

Supporting Information

for

Catalyst-Free Synthesis of α -Carboline Derivatives via Chromone

Skeleton Remodeling

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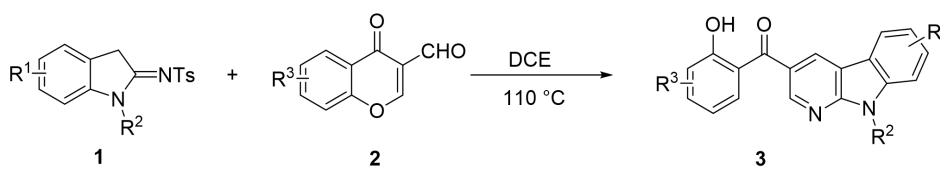
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1. General Information

All isolated compounds were characterized on Bruker 500 MHz and JEOL 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts were reported as δ values relative to internal CHCl₃ (δ 7.26 for ¹H NMR and δ 77.2 for ¹³C NMR). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL 400 MHz spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a ZenoTOF 7600 system (SCIEX, Concord, ON, Canada) with information dependent acquisition (IDA) mode. All melting points were measured with the samples after column chromatography and uncorrected. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel. All solvents and reagents were used as obtained from commercial sources without further purification. The reactants indolin-2-imines and 3-formylchromones were prepared according to the literature procedures^[1].

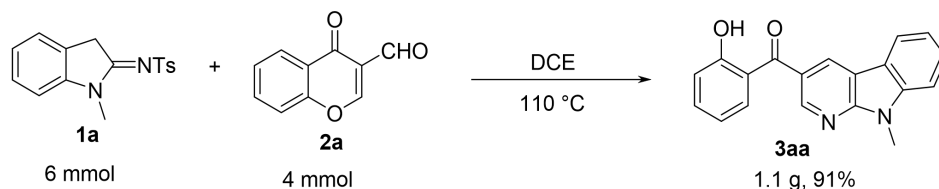
2. Experimental Procedures

2.1 General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3



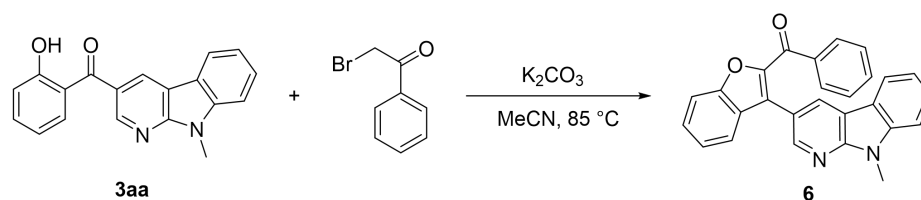
To a 25-mL glass vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar were successively added indolin-2-imines **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 3-formylchromones **2** (0.2 mmol), and DCE (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 2–23 h. After TLC indicated the complete consumption of 3-formylchromones **2**, the resulting mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 40:1 to 30:1) to afford the target product **3**.

2.2 Scale-Up Experiment for the Synthesis of 3aa.



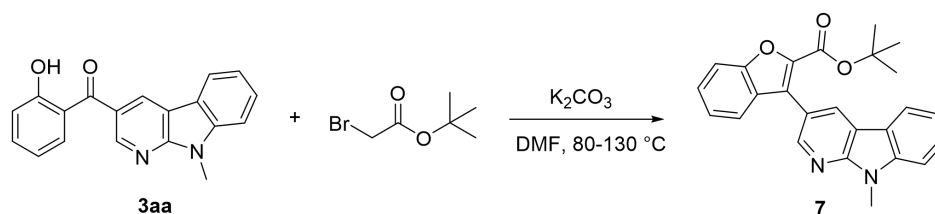
A mixture of **1a** (1.8 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv), **2a** (697 mg, 4.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCE (20 mL) was stirred at 110 °C for 20 h. After TLC indicated the complete consumption of **2a**, the resulting mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 30:1) to afford the target product **3aa** (1.1 g, 91%).

2.3 Procedure for the Synthesis of **6**^[2]



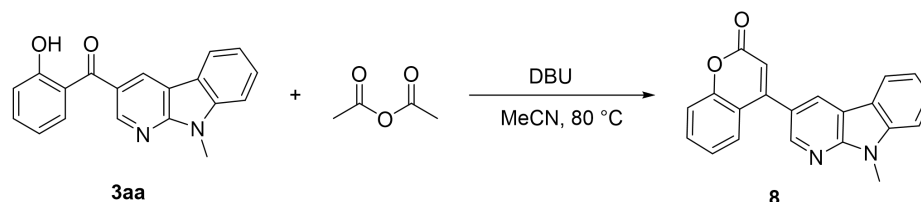
To a 25-mL glass vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar were successively added **3aa** (91 mg, 0.3 mmol), 2-bromoacetophenone (60 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), K_2CO_3 (41 mg, 1.0 equiv), and MeCN (3 mL). After the mixture was stirred at $85\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 6 h, it was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc and washed with water. The EtOAc layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, concentrated, and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 15:1) to afford the target product **6** (114 mg, 94%).

2.4 Procedure for the Synthesis of **7**^[3]



To a 25-mL glass vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar were successively added **3aa** (30 mg, 0.1 mmol), *tert*-butyl 2-bromoacetate (19 μL , 0.13 mmol, 1.3 equiv), K_2CO_3 (28 mg, 2.0 equiv), and DMF (1 mL). After the mixture was stirred at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 0.5 h and then heated up to $130\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 2 h, it was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The combined EtOAc layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 12:1) to afford the target product **7** (33 mg, 83%).

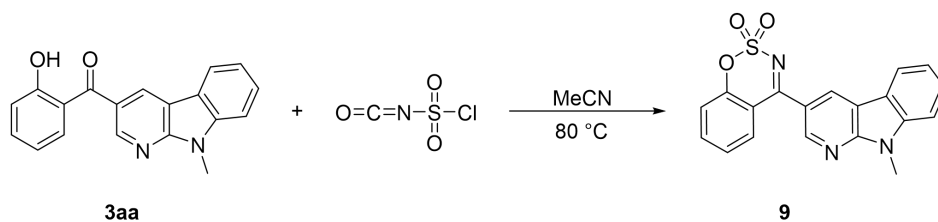
2.4 Procedure for the Synthesis of **8**^[4]



To a 25-mL glass vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar were successively added **3aa** (30 mg, 0.1 mmol), acetic anhydride (18 μL , 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), DBU (45 μL , 3.0 equiv), and MeCN (2 mL). After the mixture was stirred at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 0.5 h, it was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified

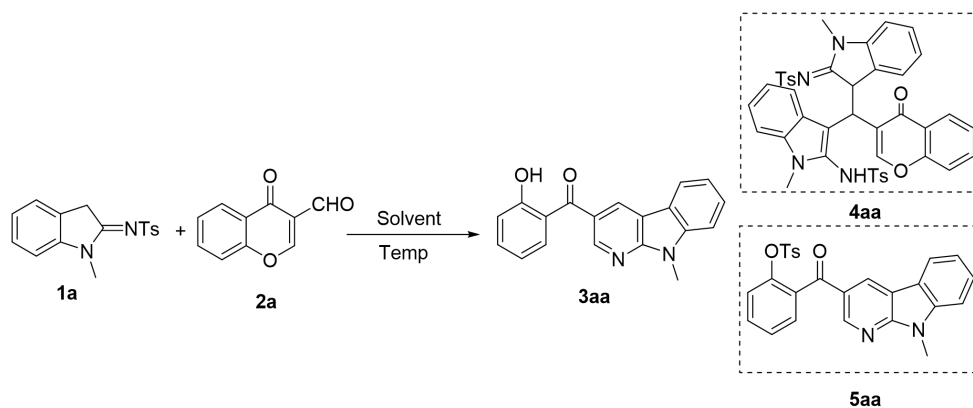
by column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 5:1) to afford the target product **8** (24 mg, 73%).

2.6 Procedure for the Synthesis of **9**^[5]



To a 25-mL glass vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar were successively added **3aa** (30 mg, 0.1 mmol), chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (35 μ L, 0.4 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and anhydrous MeCN (1 mL). After the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 0.5 h under nitrogen atmosphere, it was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The combined EtOAc layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 4:1) to afford the target product **9** (22 mg, 61%).

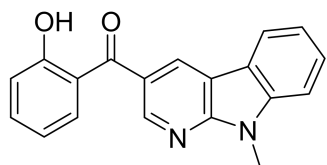
3. Table S1 Optimization of the Reaction Conditions ^a



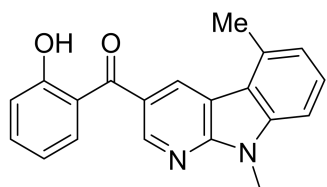
Entry	Base	Additive	Temp (°C)	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^b		
						3aa	4aa	5aa
1 ^d	NaHCO ₃	ZnCl ₂	60	DCM	19	10 ^c	10 ^c	ND
2 ^e	-	ZnCl ₂	25 to 60	DCM	35	34 ^c	2 ^c	30 ^c
3 ^f	Py	-	85 to 110	DCE	9	67 ^c	ND	ND
4	-	-	110	DCE	17	93 ^c	ND	ND
5	-	-	110	MeCN	2	87	ND	ND
6	-	-	110	Acetone	2	80	ND	ND
7	-	-	110	THF	10	88	ND	ND
8	-	-	110	CHCl ₃	23	89	ND	ND
9	-	-	110	EtOAc	10	68	ND	ND
10	-	-	110	Dioxane	23	69	ND	ND
11	-	-	110	EtOH	2	92 ^c	ND	ND
12	-	-	110	DMF	1	94 ^c	ND	ND
13 ^g	-	-	110	DCE	48	90	ND	ND
14 ^h	-	-	110	DCE	48	83	ND	ND
15	-	-	85	DCE	48	28	ND	ND
16 ⁱ	-	-	110	DCE	29	95 ^c	ND	ND
17^j	-	-	110	DCE	13	97^c	ND	ND

^aUnless otherwise noted, the reaction was conducted with **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), **2a** (0.2 mmol), solvent (2 mL) in air. ^bYield was determined by ¹H-NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard. ^cIsolated yield. ^dNaHCO₃ (1.0 equiv), ZnCl₂ (0.1 equiv). ^eZnCl₂ (0.5 equiv). ^fPy (2.0 equiv). ^g**1a** (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv), **2a** (0.2 mmol) was applied instead. ^h**1a** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), **2a** (0.2 mmol) was applied instead. ⁱSolvent (3 mL) was applied instead. ^jSolvent (1 mL) was applied instead.

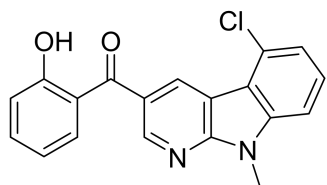
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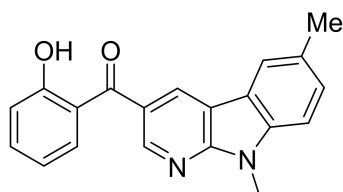
(2-Hydroxyphenyl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3aa** (13 h, 58 mg, Yield = 97%, R_f = 0.56 (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.98 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5, 163.0, 153.1, 148.3, 141.0, 136.2, 133.4, 129.6, 127.8, 125.3, 121.5, 121.1, 120.4, 119.7, 118.9, 118.5, 115.5, 109.7, 28.0; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 303.1128 found 303.1128.



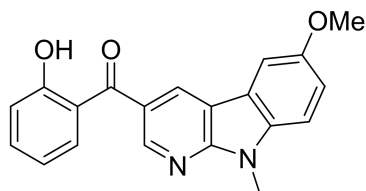
(5,9-Dimethyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)(2-hydroxyphenyl)methanone. Compound **3ab** (18 h, 44 mg, Yield = 70%, R_f = 0.49 (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 188–189 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.00 (s, 1H), 8.87 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.91 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.85 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.7, 163.1, 153.1, 147.8, 141.1, 136.2, 134.7, 133.5, 131.4, 127.7, 125.4, 122.7, 119.8, 119.2, 118.9, 118.6, 116.3, 107.3, 28.1, 20.6; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 317.1285, found 317.1285.



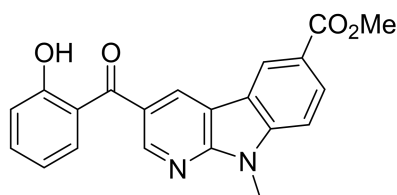
(5-Chloro-9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)(2-hydroxyphenyl)methanone. Compound **3ac** (23 h, 50 mg, Yield = 75%, R_f = 0.38 (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 181–182 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.00 (s, 1H), 9.10 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5, 163.2, 152.9, 148.6, 142.0, 136.4, 133.4, 132.2, 129.9, 128.1, 125.9, 121.7, 119.7, 119.0, 118.7, 118.2, 114.6, 108.2, 28.3; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 337.0738, found 337.0738.



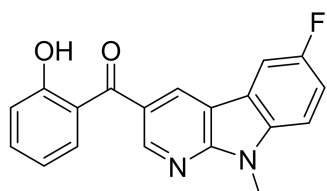
(6,9-Dimethyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)(2-hydroxyphenyl)methanone. Compound **3ad** (13 h, 59 mg, Yield = 94%, $R_f = 0.47$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.99 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.71 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.6, 163.1, 153.3, 148.2, 139.3, 136.2, 133.5, 130.7, 129.6, 129.2, 125.2, 121.5, 120.6, 119.8, 118.9, 118.6, 115.5, 109.5, 28.1, 21.6; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 317.1285, found 317.1284.



(2-Hydroxyphenyl)(6-methoxy-9-methyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3ae** (12.5 h, 55 mg, Yield = 83%, $R_f = 0.31$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.97 (s, 1H), 8.87 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.92 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5, 163.0, 155.1, 153.4, 148.4, 136.2, 135.8, 133.5, 129.8, 125.0, 120.9, 119.8, 118.9, 118.6, 116.9, 115.5, 110.6, 104.4, 56.2, 28.2; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 333.1234, found 333.1235.

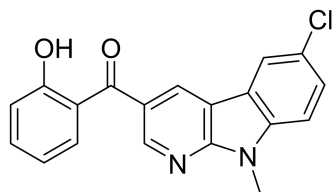


Methyl 3-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-9-methyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole-6-carboxylate. Compound **3af** (5 h, 67 mg, Yield = 93%, $R_f = 0.58$ (PE/EA = 1:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 178–179 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.92 (s, 1H), 8.90 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dd, $J = 8.7, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.90 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 167.3, 163.1, 153.8, 148.8, 143.7, 136.4, 133.3, 130.1, 129.2, 126.3, 123.8, 123.0, 120.2, 119.6, 119.0, 118.7, 115.5, 109.4, 52.3, 28.3; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 361.1183, found 361.1182.

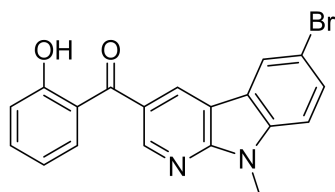


(6-Fluoro-9-methyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)(2-hydroxyphenyl)methanone. Compound **3ag** (9 h, 61 mg, Yield = 95%, $R_f = 0.44$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 170–171 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.94 (s, 1H), 8.90 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 8.9, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, $J = 9.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.4, 163.1, 158.4 (d, $J = 237.3$ Hz), 153.6, 148.9, 137.4, 136.4, 133.4, 130.2, 125.4, 121.0

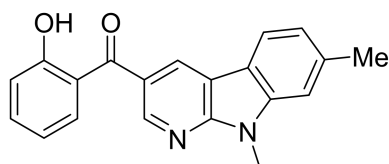
(d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 119.7, 119.0, 118.7, 115.7 (d, $J = 25.1$ Hz), 115.2 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 110.6 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 107.6 (d, $J = 24.1$ Hz), 28.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -121.4 (m, 1F); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 321.1034, found 321.1036.



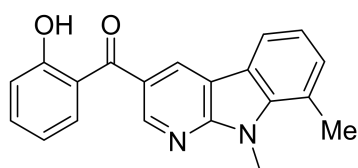
(6-Chloro-9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)(2-hydroxyphenyl)methanone. Compound **3ah** (11 h, 56 mg, Yield = 84%, $R_f = 0.49$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 140–142 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.93 (s, 1H), 8.90 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.91 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 163.1, 153.4, 148.9, 139.4, 136.4, 133.3, 130.2, 128.0, 126.8, 125.8, 121.5, 121.4, 119.6, 119.0, 118.7, 114.7, 110.8, 28.2; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 337.0738, found 337.0738.



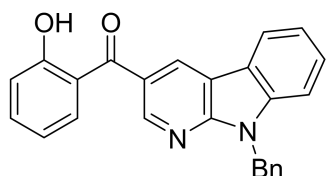
(6-Bromo-9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)(2-hydroxyphenyl)methanone. Compound **3ai** (8.5 h, 66 mg, Yield = 87%, $R_f = 0.38$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 176–177 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.96 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 163.1, 153.2, 149.0, 139.7, 136.4, 133.3, 130.6, 130.1, 125.9, 124.4, 122.1, 119.6, 119.0, 118.7, 114.5, 114.0, 111.3, 28.2; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 381.0233, found 381.0230.



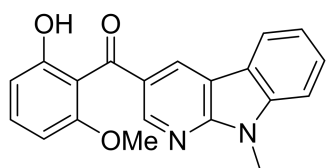
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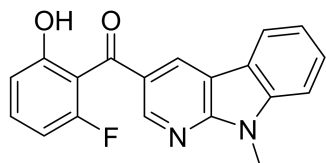
(8,9-Dimethyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)(2-hydroxyphenyl)methanone. Compound **3ak** (7 h, 51 mg, Yield = 81%, $R_f = 0.57$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.98 (s, 1H), 8.88 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.91 (m, 1H), 4.30 (s, 3H), 2.90 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.6, 163.1, 153.6, 148.2, 139.7, 136.2, 133.5, 130.8, 129.4, 125.4, 121.8, 121.2, 119.8, 119.4, 118.9, 118.6, 115.6, 31.2, 20.0, (1C is merged with other peaks); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 317.1285, found 317.1286.



(9-Benzyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)(2-hydroxyphenyl)methanone. Compound **3al** (13.5 h, 73 mg, Yield = 96%, $R_f = 0.76$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 143–144 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.00 (s, 1H), 8.92 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.97–6.93 (m, 1H), 5.76 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.6, 163.1, 153.2, 148.5, 140.4, 136.7, 136.3, 133.5, 129.9, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 125.9, 121.7, 121.3, 120.8, 119.7, 119.0, 118.6, 115.6, 110.6, 45.5; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 379.1441, found 379.1438.

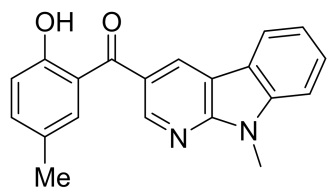


(2-Hydroxy-6-methoxyphenyl)(9-methyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3ba** (6 h, 24mg, Yield = 36%, $R_f = 0.39$ (PE/EA = 2:1)) was isolated as a white solid; mp 252–253 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.51 (s, 1H), 8.80 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.6, 161.7, 159.8, 153.3, 149.0, 141.0, 135.5, 129.2, 128.0, 127.5, 121.4, 121.1, 120.9, 115.3, 112.2, 110.7, 109.7, 102.5, 55.6, 28.1; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 333.1234, found 333.1239.

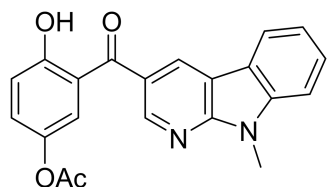


(2-Fluoro-6-hydroxyphenyl)(9-methyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3ca** (9 h, 30 mg, Yield = 45%, $R_f = 0.28$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.88 (dd, $J = 4.1, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.70 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.71–6.65 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.7, 162.1 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 161.4 (d, $J = 252.9$ Hz),

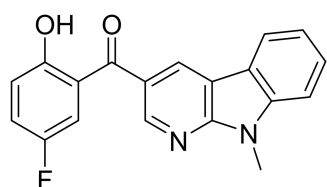
153.6, 148.7 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 141.1, 135.8 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz), 129.3 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 127.8, 127.0 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 121.6, 121.3, 120.7, 115.6, 114.2 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 111.1 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz), 109.8, 107.0 (d, $J = 23.1$ Hz), 28.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -101.3 (m, 1F); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 321.1034, found 321.1040.



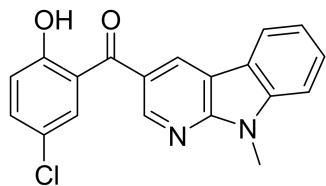
(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3da** (12 h, 55 mg, Yield = 87%, $R_f = 0.55$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.88 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.72 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.6, 161.0, 153.2, 148.3, 141.1, 137.3, 133.1, 129.7, 128.1, 127.9, 125.7, 121.6, 121.2, 120.6, 119.5, 118.4, 115.8, 109.8, 28.1, 20.7; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 317.1285, found 317.1287.



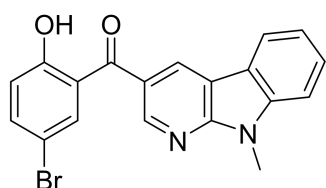
4-Hydroxy-3-(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole-3-carbonyl)phenyl acetate. Compound **3ea** (9 h, 43 mg, Yield = 60%, $R_f = 0.43$ (PE/EA = 2:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 140–141 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.25 (s, 1H), 8.88 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.8, 168.7, 164.7, 156.6, 153.3, 148.2, 141.1, 134.7, 129.6, 127.9, 125.4, 121.7, 121.2, 120.5, 117.7, 115.7, 112.9, 111.5, 109.8, 28.1, 21.4; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 361.1183, found 361.1181.



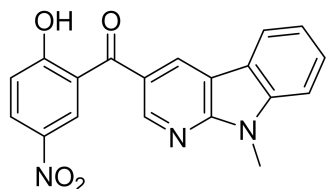
(5-Fluoro-2-hydroxyphenyl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3fa** (14 h, 62 mg, Yield = 97%, $R_f = 0.58$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.66 (s, 1H), 8.87 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 9.1, 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 159.1 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 154.8 (d, $J = 237.4$ Hz), 153.3, 148.2, 141.1, 129.5, 128.0, 124.9, 123.8, 123.6, 121.7 (d, $J = 23.4$ Hz), 120.4, 119.9 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 119.3 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 118.2 (d, $J = 23.6$ Hz), 115.7, 109.8, 28.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -123.6 (m, 1F); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 321.1034, found 321.1036.



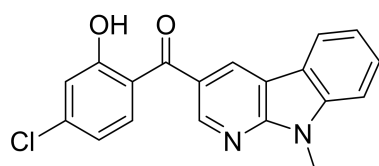
(5-Chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3ga** (7 h, 57 mg, Yield = 85%, $R_f = 0.47$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 183–184 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.83 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 8.9$, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5, 161.5, 153.4, 148.3, 141.2, 136.0, 132.2, 129.6, 128.0, 124.8, 123.7, 121.7, 121.3, 120.4, 120.2, 115.9, 109.8, 28.1, (1C is merged with other peaks); ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 337.0738, found 337.0743.



(5-Bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3ha** (9 h, 72 mg, Yield = 95%, $R_f = 0.58$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 182–183 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.85 (s, 1H), 8.86 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.4, 161.9, 153.4, 148.3, 141.2, 138.8, 135.2, 129.6, 128.0, 124.8, 121.7, 121.3, 121.1, 120.6, 120.4, 115.9, 110.6, 109.8, 28.1; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 381.0233, found 381.0235.

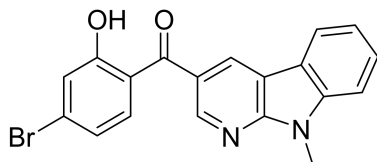


(2-Hydroxy-5-nitrophenyl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3ia** (2 h, 48 mg, Yield = 70%, $R_f = 0.21$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 212–213 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.65 (s, 1H), 8.90 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd, $J = 9.3$, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.4, 167.9, 153.7, 148.4, 141.3, 139.7, 130.8, 129.6, 129.4, 128.3, 124.1, 121.8, 121.6, 120.4, 119.7, 118.7, 116.1, 110.0, 28.2; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 348.0979, found 348.0982.

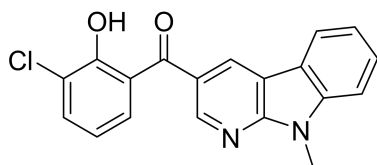


(4-Chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3ja** (2 h, 61 mg, Yield = 91%, $R_f = 0.50$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 185–186 °C. ^1H NMR

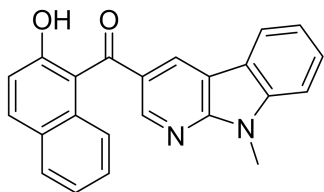
(500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.15 (s, 1H), 8.85 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.8, 163.8, 153.3, 148.2, 142.1, 141.1, 134.3, 129.6, 128.0, 125.1, 121.6, 121.3, 120.4, 119.6, 118.7, 118.3, 115.7, 109.8, 28.1; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄ClN₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 337.0738, found 337.0738.



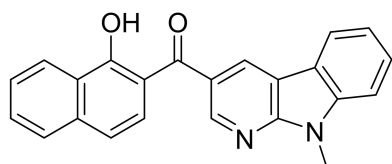
(4-Bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3ka** (4 h, 70 mg, Yield = 92%, R_f = 0.53 (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 193–194 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.10 (s, 1H), 8.87 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.0, 163.6, 153.4, 148.2, 141.2, 134.3, 130.8, 129.7, 128.1, 125.2, 122.5, 121.9, 121.7, 121.4, 120.5, 118.7, 115.8, 109.9, 28.2; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄BrN₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 381.0233, found 381.0234.



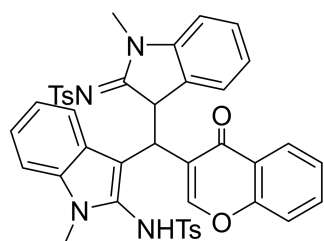
(3-Chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3la** (2 h, 60 mg, Yield = 90%, R_f = 0.53 (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 147–148 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.47 (s, 1H), 8.87 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.60 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.2, 158.6, 153.4, 148.5, 141.2, 136.1, 131.9, 129.8, 128.0, 125.0, 123.2, 121.7, 121.4, 120.8, 120.5, 119.0, 115.8, 109.9, 28.1; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄ClN₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 337.0738, found 337.0736.



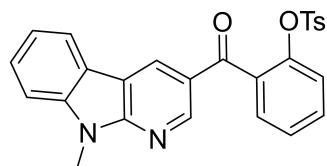
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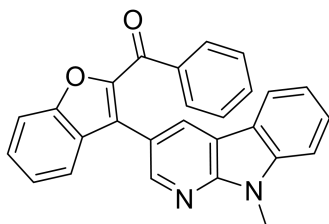
(3-Hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)methanone. Compound **3na** (9 h, 66 mg, Yield = 94%, $R_f = 0.56$ (PE/EA = 3:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid; mp 187–188 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.94 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.4, 163.8, 153.1, 148.2, 141.1, 137.3, 130.4, 129.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 126.1, 125.7, 125.4, 124.6, 121.6, 121.1, 120.5, 118.2, 115.6, 113.1, 109.7, 28.1; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 353.1285, found 353.1285.



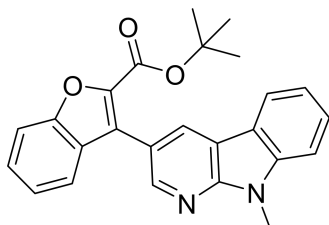
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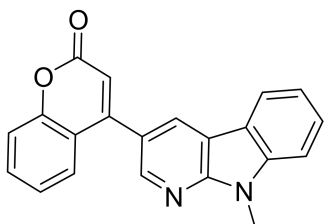
2-(9-Methyl-9*H*-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indole-3-carbonyl)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate. Compound **5aa** (35 h, 41 mg, Yield = 30%, $R_f = 0.38$ (PE/EA = 2:1)) was isolated as a brown solid; mp 142–143 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.65 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.39 (m, 4H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.7, 153.3, 149.7, 146.7, 145.5, 141.1, 133.2, 132.3, 132.0, 130.5, 129.8, 129.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.1, 124.8, 124.1, 121.6, 121.4, 120.7, 115.7, 109.8, 28.2, 21.5; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 457.1217, found 457.1217.



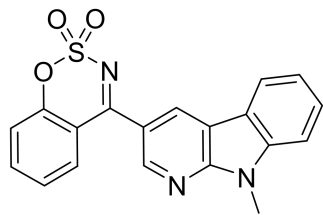
(3-(9-Methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)benzofuran-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone. Compound **6** (6 h, 114 mg, Yield = 94%, R_f = 0.46 (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.69 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98–7.94 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 1H) 3.99 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.7, 154.8, 151.5, 147.6, 147.1, 140.8, 137.4, 132.8, 130.0, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 124.3, 122.3, 121.4, 120.4, 120.3, 118.2, 115.7, 112.7, 109.3, 27.9; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 403.1441, found 403.1441.



Tert-butyl 3-(9-methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)benzofuran-2-carboxylate. Compound **7** (2.5 h, 33 mg, Yield = 83%, R_f = 0.34 (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.70 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 2H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.3, 154.6, 151.5, 147.3, 141.8, 140.8, 129.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.1, 125.9, 123.9, 121.9, 121.2, 120.4, 120.3, 118.5, 115.4, 112.5, 109.4, 82.9, 28.3, 28.0; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 399.1703, found 399.1703.



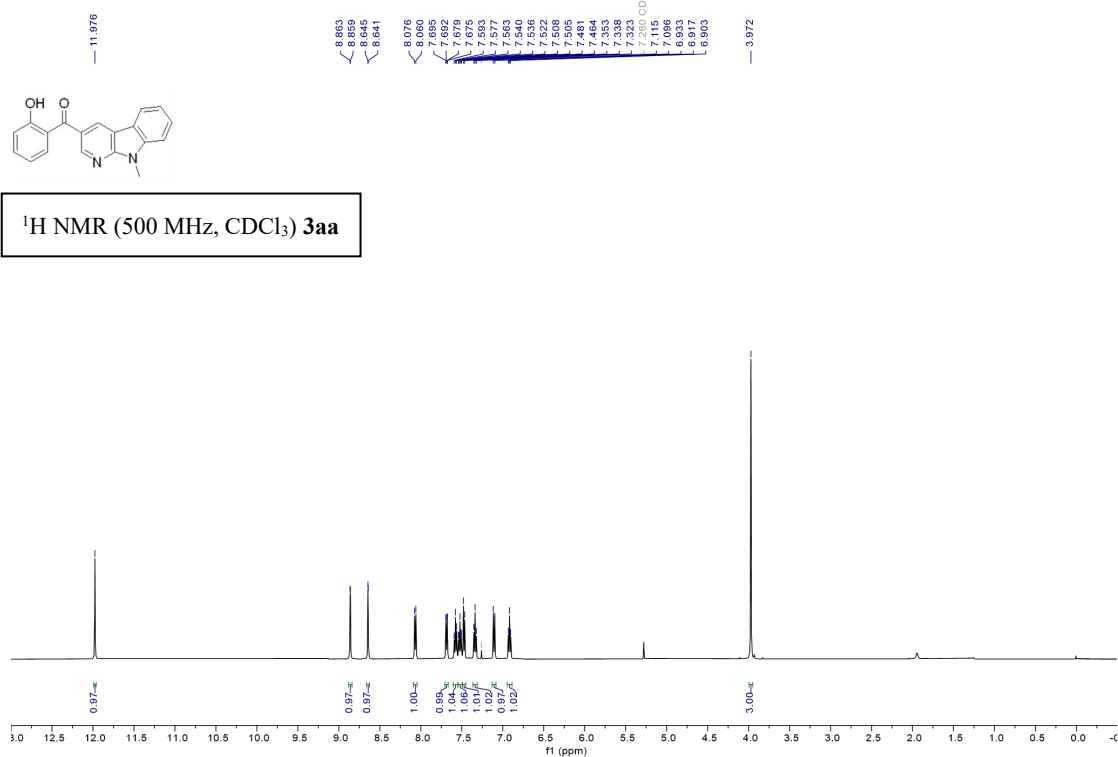
4-(9-Methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-*b*]indol-3-yl)-2H-chromen-2-one. Compound **8** (0.5 h, 24 mg, Yield = 73%, R_f = 0.18 (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a white oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.62 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.57 (m, 3H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.7, 154.4, 153.8, 152.3, 145.5, 141.1, 132.2, 128.2, 127.8, 127.0, 124.5, 122.5, 121.5, 120.8, 120.1, 119.4, 117.7, 115.9, 115.8, 109.7, 28.1; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 327.1128, found 327.1127.



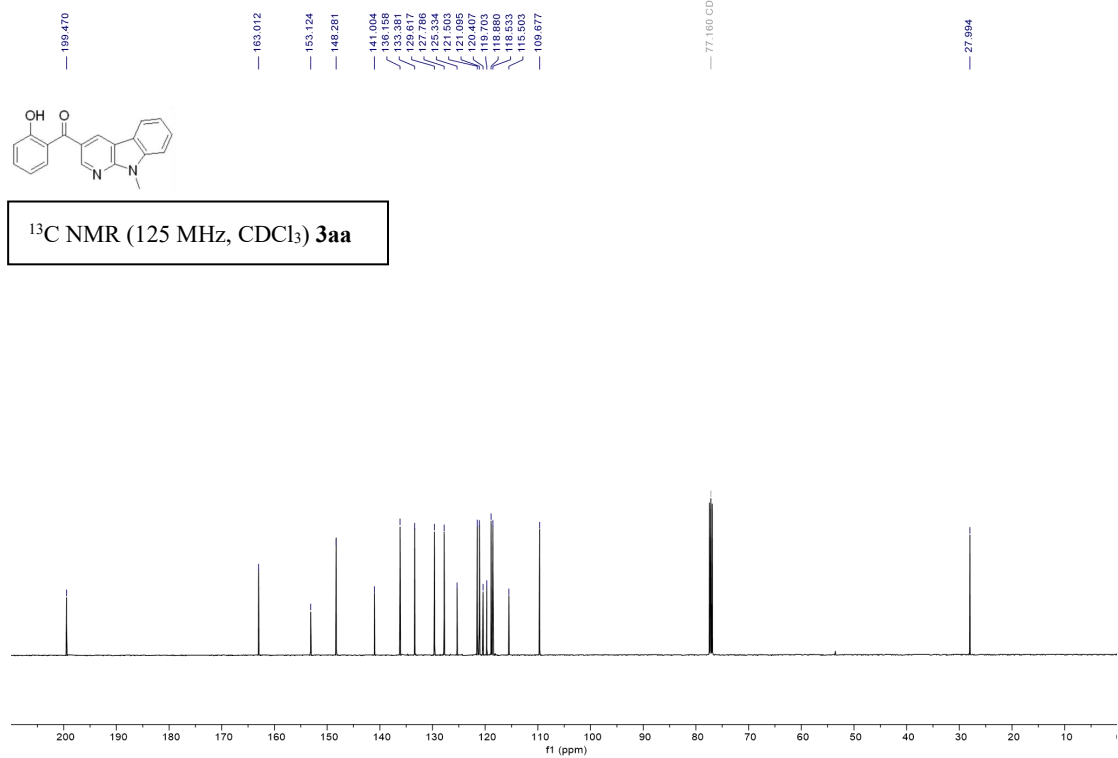
4-(9-Methyl-9H-pyrido[2,3-b]indol-3-yl)benzo[e][1,2,3]oxathiazine 2,2-dioxide. Compound **9** (0.5 h, 22 mg, Yield = 61%, $R_f = 0.34$ (PE/EA = 5:1)) was isolated as a yellow solid, mp 224–225 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.83 (dd, $J = 19.8, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.36 (m, 3H), 4.03 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.1, 154.8, 153.8, 149.1, 141.2, 136.9, 131.9, 130.5, 128.3, 125.9, 121.8, 121.7, 121.2, 120.3, 119.8, 117.0, 116.3, 110.0, 28.2; ESI-HRMS m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 364.0750, found 364.0750.

