

Supporting Information

Copper (I)-Catalyzed Electrophilic Thiocyanation/Dearomatization/Spirocyclization of Benzofurans to Synthesize Benzannulated Spiroketals

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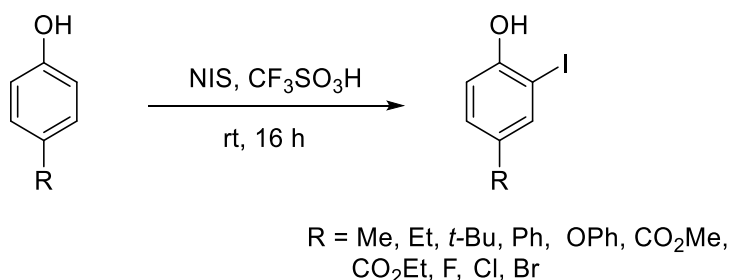
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1. General Experimental Information.

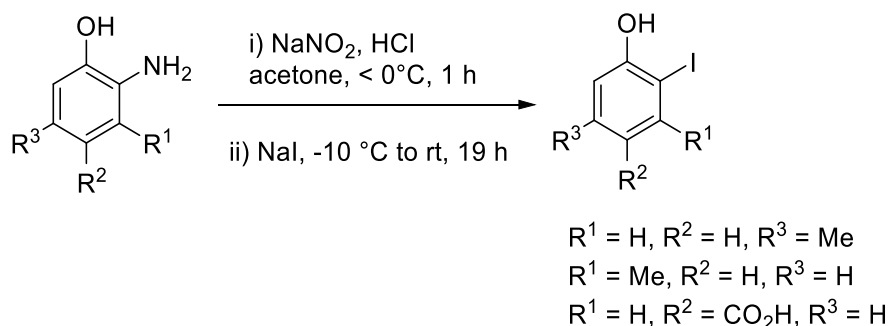
All chemicals were bought from commercial companies and used directly unless noted. Reactions were carried out in a reaction tube with common solvents open to air. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance (400 MHz) spectrometer; chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 7.26$; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, $\delta = 2.50$). ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance (101 or 176 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from the tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as internal standard (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 77.0$; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, $\delta = 39.52$). ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance (377 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved; coupling constants in Hz, integration, assignment. All of the MS of samples were analyzed on an Agilent (Q-TOF6520) unit with an ESI source. All IR spectra were measured on a Shimadzu IR Affinity-1s spectrometer. Melting points were measured on a digital micro melting point apparatus unless otherwise indicated. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (particle size 0.06–0.2 mm; 70–230 mesh ASTM). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel F254 TLC glass plates and visualized with UV light.

2. Preparation of Substrates

2.1 Iodination of Phenols

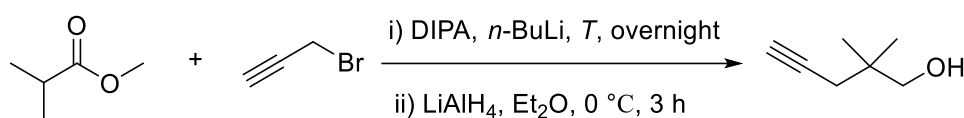


Method A:^[1] Phenol (3 mmol) was dissolved in pure TFA (9 mL, 3 M). Then *N*-Iodosuccinimide (NIS) (3.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added in small portions. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for hours until the reaction completed (monitored by TLC). The iodinated products were isolated by pouring the reaction mixture into cold water and then extracting it with DCM (3×2.5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 10 % $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ in water and dried over Na_2SO_4 , and the crude product was obtained without purification.



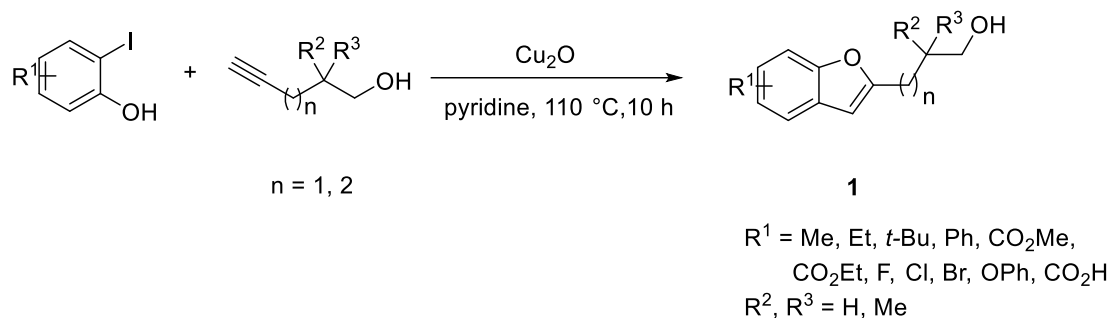
Method B:^[2] Phenol (8.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in acetone (14 mL) and cooled with an ice / salt mixture. Concentrated HCl (1.7 mL, 20.3 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was added in that way that the temperature did not rise above 0 °C. Then a solution of NaNO₂ (8.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dissolved in 1.7 mL H₂O was added within 15 min below 0 °C. The mixture was further stirred for 1 h at this temperature and then cooled to -10 °C. A solution of NaI (16.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in 2.7 mL H₂O was added within 10 min. Afterwards the temperature was elevated to 0 °C and the mixture was warmed to room temperature. After the addition of H₂O (50 mL) the reaction mixture was extracted four times with ethyl acetate (25 mL) and the organic phase was washed with Na₂S₂O₃ solution (50 mL), H₂O (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The combined aqueous phases were further extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure without subsequent purification.

2.2 Preparation of 2,2-Dimethyl-4-pentyn-1-ol^[3]

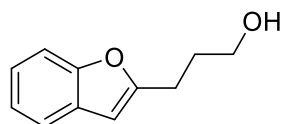


Add 3.1 mL of a 2.5 M *n*-BuLi solution (7.74 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) to a solution of 1.00 mL *N,N'*-diisopropylamine (718 mg, 1.1 equiv.) in 11.25 mL of dry THF in a flame-dried round bottomed flask at -78 °C. Stir the resulting solution for 10 minutes at -78 °C. Add 0.740 mL of methyl isobutyrate (659 mg, 1.0 equiv.) dropwise to the mixture. Warm the solution to 0 °C. Recool the mixture to -78 °C. Add 0.586 mL (808 mg, 1.05 equiv.) of propargyl bromide dropwise to the mixture. Allow the solution to warm to room temperature overnight. Quench the reaction mixture with saturated NH₄Cl solution (10 mL). Extract the mixture with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 20 mL). Wash the mixture with brine. Dry the mixture over Na₂SO₄. Remove the solvent in vacuo. Add 15 mL of Et₂O to the crude product. Cool the solution to 0 °C. Add 295 mg (7.75 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) of LiAlH₄ carefully in portions to the mixture. Continue the mixture to stirring for 15 minutes at 0 °C and further 3 hours at room temperature. Terminate the reaction mixture by addition of 0.9 mL of water followed by 0.3 mL of a 4 M NaOH solution at 0 °C. After 1 minute, add 0.9 mL of water to the mixture. Warm the suspension to room temperature. Stir the suspension for 15 minutes. Add Na₂SO₄ to the mixture. Filter the suspension. Evaporate solvent under reduced pressure.

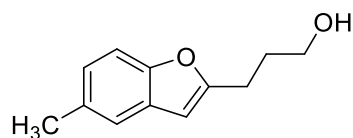
2.3 General Procedure for the Copper-Mediated Heteroannulation^[4]



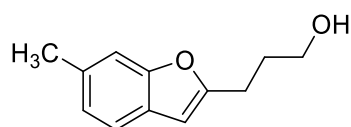
A mixture of 2-iodophenol (5 mol, 1.0 equiv.), alkynol (5.5 mol, 1.1 equiv.) and copper(I) oxide (3.5 mol, 0.7 equiv.) in dry pyridine (5 mL) was stirred at 110 °C for 10 hours. The mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), filtered through a Celite pad (5 cm), and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (20 mL), washed with 2 M HCl and brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure desired products **1**.



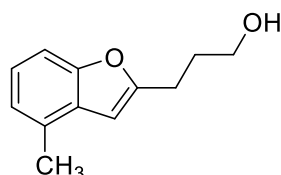
2-Benzofuranpropanol (1a):^[5] eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.2, yellow oil (616 mg, 70% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.20 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.42 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.16 (s, 1H, OH), 2.02 (m, 2H, CH₂) ppm.



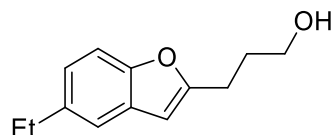
5-Methyl-2-benzofuranpropanol (1b): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, light yellow solid (665 mg, 70% yield), mp: 40-41 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 - 7.26 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.34 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.00 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.64 (s, 0.89H, OH) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 153.2, 132.0, 129.1, 124.5, 120.3, 110.4, 102.1, 62.1, 30.8, 24.9, 21.4 ppm. IR (KBr): 3334, 2924, 1475, 1263, 1055, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M - H]⁻ calcd. for C₁₂H₁₃O₂ 189.0916 found 189.0912.



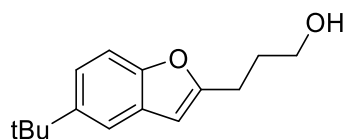
6-Methyl-2-benzofuranpropanol (1c): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, yellow solid (589 mg, 62% yield), mp: 48-50 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.36 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.74 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.45 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.00 (m, 2H, CH_2) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.9, 152.8, 125.9, 124.4, 120.2, 117.9, 112.4, 111.2, 71.0, 55.3, 36.6, 24.6 ppm; IR (KBr): 3332, 2939~2866, 1489, 1055, 815 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ 191.1067 found 191.1076.



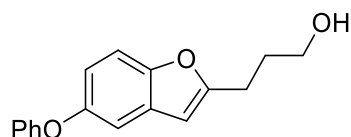
4-Methyl-2-benzofuranpropanol (1d): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, yellow oil (760 mg, 80% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.44 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.75 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.48 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.02 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.59 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2, 154.6, 130.3, 128.7, 123.3, 122.93, 108.3, 101.0, 62.1, 30.8, 24.9, 18.7 ppm; IR (KBr): 3342, 2941, 1589, 1423, 1247, 1062, 767 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ 191.1067 found 191.1065.



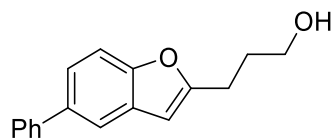
5-Ethyl-2-benzofuranpropanol (1e): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.5, yellow oil (622 mg, 61% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 - 7.29 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.36 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.74 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.72 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.00 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.50 (s, 1H, OH), 1.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H, CH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.0, 153.4, 138.7, 129.1, 123.5, 119.1, 110.5, 102.2, 62.1, 30.8, 29.0, 25.0, 16.5 ppm; IR (KBr): 3360, 2960~2872, 1714, 1471, 1265, 1056, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ 203.1072 found 203.1072.



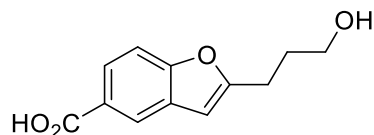
5-tert-Butyl-2-benzofuranpropanol (1f): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, yellow solid (847 mg, 73% yield), mp: 42-43 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.28 (m, 1H, Ar-H) 6.38 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.74 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.00 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.60 (s, 1H, OH), 1.37 (s, 9H, $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C}$) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.0, 153.0, 146.0, 129.0, 121.2, 117.0, 110.1, 102.5, 62.1, 34.8, 32.0, 30.9, 25.0 ppm; IR(KBr): 3329, 2956~2870, 1477, 1271, 1055, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$ 233.1536 found 233.1533.



5-Phenoxy-2-benzofuranpropanol (1g): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, yellow oil (951 mg, 71% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 - 7.22 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.16 - 6.80 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.42 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.76 (m, CH_2), 2.90 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.02 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.69 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.3, 158.8, 152.3, 151.4, 129.8, 129.7, 124.5, 122.6, 118.1, 117.9, 116.0, 111.5, 111.0, 102.6, 62.0, 30.7, 25.0 ppm; IR (KBr) 3356, 2939~2877, 1716, 1595, 1219, 752, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ 269.1168 found 269.1168.

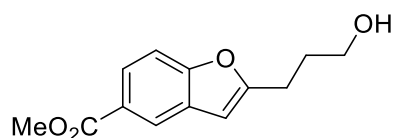


5-Phenyl-2-benzofuranpropanol (1h): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.5, yellow solid (857 mg, 68% yield), mp: 87-89 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.61 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.49 - 7.41 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.34 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.47 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.76 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.92 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.03 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.52 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.6, 154.5, 142.0, 136.4, 129.6, 128.8, 127.6, 126.9, 123.1, 119.0, 111.0, 102.6, 62.1, 30.8, 25.0 ppm; IR(KBr): 3282, 2953~2873, 1463, 1265, 1066, 761 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ 253.1219 found 253.1219.

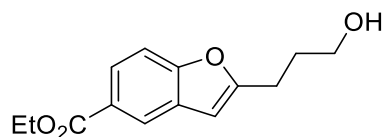


2-(3-Hydroxypropyl)benzofuran-5-carboxylic acid (1i): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.3, yellow solid (715 mg, 65% yield), mp: 140-143 °C; ^1H NMR (400

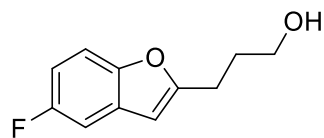
MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.81 (s, 1H, COOH), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.71 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 4.58 (s, 1H, OH), 3.48 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.84 (m, 2H, CH₂) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.5, 160.9, 156.5, 128.8, 125.5, 124.9, 122.3, 110.6, 102.5, 59.8, 30.3, 24.4 ppm; IR(KBr): 3333, 2928, 1713, 1267, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄ 221.0808 found 221.0804.



Methyl 2-(3-hydroxypropyl)-5-benzofurancarboxylate (1j):^[4] eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, yellow solid (784 mg, 67% yield), mp: 40-42 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.47 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.92 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.75 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.02 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.63 (s, 1H, OH) ppm.

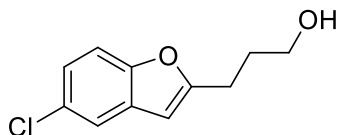


Ethyl 2-(3-hydroxypropyl)-5-benzofurancarboxylate (1k): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.5, yellow oil (868 mg, 70% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.47 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.75 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.91 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.02 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.56 (s, 1H, OH), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 160.4, 157.4, 129.0, 125.3, 122.8, 110.7, 102.8, 62.0, 61.0, 30.6, 24.9, 14.5 ppm; IR (KBr) 3419, 2953~2852, 1714, 1292, 767cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₇O₄ 249.1127 found 249.1128.

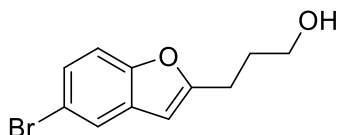


5-Fluoro-2-benzofuranpropanol (1l): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.2, yellow oil (679 mg, 70% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.92 (td, *J* = 9.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.38 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.00 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.62 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 160.4 (C-F, ¹J_{C-F} = 238.2 Hz),

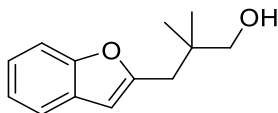
151.0, 129.9 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 10.8$ Hz), 111.4 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.6$ Hz), 110.9 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 26.4$ Hz), 106.1 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.1$ Hz), 102.7 ($^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz), 62.0, 30.6, 25.0 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -121.9 ppm; IR (KBr): 3331, 2941, 1469, 1186, 1055, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{FO}_2$ 195.0816 found 195.0809.



5-Chloro-2-benzofuranpropanol (1m): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.6, yellow solid (735 mg, 70% yield), mp: 60-61 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 8.7, 2.1$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.36 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.74 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.88 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.01 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.59 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.7, 153.4, 130.6, 128.3, 123.7, 120.2, 112.0, 102.3, 62.2, 30.8, 25.1 ppm; IR (KBr): 3298, 2933, 1452, 1058, 798 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{FO}_2$ 211.0520 found 211.0520.

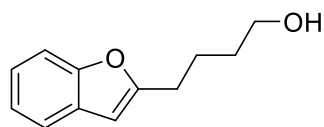


5-Bromo-2-benzofuranpropanol (1n): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.3, yellow solid (952 mg, 75% yield), mp: 65-66 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 7.60 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.31 - 7.26 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.36 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.74 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.88 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.00 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.58 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (176 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.4, 153.6, 131.0, 126.2, 123.1, 115.7, 112.3, 102.0, 62.0, 30.6, 24.9 ppm; IR (KBr): 3331, 2926, 1444, 1259, 1049, 796 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrO}_2$ 255.0021 found 255.0019.

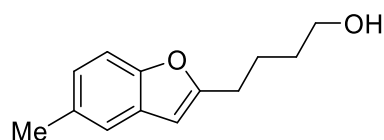


3-(Benzofuran-2-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-ol (1o): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.13, yellow oil (607 mg, 60% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.43 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.21 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.44 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.38 (s, 2H, CH_2), 2.75 (s, 2H, CH_2), 1.76 (s, 1H, OH), 1.00 (s, 6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2$) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.2, 154.8, 129.0, 123.4, 122.7, 120.4, 111.0, 104.7, 71.3, 37.4, 36.8, 24.5 ppm; IR(KBr):

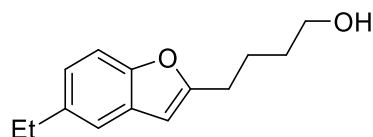
3383, 2957, 1713, 1585, 1454, 1254, 1042, 912, 748 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ 205.1223 found 205.1218.



2-Benzofuranbutanol (1p):^[6] eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.3, yellow oil (789 mg, 83% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 - 7.49 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.47 - 7.42 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.41 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.67 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.81 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.42 (s, 1H, OH), 1.87 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.69 (m, 2H, CH_2) ppm.

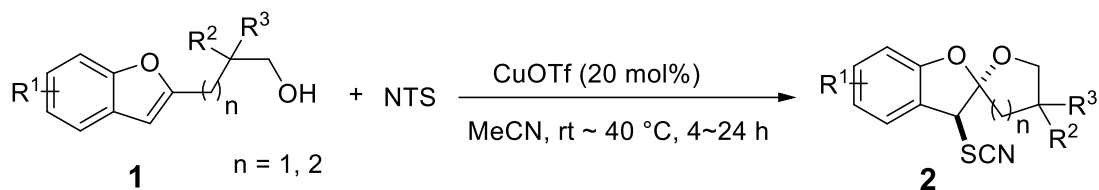


5-Methyl-2-benzofuranbutanol (1q): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, yellow oil (826 mg, 81% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 - 7.23 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.01 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.31 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.65 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.77 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.97 (s, 1H, OH), 1.81 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.64 (m, 2H, CH_2) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.3, 153.1, 131.8, 129.1, 124.4, 120.2, 110.3, 101.9, 62.5, 32.2, 28.3, 24.0, 21.4 ppm; IR (KBr) 3041, 2937, 2866, 1598, 1473, 1266, 1058, 798 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ 205.1129 found 205.1221.

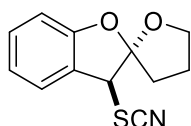


5-Ethyl-2-benzofuranbutanol (1r): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, yellow oil (992 mg, 91% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 - 7.28 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.34 (s, 1H, Het. Ar-H), 3.69 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.79 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 2.72 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, CH_2), 1.83 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.67 (m, 2H, CH_2), 1.51 (s, 1H, OH), 1.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3.01H, CH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.4, 153.3, 138.6, 129.1, 123.4, 119.1, 110.4, 102.1, 62.7, 32.3, 29.0, 28.3, 24.1, 16.5 ppm; IR (KBr) 3038, 2933, 2868, 1598, 1471, 1265, 1060, 810 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ 219.1385 found 219.1377.

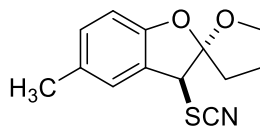
3. Reaction with Substrates and Characterization.



Substrates **1** (1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and CuOTf (4.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) were stirred in CH₃CN (1.0 mL) for 5 min at room temperature under argon atmosphere in dark, the *N*-Thiocyanatosuccinimide (23.3 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the pure desired products **2**. *N*-Thiocyanatosuccinimide (31 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added at 40 °C.

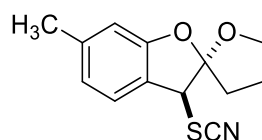


3-Thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2a): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.5, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.5:1, determined by ¹H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 8 h, 21 mg, 88% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.67H), 7.29 (m, 1.67H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.67H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 0.67H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 0.67H), 4.26 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 0.67H), 4.11 (m, 1.67H), 2.53 (m, 1.67H), 2.47 (m, 0.67H), 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.18 (m, 3.35H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 156.8, 131.6, 131.3, 125.8, 125.1, 124.7, 123.2, 122.2, 122.1, 119.5, 116.7, 112.9 (SCN), 111.1, 110.7 (SCN), 110.6, 71.0, 70.0, 55.4, 55.2, 36.8, 33.4, 24.6, 24.1 ppm; IR (KBr) 2958~2850, 2154 (SCN), 1597, 1475, 876, 752 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M + NH₄]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂O₂S 251.0849 found 251.0852.

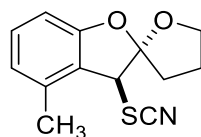


5-Methyl-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2b): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.8, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.4:1, determined by ¹H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 4 h, 20 mg, 81% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 0.69H), 7.08 (m, 1.69H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 0.69H), 6.70 (d, *J*

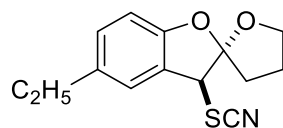
= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 0.69H), 4.24 (m, 1H), 4.18 (m, 0.69H), 4.07 (m, 1.69H), 2.52 (m, 1.69H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.37 (m, 0.69H), 2.32 (s, 2.99H), 2.31 (s, 2.08H), 2.25 (m, 1.69H), 2.17 (m, 1.69H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.0, 154.7, 132.2, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 126.0, 125.4, 124.5, 123.0, 119.6, 116.7, 113.0 (SCN), 110.8 (SCN), 110.6, 110.1, 70.9, 55.7, 36.7, 24.6, 24.1 ppm; IR (KBr) 3283, 2156 (SCN), 1632, 1554, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 246.0589 found 246.0589.



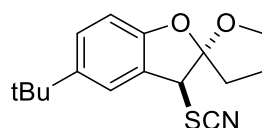
6-Methyl-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2c): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.6, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.4:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 8 h, 22 mg, 89% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 0.7H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 0.7H), 6.68 (s, 0.7H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 0.7H), 4.24 (m, 1H), 4.17 (m, 0.7H), 4.09 (m, 1.7H), 2.57 – 2.42 (m, 3.4H), 2.33 (s, 3.0H), 2.31 – 2.21 (m, 3.4H), 2.17 (s, 2.0H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.3, 157.0, 142.3, 142.0, 125.4, 124.7, 123.1, 122.9, 121.6, 120.2, 119.8, 117.0, 113.0 (SCN), 111.6, 111.1, 110.9 (SCN), 70.9, 69.9, 55.5, 55.3, 36.9, 33.4, 31.0, 24.6, 24.1, 21.9, 21.9 ppm; IR (KBr) 2954, 2152 (SCN), 1622, 1494, 1321, 1068, 943, 810 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 246.0589 found 246.0589.



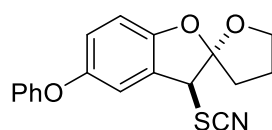
4-Methyl-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2d): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.6, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 2.2:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow solid (rt, 24 h, 15 mg, 59% yield; 40 °C, 8 h, 21 mg, 82% yield;), mp: 88-90 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.19 (m, 1.45H), 6.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 0.45H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 0.45H), 4.91 (s, 0.45H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.34 (m, 0.29H), 4.18 (m, 0.45H), 4.10 (m, 1.17H), 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 1.35H), 2.41 (s, 3.01H), 2.36 (m, 0.9H), 2.31 (m, 0.9H), 2.23 – 2.12 (m, 2.0H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2, 157.2, 136.8, 136.4, 131.6, 131.5, 123.5, 123.4, 121.5, 121.0, 119.5, 117.0, 112.4 (SCN), 110.8 (SCN), 108.5, 108.2, 71.1, 70.1, 56.6, 55.0, 38.0, 33.4, 24.9, 24.1, 19.0, 18.6 ppm; IR (KBr) 2956, 2154 (SCN), 1728, 1616, 1489, 1257, 1068, 813, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 246.0589 found 246.0586.



5-Ethyl-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2e): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.6, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.5:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 8 h, 17 mg, 65% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 0.65H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 1.65H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.65H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 0.65H), 4.25 (m, 1H), 4.17 (m, 0.65H), 4.15 – 4.01 (m, 1.65H), 2.67 – 2.57 (m, 3.31H), 2.55 – 2.42 (m, 1.99H), 2.37 – 2.24 (m, 1.32H), 2.22 – 2.10 (m, 3.31H), 1.27 – 1.17 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.1, 154.9, 138.3, 131.1, 130.7, 124.9, 124.5, 124.2, 123.0, 120.0, 113.0 (SCN), 110.8 (SCN), 110.7, 110.2, 70.8, 55.7, 55.4, 36.7, 33.3, 28.5, 28.4, 24.6, 24.1, 16.1, 16.0 ppm; IR (KBr) 2962, 2154 (SCN), 1728, 1618, 1489, 1257, 1070, 823 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 260.0745 found 260.0746.

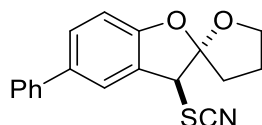


5-(tert-Butyl)-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2f): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.6, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.4:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 5 h, 24 mg, 83% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 0.7H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1.7H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.7H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 0.7H), 4.26 (m, 1H), 4.17 (m, 0.7H), 4.13 – 4.03 (m, 1.7H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 2.02H), 2.38 – 2.27 (m, 1.4H), 2.25 – 2.13 (m, 3.39H), 1.32 (s, 9.02H), 1.30 (s, 6.27H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.8, 154.6, 145.4, 145.3, 128.7, 128.3, 124.1, 119.7, 116.9, 113.0 (SCN), 111.0 (SCN), 110.3, 109.8, 70.9, 69.9, 55.8, 55.6, 36.8, 34.6, 33.3, 31.7, 24.6, 24.1 ppm; IR (KBr) 2960~2872, 2154 (SCN), 1728, 1490, 833 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$ 312.1029 found 312.1028.

