

Supporting Information

***peri*-Selective C–H Activation-Initiated Spiroannulation Leading to Spiro Polycyclic Compounds with Unique Photo-Physical Property and Strong Anticancer Activity**

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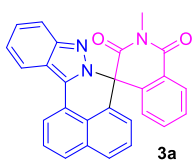
I. General experimental information

Commercial reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. 3-Aryl-1*H*-indazoles **1**,^[1] diazo homophthalimides **2**,^[2] and diazonaphthalen-2(1*H*)-ones **4** ^[3] were prepared based on literature procedures. Melting points were recorded with a micro melting point apparatus and uncorrected. The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz or 600 MHz. The ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz or 150 MHz. The ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at 376 MHz or 565 MHz. Chemical shifts were expressed in parts per million (δ), and were reported as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (doublet of doublets), td (triplet of doublets), m (multiplet), etc. The coupling constants *J* were given in Hz. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained *via* ESI-TOF mode. All reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel plates (silica gel 60 F254 0.25 mm), and components were visualized by observation under UV light (254 and 365 nm).

II. Experimental procedures and spectroscopic data

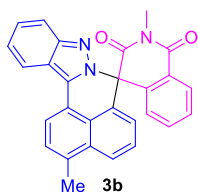
1. Typical procedure for the synthesis of 3a and spectroscopic data of 3a-3gg

To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were charged with 3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1*H*-indazole (**1a**, 24.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), HFIP (1 mL), [IrCp*Cl₂]₂ (1.2 mg, 0.0015 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (9.8 mg, 0.03 mmol), Ag₂O (11.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) and 4-diazo-2-methylisoquinoline-1,3(2*H*,4*H*)-dione (**2a**, 20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol). The tube was then sealed, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C under air for 2 h. Upon completion, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to afford **3a**. Other products **3b-3gg** were obtained in a similar manner.



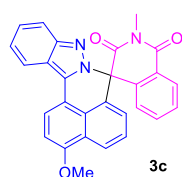
2'-Methyl-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[*de*]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (**3a**)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (34.8 mg, 84%), mp 277.2-278.4 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.44-8.42 (m, 2H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.6, 163.9, 149.8, 141.9, 134.8, 133.5, 132.6, 132.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 125.5, 124.3, 123.5, 123.4, 123.3, 121.6, 121.2, 118.6, 118.1, 70.3, 27.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₁₇N₃NaO₂ 438.1213; Found 438.1215.



2',3-Dimethyl-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[*de*]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (**3b**)

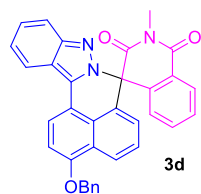
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (32.2 mg, 75%), mp 312.7-313.0 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.7, 164.0, 149.9, 142.0, 135.3, 134.8, 133.1, 132.8, 132.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 126.4, 125.5, 125.3, 124.4, 123.4, 123.1, 121.8, 121.6, 121.3, 118.5, 117.8, 70.2, 27.9, 19.8. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₈H₁₉N₃NaO₂ 452.1369; Found 452.1374.



3-Methoxy-2'-methyl-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione

(3c)

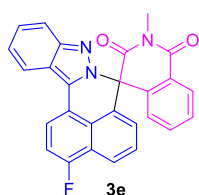
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (30 mg, 67%), mp >320 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.8, 164.0, 155.8, 149.8, 142.0, 134.8, 132.4, 132.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.1, 127.0, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 124.4, 124.3, 123.5, 122.7, 122.5, 121.3, 118.4, 117.3, 116.3, 104.9, 70.0, 55.9, 27.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₈H₁₉N₃NaO₃ 468.1319; Found 468.1315.



3-(Benzyloxy)-2'-methyl-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione

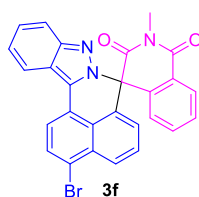
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Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (35 mg, 67%), mp 269.5-270.2 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.42 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.8, 164.0, 154.7, 149.8, 141.9, 136.4, 134.8, 132.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 127.0, 126.2, 126.1, 124.5, 124.4, 123.6, 122.7, 122.4, 121.3, 118.4, 117.3, 116.5, 106.3, 70.5, 70.0, 27.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_3$ 544.1632; Found 544.1637.



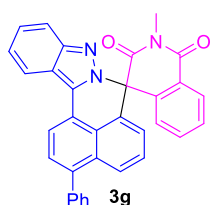
3-Fluoro-2'-methyl-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[*de*]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3e)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (32.2 mg, 74%), mp 284.3-285.6 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.44 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.5, 163.8, 158.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 254.3$ Hz), 149.9, 141.5, 134.9, 132.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.6$ Hz), 131.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.0, 127.2, 127.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.4$ Hz), 126.5, 124.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.1$ Hz), 124.4, 124.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 17.3$ Hz), 123.5, 122.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.1$ Hz), 121.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.9$ Hz), 121.0, 120.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.1$ Hz), 118.6, 117.8, 111.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 20.9$ Hz), 69.9, 28.0. ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376 MHz): δ -120.02 (dd, $^1J = 9.8$ Hz, $^2J = 5.6$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 456.1119; Found 456.1112.



3-Bromo-2'-methyl-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[*de*]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3f)

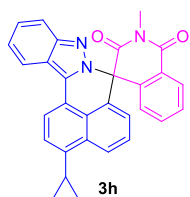
Eluent: hexane/acetone (5:1). Yellow solid (33.9 mg, 69%), mp 303.2-303.9 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.36 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.37 (td, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.4, 163.8, 149.9, 141.5, 134.9, 133.2, 132.2, 131.3, 131.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 126.6, 124.5, 124.4, 123.7, 123.4, 122.7, 121.7, 121.0, 118.7, 118.1, 70.0, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 516.0318; Found 516.0319.



2'-Methyl-3-phenyl-1'H-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione

(3g)

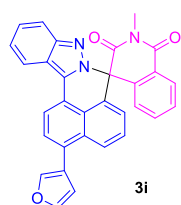
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (36.4 mg, 74%), mp 169.1-170.3 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.49 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 7H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.02 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.8, 163.9, 149.9, 141.9, 140.9, 139.9, 134.9, 132.8, 132.1, 132.0, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.5, 125.7, 124.5, 123.7, 123.4, 122.8, 121.4, 121.3, 118.6, 118.1, 70.3, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 514.1526; Found 514.1543.



3-Cyclopropyl-2'-methyl-1'H-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione

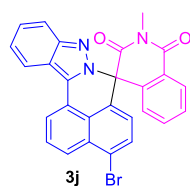
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Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (36.1 mg, 79%), mp 217.0-218.7 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.44-8.41 (m, 2H), 8.33-8.31 (m, 1H), 8.25-8.23 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.35-2.31 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.09 (m, 2H), 0.84-0.81 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.7, 164.0, 149.9, 142.0, 140.2, 134.8, 133.8, 133.0, 132.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.1, 127.1, 126.4, 125.9, 125.4, 125.2, 124.4, 123.4, 123.1, 121.8, 121.6, 121.3, 118.5, 117.9, 70.2, 27.9, 13.7, 6.8, 6.7. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₀H₂₁N₃NaO₂ 478.1526; Found 478.1529.



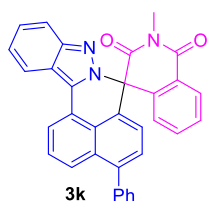
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Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (39.5 mg, 82%), mp 241.7-242.1 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.45-8.41 (m, 2H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.61-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.53 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.7, 163.9, 149.9, 143.3, 141.8, 140.8, 134.8, 133.0, 132.1, 131.9, 131.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 125.8, 124.5, 124.3, 123.7, 123.4, 122.8, 121.4, 121.2, 118.6, 118.1, 112.3, 70.2, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₁H₁₉N₃NaO₃ 504.1319; Found 504.1311.



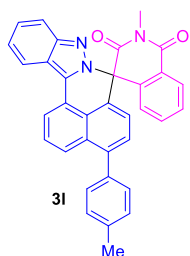
4-Bromo-2'-methyl-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3j)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (25.1 mg, 51%), mp >320 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.26-8.24 (m, 2H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.2, 163.7, 150.0, 141.3, 134.9, 132.6, 132.2, 131.4, 130.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 125.9, 124.54, 124.47, 124.4, 124.0, 123.7, 122.4, 121.1, 118.7, 118.2, 70.0, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₁₆BrN₃NaO₂ 516.0318; Found 516.0312.



2'-Methyl-4-phenyl-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3k)

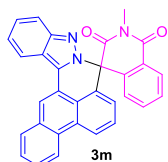
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (42.7 mg, 87%), mp 277.5-378.3 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.38-8.36 (m, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.34 (m, 7H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.7, 164.0, 149.9, 141.8, 141.7, 139.5, 134.9, 132.1, 131.9, 131.8, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 127.22, 127.16, 126.8, 125.1, 124.5, 123.65, 123.63, 123.4, 121.7, 121.3, 118.6, 118.1, 70.3, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₃H₂₁N₃NaO₂ 514.1526; Found 514.1532.



2'-Methyl-4-(*p*-tolyl)-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3l)

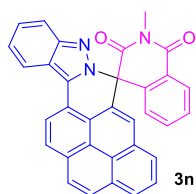
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (43.2 mg, 85%), mp 285.6-286.2 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.61 (m, 7H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.7, 164.0, 149.9, 141.8, 141.7, 139.5, 134.9, 132.1, 131.9, 131.8, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 127.22, 127.16, 126.8, 125.1, 124.5, 123.65, 123.63, 123.4, 121.7, 121.3, 118.6, 118.1, 70.3, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₃H₂₁N₃NaO₂ 514.1526; Found 514.1532.

2H), 7.54 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 7H), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.8, 164.0, 149.9, 141.9, 141.8, 137.7, 136.6, 134.9, 132.2, 132.0, 131.5, 129.9, 129.22, 129.19, 128.8, 128.2, 127.5, 127.14, 127.11, 126.9, 125.2, 124.5, 123.7, 123.6, 123.4, 121.7, 121.3, 118.6, 118.1, 70.3, 28.0, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 528.1682; Found 528.1688.



2'-Methyl-1'H-spiro[dibenzo[de,g]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-8,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3m)

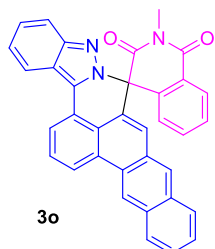
Eluent: dichloromethane. Yellow solid (21.2 mg, 46%), mp 315.0-316.7 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 8.64-8.62 (m, 1H), 8.46-8.42 (m, 2H), 8.08-8.06 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 3H), 7.58 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.7, 163.9, 149.9, 141.7, 134.8, 132.9, 132.0, 131.7, 131.0, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 125.7, 124.5, 123.8, 123.4, 123.05, 122.98, 122.6, 121.3, 118.7, 118.1, 70.1, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 488.1369; Found 488.1374.



2'-Methyl-1'H-spiro[indazolo[2,3-b]phenanthro[3,4,5-defg]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3n)

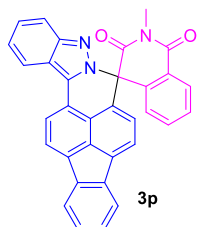
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (21.2 mg, 43%), mp > 320 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.01-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.92-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.6$

Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.7, 164.1, 150.1, 142.0, 135.0, 132.8, 132.4, 131.4, 131.2, 130.2, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 126.9, 126.74, 126.70, 126.0, 124.7, 124.6, 124.2, 123.5, 121.4, 121.3, 121.2, 120.6, 118.7, 118.5, 70.6, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 512.1369; Found 512.1372.



2'-Methyl-1'H-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[2,3-b]naphtho[2,3-g]isoquinoline-10,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3o)

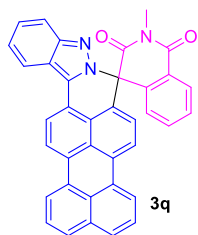
Eluent: dichloromethane. Yellow solid (30.7 mg, 60%), mp >320 °C. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 400 MHz): δ 9.56 (s, 1H), 9.14 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.77 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.57-8.54 (m, 2H), 8.39 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.07-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.69-7.56 (m, 5H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR ($\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{D}$, 100 MHz): δ 168.2, 164.8, 143.4, 142.4, 137.0, 135.8, 134.4, 133.5, 132.8, 132.4, 131.9, 131.4, 130.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.7, 126.2, 125.4, 123.0, 122.0, 121.9, 119.5, 117.5, 111.6, 72.0, 27.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ 516.1707; Found 516.1711.



2'-Methyl-1'H-spiro[fluoreno[2,1,9-def]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3p)

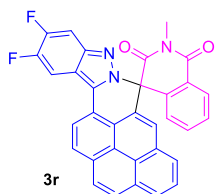
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (34.1 mg, 70%), mp >320 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.46 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H),

7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 169.3, 164.0, 149.6, 141.3, 139.4, 138.9, 137.7, 136.6, 134.9, 132.5, 132.3, 132.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 126.0, 124.3, 123.7, 123.5, 122.2, 122.14, 122.07, 122.0, 121.1, 120.8, 120.3, 118.7, 118.1, 70.7, 28.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 512.1369 ; Found 512.1358.



2'-Methyl-1'H-spiro[benzo[10,5]anthra[2,1,9-def]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-6,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3q)

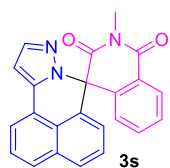
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Red solid (45.7 mg, 85%), mp 236.1-237.3 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.45 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.21-8.17 (m, 2H), 8.05 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 2H), 3.47 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.7, 164.0, 149.9, 141.7, 134.9, 134.4, 132.4, 132.0, 131.5, 131.2, 130.2, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.05, 128.01, 127.2, 126.7, 126.6, 126.0, 124.5, 124.3, 123.4, 122.4, 122.2, 121.3, 121.2, 121.1, 121.0, 120.6, 118.5, 118.1, 70.4, 28.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ 540.1707; Found 540.1702.



11,12-Difluoro-2'-methyl-1'H-spiro[indazolo[2,3-b]phenanthro[3,4,5-defg]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3r)

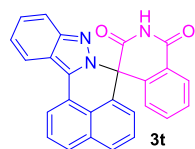
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (22.3 mg, 42%), mp > 320 °C. ^1H NMR ($\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{D}$, 400 MHz): δ 9.23 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.78-8.74 (m, 1H), 8.71 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 7.6$

Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.28 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.10-8.06 (m, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.61 (m, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR ($\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{D}$, 150 MHz): δ 168.4, 164.8, 144.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.7$ Hz), 140.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.0$ Hz), 137.1, 136.2, 134.8, 132.5, 131.4, 131.2, 130.7, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.1, 127.0, 126.7, 126.1, 124.3, 124.1, 123.5, 122.4, 114.5, 109.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 20.9$ Hz), 99.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.0$ Hz), 72.8, 27.9. ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3 , 376 MHz): δ -133.02 – -133.12 (m), -138.27 – -138.37 (m). HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ 526.1362; Found 526.1354.



2'-Methyl-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]pyrazolo[5,1-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3s)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (5.4 mg, 15%), mp 179.9-181.1 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.43-8.40 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 169.9, 163.9, 142.2, 141.3, 140.5, 134.8, 133.5, 132.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.0, 126.4, 125.5, 124.9, 123.2, 122.2, 121.9, 101.0, 68.9, 27.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 388.1056; Found 388.1065.

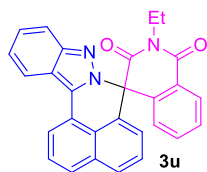


1'*H*-Spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3t)

Eluent: hexane/acetone (2:1). Yellow solid (35.1 mg, 87%), mp 294.6-295.8 °C. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 400 MHz): δ 12.19 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.06-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.63-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 100 MHz): δ 169.9, 164.2, 149.5, 143.5, 135.7, 133.3, 132.9, 131.4, 129.8, 129.5,

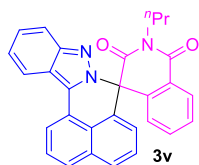
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HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{26}H_{15}N_3NaO_2$ 424.1056; Found 424.1063.



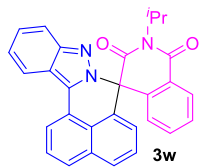
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Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (34.8 mg, 81%), mp 231.4-232.0 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 600 MHz): δ 8.44-8.42 (m, 2H), 8.28 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.72 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.02 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 169.1, 163.5, 149.8, 141.9, 134.7, 133.6, 132.6, 131.9, 129.14, 129.10, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 126.5, 125.3, 124.5, 123.5, 123.4, 123.3, 121.6, 121.2, 118.7, 118.1, 70.2, 36.4, 12.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{28}H_{19}N_3NaO_2$ 452.1369; Found 452.1373.



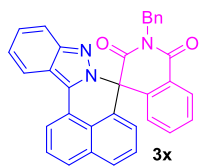
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Eluent: hexane/acetone (8:1). Yellow solid (35 mg, 79%), mp 132.1-133.1 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 600 MHz): δ 8.43-8.41 (m, 2H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.70 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.92 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.56 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 169.4, 163.7, 149.8, 141.8, 134.7, 133.5, 132.7, 132.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.5, 125.4, 124.5, 123.5, 123.4, 123.3, 121.6, 121.2, 118.7, 118.1, 70.3, 42.7, 21.0, 11.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{29}H_{21}N_3NaO_2$ 466.1526; Found 466.1517.



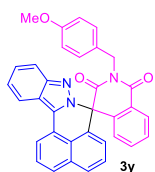
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Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (8:1). Yellow solid (36.3 mg, 82%), mp 235.4-236.2 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.43-8.40 (m, 2H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 (td, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.09 (m, 1H), 1.44 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.32 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.4, 164.0, 149.7, 141.6, 134.5, 133.6, 132.4, 132.1, 129.14, 129.09, 128.9, 128.3, 127.8, 127.2, 127.0, 126.4, 125.3, 125.1, 123.5, 123.32, 123.28, 121.6, 121.2, 118.7, 118.0, 70.9, 46.6, 19.9, 18.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 466.1526; Found 466.1516.



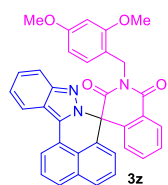
2'-Benzyl-1'H-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3x)

Eluent: hexane/acetone (8:1). Yellow solid (37.3 mg, 76%), mp 231.5-232.0 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.40 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.23 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.20 (s, 2H). ^{13}C $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.3, 163.5, 149.9, 141.9, 136.2, 134.9, 133.5, 132.3, 131.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 127.1, 126.4, 125.5, 124.3, 123.4, 123.2, 121.6, 121.2, 118.7, 118.1, 70.4, 44.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 514.1526; Found 514.1523.



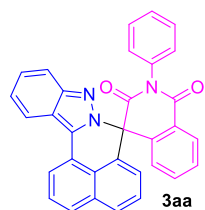
2'-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-1'H-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3y)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (43.2 mg, 83%), mp 211.3-212.1 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.41-8.38 (m, 2H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 4H), 6.86-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.71 (m, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.3, 163.5, 159.1, 149.9, 141.9, 134.8, 133.5, 132.3, 131.9, 130.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.2, 127.1, 126.4, 125.5, 124.3, 123.42, 123.39, 123.2, 121.6, 121.2, 118.7, 118.1, 113.8, 70.4, 55.3, 43.8. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₄H₂₃N₃NaO₃ 544.1632; Found 544.1627.



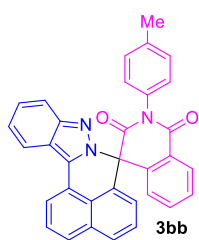
2'-(2,4-Dimethoxybenzyl)-1'H-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3z)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (42.9 mg, 78%), mp 230.0-231.1 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 8.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 168.9, 163.6, 160.2, 158.3, 149.8, 141.9, 134.7, 133.4, 132.6, 132.0, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.2, 127.0, 126.3, 125.8, 124.6, 123.6, 123.4, 123.3, 121.6, 121.2, 118.6, 118.1, 116.7, 103.9, 98.3, 70.5, 55.3, 55.2, 39.8. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₅H₂₅N₃NaO₄ 574.1737; Found 574.1729.



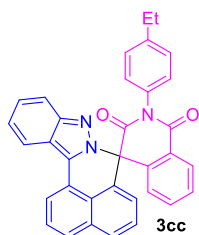
2'-Phenyl-1'H-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3aa)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (34.3 mg, 72%), mp 168.6-169.3 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.47-8.45 (m, 1H), 8.39 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.2, 163.8, 149.9, 141.7, 135.1, 134.5, 133.7, 132.5, 132.2, 129.4, 129.3, 129.22, 129.19, 128.8, 128.3, 127.3, 127.2, 126.5, 125.5, 124.8, 123.5, 123.4, 121.7, 121.2, 118.7, 118.1, 71.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 500.1369; Found 500.1373.



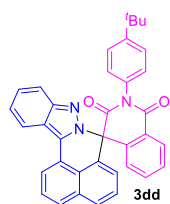
2'-(*p*-Tolyl)-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[*de*]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3bb)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (38.3 mg, 78%), mp 250.7-251.8 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.46 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.3, 163.9, 149.9, 141.7, 138.8, 135.0, 133.6, 132.5, 132.2, 131.9, 129.9, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.29, 128.26, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 126.5, 125.4, 124.9, 123.6, 123.42, 123.39, 121.7, 121.2, 118.7, 118.1, 71.0, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 514.1526; Found 514.1521.



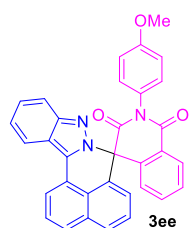
2'-(4-Ethylphenyl)-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[*de*]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3cc)

Eluent: dichloromethane. Yellow solid (42.4 mg, 84%), mp 241.5-242.4 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.46 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.3, 163.9, 149.9, 145.0, 141.6, 135.0, 133.6, 132.5, 132.3, 132.0, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.5, 125.4, 124.9, 123.6, 123.44, 123.38, 121.6, 121.2, 118.7, 118.1, 71.0, 28.6, 15.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 528.1682; Found 528.1680.



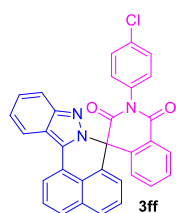
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Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (45.3 mg, 85%), mp 279.9-281.5 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.48-8.46 (m, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ^{13}C $\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 169.4, 163.9, 151.7, 149.9, 141.5, 135.1, 133.7, 132.5, 132.4, 131.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.34, 128.28, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 126.5, 126.3, 125.5, 125.0, 123.6, 123.5, 123.4, 121.6, 121.2, 118.7, 118.2, 71.1, 34.7, 31.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ 556.1995; Found 556.1992.



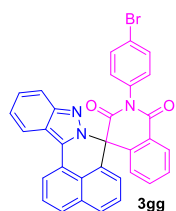
2'-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[*de*]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (3ee)

Eluent: hexane/acetone (3:1). Yellow solid (38.5 mg, 76%), mp 159.3-160.2 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 169.4, 164.0, 159.6, 149.9, 141.6, 135.0, 133.6, 132.5, 132.2, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.29, 128.27, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 126.5, 125.4, 124.9, 123.6, 123.42, 123.39, 121.7, 121.2, 118.7, 118.1, 114.5, 71.0, 55.5. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₃H₂₁N₃NaO₃ 530.1475; Found 530.1467.



2'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1'H-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3ff)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (36.1 mg, 71%), mp 219.2-220.1 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.45 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.1, 163.7, 150.0, 141.7, 135.3, 134.8, 133.7, 133.0, 132.4, 132.1, 129.8, 129.5, 129.44, 129.41, 129.2, 128.39, 128.36, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5, 125.4, 124.6, 123.5, 123.44, 123.39, 121.8, 121.2, 118.6, 118.1, 70.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₃₂H₁₈ClN₃NaO₂ 534.0980; Found 534.0992.

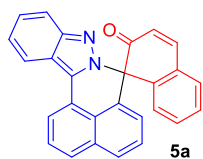


2'-(4-Bromophenyl)-1'H-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'H)-dione (3gg)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (38.8 mg, 70%), mp 232.7-233.5 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 169.1, 163.6, 150.0, 141.7, 135.3, 133.7, 133.5, 132.4, 132.3, 132.1, 130.1, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.39, 128.36, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5, 125.4, 124.6, 123.5, 123.43, 123.38, 122.9, 121.8, 121.2, 118.6, 118.1, 70.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₂H₁₉BrN₃O₂ 556.0655; Found 556.0658.

2. Typical procedure for the synthesis of 5a and spectroscopic data of 5a-5n

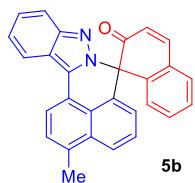
To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were charged with 3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1*H*-indazole (**1a**, 24.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), HFIP (1 mL), [IrCp*Cl₂]₂ (1.2 mg, 0.0015 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (9.8 mg, 0.03 mmol), Ag₂O (11.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) and 1-diazonaphthalen-2(1*H*)-one (**4a**, 17 mg, 0.1 mmol). The tube was then sealed, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C under air for 2 h. Upon completion, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to afford **5a**. Other products **5b-5n** were obtained in a similar manner.



2'*H*-Spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**5a**)

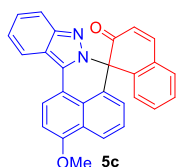
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (26.6 mg, 69%), mp 289.9-291.7 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 193.3, 149.7, 147.0, 145.6, 133.8, 132.05, 131.97, 131.3,

130.0, 129.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 124.8, 124.0, 123.1, 122.9, 121.6, 121.2, 121.1, 118.6, 118.1, 73.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{27}H_{17}N_2O$ 385.1335; Found 385.1322.



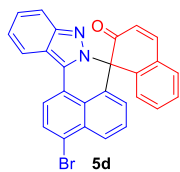
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Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (25.3 mg, 63%), mp 269.1-270.3 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 8.29 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 193.4, 149.7, 146.9, 145.7, 135.0, 133.0, 132.5, 132.2, 131.3, 130.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 127.6, 126.6, 126.3, 124.73, 124.69, 123.2, 122.6, 122.3, 121.7, 121.3, 121.1, 118.5, 117.9, 73.0, 19.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{28}H_{19}N_2O$ 399.1492; Found 399.1503.



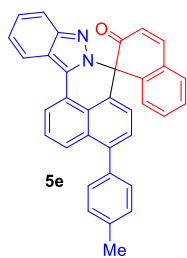
3-Methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (5c)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1). Yellow solid (29.5 mg, 71%), mp 278.9-279.8 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 8.23 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.15-8.13 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.92-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, $J_1 = 10.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 193.6, 155.6, 149.7, 146.9, 145.7, 132.4, 131.8, 131.3, 130.0, 129.8, 128.8, 128.7, 126.6, 126.0, 125.9, 125.5, 124.3, 122.7, 122.3, 121.9, 121.8, 121.3, 118.4, 117.4, 116.9, 104.7, 72.8, 55.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{28}H_{19}N_2O_2$ 415.1441; Found 415.1440.



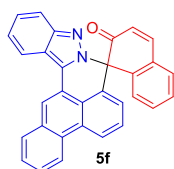
3-Bromo-2'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (5d)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (31.2 mg, 67%), mp >320 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.24-8.21 (m, 3H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 193.0, 149.8, 147.1, 145.2, 132.6, 132.3, 131.4, 131.3, 131.1, 130.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 125.9, 124.3, 124.0, 123.3, 122.4, 121.5, 121.2, 121.0, 118.7, 118.2, 72.8. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₁₆BrN₂O 463.0441; Found 463.0445.



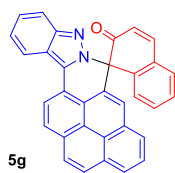
4-(*p*-Tolyl)-2'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (5e)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (32 mg, 67%), mp 285.0-286.2 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.22 (m, 8H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 193.4, 149.8, 147.0, 145.5, 141.0, 137.5, 136.9, 132.2, 131.4, 130.9, 130.1, 129.93, 129.88, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 127.5, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 124.5, 124.2, 123.5, 122.9, 121.6, 121.25, 121.20, 118.6, 118.2, 73.2, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₄H₂₃N₂O 475.1805; Found 475.1795.



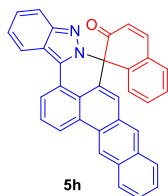
2'*H*-Spiro[dibenzo[de,g]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-8,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (5f)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1). Yellow solid (28.8 mg, 66%), mp >320 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.55-8.49 (m, 2H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.10 (m, 5H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 193.6, 149.8, 147.0, 145.3, 132.6, 132.0, 131.8, 131.3, 131.1, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 125.3, 123.2, 123.0, 122.9, 122.3, 122.0, 121.9, 121.3, 118.6, 118.2, 72.7. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₁H₁₉N₂O 435.1492; Found 435.1484.



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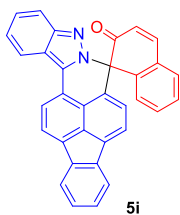
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1). Yellow solid (25.6 mg, 56%), mp >320 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.07-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.97-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 193.0, 150.0, 147.0, 145.6, 132.8, 131.4, 131.3, 131.0, 130.5, 130.1, 130.0, 129.05, 128.98, 127.62, 127.58, 126.74, 126.67, 126.51, 126.46, 126.1, 125.6, 124.9, 124.1, 123.1, 121.8, 121.5, 121.3, 121.1, 120.3, 118.7, 118.5, 73.5. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₃H₁₉N₂O 459.1492; Found 459.1503.



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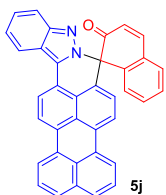
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1). Yellow solid (32.9 mg, 68%), mp >320 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 8.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* =

7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 192.7, 149.8, 146.8, 145.0, 132.4, 132.3, 132.2, 131.44, 131.39, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.0, 126.7, 126.4, 125.1, 123.0, 122.3, 121.9, 121.51, 121.46, 121.2, 118.7, 118.4, 73.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 485.1648; Found 485.1652.



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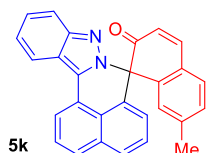
Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1). Yellow solid (38.2 mg, 83%), mp > 320 °C. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 400 MHz): δ 8.63 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.18-8.14 (m, 2H), 8.07 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.27 (m, 7H), 6.80 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz): δ 193.1, 149.5, 147.1, 144.8, 139.4, 139.1, 136.9, 136.2, 132.4, 132.3, 131.9, 131.4, 130.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 126.9, 125.3, 124.1, 123.3, 122.2, 122.0, 121.8, 121.6, 121.0, 120.8, 120.1, 118.7, 118.1, 74.0. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 459.1492; Found 459.1501.



2'H-Spiro[benzo[10,5]anthra[2,1,9-def]indazolo[3,2-a]isoquinoline-6,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (5j)

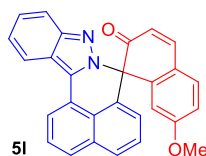
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2H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 150 MHz): δ 193.8, 149.4, 148.7, 145.4, 134.6, 132.0, 131.7, 131.5, 131.3, 131.2, 130.9, 130.2, 129.83, 129.80, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.54, 127.50, 126.0, 124.1, 123.6, 122.8, 122.6, 122.4, 122.1, 122.0, 121.2, 118.3, 117.9, 72.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 509.1648; Found 509.1642.



7'-Methyl-2'*H*-spiro[benzo[*de*]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (5k)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1). Yellow solid (36.3 mg, 91%), mp 265.6-266.3 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.38 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.11 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 193.4, 149.7, 147.1, 145.6, 142.1, 133.8, 132.14, 132.10, 130.4, 130.1, 129.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 126.62, 126.57, 126.4, 124.9, 124.1, 123.1, 122.9, 121.2, 121.1, 120.4, 118.7, 118.1, 73.2, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 399.1492; Found 399.1497.

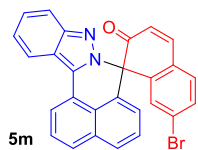


7'-Methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[benzo[*de*]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (5l)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (36.8 mg, 89%), mp 252.6-253.0 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.37 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 193.3, 162.1, 149.7, 147.7, 146.9, 133.8, 132.1, 131.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.0, 126.64, 126.56, 124.7,

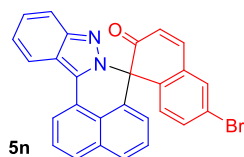
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$[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{28}H_{19}N_2O_2$ 415.1441; Found 415.1450.



7'-Bromo-2'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (5m)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (4:1). Yellow solid (32.9 mg, 71%), mp 294.7-295.5 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 8.40 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.20 (dd, $J_1 = 10.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 192.3, 149.8, 147.0, 145.7, 133.8, 132.9, 132.3, 132.1, 131.2, 131.1, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.1, 126.9, 126.5, 126.0, 124.9, 123.8, 123.1, 123.0, 121.8, 121.4, 121.2, 118.6, 118.1, 72.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{27}H_{16}BrN_2O$ 463.0441; Found 463.0429.



6'-Bromo-2'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (5n)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1). Yellow solid (29.5 mg, 64%), mp 154.7-156.0 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 8.39-8.37 (m, 1H), 8.26 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 192.5, 149.8, 145.2, 144.1, 134.0, 133.8, 132.4, 132.1, 131.5, 131.3, 130.8, 128.8, 128.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.5, 124.9, 123.8, 123.11, 123.05, 122.8, 122.7, 121.3, 121.2, 118.5, 118.1, 72.8. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for $C_{27}H_{16}BrN_2O$ 463.0441; Found 463.0445.

3. Gram-scale synthesis of 3a

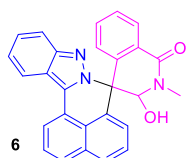
To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were charged with **1a** (732.9 mg, 3 mmol), HFIP (30 mL), $[IrCp^*Cl_2]_2$ (35.9 mg, 0.045 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (293.2 mg, 0.9 mmol), Ag_2O (347.6 mg, 1.5 mmol) and **2a** (603.6

mg, 3 mmol). The tube was then sealed, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C under air for 6 h. Upon completion, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to afford **3a** (0.875 g, 70%).

4. Structural elaborations of **3a**

4.1 Synthesis of **6**^[4]

To a two-necked flask equipped with a stir bar were charged with LiAlH₄ (30.4 mg, 0.8 mmol), AlCl₃ (106.7 mg, 0.8 mmol) and Et₂O (2 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h. Then, a solution of **3a** (41.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) in Et₂O and chloroform (1:2 (v/v), 3 mL) was added in a dropwise manner. The resulting mixture was then stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. Upon completion, it was warmed to room temperature, quenched with H₂O, and extracted with DCM (10 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent to afford **6**.

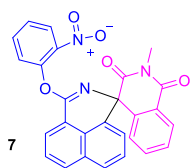


3'-Hydroxy-2'-methyl-2',3'-dihydro-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]indazolo[3,2-*a*]isoquinoline-7,4'-isoquinolin]-1'-one (6)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (16.4 mg, 39%), mp 173.6-174.2 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 150 MHz): δ 163.8, 148.7, 141.0, 133.3, 133.0, 132.1, 130.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.13, 127.05, 126.7, 125.1, 123.6, 123.3, 122.0, 121.3, 118.5, 118.0, 86.4, 72.0, 29.3. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₁₉N₃NaO₂ 440.1369; Found 440.1359.

4.2 Synthesis of 7

To a flask equipped with a stir bar were charged with **3a** (41.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), *m*-CPBA (25.9 mg, 0.15 mmol) and DCM (2 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred under reflux for 7 h. Upon completion, it was cooled to room temperature, quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂CO₃, and extracted with DCM (10 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent to afford **7**.



2'-Methyl-3-(2-nitrophenoxy)-1'*H*-spiro[benzo[de]isoquinoline-1,4'-isoquinoline]-1',3'(2'*H*)-dione (7)

Eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (27.5 mg, 59%), mp 89.1-90.4 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz): δ 170.9, 164.5, 160.8, 146.3, 142.7, 142.6, 134.7, 134.6, 133.5, 132.6, 132.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8, 125.6, 125.2, 124.2, 123.5, 118.5, 68.8, 27.7. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₁₈N₃O₅ 464.1241; Found 464.1245.

5. Cell anti-proliferative activity assay

Cell anti-proliferative activity against HeLa, HCT-116, MDA-MB-231, HepG2 and HaCat was evaluated by the CCK-8 method.

Dilute HeLa or HCT-116 cell suspensions in growth medium to desired density and 100 μL were taken to 96-well plate. The test compounds with different concentration gradients were prepared. Add 100 μL culture medium containing compounds into 96-well plate according to the plate map. Final DMSO concentration in each well was below 0.1%. Then the cell was incubated at 37 °C, 5% CO₂ for 48 h. Equilibrate the assay plate to room temperature before measurement. Add 10 μL of CCK-8 into each well. Mix contents for 2 minutes on an orbital

shaker to induce cell lysis. Incubate at 37 °C and 5% CO₂ for 1.5 hours, and then the plates were recorded by measuring absorbance at 450 nm using an EnVision Multilabel Reader (PerkinElmer). The IC₅₀ values were calculated using GraphPad Prism 6.0 software and determined by the concentration causing a half-maximal percent activity.

Dilute MDA-MB-231 or HepG2 cell suspensions in growth medium to desired density and 100 µL were taken to 96-well plate. The test compounds with different concentration gradients were prepared. Add 100 µL culture medium containing compounds into 96-well plate according to the plate map. Final DMSO concentration in each well was below 0.1%. Then the cell was incubated at 37 °C, 5% CO₂ for 96 h. Equilibrate the assay plate to room temperature before measurement. Add 10 µL of CCK-8 into each well. Mix contents for 2 minutes on an orbital shaker to induce cell lysis. Incubate at 37 °C and 5% CO₂ for 1.5 hours, and then the plates were recorded by measuring absorbance at 450 nm using an EnVision Multilabel Reader (PerkinElmer). The IC₅₀ values were calculated using GraphPad Prism 6.0 software and determined by the concentration causing a half-maximal percent activity.

Dilute HaCat cell suspensions in growth medium to desired density and 100 µL were taken to 96-well plate. The test compounds with different concentration gradients were prepared. Add 100 µL culture medium containing compounds into 96-well plate according to the plate map. Final DMSO concentration in each well was below 0.1%. Then the cell was incubated at 37 °C, 5% CO₂ for 72 h. Equilibrate the assay plate to room temperature before measurement. Add 10 µL of CCK-8 into each well. Mix contents for 2 minutes on an orbital shaker to induce cell lysis. Incubate at 37 °C and 5% CO₂ for 1.5 hours, and then the plates were recorded by measuring absorbance at 450 nm using an EnVision Multilabel Reader (PerkinElmer). The IC₅₀ values were calculated using GraphPad Prism 6.0 software and determined by the concentration causing a half-maximal percent activity.

All assays were conducted with two parallel samples and two repetitions, and 5-fluorouracil was used as the positive control. The results thus obtained were included in the Table S1. The representative microscopy images and corresponding cell viability curve for compound **3o** were shown as Figure S1 and Figure S2, respectively.

Table S1. Antiproliferative Activity of Selected Products

Compounds	IC ₅₀ (μM ± SD)				
	Hela	HCT-116	MDA-MB-231	HepG2	HaCat
3o	10.27 ± 0.05	>50	15.40±0.20	>50	7.615±0.04
3r	10.74 ± 0.46	21.35 ± 0.09	>50	>50	>50
3s	24.47 ± 0.48	>50	34.68±0.09	13.29±0.05	18.01±0.02
3t	12.08 ± 0.36	21.83 ± 0.28	21.76±0.40	11.80±0.11	24.61±0.16
5i	>50	7.385 ± 0.06	11.21±0.02	13.60±0.21	23.70±0.42
6	10.61 ± 0.17	20.52 ± 0.02	>50	44.48±0.09	28.29±0.40
7	6.438 ± 0.15	5.192 ± 0.05	>50	>50	7.615±0.04
5-FU	6.247 ± 0.12	6.202 ± 0.19	4.951±0.14	3.717±0.09	3.304±0.00

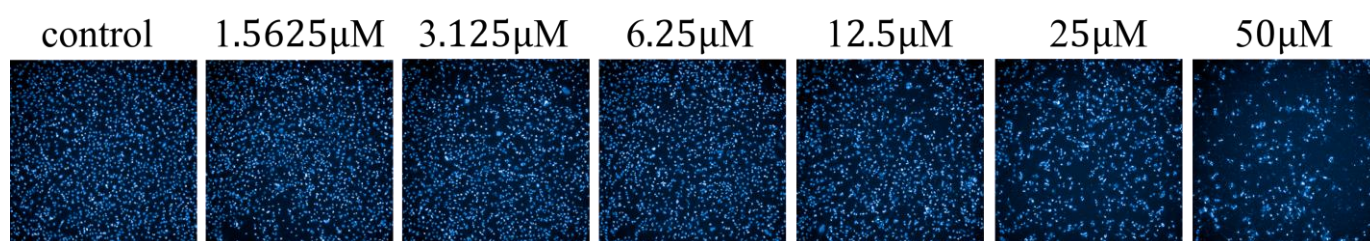


Figure S1 Hoechst staining of MDA-MB-231 cells exposed to various concentrations of **3o** (control, 1.5625, 3.125, 6.25, 12.5, 25, and 50 μM) for 96 h.

