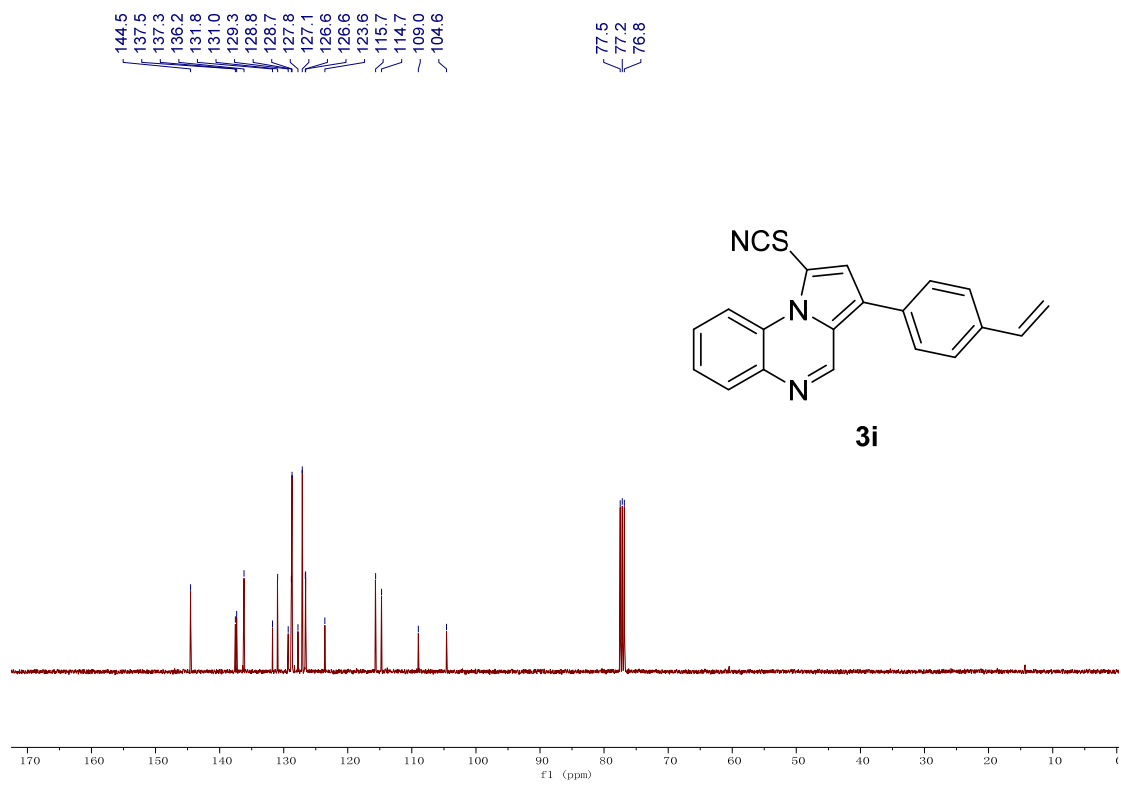


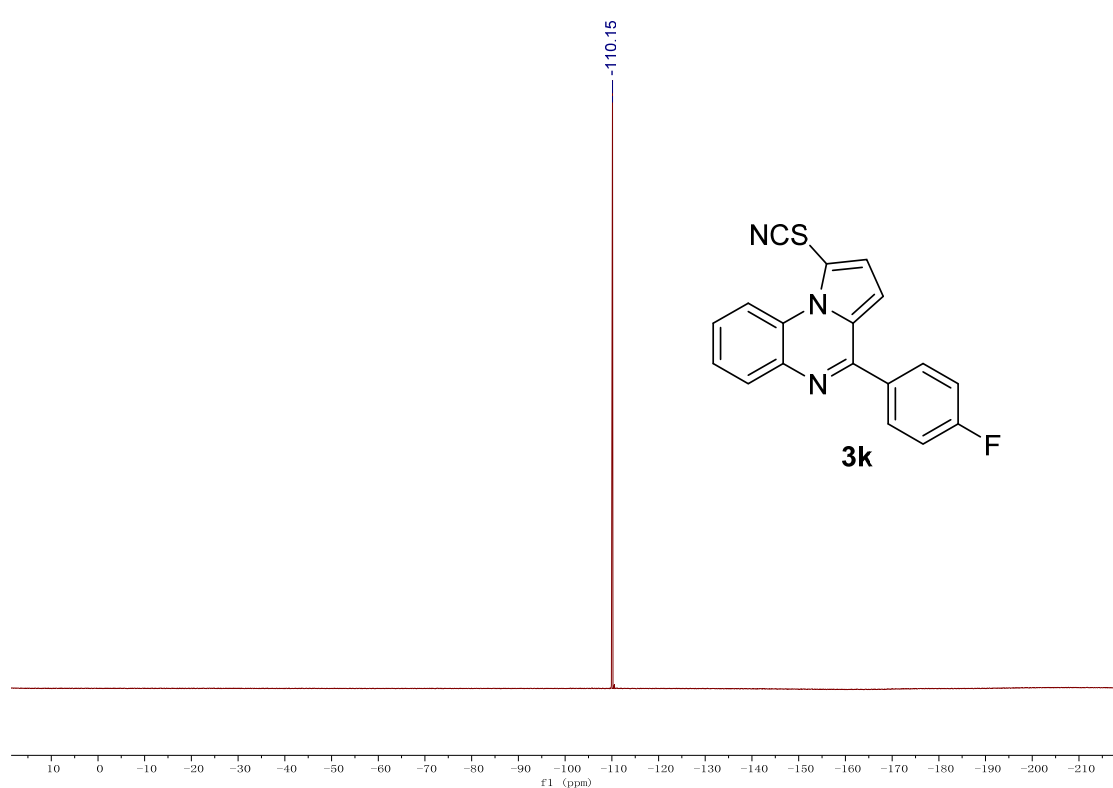
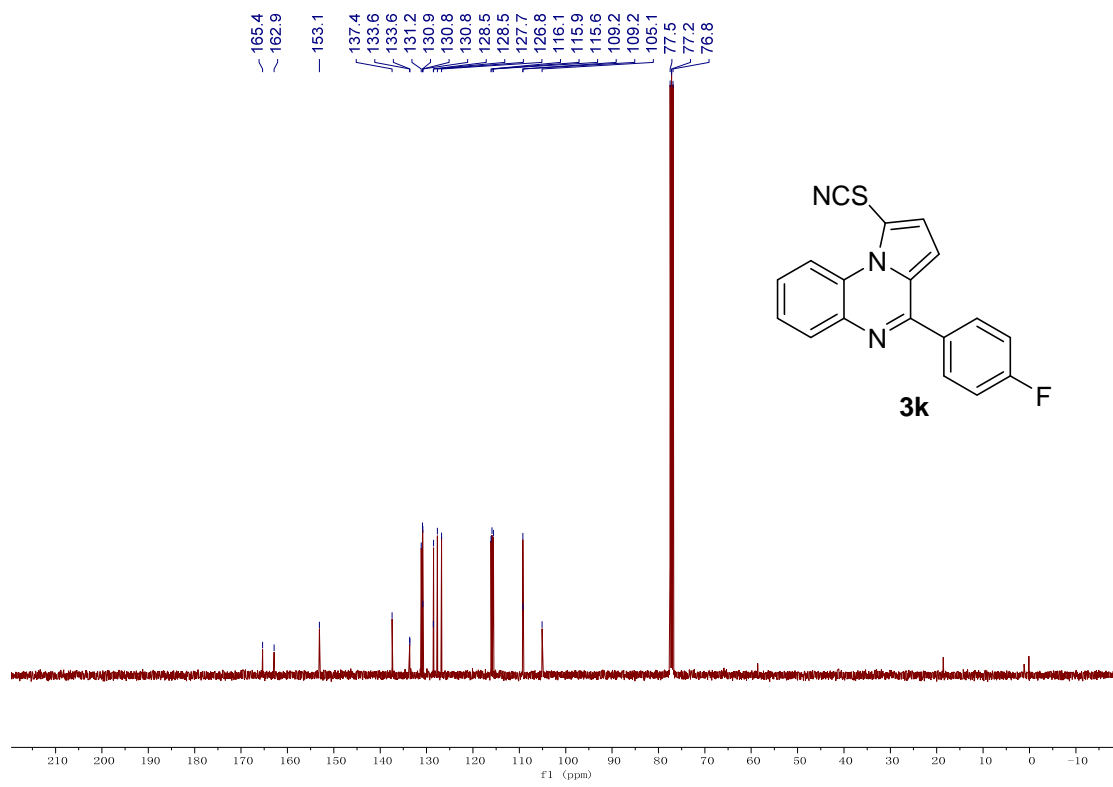


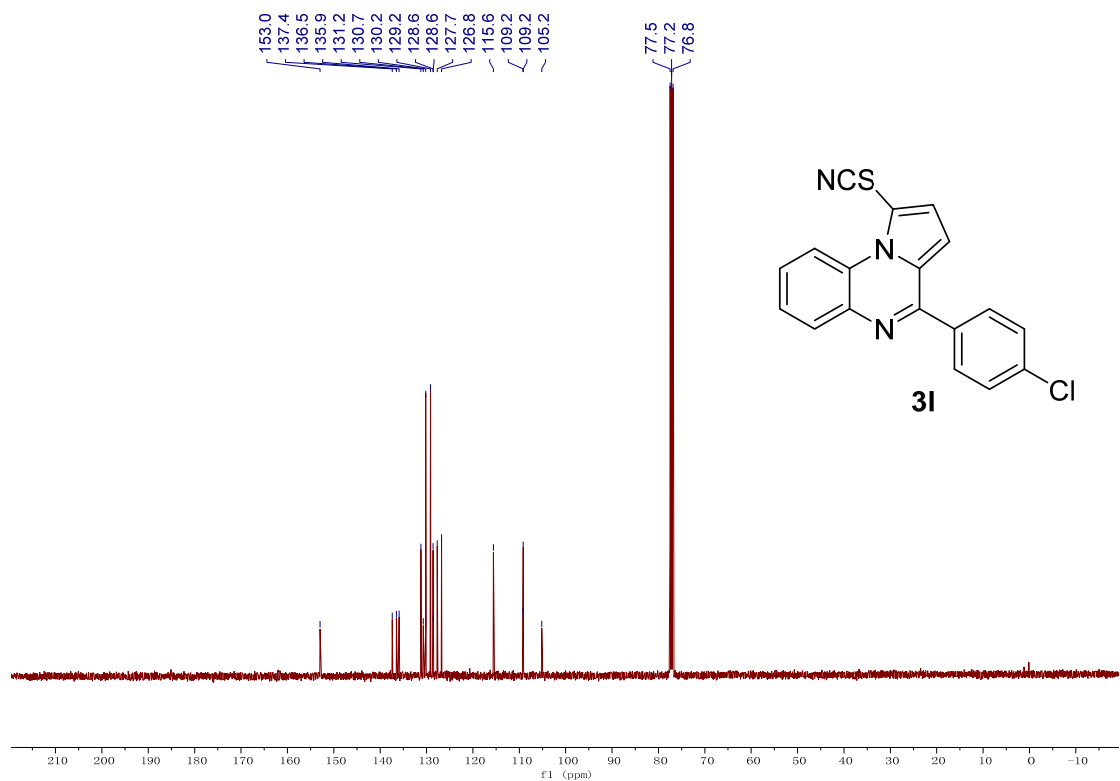
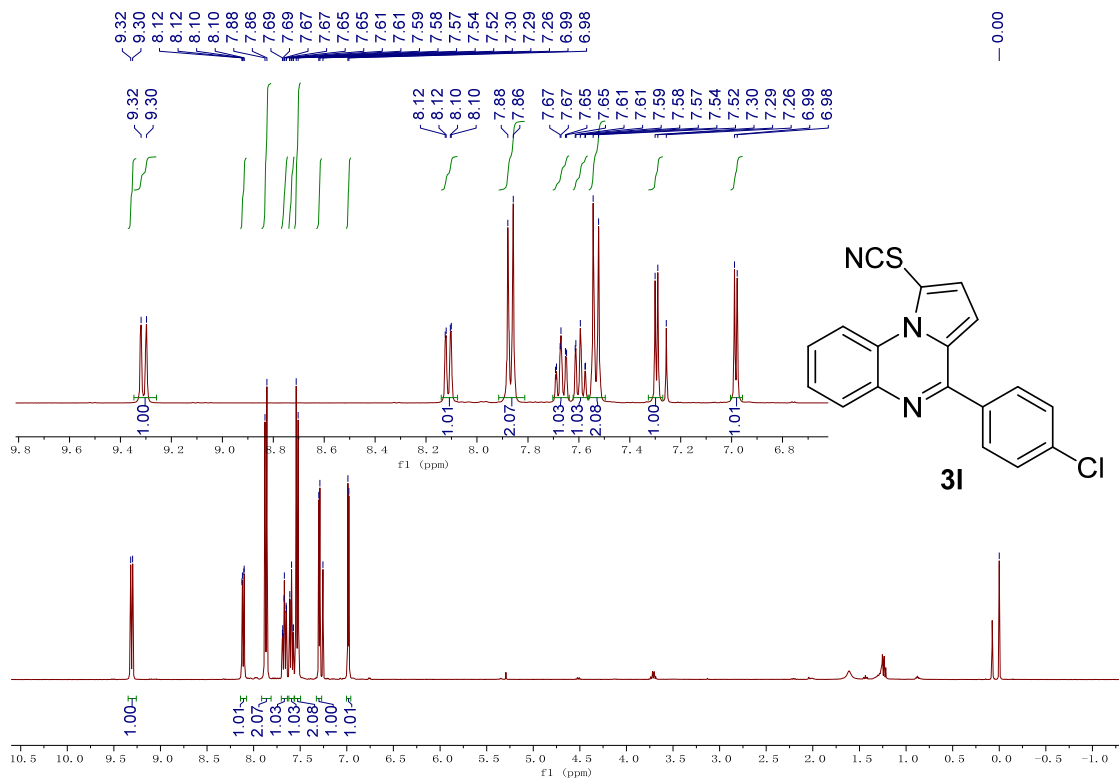