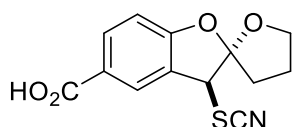


5-Phenoxy-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2g): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.5, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.4:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 24 h, 19 mg, 59% yield; 40 °C, 8 h, 27 mg, 83% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 3.48H), 7.24 – 7.03 (m, 3.49H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 5.22H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 0.74H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.72 (s, 0.74H), 4.26 (m, 1H), 4.20 (m, 0.74H), 4.12 (m, 1.74H), 2.57 – 2.48 (m, 2.09H), 2.40 – 2.26 (m, 1.39H), 2.25 – 2.13 (m, 3.50H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.1, 158.1, 154.1, 152.8, 151.5, 151.4, 129.9, 129.8, 129.8, 125.6, 124.1, 123.0, 122.9, 122.9, 122.6, 118.1, 117.9,

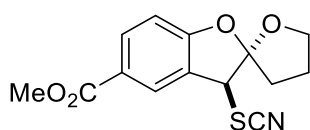
117.7, 117.2, 116.9, 116.7, 112.2 (SCN), 111.7, 111.1, 110.1 (SCN), 70.8, 70.0, 55.4, 55.1, 36.5, 33.4, 24.5, 24.0 ppm; IR (KBr) 3064~2899, 2154 (SCN), 1734, 1475, 1215, 750, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$ 348.0665 found 348.0674.



5-Phenyl-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2h): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.6, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.5:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 24 h, 14 mg, 45% yield; 40 °C, 8 h, 27 mg, 87% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (m, 6.00H), 7.43 (m, 4.01H), 7.33 (m, 1.67H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 0.67H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.00H), 5.13 (s, 1.00H), 4.86 (s, 0.67H), 4.32 – 4.25 (m, 1H), 4.26 – 4.17 (m, 0.67H), 4.19 – 4.08 (m, 1.67H), 2.60 – 2.50 (m, 2.34H), 2.36 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.15 (m, 3.33H). ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.6, 156.3, 140.6, 140.5, 139.7, 138.3, 135.9, 135.8, 130.7, 130.3, 129.1, 129.0, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 125.3, 124.5, 123.8, 122.9, 120.0, 117.2, 113.7, 112.8 (SCN), 112.3 (SCN), 110.8, 71.0, 70.1, 55.4, 55.2, 36.8, 34.7, 24.6, 24.1 ppm; IR (KBr) 3059~2897, 2152 (SCN), 1730, 1477, 761, 698 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$ 332.0716 found 332.0724.

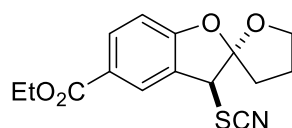


3-Thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-furan]-5-carboxylic acid (2i): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.5, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.5:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (40 °C, 24 h, 12 mg, 43% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 0.6H), 8.14 – 8.06 (m, 1.6H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.6H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 0.6H), 4.29 (m, 1H), 4.22 (m, 0.6H), 4.14 (m, 1.6H), 2.64 – 2.50 (m, 2.33H), 2.39 – 2.32 (m, 1.38H), 2.29 – 2.19 (m, 3.20H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 170.8, 162.3, 161.2, 134.7, 134.5, 128.5, 127.8, 125.1, 124.0, 123.5, 123.5, 121.1, 118.2, 112.0, 111.1, 110.6 (SCN), 109.9 (SCN), 71.3, 70.4, 54.3, 54.1, 36.9, 33.7, 24.5, 24.0 ppm; IR (KBr) 2926, 2156 (SCN), 1712, 1688, 1612, 1275, 1242, 914, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M + \text{NH}_4]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$ 300.0301 found 300.0296.



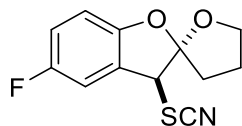
Methyl-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-furan]-5-carboxylate

(2j): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.4:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 24 h, 14 mg, 48% yield; 40 °C, 8 h, 22 mg, 76% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 0.74H), 8.02 (s, 1.74H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.74H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 0.74H), 4.26 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 0.74H), 4.16 – 4.09 (m, 1.74H), 3.90 (s, 2.98H), 3.89 (s, 2.26H), 2.60 – 2.48 (m, 2.43H), 2.35 (m, 1.06H), 2.30 – 2.15 (m, 3.49H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 166.3, 161.6, 160.5, 134.0, 133.8, 127.8, 126.9, 124.9, 124.5, 124.4, 123.7, 120.9, 112.2 (SCN), 110.9, 110.4, 110.0 (SCN), 77.5, 71.3, 70.3, 54.5, 54.3, 52.3, 52.2, 36.8, 33.7, 24.5 ppm; IR (KBr) 2987~2900, 2156 (SCN), 1714, 1441, 1290, 1087, 974, 918, 771 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{NH}_4]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ 309.0904 found 309.0912.



Ethyl-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-furan]-5-carboxylate (2k):

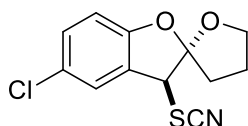
eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.4, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.6:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 8 h, 25 mg, 82% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 0.63H), 8.07 – 7.99 (m, 1.63H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 0.63H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 0.63H), 4.40 – 4.32 (m, 3.26H), 4.29 – 4.17 (m, 1.27H), 4.16 – 4.10 (m, 1.99H), 2.63 – 2.45 (m, 1.99H), 2.39 – 2.29 (m, 1.26H), 2.28 – 2.16 (m, 3.26H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4.89H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1.99H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 165.8, 161.6, 160.4, 133.9, 133.8, 127.7, 126.9, 124.8, 124.7, 123.7, 120.9, 118.0, 112.1 (SCN), 110.8, 110.4, 110.1 (SCN), 71.3, 70.3, 61.2, 61.1, 54.5, 54.3, 36.9, 33.7, 24.5, 24.0, 14.5 ppm; IR (KBr) 2981~2902, 2156 (SCN), 1712, 1277, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$ 328.0619 found 328.0619.



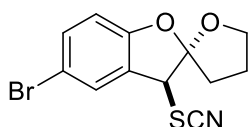
5-Fluoro-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2l):

eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.6, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.4:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 24 h, 16 mg, 64% yield; 40 °C, 8 h, 18 mg, 72% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.6 Hz, 0.71H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.7 Hz, 0.71H), 6.96 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 0.71H), 6.74 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 0.71H), 4.23 (m, 1H), 4.17 (m, 0.71H),

4.16 – 4.04 (m, 1.71H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 2.19H), 2.36 – 2.26 (m, 1.23H), 2.25 – 2.11 (m, 3.42H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.9 (C–F, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 241.1$ Hz), 153.8 (C–F, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 129.2$ Hz), 125.6 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 124.0 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 119.8, 118.1 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.4$ Hz), 117.6 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.4$ Hz), 117.0, 112.3 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.2$ Hz), 111.9 ($^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.8$ Hz), 111.4 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.5$ Hz), 110.8 ($^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.2$ Hz), 109.7 (SCN), 77.2, 70.7, 69.8, 55.0 ($^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.9$ Hz), 54.7 ($^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.0$ Hz), 36.2, 33.2, 24.2, 23.7 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -121.2, -121.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 2960~2872, 2154 (SCN), 1728, 1490, 833 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNNaO}_2\text{S}$ 274.0308 found 273.0316.

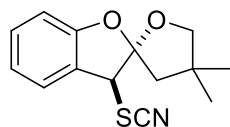


5-Chloro-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2m): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC $R_f = 0.5$, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.4:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 24 h, 16 mg, 60% yield; 40 °C, 8 h, 22 mg, 82% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (t, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 0.7H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 0.7H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 0.7H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 0.7H), 4.28 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 4.20 – 4.15 (m, 0.7H), 4.13 – 4.04 (m, 1.7H), 2.62 – 2.45 (m, 2.0H), 2.37 – 2.27 (m, 1.4H), 2.26 – 2.10 (m, 3.39H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.6, 155.4, 131.6, 131.2, 126.9, 126.5, 125.7, 125.1, 125.0, 124.4, 120.2, 117.3, 114.8, 112.2 (SCN), 111.6, 110.0 (SCN), 71.1, 70.2, 54.9, 54.6, 36.6, 33.5, 24.5, 24.0 ppm; IR (KBr) 2953~2899, 2154 (SCN), 1734, 1469, 815 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNNaO}_2\text{S}$ 290.0013 found 290.0021.

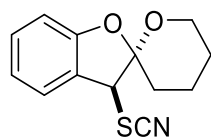


5-Bromo-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2n): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC $R_f = 0.5$, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.4:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 24 h, 15 mg, 48% yield; 40 °C, 8 h, 29 mg, 93% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 0.69H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1.69H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 0.69H), 6.70 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 0.69H), 4.24 (m, 1H), 4.17 (m, 0.69H), 4.14 – 4.03 (m, 1.69H), 2.56 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.35 – 2.26 (m, 1.39H), 2.25 – 2.15 (m, 3.39H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.1, 155.9, 134.4, 134.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.0, 125.5, 120.2, 117.3, 115.2, 113.8, 112.7, 112.3 (SCN), 112.2, 110.0 (SCN), 71.1, 70.2, 54.8, 54.5, 36.6, 33.5, 24.5, 24.0 ppm; IR (KBr) 3064~2897, 2154

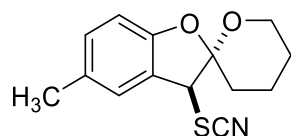
(SCN), 1732, 1465, 813 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNNaO}_2\text{S}$ 333.9508 found 333.9516.



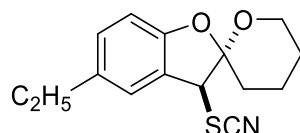
4',4'-Dimethyl-3-thiocyanato-4',5'-dihydro-3H,3'H-spirobenzofuran-2,2'-furan (2o): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (6:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.5, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.2:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 15 h, 21 mg, 81% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (m, 0.85H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 0.85H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.00 (m, 1.85H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 0.85H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.72 (s, 0.85H), 3.93 – 3.88 (m, 1.84H), 3.77 (m, 1.84H), 2.43 – 2.35 (m, 1.84H), 2.26 – 2.15 (m, 1.84H), 1.34 (s, 2.53H), 1.32 (s, 2.99H), 1.24 (s, 2.53H), 1.23 (s, 2.99H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2, 157.0, 131.5, 131.2, 125.9, 125.1, 124.6, 123.4, 122.2, 122.1, 120.2, 117.6, 113.4, 112.9, 111.2 (SCN), 110.5 (SCN), 82.7, 81.9, 57.0, 56.3, 51.2, 47.4, 39.5, 39.2, 28.0, 27.3, 26.4, 26.3 ppm; IR (KBr) 2960, 2872, 2154 (SCN), 1730, 1612, 1465, 1034, 912, 748 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{NH}_4]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$ 284.0716 found 284.0706.



3-Thiocyanato-3',4',5',6'-tetrahydro-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-pyran] (2p): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.5, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.3:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 24 h, 13 mg, 51% yield; 40 $^\circ\text{C}$, 8 h, 19 mg, 77% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.75H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 1.75H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1.75H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 0.75H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 0.75H), 4.11 – 3.97 (m, 1.74H), 3.86 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.8 Hz, 0.75H), 2.13 – 1.97 (m, 3.5H), 1.98 – 1.88 (m, 2.0H), 1.89 – 1.77 (m, 1.5H), 1.77 – 1.62 (m, 3.5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2, 157.1, 131.4, 131.1, 126.2, 125.4, 125.3, 123.6, 122.2, 122.1, 113.4, 111.3, 110.8, 110.2 (SCN), 108.3 (SCN), 64.3, 63.9, 58.1, 57.7, 32.8, 30.6, 24.5, 24.3, 19.6, 19.2 ppm; IR (KBr) 3051~2851, 2152 (SCN), 1576, 1463, 1242, 1045, 877, 750 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 248.0740 found 248.0734.

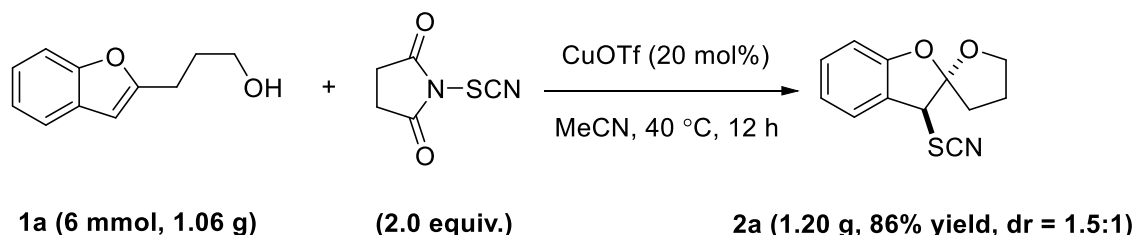


5-Methyl-3-thiocyanato-3',4',5',6'-tetrahydro-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-pyran] (2q): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.8, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.2:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 24 h, 11 mg, 42% yield; 40 °C, 8 h, 19 mg, 73% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.21 (s, 0.82H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1.82H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 0.82H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 0.82H), 4.03 (m, 1.82H), 3.84 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.7 Hz, 0.82H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 2.46H), 2.08 – 1.97 (m, 3.65H), 1.95 – 1.81 (m, 3.67H), 1.77 – 1.61 (m, 3.66H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.2, 155.0, 132.0, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 126.5, 125.6, 125.2, 123.5, 113.6, 111.0, 110.9, 110.4, 110.2 (SCN), 108.3 (SCN), 64.2, 63.8, 58.4, 57.8, 32.7, 30.6, 24.6, 24.3, 21.0, 20.9, 19.6, 19.2 ppm; IR (KBr) 2947, 2154 (SCN), 1489, 1230, 1045, 912, 744 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 262.0896 found 262.0897.



5-Ethyl-3-thiocyanato-3',4',5',6'-tetrahydro-3H-spiro[benzofuran-2,2'-pyran] (2r): eluent petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v), TLC R_f = 0.8, obtained as a mixture of diastereomers (dr = 1.3:1, determined by ^1H NMR), yellow oil (rt, 24 h, 18 mg, 67% yield; 40 °C, 8 h, 22 mg, 80% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.23 (s, 0.8H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 1.8H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 0.8H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.60 (s, 0.8H), 4.10 – 3.98 (m, 1.8H), 3.84 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.7 Hz, 0.8H), 2.67 – 2.56 (m, 3.61H), 2.10 – 1.98 (m, 3.61H), 1.96 – 1.83 (m, 3.60H), 1.77 – 1.60 (m, 3.60H), 1.25 – 1.22 (m, 3.03H), 1.22 – 1.19 (m, 2.37H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.3, 155.2, 138.4, 138.3, 131.0, 130.5, 125.4, 125.2, 124.5, 123.5, 113.6, 111.0, 110.9, 110.5, 110.2 (SCN), 108.4 (SCN), 64.2, 63.8, 58.4, 57.9, 32.7, 30.6, 28.5, 28.4, 24.6, 24.3, 19.6, 19.2, 16.2, 16.0 ppm; IR (KBr) 2960~2872, 2154 (SCN), 1489, 1228, 1045, 912, 742 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ 276.1053 found 276.1053.

4. Gram-scale reaction of 2a



1a (6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and CuOTf (25.8 mg, 1.2 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) were stirred in CH₃CN (6.0 mL) for 5 min at room temperature under argon atmosphere in dark, after the *N*-Thiocyanatosuccinimide (186 mg, 12 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added, heating the reaction to 40 °C for 12 hours until the reaction completed (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5/1, v/v) to afford the pure desired products **2a** with good 86% yield.

5. Single Crystal X-Ray data for compound **2d** (CCDC 2248480)

The single crystal was cultivated in the solution of **2d** (50 mg) in EtOAc (1.0 mL) and PE (3.0 mL) evaporated at room temperature.

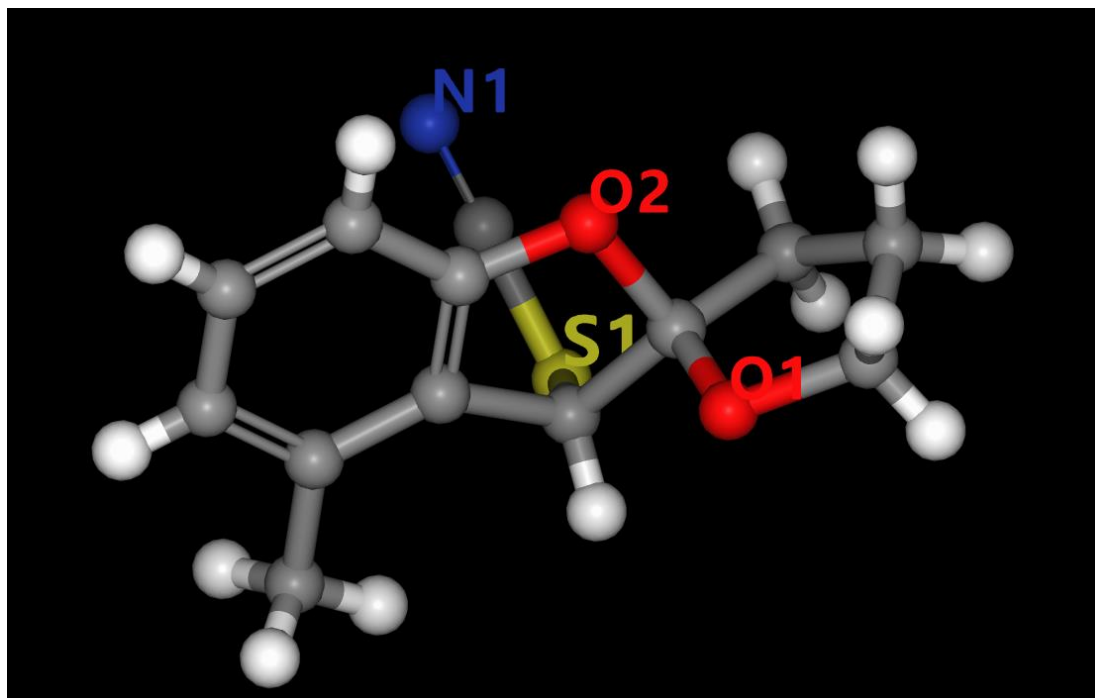


Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2d**.

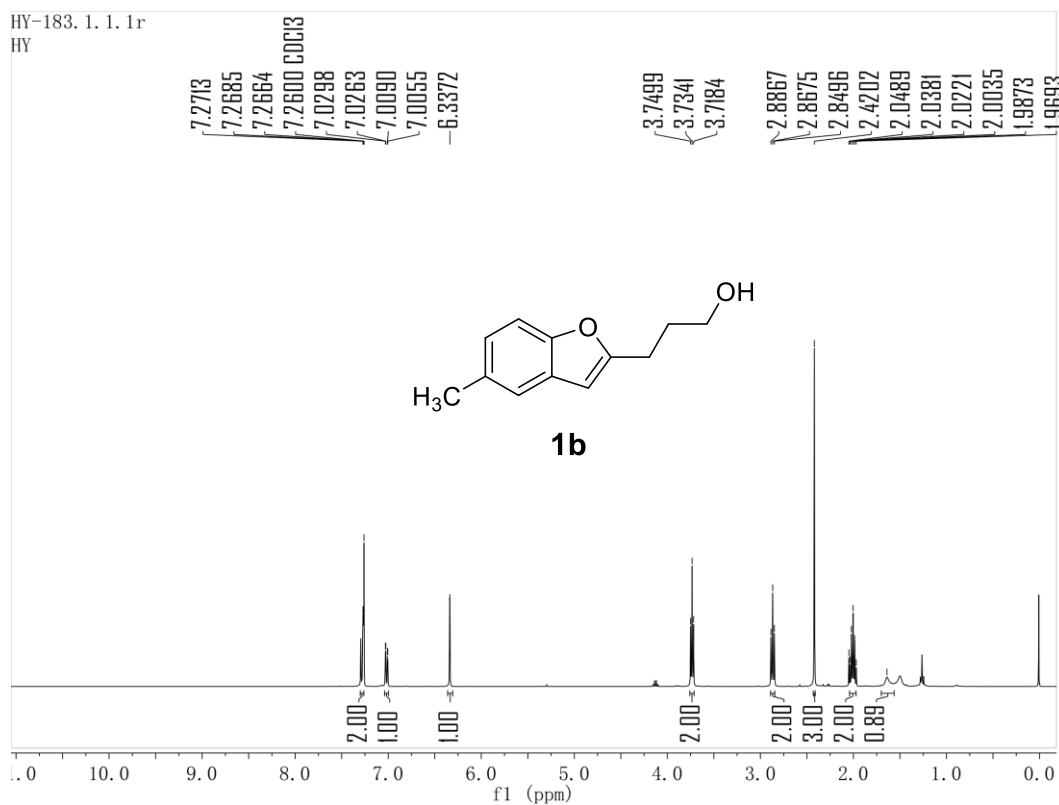
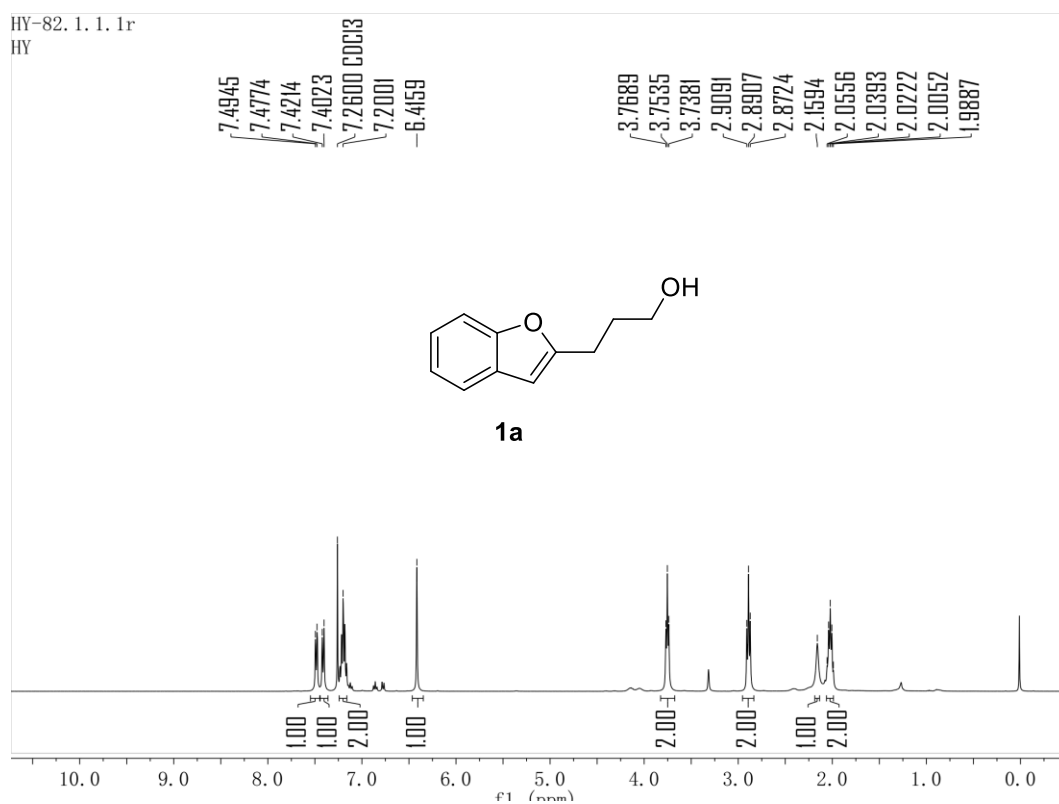
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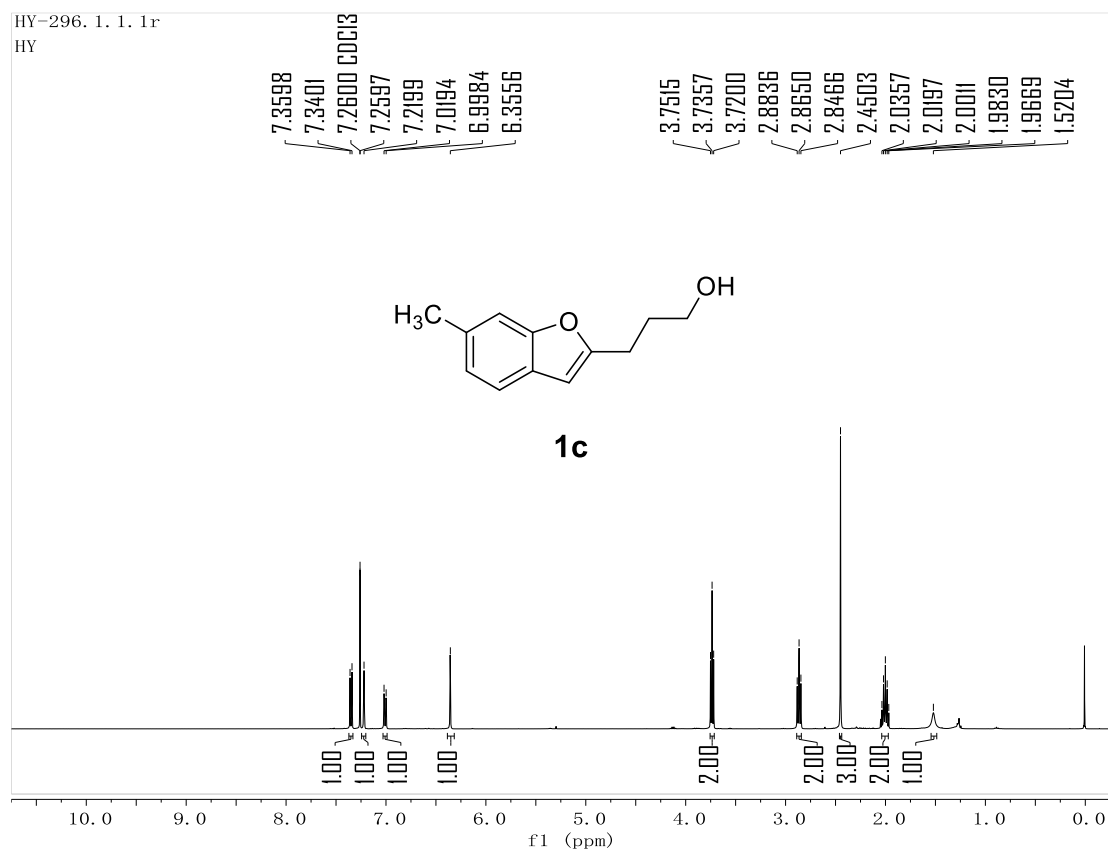
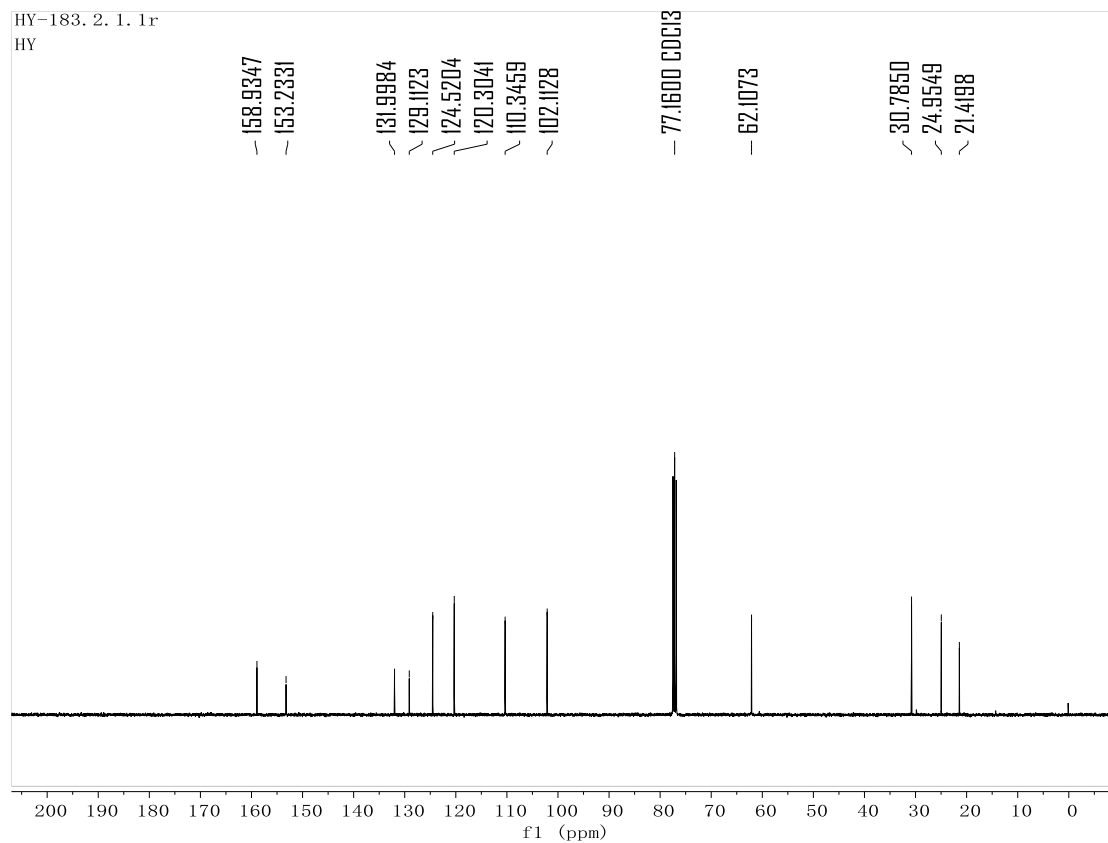
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Volume	2498.3(15) Å ³	
Z	8	
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F(000)	1040	
Crystal size	0.200 x 0.200 x 0.200 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	2.526 to 24.992°.	
Index ranges	-16<=h<=19, -6<=k<=6, -30<=l<=31	
Reflections collected	29056	
Independent reflections	4260 [R(int) = 0.1676]	
Completeness to theta = 24.992°	99.3 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	4260 / 229 / 283	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.996	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.1322, wR2 = 0.2315	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2397, wR2 = 0.2698	
Absolute structure parameter	0.48(8)	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.541 and -0.404 e.Å ⁻³	

