

Supporting Information

An Eco-benign and Highly Efficient Access to 3-Heterocyclic-Substituted Isoindolinones in Ammonia Water

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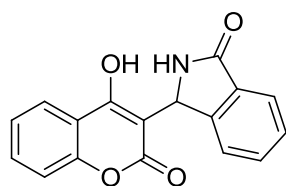
1. General experimental methods:

Unless stated otherwise, reactions were performed in sealed tubes. All of the commercial reagents and solvents were used as received. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300-400 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr (house vacuum) at 40-45°C. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale.

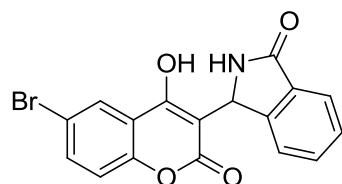
2. Typical experimental procedure for the synthesis of 3-substituted isoindolinones.

A mixture of 4-hydroxycoumarins **1** (or indoles **4**) (0.3 mmol, 1.0equiv) and 2-formylbenzoic acids **2** (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in $\text{NH}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2.0 mL) was stirred in a sealed tube at 80 °C for 24h. After that the reaction mixture was added by toluene and then removed the solvent on the rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the corresponding products **3** (or **5**).

3. Spectral data of the compounds:

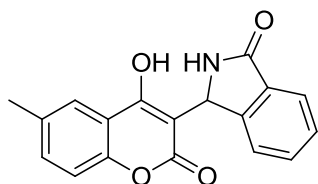


3-(4-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3a): 83mg (light yellow solid), 94% yield. ^1H NMR (500MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 8.45(s, 1H), 8.00(d, $J=7.1\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.65(d, $J=7.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.59(t, $J=7.1\text{Hz}$, 7.3Hz, 1H), 7.48(t, $J=7.1\text{Hz}$, 7.3Hz, 1H), 7.43(t, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.30(m, 3H), 6.09(s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 170.5, 165.5, 161.2, 153.2, 148.1, 132.5, 131.5, 127.6, 124.3, 123.9, 122.8, 122.6, 118.0, 116.6, 100.1, 52.0. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$: 316.0580, Found: 316.0599.

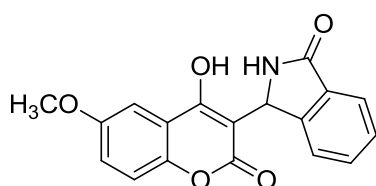


3-(6-bromo-4-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3b): 66.6mg (light yellow solid), 60% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 8.16(s, 1H), 7.93(d, $J=2.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.58(d, $J=7.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.58(d, $J=7.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.52(dd, $J=8.7\text{Hz}$, 2.8Hz, 1H), 7.40(t, $J=7.2\text{Hz}$, 6.8Hz, 1H), 7.35(t, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, 7.2Hz, 1H), 7.18(d, $J=7.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.06(d, $J=8.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.12(s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 171.2, 170.0, 161.7, 152.9, 150.1, 133.7, 132.4, 130.5, 127.1, 126.3, 125.0, 122.0, 118.1, 113.8, 93.0, 52.4. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNO}_4\text{Na}^+$:

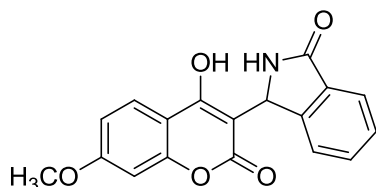
393.9685, Found: 393.9670.



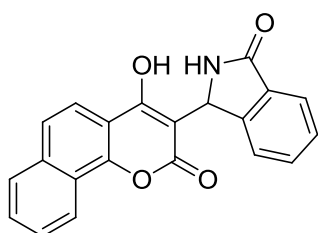
3-(4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3c): 87.6mg (yellow solid), 95% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO-}D_6$): δ (ppm) 8.46(s, 1H), 7.81(s, 1H), 7.65(d, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.47-7.38(m, 3H), 7.30(d, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.20(d, $J=8.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.12(s, 1H), 2.40(s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO-}D_6$): δ (ppm) 170.1, 165.7, 160.9, 151.0, 147.9, 133.5, 132.8, 132.5, 131.1, 127.2, 123.7, 122.4, 122.2, 117.5, 116.0, 99.3, 51.6, 20.5. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$: 330.0737, Found: 330.0732.



3-(4-hydroxy-6-methoxy-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3d): 71mg (yellow solid), 73% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO-}D_6$): δ (ppm) 8.41(s, 1H), 7.64(d, $J=7.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.51-7.40(m, 3H), 7.30(d, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.23(d, $J=9.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.16(d, $J=8.0\text{Hz}$, 3.2Hz, 1H), 6.11(s, 1H), 3.78(s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO-}D_6$): δ (ppm) 170.1, 161.3, 155.0, 148.2, 147.3, 133.5, 131.0, 127.0, 122.3, 122.2, 119.2, 117.3, 106.5, 98.7, 55.7, 51.8. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_5\text{Na}^+$: 346.0686, Found: 346.0681.

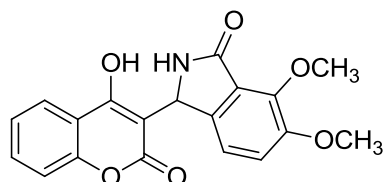


3-(4-hydroxy-7-methoxy-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3e): 78.6mg (yellow solid), 81% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO-}D_6$): δ (ppm) 8.38(s, 1H), 7.90(d, $J=9.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.63(d, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.47-7.39(m, 2H), 7.29(d, $J=7.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.88-6.83(m, 2H), 6.10(s, 1H), 3.82(s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO-}D_6$): δ (ppm) 170.1, 167.4, 162.2, 161.5, 154.8, 148.5, 133.5, 131.0, 127.0, 125.4, 122.3, 122.2, 112.1, 111.0, 100.1, 95.9, 55.8, 51.8. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_5\text{Na}^+$: 346.0686, Found: 346.0663.

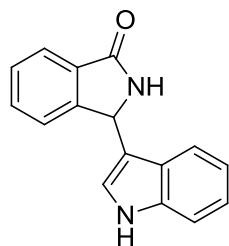


3-(4-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-benzo[h]chromen-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (3f): 80.5mg (yellow solid), 78%

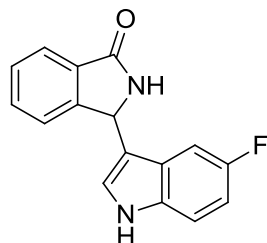
yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, DMSO- D^6): $\delta(\text{ppm})$ 8.46(s, 1H), 9.32(d, $J=7.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 8.03-7.99(m, 2H), 7.79(d, $J=8.7\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.68-7.65(m, 3H), 7.49-7.42(m, 2H), 7.35(d, $J=7.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.17(s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, DMSO- D^6): $\delta(\text{ppm})$ 170.1, 167.4, 160.9, 149.7, 148.1, 134.4, 133.6, 131.0, 128.3, 127.9, 127.1, 127.0, 122.7, 122.4, 122.3(3), 122.2(7), 121.7, 120.4, 113.8, 98.2, 51.8. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$: 366.0737, Found: 366.0716.



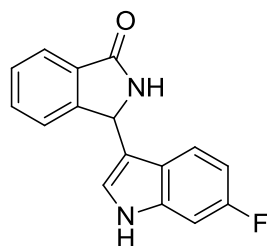
3-(4-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)-6,7-dimethoxyisoindolin-1-one (3g): 66mg (brown solid), 62% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, DMSO- D^6): $\delta(\text{ppm})$ 7.93(s, 1H), 7.87(d, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.35(t, $J=8.1\text{Hz}$, 6.8Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.03(m, 3H), 6.81(d, $J=8.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.04(s, 1H), 3.89(s, 3H), 3.77(s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, DMSO- D^6): $\delta(\text{ppm})$ 172.6, 168.5, 162.1, 153.9, 150.6, 145.8, 144.2, 129.9, 125.7, 124.9, 123.0, 121.6, 116.9, 116.2, 115.4, 93.4, 61.6, 56.4, 51.3. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_6\text{Na}^+$: 376.0792, Found: 346.0786.



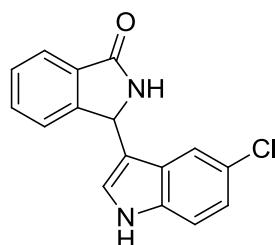
3-(1H-indol-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (5a): 63.6mg (light yellow solid), 85% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, DMSO- D^6): $\delta(\text{ppm})$ 11.06(s, 1H), 8.96(s, 1H), 7.77(d, $J=6.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.52-7.46(m, 3H), 7.37-7.29(m, 2H), 7.05(t, $J=6.8\text{Hz}$, 7.8Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.82(m, 2H), 5.97(s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, DMSO- D^6): $\delta(\text{ppm})$ 169.3, 148.4, 136.8, 132.2, 131.7, 128.0, 125.0, 124.4, 123.5, 122.7, 121.3, 118.7, 118.5, 111.8, 53.8. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 271.0842, Found: 271.0812.



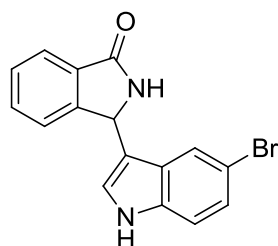
3-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (5b): 71mg (yellow solid), 89% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, DMSO- D^6): $\delta(\text{ppm})$ 11.22(s, 1H), 8.98(s, 1H), 7.78(d, $J=6.9\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.58-7.49(m, 3H), 7.39-7.31(m, 2H), 6.92(t, $J=9.6\text{Hz}$, 8.7Hz, 1H), 6.60(d, $J=10.1\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.97(s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, DMSO- D^6): $\delta(\text{ppm})$ 169.3, 156.5(d, $J=230.5\text{Hz}$), 148.0, 133.4, 132.1, 128.1, 126.4, 125.2(d, $J=10.0\text{Hz}$), 123.5, 122.8, 112.9(d, $J=10.0\text{Hz}$), 112.1(d, $J=4.9\text{Hz}$), 109.5(d, $J=26.6\text{Hz}$), 103.0(d, $J=23.4\text{Hz}$), 53.5. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 289.0748, Found: 289.0750.