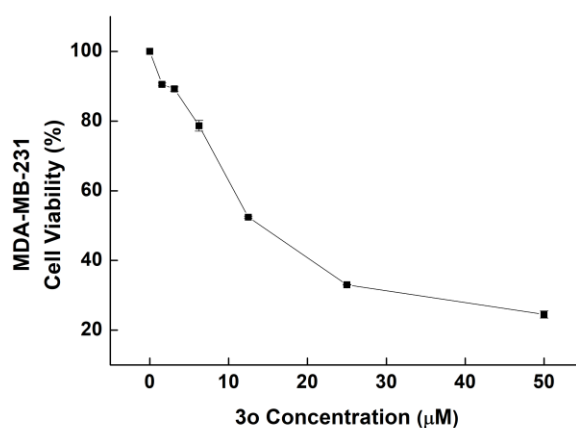
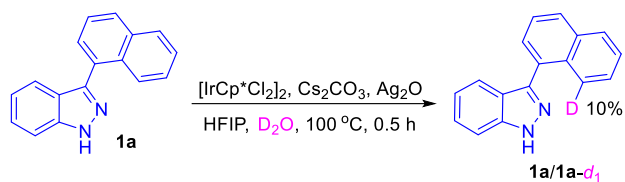


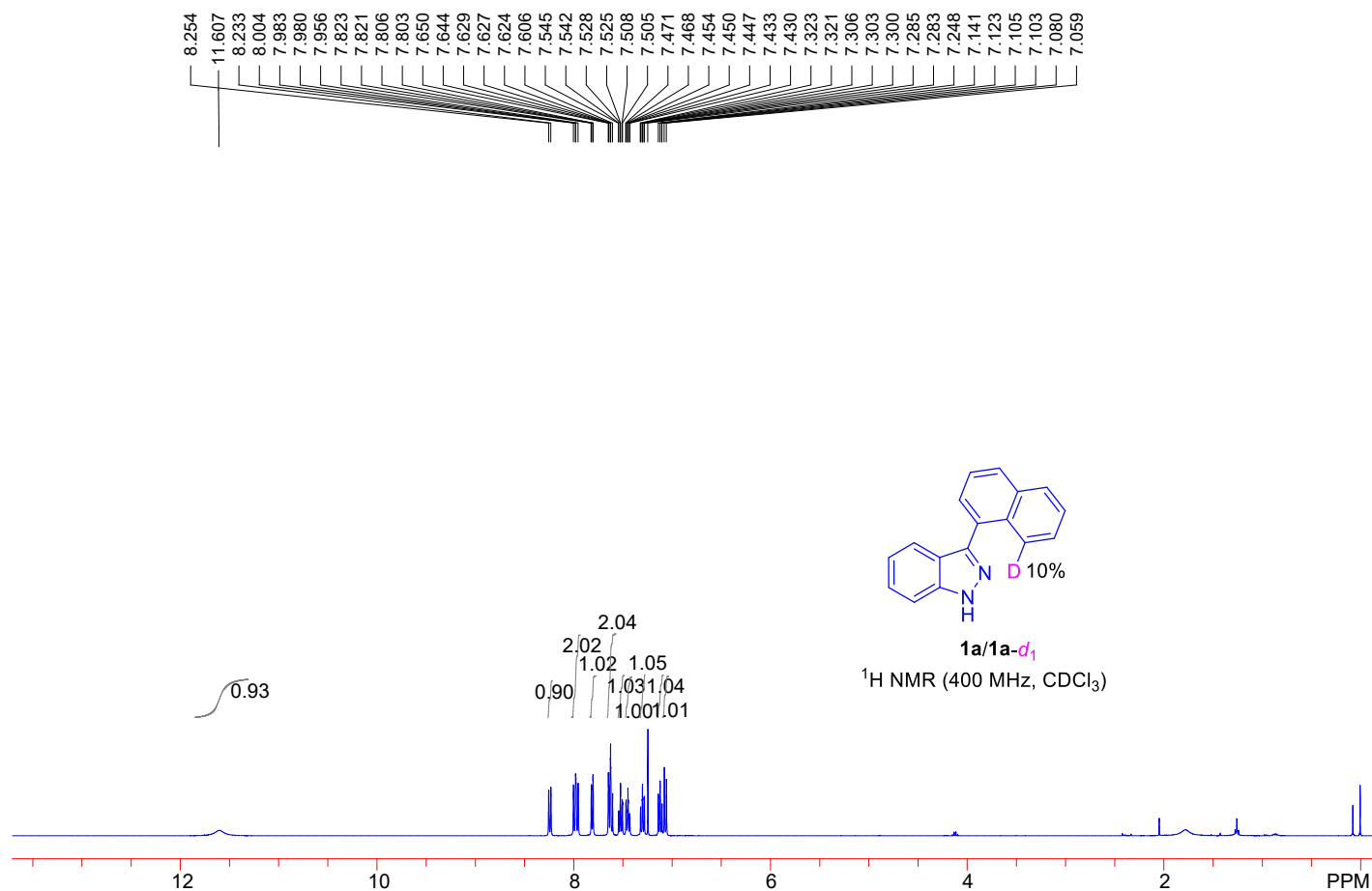
Figure S2 Viability of MDA-MB-231 cells exposed to various concentrations of **3o** (control, 1.5625, 3.125, 6.25, 12.5, 25, and 50 μM) for 96 h.

III. Mechanism studies

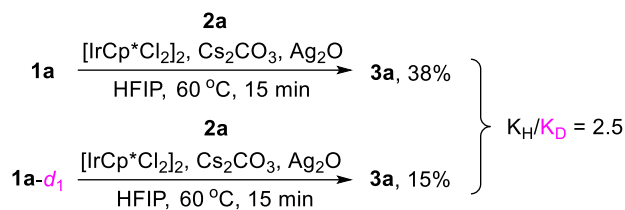
1. H/D exchange experiment



To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were charged with **1a** (24.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), HFIP (1 mL), D₂O (18 μL, 1 mmol), [IrCp*Cl₂]₂ (1.2 mg, 0.0015 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (9.8 mg, 0.03 mmol), and Ag₂O (11.6 mg, 0.05 mmol). The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 0.5 h. Afterwards, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to give a mixture of **1a** and **1a-*d*₁**. Upon analyzing the ¹H NMR spectrum of the mixture, the deuteration percentage on the *ortho*-positions of the phenyl ring of **1a** was determined to be 10%. This result confirms the occurrence of a reversible C–H bond metalation/activation.



2. Kinetic isotope effect study

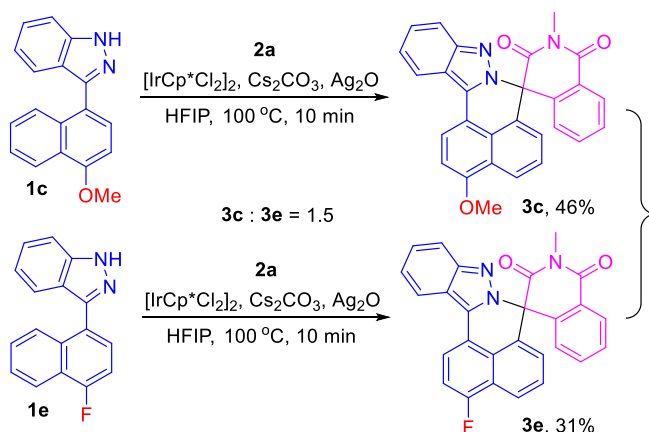


To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were charged with **1a** (24.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), HFIP (1 mL), $[\text{IrCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (1.2 mg, 0.0015 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (9.8 mg, 0.03 mmol), Ag_2O (11.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) and **2a** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol). The tube was then sealed, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C under air for 15 min. Afterwards, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to afford **3a** (15.6 mg, 38%).

To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were charged with **1a-d₁** (24.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), HFIP (1 mL), $[\text{IrCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (1.2 mg, 0.0015 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (9.8 mg, 0.03 mmol), Ag_2O (11.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) and **2a** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol). The tube was then sealed, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C under air for 15 min. Afterwards, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to afford **3a** (6.4 mg, 15%).

Based on these results, a kinetic isotope effect (KIE) value of 2.5 was obtained, indicating that the C–H bond cleavage process is most likely involved in the rate-determining step(s).

3. Electronic competition experiment



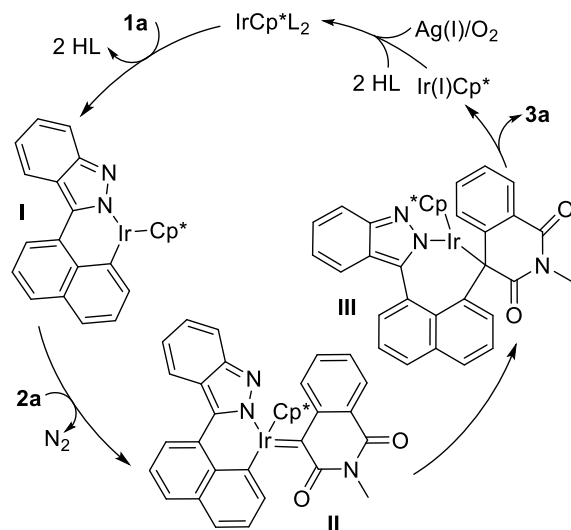
To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were added **1c** (27.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), HFIP (1 mL), [IrCp*Cl₂]₂ (1.2 mg, 0.0015 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (9.8 mg, 0.03 mmol), Ag₂O (11.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) and **2a** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol). The tube was then sealed, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C under air for 10 min. Afterwards, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to afford **3c** (20.3 mg, 46%).

To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were added **1e** (26.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), HFIP (1 mL), [IrCp*Cl₂]₂ (1.2 mg, 0.0015 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (9.8 mg, 0.03 mmol), Ag₂O (11.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) and **2a** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol). The tube was then sealed, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C under air for 10 min. Afterwards, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent to afford **3e** (13.6 mg, 31%).

The above-described electronic competing experiments showed that an electron-donating methoxy group substituted substrate **1c** reacted with **2a** 1.5 times faster than an electron-withdrawing fluoro group substituted substrate **1e**. This result likely suggests an electrophilic C–H bond activation process.

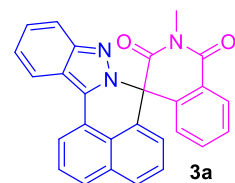
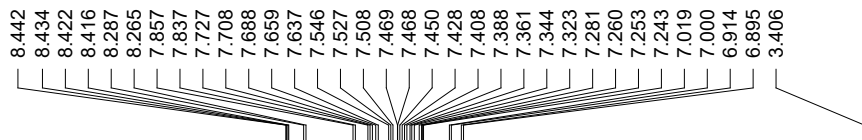
4. Proposed mechanism for the formation of **3a**

Based on the above mentioned preliminary mechanistic studies, a tentative pathway accounting for the formation of **3a** was proposed as follows. Initially, Ir(III) reacts with **1a** to furnish a five-membered iridacycle species **I** via C–H/N–H bond metalation. The following reaction of intermediate **I** with **2a** gives a carbene intermediate **II** through an extrusion of N₂. Next, α -migratory insertion occurs with **II** to deliver intermediate **III**. The subsequent reductive elimination occurs with **III** to release product **3a**. Meanwhile, the *in situ* generated Ir(I) species is oxidized back to Ir(III) by Ag(I) and O₂ to complete the catalytic cycle. By the way, the formation of product **5a** from the reaction of **1a** with **4a** should follow a similar pathway.

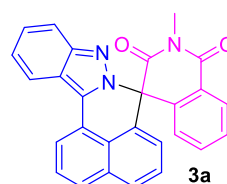
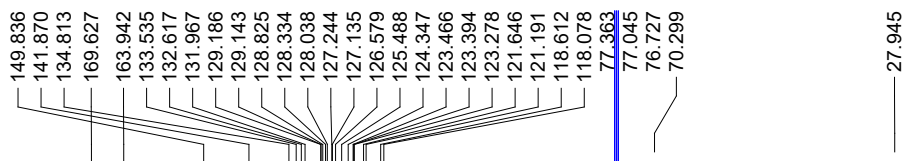
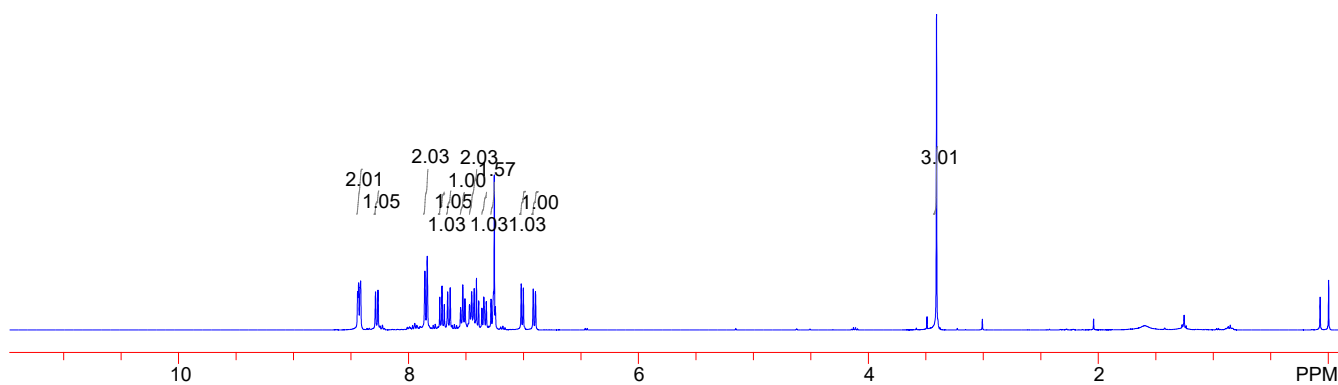


Plausible Mechanism Accounting for the Formation of **3a**

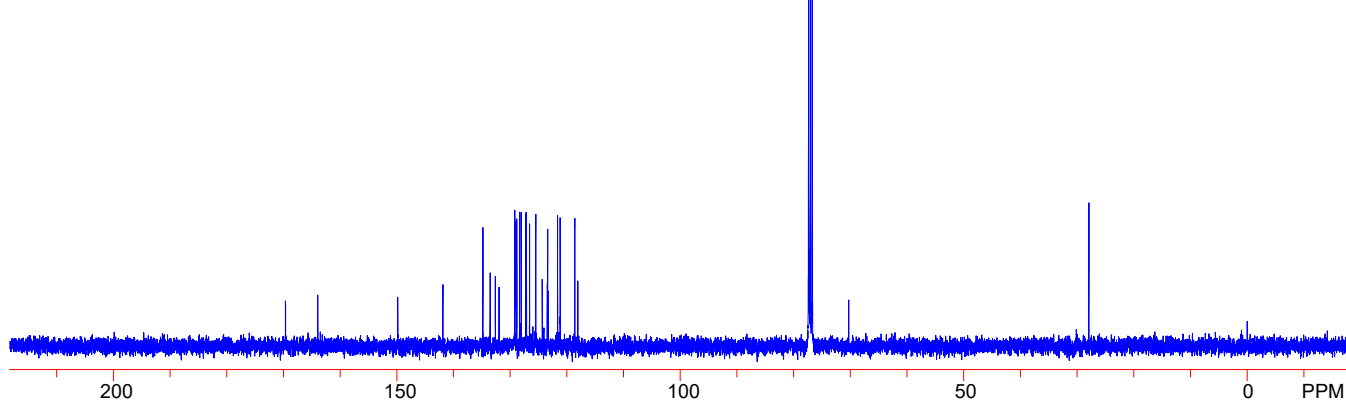
IV. NMR spectra of 3a-3gg



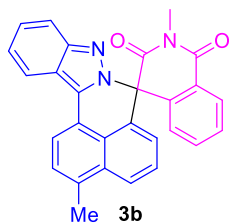
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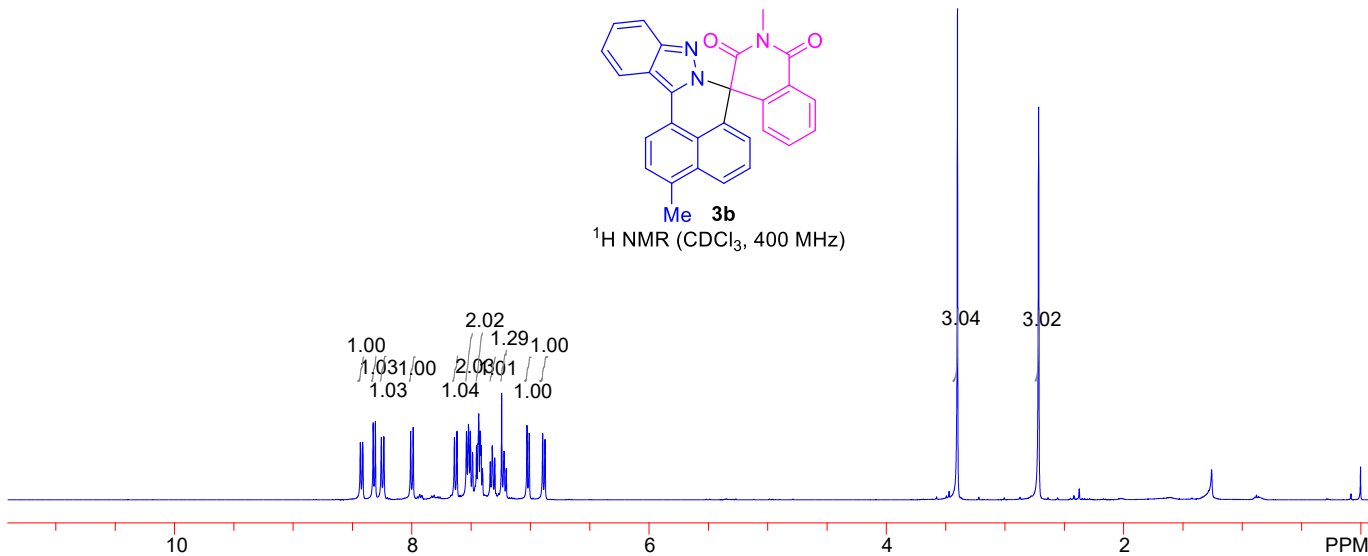
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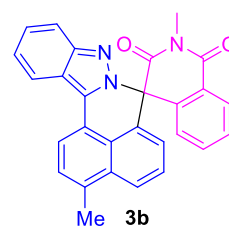
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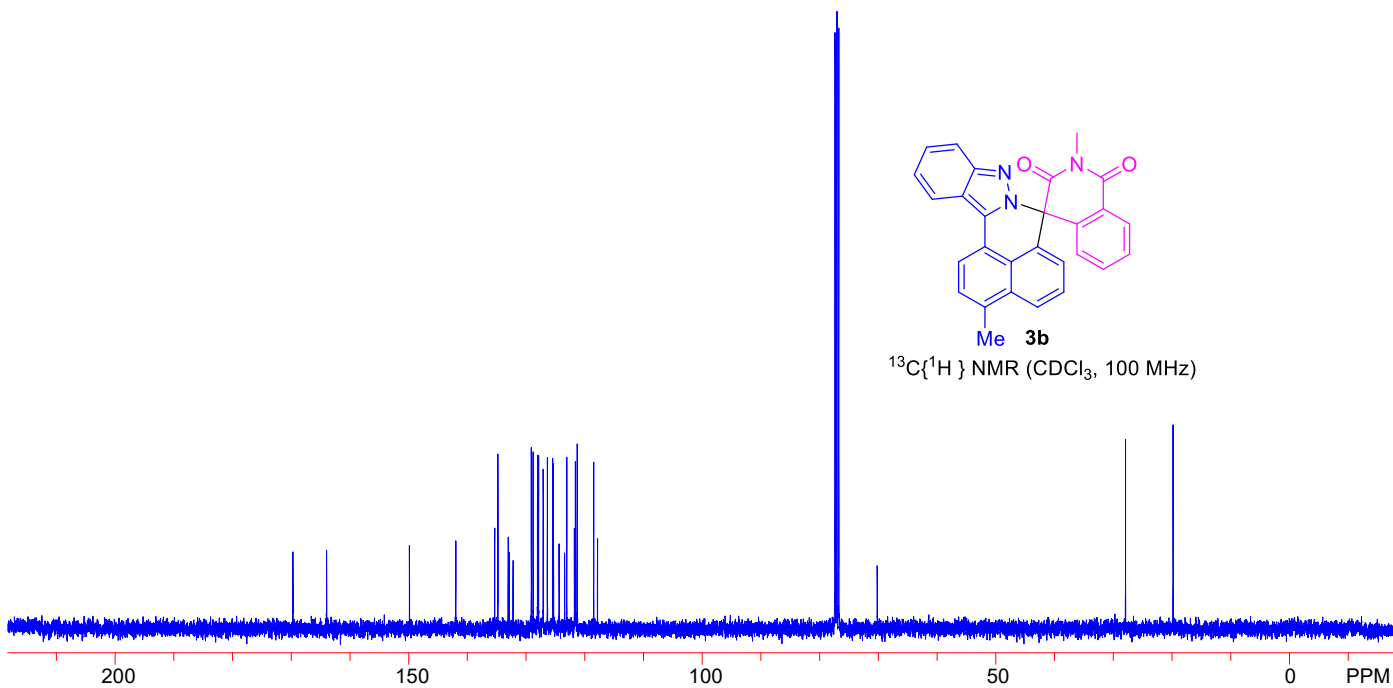
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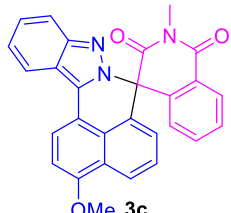
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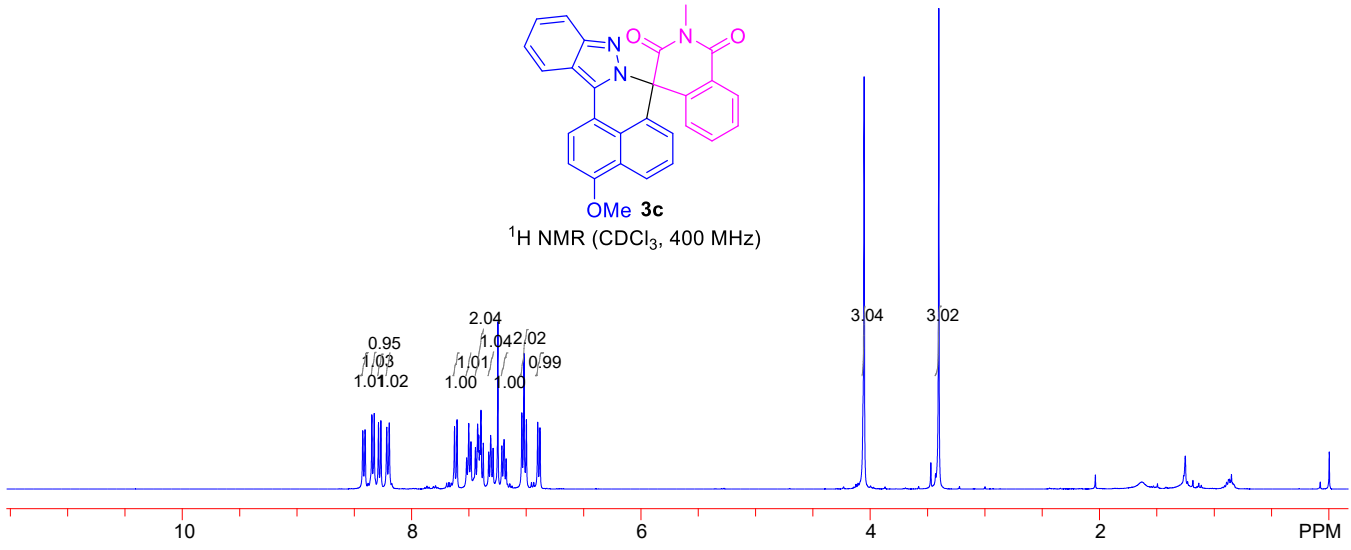
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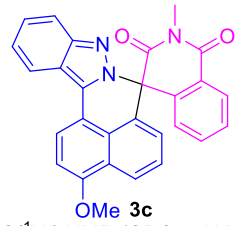
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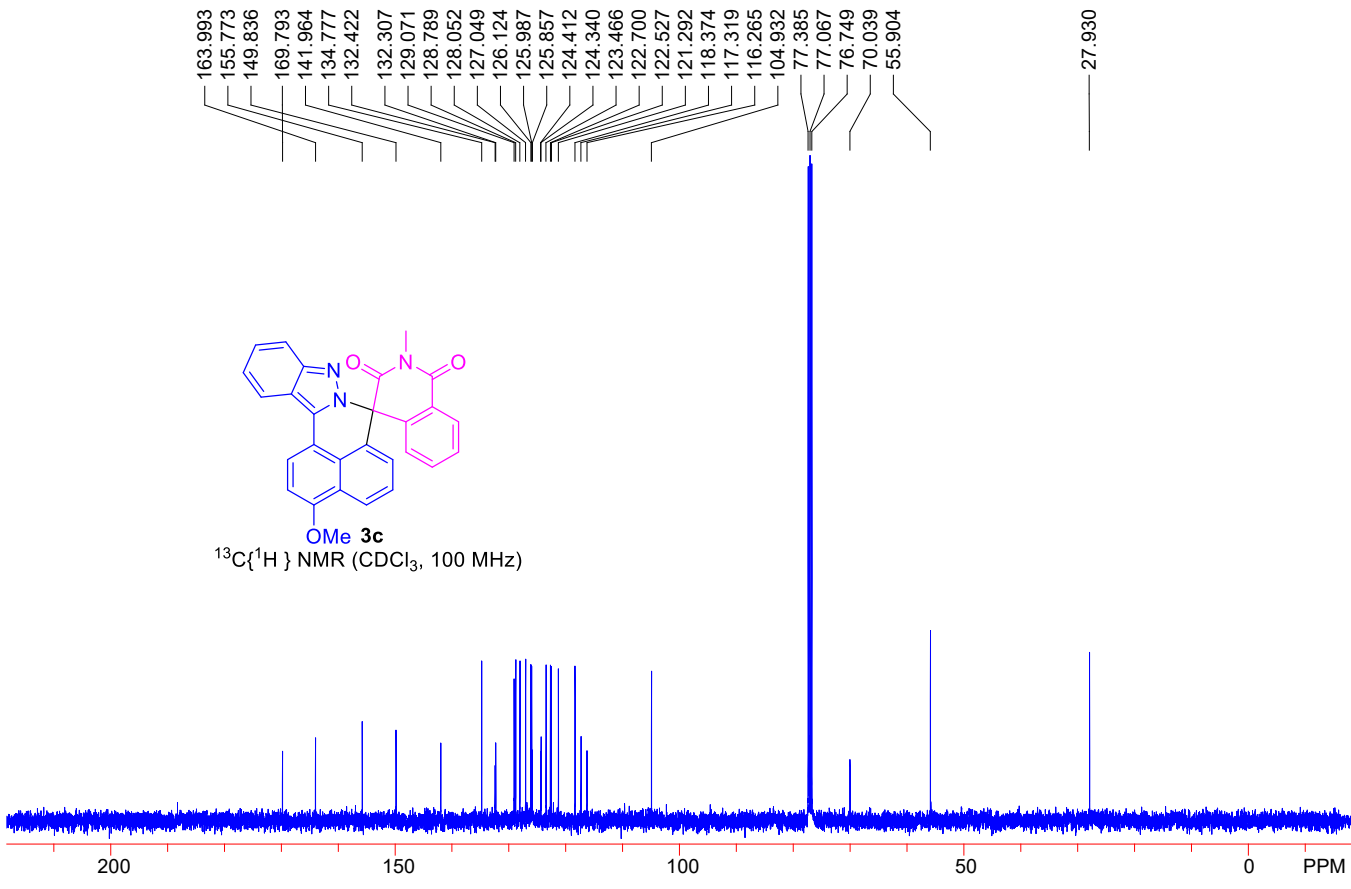
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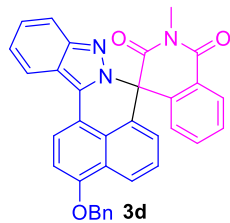
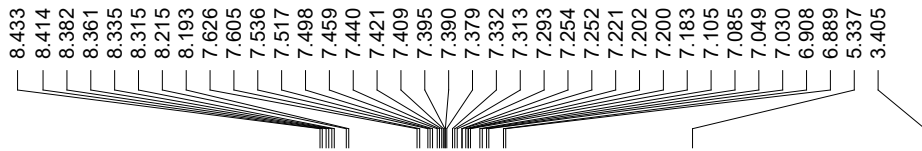


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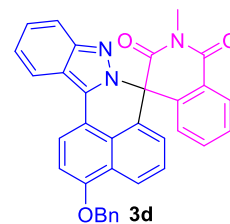
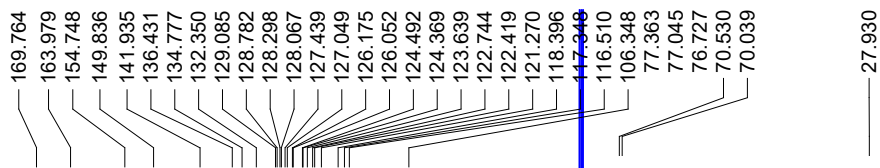
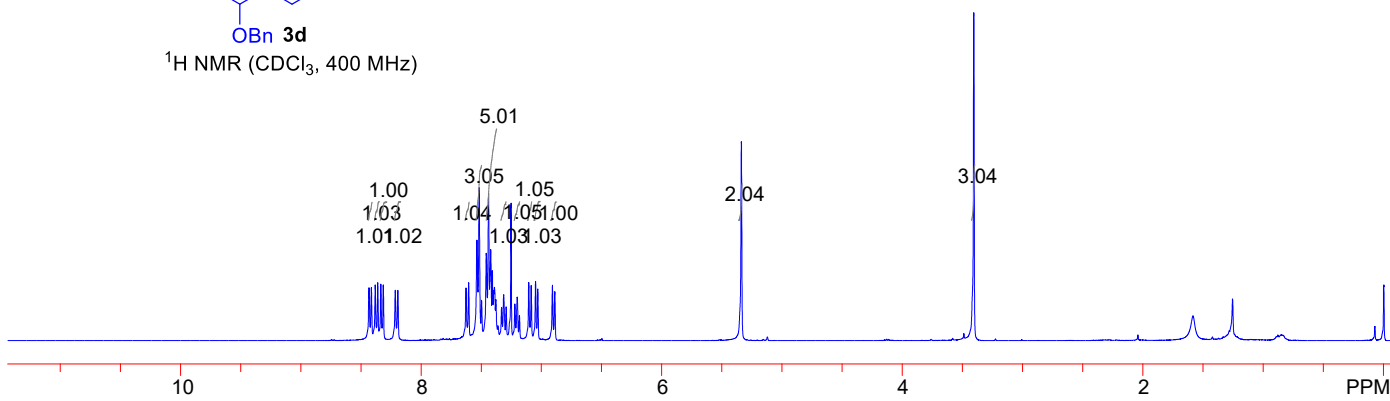


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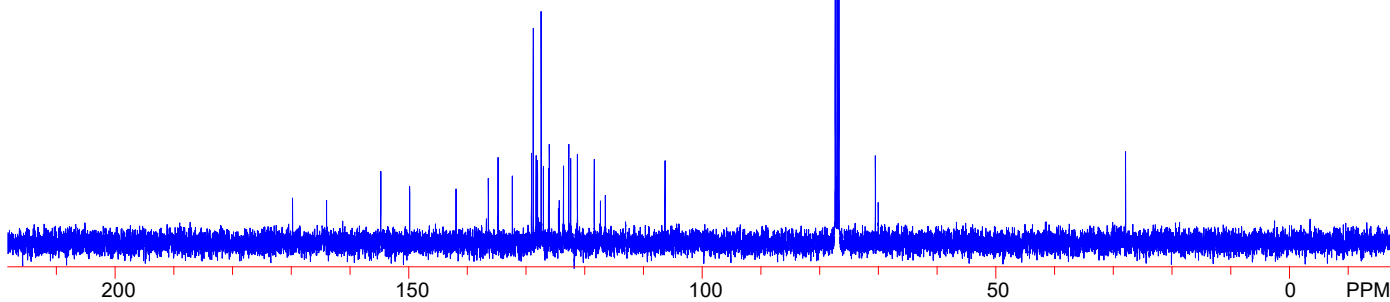




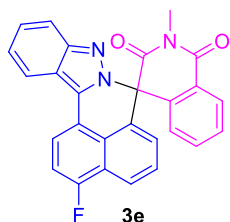
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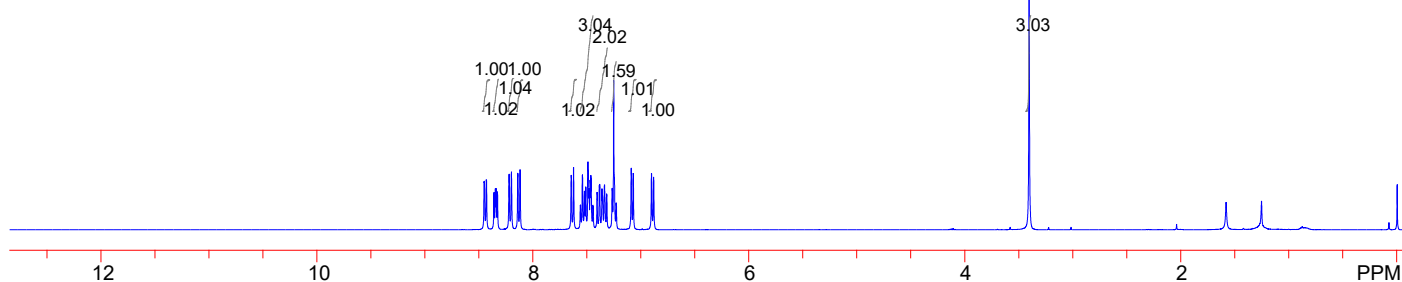
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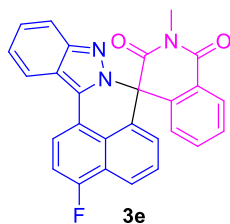
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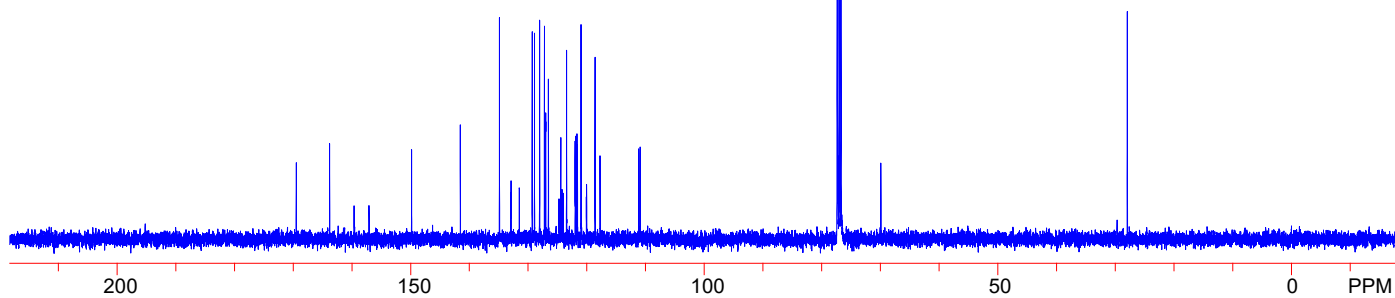
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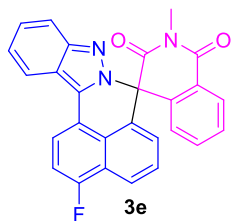
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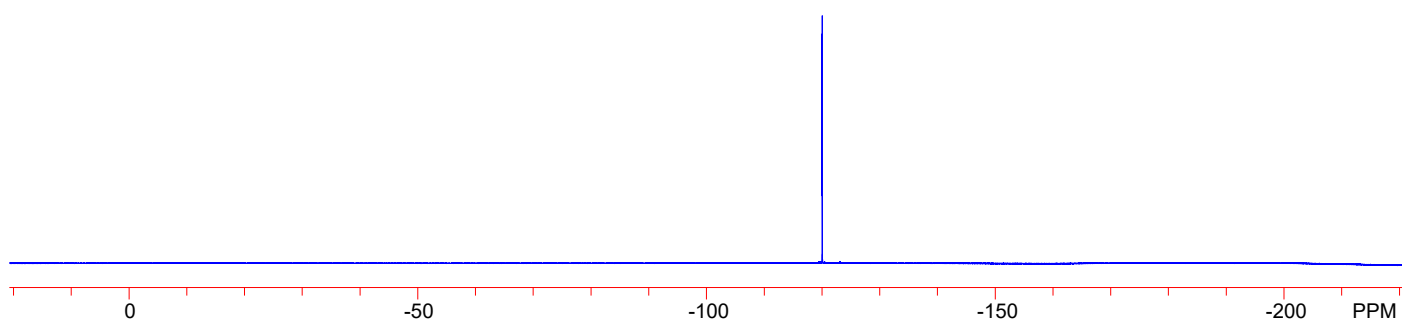
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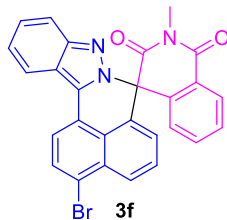
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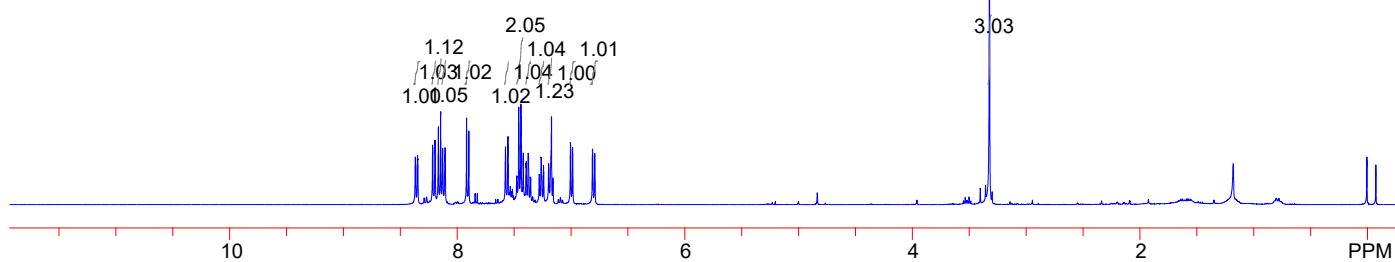
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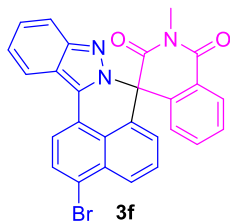
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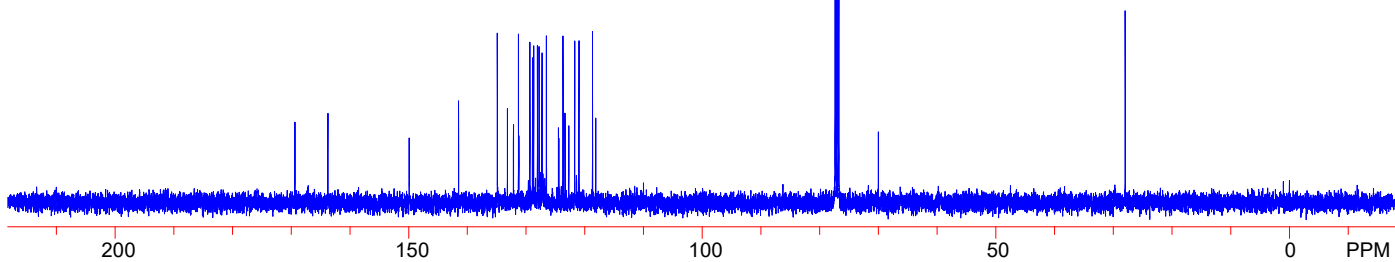
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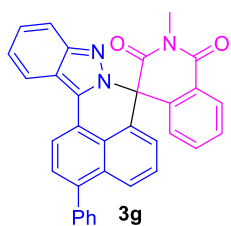
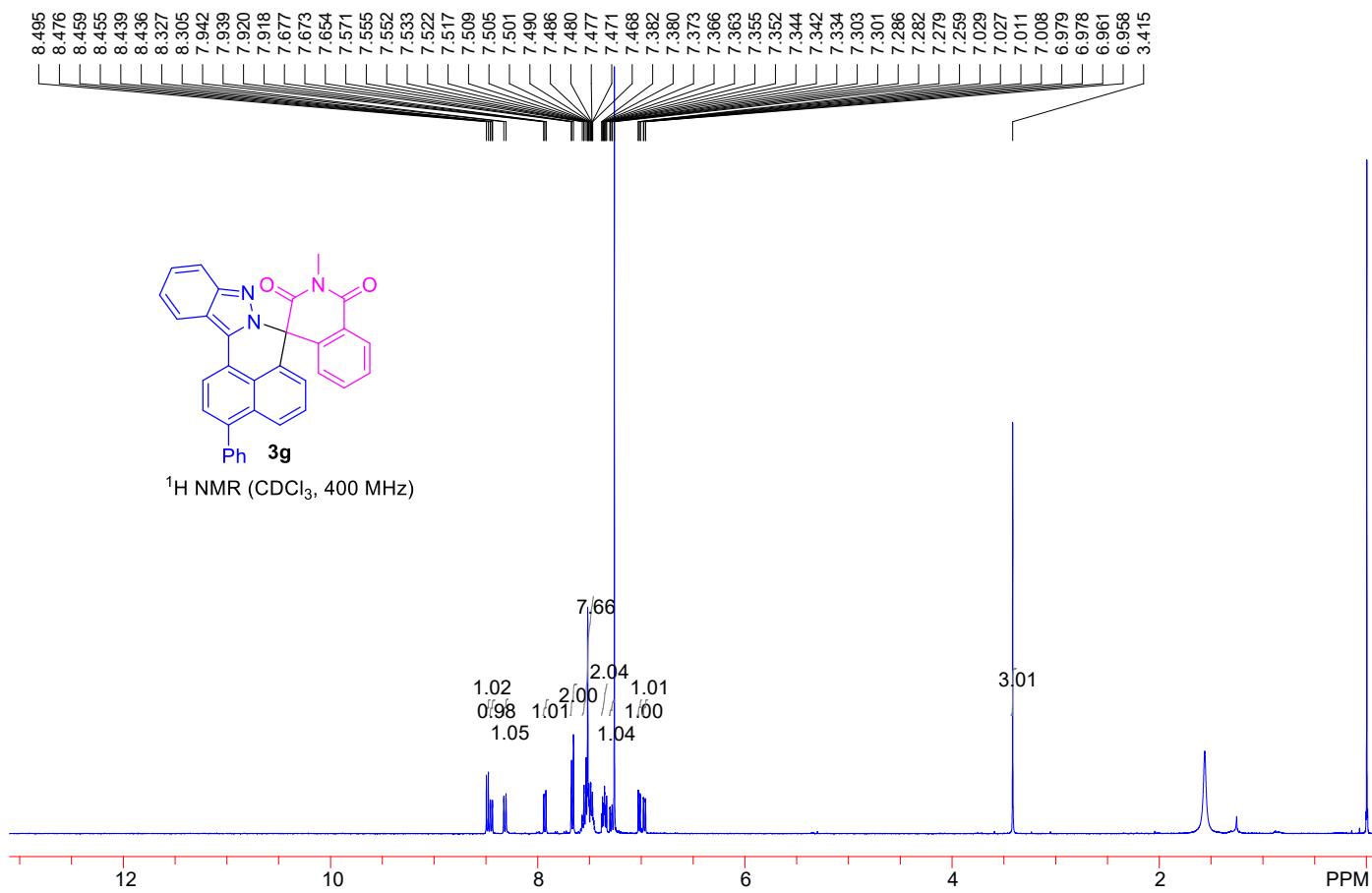


