

Supporting Information for

**Pd/ β -cyclodextrin-catalyzed C-H functionalization in water:
a greener approach to regioselective arylation of
(NH)-indoles with aryl bromides**

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1. Experiment Details

1) General Methods

All reagents were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Co. or Alfa Aesar. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DPX 400 (400 MHz) or 500 (500 MHz) spectrometer using CDCl_3 or DMSO-d_6 as the solvent. The chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) values. Coupling constants are reported in hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations are used to designate the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet and m = multiplet. $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DPX 400 (400 MHz) or 500 (500 MHz) spectrometer at 100 or 125 MHz using CDCl_3 as the solvent. All compounds were characterized by $^1\text{H-NMR}$, $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and melting point determination (for solids); melting points were uncorrected.

2) General procedures

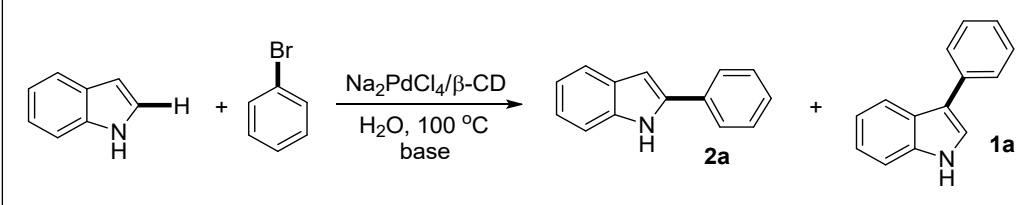
(1) Procedure for 3-arylindoles (1a-u)

Na_2PdCl_4 (14.7 mg, 5.0 mol%), β -cyclodextrin (β -CD) (56.8 mg, 5.0 mol%), KOH (112 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 3.0 ml H_2O in 25 ml round-bottom flask equipped with condenser and magnetic stirring were preheated at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 0.5h. Then, an indole (1.0 mmol) and an aryl bromide (1.0 mmol) were added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred and heated at 80 $^\circ\text{C}$ until the coupling reaction reached completion (monitored by GC-MS). After extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo, the product was obtained by purification with silica gel flash chromatography. Spectral data matches that reported in the literature.

(2) Screening of the bases of C2-selective arylation

Table S1. Optimization of the bases.

| Entry | Base | Time (h) | Yield (2a/1a, %) |
|-------|--------------------------|----------|------------------|
| 1 | Na_2CO_3 | 8 | 32/46 |
| 2 | K_2CO_3 | 8 | 39/49 |
| 3 | KOAc | 4 | 75/10 |
| 4 | NaOAc | 4 | 52/14 |
| 5 | LiOH | 2 | 35/47 |
| 6 | NaOH | 2 | 26/52 |



(3) Procedure for 2-arylindoles (2a-i)

Na_2PdCl_4 (14.7 mg, 5.0 mol%), β -cyclodextrin (β -CD) (56.8 mg, 5.0 mol%), KOAc (196 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 3.0 ml H_2O in 25 ml round-bottom flask equipped with condenser and magnetic stirring were preheated at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 0.5h. Then, an indole (1.0 mmol) and an aryl bromide (1.0 mmol) were added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred and heated at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ until the coupling reaction reached completion (monitored by GC-

MS). After extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo, the product was obtained by purification with silica gel flash chromatography. Spectral data matches that reported in the literature.

(4) Procedure for the coupling of 5-nitroindole and PhBr

Na₂PdCl₄ (14.7 mg, 5.0 mol%), β-cyclodextrin (β-CD) (56.8 mg, 5.0 mol%), KOH (112 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 3.0 ml H₂O in 25 ml round-bottom flask equipped with condenser and magnetic stirring were preheated at 60 °C for 0.5h. Then, 5-nitroindole (1.0 mmol) and PhBr (1.0 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred and heated at 80 °C for 24 hours and the reaction did not proceed under the conditions (monitored by GC-MS).

(5) Procedure for the coupling of *N*-methylindole and PhBr

Na₂PdCl₄ (14.7 mg, 5.0 mol%), β-cyclodextrin (β-CD) (56.8 mg, 5.0 mol%) or SDS (57.6 mg, 20.0 mol%), KOH (112 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 10 ml H₂O in 25 ml round-bottom flask equipped with condenser and magnetic stirring were preheated at 60 °C for 0.5h. Then, *N*-methylindole (1.0 mmol) and PhBr (1.0 mmol) were added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred and heated at 100 °C for 24 hours. After extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo, the product was obtained by purification with silica gel flash chromatography.

(6) Procedure for the coupling of 2- or 3-phenylindole and PhBr

Na₂PdCl₄ (14.7 mg, 5.0 mol%), β-cyclodextrin (β-CD) (56.8 mg, 5.0 mol%), KOH (112 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 10 ml H₂O in 25 ml round-bottom flask equipped with condenser and magnetic stirring were preheated at 60 °C for 0.5h. Then, 2- or 3-phenylindole (1.0 mmol) and PhBr (1.0 mmol) were added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred and heated at 100 °C for 24 hours. After extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo, the product was obtained by purification with silica gel flash chromatography.

(7) The proposed Na₂PdCl₄/β-CD-catalyzed mechanism of C2-arylation of indole with PhBr in water.

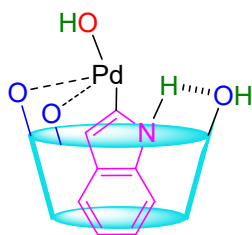
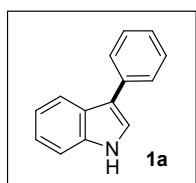


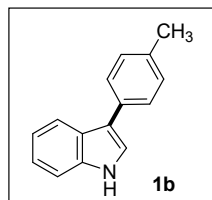
Fig. S1 the C2-palladation indole intermediate.

4) Characterization data



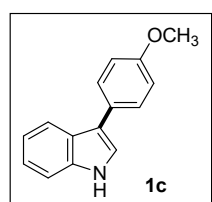
3-Phenyl-1H-indole^[1] (1a)

White solid, m.p. 108-109 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.05 (br s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (t, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.8, 135.7, 129.0, 127.6, 126.1, 125.8, 122.5, 122.1, 120.5, 119.9, 118.3, 111.6.



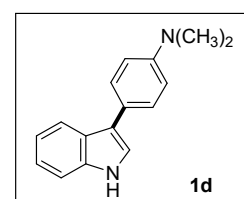
3-(p-Tolyl)-1H-indole^[2] (1b)

Pale-yellow solid, m.p. 112-113 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.05 (br s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.6, 135.6, 132.5, 129.5, 127.4, 125.7, 122.3, 122.2, 121.5, 120.2, 120.1, 119.8, 118.1, 111.4, 21.2.



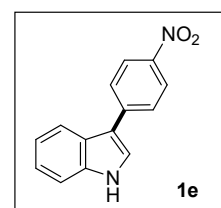
3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole^[3] (1c)

Pale-yellow solid, m.p. 130-131 °C. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.13 (br s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 158.2, 136.7, 128.7, 128.3, 126.0, 122.4, 121.4, 120.3, 119.9, 118.0, 114.4, 111.5, 55.5



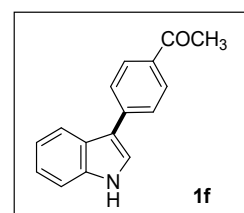
3-(4-N,N-dimethylaminophenyl)-1H-indole^[4] (1d)

Pale-yellow solid, m.p. 88-90 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.15 (br s, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (s, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.5, 130.8, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 126.0, 122.1, 120.7, 119.9, 119.8, 118.3, 113.3, 112.3, 111.3, 40.9.



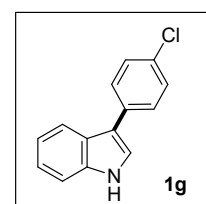
3-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1H-indole^[2] (1e)

Light yellow solid, m.p. 149-151 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.48 (br s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 145.6, 142.8, 136.9, 127.1, 125.1, 124.3, 123.7, 123.2, 121.3, 119.5, 116.3, 111.9.



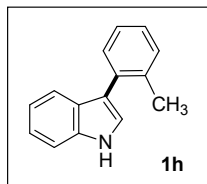
3-(4-Acetylphenyl)-1H-indole^[4] (1f)

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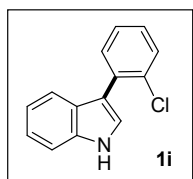
3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1H-indole^[5] (1g)

White solid, m.p. 138-140 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.19 (br s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.28 (t, 3H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.7, 134.1, 131.6, 129.0, 128.6, 125.6, 122.6, 122.0, 120.6, 119.6, 117.1, 111.6



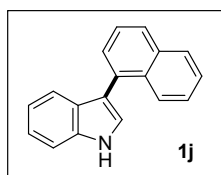
3-(*o*-Tolyl)-1*H*-indole^[6] (1h)

Colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.12 (br s, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3 H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 137.0, 136.0, 134.6, 131.0, 130.5, 127.1, 126.9, 125.8, 123.0, 122.3, 120.3, 120.1, 117.6, 111.4, 21.0



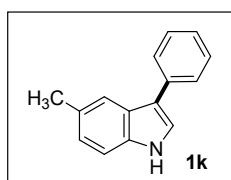
3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indole^[7] (1i)

Light yellow solid, m.p 72-74 °C. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (br s, 1H), 7.81 (dt, *J* = 1.0, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.0, 134.0, 133.4, 132.2, 130.4, 128.0, 127.0, 126.7, 124.6, 122.6, 120.5, 120.3, 114.8, 111.4.



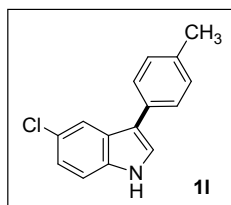
3-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-1*H*-indole^[7] (1j)

Light brown solid, m.p 32-33 °C. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (br s, 1H), 7.99 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23 (q, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.2, 134.2, 133.2, 132.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 126.8, 126.0, 125.9, 123.8, 122.6, 120.5, 120.3, 116.6, 111.5.



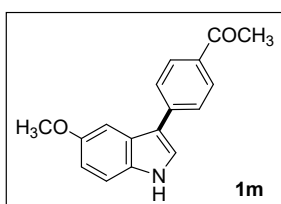
5-Methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-indole^[8] (1k)

White solid, m.p. 106-108 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.98 (br s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.41 (t, 2H), 7.29-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 135.8, 135.1, 129.6, 128.8, 127.5, 126.0, 125.9, 124.0, 122.0, 119.4, 117.9, 111.1, 21.6.



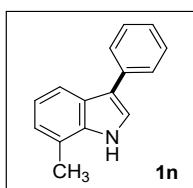
3-(4-Methylphenyl)-5-chloro-1*H*-indole (1l)

White solid, m.p. 99-100 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.12 (br s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.0, 135.0, 132.0, 129.6, 127.3, 127.0, 126.8, 125.9, 122.7, 122.6, 119.3, 119.2, 118.0, 112.3, 21.2. HRMS (EI) [M⁺]/*z* calcd. 241.72, found 241.00.



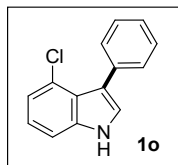
3-(4-Acetylphenyl)-5-methoxy-1*H*-indole (1m)

White solid, m.p. 118-119 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.45 (br s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 155.1, 141.1, 134.4, 132.0, 129.1, 129.0, 127.4, 126.8, 125.9, 123.8, 112.9, 112.4, 101.8, 56.0, 26.5. HRMS (EI) [M⁺]/*z* calcd. 265.31, found 265.00.



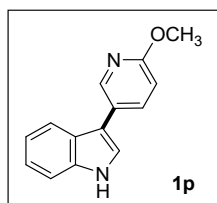
7-Methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-indole^[7] (1n)

Light yellow solid, m.p 109-111 °C. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.99 (br s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.4, 136.0, 129.0, 127.7, 126.2, 125.5, 123.1, 121.9, 120.8, 120.7, 118.8, 117.8, 16.7.



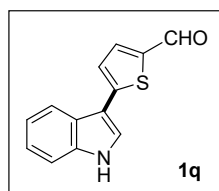
3-Phenyl-4-chloro-1H-indole (1o)

Colorless oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.14$ (br s, 1H), 7.79 (dt, $J = 2.0, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.66-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 137.8, 135.6, 131.4, 127.9, 127.0, 126.6, 125.1, 123.4, 123.1, 121.7, 119.0, 110.7$.



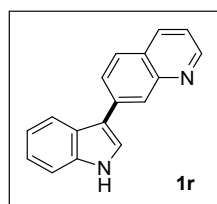
3-(6-Methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1H-indole^[10] (1p)

Yellow solid, m.p. 97-98 °C. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.63$ (br s, 1H), 8.48 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, $J = 3.0, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 163.7, 143.2, 137.0, 136.1, 135.1, 129.2, 122.5, 122.3, 120.6, 120.5, 111.4, 111.0, 99.8, 55.9$.



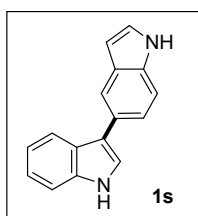
5-(1H-Indol-3-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (1q)

Yellow oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.99$ (br s, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (t, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (t, 1H), 6.86 (t, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.5, 136.7, 129.4, 126.7, 125.5, 123.4, 122.2, 119.7, 119.6, 118.9, 111.4, 110.0$.



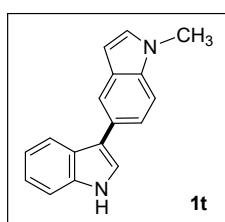
7-(1H-Indol-3-yl)quinoline (1r)

Brown solid, m.p. 238-240 °C. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.33$ (br s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.68-7.56 (m, 5H), 7.41 (t, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.50 (dt, $J = 2.9, 1.2$ Hz, 2H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 154.8, 146.0, 138.6, 136.9, 129.5, 128.2, 127.8, 122.4, 122.2, 120.6, 120.4, 117.9, 112.1, 110.9, 106.8, 99.7$



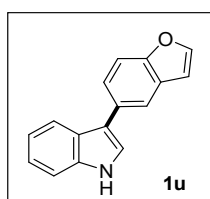
1H,1'H-3,5'-biindole (1s)

Pale-brown solid, m.p. 193-195 °C. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.14$ (br s, 2H), 7.99 (dd, $J = 1.1, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 1.6, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1 Hz). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 136.6, 135.0, 128.4, 127.2, 126.2, 124.6, 122.7, 122.2, 121.3, 120.0, 119.4, 117.3, 111.3, 111.2, 102.7, 98.7$.