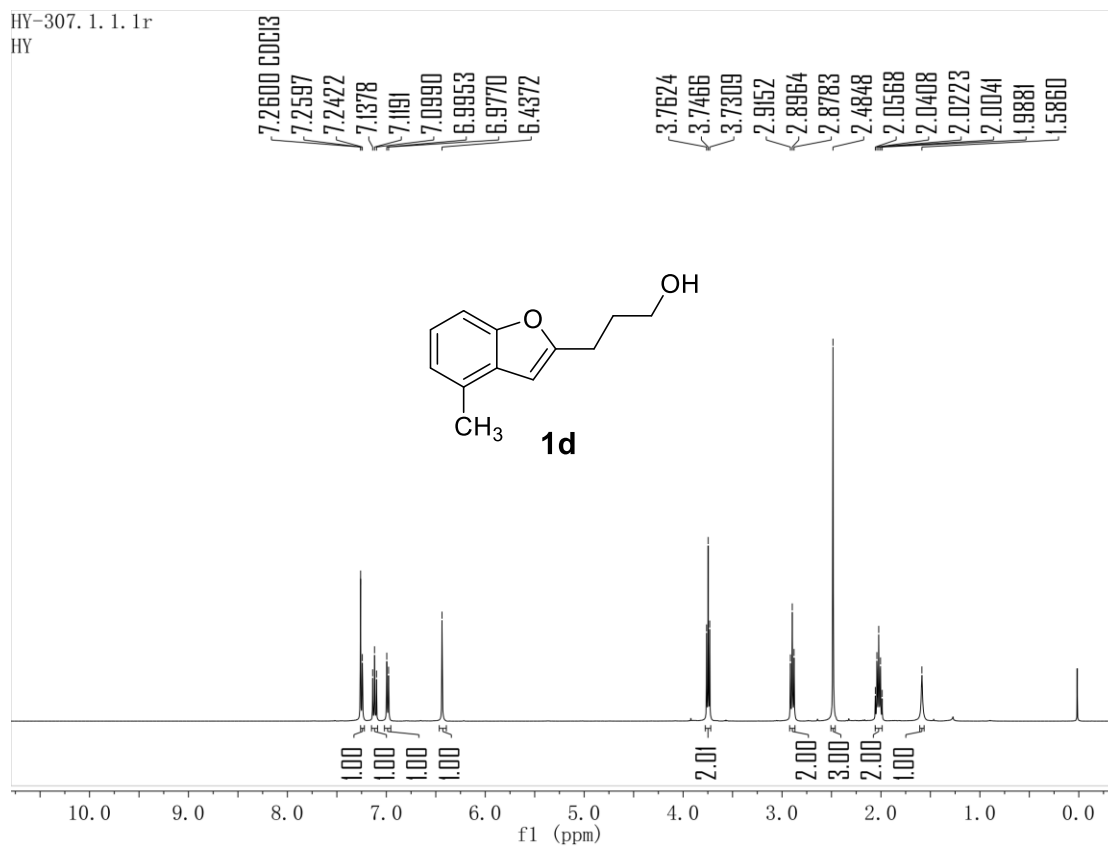
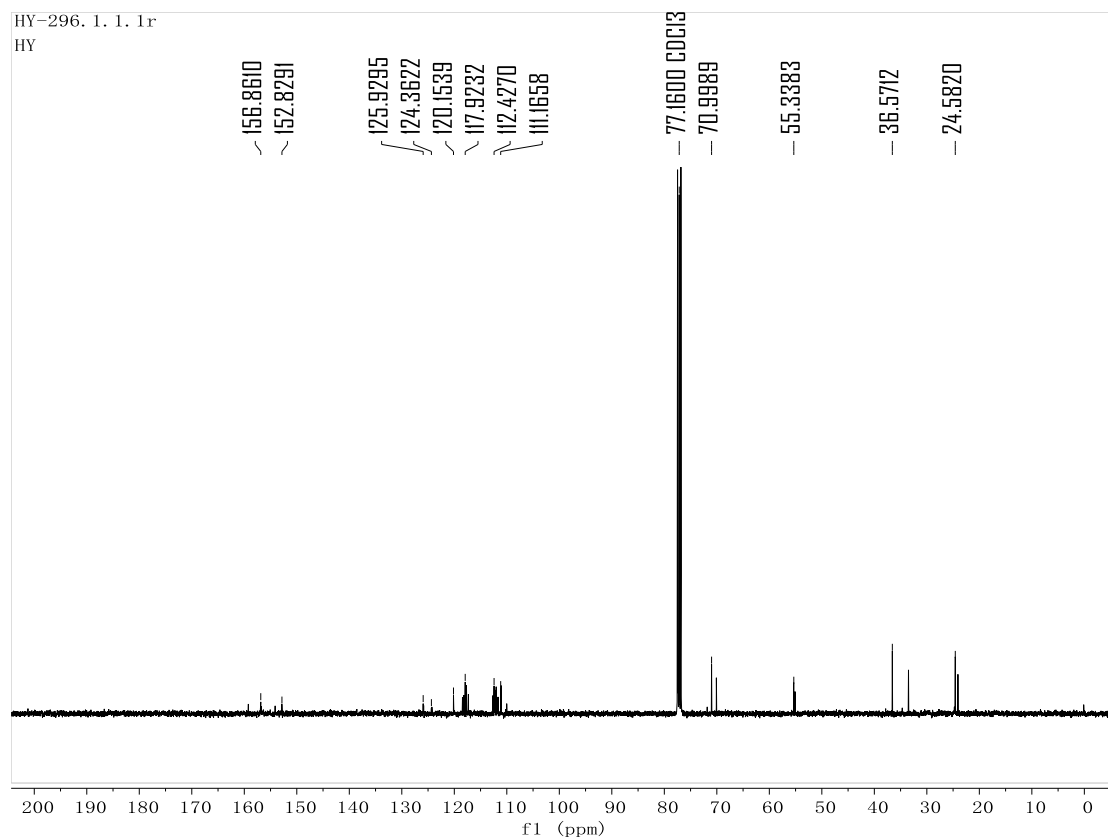
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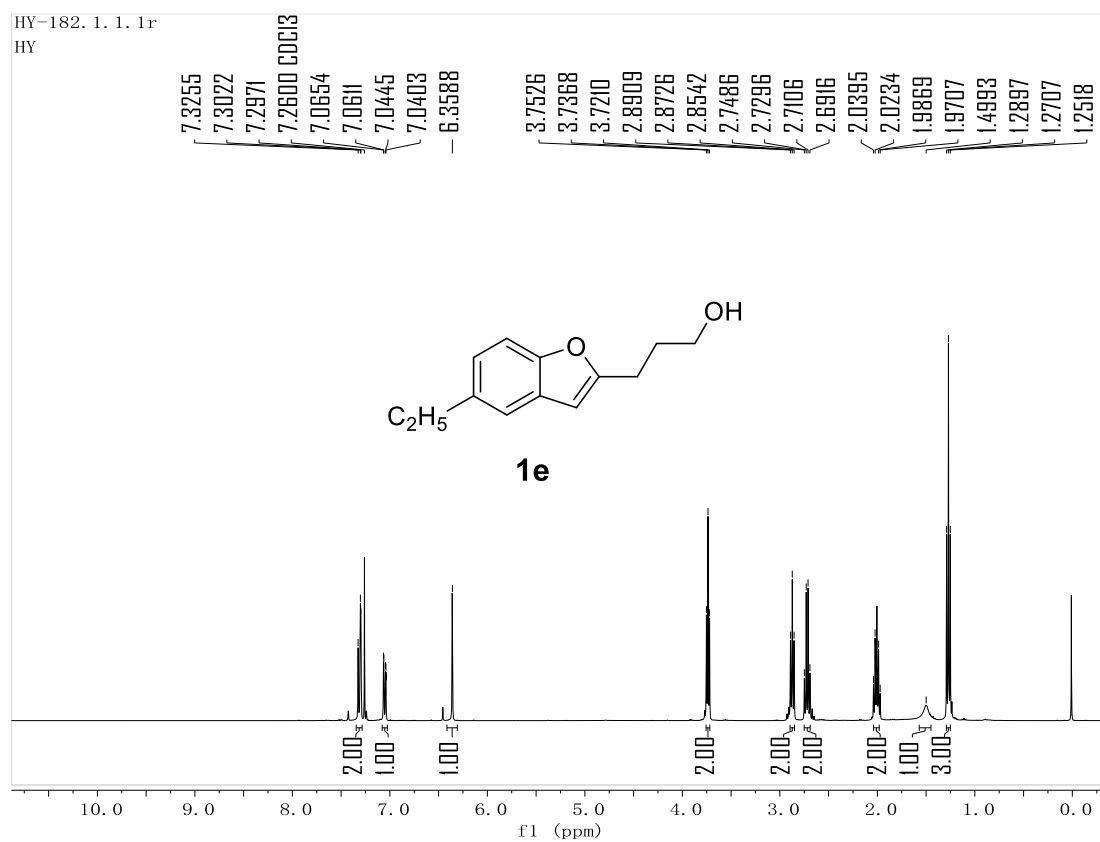
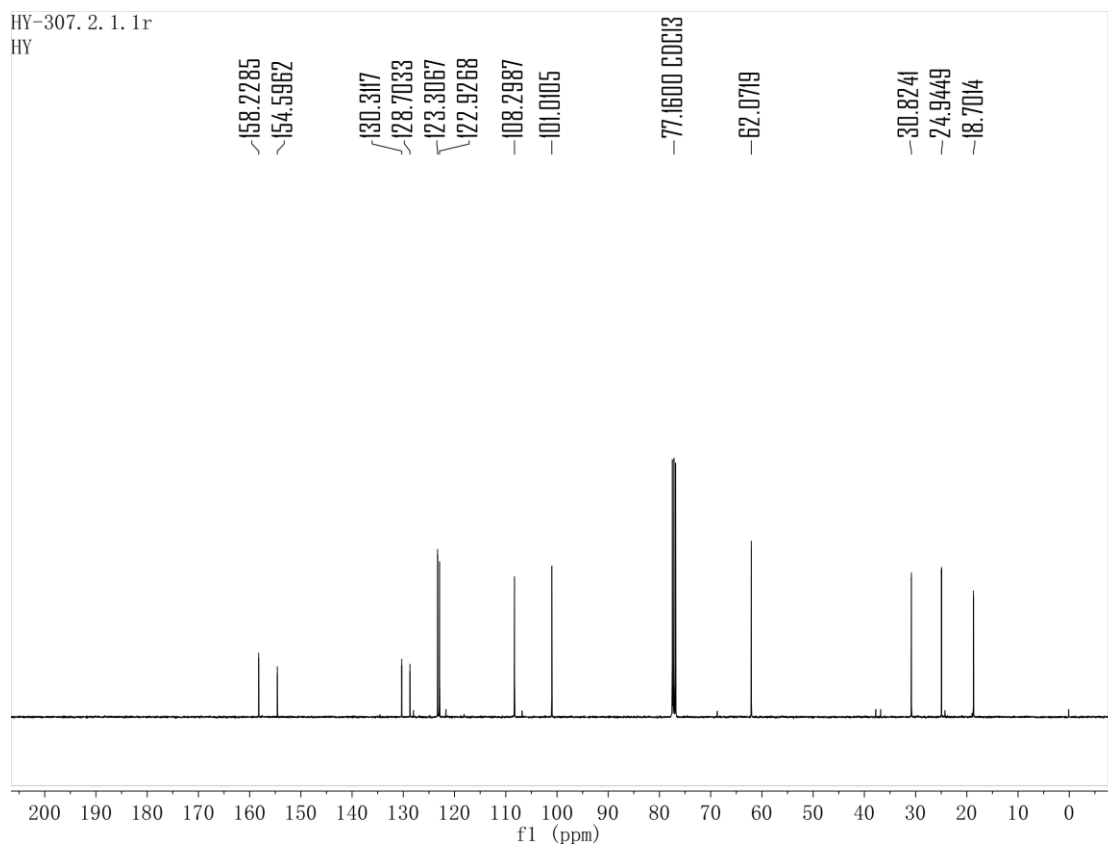
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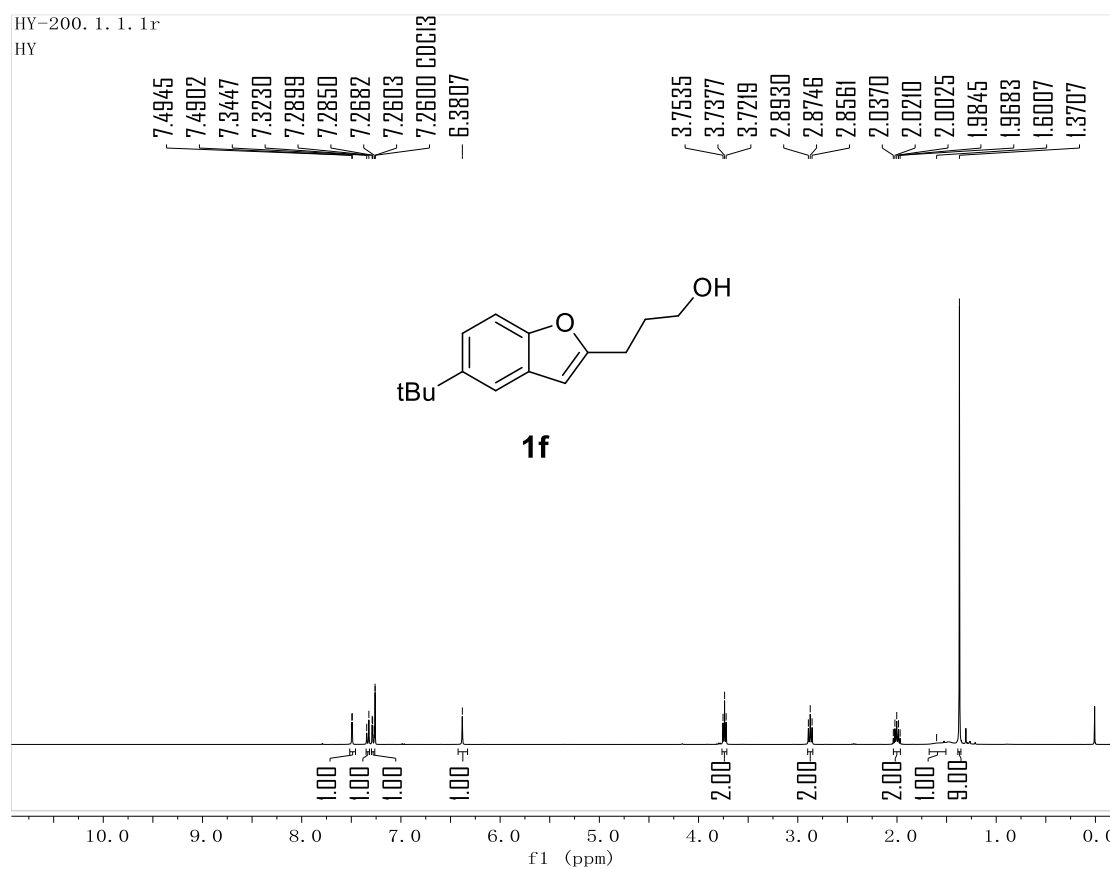
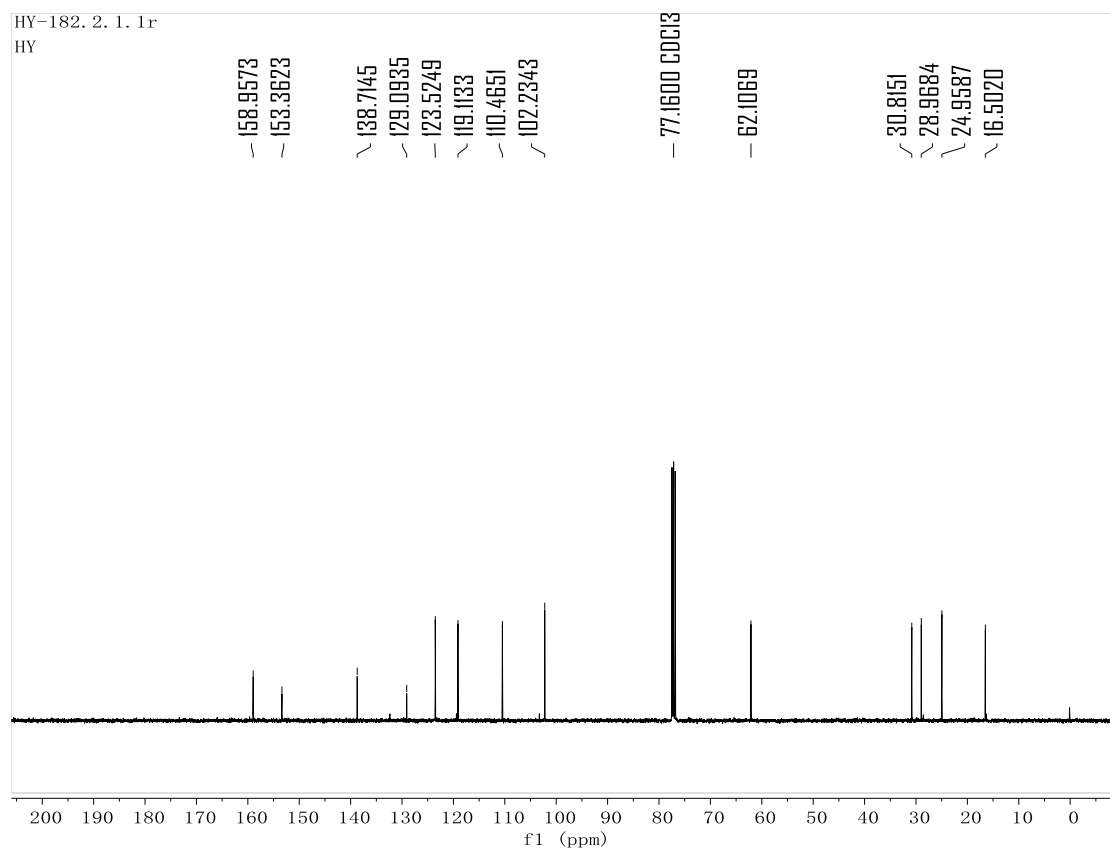
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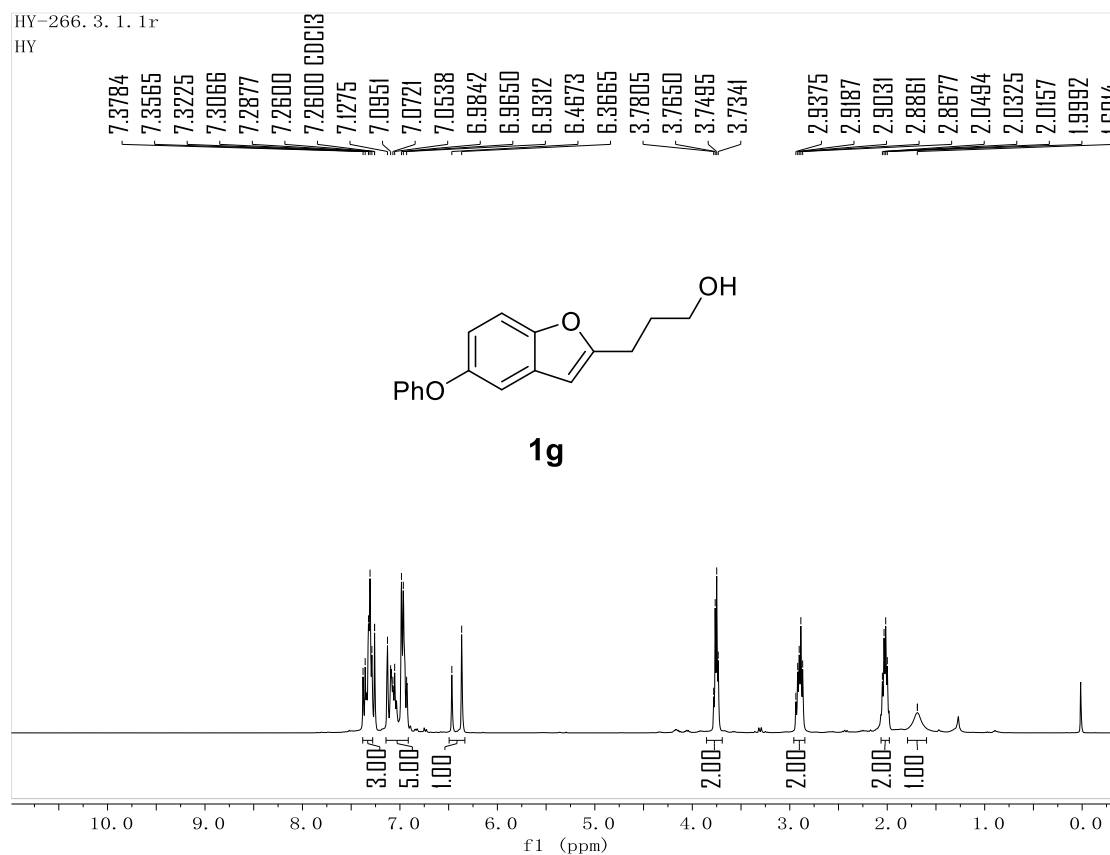
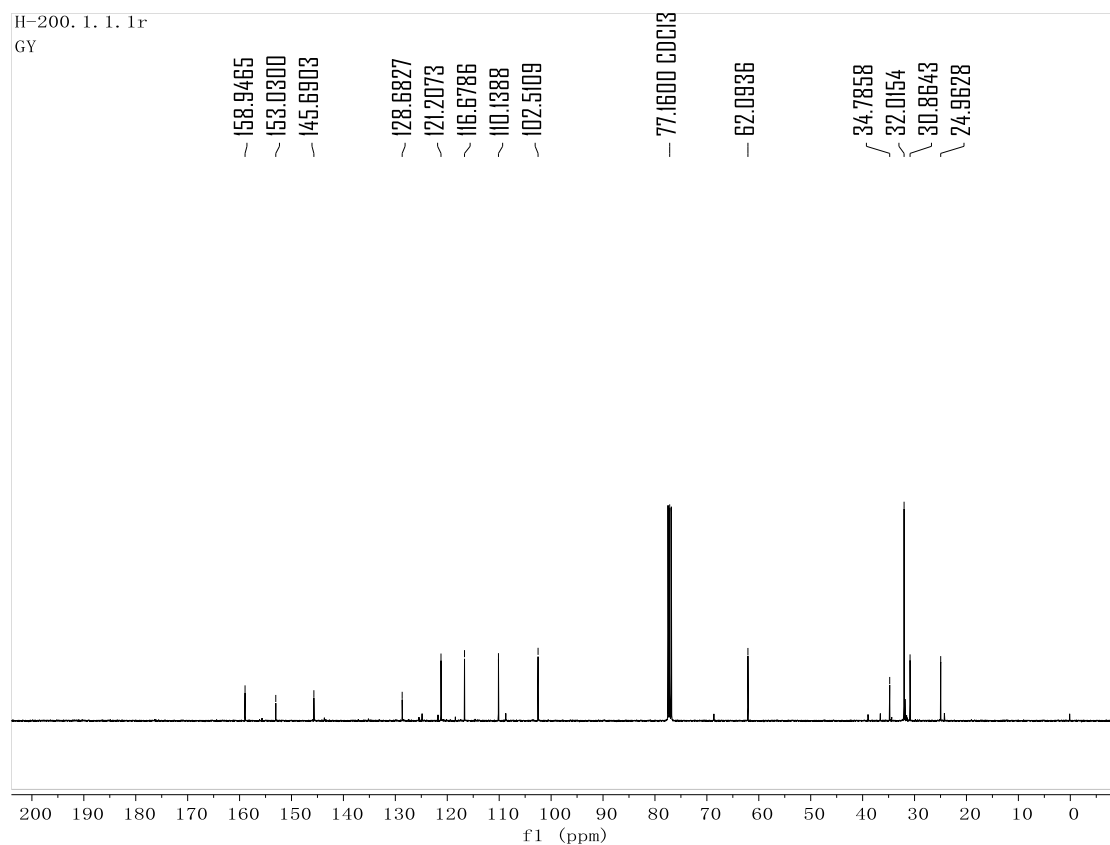


