

## Supporting Information

### **CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H-Enabled Cascade Ring-Opening/De aromatization of Indole Derivatives to Polycyclic Heterocycles**

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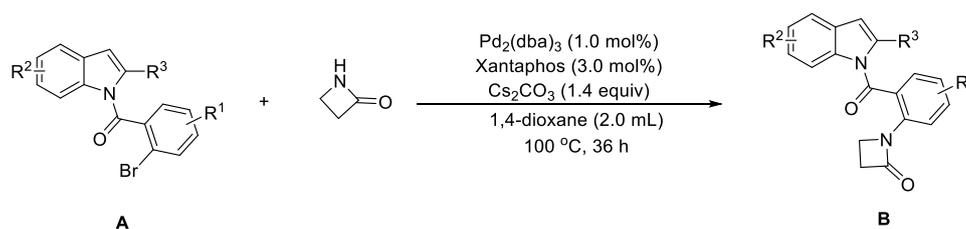
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## 1. General Information

All commercially available reagents were used without purification unless otherwise noted. The starting materials **A** were synthesized according to the previous literature.<sup>[1,2]</sup> The information of some commercially available reagents is as follows: Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (98%, LOT: BD21135), Azetidin-2-one (97%, LOT: BD71042), Xantaphos (98%, LOT: BD18689), CuI (99.68%, LOT: BD122226) and *Trans-N1,N2*-Dimethylcyclohexane-1,2-diamine (96%, LOT: BD10761) were purchased from Shanghai Bepfarm Science&Technology Co.,Ltd. Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (98%, LOT: P1628564) was purchased from Damas-beta. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200 - 300 mesh). Visualization of the compounds was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) or iodine. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> operating at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively. Proton chemical shifts are reported relative to the residual proton signals of the deuterated solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm) or TMS. Carbon chemical shifts were internally referenced to the deuterated solvent signals in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.10 ppm). Chemical shifts are reported in δ (parts per million) values. Coupling constants *J* are reported in Hz. Proton coupling patterns were described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), and multiple (m). High - resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Liquid Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (LCMS - IT - TOF).

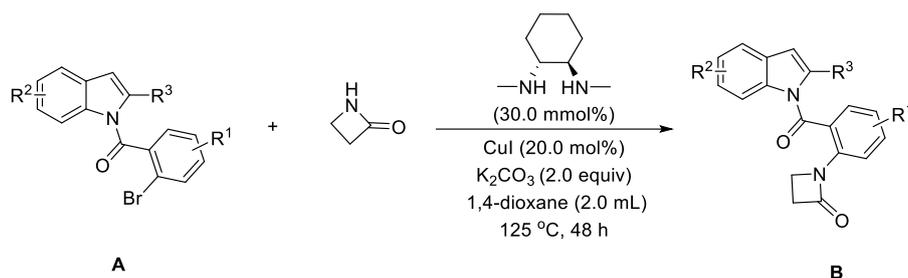
## 2. General Procedure for Preparation of Substrate and Characterization Data

### General Procedure A



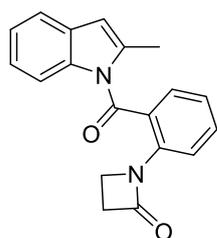
In a glovebox, charge a 10 mL oven dried sealed tube with Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (9.2 mg, 1.0 mol%), Xantaphos (17.4 mg, 3.0 mol %), **A** (1.0 mmol), 2-azetidinone (144 mg, 2.0 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (460 mg, 1.4 equiv) in anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL). Then reaction tube was taken out and stirred at 100 °C for 36 h. The solvent was removed under *vacuum*. Purified by Silica gel column chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether.

## General Procedure B



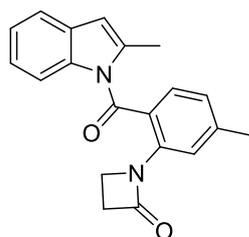
**A** (1.0 mmol), CuI (38.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (276.4 mg, 2.0 mmol), *N,N'*-dimethylcyclohexane-1,2-diamine (47.4  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol), 2-azetidinone (144 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) were charged to an oven dried 25 mL sealed tube under argon atmosphere. After being heated at 125 °C for 2 days, the solvent was removed under *vacuum*. The residue was purified through silica gel column chromatography eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to furnish **B**.

### 1-(2-(2-Methyl-1*H*-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (**S1**)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure **A**. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S1** (231 mg, 76%) as light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.05 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.7, 165.3, 138.2, 136.9, 135.8, 132.2, 129.8, 129.5, 126.4, 124.7, 123.4, 123.1, 120.6, 119.8, 114.8, 109.7, 40.6, 36.7, 16.5. HRMS *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([*M*+*H*)<sup>+</sup>): 305.1285, found 305.1287.

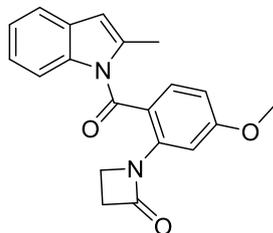
### 1-(5-Methyl-2-(2-methyl-1*H*-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (**S2**)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure **A**. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S2** (232 mg, 73%) as light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 3.55 – 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.36 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.8, 165.3, 143.1, 138.2, 136.9, 135.9,

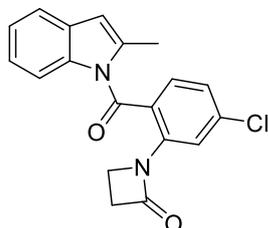
129.8, 129.7, 125.6, 123.9, 123.2 (X 2), 121.1, 119.8, 114.7, 109.4, 40.6, 36.6, 21.7, 16.4. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 319.1441, found 319.1442.

#### 1-(5-Methoxy-2-(2-methyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (S3)



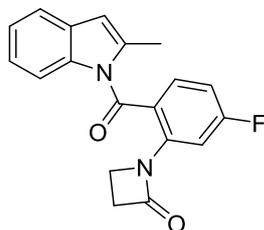
The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S3** (114 mg, 34%) as orange solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.07 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.4, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.52 (td,  $J$  = 5.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (td,  $J$  = 6.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dddd,  $J$  = 13.3, 9.5, 5.8, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.4, 165.5, 162.8, 138.3, 137.9, 136.9, 131.8, 129.7, 123.04, 123.01, 119.8, 118.8, 114.5, 110.7, 109.1, 105.6, 55.7, 40.9, 36.7, 16.2. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 335.1390, found 335.1395.

#### 1-(5-Chloro-2-(2-methyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (S4)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S4** (122 mg, 36%) as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.5, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.54 (td,  $J$  = 5.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (td,  $J$  = 5.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.11 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.7, 165.3, 138.1, 137.9, 136.9, 136.8, 130.7, 129.9, 124.6, 124.4, 123.54, 123.49, 120.4, 120.0, 114.7, 110.0, 40.8, 36.9, 16.6. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 339.0895, found 339.0898.

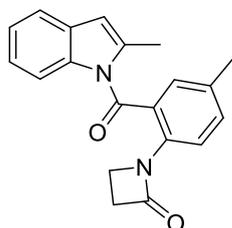
#### 1-(5-Fluoro-2-(2-methyl-1H-indene-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (S5)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S5** (242 mg, 75%) as white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (dd,  $J$  =

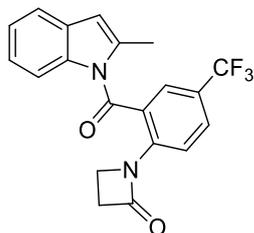
10.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.53 (td,  $J = 5.9, 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.37 (td,  $J = 5.9, 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd,  $J = 5.9, 5.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.8, 165.4, 164.6 (d,  $J = 251.5$  Hz), 138.0, 137.9 (d,  $J = 11.5$  Hz), 136.8, 131.7 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 129.8, 123.48, 123.45, 122.0 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 114.7, 111.7 (d,  $J = 22.2$  Hz), 109.9, 107.8 (d,  $J = 26.1$  Hz), 41.0, 37.0, 16.5.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -(99.59–112.14) (m). HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 323.1190, found 323.1193.

#### 1-(4-Methyl-2-(2-methyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetididin-2-one (S6)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure **B**. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S6** (172 mg, 54%) as Plum solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.08 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 7.2, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.50 (td,  $J = 5.8, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dt,  $J = 6.1, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (ddd,  $J = 16.1, 5.6, 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.9, 165.1, 138.3, 136.9, 134.8, 133.4, 132.8, 129.8, 129.7, 126.7, 123.29, 123.25, 120.8, 119.8, 114.7, 109.6, 40.6, 36.6, 20.8, 16.4. HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 319.1441, found 319.1441.

#### 1-(2-(2-Methyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)azetididin-2-one (S7)

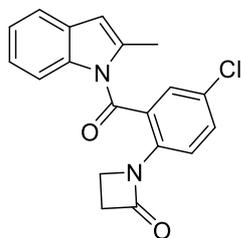


The compound was synthesized according to the procedure **A**. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S7** (78 mg, 21%) as light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.4, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.56 (td,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (td,  $J = 5.3, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.07 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.3, 165.5, 138.50, 138.49, 137.5, 136.8, 129.9, 128.7 (q,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 127.0 (q,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 126.6 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 126.2 (q,  $J = 33.9$  Hz), 123.9 (q,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 123.4

(q,  $J = 272.4$  Hz) 120.5, 120.1, 114.9, 110.8, 40.9, 37.2, 16.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.27.

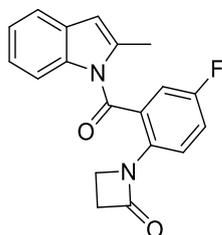
HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 373.1158, found 373.1160.

#### 1-(4-Chloro-2-(2-methyl-1*H*-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetididin-2-one (S8)



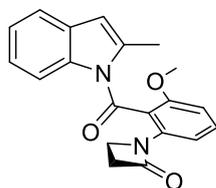
The compound was synthesized according to the procedure **B**. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S8** (91 mg, 27%) as yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 3.50 (td,  $J = 5.9, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.29 (td,  $J = 5.9, 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.95 (ddd,  $J = 9.3, 5.5, 3.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.2, 165.2, 137.8, 136.7, 134.3, 132.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 127.4, 123.72, 123.67, 122.0, 120.0, 114.8, 110.3, 40.8, 36.9, 16.6. HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 339.0895, found 339.0894.

#### 1-(4-Fluoro-2-(2-methyl-1*H*-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetididin-2-one (S9)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure **A**. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S9** (196 mg, 61%) as yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 3.49 (td,  $J = 5.7, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.20 (td,  $J = 5.7, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.2, 165.1, 159.0 (d,  $J = 247.7$  Hz), 137.9, 136.7, 132.1 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 129.9, 128.1 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 123.6, 123.5, 122.9 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 120.0, 119.2 (d,  $J = 22.5$  Hz), 116.1 (d,  $J = 24.2$  Hz), 114.7, 110.2, 40.9, 36.8, 16.4.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -115.60 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 4.6$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 323.1190, found 323.1191.

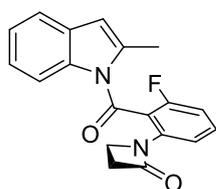
#### 1-(3-Methoxy-2-(2-methyl-1*H*-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetididin-2-one (S10)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure **A**. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S10** (267 mg,

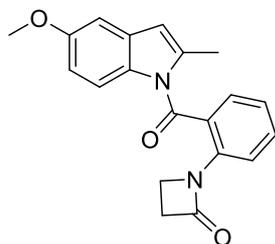
80%) white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.02 (m, 4 H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.43 (td,  $J = 5.2, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.03 (td,  $J = 5.2, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.4, 165.1, 156.9, 138.3, 136.8, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 123.4, 123.3, 123.0, 119.8, 118.4, 114.6, 113.7, 109.6, 55.8, 40.8, 36.6, 16.3. HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 335.1390, found 335.1389.

### 1-(3-Fluoro-2-(2-methyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (S11)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S11** (219 mg, 68%) as pink solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.4, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.2, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 3.50 (td,  $J = 5.8, 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.32 (td,  $J = 5.8, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.10 – 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.4, 165.3, 137.7, 136.8, 136.1, 133.9 (d,  $J = 33.2$  Hz), 129.9 (d,  $J = 21.7$  Hz), 128.7, 123.8 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 123.2 (d,  $J = 273.5$  Hz), 121.0, 120.8 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 120.1, 117.3 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 114.9, 110.5, 40.8, 37.1, 16.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.07. HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 323.1190, found 323.1193.

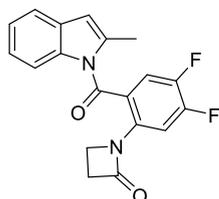
### 1-(2-(5-Methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (S12)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S12** (254 mg, 76%) as goldenrod solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.55 (td,  $J = 5.8, 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.33 (td,  $J = 5.8, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.87 (ddd,  $J = 9.7, 5.6, 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.4, 165.3, 156.3, 138.8, 135.7, 132.0, 131.5, 130.9, 129.4, 126.3, 124.6,

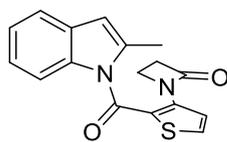
120.6, 115.7, 111.4, 109.9, 102.9, 55.6, 40.6, 36.7, 16.6. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 335.1390, found 335.1393.

#### 1-(4,5-Difluoro-2-(2-methyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (S13)



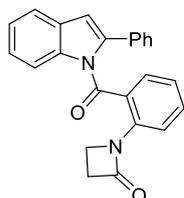
The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S13** (207 mg, 61%) as light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.79 (dd,  $J$  = 11.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.3, 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.47 (td,  $J$  = 5.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (td,  $J$  = 5.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.5, 5.5, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.4, 165.3, 152.1 (dd,  $J$  = 255.2, 13.3 Hz), 146.7 (dd,  $J$  = 250.0, 13.1 Hz), 137.8, 136.6, 133.0 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 4.1 Hz), 129.9, 123.8, 123.7, 122.2 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 3.6 Hz), 120.1, 118.3 (dd,  $J$  = 19.3, 2.1 Hz), 114.5, 110.3 (dd,  $J$  = 19.6, 2.5 Hz), 110.1, 41.2, 37.1, 16.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -129.19 (ddd,  $J$  = 22.2, 11.4, 8.1 Hz), -139.92 (ddd,  $J$  = 22.2, 9.7, 6.9 Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 341.1096, found 341.1099.

#### 1-(2-(2-Methyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)thiophen-3-yl)azetidin-2-one (S14)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S14** (96 mg, 31%) as light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.73 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 3.44 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 3.01 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.8, 161.4, 139.7, 137.8, 136.7, 131.7, 129.4, 123.0, 122.9, 122.4, 120.0, 118.3, 113.6, 108.7, 41.7, 37.6, 15.1. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 311.0849, found 311.0850.

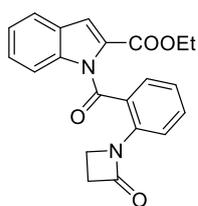
#### 1-(2-(2-Phenyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (S15)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S15** (274 mg, 75%) as light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H),

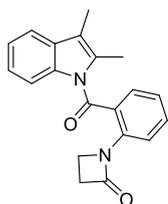
7.63 (dd,  $J = 5.9, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.99 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 2.98 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.8, 165.3, 141.2, 138.0, 136.4, 132.9, 132.2, 130.5, 129.5, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 125.7, 124.9, 123.9, 123.8, 120.7, 120.7, 115.4, 111.5, 41.3, 36.7. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 367.1441, Found 367.1444.

#### Ethyl 1-(2-(2-oxoazetidin-1-yl)benzoyl)-1H-indole-2-carboxylate (S16)



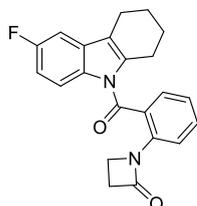
The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S16** (236 mg, 65%) as White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 5.2, 2.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 3.98 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.87 (t,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.08 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 2H), 1.10 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.0, 166.5, 161.0, 139.1, 137.7, 132.5, 131.2, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 124.8, 124.3, 123.1, 122.5, 121.2, 116.6, 115.2, 61.5, 41.7, 37.0, 14.0. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 363.1339, Found 363.1343.

#### 1-(2-(2,3-Dimethyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (S17)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S17** (255 mg, 85%) as Light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.36 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 5.0$  Hz, 3H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 3.51 (td,  $J = 5.8, 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.35 (td,  $J = 5.8, 3.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.03 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.5, 165.3, 136.1, 135.8, 133.1, 131.9, 131.3, 129.5, 126.7, 124.5, 123.6, 123.2, 120.6, 118.1, 116.0, 114.7, 40.7, 36.7, 13.6, 8.8. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 319.1441, Found 319.1443.

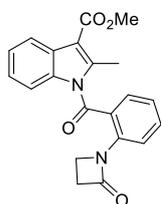
#### 1-(2-(6-Fluoro-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-carbazole-9-carbonyl)phenyl)azetidin-2-one (S18)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S18** (189 mg, 52%) as White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.52

(dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.38 (q,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.11 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.58 (d,  $J = 23.8$  Hz, 3H), 2.35 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.68 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.0, 165.3, 159.7 (d,  $J = 239.9$  Hz), 137.5 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz), 135.6, 132.6, 131.8, 131.7 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz), 129.2, 126.2, 124.4, 120.5, 118.6, 116.3 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz), 111.1 (d,  $J = 24.3$  Hz), 103.7 (d,  $J = 23.7$  Hz), 40.7, 36.8, 25.7, 23.5, 21.9, 21.1.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  -119.57. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 363.1503, Found 363.1495.

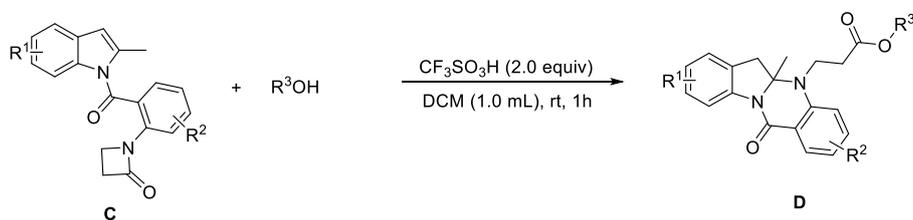
### Methyl 2-methyl-1-(2-(2-oxoazetidin-1-yl)benzoyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxylate (S19)



The compound was synthesized according to the procedure A. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **S19** (174 mg, 48%) as White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 3.33 (s, 1H), 2.97 (d,  $J = 22.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.81 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.6, 165.8, 165.1, 146.3, 135.9, 135.9, 133.2, 130.2, 127.3, 126.6, 125.0, 123.9, 123.9, 121.5, 120.2, 114.0, 110.9, 51.4, 40.2, 36.5, 15.0. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 363.1339, Found 363.1321.