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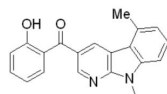
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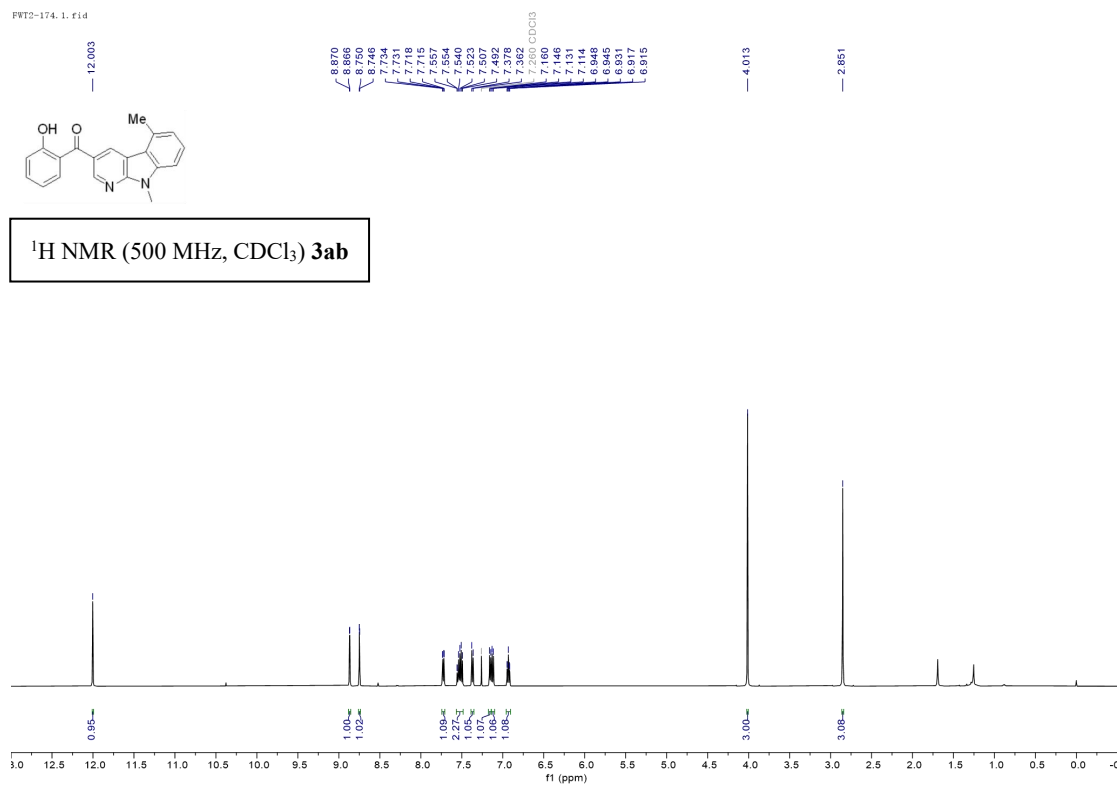
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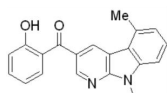
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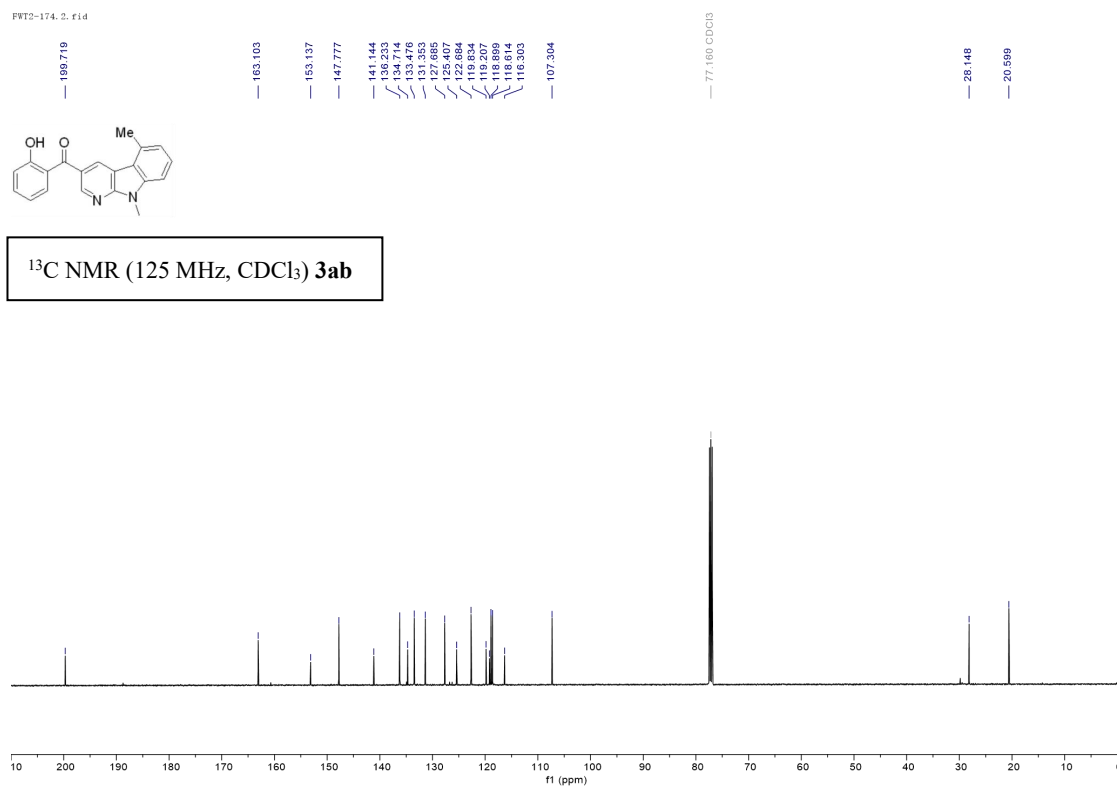
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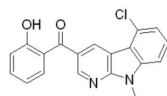
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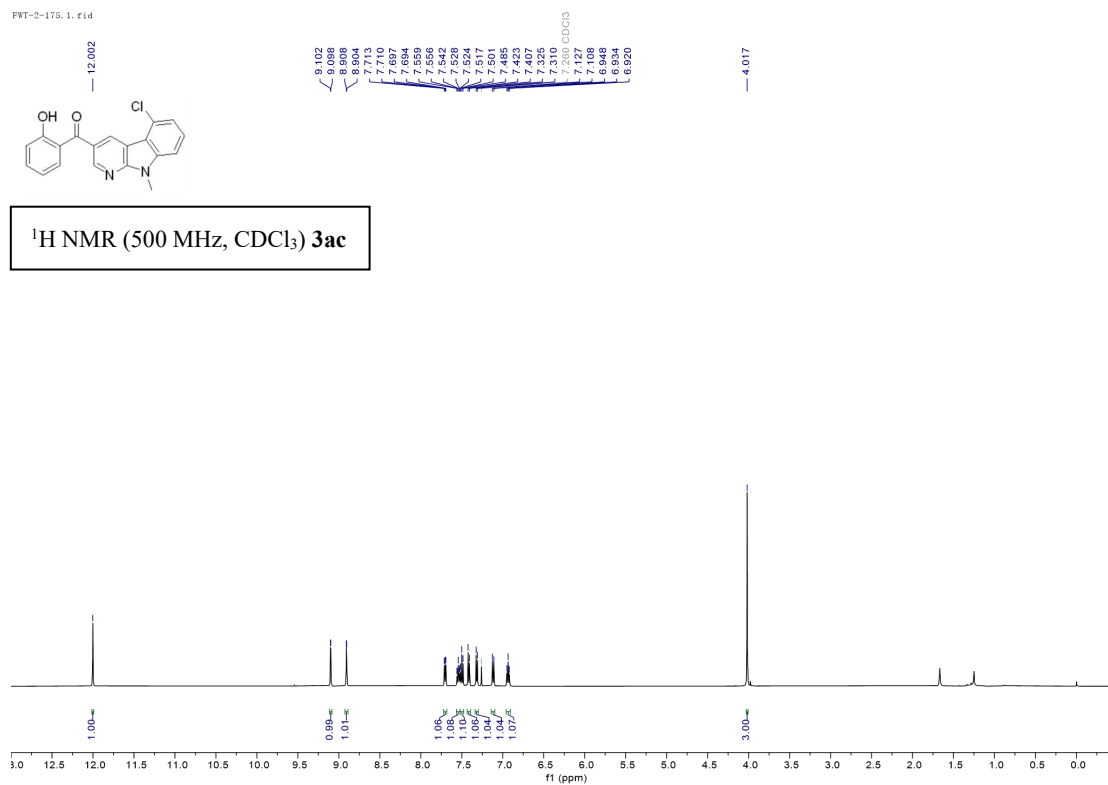
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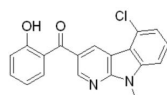
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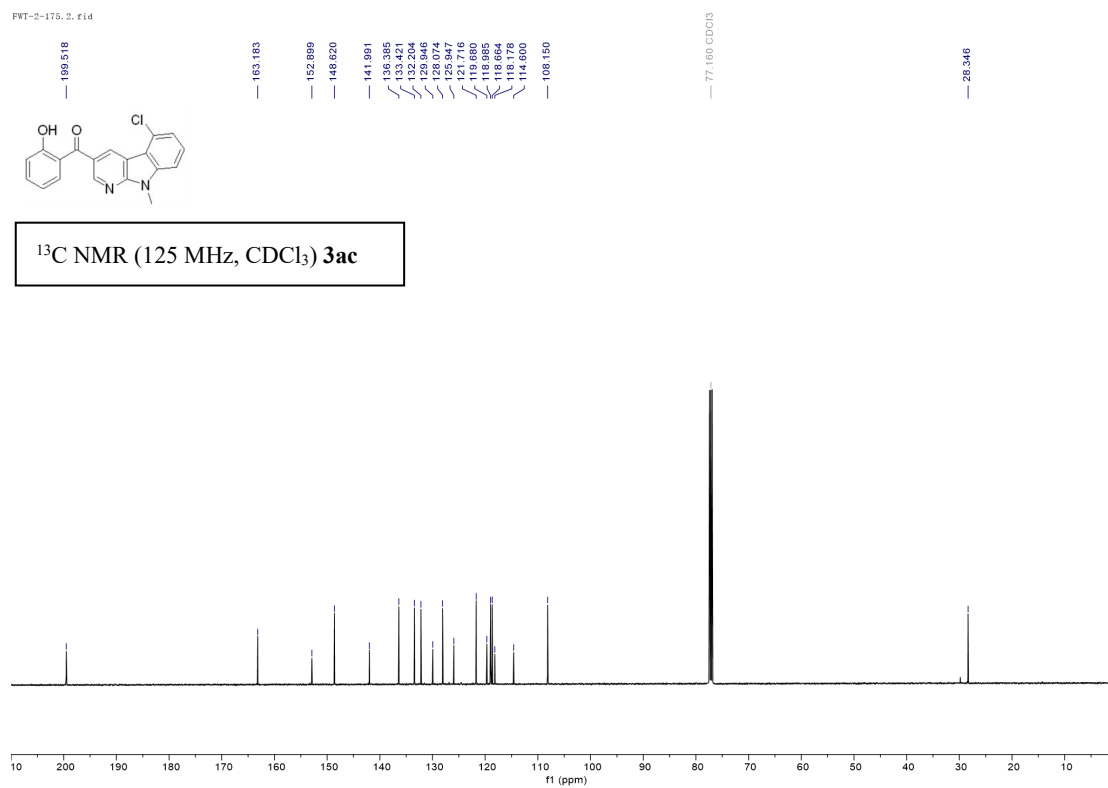
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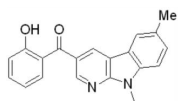
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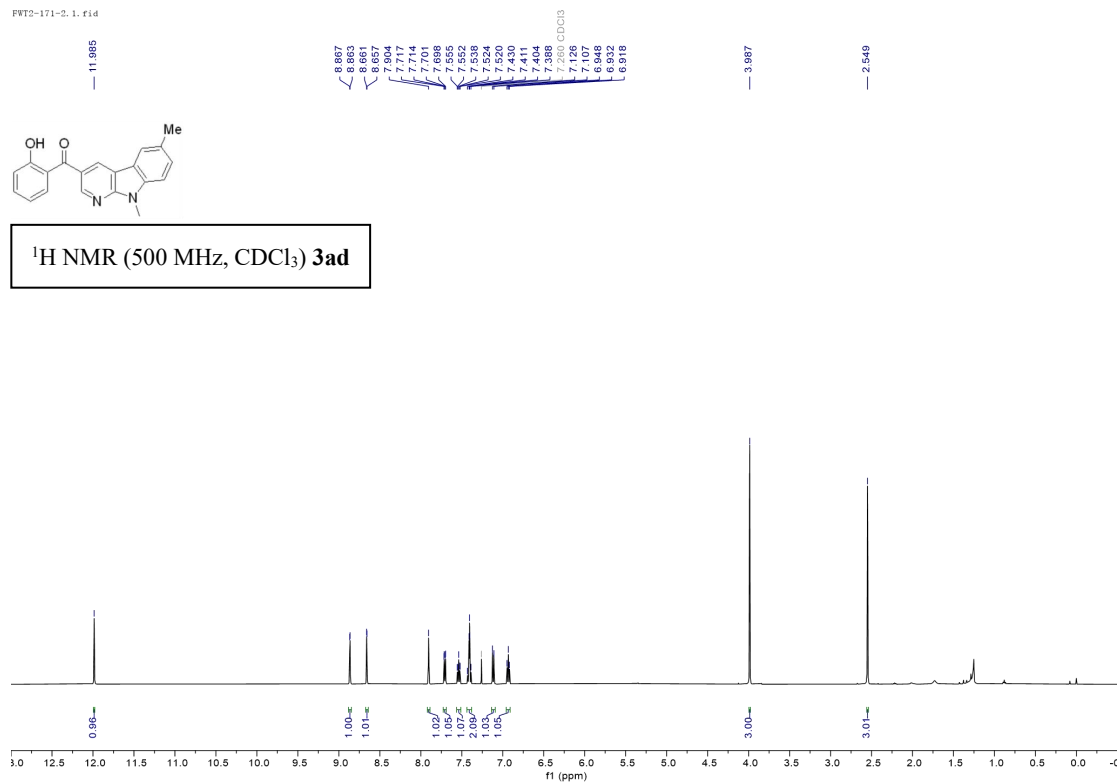
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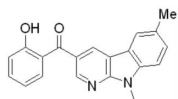
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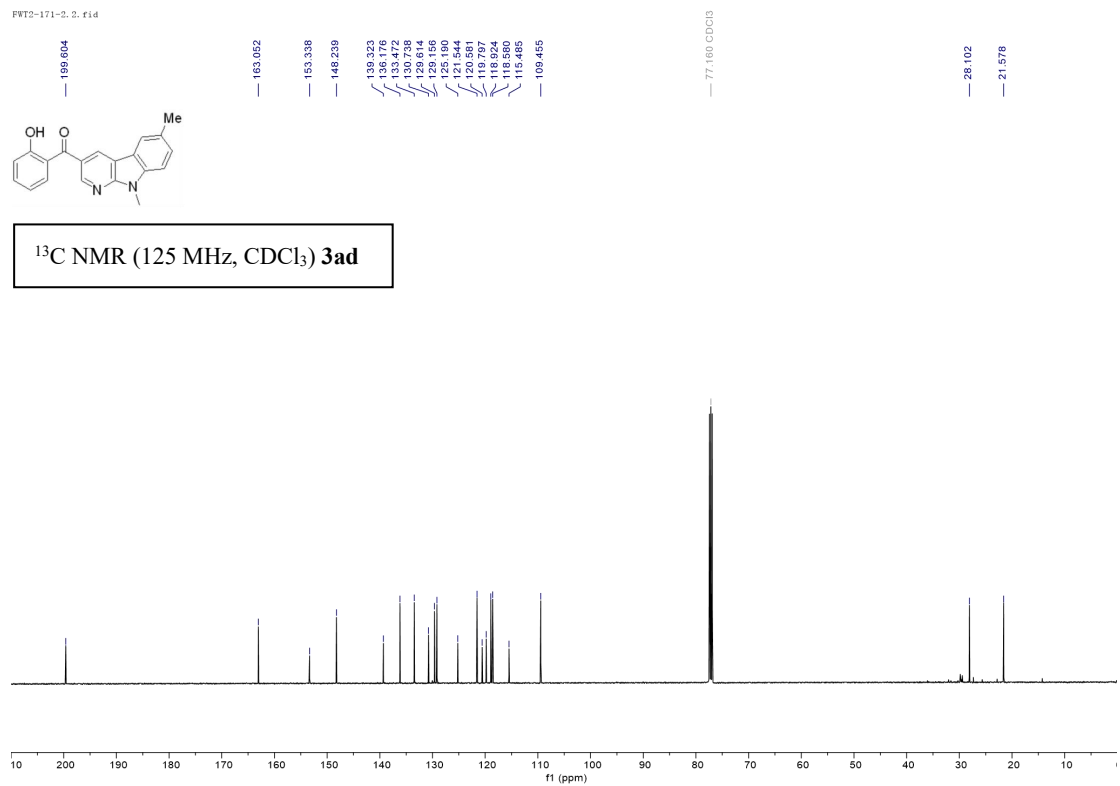
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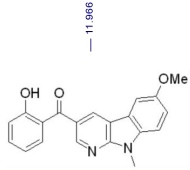
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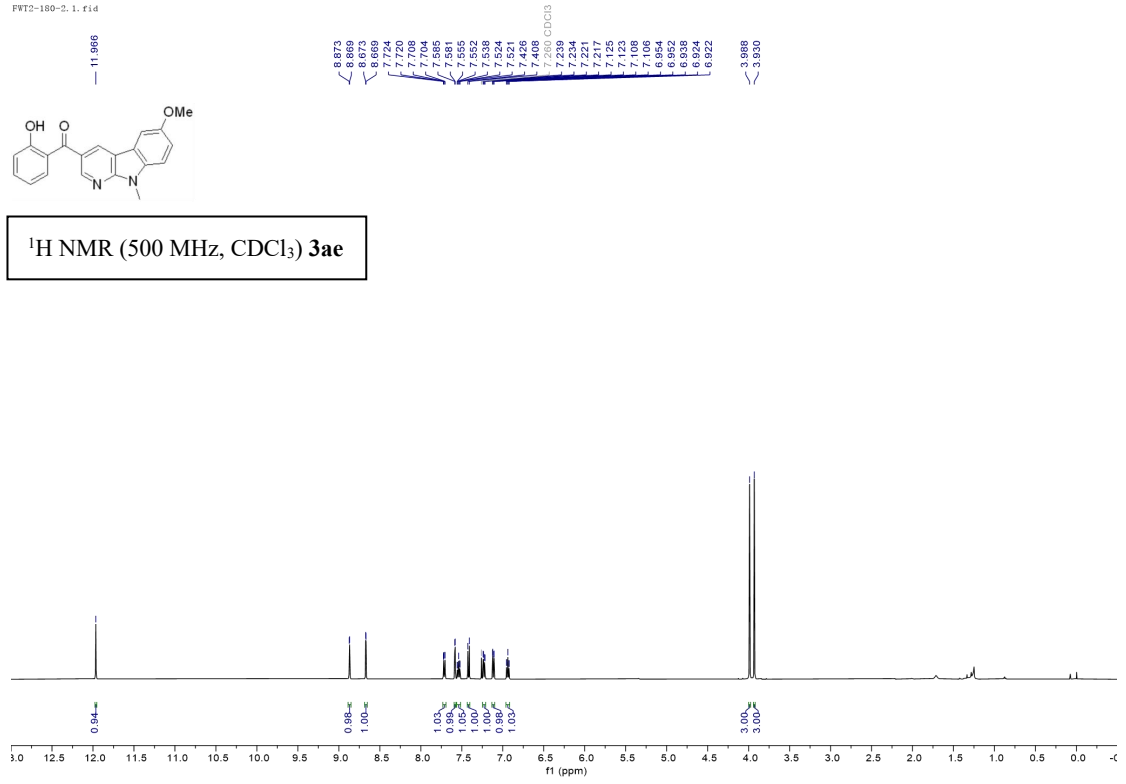
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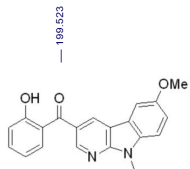
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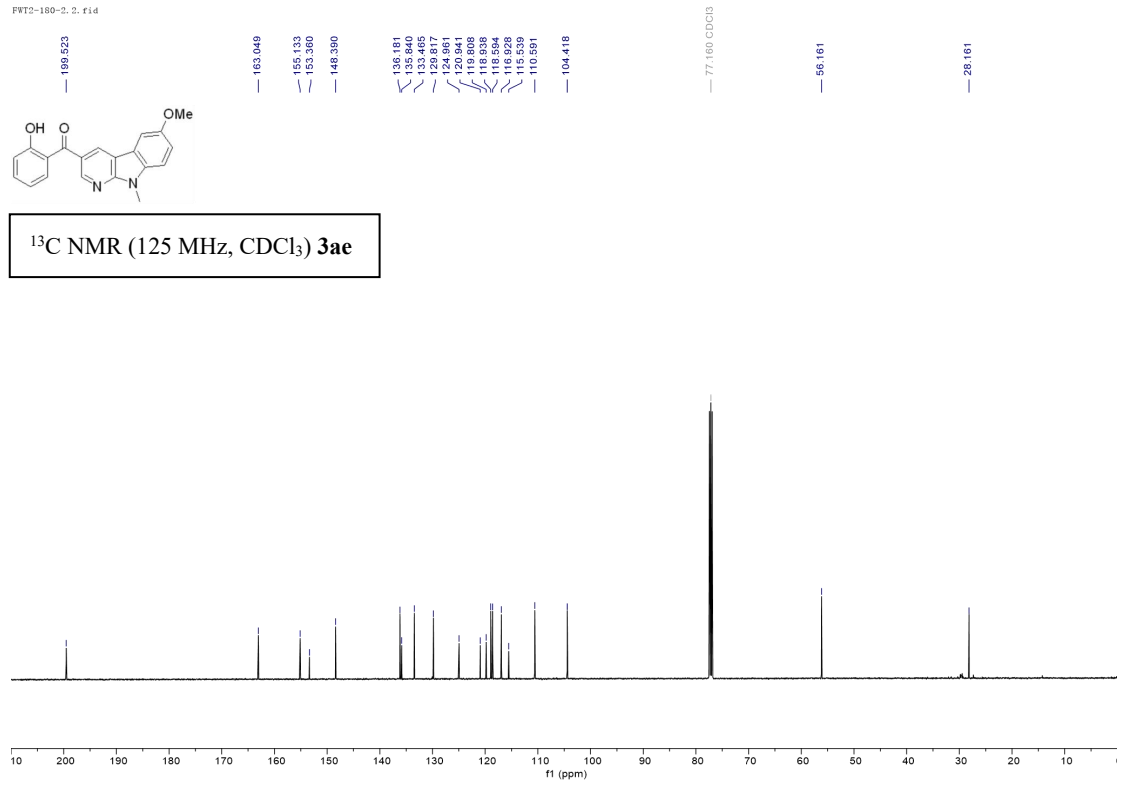
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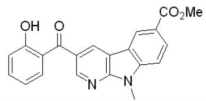
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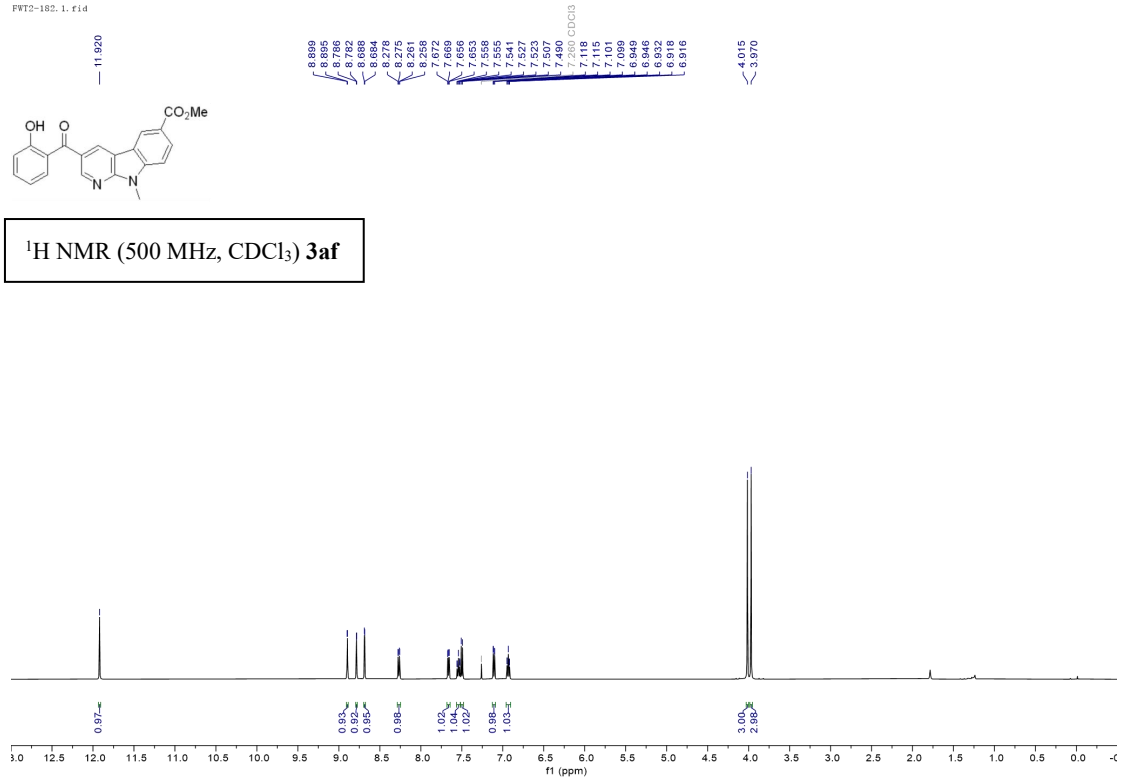
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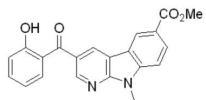
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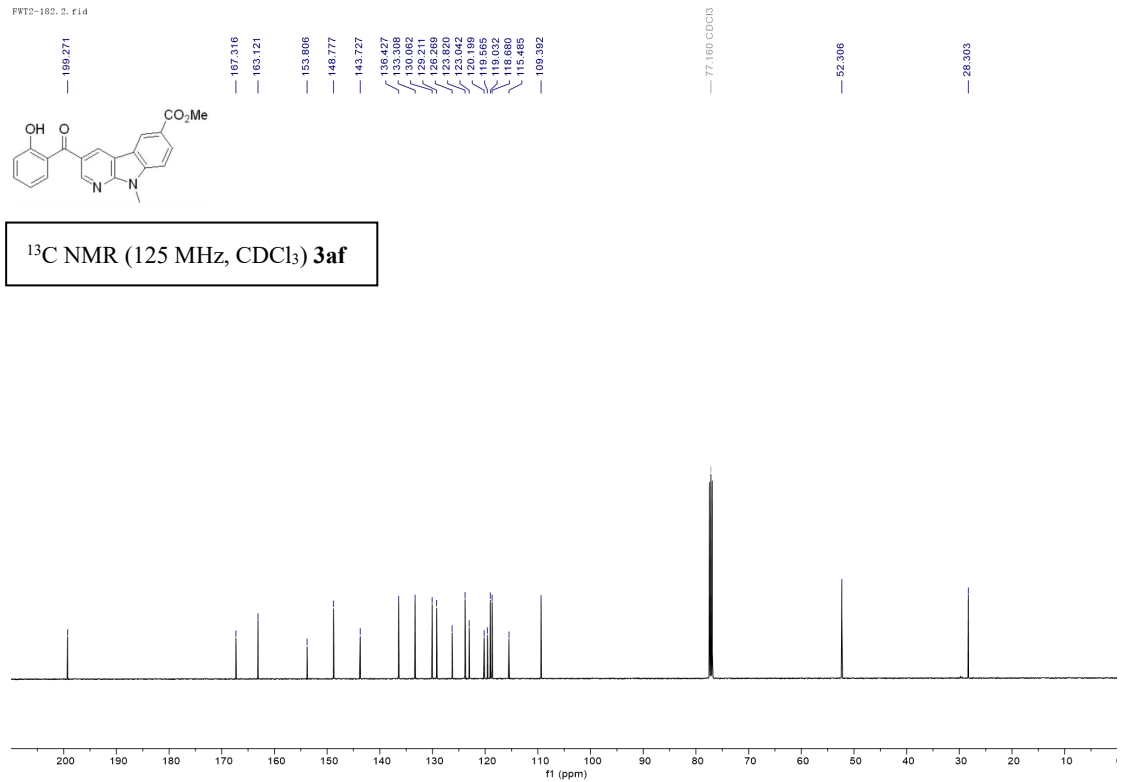
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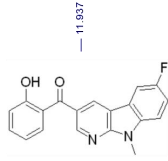
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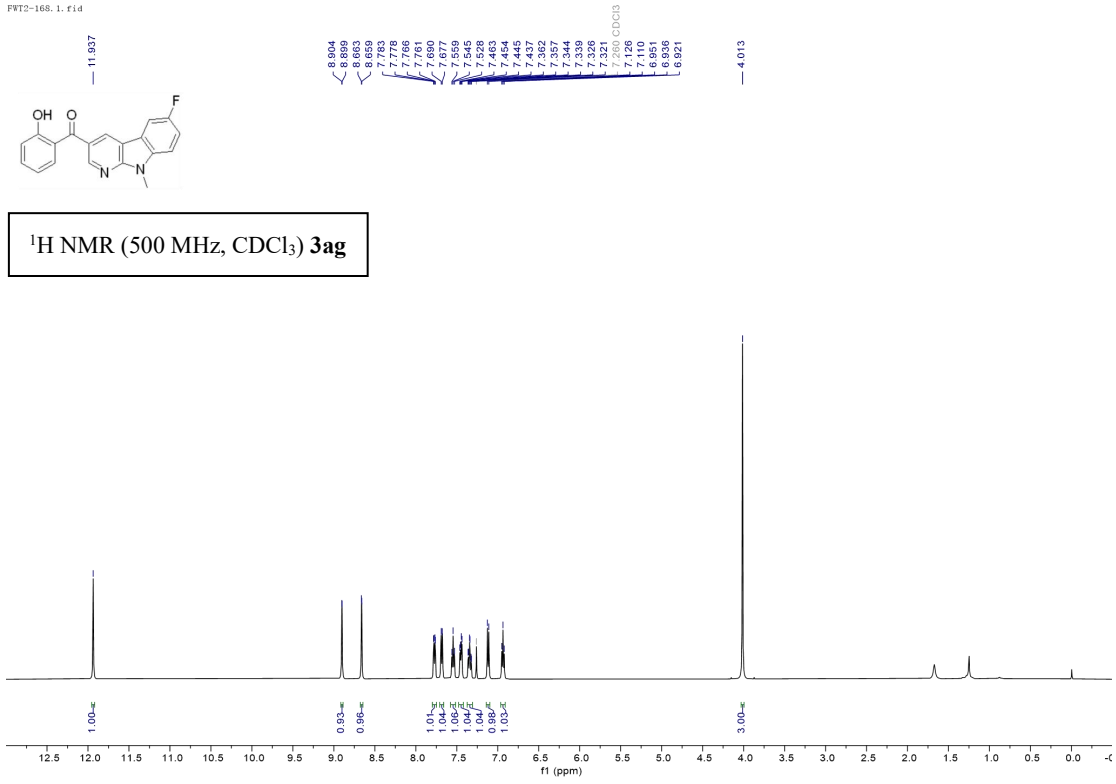
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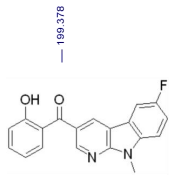
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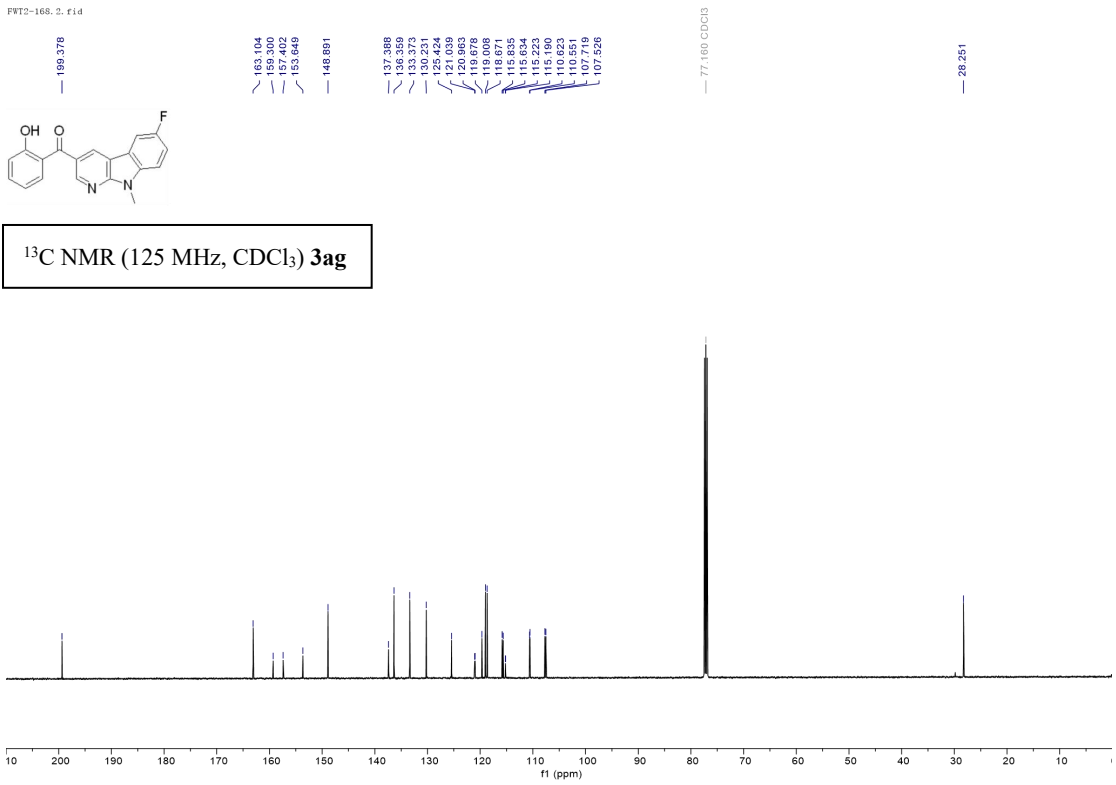
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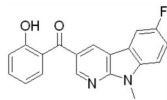
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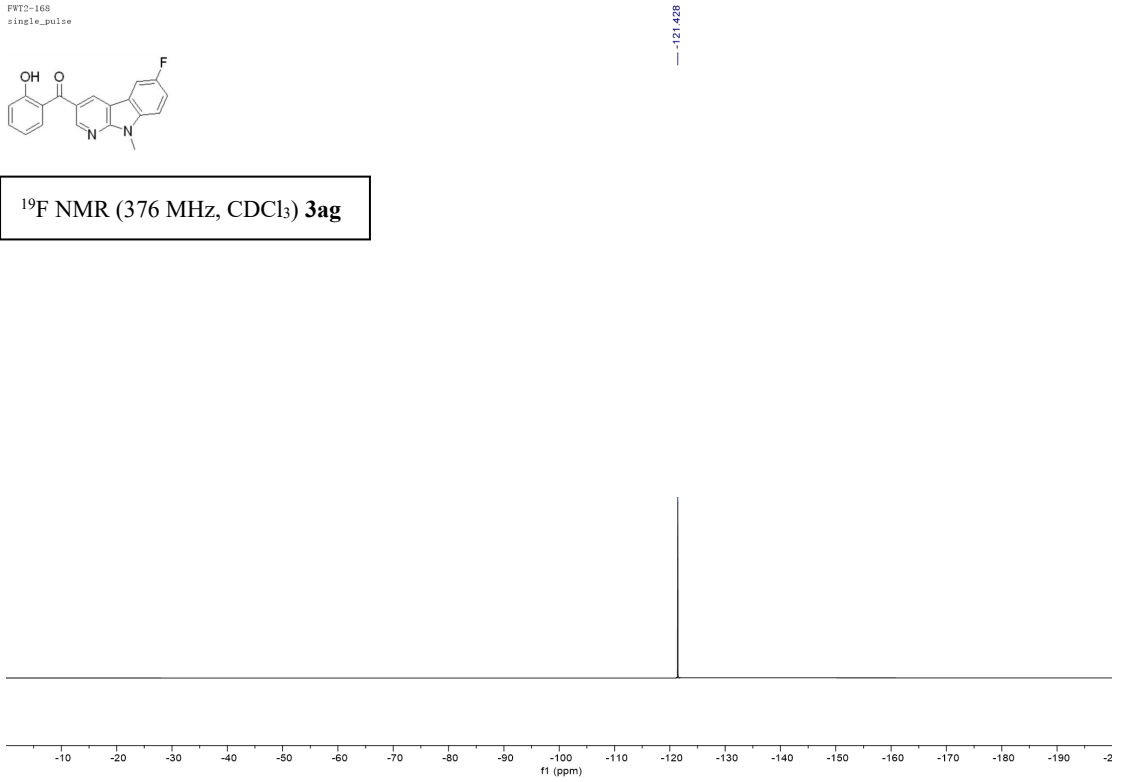
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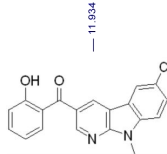
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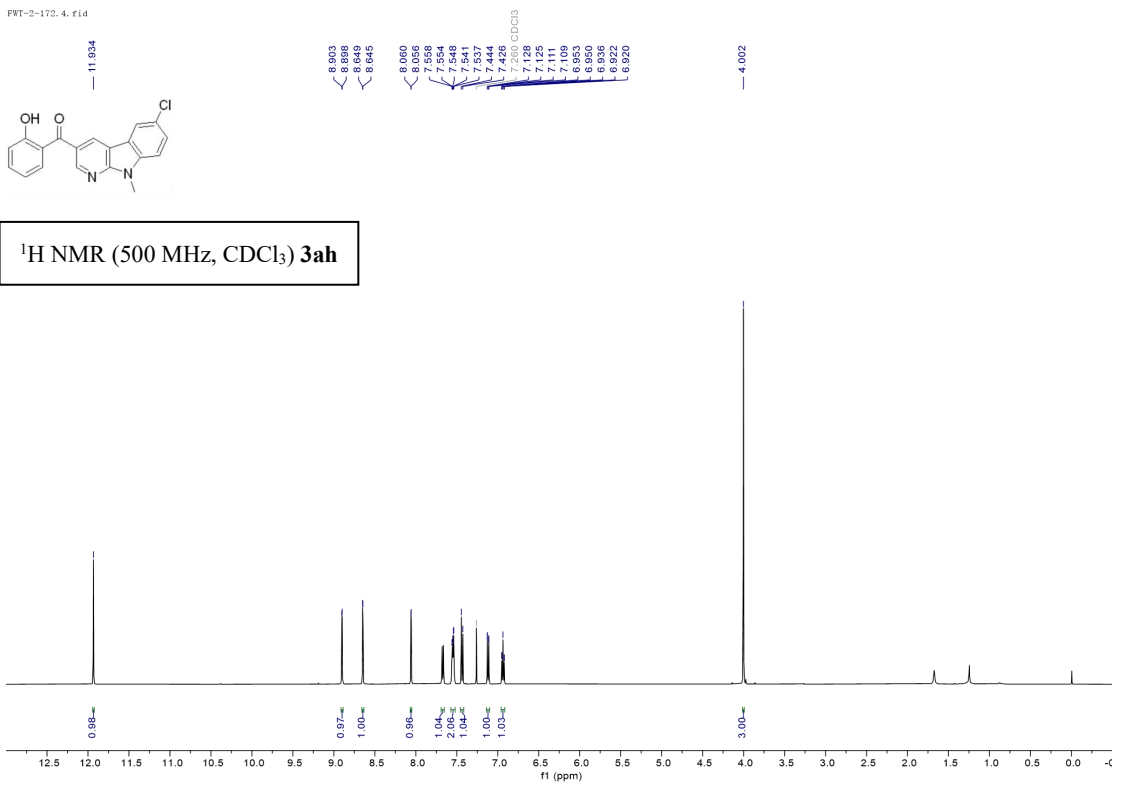
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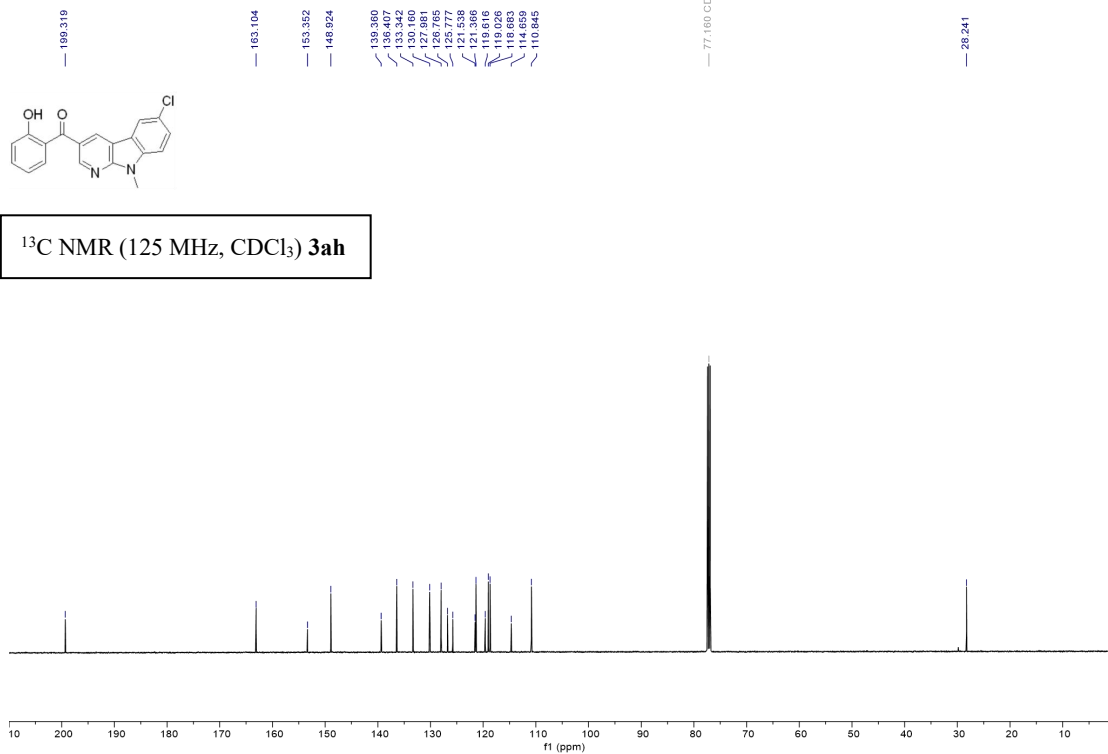
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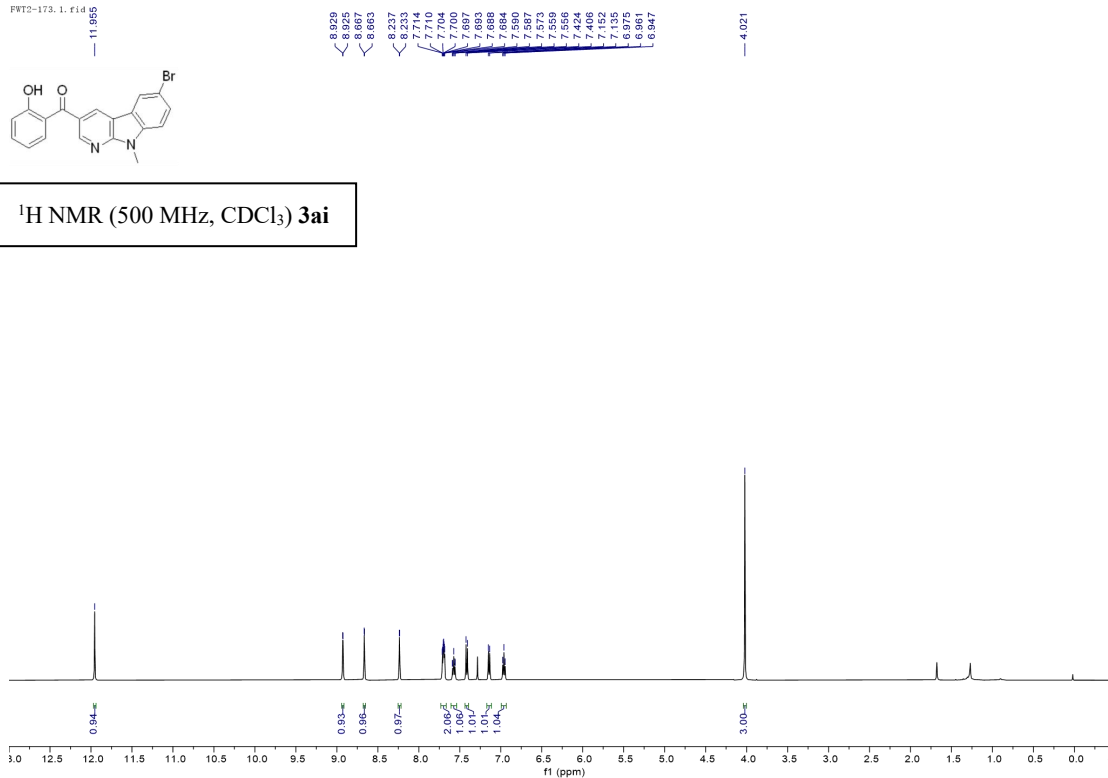
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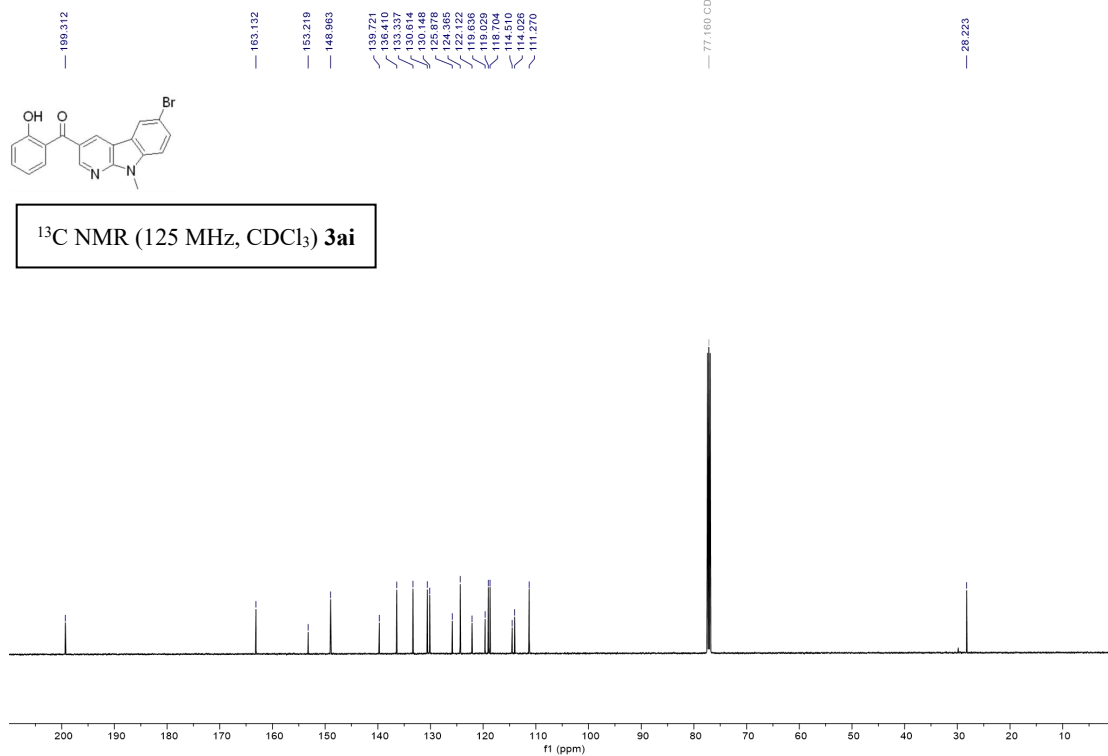
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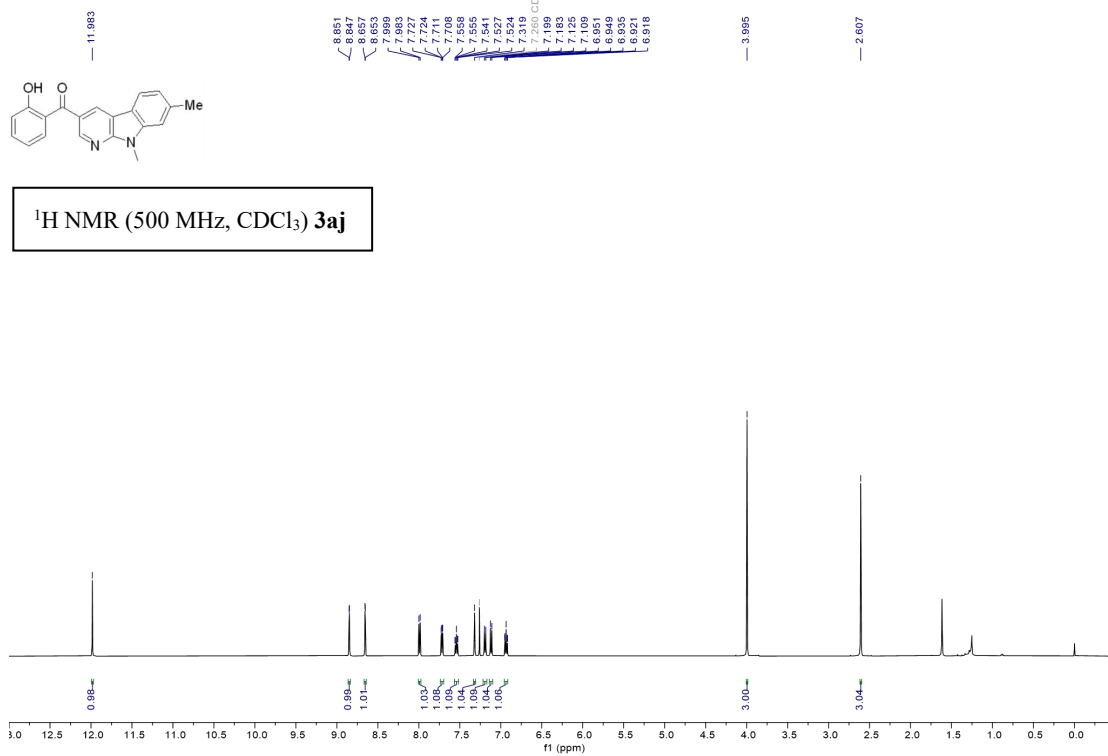
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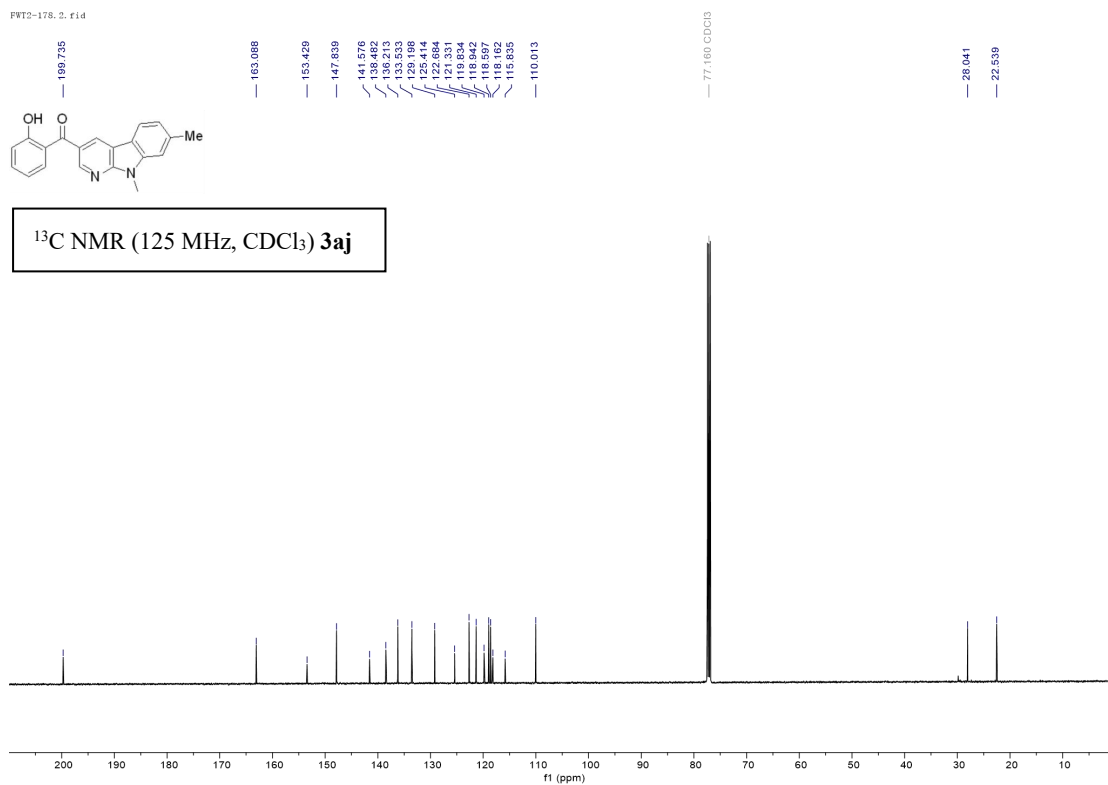
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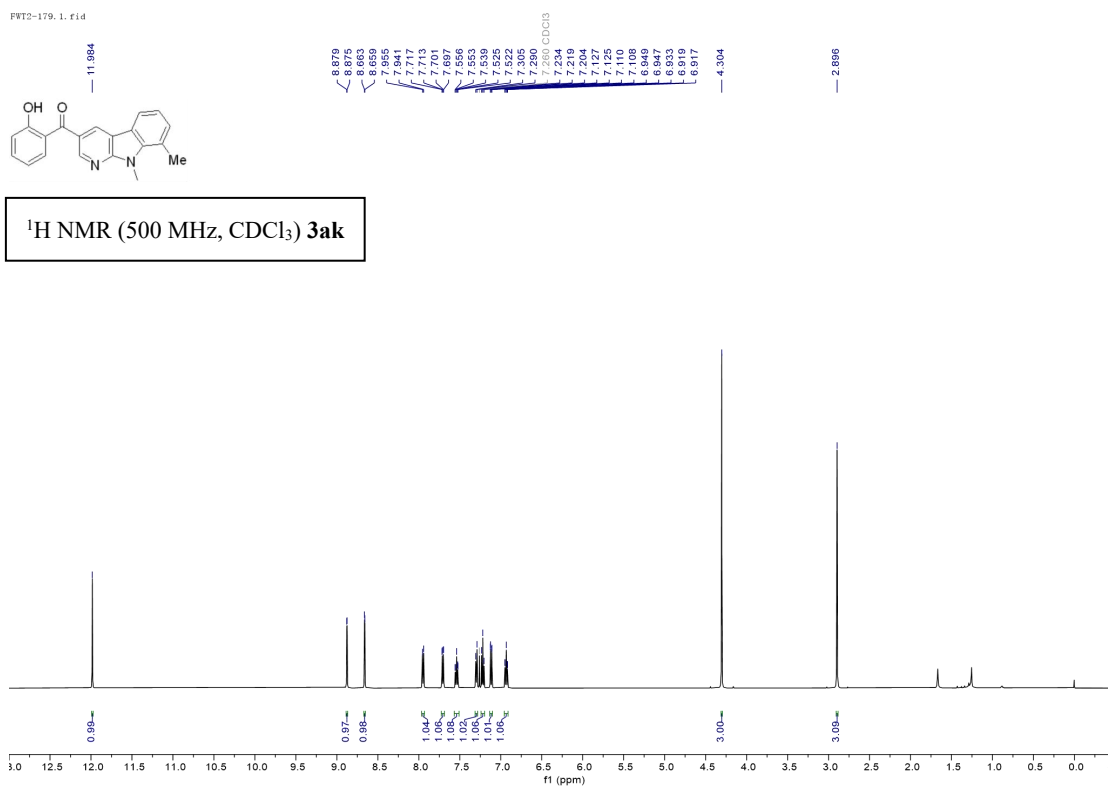
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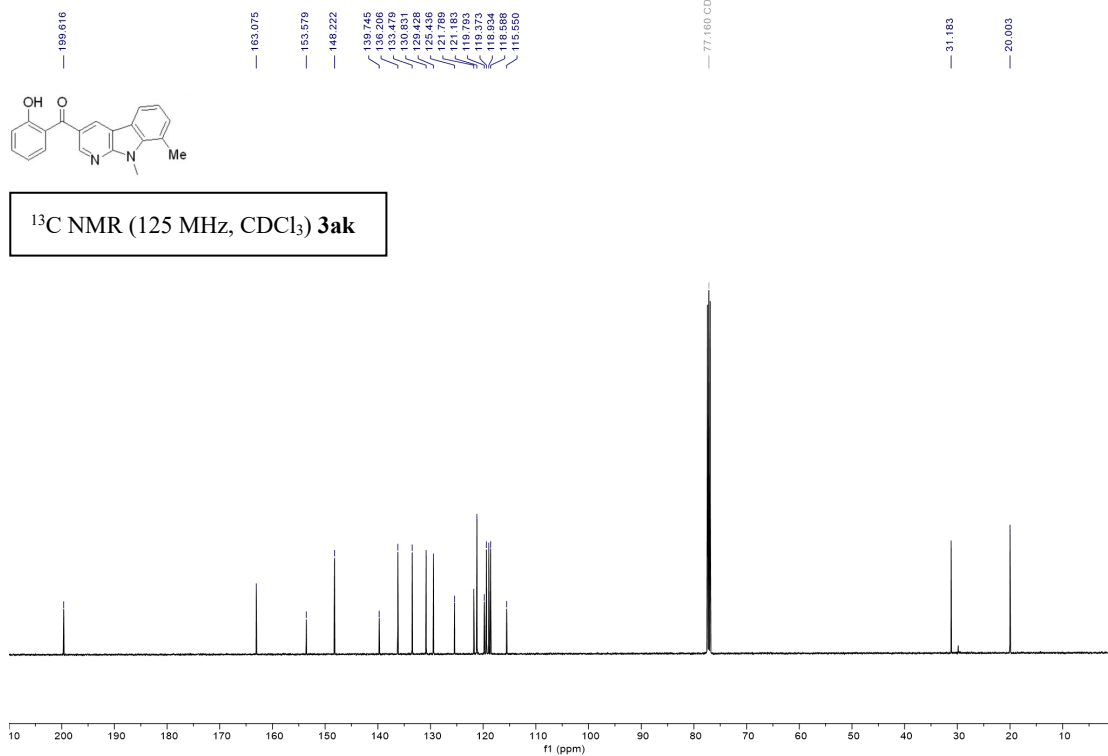
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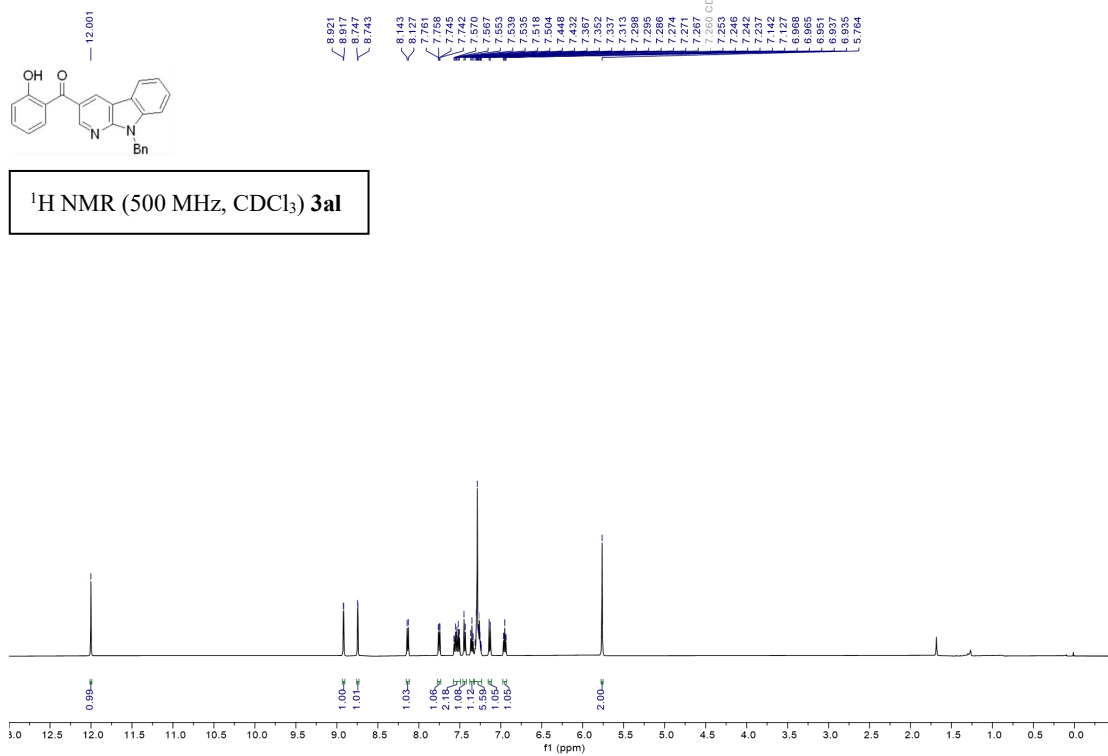
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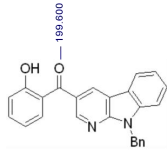
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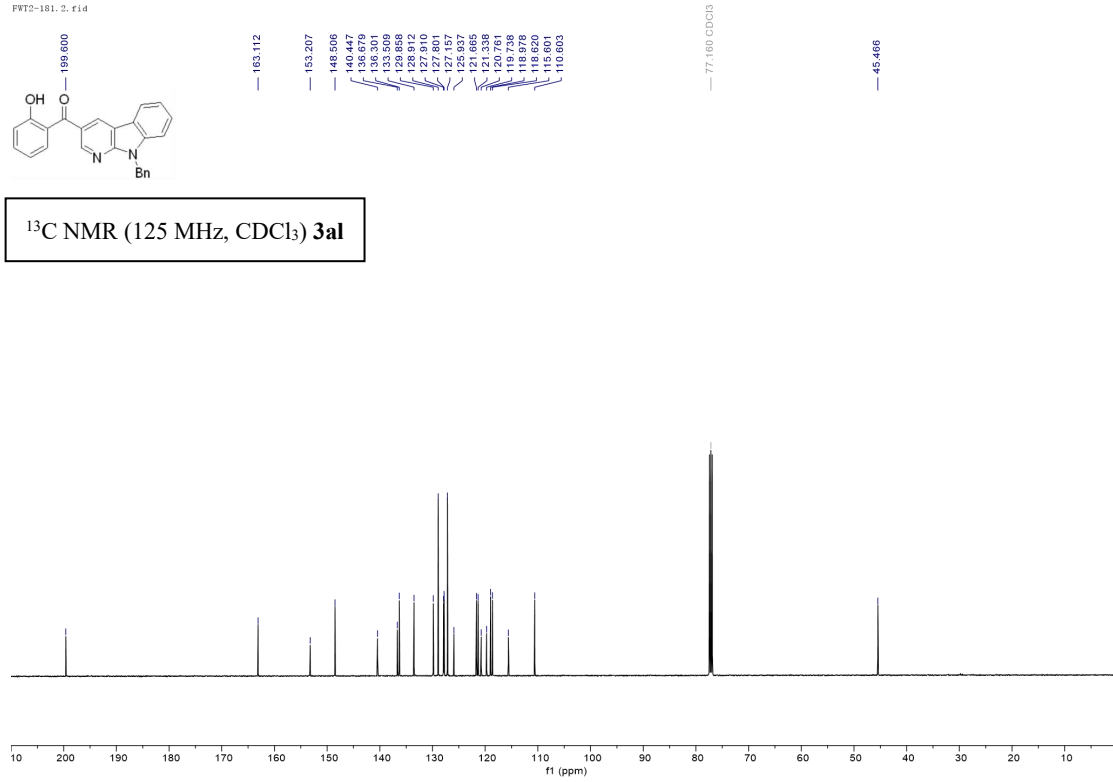
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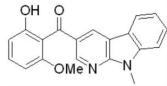
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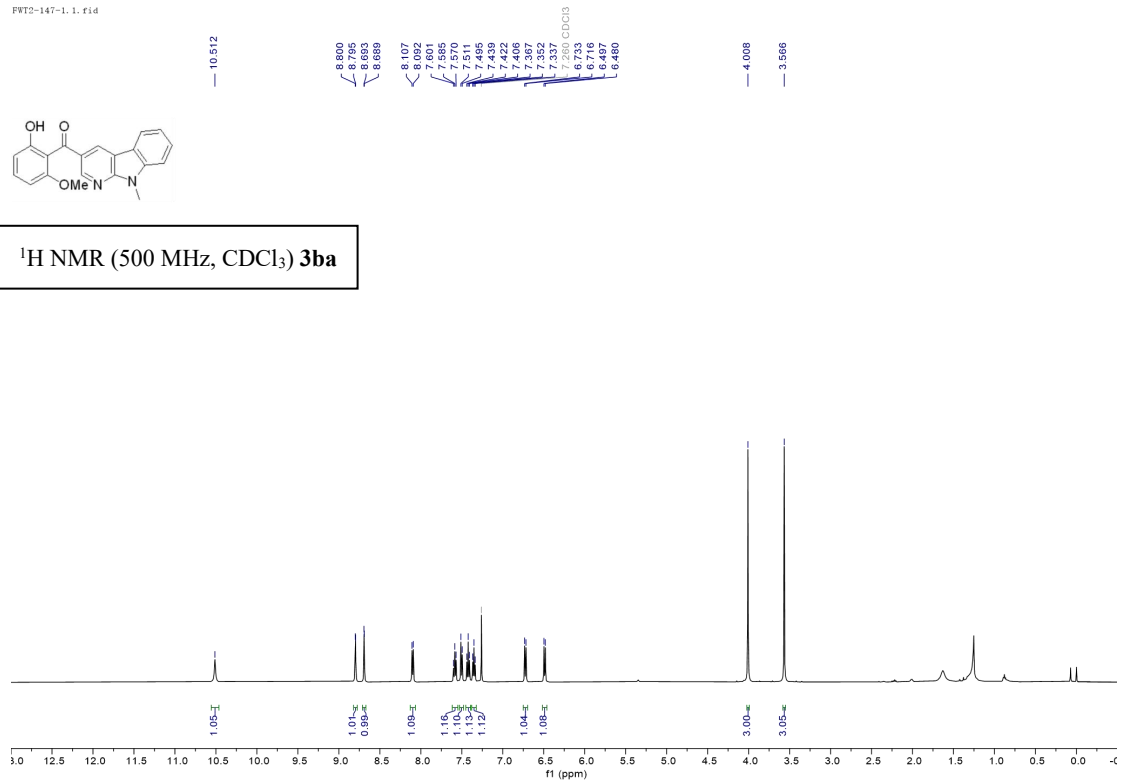
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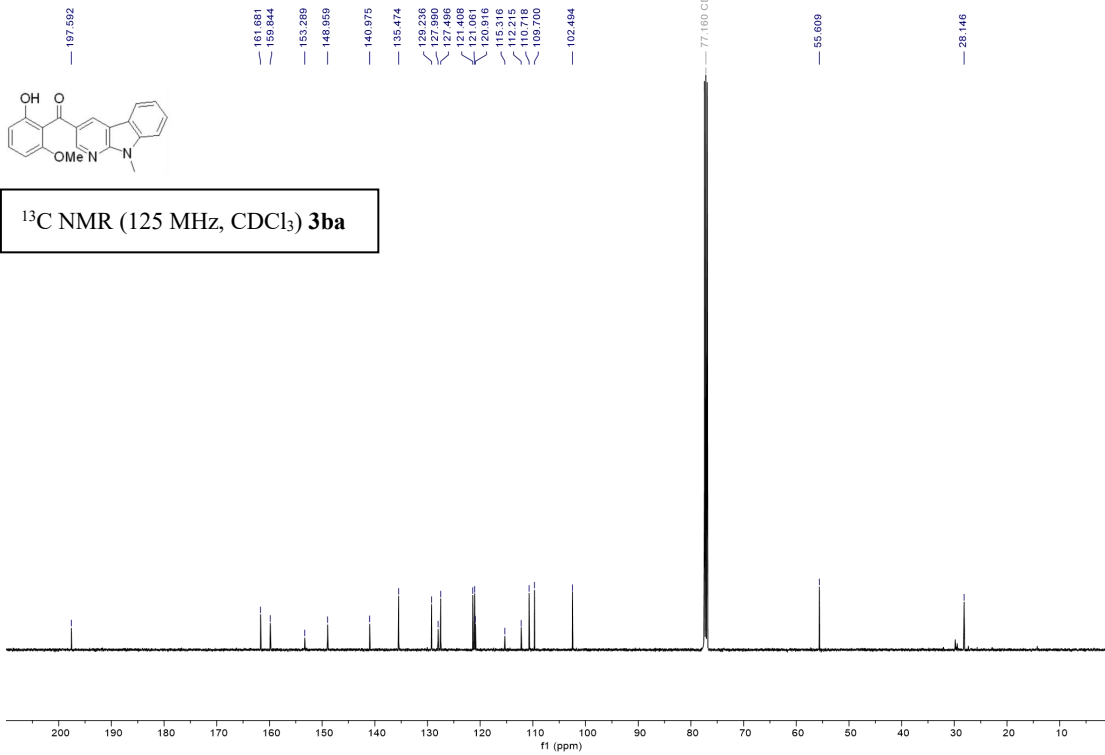
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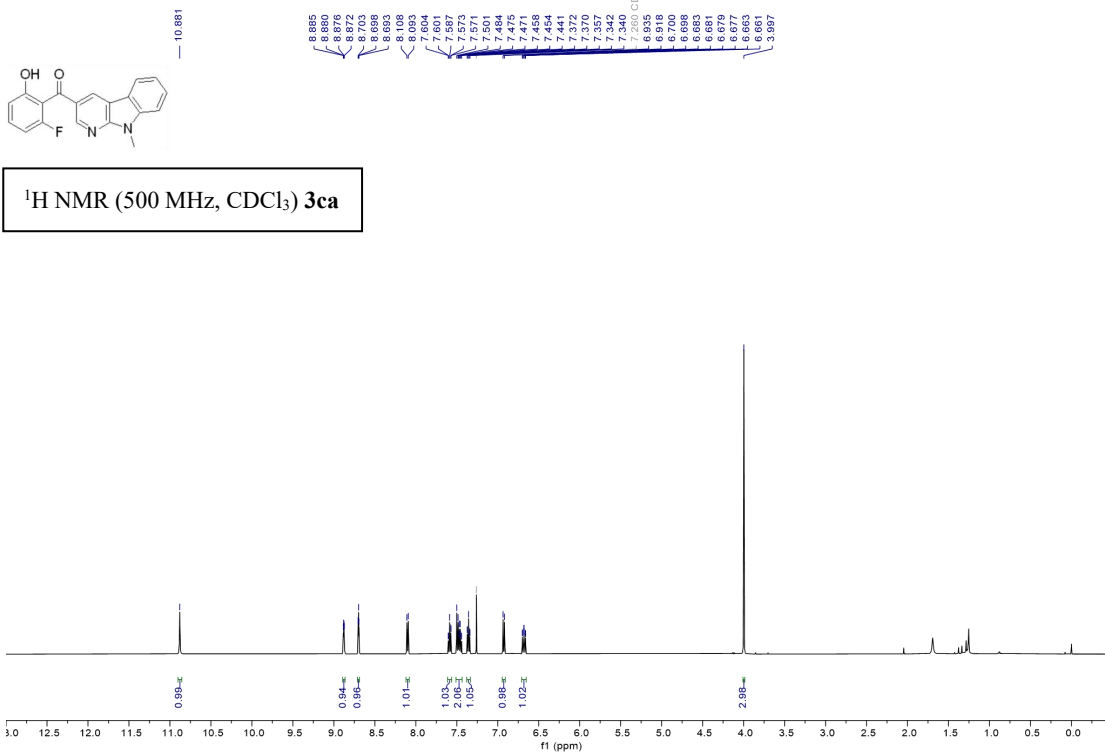
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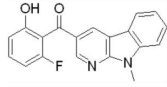
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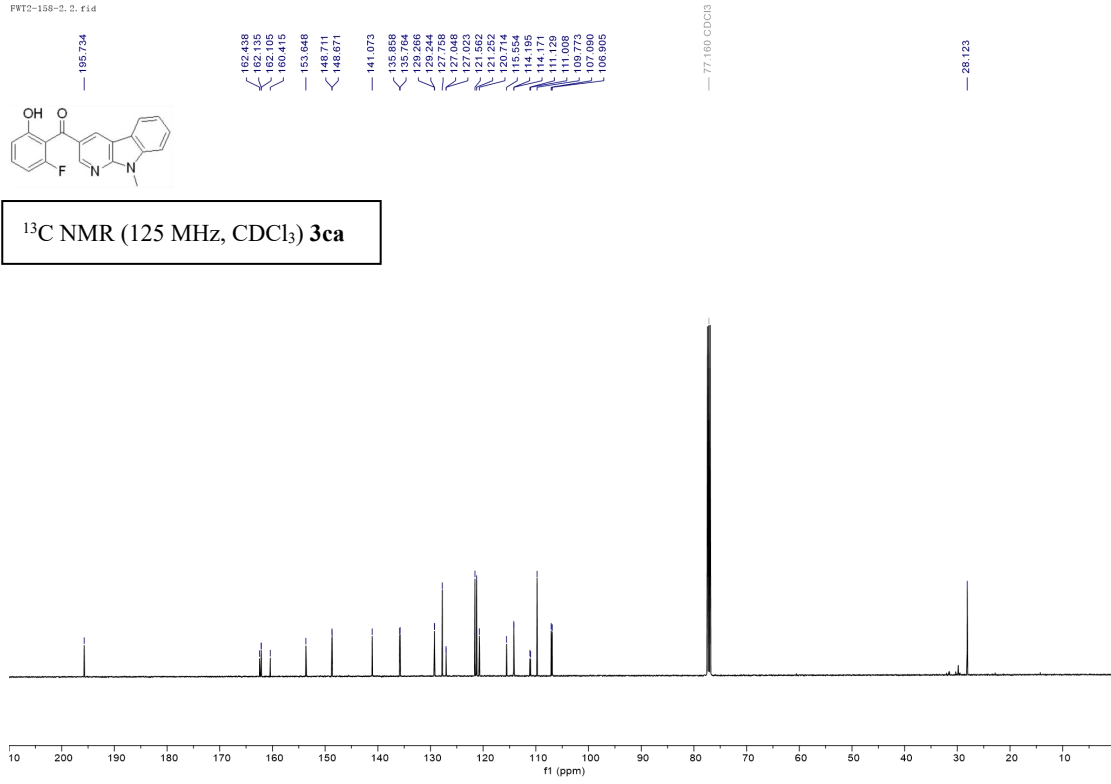
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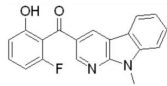
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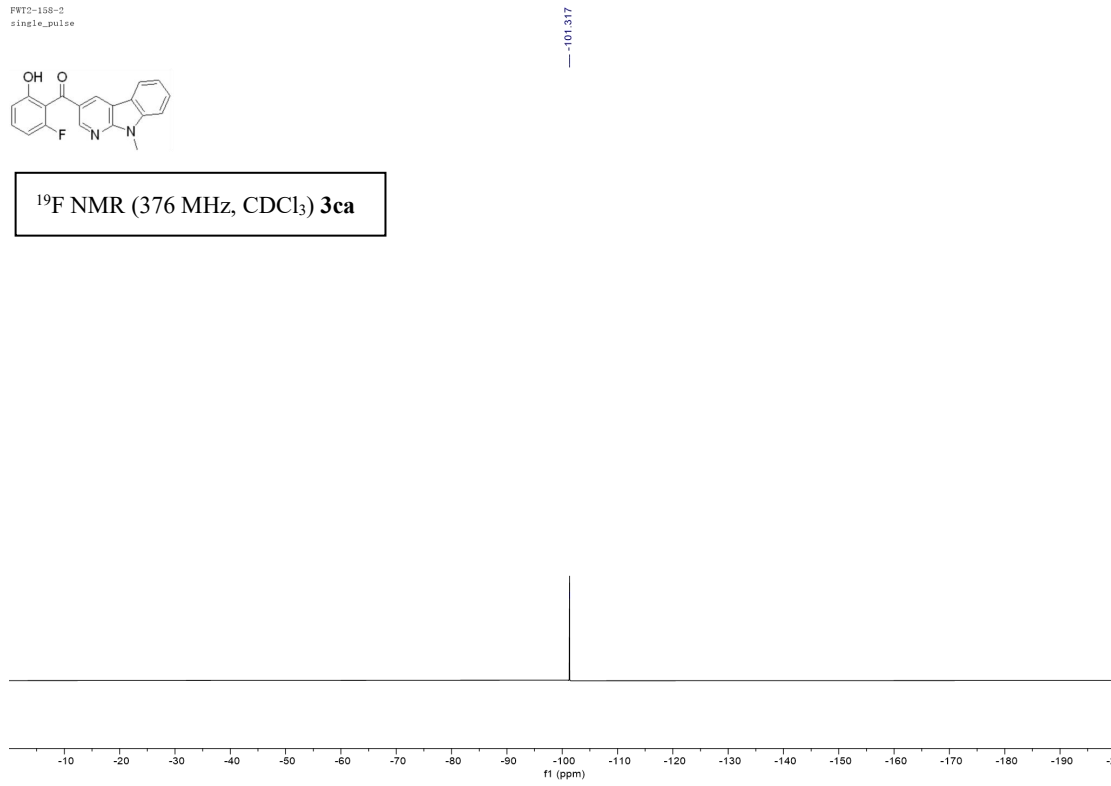
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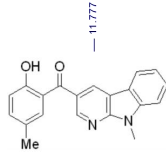
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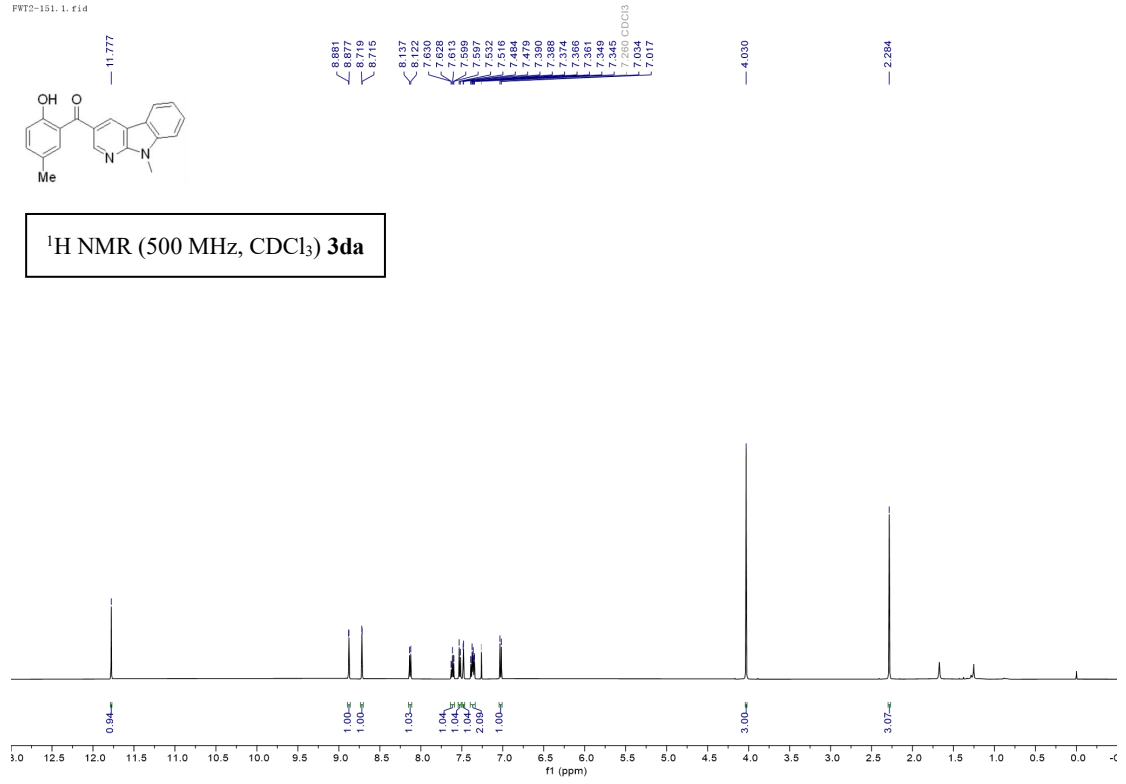
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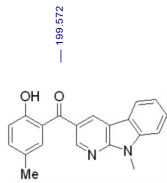
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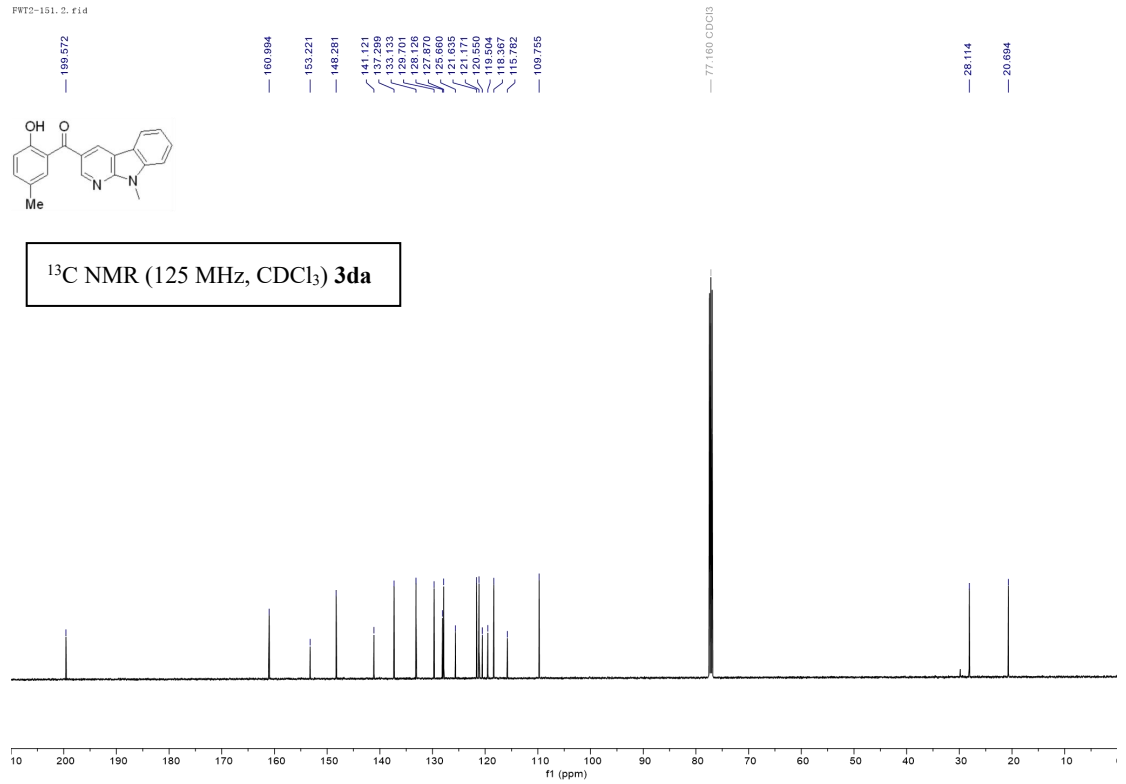
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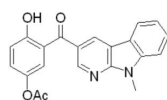
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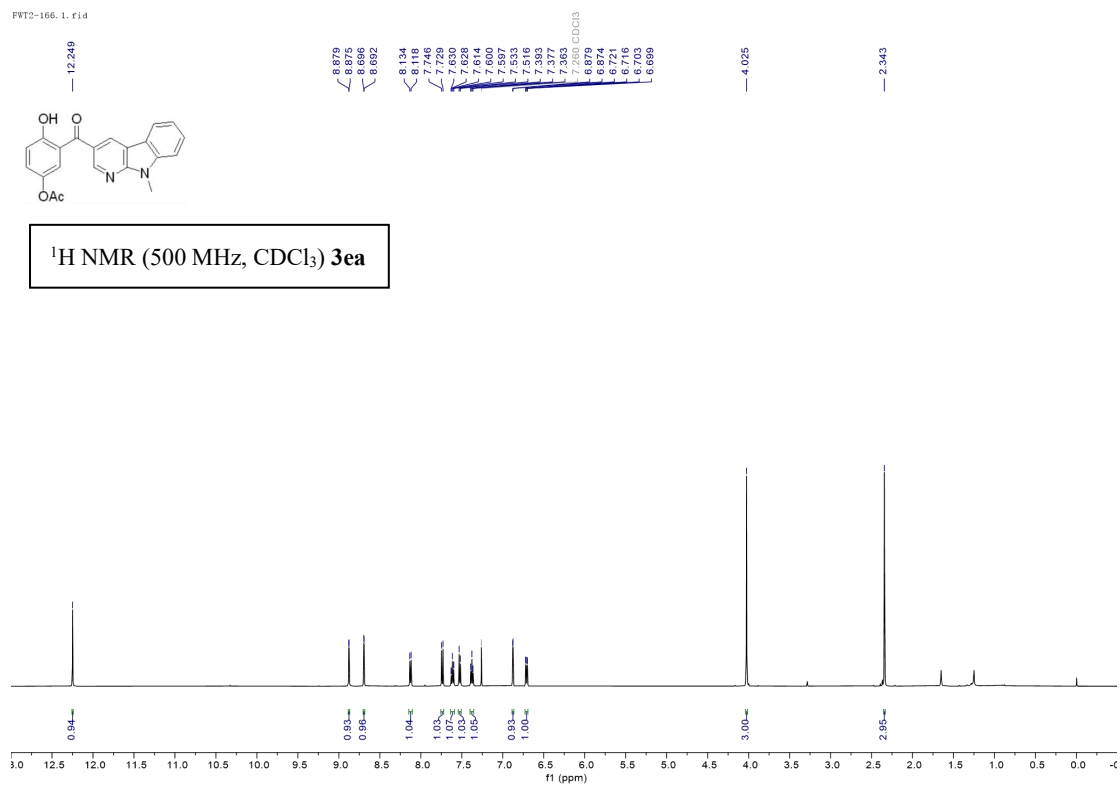
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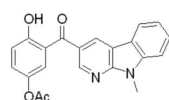
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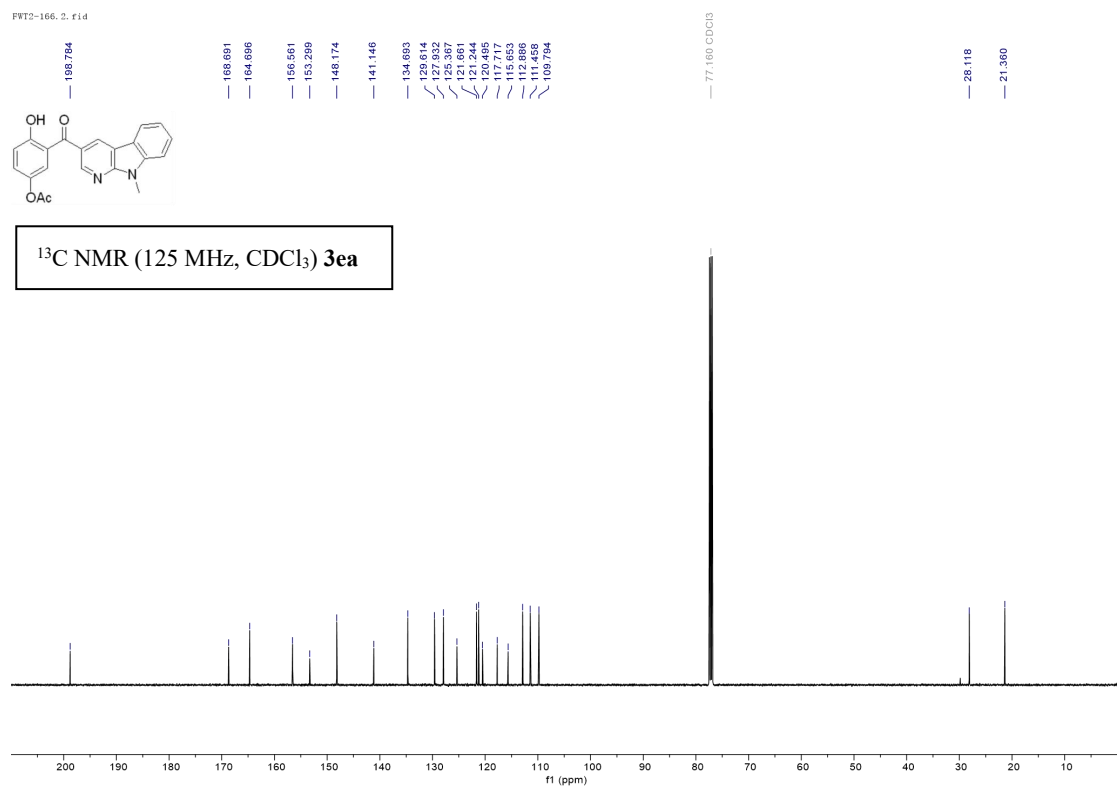
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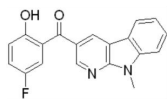
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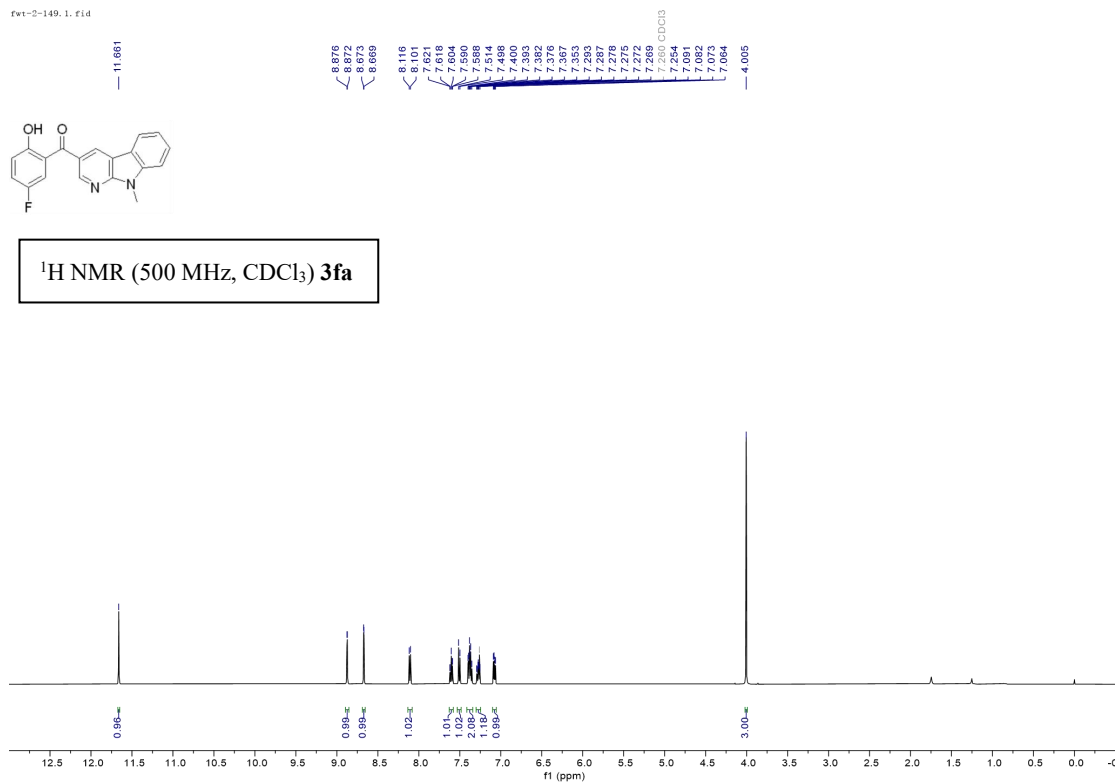
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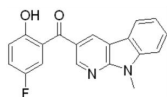
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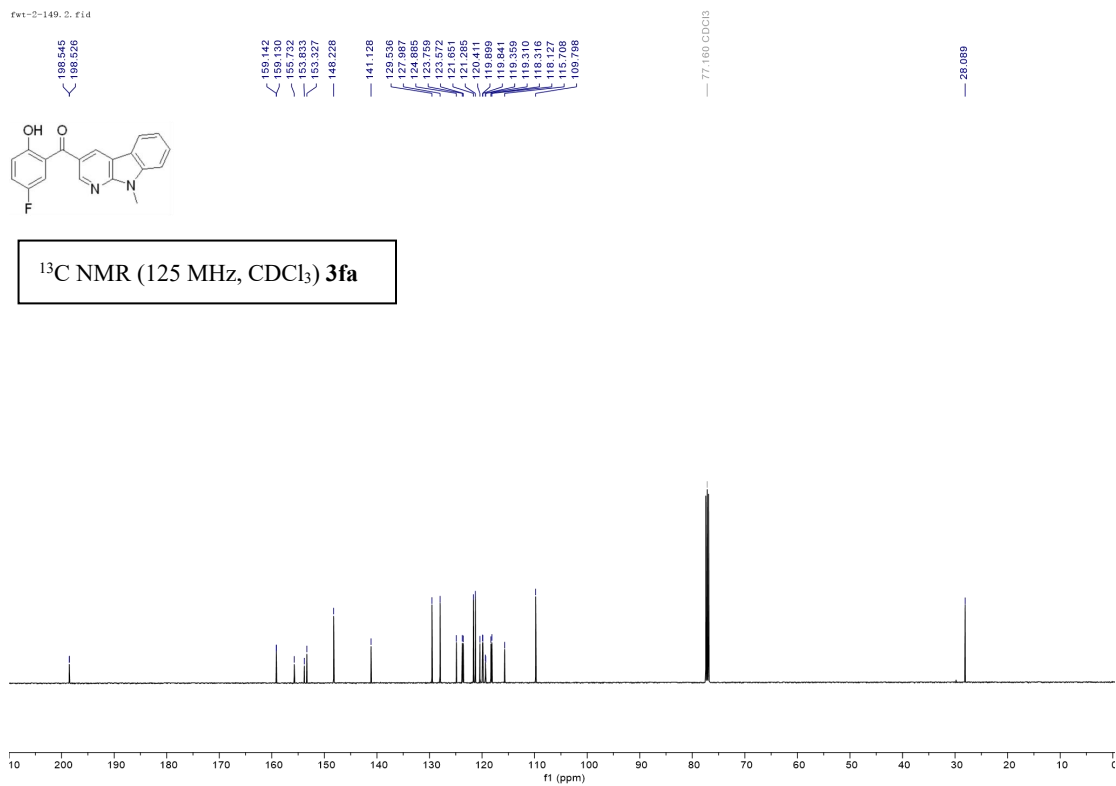
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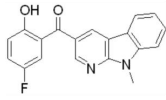
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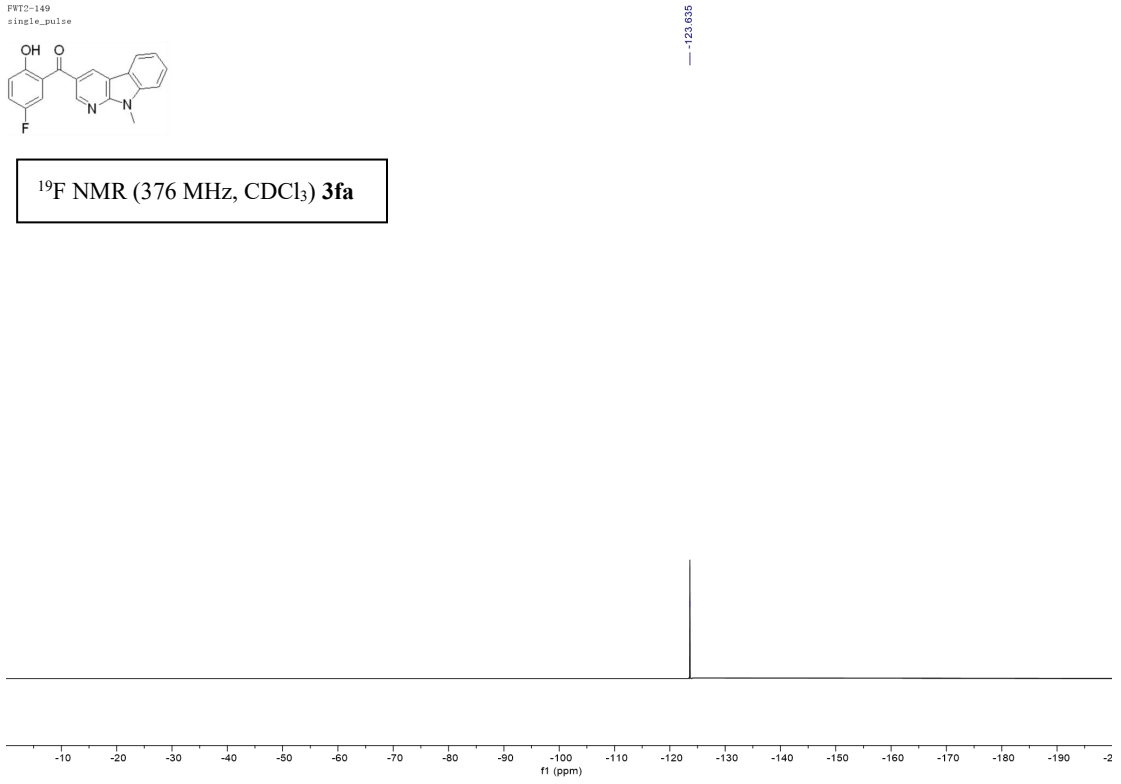
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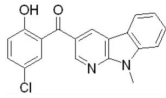
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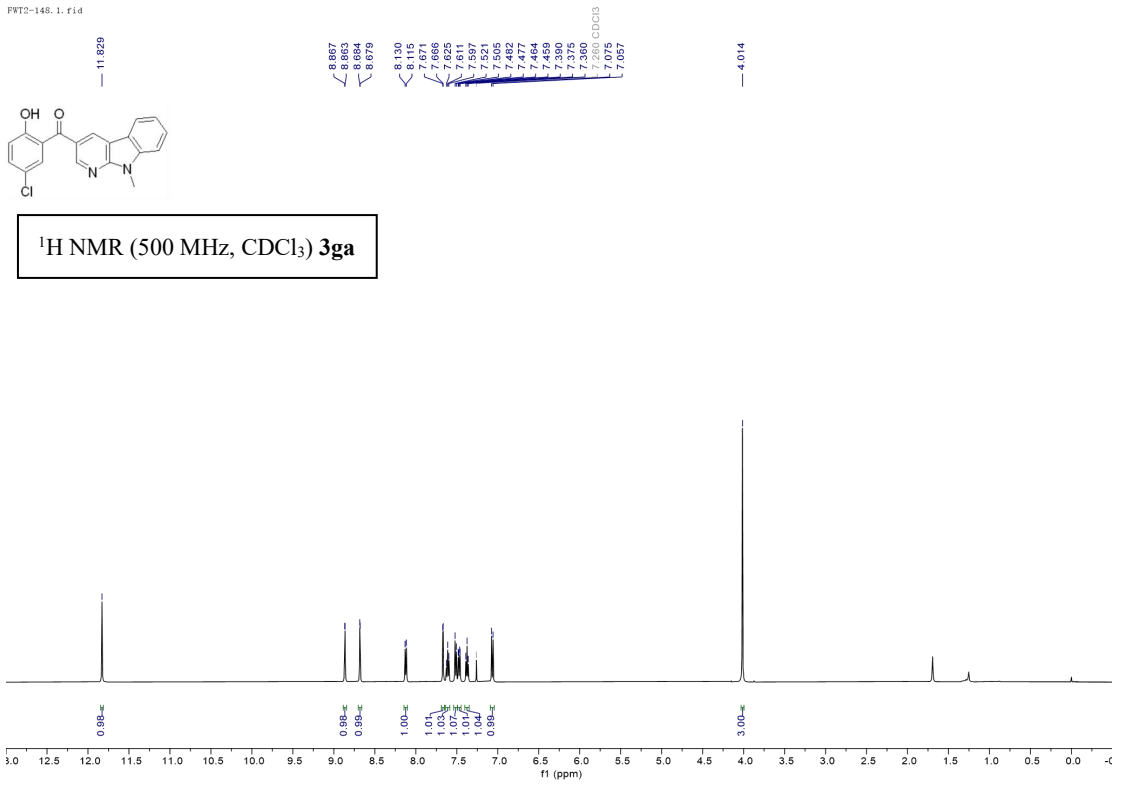
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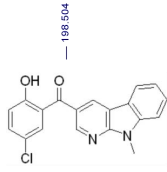
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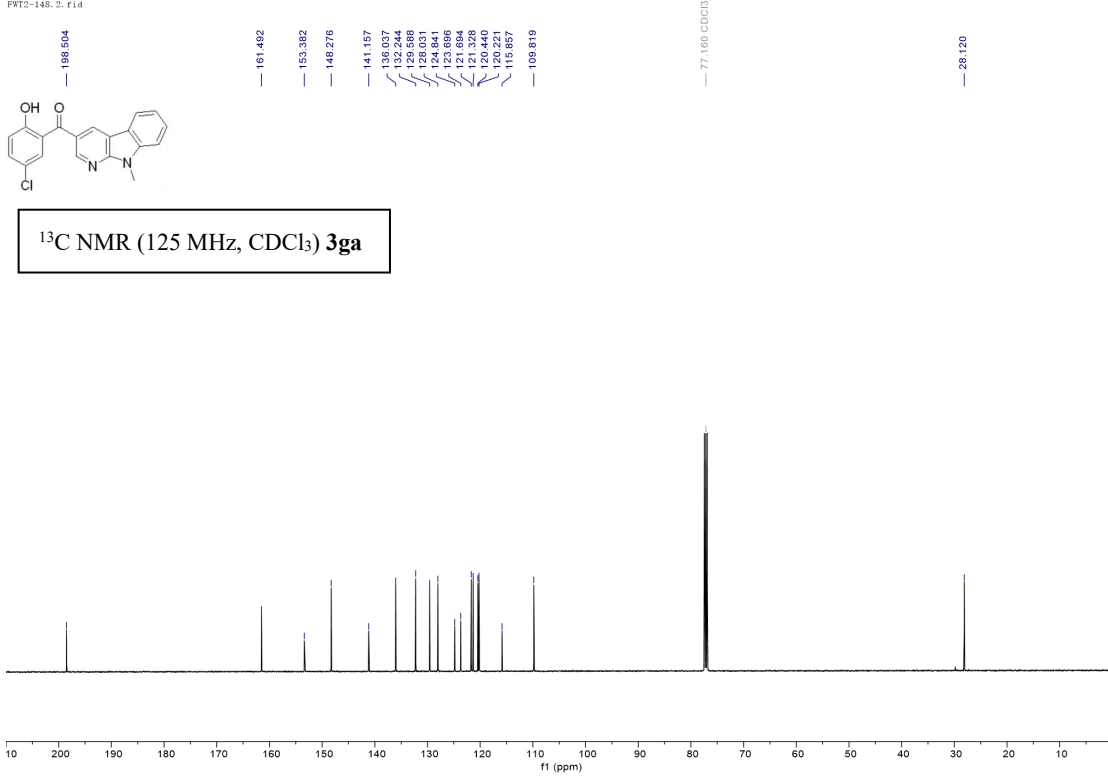
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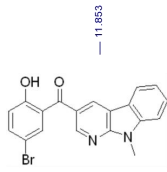
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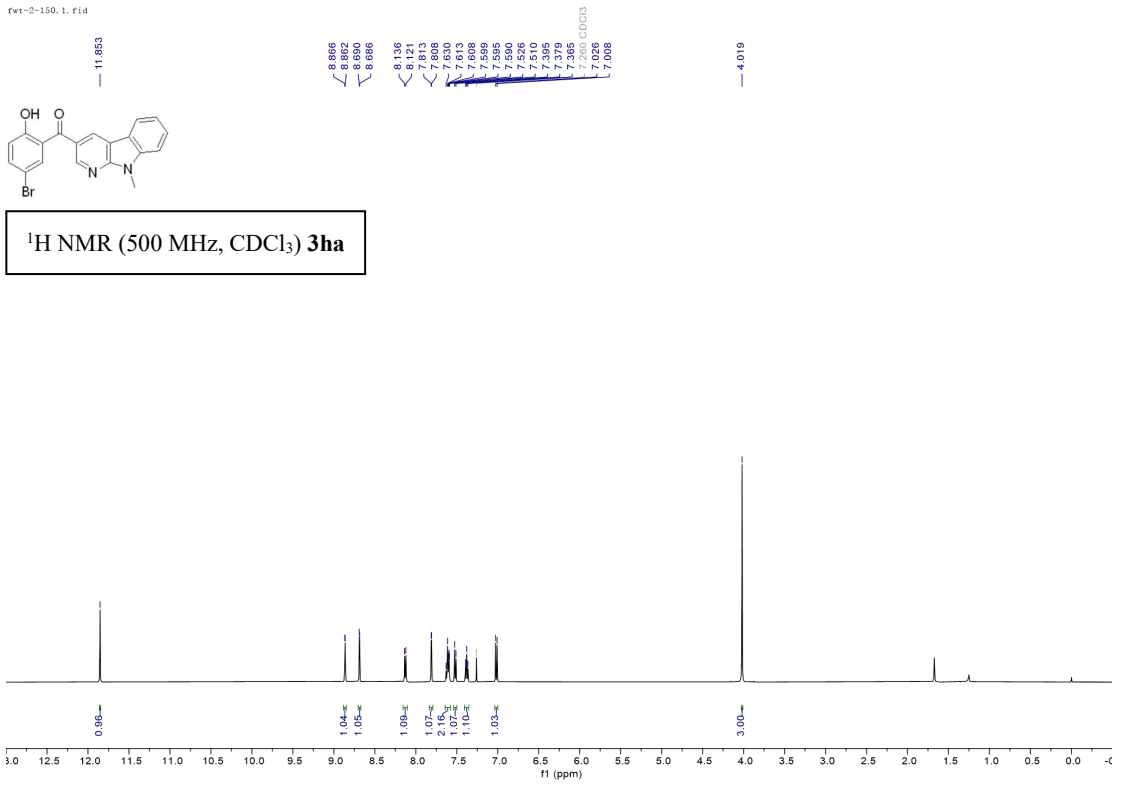
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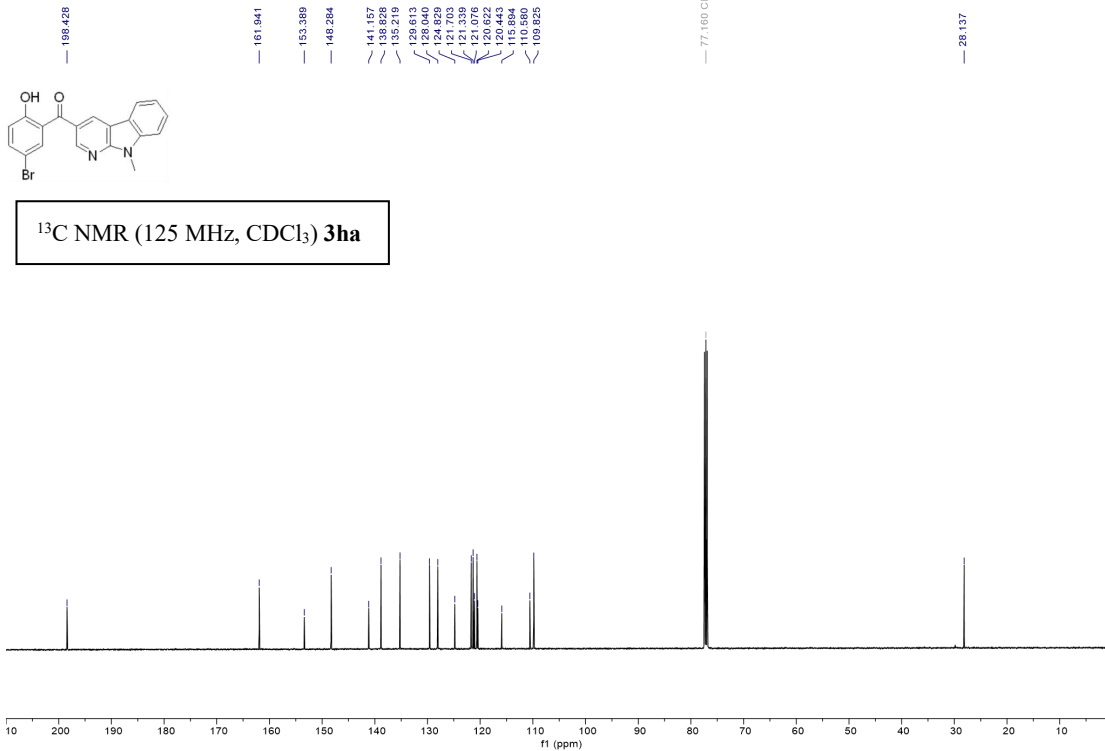
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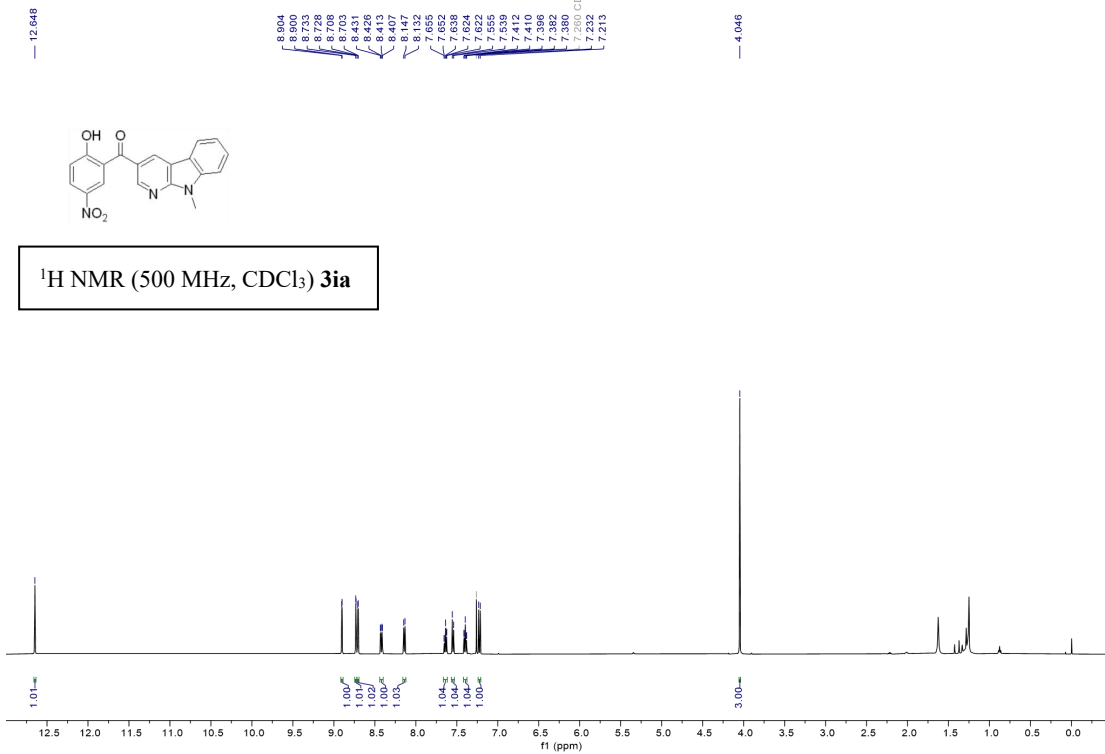
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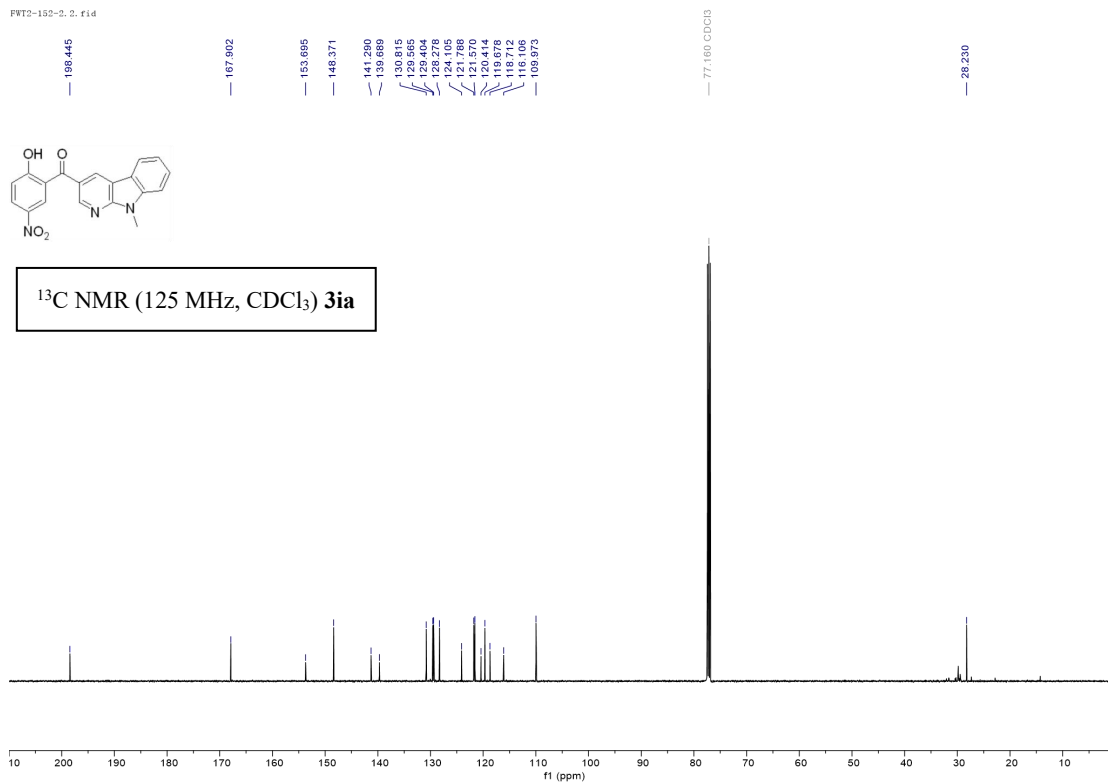
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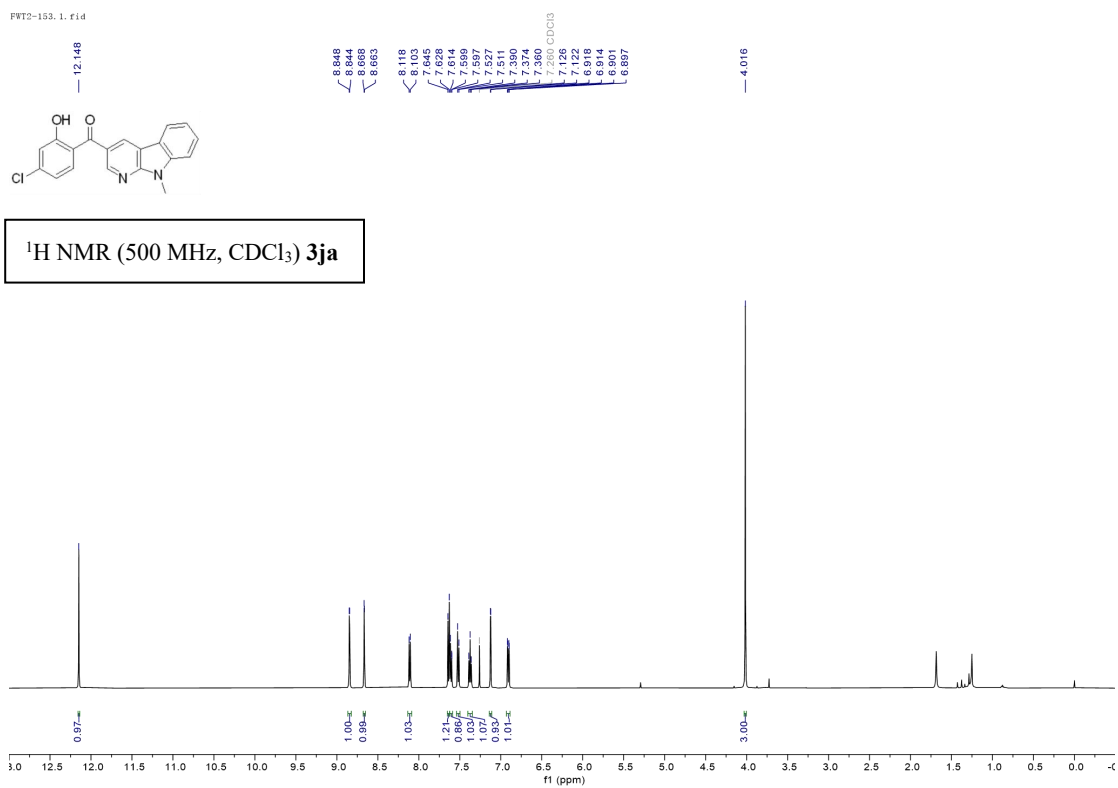
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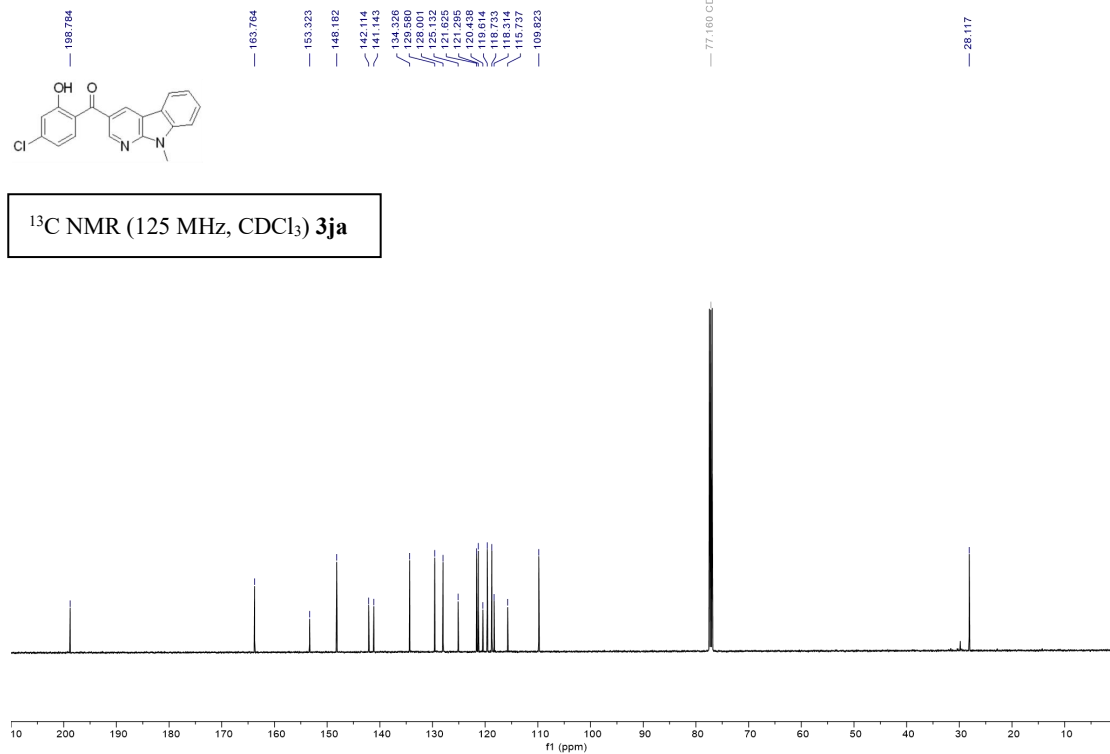
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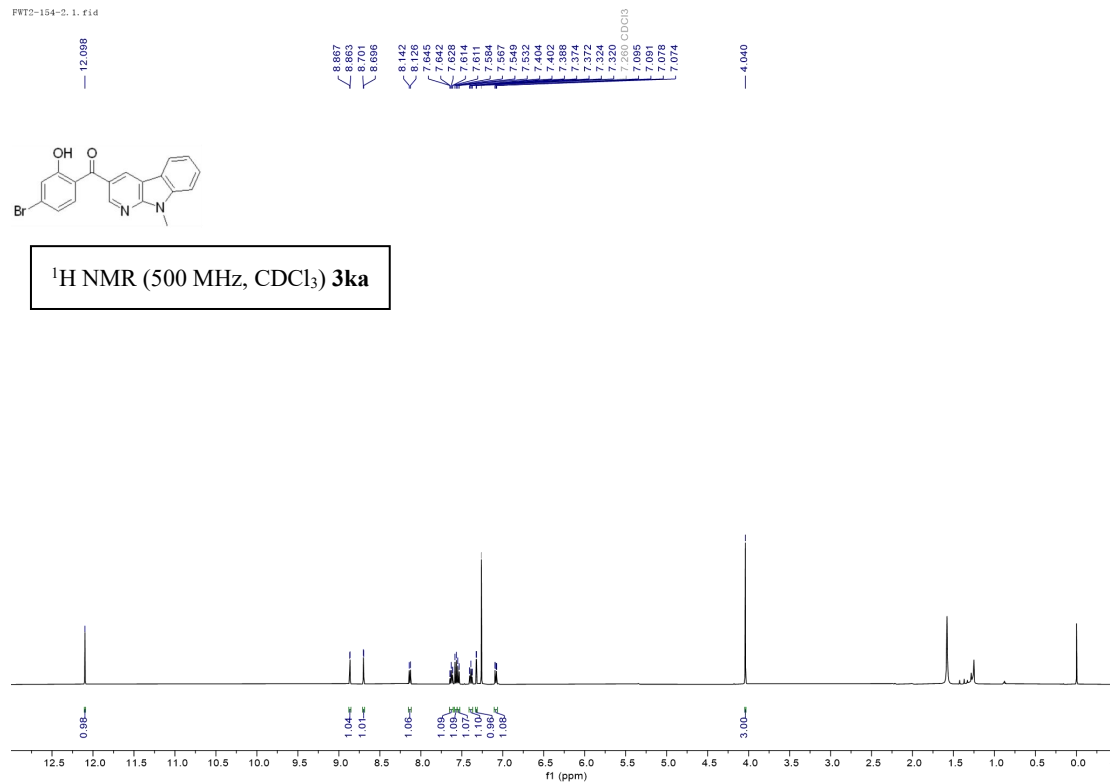