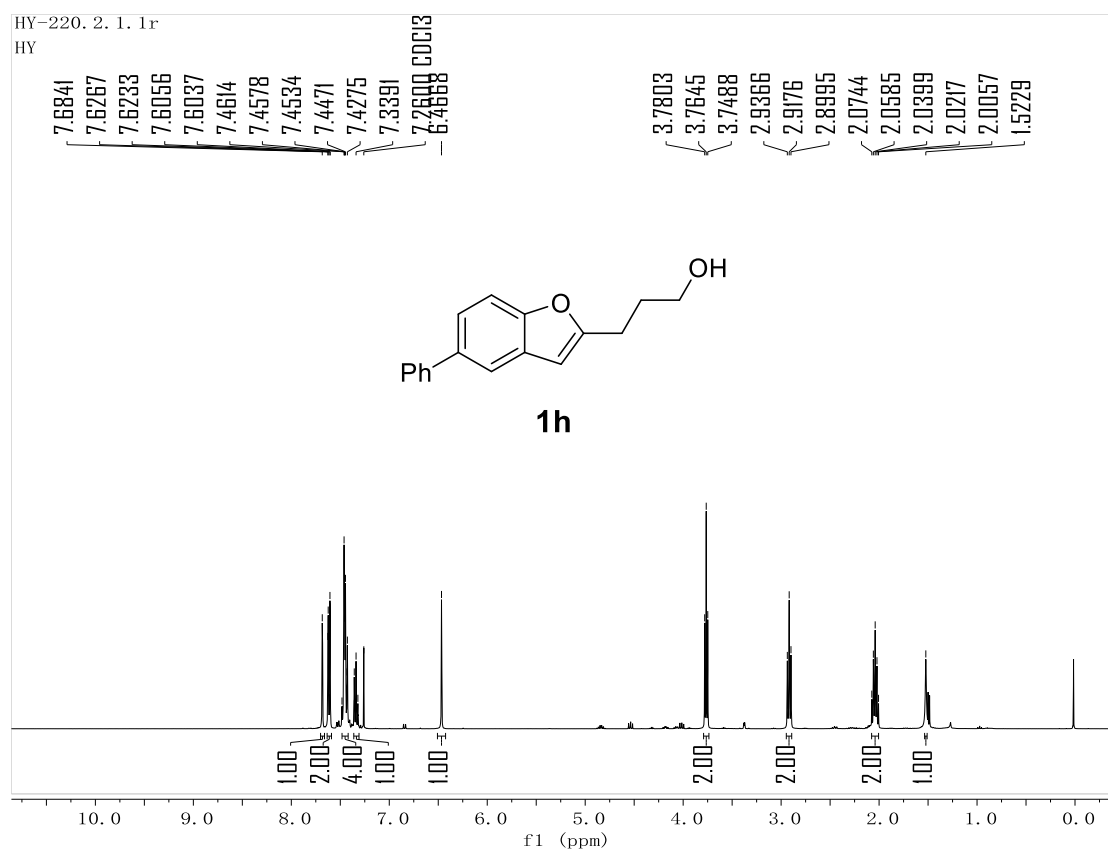
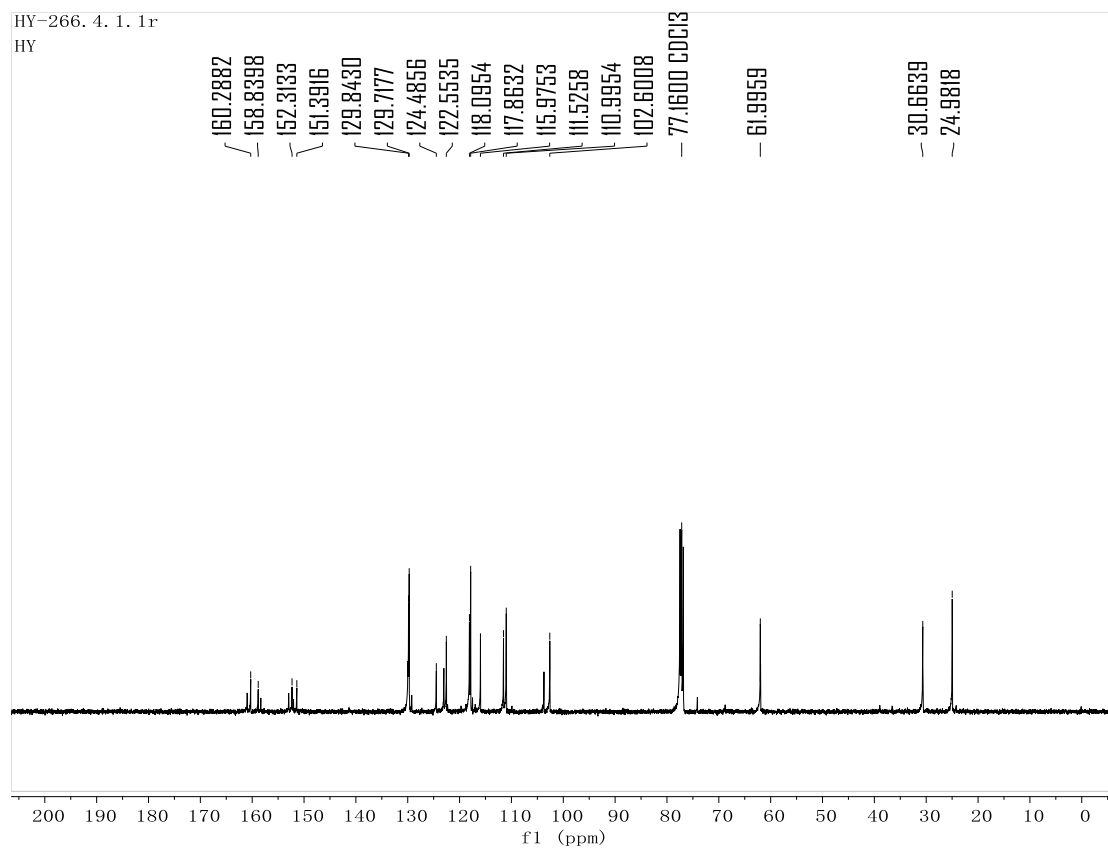


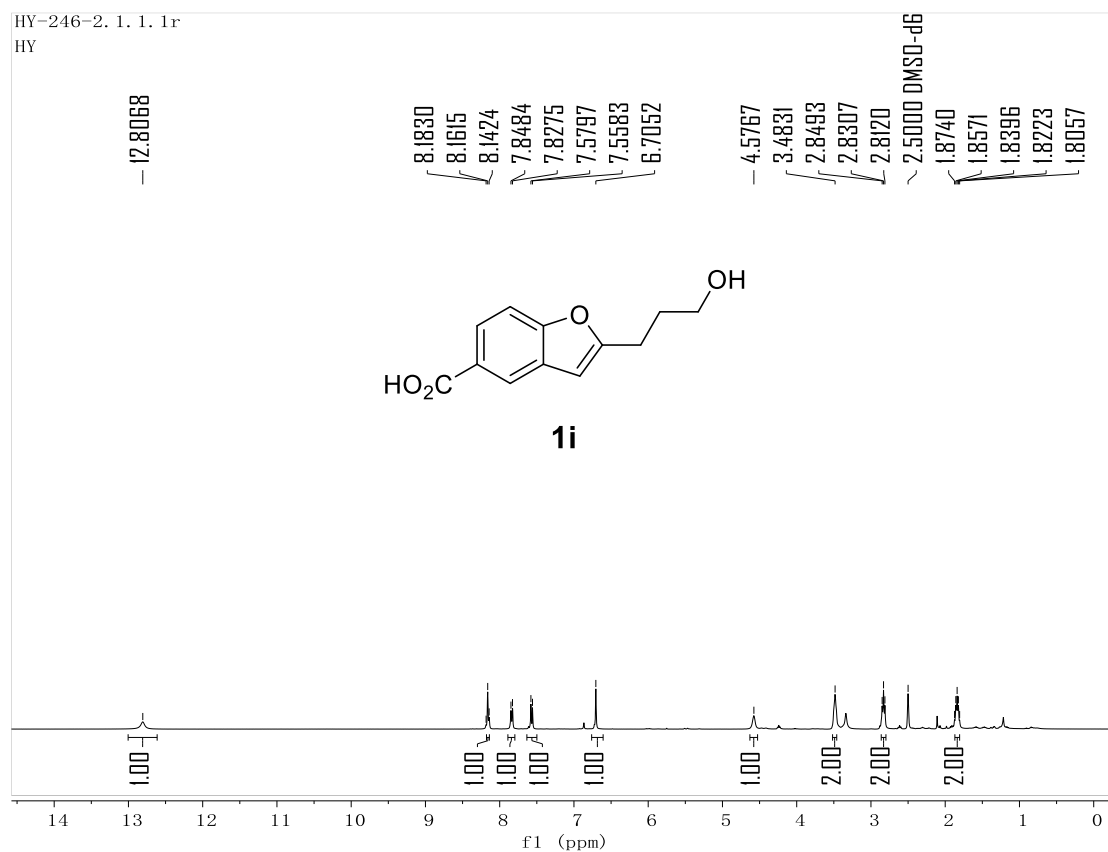
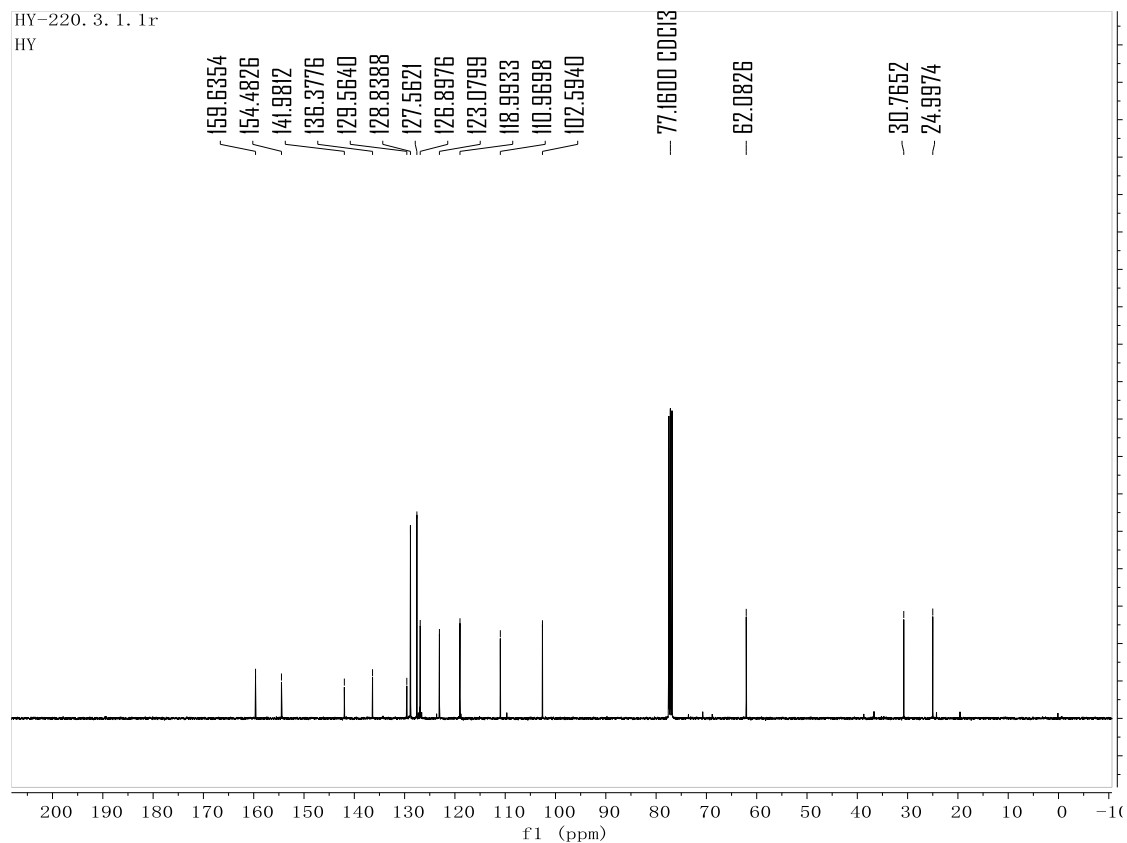


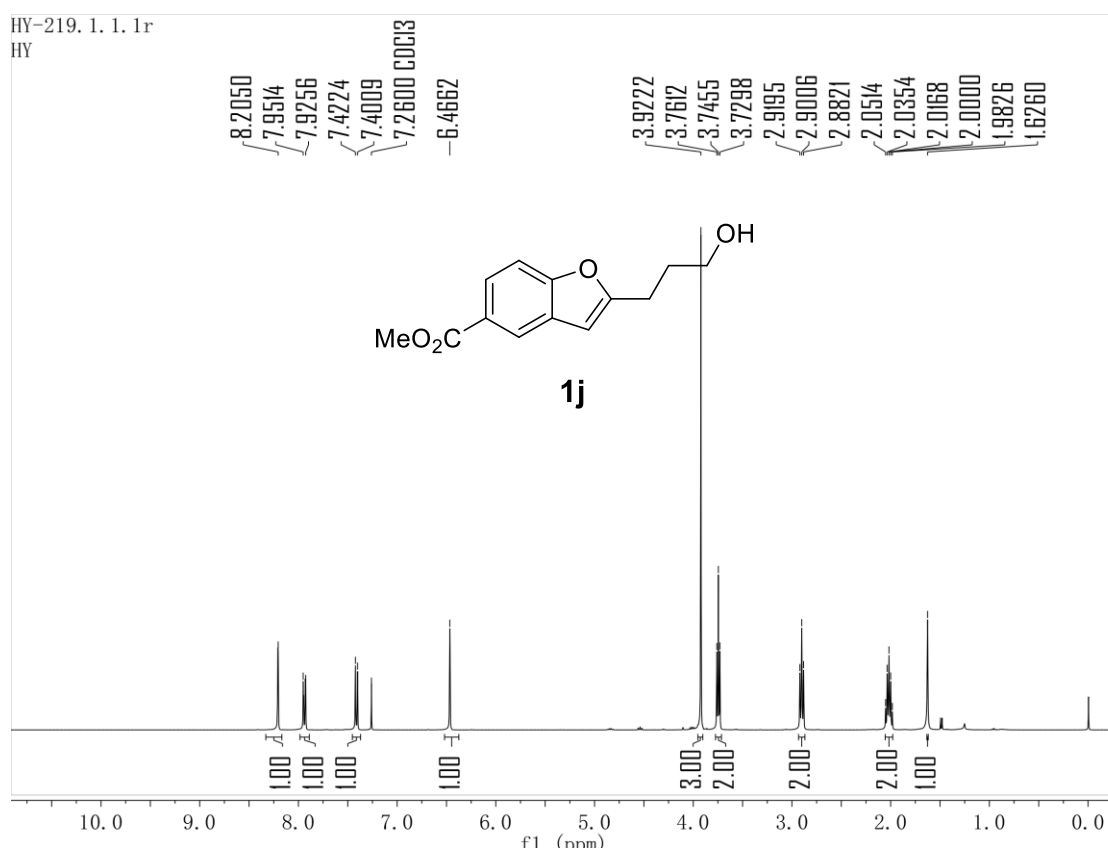
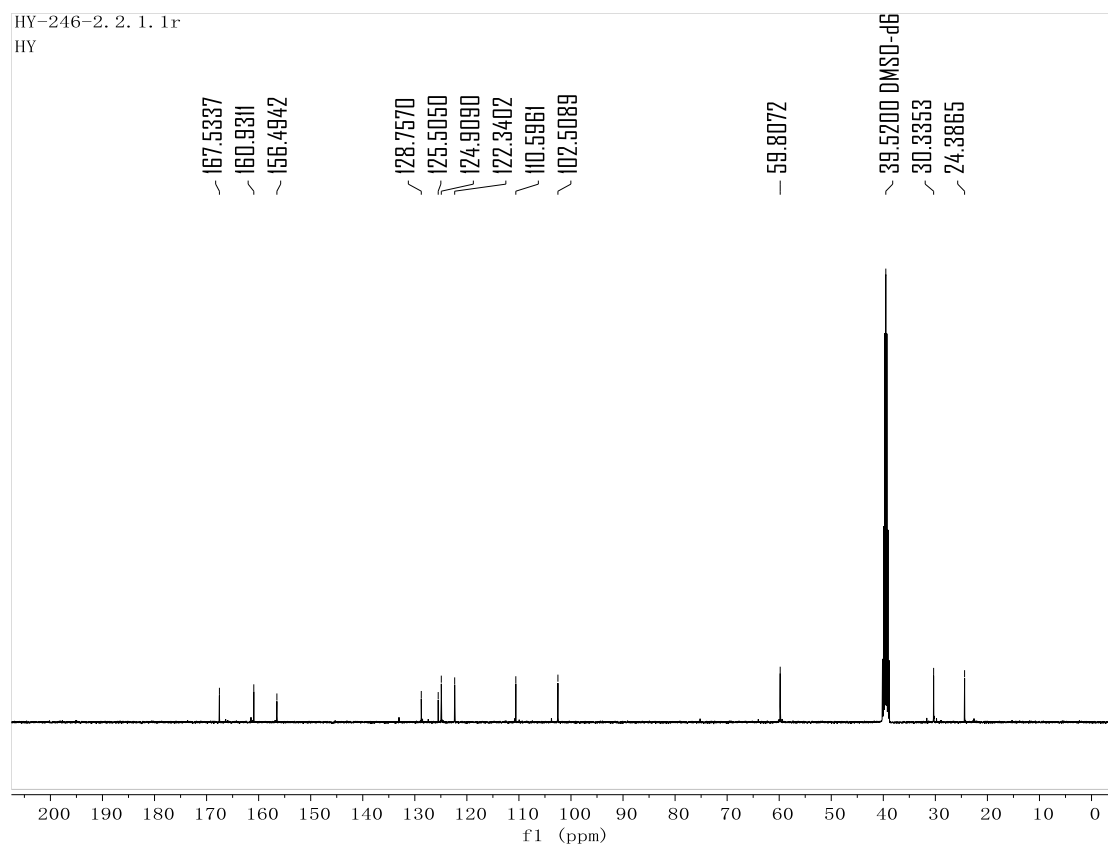


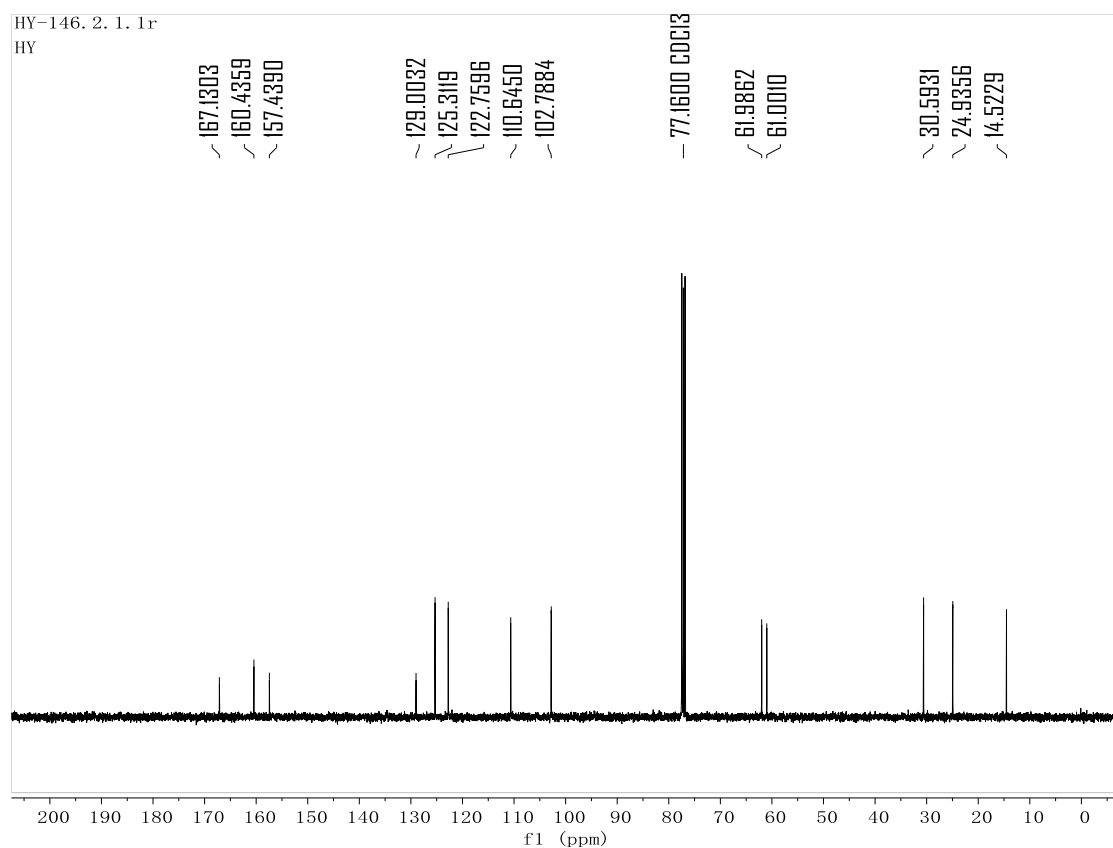
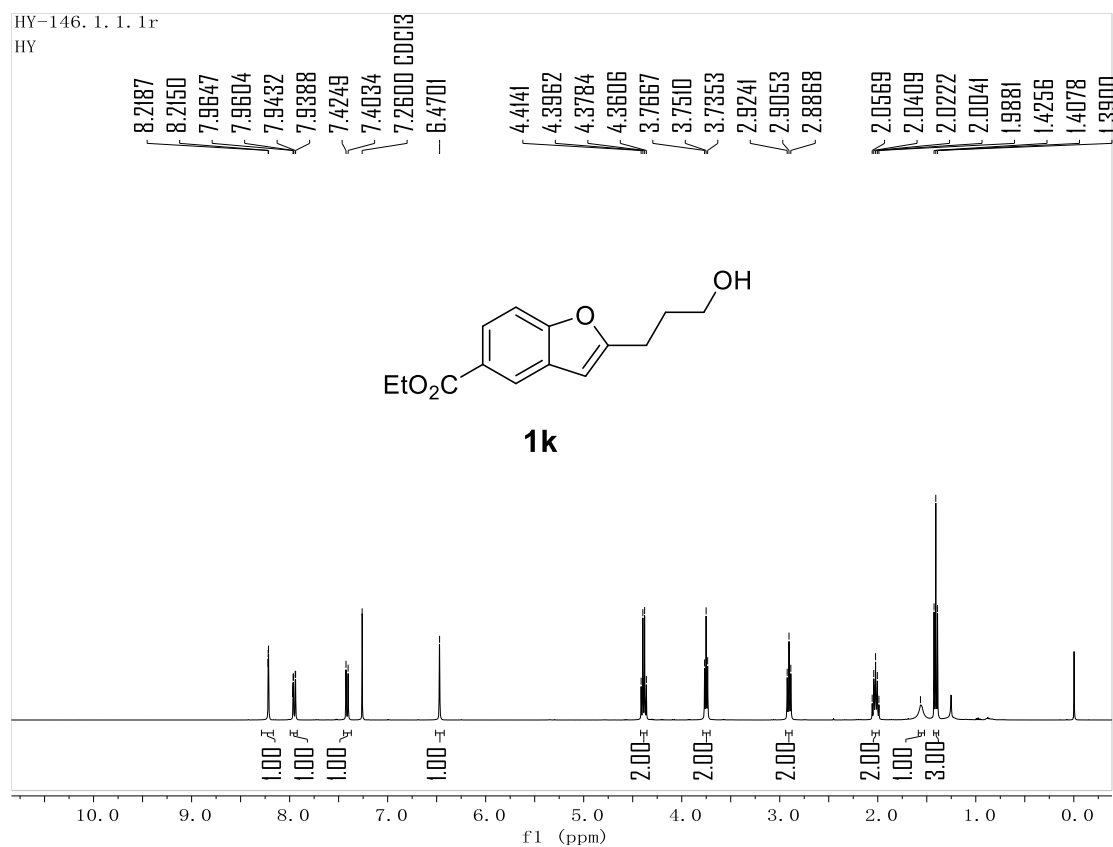


