

Supporting Information

Facile access to benzofuran-fused tetrahydropyridines via catalytic asymmetric [4 + 2] cycloaddition of aurone-derived 1-azadienes with 3-vinylindoles

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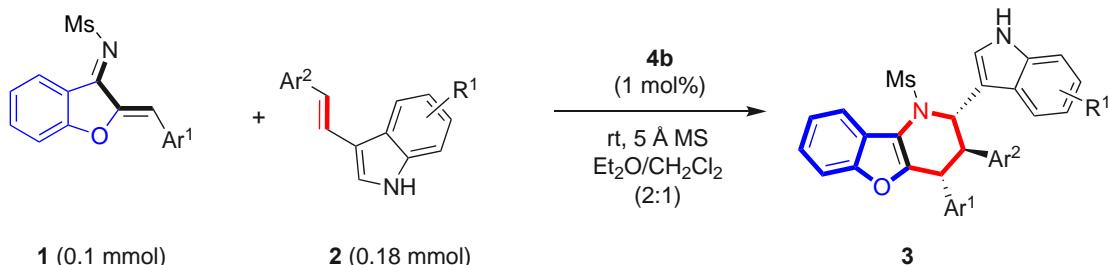
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A. General Information

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were conducted under an inert atmosphere and anhydrous conditions. All the solvents were purified according to the standard procedures. All chemicals which are commercially available were employed without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV-light (254 and 365 nm). Flash chromatography was conducted on silica gel (200–300 mesh). ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature in CDCl_3 on a Bruker AMX500 (500 MHz) or AMX400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm). The data are reported as follows: for ^1H NMR, chemical shift in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as internal standard (CDCl_3 δ 7.26 ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet or overlap of non-equivalent resonances), integration; for ^{13}C NMR, chemical shift in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as internal indicator (CDCl_3 δ 77.1 ppm), multiplicity with respect to protons. All high-resolution mass spectra were performed by the MS service at the chemistry department, National University of Singapore, and were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer to be given in m/z. Optical rotations were measured using an Anton Paar MCP-100 digital polarimeter using a 1 cm glass cell. Enantiomeric excesses were determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase using CHIRALPAK® columns (IE, ID & IC) eluting with hexane/isopropanol mixtures as indicated. Aurone-derived 1-azadienes **1¹** and 3-vinylindoles **2²** were synthesized according to literature-reported procedures respectively.

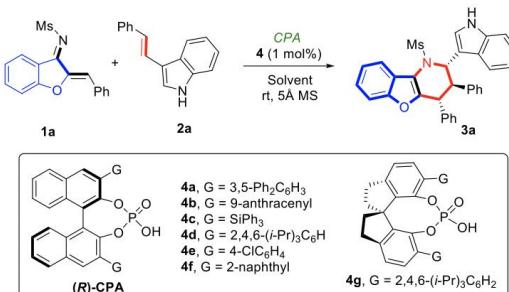
B. Representative Procedures

General Procedure for chiral phosphoric acid catalyzed dearomatic [3 + 2] cycloaddition reaction of α -naphthols with azoalkenes:



To a stirring anhydrous Et₂O:CH₂Cl₂ (2:1) solution (1 ml) of aurone-derived 1-azadienes **1** (0.1 mmol) and 3-vinylindoless **2** (0.18 mmol) was added 5Å MS (100 mg) and CPA **4b** (1 mol%) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred until completion of reaction (as monitored by TLC). After which, the mixture was filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane: CH₂Cl₂ = 2:1) to afford cycloadducts **3**.

Table 1. Optimization of reaction conditions^a

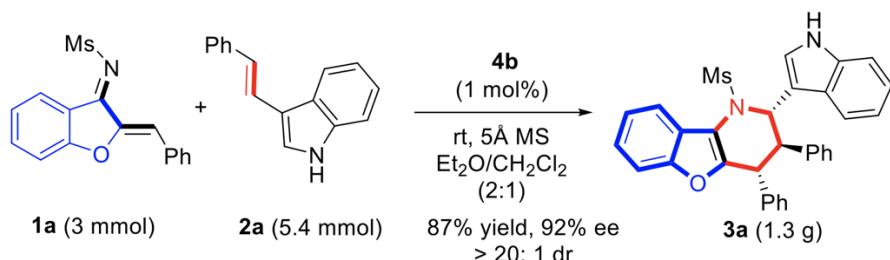


Entry	Cat.	Solvent	dr ^b	Yield (%) ^c	ee (%) ^d
1	4a	DCE	>20:1	90	72
2	4b	DCE	>20:1	95	72
3	4c	DCE	>20:1	45	3
4	4d	DCE	>20:1	72	46
5	4e	DCE	>20:1	99	34
6	4f	DCE	>20:1	98	46
7	4g	DCE	>20:1	97	61
8	4b	CHCl ₃	>20:1	86	25
9	4b	CH ₂ Cl ₂	>20:1	98	83
10	4b	toluene	>20:1	90	46
11	4b	Et ₂ O	>20:1	90	94
12 ^e	4b	Et ₂ O/CH ₂ Cl ₂	>20:1	98	93

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.18 mmol), and catalyst

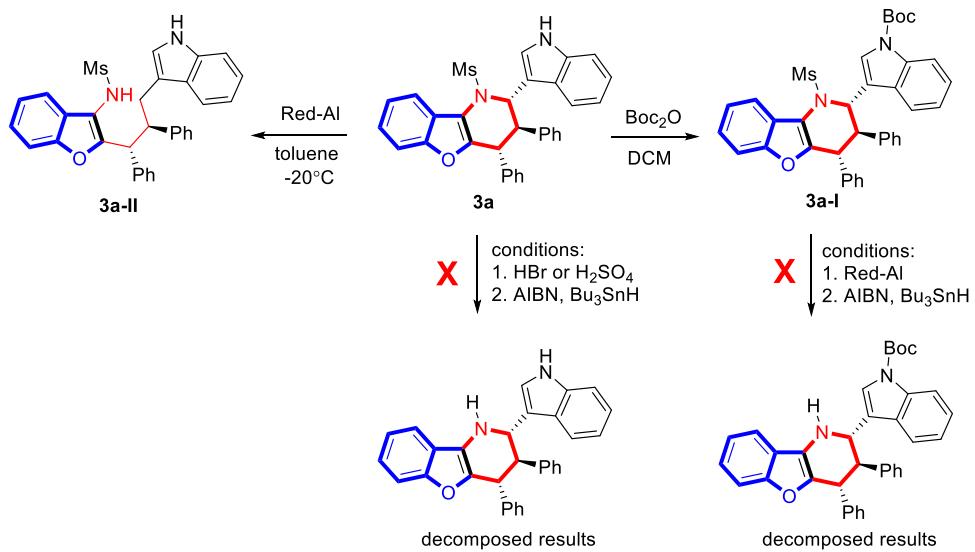
4 (1 mol%), 5Å MS (100 mg) in the solvent specified (1 mL) at RT for 20 h. ^bThe diastereomeric ratio (dr) value was determined by crude ¹H NMR. ^cIsolated yield. ^dThe ee value was determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase. ^eEt₂O:CH₂Cl₂ = 2:1.

Synthesis of **3a at a gram-scale:**



To a stirring anhydrous $\text{Et}_2\text{O}:\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (2:1) solution (15 ml) of aurone-derived 1-azadienes **1a** (3 mmol) and 3-vinylindoles **2a** (5.4 mmol) was added 5 \AA MS (3 g) and CPA **4b** (1 mol%) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred until completion of reaction (as monitored by TLC). Then, the reaction mixture was vacuum filtered through Celite and water was added to the filtrate followed by extraction with AcOEt (2×20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, separated, dried over Na_2SO_4 and filtered. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane: CH_2Cl_2 = 2:1) to afford product **3a** (1.3 g) in 87% yield with 92% *ee*.

Further elaborations of **3a:**

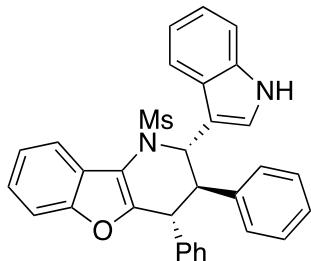


For **3a-I**: To a stirring anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 solution (1 ml) of **3a** (0.1 mmol) was added Et_3N (0.2 mmol) and Boc_2O (0.15 mmol) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred until completion of reaction (as monitored by TLC). Then, the reaction was quenched by adding the NH_4Cl aqueous solution followed by extraction with AcOEt (2×2 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, separated, dried over Na_2SO_4 and filtered. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane: CH_2Cl_2 = 2:1) to afford product **3a-I** (58 mg) in 96% yield.

For **3a-II**: To a stirring anhydrous toluene solution (1 ml) of **3a** (0.1 mmol) was added Red-Al (1 mmol) at -20 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred until completion of reaction (as monitored by TLC). Then, the reaction was quenched by adding the NH₄Cl aqueous solution followed by extraction with AcOEt (2 × 2 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, separated, dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on basic alumina (Hexane: AcOEt = 8:1) to afford product **3a-II** (48 mg) in 93% yield

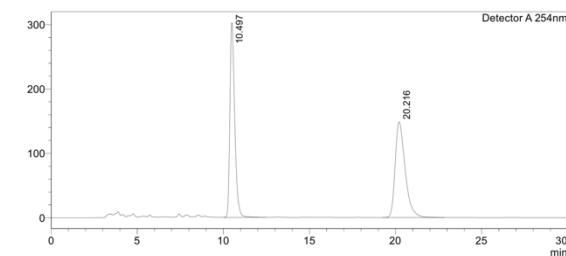
C. Analytical Data and HPLC Chromatograms of the Products

(2S,3R,4R)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3,4-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3a

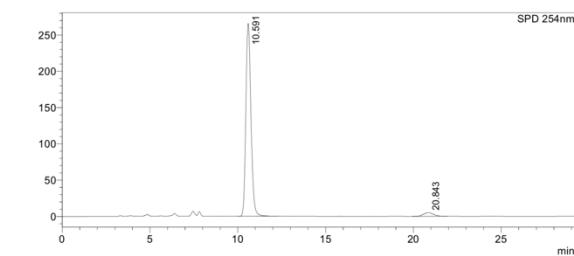


Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 98%; $[a]_D^{25} = -55.2$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 – 8.01 (m, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.11 – 6.88 (m, 5H), 6.85 – 6.73 (m, 3H), 5.86 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.0, 146.3, 141.8, 139.3, 135.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.3, 126.1, 124.9, 124.6, 123.3, 123.1, 122.1, 121.4, 120.0, 119.9, 118.5, 112.0, 111.8, 111.3, 61.4, 51.5, 45.7, 41.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [M - H]⁺ = 517.1591, found = 517.1589; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [M - H]⁺ = 535.1497, found = 535.1502; the ee value was 93%, t_R (major) = 10.6 min, t_R (minor) = 20.8 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

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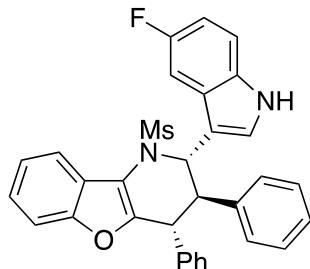
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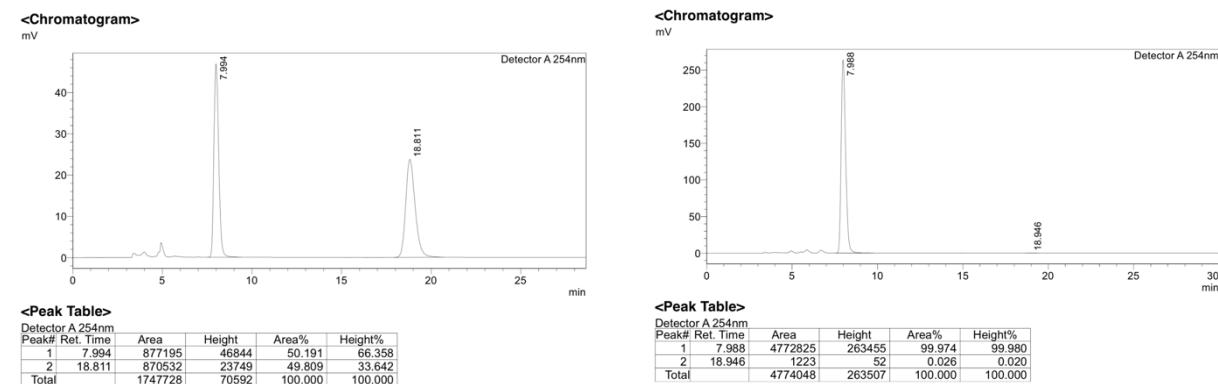
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Enantioenriched 3a

(2S,3R,4R)-2-(5-fluoro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3,4-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine **3b**



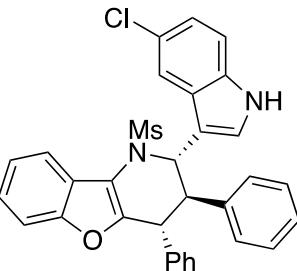
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 93%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -156$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.94 – 6.81 (m, 3H), 6.81 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.73 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7 (d, *J* = 234 Hz), 154.1, 145.4, 141.7, 139.4, 132.5, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 126.4, 126.2, 124.8, 123.3, 122.9, 121.6, 119.8, 112.0, 111.9, 111.8, 110.5 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 103.7 (d, *J* = 24 Hz), 61.3, 50.9, 44.6, 41.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅FN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 535.1497, found = 535.1502; the *ee* value was 99%, t_R (major) = 8.0 min, t_R (minor) = 18.9 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



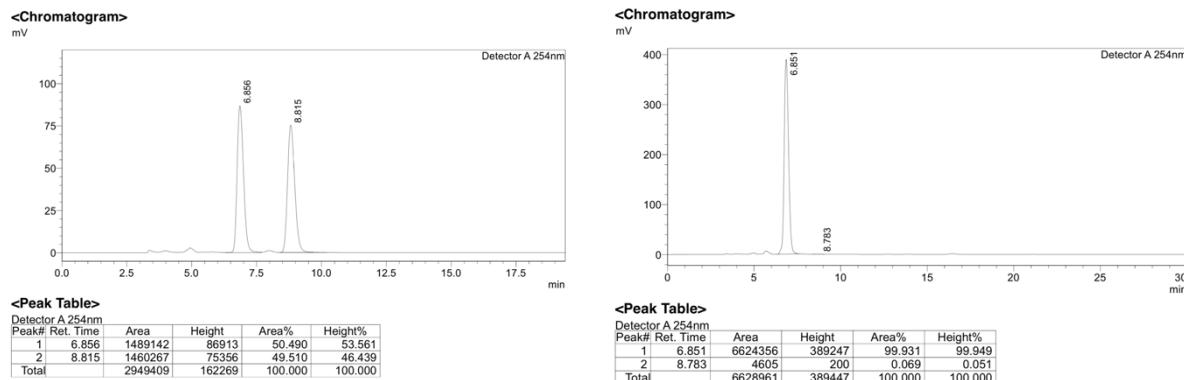
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Enantioenriched **3b**

(2S,3R,4R)-2-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3,4-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3c



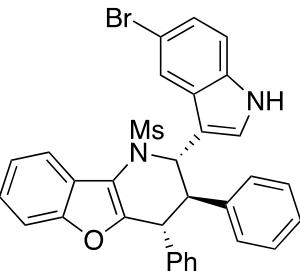
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 92%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -171$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 6.71 – 6.64 (m, 2H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.36 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 145.2, 141.6, 139.4, 134.4, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.9, 126.1, 125.9, 125.4, 124.7, 123.2, 122.7, 122.3, 121.6, 119.7, 118.1, 112.4, 112.2, 111.8, 61.2, 50.7, 44.3, 41.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅ClN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 551.1202, found = 551.1204; the ee value was 99%, t_R (major) = 6.9 min, t_R (minor) = 8.8min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



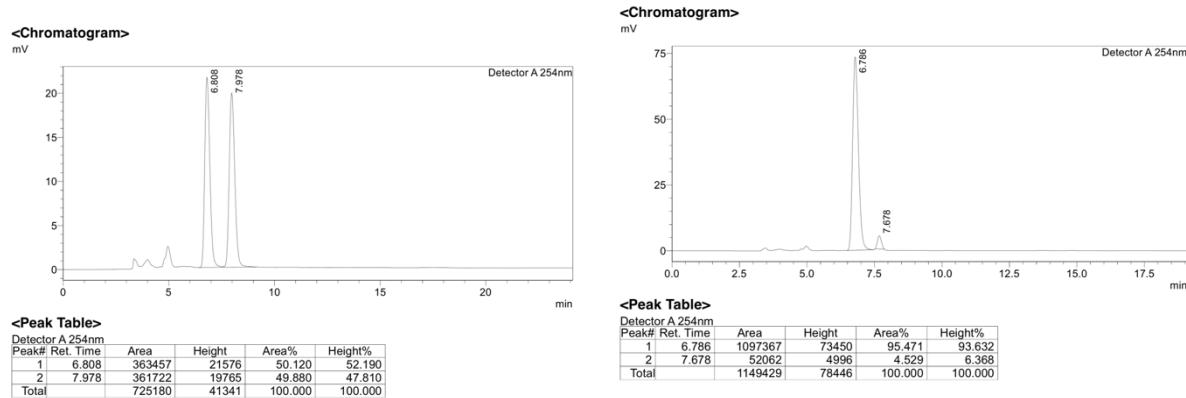
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Enantioenriched 3c

(2S,3R,4R)-2-(5-bromo-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3,4-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3d



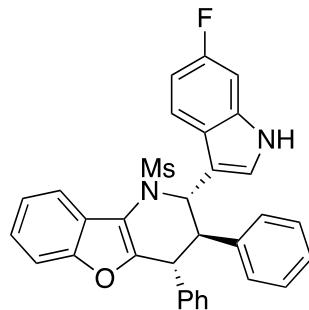
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 84%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -188$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 – 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.83 (m, 5H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.37 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 145.3, 141.6, 139.4, 134.7, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.2, 125.8, 124.9, 124.8, 123.3, 122.8, 121.6, 121.2, 119.7, 113.1, 112.7, 112.3, 111.9, 61.3, 50.7, 44.4, 41.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅BrN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 595.0696, found = 595.0682; the *ee* value was 91%, t_R (major) = 6.8 min, t_R (minor) = 7.7 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



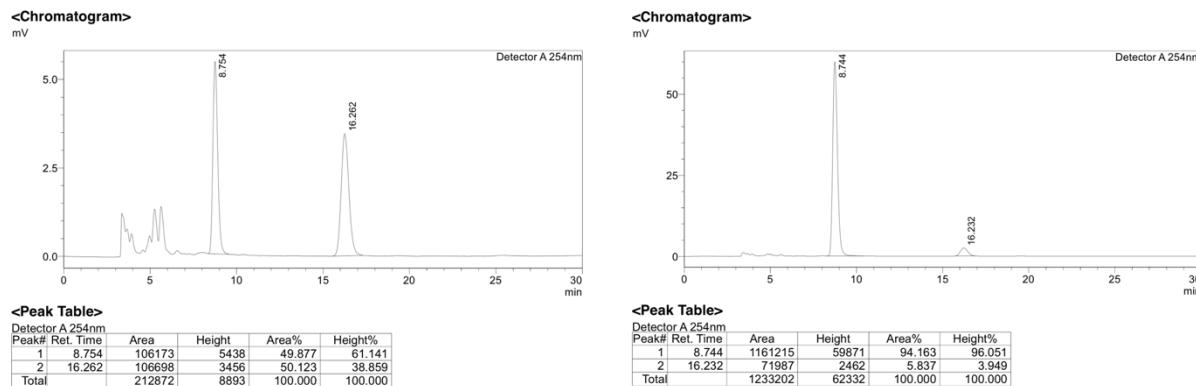
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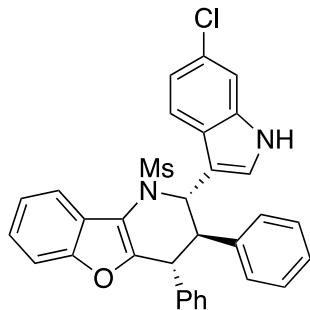
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 84%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -128$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 6.90 – 6.63 (m, 8H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8 (d, *J* = 237 Hz), 154.1, 145.2, 141.8, 139.5, 136.2, 136.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 126.2, 124.8, 124.7, 123.3, 122.8, 122.4, 121.6, 119.8, 119.4, 119.3, 113.0, 111.9, 108.6 (d, *J* = 25 Hz), 97.5 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 61.4, 51.2, 44.3, 41.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅FN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 535.1497, found = 535.1496; the *ee* value was 88%, t_R (major) = 8.7 min, t_R (minor) = 16.2 min (Chiraldak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



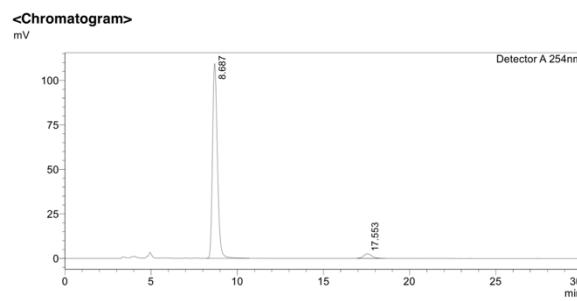
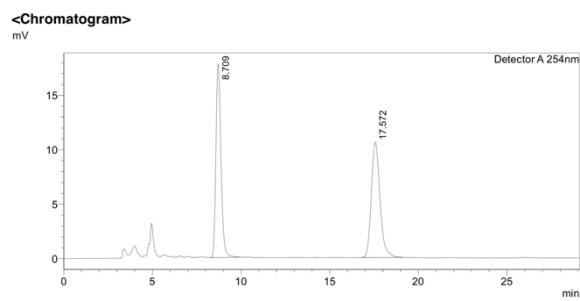
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Enantioenriched 3e

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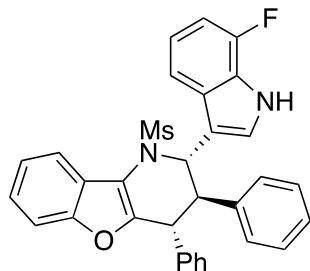
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 92%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -100$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.88 (m, 3H), 6.81 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.69 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38 – 4.31 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 145.3, 141.6, 139.3, 136.4, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.3, 125.1, 124.8, 124.4, 123.3, 122.8, 121.6, 120.6, 119.7, 119.5, 113.0, 111.9, 111.2, 61.3, 51.2, 44.4, 41.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅ClN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 551.1202, found = 551.1197; the *ee* value was 92%, t_R (major) = 8.7 min, t_R (minor) = 17.6 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



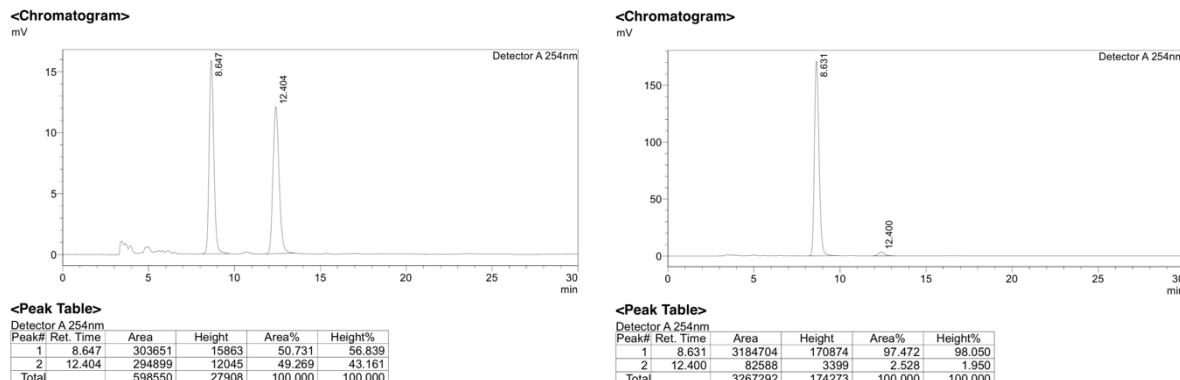
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Enantioenriched 3f

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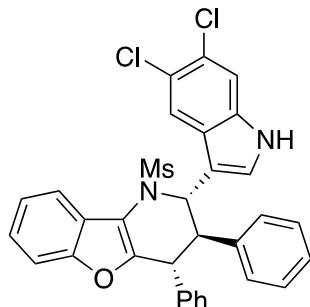
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 97%; $[a]_D^{25} = -131$ (c 2, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 – 8.15 (m, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.94 – 6.83 (m, 5H), 6.80 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 6.70 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 5.91 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 – 4.36 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.1, 149.3 (d, $J = 243$ Hz), 145.2, 141.7, 139.4, 129.4 (d, $J = 5$ Hz), 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 126.2, 125.0, 124.8, 124.5 (d, $J = 14$ Hz), 123.2, 122.7, 121.6, 120.2, 120.1, 119.7, 114.5 (d, $J = 4$ Hz), 113.7, 111.9, 106.9 (d, $J = 16$ Hz), 61.3, 51.0, 44.3, 41.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^- = 535.1497$, found = 535.1500; the *ee* value was 95%, t_{R} (major) = 8.6 min, t_{R} (minor) = 12.4 min (Chiraldak IE, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



Racemic 3g

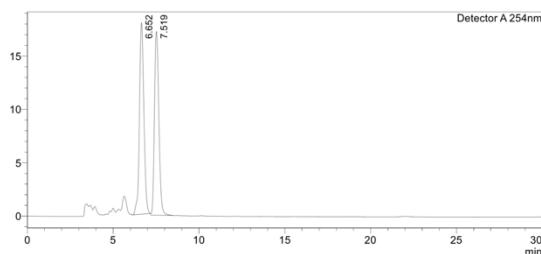
Enantioenriched 3g

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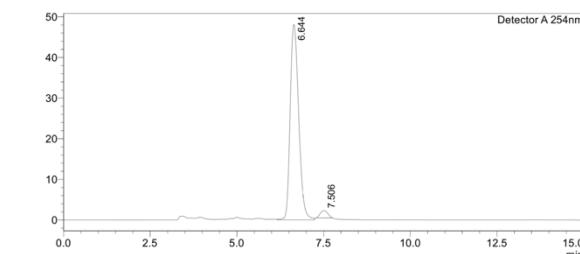


Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 98%; $[a]_D^{25} = -158$ (c 2.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 – 8.23 (m, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.18 (m, 7H), 6.88 – 6.77 (m, 4H), 6.64 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.36 – 4.29 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 144.5, 141.5, 139.5, 135.0, 129.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 126.1, 125.8, 125.3, 125.0, 123.7, 123.4, 122.4, 121.7, 119.8, 119.5, 113.1, 112.6, 111.9, 61.3, 50.5, 43.3, 40.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₄Cl₂N₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 585.0812, found = 585.0811; the *ee* value was 94%, t_R (major) = 6.6 min, t_R (minor) = 7.5 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

