

## Supporting Information

### Photo-induced thio/selenocyanation-annulation-rearrangement of indole-tethered 1,6-enynes

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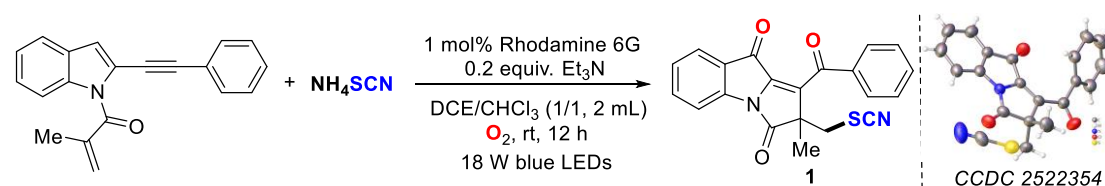
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## General Information

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker advance III 400 or 600 spectrometer in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  with TMS as the internal standard. High-resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS (ESI-TOF)) data were measured on a Waters Xevo G2-XS qTOF. All products were identified by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, HRMS. The raw materials were purchased from Energy, Meryer, J&K Chemicals, or Aldrich and used without further purification.

## Condition optimization

**Table S1** Optimization of thiocyanation reaction conditions.<sup>a</sup>



| Entry | Photocatalyst (mol%)          | Thiocyanate (equiv.)        | Base (equiv.)  | Solvent (mL)        | Time (h) | Yield <sup>b</sup> (%) |
|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 1     | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 48                     |
| 2     | 4CzIPN (1)                    | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 31                     |
| 3     | $\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})_3$ (1) | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 26                     |
| 4     | Fluorescent (1)               | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 15                     |
| 5     | Methylene Blue (1)            | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 26                     |
| 6     | Acid red 94 (1)               | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | trace                  |
| 7     | Sodium rhodizonate (1)        | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 27                     |
| 8     | Solvent red 43 (1)            | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 45                     |
| 9     | Rhodamine 6G (2)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 44                     |
| 10    | Rhodamine 6G (3)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DMAP (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 43                     |
| 11    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ (0.2)                              | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 54                     |
| 12    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ (0.2)                            | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 35                     |
| 13    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$ (0.2)                           | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 35                     |
| 14    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | $\text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.2) | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 30                     |
| 15    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (0.2)                           | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 38                     |
| 16    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | $i\text{Pr}_2\text{NH}$ (0.2)                            | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 51                     |
| 17    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | DABCO (0.2)  | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 42                     |
| 18    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | Pyridine (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 31                     |
| 19    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Na}$ (0.2)                  | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 32                     |
| 20    | Rhodamine 6G (1)              | $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$ (3) | HOSA (0.2)   | $\text{CHCl}_3$ (2) | 12 h     | 30                     |

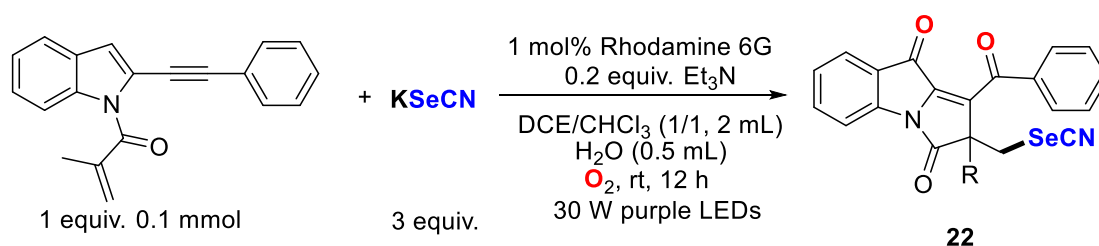
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|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------|
| 21        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | 4-cyanopyridine              | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | 42        |
| 22        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.25)     | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | 45        |
| 23        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.15)     | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | 46        |
| 24        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NaSCN (3)                    | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | 38        |
| 25        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | KSCN (3)                     | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | 37        |
| 26        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | LiSCN (3)                    | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | trace     |
| 27        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | CuSCN (3)                    | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | NR        |
| 28        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | CoSCN (3)                    | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | NR        |
| 29        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (2.5)    | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | 40        |
| 30        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3.5)    | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)                   | 12 h        | 44        |
| 31        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CH <sub>3</sub> CN (2)                  | 12 h        | 23        |
| 32        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | THF (2)                                 | 12 h        | NR        |
| 33        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | DCE (2)                                 | 12 h        | 50        |
| 34        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | DMF (2)                                 | 12 h        | trace     |
| 35        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | DMSO (2)                                | 12 h        | trace     |
| 36        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | Acetone (2)                             | 12 h        | trace     |
| 37        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | EA (2)                                  | 12 h        | trace     |
| 38        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | DCM (2)                                 | 12 h        | 38        |
| 39        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | MeOH (2)                                | 12 h        | NR        |
| 40        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | EtOH (2)                                | 12 h        | NR        |
| 41        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | 2-chloropropane (2)                     | 12 h        | 45        |
| 42        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (3)                   | 12 h        | 43        |
| 43        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (4)                   | 12 h        | 37        |
| 44        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2.5)                 | 12 h        | 48        |
| 45        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1.5)                 | 12 h        | 27        |
| <b>46</b> | <b>Rhodamine 6G (1)</b> | <b>NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (3)</b> | <b>Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2)</b> | <b>CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1)<br/>DCE (1)</b> | <b>12 h</b> | <b>61</b> |
| 47        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1.5)<br>DCE (1)      | 12 h        | 58        |
| 48        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1.5)      | 12 h        | 50        |
| 49        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1.5)<br>DCE (1.5)    | 12 h        | 56        |
| 50        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (0.5)<br>DCE (0.5)    | 12 h        | 45        |
| 51        | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3)      | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1)        | 3 h         | 18        |

|                 |                  |                         |                         |                                  |      |       |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------|-------|
| 52              | Rhodamine 6G (1) | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1) | 6 h  | 31    |
| 53              | Rhodamine 6G (1) | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1) | 9 h  | 50    |
| 54              | Rhodamine 6G (1) | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1) | 15 h | 52    |
| 55 <sup>c</sup> | Rhodamine 6G (1) | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1) | 12 h | 15    |
| 56 <sup>d</sup> | Rhodamine 6G (1) | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1) | 12 h | 39    |
| 57 <sup>e</sup> | Rhodamine 6G (1) | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1) | 12 h | trace |
| 58 <sup>f</sup> | Rhodamine 6G (1) | NH <sub>4</sub> SCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1) | 12 h | 53    |

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: indole-tethered 1,6-enyne (1 equiv., 0.1 mmol), NH<sub>4</sub>SCN (3 equiv.), Rhodamine 6G (1 mol%), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2 equiv.), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1 mL), DCE (1 mL), O<sub>2</sub>, 18 W blue LEDs, rt, 12 h.

<sup>b</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup>9 W blue LEDs. <sup>d</sup>12 W blue LEDs. <sup>e</sup>12 W purple LEDs. <sup>f</sup>25 W blue LEDs.

**Table S2** Optimization of selenocyanation reaction conditions.<sup>a</sup>

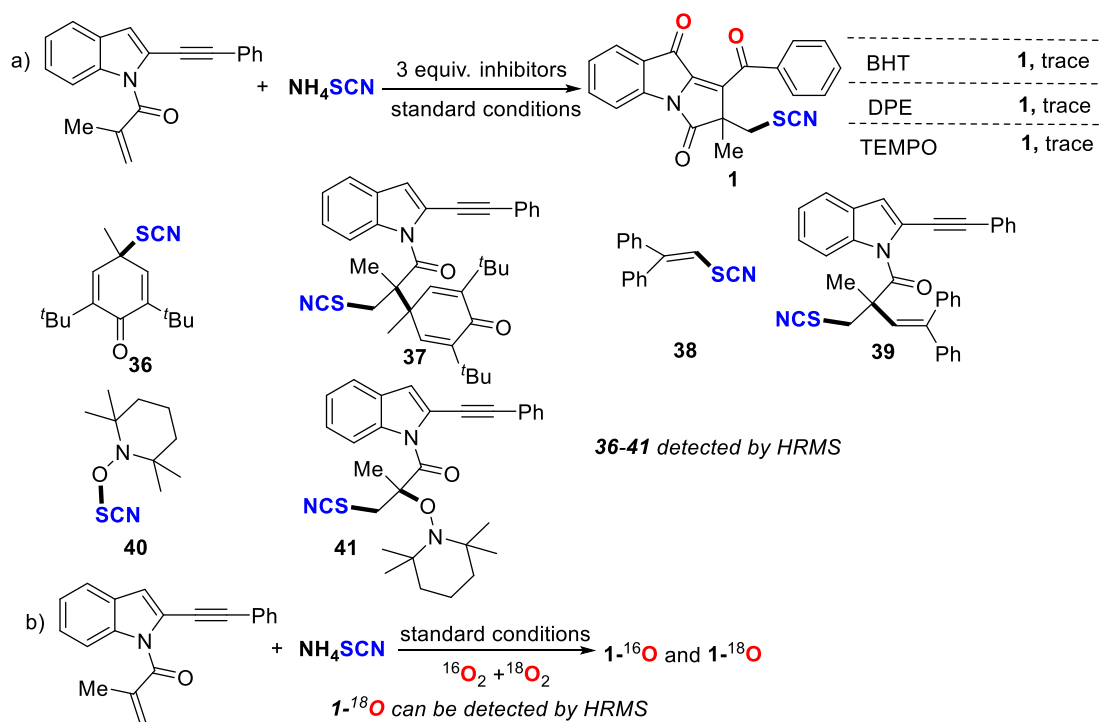


| Entry (equiv.) | Photocatalyst (mol%)    | Thiocyanate (equiv.) | Base (equiv.)                | Solvent (mL)   | Time (h)    | Yield <sup>b</sup> (%) |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------|------------------------|
| 1              | <b>Rhodamine 6G (1)</b> | <b>KSeCN (3)</b>     | <b>Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2)</b> | <b>CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1)</b><br><b>DCE (1)</b><br><b>H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5)</b> | <b>12 h</b> | <b>43</b>              |
| 2              | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | KSeCN (3)            | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (2)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5)                              | 12 h        | 36                     |
| 3              | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | KSeCN (3)            | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | DCE (2)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5)  | 12 h        | 31                     |
| 4              | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | KSeCN (3)            | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | EA (2)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5)   | 12 h        | trace                  |
| 5              | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | KSeCN (3)            | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | DCM (2)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5)  | 12 h        | 26                     |
| 6              | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | KSeCN (3)            | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | 1,4-dioxane (2)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5)                                    | 12 h        | NR                     |
| 7              | Rhodamine 6G (1)        | KSeCN (3)            | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2)      | CH <sub>3</sub> CN (2)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5)                             | 12 h        | trace                  |

|                 |                  |           |                         |  |      |    |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|------|----|
| 8               | Rhodamine 6G (1) | KSeCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | THF (2)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5)                          | 12 h | NR |
| 9               | Rhodamine 6G (1) | KSeCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.8) | 12 h | 33 |
| 10              | Rhodamine 6G (1) | KSeCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1)                           | 12 h | NR |
| 11              | Rhodamine 6G (1) | KSeCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5) | 6 h  | 29 |
| 12              | Rhodamine 6G (1) | KSeCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5) | 18 h | 36 |
| 13 <sup>c</sup> | Rhodamine 6G (1) | KSeCN (3) | Et <sub>3</sub> N (0.2) | CHCl <sub>3</sub> (1)<br>DCE (1)<br>H <sub>2</sub> O (0.5) | 12 h | 15 |

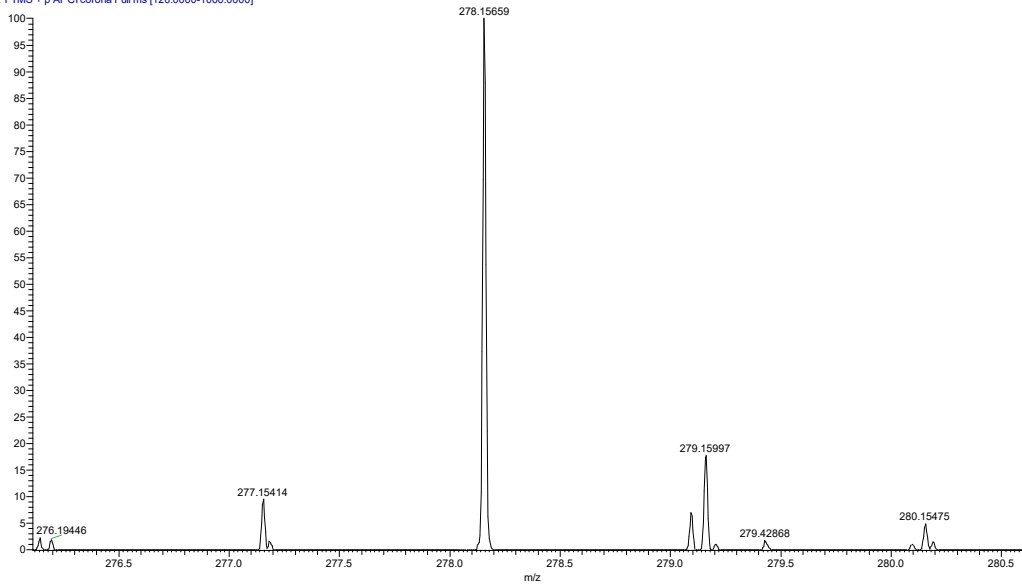
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: indole-tethered 1,6-enynes (1 equiv., 0.1 mmol), KSeCN (3 equiv.), Rhodamine 6G (1 mol%), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.2 equiv.), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1 mL), DCE (1 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub>, 30 W purple LEDs, rt, 12 h. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup>18 W blue LEDs.

## Mechanistic studies



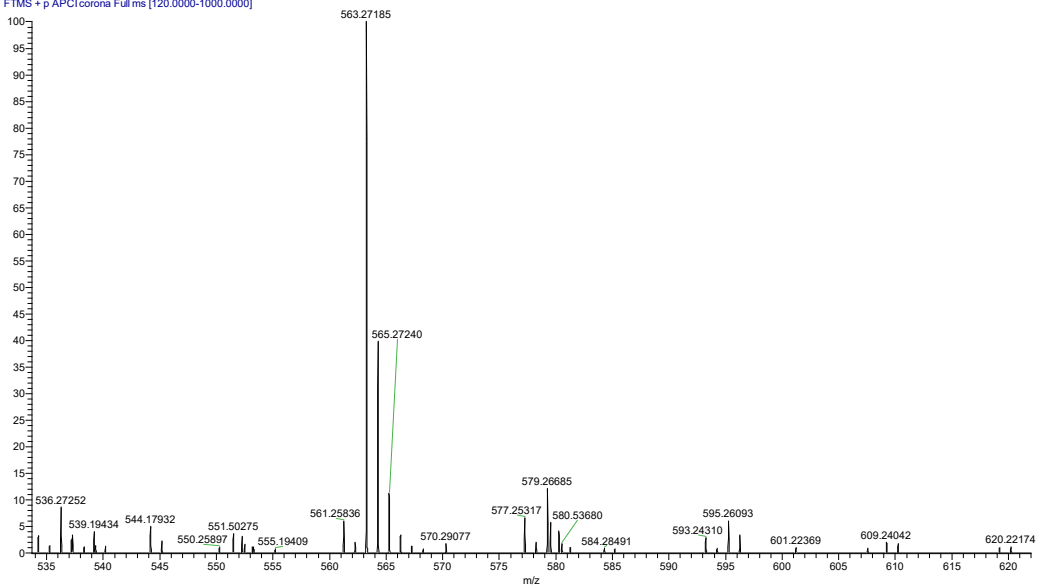
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|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| 36         | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NOS | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>24</sub> NOS | 278.1566     | 278.1573 | -2.52      |

583 #46 RT: 0.06 AV: 1 NL: 2.69E8  
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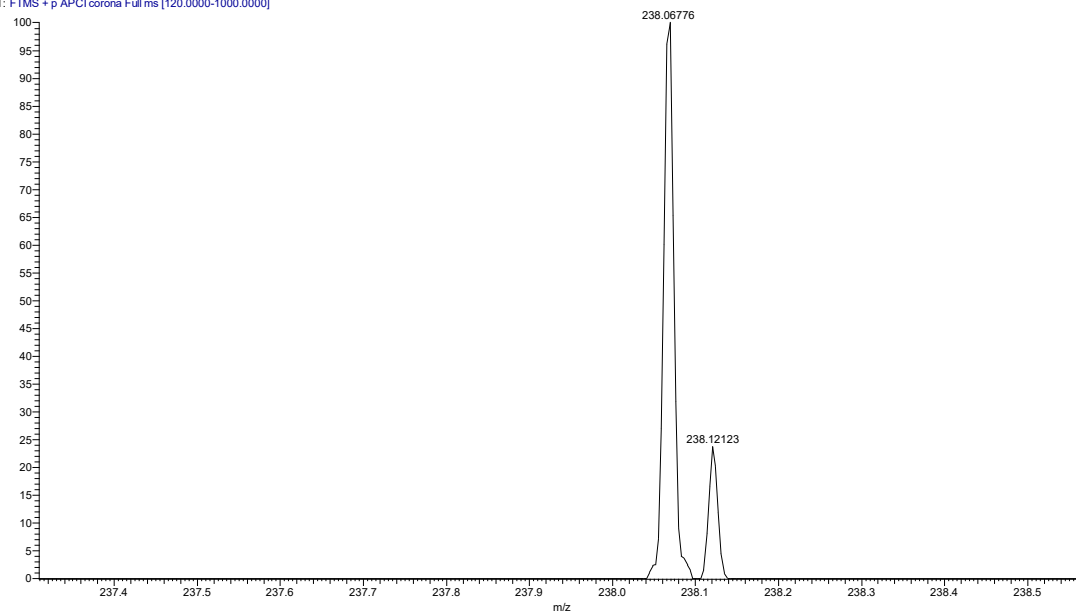
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| 37         | C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>39</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | 563.2719     | 563.2727 | -1.42      |

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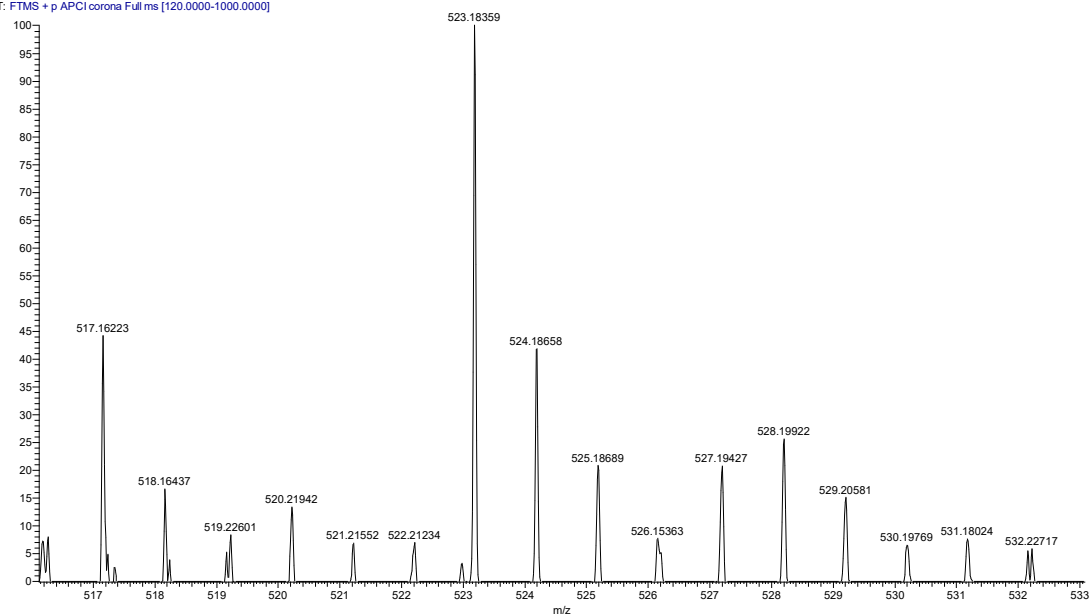
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|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| 38         | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NS | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NS | 238.0678     | 238.0685 | -2.94      |

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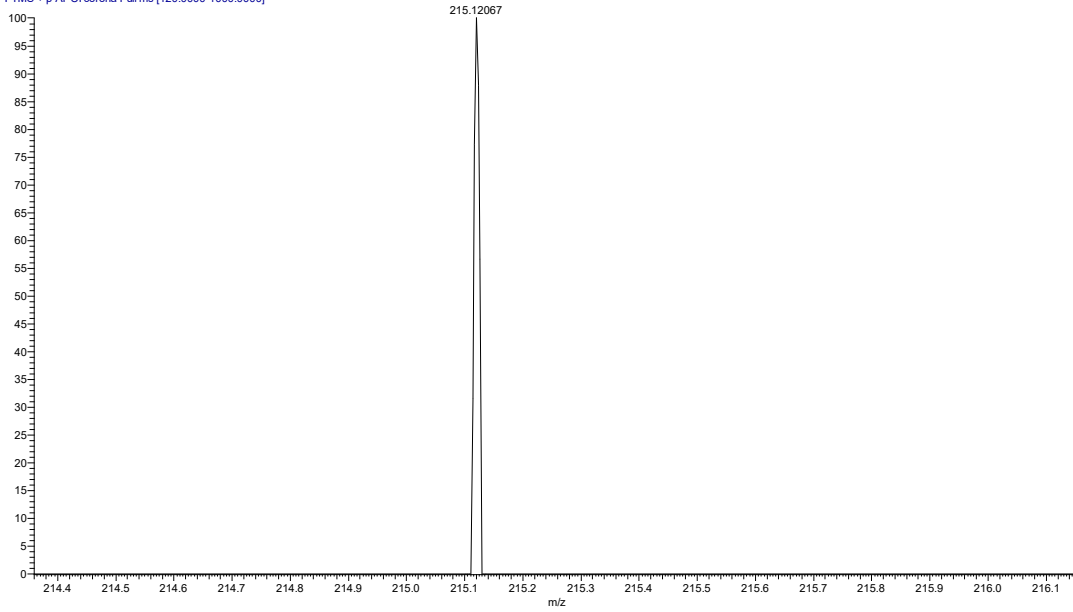
| Sample No. | Formula (M)                                       | Ion Formula                                       | Measured m/z | Calc m/z | Diff (ppm) |
|------------|---|---|--------------|----------|------------|
| 39         | C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS | C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS | 523.1836     | 523.1839 | -0.57      |

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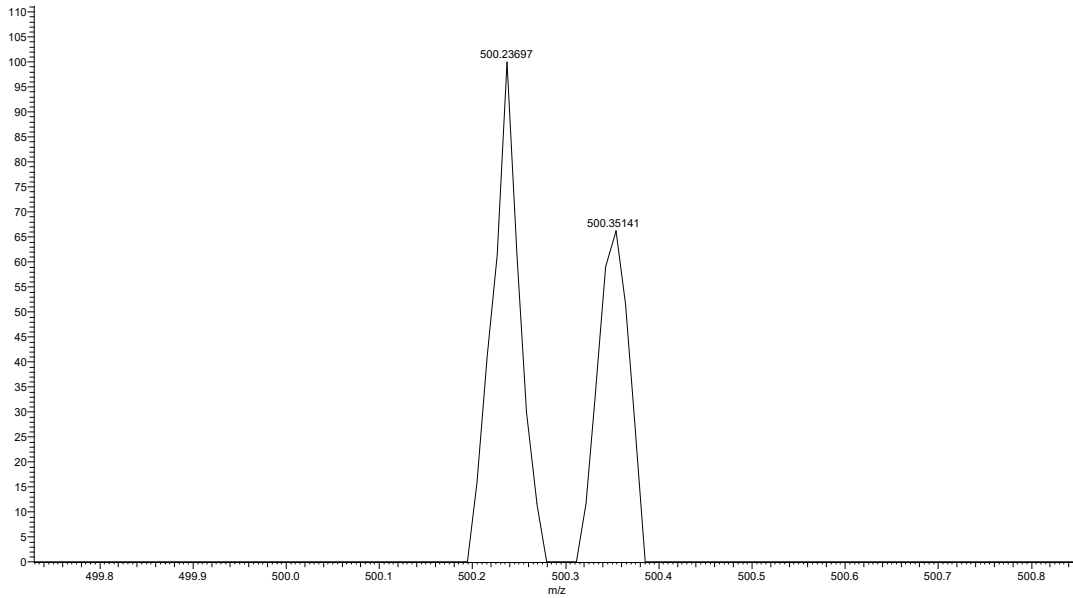
| Sample No. | Formula (M)                                       | Ion Formula                                       | Measured m/z | Calc m/z | Diff (ppm) |
|------------|---|---|--------------|----------|------------|
| 40         | C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS | C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS | 215.1207     | 215.1213 | -2.79      |

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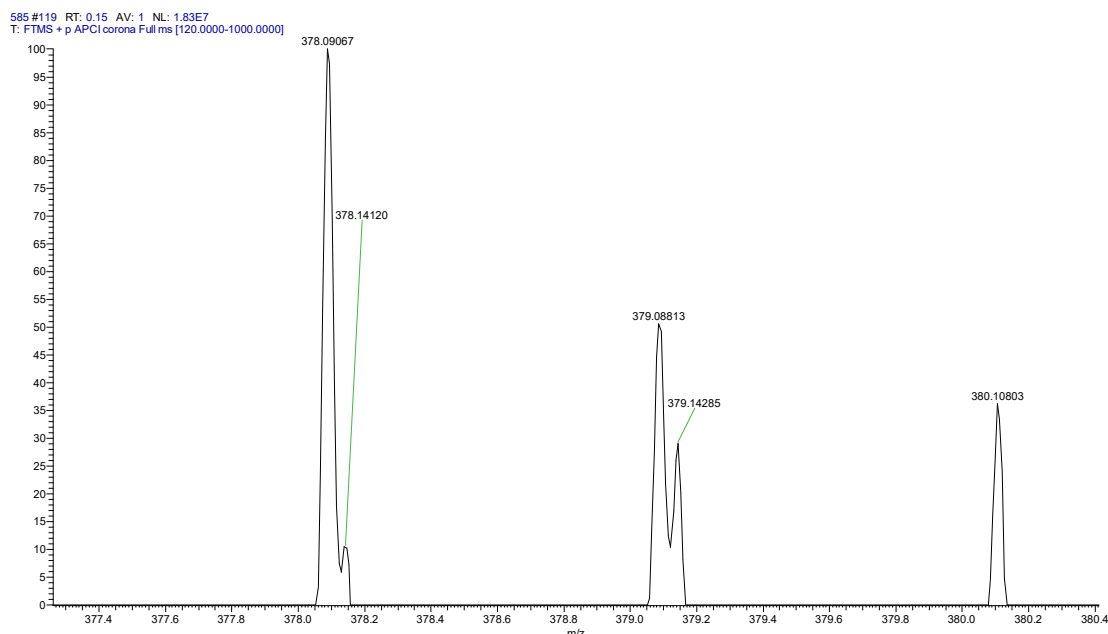


| Sample No. | Formula (M)   | Ion Formula   | Measured m/z | Calc m/z | Diff (ppm) |
|------------|---|---|--------------|----------|------------|
| 41         | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>33</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S | 500.2370     | 500.2366 | 0.8        |

582 #37 RT: 0.05 AV: 1 NL: 5.29E6  
T: FTMS + p APCI corona Full ms [120.0000-1000.0000]



| Sample No.         | Formula (M)   | Ion Formula   | Measured m/z | Calc m/z | Diff (ppm) |
|--------------------|---|---|--------------|----------|------------|
| 1- <sup>18</sup> O | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sup>18</sup> O <sub>2</sub> S | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sup>18</sup> O <sub>2</sub> S | 379.0881     | 379.0883 | -0.53      |



### Crystallographic details

(1) First, the thiocyanated fused cycle **1** was dissolved with the mixture of 1.0 mL dichloromethane (DCM) and 3.0 mL petroleum ether (PE) in a sample bottle, which was sealed/placed on the desk of the laboratory. After some days, the crystal of the final product **1** was precipitated via a volatilizing process.

(2) Single crystal of product **1** [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S] was obtained as follows: A proper crystal was selected and detected on a “Bruker APEX2” diffractometer. The crystal stayed at 293.0 K during data collection. With the help of Shelxtl, the structure was solved with the XShell structure solution program using Charge Flipping, and it was refined with the SHELXL [1] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Finally, crystal data and structure refinement parameters of product **1** are performed as depicted in Table S3.

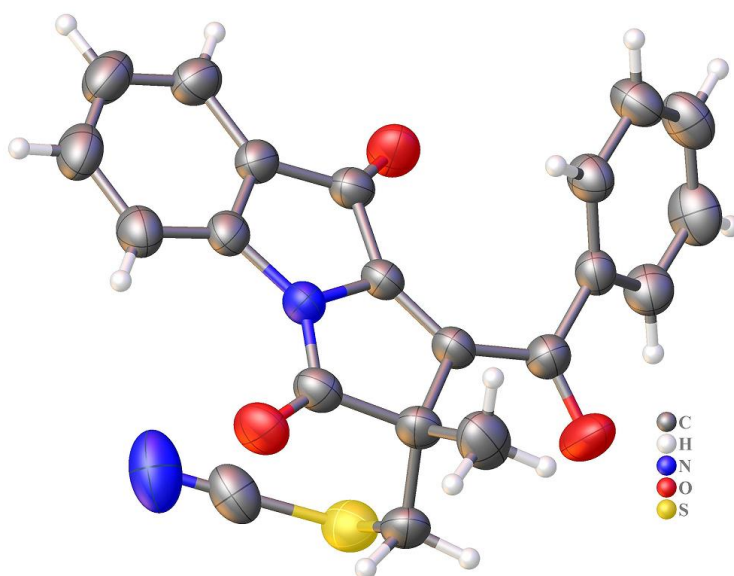
[1]. Sheldrick, G.M. (2015). Acta Cryst. C71, 3-8.