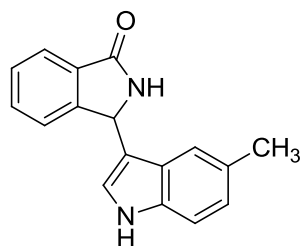
3-(6-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (5c): 65mg (yellow solid), 81% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO}-\text{D}^6$): δ (ppm) 11.17(s, 1H), 8.97(s, 1H), 7.77(d, $J=6.9\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.53-7.47(m, 3H), 7.31(d, $J=6.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.16(dd, $J=10.1\text{Hz}$, 2.32Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.83(m, 1H), 6.74-6.72(m, 1H), 5.96(s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO}-\text{D}^6$): δ (ppm) 169.3, 158.8(d, $J=233.4\text{Hz}$), 148.2, 136.7(d, $J=12.6\text{Hz}$), 132.1, 131.7, 128.0, 125.1(d, $J=3.8\text{Hz}$), 123.5, 122.7, 121.9, 119.4(d, $J=10.5\text{Hz}$), 112.1, 107.3(d, $J=24.5\text{Hz}$), 97.8(d, $J=25.4\text{Hz}$), 53.6. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 289.0748, Found: 289.0745.



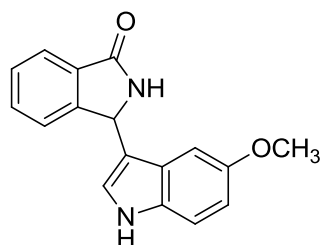
3-(5-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (5d): 77.2mg (yellow solid), 91% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO}-\text{D}^6$): δ (ppm) 11.32(s, 1H), 8.99(s, 1H), 7.78(d, $J=6.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.54-7.51(m, 3H), 7.40(d, $J=8.7\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.32(d, $J=6.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.06(dd, $J=8.7\text{Hz}$, 1.8Hz, 1H), 6.89(d, $J=1.4\text{Hz}$, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO}-\text{D}^6$): δ (ppm) 169.3, 148.0, 135.2, 132.0, 131.8, 128.1, 126.3, 126.2, 123.5, 123.3, 122.8, 121.3, 117.6, 113.4, 111.8, 53.4. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 305.0452, Found: 305.0454.



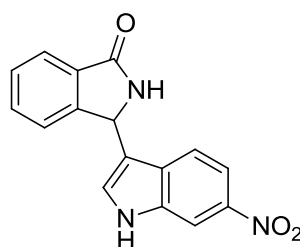
3-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (5e): 77mg (yellow solid), 78% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO}-\text{D}^6$): δ (ppm) 11.32(s, 1H), 8.98(s, 1H), 7.83(s, 1H), 7.78(d, $J=6.9\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.55(t, $J=6.0\text{Hz}$, 7.3Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.30(m, 2H), 7.17(dd, $J=8.7\text{Hz}$, 1.8Hz, 1H), 7.05(s, 1H), 5.97(s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO}-\text{D}^6$): δ (ppm) 169.3, 148.0, 135.5, 132.0, 131.8, 128.1, 126.9, 126.1, 123.8, 123.5, 122.8, 120.7, 113.9, 111.7, 111.3, 53.4. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}^+$: 327.0128, Found: 327.0113.



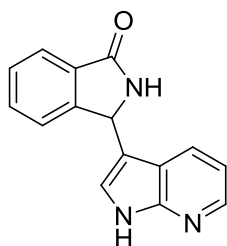
3-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (5f): 63.1mg (yellow solid), 80% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 10.95(s, 1H), 8.92(s, 1H), 7.76(d, $J=7.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.52-7.49(m, 2H), 7.37(d, $J=2.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.31(d, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.25(d, $J=8.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.87(d, $J=8.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.72(s, 1H), 2.20(s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 169.3, 148.4, 135.2, 132.1, 131.6, 127.9, 127.0, 125.4, 124.3, 123.4, 122.9, 122.7, 118.1, 111.5, 111.2, 53.8, 21.3. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{ONa}^+$: 285.0998, Found: 285.0990.



3-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (5g): 79.6mg (yellow solid), 95% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 10.92(s, 1H), 8.92(s, 1H), 7.77(d, $J=6.9\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.55-7.48(m, 2H), 7.34(t, $J=1.8\text{Hz}$, 6.8Hz, 1H), 7.26(d, $J=9.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.72(dd, $J=9.2\text{Hz}$, 2.3Hz, 1H), 6.42(d, $J=2.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 5.95(s, 1H), 3.56(s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 169.3, 152.9, 148.2, 132.2, 131.9, 131.6, 127.9, 125.6, 124.8, 123.6, 122.6, 112.3, 111.5, 111.0, 100.8, 55.1, 53.6. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 279.1128, Found: 279.1128.

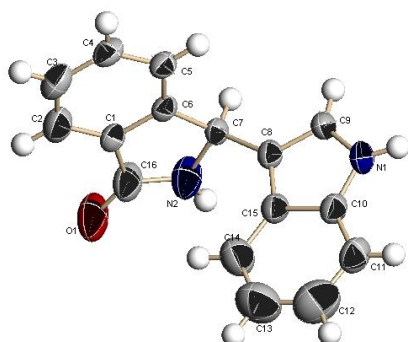


3-(6-nitro-1H-indol-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (5h): 52mg (yellow solid), 59% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 11.82(s, 1H), 9.00(s, 1H), 8.30(d, $J=2.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.86(d, $J=2.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.75-7.73(m, 2H), 7.50-7.48(m, 2H), 7.29(t, $J=1.8\text{Hz}$, 6.0Hz, 1H), 7.10(d, $J=9.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.03(s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ (ppm) 169.3, 147.8, 142.1, 135.2, 131.9(7), 131.8(6), 131.2, 129.9, 128.2, 123.4, 122.9, 118.6, 114.0, 113.5, 108.6, 53.0. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 316.0693, Found: 316.0707.



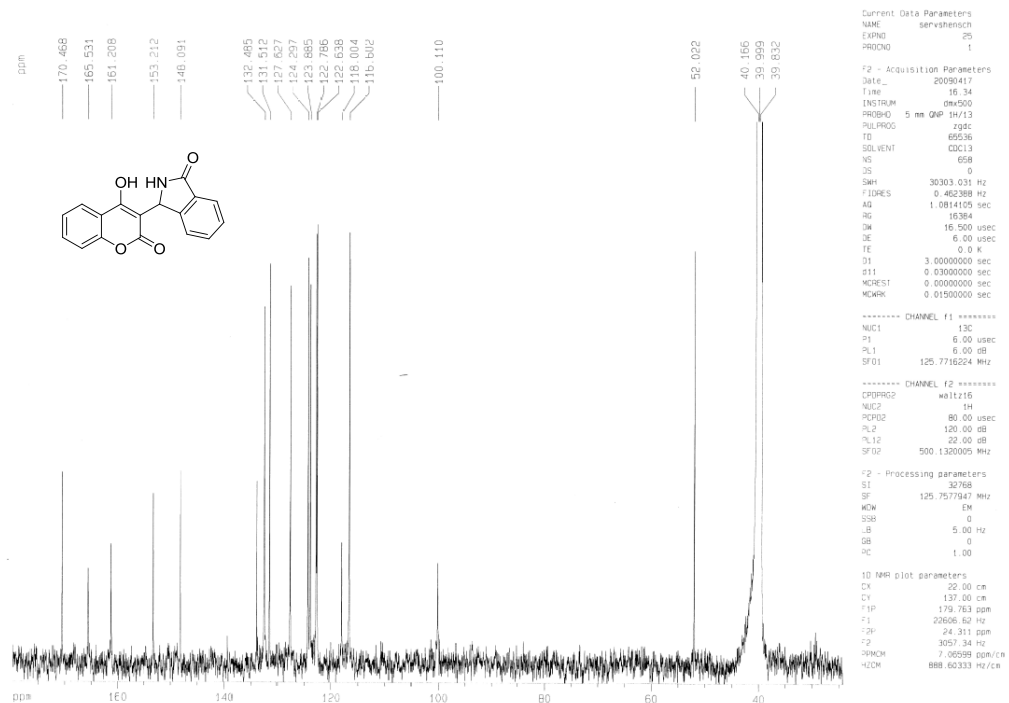
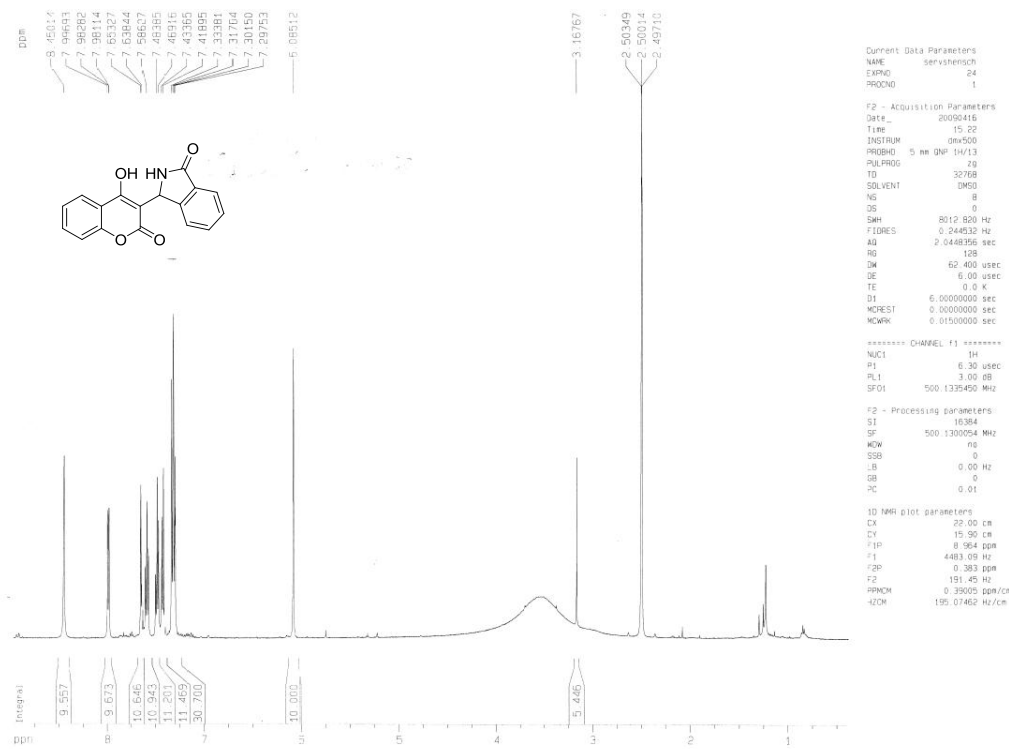
3-(1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridin-3-yl)isoindolin-1-one (5i): 62.9mg (yellow solid), 84% yield. ^1H NMR (400MHz, $\text{DMSO-}D^6$): δ (ppm) 11.65(s, 1H), 9.00(s, 1H), 8.16(d, $J=4.6\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.78(d, $J=6.9\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.61(d, $J=2.3\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.55-7.49(m, 2H), 7.33(d, $J=6.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.24(d, $J=7.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 6.91(dd, $J=7.8\text{Hz}$, 4.6Hz, 1H), 5.96(s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $\text{DMSO-}D^6$): δ (ppm) 169.3, 147.8, 142.1, 135.2, 131.9(132.0), 131.2, 129.9, 128.2, 123.4, 122.9, 118.6, 114.0, 113.5, 108.6, 53.0. HRMS (EI, 70eV): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}^+$: 250.0975, Found: 250.0971.

