

Supporting Information 1

Covalently anchored carboxylic acid on uniform spherical silica nanoparticles with narrow slit like mesopores for the synthesis of pyrroloacridinones: CuI-catalyzed further C(sp³)-H oxyfunctionalization for C=O formation

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A. Materials and instrumentation

The ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR analyses were carried out on Bruker-Advanced Digital 300 MHz instrument in d_6 -DMSO with TMS as an internal reference. IR spectra were recorded in KBr pellets in reflection mode on a Perkin Elmer RX-1 FTIR spectrophotometer. CHN analysis was performed using a Perkin-Elmer 2400 Series II CHN analyzer. X-ray single crystal analysis was performed in a Bruker-AXS SMART APEX II diffractometer equipped with a graphite monochromator. Nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherms were obtained using a Quantachrome Autosorb 1C at 77 K. Prior to gas adsorption, all the samples were degassed for 2 h at 403 K. Transmission electron microscopic images were recorded on a JEOL 2010 TEM operated at 200 kV in Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Jadavpur, Kolkata 700 032, India. Carbon 13 CP MAS NMR and ^{29}Si MAS NMR was referenced with respect to external TMS and 10-12 kHz speed in BRUKER DSX-300 solid state NMR spectrometer in NMR Research Centre, IISc, Bangalore-560012.

B. Preparation of uniform spherical mesoporous silica nanoparticles (SMSNP)

In a typical procedure, first, 390 g (390 mL) water and 317 g (400 mL) MeOH was taken in a 1 litre open beaker fitted with a magnetic stirrer. Then 3.52 g CTAB was added at room temperature (30-35°C) and stirred for 30 min. After a clear solution was obtained, tetraethylorthosilicate (TEOS) was added dropwise from a dropping funnel under stirring condition. Then 10 mL 0.4 N NaOH solution was added drop wise taking 1h period of time. The stirring was continued for the next 8h at room temperature and then aged overnight (12-14h) at room temperature. Then it was filtered and washed thoroughly with deionized water and dried at 35-40°C for 5 days. The dry powder was calcined at 550°C for 6-8h under static air to obtain the uniform spherical mesoporous silica nanoparticles.

C. Preparation of SMSNP supported mercaptopropene (1)

The surface modification of the SMSNP by post synthesis grafting method was achieved by reacting the silanols of the SMSNP with MPS (3-mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane) (Aldrich) under nitrogen atmosphere. 20 mmol of MPS was slowly added to a dry toluene solution containing 10 g of SMSNP and refluxed for 18 h under N_2 . The material was filtered after cooling to ambient temperature, washed with dry toluene and dichloromethane. Soxhlet extraction was carried out for 24 h in dichloromethane (DCM) to remove occluded organosilane. The sample was dried in vacuum for 10 h and characterized by solid state ^{13}C CP MAS NMR spectra and CHN analysis.

D. Preparation of spherical mesoporous silica nanoparticles supported carboxylic acid (SMSNP-CA) catalyst (3)

In a typical procedure 5g of mercaptopropene anchored SMSNP (1) was reacted with 10 mmol of bromo-acetic acid (2) in dry toluene at room temperature (30-35°C) for 18h in presence of 1mmol triethylamine. The liberated HCl was removed through a CaCl₂ drying tube under reduced pressure to a water trap. The solid was washed successively with water (10 times), ethanol (3 times) and dried at 110°C for 3h. No precipitate was obtained on treatment of silver nitrate solution with the aqueous extract of the solid after washing it ten times with distilled water. The aforesaid observation conclusively proved the absence of Br⁻ on the solid catalyst after thorough washing with distilled water. The as prepared SMSNP supported -COOH catalyst (3) was abbreviated as **SMSNP-CA (3)**.

E. General synthesis of the pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridinone derivatives

All the reactions were carried out in round bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer and a reflux condenser. In a typical reaction a mixture of cyclic-1,3-diketones (4) (1 mmol) and different amines (6) (1 mmol) in EtOH (2 ml) were refluxed on a water bath for 1h using 20 mg **SMSNP-CA (3)**. Then isatin (5) (1 mmol) was added and again refluxed till completion. The completion of the reaction was indicated by the disappearance of the starting materials in thin layer chromatography. The products precipitated out once their formation started. After completion of the reaction, the crude product was filtered. The residue contained both the crude product and the catalyst. Then the product was taken in dichloromethane (DCM) and filtered again to separate the product as filtrate from the catalyst (as residue). The DCM was evaporated in rotary evaporator and the crude product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (8%/92% v/v) as eluent.

F. General procedure for the CuI catalyzed oxidation of 4,5-dihydropyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridinones

This reaction was carried out in a three necked round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer, an oxygen inlet having a steady flow of oxygen (10 mL/min). In a typical reaction 4,5-dihydropyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridinone (7) was refluxed in EtOH with 10 mol% CuI in steady flow of oxygen until completion. The completion of the reaction was indicated by the disappearance of the starting material in thin layer chromatography. After completion of the reaction the excess ethanol was evaporated. The compound was taken in dichloromethane and filtered to separate the product as filtrate from catalyst (CuI) as residue. The filtrate was evaporated in a rotary evaporator and the crude

product was further purified by silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (60-80 °C)(10%/90% v/v) as eluant.

G. FTIR spectrum of **SMSNP-CA (3)**.

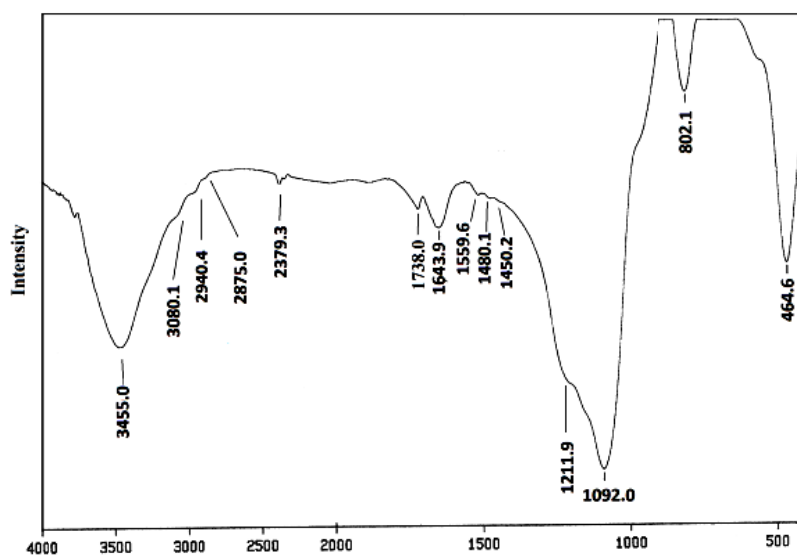


Figure 1. FTIR spectrum of **SMSNP-CA (3)**.

H. ORTEP diagram of 7n

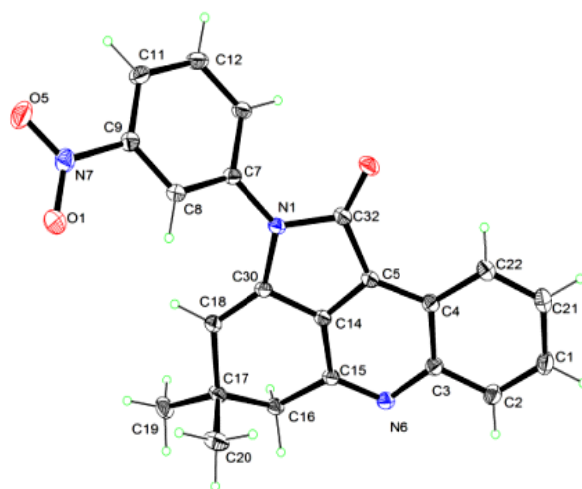
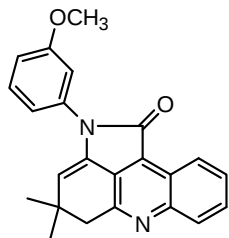


Figure 2. X-ray single crystal structure of **7n** (CCDC 972996).

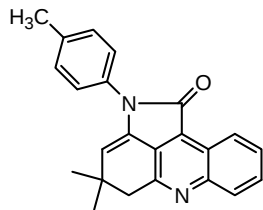
I. Spectroscopic characterization of 7a-7n

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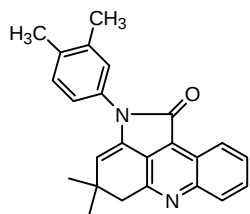
Light yellow colored solid; m.p. 200-202 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM, equal volume); Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}N_2O_2$: C, 77.51; H, 5.66; N, 7.86%. Found: C, 77.52; H, 5.67; N, 7.87%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3387, 2956, 1704, 1544, 1188, 839, 723, 523; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.25 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 3.14 (2H, s, CH_2), 3.80 (3H, s, OCH_3), 5.58 (1H, s, CH), 6.88 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3$ Hz, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.), 7.00-7.01 (2H, m, arom.), 7.37 (1H, t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, arom.), 7.59 (1H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, arom.), 7.68 (1H, dt, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $J = 1.5$ Hz, arom.), 8.10 (1H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, arom.), 8.65 (1H, d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 30.8, 37.1, 44.2, 55.5, 112.3, 113.2, 118.5, 118.6, 122.6, 124.2, 125.0, 126.4, 127.8, 129.4, 129.5, 130.0, 133.4, 135.9, 149.7, 154.6, 160.3, 166.6.

4,5-dihydro-4,4-dimethyl-2-p-tolylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1(2H)-one (7b):



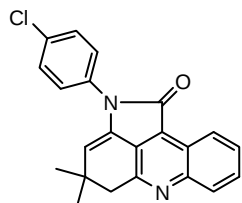
Light yellow colored solid; m.p. 220-222 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM, equal volume); Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}N_2O$: C, 81.15; H, 5.92; N, 8.23%. Found: C, 81.18; H, 5.93; N, 8.24%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3074, 2959, 1719, 1467, 1354, 1140, 837, 732, 477; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.29 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 2.41 (3H, s, CH_3), 3.18 (2H, s, CH_2), 5.56 (1H, s, CH), 7.30-7.37 (4H, m, arom.), 7.62 (1H, t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, arom.), 7.72 (1H, dt, $J = 7.7$ Hz, $J = 1.5$ Hz, arom.), 8.14 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, arom.), 8.70 (1H, dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, $J = 1.5$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 21.2, 30.9, 37.1, 44.2, 118.1, 122.7, 124.3, 125.1, 126.2, 126.3, 126.4, 126.4, 127.7, 129.4, 129.9, 130.0, 132.1, 133.6, 137.5, 149.7, 154.6, 166.8.

4,5-dihydro-4,4-dimethyl-2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1(2H)-one (7c):



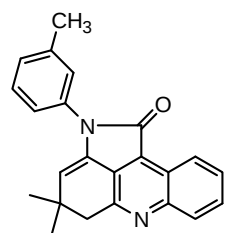
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2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-4,4-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1(2H)-one (7d):



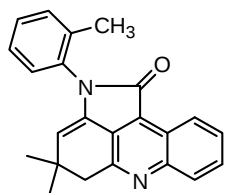
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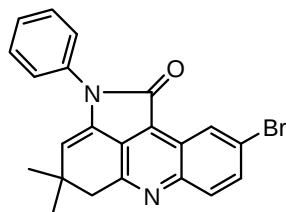
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4,5-dihydro-4,4-dimethyl-2-o-tolylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1(2H)-one (7f):



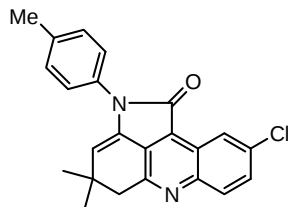
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9-Bromo-4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1-one (7g):



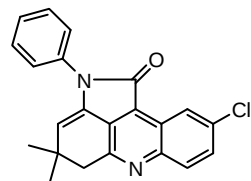
Light yellow colored solid; m.p. 165-167 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM, equal volume); Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{17}BrN_2O$: C, 65.20; H, 4.23; N, 6.91%. Found: C, 65.21; H, 4.24; N, 6.92%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3068, 1701, 1599, 1498, 1354, 1144, 848, 738, 590; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.33 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 3.18 (2H, s, CH_2), 5.67 (1H, s, CH), 7.40-7.54 (5H, m, arom.), 7.79 (1H, dd, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $J = 2.4$ Hz, arom.), 7.99 (1H, d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, arom.), 8.84 (1H, d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 30.8, 37.1, 44.0, 119.1, 122.0, 123.5, 123.9, 126.2, 126.4, 126.8, 127.5, 129.3, 130.9, 132.8, 133.0, 134.5, 148.1, 155.0, 166.0.