**Table S3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for product **1**.

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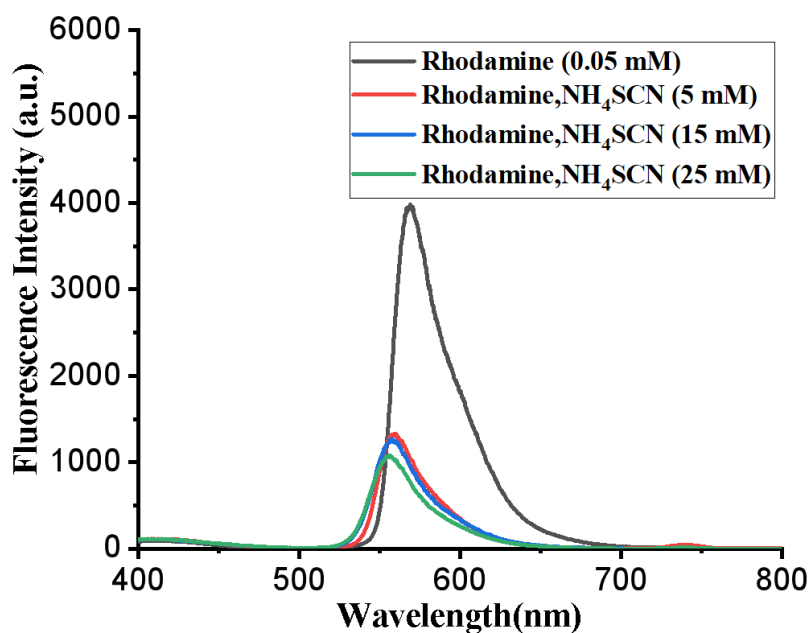
Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Empirical formula                         | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S |
| Formula weight                            | 374.40  |
| Temperature/K                             | 293(2)  |
| Crystal system                            | orthorhombic  |
| Space group                               | Pbca  |
| a/Å                                       | 15.719(4)   |
| b/Å                                       | 10.479(3)   |
| c/Å                                       | 21.491(7)   |
| α/°                                       | 90  |
| β/°                                       | 90  |
| γ/°                                       | 90  |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                     | 3540.3(18)  |
| Z   | 8   |
| ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>        | 1.405   |
| μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>                        | 0.208   |
| F(000)                                    | 1552.0  |
| Radiation                                 | MoKα (λ = 0.71073)  |
| 2θ range for data collection/°            | 3.79 to 55.176  |
| Index ranges                              | -18 ≤ h ≤ 20, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -27 ≤ l ≤ 27                        |
| Reflections collected                     | 50126   |
| Independent reflections                   | 4064 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0813, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0323]   |
| Data/restraints/parameters                | 4064/0/245  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>         | 1.035   |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0479, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1043               |
| Final R indexes [all data]                | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0831, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1216               |
| Largest diff. peak/hole /eÅ <sup>-3</sup> | 0.17/-0.28  |

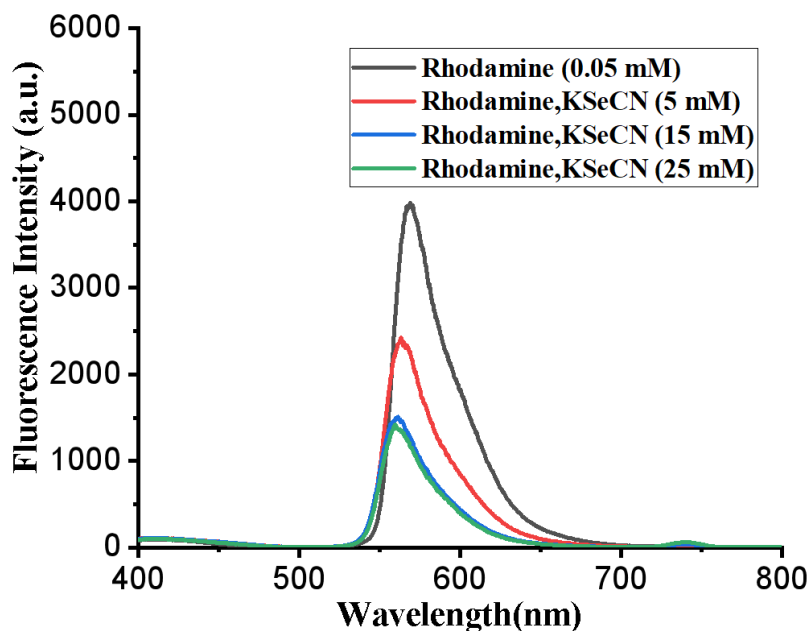


**Fig. S1** Structure of thiocyanated product **1**.

## Luminescence quenching experiments



**Figure S2.** Fluorescence quenching of Rhodamine 6G with NH<sub>4</sub>SCN.



**Figure S3.** Fluorescence quenching of Rhodamine 6G with KSeCN.

Emission intensities were recorded using a HITACHI F7000 photoluminescence spectrometer from 400 nm to 800 nm. After irradiation of  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M of Rhodamine 6G and different concentrations of quencher in solvent (DCE and CHCl<sub>3</sub>) at 370 nm, its

fluorescence was measured. As shown in Figures S2-S3, the emission intensity of the excited state of photocatalyst Rhodamine 6G is decreased in the presence of  $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$  or  $\text{KSeCN}$ .

Physical data and references for the following products

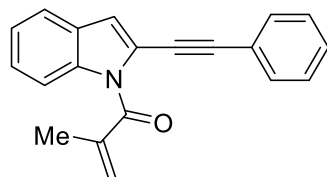
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**Physical data for the following products:**

**2-methyl-1-(2-(phenylethynyl)-1H-indol-1-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (1-s)**

Brown solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100/1). 0.43g, the overall yield after four steps 30%. (with the initial system scale up to 5 mmol).

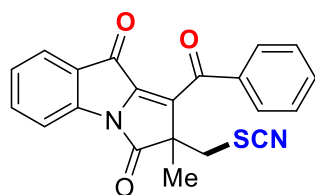


**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  8.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta$  170.5, 140.5, 136.8, 131.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 125.7, 124.6, 123.7, 122.4, 120.7, 120.6, 116.0, 115.1, 97.6, 81.5, 19.2.

**1-benzoyl-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (1)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). 22.8 mg, 61% yield. Mp: 147-148°C



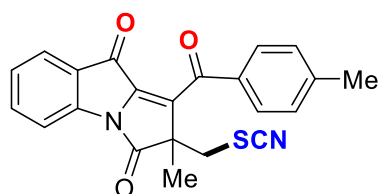
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.8, 177.2, 170.1, 143.2, 141.6, 137.8, 137.6, 133.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 125.8, 125.8, 124.9, 115.0, 110.7, 61.2, 38.9, 22.5.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 397.0617; Measured, 397.0609.

**2-methyl-1-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (2)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). 18.8 mg, 51% yield. Mp: 127-128°C



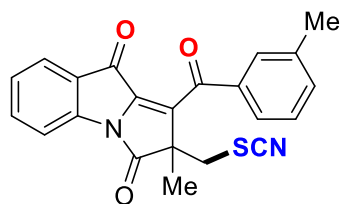
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.73 (m, 4H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.3, 177.5, 170.1, 145.4, 143.3, 141.1, 137.6, 135.1, 129.5, 129.3, 128.2, 125.9, 125.3, 115.2, 110.9, 61.4, 39.2, 22.5, 21.9.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 411.0774; Measured, 411.0778.

**2-methyl-1-(3-methylbenzoyl)-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (3)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 10/1). 15.9 mg, 41% yield. Mp: 158-159°C



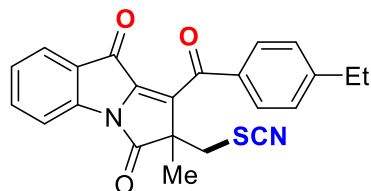
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 190.1, 177.3, 170.2, 143.3, 141.5, 138.7, 137.9, 137.6, 134.9, 129.2, 128.5, 128.2, 126.5, 125.9, 125.2, 115.2, 110.8, 61.3, 39.1, 22.5, 21.4.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 411.0774; Measured, 411.0776.

**1-(4-ethylbenzoyl)-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (4)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1). 27 mg, 67% yield.



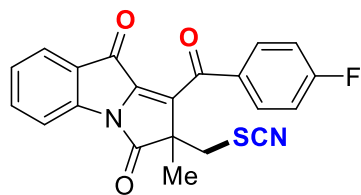
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (q, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.3, 177.5, 170.0, 151.5, 143.3, 141.0, 137.6, 135.2, 129.4, 128.3, 125.9, 125.8, 125.6, 125.3, 115.2, 110.9, 61.4, 39.2, 29.1, 22.5, 15.0.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 425.0930; Measured, 425.0927.

**1-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (5)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). 23.2 mg, 60% yield. Mp: 117-118°C



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

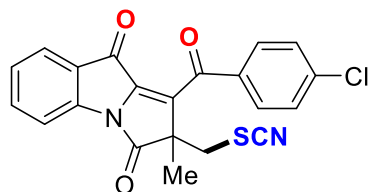
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 188.3, 177.5, 170.2, 166.5 (d, *J* = 255.3 Hz), 143.4, 141.8, 138.4, 134.3, 132.8, 131.9 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 128.2, 126.0 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 124.9, 116.2, 115.3, 110.7, 61.5, 39.0, 22.8.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ -103.08 (s, 1F)

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 415.0523; Measured, 415.0529.

**1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (6)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). 20.7 mg, 51% yield. Mp: 146-147°C



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

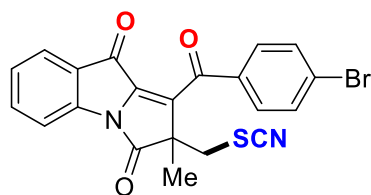
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**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 431.0228; Measured, 431.0227.

**1-(4-bromobenzoyl)-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (7)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl

acetate = 10/1). 28.1 mg, 62% yield.



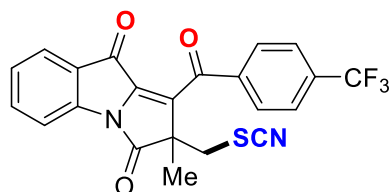
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 188.7, 177.4, 170.1, 143.3, 142.0, 137.8, 136.6, 132.0, 130.4, 129.5, 129.4, 128.0, 126.1, 124.5, 115.2, 110.6, 61.4, 38.8, 22.8.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 452.9903; Measured, 452.9894

**2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (8)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). 28 mg, 63% yield. Mp: 143-144 °C



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 4H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.0, 177.2, 170.2, 143.0 (q, *J* = 56.9 Hz), 141.0, 137.9, 136.2, 129.1, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0 (q, *J* = 278.6 Hz), 125.7, 125.6, 115.2, 110.5, 61.4, 38.7, 22.9.

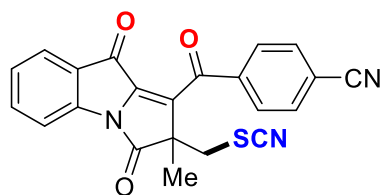
**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ -62.99 (s, 3F)

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 465.0491; Measured, 465.0494.

**4-(2-methyl-3,9-dioxo-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-2,9-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-1-carbonyl)benzotrile (9)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum

ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). 20 mg, 50% yield. Mp: 165-166 °C



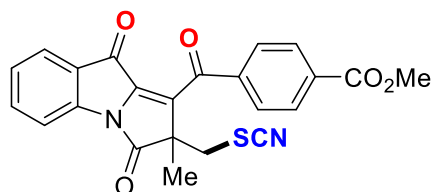
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.76 (m, 3H), 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 188.7, 177.2, 170.3, 143.3, 141.7, 138.0, 132.4, 130.9, 129.0, 127.8, 126.3, 126.1, 123.9, 118.0, 116.5, 115.2, 110.5, 61.4, 38.5, 23.1.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 400.0750; Measured, 400.0742.

**methyl 4-(2-methyl-3,9-dioxo-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-2,9-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-1-carbonyl)benzoate (10)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 25.6 mg, 60% yield. Mp: 116-117 °C



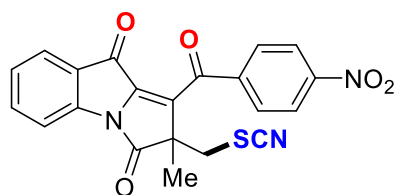
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.5, 177.2, 170.2, 166.1, 143.3, 142.6, 141.6, 137.8, 134.2, 129.9, 128.6, 128.0, 126.1, 126.0, 124.4, 115.2, 110.6, 61.3, 52.5, 38.7, 22.8.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 455.0672; Measured, 455.0677.

**2-methyl-1-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (11)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1). 20 mg, 48% yield. Mp: 104-105 °C



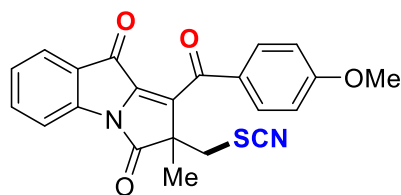
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 3H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 188.5, 177.2, 170.3, 150.3, 143.5, 143.4, 143.3, 138.0, 129.5, 128.8, 127.7, 126.4, 126.2, 123.9, 115.2, 110.5, 61.4, 38.4, 23.1.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 420.0649; Measured, 420.0642.

**1-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (12)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 7/1). 18.5 mg, 46% yield. Mp: 124-125°C



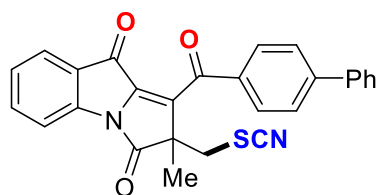
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 187.8, 177.6, 170.0, 164.7, 143.3, 140.4, 137.6, 131.8, 130.3, 128.3, 125.8, 125.6, 115.2, 114.0, 111.1, 61.5, 55.6, 39.3, 22.4.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 427.0723; Measured, 427.0728.

**1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonyl)-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (13)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 27.4 mg, 61% yield. Mp: 159-160°C



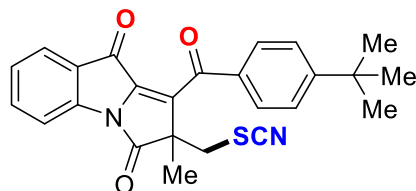
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.00 – 7.95 (m, 3H), 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 4H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.2, 177.4, 170.1, 146.8, 143.4, 141.3, 139.6, 137.7, 136.3, 129.8, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.4, 127.3, 125.9, 125.1, 115.2, 110.8, 61.5, 39.1, 22.6.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 473.0930; Measured, 473.0931.

**1-(4-(tert-butyl)benzoyl)-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (14)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 10/1). 22 mg, 51% yield. Mp: 120-121 °C



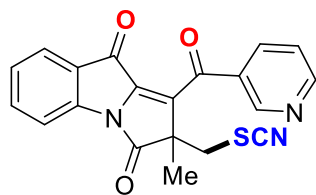
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.2, 177.4, 170.0, 158.3, 143.3, 140.7, 137.6, 134.7, 129.3, 128.3, 125.8, 125.8, 125.7, 125.3, 115.2, 110.9, 61.5, 39.2, 35.3, 31.0, 22.4.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 453.1243; Measured, 453.1257.

**2-methyl-1-nicotinoyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (15)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5/1). 15 mg, 40% yield. Mp: 120-121 °C



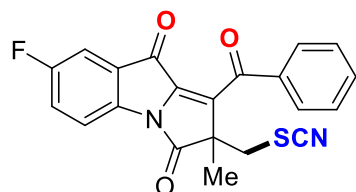
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.58 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.89 (m, 3H), 7.78 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.6, 177.3, 170.4, 155.0, 149.1, 143.5, 143.2, 137.4, 137.1, 128.2, 127.3, 125.9, 125.8, 123.3, 122.7, 115.1, 110.9, 60.9, 39.3, 21.8.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NaN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 398.0570; Measured, 398.0567.

**1-benzoyl-7-fluoro-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (16)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1). 24.5 mg, 63% yield. Mp: 153-154 °C



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.96 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 176.4, 169.8, 160.2 (d, *J* = 247.8 Hz), 141.6, 139.7, 137.8, 134.1, 130.9, 128.9 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz), 125.9, 124.9 (d, *J* = 24.9 Hz), 116.6 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 112.1 (d, *J* = 24.1 Hz), 110.6, 61.4, 39.0, 22.6.

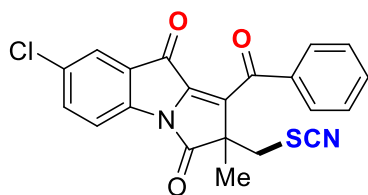
**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ -113.62 (s, 1F)

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 415.0523; Measured, 415.0521.

**1-benzoyl-7-chloro-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (17)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum

ether/dichloromethane = 1/1). 27.8 mg, 71% yield. Mp: 191-192°C



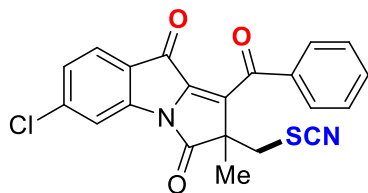
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 176.1, 169.9, 141.6, 141.3, 137.7, 137.4, 134.1, 131.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 125.8, 125.7, 116.3, 110.6, 61.4, 39.0, 22.6.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClNaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 431.0228; Measured, 431.0229.

### 1-benzoyl-6-chloro-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (18)

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). 28.5 mg, 70% yield. Mp: 185-186°C



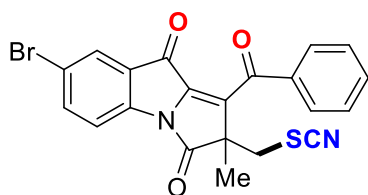
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 176.0, 170.1, 144.3, 143.7, 141.5, 137.8, 134.1, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 126.8, 126.5, 125.5, 115.6, 110.6, 61.4, 38.9, 22.7.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 431.0228; Measured, 431.0232.

### 1-benzoyl-7-bromo-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (19)

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1). 29 mg, 64% yield. Mp: 191-192°C



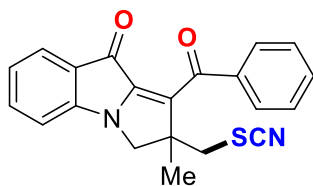
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 5H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 176.0, 169.9, 141.9, 141.1, 140.2, 137.6, 134.2, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 125.6, 119.2, 116.6, 110.6, 61.4, 38.9, 22.6.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 476.9704; Measured, 476.9701.

**1-benzoyl-2-methyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-2,3-dihydro-9H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-one (20)**

A purple oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 11 mg, 30% yield.



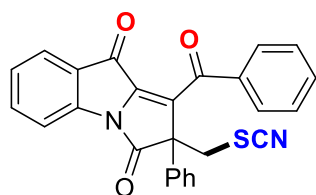
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 191.8, 179.8, 150.2, 147.3, 139.6, 137.3, 132.9, 128.6, 128.4, 125.9, 125.2, 121.2, 120.5, 113.2, 109.9, 57.0, 54.4, 42.9, 24.8.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 383.0825; Measured, 383.0823.

**1-benzoyl-2-phenyl-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (21)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1). 18 mg, 41% yield.



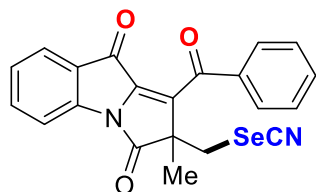
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**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 190.0, 177.3, 168.5, 143.4, 142.1, 137.7, 137.5, 135.5, 134.2, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 126.3, 126.1, 125.9, 124.4, 115.3, 111.1, 68.5, 40.0.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 459.0774; Measured, 459.0771.

**1-benzoyl-2-methyl-2-(selenocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (22)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 18 mg, 43% yield. Mp: 98-99°C



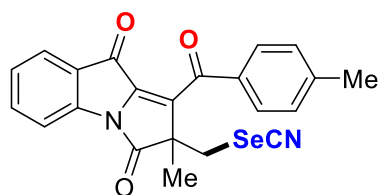
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 190.3, 177.5, 170.4, 143.4, 140.9, 137.7, 137.5, 134.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 126.1, 125.9, 115.2, 101.0, 61.1, 33.9, 22.9.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Se [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 423.0242; Measured, 423.0233.

**2-methyl-1-(4-methylbenzoyl)-2-(selenocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (23)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 16 mg, 37% yield.



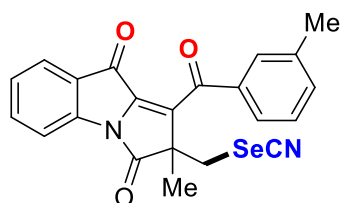
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 177.6, 170.3, 145.8, 143.4, 140.2, 137.6, 134.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.3, 126.5, 125.8, 115.2, 101.3, 61.1, 34.0, 22.8, 22.0.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Se [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 437.0399; Measured, 437.0392.

**2-methyl-1-(3-methylbenzoyl)-2-(selenocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (24)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 19 mg, 44% yield. Mp: 103-104 °C



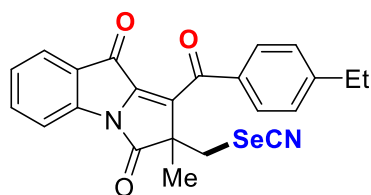
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 190.4, 177.4, 170.3, 143.4, 140.6, 138.8, 137.6, 137.5, 135.2, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 126.7, 126.3, 125.8, 115.2, 101.1, 61.0, 34.0, 22.9, 21.4.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Se [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 437.0399; Measured, 437.0391.

**1-(4-ethylbenzoyl)-2-methyl-2-(selenocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (25)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 20 mg, 45% yield.



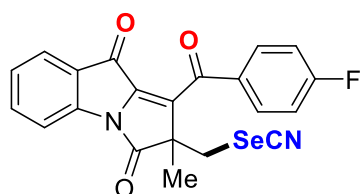
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 177.6, 170.3, 151.9, 143.4, 140.0, 137.6, 134.8, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 126.5, 125.8, 125.7, 115.2, 101.3, 61.1, 34.0, 29.1, 22.8, 14.9.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Se [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 473.0376; Measured, 473.0375.

**1-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-2-methyl-2-(selenocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (26)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 24.3 mg, 55% yield. Mp: 135-136°C



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 188.5, 177.5, 170.3, 166.6 (d, *J* = 256.1 Hz), 143.4, 140.9, 137.8, 133.9, 132.0 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 129.5, 128.1, 125.9 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 116.0 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 115.2, 100.8, 61.1, 33.8, 23.0.

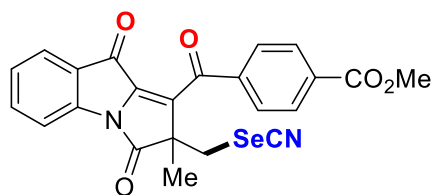
**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ -102.40 (s, 1F)

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**methyl-4-(2-methyl-3,9-dioxo-2-(selenocyanatomethyl)-2,9-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-1-carbonyl)benzoate (27)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl

acetate = 8/1). 25 mg, 52% yield.



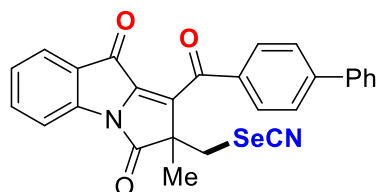
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.8, 177.3, 170.4, 166.1, 143.3, 141.8, 141.2, 137.8, 134.4, 129.9, 128.8, 128.0, 126.1, 126.0, 125.4, 115.2, 100.6, 61.0, 52.5, 33.6, 23.1.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Se [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 481.0297; Measured, 481.0289.

**1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonyl)-2-methyl-2-(selenocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (28)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 22.6 mg, 45% yield. Mp: 104-105°C



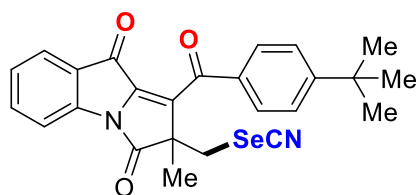
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 8.0 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 4H), 7.69 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.6, 177.6, 170.3, 147.2, 143.4, 140.4, 139.5, 137.7, 135.9, 130.0, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 127.4, 127.1, 126.2, 125.8, 115.3, 101.2, 61.2, 34.0, 22.9.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Se [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 499.0555; Measured, 499.0549.

**1-(4-(tert-butyl)benzoyl)-2-methyl-2-(selenocyanatomethyl)-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-3,9(2H)-dione (29)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 8/1). 21.5 mg, 45% yield.



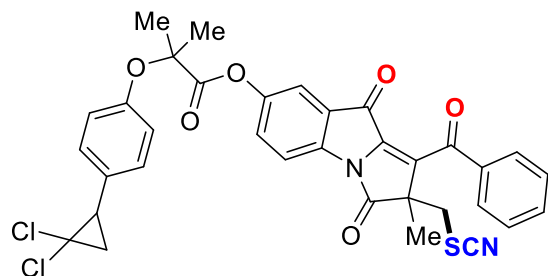
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.6, 177.6, 170.2, 158.8, 143.40, 139.7, 137.6, 134.2, 129.5, 128.3, 126.4, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 115.2, 101.5, 61.20, 35.4, 34.0, 31.0, 22.8.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Se [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 501.0689; Measured, 501.0687.

**1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3,9-dioxo-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-2,9-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-7-yl 2-(4-(2,2-dichlorocyclopropyl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (30)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1). 37 mg, 56% yield.



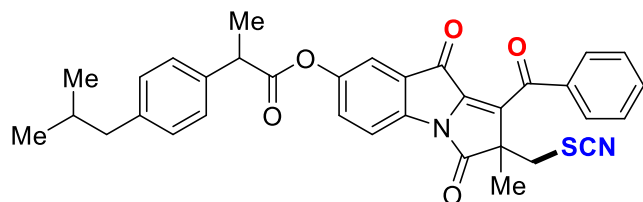
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.88 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.75 (s, 6H), 1.73 (s, 3H)

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 176.4, 172.8, 169.8, 154.7, 148.0, 141.6, 141.0, 137.7, 134.1, 130.8, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 125.7, 118.8, 118.2, 116.0, 110.7, 79.1, 61.4, 60.8, 38.9, 34.7, 25.8, 25.4, 22.6.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>27</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 661.0961; Measured, 661.0955.

**1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3,9-dioxo-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-2,9-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-7-yl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (31)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1). 25 mg, 43% yield.



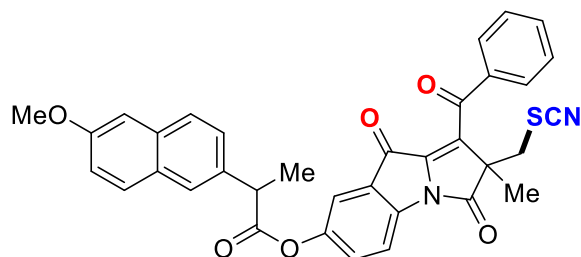
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.92 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 6H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  189.7, 176.5, 173.0, 169.8, 148.4, 141.7, 141.1, 140.7, 137.7, 136.6, 134.0, 131.1, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 127.1, 125.5, 118.9, 115.8, 110.7, 61.3, 45.1, 45.0, 39.0, 30.2, 22.6, 22.4, 18.4.

**HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 579.1948; Measured, 579.1941.

**1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3,9-dioxo-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-2,9-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-7-yl 2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propanoate (32)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1). 31mg, 51% yield.



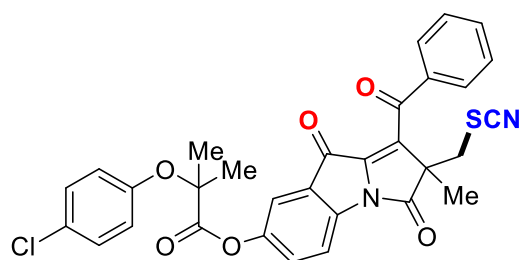
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  7.90 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.67 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.10 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.79 (d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d,  $J$  = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 176.4, 172.9, 169.8, 157.8, 148.4, 141.7, 140.7, 137.7, 134.4, 134.0, 133.9, 131.0, 129.3, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 126.2, 125.7, 125.5, 119.3, 118.9, 115.8, 110.7, 105.5, 61.3, 55.3, 45.4, 38.9, 22.6, 18.3.

**HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 603.1584; Measured, 603.1575.

**1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3,9-dioxo-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-2,9-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-7-yl 2-(4-chlorophenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (33)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1). 20.5 mg, 35% yield.



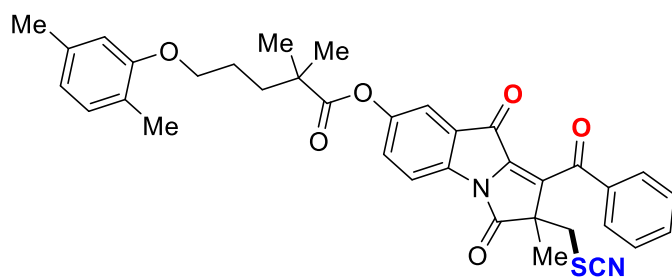
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 6H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 176.4, 172.5, 169.8, 153.7, 148.0, 141.6, 141.0, 137.7, 134.1, 130.9, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 127.8, 125.8, 120.5, 120.3, 118.7, 116.1, 110.7, 79.4, 61.4, 38.9, 25.2, 22.6.

**HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 587.1038; Measured, 587.1029.

**1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3,9-dioxo-2-(thiocyanatomethyl)-2,9-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-7-yl 5-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2,2-dimethylpentanoate (34)**

A yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1). 40 mg, 64% yield. Mp: 122-123 °C



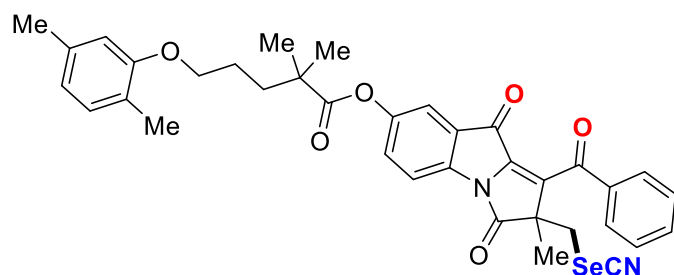
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 6H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 189.7, 176.5, 176.1, 169.8, 156.7, 148.6, 141.7, 140.7, 137.7, 136.5, 134.1, 131.1, 130.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 125.5, 123.5, 120.8, 118.9, 115.9, 111.8, 110.7, 67.4, 61.3, 42.5, 39.0, 37.0, 25.2, 25.0, 22.6, 21.4, 15.8.

**HRMS (ESI, *m/z*):** calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 623.2210; Measured, 623.2203.

**1-benzoyl-2-methyl-3,9-dioxo-2-(selenocyanatomethyl)-2,9-dihydro-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-7-yl 5-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2,2-dimethylpentanoate (35)**

A yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1). 20 mg, 30% yield.



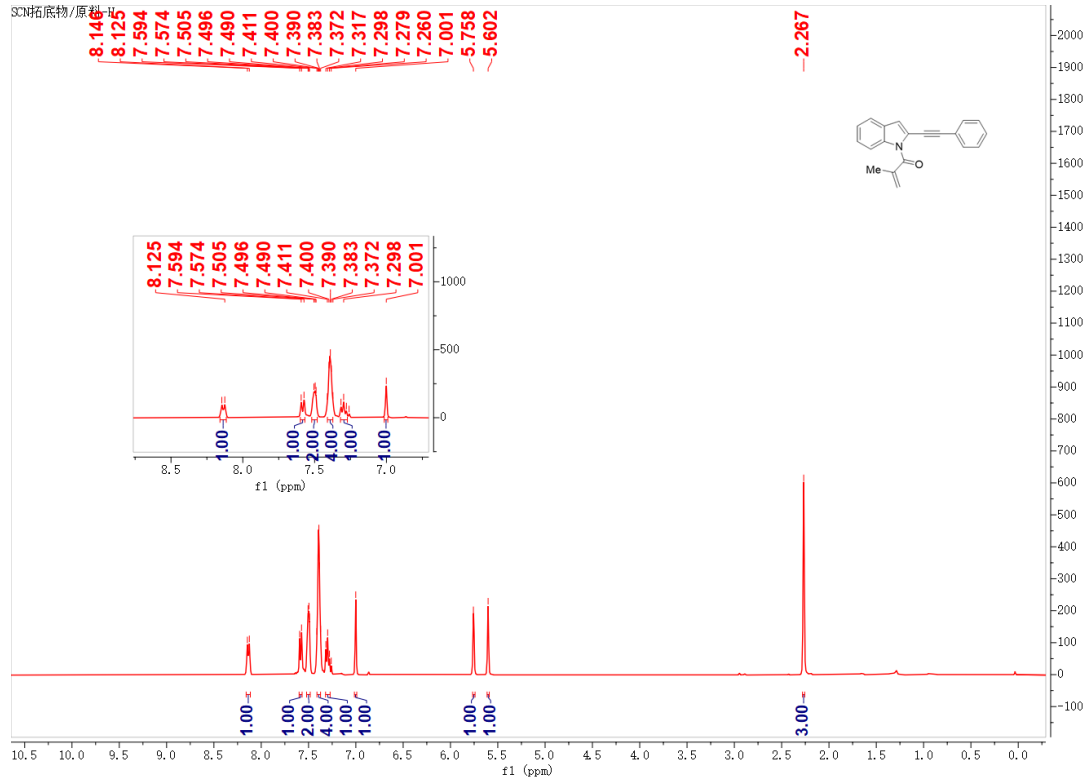
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**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ 190.1, 176.6, 176.1, 170.0, 164.8, 156.7, 151.4, 148.6, 140.8, 137.3, 136.5, 134.4, 131.1, 130.3, 129.2, 128.8, 123.5, 120.8, 118.9, 115.9, 111.8, 109.9, 101.0, 67.5, 61.1, 42.5, 37.0, 33.8, 25.2, 25.0, 22.9, 21.4, 15.8.