X-Ray crystallographic data for 5a (C₁₆H₁₂N₂O, CCDC 918177):

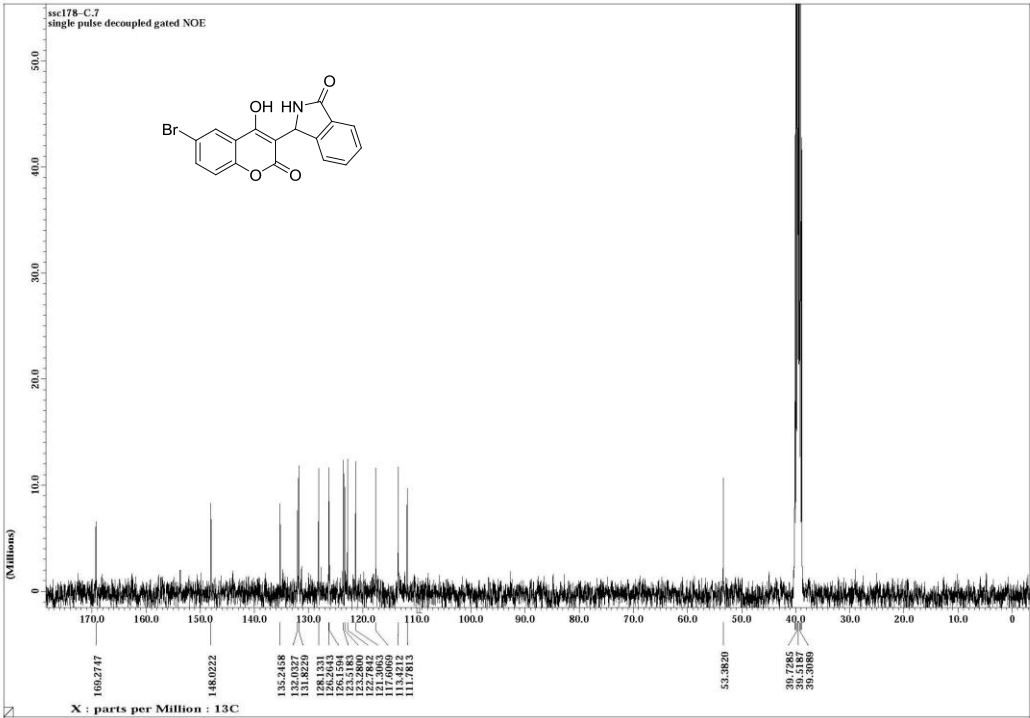
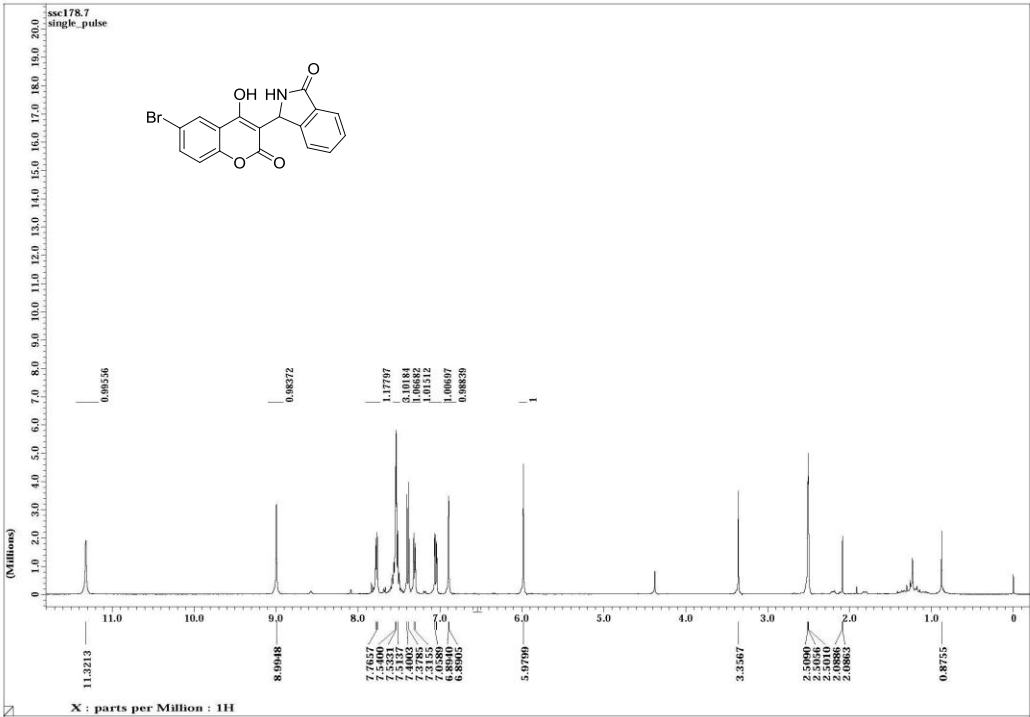


Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ N ₂ O
Formula weight	248.28
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2 ₁ /c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.5564(13) Å alpha = 90 °. b = 16.830(2) Å beta = 98.5320(10) °. c = 7.9596(10) Å gamma = 90 °.
Volume	1266.0(3) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.303 mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.083 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	520
Crystal size	0.35 x 0.22 x 0.20 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.15 to 26.51 °.
Limiting indices	-11<=h<=7, -21<=k<=21, -9<=l<=9
Reflections collected / unique	7029 / 2611 [R _{int} = 0.0266]
Completeness to theta = 26.51	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9836 and 0.9715
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2611 / 0 / 173
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.031
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0399, wR ₂ = 0.0983
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0560, wR ₂ = 0.1100
Extinction coefficient	0.011(2)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.172 and -0.158 e. Å ⁻³

