Facile synthesis of N-aryl phenothiazines and phenoxazines via

Brønsted acid catalyzed C-H amination of arenes

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I. Supplemental Table

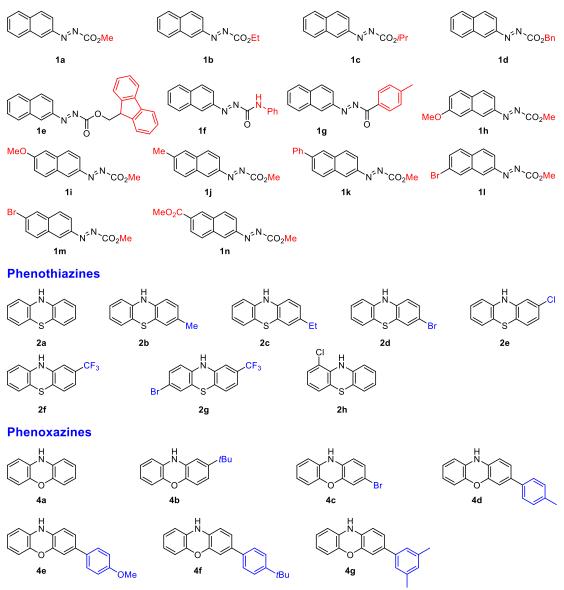
1a	+ `N ^{>N} `CO ₂ Me		10 mol%) emp., 10 h	N CO ₂ Me
	C1: TsOH			О. Р ² О 20 ^{. Р2} ОН
	C2 : CH₃COOH	C4: HOTf C5		C6
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	T (°C)	Yield (%) ^[b]
1	C1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	40	16
2	C2	CH_2Cl_2	40	9
3	C3	CH_2Cl_2	40	<5
4	C4	CH_2Cl_2	40	10
5	C5	CH_2Cl_2	40	74
6	C6	CH_2Cl_2	40	66
7	C5	CHCl ₃	40	83
8	C5	CCl_4	40	48
9	C5	DCE	40	72
10	C5	toluene	40	64
11	C5	CH ₃ CN	40	70
12	C5	THF	40	29
13	C5	EtOH	40	66
14	C5	EtOAc	40	27
15	C5	1,4-dioxane	40	27
16 ^[c]	C5	CHCl ₃	25	79
17	C5	CHCl ₃	50	77
18 ^{[c][d]}	C5	CHCl ₃	40	78

Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions with phenothiazine nucleophile (1a)^[a]

[a] Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were performed with **1a** (0.10 mmol), **2a** (0.15 mmol), and **Cat.** (10 mol%) in 1 mL solvent at 40 °C for 10 h. [b] Isolated yields were provided. [c] 24 h reaction duration. [d] 5 mol% of **C5** was used.

II. Supplemental Schemes

Azonaphthalene derivatives



Scheme S1. Substrates involved in the manuscript

III. Supplemental Experimental Procedures

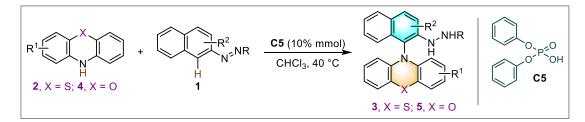
1. General information

Chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated silica gel 60 GF254 plates. Flash column chromatography was performed using Tsingdao silica gel (60, particle size 0.040-0.063 mm). Visualization on TLC was achieved by use of UV light (254 nm). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃ or DMSO-*d*₆ with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. The chemical shifts are expressed in ppm and coupling constants are given in Hz. Data for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quarter; m = multiplet; br = broad), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm). The enantiomeric excess values were determined by chiral HPLC with an Agilent instrument and a Daicel CHIRALCEL and CHIRALPAK column. High resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) analyses were performed at a Q-Exactive (Thermo Scientific) Inc mass instrument (HESI).

2. Procedures for the preparation of substrates 1, 2 and 4

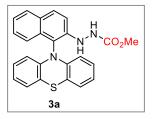
Azonaphthalenes **1a-1n** were prepared according to the procedure of reference.^[1] Phenothiazines and phenoxazines **2a-2c**, **2h** and **4a** was commercial available. **2d-2g** and **4b-4d** were prepared according to the procedure of references.^[2] **4e-4g** were prepared according to the procedure of references.^[3]

3. General procedures for synthesis of N-aryl phenothiazines 3 and N-aryl phenoxazines 5



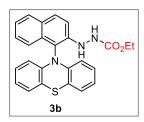
Phenothiazines 2 or phenoxazines 4 (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to a solution of azonaphthalenes 1 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and C5 (5.0 mg, 10 mol%) in CHCl₃ (2 mL) at 40 °C for 30 min-14 hours. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture was directly purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford products 3.

Methyl 2-(1-(10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (3a)



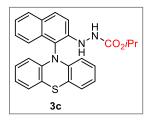
Yield 84%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 7.99–7.91 (m, 3H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.01–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.79–6.74 (m, 4H), 6.21 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.9, 146.4, 141.9, 131.4, 130.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.1, 127.8, 126.5, 123.3, 122.9, 121.2, 119.8, 116.6, 116.0, 114.6, 52.4; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₄H₂₀N₃O₂S, 414.1268, found, 414.1269.

Ethyl 2-(1-(10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (3b)



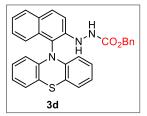
Yield 85%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (dd, *J* = 19.5, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 - 6.76 (m, 4H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 2H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 143.8, 141.9, 132.1, 130.2, 129.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 126.6, 123.8, 123.0, 122.5, 120.2, 117.4, 116.0, 114.5, 62.0, 14.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₂S, 428.1432, found, 428.1428.

Isopropyl 2-(1-(10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (3c)



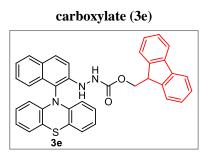
Yield 70%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.22 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92–7.86 (m, 3H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.78–6.73 (m, 4H), 6.19 (s, 2H), 4.82 (h, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (brs, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.1, 146.4, 141.9, 131.4, 130.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.1, 127.8, 126.5, 123.2, 122.9, 121.1, 119.7, 116.6, 115.9, 114.6, 68.5, 22.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₆H₂₄N₃O₂S, 442.1583, found, 442.1582.

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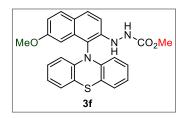
Yield 73%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.47 (s, 1H), 8.05–7.85 (m, 4H), 7.45–7.25 (m, 8H), 7.02–6.94 (m, 2H), 6.76 (s, 4H), 6.20 (s, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.4, 146.3, 141.9, 137.3, 131.4, 130.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.5, 123.3, 122.9, 121.2, 119.7, 116.6, 116.0, 114.6, 66.4; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₃₀H₂₄N₃O₂S, 490.1583, found, 490.1584.

(9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl 2-(1-(10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl) hydrazine-1-



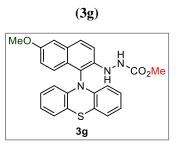
Yield 74%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97–7.44 (m, 13H), 7.19–7.01 (m, 3H), 6.89–6.50 (m, 6H), 6.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.51–4.10 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8, 143.6, 143.5, 142.0, 141.3, 130.3, 129.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 125.1, 124.0, 123.0, 122.7, 120.3, 112.0, 117.6, 116.1, 114.6, 114.2, 47.0, 29.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na] calcd C₃₈H₂₇N₃O₄S, 600.1722, found, 600.1714.

Methyl 2-(7-methoxy-1-(10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate



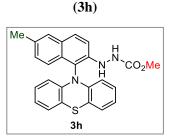
Yield 77%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07–7.01 (m, 3H), 6.87–6.80 (m, 4H), 6.70–6.60 (m, 2H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.74-3.40 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 157.4, 144.5, 141.9, 133.6, 130.2, 129.9, 127.4, 126.6, 125.1, 123.1, 120.7, 117.5, 116.3, 116.3, 111.5, 101.0, 55.4, 52.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₃S, 444.1376, found, 444.1377.

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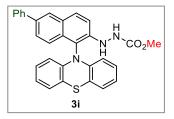


Yield 74%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.27 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.79–6.73 (m, 4H), 6.17 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.9, 155.8, 144.5, 141.9, 130.3, 129.2, 129.1, 127.8, 126.5, 122.9, 122.9, 120.3, 119.6, 116.6, 115.3, 107.9, 55.7, 52.4; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₃S, 444.1376, found, 444.1375.

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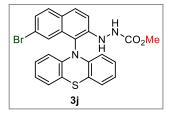


Yield 78%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.85–6.75 (m, 4H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80-3.25 (m, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 143.0, 1412.0, 133.5, 130.2, 130.2, 130.0, 129.6, 127.8, 127.3, 126.6, 123.0, 122.5, 120.1, 117.7, 116.0, 114.7, 52.9, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₂S, 428.1426, found, 428.1427.



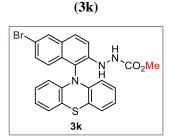
Yield 77%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93– 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.73–7.70 (m, 3H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (pd, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 6.68 (s, 2H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80-3.40 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 143.9, 141.9, 140.8, 136.7, 131.3, 130.5, 130.2, 128.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 126.7, 126.6, 123.2, 123.1, 120.2, 117.5, 116.0, 115.0, 53.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na] calcd C₃₀H₂₃N₃O₂SNa, 512.1409, found, 512.1404.

Methyl 2-(7-bromo-1-(10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (3j)



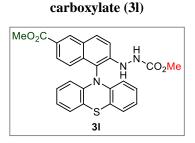
Yield 74%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.83 (pd, *J* = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 6.63 (s, 2H), 6.17 (s, 2H), 3.85-3.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 144.7, 141.5, 133.5, 130.3, 130.2, 128.1, 127.4, 127.4, 126.8, 124.4, 123.2, 122.7, 120.5, 116.6, 115.9, 114.7, 53.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na] calcd C₂₄H₁₈BrN₃O₂SNa, 514.0201, found, 514.0192.

Methyl 2-(6-bromo-1-(10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate



Yield 73%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86–6.76 (m, 4H), 6.65 (s, 2H), 6.12 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85-3.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 144.2, 141.7, 131.1, 130.9, 130.7, 130.6, 129.3, 127.4, 126.7, 124.4, 123.2, 120.2, 117.6, 117.6, 115.9, 115.7, 53.0; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+Na] calcd C₂₄H₁₈BrN₃O₂SNa, 514.0201, found, 514.0197.

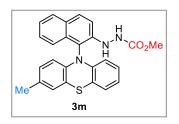
Methyl 2-(6-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl) hydrazine-1-



Yield 76%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.42 (s, 1H), 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.96–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.01–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.79–6.74 (m, 4H), 6.16 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.8, 157.8, 148.6, 141.6, 134.0, 132.1, 131.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.5, 124.0, 123.0, 121.4, 119.8, 116.4, 115.4, 52.5, 52.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd C₂₆H₂₂N₃O₄S, 472.1325, found, 472.1324.

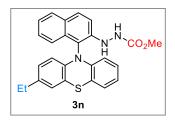
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(**3**m)



Yield 80%;¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.84 (m, 3H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99–6.96 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.78–6.71 (m, 2H), 6.59–6.55 (m, 1H), 6.19–6.06 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.9, 146.3, 142.0, 139.4, 132.0, 131.4, 130.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 126.7, 126.5, 123.3, 122.6, 121.2, 119.5, 119.5, 116.5, 116.4, 116.2, 114.6, 52.4, 20.2; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₂₂ClN₃O₂S, 428.1426, found, 428.1427.