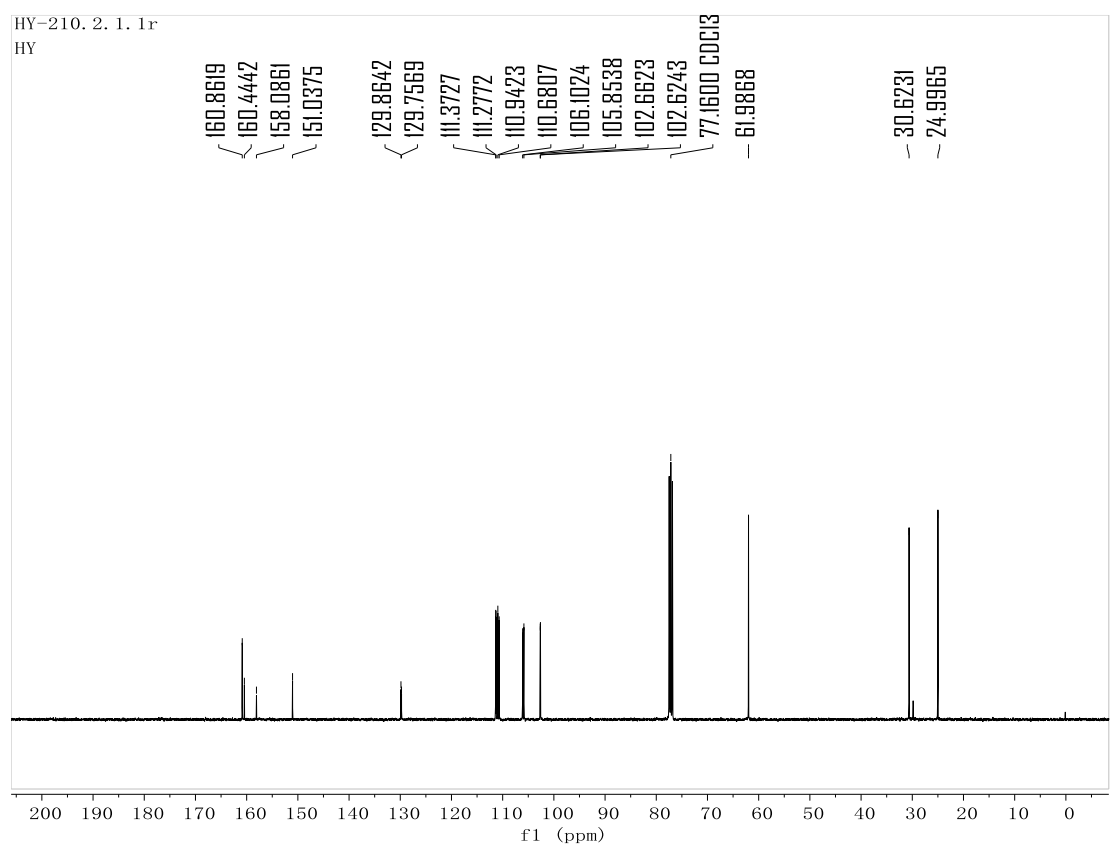
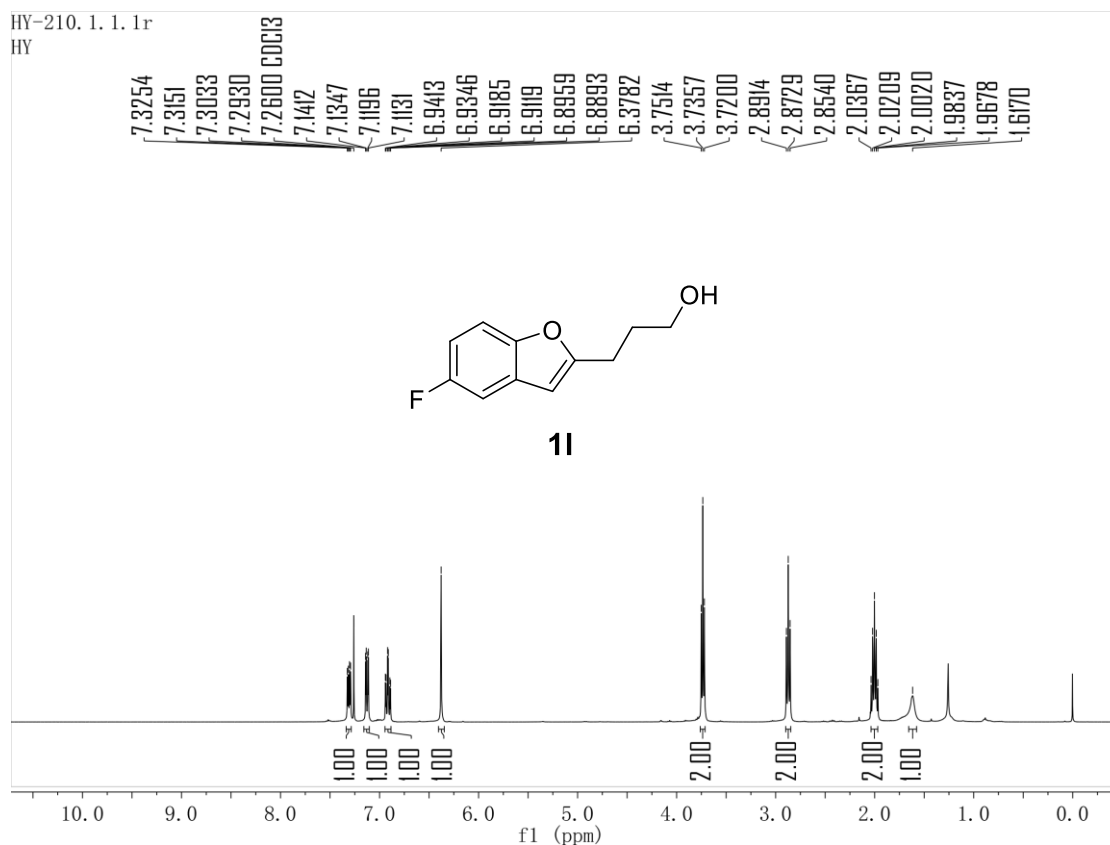


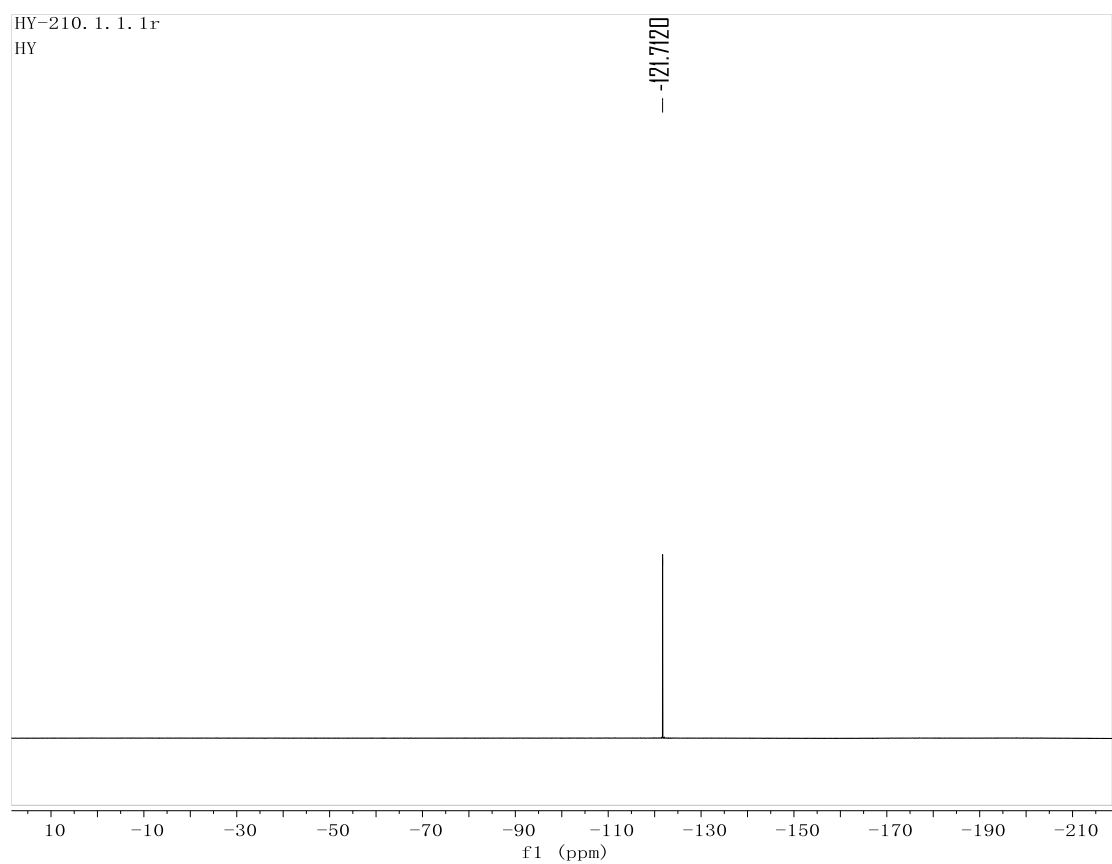


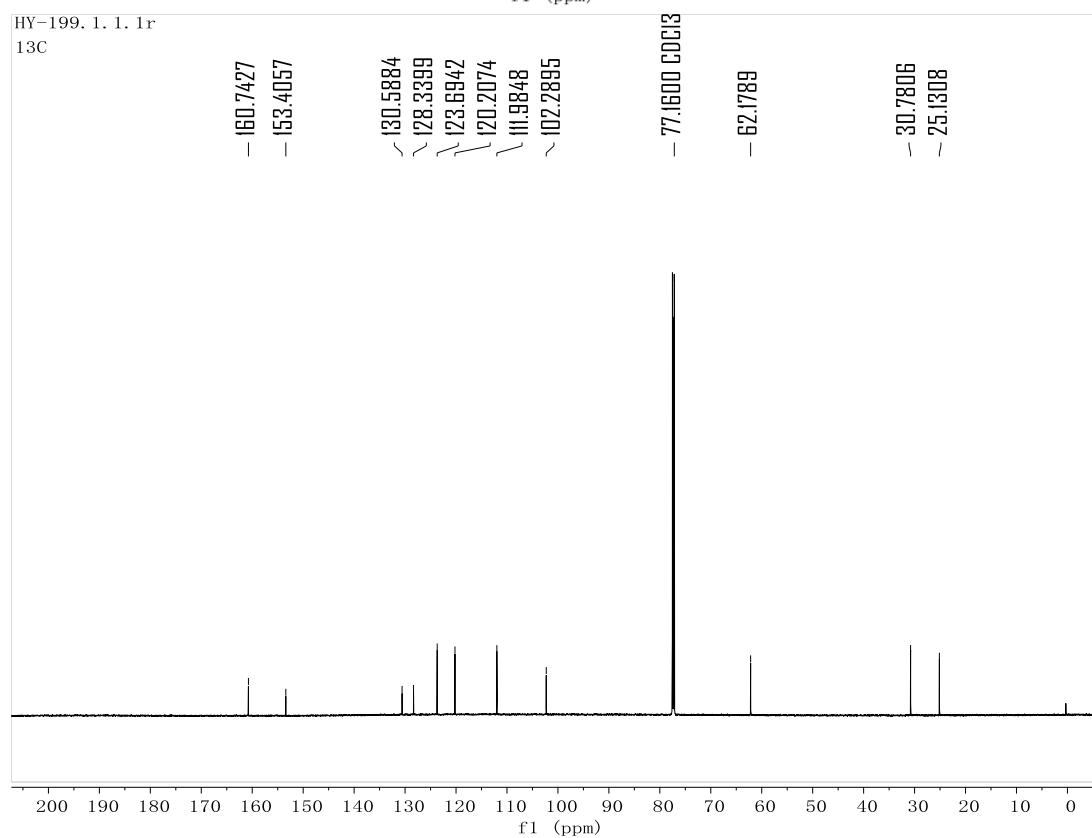
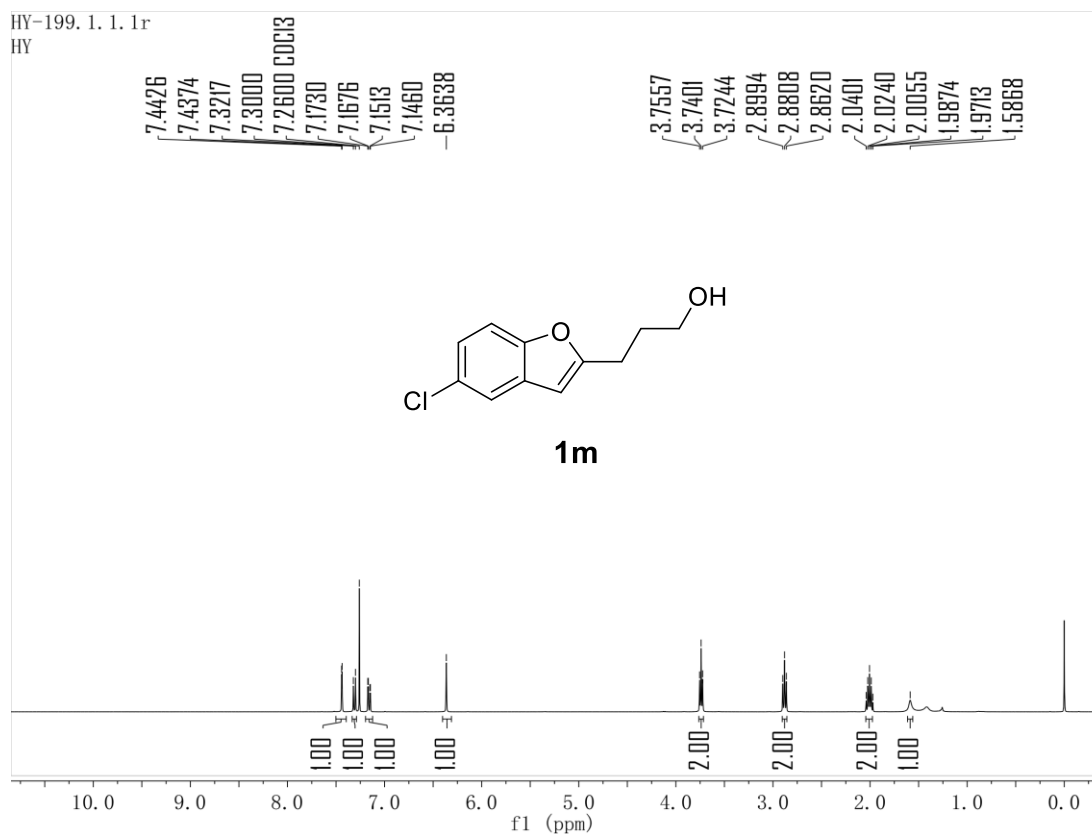


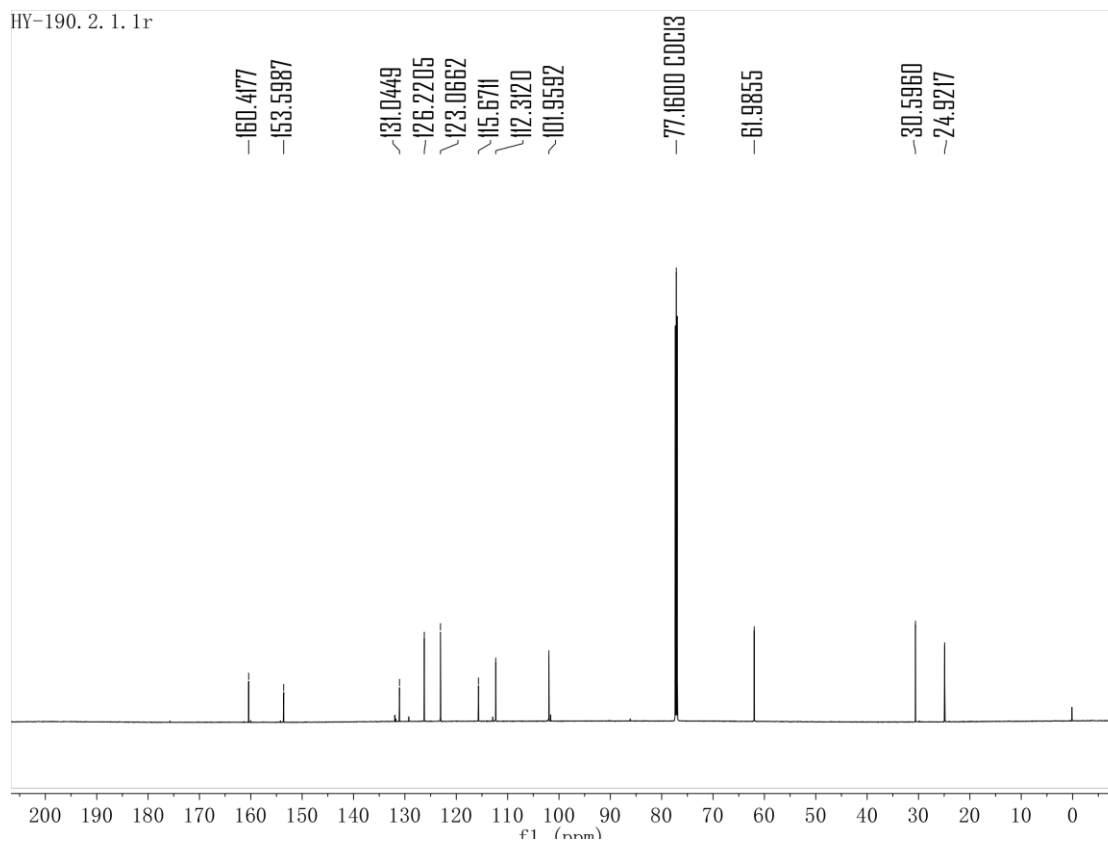
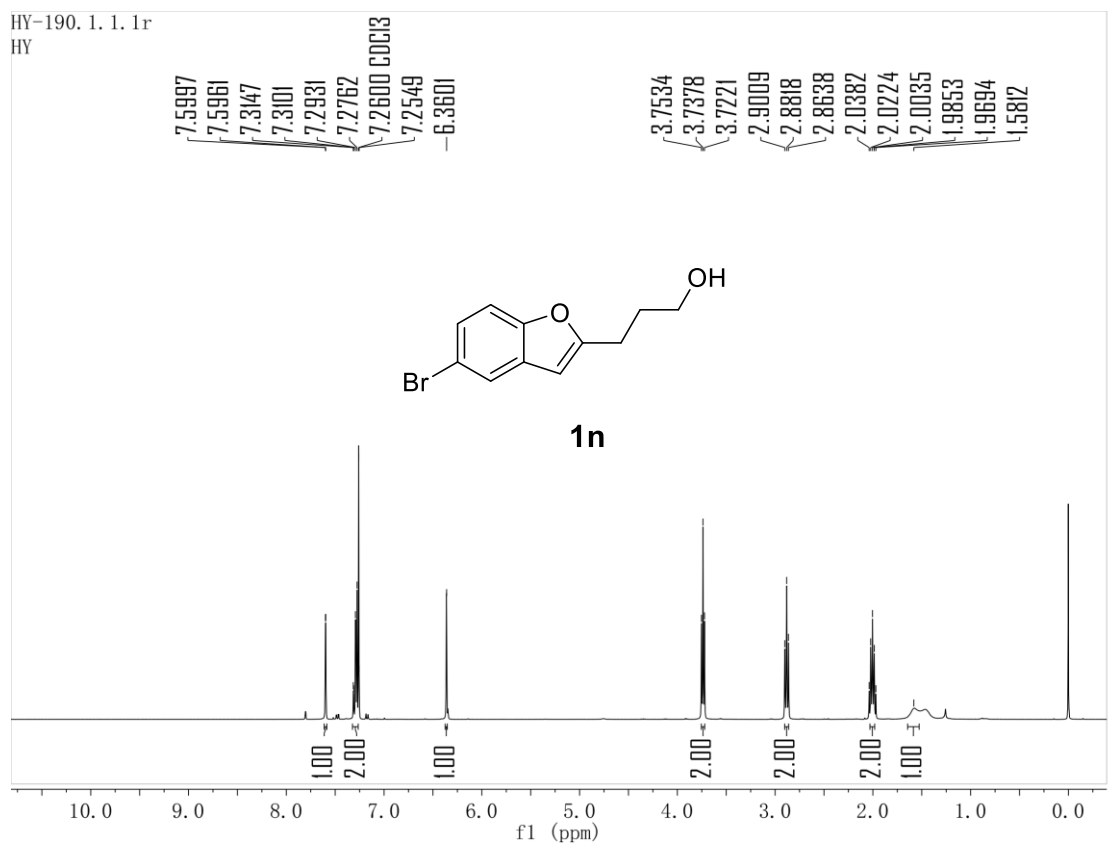


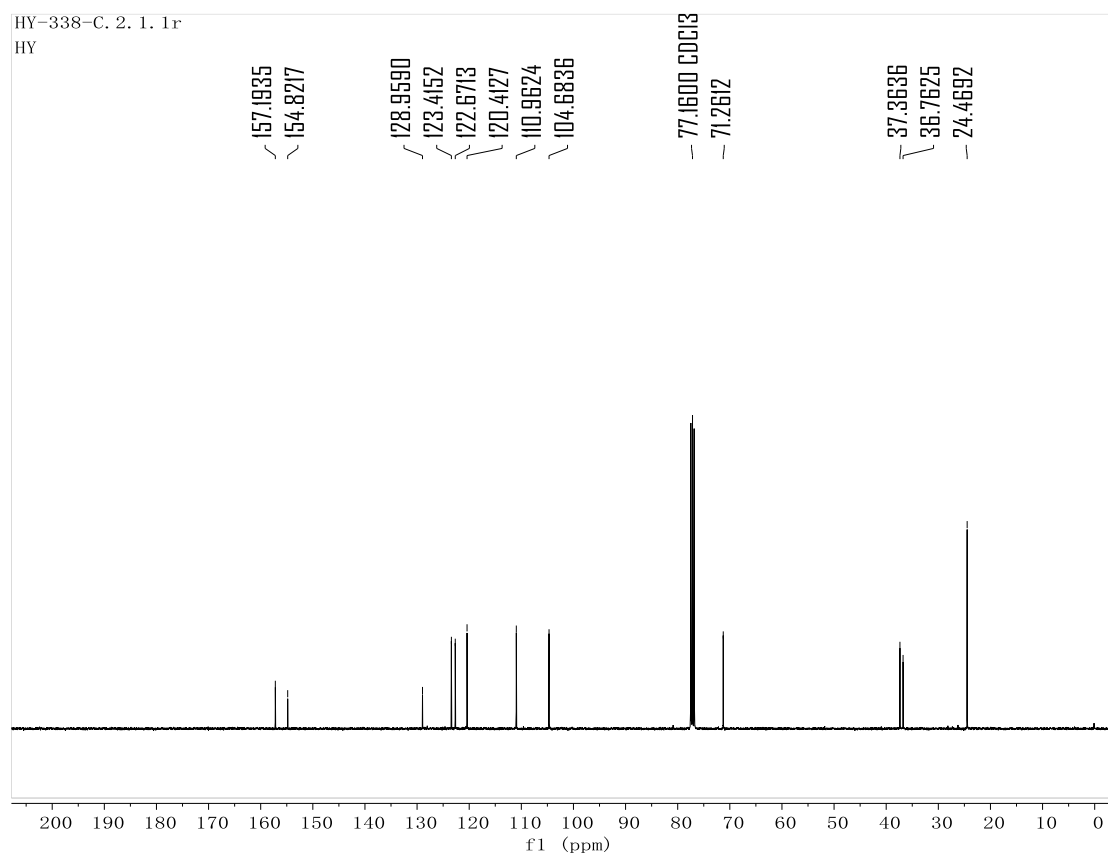
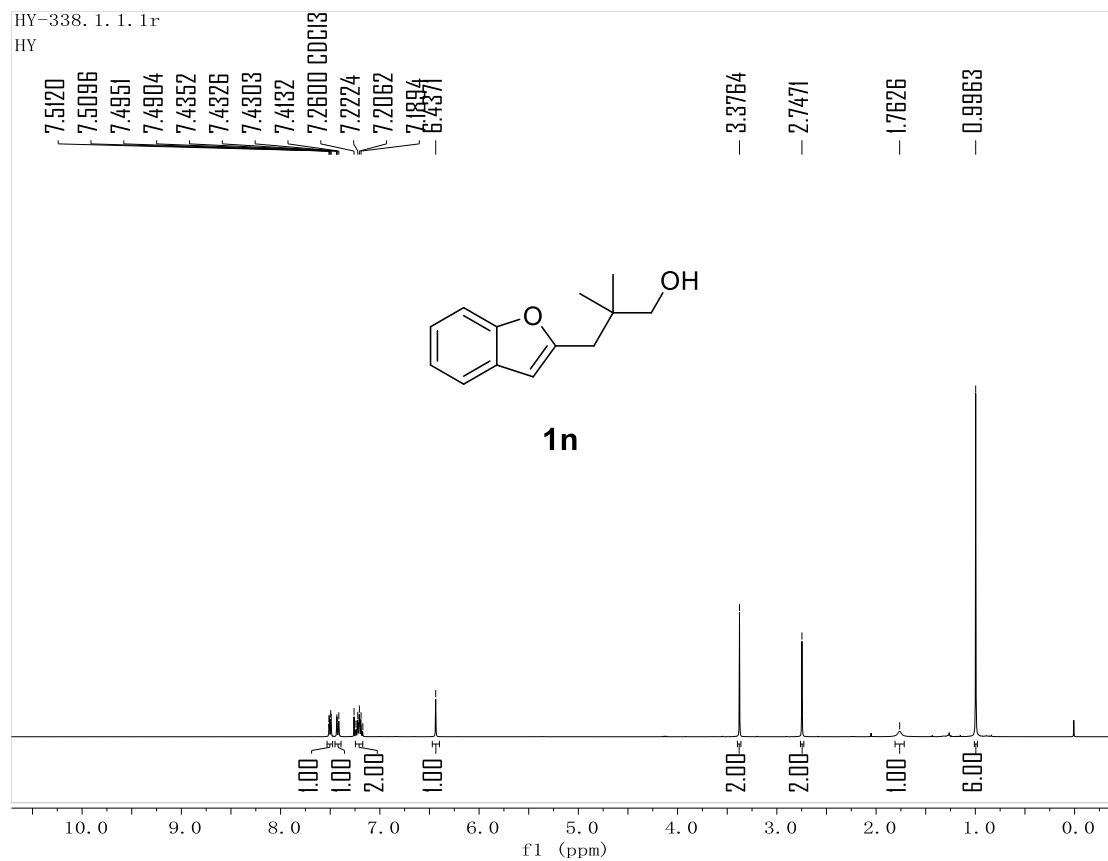