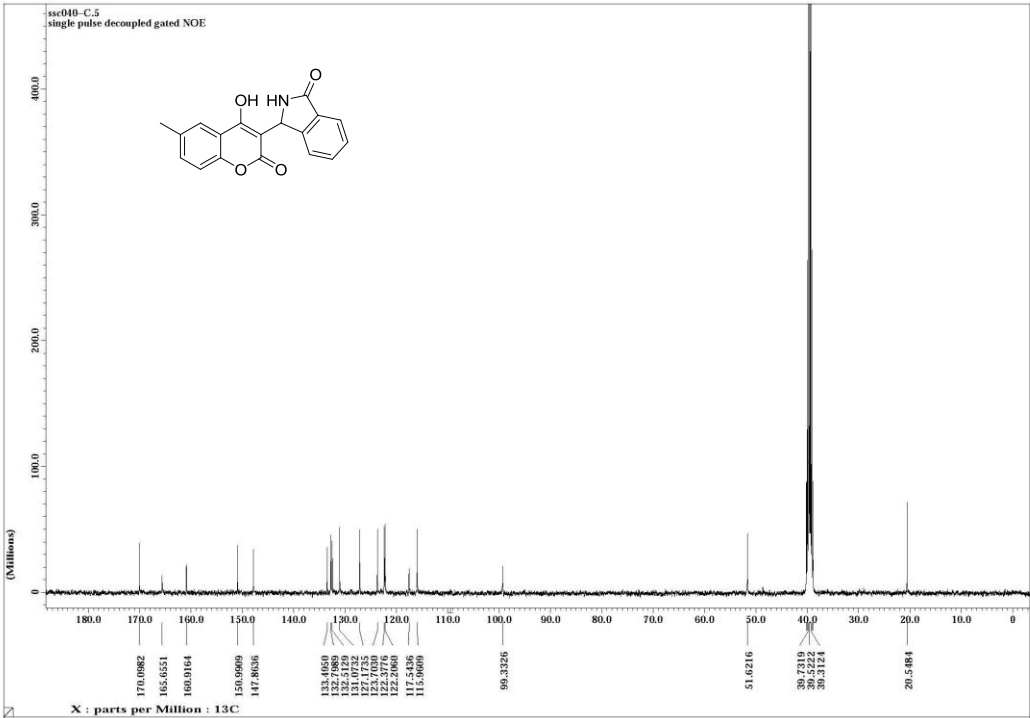
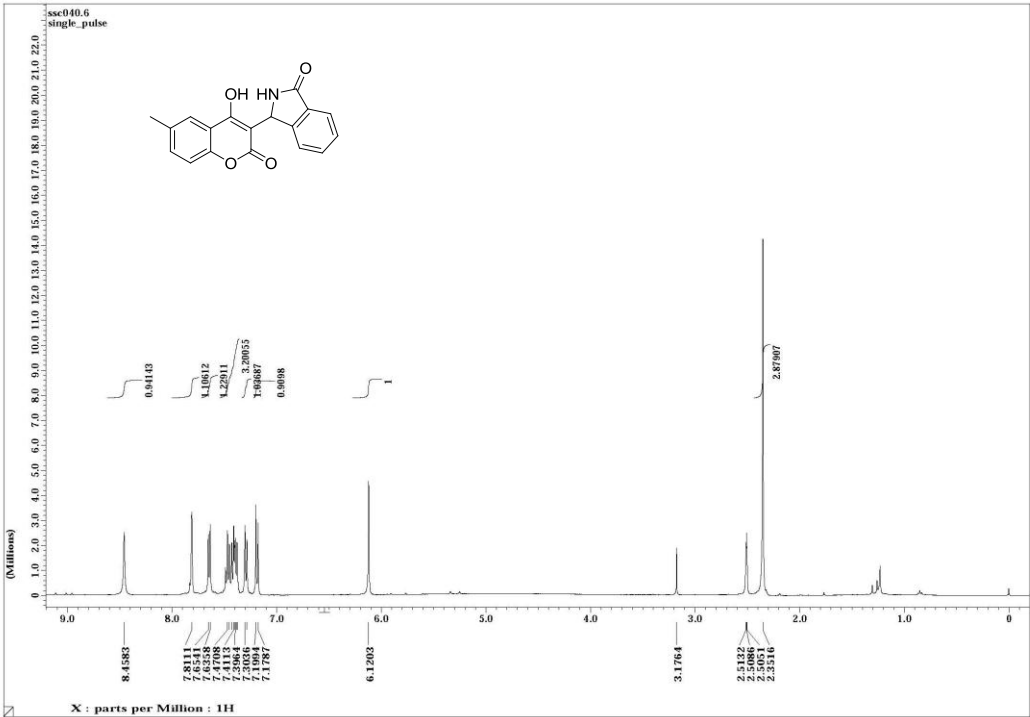
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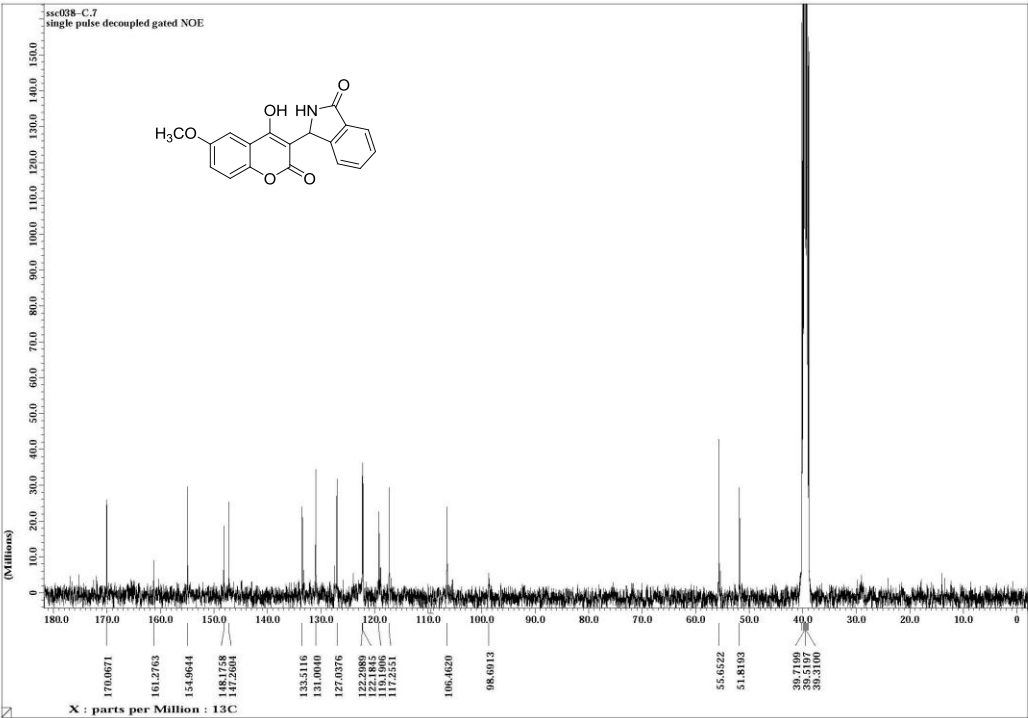
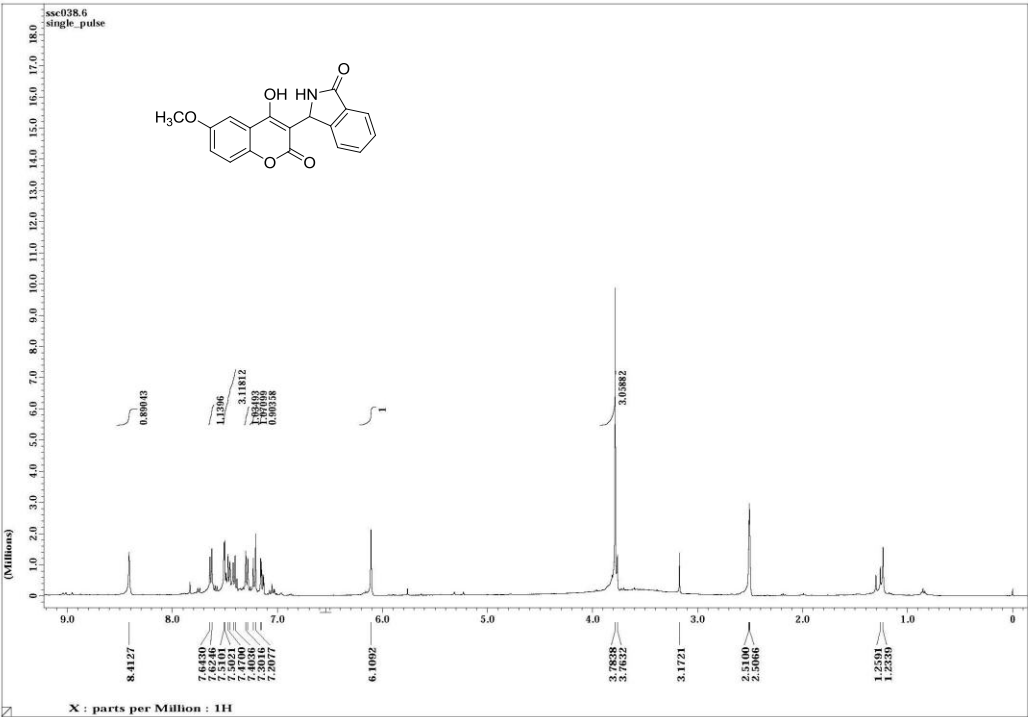
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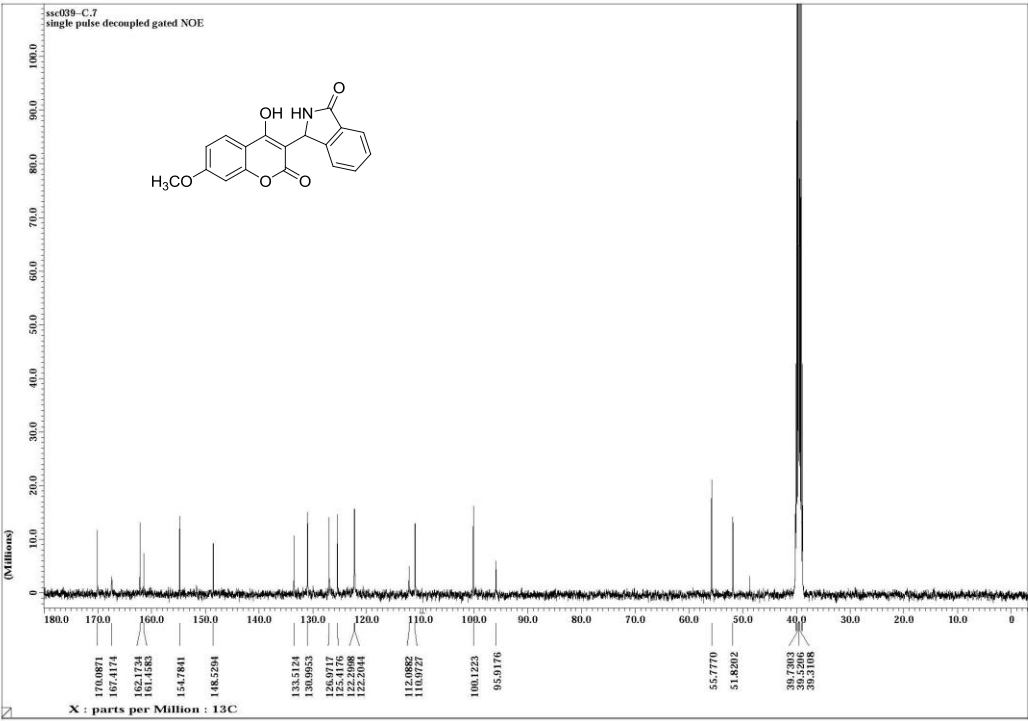
