

Diversity-oriented synthesis of benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine derivatives from aurone-derived α,β -unsaturated imines and activated terminal alkynes

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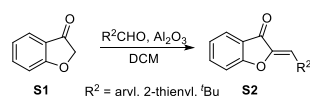
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1. General Information

All isolated compounds were characterized on JEOL 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts were reported as δ values relative to internal chloroform (δ 7.26 for ¹H NMR and 77.16 for ¹³C NMR). ¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts were determined as δ values relative to external standard PhCF₃ at -63.0. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a 4G mass spectrometer using electrospray ionization (ESI) analyzed by a quadrupole time-of-flight (QToF). All melting points were measured with the samples after column chromatography and uncorrected. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel. All solvents and reagents were used as obtained from commercial sources without further purification. Azadienes were all known and prepared according to the literature.¹

2. Experimental Procedure

(1) General Procedure for the Synthesis of Azadienes 1

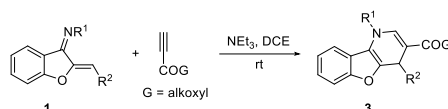


Step 1: To a solution of benzofuran-3(2*H*)-one (**S1**, 4 mmol) and aldehyde (8 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dichloromethane (30 mL) was added basic aluminium oxide (13 g). The mixture was violently stirred at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After completion of the condensation reaction as monitored by TLC, the suspension was filtered off and the residue was washed with dichloromethane. The filtrates were combined and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding aurone **S2**.



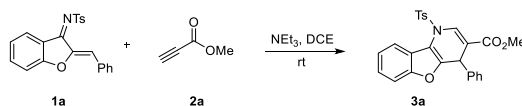
Step 2: To a solution of sulfamide (4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and aurone **S2** (3.0 mmol) in toluene (40 mL) at 0 °C were added successively Et₃N (0.84 mL, 6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and TiCl₄ (1.0 M in toluene, 3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux overnight. It was cooled to room temperature, quenched with icy water and extracted with DCM. The combined organic phases were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding azadiene **1**. When R² was ^tBu group, DCM as the solvent and heating at 45 °C was adopted instead.

(2) General procedure for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines 3a–3p



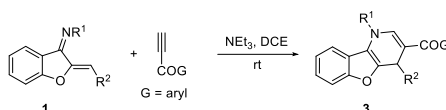
To a solution of aurone-derived α,β -unsaturated imine **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCE (2 mL) were

added terminal alkyne (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and NEt_3 (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and then the mixture was stirred at rt. After completion of the annulation reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified directly by silica gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding 1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines **3a–3p**. For the synthesis of **3i**, **3k**, and **3p**, the terminal alkyne (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added first and another portion of terminal alkyne (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added after 4 h.



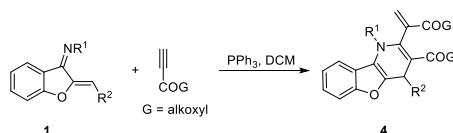
Scale-up experiment of 3a: To a solution of aurone-derived α,β -unsaturated imine **1a** (1.0 g, 2.66 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCE (27 mL) were added methyl propiolate **2a** (0.28 mL, 3.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and NEt_3 (4.4 mL, 3.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and then the mixture was stirred at rt. After completion of the annulation reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified directly by silica gel column chromatography to afford **3a** (880 mg, 72%) as a yellow solid.

(3) General procedure for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines **3q–3t**



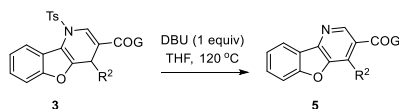
To a solution of aurone-derived α,β -unsaturated imine **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCE (2 mL) were added terminal alkyne (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and NEt_3 (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and then the mixture was stirred at rt. After completion of the annulation reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified directly by silica gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding 1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines **3q–3t**. For the synthesis of **3s**, the terminal alkyne (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added first and another portion of terminal alkyne (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) was added after 4 h.

(4) General procedure for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines **4a–4f**



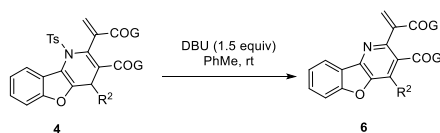
To a solution of aurone-derived α,β -unsaturated imine **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (3 mL) were added terminal alkyne (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and PPh_3 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), then the mixture was stirred at rt. After completion of the annulation reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding 1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines (**4a–4f**).

(5) General procedure for the synthesis of benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines 5a–5l



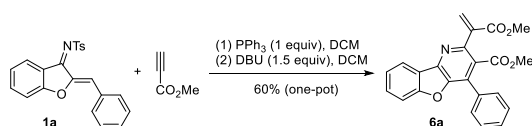
To a solution of 1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine **3** (0.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (1.5 mL) was added DBU (0.12 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and then the mixture was stirred at 120 °C. After completion of the aromatization reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified directly by silica gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines **5a–5l**.

(6) General procedure for the synthesis of benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines 6a–6c



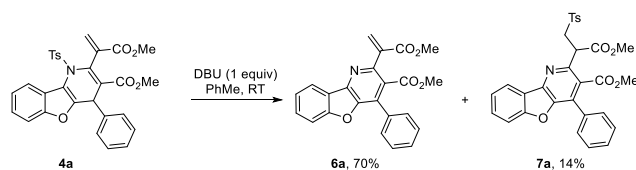
To a solution of 1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine **4** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in PhMe (2 mL) was added DBU (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and then the mixture was stirred at rt. After completion of the aromatization reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified directly by silica gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridines **6a–6c**.

(7) One-pot synthesis of benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine 6a



To a solution of aurone-derived α,β -unsaturated imine **1a** (113 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (3 mL) were added methyl propiolate (0.08 mL, 0.9 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and PPh₃ (79 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and then the mixture was stirred at rt. After completion of the first step as monitored by TLC, DBU (68 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added directly into the mixture. After an hour, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified directly by silica gel column chromatography to afford **6a** (70 mg, 60%) as a yellow oil.

(8) Synthesis of benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine **7a**



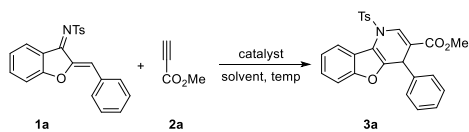
To a solution of 1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine **4a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in PhMe (2 mL) was added DBU (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and then the mixture was stirred at rt. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford **6a** (54 mg, 70%) and **7a** (15 mg, 14%).

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4. Optimization Conditions

Table S1 Optimization of the reaction conditions for the formation of **3a**.^a



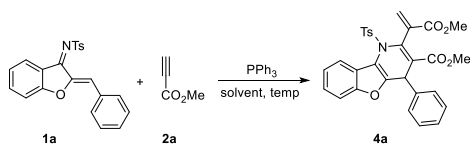
Entry	1a:2a: Initiator	Initiator	Solvent	Temp	Time (h)	3a Yield (%) ^b
1	1:3:3	NEt ₃	DCE	rt	2	72 ^d
2	1:3:0	-	DCE	rt to 80 °C	24 (rt); 24 (80 °C)	NP
3	1:1.5:1.5	NEt ₃	DCE	rt	2	83
4	1:1.5:0.2	NEt ₃	DCE	rt	16	82
5	1:1.2:1.2	NEt₃	DCE	rt	3	83 (75)^d
6	1:1.2:1.2	DABCO	DCE	rt to 80 °C	24 (rt); 24 (80 °C)	NP
7 ^c	1:1.2:1.2	PPh ₃	DCE	rt	24	NP
8	1:1.2:1.2	DMAP	DCE	rt	24	NP
9	1:1.2:1.2	CsF	DCE	rt to 60 °C	24 (rt); 24 (60 °C)	NP
10	1:1.2:1.2	DBU	DCE	rt	24	NP
11	1:1.2:1.2	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DCE	rt	24	NP
12	1:1.2:1.2	NEt ₃	CH ₃ CN	rt	2	31
13	1:1.2:1.2	NEt ₃	Dioxane	rt	36	36
14	1:1.2:1.2	NEt ₃	THF	rt	22	42
15	1:1.2:1.2	NEt ₃	CHCl ₃	rt	24	NP
16	1:1.2:1.2	NEt ₃	DMF	rt	1.5	53
17	1:1.2:1.2	NEt ₃	Acetone	rt	24	10

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** and initiator in solvent (2 mL) in air.

^b The yield was determined by ¹H-NMR spectra using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

^c **4a** was obtained instead.

^d Isolated yield

Table S2 Optimization of the reaction conditions for the formation of **4a**.^a

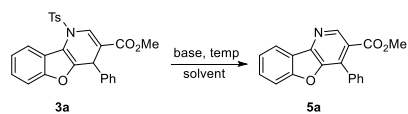
Entry	1a : 2a : Initiator	Initiator	Solvent	Temp	Time (h)	4a Yield (%) ^b
1	1:3:2	PPh ₃	DCE	rt to 50 °C	24 (rt), 24 (50 °C)	54
2	1:3:2	PPh ₃	DCE	50 °C	2	62
3	1:3:2	PPh ₃	DCM	rt	1	72 ^d
4	1:3:2	PPh ₃	DMF	rt	2	63
5	1:3:2	PPh ₃	MeCN	rt	1	56
6	1:3:2	PPh ₃	Toluene	rt to 50 °C	24 (rt), 24 (50 °C)	13
7	1:3:2	PPh ₃	CHCl ₃	rt to 50 °C	24 (rt), 24 (50 °C)	ND
8	1:3:2	PPh ₃	MeOH	rt	5	35
9	1:3:2	PPh ₃	Acetone	rt to 50 °C	24 (rt), 24 (50 °C)	ND
10	1:3:2	PPh ₃	THF	rt to 50 °C	24 (rt), 24 (50 °C)	ND
11	1:3:2	PPh ₃	HFIP	rt to 50 °C	24 (rt), 24 (50 °C)	ND
12 ^c	1:3:0.2	PPh ₃	DCM	rt	1	16
13 ^c	1:3:0.5	PPh ₃	DCM	rt	3	64
14	1:3:1	PPh ₃	DCM	rt	1	81 ^d

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** and PPh₃, in solvent (2 mL) in air.

^b The yield was determined by ¹H-NMR spectra using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

^c Large amount of **1a** was retained and there was no PPh₃ detected after the indicated reaction time. The yield will not be increased if the reaction time was prolonged. Instead, the yield will decrease owing to the instability of the product **4**.

^d Isolated yield.

Table S3 Optimization of the aromatization reaction conditions of **5a**.^a

Entry	3a :Base	Base	Solvent	Temp	Time (h)	5a Yield (%) ^b
1	1:5	DBU	DCE	120 °C	48	- ^c
2	1:2	DBU	DMF	120 °C	3	81
3	1:2	DBU	Toluene	120 °C	3	80
4	1:2	DBU	THF	120 °C	3	93 ^d
5	1:2	DBU	Acetone	120 °C	3	86
6	1:2	NaOH	Ethanol	120 °C	3	trace
7	1:1	DBU	THF	120 °C	3	95 ^d
8	1:2	DBU	THF	rt	48	93 ^d
9	1:1.5	DBU	THF	120 °C	3	95 ^d

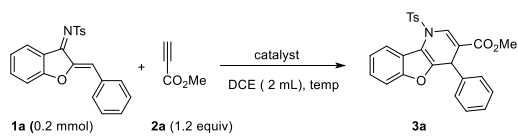
^a Reaction conditions: **3a** (0.1 mmol) and base in solvent in air.

^b The yield was determined by ¹H-NMR spectra using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

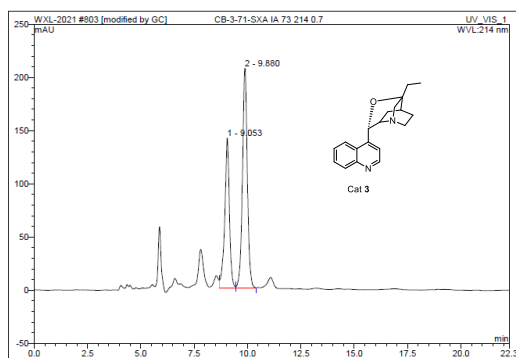
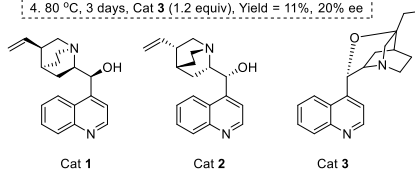
^c Large amount of **3a** was retained, although the amount of base of DBU has been increased to 5 equiv with prolonged time.

^d Isolated yield.

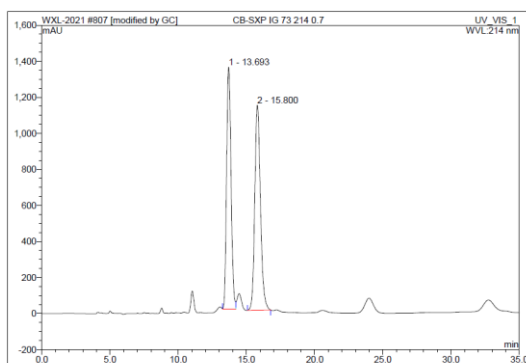
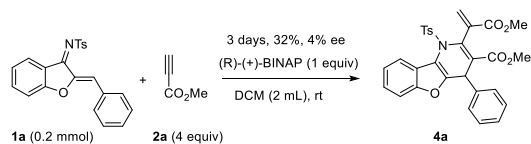
Asymmetric Versions for the Formation of 3a and 4a



1. rt to 80 °C, Cat 1 (1.2 equiv), no product
 2. rt to 80 °C, Cat 2 (1.2 equiv), no product
 3. rt, Cat 3 (1.2 equiv), no product
 4. 80 °C, 3 days, Cat 3 (1.2 equiv), Yield = 11%, 20% ee

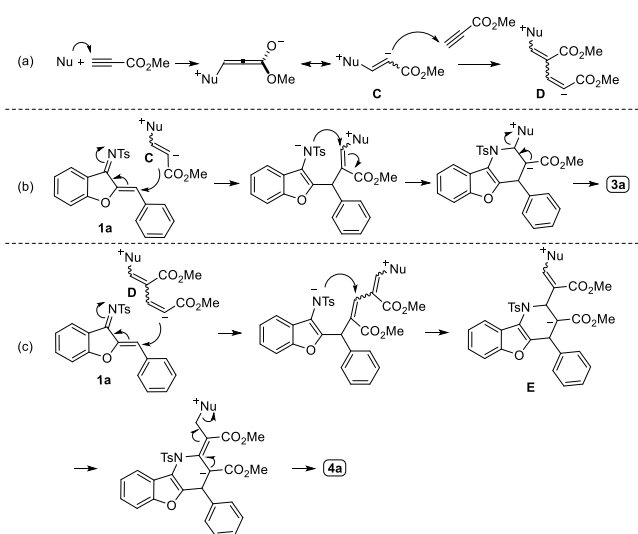


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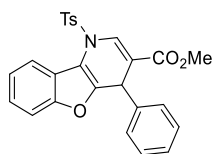


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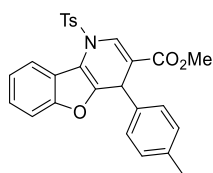
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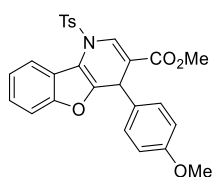
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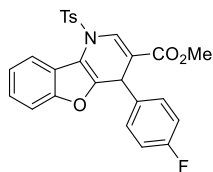
Methyl 4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3a** (69 mg, Yield = 75%, $R_f = 0.56$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 161–162 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43–8.39 (m, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 154.4, 146.7, 145.3, 140.4, 135.3, 132.8, 130.4, 128.2, 128.0 (2C), 127.2, 125.0, 123.7, 122.5, 121.4, 116.0, 114.8, 111.7, 52.1, 40.5, 21.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 460.1213, found 460.1215.



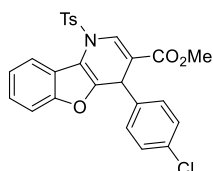
Methyl 4-(*p*-tolyl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3b** (77 mg, Yield = 81%, $R_f = 0.32$ (PE/EA = 10:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 194–195 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44–8.39 (m, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.26 (m, 5H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 154.3, 146.8, 145.3, 137.5, 136.8, 135.1, 132.6, 130.3, 129.0, 128.0, 127.8, 124.9, 123.6, 122.4, 121.4, 116.2, 114.6, 111.7, 52.1, 40.1, 21.8, 21.2; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 474.1370, found 474.1372.



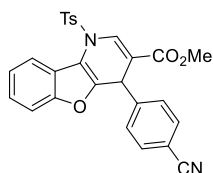
Methyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3c** (80 mg, Yield = 82%, $R_f = 0.33$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 201–202 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43–8.38 (m, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.26 (m, 5H), 6.53 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 158.5, 154.3, 146.9, 145.2, 135.0, 132.7, 132.6, 130.3, 129.0, 128.0, 125.0, 123.6, 122.4, 121.4, 116.3, 114.6, 113.5, 111.6, 55.2, 52.1, 39.6, 21.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 512.1138, found 512.1140.



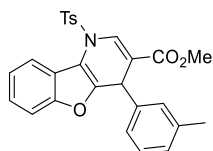
Methyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3d** (78 mg, Yield = 82%, $R_f = 0.55$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42–8.38 (m, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.52–6.45 (m, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 161.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 244.8$ Hz), 154.3, 146.3, 145.4, 136.3 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.2$ Hz), 135.4, 132.7, 130.4, 129.5 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.1$ Hz), 128.0, 125.2, 123.8, 122.5, 121.3, 115.9, 115.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.5$ Hz), 114.8, 111.7, 52.2, 39.7, 21.8; $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.2 (s, 1F); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 478.1119, found 478.1121.



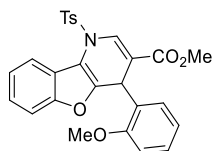
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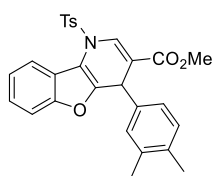
Methyl 4-(4-cyanophenyl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3f** (64 mg, Yield = 66%, $R_f = 0.34$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 94–95 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43–8.37 (m, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 4H), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 154.4, 145.6 (2C), 144.9, 136.1, 132.7, 132.1, 130.4, 128.7, 128.0, 125.5, 123.9, 122.6, 121.0, 118.6, 115.3, 114.6, 111.7, 111.1, 52.3, 40.5, 21.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 485.1166, found 485.1168.



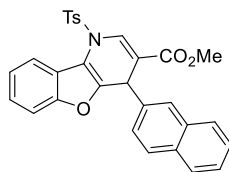
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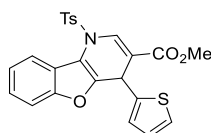
Methyl 4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3h** (81 mg, Yield = 83%, $R_f = 0.41$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 122–123 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.22 (m, 5H), 7.10–7.03 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 5.70 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 157.0, 154.1, 147.4, 145.2, 135.9, 132.8, 130.3, 129.6, 128.2, 128.0 (2C), 124.7, 123.4, 122.3, 121.3, 120.3, 116.0, 114.4, 111.7, 111.2, 56.3, 52.0, 32.4, 21.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6\text{SNa}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 512.1138, found 512.1140.



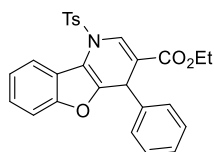
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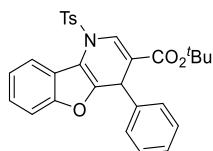
Methyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3j** (70 mg, Yield = 69%, $R_f = 0.48$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 194–195 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (dt, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.75–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 6H), 6.59 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 154.4, 146.4, 145.4, 137.8, 135.5, 133.2, 133.0, 132.5, 130.4, 128.0 (3C), 127.6, 127.0, 126.1, 126.0, 125.6, 125.1, 123.7, 122.5, 121.2, 115.4, 114.8, 111.7, 52.1, 40.6, 21.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 510.1371, found 510.1371.



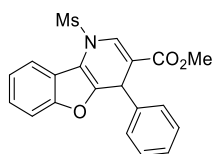
Methyl 4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3k** (76 mg, Yield = 82%, $R_f = 0.47$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 106–107 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43–8.36 (m, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.29 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, $J = 4.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 154.3, 145.6, 145.3, 144.9, 135.3, 132.9, 130.4, 127.8, 126.6, 125.2, 124.7, 123.7, 122.5, 121.2, 115.5, 114.7, 111.8, 52.2, 35.0, 21.7, (1C peak is merged with other peaks); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5\text{S}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 488.0597, found 488.0597.



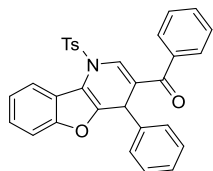
Ethyl 4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3m** (64 mg, Yield = 68%, $R_f = 0.57$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44–8.38 (m, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.24–4.04 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 154.3, 146.8, 145.3, 140.5, 135.1, 132.7, 130.3, 128.2, 128.0 (2C), 127.2, 125.0, 123.6, 122.5, 121.4, 116.4, 114.8, 111.6, 61.1, 40.5, 21.8, 14.2; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 474.1370, found 474.1373.



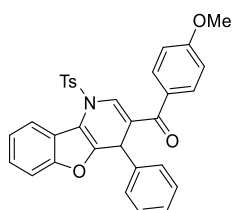
tert-Butyl 4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3n** (64 mg, Yield = 64%, $R_f = 0.53$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 169–170 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41–8.36 (m, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.01 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.6, 154.4, 146.9, 145.2, 140.8, 134.7, 132.8, 130.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.1, 124.9, 123.6, 122.5, 121.5, 117.8, 114.7, 111.6, 81.6, 40.8, 28.1, 21.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 524.1502, found 524.1506.



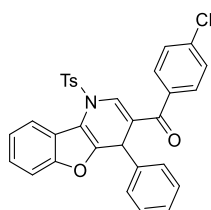
Methyl 1-(methylsulfonyl)-4-phenyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **3p** (65 mg, Yield = 84%, $R_f = 0.32$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 201–202 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19–8.14 (m, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.41–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 6H), 7.27–7.21 (m, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 154.3, 144.8, 141.3, 134.4, 128.8, 128.0, 127.6, 125.2, 123.8, 121.4, 119.6, 114.2, 112.4, 112.1, 52.1, 40.3 (2C); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_5\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 406.0720, found 406.0717.



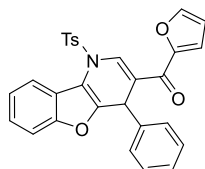
Phenyl(4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3q** (55 mg, Yield = 54%, $R_f = 0.40$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 164–165 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45–8.39 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.62 (m, 3H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.3, 154.4, 146.8, 145.6, 140.2, 138.0, 137.7, 132.9, 132.4, 130.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 125.1, 124.6, 123.7, 122.4, 121.3, 114.9, 111.7, 40.1, 21.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 506.1421, found 506.1424.



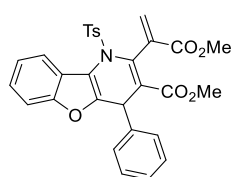
(4-Methoxyphenyl)(4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3r** (87 mg, Yield = 81%, $R_f = 0.34$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 191–192 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43–8.38 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.62 (m, 3H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.12–7.06 (m, 1H), 7.05–6.99 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.67–6.62 (m, 2H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.0, 163.2, 154.4, 146.8, 145.6, 140.2, 136.1, 132.9, 131.3, 130.4, 130.3, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 125.0, 124.7, 123.7, 122.4, 121.7, 115.0, 113.9, 111.7, 55.6, 40.4, 21.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 536.1526, found 536.1528.



(4-Chlorophenyl)(4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3s** (50 mg, Yield = 46%, $R_f = 0.61$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 208–209 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.40 (dd, $J = 7.2, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.14–7.07 (m, 1H), 7.02 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.0, 154.4, 146.6, 145.8, 140.1, 138.8, 137.7, 136.3, 132.9, 130.4, 130.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 125.2, 124.3, 123.8, 122.4, 121.2, 114.9, 111.8, 40.1, 21.9; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 540.1031, found 540.1033.

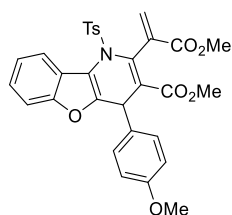


Furan-2-yl(4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3t** (59 mg, Yield = 60%, $R_f = 0.53$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.44–8.40 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.66 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.26 (m, 5H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 4.0, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 1H), 7.02–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.63–6.59 (m, 2H), 6.57 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.0, 154.3, 152.4, 146.8, 146.4, 145.5, 140.2, 137.0, 132.8, 130.4, 128.3, 128.0 (2C), 127.1, 125.0, 123.7, 123.5, 122.4, 121.3, 119.0, 114.6, 112.4, 111.7, 39.9, 21.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 496.1213, found 496.1216.



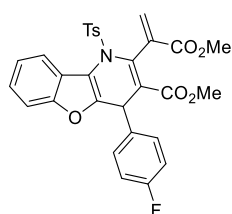
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2-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **4a** (88 mg, Yield = 81%, $R_f = 0.48$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20–8.15 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.04 (m, 3H), 6.96–6.84 (m, 4H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 5.08 (br s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 165.6, 154.8, 149.4, 144.9, 140.0, 139.5, 131.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 127.2, 126.3, 124.8, 123.6, 123.4, 122.1, 117.4, 111.6, 52.3, 52.2, 41.0, 21.7, (2C peaks are merged with other peaks); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_7\text{SNa}$ 566.1244, found 566.1245.



Methyl

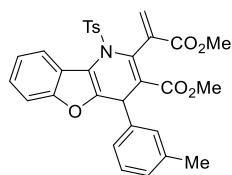
2-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **4b** (89 mg, Yield = 78%, $R_f = 0.39$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19–8.14 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.29 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.67–6.56 (m, 3H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 4.95 (br s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 165.6, 158.2, 154.7, 149.6, 145.0, 139.4, 132.3, 131.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 124.7, 123.6, 123.4, 122.1, 117.2, 113.8, 111.6, 55.2, 52.3, 52.1, 40.4, 21.6, (2C peaks are merged with other peaks); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_8\text{SNa}$ 596.1350, found 596.1351.



Methyl

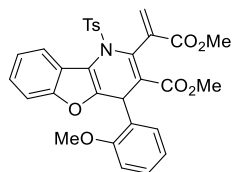
4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **4c** (101 mg, Yield = 90%, $R_f = 0.56$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20–8.14 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.28 (m, 4H), 6.94–6.85 (m, 4H), 6.75 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.10 (br s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 165.6, 161.4 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 243.7$ Hz), 154.9, 149.2, 145.1, 139.4, 136.3, 132.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 124.9, 123.7, 123.3, 122.2, 117.5, 115.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.3$ Hz), 111.6, 52.4, 52.2, 40.2, 21.6, (3C peaks are merged with other peaks); $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -116.4 (s, 1F); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{24}\text{FNO}_7\text{SNa}$

584.1150, found 584.1153.



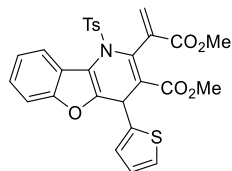
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2-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-(*m*-tolyl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **4d** (97 mg, Yield = 87%, $R_f = 0.53$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19–8.14 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.00–6.82 (m, 5H), 6.69–6.63 (m, 2H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 4.99 (br s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 165.5, 154.8, 149.6, 144.7, 140.0, 139.4, 137.7, 131.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 124.7, 124.2, 123.6, 123.4, 122.0, 117.4, 111.7, 52.3, 52.1, 40.8, 21.7, 21.6, (2C peaks are merged with other peaks); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_7\text{SNa}$ 580.1400, found 580.1401.



Methyl

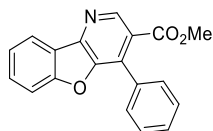
2-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **4e** (108 mg, Yield = 94%, $R_f = 0.36$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.09 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.65–6.48 (m, 3H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.96 (br s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 165.5, 157.0, 154.4, 149.8, 145.1, 138.9, 131.4, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.4, 124.5, 123.3, 123.4, 121.8, 120.8, 117.4, 111.6, 111.0, 56.0, 52.3, 51.8, 35.7, 21.8, (2C peaks are merged with other peaks); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_8\text{SNa}$ 596.1350, found 596.1350.



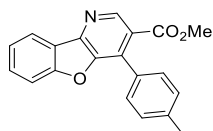
Methyl

2-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1-tosyl-1,4-dihydrobenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **4f** (90s mg, Yield = 82%, $R_f = 0.52$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23–8.16 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.02 (d, $J =$

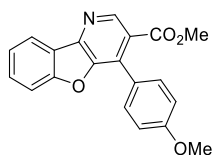
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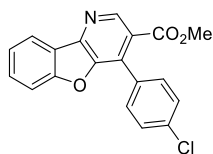
Methyl 4-phenylbenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5a** (34 mg, Yield = 94%, $R_f = 0.41$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 170–171 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.44 (m, 8H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 158.8, 147.4 (2C), 146.9, 134.2, 132.7, 130.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.4, 124.1, 123.8, 123.0, 122.0, 112.7, 52.5; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 304.0968, found 304.0967.



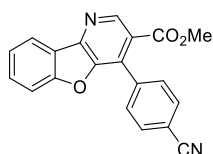
Methyl 4-(*p*-tolyl)benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5b** (34 mg, Yield = 89%, $R_f = 0.36$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a white solid; mp 140–141 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.2, 158.7, 147.5, 147.3, 146.7, 139.2, 134.3, 130.4, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 124.1, 123.7, 123.0, 122.0, 112.6, 52.5, 21.6; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 318.1125, found 318.1125.



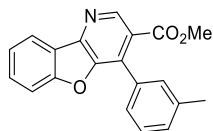
Methyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5c** (37 mg, Yield = 92%, $R_f = 0.28$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 128–129 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.09 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.4, 160.3, 158.7, 147.5, 147.3, 146.6, 133.9, 130.8, 130.3, 124.5, 124.0, 123.7, 123.0, 122.0, 114.0, 112.6, 55.4, 52.5; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 334.1074, found 334.1075.



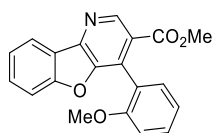
Methyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5d** (38 mg, Yield = 94%, $R_f = 0.41$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a white solid; mp 130–131 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.15 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.43 (m, 7H), 3.78 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 158.8, 147.5, 147.2, 147.0, 135.2, 133.0, 131.0, 130.6 (2C), 128.8, 124.2, 123.2, 122.8, 122.0, 112.6, 52.6; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClNO}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 338.0578, found 338.0579.



Methyl 4-(4-cyanophenyl)benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5e** (35 mg, Yield = 90%, $R_f = 0.21$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a white solid; mp 197–198 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.2, 158.9, 147.8, 147.5, 147.0, 137.7, 132.3, 132.1, 131.0, 130.1, 124.5, 122.6, 122.5, 122.2, 118.7, 112.8, 112.6, 52.7; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 329.0921, found 329.0920.

