Supporting Information

Palladium-Catalyzed Imidoylative Spirocyclization of 3-(2-Isocyanoethyl)indoles

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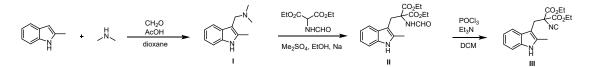
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1. General considerations

The reactions were carried out under air or argon atmosphere. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance NMR spectrometer (400 MHz or 100 MHz, respectively) in CDCl₃ as solvent and recorded in ppm relative to internal standard tetramethylsilane. ¹H NMR data are reported as follows: δ , chemical shift; coupling constants (*J* are given in Hertz, Hz) and integration. Abbreviations to denote the multiplicity of a particular signal were s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), and br (broad singlet). High resolution mass spectroscopic data of the products were collected on an Agilent Technologies 6540 UHD Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS using ESI. The chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers either from Aldrich (USA) or Shanghai Chemical Company (China) without further purificationunless otherwise specified. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200-300 mesh silica gels, SiO₂.

2. Experimental section

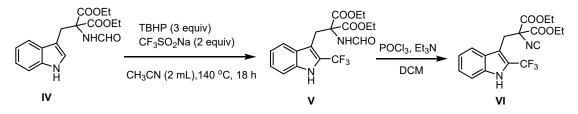
Synthesis of starting materials:



Step 1: In a two-necked round bottom flask equipped with a dropping funnel, 2.1 mL formaldehyde (37 wt% in water, 28 mmol) were dissolved in 24 mL dioxane together with 2 mL H₂O and 26 mL glacial acetic acid. The flask was immersed in an ice bath and dimethylamine (40 wt% in water, 3.47 mL, 28 mmol) was added at once. To this mixture, 26 mmol of the desired indole, dissolved in 24 mL dioxane, were added dropwise. After the addition of the indole, the mixture was allowed to stir for 2 h at 0 °C, then for 12 h at rt. The mixture was then diluted with 32 mL water and 1.5 g of Celite was added. After stirring for 10 minutes, the mixture was filtered off over Celite and the filtrate was treated with 2N NaOH. The precipitate was recovered by filtration, washed with water and dried under vacuum to afford the product **I**.¹

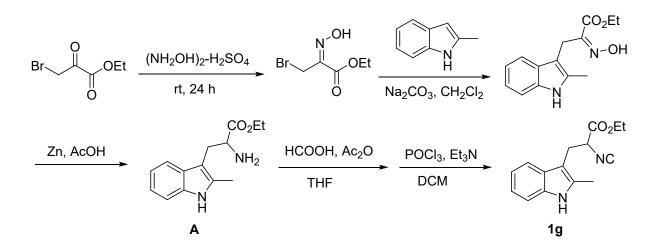
Step 2: Sodium (0.23 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in absolute ethanol (30 mL). diethyl 2-formamidomalonate (1.74 g, 10 mmol) and ethyl formamidomalonate I (2.03 g, 10 mmol) were added to this solution followed by the slow addition of dimethyl sulfate (2.52 g). The solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 4 h, and the white precipitate that formed was poured into water, filtered, and dried. The yield of the title compound II was 90-99%.²

Step 3: **II** (3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in dry DCM (30 mL) and Et₃N (4 equiv), cooled to -20 °C. To mixture POCl₃ (1.2 equiv) was added, dropwise slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. Then, 10 mL of H₂O was added slowly to the reaction mixture at -20 °C The crude reaction mixture was extracted with DCM (100 mL×3) and washed with brine (100 mL). The organic phase was concentrated in *vacuo* and the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford the product **III** as a colourless oil in 90-98% yield.³



Similar procedures (IV) according to the above general procedure (step 1, step 2). IV (0.3 mmol), CF_3SO_2Na (0.6 mmol, 2 equiv), TBHP (0.9 mmol, 3 equiv) and CH_3CN (2 mL) were added into a sealed Pyrex test tube stirred at 140 °C under air. The reaction was stopped about 18 h and cooled to room temperature. Then, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as the developing solvent to give the products V.⁴

Similar procedures (VI) according to the above general procedure (step 3), and the substrate VI was obtained as colorless oil.



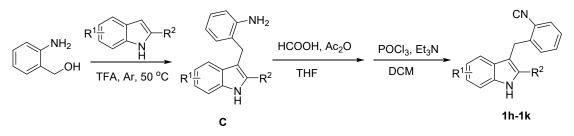
Step 1: A solution of hydroxylamine sulfate (0.5 g, 3.1 mmol) in water (3.0 mL) was added to a solution of ethylbromopyruvate (90%) (0.65 g, 3.0 mmol) in CHCl₃ (1.0 mL). The two-phase system was rapidly stirred for 24 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with CHCl₃ (30 mL). The combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give the title compound (0.62 g, 99%) as a white solid.

Step 2: A solution of 3-bromo-2-hydrox-yimino-propionic acid ethyl ester (0.38 g, 1.8 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.0 mL) was slowly added dropwise to a stirring mixture of 2-methyl-1*H*-indole (0.24 g, 1.8 mmol) and Na_2CO_3 (1.05 g, 9.9 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3.0 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 20 h, filtered through celite and concentrated to give the title compound (0.41 g, 87%).

Step 3: Zinc powder (0.39 g, 6.0 mmol) was added portionwise to a stirred solution of ethyl(Z)-2-(hydroxyimino)-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-propanoate (0.39 g, 1.5 mmol) in acetic acid (10 mL) over 30 min. After stirring overnight, the mixture was filtered through celite and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in HCl (1.0 M) and reevaporated to give the title compound (0.35 g, 95%).

Step 4: A mixture of HCO₂H (3.5 equiv), Ac₂O (1.5 equiv) was stirred at rt for 30 min. To this mixture, a solution of **A** (1.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF was added slowly. After completion of the reaction, the reaction was quenched by adding saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The organic layer was seperated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (40 mL), dried over MgSO₄. The concentrated residue was used for next step without further purification. The product was dissolved in dry DCM (30 mL) and Et_3N (4.0 equiv), cooled to -20 °C. To mixture POCl₃ (1.2 equiv) was added, dropwise slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. Then, 10 mL of H₂O was

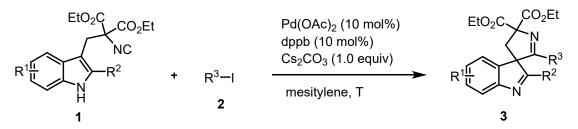
added slowly to the reaction mixture at -20 °C The crude reaction mixture was extracted with DCM (100 mL \times 3) and washed with brine (100 mL). The organic phase was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford the product **1g** (1.05 mmol, 75%) as a colorless liquid.



Step 1: To a solution of (2-aminophenyl)methanol (9.8 mmol) and 2-methyl-1*H*indole (12.74 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (40 mL). After degassing with argon and four evacuation/backfill cycles with argon, trifluoroacetic acid (3.92 mmol) was added dropwise, then the mixture was heated with heating mantle and stirred at 50 °C. When the reaction was complete as monitored by TLC, aqueous solution of saturated Na₂CO₃ was added, concentrated under reduced pressure, dilute hydrochloric acid was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated, and the resulting mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the product 2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)aniline (1.618 g, 70%)

Step 2: A mixture of HCO_2H (3.5 equiv), Ac_2O (1.5 equiv) was stirred at rt for 30 min. To this mixture, a solution of C (1.0 equiv) in THF was added slowly. After completion of the reaction, the reaction was quenched by adding saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The organic layer was seperated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (40 mL), dried over MgSO₄. The concentrated residue was used for next step without further purification. The product was dissolved in dry DCM (30 mL) and Et₃N (4.0 equiv), cooled to -20 °C. To mixture POCl₃ (1.2 equiv) was added, dropwise slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. Then, 10 mL of H₂O was added slowly to the reaction mixture at -20 °C The crude reaction mixture was extracted with DCM (100 mL×3) and washed with brine (100 mL). The organic phase was concentrated in *vacuo* and the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to

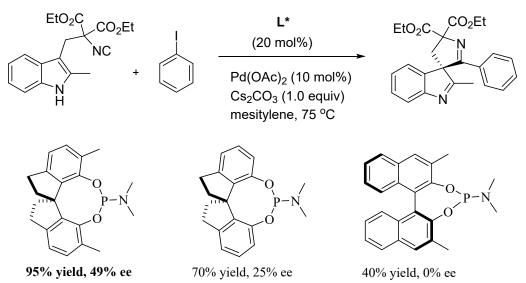
afford the product 1h-1k as a colourless oil.

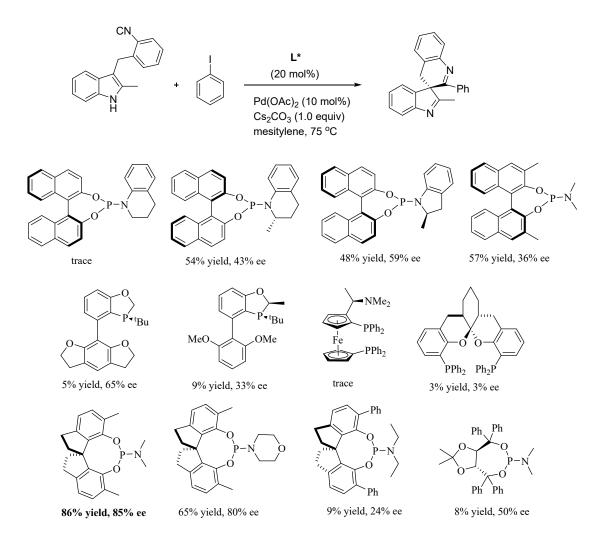


General procedure for the spirocyclization reaction

To a mixture of R³I (0.15 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), dppb (10 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (0.1 mmol) in mesitylene (1 mL) was added of **1** (1.0 mol) in mesitylene (1 mL) via a syringe pump during a period of 1.5 h under Ar at 75 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under *vaccuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford the product **3**.

Ligand screening for enantioselective synthesis of spiroindolines

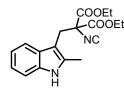




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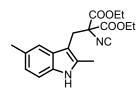
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3. Characterization data



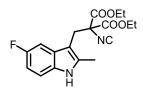
diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (1a):

Prepared from diethyl 2-formamido-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (1.04 g, 3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Et₃N (1.21 g, 12 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and POCl₃ (0.34 ml, 3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **1a** was isolated as colorless oil (905 mg, 2.76 mmol, 92% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.02 (m, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.3, 163.5, 135.1, 134.9, 128.3, 121.3, 119.4, 118.2, 110.3, 102.7, 70.0, 63.7, 31.5, 13.6, 12.6. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₂₁N₂O₄: 329.1496, found: 329.1491.



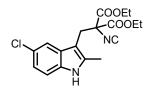
diethyl 2-((2,5-dimethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2-isocyanomalonate (1b):

Prepared from diethyl 2-((2,5-dimethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2-formamidomalonate (1.08 g, 3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Et₃N (1.21 g, 12 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and POCl₃ (0.34 ml, 3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **1b** was isolated as colorless oil (902 mg, 2.64 mmol, 88% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.0, 163.1, 135.0, 133.3, 128.9, 127.8, 122.2, 117.4, 109.9, 101.4, 69.9, 63.4, 31.3, 21.2, 13.3, 12.1. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₉H₂₃N₂O₄: 343.1652, found: 343.1654.



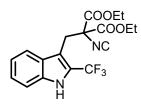
diethyl 2-((5-fluoro-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2-isocyanomalonate (1c):

Prepared from diethyl 2-((5-fluoro-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2formamidomalonate (1.09 g, 3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Et₃N (1.21 g, 12 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and POCl₃ (0.34 ml, 3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **1c** was isolated as colorless oil (913 mg, 2.64 mmol, 88% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (td, J = 9.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.22 (m, 4H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.0, 163.3, 157.6 (d, J = 232.1 Hz), 137.0, 131.5, 128.5 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 110.9 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 109.0 (d, J = 25.9 Hz), 102.9 (d, J = 24.1 Hz), 102.4 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 70.0, 63.7, 31.3, 13.5, 12.3. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₂₀FN₂O₄: 347.1402, found: 347.1400.

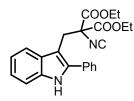


diethyl 2-((5-chloro-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2-isocyanomalonate (1d):

Prepared from diethyl 2-((5-chloro-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2formamidomalonate (1.14 g, 3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Et₃N (1.21 g, 12 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and POCl₃ (0.34 ml, 3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **1d** was isolated as colorless oil (958 mg, 2.52 mmol, 84% yield). (new compound). ¹**HNMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.24 (m, 4H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.1, 163.5, 136.7, 133.4, 129.3, 125.1, 121.3, 117.3, 111.4, 102.3, 70.1, 63.9, 31.2, 13.6, 12.6. **HRMS (ESI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₂₀ClN₂O₄: 363.1106, found: 363.1113.

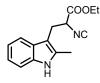


diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (1e): Prepared from diethyl 2-formamido-2-((2-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-indol-3yl)methyl)malonate (0.40 g, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Et₃N (0.40 g, 4.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and POCl₃ (0.11 ml, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **1e** was isolated as colorless oil (357 mg, 0.93 mmol, 93% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.01, 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 4.29-4.24 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.1, 135.3, 126.8, 124.9, 124.0 (q, *J* = 36.7 Hz), 121.5 (q, *J* = 267.9 Hz), 120.7, 120.2, 117.5, 108.2, 108.2, 69.6, 64.0, 30.1, 13.5. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₁₈F₃N₂O₄: 383.1213, found: 383.1214.



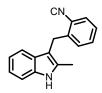
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Prepared from diethyl 2-formamido-2-((2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (0.41 g, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Et₃N (0.40 g, 4.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and POCl₃ (0.11 ml, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **1f** was isolated as colorless oil (323 mg, 0.83 mmol, 83% yield). (new compound). ¹**HNMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.04 (m, 2H), 4.00-3.92 (m, 4H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.0, 163.7, 137.7, 135.5, 132.7, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 122.3, 119.7, 119.3, 111.0, 103.0, 69.6, 63.4, 30.5, 13.5. **HRMS (ESI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₃N₂O₄: 391.1652, found: 391.1649.



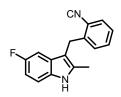
ethyl 2-isocyano-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (1g):

The product **1g** was isolated as a colorless liquid (192.2 mg, 0.75 mmol, 75% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.11 (m, 2H), 4.51 (dd, J = 8.6, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 14.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.7, 160.2, 135.2, 133.8, 127.8, 121.5, 119.6, 117.3, 110.5, 104.7, 62.7, 57.2, 28.9, 13.9, 11.9. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O₂: 257.1285, found: 257.1282.



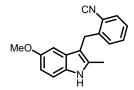
3-(2-isocyanobenzyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole (1h):

The product **1h** was isolated as a colorless liquid (197 mg, 0.80 mmol, 80% yield). (new compound). ¹**HNMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 23.4, 9.3 Hz, 4H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.2, 137.8, 135.3, 132.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.6, 126.7, 126.6, 125.9, 121.2, 119.4, 118.1, 110.3, 107.9, 26.3, 11.8. **HRMS (ESI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₇H₁₅N₂: 247.1230, found: 247.1227.



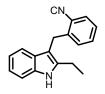
5-fluoro-3-(2-isocyanobenzyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole (1i):

The product **1i** was isolated as a colorless liquid (208 mg, 0.80 mmol, 80% yield). (new compound) ¹**HNMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, J = 8.3, 4.9, 3.4 Hz, 3H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88- 6.82 (m, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.3, 157.8 (d, J = 232.6 Hz), 137.4, 134.5 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 131.7, 129.4 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 129.1, 129.0, 126.9, 126.8, 110.9, 110.8, 109.2 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 108.1 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 103.2 (d, J = 25.5 Hz), 26.4, 11.9. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -124.57. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₇H₁₄FN₂: 265.1136, found: 265.1131.



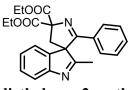
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The product **1j** was isolated as colorless oil (180 mg, 0.76 mmol, 75% yield). (new compound) ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.09-.04 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, J = 5.5, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.2, 154.0, 137.7, 133.3, 130.4, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 126.7, 126.7, 125.9, 110.9, 110.8, 107.8, 100.6, 55.9, 26.4, 11.9. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O: 277.1335, found: 277.1327.



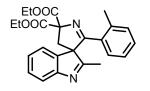
2-ethyl-3-(2-isocyanobenzyl)-1H-indole (1k):

The product **1k** was isolated as colorless oil (198 mg, 0.76 mmol, 76% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 2.80 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.3, 138.5, 138.0, 135.5, 129.5, 129.5, 128.7, 126.8, 126.7, 126.0, 121.3, 119.5, 118.4, 110.6, 106.9, 26.2, 19.6, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₁₈H₁₇N₂: 261.1386, found: 265.1131.



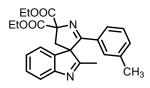
diethyl 2-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3a):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3a** was isolated as colorless oil (39.6 mg, 0.098 mmol, 98% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.63 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 4H), 3.23 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.37 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.0, 174.7, 169.8, 169.3, 154.6, 141.9, 131.6, 131.5, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 126.6, 122.7, 120.6, 85.9, 75.0, 62.7, 62.6, 40.2, 16.4, 16.1. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₄: 405.1809, found: 405.1806.



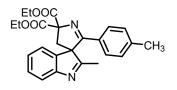
diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(o-tolyl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3b):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-iodo-2-methylbenzene (32.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3b** was isolated as colorless oil (28.8 mg, 0.069 mmol, 69% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.77 (m, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.37 (m, 4H), 6.45 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 180.3, 176.2, 169.8, 169.4, 154.9, 141.0, 137.9, 131.4, 131.0, 129.9, 129.0, 126.4, 126.1, 125.3, 122.4, 120.3, 87.1, 62.6, 38.9, 20.9, 16.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₄: 419.1965, found: 419.1971.



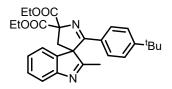
diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(m-tolyl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3c):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-iodo-3-methylbenzene (32.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3c** was isolated as colorless oil (37.2 mg, 0.089 mmol, 89% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.63 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.36 (m, 4H), 3.23 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.37 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.0, 174.8, 169.8, 169.3, 154.6, 142.0, 138.2, 132.5, 131.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 126.6, 124.6, 122.6, 120.5, 85.8, 74.9, 62.7, 62.6, 40.1, 21.1, 16.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₄: 419.1965, found: 419.1967.