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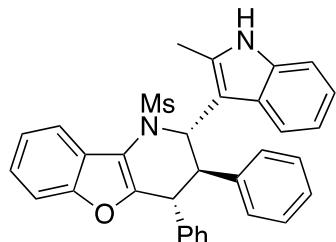
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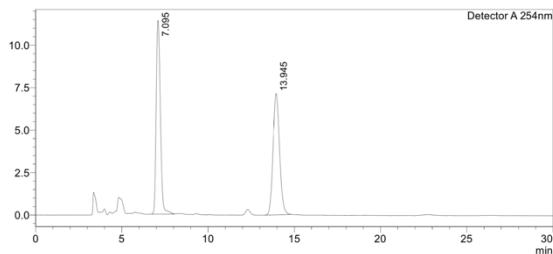
Enantioenriched 3h

(2S,3R,4R)-2-(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3,4-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3i



Brownish oil; isolated yield = 97%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -12$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 6.94 (m, 10H), 6.82 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 5.60 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.0, 146.6, 139.0, 136.8, 135.3, 134.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 124.1, 123.7, 122.9, 121.3, 121.1, 120.0, 118.9, 118.7, 111.9, 110.8, 108.8, 61.1, 57.7, 46.1, 41.9, 11.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₂₈N₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 531.1748, found = 531.1751; the *ee* value was 63%, t_R (major) = 7.1 min, t_R (minor) = 14.0 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

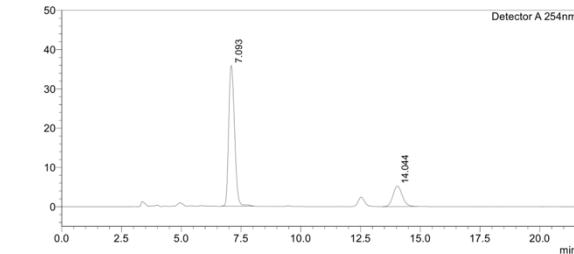
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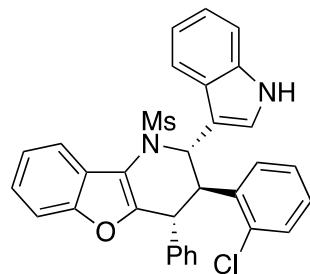
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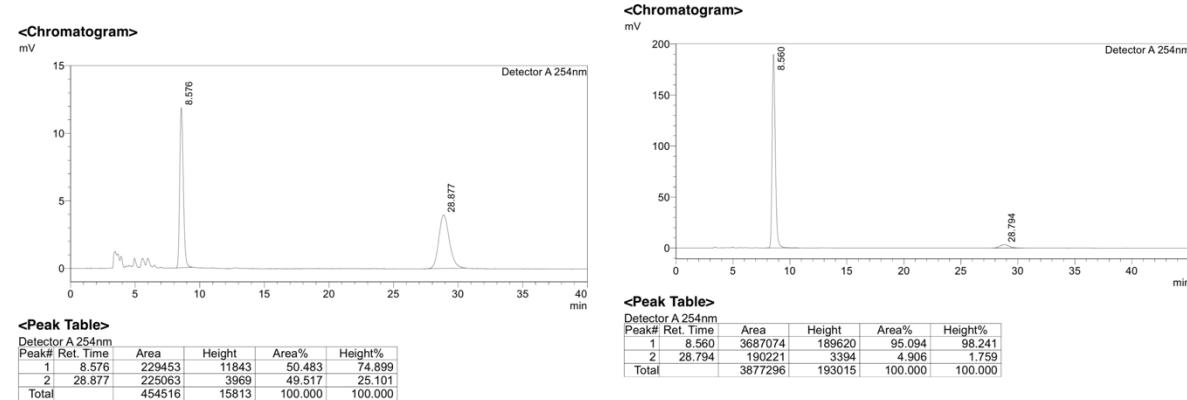
Racemic 3i

Enantioenriched 3i

(2S,3R,4R)-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3j



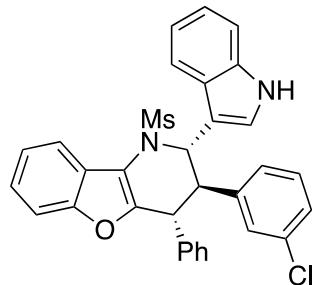
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 94%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -142$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.69 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 7.01 – 6.90 (m, 5H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.1, 139.2, 135.9, 134.4, 130.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.3, 126.4, 124.7, 123.2, 122.2, 121.4, 120.5, 120.0, 119.1, 111.9, 111.1, 59.4, 45.7, 42.1, 29.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [M - H]⁻ = 551.1202, found = 551.1191; the ee value was 90%, t_R (major) = 8.6 min, t_R (minor) = 28.8 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



Racemic 3j

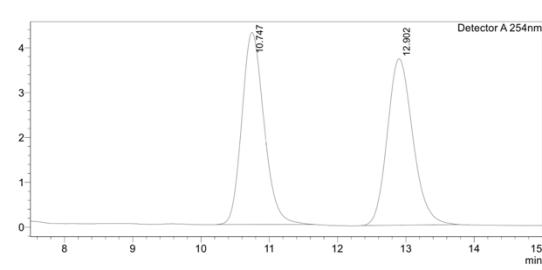
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(2S,3R,4R)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3k



Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 92%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -105$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 6.97 (m, 9H), 6.86 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 143.9, 138.9, 135.8, 134.4, 130.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.8, 126.3, 125.4, 124.7, 123.6, 123.2, 122.5, 121.2, 120.2, 118.5, 111.9, 111.5, 111.3, 60.9, 52.1, 46.8, 42.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅ClN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 551.1202, found = 551.1199; the *ee* value was 91%, t_R (major) = 10.7 min, t_R (minor) = 12.8 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

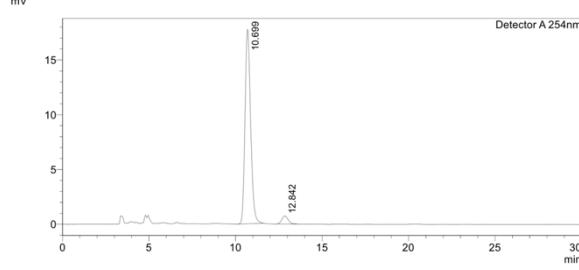
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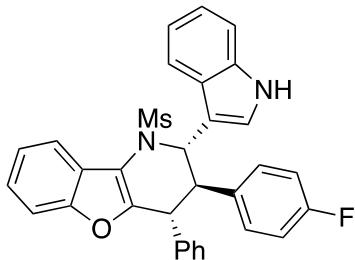
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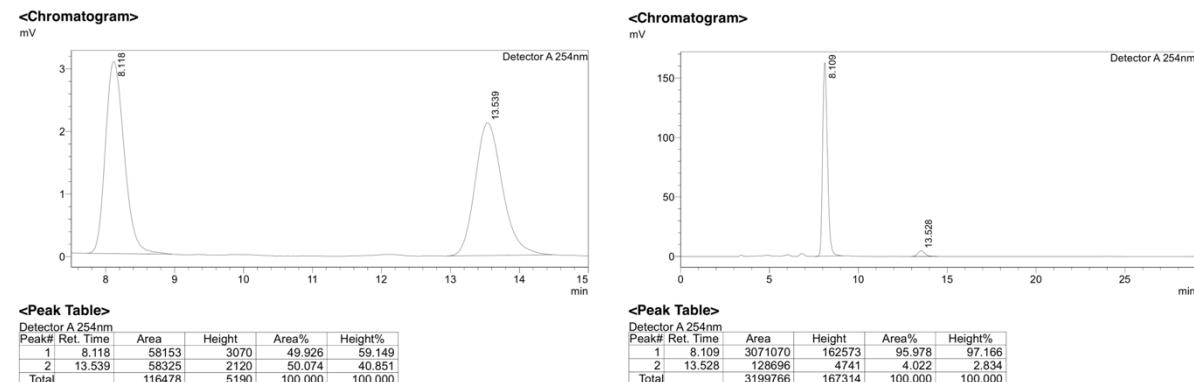
Racemic 3k

Enantioenriched 3k

(2S,3R,4R)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3l



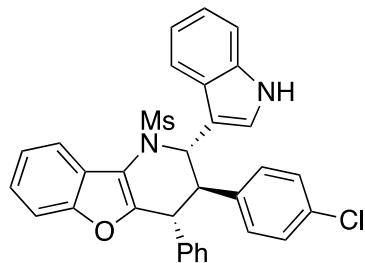
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 99%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -152$ (c 0.5, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 6.97 (m, 5H), 6.89 – 6.79 (m, 5H), 5.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.7 (d, $J = 245$ Hz), 154.1, 146.9, 139.0, 137.4, 137.4, 135.7, 129.5 (d, $J = 7$ Hz), 128.2, (d, $J = 13$ Hz), 126.8, 126.3, 125.6, 124.7, 123.6, 123.1, 122.4, 121.2, 120.2, 118.5, 115.5 (d, $J = 21$ Hz), 111.9, 111.5, 111.3, 61.2, 51.7, 47.2, 42.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [M - H]⁺ = 535.1497, found = 535.1500; the ee value was 92%, t_R (major) = 8.1 min, t_R (minor) = 13.5 min (Chiraldak IE, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



Racemic 3l

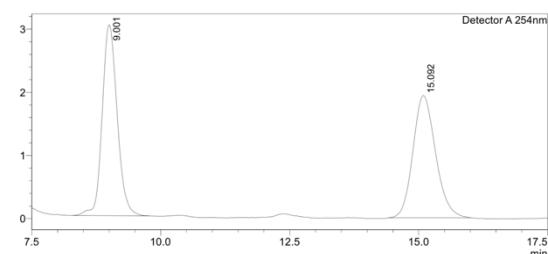
Enantioenriched 3l

(2S,3R,4R)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3m



Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 96%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -152$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 6.93 (m, 8H), 6.85 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.38 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 147.1, 140.1, 138.8, 135.7, 132.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 126.9, 126.4, 125.8, 124.7, 123.8, 123.1, 122.5, 121.1, 120.3, 120.2, 118.5, 111.9, 111.5, 111.0, 61.0, 51.9, 47.4, 42.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅ClN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 551.1202, found = 551.1192; the ee value was 96%, t_R (major) = 9.0 min, t_R (minor) = 15.1 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% i-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

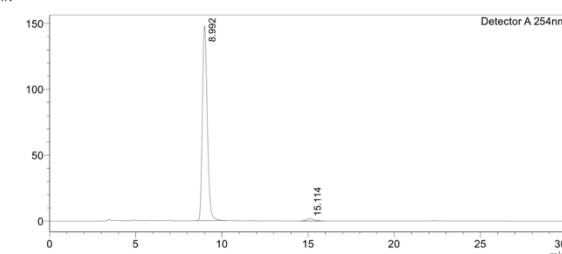
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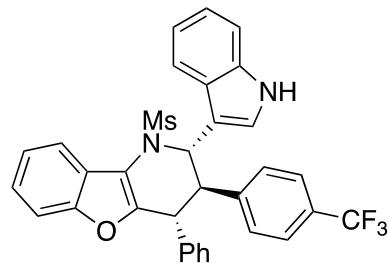
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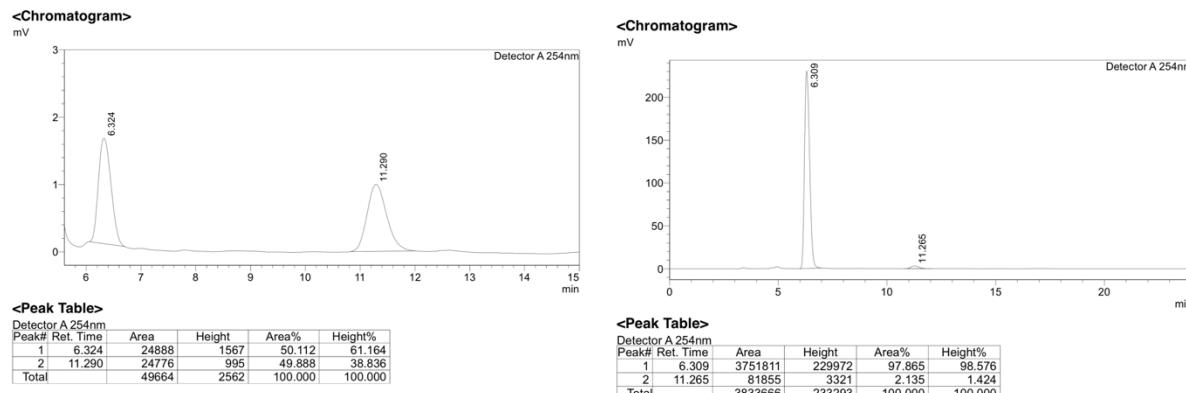
Racemic 3m

Enantioenriched 3m

(2S,3R,4R)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3n



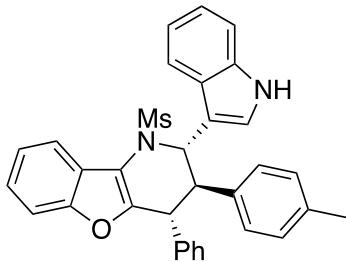
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 98%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -132$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.19 – 7.03 (m, 7H), 6.90 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 5.75 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.51 – 4.39 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.1, 147.2, 145.7, 138.6, 135.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 127.1, 126.5, 126.0, 125.5, 125.5, 124.7, 124.0 (q, $J = 271$ Hz), 123.8, 123.2, 122.6, 121.1, 120.4, 120.3, 118.4, 111.9, 111.6, 110.6, 60.7, 52.4, 47.7, 42.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M} - \text{H}$]⁺ = 585.1465, found = 585.1446; the ee value was 96%, t_R (major) = 6.3 min, t_R (minor) = 11.3 min (Chiralpak IE, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



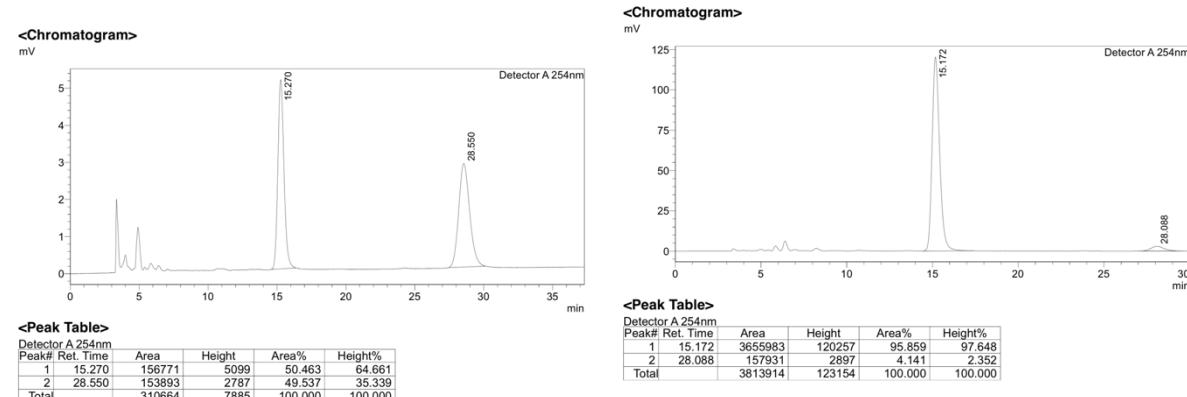
Racemic 3n

Enantioenriched 3n

(2S,3R,4R)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3o



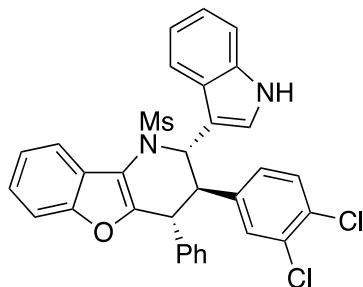
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 98%; $[a]_D^{25} = -112$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 6.97 (m, 6H), 6.97 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.78 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 146.3, 139.5, 138.8, 136.8, 135.9, 129.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 126.3, 126.1, 124.9, 124.6, 123.3, 123.1, 122.1, 121.5, 119.9, 118.6, 112.2, 111.8, 111.3, 61.5, 51.1, 45.6, 41.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₂₈N₂O₃S [M - H]⁺ = 531.1748, found = 531.1759; the *ee* value was 92%, t_R (major) = 15.2 min, t_R (minor) = 28.1 min (Chiraldak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



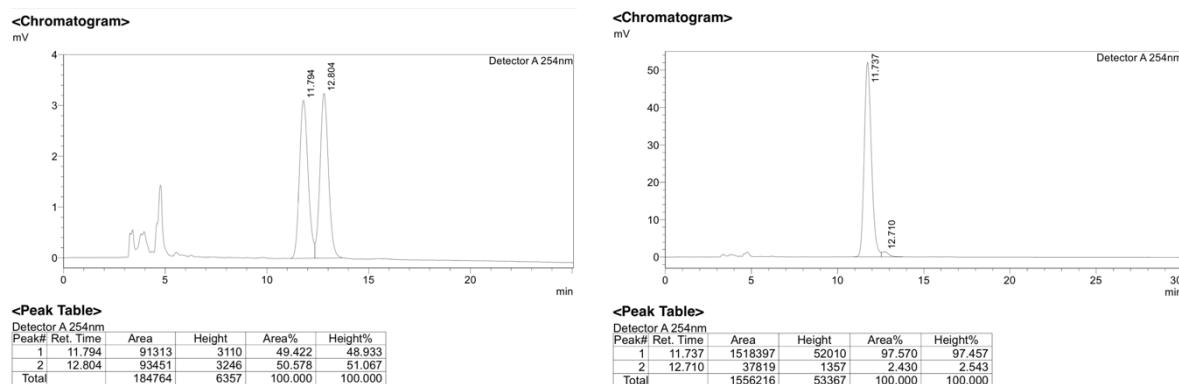
Racemic 3o

Enantioenriched 3o

(2S,3R,4R)-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3p



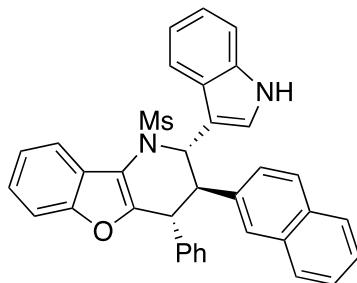
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 98%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -138$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.81 (m, 4H), 5.66 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.29 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 147.1, 141.9, 138.5, 135.6, 132.5, 131.0, 130.6, 130.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 127.2, 126.4, 125.9, 124.7, 123.8, 123.2, 122.7, 121.0, 120.5, 120.3, 118.4, 111.9, 111.6, 110.5, 60.6, 52.1, 47.9, 42.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₄Cl₂N₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 585.0812, found = 585.0804; the ee value was 95%, t_R (major) = 11.7 min, t_R (minor) = 12.7 min (Chiralpak ID, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



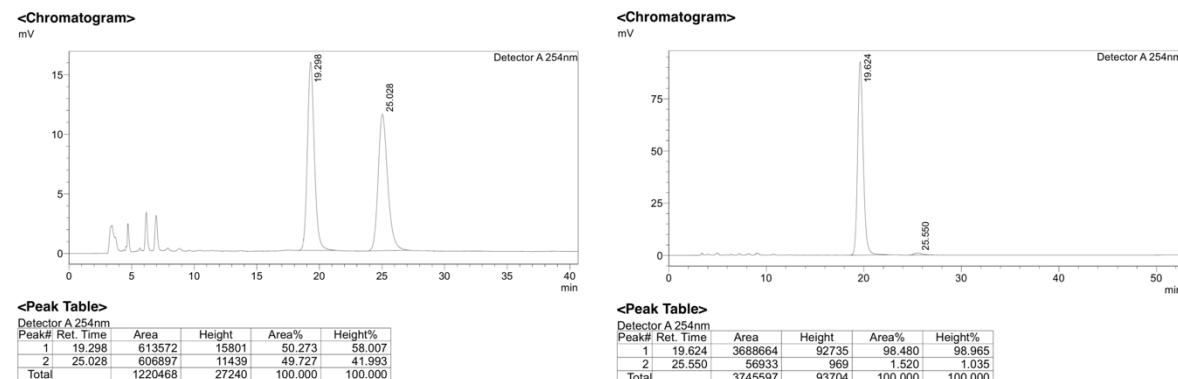
Racemic 3p

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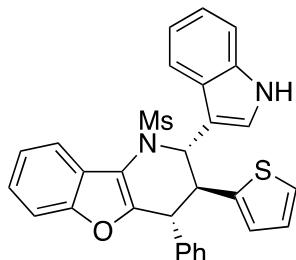
(2S,3R,4R)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3q



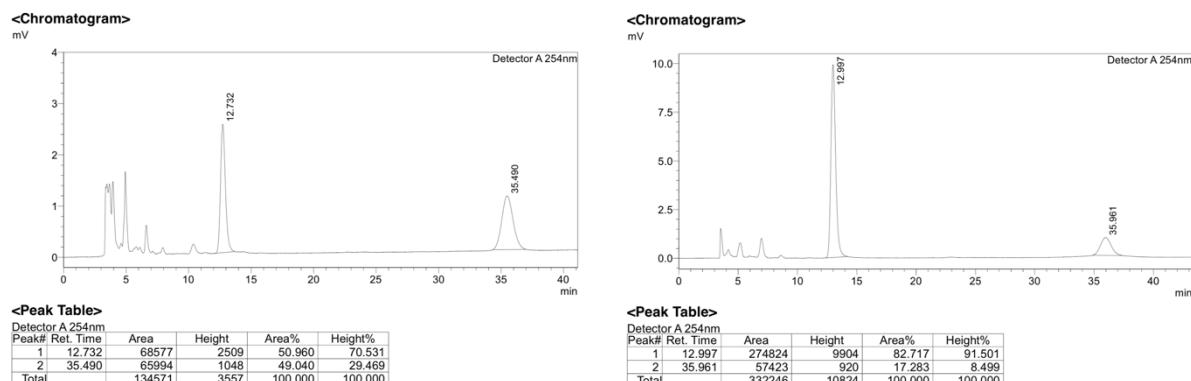
Brownish oil; isolated yield = 99%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -139$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.90 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.94 (m, 3H), 6.87 – 6.77 (m, 3H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.59 – 4.55 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 147.3, 139.3, 139.0, 135.7, 133.2, 132.4, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 126.5, 126.2, 125.9, 125.7, 124.6, 123.8, 123.1, 122.3, 121.3, 120.2, 120.1, 118.6, 111.9, 111.4, 61.2, 52.3, 46.9, 42.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₆H₂₈N₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 567.1748, found = 567.1752; the ee value was 97%, t_R (major) = 19.6 min, t_R (minor) = 25.6 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% i-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



(2S,3S,4R)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-
b]pyridine 3r



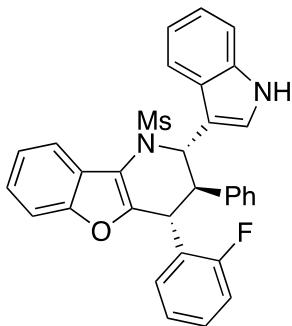
Brownish oil; isolated yield = 98%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -60$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 6.93 (m, 4H), 6.92 – 6.79 (m, 5H), 6.78 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.71 – 4.68 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 145.4, 139.2, 136.2, 127.6, 126.9, 126.2, 125.6, 124.8, 124.4, 124.1, 123.2, 122.7, 122.1, 121.7, 119.8, 119.3, 118.6, 112.4, 111.9, 111.2, 61.8, 46.7, 45.9, 41.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₀H₂₄N₂O₃S₂ [M - H]⁻ = 523.1156, found = 523.1144; the *ee* value was 65%, t_R (major) = 12.9 min, t_R (minor) = 35.9 min (Chiraldak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



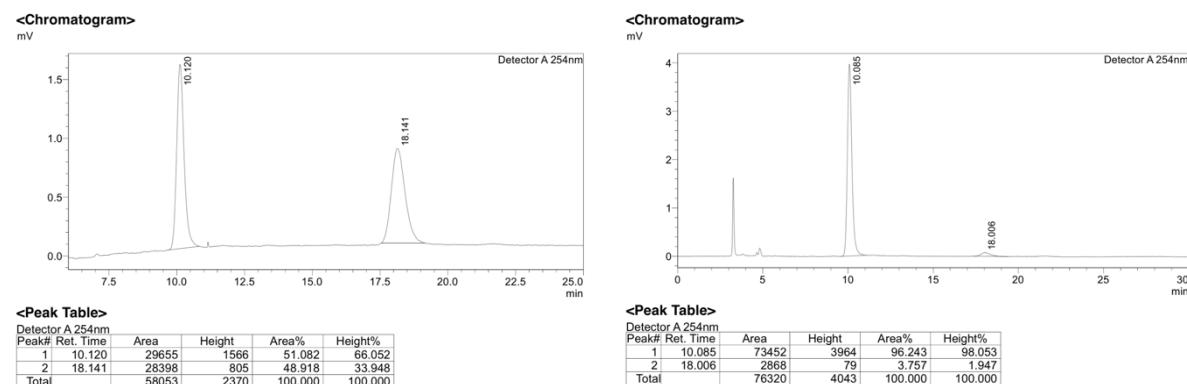
Racemic 3r

Enantioenriched 3r

(2S,3R,4R)-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3s



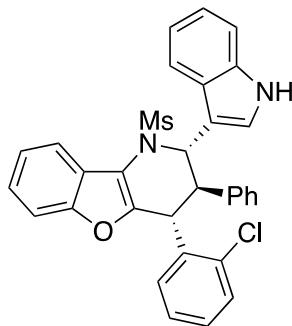
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 90%; $[a]_D^{25} = -117$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 – 8.23 (m, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.13 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.83 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 6.68 – 6.60 (m, 1H), 6.48 – 6.45 (m, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5 (d, *J* = 244 Hz), 154.1, 141.6, 136.5, 129.2 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 127.7, 127.4, 126.2 (d, *J* = 13 Hz), 125.4, 124.8, 123.6, 123.3, 122.8, 122.8, 122.5, 122.0, 121.8, 120.1, 119.7, 118.6, 114.7 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 113.3, 111.9, 111.2, 61.7, 48.6, 40.9, 37.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅FN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 535.1497, found = 535.1487; the ee value was 92%, t_R (major) = 10.1 min, t_R (minor) = 18.0 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