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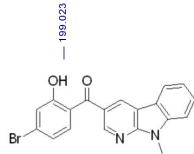
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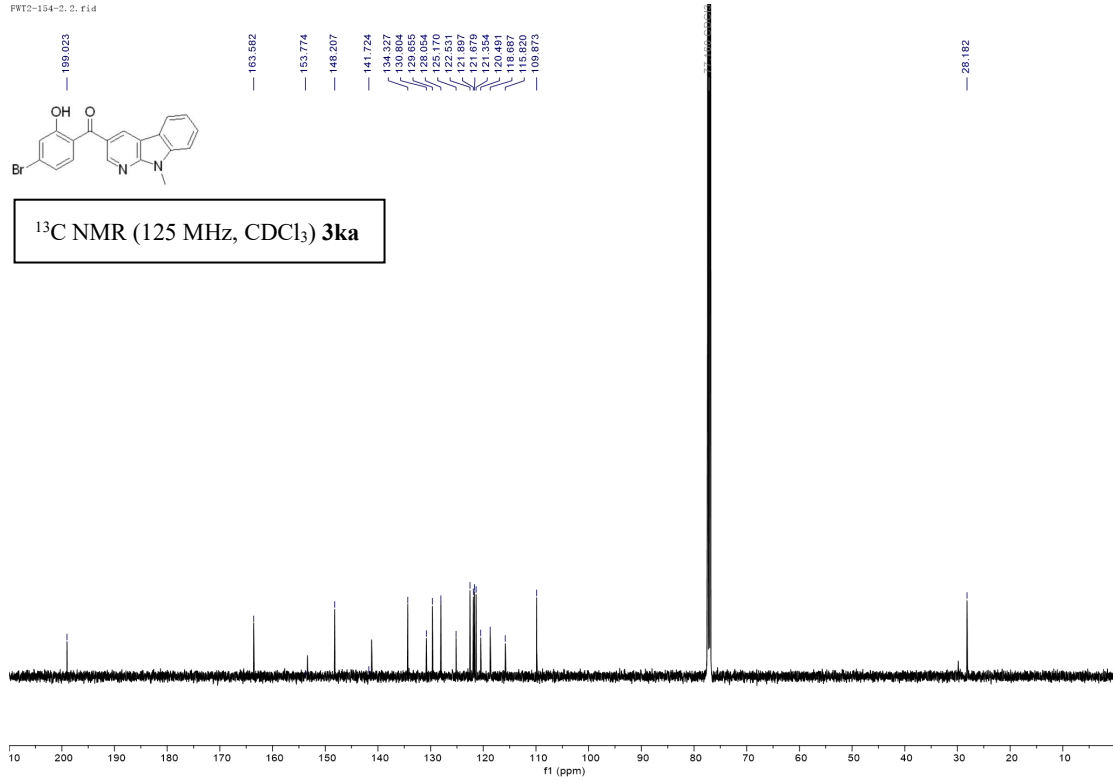