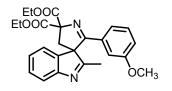
diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(p-tolyl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3d):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-iodo-4-methylbenzene (32.7 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3d** was isolated as colorless oil (40.1 mg, 0.096 mmol, 96% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.54 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.35-4.27 (m, 4H), 3.14 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.29 (td, J = 7.2, 5.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.1, 174.4, 169.8, 269.4, 154.7, 142.2, 142.1, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 126.5, 122.6, 120.5, 85.8, 74.9, 62.6, 62.5, 40.2, 21.3, 16.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₄: 419.1965, found: 419.1967.



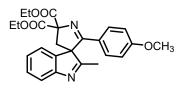
diethyl 2'-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3e):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-(tert-butyl)-4-iodobenzene (39.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3e** was isolated as colorless oil (33.1 mg, 0.072 mmol, 72% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.64 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 3H), 4.41-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.22 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23(s, 3H), 1.37 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 1.21 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.3, 174.6, 169.8, 169.4, 155.1, 154.6, 142.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.7, 126.5, 125.5, 122.5, 120.5, 85.8, 74.8, 62.6, 62.5, 40.3, 30.9, 16.4, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₈H₃₃N₂O₄: 461.2435, found: 461.2438.



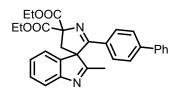
diethyl 2'-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3f):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-iodo-3-methoxybenzene (35.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3f** was isolated as colorless oil (33.5 mg, 0.077 mmol, 77% yield). (new compound). ¹**HNMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.63 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.78 (m, 1H), 4.44-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.24 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.37 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.1, 174.6, 169.7, 169.2, 159.3, 154.6, 142.1, 132.6, 129.5, 129.0, 126.6, 122.7, 120.5, 120.3, 118.7, 111.7, 85.8, 75.0, 62.7, 62.6, 55.1, 40.1, 16.4, 14.0. **HRMS (ESI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₅: 435.1914, found: 435.1916.



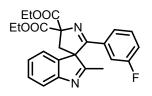
diethyl 2'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3g):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene (35.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3g** was isolated as colorless oil (17.8 mg, 0.041 mmol, 41% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.55 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.35-4.27 (m, 4H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.14 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.29 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.4, 173.7, 170.0, 169.5, 162.3, 154.6, 142.3, 129.8, 128.9, 126.6, 124.1, 122.7, 120.6, 113.9, 85.7, 74.8, 62.6, 62.5, 55.2, 40.4, 16.3, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₅: 435.1914, found: 435.1906.



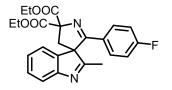
diethyl 2'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3h):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 4-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl (42.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3h** was isolated as colorless oil (40.4 mg, 0.084 mmol, 84% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.65 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.20 (td, J = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45-4.34 (m, 4H), 3.25 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.38 (td, J = 7.1, 6.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.0, 174.2, 169.8, 169.3, 154.7, 144.3, 142.0, 139.8, 130.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.1, 127.0, 126.6, 122.7, 120.6, 85.9, 74.9, 62.6, 62.6, 40.3, 16.4, 14.1 HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₃₀H₂₉N₂O₄: 481.2122, found: 481.2124.



diethyl 2'-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3i):

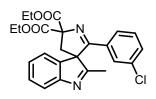
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diethyl 2'-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3j):

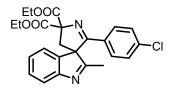
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C₂₄H₂₄N₂O₄: 423.1715, found: 423.1720.



diethyl 2'-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3k):

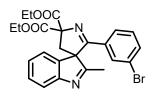
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-chloro-3-iodobenzene (35.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3k** was isolated as colorless oil (30.3 mg, 0.069 mmol, 69% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.42 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.45-4.36 (m, 4H), 3.24 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.38 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.4, 173.6, 169.5, 169.0, 154.6, 141.4, 134.7, 133.0, 131.7, 129.8, 129.3, 128.3, 126.8, 125.4, 122.6, 120.7, 85.9, 74.8, 62.8, 62.7, 40.1, 16.4, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₄ClN₂O₄: 439.1419, found: 439.1418.



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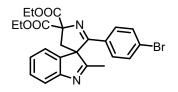
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calculated for C₂₄H₂₄ClN₂O₄: 439.1419, found: 439.1418.



diethyl 2'-(3-bromophenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3m):

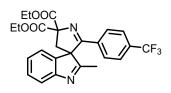
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diethyl 2'-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3n):

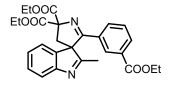
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (42.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3n** was isolated as colorless oil (39.2 mg, 0.081 mmol, 81% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.62(d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.19 (m,1H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H), 4.43-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.23 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.22(s, 3H), 1.37 (td, J = 7.1, 5.5 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.6, 173.8, 169.6, 169.1, 154.6, 141.6, 131.8, 130.3, 129.4, 129.2, 126.7, 126.6, 122.6, 120.7, 85.9, 74.8, 62.7, 62.7, 40.2, 16.3, 14.0.

HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$) calculated for C₂₄H₂₄BrN₂O₄: 483.0914, found: 483.0916.



diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (30):

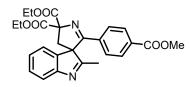
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (40.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **30** was isolated as colorless oil (43.9 mg, 0.093 mmol, 93% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.29-2.27 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.37 (m, 4H), 3.26 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.38 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.3, 173.7, 169.4, 168.9, 154.6, 141.3, 134.6, 133.1 (q, J = 32.5), 129.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.8, 125.5 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.5 (q, J = 270.9 Hz), 122.6, 120.8, 86.0, 74.9, 62.8, 62.8, 40.1, 16.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₄F₃N₂O₄: 473.1683, found: 473.1675.



diethyl 2'-(3-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3p):

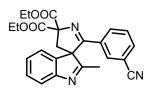
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and ethyl 3-iodobenzoate (41.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3p** was isolated as colorless oil (40.5 mg, 0.085 mmol, 85% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.01 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 4.46-4.37 (m, 4H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.41-1.36 (m, 6H), 1.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.3, 174.2, 169.6, 169.1, 165.5, 154.8, 141.5, 132.5, 131.9, 131.7, 130.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7,

126.7, 122.6, 120.7, 86.0, 75.0, 62.7, 62.7, 61.1, 40.1, 16.3, 14.2, 14.0. **HRMS (ESI)** $([M+H]^+)$ calculated for $C_{27}H_{29}N_2O_6$: 477.2020, found: 477.2019.



diethyl 2'-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3q):

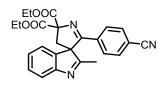
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and methyl 4-iodobenzoate (39.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3q** was isolated as white solid (38.8 mg, 0.084 mmol, 84% yield): mp 86–87 °C. (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37-4.20 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.17 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.33-1.28 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.3, 174.2, 169.5, 169.0, 166.1, 154.8, 141.5, 135.4, 132.7, 129.6, 129.3, 127.8, 126.7, 122.6, 120.7, 86.1, 75.0, 62.8, 62.7, 52.2, 40.1, 16.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₆H₂₇N₂O₆: 463.1864, found: 463.1857.



diethyl 2'-(3-cyanophenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3r):

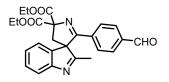
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 3-iodobenzonitrile (34.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3r** was isolated as colorless oil (40.8 mg, 0.095 mmol, 95% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 4H), 4.46-4.34 (m, 4H), 3.27 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.39 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 180.9, 173.0, 169.3, 168.8, 154.6, 140.9, 134.6, 132.5, 131.8, 131.4, 129.5, 129.5,

126.9, 122.6, 120.9, 117.7, 113.1, 85.9, 74.7, 72.9, 62.8, 40.0, 16.4, 14.0. **HRMS** (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$) calculated for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₄: 430.1761, found: 430.1763.



diethyl 2'-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3s):

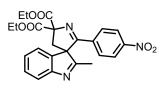
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 4-iodobenzonitrile (34.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3s** was isolated as colorless oil (37.8 mg, 0.088 mmol, 88% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.64 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.36 (m, 4H), 3.26 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.38 (td, J = 7.1, 5.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.0, 173.4, 169.3, 168.8, 154.7, 141.1, 135.4, 132.2, 129.5, 126.9, 122.6, 120.9, 117.9, 115.0, 86.1, 74.9, 62.8, 62.8, 40.1, 16.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₄: 430.1761, found: 430.1769.

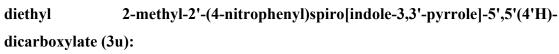


diethyl 2'-(4-formylphenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3t):

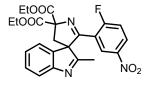
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 4-iodobenzaldehyde (34.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3t** was isolated as colorless oil (34.6 mg, 0.080 mmol, 80% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.23 (s, 1H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.37 (m, 4H), 3.26 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.38 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 191.4, 181.2, 174.0, 169.4, 168.9, 154.7, 141.3, 138.0, 136.6, 129.6, 129.4, 128.5, 126.8, 122.6, 120.8, 86.1, 75.0, 62.8, 62.8, 40.1, 16.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for

C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₅: 433.1758, found: 433.1756.





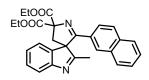
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene (37.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3u** was isolated as colorless oil (38.7 mg, 0.086 mmol, 86% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.01 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.37 (m, 4H), 3.27 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.39 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 180.8, 173.2, 169.2, 168.8, 154.7, 149.5, 141.0, 137.0, 129.6, 128.9, 126.9, 123.6, 122.6, 120.9, 86.2, 75.0, 62.9, 62.8, 40.1, 16.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₄N₃O₆: 450.1660, found: 450.1653.



diethyl 2'-(2-fluoro-5-nitrophenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3v):

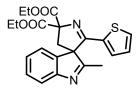
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1-fluoro-2-iodo-4-nitrobenzene (40.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3v** was isolated as colorless oil (41.1 mg, 0.088 mmol, 88% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.17-8.13 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.39 (m, 4H), 3.31 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.40 (td, *J* = 7.1, 0.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.8, 170.7 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 168.9, 161.9, 163.2 (d, *J* = 263.3 Hz), 155.3, 143.5, 139.1, 129.87, 127.5 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 126.8, 125.3 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 122.6, 121.2 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz), 120.7, 117.4 (d, *J* = 24.6 Hz), 87.4, 77.0, 63.0, 63.0,

38.4, 16.4, 16.3, 14.0, 14,0. **HRMS (ESI)** ($[M+H]^+$) calculated for C₂₄H₂₃FN₃O₆: 468.1565, found: 468.1568.



diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(naphthalen-2-yl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3w):

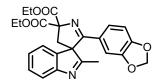
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2-iodonaphthalene (38.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3w** was isolated as colorless oil (19.5 mg, 0.043 mmol, 43% yield). (new compound). ¹**HNMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.73-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, J = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.38 (m, 4H), 3.29 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.39 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.2, 174.5, 169.8, 169.4, 154.7, 142.2, 134.7, 132.5, 129.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 126.7, 126.4, 124.7, 122.7, 120.6, 86.0, 75.0, 62.7, 62.7, 40.3, 16.4, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₈H₂₇N₂O₄: 455.1965, found: 455.1963.



diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(thiophen-2-yl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3x):

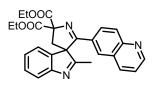
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2-iodothiophene (31.5 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3x** was isolated as colorless oil (30.4 mg, 0.074 mmol, 74% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.63 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.25 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.37 (td, J = 7.1, 2.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.8, 169.6, 169.2, 168.7,

154.8, 141.6, 134.5, 131.1, 129.9, 129.2, 127.9, 126.6, 122.8, 120.4, 86.1, 74.8, 62.6, 62.6, 40.1, 16.2, 14.0, 14.0. **HRMS (ESI)** ($[M+H]^+$) calculated for $C_{22}H_{23}N_2O_4S$: 411.1373, found: 411.1375.



diethyl 2'-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3y):

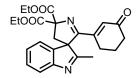
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 5-iodobenzo[d][1,3]dioxole (37.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3y** was isolated as colorless oil (34.1 mg, 0.076 mmol, 76% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.62 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 4.44-4.34 (m, 4H), 3.22 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.37 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.2, 173.5, 169.9, 169.4, 154.5, 150.5, 147.9, 142.2, 129.0, 126.6, 125.6, 122.9, 122.6, 120.6, 108.2, 108.0, 101.4, 85.5, 74.7, 62.6, 62.5, 40.4, 16.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₆: 449.1707, found: 449.1711.



diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(quinolin-6-yl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3z):

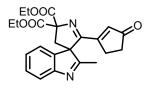
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Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.8, 174.0, 169.6, 169.1, 154.7, 151,8, 149.3, 141.8, 137.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 126.8, 122.7, 120.7, 86.0, 75.0, 62.8, 62.7, 40.2, 16.4, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for $C_{27}H_{26}N_3O_4$: 456.1918, found: 456.1913.



diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(3-oxocyclohex-1-en-1-yl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3aa):

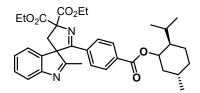
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 3-iodocyclohex-2-en-1-one (33.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3aa** was isolated as colorless oil (37.6 mg, 0.089 mmol, 89% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.43-4.33 (m, 4H), 3.25 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.62 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.96-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.33 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 199.4, 180.5, 175.2, 169.1, 168.6, 154.4, 150.5, 141.2, 130.3, 129.4, 126.7, 122.1, 121.0, 86.1, 74.5, 62.9, 62.8, 40.0, 37.5, 26.6, 21.9, 16.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₇N₂O₅: 423.1914, found: 423.1911.

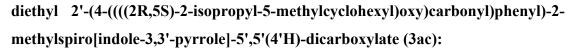


diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(3-oxocyclopent-1-en-1-yl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3ab):

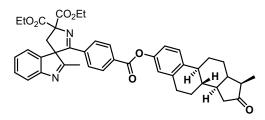
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 3-iodocyclopent-2-en-1-one (31.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3ab** was isolated as colorless oil (31.5 mg, 0.077 mmol, 77% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 5.51 (t, J = 1.84 Hz, 1H), 4.45-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.20 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.86 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.37 (td, J = 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 209.4, 180.3, 172.2, 169.0, 168.5, 154.7, 140.8, 134.8,

129.6, 126.8, 122.4, 120.9, 86.9, 74.9, 63.0, 62.9, 39.4, 34.4, 28.9, 16.2, 14.0. **HRMS** (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₅N₂O₅: 409.1758, found: 409.1752.



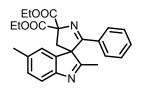


Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2R,5S)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 4-iodobenzoate (57.9 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3ac** was isolated as colorless oil (45.8 mg, 0.078 mmol, 78% yield). (new compound). ¹**HNMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 1H), 4.91-4.83 (m, 1H), 4.46-4.37 (m, 4H), 3.25 (dd, J = 14.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.04 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.70 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 1.53-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.38 (td, J = 13.3, 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.10-1.00 (m, 2H), 0.91-0.86 (m, 7H), 0.73 (dd, J = 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.5, 181.4, 174.2, 174.1, 169.5, 169.5, 169.1, 169.0, 165.1, 154.7, 141.6, 141.6, 135.1, 133.4, 133.4, 129.6, 129.2, 127.8, 126.7, 122.6, 120.7, 86.0, 75.1, 75.0, 62.8, 62.7, 47.1, 47.1, 40.8, 40.1, 34.2, 31.4, 26.4, 26.3, 23.5, 23.4, 22.0, 20.7, 20.7, 16.4, 16.4, 16.3, 14.1. **HRMS (APCI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₃₅H₄₃N₂O₆: 587.3116, found: 587.3111.



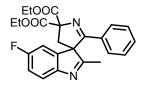
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7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl 4iodobenzoate (75.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3ad** was isolated as colorless oil (52.6 mg, 0.075 mmol, 75% yield). (new compound). ¹**HNMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.87 (m, 2H), 4.47-4.37 (m, 4H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92-2.88 (m, 3H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 19.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.19-2.15 (m, 1H), 2.10-1.95 (m, 3H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.45 (m, 4H), 1.39 (td, 13.2, 7.1 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.2, 174.12, 169.4, 169.0, 164.5, 154.7, 148.5, 141.4, 138.0, 137.5, 135.9, 132.1, 130.2, 129.3, 128.0, 126.7, 126.4, 122.6, 121.4, 120.7, 118.6, 86.1, 75.0, 62.8, 62.7, 50.3, 47.9, 44.1, 40.0, 37.9, 35.8, 31.5, 29.3, 26.2, 25.7, 21.5, 16.4, 14.0, 13.8. **HRMS (APCI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₄₃H₄₅N₂O₇: 701.3221, found: 701.3223.



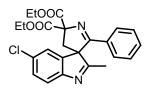
diethyl 2,5-dimethyl-2'-phenylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3ae):

Prepared from diethyl 2-((2,5-dimethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2-isocyanomalonate (34.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3ae** was isolated as colorless oil (38.1 mg, 0.091 mmol, 91% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.50 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 4.44-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.23 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 180.9, 174.8, 169.8, 169.3, 152.4, 142.1, 136.6, 131.6, 131.5, 129.6, 128.5, 127.9, 123.3, 120.1, 85.8, 74.8, 62.7, 62.6, 40.4, 21.4, 16.3, 14.1, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₅H₂₇N₂O₄: 419.1965, found: 419.1960.



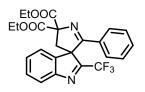
diethyl 5-fluoro-2-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3af):

Prepared from diethyl 2-((5-fluoro-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2isocyanomalonate (34.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3af** was isolated as colorless oil (35.5 mg, 0.084 mmol, 84% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.56 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (td, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.23 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.38 (td, J = 7.1, 2.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.8 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 174.0, 169.6, 169.1, 161.6 (d, J = 244.7 Hz), 150.7 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 143.7 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 131.8, 131.3, 128.6, 127.8, 121.3 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 110.6 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 85.9, 62.7, 62.7, 40.2, 16.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₄FN₂O₄: 423.1715, found: 423.1712.



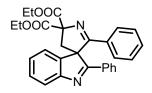
diethyl 5-chloro-2-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3ag):

Prepared from diethyl 2-((5-chloro-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2isocyanomalonate (36.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3ag** was isolated as colorless oil (37.7 mg, 0.086 mmol, 86% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.26 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.45-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.24 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.38 (td, J = 7.1, 2.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.5, 173.8, 169.6, 169.1, 153.2, 143.6, 132.3, 131.8, 131.2, 129.2, 128.6, 127.8, 123.2, 121.4, 85.9, 75.1, 62.8, 62.7, 40.2, 16.4, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₄ClN₂O₄: 439.1419, found: 439.1417.



