

Supporting Information

Convenient synthesis of spiroindolenines from tryptamine-derived isocyanides and organic azides by cobalt catalysis in pure water

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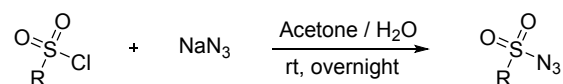
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1. General information

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored through thin layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel–precoated glass plates. Chromatograms were visualized by fluorescence quenching with UV-light at 254 nm. Flash column chromatography was performed using Yantai Yinlong flash silica gel (200–300 mesh). Concentration of cobalt-ions in water was detected by Inductively Coupled Plasma spectrometer. Melting points were recorded on an Electrothermal digital melting point apparatus. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ 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; p = pentet; m = multiplet; br = broad), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for ^{13}C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm). High resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) analyses were obtained using a commercial apparatus (ESI or EI Source).

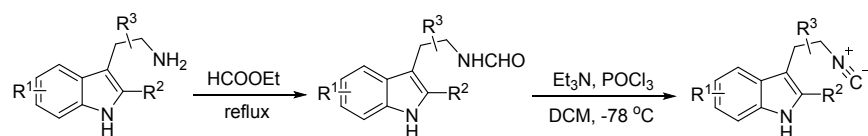
2. Synthesis of the starting materials

2.1. General procedure for the preparation of sulfonyl azides



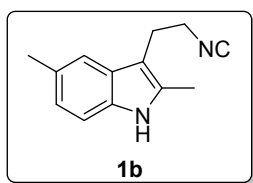
Sulfonyl azides were prepared following the literature procedures. ^[1,2] To a solution of sodium azide (0.5 g, 7.5 mmol) in water (2.5 mL) was added dropwise over 1 h a solution of sulfonyl chloride (5 mmol) in acetone (5 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 11 h. Acetone was removed under reduced pressure and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Crude products were used without further purification.

2.2. Preparation of tryptamine-derived isocyanides

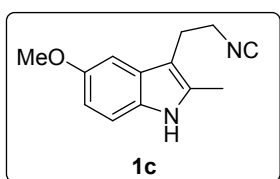


Tryptamine-derived isocyanides were prepared following the literature procedures. ^[3-5] tryptamine (3.2 g, 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to ethyl formate (16 mL) and refluxed for 10 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo. To a solution of the crude *N*-(2-(1*H*-indol-3-

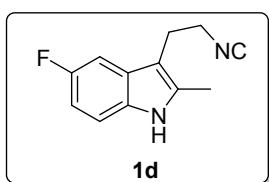
yl)ethyl)formamide in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added triethylamine (13 mL, 100 mmol, 5.0 equiv). The solution was cooled to $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and POCl_3 (2.6 mL, 30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. After completion, the reaction was quenched with H_2O and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The collected organic layers were washed with H_2O and brine and dried over Na_2SO_4 followed by concentration in vacuo and purification by flash chromatography using CH_2Cl_2 as eluent to obtain the product as white solid. The characterization data matched the data reported in literature.



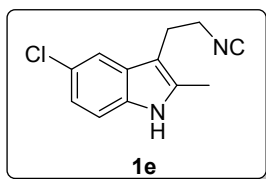
1b was obtained in 71% overall yield, white solid, **mp** = $142.5 - 143.8\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.8 (s, 1H), 7.2 (s, 1H), 7.2 (d, $J = 8.2\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.0 – 7.0 (m, 1H), 3.6 (t, $J = 7.1\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.1 (t, $J = 7.1\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.5 (s, 3H), 2.4 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 155.9, 155.9, 155.8, 133.6, 133.0, 128.8, 128.2, 122.9, 117.1, 110.3, 106.2, 42.1, 42.1, 42.0, 25.0, 21.6, 11.8. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{Na}^+$, m/z : 221.1049, found: 221.1046. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3375, 1447, 1303, 1028, 804, 600, 515 cm^{-1} .



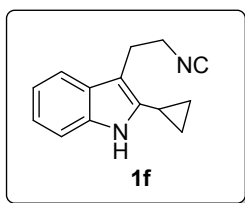
1c was obtained in 73% overall yield, white solid, **mp** = $94.4 - 95.8\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.85 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.57 (t, $J = 6.6\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.09 (t, $J = 6.6\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 156.1, 156.1, 156.0, 154.2, 133.8, 130.4, 128.5, 111.3, 110.9, 106.5, 100.0, 56.1, 42.1, 42.0, 41.9, 25.0, 11.9. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$, m/z : 215.1173, found: 215.1177. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3380, 1588, 1484, 1216, 813, 521 cm^{-1} .



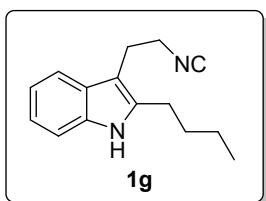
1d was obtained in 75% overall yield, white solid, **mp** = $68.5 - 69.7\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 3.57 (t, $J = 6.9\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.06 (t, $J = 6.8\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 158.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 233\text{ Hz}$), 156.1, 156.1, 156.0, 135.0, 131.8, 128.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.5\text{ Hz}$), 111.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.6\text{ Hz}$), 109.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.9\text{ Hz}$), 106.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.3\text{ Hz}$), 102.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.5\text{ Hz}$), 42.0, 42.0, 41.9, 24.8, 11.9. **^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -126.43. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2^+$, m/z : 203.0979, found: 203.0975. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3385, 1583, 1447, 1174, 853, 609, 513 cm^{-1} .



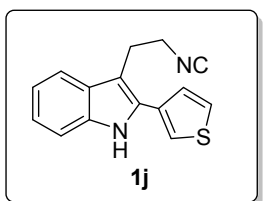
1e was obtained in 73% overall yield, white solid, **mp** = 109.5 – 110.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 156.2, 156.1, 156.1, 134.7, 133.7, 129.1, 125.3, 121.6, 116.9, 111.6, 106.5, 42.1, 42.0, 42.0, 24.7, 11.9. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₂H₁₂ClN₂⁺, *m/z*: 219.0684, found: 219.0679. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3386, 1649, 1469, 866, 803, 515 cm⁻¹.



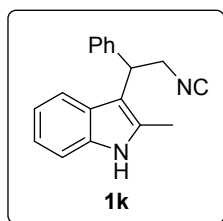
1f was obtained in 68% overall yield, yellow oil. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.09 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 0.72 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 155.6, 155.6, 155.5, 137.7, 134.7, 128.1, 121.5, 119.6, 117.2, 110.7, 107.6, 42.0, 42.0, 41.9, 7.3, 6.7. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₄H₁₅N₂⁺, *m/z*: 211.1230, found: 211.1232. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3315, 1672, 1577, 1464, 1334, 740 cm⁻¹.



1g was obtained in 68% overall yield, yellow oil. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.07 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 155.6, 155.6, 155.5, 137.4, 135.3, 127.8, 121.2, 119.4, 117.4, 110.7, 106.0, 42.2, 42.1, 42.0, 32.0, 25.7, 24.9, 22.5, 13.9. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₅H₁₈N₂Na⁺, *m/z*: 249.1362, found: 249.1361. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3404, 2929, 1461, 1310, 739, 490 cm⁻¹.

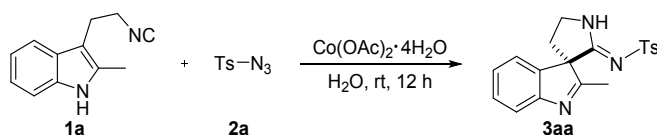


1j was obtained in 80% overall yield, white solid, **mp** = 169.6 – 170.6 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 156.4, 156.3, 156.2, 135.7, 133.0, 131.6, 128.4, 127.0, 126.9, 122.8, 122.6, 120.2, 118.3, 111.1, 107.6, 41.8, 41.8, 41.7, 25.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₅H₁₃N₂S⁺, *m/z*: 253.0794, found: 253.0796. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3299, 1454, 1342, 932, 740, 624, 624 cm⁻¹.



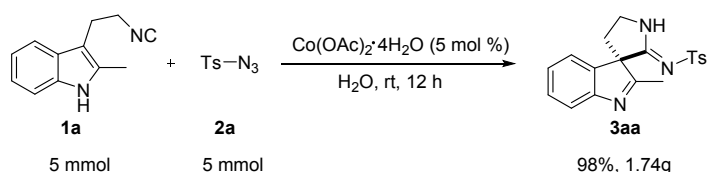
1k was obtained in 78% overall yield, white solid, **mp** = 128.4 – 129.7 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.18 (m, 7H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 156.8, 140.1, 135.4, 132.9, 128.7, 127.6, 127.0, 127.0, 121.2, 119.6, 118.6, 110.7, 110.0, 45.4, 45.3, 45.3, 45.3, 42.2, 12.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₈H₁₇N₂⁺, *m/z*: 261.1386, found: 261.1390. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3416, 1564, 704, 537, 491 cm⁻¹.

3. Typical procedure for the synthesis of **3aa**

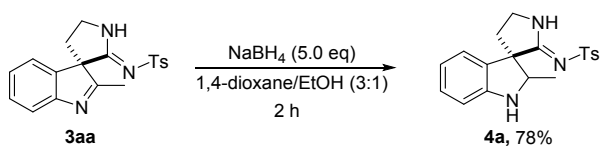


To a 15 mL reaction tube was sequentially added 3-(2-isocyanoethyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide **2a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Co(OAc)₂·4H₂O (5 mol%) and H₂O (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂, the organic layer was combined and dried over Na₂SO₄, the solution was concentrated by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. The final white solid was obtained by filtration and washed with EtOAc/PE (1: 6).

4. Gram-scale synthesis and further transformation

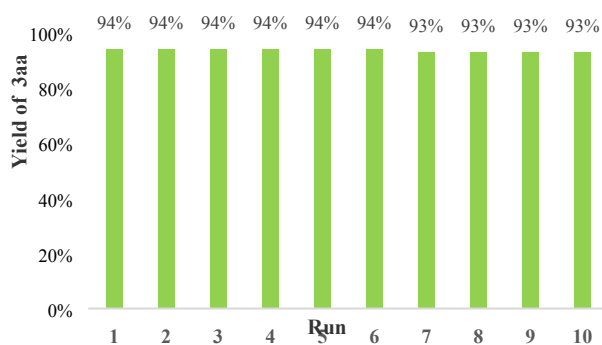


To a 250 mL reaction tube was sequentially added 3-(2-isocyanoethyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole **1a** (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide **2a** (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Co(OAc)₂·4H₂O (5 mol%) and H₂O (60 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂, the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, the solution was concentrated by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. The final white solid (1.745 g) was obtained by filtration and washed with EtOAc/PE (1: 6).



To a solution of the spiroindolenine **3aa** (0.2 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (1.5 mL) and EtOH (0.5 mL) under air at 25 °C was added NaBH₄ (1 mmol). After 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of solvent, the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (V_{PE} : V_{EA} = 3 : 1) to afford the desired product **4a** as a white solid.

5. Recycling study of aqueous catalytic system



To a 15 mL reaction tube was sequentially added 3-(2-isocyanoethyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide **2a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Co(OAc)₂·4H₂O (5 mol%) and H₂O (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ in reaction tube. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the reaction mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. The final white solid (1.745 g) was obtained by filtration and washing with EtOAc/PE (1: 6).

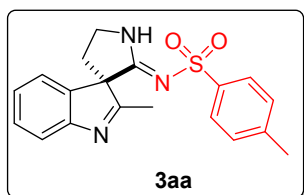
The aqueous catalytic system in reaction tube could be recovered and reused in the next process. 3-(2-isocyanoethyl)-2-methyl-1H-indole **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide **2a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added in reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ in reaction tube. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the solution was concentrated by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure. The final white solid (1.745 g) was obtained by filtration and washed with EtOAc/PE (1: 6). This process is repeated for the next nine times.

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7. Analytic and characterization data for the products

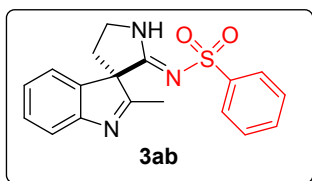
4-methyl-*N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3aa**)



According to the general procedure, **3aa** was obtained in 94% yield (66 mg). White solid, **mp** = 193.1 – 194.3 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 3.98 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.89 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.26 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.1, 168.7, 155.3, 143.0, 140.5, 138.9, 129.3, 129.3, 126.2, 126.1, 121.5, 120.6, 68.3, 45.4, 29.5, 21.6, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₉H₁₉N₃NaO₂S⁺, *m/z*: 376.1090, found: 376.1103. **IR (thin film):** $\nu_{\max}$ 1606, 1267, 1142, 853, 818, 719, 665, 552 cm⁻¹

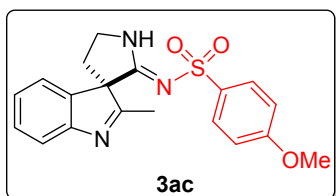
N-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3ab**)

According to the general procedure, **3ab** was obtained in 90% yield (61 mg). White solid, **mp** = 184.3 – 185.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.15 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.00 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 2.54 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.28 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.0, 168.9, 155.3, 141.8, 140.4, 132.3, 129.4, 128.7, 126.2, 126.1, 121.5, 120.7, 68.3,



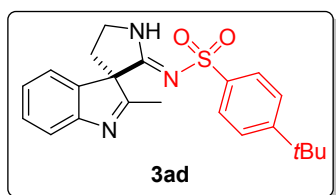
45.4, 29.4, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[M+H]^+$ $C_{18}H_{18}N_3O_2S^+$, m/z : 340.1114, found: 340.1109. **IR (thin film)**: $\nu_{\max}$ 1605, 1289, 1141, 1085, 818, 718, 588, 556 cm^{-1} .

4-methoxy-*N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3ac**)



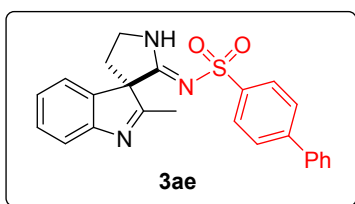
According to the general procedure, **3ac** was obtained in 96% yield (71 mg). White solid, **mp** = 169.3 – 170.5 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.99 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.90 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.54 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.28 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.1, 168.5, 162.6, 155.3, 140.5, 133.7, 129.3, 128.3, 126.1, 121.5, 120.7, 113.9, 68.2, 55.7, 45.3, 29.5, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[M+Na]^+$ $C_{19}H_{19}N_3NaO_3S^+$, m/z : 392.1039, found: 392.1034. **IR (thin film)**: $\nu_{\max}$ 3369, 1619, 1259, 1138, 1016, 835, 671, 560 cm^{-1} .

4-(tert-butyl)-*N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3ad**)



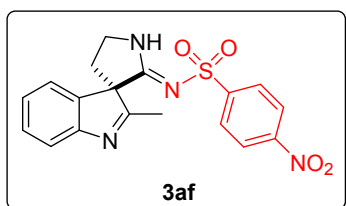
According to the general procedure, **3ad** was obtained in 86% yield (68 mg). White solid, **mp** = 178.5 – 179.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.00 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 2.57 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.1, 168.7, 156.0, 155.3, 140.5, 138.8, 129.3, 126.1, 126.0, 125.7, 121.5, 120.7, 68.3, 45.4, 35.1, 31.2, 29.5, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[M+Na]^+$ $C_{22}H_{25}N_3NaO_2S^+$, m/z : 418.1560, found: 418.1557. **IR (thin film)**: $\nu_{\max}$ 3369, 1603, 1399, 1282, 1107, 818, 779, 643, 566 cm^{-1} .

N-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-sulfonamide (**3ae**)



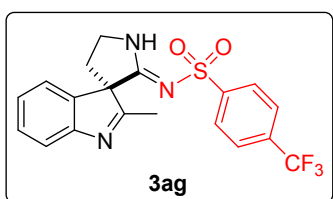
According to the general procedure, **3ae** was obtained in 60% yield (50 mg). White solid, mp = 246.3 – 247.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)** δ 9.43 (s, 1H), 7.79 – 7.63 (m, 6H), 7.49 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.18 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 3.97 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.81 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 2.48 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)** δ 179.9, 167.7, 155.2, 143.7, 141.0, 140.7, 138.5, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 127.0, 127.0, 126.5, 125.8, 122.2, 119.6, 68.9, 46.1, 28.1, 15.8. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₂₄H₂₂N₃O₂S⁺, m/z: 416.1427, found: 416.1429. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3334, 1606, 1453, 1292, 1142, 854, 714, 675, 596 cm⁻¹.

***N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (3af)**



According to the general procedure, **3af** was obtained in 96% yield (74 mg). Light yellow solid, mp = 222.3 – 223.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 4.10 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.34 (ddd, *J* = 12.2, 7.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 178.5, 169.8, 155.4, 149.8, 147.4, 140.2, 129.7, 127.5, 126.3, 124.0, 121.3, 121.0, 68.4, 45.7, 29.2, 16.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₈H₁₆N₄NaO₄S⁺, m/z: 407.0784, found: 407.0785. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 1613, 1524, 1348, 1293, 1148, 821, 743, 604 cm⁻¹.

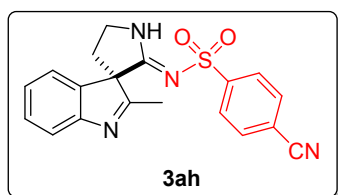
***N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (3ag)**



According to the general procedure, **3ag** was obtained in 83% yield (67 mg). White solid, mp = 190.5 – 192.1 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.04 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 2.60 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.34 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 178.7, 169.5, 155.3, 145.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 1.1 Hz), 140.2, 134.1, 133.8, 129.6, 126.8, 126.2, 125.9 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 124.8, 121.1 (d, *J*_{C-F}

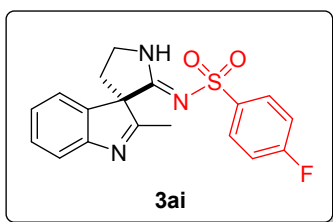
= 50.8 Hz), 68.4, 45.6, 29.3, 16.4. **¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -63.06. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₉H₁₆ F₃N₃NaO₂S⁺, m/z: 430.0808, found: 430.0816. **IR (thin film):** $\nu_{\max}$ 1614, 1400, 1294, 1122, 823, 714, 600, 550 cm⁻¹.

4-cyano-*N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3ah**)



According to the general procedure, **3ah** was obtained in 75% yield (55 mg). White solid, mp = 215.1 – 216.9 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 4.05 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 2.61 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.35 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 178.6, 169.7, 155.3, 145.9, 140.2, 132.6, 129.6, 126.9, 126.2, 121.3, 120.9, 117.6, 115.9, 68.4, 45.7, 29.2, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₉H₁₆N₄NaO₂S⁺, m/z: 387.0886, found: 387.0882. **IR (thin film):** $\nu_{\max}$ 3346, 1626, 1295, 1151, 871, 733, 651, 568 cm⁻¹.

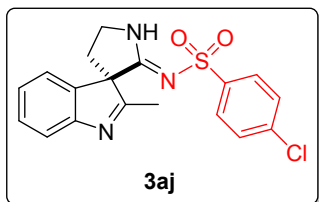
4-fluoro-*N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3ai**)



According to the general procedure, **3ai** was obtained in 84% yield (60 mg). White solid, mp = 160.3 – 161.7 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.15 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.00 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 2.56 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 178.9, 168.9, 164.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 252 Hz), 155.3, 140.4, 137.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 129.4, 128.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 9.2 Hz), 126.2, 121.4, 120.7, 115.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 22.4 Hz), 68.3, 45.5, 29.3, 16.4. **¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -63.06. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₈H₁₆FN₃NaO₂S⁺, m/z: 380.0839, found: 380.0839. **IR (thin film):** $\nu_{\max}$ 1611, 1492, 1277, 1234, 1137, 841, 671, 558, 517 cm⁻¹.

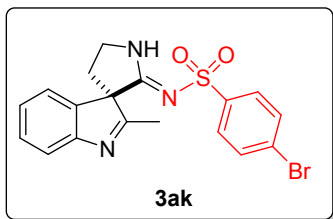
4-chloro-*N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3aj**)

ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (3aj)



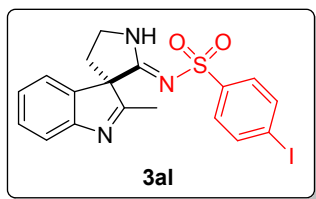
According to the general procedure, **3aj** was obtained in 85% yield (63 mg). White solid, mp = 174.5 – 175.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.04 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 2.59 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 178.8, 169.2, 155.3, 140.3, 138.7, 129.5, 129.0, 127.7, 126.2, 121.4, 120.8, 68.3, 45.5, 29.4, 16.4, one C(Ar) missing. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₈H₁₆ClN₃NaO₂S⁺, *m/z*: 396.0554, found: 396.0552. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3304, 1609, 1390, 1275, 1153, 822, 756, 556 cm⁻¹.

4-bromo-N-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (3ak)



According to the general procedure, **3ak** was obtained in 90% yield (75 mg). White solid, mp = 161.2 – 162.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 4.03 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 2.57 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 178.8, 169.2, 155.3, 140.8, 140.3, 132.0, 129.5, 127.8, 127.1, 126.2, 121.4, 120.8, 68.3, 45.5, 29.3, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₈H₁₇BrN₃O₂S⁺, *m/z*: 418.0219, found: 418.0218. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3345, 1611, 1290, 1269, 1143, 857, 757, 554 cm⁻¹.

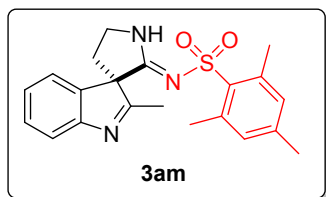
4-iodo-N-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (3al)



According to the general procedure, **3al** was obtained in 75% yield (70 mg). White solid, mp = 205.3 – 206.4 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 4.00 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 2.56 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 178.8, 169.1, 155.3, 141.5, 140.3, 137.9, 129.5, 127.7, 126.2, 121.4, 120.7, 99.5,

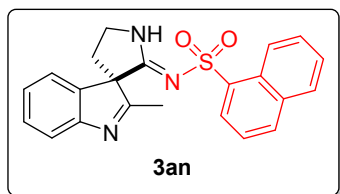
68.3, 45.6, 29.3, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[M+H]^+$ $C_{18}H_{17}IN_3O_2S^+$, m/z : 466.0081, found: 466.0086. **IR (thin film)**: $\nu_{\max}$ 3345, 1609, 1453, 1265, 858, 739, 598, 553 cm^{-1} .

2,4,6-trimethyl-*N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3am**)



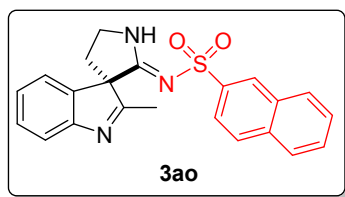
According to the general procedure, **3am** was obtained in 90% yield (68 mg). White solid, mp = 179.3 – 180.5 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 4.01 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 2.58 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 6H), 2.28(s, 3H), 2.27-2.22(m, 1H), 2.21(s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.5, 167.4, 155.3, 141.6, 140.5, 138.6, 135.8, 131.4, 129.3, 126.0, 121.6, 120.6, 68.1, 45.3, 29.6, 22.6, 21.0, 16.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[M+Na]^+$ $C_{21}H_{23}N_3NaO_2S^+$, m/z : 404.1403, found: 404.1409. **IR (thin film)**: $\nu_{\max}$ 3352, 2072, 1606, 1287, 1144, 847, 753, 655, 581 cm^{-1} .

N-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)naphthalene-1-sulfonamide (**3an**)



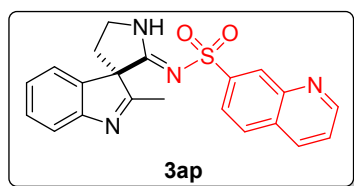
According to the general procedure, **3an** was obtained in 84% yield (65 mg). White solid, mp = 243.2 – 244.5 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)** δ 9.29 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)** δ 179.8, 167.6, 155.0, 141.0, 136.8, 133.7, 133.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 126.6, 125.6, 125.5, 124.2, 122.0, 119.5, 68.8, 46.2, 28.1, 15.7. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[M+H]^+$ $C_{22}H_{20}N_3O_2S^+$, m/z : 390.1271, found: 390.1273. **IR (thin film)**: $\nu_{\max}$ 3264, 1615, 1404, 1114, 859, 807, 759, 587, 510 cm^{-1} .

N-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)naphthalene-2-sulfonamide (**3ao**)



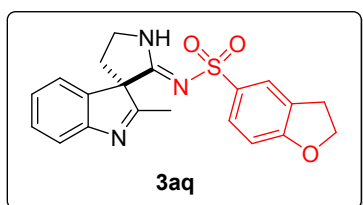
According to the general procedure, **3ao** was obtained in 85% yield (66 mg). White solid, mp = 190.1 – 191.6 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 4.00 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 2.54 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.18(s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.0, 169.1, 155.3, 140.4, 138.7, 134.7, 132.0, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.4, 126.9, 126.1, 122.1, 121.5, 120.7, 68.4, 45.5, 29.4, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₂₂H₂₀ N₃O₂S⁺, *m/z*: 390.1271, found: 390.1274. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3337, 1992, 1607, 1266, 1127, 865, 754, 664, 556 cm⁻¹.

***N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)quinoline-7-sulfonamide (3ap)**



According to the general procedure, **3ap** was obtained in 95% yield (74 mg). Light yellow solid, mp = 156.1 – 157.5 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 9.23 (s, 1H), 9.08 – 8.95 (m, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.24 – 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.34 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.5, 169.4, 155.2, 150.7, 144.5, 140.5, 138.4, 136.8, 133.2, 131.5, 129.1, 128.8, 125.9, 125.8, 121.8, 121.8, 120.5, 68.4, 45.5, 30.0, 16.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₂₁H₁₈ NaN₄O₂S⁺, *m/z*: 413.1043, found: 413.1041. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 2021, 1619, 1457, 1291, 866, 758, 597, 519 cm⁻¹.

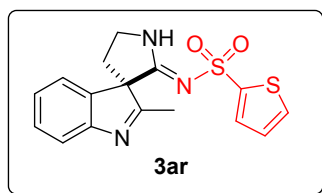
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According to the general procedure, **3aq** was obtained in 91% yield (69 mg). White solid, mp = 182.0 – 183.5 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.00 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.55 – 2.46 (m, 1H),

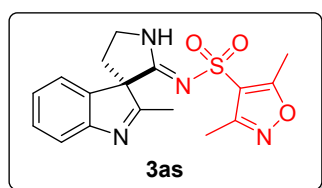
2.29 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.2, 168.3, 163.5, 155.3, 140.6, 133.7, 129.3, 127.9, 127.5, 126.1, 123.7, 121.5, 120.7, 109.0, 72.3, 68.2, 45.3, 29.6, 29.2, 16.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$, m/z : 380.1220, found: 380.1224. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3357, 2052, 1617, 1242, 1067, 896, 753, 557 cm^{-1} .

***N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)thiophene-2-sulfonamide (3ar)**



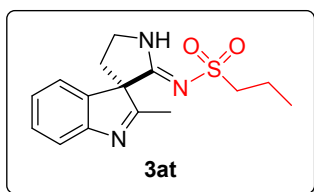
According to the general procedure, **3ar** was obtained in 71% yield (49 mg). White solid, mp = 165.3 – 166.7 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 2.57 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.8, 169.1, 155.3, 142.7, 140.3, 131.1, 131.0, 129.4, 127.0, 126.2, 121.6, 120.7, 68.3, 45.6, 29.4, 16.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2\text{S}_2^+$, m/z : 368.0498, found: 368.0500. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3361, 1605, 1302, 1136, 843, 736, 672, 578 cm^{-1} .

3,5-dimethyl-*N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)isoxazole-4-sulfonamide (3as)



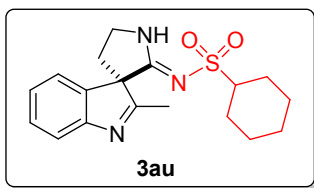
According to the general procedure, **3as** was obtained in 88% yield (63 mg). White solid, mp = 188.8 – 189.7 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 4.04 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.9, 171.2, 168.6, 157.6, 155.3, 140.2, 129.6, 126.3, 121.3, 120.7, 118.1, 68.2, 45.7, 29.0, 16.5, 12.5, 10.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$, m/z : 381.0992, found: 381.0995. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3390, 1613, 1588, 1115, 863, 648, 549 cm^{-1} .

***N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)propane-1-sulfonamide (3at)**



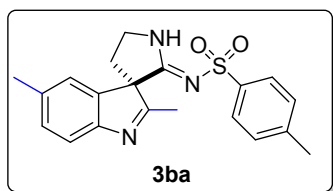
According to the general procedure, **3at** was obtained in 90% yield (55 mg). White solid, mp = 138.5 – 139.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.60 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.3, 168.6, 155.3, 140.7, 129.3, 126.2, 121.5, 120.6, 68.2, 55.7, 45.3, 29.4, 17.2, 16.5, 12.9. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₅H₁₉N₃NaO₂S⁺, *m/z*: 328.1090, found: 328.1089. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3332, 1613, 1452, 1267, 1126, 860, 755, 592 cm⁻¹.

***N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)cyclohexanesulfonamide (3au)**



According to the general procedure, **3au** was obtained in 96% yield (66 mg). White solid, mp = 211.2 – 212.7 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.29 – 1.19 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.07 (m, 2H), 1.06 – 0.93 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.4, 168.9, 155.3, 140.9, 129.3, 126.0, 121.5, 120.6, 68.4, 62.0, 45.2, 29.3, 26.1, 25.9, 25.2, 25.1, 25.1, 16.6. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₈H₂₃N₃NaO₂S⁺, *m/z*: 368.1403, found: 368.1406. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3384, 1627, 1254, 1107, 864, 666, 591, 539 cm⁻¹.

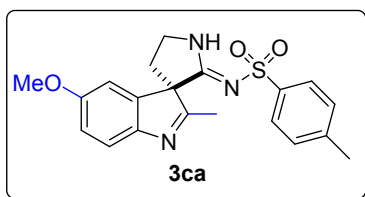
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According to the general procedure, **3ba** was obtained in 89% yield (65 mg). White solid, mp = 211.3 – 212.7 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 3.98 – 3.78 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 178.0, 168.9, 153.0, 142.9, 140.6, 138.9, 136.0, 129.7,

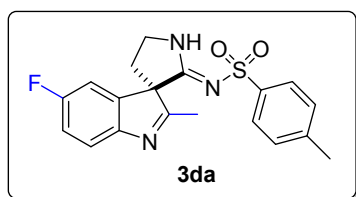
129.2, 126.2, 122.3, 120.1, 68.1, 45.4, 29.5, 21.6, 21.4, 16.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[M+H]^+$ $C_{20}H_{22}N_3O_2S^+$, m/z : 368.1427, found: 368.1428. **IR (thin film)**: $\nu_{\max}$ 1611, 1295, 1273, 1139, 814, 706, 617, 555 cm^{-1} .

***N*-(5-methoxy-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3ca)**



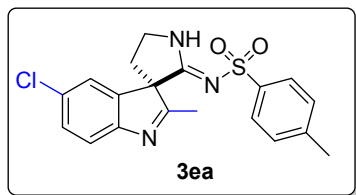
According to the general procedure, **3ca** was obtained in 91% yield (70 mg). White solid, mp = 165.4 – 166.8 °C. **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.85 – 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.48 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 176.8, 168.7, 158.5, 148.8, 143.0, 141.9, 138.9, 129.3, 126.2, 120.8, 113.7, 108.5, 68.4, 55.8, 45.3, 29.5, 21.5, 16.2. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[M+H]^+$ $C_{20}H_{22}N_3O_3S^+$, m/z : 384.1376, found: 384.1378. **IR (thin film)**: $\nu_{\max}$ 3351, 1614, 1469, 1276, 1137, 817, 666, 568 cm^{-1} .

***N*-(5-fluoro-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3da)**



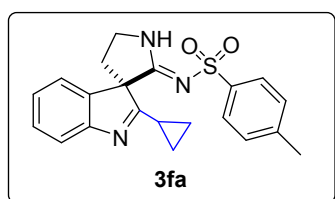
According to the general procedure, **3da** was obtained in 92% yield (62 mg). White solid, mp = 196.5 – 197.8 °C. **1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 3.93 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 2.50 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 179.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 168.0, 161.3 (d, J_{C-F} = 244 Hz), 151.4, 143.2, 142.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.8 Hz), 138.7, 129.4, 126.2, 121.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.8 Hz), 115.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 23.3 Hz), 109.6 (d, J_{C-F} = 25.2 Hz), 68.7, 45.4, 29.2, 21.6, 16.3. **^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ -115.87. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for $[M+H]^+$ $C_{19}H_{19}FN_3O_2S^+$, m/z : 372.1177, found: 372.1180. **IR (thin film)**: $\nu_{\max}$ 1609, 1470, 1267, 1147, 830, 737, 666, 564 cm^{-1} .

***N*-(5-chloro-2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3ea)**



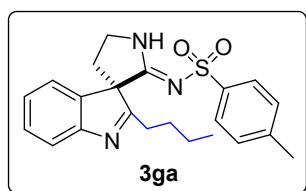
According to the general procedure, **3ea** was obtained in 98% yield (76 mg). White solid, mp = 186.1 – 187.5 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 3.94 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 2.52 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.26 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 179.7, 167.8, 153.9, 143.2, 142.0, 138.6, 131.7, 129.4, 126.2, 122.1, 121.4, 68.6, 45.4, 29.1, 21.6, 16.4, one C(Ar) missing. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₉H₁₉ClN₃O₂S⁺, *m/z*: 388.0881, found: 388.0881. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3039, 1605, 1396, 1146, 866, 806, 674, 558 cm⁻¹.

***N*-(2-cyclopropylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3fa)**



According to the general procedure, **3fa** was obtained in 87% yield (66 mg). White solid, mp = 169.5 – 171.0 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 3.98 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 2.71 – 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.51 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.18 – 1.09 (m, 2H), 1.03 – 0.94 (m, 1H), 0.82 – 0.72 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 184.9, 168.8, 155.4, 142.8, 140.2, 139.1, 129.2, 126.3, 125.5, 121.5, 120.2, 68.7, 45.6, 29.6, 21.6, 10.9, 10.9, 10.8. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₂₁H₂₂N₃O₂S⁺, *m/z*: 380.1427, found: 380.1424. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3363, 1612, 1390, 1138, 864, 730, 673, 559 cm⁻¹.

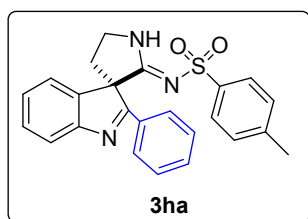
***N*-(2-butylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3ga)**



According to the general procedure, **3ga** was obtained in 86% yield (68 mg). White solid, mp = 137.6 – 138.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.10 (m, 4H),

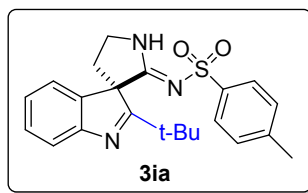
3.98 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 2.52 – 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.20 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.5, 168.8, 155.4, 143.0, 140.3, 139.0, 129.3, 129.2, 126.3, 126.0, 121.5, 120.7, 68.4, 45.4, 29.9, 29.5, 28.0, 22.7, 21.6, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$, m/z : 396.1740, found: 396.1743. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 1598, 1286, 1151, 832, 769, 668, 556 cm^{-1} .

4-methyl-*N*-(2-phenylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (3ha)



According to the general procedure, **3ha** was obtained in 90% yield (75 mg). White solid, mp > 250 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 9.39 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.07 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.86 (t, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.08 – 1.99 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 176.2, 168.1, 153.9, 142.6, 142.3, 138.4, 136.9, 131.0, 131.0, 129.2, 128.8, 127.8, 126.7, 126.0, 121.5, 120.9, 67.4, 46.2, 30.1, 21.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$, m/z : 416.1427, found: 416.1428. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 1593, 1529, 1297, 1146, 812, 772, 661, 560 cm^{-1} .

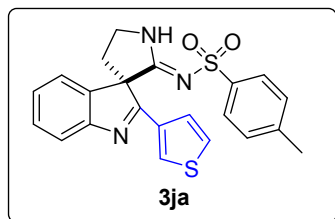
N-(2-(tert-butyl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3ia)



According to the general procedure, **3ia** was obtained in 98% yield (78 mg). White solid, mp > 250 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.66 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 4.05 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.01 – 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.28 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.2, 169.2, 154.2, 142.9, 142.0, 138.7, 129.2, 129.1, 126.4, 126.2, 120.7, 120.3, 68.4, 45.4, 37.7, 29.9, 28.2, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$, m/z : 396.1740, found: 396.1742. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3360, 1600, 1289, 1141, 831, 671, 564, 542 cm^{-1} .

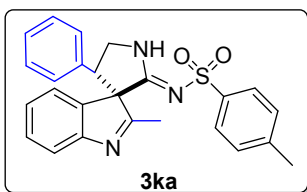
4-methyl-*N*-(2-(thiophen-3-yl)spiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (3ib)

ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3ja**)



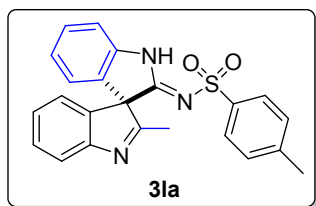
According to the general procedure, **3ja** was obtained in 90% yield (76 mg). White solid, mp > 250 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)** δ 9.34 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.03 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.09 – 2.01 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)** δ 172.5, 167.9, 154.4, 142.5, 141.9, 138.6, 133.8, 129.3, 128.6, 127.4, 126.7, 126.4, 125.9, 121.6, 120.6, 67.6, 46.2, 30.4, 21.1, one C(Ar) missing. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₂₂H₂₀N₃O₂S₂⁺, *m/z*: 422.0991, found: 422.0987. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 1612, 1563, 1138, 1095, 730, 673, 559 cm⁻¹.