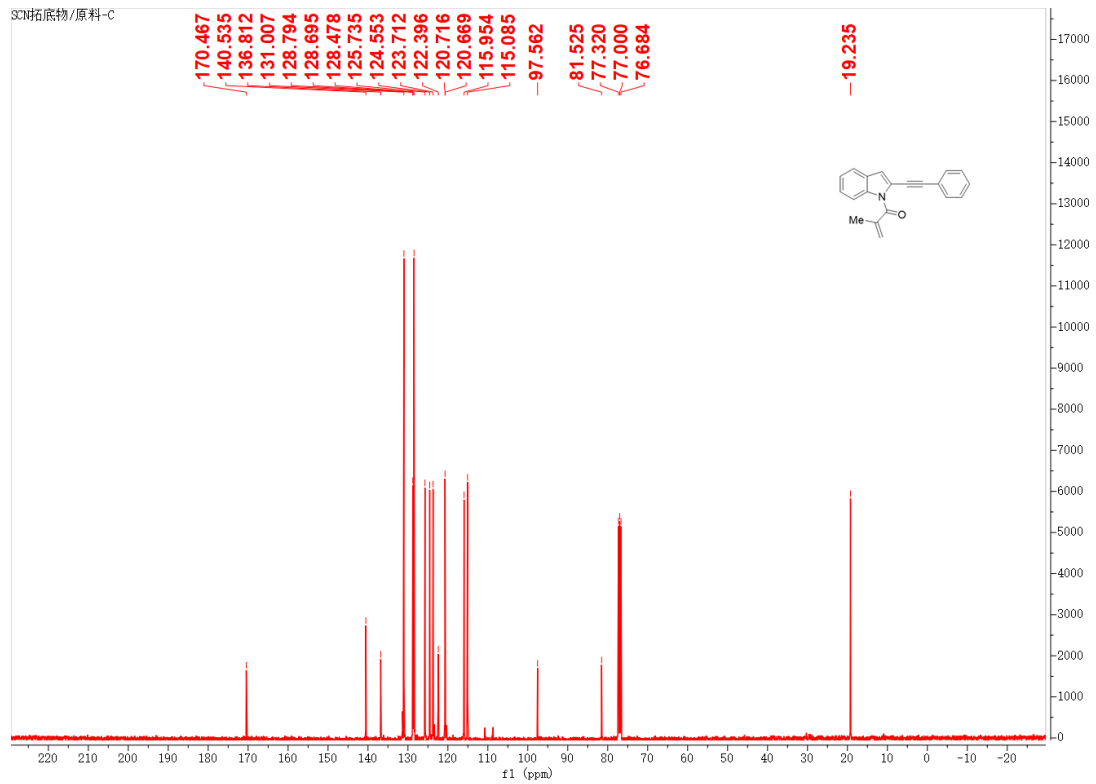
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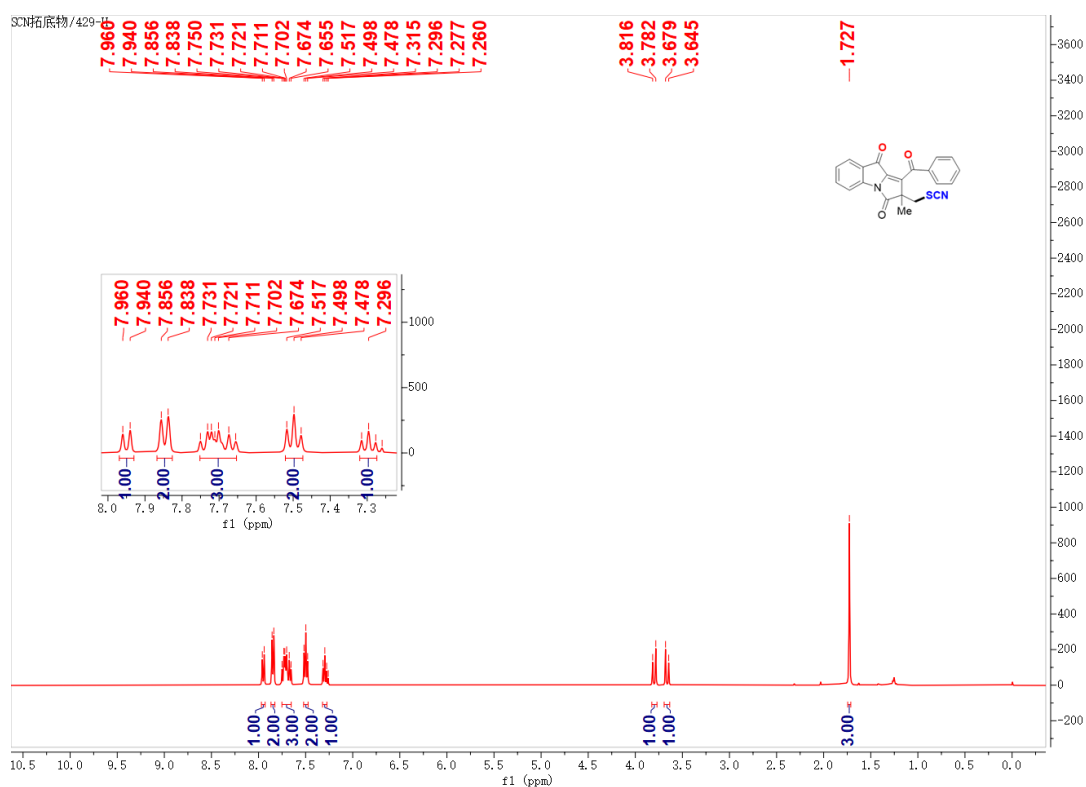
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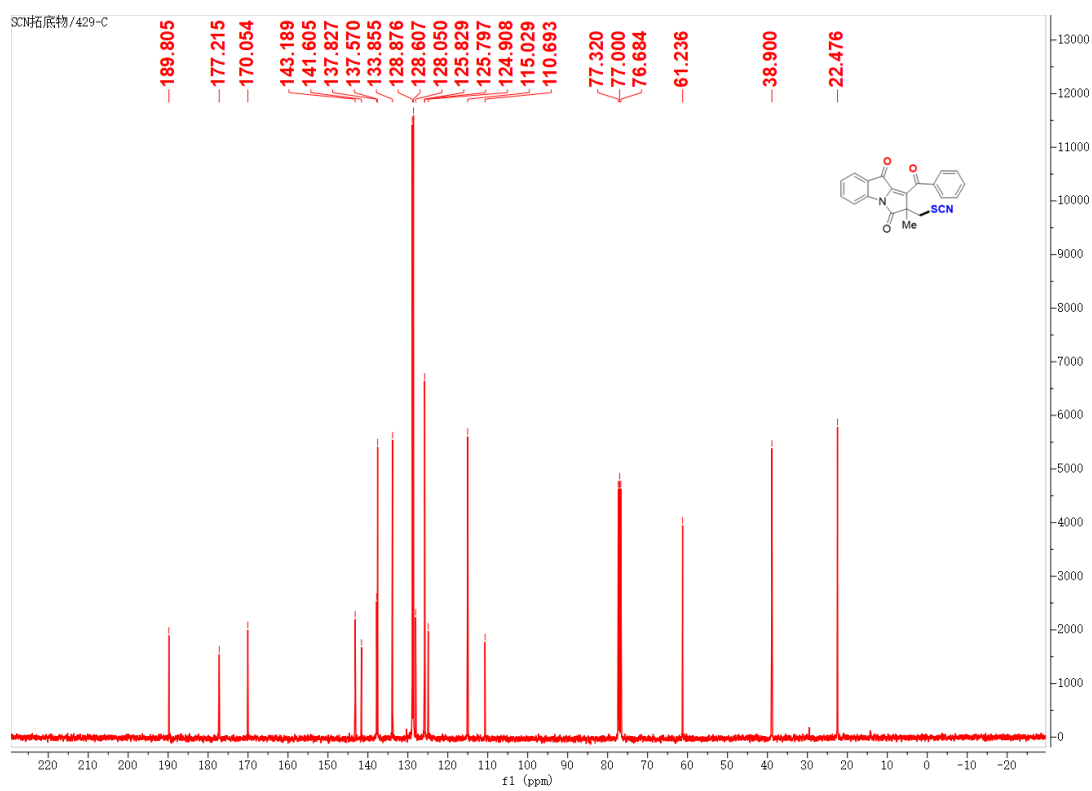
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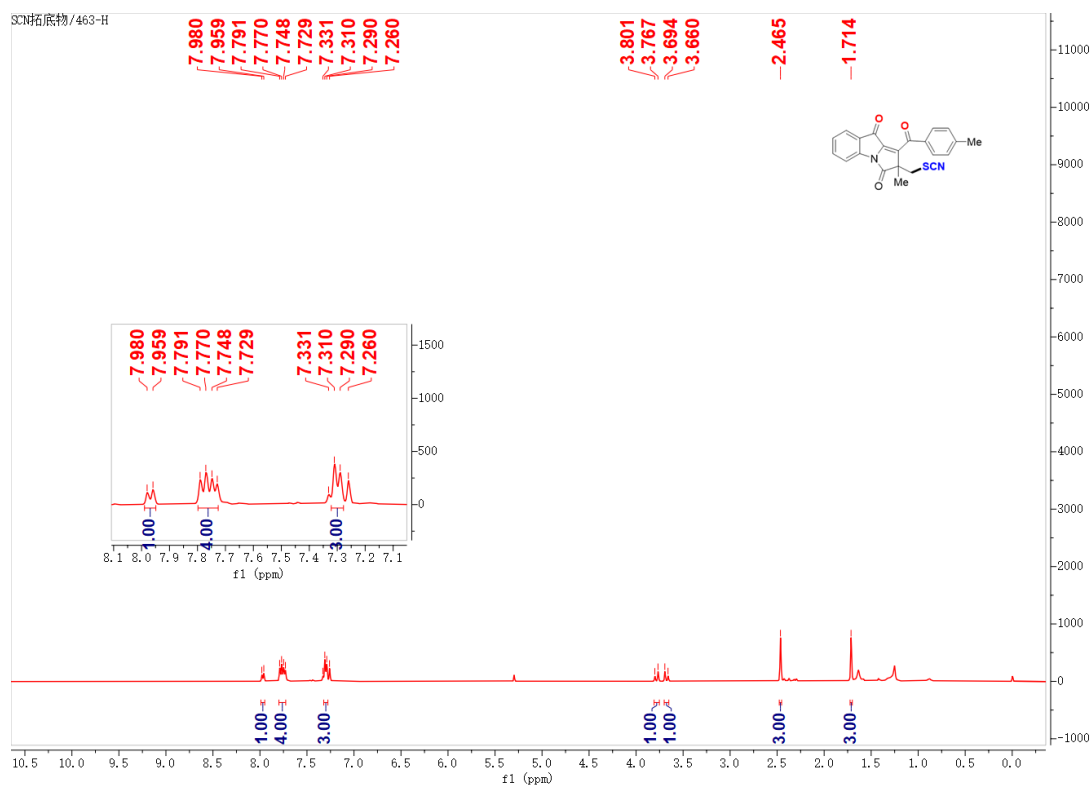
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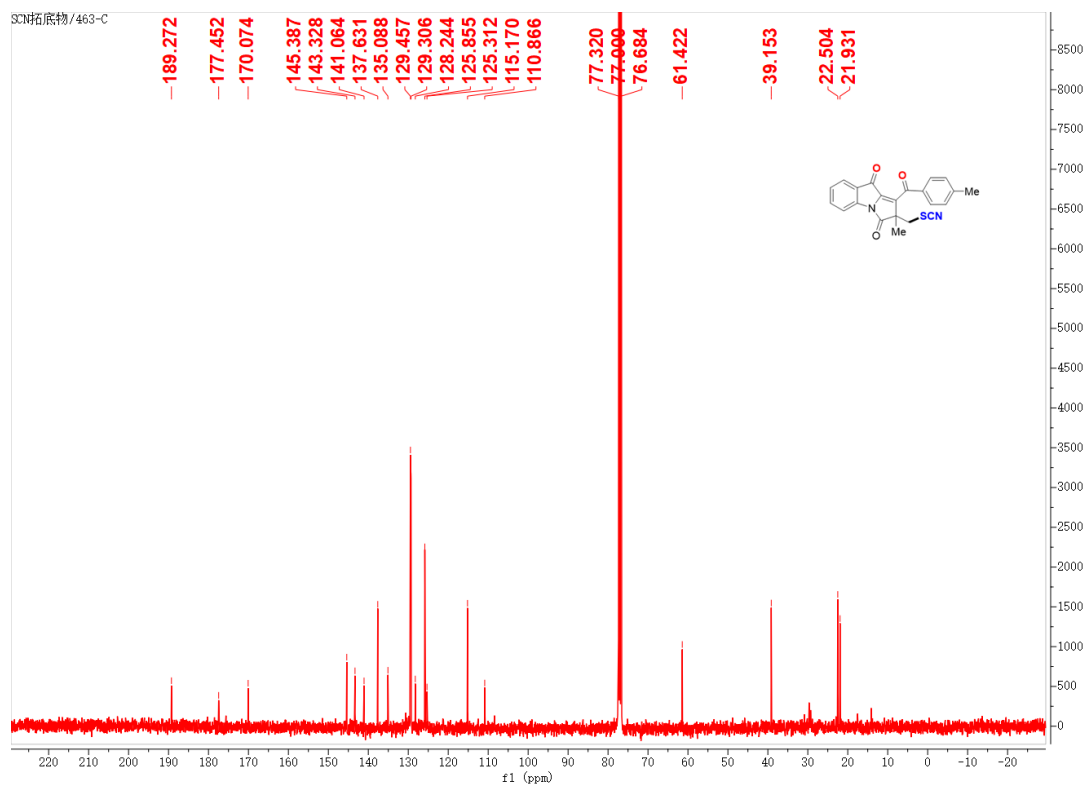
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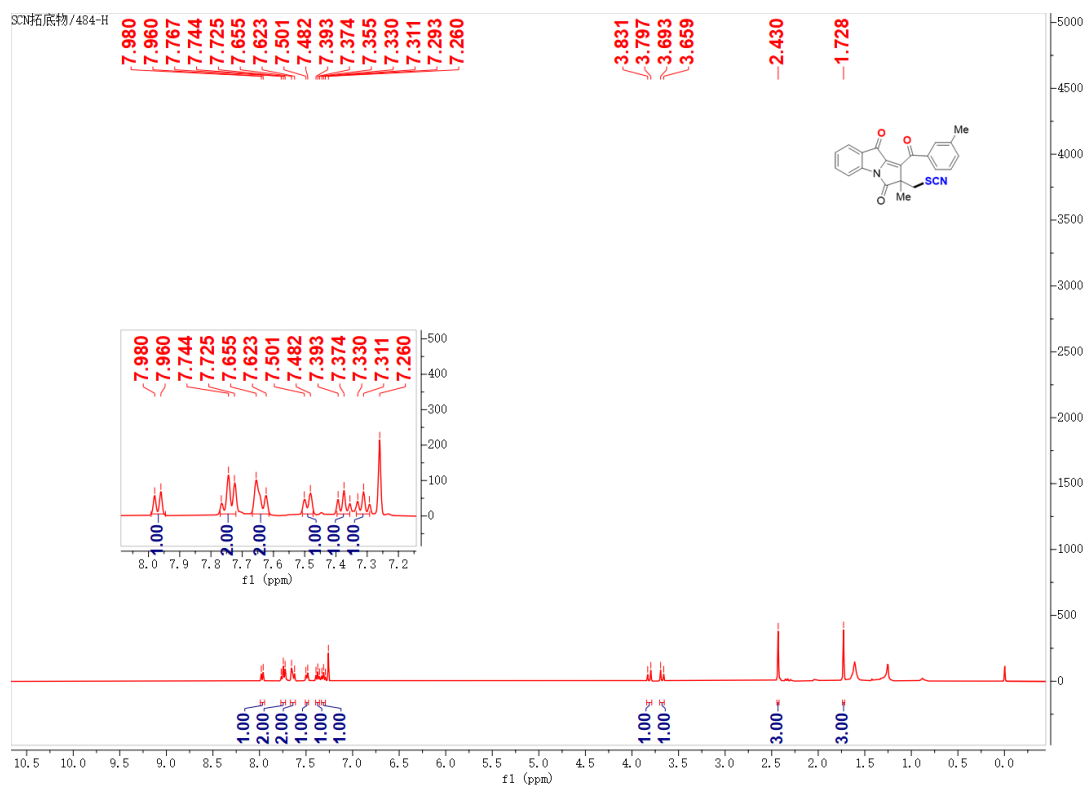
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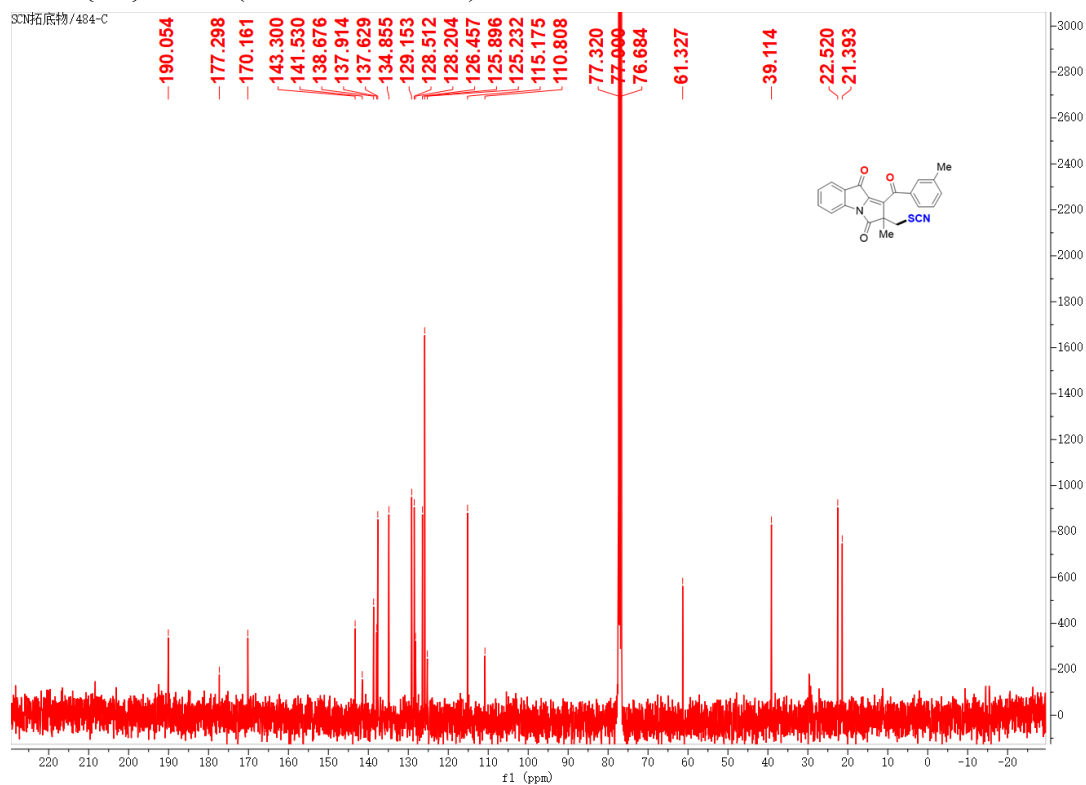
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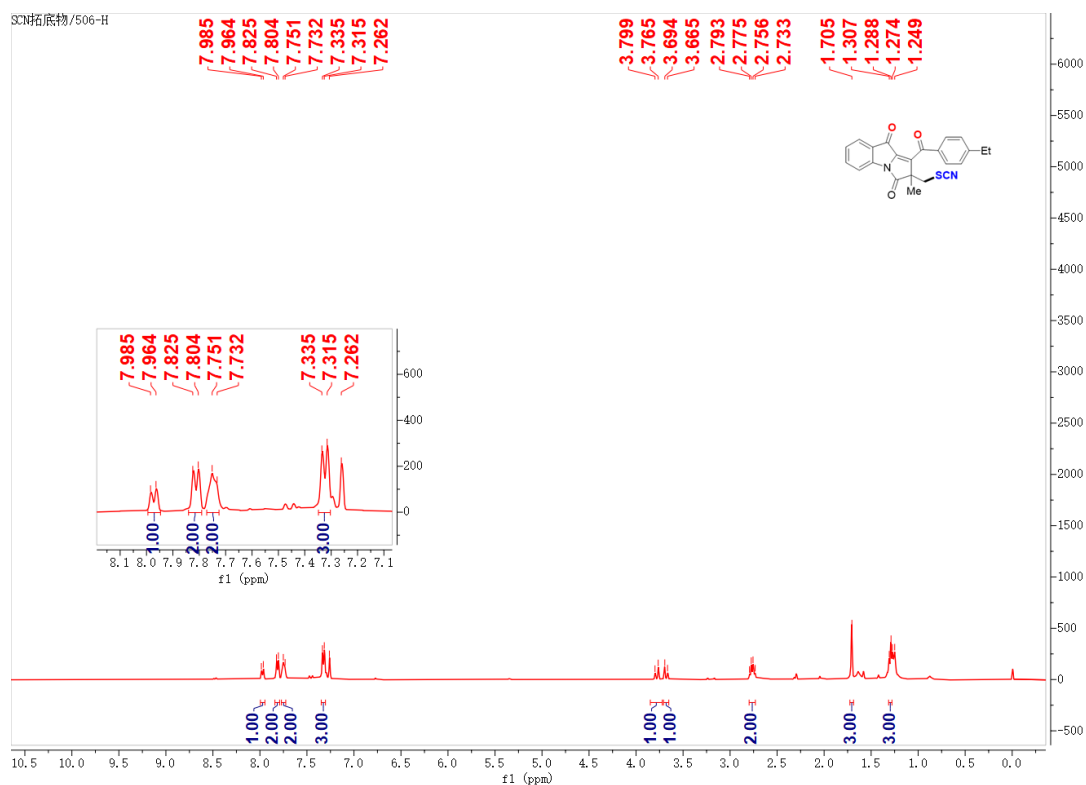
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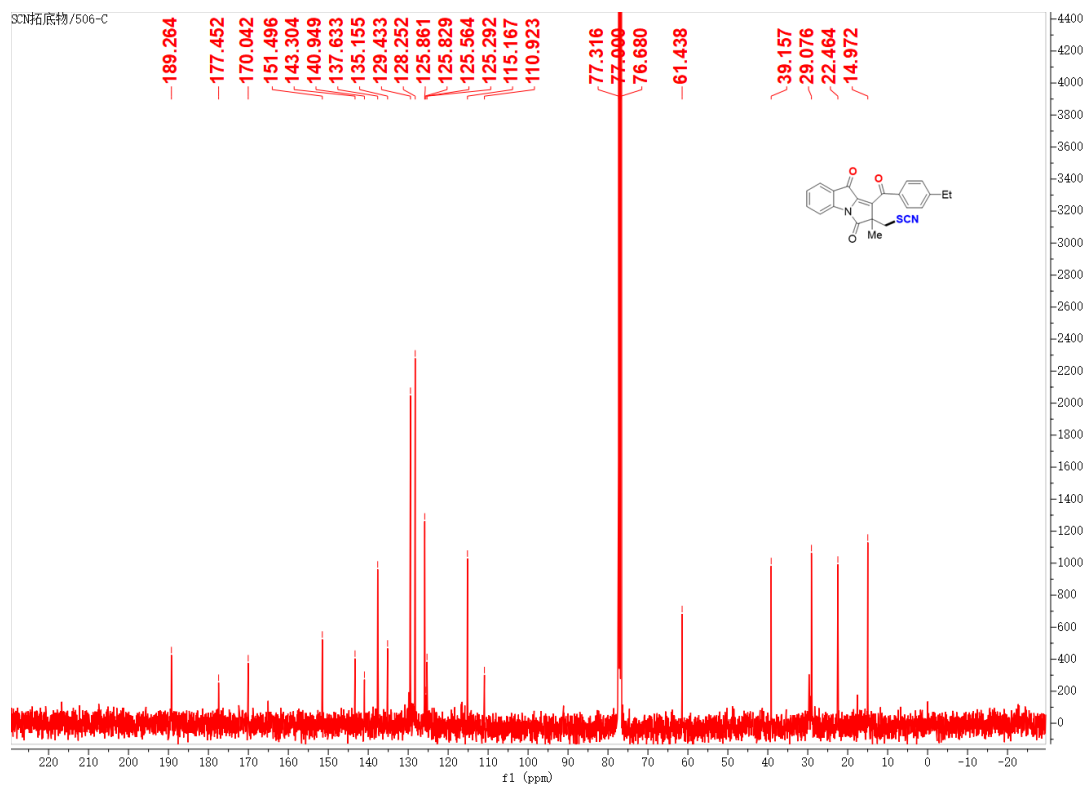
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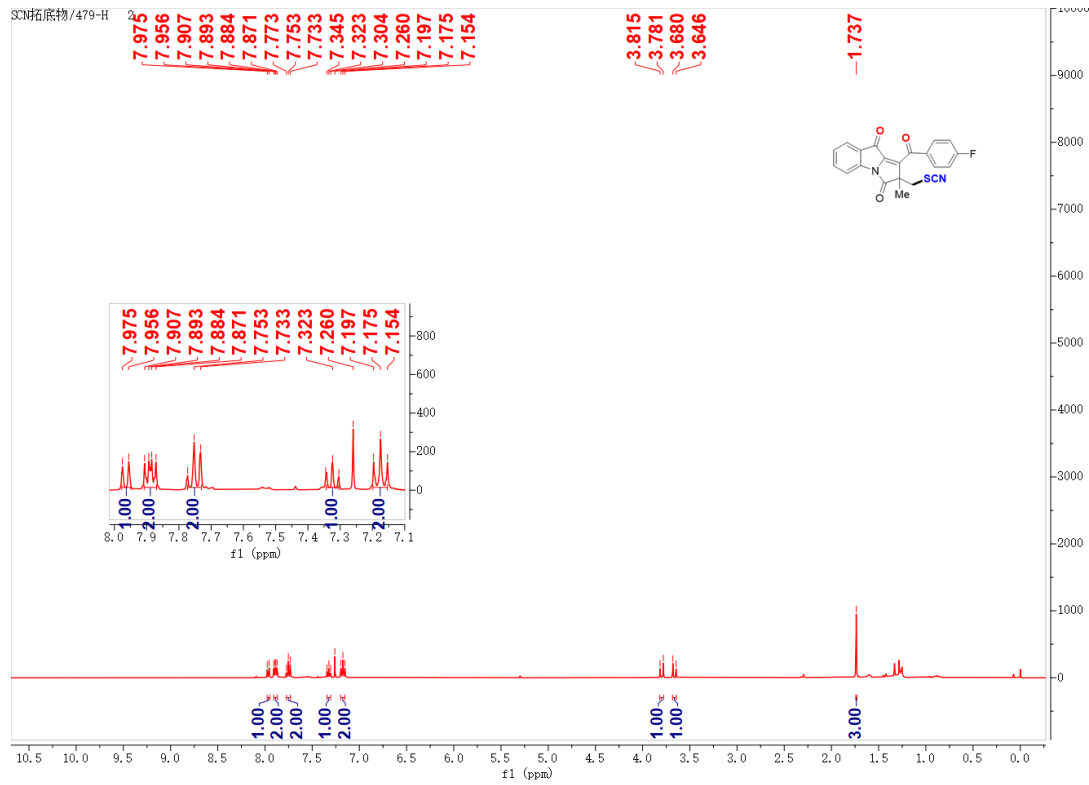
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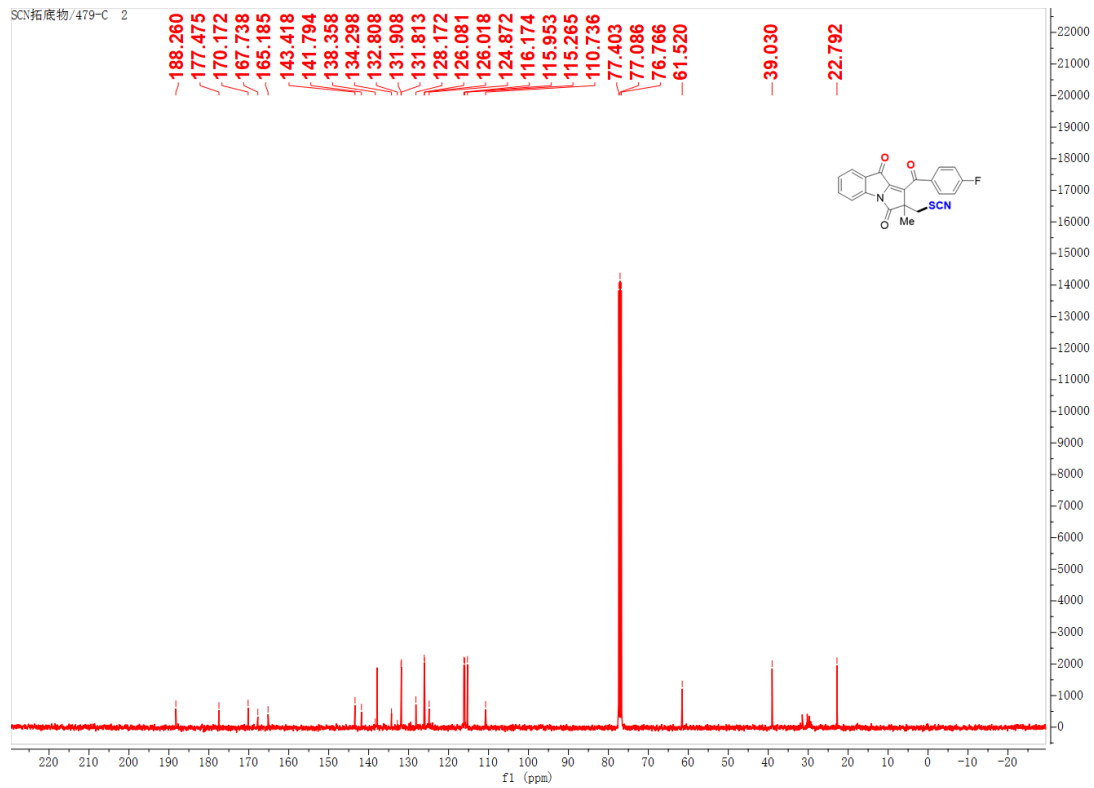
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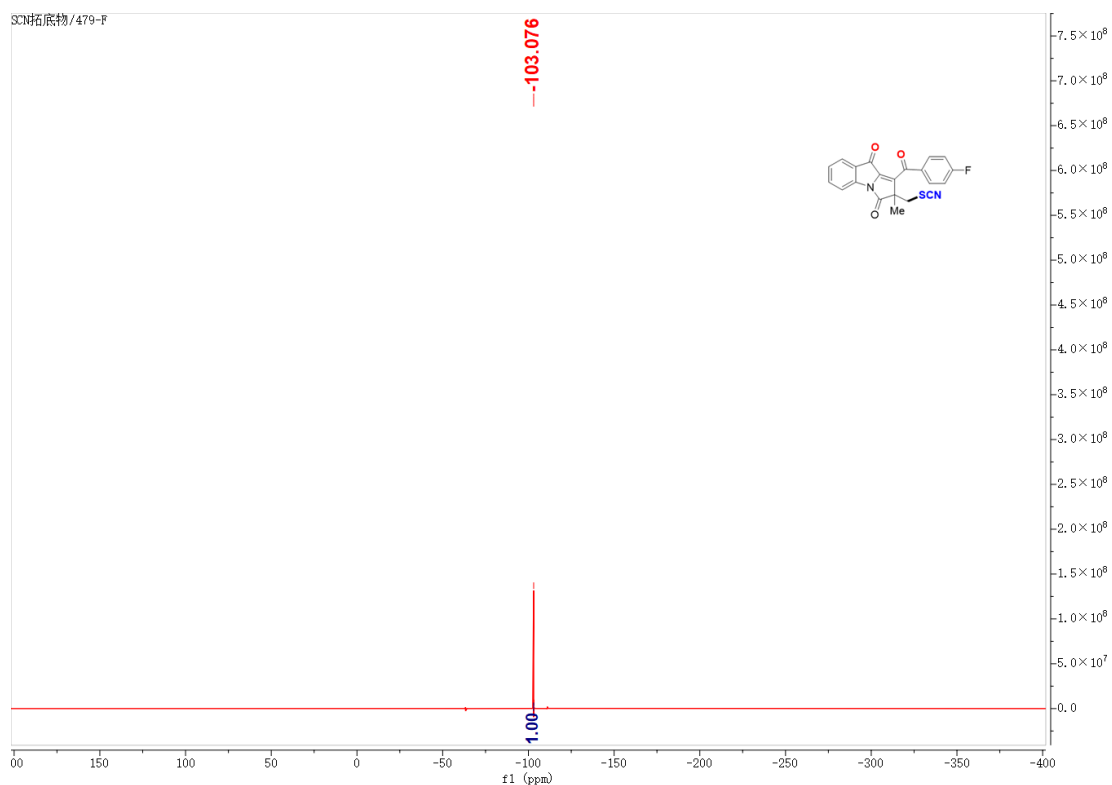
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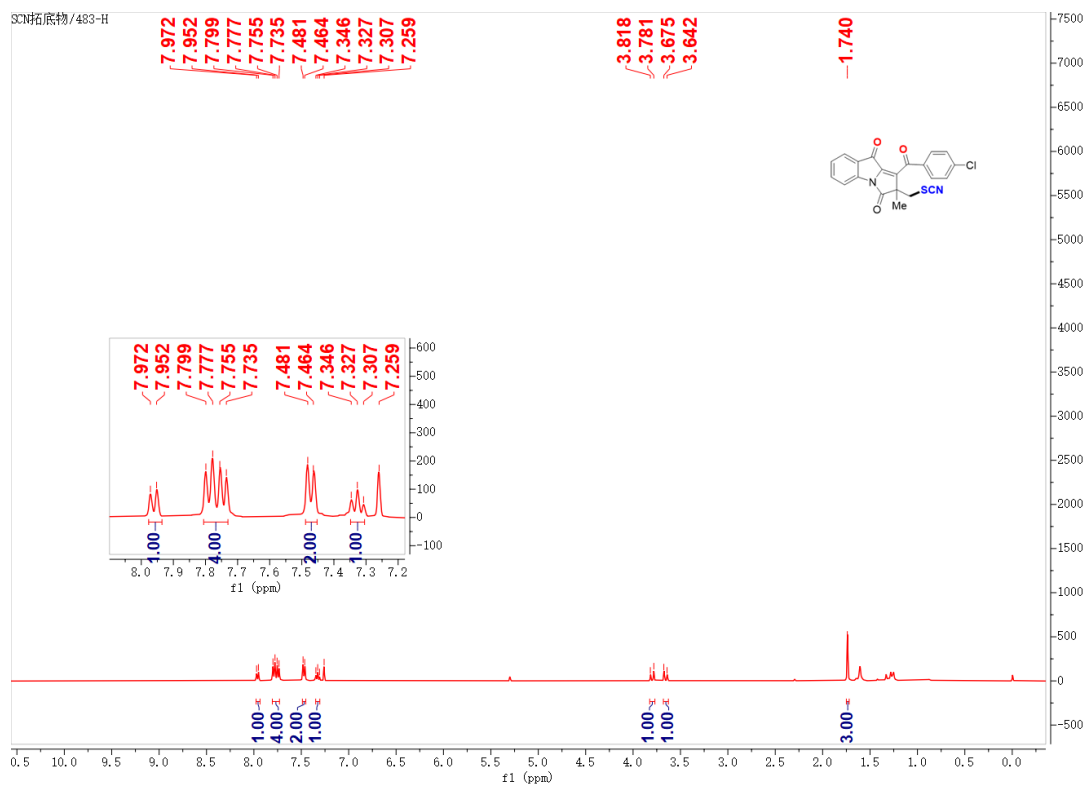
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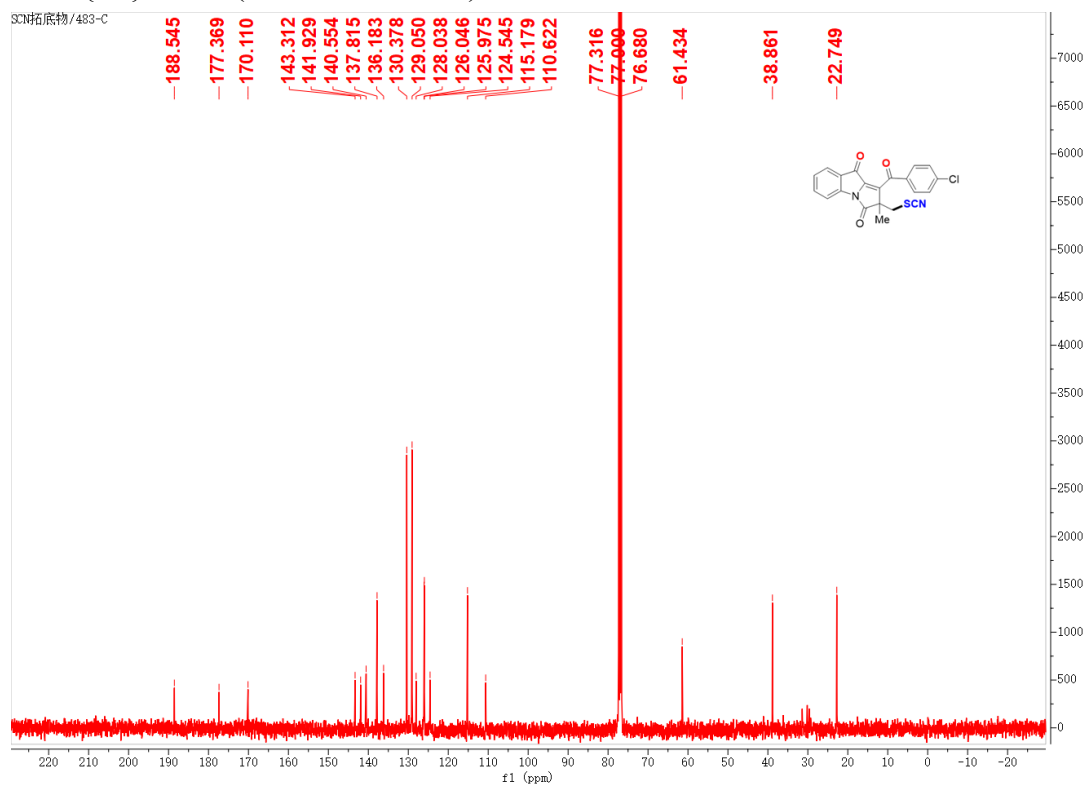
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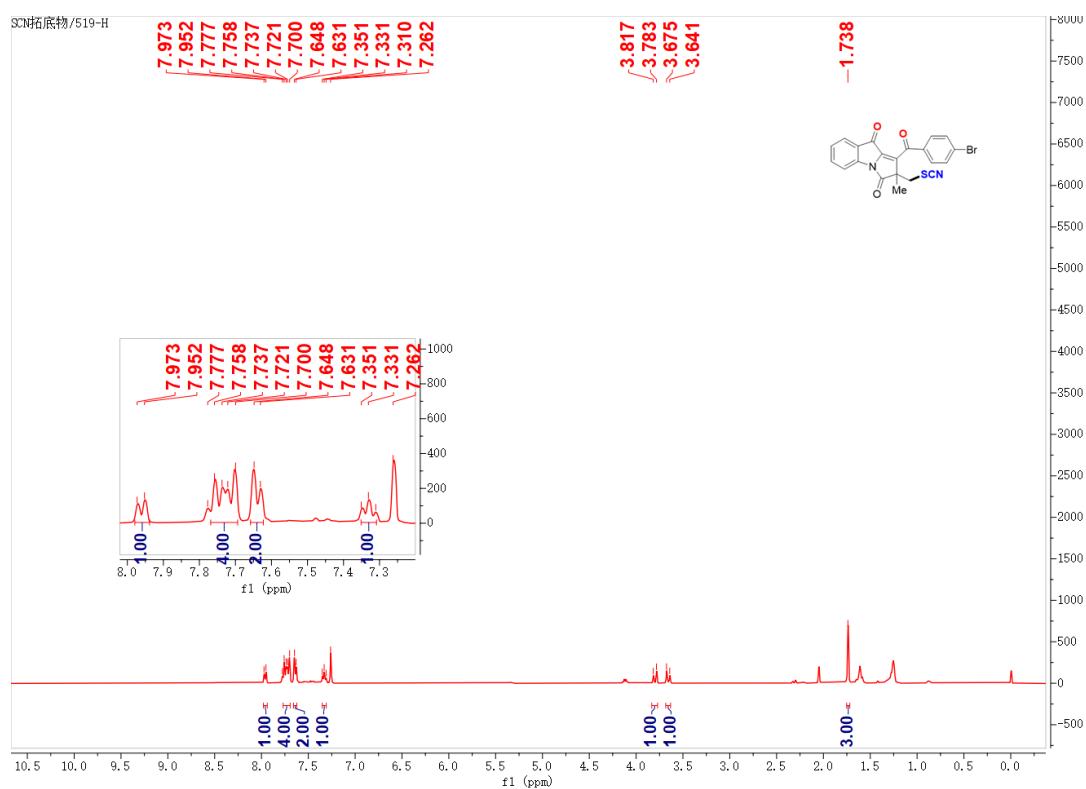
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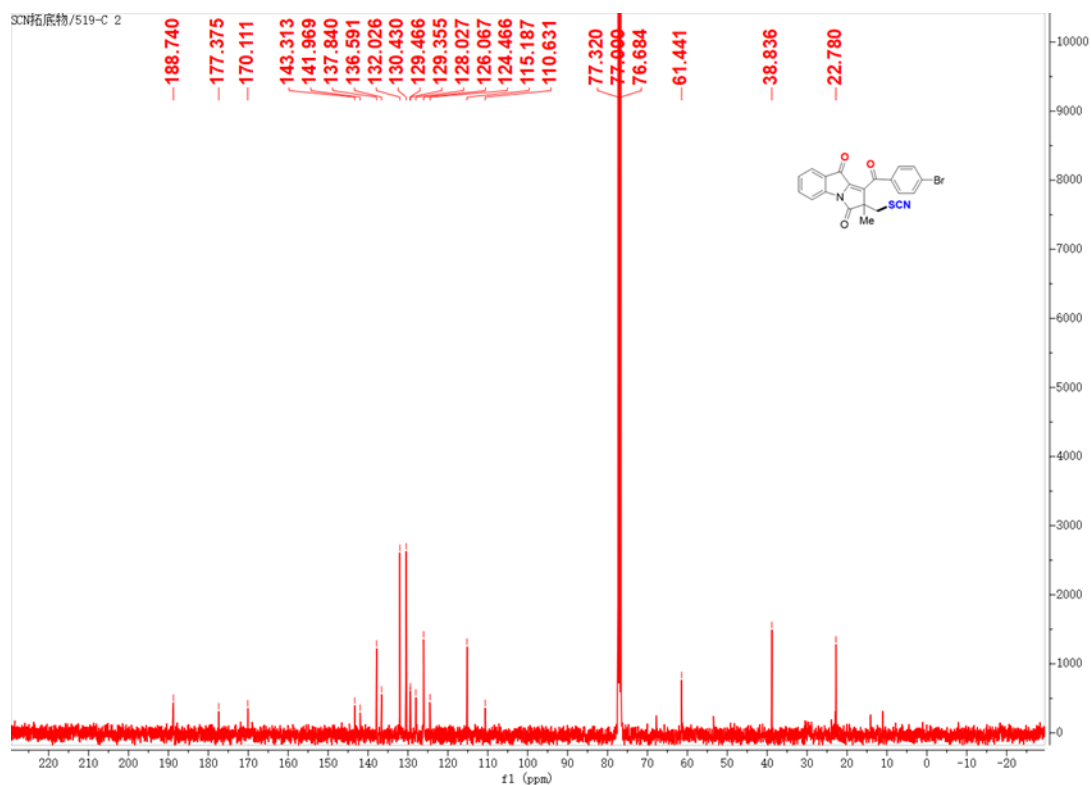
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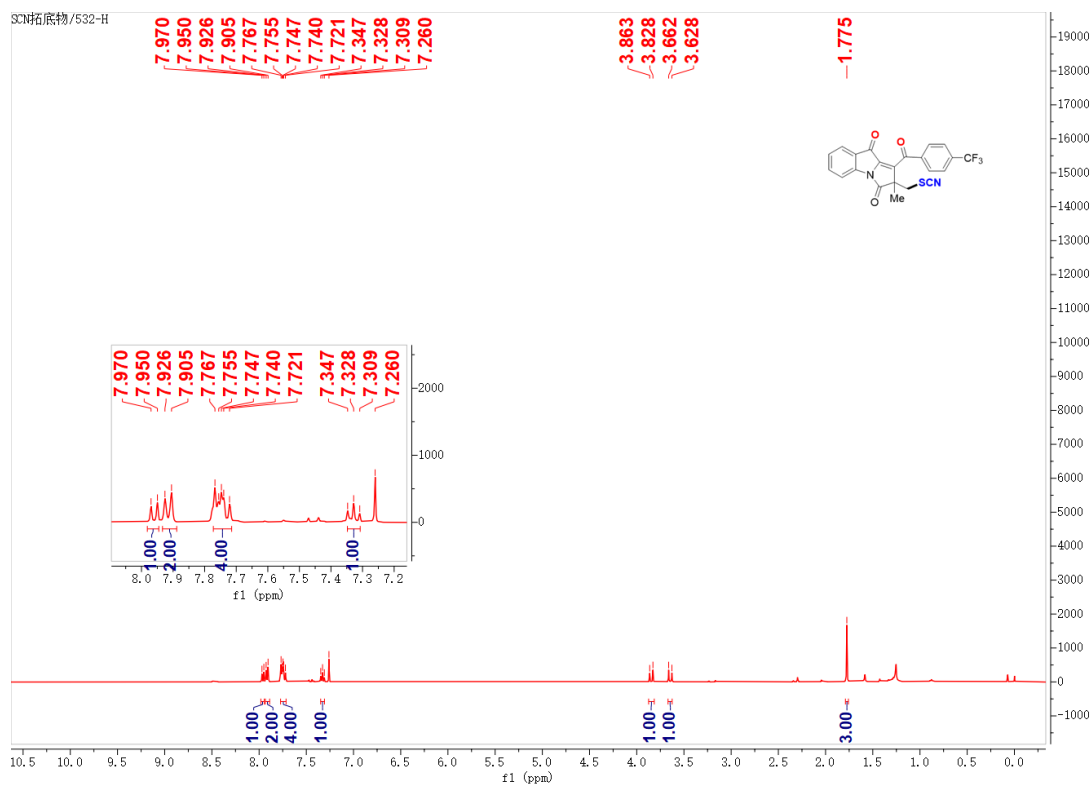
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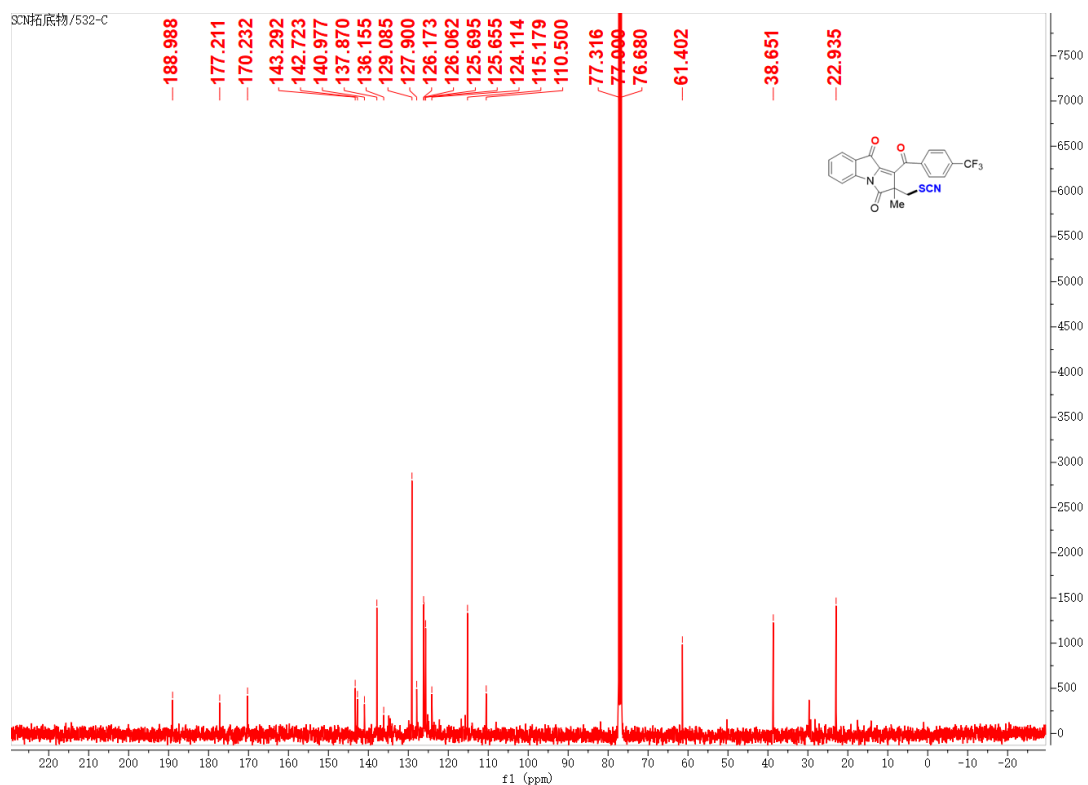
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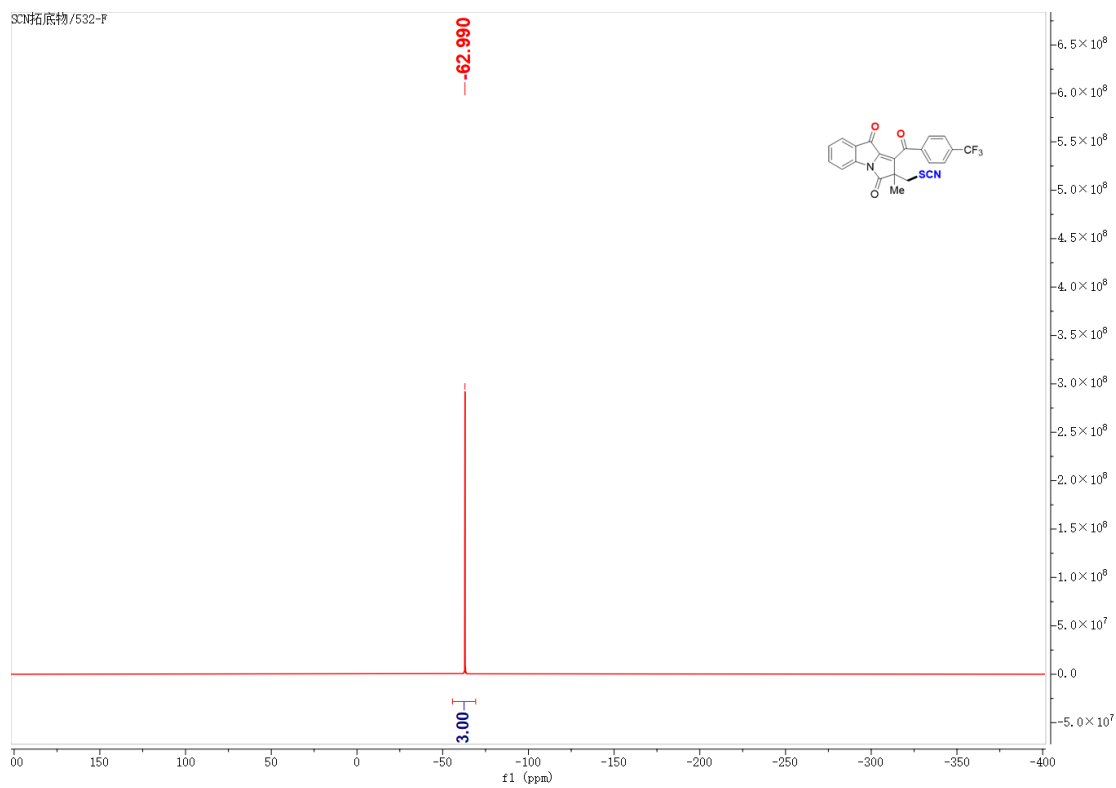
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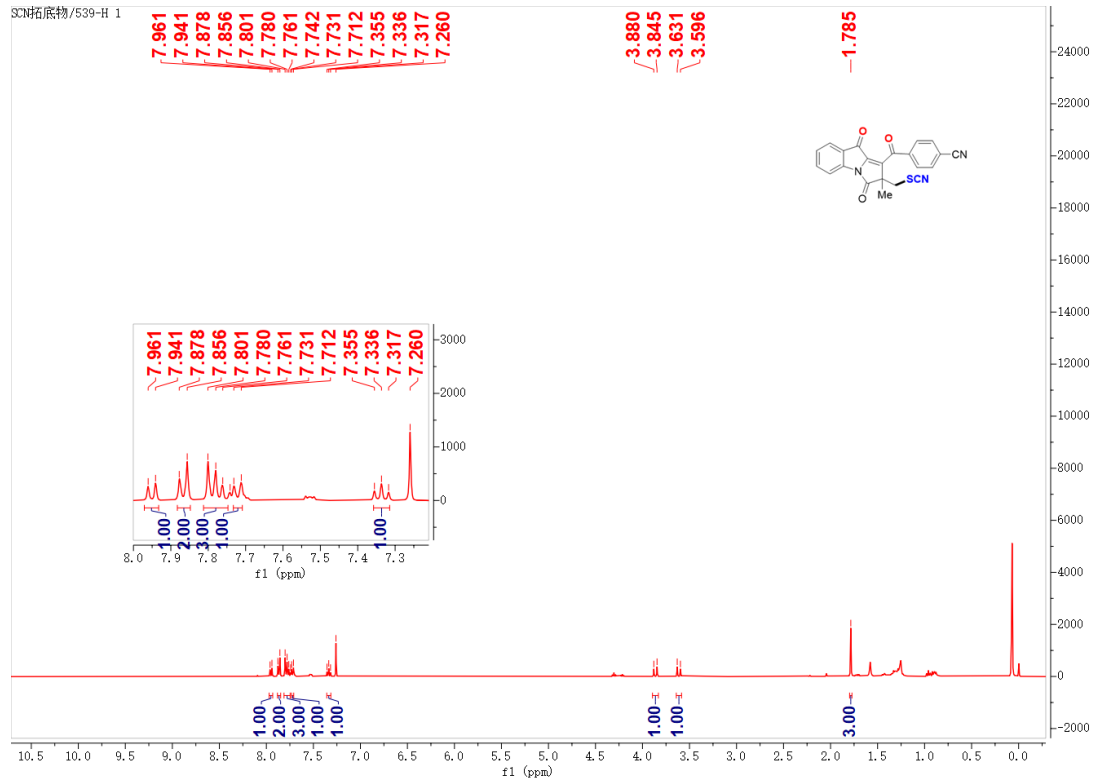
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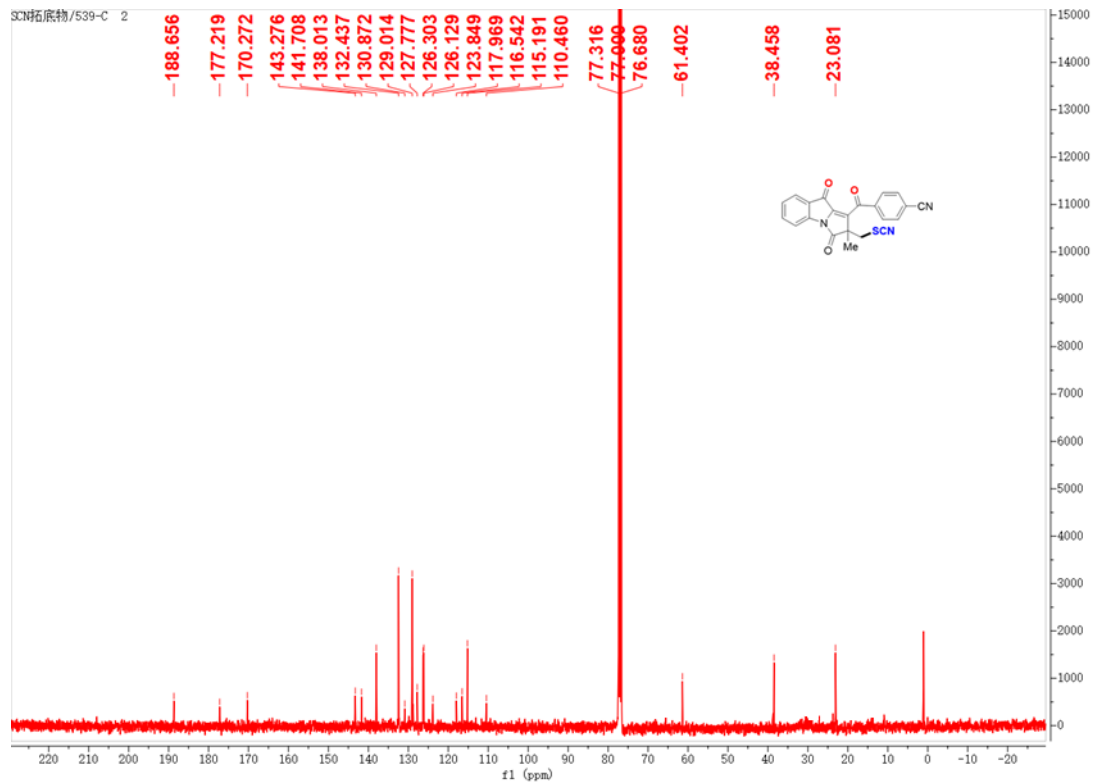
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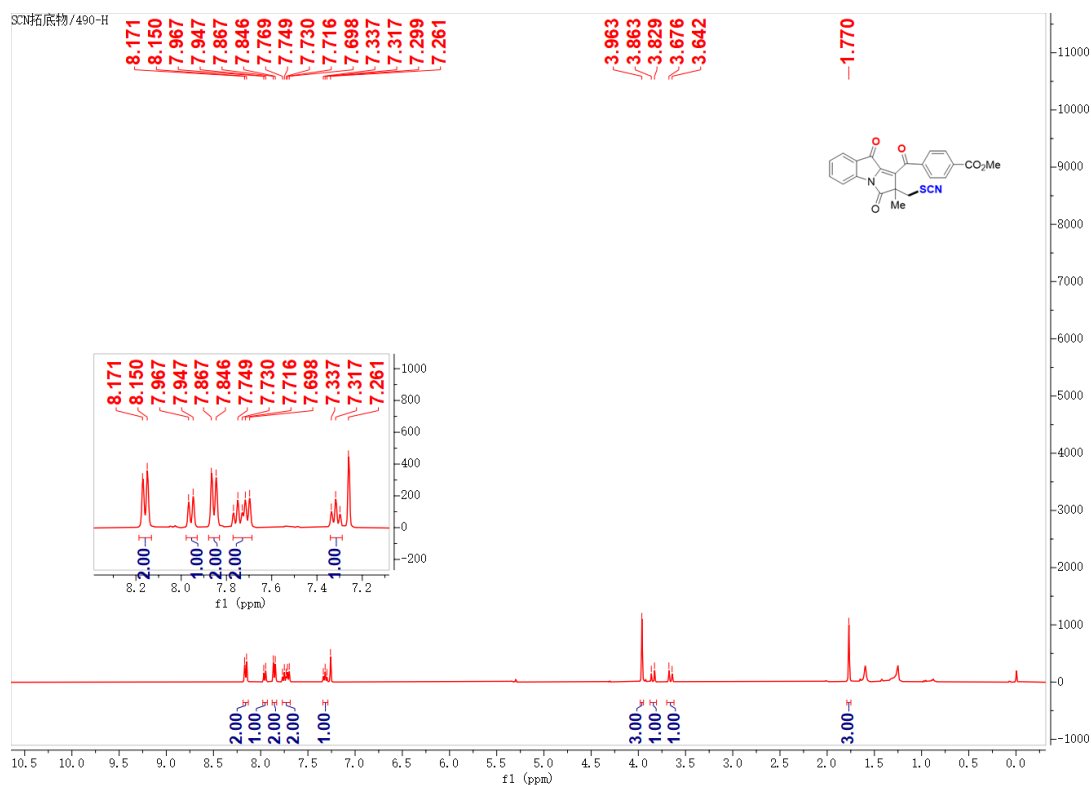
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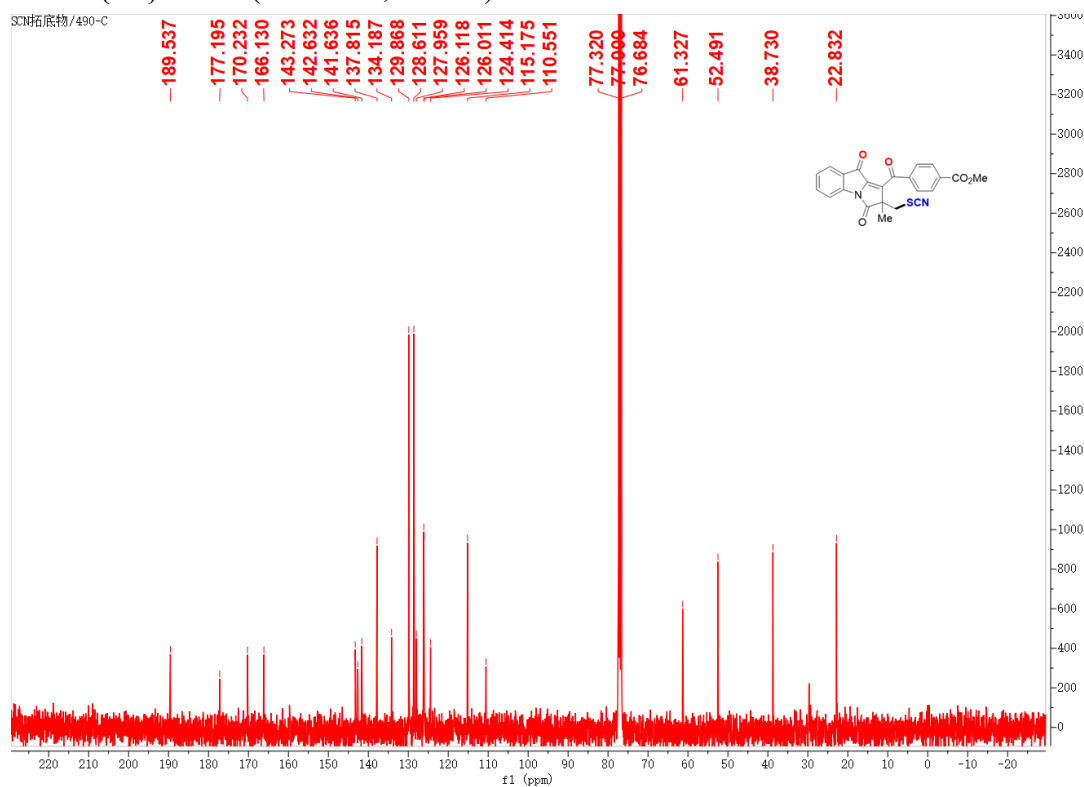
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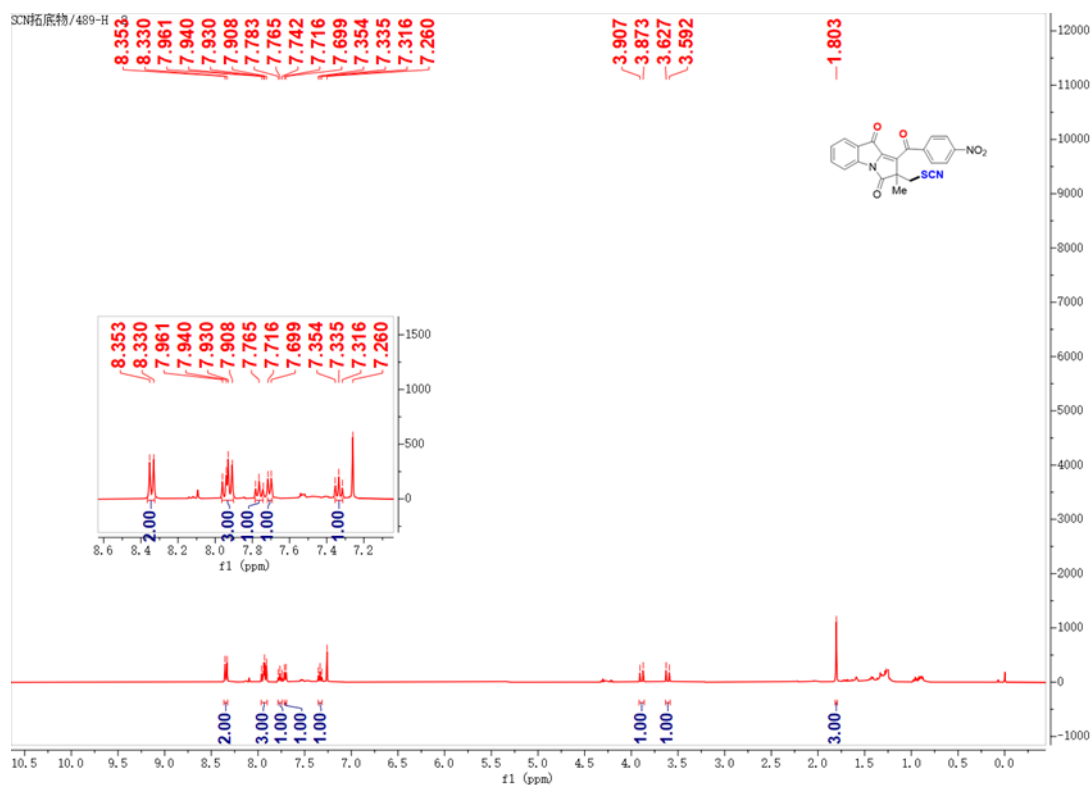
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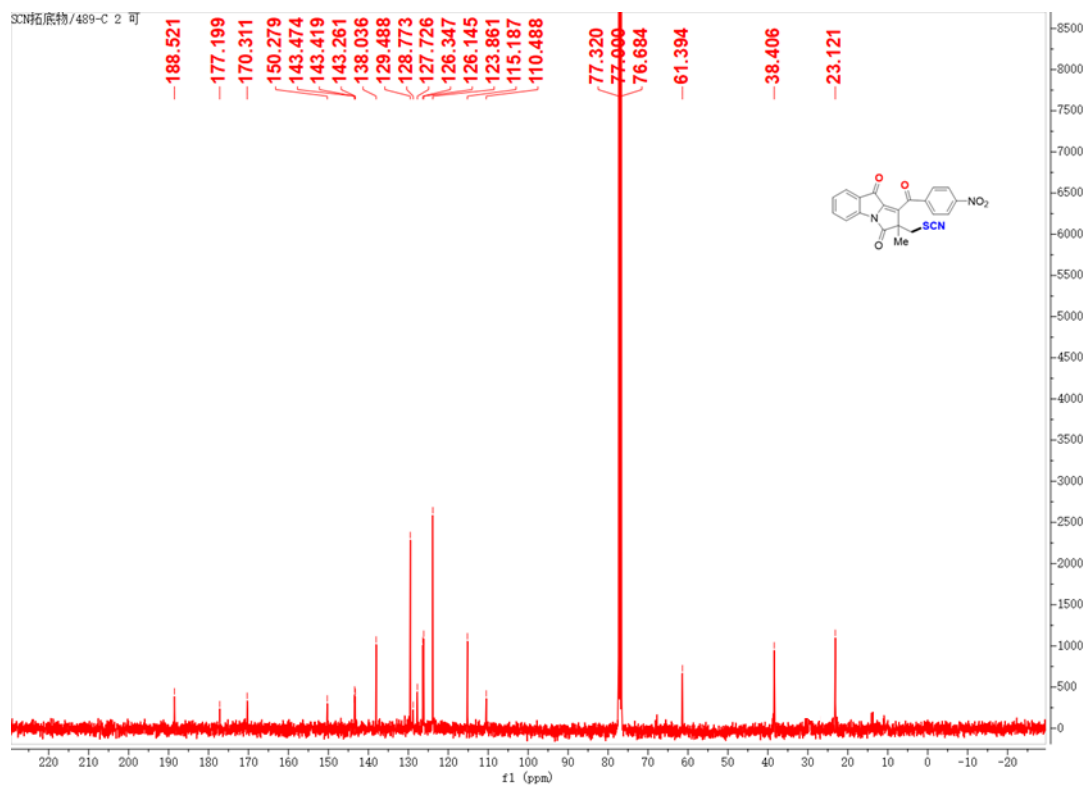
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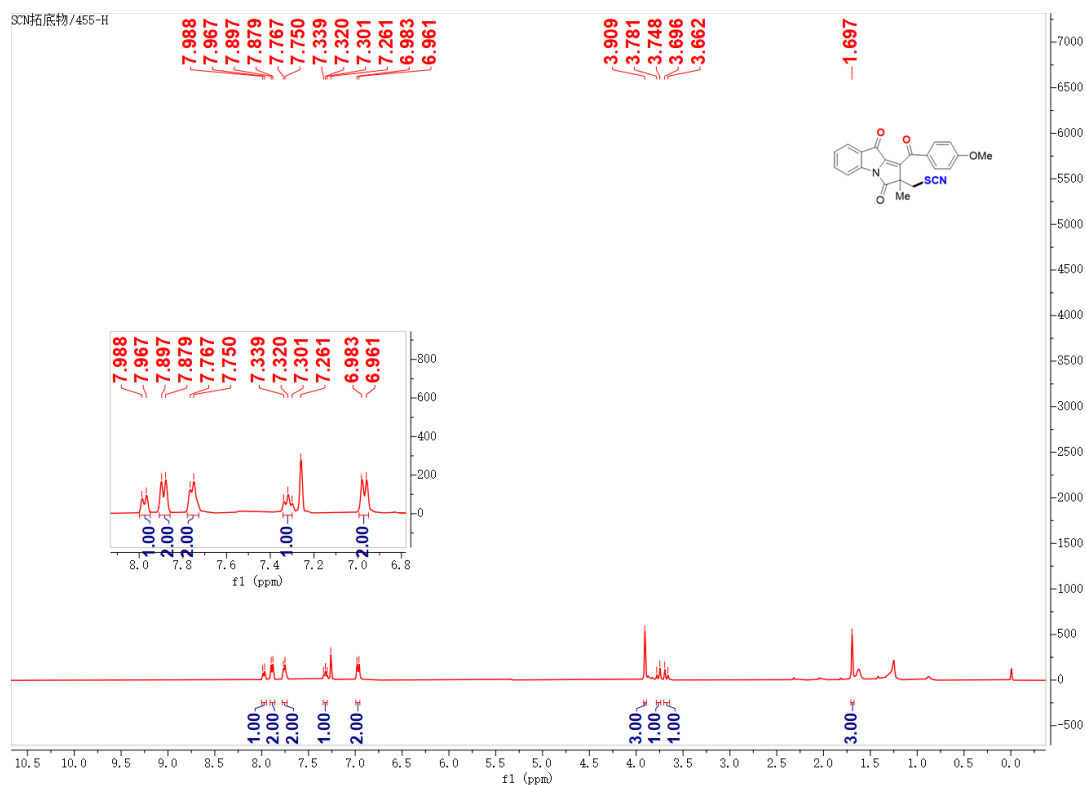
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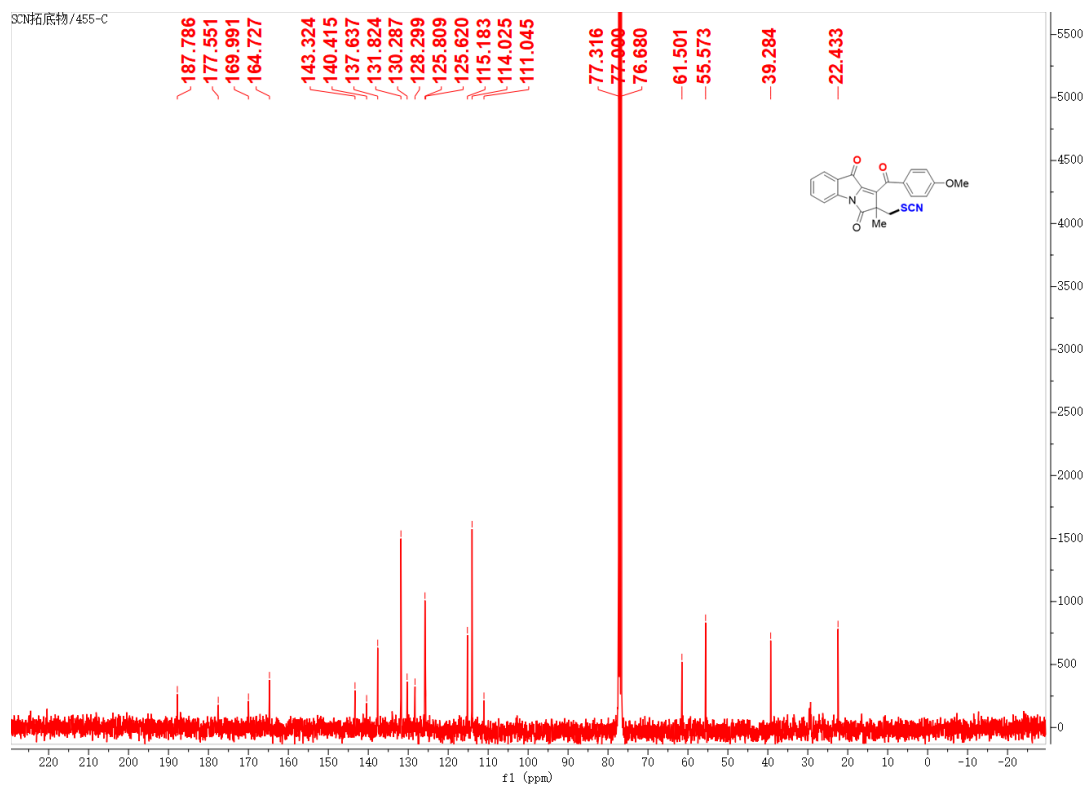
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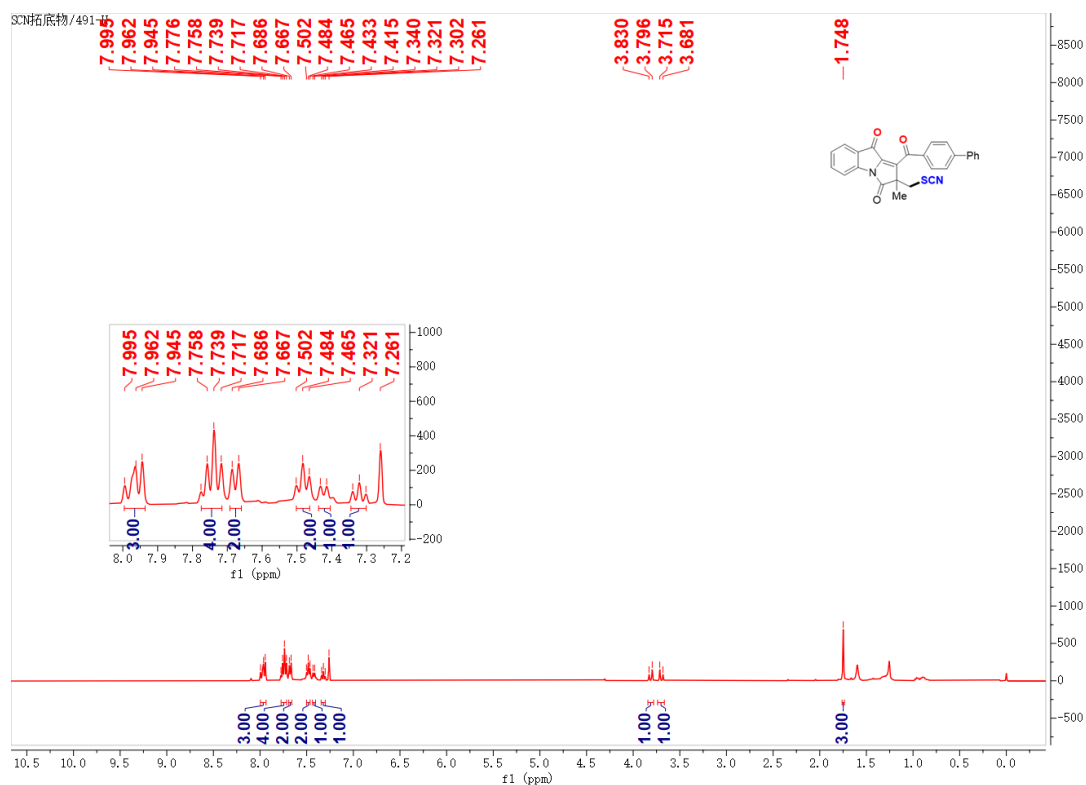
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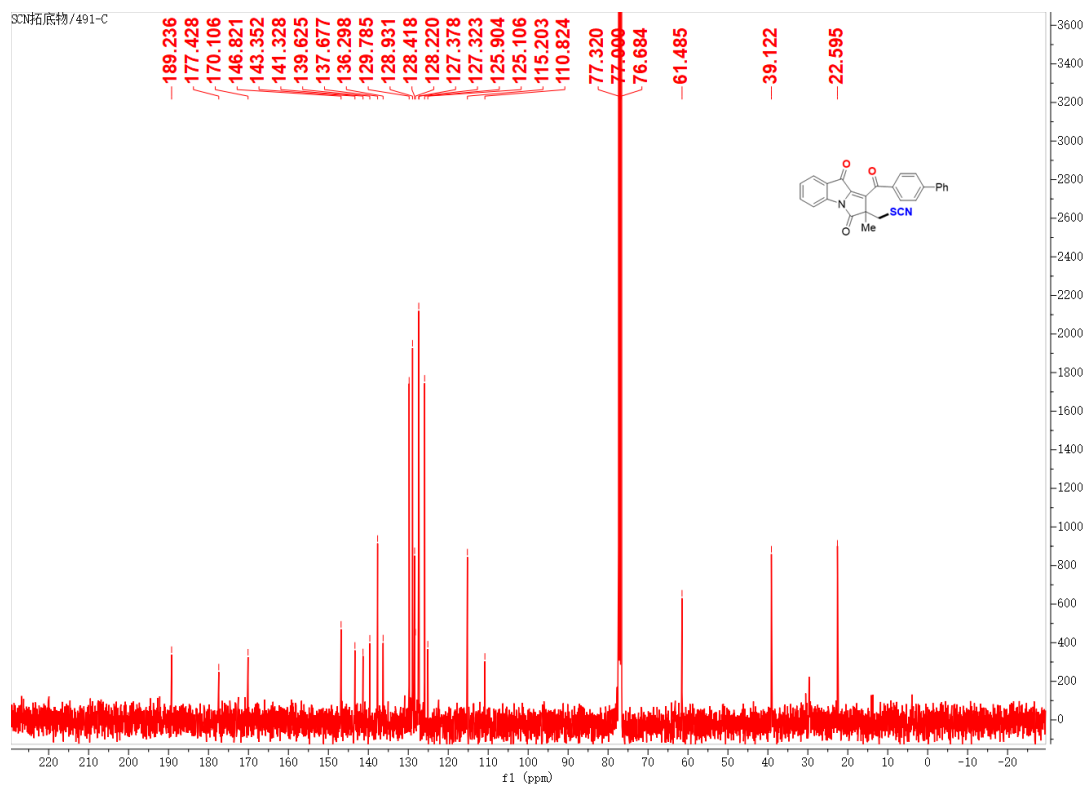
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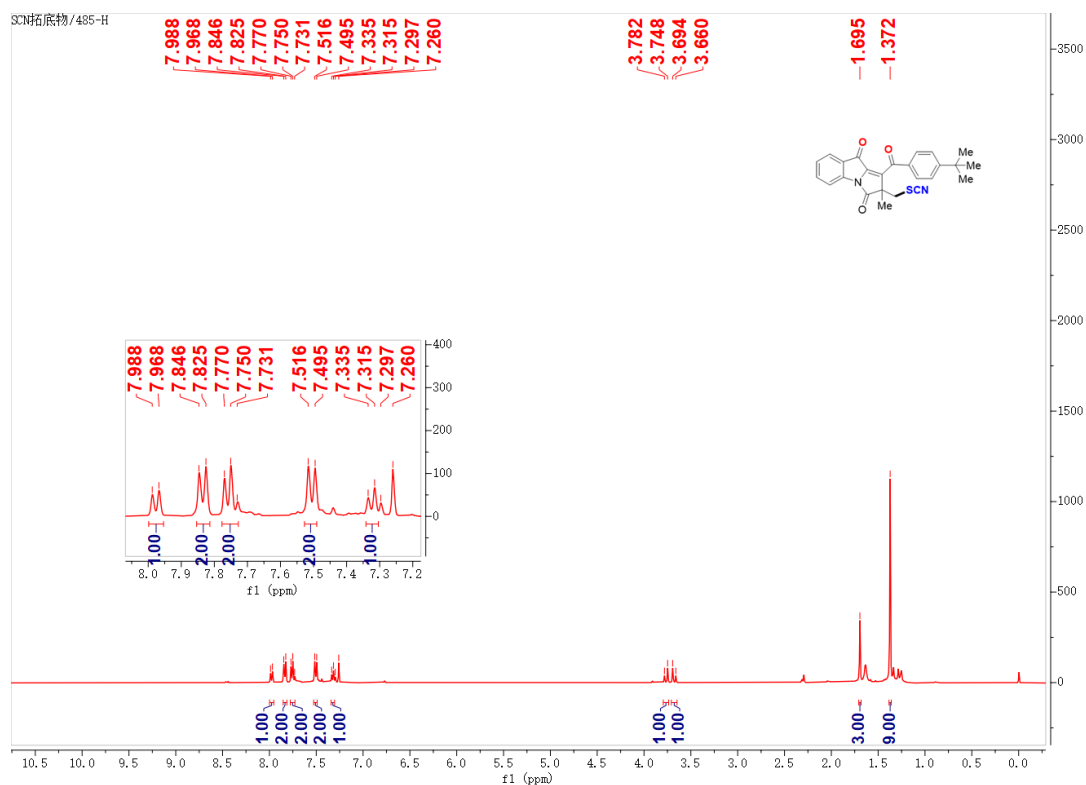