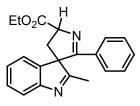
diethyl 2'-phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)dicarboxylate (3ah):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-indol-3yl)methyl)malonate (38.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3ah** was isolated as colorless oil (43.1 mg, 0.094 mmol, 94% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.87 (d, *J* =7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 4H), 4.44-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 172.1, 169.5, 168.6, 168.5 (q, *J* = 34.8 Hz), 151.6, 141.6, 131.8, 131.4, 130.0, 129.8, 128.5, 127.5, 123.5, 123.0, 119.9 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 86.4, 72.9, 62.9, 62.7, 38.5, 14.0, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₂F₃N₂O₄: 459.1526, found: 459.1525.



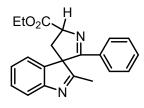
diethyl 2,2'-diphenylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3ai):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (39.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3ai** was isolated as white solid (45.3mg, 0.097 mmol, 97% yield): mp 95–97 °C. (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.94 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.44-4.30 (m, 4H), 3.28 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.38-1.31 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.1, 176.1, 169.7, 169.1, 153.9, 142.2, 131.7, 131.6, 131.6, 131.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.9, 122.6, 121.4, 86.0, 73.2, 62.6, 62.5, 41.9, 14.0, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₉H₂₇N₂O₄: 467.1965, found: 467.1966.



ethyl 2-methyl-2'-phenyl-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5'carboxylate(3aj):

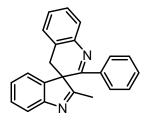
Prepared from diethyl ethyl 2-isocyano-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (25.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3aj** was isolated as colorless oil (16.0 mg, 49% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 7H), 5.27 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (dd, J = 13.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 13.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 183.2, 172.8, 171.8, 153.2, 141.4, 131.7, 131.4, 129.1, 128.6, 127.4, 126.7, 121.7, 120.7, 74.4, 73.2, 61.8, 38.2, 16.5, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₁N₂O₂: 333.1598, found: 333.1592.



ethyl 2-methyl-2'-phenyl-4',5'-dihydrospiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5'carboxylate(3aj'):

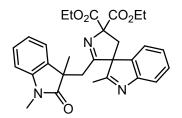
Prepared from diethyl ethyl 2-isocyano-3-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (25.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3aj'** was isolated as colorless oil (15.9 mg, 48% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.67 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 -7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.23 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (dd, J = 14.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, J = 14.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.6, 172.9, 171.9, 153.5, 141.8, 131.8,

131.4, 129.0, 128.6, 127.5, 127.0, 123.0, 120.3, 74.6, 73.0, 61.8, 38.0, 16.3, 14.2. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₁N₂O₂: 333.1598, found: 333.1592.



2-methyl-2'-phenyl-4'H-spiro[indole-3,3'-quinoline] (3ak):

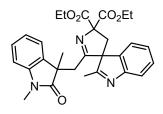
Prepared from 3-(2-isocyanobenzyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole (24.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3ak** was isolated as colorless oil (27.7 mg, 0.086 mmol, 86% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.65 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 3H), 7.12 (dd, J = 19.7, 7.3 Hz, 3H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 184.5, 164.2, 153.8, 144.0, 140.6, 138.7, 130.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.3, 125.8, 124.2, 122.6, 120.9, 61.4, 34.8, 17.5. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₁₉N₂: 323.1543, found: 323.1536.



diethyl 2'-((1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (5a):

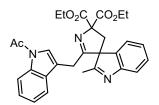
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *N*-(2-iodophenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide (45.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **5a** was isolated as colorless oil (19.8 mg, 0.040 mmol, 40% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.8

Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.12-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.82 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (d, J = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (d, J = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.21-1.17 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 178.0, 179.8, 175.2, 169.2, 168.9, 155.1, 144.7, 139.6, 133.6, 129.0, 127.7, 126.6, 122.6, 121.8, 121.6, 120.1, 107.8, 87.2, 62.3, 61.9, 45.6, 37.5, 36.1, 26.4, 24.2, 16.3, 14.1, 14.0. **HRMS (APCI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₉H₃₂N₃O₅: 502.2336, found: 502.2344.



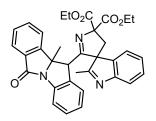
diethyl 2'-((1,3-dimethyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)methyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (5a'):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *N*-(2-iodophenyl)-*N*-methylmethacrylamide (45.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **5a'** was isolated as colorless oil (12.1 mg, 0.024 mmol, 24% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dq, *J* = 13.0, 7.1, 6.6 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (qd, *J* = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.12-3.98 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.88-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 180.3, 180.2, 174.9, 169.1, 169.0, 155.3, 144.6, 139.6, 133.1, 129.1, 127.5, 126.2, 122.8, 122.0, 121.6, 120.2, 107.7, 87.2, 62.2, 62.0, 45.7, 37.5, 35.6, 26.4, 24.3, 16.1, 14.1, 14.0. HRMS (APCI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₉H₃₂N₃O₅: 502.2336, found: 502.2344.



diethyl 2'-((1-acetyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (5b):

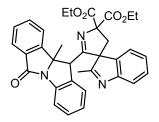
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *N*-(2-iodophenyl)-*N*-(propa-1,2-dien-1-yl)acetamide (44.9 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **5b** was isolated as colorless oil (35.0 mg, 0.070 mmol, 70% yield). (new compound). ¹**HNMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 4.41-4.35 (m, 4H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.37-1.34 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 179.9, 177.6, 169.5, 169.2, 168.3, 155.2, 139.9, 135.5, 129.7, 128.8, 126.0, 125.3, 124.2, 123.3, 122.7, 119.8, 119.2, 116.4, 115.4, 86.7, 62.7, 62.7, 38.2, 26.7, 23.8, 16.2, 14.1. **HRMS (APCI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₉H₃₀N₃O₅: 500.2180, found: 500.2178.



diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(10b-methyl-6-oxo-10b,11-dihydro-6H-isoindolo[2,1-a]indol-11-yl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (5c):

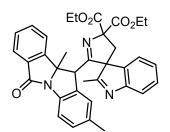
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-bromophenyl)(2-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)methanone (47.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **5c** was isolated as colorless oil (34.8 mg, 0.062 mmol, 62% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.82 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (td, J = 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, J = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.01 (m, 2H), 4.05-3.95 (m, 3H), 3.85-3.81 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.44 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 179.6, 129.2, 128.3, 126.0, 125.9, 124.0, 123.6, 123.3, 122.6, 120.6, 117.8, 86.9, 77.7, 75.3, 62.3, 61.8, 48.8, 36.9, 27.2, 17.7, 13.7, 13.6. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for

C₃₄H₃₂N₃O₅: 562.2336, found: 562.2338.



diethyl 2-methyl-2'-(10b-methyl-6-oxo-10b,11-dihydro-6H-isoindolo[2,1-a]indol-11-yl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (5c'):

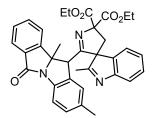
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-bromophenyl)(2-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)methanone (47.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **5c**' was isolated as colorless oil (18.0 mg, 0.032 mmol, 32% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.86 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7,57-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.11 (td, J = 7.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81(td, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.10 (m, 3H), 4.01-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 1H), 2.80 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 179.2, 176.7, 168.7, 168.6, 165.9, 155.3, 147.2, 138.5, 137.7, 135.3, 133.9, 131.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.5, 126.7, 126.3, 124.4, 123.9, 123.2, 120.1, 116.7, 86.6, 75.2, 62.3, 62.2, 51.0, 37.8, 28.7, 17.4, 13.9, 13.8. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₃₄H₃₂N₃O₅: 562.2336, found: 562.2338.



diethyl 2'-(2,10b-dimethyl-6-oxo-10b,11-dihydro-6H-isoindolo[2,1-a]indol-11-yl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (5d):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-bromophenyl)(2,5-dimethyl-1H-indol-1-yl)methanone (49.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure.

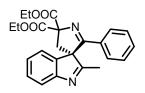
The product **5d** was isolated as colorless oil (25.9 mg, 0.045 mmol, 45% yield). (new compound). ¹**HNMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.81 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.07-3.97 (m, 3H), 3.87-3.83 (m, 1H), 2.95 (s, 1H), 2.86 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), ¹³C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 179.6, 176.1, 169.1, 168.3, 166.7, 155.8, 147.2, 139.4, 136.4, 135.0, 134.8, 133.2, 131.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.2, 126.8, 126.0, 123.9, 123.1, 122.7, 120.6, 117.3, 86.8, 75.5, 62.3, 61.8, 49.1, 37.0, 27.4, 21.1, 17.6, 13.8, 13.6. **HRMS (APCI)** ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₃₅H₃₄N₃O₅: 576.2493, found: 576.2490



diethyl 2'-(2,10b-dimethyl-6-oxo-10b,11-dihydro-6H-isoindolo[2,1-a]indol-11-yl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (5d'):

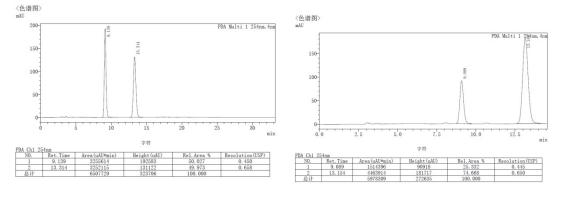
Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-bromophenyl)(2,5-dimethyl-1H-indol-1-yl)methanone (49.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **5d'** was isolated as colorless oil (14.4 mg, 0.025 mmol, 25% yield). (new compound). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.85 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.18-4.07 (m, 3H), 3.96-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 1H), 2.88 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31, (s, 3H), 2.14, (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 179.5, 176.3, 168.9, 168.5, 166.0, 155.3, 147.4, 138.0, 135.9, 135.4, 134.3, 132.7, 131.5, 129.6, 129.3, 128.3, 127.4, 126.1, 124.3, 124.2, 122.6, 120.3, 116.5, 86.7, 75.3,

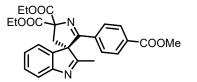
62.3, 62.1, 50.6, 37.7, 28.4, 21.1, 17.3, 13.8, 13.7. HRMS (APCI) ($[M+H]^+$) calculated for $C_{35}H_{34}N_3O_5$: 576.2493, found: 576.2490



diethyl (R)-2-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3a'):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3a'** was isolated as colorless oil (38.4 mg, 0.095 mmol, 95% yield). (new compound). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +55.3$ (c = 0.11 in CHCl₃, 49% ee). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.63 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 4H), 3.23 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.37 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 182.0, 174.7, 169.8, 169.3, 154.6, 141.9, 131.6, 131.5, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 126.6, 122.7, 120.6, 85.9, 75.0, 62.7, 62.6, 40.2, 16.4, 16.1. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₄: 405.1809, found: 405.1806. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralcel AD-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm), Hexanes/IPA = 10/1, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 13.2 min, t (minor) = 9.1 min.

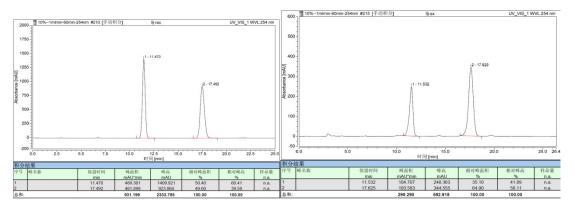


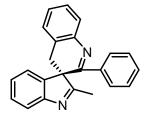


diethyl (R)-2'-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrole]-

5',5'(4'H)-dicarboxylate (3q'):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and methyl 4-iodobenzoate (39.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3q**' was isolated as colorless oil (37.0 mg, 0.080 mmol, 80% yield): mp 86-87 °C. (new compound). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +35.3$ (c = 0.1 in CHCl₃, 30% ee). ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37-4.20 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.17 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.33-1.28 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 181.3, 174.2, 169.5, 169.0, 166.1, 154.8, 141.5, 135.4, 132.7, 129.6, 129.3, 127.8, 126.7, 122.6, 120.7, 86.1, 75.0, 62.8, 62.7, 52.2, 40.1, 16.3, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₆H₂₇N₂O₆: 463.1864, found: 463.1857. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralcel AD-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm), Hexanes/IPA = 10/1, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 17.6 min, t (minor) = 11.5 min.

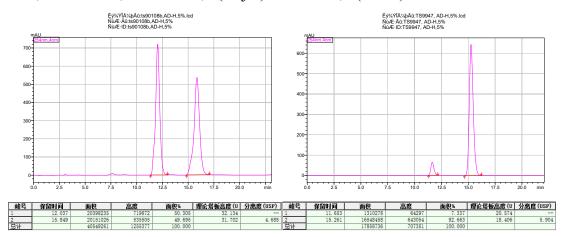


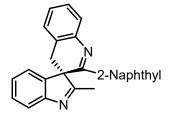


(R)-2-methyl-2'-phenyl-4'H-spiro[indole-3,3'-quinoline] (3ak'):

Prepared from 3-(2-isocyanobenzyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole (24.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and iodobenzene (30.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **3ak'** was isolated as colorless oil (27.7 mg, 0.086 mmol, 86% yield). (new compound). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +65.3$ (c = 0.15 in CHCl₃, 85% ee). ¹HNMR (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.65 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 3H), 7.12 (dd, J = 19.7, 7.3 Hz, 3H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 184.5, 164.2, 153.8, 144.0, 140.6, 138.7, 130.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.3, 125.8, 124.2, 122.6, 120.9, 61.4, 34.8, 17.5. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₁₉N₂: 323.1543, found: 323.1536. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralcel AD-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm), Hexanes/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 15.3 min, t (minor) = 11.7 min.

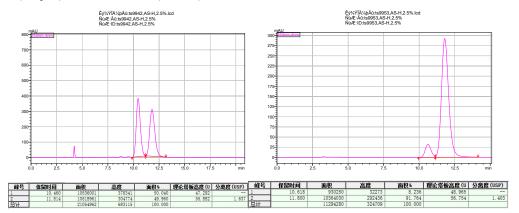


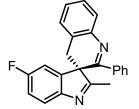


(R)-2-methyl-2'-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4'H-spiro[indole-3,3'-quinoline] (6a):

Prepared from diethyl 2-isocyano-2-((2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (24.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and methyl 4-iodobenzoate (39.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **6a** was isolated as colorless oil (15.4 mg, 0.063 mmol, 63% yield). (new compound). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +31.8$ (c = 0.40 in CHCl₃, 84% ee). ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.74-7.60 (m, 6H), 7.45-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 184.5, 164.1, 154.1, 144.1, 141.0, 136.1, 134.1, 132.8, 129.0, 128.9,

128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.4, 126.3, 125.9, 124.3, 123.6, 122.7, 121.0, 61.6, 35.1, 17.6. **HRMS (ESI)** ($[M+H]^+$) calculated for C₂₇H₂₁N₂: 373.1699, found: 373.1695. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralcel AS-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm), Hexanes/IPA = 97.5/2.5, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t (major) = 11.8 min, t (minor) = 10.6 min.

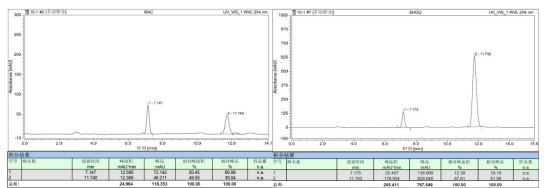


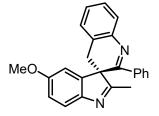


(R)-5-fluoro-2-methyl-2'-phenyl-4'H-spiro[indole-3,3'-quinoline] (6b):

Prepared from 5-fluoro-3-(2-isocyanobenzyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole (26.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and methyl 4-iodobenzoate (39.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **6b** was isolated as colorless oil (22.4 mg, 0.066 mmol, 66% yield). (new compound). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +10.1$ (c = 0.40 in CHCl₃, 85% ee). ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.61-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.12-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.40 (dd, J = 7.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 184.4, 163.4, 160.9 (d, J = 195.0 Hz),150.0, 143.8, 142.4 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 138.5, 130.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.3, 126.2, 123.7, 121.6 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 18.8 Hz), 110.4 (d, J = 20.2 Hz), 61.7, 34.8, 17.5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -123.75. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H₃O]⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₀FN₂O: 359.1554, found: 359.1545. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralcel AD-H

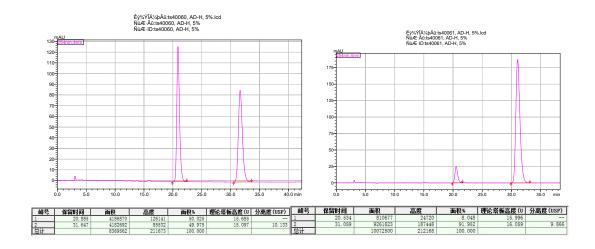
 $(0.46 \text{ cm} \times 25 \text{ cm})$, Hexanes/IPA = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254 \text{ nm}$, t (major) = 11.8 min, t (minor) = 7.1 min.

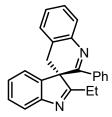




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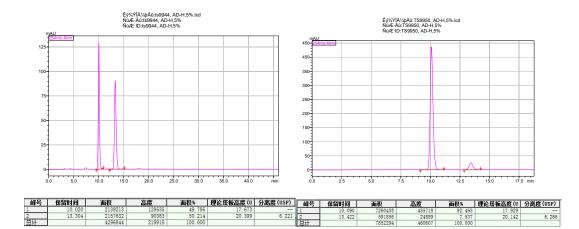
Prepared from 3-(2-isocyanobenzyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indole (27.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and methyl 4-iodobenzoate (39.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **6c** was isolated as colorless oil (24.6 mg, 0.070 mmol, 70% yield). (new compound). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +58.6$ (c = 0.10 in CHCl₃, 84% ee). ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.06 (m, 8H), 6.91 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.47 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 184.7, 165.2, 160.0, 154.1, 145.1, 140.9, 138.9, 130.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.7, 126.5, 126.0, 122.8, 121.1, 116.3, 114.1, 112.2, 62.0, 55.7, 34.4, 17.7. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₁N₂O: 353.1648, found: 353.1641. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralcel AD-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm), Hexanes/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 31.0 min, t (minor) = 20.5 min.