4-methyl-*N*-(2-methyl-4'-phenylspiro[indole-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3ka**, 2:1 dr)



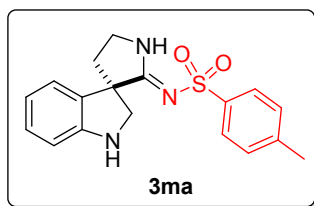
According to the general procedure, **3ka** was obtained in 95% yield (81 mg). White solid, mp = 110.2 – 111.5 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.80 (s, 0.33H, minor), 8.71 (s, 0.65H, major), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 0.65H, minor), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1.30H, major), 7.49 – 7.27 (m, 2H, minor + major), 7.22 – 6.93 (m, 7H, minor + major), 6.84 – 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1.33H, major), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 0.66H, minor), 4.37 – 4.08 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 2H, major), 1.86 (s, 1H, minor), 2.36 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 178.4, 177.0, 168.5, 168.5, 156.2, 155.3, 143.1, 143.0, 140.1, 138.9, 138.8, 136.3, 134.5, 133.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 126.6, 126.3, 126.3, 126.2, 125.3, 123.0, 122.3, 120.6, 120.6, 73.1, 72.9, 49.0, 48.4, 47.5, 47.0, 21.6, 18.7, 16.9, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₂₅H₂₄N₃O₂S⁺, *m/z*: 430.1584, found: 430.1585. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 1611, 1275, 1142, 828, 675, 555 cm⁻¹.

4-methyl-*N*-(2-methylspiro[indole-3,3'-indolin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3la**)



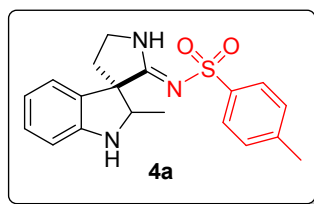
According to the general procedure, **3la** was obtained in 95% yield (76 mg). White solid, mp = 191.2 – 192.5 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 10.41 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 176.8, 166.8, 157.2, 143.6, 142.9, 138.9, 138.2, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 126.6, 126.5, 126.5, 124.7, 123.5, 122.9, 120.7, 111.9, 73.2, 21.7, 16.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₂S⁺, m/z: 402.1271, found: 402.1275. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 1627, 1607, 1273, 1142, 1088, 790, 749, 564 cm⁻¹.

4-methyl-*N*-(spiro[indoline-3,3'-pyrrolidin]-2'-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide (**3ma**)



According to the general procedure, **3ma** was obtained in 83% yield (55 mg). White solid, mp = 128.3 – 129.9 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.15 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 172.3, 150.8, 142.7, 139.3, 131.5, 129.3, 129.0, 126.2, 122.6, 119.2, 110.6, 58.1, 56.8, 44.2, 35.6, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₈H₂₀N₃O₂S⁺, m/z: 342.1271, found: 342.1279. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 3320, 1603, 1485, 1247, 1137, 1084, 875, 738, 558 cm⁻¹.

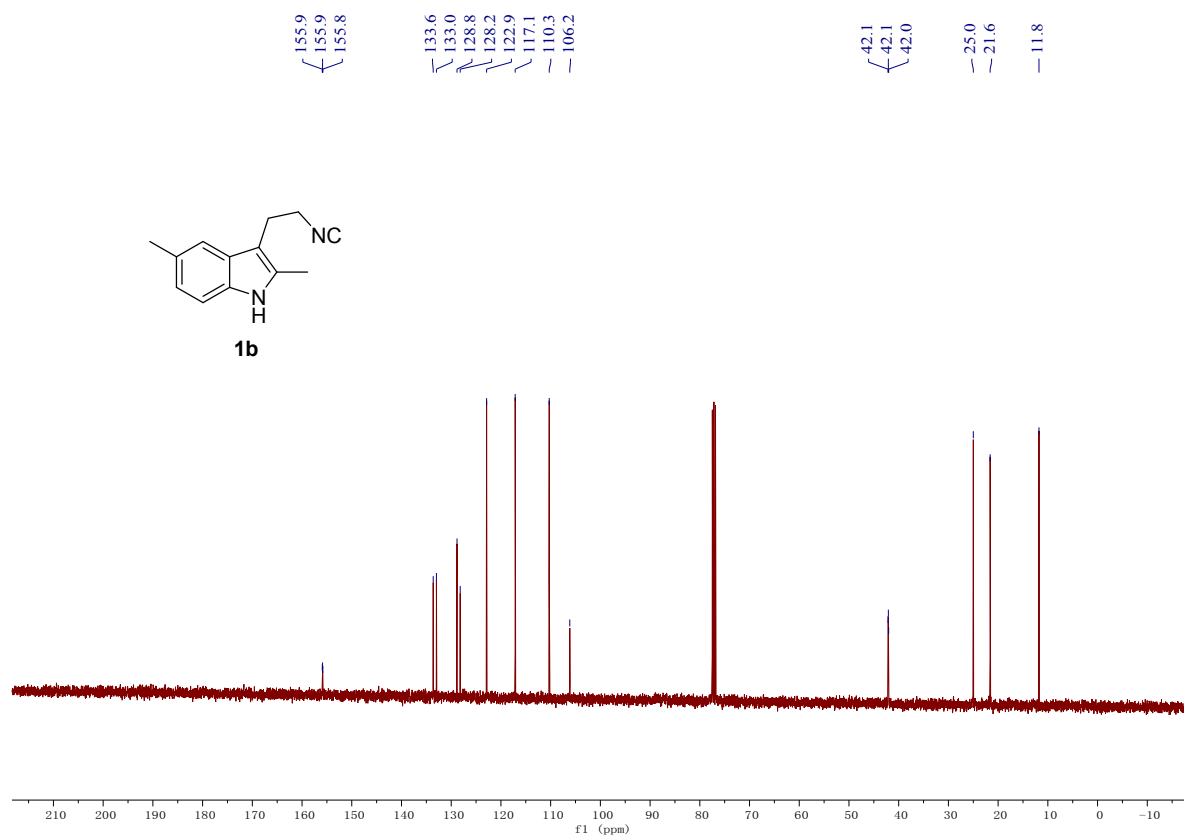
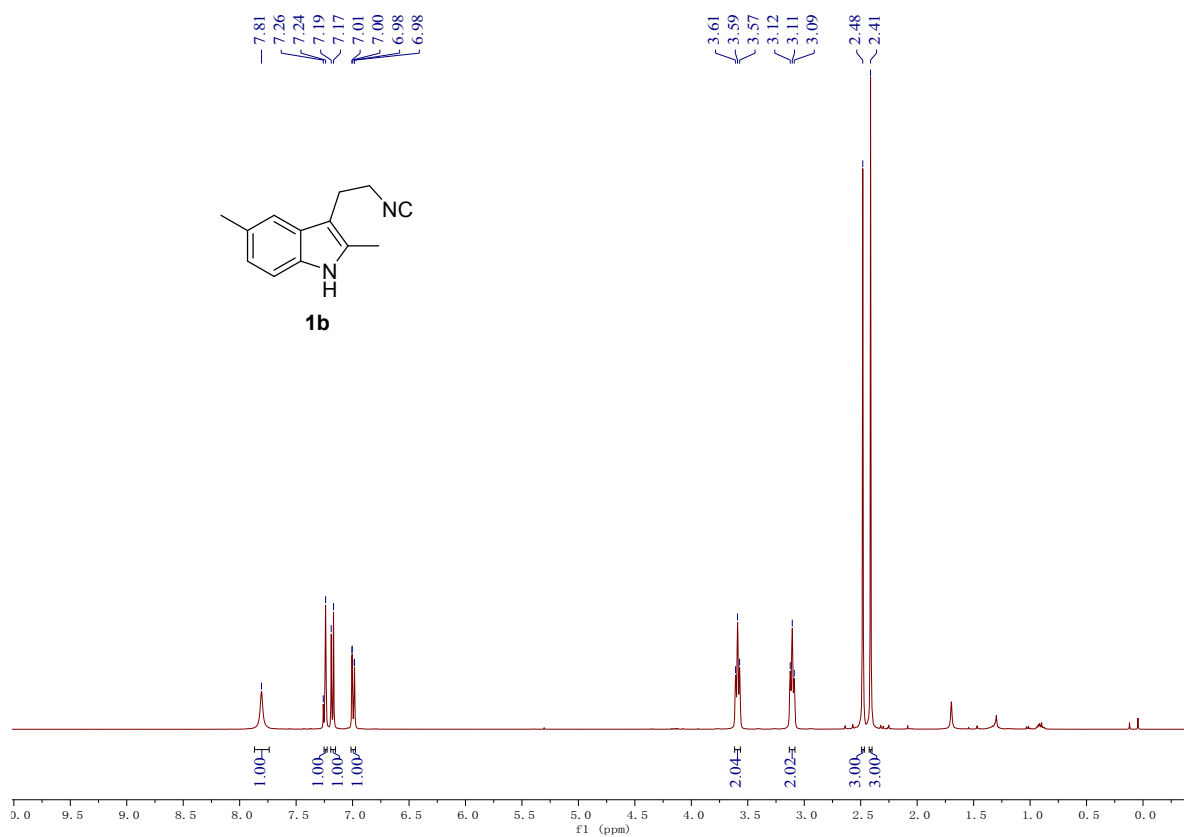
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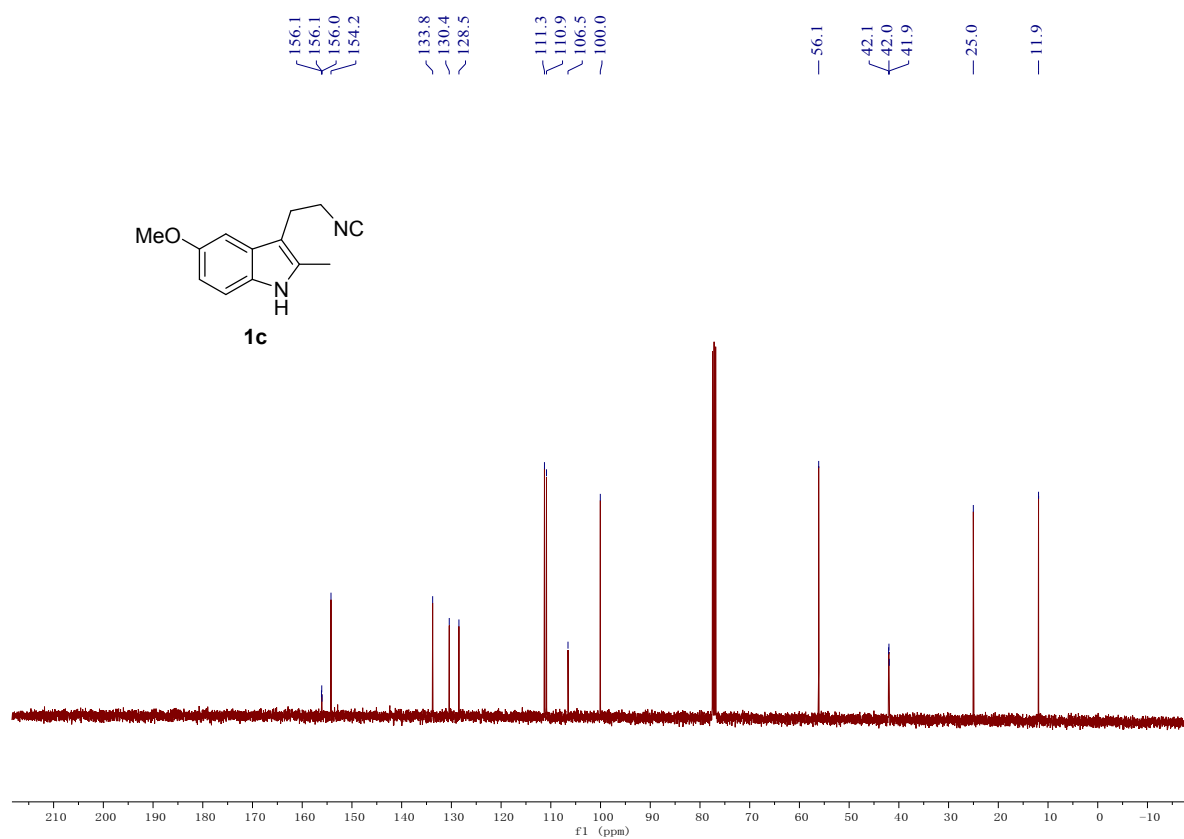
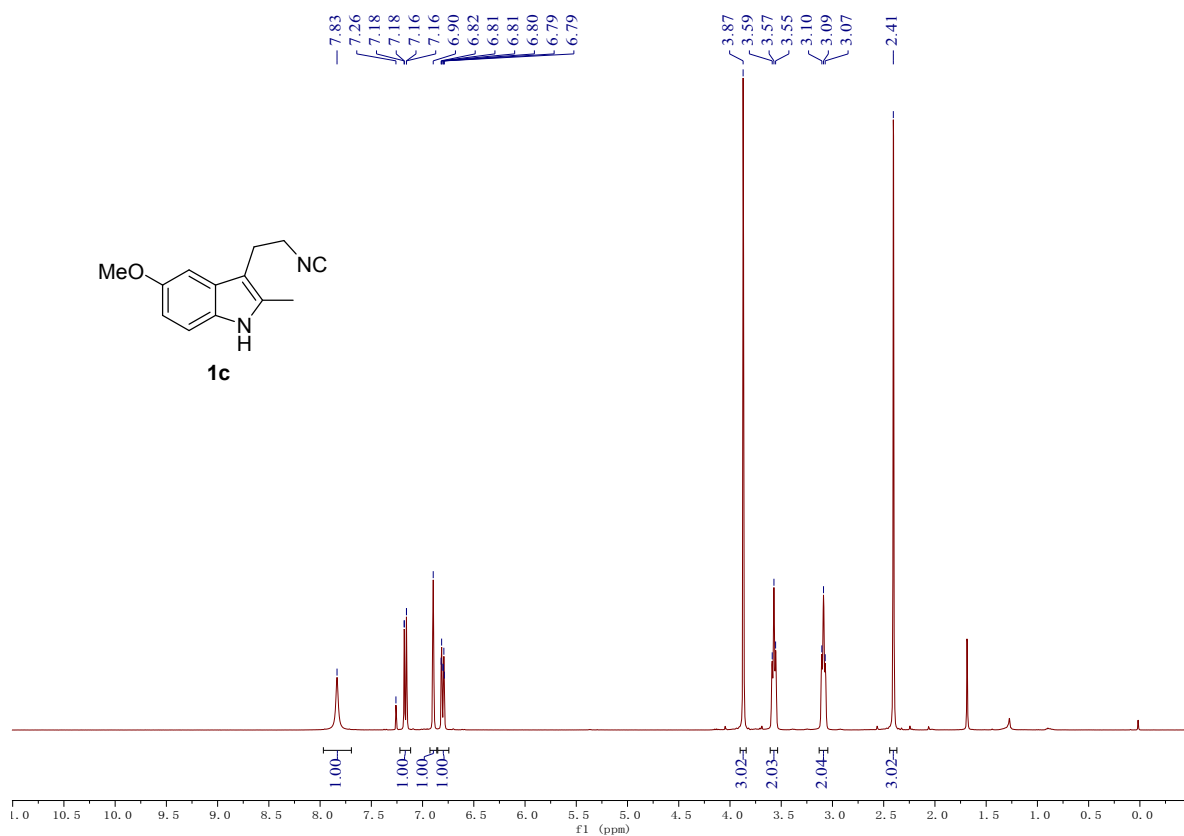


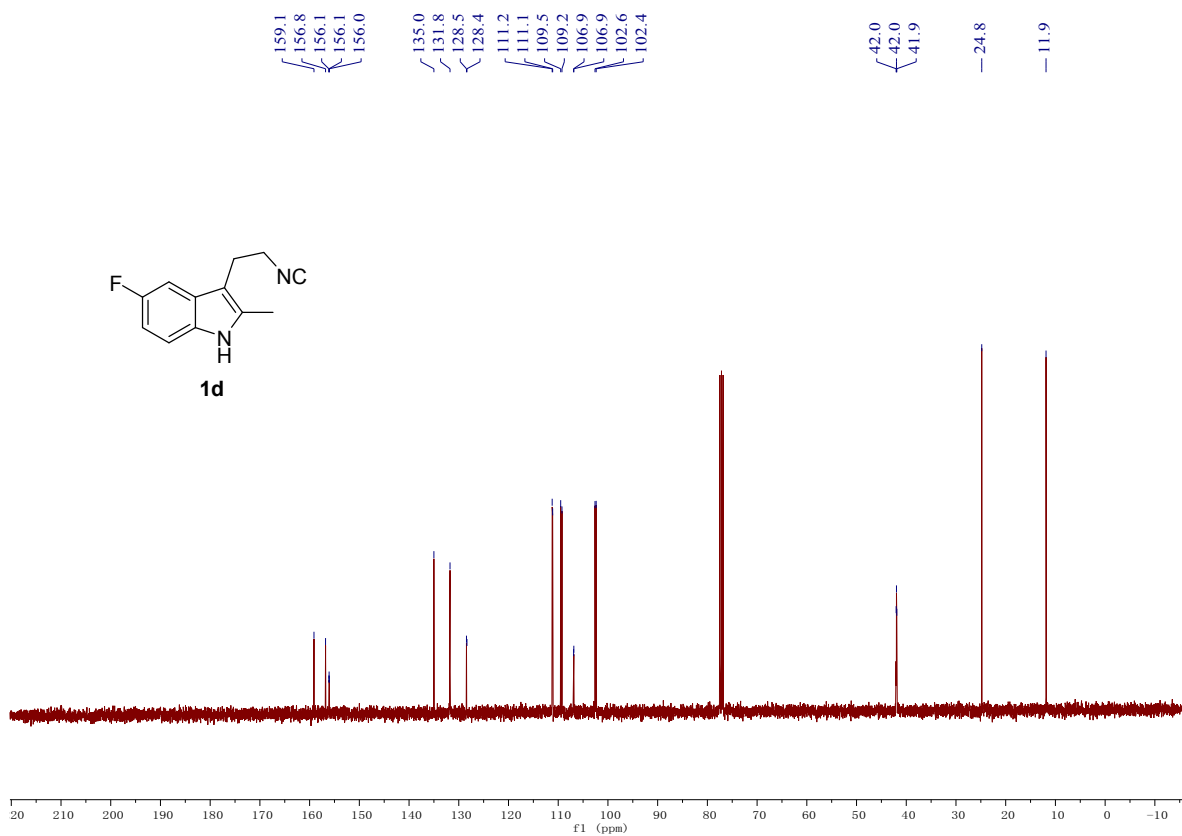
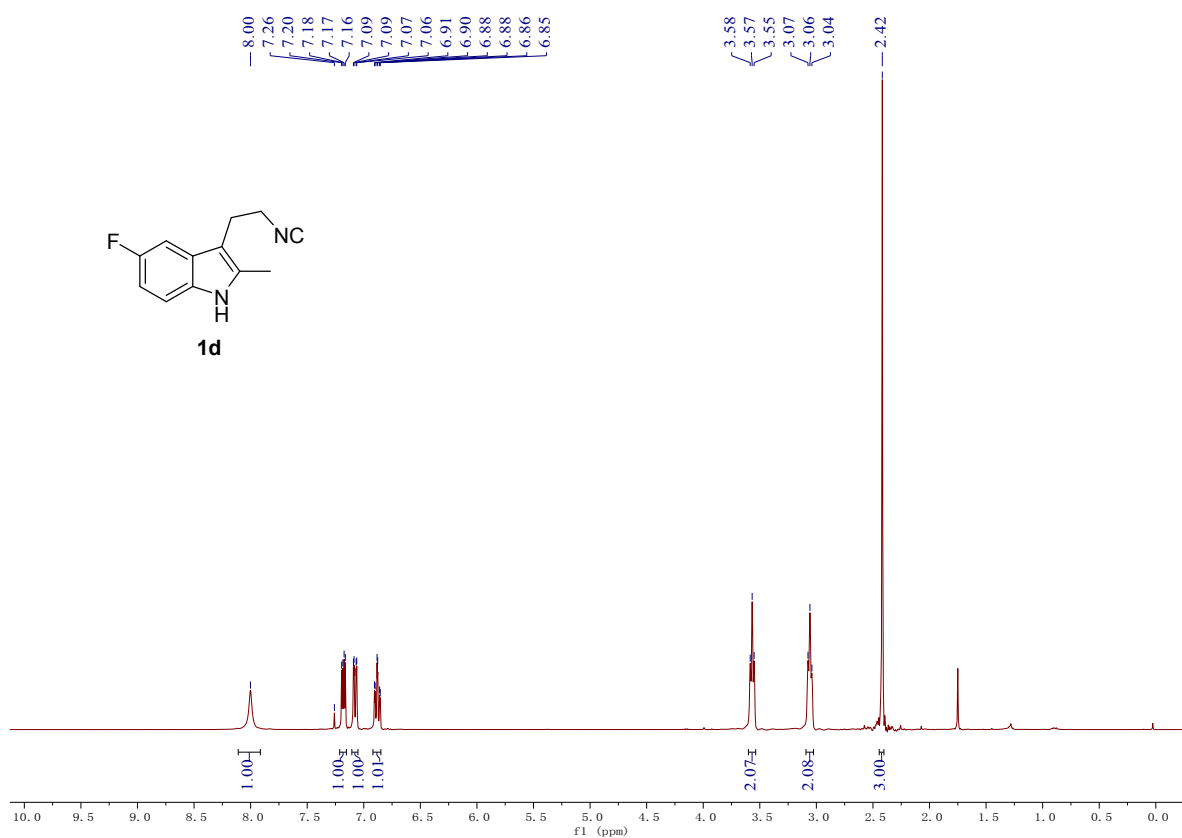
According to the general procedure, **4a** was obtained in 78% yield (55 mg). White solid, mp = 226.5 – 227.8 °C. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)** δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 3.75 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.48 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.21 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 0.79 (d, *J*

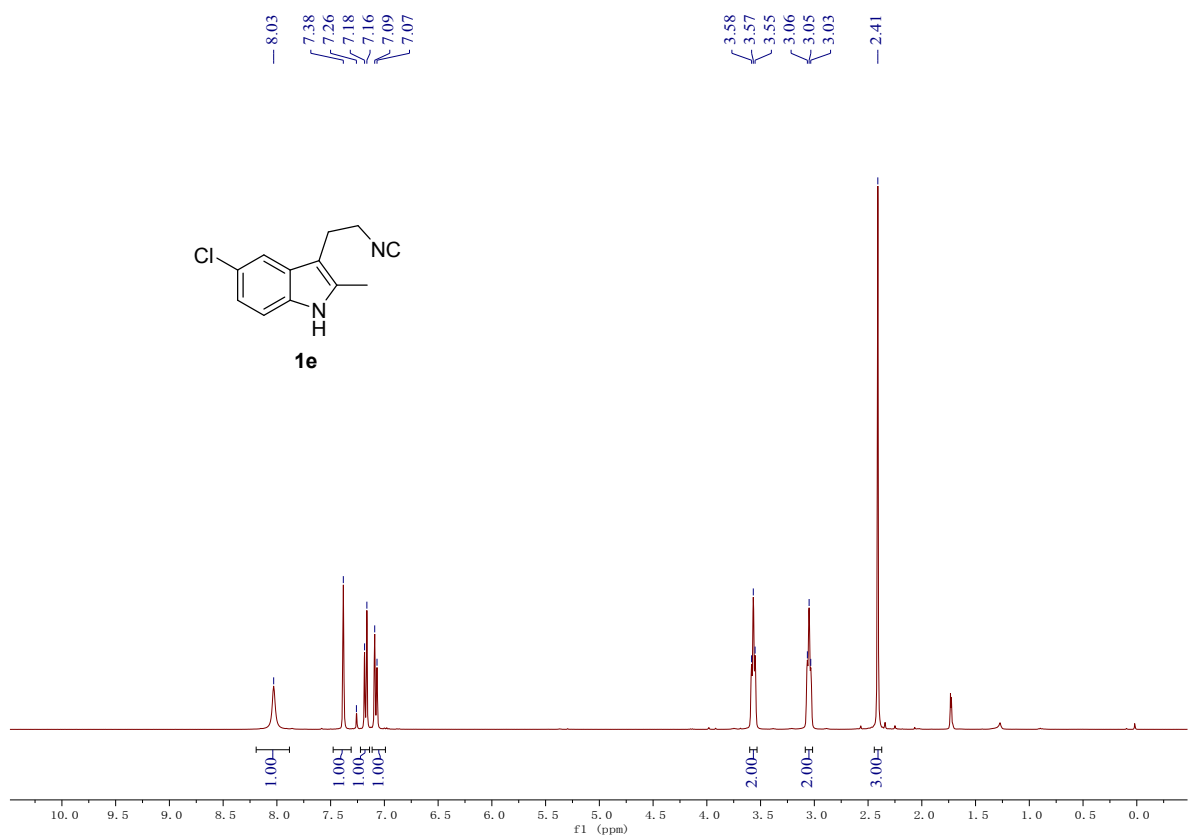
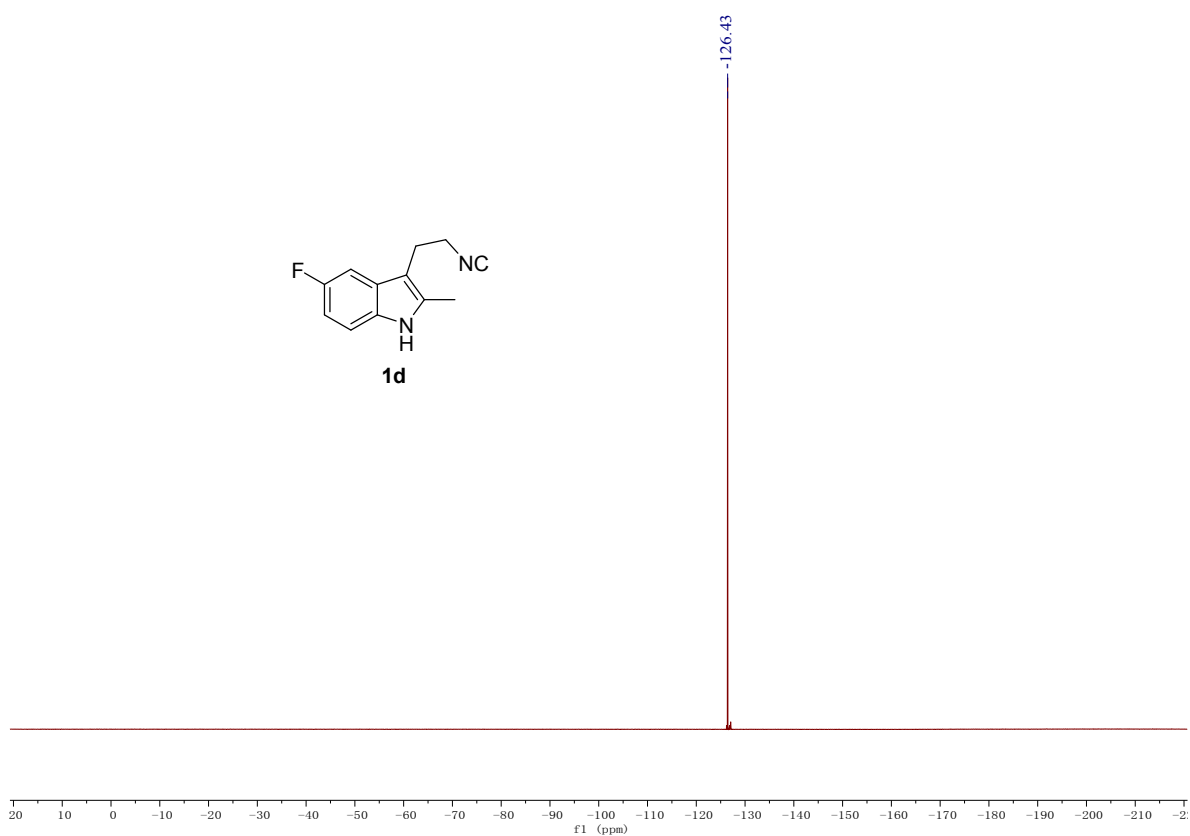
= 6.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)** δ 169.5, 152.0, 142.1, 140.0, 130.9, 129.2, 128.4, 126.1, 123.8, 117.3, 108.8, 64.5, 60.4, 44.4, 35.1, 21.0, 16.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for [M+Na]⁺ C₁₉H₂₁N₃NaO₂S⁺, m/z: 378.1245, found: 378.1247. **IR (thin film):** ν_{max} 1586, 1258, 1143, 1081, 866, 724, 631, 540 cm⁻¹.

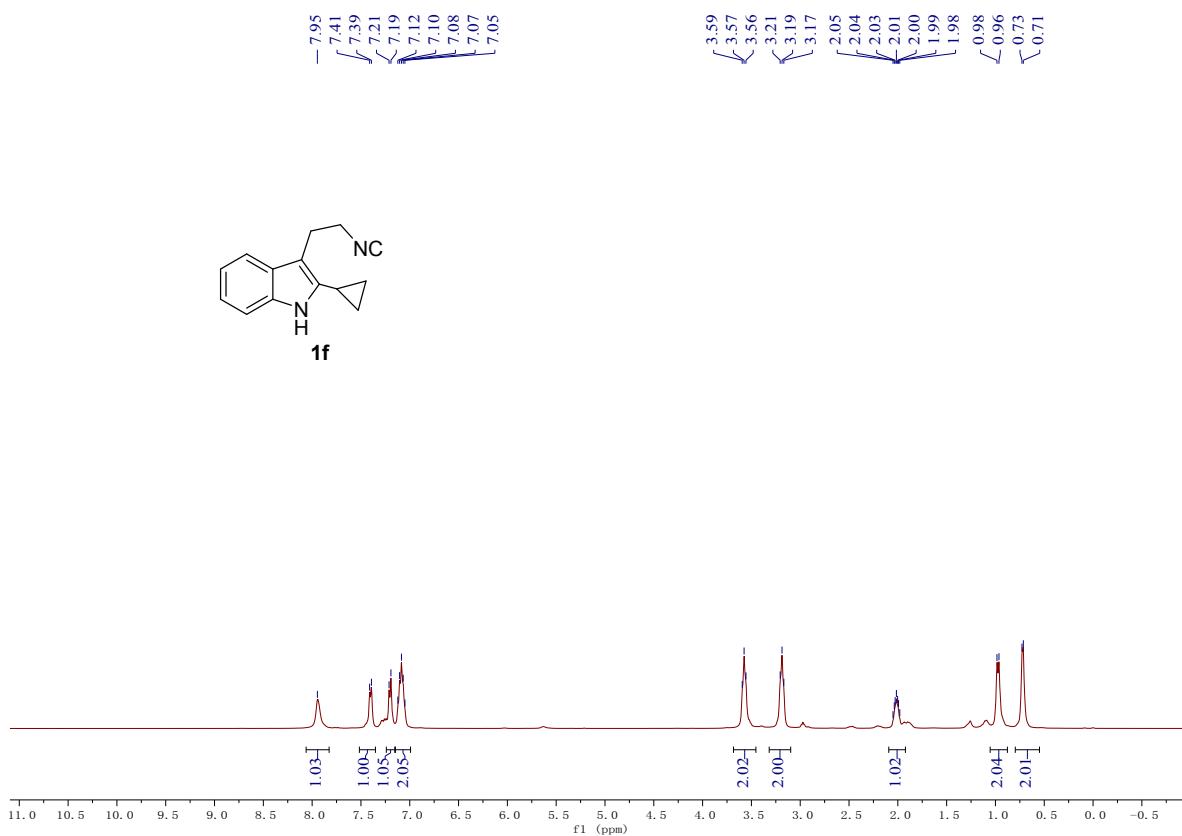
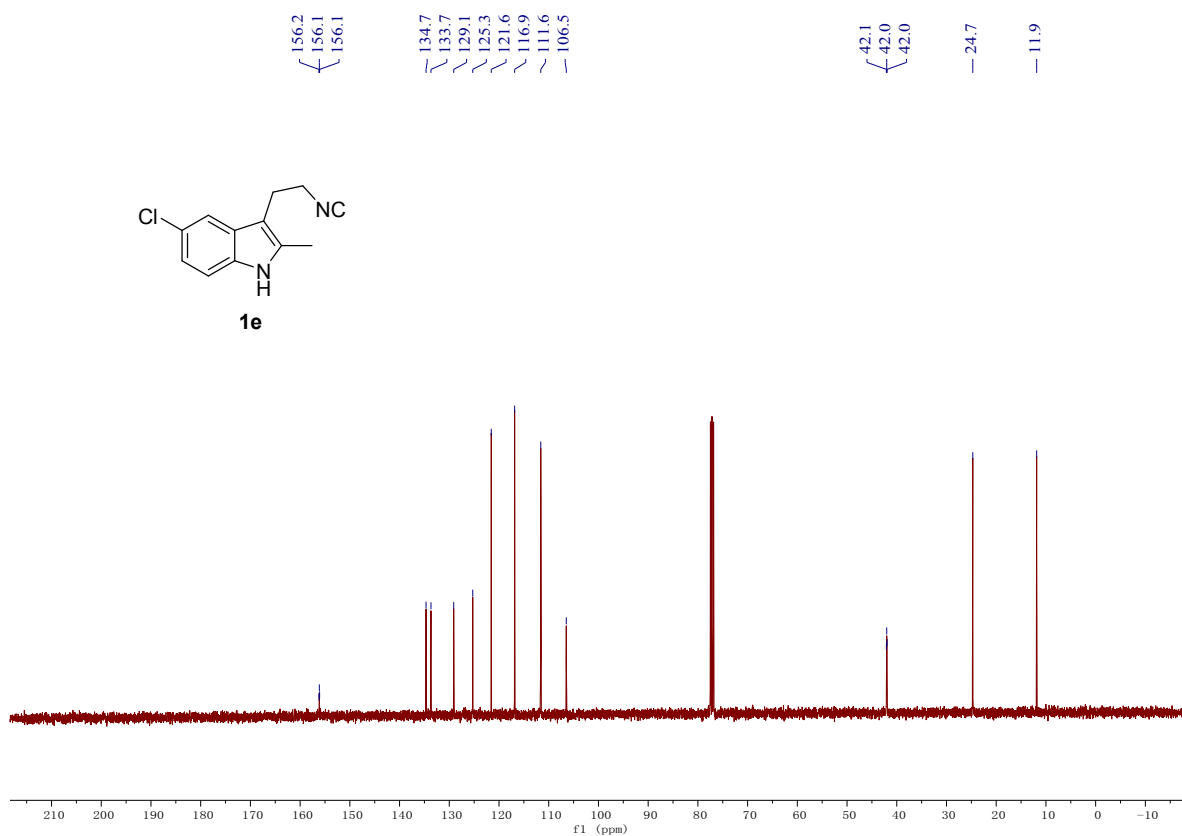
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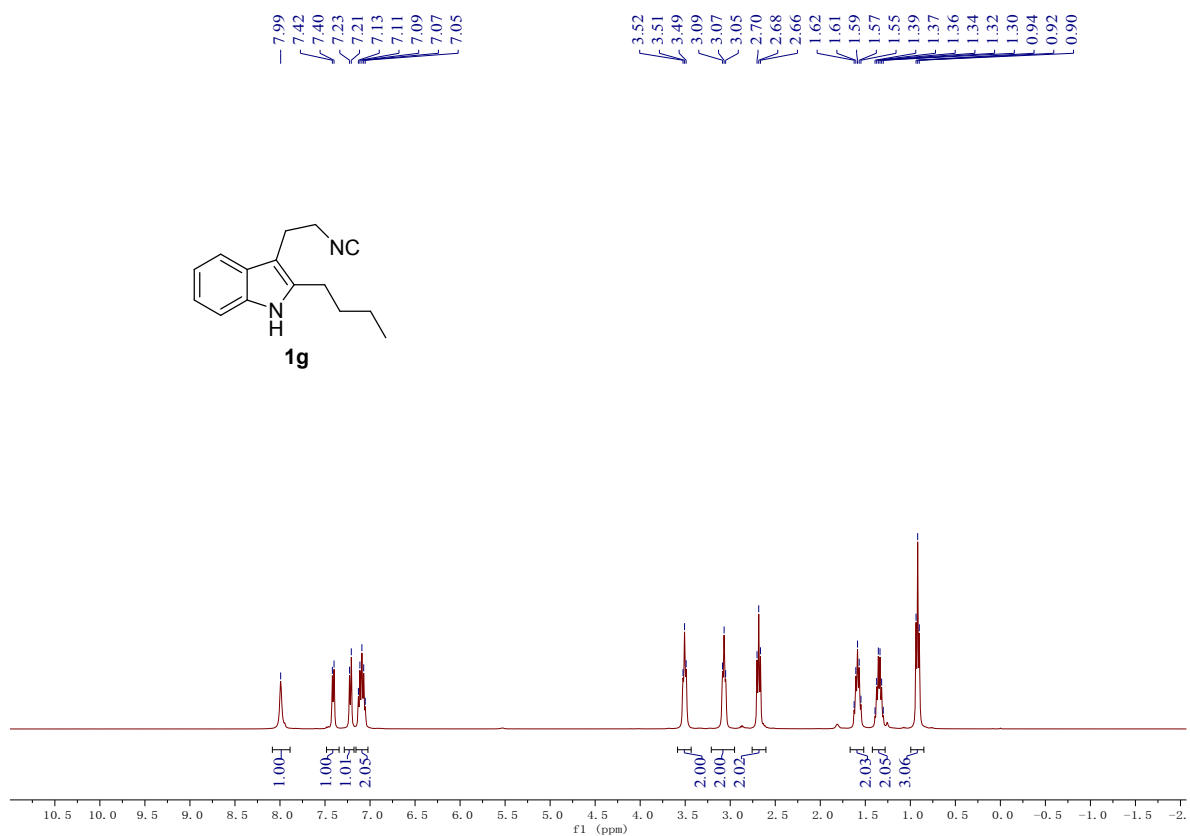
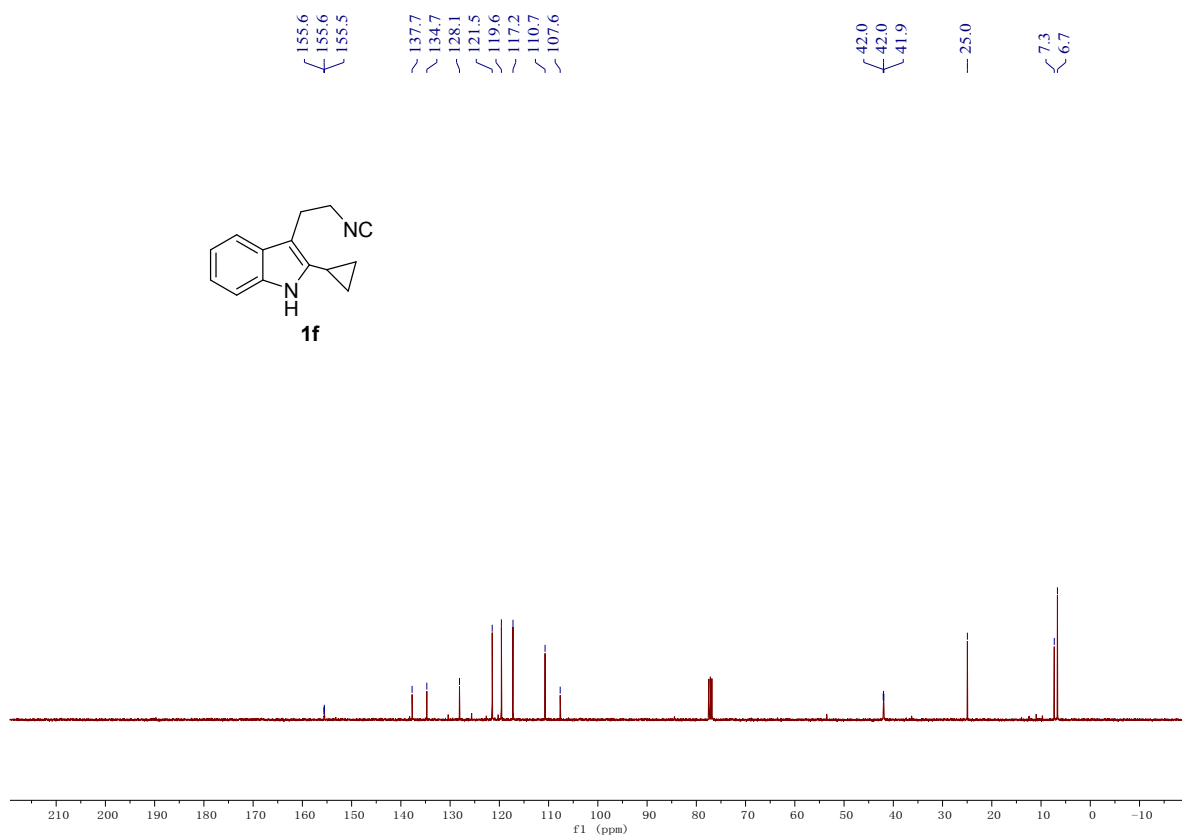