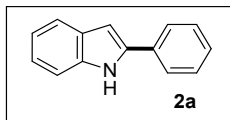
1'-Methyl-1H,1'H-3,5'-biindole^[9] (1t)

Pale-brown solid, m.p. 163-164 °C. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.64$ (br s, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 155.0, 141.1, 136.5, 134.2, 132.0, 129.1, 129.0, 127.4, 126.7, 125.7, 124.7, 123.9, 116.8, 112.8, 112.5, 101.6, 56.0$.



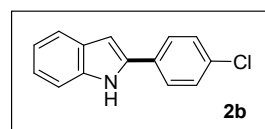
3-(Benzofuran-5-yl)-1H-indole^[10] (1u)

Light yellow oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.81$ (br s, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.06 (t, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 1.0, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 150.4, 136.1, 130.7, 130.3, 129.3, 128.7, 127.6, 124.9, 123.0, 122.7, 121.9, 120.6, 119.8, 112.0, 111.1, 101.5$.



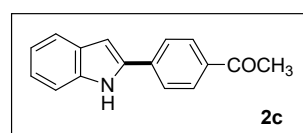
2-Phenyl-1*H*-indole^[11] (2a)

White solid, m.p. 188-190 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.32 (br s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.33 (t, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.9, 132.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.7, 125.2, 122.4, 120.7, 120.3, 111.0, 100.4.



2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indole^[12] (2b)

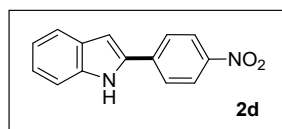
Off white solid, m.p. 201-203 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.30 (br s, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 1.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 0.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 137.0, 136.7, 133.4, 130.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 126.3, 122.6, 122.0, 120.7, 120.4, 111.0, 100.4.



2-(4-Acetylphenyl)-1*H*-indole (2c)

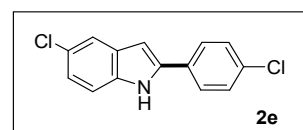
White solid, m.p. 172-174 °C. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.11 (br s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dt, *J* = 5.8, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 ((dd, *J* = 1.5, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 158.2, 136.8, 128.8, 128.3, 126.0, 122.4, 121.4, 120.3, 119.9, 118.0, 114.5, 111.6, 55.5.

2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1*H*-indole^[13] (2d)



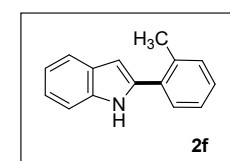
Yellow solid, m.p. > 230 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ = 11.85 (br s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.03 (t, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ = 146.3, 139.0, 138.4, 135.7, 128.9, 125.9, 124.8, 123.6, 121.3, 120.4, 112.2,

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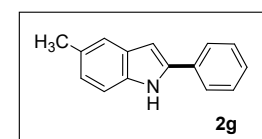
2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-chloro-1*H*-indole (2e)

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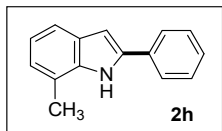
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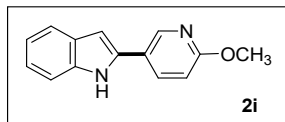
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Colorless solid, m.p. 214-215 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.25 (br s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.9, 136.7, 133.4, 130.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 126.3, 122.6, 122.0, 120.7, 120.4, 111.0, 100.4, 30.5.



7-Methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole^[11] (2h)

Colorless solid, m.p. 116-117 °C. ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.24 (br s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 137.8, 136.6, 132.7, 129.2, 129.0, 127.8, 125.4, 123.1, 120.7, 120.3, 118.6, 100.8, 16.9.



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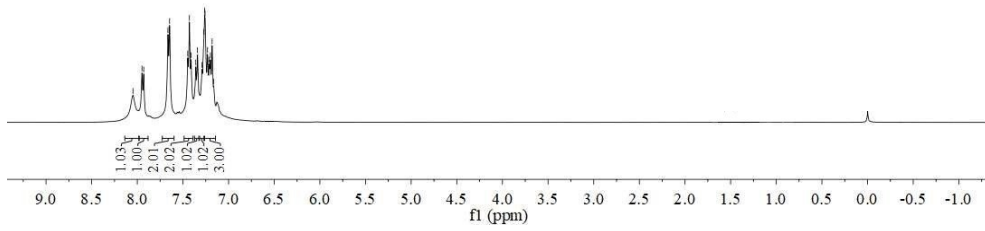
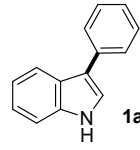
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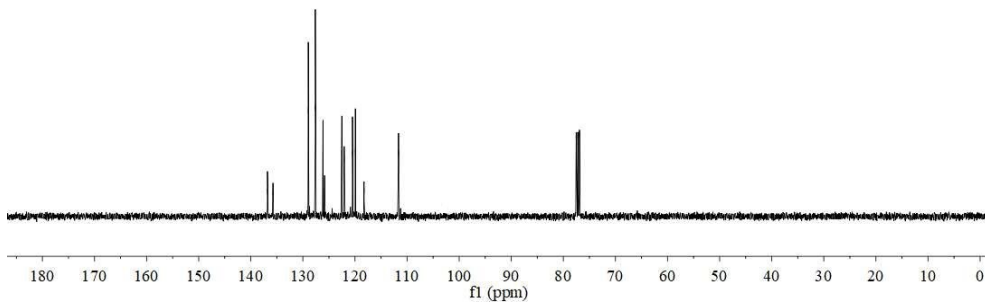
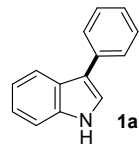
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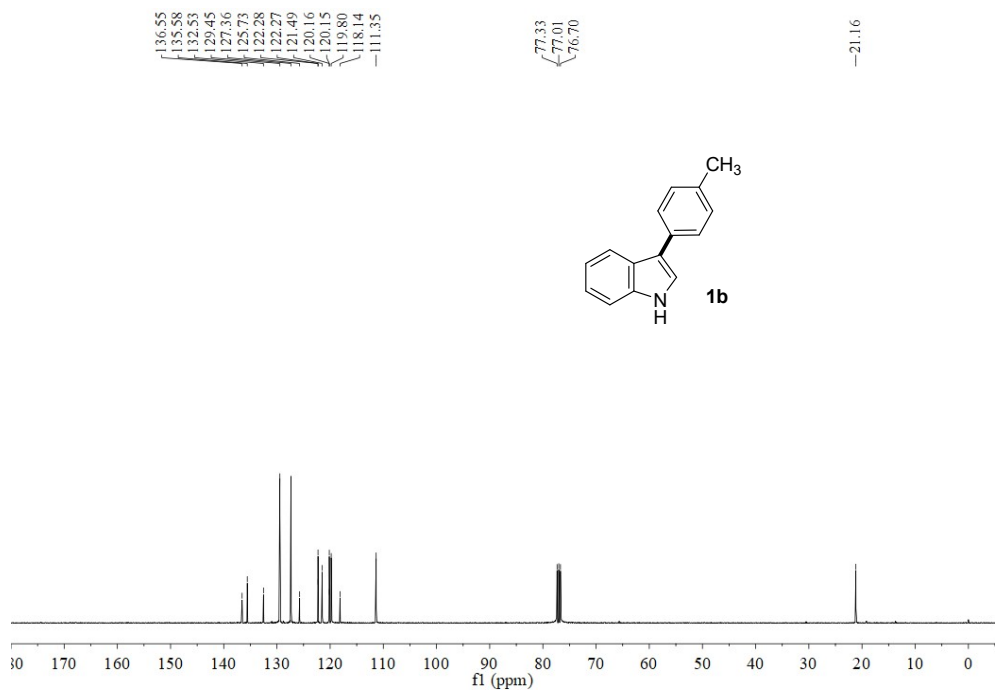
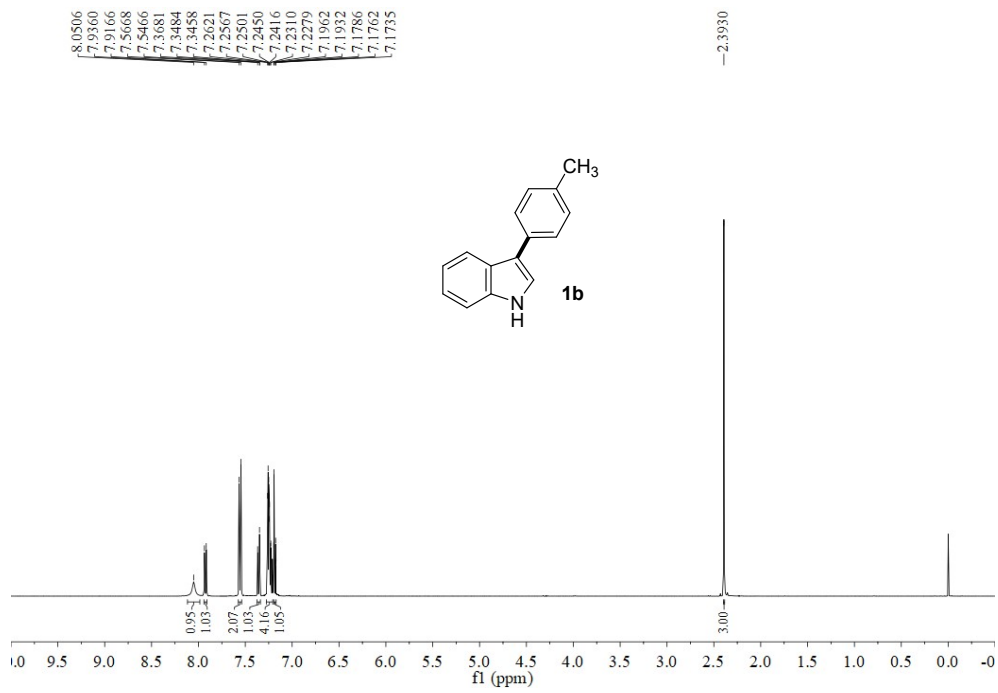
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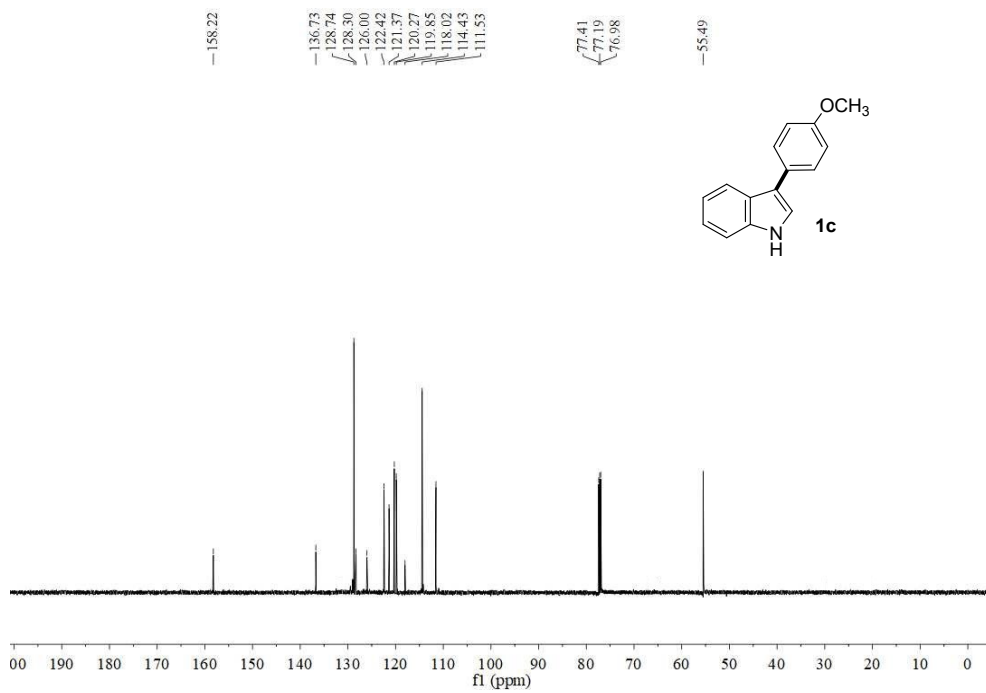
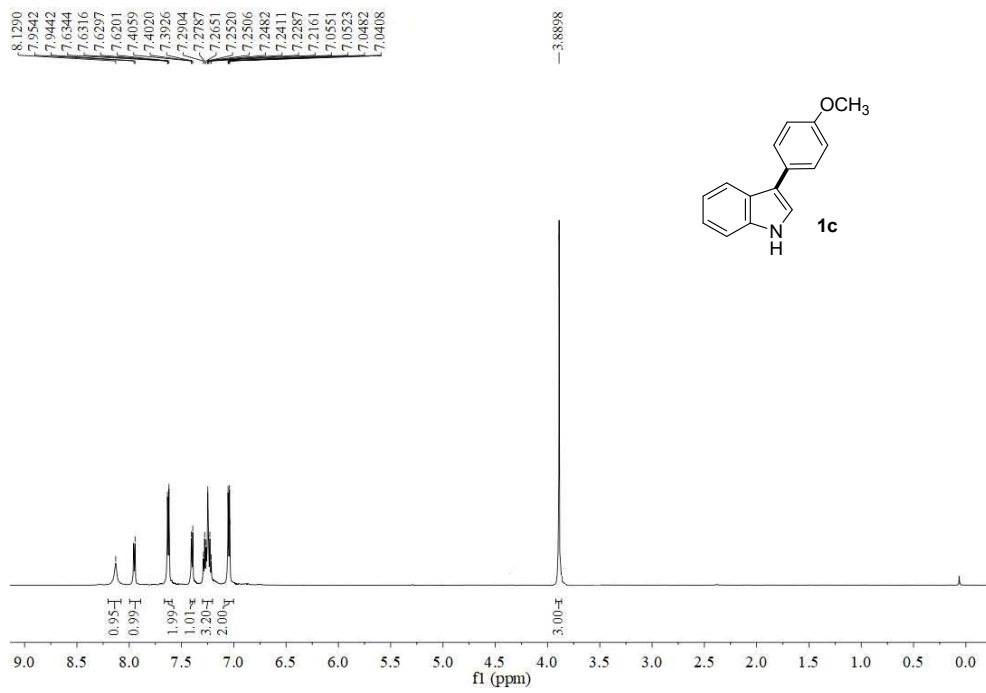
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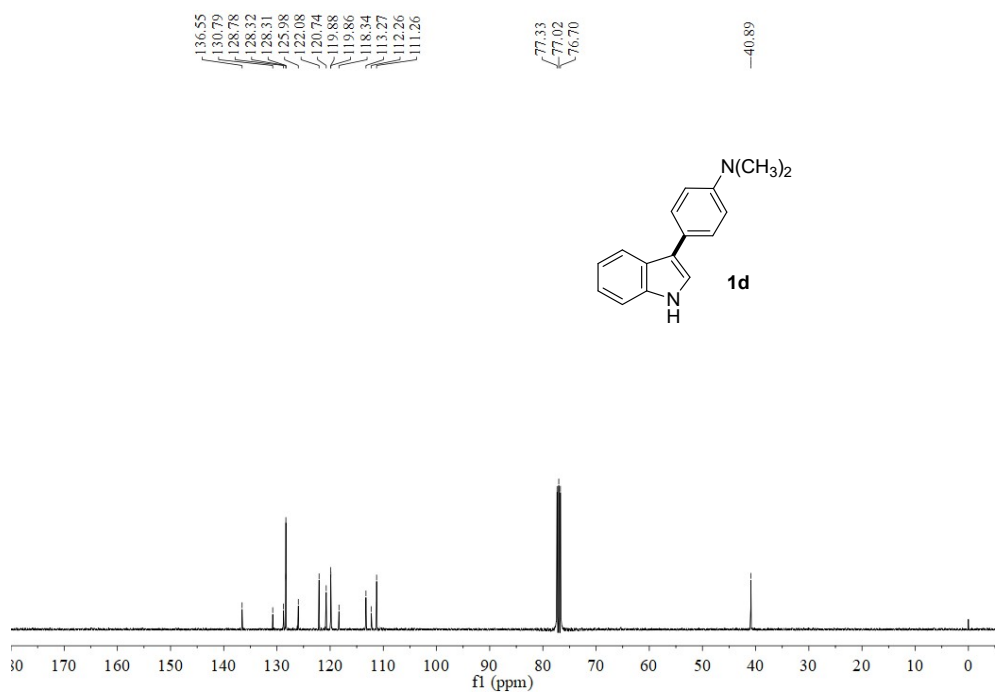
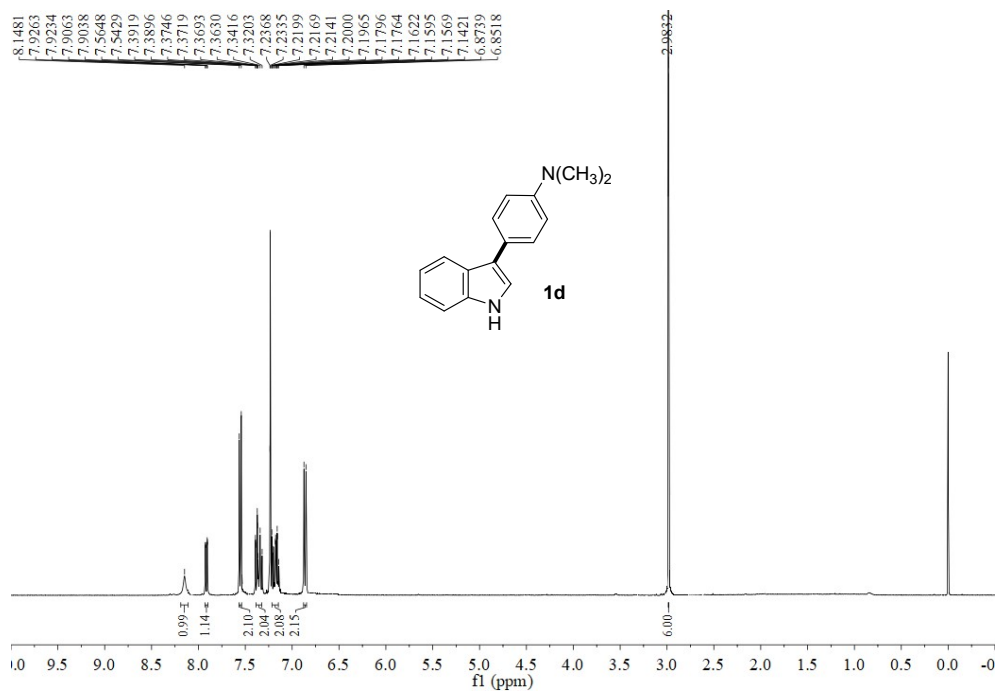