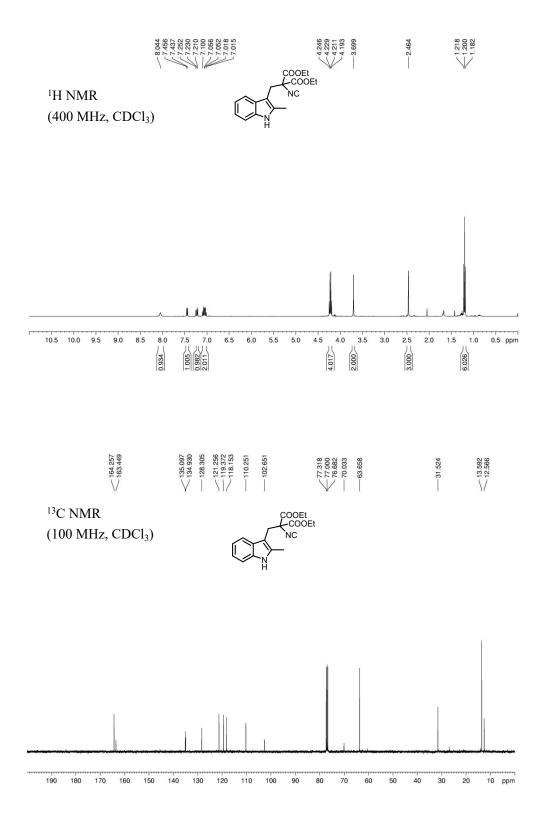
(R)-2-ethyl-2'-phenyl-4'H-spiro[indole-3,3'-quinoline] (6d):

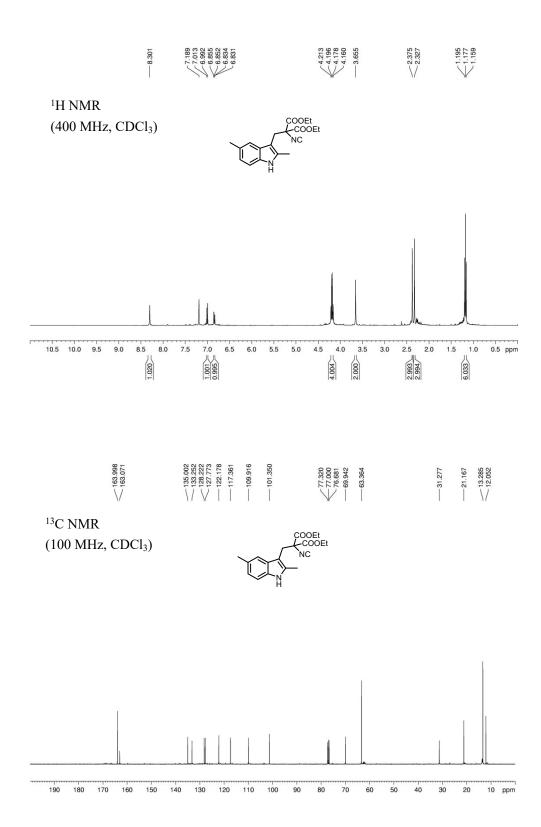
Prepared from 2-ethyl-3-(2-isocyanobenzyl)-1H-indole (26.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and methyl 4-iodobenzoate (39.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. The product **6d** was isolated as colorless oil (25.2 mg, 0.075 mmol, 75% yield). (new compound). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +40.3$ (c = 0.1 in CHCl₃, 85% ee). ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.71 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16- 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.58-2.39 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 188.8, 164.6, 154.1, 144.1, 140.6, 139.0, 130.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 126.3, 125.8, 124.4, 122.6, 121.1, 61.7 35.0, 24.4, 10.6. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₁N₂: 337.1699, found: 337.1694. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by Daicel Chiralcel AD-H (0.46 cm × 25 cm), Hexanes/IPA = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t (major) = 13.4 min, t (minor) = 10.1 min.



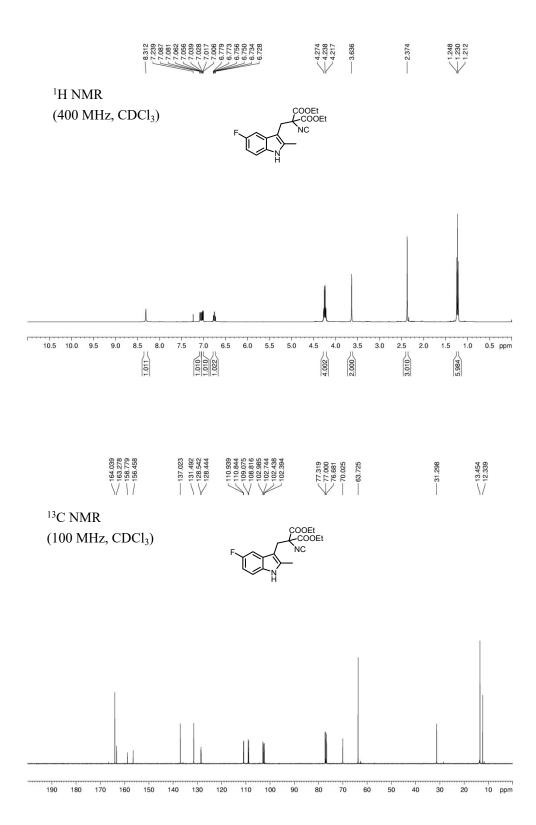
4. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of all products

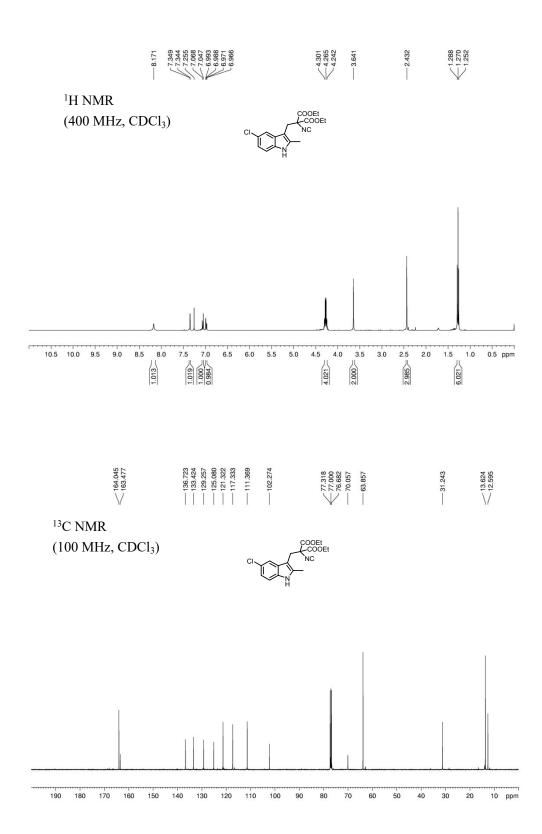
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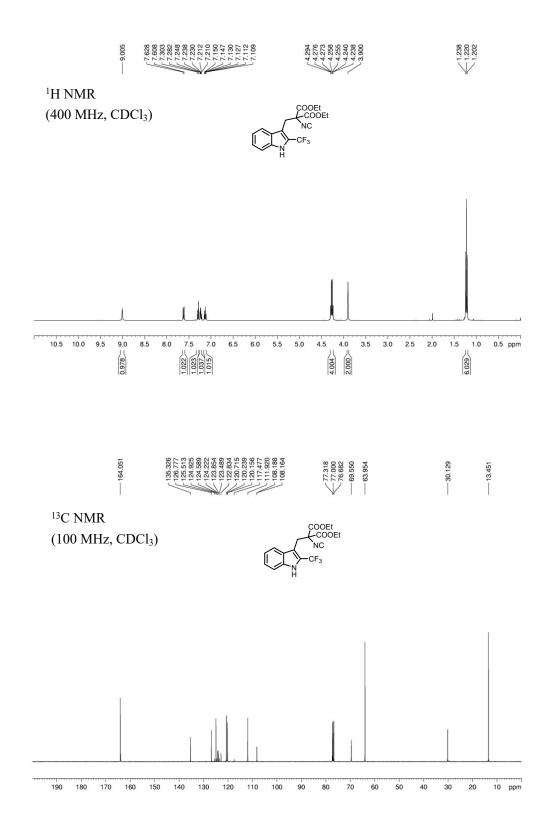


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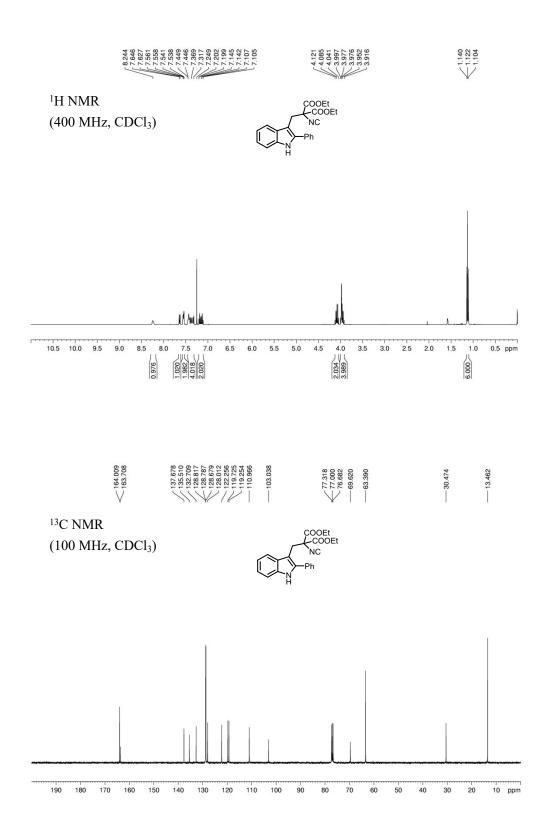




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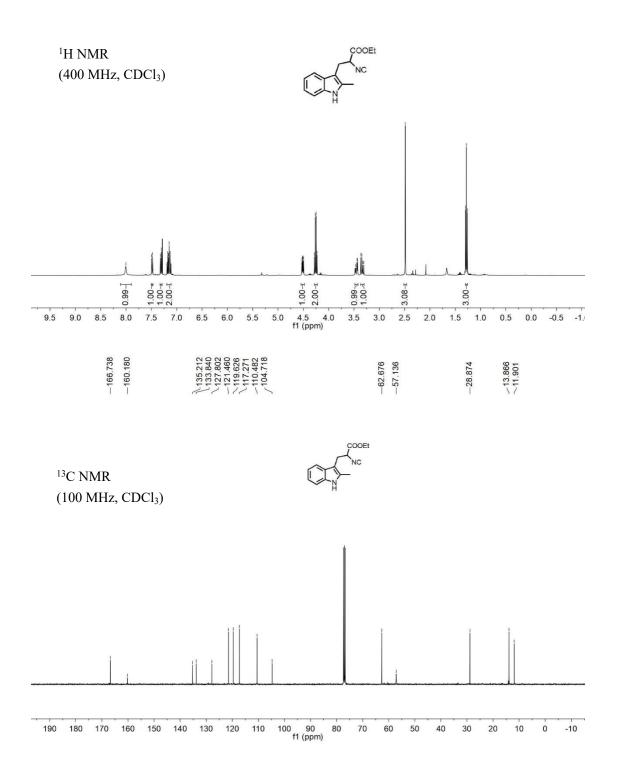


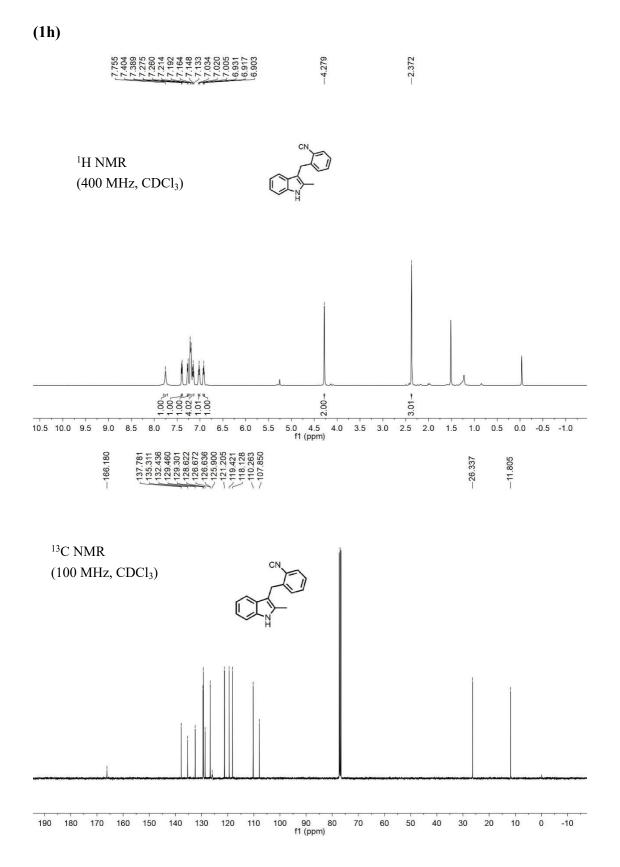
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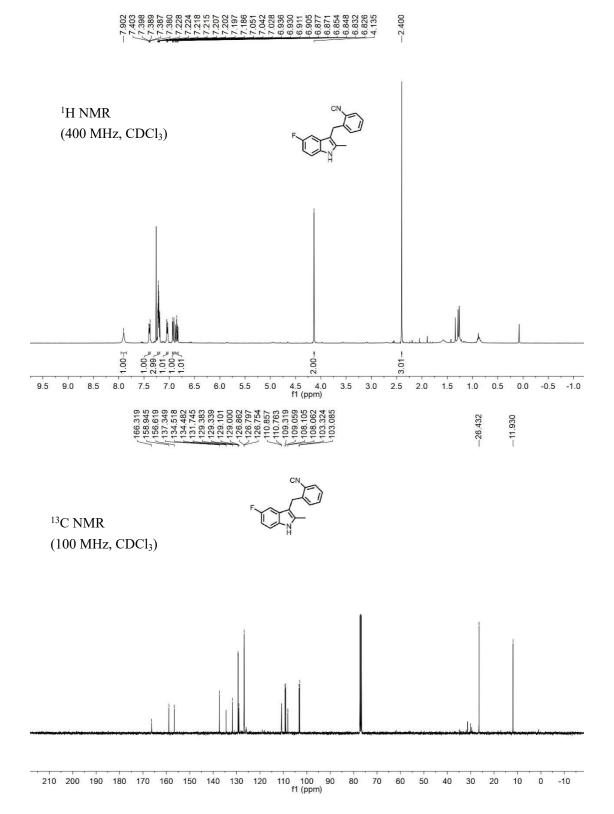


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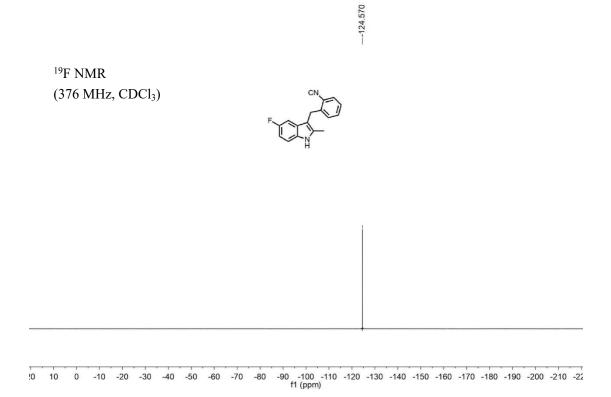


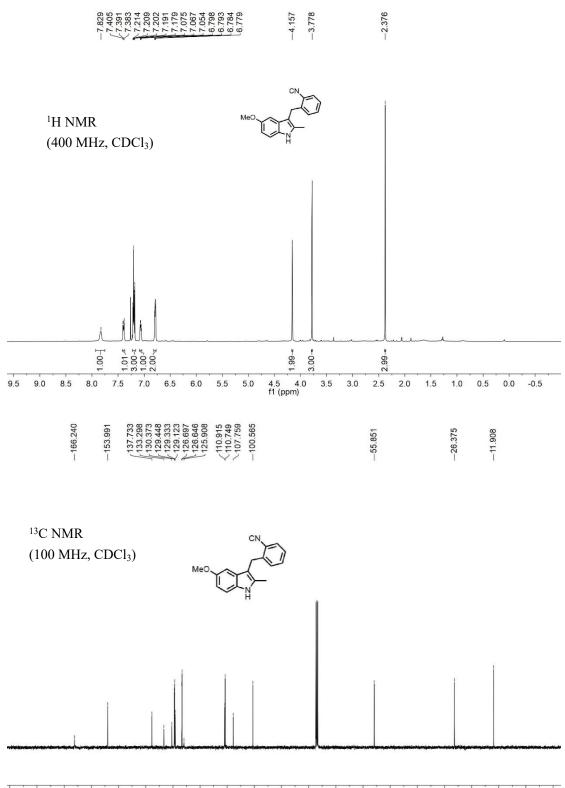






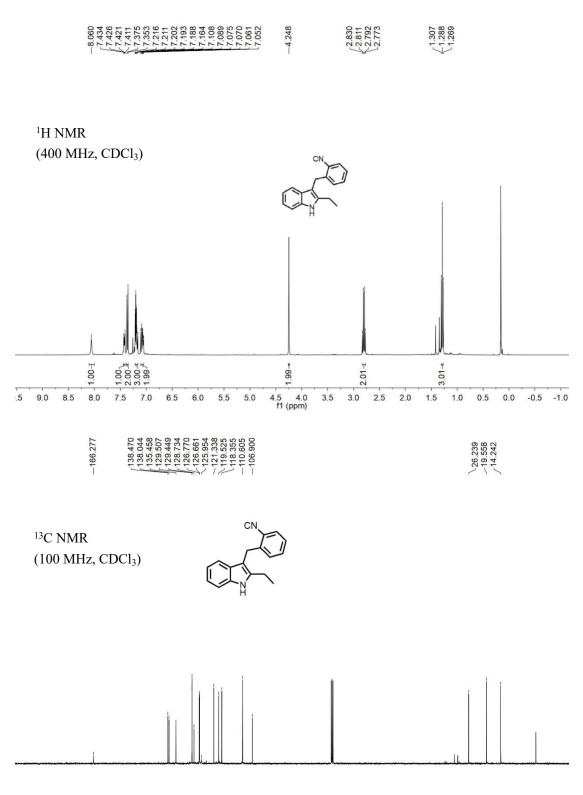
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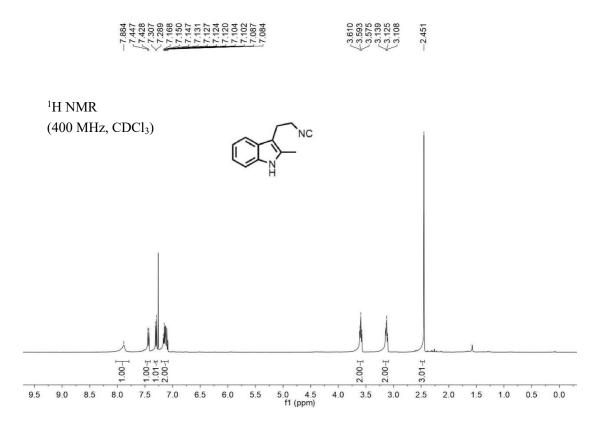
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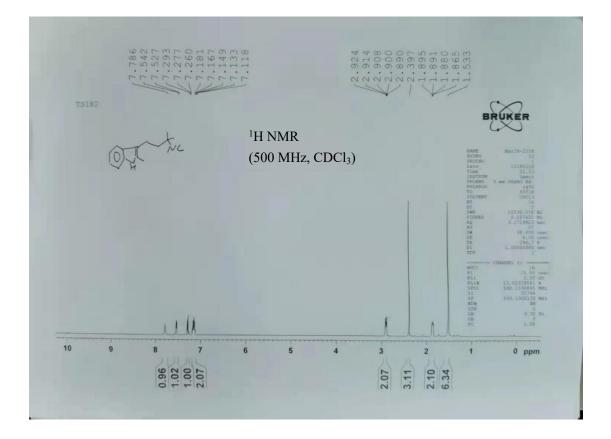