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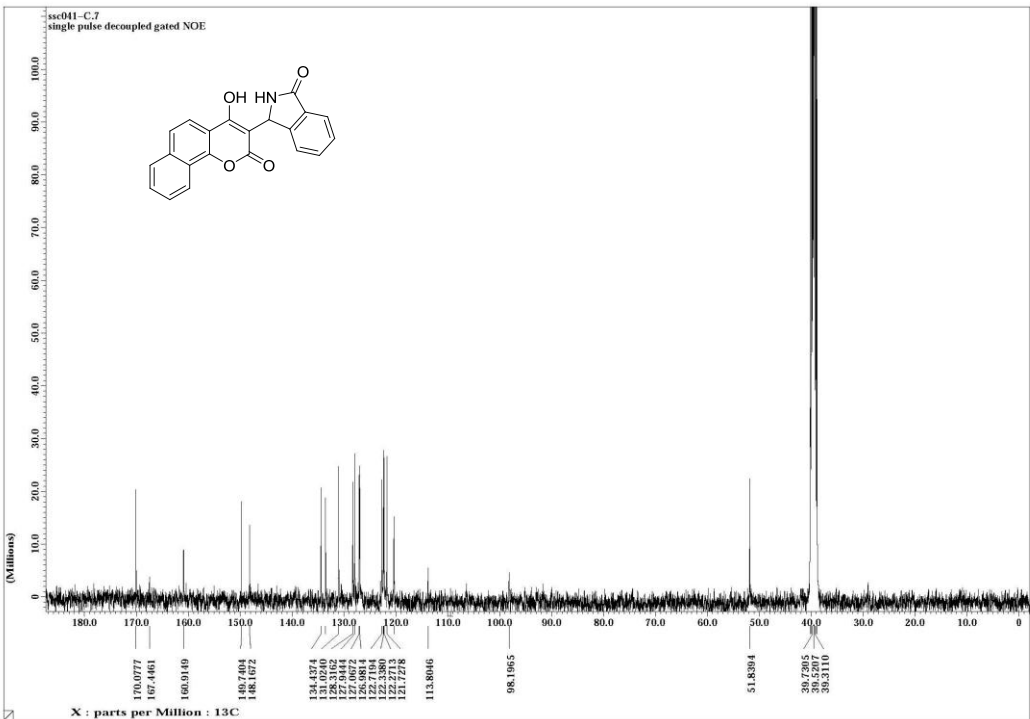
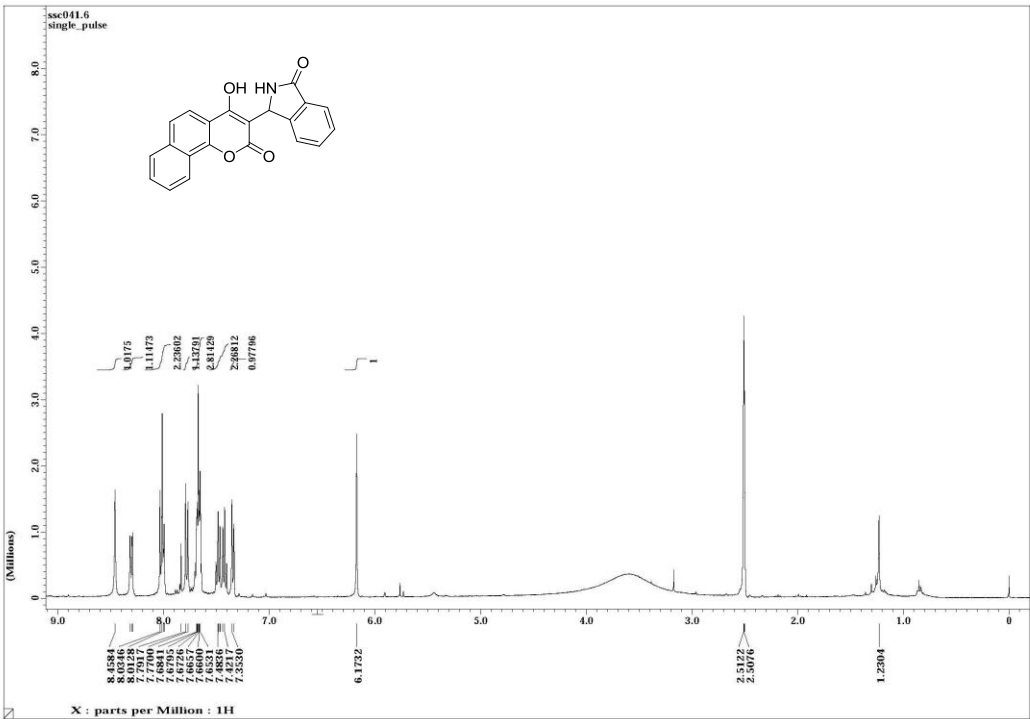
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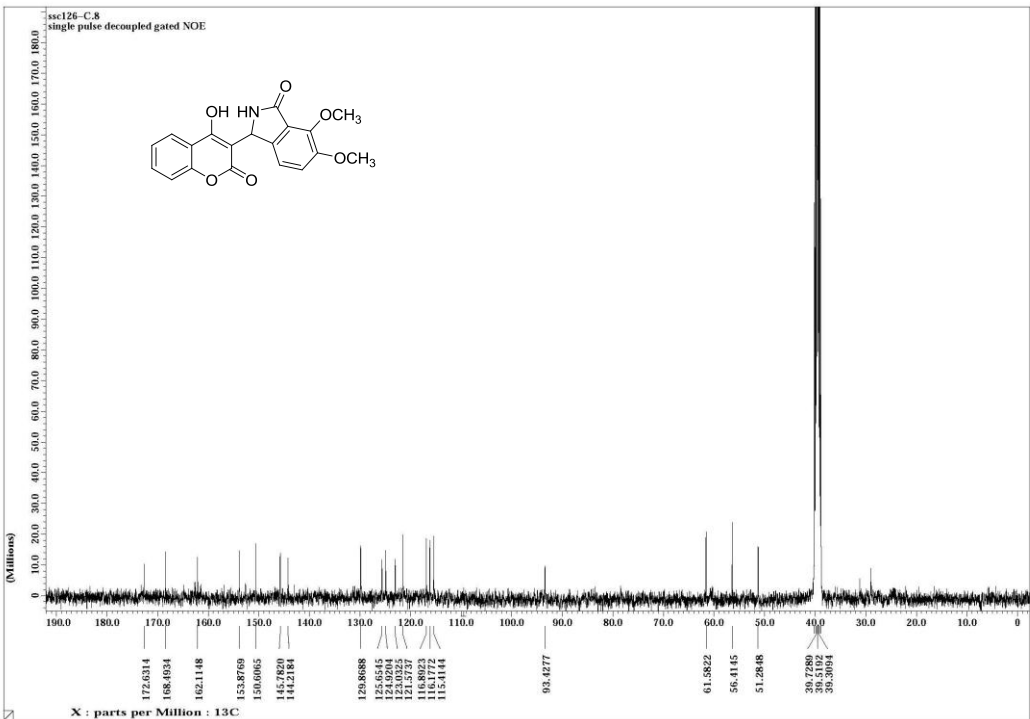
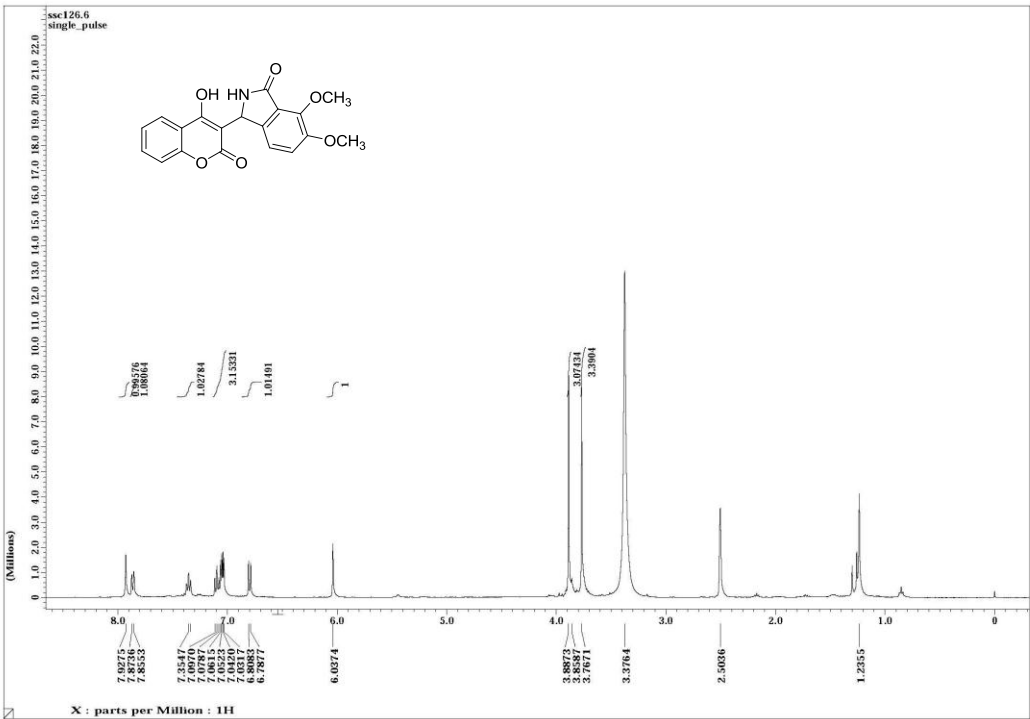