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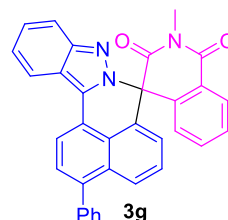
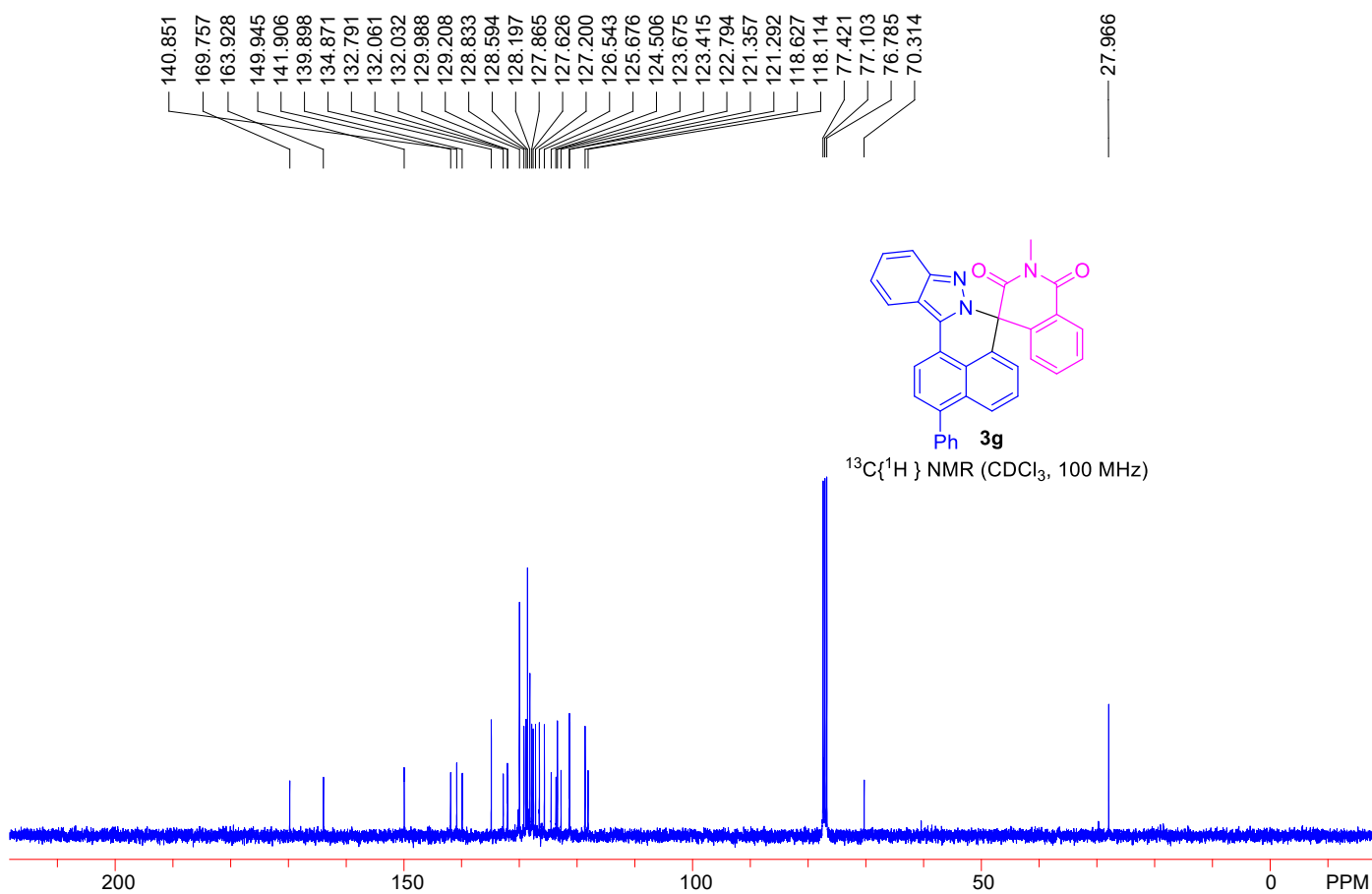


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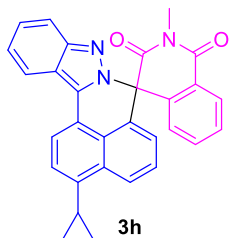


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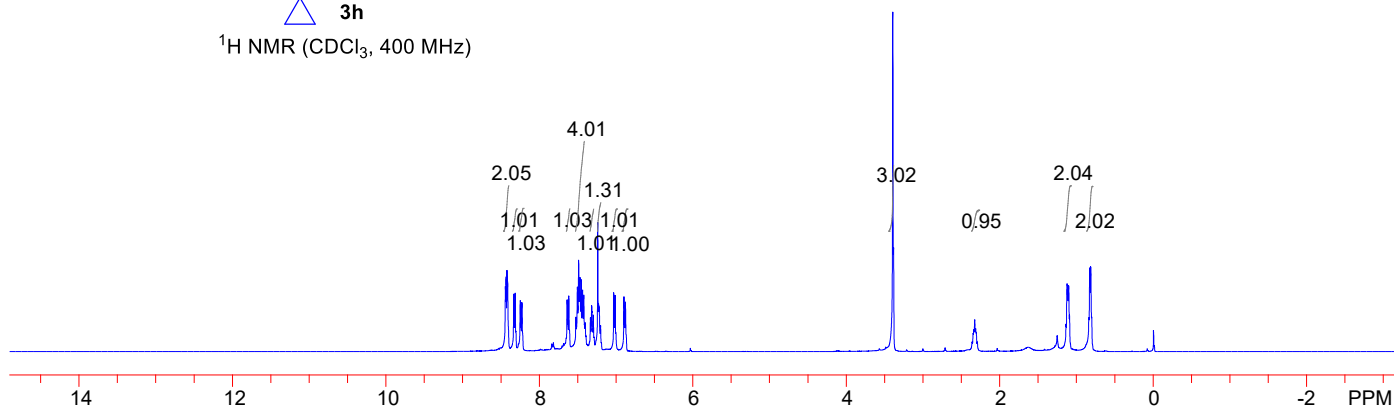


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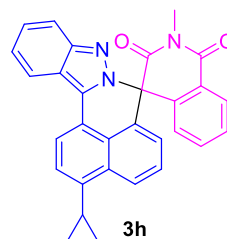
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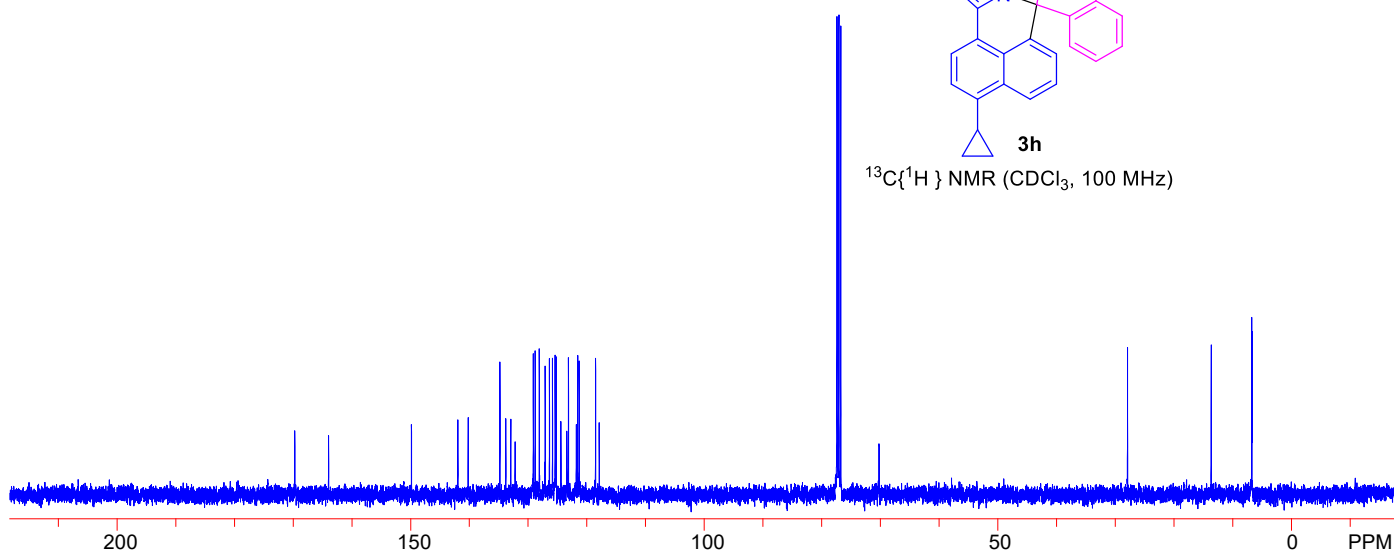
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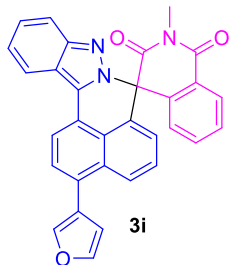
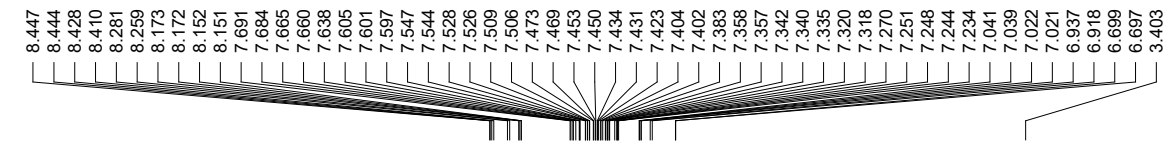


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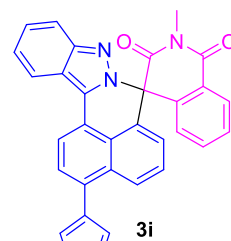
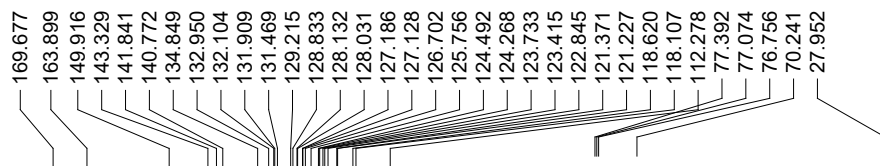
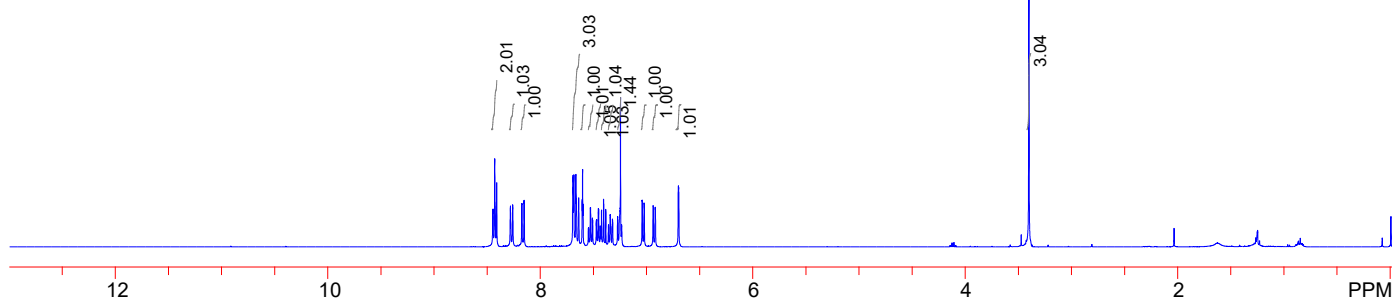


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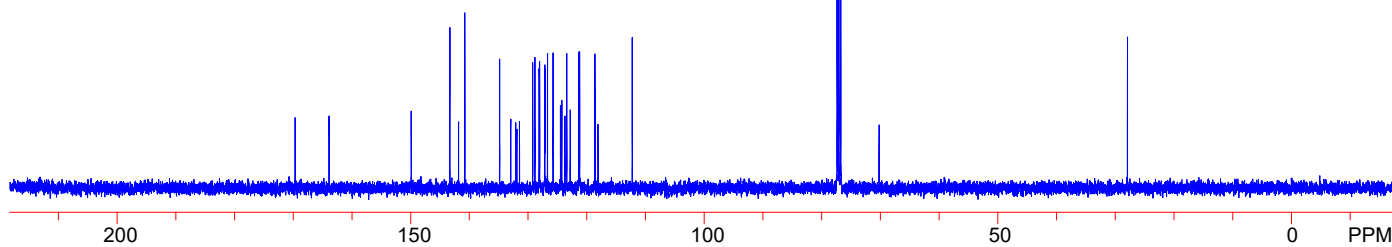


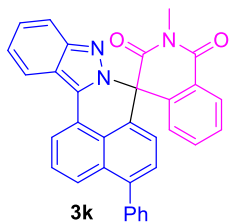
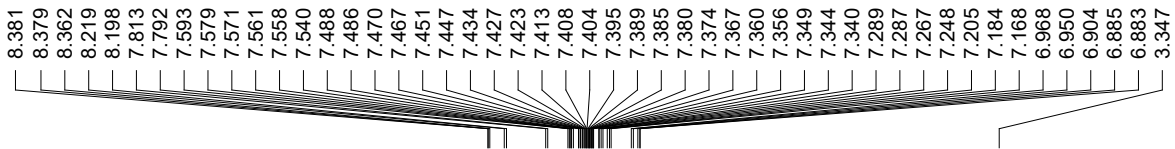


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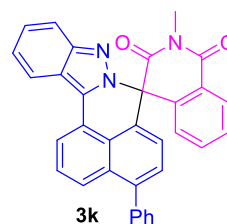
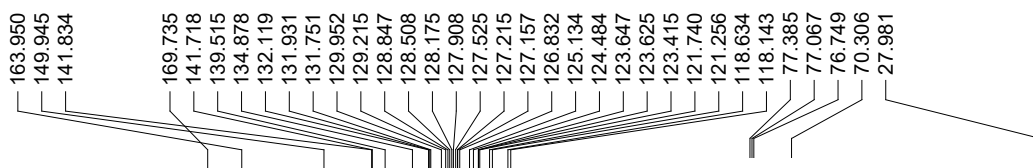
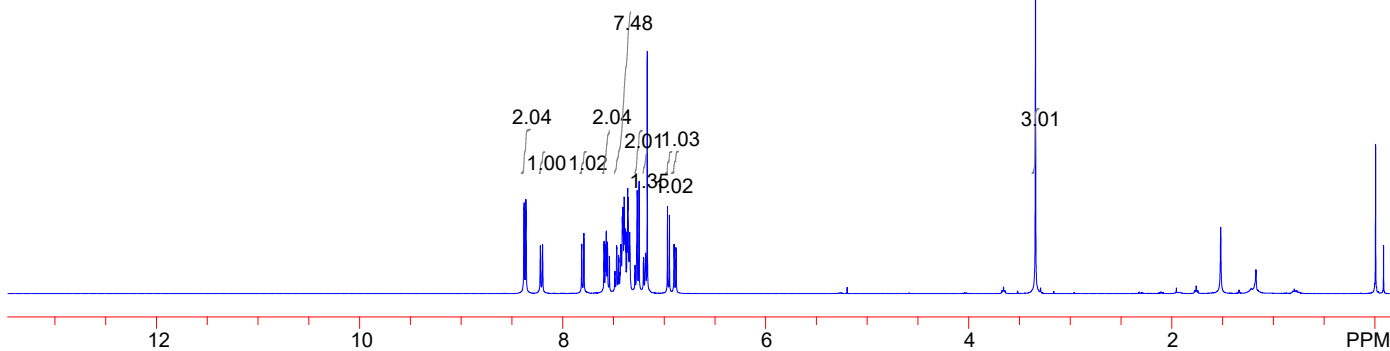


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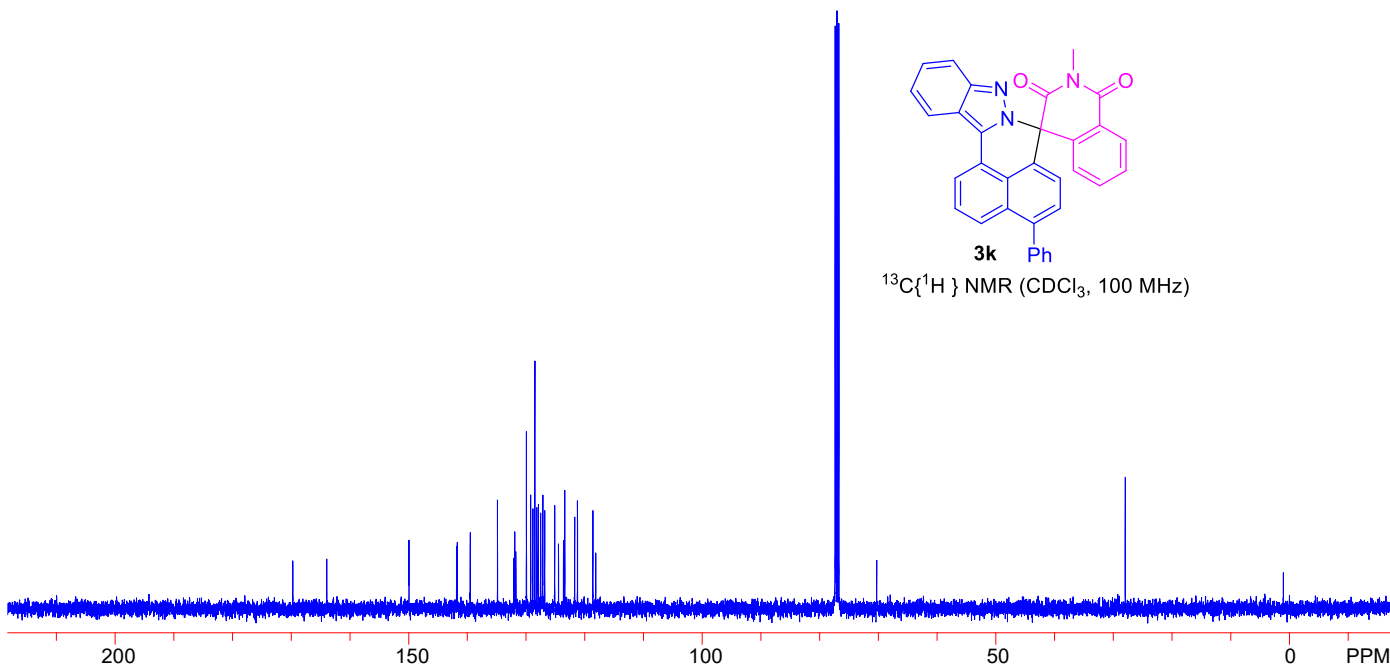


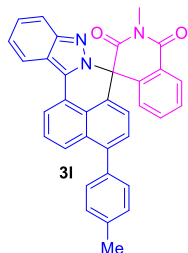
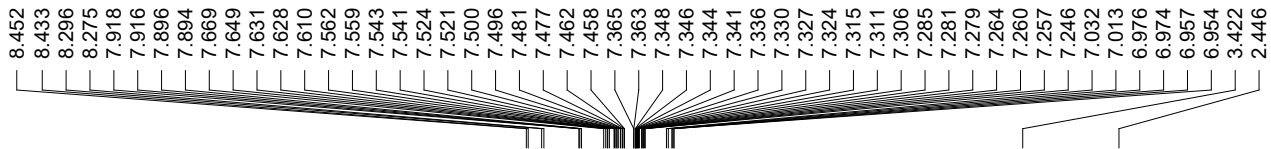


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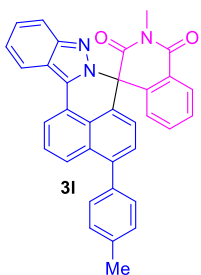
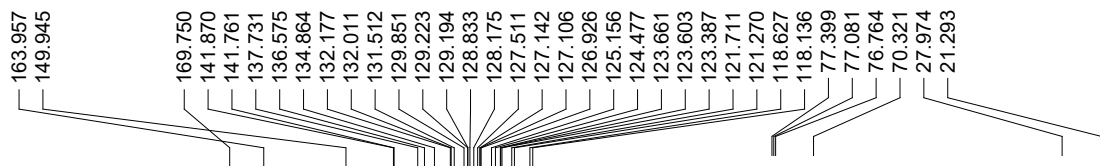
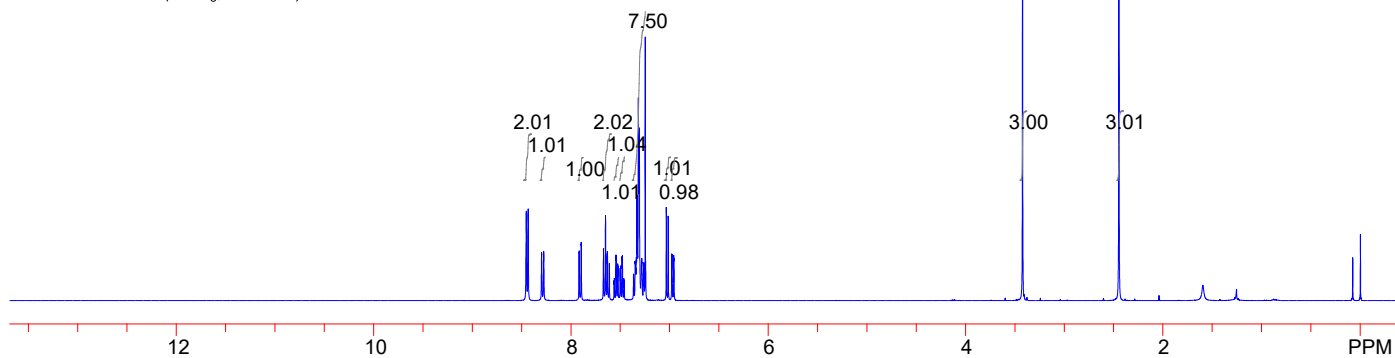


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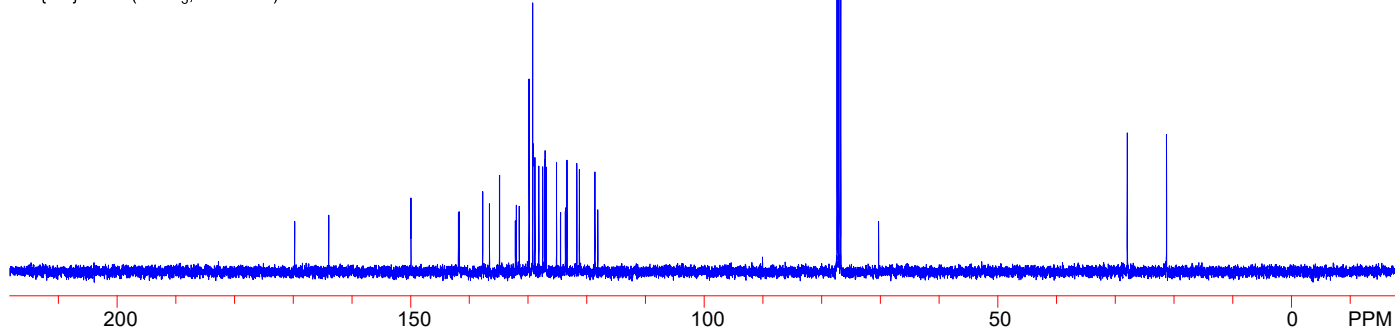




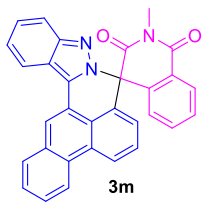
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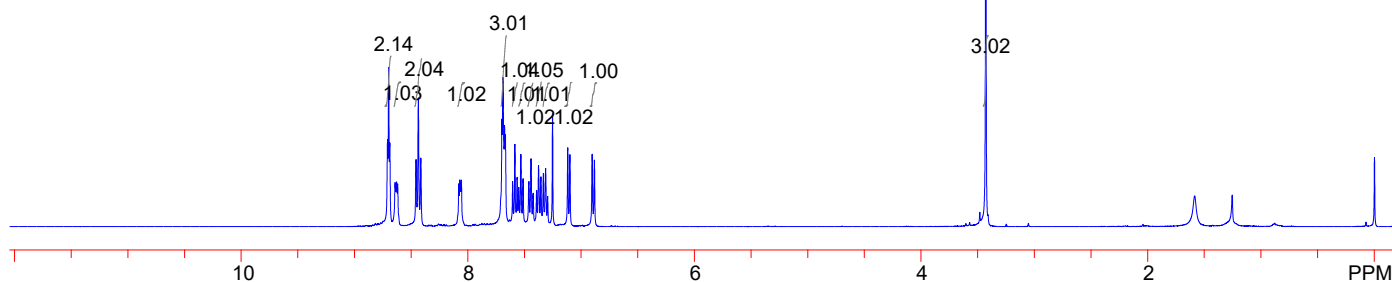
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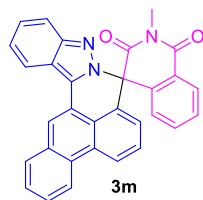
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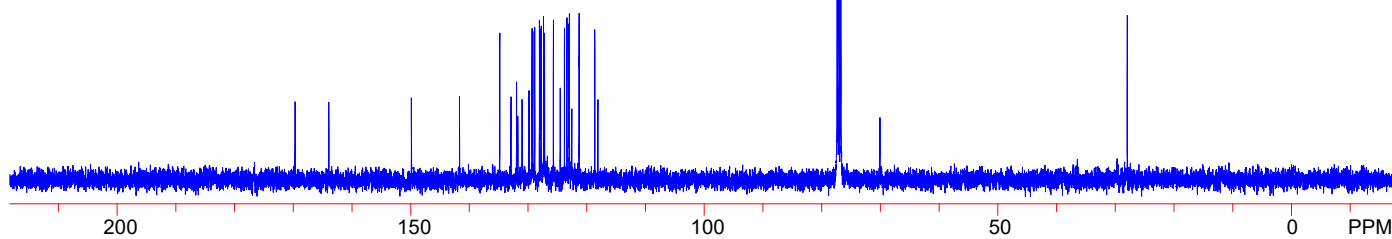
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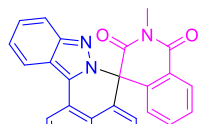
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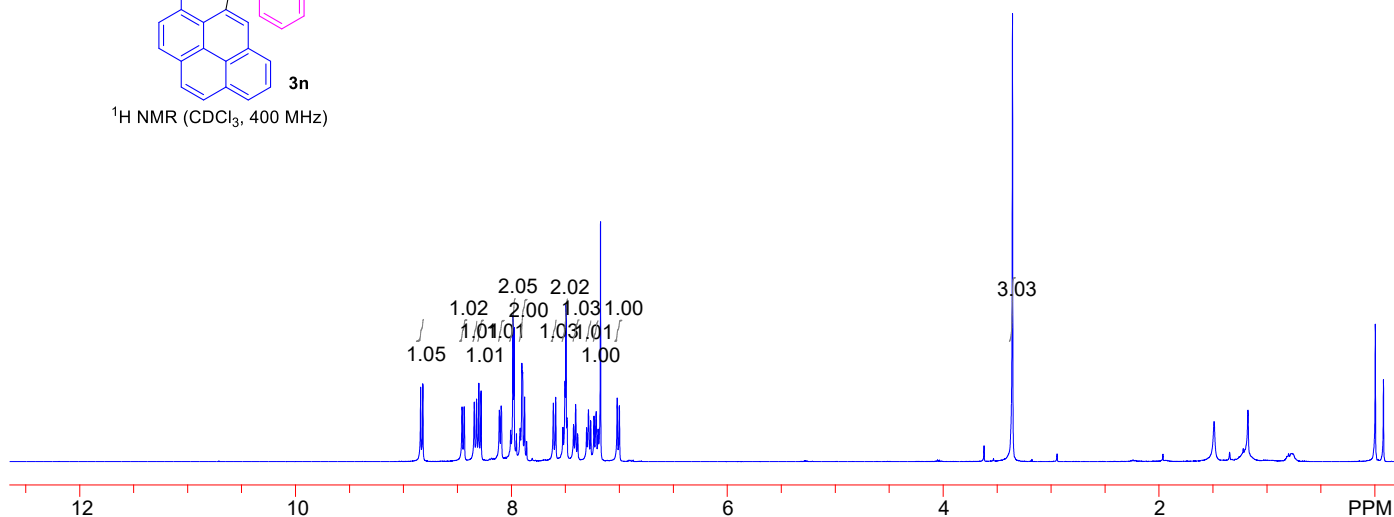


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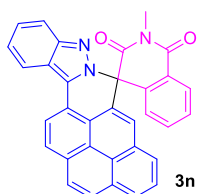


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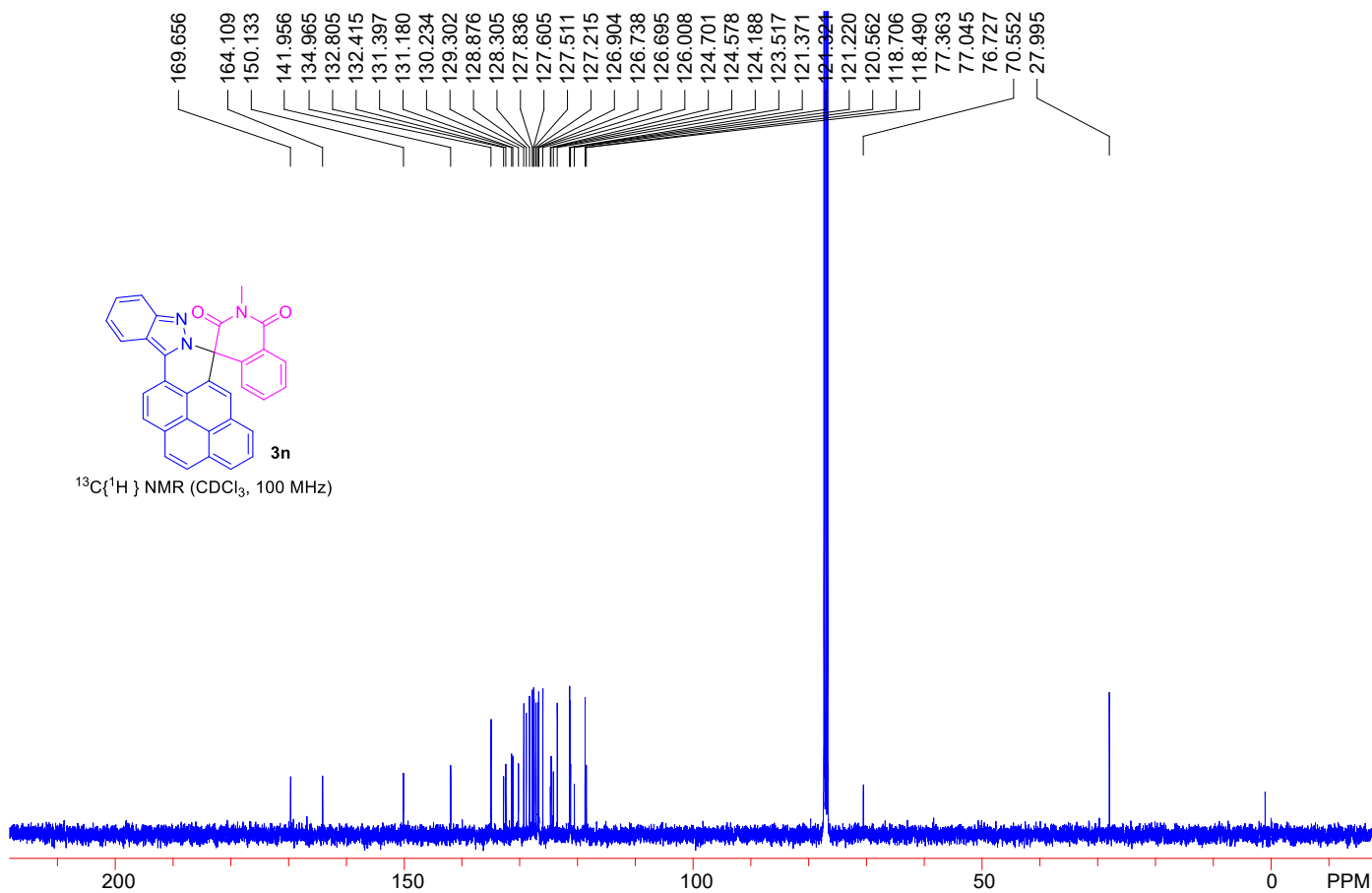


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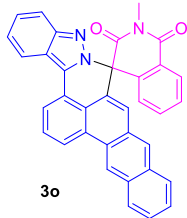


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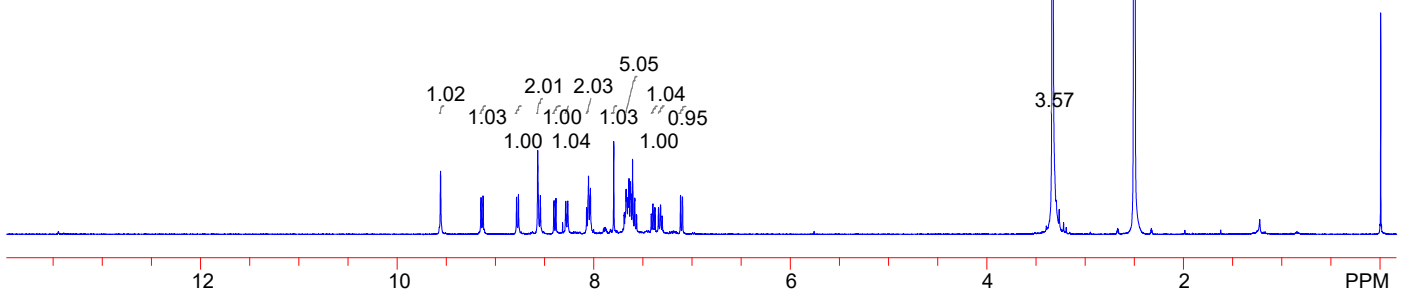
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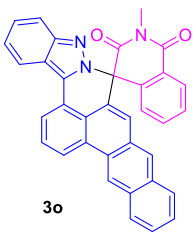
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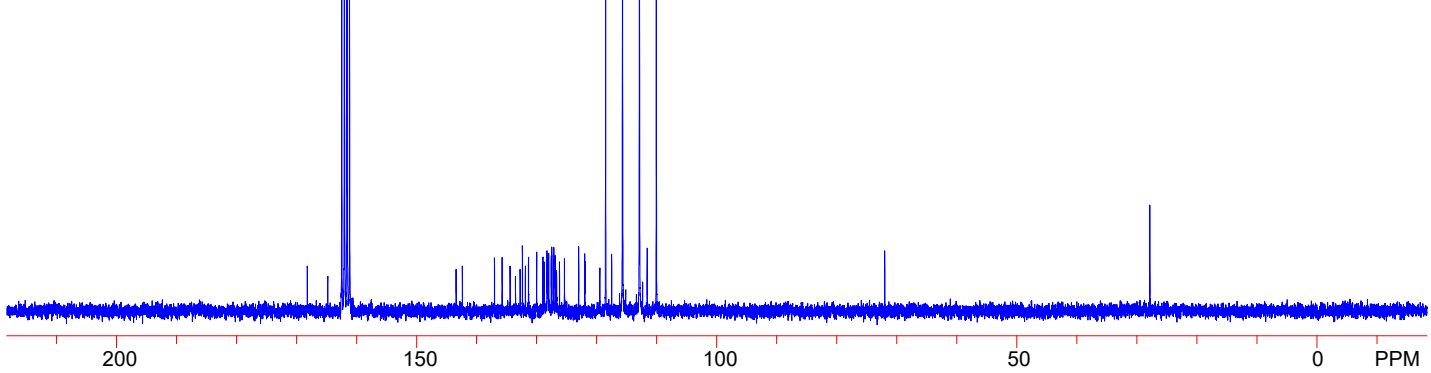
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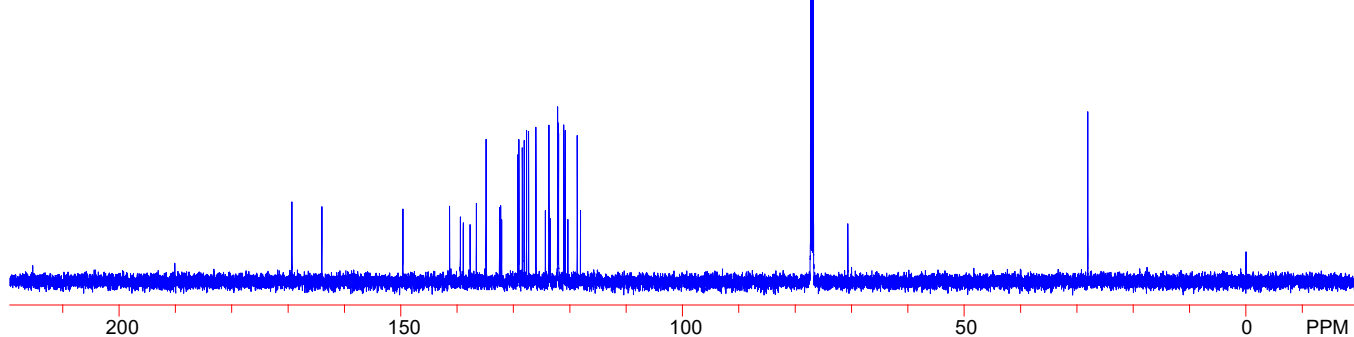
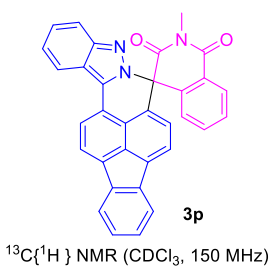
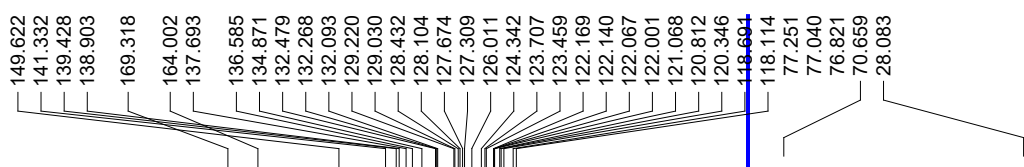
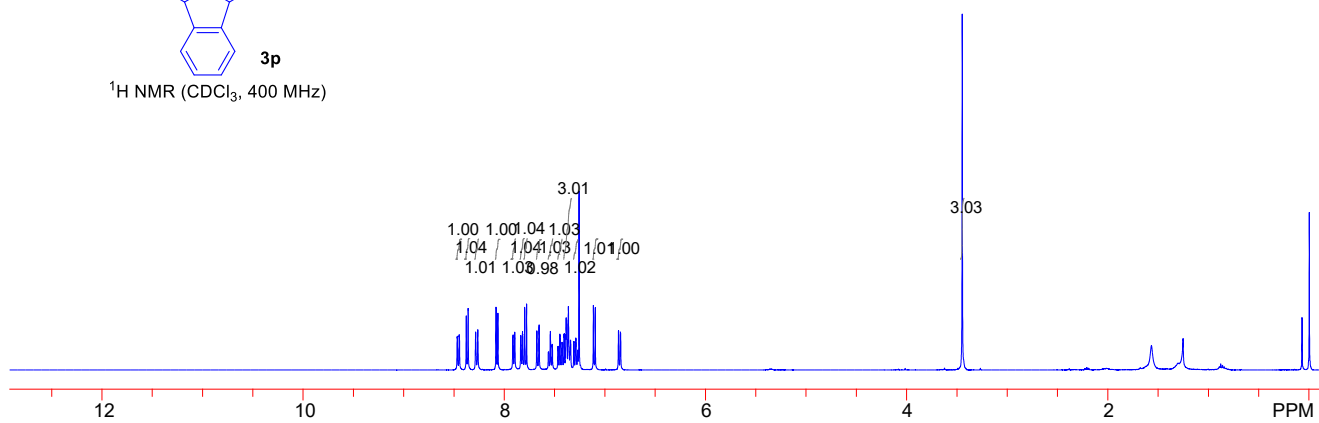
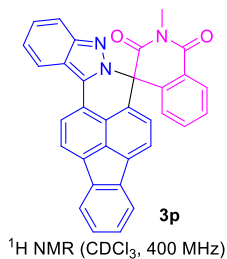
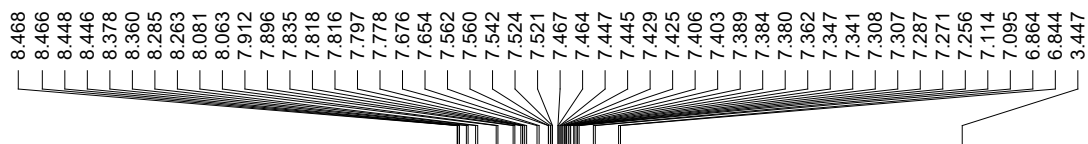