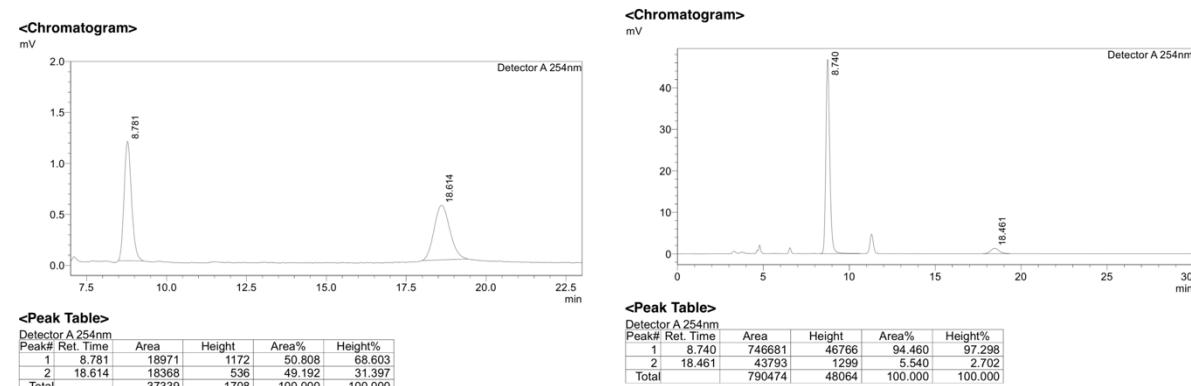
Racemic 3s

Enantioenriched 3s

(2S,3R,4R)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3t



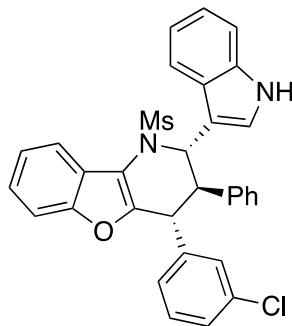
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 82%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -26$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.21 (m, 9H), 7.10 – 6.83 (m, 5H), 6.60 – 6.41 (m, 2H), 6.05 – 6.00 (m, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 142.0, 136.7, 133.1, 131.6, 129.2, 128.9, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 125.2, 125.1, 125.0, 123.4, 123.0, 122.1, 121.9, 120.3, 119.6, 118.5, 114.0, 112.4, 111.9, 111.0, 61.9, 47.1, 40.6, 39.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅ClN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 551.1202, found = 551.1191; the ee value was 89%, t_R (major) = 8.7 min, t_R (minor) = 18.5 min (Chiraldak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% i-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



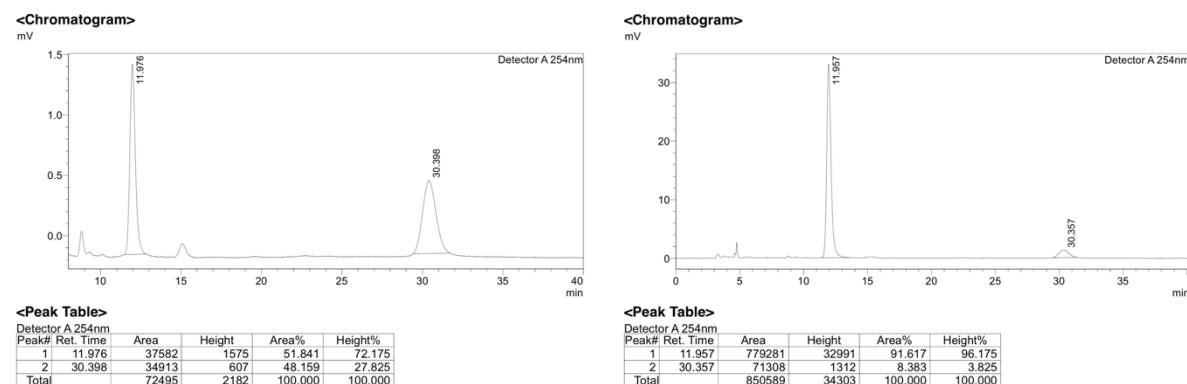
Racemic 3t

Enantioenriched 3t

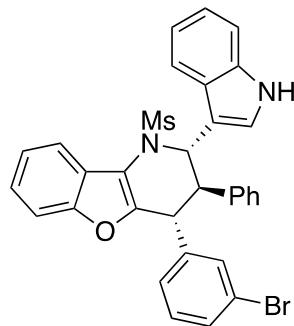
(2S,3R,4R)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3u



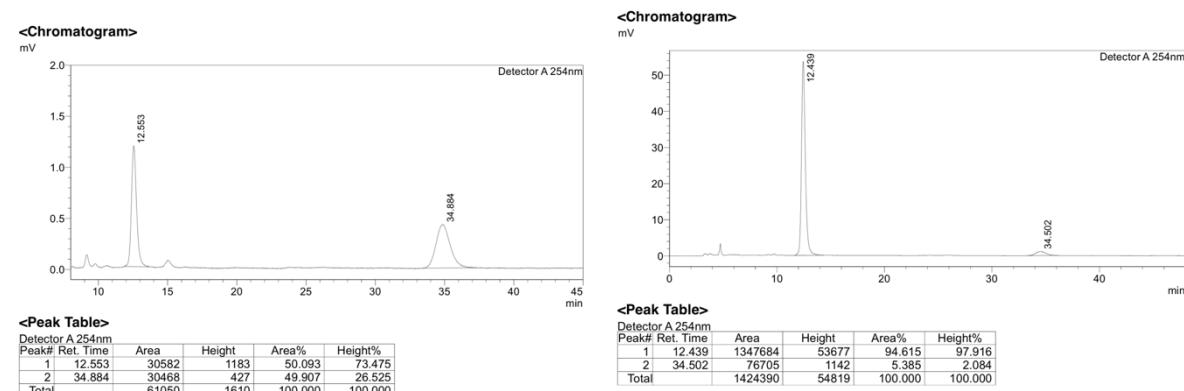
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 84%; $[a]_D^{25} = -51$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.15 – 6.91 (m, 3H), 6.82 – 6.58 (m, 4H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.94 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.37 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.3, 143.4, 141.8, 136.4, 133.2, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.2, 126.1, 125.5, 125.1, 124.1, 123.4, 122.4, 122.2, 122.0, 120.2, 119.9, 118.6, 112.8, 112.1, 111.3, 61.5, 50.3, 43.2, 41.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} [\text{M} - \text{H}]^- = 551.1202$, found = 551.1197; the ee value was 83%, t_R (major) = 12.0 min, t_R (minor) = 30.4 min (Chiralpak IE, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



(2S,3R,4R)-4-(3-bromophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3v



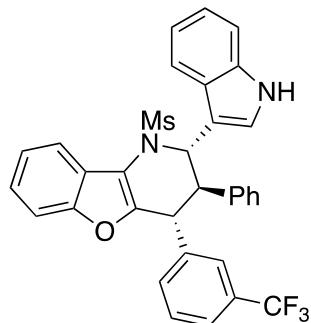
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 80%; $[a]_D^{25} = -116$ (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 – 8.25 (m, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.19 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.84 (s, 2H), 6.70 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 5.99 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 142.0, 141.7, 136.3, 130.5, 129.1, 129.0, 127.9, 127.6, 126.4, 125.3, 125.0, 123.8, 123.4, 122.1, 122.0, 121.4, 120.0, 119.8, 118.5, 112.0, 111.2, 61.4, 50.0, 42.8, 41.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅BrN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 595.0696, found = 595.0698; the *ee* value was 89%, t_R (major) = 12.4 min, t_R (minor) = 34.5 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



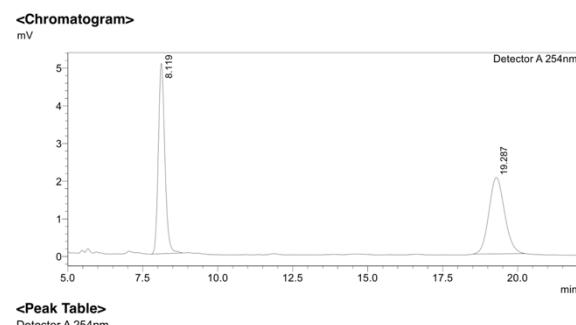
Racemic 3v

Enantioenriched 3v

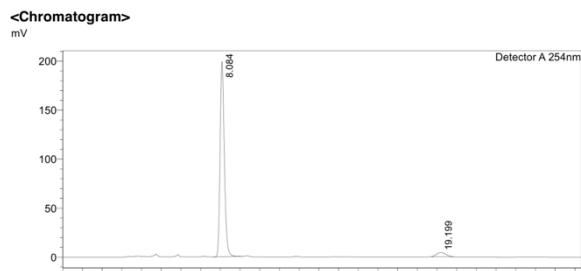
(2S,3R,4R)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3w



Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 92%; $[a]_D^{25} = -93$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 – 8.28 (m, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.09 – 6.70 (m, 8H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 141.6, 140.8, 136.3, 130.8, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 127.9, 127.9, 127.7, 125.1, 124.1, 123.9 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 123.5, 123.4, 122.7, 122.1, 122.0, 120.2, 119.7, 118.4, 112.8, 111.9, 111.3, 61.4, 49.9, 42.7, 41.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₃H₂₅F₃N₂O₃S [M - H]⁺ = 585.1465, found = 585.1470; the *ee* value was 90%, t_R (major) = 8.1 min, t_R (minor) = 19.2 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

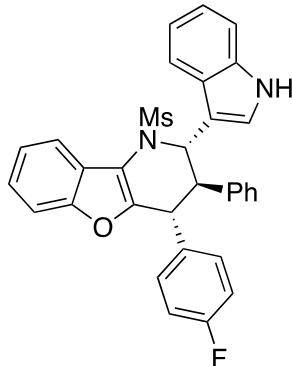


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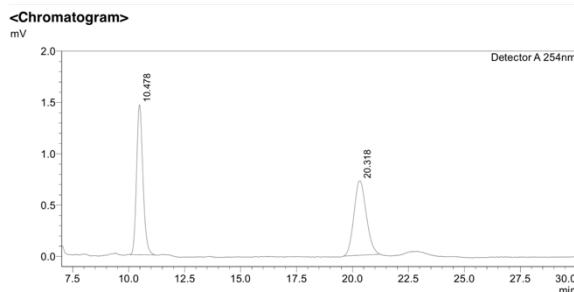


Enantioenriched 3w

(2S,3R,4R)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3x



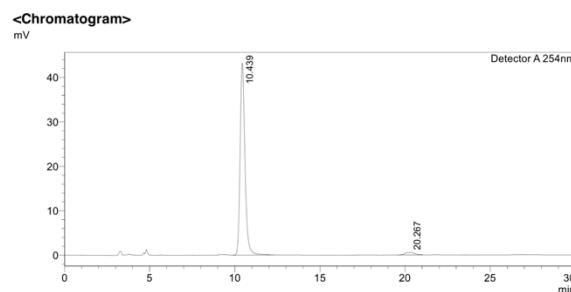
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 93%; $[a]_D^{25} = -113$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 9H), 7.14 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.82 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.56 (m, 5H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3 (d, *J* = 244 Hz), 154.1, 145.7, 141.6, 136.0, 135.2 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 8 Hz), 128.8, 128.0, 127.3, 126.0, 124.8, 123.2, 123.1, 122.3, 121.6, 120.1, 112.0, 118.5, 114.6 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 112.0, 111.8, 111.4, 61.4, 51.4, 44.7, 41.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅FN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 535.1497, found = 535.1492; the *ee* value was 95%, t_R (major) = 10.4 min, t_R (minor) = 20.3 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



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Detector A 254nm

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Racemic 3x

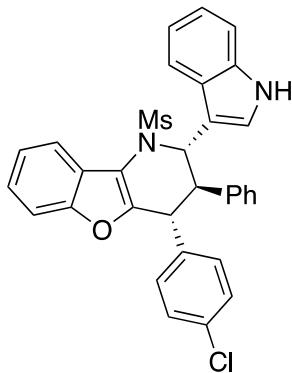


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Detector A 254nm

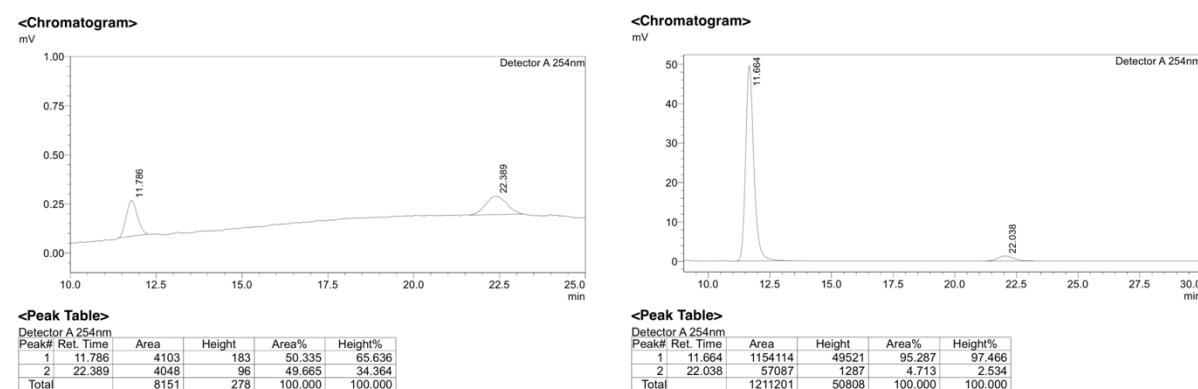
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Enantioenriched 3x

(2S,3R,4R)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3y



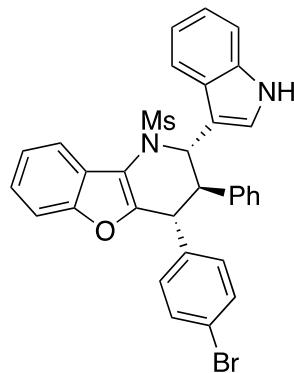
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 83%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -50$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 6.99 (m, 7H), 6.86 – 6.84 (m, 3H), 6.64 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.37 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 141.6, 138.0, 136.0, 132.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 125.9, 125.4, 124.9, 124.7, 123.3, 123.0, 122.4, 121.7, 120.2, 120.0, 118.6, 111.8, 111.4, 61.4, 53.5, 51.0, 41.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅ClN₂O₃S [M - H]⁺ = 551.1202, found = 551.1204; the ee value was 91%, t_R (major) = 11.7 min, t_R (minor) = 22.0 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



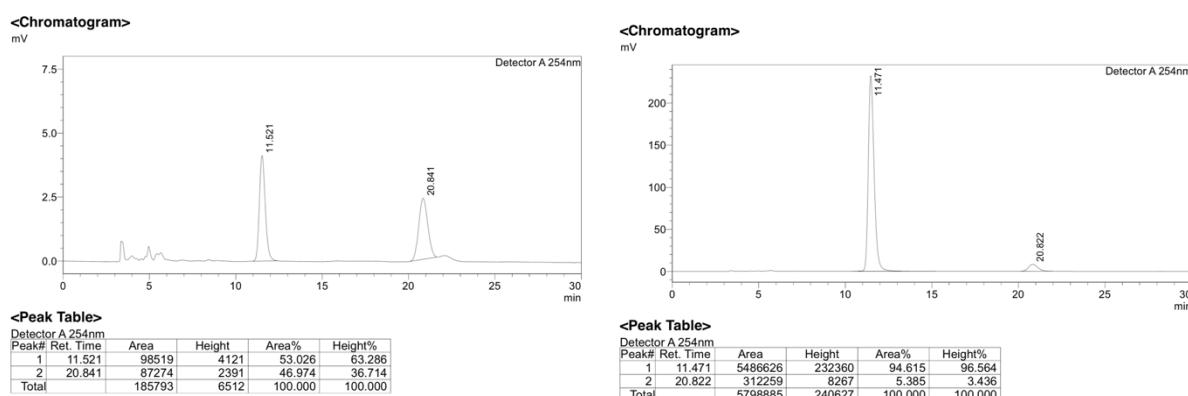
Racemic 3y

Enantioenriched 3y

(2S,3R,4R)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3z



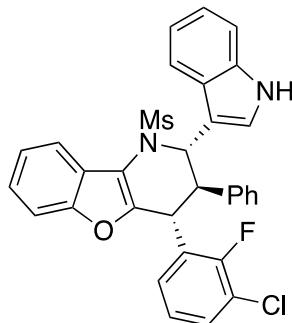
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 80%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -160$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 – 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.84 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.57 – 6.55 (m, 2H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.38 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 141.5, 138.6, 136.1, 130.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.0, 127.4, 124.9, 124.6, 123.3, 122.9, 122.4, 121.7, 120.2, 120.0, 118.5, 112.2, 111.8, 111.5, 61.4, 50.8, 44.4, 41.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₅BrN₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 595.0696, found = 595.0685; the ee value was 89%, t_R (major) = 11.5 min, t_R (minor) = 20.8 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



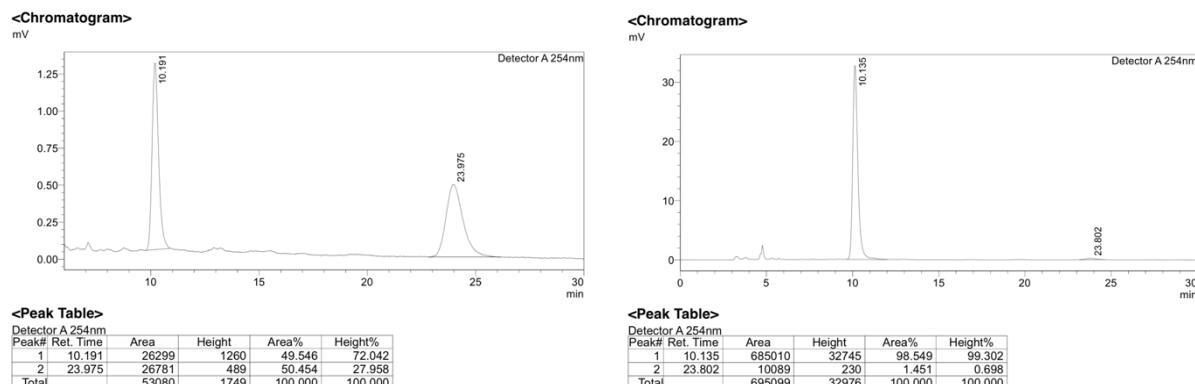
Racemic 3z

Enantioenriched 3z

(2S,3R,4R)-4-(3-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3a'



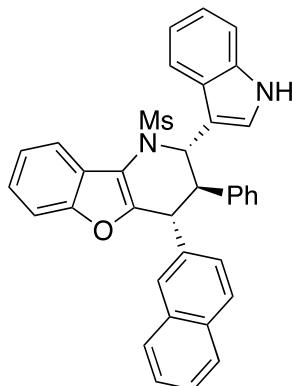
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 90%; $[a]_D^{25} = -75$ (c 0.5, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.34 – 8.28 (m, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.12 – 6.97 (m, 3H), 6.85 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 6.31 – 6.28 (m, 1H), 6.06 – 5.90 (m, 2H), 4.92 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.58 – 4.53 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.8 (d, $J = 247$ Hz), 154.2, 141.4, 136.7, 129.0, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6 (d, $J = 4$ Hz), 125.2, 123.6, 123.4, 123.0 (d, $J = 5$ Hz), 122.2 (d, $J = 8$ Hz), 120.3, 119.9, 118.6, 113.7, 112.0, 111.2, 61.8, 47.5, 40.8, 37.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClFN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} [\text{M} - \text{H}]^- = 569.1107$, found = 569.1105; the ee value was 97%, t_R (major) = 10.1 min, t_R (minor) = 23.8 min (Chiralpak IE, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



Racemic 3a'

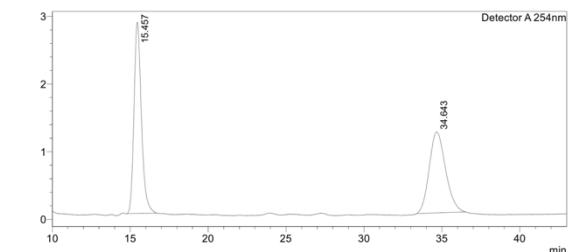
Enantioenriched 3a'

(2S,3R,4R)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 3b'

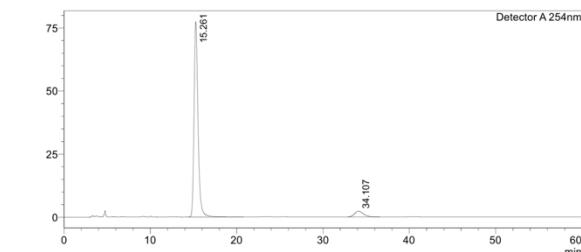


Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 85%; $[a]_D^{25} = -135$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.03 – 6.85 (m, 5H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 – 4.50 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 141.8, 136.8, 135.8, 133.0, 132.2, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.2, 126.1, 125.9, 125.7, 125.4, 125.1, 124.6, 123.4, 123.2, 122.14, 121.5, 120.1, 119.9, 118.5, 111.9, 111.1, 61.5, 51.1, 46.0, 41.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₀H₂₈N₂O₃S [M - H]⁺ = 567.1748, found = 567.1754; the ee value was 87%, t_R (major) = 15.3 min, t_R (minor) = 34.1 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).

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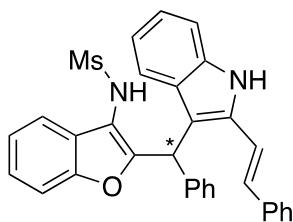
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Total		2638635	79714	100.000

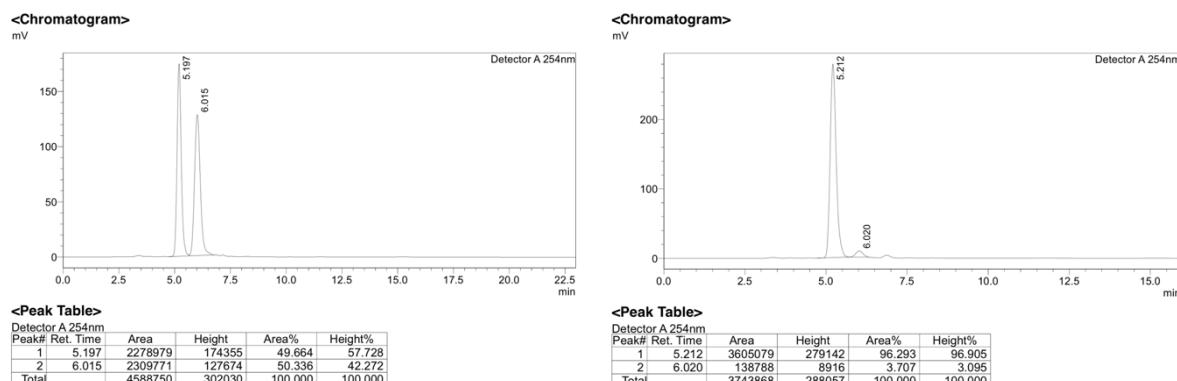
Racemic 3b'

Enantioenriched 3b'

(E)-N-(2-(phenyl(2-styryl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methyl)benzofuran-3-yl)methanesulfonamide **5**



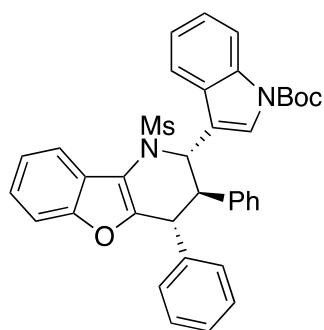
Yellowish oil; isolated yield = 95%; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +75$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.14 (m, 13H), 7.02 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 153.3, 139.9, 136.7, 136.6, 133.8, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.9, 127.0, 126.5, 125.8, 124.8, 123.6, 123.4, 120.6, 120.2, 118.7, 117.0, 114.2, 113.5, 112.2, 110.7, 40.3, 38.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₂₆N₂O₃S [M - H]⁻ = 517.1591, found = 517.1590; the *ee* value was 92%, t_R (major) = 5.2 min, t_R (minor) = 6.0 min (Chiralpak IC, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



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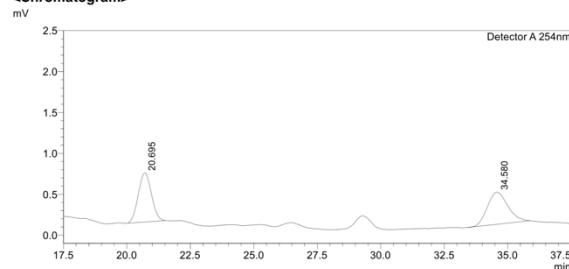
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3a-I



Off white oil; isolated yield = 96%; $[a]_D^{25} = -35.5$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.88 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.06 (m, 12H), 6.82 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 6.71 – 6.61 (m, 2H), 5.92 – 5.91 (m, 1H), 4.71 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.32 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.10, 149.27, 143.98, 141.49, 139.22, 135.47, 128.94, 128.37, 128.02, 127.99, 127.69, 127.63, 127.41, 126.12, 126.08, 125.15, 124.88, 124.77, 124.21, 123.34, 122.40, 122.21, 121.80, 119.60, 118.75, 117.55, 115.19, 111.77, 83.61, 60.83, 50.27, 42.69, 40.71, 28.03, 27.95, 27.72; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₃₇H₃₅N₂O₅S [M + H]⁺ = 619.2261, found = 619.2278; the *ee* value was 90%, t_R (major) = 20.5 min, t_R (minor) = 34.4 min (Chiralpak IE, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min).

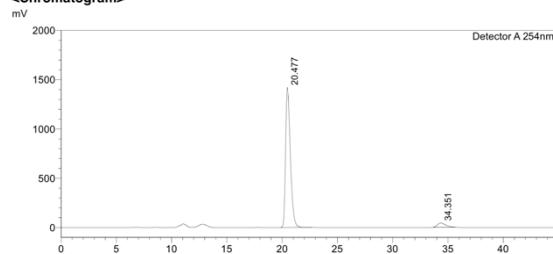
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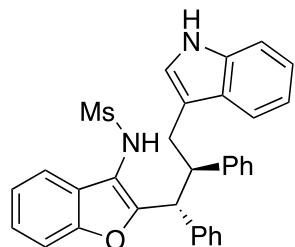
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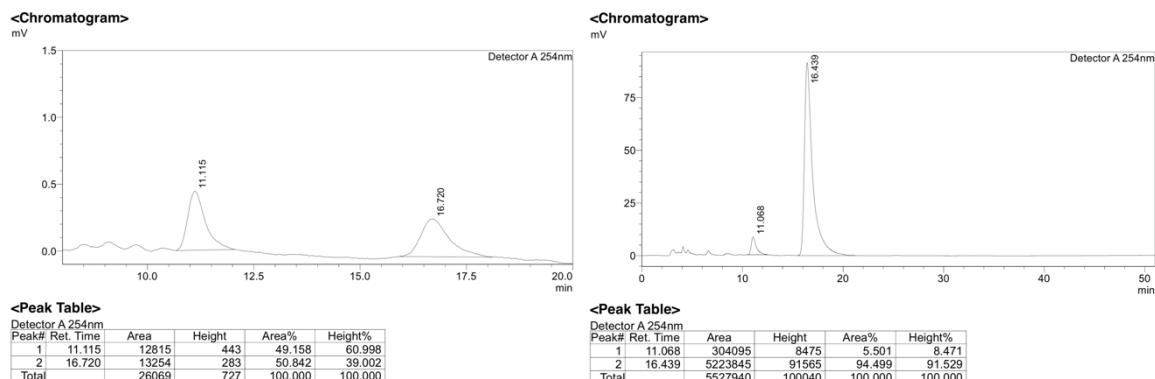
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2	34.351	2286655	43250	5.065	2.953
Total		45147188	1464845	100.000	100.000

3a-II



Pale yellow oil; isolated yield = 93%; $[a]_D^{25} = -33.8$ (c 1.0, MeOH); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 8.68 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.90 (m, 9H), 6.40 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (td, J = 11.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 14.5, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.82 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 156.9, 153.8, 143.4, 140.7, 136.7, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.1, 126.6, 125.3, 124.0, 123.2, 121.7, 119.9, 119.2, 118.8, 115.2, 113.6, 112.0, 111.7, 51.3, 49.0, 40.5, 31.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [M - H] $^-$ = 519.1748, found = 519.1760; the ee value was 89%, t_R (major) = 16.4 min, t_R (minor) = 11.1 min (Chiralpak AD-H, λ = 254 nm, 20% *i*-PrOH/Hexane, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min).