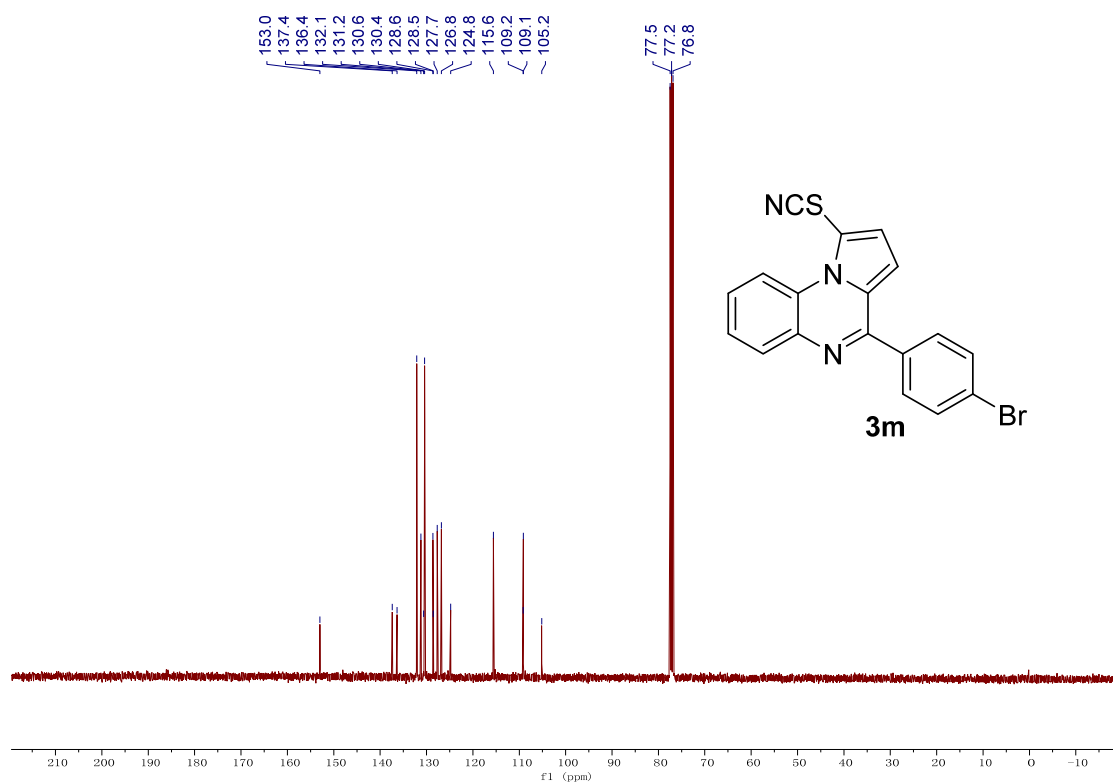
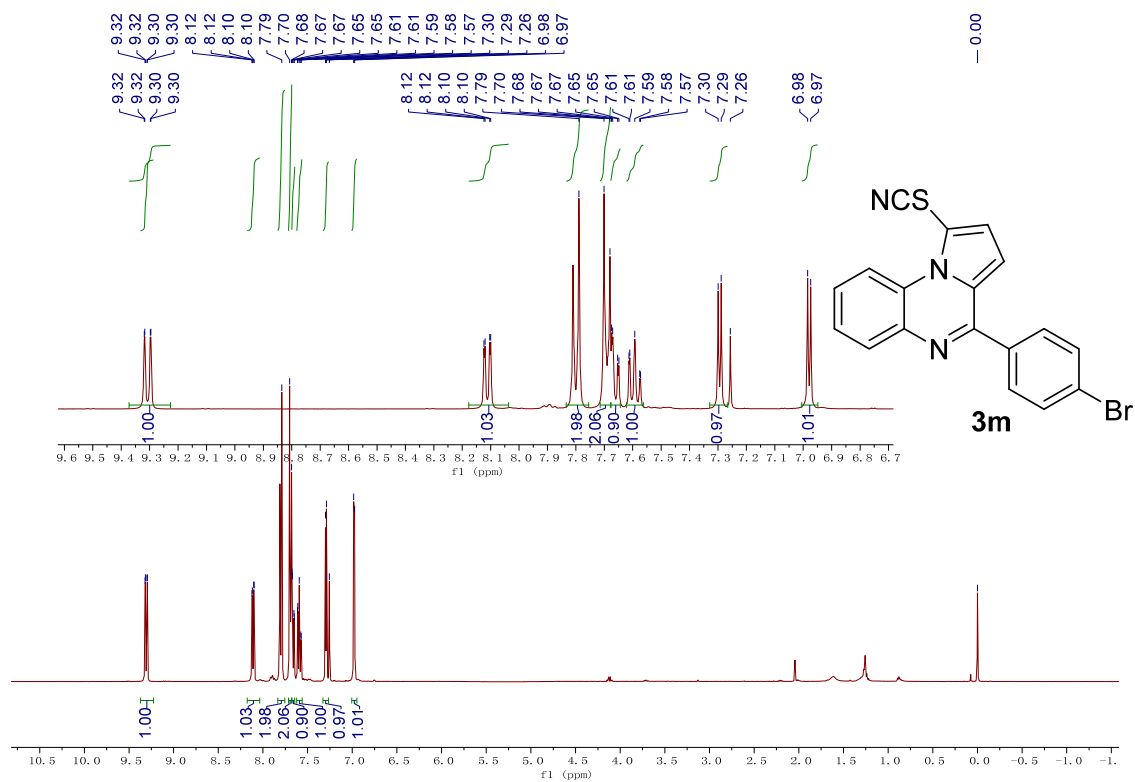


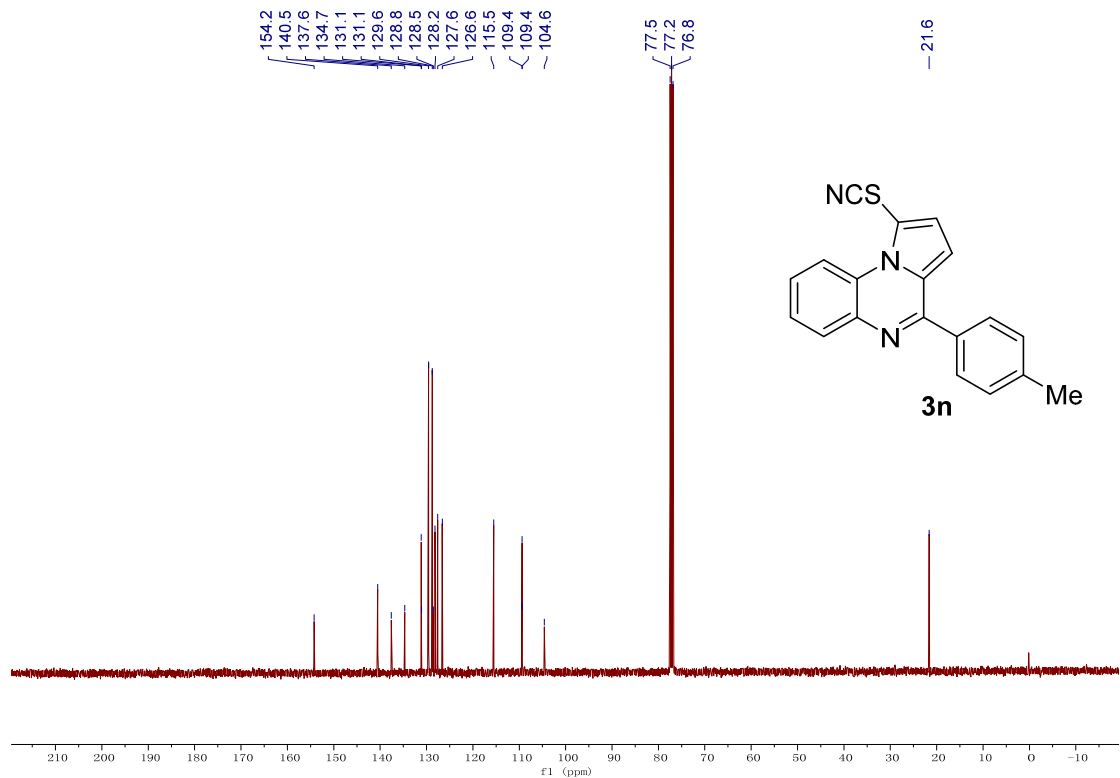
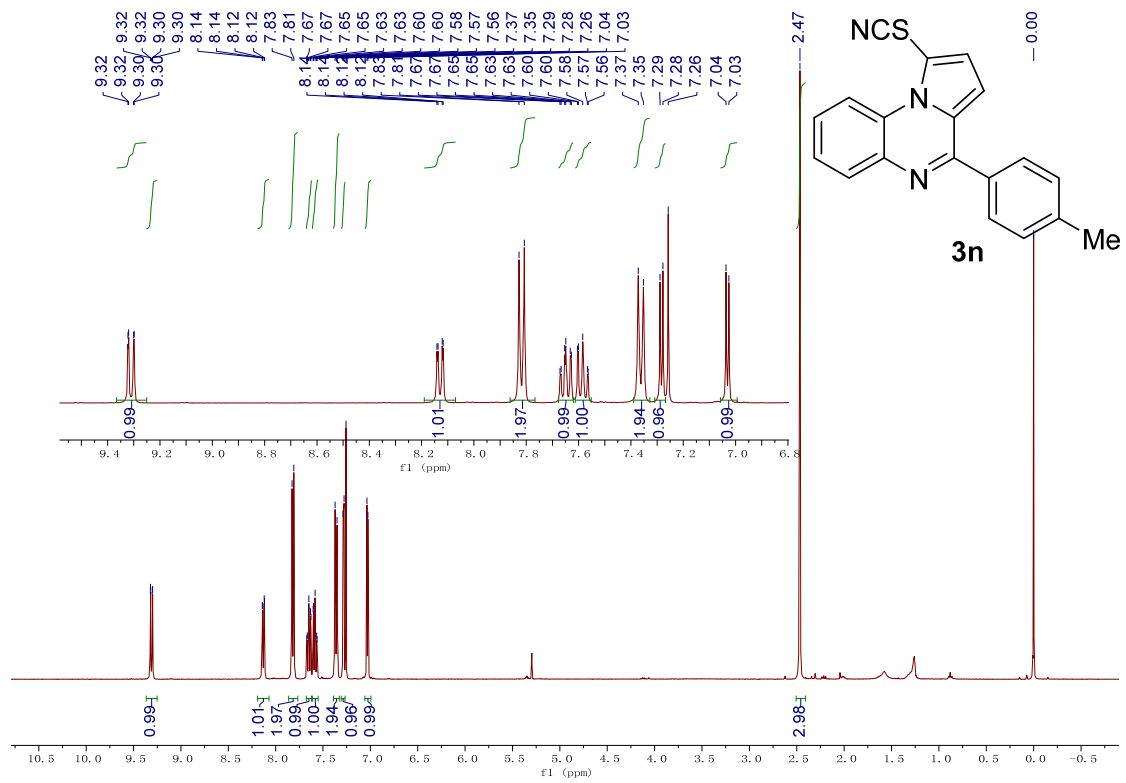


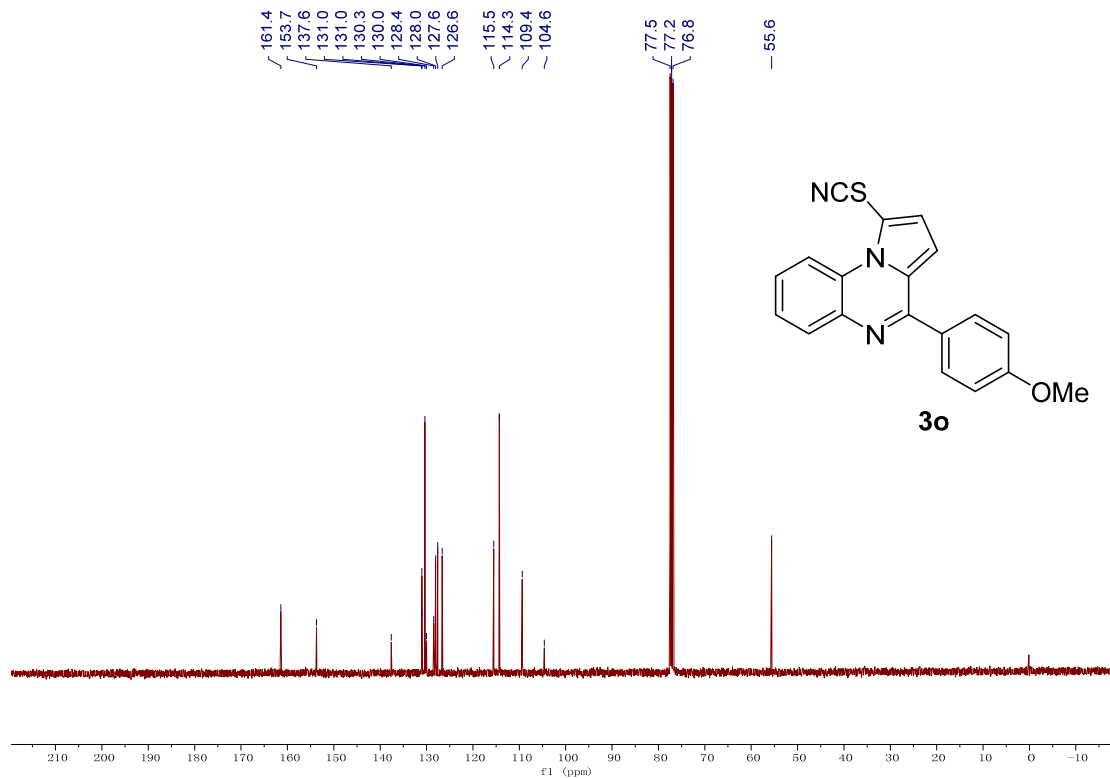
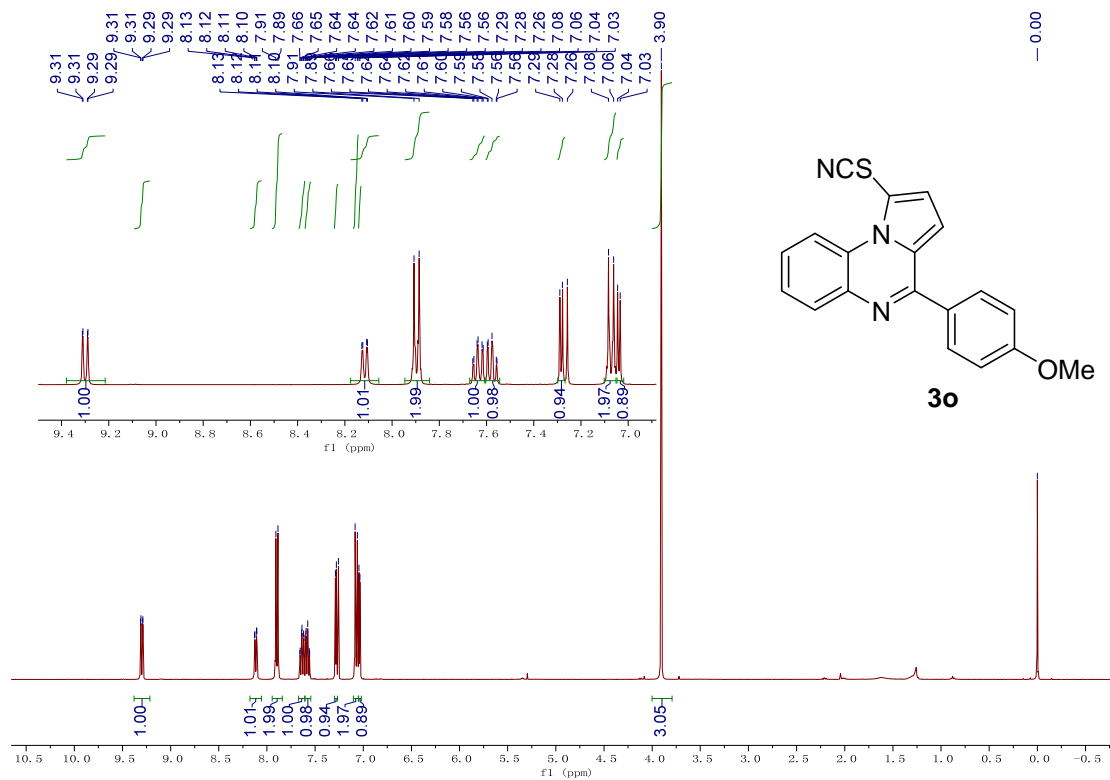