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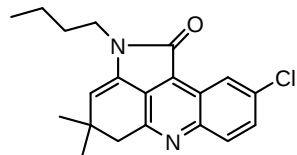
Light yellow colored solid; m.p. 190-192 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM, equal volume); Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{19}ClN_2O$: C, 73.69; H, 5.11; N, 7.47%. Found: C, 73.71; H, 5.12; N, 7.48%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3074, 2961, 1719, 1469, 1332, 1139, 833, 767, 449; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.10 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 2.21 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.98 (2H, s, CH_2), 5.41 (1H, s, CH), 7.13 (4H, t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, arom.), 7.44 (1H, dd, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.), 7.88 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, arom.), 8.48 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, arom.).

9-chloro-4,5-dihydro-4,4-dimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1(2H)-one (7i):



Light yellow colored solid; m.p. 185-187 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM, equal volume); Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{17}ClN_2O$: C, 73.23; H, 4.75; N, 7.76%. Found: C, 73.24; H, 4.76; N, 7.77%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3048, 1697, 1596, 1498, 1340, 1140, 845, 734, 499; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.25 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 3.15 (2H, s, CH_2), 5.59 (1H, s, CH), 7.31-7.52 (5H, m, arom.), 7.59 (1H, dd, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $J = 2.4$ Hz, arom.), 8.00 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, arom.), 8.60 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 30.4, 36.7, 43.6, 118.7, 122.7, 122.8, 123.7, 125.9, 126.5, 127.1, 128.9, 129.9, 130.4, 132.7, 133.4, 134.2, 147.5, 154.4, 165.7.

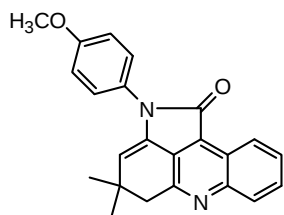
2-butyl-9-chloro-4,5-dihydro-4,4-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1(2H)-one (7j):



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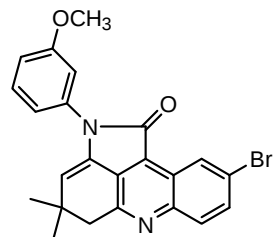
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4,5-dihydro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1(2H)-one (7k):



Light yellow colored solid; m.p. 185-187 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM, equal volume); Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₂O₂: C, 77.51; H, 5.66; N, 7.86%. Found: C, 77.52; H, 5.67; N, 7.87%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3377, 2954, 1712, 1514, 1258, 829, 777, 521; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 1.29 (6H, s, 2xCH₃), 3.19 (2H, s, CH₂), 3.84 (3H, s, CH₃), 5.53 (1H, s, CH), 7.03 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, arom.), 7.38 (2H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, arom.), 7.62 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz, arom.), 7.72 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz, arom.), 8.15 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, arom.), 8.69 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 30.9, 37.0, 44.2, 55.5, 114.6, 118.0, 122.6, 124.2, 125.1, 126.4, 127.4, 127.7, 127.8, 129.3, 129.5, 133.8, 149.6, 154.5, 158.8, 166.9.

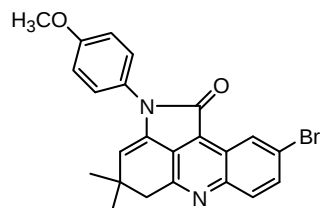
9-Bromo-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydro-2H-pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1-one (7l):



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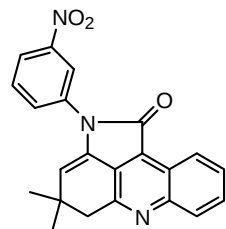
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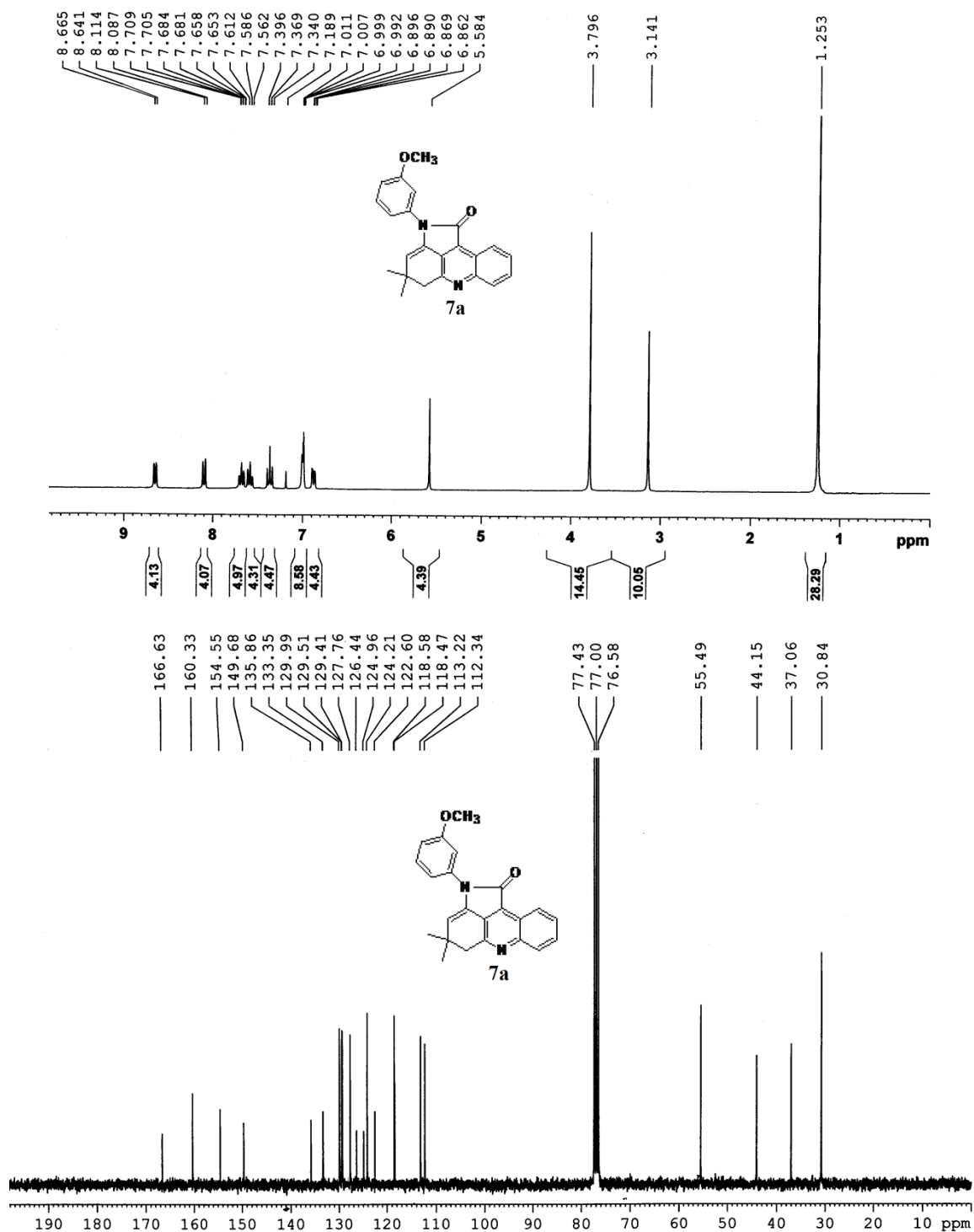
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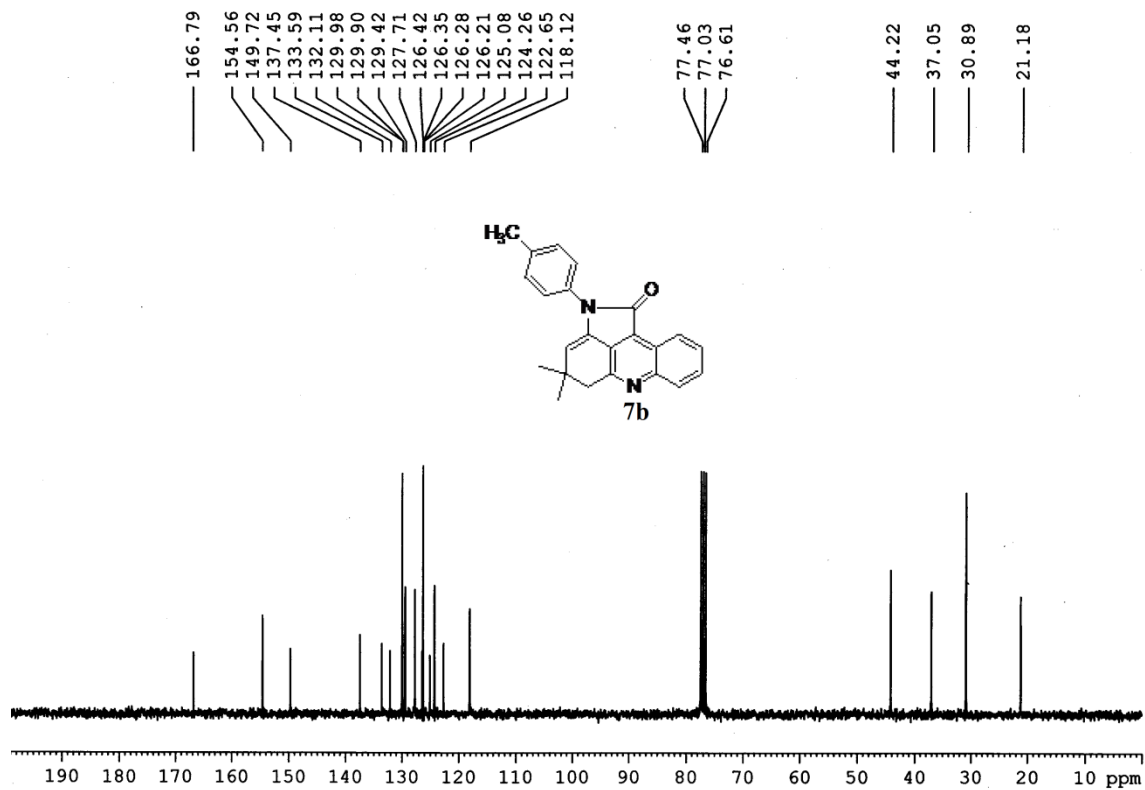
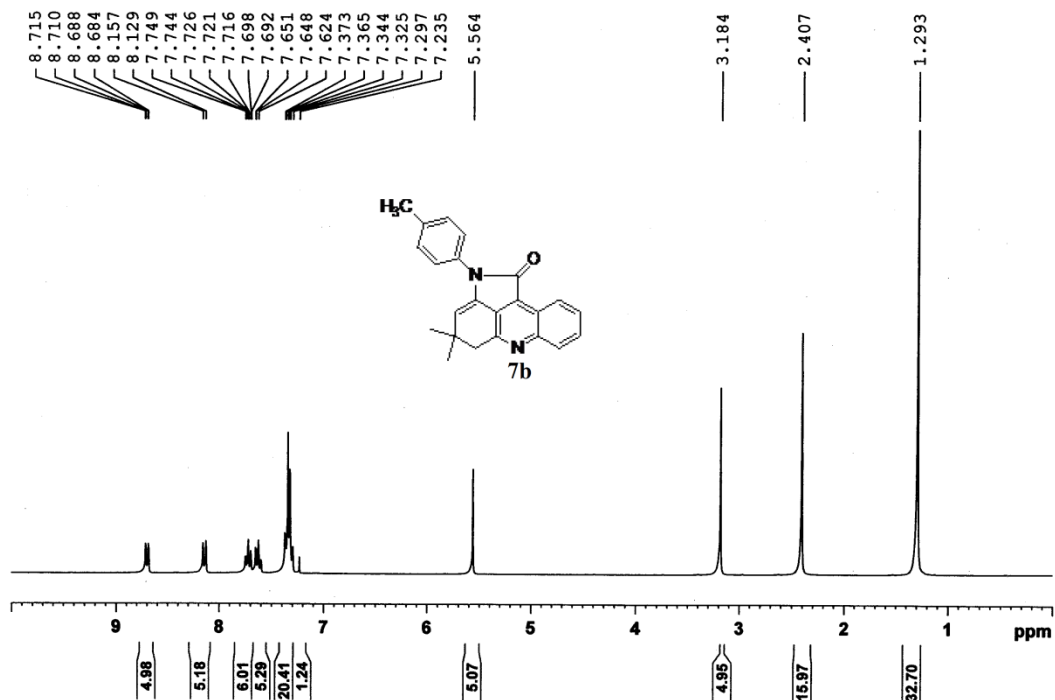
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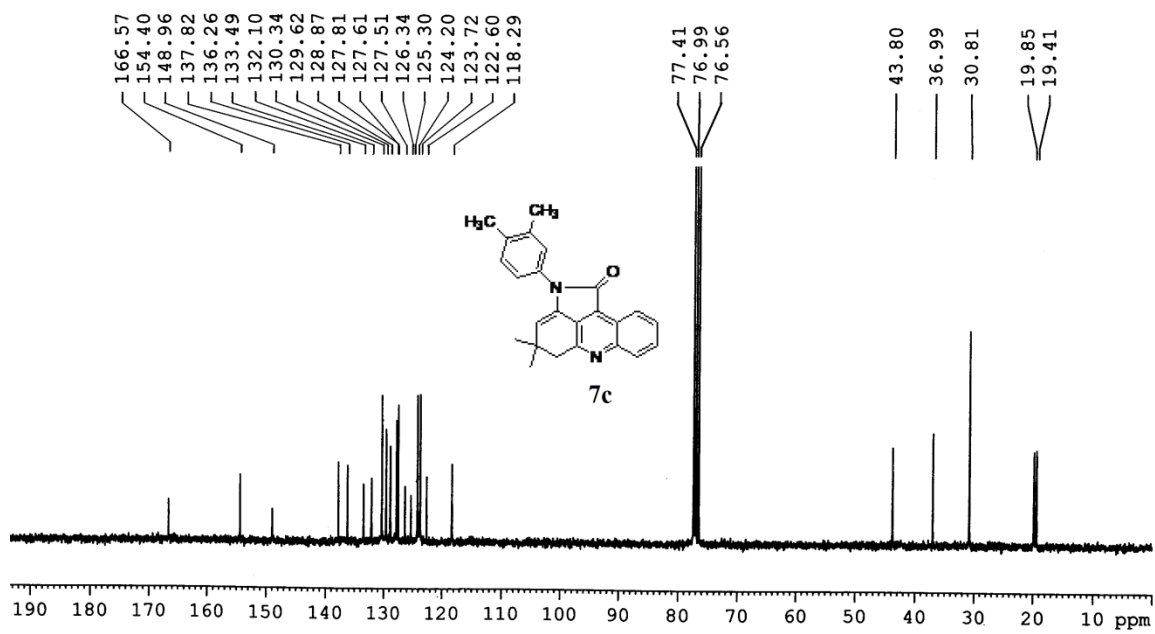
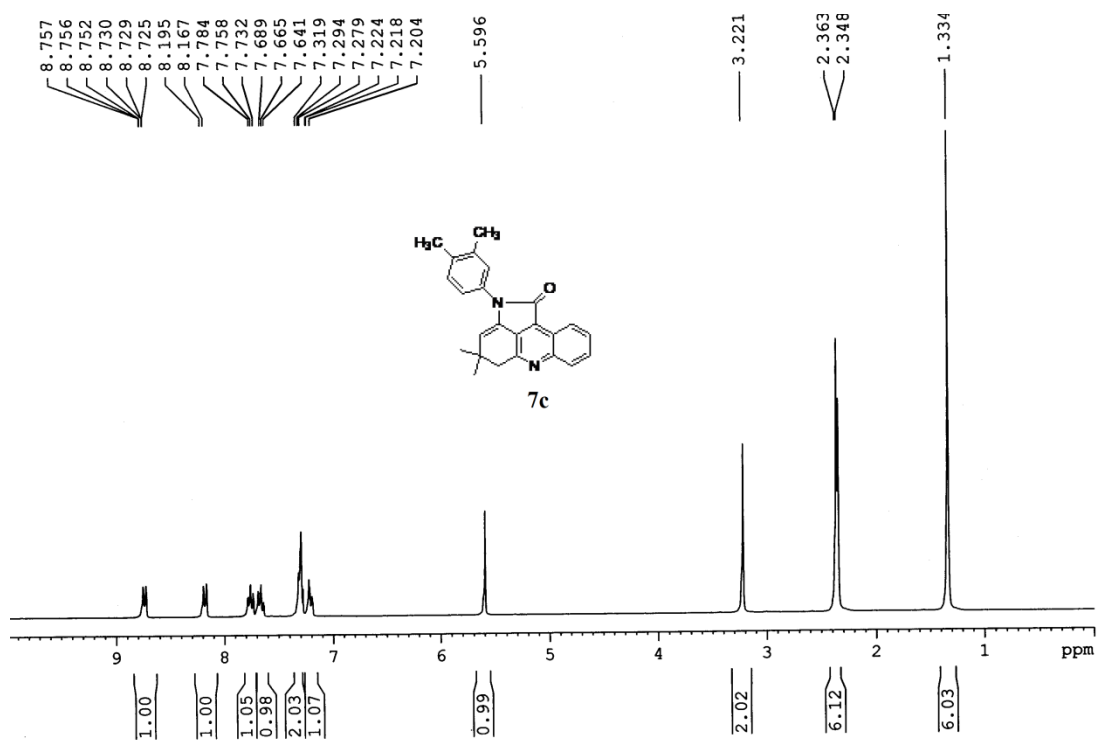