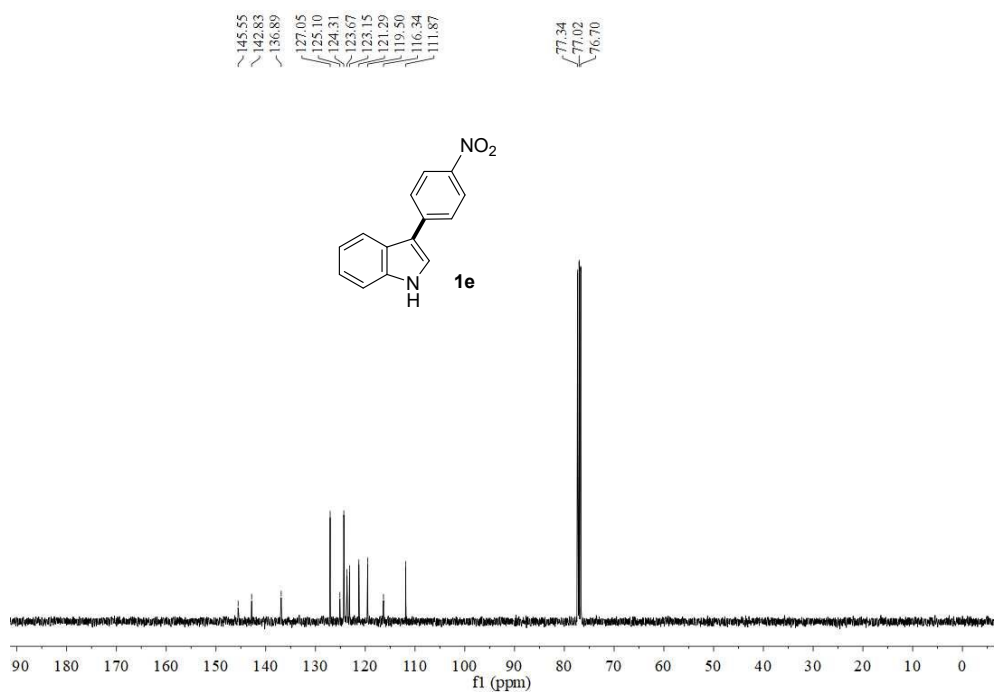
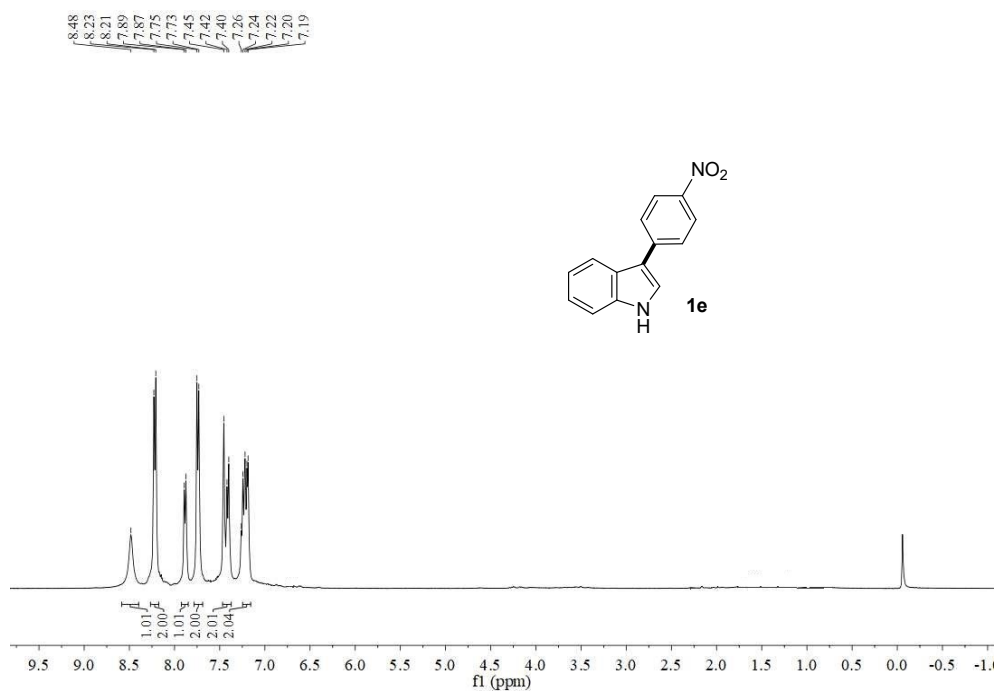
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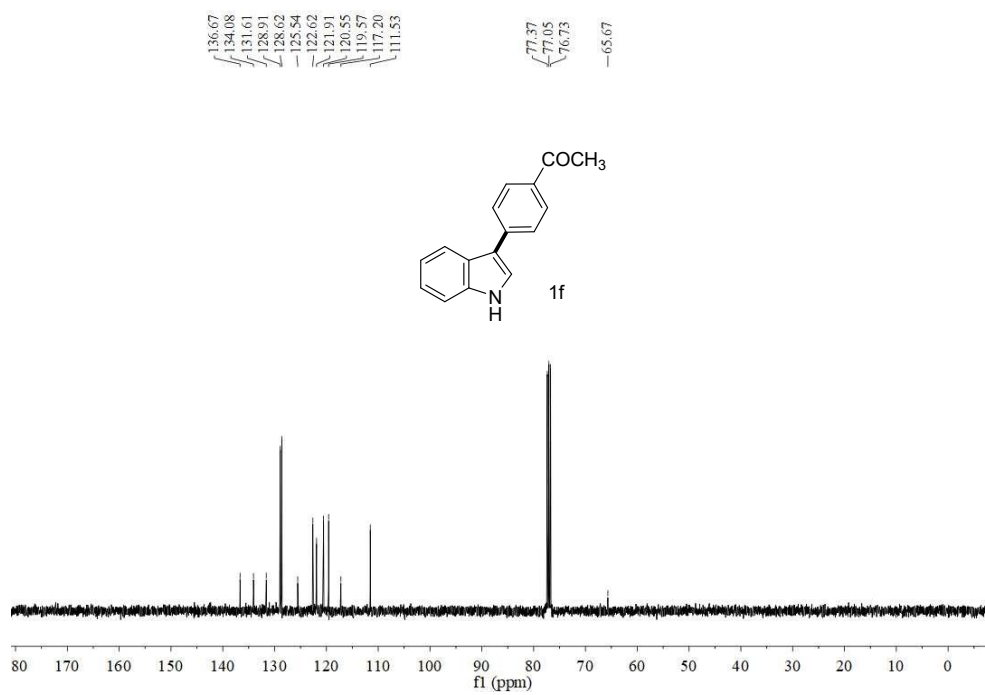
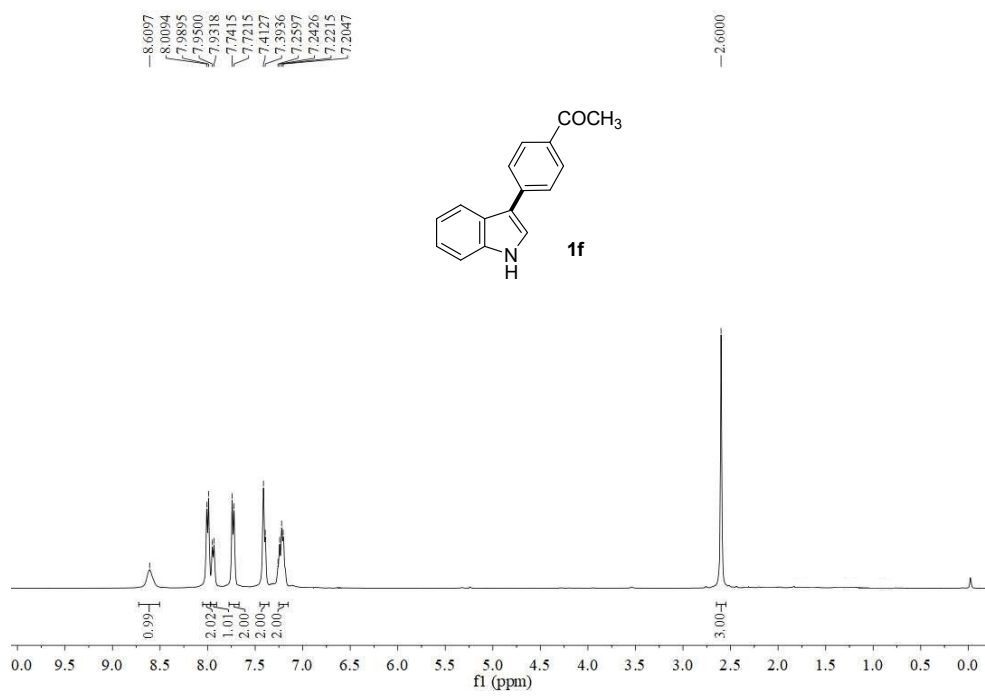