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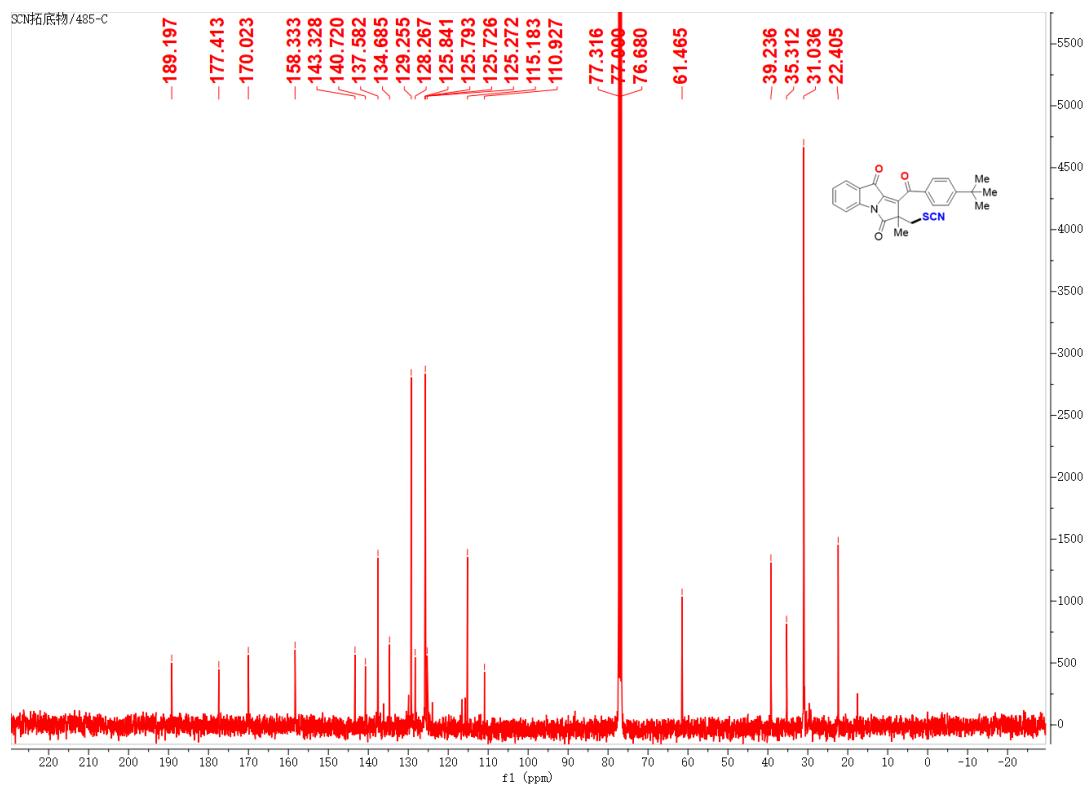
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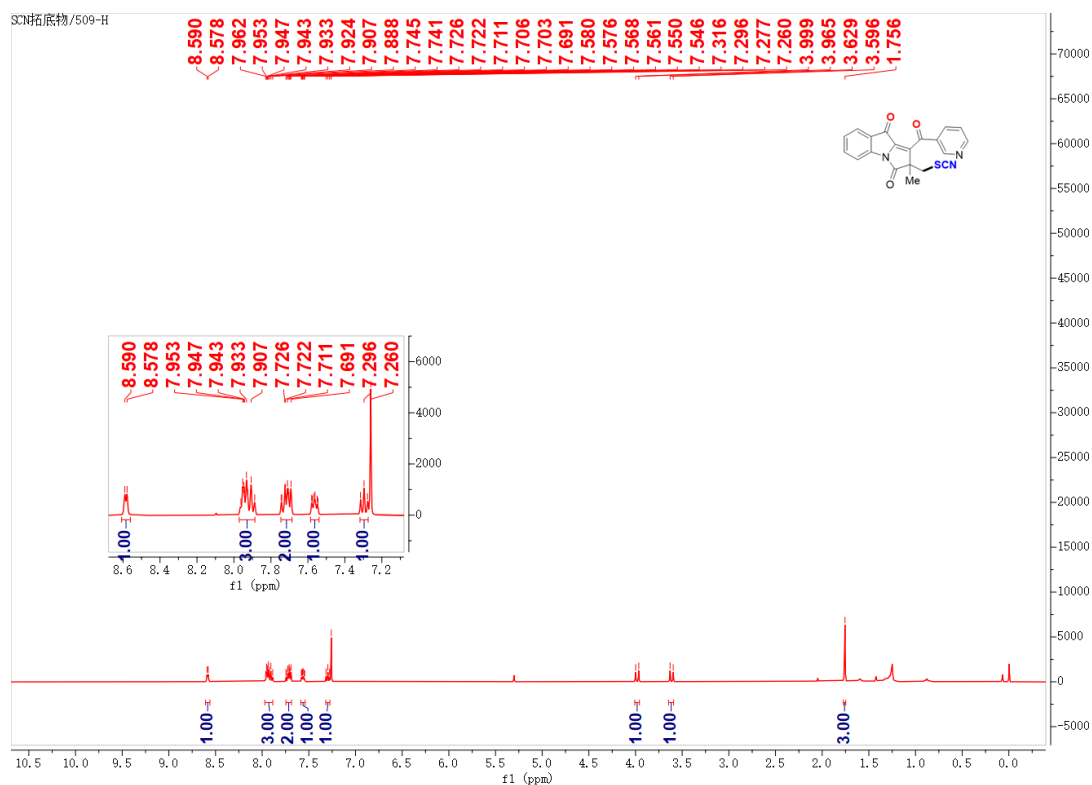
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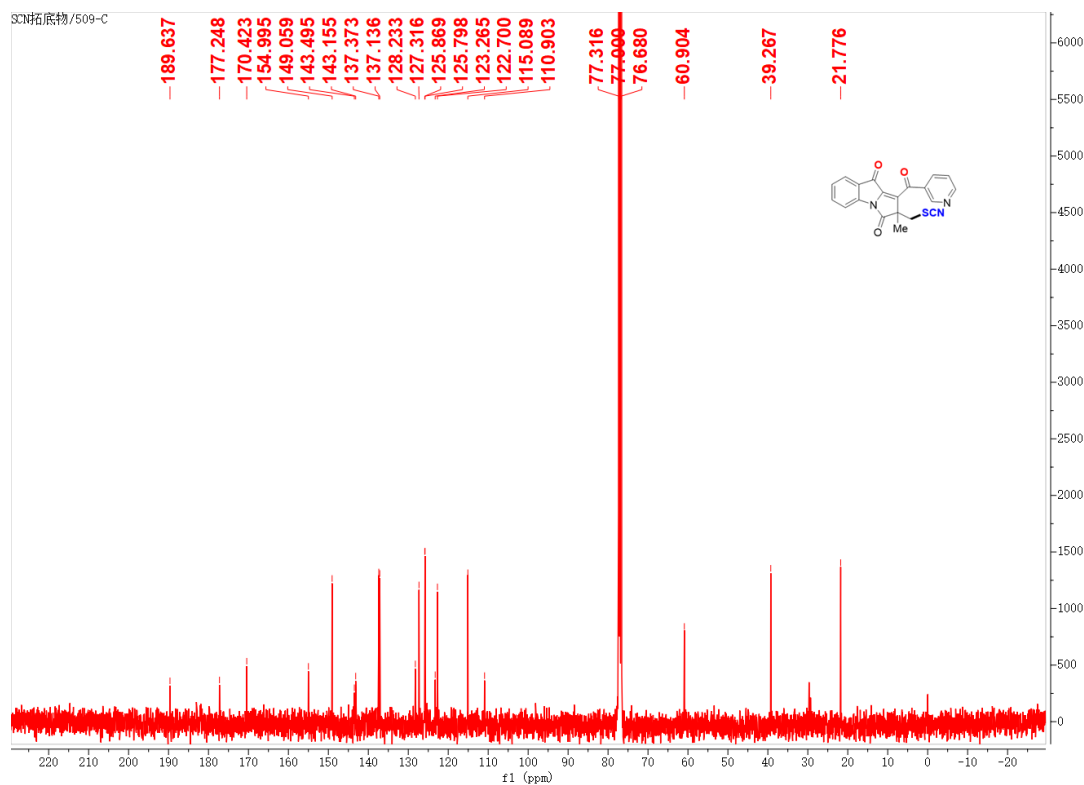
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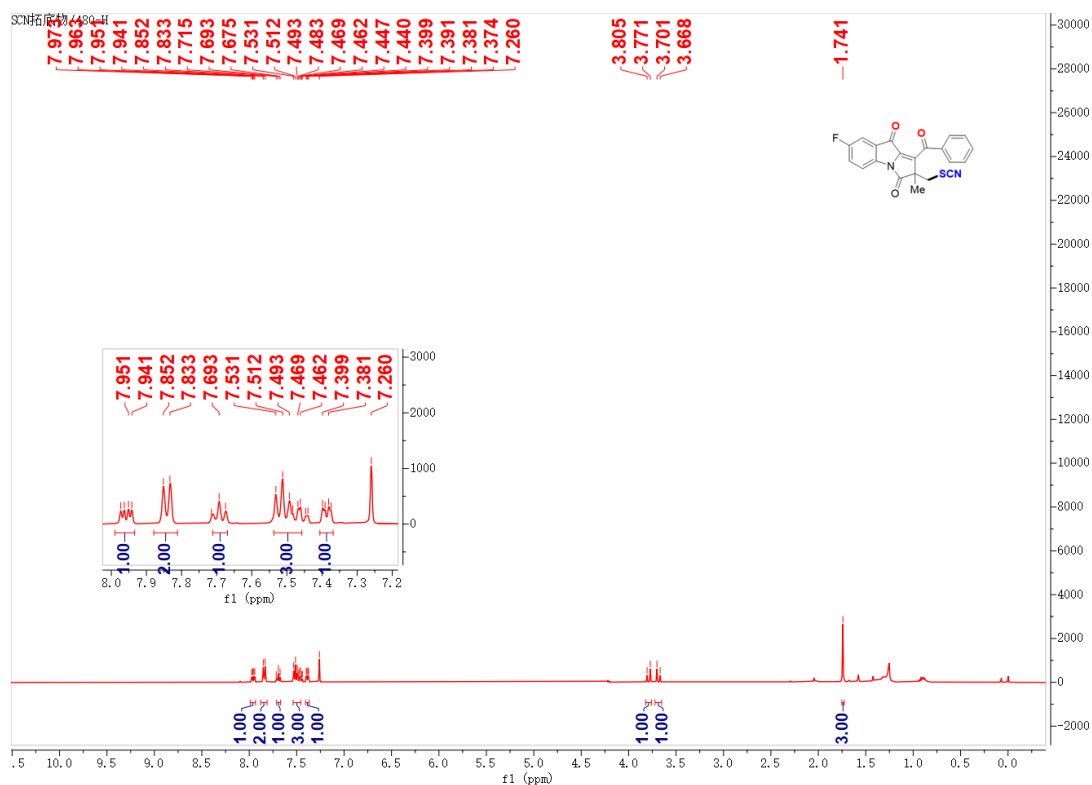
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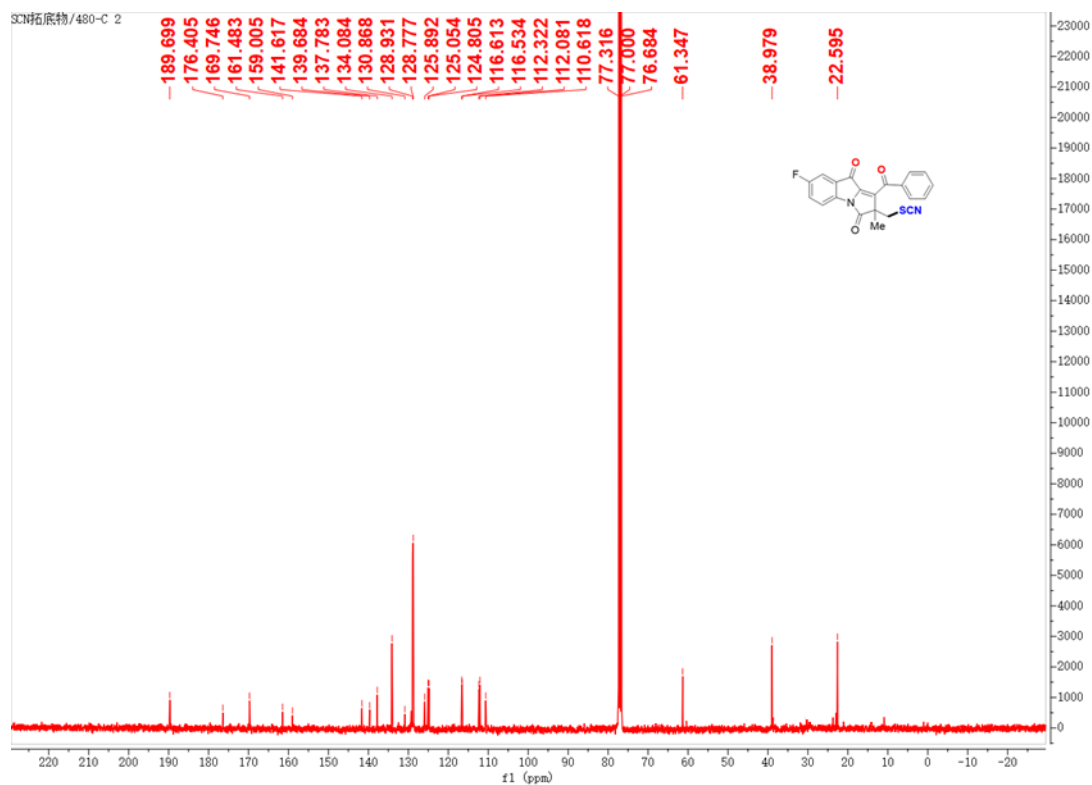
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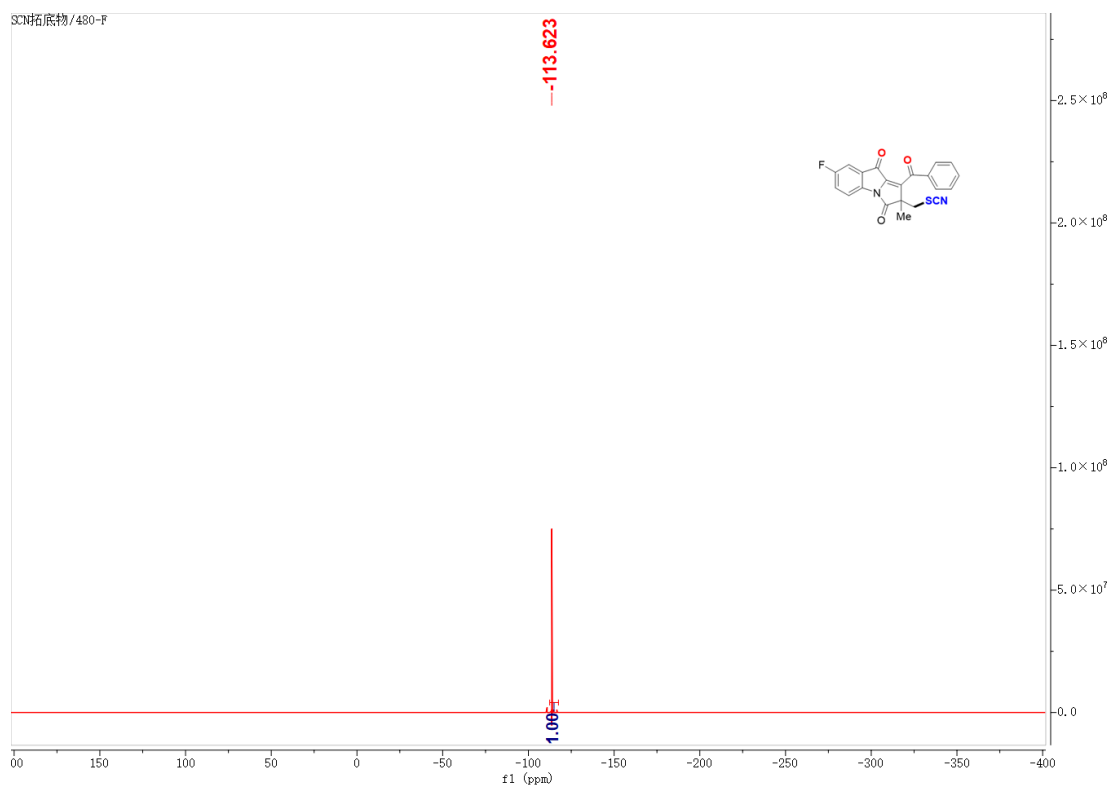
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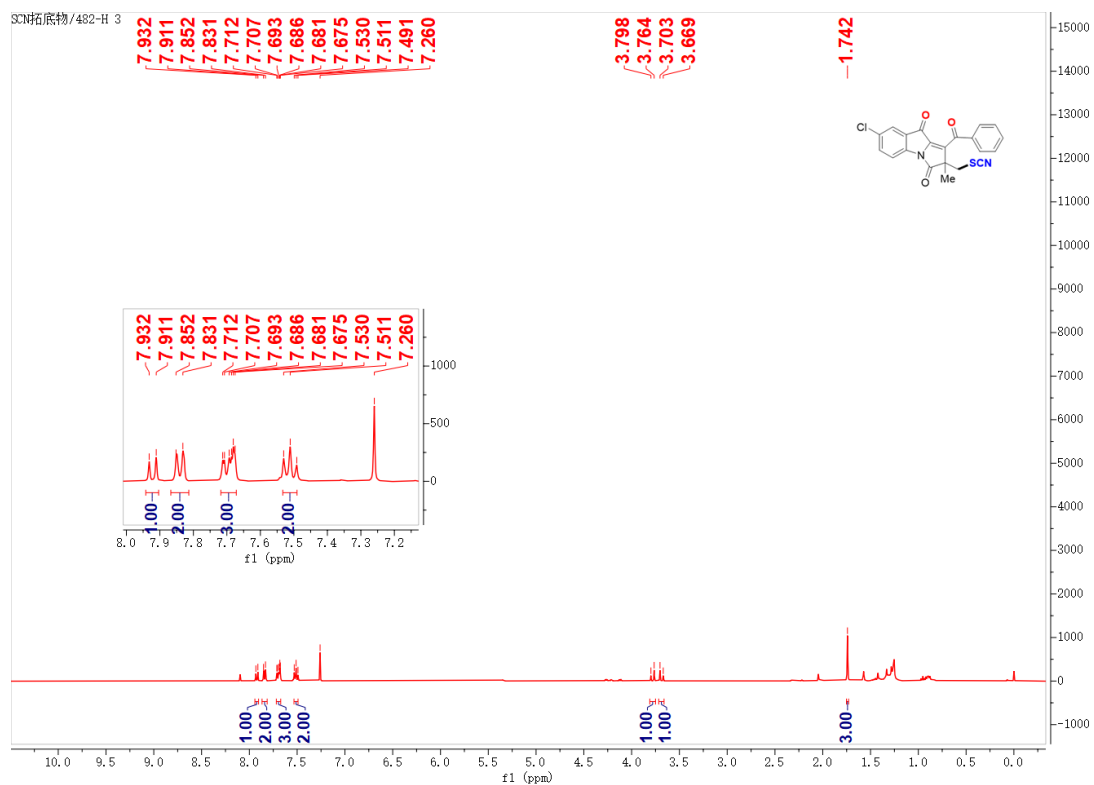
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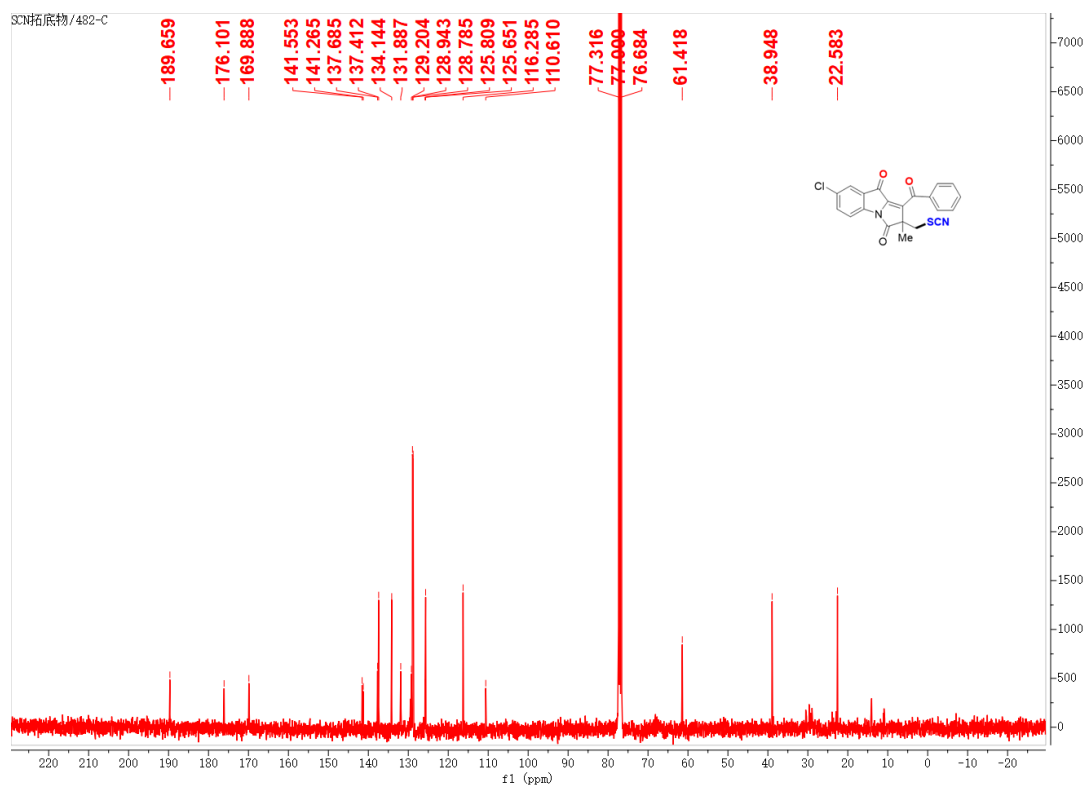
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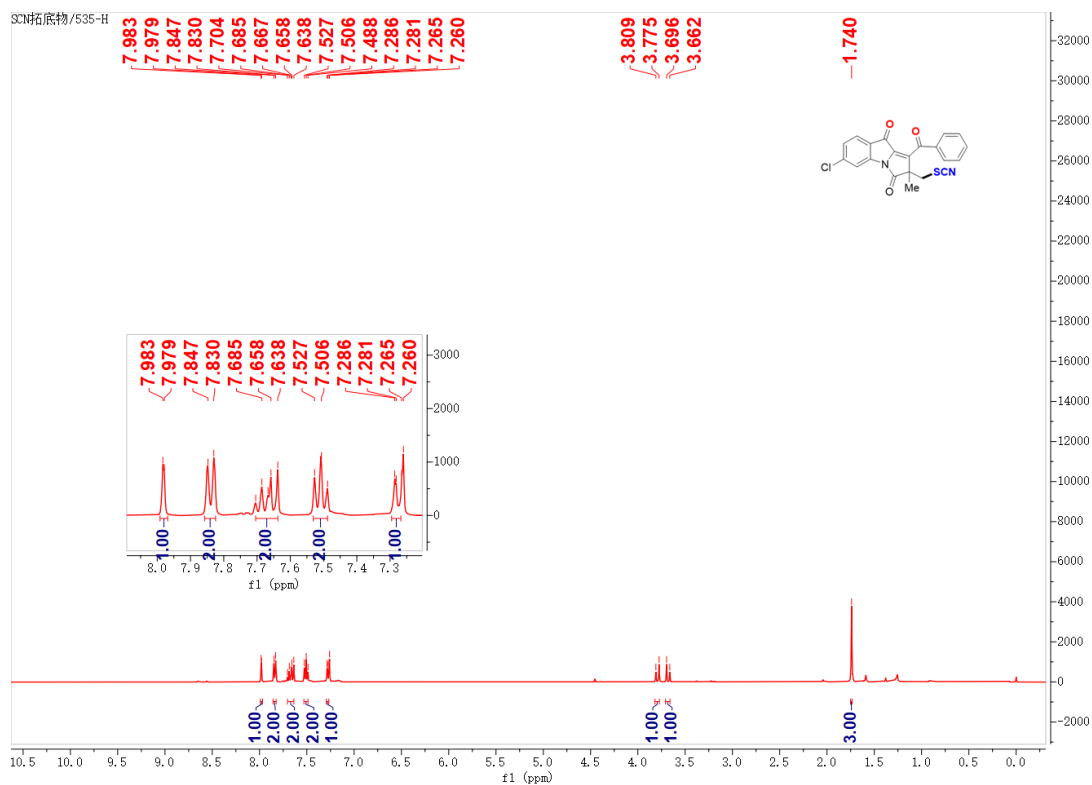
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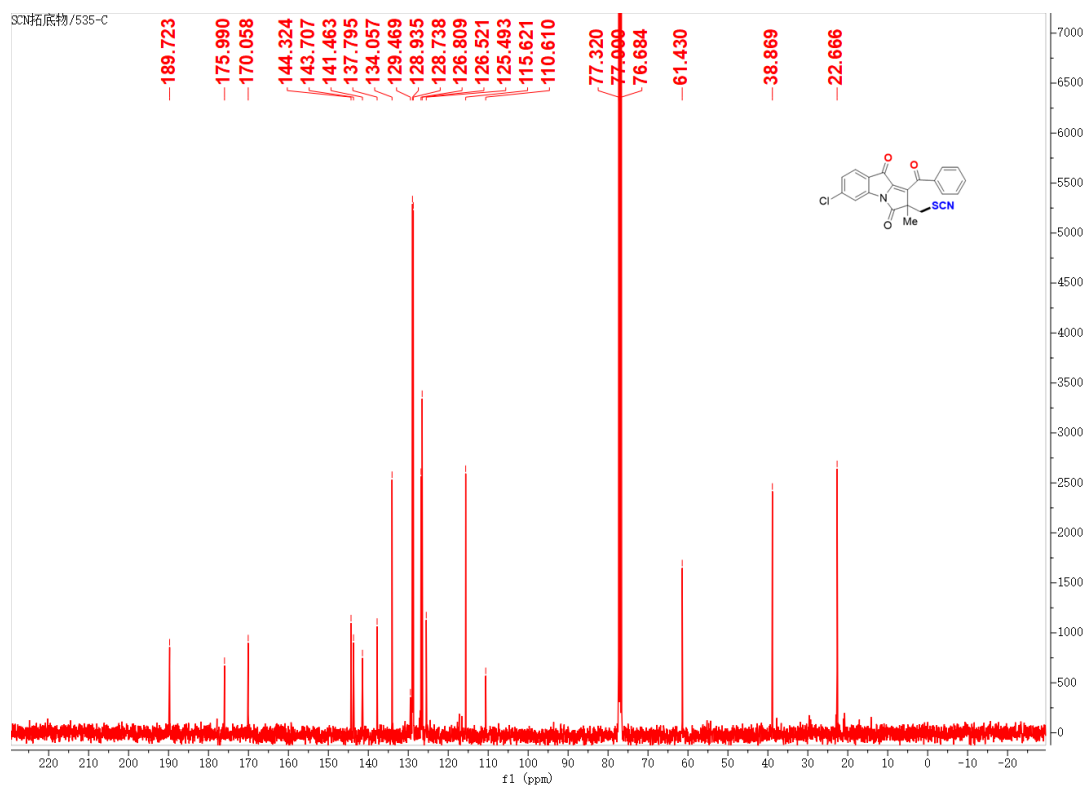
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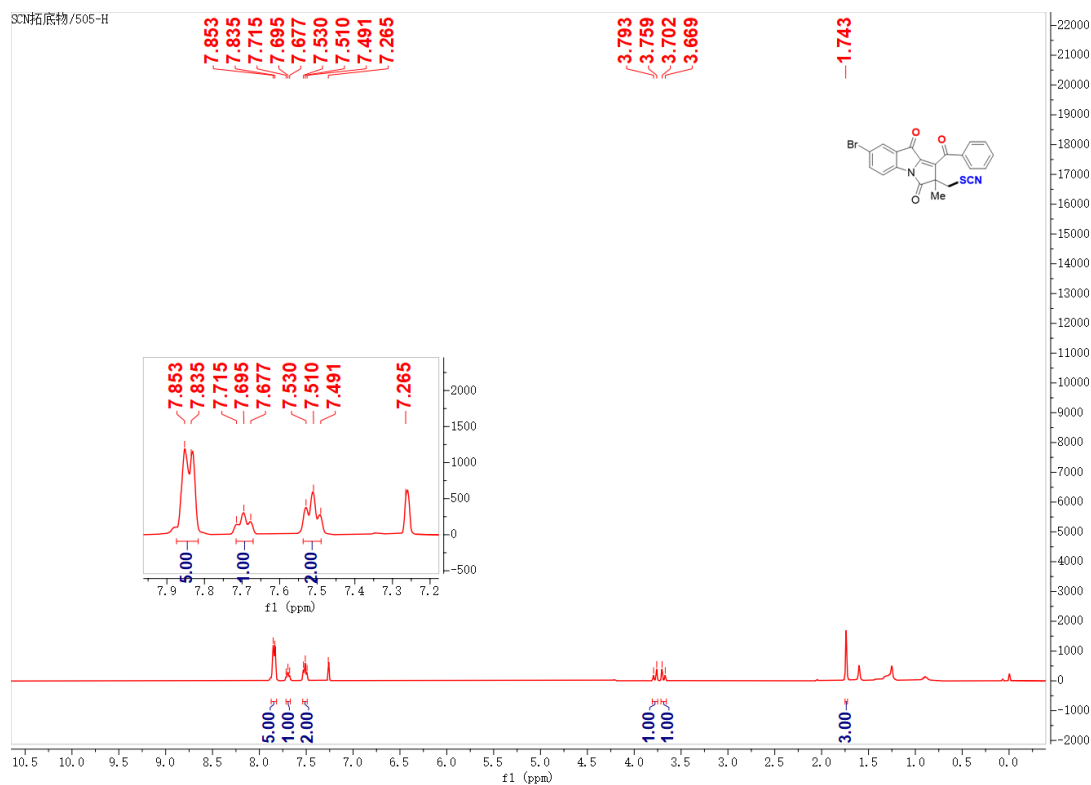
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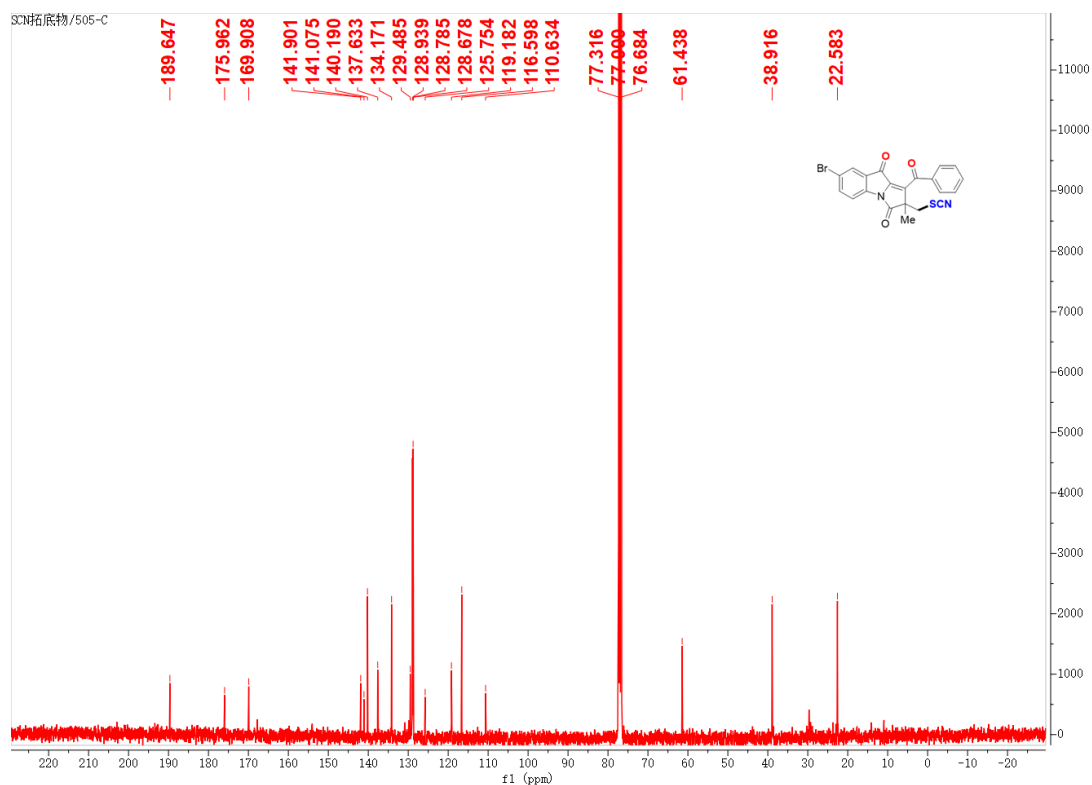
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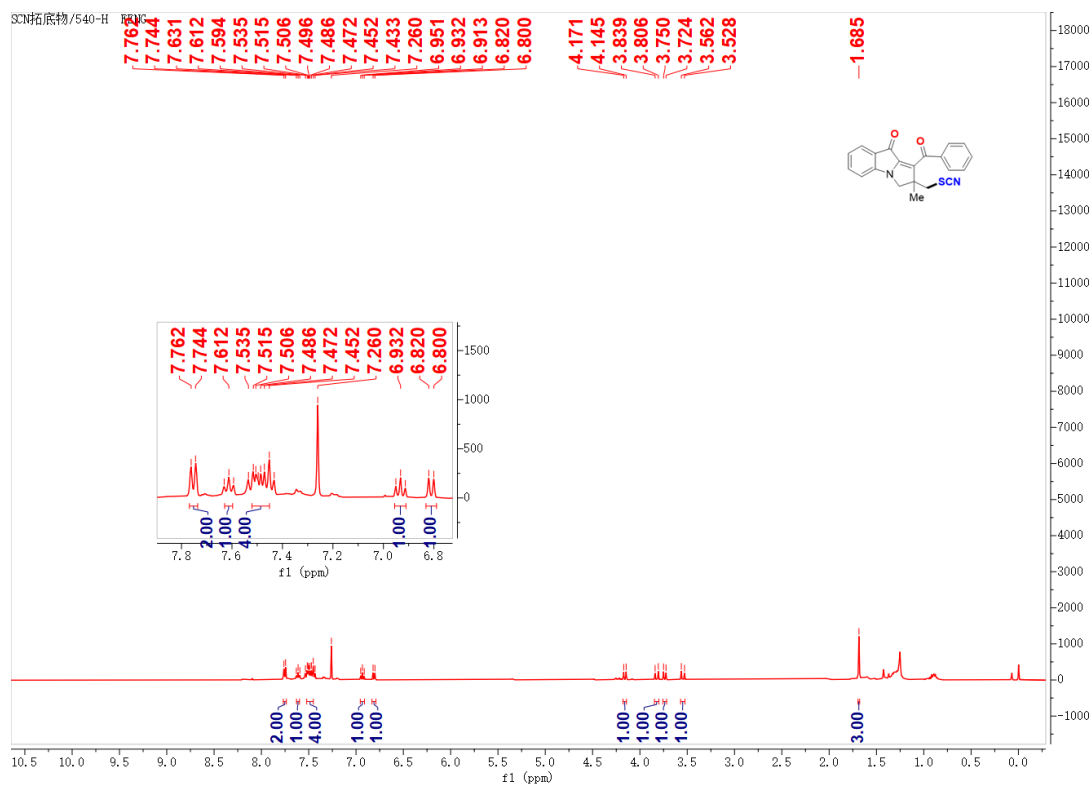
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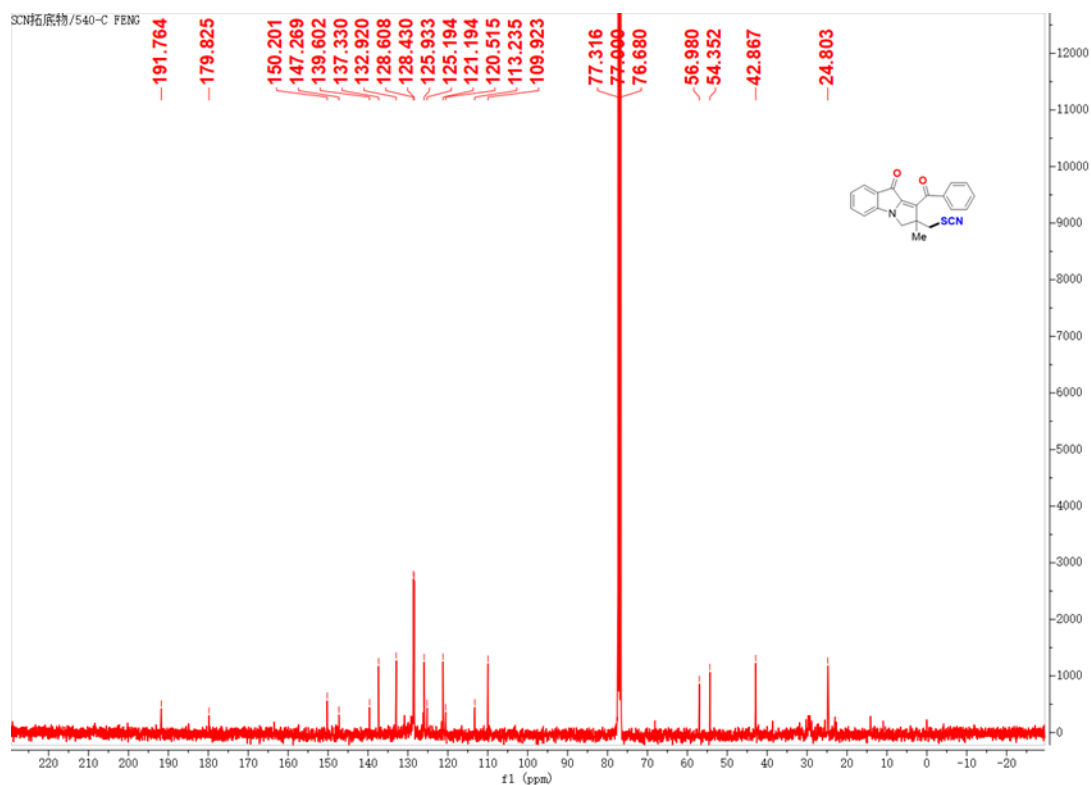
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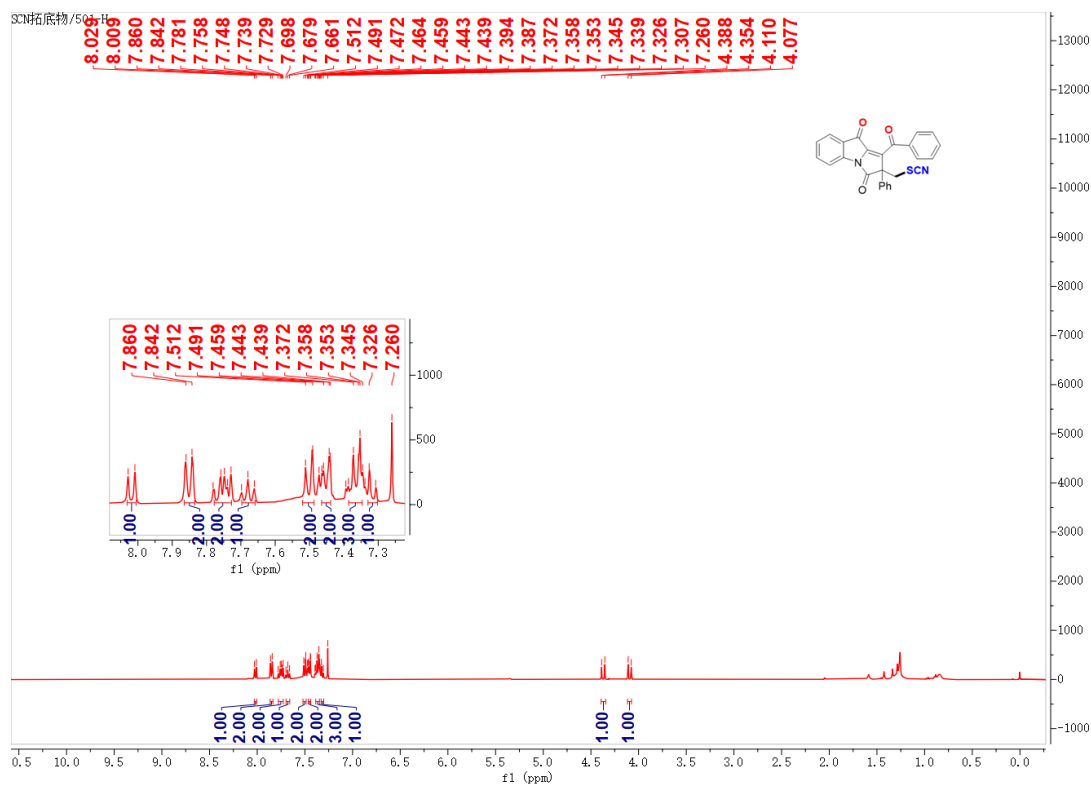
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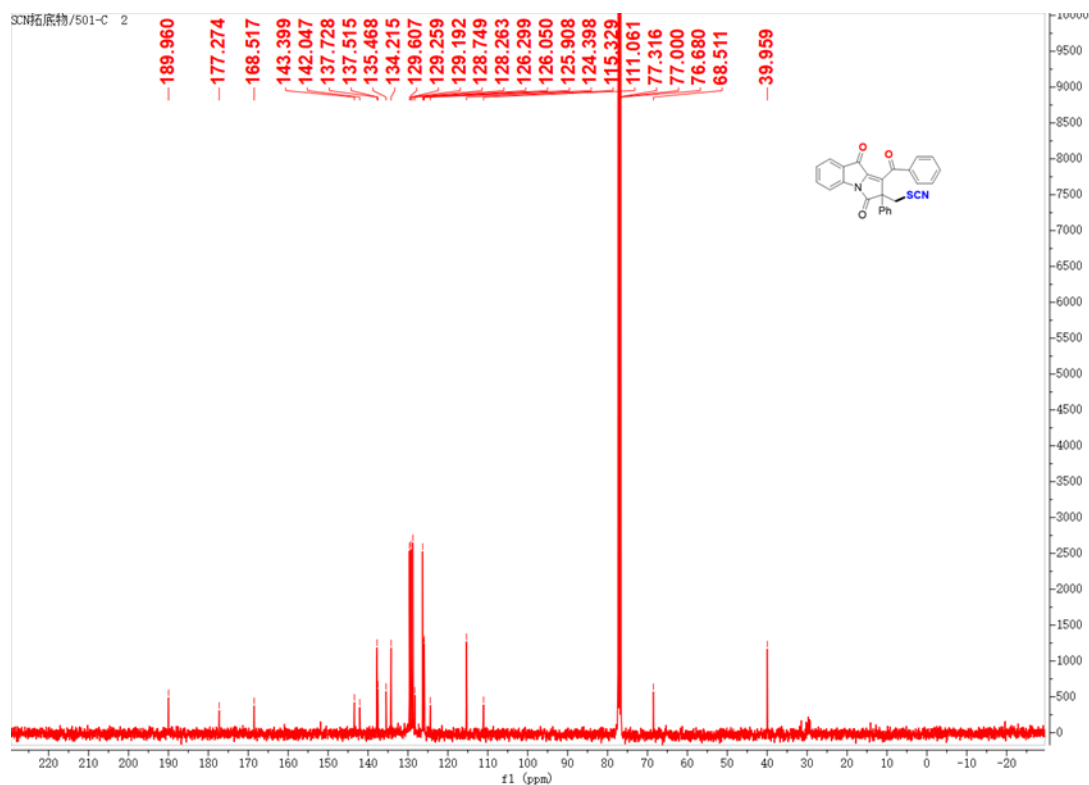
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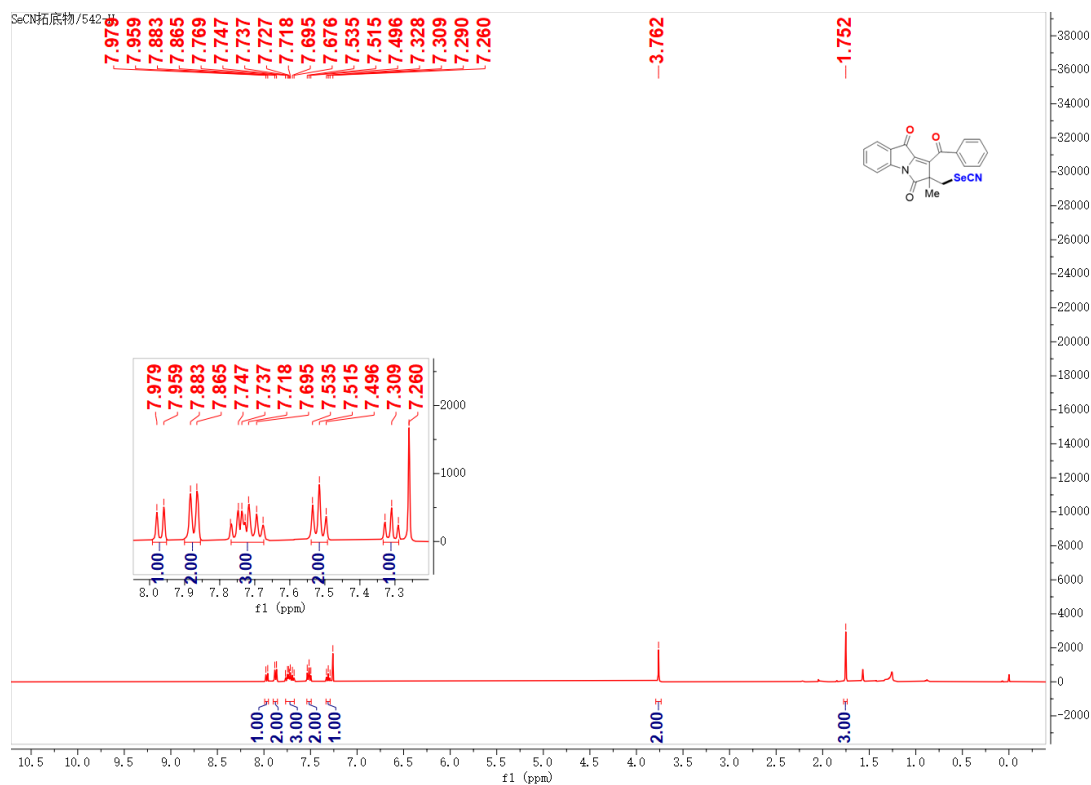
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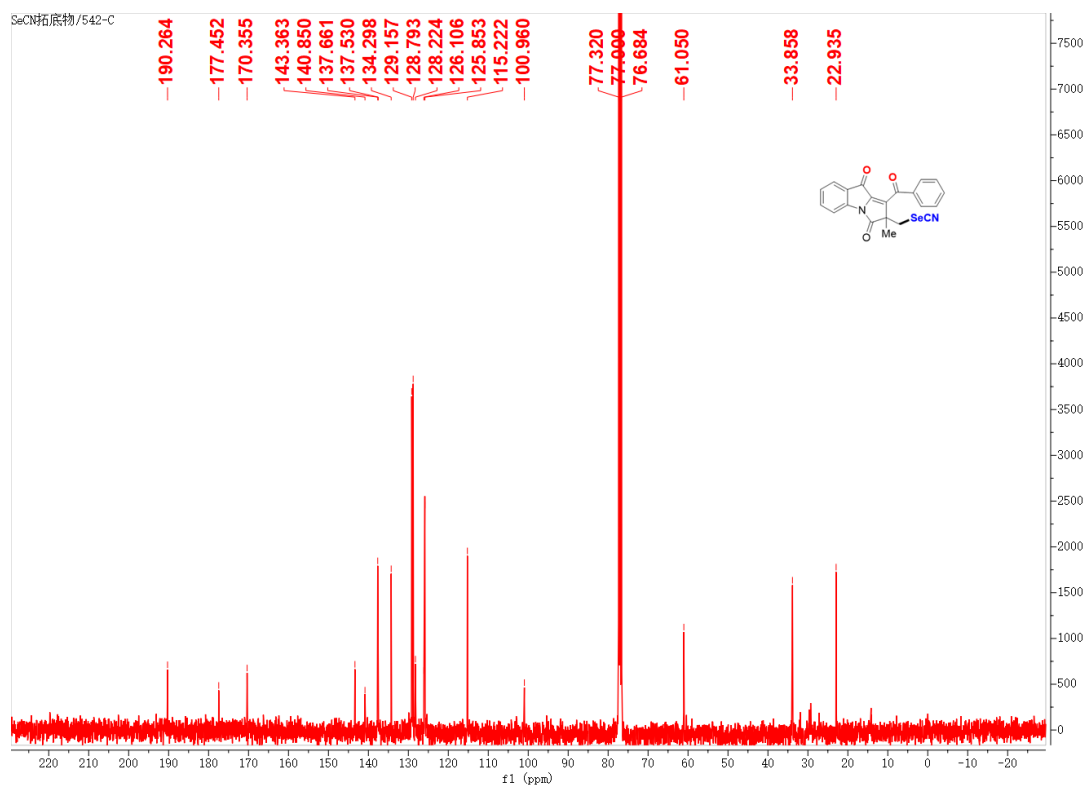
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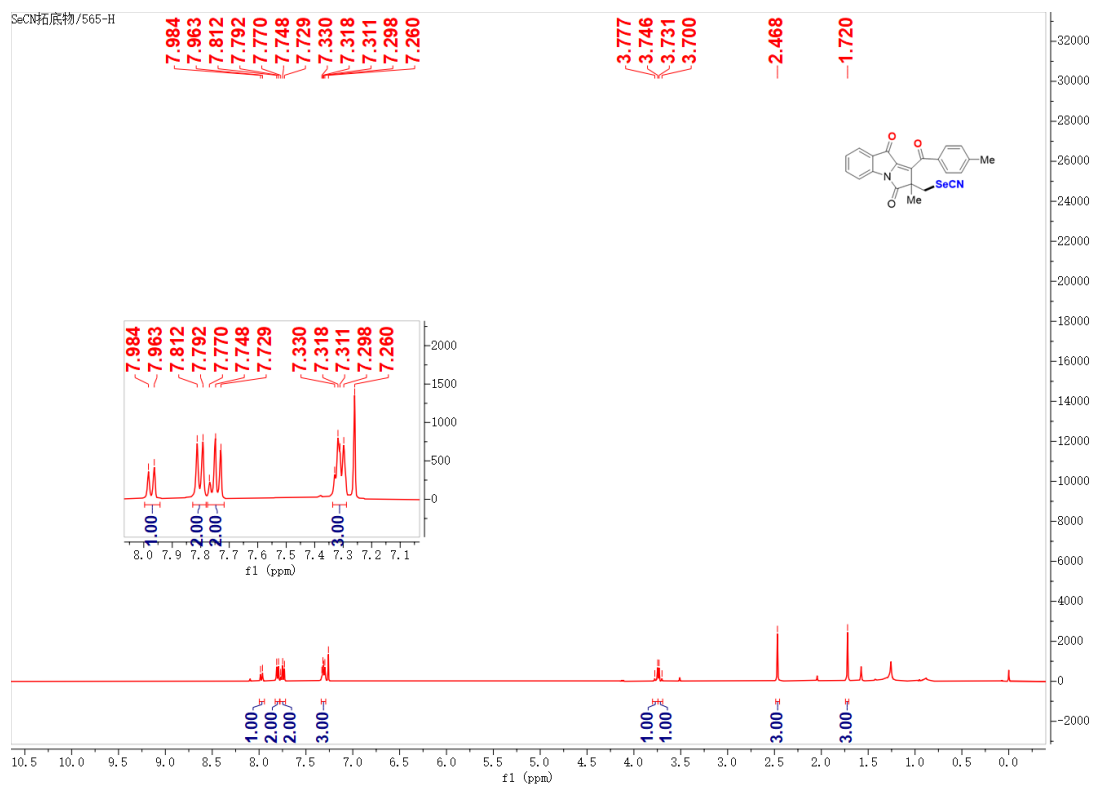
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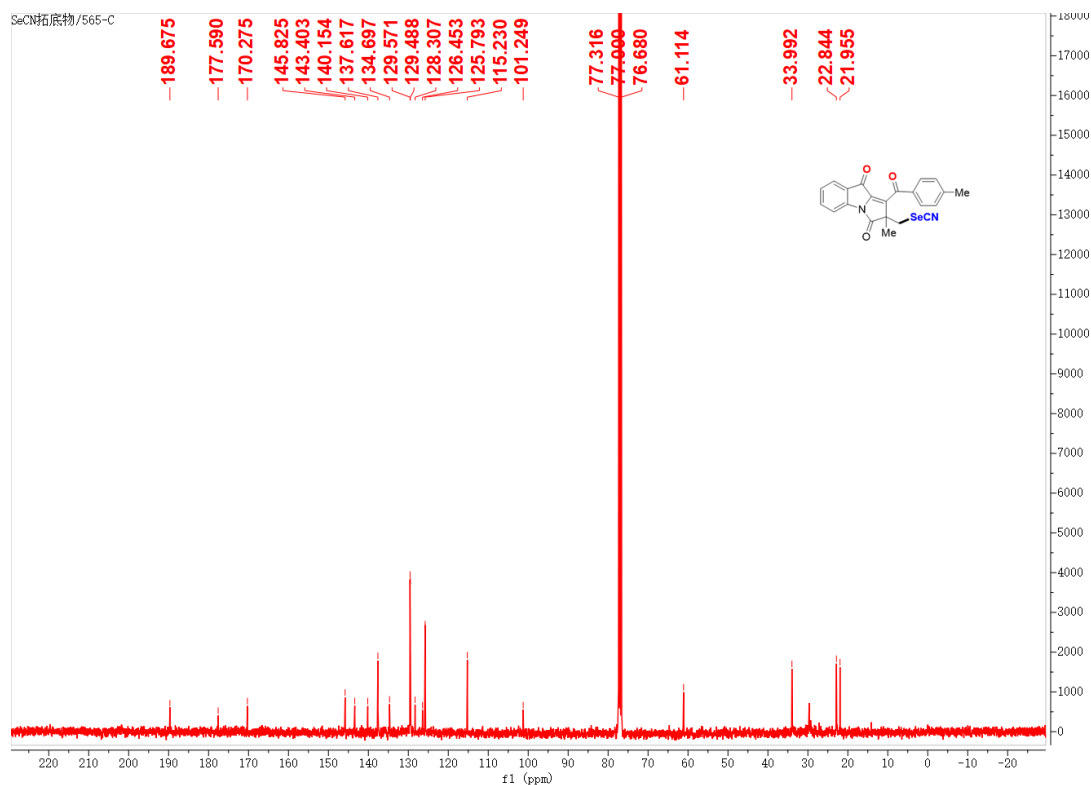
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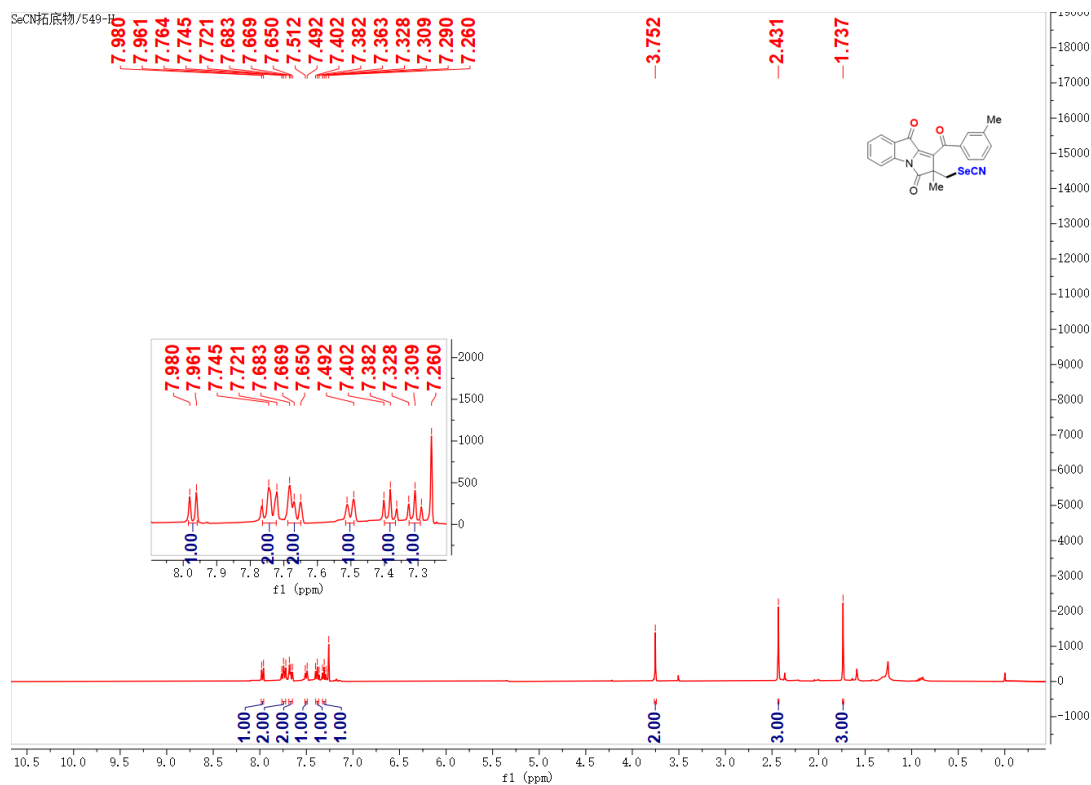
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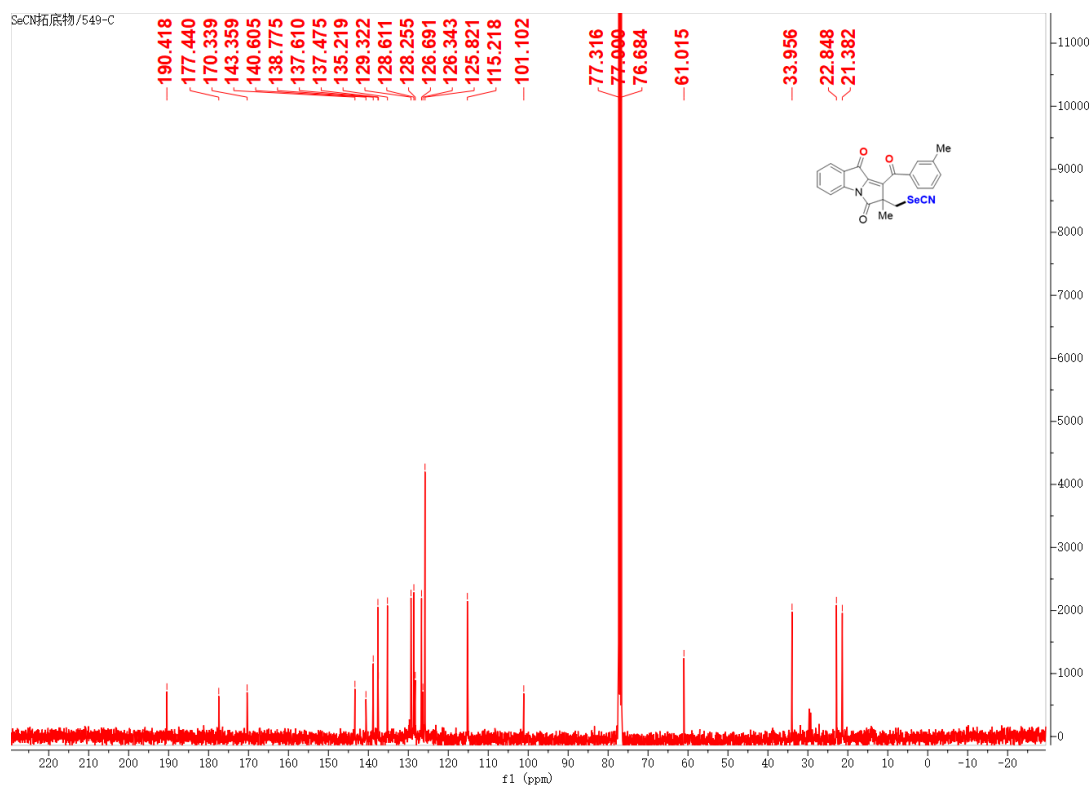
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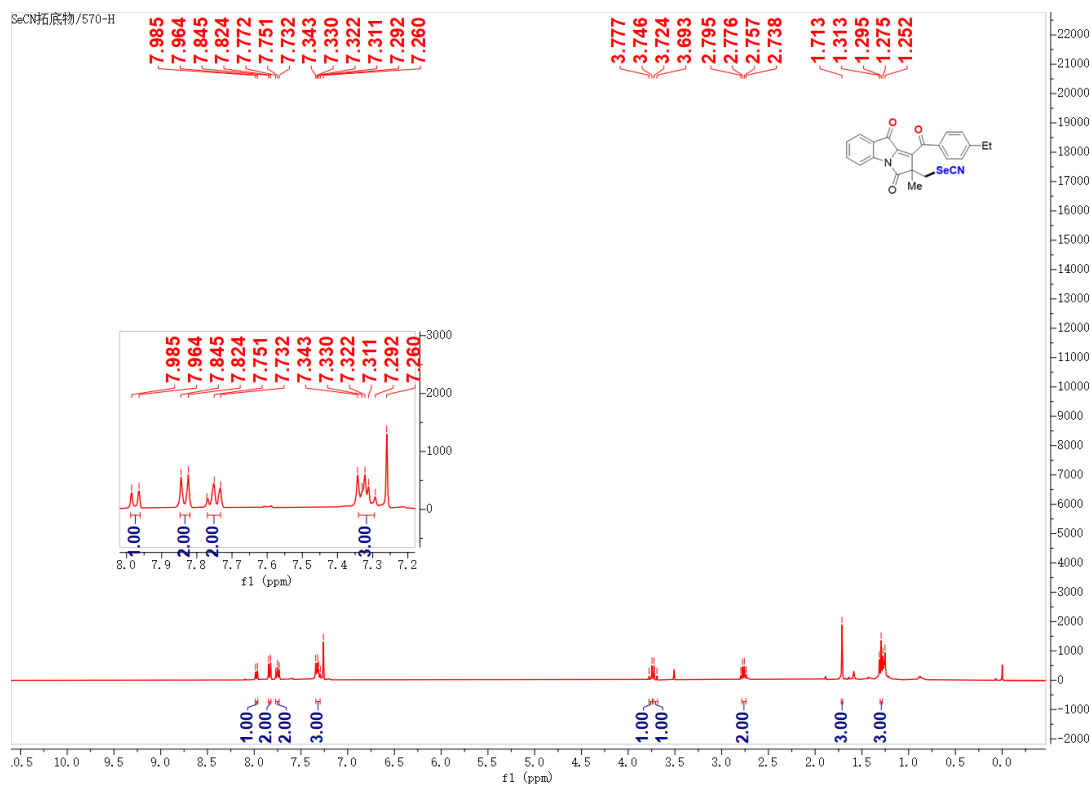
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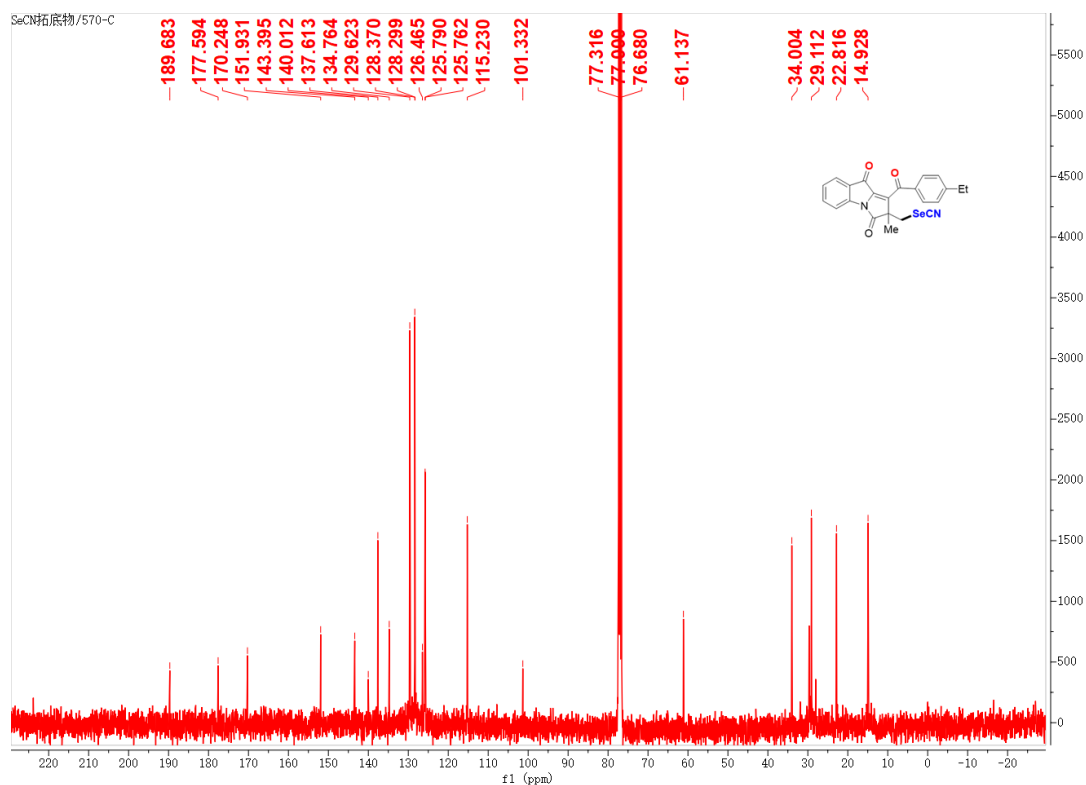
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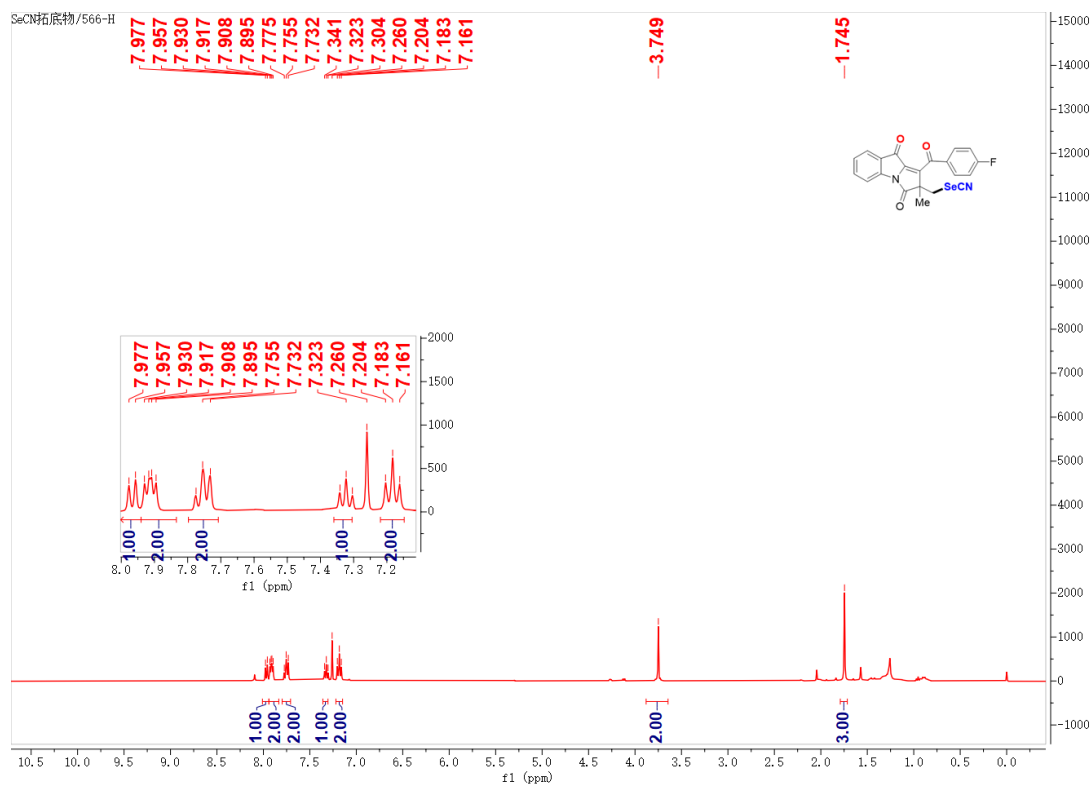
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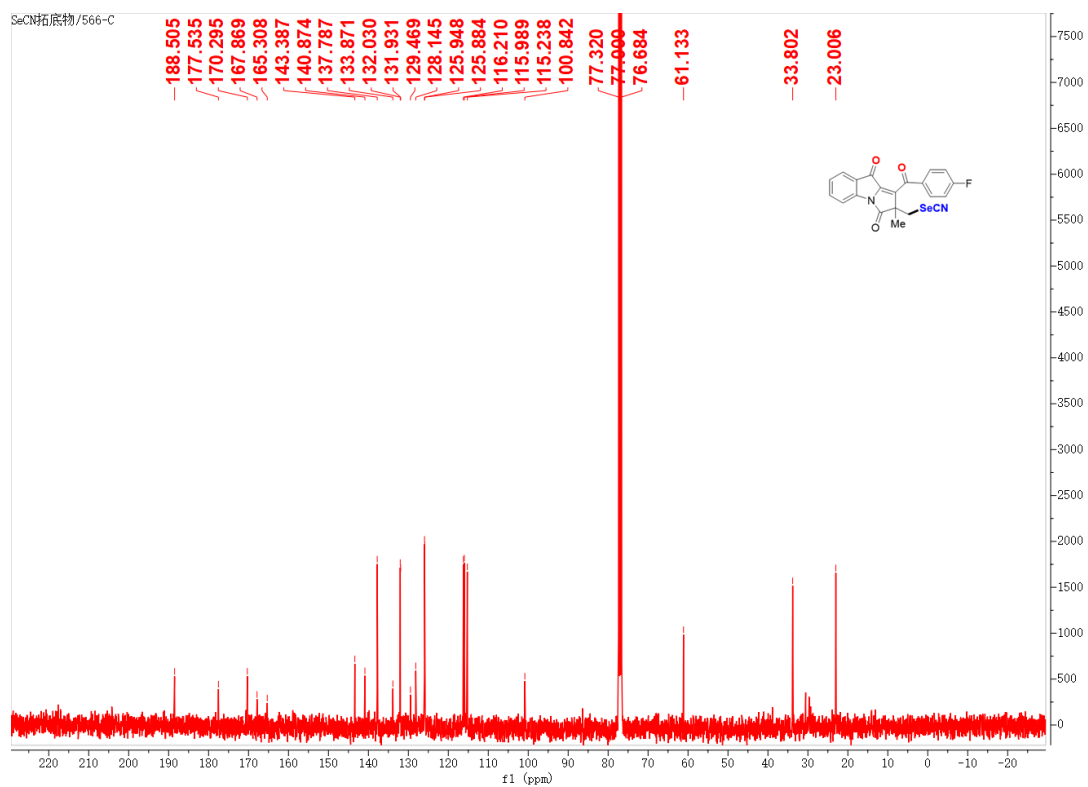
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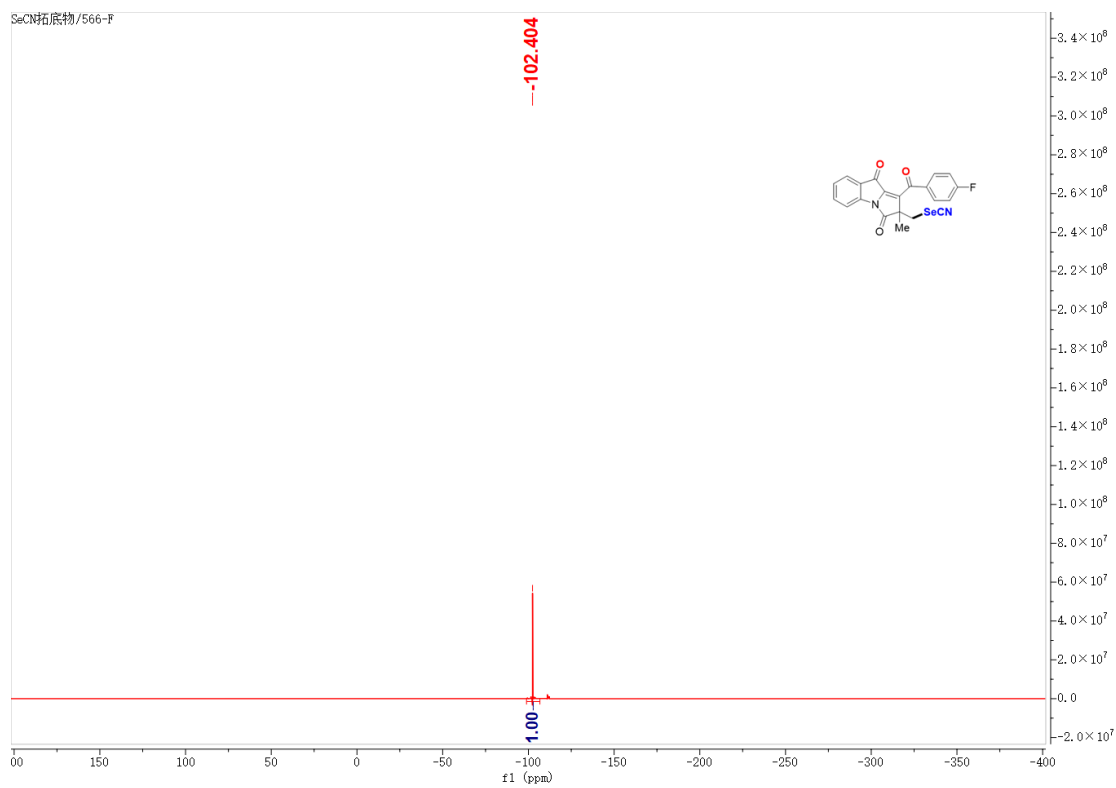
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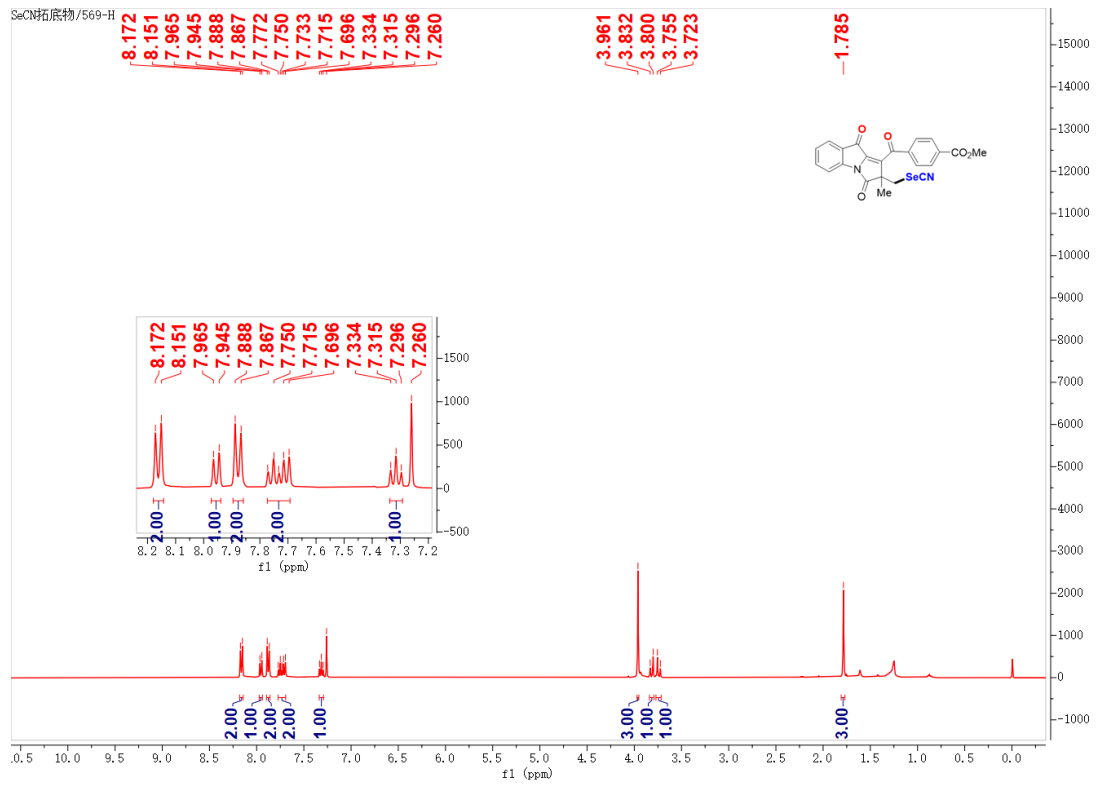
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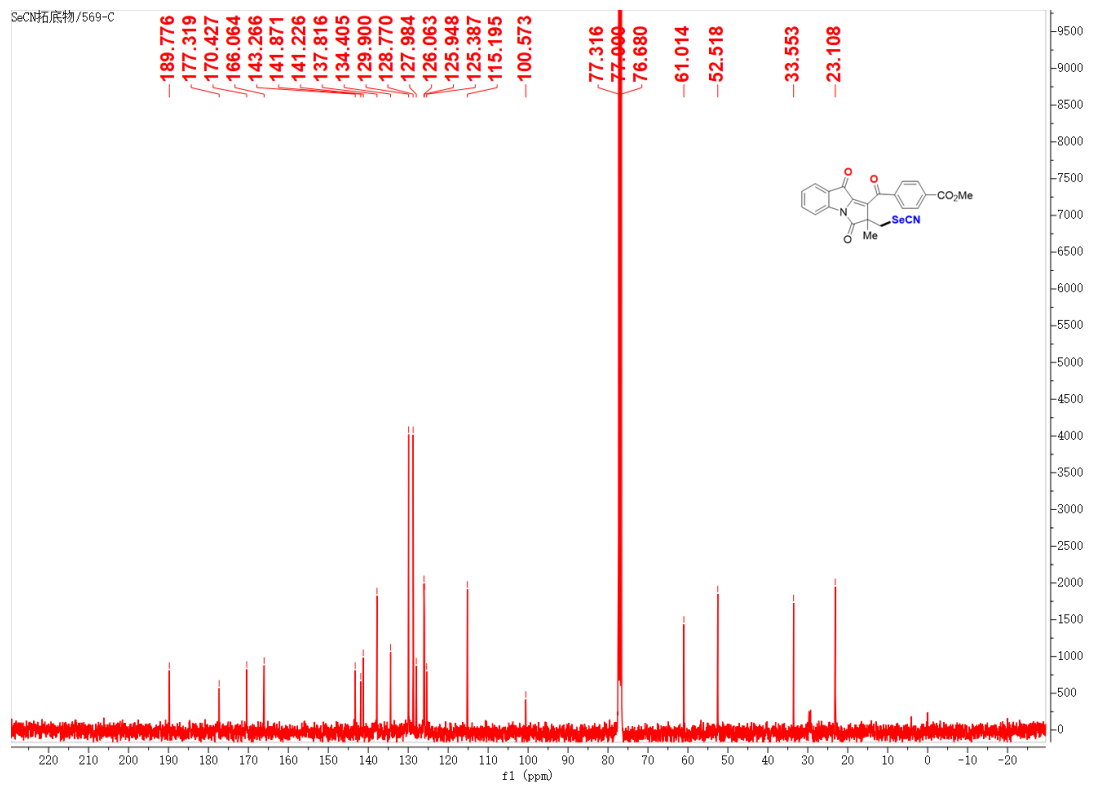
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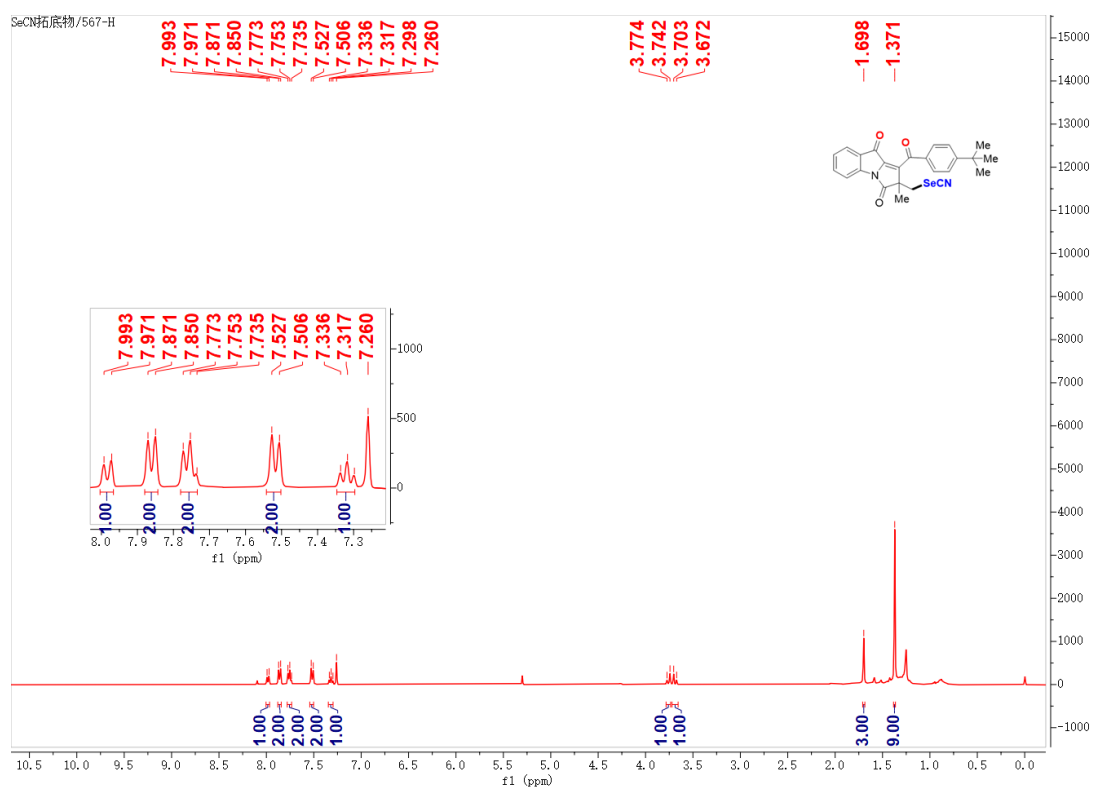