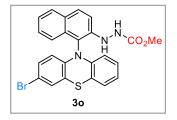
Ethyl 2-(1-(3-ethyl-10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (3n)



Yield 86%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 7.97–7.85 (m, 4H), 7.42–7.23 (m, 3H), 6.99–6.96 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.78–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.20–6.10 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.39 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.9, 146.3, 142.0, 139.6, 138.5, 131.4, 130.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.1, 127.7, 127.0, 126.5, 125.7,

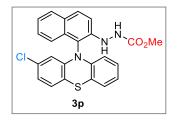
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Methyl 2-(1-(3-bromo-10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (30)



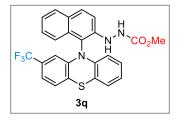
Yield 78%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.34 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.96 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79–6.75 (m, 2H), 6.17-6.05 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.9, 146.2, 141.3, 131.1, 130.5, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 126.5, 126.5, 123.3, 123.2, 122.3, 120.8, 119.0, 118.0, 116.6, 115.2, 114.6, 113.8, 52.5; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₄H₁₉BrN₃O₂S, 492.0375, found, 492.0369.

Methyl 2-(1-(2-chloro-10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (3p)



Yield 74%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.39 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.97 (dd, J = 17.5, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.02–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.82–6.76 (m, 3H), 6.27–6.00 (m, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.9, 146.4, 143.3, 141.1, 132.3, 131.0, 130.7, 129.1, 128.4, 127.9, 127.6, 126.5, 123.4, 123.4, 122.4, 120.7, 119.5, 118.9, 117.0, 116.0, 115.3, 114.5, 114.2, 52.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na] calcd C₂₄H₁₈ClN₃O₂SNa, 470.0706, found, 470.0700.

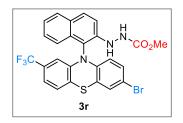
Methyl 2-(1-(2-(trifluoromethyl)-10H-phenothiazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl) hydrazine-1-carboxylate (3q)



Yield 72%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.87–6.79 (m, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

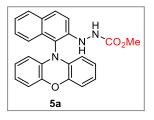
δ 157.3, 143.8, 142.4, 141.1, 131.5, 130.8, 129.9, 129.7 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 128.9, 128.1. 127.8, 126.8, 126.7, 125.1, 124.1, 123.7, 123.7 (q, *J* = 270.5 Hz), 123.0, 122.3, 121.9, 119.6 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 119.2, 116.4, 116.0, 114.4, 112.3, 53.0; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+Na] calcd C₂₅H₁₈F₃N₃O₂SNa, 504.0970, found, 504.0963.

Methyl 2-(1-(7-bromo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-10H-phenoxazin-10-yl) naphthalen-2yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (3r)



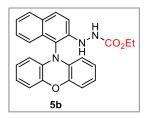
Yield 71%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.91–6.88 (m, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 143.8, 142.0, 140.3, 131.1, 130.5, 130.0, 130.0 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 126.9, 124.2, 123.7 (q, *J* = 270.6 Hz), 121.6, 121.4, 119.9 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 117.7, 116.2, 115.8, 114.3, 112.4, 53.0; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₁₈BrF₃N₃O₂S, 560.0249 , found, 560.0238.

Methyl 2-(1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (5a)



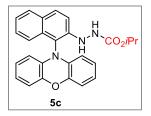
Yield 96%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.34 (m, 3H), 6.82–6.76 (m, 3H), 6.72–6.55 (m, 5H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5, 144.8, 144.2, 132.2, 131.2, 130.5, 130.3, 128.8, 127.8, 123.9, 123.8, 122.0, 122.0, 115.7, 114.4, 114.1, 113.6, 52.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na] calcd C₂₄H₁₉N₃O₃Na, 420.1324, found, 420.1317.

Ethyl 2-(1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (5b)



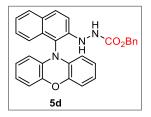
Yield 97%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89–7.86 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 1H), 6.80–6.75 (m, 2H), 6.69 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.65–6.59 (m, 2H), 6.56 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 5.97–5.81 (m, 2H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 1.34-4.10 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 144.7, 144.2, 132.2, 131.2, 130.4, 130.3, 128.7, 127.7, 123.8, 122.0, 121.9, 115.7, 114.2, 114.1, 113.9, 113.6, 62.1, 14.5; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₃, 412.1655, found, 412.1654.

Isopropyl 2-(1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (5c)



Yield 92%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 2H), 6.72 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.84–4.73 (m, 1H), 1.30–0.90 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.0, 144.4, 132.9, 131.1, 130.4, 130.0, 129.2, 127.9, 123.9, 122.9, 121.6, 121.2, 121.1, 115.5, 114.8, 113.6, 113.6, 68.2, 22.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd C₂₆H₂₄N₃O₃, 426.1811, found, 426.1810.

Benzyl 2-(1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (5d)



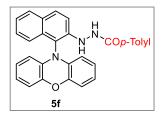
Yield 72%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.44–7.30 (m, 7H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.70–6.30 (m, 7H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.7, 144.5, 144., 135.6, 132.11, 131.2, 130.4, 130.4, 130.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 123.9, 123.8, 122.0, 121.9, 115.7, 114.2, 113.6, 67.7; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₃₀H₂₄N₃O₃, 474.1811, found, 474.1810.

2-(1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)-N-phenylhydrazine-1-carboxamide (5e)



Yield 82%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.40–8.25 (m, 3H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 2H), 6.96–6.92 (m, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.77 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 156.5, 144.4, 132.9, 131.1, 130.6, 130.5, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.0, 124.1, 123.2, 122.3, 121.7, 121.2, 118.7, 115.6, 115.4, 115.3, 113.5, 113.4; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₉H₂₃N₄O₂, 459.1815, found, 459.1815.

N'-(1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)-4-methylbenzohydrazide (5f)



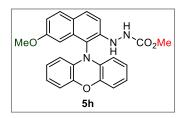
Yield 94%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.83 (m, 3H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.25 (m, 4H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.9, 146.7, 144.4, 142.2, 132.9, 131.1, 130.5, 130.4, 129.4, 129.2, 127.9, 127.8, 124.0, 123.1, 121.6, 121.1, 115.5, 115.1, 113.8, 112.0, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H] calcd C₃₀H₂₄N₃O₂, 458.1862, found, 458.1863.

Methyl 2-(6-methoxy-1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)-naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate



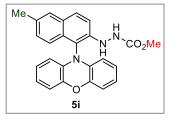
Yield 90%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.9, 155.7, 144.8, 144.4, 133.0, 130.5, 129.3, 126.2, 123.9, 122.9, 121.6, 120.1, 115.6, 115.5, 113.6, 112.4, 108.2, 55.6, 52.3; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₄, 428.1604, found, 428.1602.

Methyl 2-(7-methoxy-1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate



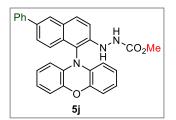
Yield 96%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82–6.75 (m, 3H), 6.73–6.56 (m, 5H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.80–3.40 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3, 157.5, 145.3, 144.2, 132.8, 131.9, 130.4, 130.1, 125.5, 123.8, 121.9, 116.0, 115.7, 113.7, 113.4, 111.6, 100.9, 55.3, 52.9; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₄, 428.1604, found, 428.1605.

Methyl 2-(6-methyl-1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (5i)



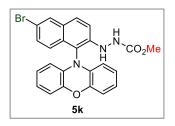
Yield 98%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.80–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H), 6.80–6.65 (m, 5H), 6.60–6.52 (m, 3H), 5.88 (s, 2H), 3.80–3.40 (m, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5, 144.2, 144.0, 133.4, 132.3, 130.6, 123.0, 129.8, 129.3, 127.8, 123.8, 121.9, 121.9, 115.6, 114.5, 114.2, 113.6, 52.9, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₃, 412.1655, found, 412.1654.

Methyl 2-(1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)-6-phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (5j)



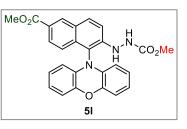
Yield 97%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76–7.70 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.32 (m, 2H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (td, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 5.82-5.72 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.9, 146.8, 144.4, 140.5, 134.9, 132.9, 131.0, 130.4, 129.7, 129.4, 127.6, 127.3, 127.1, 126.8, 124.0, 121.9, 121.7, 115.5, 115.4, 113.6, 111.5, 52.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+Na] calcd C₃₀H₂₃N₃O₃Na, 496.1637, found, 496.1629.

Methyl 2-(6-bromo-1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (5k)



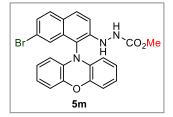
Yield 97%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81–6.74 (m, 3H), 6.73–6.64 (m, 3H), 6.57 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80–3.40 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 145.1, 144.2, 131.9, 131.3, 131.0, 130.7, 129.9, 129.5, 123.9, 123.8, 122.2, 117.6, 115.8, 115.5, 114.2, 113.5, 53.0; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+Na] calcd C₂₄H₁₈BrN₃O₃Na, 498.0430, found, 498.0419.

Methyl 2-(6-(methoxycarbonyl)-1-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl) hydrazine-1carboxylate (5l)

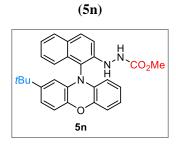


Yield 91%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80–6.64 (m, 6H), 6.57 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.80–3.40 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 157.2, 146.8, 144.2, 133.9, 132.0, 131.9, 131.8, 129.2, 127.3, 125.4, 123.8, 122.2, 122.1, 115.8, 114.9, 113.4, 53.1, 52.2; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+H] calcd C₂₆H₂₂N₃O₅, 456.1553, found, 456.1550.

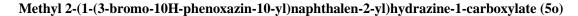
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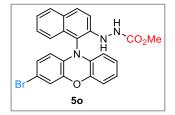


Yield 97%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 6.81–6.75 (m, 2H), 6.74–6.66 (m, 3H), 6.62–6.54 (m, 3H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80–3.40 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 145.3, 144.2, 132.8, 131.6, 130.4, 130.4, 128.5, 127.4, 123.9, 123.8, 122.6, 122.2, 115.8, 114.7, 113.3, 112.8, 53.0; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+Na] calcd C₂₄H₁₈BrN₃O₃Na, 498.0430, found, 498.0422.



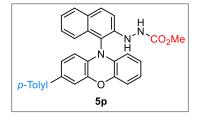
Yield 96%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.28 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68–6.57 (m, 3H), 6.49 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.70 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.8, 146.6, 146.2, 144.5, 142.1, 132.9, 132.1, 131.1, 130.5, 129.2, 129.2, 127.7, 123.7, 122.9, 121.5, 121.3, 117.9, 115.4, 114.8, 114.6, 113.5, 111.7, 111.2, 52.3, 34.1, 31.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H] calcd C₂₈H₂₈N₃O₃, 454.2124, found, 454.2123.





Yield 94%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45–7.35 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78–6.56 (m, 6H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 144.9, 144.7, 143.8, 131.7, 131.6, 130.8, 130.7, 130.3, 128.8, 127.9, 126.4, 124.2, 124.0, 122.3, 122.0, 121.7, 118.8, 115.8, 114.7, 114.3, 113.7, 113.3, 53.0. HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+Na] calcd C₂₄H₁₈BrN₃O₃Na, 498.0430, found, 498.0420.

