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Supporting Information for Synthesis of pyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-ones via a visible light-photocatalyzed formal (4 + 2) cycloaddition of indole-derived bromides and alkenes or alkynes †

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1. General Information

¹H/¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on magnet system 400'54 ascend instrument purchased from Bruker Biospin AG. All chemical shifts are given in parts per million and are measured relative to DMSO as an internal standard. ESI/EI-MS spectra were recorded on Agilent Q-TOF 6520. Products were purified by flash chromatogrgraphy on 200-300 mesh silica gel and visualized using a UV lamp (254 nm or 365 nm). All the solvents were used without further purification, unless otherwise state. the other commercial chemicals were used without further purification. All reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere of nitrogend.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3 (3a as an example):
An oven-dried 10 mL reaction syringe was charged with 2-bromo-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-one (1 mmol, 1 equiv), styrene (1 mmol, 1 equiv), PC-B (1 mol %) and Et₃N (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv). And add 5 mL MeCN (0.2 M) solution. Reaction under blue light (10 W, 220 V, LED, wavelength 420nm-430nm) for 20 minutes. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate or dichloromethane/methanol to afford the desired product 3a (93%

yield).

2. Batch and Microfluidic Reactor Device

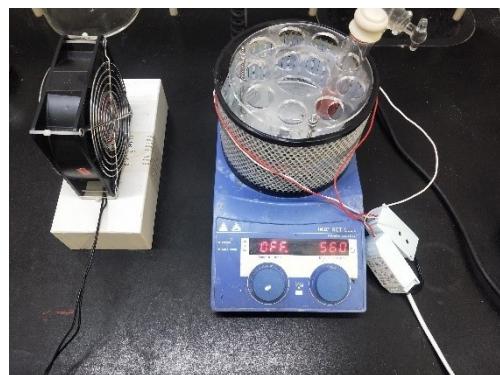


Figure 1 Batch reactor device



Figure 2 Microfluidic reactor device

Note: The light source is a simulated solar lamp (10W, 220V, wavelength 420nm-430nm).

3. Select Optimization Results

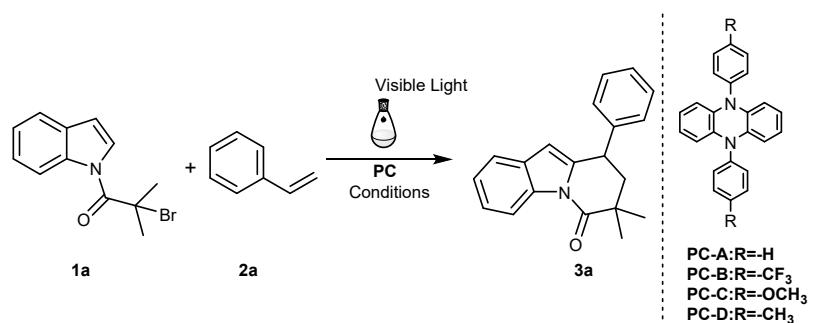
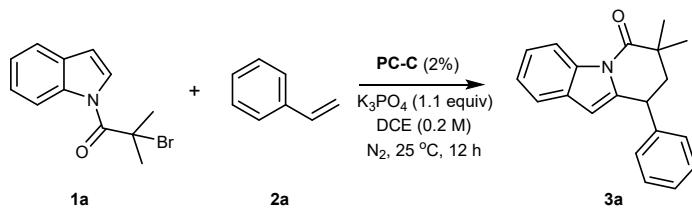


Figure 3 Optimization of reaction conditions

3.1 Table 1. Varying the wavelength of light.^a

Table 1 Optimizing the wavelength of light



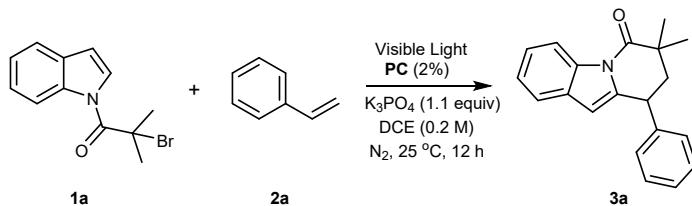
Entry	Wavelength of Light	yield 3a ^b (%)
1	360-370 nm	59
2	380-385 nm	53
3	390-398 nm	57
4	420-430 nm	64
5	435-445 nm	25

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (2 mmol, 2 equiv), **PC-C** (2 mmol%, 2 equiv%), K_3PO_4 (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), solvent: DCE (5 mL), N_2 , 25°C, 12 h; The models of lamps used are 10 W、220 V、LED.

[b] Isolated yield.

3.2 Table 2. Varying the Catalyst.^a

Table 2 Explore the effects of different catalysts on the reaction

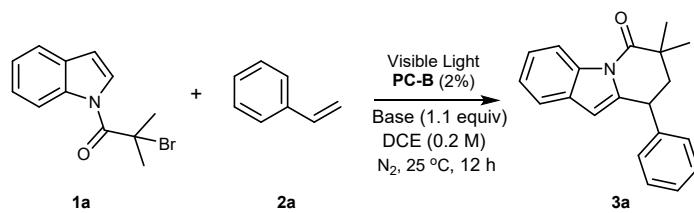


Entry	PC	yield 3a ^b (%)
1	PC-A	55
2	PC-B	73
3	PC-C	64
4	PC-D	41
5	None	None
6 ^c	PC-C	None

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (2 mmol, 2 equiv), **PC** (2 mmol%, 2 equiv%), K_3PO_4 (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), solvent: DCE (5 mL), N_2 , 25°C, 12 h, bluelight (10 W、220 V、LED、wavelenght 420 nm-430 nm). [b] Isolated yield. [c] no light.

3.3 Table 3. Varying the Base.^a

Table 3 Explore the effect of different Bases on the reaction

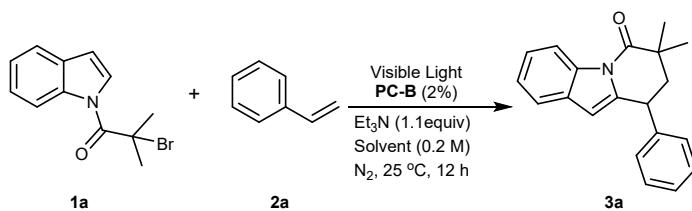


Entry	Base	yield 3a ^b (%)
1	K ₃ PO ₄	73
2	K ₂ CO ₃	54
3	NaHCO ₃	57
4	LiOtBu	62
5	Et ₃ N	81
6	DMAP	48
7	DBU	21
8	Pyridine	34
9	None	37

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (2 mmol, 2 equiv), **PC-B** (2 mmol%, 2 equiv%), Base (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), solvent: DCE (5 mL), N₂, 25°C, 12 h, bluelight (10 W, 220 V, LED, wavelenght 420 nm-430 nm). [b] Isolated yield.

3.4 Table 4. Varying the Solvent.^a

Table 4 Explore the effect of different Solvents on the reaction

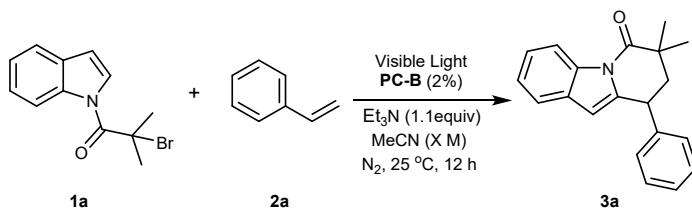


Entry	solvent	yield 3a ^b (%)
1	DCE	81
2	MeCN	82
3	THF	75
4	DMA	63
5	DMF	61
6	Cyclohexane	70
7	1,4-Dioxane	69

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (2 mmol, 2 equiv), **PC-B** (2 mmol%, 2 equiv%), Et₃N (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), solvent: (5 mL), N₂, 25°C, 12 h, bluelight (10 W, 220 V, LED, wavelength 420 nm-430 nm). [b] Isolated yield.

3.5 Table 5. Concentration.^a

Table 5 Explore the effect of substrate concentration on the reaction

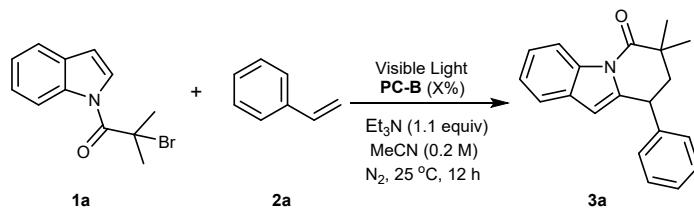


Entry	Concentration	yield 3a ^b (%)
1	1M	80
2	0.5M	83
3	0.2M	82
4	0.1M	64
5	0.05M	43

[a] Reaction conditions : **1a** (1 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (2 mmol, 2 equiv), **PC-B** (2 mmol%, 2 equiv%), Et₃N (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), solvent: MeCN (X mL), N₂, 25°C, 12 h, bluelight (10 W, 220 V, LED, wavelength 420 nm-430 nm). [b] Isolated yield.

3.6 Table 6. Catalyst concentration.^a

Table 6 Explore the effect of the amount of catalyst on the reaction

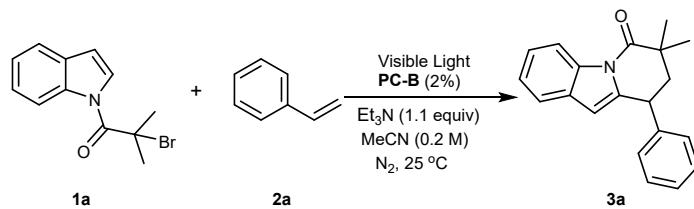


Entry	PC (X mol%)	yield 3a ^b (%)
1	4	83
2	2	82
3	1	64
4	0.5	58
5	None	None

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (2 mmol, 2 equiv), **PC-B** (X% mmol, X% equiv), Et₃N (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), solvent: MeCN (5 mL), N₂, 25°C, 12 h, bluelight (10 W, 220 V, LED, wavelength 420 nm-430 nm). [b] Isolated yield.

3.7 Table 7. Residence time.^a

Table 7 Explore the effect of reaction time on the reaction

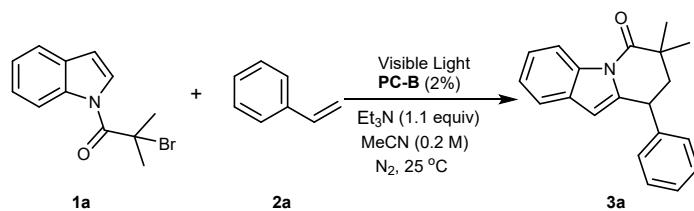


Entry	Time (h)	yield 3a ^b (%)
1	1	24
2	2	31
3	3	57
4	4	78
5	6	79
6	12	82

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (2 mmol, 2 equiv), **PC-B** (2 mmol%, 2 equiv%), Et₃N (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), solvent: MeCN (5 mL), N₂, 25°C, bluelight (10 W, 220 V, LED, wavelength 420 nm-430 nm). [b] Isolated yield.

3.8 Table 8. Reagent Loading^a

Table 8 Explore the effect of substrate ratio on the reaction



Entry	styrene	yield 3a ^b (%)
1	1	43
2	2	75
3	3	80
4	4	82

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol, 1 equiv), **PC-B** (2 mmol%, 2 equiv%), Et₃N (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), solvent: MeCN (5 mL), N₂, 25°C, 4 h, bluelight (10 W, 220 V, LED, wavelenght 420 nm-430 nm). [b] Isolated yield.

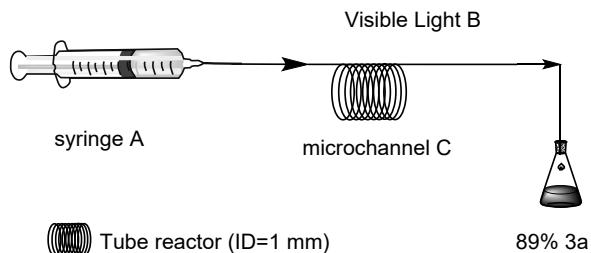
3.9 Table 9. Reagent Loadings.^a

Table 9 Optimization of microchannel reaction conditions

Entry	PC-B (equiv)	Tube diameter (mm)	Tube length (m)	Residence time (minute)	yield 3a ^b (%)
1	2%	1	2	30	89
2	1%	1	2	30	95
3	0.5%	1	2	30	43
4	0.1%	1	2	30	38
5	1%	1	3	30	82
6	1%	1	1	30	85
7	1%	1	0.5	30	78
8	1%	1	2	5	31
9	1%	1	2	10	56
10	1%	1	2	20	93
11	1%	1	2	40	96

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Et₃N (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), 5 mL MeCN (0.2 M) solution, N₂, 25°C; bluelight (10 W, 220 V, LED, wavelenght 420 nm-430 nm). [b] Isolated yield.

3.10 A Scale-up Continuous Flow Reaction.^a



^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (10 mmol), **2a** (1 equiv), MeCN (20 mL), Et₃N (1.1 equiv), and **PC-B** (1 % equiv.) at room temperature for 20 minutes. Isolated yield.

4. Preparation of Substrates

4.1 Method for synthesizing phenazine catalysts

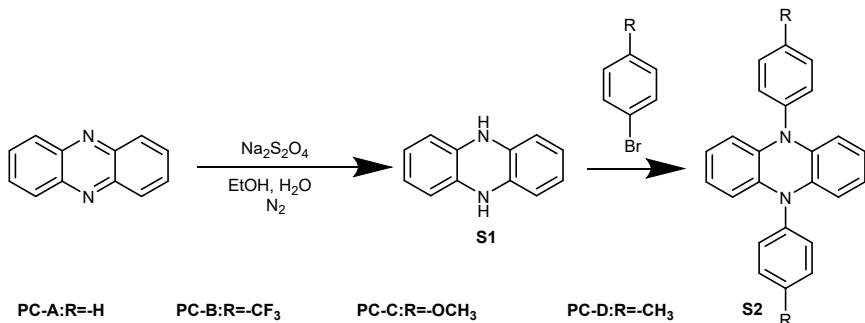


Figure 4 Synthetic method of phenazine catalyst

As shown in **Figure 4**, **S1** and **S2** are synthesized according to the literature¹.

4.2 Method for synthesizing indole substrates

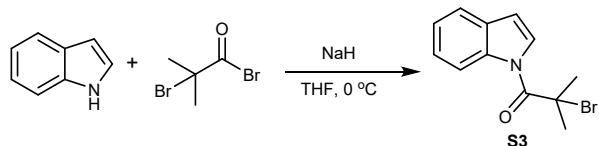


Figure 5 Synthesis method of indole substrates

As shown in **Figure 5**: sodium hydride (15.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was dissolved in ultra-dry tetrahydrofuran (100 mL), and then the corresponding indole (10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was slowly added under ice bath conditions for 30 minutes; Then slowly add 2-bromo-2-methylpropionyl bromide (10.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After completion of the reaction the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with EA.

The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel or recrystallization to provide the desired product **S3**.

5. Experiments for Mechanistic Studies

5.1 Free radical capture experiment

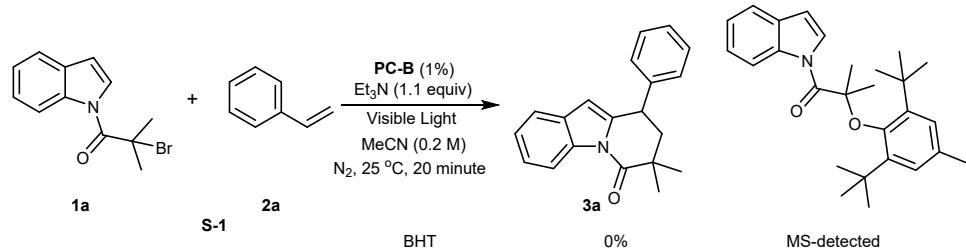


Figure 6 Radical trapping experiment with BHT

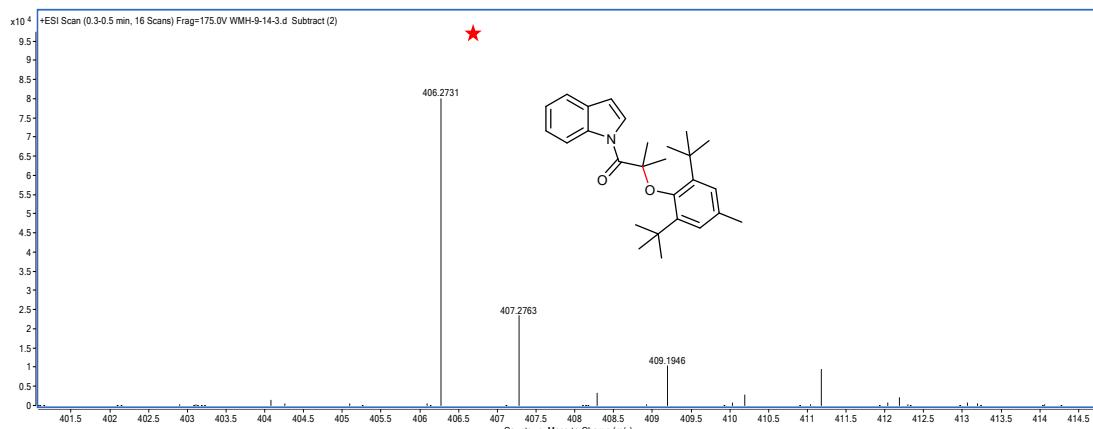


Figure 7 HR-MS (EI) analysis of **S-1**

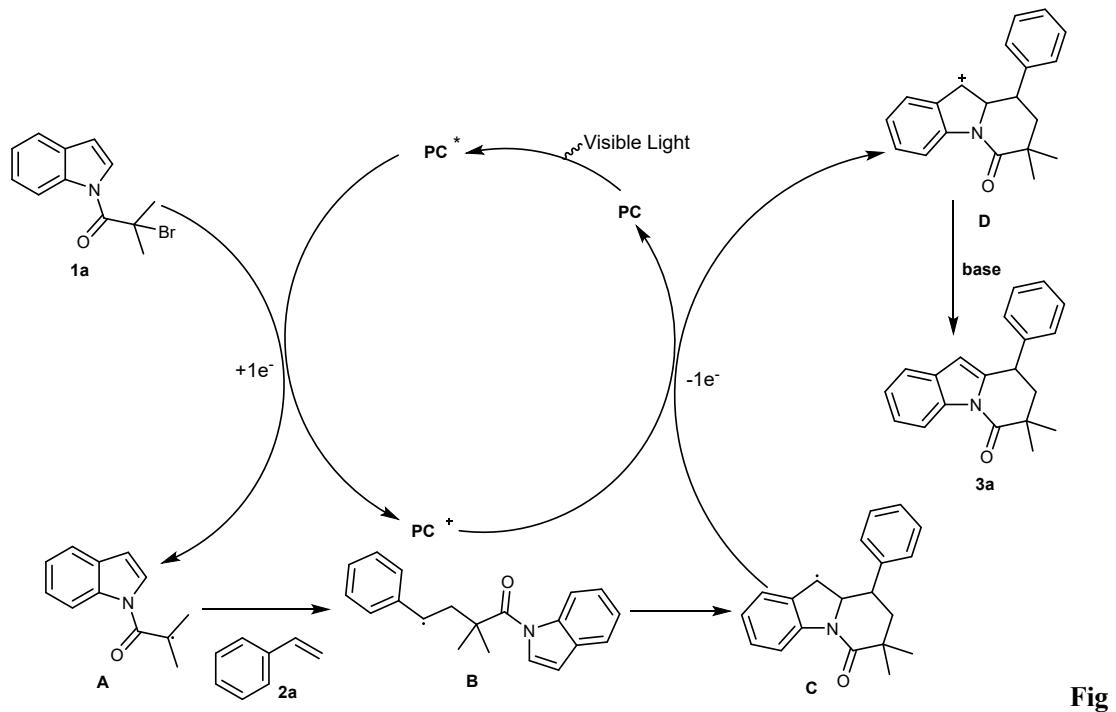
5.2 Variable control experiment

Table 10 Variable Control Experiment

Entry	Changes to "standard conditions"	yield 3a^{b} (%)
1	No organic photocatalyst	0
2	No light	0

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (1 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (3 mmol, 3 equiv), Et_3N (1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), solvent: MeCN (5 mL), N_2 , 25°C , 4 h, bluelight (10 W, 220 V, LED, wavelength 420 nm-430 nm). [b] Isolated yield.

5.3 Discussion on theoretical reaction mechanism

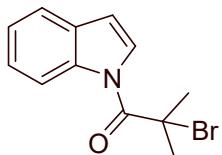


Fig

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6. Analytical data for isolated compounds

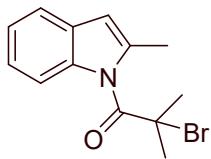
6.1 Characterization data for indole substrates



2-bromo-1-(1H-indol-1-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-one(**1a**):

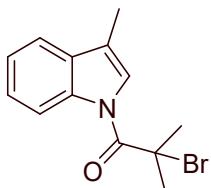
Yellow oil (2.28 g, 86% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.36 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J*= 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J*= 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.51 , 136.54 , 130.03 , 128.04 , 125.64 , 124.61 , 121.46 , 117.09 , 109.27 , 58.24 , 32.29 .

HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₂NOBr [M]: 265.0097; found: 265.0102.



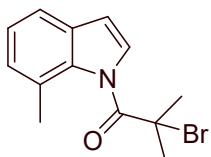
2-bromo-2-methyl-1-(2-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)propan-1-one(1b):

Yellow oil (2.20 g, 79% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 176.36, 138.02, 135.86, 129.05, 122.90, 122.37, 120.55, 114.00, 107.00, 60.91, 31.45, 14.63. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NOBr [M]: 279.0253; found: 279.0256.



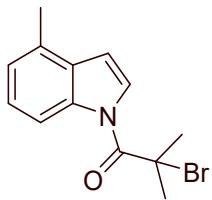
2-bromo-2-methyl-1-(3-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)propan-1-one(1c):

Yellow oil (2.26 g, 81% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.04, 136.83, 130.98, 125.77, 124.65, 124.42, 119.48, 117.92, 117.14, 58.39, 32.31, 9.81. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NOBr [M]: 279.0253; found: 279.0259.



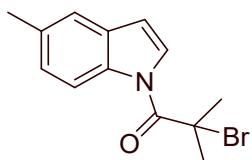
2-bromo-2-methyl-1-(7-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)propan-1-one(1d):

Yellow solid (1.76 g, 63% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 170.40, 135.91, 131.14, 128.74, 127.92, 125.93, 124.45, 119.16, 108.68, 58.73, 32.30, 21.55. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NOBr [M]: 279.0253; found: 279.0257.



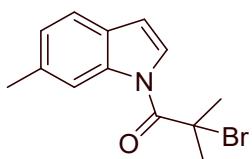
2-bromo-2-methyl-1-(4-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)propan-1-one(1e):

Green oil (2.06 g, 74% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25(t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.50, 136.33, 130.49, 129.50, 127.46, 125.68, 124.99, 114.62, 107.76, 58.30, 32.30, 18.53. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NOBr [M]: 279.0253; found: 279.0251.



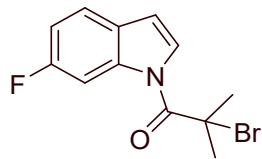
2-bromo-2-methyl-1-(5-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)propan-1-one(1f):

Yellow oil (2.23 g, 80% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.24 – 8.19 (m, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.29, 134.74, 133.70, 130.25, 128.07, 126.78, 121.32, 116.77, 109.09, 58.25, 32.33, 21.35. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NOBr [M]: 279.0253; found: 279.0254.



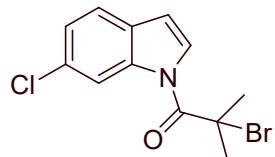
2-bromo-2-methyl-1-(6-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)propan-1-one(1g):

Yellow oil (2.15 g, 77% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.24 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.46, 136.93, 135.08, 127.75, 127.38, 125.83, 121.02, 117.32, 109.14, 58.24, 32.28, 22.07. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NOBr [M]: 279.0253; found: 279.0249.



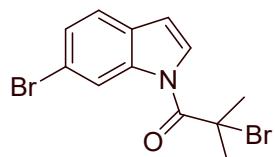
2-bromo-1-(6-fluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-one(1h):

Yellow oil (2.12 g, 75% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.25(d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.66, 160.96 (d, *J* = 239.0 Hz), 136.60 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz), 128.63 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 126.56 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 122.47 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 112.53 (d, *J* = 23.7 Hz), 109.02, 104.24 (d, *J* = 28.8 Hz), 57.94, 32.13. **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ -116.60. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₁NOBrF [M]: 283.0003; found: 283.0004.



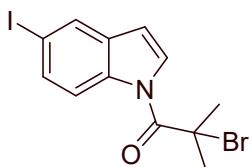
2-bromo-1-(6-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-one(1i):

White solid (1.98 g, 71% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.72, 136.87, 130.14, 129.02, 128.87, 124.80, 122.76, 116.89, 109.02, 57.96, 32.09. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₁NOBrCl [M]: 298.9707; found: 298.9711.



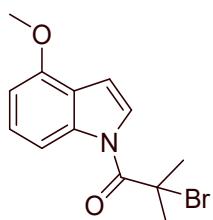
2-bromo-1-(6-bromo-1H-indol-1-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-one(1j):

White solid (2.29 g, 67% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.69, 137.21, 129.15, 128.87, 127.45, 123.13, 119.72, 118.30, 109.06, 57.93, 32.09. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₁NOBr₂ [M]: 342.9202; found: 342.9208.



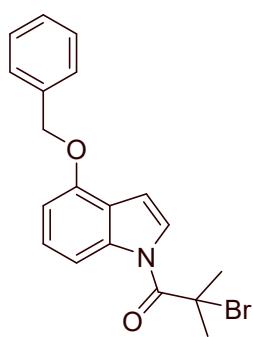
2-bromo-1-(5-iodo-1H-indol-1-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-one(1k):

White solid (2.35 g, 60% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 8.16 – 8.12 (m, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.55, 135.87, 133.79, 132.51, 129.96, 129.01, 119.14, 108.31, 89.20, 58.08, 32.17. HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₁NOBrI [M]: 390.9063; found: 390.9077.



2-bromo-1-(4-methoxy-1H-indol-1-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-one(1l):

Light yellow solid (2.31 g, 78% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.62, 152.91, 137.70, 126.86, 126.53, 119.69, 110.04, 105.91, 105.65, 58.22, 55.88, 32.26. HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO₂Br [M]: 295.0202; found: 295.0209.

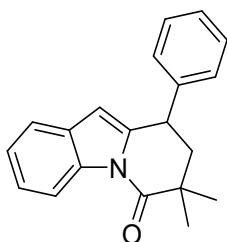


1-(4-(benzyloxy)-1H-indol-1-yl)-2-bromo-2-methylpropan-1-one(1m):

Light yellow solid (2.56 g, 69% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H),

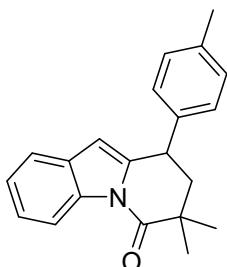
5.28 (s, 2H), 2.14 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 169.62, 151.89, 137.81, 137.57, 128.96, 128.31, 127.96, 126.76, 126.66, 120.12, 110.25, 107.19, 106.01, 69.85, 58.24, 32.26. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂Br [M]: 371.0521; found: 371.0523.

6.2 Product Characterization Data



7,7-dimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (3a):

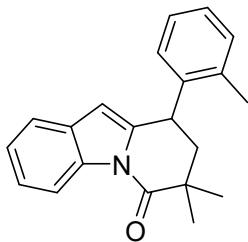
White solid (268.9 mg, 93% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 4.56 – 4.47 (m, 1H), 2.50 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 27.8 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.37, 143.40, 142.35, 135.22, 130.10, 129.06, 128.93, 127.67, 124.27, 124.11, 120.56, 116.29, 105.94, 43.26, 40.65, 38.10, 26.60, 25.22. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₉NO [M]: 289.1467; found 289.1469.



7,7-dimethyl-9-(p-tolyl)-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (3b):

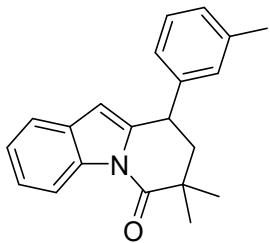
White solid (269.8 mg, 89% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.96 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 30.1 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.44, 143.69, 139.33, 136.73, 135.18, 130.11, 129.64, 128.79, 124.24

, 124.11 , 120.58 , 116.24 , 105.86 , 43.23 , 40.67 , 37.65 , 26.63 , 25.24 , 21.18 . **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO [M]: 303.1618; found: 303.1623.



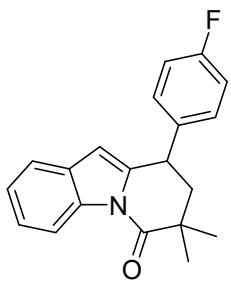
7,7-dimethyl-9-(o-tolyl)-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3c):

White solid (266.8 mg, 88% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.96 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 30.1 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.34 , 142.64 , 140.28 , 136.43 , 135.29 , 130.80 , 130.15 , 127.85 , 127.38 , 126.84 , 124.19 , 124.08 , 120.49 , 116.28 , 105.55 , 42.57 , 40.70 , 33.52 , 26.66 , 25.05 , 19.55 . **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO [M]: 303.1618; found: 303.1628.



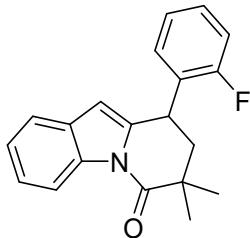
7,7-dimethyl-9-(m-tolyl)-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3d):

White solid (260.7 mg, 86% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 4.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.92 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 28.6 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.42 , 143.50 , 142.30 , 138.17 , 135.18 , 130.12 , 129.52 , 128.96 , 128.31 , 126.01 , 124.25 , 124.11 , 120.60 , 116.25 , 105.89 , 43.25 , 40.66 , 38.00 , 26.60 , 25.21 , 21.52 . **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO [M]: 303.1618; found: 303.1629.



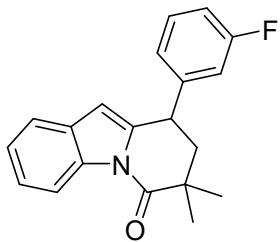
9-(4-fluorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3e):

White solid (236.5 mg, 77% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 30.3 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.38, 161.81 (d, *J* = 243.1 Hz), 143.41, 138.56 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 135.21, 130.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 130.07, 124.23 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 120.60, 116.26, 115.91, 115.70, 105.90, 43.20, 40.67, 37.29, 26.57, 25.23. **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ -115.53. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NOF [M]: 307.1372; found: 307.1376.



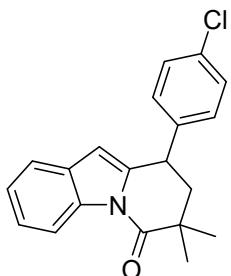
9-(2-fluorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3f):

White oil (239.6 mg, 78% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 – 4.63 (m, 1H), 2.47 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.14, 160.89 (d, *J* = 244.9 Hz), 141.52, 135.21, 130.69 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 130.04, 129.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 128.75 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz), 125.31 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 124.37, 124.17, 120.62, 116.28, 116.03, 105.49, 41.57, 40.60, 31.77, 26.49, 25.01. **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ -114.43. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NOF [M]: 307.1372; found: 307.1379.



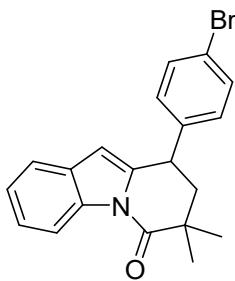
9-(3-fluorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3g):

White solid (224.2 mg, 73% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.52 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 25.2 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.33, 162.78 (d, *J* = 243.4 Hz), 145.30 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 142.84, 135.18, 130.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 130.06, 125.20, 124.36, 124.15, 120.65, 116.26, 115.77 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 114.53 (d, *J* = 20.7 Hz), 105.93, 42.84, 40.64, 37.76, 26.53, 25.23. **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ -113.01. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NOF [M]: 307.1372; found: 307.1374.



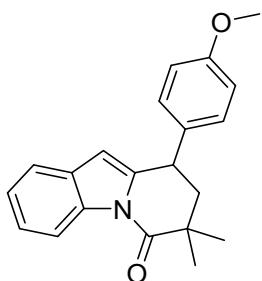
9-(4-chlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3h):

White solid (226.2 mg, 70% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.23 (dt, *J* = 22.0, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 4.56 – 4.45 (m, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 29.4 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.33, 143.03, 141.45, 135.18, 132.25, 130.88, 130.06, 129.05, 124.35, 124.15, 120.62, 116.26, 105.96, 42.94, 40.66, 37.42, 26.55, 25.22. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NOCl [M]: 323.1077; found: 323.1076.



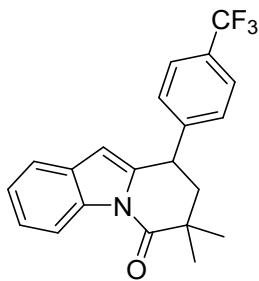
9-(4-bromophenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3i):

White solid (249.6 mg, 68% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 29.9 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.33, 142.95, 141.89, 135.18, 131.98, 131.26, 130.06, 124.36, 124.16, 120.77, 120.64, 116.25, 105.99, 42.88, 40.66, 37.48, 26.55, 25.23. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NOBr [M]: 367.0572; found: 367.0573.



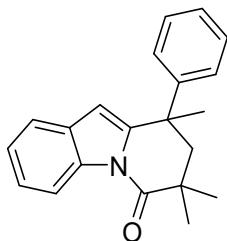
9-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3j):

White solid (163.3 mg, 51% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.40 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dt, *J* = 21.5, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.47 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 1.89 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 27.3 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.44, 158.84, 135.24, 134.21, 130.13, 129.93, 124.21, 124.09, 120.54, 119.20, 116.28, 114.42, 105.87, 55.51, 43.45, 40.66, 37.26, 26.63, 25.23. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO₂ [M]: 320.1651; found: 320.1652.



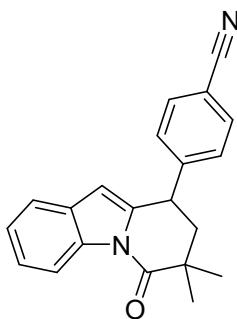
7,7-dimethyl-9-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3k):

White solid (221.4 mg, 62% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.41 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 5.83 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, $J = 13.4, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.95 (dd, $J = 13.1, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, $J = 30.8$ Hz, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 175.23, 147.25, 142.48, 135.17, 130.04, 129.90, 128.41 (q, $J = 31.1$ Hz), 126.12, 125.93, 124.39, 124.14, 120.63, 116.27, 106.07, 42.84, 40.63, 37.89, 26.46, 25.18. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ -60.92. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NOF}_3$ [M]: 357.1343; found: 357.1348



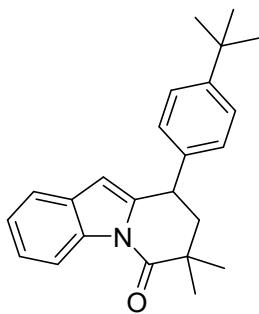
7,7,9-trimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3l):

White solid (248.6 mg, 82% yield); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.48 – 8.41 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.57 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 175.56, 147.51, 144.71, 135.40, 130.09, 128.79, 126.95, 126.43, 124.63, 124.39, 120.92, 116.50, 106.65, 48.36, 40.30, 40.06, 31.71, 29.58, 26.59. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$ [M]: 303.1618; found: 303.1623.



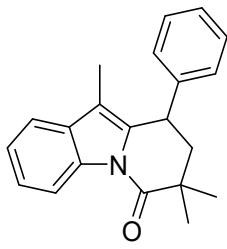
4-(7,7-dimethyl-6-oxo-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-9-yl)benzonitrile(3m):

White solid (238.7 mg, 76% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 31.6 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.24, 148.25, 142.28, 135.15, 133.07, 130.21, 130.01, 124.47, 124.20, 120.68, 119.30, 116.27, 110.59, 106.08, 42.55, 40.66, 38.09, 26.47, 25.22. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₂O [M]: 314.1419; found: 314.1424.



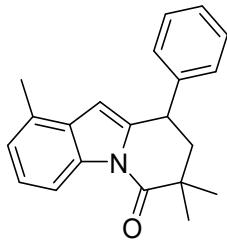
9-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-7,7-dimethyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3n):

White solid (283.1 mg, 82% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.42, 149.91, 143.50, 139.36, 135.19, 130.13, 128.56, 125.80, 124.23, 124.10, 120.60, 116.25, 105.92, 43.49, 40.65, 37.62, 34.70, 31.67, 26.60, 25.24. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₇NO [M]: 345.2093; found: 345.2096.



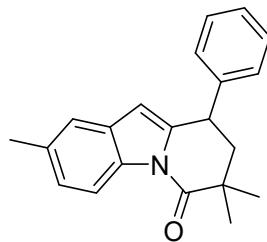
7,7,10-trimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3o):

White oil (272.8 mg, 90% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.41 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.28 (ddd, *J* = 8.9, 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 27.7 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.16, 143.66, 135.94, 134.45, 131.86, 129.11, 128.56, 127.19, 124.58, 123.90, 118.45, 116.29, 113.32, 44.98, 37.82, 26.03, 25.19, 9.16. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO [M]: 303.1618; found: 303.1623.



1,7,7-trimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3p):

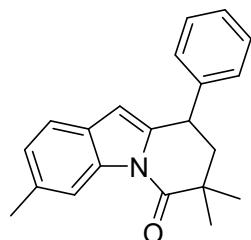
White solid (283.8 mg, 87% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 4.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.94 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 29.5 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.43, 142.88, 142.48, 134.94, 129.47, 129.39, 129.13, 128.97, 127.70, 124.56, 124.39, 113.89, 104.16, 43.37, 40.67, 38.15, 26.59, 25.23, 18.51. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO [M]: 303.1618; found: 303.1629.



2,7,7-trimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3q):

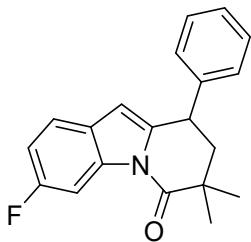
White oil (251.6 mg, 83% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.25(d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.92 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 29.4 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.15, 143.45, 142.42, 133.40, 133.06, 130.33, 129.07, 128.93, 127.66, 125.41, 120.48, 115.92, 105.69, 43.33, 40.57, 38.09, 26.60, 25.23, 21.48.

HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO [M]: 303.1618; found: 303.1625.



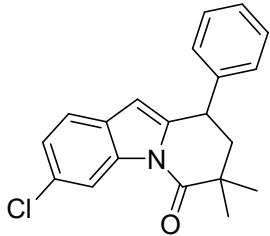
3,7,7-trimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3r):

White oil (260.7 mg, 86% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 29.9 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.37, 142.72, 142.42, 135.58, 133.59, 129.06, 128.92, 127.81, 127.65, 125.33, 120.19, 116.53, 105.78, 43.23, 40.64, 38.06, 26.63, 25.25, 22.00. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO [M]: 303.1618; found: 303.1627.



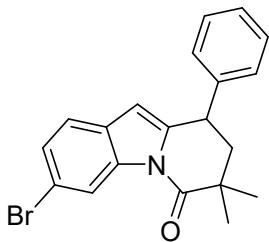
3-fluoro-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3s):

White solid (248.8 mg, 81% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.13 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.10 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (ddd, *J* = 13.3, 4.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 32.2 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.61, 160.11 (d, *J* = 237.2 Hz), 144.07 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 142.22, 135.05 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 129.01 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 127.72, 126.67, 121.58 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 112.05, 111.81, 105.53, 103.43, 103.14, 43.05, 40.69, 38.04, 26.45, 25.20. **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ -118.10. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NOF [M]: 307.1372; found: 307.1376.



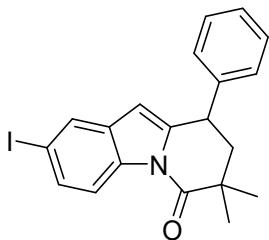
3-chloro-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3t):

White solid (245.6 mg, 76% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.41 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 4.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 31.9 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.62, 144.53, 142.11, 135.46, 129.10, 128.95, 128.68, 127.75, 124.26, 121.90, 115.98, 105.61, 42.98, 40.72, 38.04, 26.43, 25.17. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NOCl [M]: 323.1077; found: 323.1071.



3-bromo-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3u):

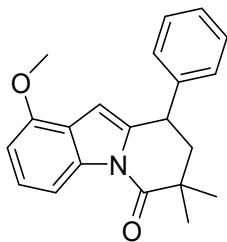
White solid (268.0 mg, 73% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (ddd, *J* = 13.6, 4.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 31.9 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz,) δ 175.62 , 144.43 , 142.09 , 135.83 , 129.11 , 128.94 , 127.75 , 126.93 , 122.32 , 118.81 , 116.75 , 105.66 , 42.97 , 40.72 , 38.02 , 26.42 , 25.17 . **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NOBr [M]: 367.0572; found: 367.0578.



2-iodo-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3v):

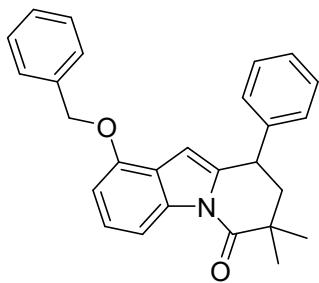
White solid (311.3 mg, 75% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 4.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 1H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 32.6 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.48 , 144.63 , 142.19 , 134.44 , 132.66 , 132.43 , 129.13 , 128.97 , 127.76 , 118.29 , 104.91 , 88.74 , 43.09 , 40.74 , 37.99 , 26.46 , 25.18 .

HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NOI [M]: 415.0433; found: 415.0428.



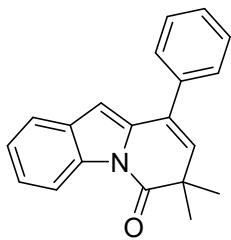
1-methoxy-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3w):

White solid (217.1 mg, 68% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 26.8 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.50, 152.25, 142.33, 141.97, 136.26, 129.04, 128.88, 127.67, 125.47, 119.72, 109.46, 105.12, 102.54, 55.63, 43.03, 40.70, 38.03, 26.57, 25.20. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO₂ [M]: 319.1578; found: 319.1583.



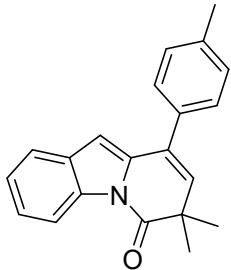
1-(benzyloxy)-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenyl-8,9-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(3x):

White solid (264.8 mg, 67% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 27.1 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 175.52, 151.26, 142.38, 142.09, 137.50, 136.38, 129.10, 128.92, 128.89, 128.26, 127.98, 127.71, 125.40, 120.07, 109.66, 106.62, 102.47, 69.75, 43.16, 40.71, 38.06, 26.55, 25.20. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₇H₂₅NO₂ [M]: 395.1885; found: 395.1888.



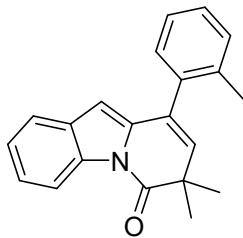
7,7-dimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5a):

Light yellow solid (269.9 mg, 94% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 1.48 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.22, 137.34, 136.71, 135.36, 134.87, 130.56, 129.13, 128.78, 128.64, 127.87, 125.80, 124.74, 121.52, 116.09, 106.60, 43.08, 27.20. . HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₇NO [M]: 287.1316; found: 287.1319.



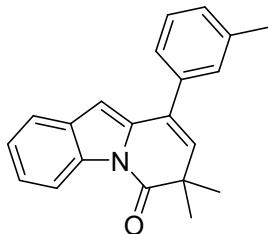
7,7-dimethyl-9-(p-tolyl)pyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5b):

Light yellow solid (262.0 mg, 87% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.43 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.26, 138.10, 136.86, 134.92, 134.45, 132.76, 130.57, 129.65, 128.52, 127.72, 125.77, 124.72, 121.49, 116.09, 106.57, 43.06, 27.23, 21.28. HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NO [M]: 301.1467; found: 301.1461.



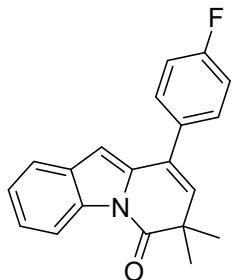
7,7-dimethyl-9-(o-tolyl)pyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5c):

Light yellow solid (259.0 mg, 86% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.17, 137.42, 136.59, 136.34, 135.62, 134.89, 130.64, 130.58, 129.91, 128.58, 127.04, 126.24, 125.59, 124.57, 121.27, 116.11, 106.26, 43.06, 27.08 (d, *J* = 51.2 Hz), 19.70. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NO [M]: 301.1467; found: 301.1463.



7,7-dimethyl-9-(m-tolyl)pyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5d):

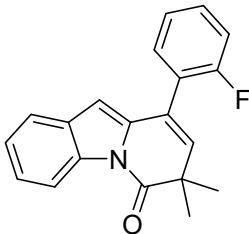
Light yellow solid (256.0 mg, 85% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.45 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.17, 138.33, 137.31, 136.76, 135.07, 134.91, 130.55, 129.33, 129.17, 128.90, 127.99, 125.71, 124.66, 121.43, 116.12, 106.61, 43.03, 27.18, 21.46. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NO [M]: 301.1467; found: 301.1464.



9-(4-fluorophenyl)-7,7-dimethylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5e):

Light yellow solid (241.0 mg, 79% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.43 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 8.3, 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 3H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 1.47 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.17, 162.49 (d, *J* = 244.9 Hz), 136.65, 135.53, 134.88, 133.69 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 130.76 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 130.52, 126.88, 125.86, 124.76, 121.52, 116.09, 115.87, 106.61, 43.10, 27.15

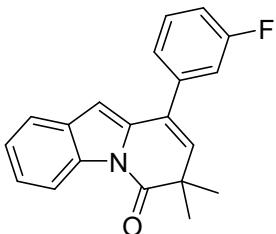
. **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -113.74 .**HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NOF [M]: 305.1216; found: 305.1213.



9-(2-fluorophenyl)-7,7-dimethylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5f):

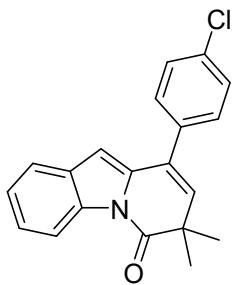
Light yellow solid (231.9 mg, 76% yield);**¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 1.28 (s, 6H).**¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 173.86 , 159.85 (d, *J* = 246.4 Hz), 137.17 , 136.27 , 134.84 , 131.75 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 130.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 130.46 , 125.74 , 125.06 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 124.67 , 122.28 , 121.33 , 116.45 , 116.23 , 116.15 , 106.40 , 43.17 , 26.99 .**¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -114.08 .**HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NOF [M]:

305.1216; found: 305.1211.



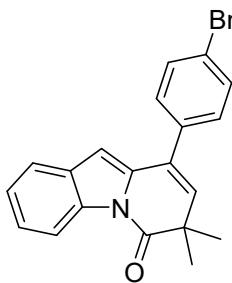
9-(3-fluorophenyl)-7,7-dimethylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5g):

Light yellow solid (228.8 mg, 75% yield);**¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, *J* = 8.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 1.46 (s, 6H).**¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.05 , 162.63 (d, *J* = 244.2 Hz), 139.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 136.15 , 135.99 , 134.89 , 131.13 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 130.51 , 126.83 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 125.88 , 124.82 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 124.75 , 121.55 , 116.10 , 115.66 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 115.45 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 106.64 , 43.10 , 27.07 .**¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -112.74 .**HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NOF [M]: 305.1216; found: 305.1215.



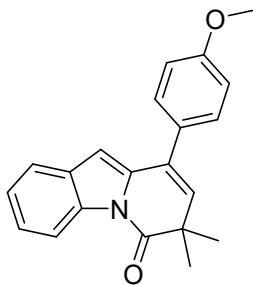
9-(4-chlorophenyl)-7,7-dimethylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5h):

Light yellow solid (231.2 mg, 72% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 5H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 1.47 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.10, 136.33, 136.15, 135.76, 134.89, 133.41, 130.51, 129.15, 126.81, 125.90, 124.78, 121.53, 116.10, 106.63, 43.13, 27.11. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NOCl [M]: 321.0941; found: 321.0945.



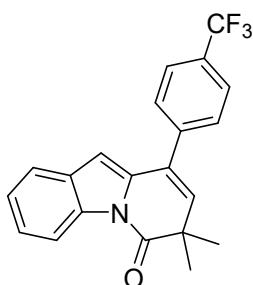
9-(4-bromophenyl)-7,7-dimethylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5i):

Light yellow solid (251.9 mg, 69% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.03, 136.49, 136.22, 135.65, 134.91, 132.04, 130.76, 130.48, 126.91, 125.87, 124.74, 121.48, 116.12, 106.64, 43.11, 27.08. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NOBr [M]: 365.0415; found: 365.0414.