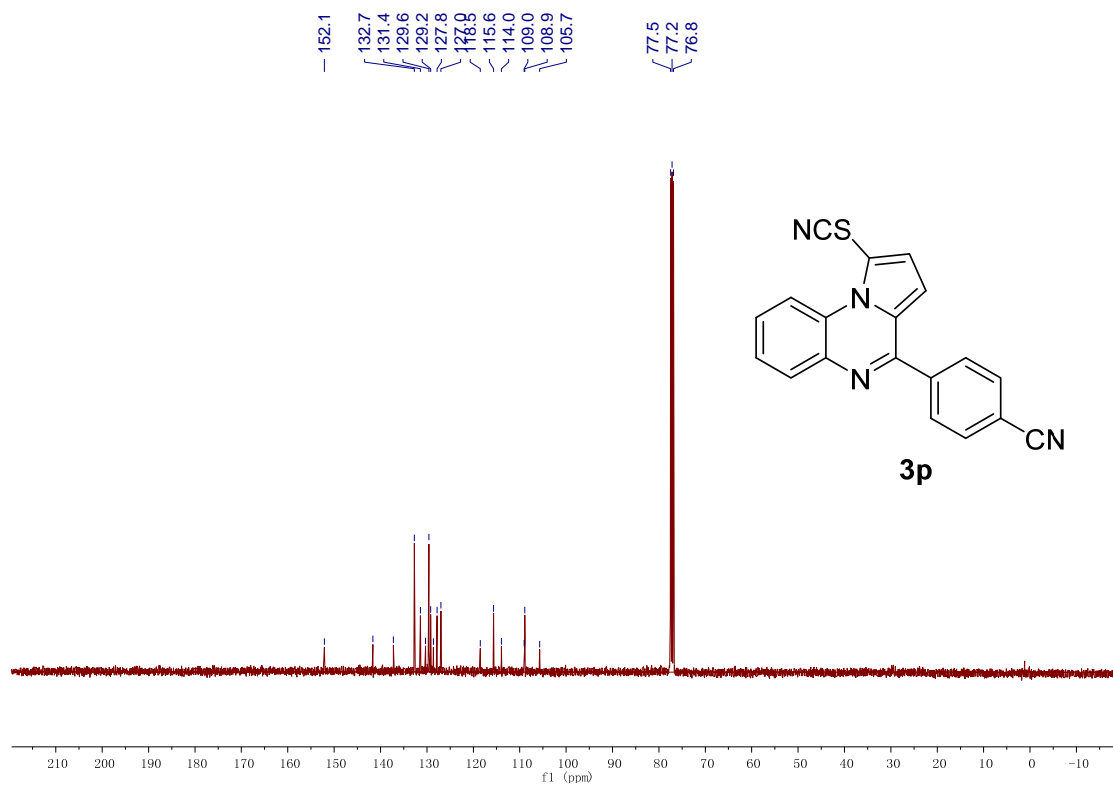
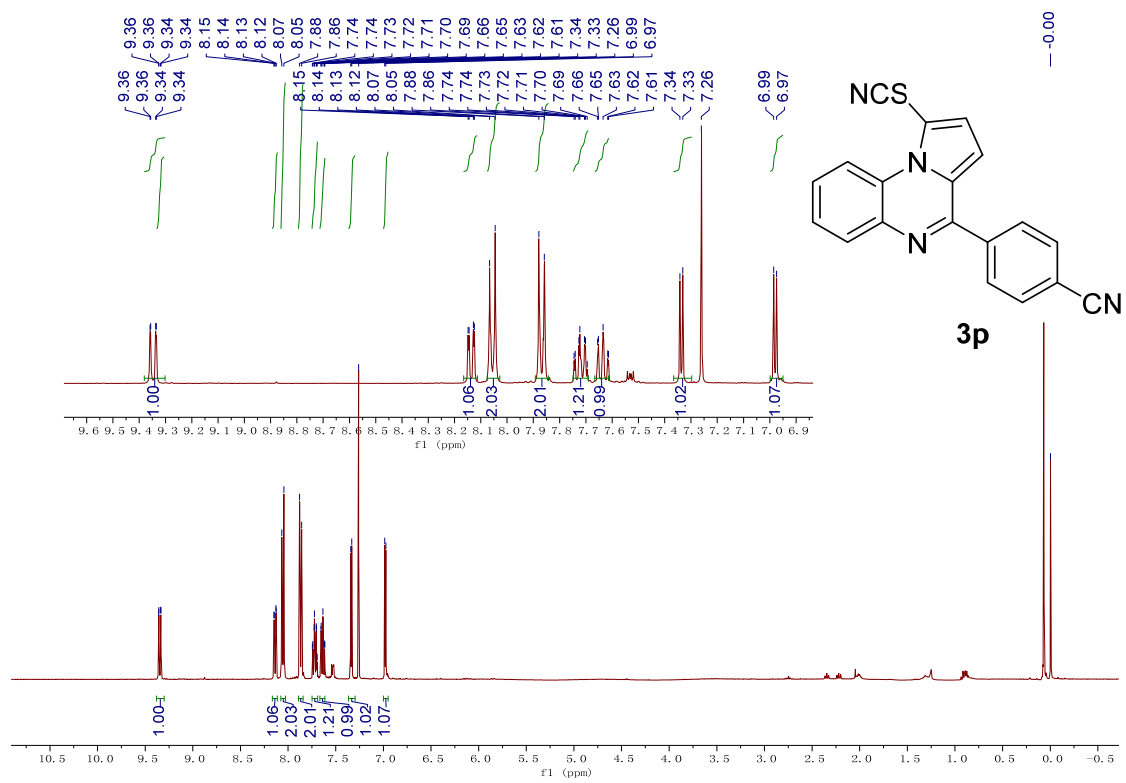


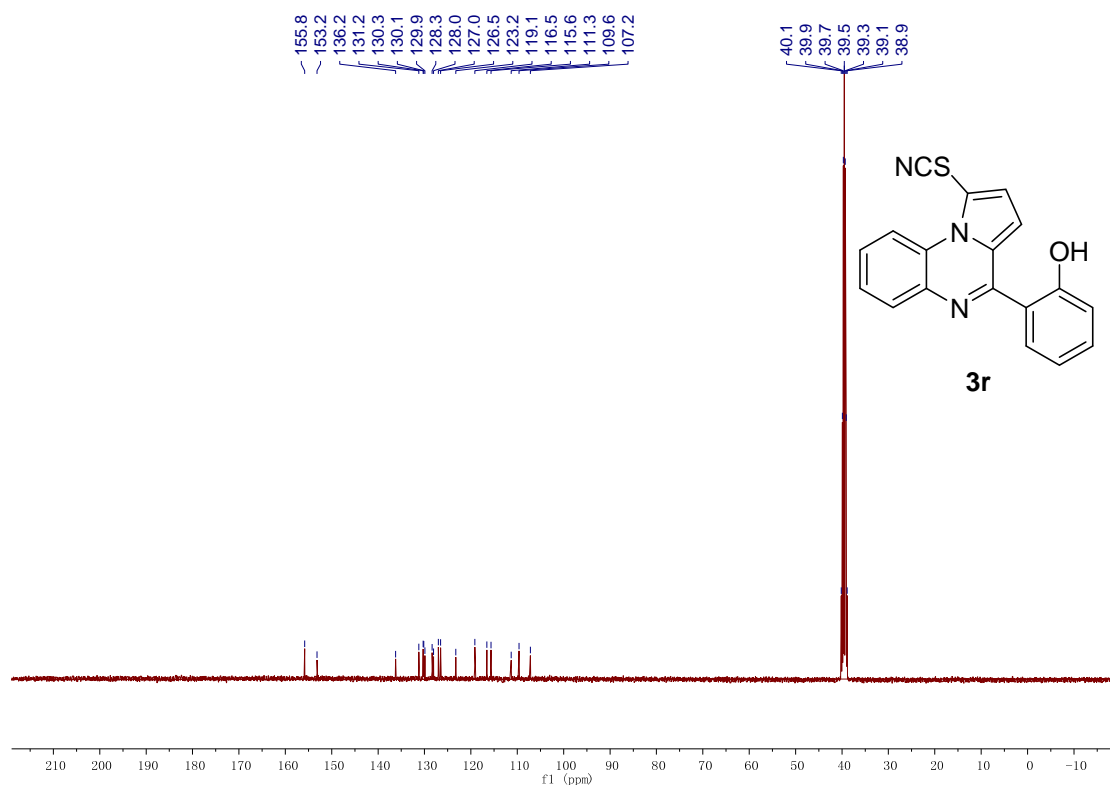
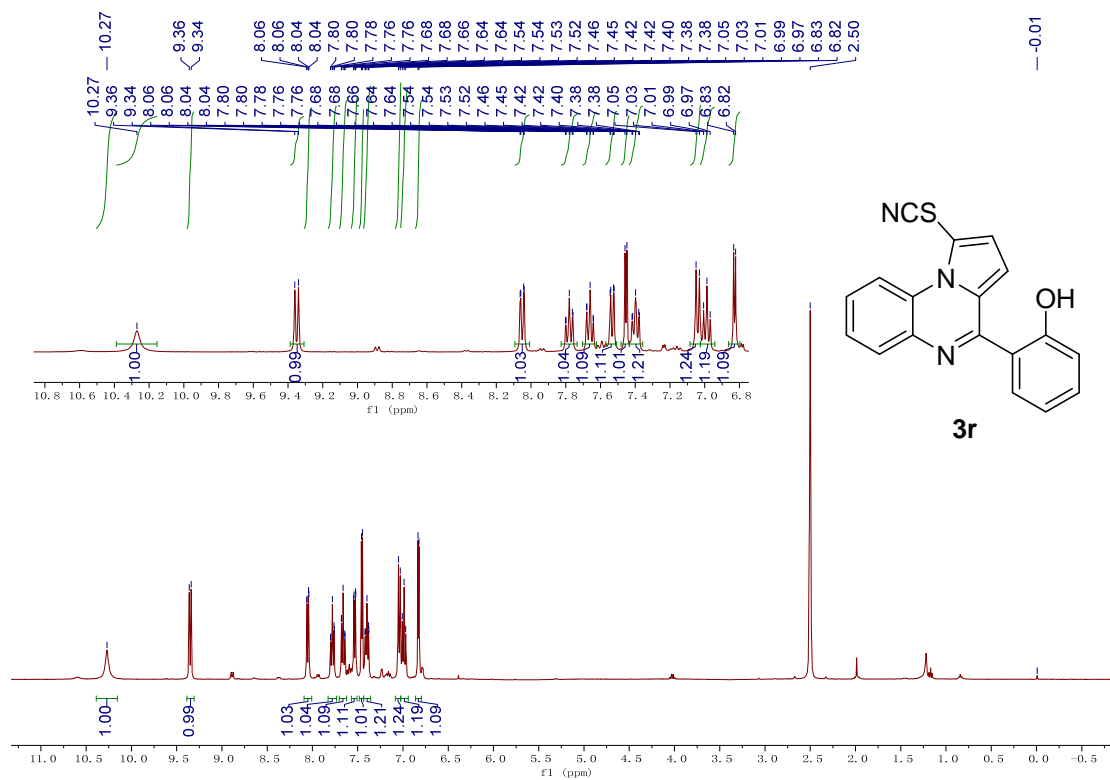


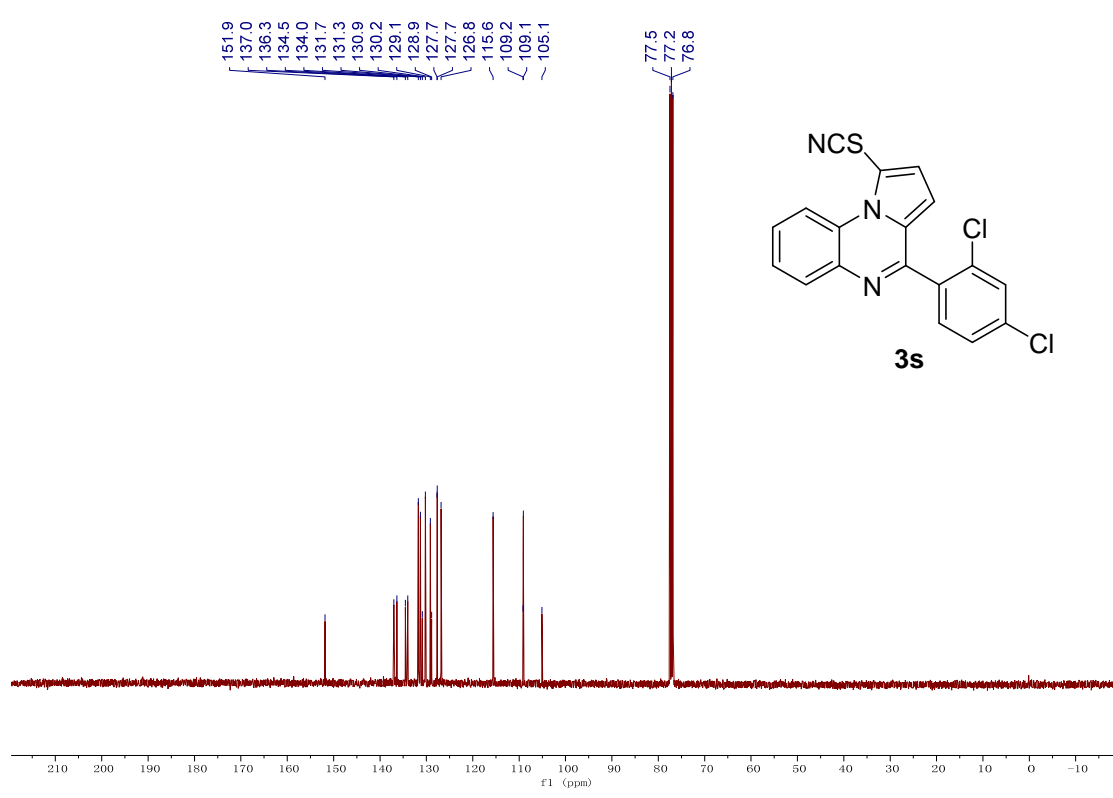
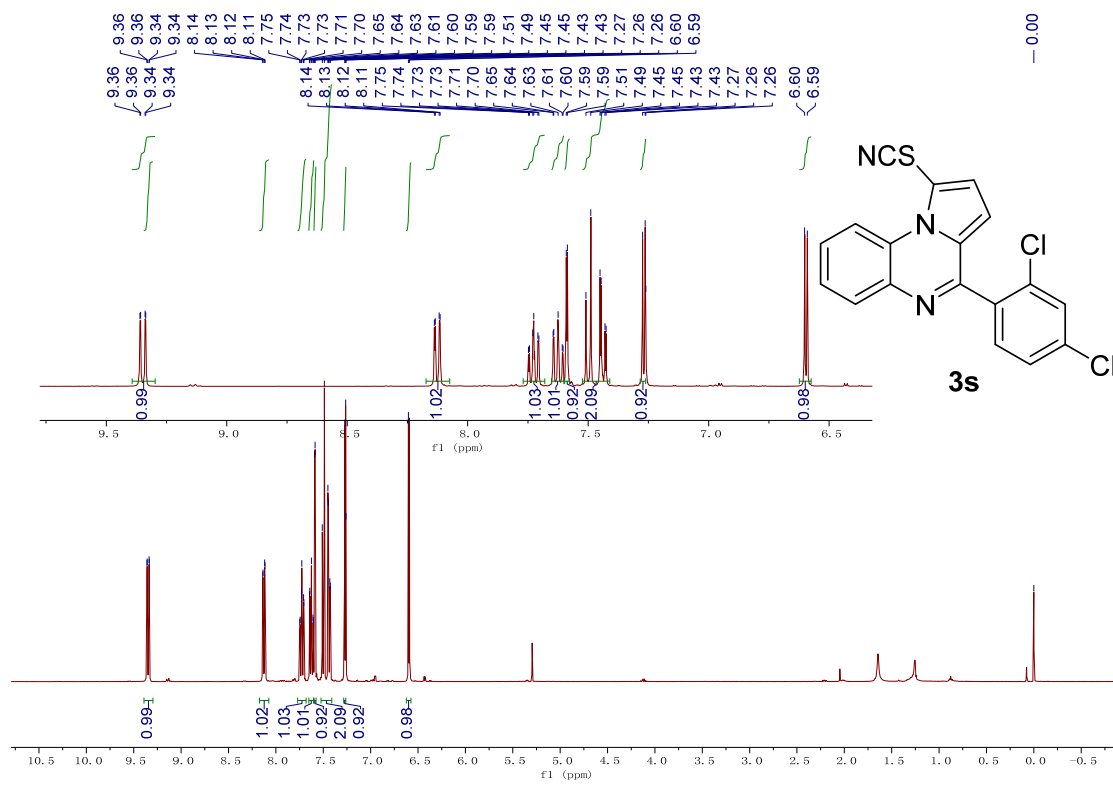