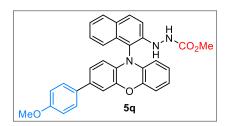
Methyl 2-(1-(3-(p-tolyl)-10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate (5p)



Yield 97%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.82–5.71 (m, 2H), 3.61

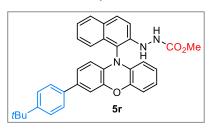
(s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.9, 146.5, 144.8, 144.3, 136.7, 136.5, 133.8, 132.6, 132.1, 131.1, 130.6, 129.9, 129.4, 129.3, 128.0, 126.0, 124.0, 123.2, 121.8, 121.7, 121.1, 115.6, 115.0, 113.9, 113.6, 113.3, 111.5, 52.4, 21.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na] calcd C₃₁H₂₅N₃O₃Na, 510.1794, found, 510.1786.

Methyl 2-(1-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl) hydrazine-1carboxylate (5q)



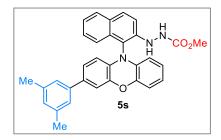
Yield 96%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95–7.88 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.83–6.66 (m, 5H), 6.59 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 157.4, 144.7, 144.5, 144.1, 134.8, 132.7, 132.0, 131.2, 130.9, 130.5, 130.4, 130.3, 128.8, 127.8, 127.3, 123.9, 123.8, 122.0, 121.9, 121.6, 115.8, 114.4, 114.2, 113.9, 113.8, 113.6, 55.3, 52.9; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na] calcd C₃₁H₂₅N₃O₄Na, 526.1743, found, 526.1737.

Methyl 2-(1-(3-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl) hydrazine-1carboxylate (5r)



Yield 98%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (td, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (dd, J = 15.6, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.9, 149.7, 146.5, 144.8, 144.3, 136.8, 133.7, 132.6, 132.1, 131.1, 130.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.0, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 124.0, 123.1, 121.8, 121.1, 115.6, 114.9, 113.9, 113.6, 113.4, 111.5, 52.4, 34.6, 31.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na] calcd C₃₄H₃₁N₃O₃Na, 552.2263, found, 552.2255.

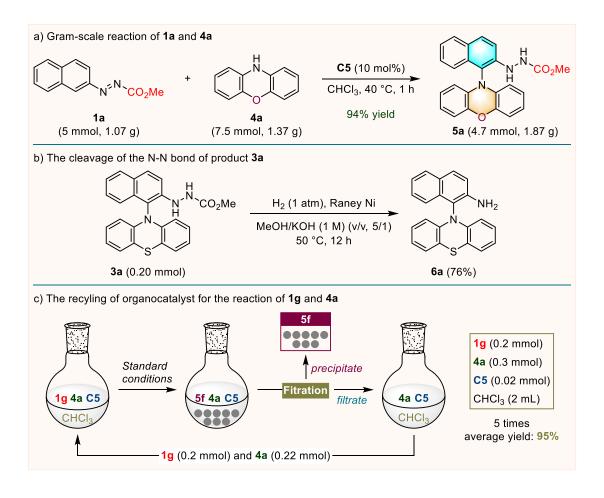
Methyl 2-(1-(3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-10H-phenoxazin-10-yl)naphthalen-2-yl) hydrazine-1carboxylate (5s)



Yield 97%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (dd, J = 14.0, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.9, 146.6, 144.7, 144.3, 139.5, 138.2, 134.0, 132.9, 132.6, 132.2, 131.0, 130.6, 130.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.0, 124.0, 123.2, 121.9, 121.8, 121.1, 115.6, 115.0, 113.8, 113.6, 111.5, 52.4, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na] calcd C₃₂H₂₇N₃O₃Na, 524.1950, found, 524.1944.

4. Gram-scale reaction, transformation of the product and the recycle of organocatalyst

To investigate the practicality of this protocol, a gram-scale reaction of **1a** and **4a** was performed under the standard conditions. As displayed in below figure, product **5a** was afforded in 94% yield, slightly lower than small-scale reaction.



Subsequently, compound **6a** which has exhibited great potential in photochemical transformations as a photocatalyst was synthesized in 76% yield by cleaving N-N bond through hydrogenation with Raney Ni.

Detailed procedure:

To a two-necked flask (50 mL) was added Raney-Ni (approximately 300 mg), which was rinsed with MeOH (5 mL, 5 times) before being suspended in MeOH/KOH (1M in H₂O) (v/v, 5/1, 6 mL) solution. Substrate **3a** (0.20 mmol, 82.6 mg) was added and backfilled with Hydrogen. The reaction mixture was warmed to 50 °C and stirred for 12 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature and rinsed with CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL, 3 times). The phase was separated and aqueous phase was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The organic layer was combined, washed with H₂O (10 mL), brine (10 mL), respectively, dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solution was concentrated, stirred in slurry of a mixture of CH₂Cl₂ and *n*-hexane (6 mL), then filtered, washed with hexane (3 mL, 2 times). The filter cake was dried under reduced pressure. The filtrate was concentrated, isolated using flash

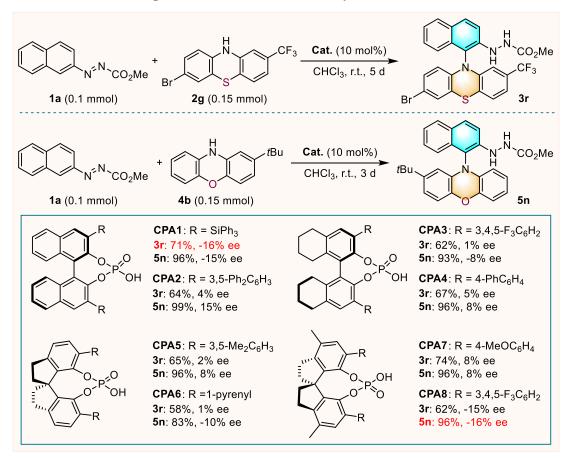
chromatography (petroleum/CH₂Cl₂ = 3/2) on silica gel. The product was combined and obtained as a white solid (52 mg, 76% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.75 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.81–6.74 (m, 4H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.7, 146.6, 142.5, 142.1, 132.8, 130.1, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.5, 126.7, 123.0, 122.9, 122.2, 120.4, 118.7, 116.8, 115.7.

The organocatalyst recycling experiments were implemented as following procedure: azonaphthalene **1g** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **C5** (0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), phenoxazine **4a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and CHCl₃ (2 mL) were added to a reaction tube. After reaction completion in 40 min at room temperature (monitored by TLC), product **5f** was precipitated because of the poor solubility in the reaction solvent. Simple filtration and washing with CHCl₃ (2 mL) could give the pure product as a white solid, whereas **C5** and the excess **4a** retained in the filtrate. The resulting mixture was evaporated to about 2 mL before **1g** (0.2 mmol) and **4a** (0.22 mmol) were added to the solution for the next round of reaction. After the repetition of the procedure for five times, an average of 95% yield was achieved, indicating the good recyclability of the organocatalyst in this transformation.

Cycle	Time (min)	Yield (%)
1	40	85
2	35	103
3	35	98
4	35	96
5	35	95

Results of organocatalyst recycling experiment

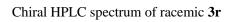


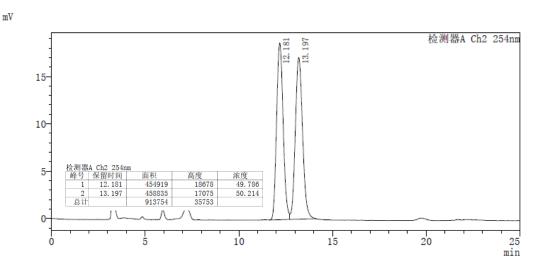
5. Initial results for atroposelective construction of *N*-aryl chiral axes

The yields were determined by ¹H-NMR and ee values were determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

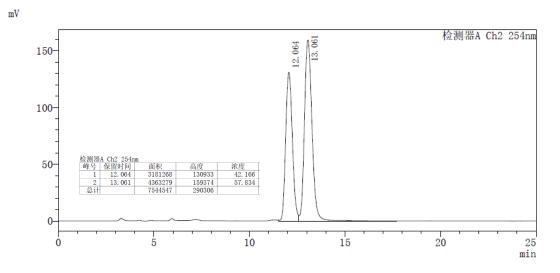
Optimal result for compound 3r with CPA1

HPLC analysis: DAICEL CHIRALPAK IB, hexane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, t_R (major) = 13.1 min, t_R (minor) = 12.1 min, ee = 16%.



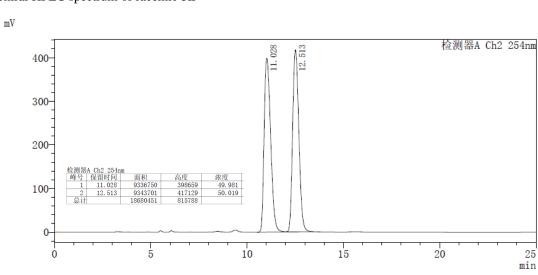


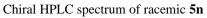
Chiral HPLC spectrum of chiral 3r

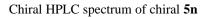


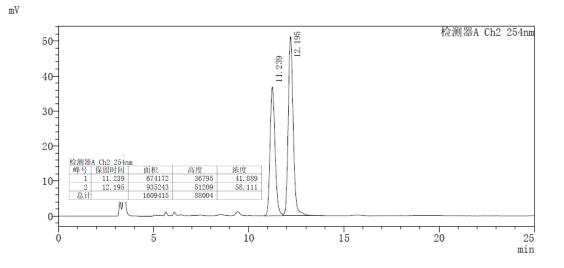
Optimal result for compound 5n with CPA8

HPLC analysis: DAICEL CHIRALPAK IB, hexane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, t_R (major) = 12.2 min, t_R (minor) = 11.1 min, ee = 16%.

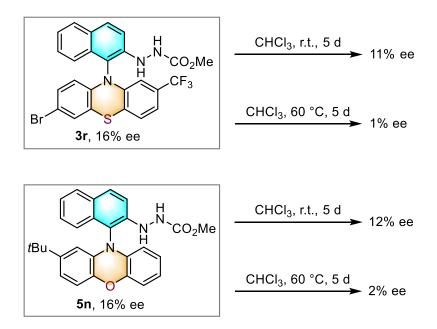




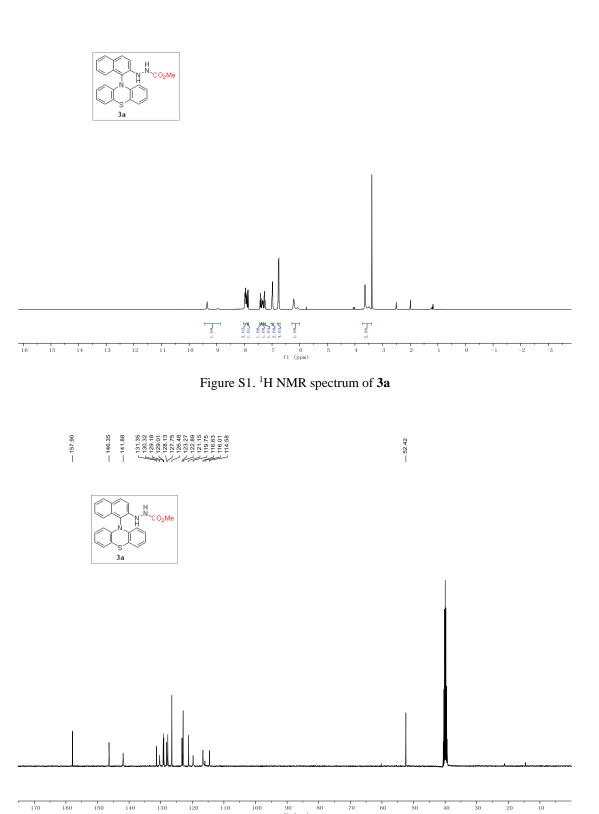




6. Stability investigations of products



IV. Supplemental Figures



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Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3a**