9-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7,7-dimethylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5j):

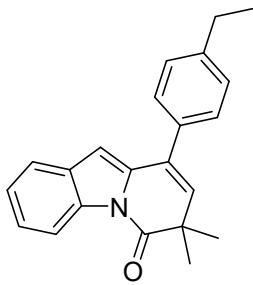
Light yellow solid (180.8 mg, 57% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.35 (td, *J* = 8.4, 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (ddd, *J* = 16.3, 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.26, 157.35, 137.20, 135.99, 134.66, 131.16, 130.69, 130.27, 125.95, 125.47, 125.07, 124.62, 121.27, 120.96, 116.07, 112.12, 106.09, 55.95, 43.07, 27.20. **.HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NO₂ [M]: 317.1416; found: 317.1413.



7,7-dimethyl-9-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5k):

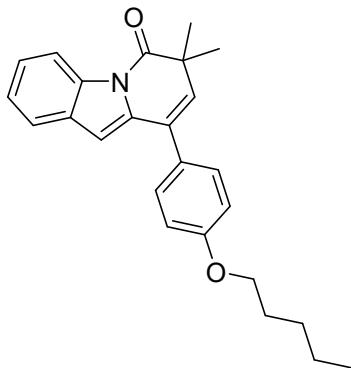
Light yellow solid (223.7 mg, 63% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 1.42 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 173.96, 141.44, 136.46, 135.99, 134.90, 130.48, 129.54, 129.39, 129.07, 126.90, 126.01 (q, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 124.77, 123.57 (q, *J* = 17.5 Hz), 121.53, 116.12, 106.70, 43.18, 27.02. **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -61.09.

.HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NOF₃ [M]: 355.1184; found: 355.1186.



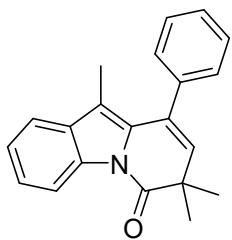
9-(4-ethylphenyl)-7,7-dimethylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5l):

Light yellow solid (255.3 mg, 81% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 2.67 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 6H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.25, 144.39, 136.83, 134.95, 134.88, 134.71, 130.58, 128.57, 128.47, 127.74, 125.76, 124.71, 121.49, 116.09, 106.61, 43.05, 28.40, 27.23, 16.05. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₁NO [M]: 315.1623; found: 315.1627.



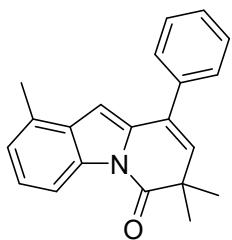
7,7-dimethyl-9-(4-(pentyloxy)phenyl)pyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5m):

Light yellow solid (276.2 mg, 74% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 6H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.20, 159.16, 137.01, 134.92, 134.38, 130.55, 129.73, 129.39, 127.46, 125.66, 124.63, 121.36, 116.10, 114.86, 106.54, 67.94, 42.98, 28.86, 28.18, 27.21, 22.38, 14.33. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₇NO₂ [M]: 373.2042; found: 373.2045.



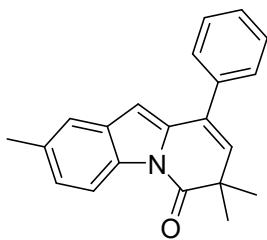
7,7,10-trimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5n):

Light yellow oily (268.0 mg, 89% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.44 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 173.84, 138.42, 135.50, 134.04, 132.46, 131.10, 129.22, 129.10, 128.77, 128.38, 126.16, 124.35, 119.23, 115.95, 114.95, 42.49, 27.20, 10.17. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NO [M]: 301.1467; found: 301.1461.



1,7,7-trimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5o):

White solid (253.0 mg, 84% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.26, 137.42, 136.19, 135.23, 134.67, 130.59, 129.96, 129.18, 128.76, 128.66, 127.95, 125.93, 125.13, 113.68, 104.97, 43.08, 27.22, 18.57. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NO [M]: 301.1467; found: 301.1463.

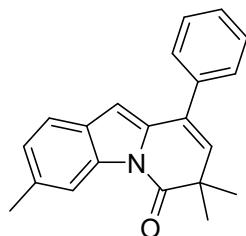


2,7,7-trimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5p):

Light yellow solid (259.0 mg, 86% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H),

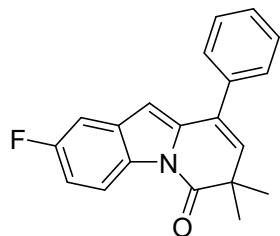
7.19 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 173.98, 137.38, 136.76, 135.29, 133.80, 133.08, 130.79, 129.13, 128.76, 128.63, 127.89, 126.97, 121.34, 115.77, 106.38, 42.99, 27.21, 21.51

. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ [M]: 301.1467; found: 301.1465.



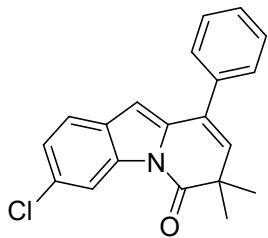
3,7,7-trimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5q):

Light yellow solid (262.0 mg, 87% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (q, $J = 8.9, 7.9$ Hz, 4H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 174.19, 137.41, 136.13, 135.42, 135.28, 134.73, 129.10, 128.73, 128.62, 128.27, 127.98, 125.99, 121.11, 116.34, 106.56, 43.04, 27.23, 22.11. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$ [M]: 301.1467; found: 301.1462.



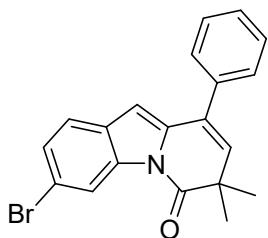
2-fluoro-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5r):

Light yellow solid (234.9 mg, 77% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.41 (dd, $J = 9.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.21 (td, $J = 9.3, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 1.48 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 174.10, 159.72 (d, $J = 238.4$ Hz), 138.38, 137.12, 136.20, 132.00, 131.38, 129.16, 128.85, 128.65, 127.66, 117.33 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 113.28, 113.03, 107.25, 107.01, 106.20 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 43.07, 27.10. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -118.23. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NOF}$ [M]: 305.1216; found: 305.1218.



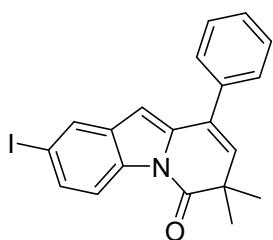
3-chloro-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5s):

Light yellow solid (244.0 mg, 76% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 1.48 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.16 , 137.43 , 137.08 , 135.53 , 135.13 , 130.07 , 129.30 , 129.03 , 128.73 , 128.53 , 127.76 , 124.76 , 122.51 , 115.85 , 106.15 , 43.08 , 27.03 .**HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NOCl [M]: 321.0941; found: 321.0943.



3-chloro-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5t):

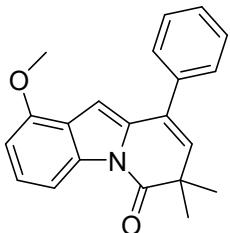
Light yellow solid (255.5 mg, 70% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.60 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 7H), 6.60 – 6.53 (m, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 1.48 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.28 , 137.36 , 137.08 , 135.74 , 135.47 , 129.67 , 129.10 , 128.80 , 128.58 , 127.70 , 127.53 , 123.05 , 118.66 , 118.19 , 106.23 , 43.14 , 27.05 .**HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NOBr [M]: 365.0415; found: 365.0412.



2-iodo-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5u):

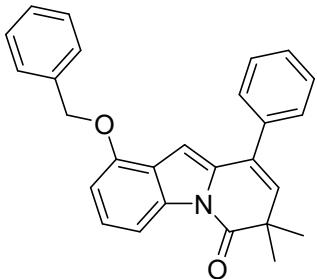
Light yellow solid (301.5 mg, 73% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 1.47 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.25 ,

137.55 , 137.13 , 136.23 , 134.13 , 133.91 , 133.10 , 129.93 , 129.17 , 128.86 , 128.63 , 127.57 , 118.10 , 105.44 , 89.39 , 43.19 , 27.11 .**HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NOI [M]: 413.0277; found: 413.0272.



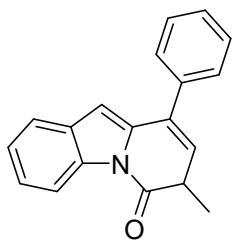
1-methoxy-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5v):

Light yellow solid (196.6 mg, 62% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.40 , 152.84 , 137.27 , 135.88 , 135.47 , 134.80 , 129.14 , 128.79 , 128.60 , 127.82 , 127.21 , 120.21 , 109.16 , 105.75 , 103.00 , 55.86 , 43.19 , 27.22 .**HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NO₂ [M]: 317.1416; found: 317.1412.



1-(benzyloxy)-7,7-dimethyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one (5w):

White solid (269.9 mg, 69% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.43 (m, 7H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.40 , 151.82 , 137.42 , 137.32 , 136.01 , 135.59 , 134.99 , 129.19 , 128.95 , 128.82 , 128.61 , 128.35 , 128.09 , 127.83 , 127.11 , 120.59 , 109.35 , 107.27 , 102.94 , 69.91 , 43.19 , 27.22 .**HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₂₇H₂₃NO₂ [M]: 392.1729; found: 392.1722.



7-methyl-9-phenylpyrido[1,2-a]indol-6(7H)-one(5x):

Light yellow solid (237.6 mg, 87% yield); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.64 – 4.51 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.49, 138.52, 135.70, 131.23, 130.76, 129.66, 129.05, 127.88, 126.83, 126.28, 125.33, 124.23, 121.45, 116.58, 109.52, 43.79, 17.42. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₅NO [M]: 273.1154; found: 273.1157.

7. Crystal Data and Structure Refinements

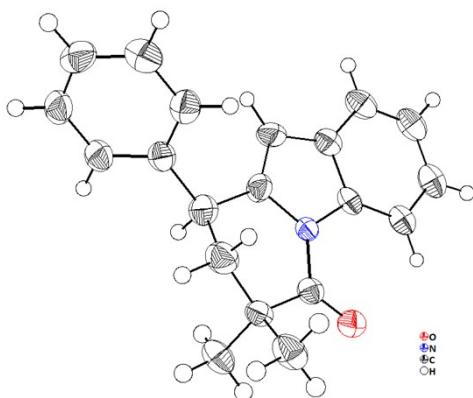


Figure 9 Structure of **3a** by X-Ray crystallographic (CCDC = 2158451)

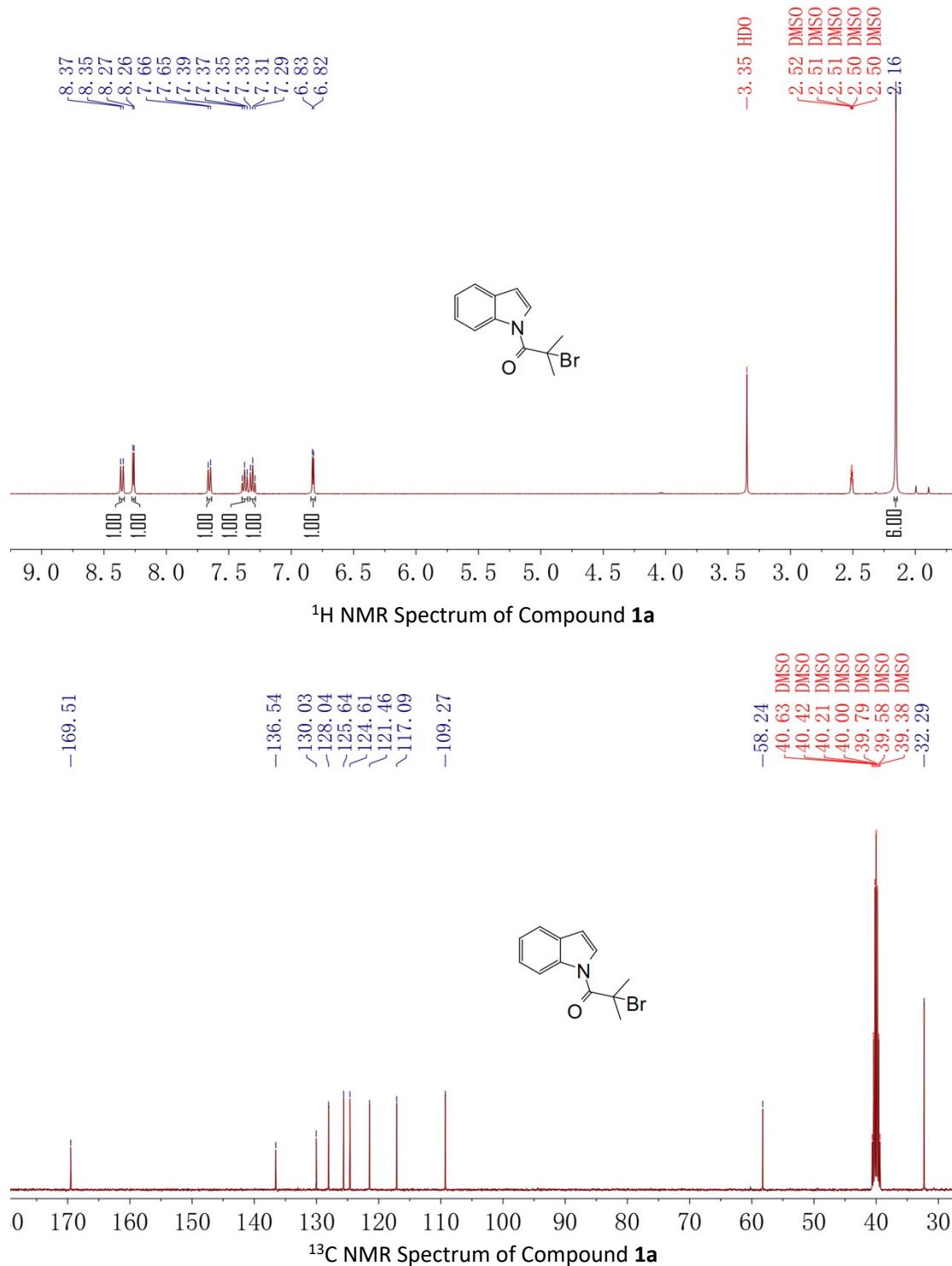
Single crystal suitable for X-ray diffraction was obtained by slow evaporation of a saturated solution of compound **3a** (cyclohexane/CH₂Cl₂) in a loosely capped vial.

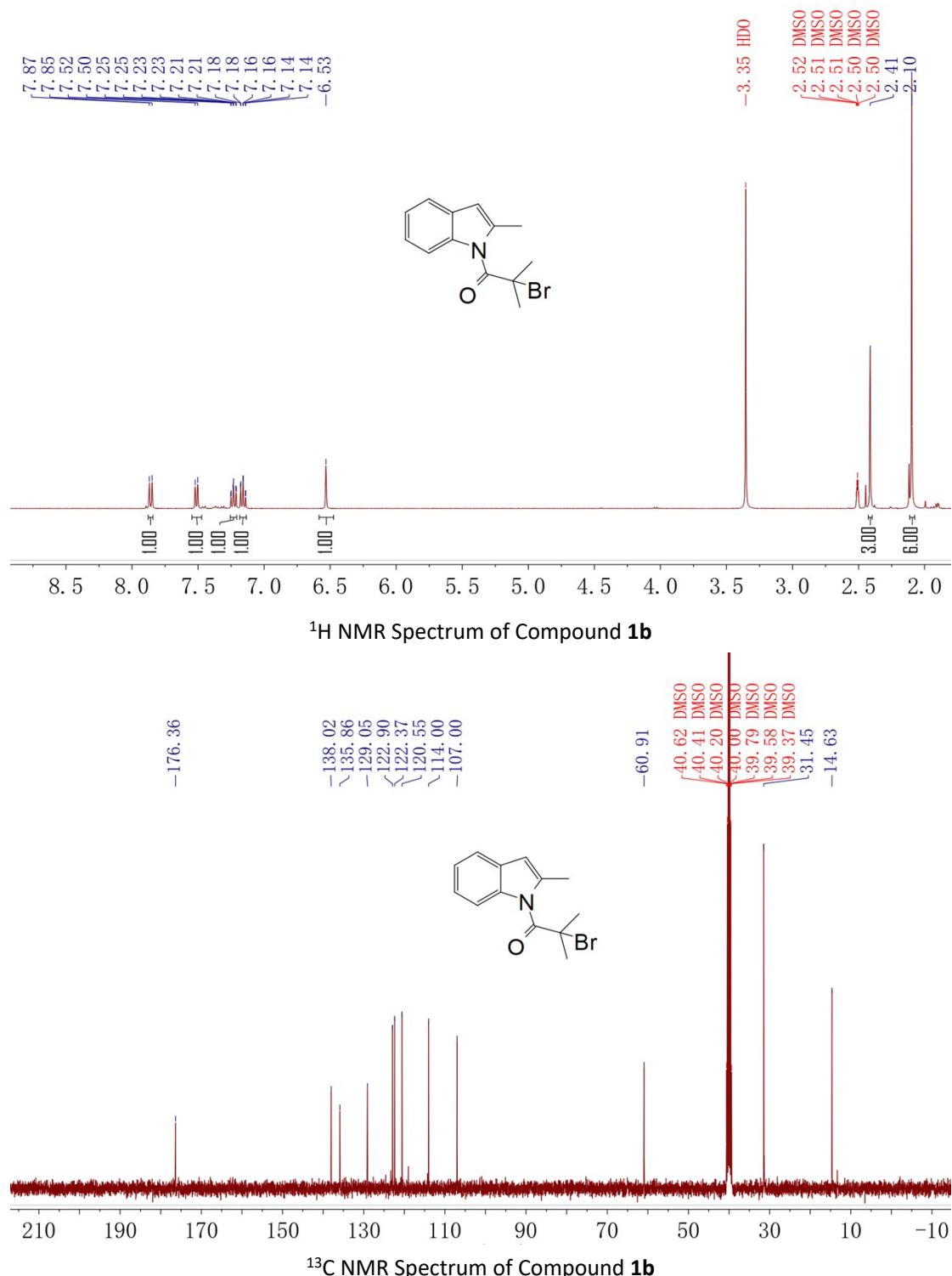
Table 11 Crystal data and structure refinement for **3a**

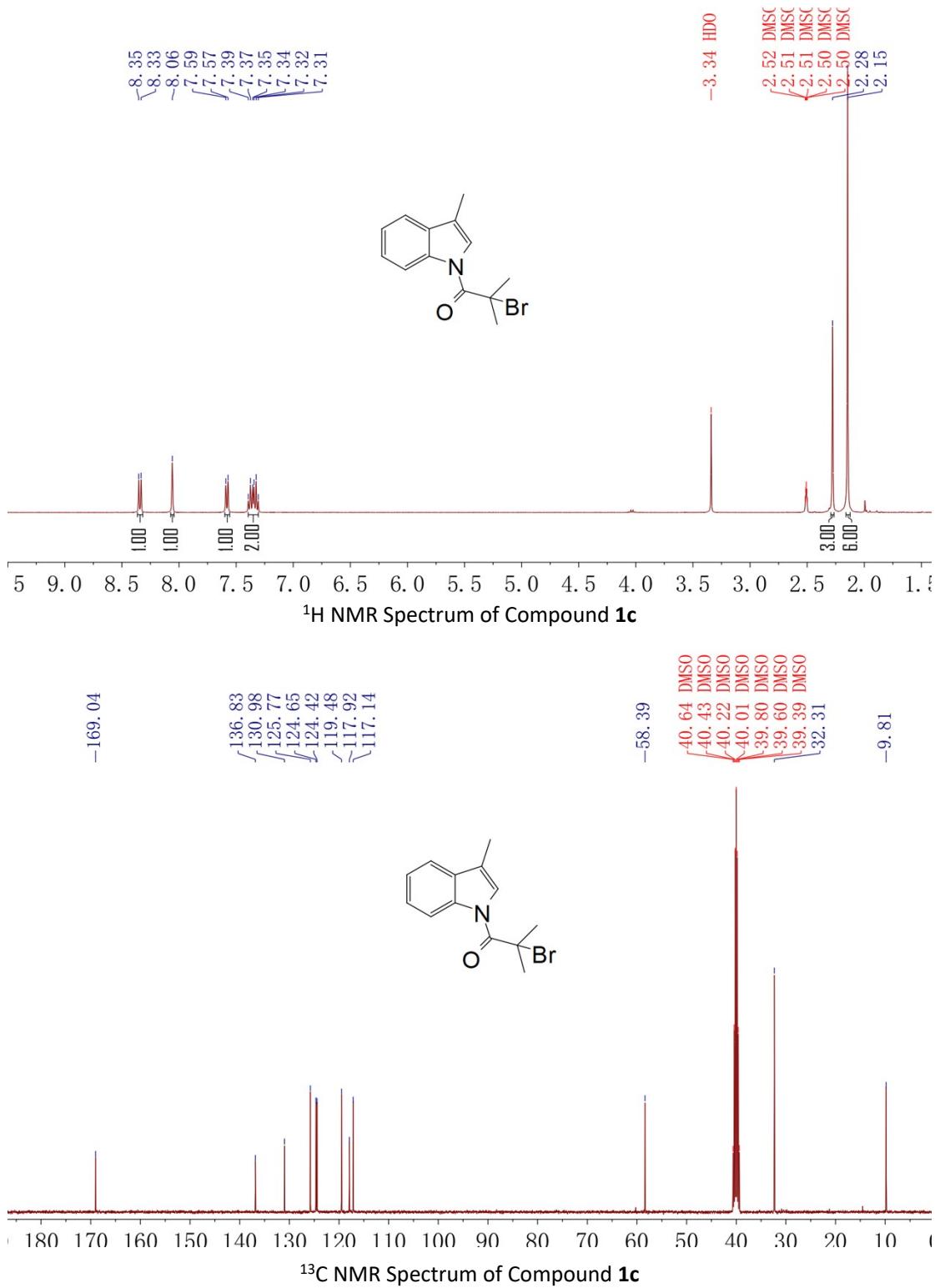
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b/Å	10.787(3)
c/Å	11.392(3)
α/°	90
β/°	101.972(8)
γ/°	90
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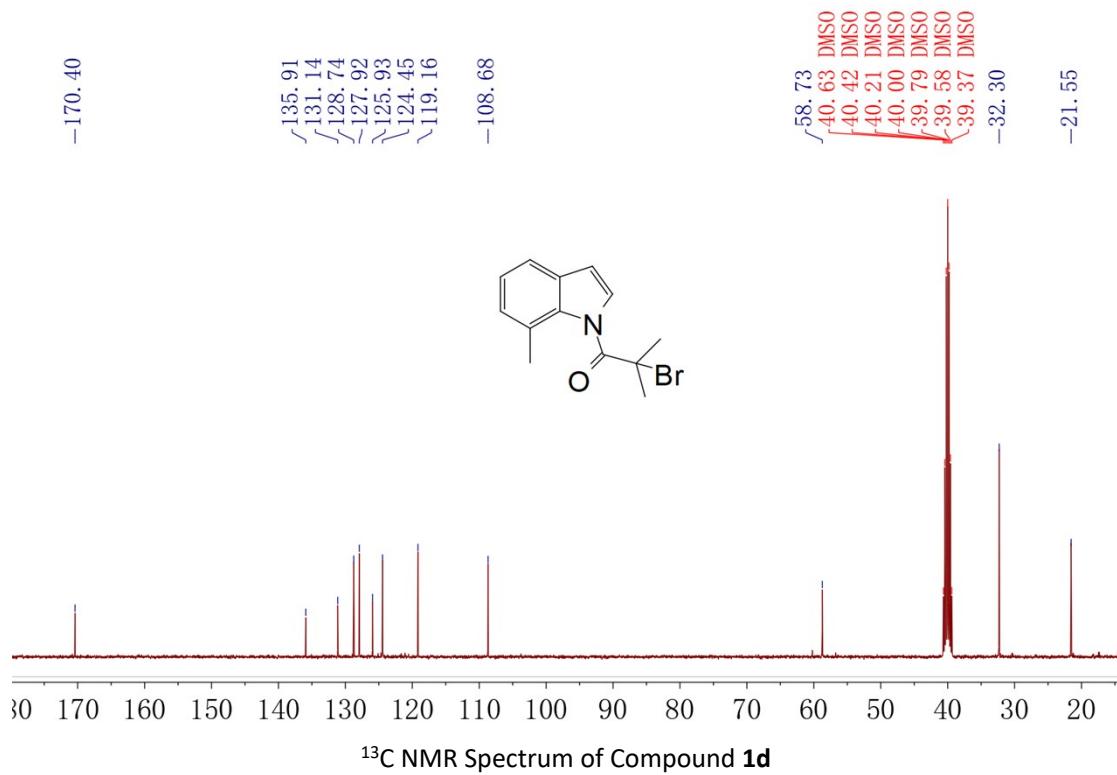
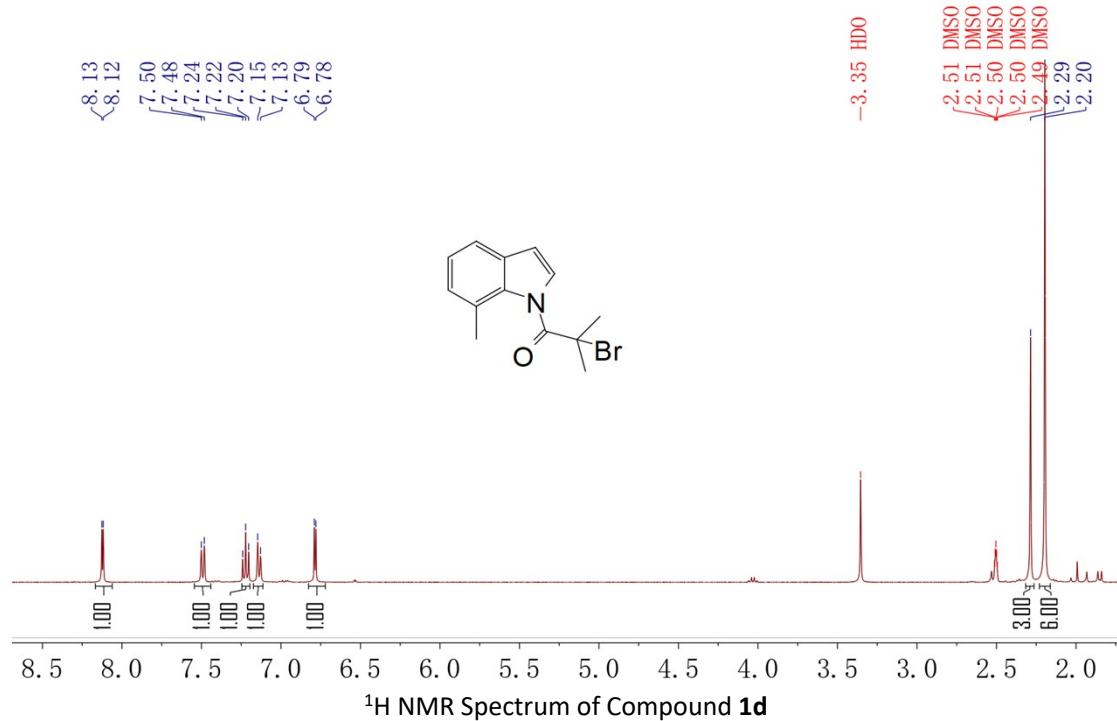
F(000)	1232.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.12 × 0.1 × 0.1
Radiation	MoKα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.286 to 55.152
Index ranges	-33 ≤ h ≤ 33, -7 ≤ k ≤ 13, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14
Reflections collected	23973
Independent reflections	7121 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0853$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.1009$]
Data/restraints/parameters	7121/0/402
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.42/-0.27

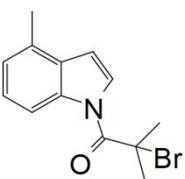
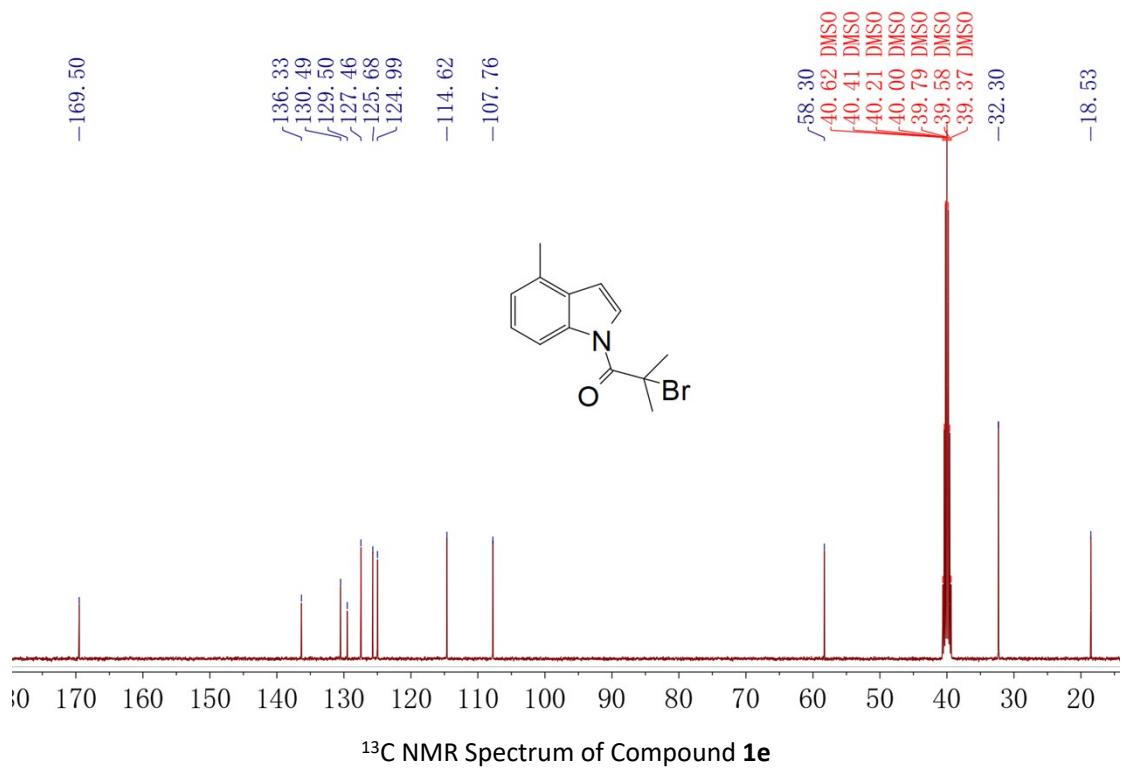
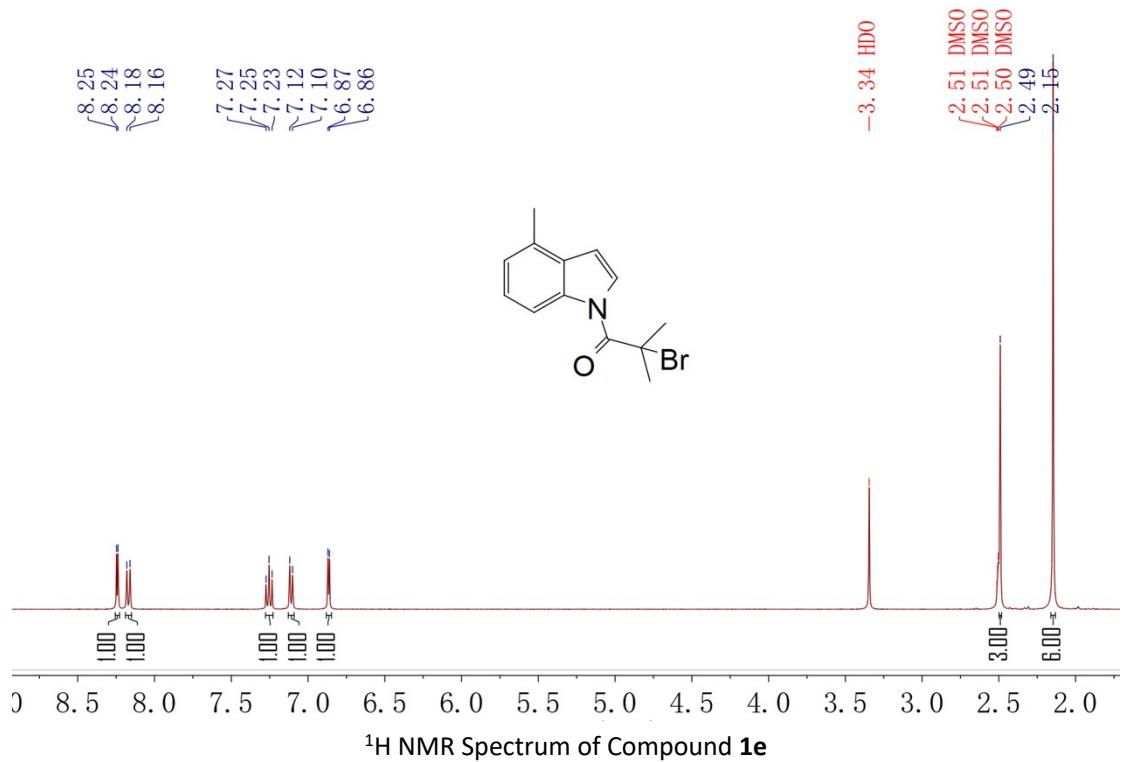
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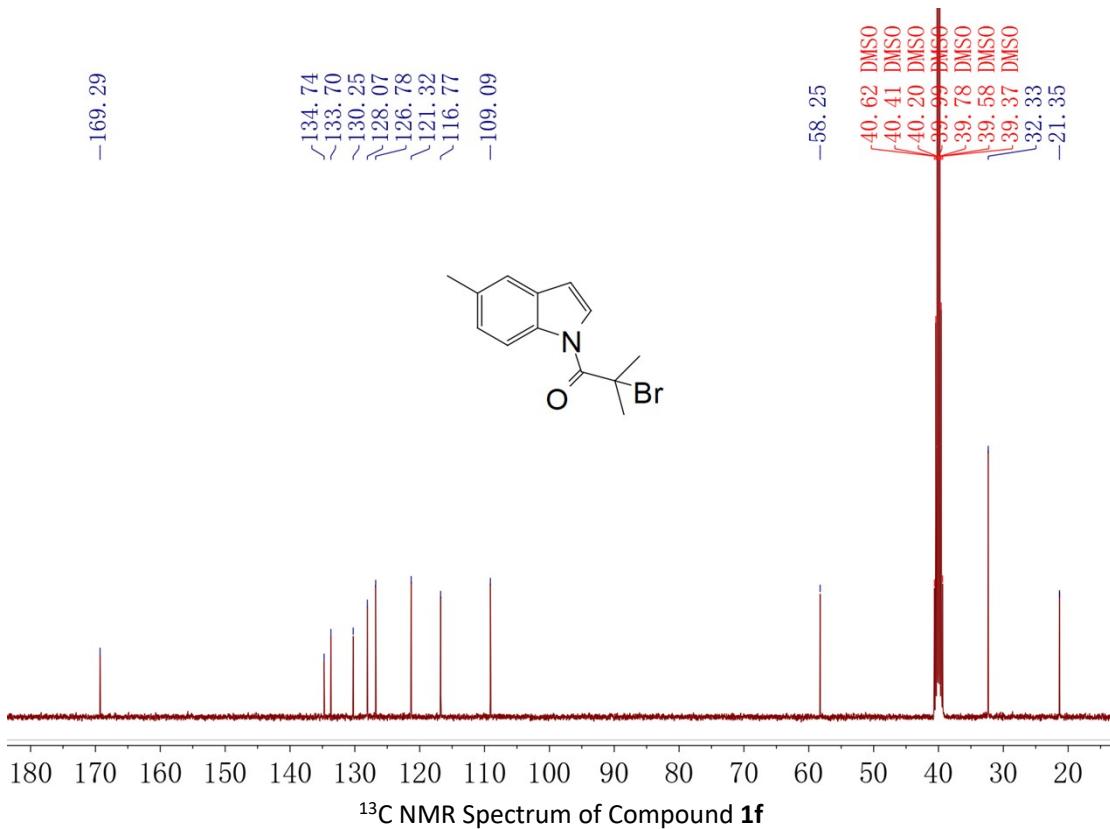
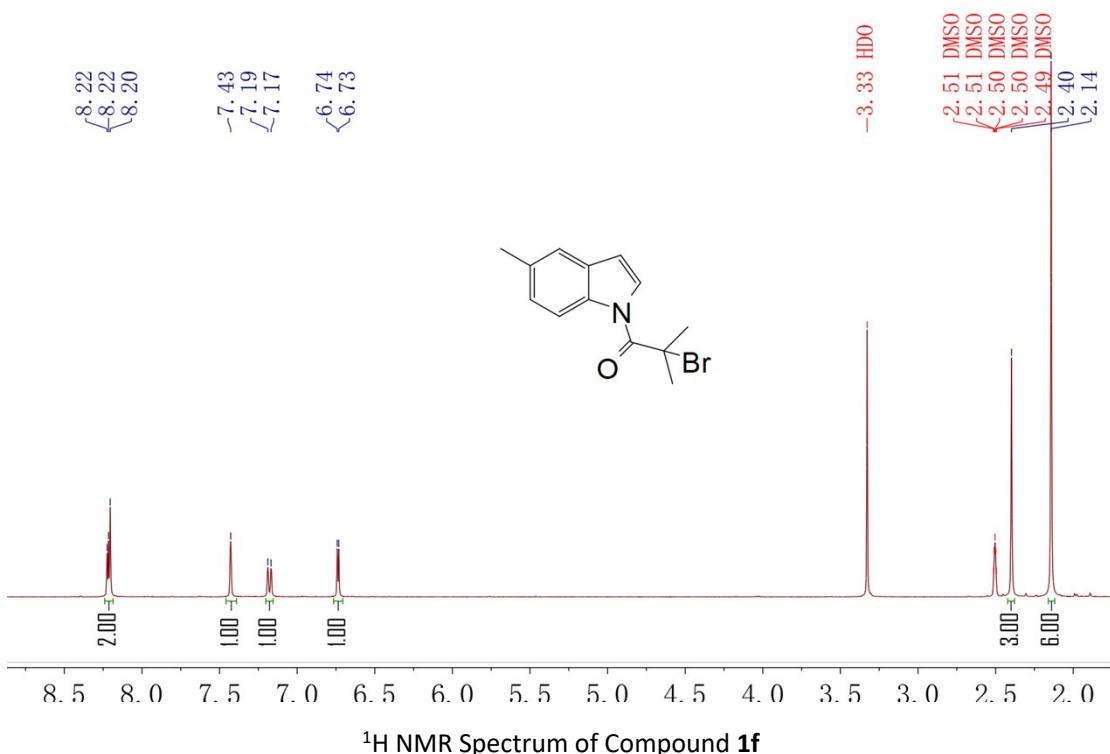


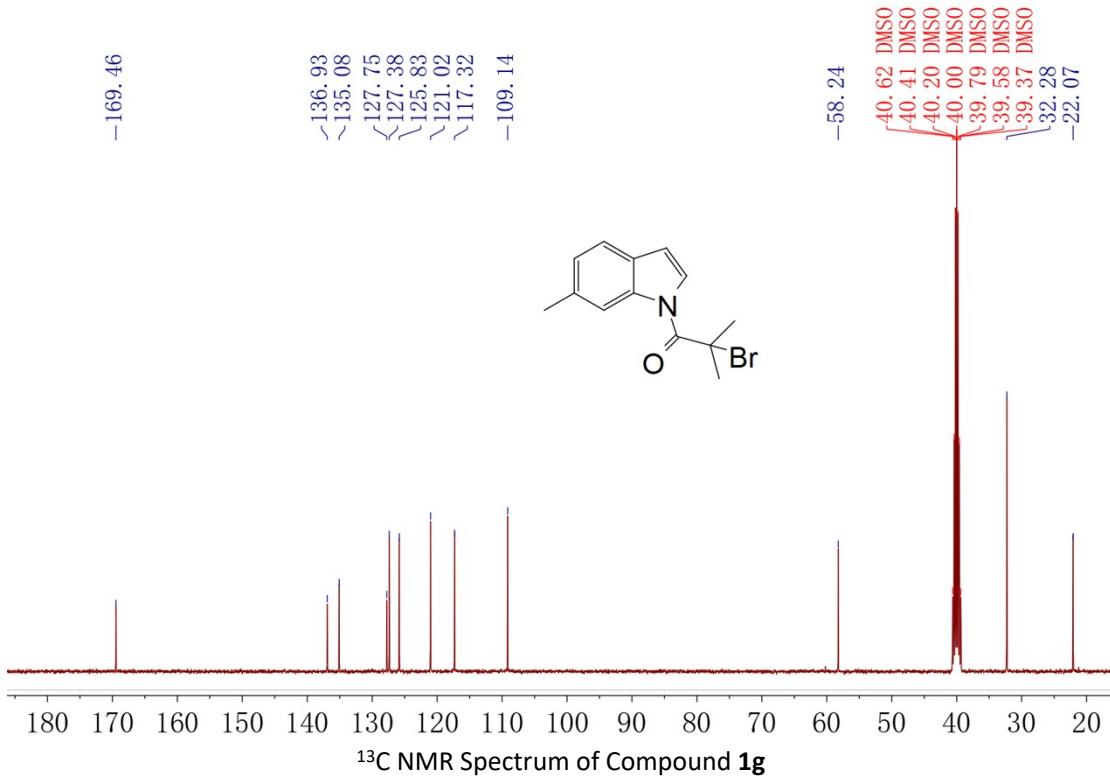
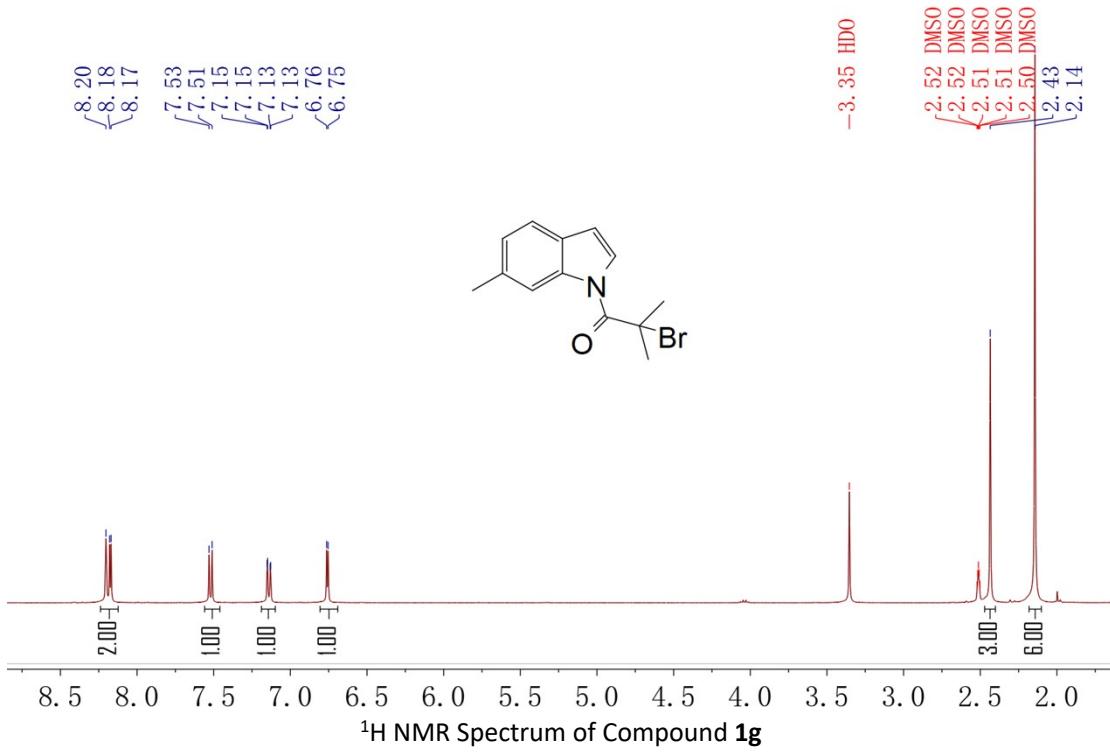


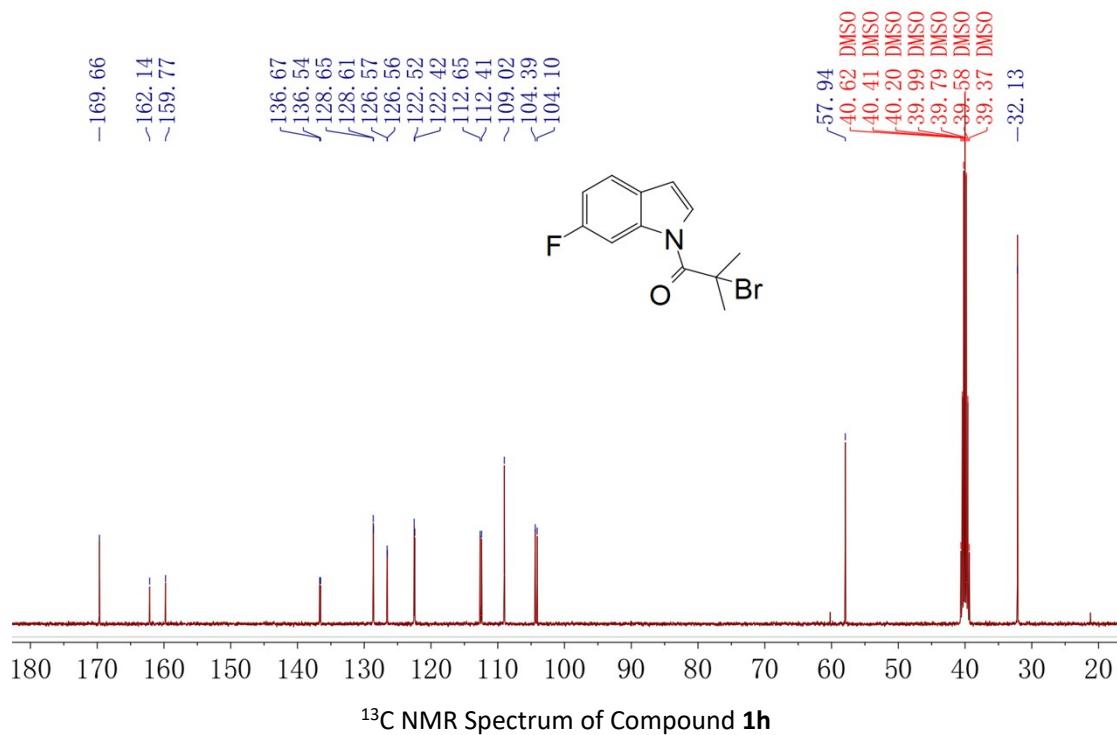
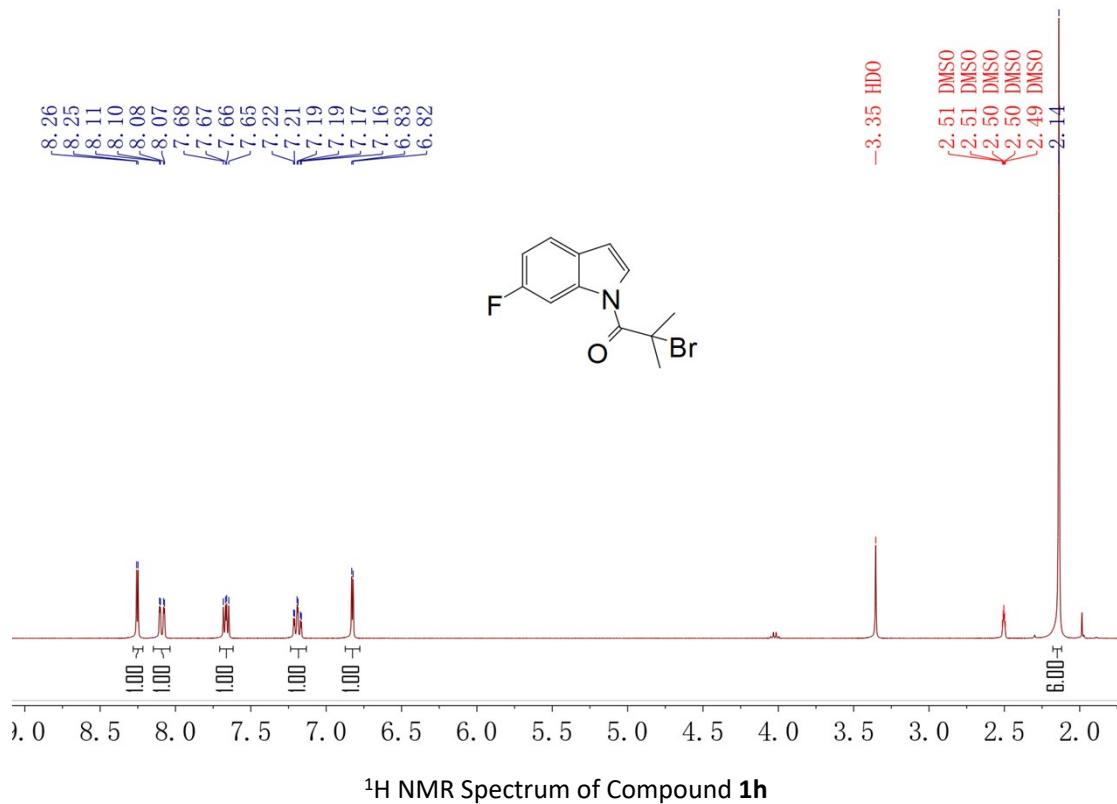