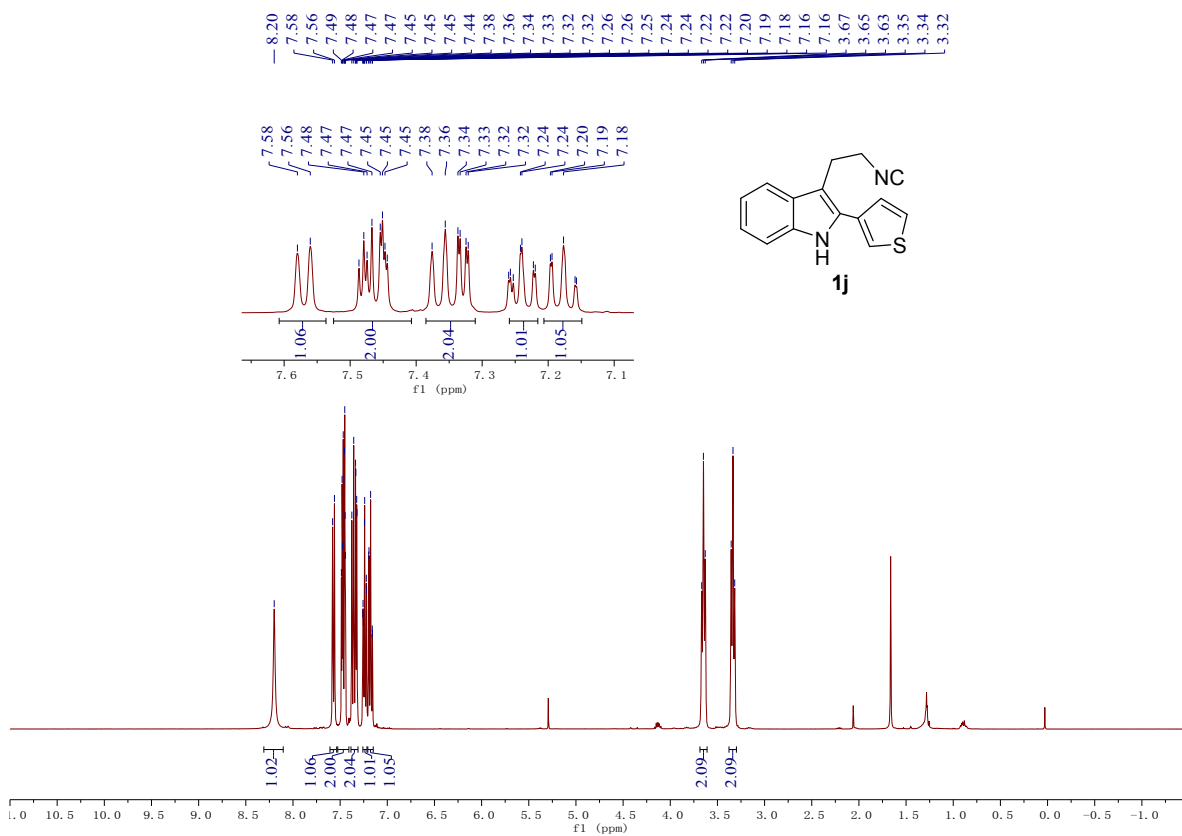
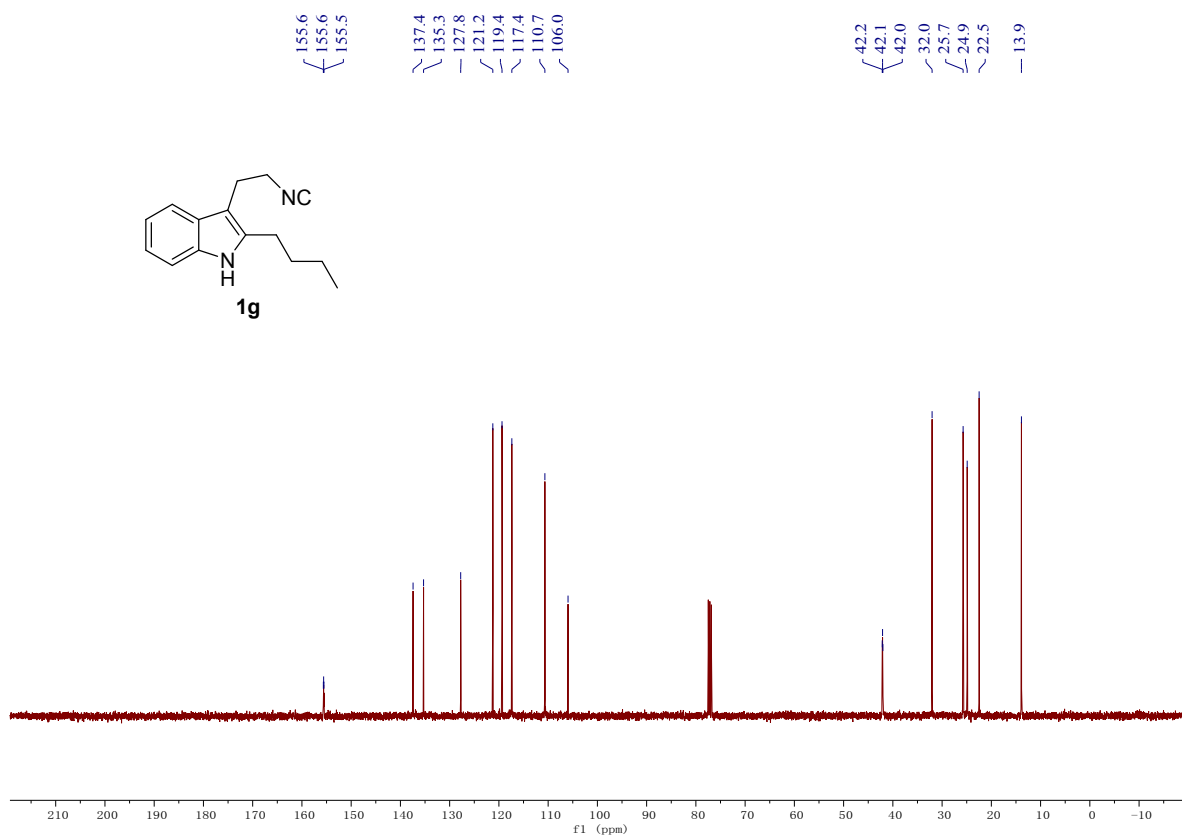


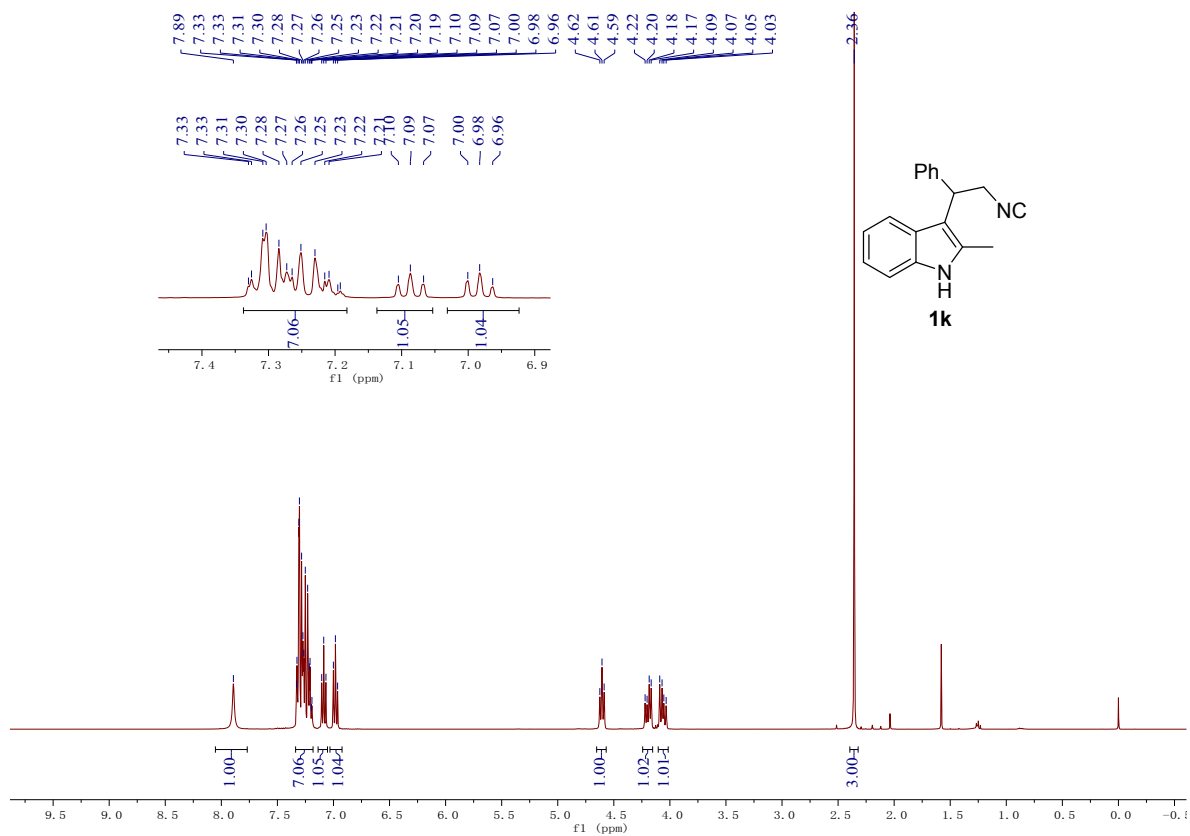
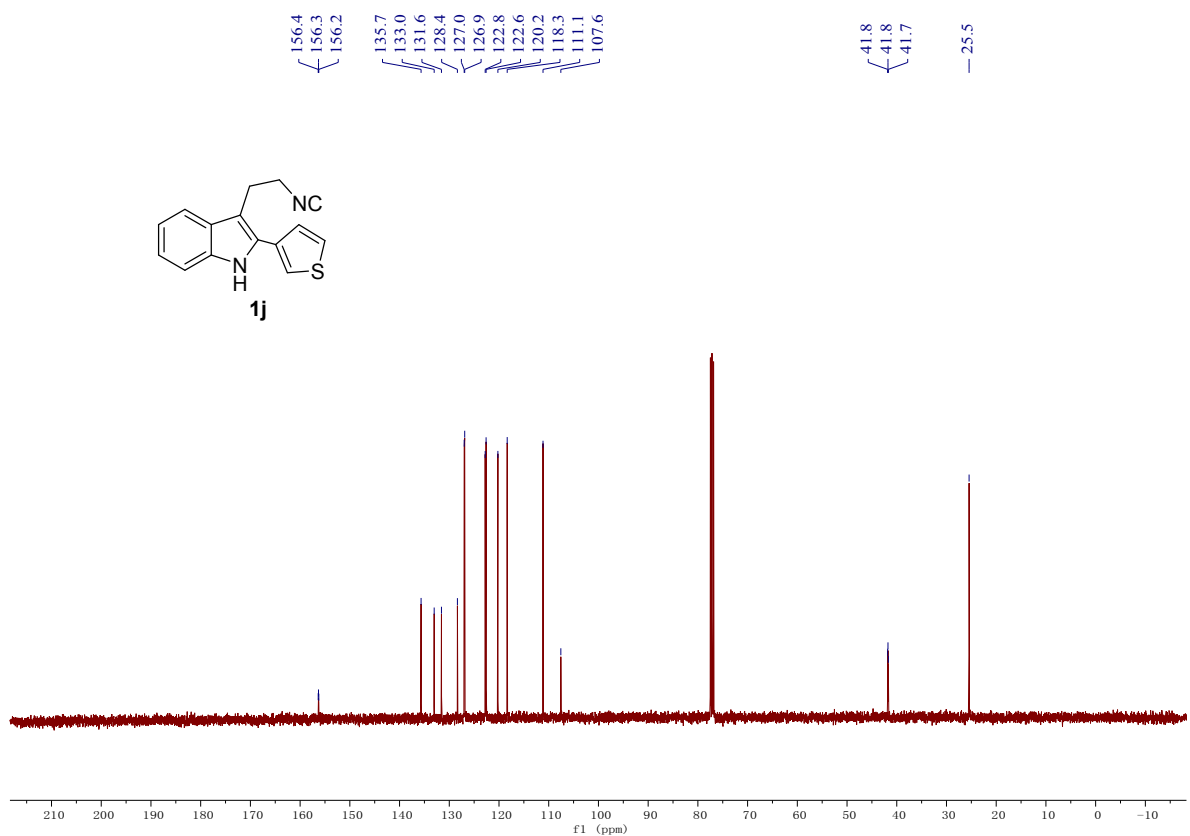


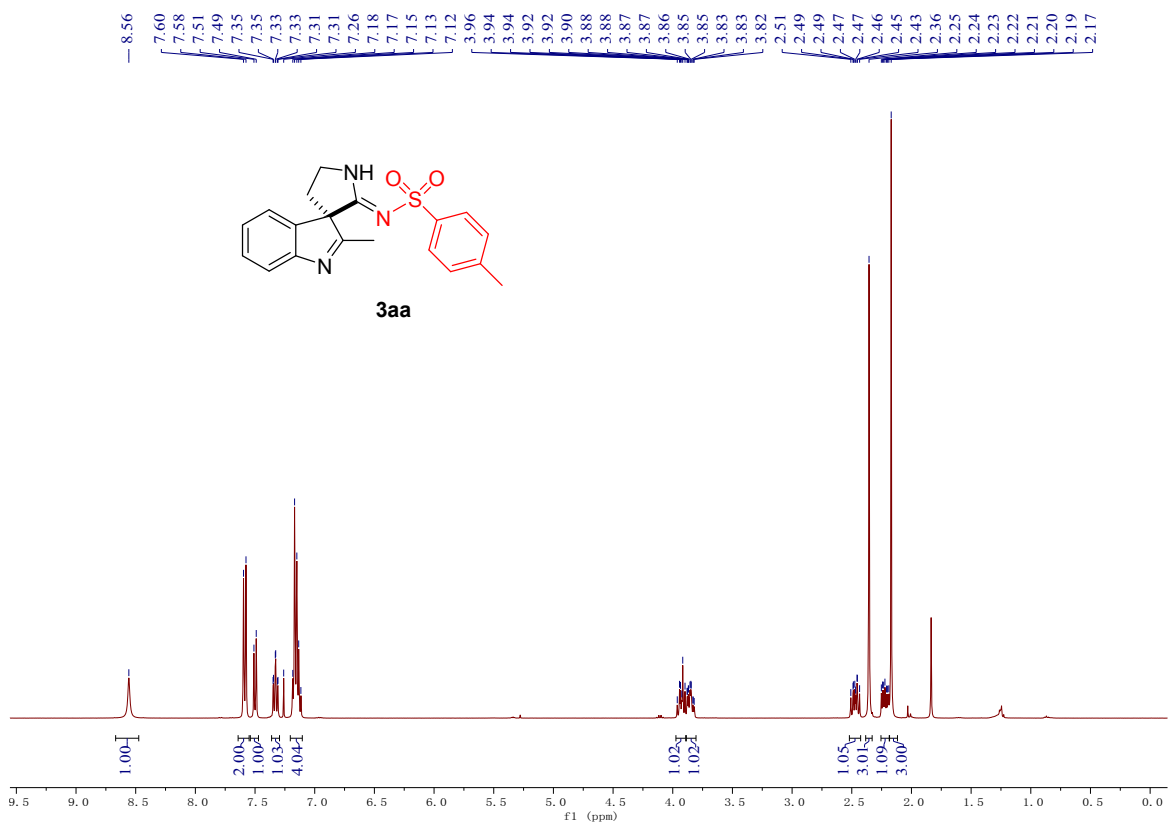
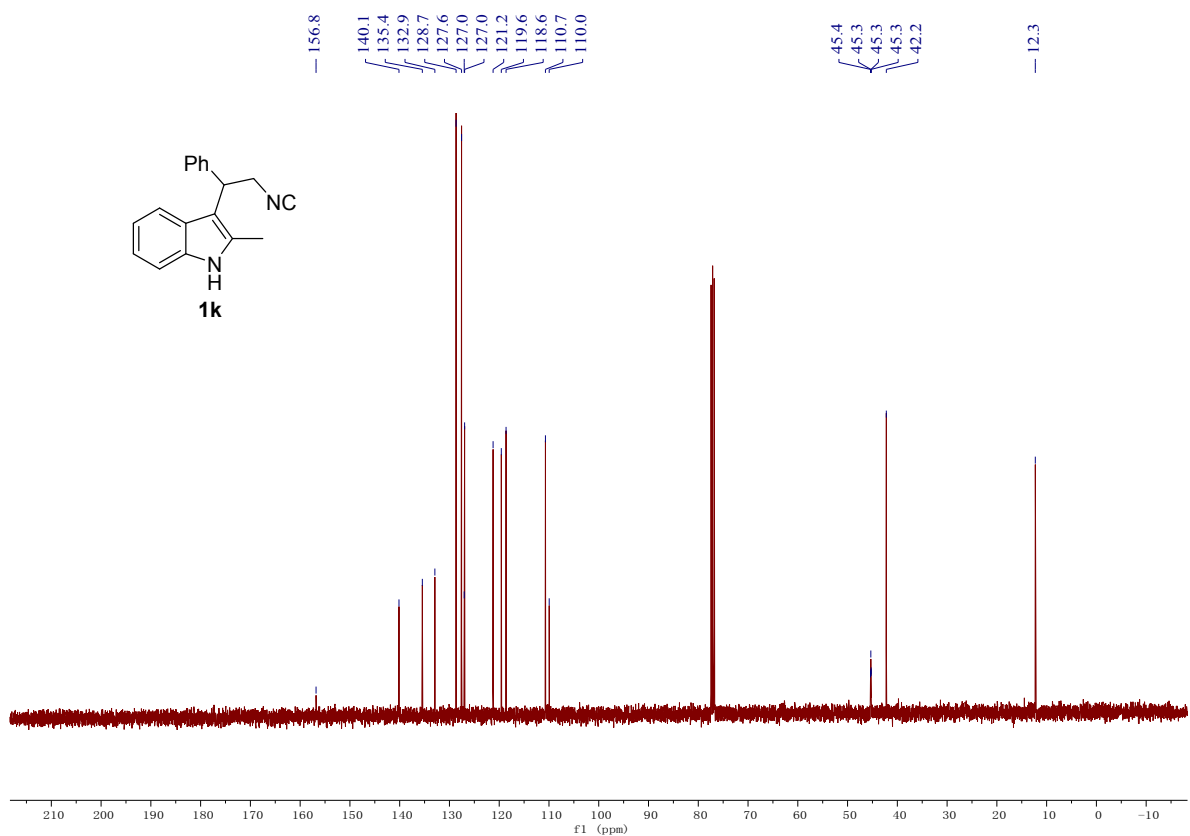


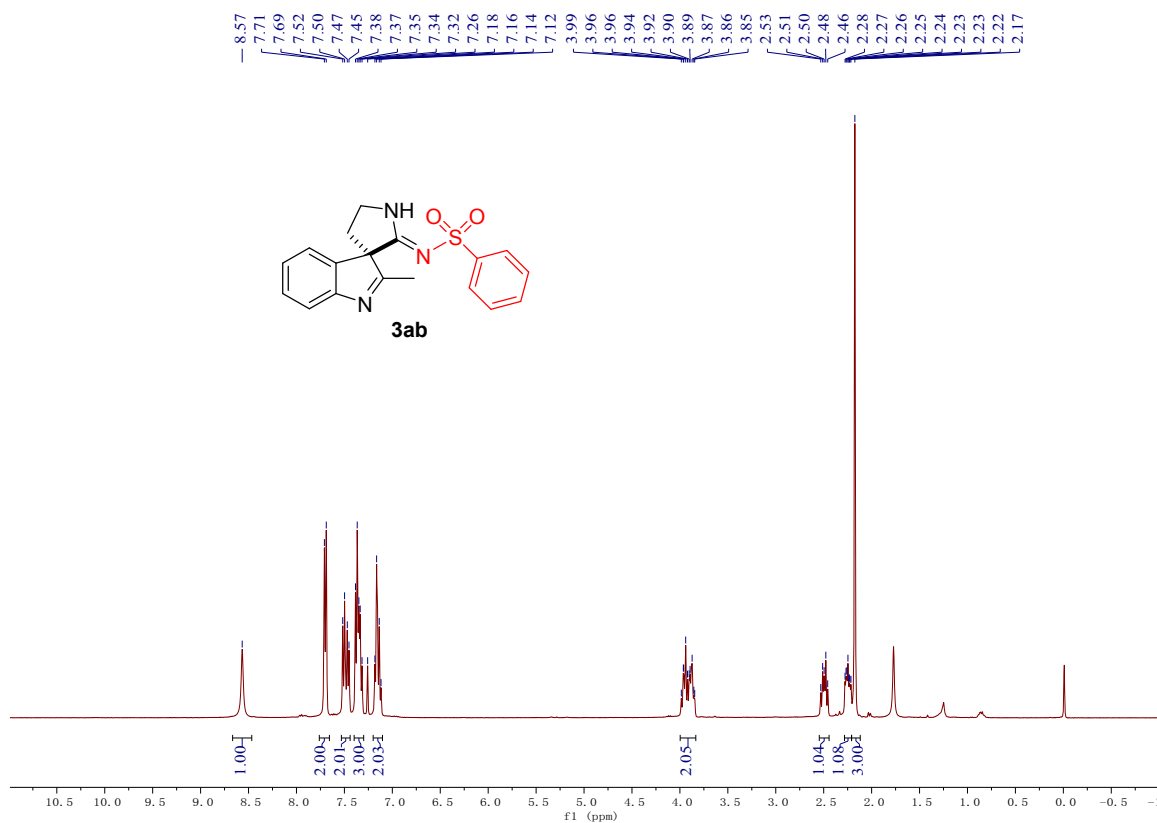
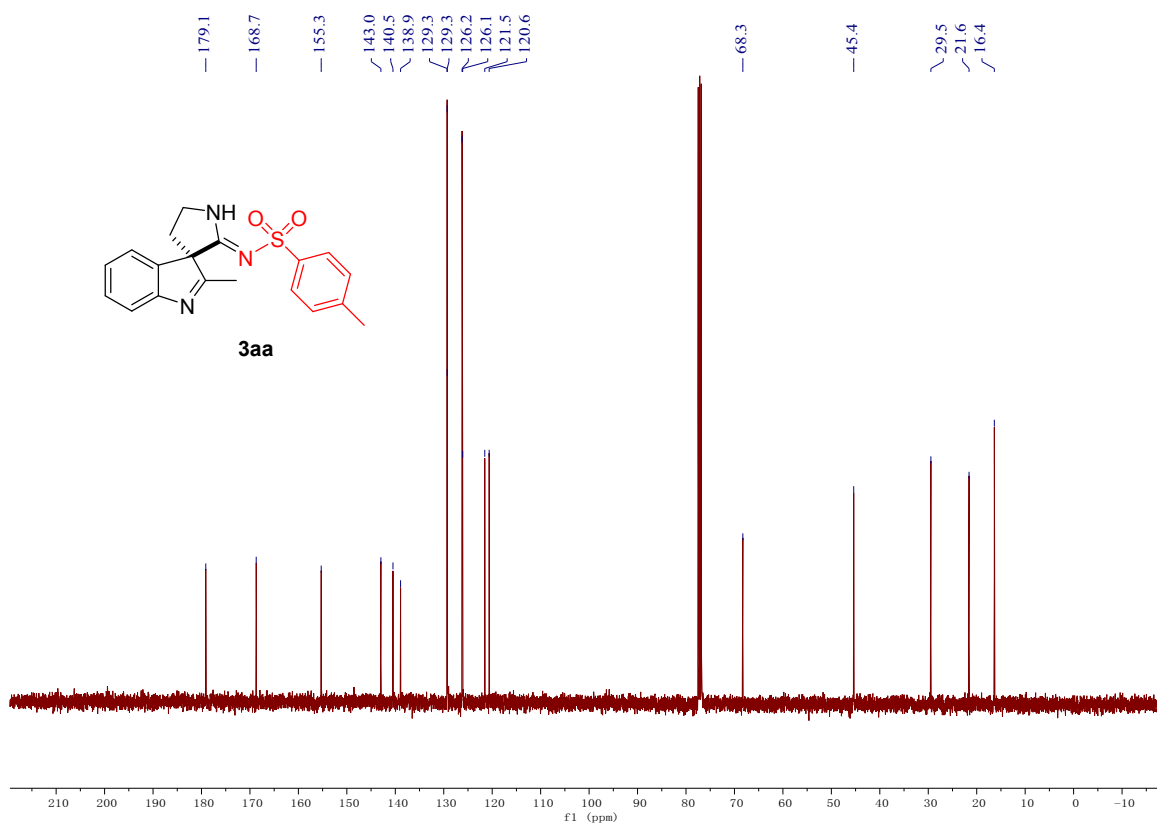


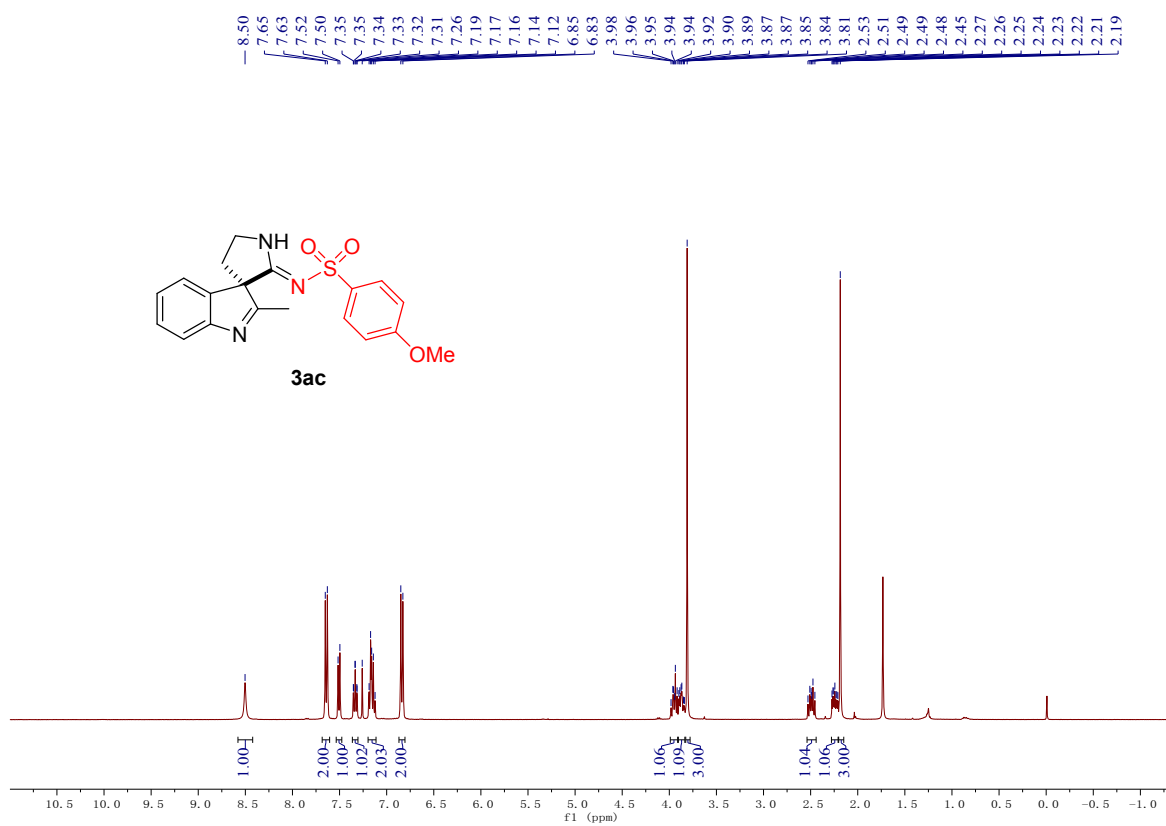
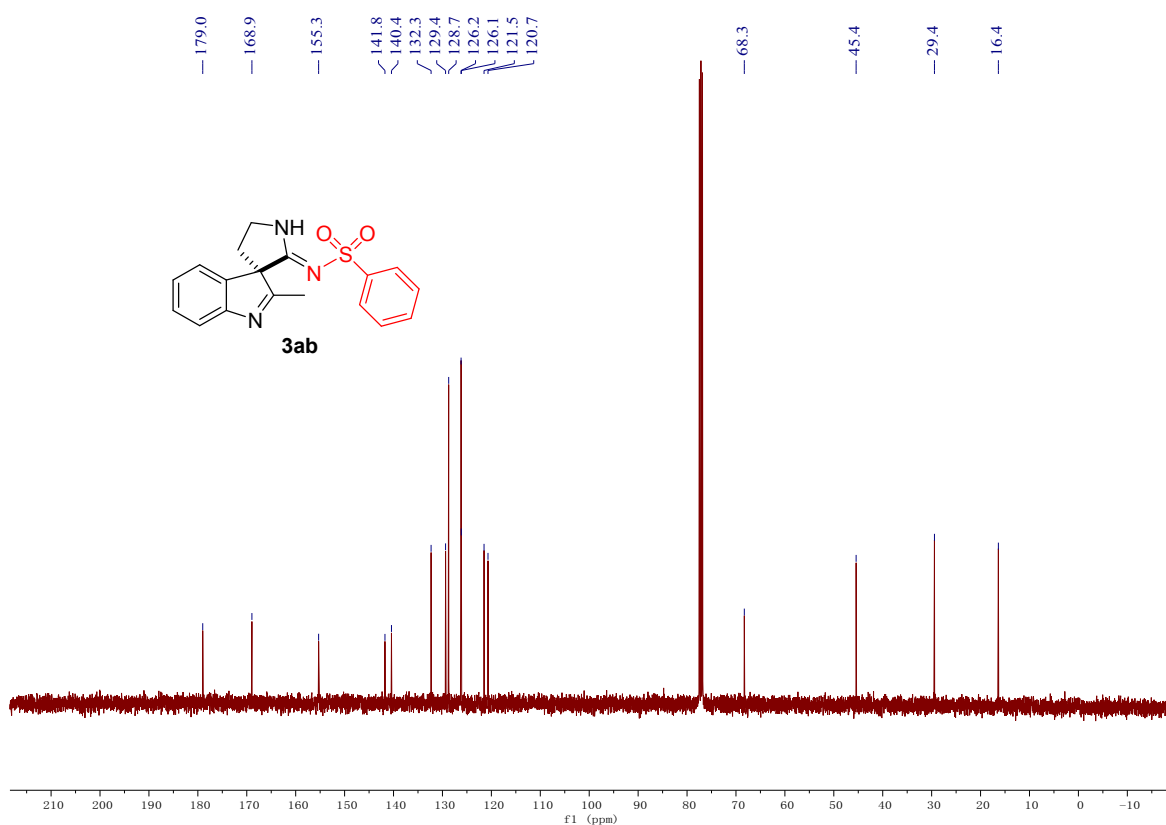