D. X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis and Determination of the Absolute Configurations of Product 3b

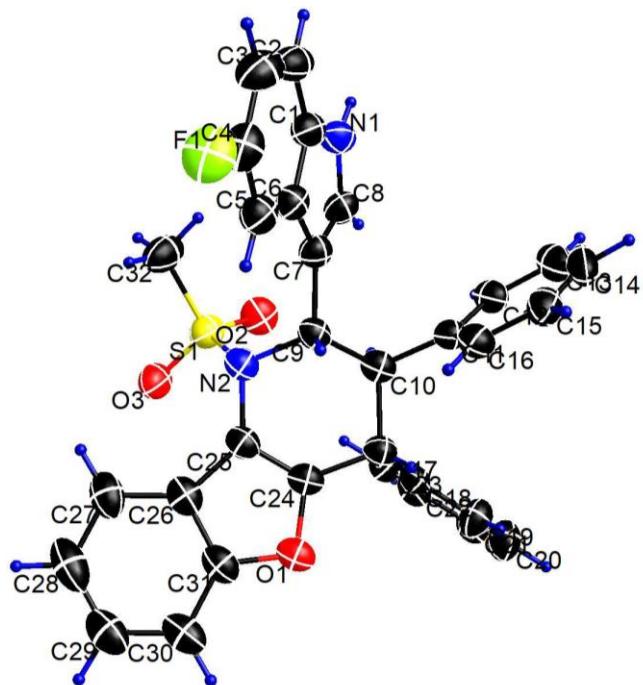


Figure 1. X-ray structure of **3b** (CCDC 2027692)

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for K255.
Identification code

Empirical formula	C ₃₅ H ₃₂ FN ₂ O ₃ S	
Formula weight	579.68	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	P ₂ 12 ₁ 2 ₁	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.8396(7) Å b = 14.8000(10) Å c = 20.0419(13) Å	a= 90°. b= 90°. g = 90°.
Volume	3215.2(4) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.198 Mg/m ³	

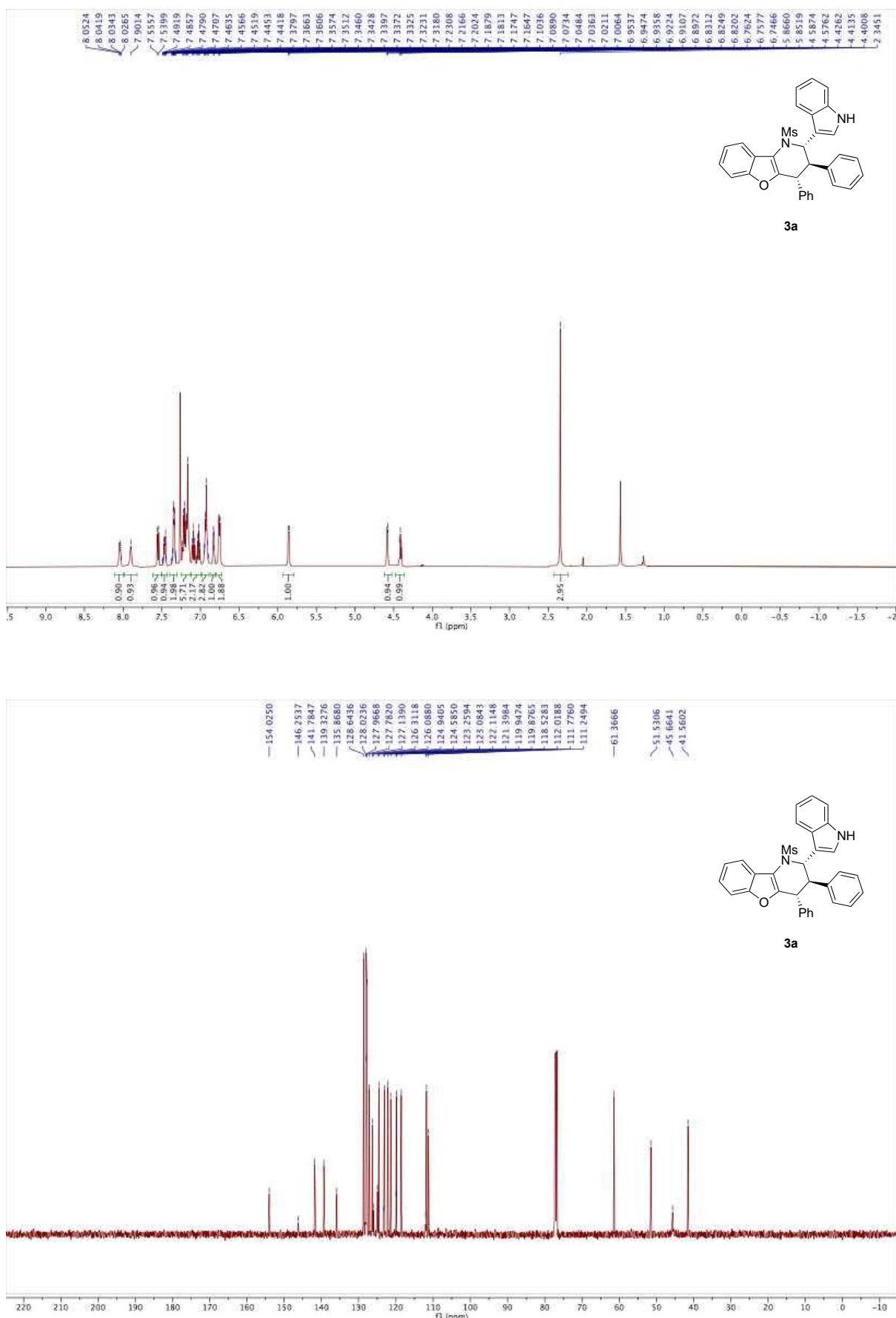
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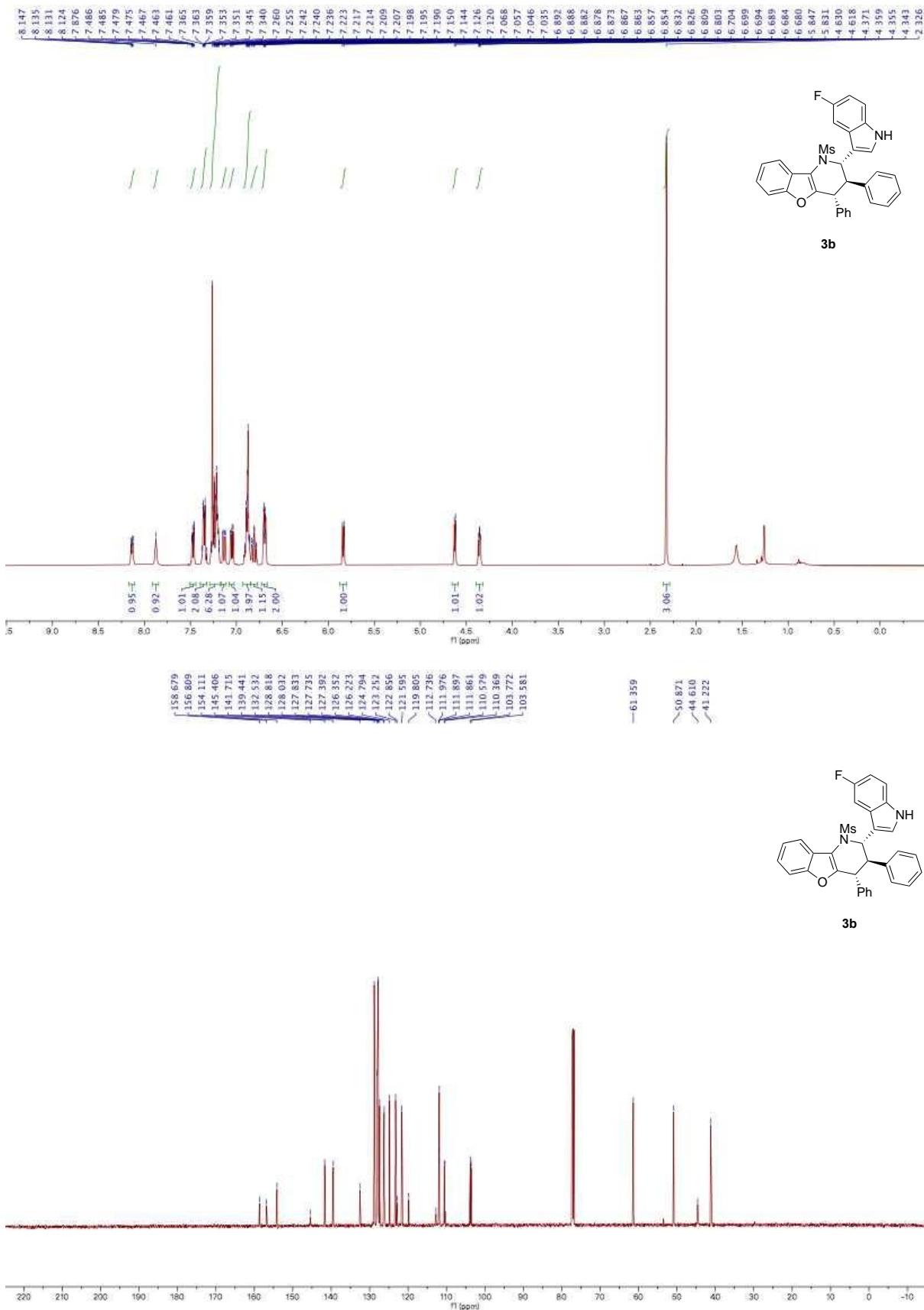
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Crystal size	0.340 x 0.272 x 0.051 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.753 to 29.756°.
Index ranges	-15<=h<=15, -20<=k<=20, -25<=l<=27
Reflections collected	46293
Independent reflections	9075 [R(int) = 0.0911]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.7 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7459 and 0.5968
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	9075 / 49 / 409
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.066
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0703, wR2 = 0.1644
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1416, wR2 = 0.2051
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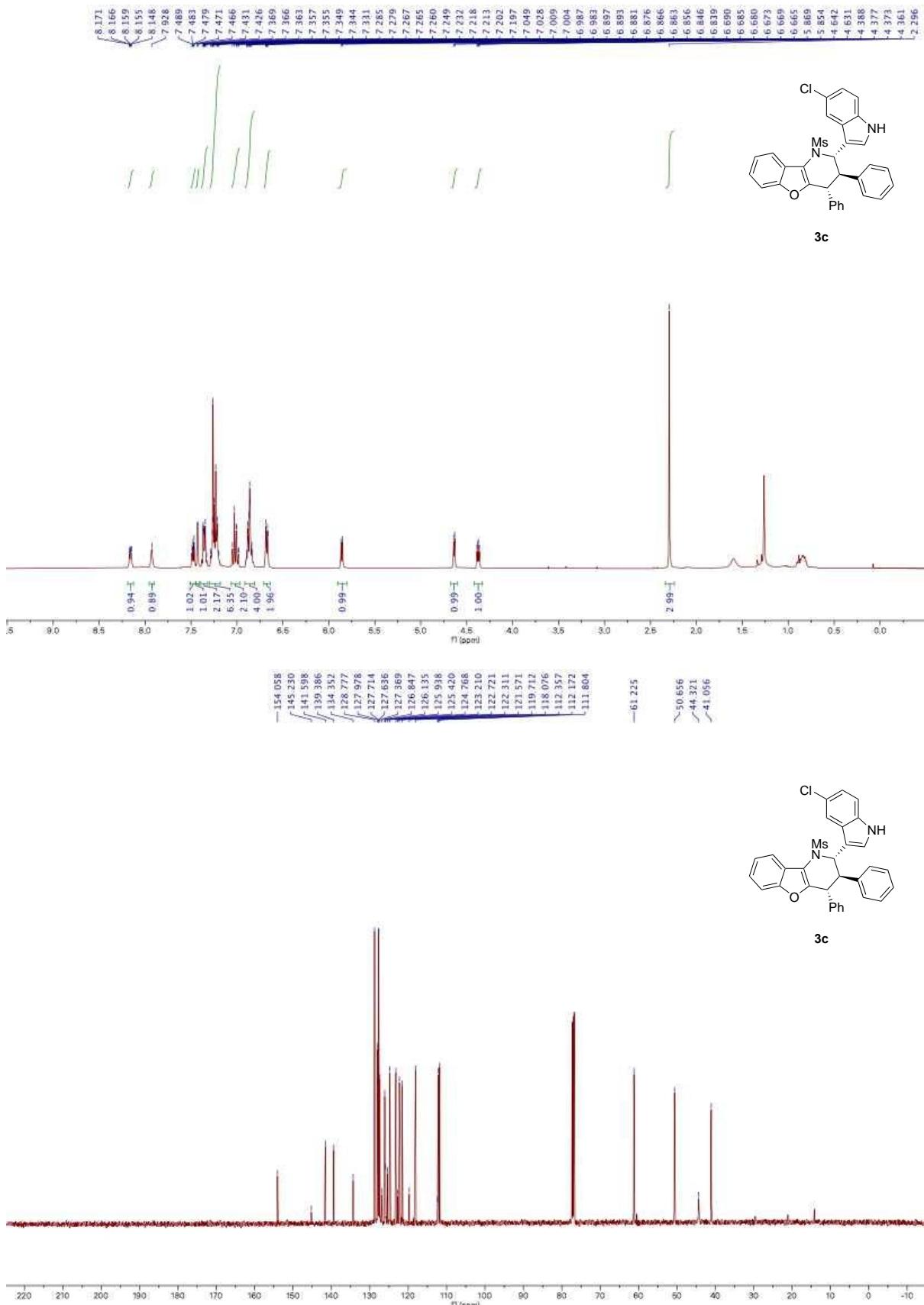
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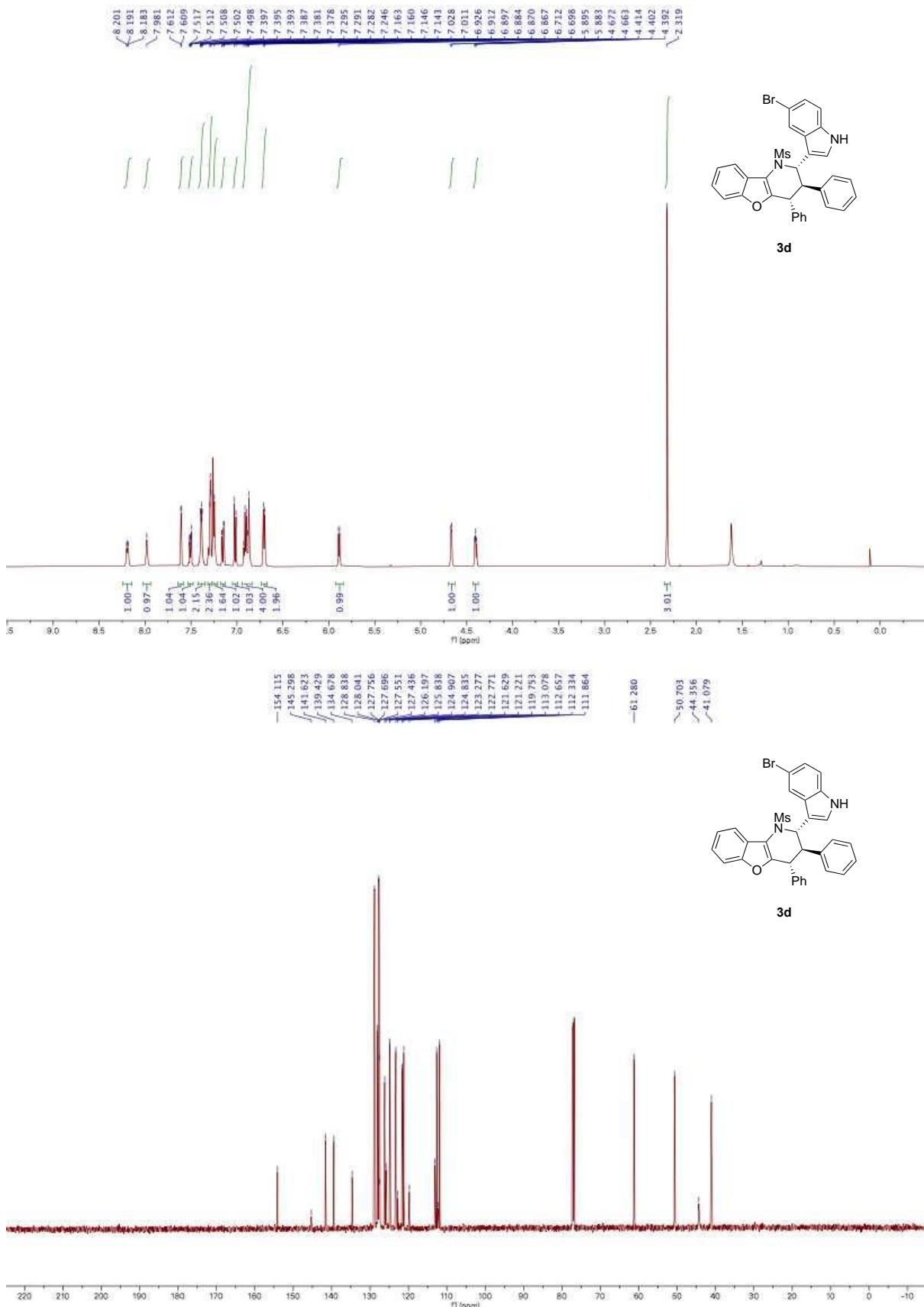
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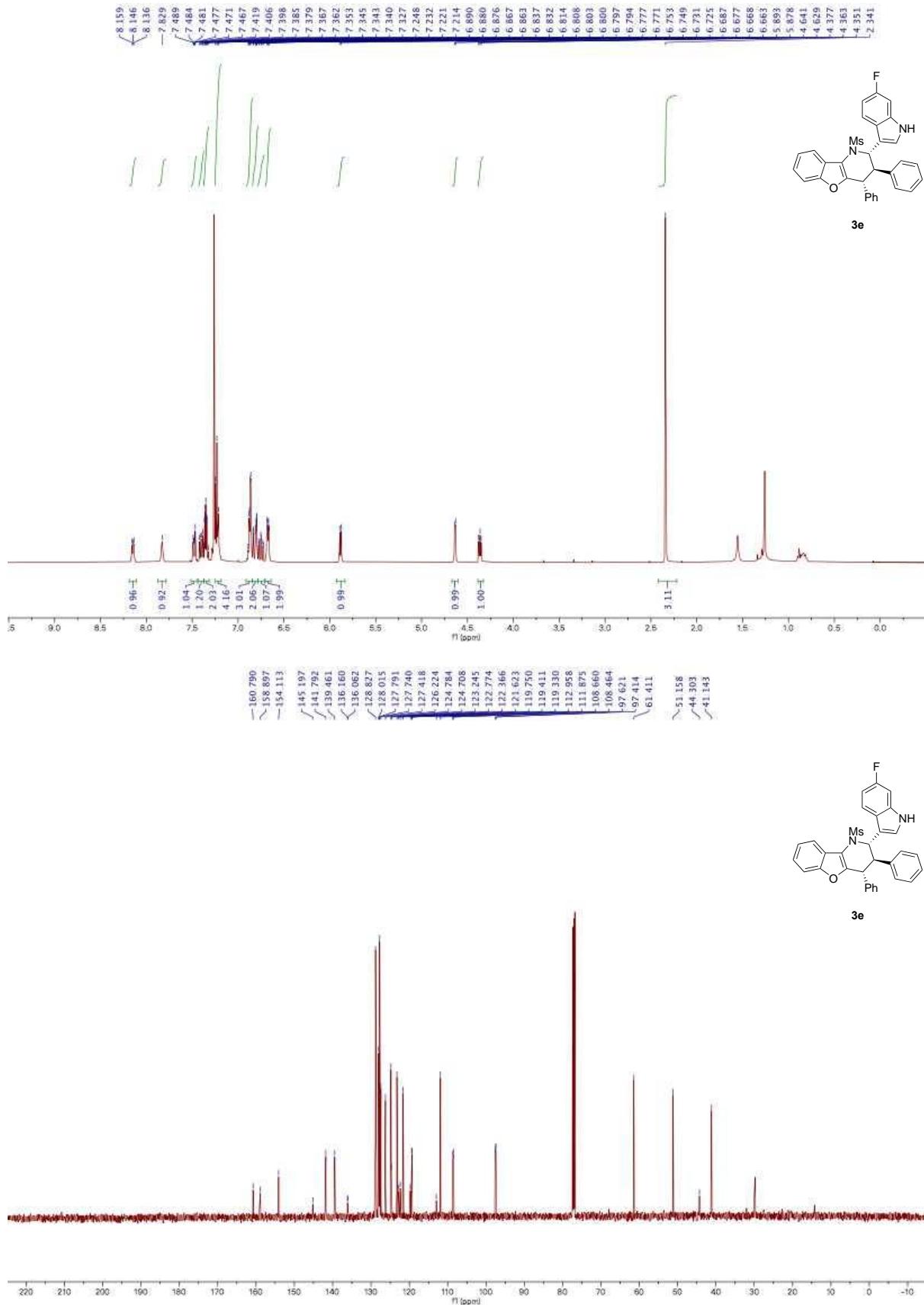
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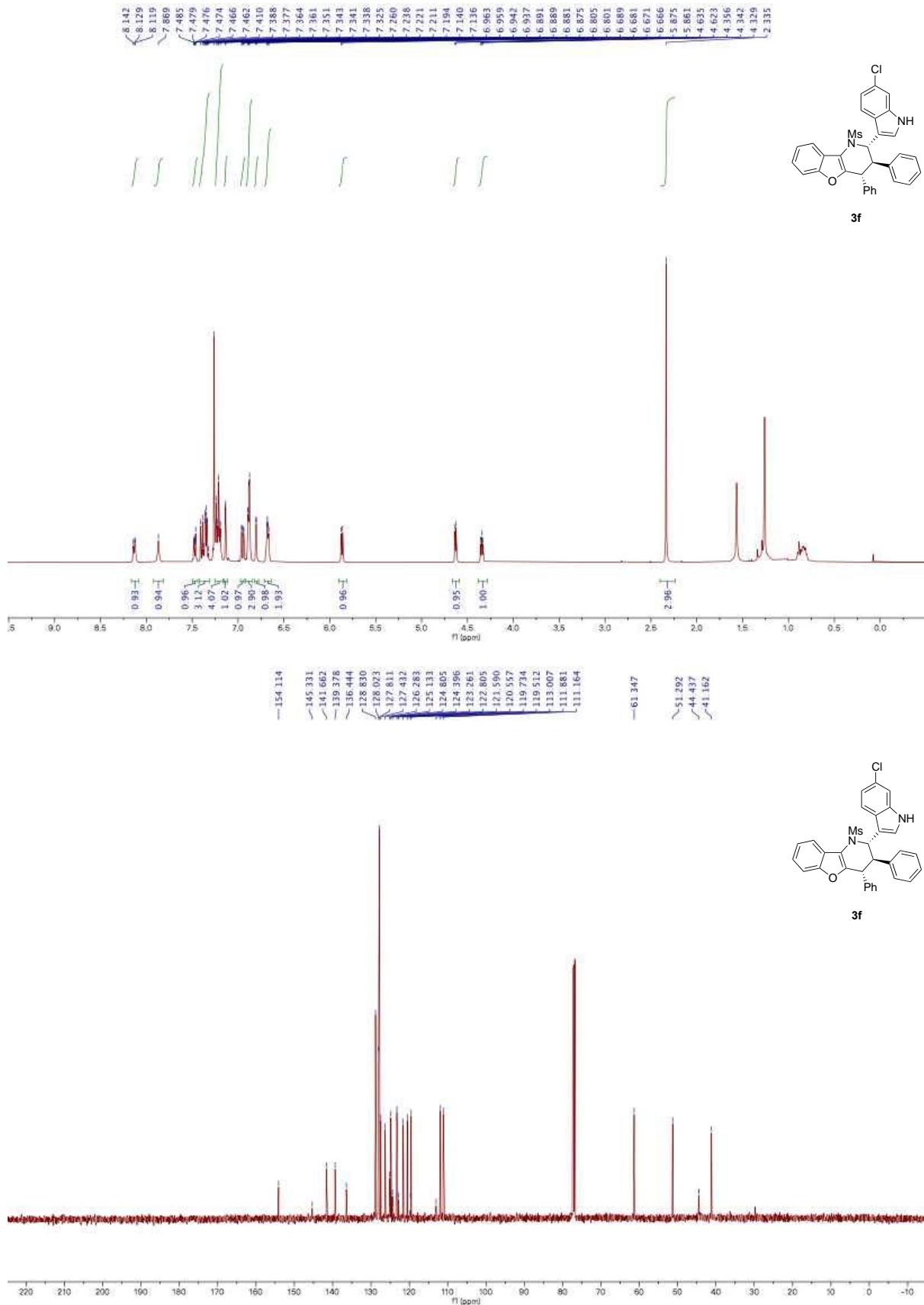