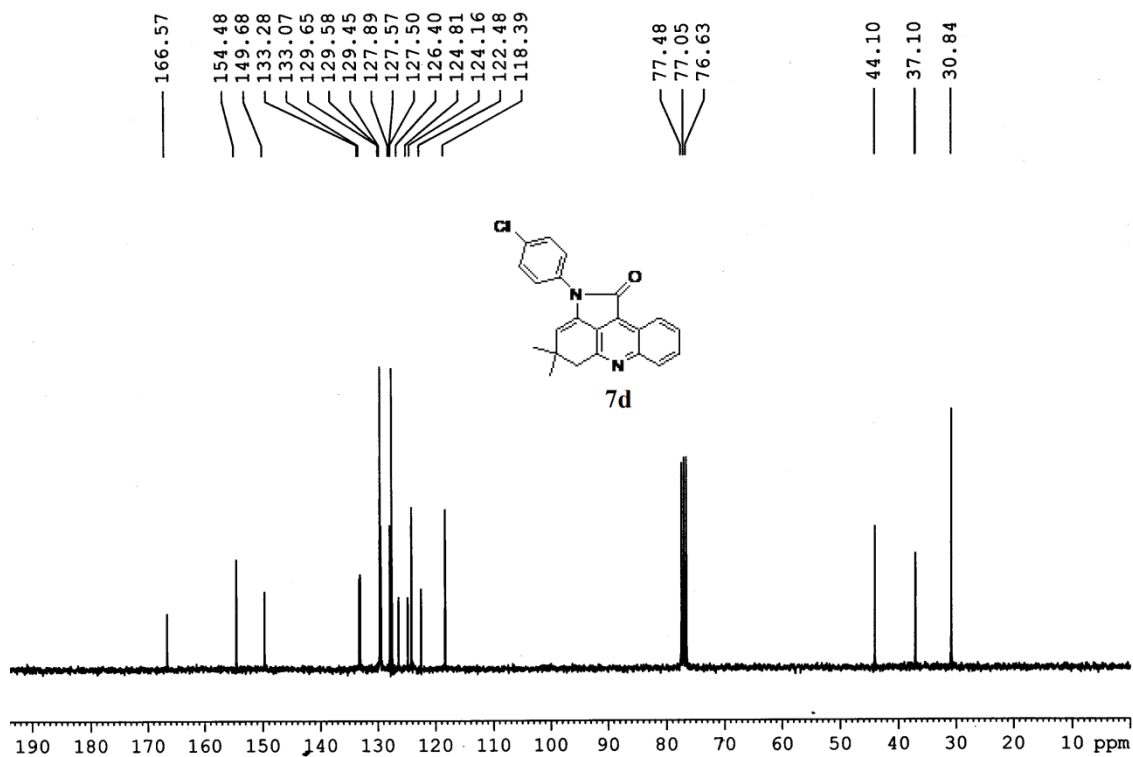
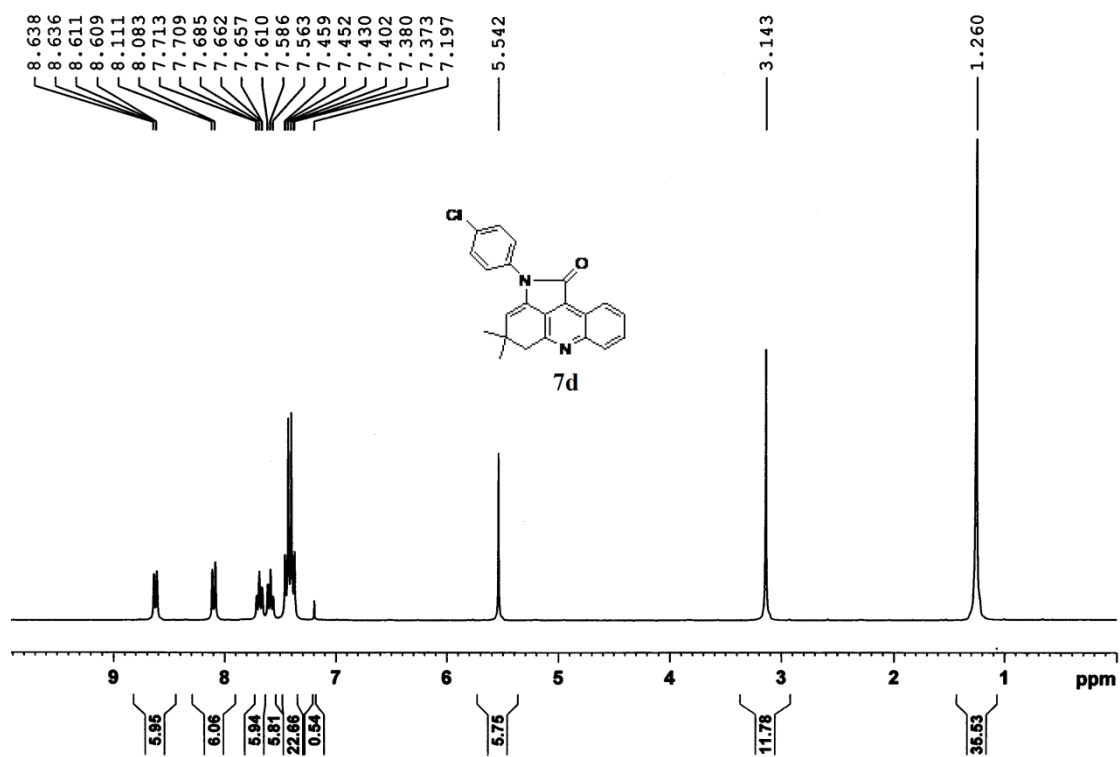
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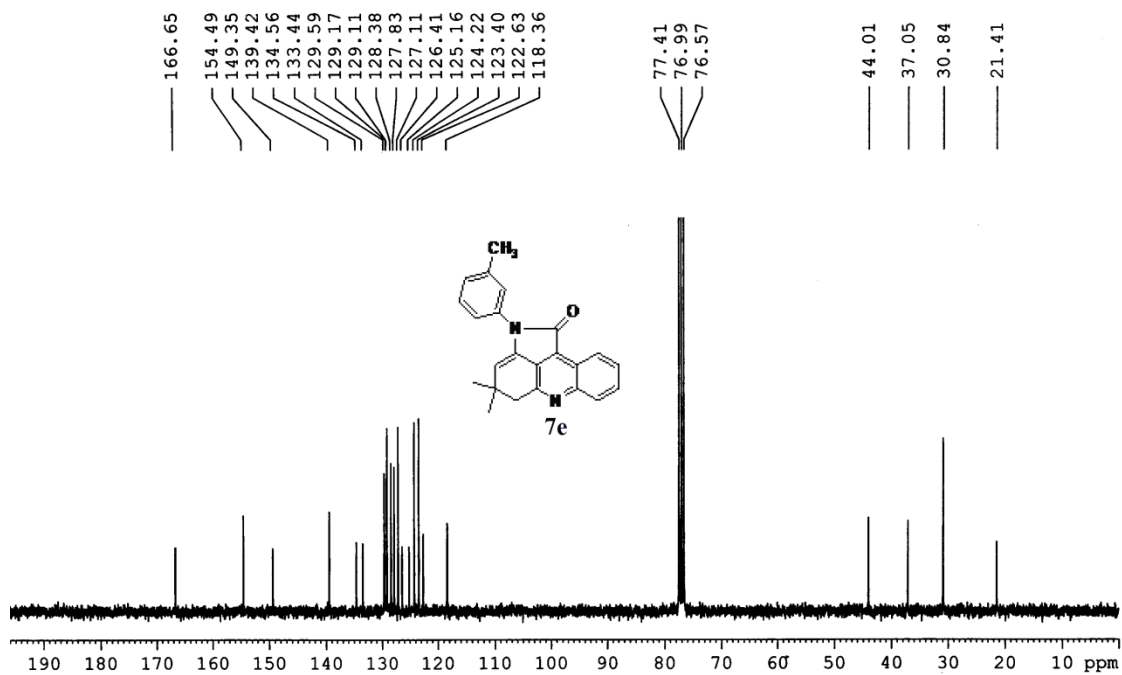
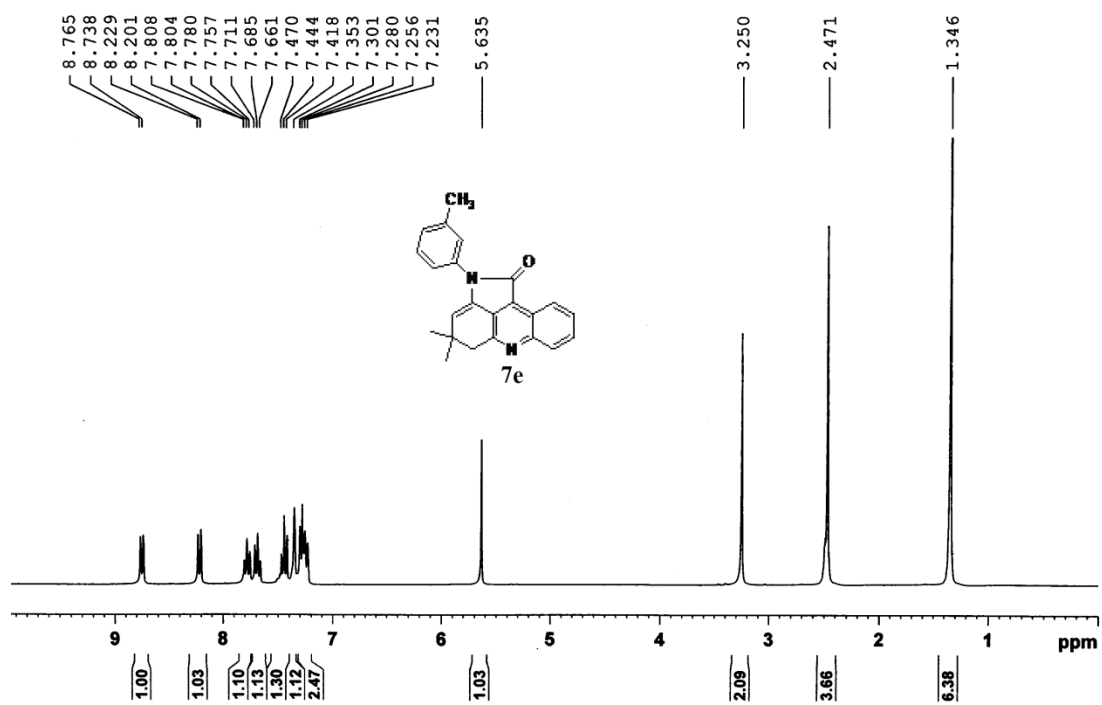
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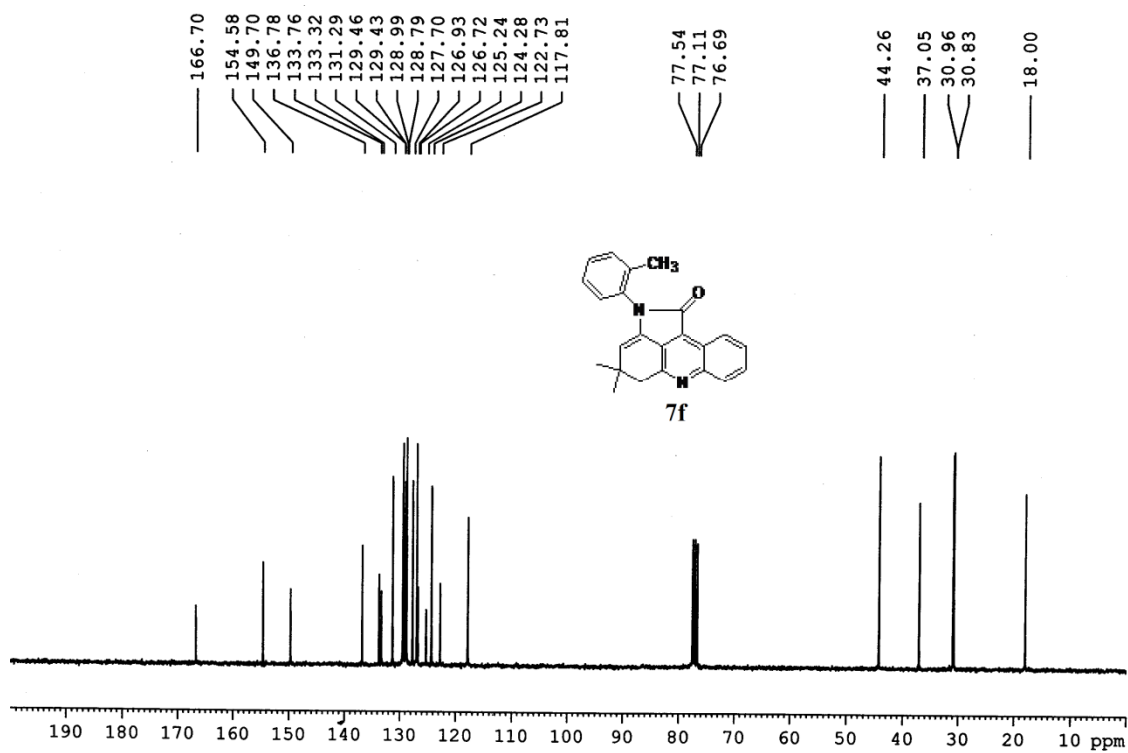
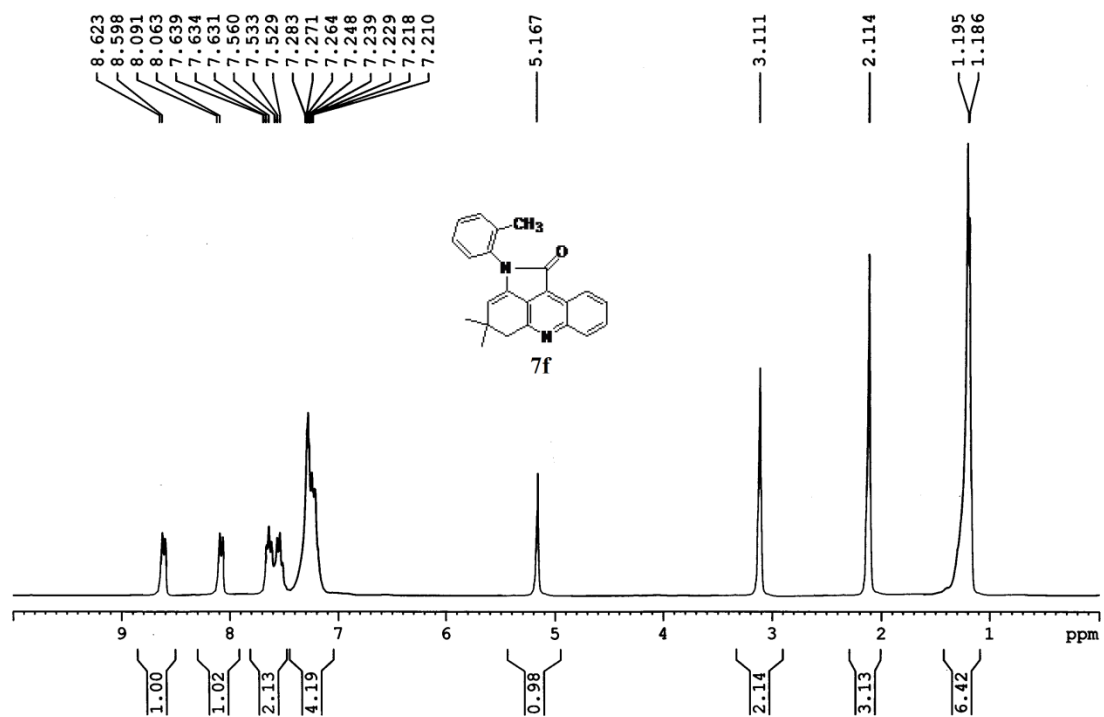