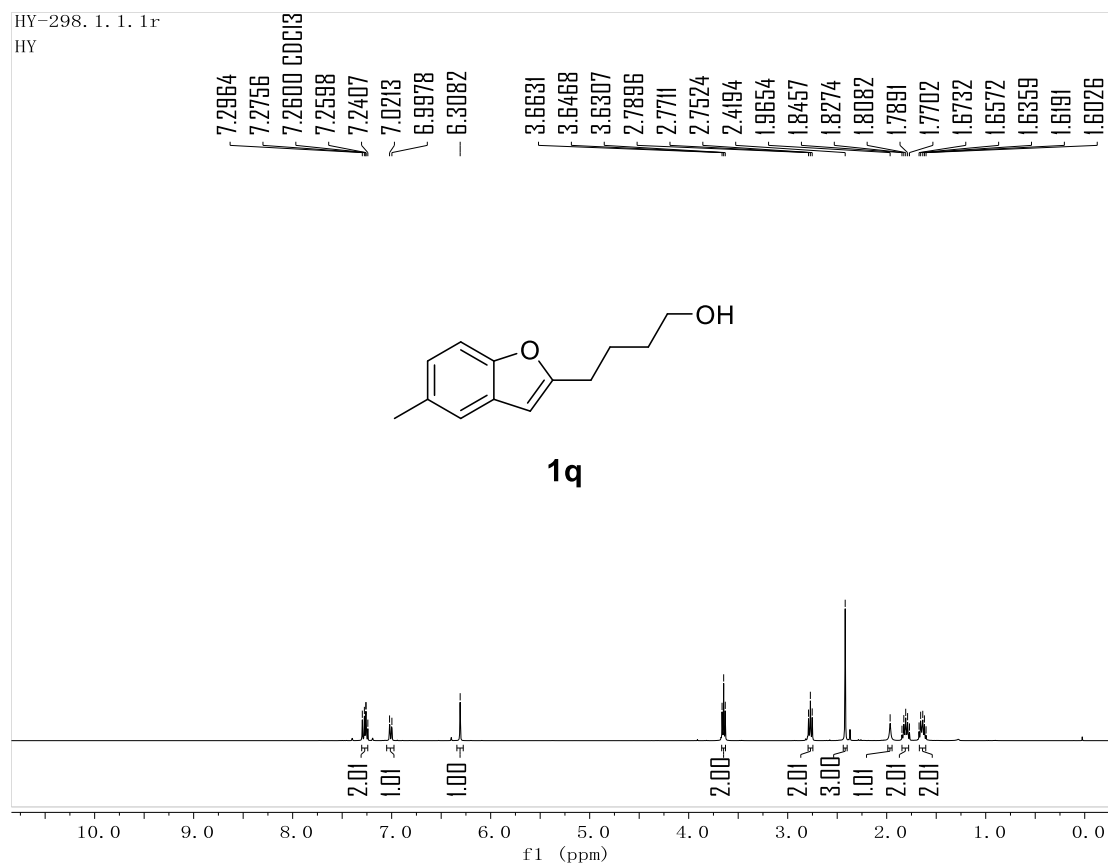
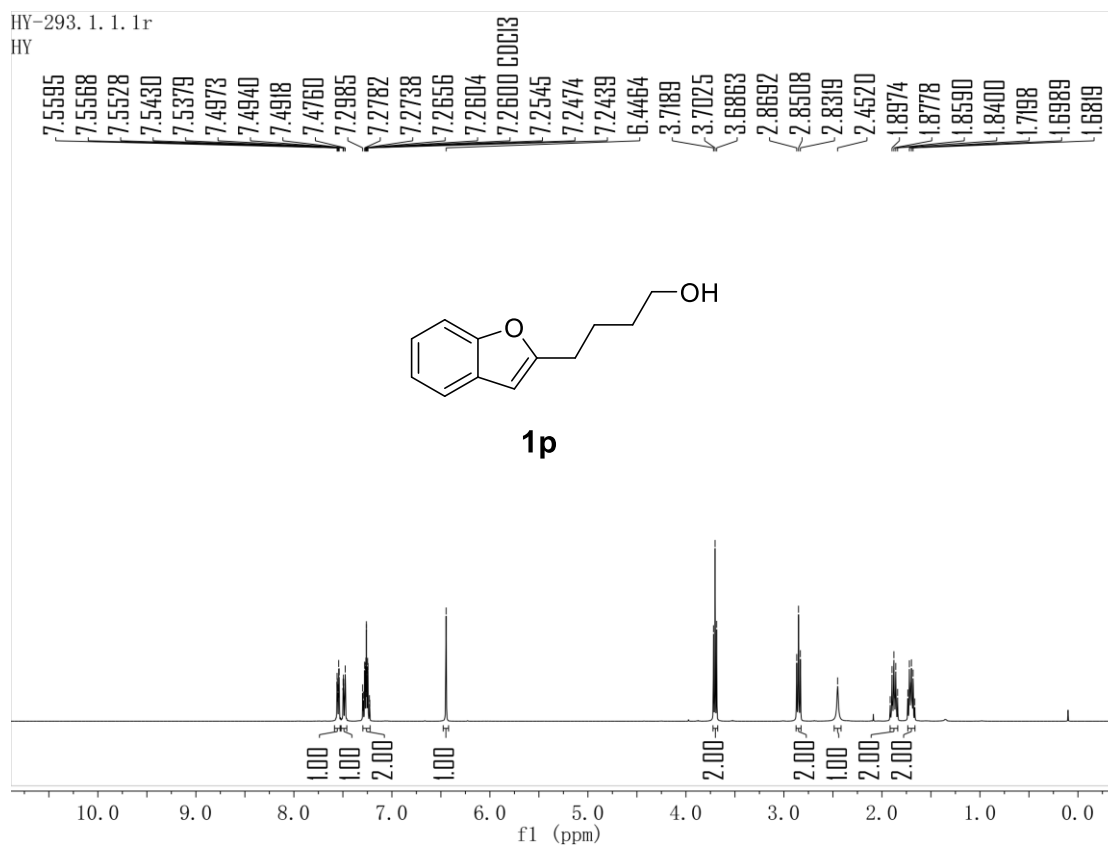


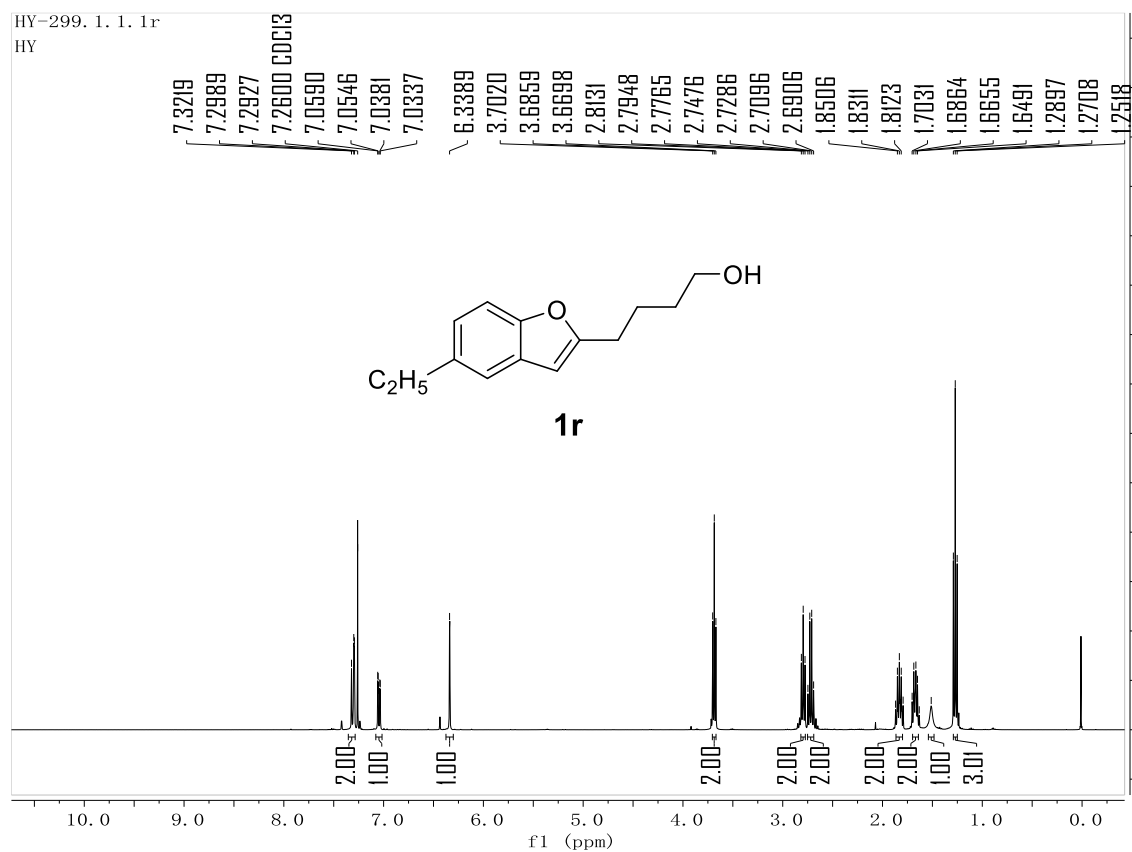
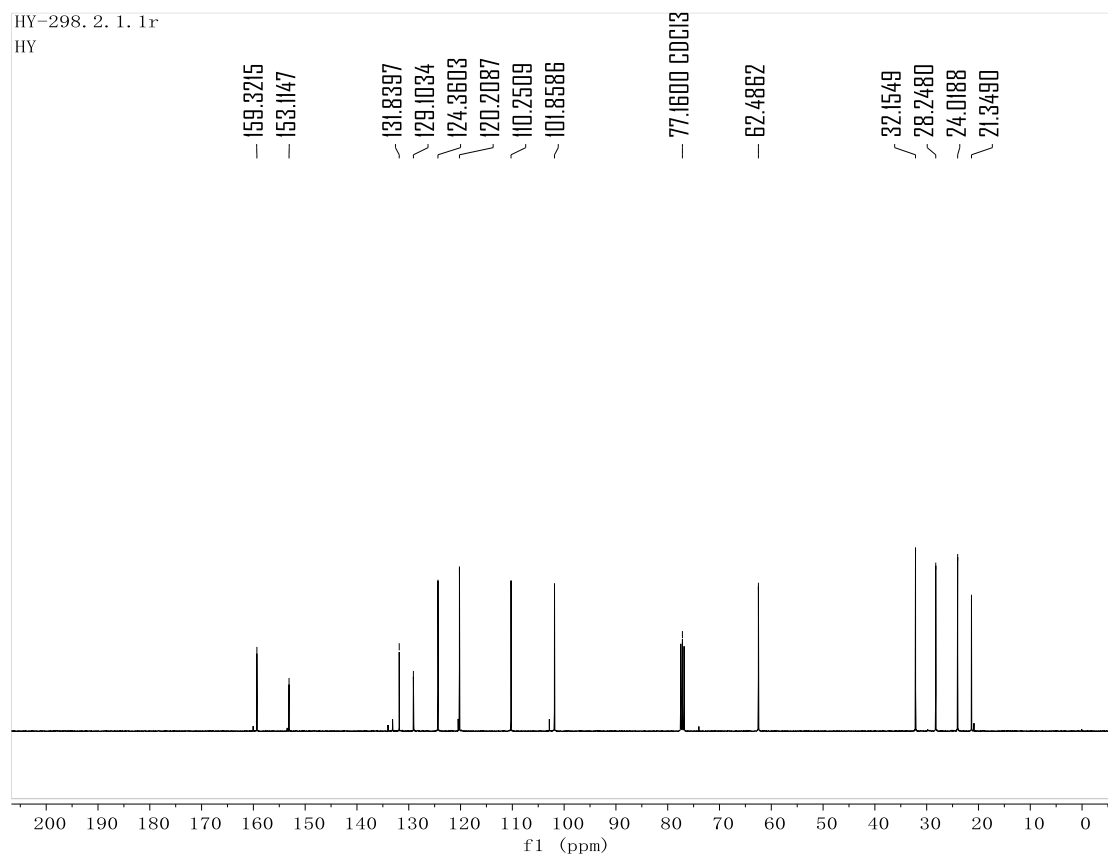


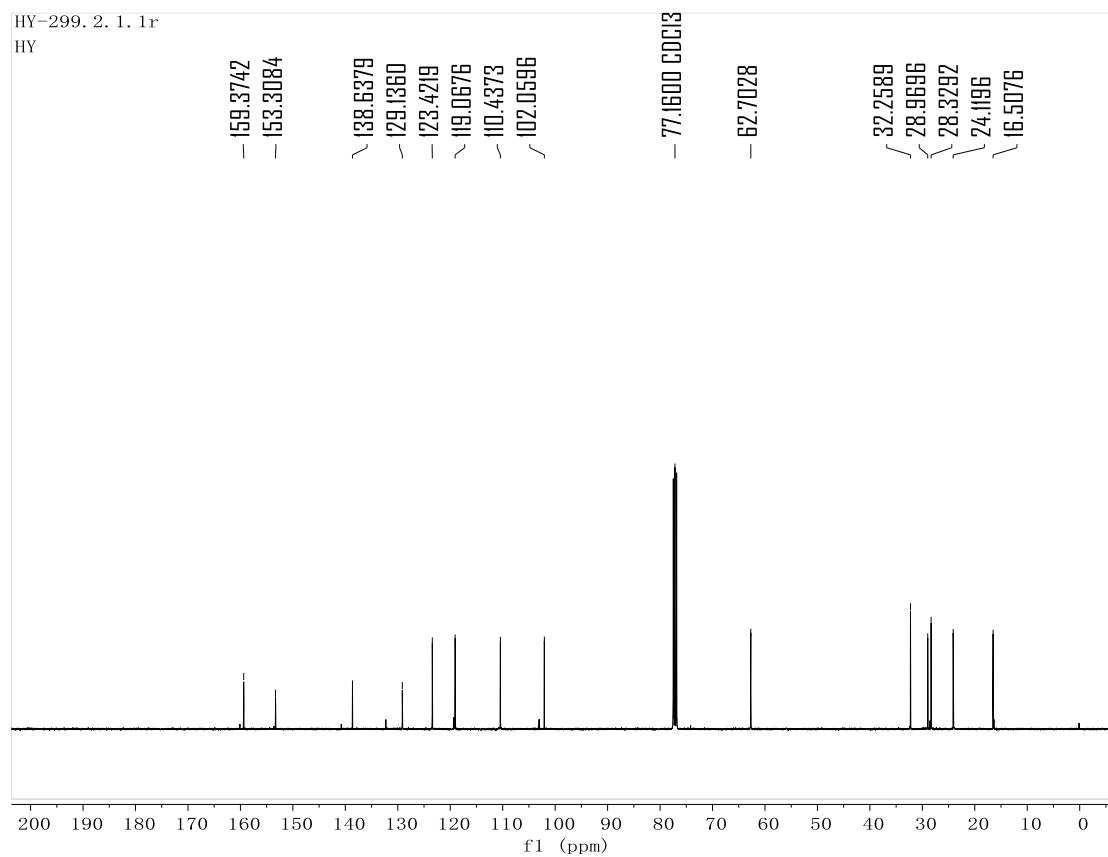


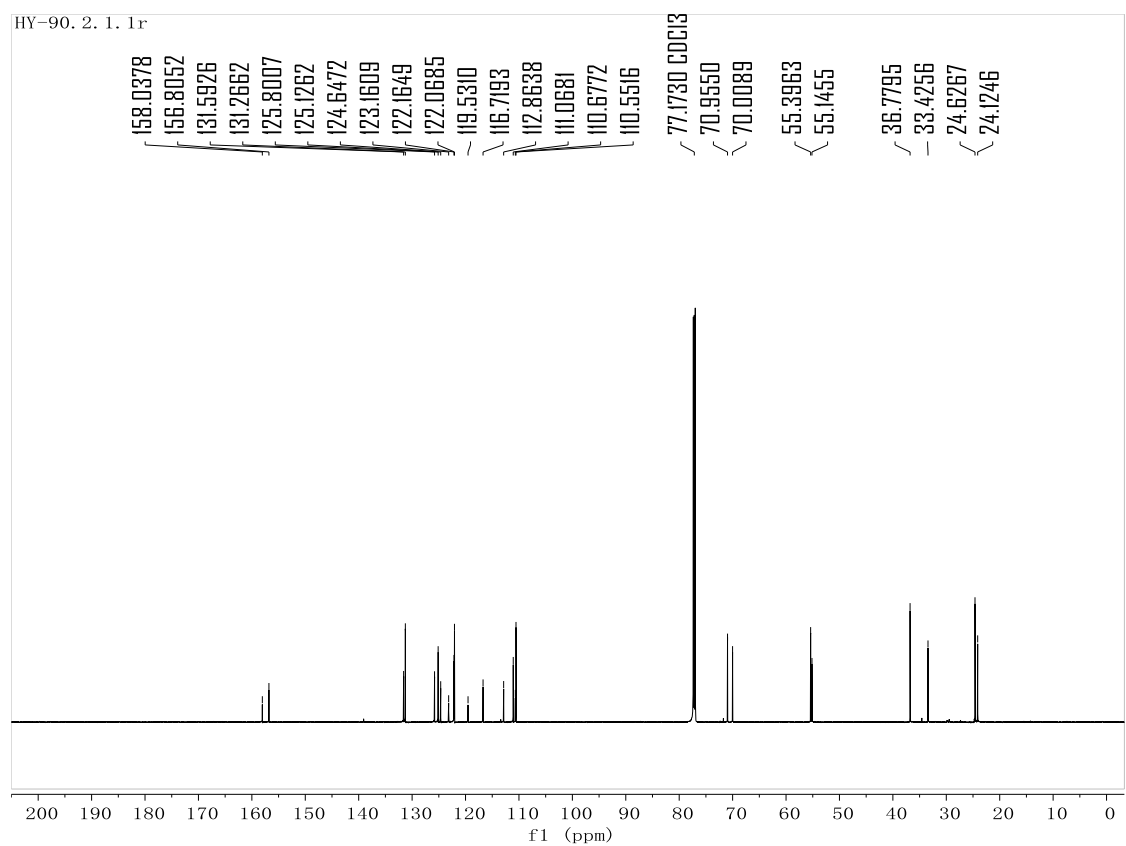
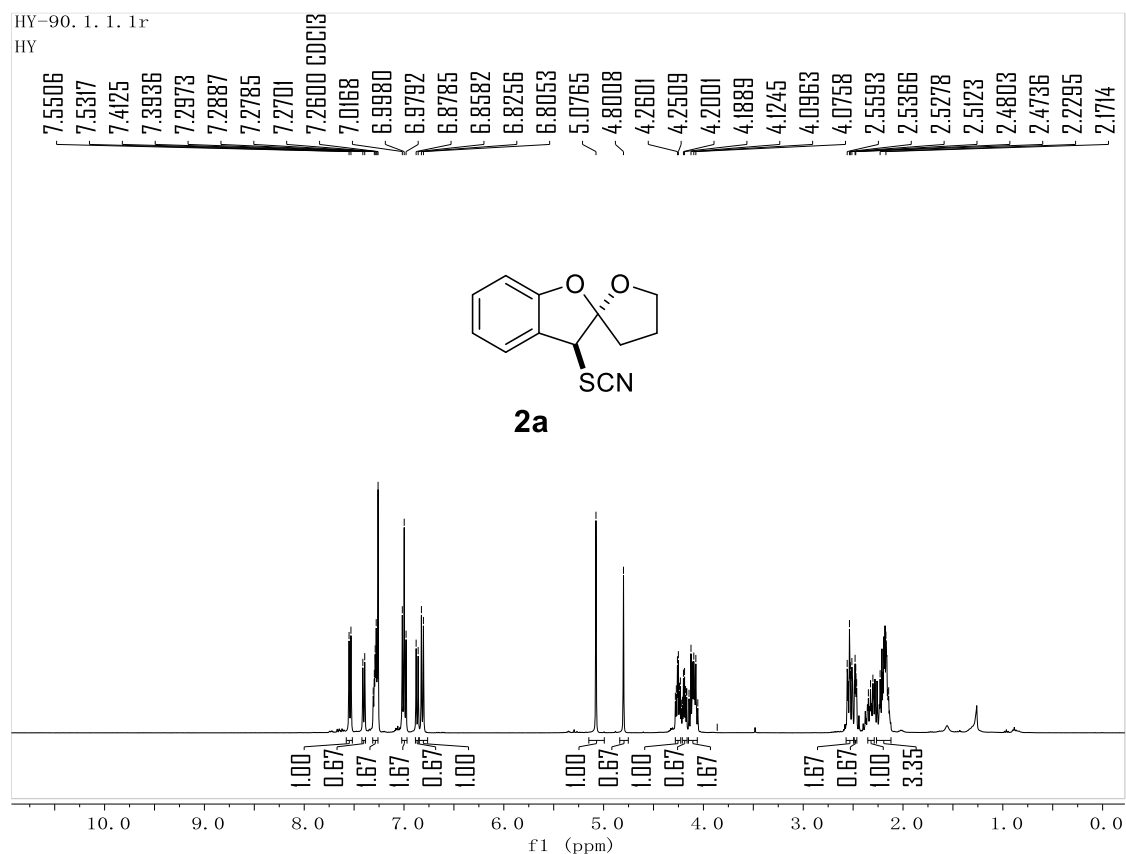


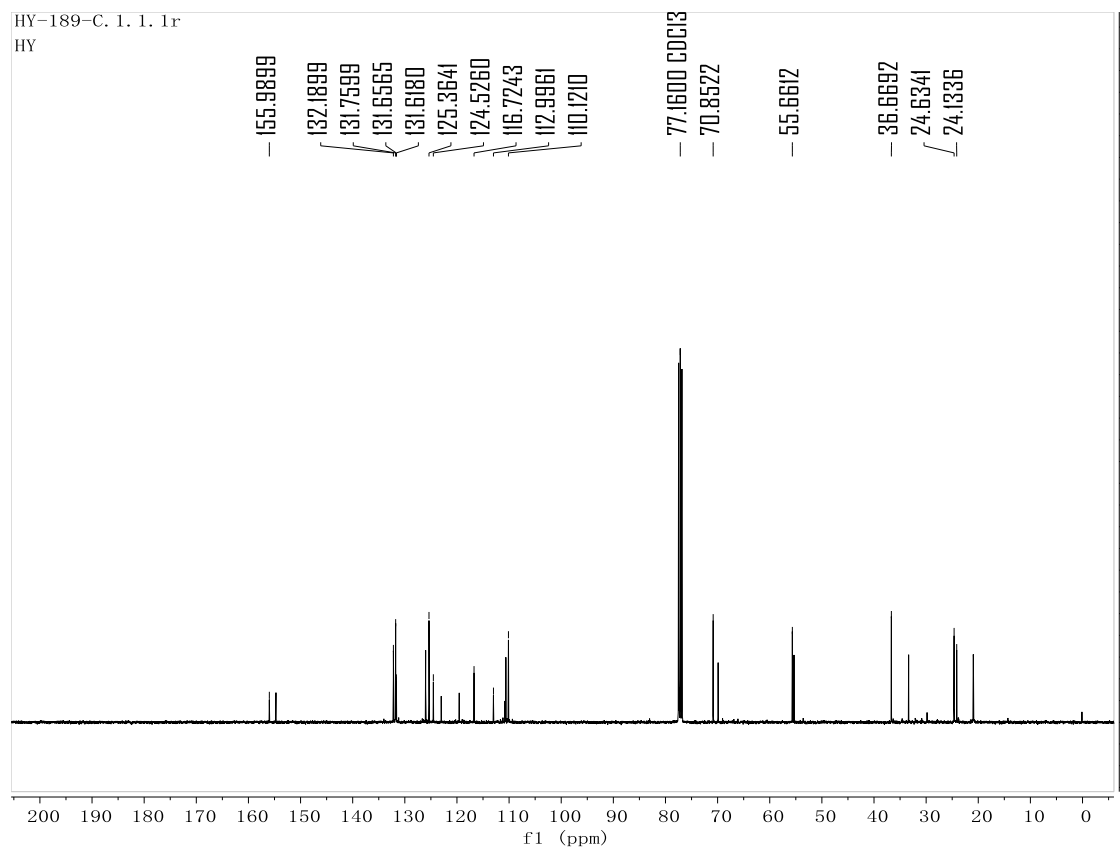
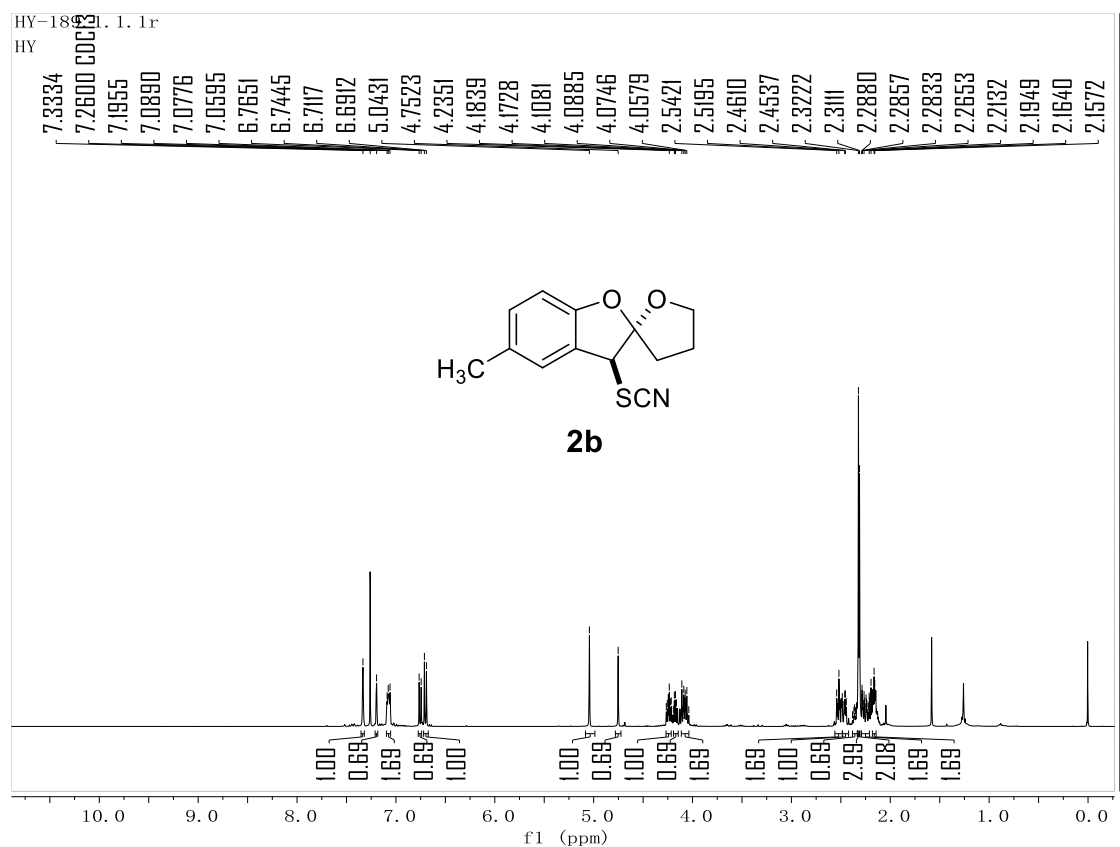