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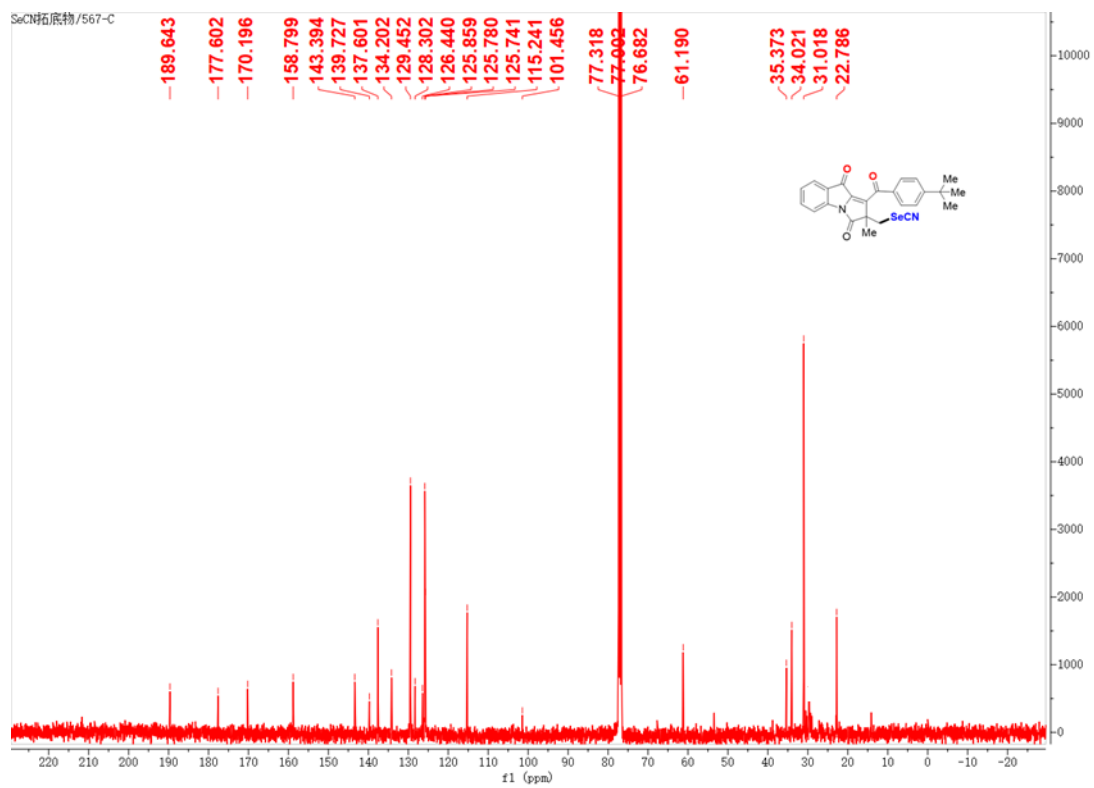