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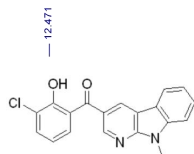
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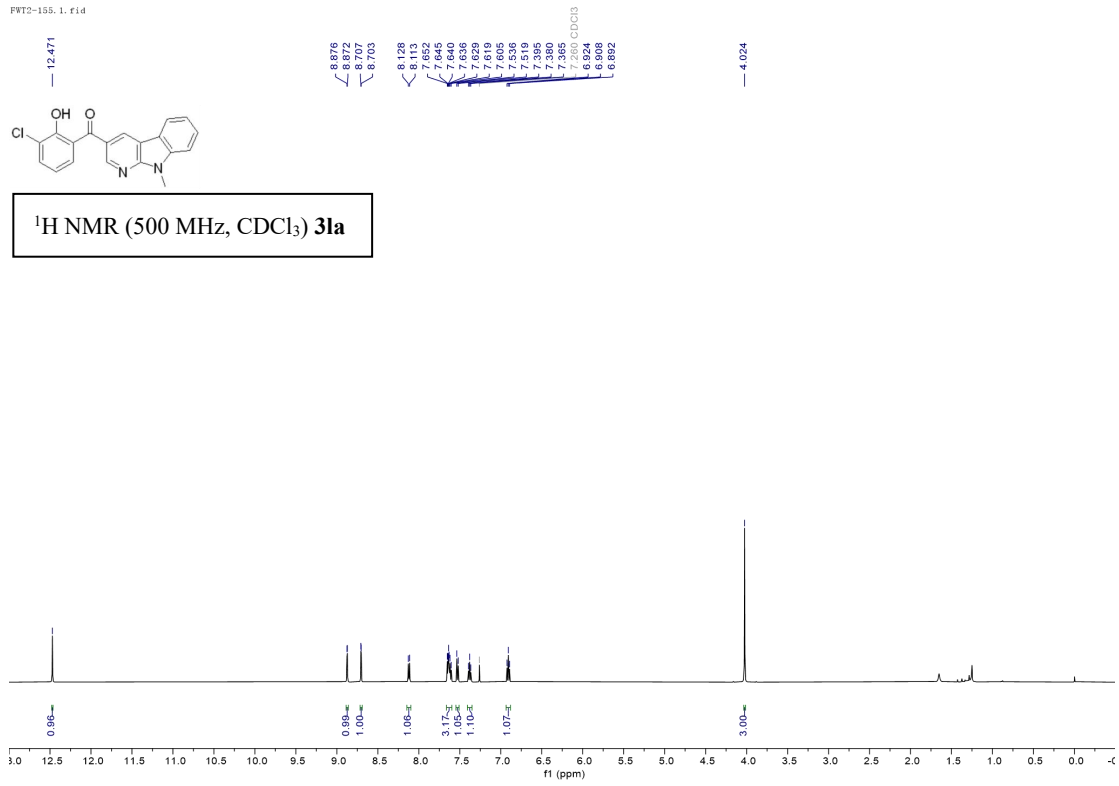
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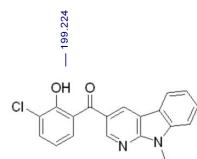
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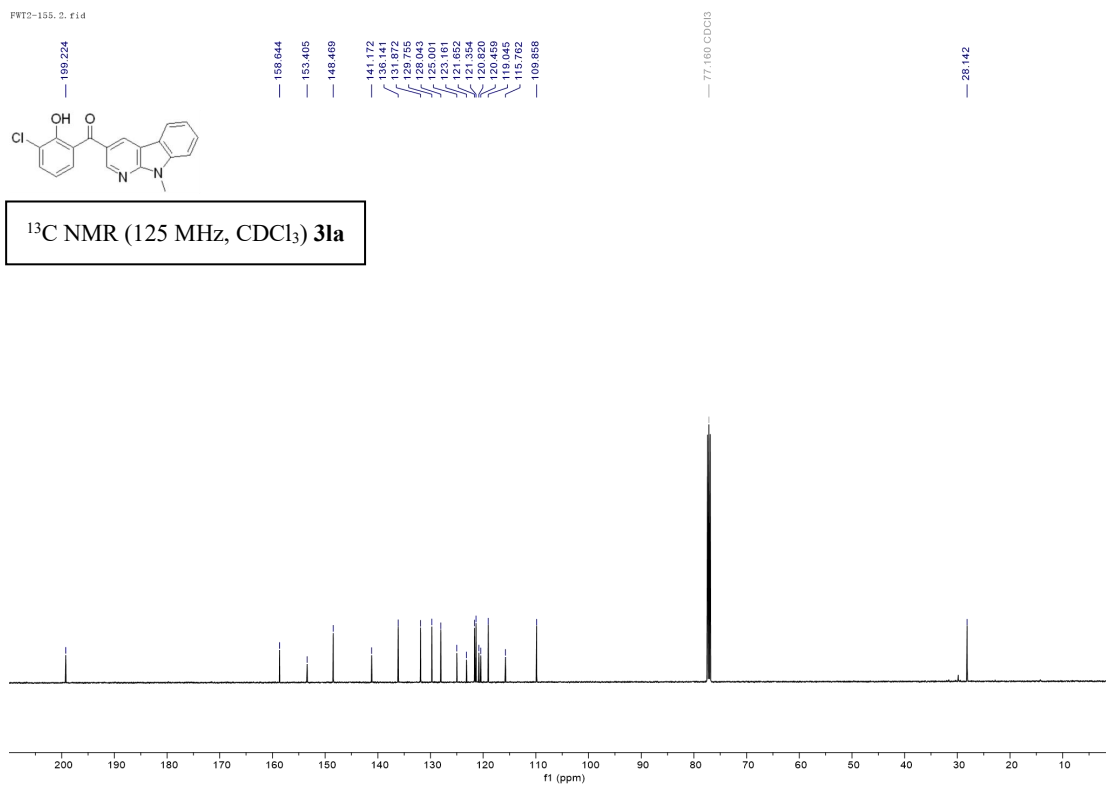
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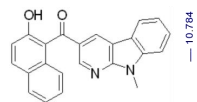
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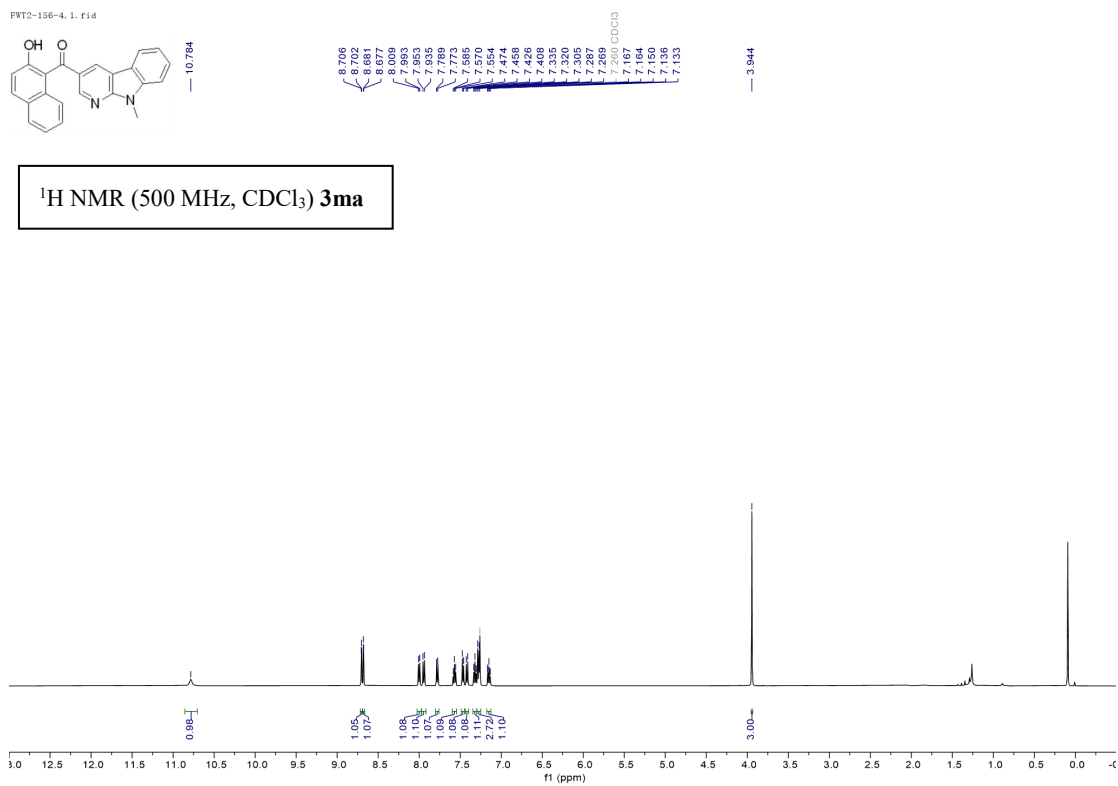
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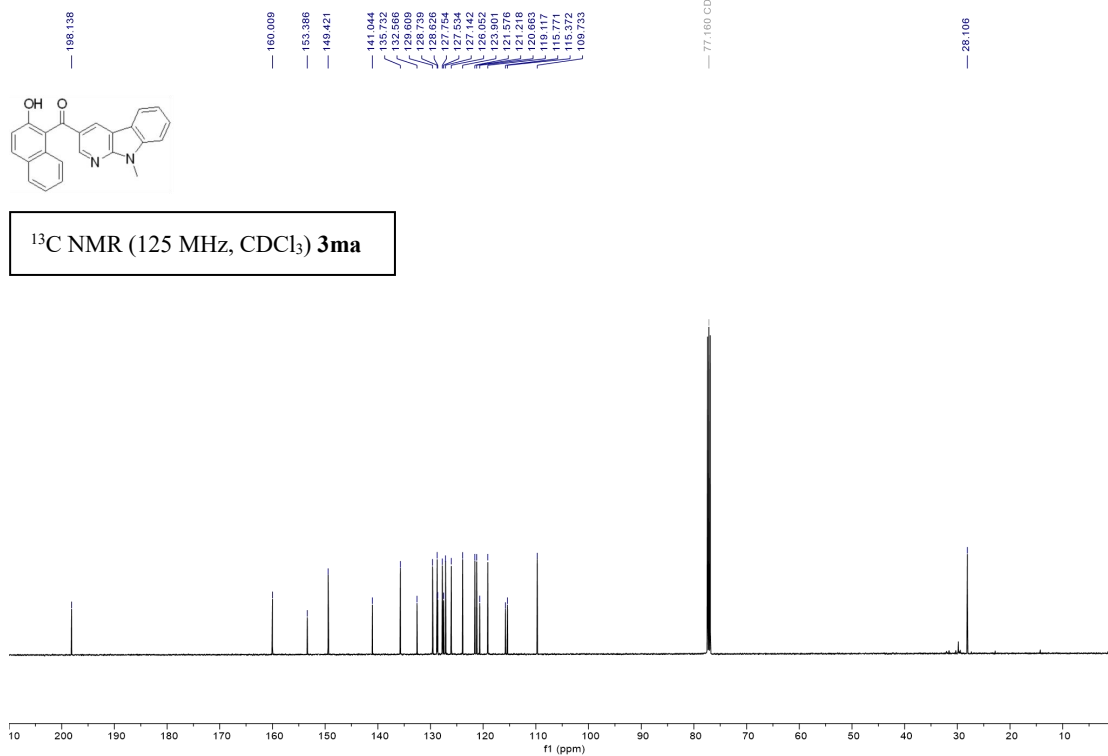
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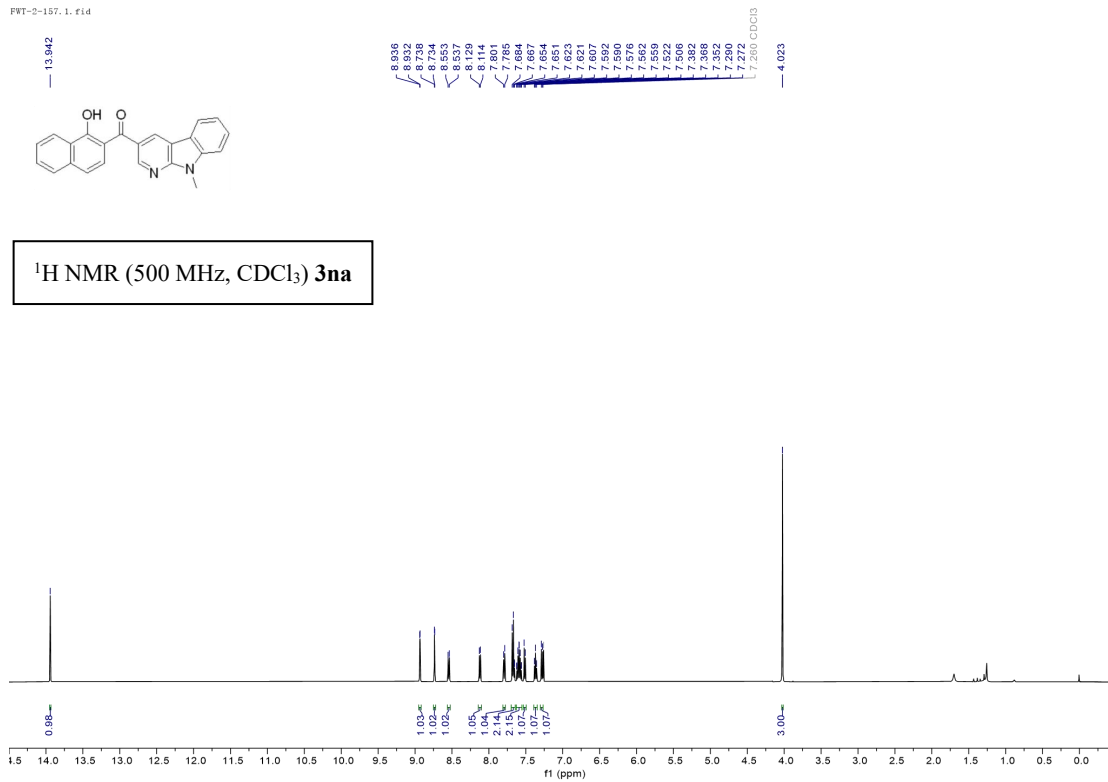
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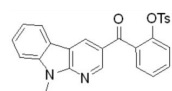
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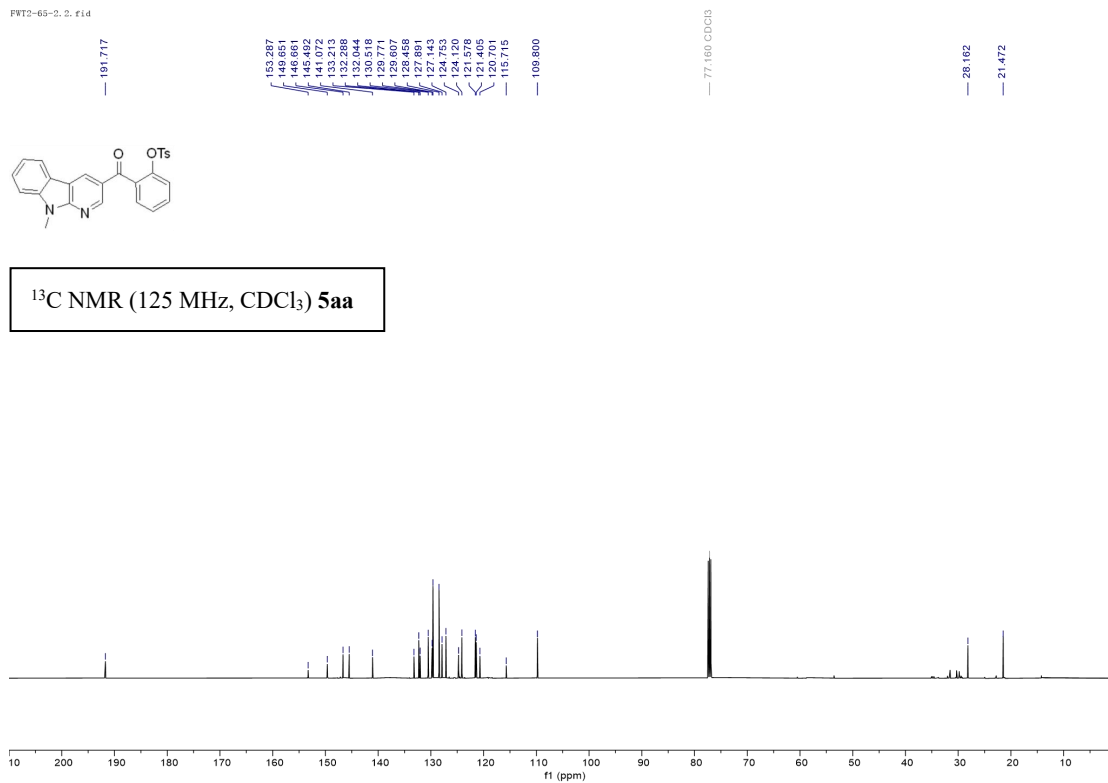
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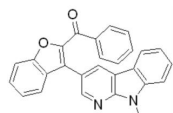
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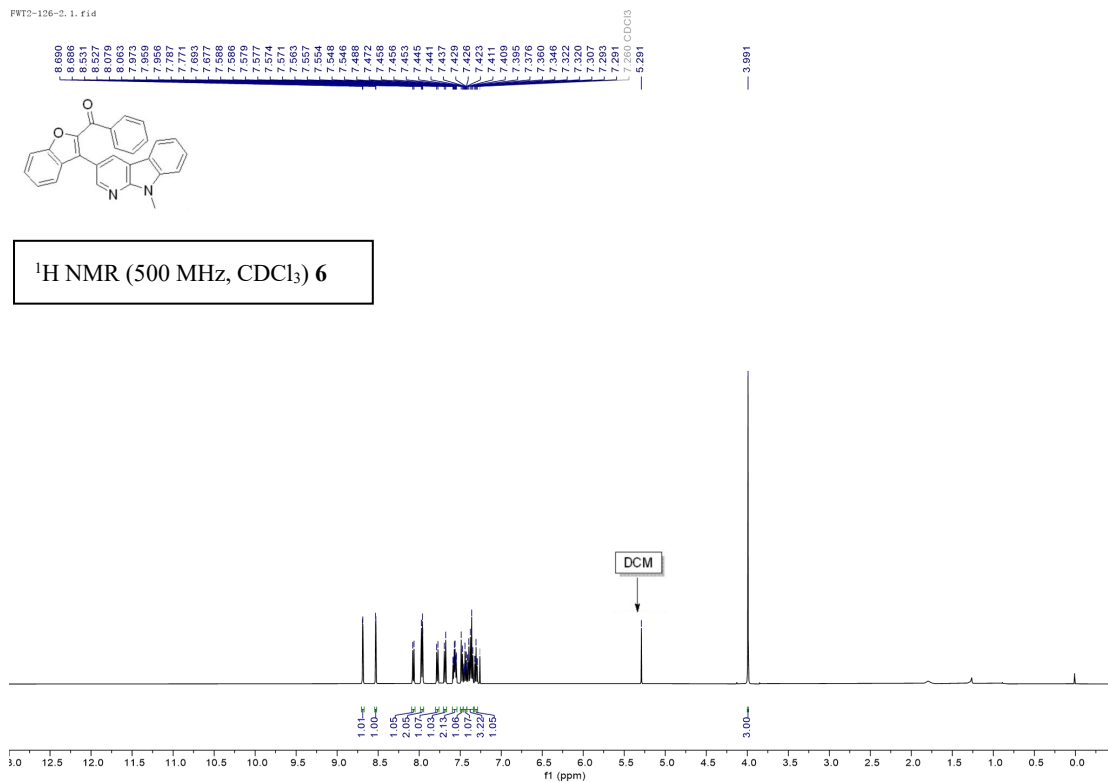
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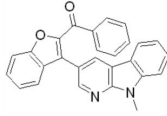
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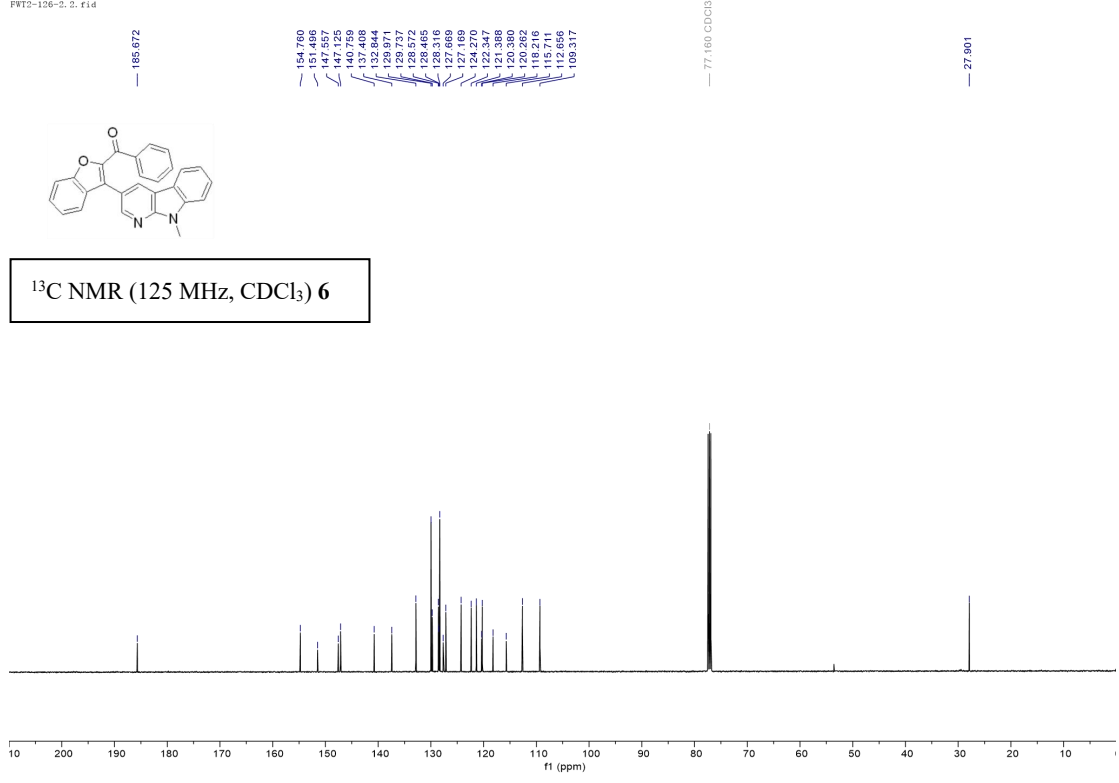
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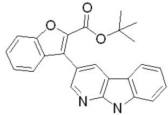
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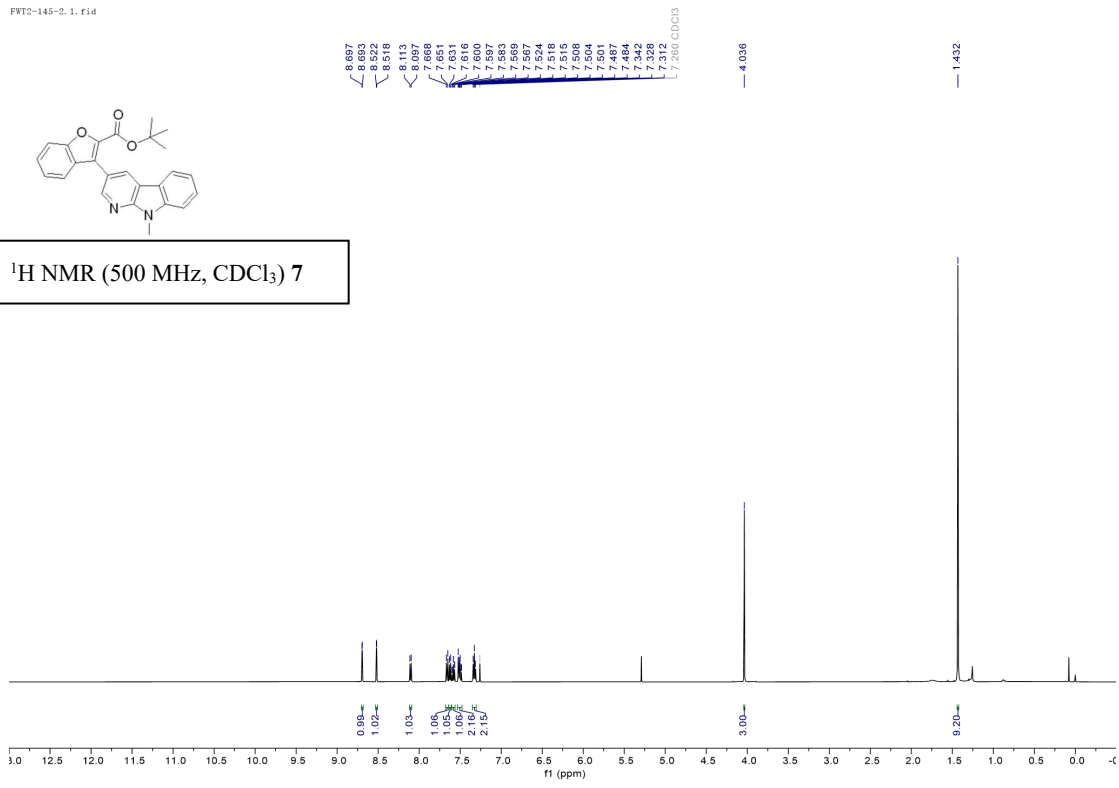
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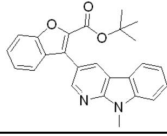