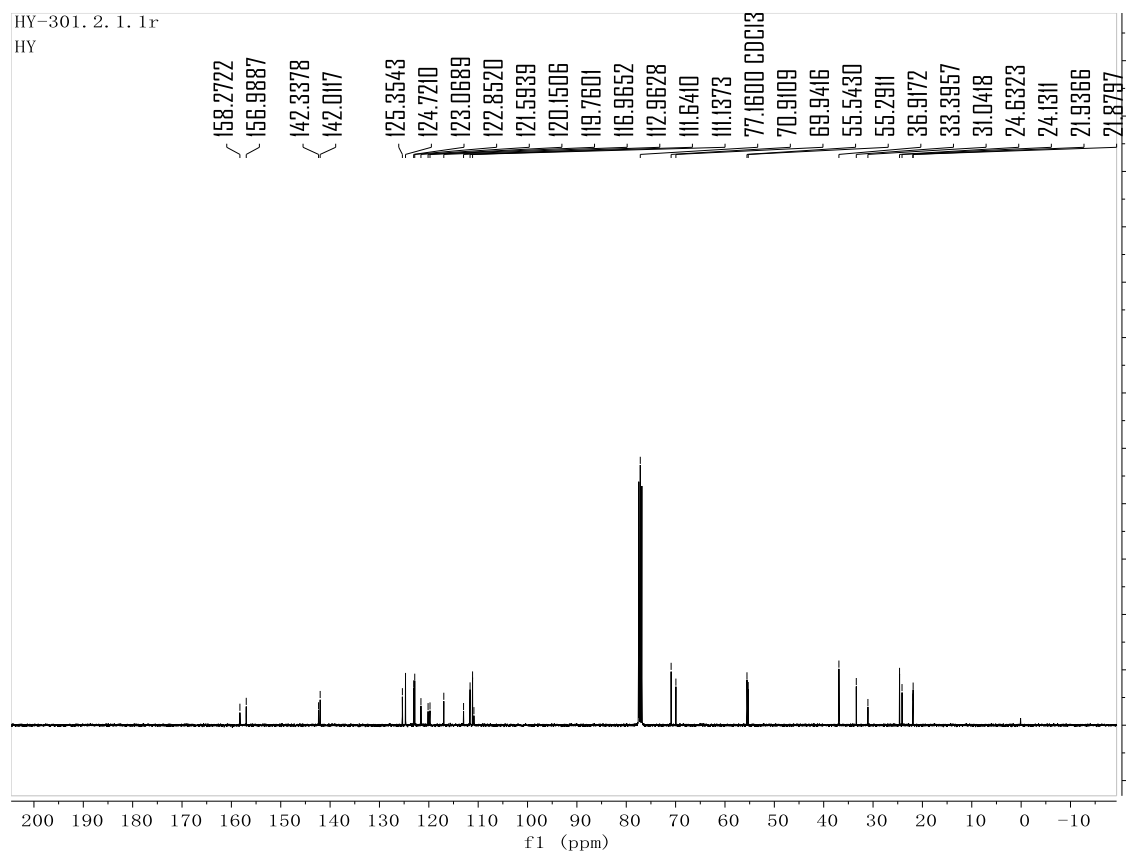
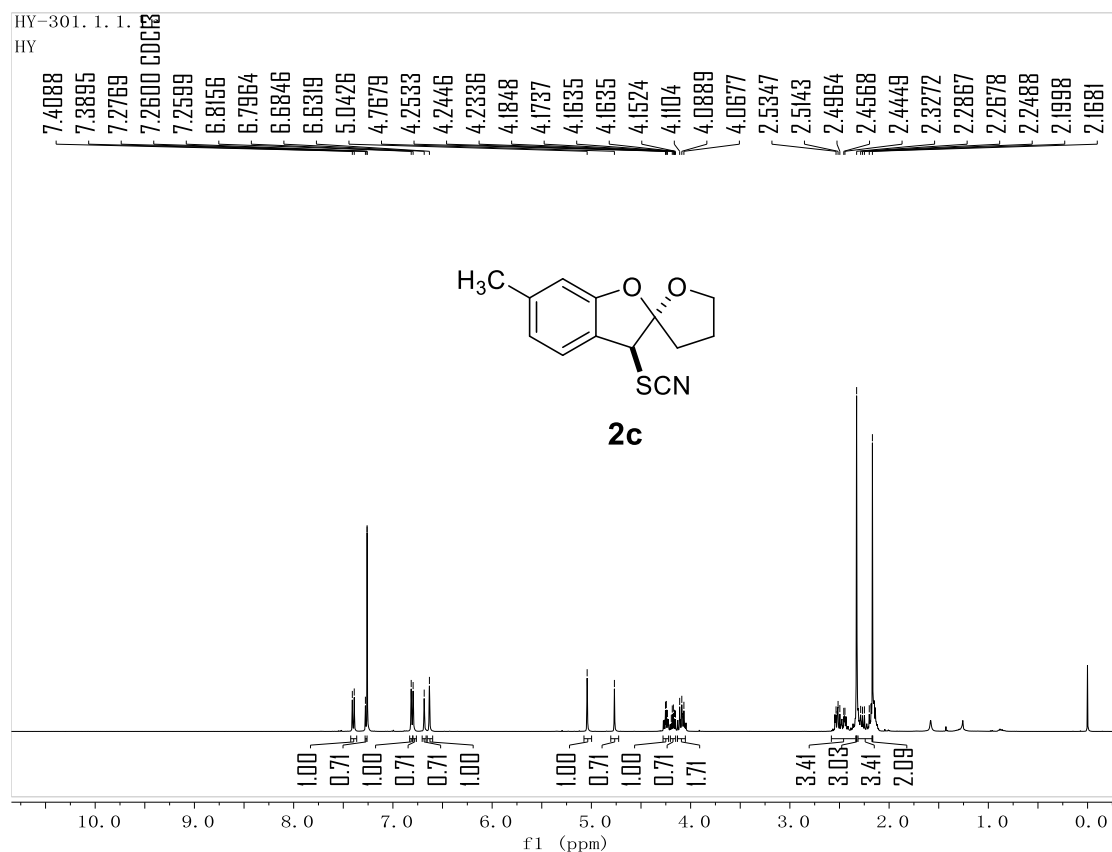


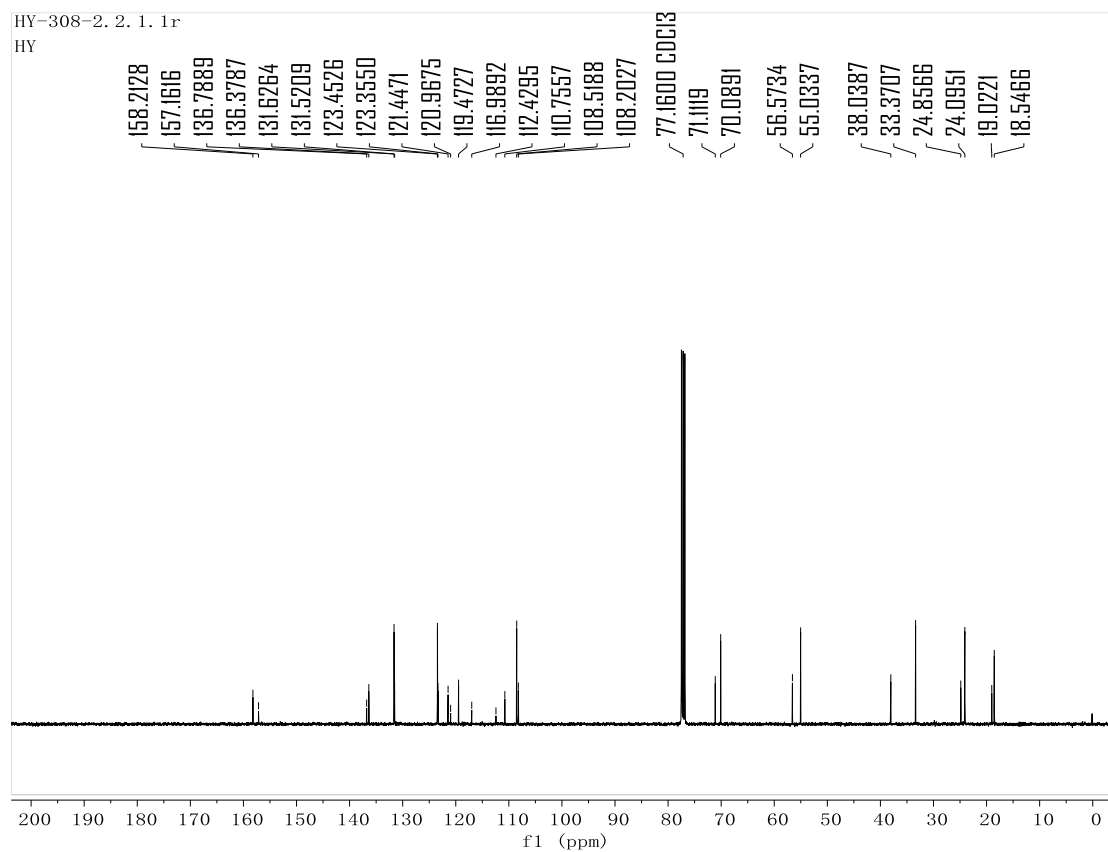
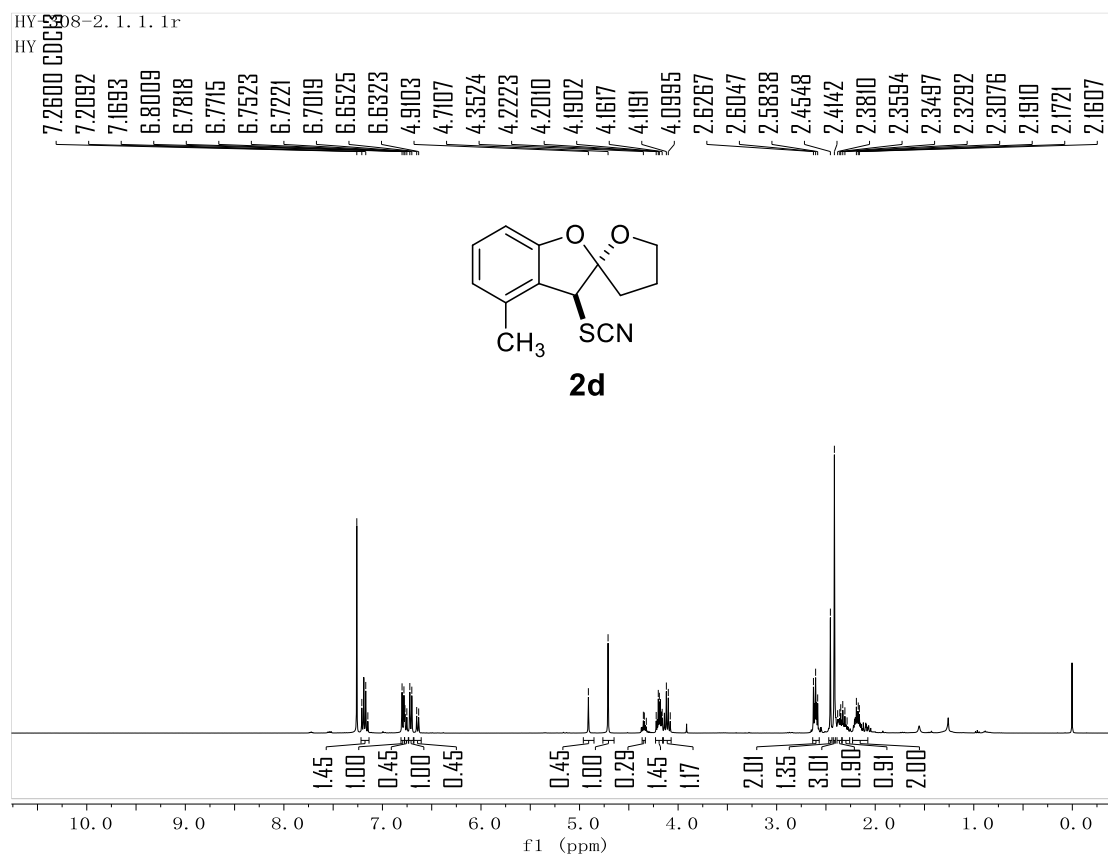


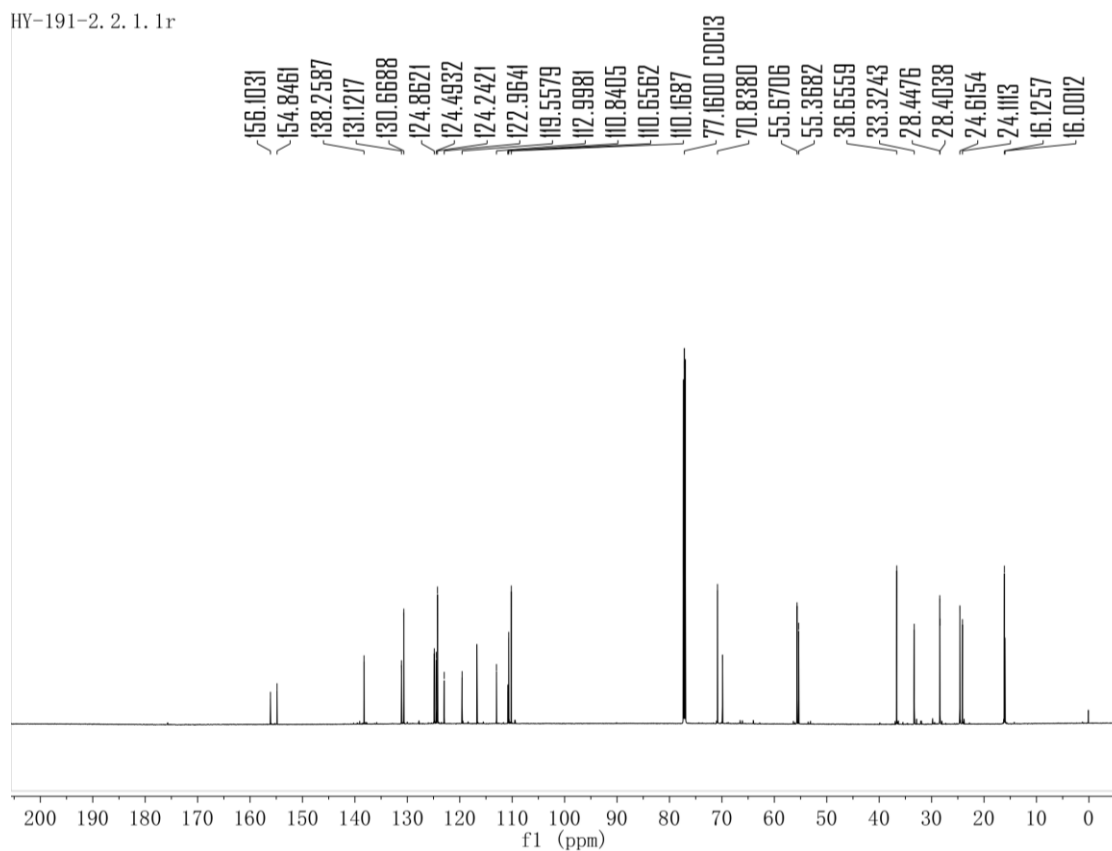
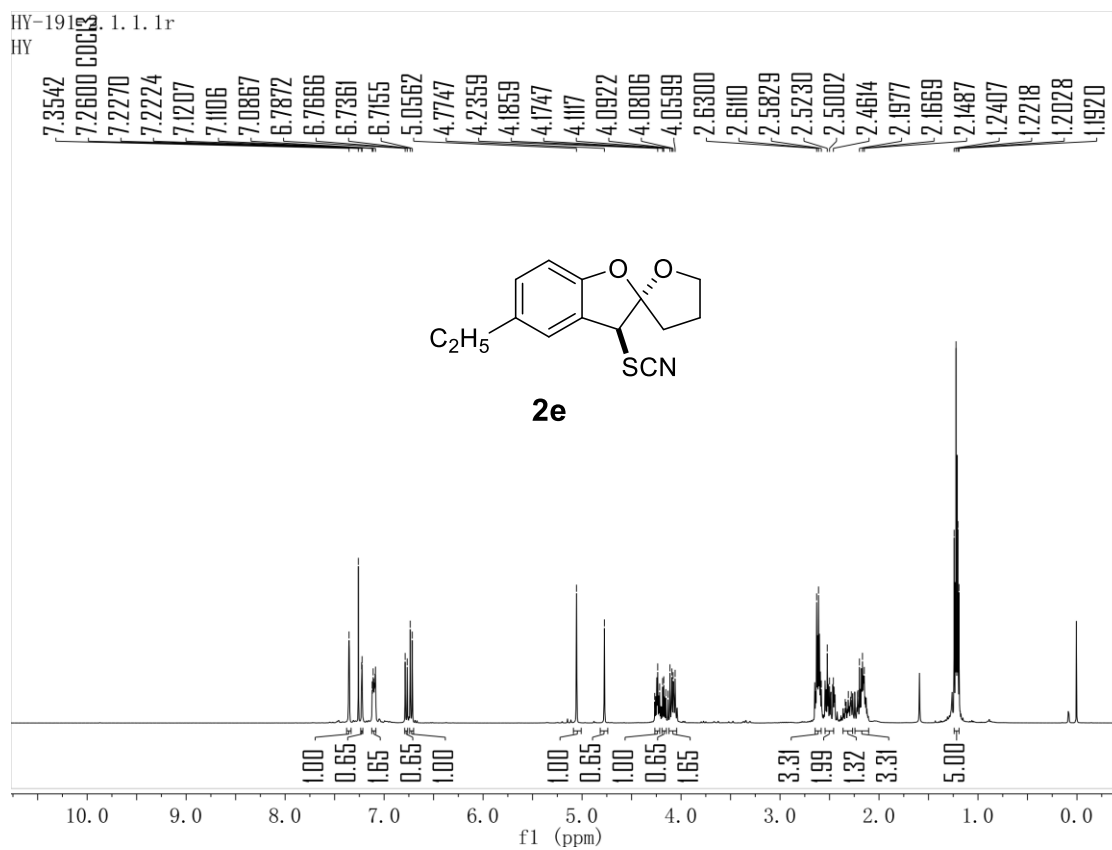


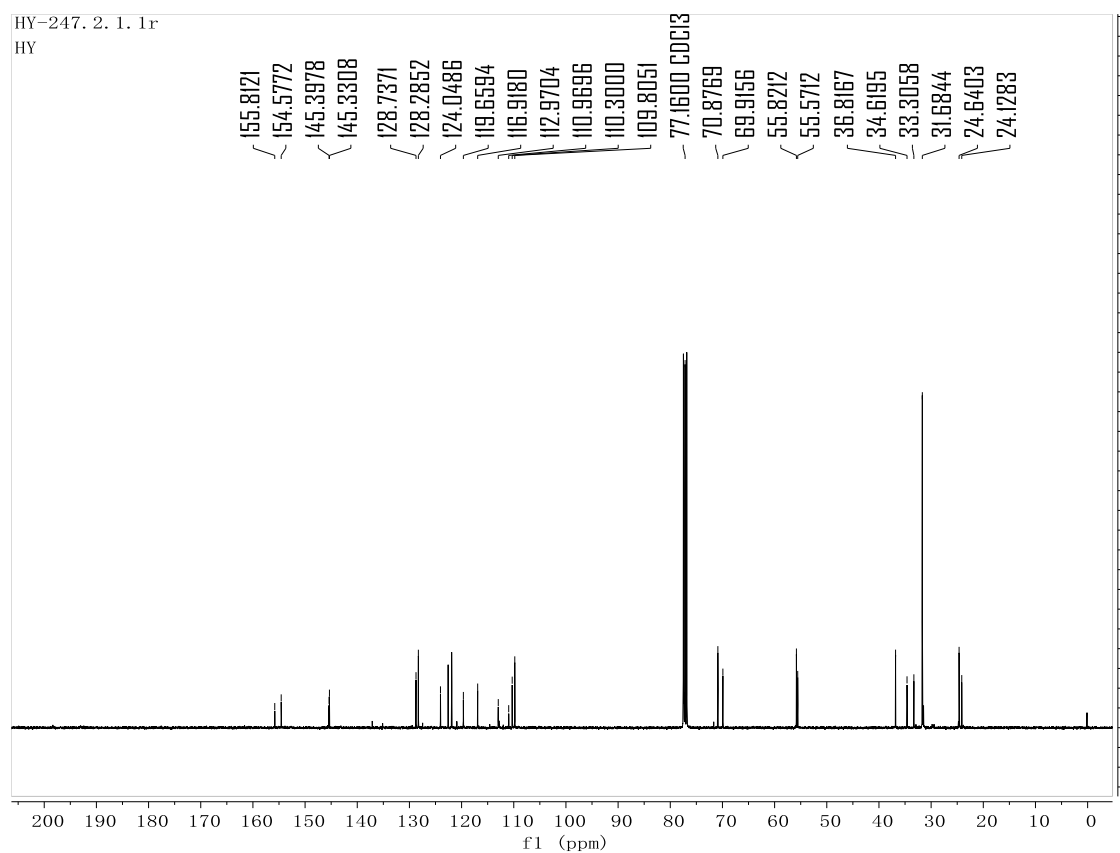
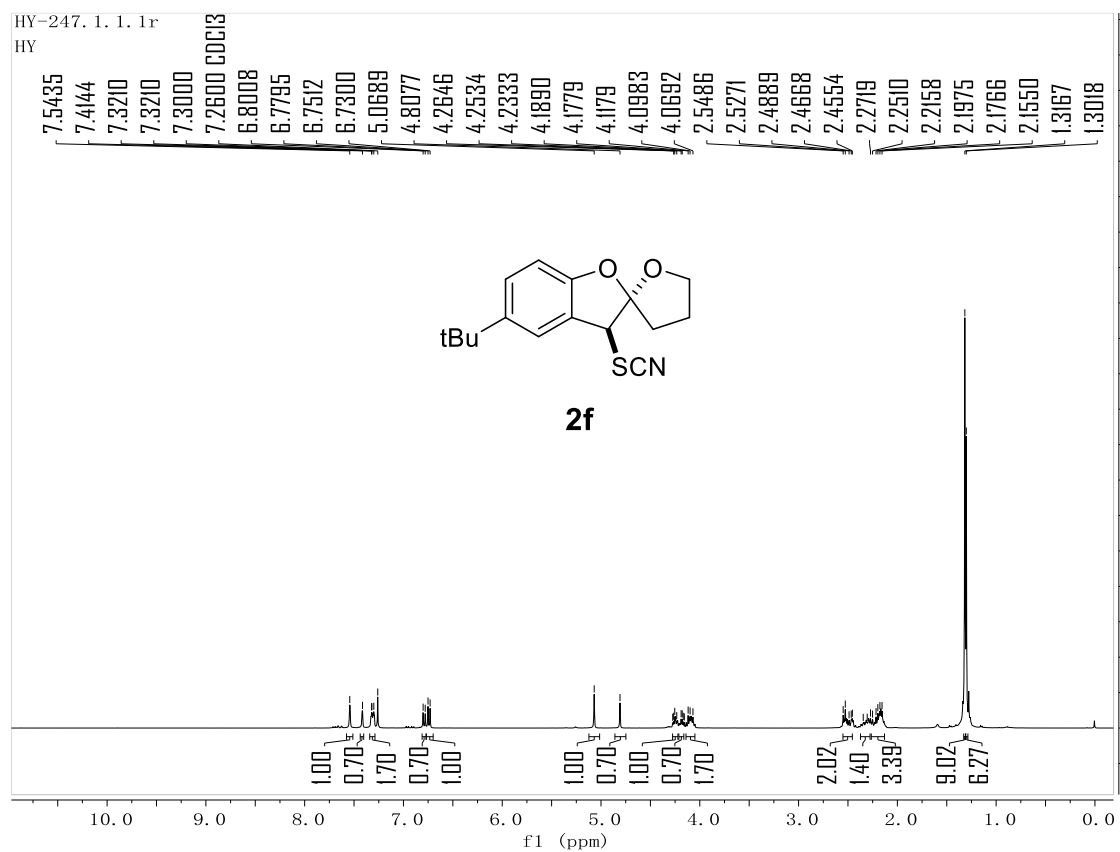


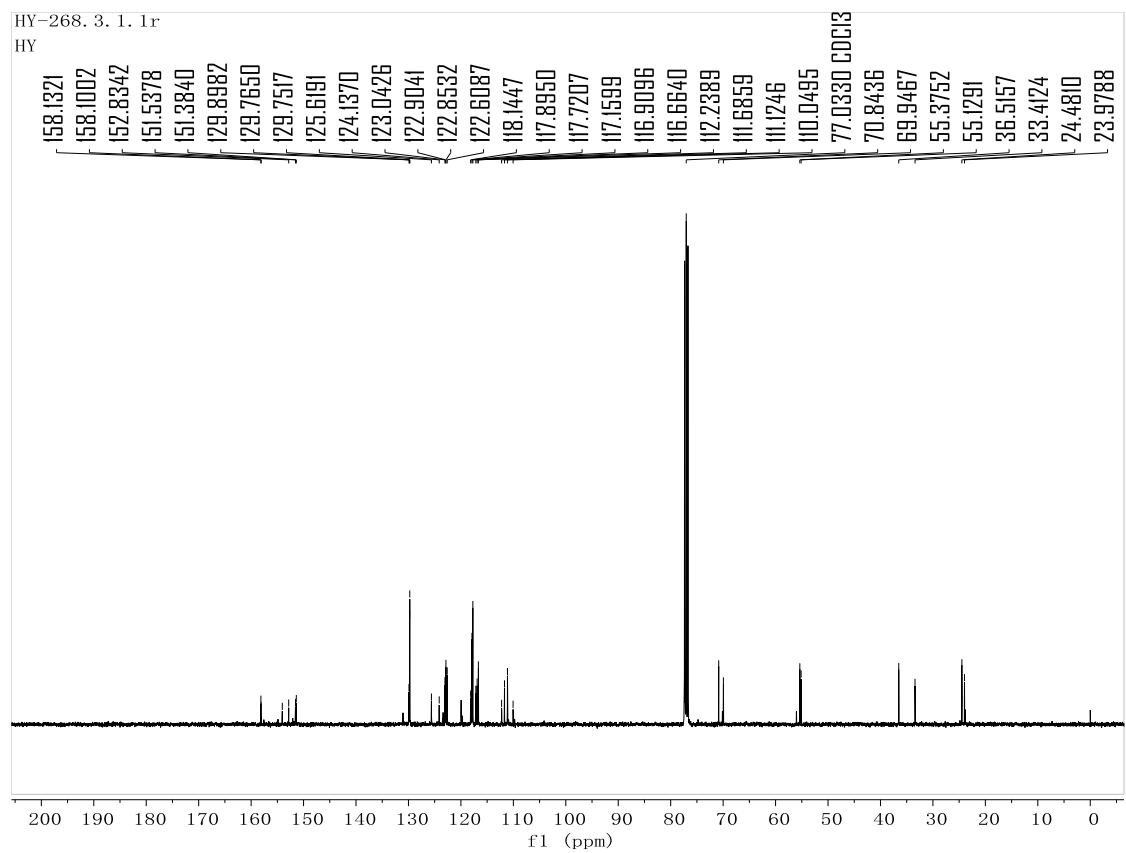
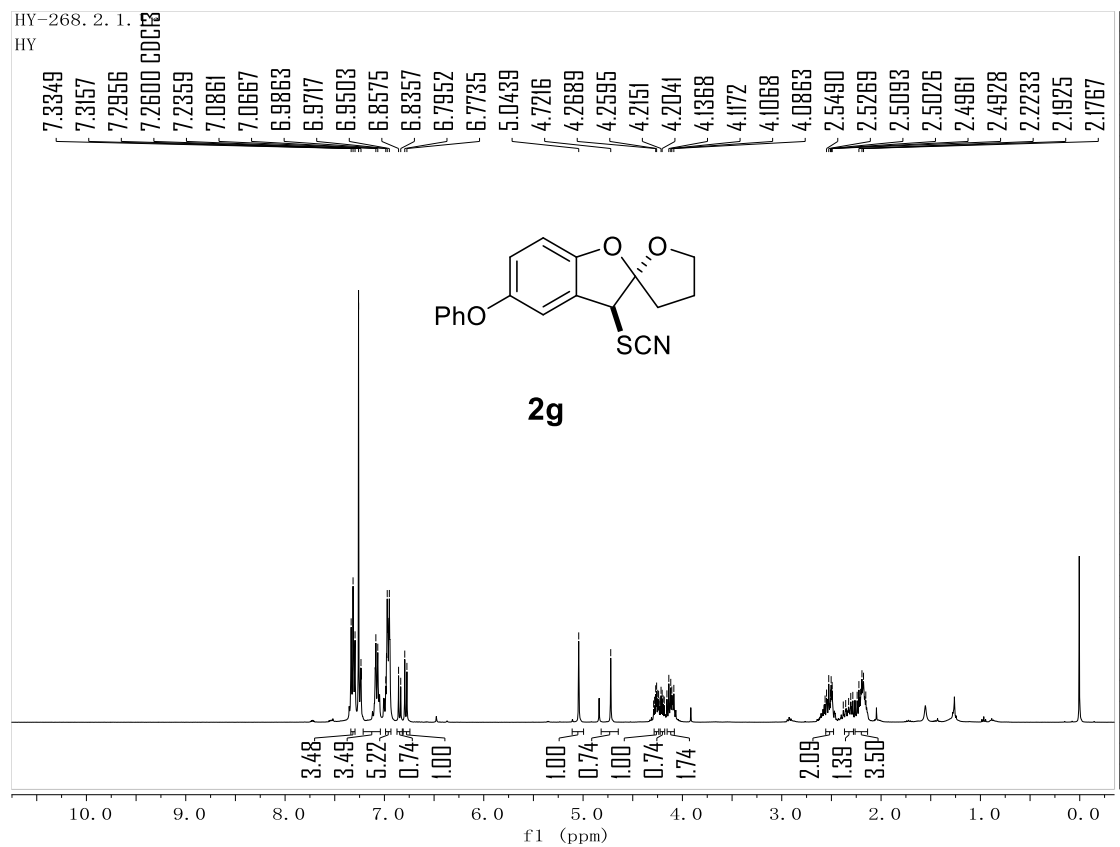