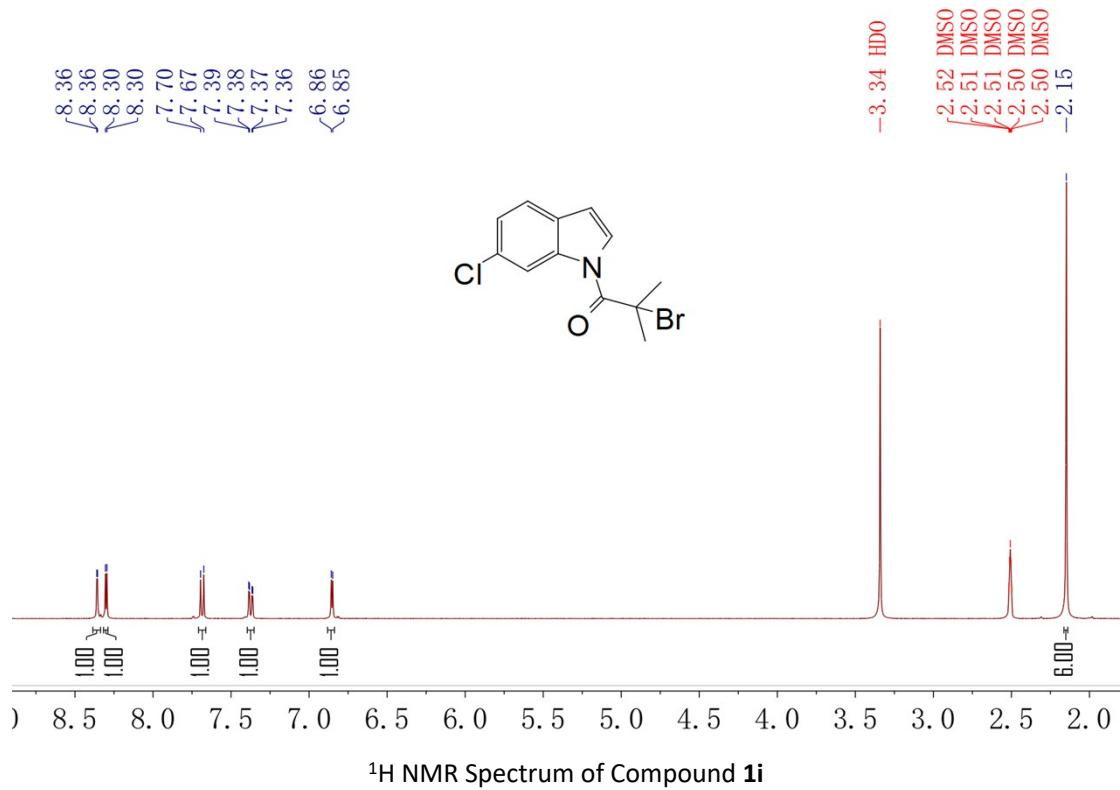
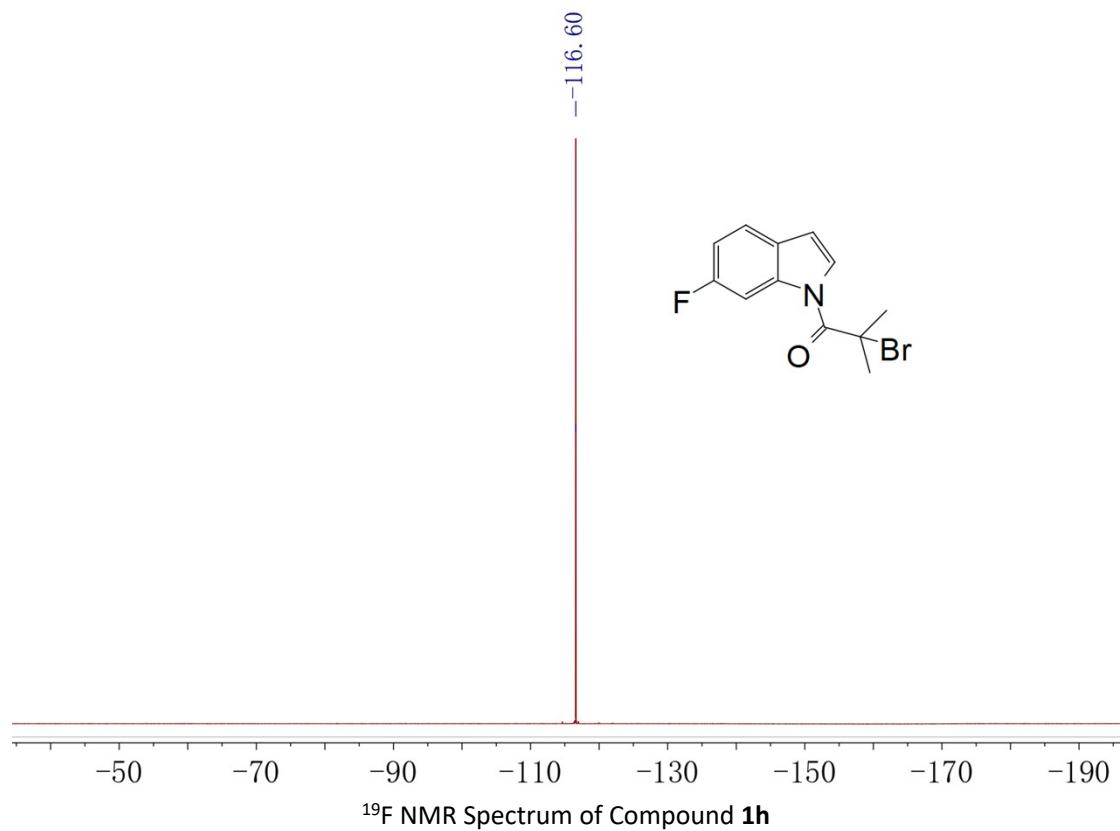


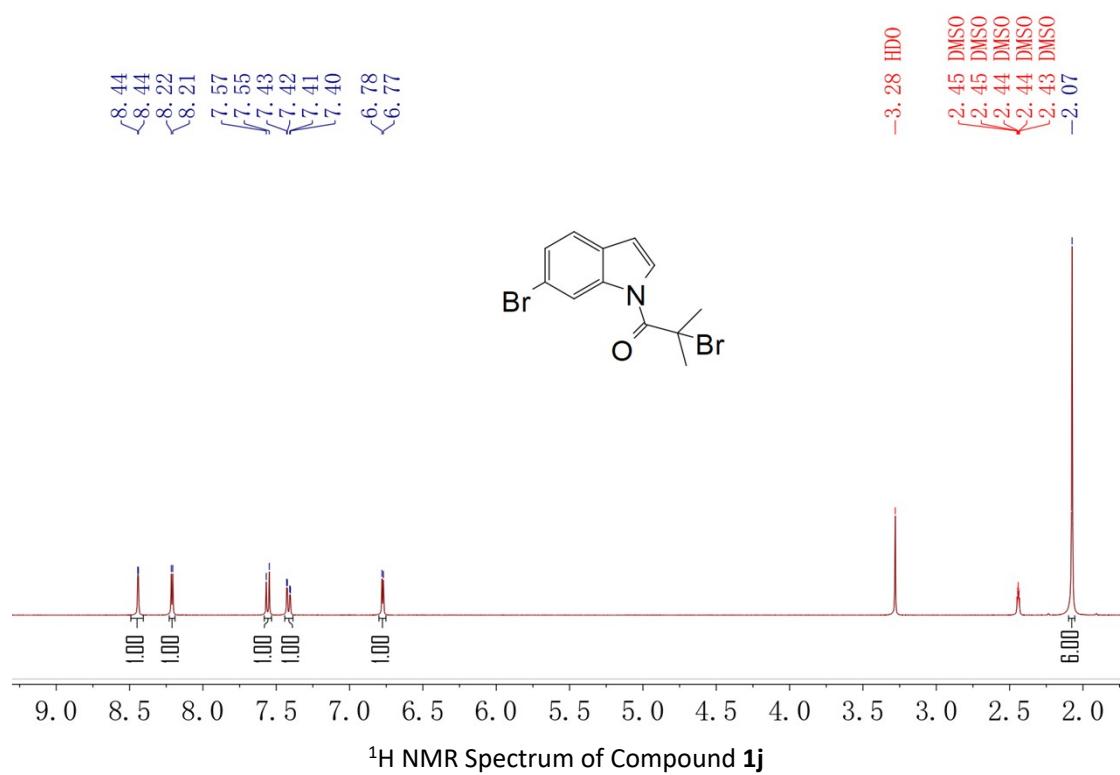
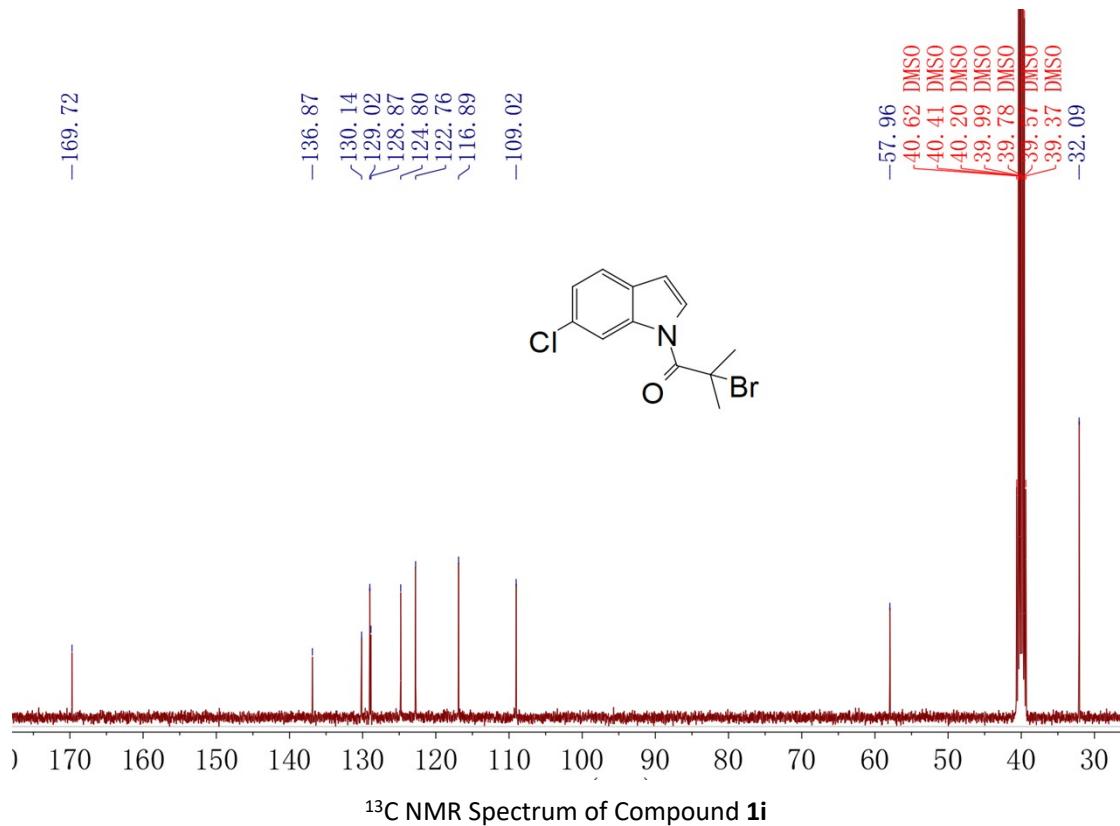


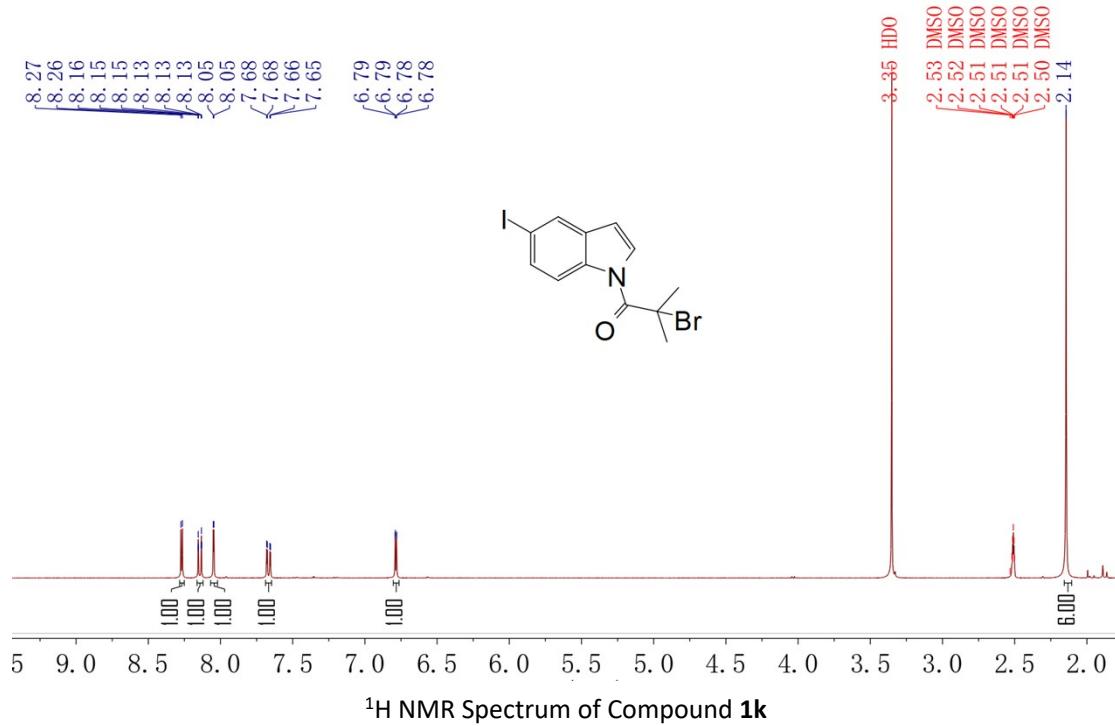
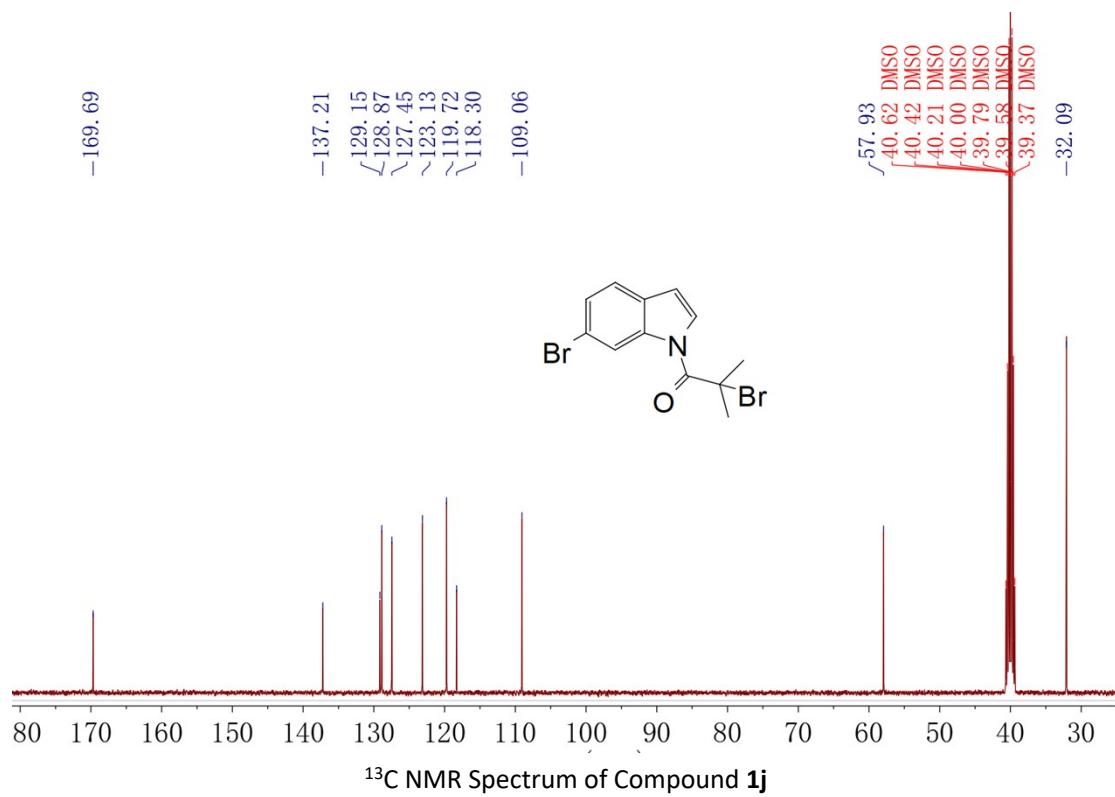


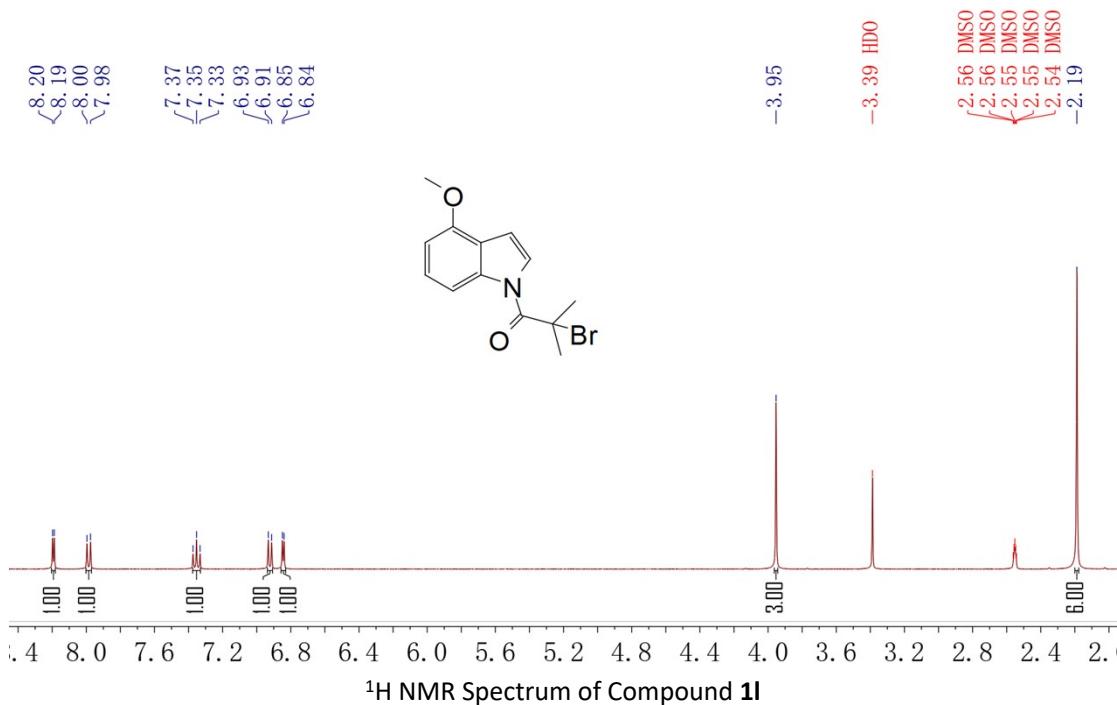
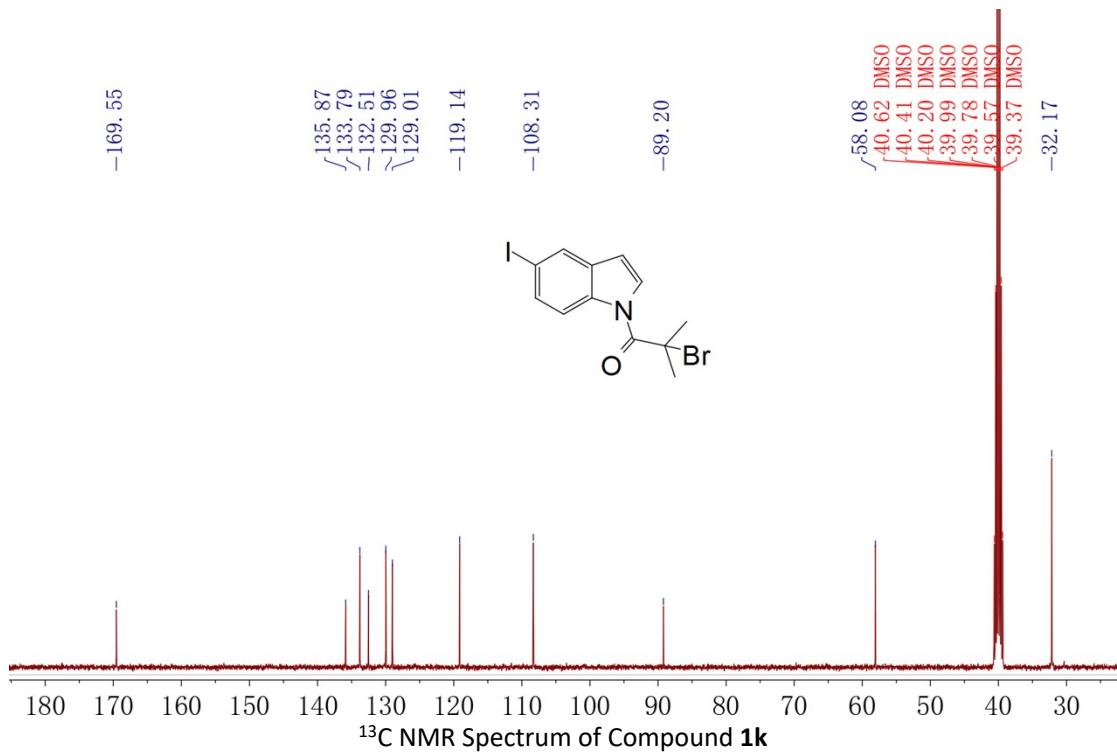


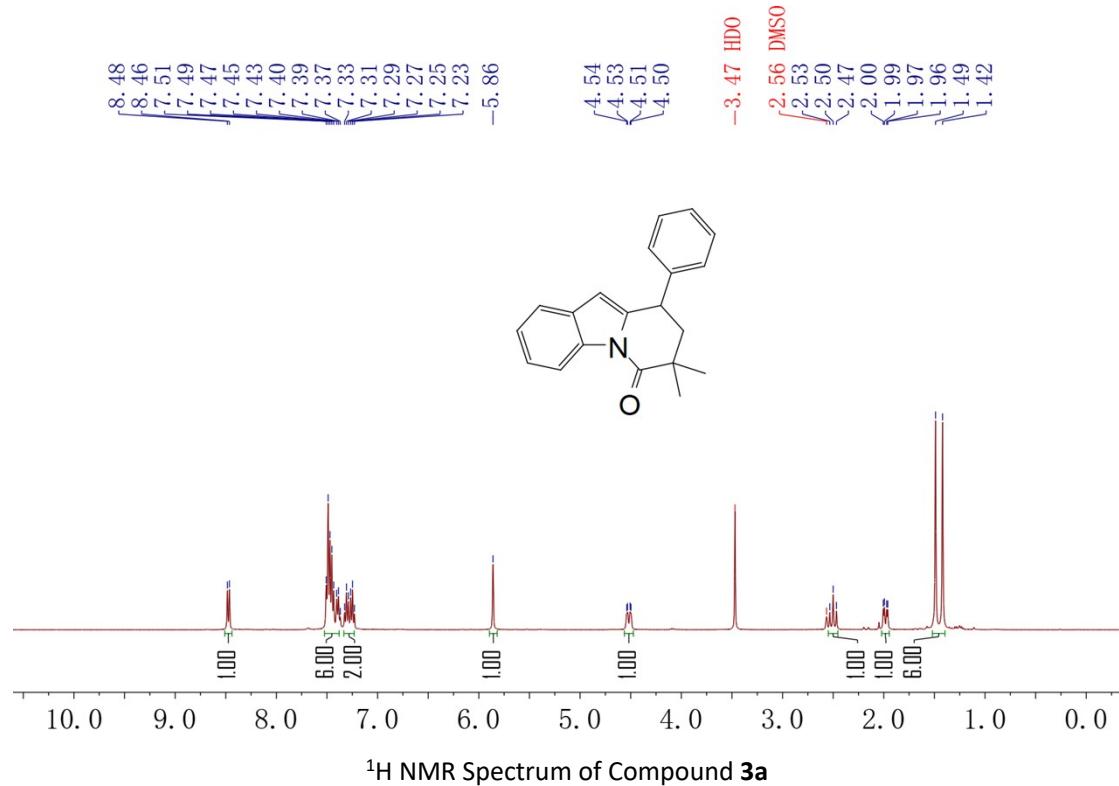
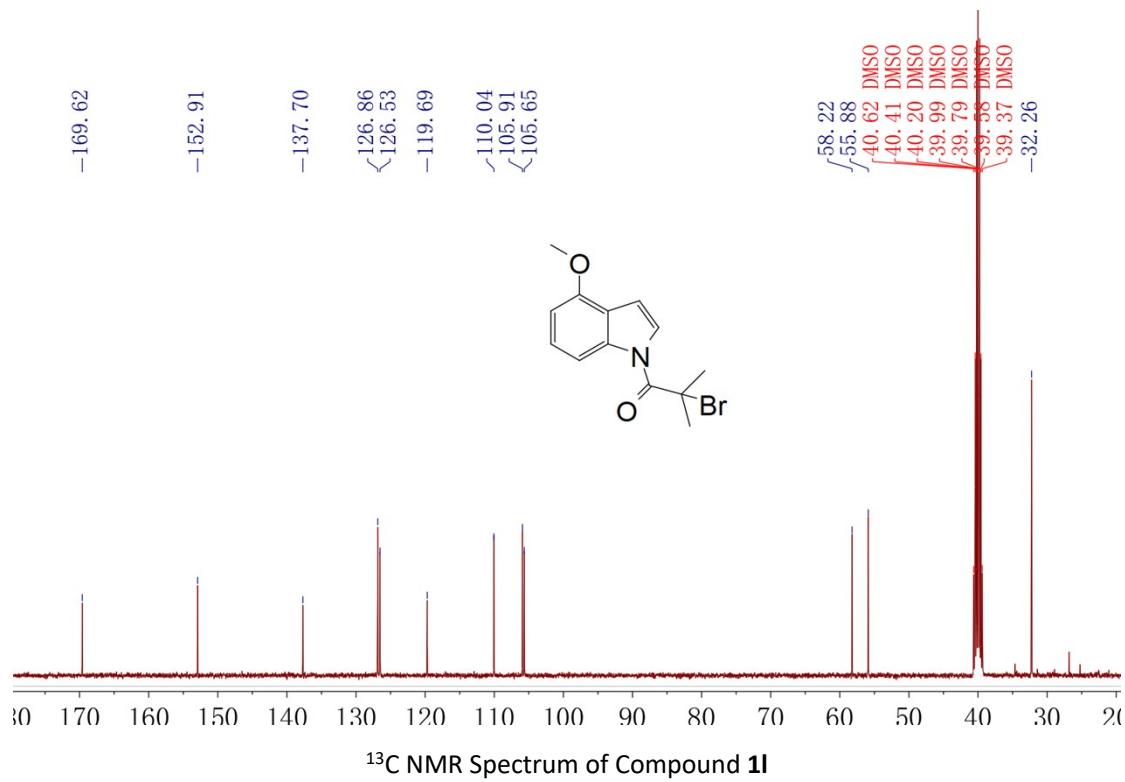


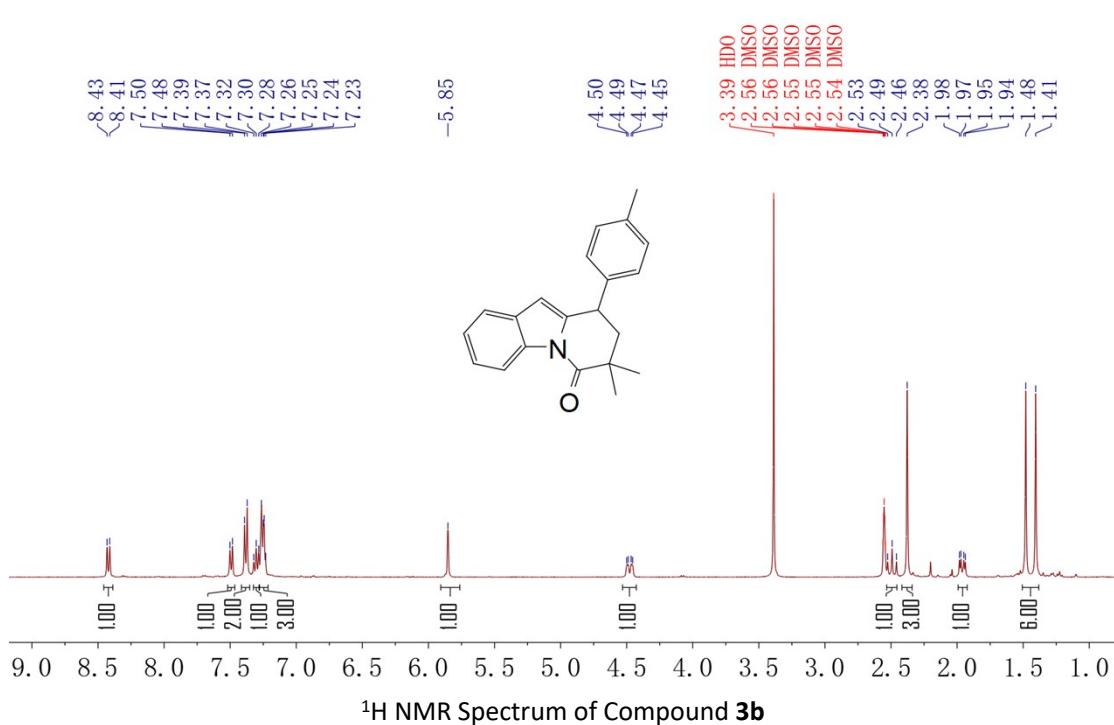
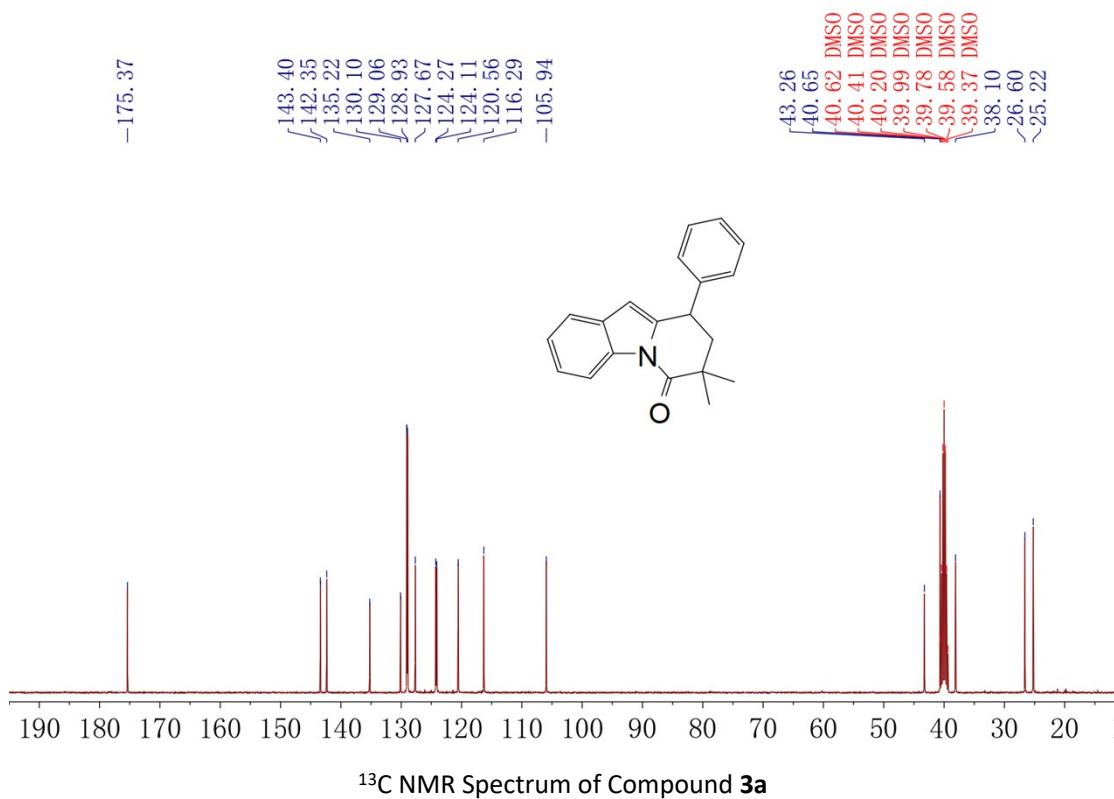


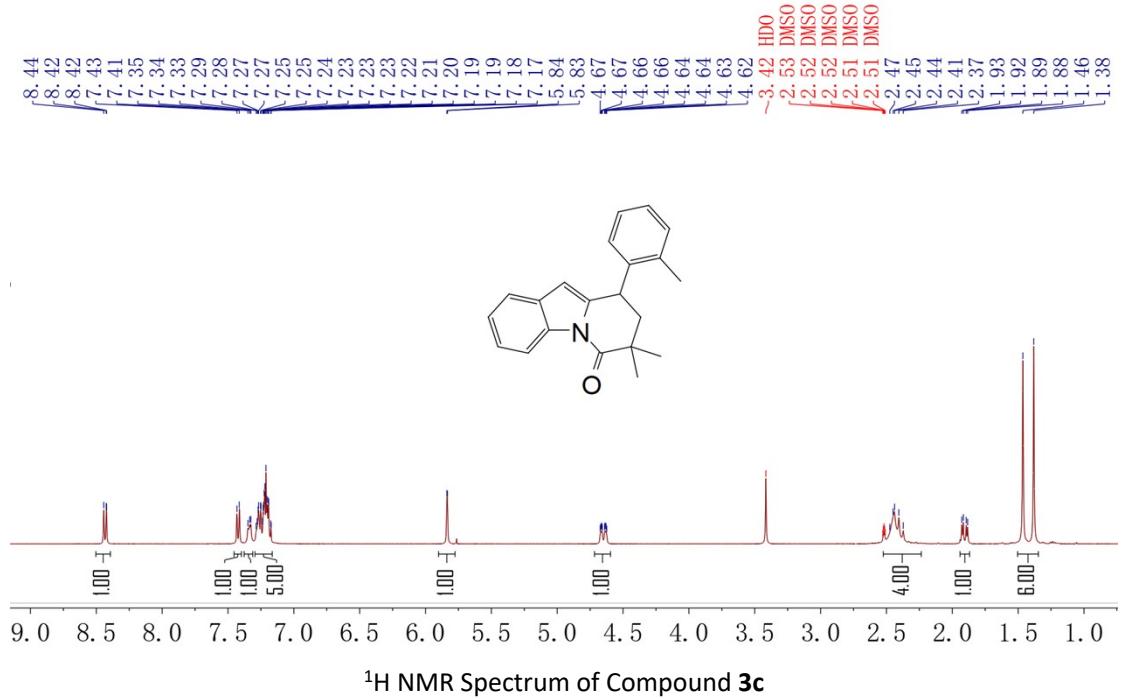
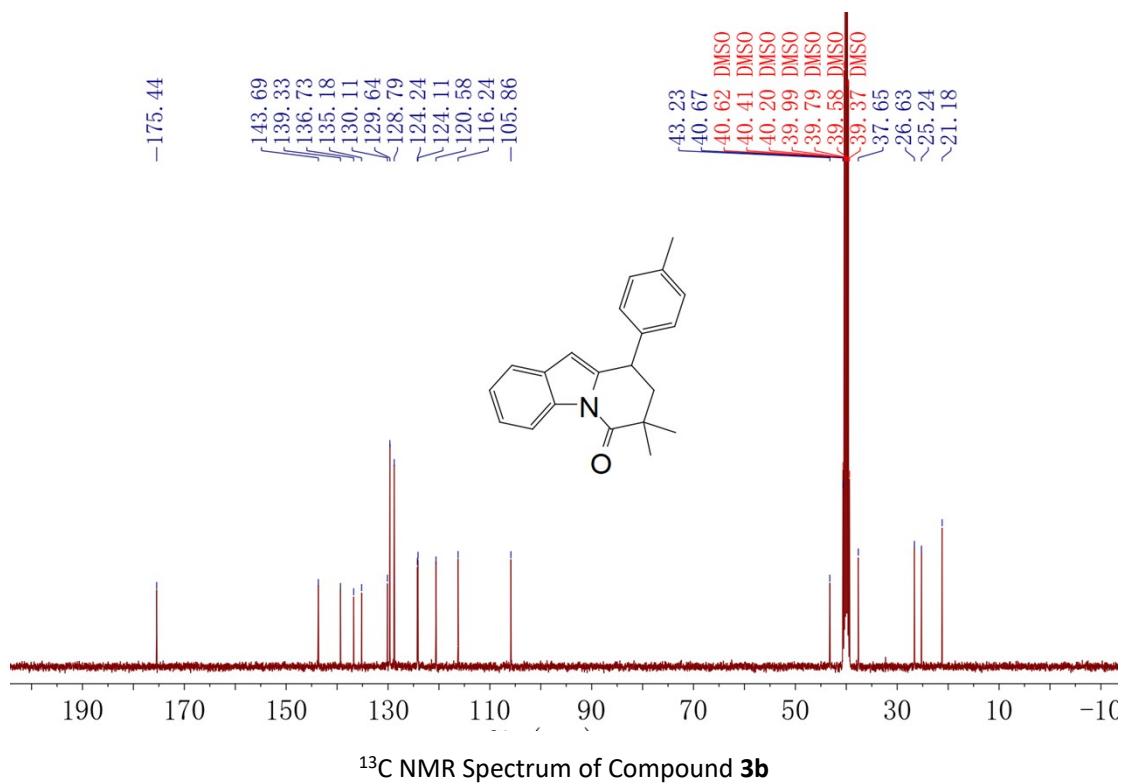


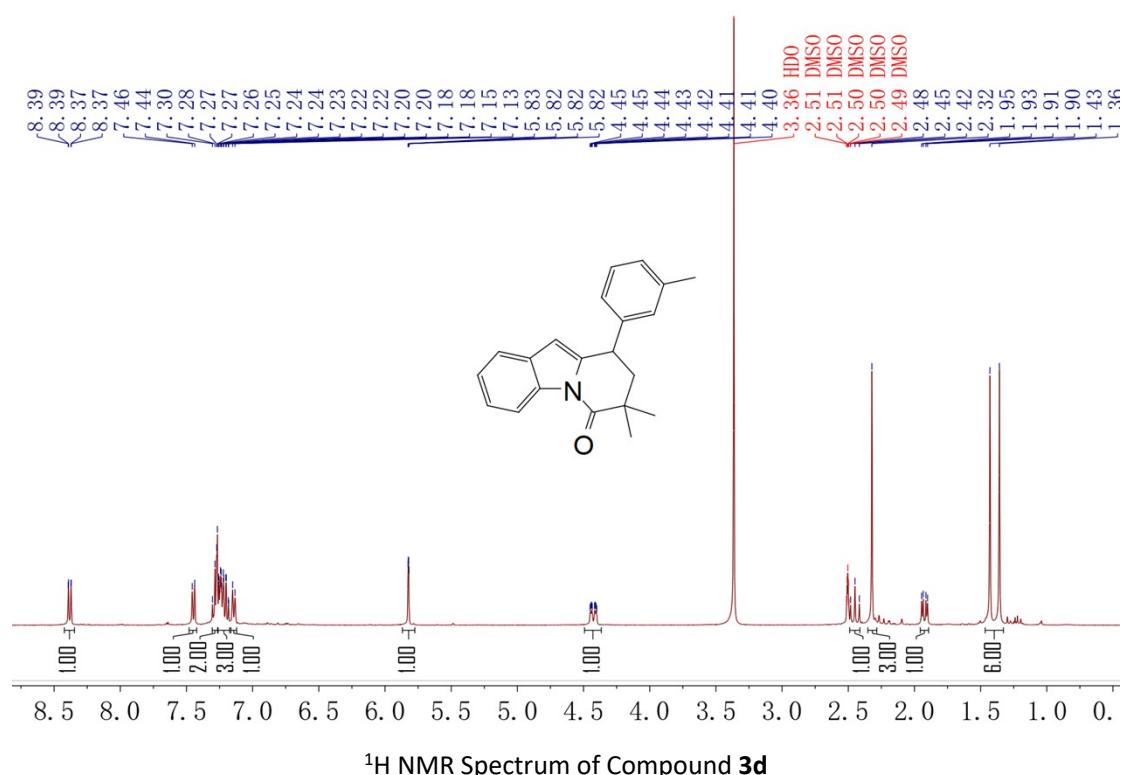
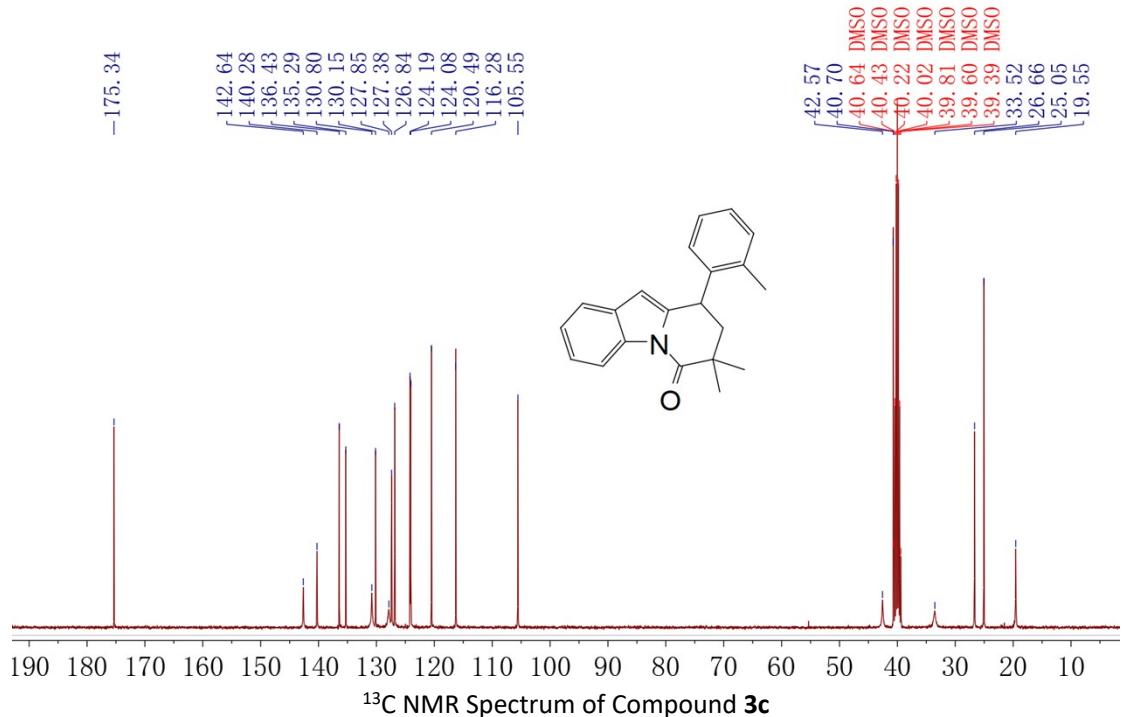


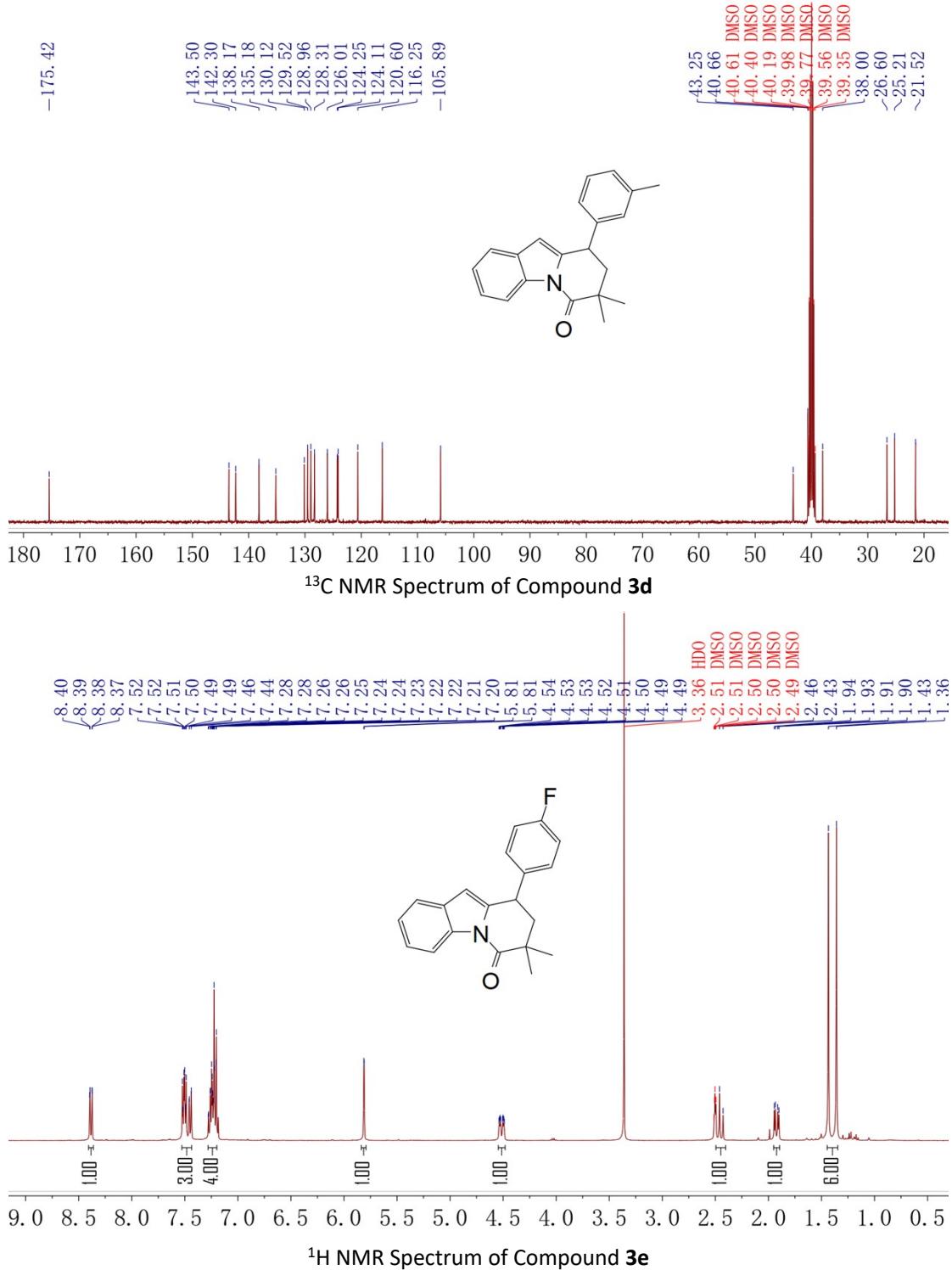


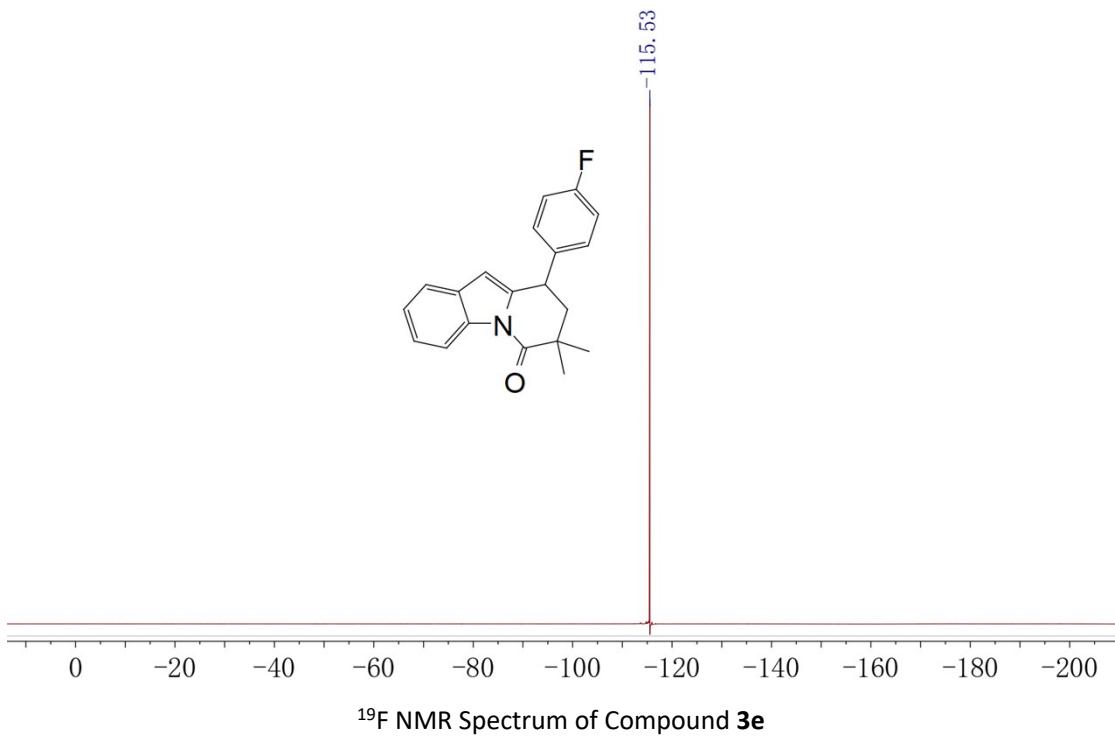
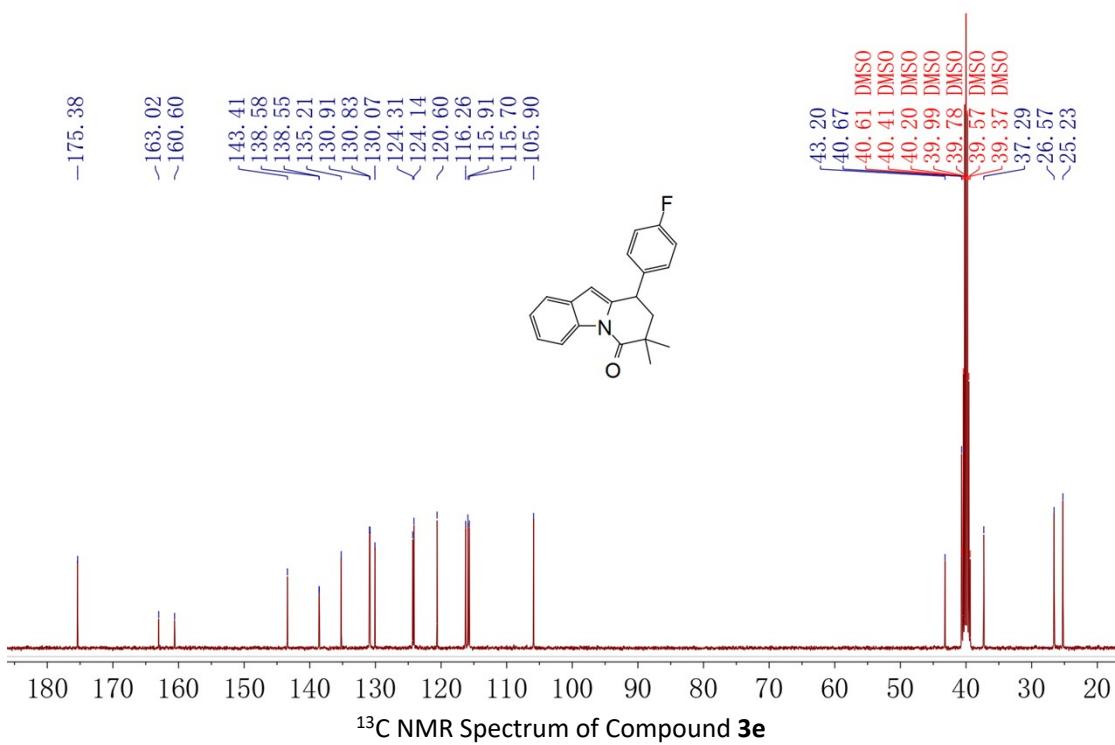