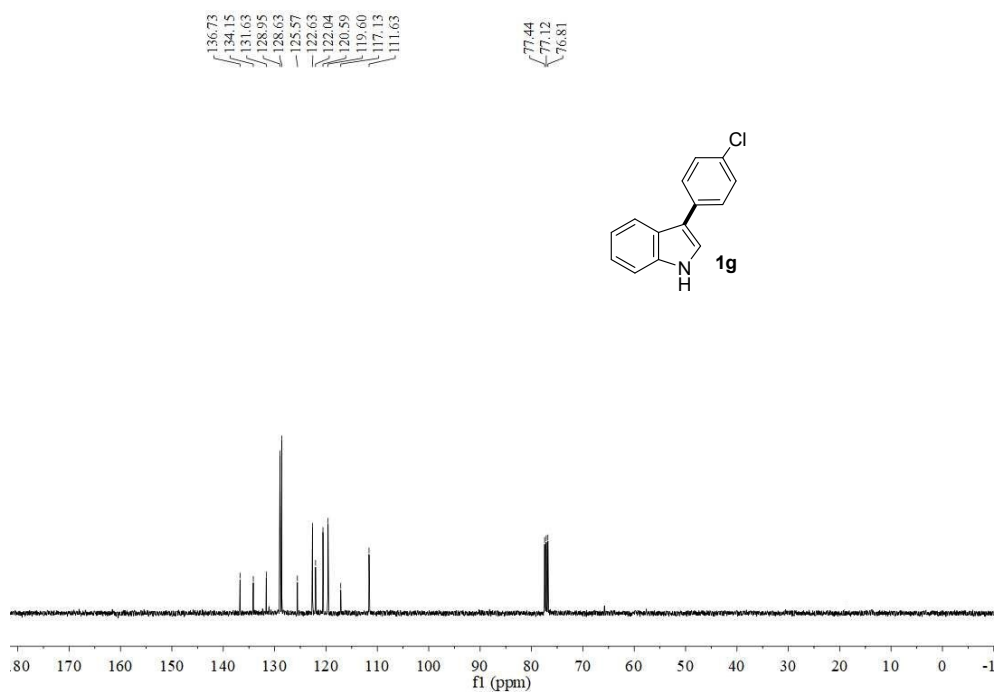
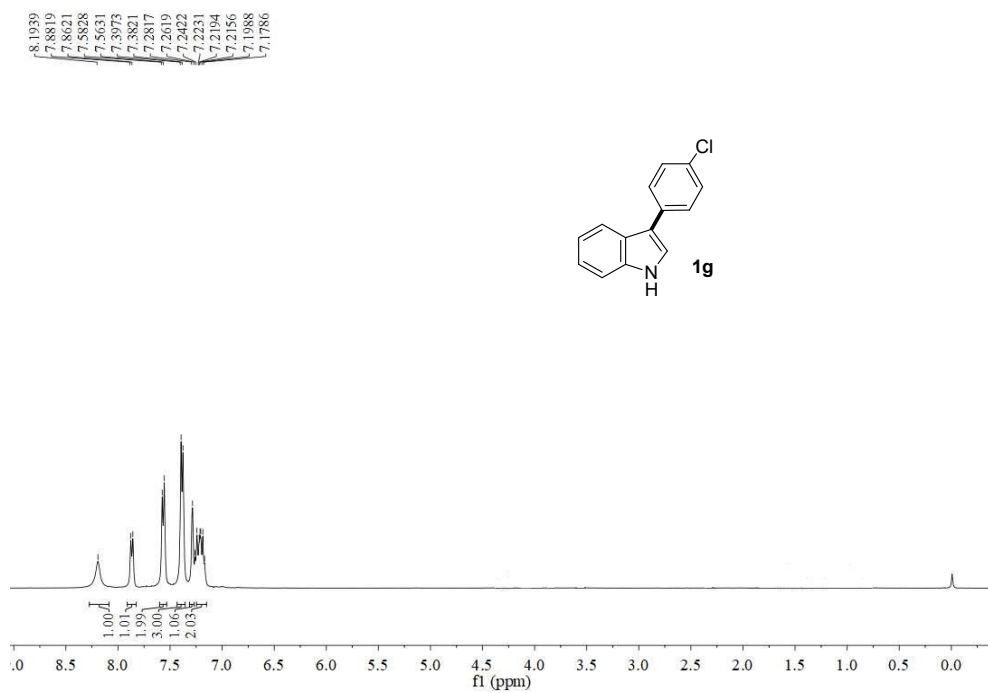


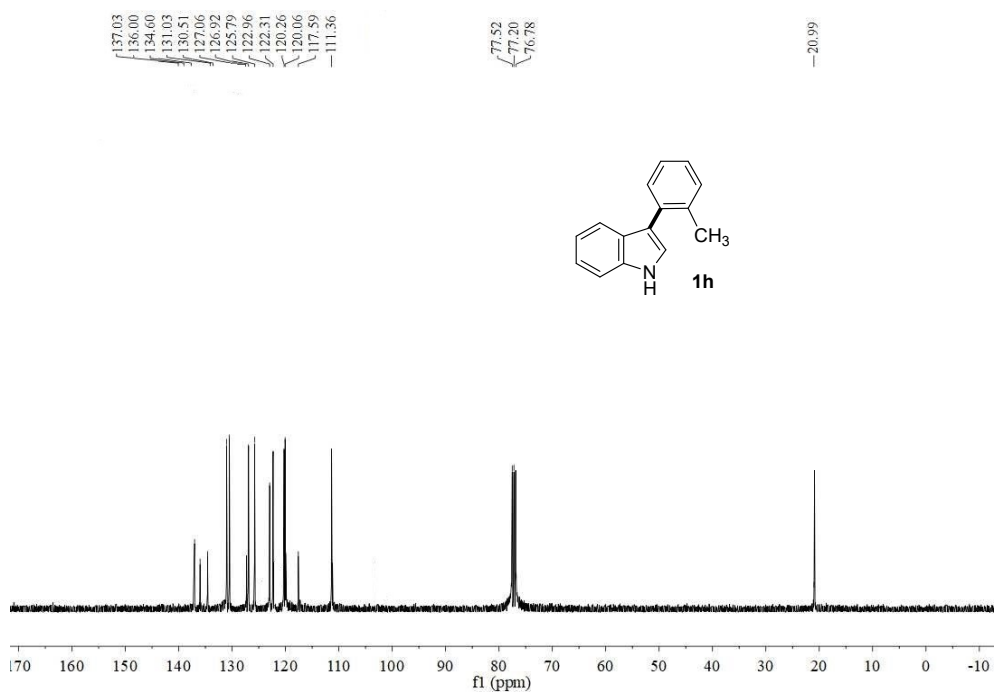
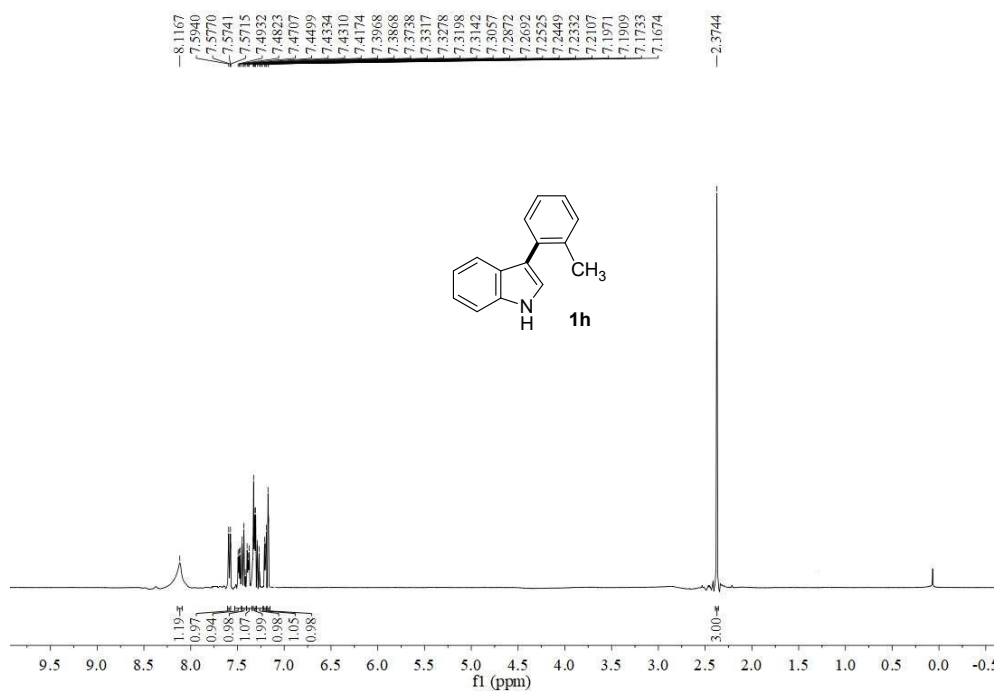


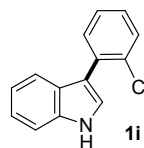
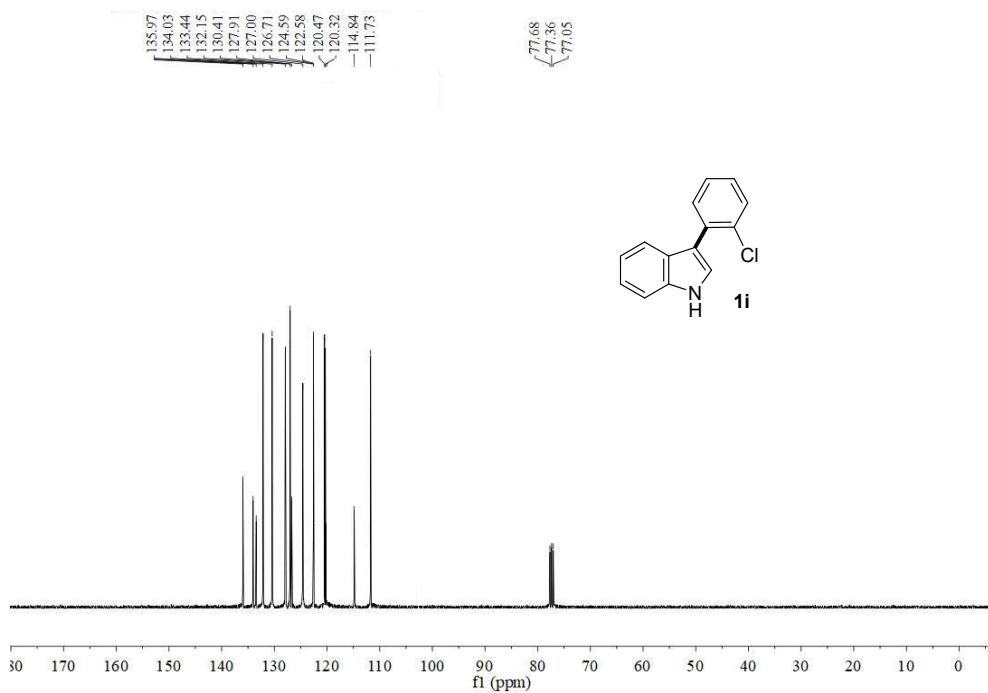
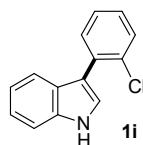
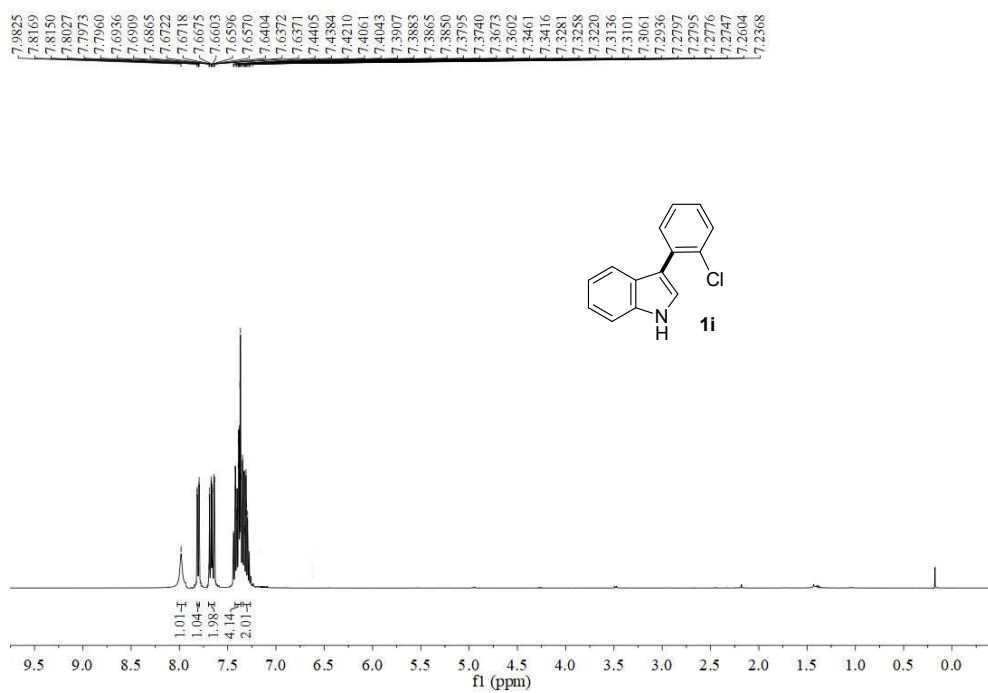




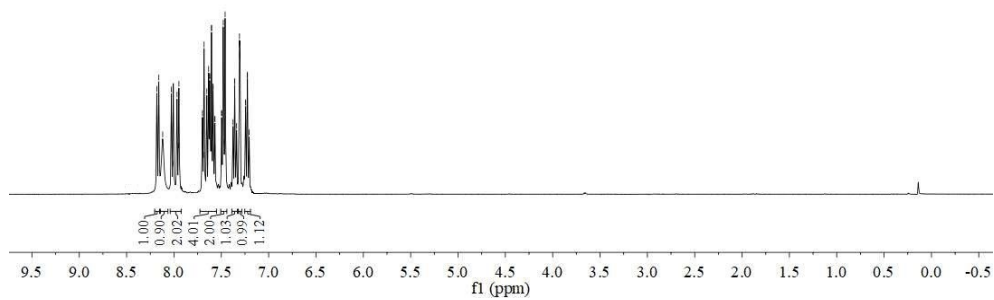
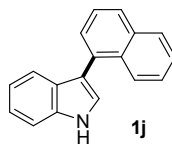