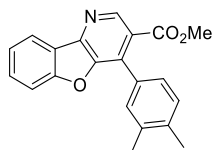


Methyl 4-(*m*-tolyl)benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5f** (30 mg, Yield = 79%, $R_f = 0.39$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 145–146 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.2, 158.8, 147.5, 147.2, 146.7, 138.1, 134.3, 132.6, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 128.4, 126.3, 124.1, 123.9, 123.0, 122.0, 112.7, 52.5, 21.7; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 318.1125, found 318.1125.

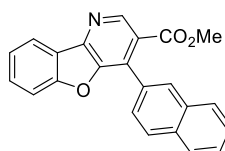


Methyl 4-(2-methoxyphenyl)benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5g** (38 mg, Yield = 95%, $R_f = 0.30$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 141–142 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 158.6, 156.4, 147.7,

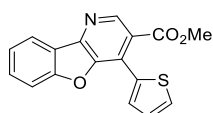
147.0, 146.9, 130.8, 130.7, 130.6, 130.2, 124.5, 123.9, 123.1, 121.9, 121.6, 120.7, 112.6, 110.8, 55.5, 52.2; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{16}NO_4$ $[M + H]^+$ 334.1074, found 334.1073.



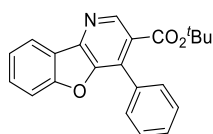
Methyl 4-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5h** (36 mg, Yield = 90%, R_f = 0.28 (PE/EA = 10:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 133–134 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.24 (m, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.2, 158.7, 147.5, 147.2, 146.6, 137.8, 136.8, 134.4, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 126.7, 124.0, 123.8, 123.0, 121.9, 112.7, 52.5, 20.0, 19.9, (1C peak is merged with other peaks); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_3$ $[M + H]^+$ 332.1281, found 332.1283.



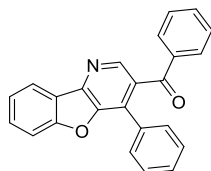
Methyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yl)benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5i** (40 mg, Yield = 94%, R_f = 0.39 (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 168–169 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.20 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.53 (m, 5H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.1, 158.8, 147.6, 147.5, 146.9, 134.2, 133.4, 133.1, 130.5, 130.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 124.1, 123.8, 123.0, 122.0, 112.7, 52.5, (1C peak is merged with other peaks); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{16}NO_3$ $[M + H]^+$ 354.1125, found 354.1125.



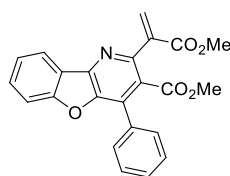
Methyl 4-(thiophen-2-yl)benzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5j** (36 mg, Yield = 97%, R_f = 0.33 (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 145–146 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.52 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.4, 158.6, 146.8, 146.7, 146.6, 132.1, 130.4, 130.3, 128.9, 127.6, 126.4, 124.2, 124.0, 122.9, 122.0, 112.6, 52.8; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{12}NO_3S$ $[M + H]^+$ 310.0532, found 310.0532.



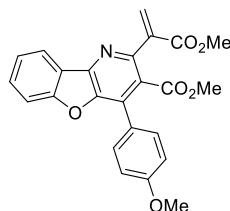
tert-Butyl 4-phenylbenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridine-3-carboxylate. Compound **5k** (37 mg, Yield = 90%, R_f = 0.45 (PE/EA = 10:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 120–121 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.09 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.42 (m, 8H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 158.7, 147.4, 147.3, 146.2, 133.5, 133.3, 130.2, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 126.0, 124.0, 123.0, 121.9, 112.6, 82.4, 27.7; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 346.1438, found 346.1437.



Phenyl(4-phenylbenzofuro[3,2-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)methanone. Compound **5l** (35 mg, Yield = 84%, R_f = 0.31 (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 163–164 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.28 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.1, 158.6, 147.0, 146.1, 145.8, 137.4, 133.5, 132.6, 132.2, 131.9, 130.2, 130.1, 130.0, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 124.2, 123.1, 121.9, 112.6; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 350.1176, found 350.1177.

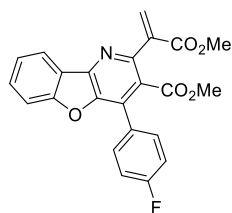


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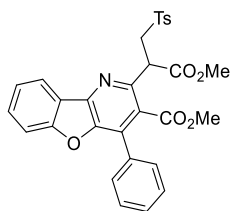


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NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 166.3, 160.4, 158.6, 150.4, 146.7, 144.7, 140.9, 132.3, 130.8, 130.6, 130.1, 125.8, 124.7, 124.0, 123.0, 122.0, 114.2, 112.5, 55.4, 52.5, 52.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z : [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO₆ 418.1285, found 418.1283.

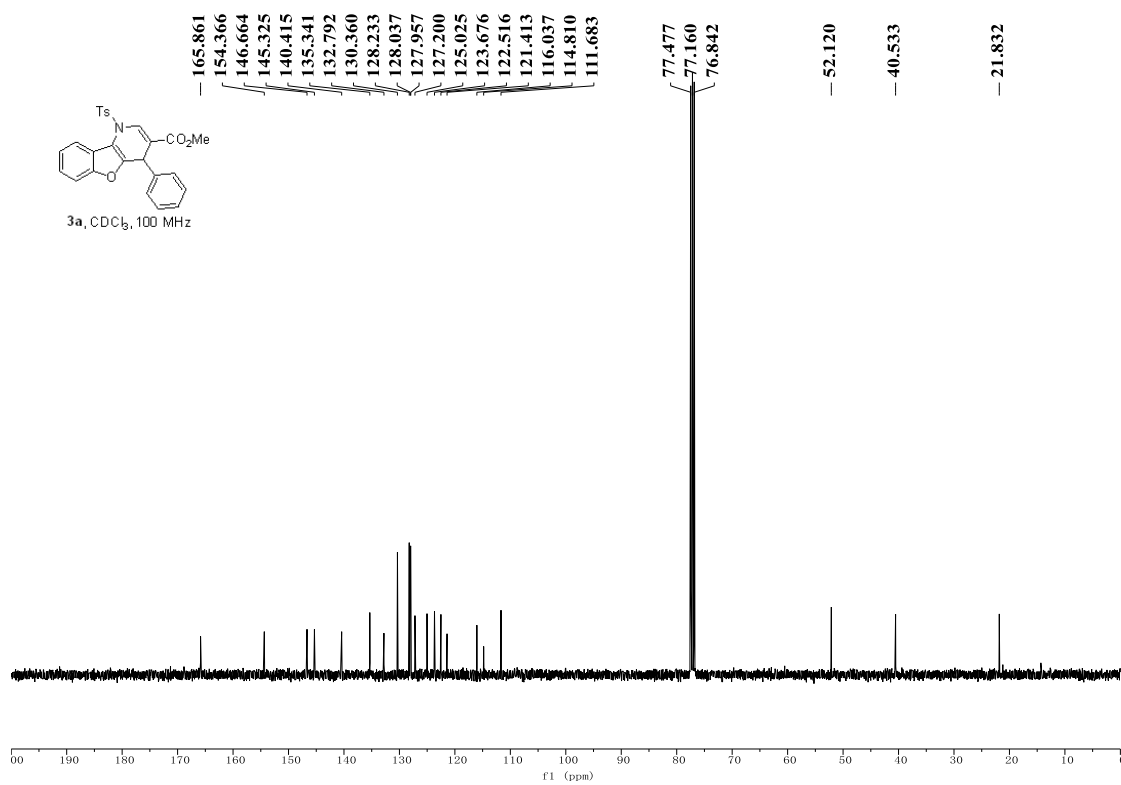
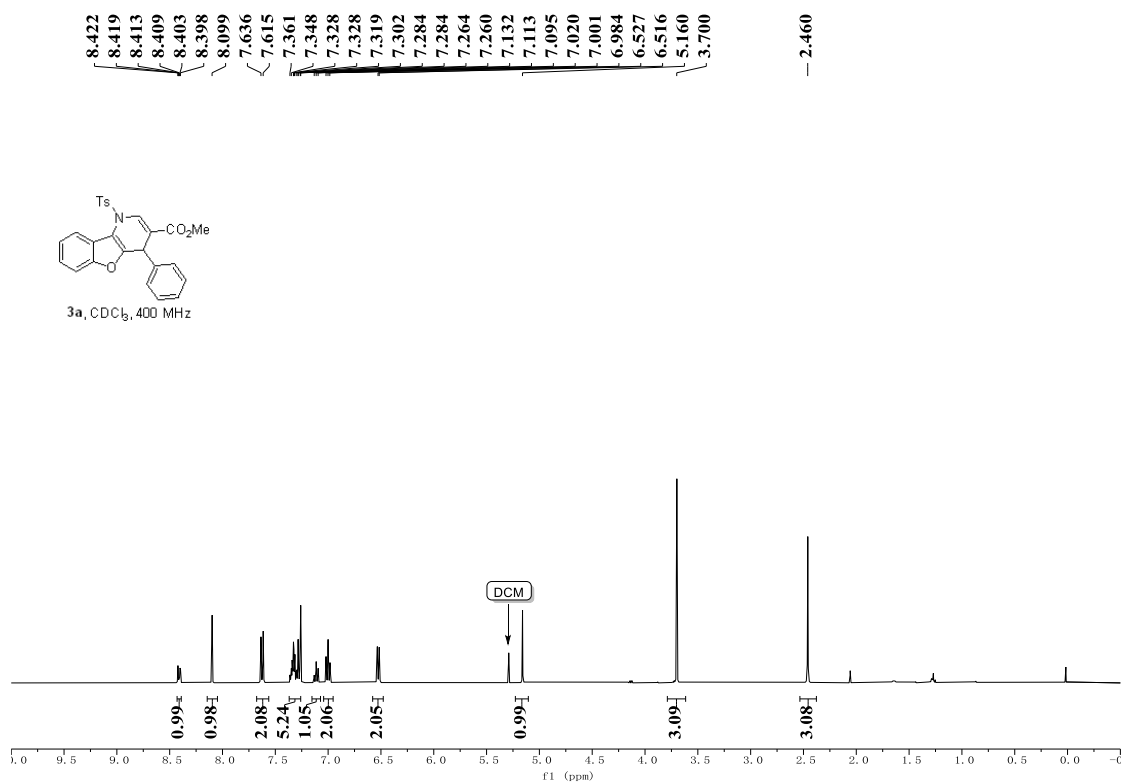


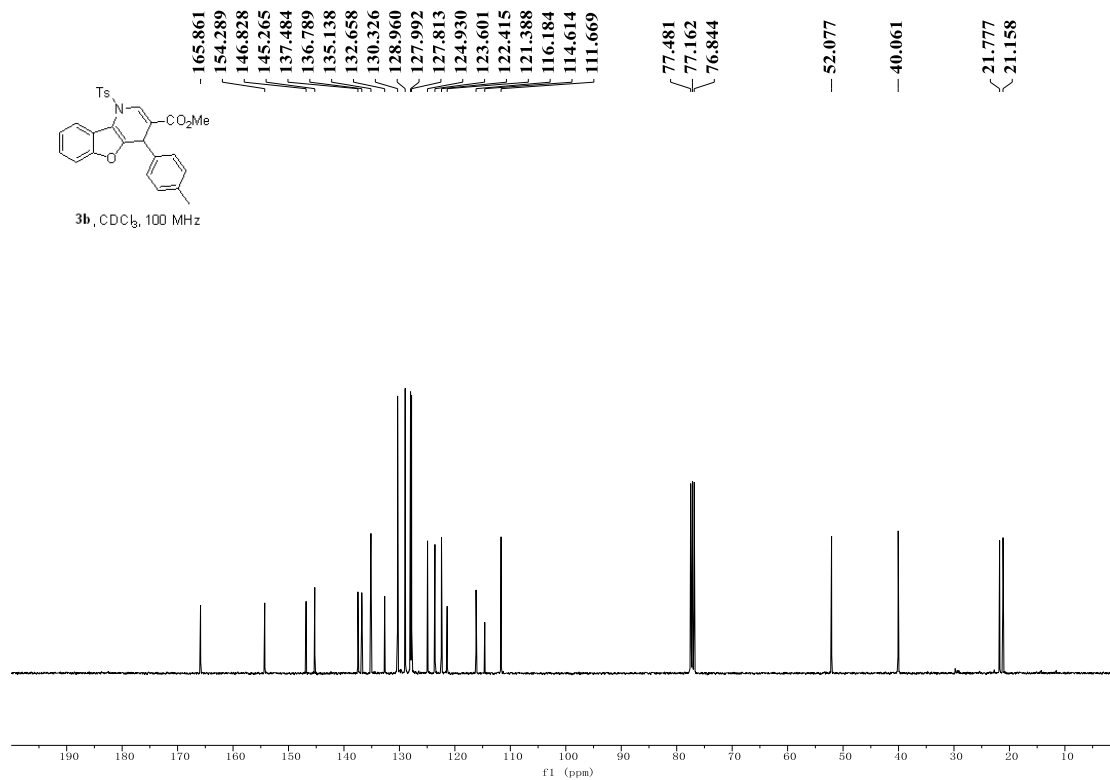
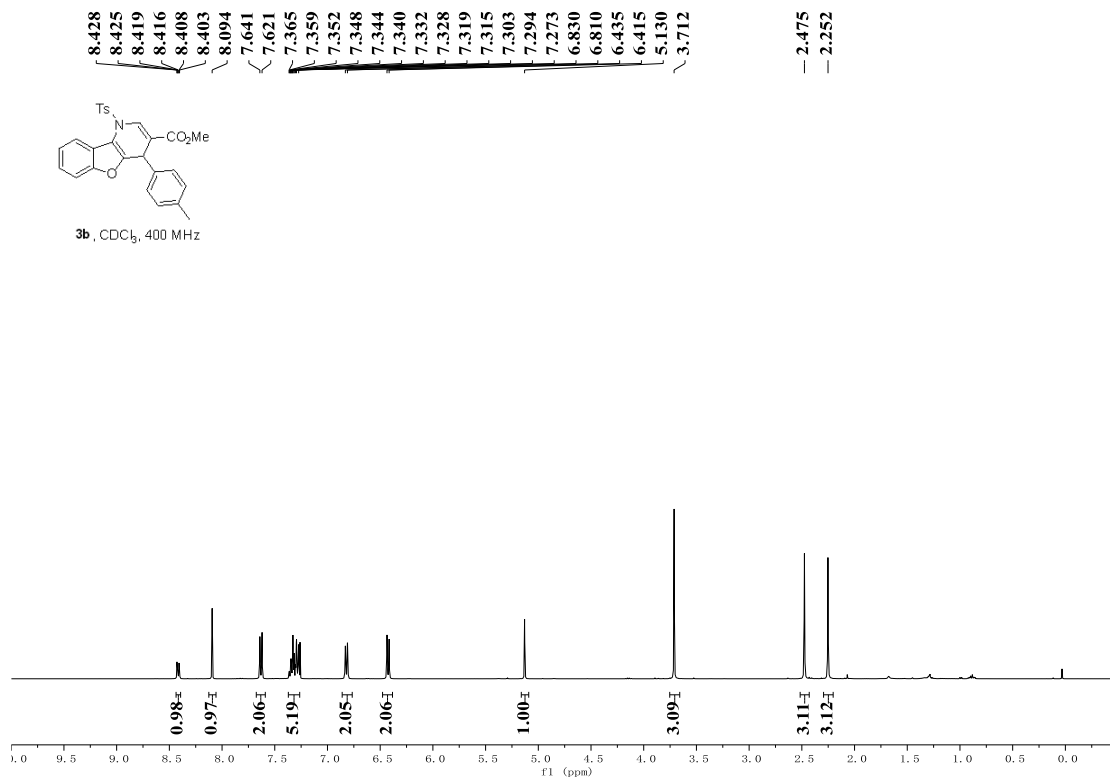
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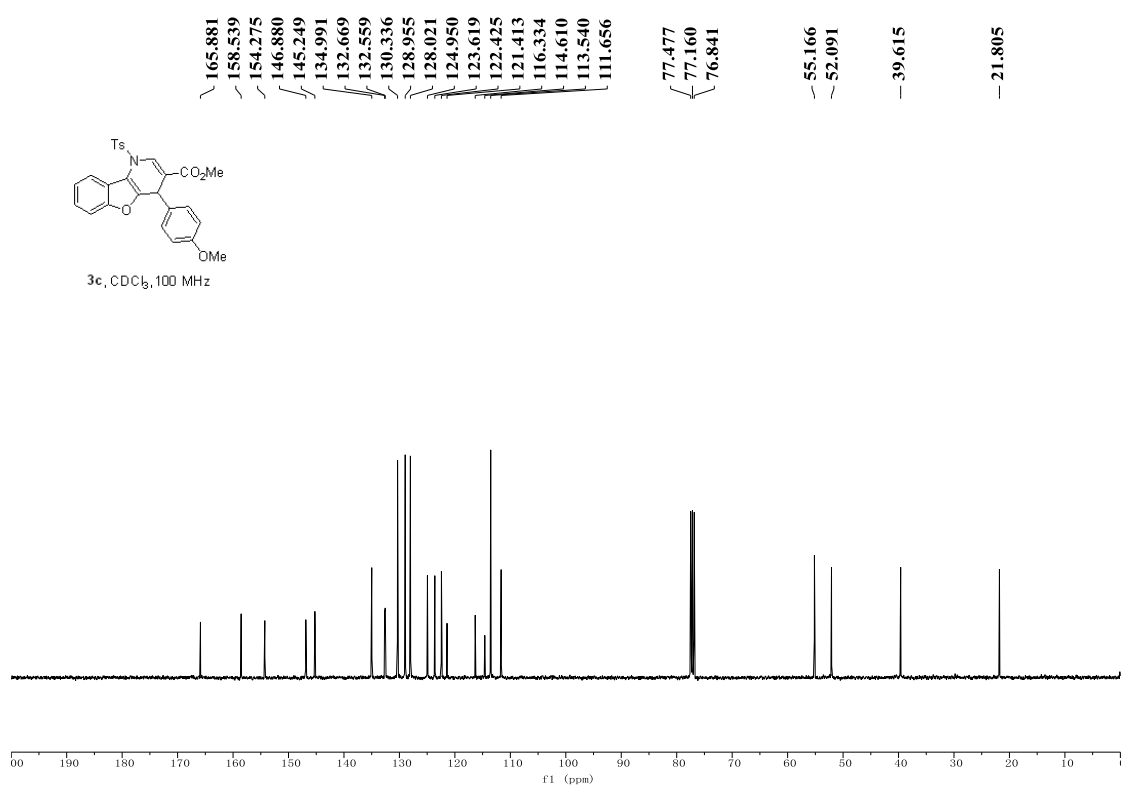
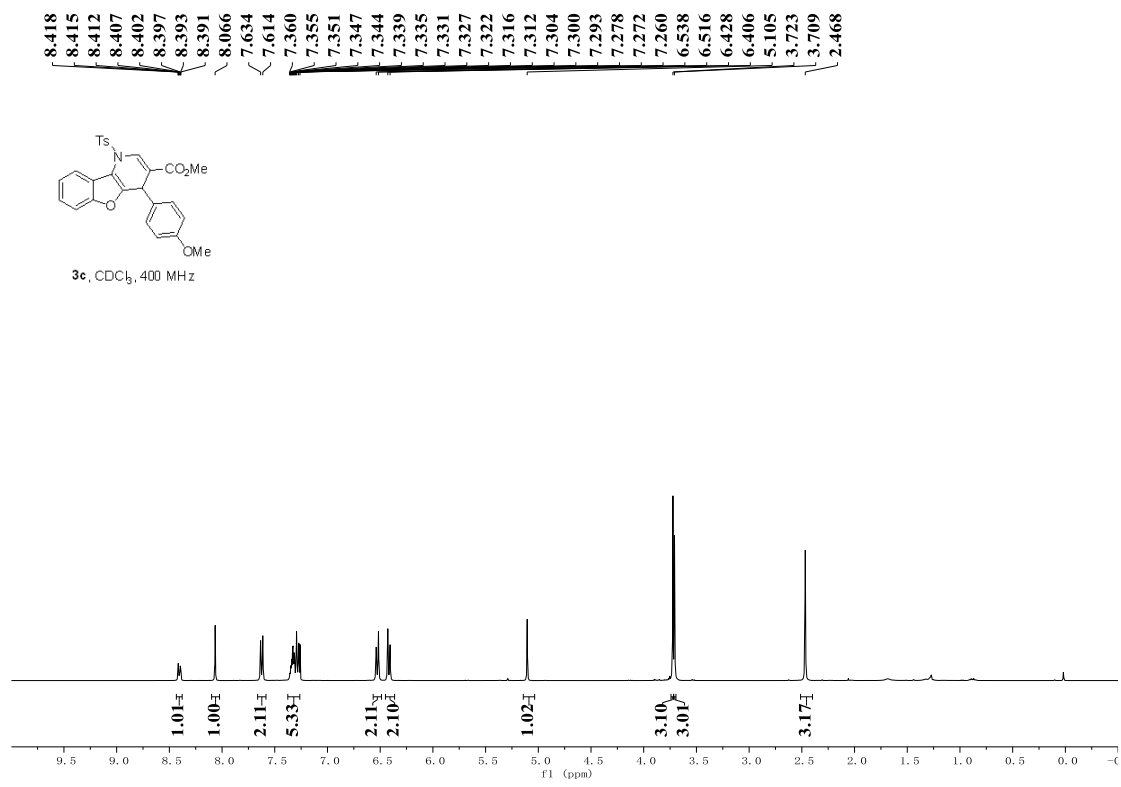


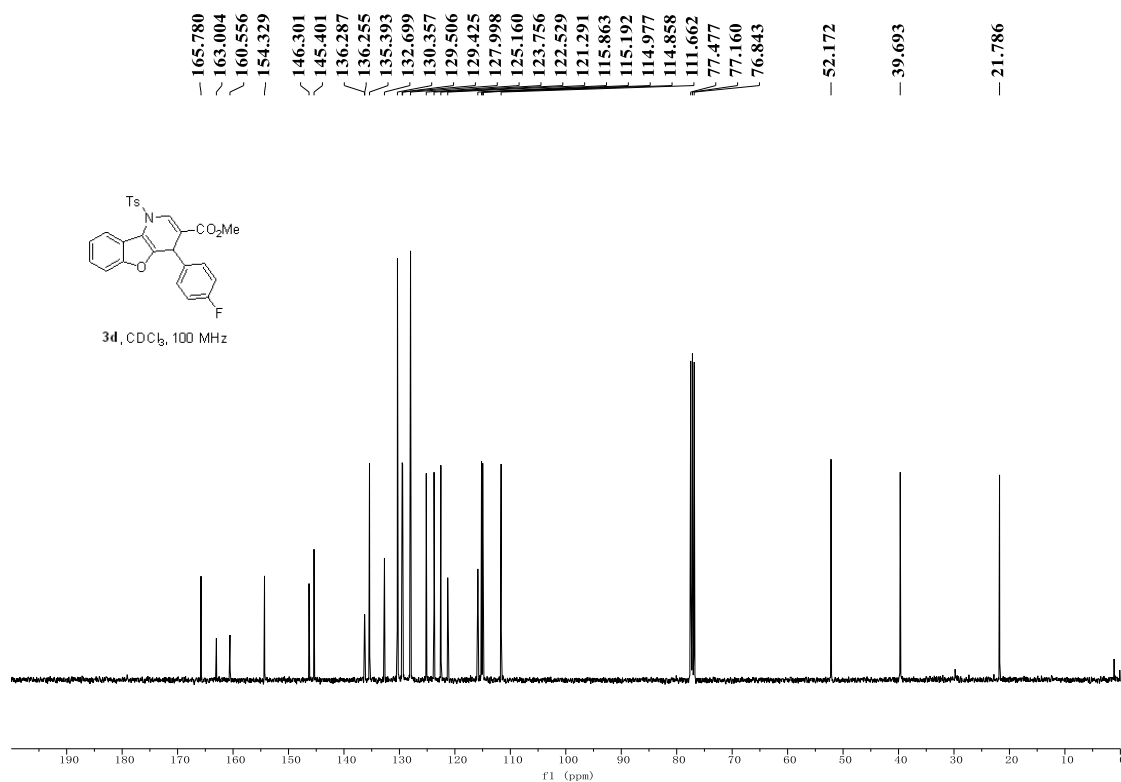
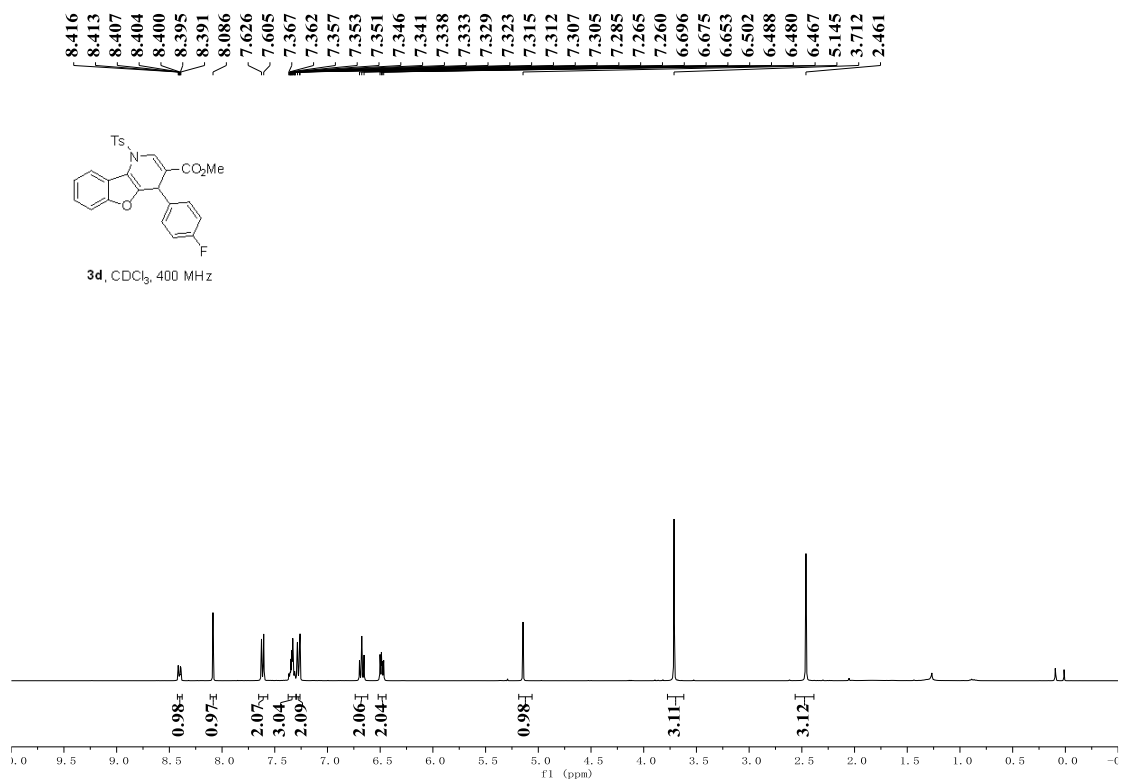
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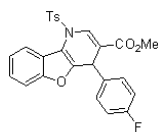
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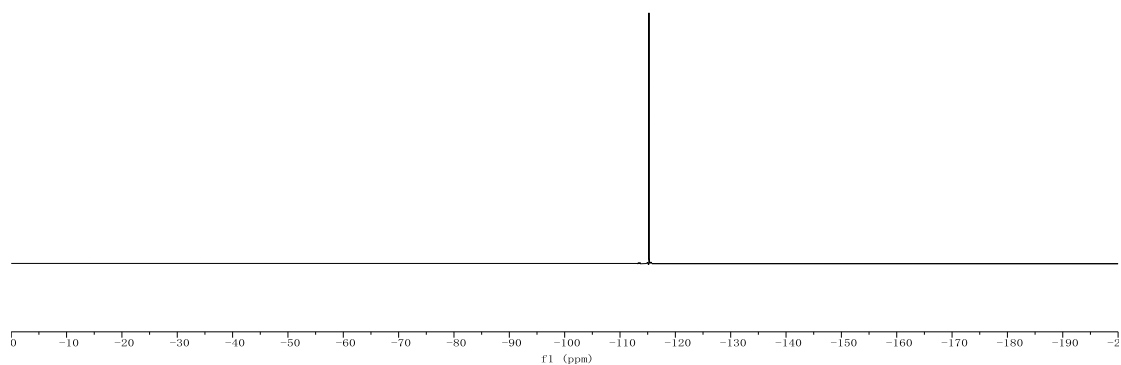








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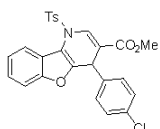