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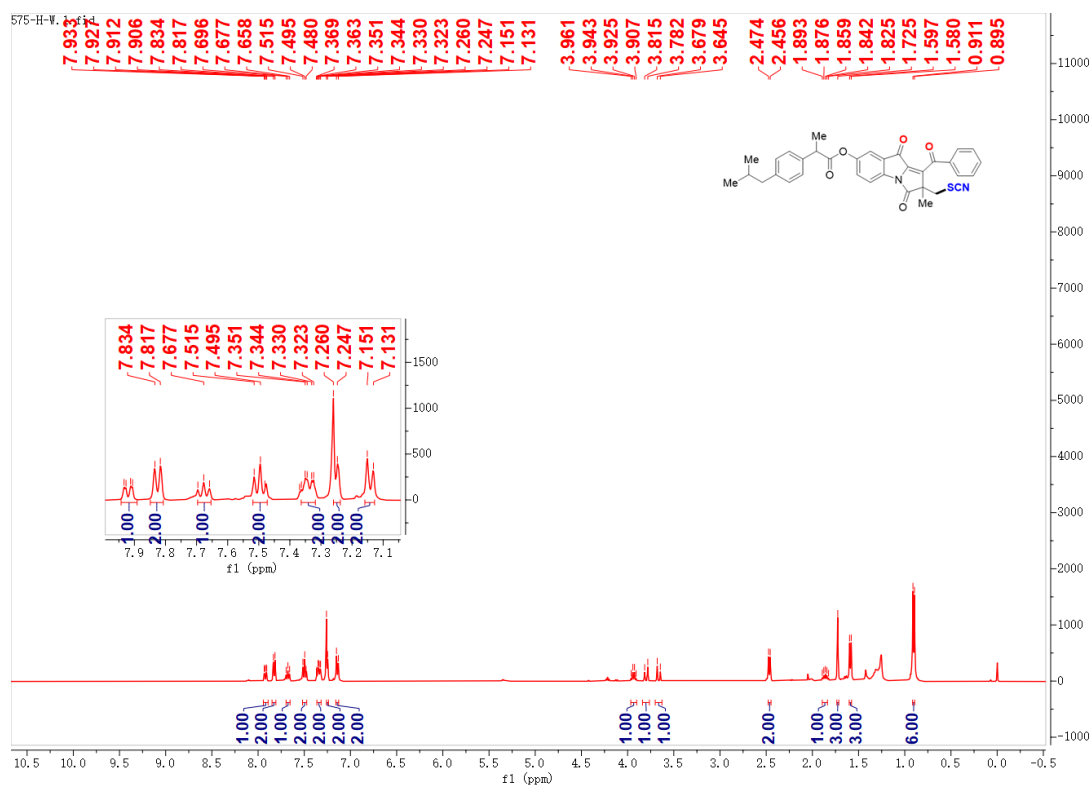