## 3. Ring-Opening/Hydroamination of Indole Derivatives and Characterization

### Data

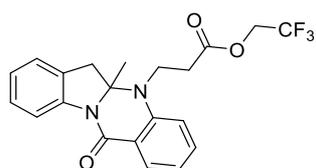


Under argon, charge a 10 mL flame-dried resealable Schlenk tube with compound **C** (0.2 mmol) and  $\text{R}^3\text{OH}$  (3.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and stirred for 5 min. Then  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$  (2.0 equiv) was added dropwise to the above mixture at 0 °C and stirred for further 5 min. Afterwards, the reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The

reaction was quenched carefully with saturated solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , diluted with water. The aqueous was extracted with DCM (3 times), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica column chromatography eluting with the ethyl acetate/petroleum ether.

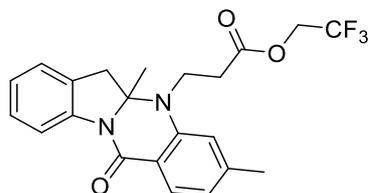
### 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

#### 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3aa)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3aa** (75 mg, 93%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.31 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.3, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.64 – 4.38 (m, 2H), 3.75 – 3.59 (m, 3H), 3.23 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 160.0, 145.2, 141.0, 134.0, 129.4, 128.3, 127.2, 124.7, 124.1, 122.8 (q,  $J = 277.7$  Hz), 119.5, 118.7, 116.8, 112.3, 82.6, 60.6 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 43.3, 41.4, 33.2, 20.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.70 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 405.1420, found 405.1419.

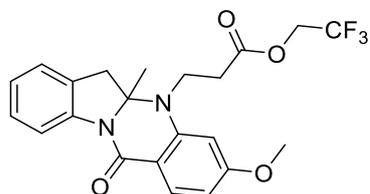
#### 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl-3-(3,5a-dimethyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ba)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ba** (67 mg, 80%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.00 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 4.62 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 3.70 – 3.49 (m, 3H), 3.12 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 160.1, 145.2, 144.8, 141.1, 129.3, 128.2, 127.2, 124.7, 123.9, 122.8 (q,  $J = 277.6$  Hz), 120.6, 116.7, 116.2, 112.8, 82.6, 60.6 (q,  $J = 36.7$  Hz), 43.3, 41.3, 33.3, 22.3, 20.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.68 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 419.1577, found 419.1579.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

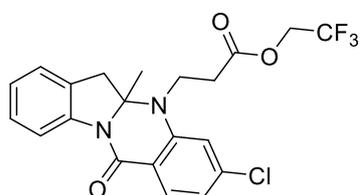
### 3-(3-methoxy-5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ca)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ca** (75 mg, 86%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.99 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.62 – 3.51 (m, 3H), 3.12 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 164.5, 160.0, 146.8, 141.2, 131.3, 128.2, 127.0, 124.6, 123.8, 122.8 (q,  $J = 278.4$  Hz), 116.6, 112.1, 104.3, 98.7, 82.7, 60.6 (q,  $J = 36.7$  Hz), 55.4, 43.3, 41.5, 33.2, 21.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.69 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 435.1526, found 435.1530.

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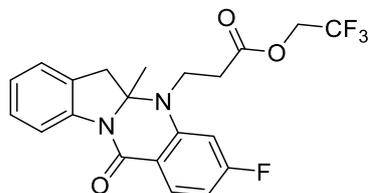
### 3-(3-chloro-5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3da)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3da** (72 mg, 82%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.03 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.4, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.59 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 3.75 – 3.46 (m, 3H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.8, 159.2, 146.1, 140.8, 140.2, 130.7, 128.3, 127.0, 124.7, 124.3, 122.7 (q,  $J = 277.9$  Hz), 119.8, 117.1, 116.8, 112.4, 82.9, 60.7 (q,  $J = 36.9$  Hz), 43.2, 41.4, 33.0, 21.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.68 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 439.1030, found 439.1033.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

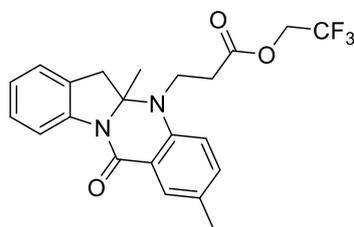
### 3-(3-fluoro-5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ea)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ea** (78 mg, 93%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.19 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J = 8.6$ , 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.01 (ddd,  $J = 8.4$ , 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (ddd,  $J = 8.4$ , 7.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd,  $J = 11.2$ , 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.62 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.78 – 3.35 (m, 3H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.8, 166.8 (d,  $J = 251.6$  Hz), 159.2, 147.2 (d,  $J = 11.0$  Hz), 140.9, 131.9 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz), 128.3, 126.9, 124.7, 124.2, 122.7 (q,  $J = 277.1$  Hz), 116.8, 114.9 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz), 106.7 (d,  $J = 22.4$  Hz), 99.6 (d,  $J = 27.0$  Hz), 82.9, 60.7 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 43.2, 41.6, 32.9, 21.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.68 (t,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), -103.78 (dt,  $J = 11.6$ , 7.6 Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 423.1326, found 423.1331.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

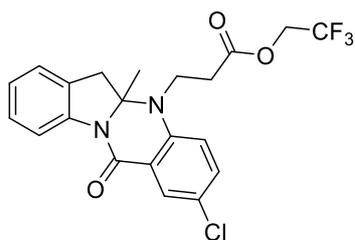
### 3-(2,5a-dimethyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3fa)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3fa** (70 mg, 84%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.01 (ddd,  $J = 8.3$ , 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 – 4.30 (m, 2H), 3.60 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.55 (td,  $J = 6.9$ , 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.1, 160.2, 143.1, 141.1, 134.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.2, 127.4, 124.7, 124.0, 122.8 (q,  $J = 277.8$  Hz), 118.6, 116.8, 112.4, 82.6, 60.6 (q,  $J = 36.7$  Hz), 43.3, 41.5, 33.2, 20.6, 20.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.68 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 419.1577, found 419.1582.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

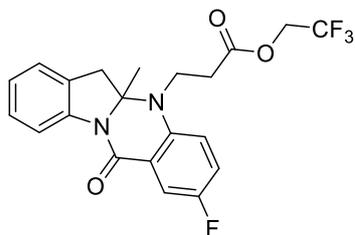
### 3-(2-chloro-5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ga)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ga** (59 mg, 67%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.03 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.5, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.68 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 3.78 – 3.48 (m, 3H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.8, 158.8, 143.7, 140.7, 133.7, 128.9, 128.3, 127.2, 125.0, 124.7, 124.4, 122.7 (q,  $J = 278.1$  Hz), 119.9, 116.9, 113.8, 82.8, 60.7 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 43.2, 41.5, 33.0, 21.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.70 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 439.1030, found 439.1032.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

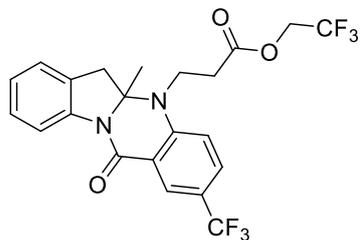
### 3-(2-fluoro-5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (**3ha**)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ha** (81 mg, 96%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.11 (ddd,  $J = 8.9, 7.8, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 – 4.33 (m, 2H), 3.66 – 3.48 (m, 3H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.69 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.9, 158.9 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz), 156.7 (d,  $J = 239.4$  Hz), 141.6 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 140.7, 128.2, 127.3, 124.8, 124.4, 122.8 (q,  $J = 277.4$  Hz), 120.8 (d,  $J = 23.2$  Hz), 120.0 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz), 116.8, 115.4 (d,  $J = 24.0$  Hz), 113.7 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 82.8, 60.6 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 43.2, 41.7, 33.1, 20.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.69 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), -(117.29 – 128.64) (m). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 423.1326, found 423.1328.

**2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl 3-(5*a*-methyl-12-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-5*a*,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-*b*]**

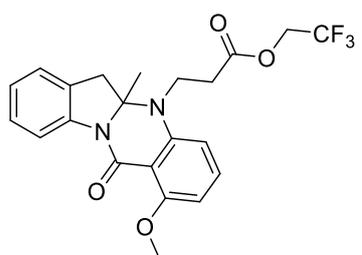
**quinazolin-5(12*H*)-yl)propanoate (3ia)**



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ia** (87 mg, 92%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.32 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.04 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.55 – 4.35 (m, 2H), 3.73 – 3.57 (m, 3H), 3.18 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.6, 158.7, 147.4, 140.6, 130.7 (q,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 128.4, 126.9, 126.8 (q,  $J = 4.8$  Hz), 124.8, 124.6, 124.2 (q,  $J = 271.1$  Hz), 122.7 (q,  $J = 277.4$  Hz), 121.4 (q,  $J = 33.6$  Hz), 118.2, 116.9, 112.4, 82.8, 60.7 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 43.1, 41.5, 32.9, 21.6.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.82, -73.70 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 473.1294, found 473.1296.

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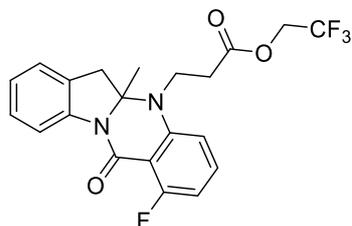
**quin-azolin-5(12*H*)-yl)propanoate (3ja)**



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ja** (66 mg, 76%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.29 (d,  $J = 7.34$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.99 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 7.4, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 – 4.33 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.43 (m, 3H), 3.11 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 162.0, 158.6, 147.6, 141.3, 134.1, 128.2, 127.1, 124.3, 123.7, 122.8 (q,  $J = 278.2$  Hz), 117.2, 107.7, 105.2, 103.6, 82.0, 60.6 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 56.2, 43.7, 41.8, 33.4, 20.6.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.68 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 435.1526, found 435.1557.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

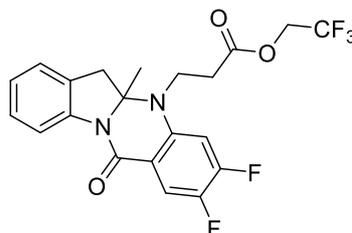
### 3-(1-fluoro-5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ka)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ka** (78 mg, 93%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.58 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 3.81 – 3.54 (m, 3H), 3.17 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.67 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.7, 158.7, 145.3, 140.6, 135.4 (d,  $J = 32.1$  Hz), 130.1, 128.4, 127.1, 124.7 (d,  $J = 14.5$  Hz), 123.7 (q,  $J = 274.6$  Hz), 122.7 (d,  $J = 280.3$  Hz), 121.3 (d,  $J = 1.1$  Hz), 116.9, 116.0 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 109.0 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz), 82.9, 60.7 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 43.2, 41.4, 32.9, 21.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.22, -73.73 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ):423.1326, found 423.1323.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

### 3-(2,3-difluoro-5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3la)

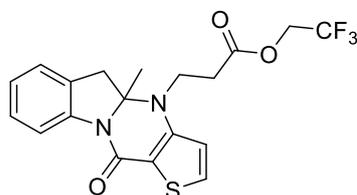


Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3la** (77 mg, 88%) as light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.16 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd,  $J = 10.3, 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.03 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd,  $J = 12.2, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.58 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.72 – 3.44 (m, 3H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.7, 158.2 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 154.1 (dd,  $J = 253.8, 14.0$  Hz), 144.3 (dd,  $J = 242.1, 13.2$  Hz), 142.6 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 1.6$  Hz), 140.6, 128.4, 126.9, 124.8, 124.5, 122.7 (q,  $J = 277.5$  Hz), 118.0 (dd,  $J = 19.3, 2.8$  Hz), 116.8, 114.8 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 2.8$  Hz), 101.7 (d,  $J = 22.5$  Hz), 83.0, 60.7 (q,  $J = 36.9$  Hz), 43.2, 41.8, 32.9, 20.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.69 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), -127.92 (ddd,  $J = 21.6, 12.0, 8.8$  Hz), -148.69 (ddd,  $J = 22.2, 10.4, 6.2$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 441.1232, found 441.1235.

## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

### 3-(4a-methyl-11-oxo-4a,5-dihydrothieno[3',2':4,5]pyrimido[1,2-a]indol-4(11H)-yl)propanoate

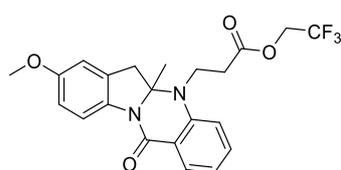
#### (3ma)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ma** (66 mg, 81%) as light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.96 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.63 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.68 – 3.40 (m, 3H), 3.10 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.8, 157.3, 150.8, 141.0, 133.4, 128.2, 126.9, 124.8, 123.4, 122.8 (q,  $J = 277.4$  Hz), 116.1, 115.6, 111.2, 84.9, 60.6 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 43.0, 42.3, 34.2, 19.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.67 (t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 411.0985, found 411.0993.

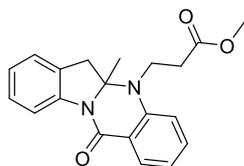
## 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl

### 3-(8-methoxy-5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3na)



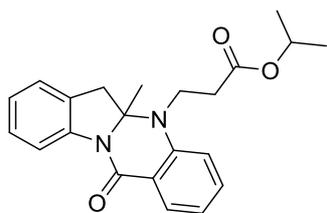
Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3na** (66 mg, 76%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.14 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.3, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.7, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.53 – 4.33 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.64 – 3.54 (m, 3H), 3.10 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 159.3, 156.7, 145.0, 134.7, 133.7, 129.2, 128.8, 122.8 (q,  $J = 278.0$  Hz), 119.5, 118.8, 117.5, 112.6, 112.2, 111.1, 82.7, 60.6 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 55.7, 43.5, 41.3, 33.2, 20.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.68 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 435.1526, found 435.1537.

**Methyl 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ab)**



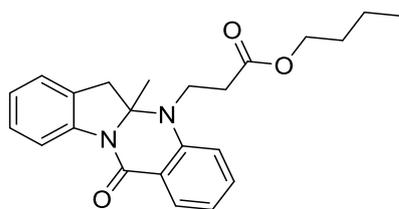
Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ab** (52 mg, 77%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.32 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.3, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.11 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.95 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.72 – 3.58 (m, 3H), 3.24 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dt,  $J = 16.5, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dt,  $J = 16.4, 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.0, 160.1, 145.4, 141.1, 133.9, 129.2, 128.2, 127.4, 124.7, 124.0, 119.2, 118.4, 116.8, 112.4, 82.6, 52.0, 43.4, 41.8, 33.5, 20.9. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 337.1547, found 337.1547.

**Isopropyl 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ac)**



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ac** (61 mg, 84%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.30 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.3, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.09 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 – 5.01 (m, 1H), 3.72 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.22 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.23 (dd,  $J = 10.1, 6.3$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.2, 160.2, 145.5, 141.1, 133.9, 129.2, 128.2, 127.4, 124.7, 124.0, 119.1, 118.4, 116.8, 112.4, 82.5, 68.6, 43.4, 41.8, 34.1, 21.9, 21.8, 20.9. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 365.1860, found 365.1864.

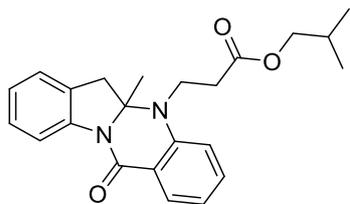
**Butyl 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ad)**



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ad** (42 mg, 56%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.23 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.3, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.01 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.5, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.05 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 3.63 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.59 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.14

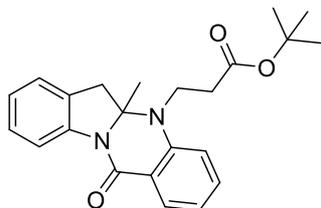
(d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.26 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.83 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 160.1, 145.5, 141.1, 133.9, 129.2, 128.2, 127.4, 124.7, 124.0, 119.1, 118.4, 116.8, 112.4, 82.5, 64.9, 43.4, 41.8, 33.8, 30.6, 20.9, 19.1, 13.7. HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 379.2016, found 379.2028.

**Isobutyl 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ae)**



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ae** (41 mg, 54%) as red brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.23 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd,  $J = 7.7$ , 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd,  $J = 8.6$ , 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.04 (ddd,  $J = 8.7$ , 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (ddd,  $J = 8.6$ , 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd,  $J = 6.7$ , 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.72 – 3.48 (m, 3H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.83 (dd,  $J = 6.7$ , 1.6 Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 160.1, 145.5, 141.1, 133.9, 129.2, 128.2, 127.4, 124.7, 124.0, 119.1, 118.4, 116.8, 112.4, 82.5, 71.1, 43.4, 41.8, 33.8, 27.7, 20.9, 19.1. HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 379.2016, found 379.2025.

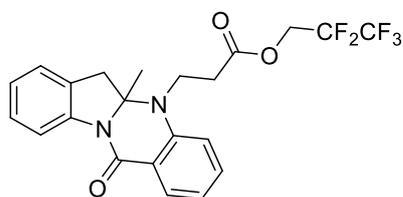
**tert-Butyl 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3af)**



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3af** (15 mg, 20%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.31 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd,  $J = 7.7$ , 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd,  $J = 8.6$ , 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.12 (ddd,  $J = 8.7$ , 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (ddd,  $J = 8.4$ , 7.5 Hz, 1.2 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.62 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.23 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dt,  $J = 16.4$ , 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dt,  $J = 16.1$ , 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.34 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.0, 160.2, 145.6, 141.1, 133.9, 129.2, 128.2, 127.4, 124.7, 124.0, 119.0, 118.3, 116.8, 112.4, 82.5, 81.4, 43.4, 41.9, 34.9, 28.1, 20.9. HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 379.2016, found 379.2025.

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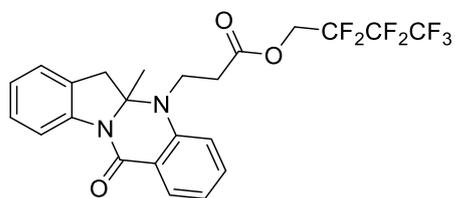
### 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ag)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ag** (84 mg, 92%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.02 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.4, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.61 - 4.40 (m, 2H), 3.84 - 3.49 (m, 3H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.01 - 2.62 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 160.0, 145.2, 141.0, 134.0, 129.4, 128.3, 127.2, 124.7, 124.1, 119.8, 119.5, 118.6, 116.8, 112.2, 111.7, 82.6, 59.4 (t,  $J = 27.7$  Hz), 43.3, 41.4, 33.2, 20.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -83.79, -123.40 (t,  $J = 12.9$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_5\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 455.1389, found 455.1419.