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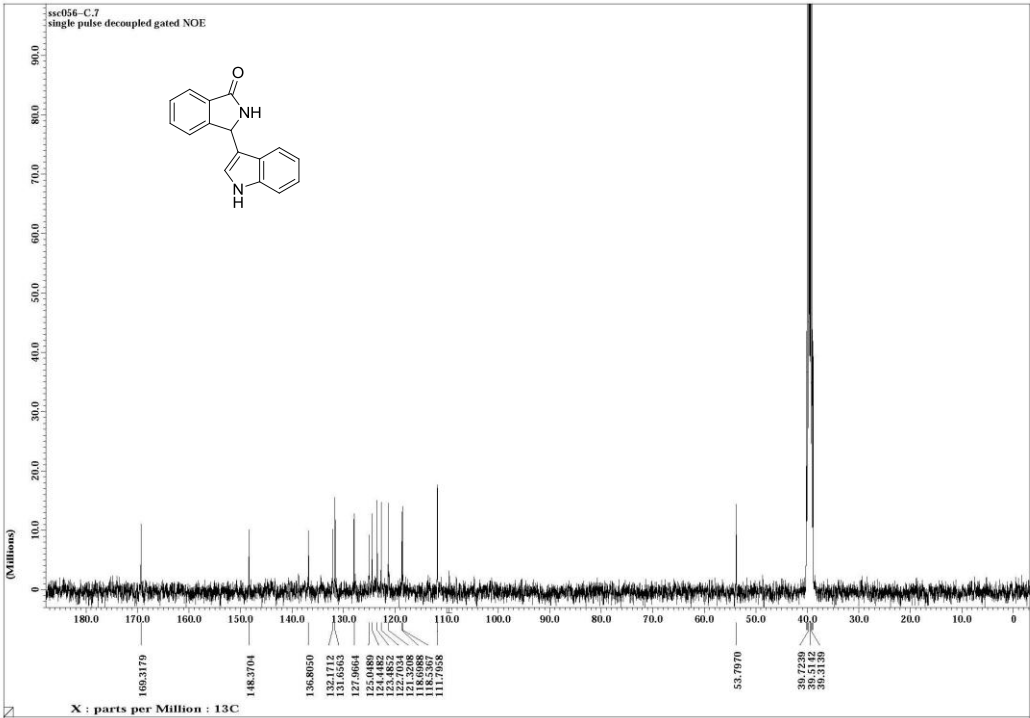
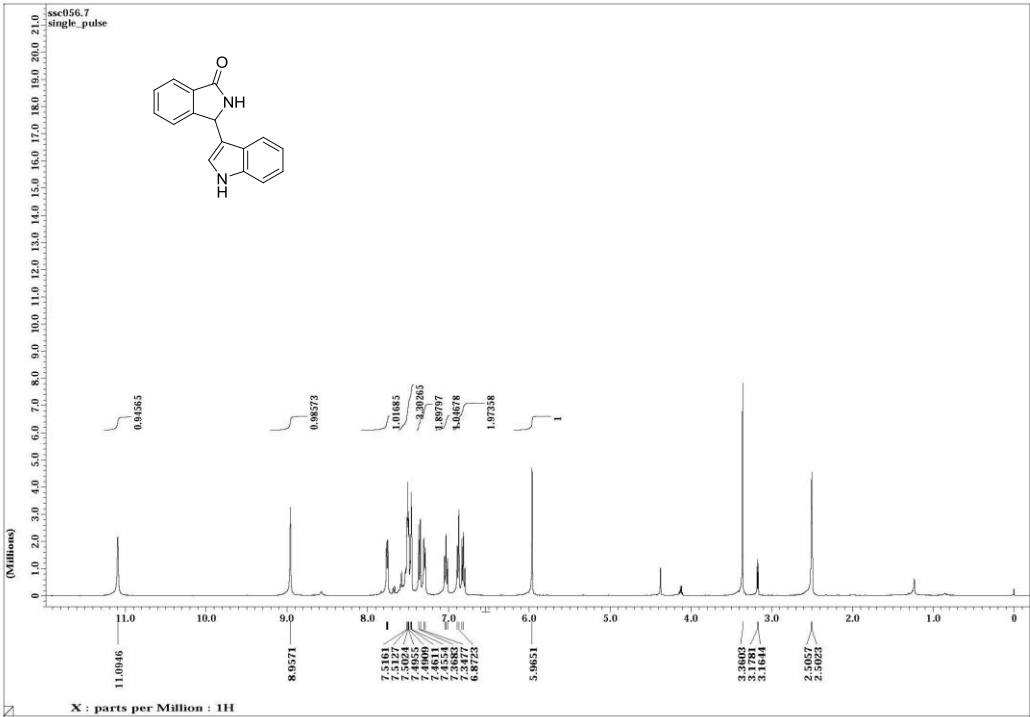
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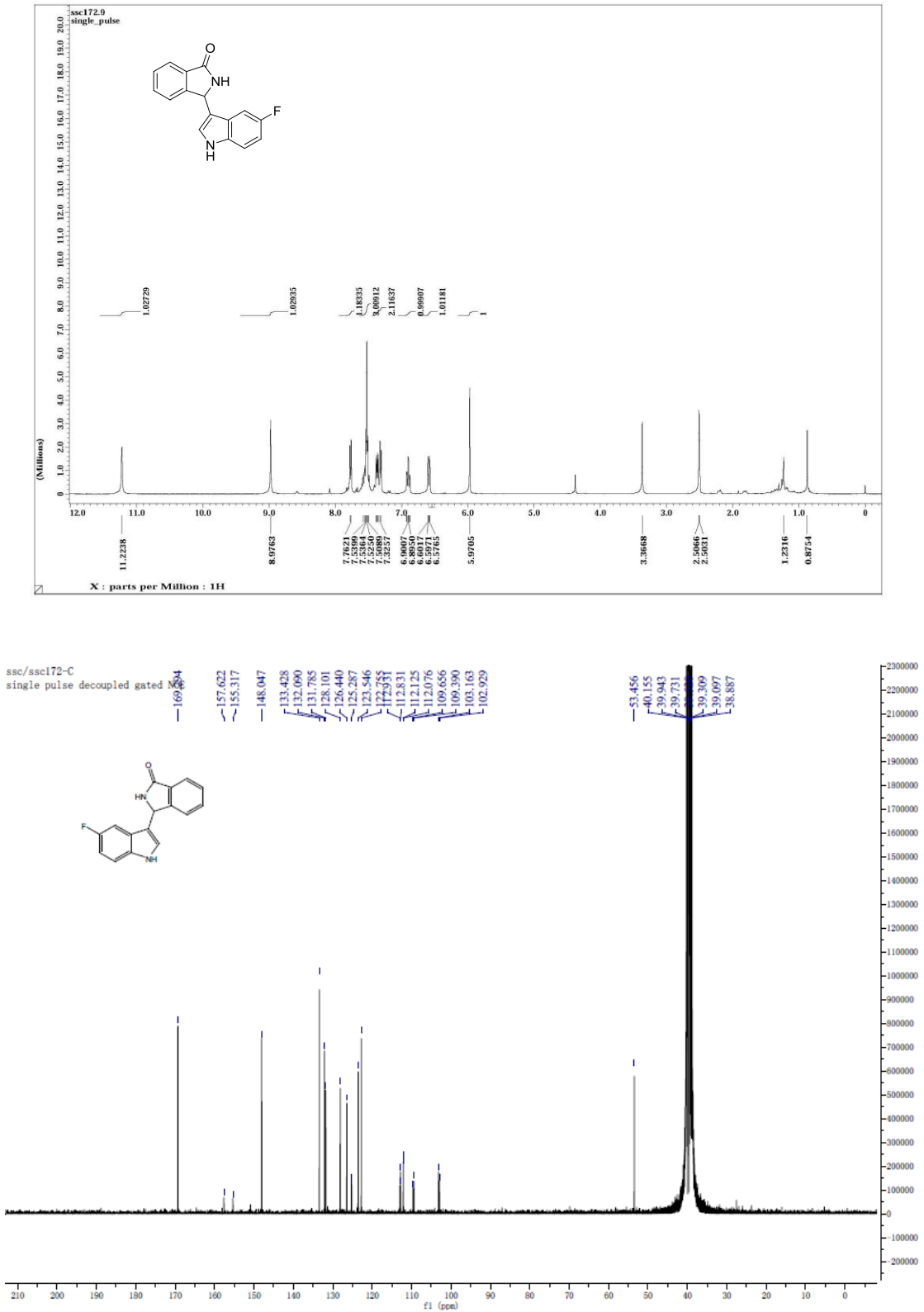
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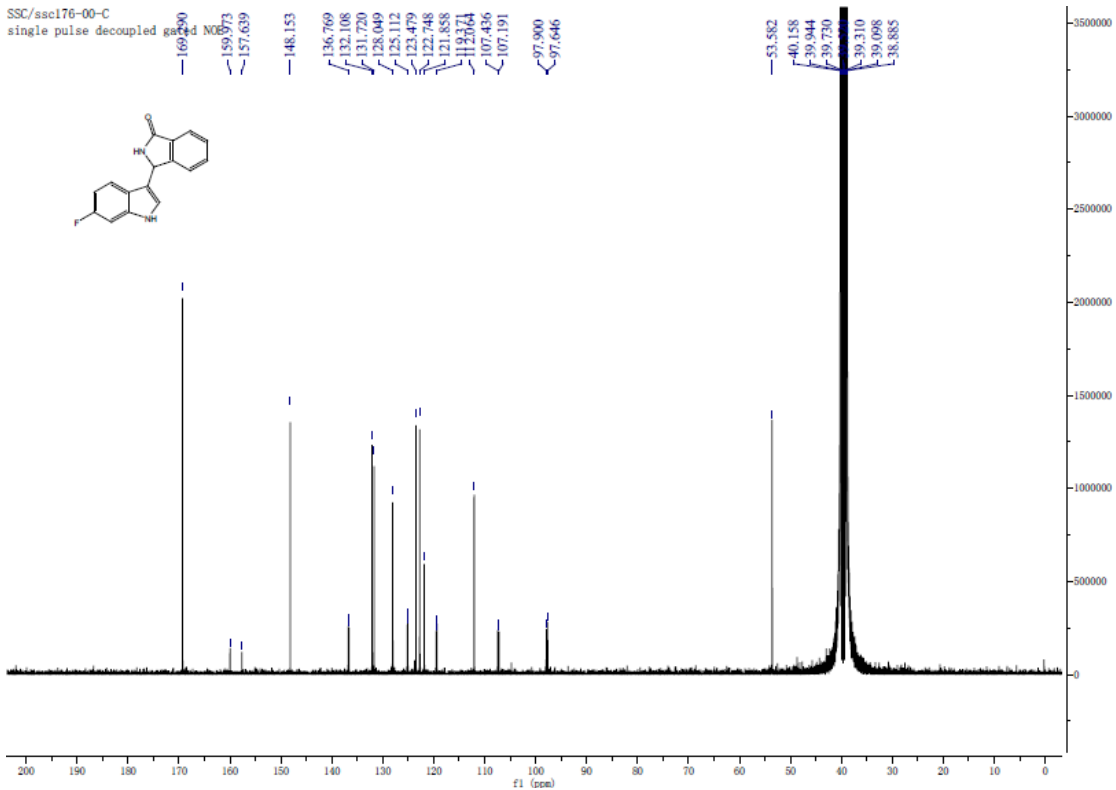