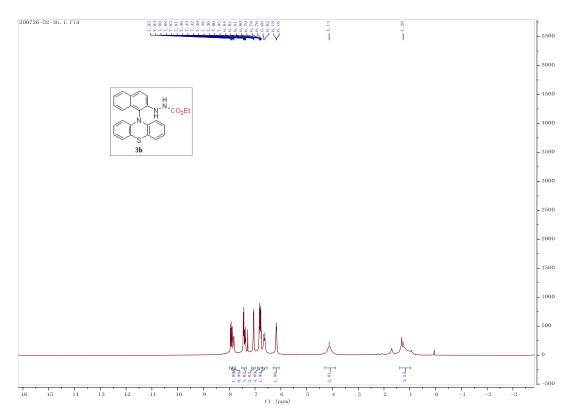


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3b**

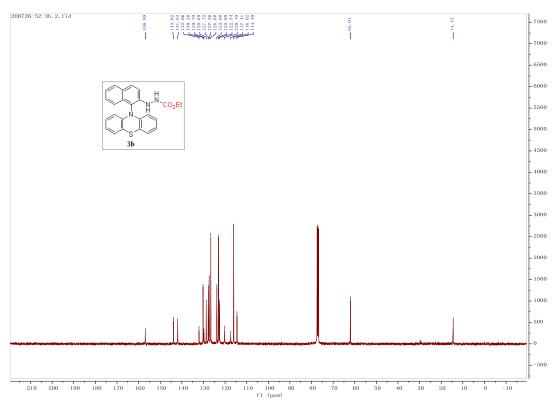


Figure S4. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3b**

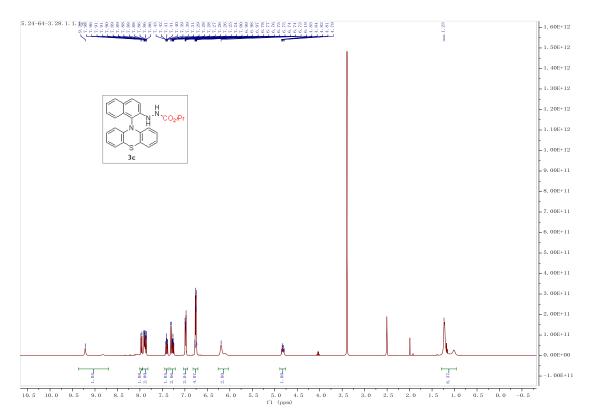


Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of 3c

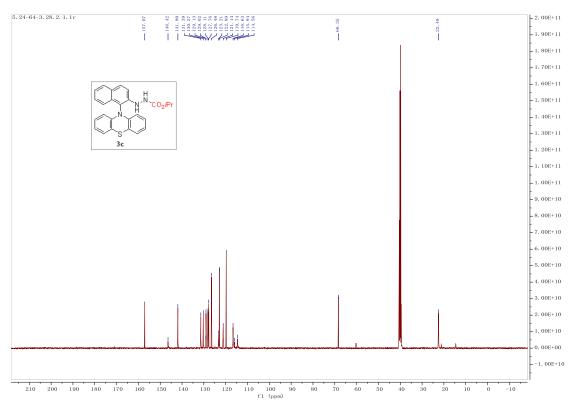


Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3c**

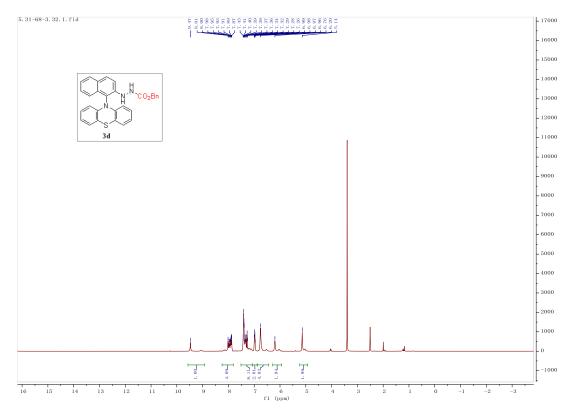


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3d**

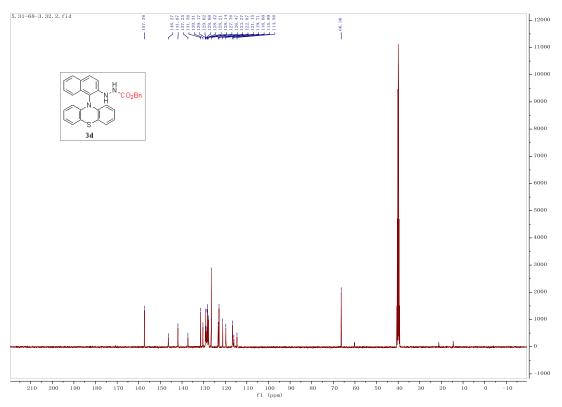
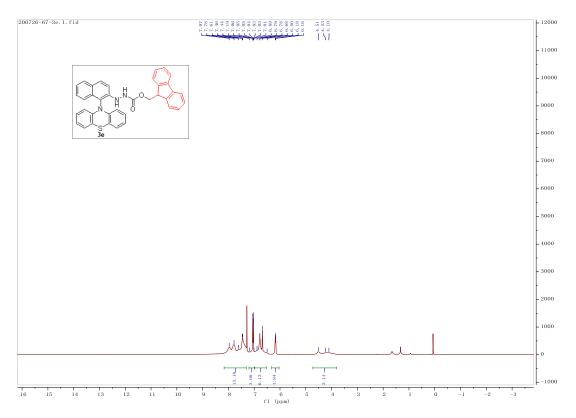


Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3d**





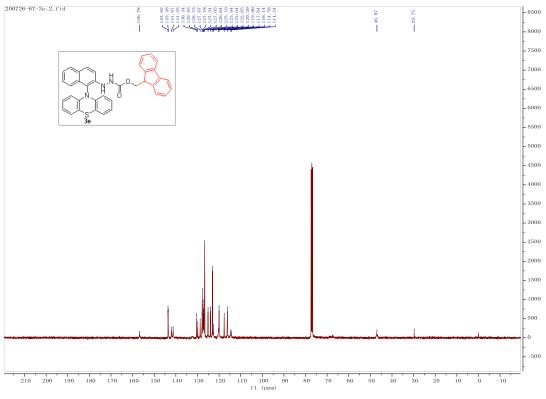
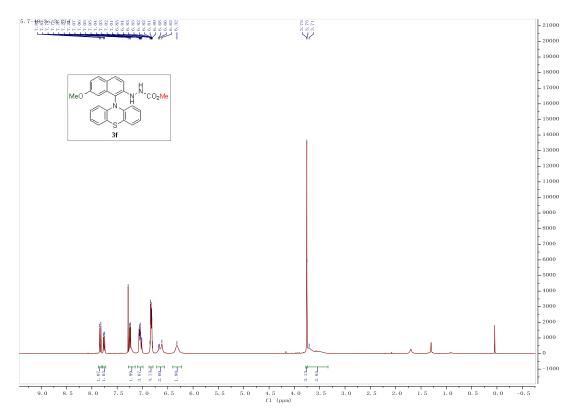


Figure S10. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3e**





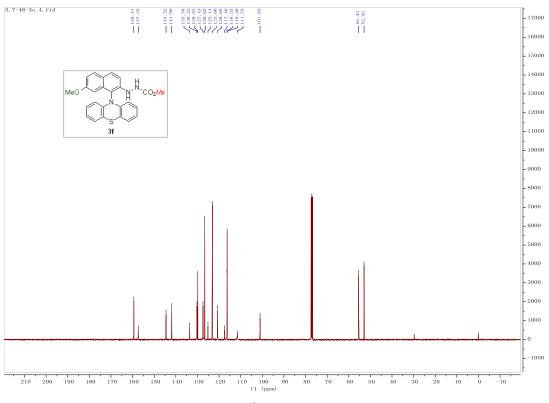


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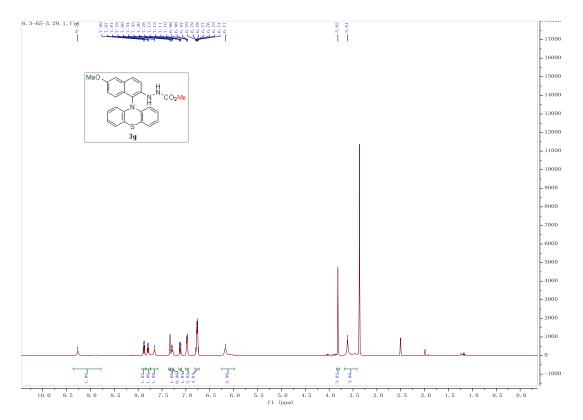


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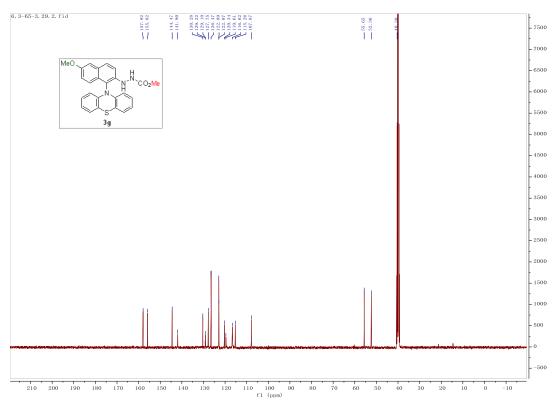
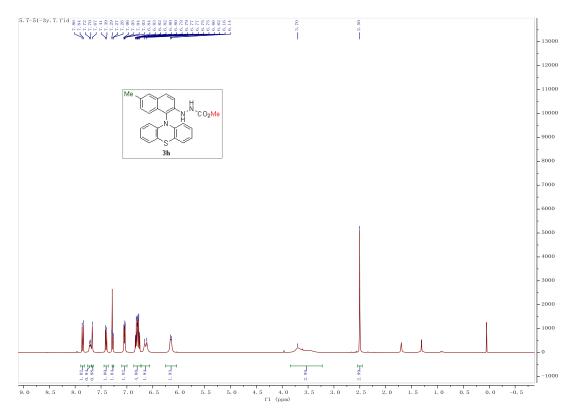


Figure S14. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3g**





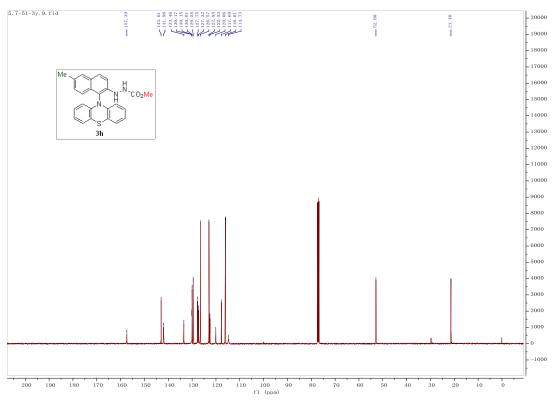
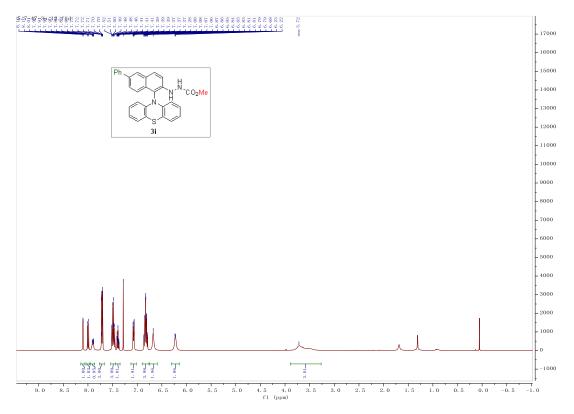