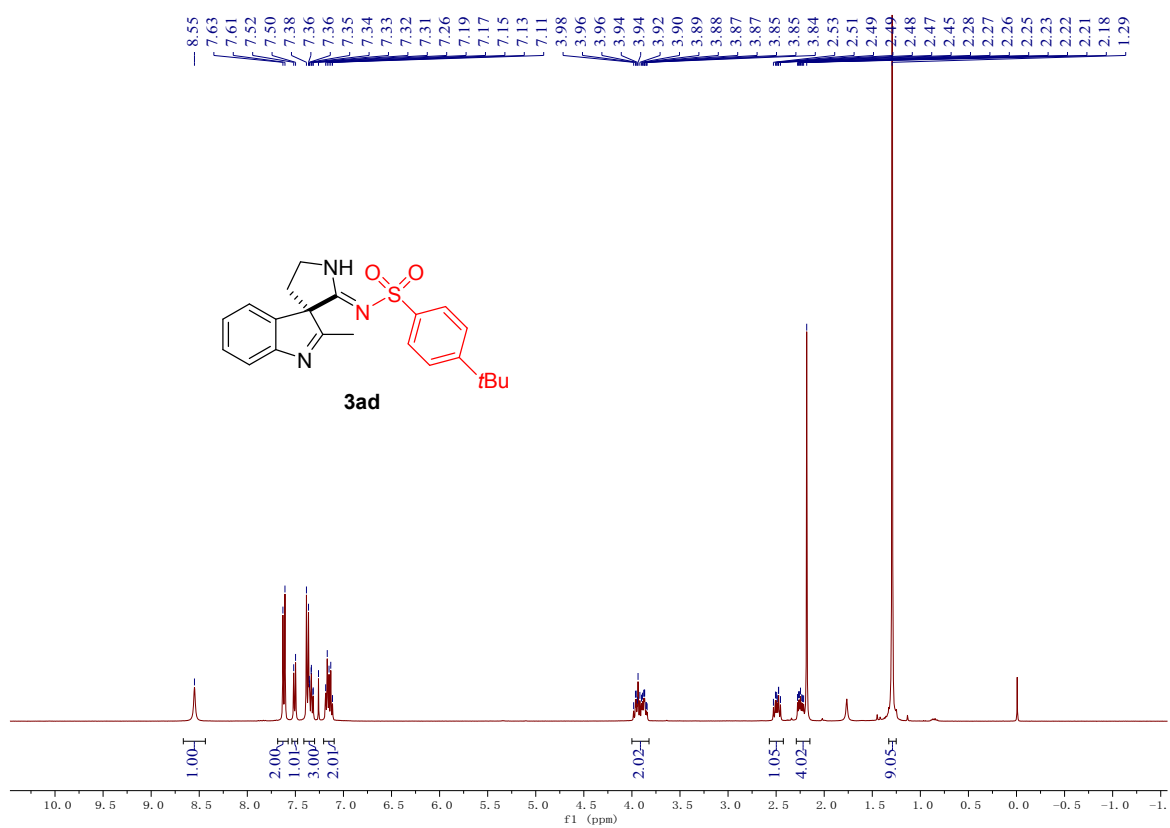
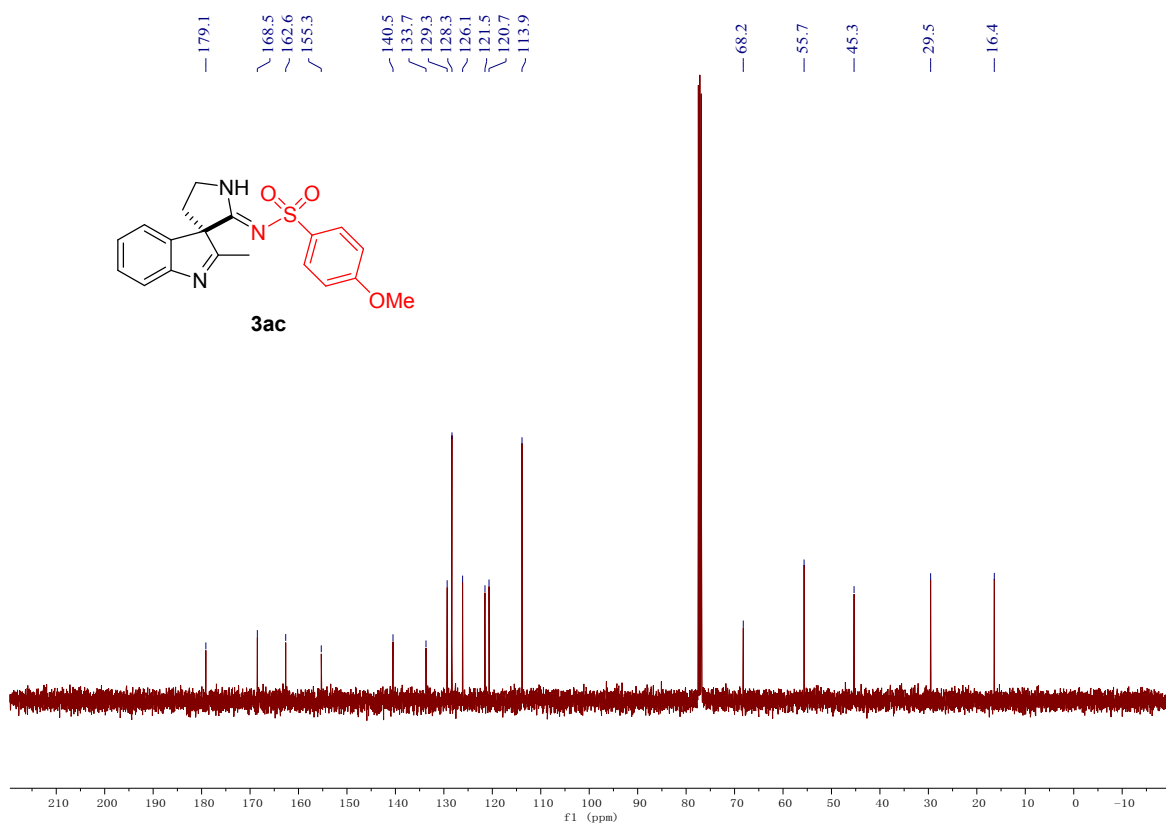


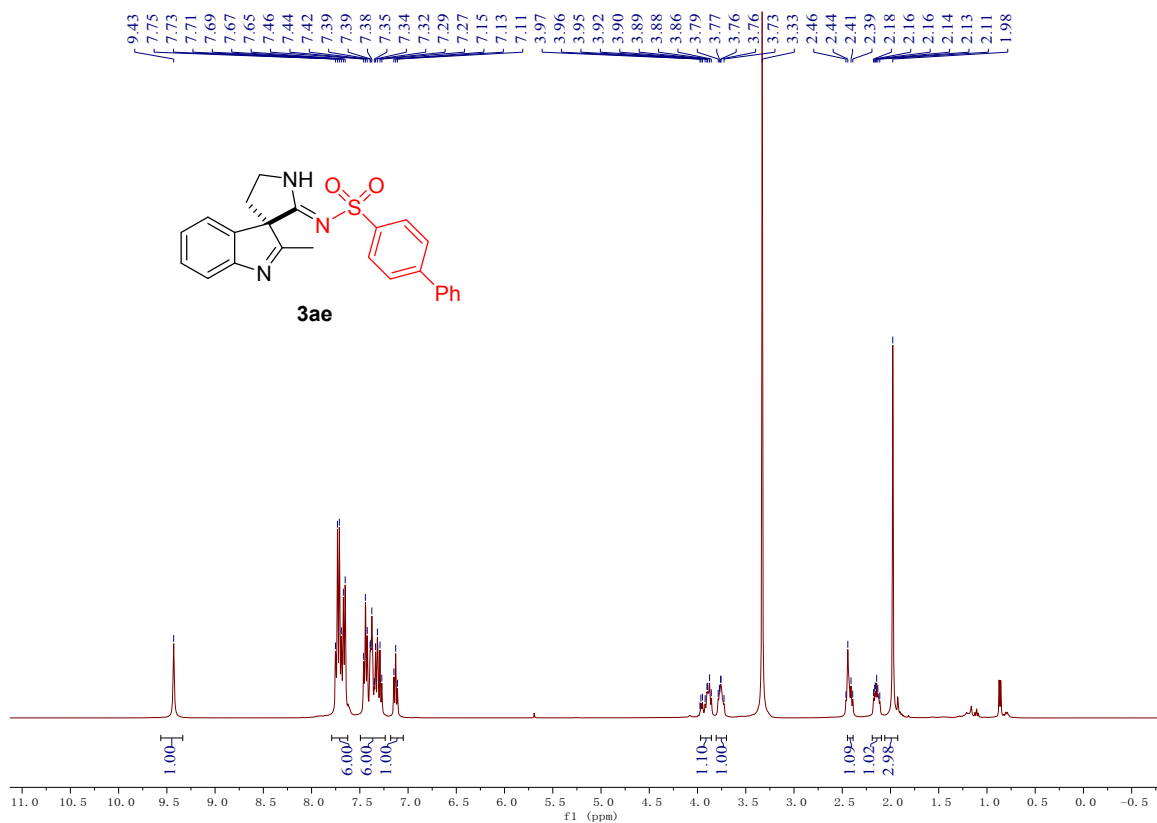
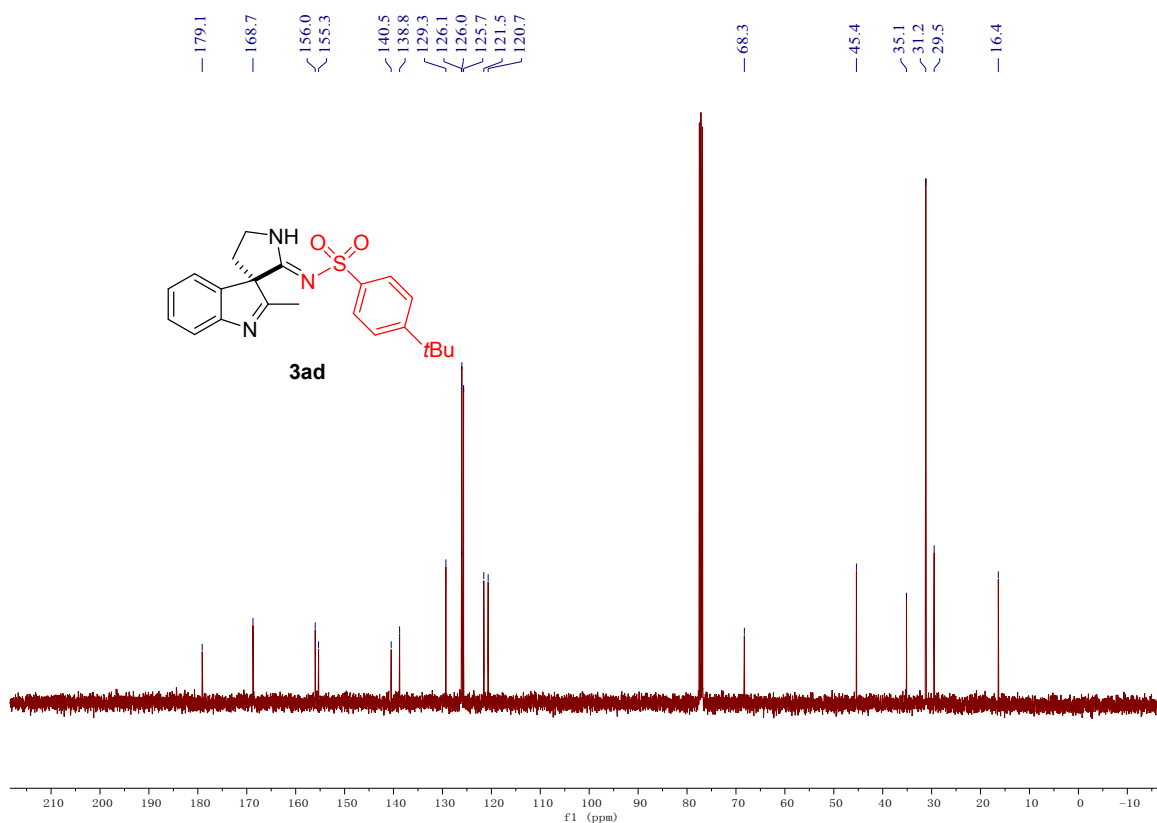


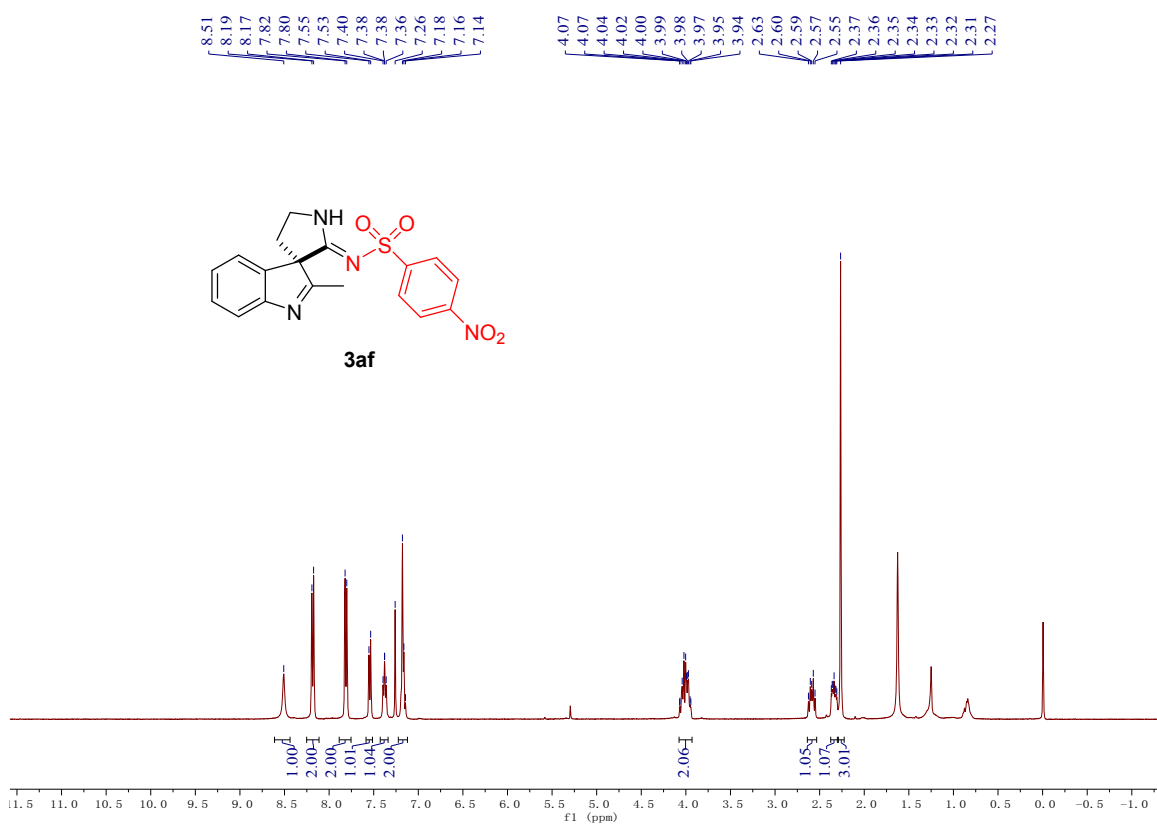
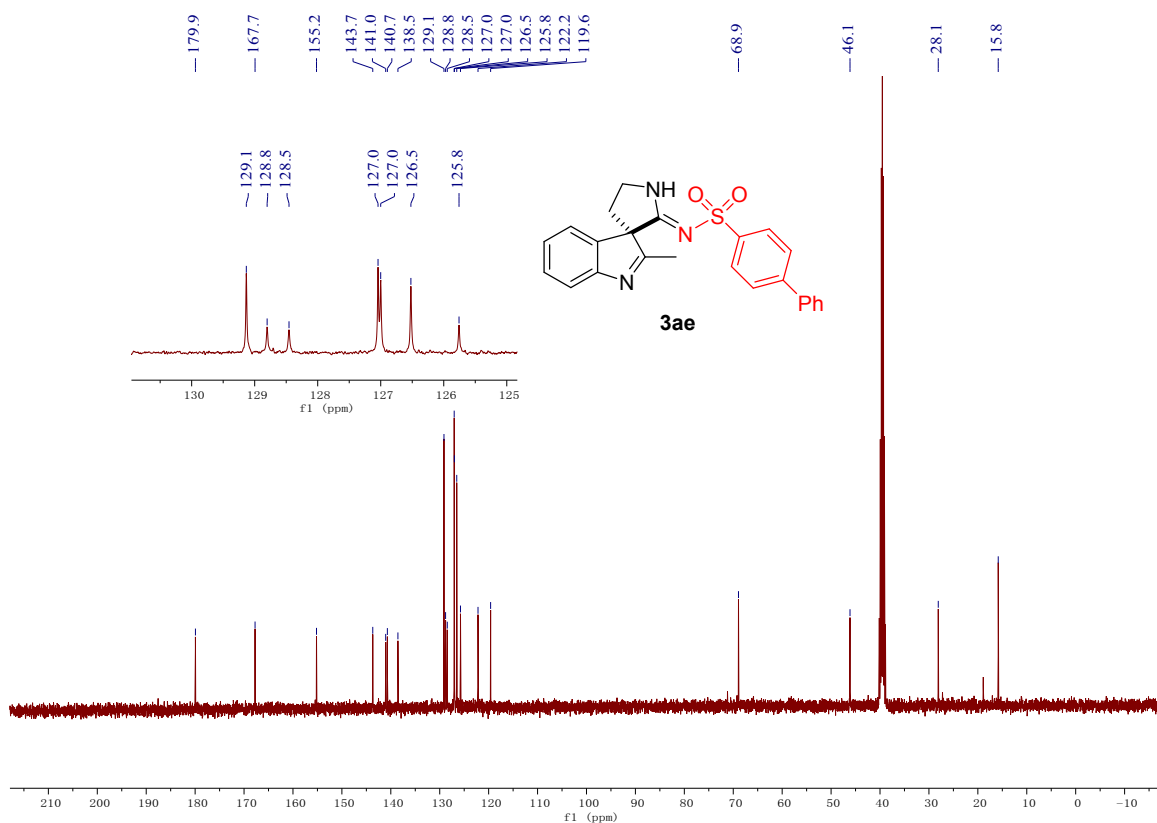


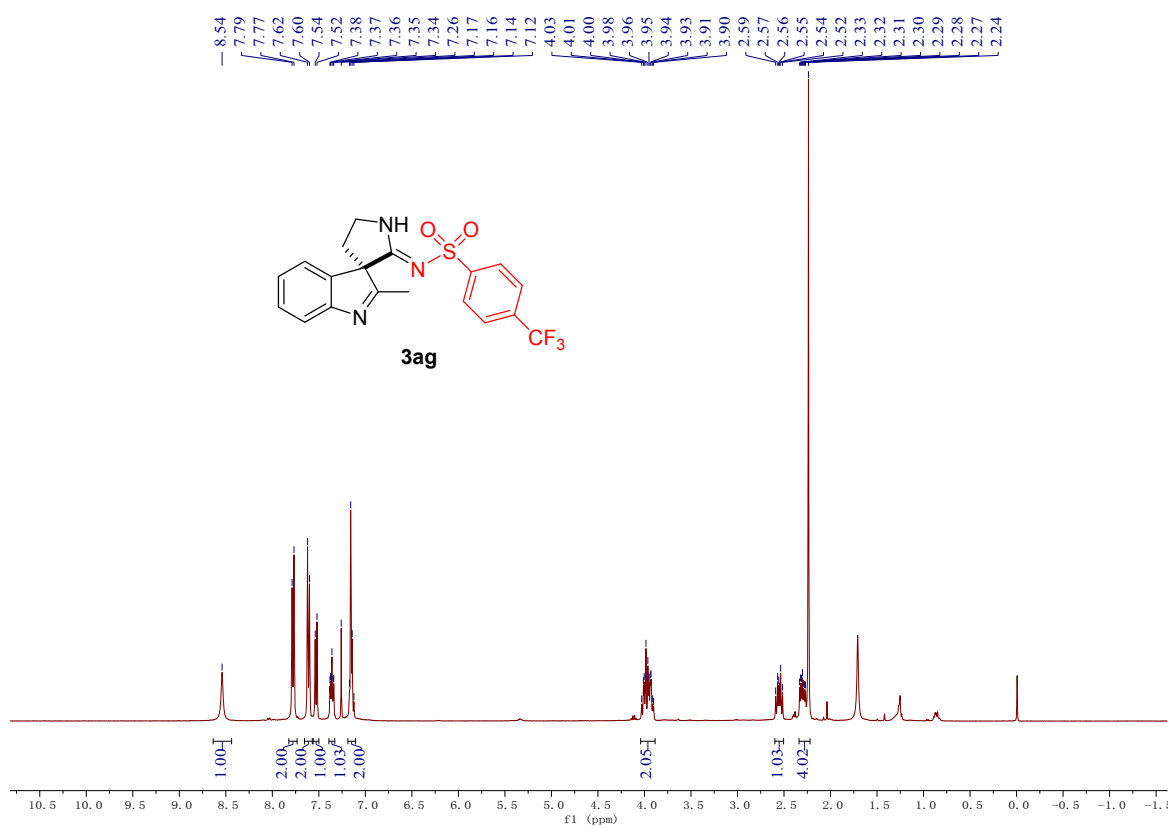
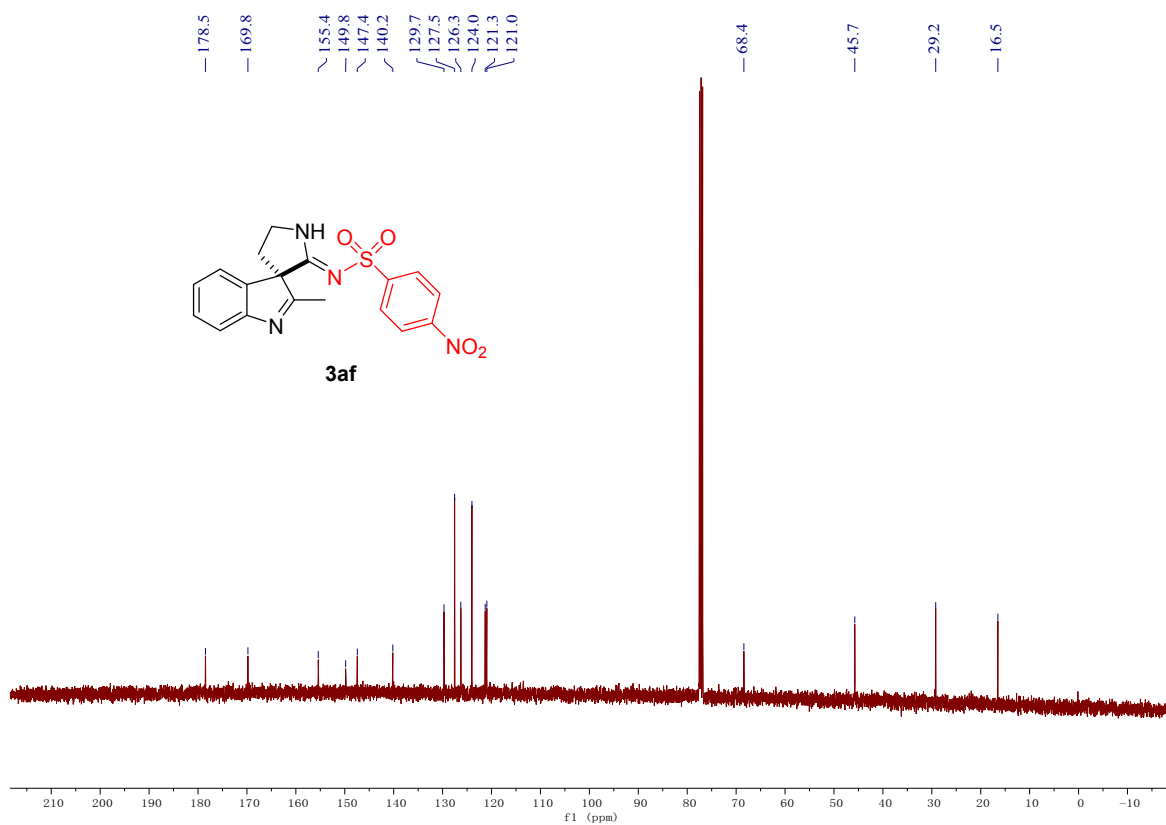


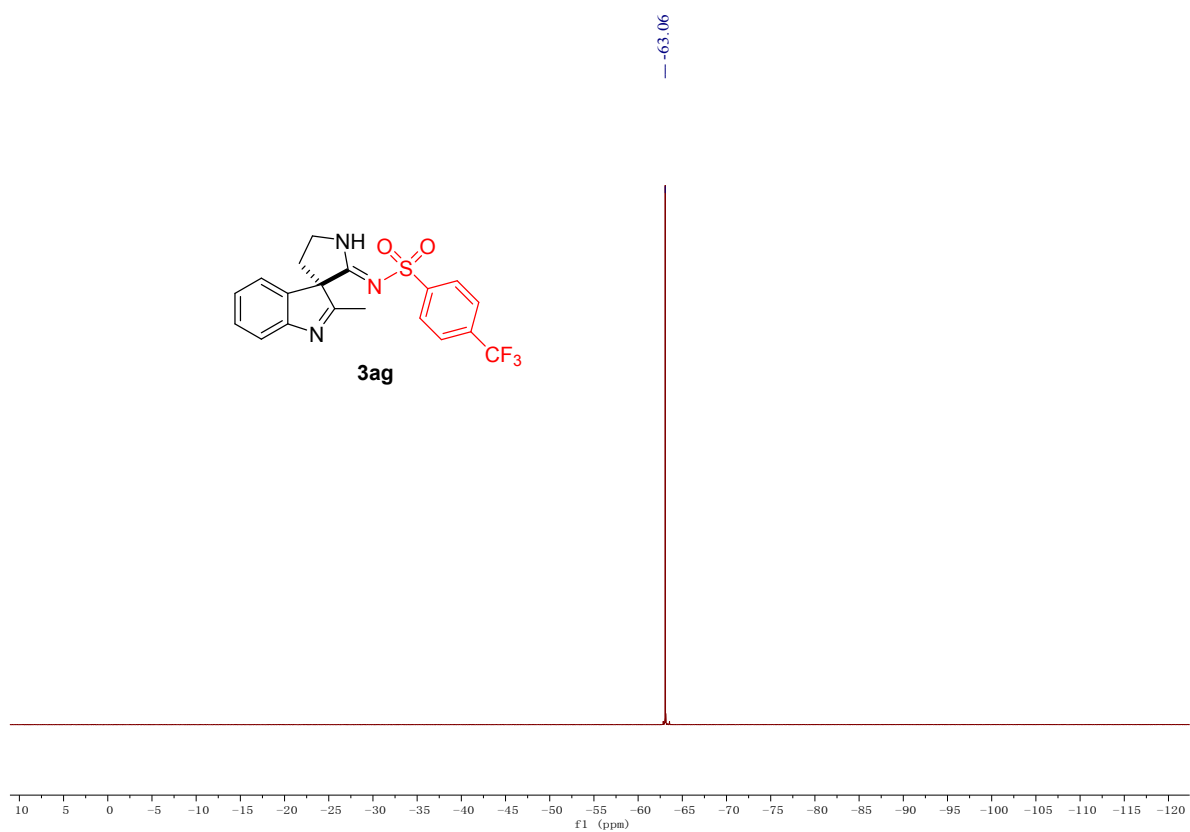
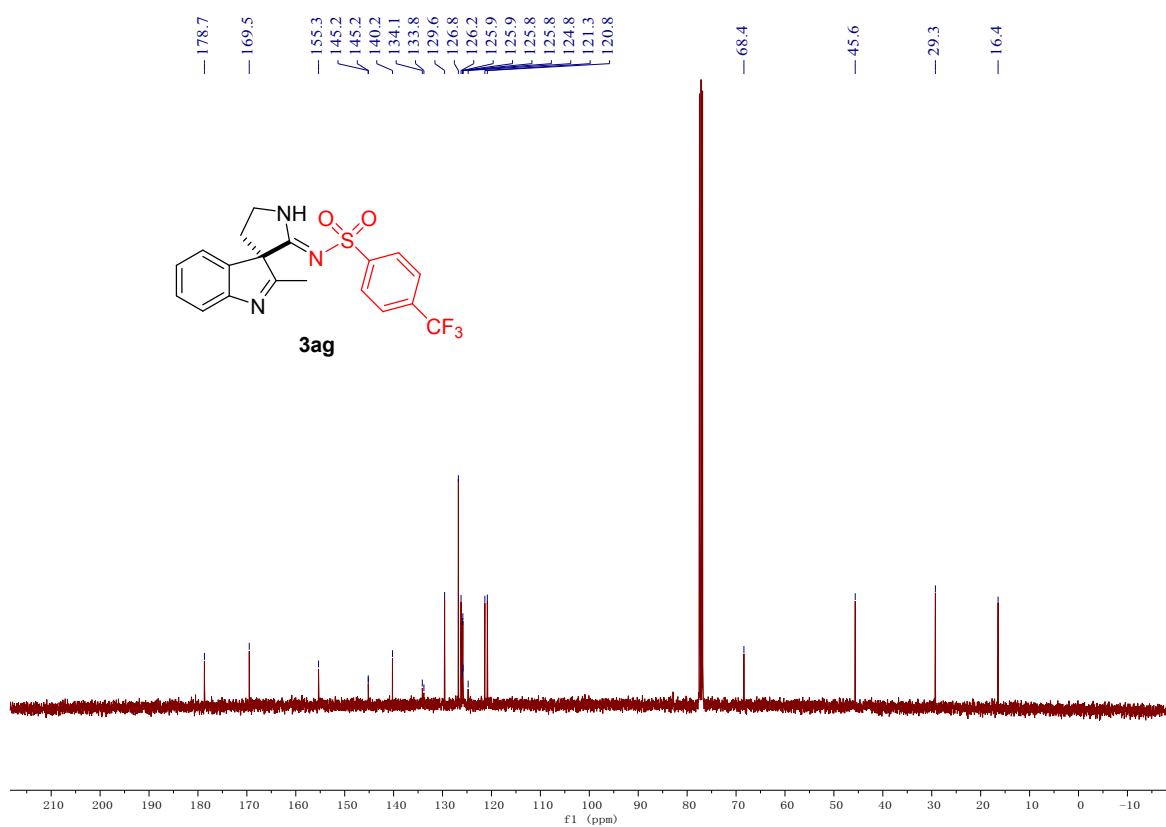


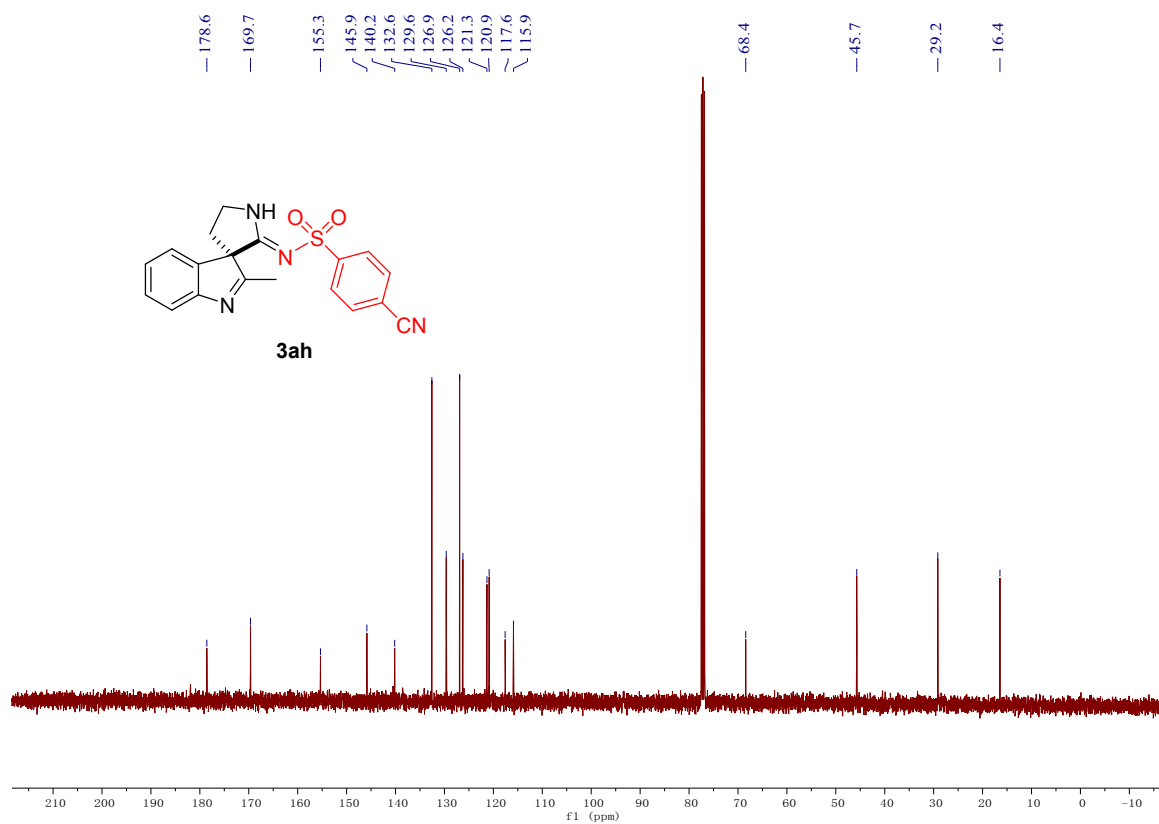
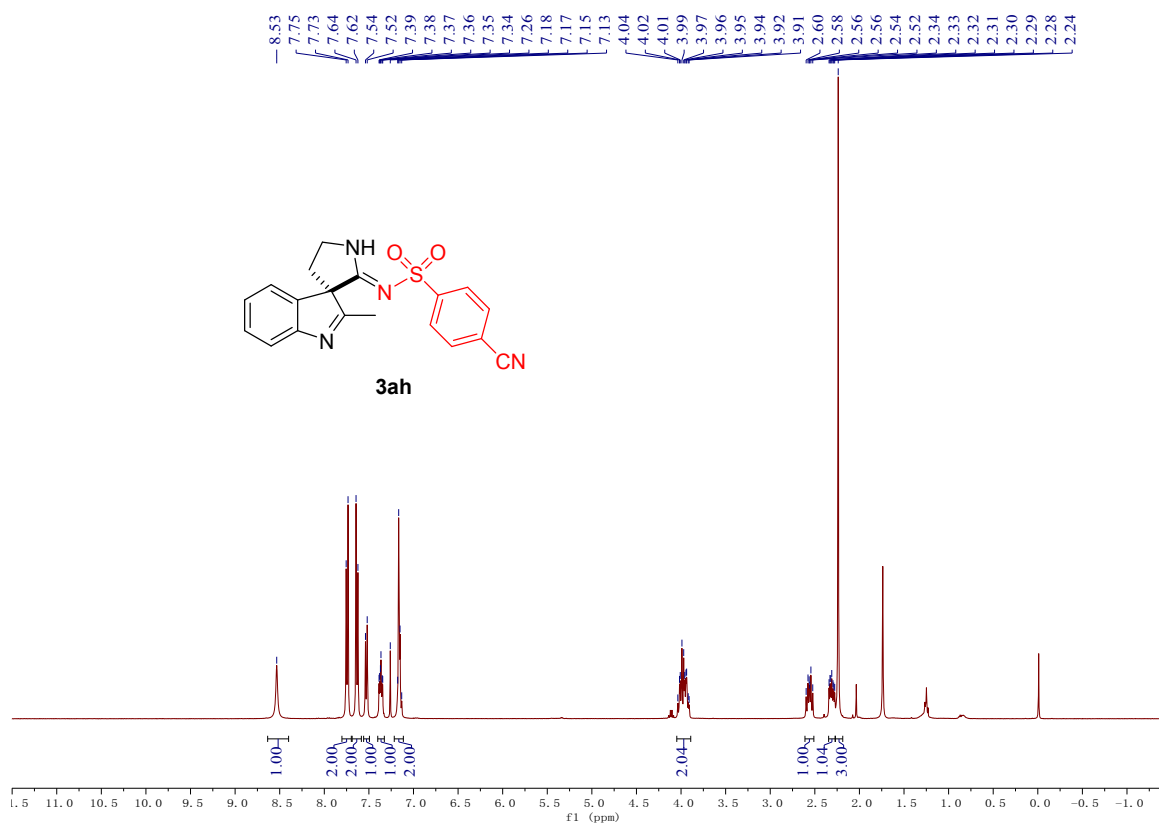


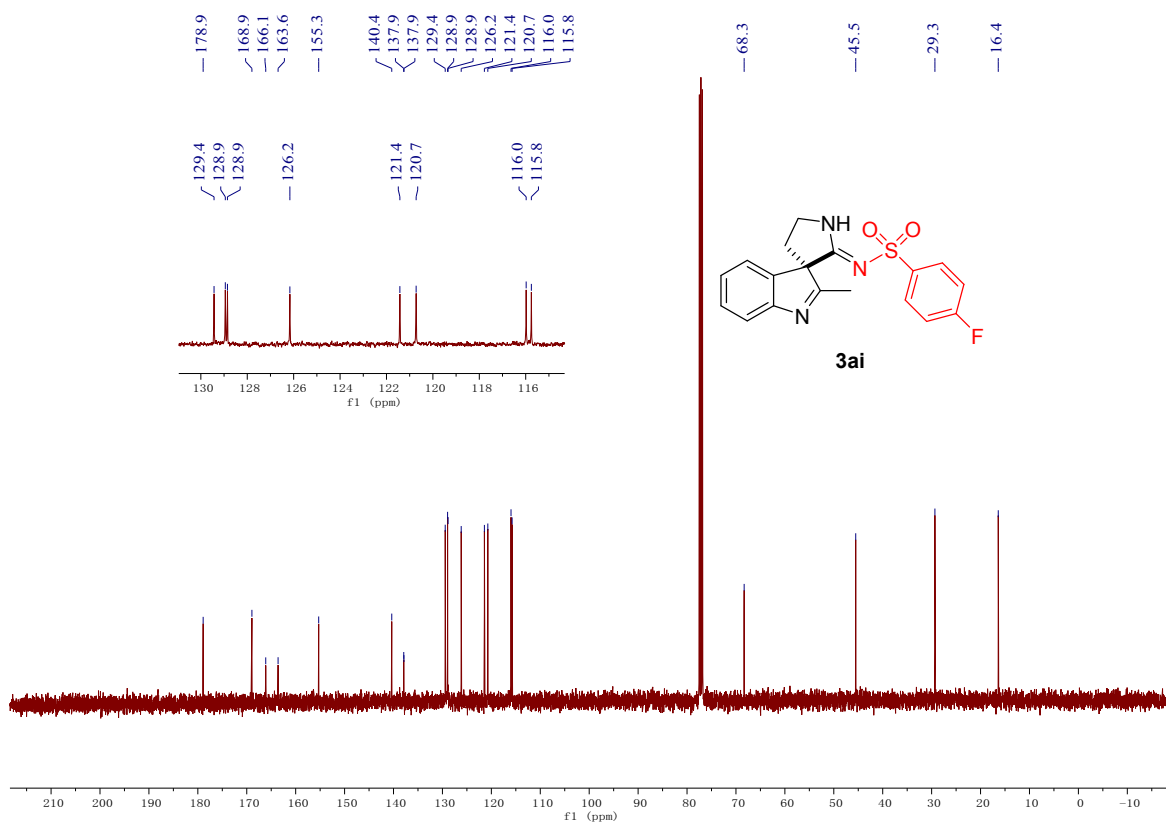
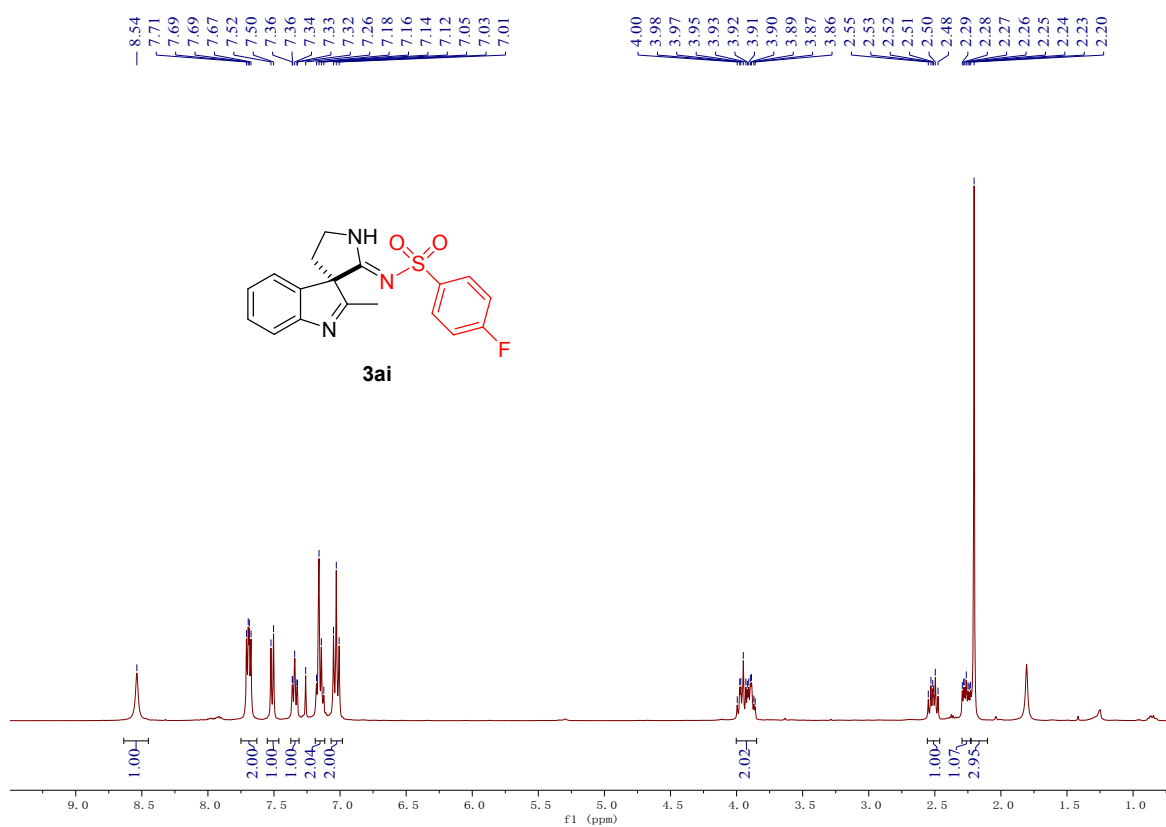