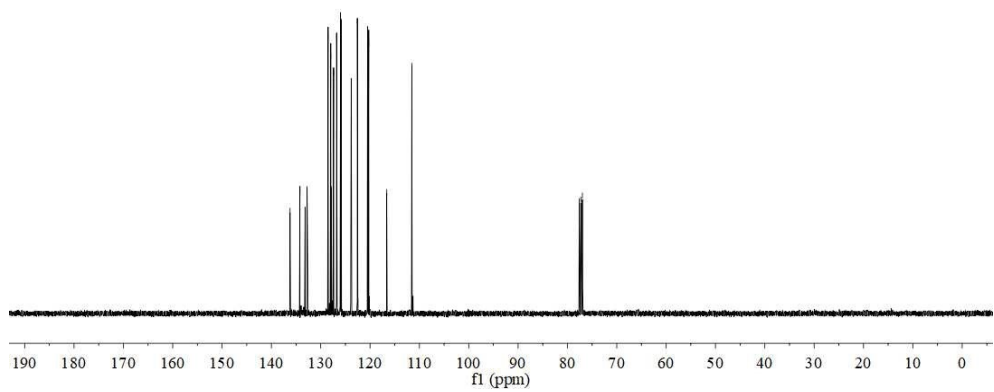
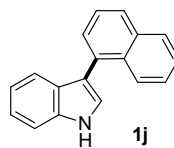


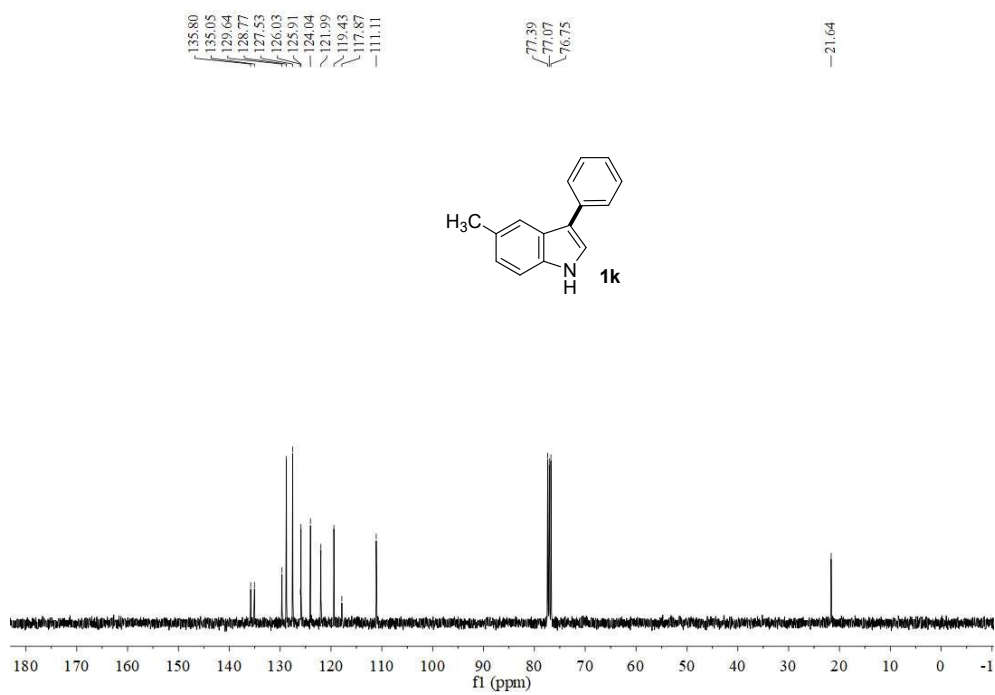
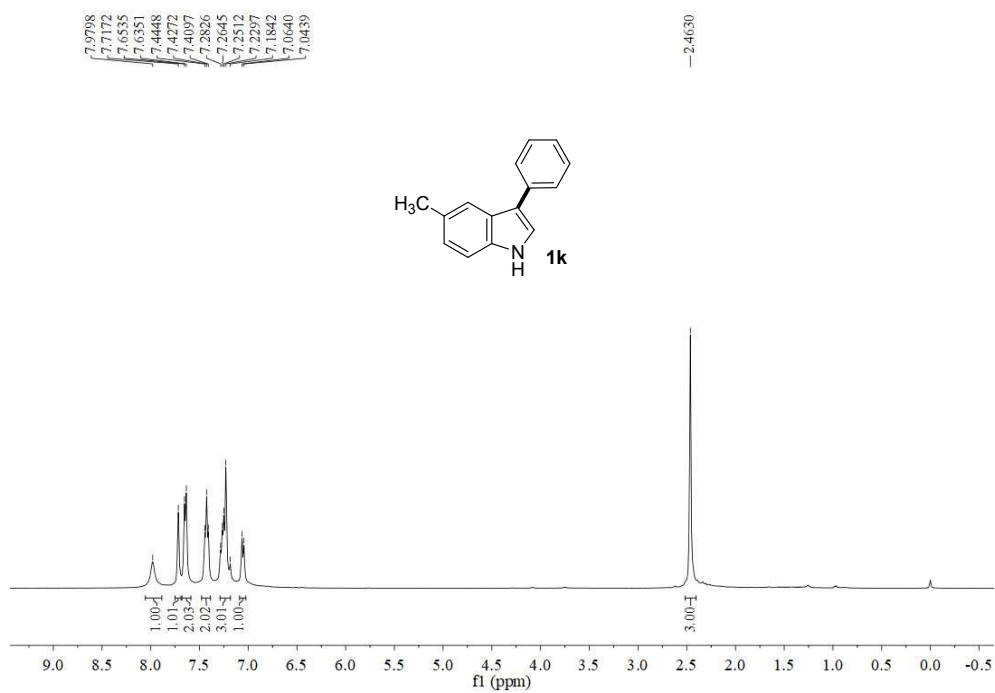


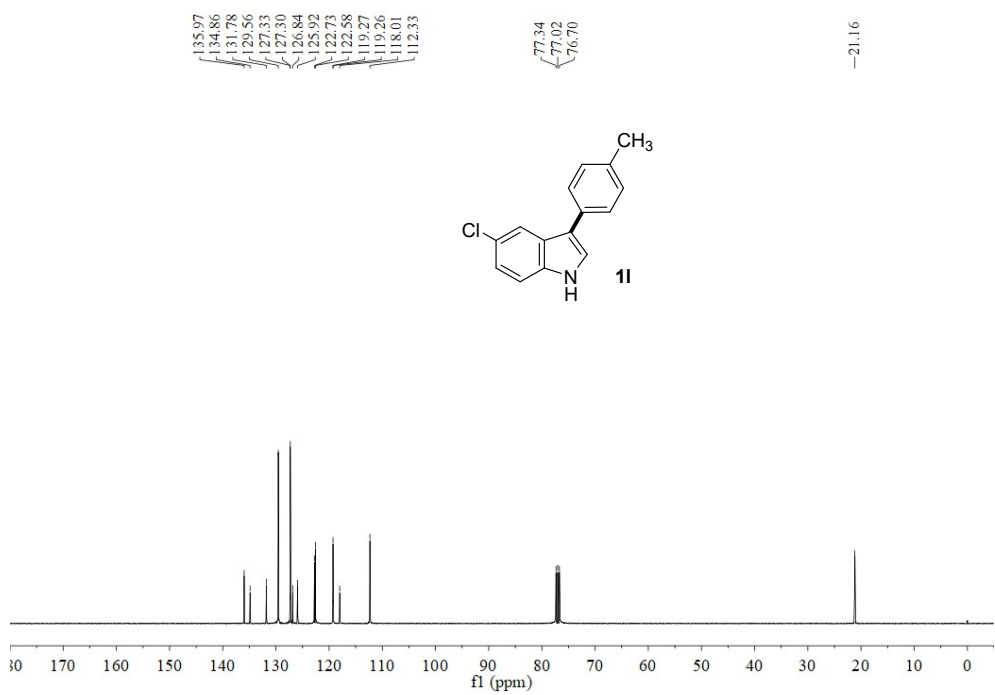
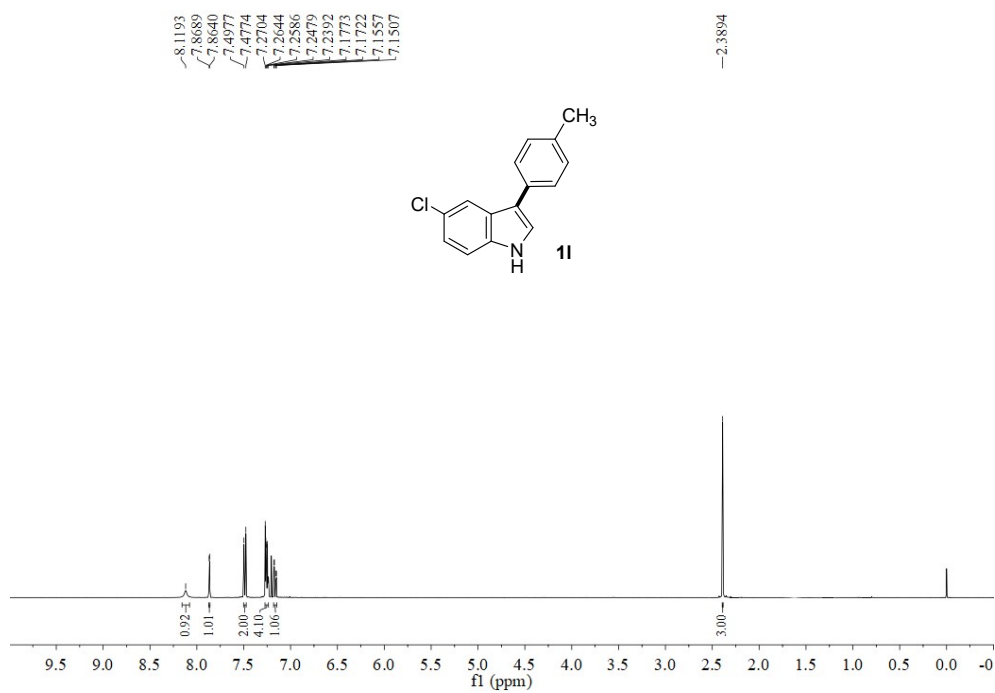
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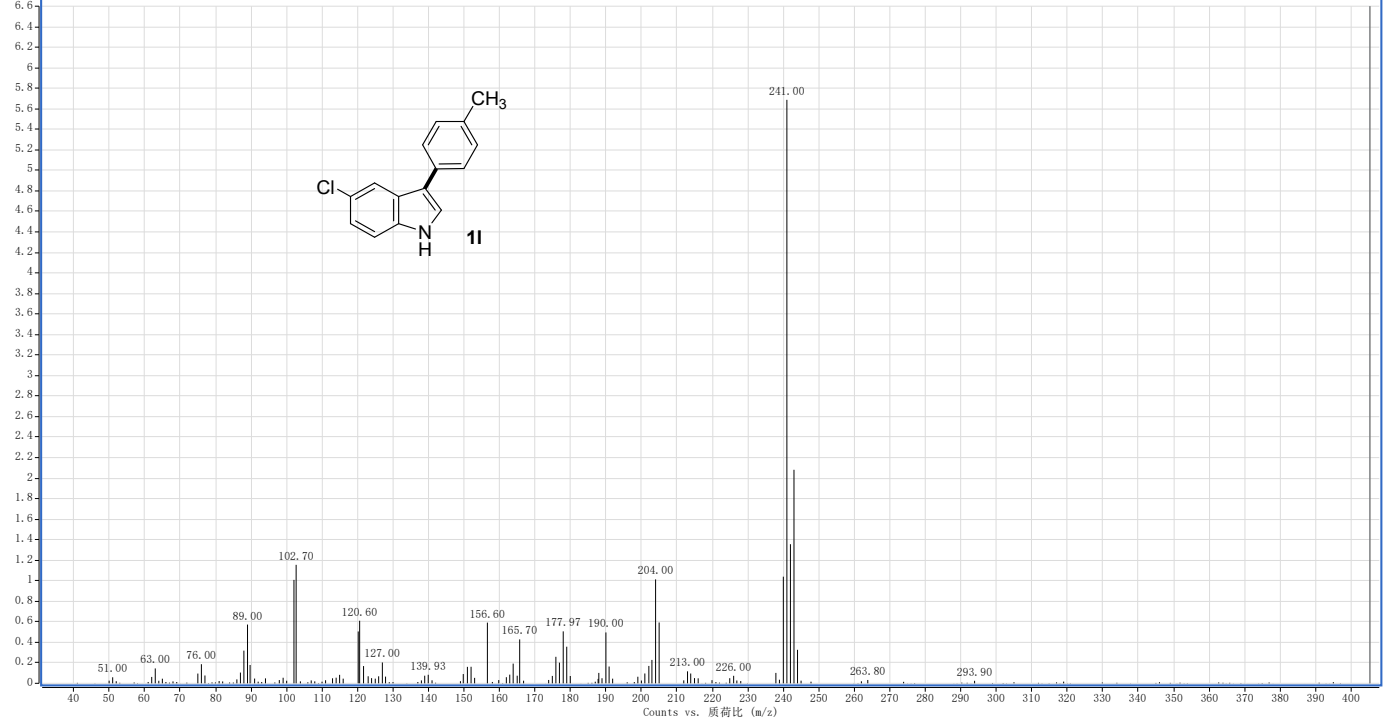
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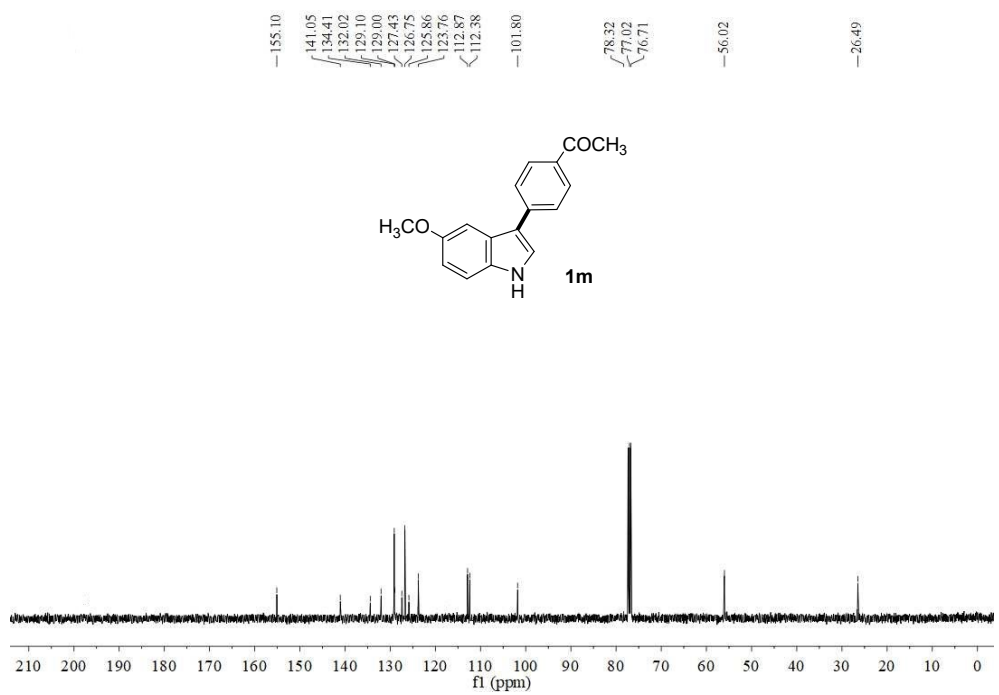
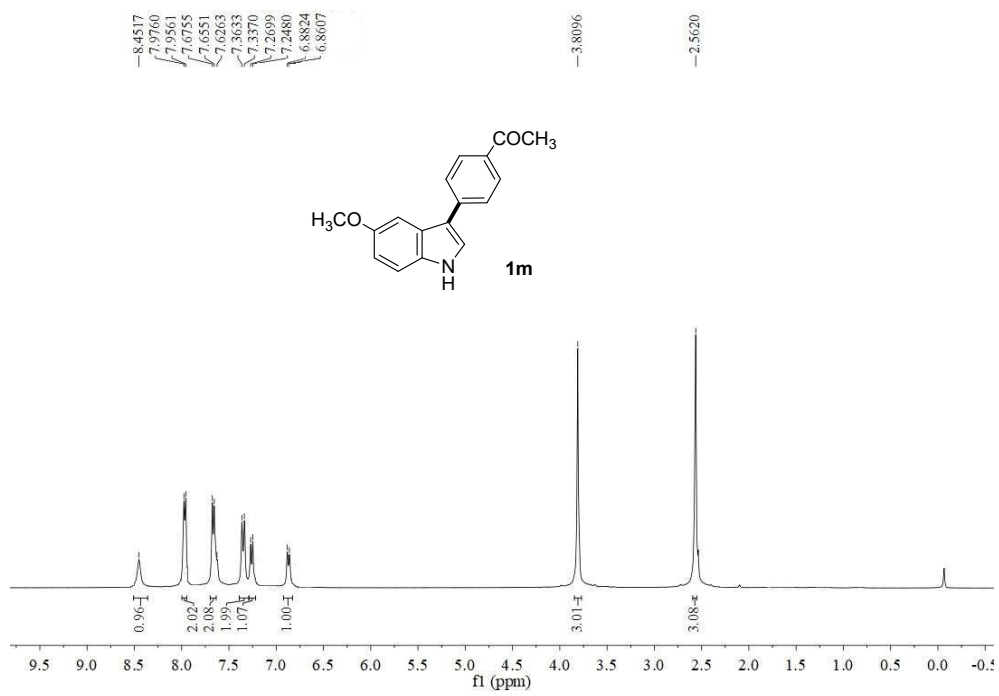