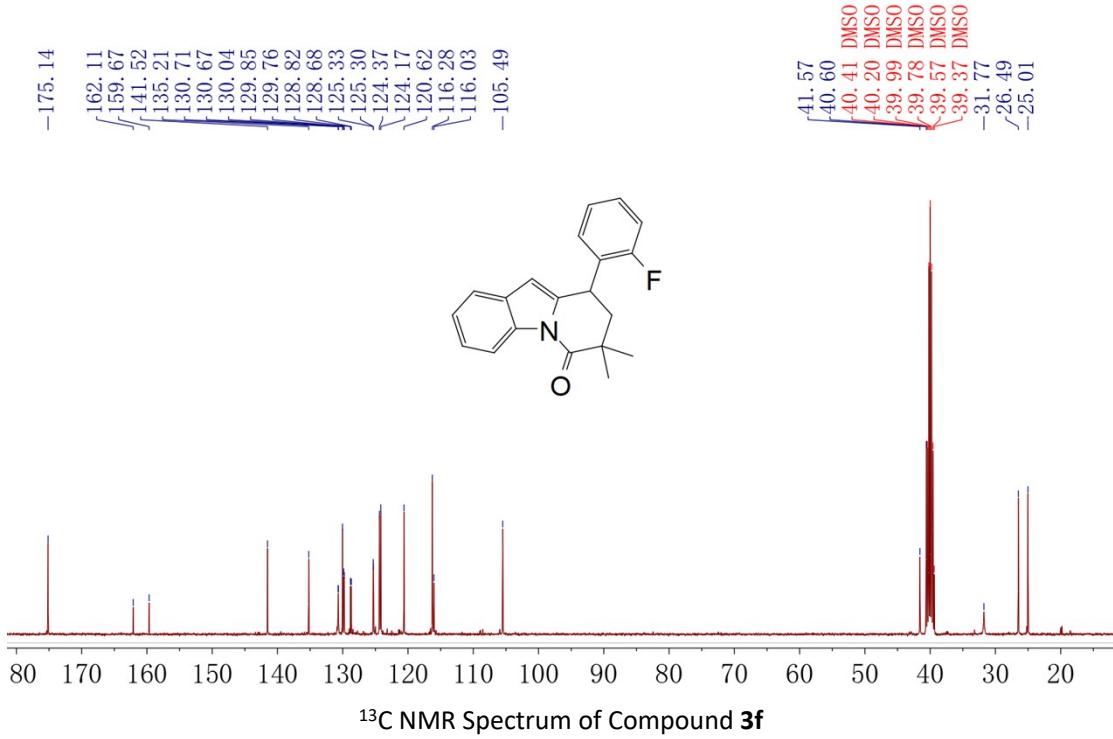
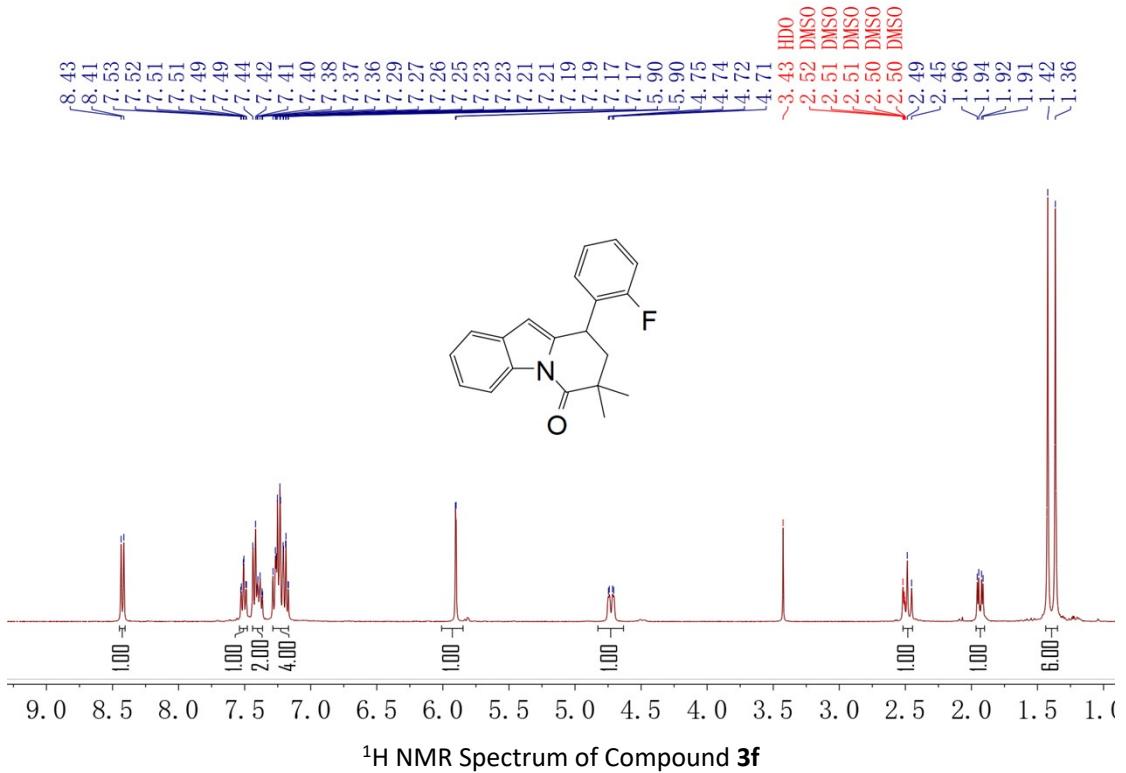


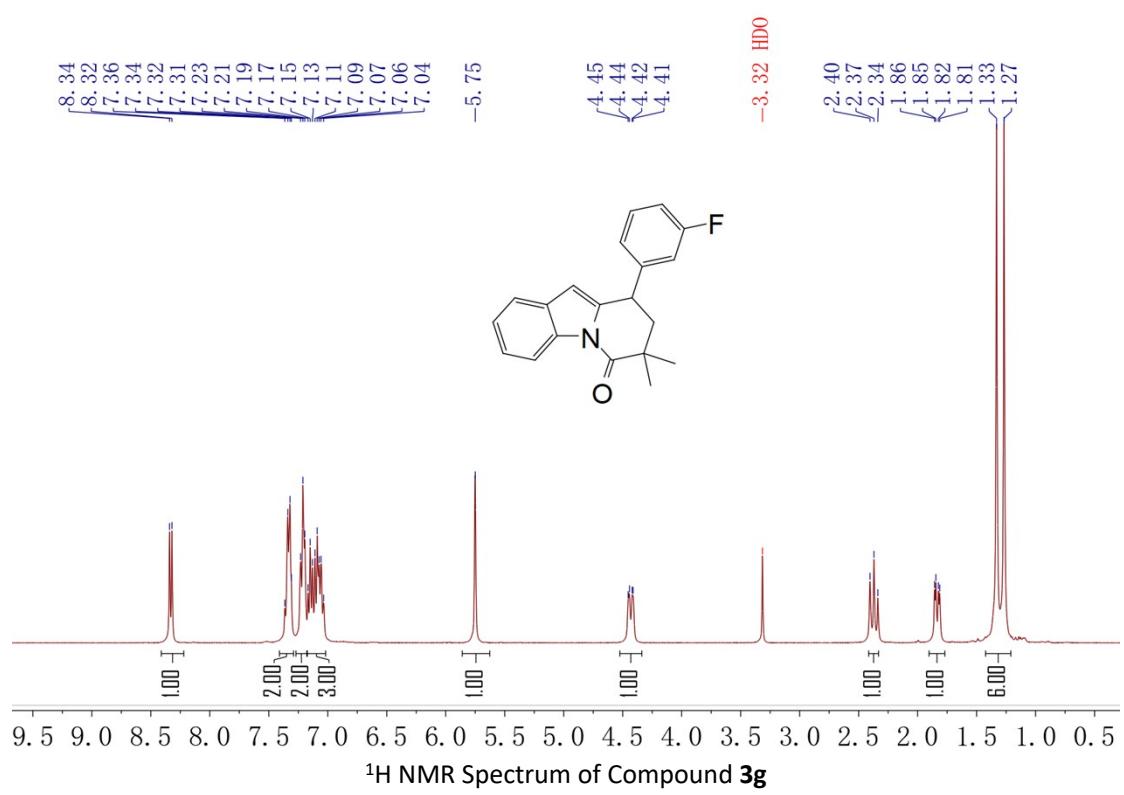
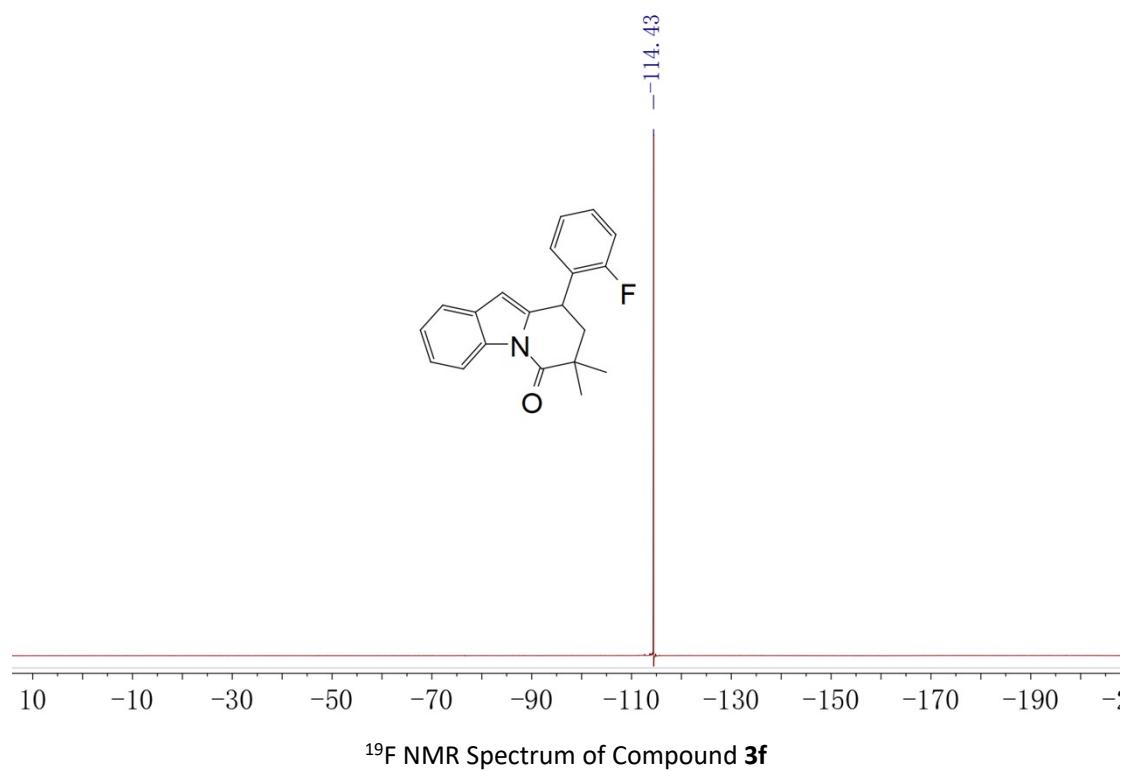


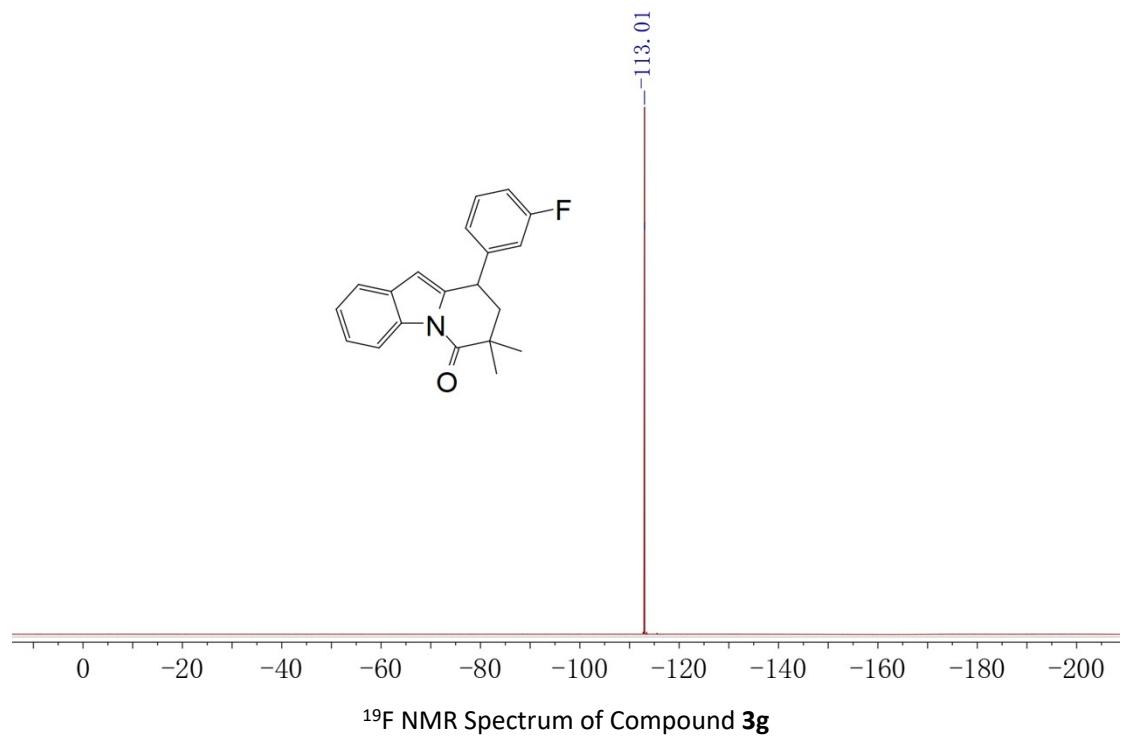
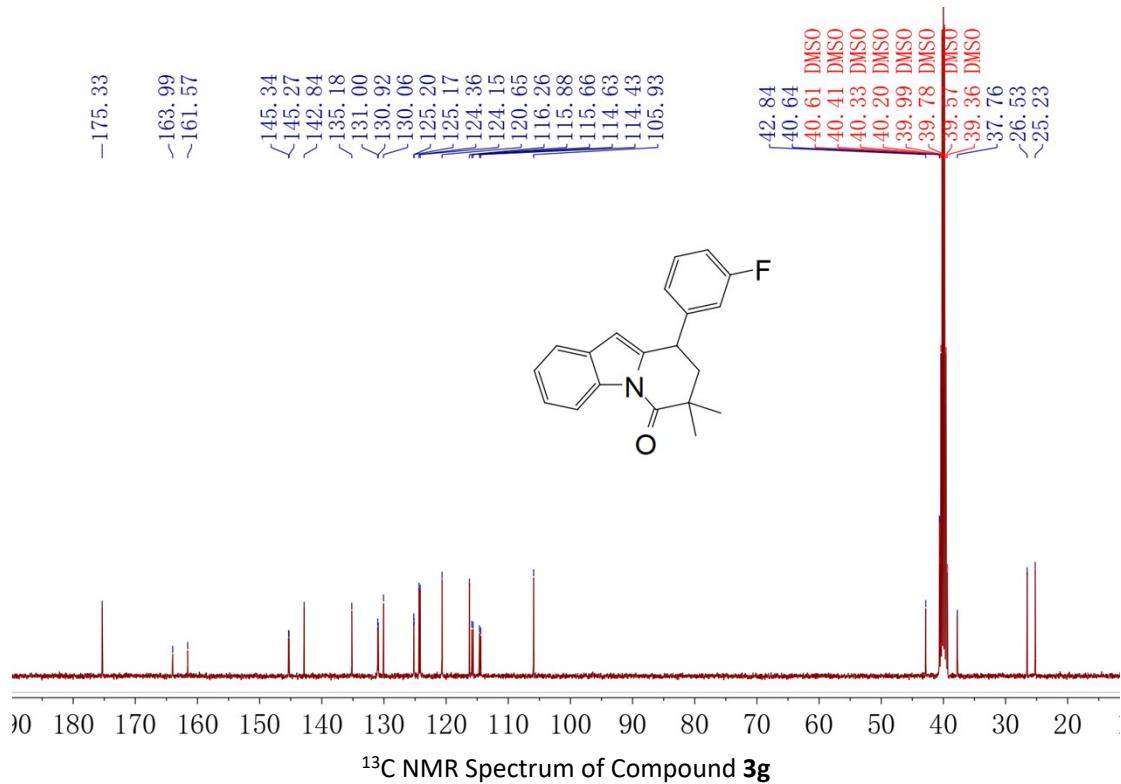


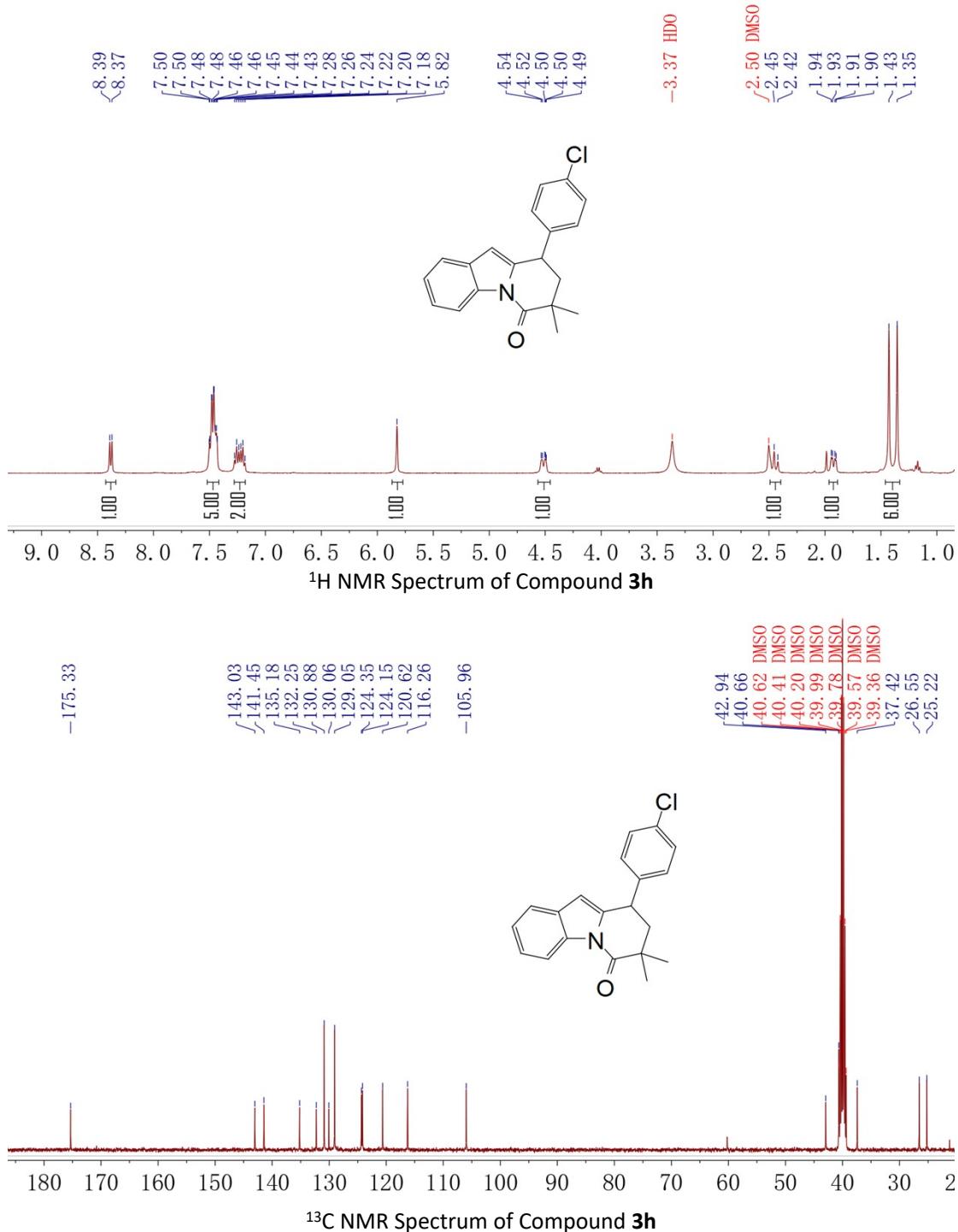


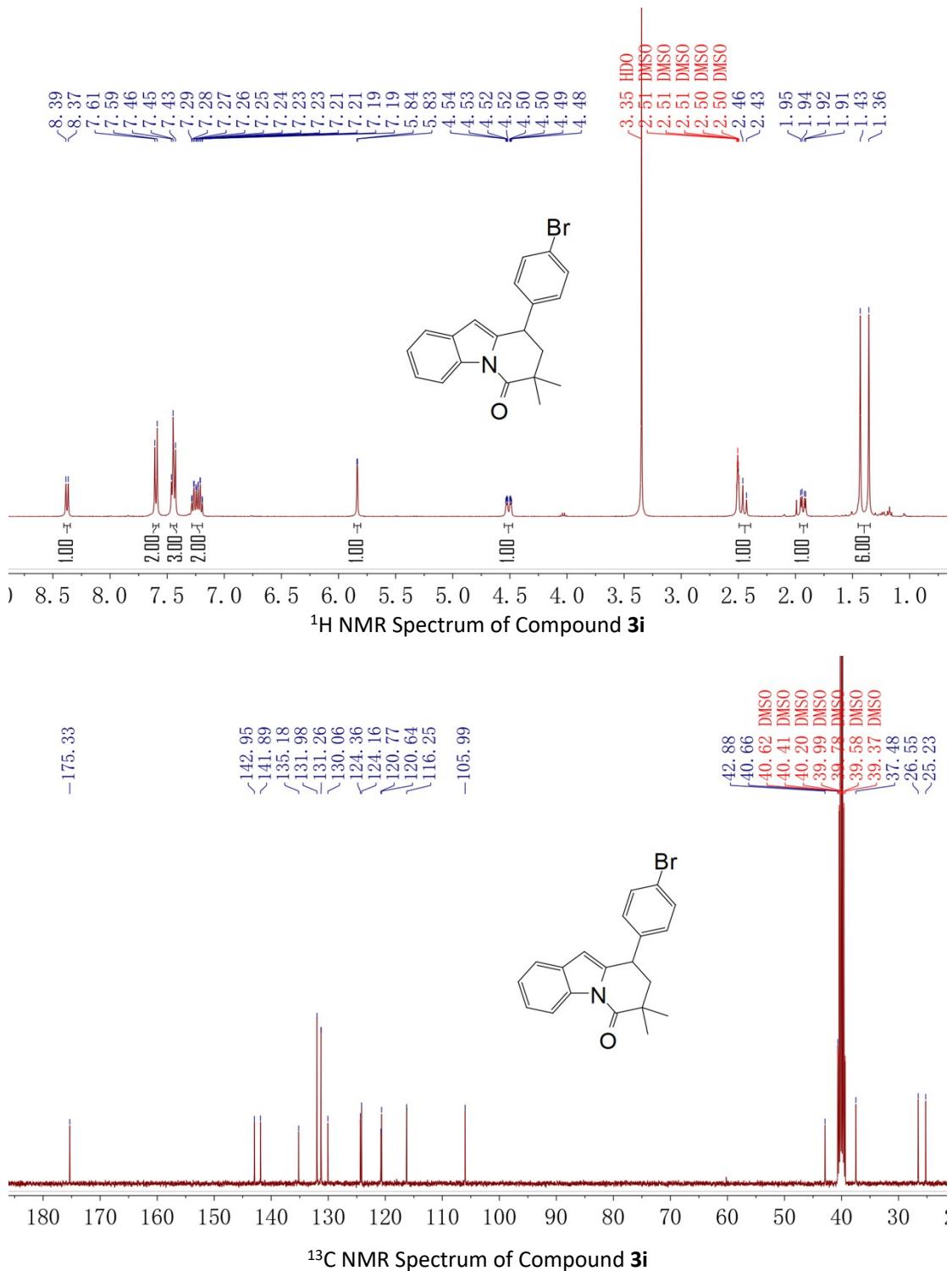


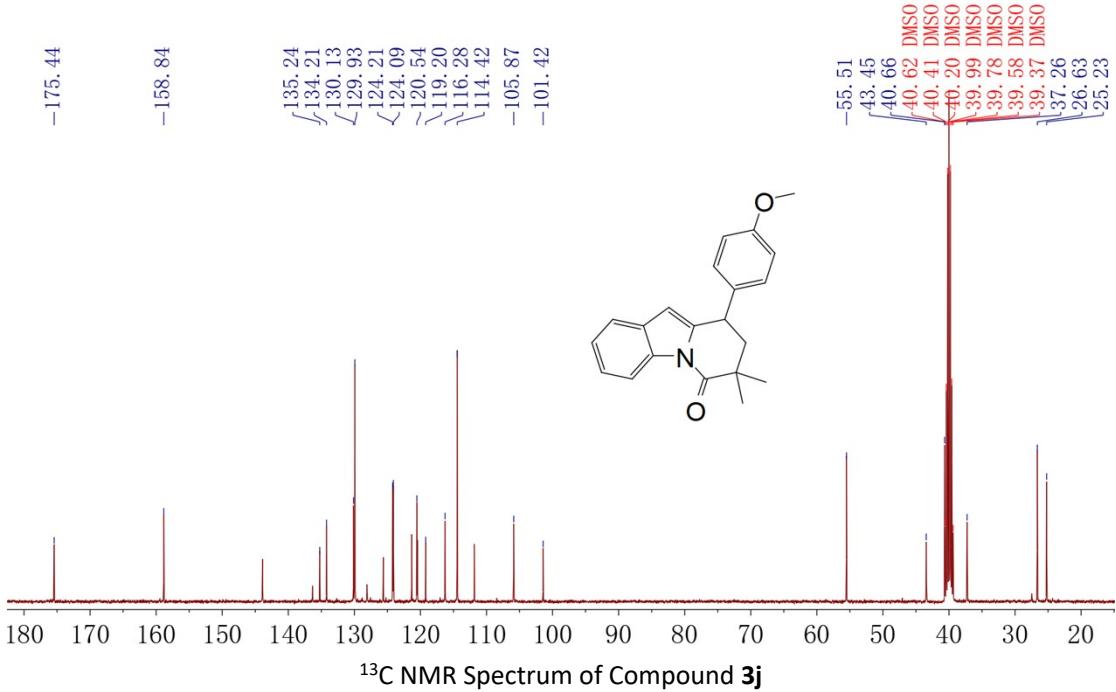
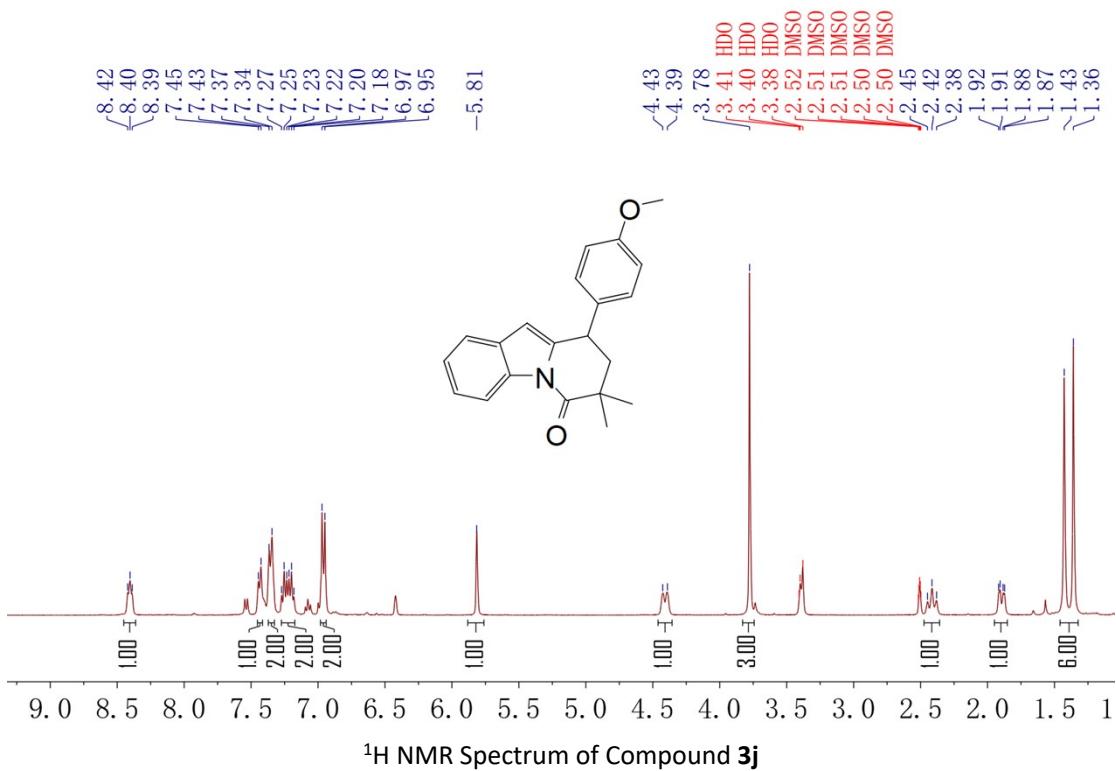


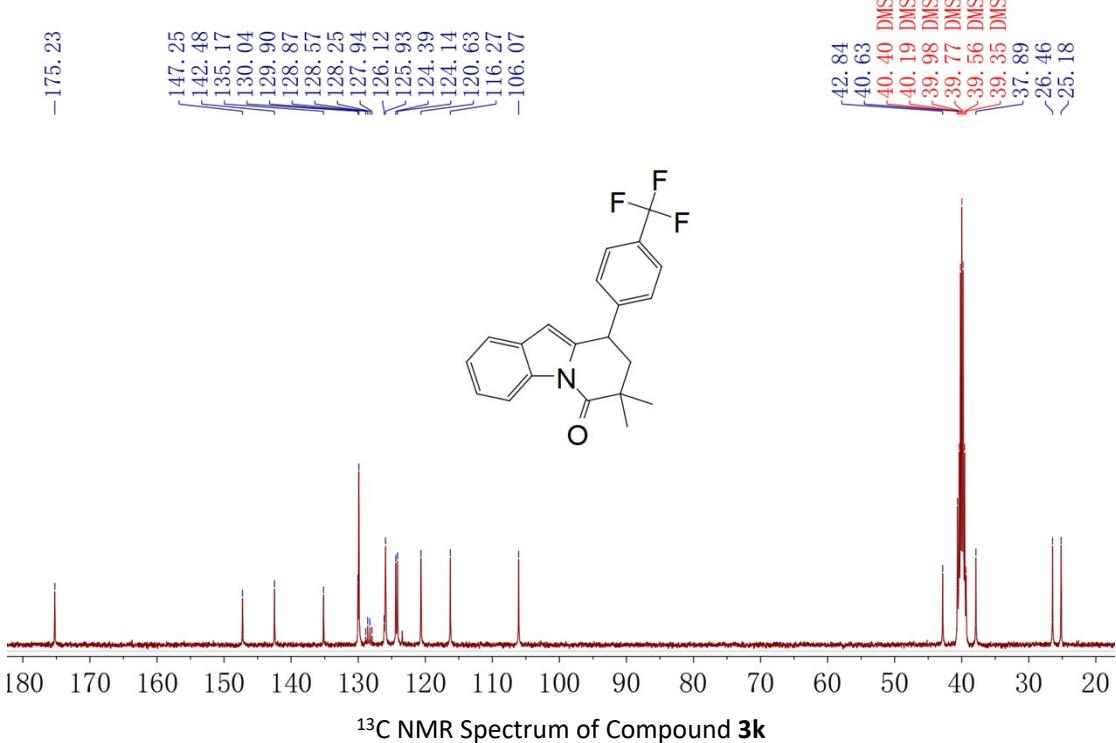
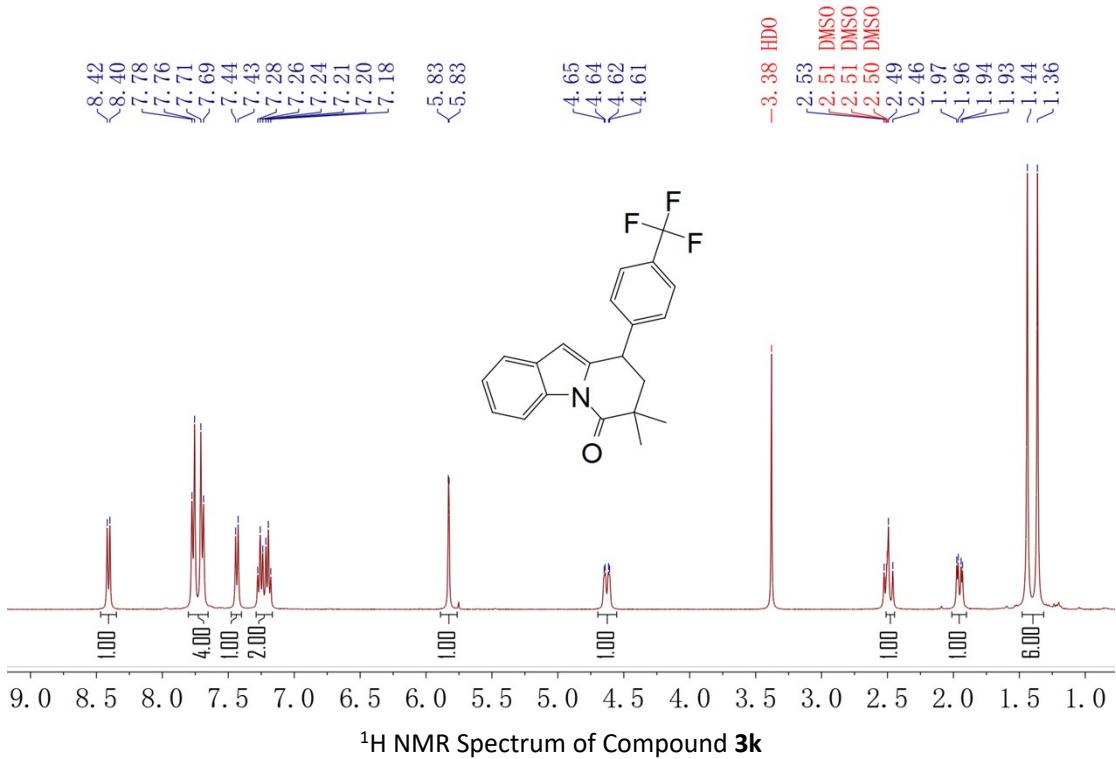


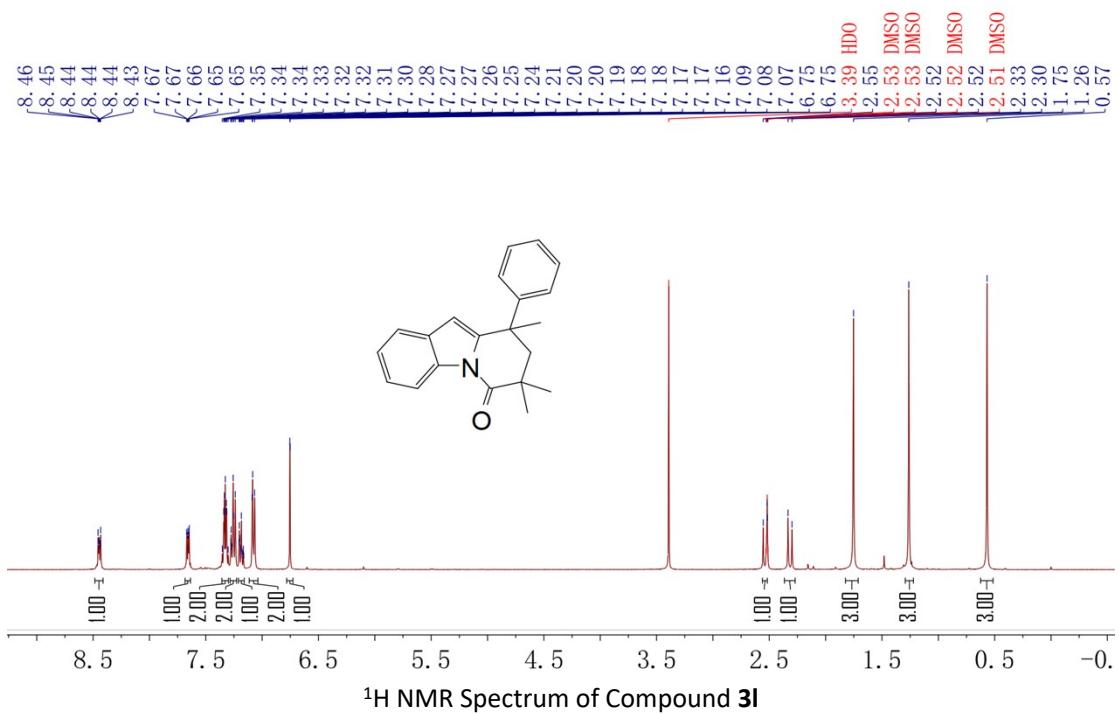
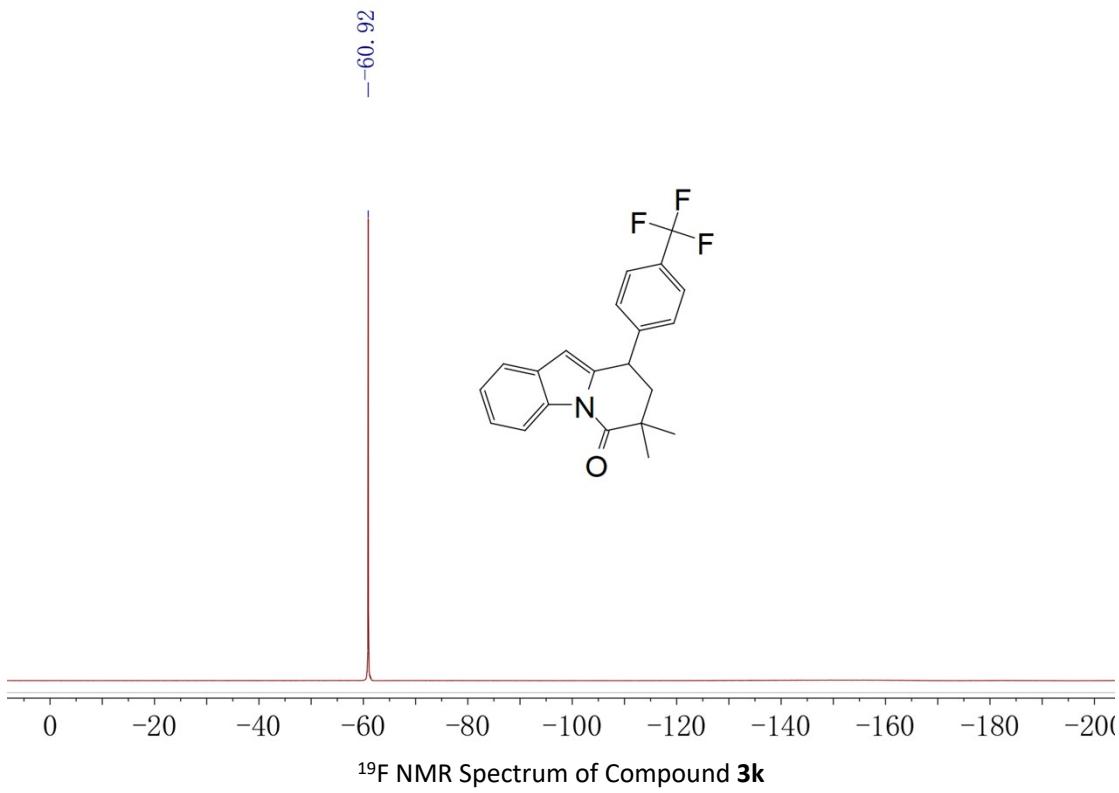


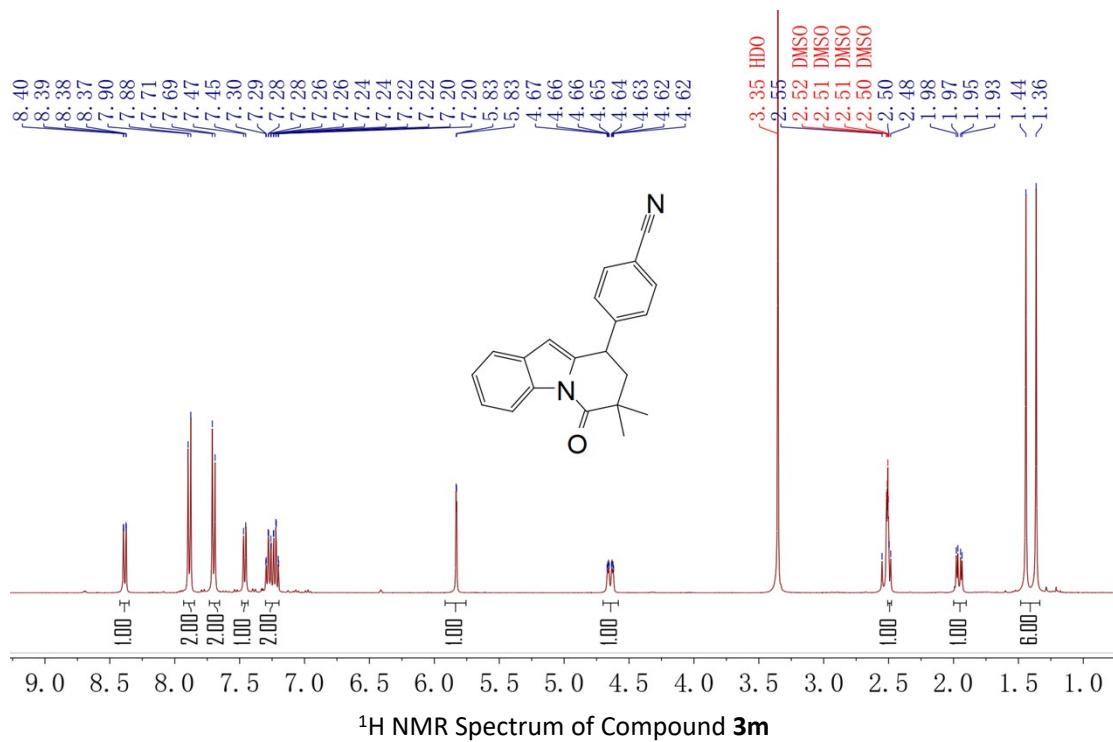
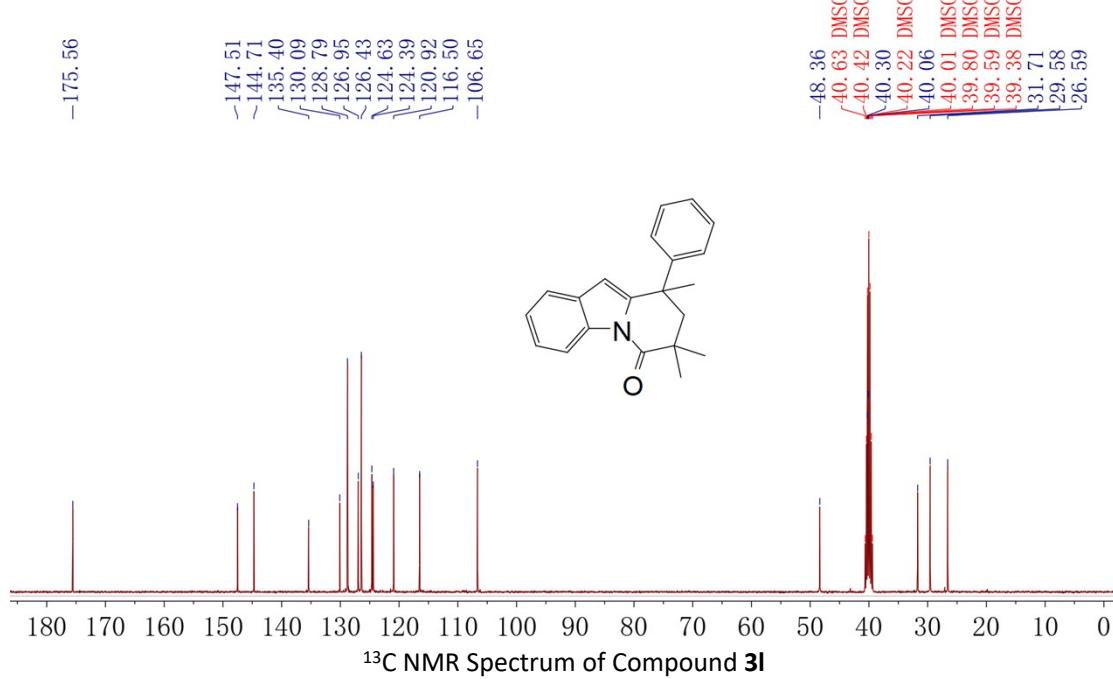