Figure S16. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3h**





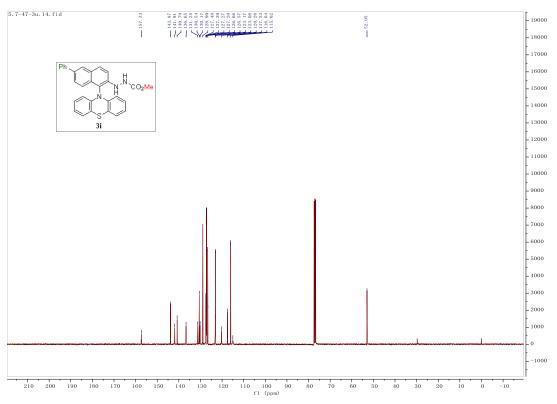
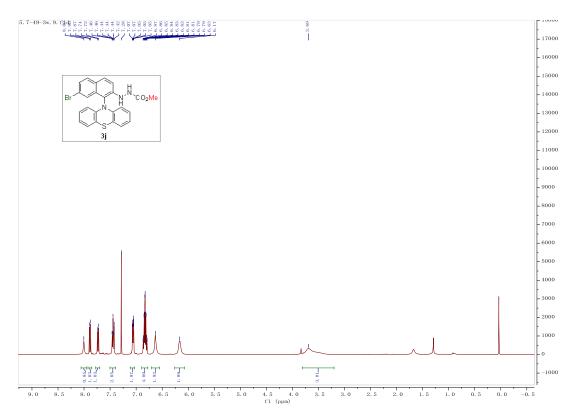


Figure S18. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3i**





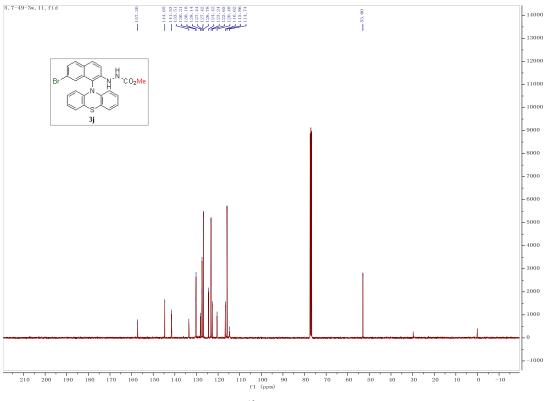
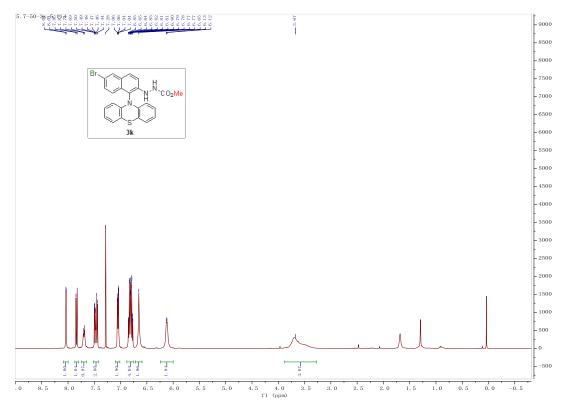


Figure S20. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3**j





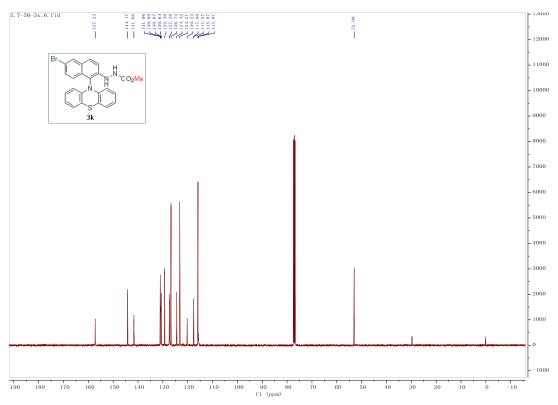
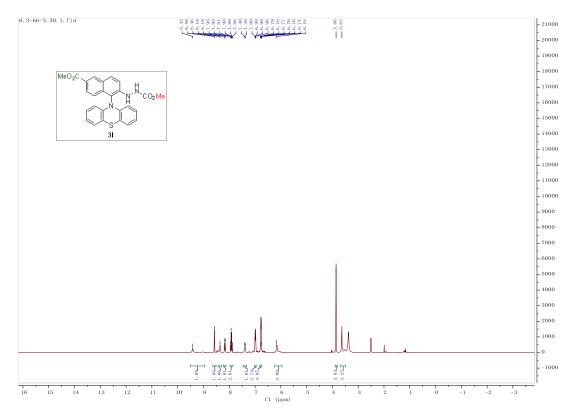


Figure S22. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3k**





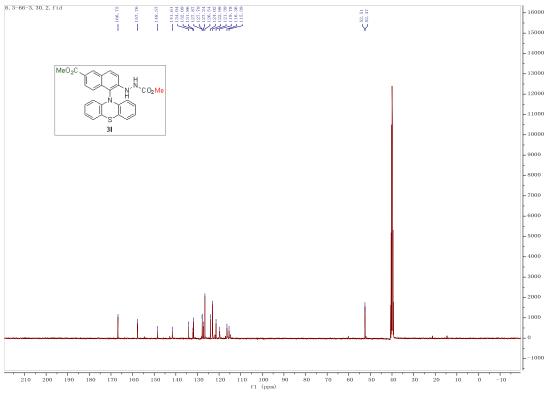


Figure S24. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3**l

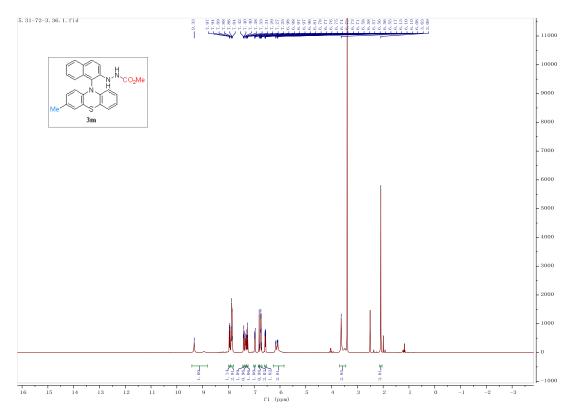


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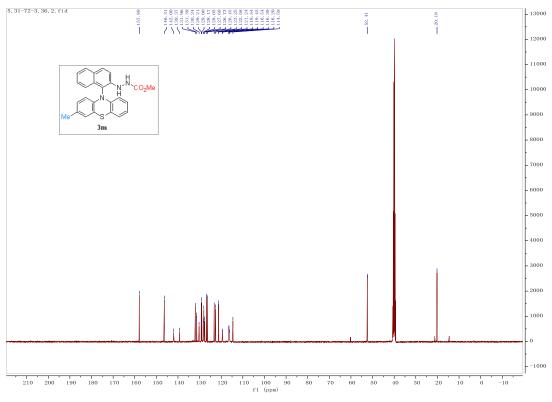


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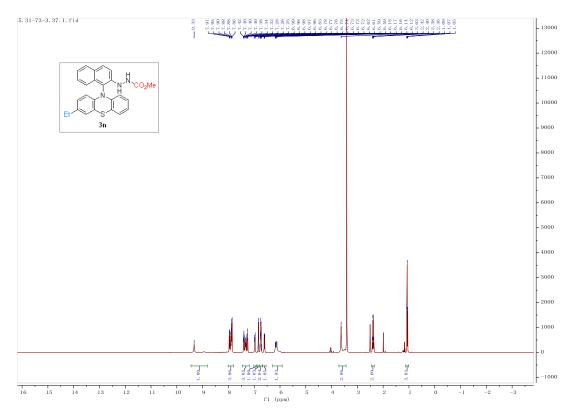


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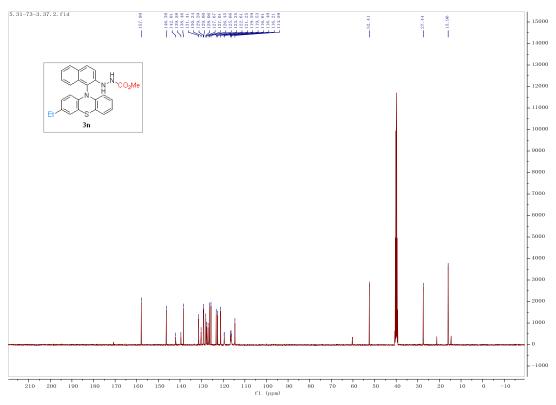


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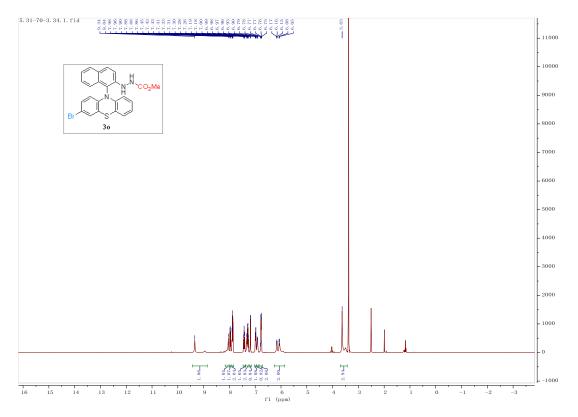


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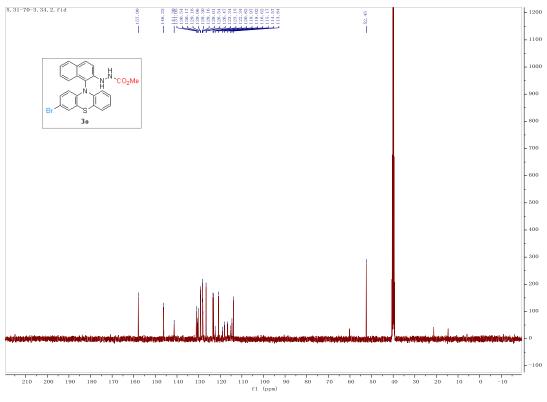
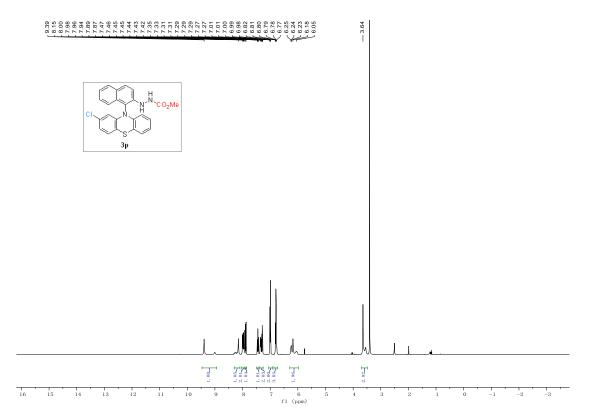