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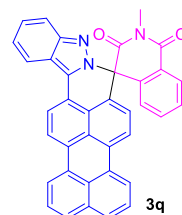


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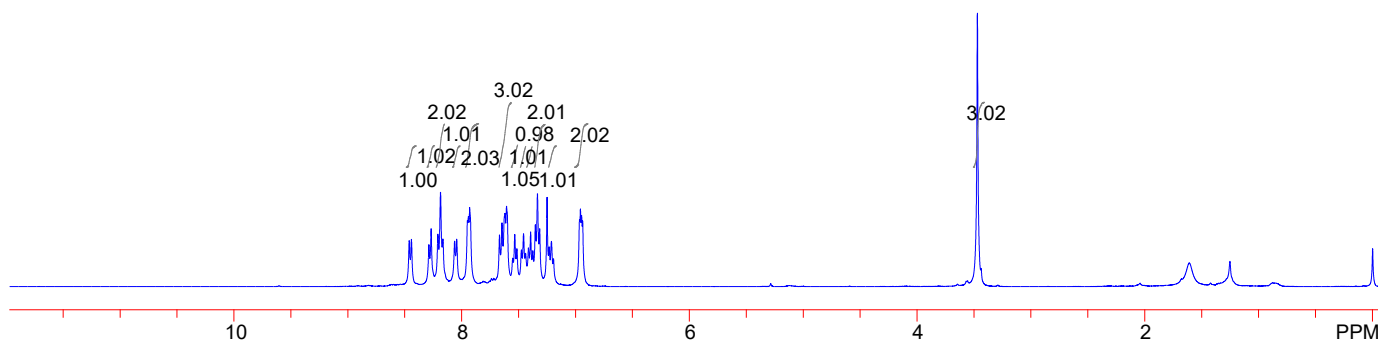




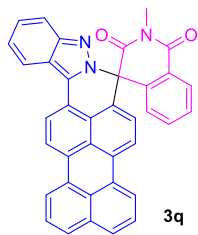
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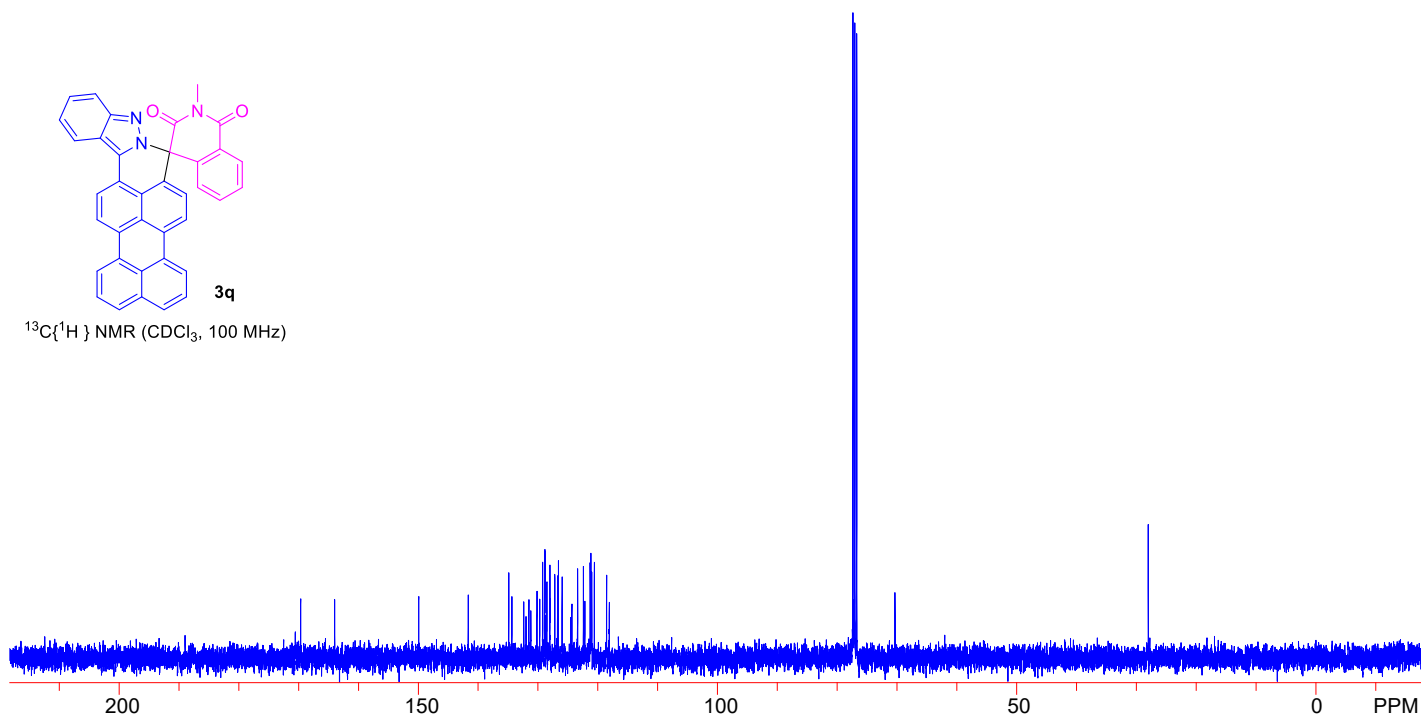
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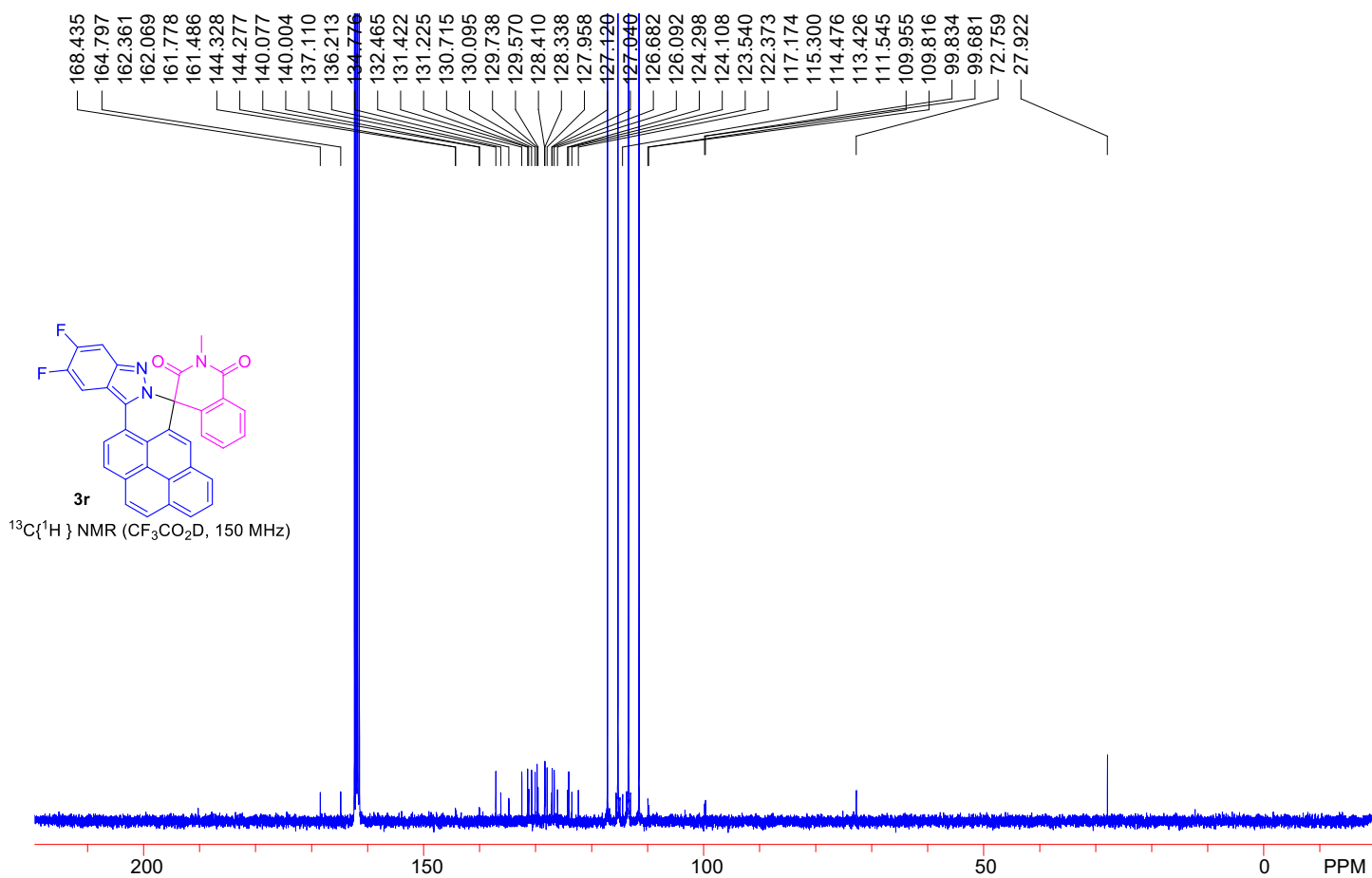
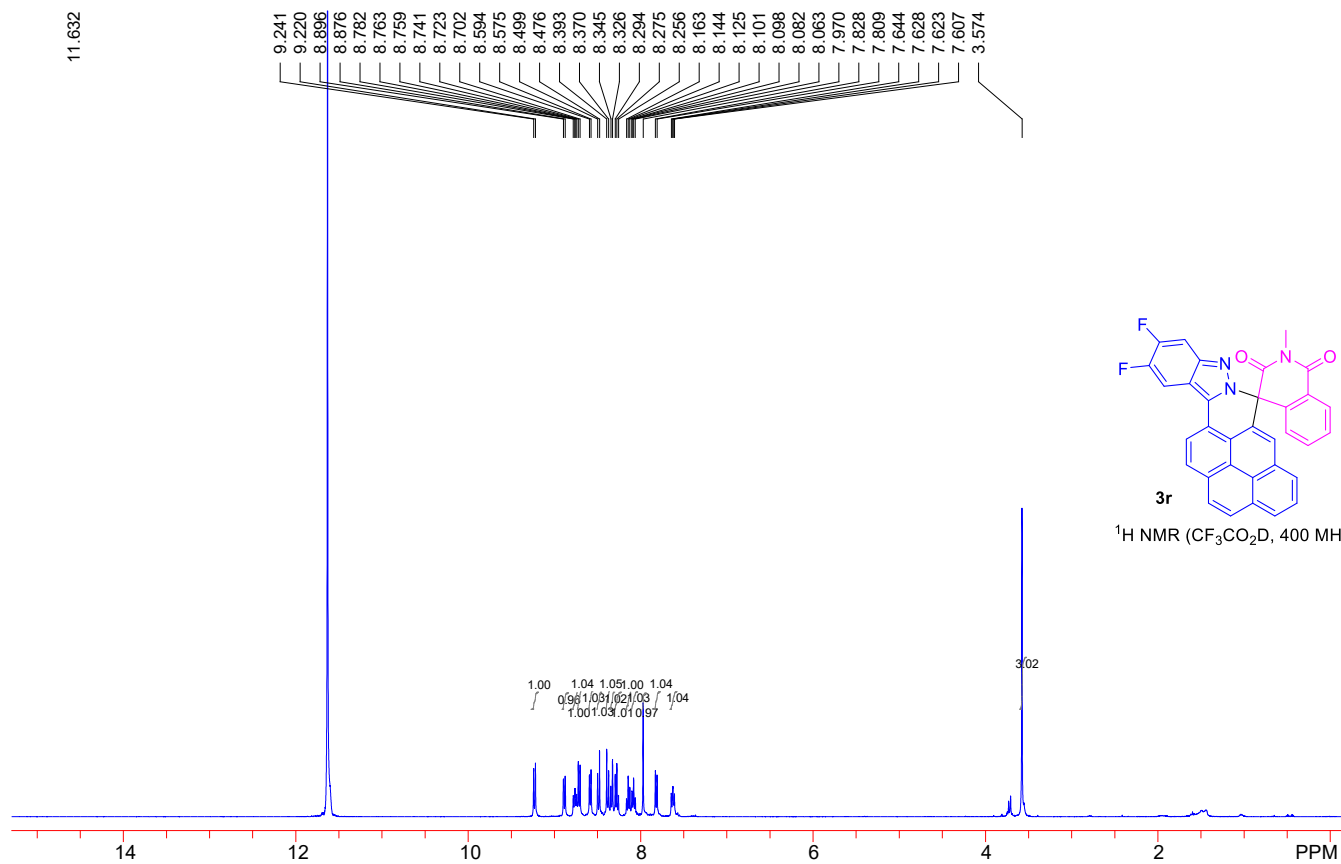


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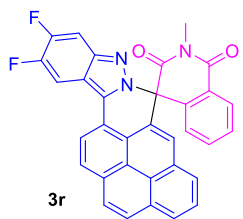


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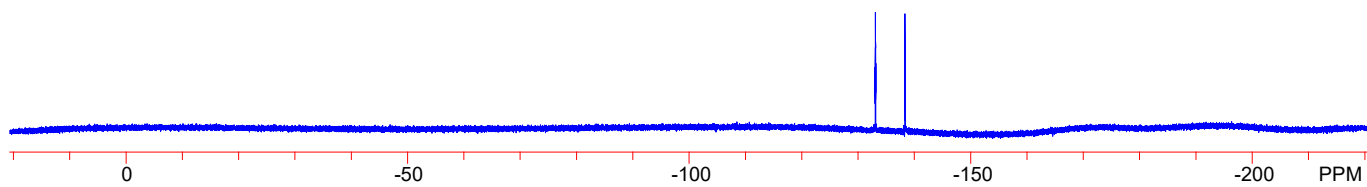




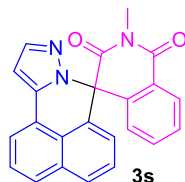
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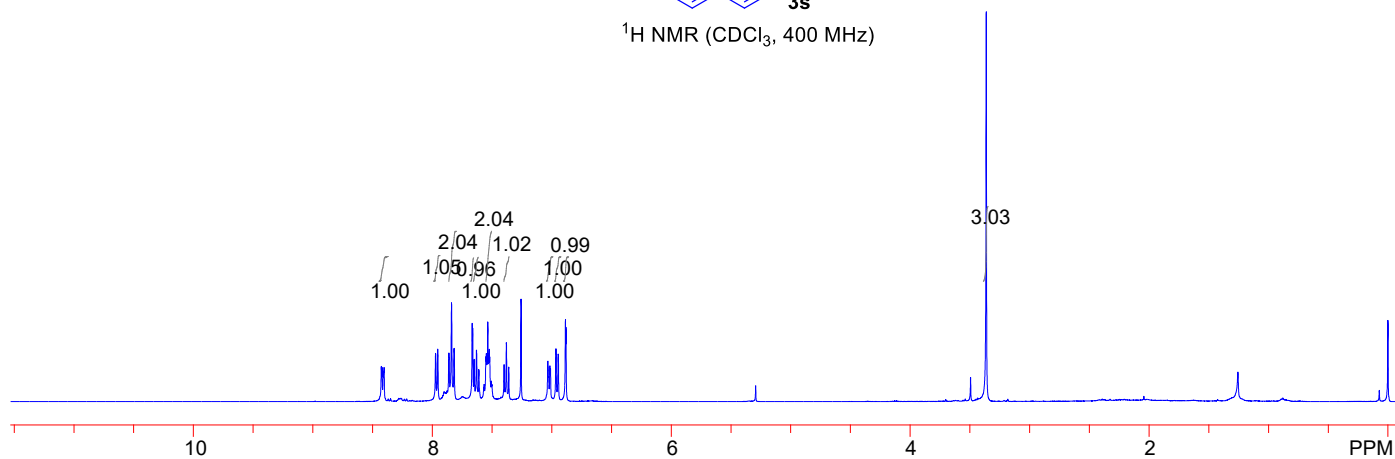
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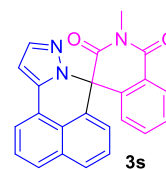
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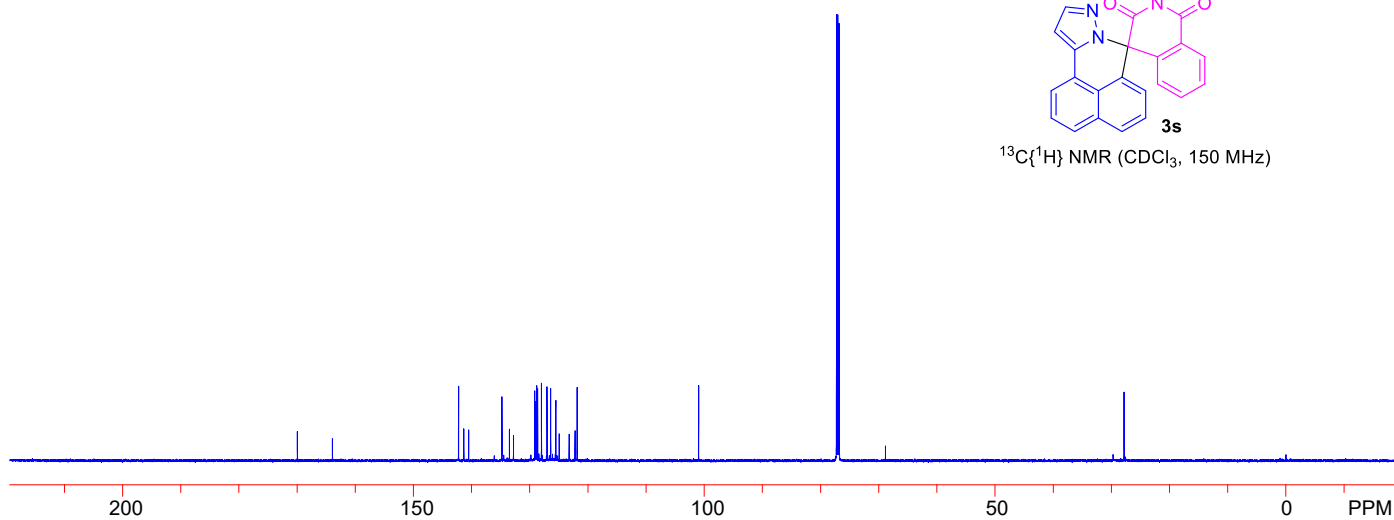
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz)



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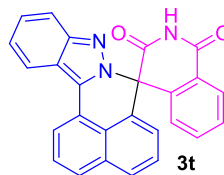


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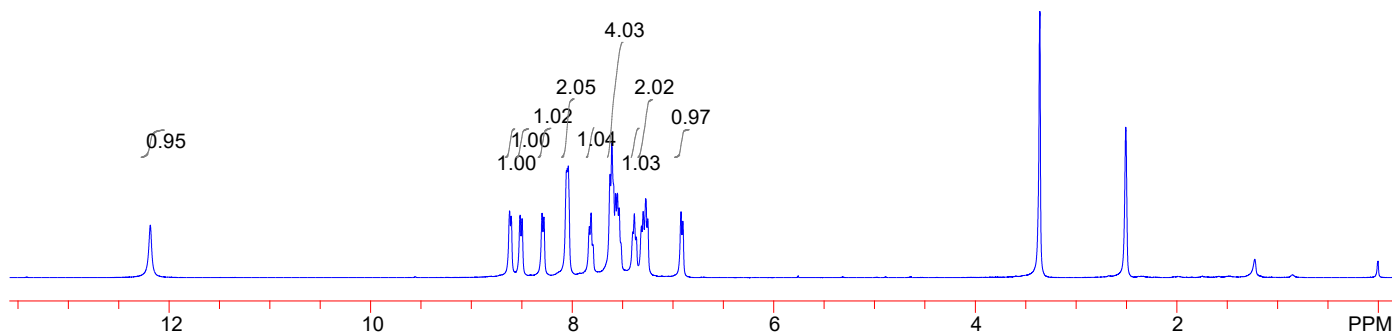


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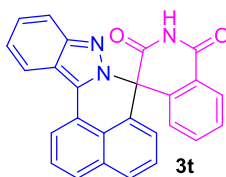
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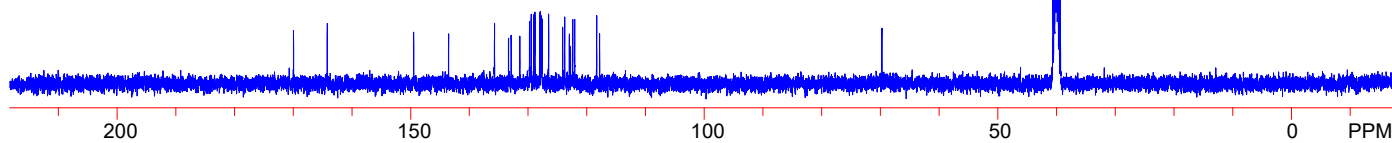
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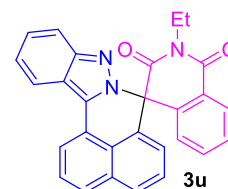
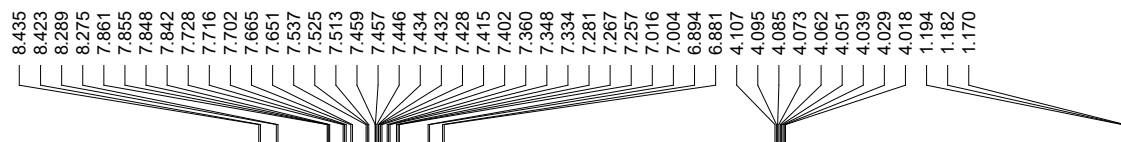


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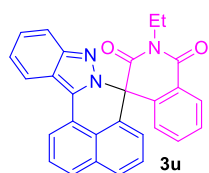
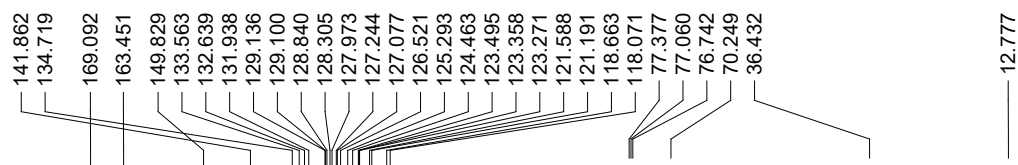
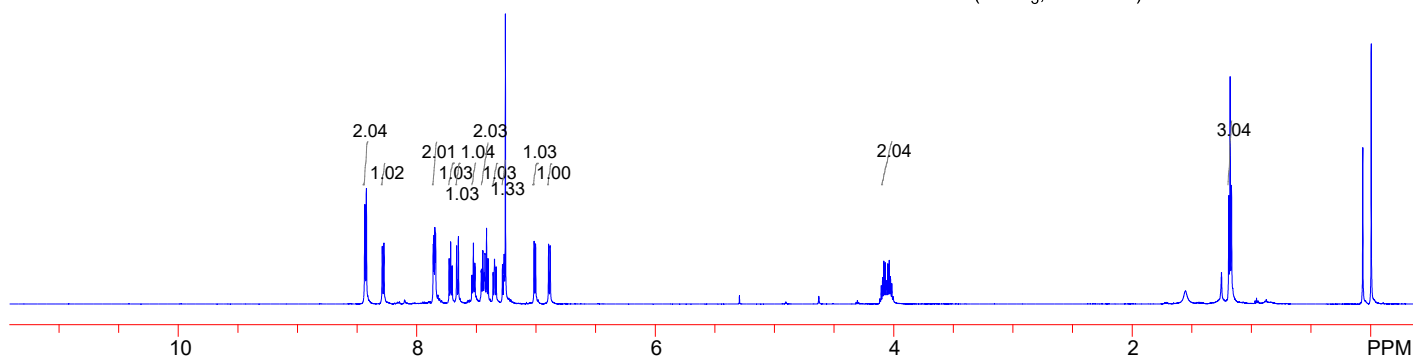


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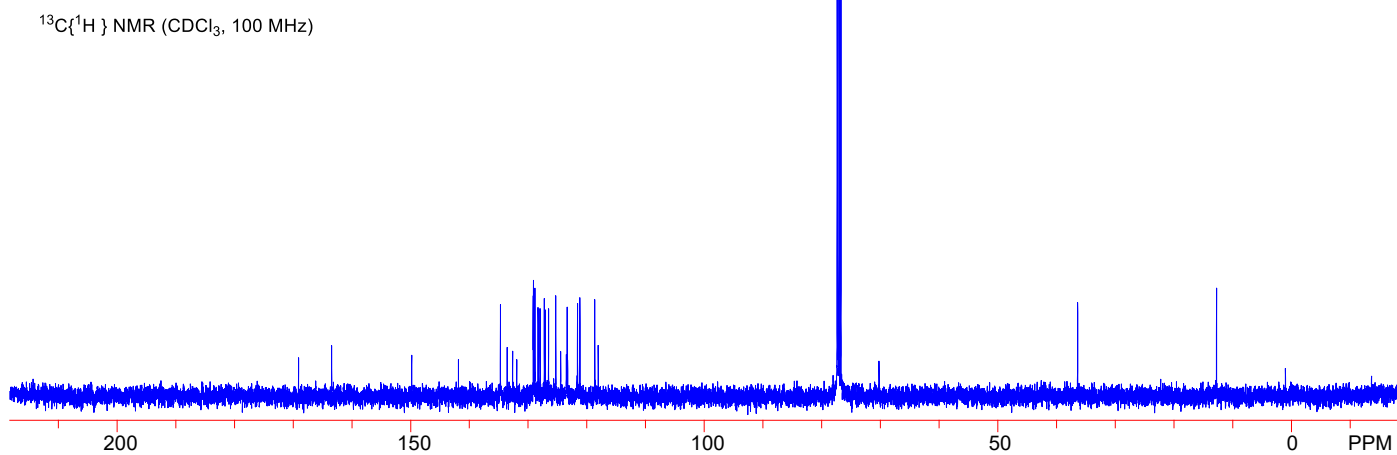




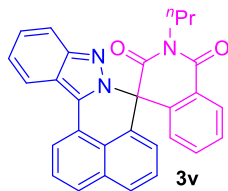
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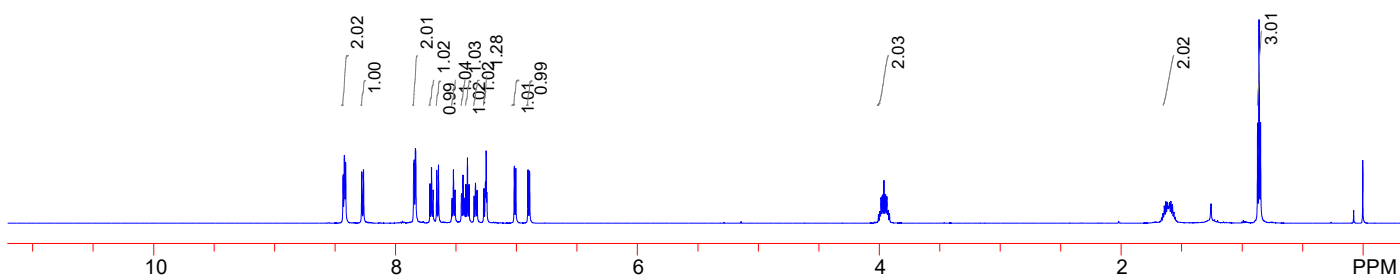
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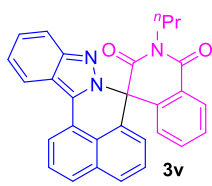
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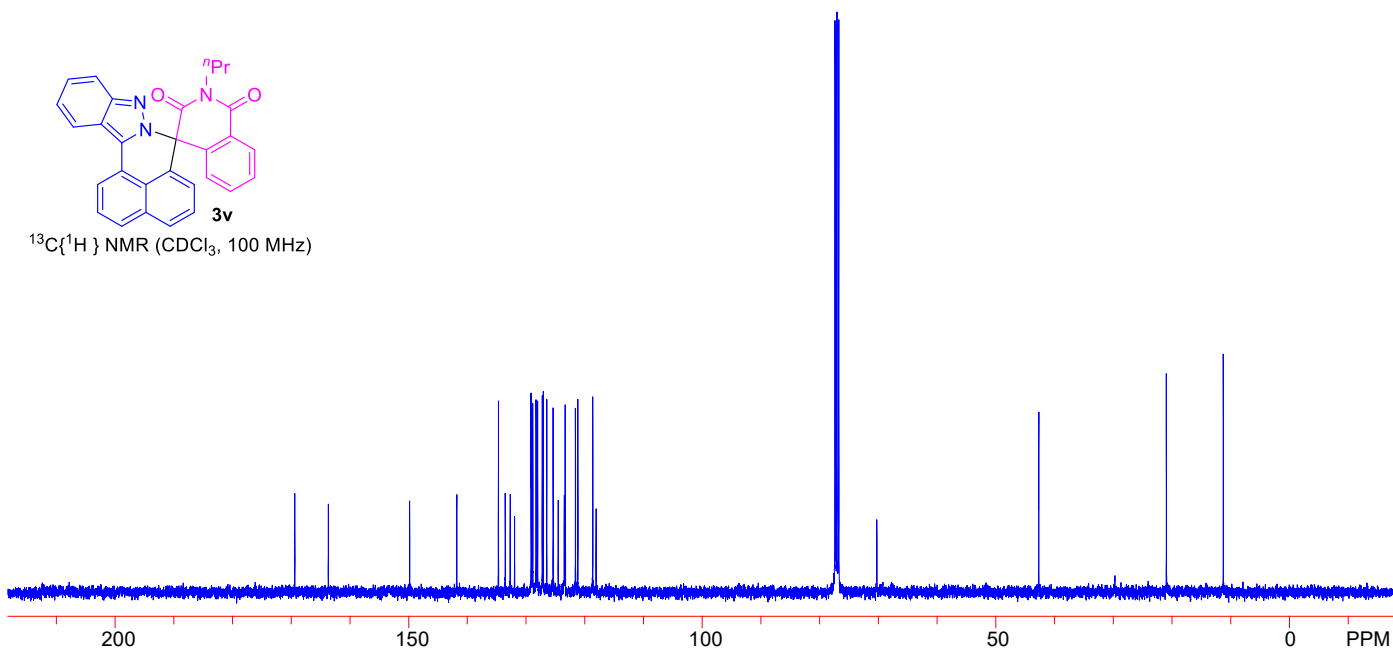
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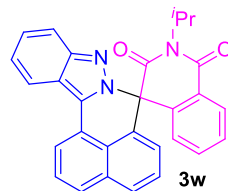
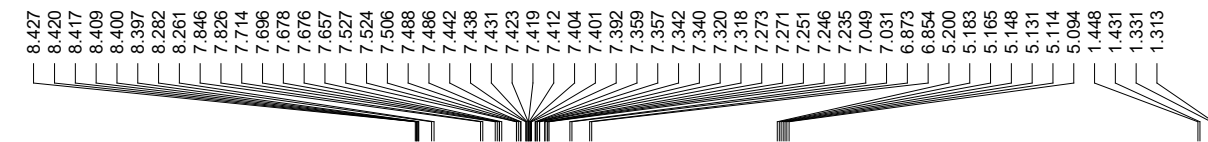


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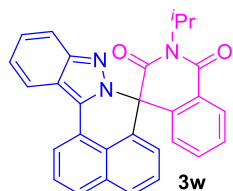
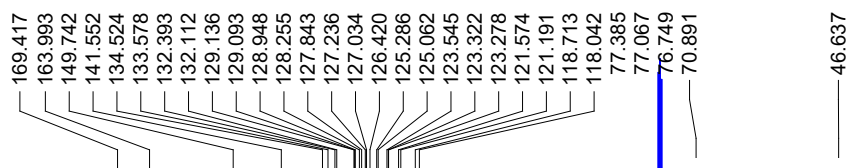
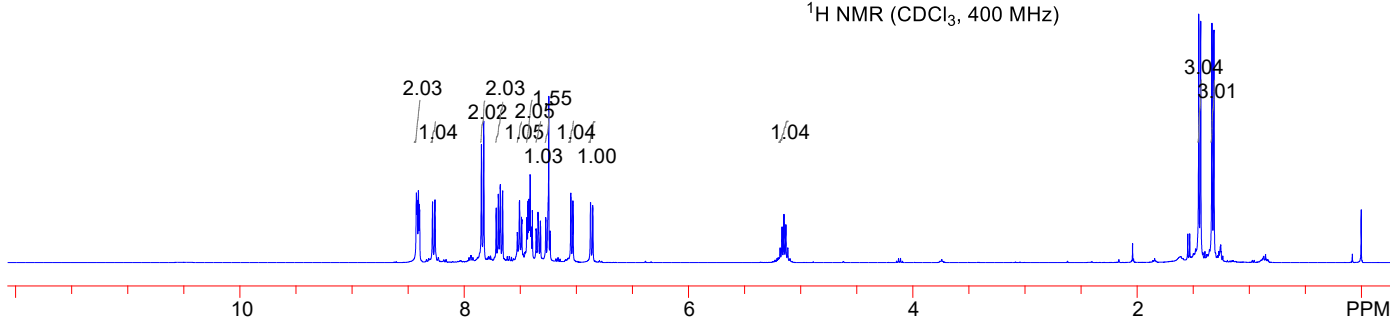


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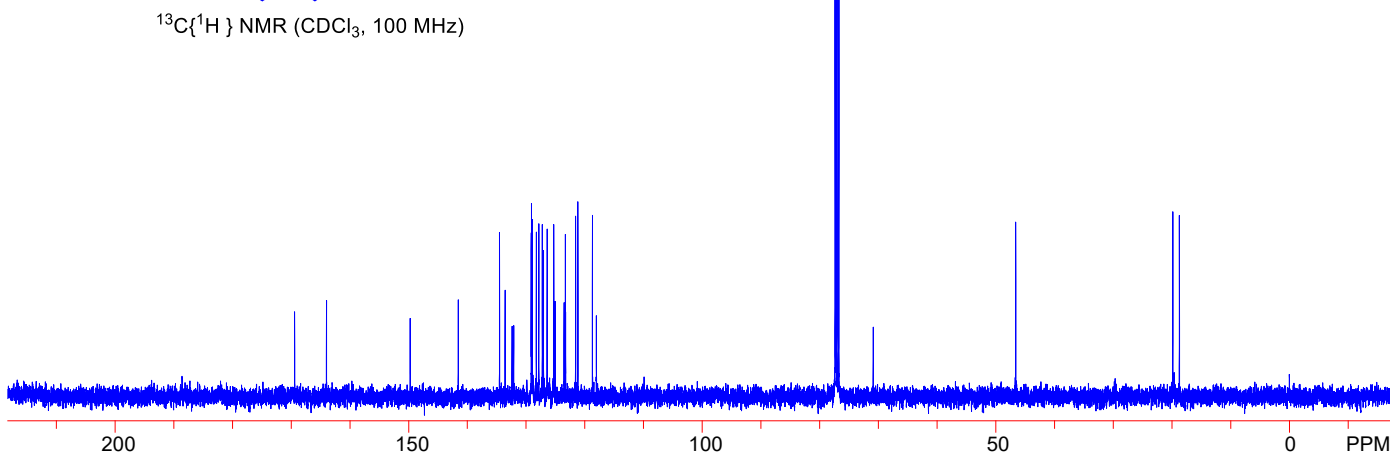


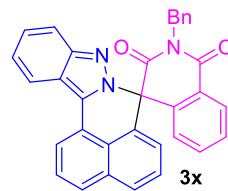
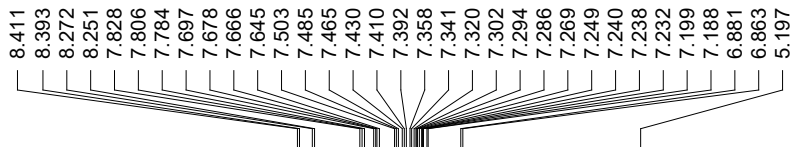


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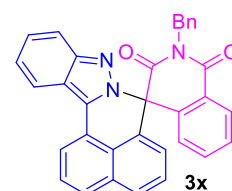
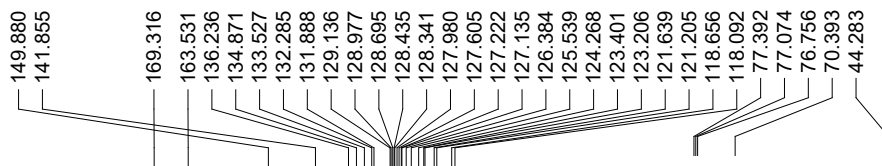
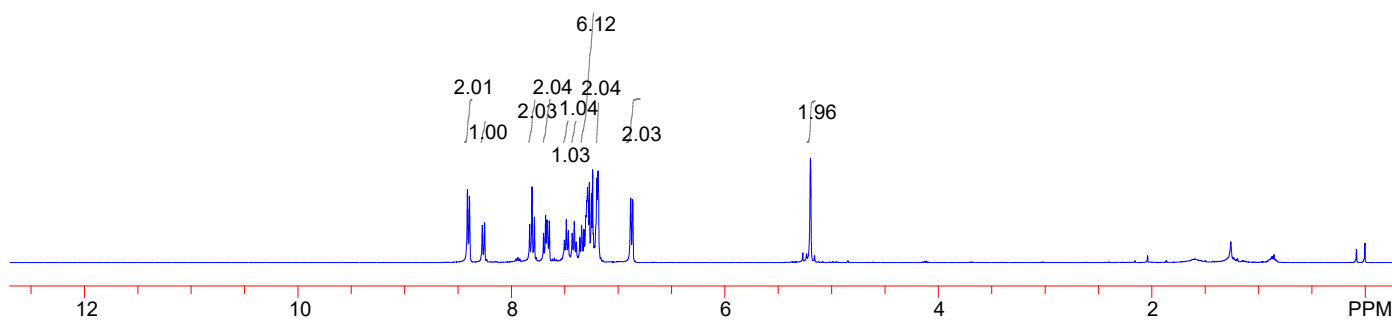