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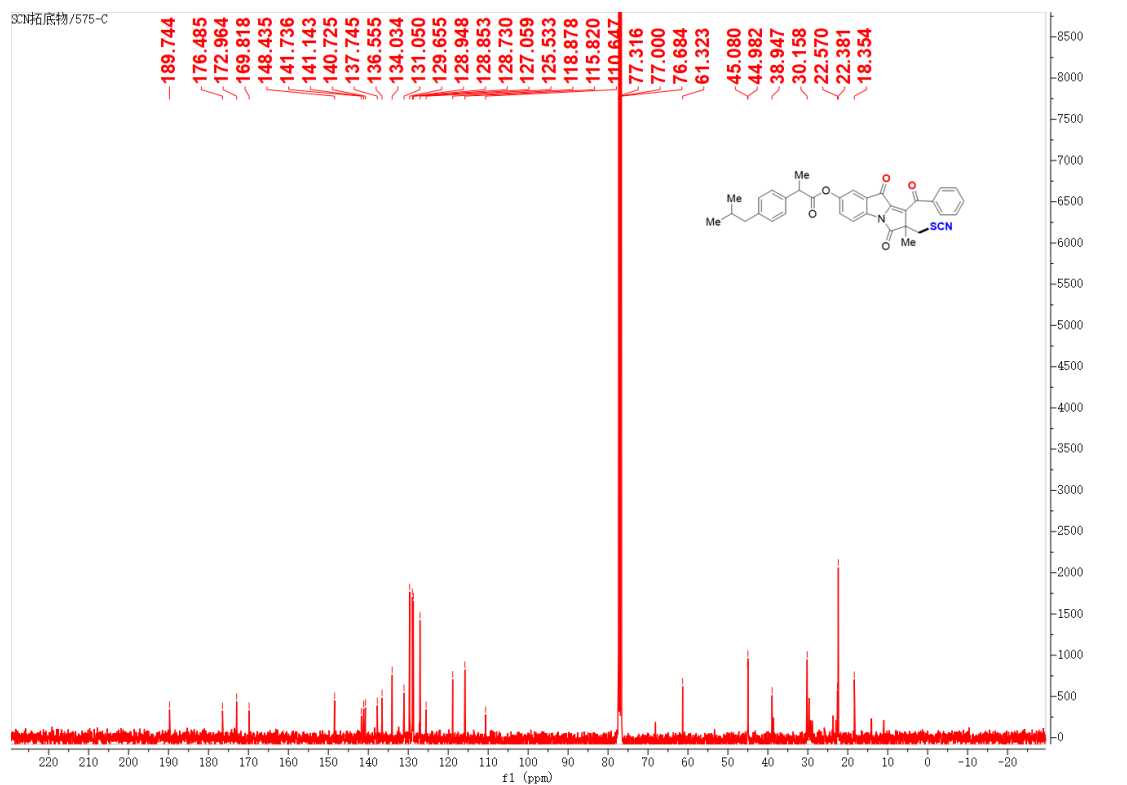