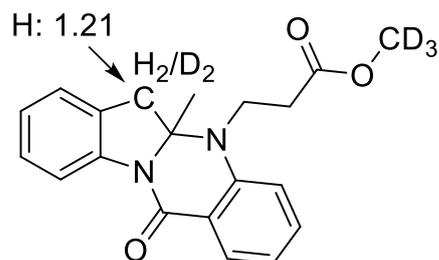
## 2,2,3,3,4,4,4-Heptafluorobutyl

### 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3ah)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ah** (84 mg, 83%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.22 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 - 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.00 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.4, 1.1$  Hz), 6.90 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.64 - 4.43 (m, 2H), 3.66 - 3.52 (m, 3H), 3.12 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 - 2.63 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.0, 160.0, 145.2, 141.0, 134.0, 129.3, 128.2, 127.2, 124.7, 124.1, 119.5, 118.6, 116.8, 116.6 - 115.4 (m), 113.8 (t,  $J = 31.1$  Hz), 112.2, 111.4 (t,  $J = 31.1$  Hz), 82.6, 59.5 (t,  $J = 26.9$  Hz), 43.3, 41.4, 33.2, 20.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -80.82 (t,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), -120.43 (td,  $J = 9.3, 4.6$  Hz), -127.60 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_7\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 505.1357, found 505.1382.

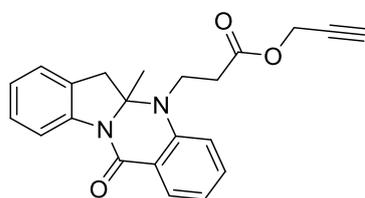
**Methyl-d3 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate(3ai)**



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ai** (56 mg, 82%) as light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.12 (ddd, *J* = 8.6,

7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (ddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.70 (m, 0.56H), 3.69 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.30 – 3.18 (m, 0.65H), 2.84 (dt, *J* = 16.6, 7.6, Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dt, *J* = 16.4, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.0, 160.1, 145.4, 141.1, 133.9, 129.2, 128.2, 127.3, 124.7, 124.0, 119.2, 118.5, 116.8, 112.4, 82.5, 43.4, 41.8, 33.5, 20.9, 20.8. HRMS *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for: **D3**: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>D<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 340.1735, found 340.1730, **D4**: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>D<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 341.1798, found 341.1795, **D5**: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>16</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 342.1861, found 342.1837.

**Prop-2-yn-1-yl 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate (3aj)**

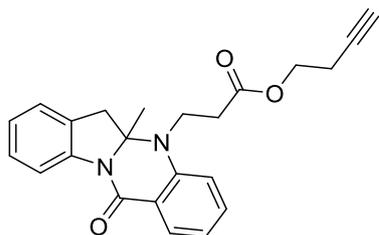


Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3aj** (62 mg, 86%) as light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19

(m, 2H), 7.01 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1H), 4.67 – 4.58 (m, 2H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.14 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). 1.25 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.8, 160.1, 145.3, 141.0, 133.9, 129.3, 128.2, 127.4, 124.7, 124.1, 119.3, 118.6, 116.8, 112.4, 82.6, 77.2, 75.3, 52.4, 43.4, 41.7, 33.5, 20.9. HRMS *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 361.1547, found 361.1567.

**But-3-yn-1-yl 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate**

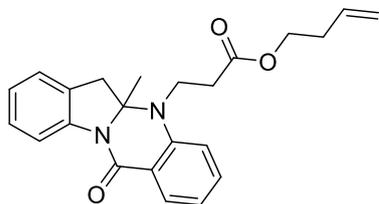
**(3ak)**



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3ak** (70 mg, 93%) as light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd,  $J = 8.8, 7.3, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.02 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.15 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 3.63 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.46 (td,  $J = 6.7, 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.91 (t,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.3, 160.1, 145.4, 141.1, 133.9, 129.3, 128.2, 127.3, 124.7, 124.1, 119.2, 118.5, 116.8, 112.4, 82.6, 79.8, 70.1, 62.6, 43.4, 41.7, 33.7, 20.9, 19.0. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 375.1703, found 375.1712.

**But-3-en-1-yl 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoate**

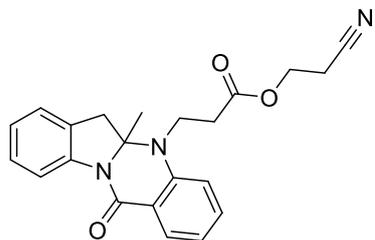
**(3al)**



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3al** (48 mg, 63%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.23 (d,  $J = 7.9$ , 1H), 8.05 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 7.3, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.01 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.73 – 5.63 (m, 1H), 5.10 – 4.96 (m, 2H), 4.10 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 3.62 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 2.34 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.6, 160.1, 145.4, 141.1, 133.9, 133.7, 129.2, 128.2, 127.3, 124.7, 124.0, 119.2, 118.4, 117.5, 116.8, 112.4, 82.5, 64.0, 43.4, 41.8, 33.8, 33.0, 20.9. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 377.1860, found 377.1869.

## 2-Cyanoethyl 3-(5*a*-methyl-12-oxo-5*a*,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-5(12*H*)-yl)propanoate

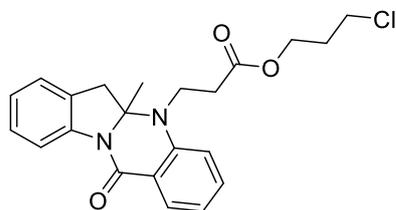
(**3am**)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3am** (62 mg, 83%) as light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.22 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.3, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.02 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.4, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.5, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.63 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.84 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.63 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 160.1, 145.3, 141.0, 134.0, 129.3, 128.2, 127.3, 124.7, 124.1, 119.4, 118.6, 116.7, 116.6, 112.4, 82.6, 59.1, 43.3, 41.5, 33.4, 20.9, 18.0. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 376.1656, found 376.1660.

## 3-Chloropropyl 3-(5*a*-methyl-12-oxo-5*a*,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-5(12*H*)-yl)propanoate

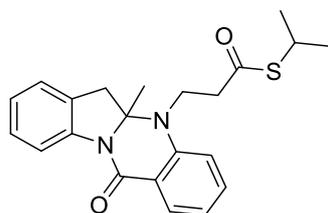
(**3an**)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **3an** (45 mg, 56%) as light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.23 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.3, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.02 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.6, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.65 – 3.55 (m, 3H), 3.49 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.5, 160.1, 145.4, 141.0, 133.9, 129.3, 128.2, 127.3, 124.7, 124.1, 119.3, 118.5, 116.8, 112.4, 82.6, 61.7, 43.4, 41.7, 41.1, 33.6, 31.4, 20.9. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 399.1470, found 399.1666.

### S-isopropyl 3-(5a-methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanethioate

(3ao)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether:

1:5) afforded **3ao** (59 mg, 78%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400

MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.22 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$

Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.3, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H),

7.00 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 7.5, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.64

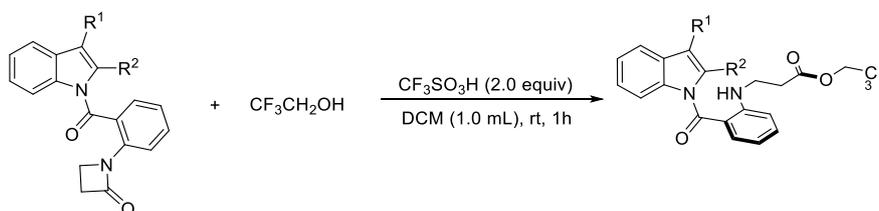
– 3.59 (m, 1H) 3.58 – 3.48 (m, 3H), 3.13 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.21

(dd,  $J = 12.6, 6.9$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.6, 160.1, 145.3, 141.1, 134.0, 129.2,

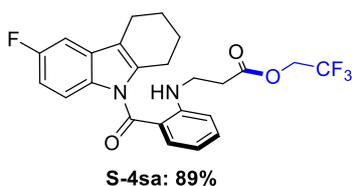
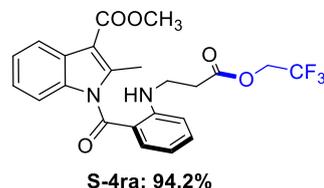
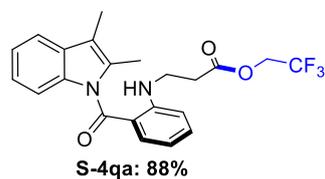
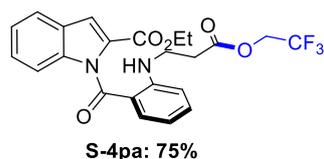
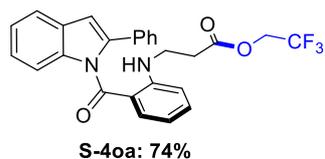
128.2, 127.3, 124.7, 124.0, 119.2, 118.3, 116.8, 112.3, 82.5, 43.3, 43.0, 42.0, 35.1, 22.9, 22.8, 21.0.

HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 381.1631, found 381.1639.

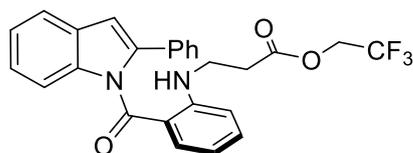
## 4 Ring-Opening of Indole Derivatives and Characterization Data



Under argon, charge a 10 mL flame-dried resealable Schlenk tube with **1** (0.2 mmol) and  $\text{R}^3\text{OH}$  (3.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and stirred for 5 min. Then  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$  (2.0 equiv) was added dropwise to the above mixture at 0 °C and stirred for further 5 min. Afterwards, the reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched carefully with saturated solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , diluted with water. The aqueous was extracted with DCM (3 times), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica column chromatography eluting with the ethyl acetate/petroleum ether.



#### 2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl 3-((2-(2-phenyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)amino)propanoate (S-4oa)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography

(EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **4oa** (69 mg, 74%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 (dd,  $J = 5.9, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.20

(m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.64 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.53 (q,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 170.0, 150.8, 141.6, 138.3, 135.7, 134.1, 133.0, 129.3, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 123.6, 122.9 (q,  $J = 277.1$  Hz), 122.5, 120.8, 115.6, 115.4, 113.3, 111.2, 108.3, 60.5 (q,  $J = 36.7$  Hz), 38.2, 33.5.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.68 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 467.1577, Found 467.1600.

#### Ethyl 1-((3-oxo-3-((2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propyl)amino)benzoyl)-1H-indole-2-carboxylate (S-4pa)

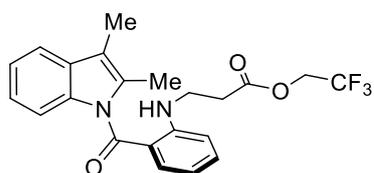


Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **4pa** (69.5 mg, 75%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$

NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.93 (dd,  $J = 5.8, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$

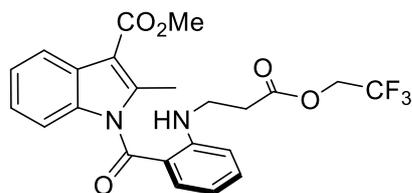
Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.58 – 6.36 (m, 1H), 4.45 (q,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.08 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.62 (q,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.12 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.2, 170.1, 161.0, 151.1, 138.8, 136.0, 133.0, 130.8, 127.0, 126.5, 122.9 (q,  $J = 277.7$  Hz), 122.6, 120.1, 115.6, 115.3, 114.0, 113.1, 111.3, 61.2, 60.5 (q,  $J = 36.7$  Hz), 38.2, 33.5, 14.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.70 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 463.1475, Found 463.1463.

**2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl 3-((2-(2,3-dimethyl-1H-indole-1-carbonyl)phenyl)amino)propanoate (S-4qa)**



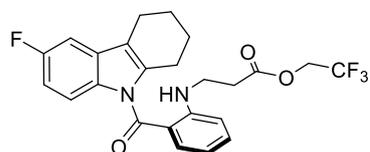
Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **4qa** (74 mg, 88%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.35 (dd,  $J = 15.0, 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 7.21 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 6.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.42 (q,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.57 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.74 (td,  $J = 6.8, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.1, 170.2, 150.1, 136.5, 135.1, 134.0, 133.1, 130.5, 122.9 (q,  $J = 278.5$  Hz), 122.6, 121.8, 118.0, 116.1, 115.6, 114.1, 113.5, 111.4, 60.5 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 38.3, 33.5, 12.5, 8.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.68 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 419.1577, Found 419.1602.

**Methyl 2-methyl-1-(2-((3-oxo-3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propyl)amino)benzoyl)-1H-indole-3-carboxylate (S-4ra)**



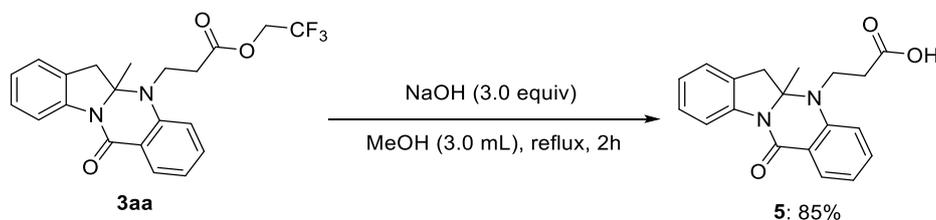
Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **4ra** (87 mg, 94%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (dd,  $J = 5.9, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.56 (q,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.75 (q,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.2, 170.0, 166.1, 151.8, 145.1, 137.0, 136.2, 134.3, 126.6, 123.3, 122.9, 122.9 (q,  $J = 273.2$  Hz) 121.5, 115.8, 113.6, 112.3, 111.7, 108.1, 60.6 (q,  $J = 36.7$  Hz), 51.1, 38.2, 33.4, 13.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  -73.70 (t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 463.1475, Found 463.1463.

**2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl 3-((2-(6-fluoro-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-carbazole-9-carbonyl)phenyl)amino)propanoate (S-4sa)**

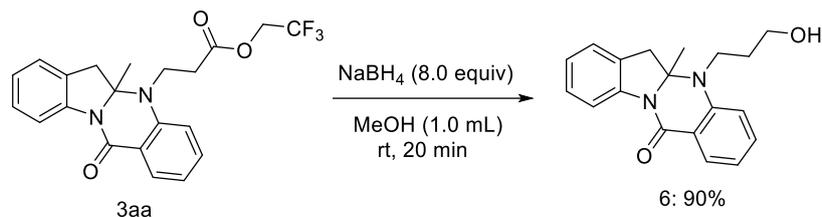


Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **4sa** (82 mg, 89%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.1, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td,  $J = 8.3, 3.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.87 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.67 – 6.62 (m, 1H), 4.52 (qd,  $J = 8.4, 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.64 (q,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.73 (s, 1H), 2.67 (dq,  $J = 6.4, 3.2, 2.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 1.93 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.82 (ddp,  $J = 9.1, 5.9, 3.1, 2.5$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.2, 169.1, 158.1 (d,  $J = 238.6$  Hz), 148.6, 136.9, 133.8, 132.3, 131.9, 129.7 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz), 121.8 (q,  $J = 277.3$  Hz), 115.7 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 115.2, 114.6, 113.9 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz), 110.4, 109.3 (d,  $J = 25.1$  Hz), 102.4 (d,  $J = 23.5$  Hz), 59.4 (q,  $J = 36.8$  Hz), 37.3, 32.4, 24.2, 22.3, 21.3, 20.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -73.73, -121.39 (dt,  $J = 9.0, 4.5$  Hz). HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 463.1639, Found 463.1631.

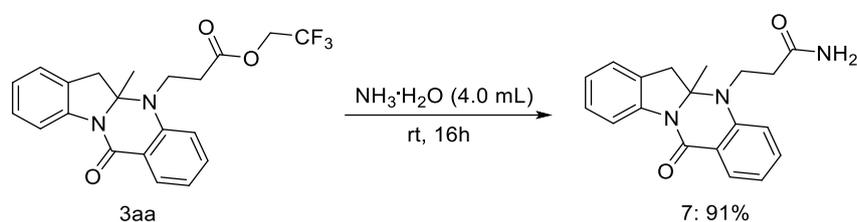
**5 Derivatization experiments and Characterization Data**



To a solution of **3aa** (80.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) was added NaOH (3.0 equiv, 0.6 mmol, 24 mg), then heated to reflux for 2 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature. The residue was added water, then the water layer was adjust to pH = 3-4 with 1M HCl and extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined EtOAc layer was washed with brine, dried with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. Purified by column chromatography (PE/EA = 2:1) to afford desired acid **5** (55 mg, 85% yield).

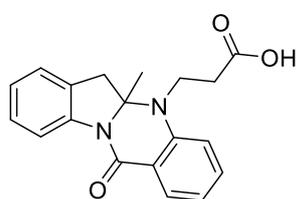


To a solution of **3aa** (80.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) in MeOH (1.0 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (8.0 equiv, 1.6 mmol, 60.5 mg) at room temperature and reacted at room temperature for 20 min. the reaction reached completion according to the TLC analysis. The residue was added water and extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined EtOAc layer was washed with brine, dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 5:1) to afford **6** (55 mg, 90% yield).



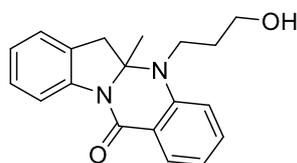
The **3aa** (80.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added to NH<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (4.0 mL) and stir for 16 hours at room temperature. After the reaction reached completion according to the TLC analysis. The residue was extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combine EtOAc layer was washed with brine, dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. Purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 2:1) to afford **7** (58 mg, 91% yield).

### 3-(5a-Methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propanoic acid (**5**)



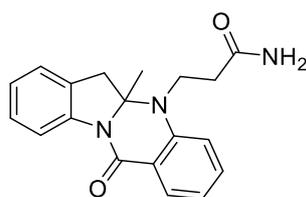
Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **5** (55 mg, 85%) as light yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 8.9, 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.09 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.58 (m, 3H), 3.21 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dt, *J* = 16.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dt, *J* = 16.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.1, 160.4, 145.4, 140.9, 134.2, 129.3, 128.3, 127.4, 124.7, 124.3, 119.3, 118.3, 117.0, 112.4, 82.6, 43.3, 41.6, 33.5, 20.8. HRMS *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>): Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 323.1391, found 323.1394.

### 5-(3-Hydroxypropyl)-5a-methyl-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-12(5H)-one (6)



Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **6** (55 mg, 90%) as light yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.24 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.3, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.02 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.62 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.48 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.13 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.6, 146.2, 141.0, 134.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.6, 124.8, 124.1, 118.6, 117.9, 116.7, 112.9, 82.6, 59.7, 43.4, 43.0, 31.3, 20.7. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 309.1598, found 309.1606.