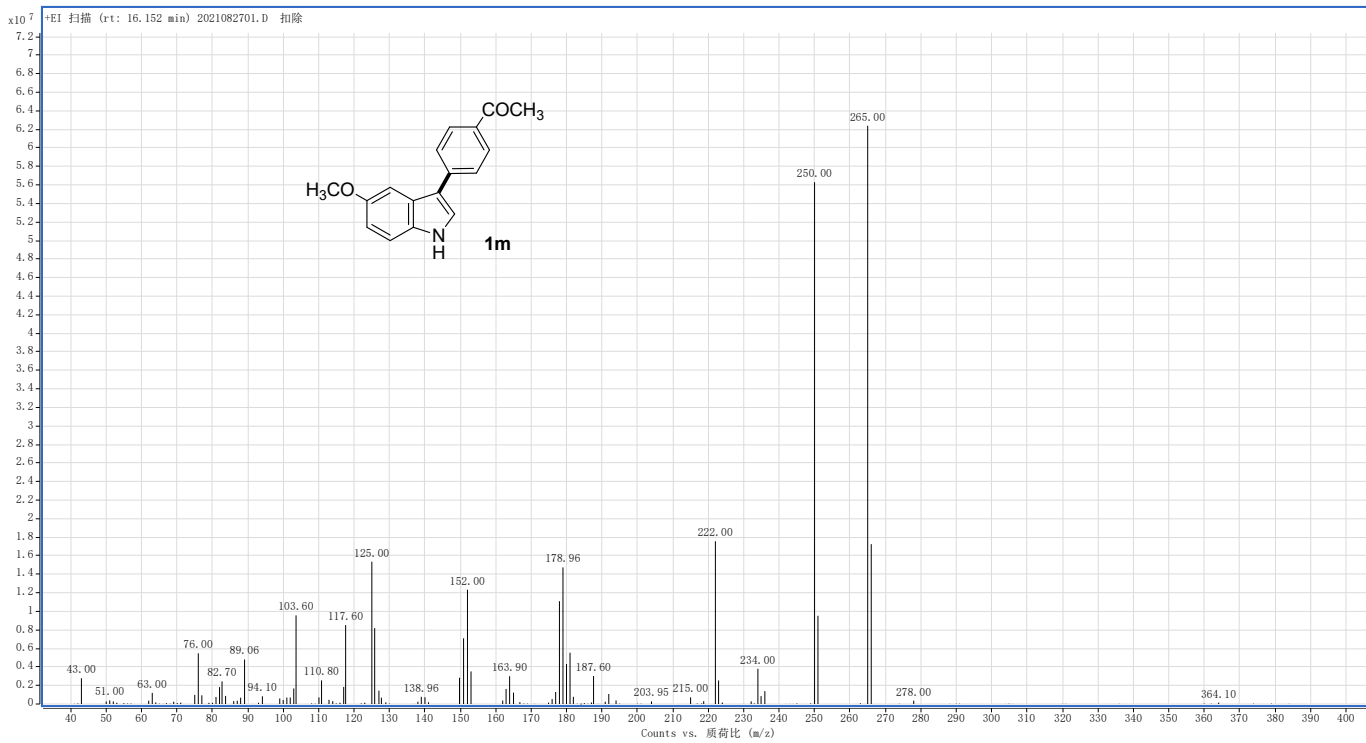


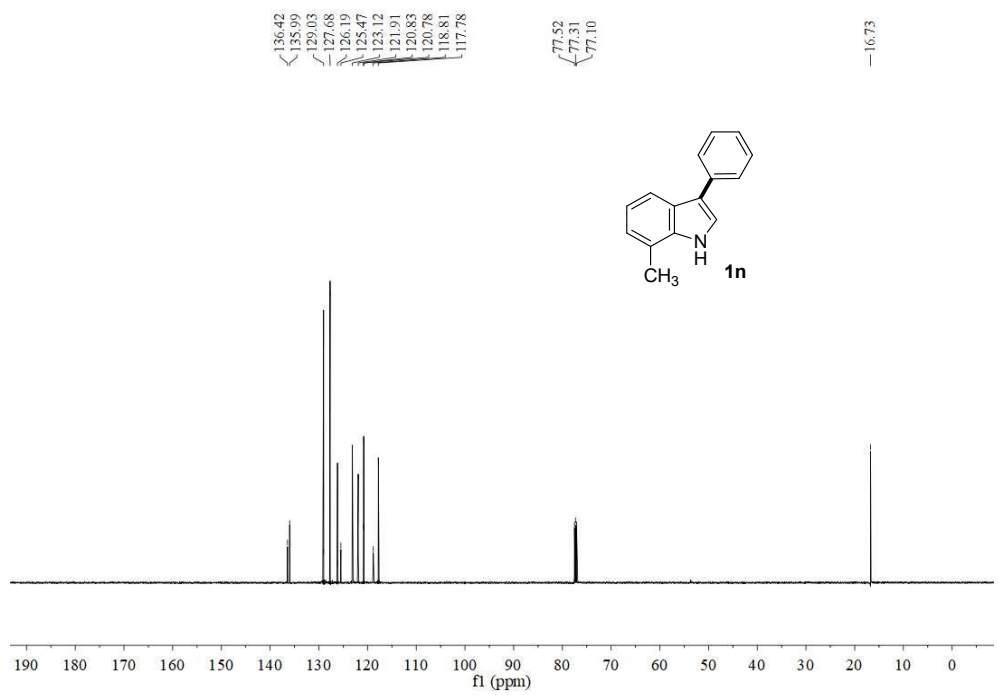
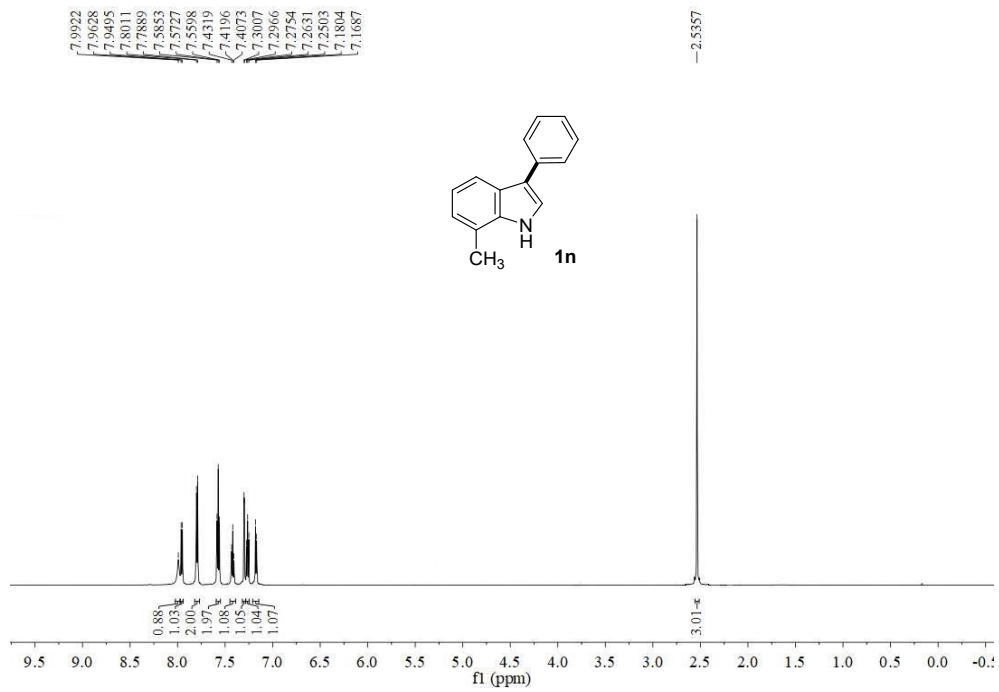


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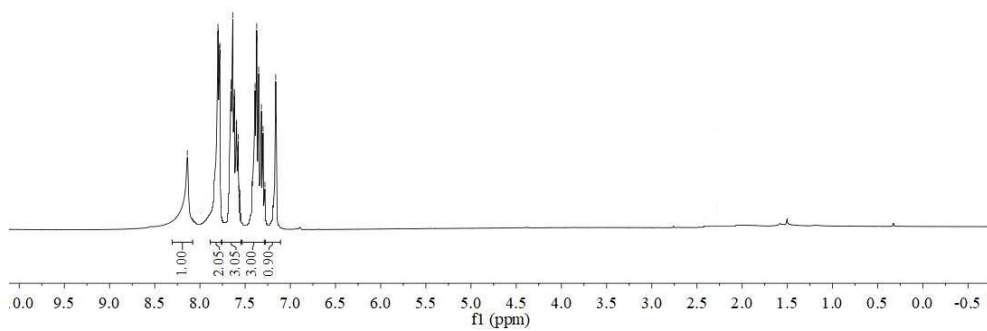
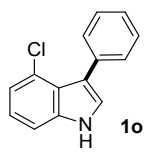






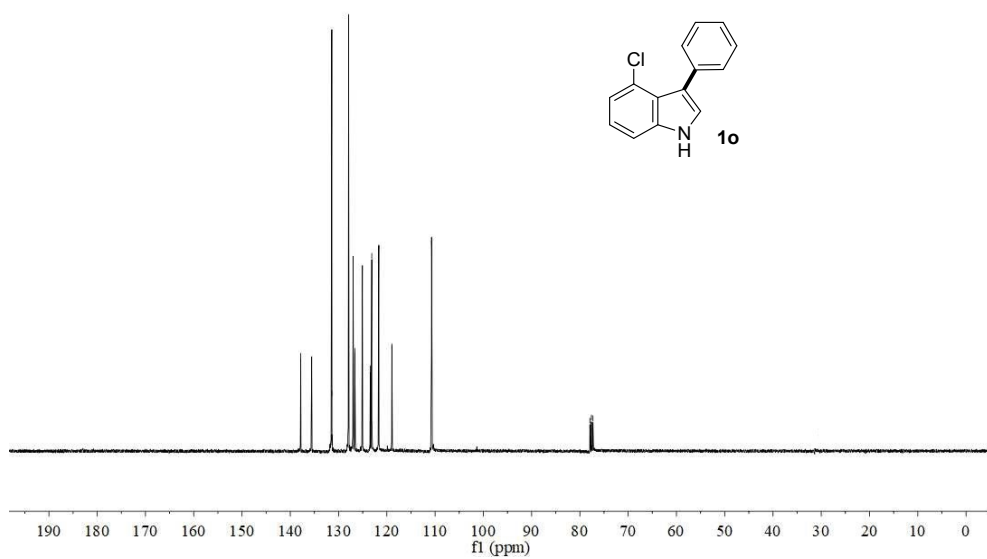
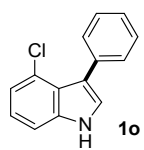