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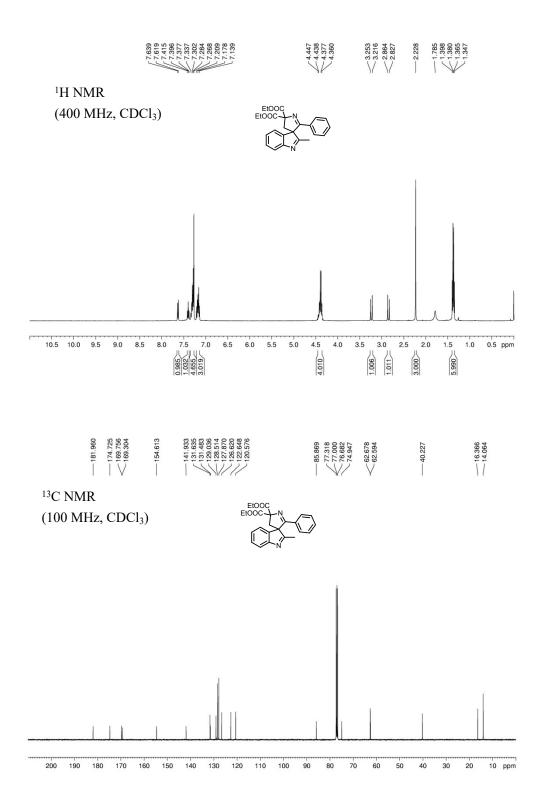
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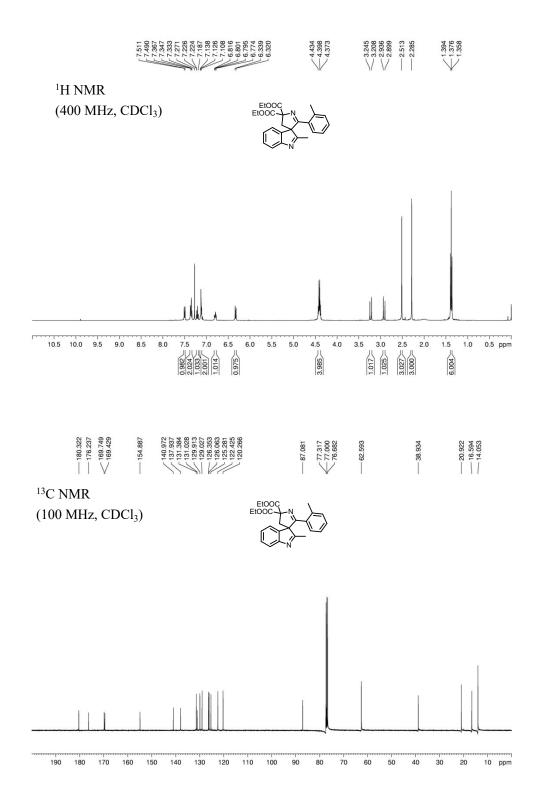




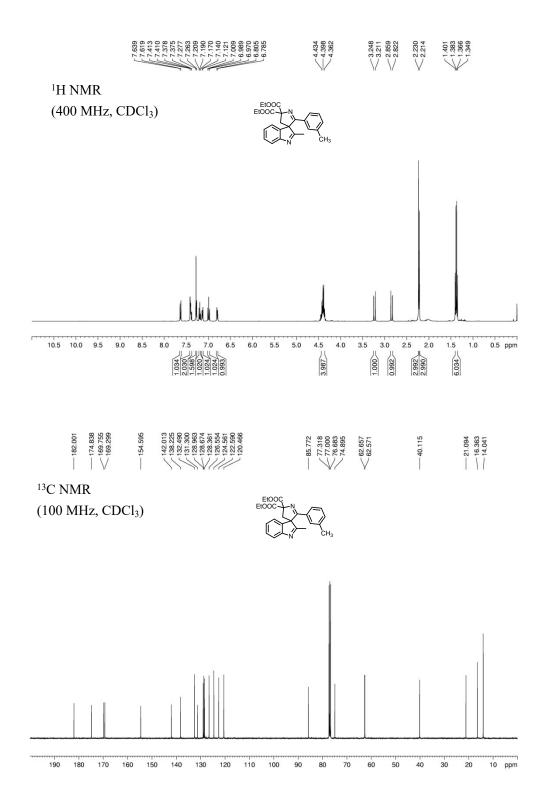
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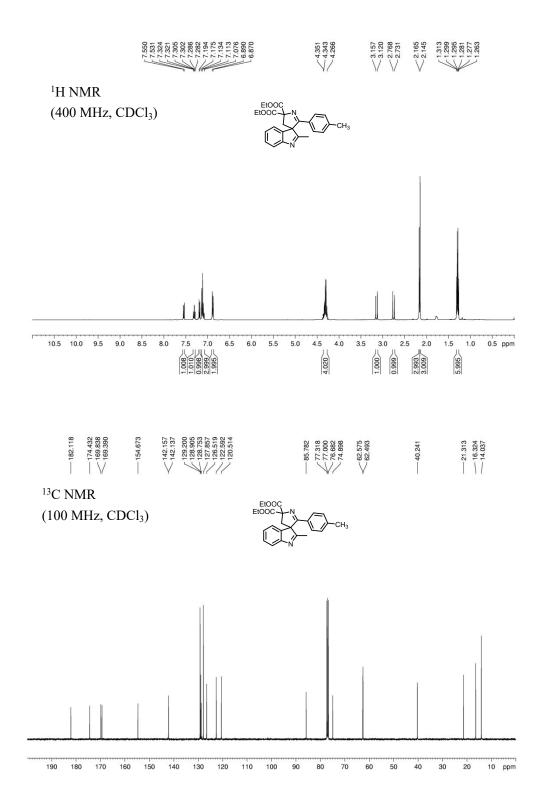
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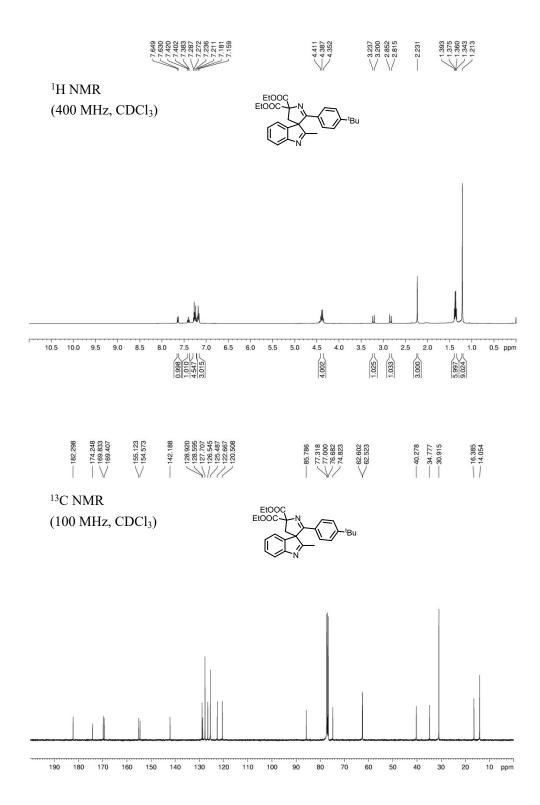
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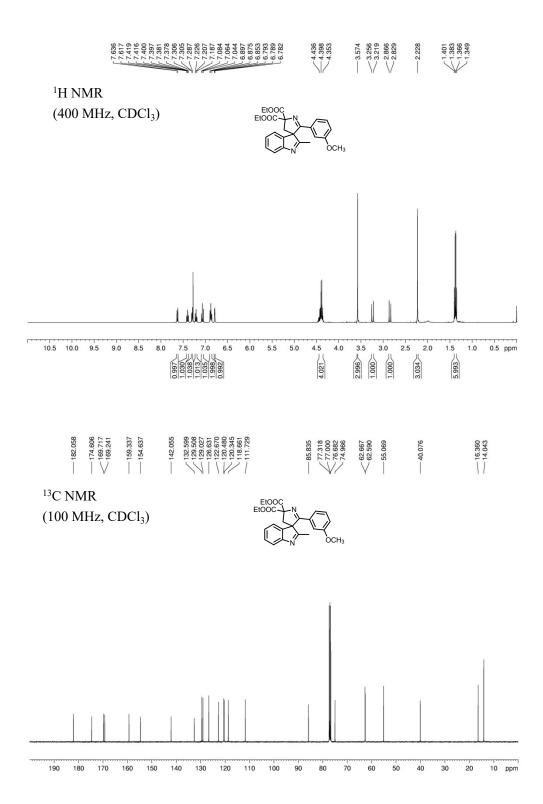
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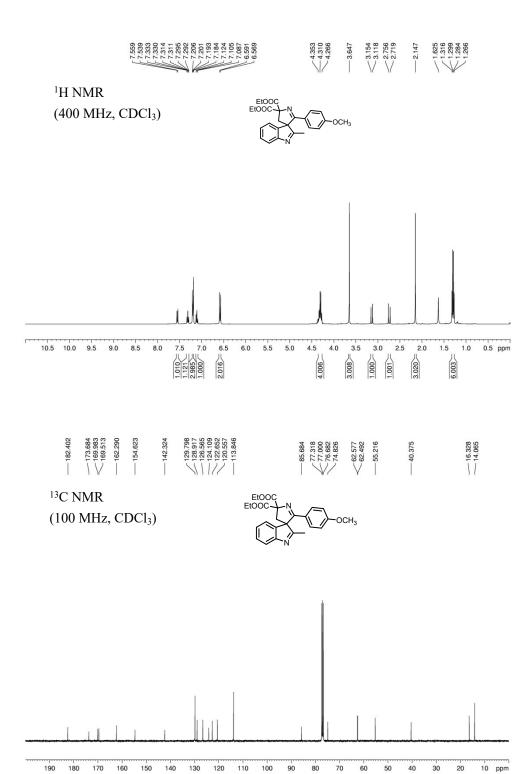


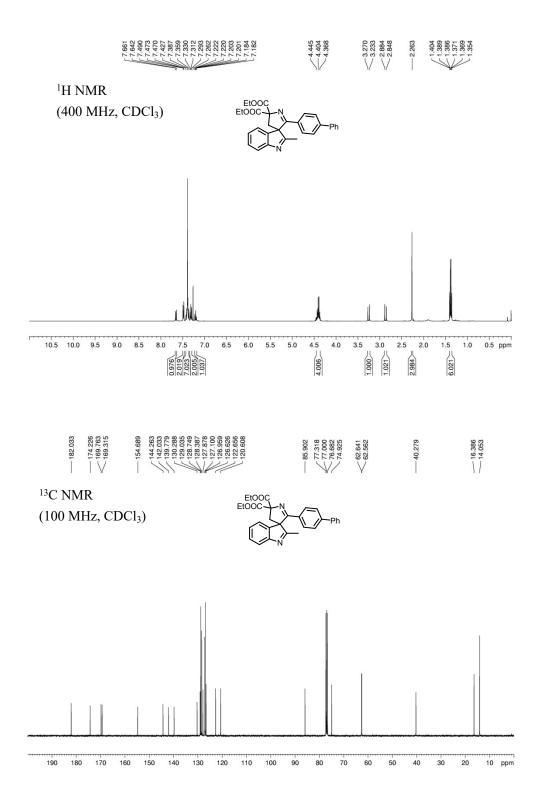
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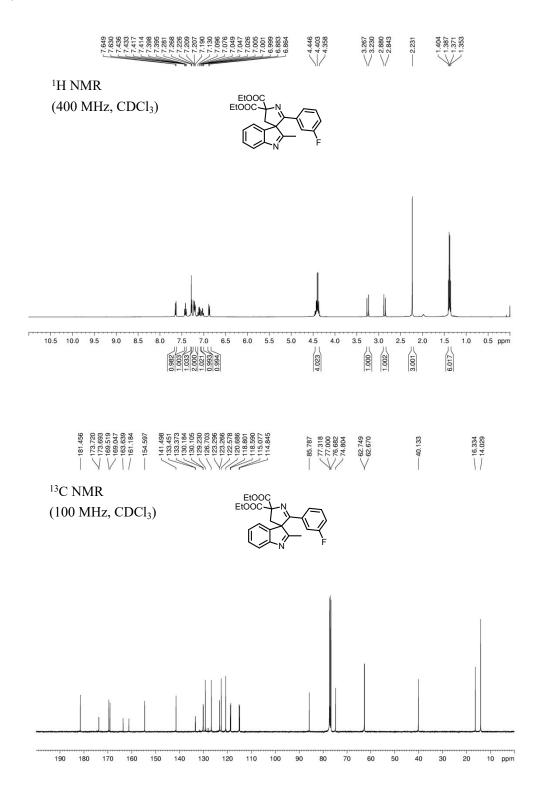


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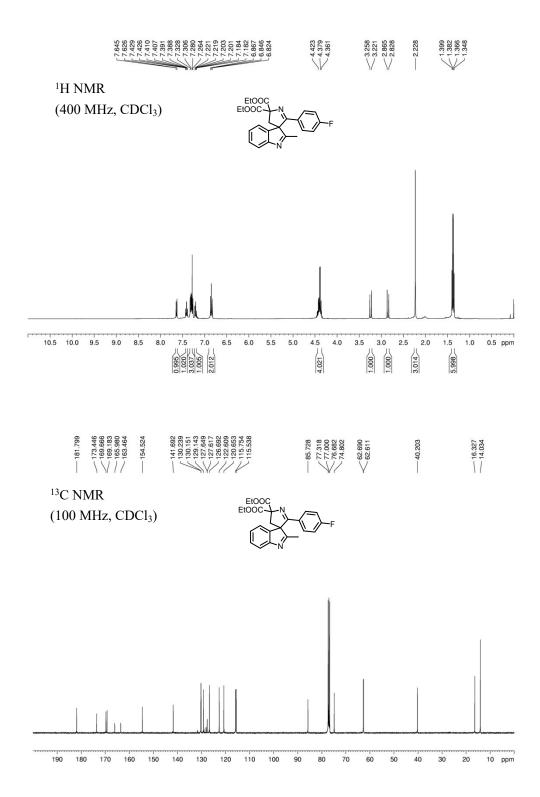


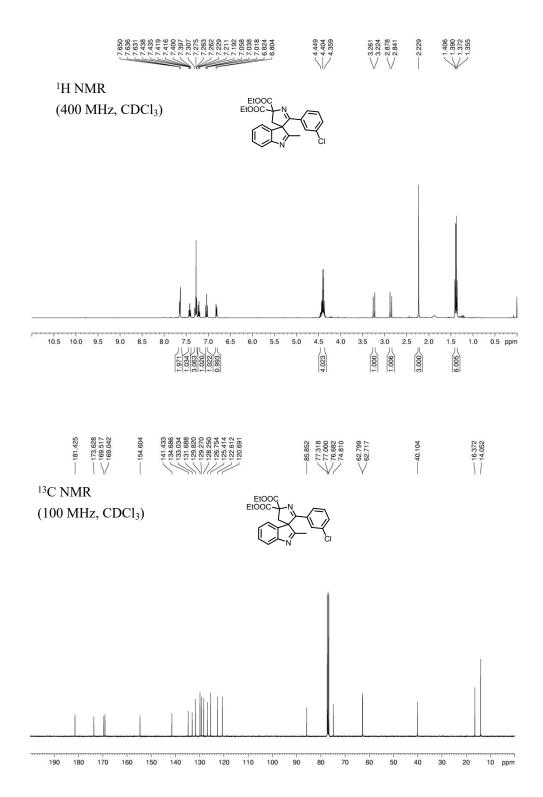




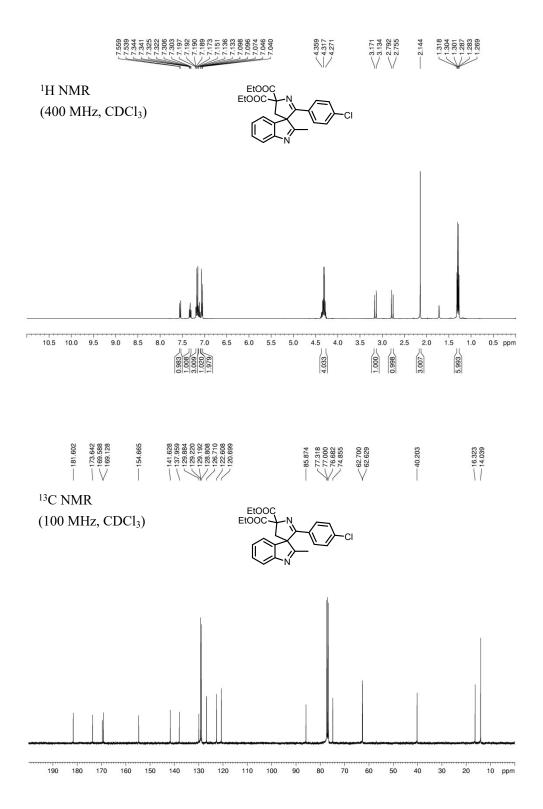


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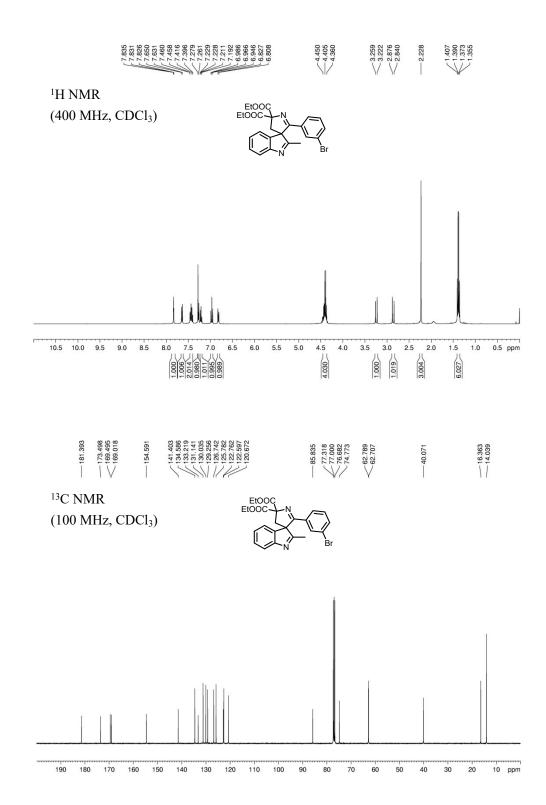