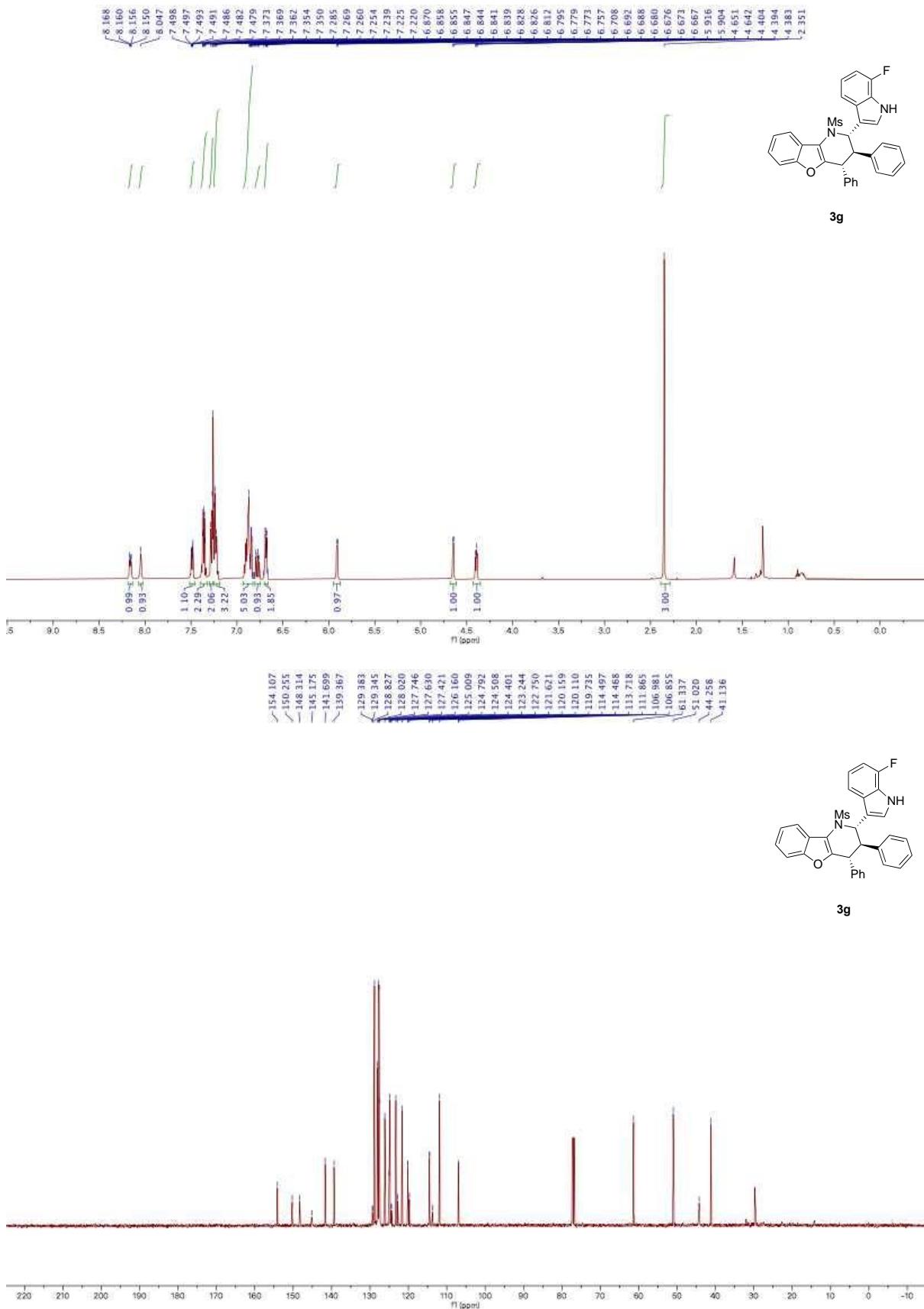


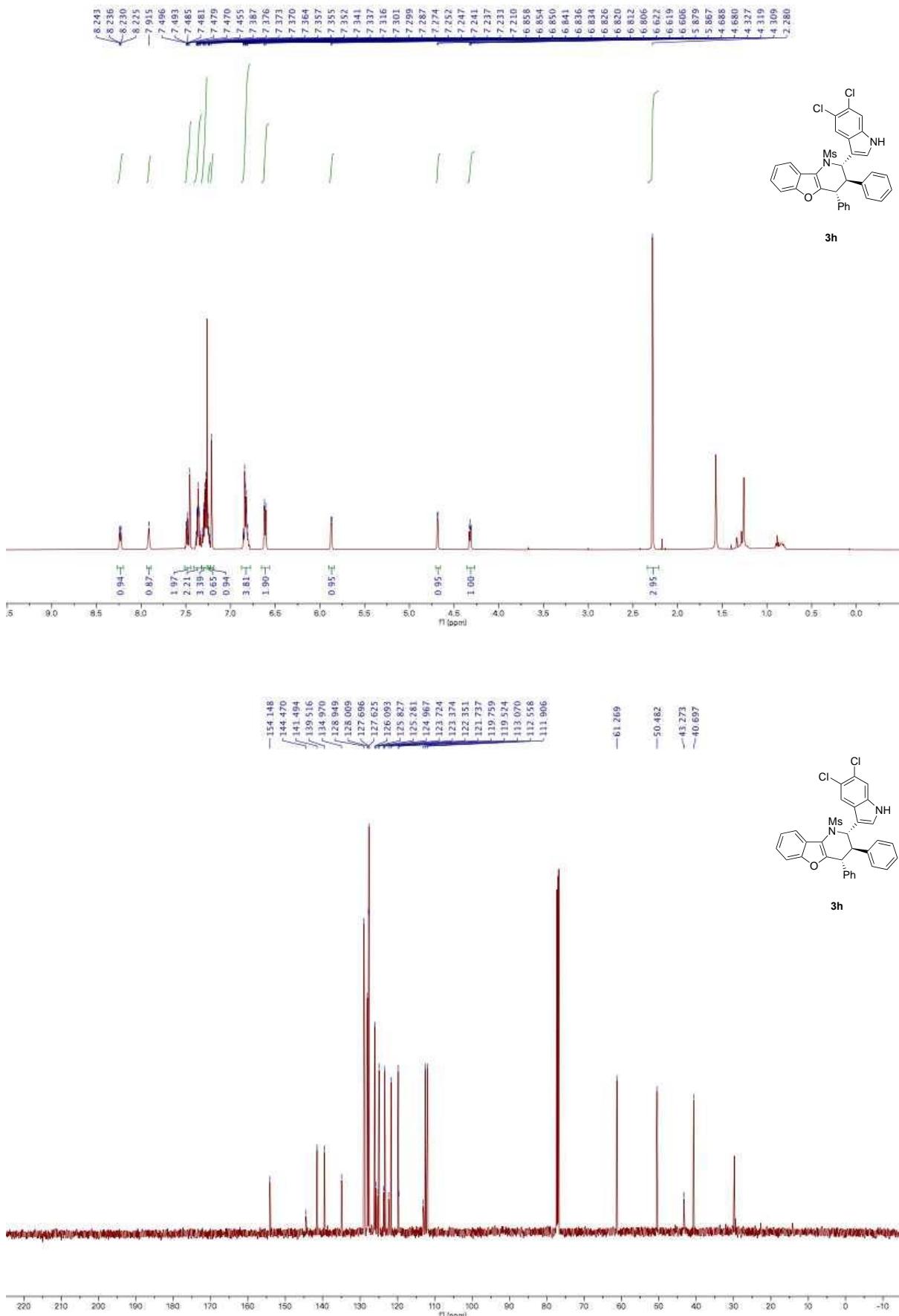


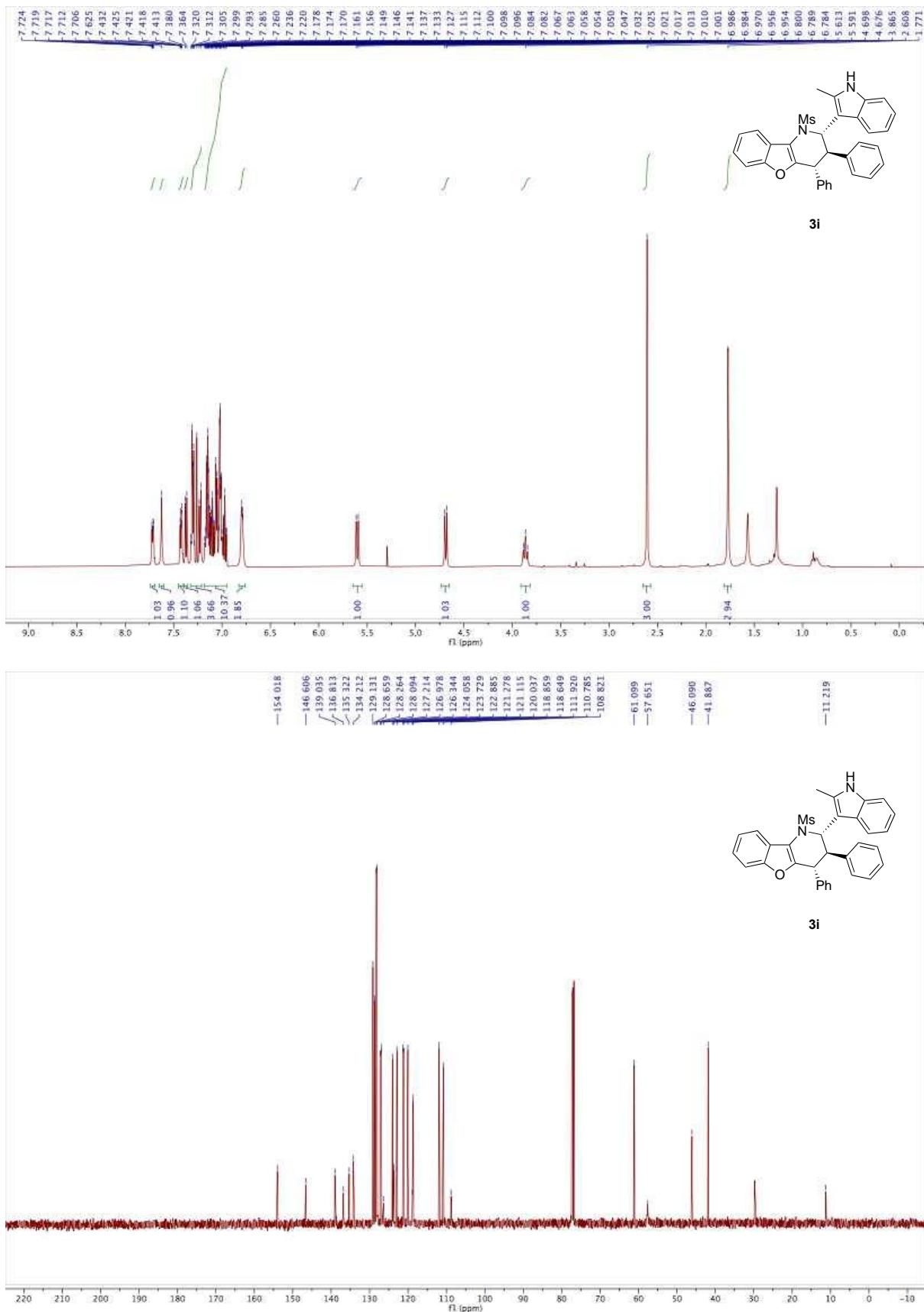


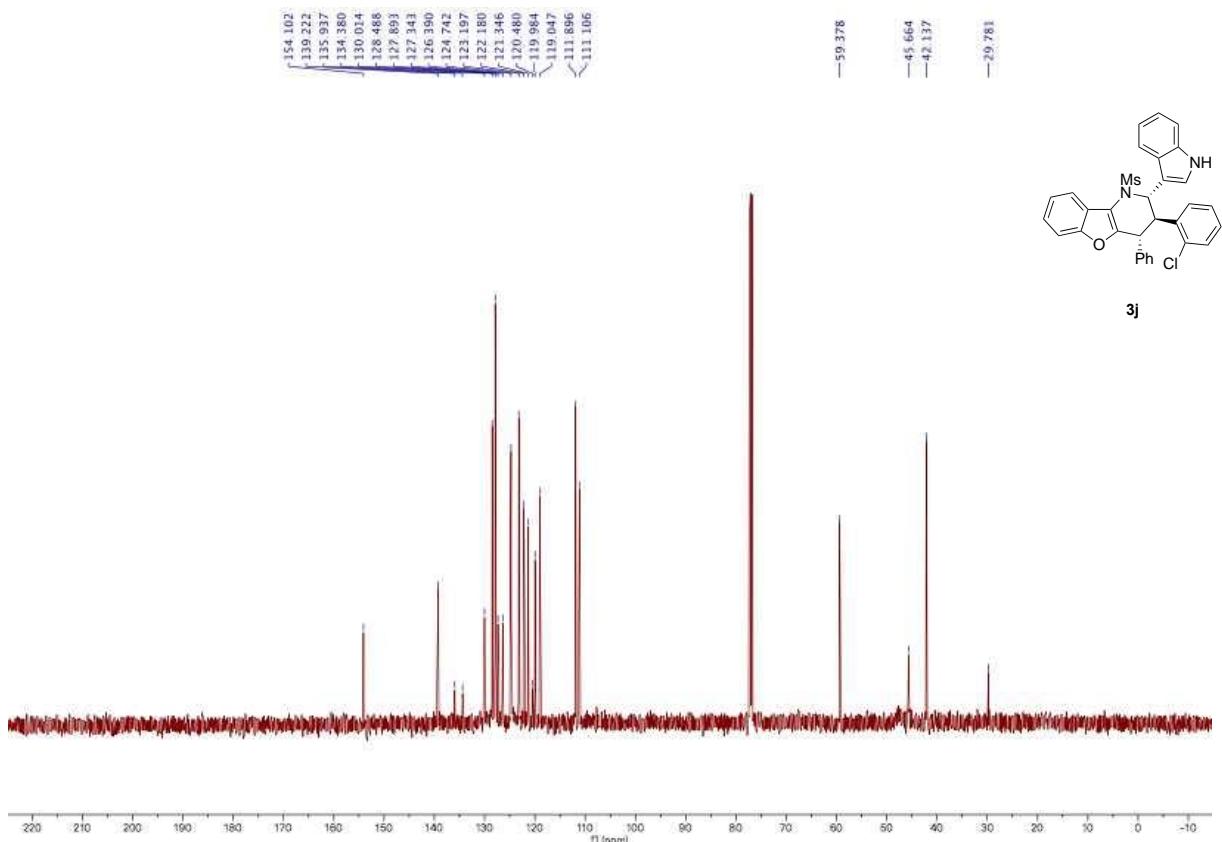
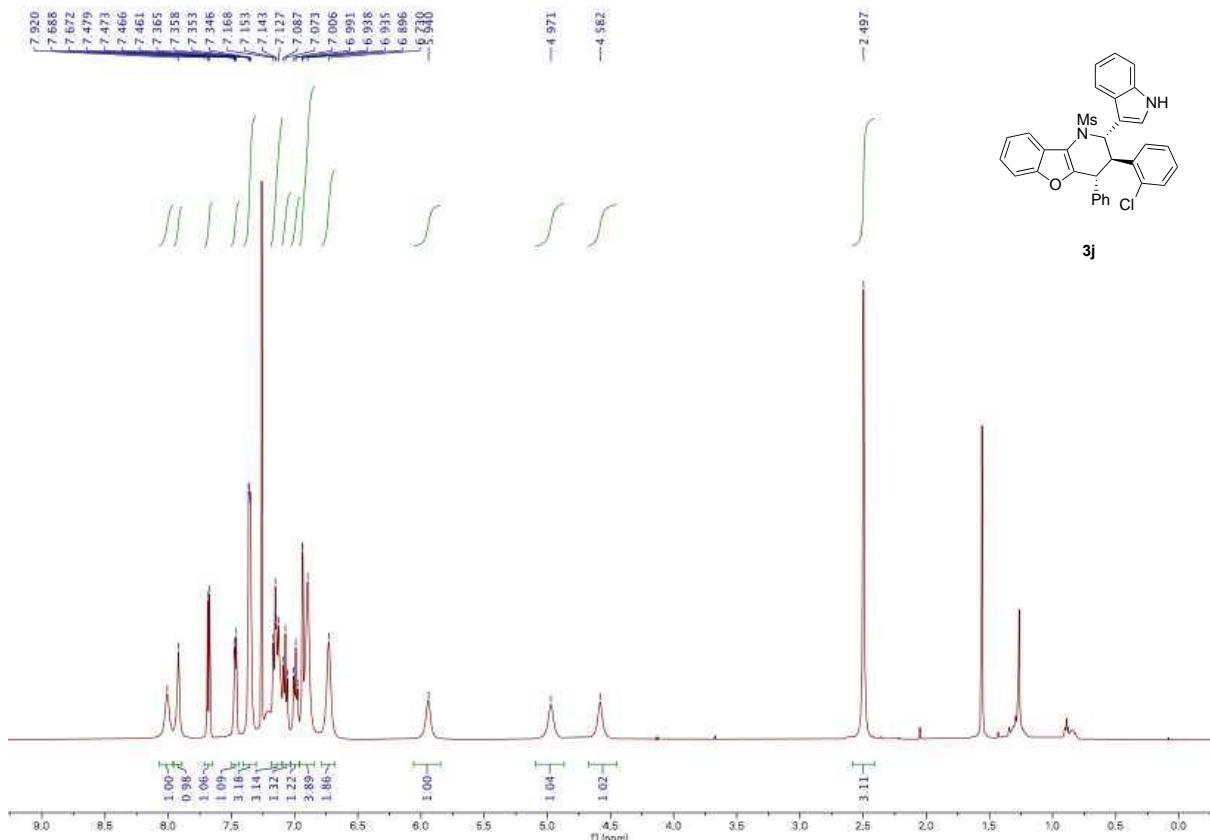