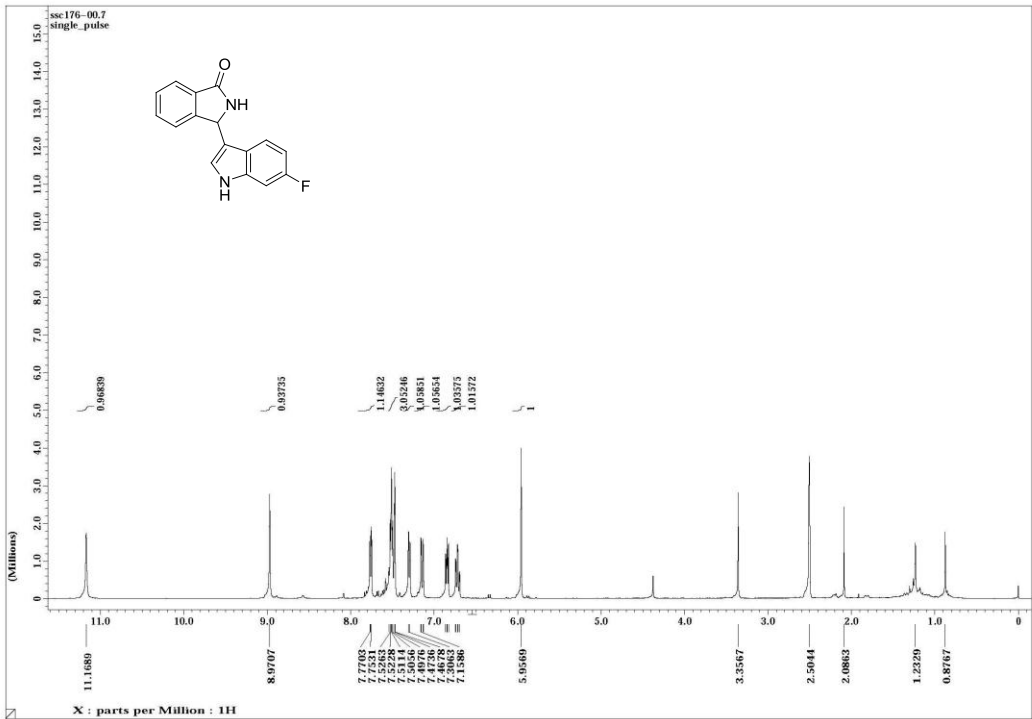
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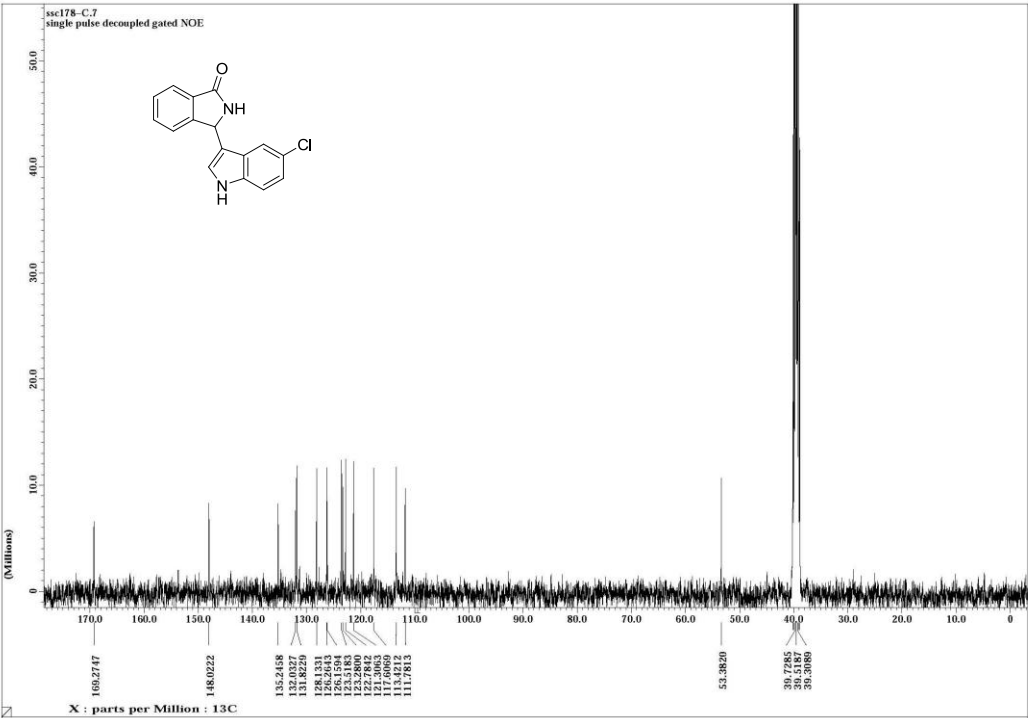
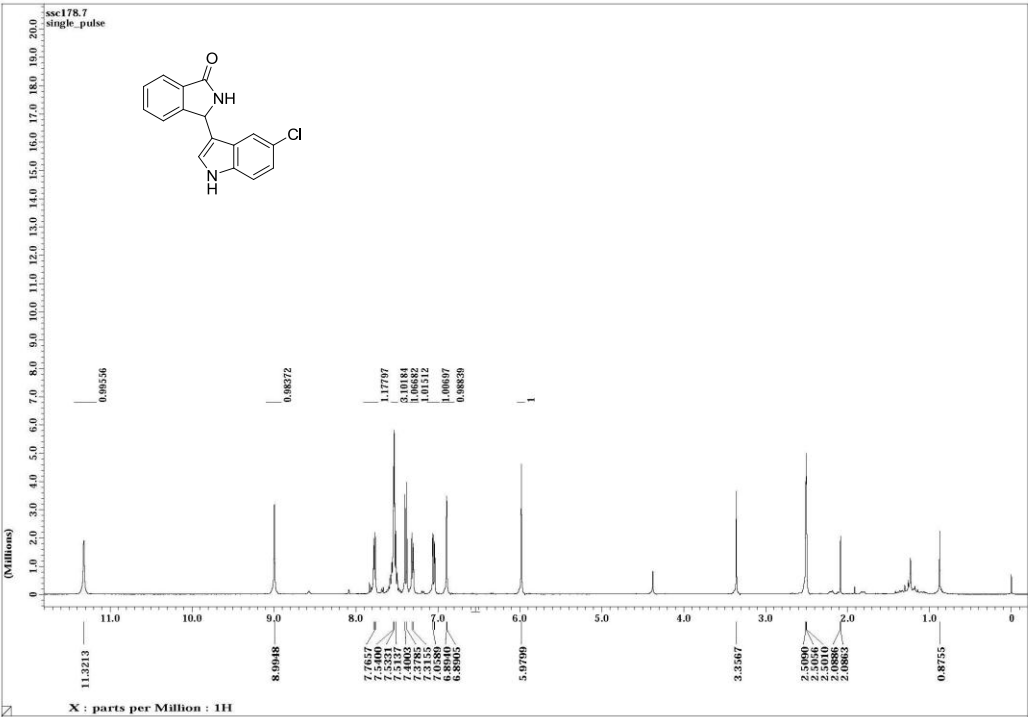
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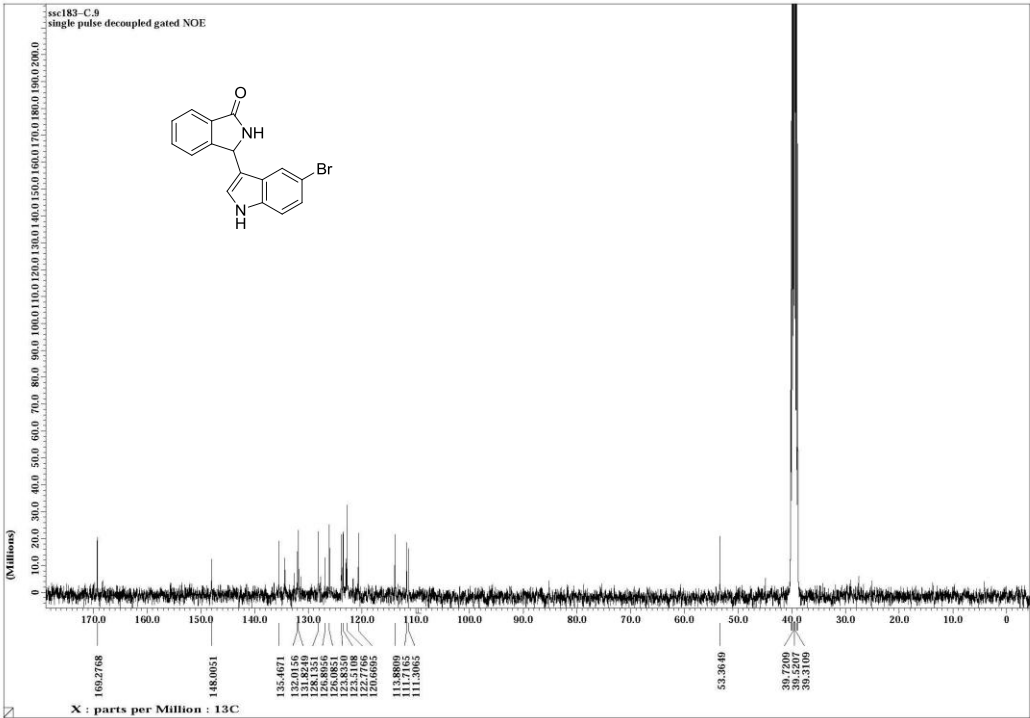
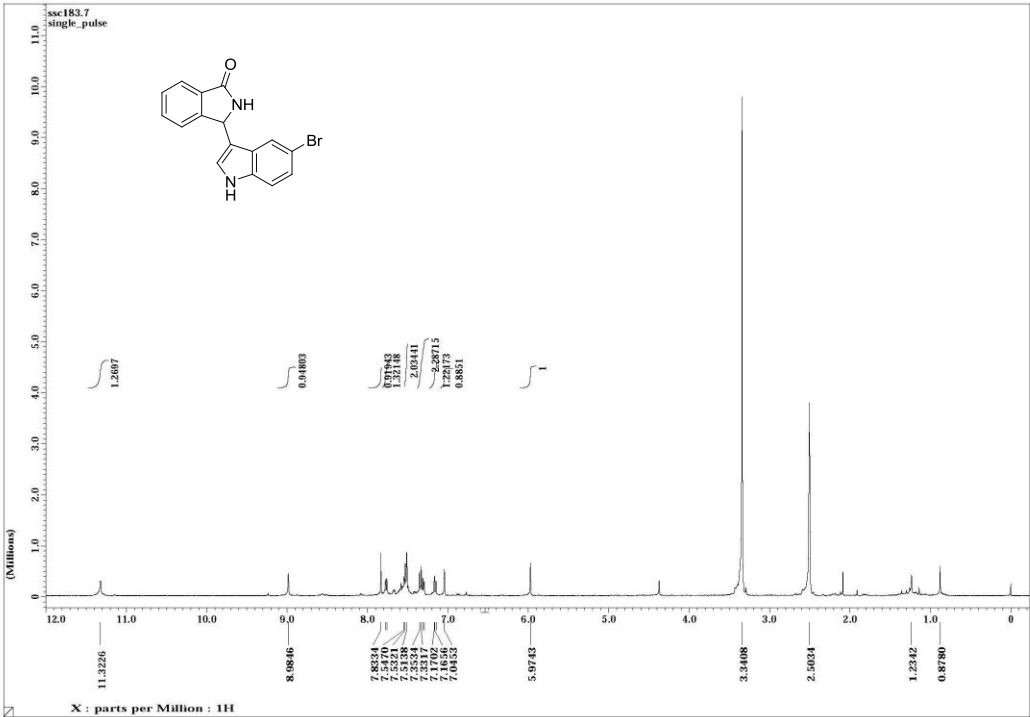