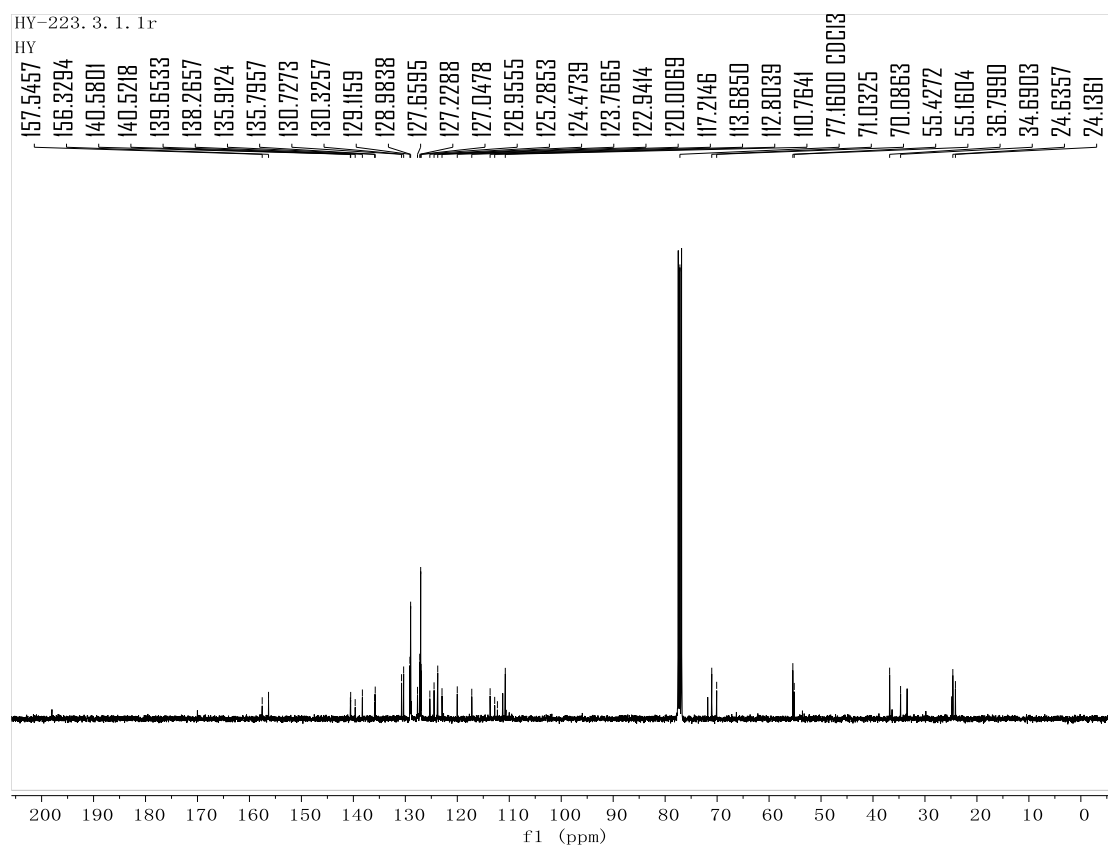
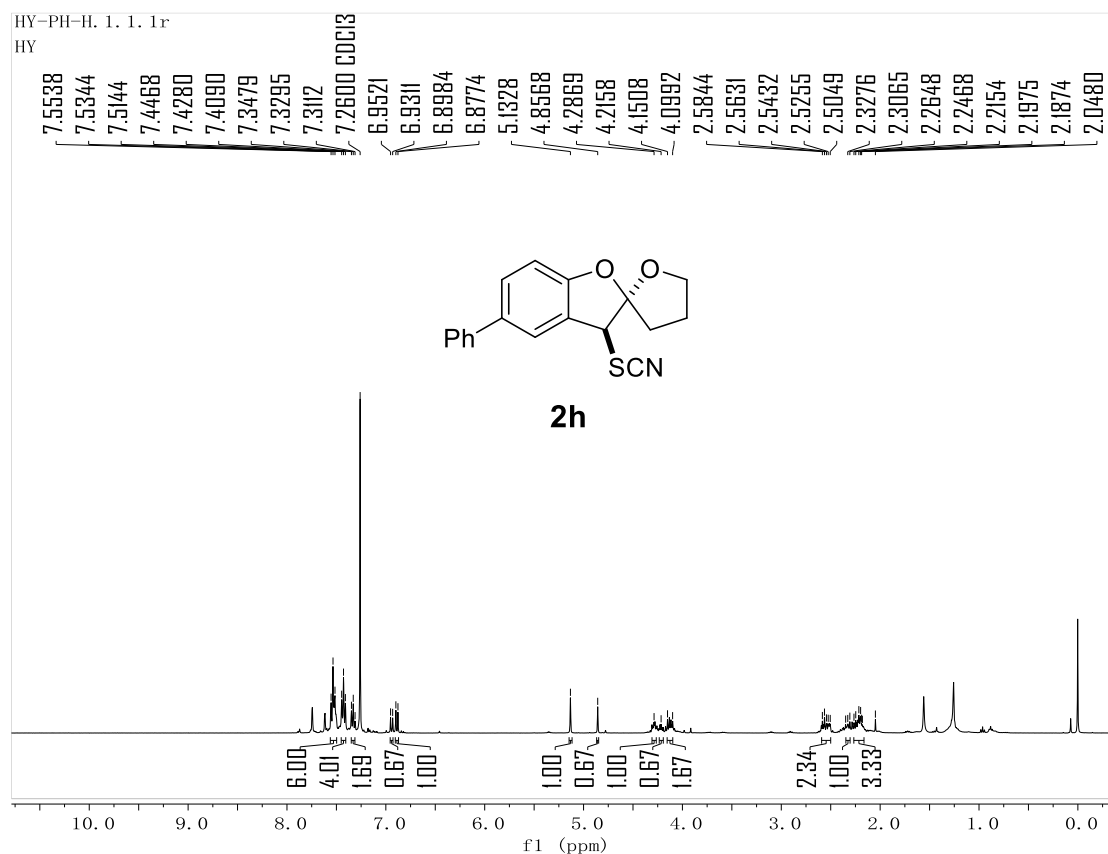


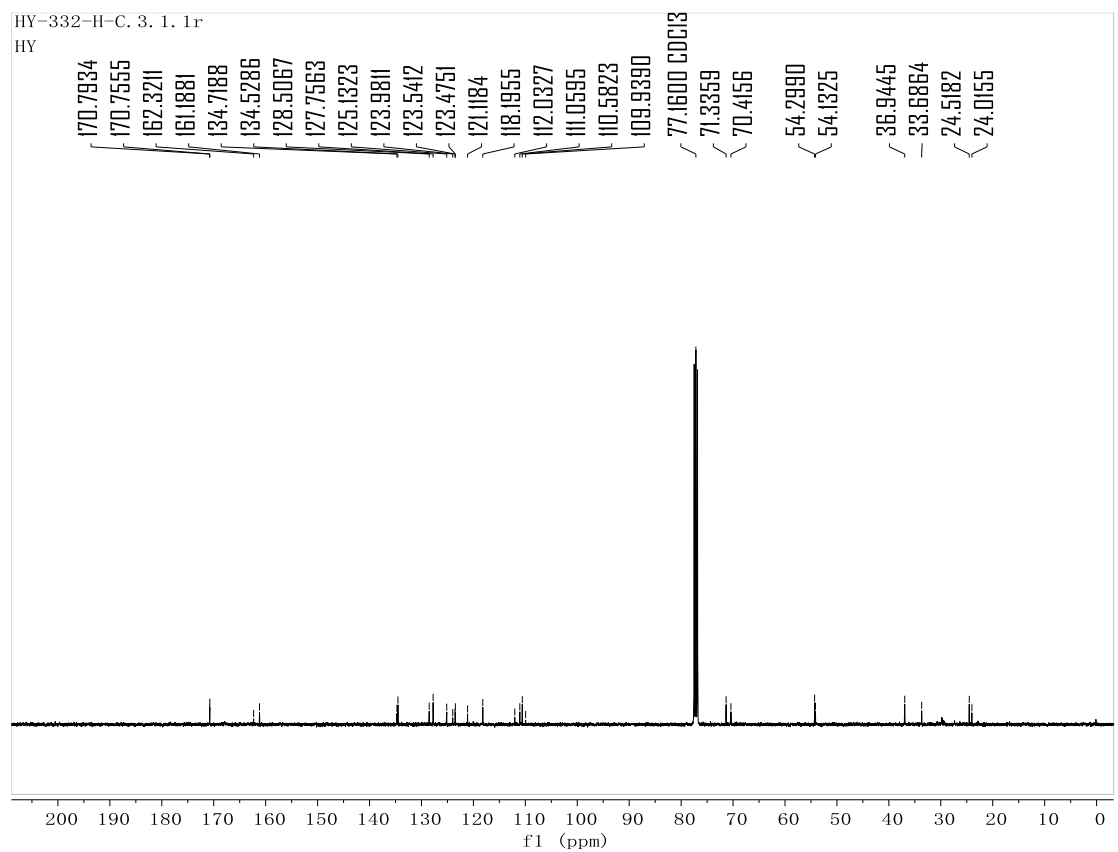
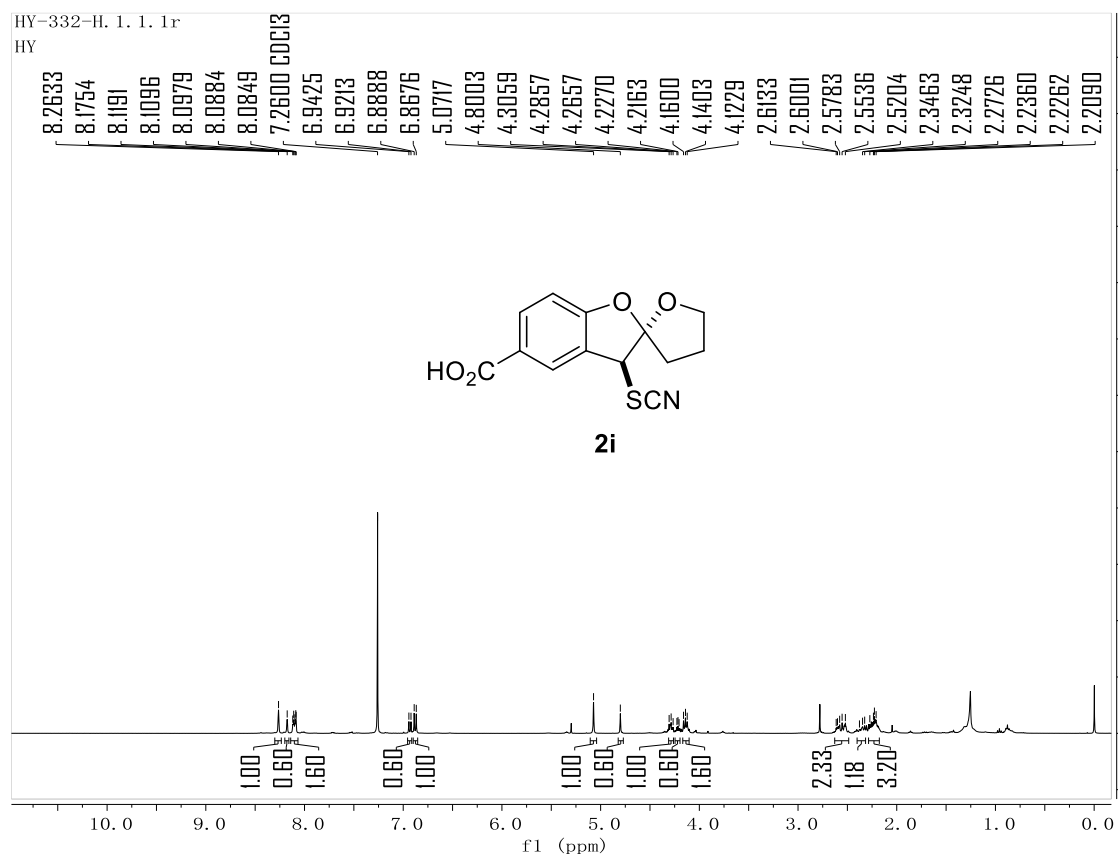


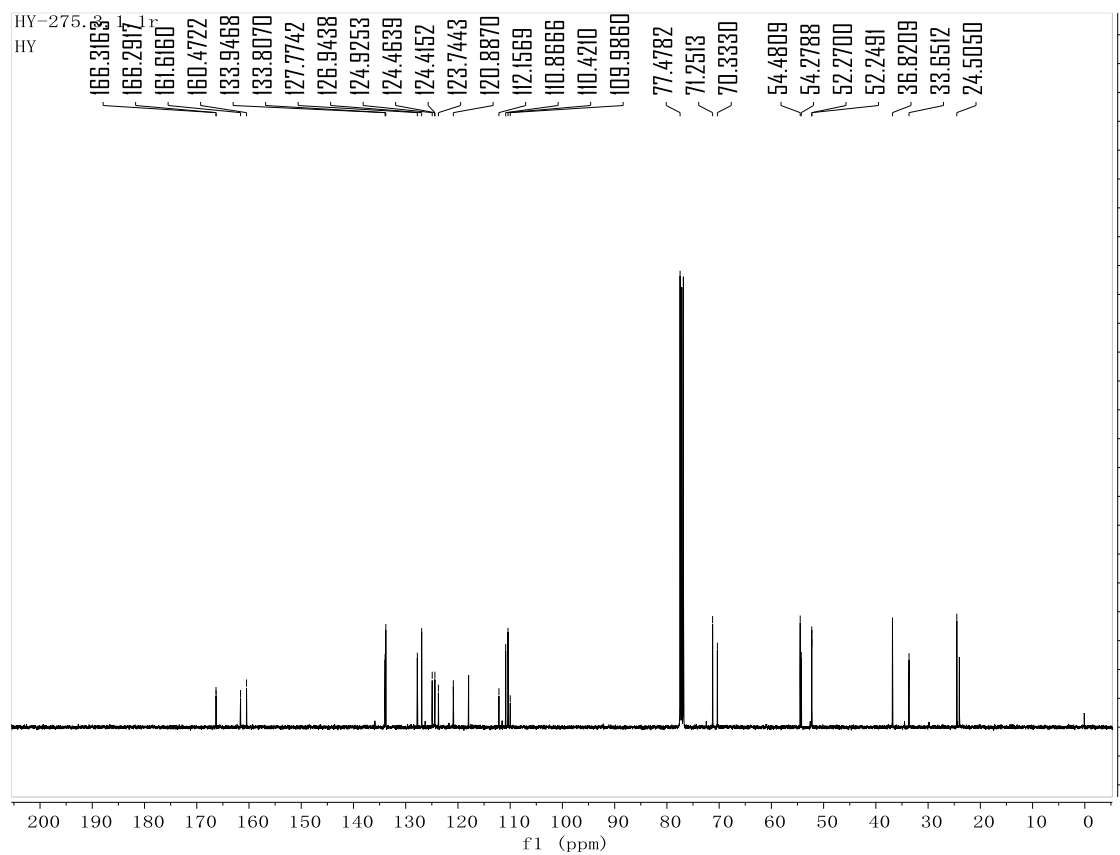
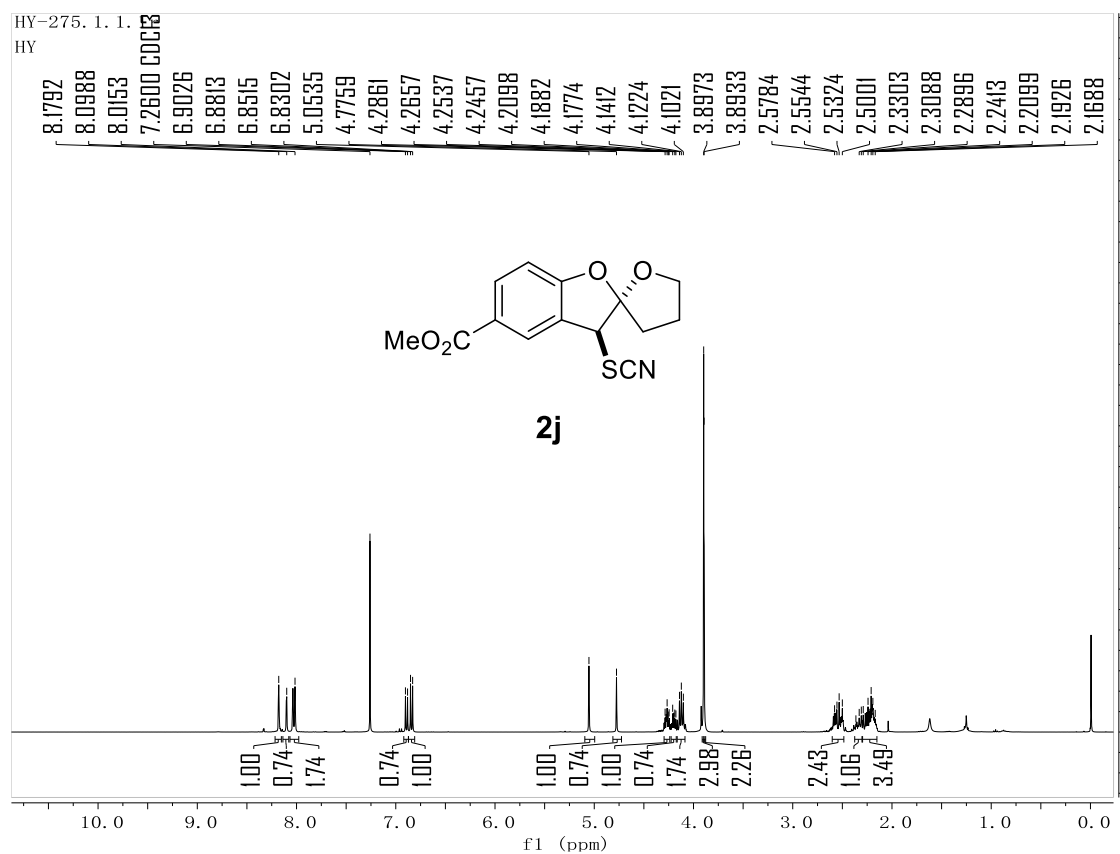


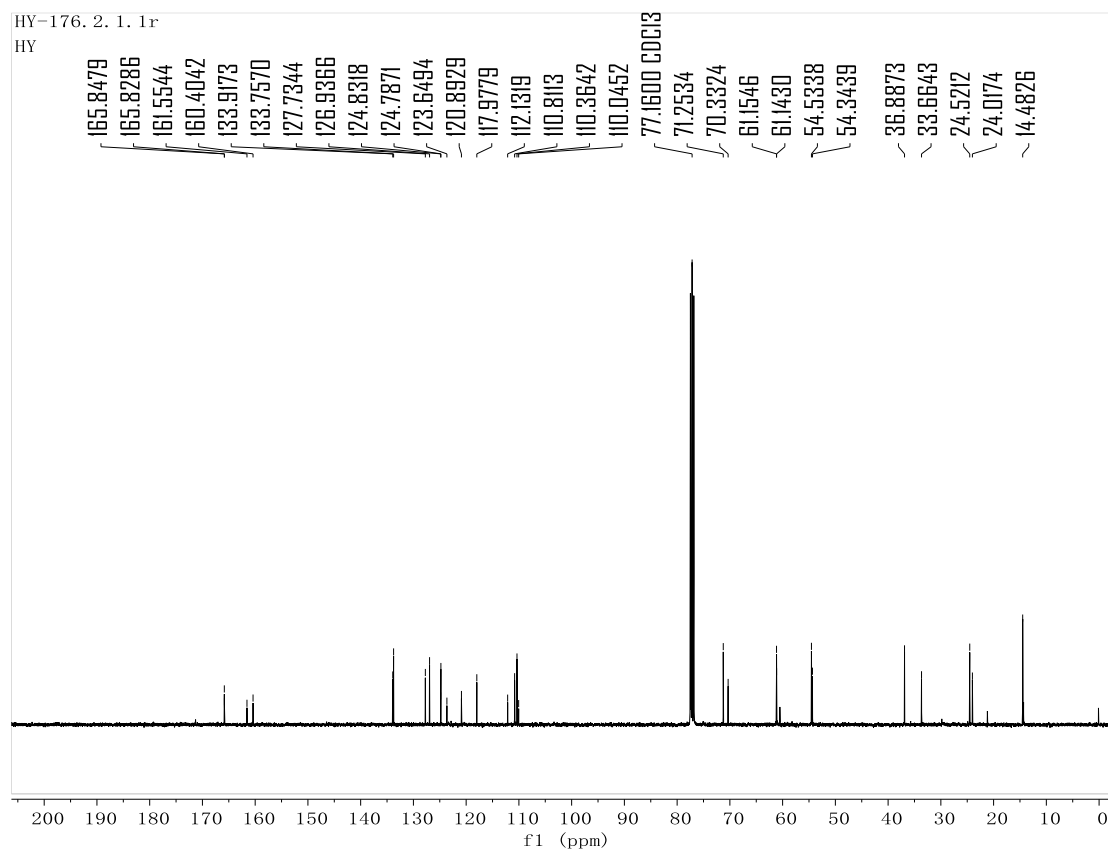
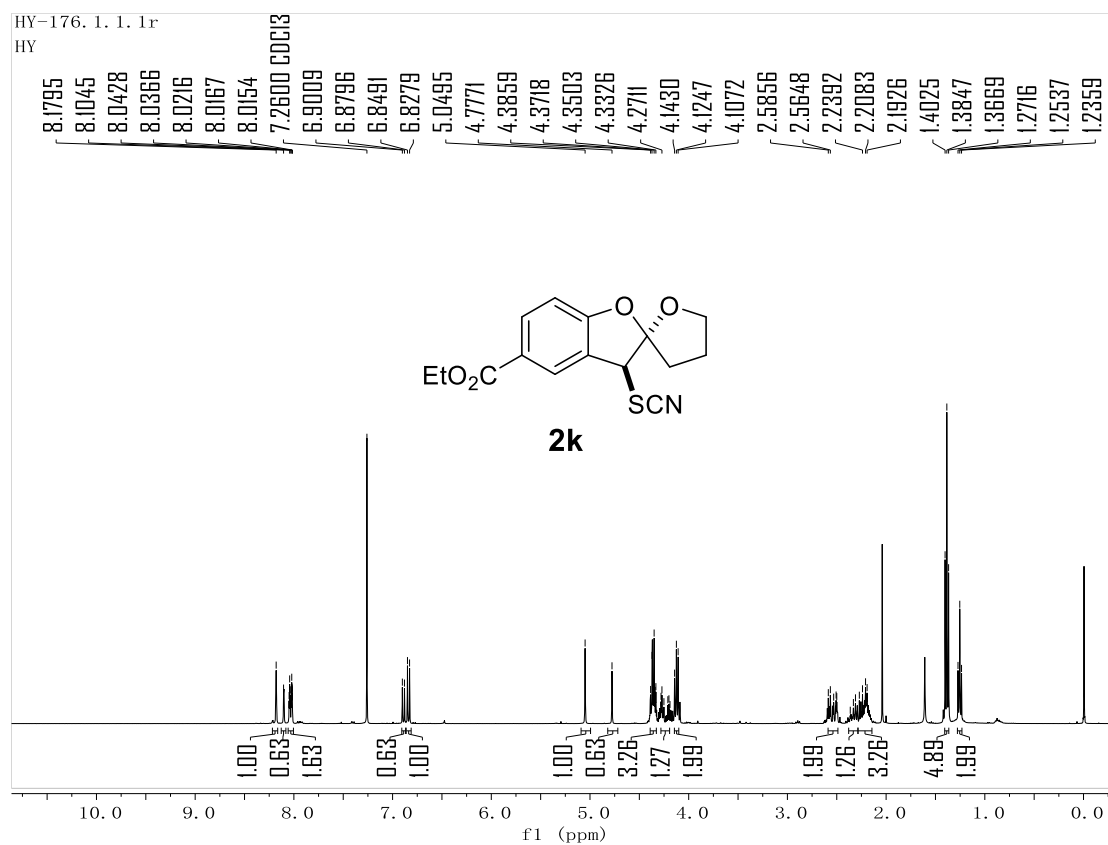


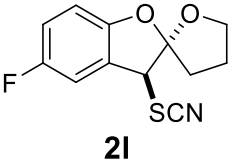












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