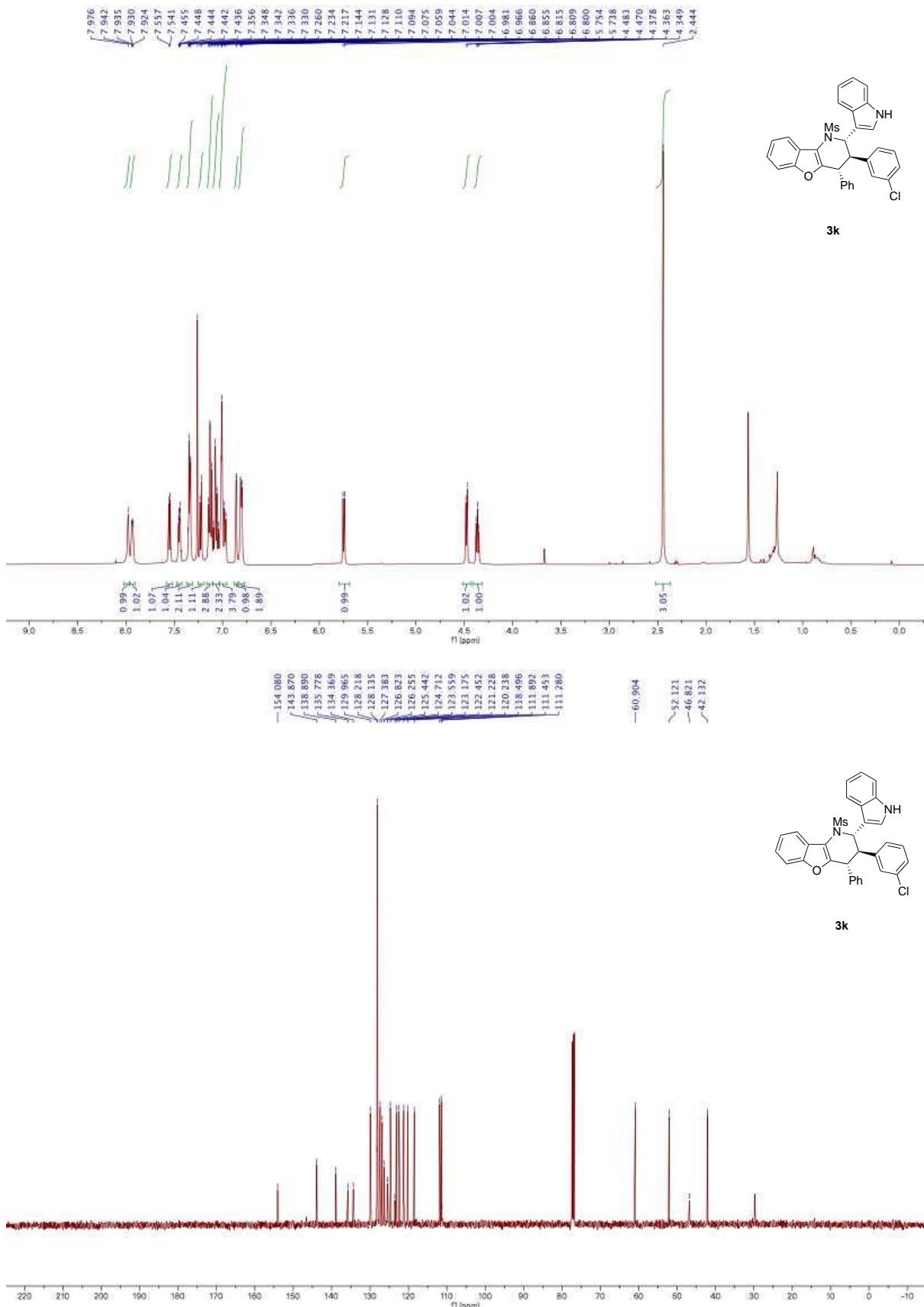


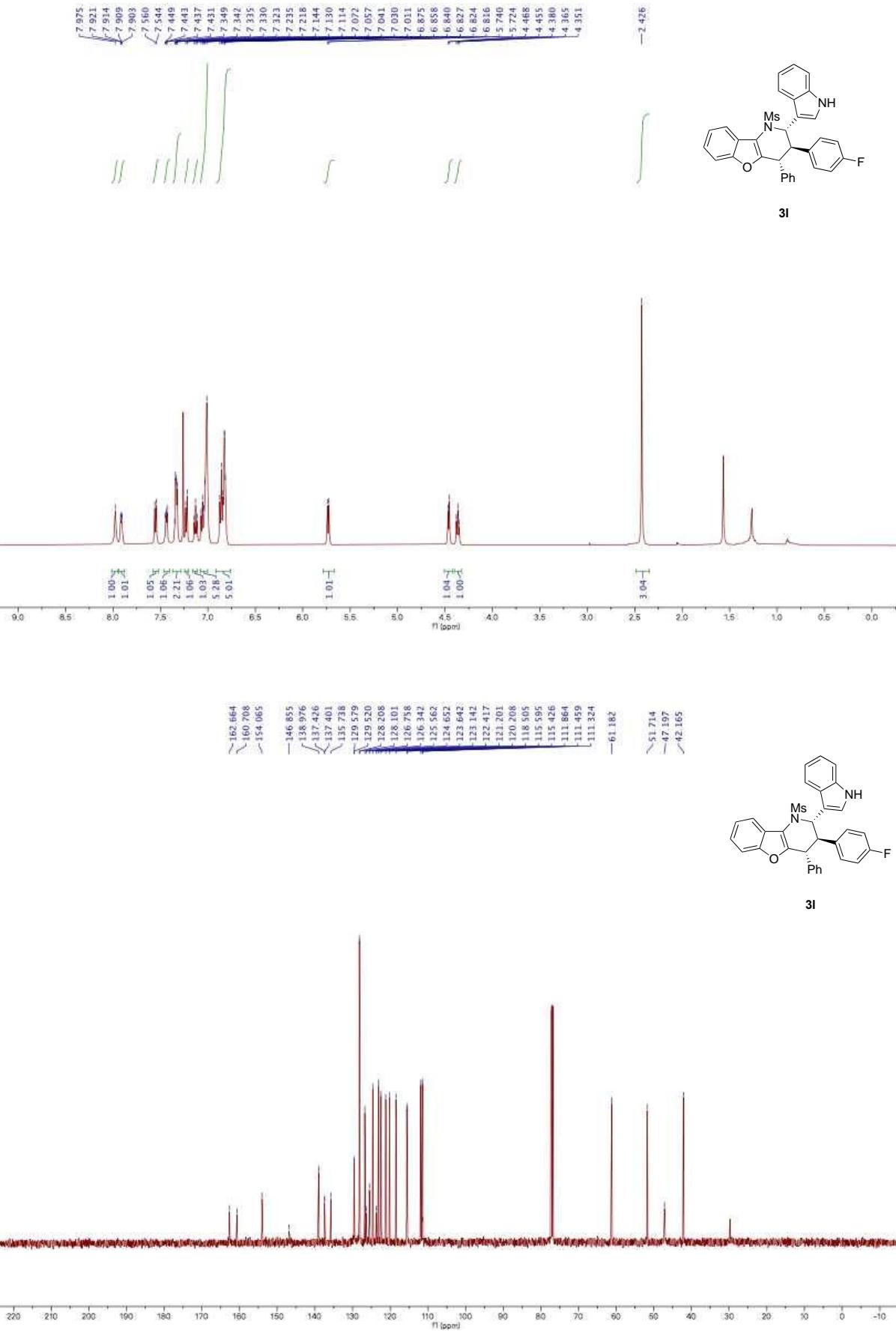


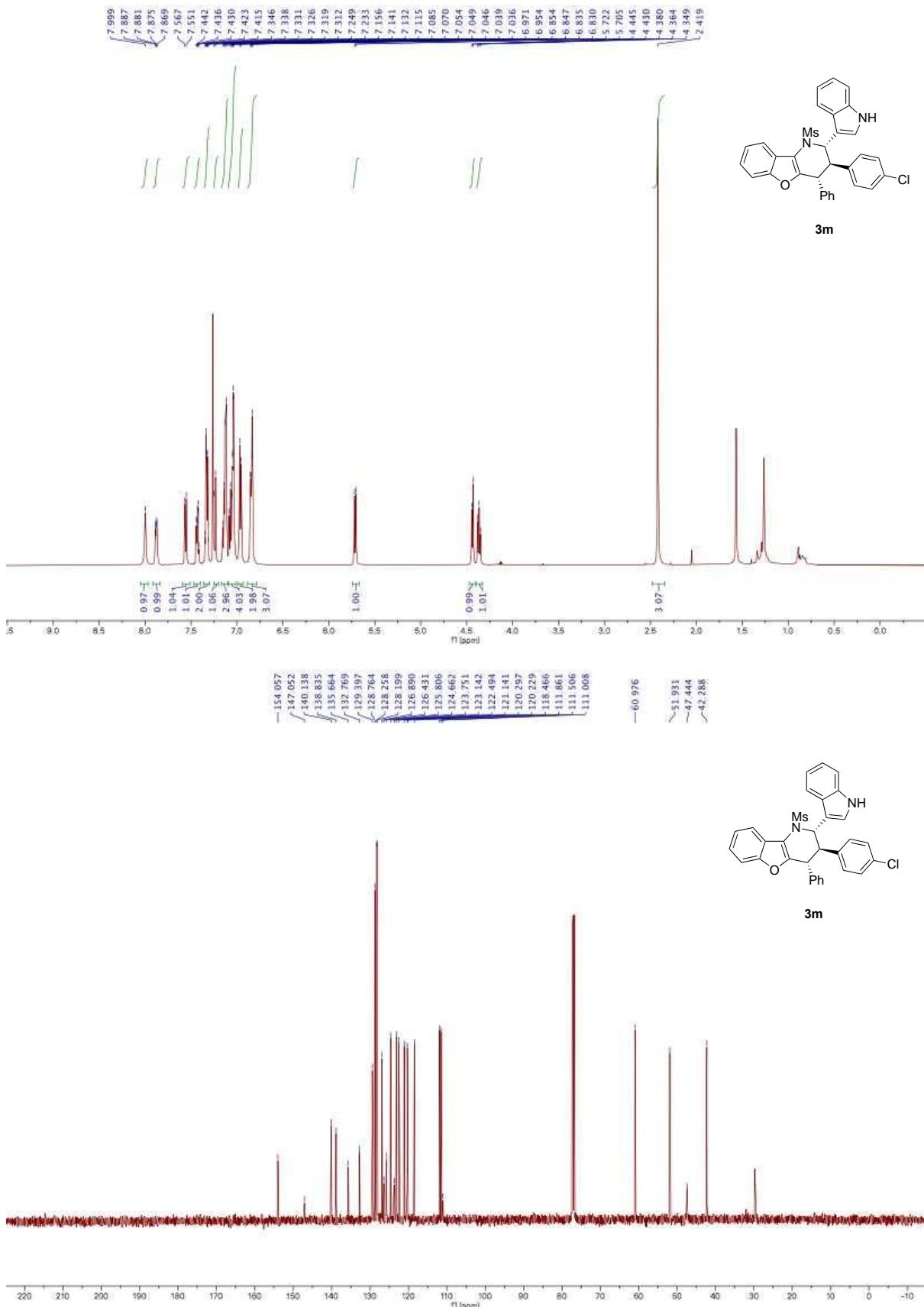


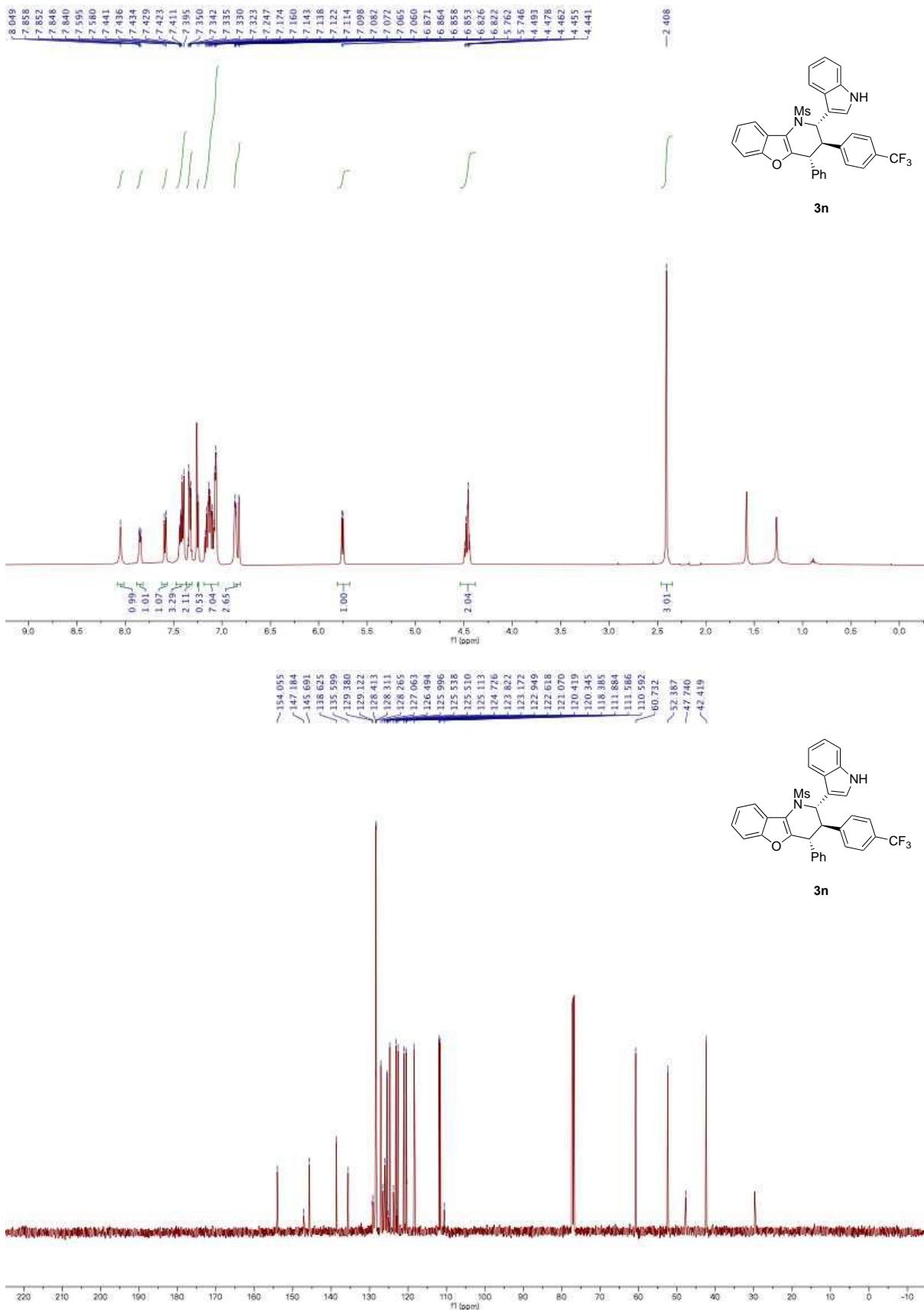


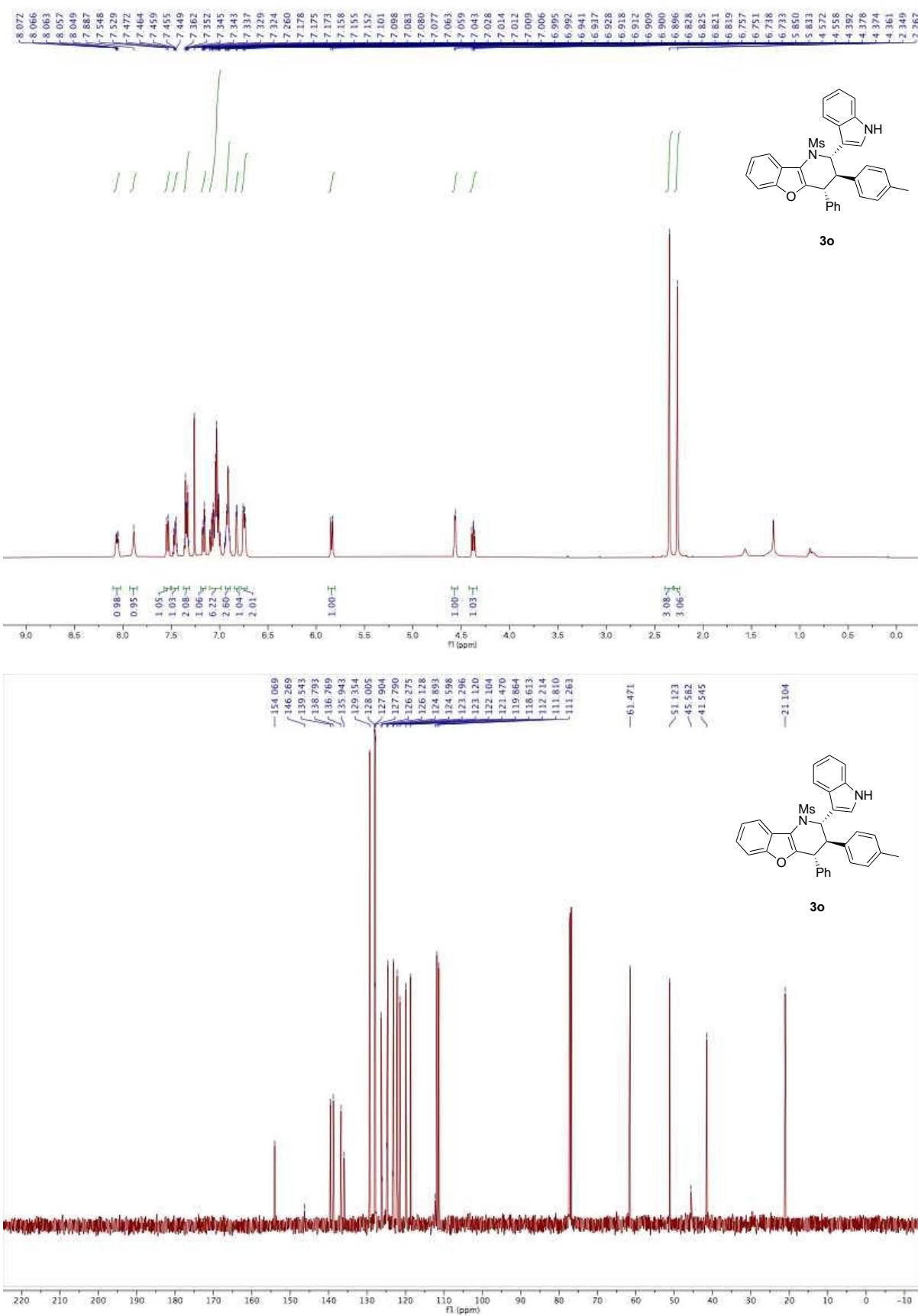


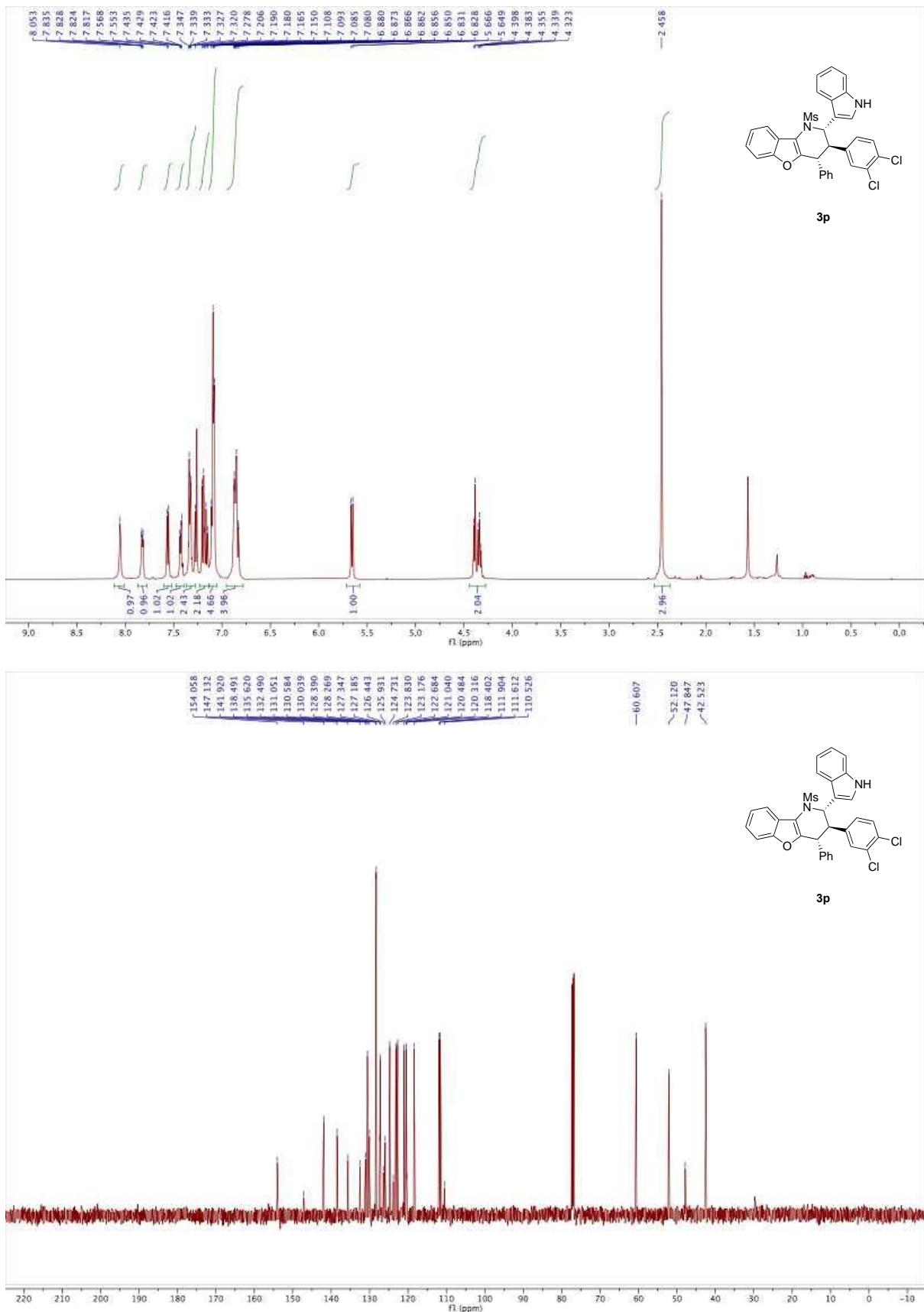


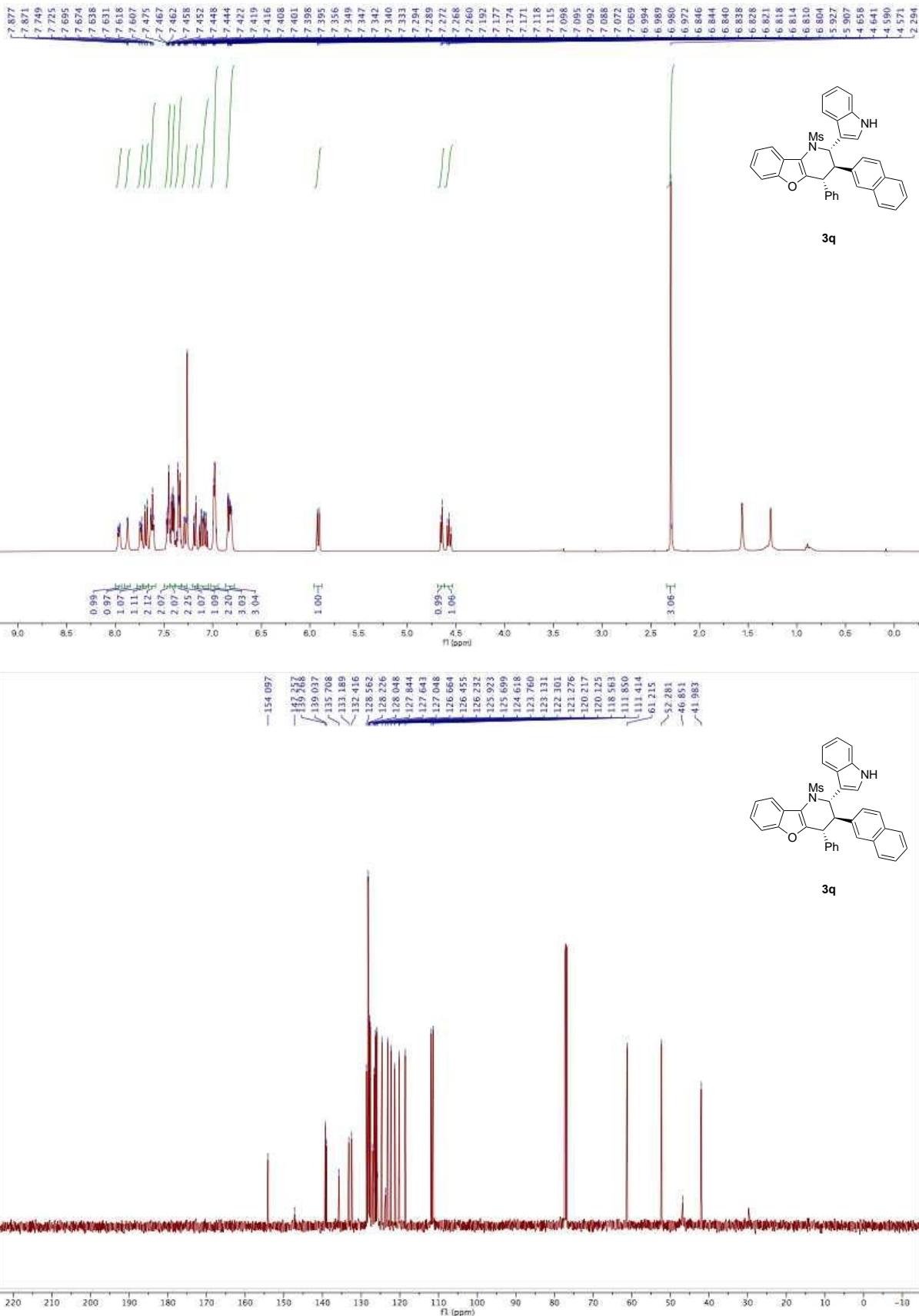


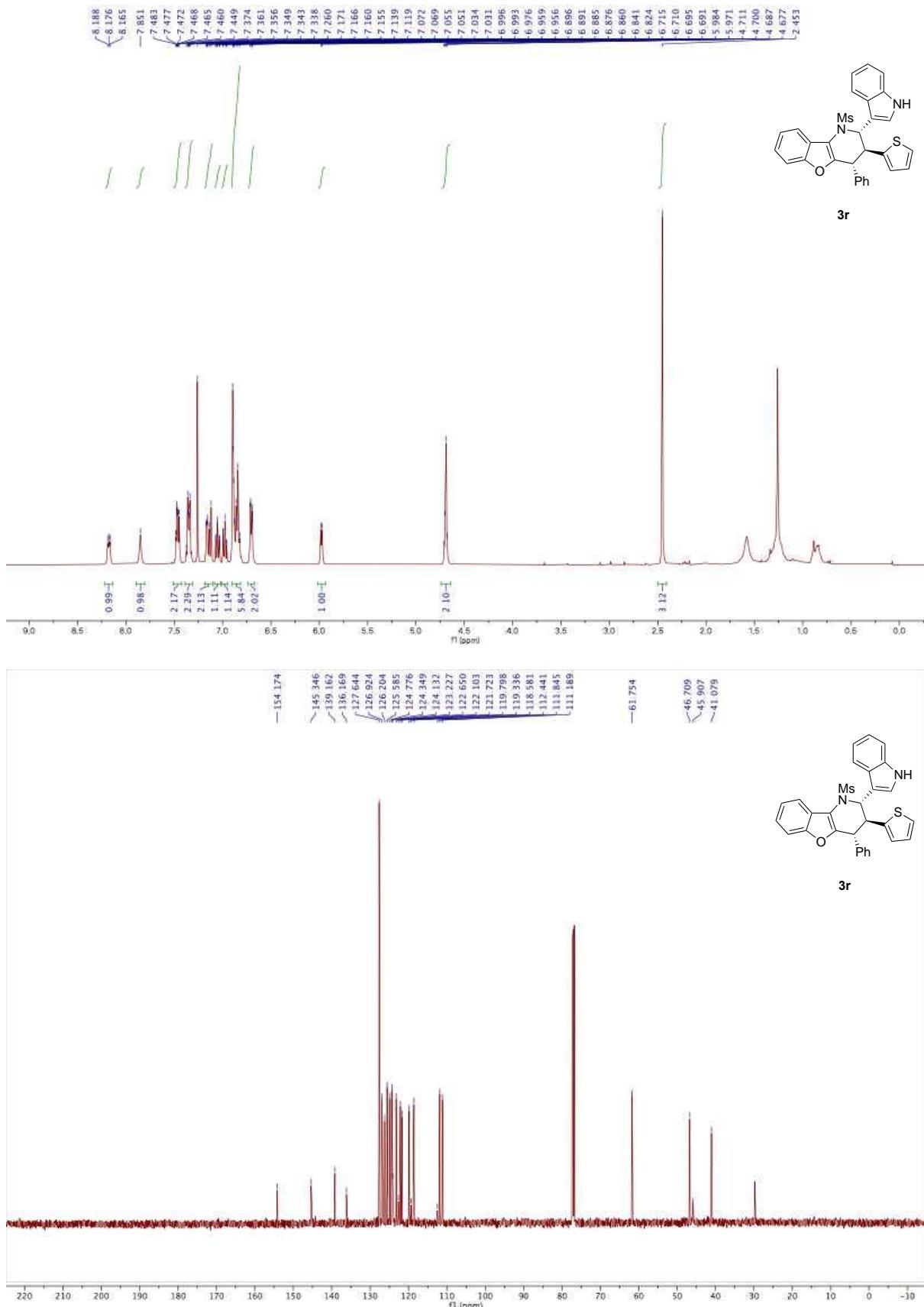