Figure S30. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **30**





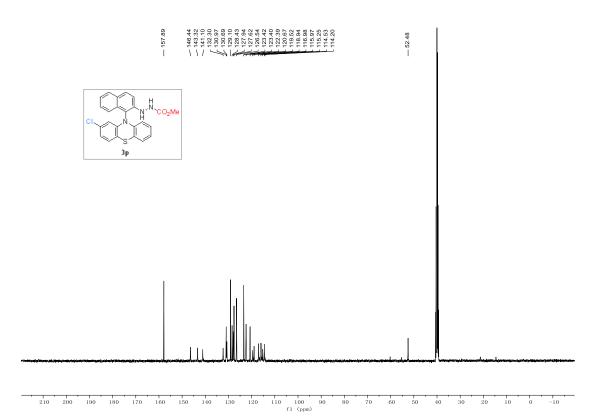


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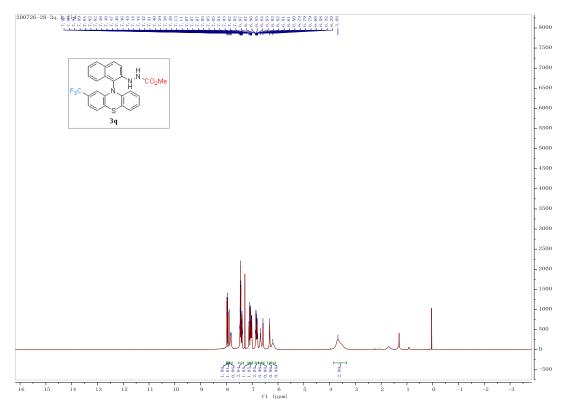


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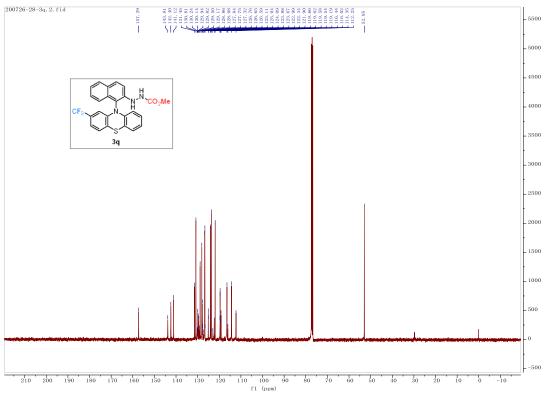


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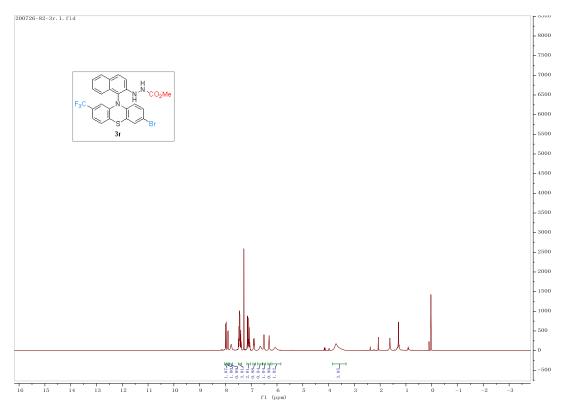


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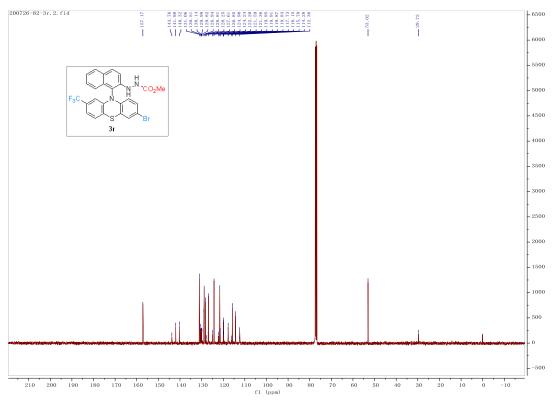
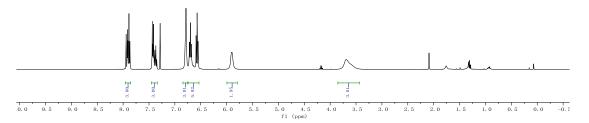


Figure S36. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3r**







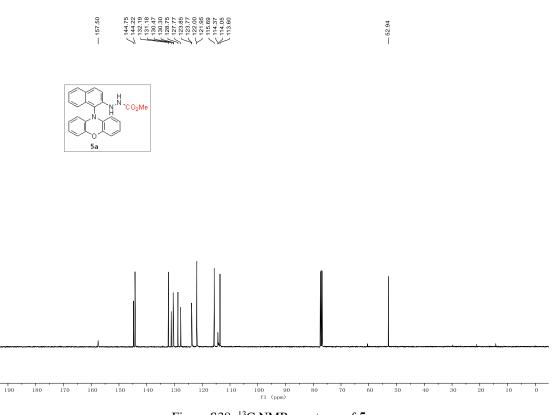


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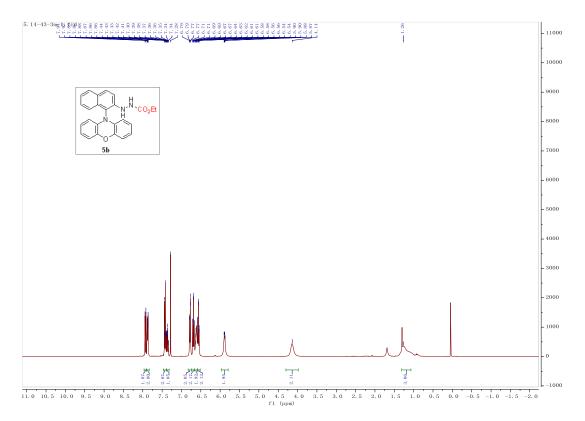


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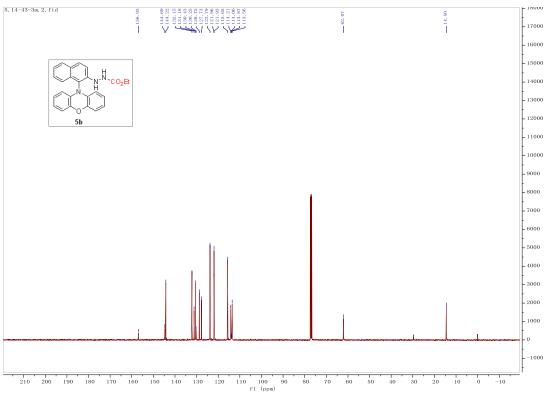
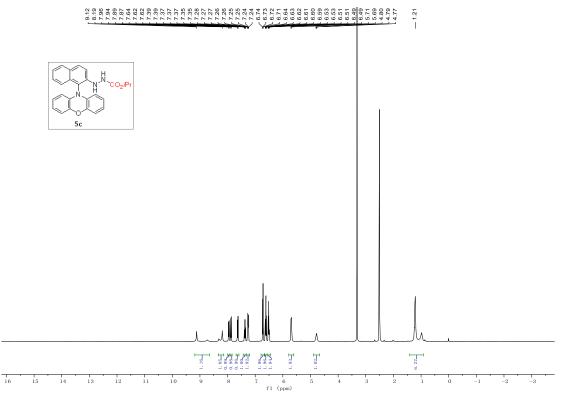
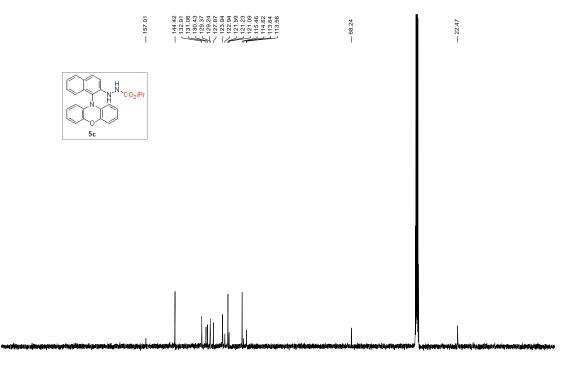


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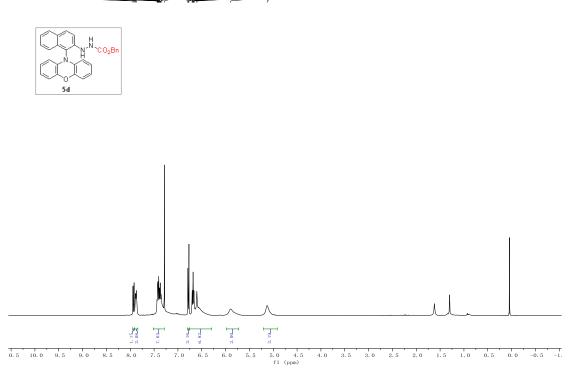




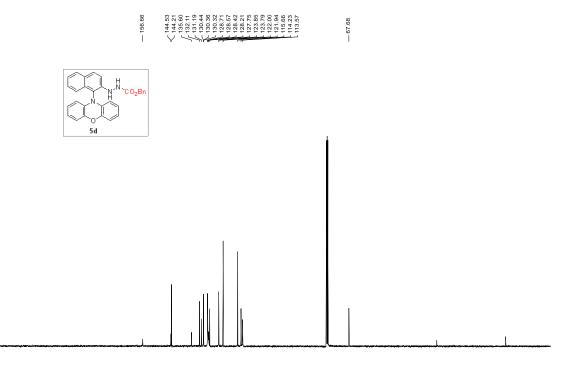


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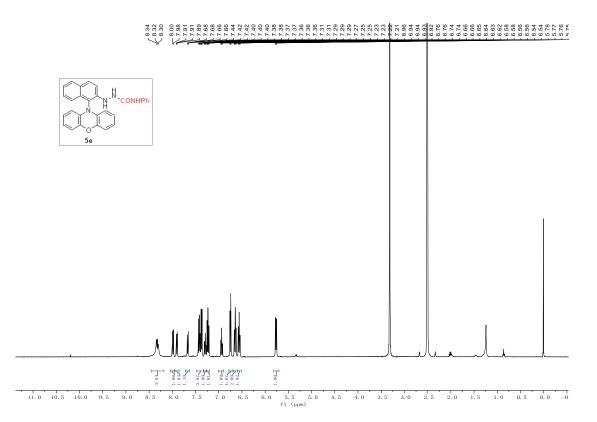






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Figure S44. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5d**





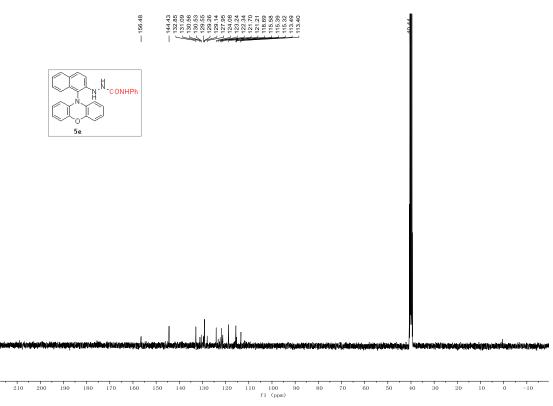
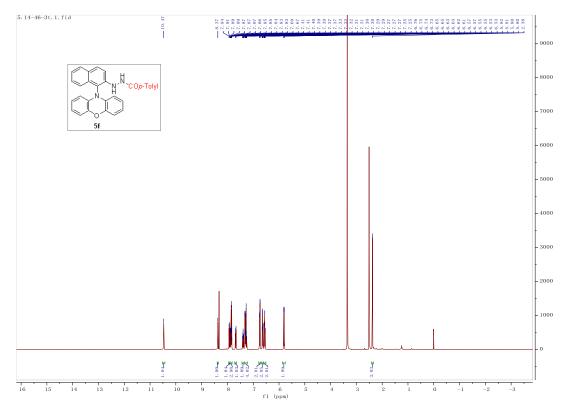