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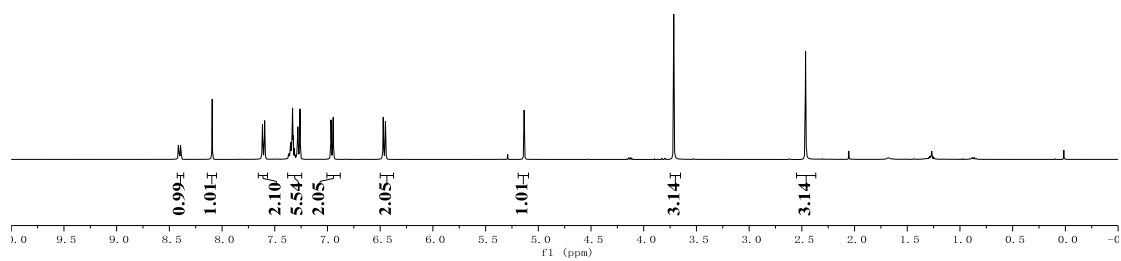
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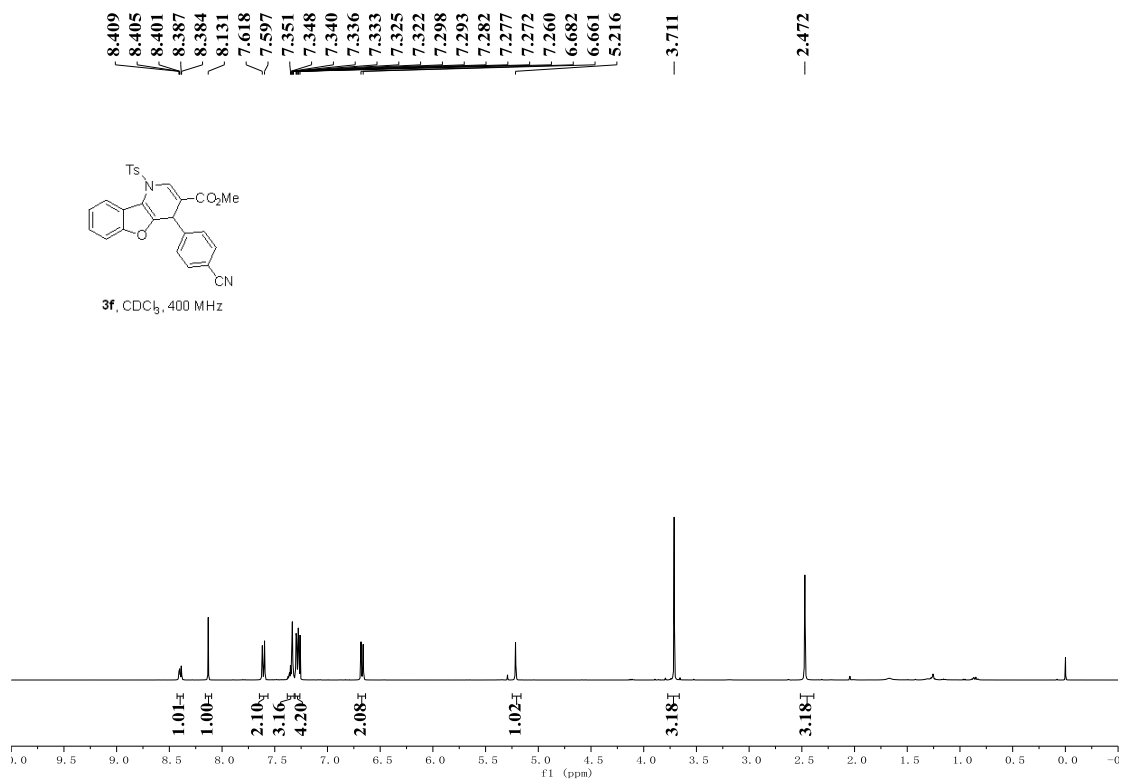
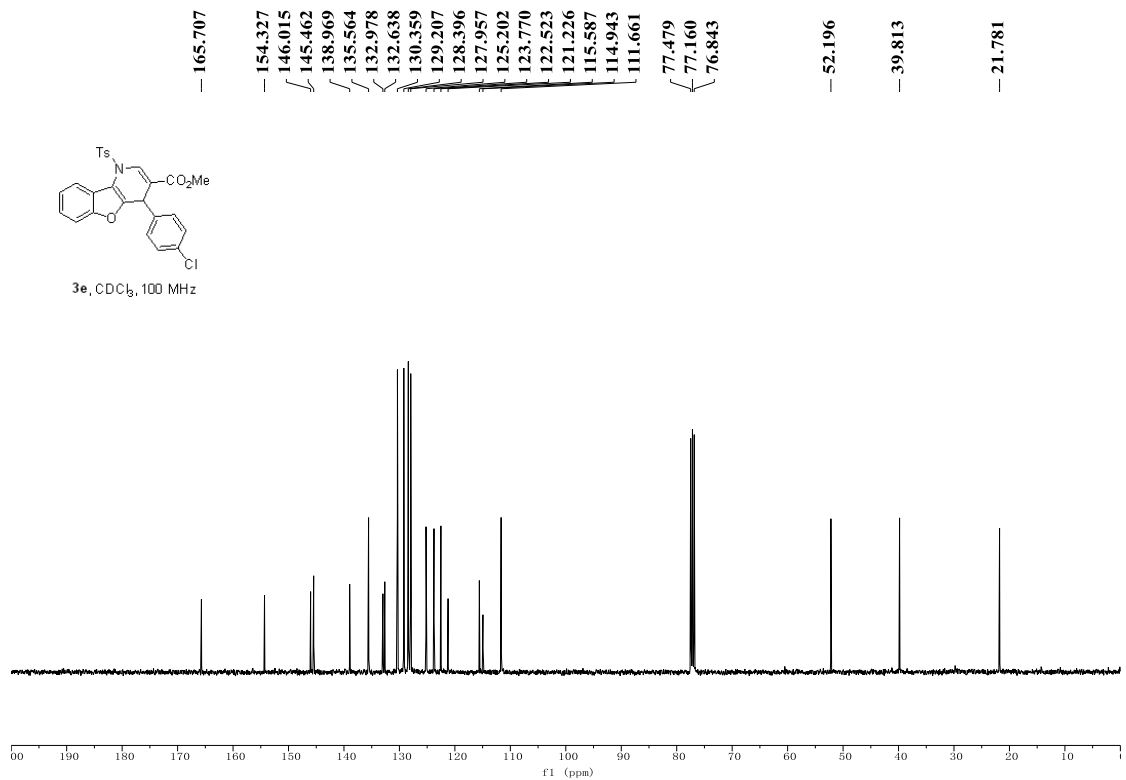
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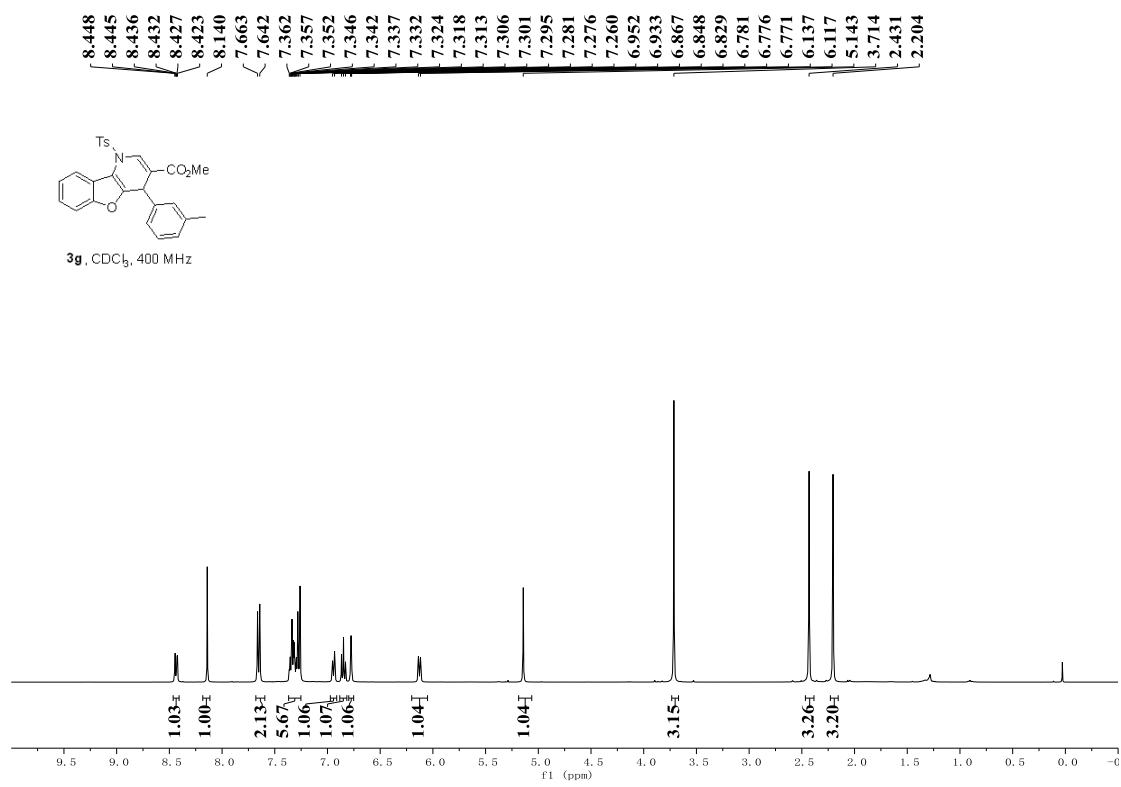
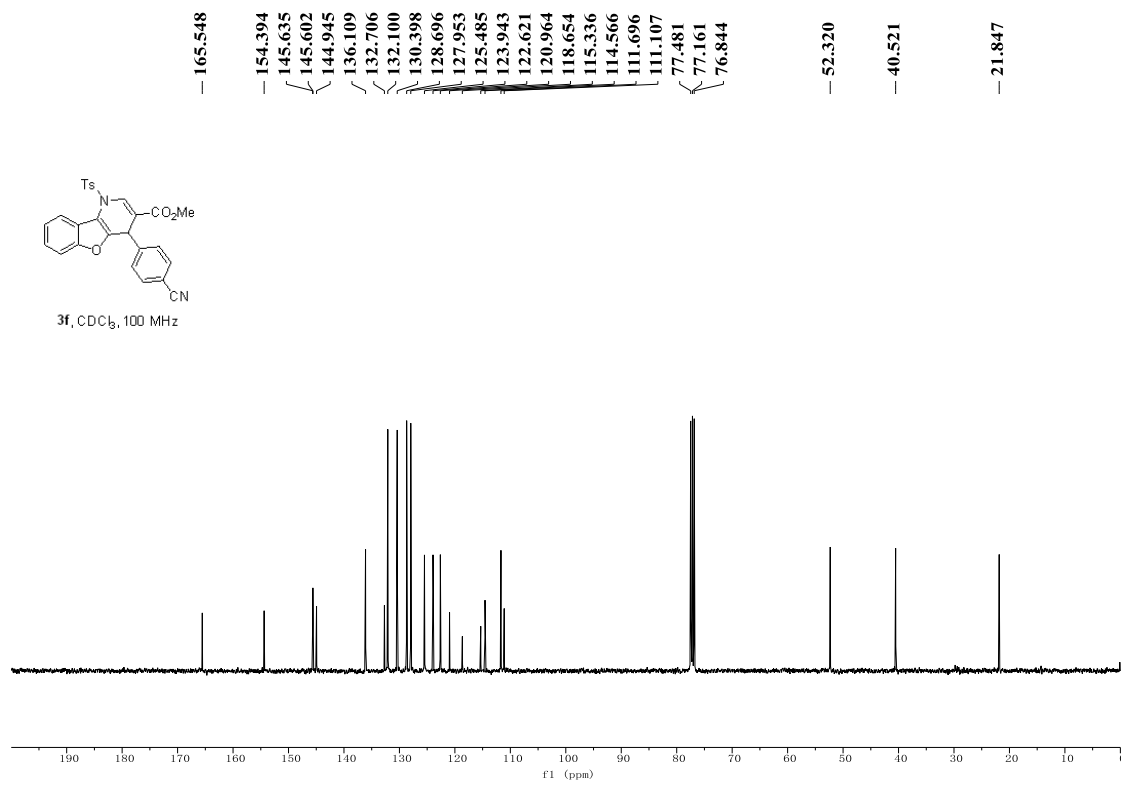
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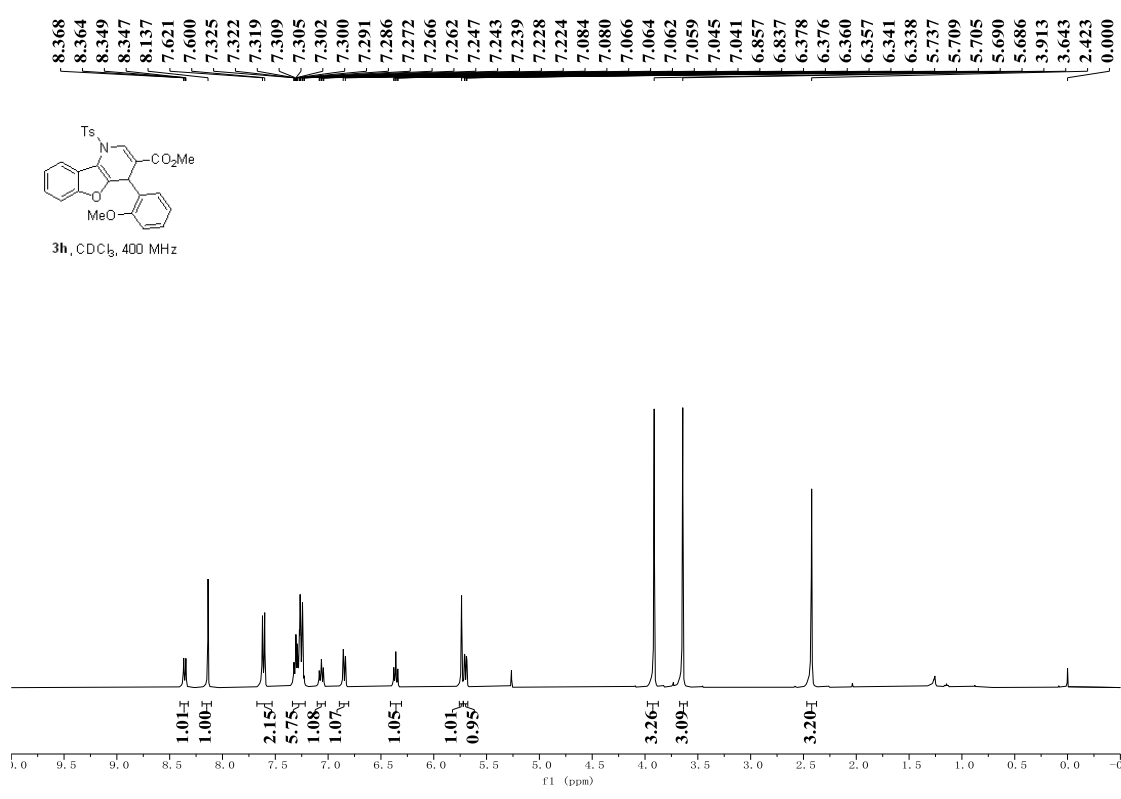
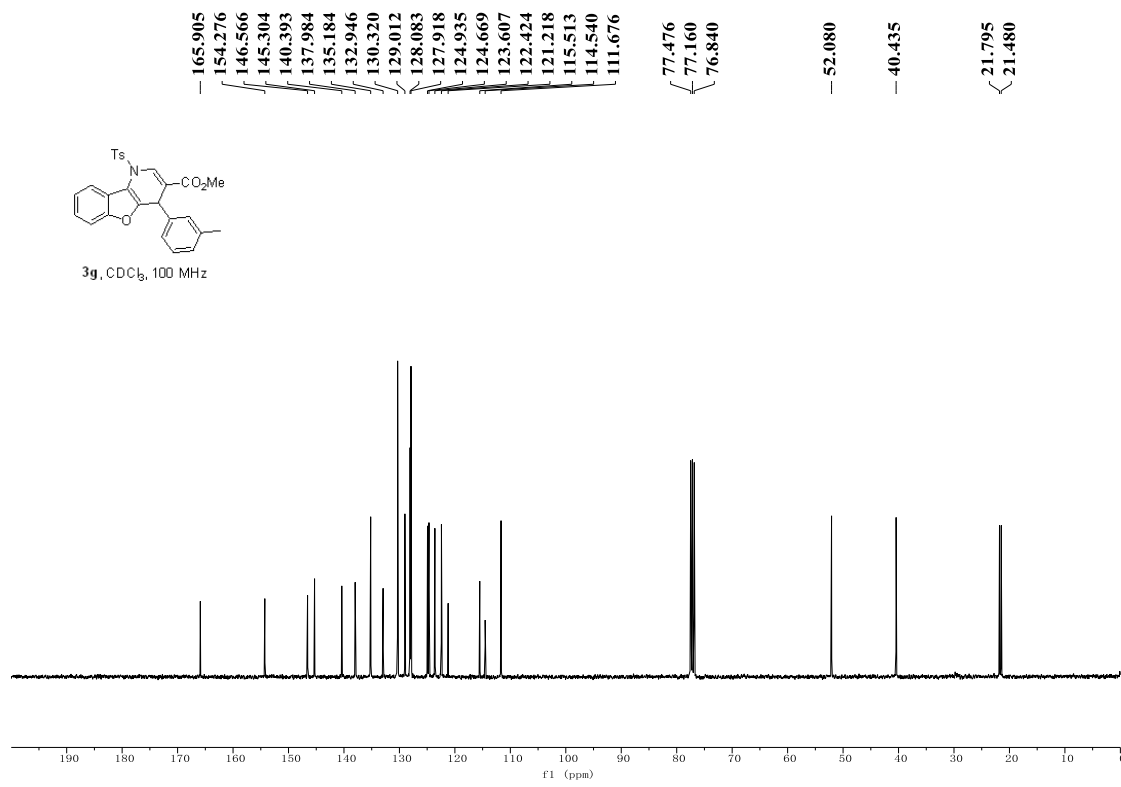


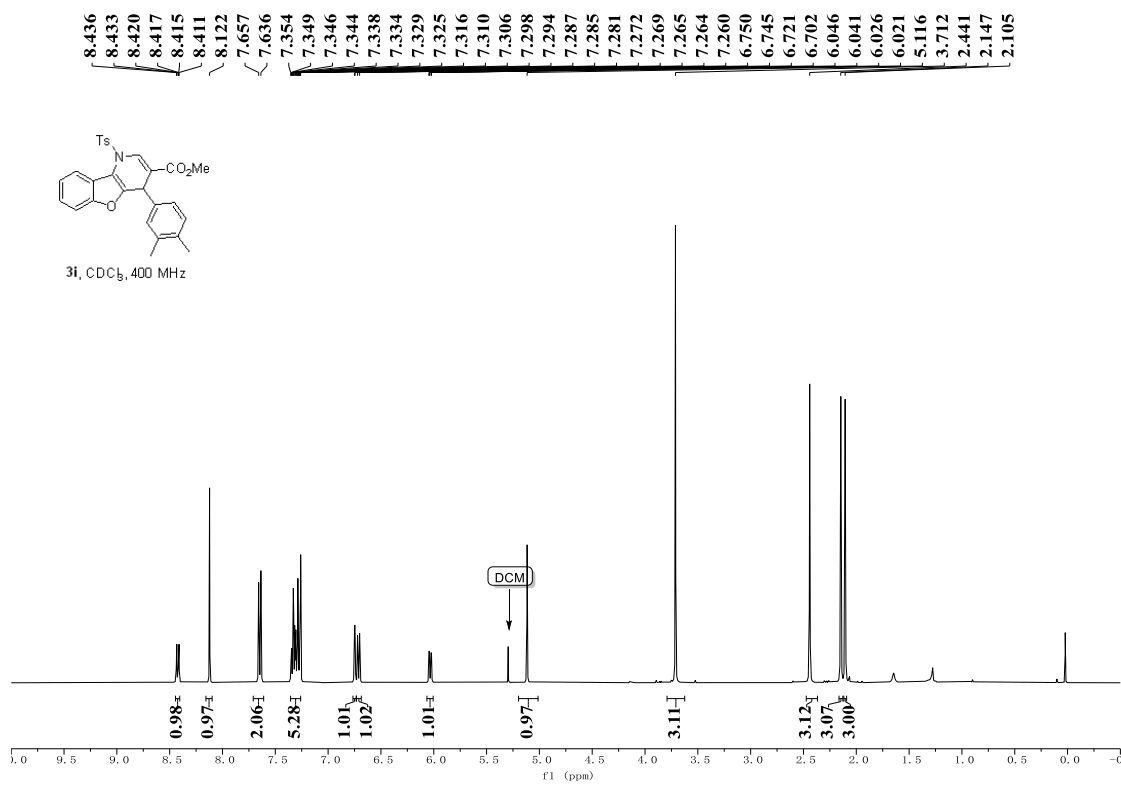
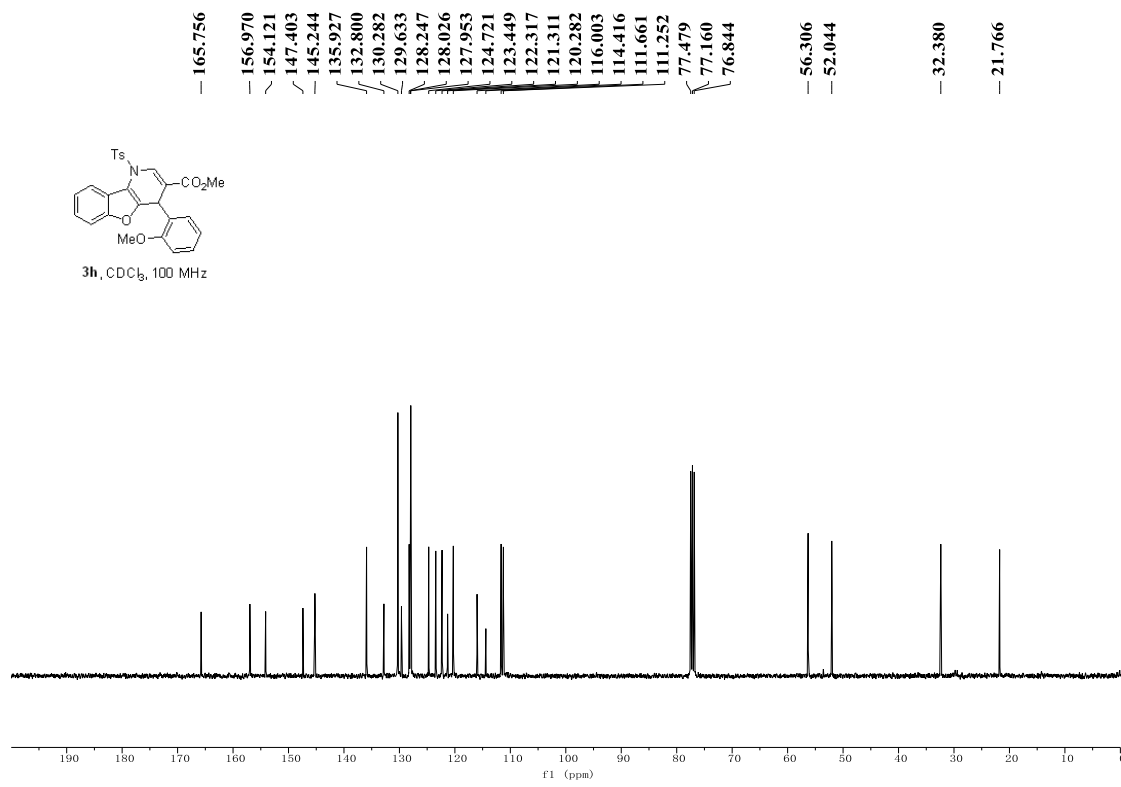
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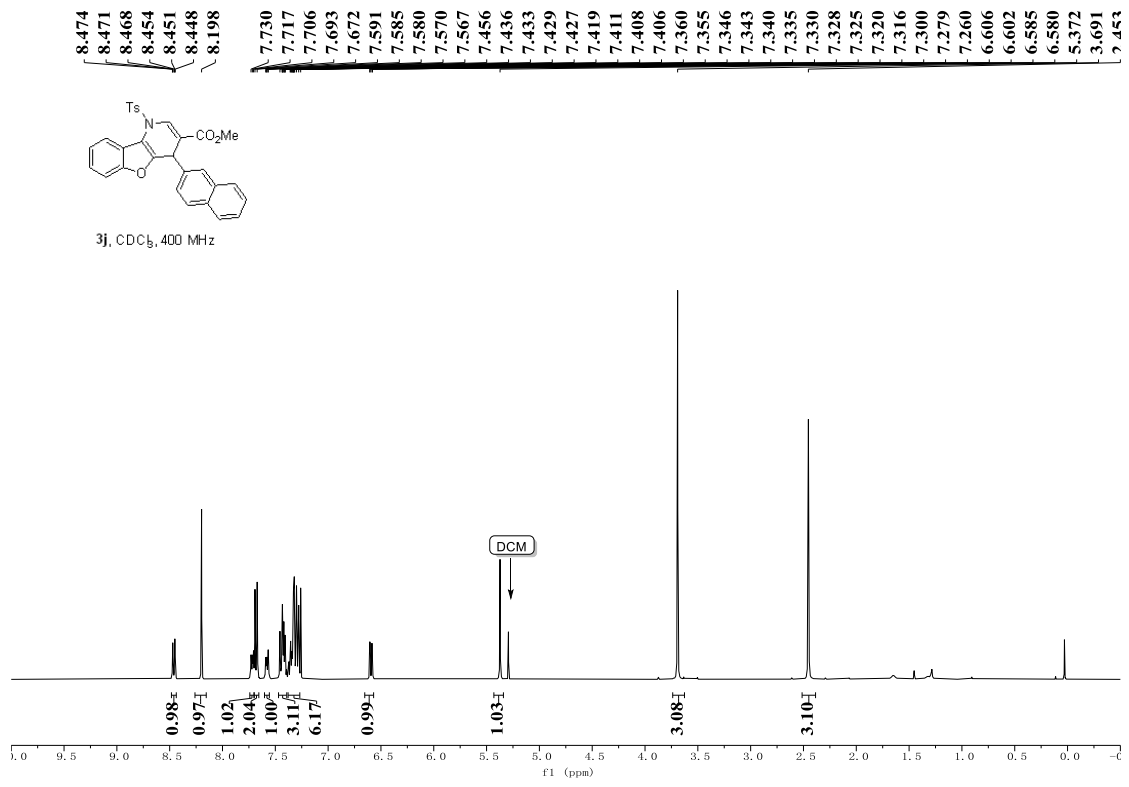
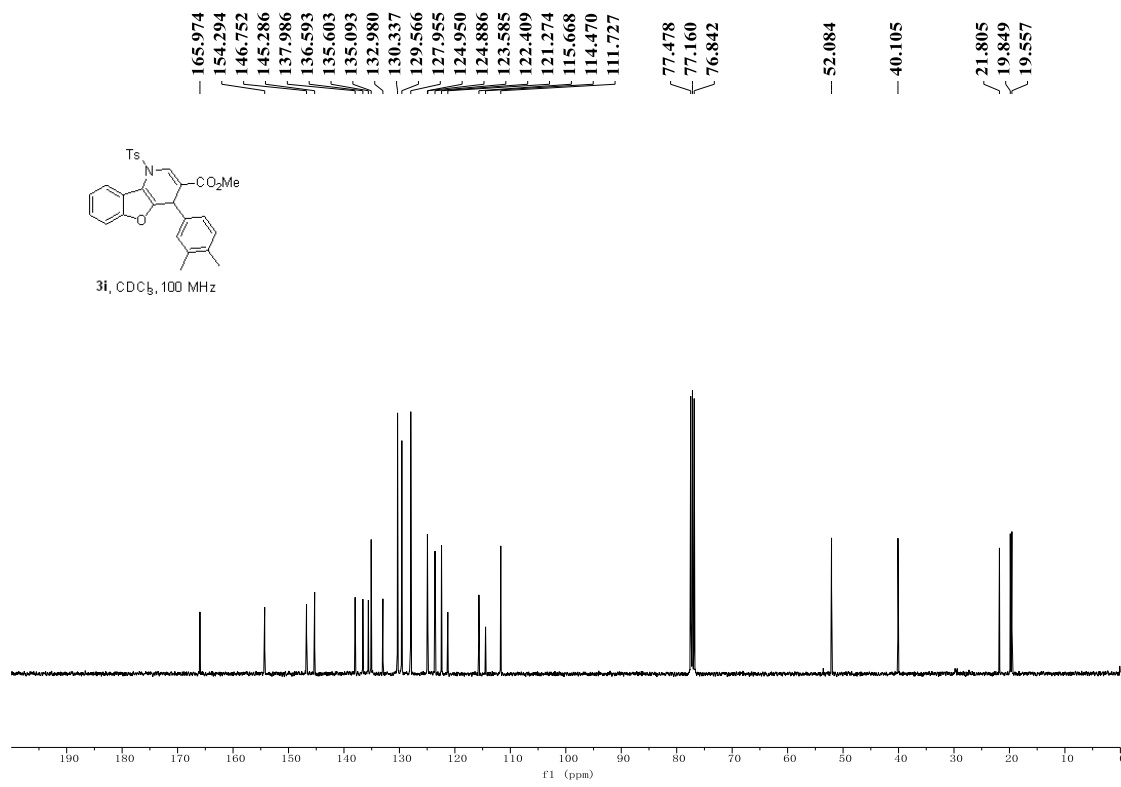


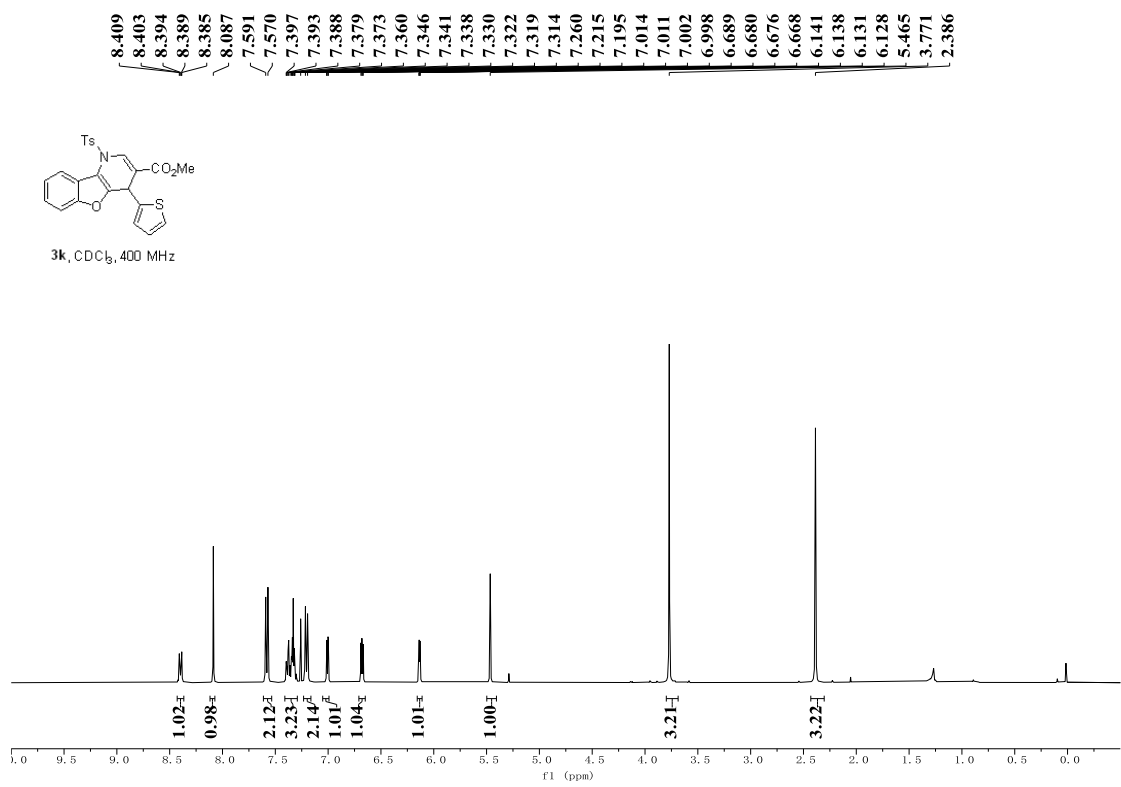
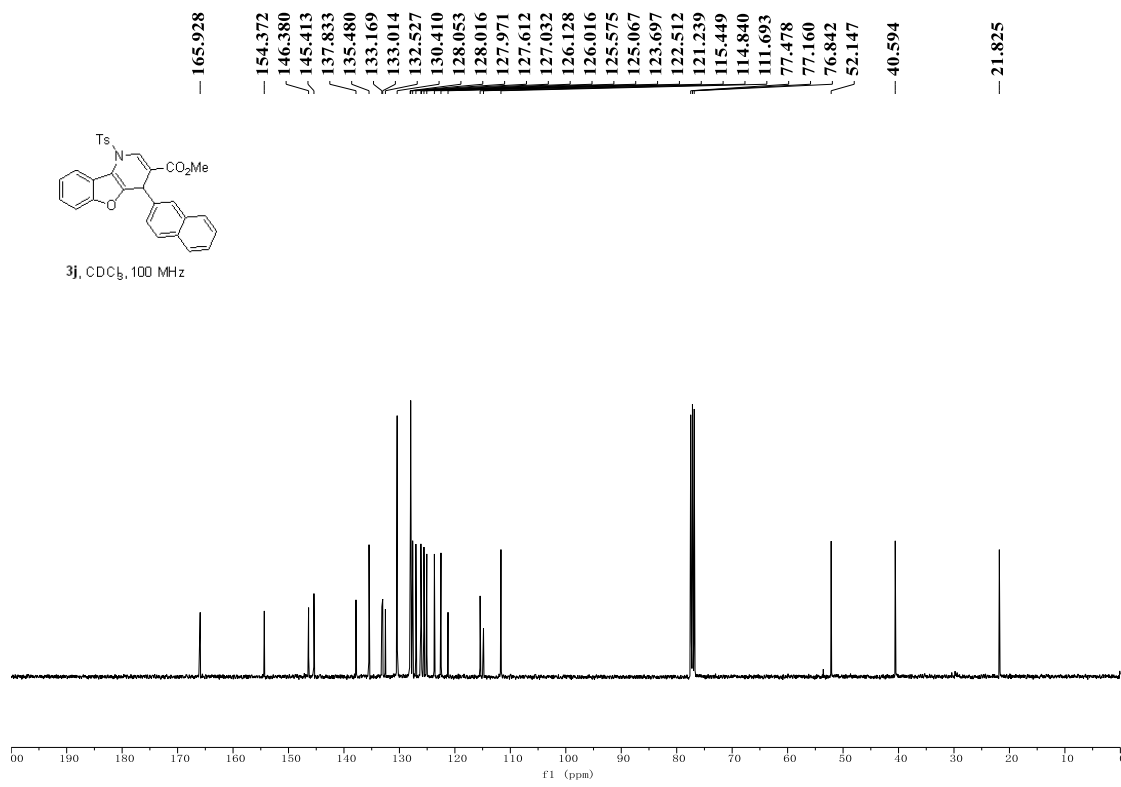