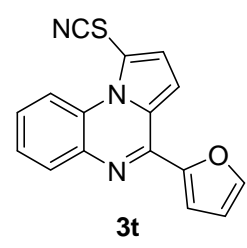
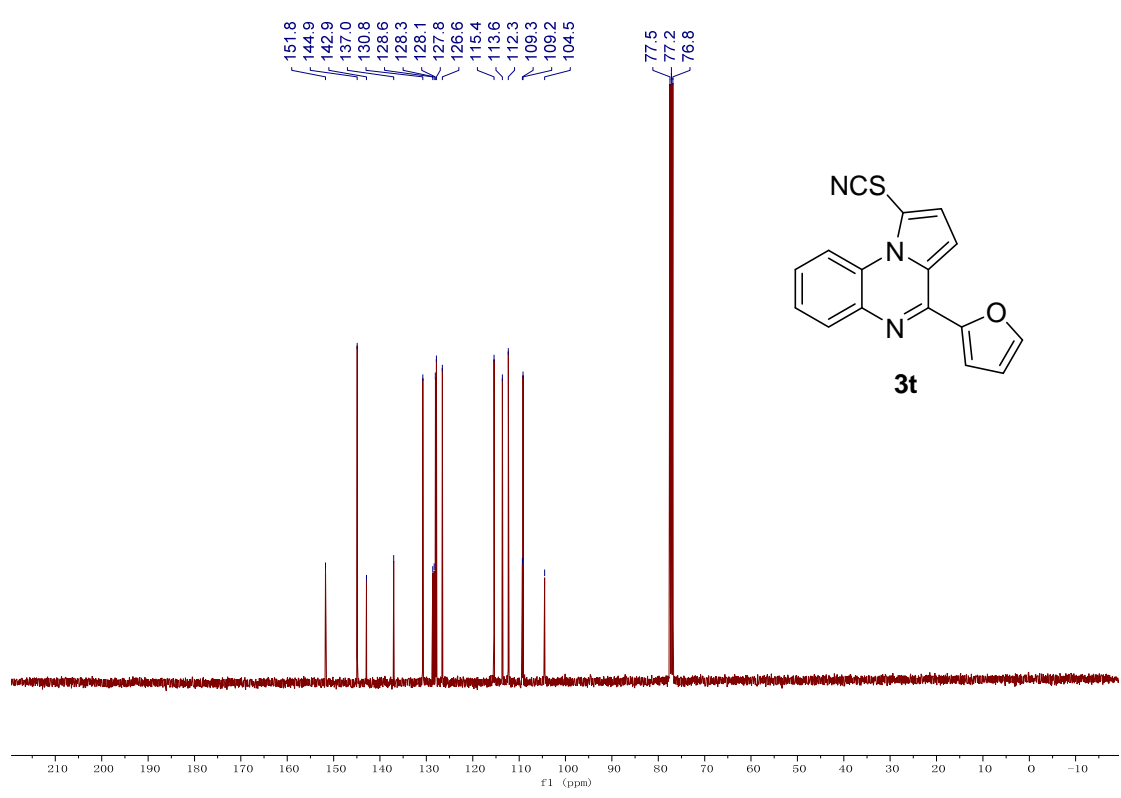
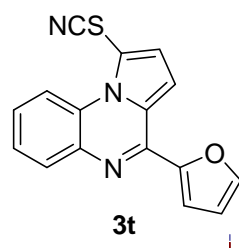
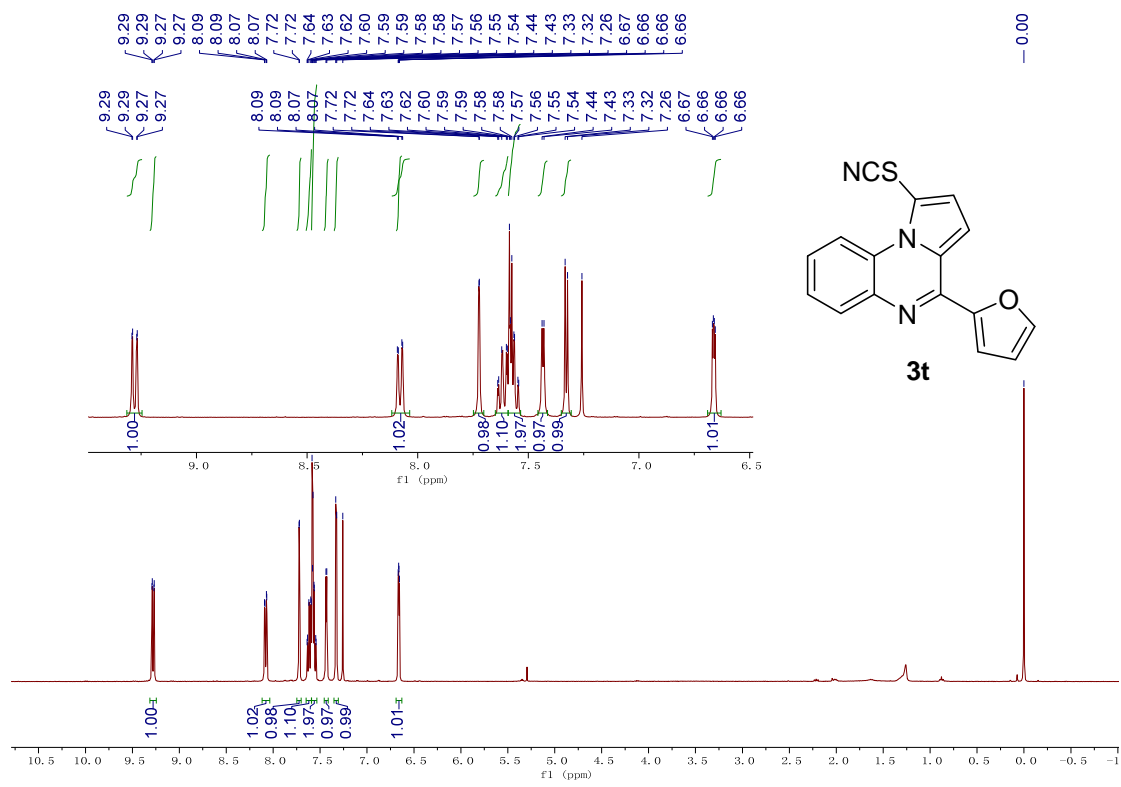


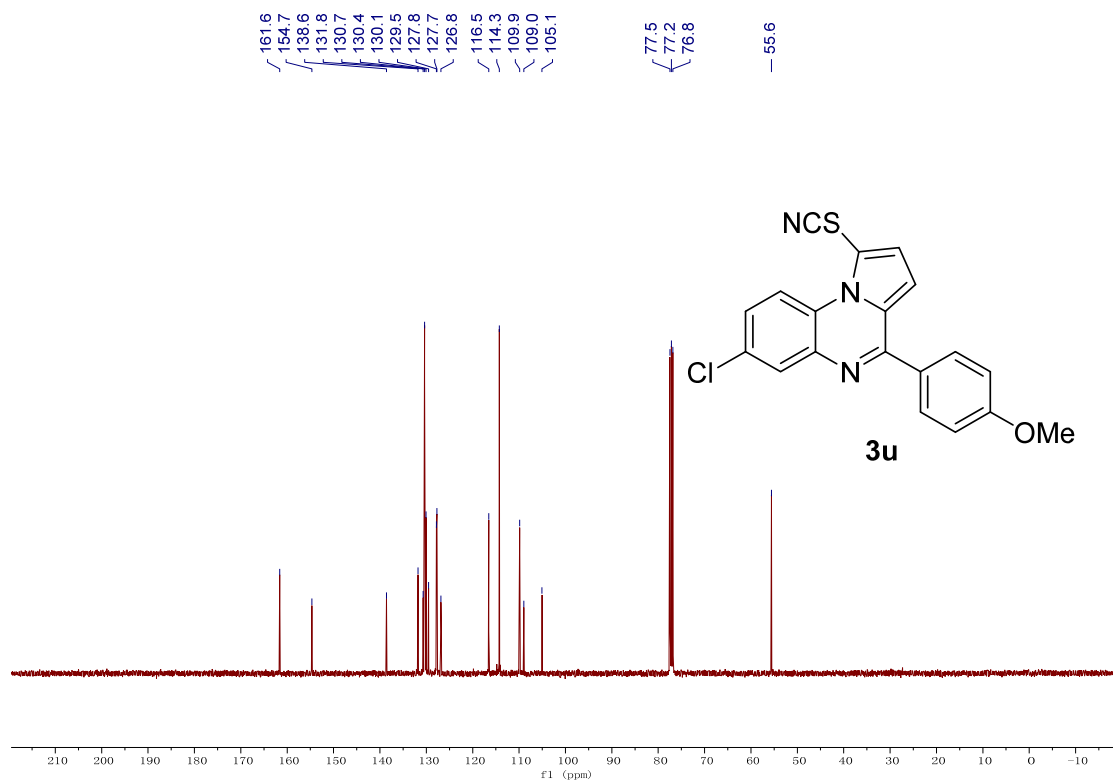
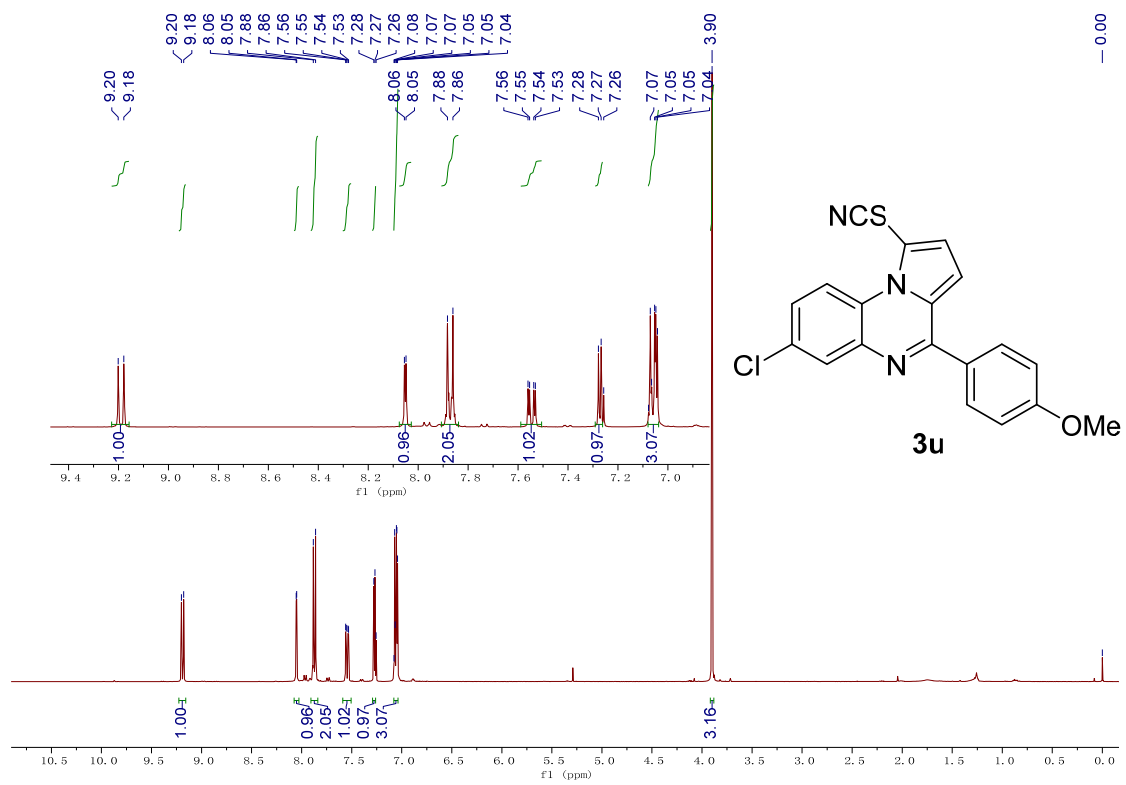