### 3-(5a-Methyl-12-oxo-5a,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-b]quinazolin-5(12H)-yl)propenamide (7)

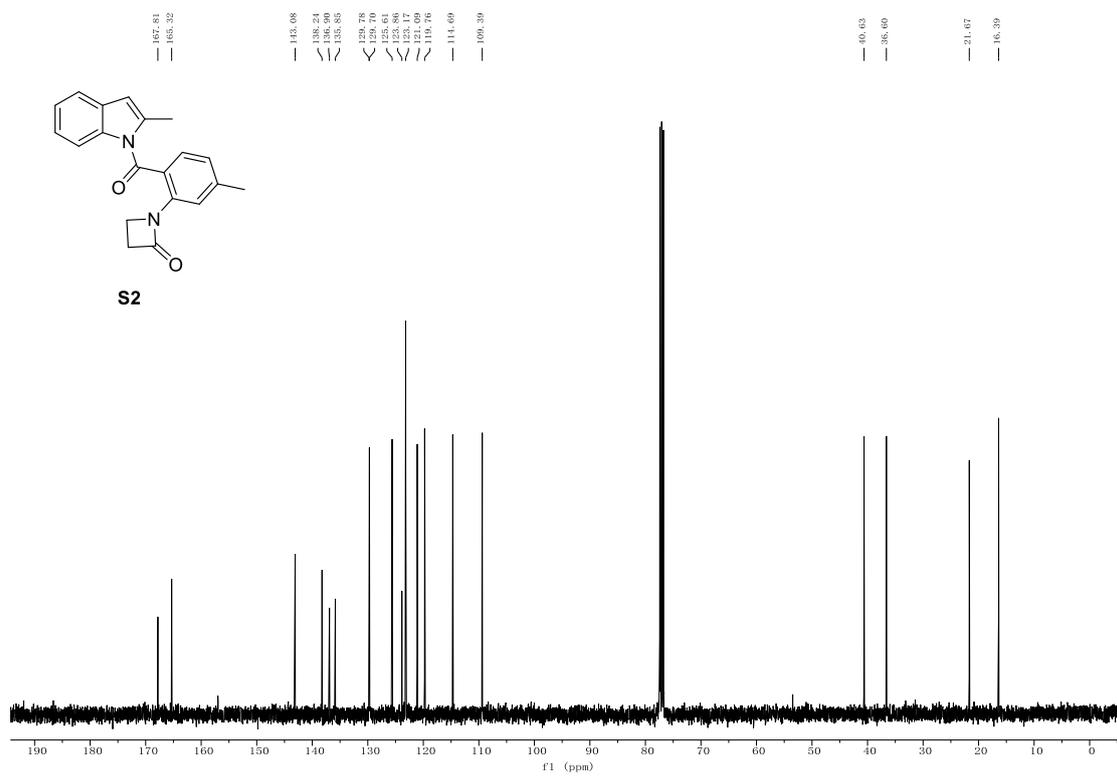
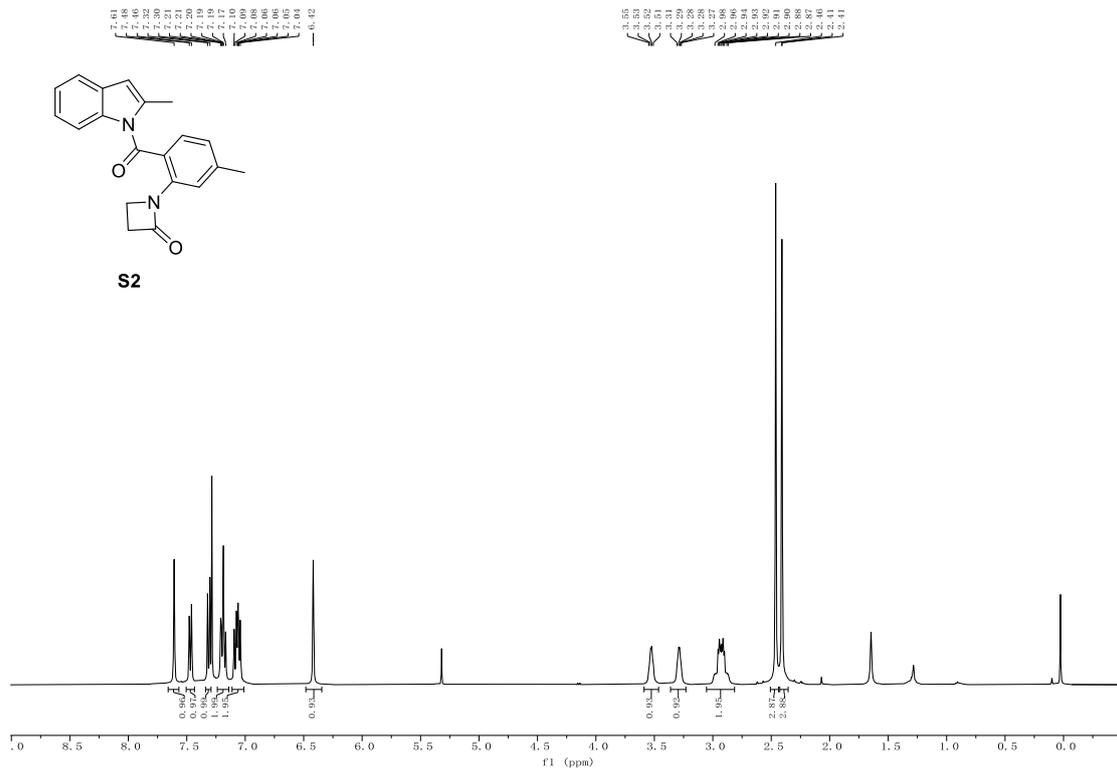


Purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/petroleum ether: 1:5) afforded **7** (58 mg, 91%) as white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.28 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (ddd,  $J = 8.8, 7.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.09 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (ddd,  $J = 8.6, 7.5, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 3.87 – 3.46 (m, 3H), 3.19 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.8, 160.2, 145.5, 140.9, 134.0, 129.2, 128.1, 127.6, 124.8, 124.1, 119.2, 118.5, 116.7, 112.4, 82.6, 43.4, 42.0, 34.7, 20.8. HRMS  $m/z$  (ESI $^+$ ): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 322.1550, found 322.1551.

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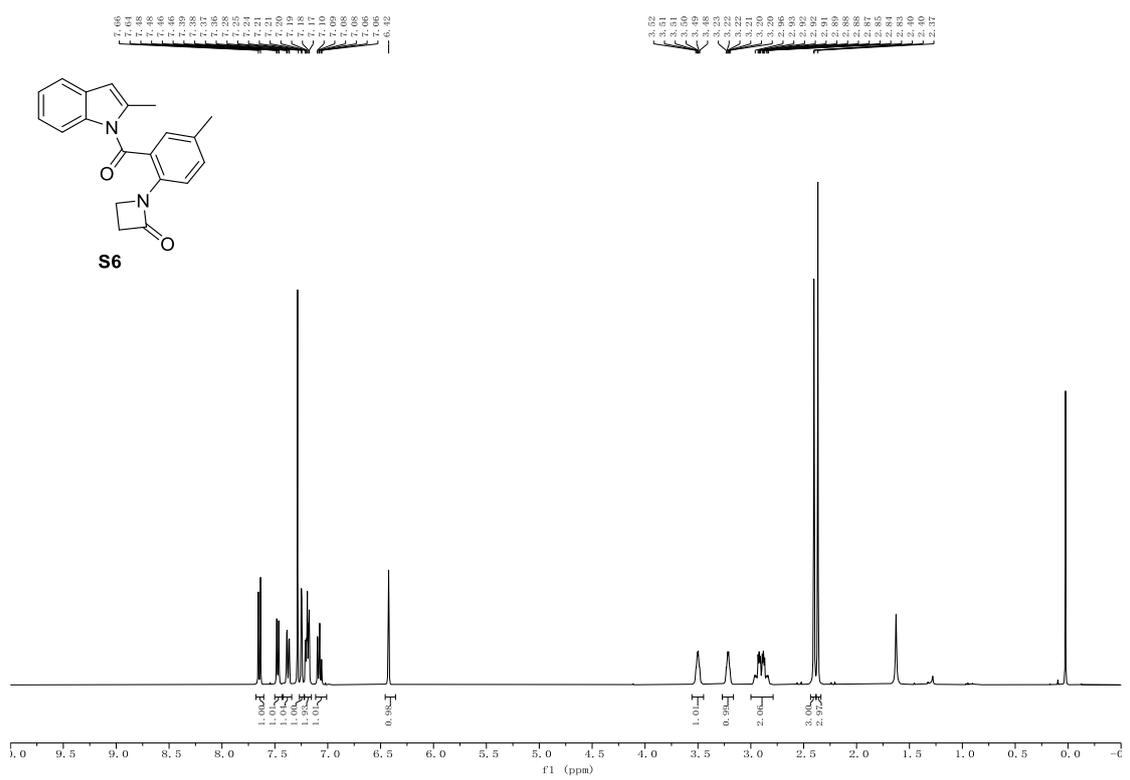
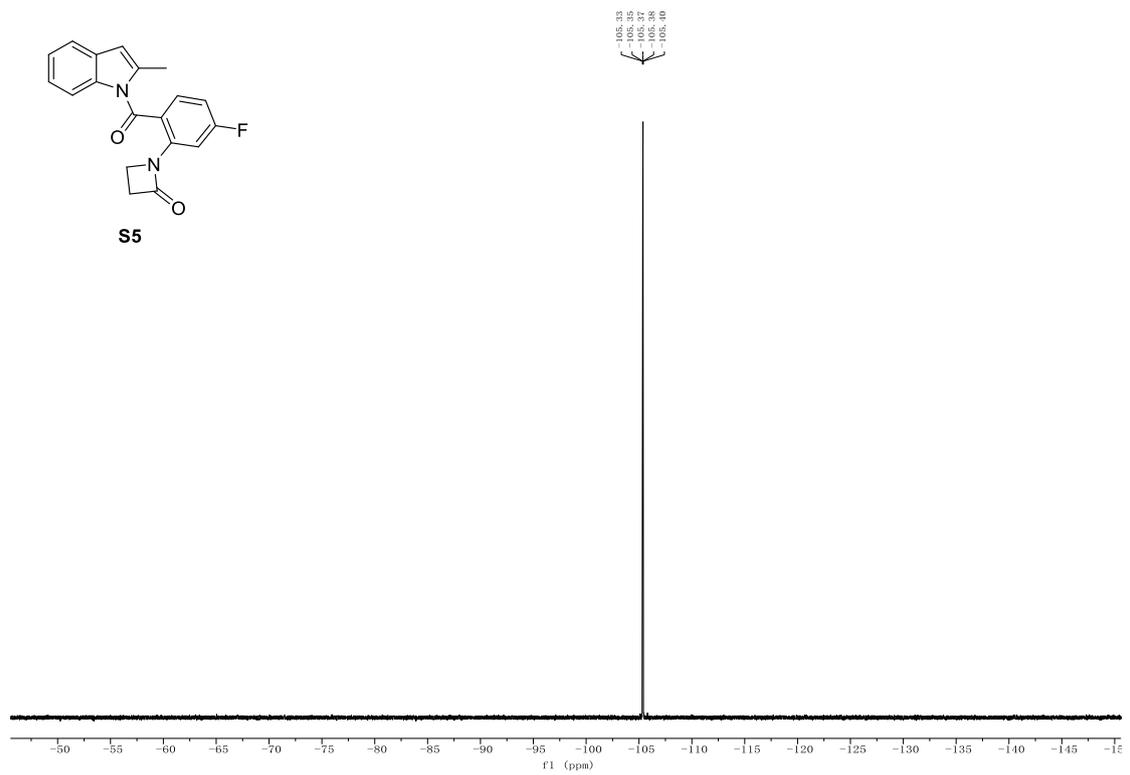


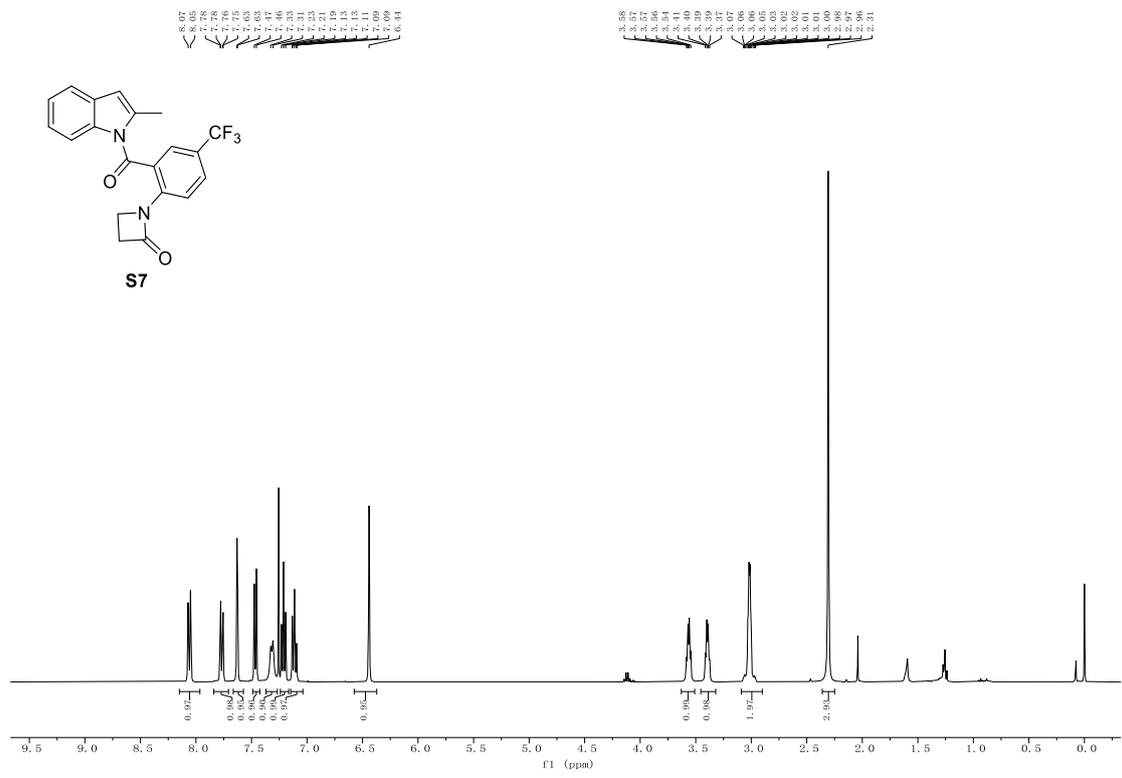
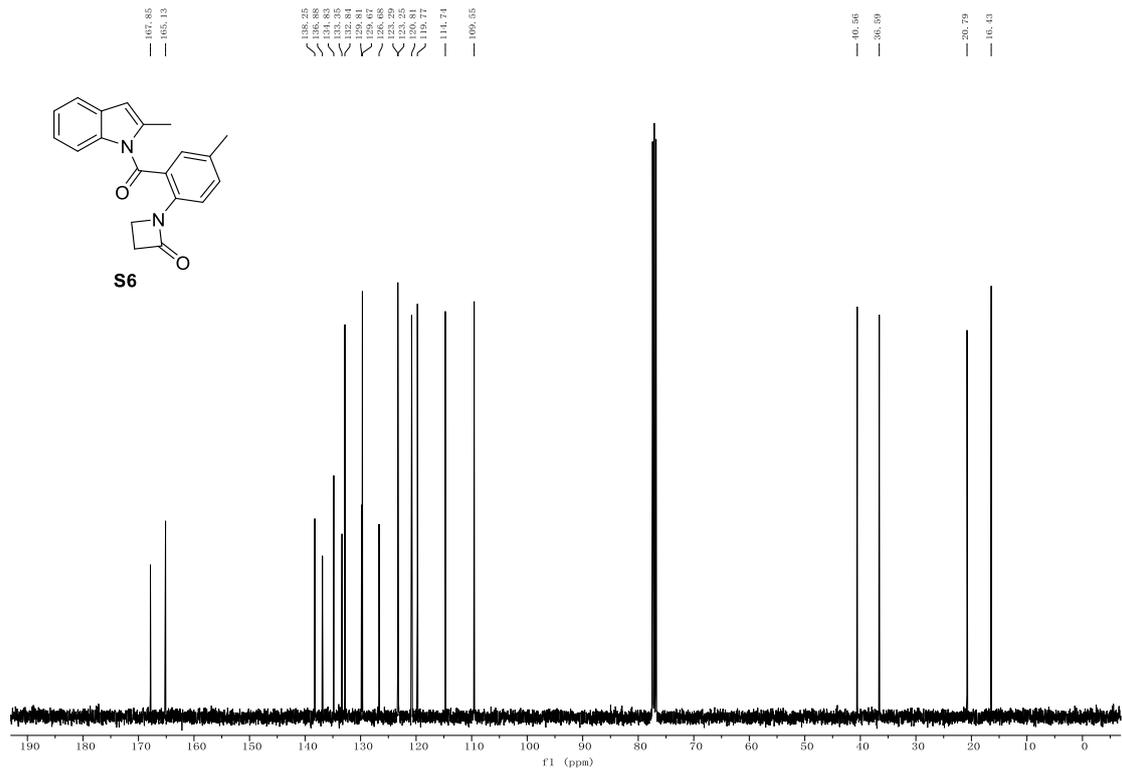