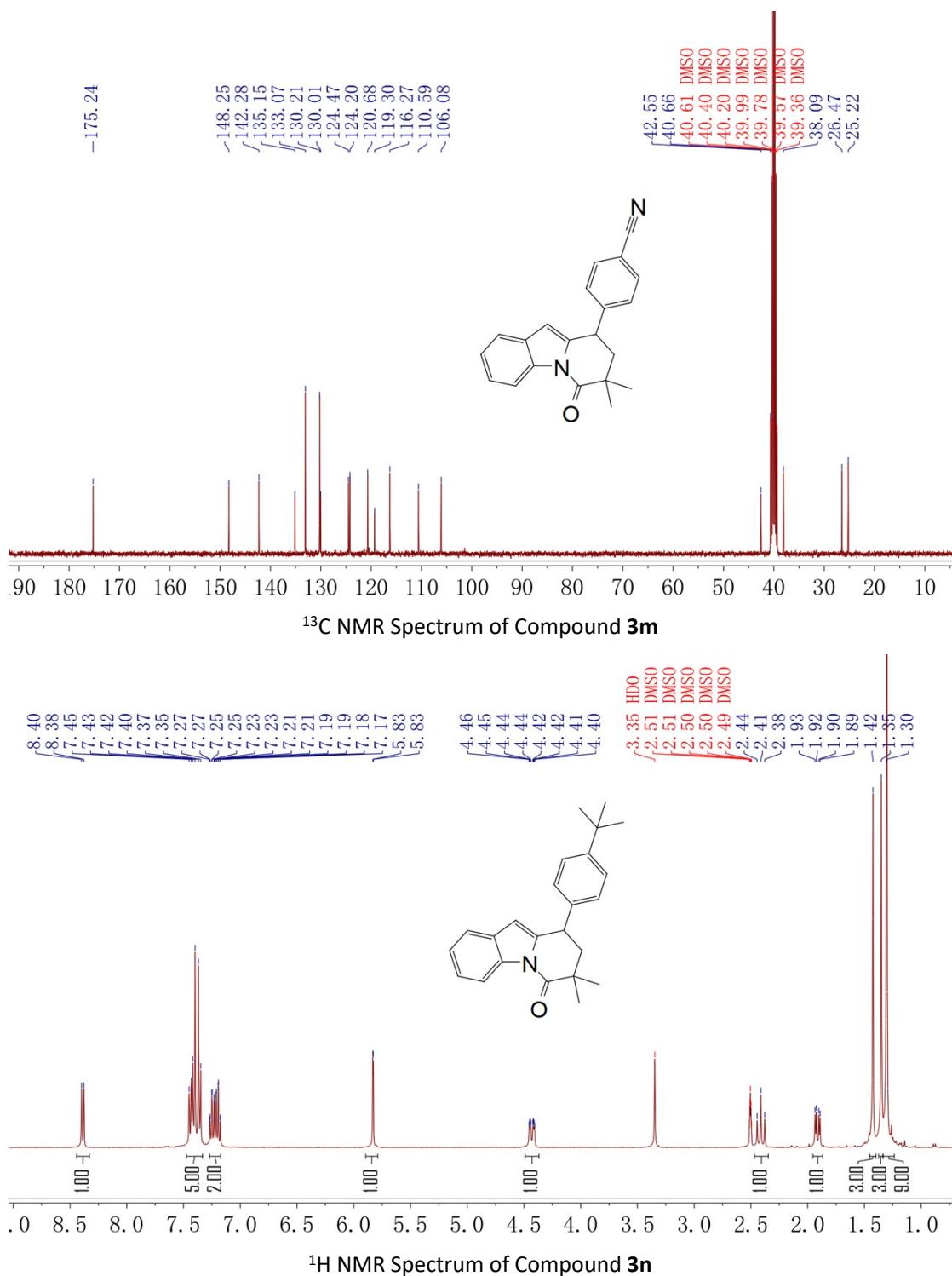


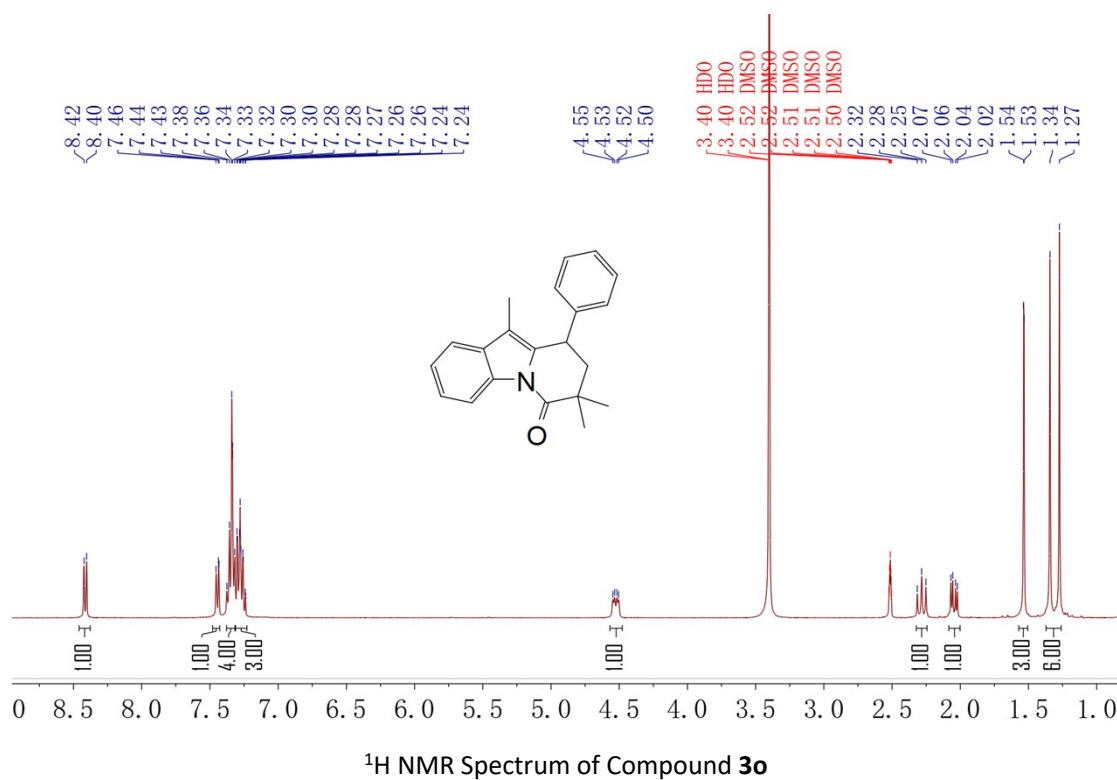
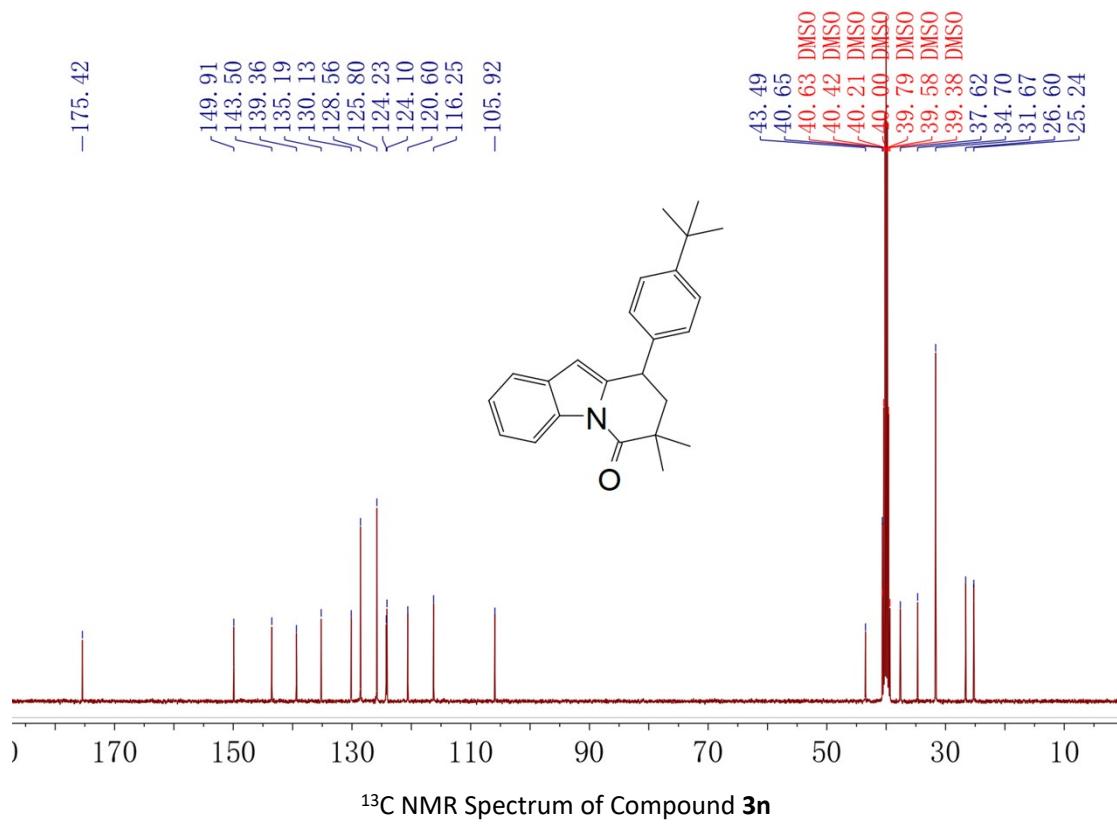


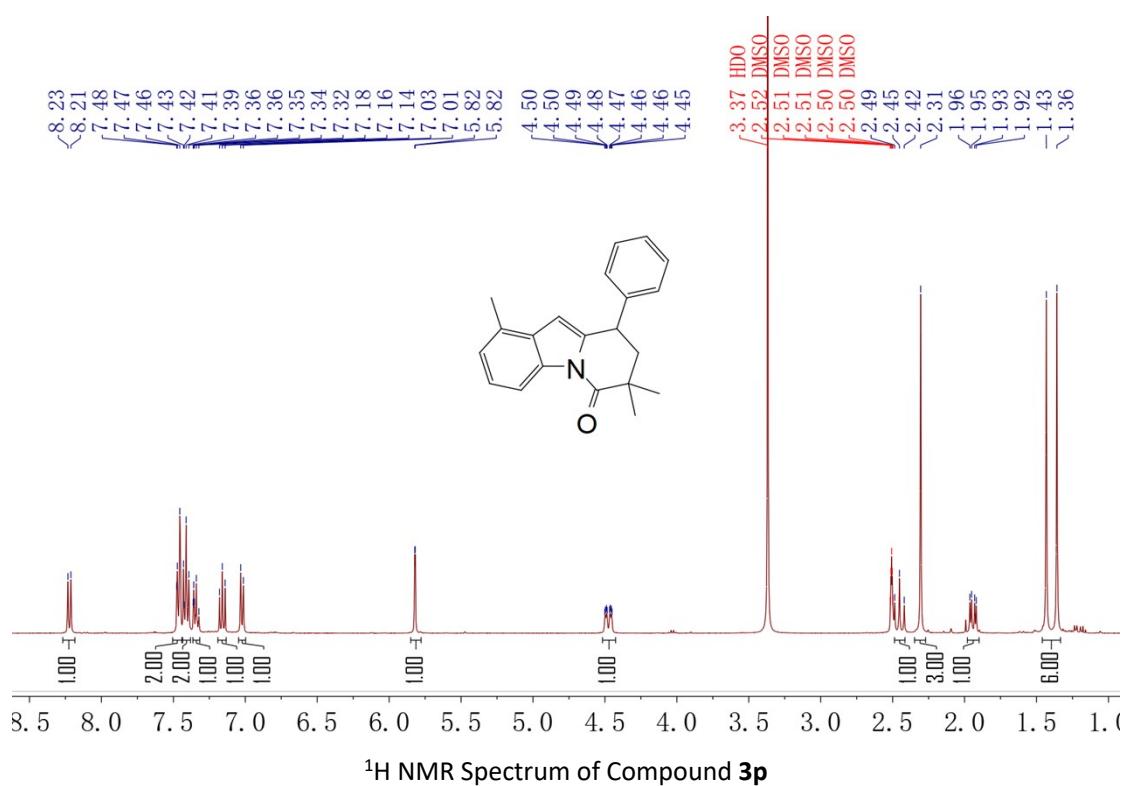
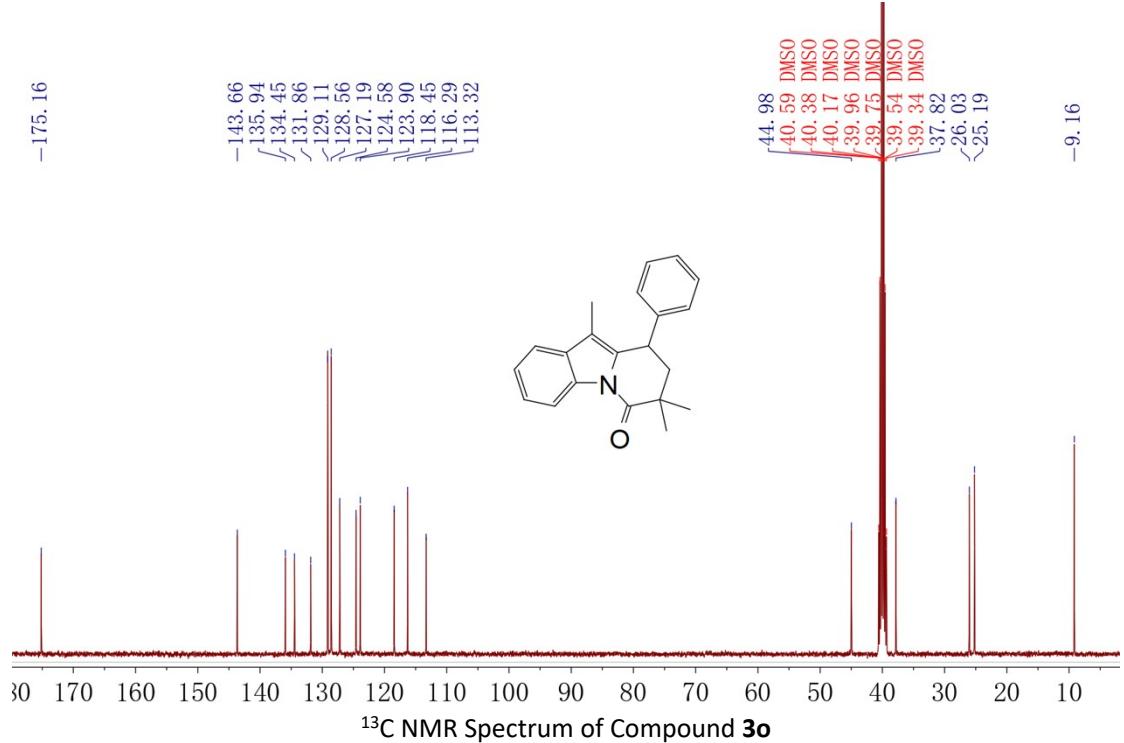


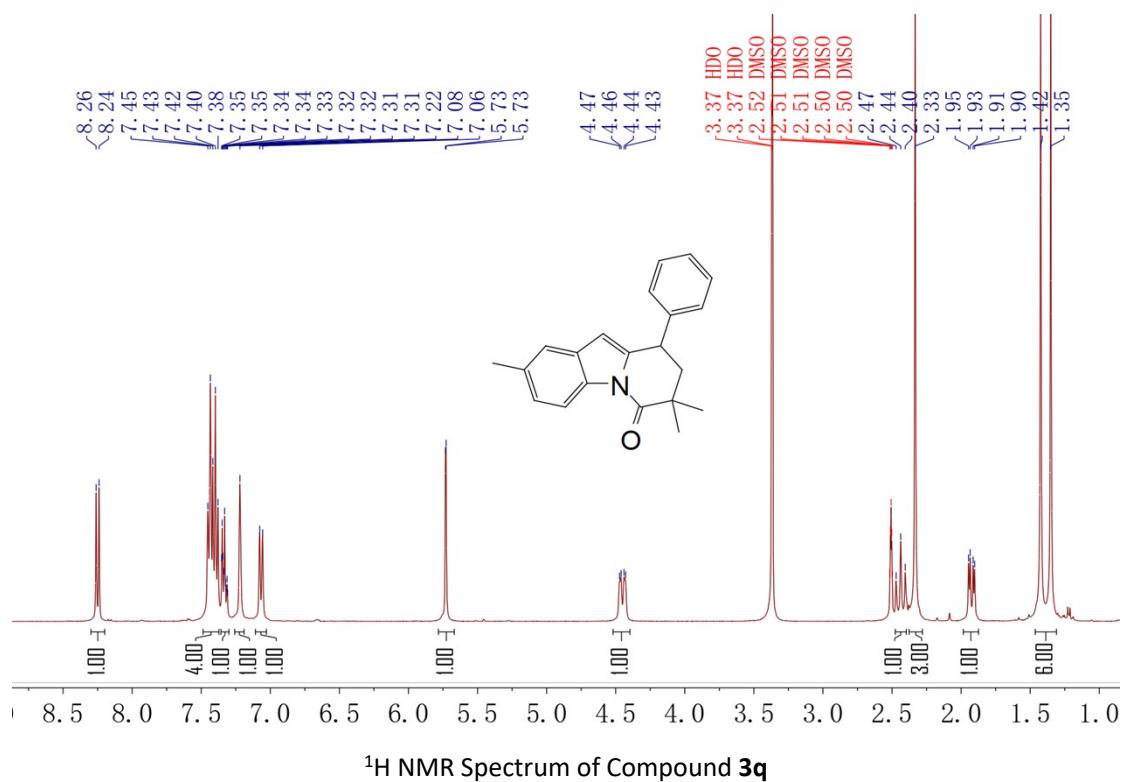
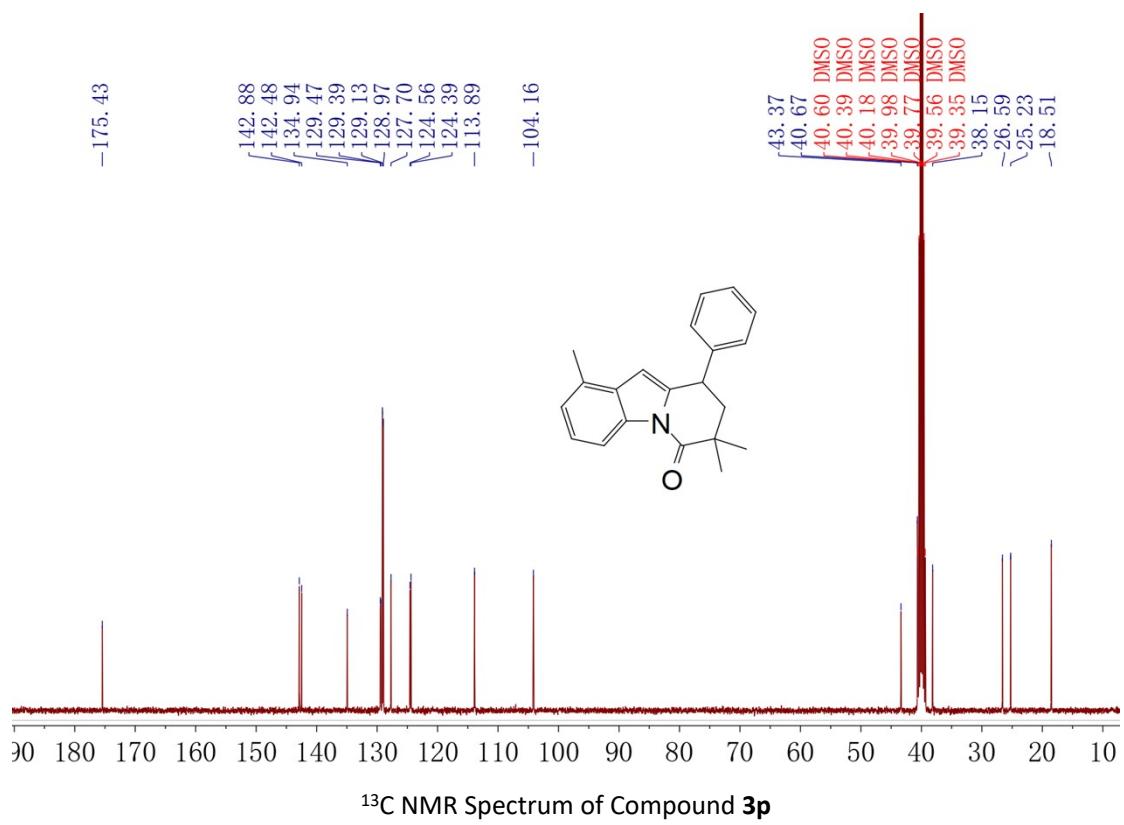


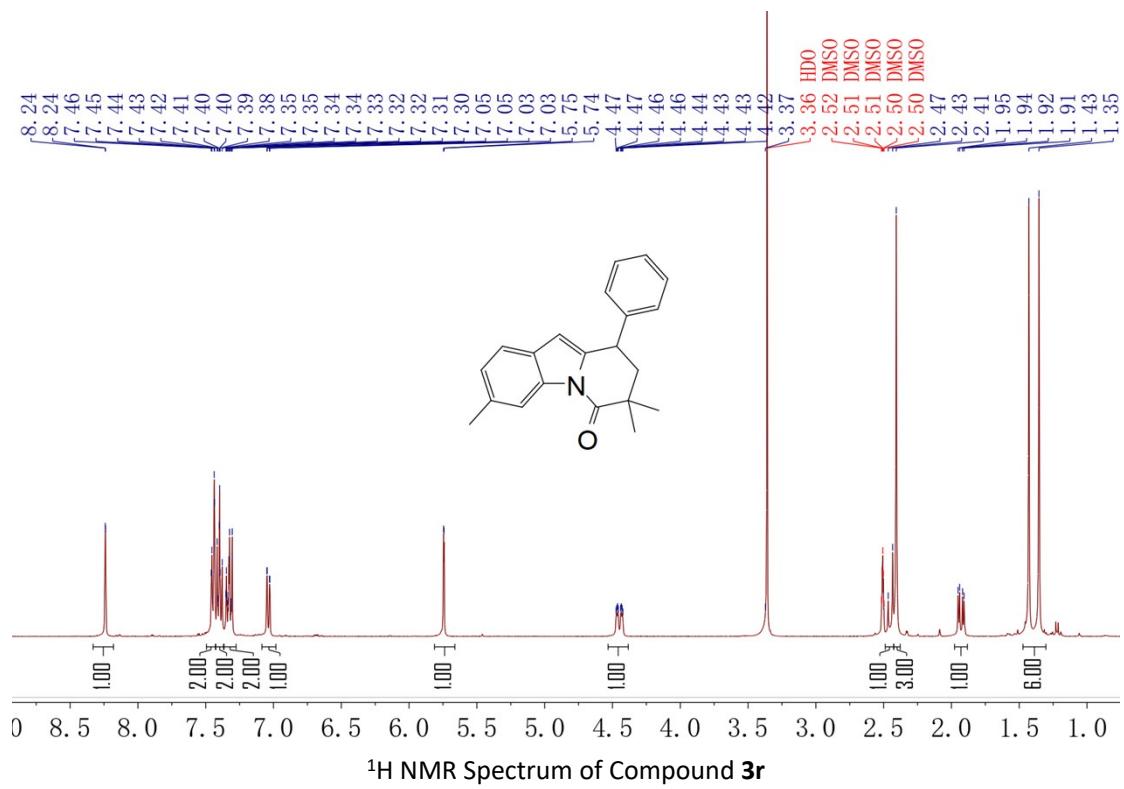
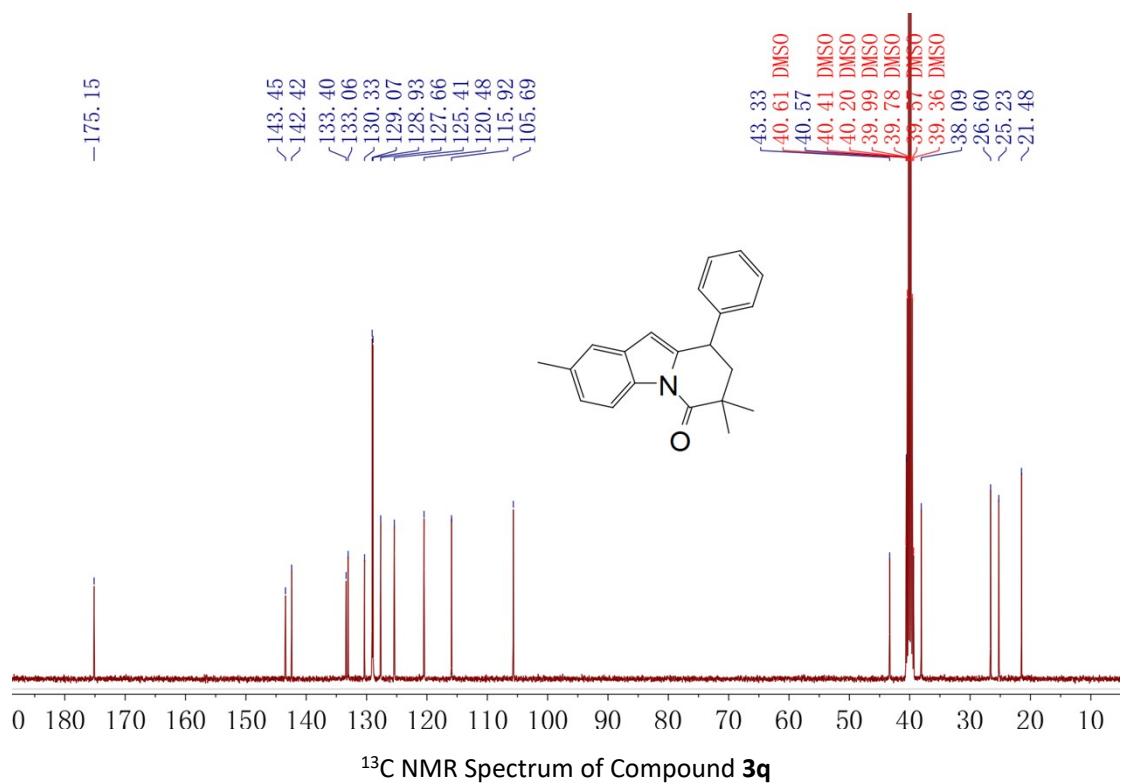


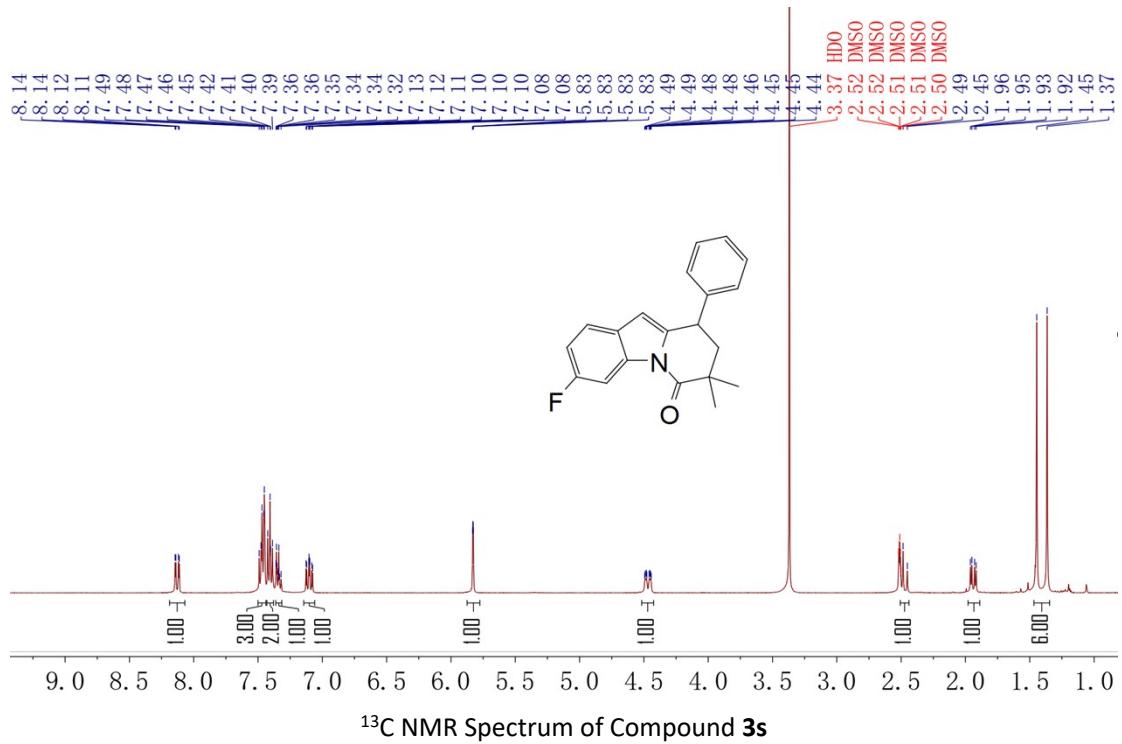
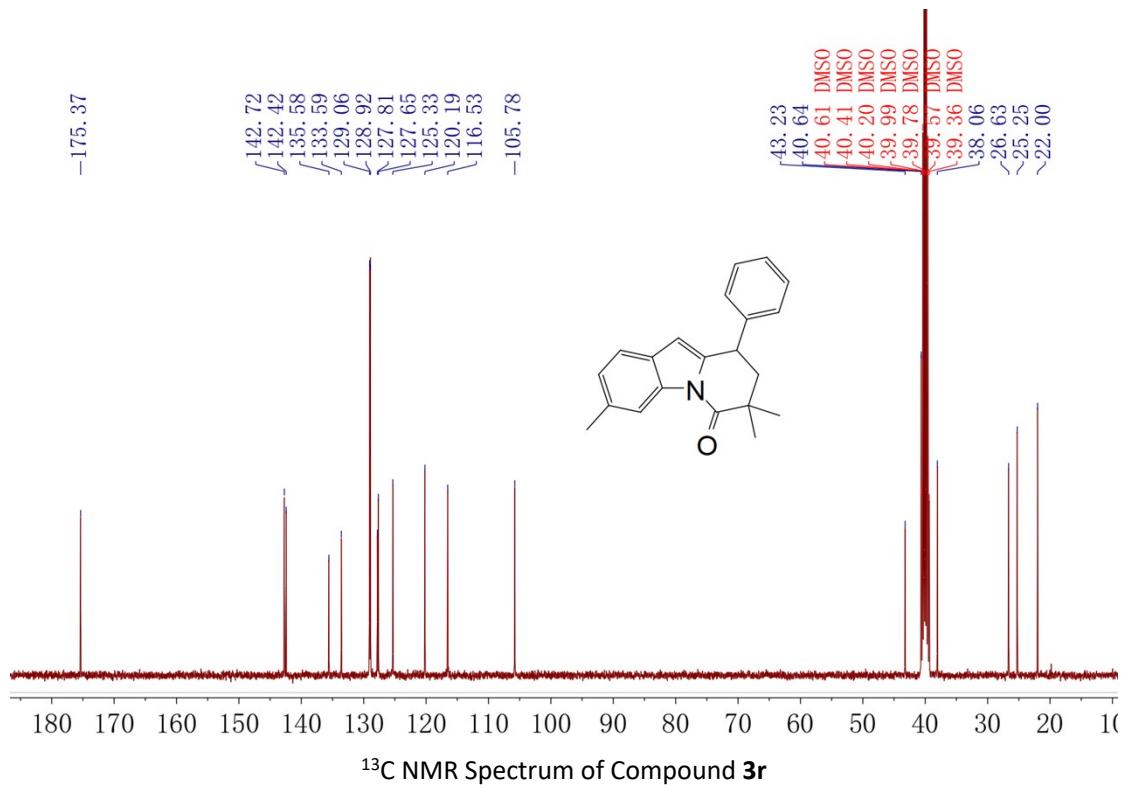


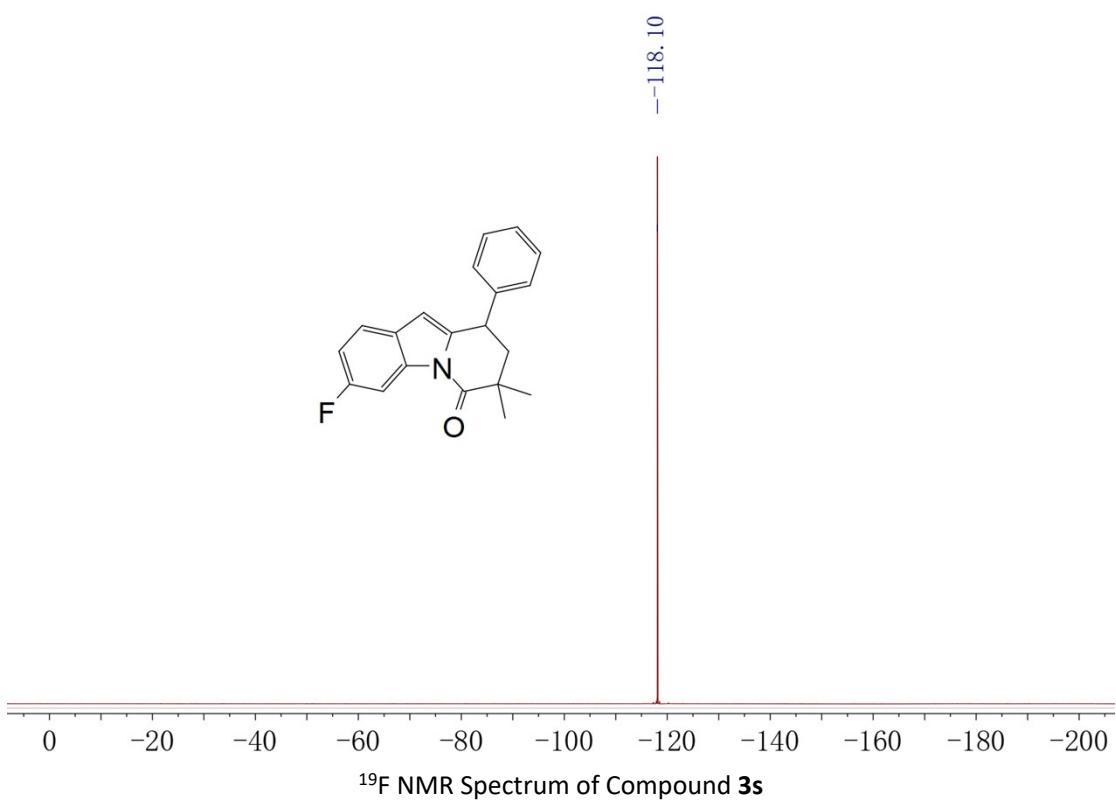
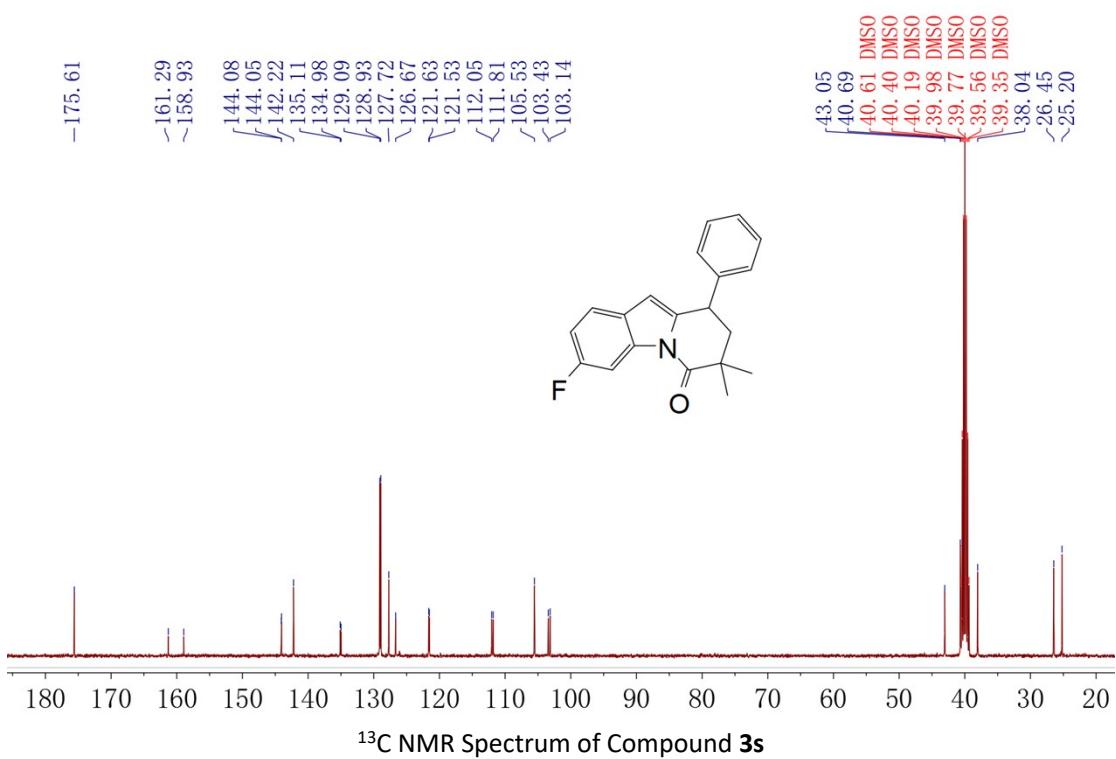


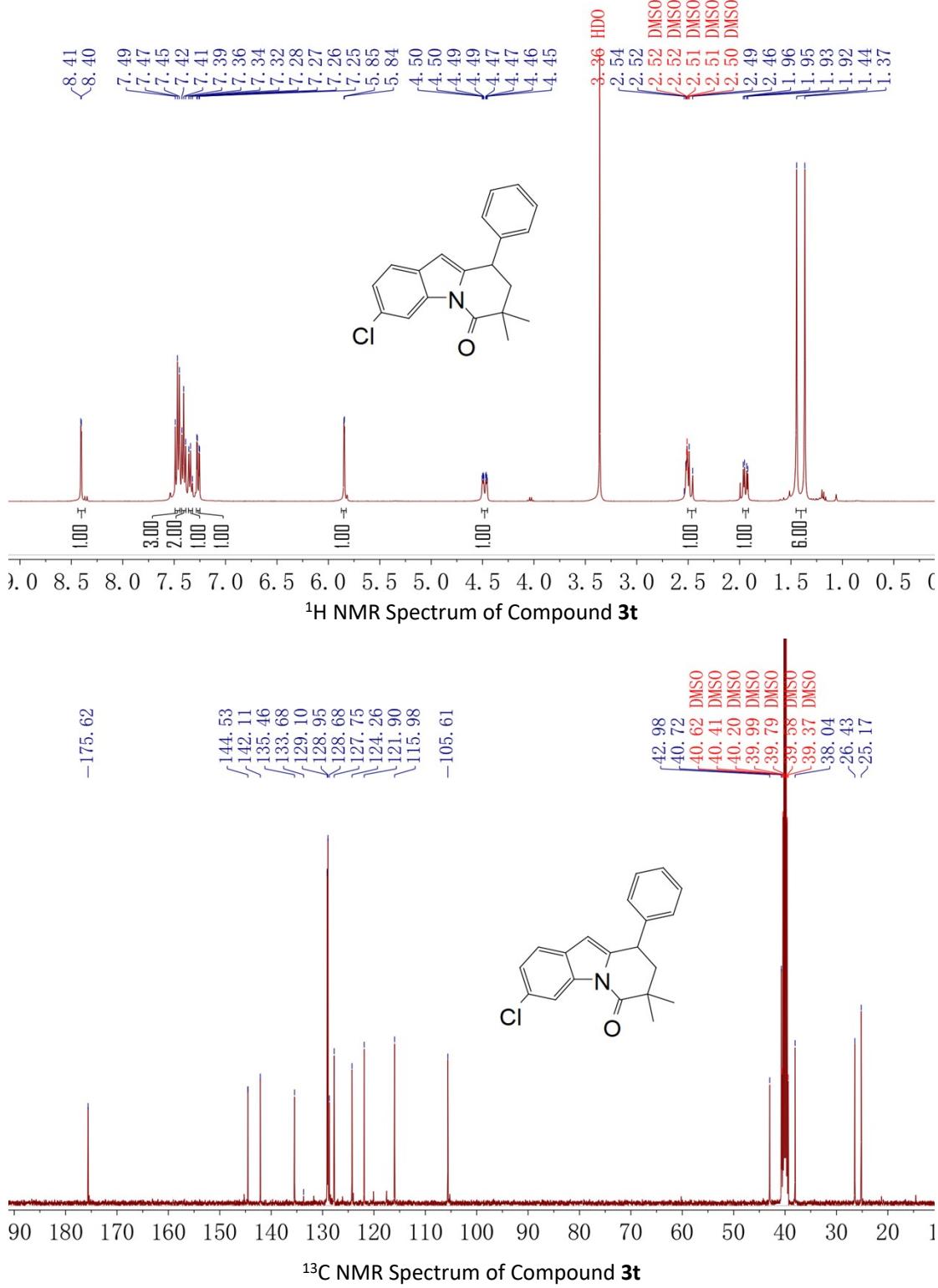


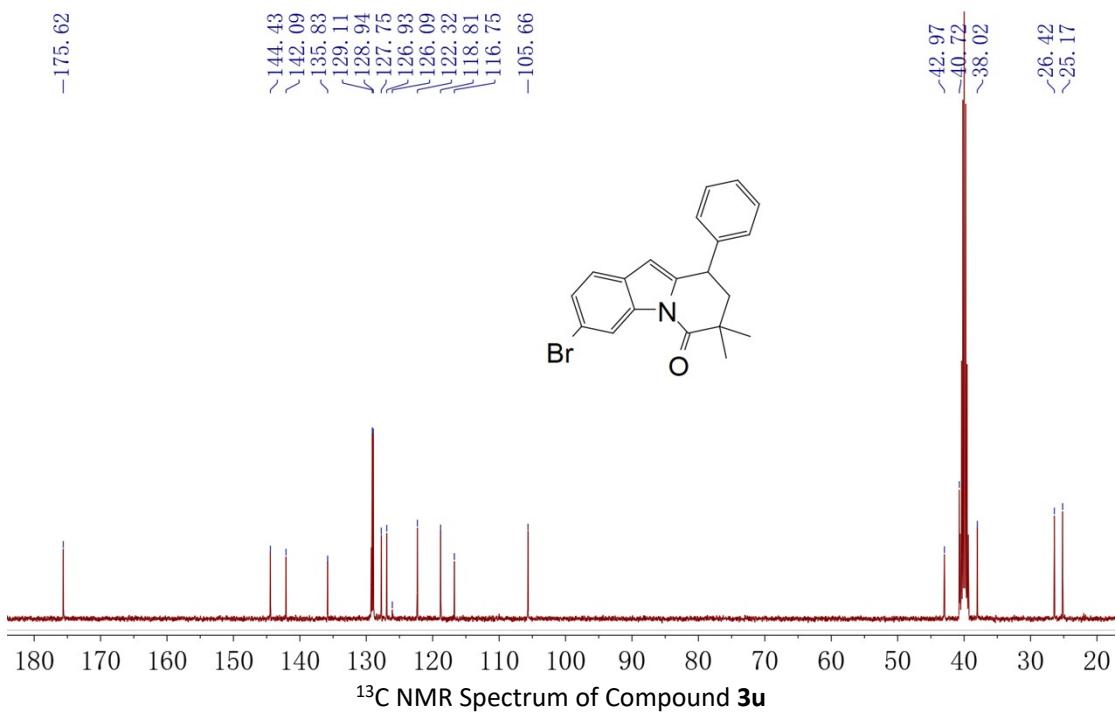
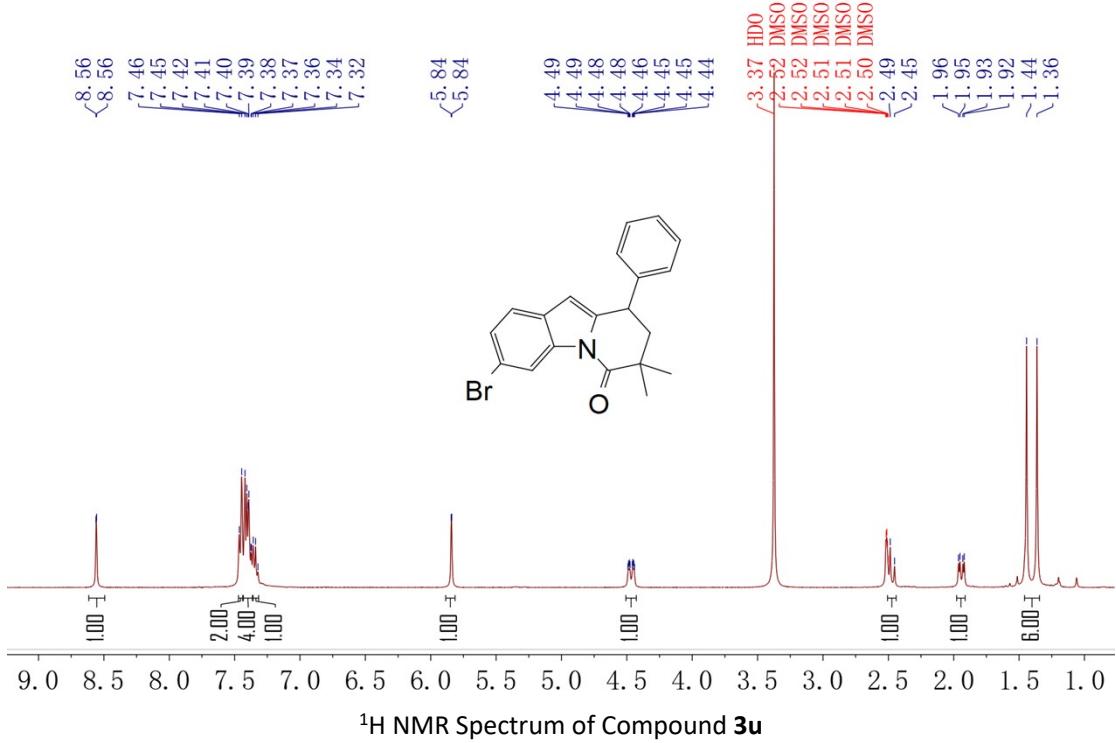


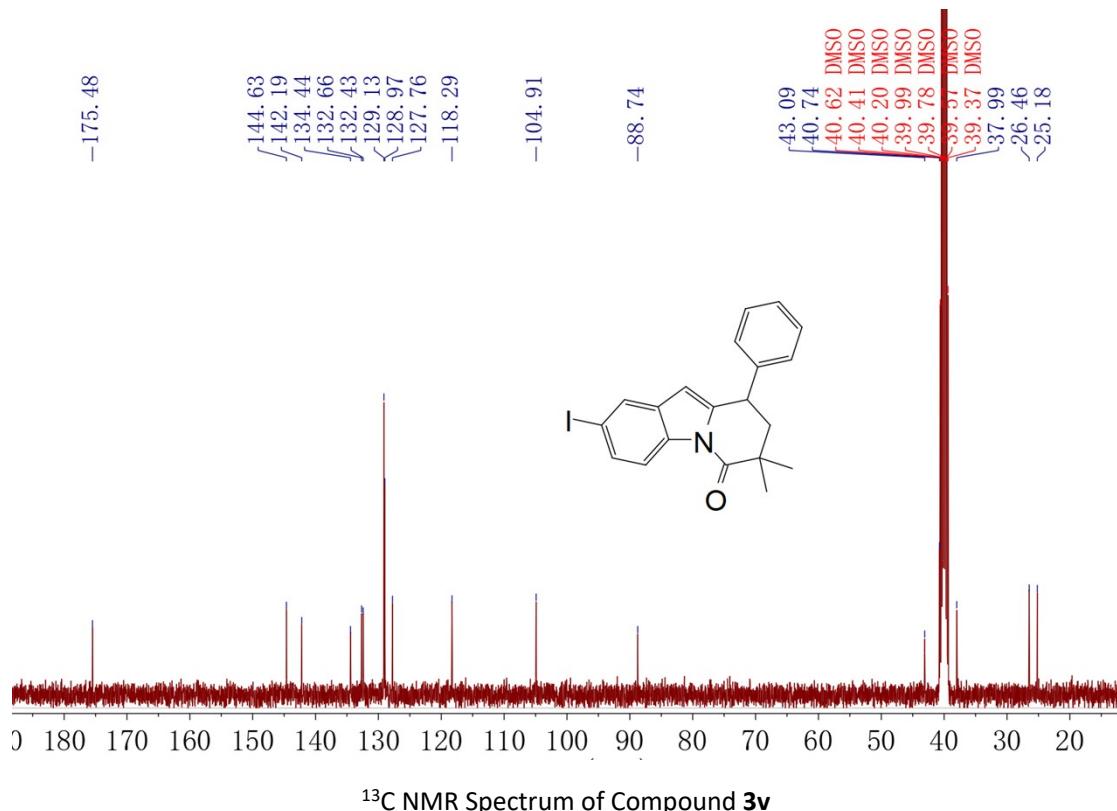
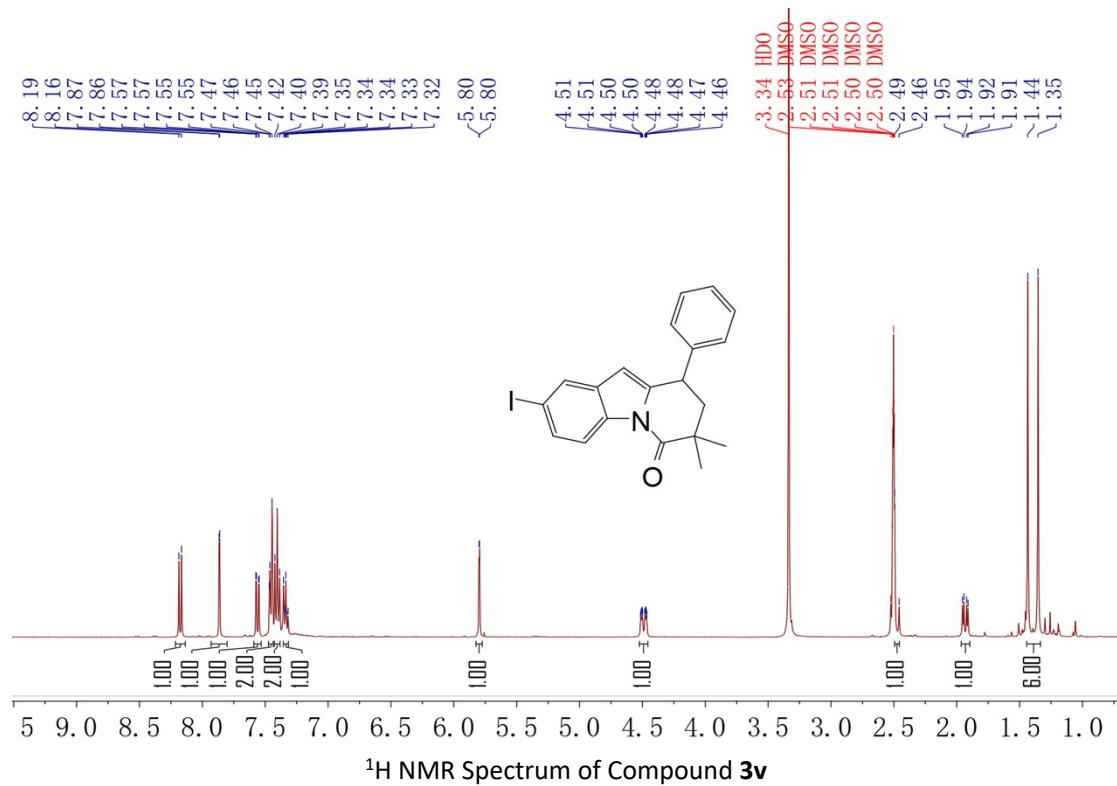