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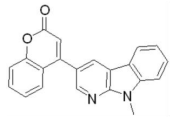
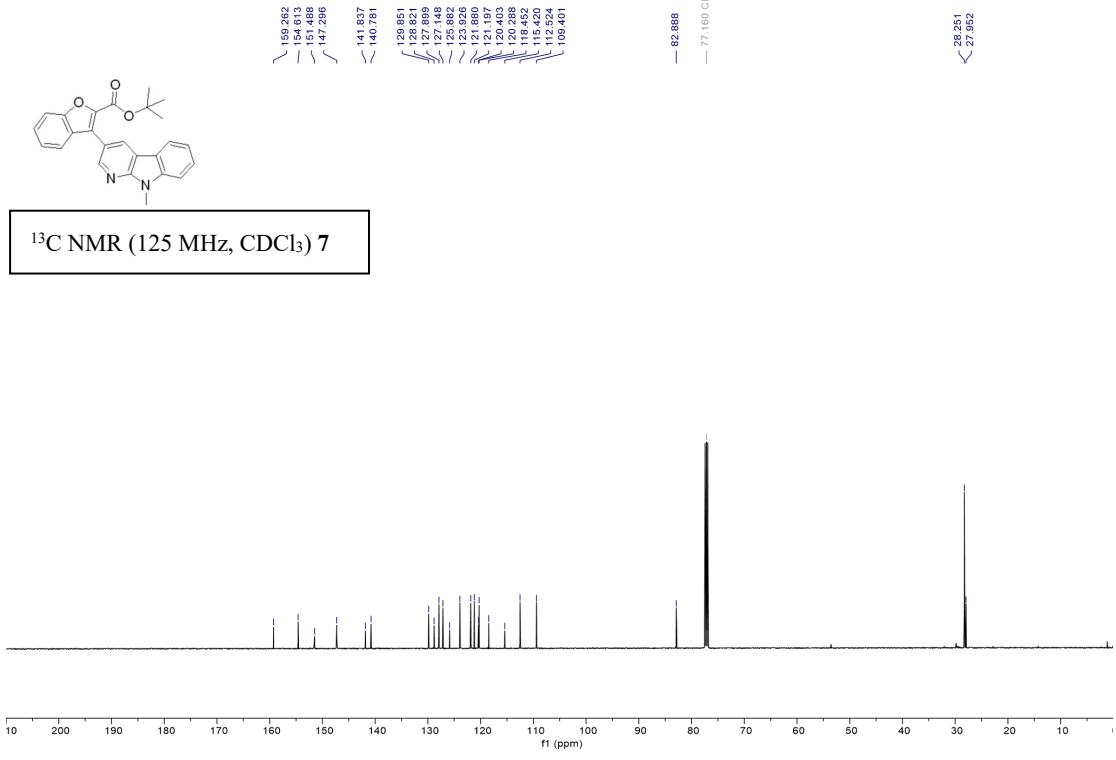