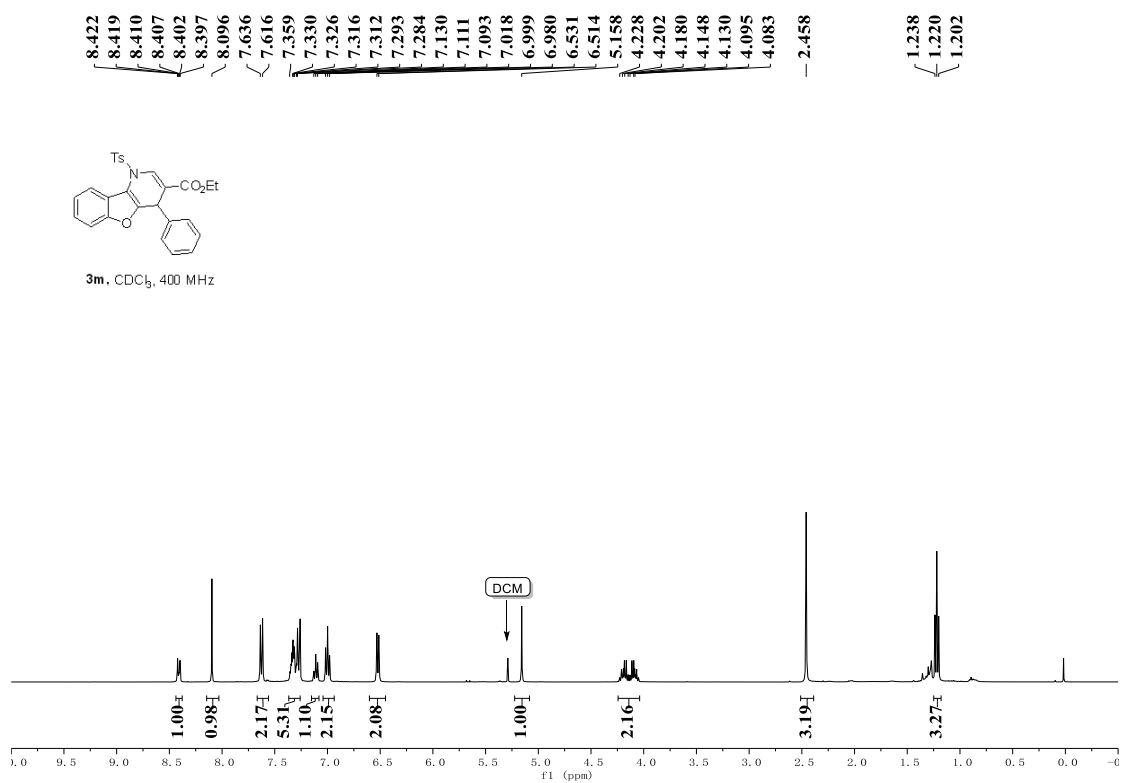
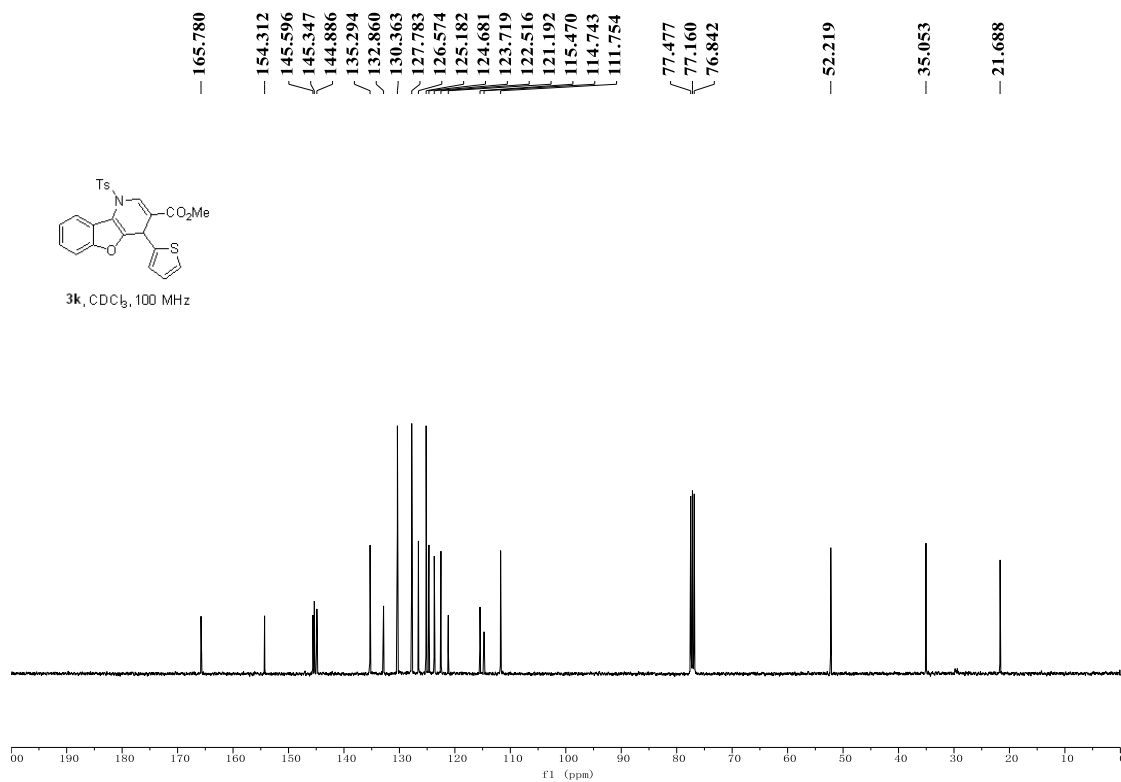


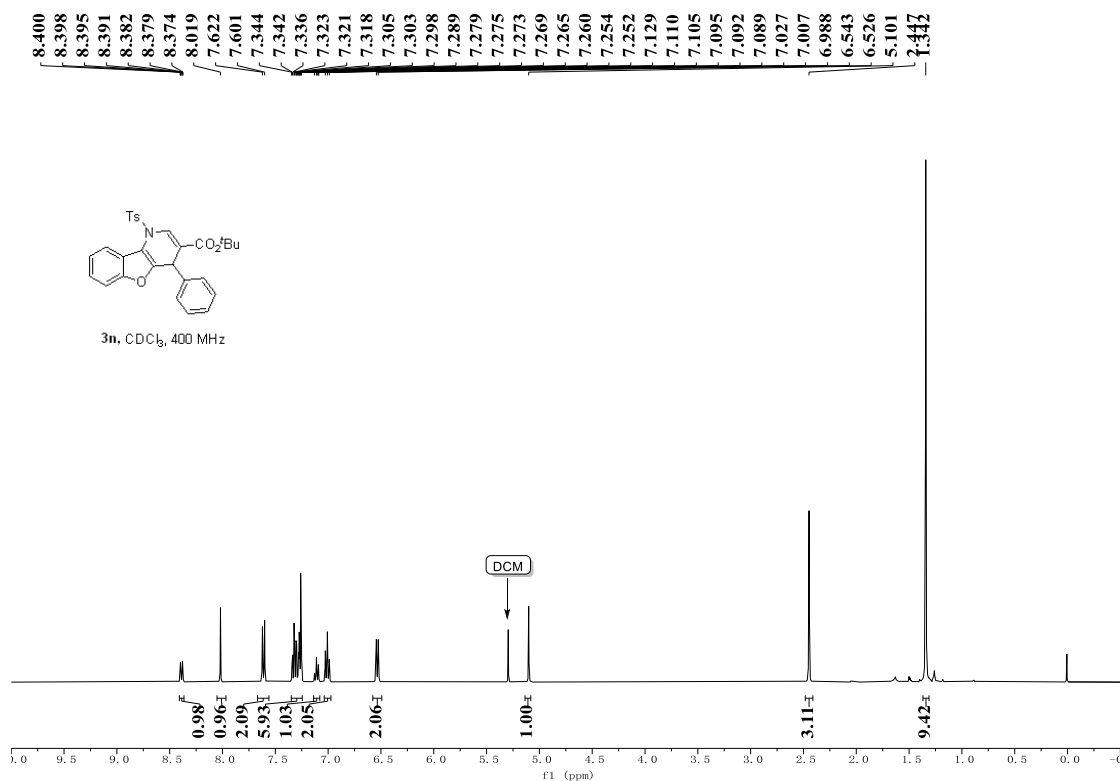
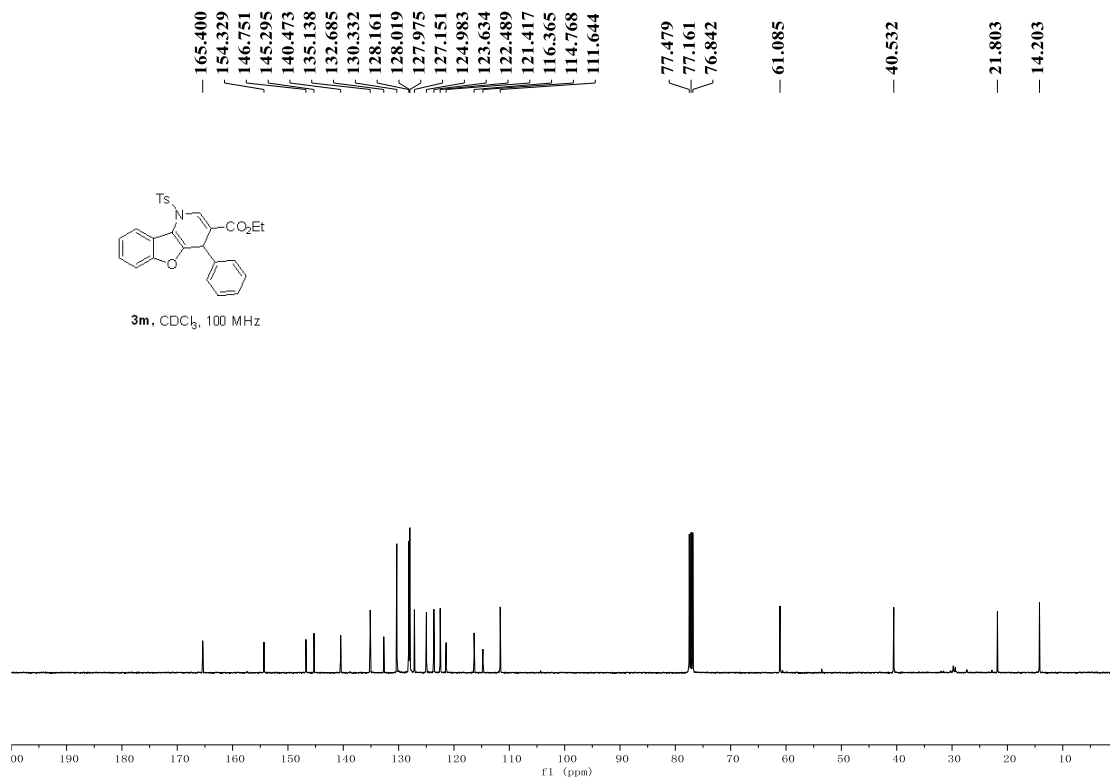


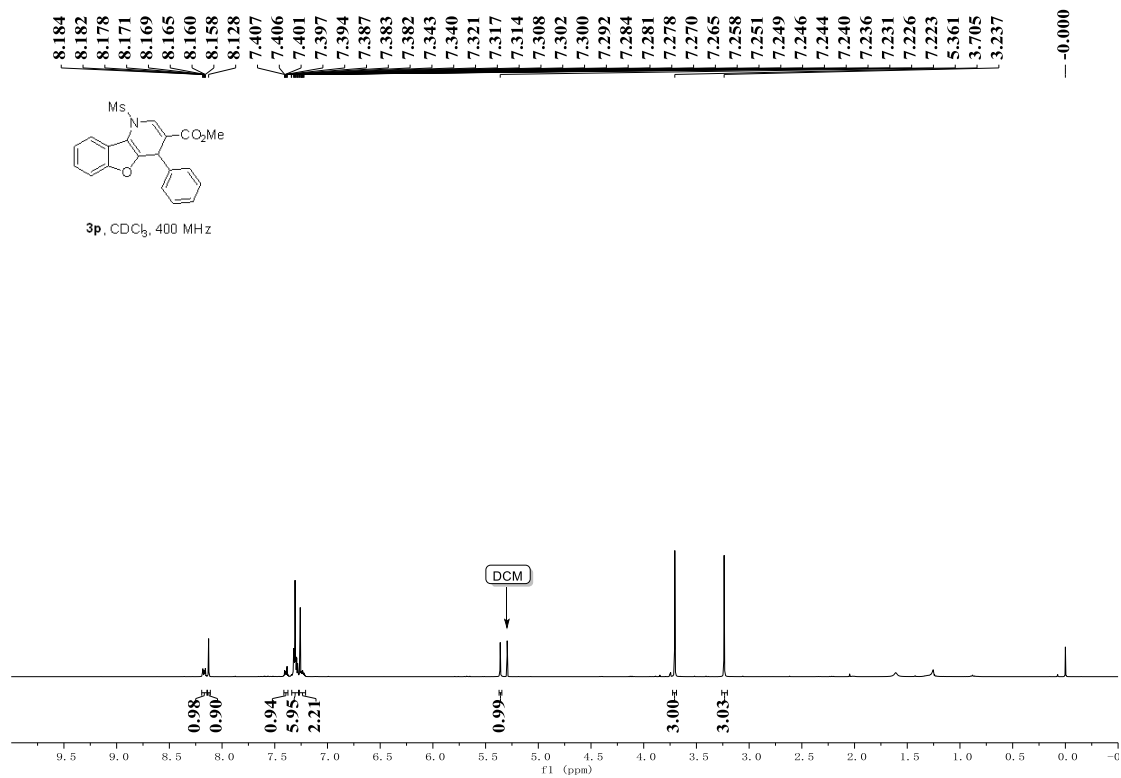
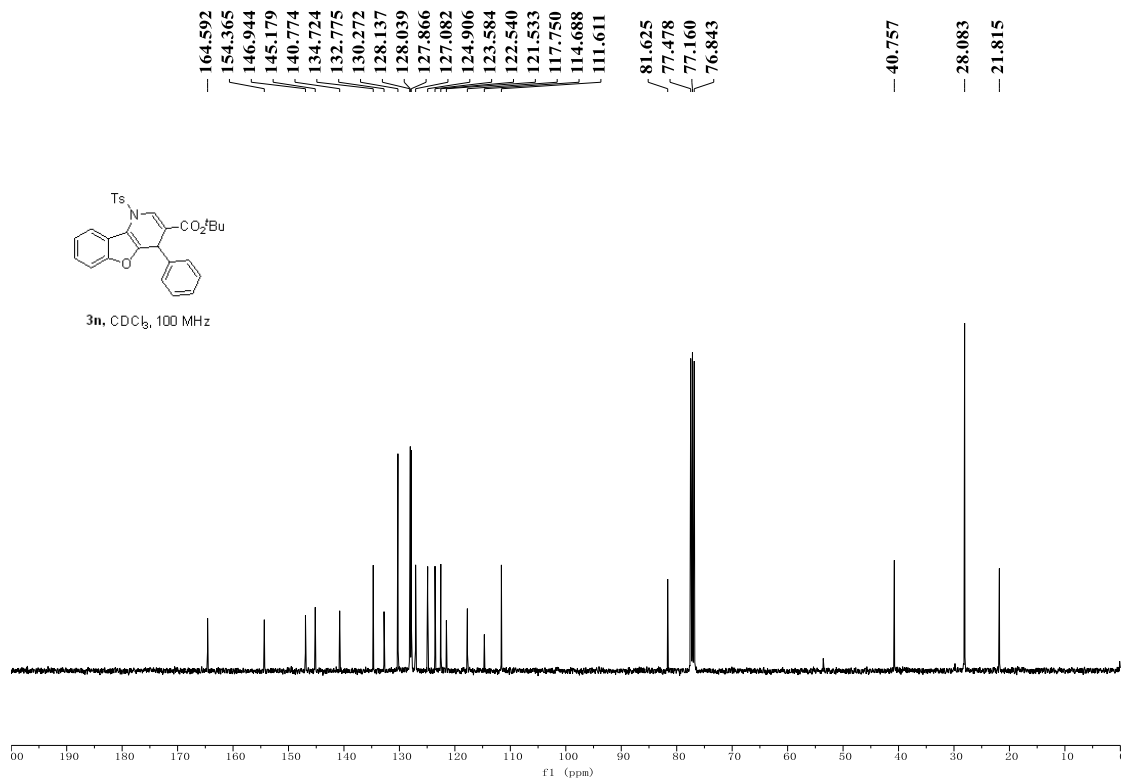


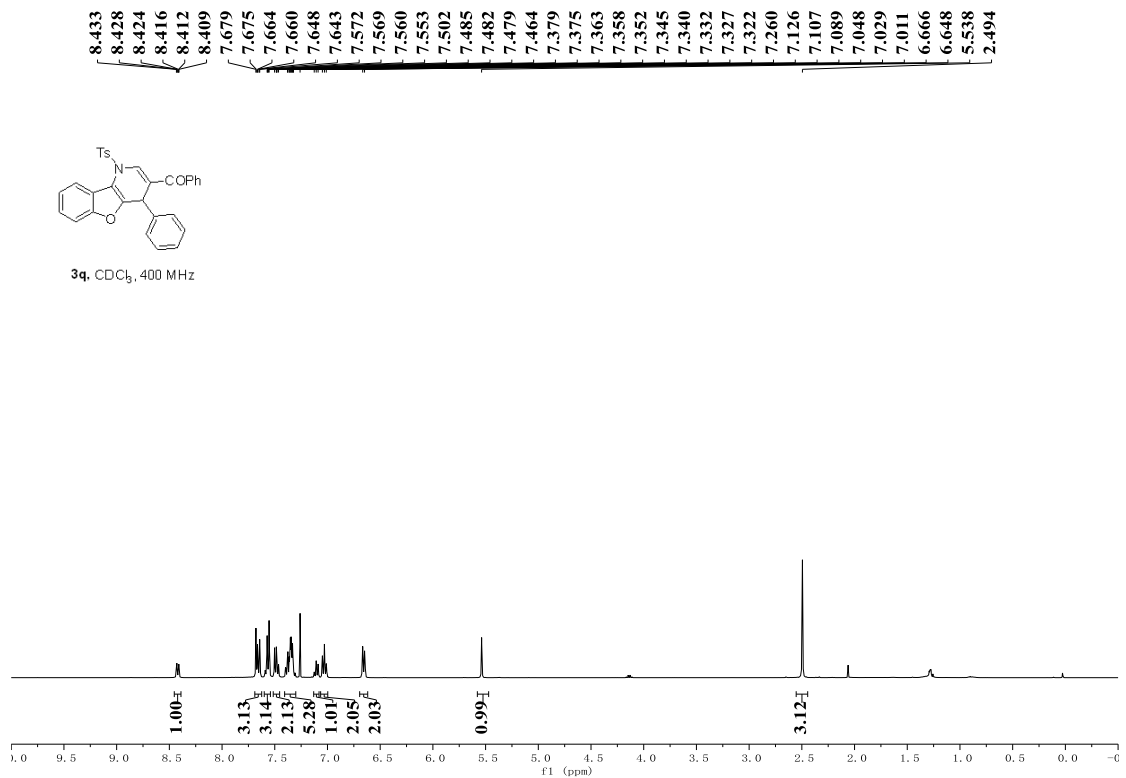
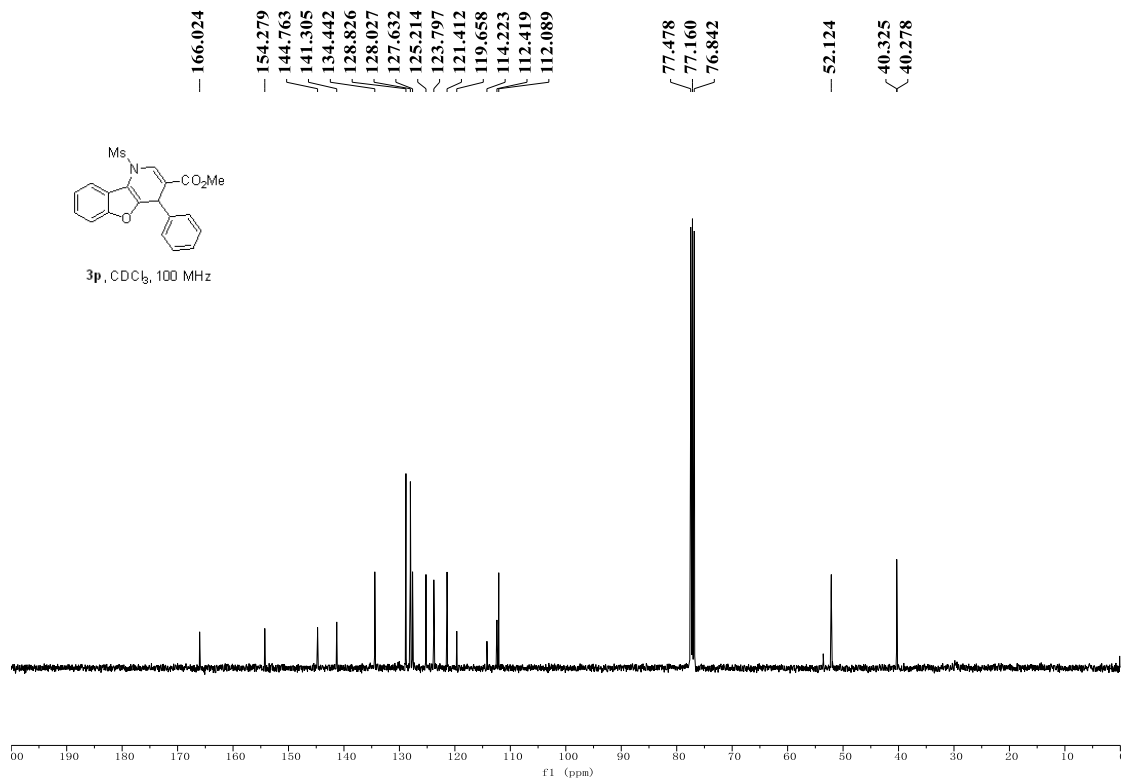


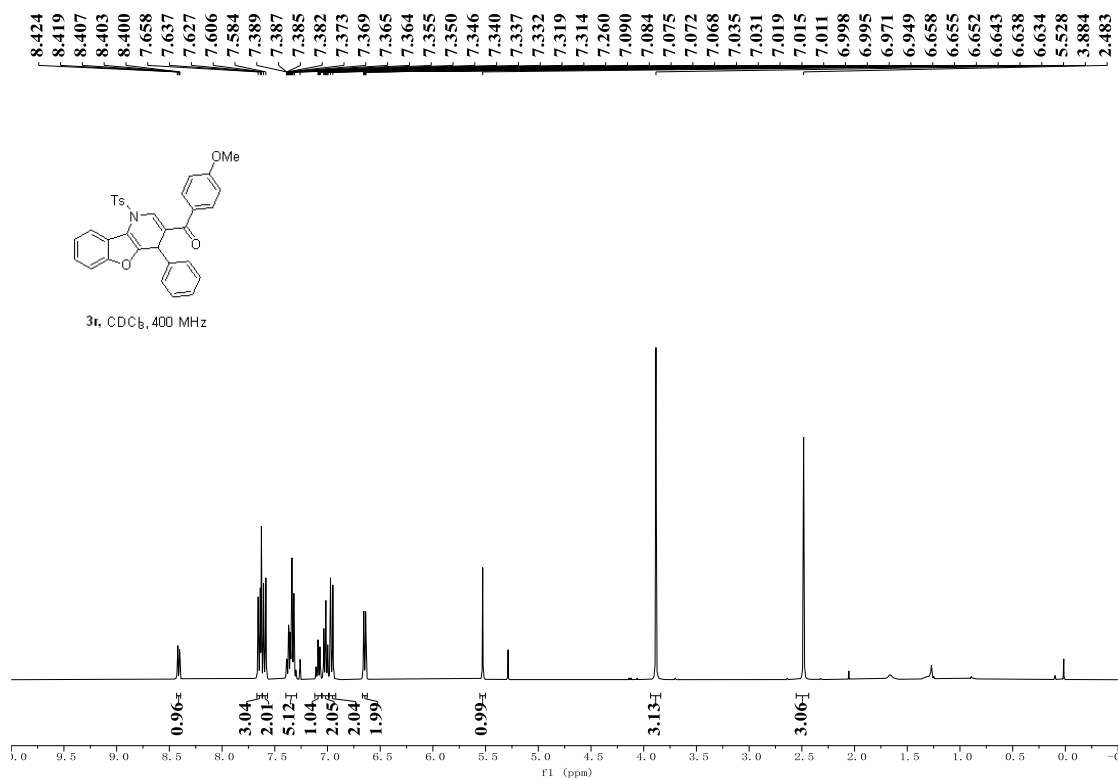
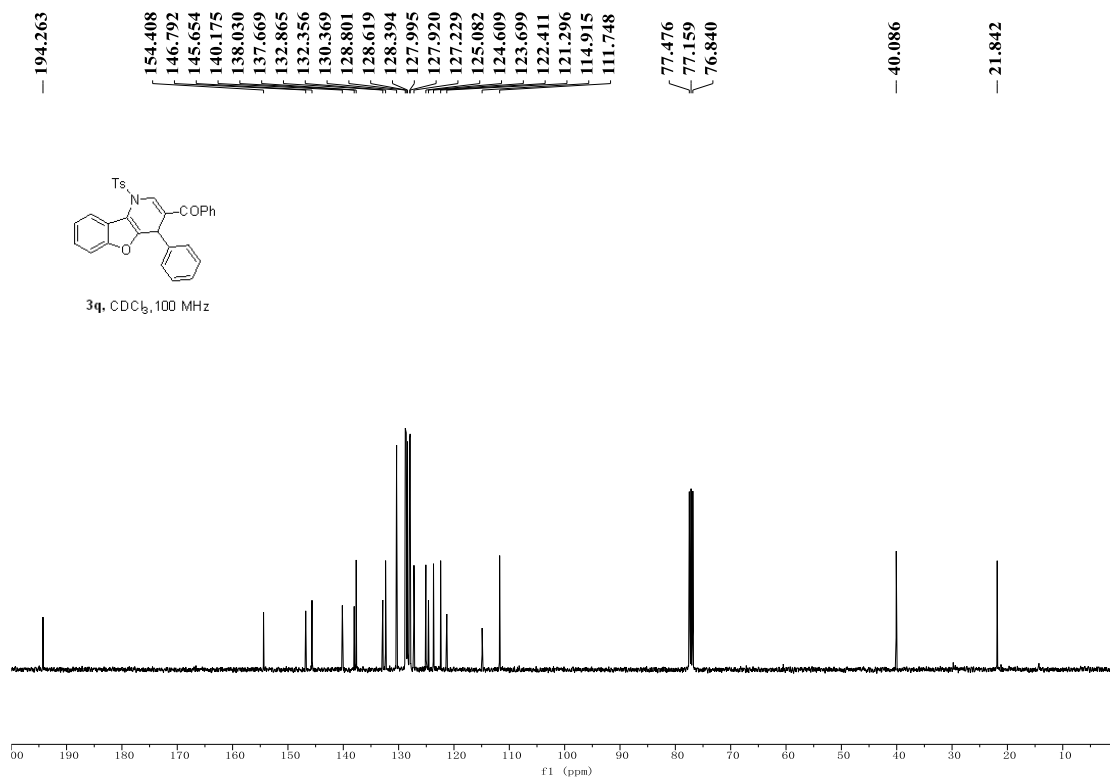