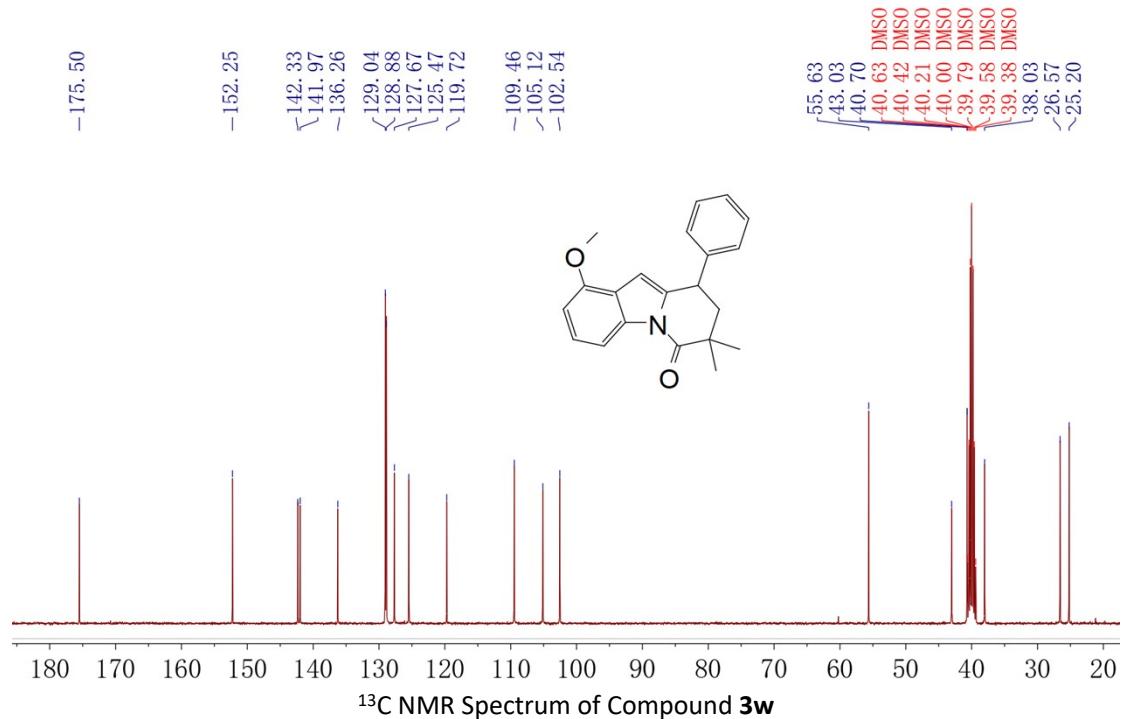
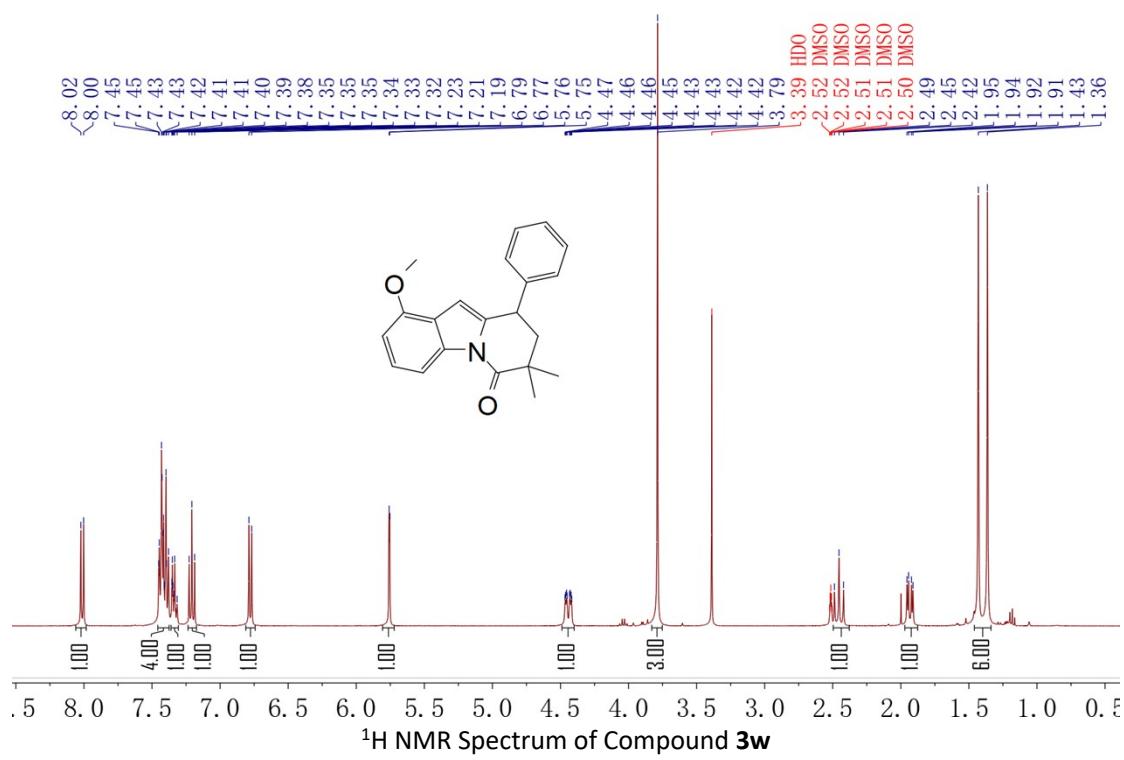


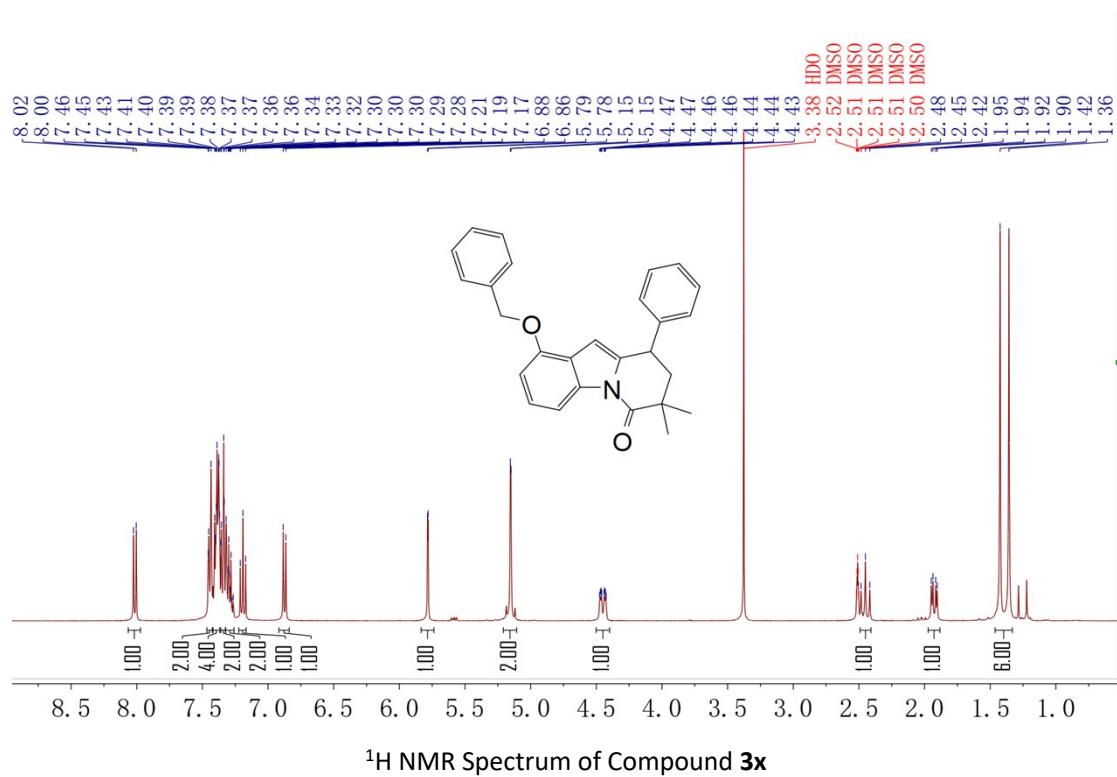


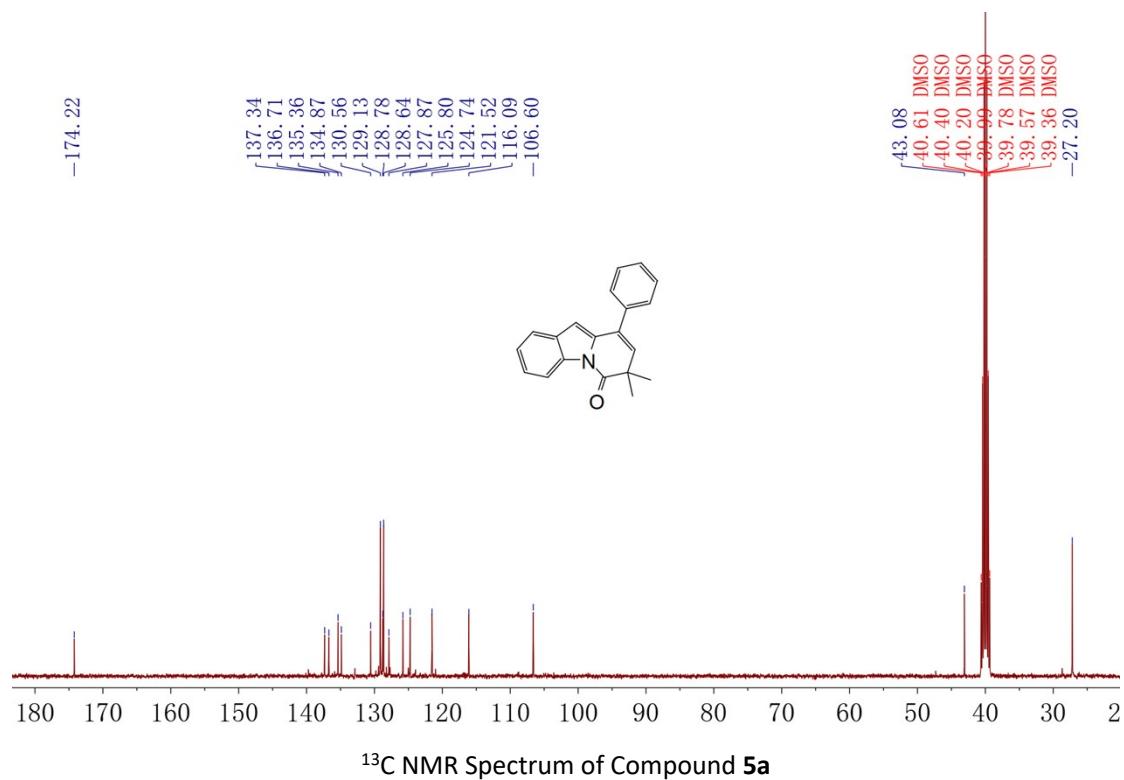
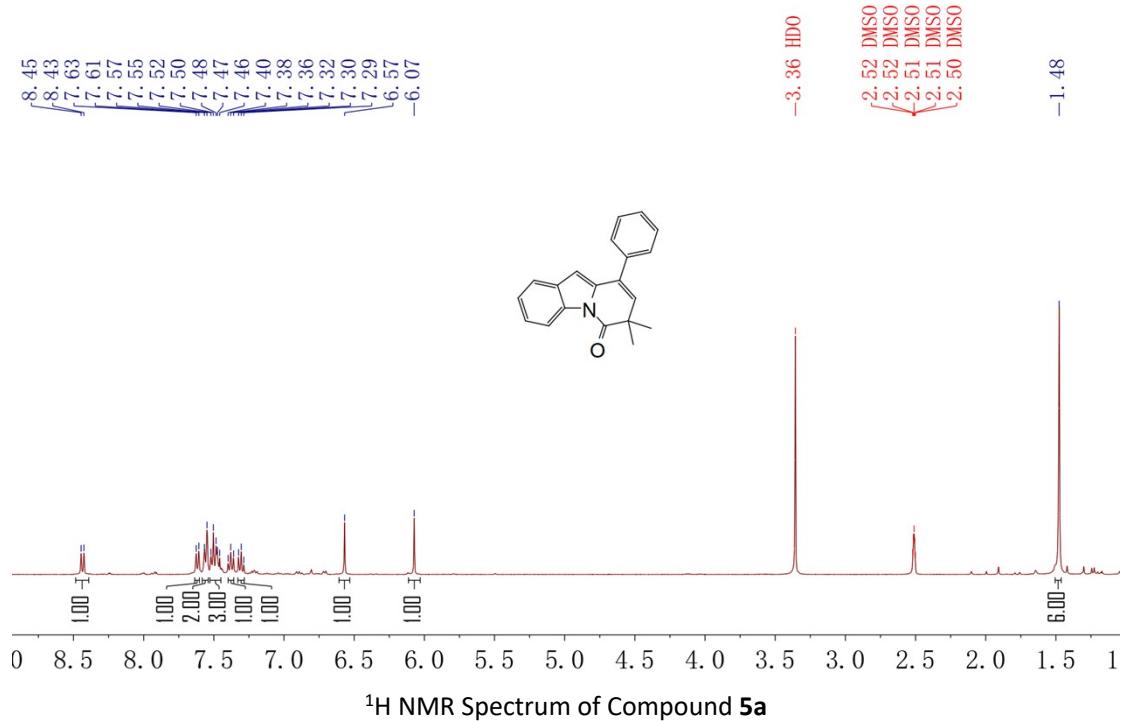


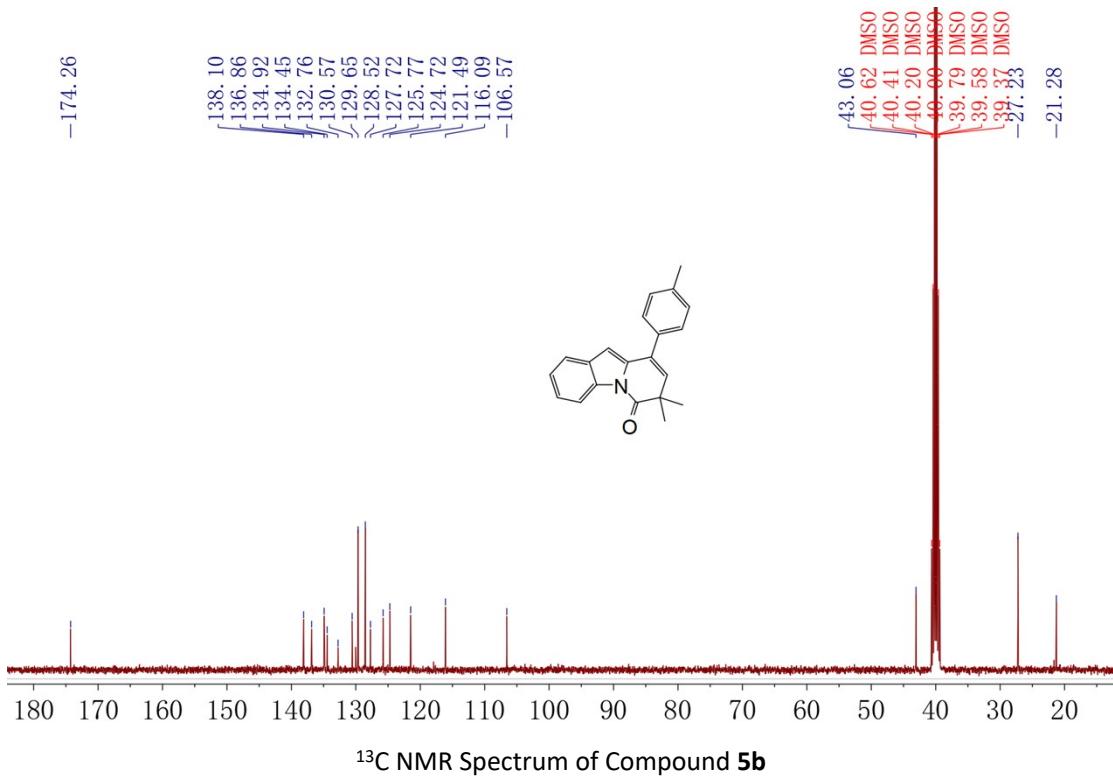
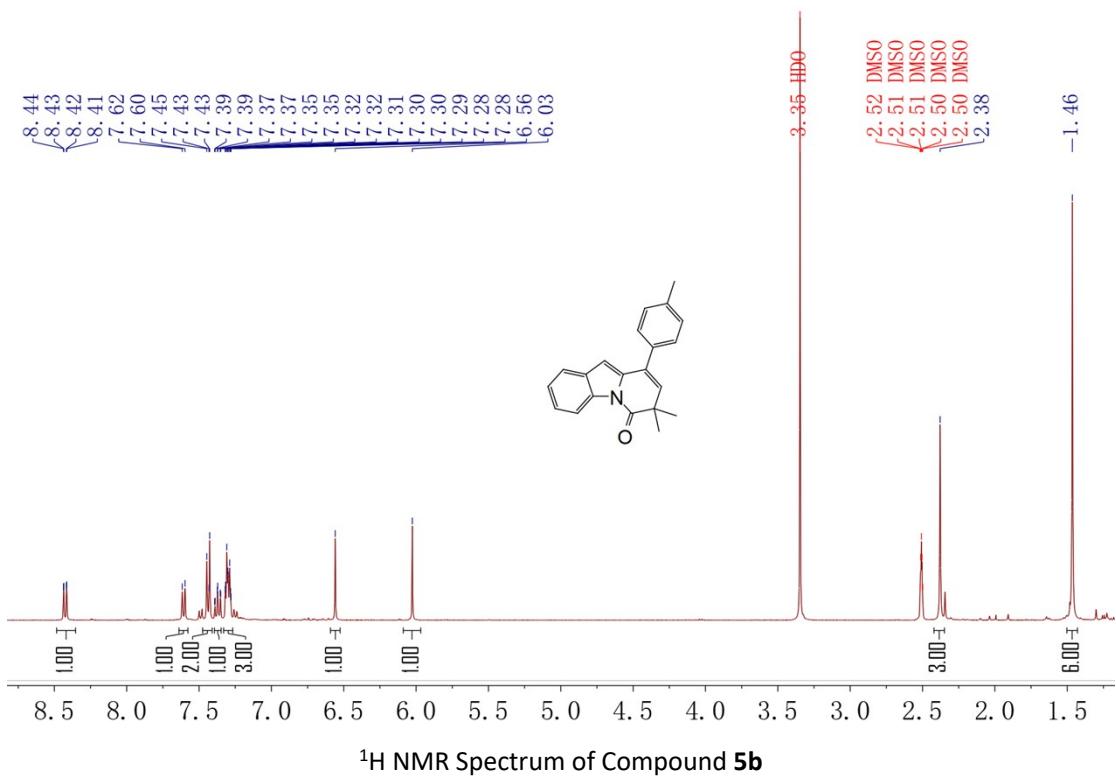


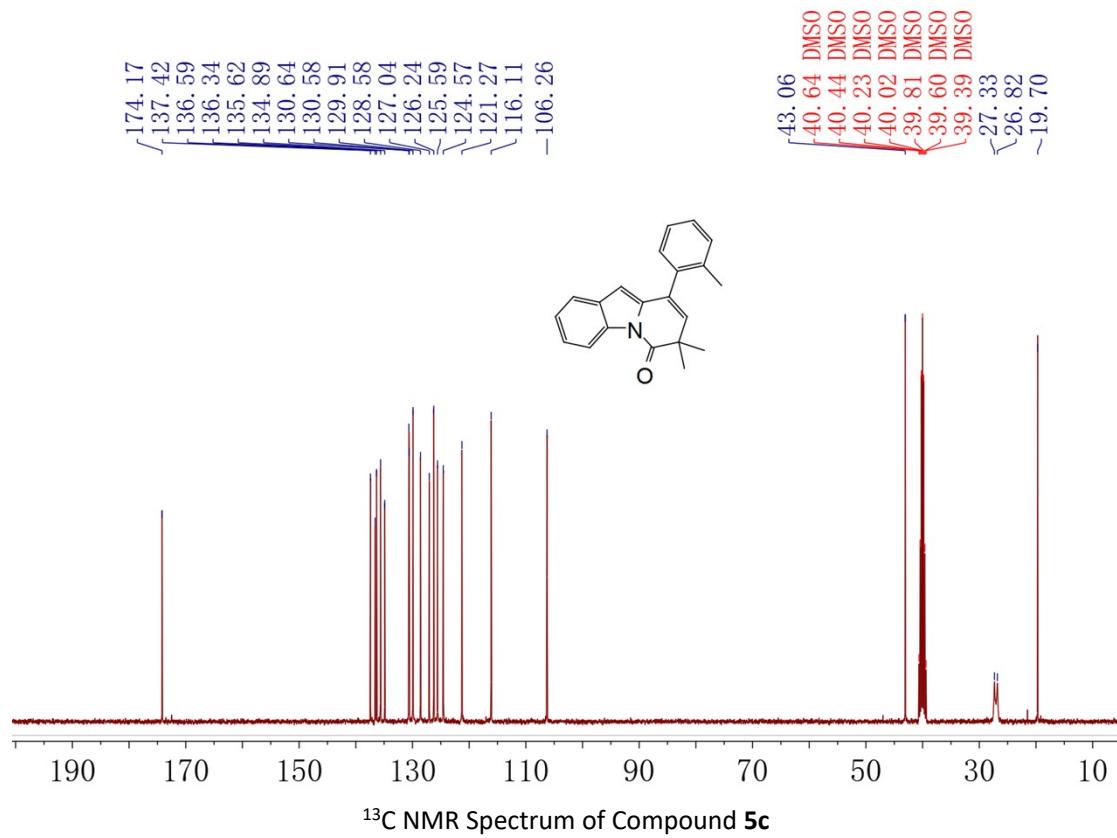
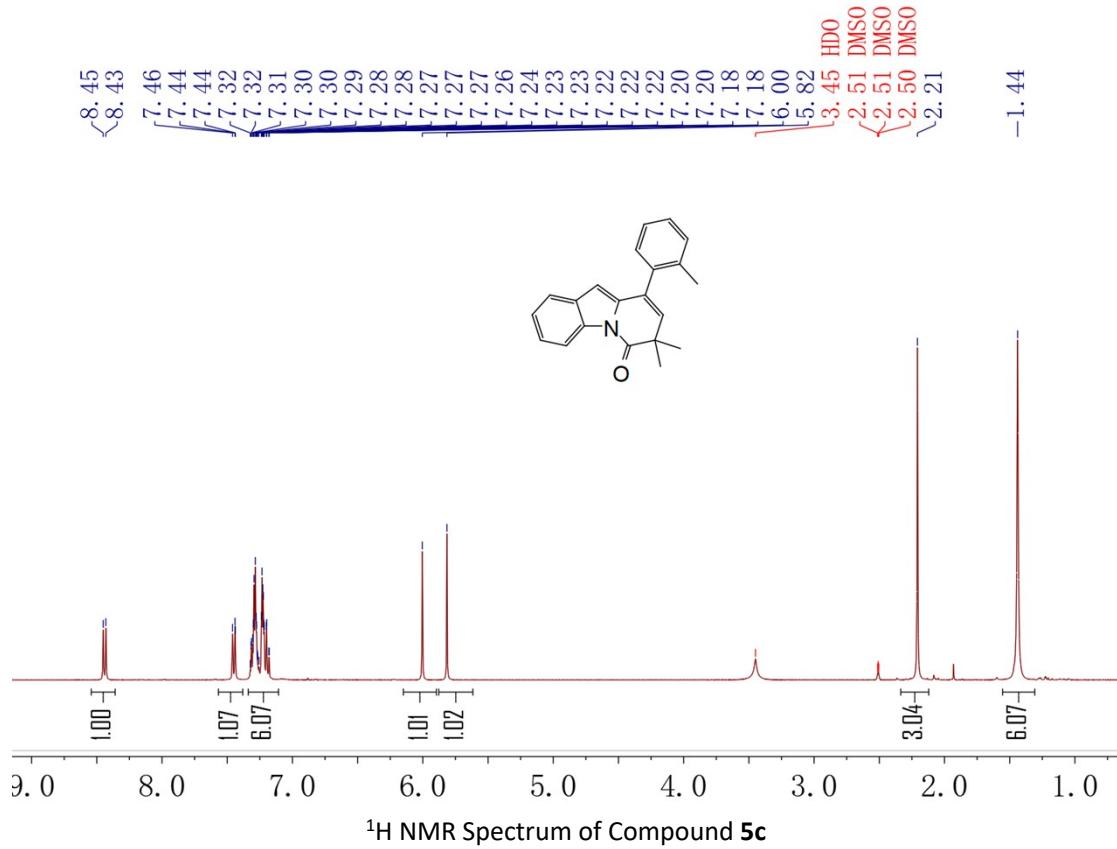


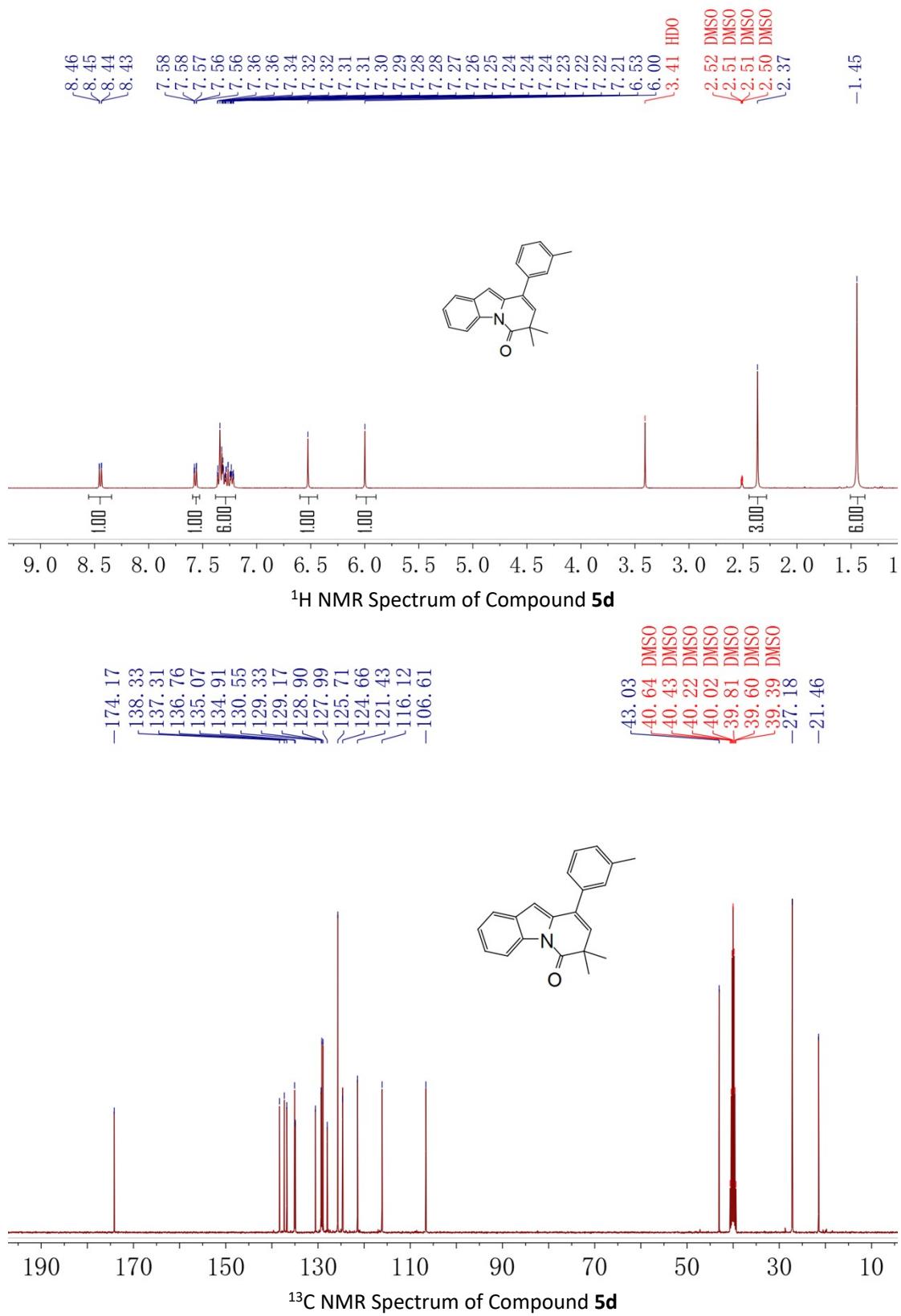


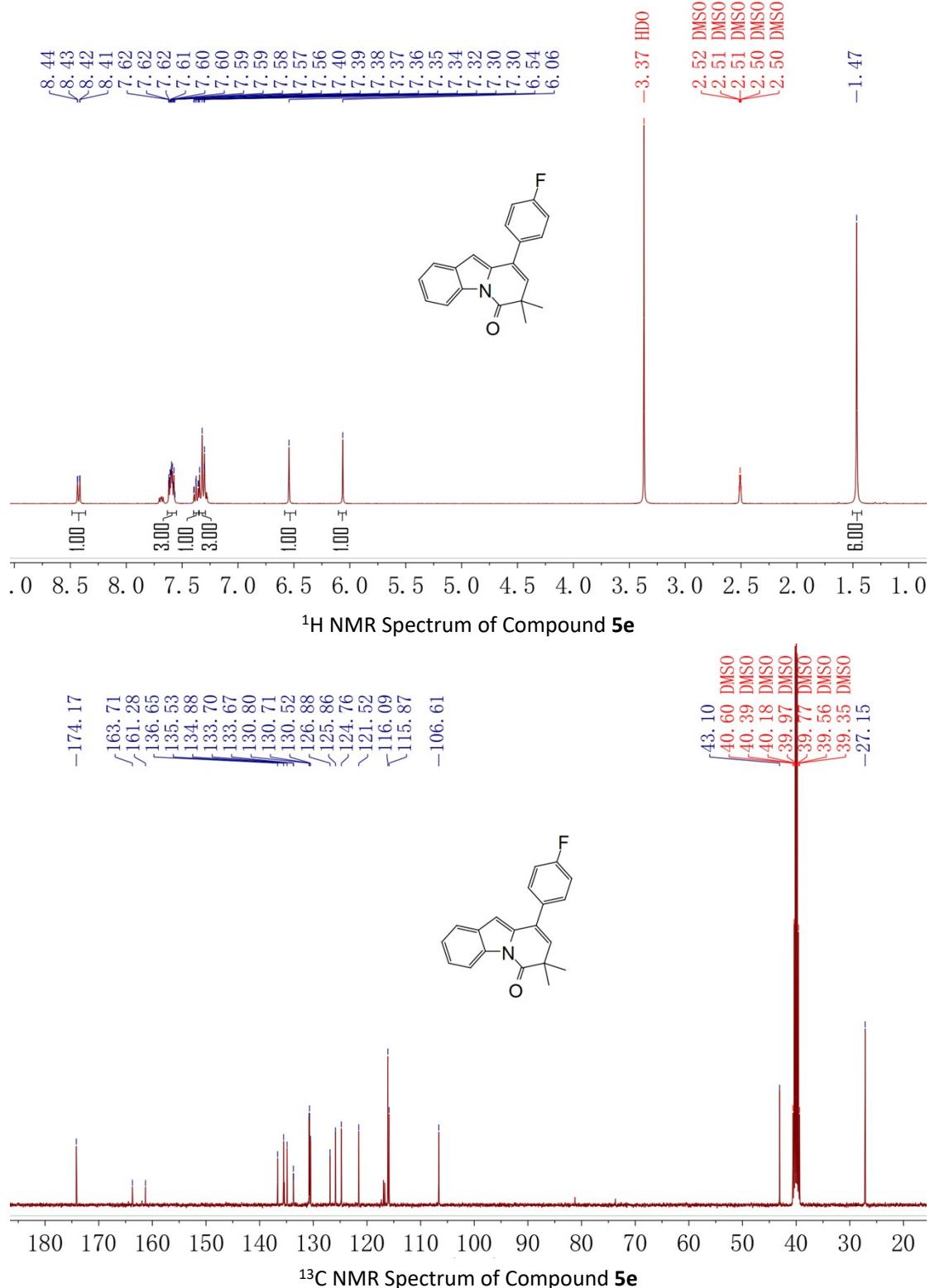


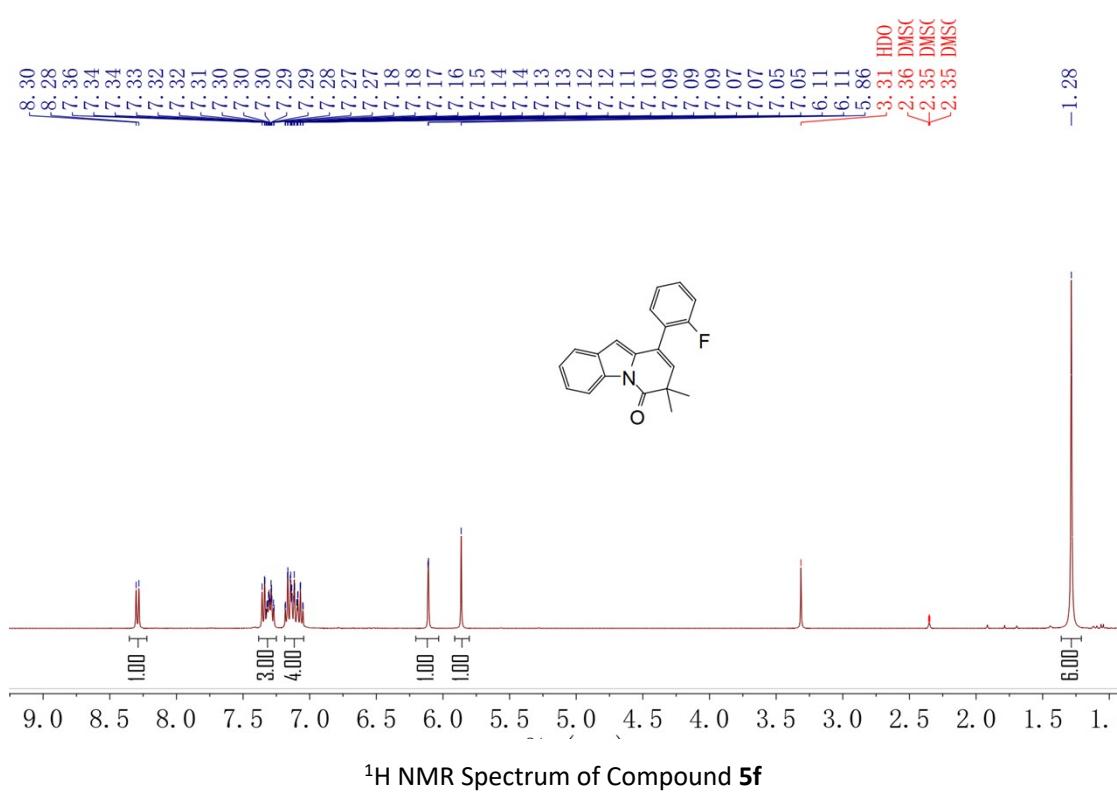
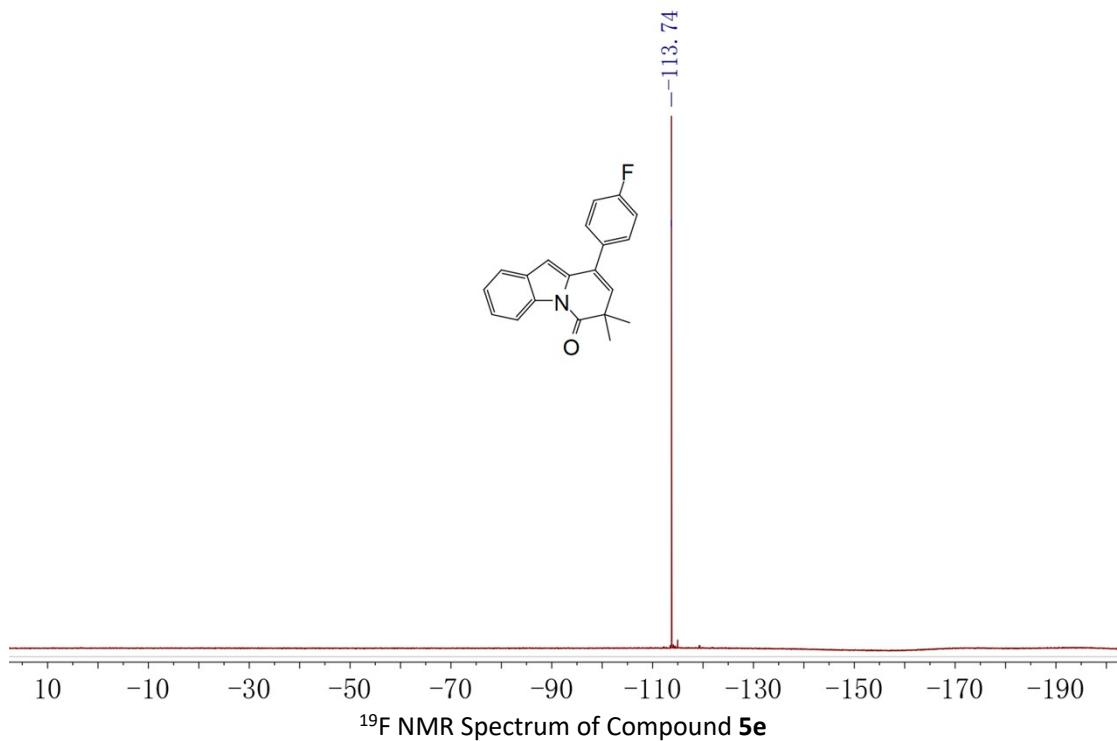


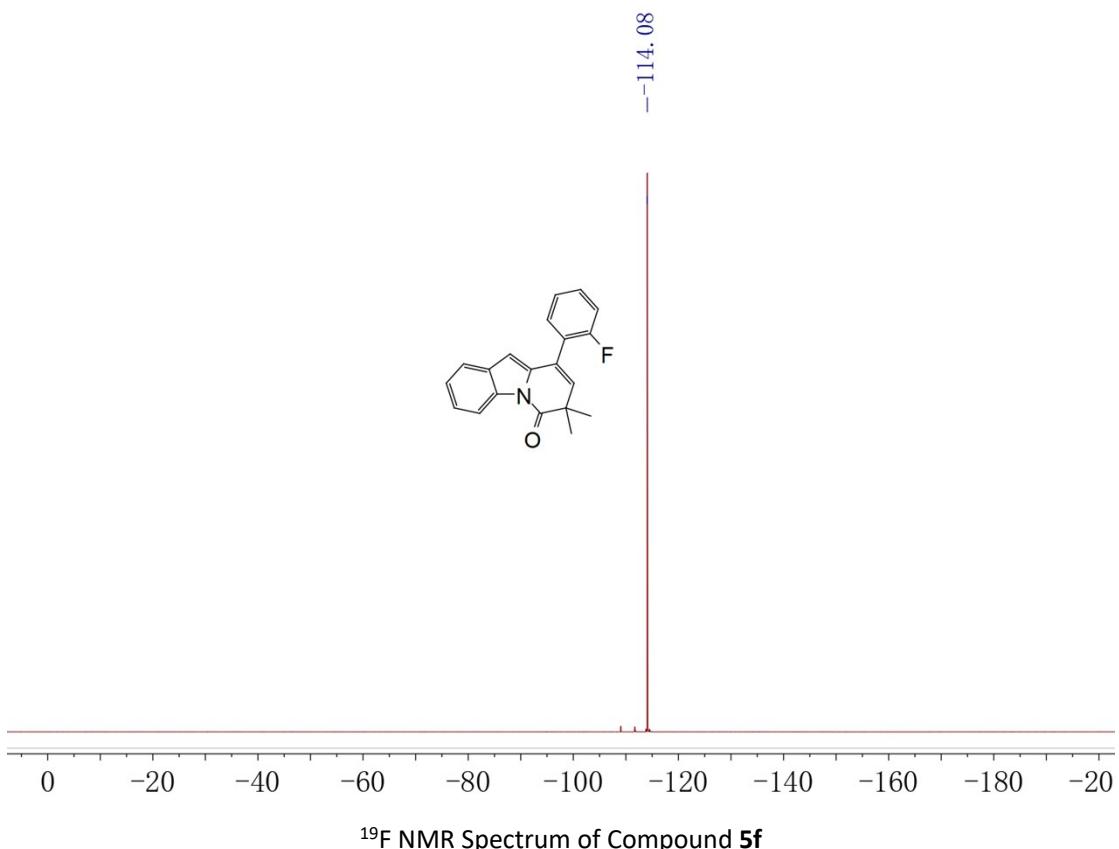
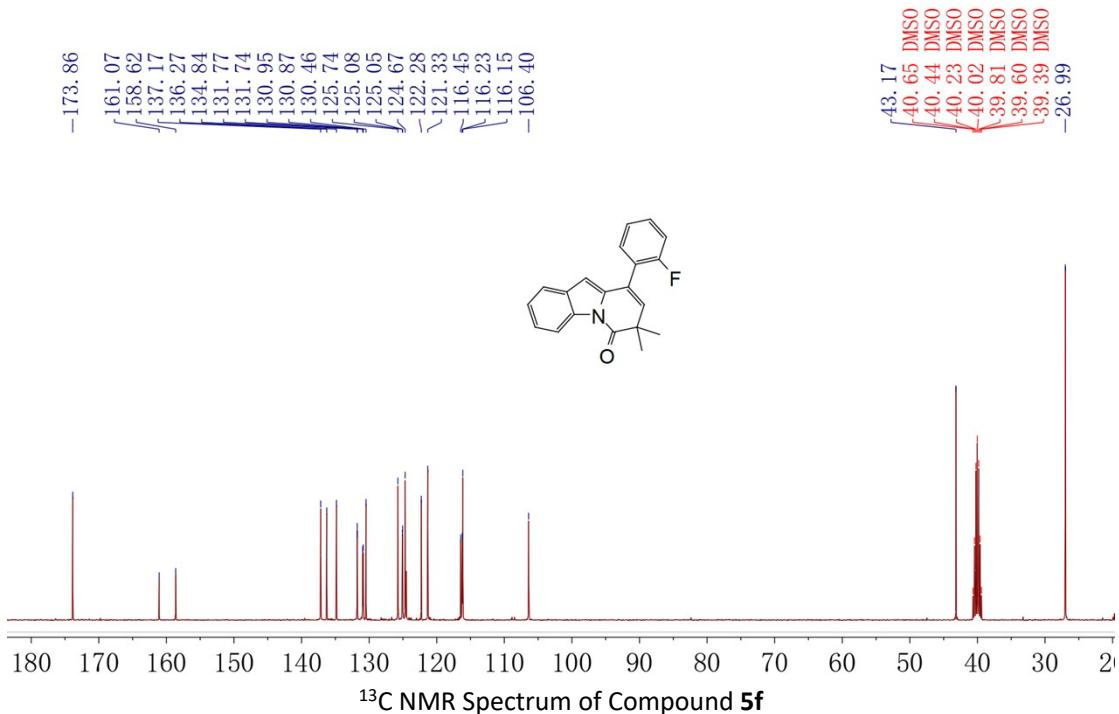


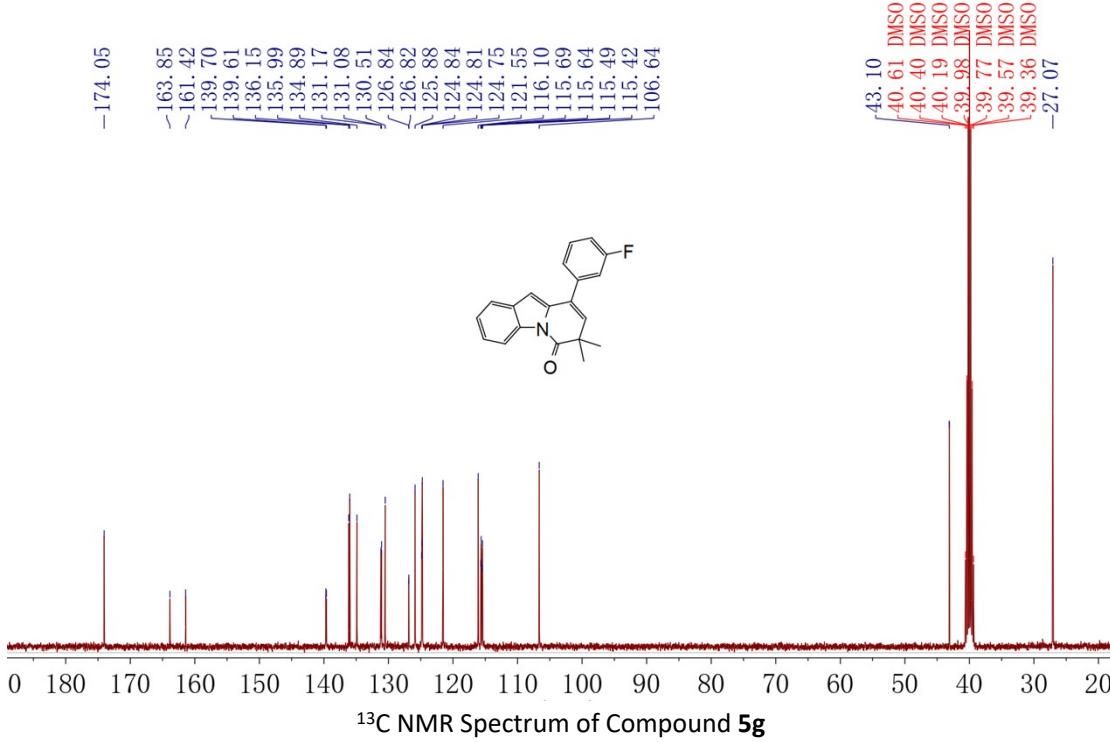
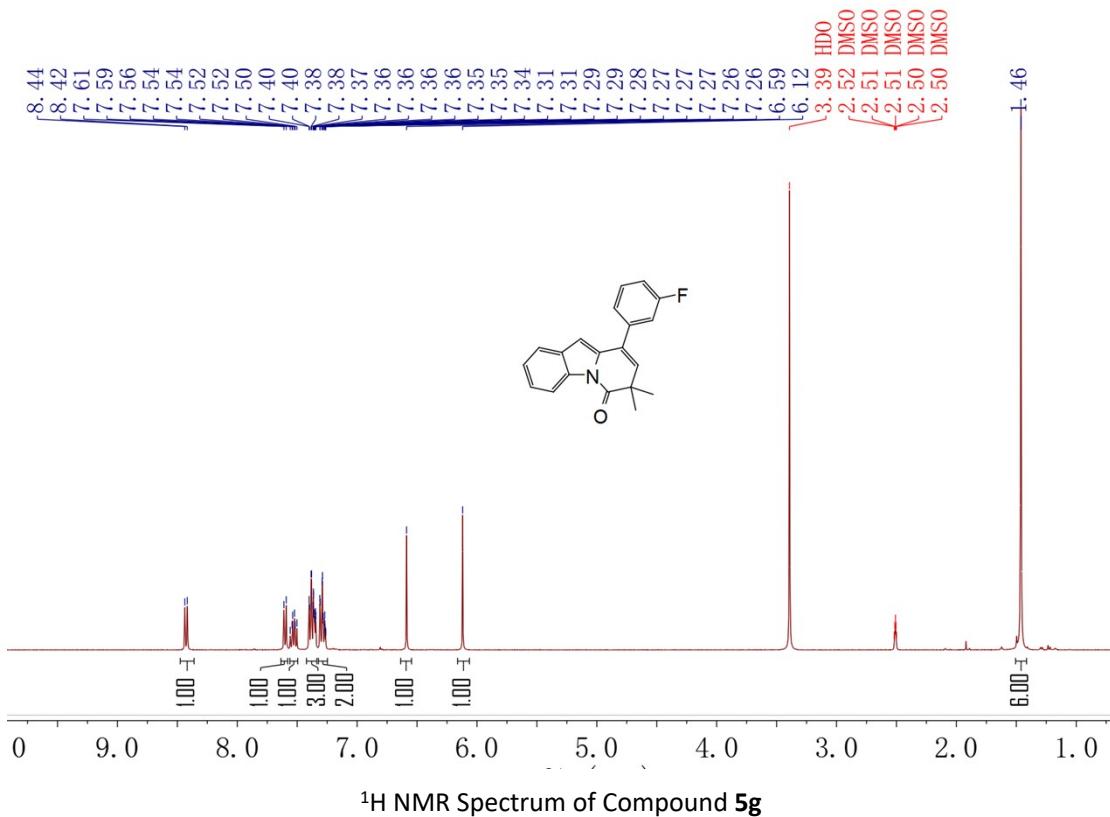