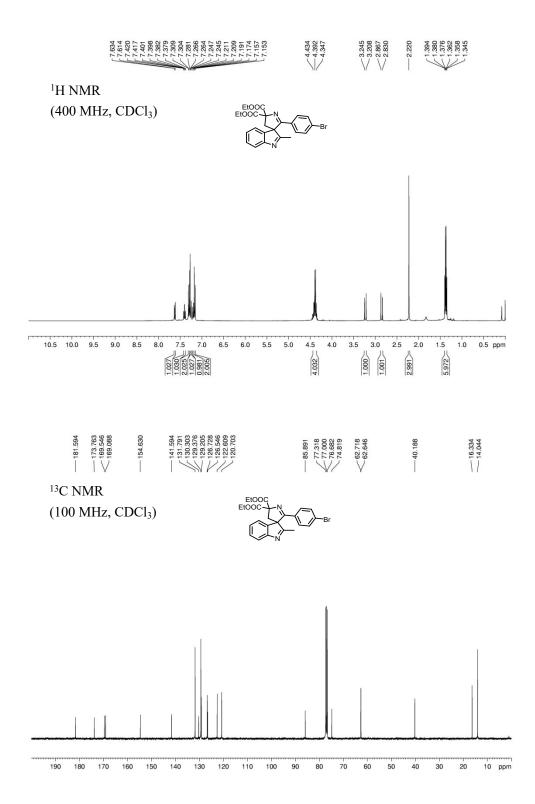
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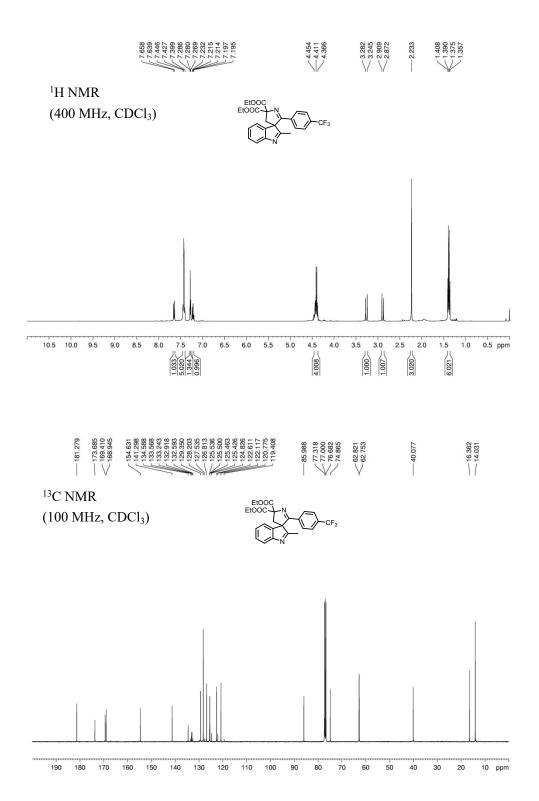
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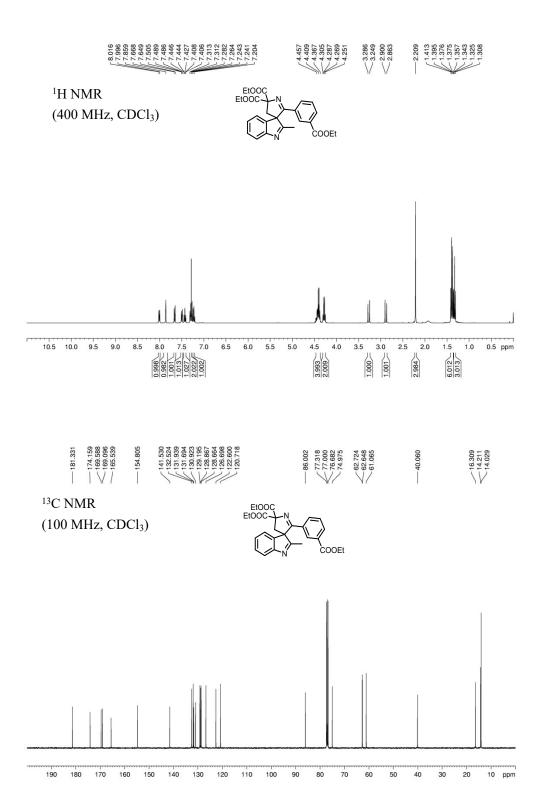
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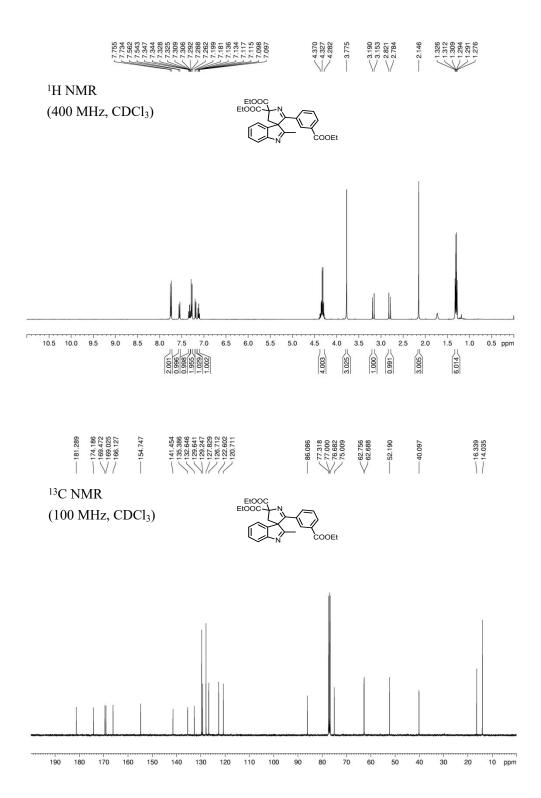
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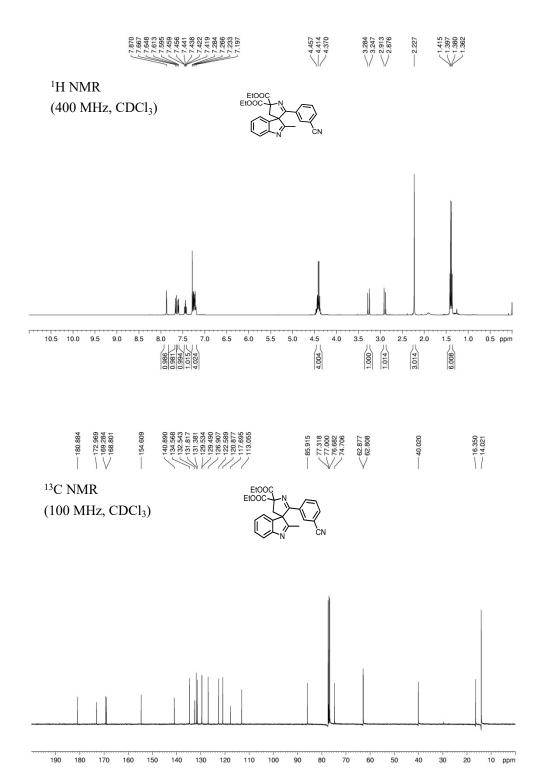
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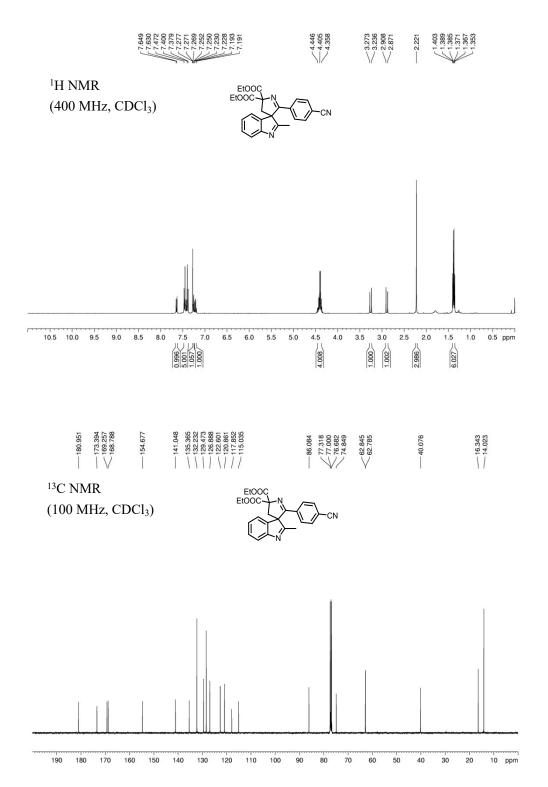
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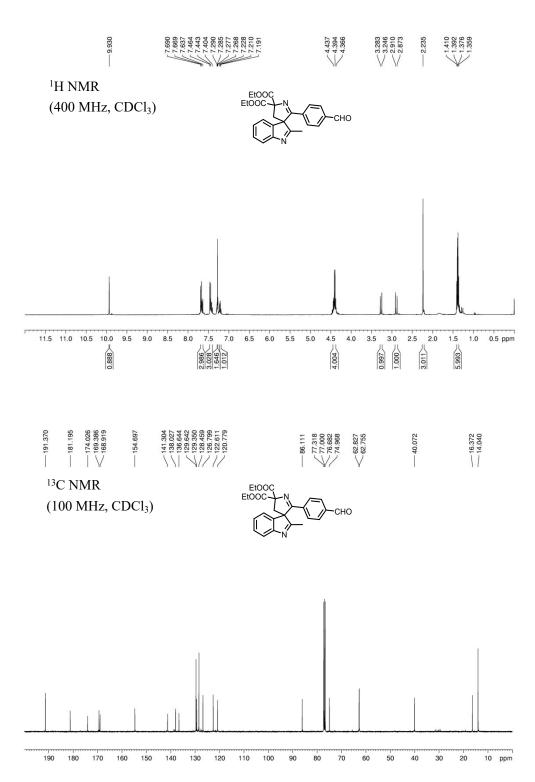
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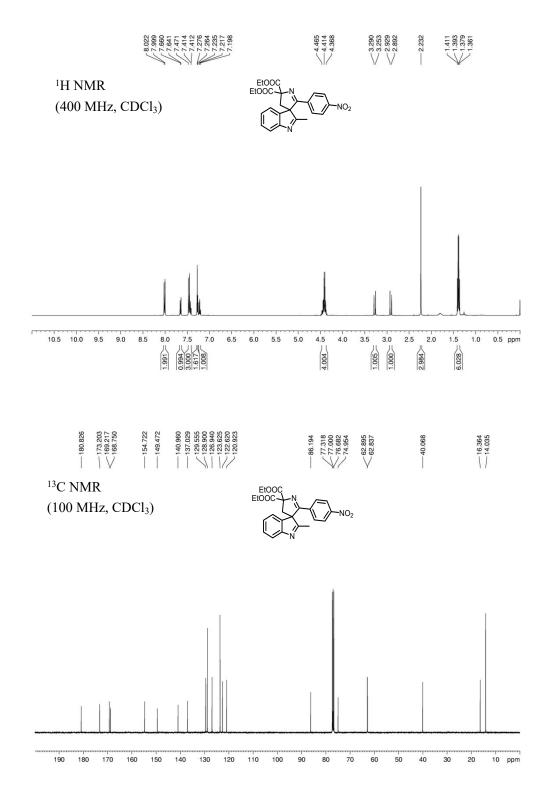
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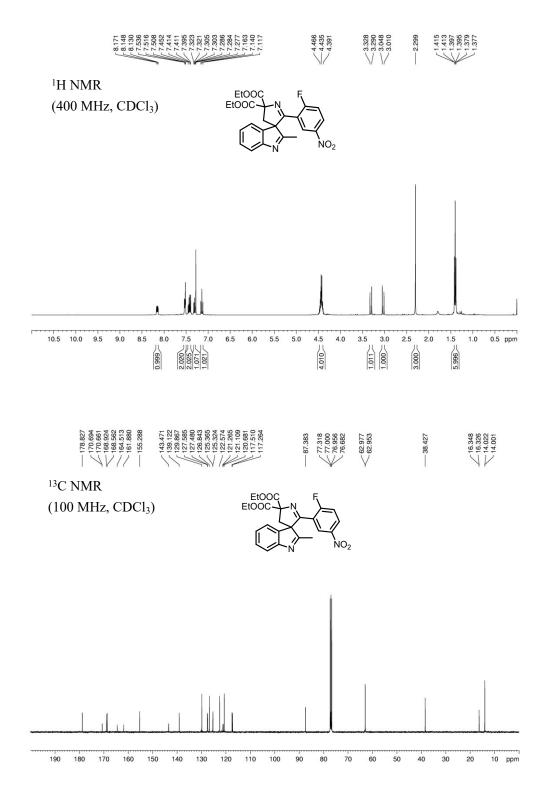
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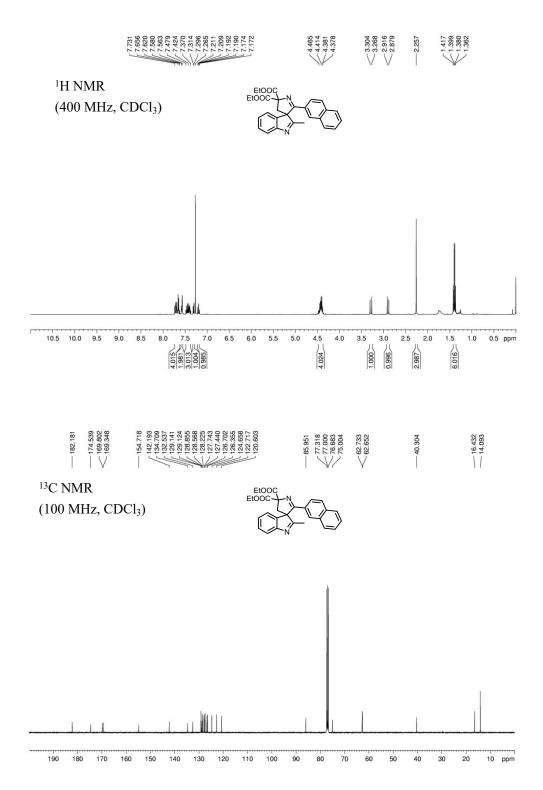
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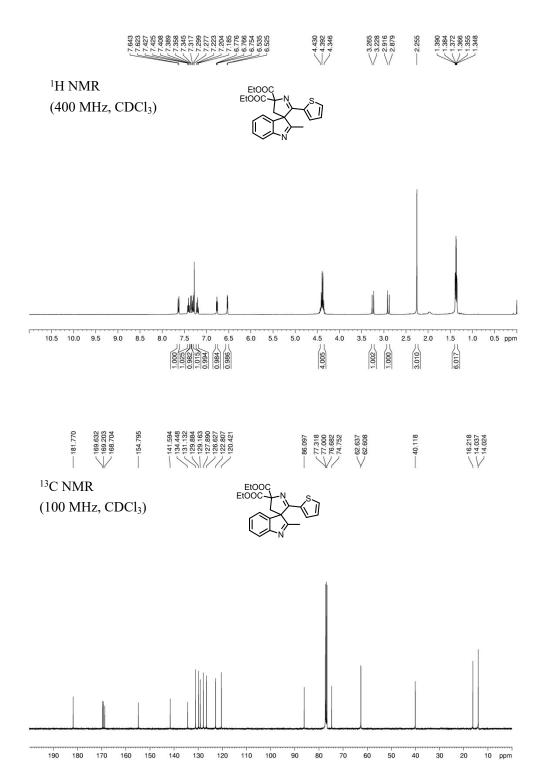
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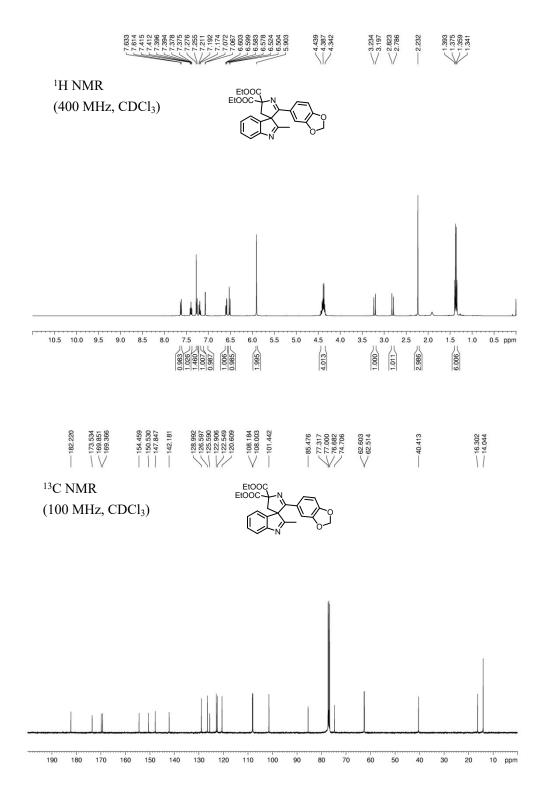
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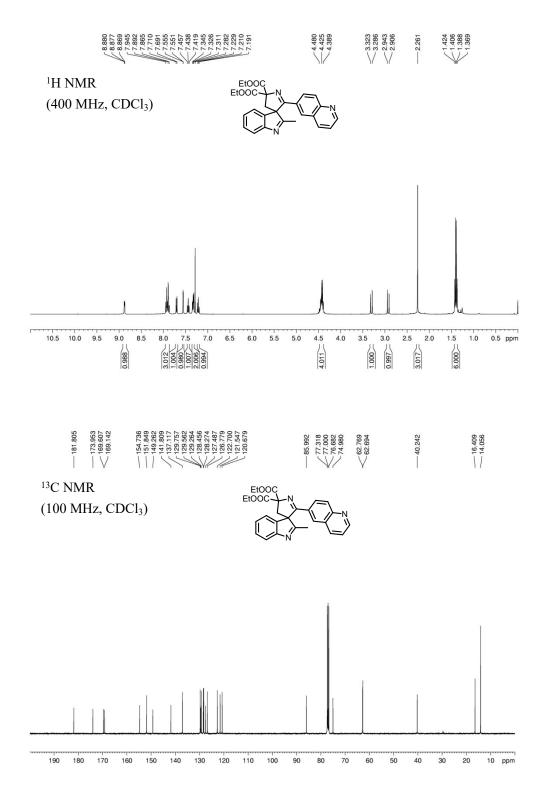