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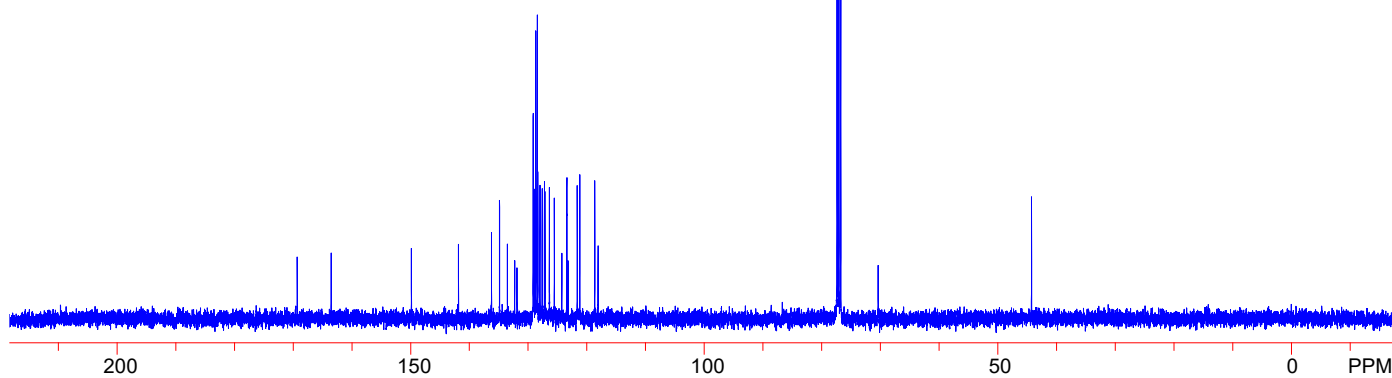


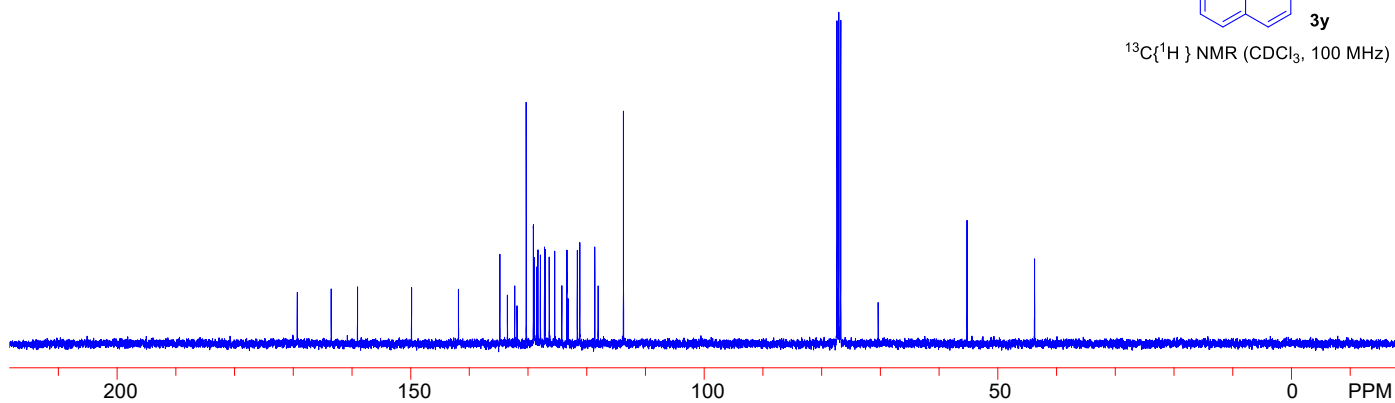
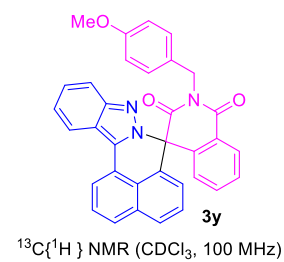
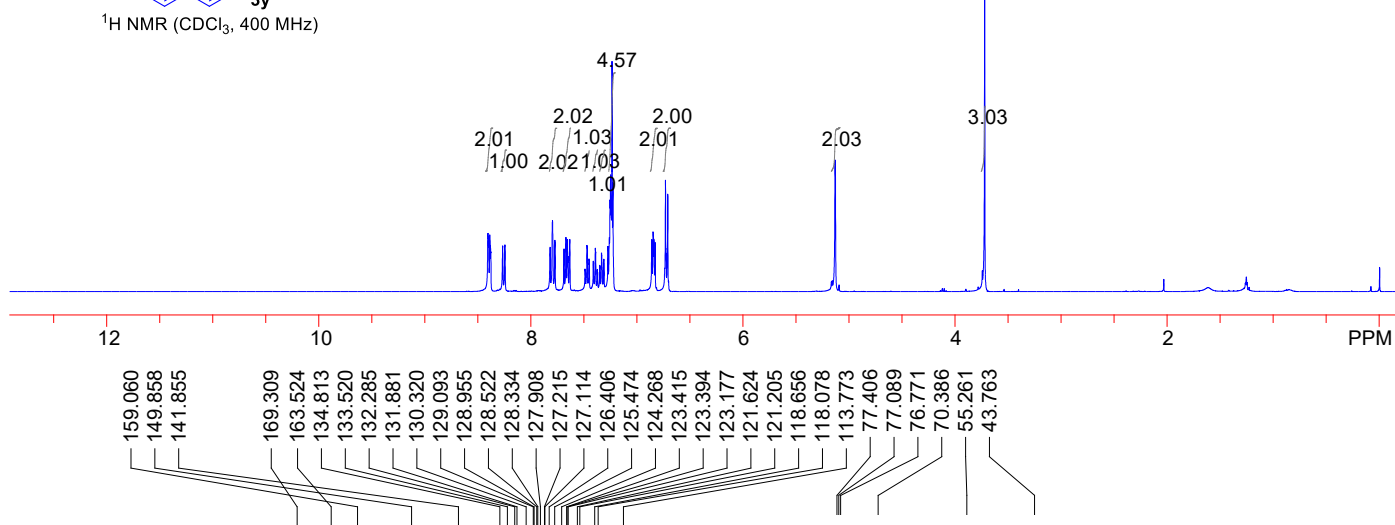
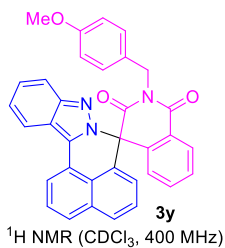
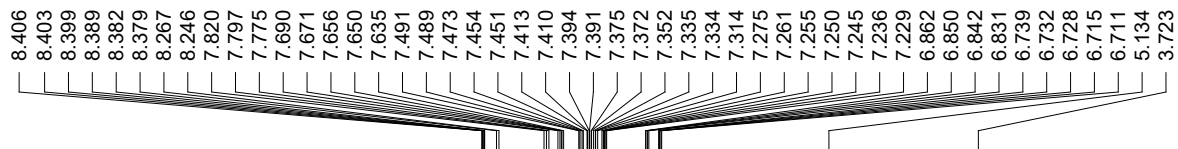


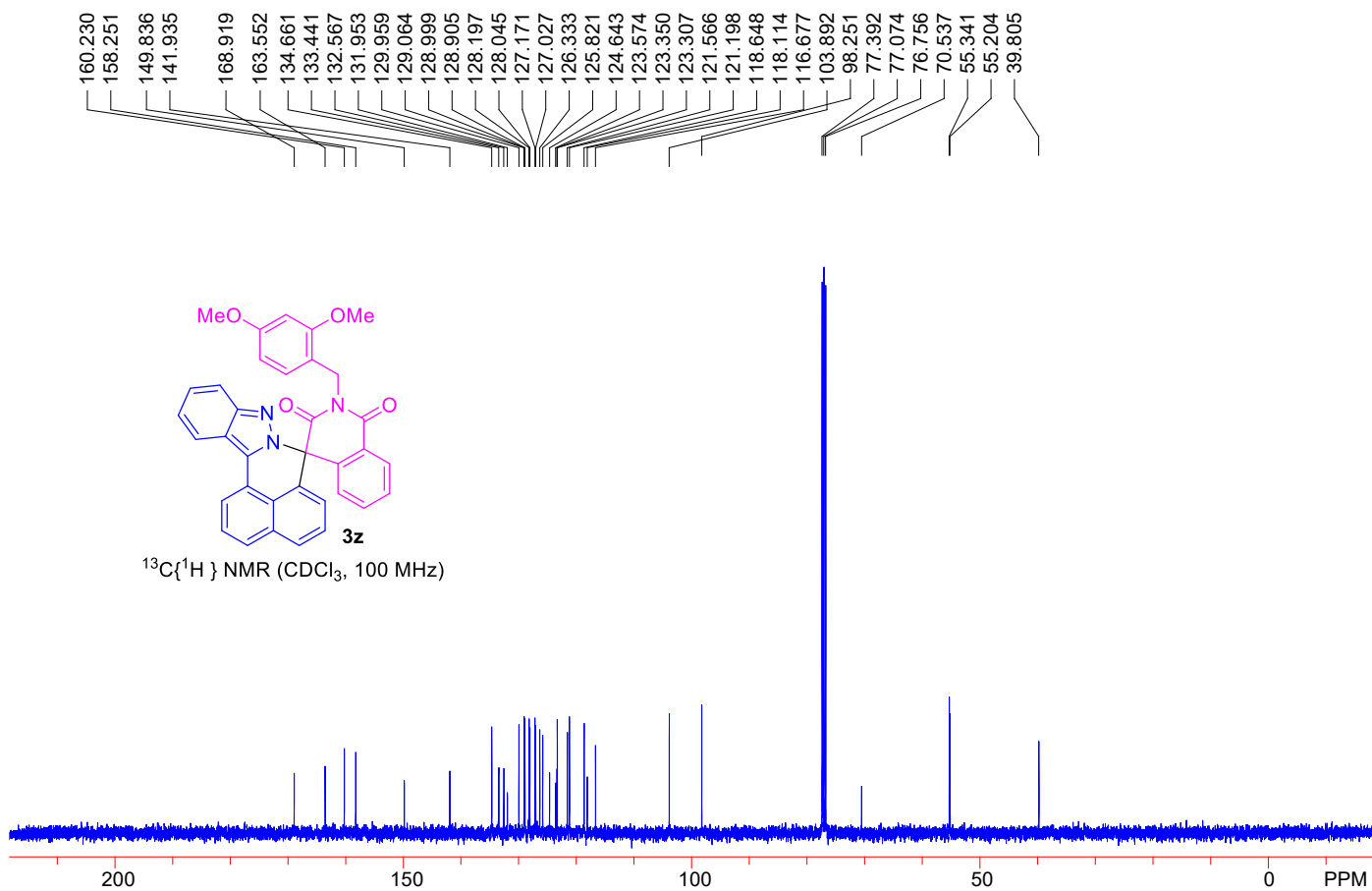
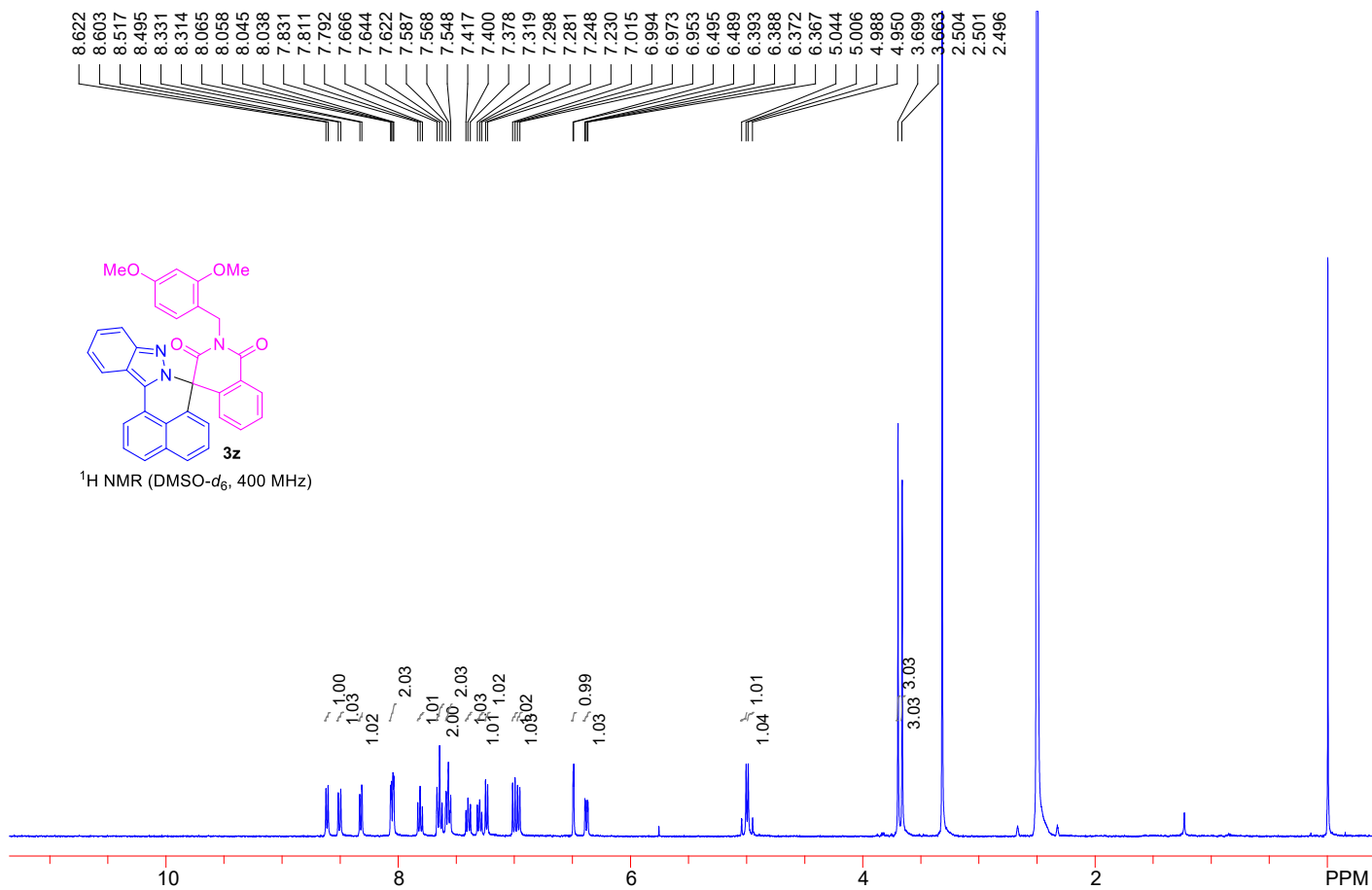
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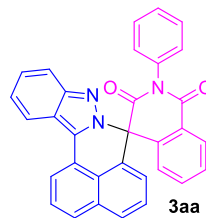
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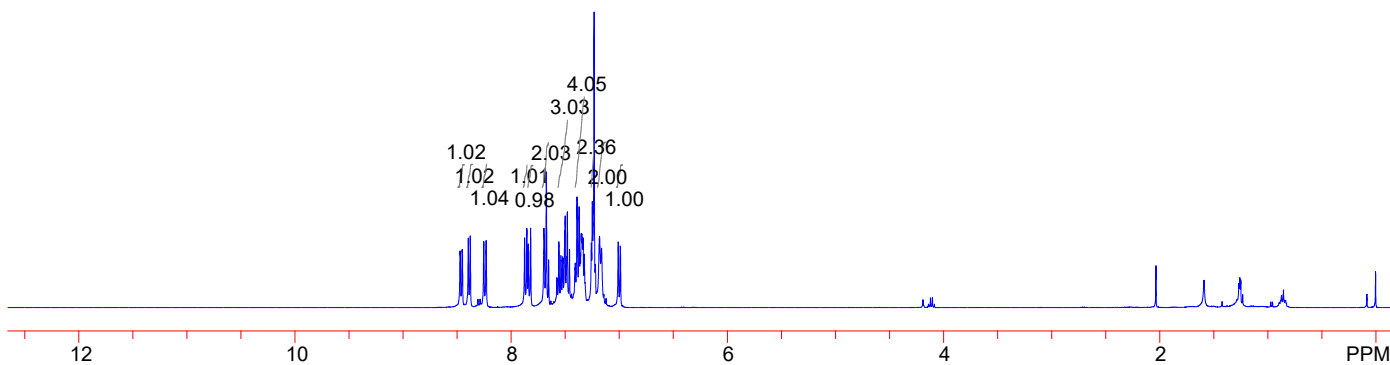




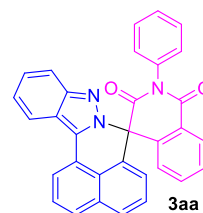
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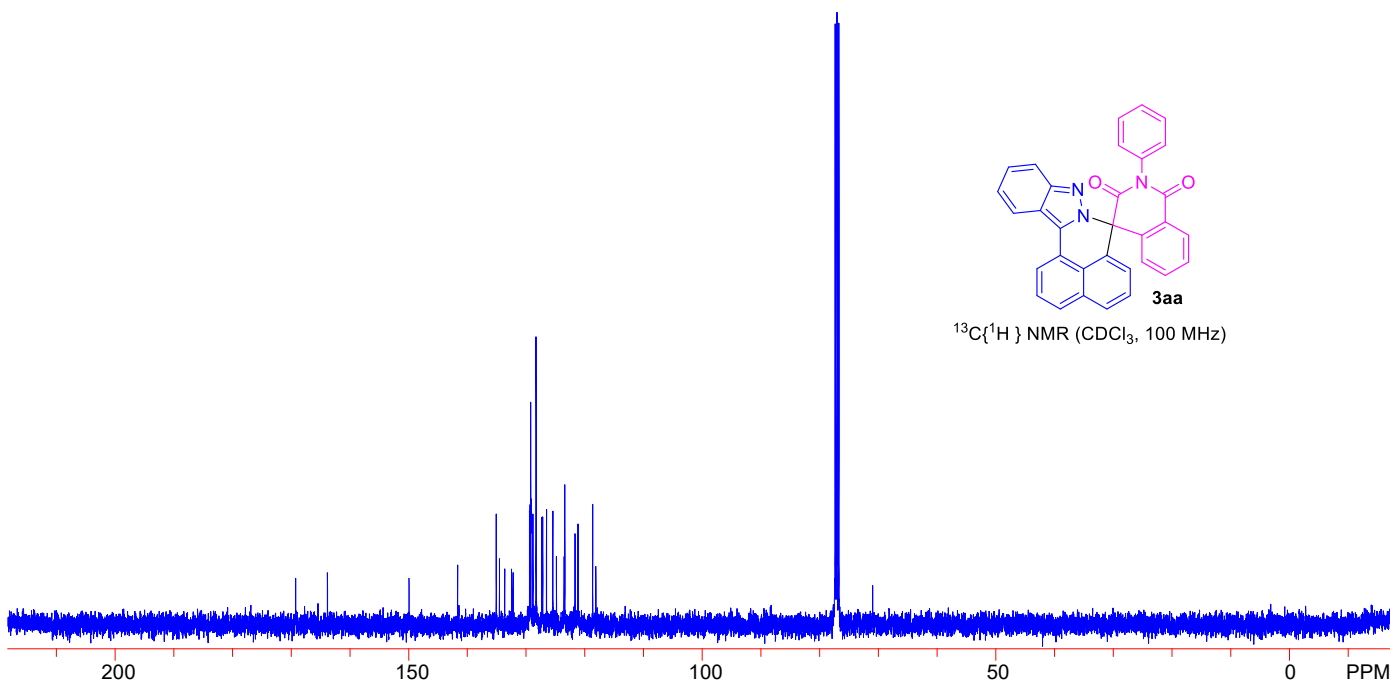
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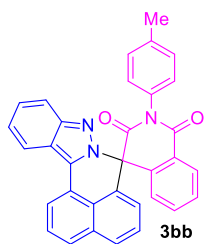
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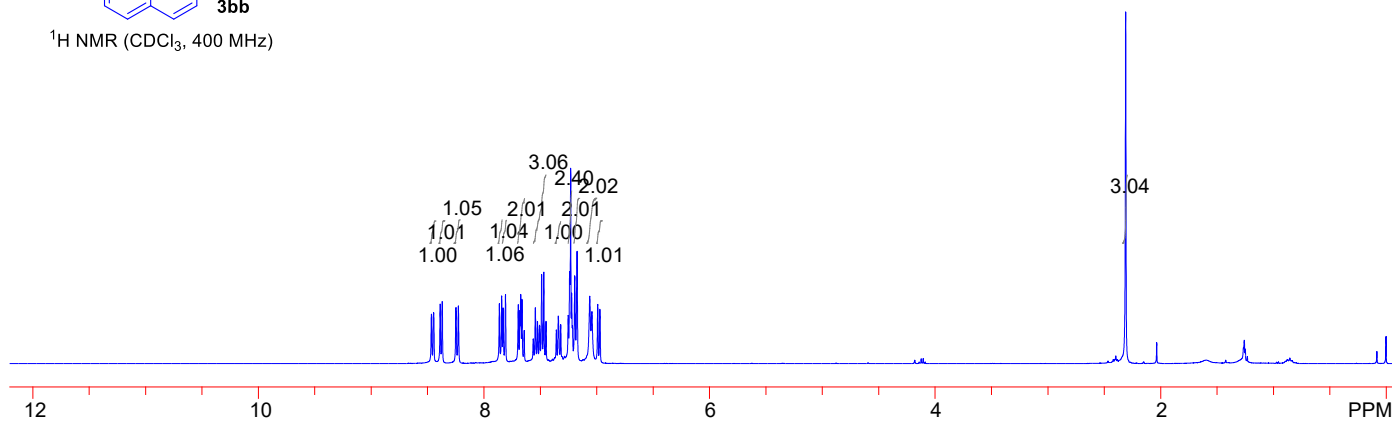
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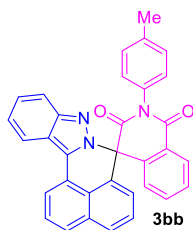
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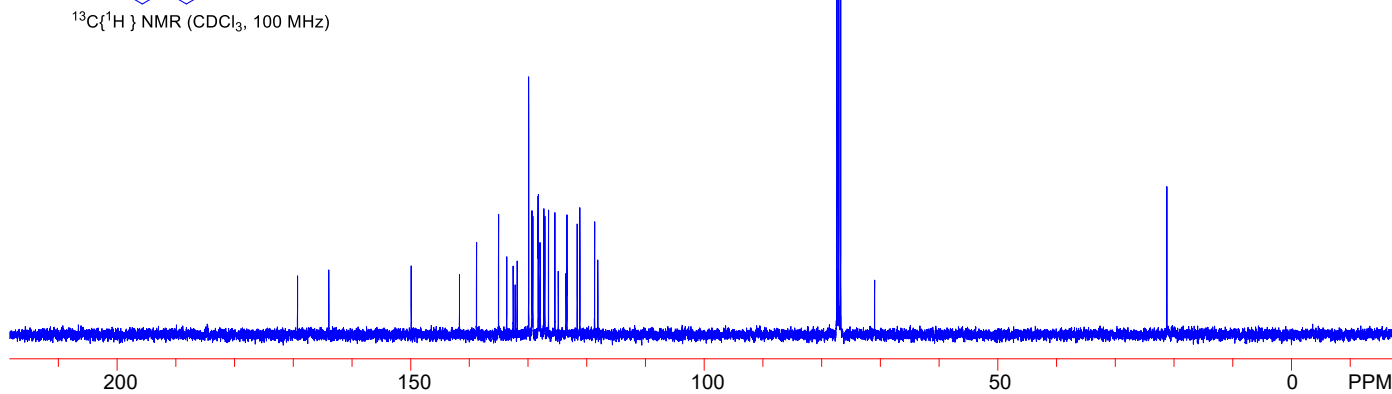
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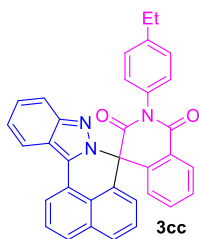
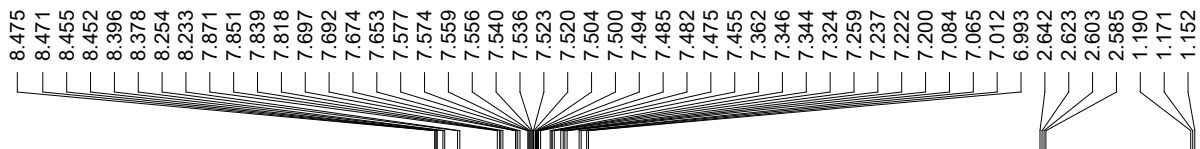


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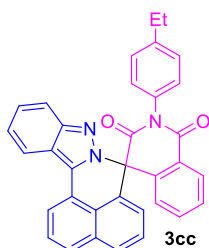
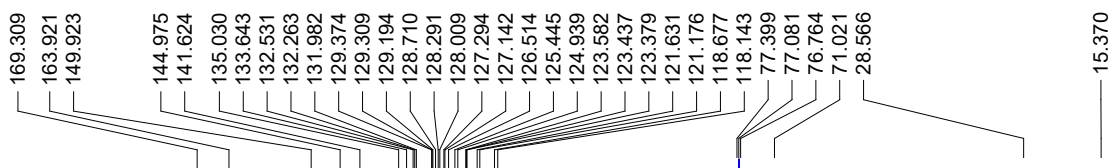
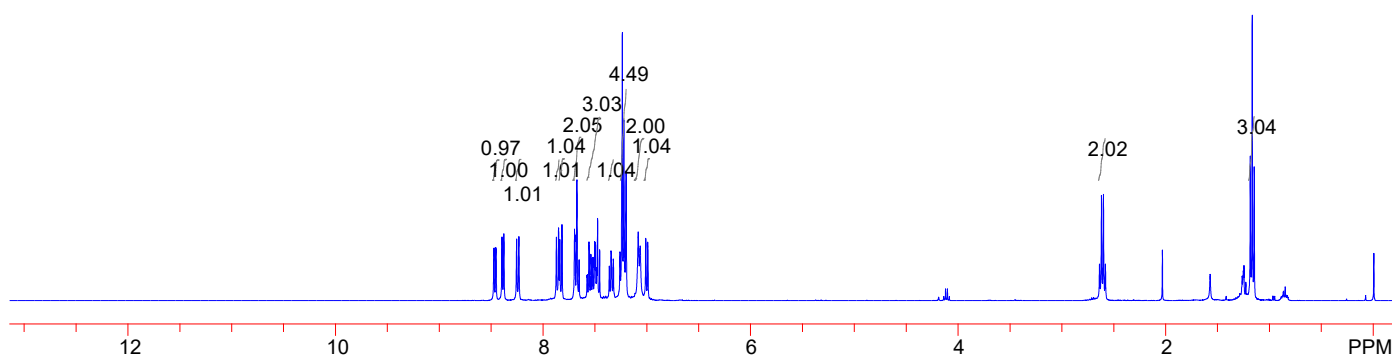


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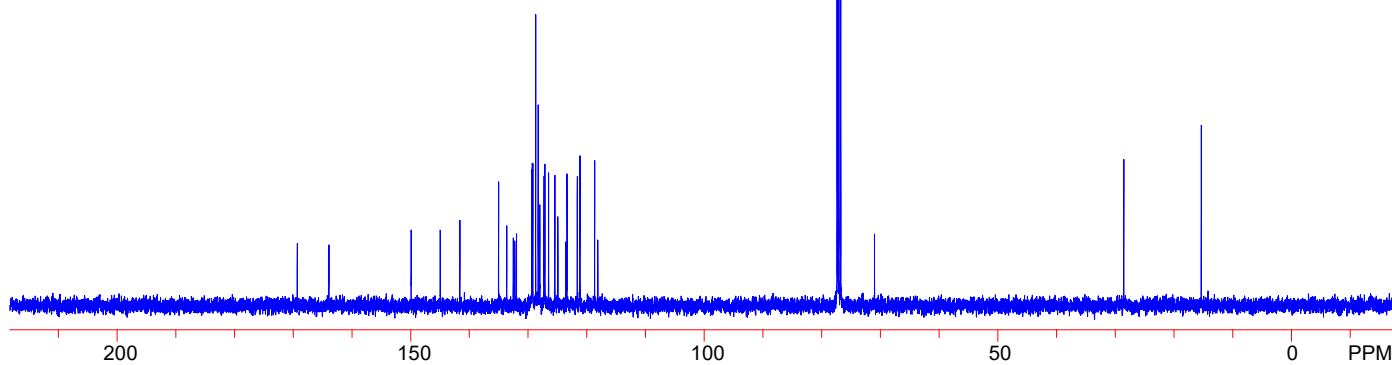




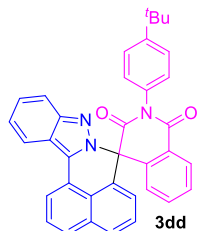
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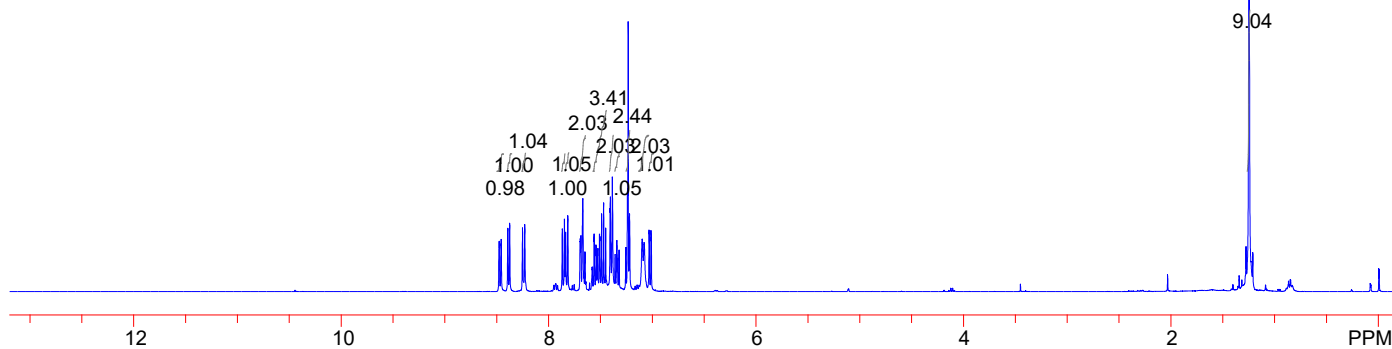
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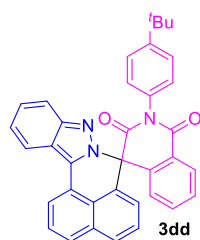
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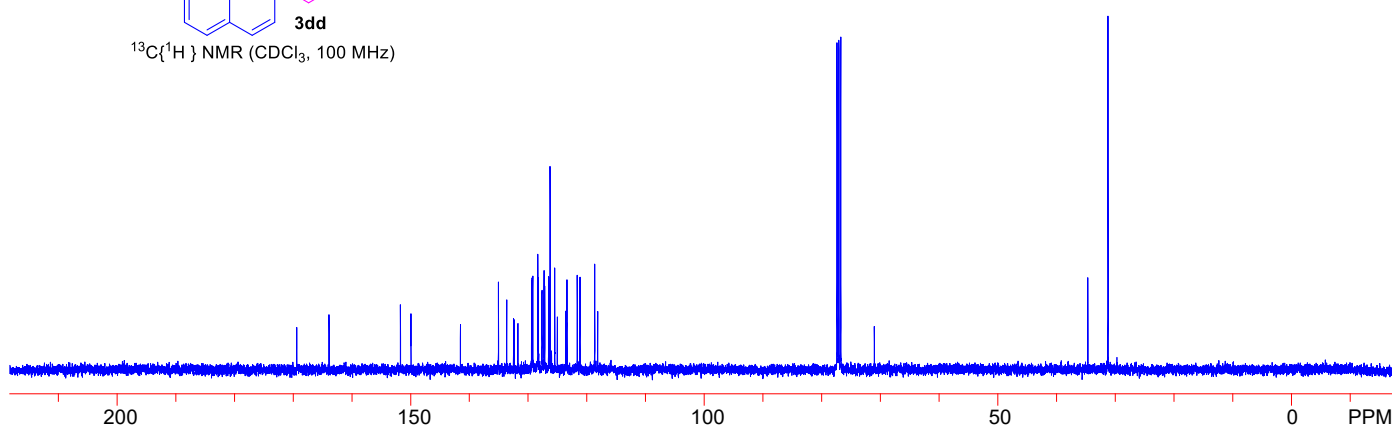
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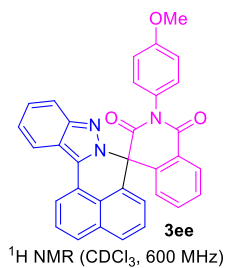
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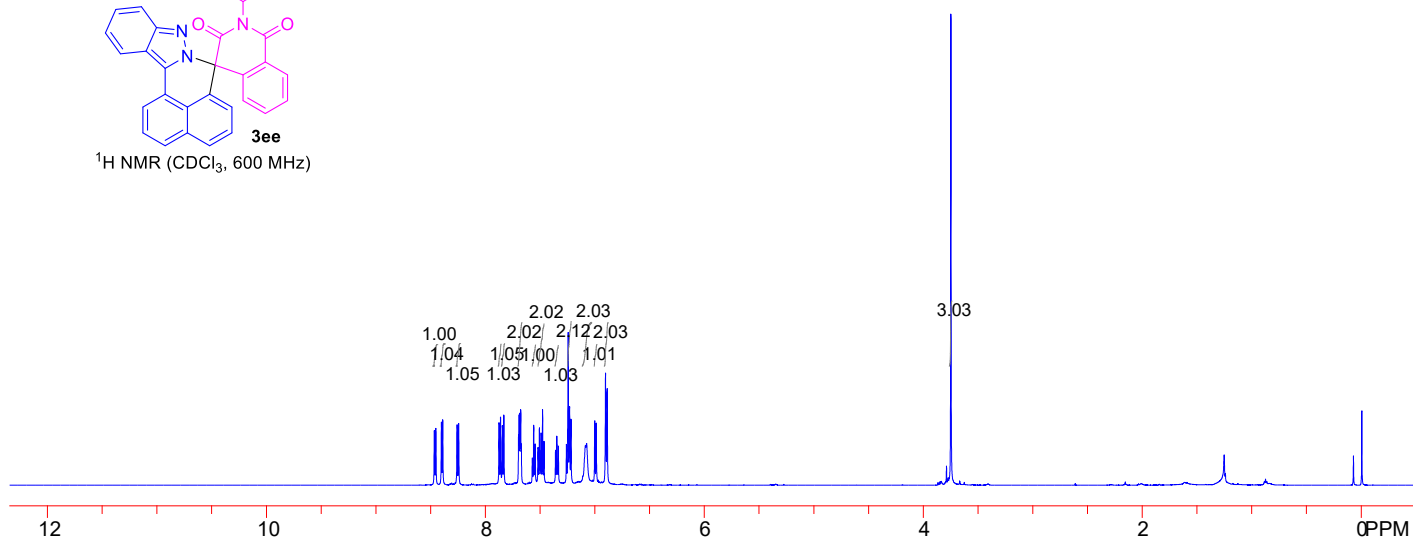
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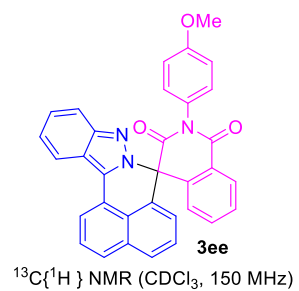
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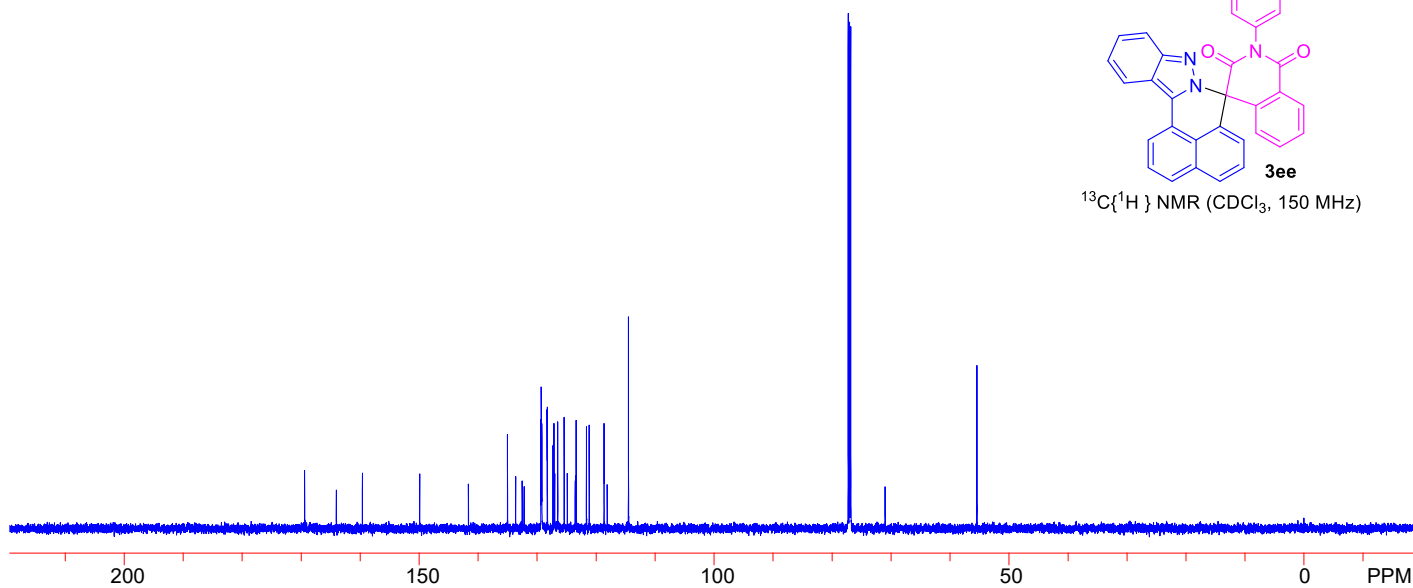
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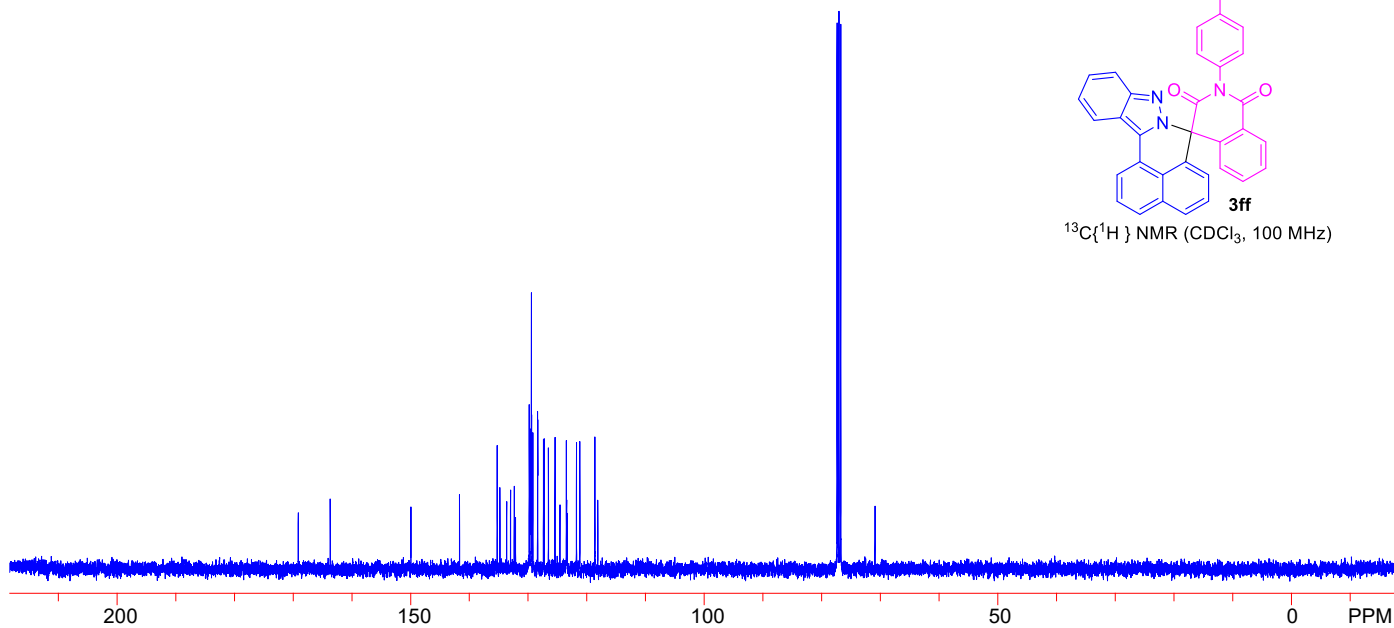
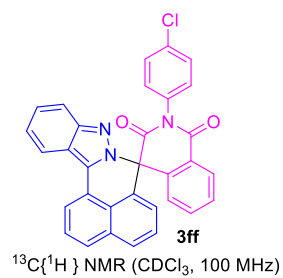
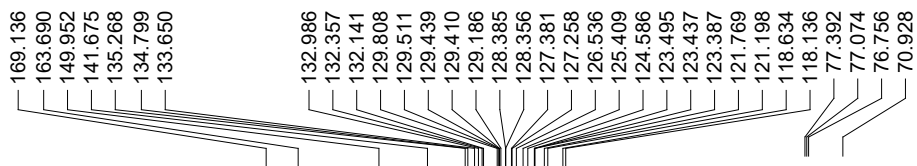
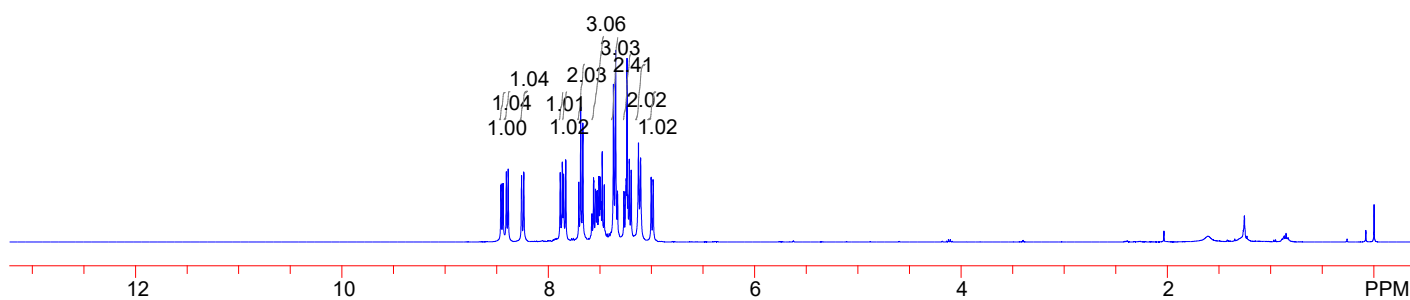
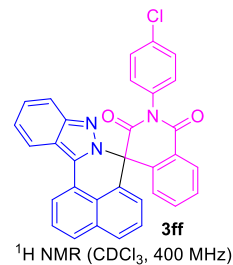
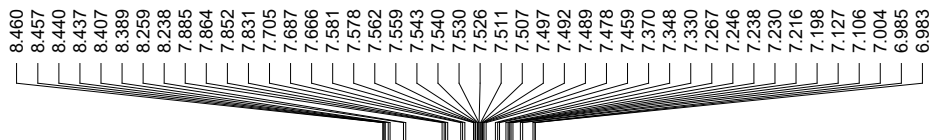