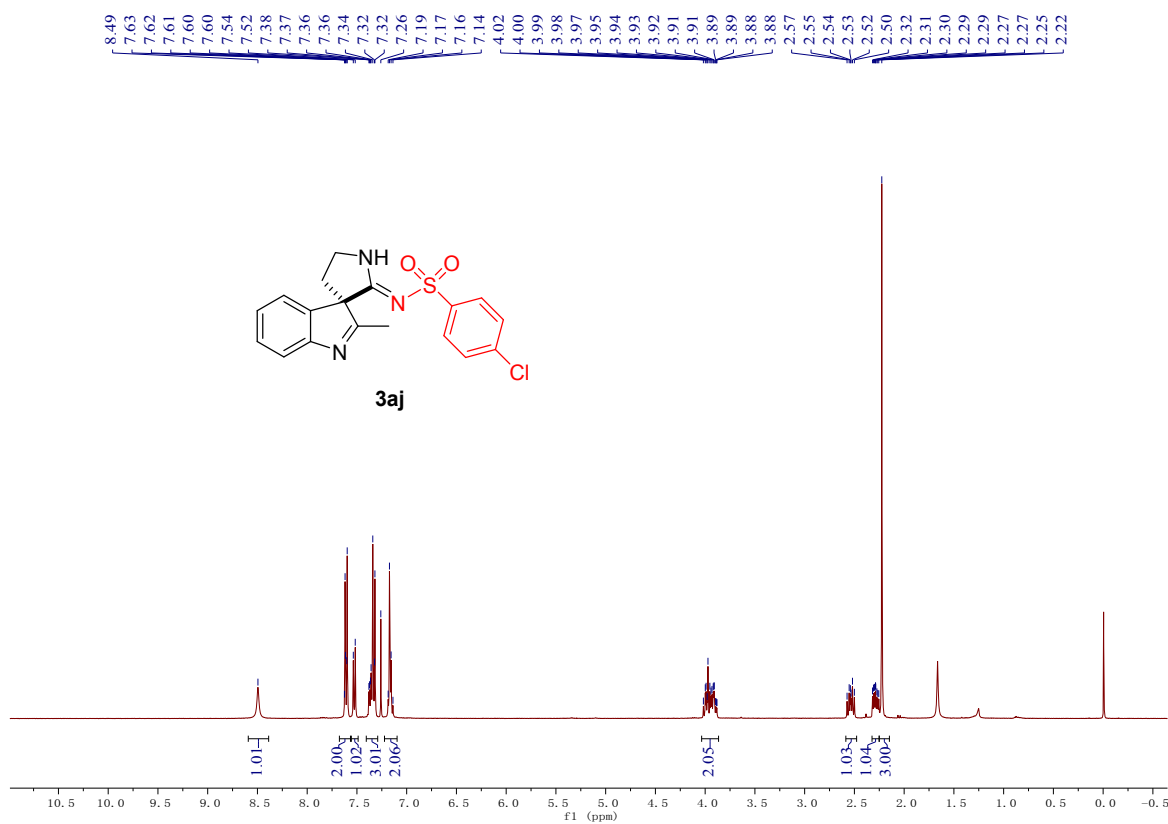
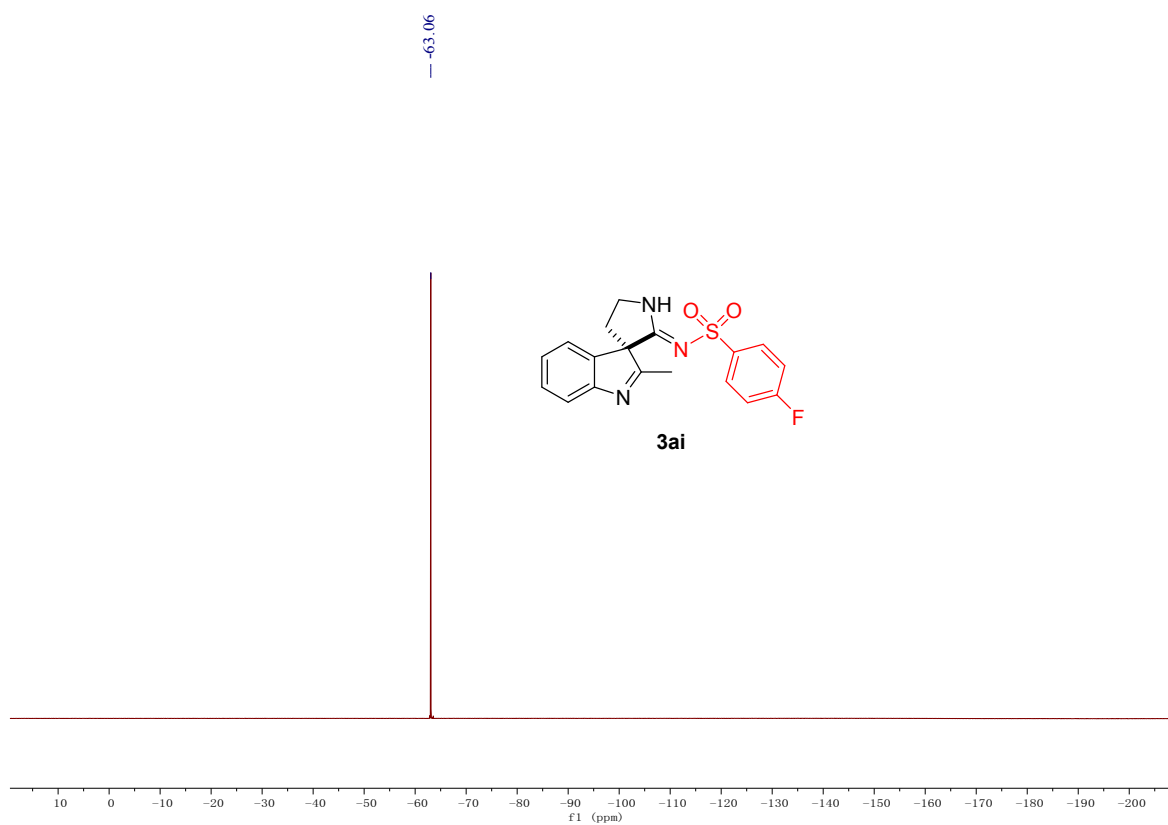


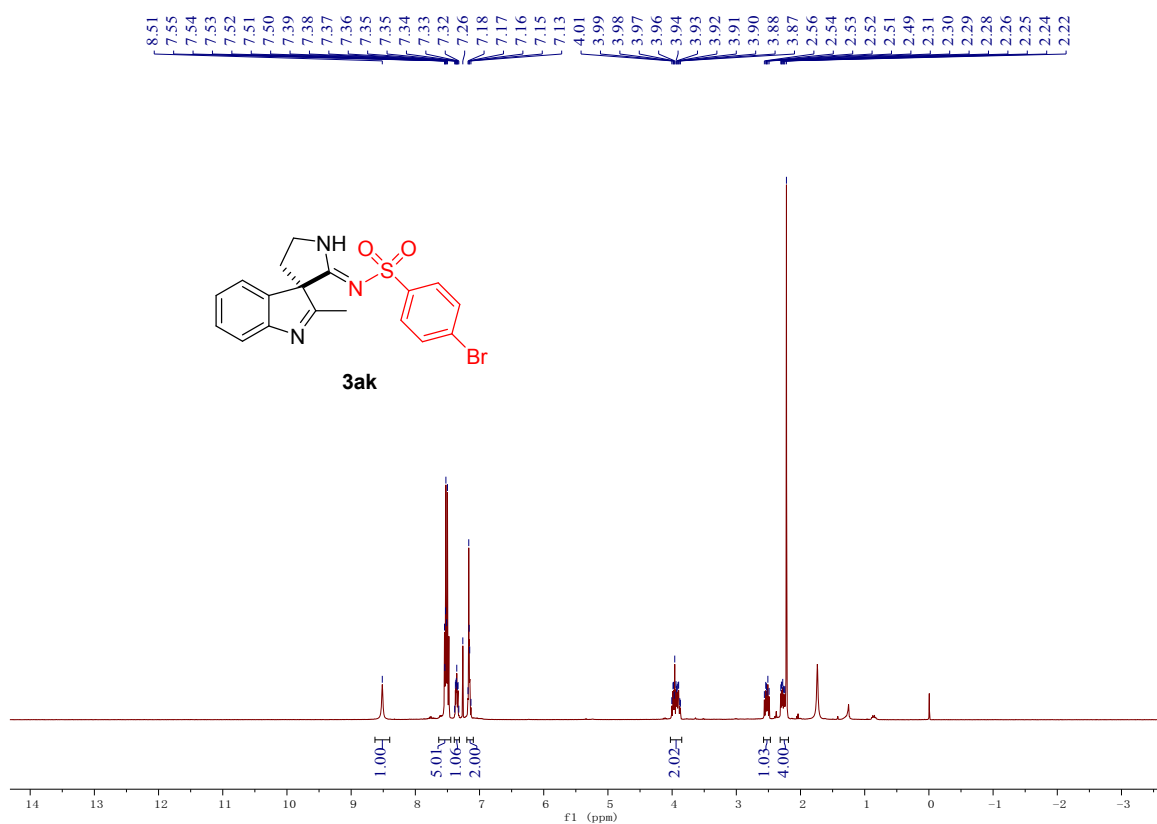
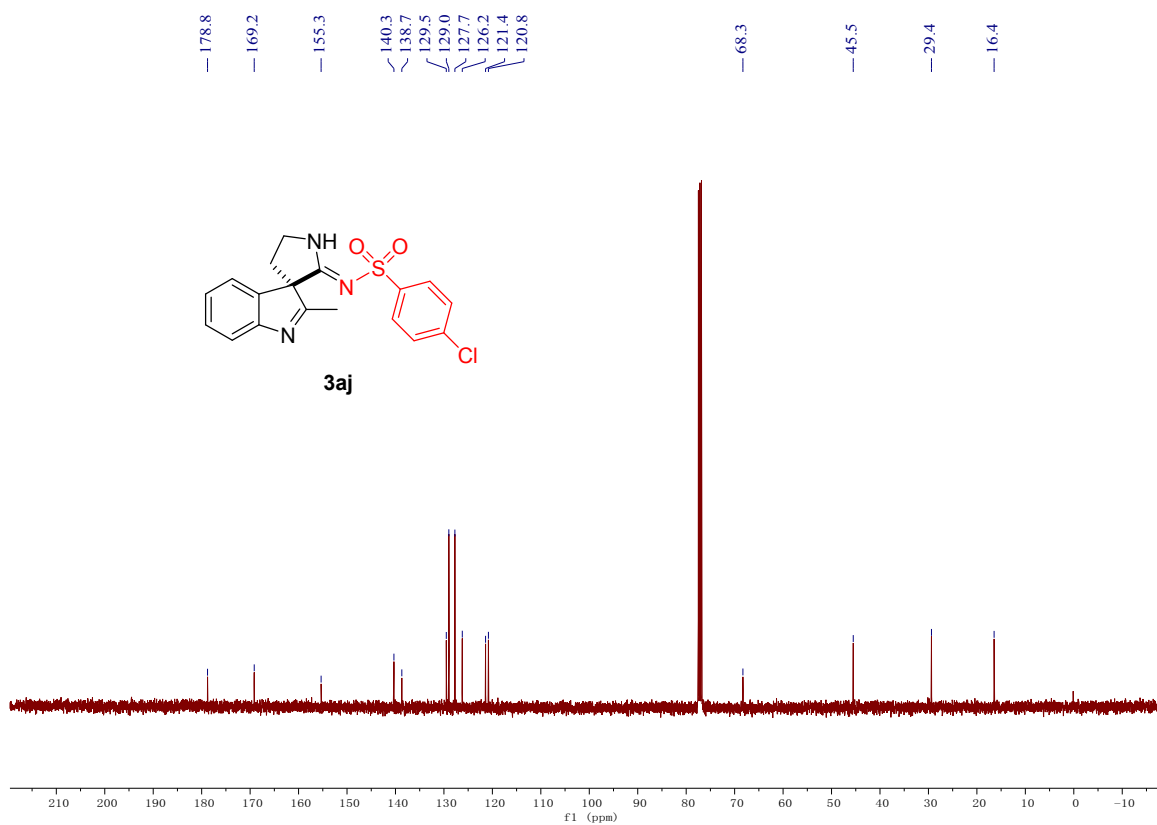


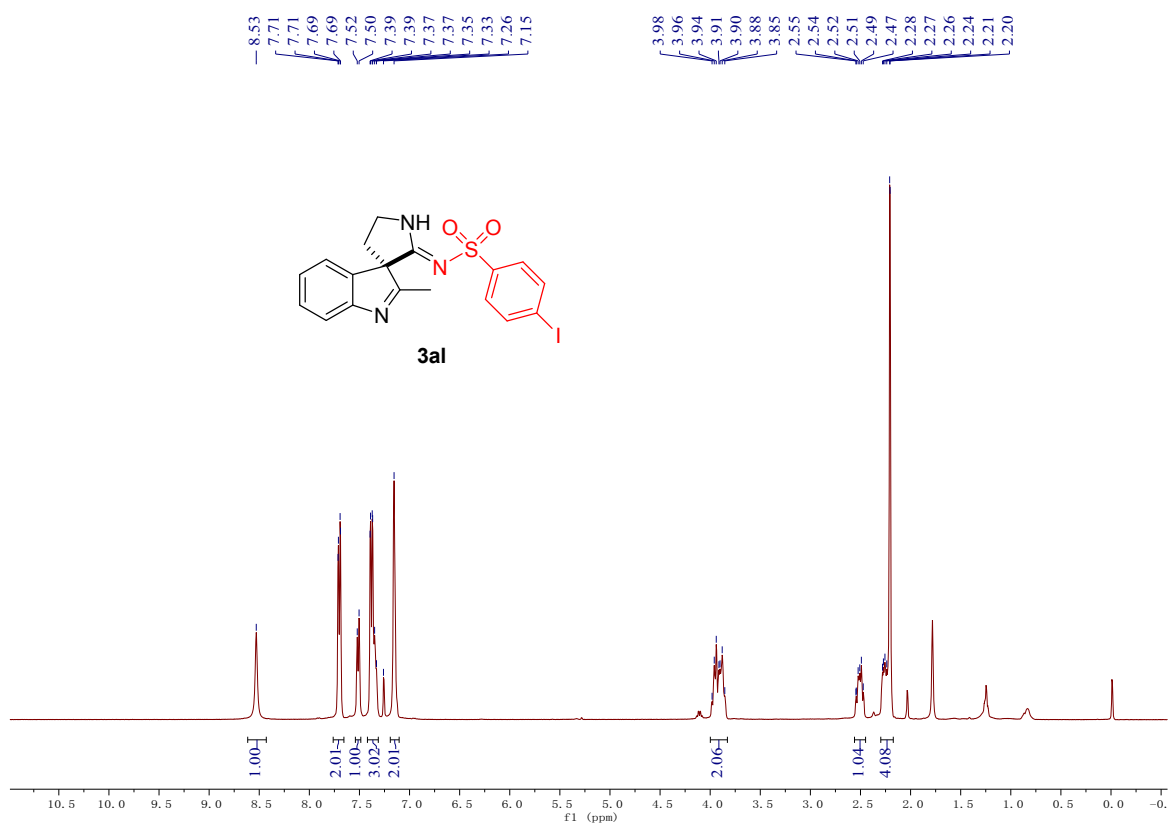
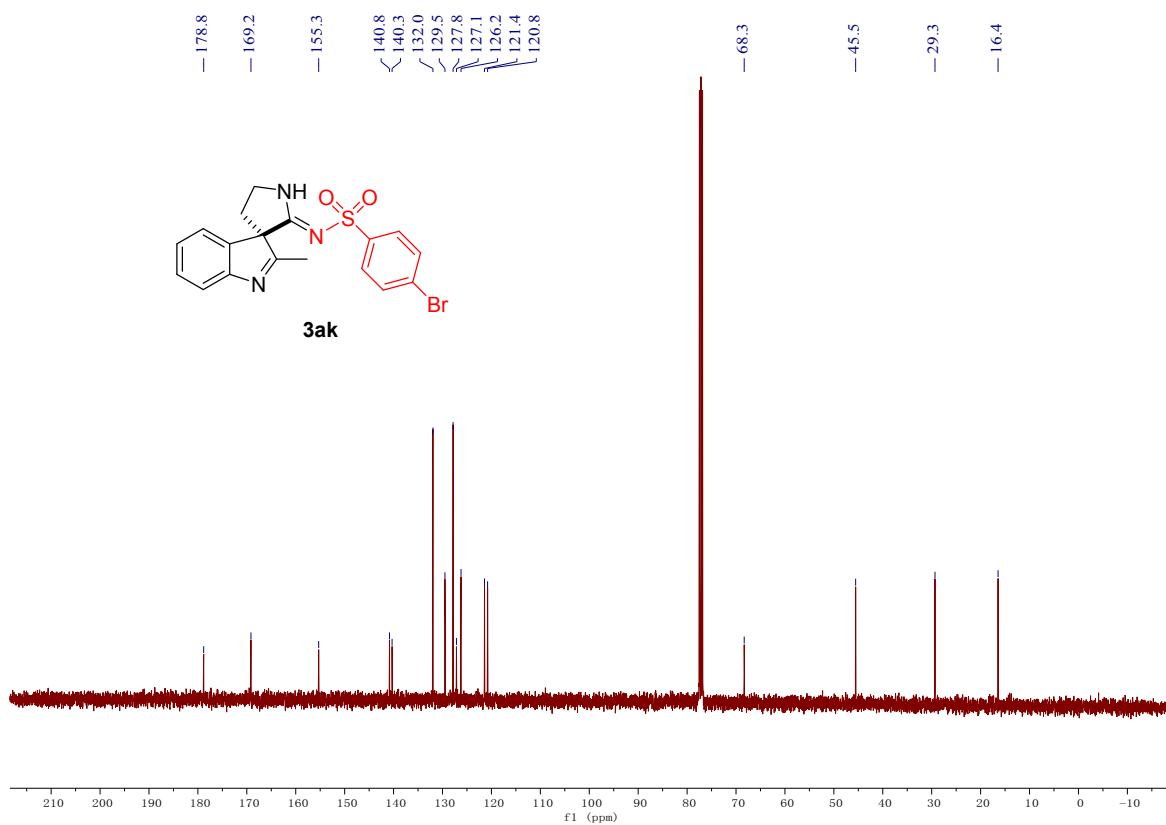


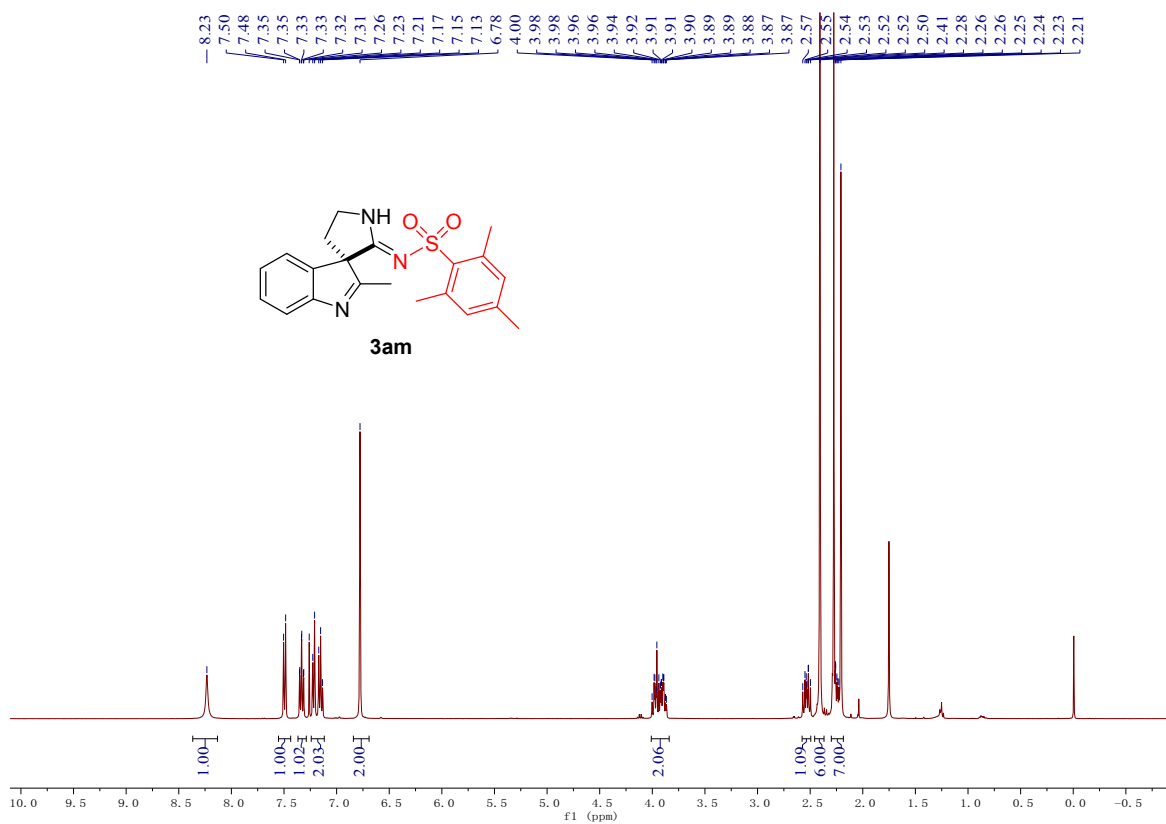
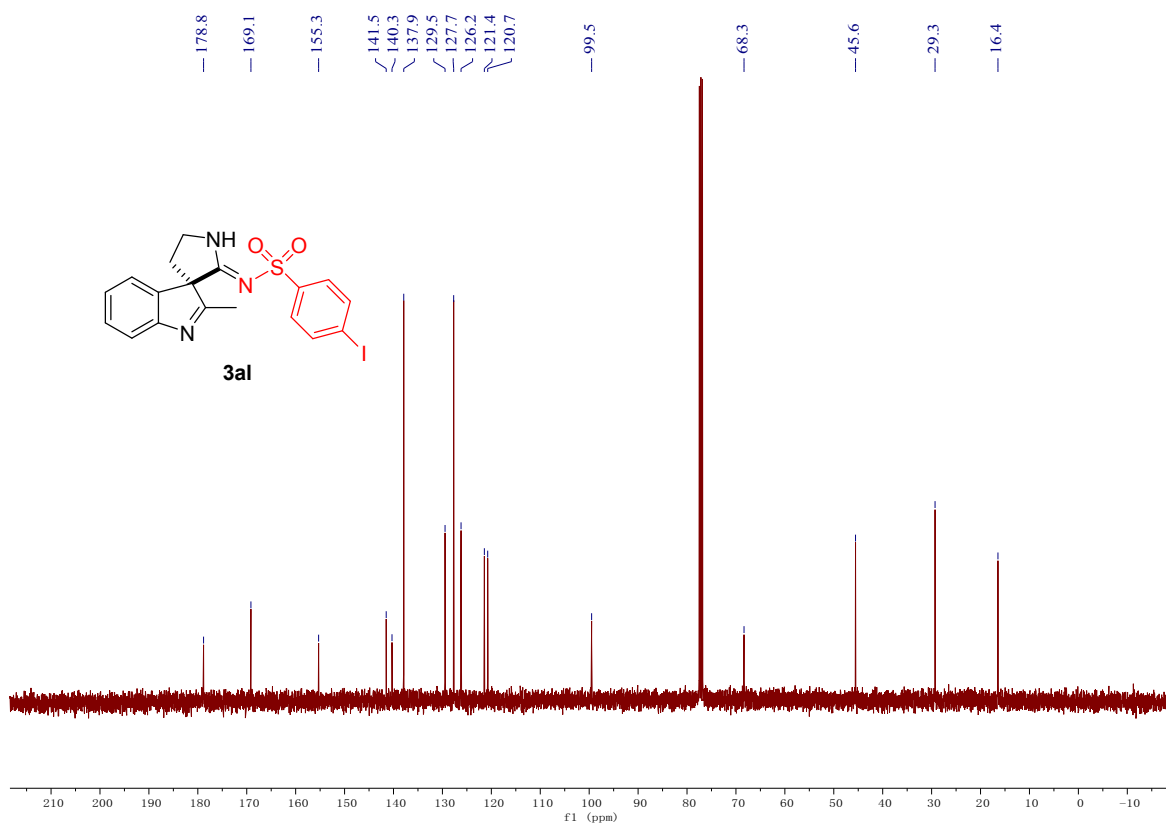


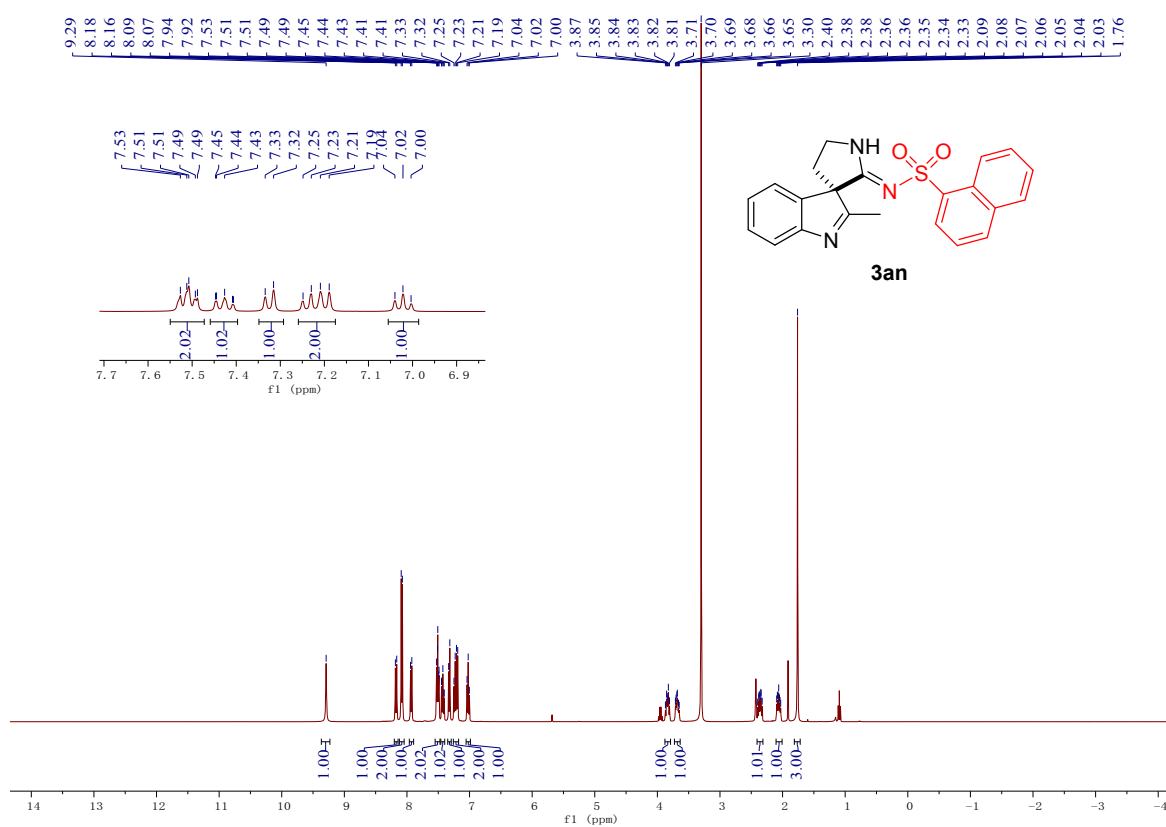
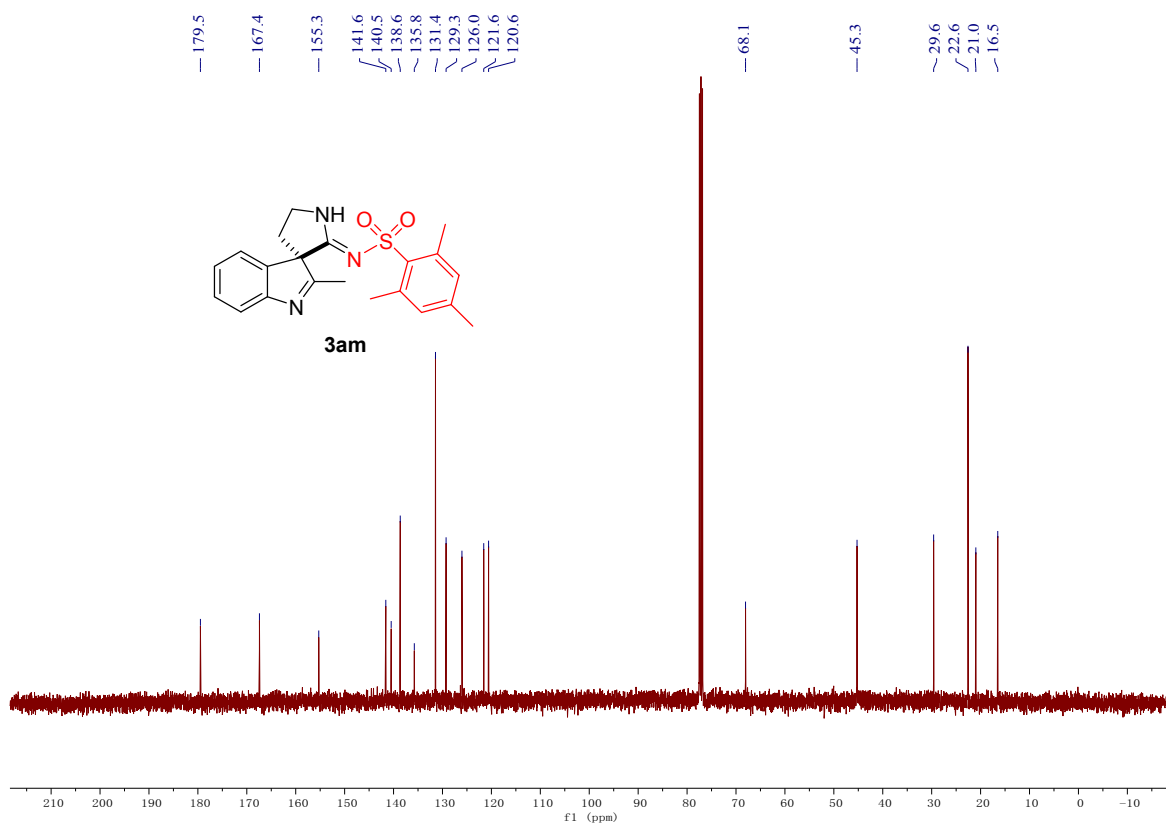


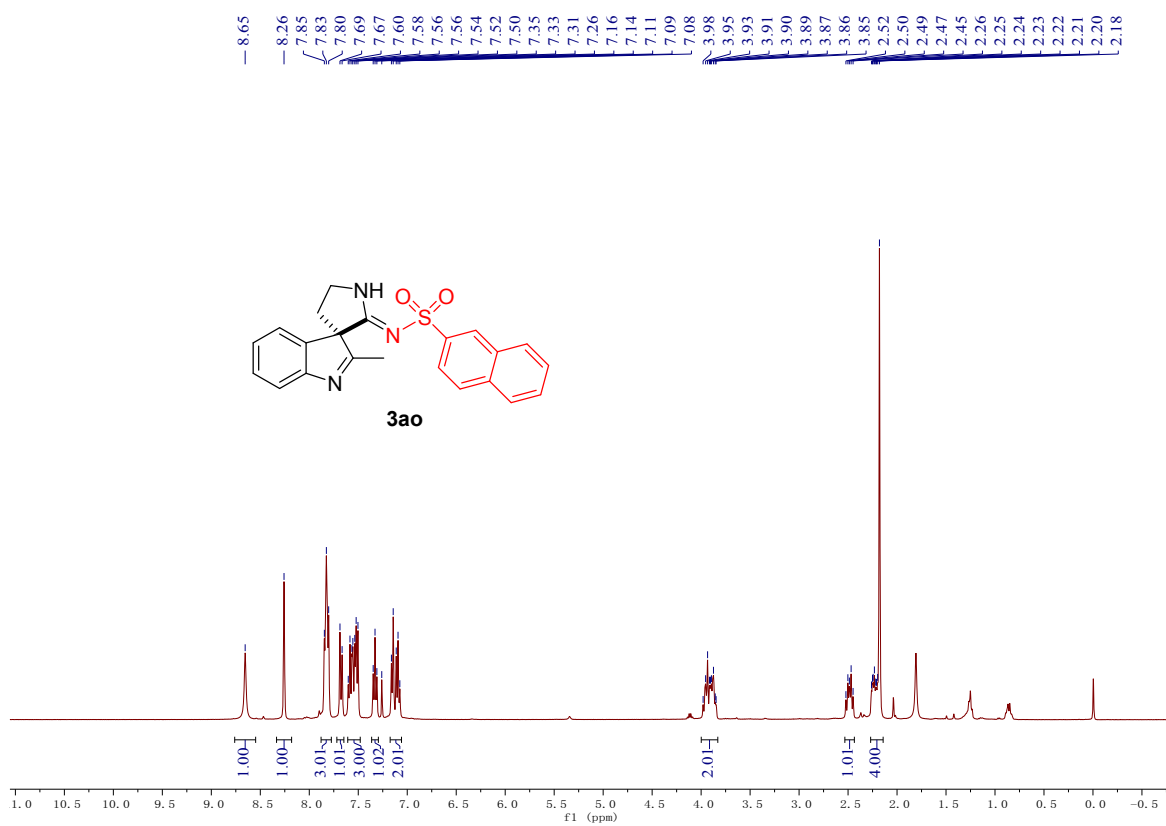
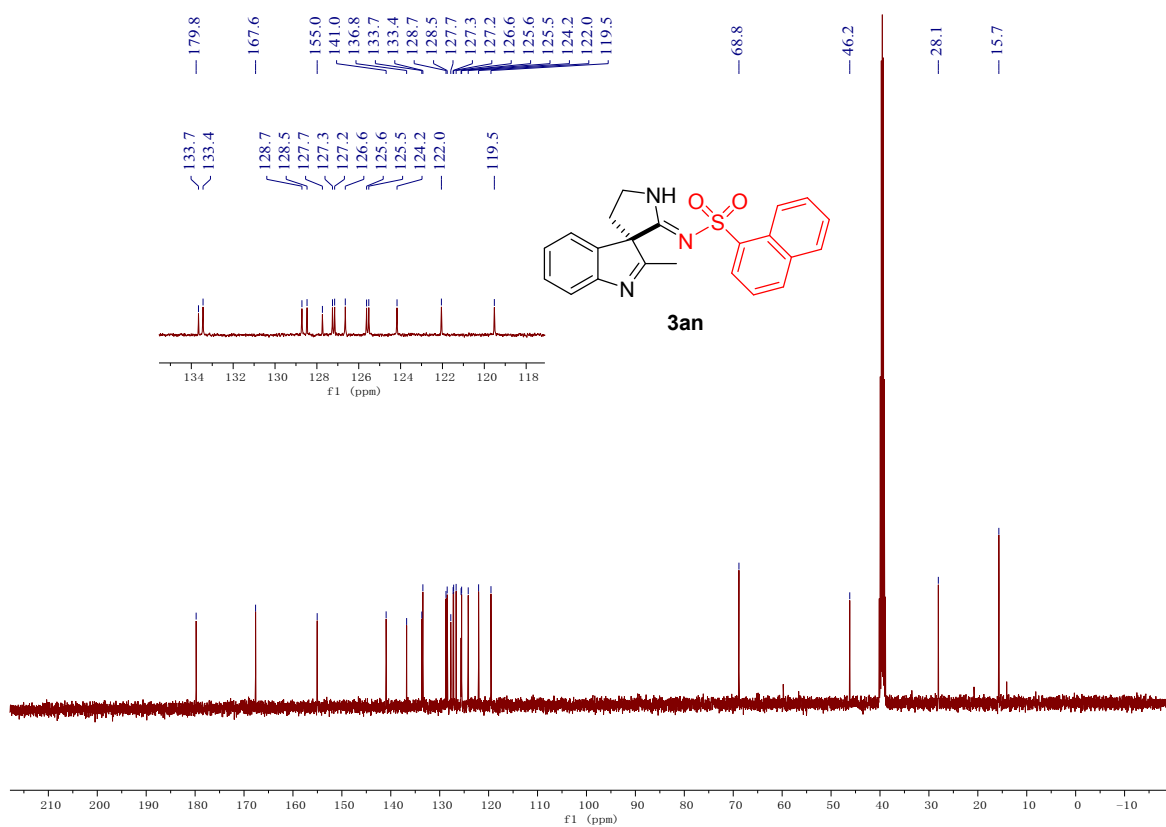