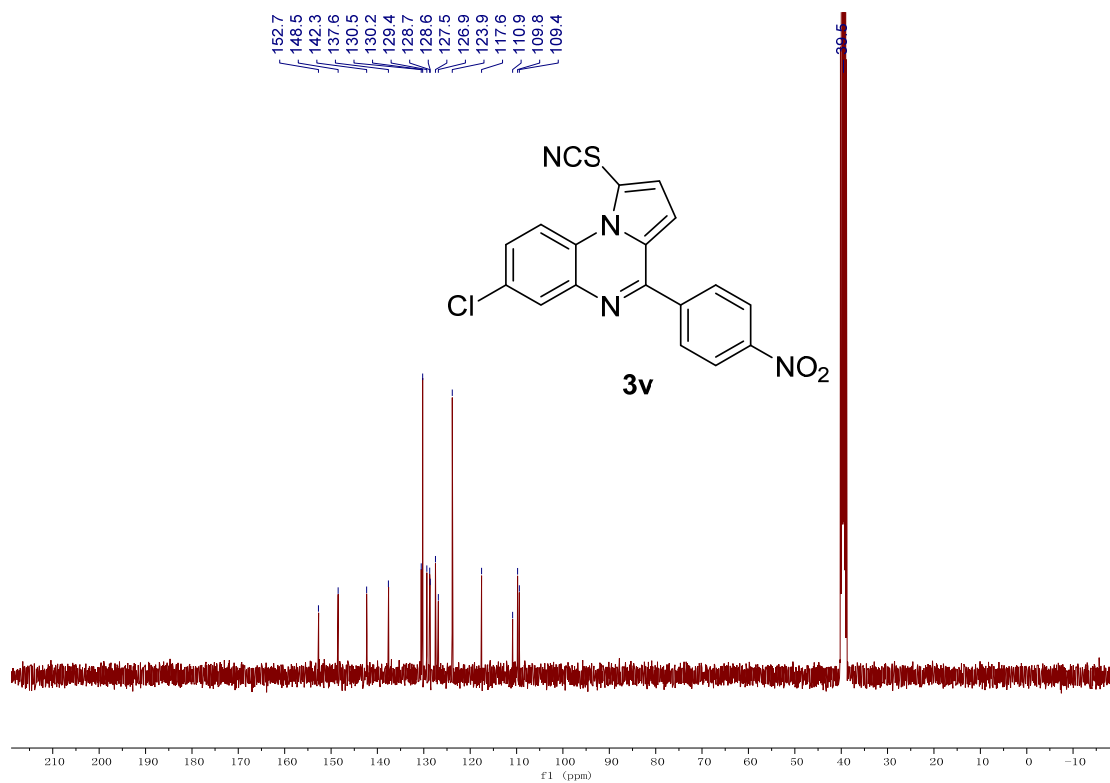
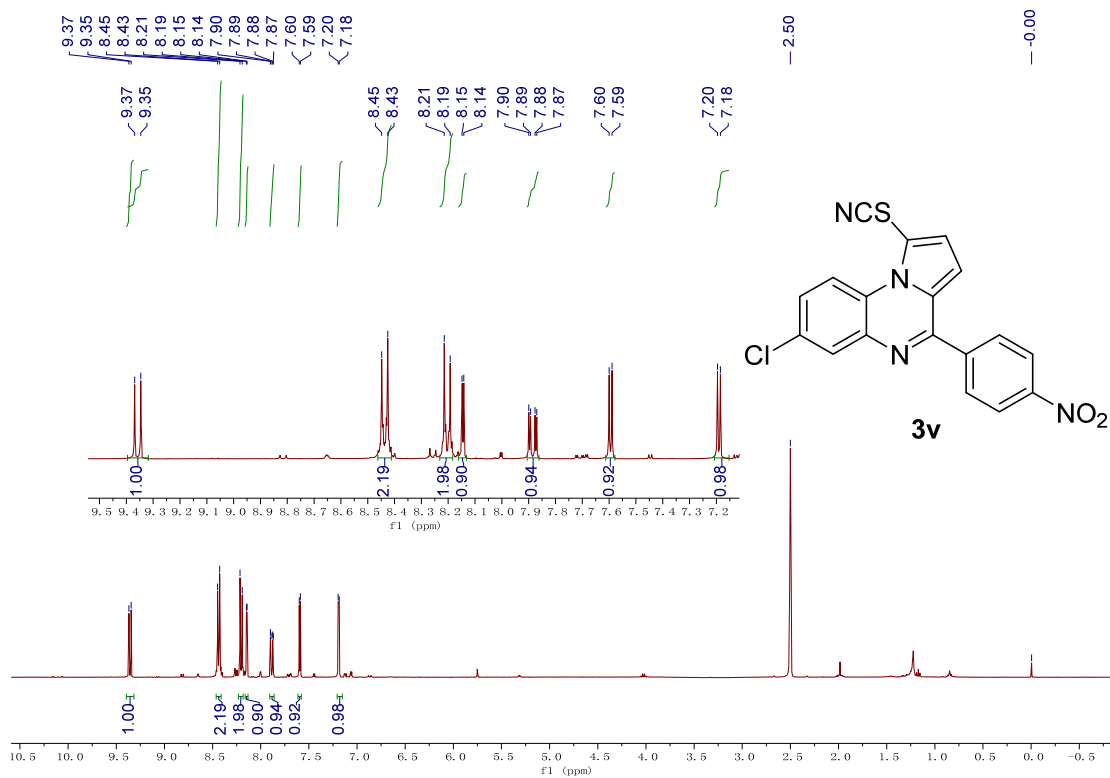


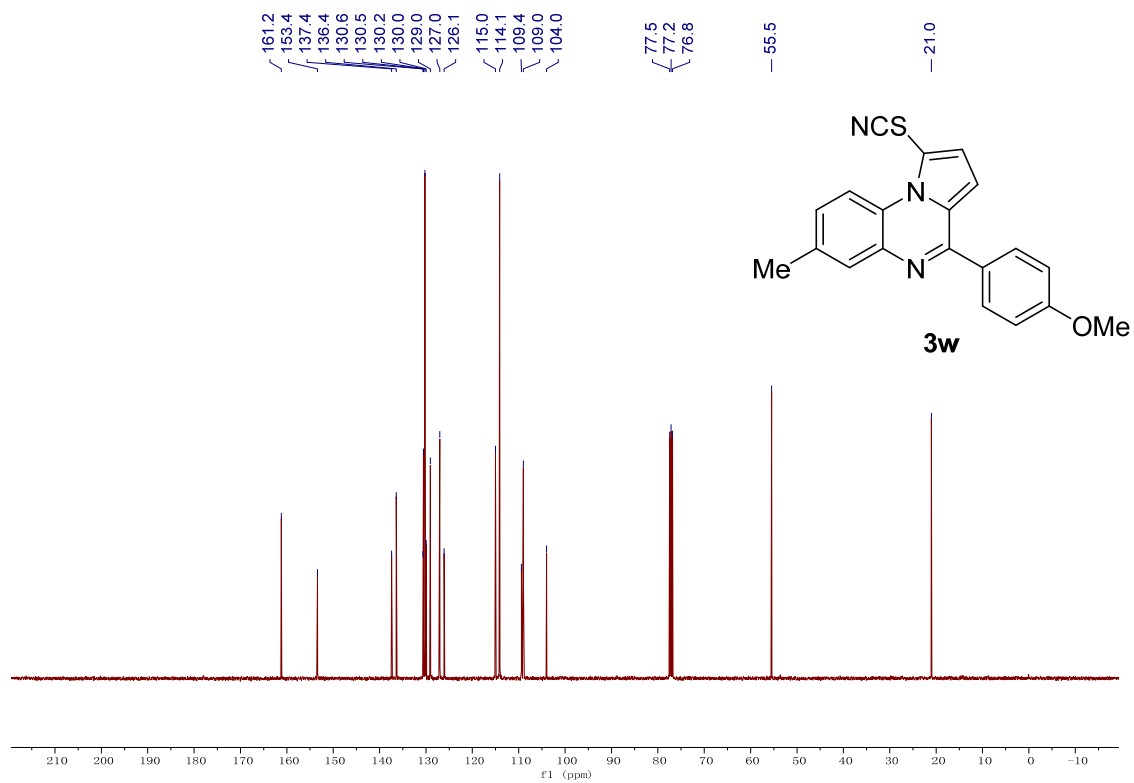
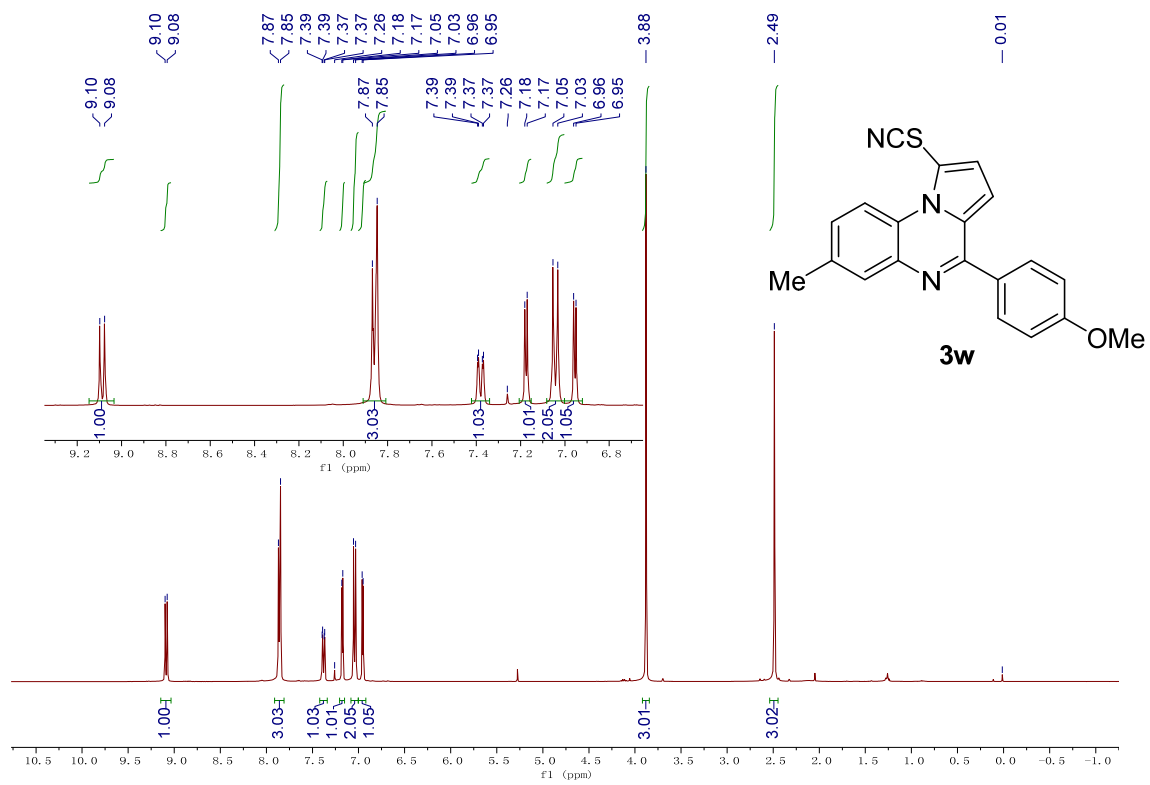


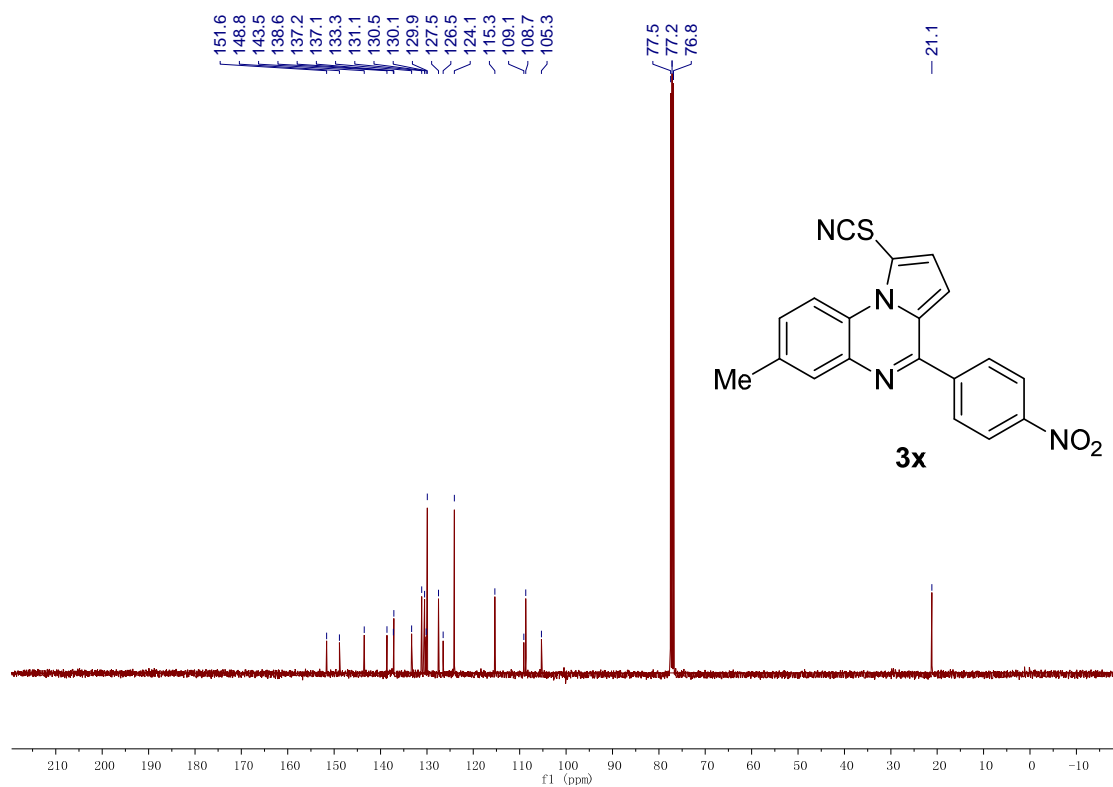
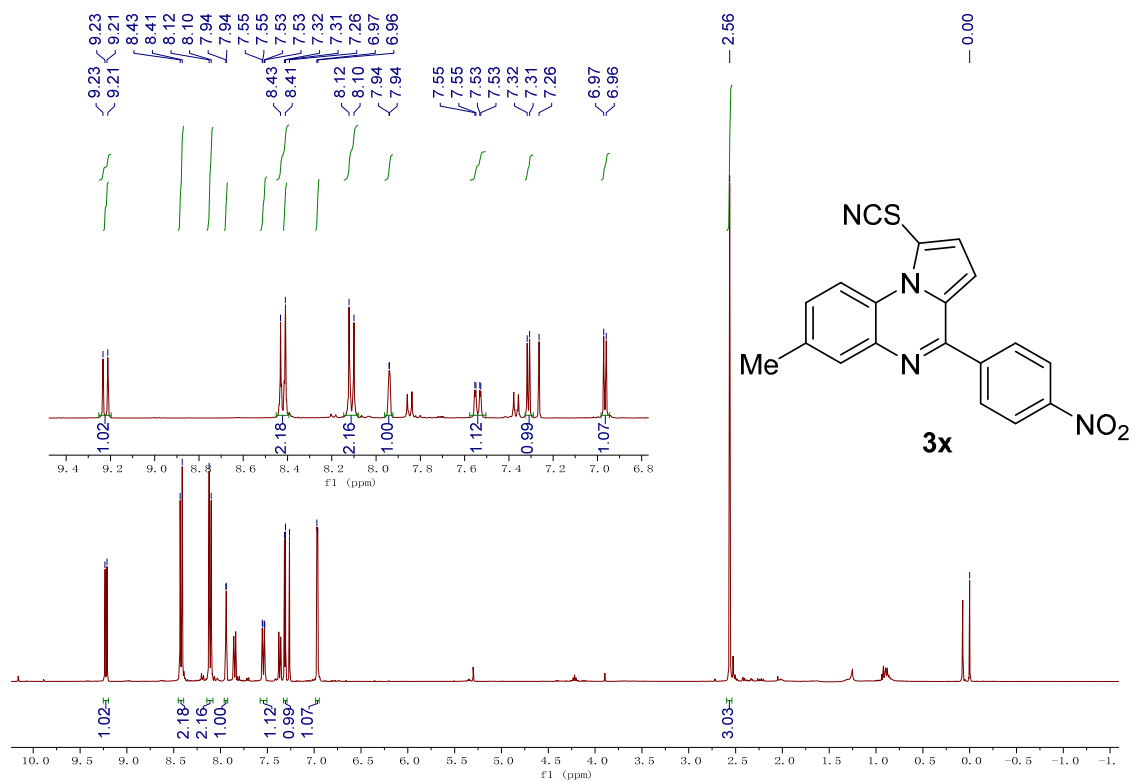