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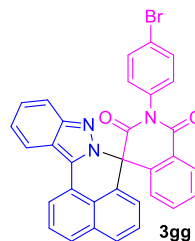


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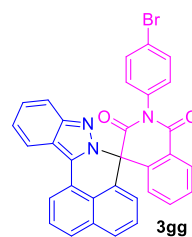


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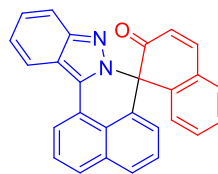
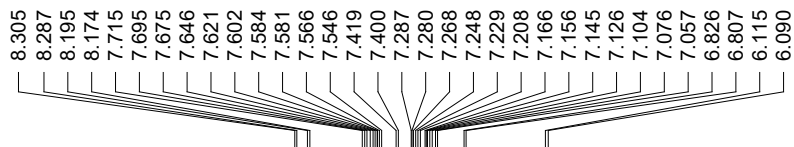
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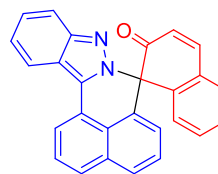
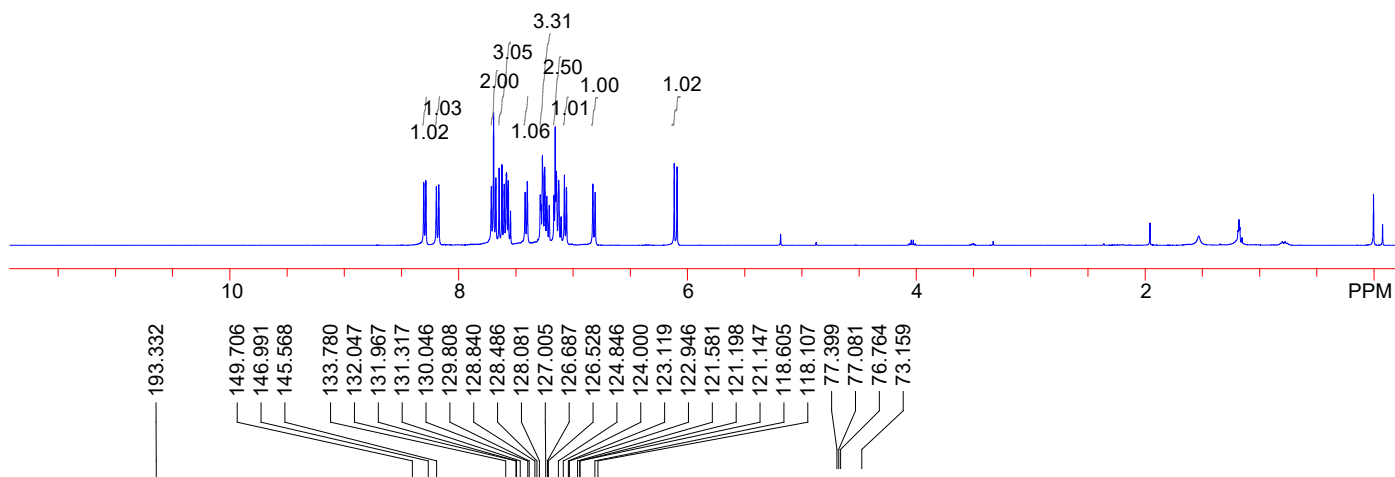
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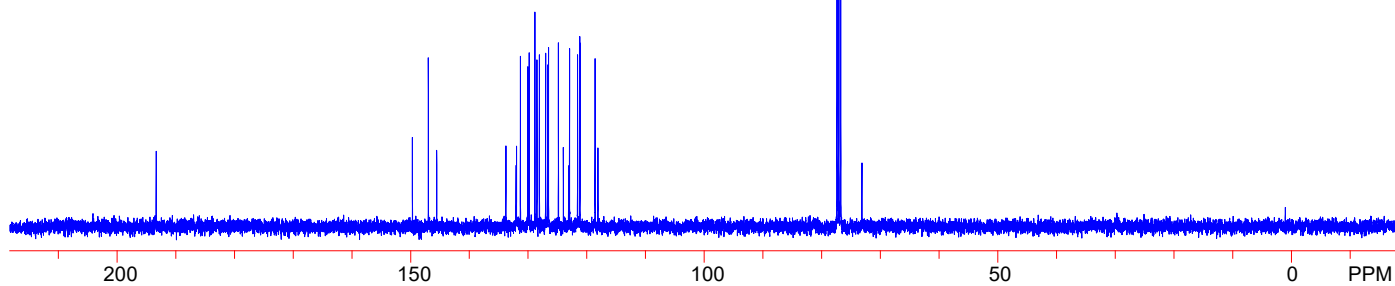
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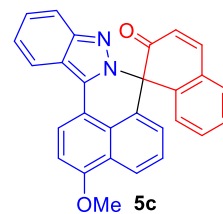


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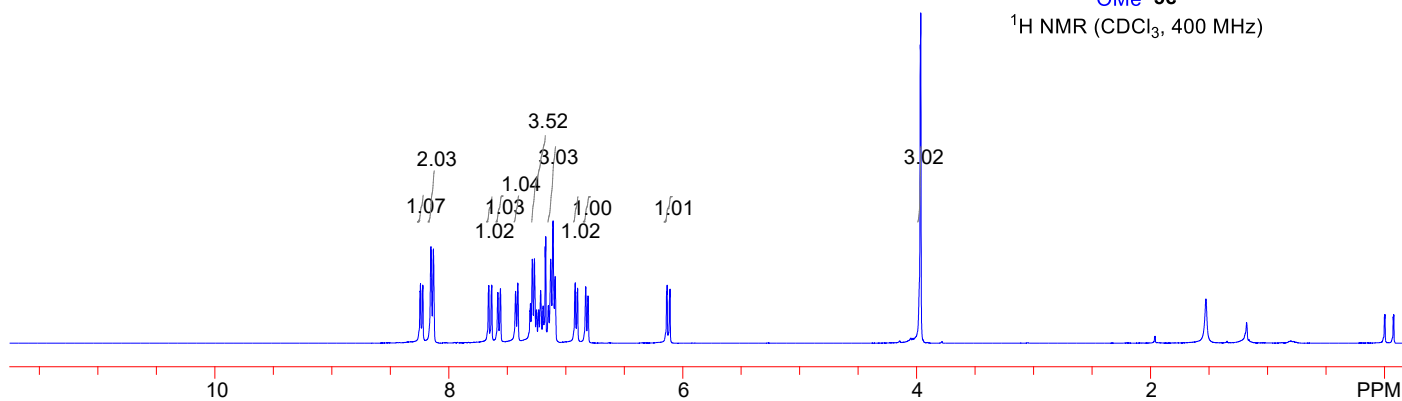
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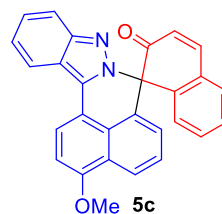
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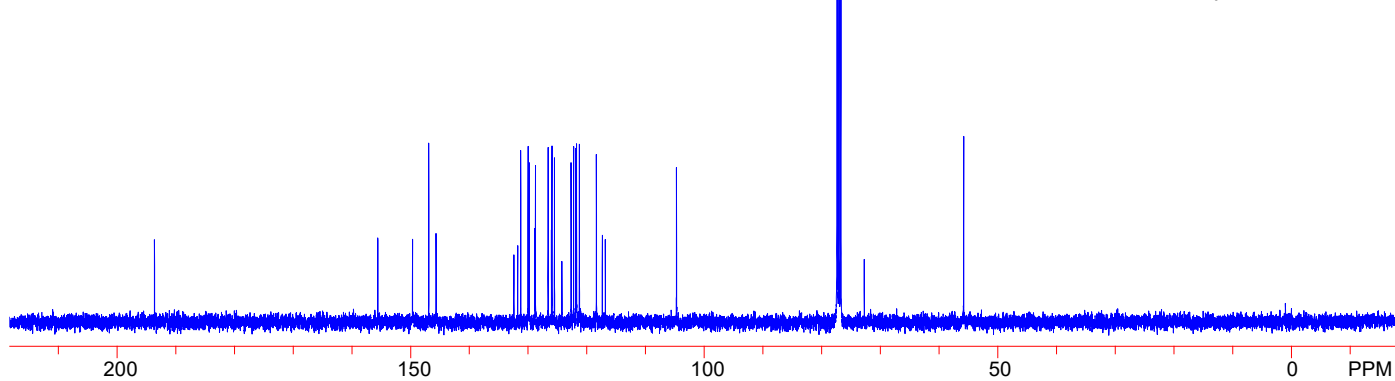
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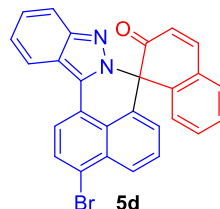
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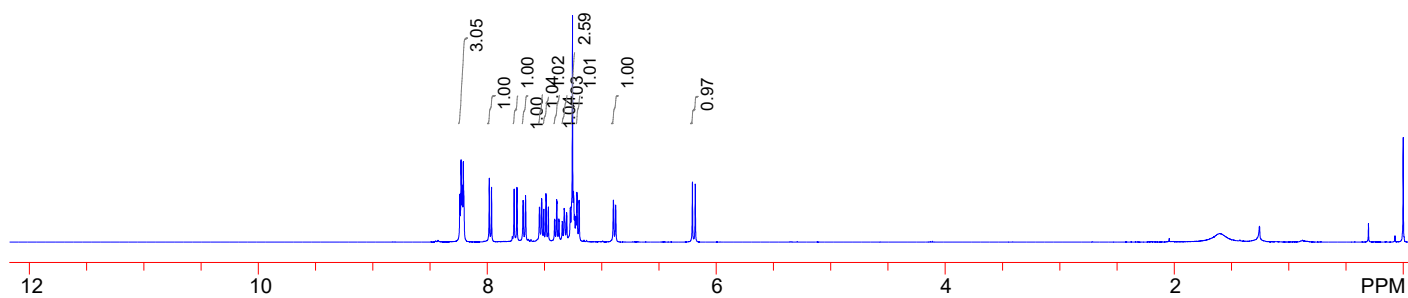
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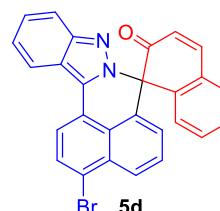
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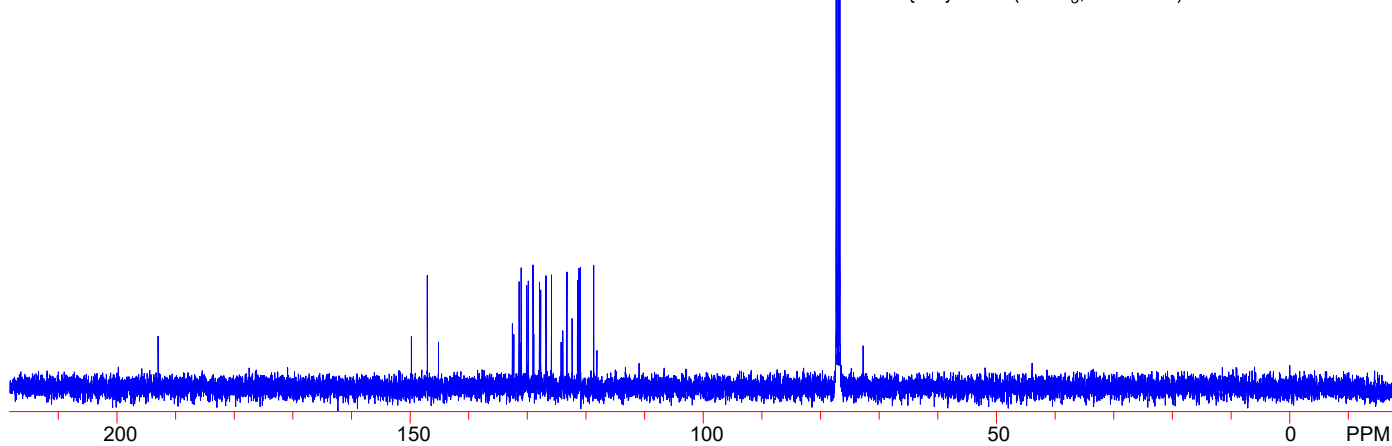
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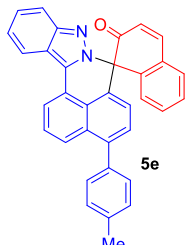
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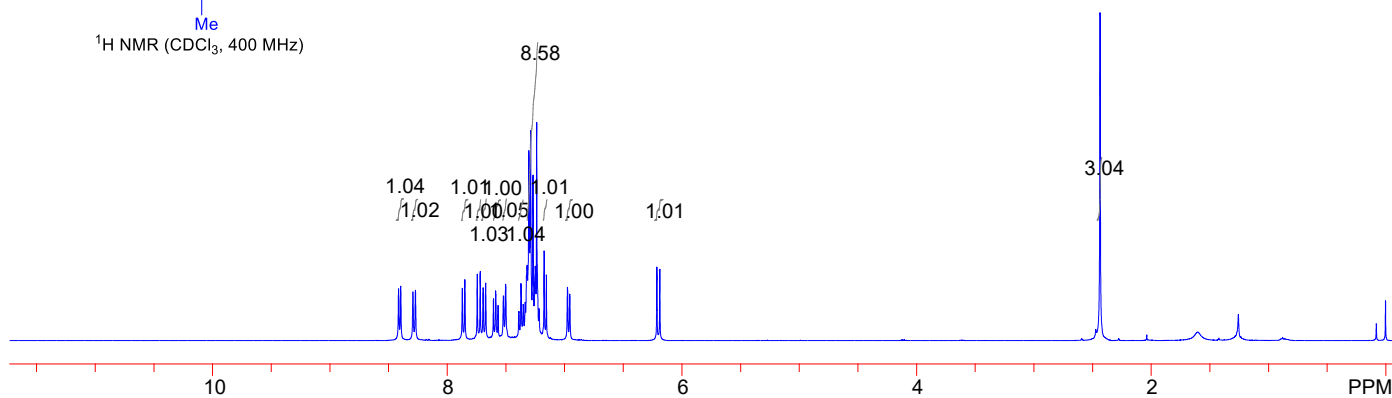
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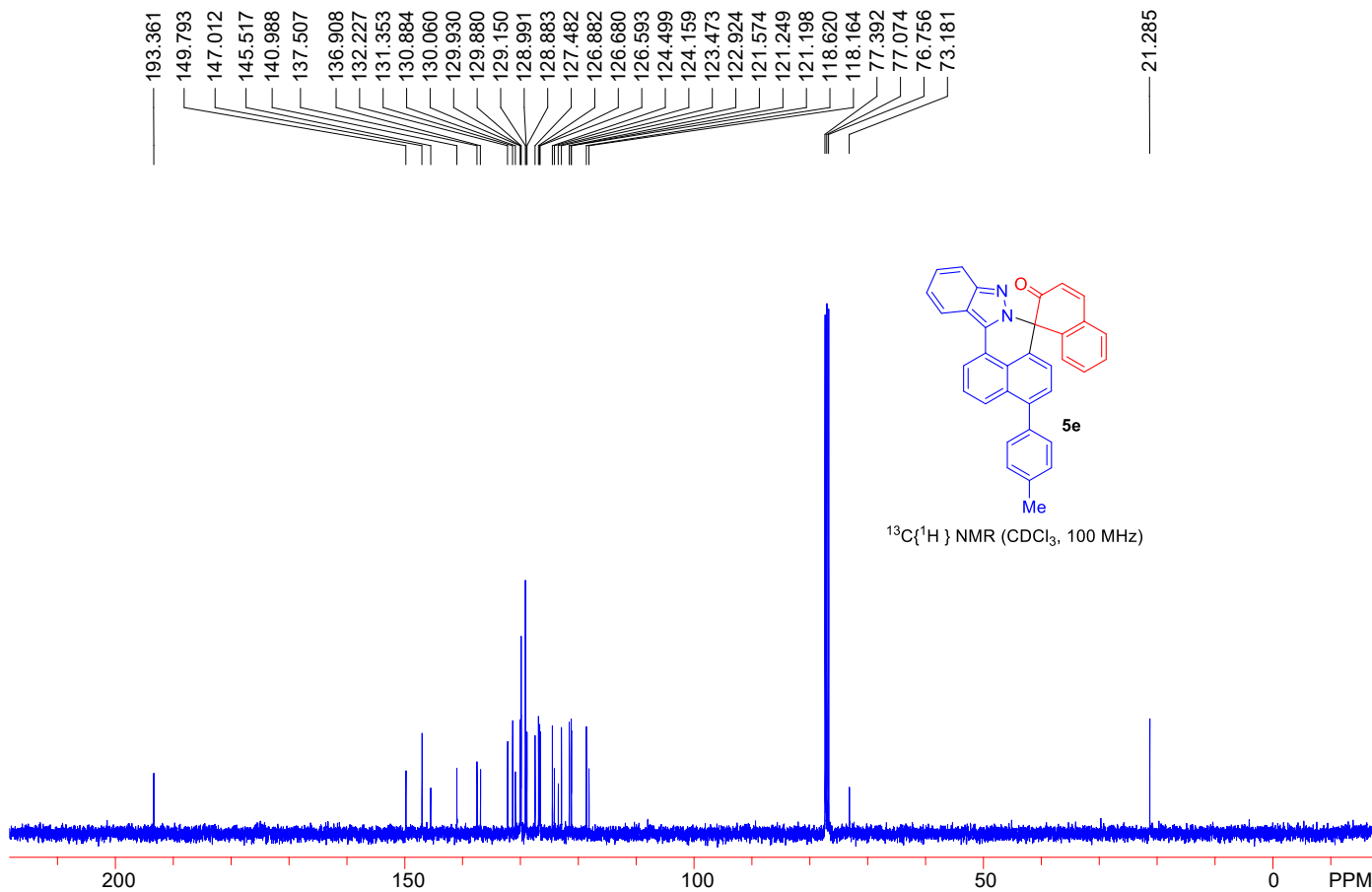
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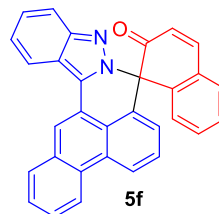


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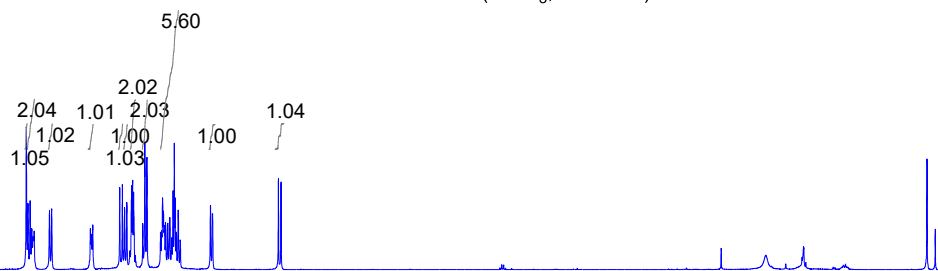


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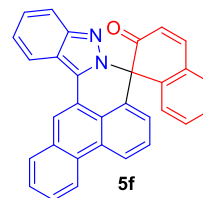


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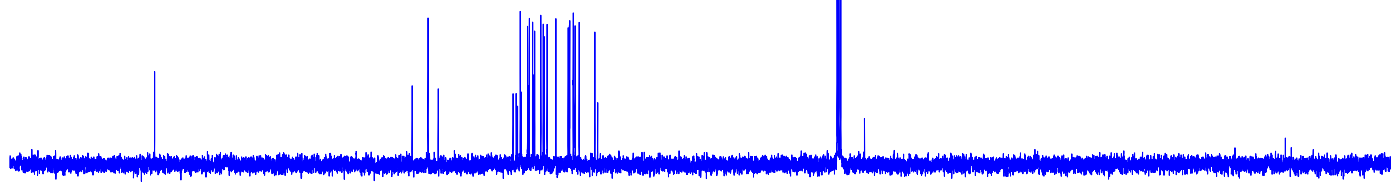


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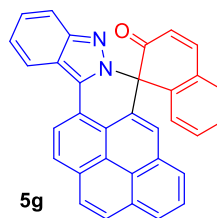


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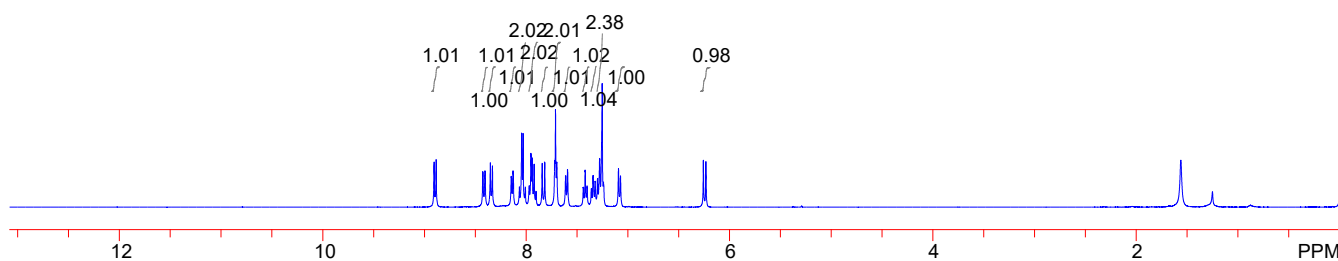


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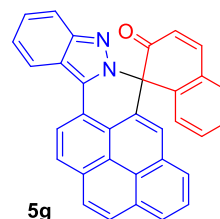
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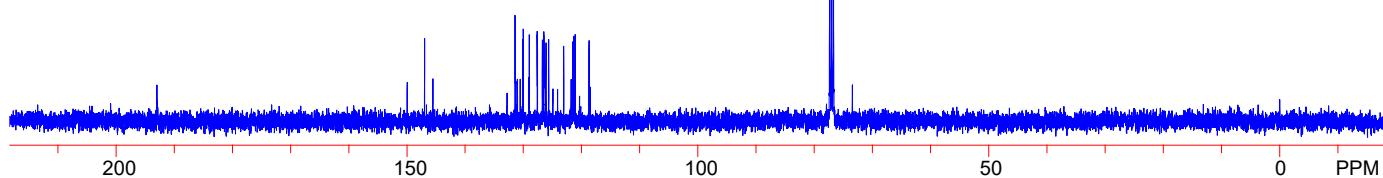
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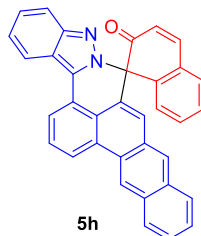
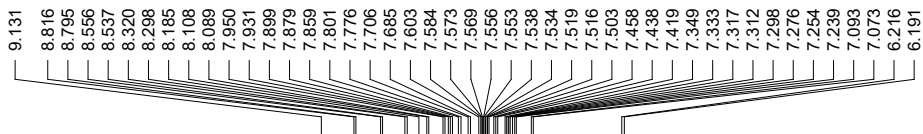


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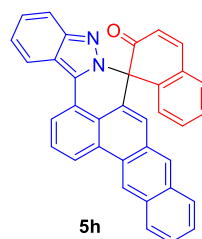
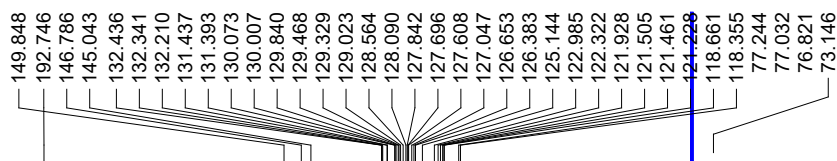
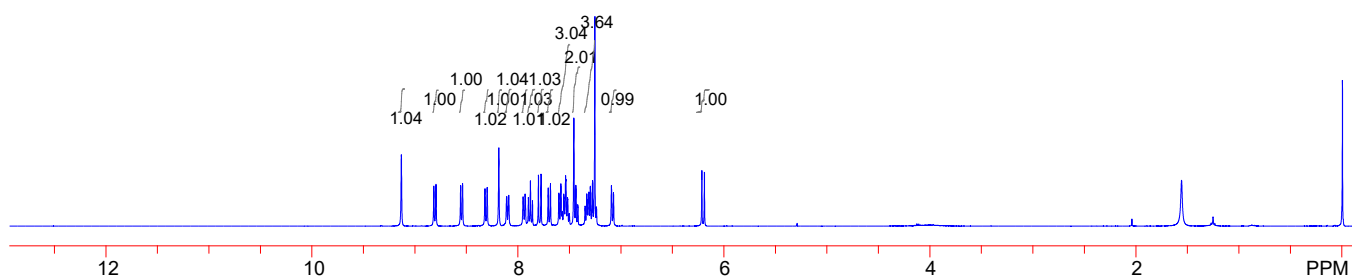


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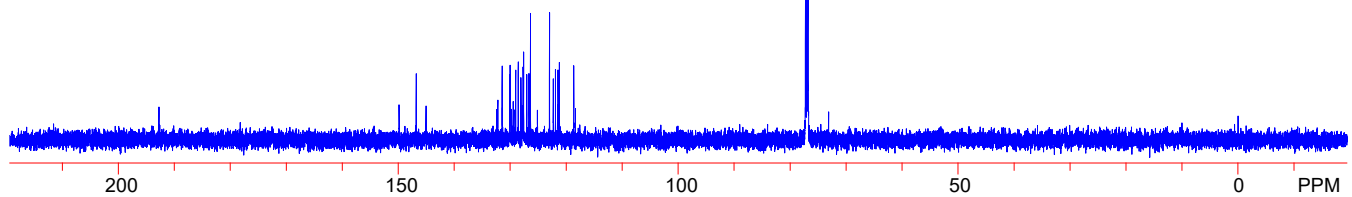


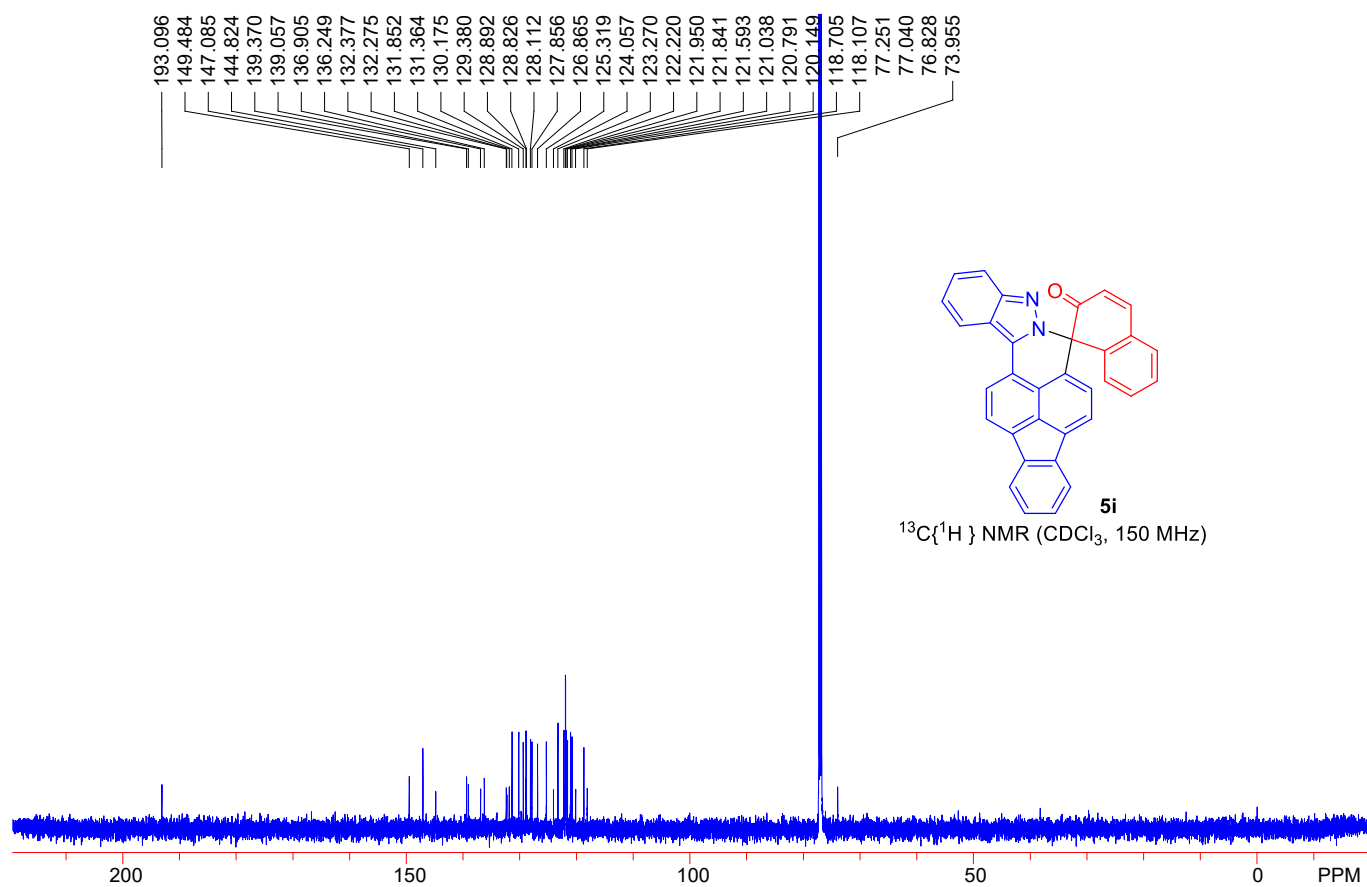
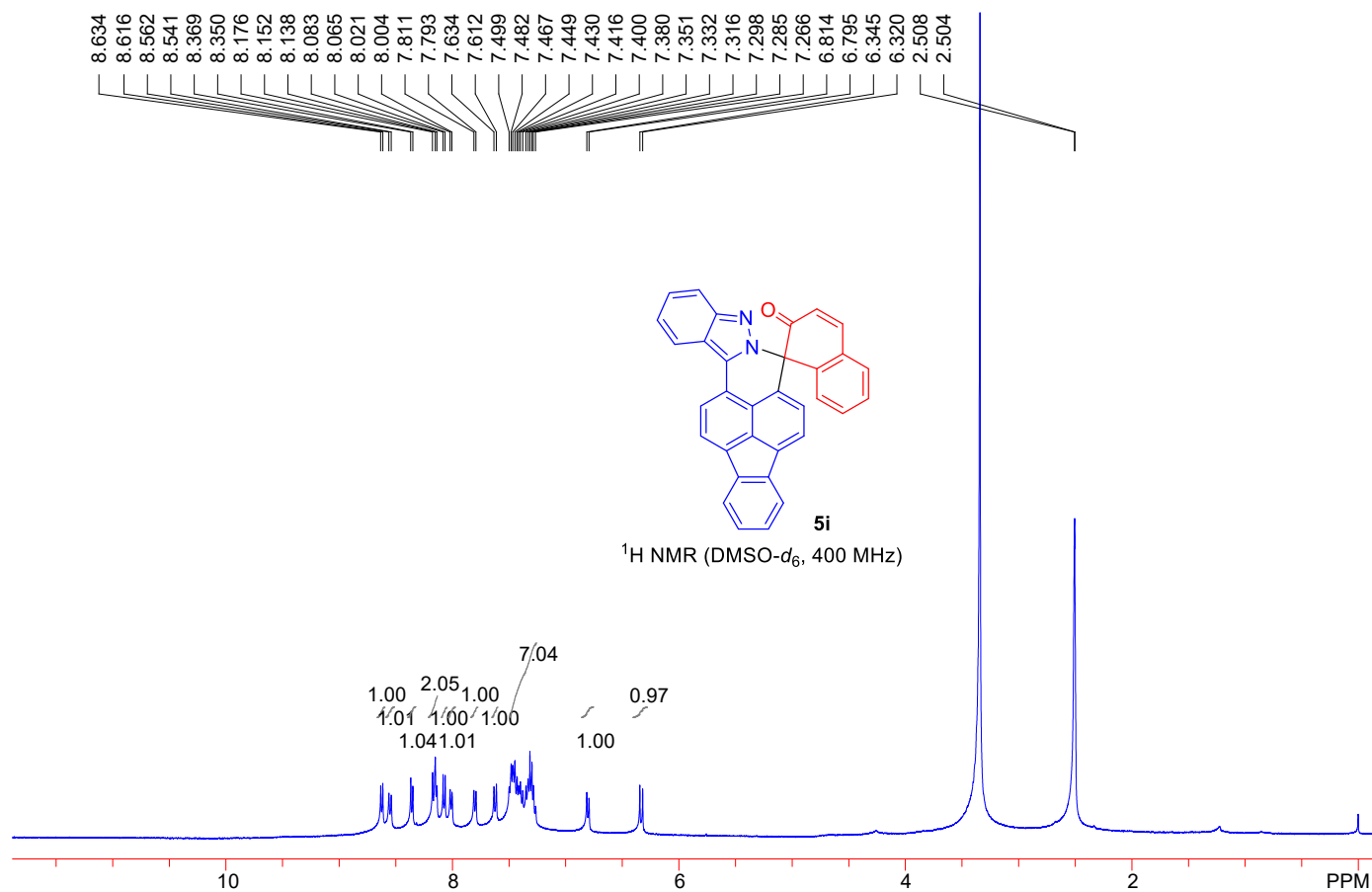