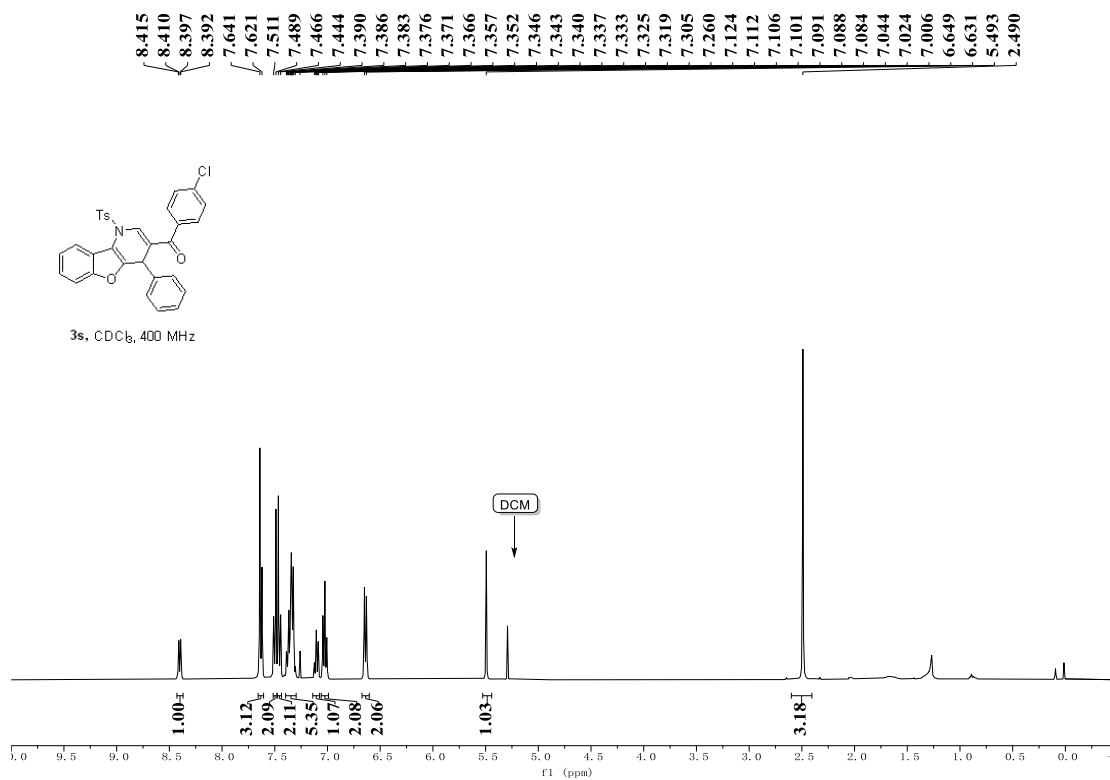
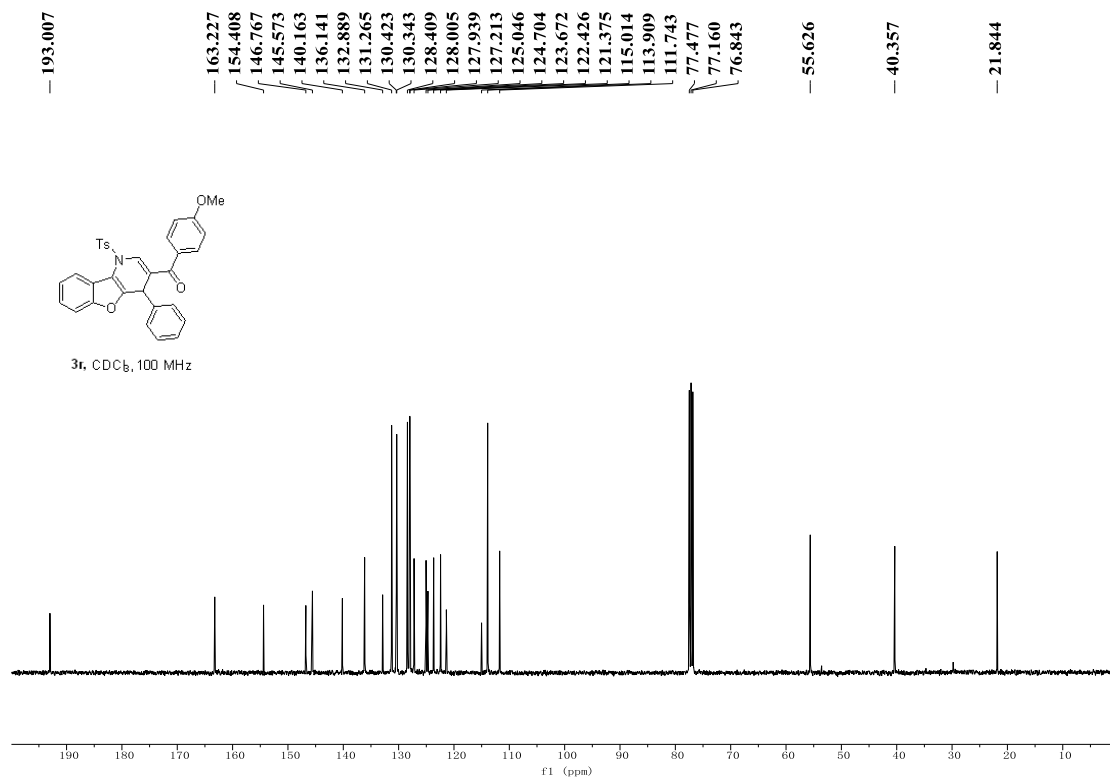


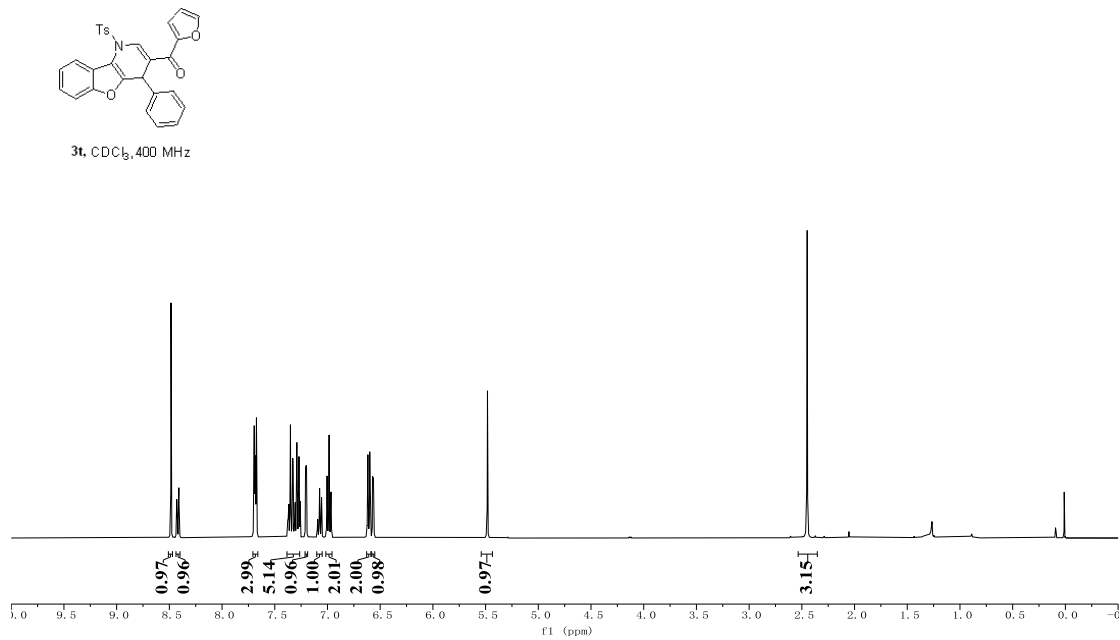
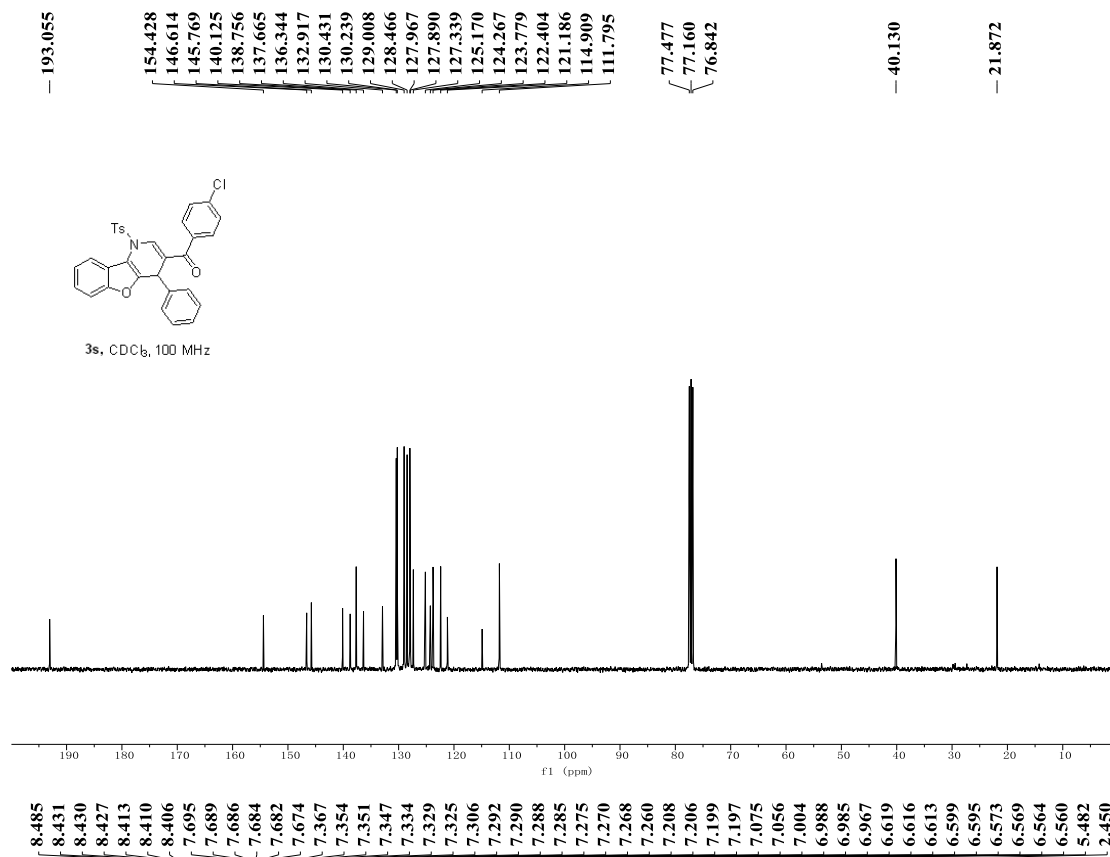


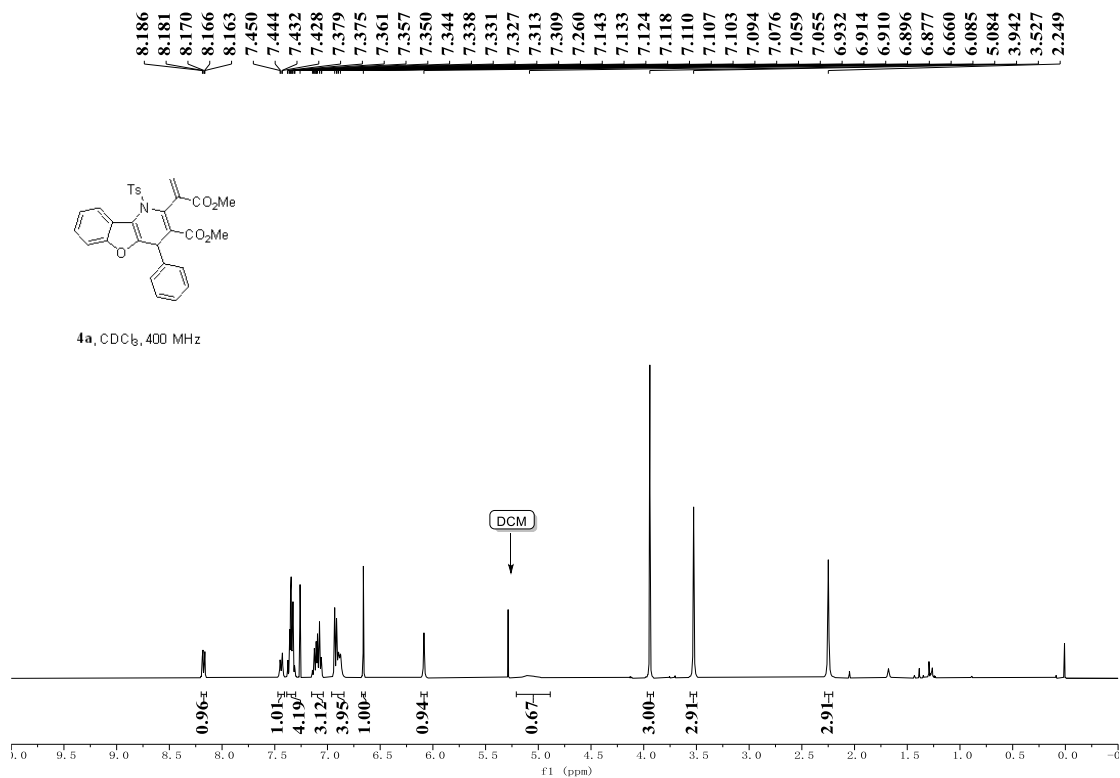
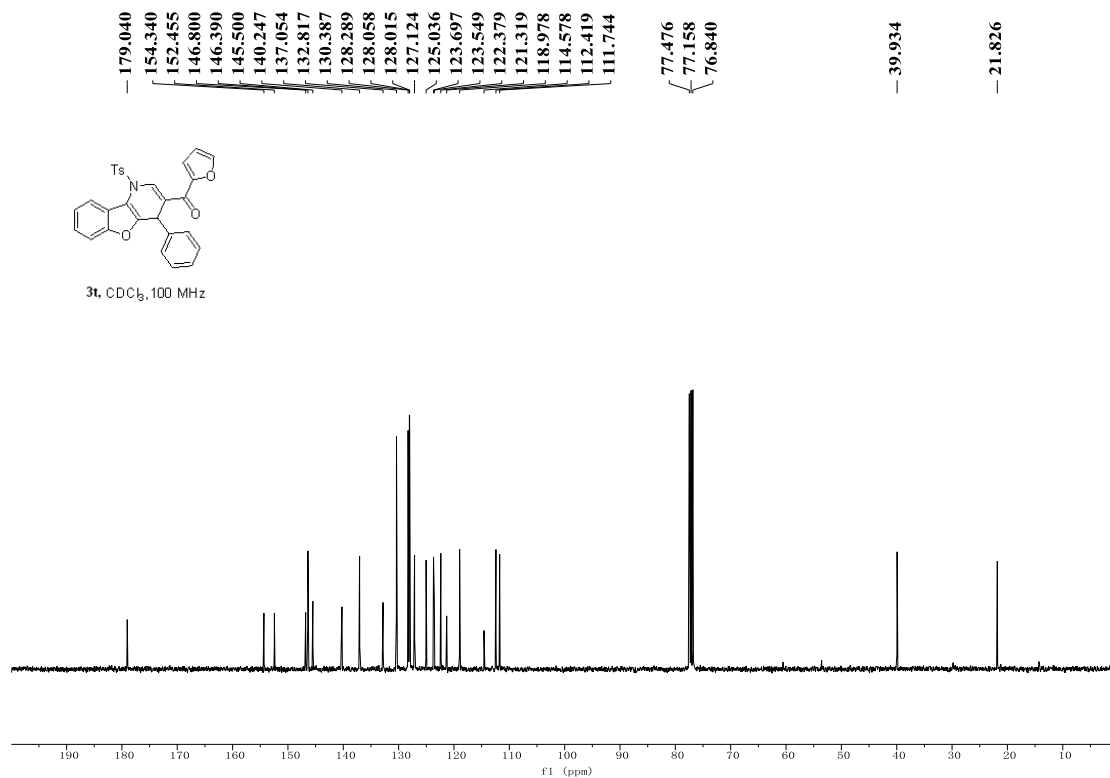












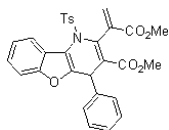
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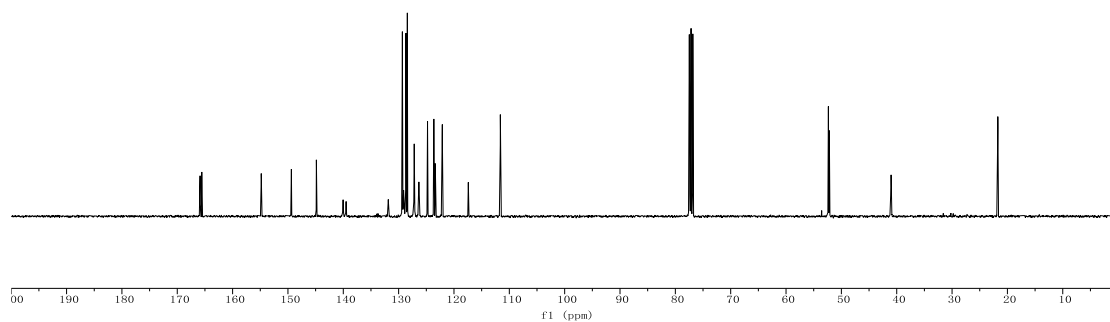
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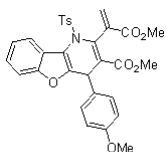
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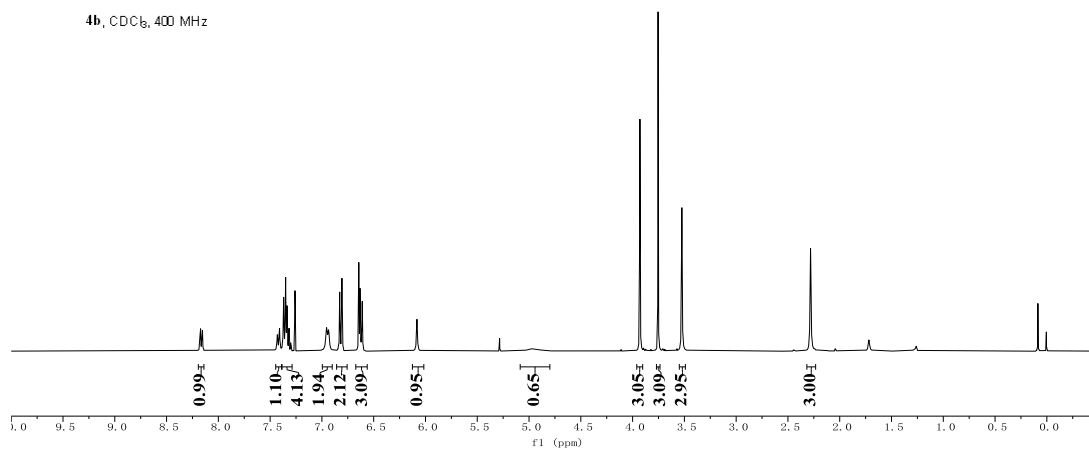
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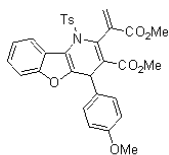
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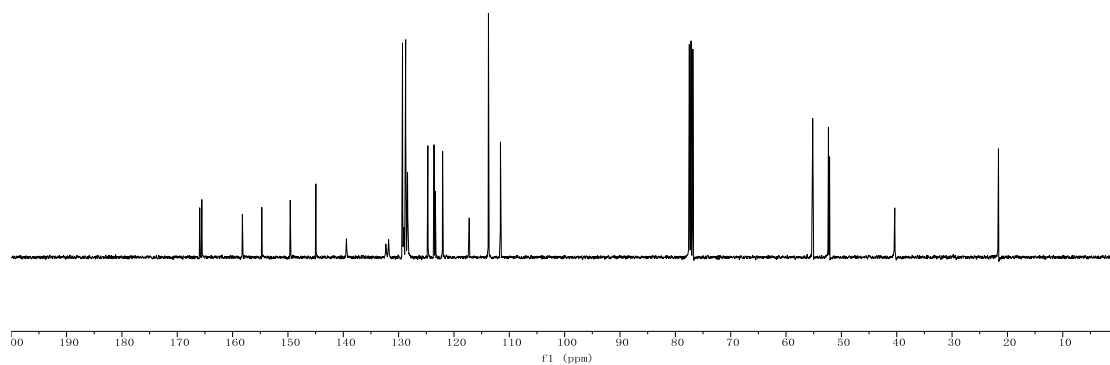
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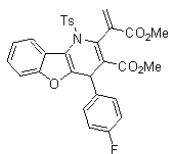
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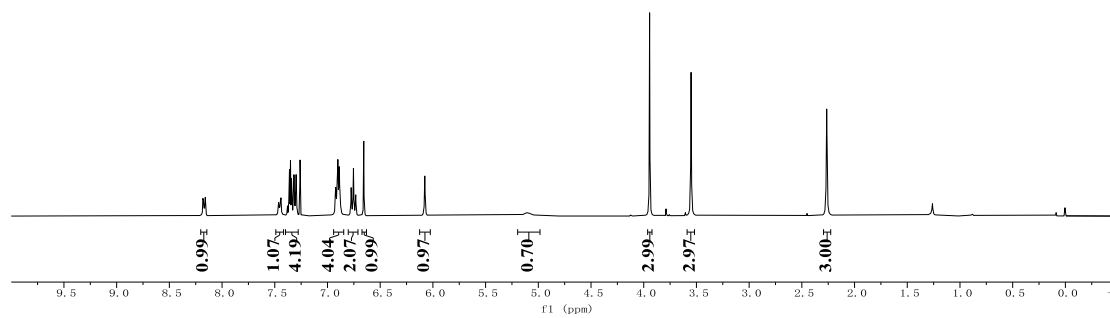
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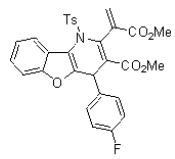
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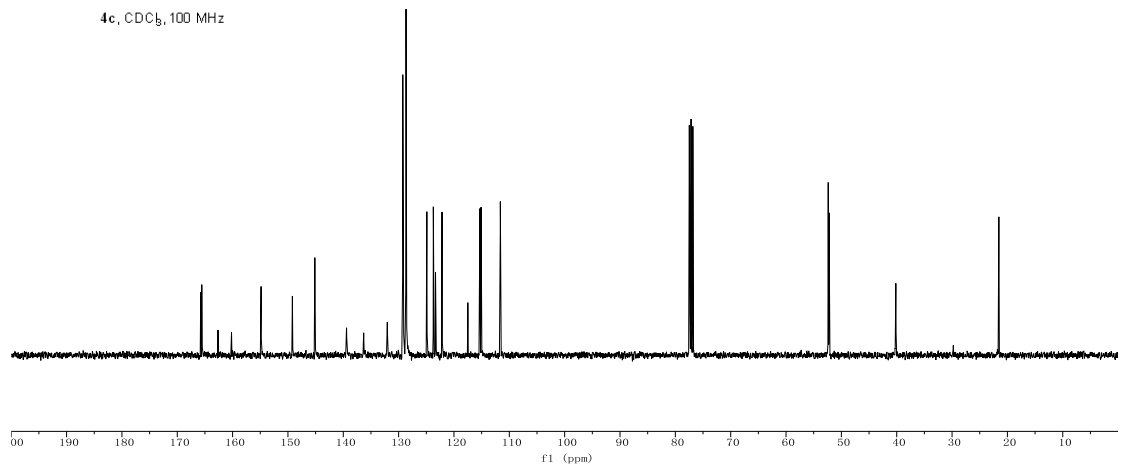
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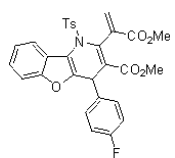
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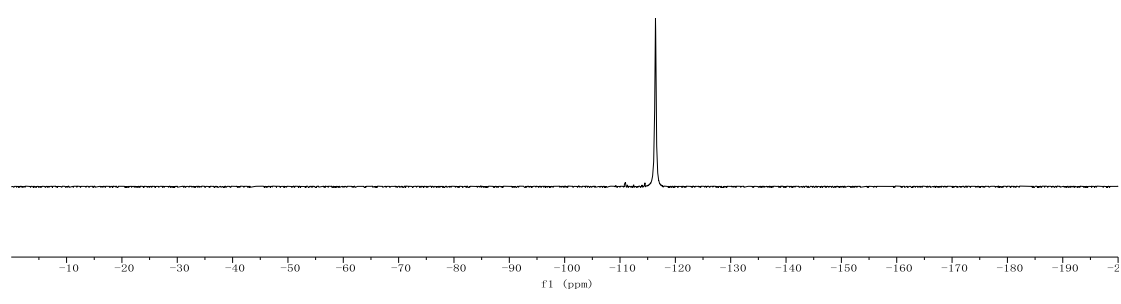
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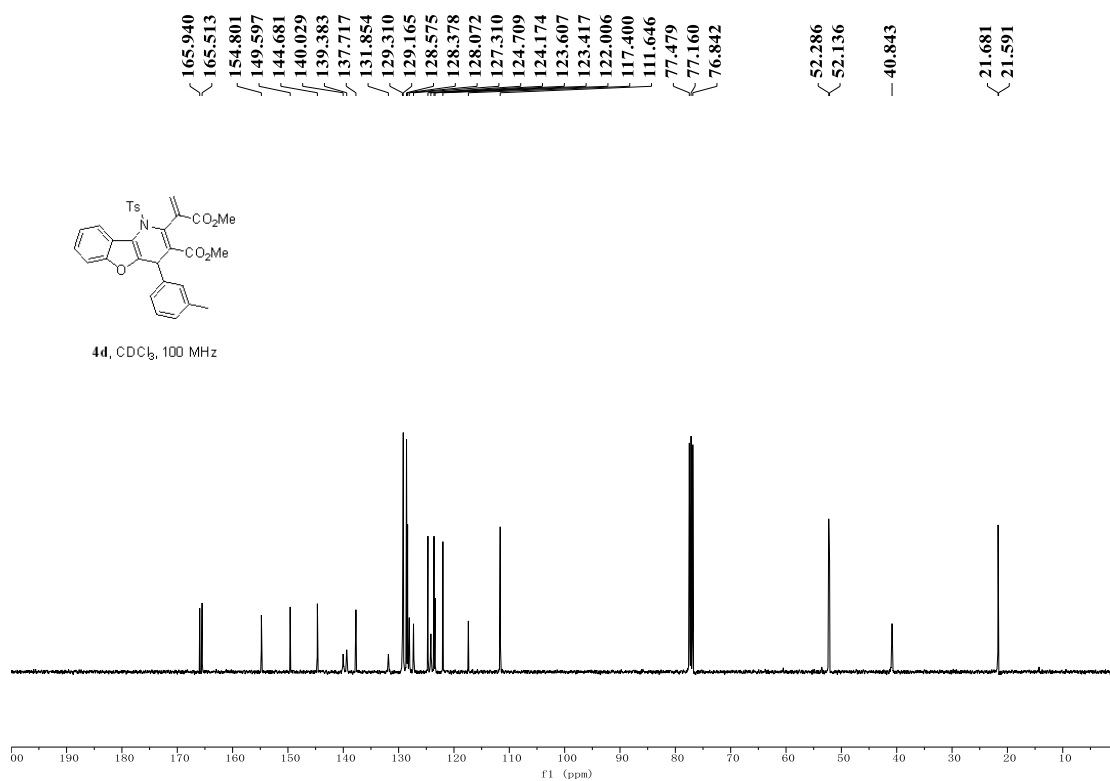
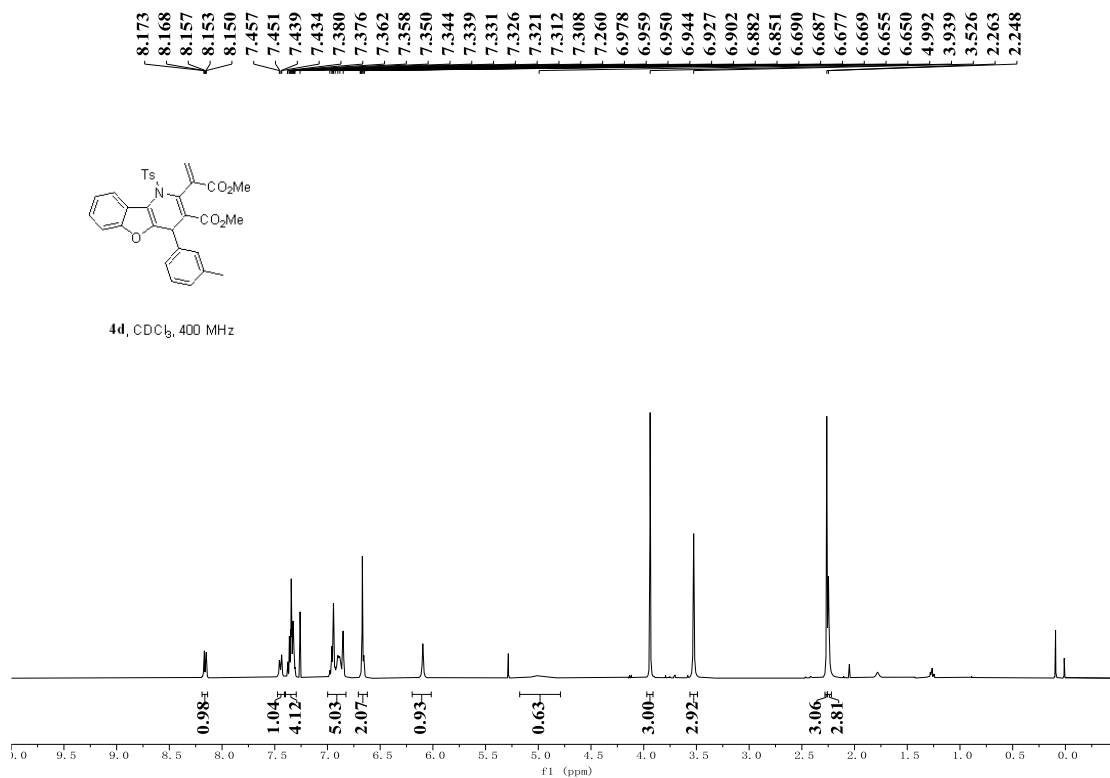