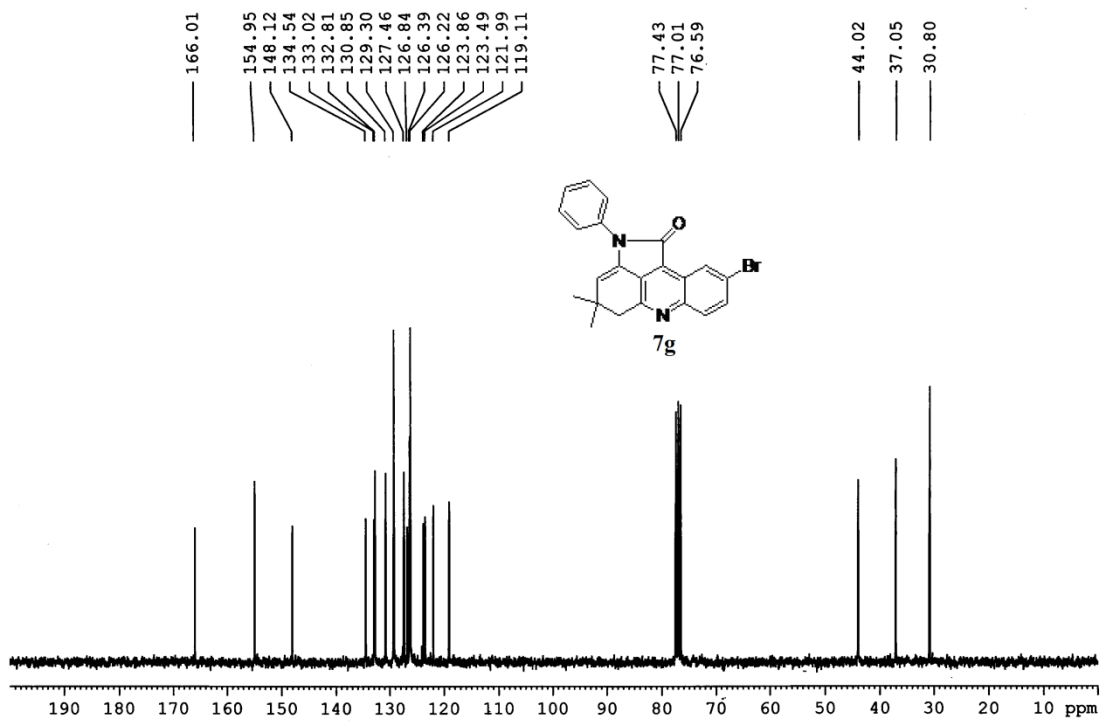
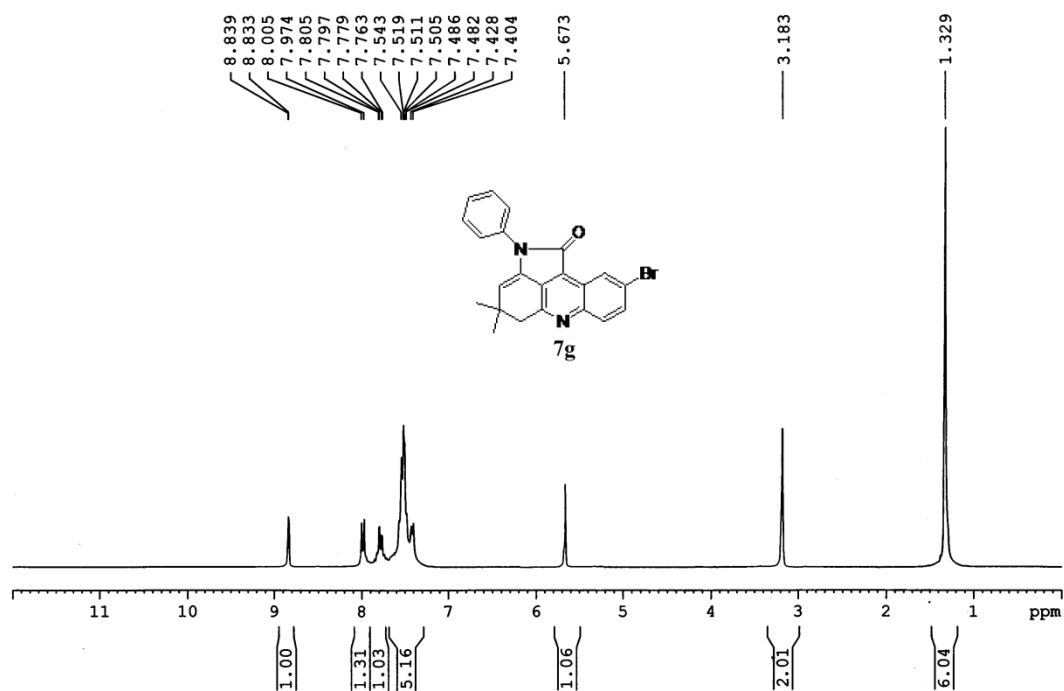