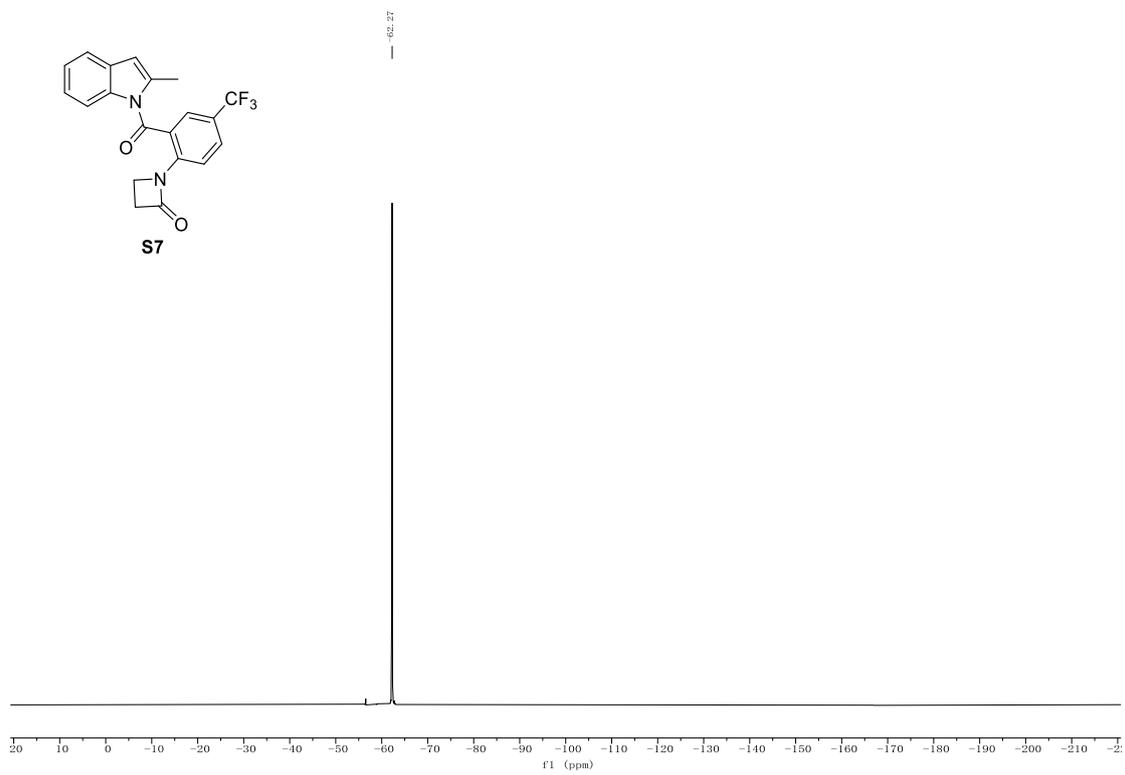
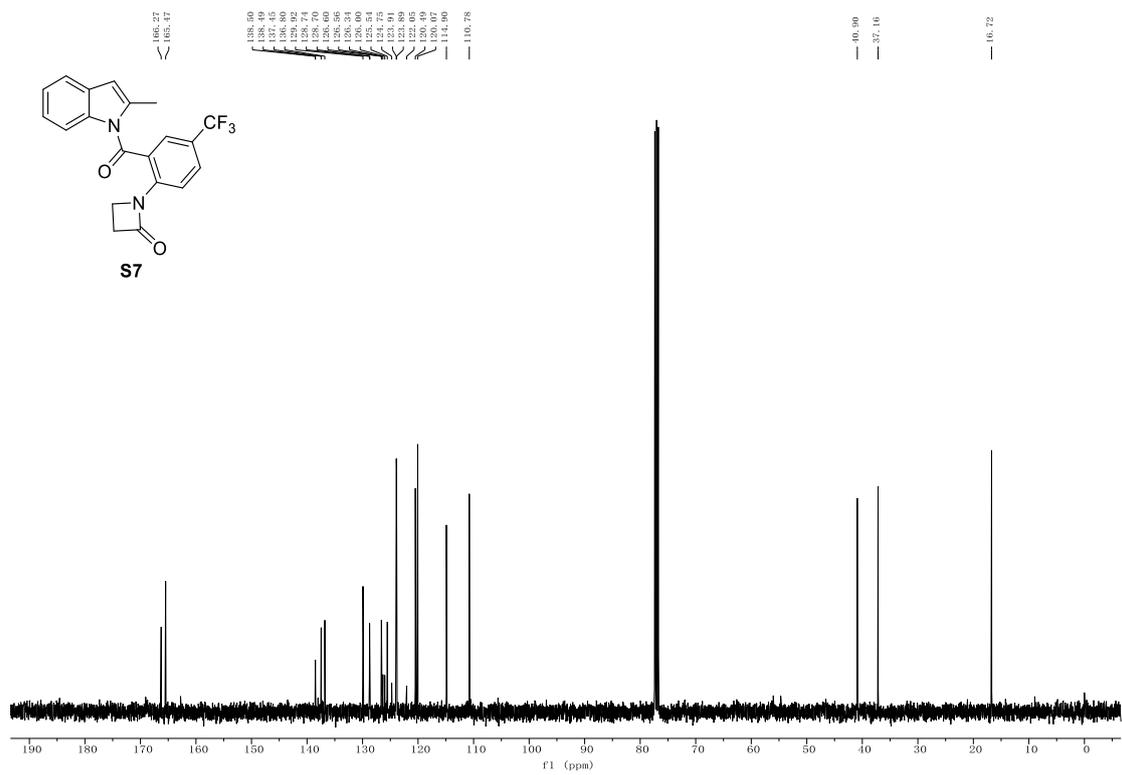


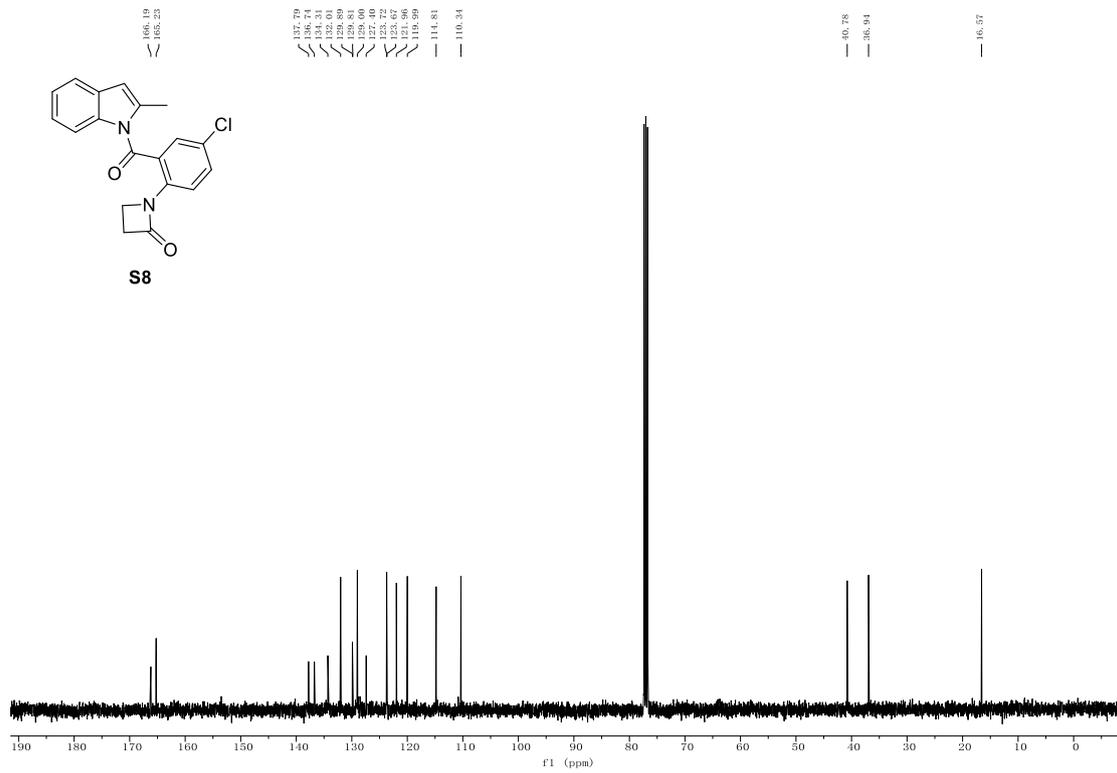
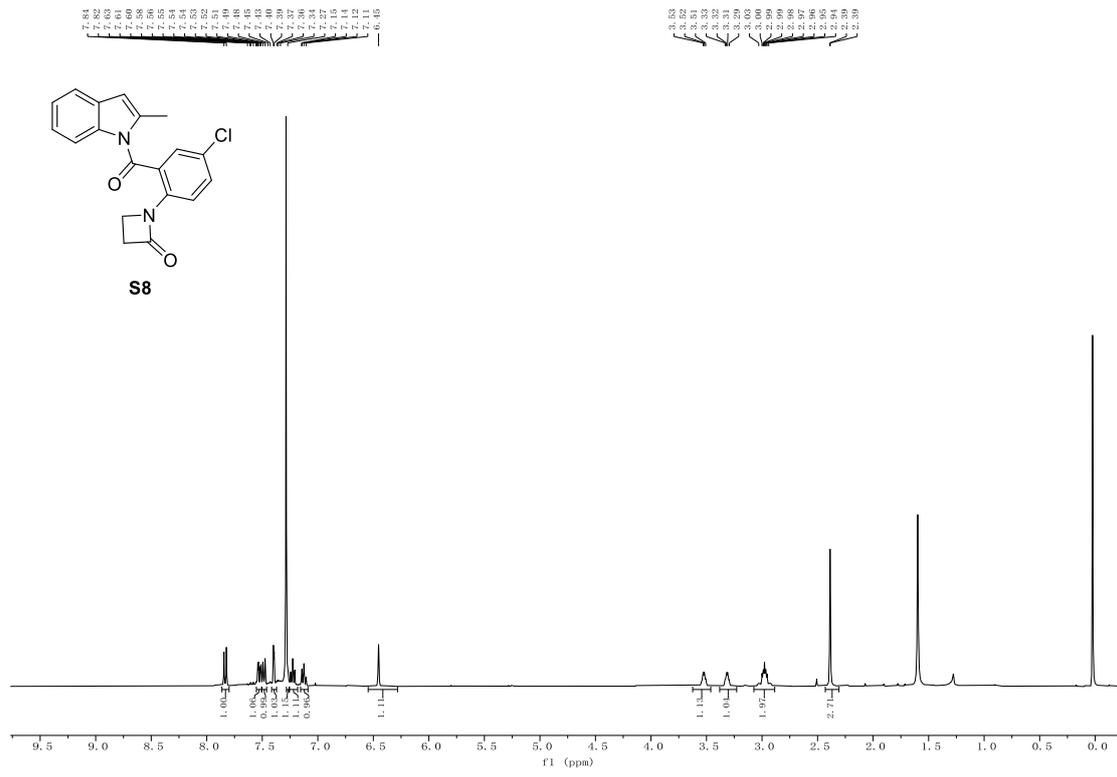




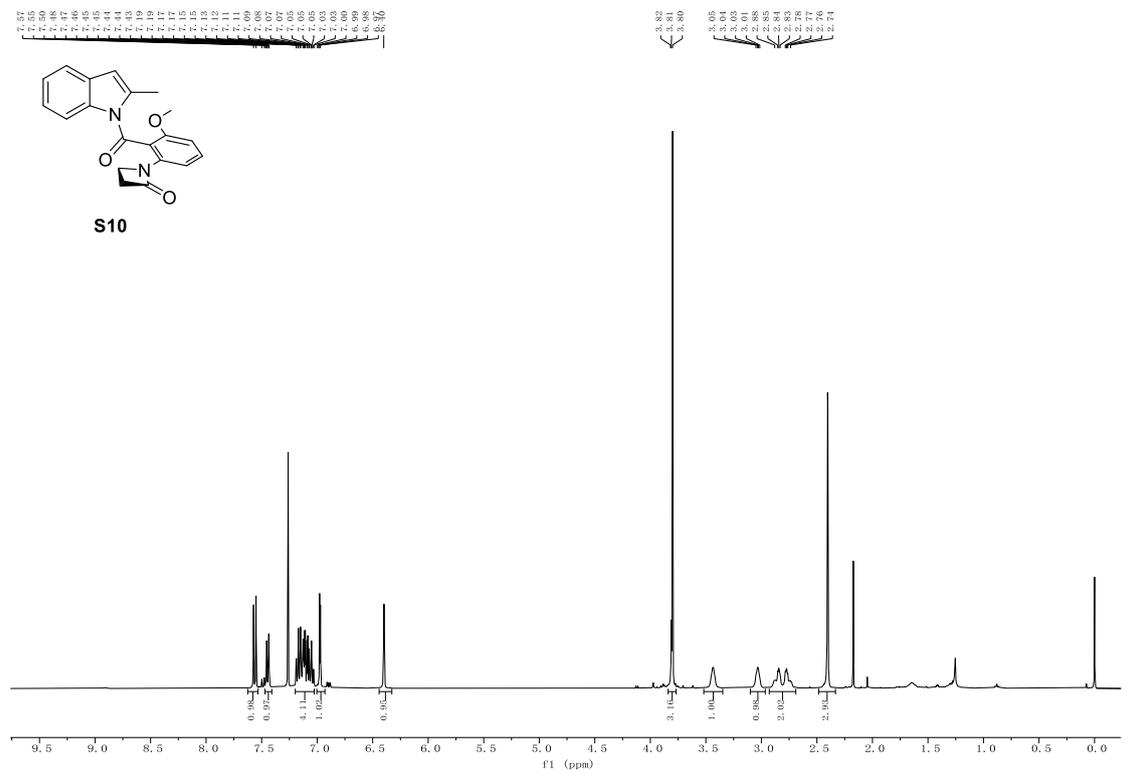
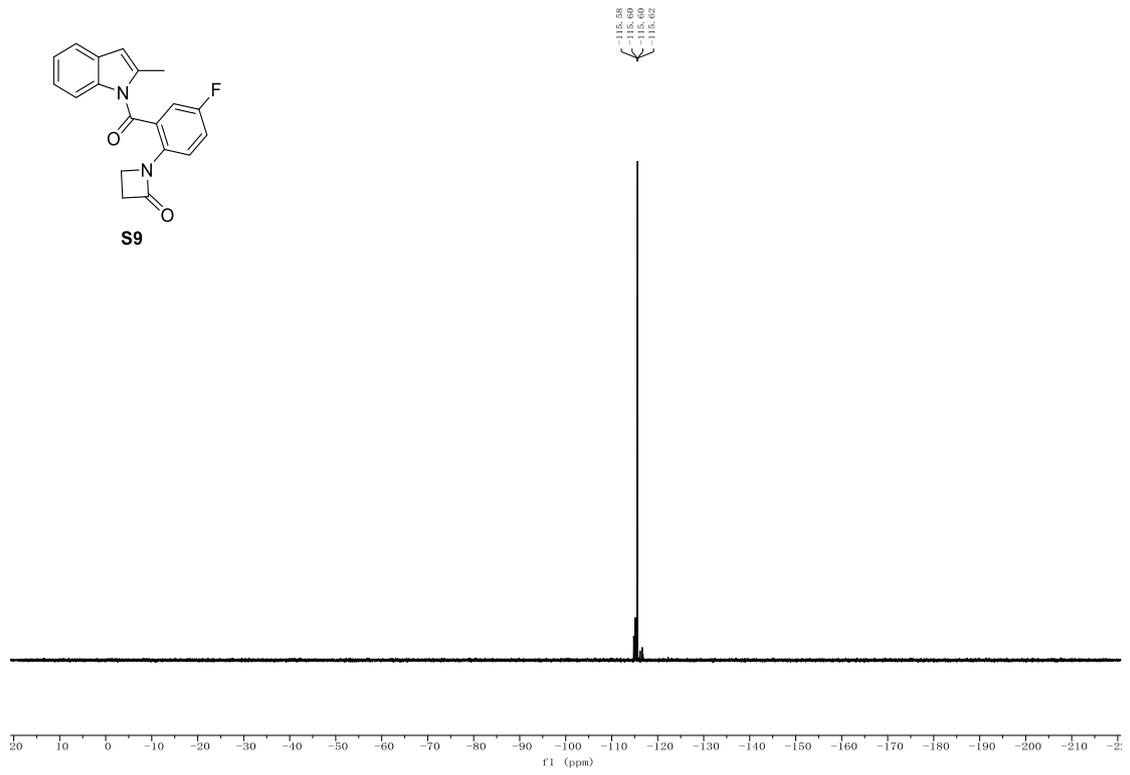


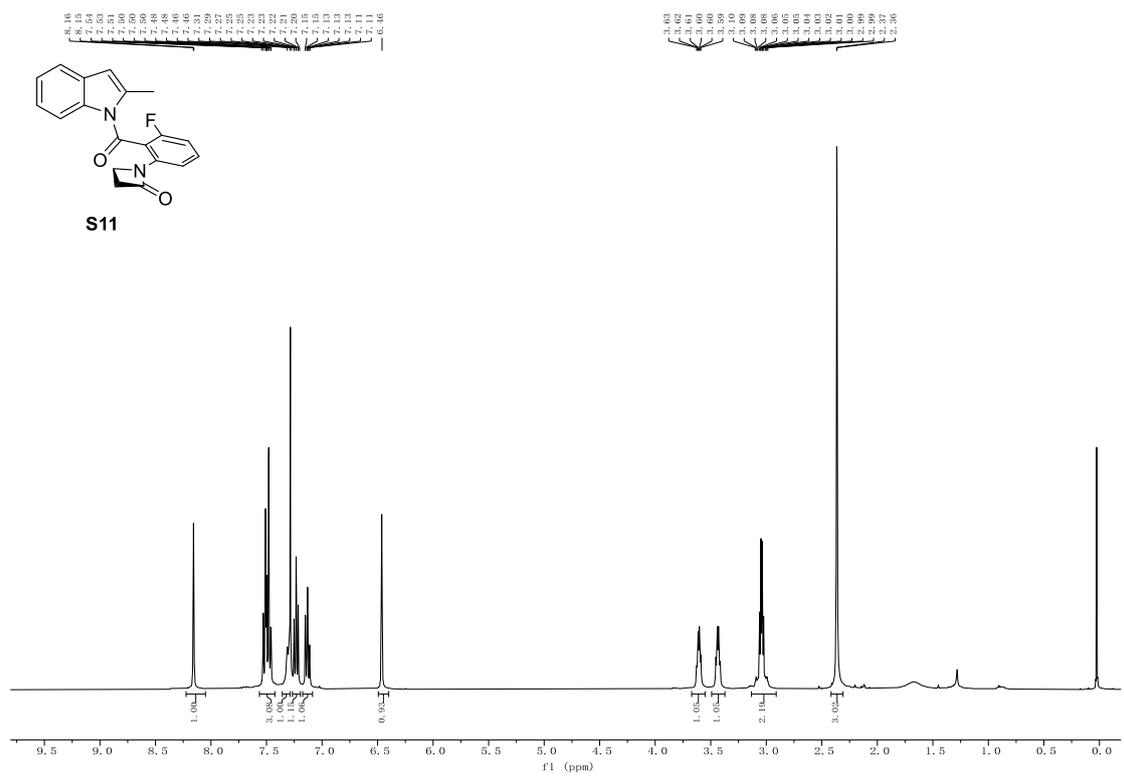
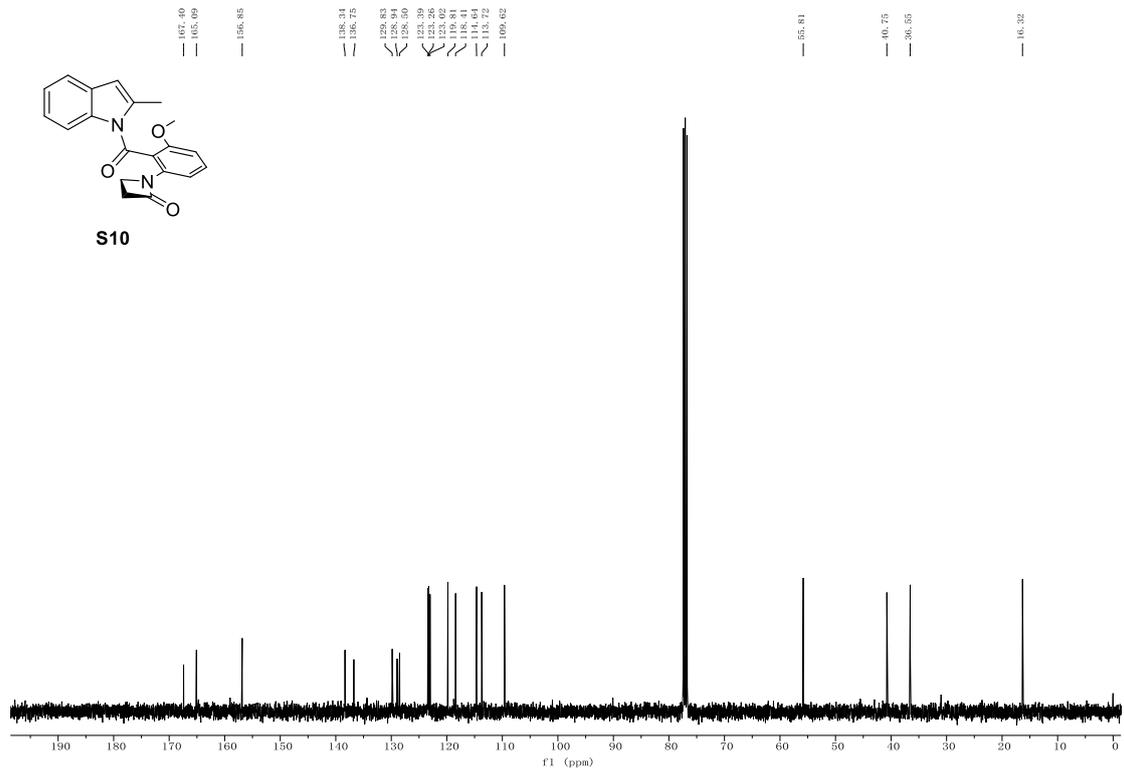