Figure S46. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5e**





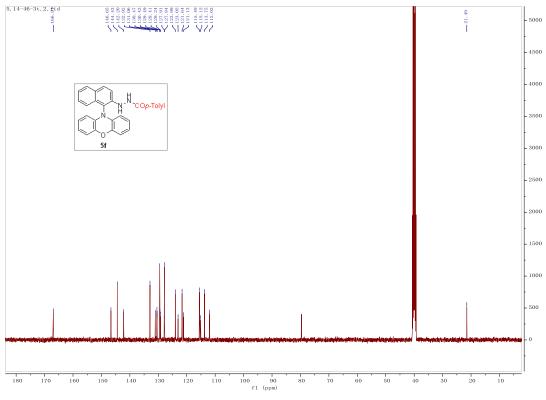
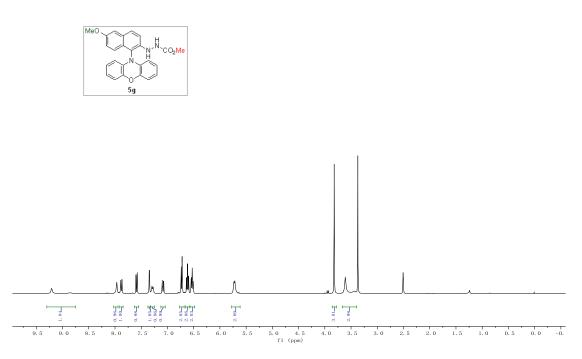


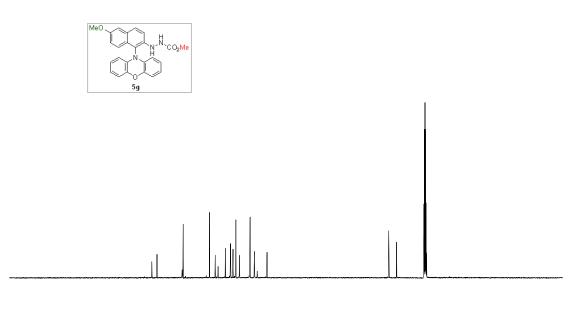
Figure S48. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5f**

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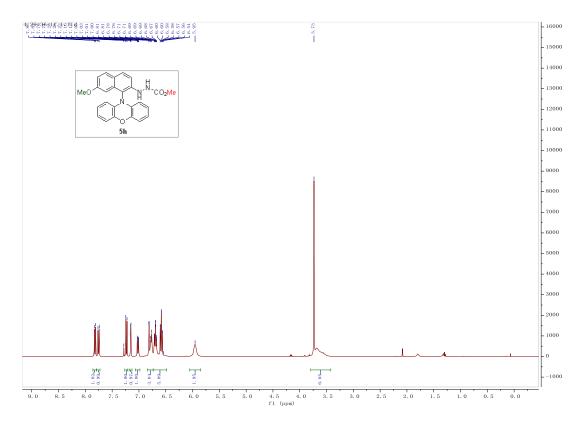






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Figure S50. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5g**





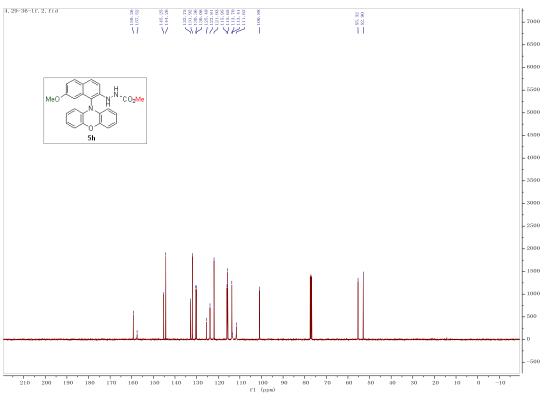
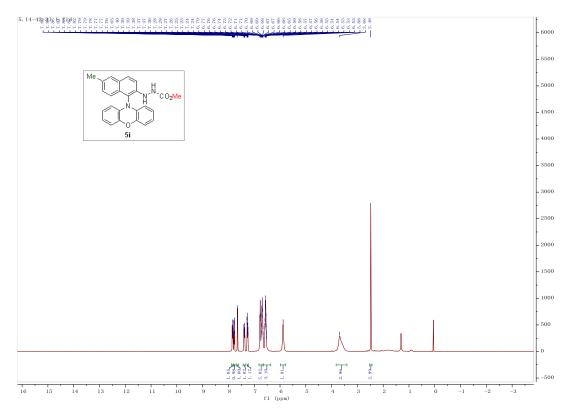


Figure S52. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5h**





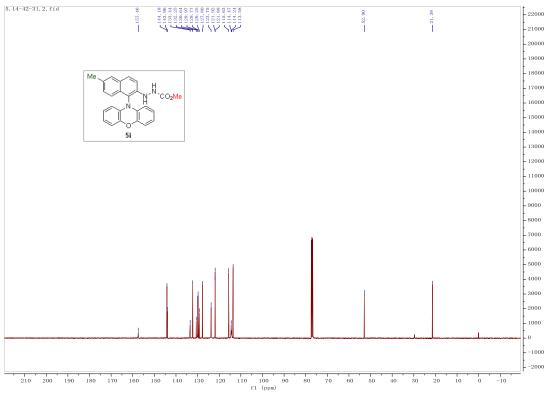
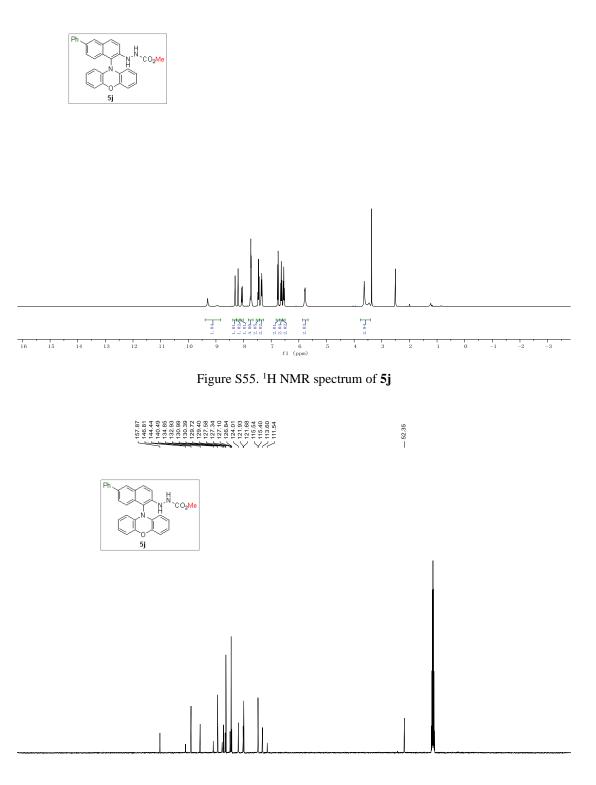


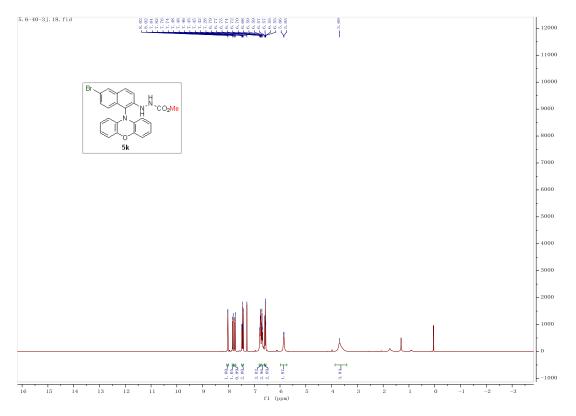
Figure S54. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5**i

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Figure S56. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5**j





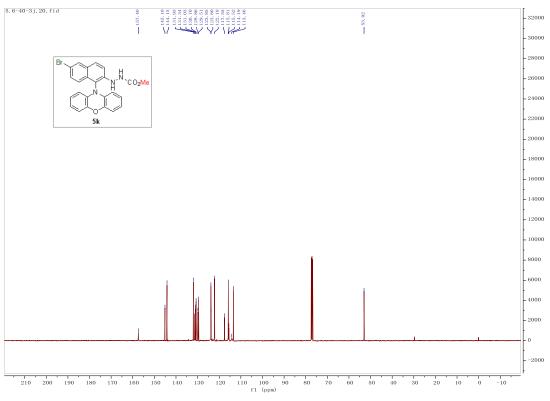
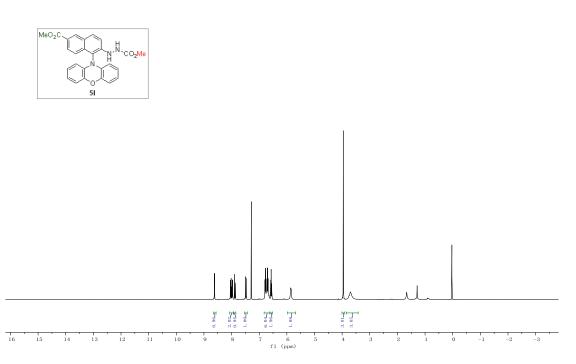


Figure S58. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5**k

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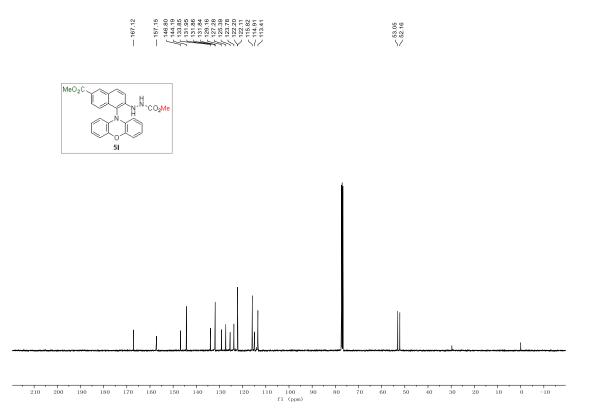
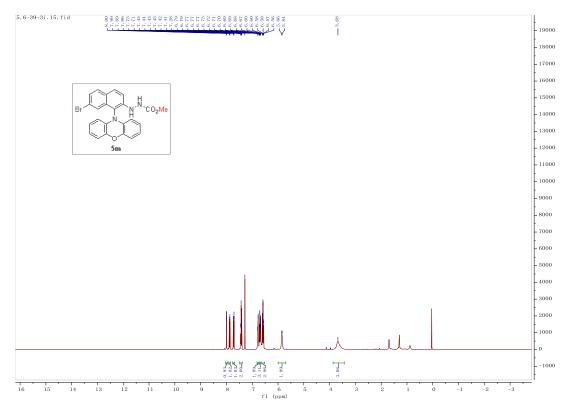