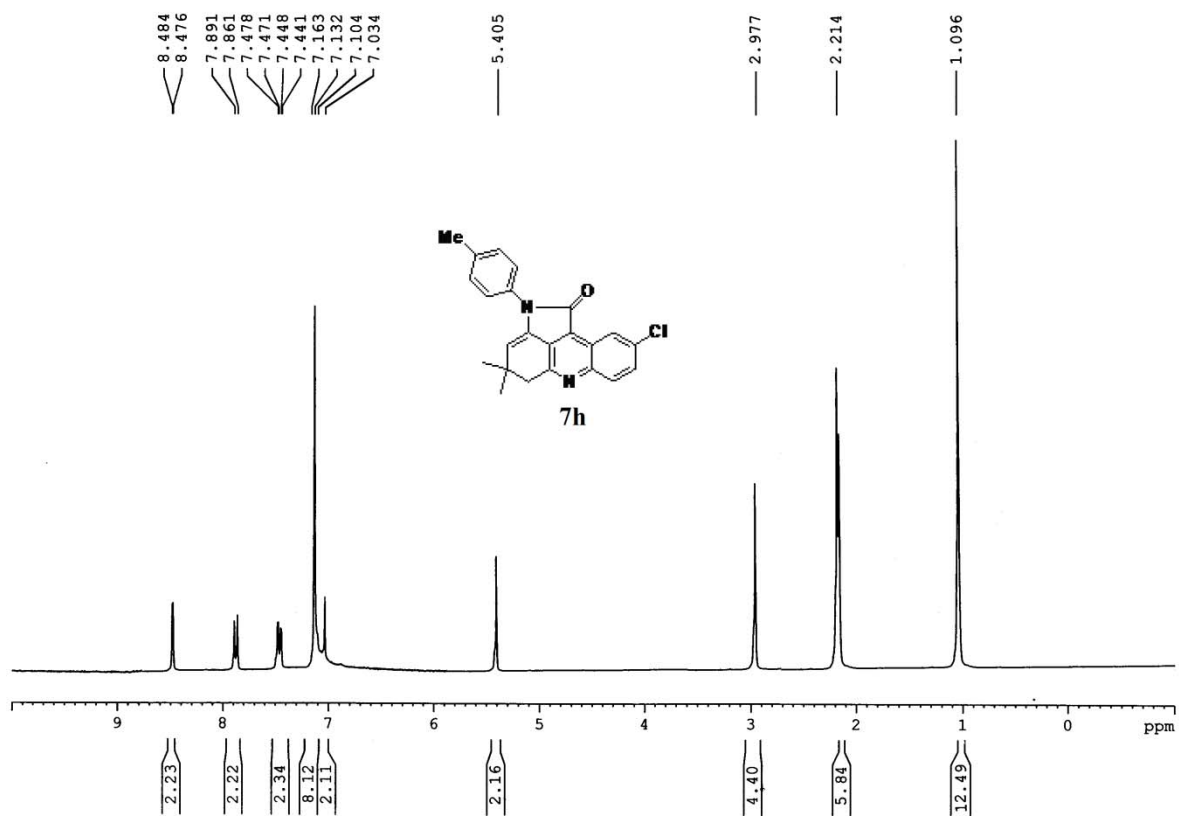


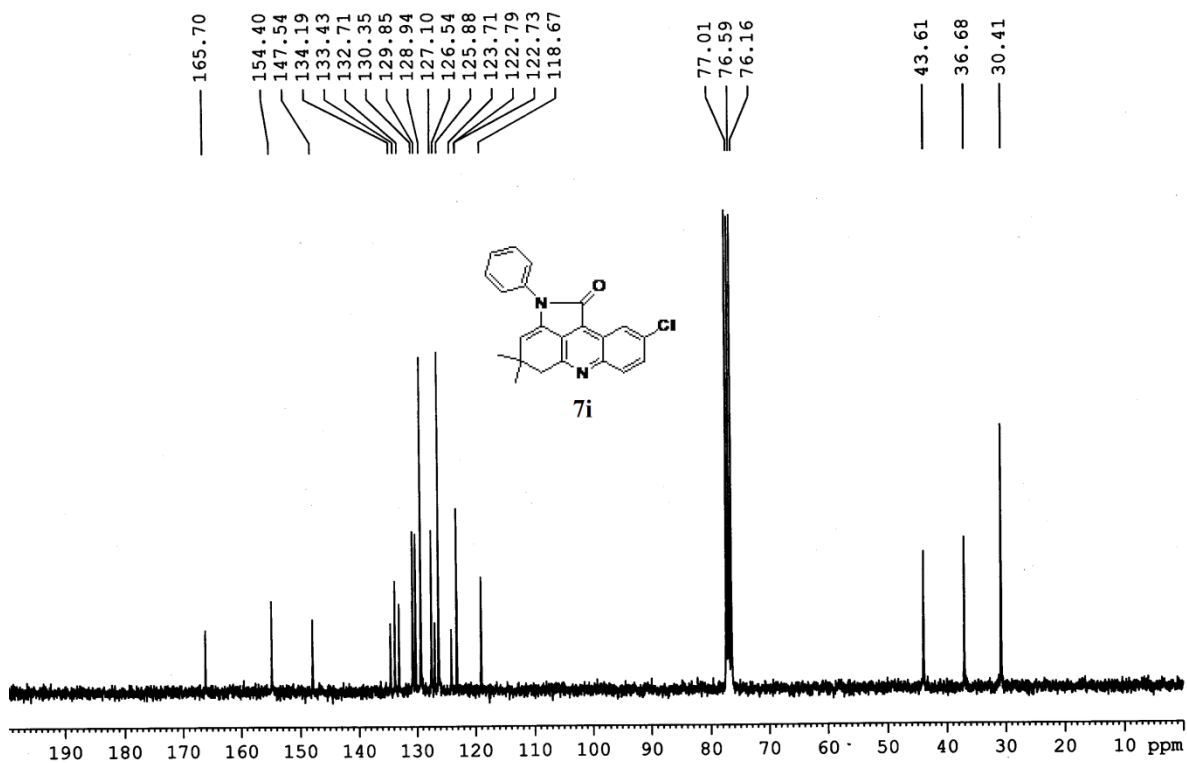
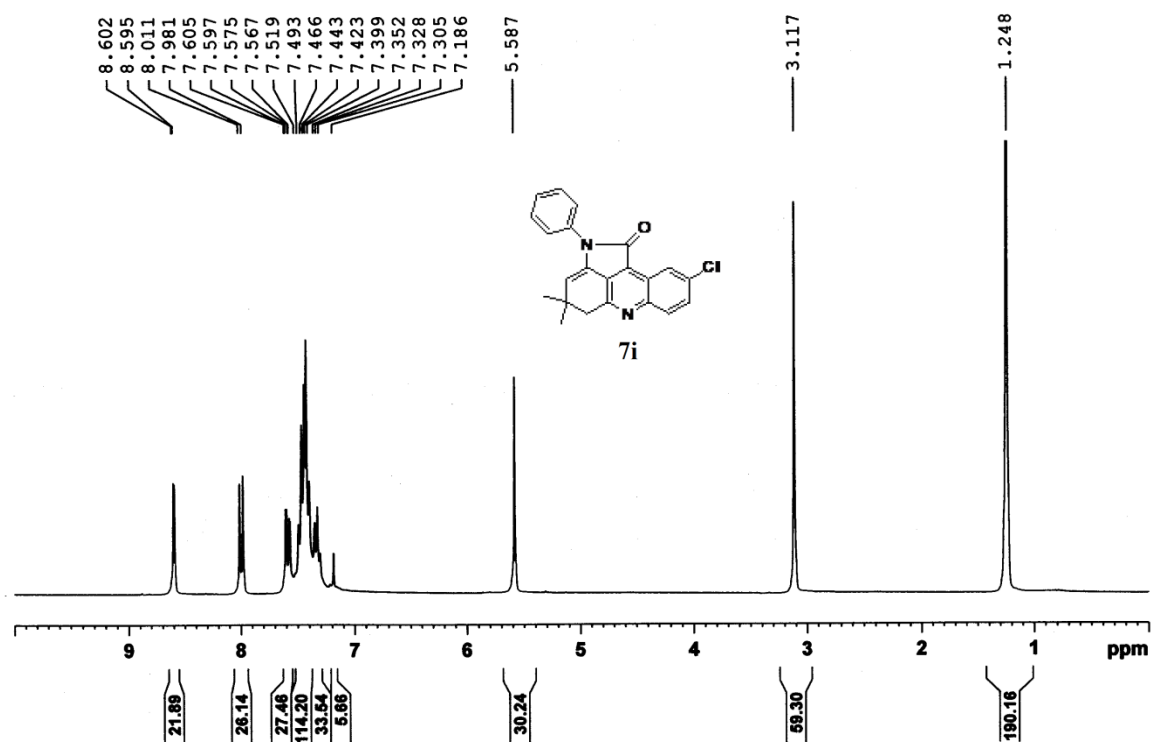