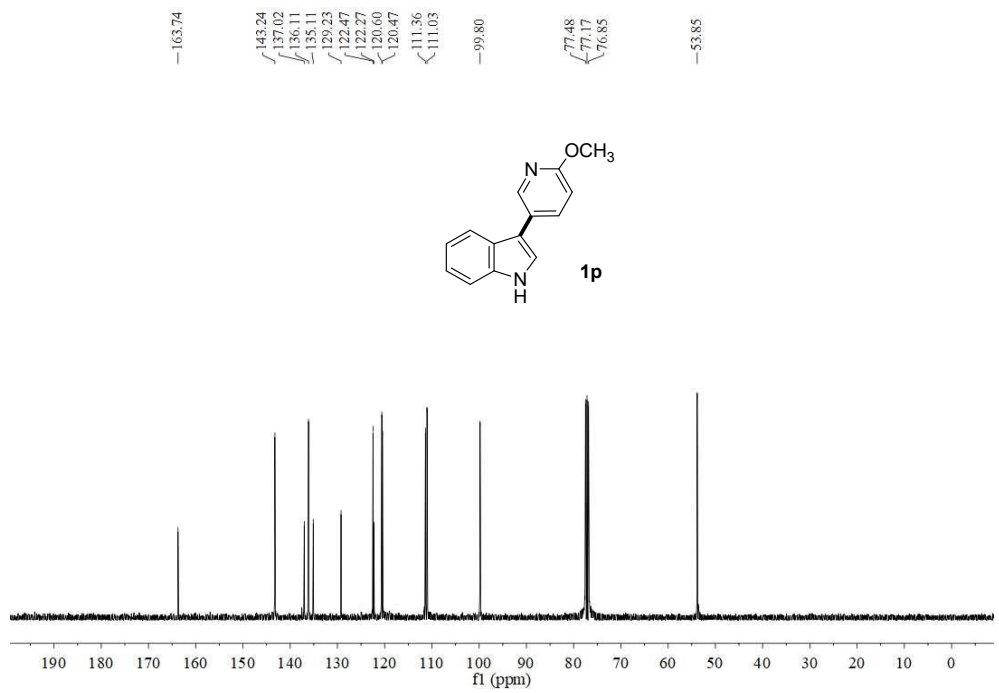
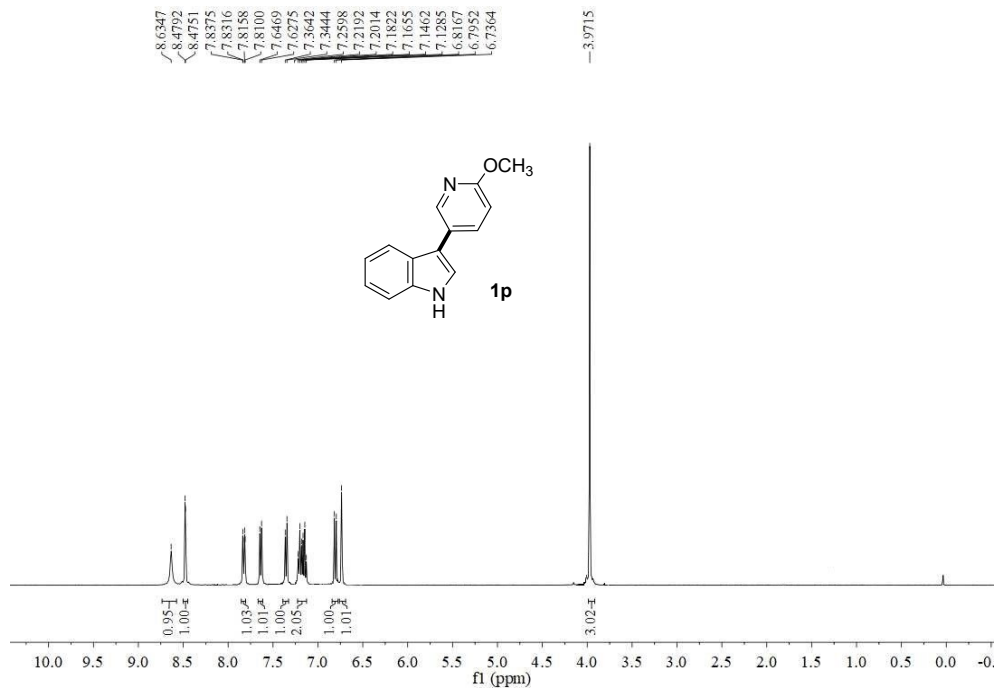
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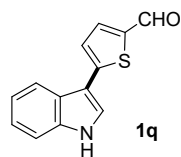
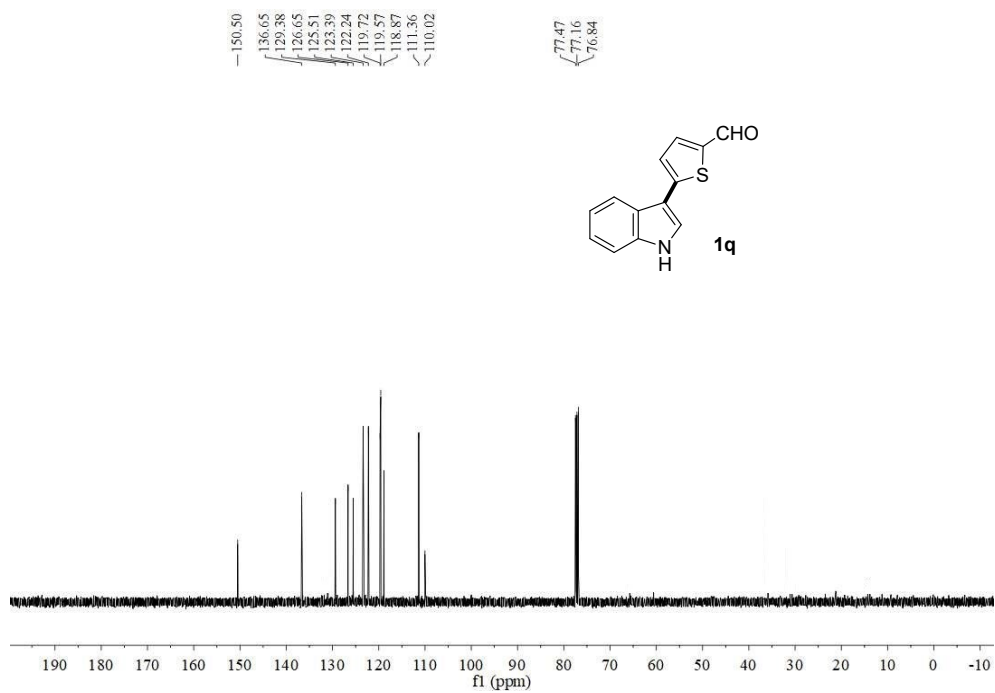
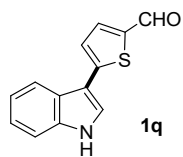
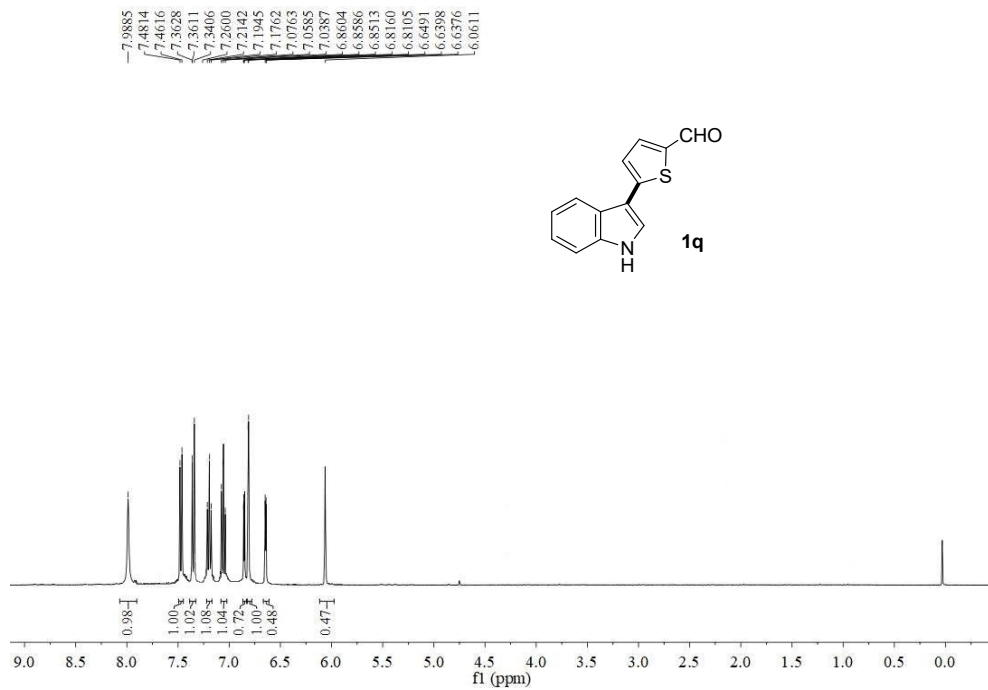