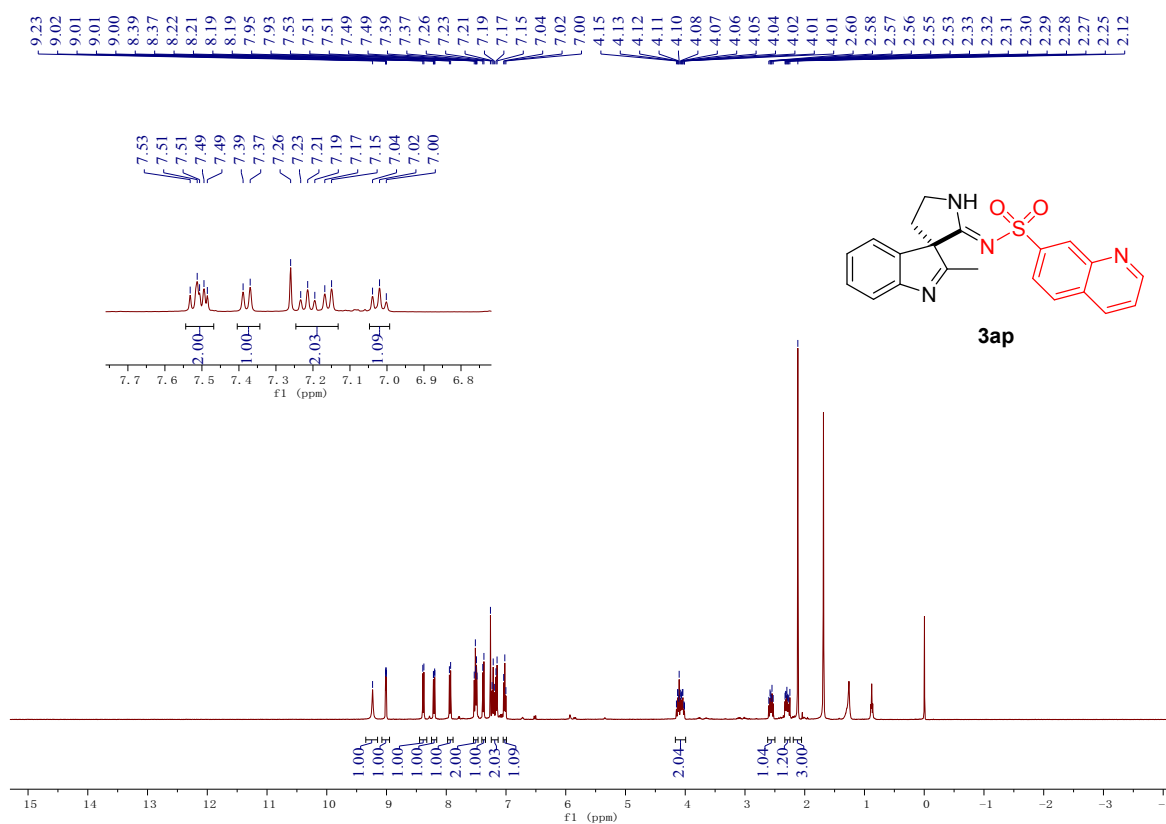
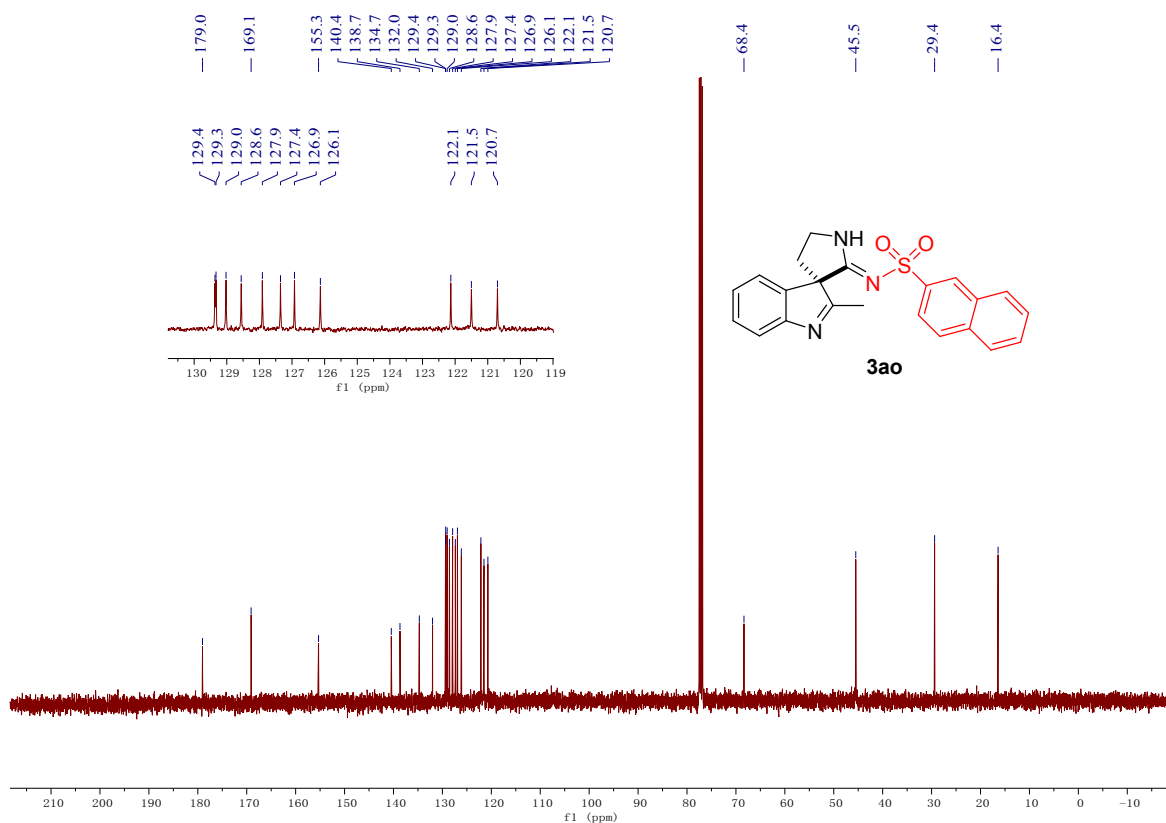


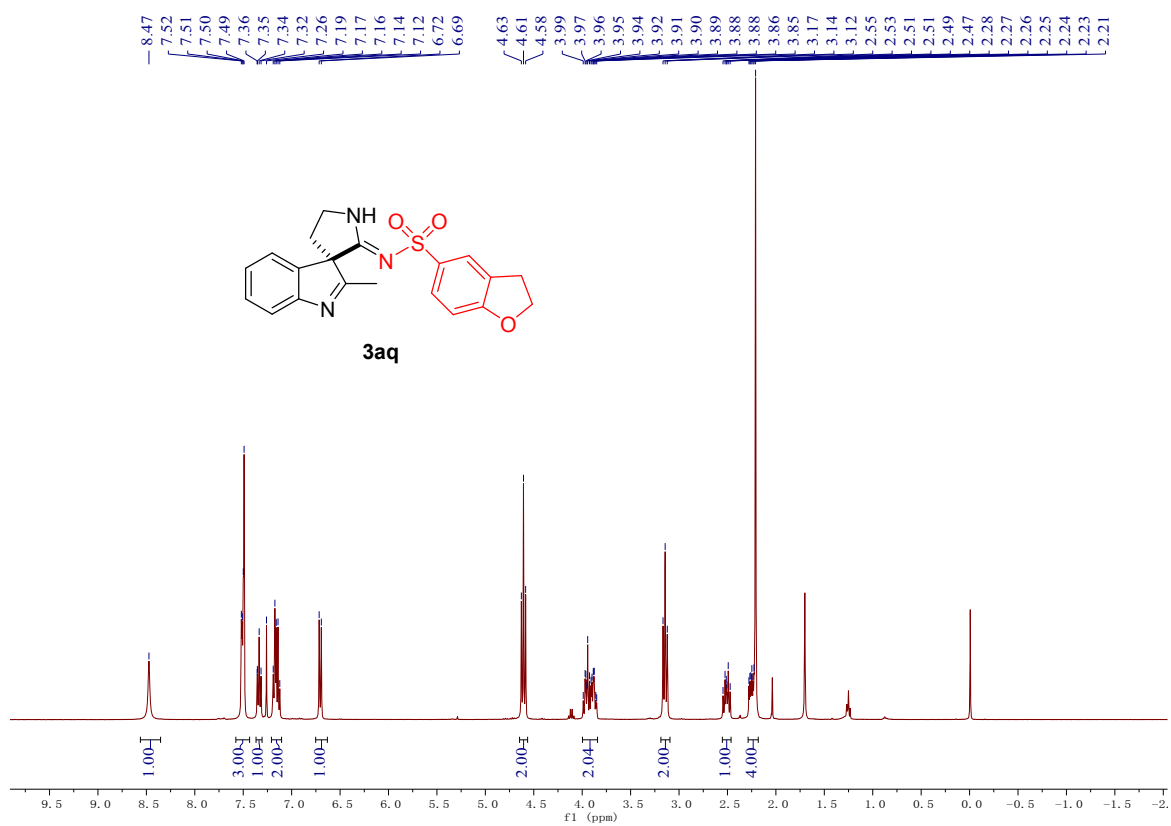
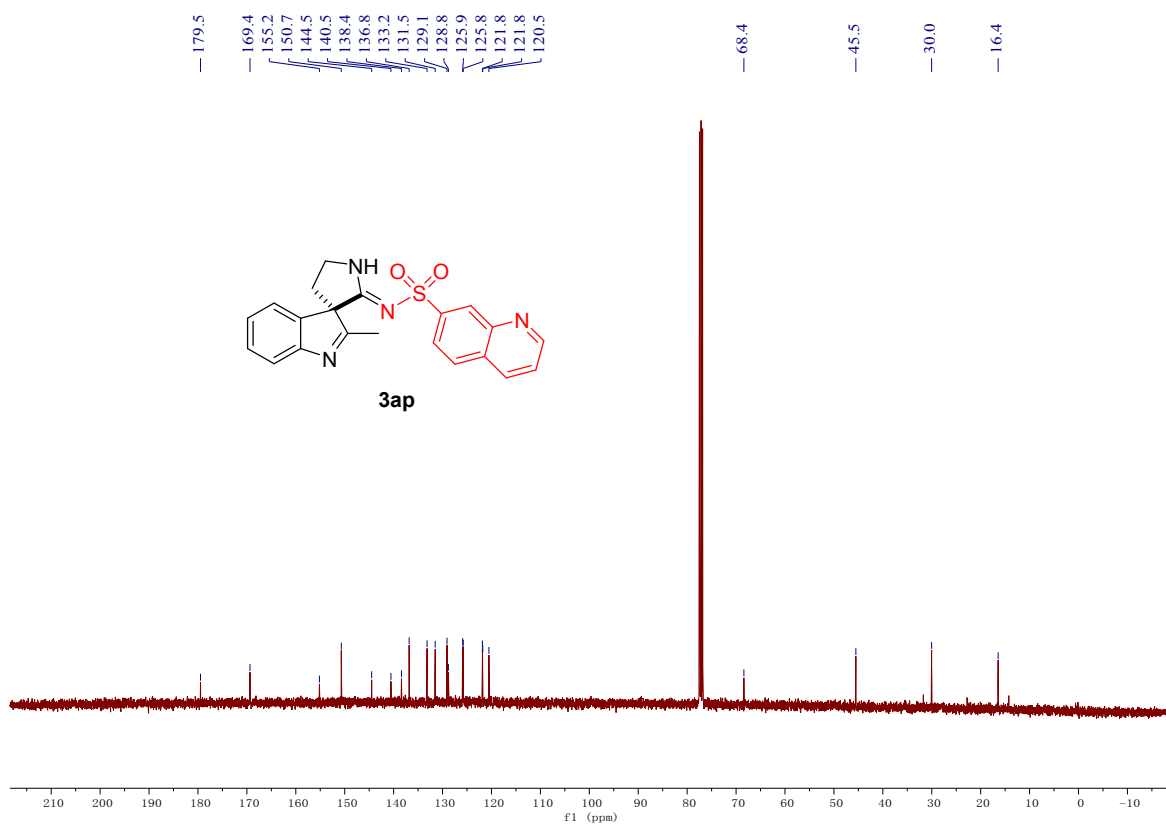


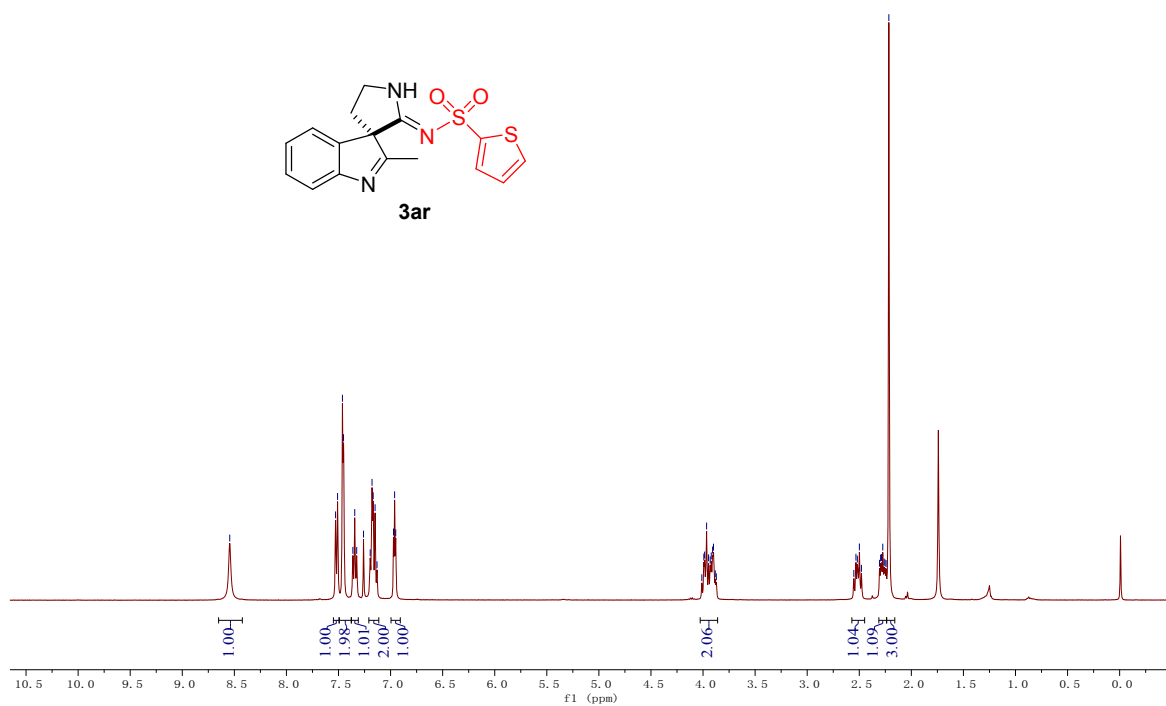
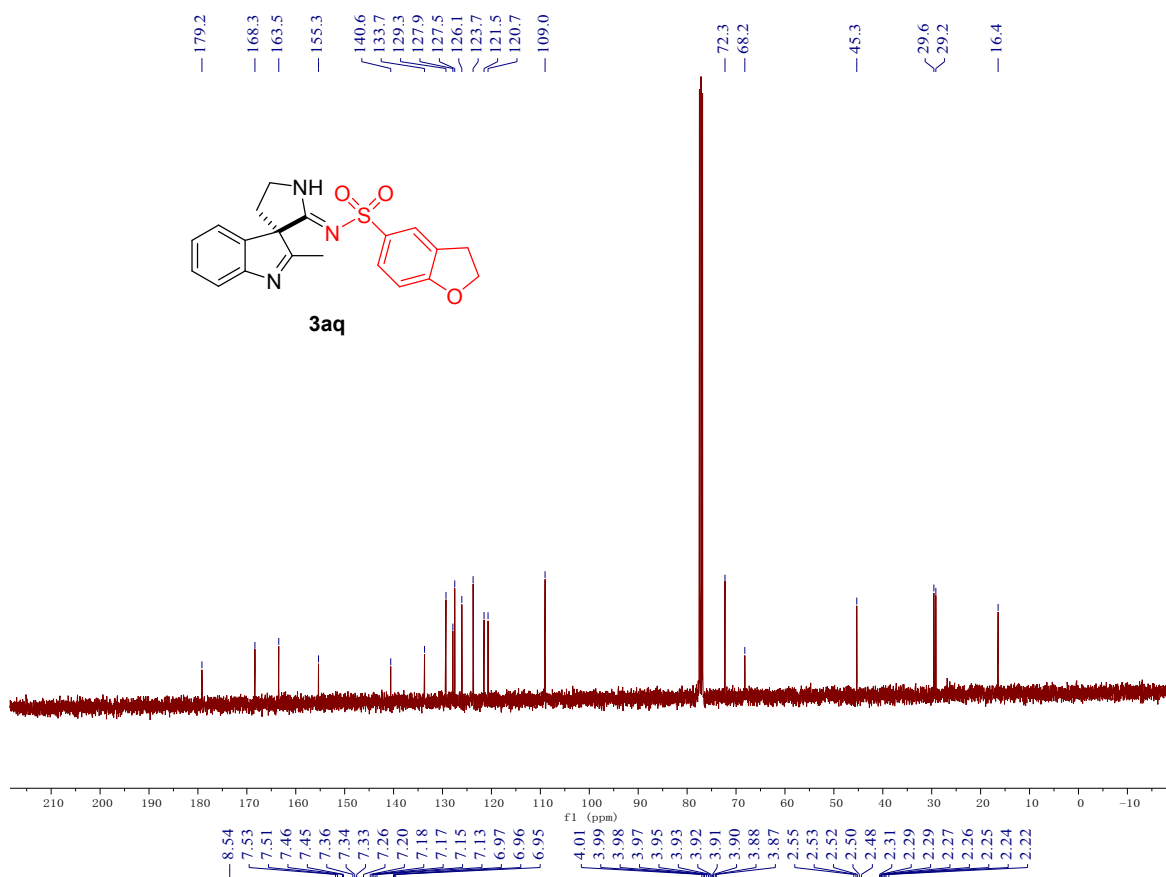


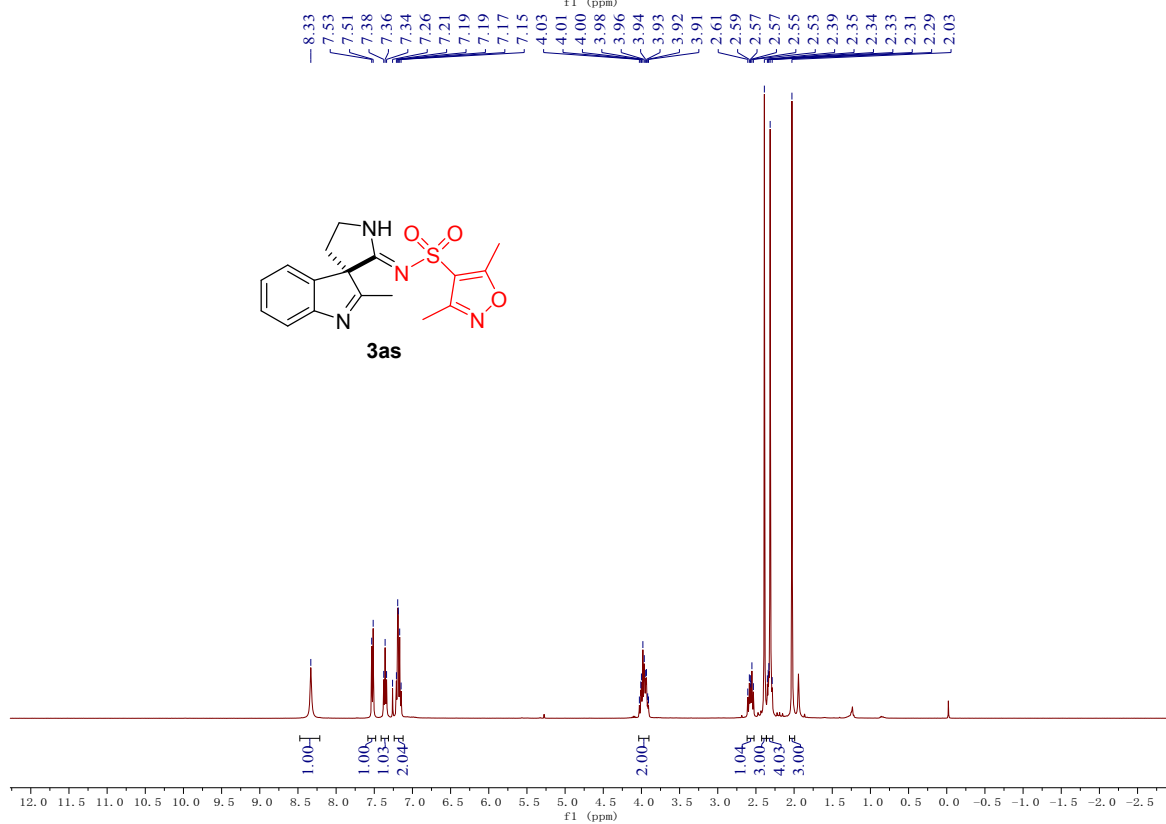
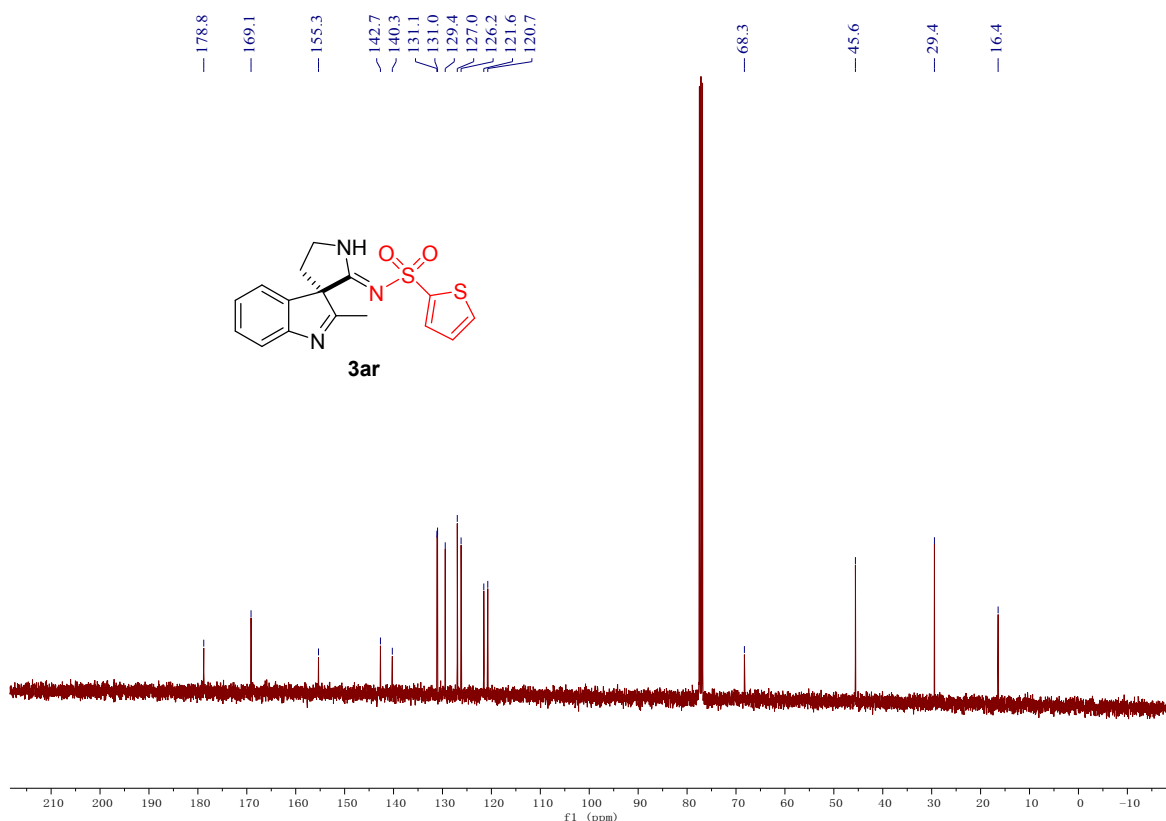


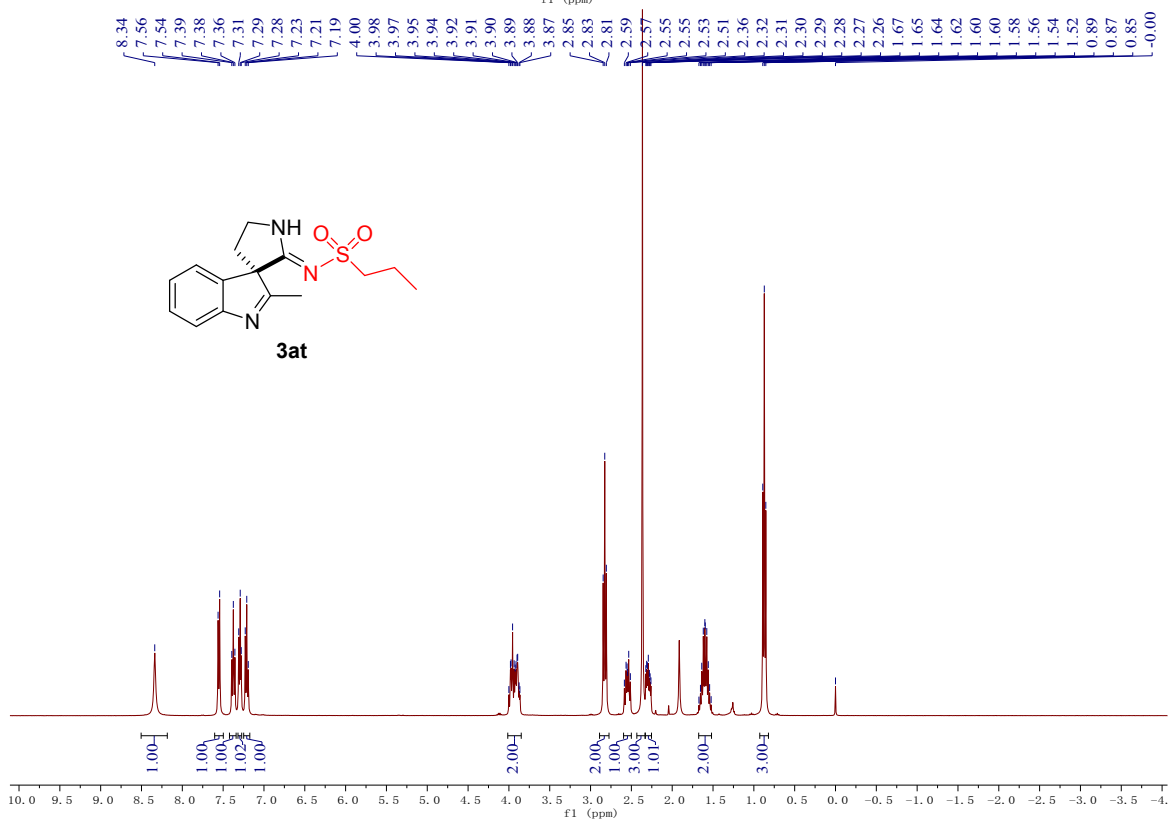
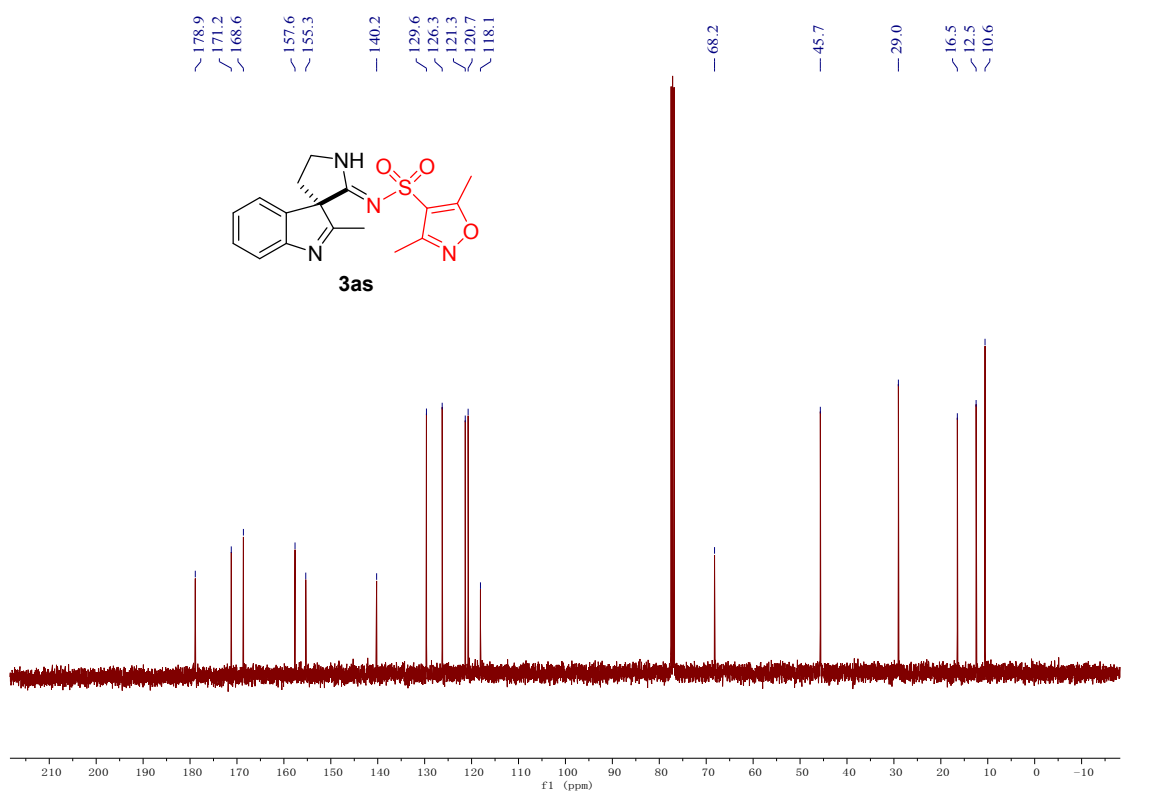


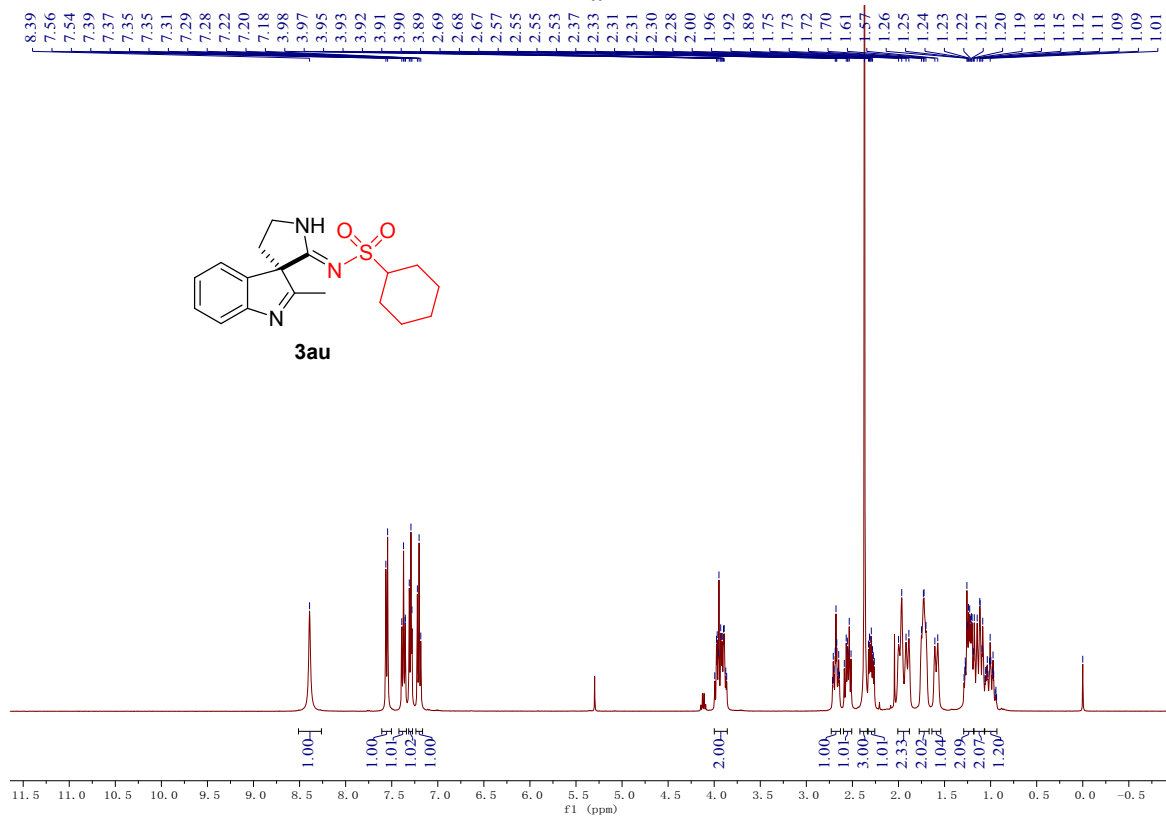
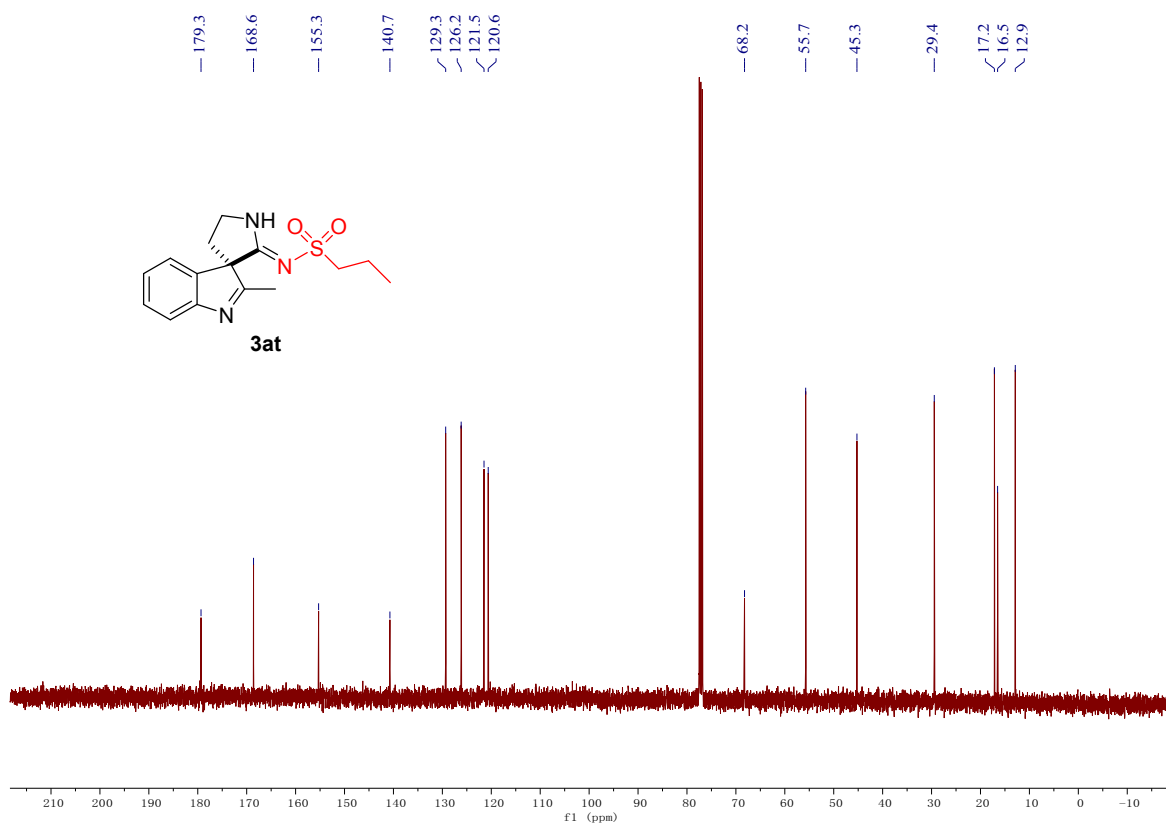