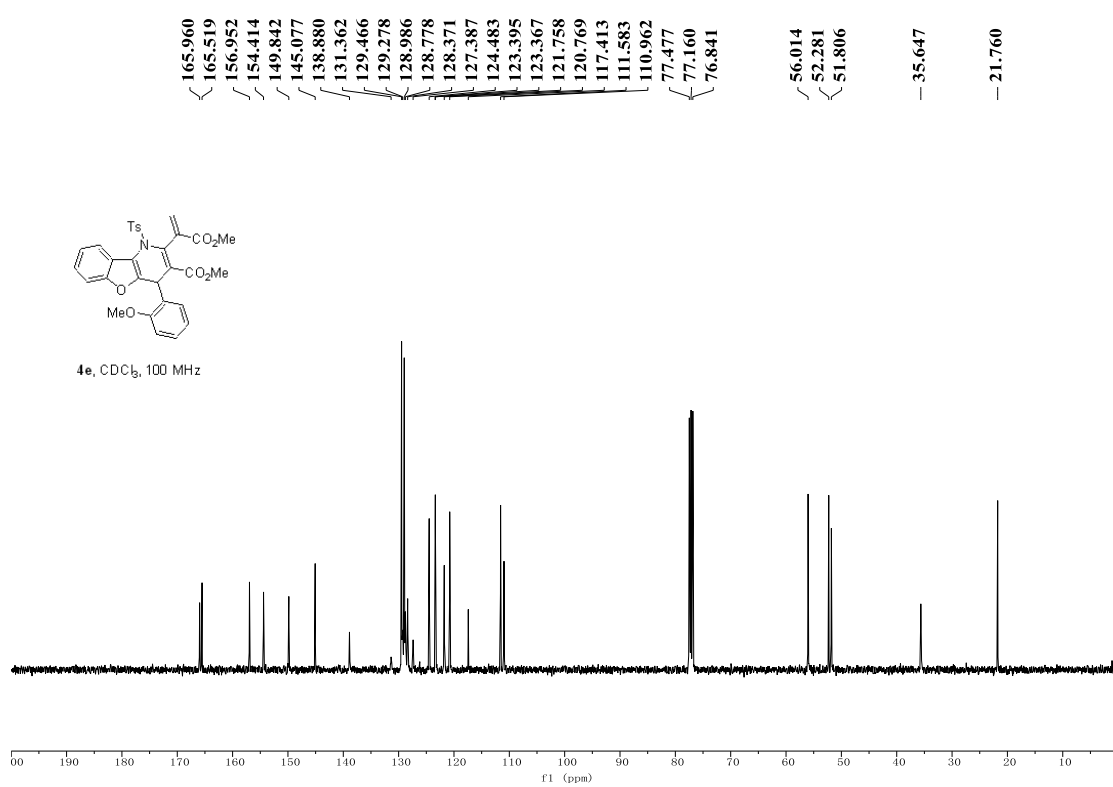
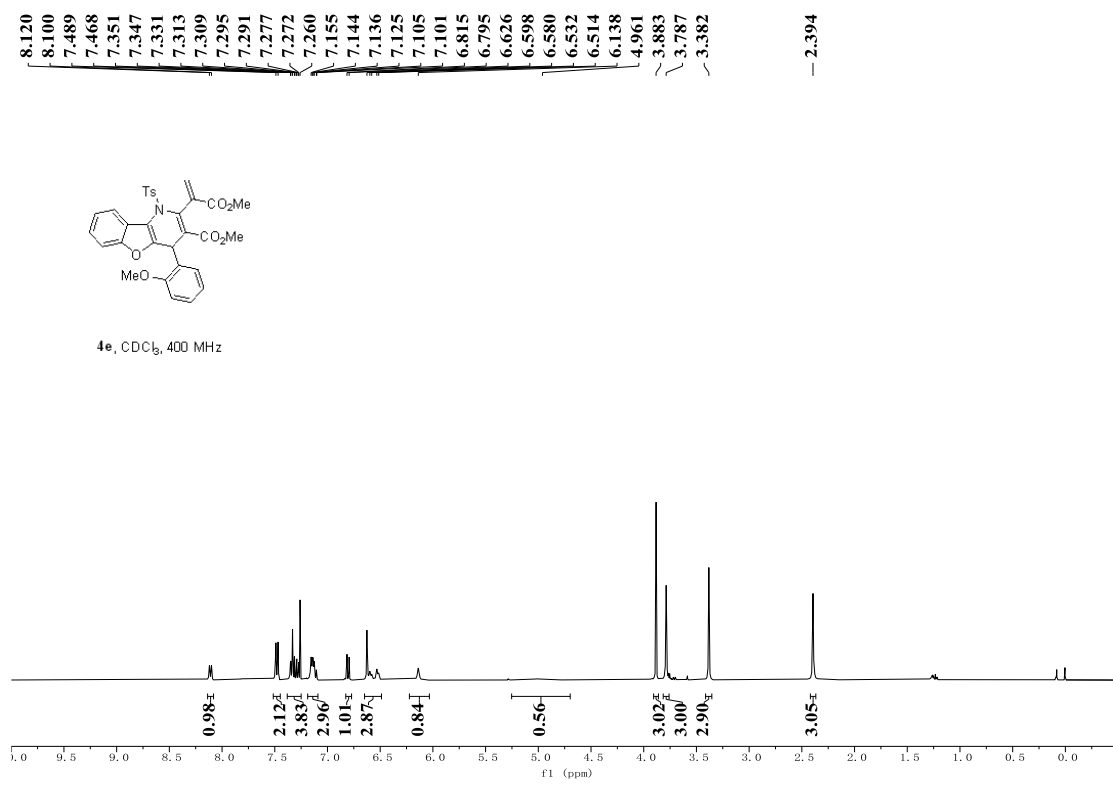
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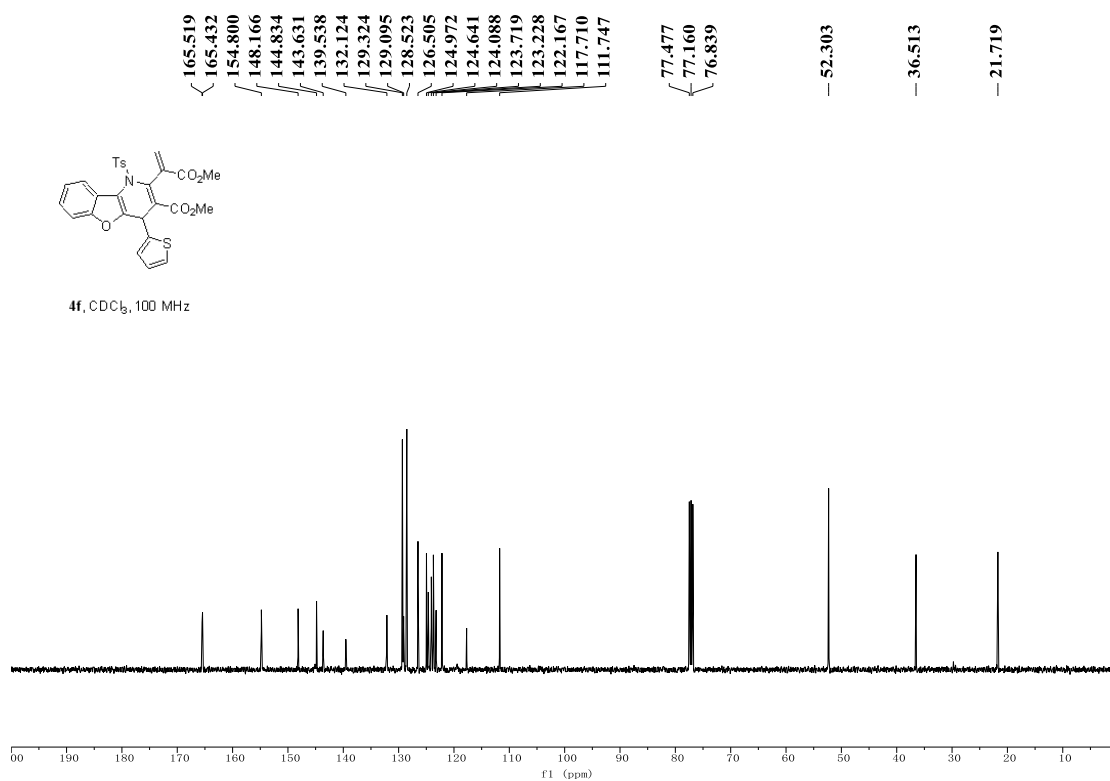
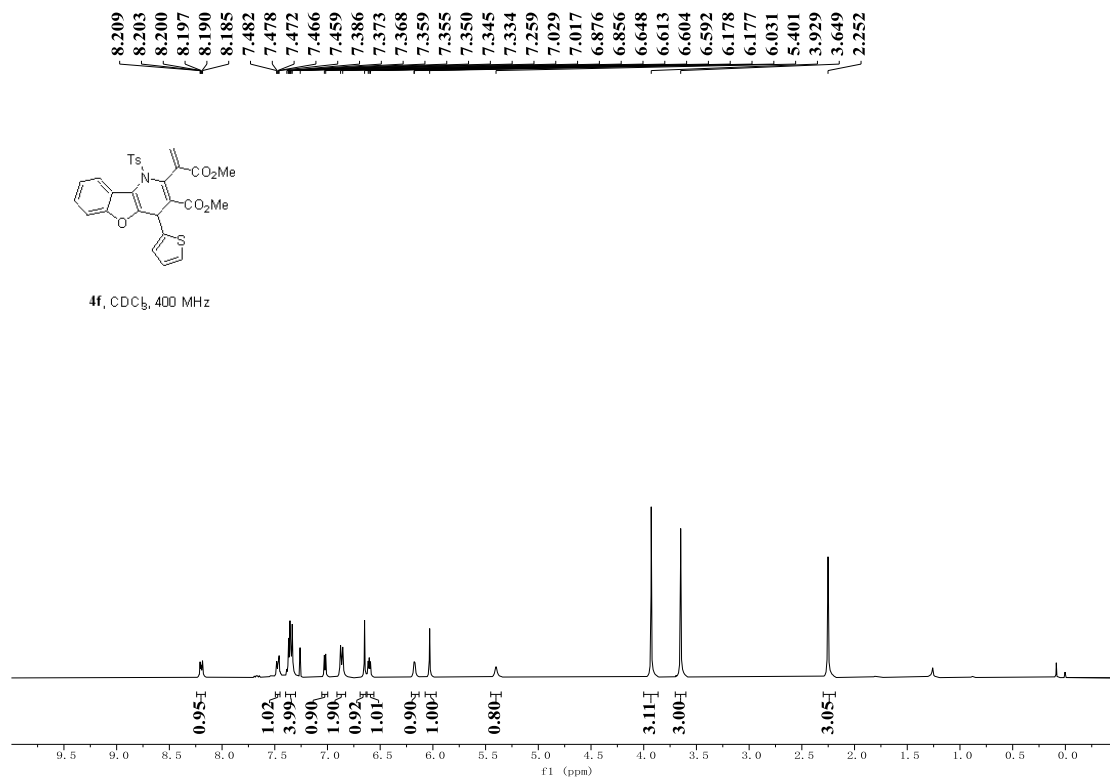


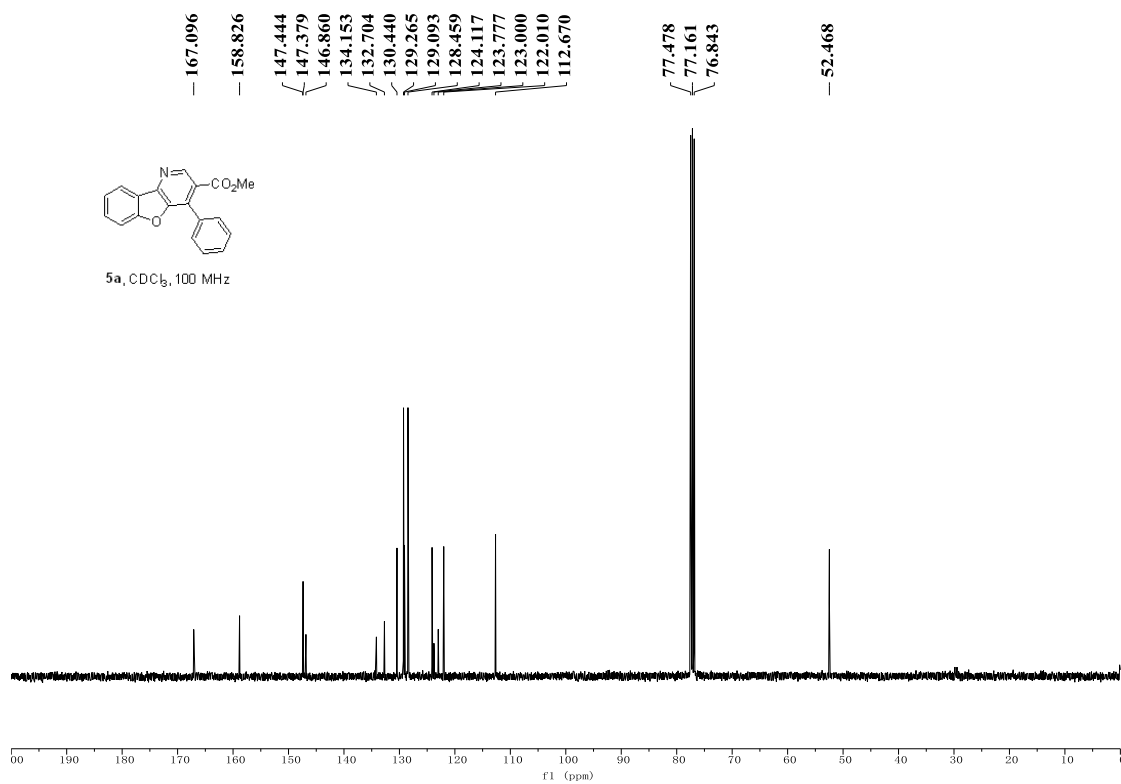
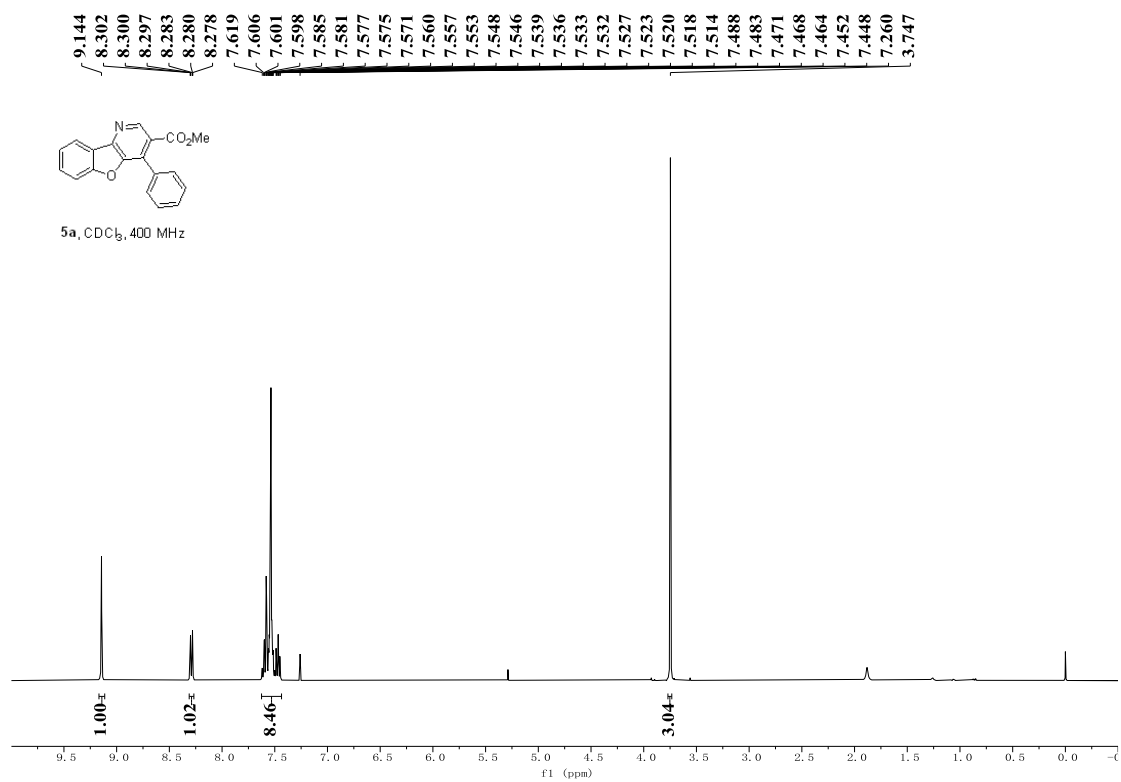
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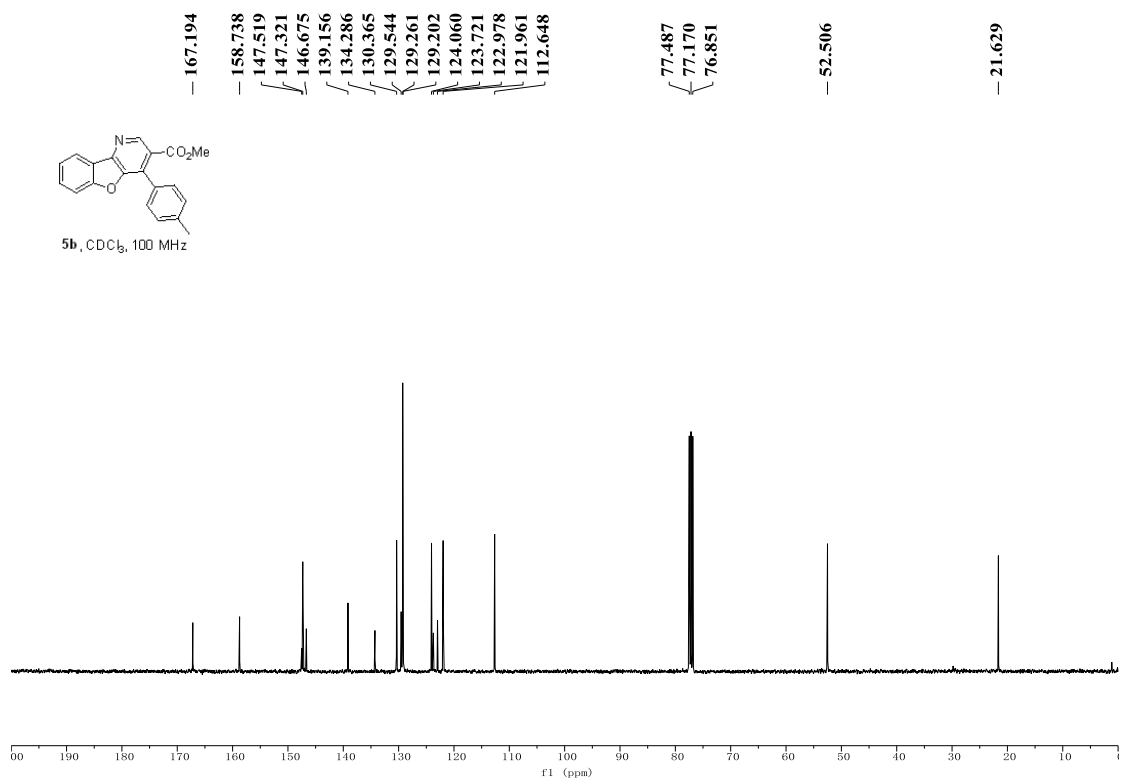
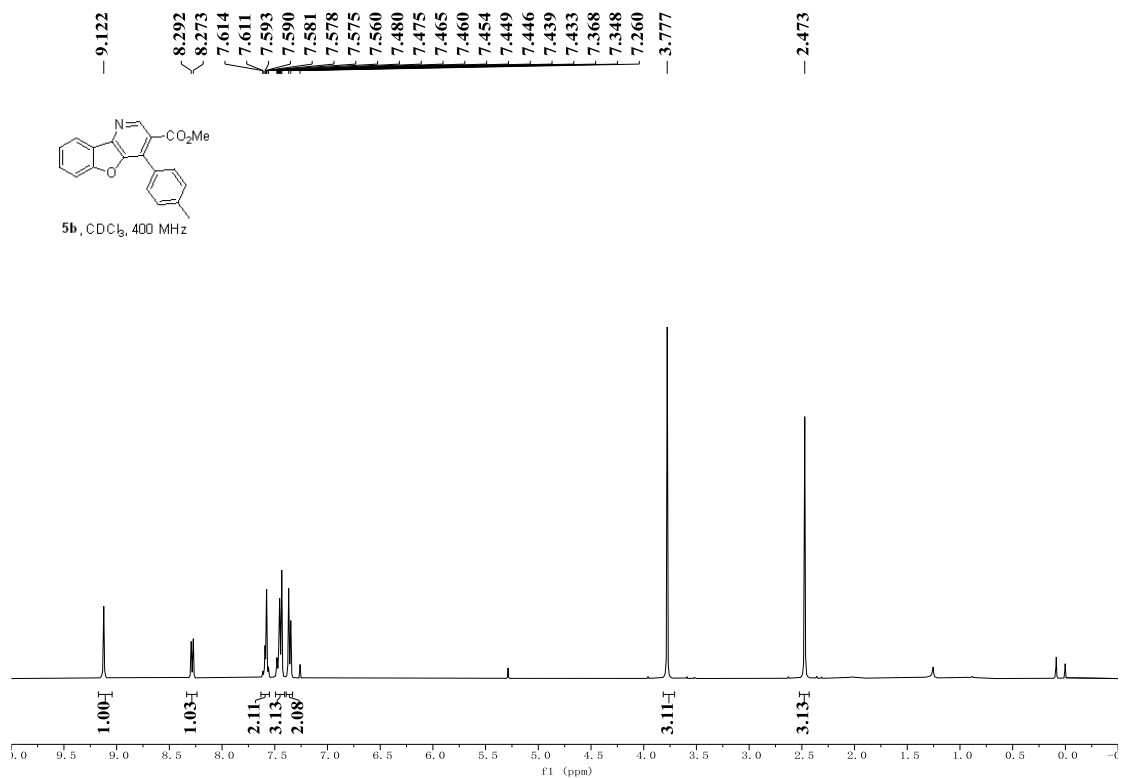


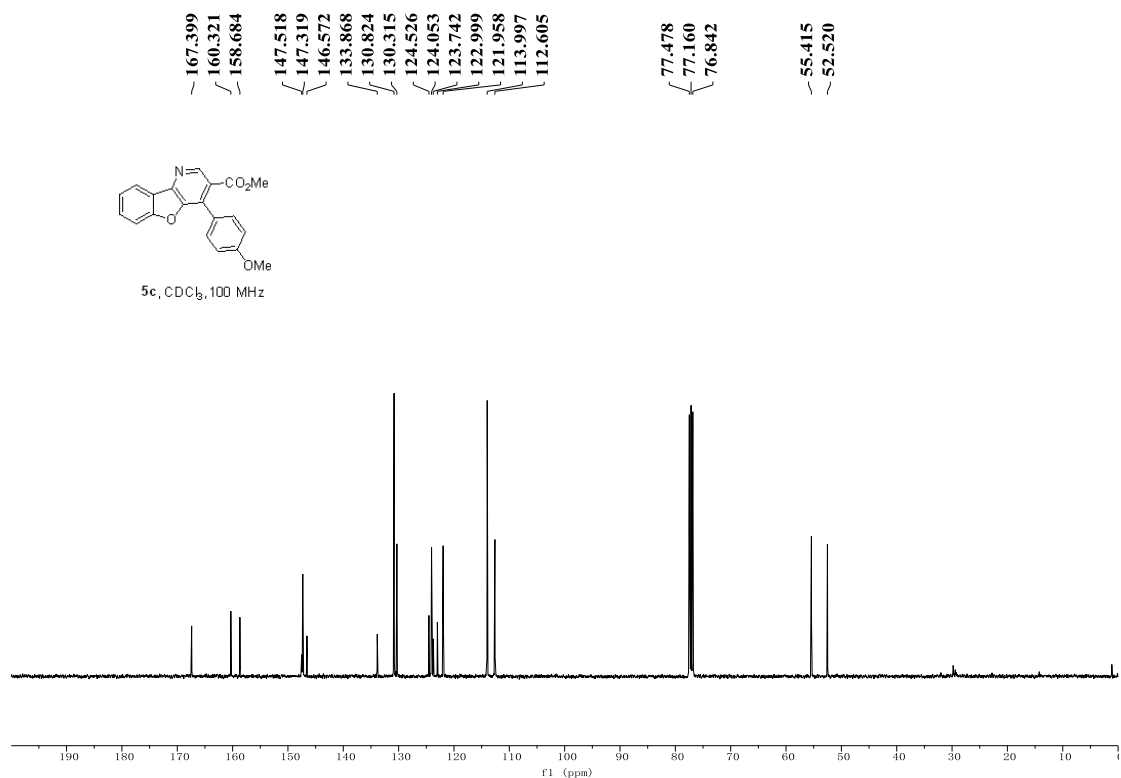
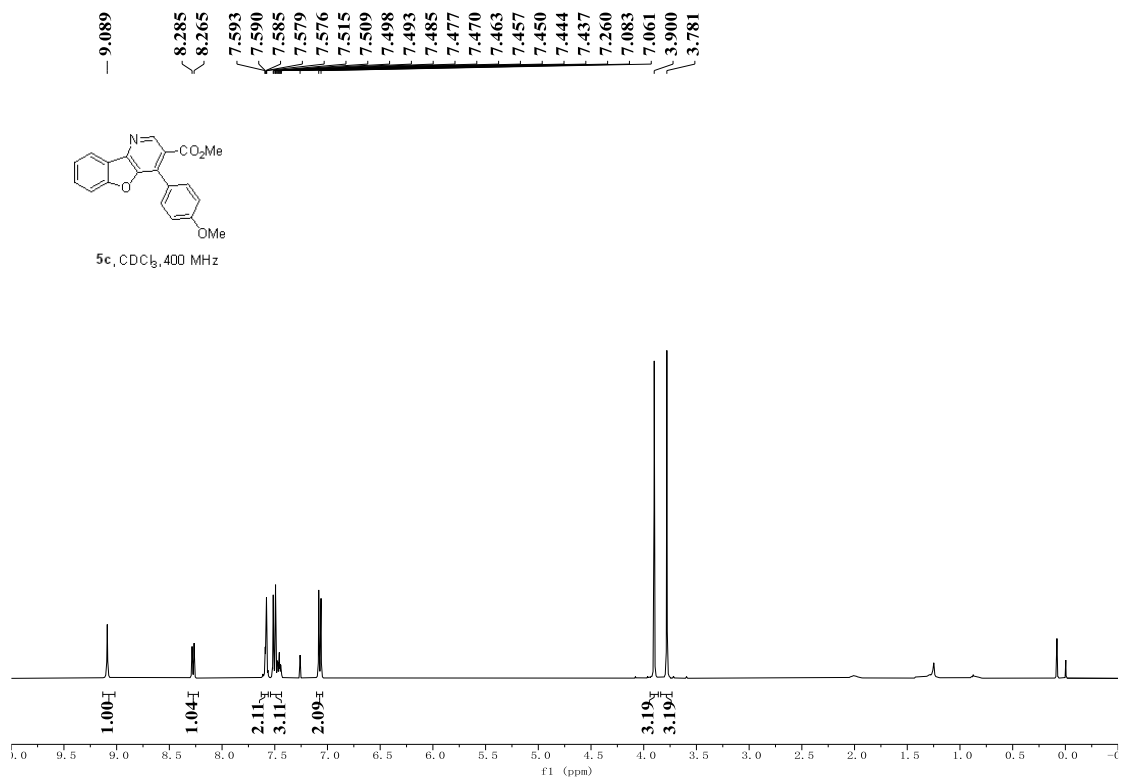


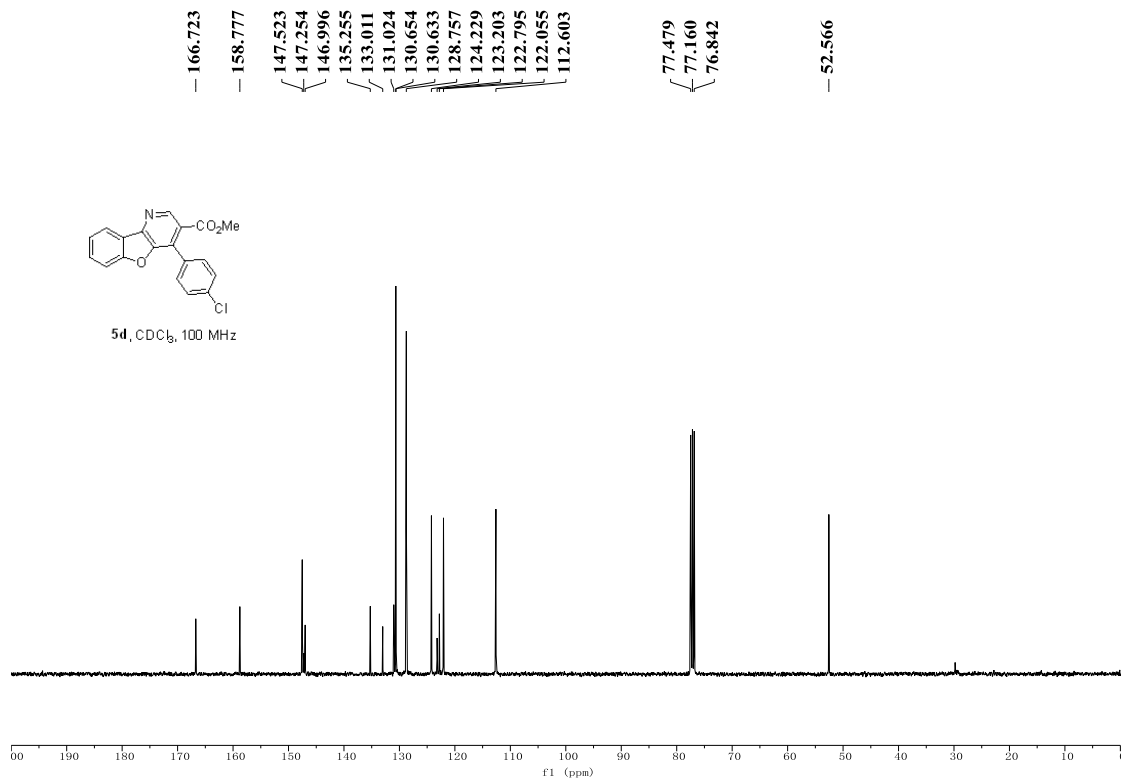
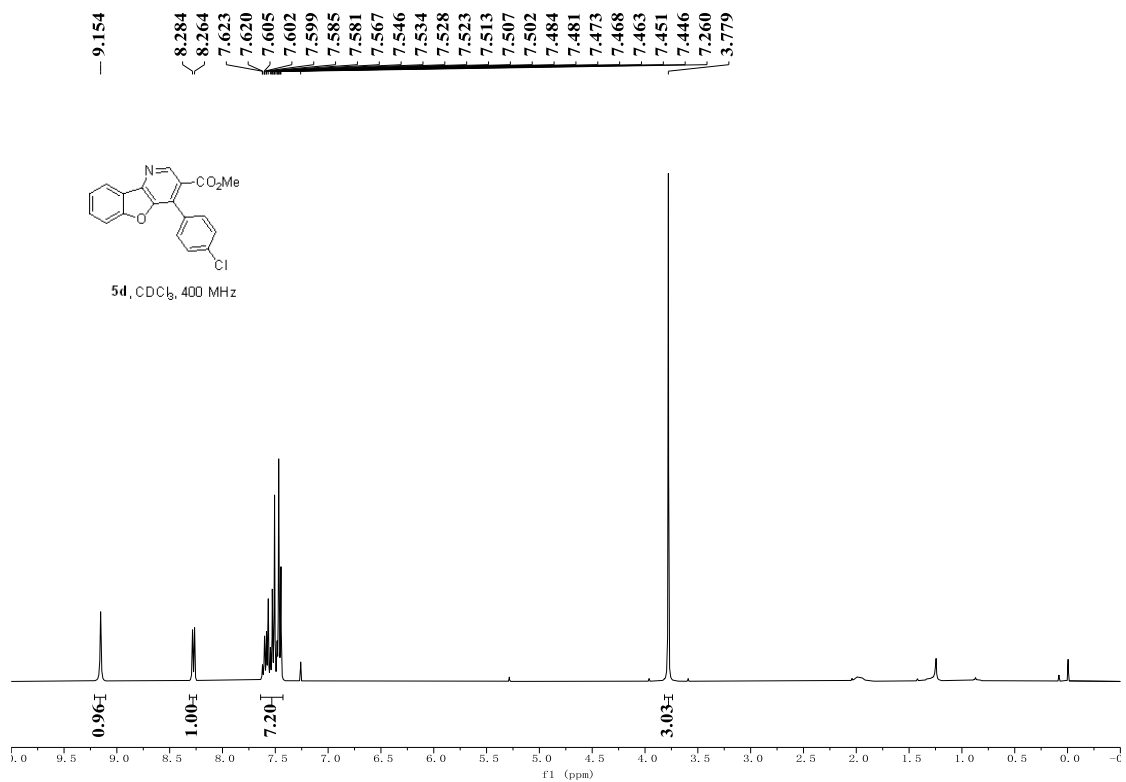