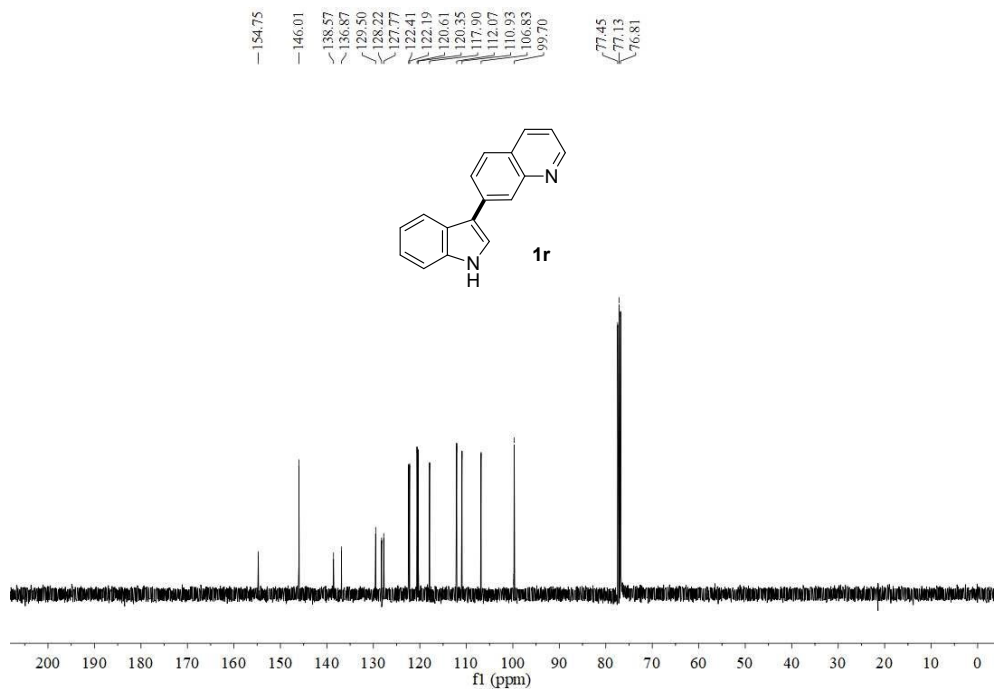
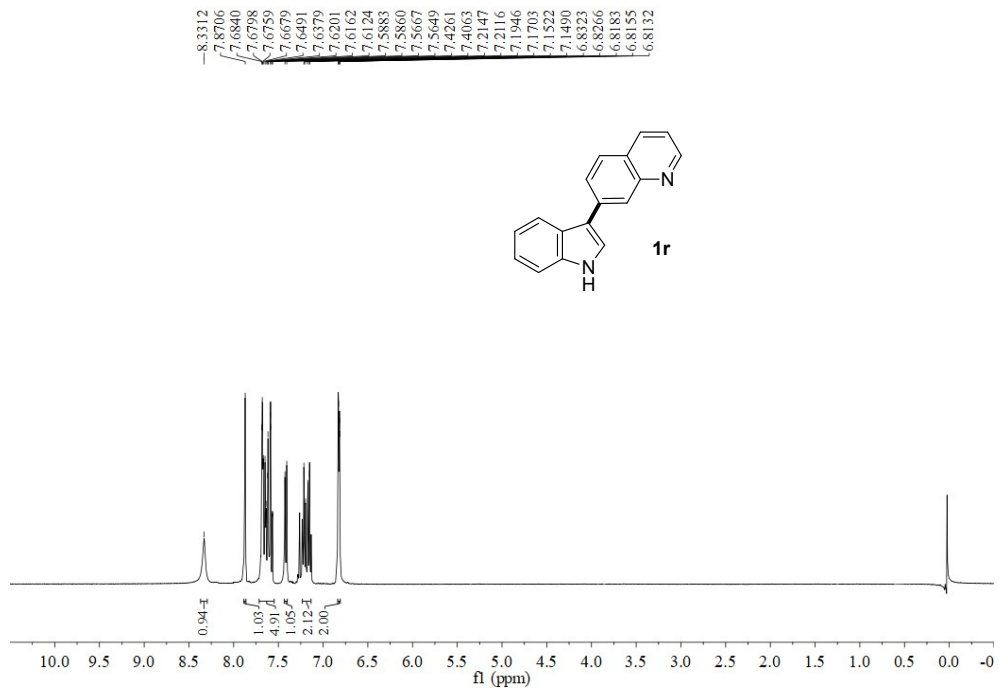
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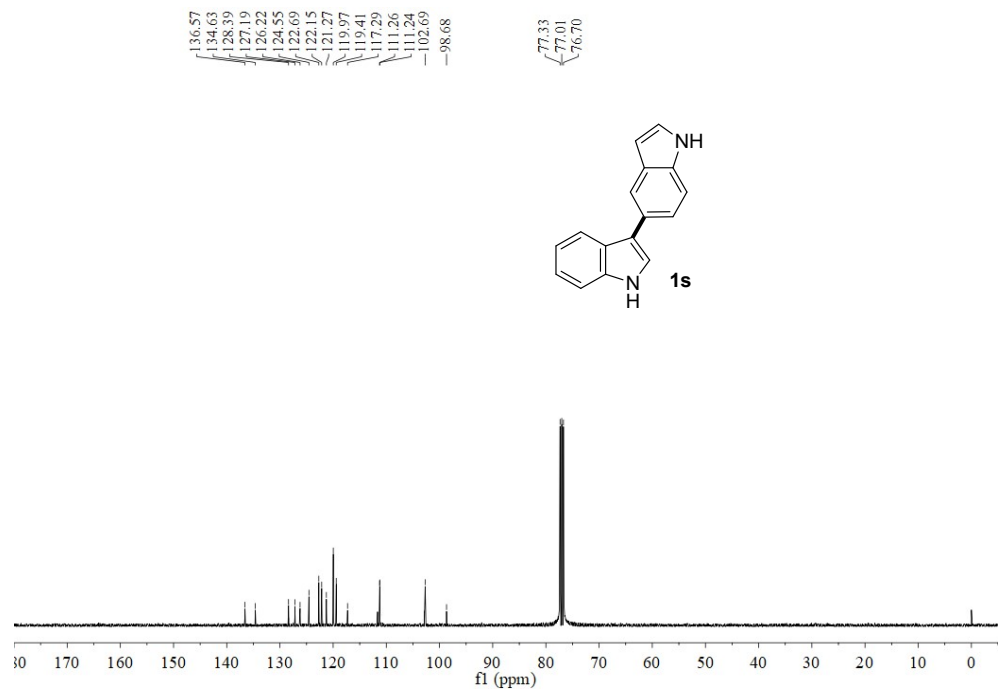
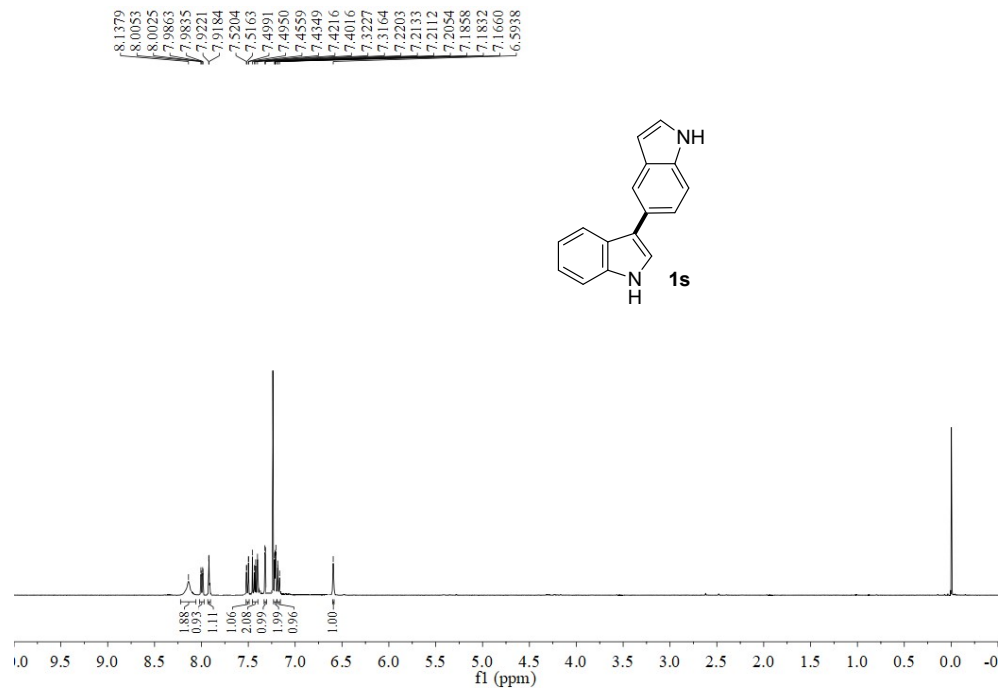
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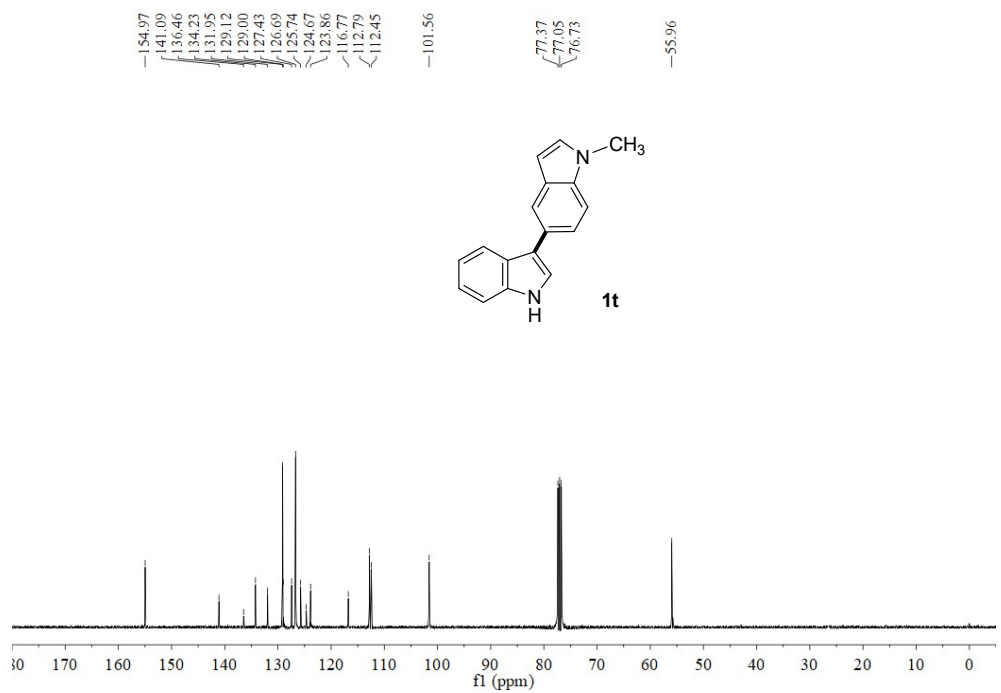
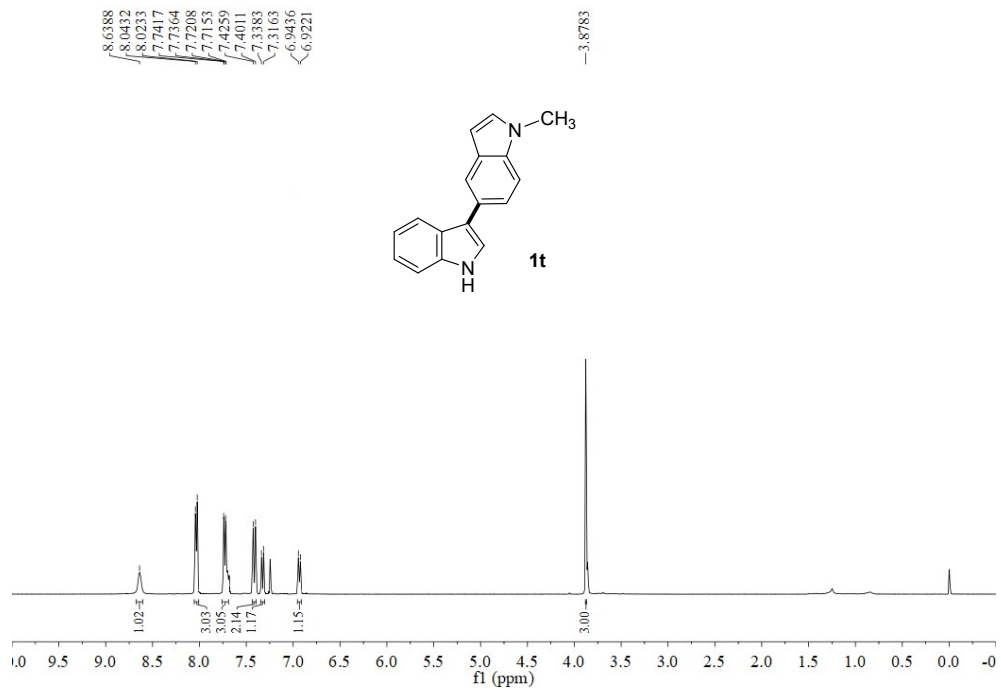


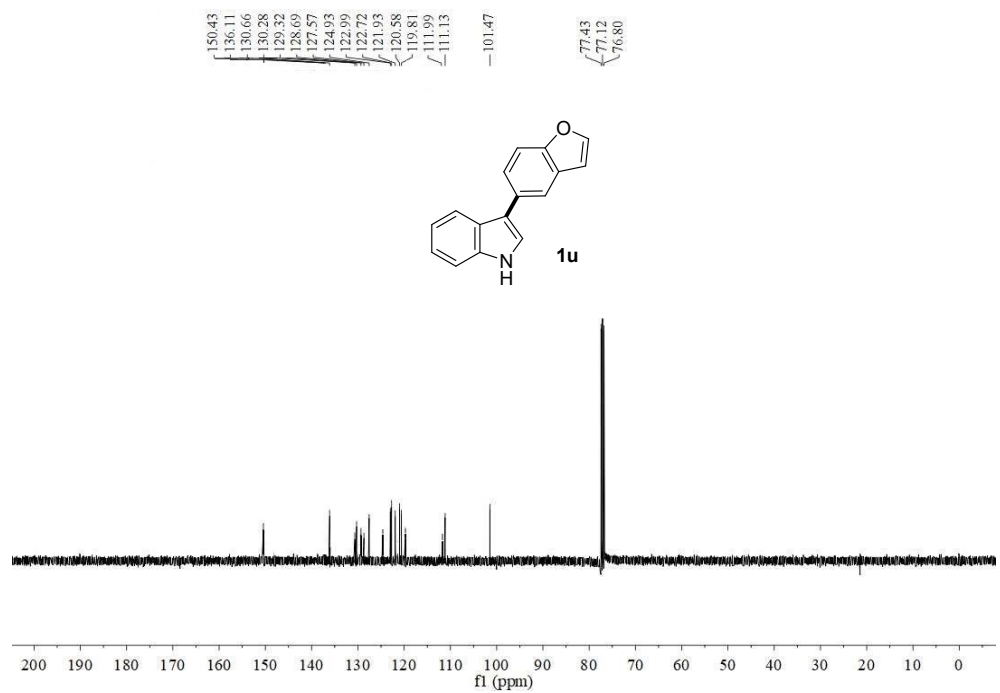
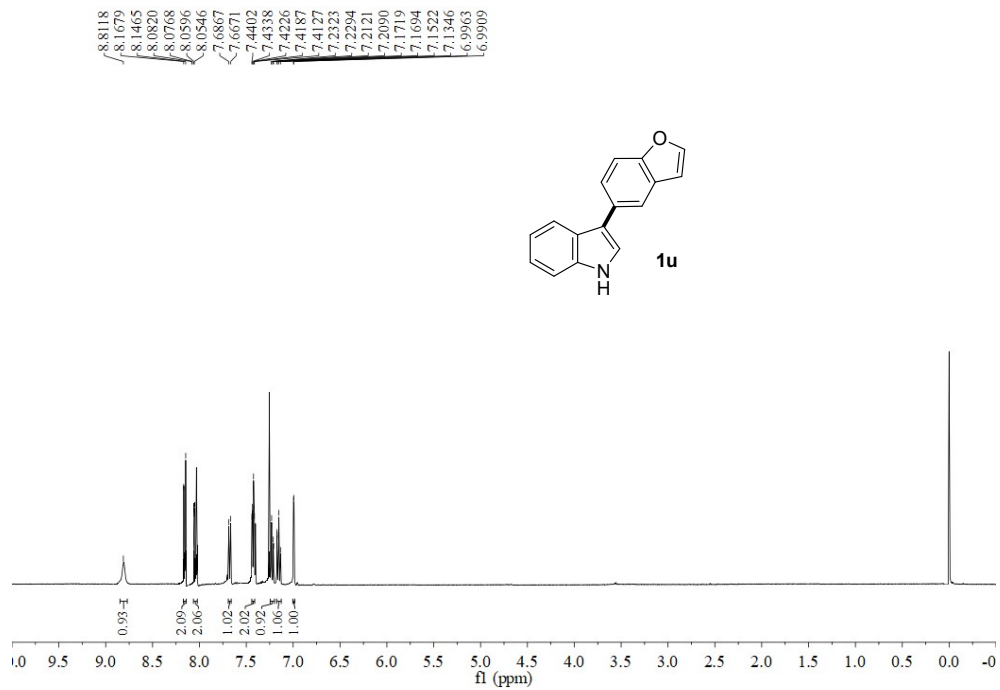




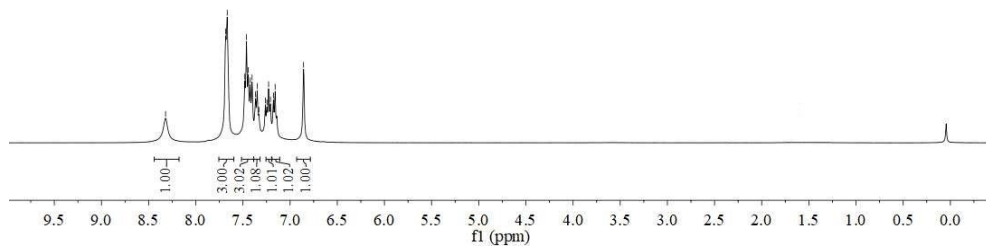
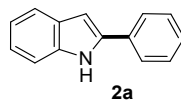








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