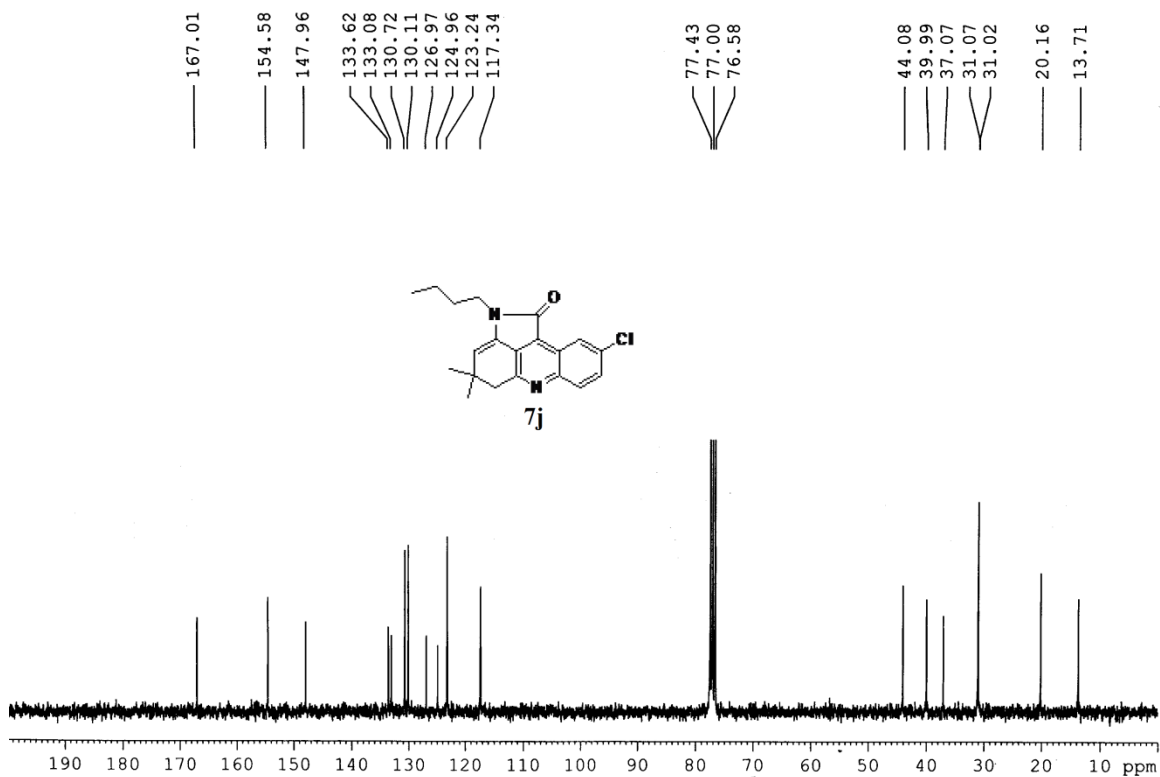
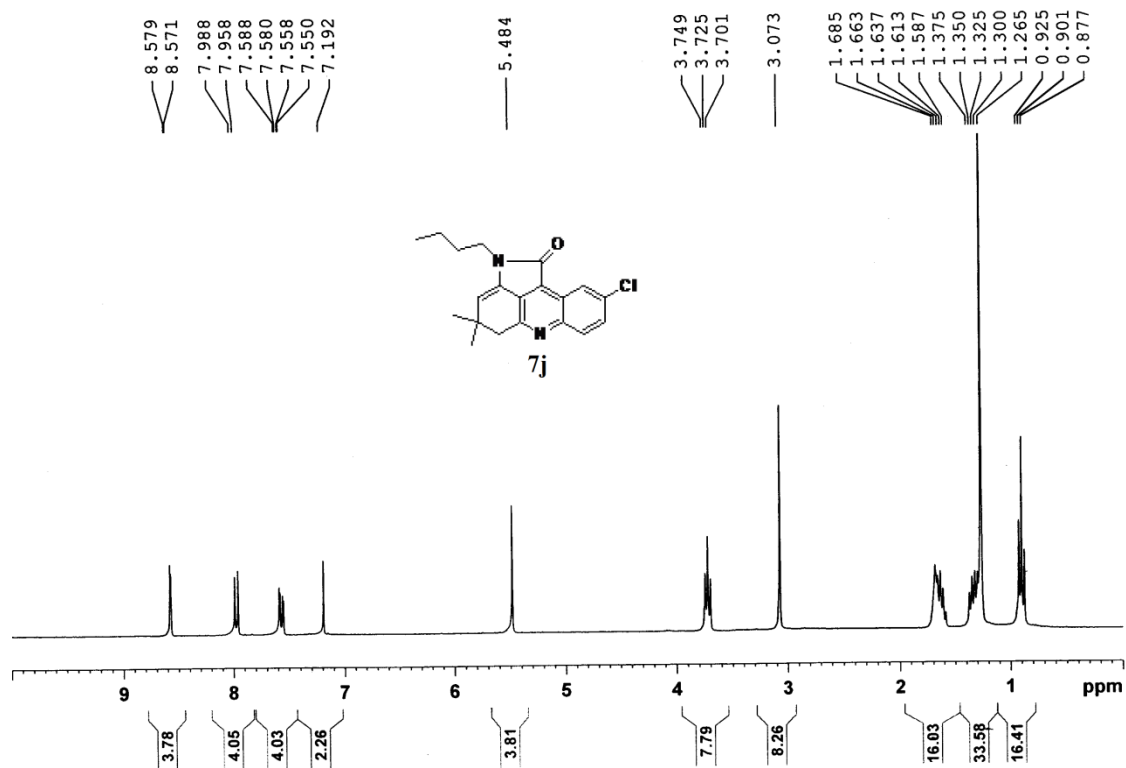


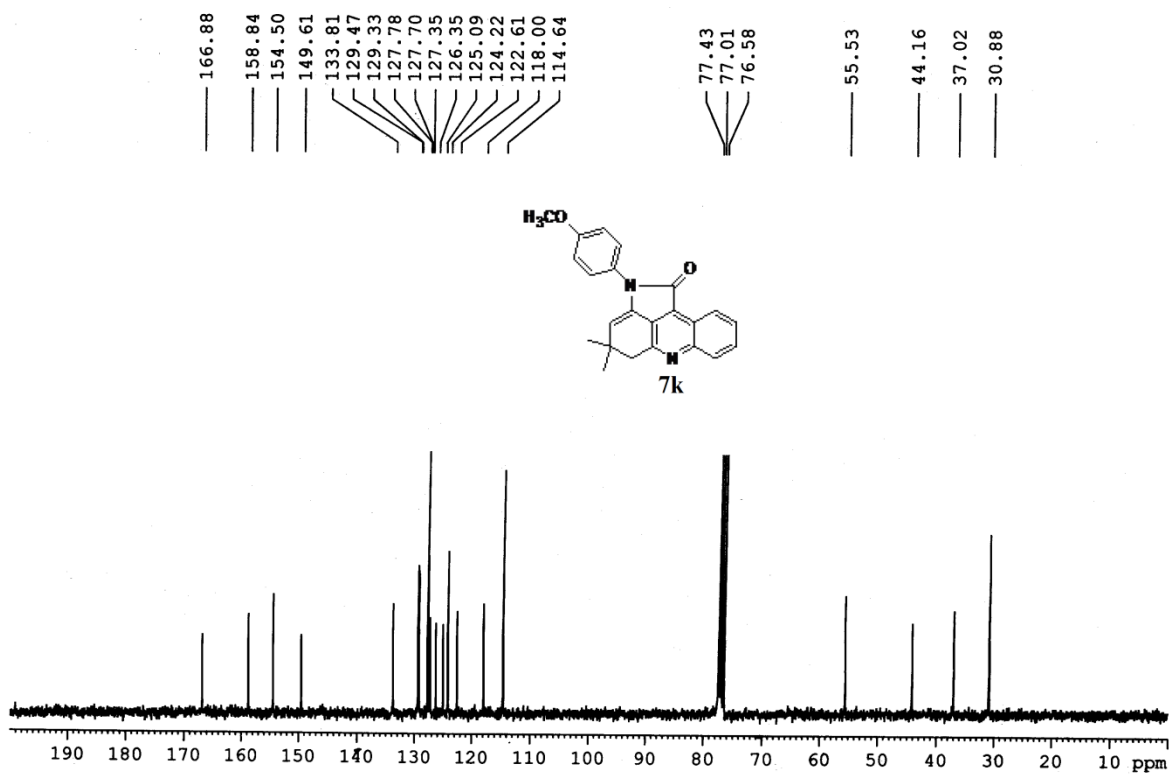
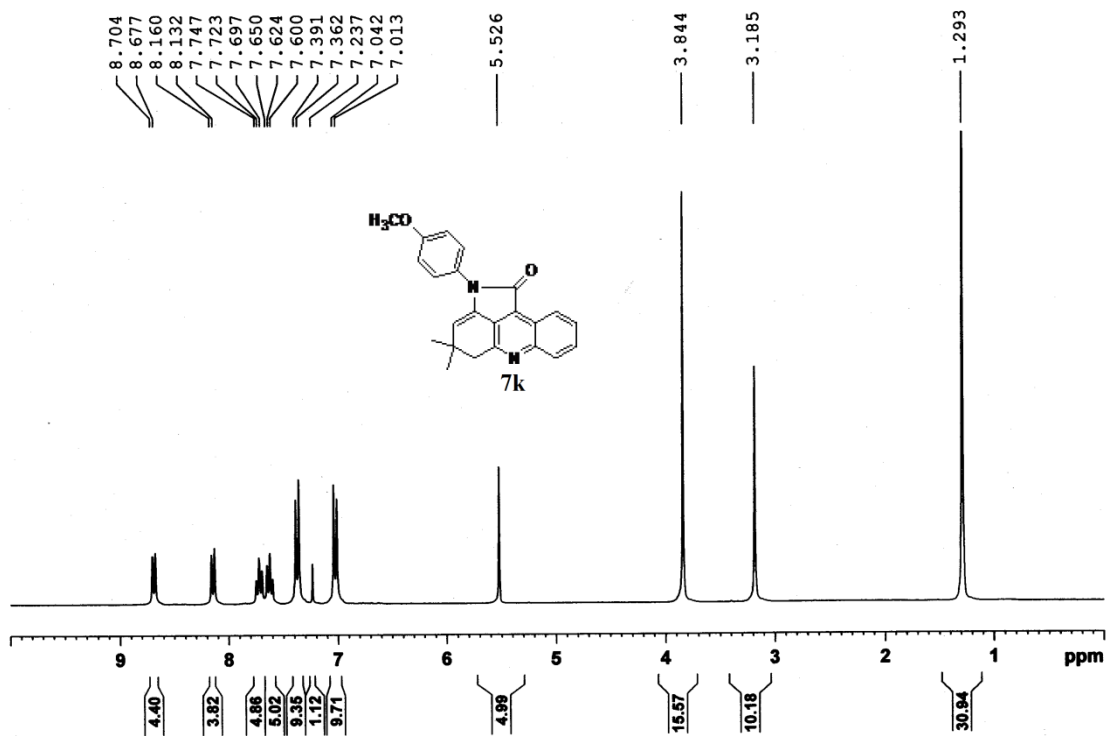