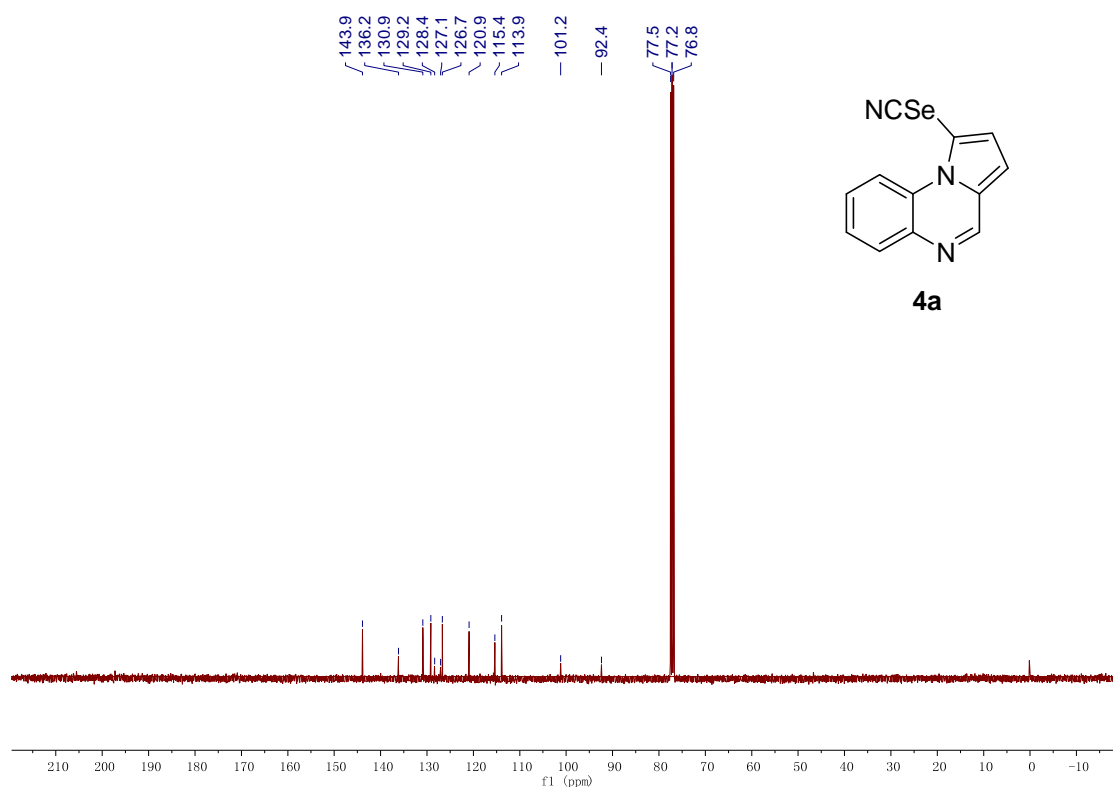
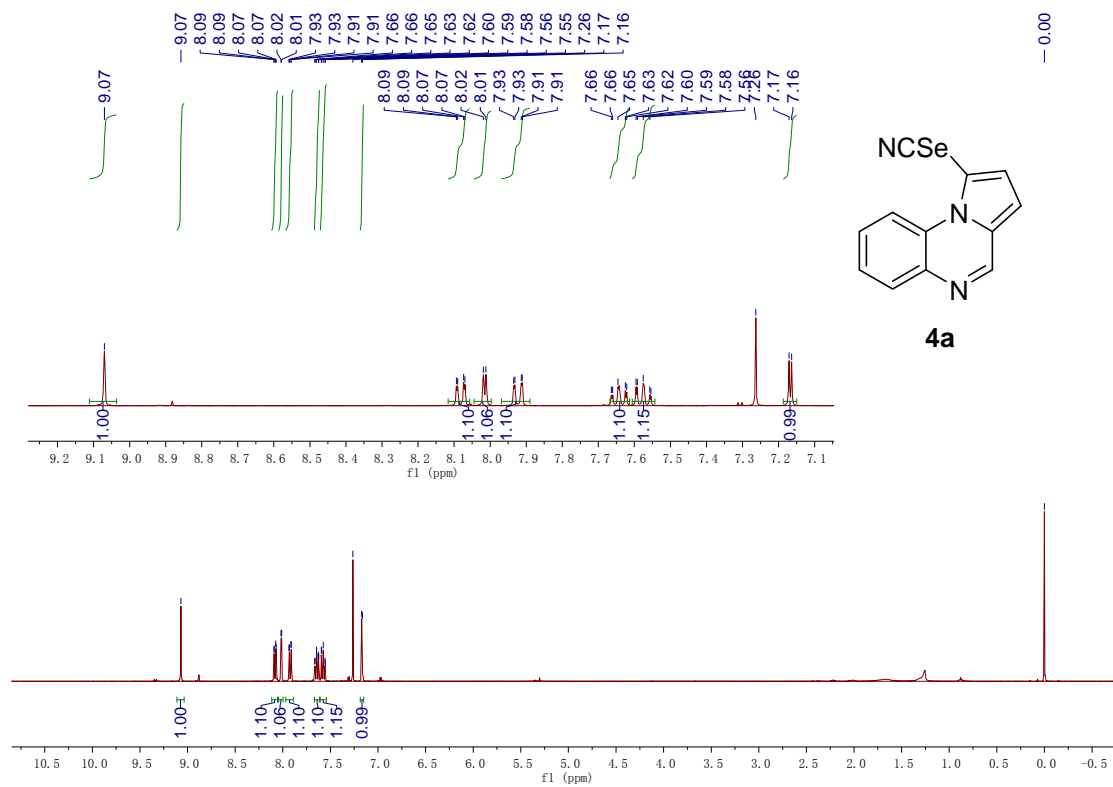


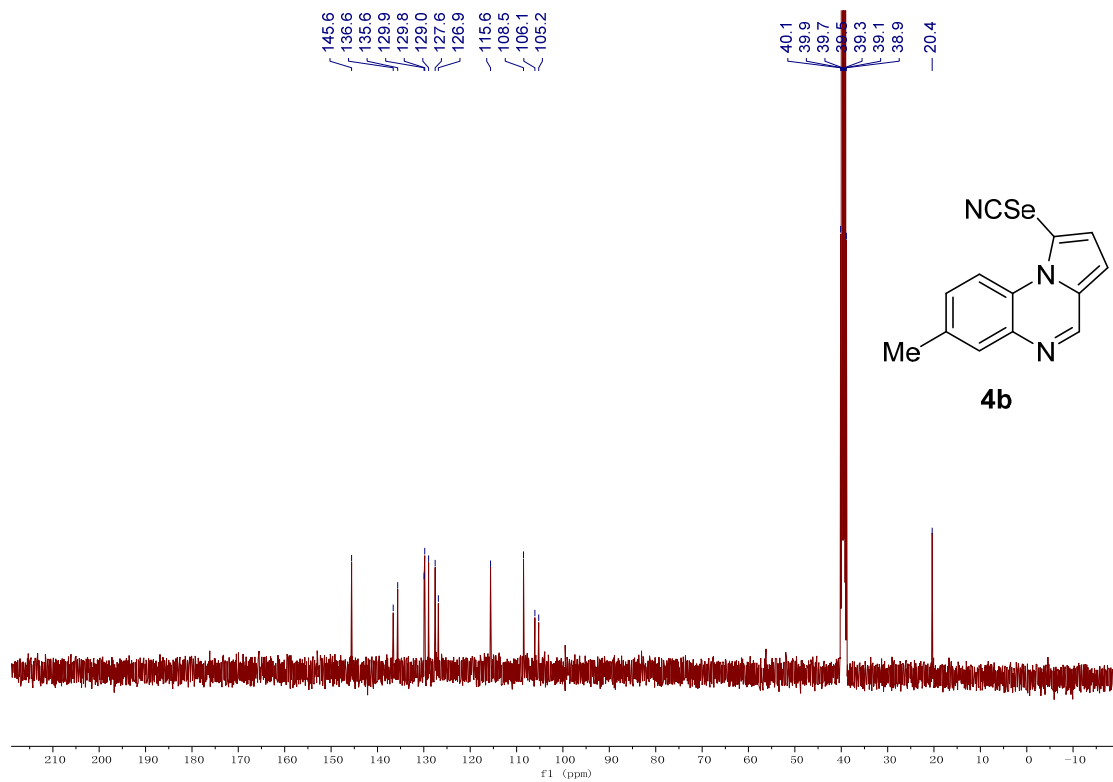
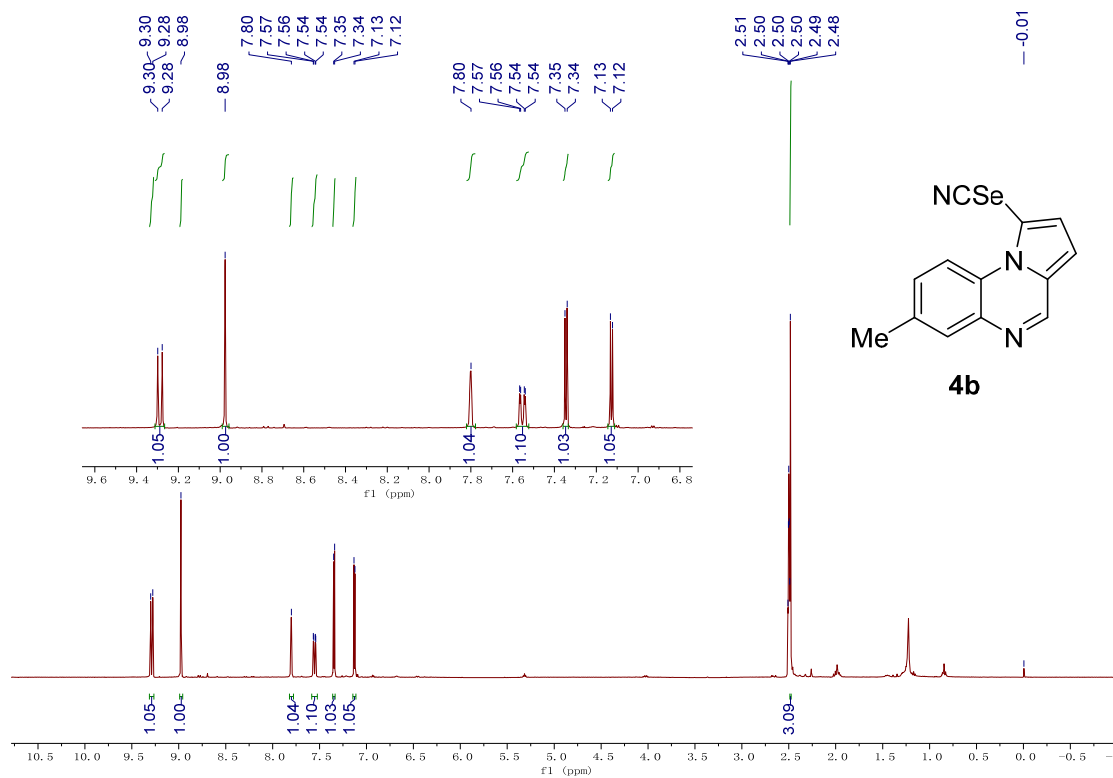


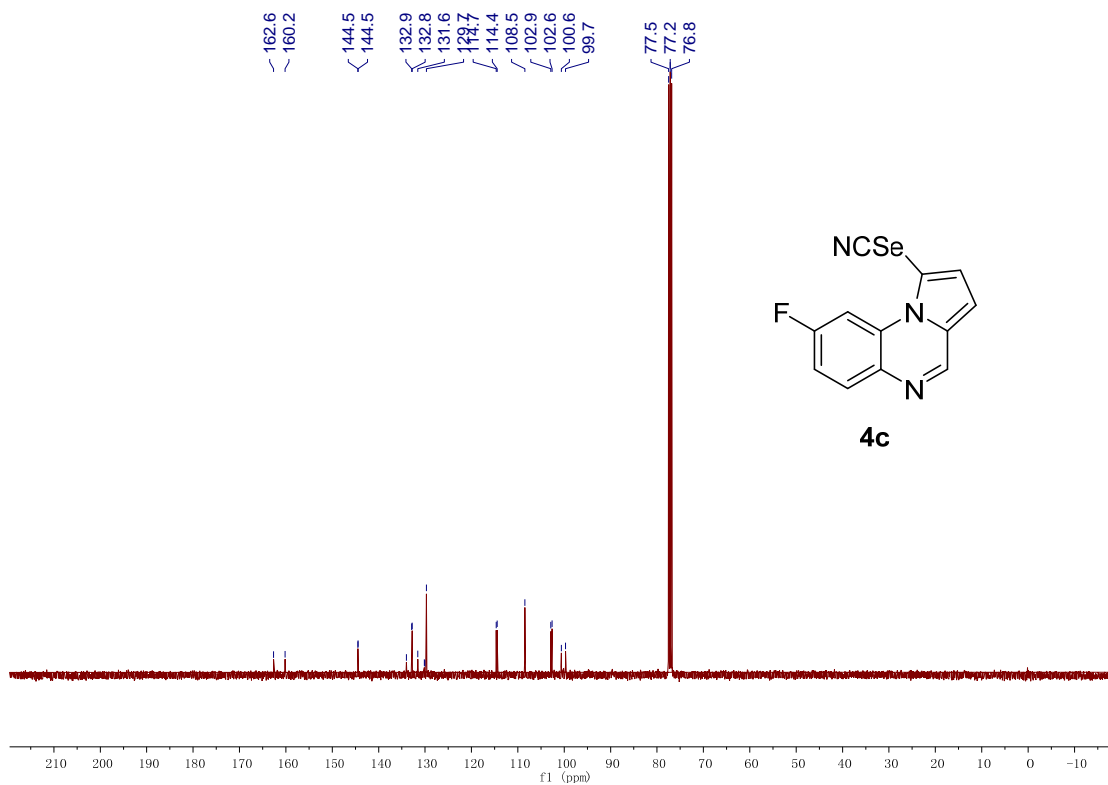
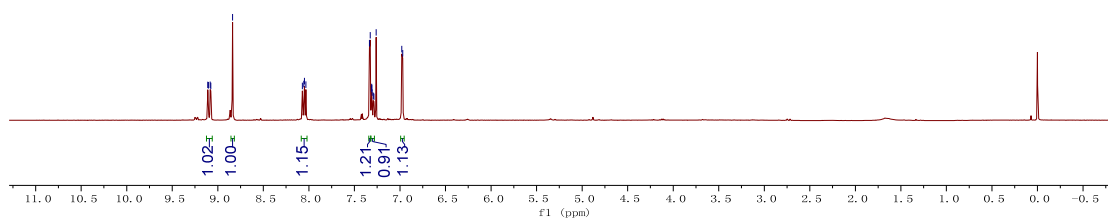
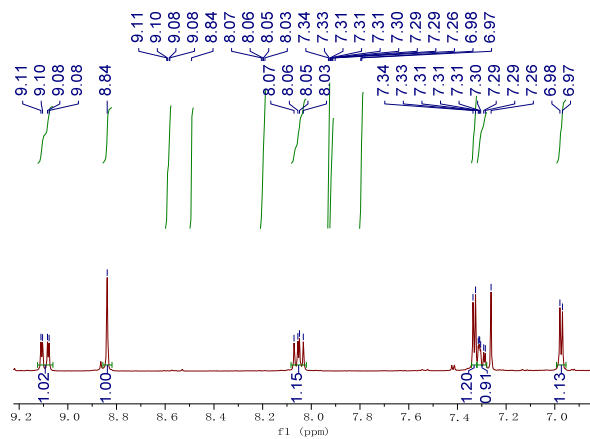