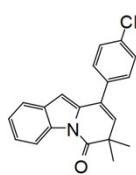
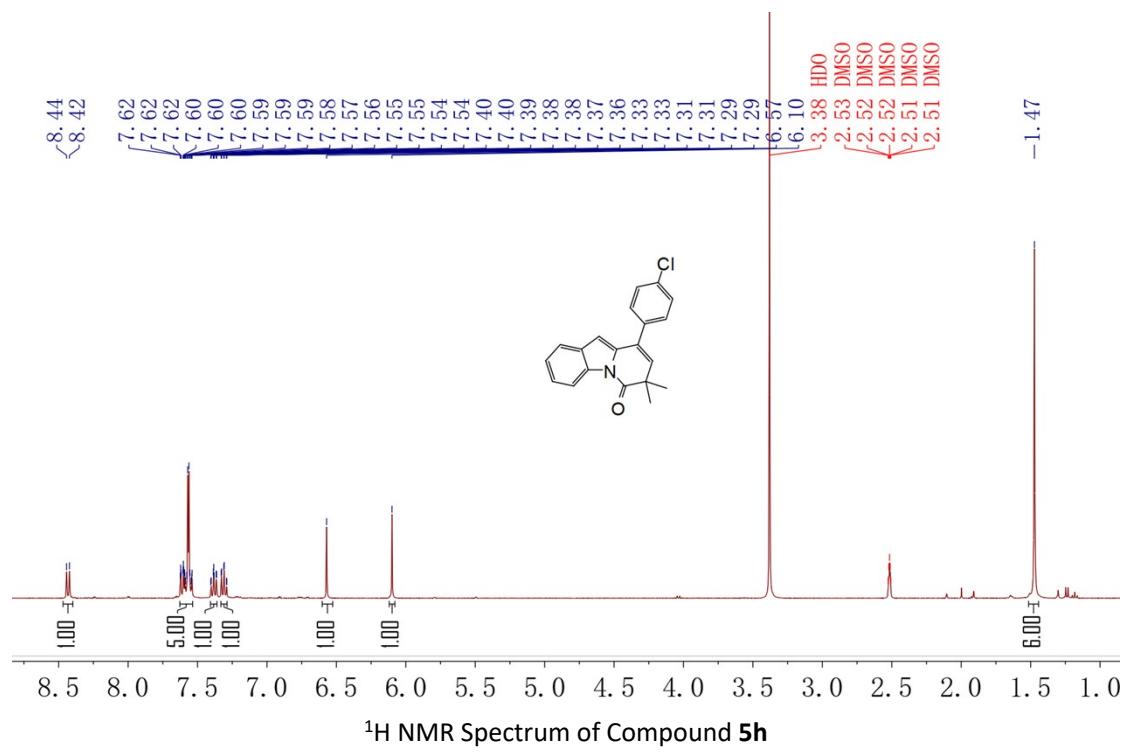
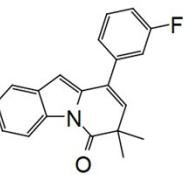
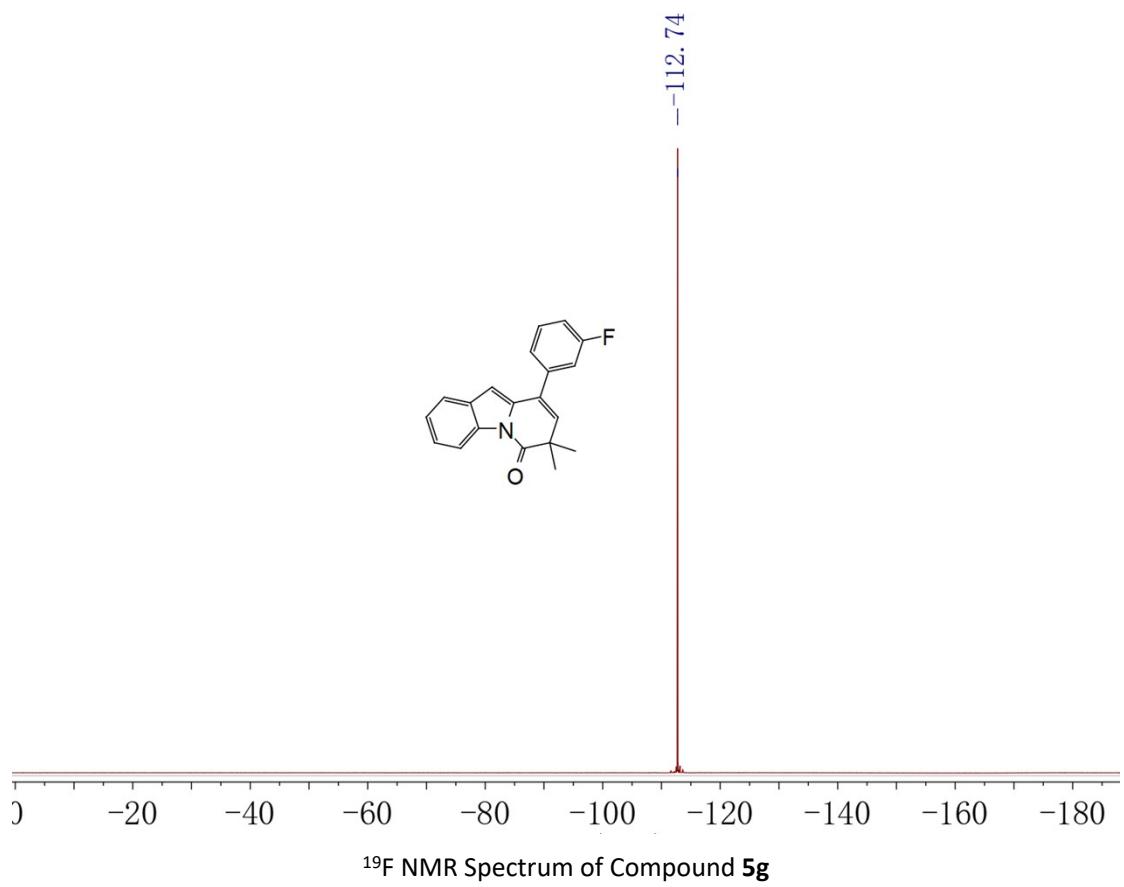


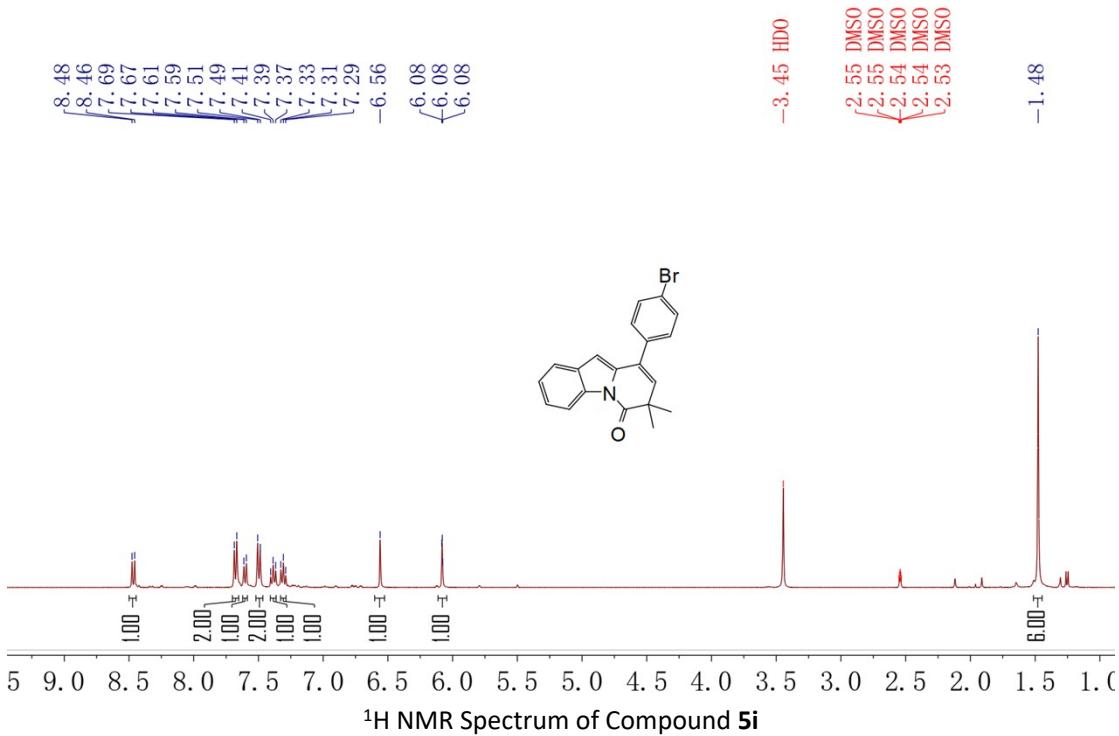
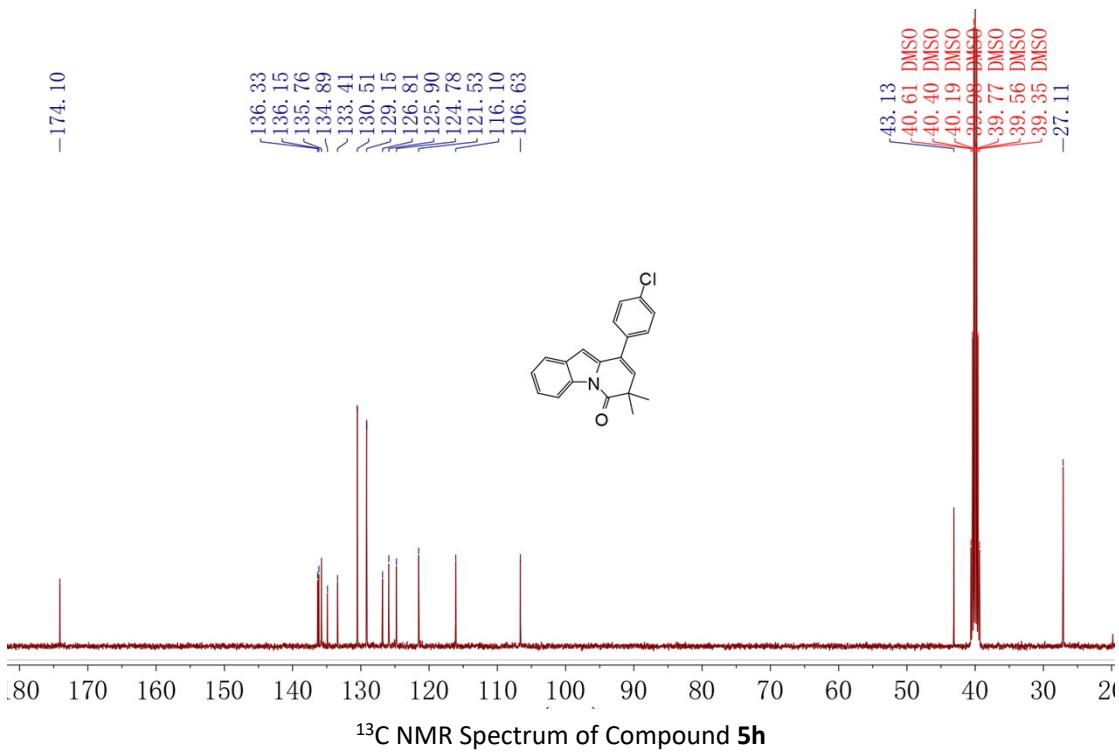


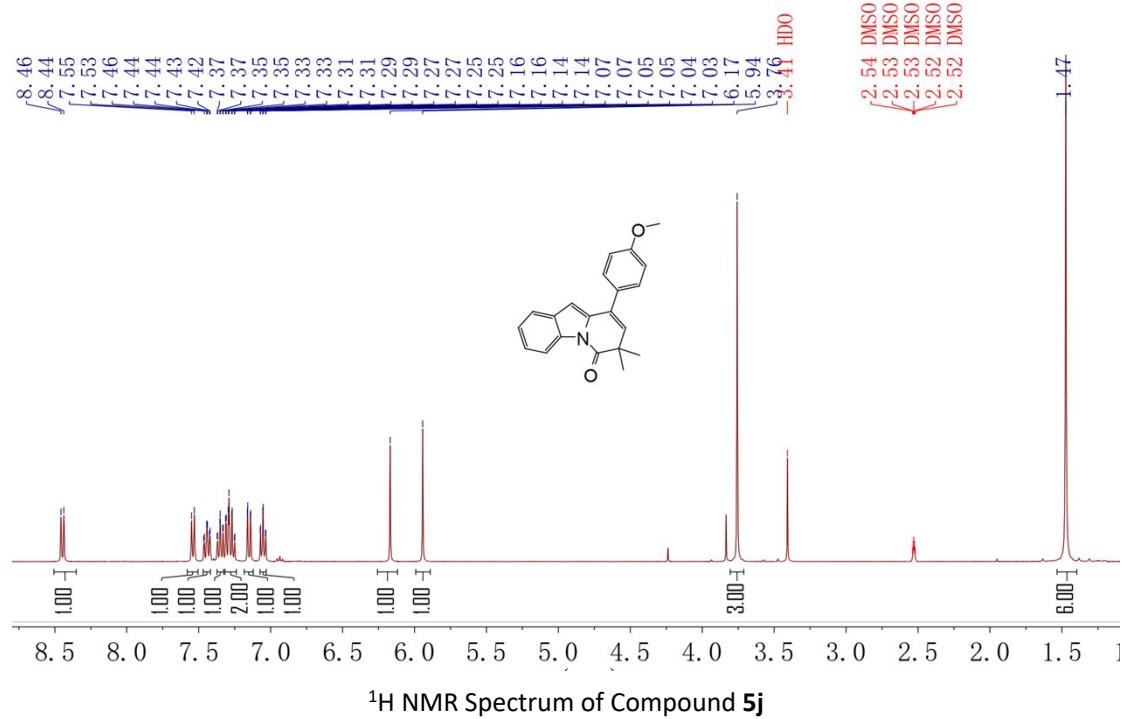
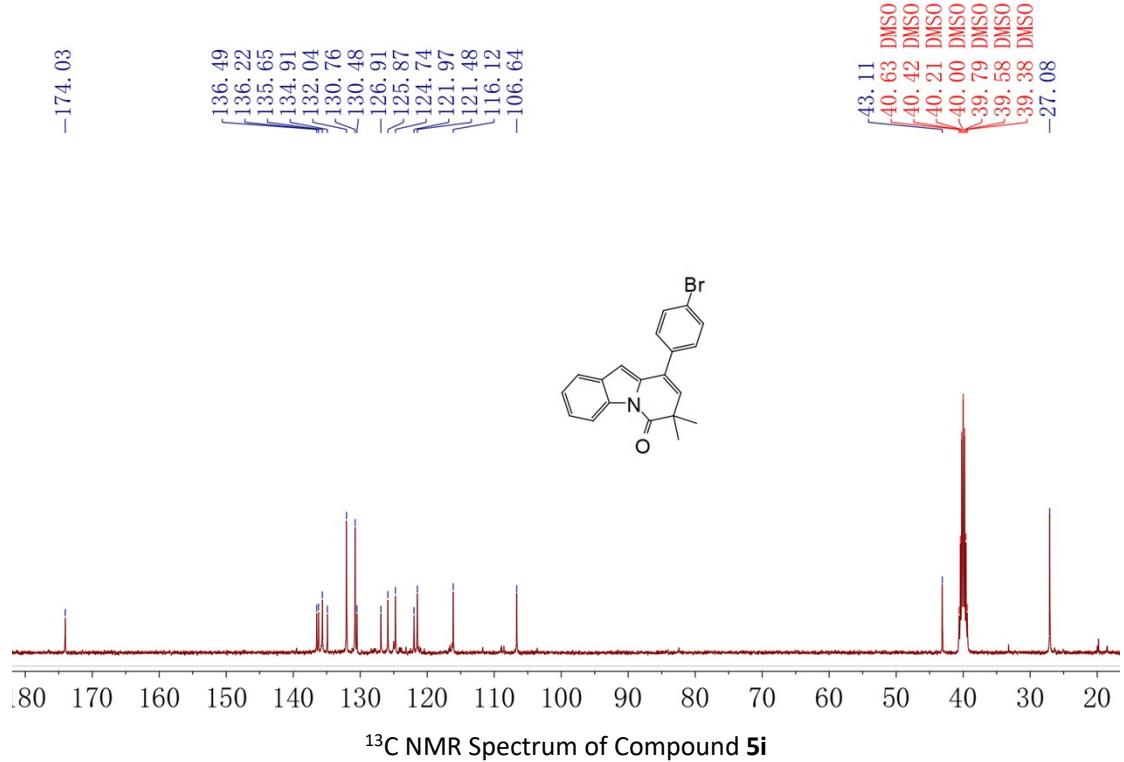


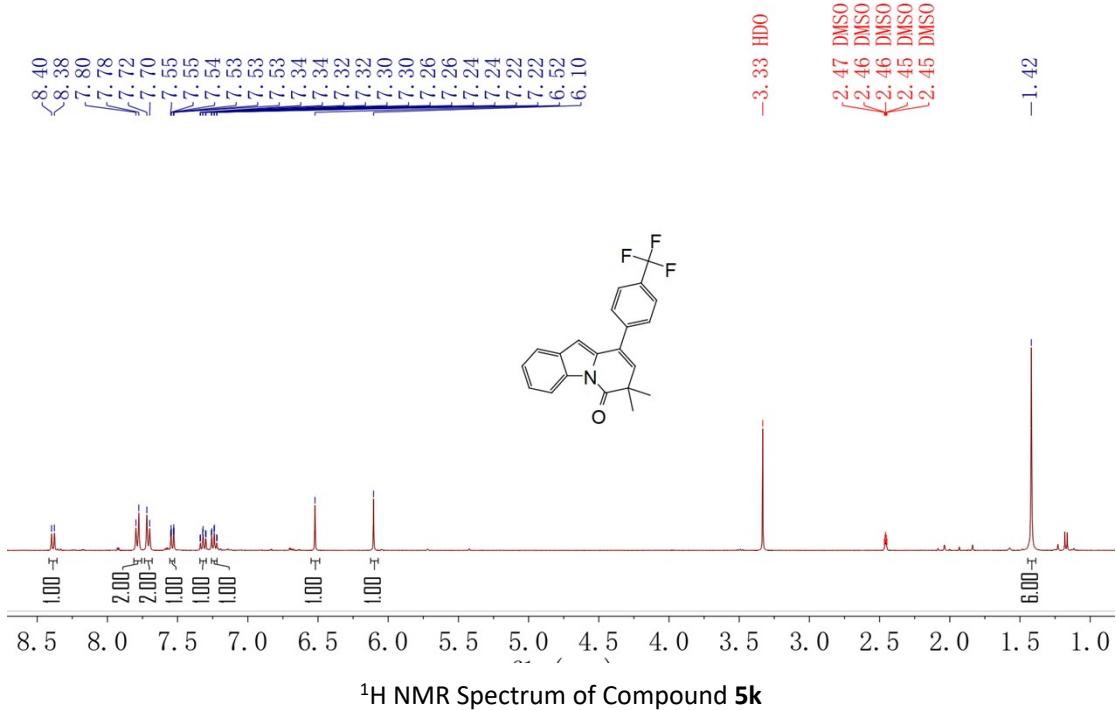
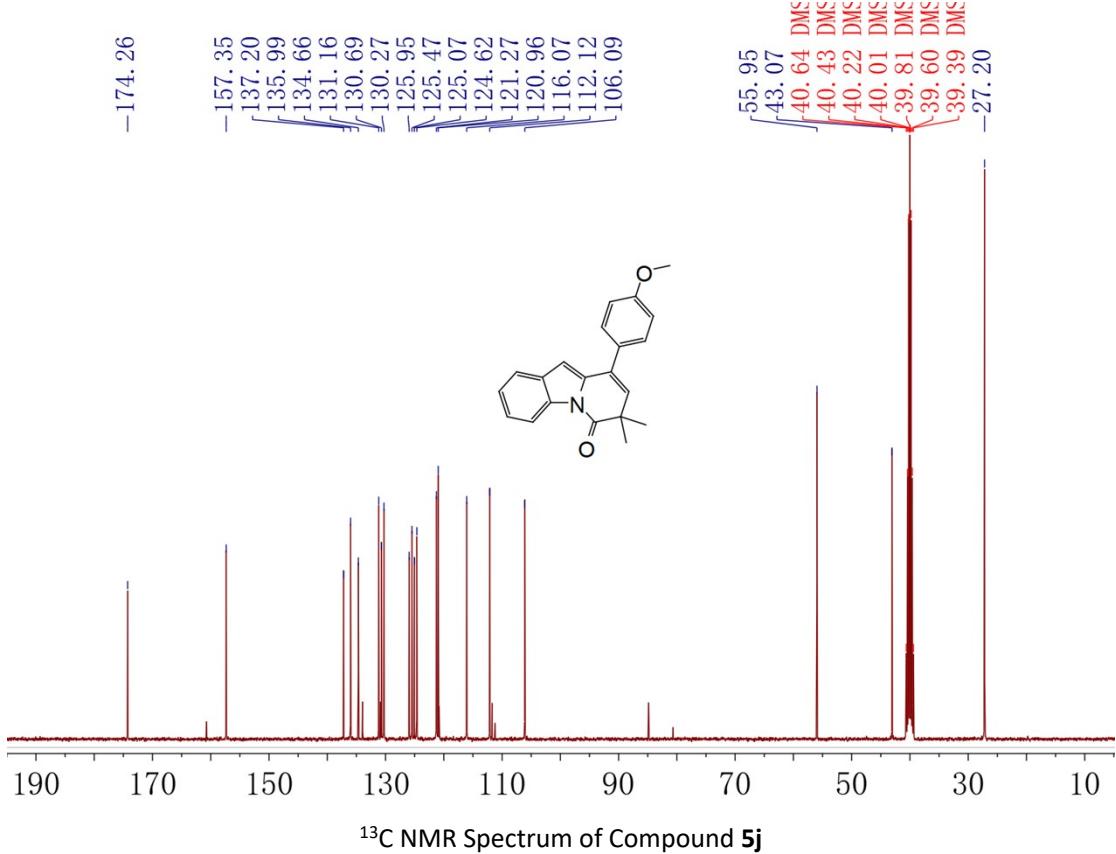


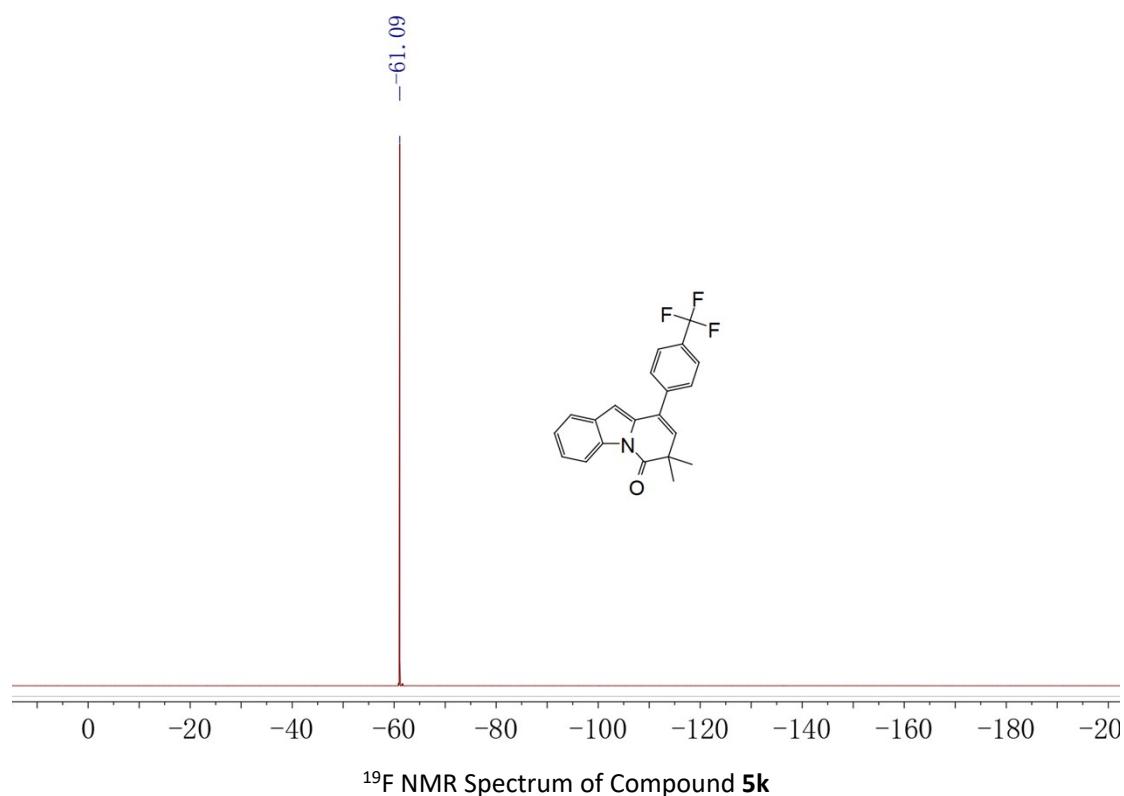
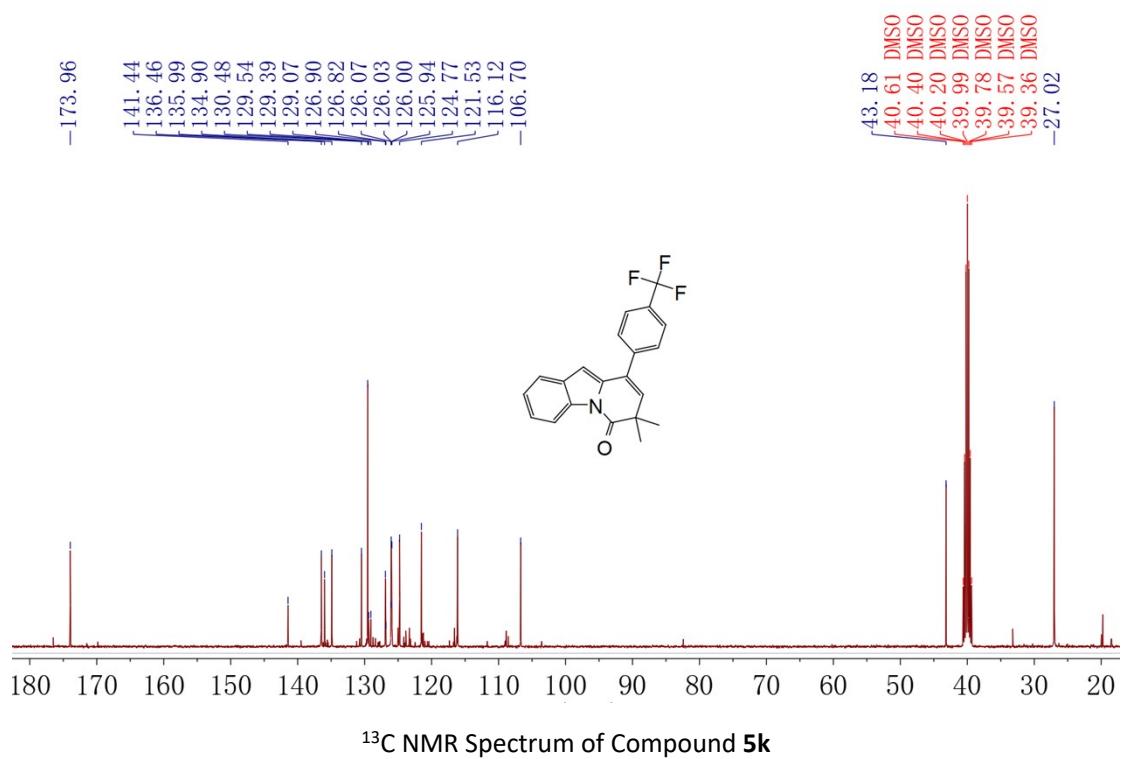


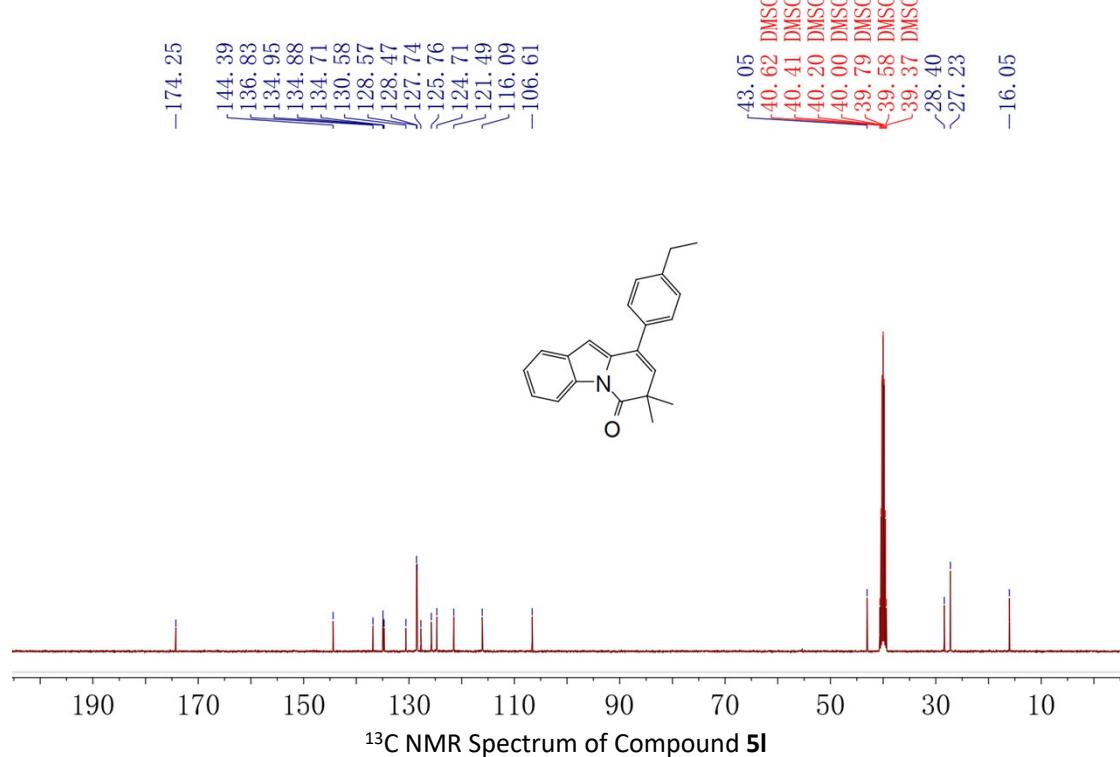
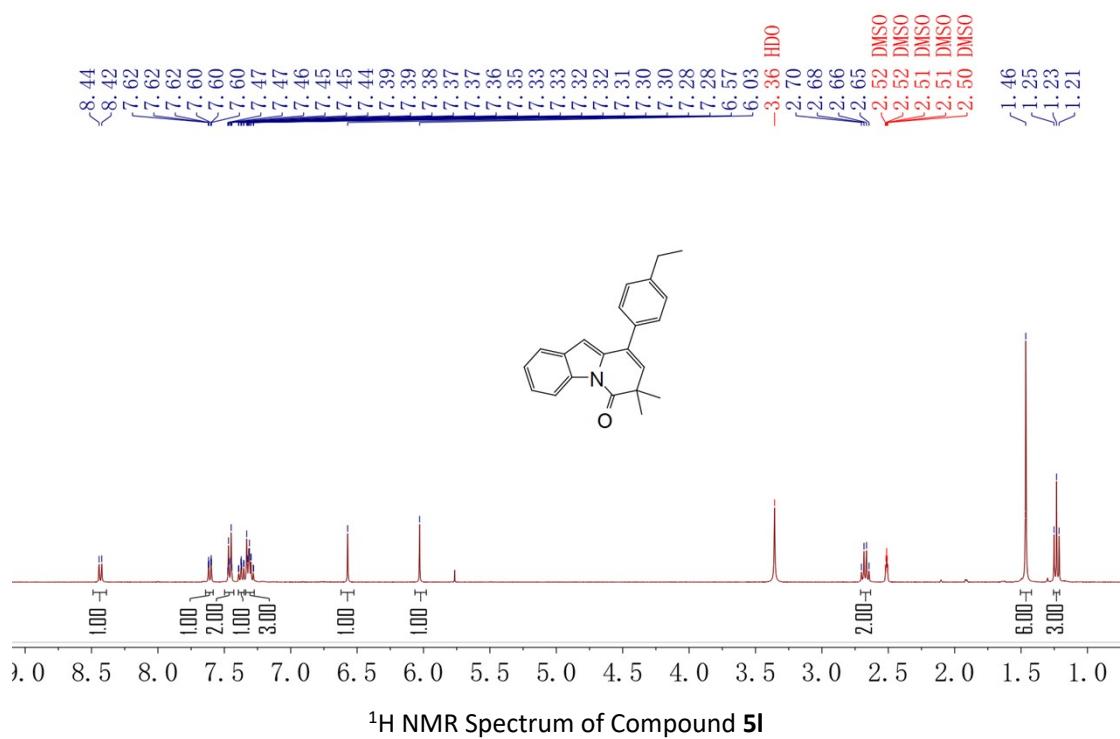


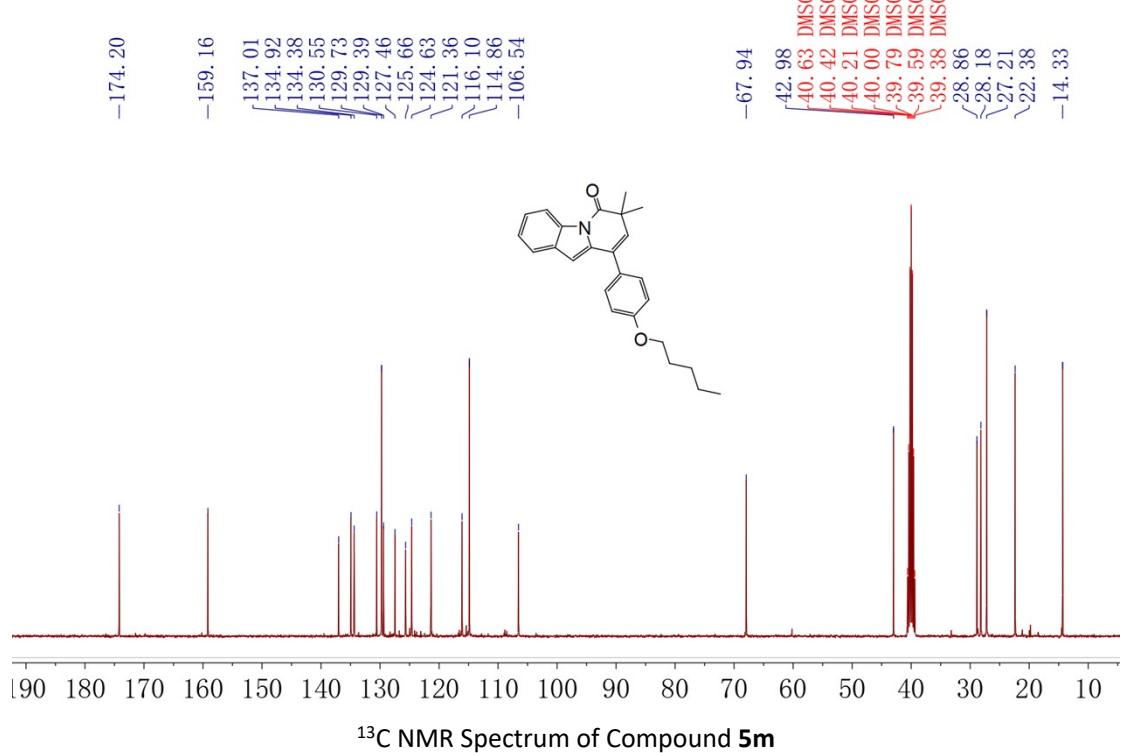
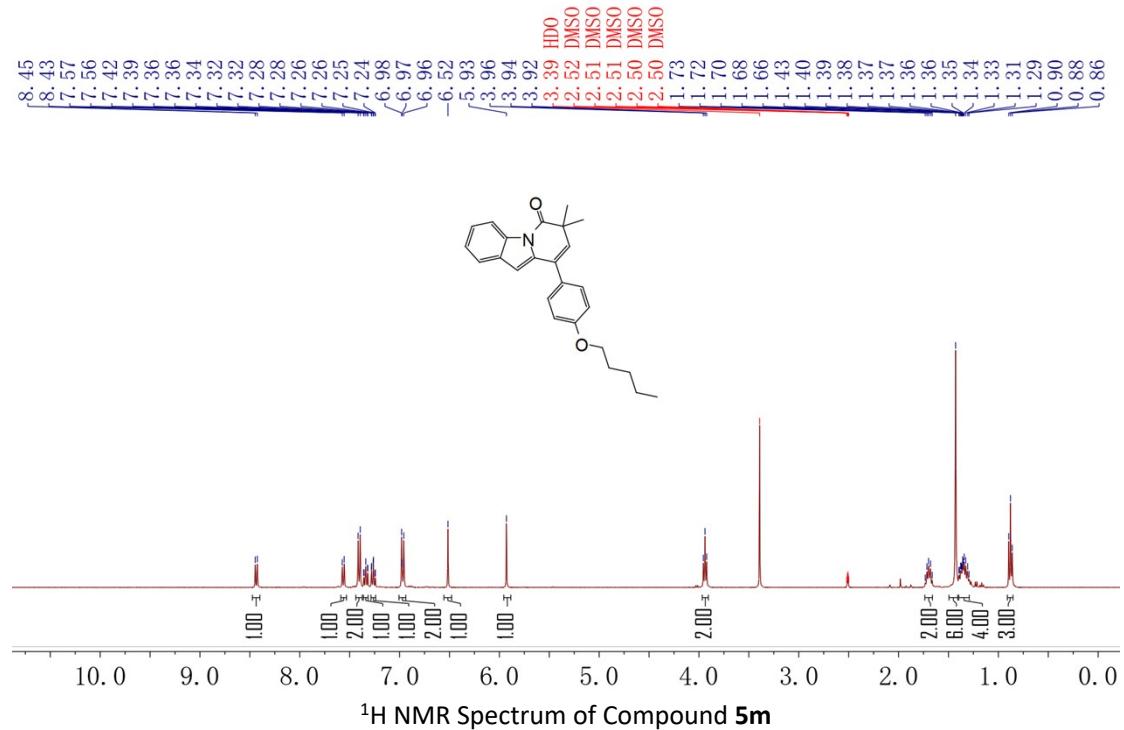


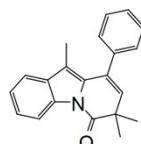
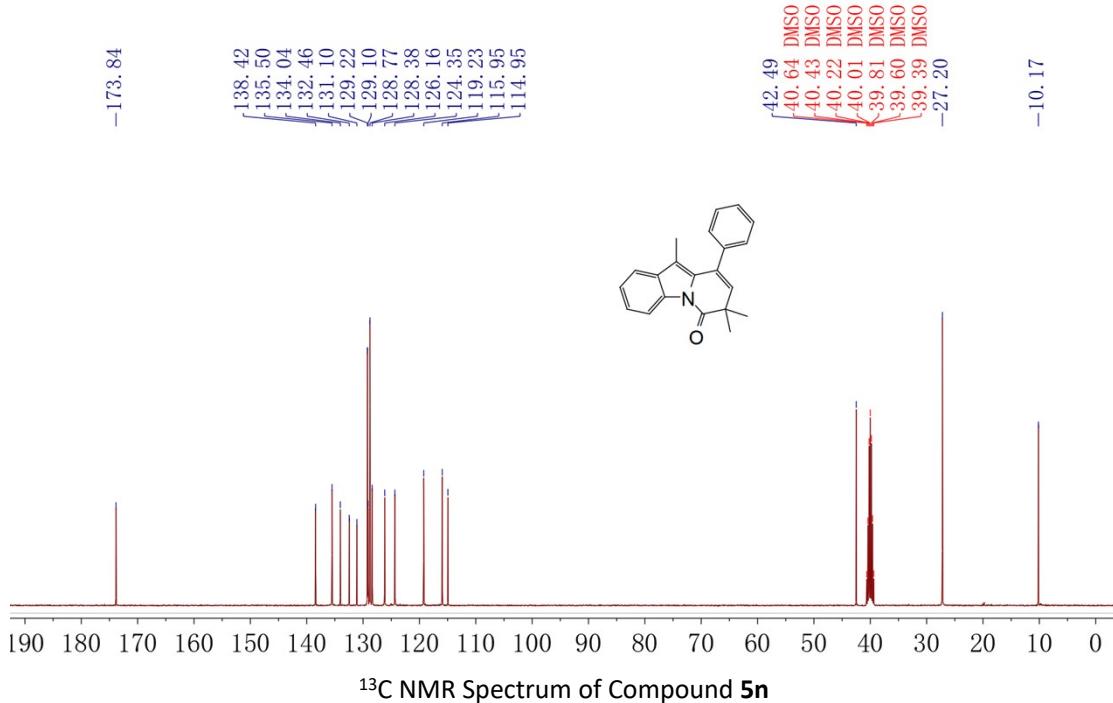
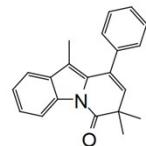
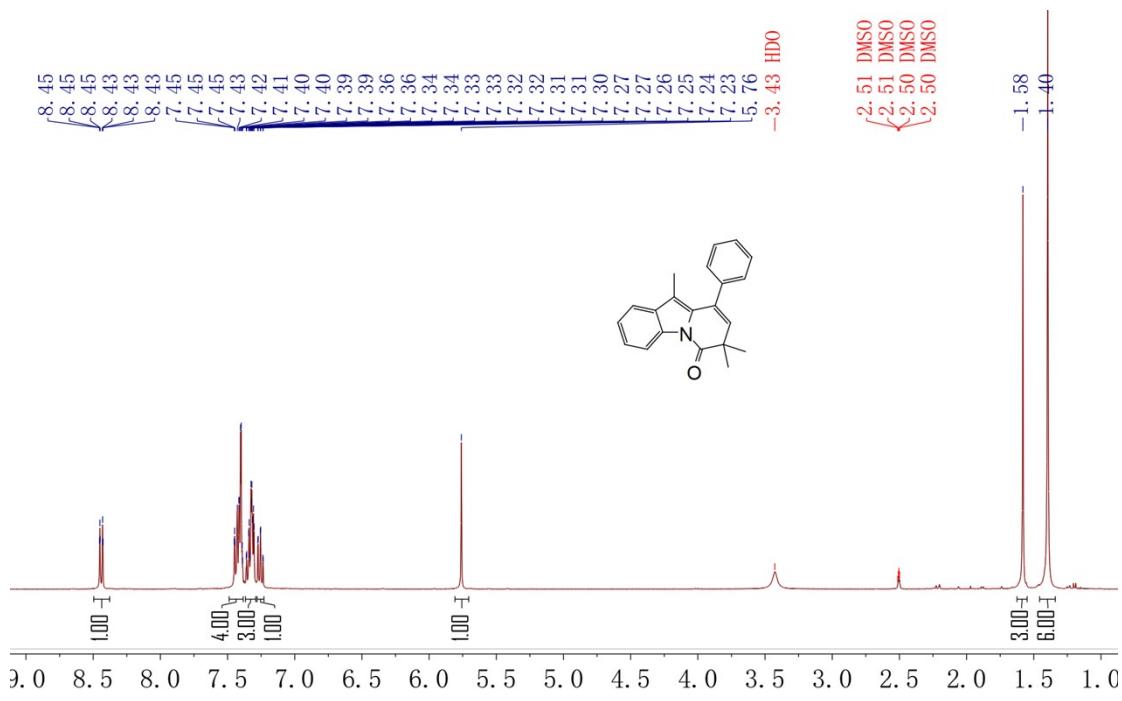


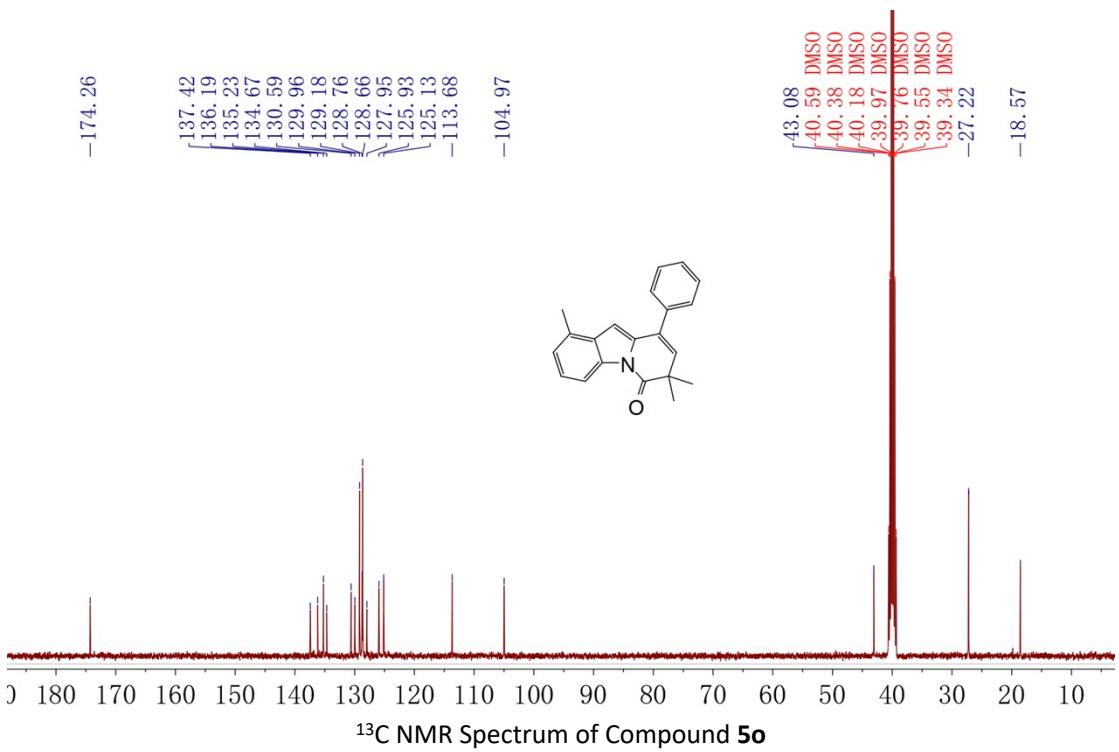
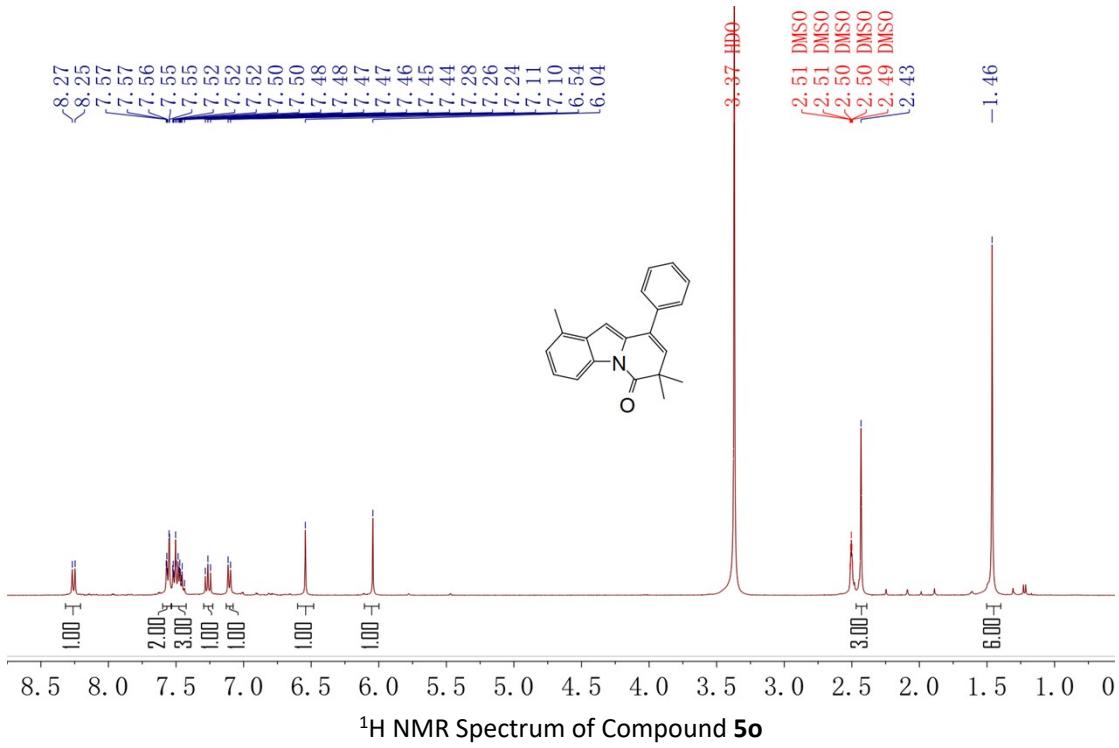