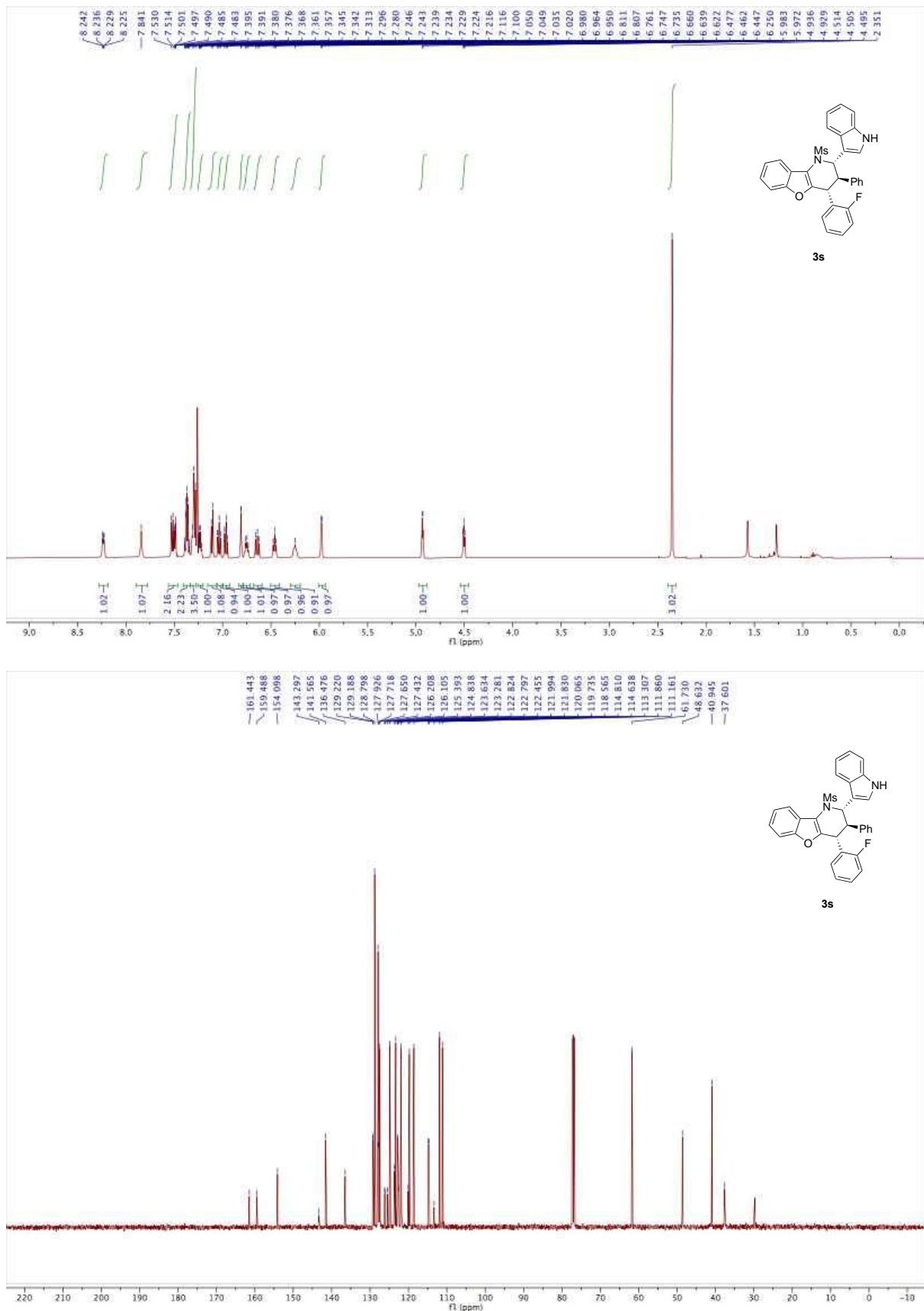


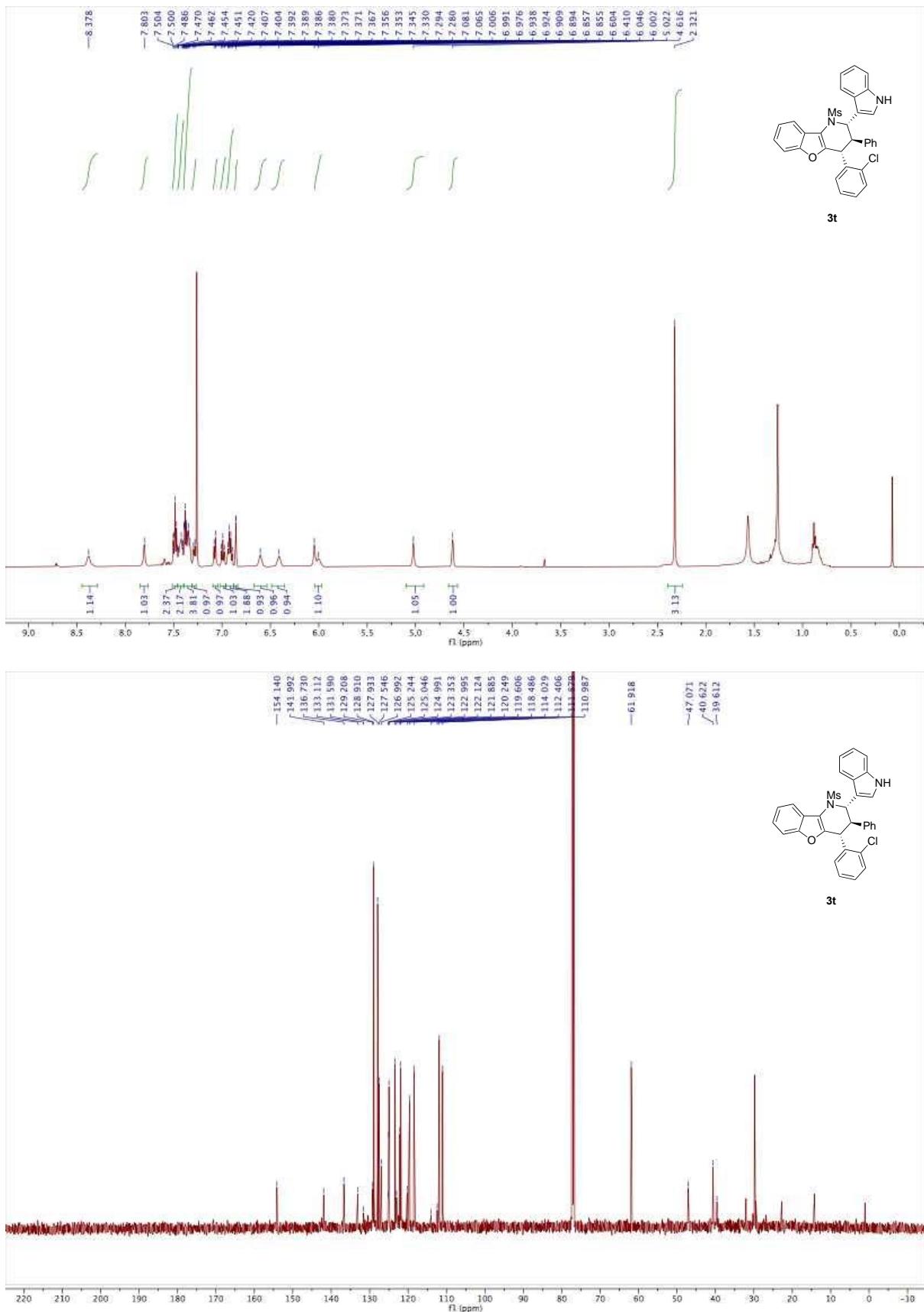


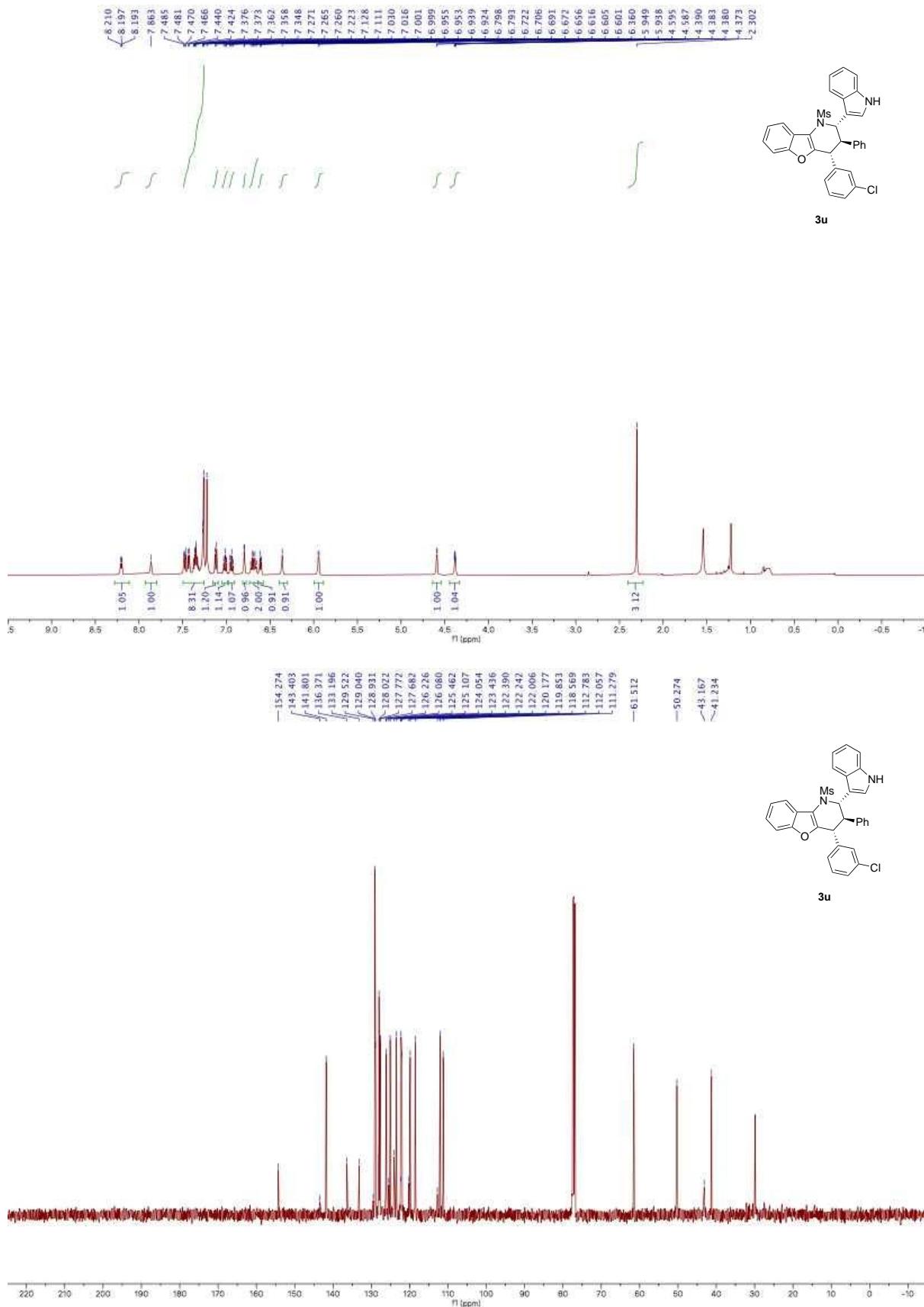


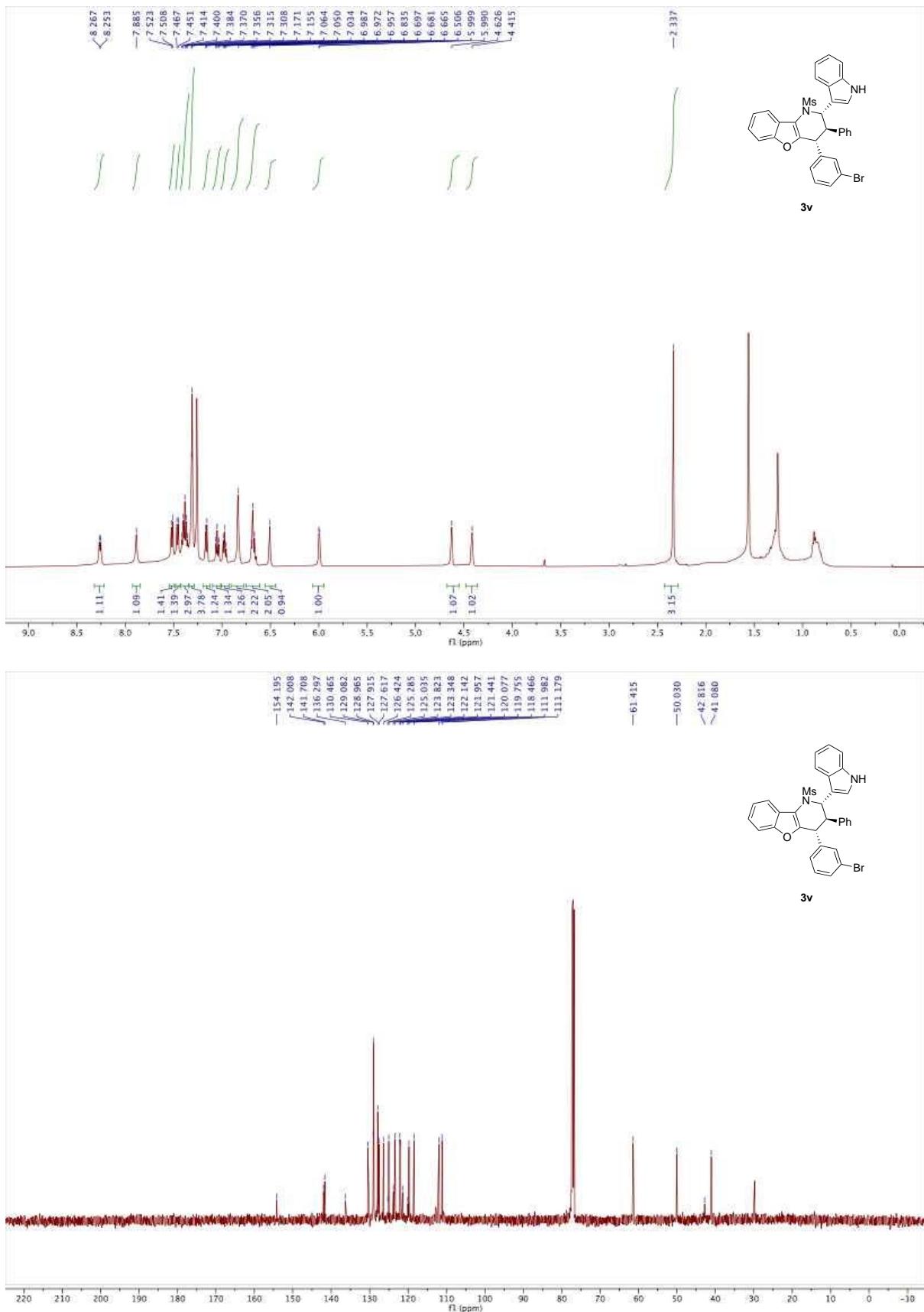


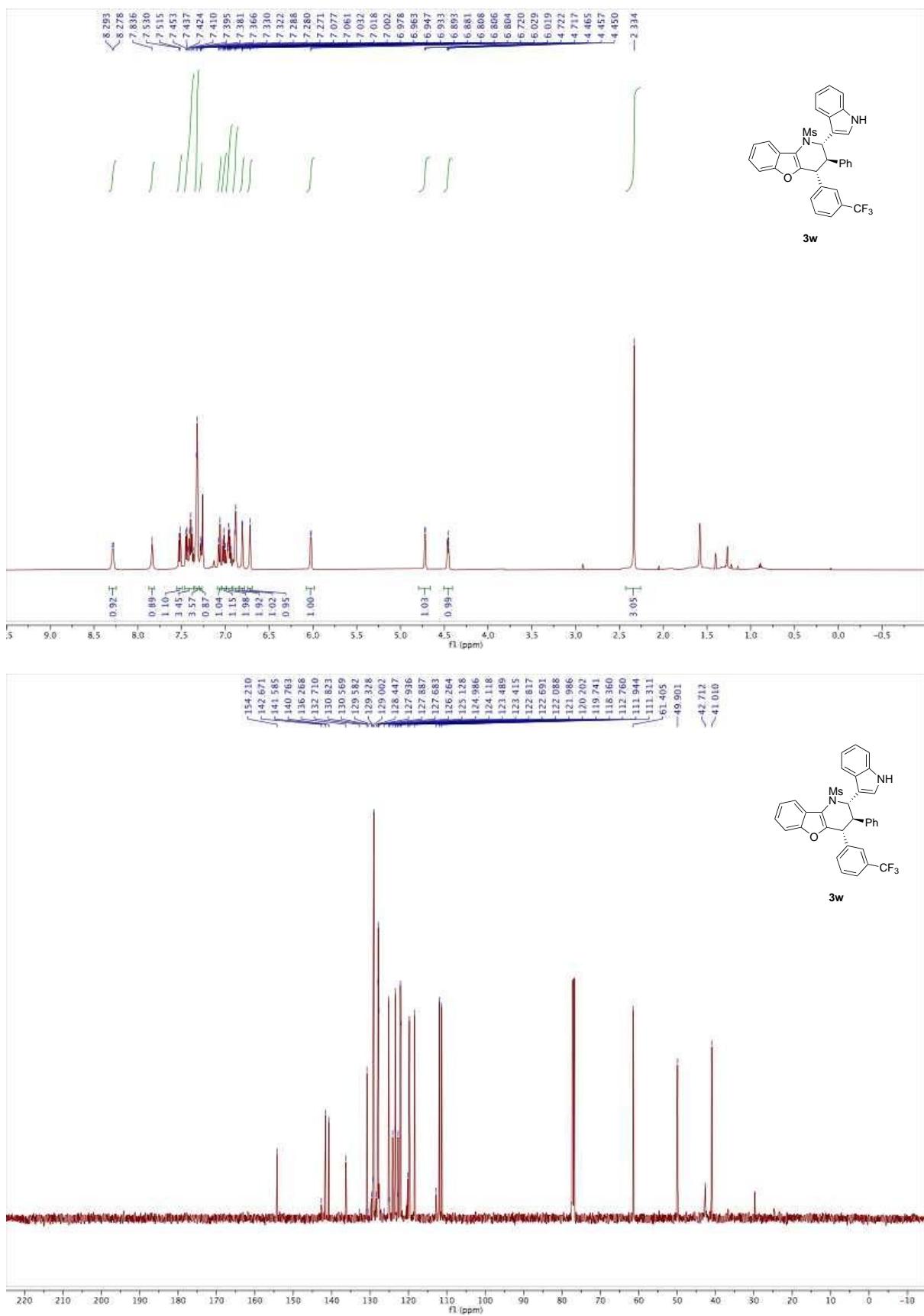


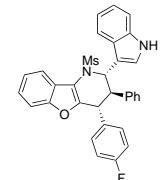
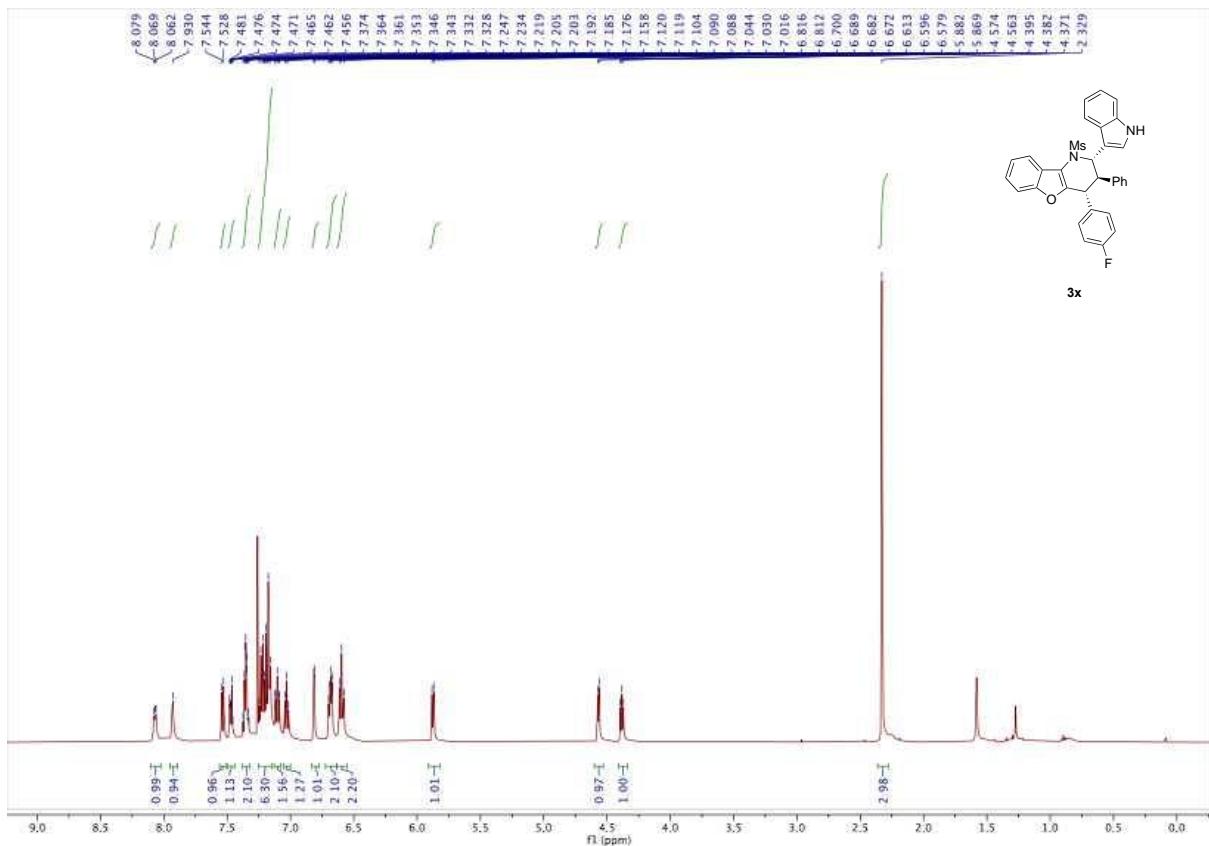




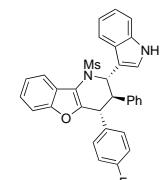
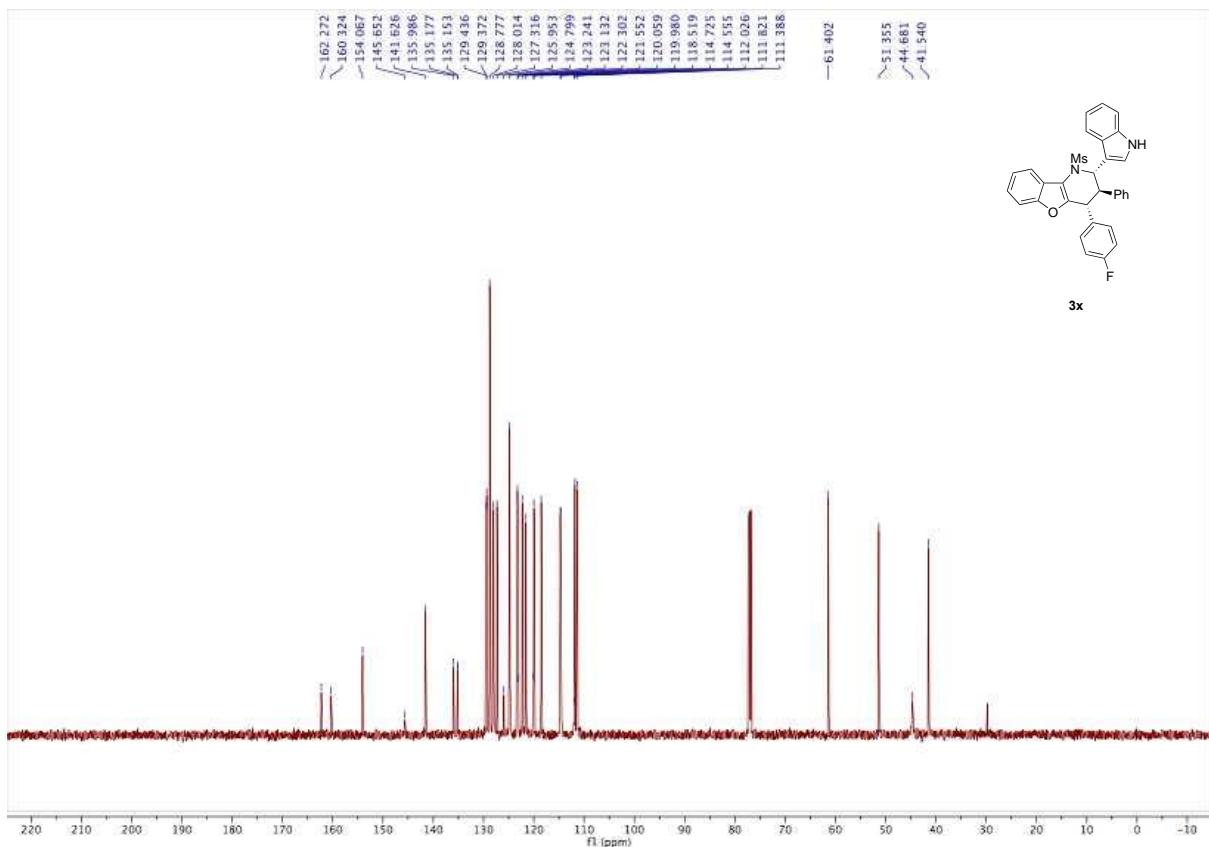