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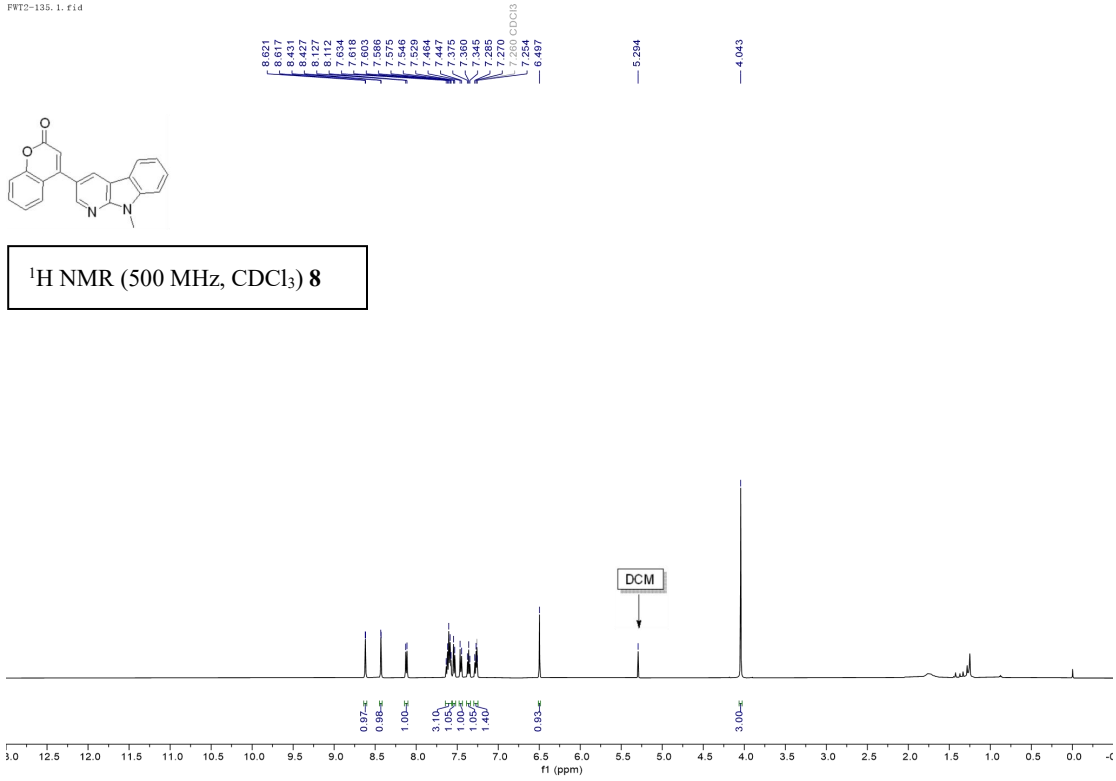




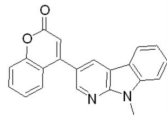
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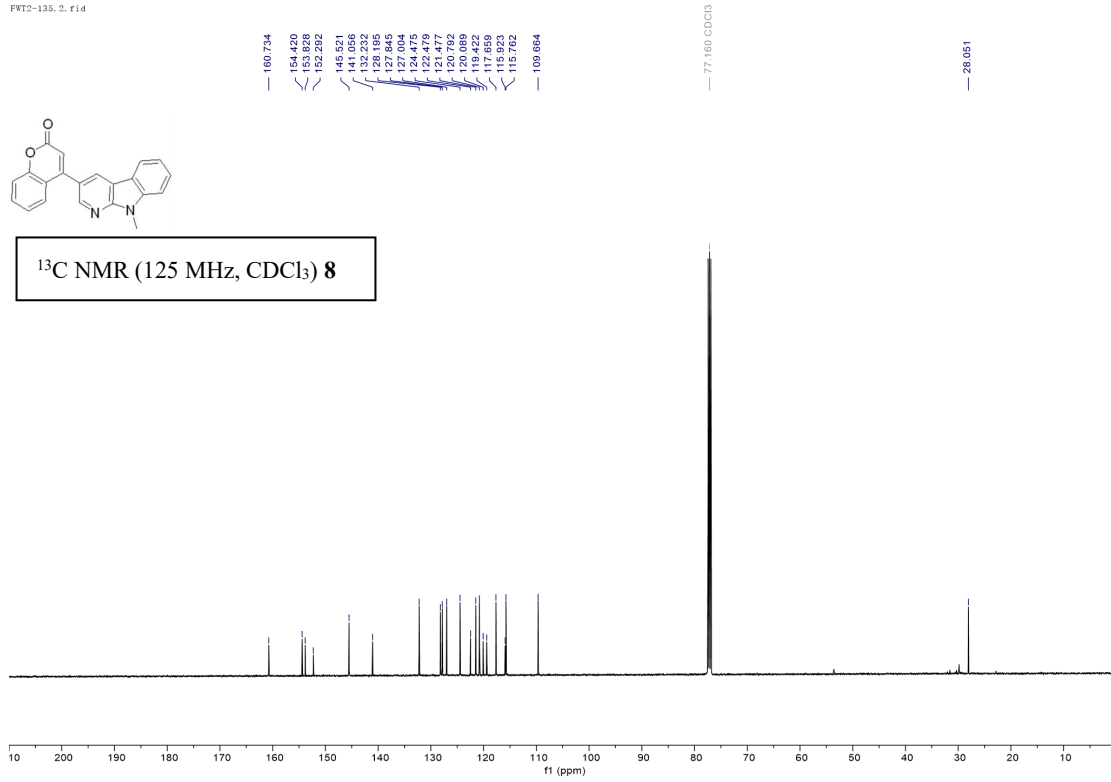
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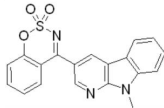
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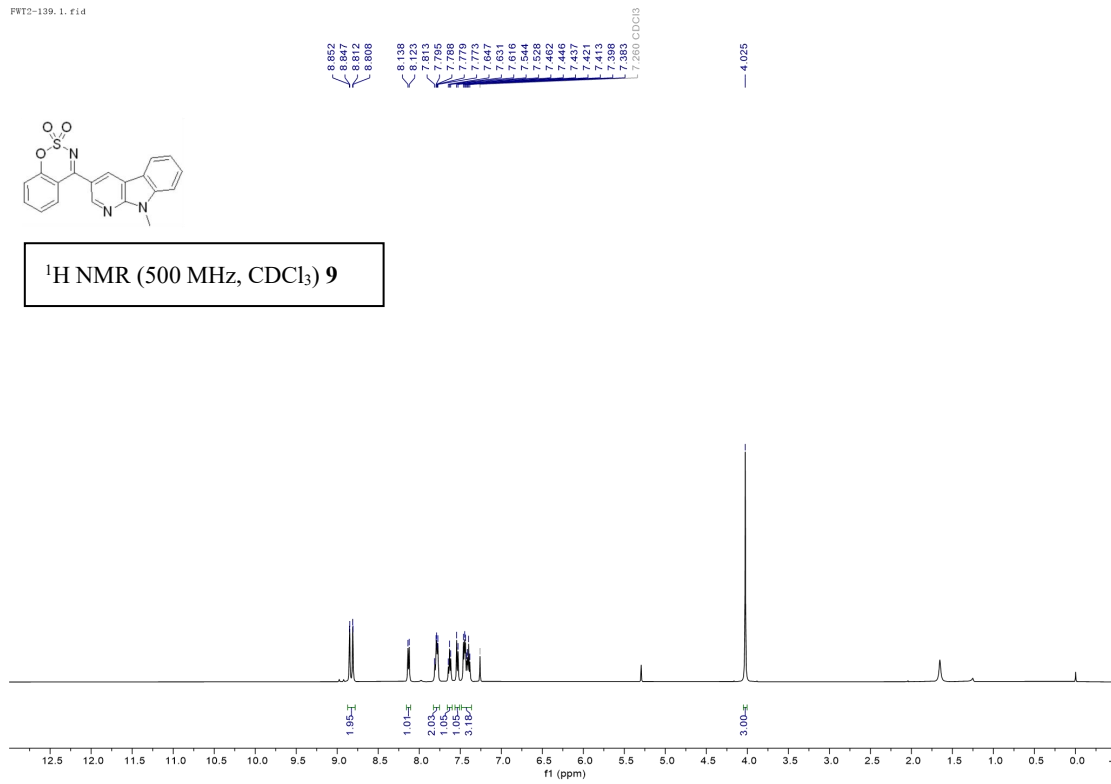
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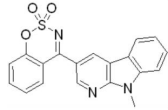


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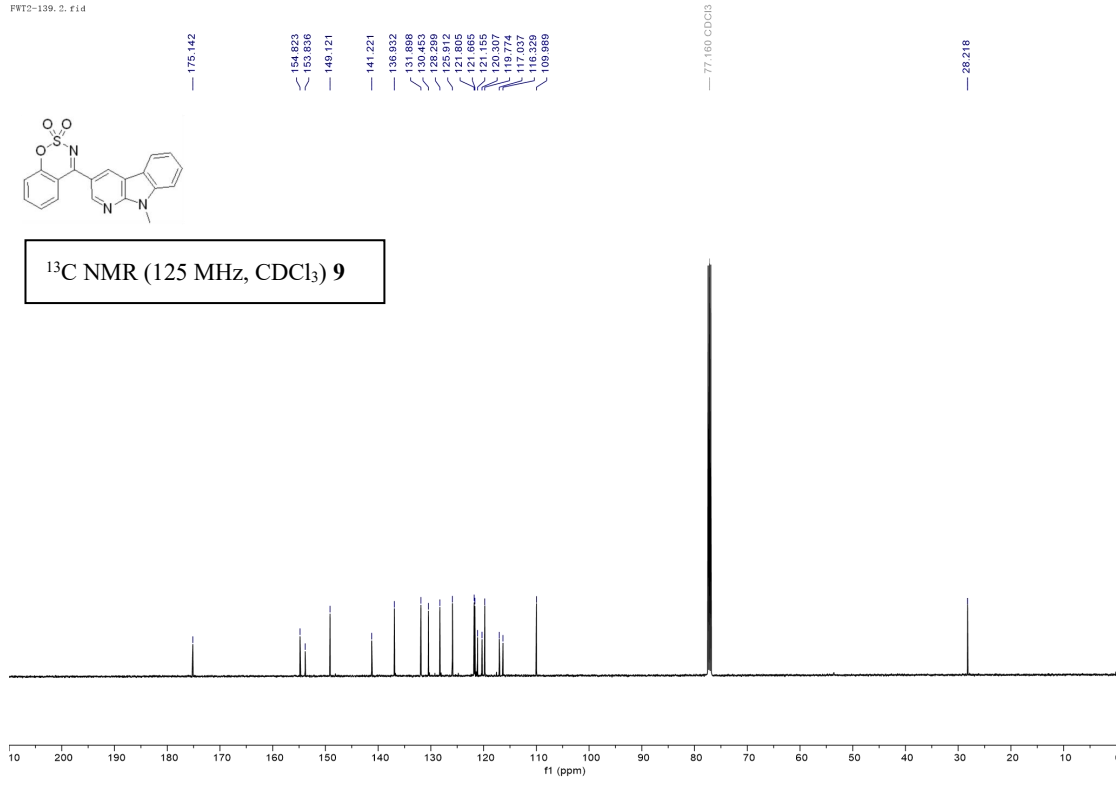


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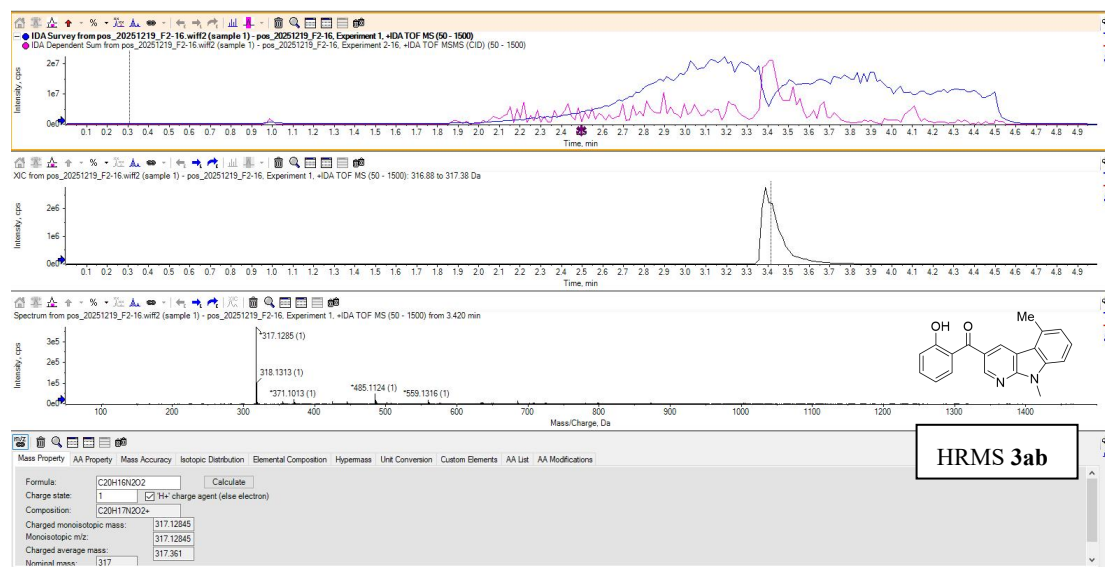
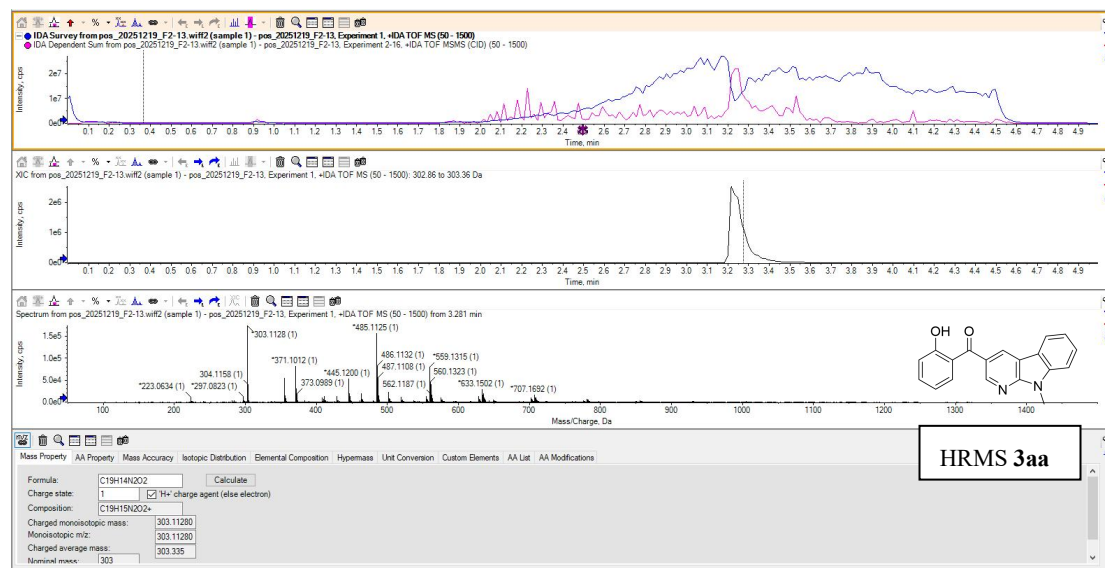


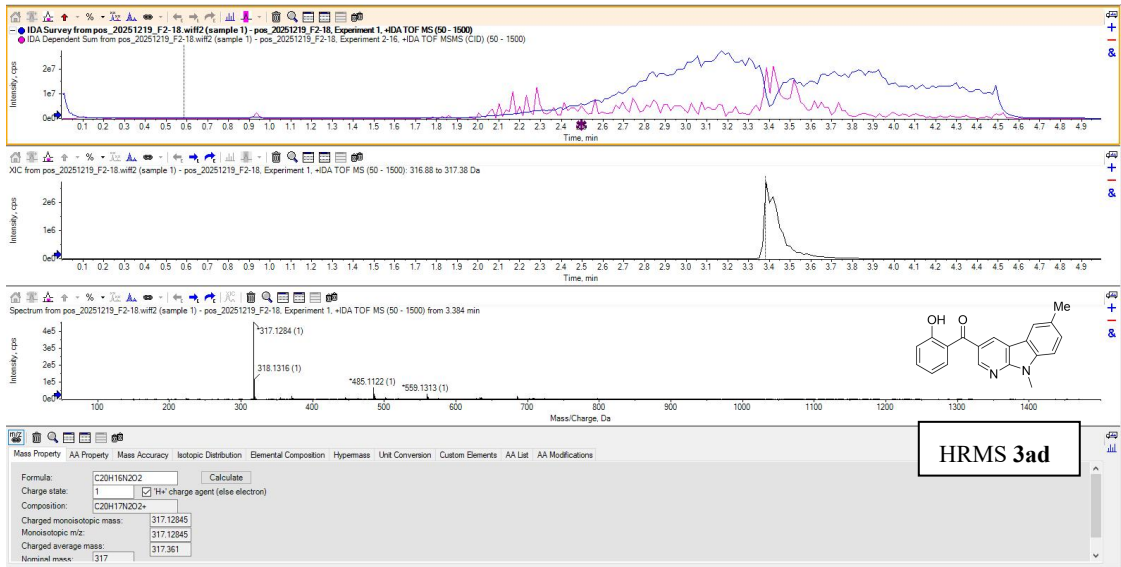
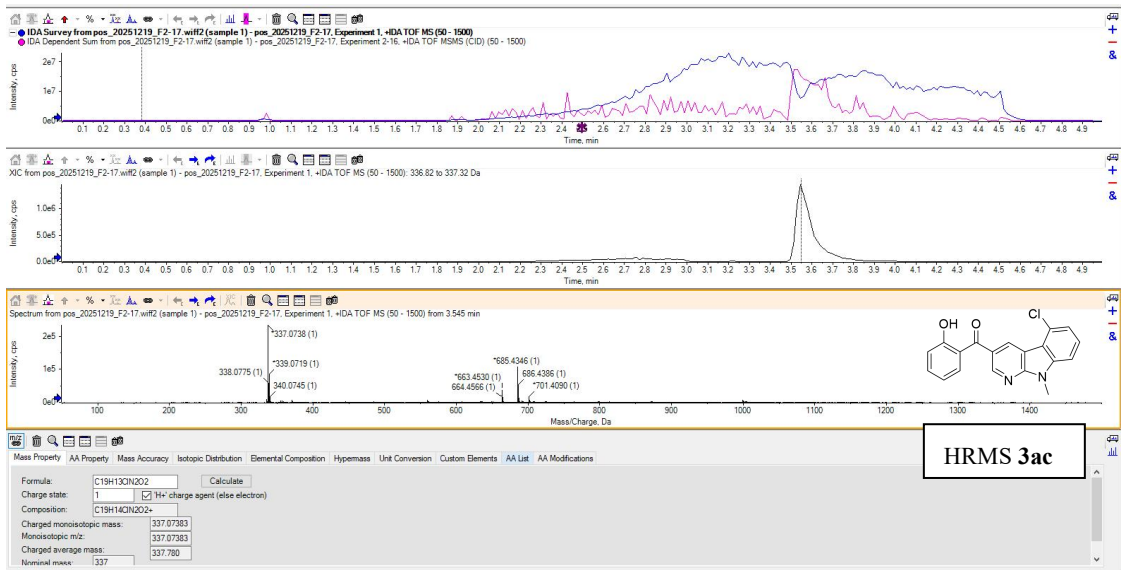


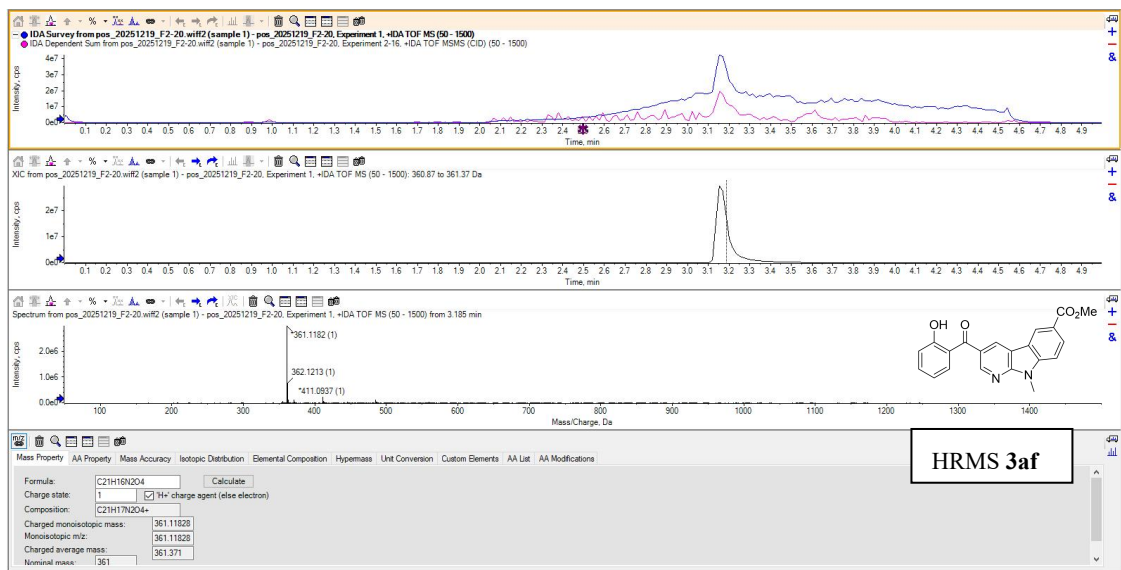
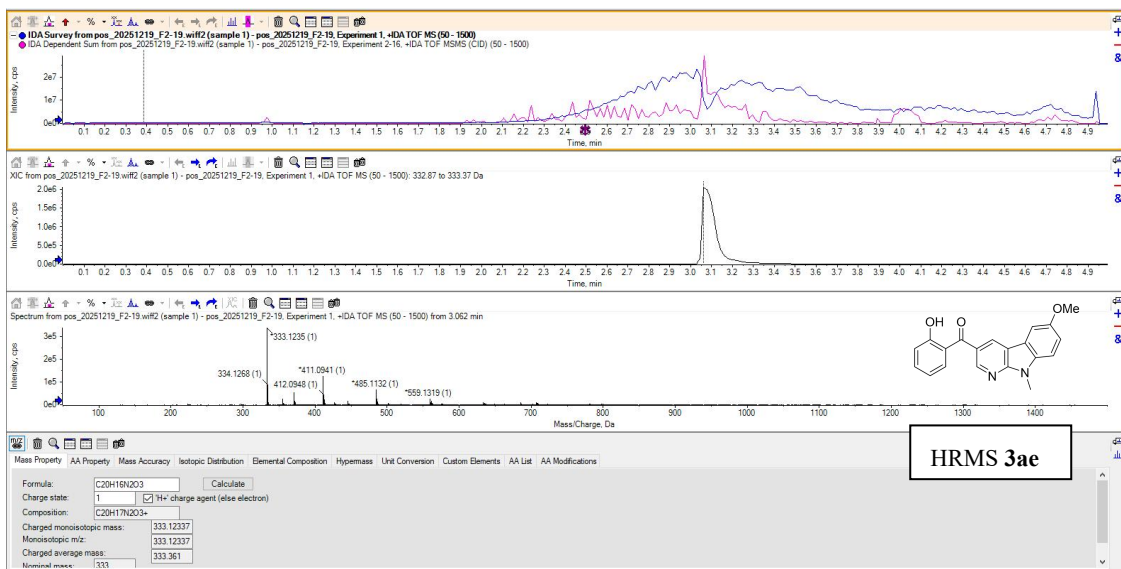
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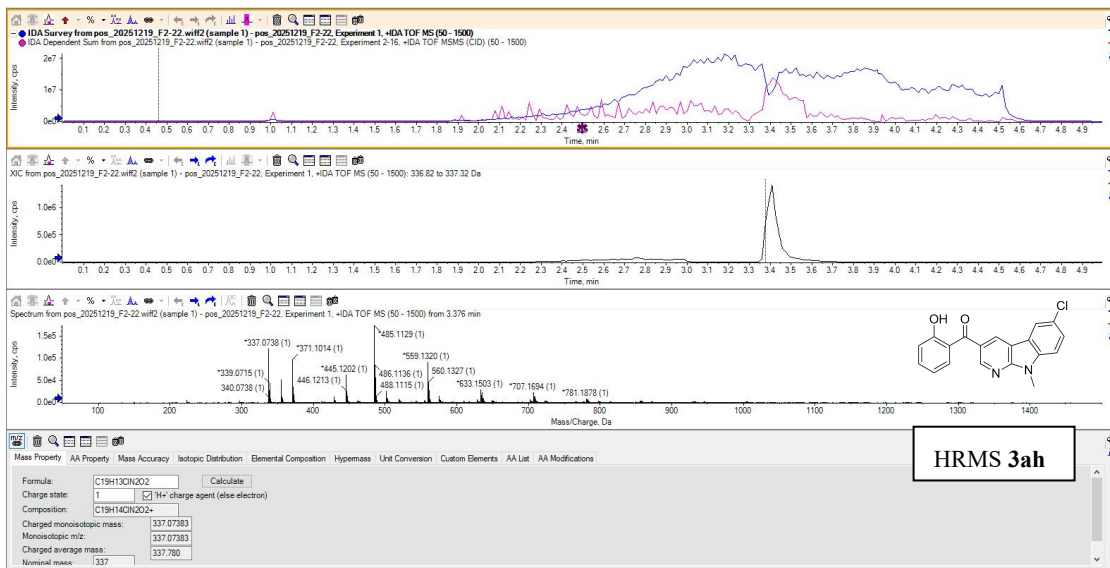
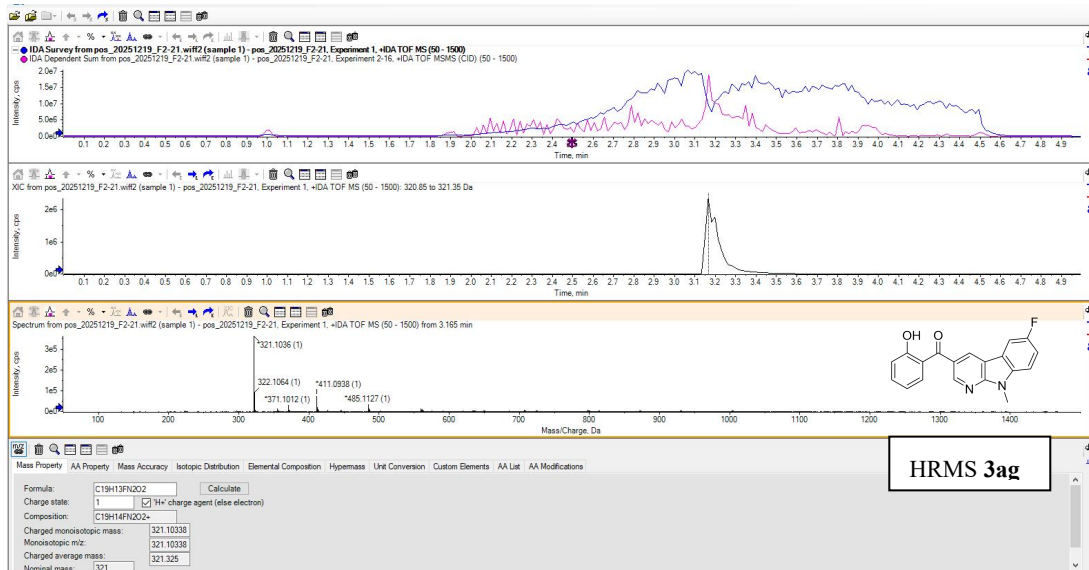