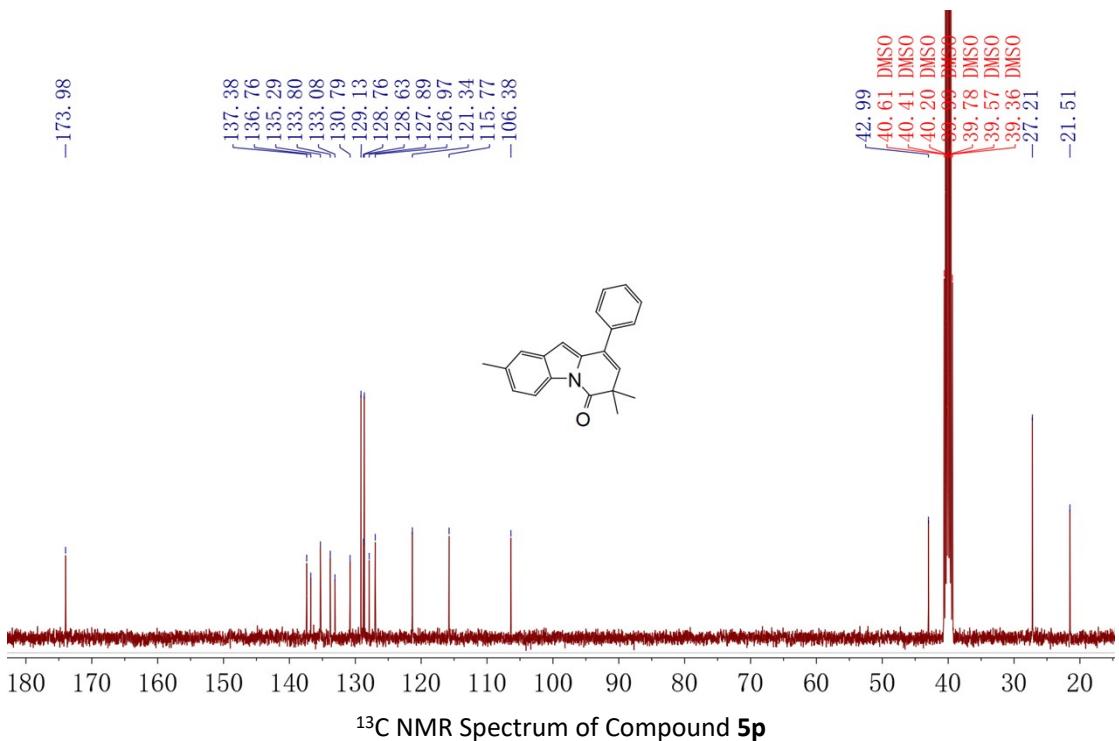
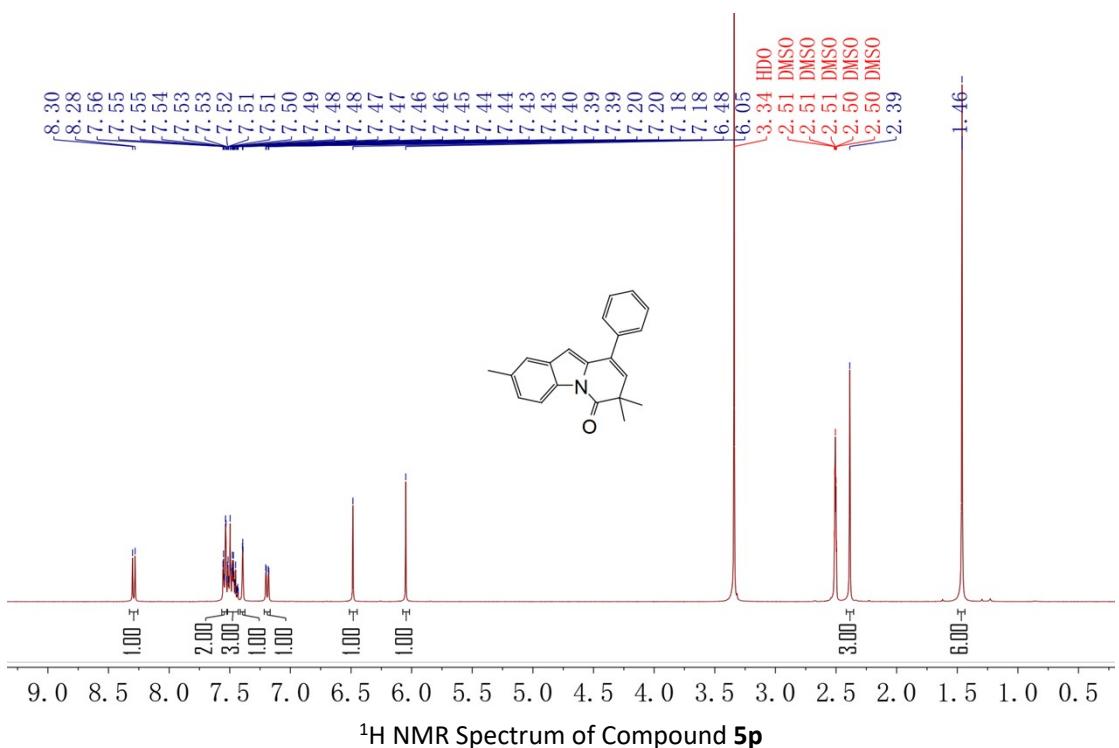


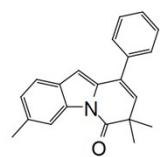
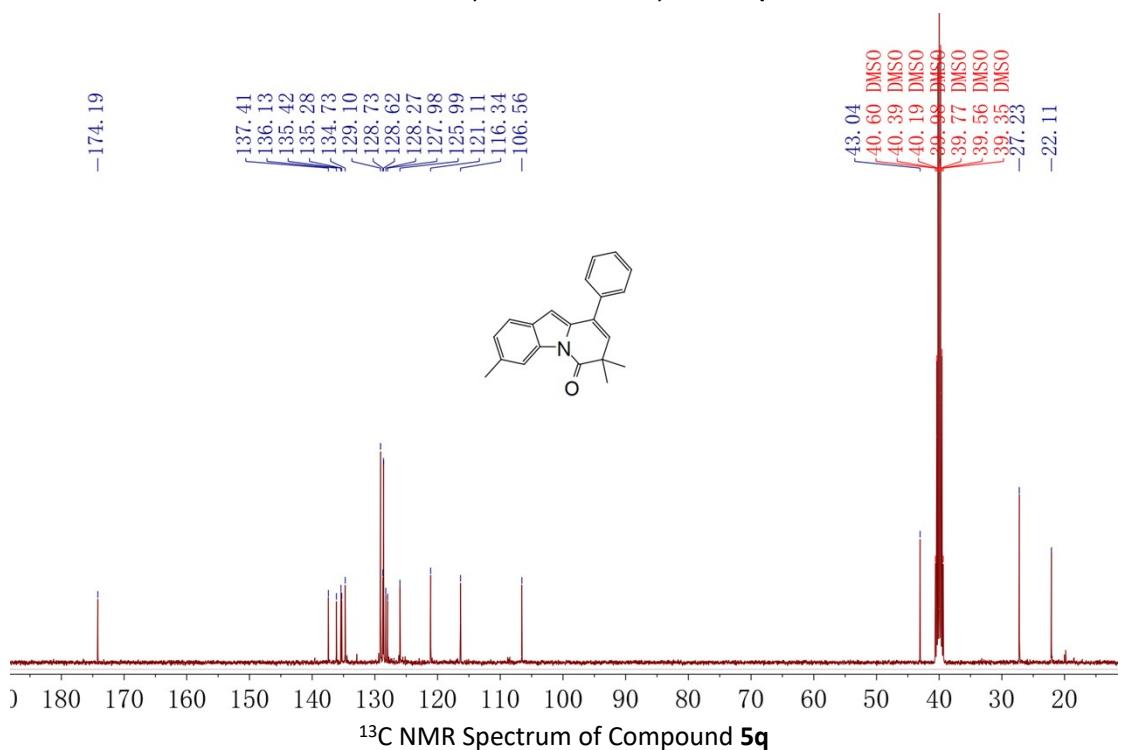
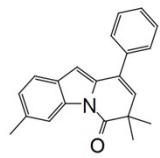
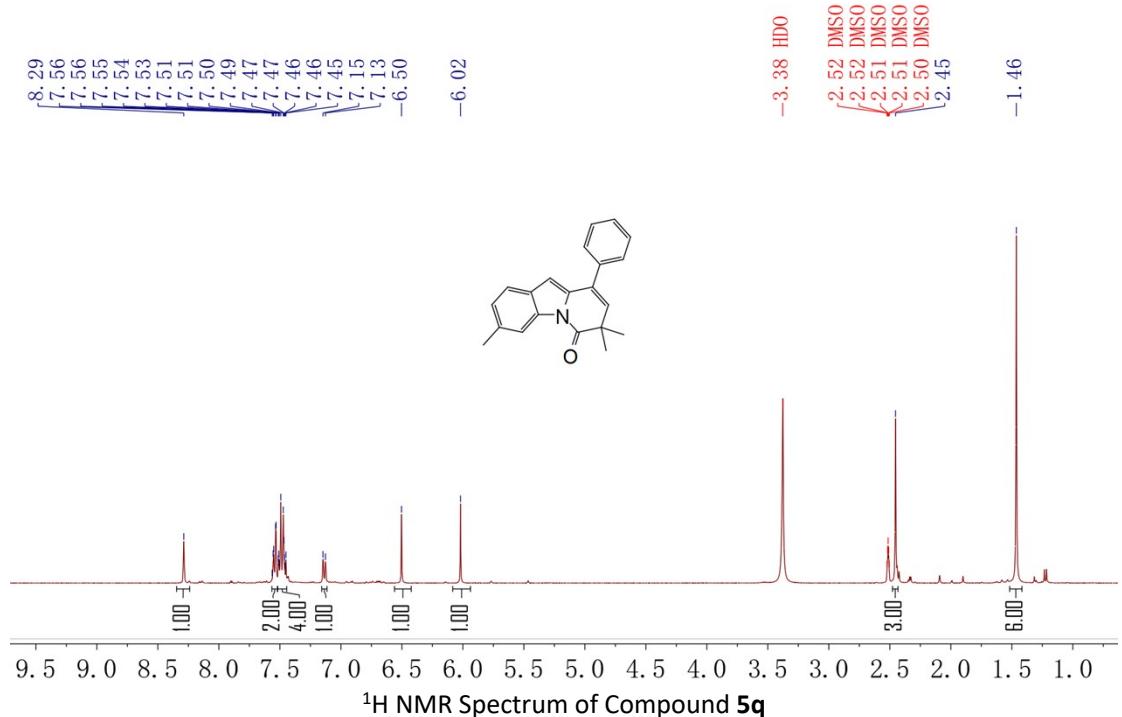


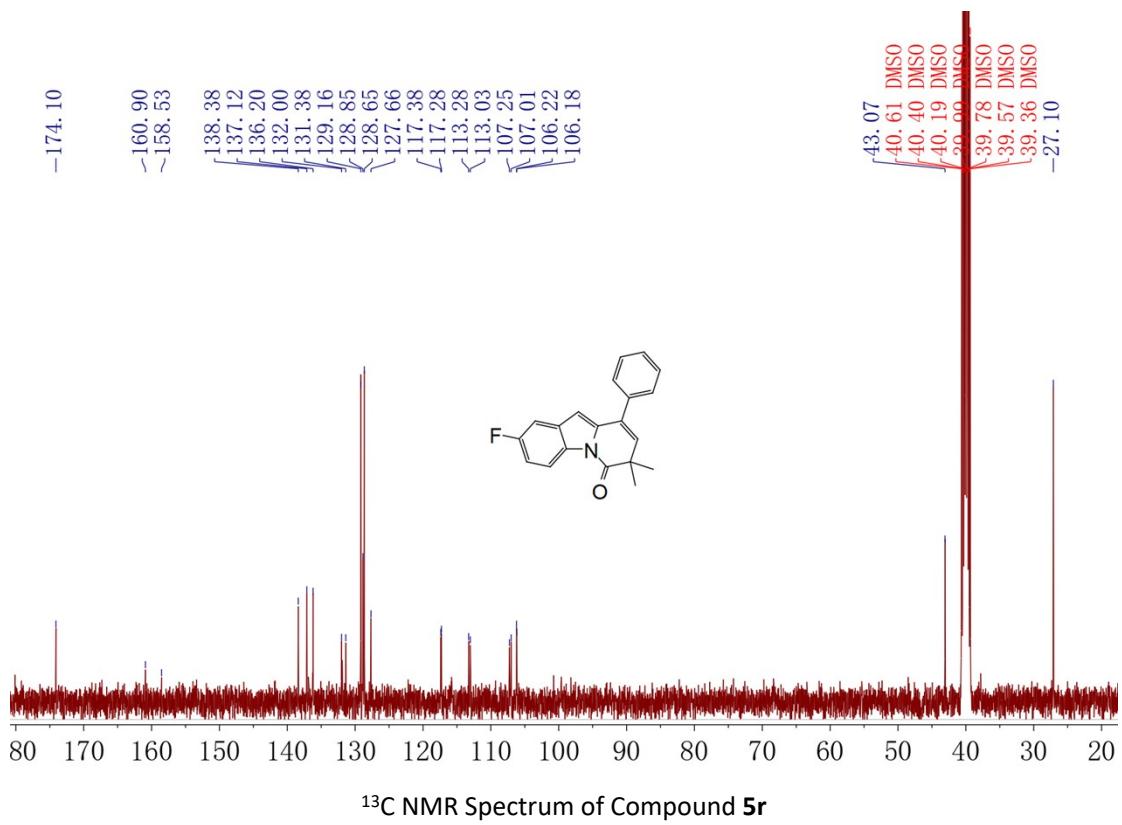
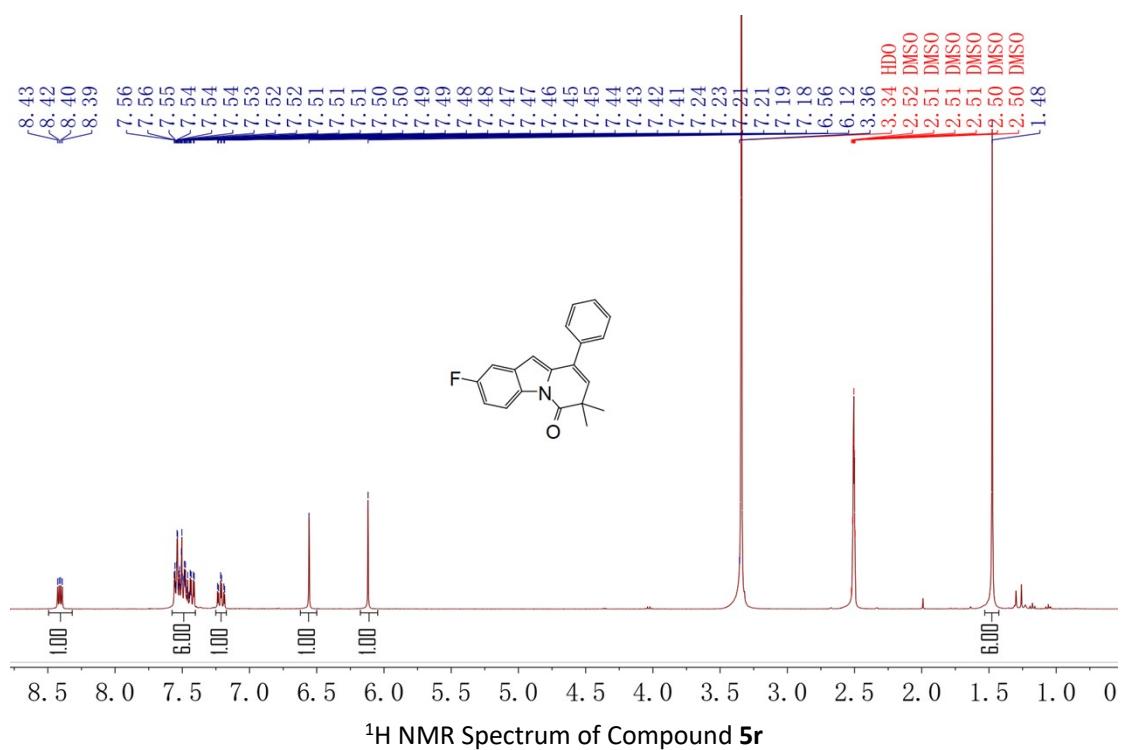


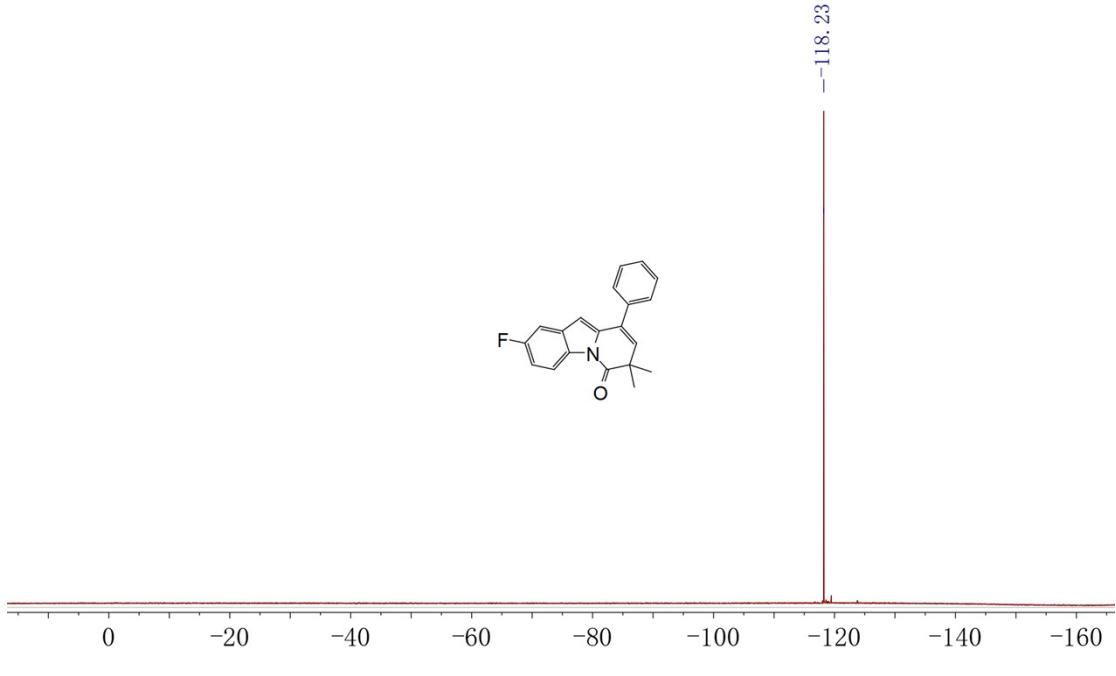




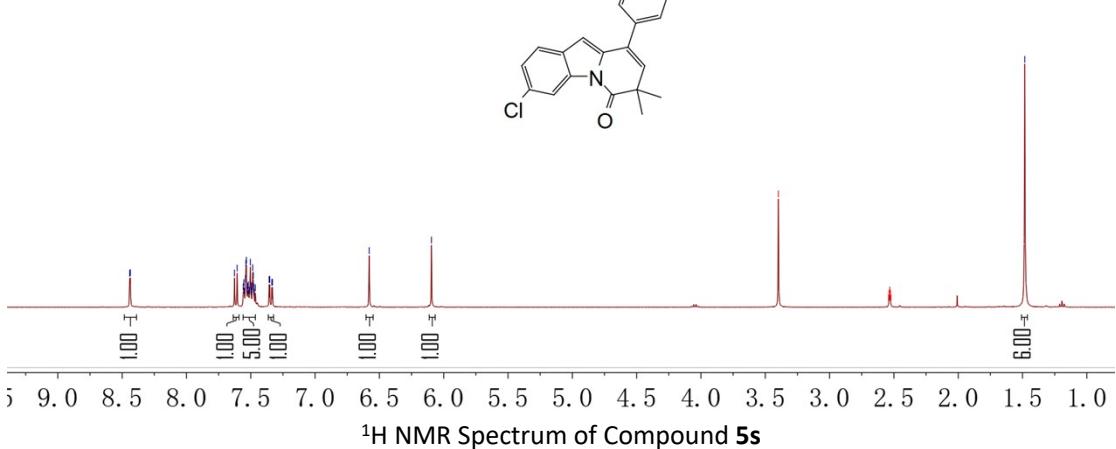
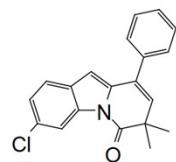
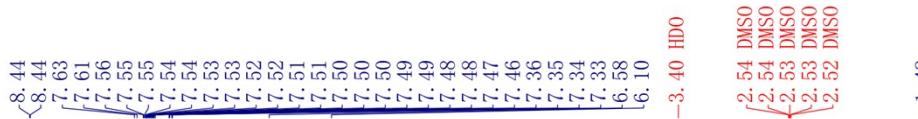


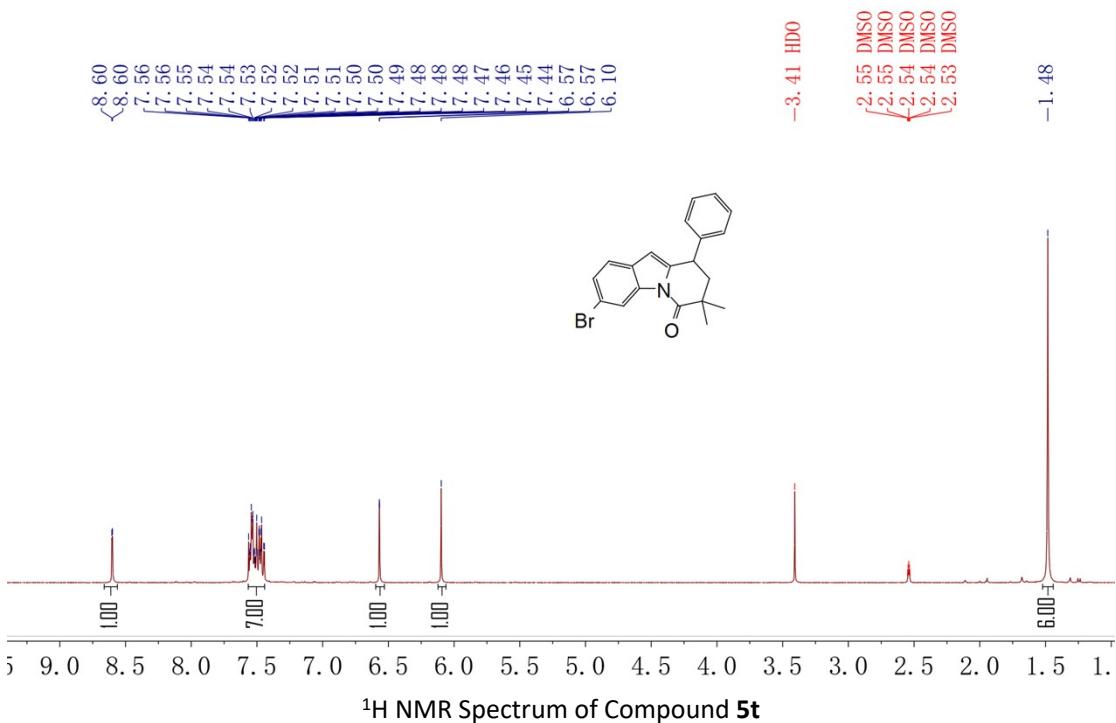
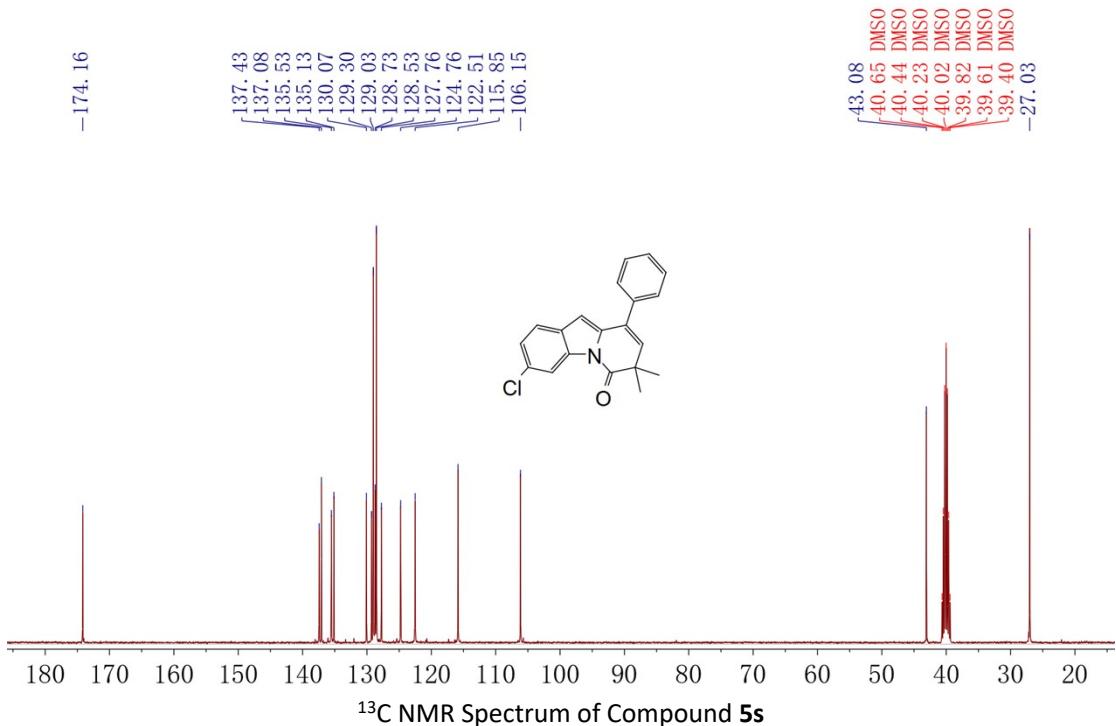


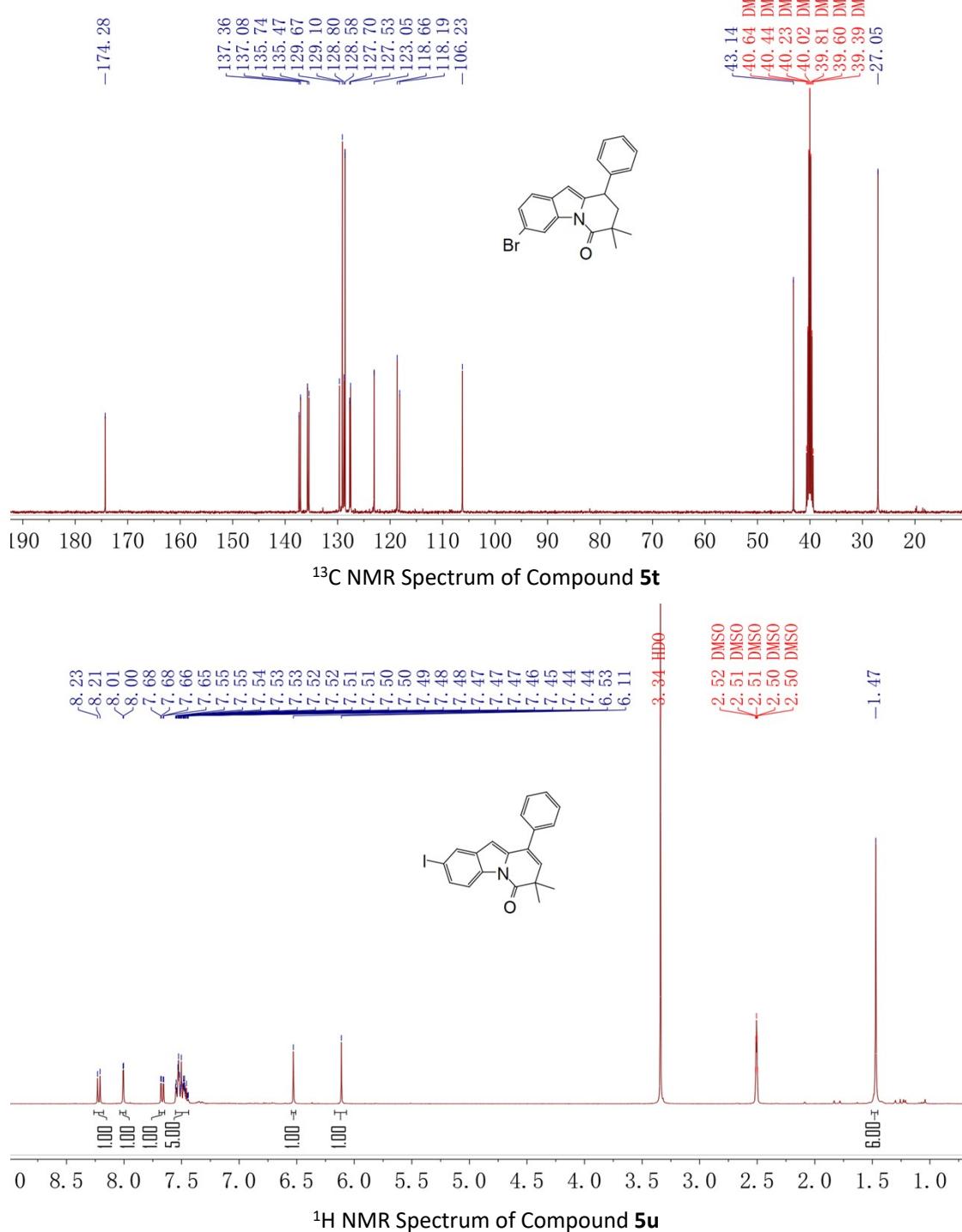


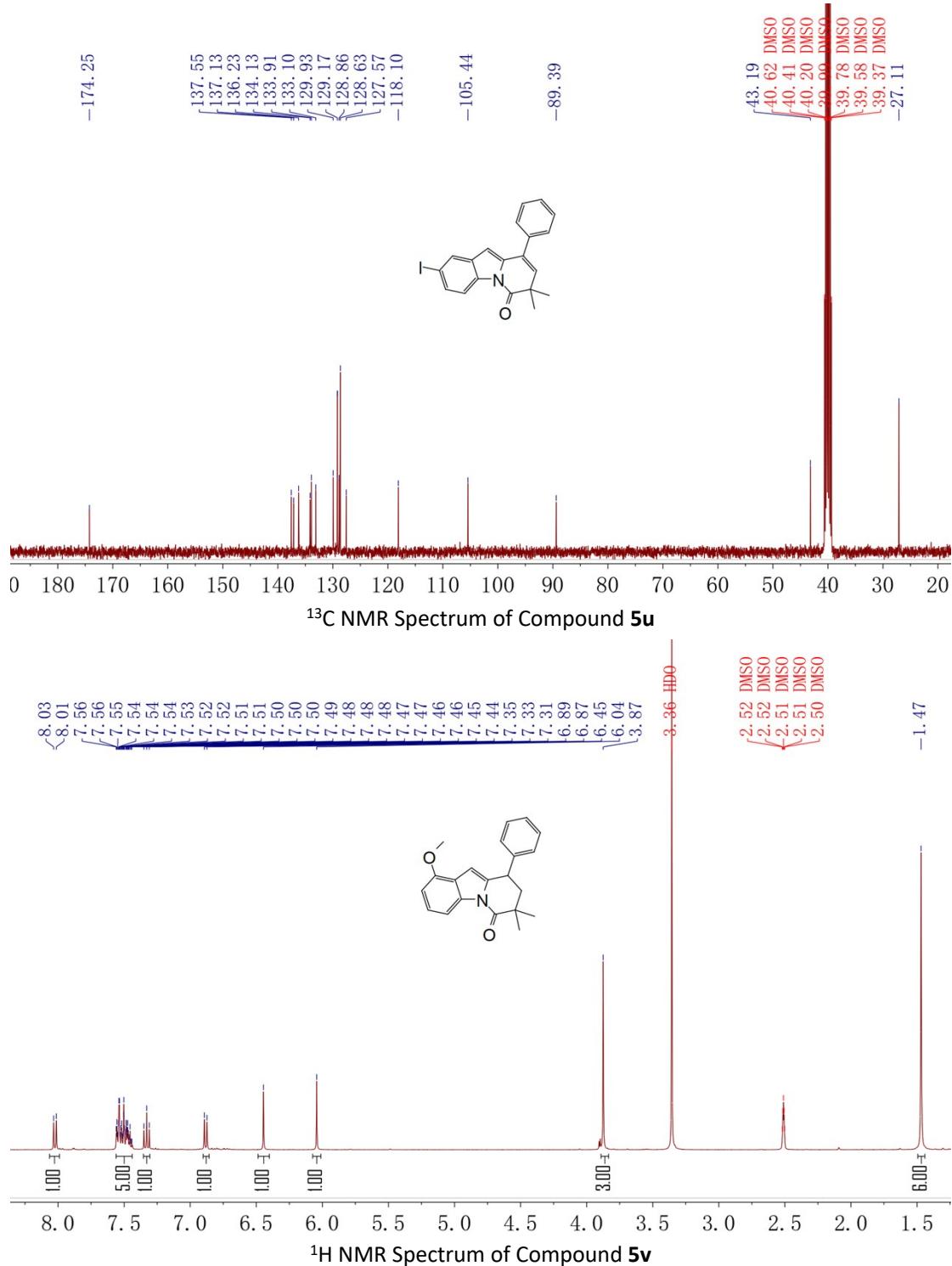


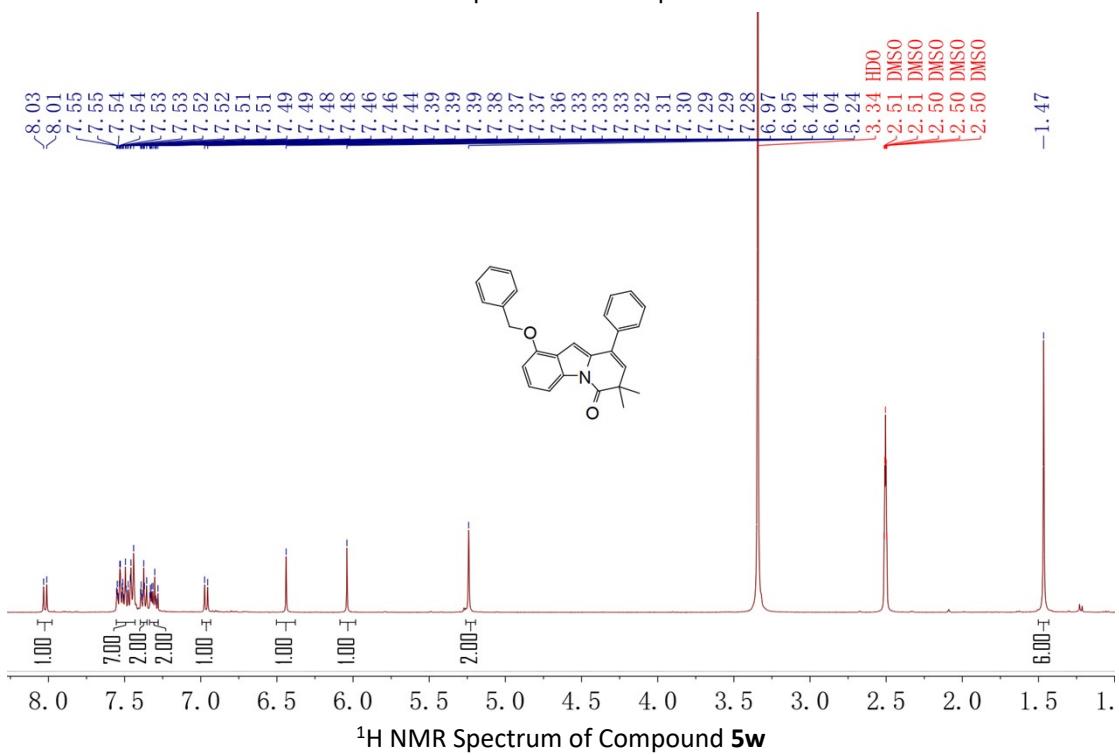
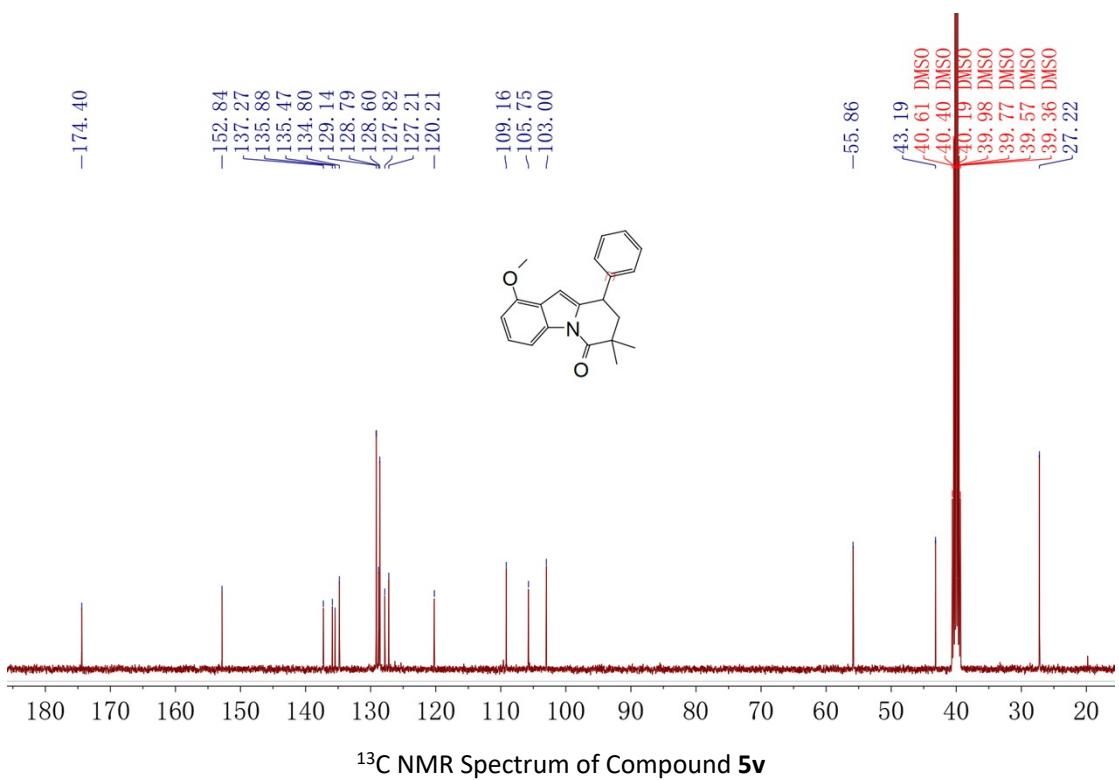
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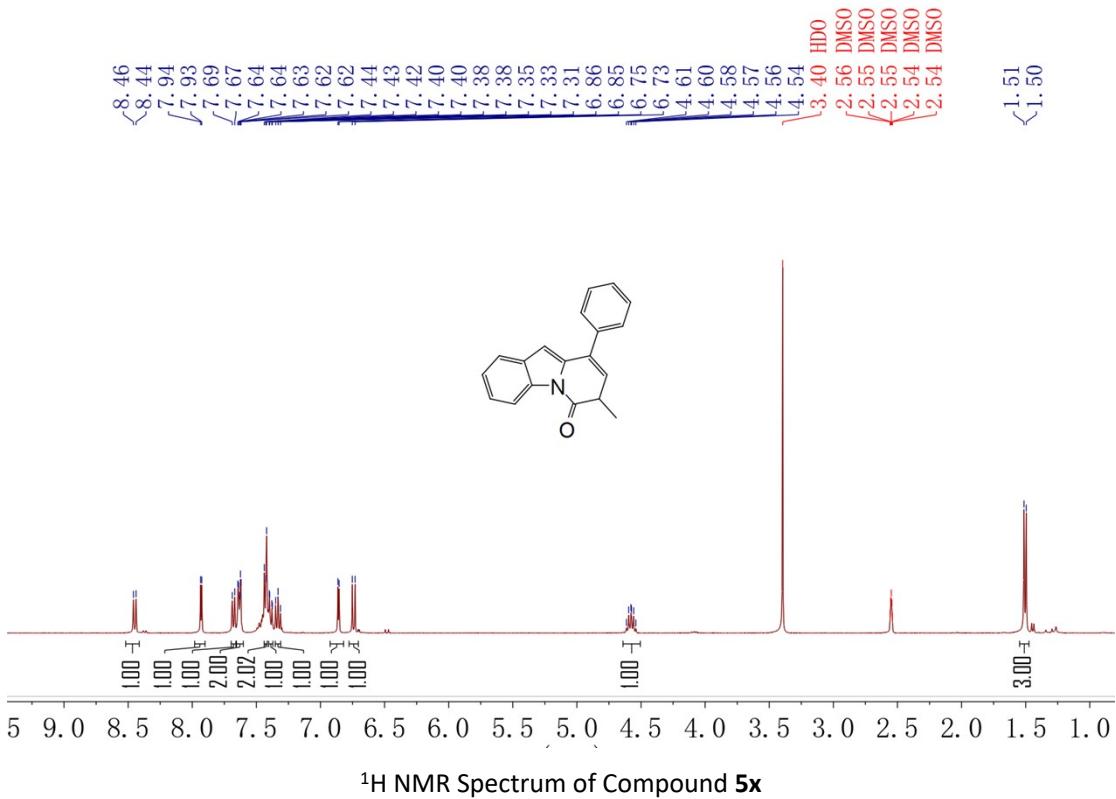
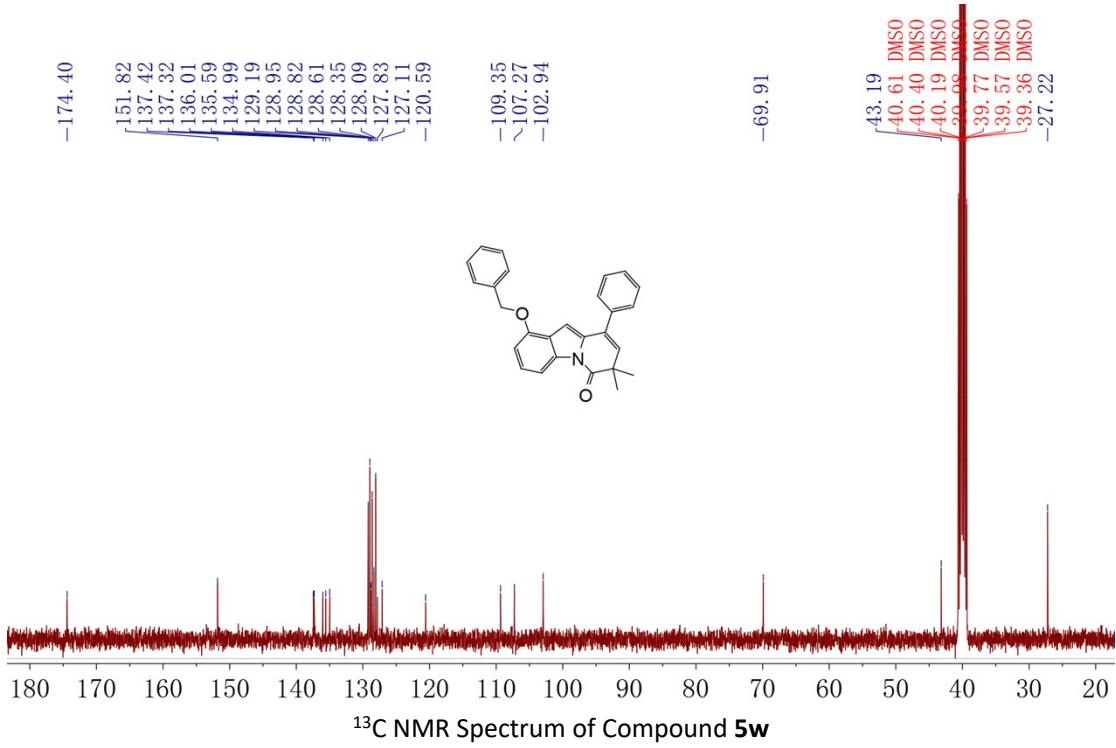


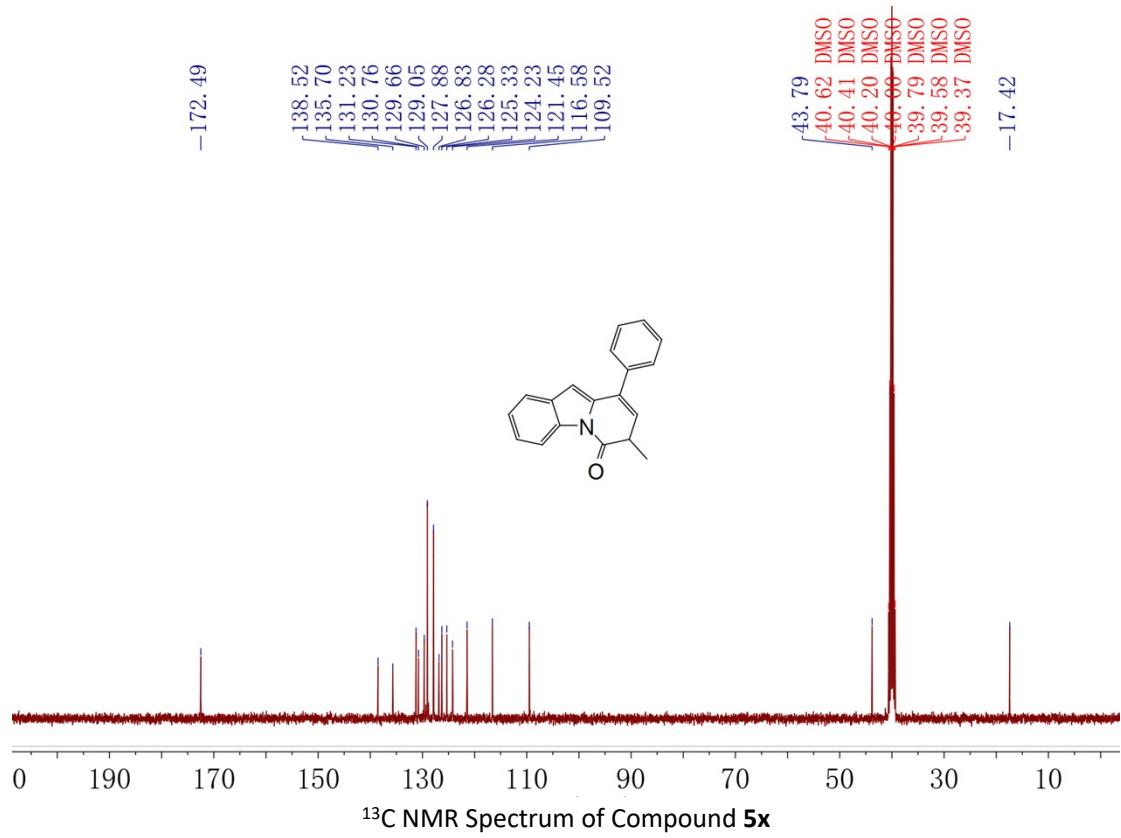












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