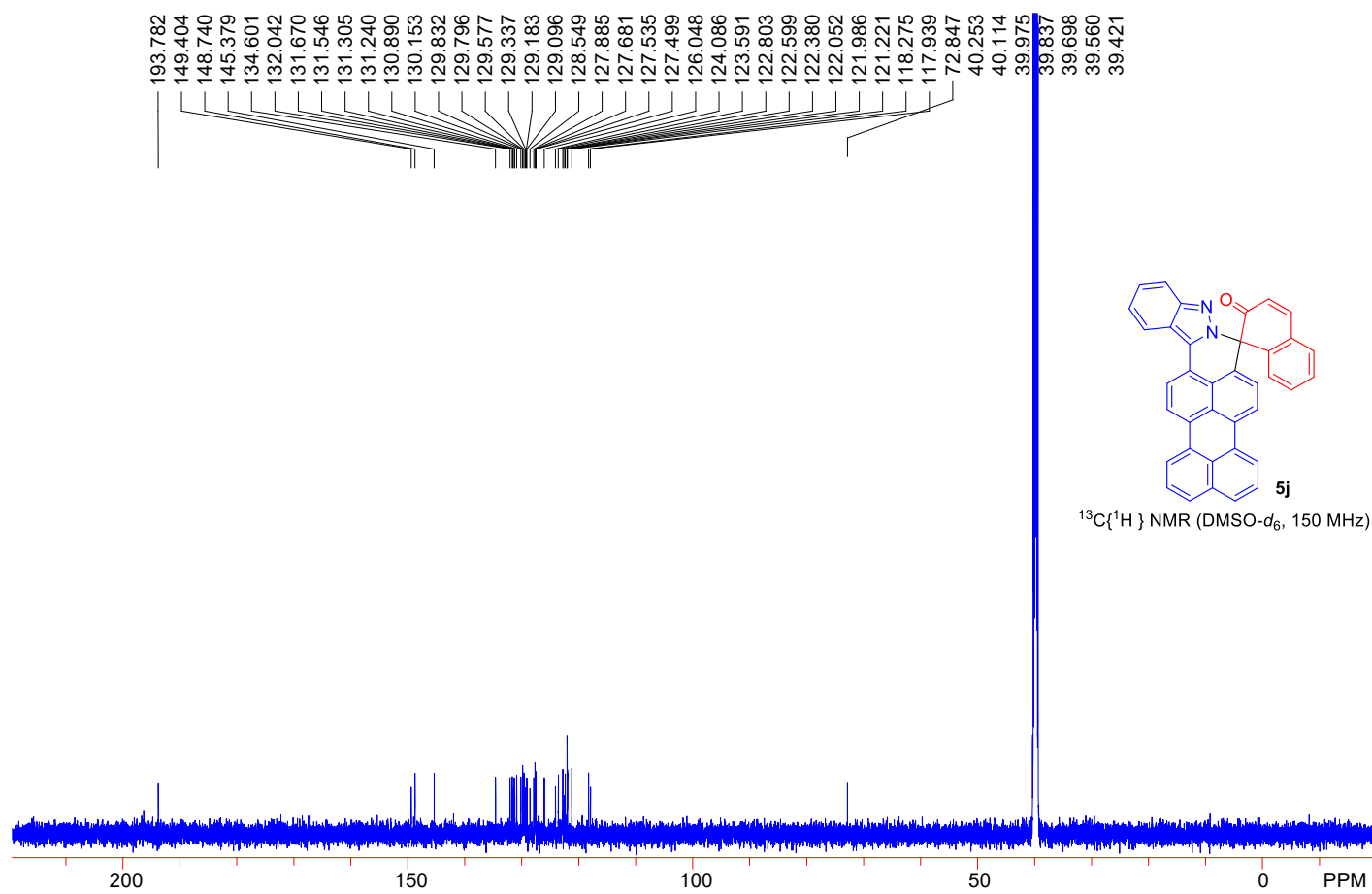
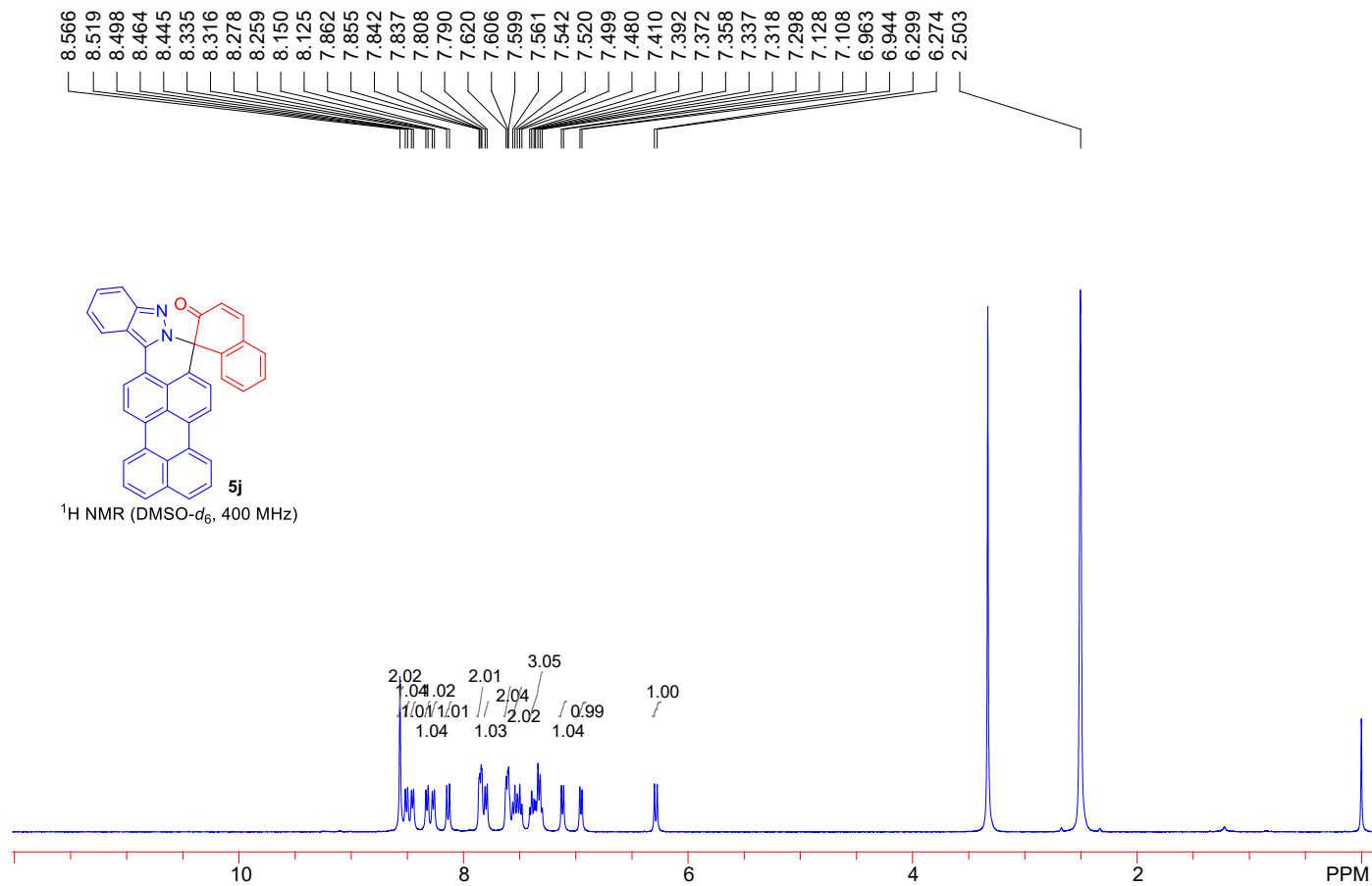
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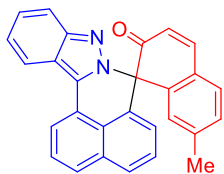
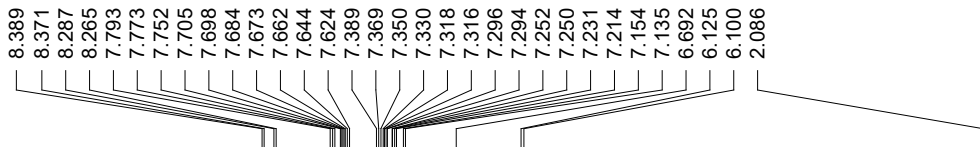


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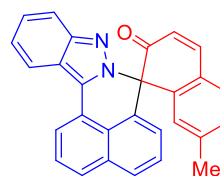
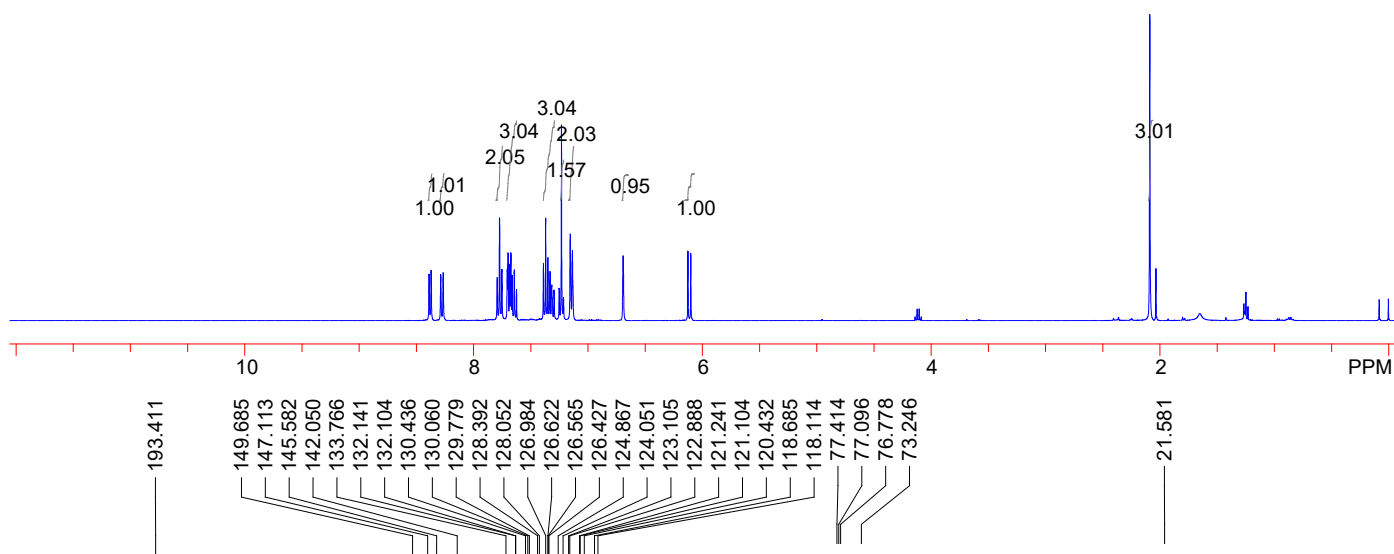






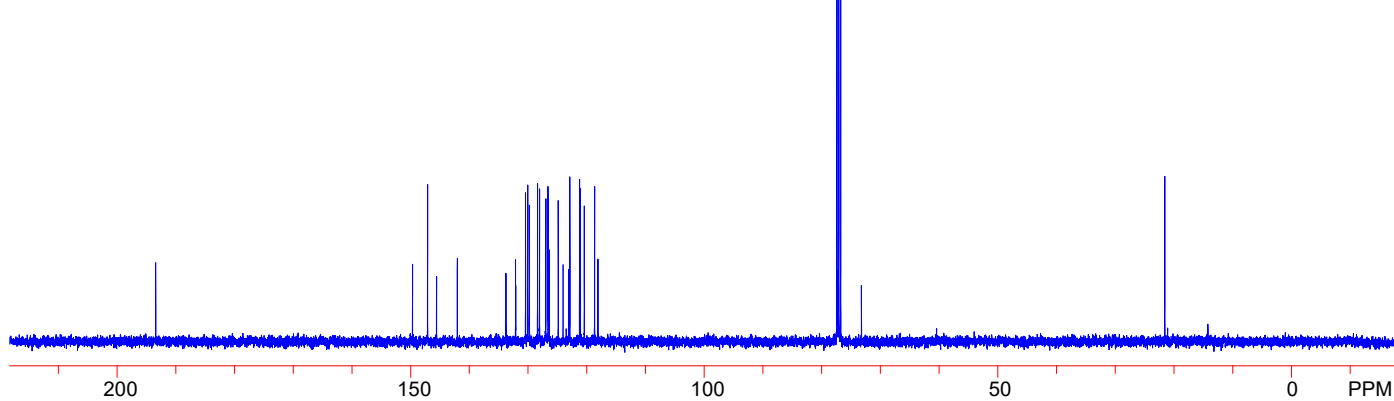
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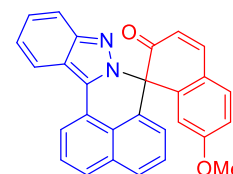


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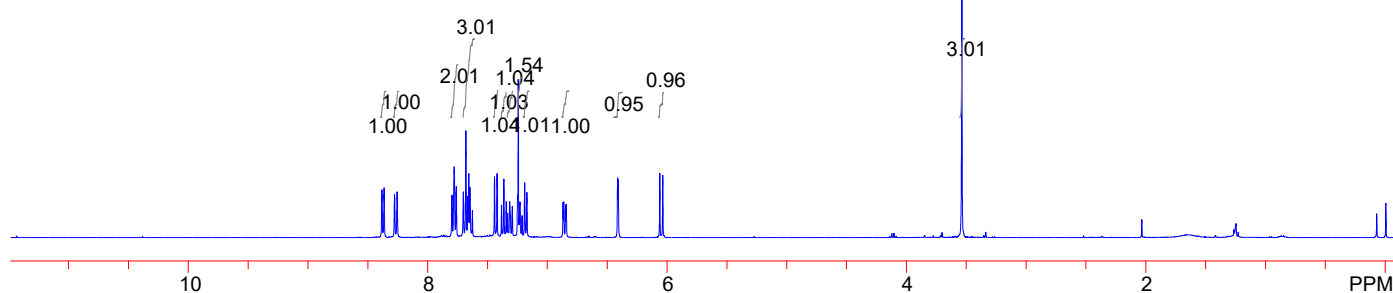
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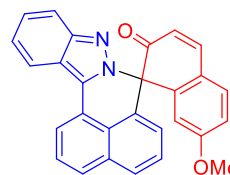
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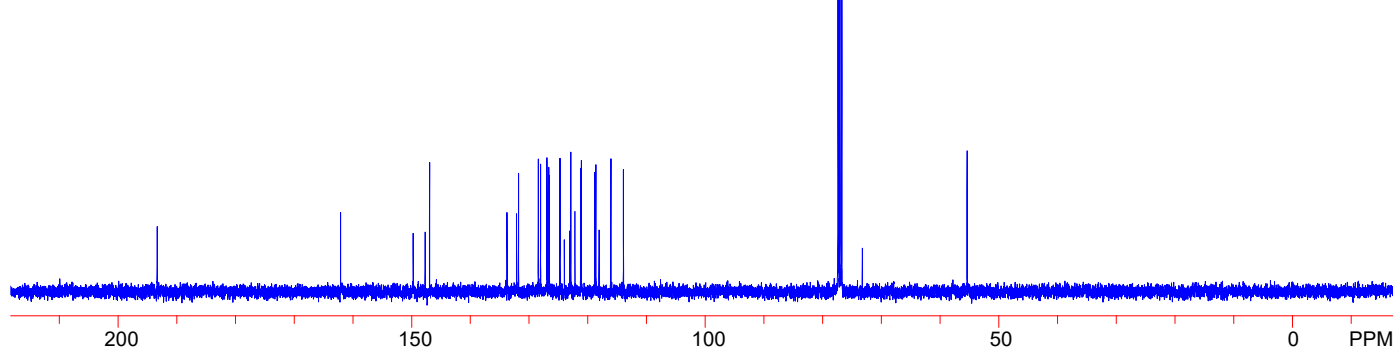
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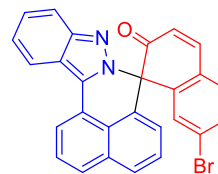
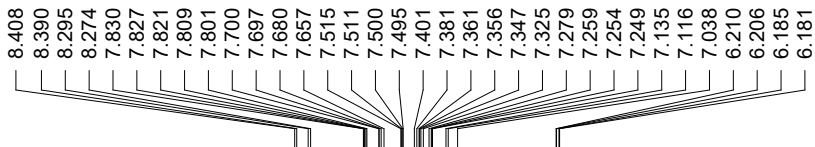


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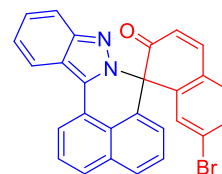
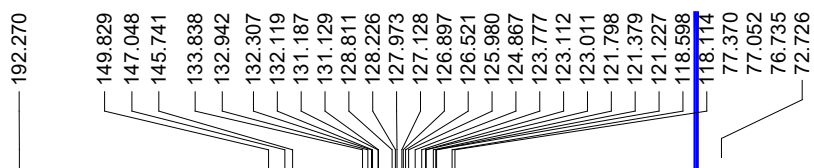
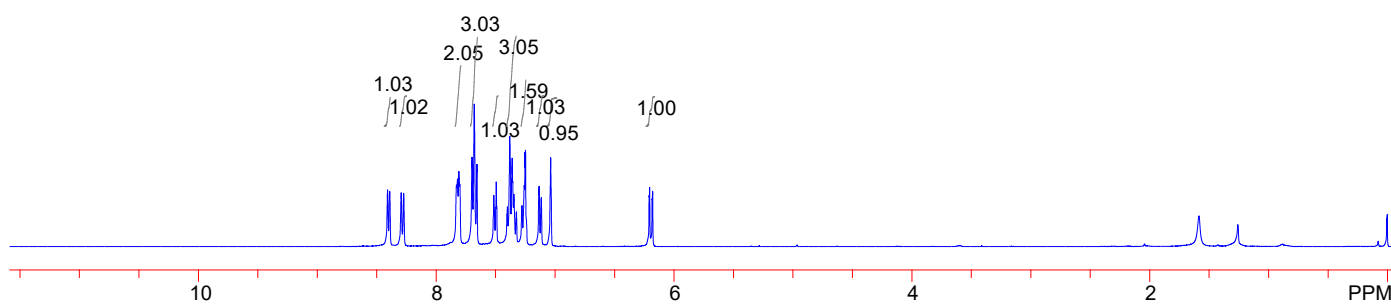


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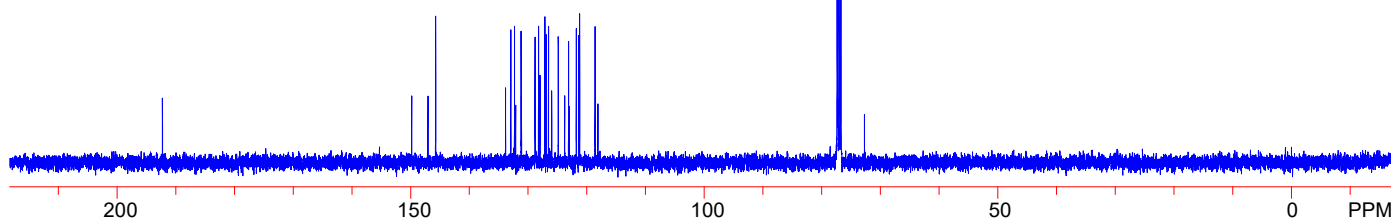




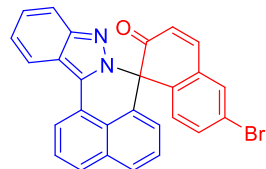
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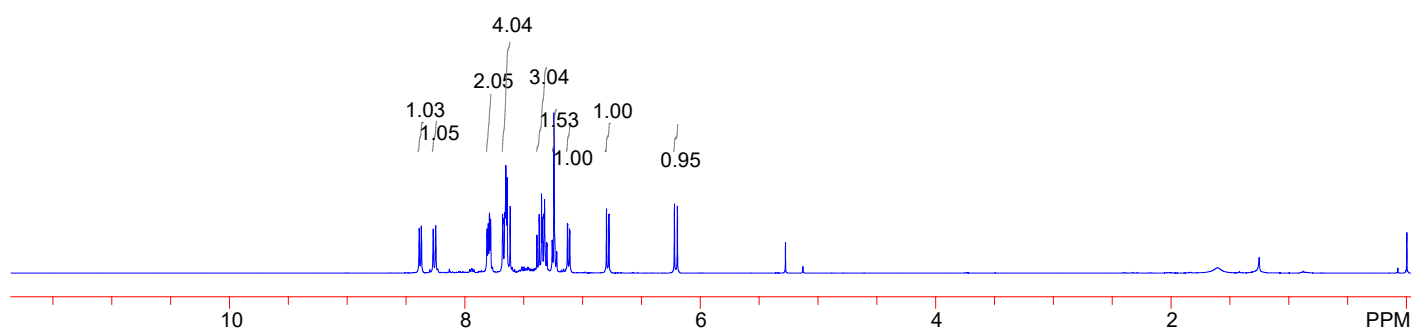
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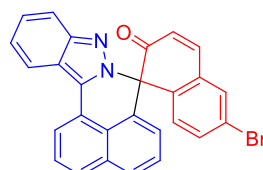
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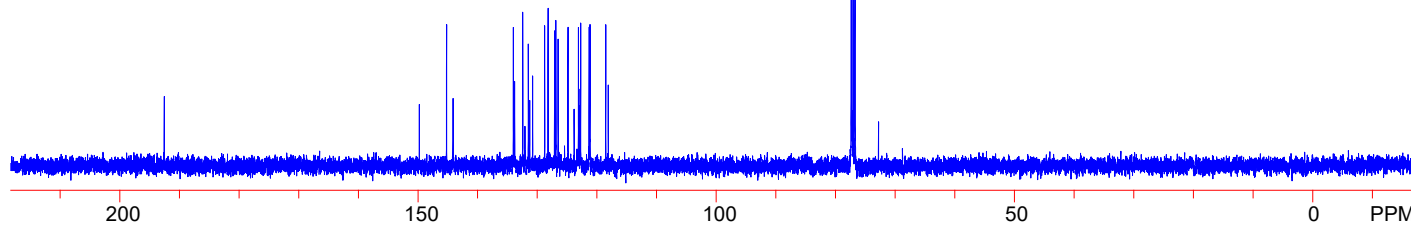
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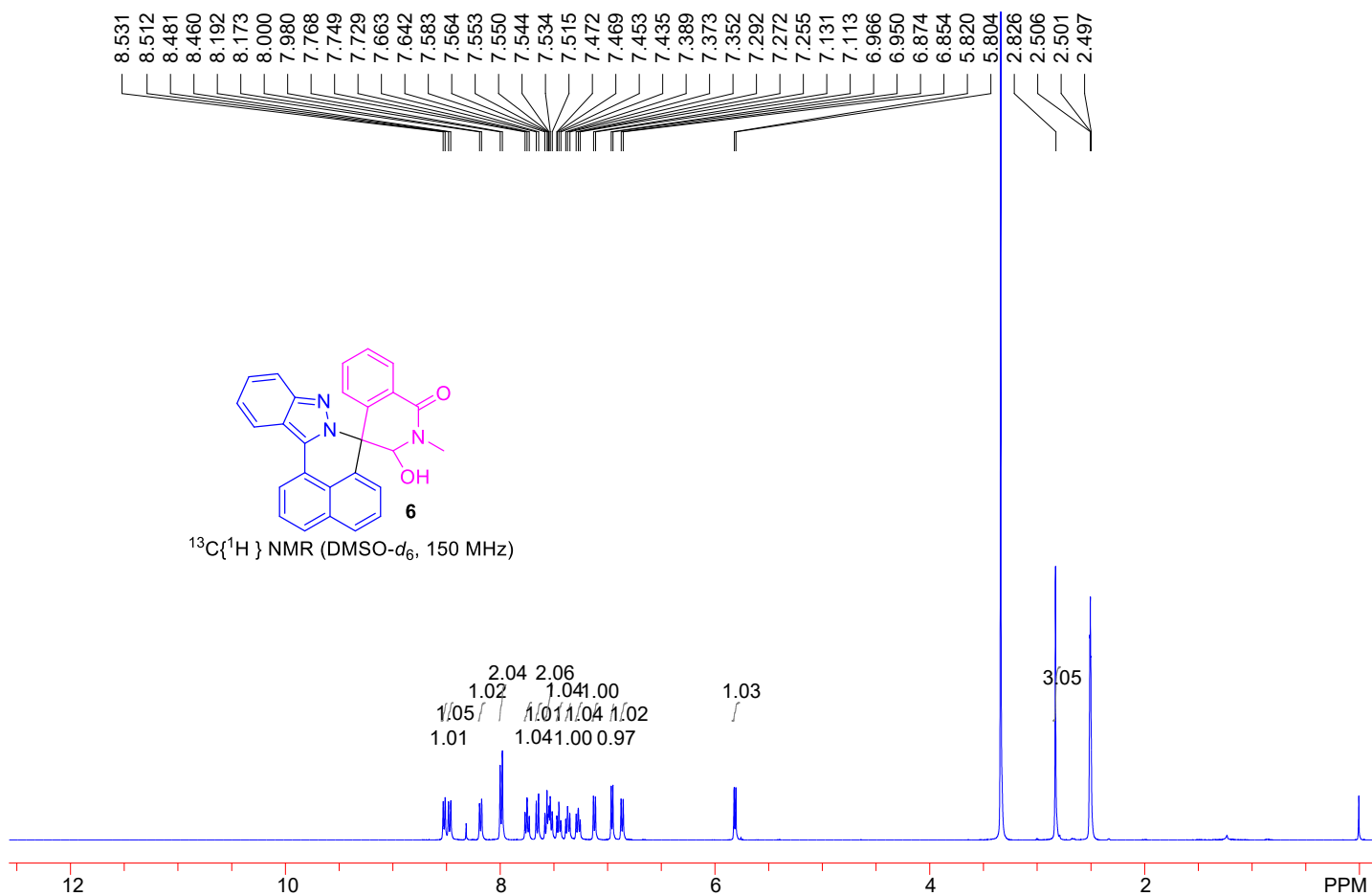
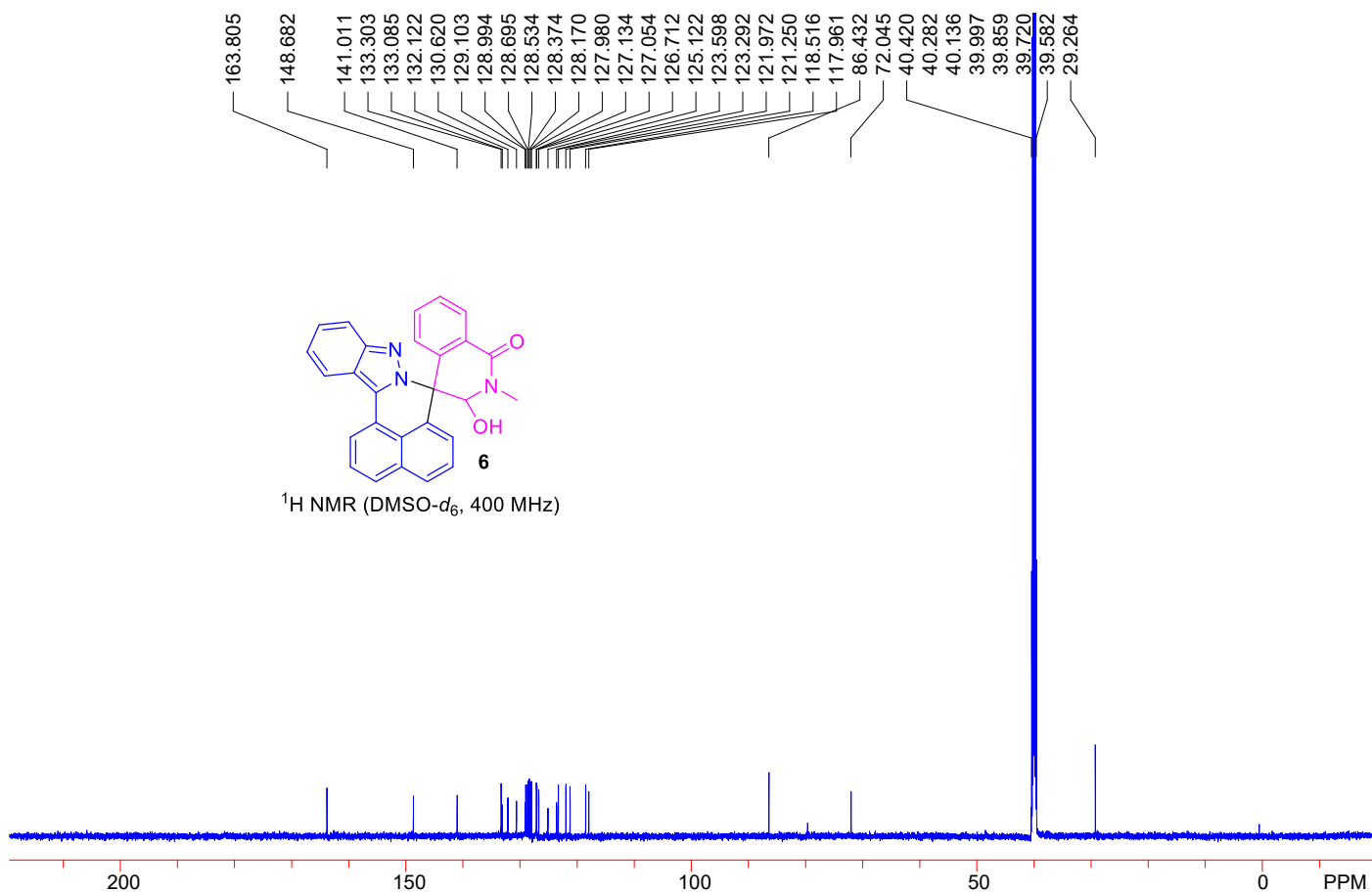
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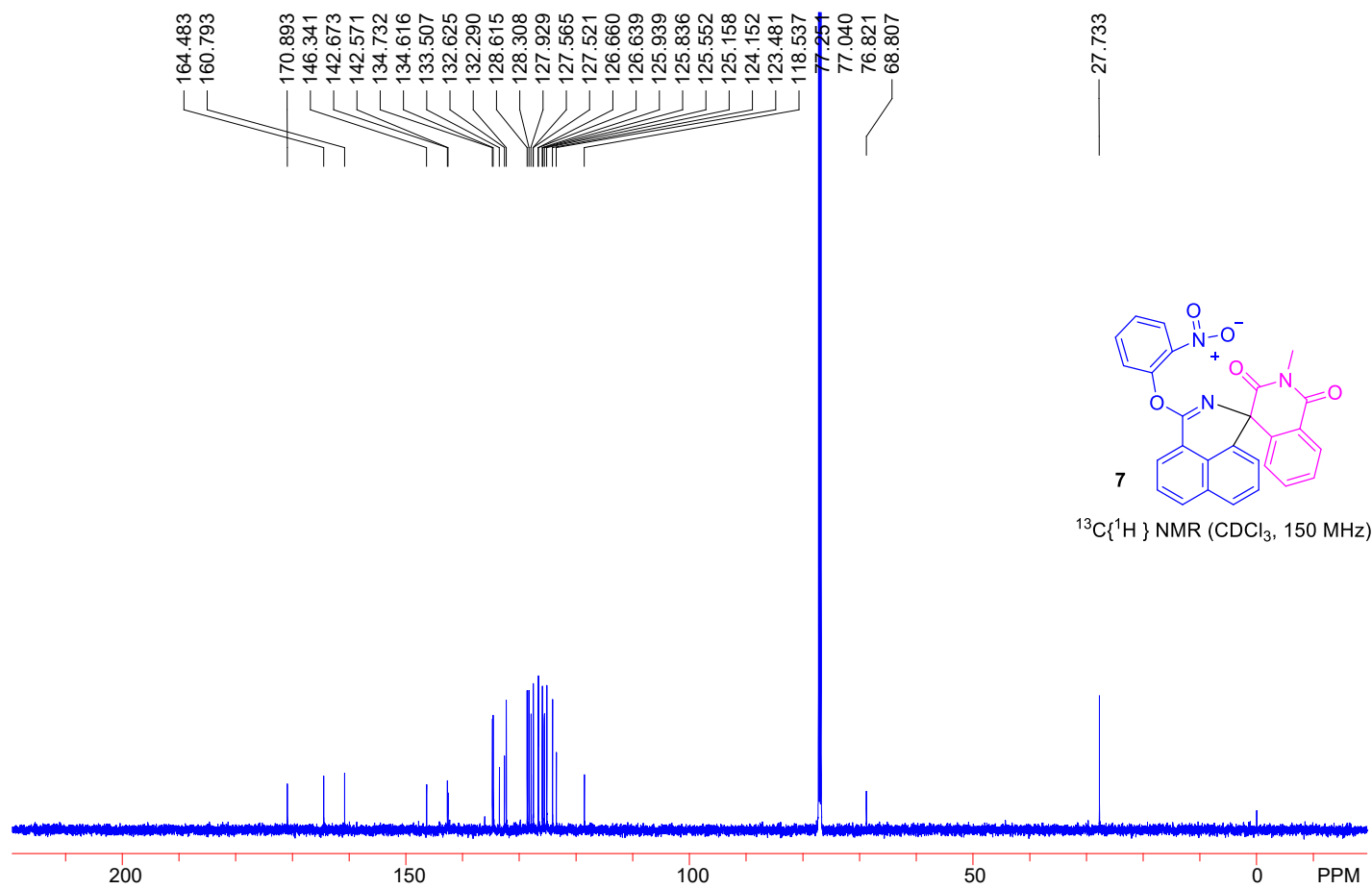
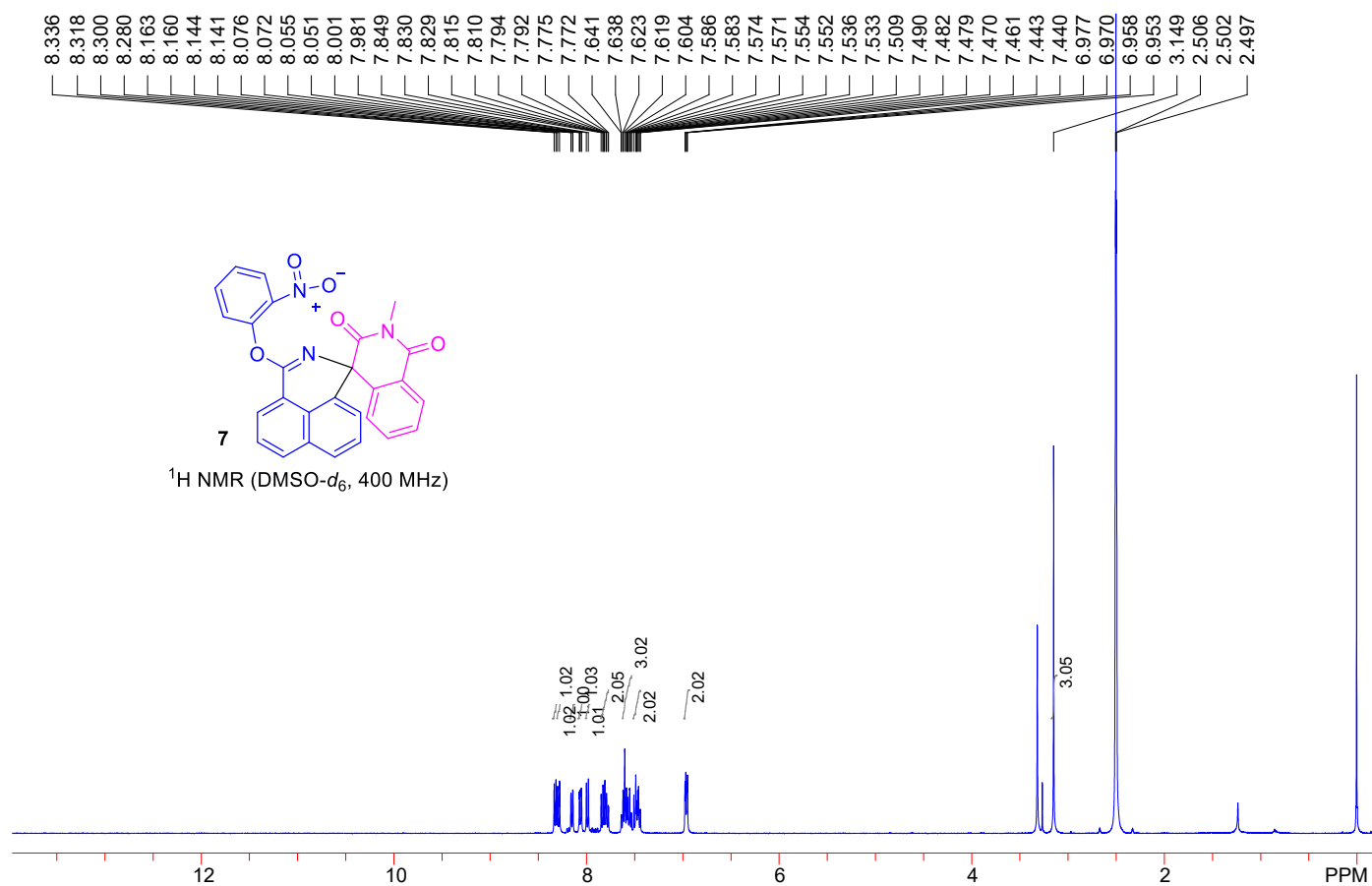


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VI. NMR spectra of 6 and 7





VII. X-ray crystal structure and data of 3a

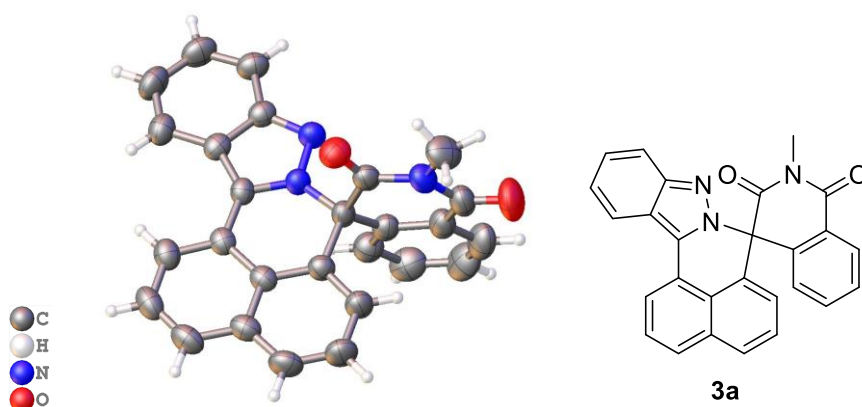


Figure S3. X-ray crystal structure of **3a** with 50% ellipsoid probability

X-ray structure determination. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent from a chloroform solution of **3a**. Crystal data collection and refinement parameters of **3a** are summarized in Table S2. Intensity data were collected at 293 K on a SuperNova Dual diffractometer using mirror-monochromated Cu K α radiation, $\lambda = 1.54184$ Å. The data were corrected for decay, Lorentz, and polarization effects as well as absorption and beam corrections based on the multi-scan technique. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the SHELXS structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the SHELXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The H-atoms were either located or calculated and subsequently treated with a riding model.

Table S2. Crystallographic data and structure refinement results of **3a**

Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₂
Formula weight	415.43
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	10.5426(2)
b/Å	11.3200(2)
c/Å	17.0570(3)
α /°	90
β /°	101.834(2)

$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/ \AA^3	1992.35(6)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.385
μ/mm^{-1}	0.716
F(000)	864.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.2 \times 0.12 \times 0.1$
Radiation	Cu K α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	8.57 to 142.932
Index ranges	$-12 \leq h \leq 11, -11 \leq k \leq 13, -17 \leq l \leq 20$
Reflections collected	8205
Independent reflections	3793 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0230, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0290$]
Data/restraints/parameters	3793/0/290
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.044
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0523, wR_2 = 0.1451$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0616, wR_2 = 0.1553$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.26/-0.24

VIII. X-ray crystal structure and data of 5a

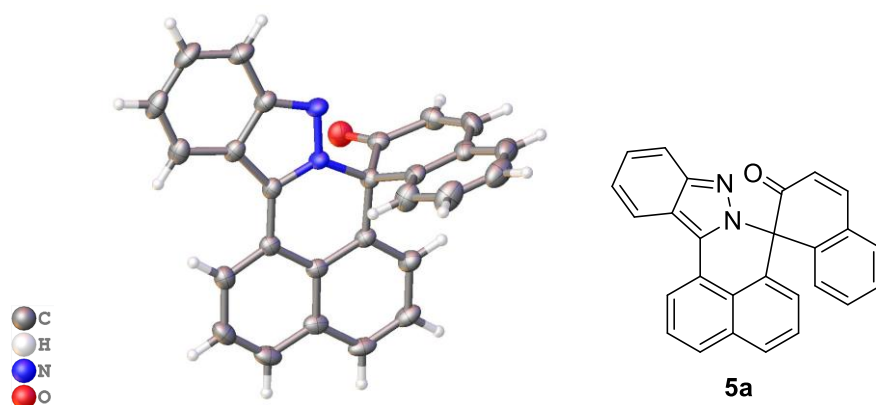


Figure S4. X-ray crystal structure of **5a** with 50% ellipsoid probability

X-ray structure determination. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent from a dichloromethane/methanol (1:1) solution of **5a**. Crystal data collection and refinement parameters of **5a** are summarized in Table S3. Intensity data were collected at 170 K on a SuperNova Dual diffractometer using mirror-monochromated Cu K α radiation, $\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ \AA}$. The data were corrected for decay, Lorentz, and polarization effects as well as absorption and beam corrections based on the multi-scan technique. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the SHELXS structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the SHELXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The H-atoms were either located or calculated and subsequently treated with a riding model.

Table S3. Crystallographic data and structure refinement results of **5a**

Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₁₆ N ₂ O
Formula weight	384.42
Temperature/K	170.00(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pbca
a/ \AA	12.8646(3)
b/ \AA	13.5761(2)
c/ \AA	21.4206(4)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	90

$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/ \AA^3	3741.13(12)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.365
μ/mm^{-1}	0.660
F(000)	1600.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.2 \times 0.12 \times 0.1$
Radiation	Cu K α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	8.256 to 142.214
Index ranges	$-15 \leq h \leq 7, -16 \leq k \leq 16, -25 \leq l \leq 26$
Reflections collected	9320
Independent reflections	3537 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0391, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0381$]
Data/restraints/parameters	3537/0/271
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.065
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0595, wR_2 = 0.1693$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0699, wR_2 = 0.1766$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.30/-0.23

IX. X-ray crystal structure and data of 7

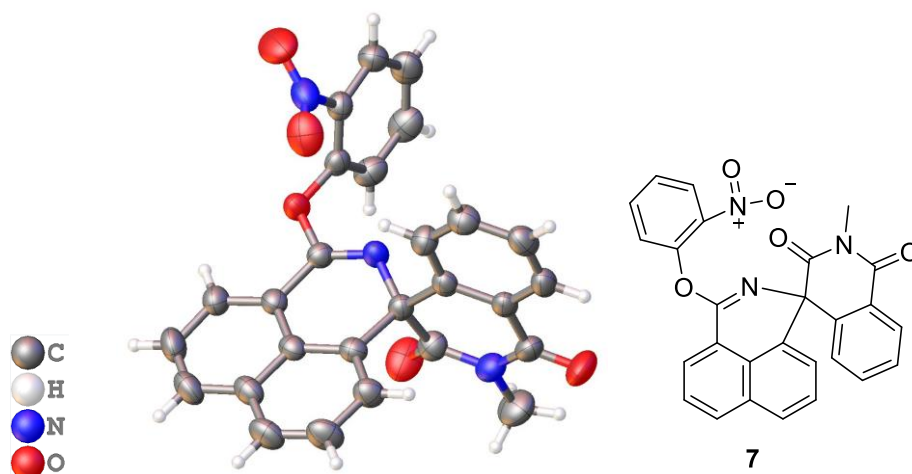


Figure S5. X-ray crystal structure of **7** with 50% ellipsoid probability

X-ray structure determination. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent from a chloroform-*d* solution of **7**. Crystal data collection and refinement parameters of **7** are summarized in Table S4. Intensity data were collected at 294.53 K on a SuperNova Dual diffractometer using mirror-monochromated Cu K α radiation, $\lambda = 1.54184$ Å. The data were corrected for decay, Lorentz, and polarization effects as well as absorption and beam corrections based on the multi-scan technique. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the SHELXS structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the SHELXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The H-atoms were either located or calculated and subsequently treated with a riding model.