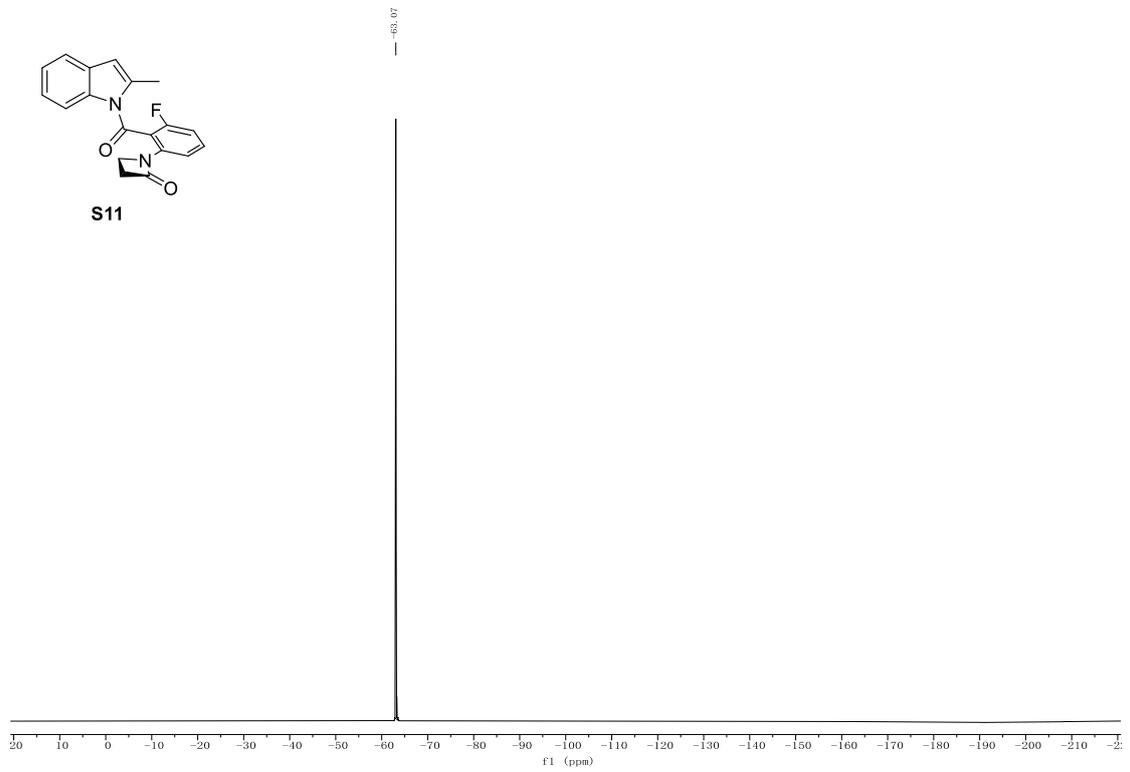
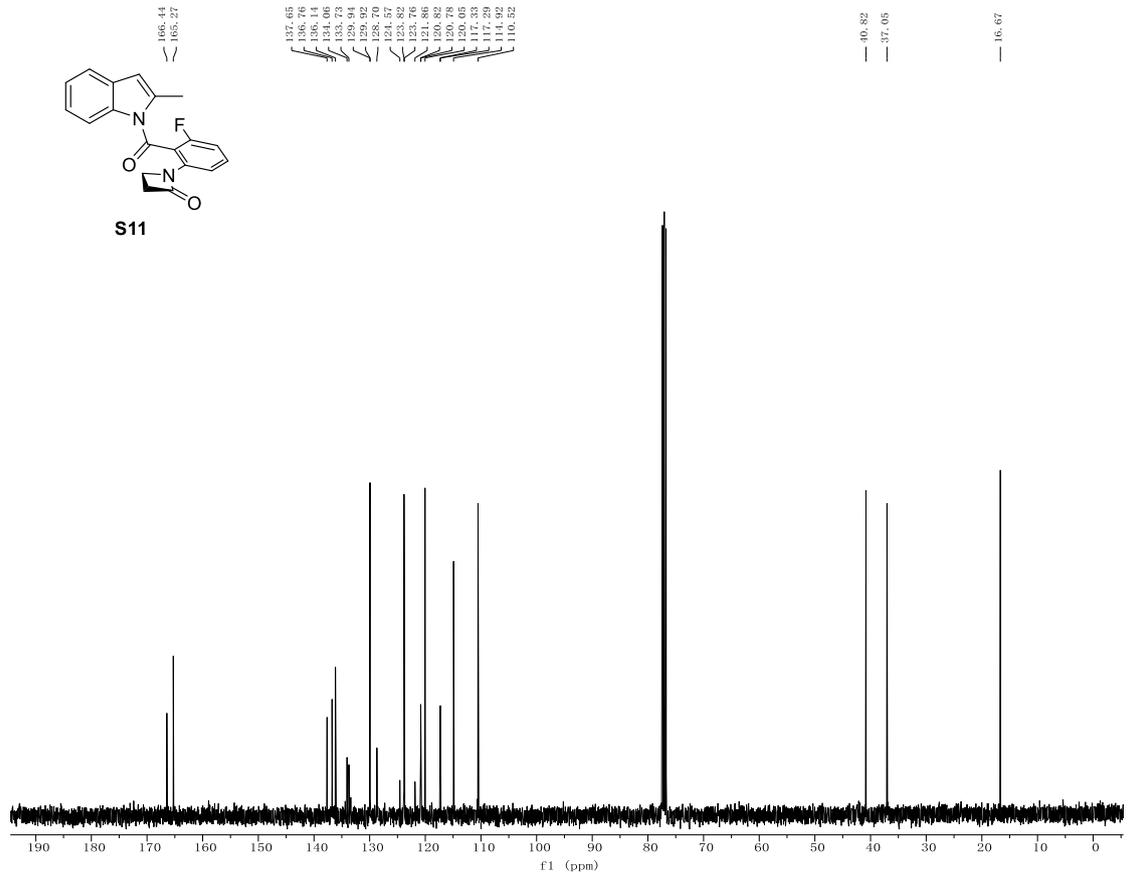


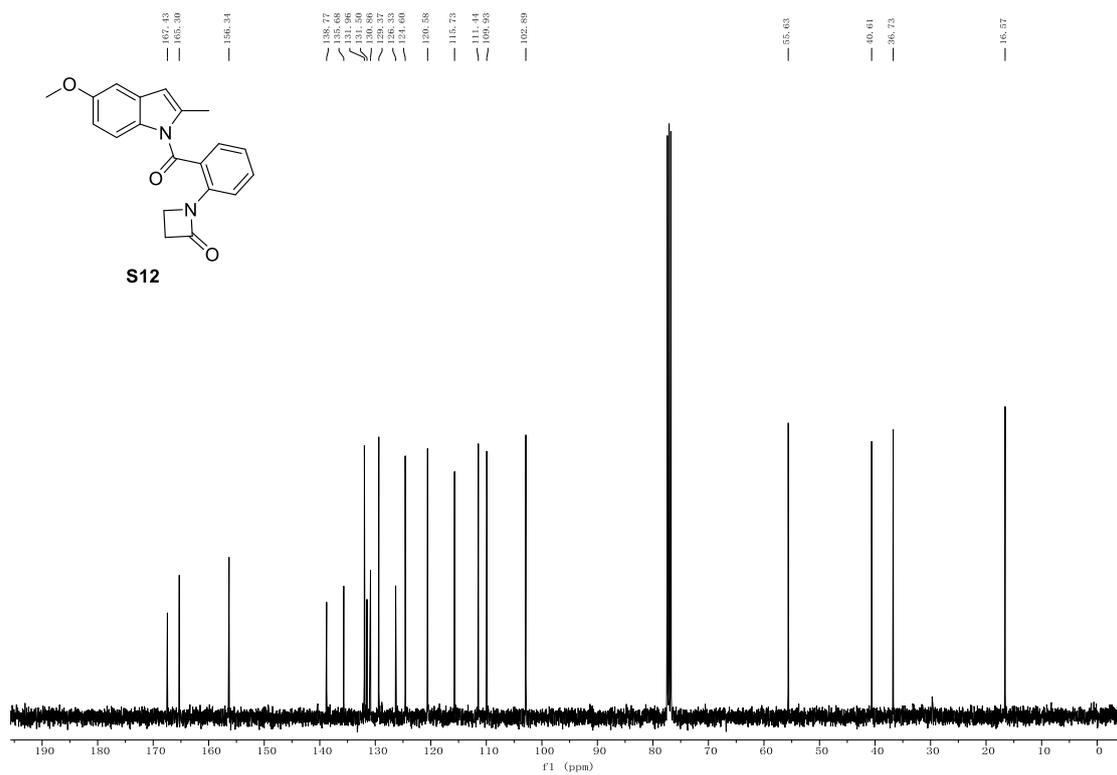
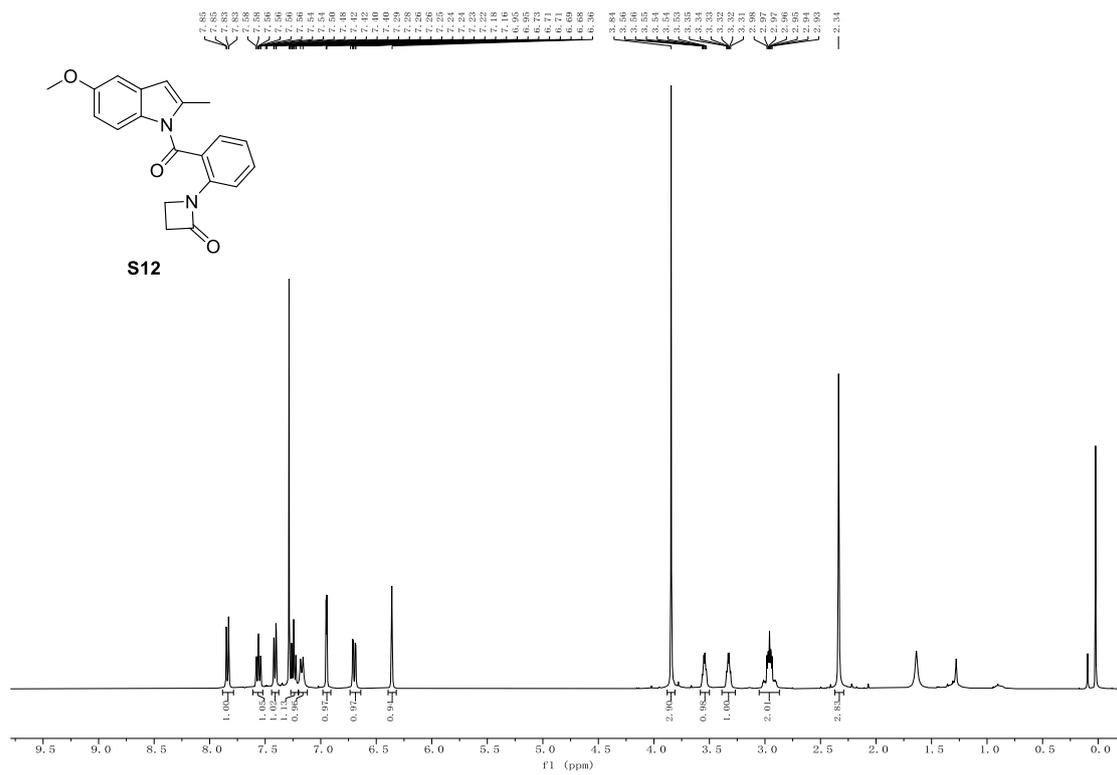


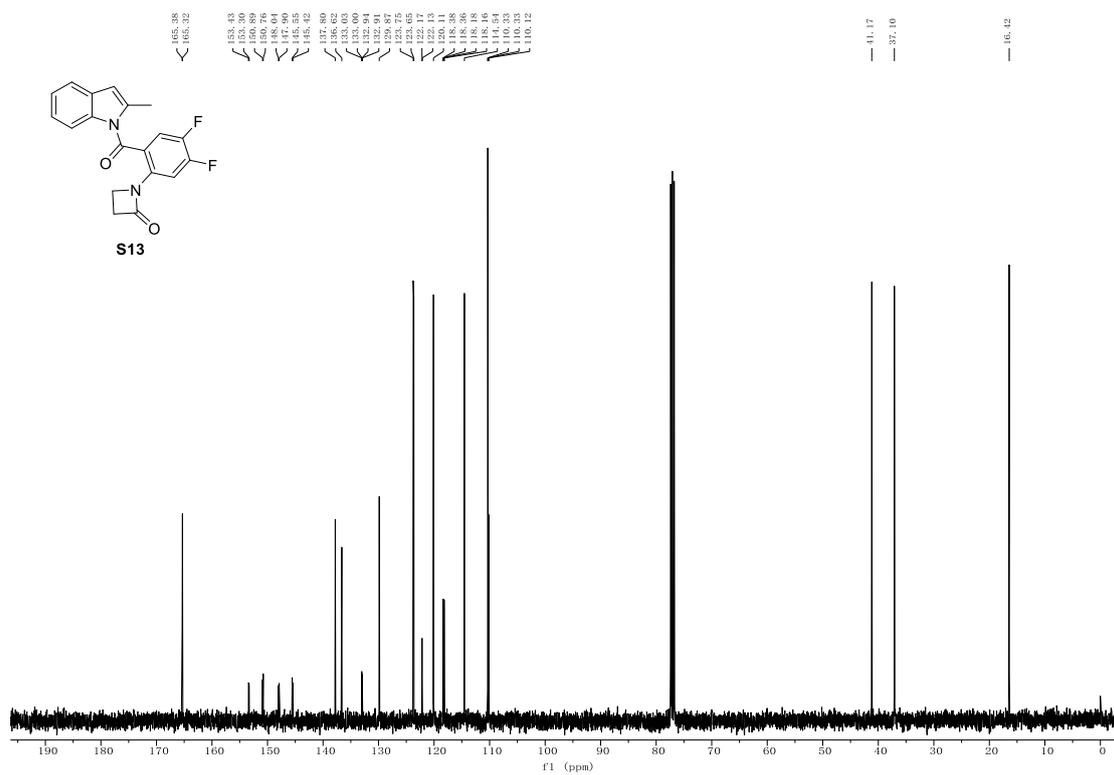
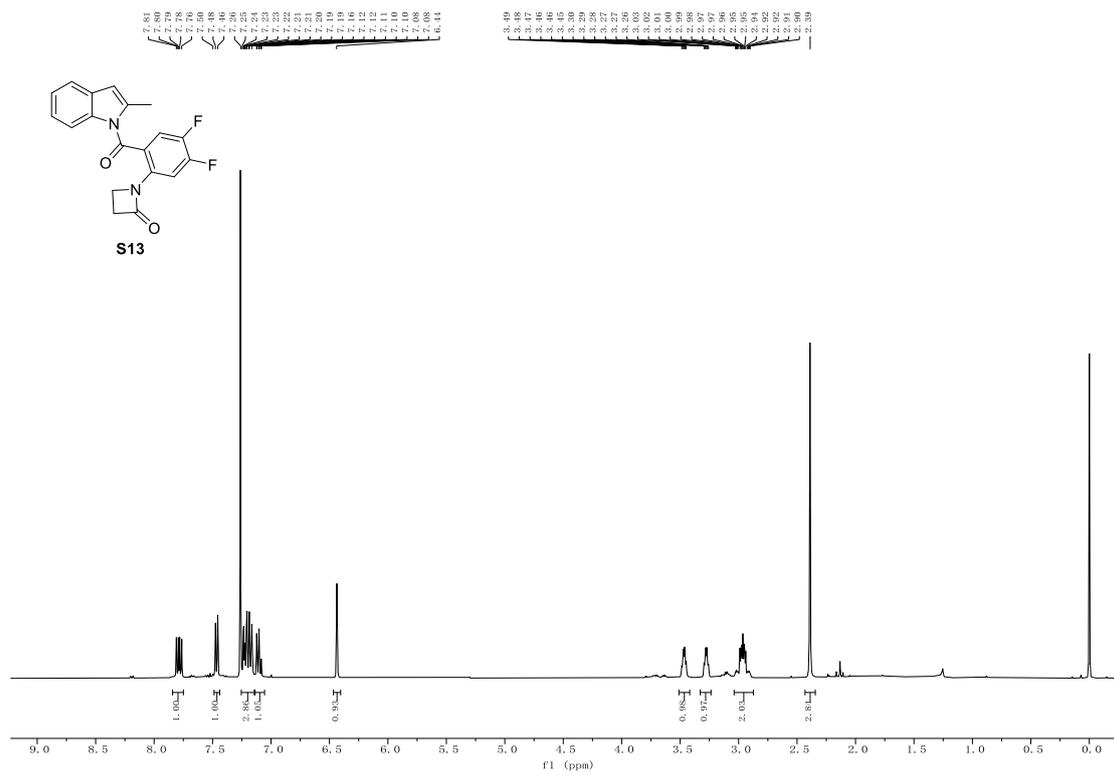