Figure S60. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5**l





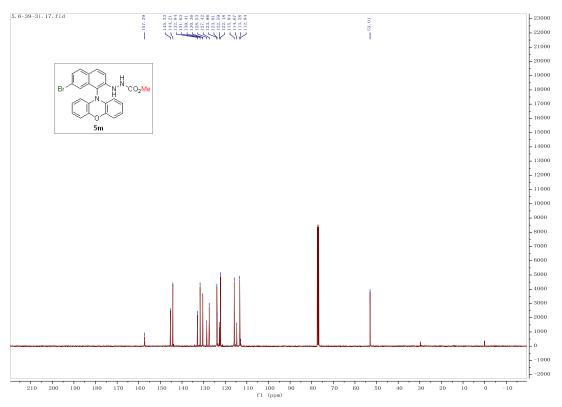


Figure S62. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5m**

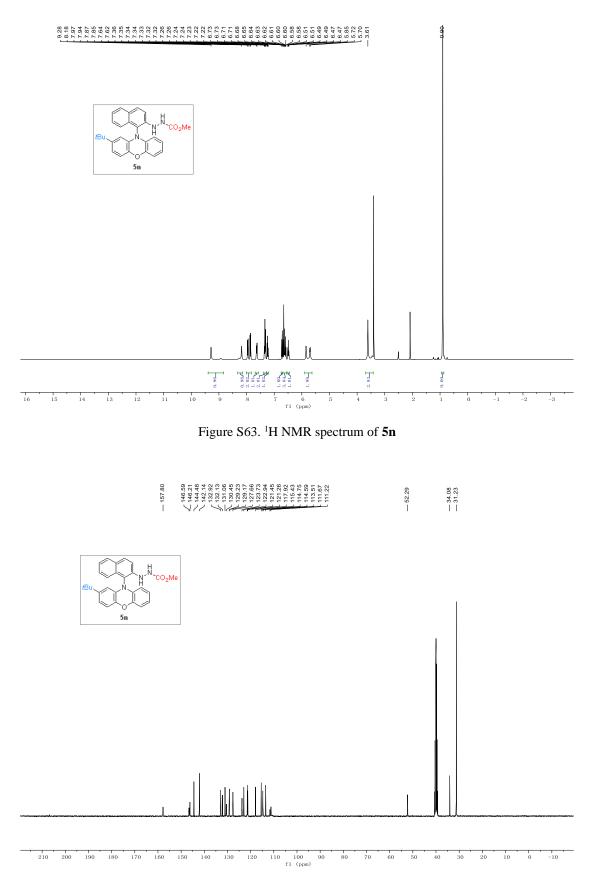
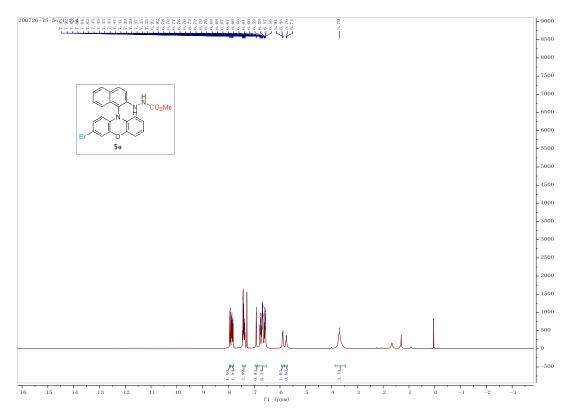
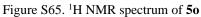


Figure S64. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5n**





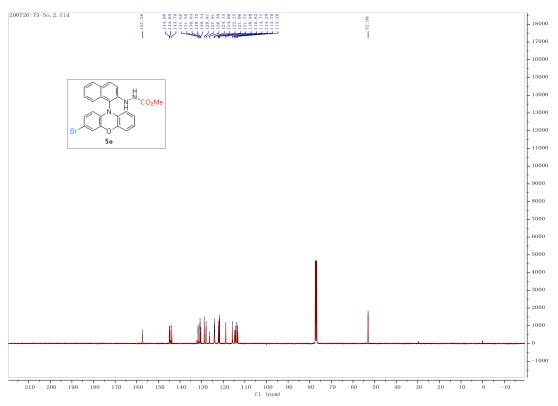


Figure S66. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **50**

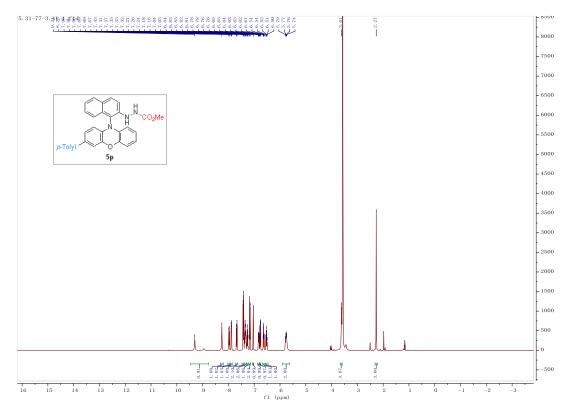


Figure S67. ¹H NMR spectrum of **5p**

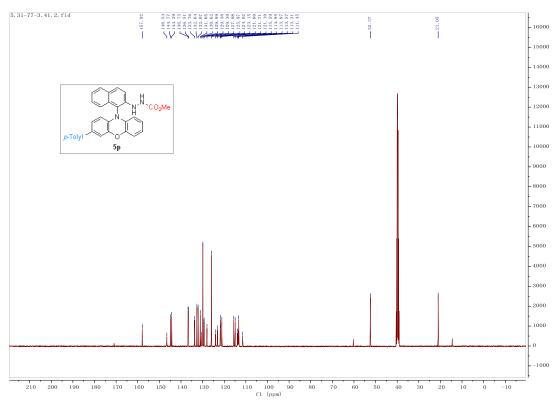
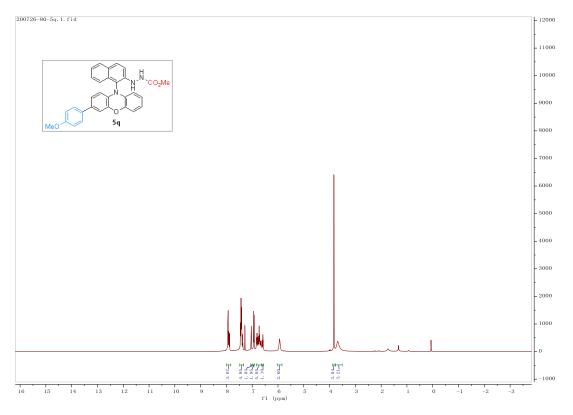


Figure S68. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5p**





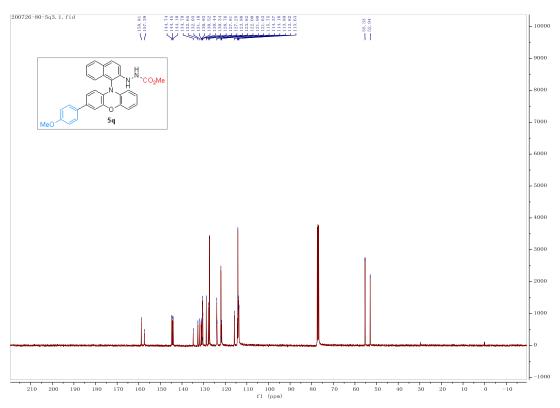


Figure S70. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5**q

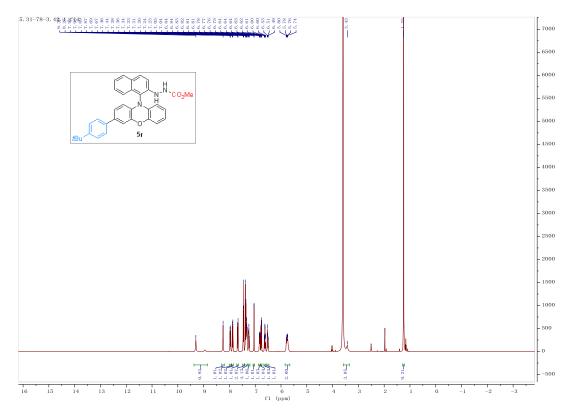


Figure S71. ¹H NMR spectrum of **5r**

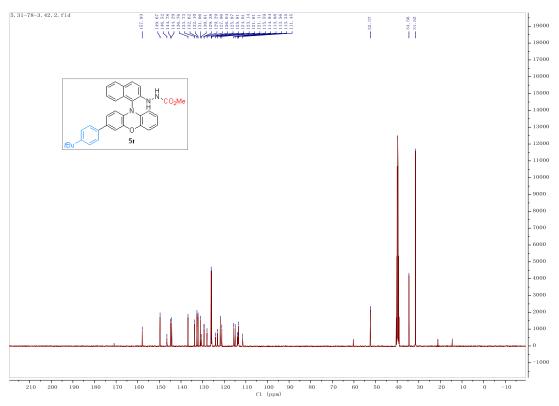


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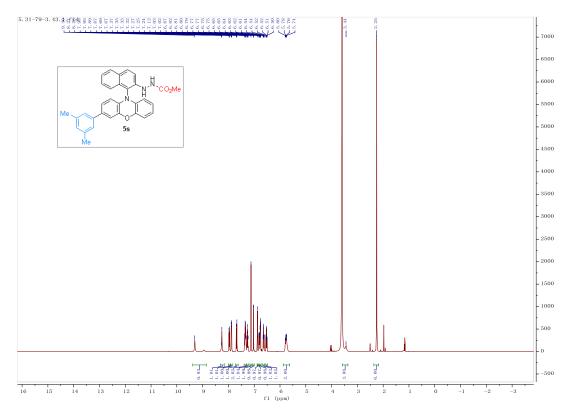


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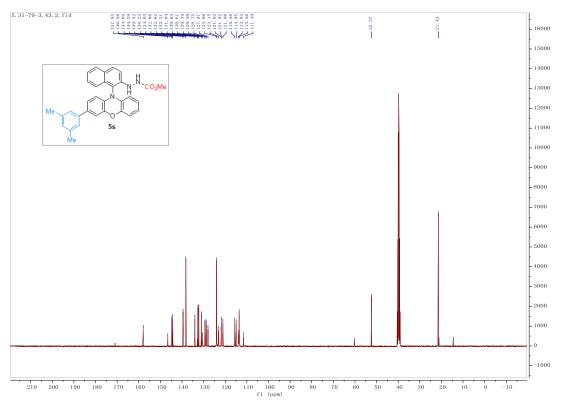


Figure S74. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5s**

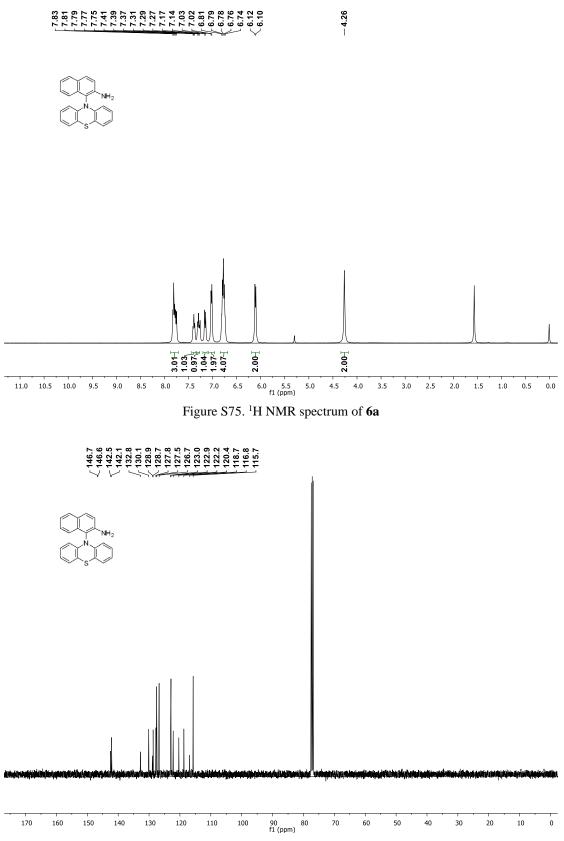


Figure S76. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **6a**

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