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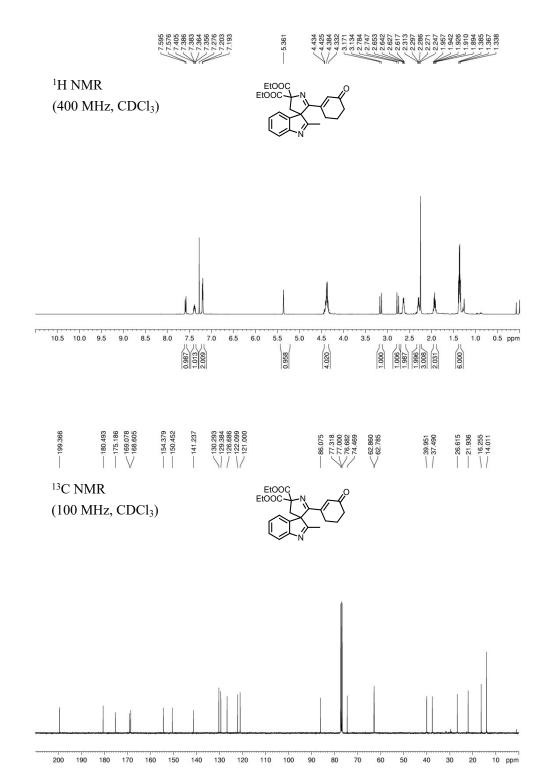


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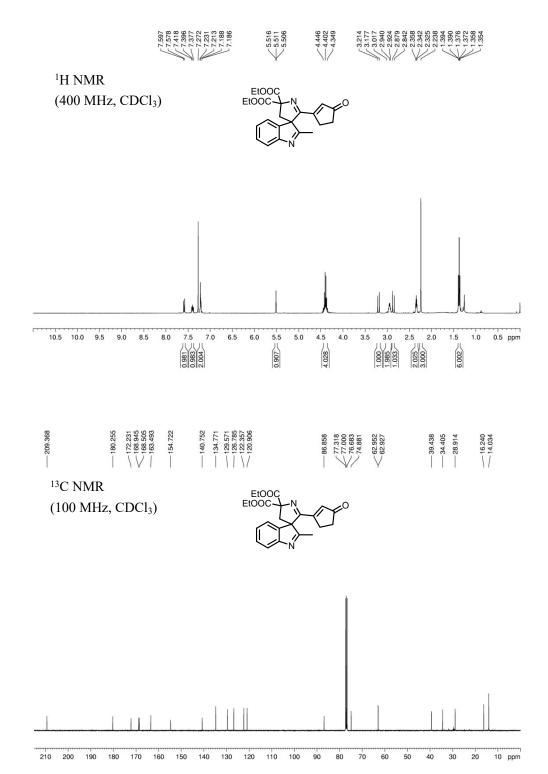




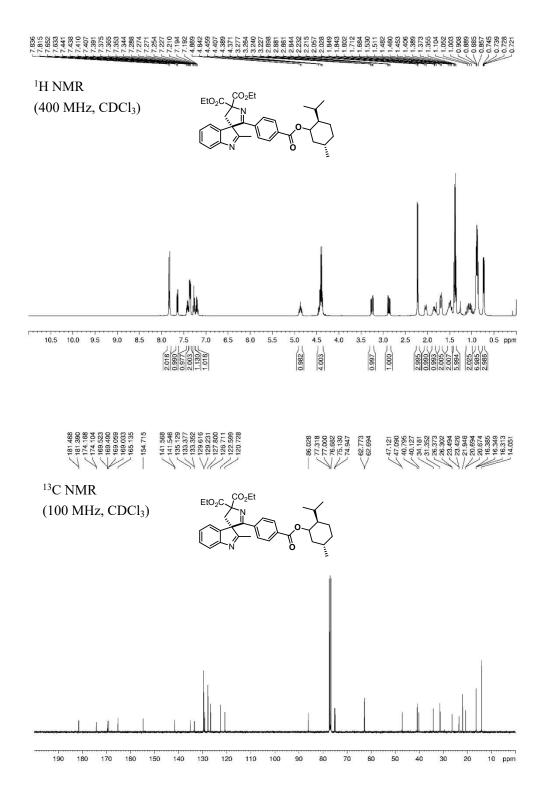
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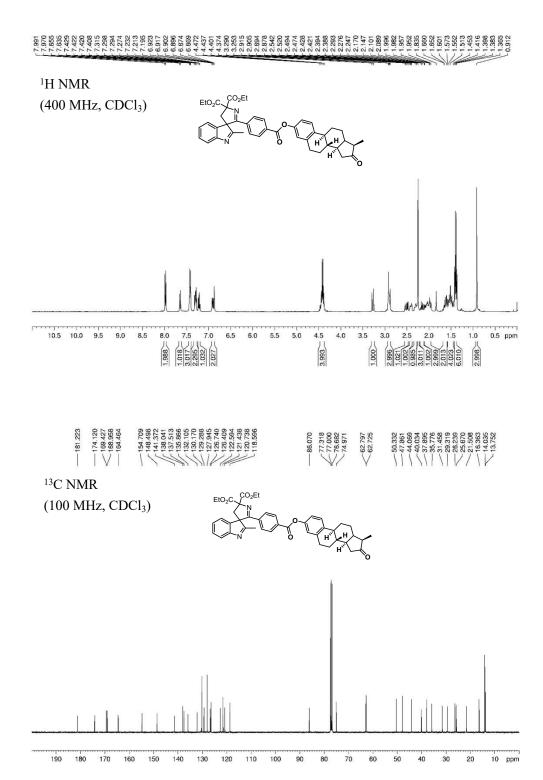
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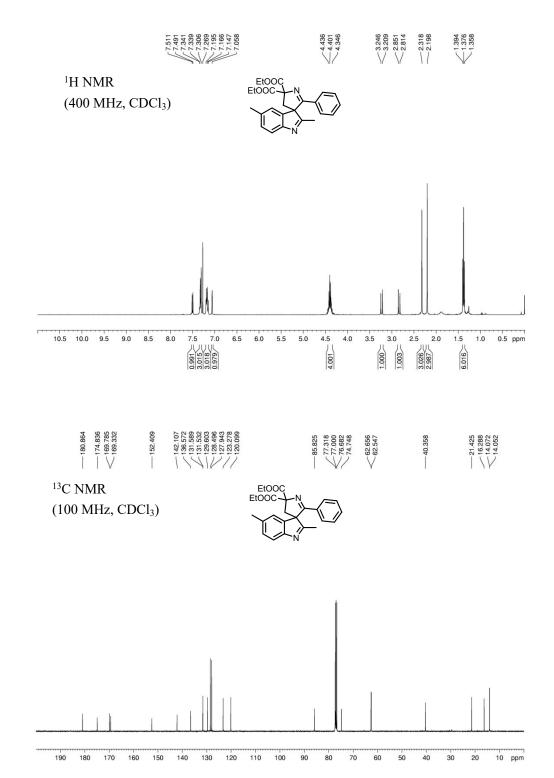
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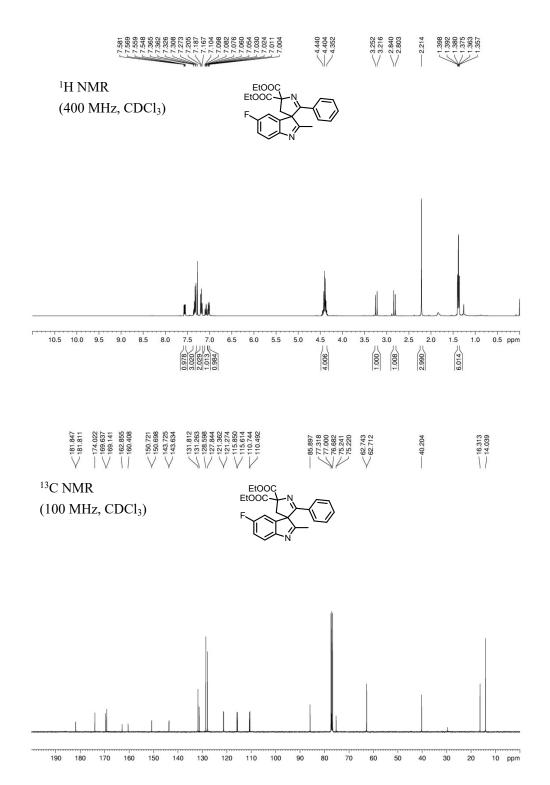
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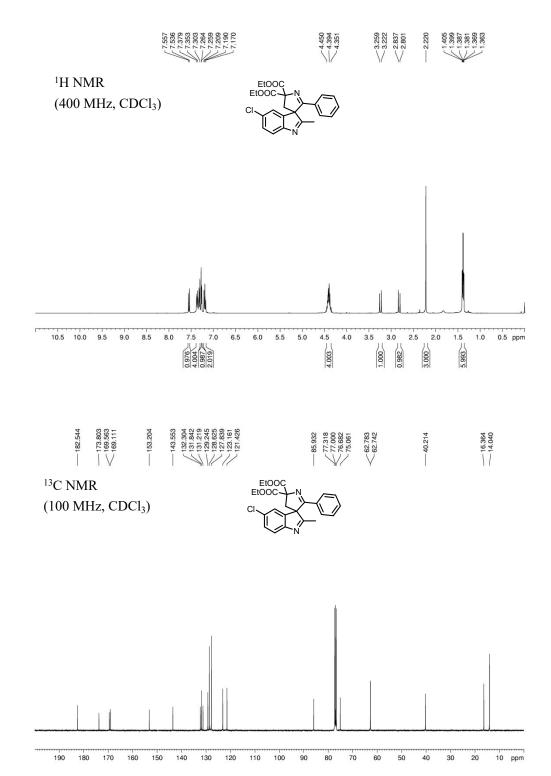


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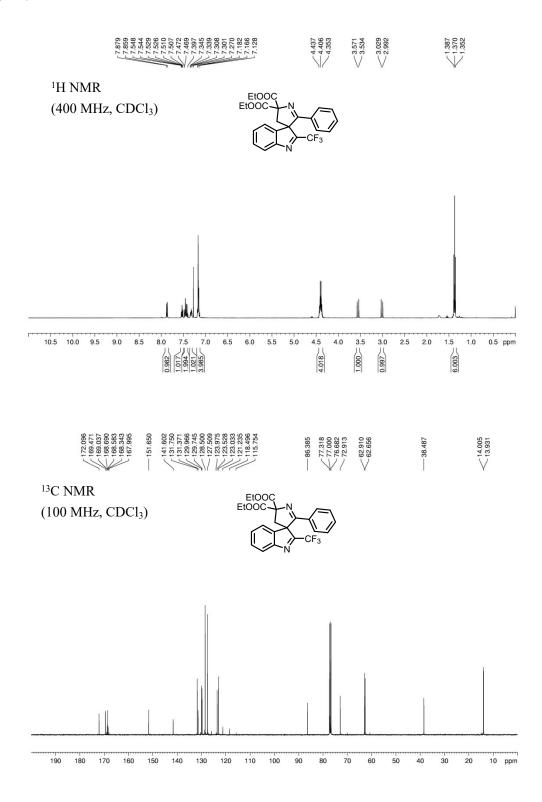
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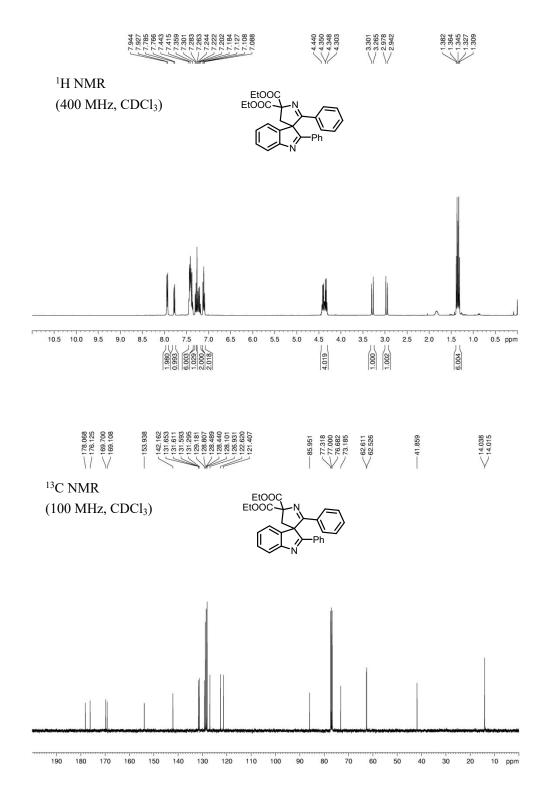




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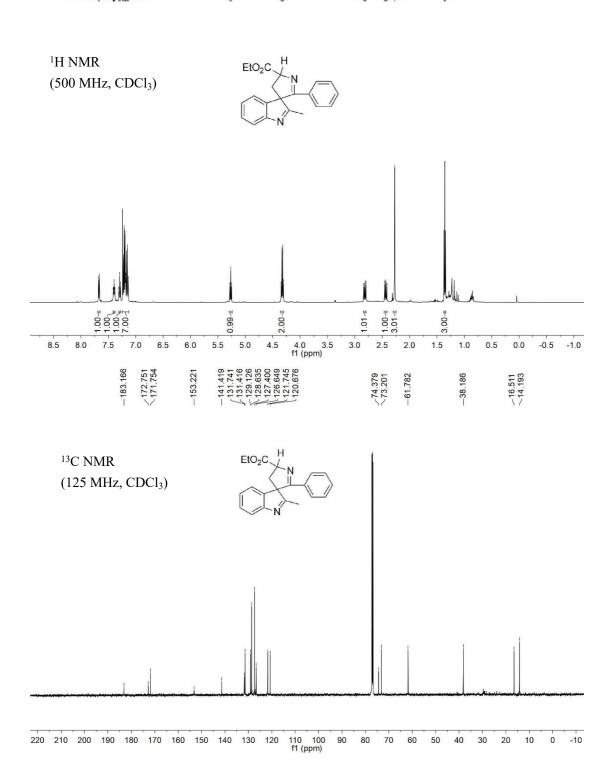
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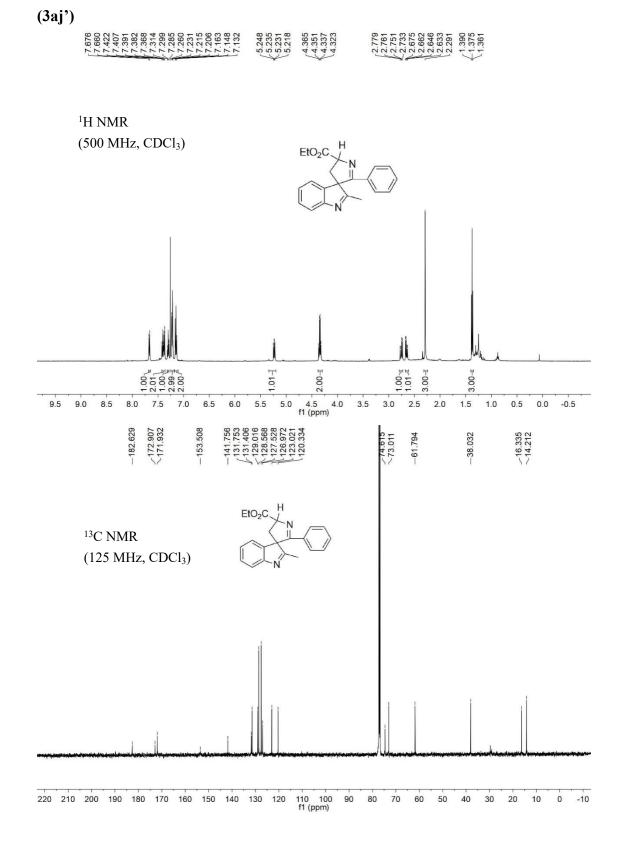