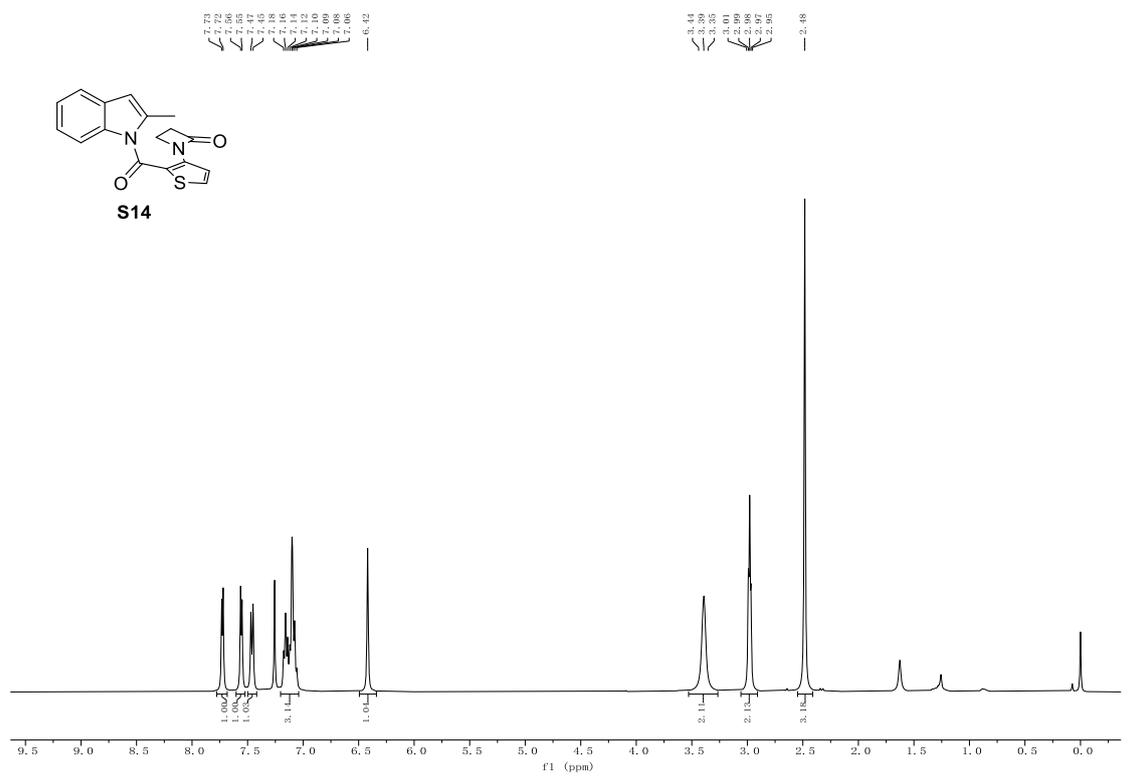
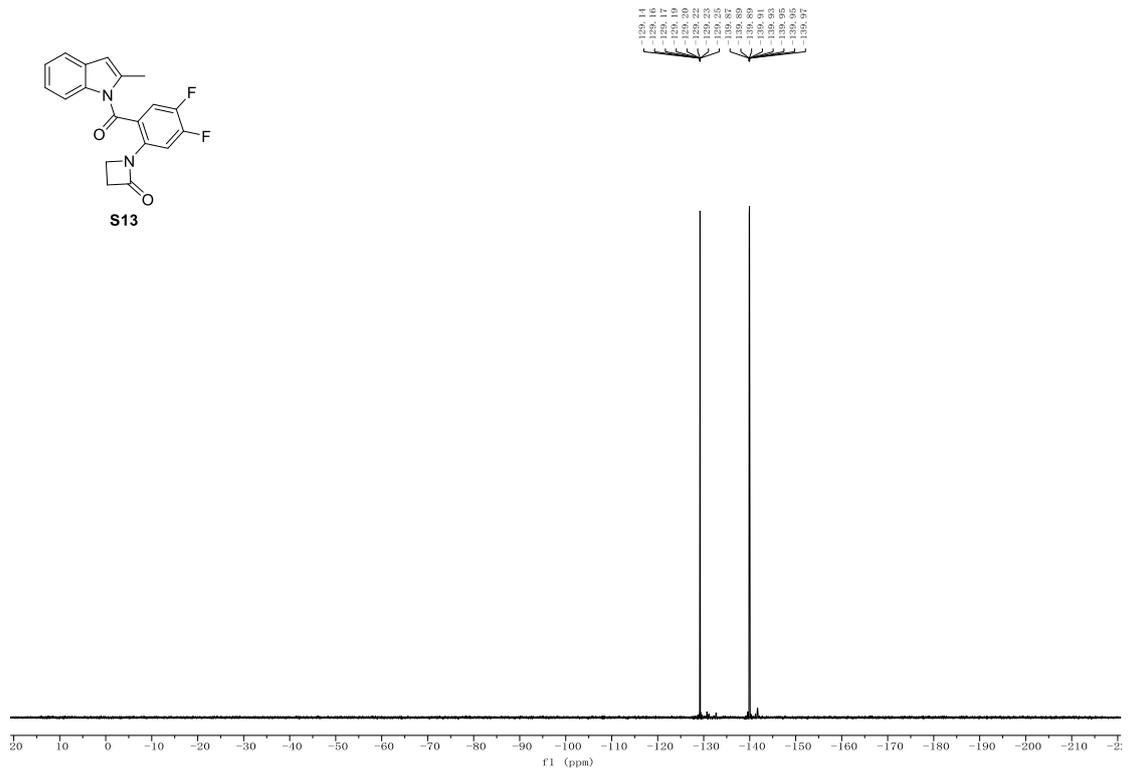


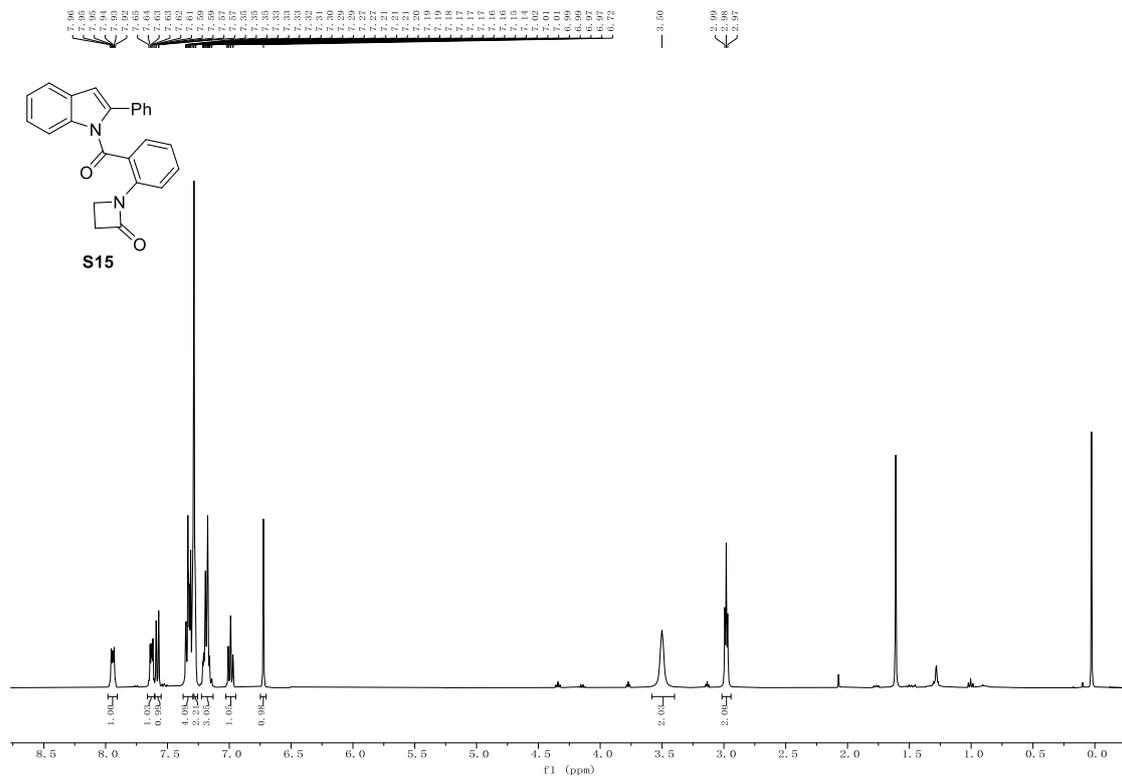
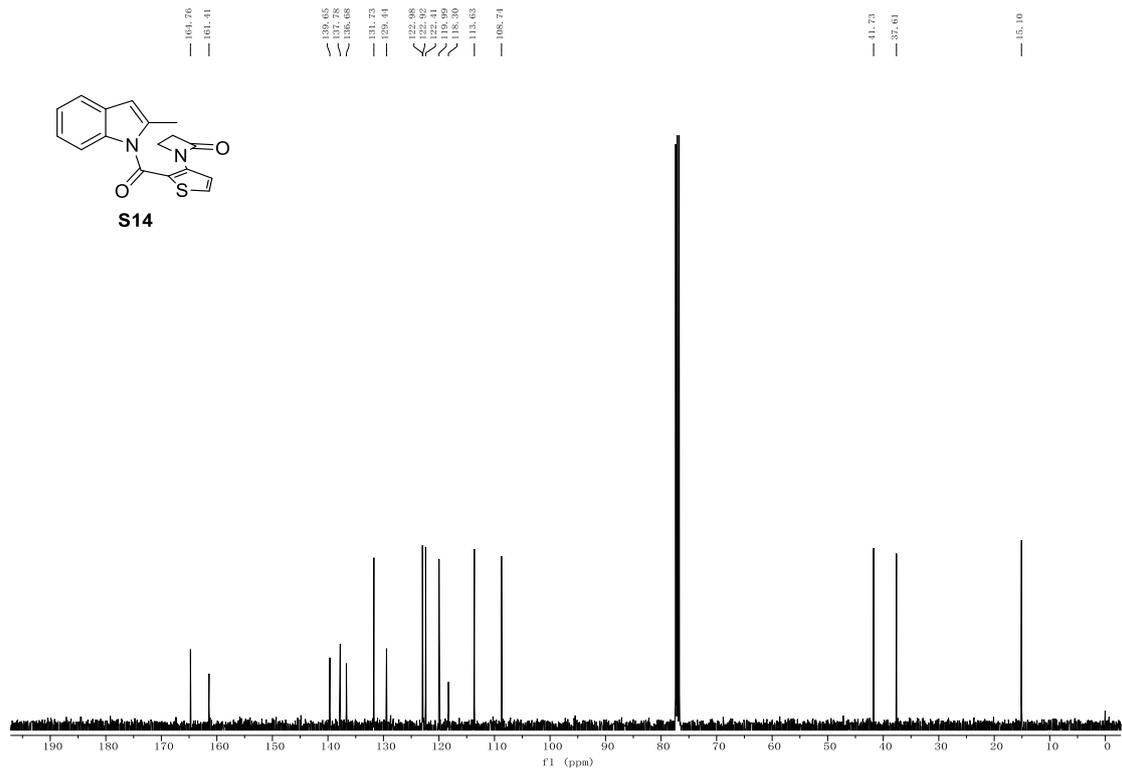


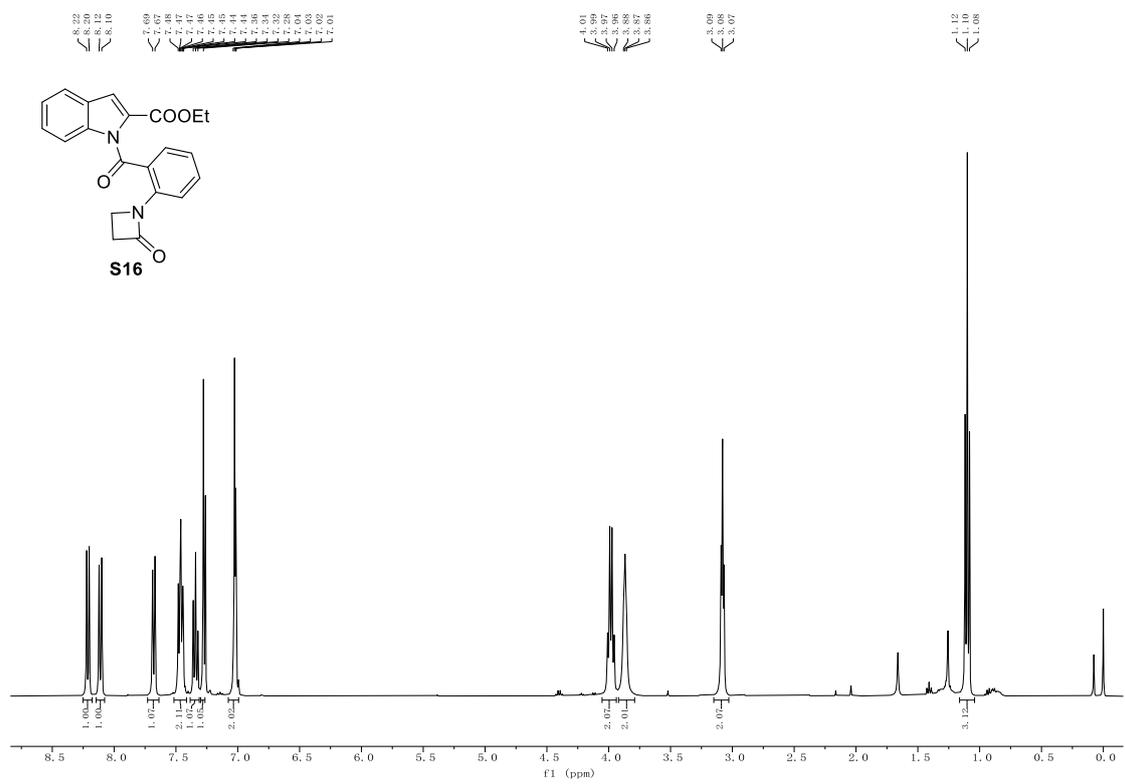
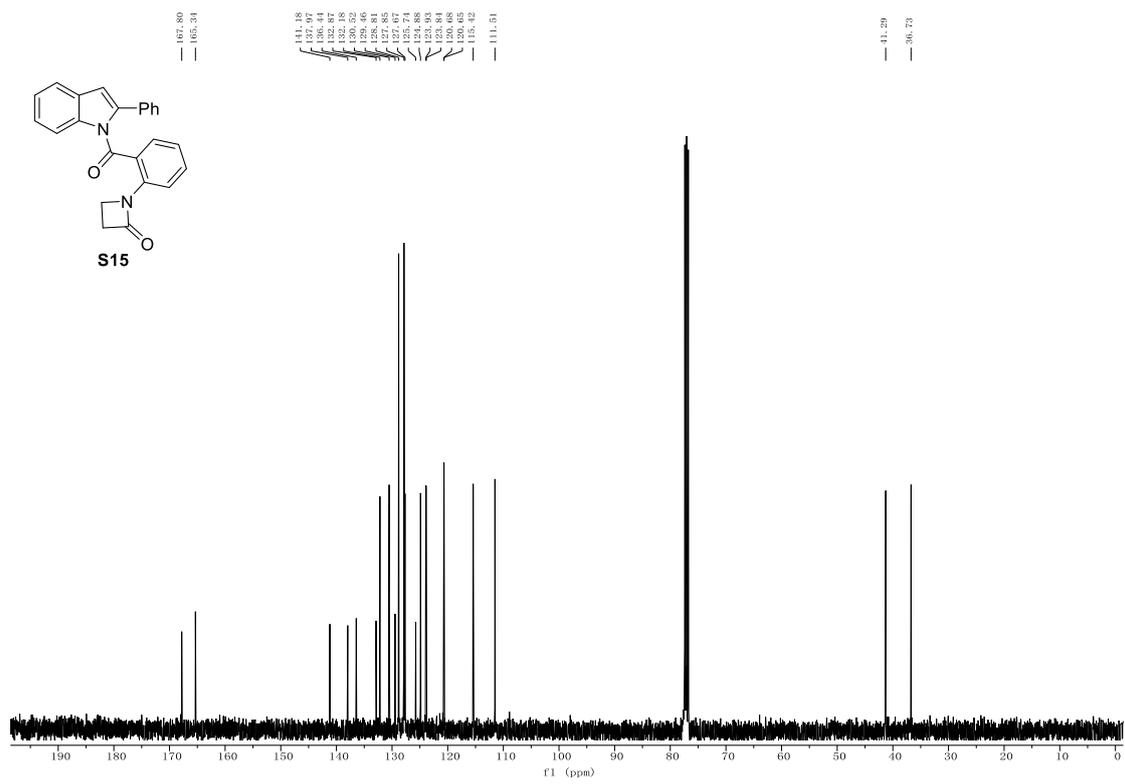


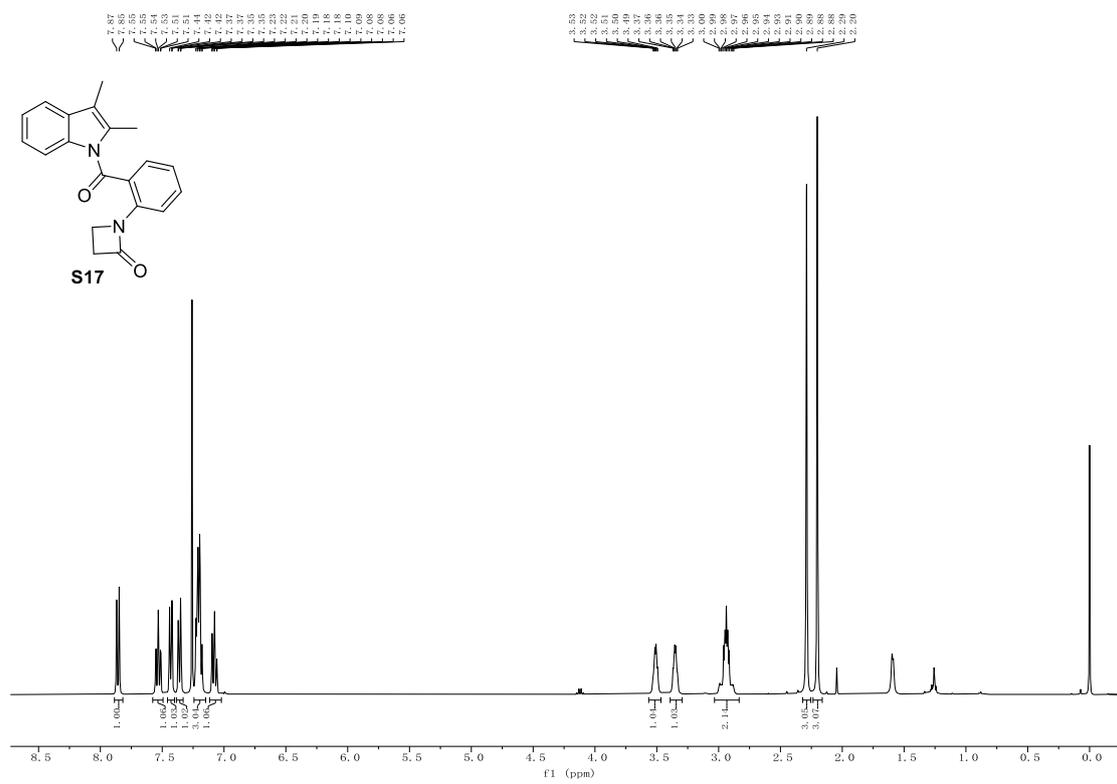
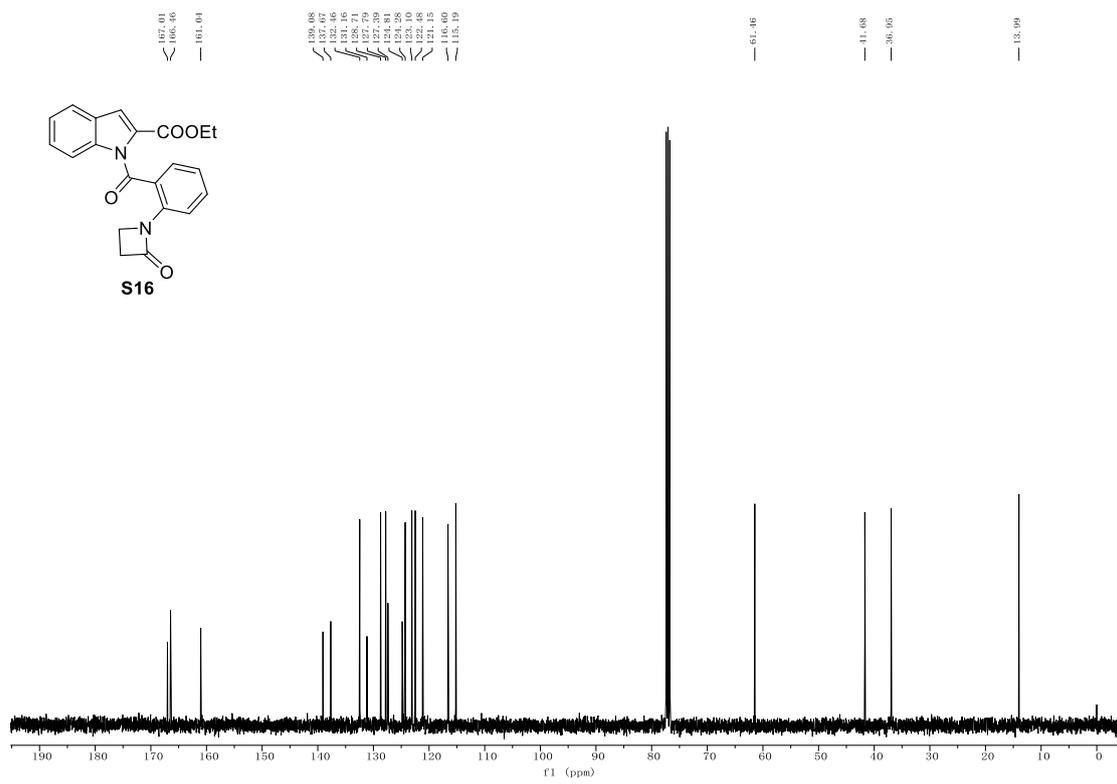