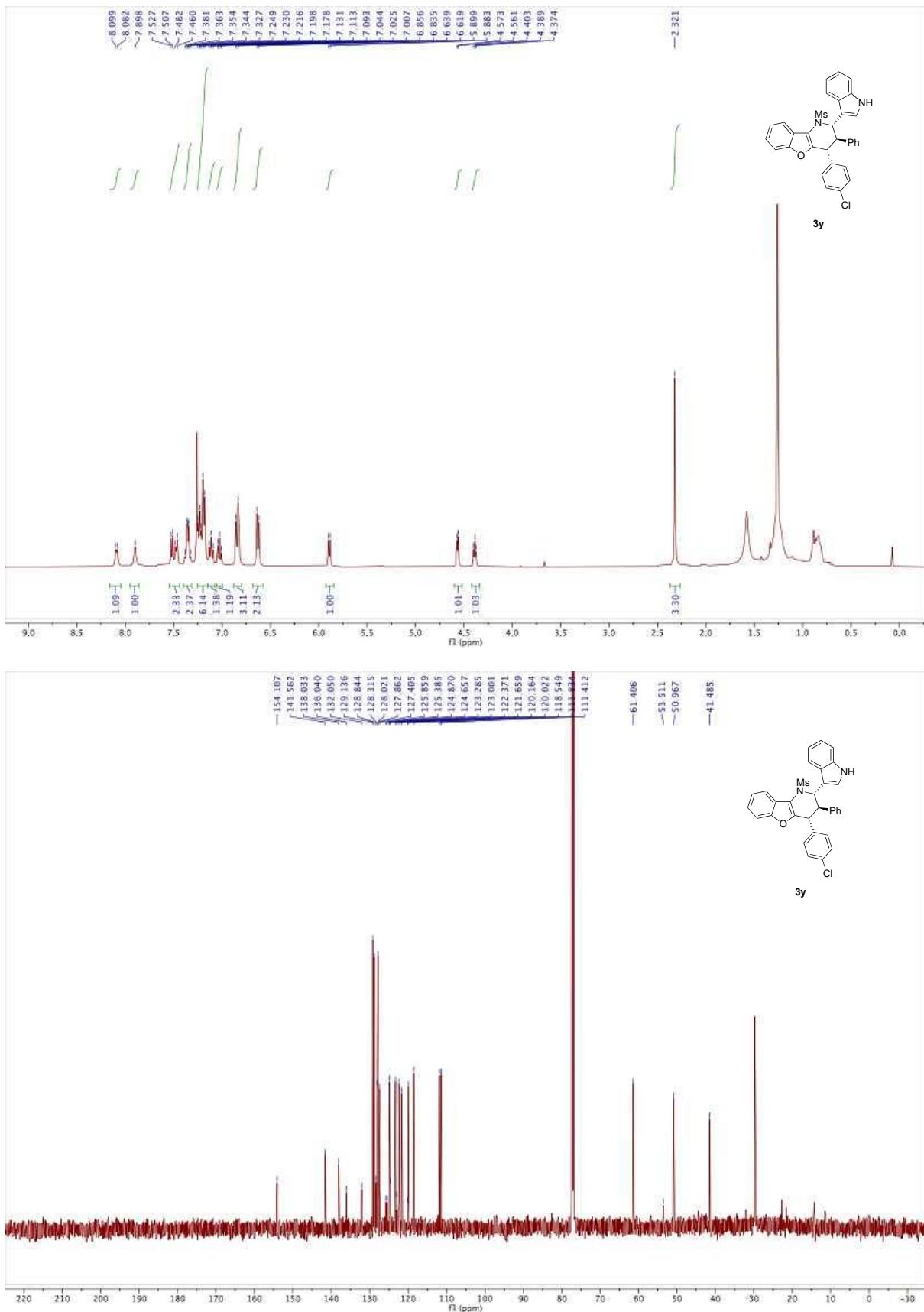


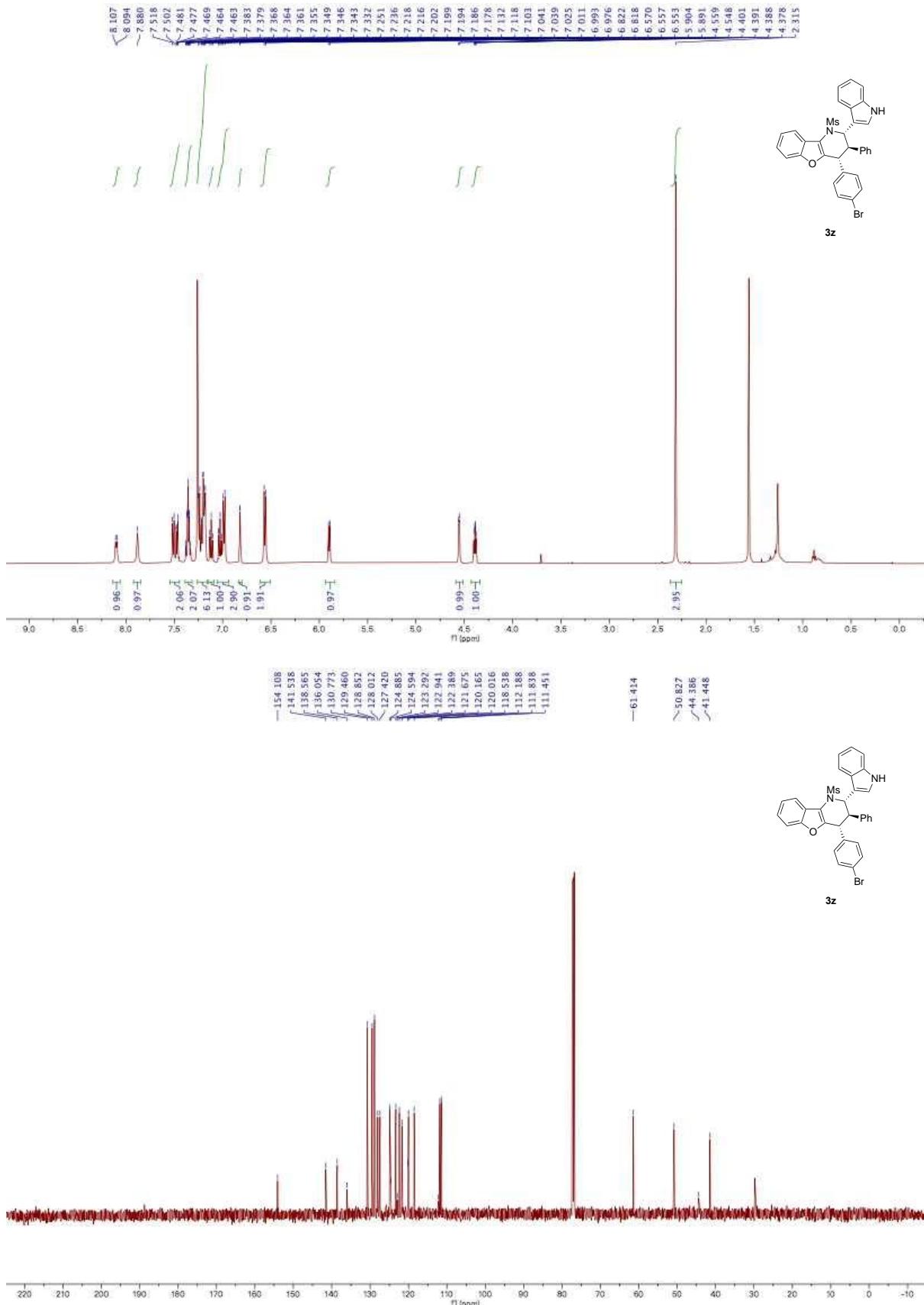


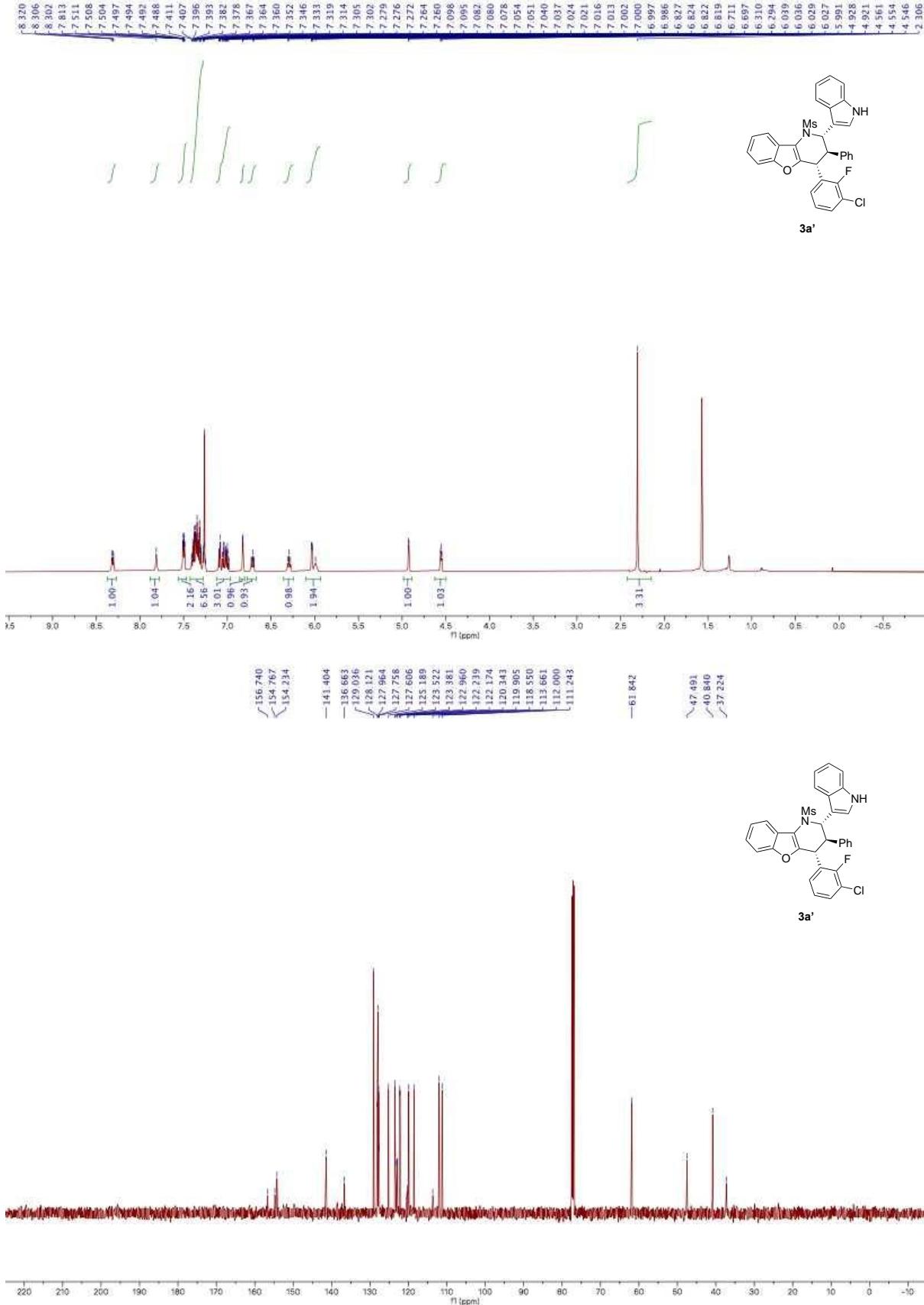
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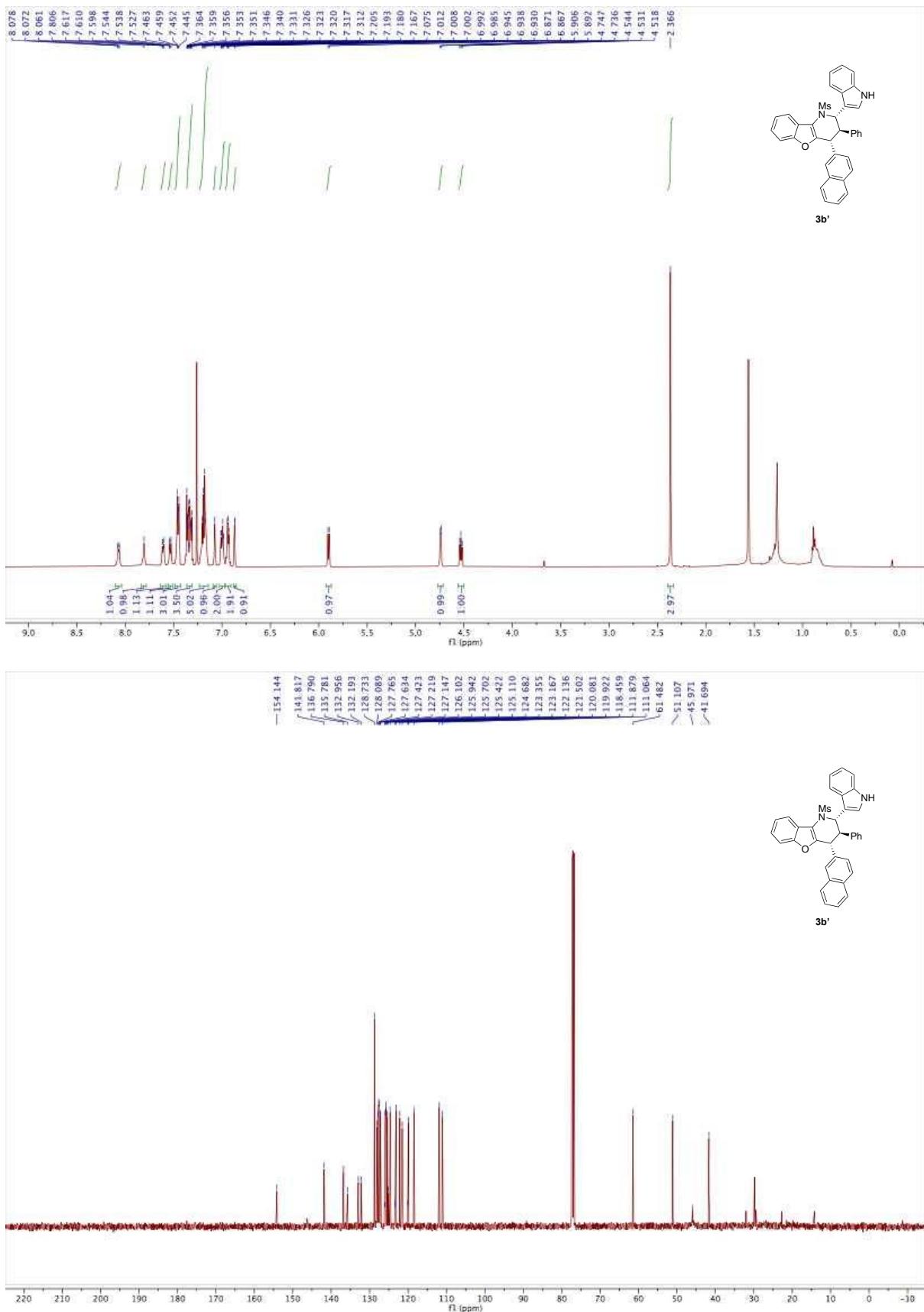


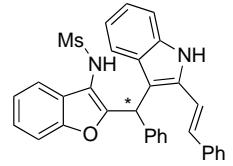
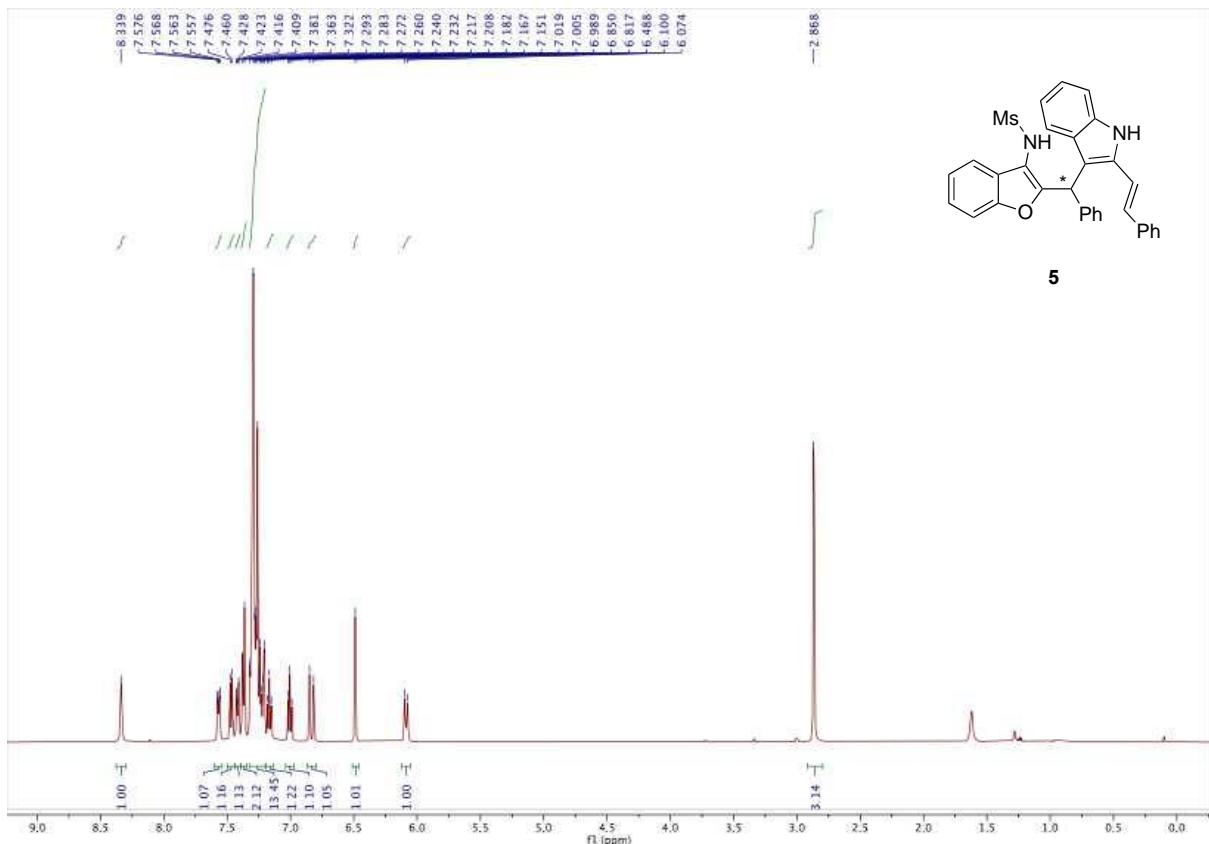
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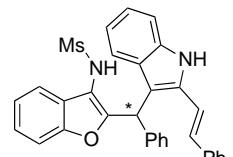
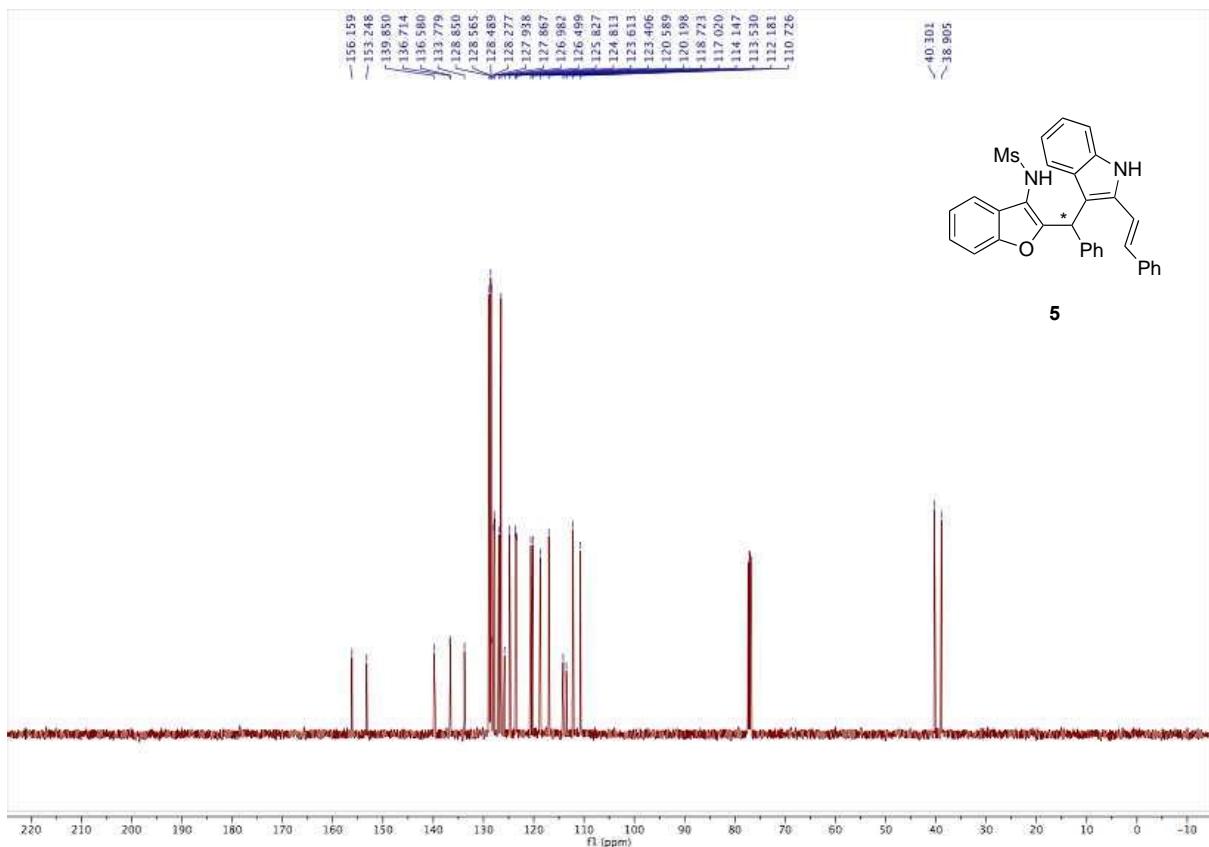




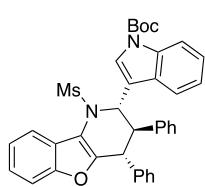
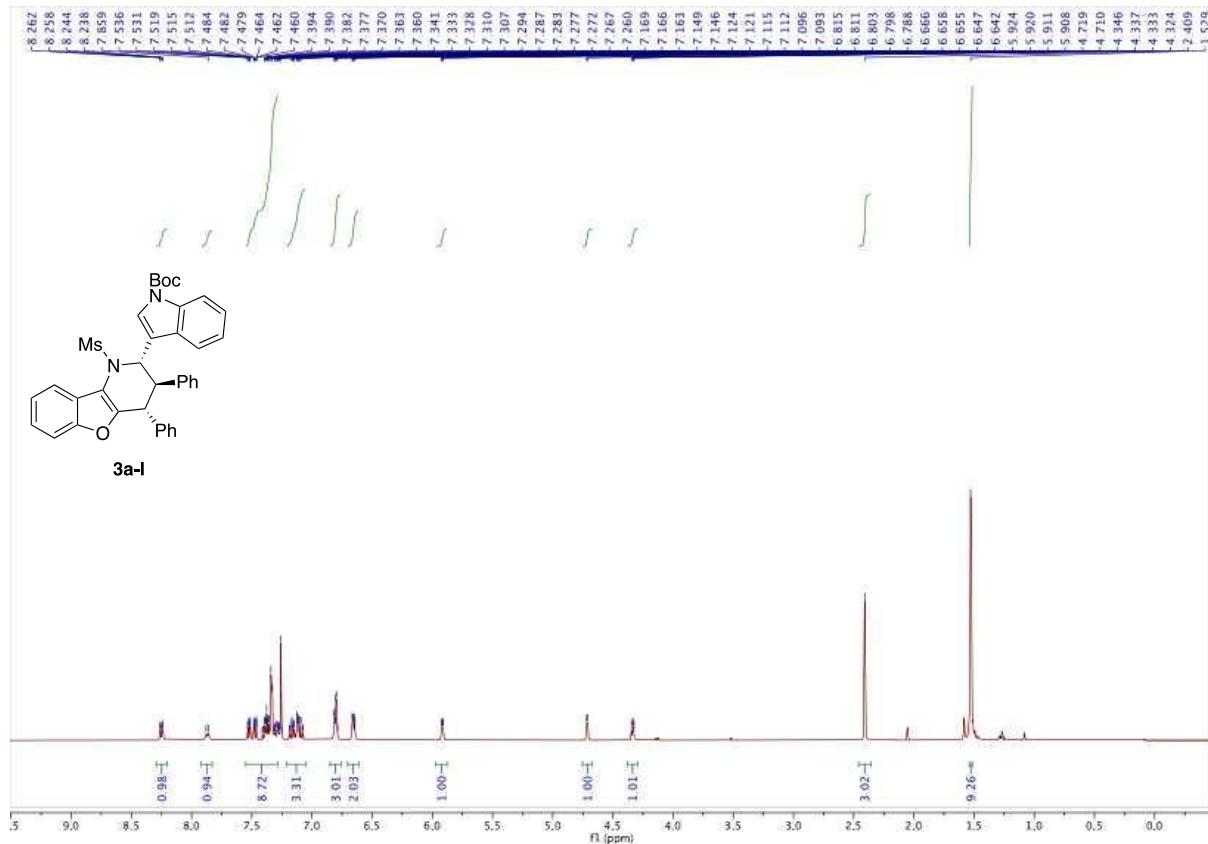




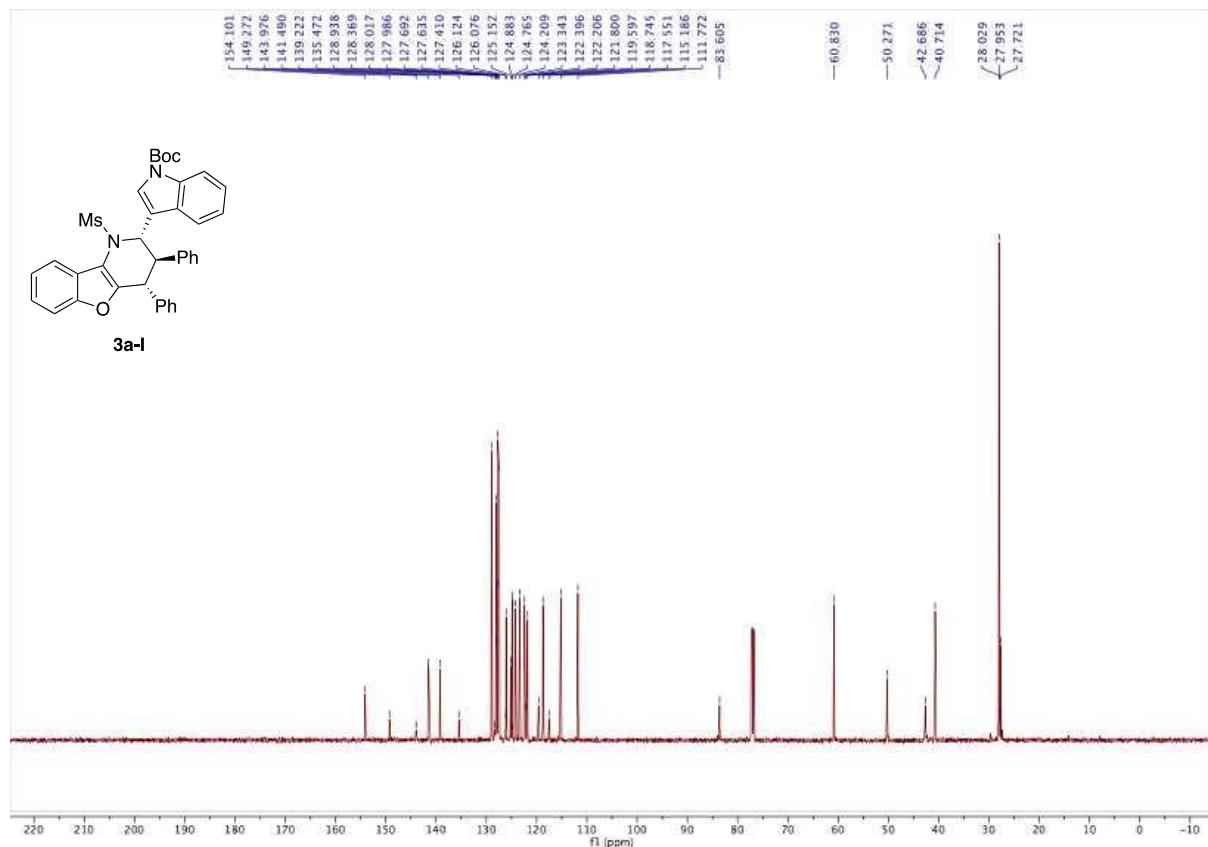
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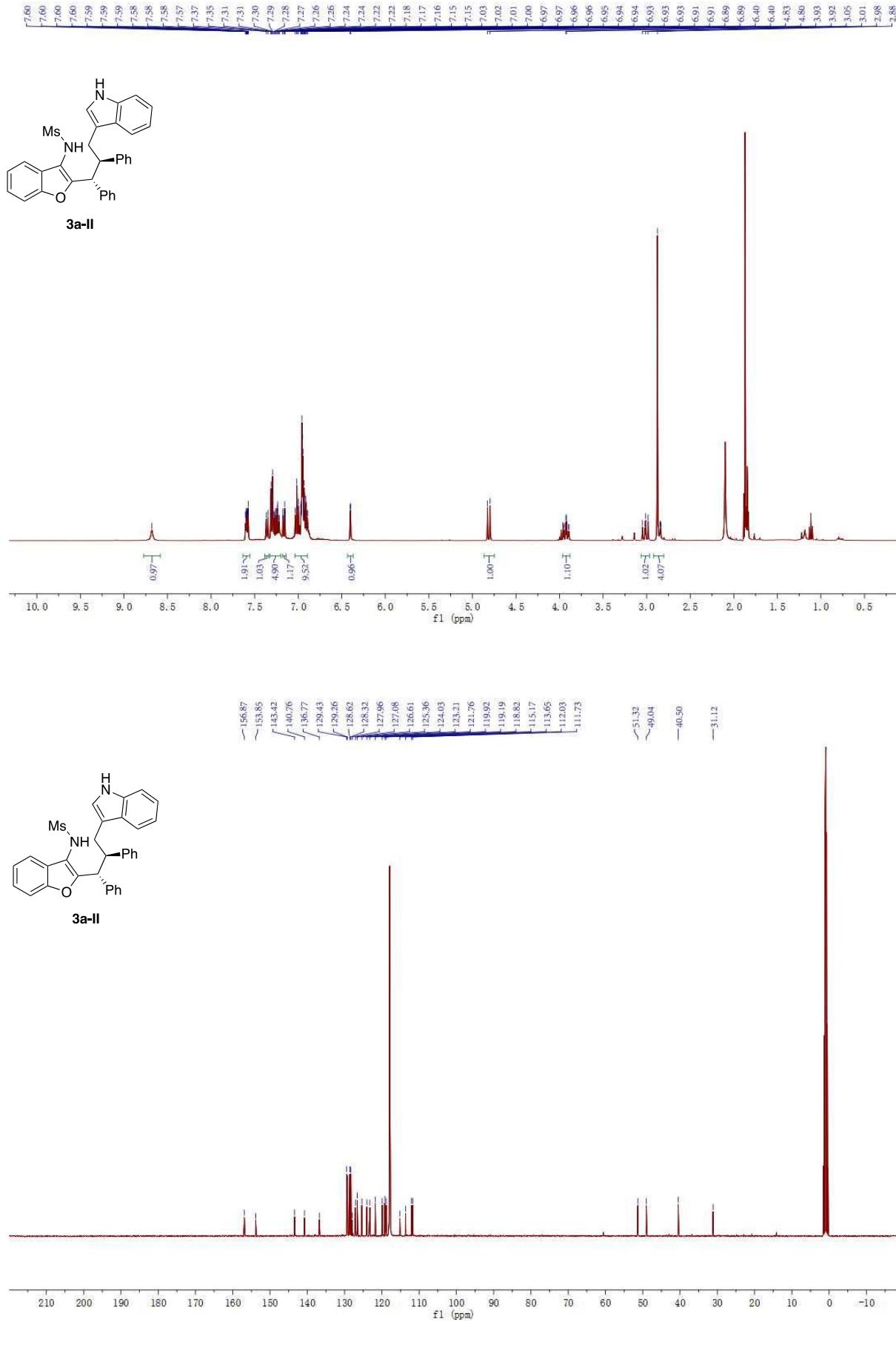


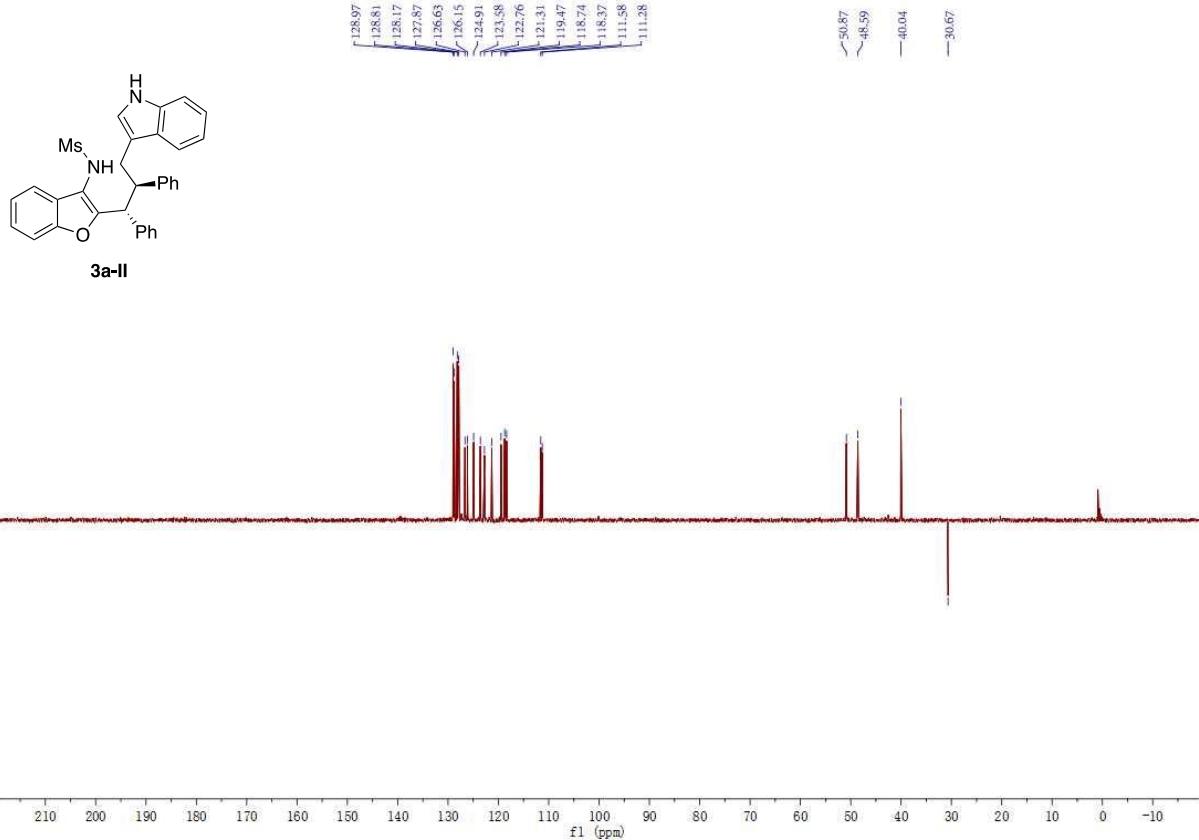
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