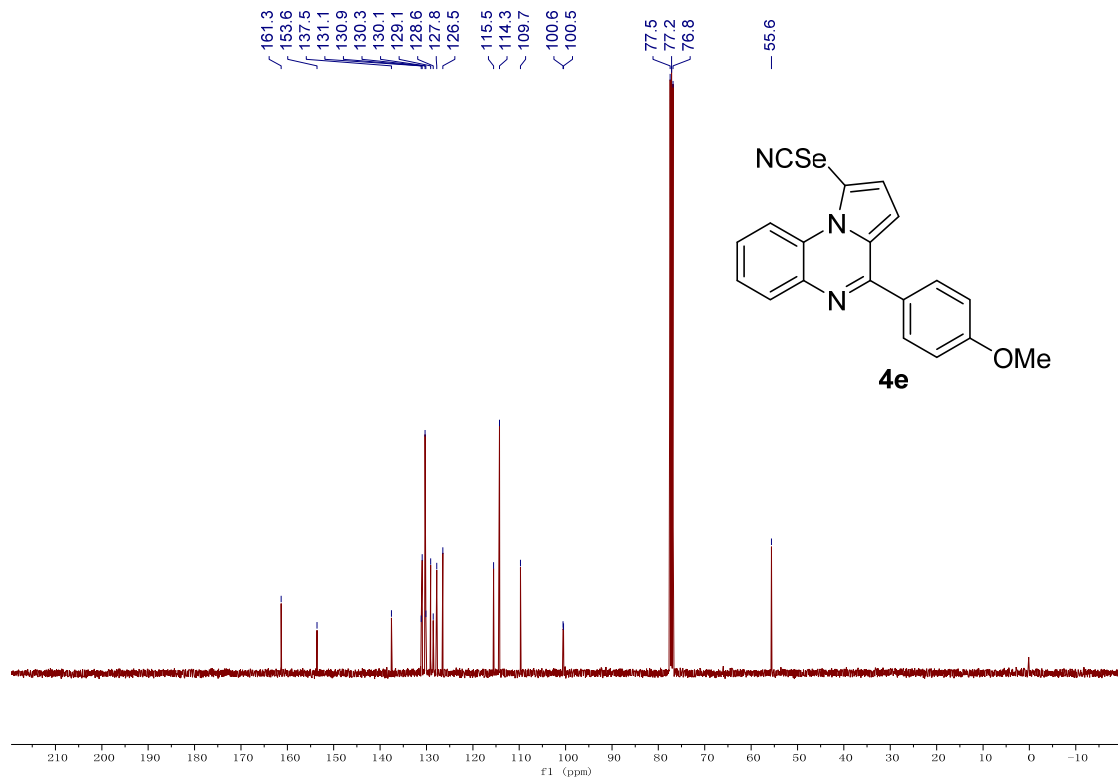
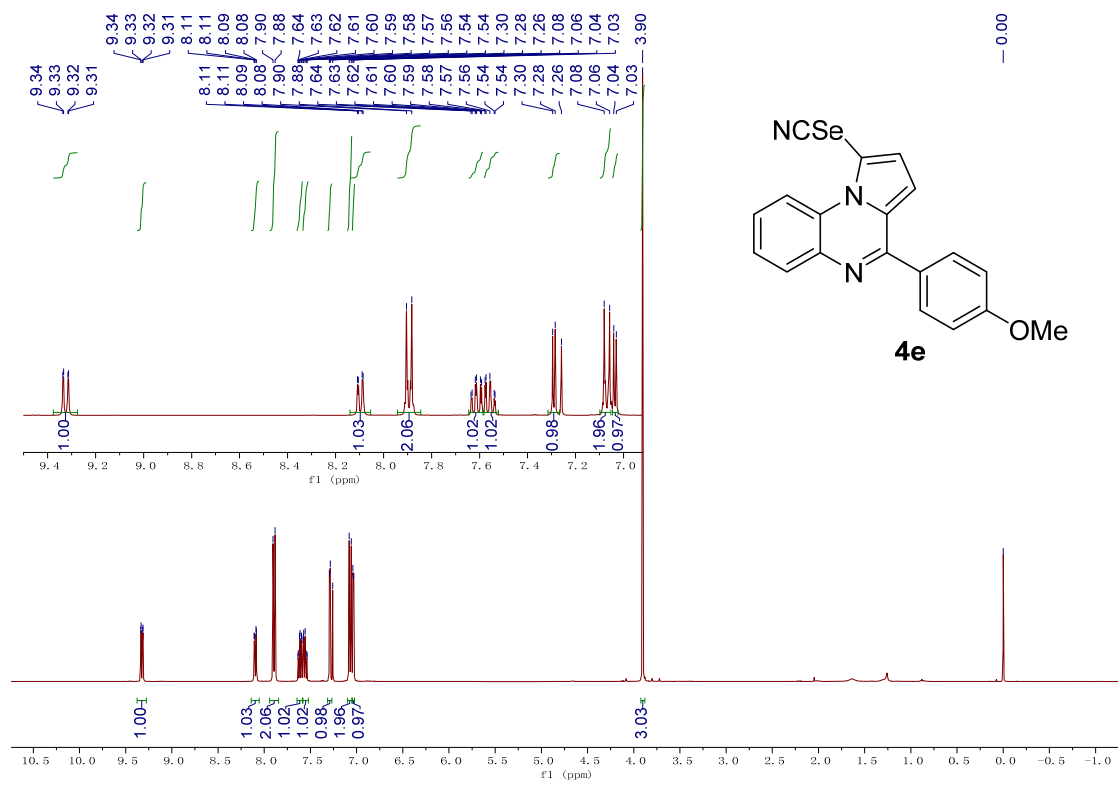


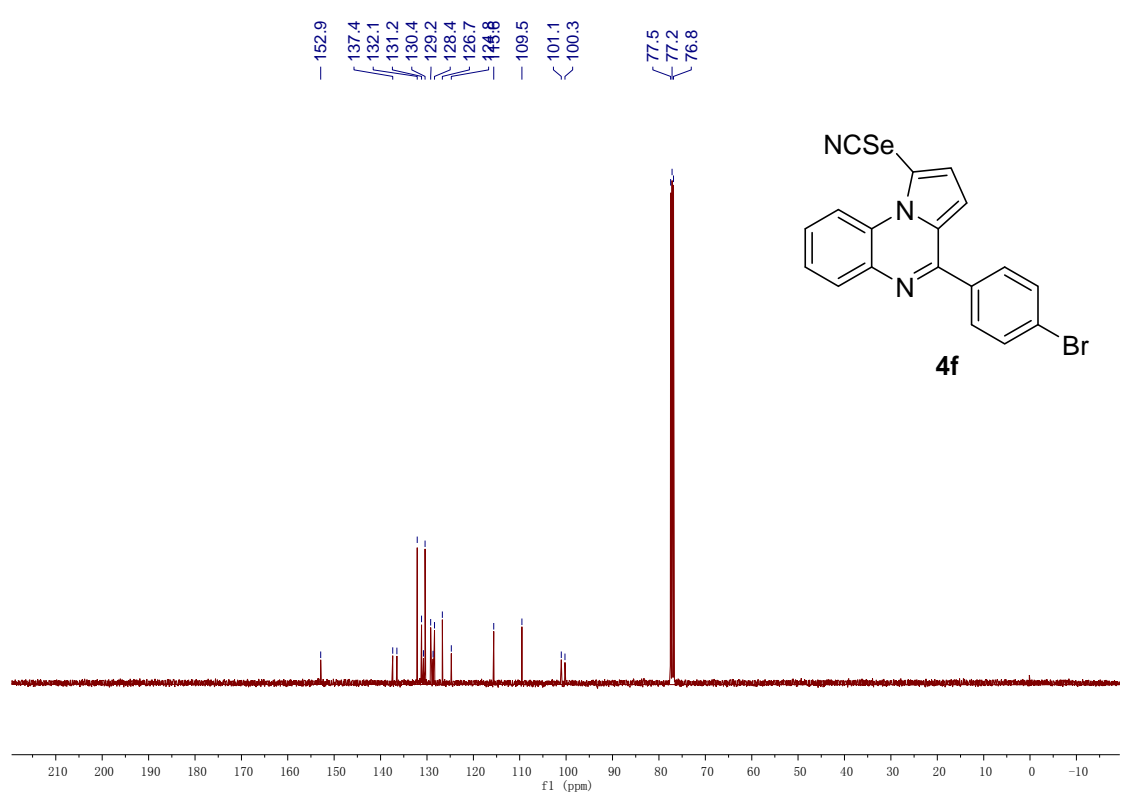
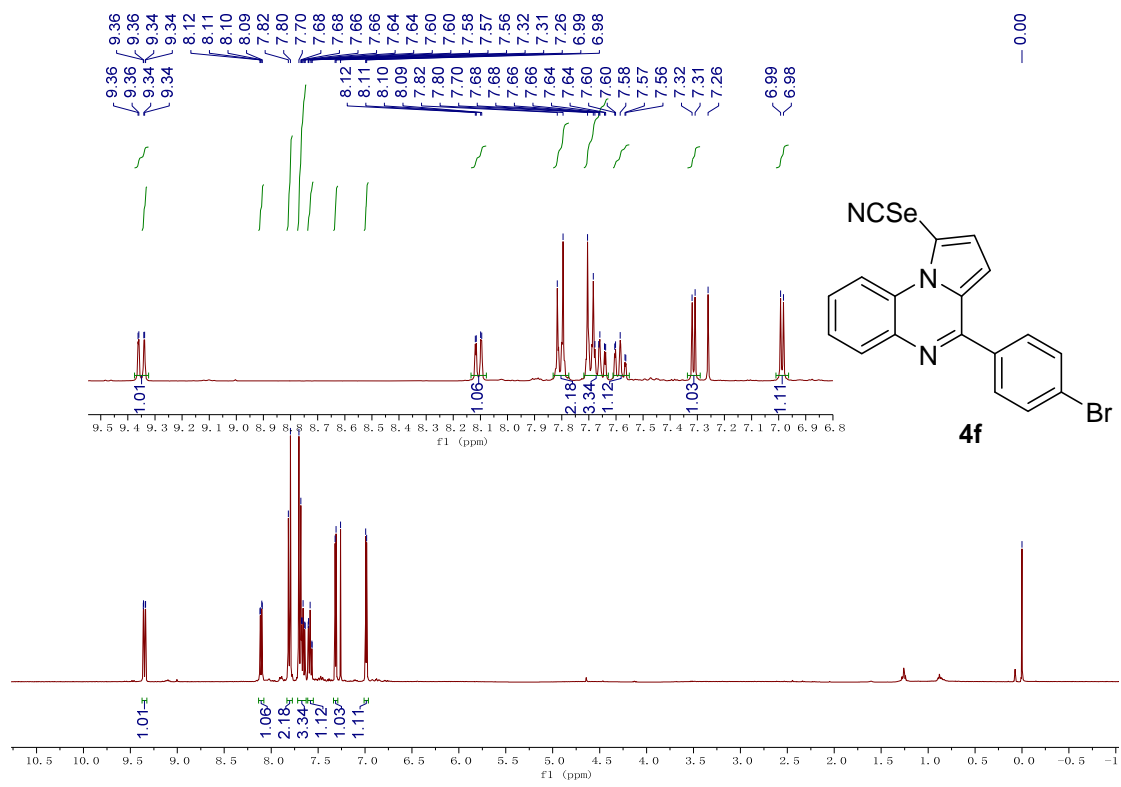


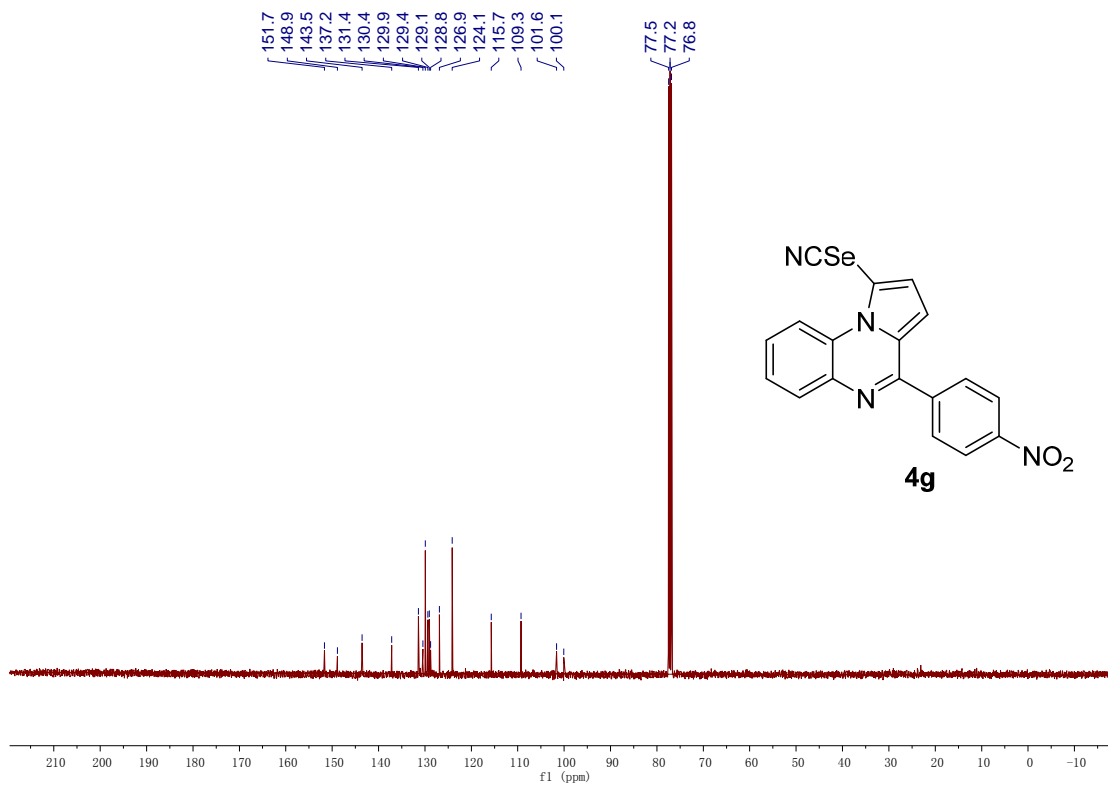
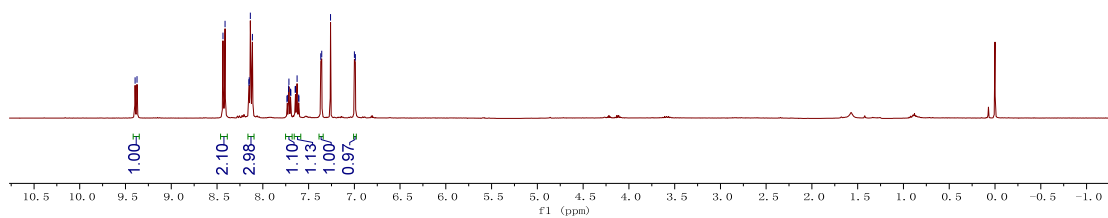
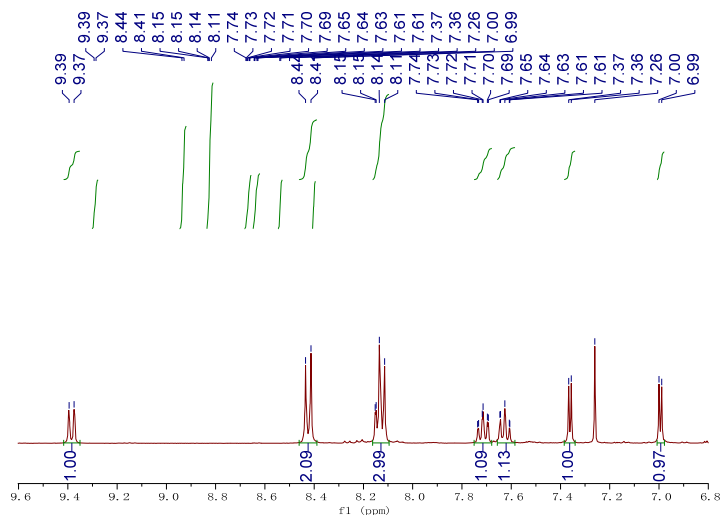