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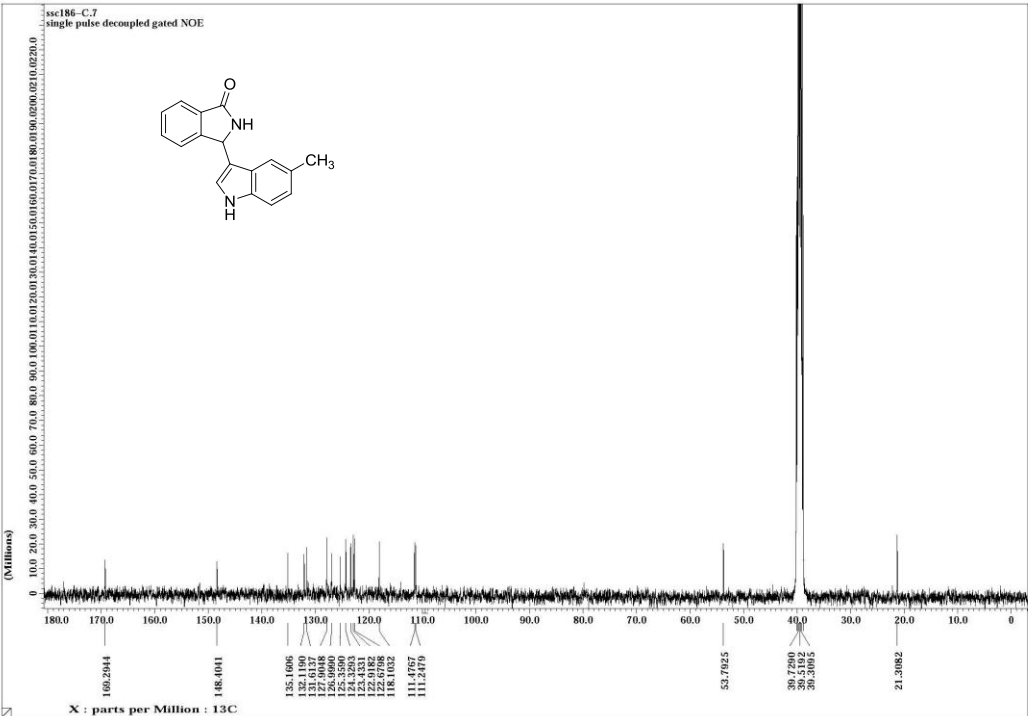
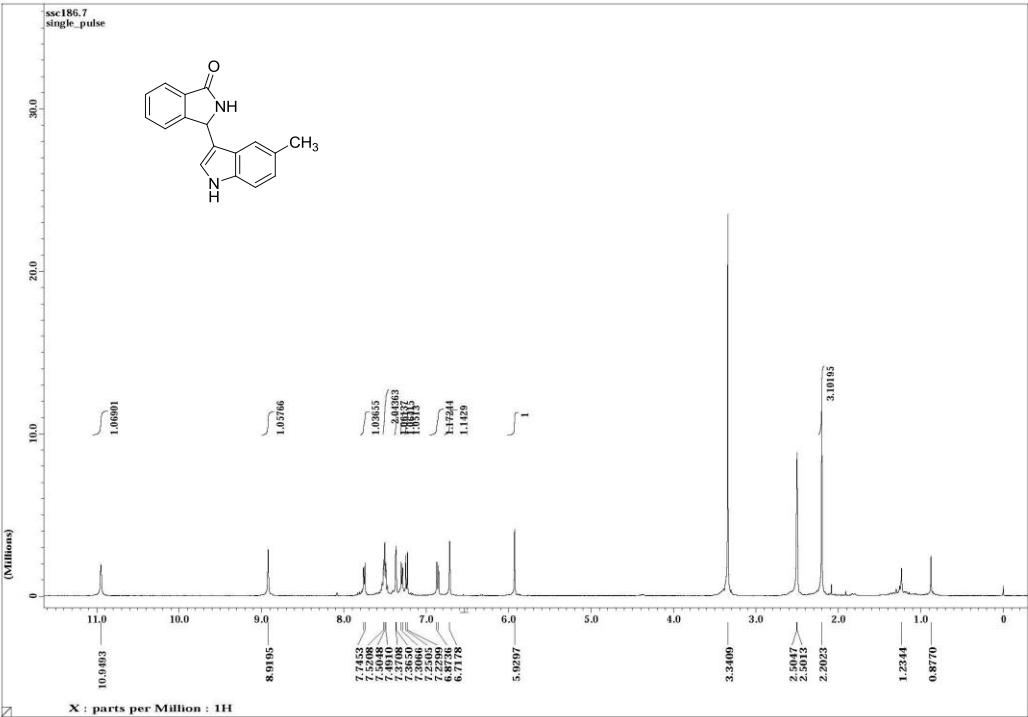
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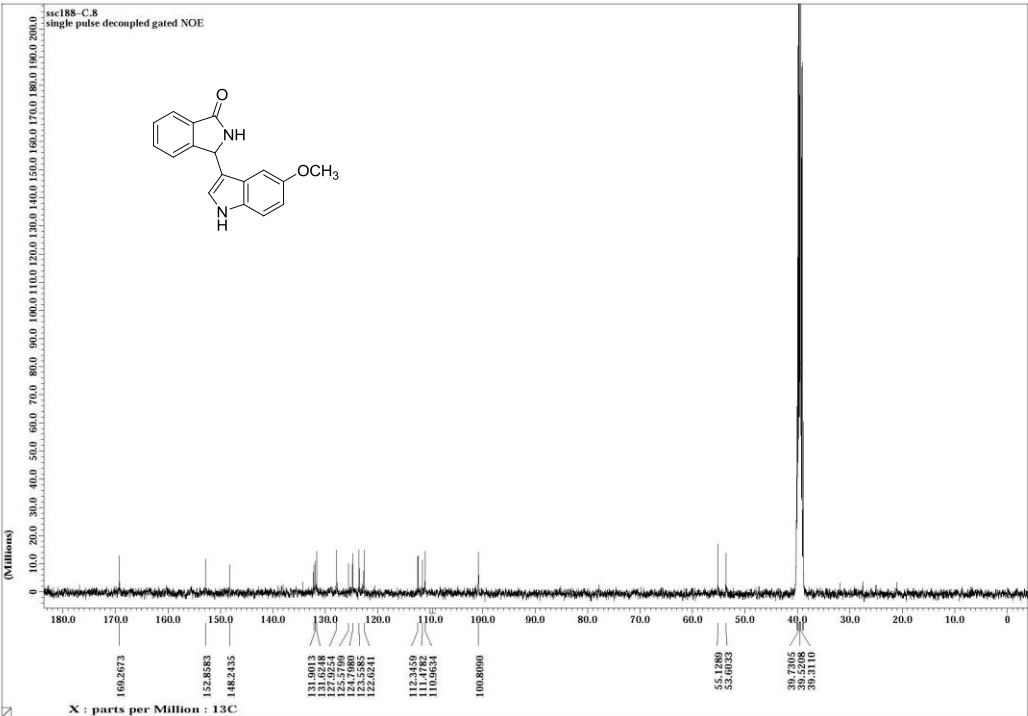
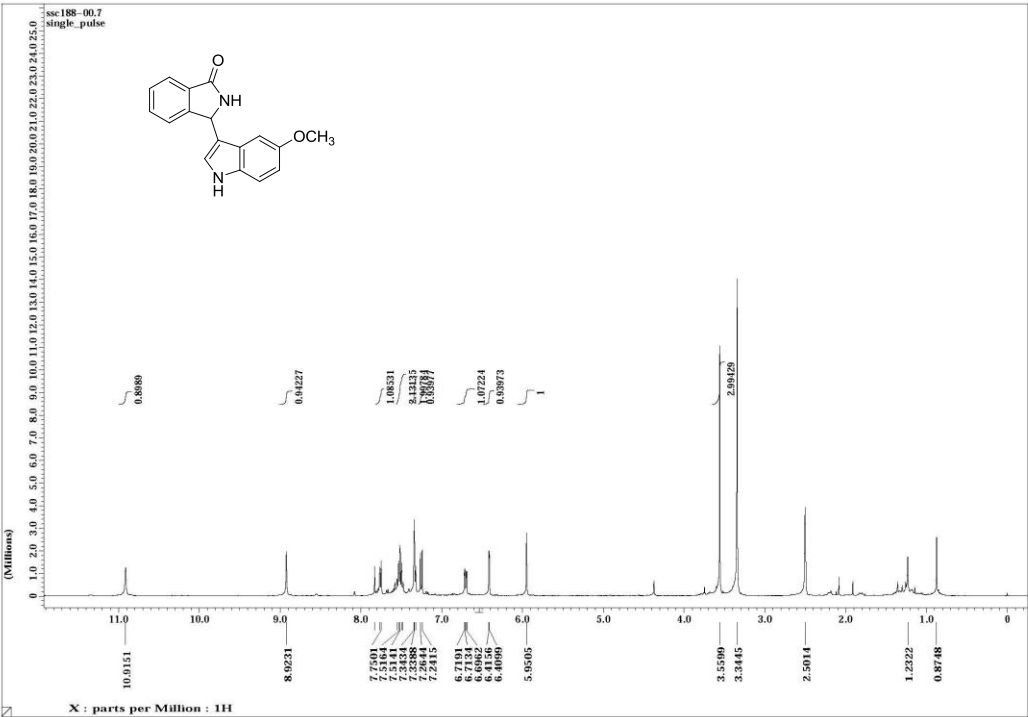
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