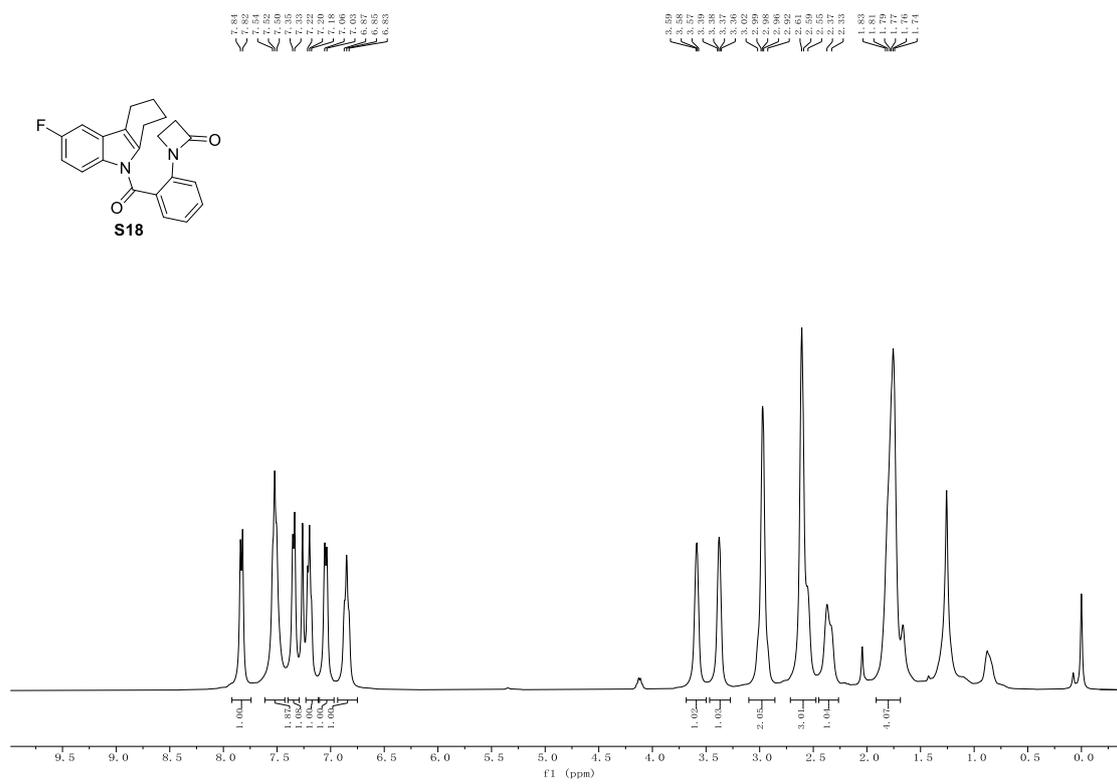
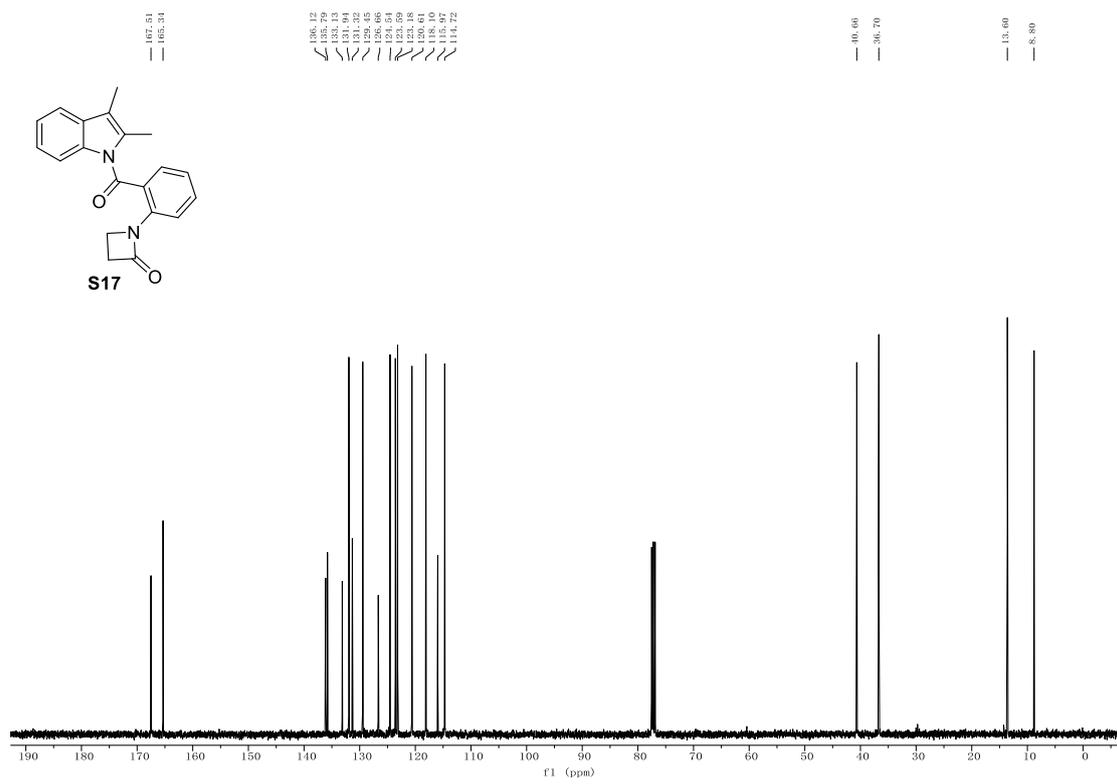


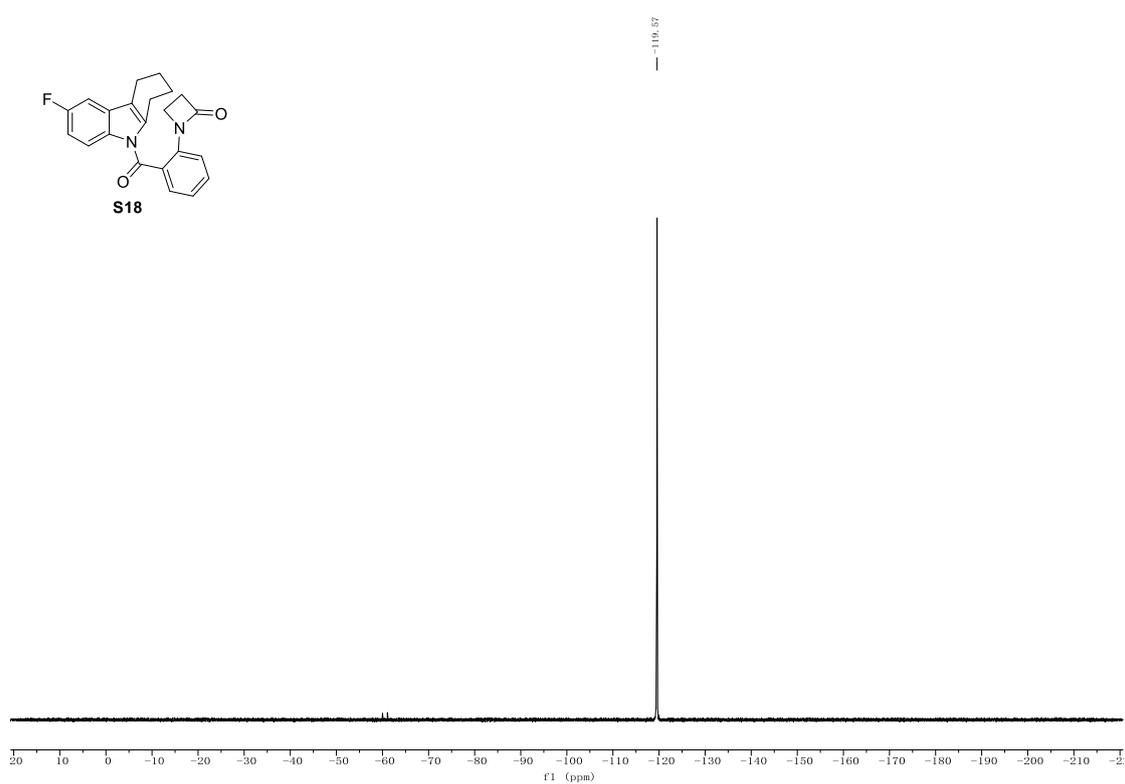
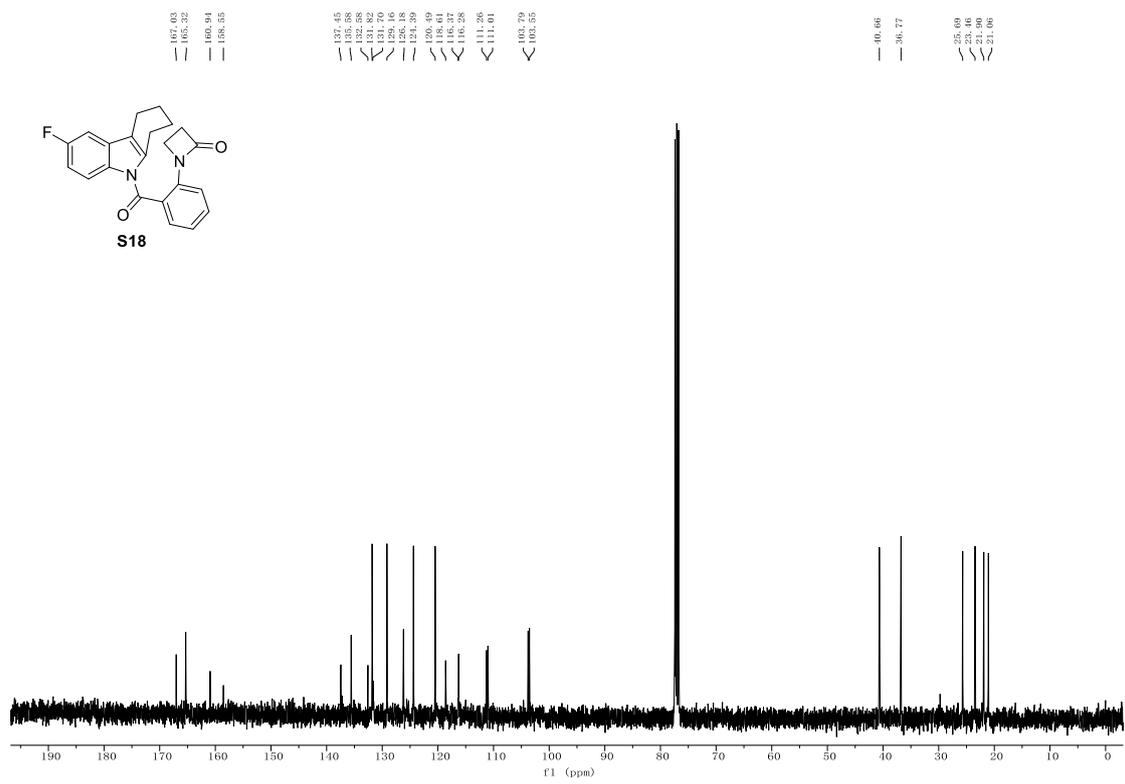


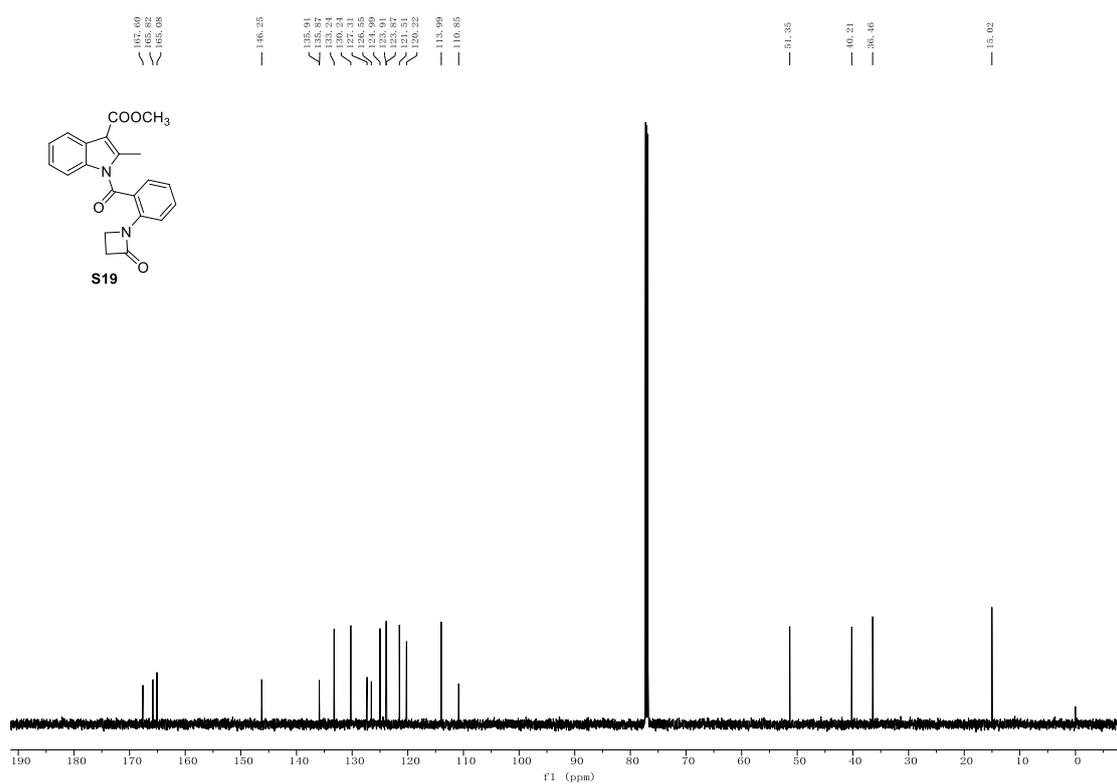
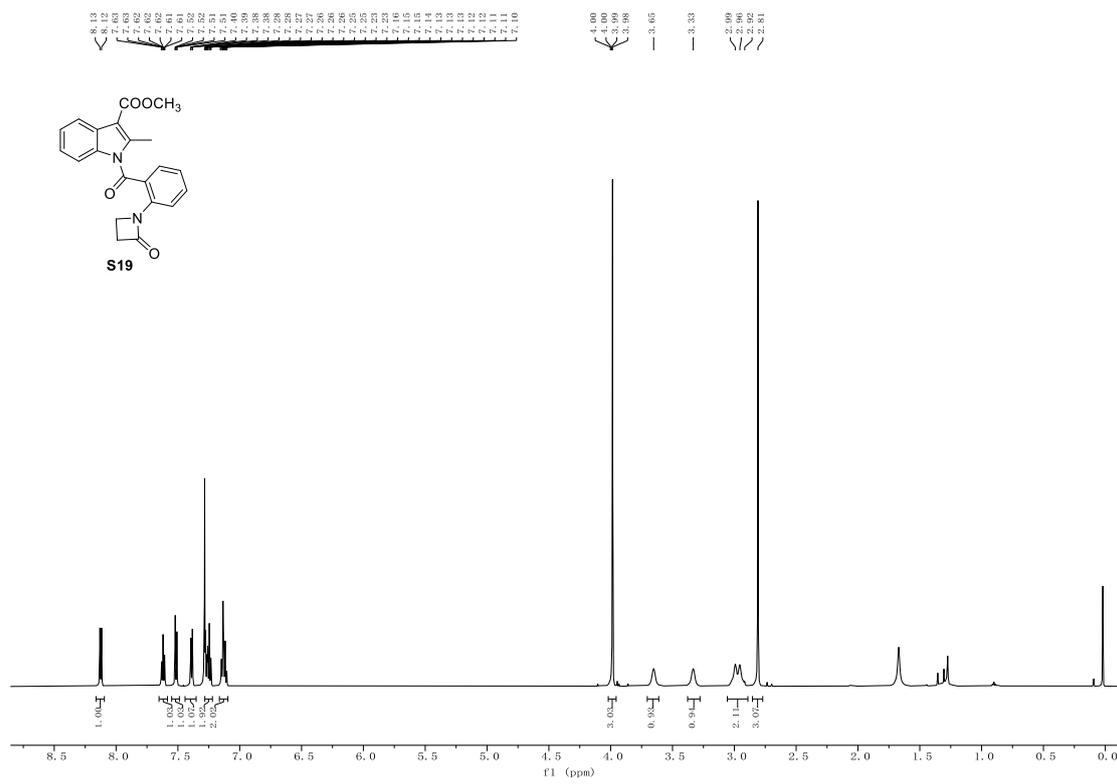




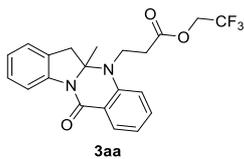












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