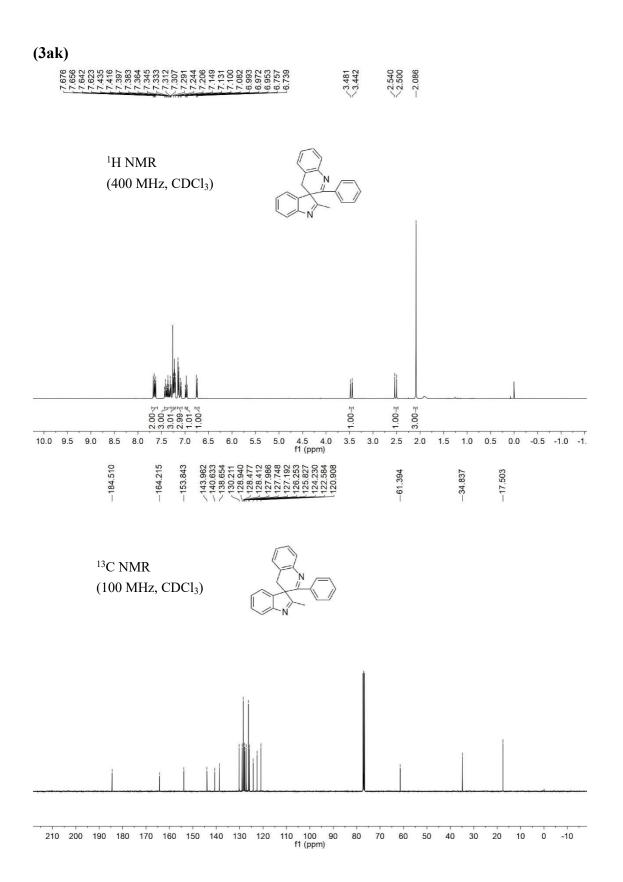
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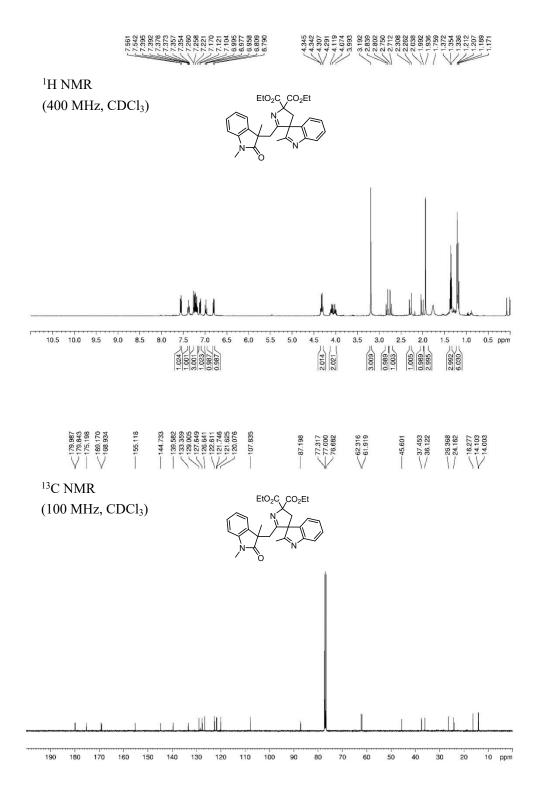


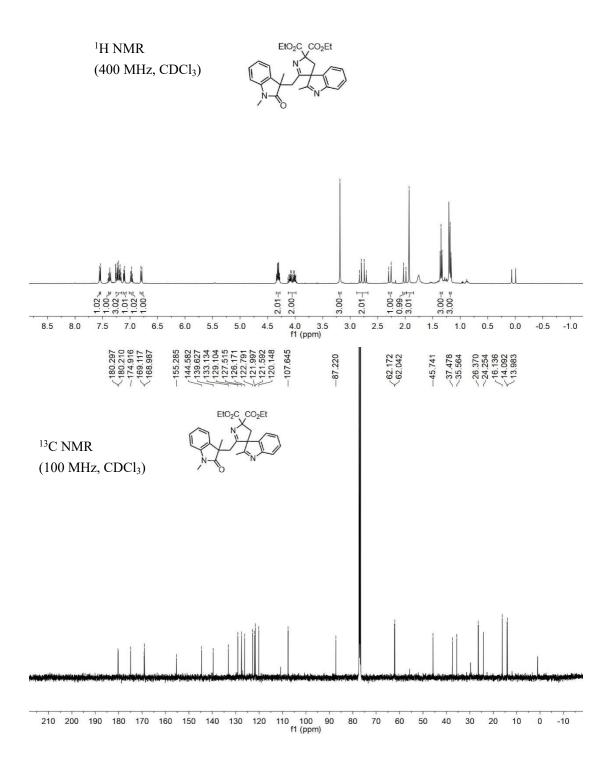


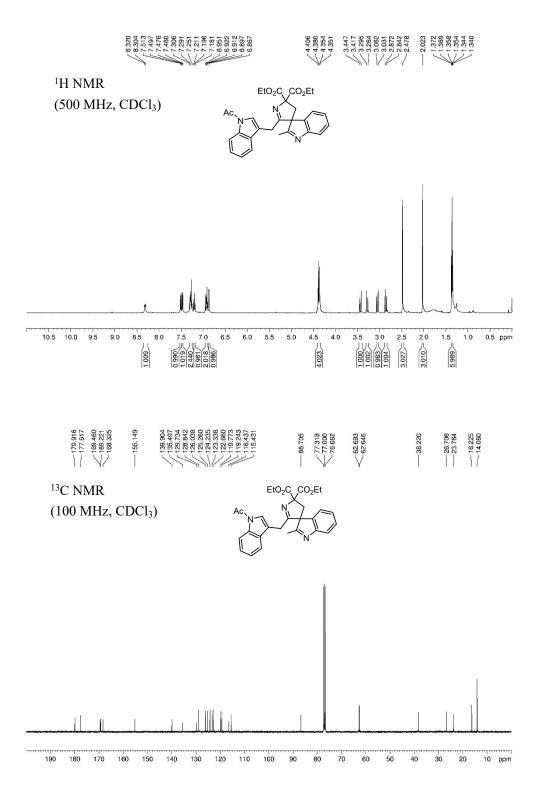
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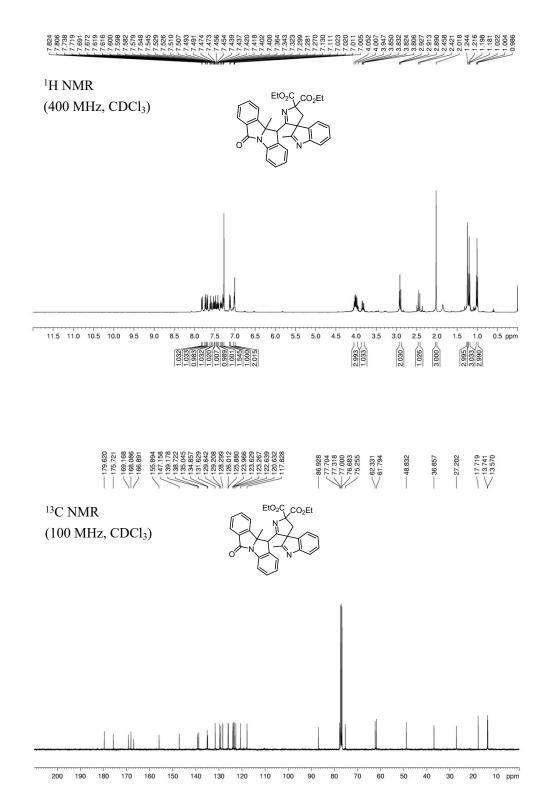


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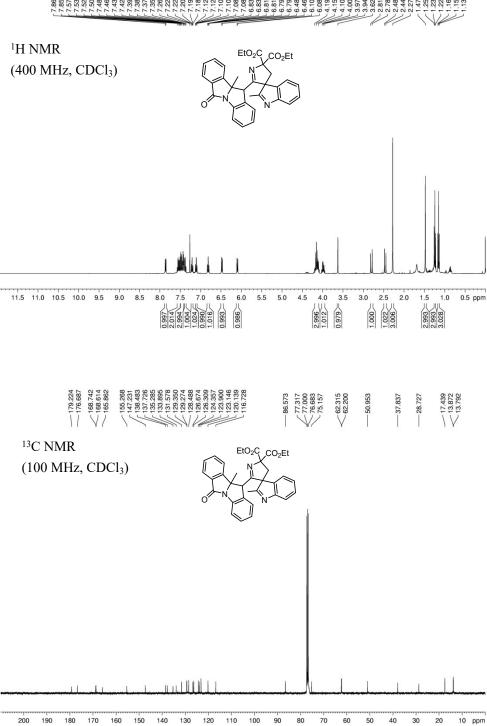




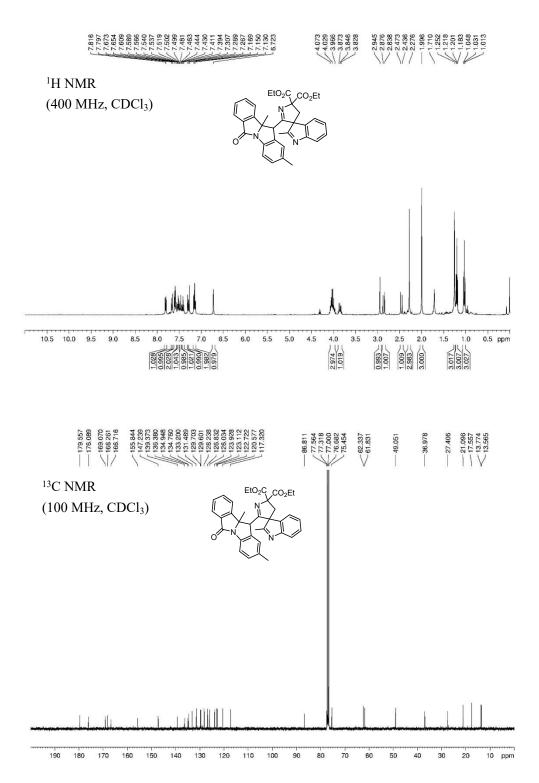


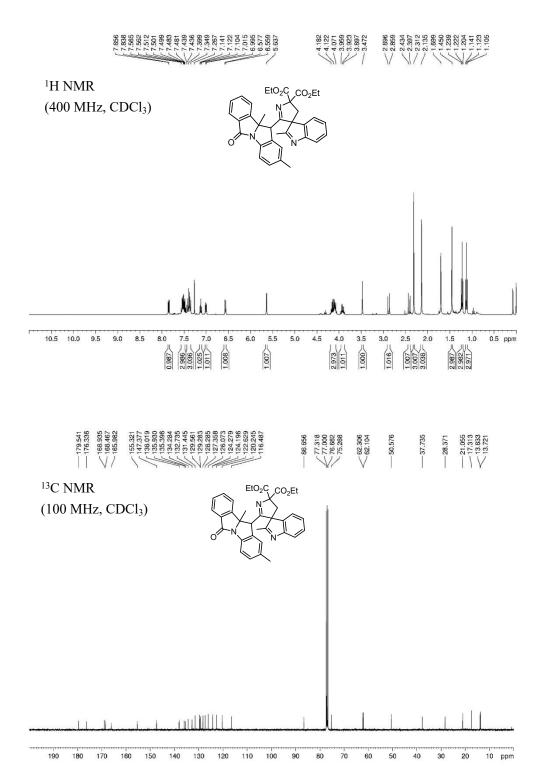


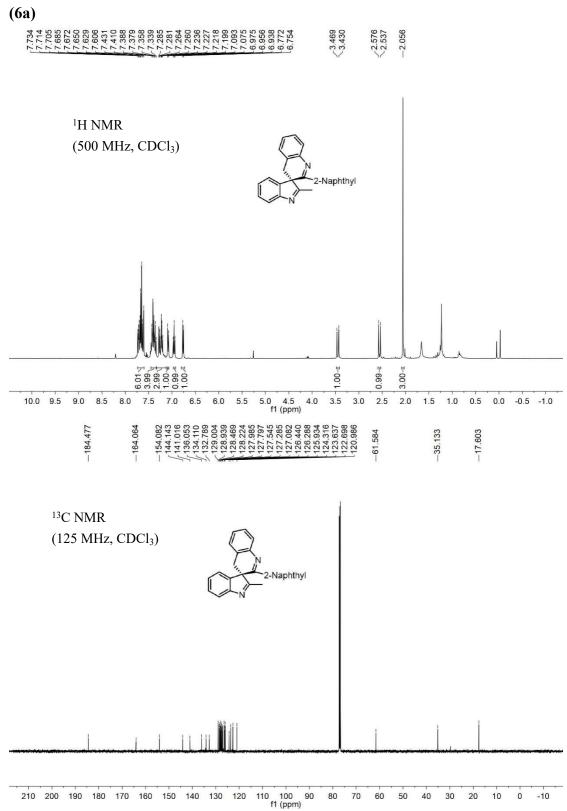
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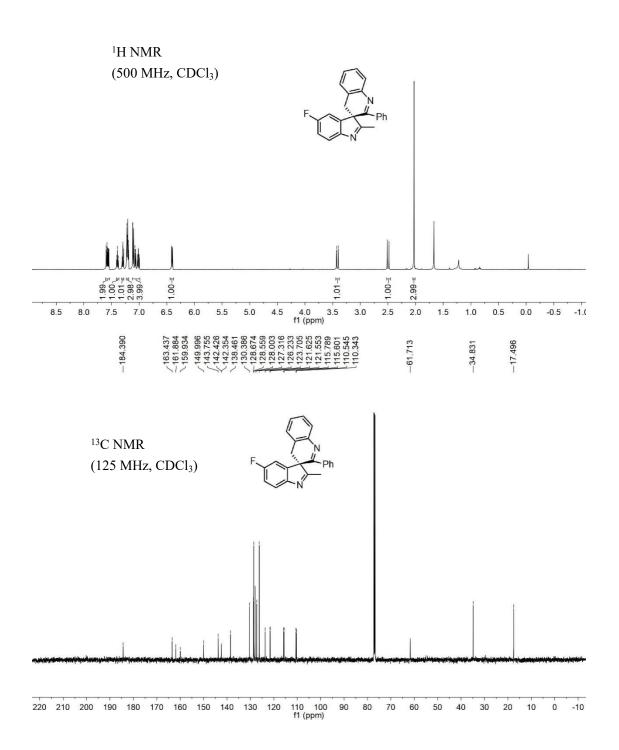
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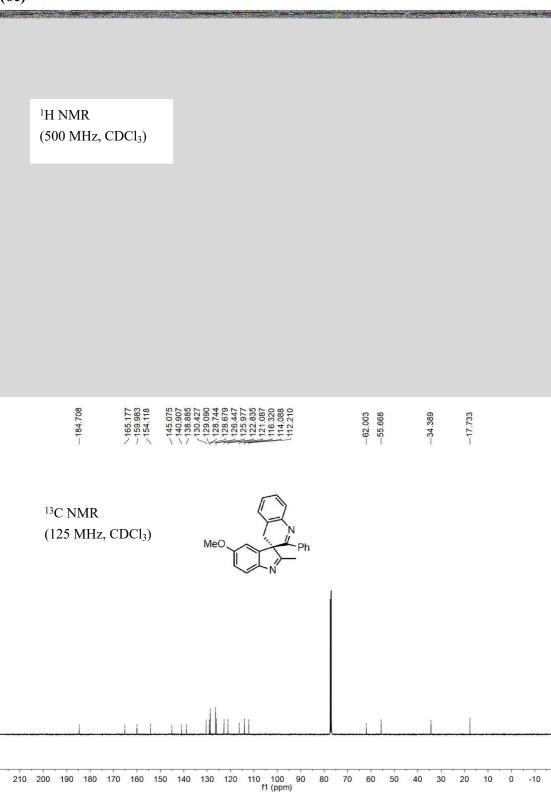




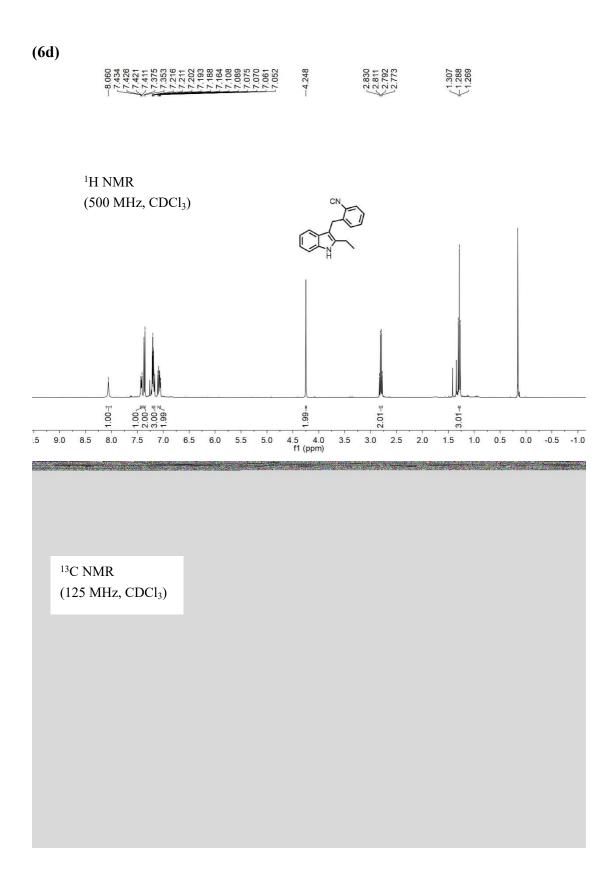


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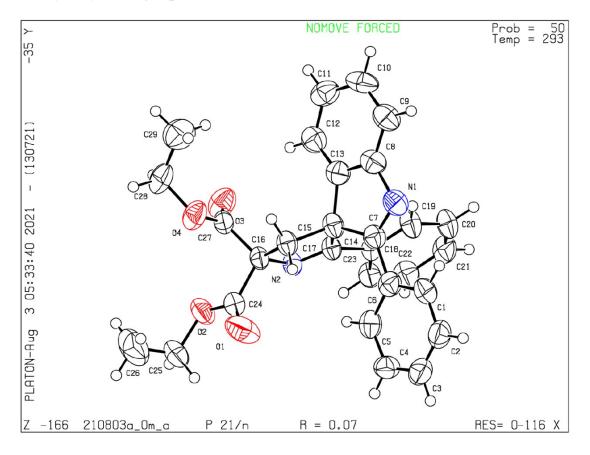
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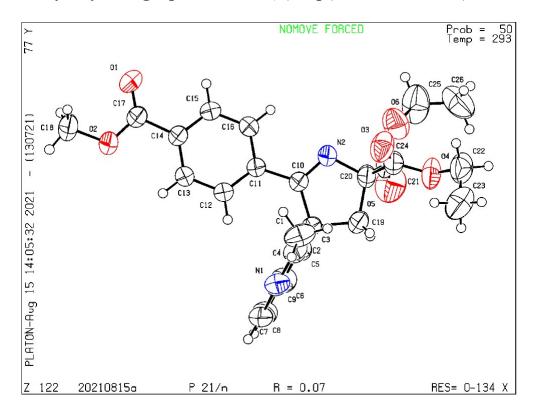


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7. X-ray Crystallographic Data

X-ray Crystallographic Data of (rac)-3ai (CCDC: 2103272)





X-ray Crystallographic Data of (R)-3q (CCDC: 2103303)