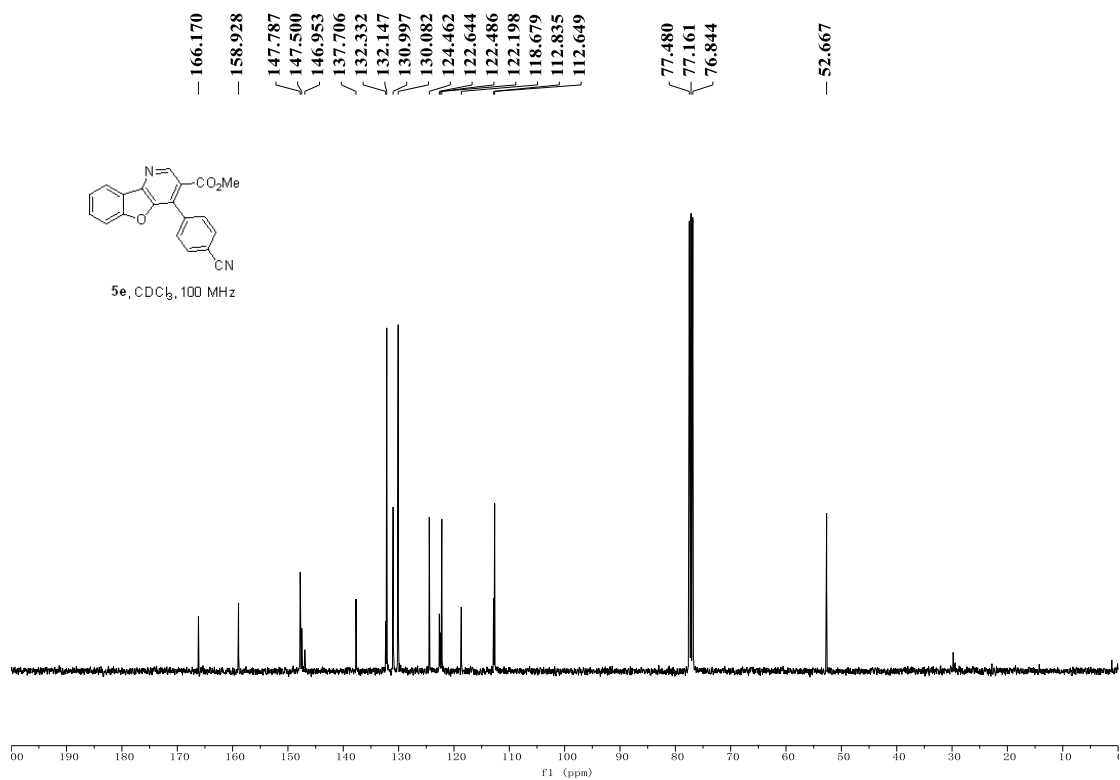
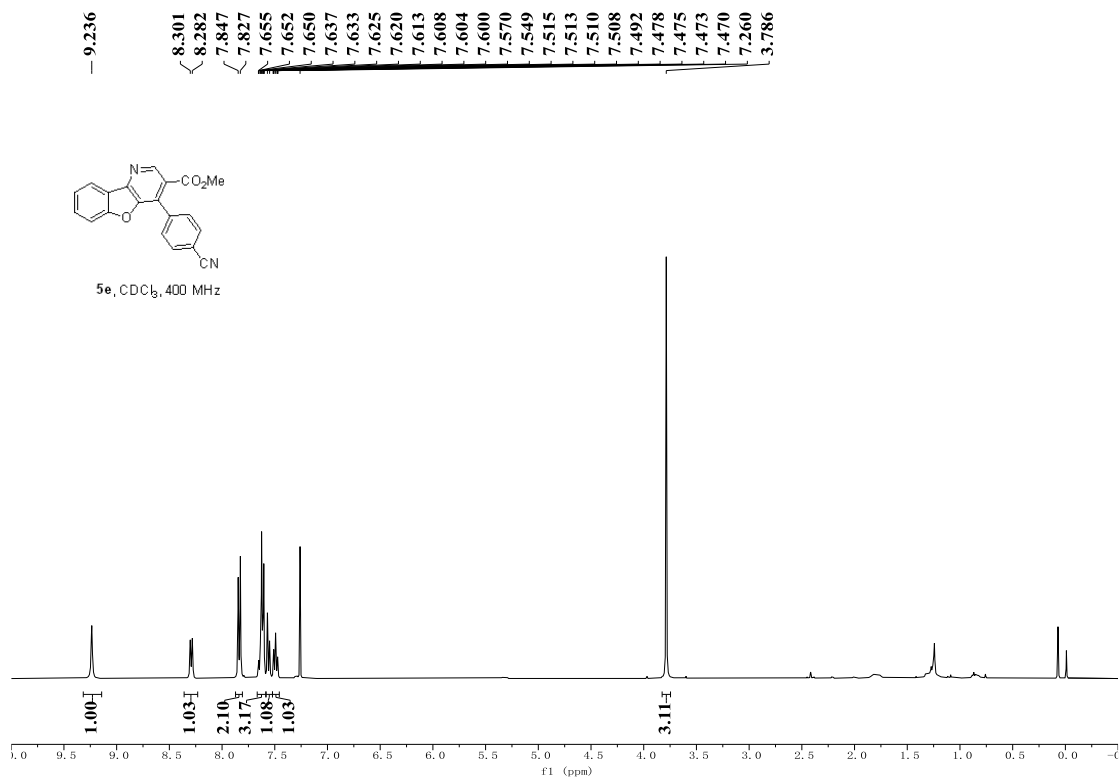


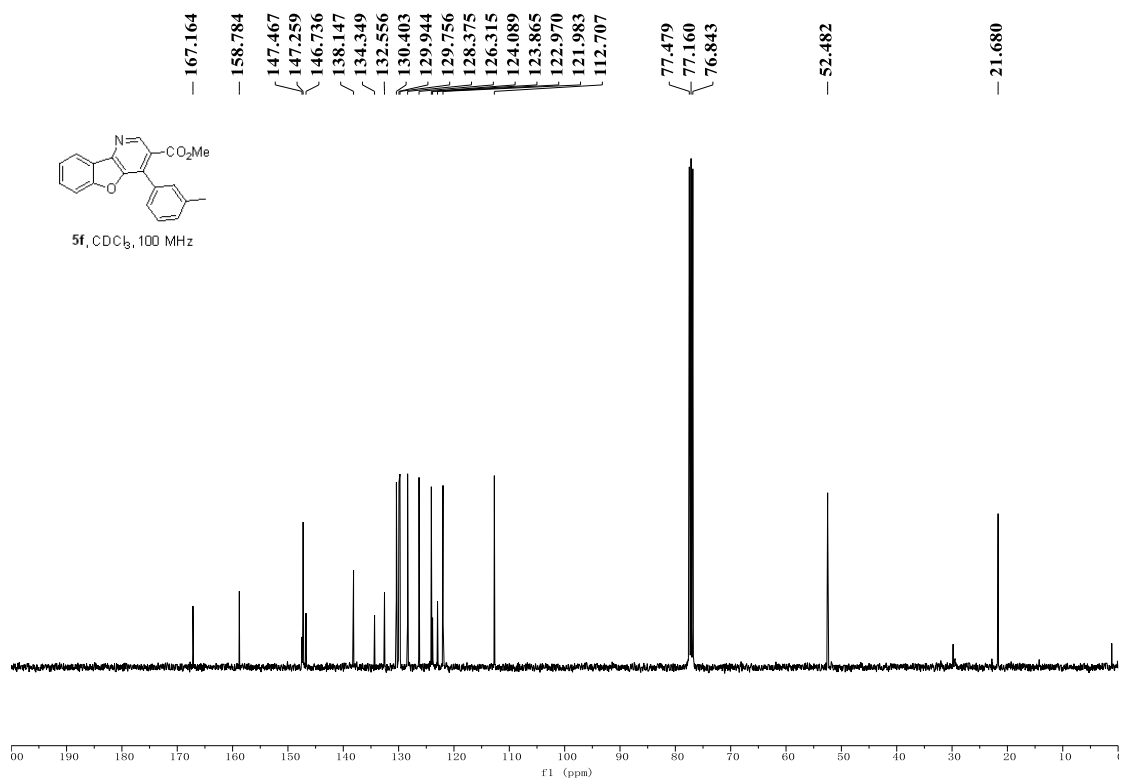
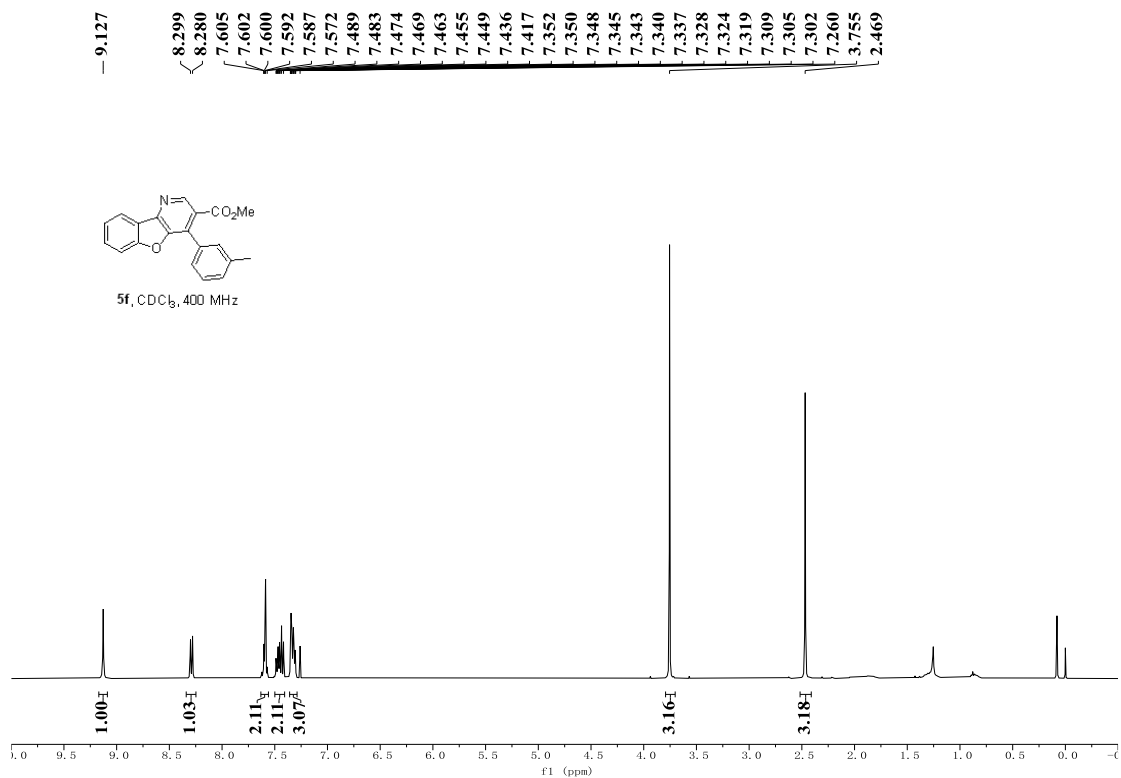


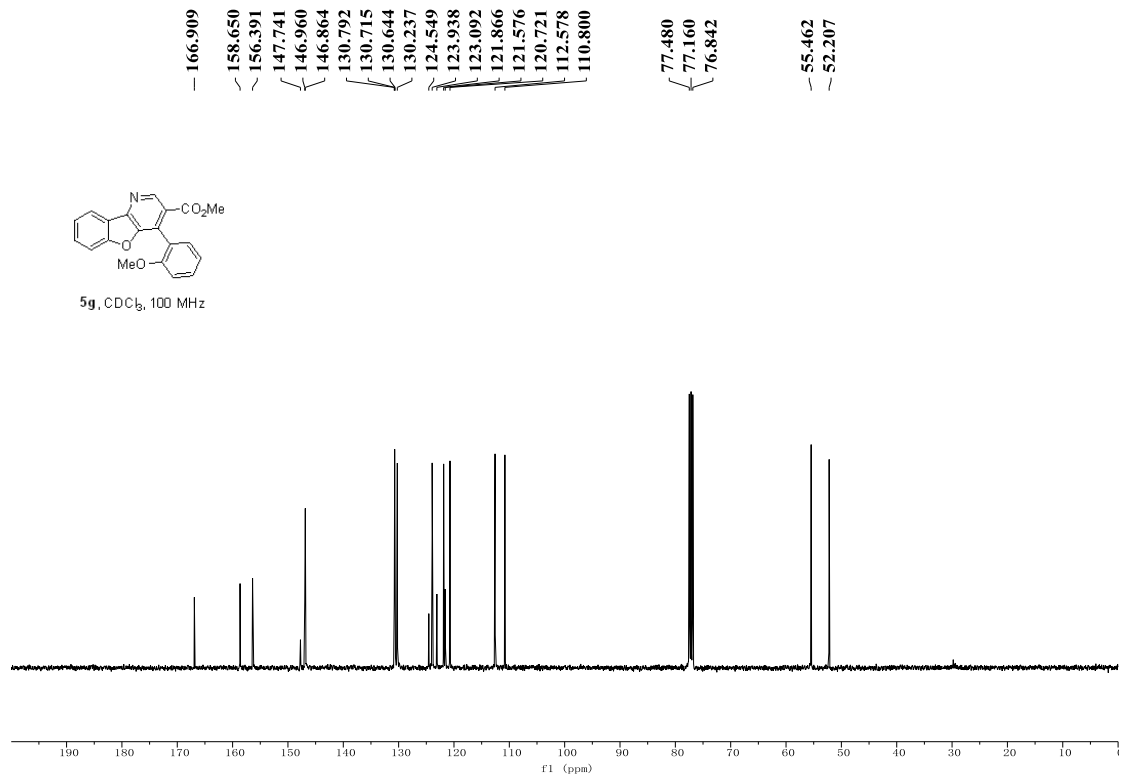
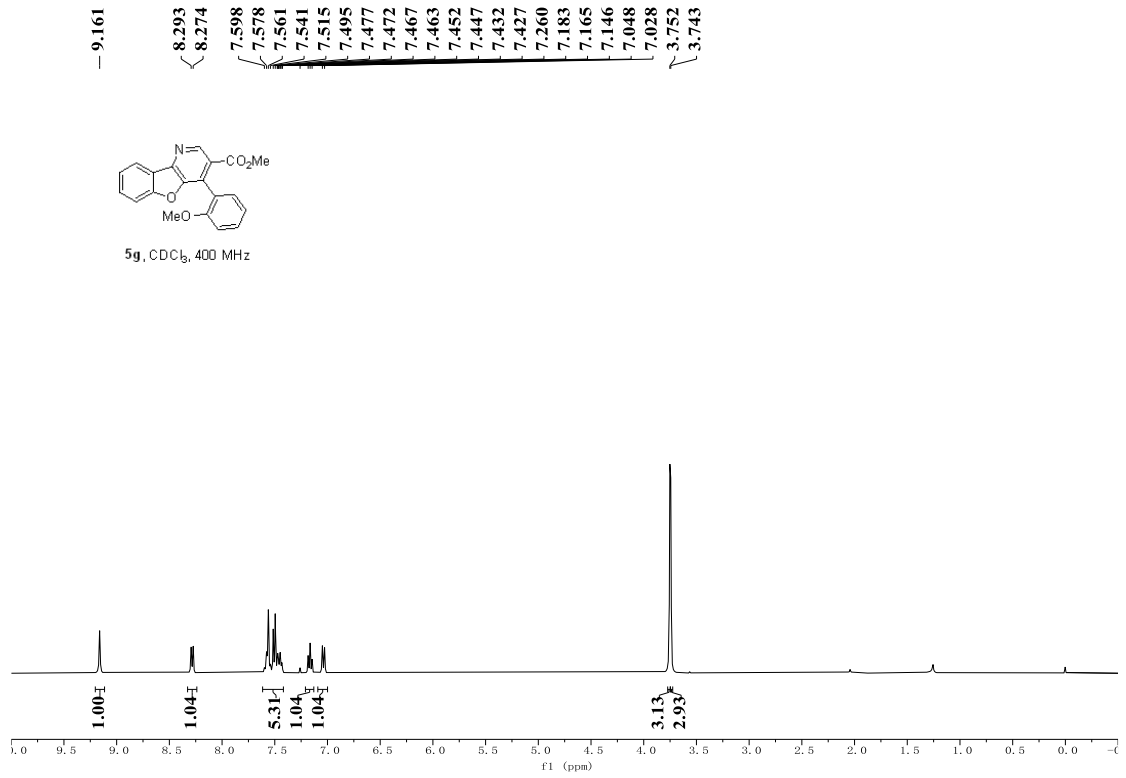


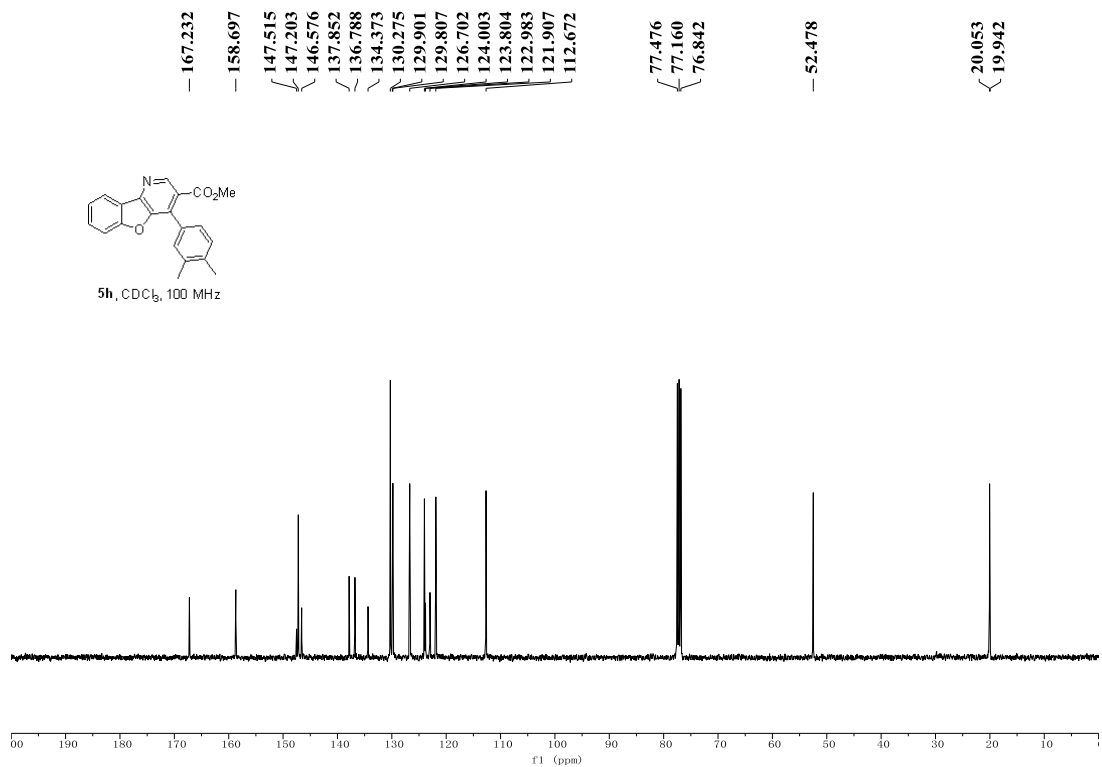
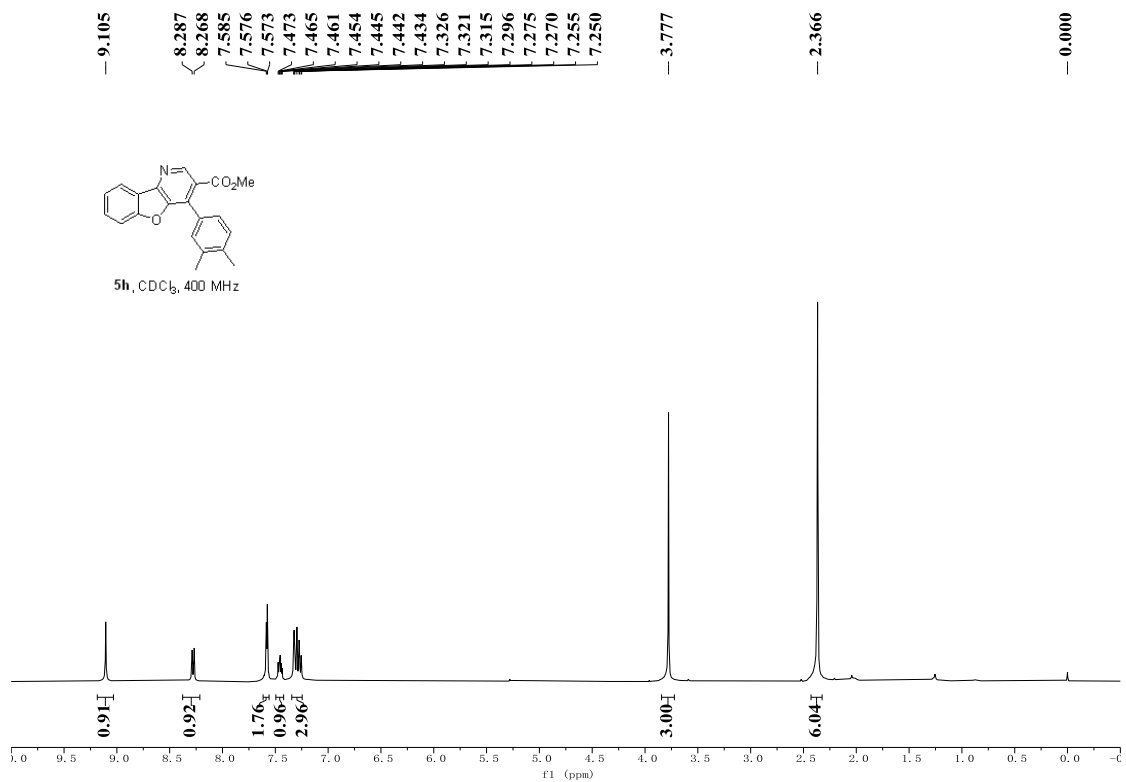


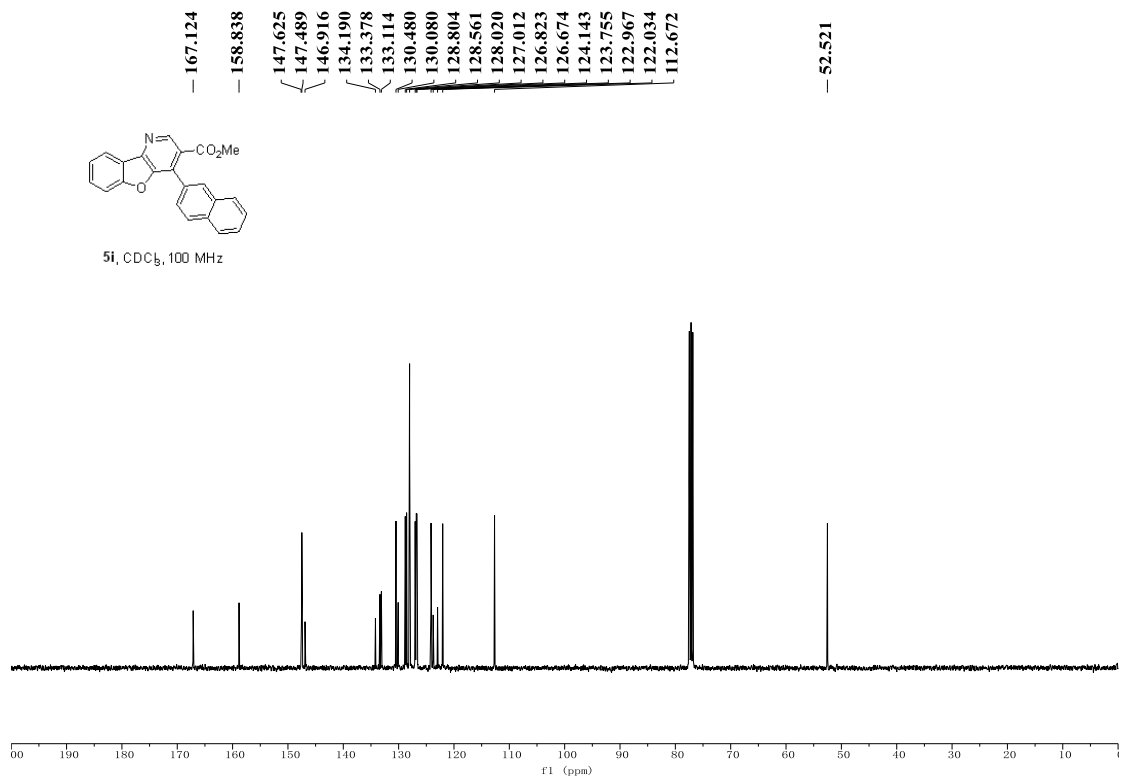
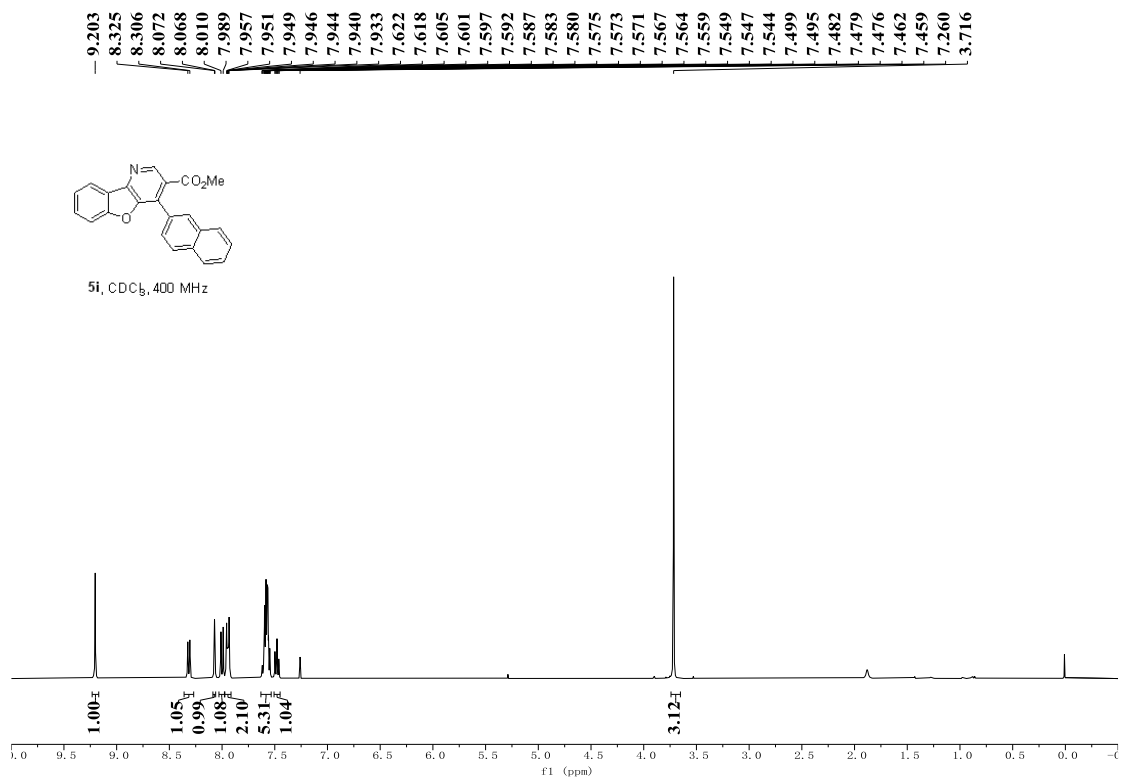