Table S4. Crystallographic data and structure refinement results of **7**

Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₅
Formula weight	463.43
Temperature/K	294.53(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	13.6356(4)
b/Å	8.3718(2)
c/Å	19.9438(6)
α /°	90

$\beta/^\circ$	108.495(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/ \AA^3	2159.09(11)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	1.426
μ/mm^{-1}	0.830
F(000)	960.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.2 \times 0.12 \times 0.1$
Radiation	Cu K α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2 Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	6.836 to 142.536
Index ranges	$-16 \leq h \leq 16, -6 \leq k \leq 10, -24 \leq l \leq 24$
Reflections collected	9321
Independent reflections	4063 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0283, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0404$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4063/0/317
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.087
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0564, wR_2 = 0.1579$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0841, wR_2 = 0.1681$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.30/-0.24

X. UV-vis, fluorescence experimental data and cell imaging results

1. UV-vis, fluorescence experimental data

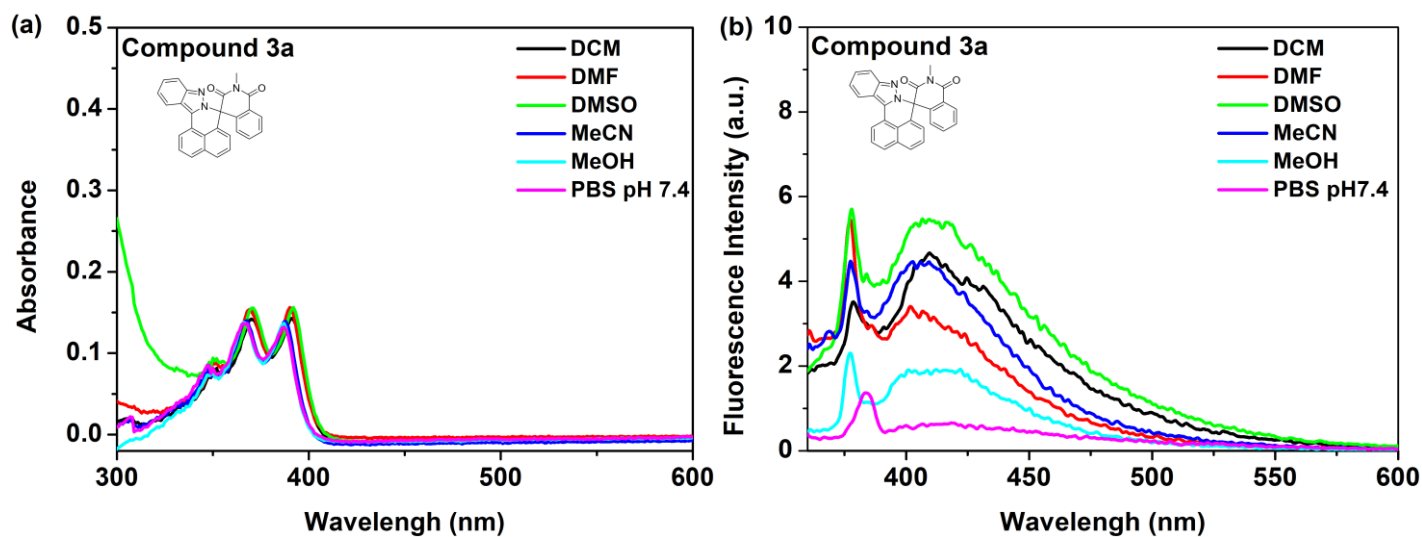


Figure S6. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **3a** in diverse solvents.

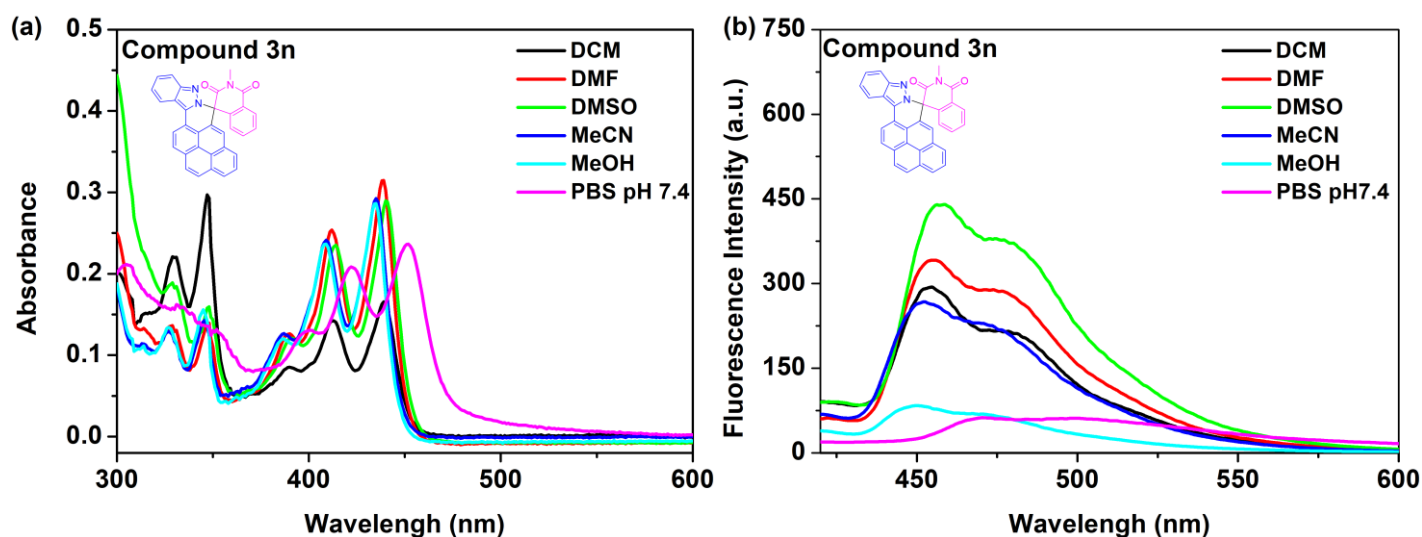


Figure S7 Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **3n** in diverse solvents.

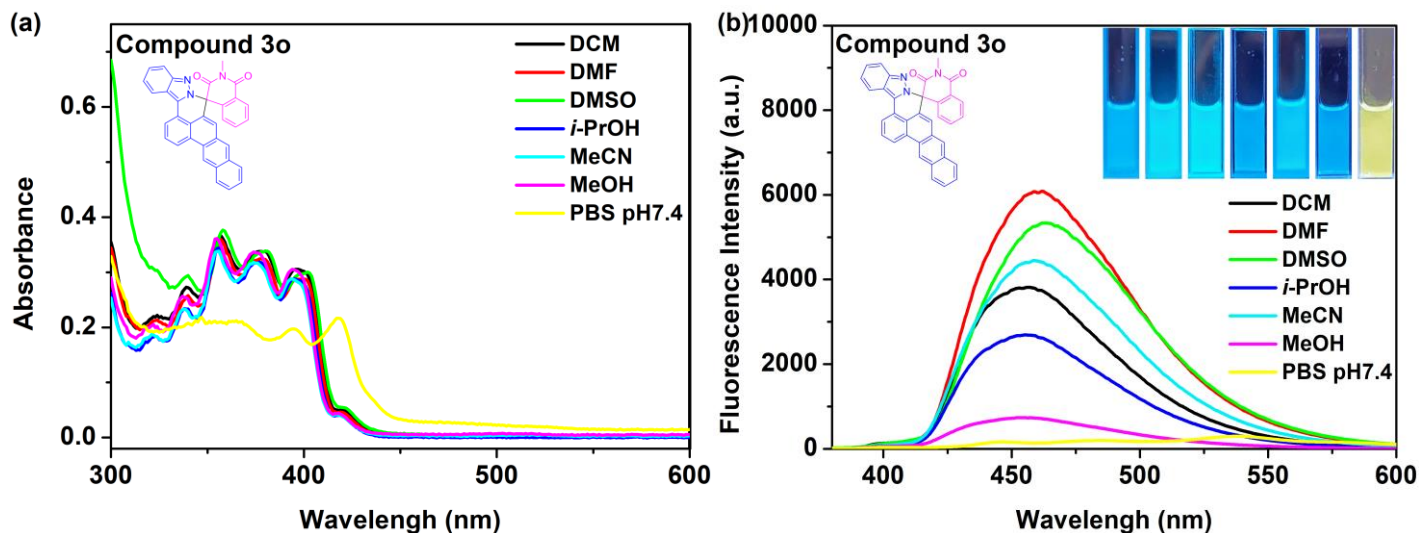


Figure S8. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **3o** in diverse solvents, insert: photos under 365 nm irradiation.

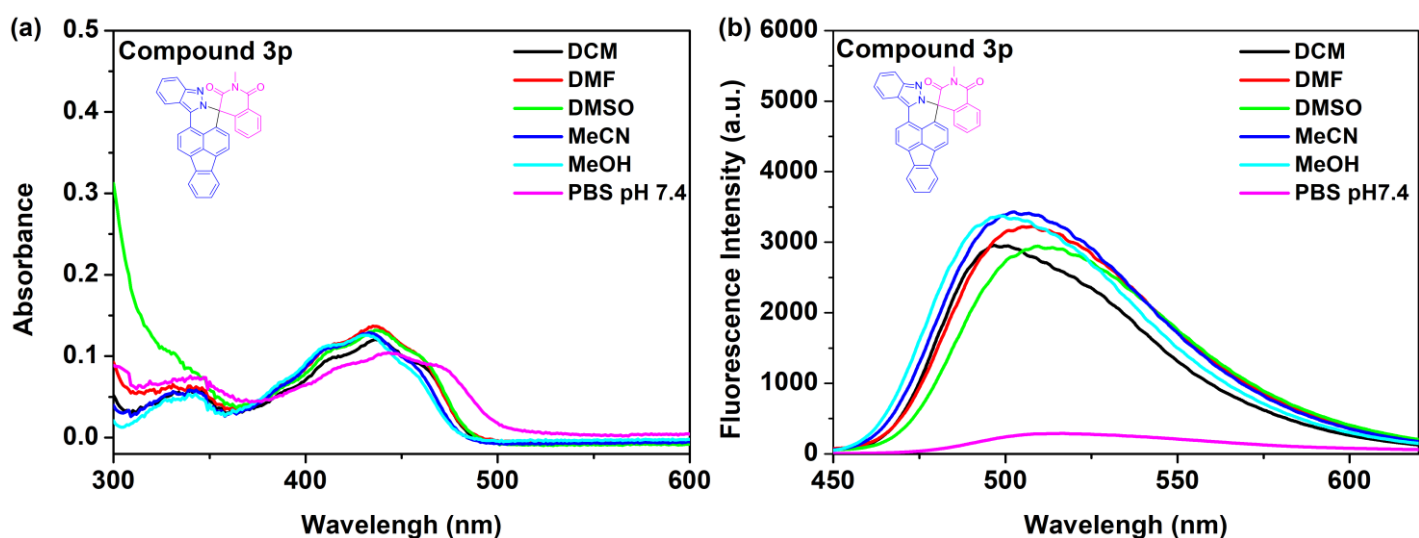


Figure S9. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **3p** in diverse solvents.

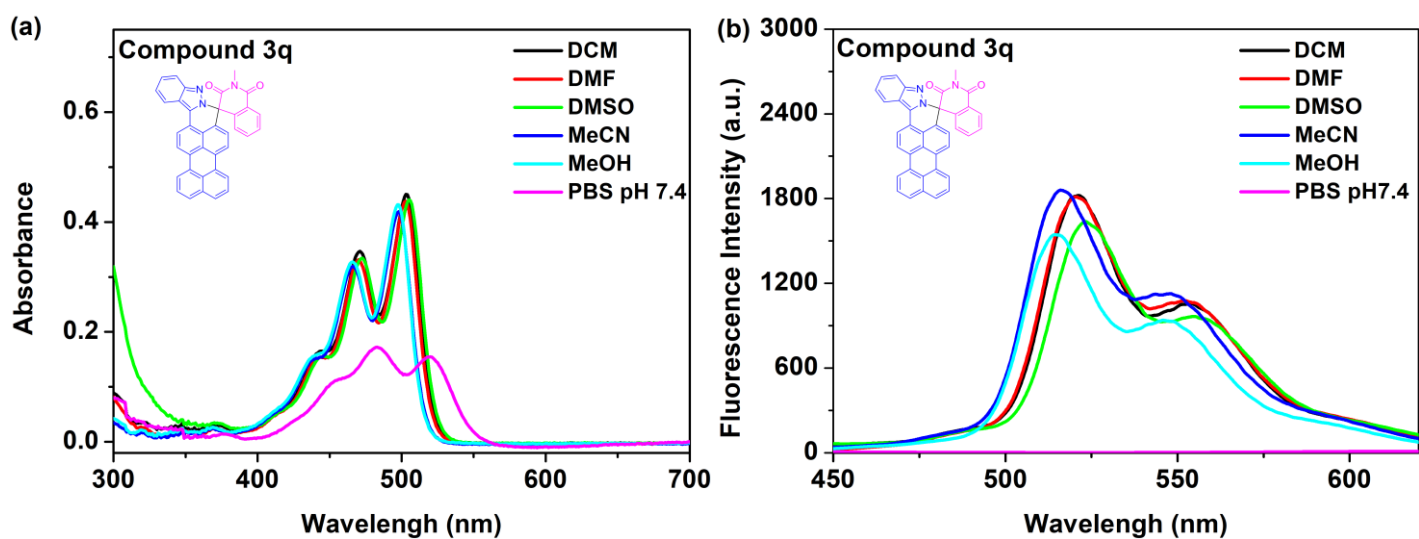


Figure S10. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **3q** in diverse solvents.

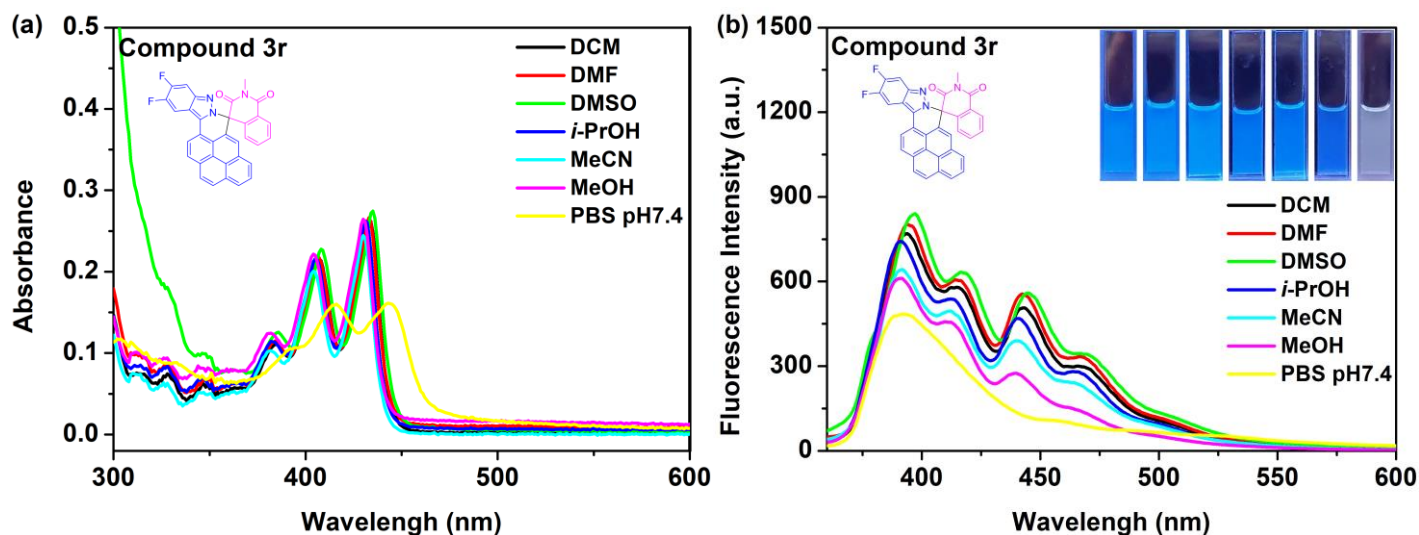


Figure S11. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **3r** in diverse solvents, insert: photos under 365 nm irradiation.

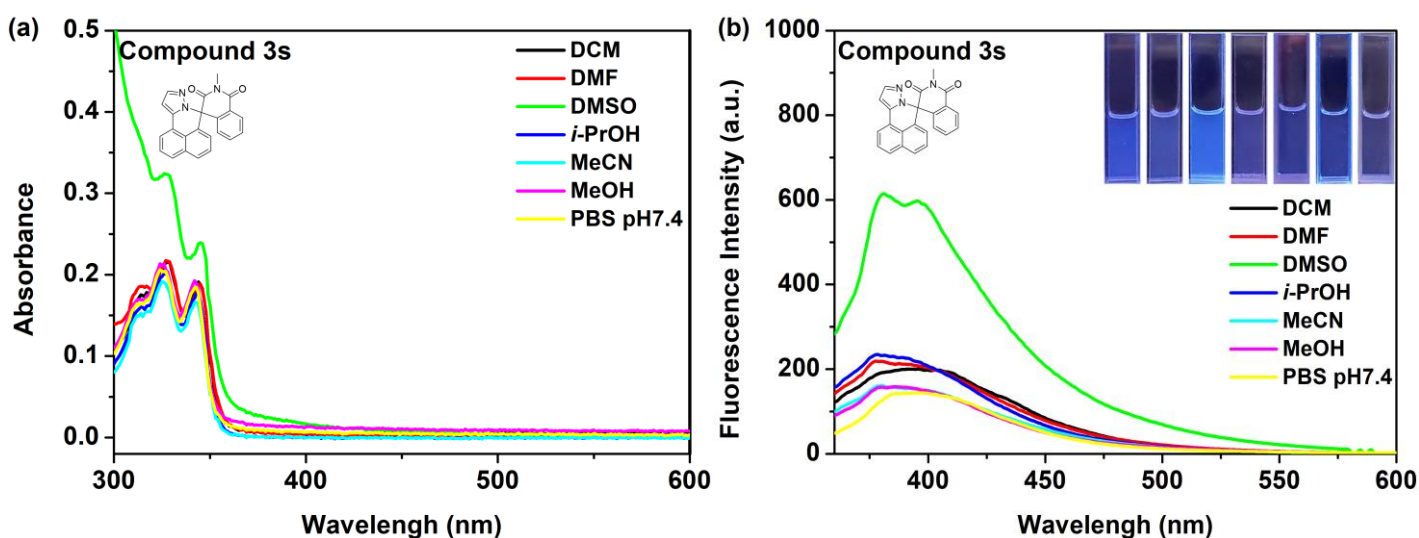


Figure S12. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **3s** in diverse solvents, insert: photos under 365 nm irradiation.

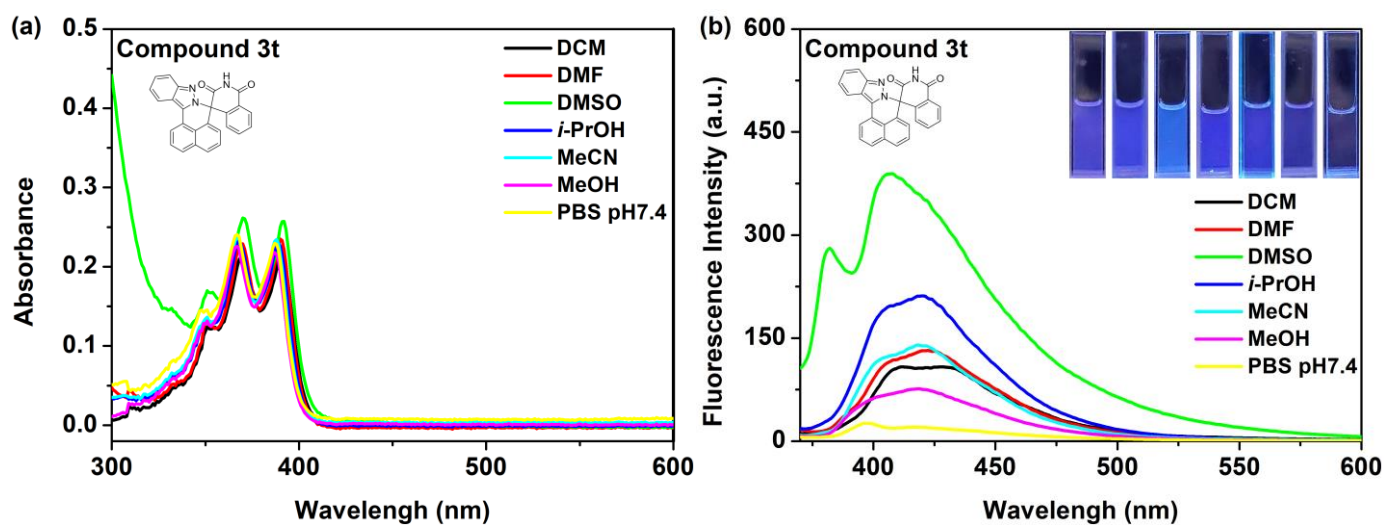


Figure S13. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **3t** in diverse solvents, insert: photos under 365 nm irradiation.

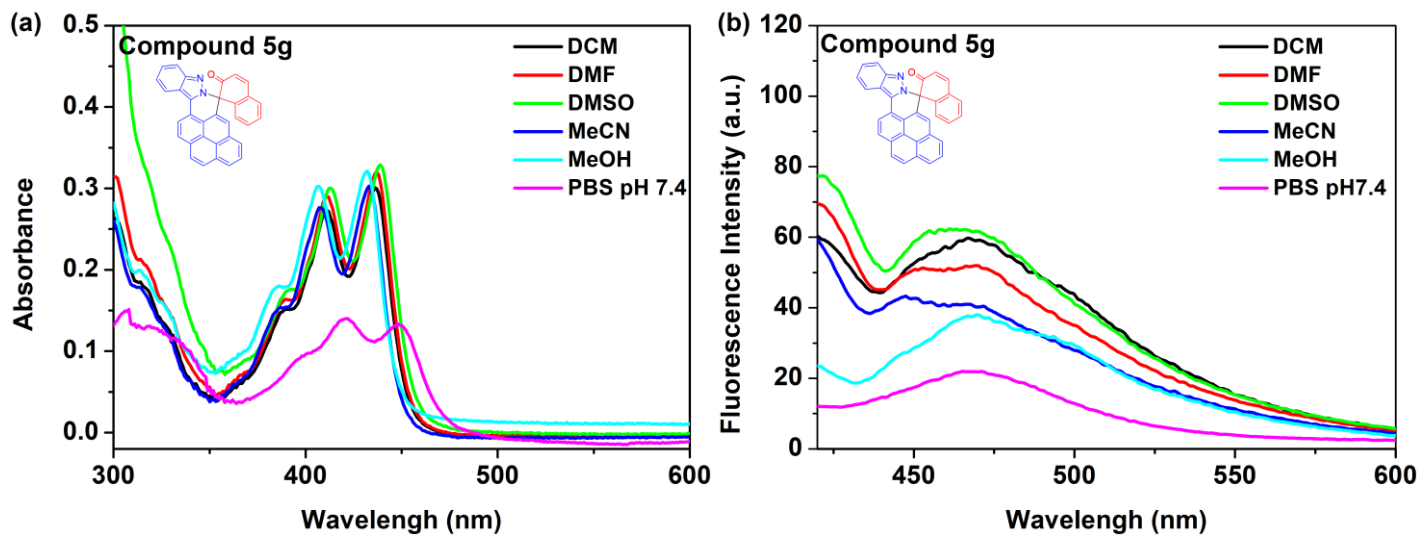


Figure S14. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **5g** in diverse solvents.

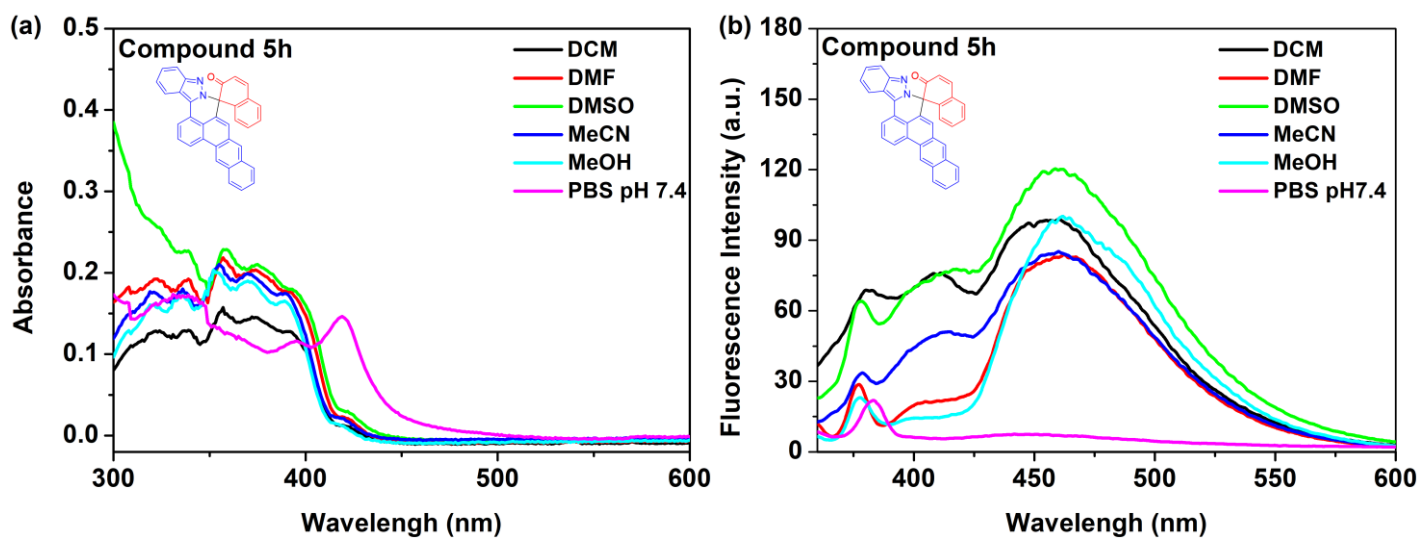


Figure S15. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **5h** in diverse solvents.

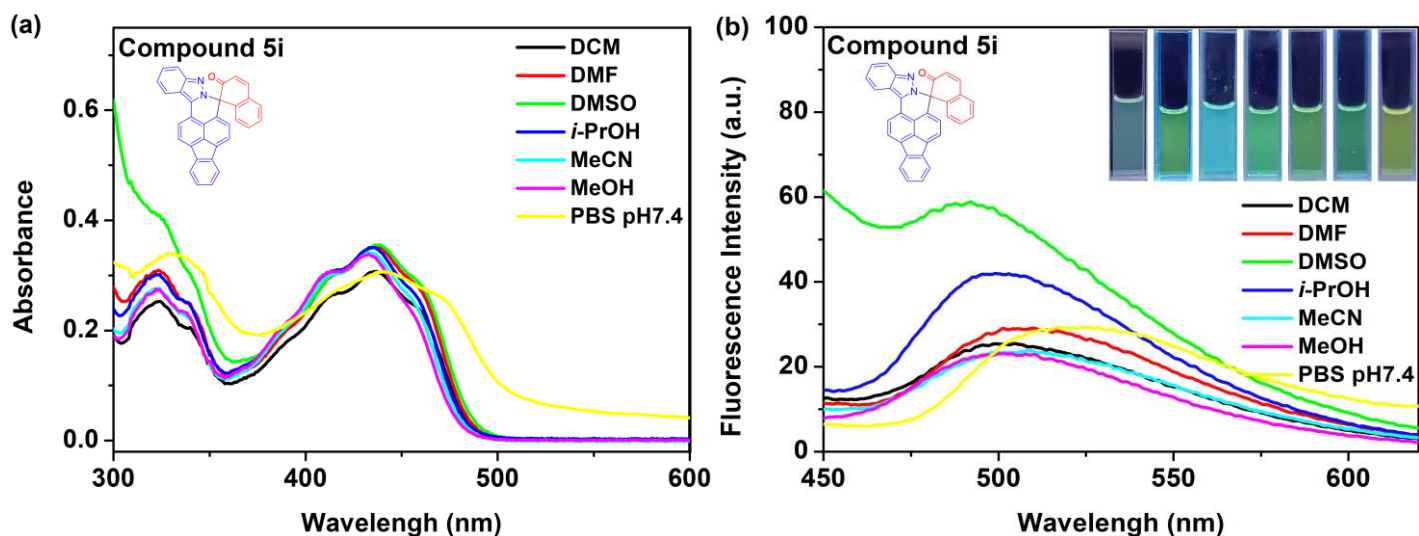


Figure S16. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound **5i** in diverse solvents, insert: photos under 365 nm irradiation.

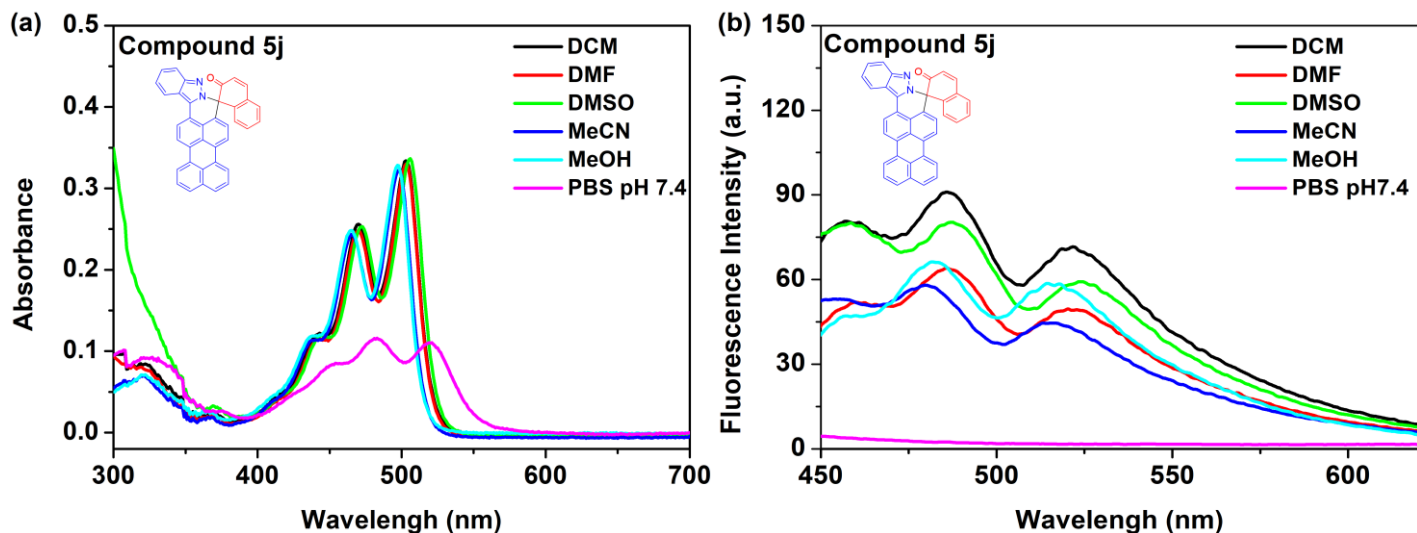


Figure S17. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound 5j in diverse solvents.

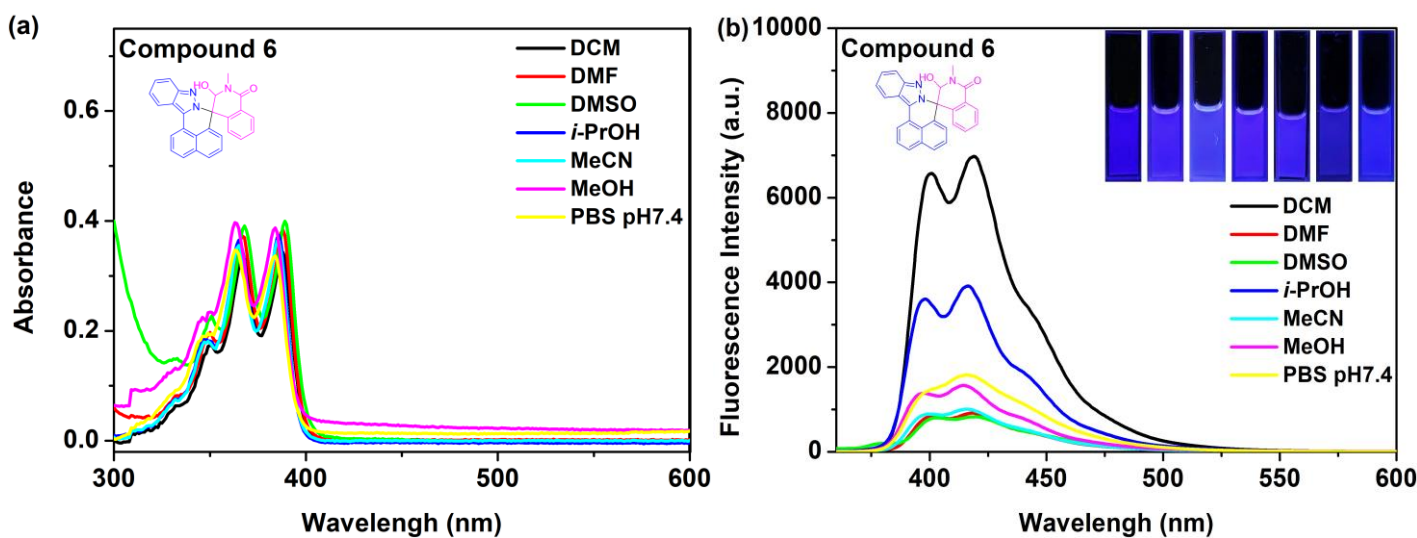


Figure S18. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound 6 in diverse solvents, insert: photos under 365 nm irradiation.

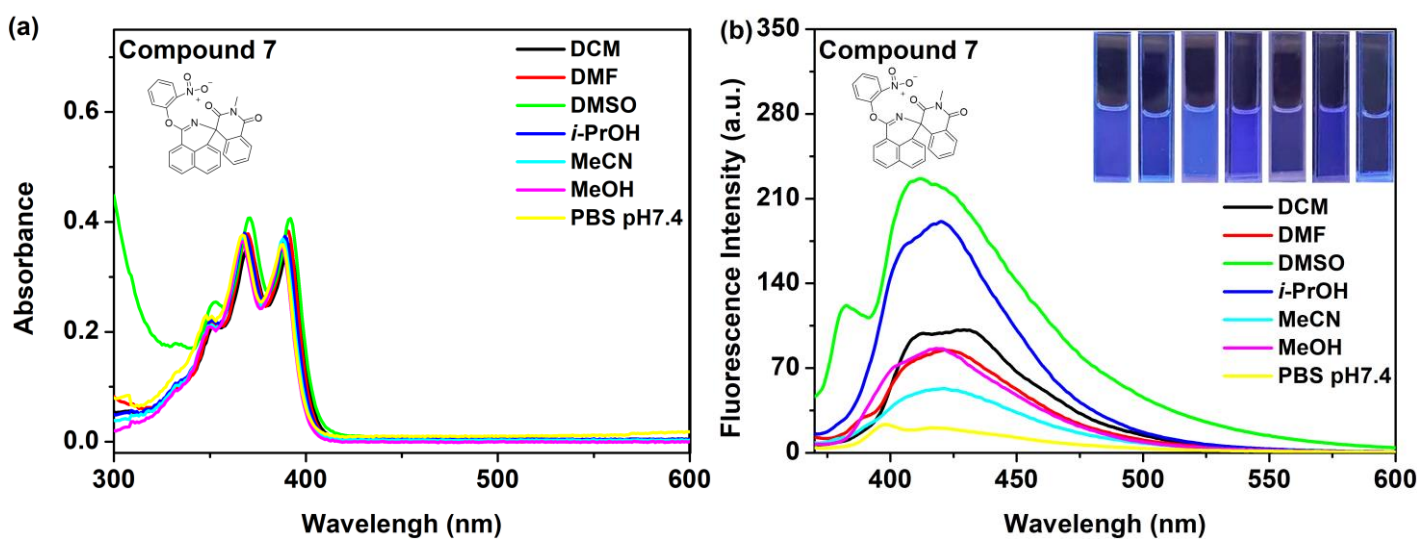


Figure S19. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) of compound 7 in diverse solvents, insert: photos under 365 nm irradiation.

2. Cell imaging results

Hela cells, sourced from Biomedical Engineering Center of Henan Normal University (Henan Xinxiang, China), were cultured in DMEM (Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium) supplemented with 10% FBS (fetal bovine serum) at 37 °C under a 5% CO₂ atmosphere. Four HeLa cells were rinsed with DPBS buffer (pH 7.4) and treated with **3o** (2, 5, 10, 20 μM) for 0.5 h. Before imaging, all cells were washed three times with DPBS, then the fluorescence imaging was carried out on an Olympus FV1200-IX81 confocal fluorescence microscope with 405 nm excitation for emission range of 440-490 nm (green was the pseudo color in the images).

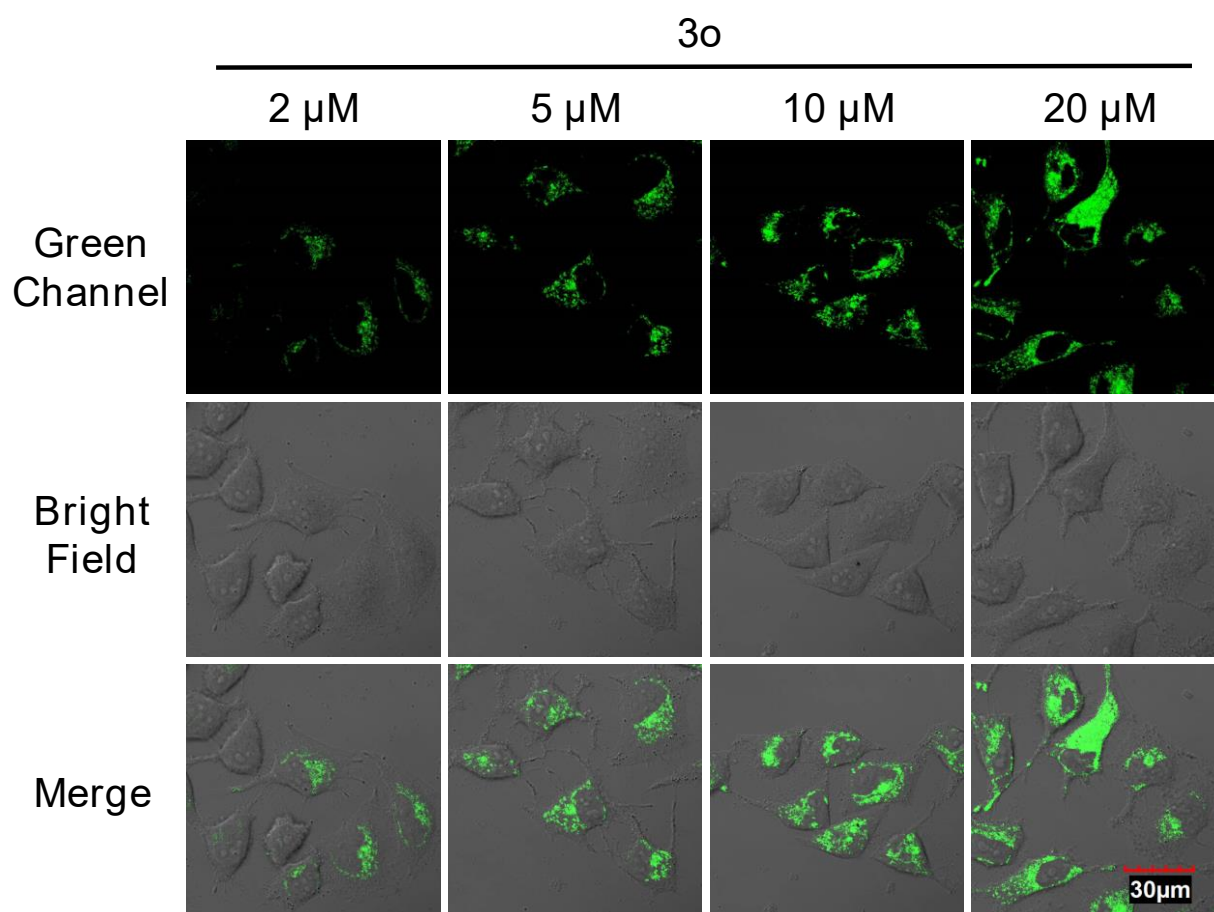


Figure S20. Fluorescence imaging of HeLa cells by 2, 5, 10, and 20 μM **3o** staining. Excitation wavelength of 405 nm for green channel (440-490 nm). Scale bars: 30 μm.

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