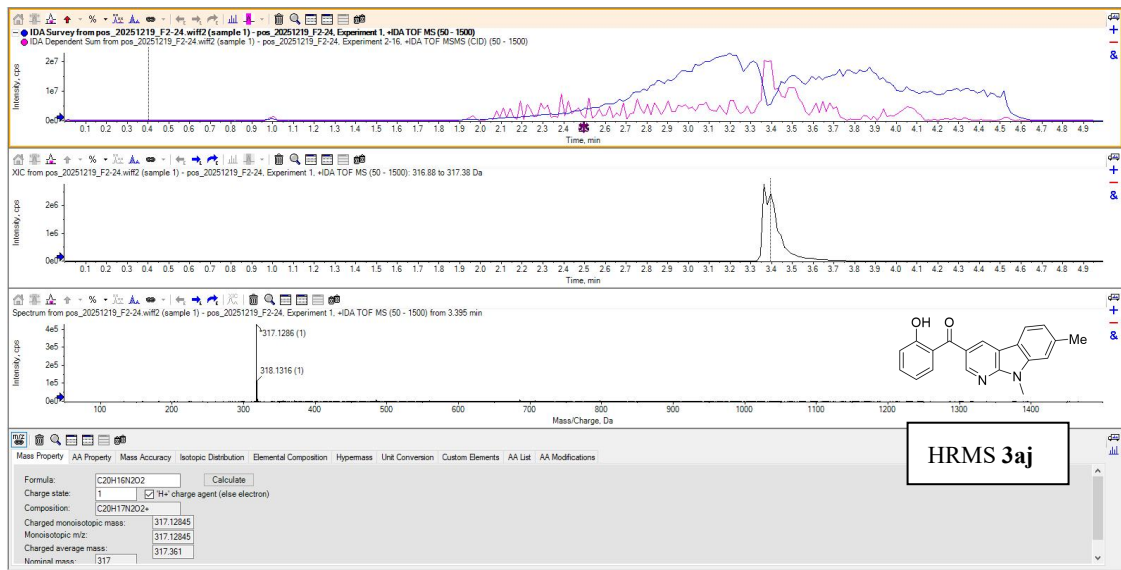
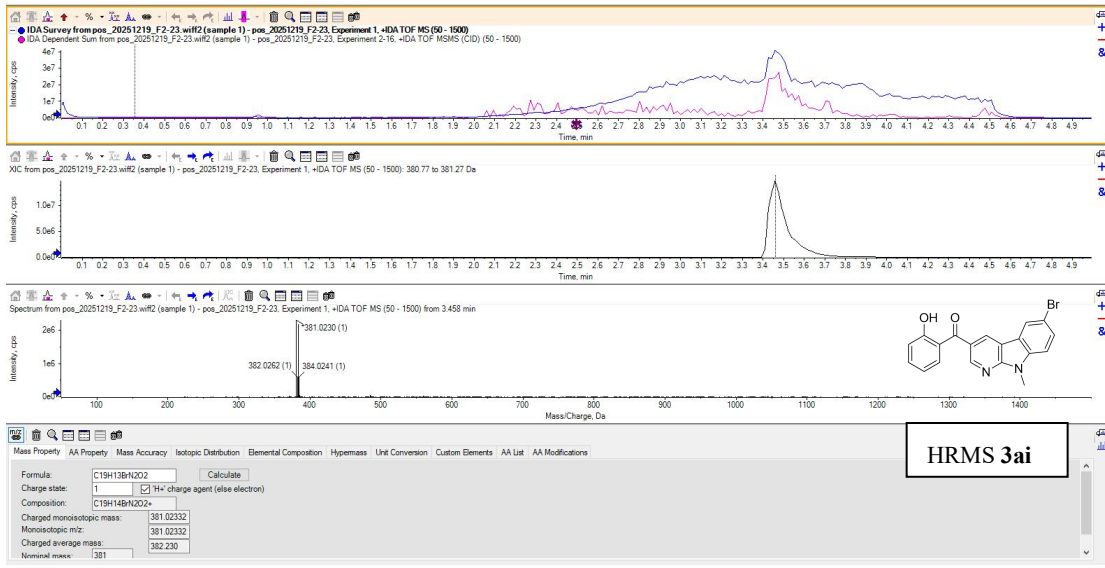
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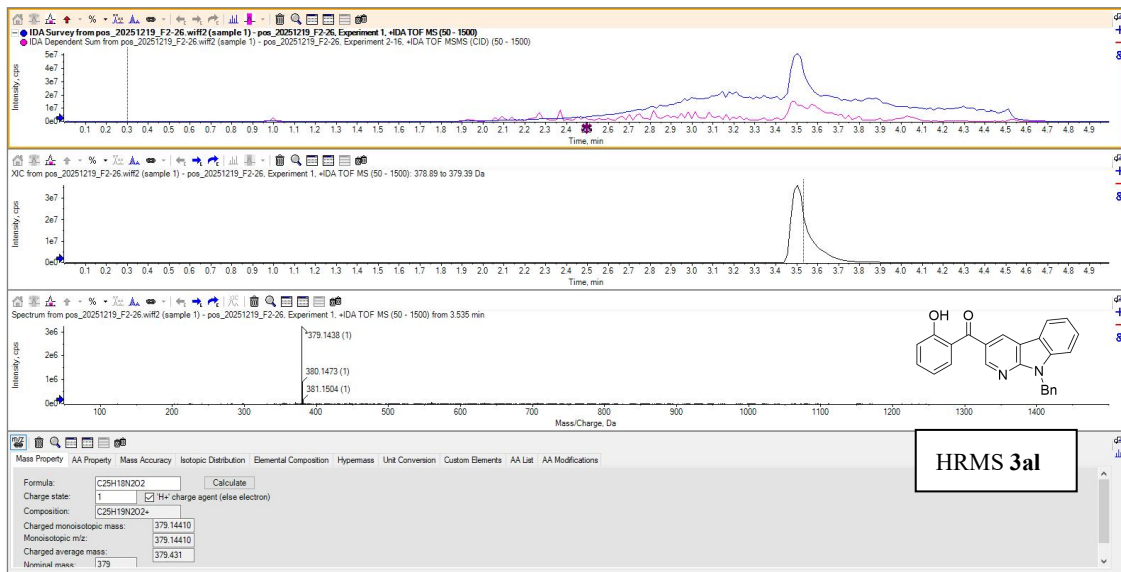
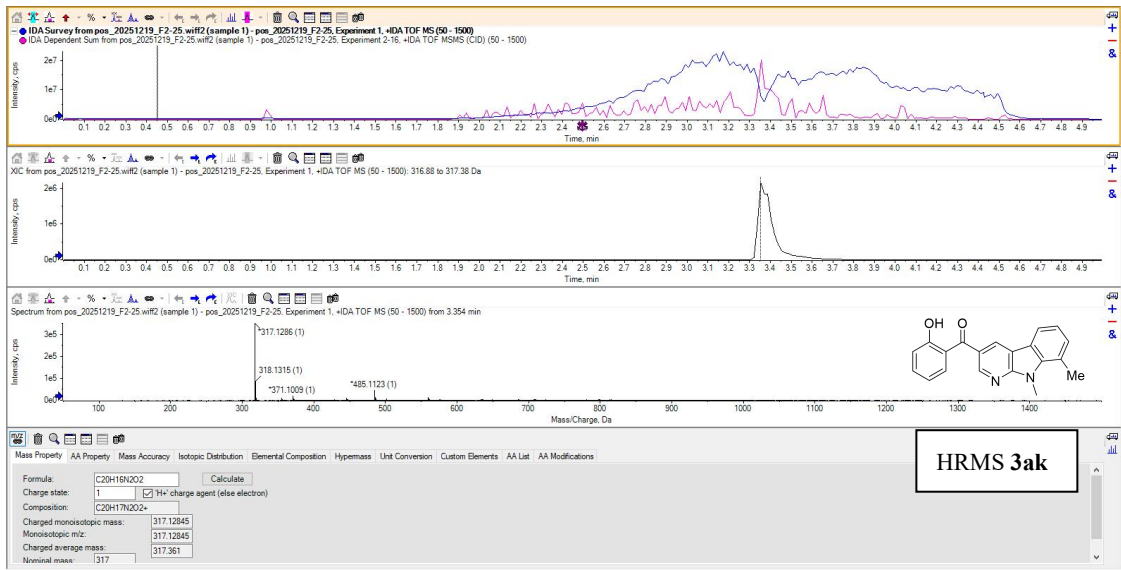


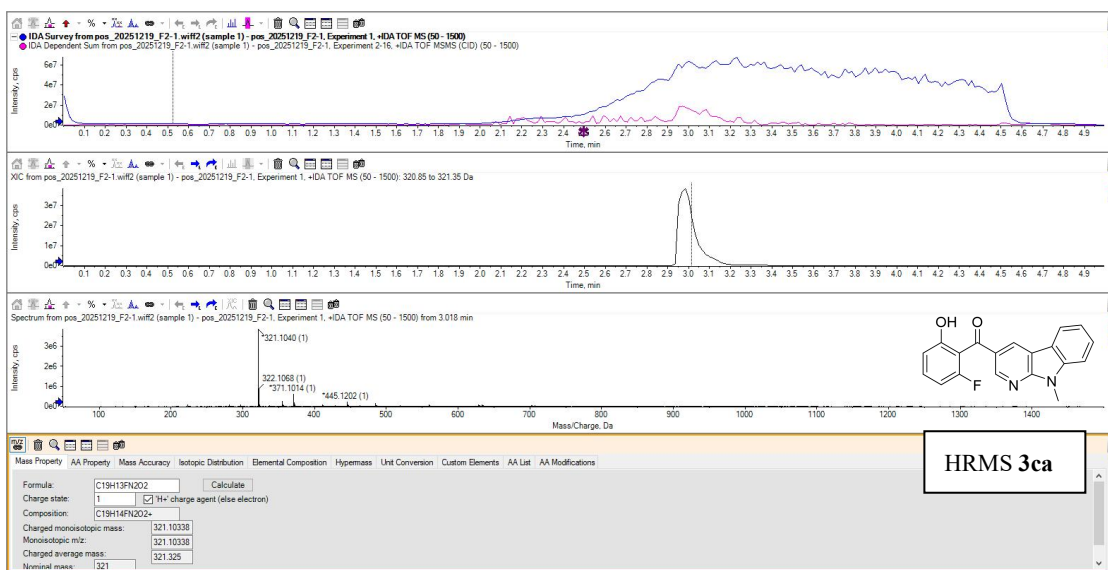
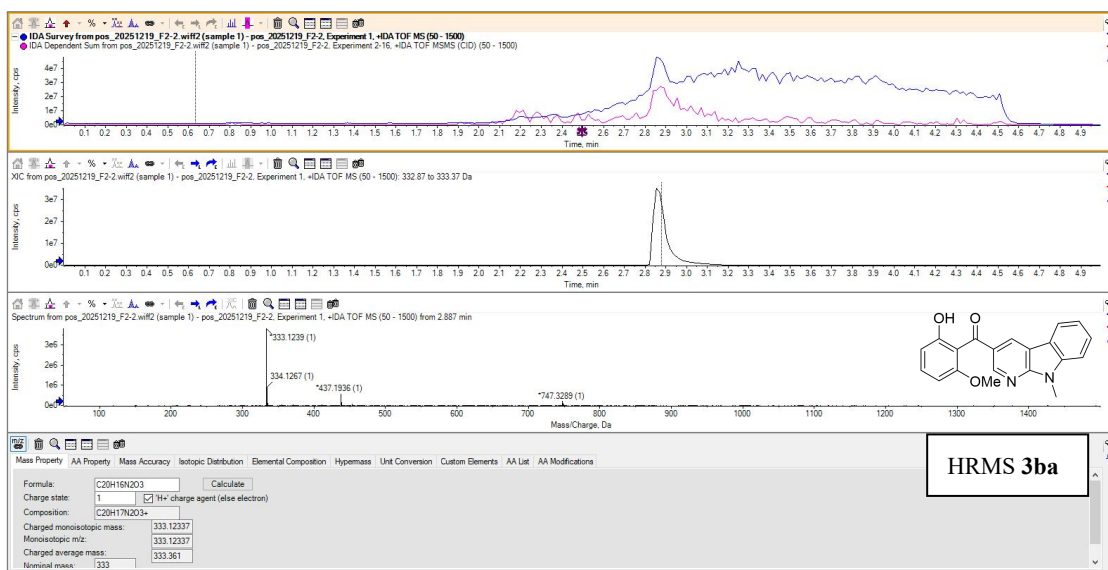


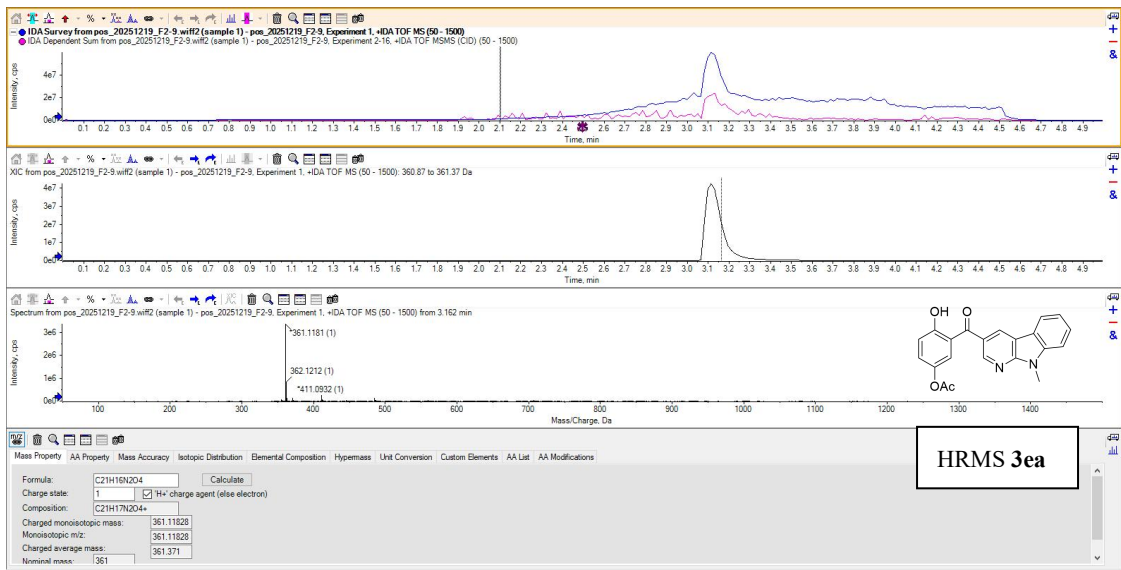
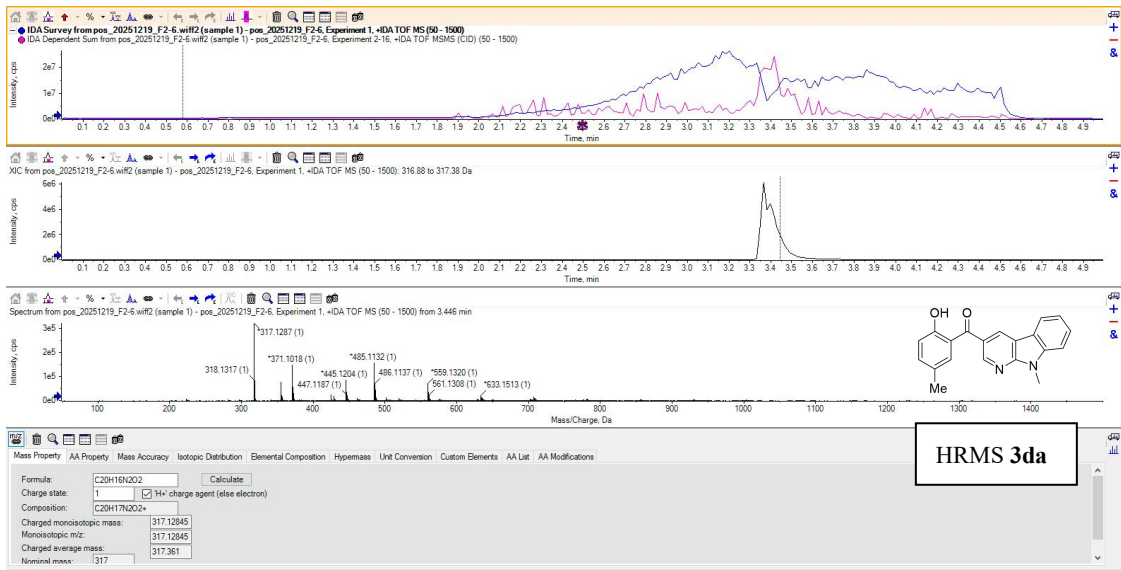


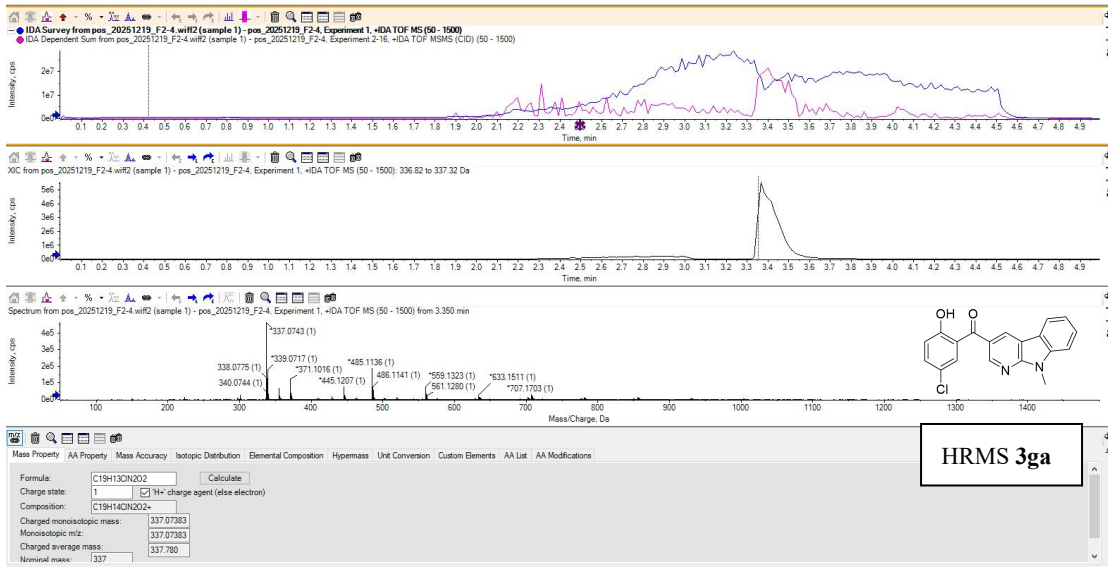
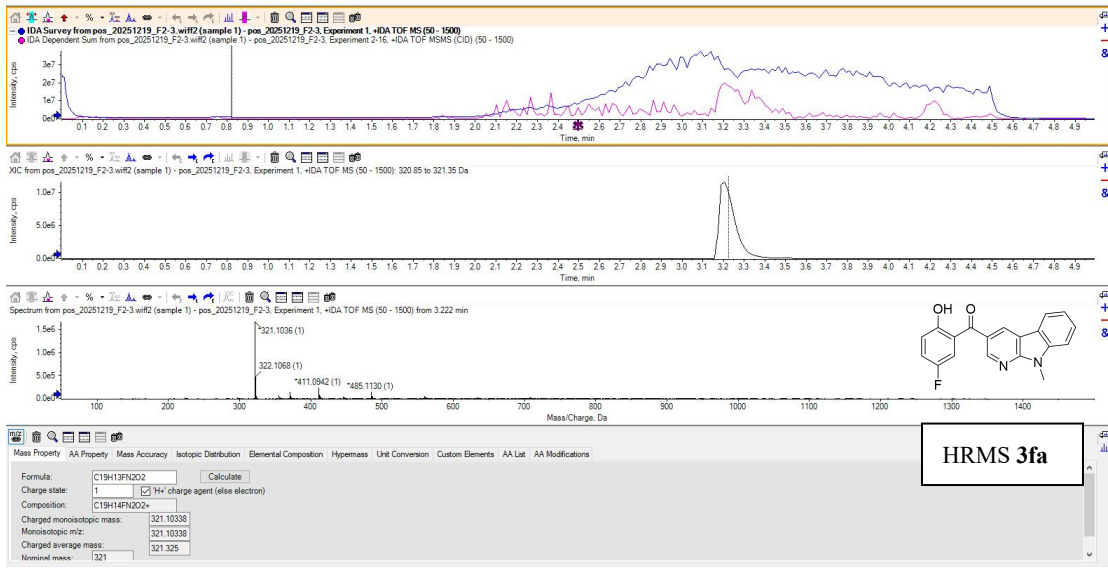


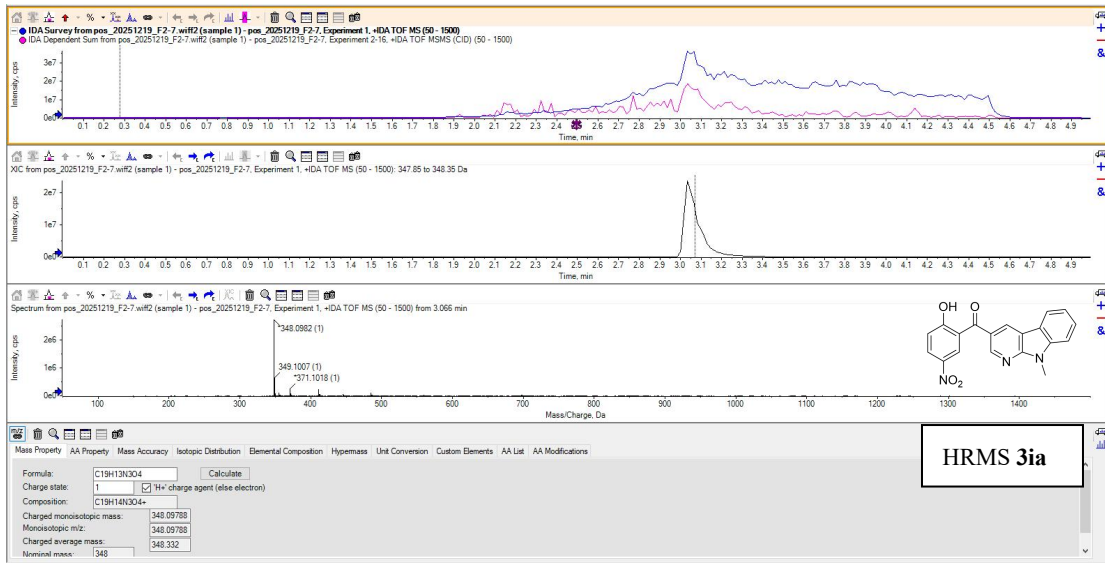
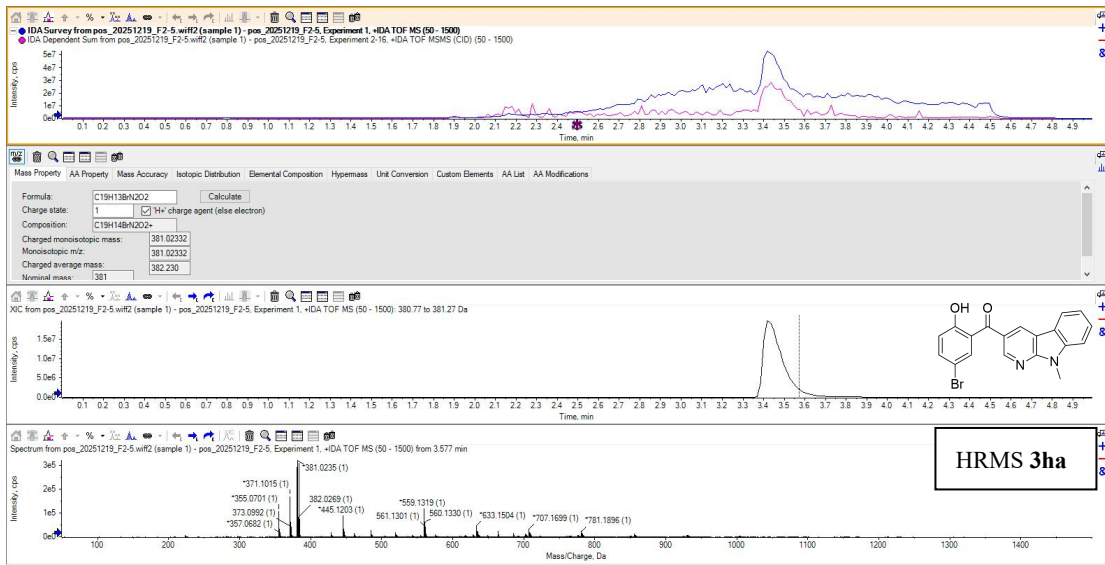


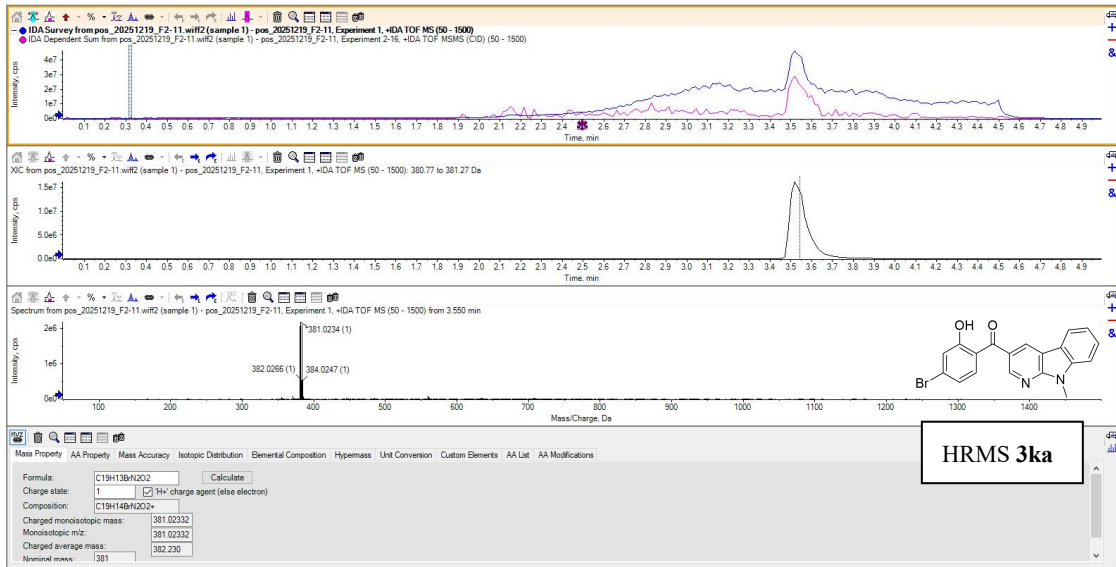
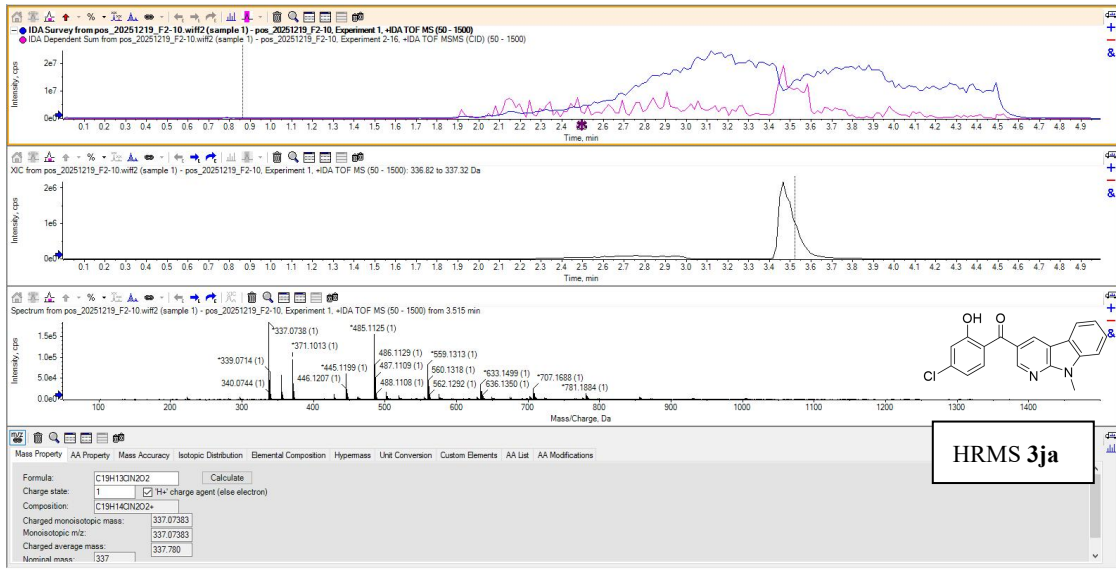


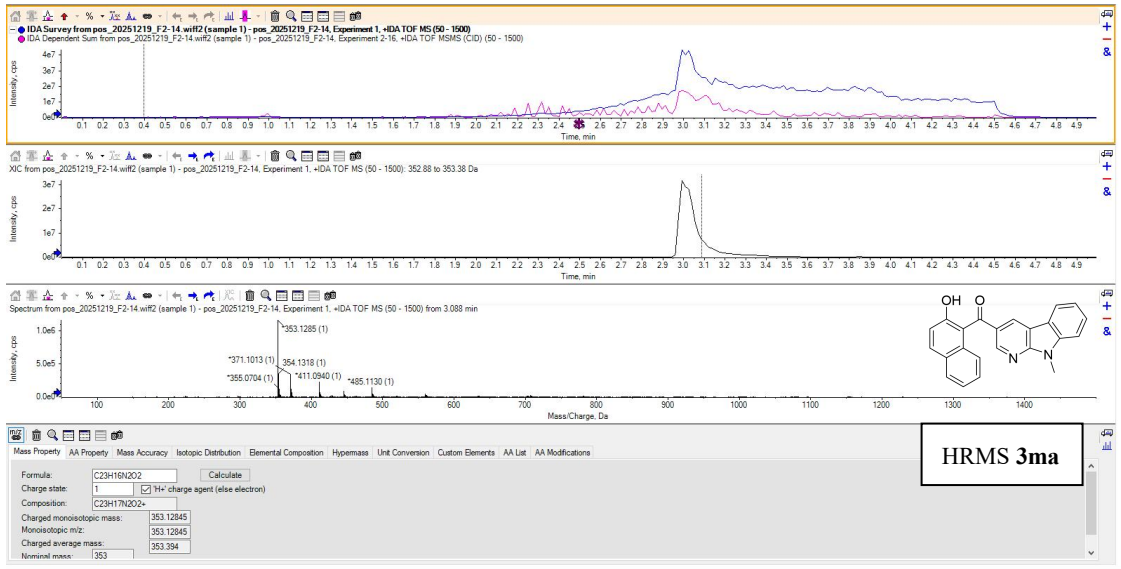
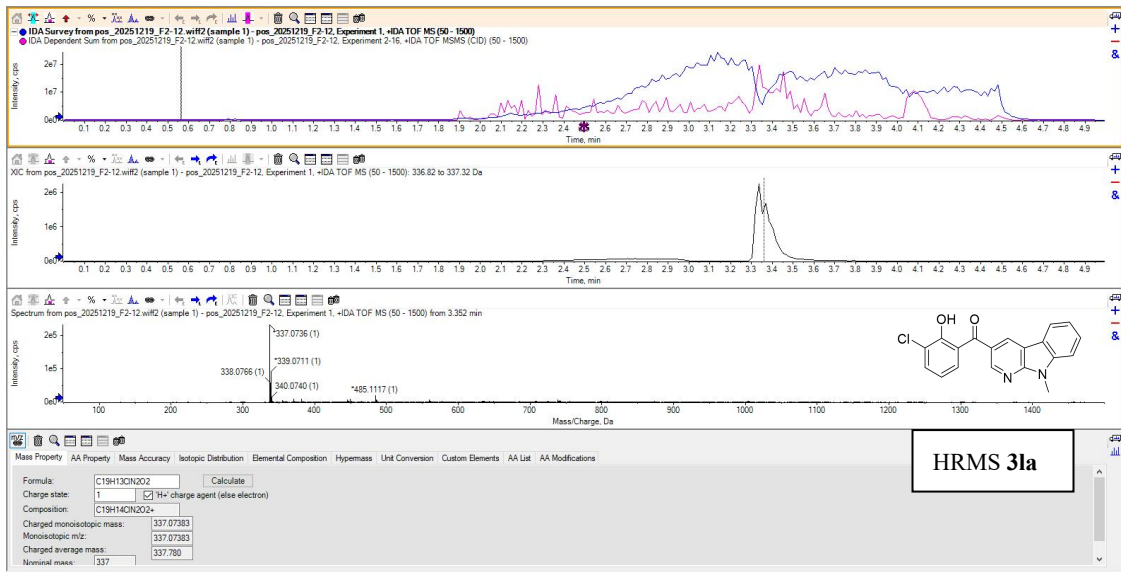