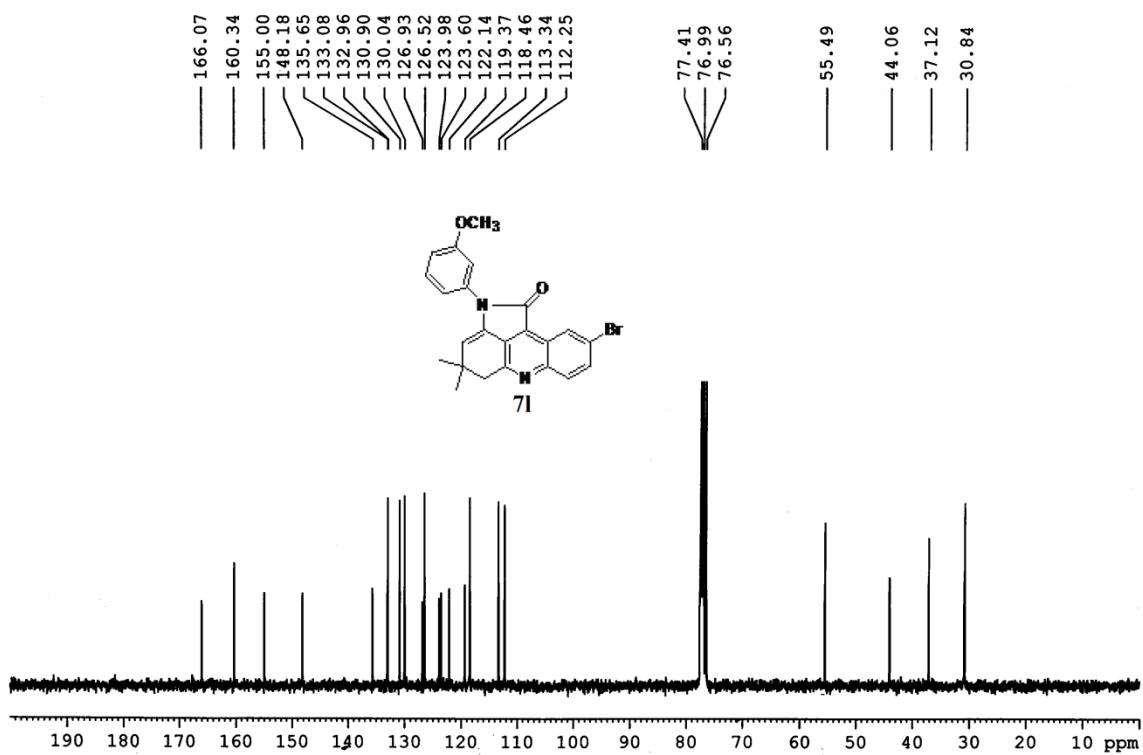
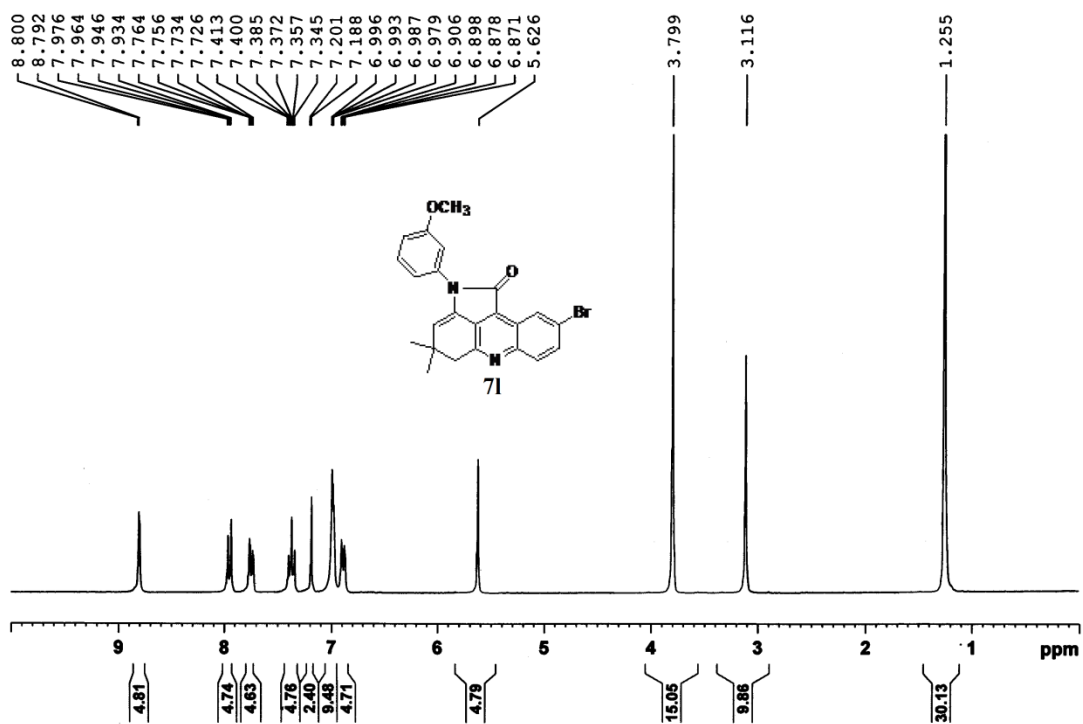


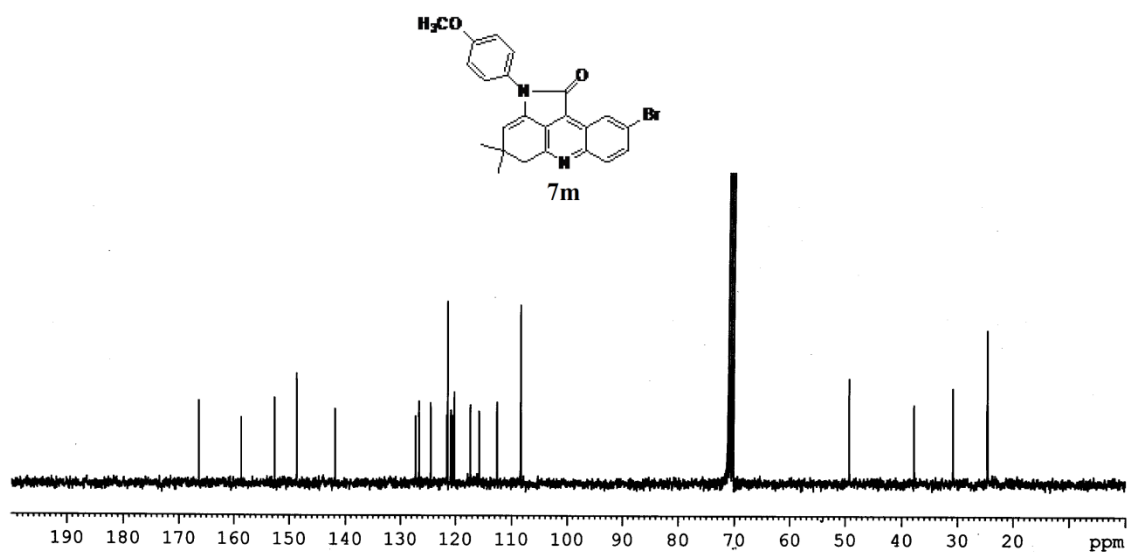
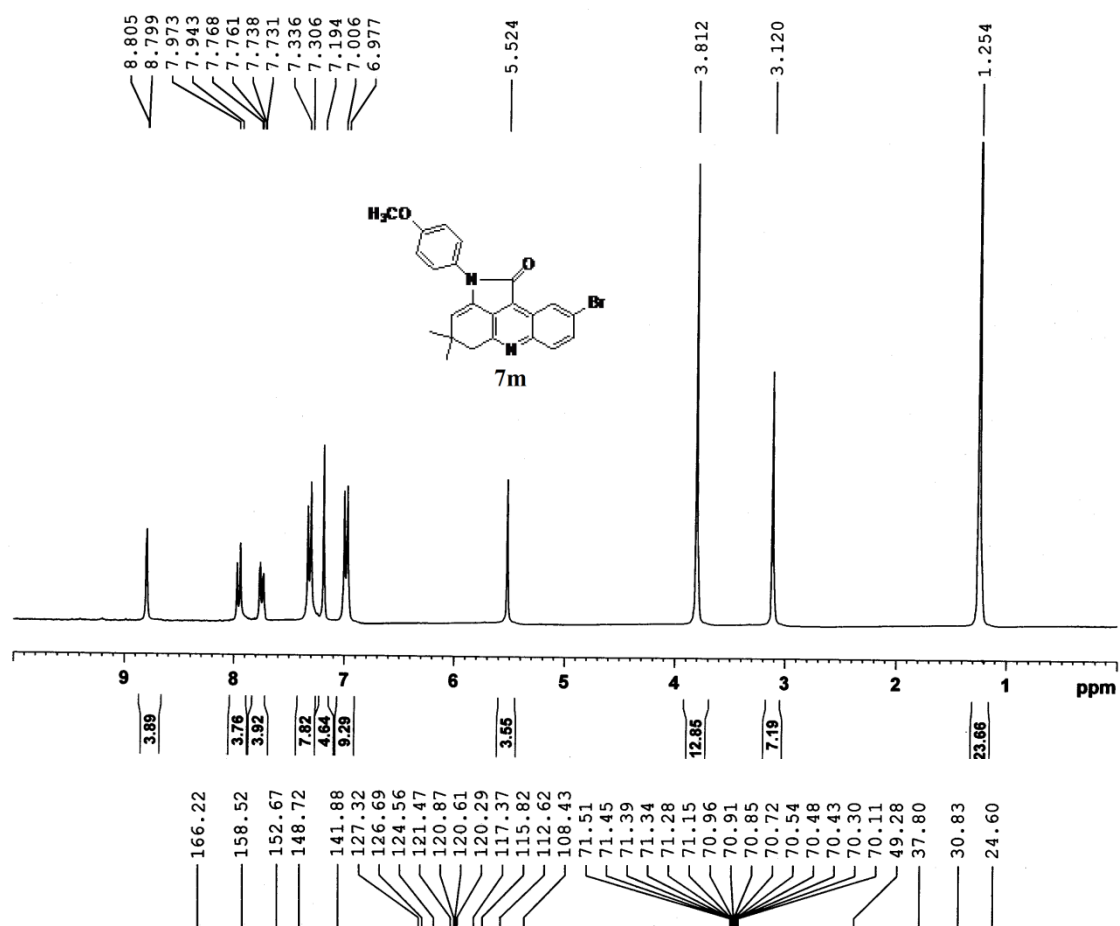