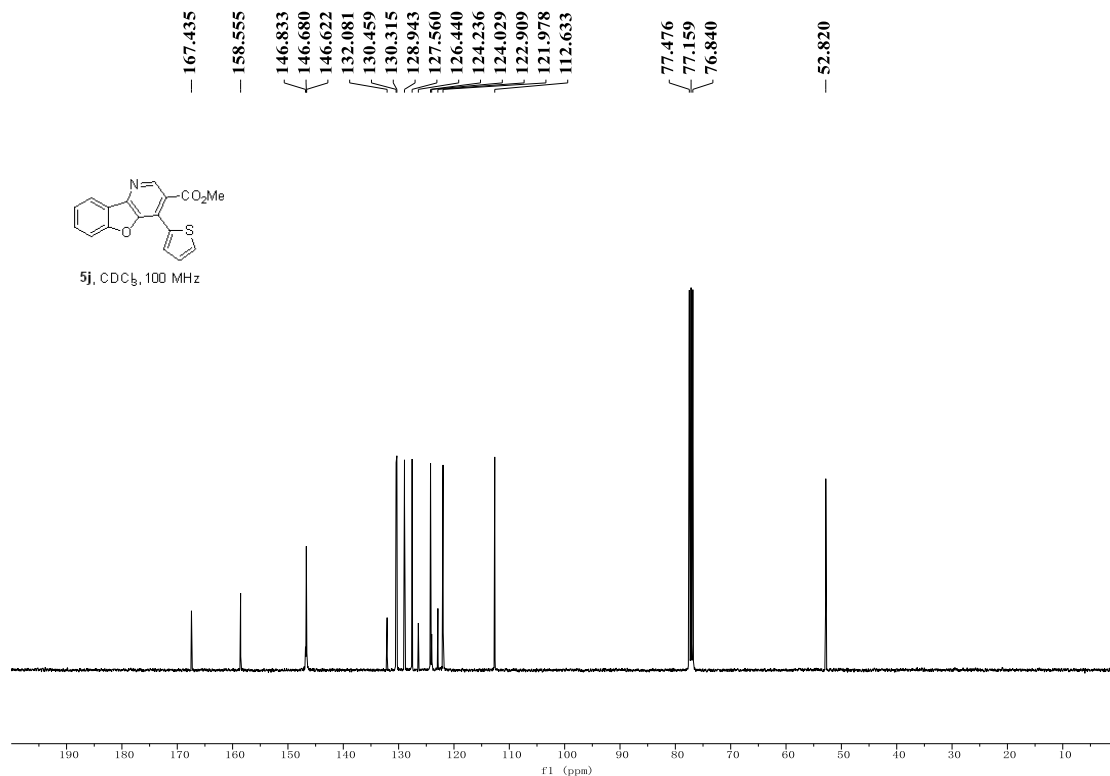
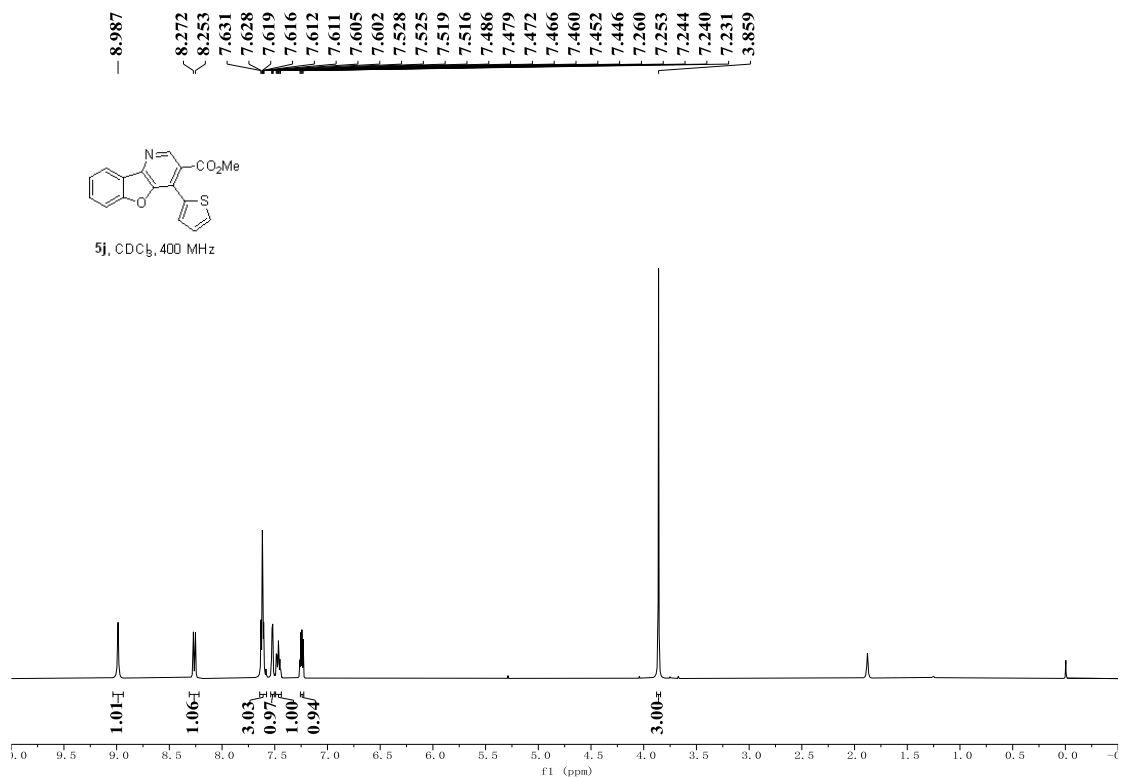


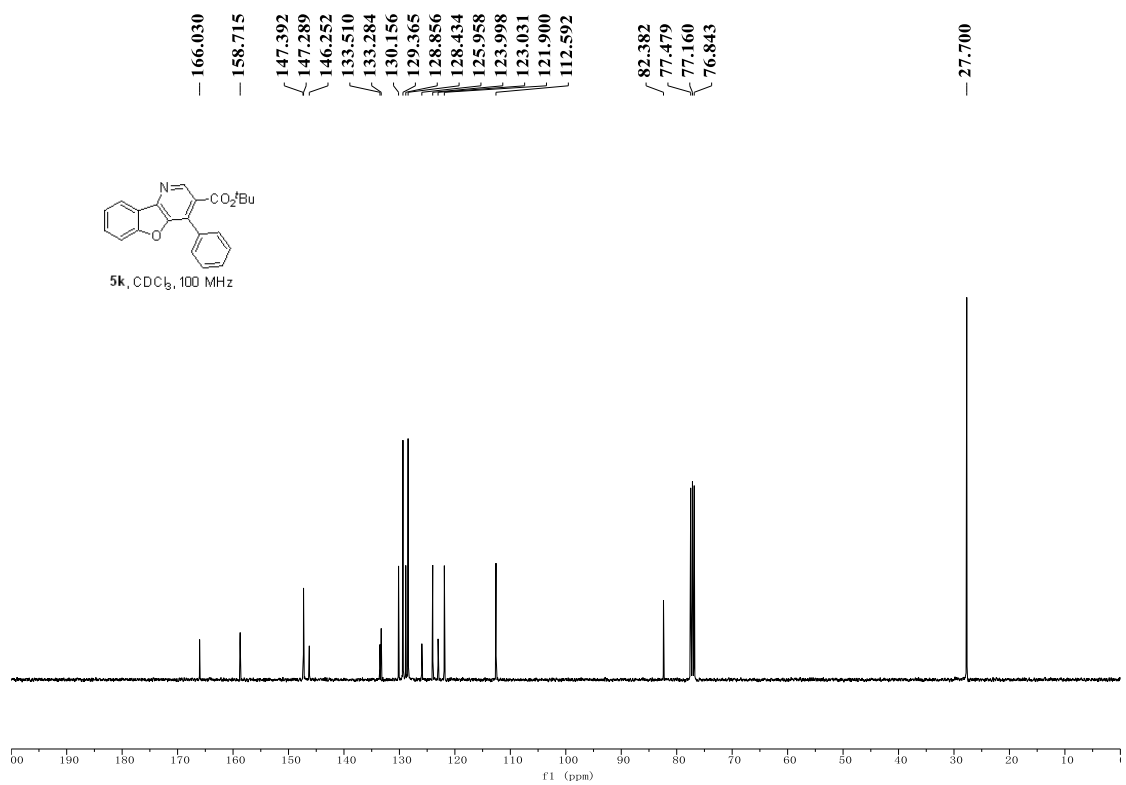
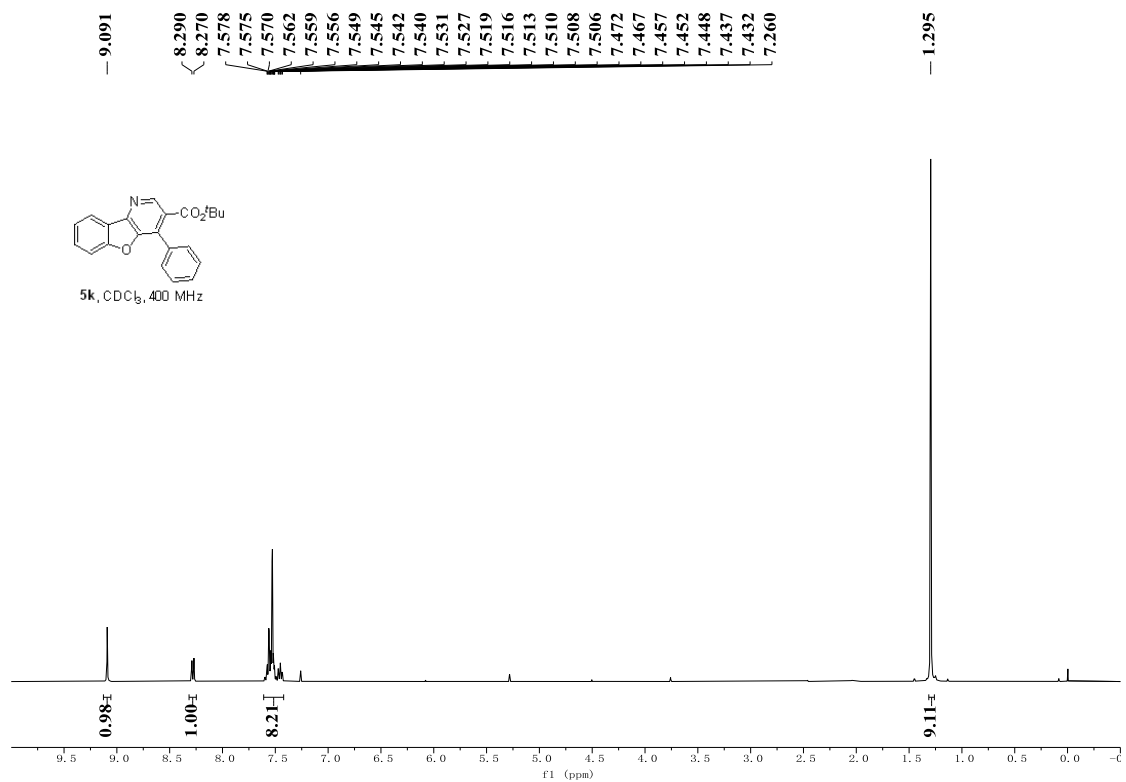


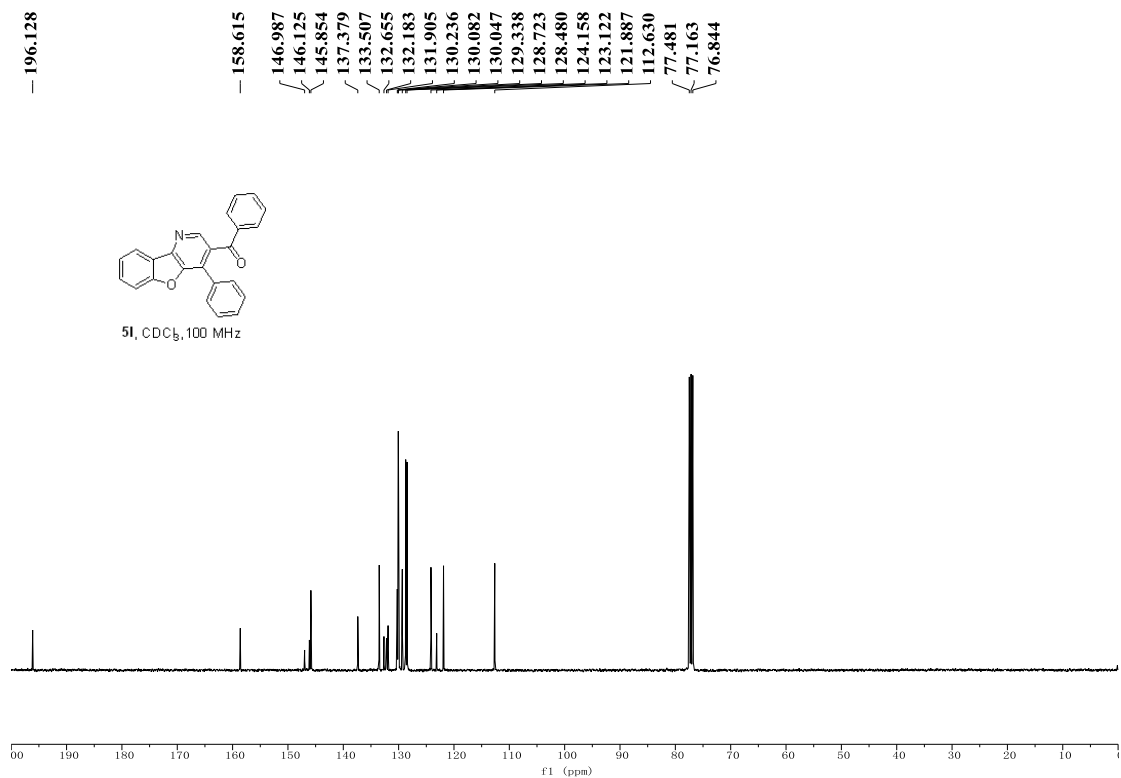
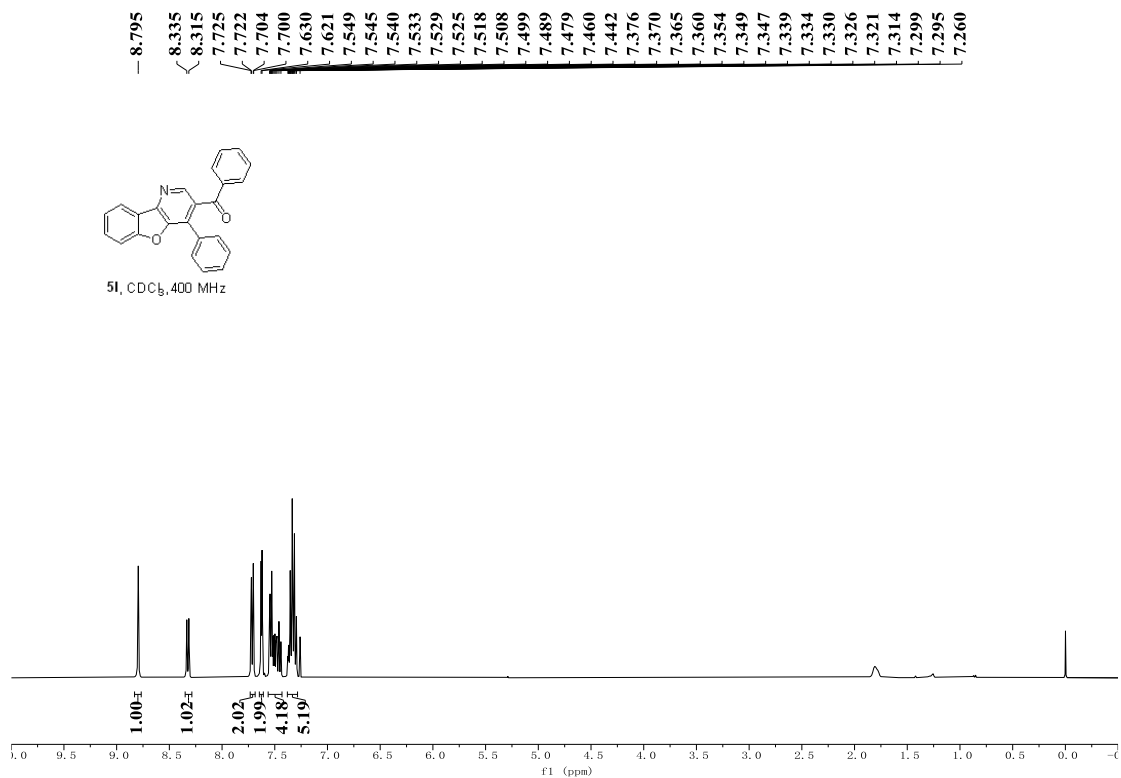




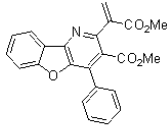




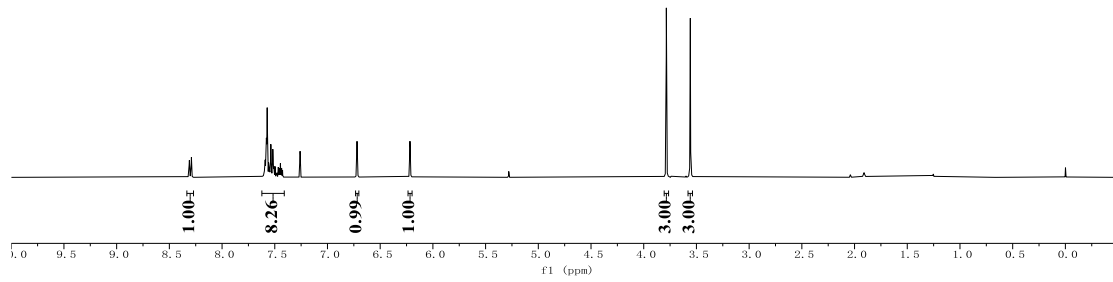




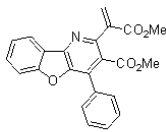
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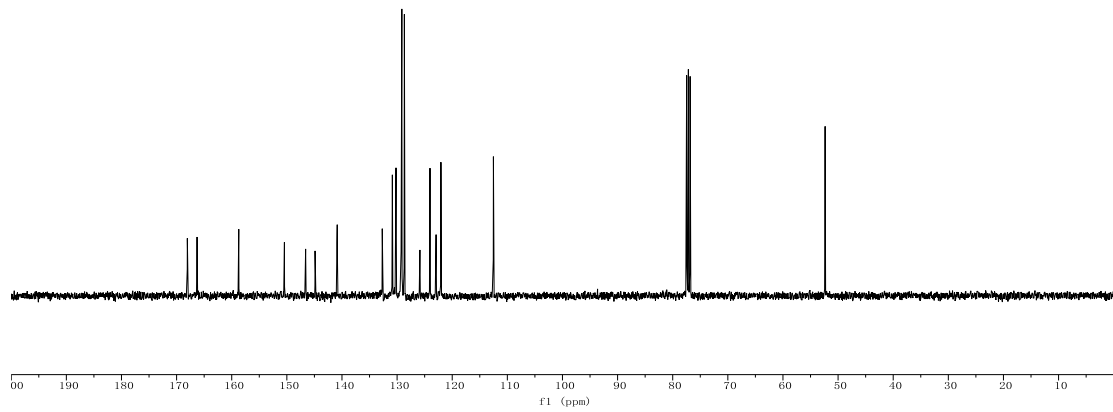
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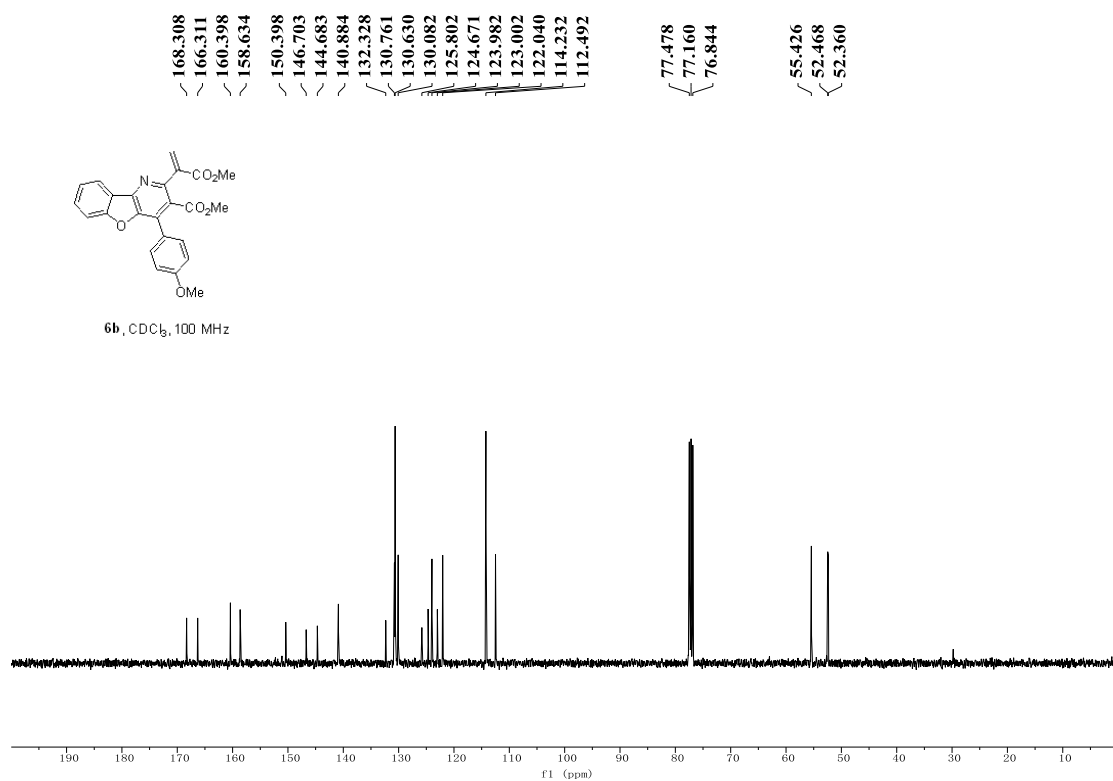
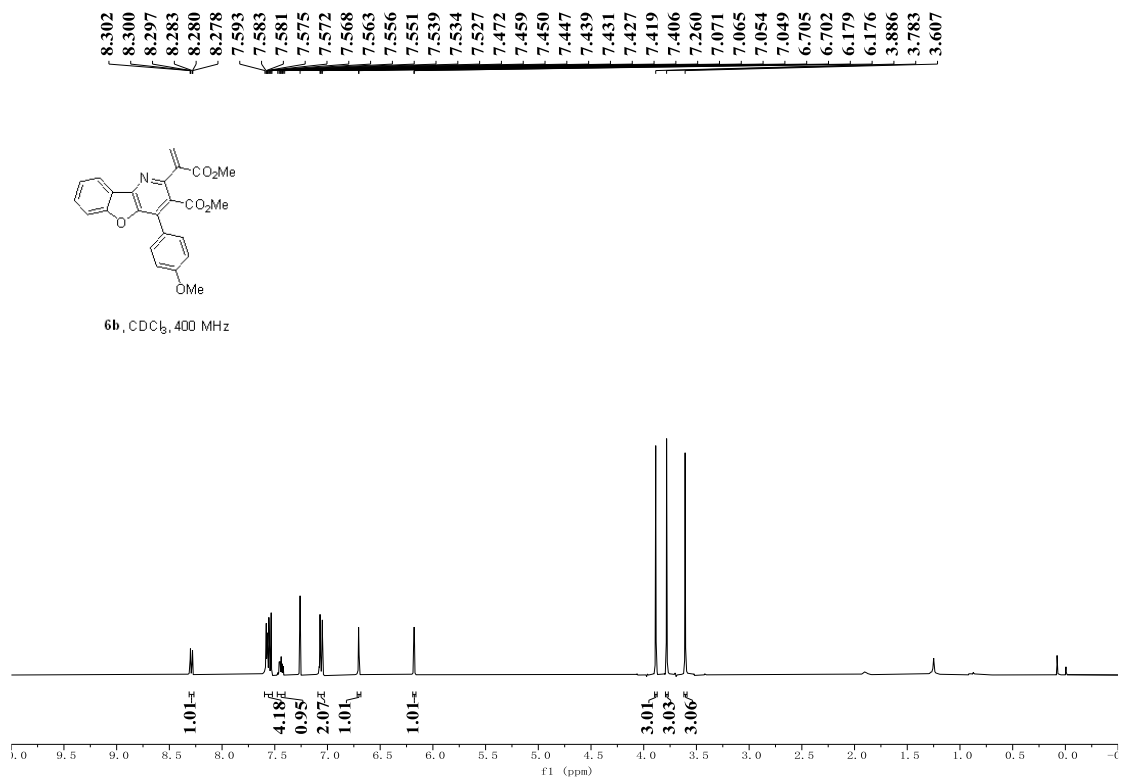


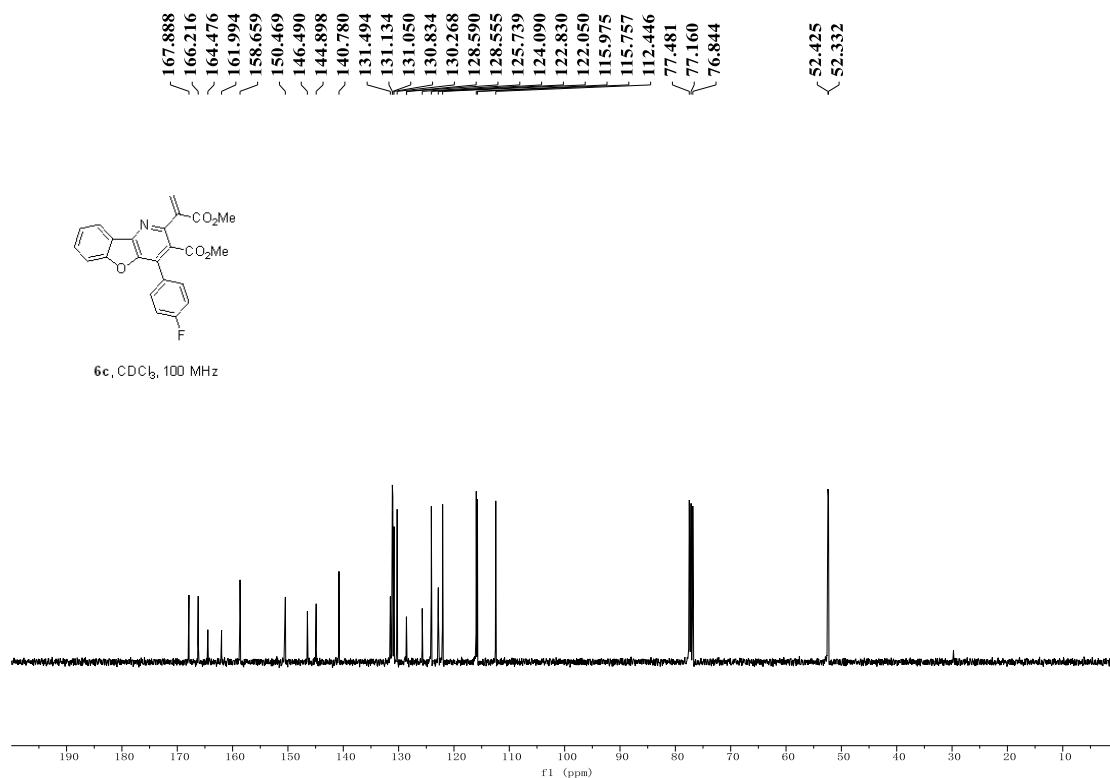
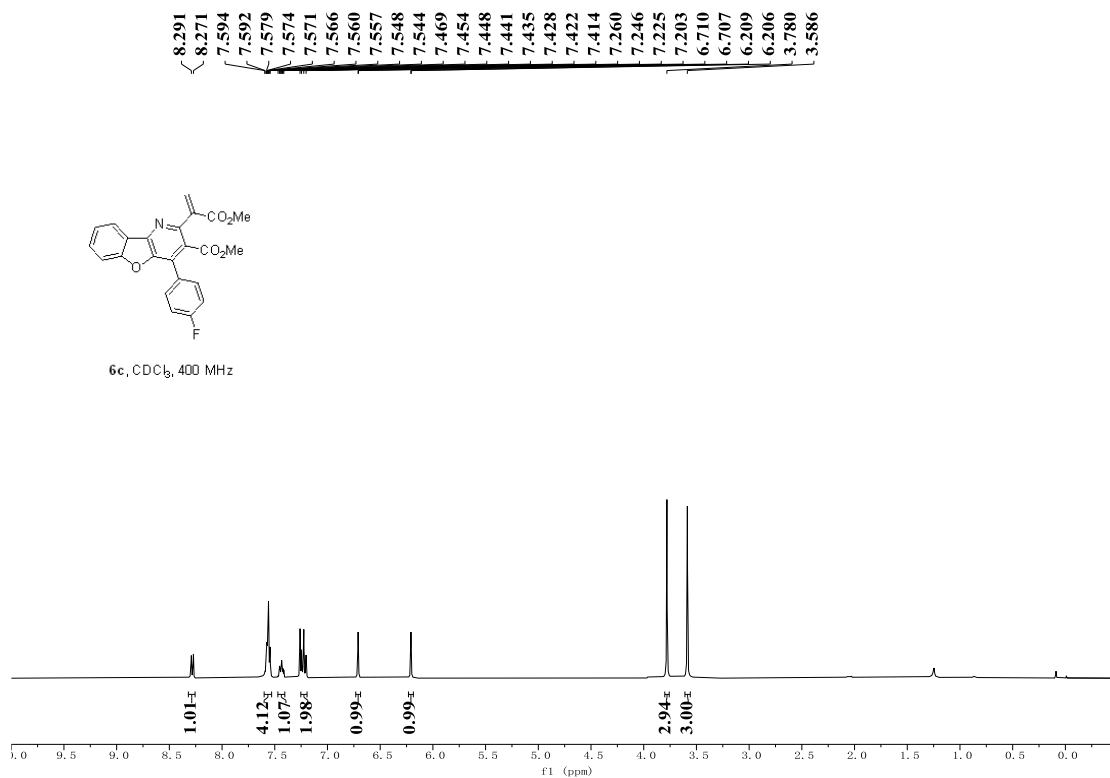
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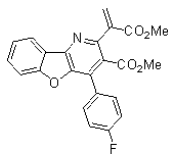


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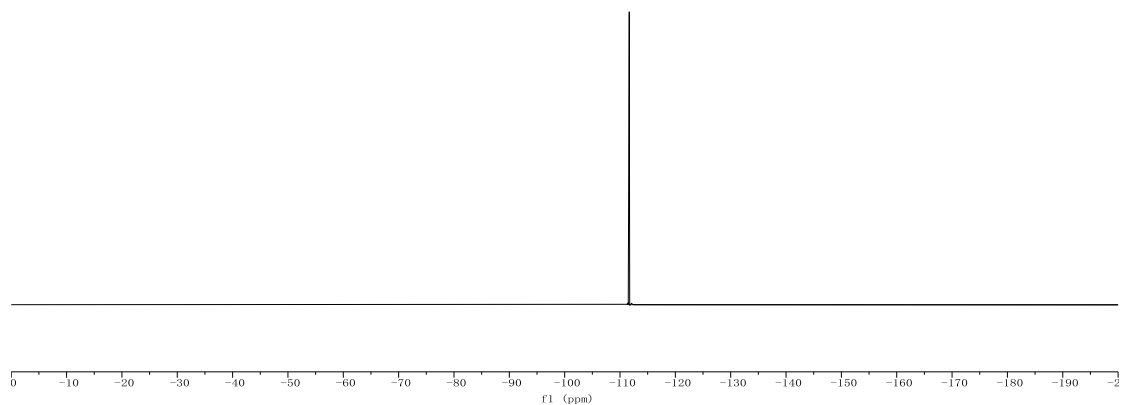






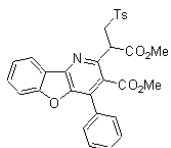


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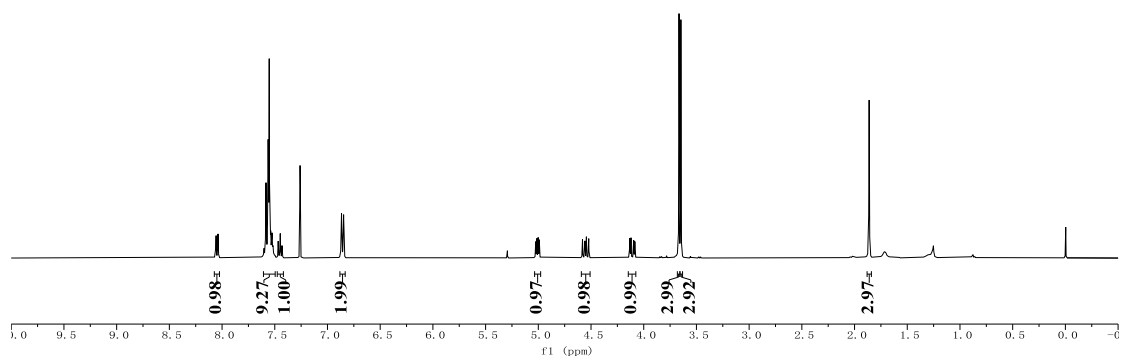


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7a, CDCl₃, 400 MHz



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