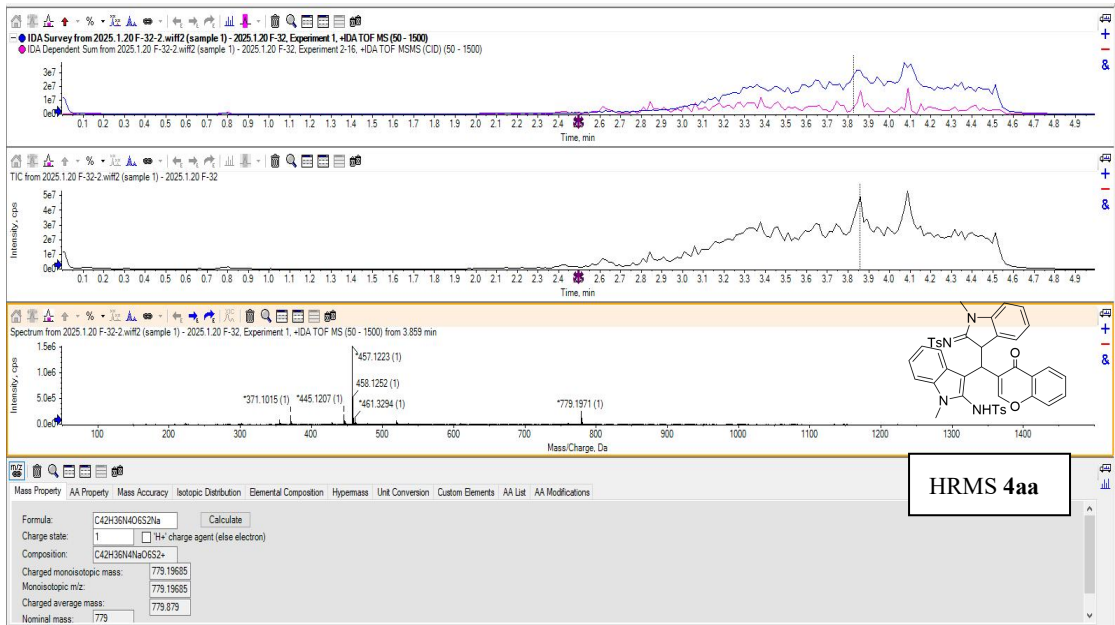
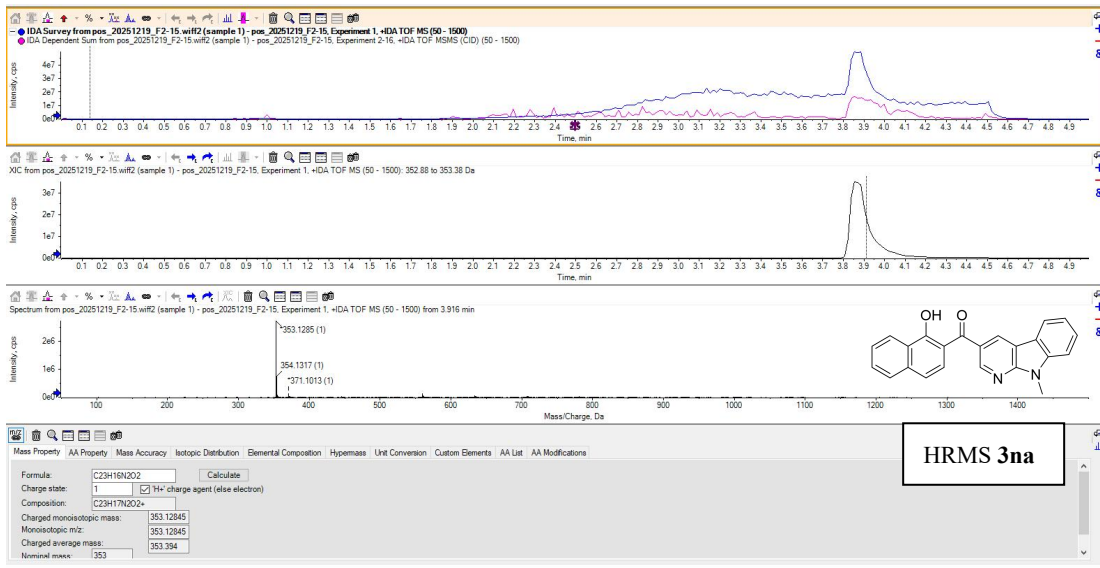


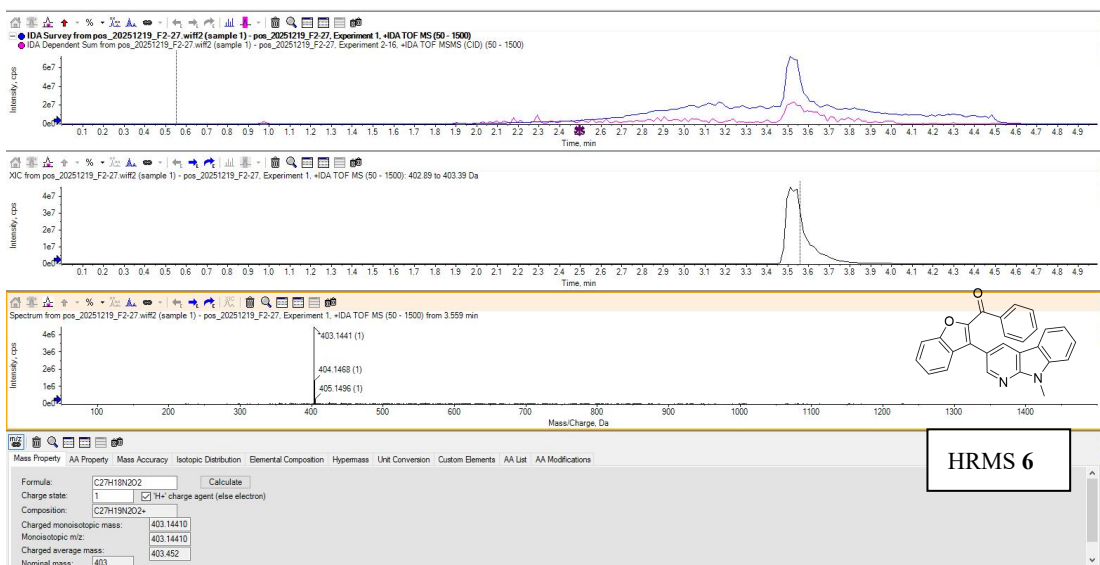
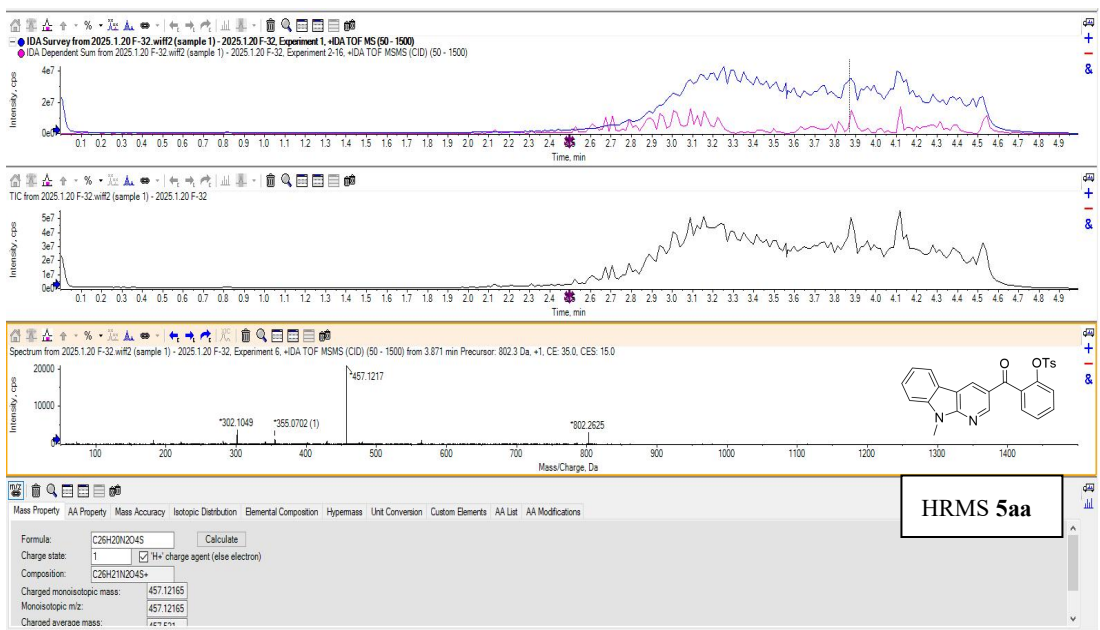


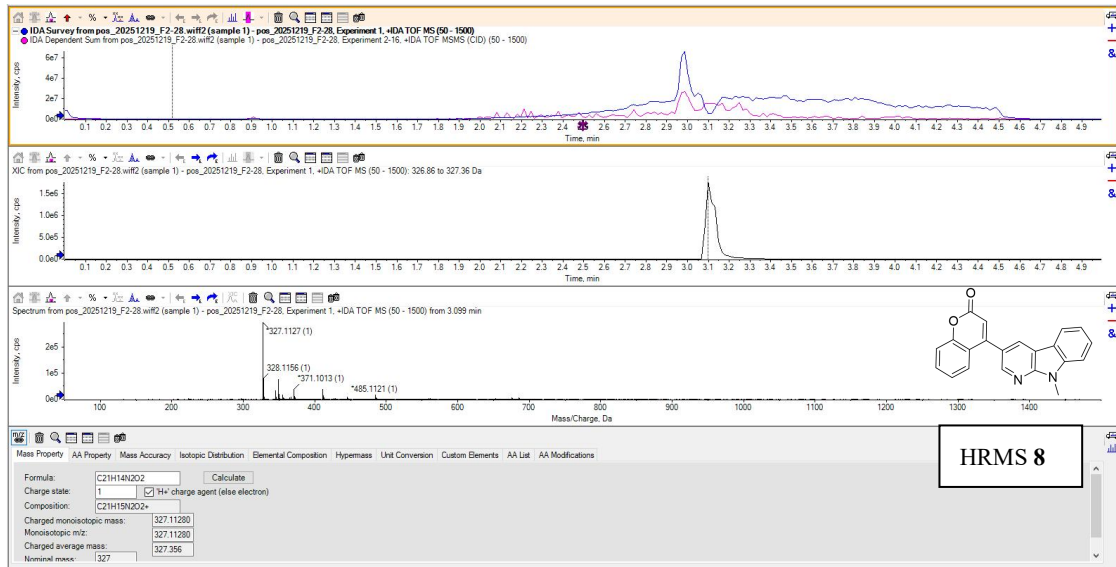
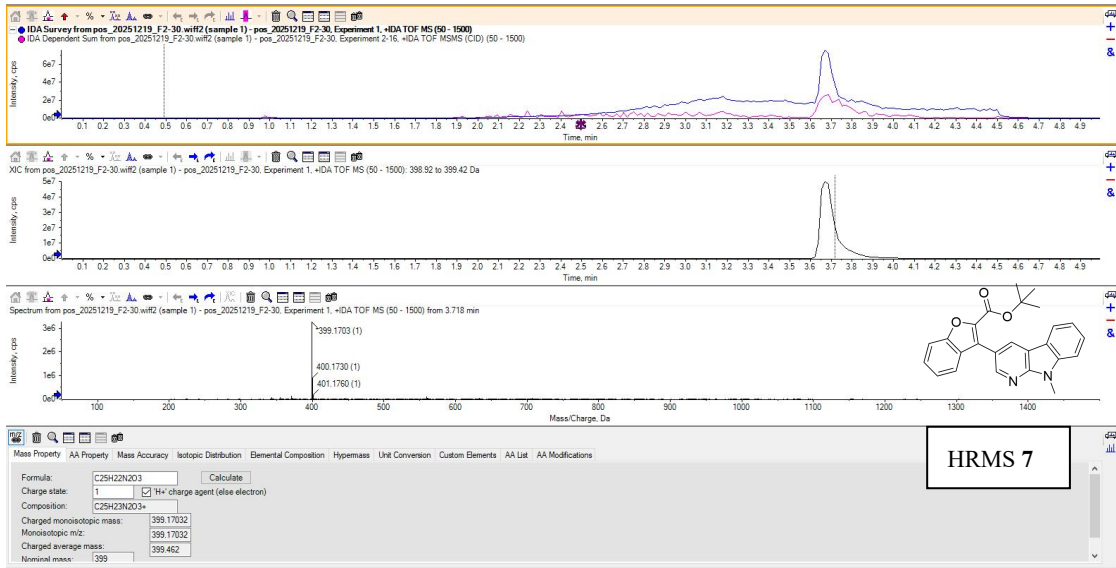


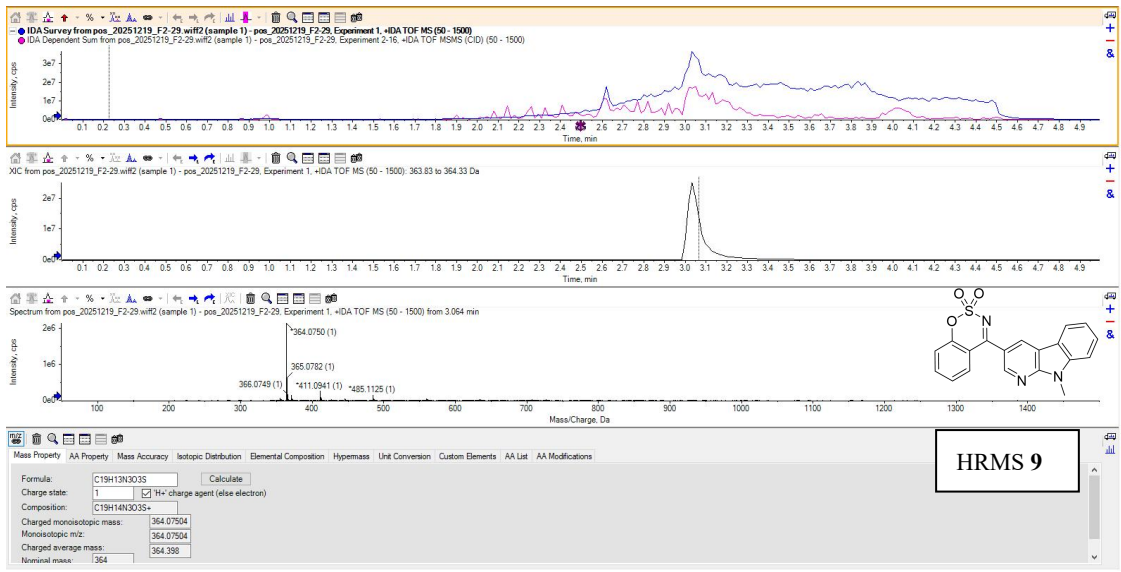






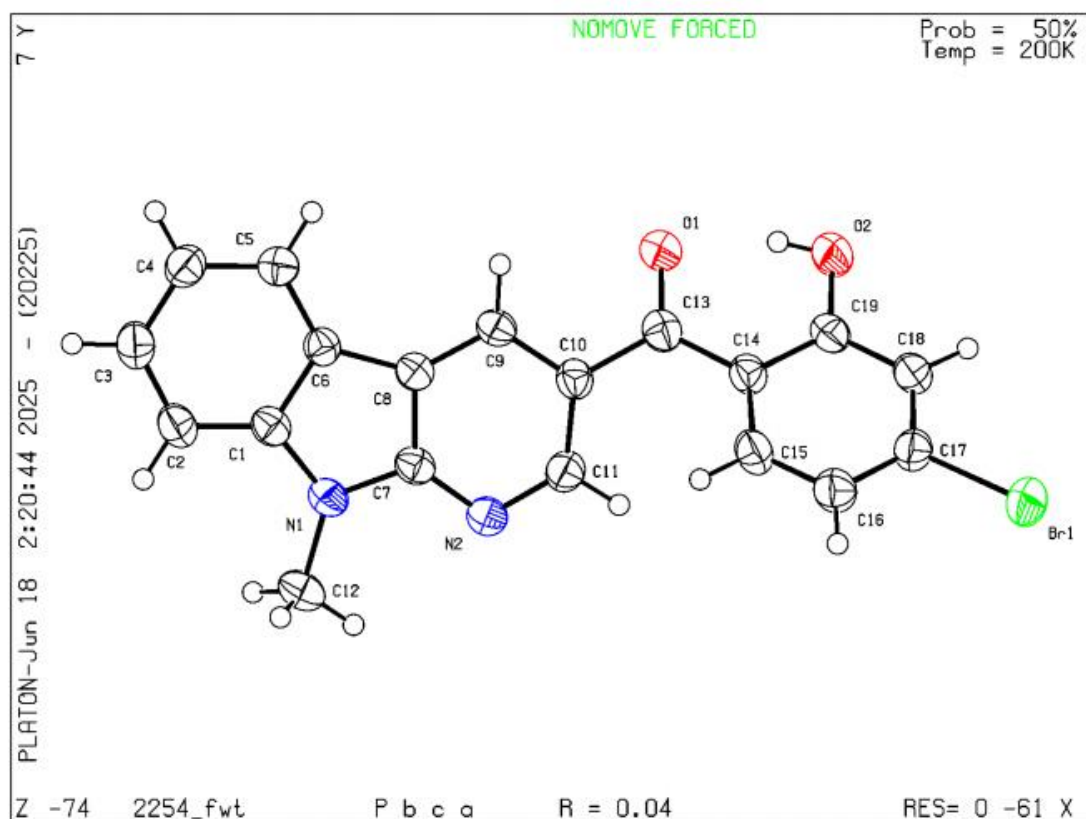






7. X-ray Crystal Structure Information

7.1 X-ray Crystal Structure Information of Compound 3ka



3ka

Sample preparation: A small amount of sample **3ka** was dissolved in DCM in a vial, and then petroleum ether was dripped into the solution. Then the vial was sealed with a thin layer of parafilm and some holes were made on top of parafilm. The solvent volatilized slowly at room temperature to afford the single crystal of **3ka**.

Experimental Section

Single crystals of $C_{19}H_{13}BrN_2O_2$ [**3ka**] were []. A suitable crystal was selected and [] on a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 200.0 K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the SHELXT [2] structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the SHELXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

1. Dolomanov, O.V., Bourhis, L.J., Gildea, R.J, Howard, J.A.K. & Puschmann, H. (2009), *J. Appl. Cryst.* 42, 339-341.
2. Sheldrick, G.M. (2015). *Acta Cryst.* A71, 3-8.
3. Sheldrick, G.M. (2015). *Acta Cryst.* C71, 3-8.

Crystal structure determination of [**3ka**]

Crystal Data for $C_{19}H_{13}BrN_2O_2$ ($M = 381.22$ g/mol): orthorhombic, space group *Pbca* (no. 61), $a = 12.3418(5)$ Å, $b = 8.5375(4)$ Å, $c = 29.6015(12)$ Å, $V = 3119.1(2)$ Å³, $Z = 8$, $T = 200.0$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 3.712$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.624$ g/cm³, 12229 reflections measured ($5.972^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 136.506^\circ$), 2838 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0563$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0443$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_I was 0.0400 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1123 (all data).

Refinement model description

Number of restraints - 1, number of constraints - unknown.

Details:

1. Fixed Uiso

At 1.2 times of:

All C(H) groups, All O(H) groups

At 1.5 times of:

All C(H,H,H) groups

2. Restrained distances

O2-H2

0.84 with sigma of 0.02

3. a Aromatic/amide H refined with riding coordinates:

C2(H2A), C3(H3), C4(H4), C5(H5), C9(H9), C11(H11), C15(H15), C16(H16), C18(H18)

3. b Idealised Me refined as rotating group:

C12(H12A,H12B,H12C)

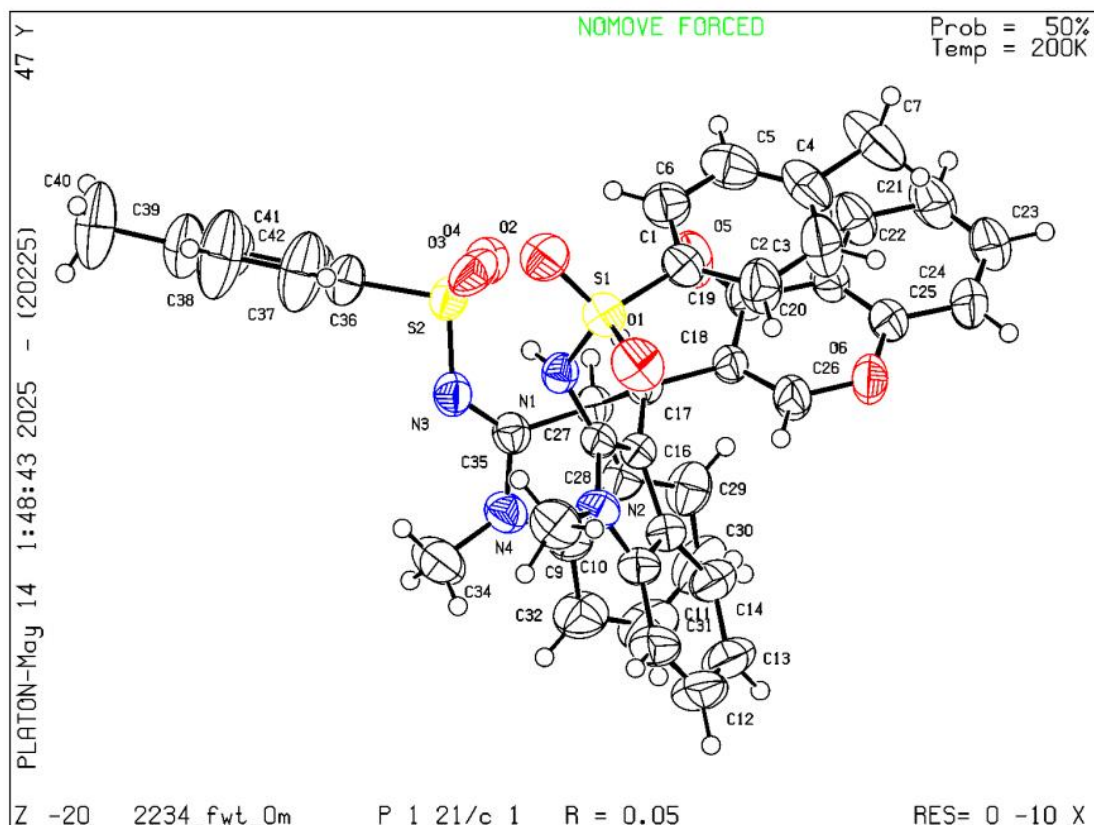
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Table S2 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3ka

Identification code	3ka
Empirical formula	C ₁₉ H ₁₃ BrN ₂ O ₂
Formula weight	381.22
Temperature/K	200.0
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pbca
a/Å	12.3418(5)
b/Å	8.5375(4)
c/Å	29.6015(12)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3119.1(2)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.624
μ/mm ⁻¹	3.712
F(000)	1536.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.48 × 0.15 × 0.05
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54178)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.972 to 136.506
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -7 ≤ k ≤ 10, -35 ≤ l ≤ 29
Reflections collected	12229
Independent reflections	2838 [R _{int} = 0.0563, R _{sigma} = 0.0443]
Data/restraints/parameters	2838/1/221

Goodness-of-fit on F^2 1.044
 Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$] $R_1 = 0.0400$, $wR_2 = 0.1052$
 Final R indexes [all data] $R_1 = 0.0488$, $wR_2 = 0.1123$
 Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ 0.50/-0.54

7.2 X-ray Crystal Structure Information of Compound 4aa



4aa

Sample preparation: A small amount of sample **4aa** was dissolved in DCM in a vial, and then petroleum ether was dripped into the solution. Then the vial was sealed with a thin layer of parafilm and some holes were made on top of parafilm. The solvent volatilized slowly at room temperature to afford the single crystal of **4aa**.

Experimental Section

Single crystals of $C_{42}H_{36}N_4O_6S_2$ [**4aa**] were []. A suitable crystal was selected and [] on a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 200.0 K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the SHELXT [2] structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the SHELXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

1. Dolomanov, O.V., Bourhis, L.J., Gildea, R.J, Howard, J.A.K. & Puschmann, H. (2009), *J. Appl. Cryst.* 42, 339-341.

2. Sheldrick, G.M. (2015). *Acta Cryst.* A71, 3-8.

3. Sheldrick, G.M. (2015). *Acta Cryst.* C71, 3-8.

Crystal structure determination of [**4aa**]

Crystal Data for $C_{42}H_{36}N_4O_6S_2$ ($M = 756.87$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), $a = 17.0112(5)$ Å, $b = 10.9345(3)$ Å, $c = 23.5496(6)$ Å, $V = 4244.8(2)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 200.0$ K, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) =$

1.532 mm⁻¹, $D_{calc} = 1.184$ g/cm³, 21774 reflections measured ($5.36^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 136.932^\circ$), 7736 unique ($R_{int} = 0.0602$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0628$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_I was 0.0527 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1570 (all data).

Refinement model description

Number of restraints - 1, number of constraints - unknown.

Details:

1. Fixed Uiso

At 1.2 times of:

All C(H) groups, All O(H) groups

At 1.5 times of:

All C(H,H,H) groups

2. Restrained distances

N1-H1

0.88 with sigma of 0.02

3. a A Ternary CH refined with riding coordinates

C17(H17), C27(H27)

3. b Aromatic/amide H refined with riding coordinates:

C2(H2), C3(H3), C5(H5), C6(H6), C11(H11), C12(H12), C13(H13), C14(H14),

C21(H21), C22(H22), C23(H23), C24(H24), C26(H26), C29(H29), C30(H30), C31(H31),

C32(H32), C37(H37), C38(H38), C41(H41), C42(H42)

3. c Idealised Me refined as rotating group:

C7(H7A,H7B,H7C), C9(H9A,H9B,H9C), C34(H34A,H34B,H34C), C40(H40A,H40B,H40C)

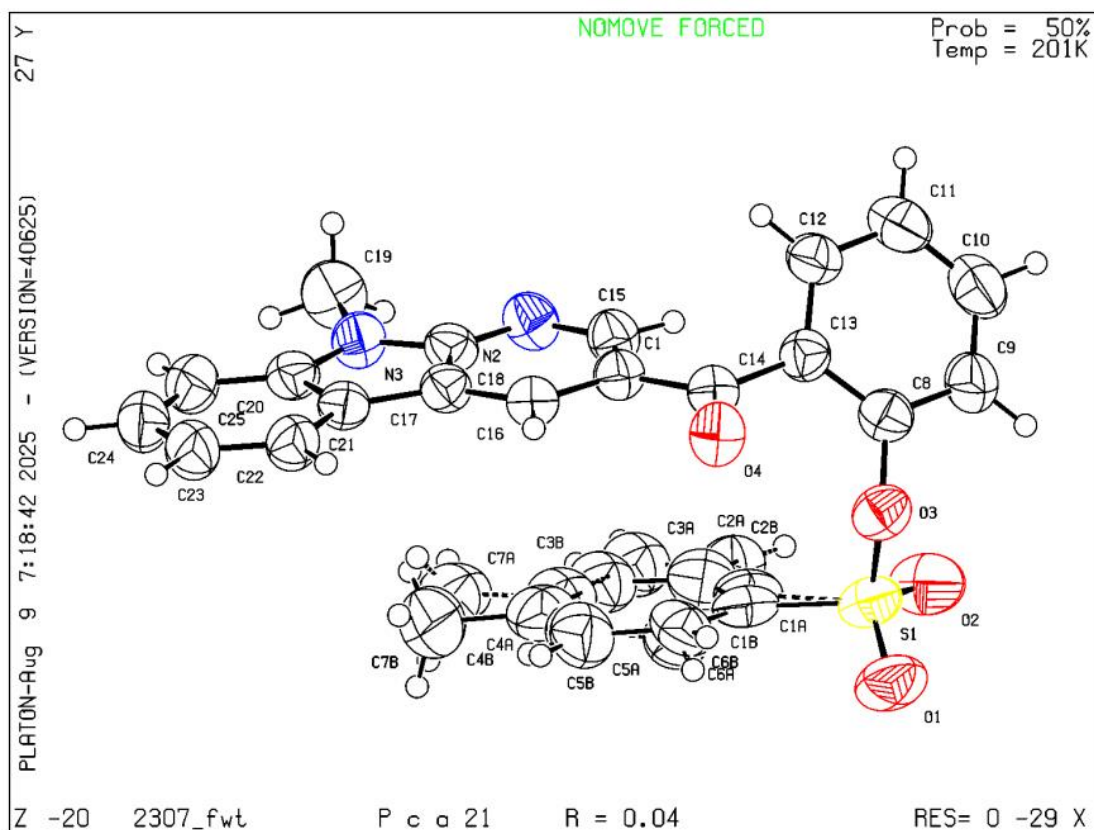
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Table S3 Crystal data and structure refinement for 4aa

Identification code	4aa
Empirical formula	C ₄₂ H ₃₆ N ₄ O ₆ S ₂
Formula weight	756.87
Temperature/K	200.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	17.0112(5)
b/Å	10.9345(3)
c/Å	23.5496(6)
α /°	90
β /°	104.293(2)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	4244.8(2)
Z	4
ρ_{calc} /cm ³	1.184
μ /mm ⁻¹	1.532
F(000)	1584.0

Crystal size/mm ³	0.41 × 0.18 × 0.05
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54178)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.36 to 136.932
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -10 ≤ k ≤ 13, -27 ≤ l ≤ 28
Reflections collected	21774
Independent reflections	7736 [R _{int} = 0.0602, R _{sigma} = 0.0628]
Data/restraints/parameters	7736/1/494
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.042
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0527, wR ₂ = 0.1459
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0703, wR ₂ = 0.1570
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.34/-0.23

7.3 X-ray Crystal Structure Information of Compound 5aa



5aa

Sample preparation: A small amount of sample **5aa** was dissolved in DCM in a vial, and then petroleum ether was dripped into the solution. Then the vial was sealed with a thin layer of parafilm and some holes were made on top of parafilm. The solvent volatilized slowly at room temperature to afford the single crystal of **5aa**.

Experimental Section

Single crystals of C₂₆H₂₀N₂O₄S [**5aa**] were []. A suitable crystal was selected and [] on a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 201.0 K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1],

the structure was solved with the SHELXT [2] structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the SHELXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

1. Dolomanov, O.V., Bourhis, L.J., Gildea, R.J., Howard, J.A.K. & Puschmann, H. (2009), *J. Appl. Cryst.* 42, 339-341.

2. Sheldrick, G.M. (2015). *Acta Cryst.* A71, 3-8.

3. Sheldrick, G.M. (2015). *Acta Cryst.* C71, 3-8.

Crystal structure determination of [**5aa**]

Crystal Data for C₂₆H₂₀N₂O₄S (*M* = 456.50 g/mol): orthorhombic, space group Pca2₁ (no. 29), *a* = 21.0365(12) Å, *b* = 7.9263(4) Å, *c* = 13.4019(7) Å, *V* = 2234.7(2) Å³, *Z* = 4, *T* = 201.0 K, μ(CuKα) = 1.590 mm⁻¹, *D*_{calc} = 1.357 g/cm³, 11043 reflections measured (10.692° ≤ 2θ ≤ 136.578°), 3900 unique (*R*_{int} = 0.0521, *R*_{sigma} = 0.0543) which were used in all calculations. The final *R*_I was 0.0445 (*I* > 2σ(*I*)) and *wR*₂ was 0.1148 (all data).

Refinement model description

Number of restraints - 339, number of constraints - unknown.

Details:

1. Twinned data refinement

Scales: 0.96(4)

0.04(4)

2. Fixed Uiso

At 1.2 times of:

All C(H) groups

At 1.5 times of:

All C(H,H,H) groups

3. Restrained distances

C3A-C4A ≈ C3B-C4B ≈ C5A-C4A ≈ C5B-C4B ≈ C6B-C5B ≈ C6A-C5A

≈ C1B-C6B ≈ C1A-C6A

≈ C1B-C2B ≈ C1A-C2A ≈ C2B-C3B ≈ C2A-C3A

with sigma of 0.02

S1-C1A ≈ S1-C1B

with sigma of 0.02

C4A-C7A ≈ C4B-C7B

with sigma of 0.02

4. Rigid bond restraints

S1, C1A, C1B, C2A, C2B, C3A, C3B, C4A, C4B, C5A, C5B, C6A, C6B, C7A, C7B

with sigma for 1-2 distances of 0.04 and sigma for 1-3 distances of 0.08

5. Uiso/Uanisotropy restraints and constraints

S1 ≈ C1A ≈ C1B ≈ C2A ≈ C2B ≈ C3A ≈ C3B ≈ C4A ≈

C4B ≈ C5A ≈ C5B ≈ C6A ≈ C6B ≈ C7A ≈ C7B: within 2A with

sigma of 0.02 and sigma for terminal atoms of 0.04 within 2A

6. Others

Sof(C1B)=Sof(C2B)=Sof(H2B)=Sof(C3B)=Sof(H3B)=Sof(C4B)=Sof(C5B)=Sof(H5B)=

Sof(C6B)=Sof(H6B)=Sof(C7B)=Sof(H7BC)=Sof(H7BA)=Sof(H7BB)=1-FVAR(1)

Sof(C1A)=Sof(C2A)=Sof(H2A)=Sof(C3A)=Sof(H3A)=Sof(C4A)=Sof(C5A)=Sof(H5A)=

Sof(C6A)=Sof(H6A)=Sof(C7A)=Sof(H7AC)=Sof(H7AA)=Sof(H7AB)=FVAR(1)

7. a Aromatic/amide H refined with riding coordinates:

C2A(H2A), C2B(H2B), C3A(H3A), C3B(H3B), C5A(H5A), C5B(H5B), C6A(H6A),
C6B(H6B), C9(H9), C10(H10), C11(H11), C12(H12), C16(H15), C17(H16), C26(H22),
C25(H23), C24(H24), C23(H25)

7. b Idealised Me refined as rotating group:

C7A(H7AC,H7AA,H7AB), C7B(H7BC,H7BA,H7BB), C22(H19A,H19B,H19C)

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Table S4 Crystal data and structure refinement for 5aa

Identification code	5aa
Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₂₀ N ₂ O ₄ S
Formula weight	456.50
Temperature/K	201.0
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pca2 ₁
a/Å	21.0365(12)
b/Å	7.9263(4)
c/Å	13.4019(7)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2234.7(2)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.357
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.590
F(000)	952.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.46 × 0.06 × 0.03
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54178)
2θ range for data collection/°	10.692 to 136.578
Index ranges	-24 ≤ h ≤ 25, -9 ≤ k ≤ 8, -16 ≤ l ≤ 16
Reflections collected	11043
Independent reflections	3900 [R _{int} = 0.0521, R _{sigma} = 0.0543]
Data/restraints/parameters	3900/339/367
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.070
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0445, wR ₂ = 0.1037
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0581, wR ₂ = 0.1148
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.20/-0.19
Flack parameter	0.04(4)

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