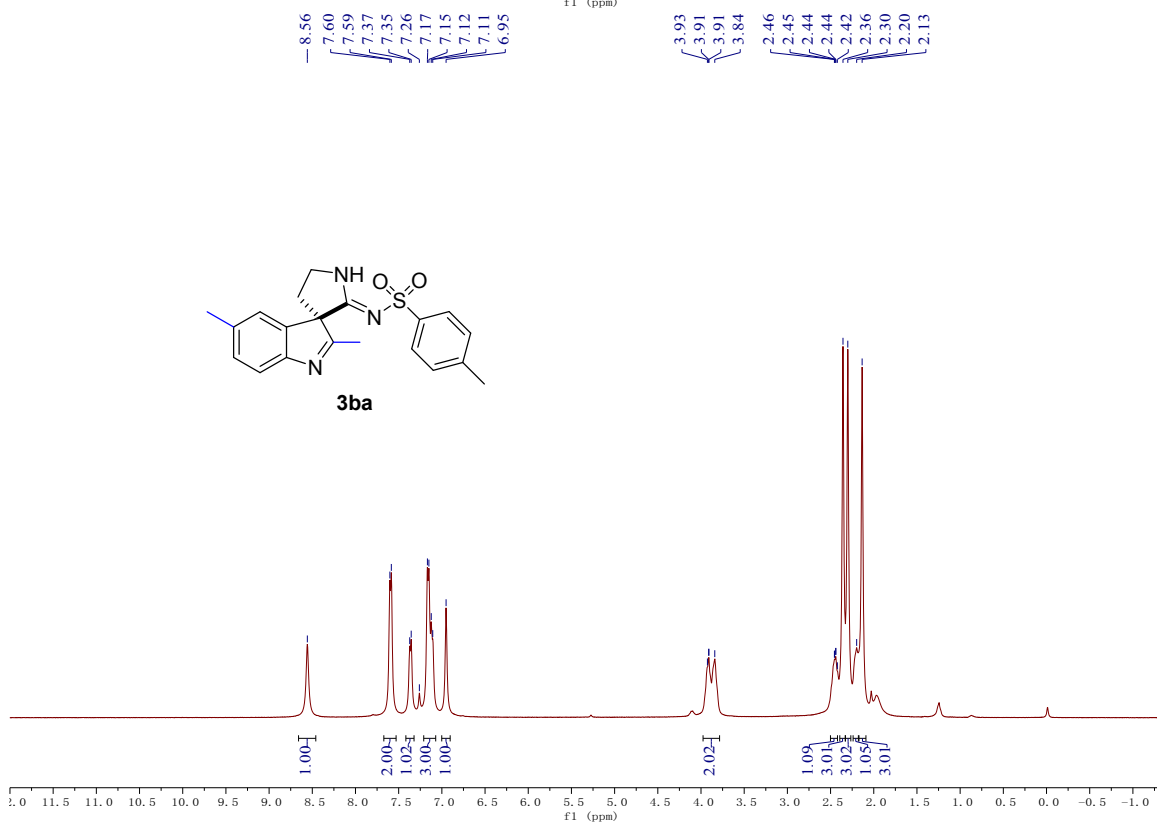
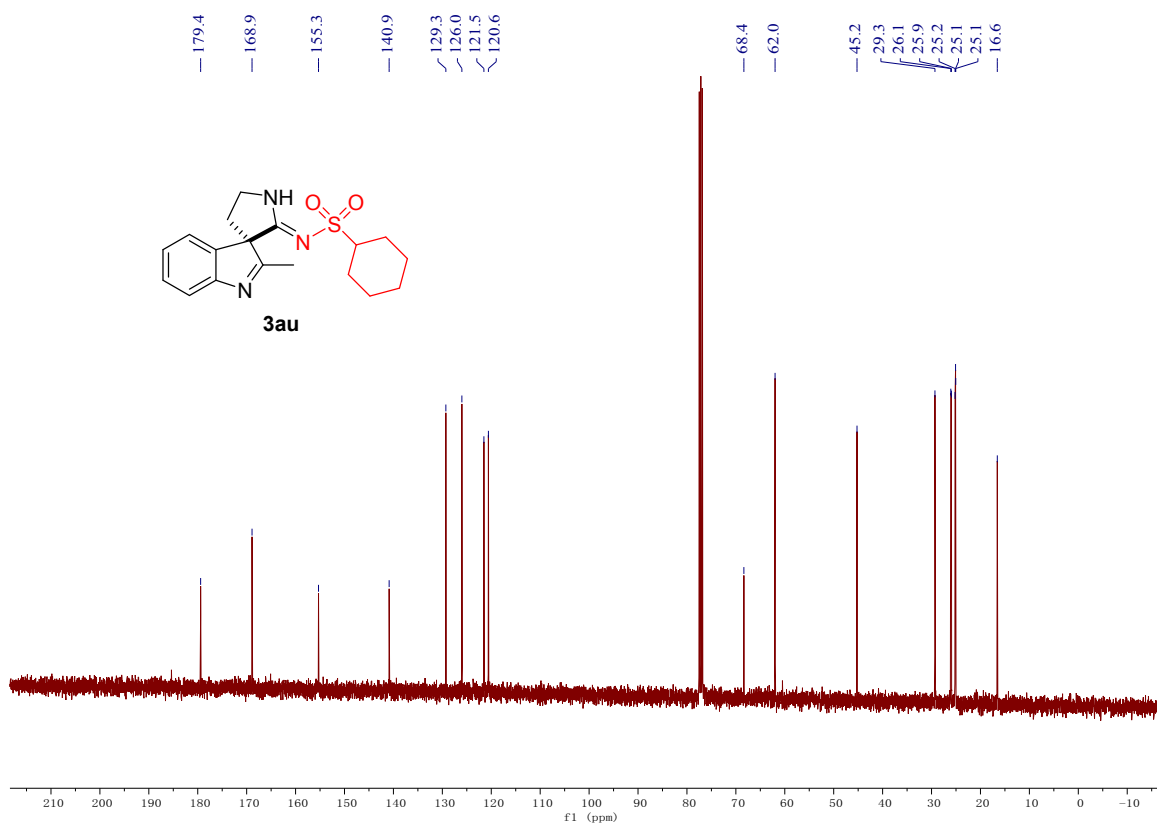


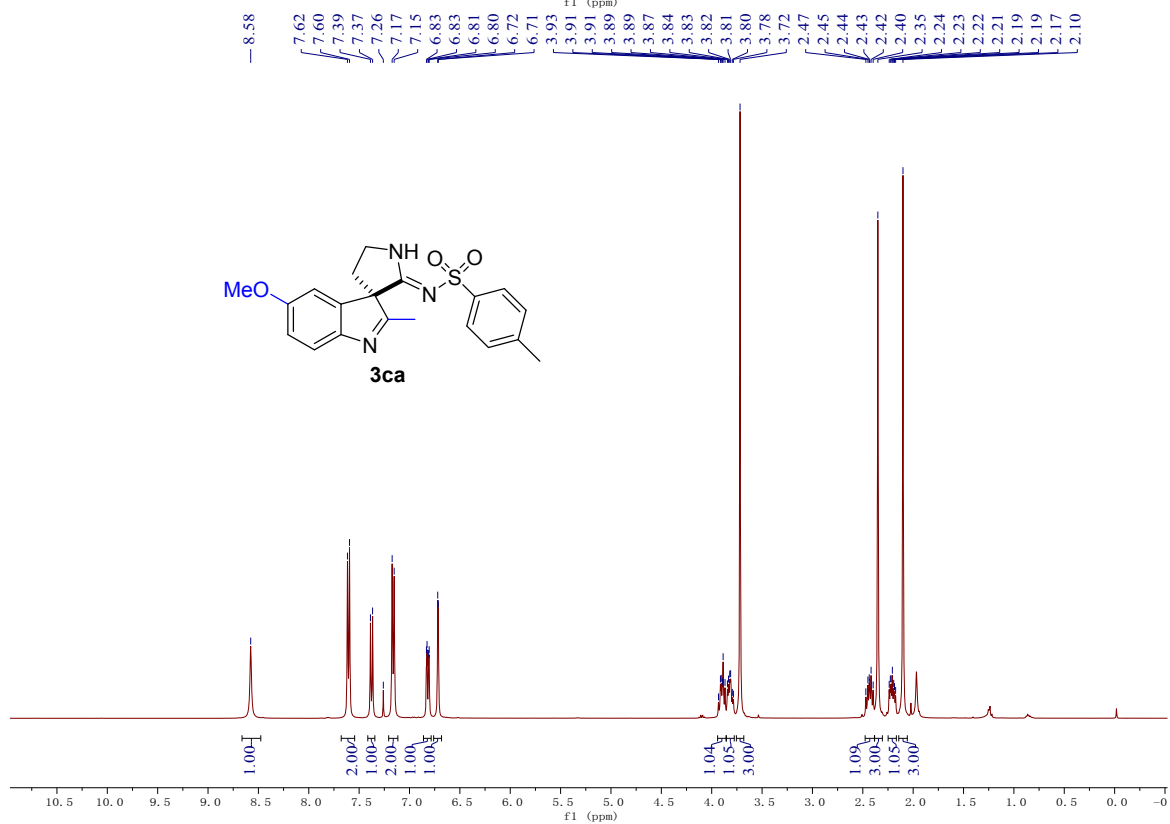
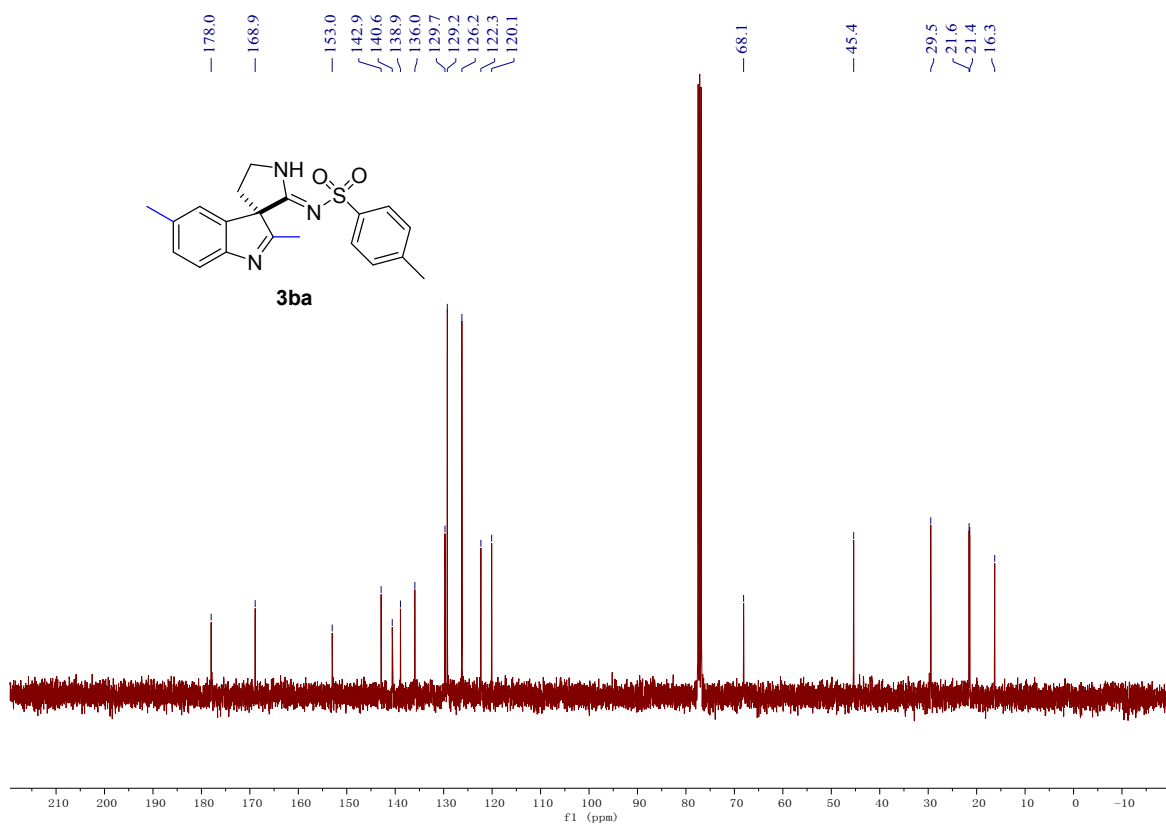


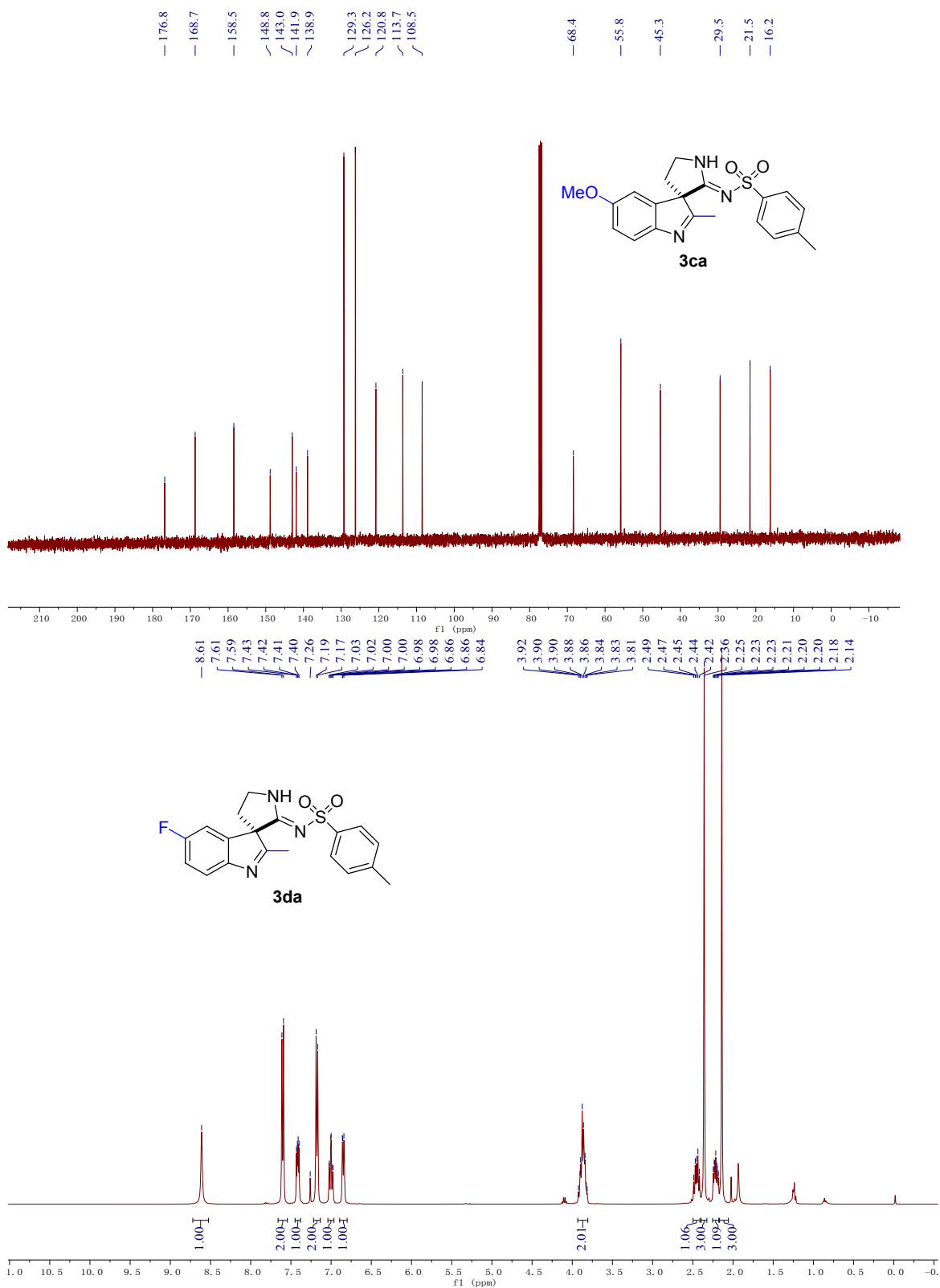


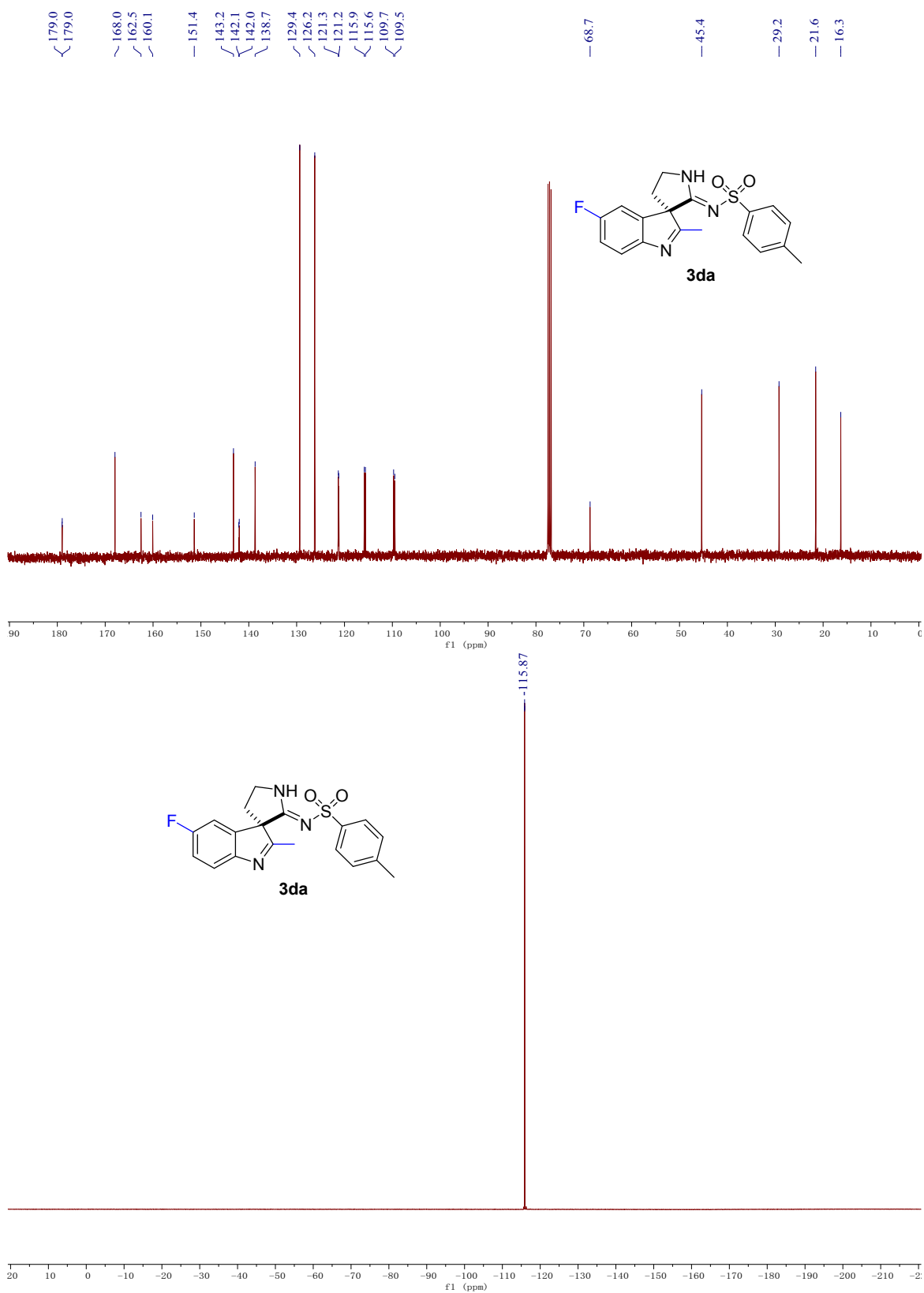


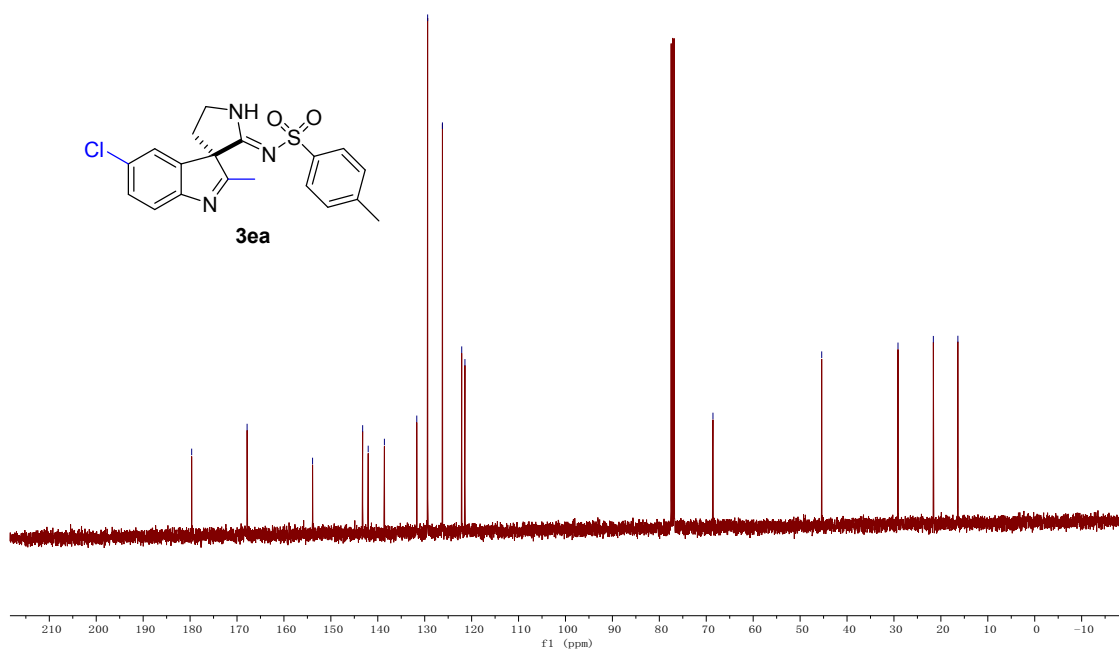
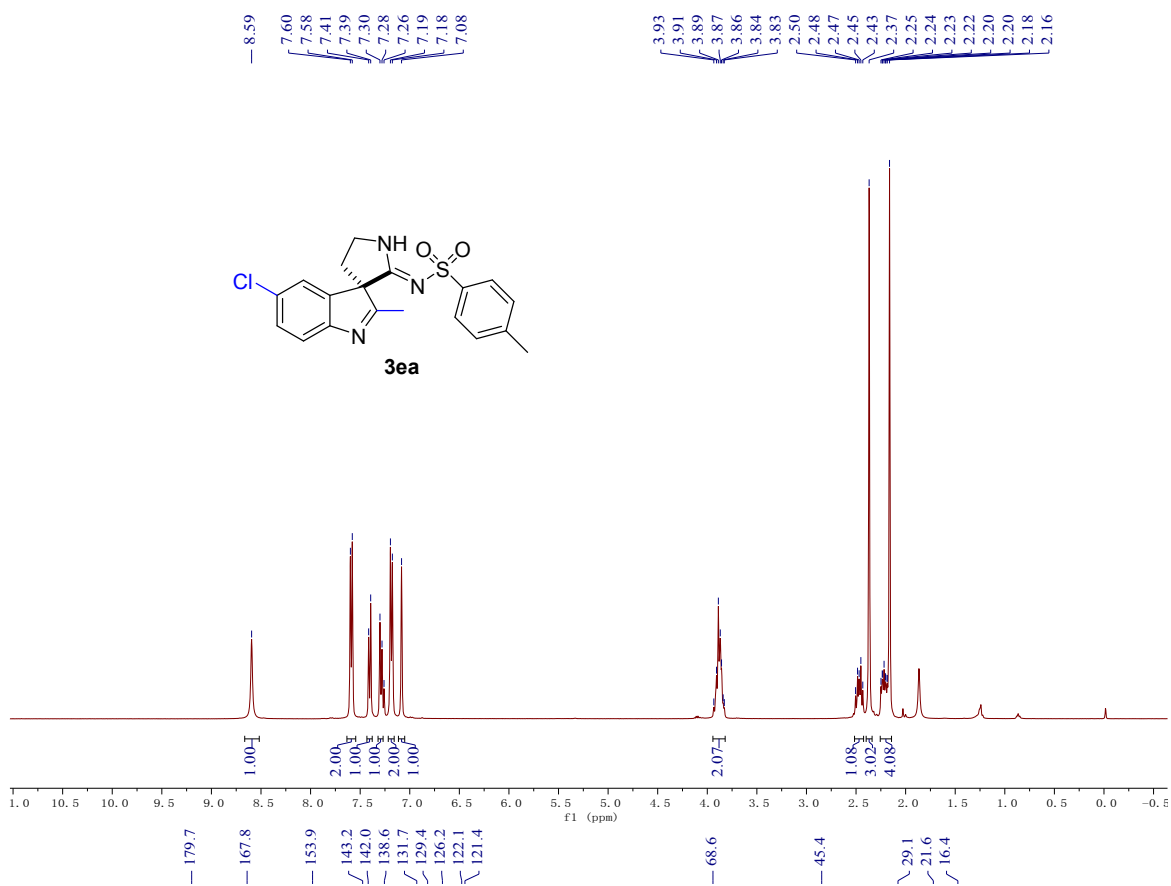


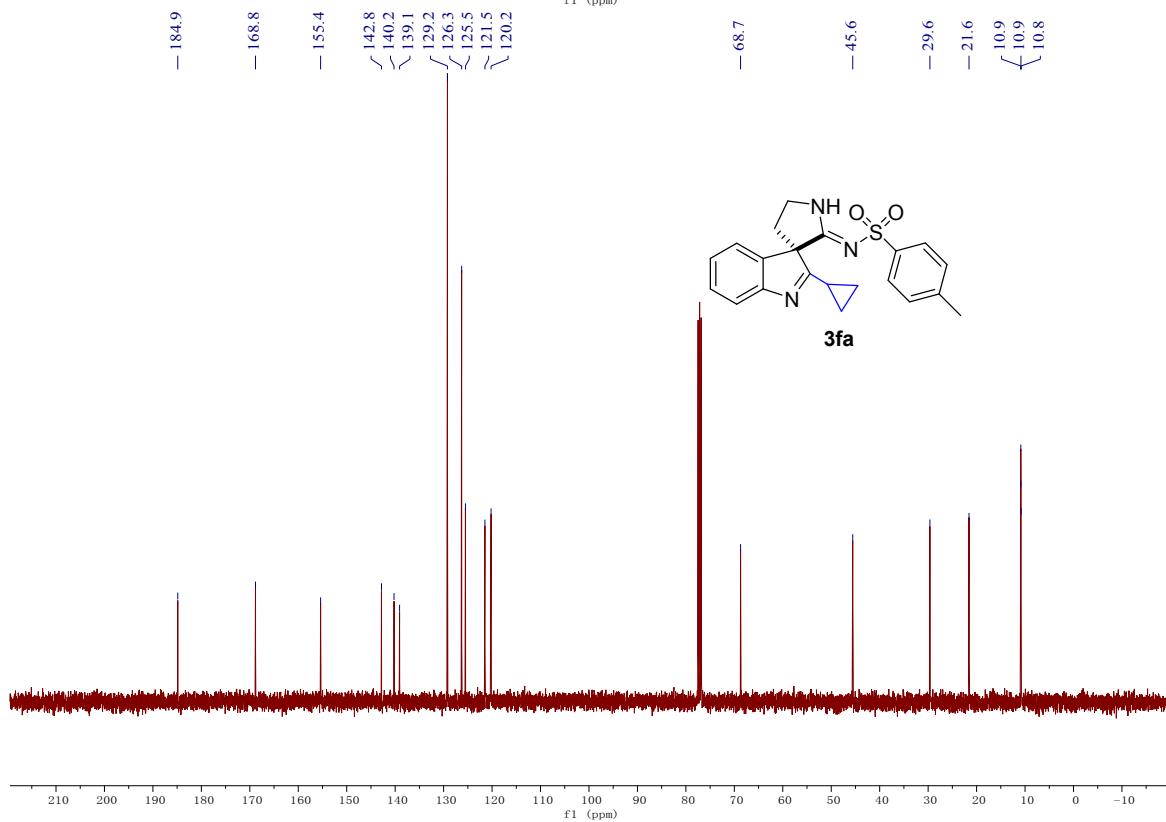
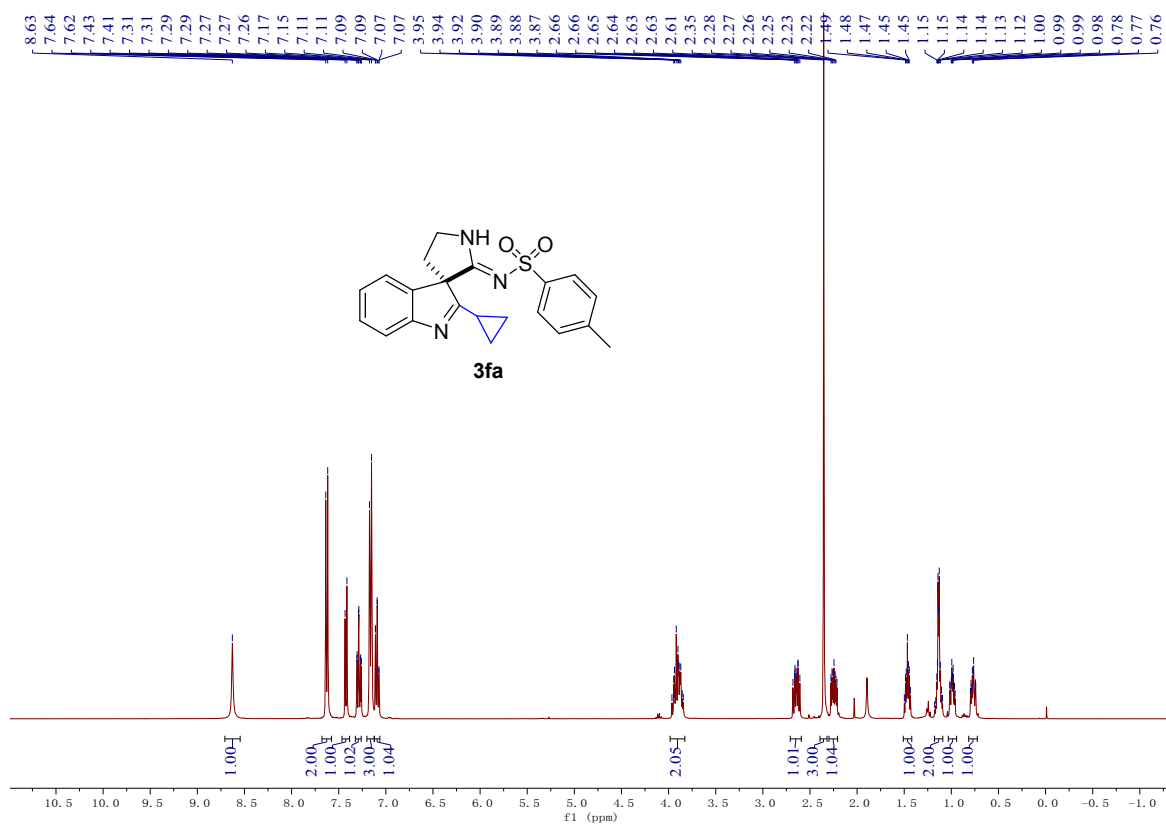


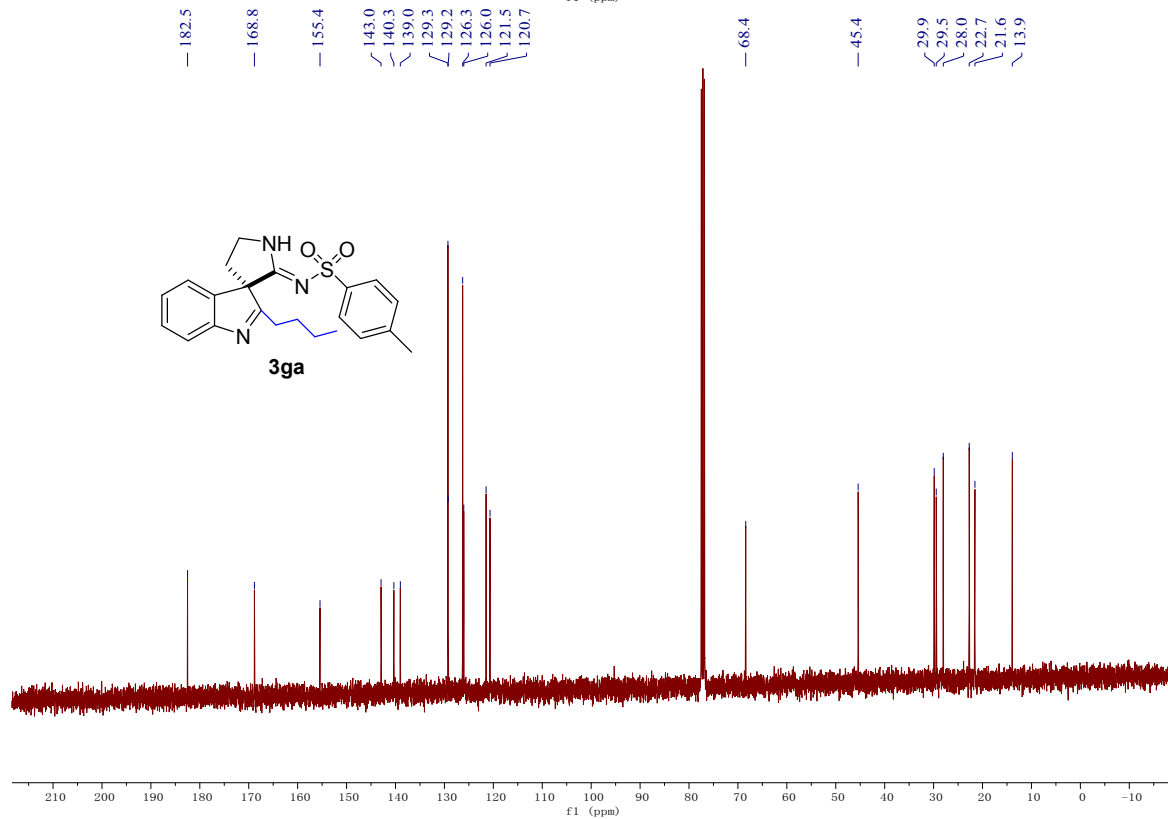
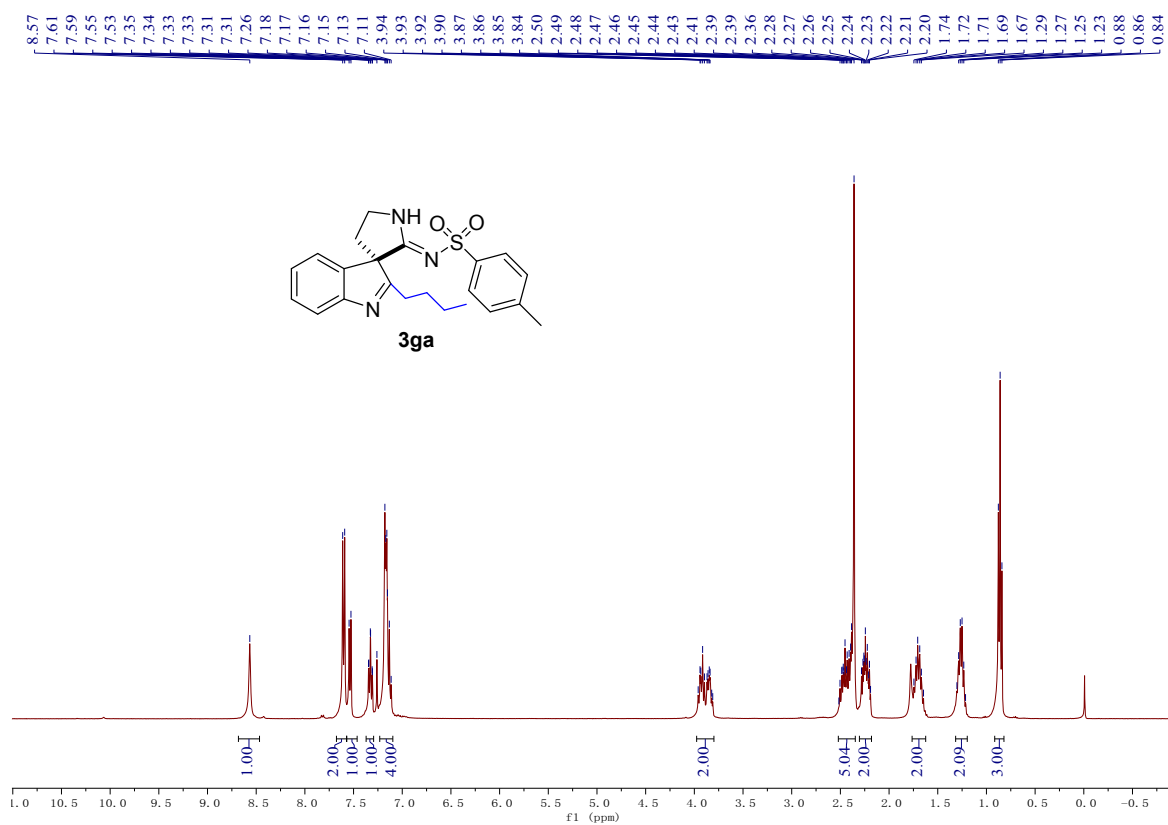