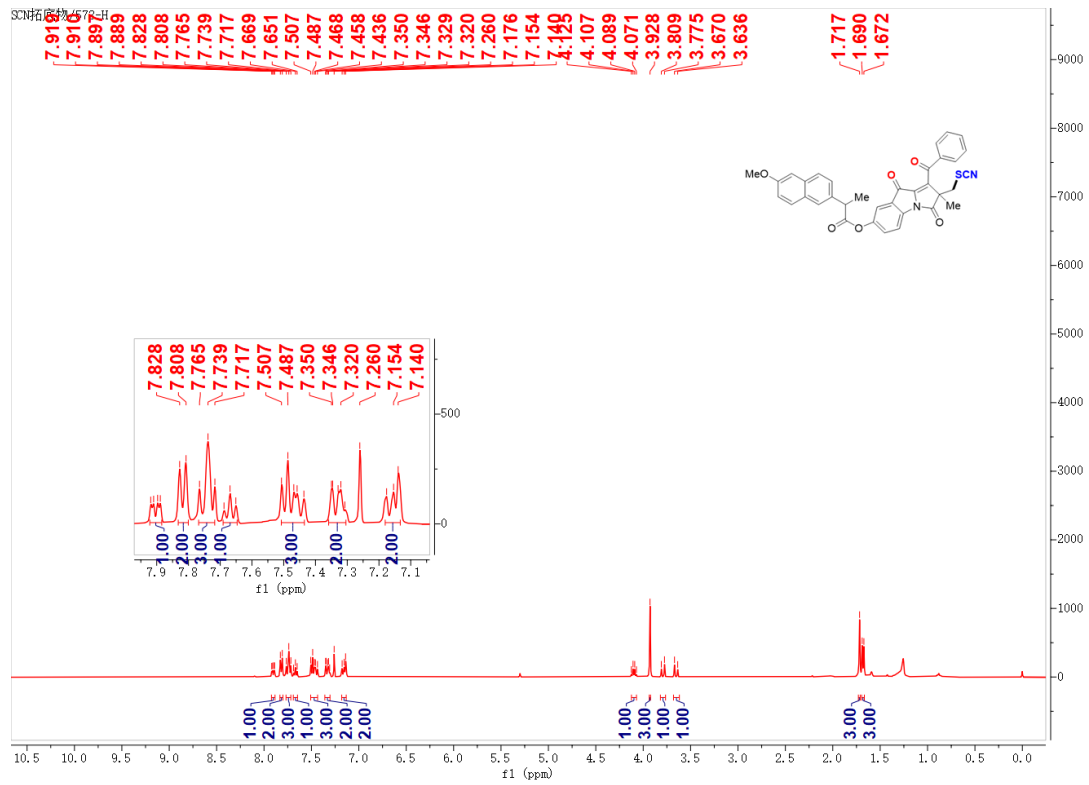
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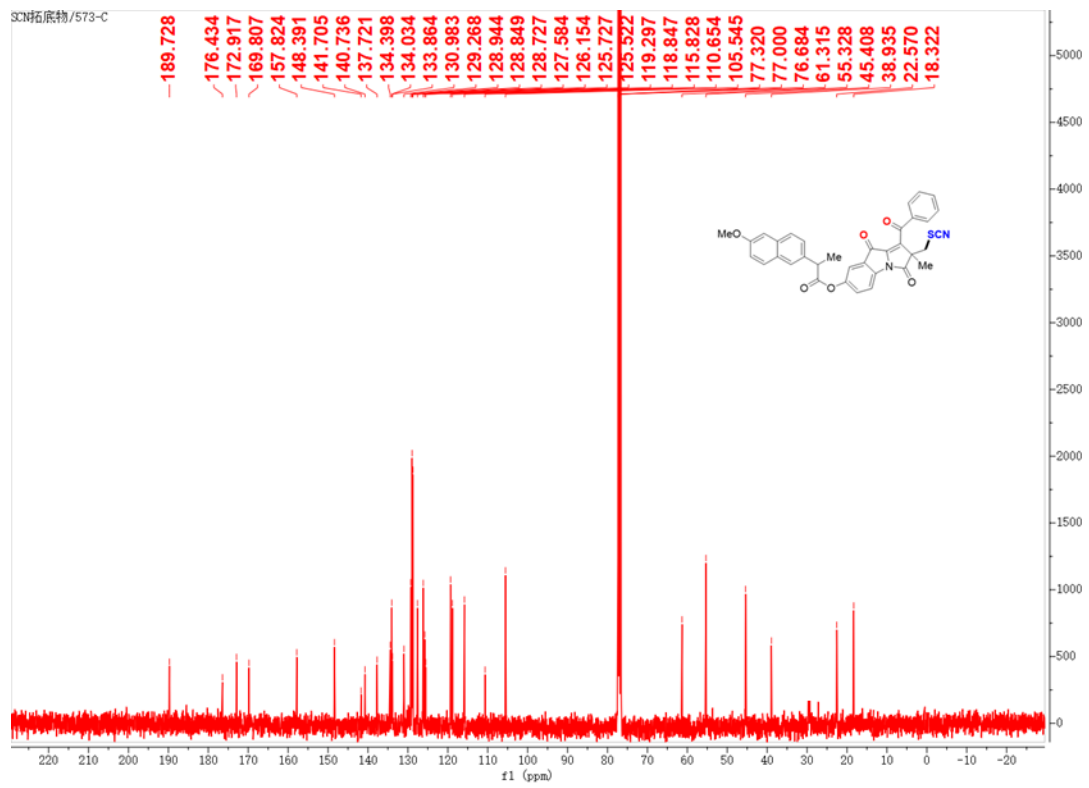
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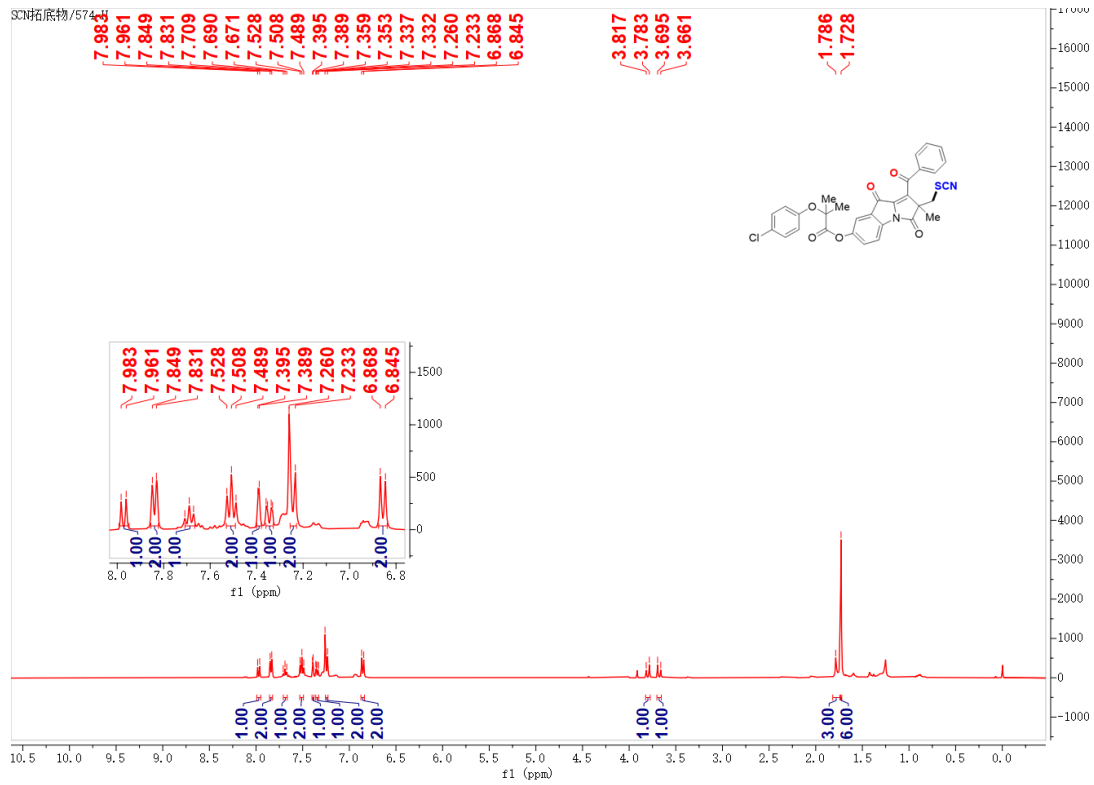
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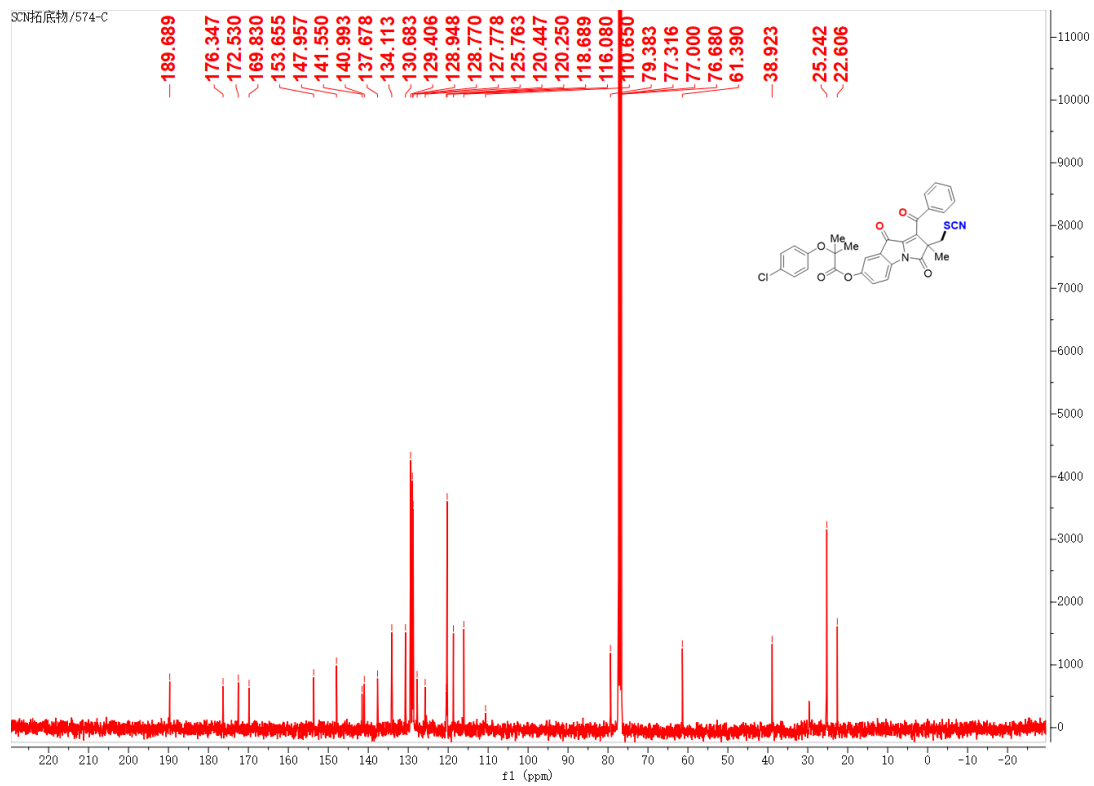
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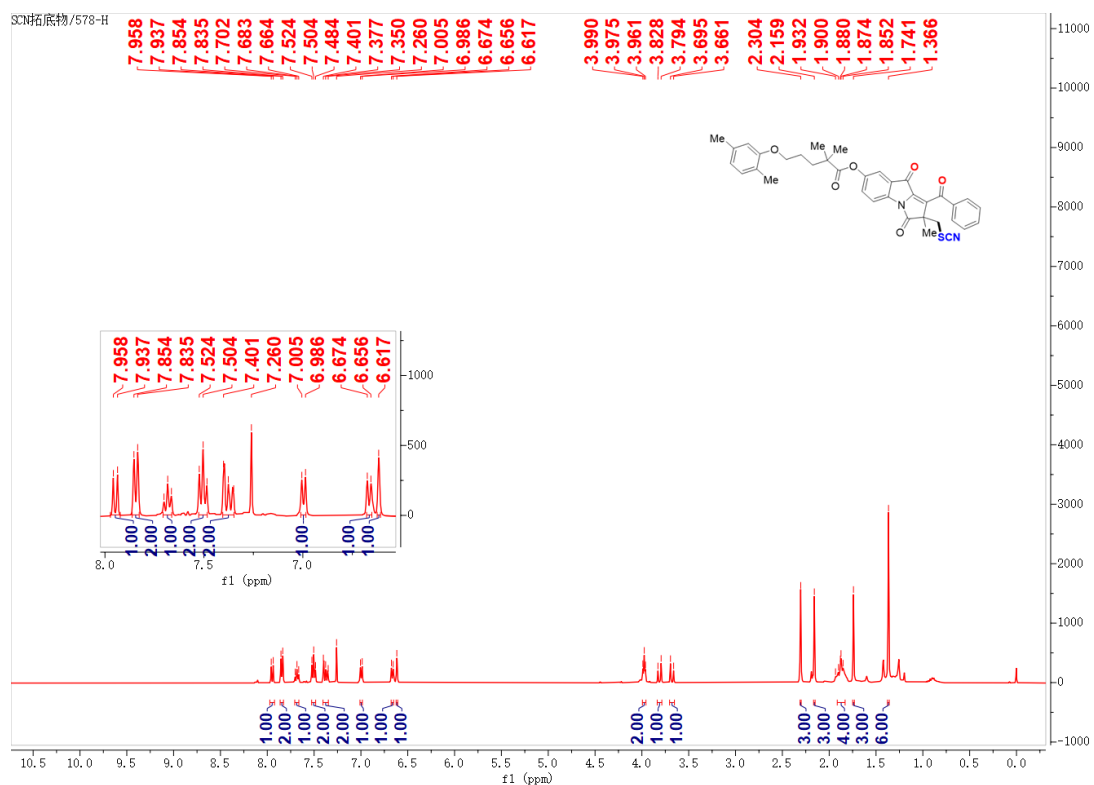
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### 34-<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



### 34-<sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