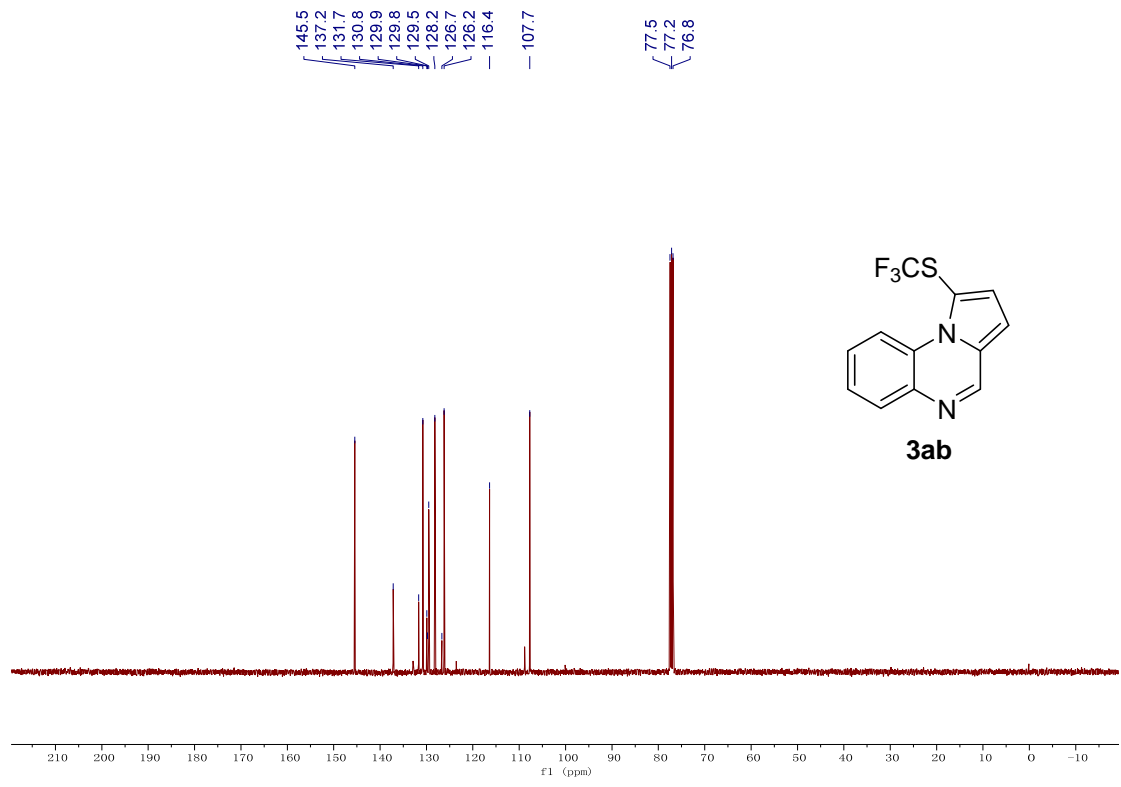
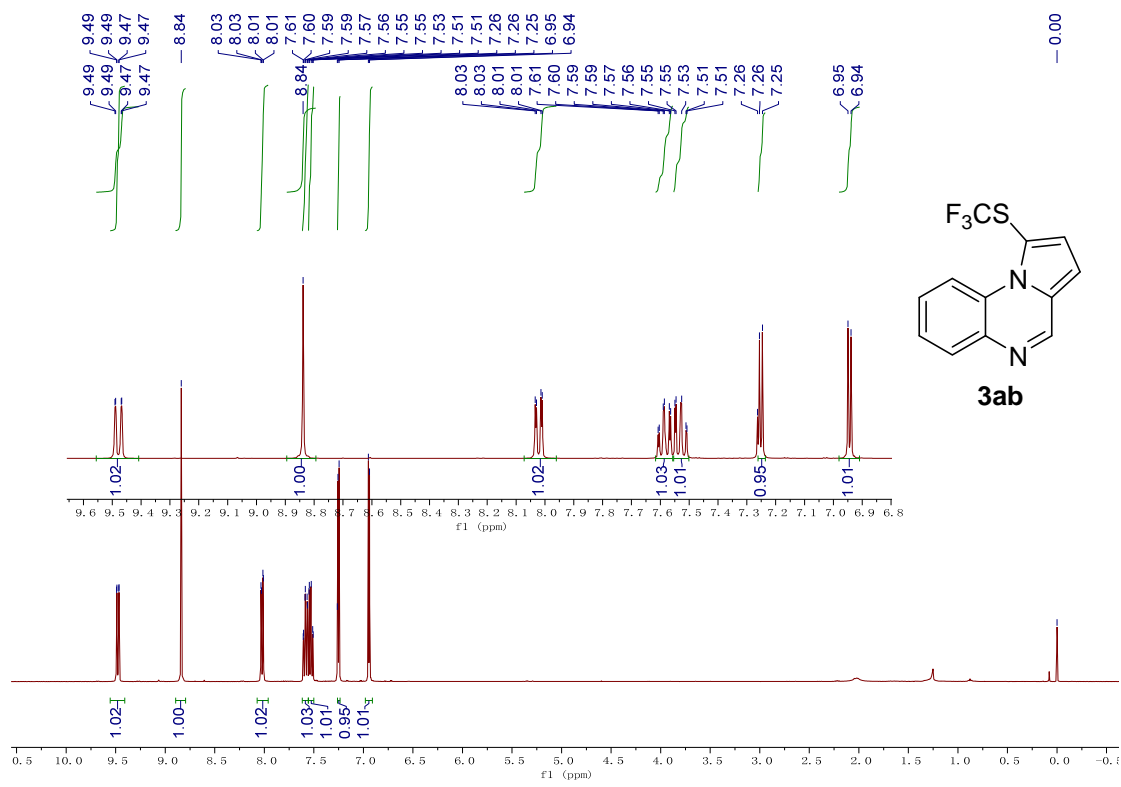


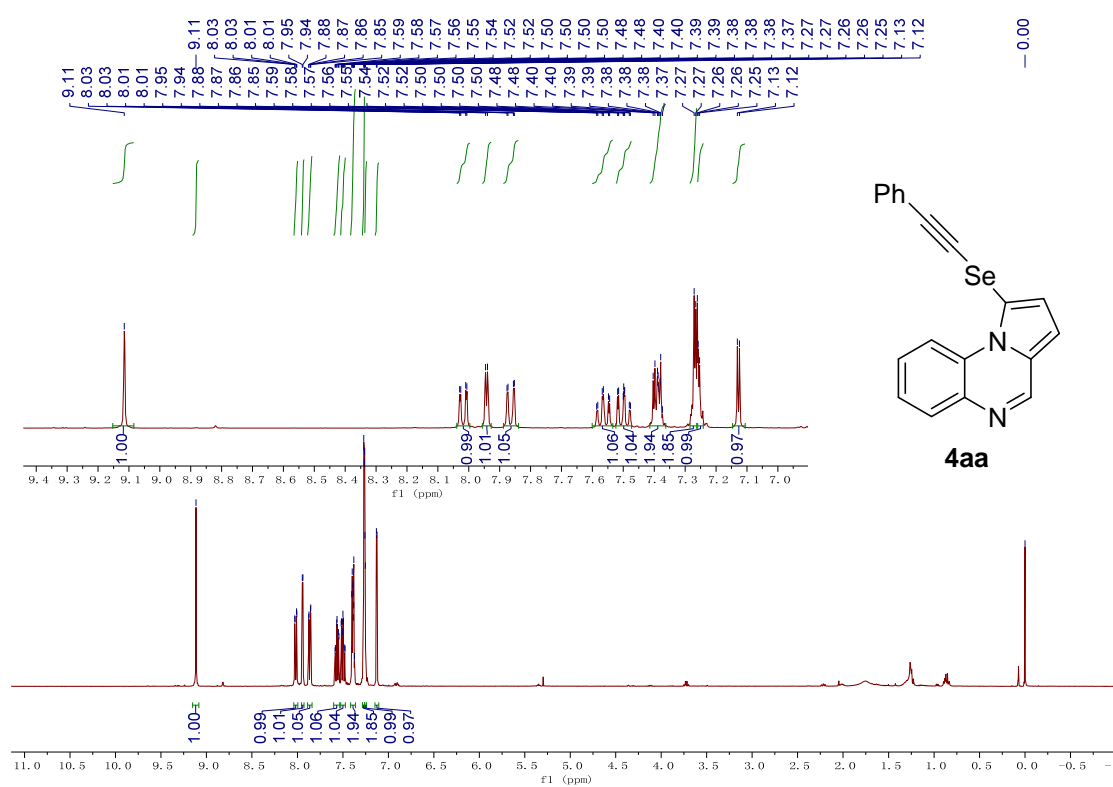
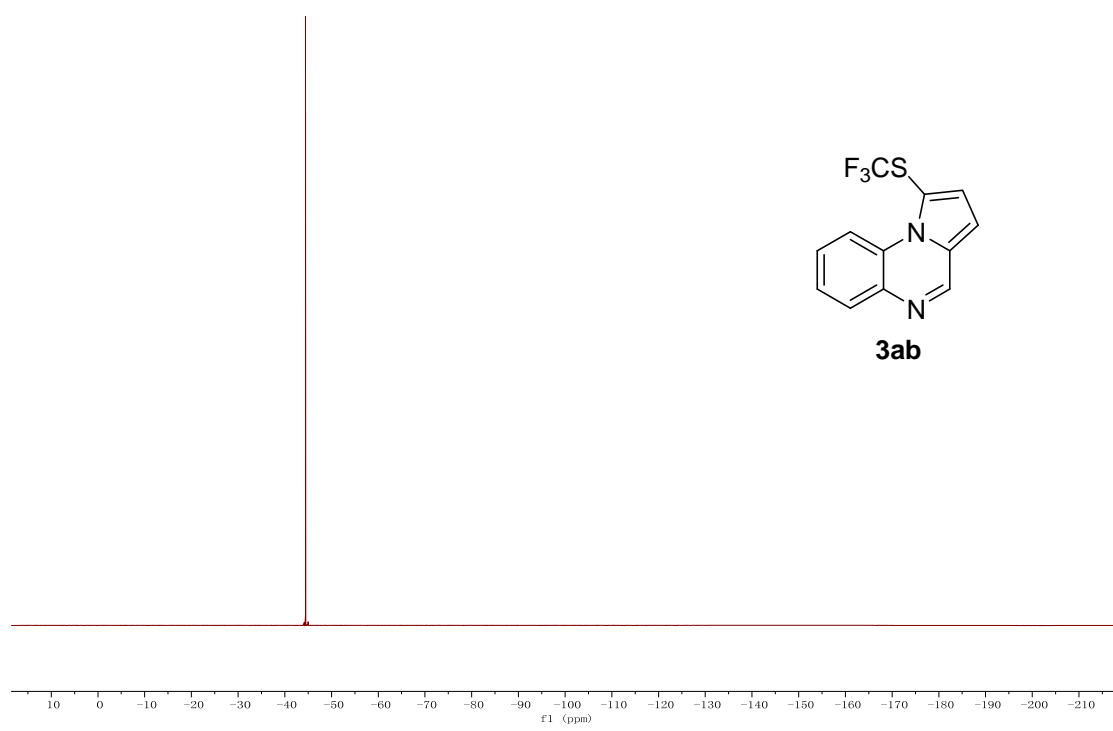


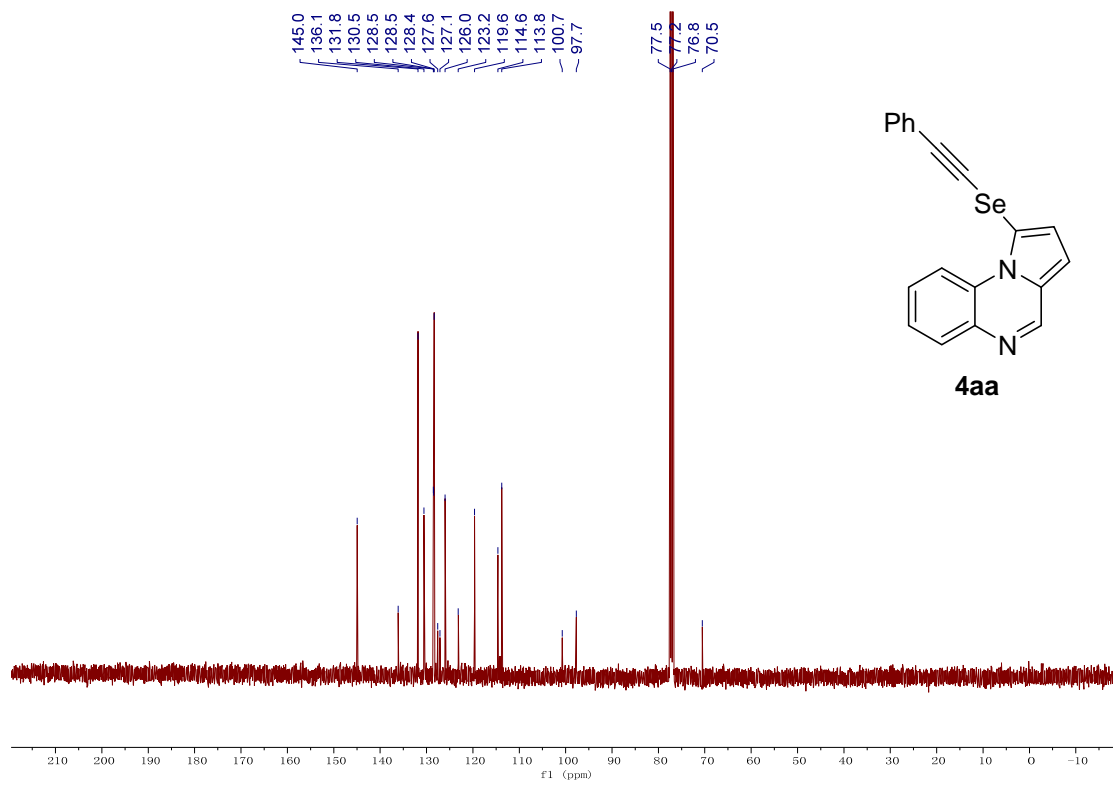




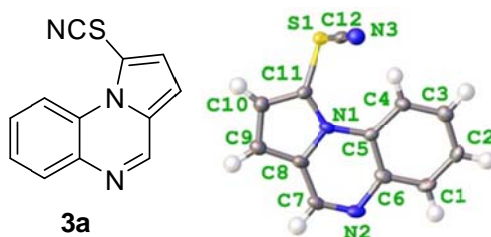








Single Crystal Data of 3a



Structure of **3a** (CCDC: 1943642)

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3a

Identification code	3a
Empirical formula	C ₁₂ H ₇ N ₃ S
Formula weight	225.27
Temperature/K	150.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	Pn
a/Å	16.2160(5)
b/Å	8.5645(2)
c/Å	16.5649(5)
α/°	90
β/°	117.9340(10)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2032.52(10)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.472
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.289
F(000)	928.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.16 × 0.12 × 0.08
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.756 to 52.758
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -10 ≤ k ≤ 9, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20
Reflections collected	18145
Independent reflections	7628 [R _{int} = 0.0540, R _{sigma} = 0.0683]
Data/restraints/parameters	7628/2/577
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.046
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0451, wR ₂ = 0.0869
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0683, wR ₂ = 0.0997
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.28/-0.27
Flack parameter	0.09(7)