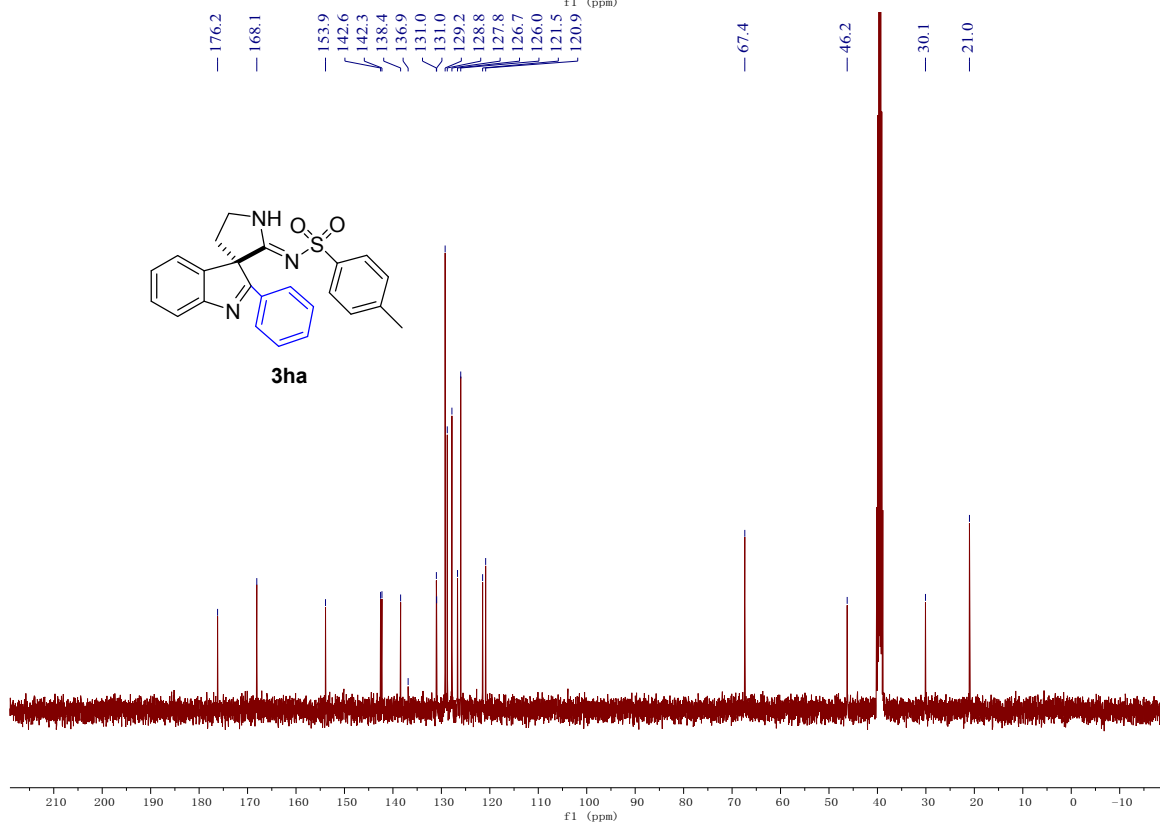
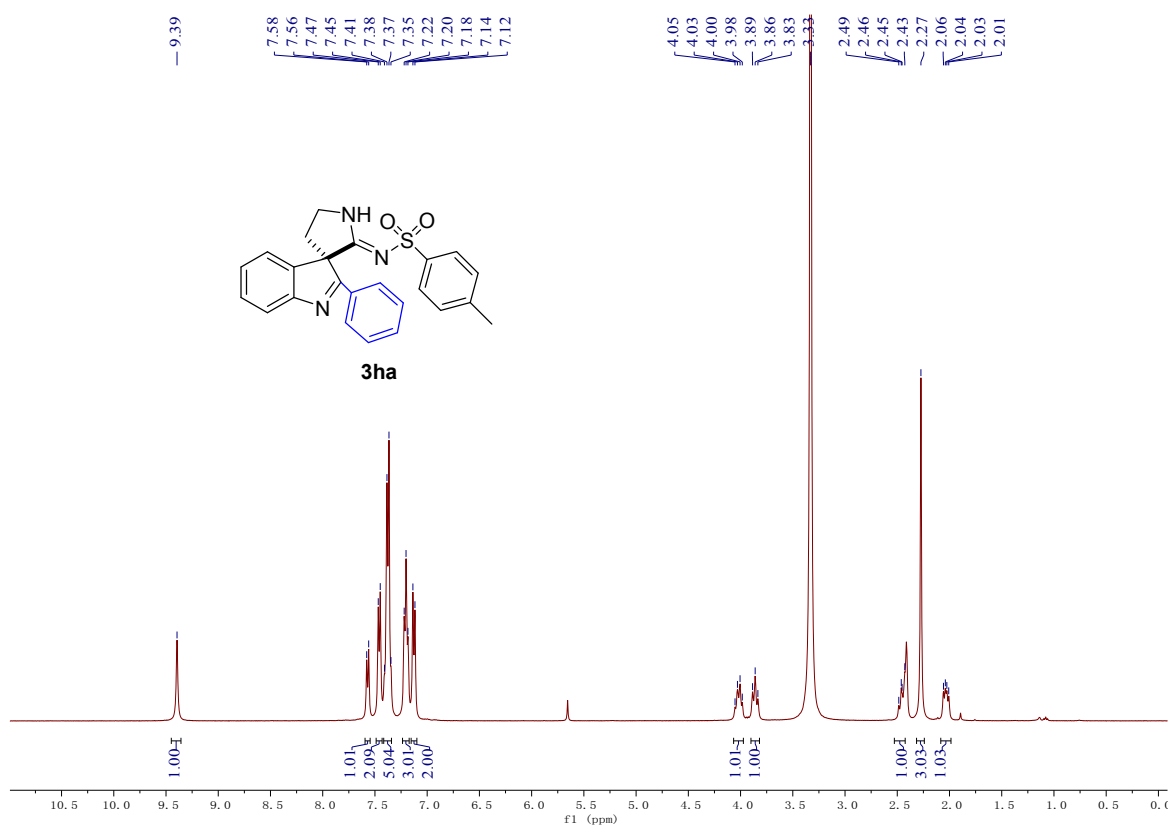


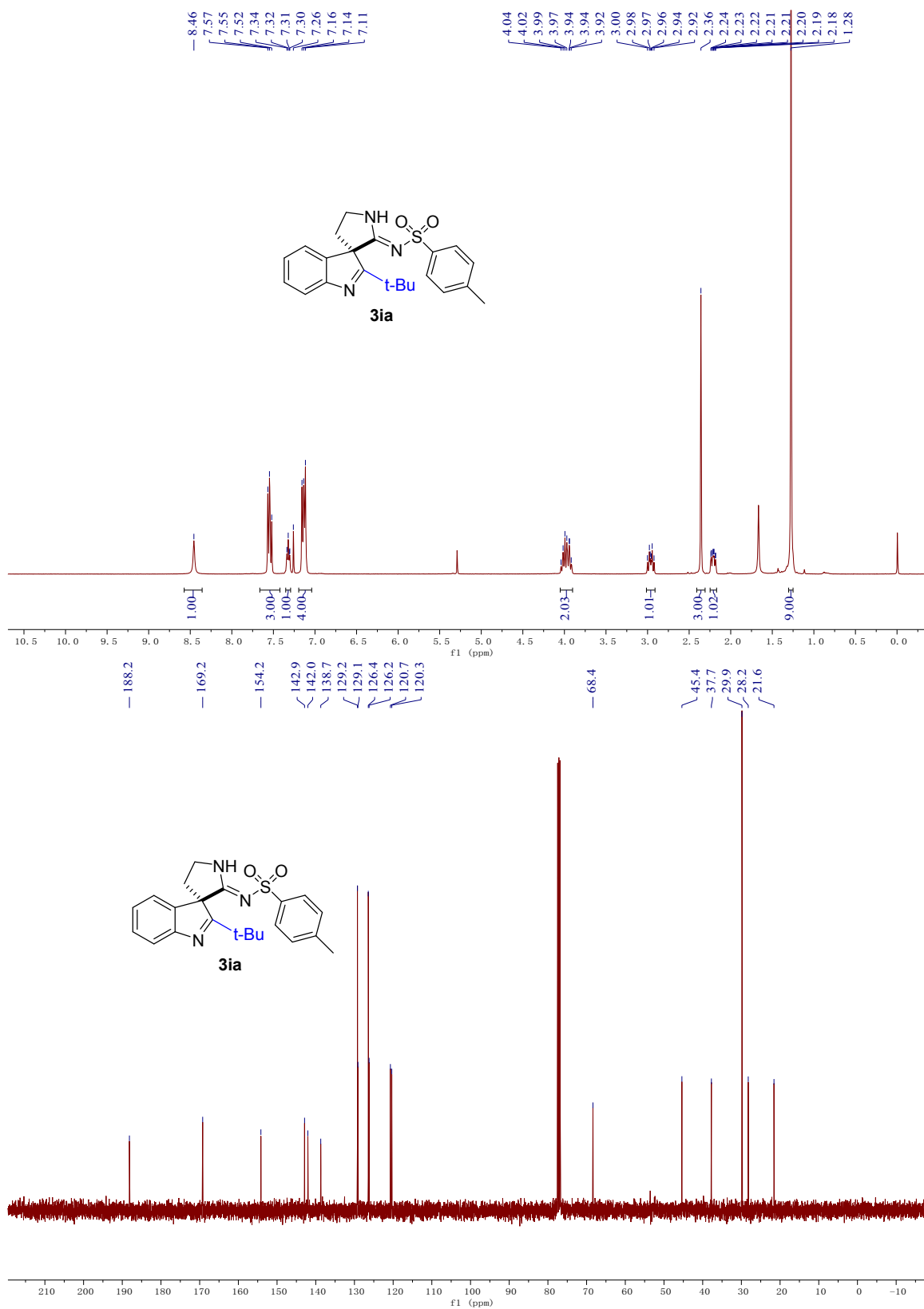


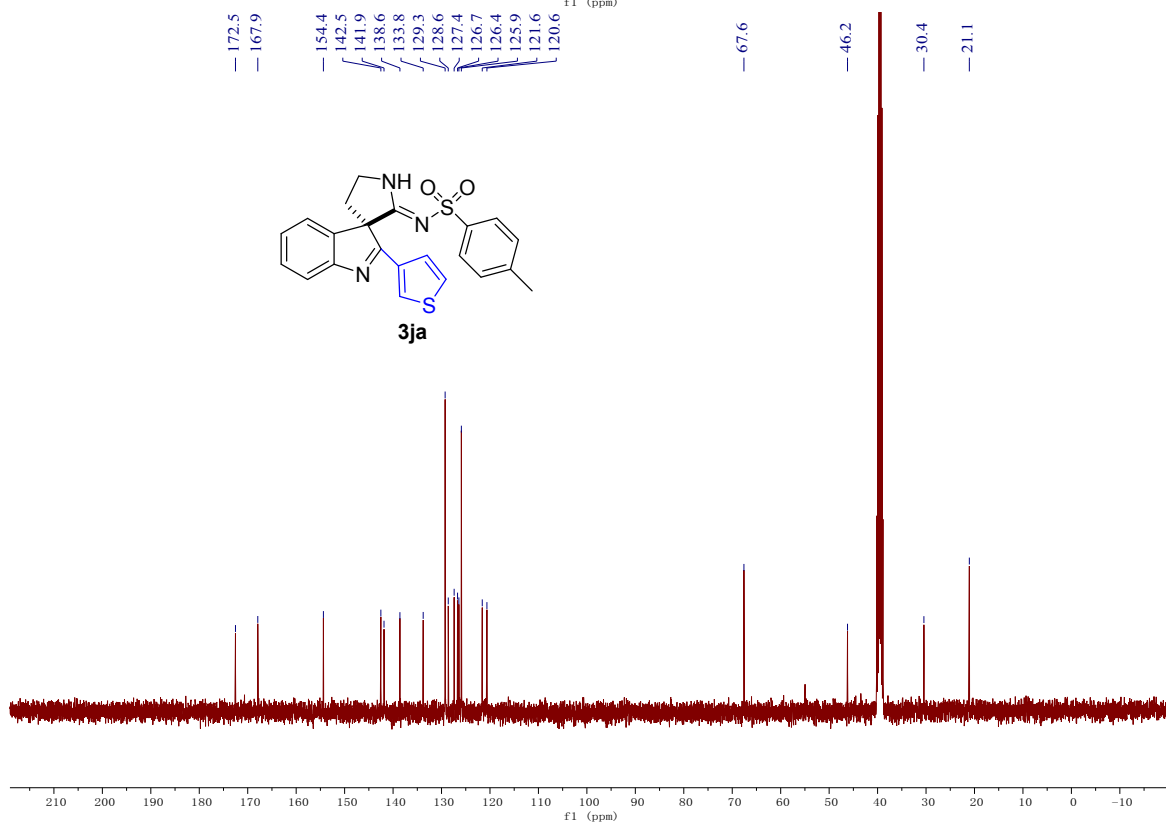
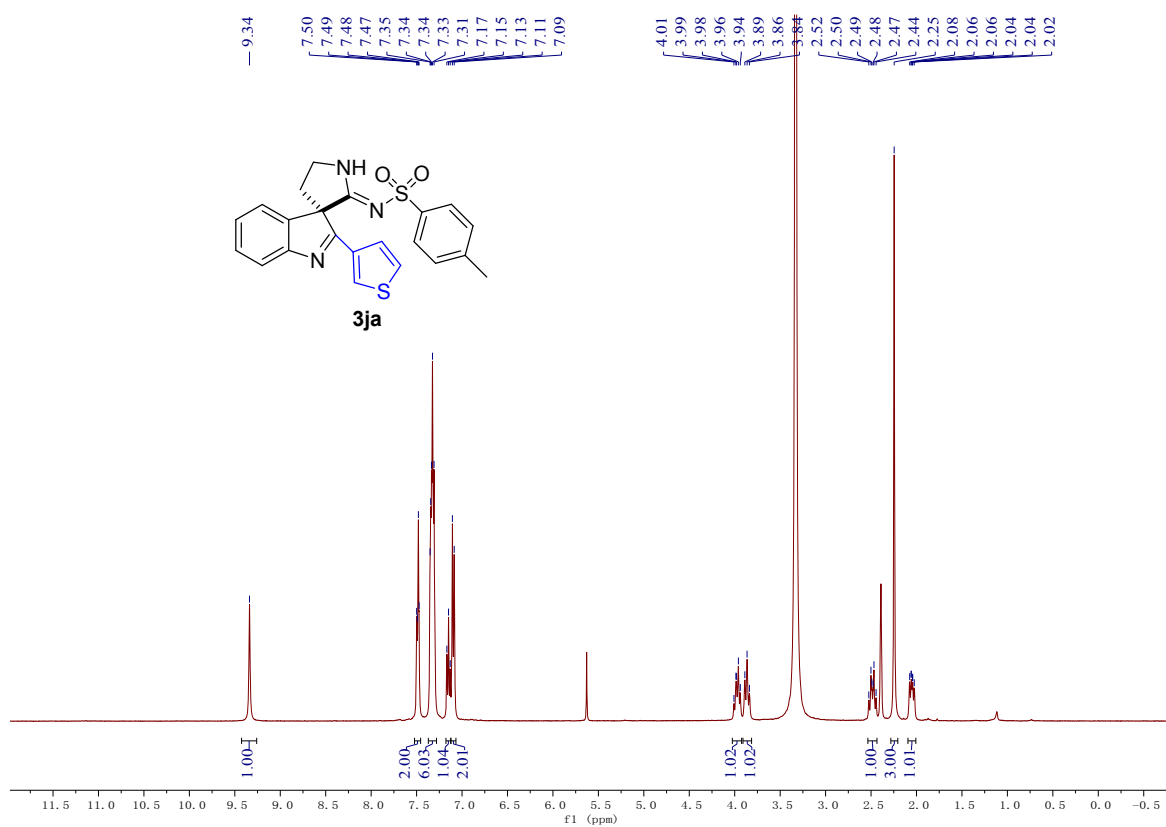


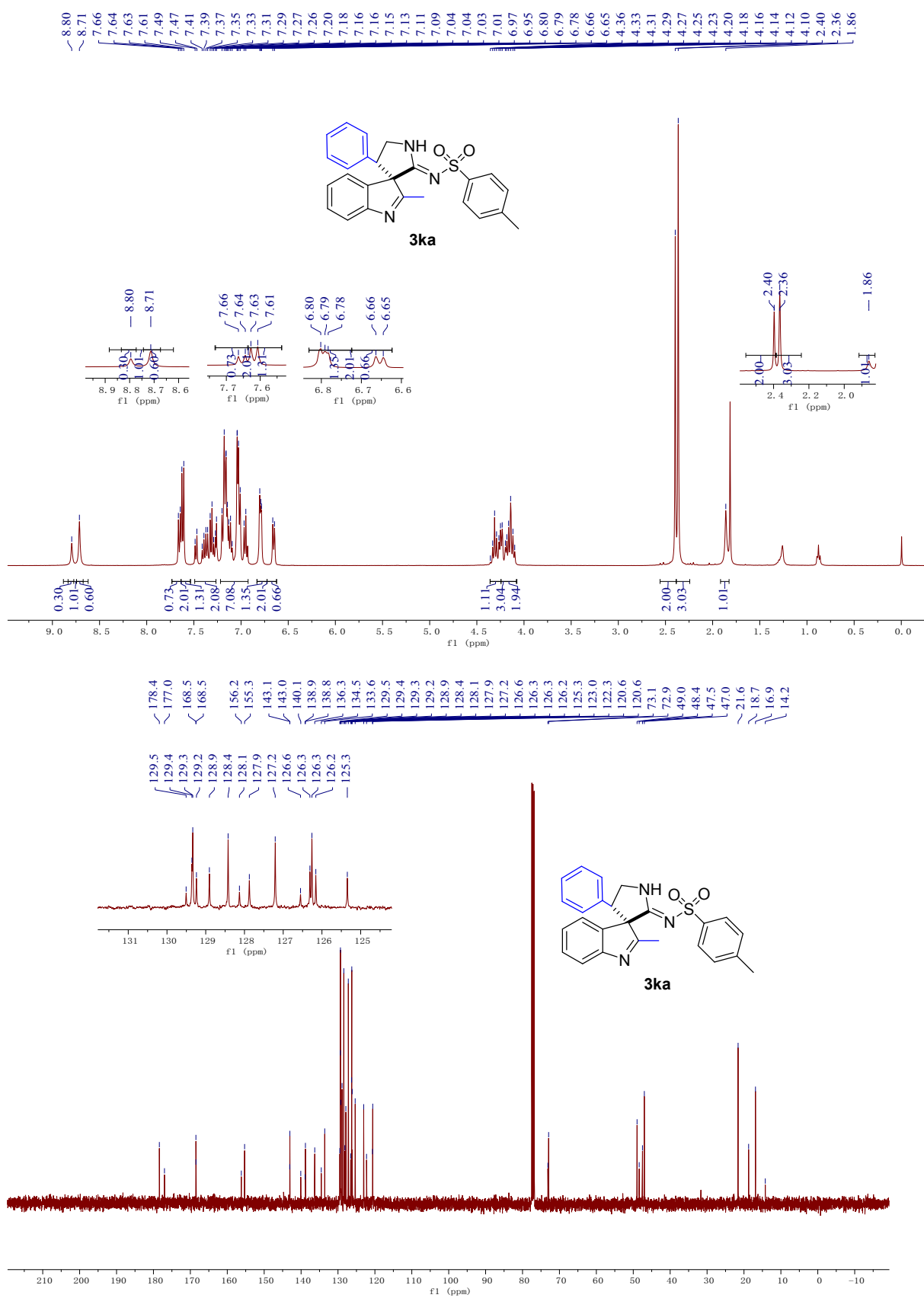


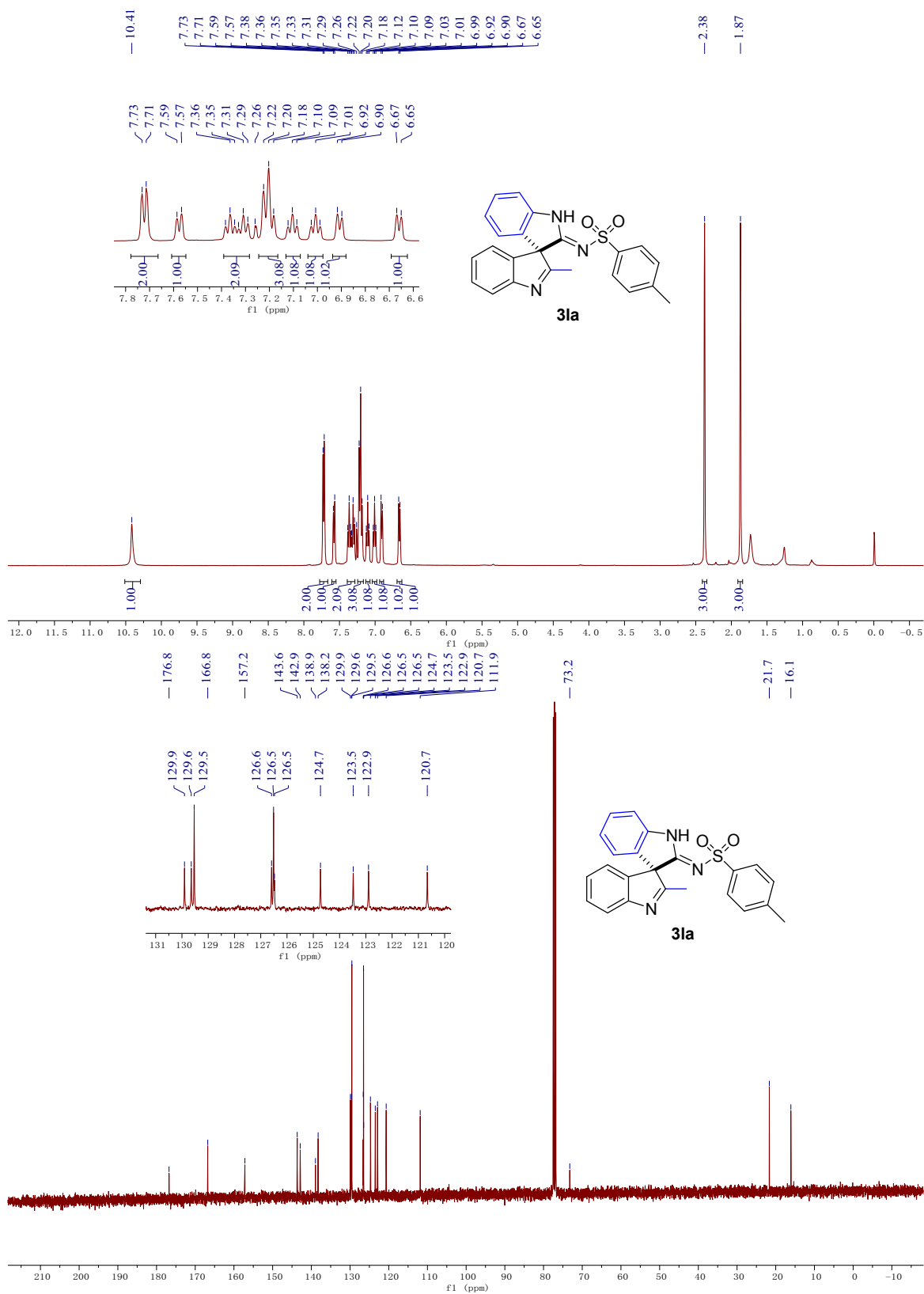


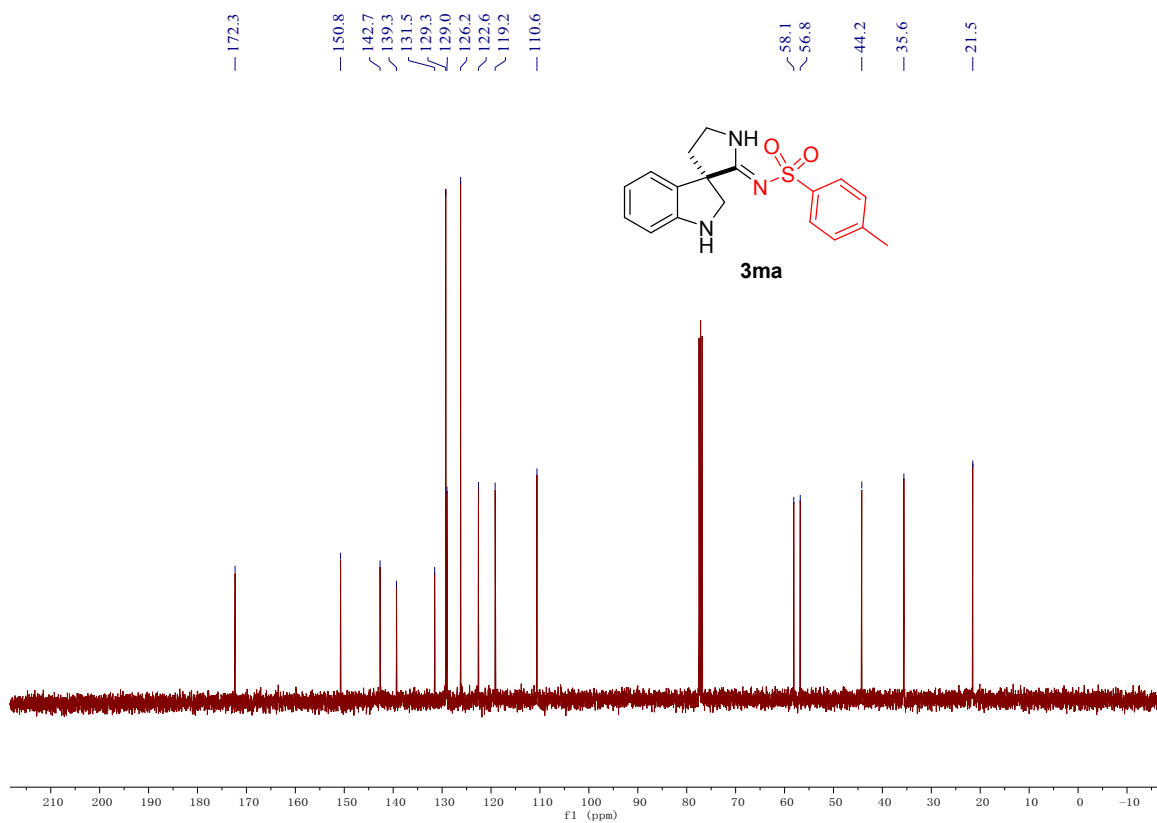
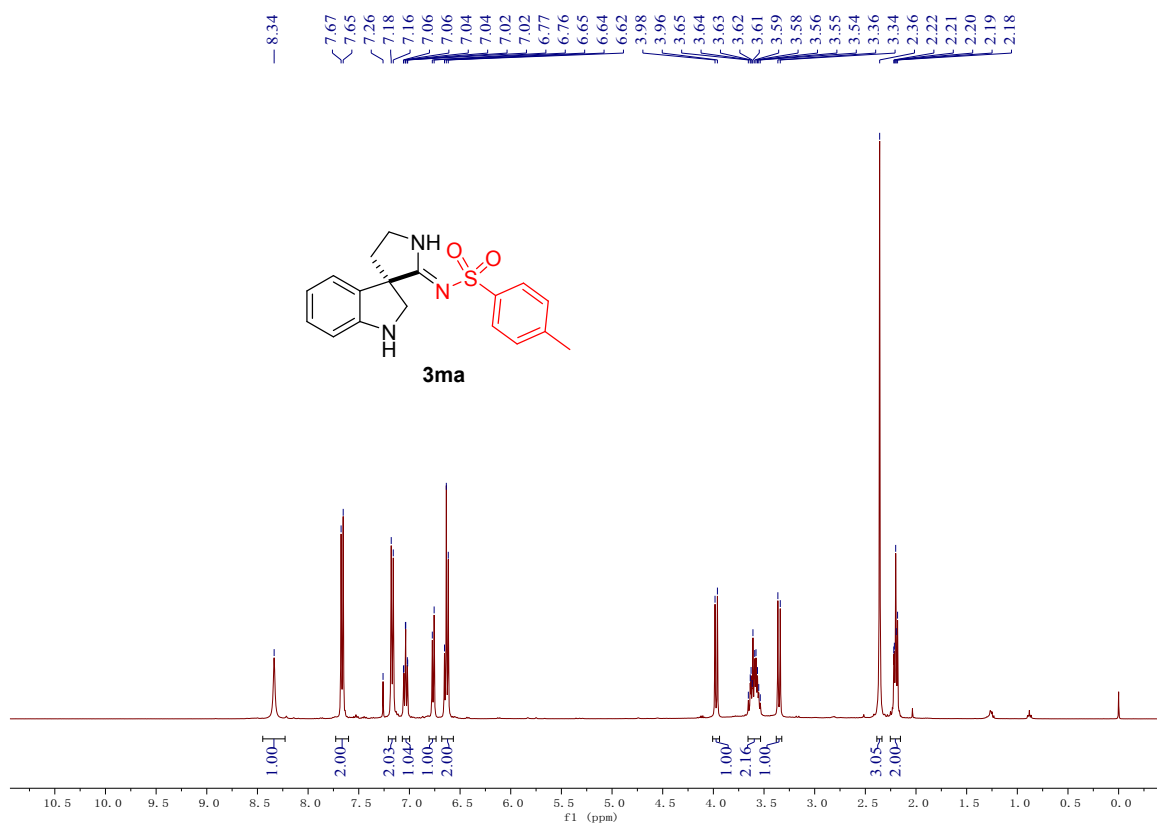


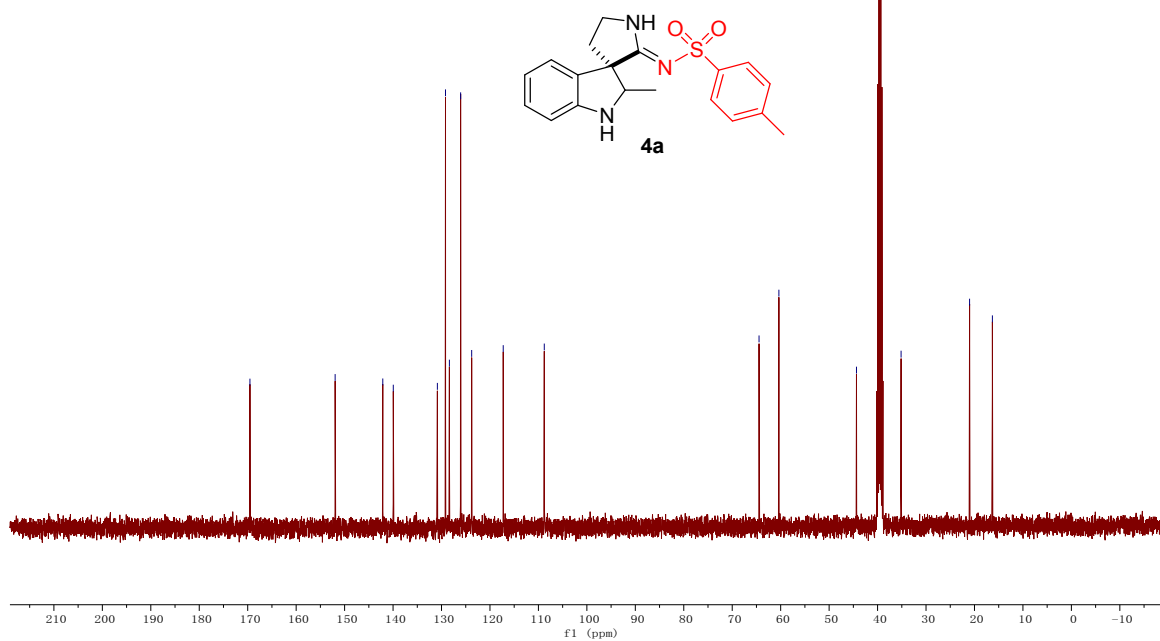
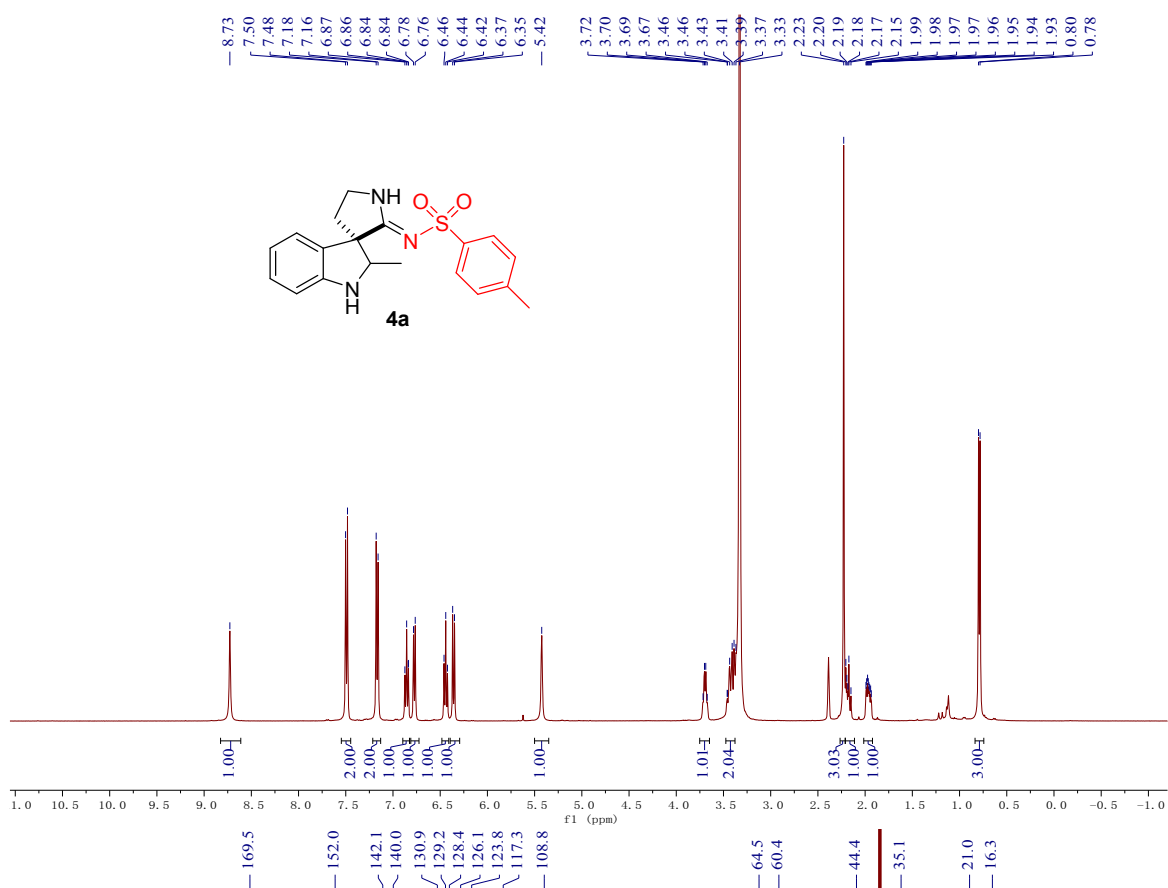




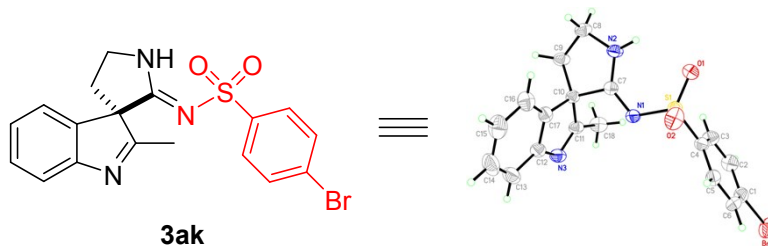








9. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3ak.



Crystal data and structure refinement for **3ak**.

Crystal number: CCDC 2034492

Empirical formula: C₁₈H₁₆BrN₃O₂S

Formula weight: 418.30

Unit cell parameters: $a = 15.138(3) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 10.099(2) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 22.516(7) \text{ \AA}$,

 $\alpha = 90, \beta = 90, \gamma = 90$

Temperature: 296 K

Wavelength: 0.71073 Å

Crystal system: orthorhombic

Volume: 3442.2 (15) Å³

Calculated density: 1.614 Mg/m³

Absorption coefficient: 2.527 mm⁻¹

F (000): 1696

Crystal size: 0.50× 0.30 × 0.20 mm³

Correction-type: multi-scan

h, k, l max: 19,13,29

Tmin, Tmax: 0.283/0.746

Data completeness: 0.989