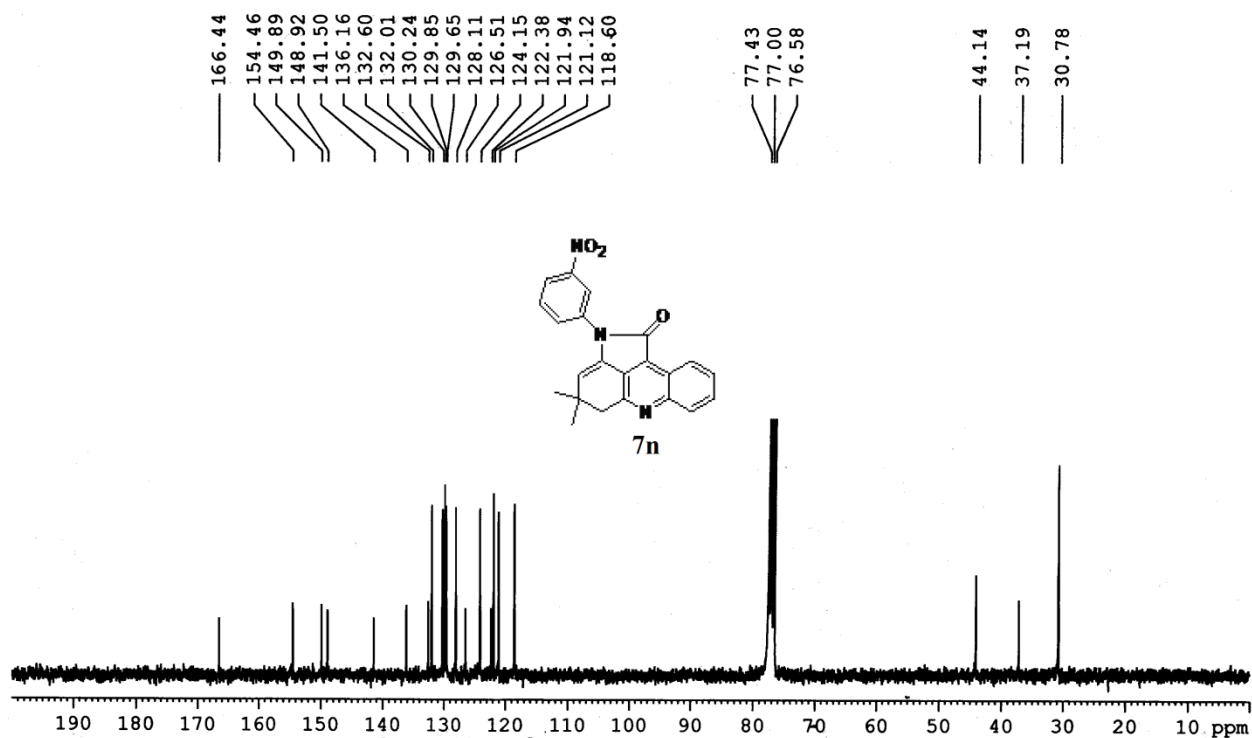
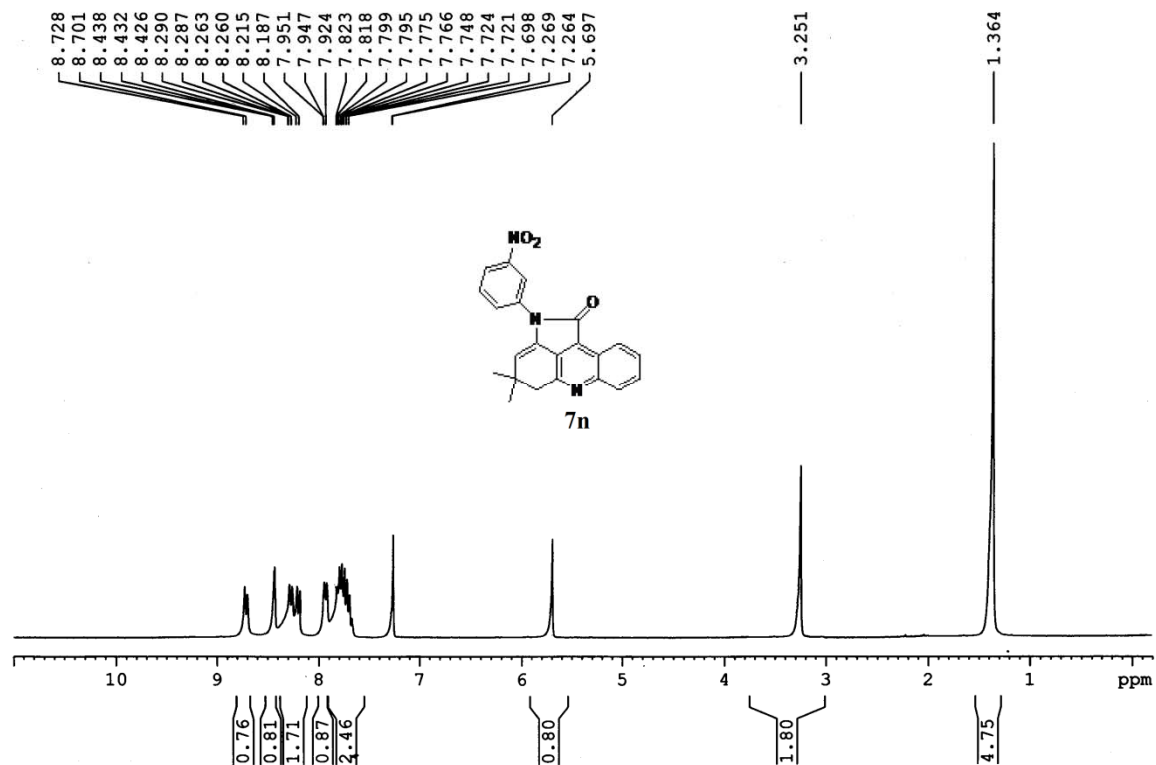












Supporting Information 2

Covalently anchored carboxylic acid on uniform spherical silica nanoparticles with narrow slit like mesopores for the synthesis of pyrroloacridinones: CuI-catalyzed further C(sp³)-H oxyfunctionalization for C=O formation

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A. ORTEP diagram of **8p**

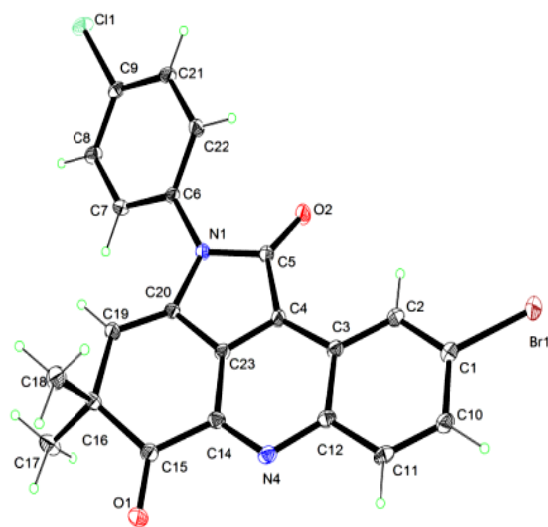
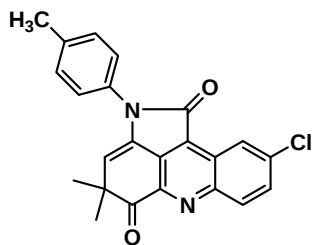


Figure 1. X-ray single crystal structure of **8p** (CCDC 972994).

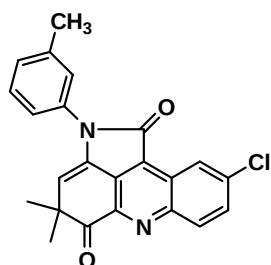
B. Spectroscopic characterization of 8a-8s

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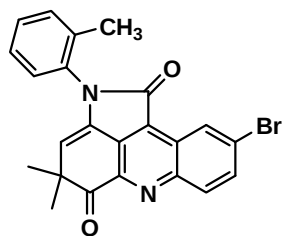
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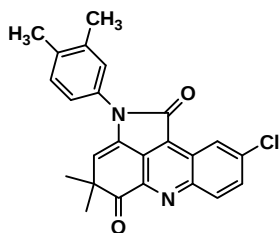
Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 180-182 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{17}ClN_2O_2$: C, 71.04; H, 4.41; N, 7.20%. Found: C, 71.05; H, 4.42; N, 7.21%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3054, 2970, 2932, 1702, 1666, 1444, 1336, 1276, 1128, 771; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.53 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 2.48 (3H, s, CH_3), 5.87 (1H, s, CH), 7.29 (2H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom.), 7.34 (1H, s, arom), 7.47 (1H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom.), 7.82 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, arom.), 8.44 (1H, d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, arom.), 8.82 (1H, d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 21.5, 27.6, 48.9, 118.4, 123.1, 123.5, 125.3, 127.2, 127.3, 129.0, 129.4, 130.8, 130.9, 131.9, 132.1, 133.6, 133.7, 138.0, 139.8, 142.8, 148.5, 165.2, 199.3.

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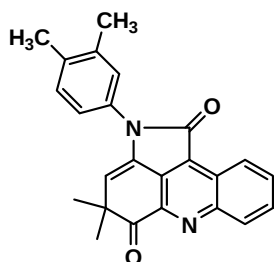
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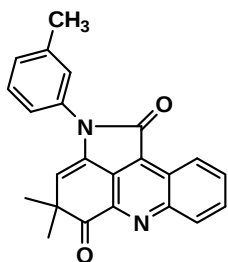
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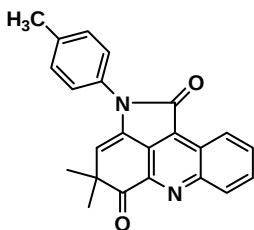
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4,4-dimethyl-2-m-tolylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8f):



Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 185-187 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}N_2O_2$: C, 77.95; H, 5.12; N, 7.90%. Found: C, 77.96; H, 5.13; N, 7.91%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3394, 2952, 2929, 1704, 1645, 1345, 1110, 777, 696; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.45 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 2.40 (3H, s, CH_3), 5.75 (1H, s, CH), 7.21 (2H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, arom.), 7.28 (1H, s, arom.), 7.39 (1H, t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, arom.), 7.77-7.85 (2H, m, arom.), 8.45 (1H, dd, $J = 9.3$ Hz, $J = 1.8$ Hz, arom.), 8.78 (1H, dd, $J = 6.9$ Hz, $J = 1.8$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 21.4, 27.6, 48.8, 117.5, 123.5, 124.0, 124.9, 127.3, 128.1, 128.9, 129.3, 130.7, 131.1, 131.2, 131.5, 132.4, 134.0, 139.7, 142.8, 150.3, 165.6, 199.6.

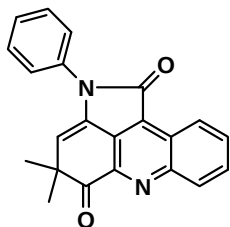
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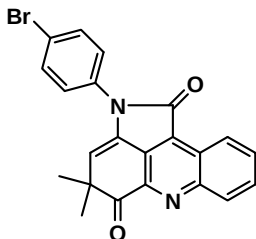
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4,4-dimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8h):



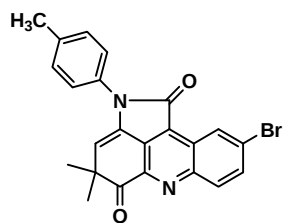
Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 190-192 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{16}N_2O_2$: C, 77.63; H, 4.74; N, 8.23%. Found: C, 77.64; H, 4.75; N, 8.24%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3409, 2965, 2933, 1701, 1649, 1345, 1101, 777, 699; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.52 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 5.84 (1H, s, CH), 7.44-7.57 (5H, m, arom.), 7.85 (2H, d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, arom.), 8.47 (1H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, arom.), 8.79 (1H, d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 27.5, 48.7, 117.5, 123.9, 124.7, 126.4, 127.9, 129.5, 130.6, 130.8, 131.1, 131.4, 132.2, 134.1, 142.7, 150.1, 165.4, 199.4.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-4,4-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8i):



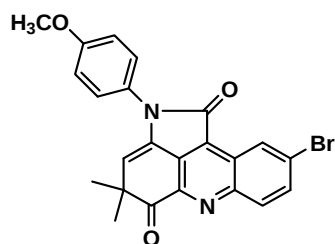
Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 168-170 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); nal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{15}BrN_2O_2$: C, 63.02; H, 3.61; N, 6.68%. Found: C, 63.03; H, 3.62; N, 6.69%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3398, 2944, 2934, 1702, 1640, 1324, 1109, 774, 690; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.53 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 5.84 (1H, s, CH), 7.42 (2H, dd, $J = 6.9$ Hz, $J = 1.8$ Hz, arom.), 7.71 (2H, dd, $J = 6.0$ Hz, $J = 1.8$ Hz, arom.), 7.87-7.91 (2H, m, arom.), 8.52 (1H, dd, $J = 8.1$ Hz, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.), 8.84 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6$ Hz, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 27.6, 48.9, 118.4, 121.9, 125.5, 126.4, 128.0, 130.4, 132.0, 132.9, 133.1, 133.7, 134.6, 142.9, 148.7, 164.9, 198.9.

9-bromo-4,4-dimethyl-2-p-tolylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8j):



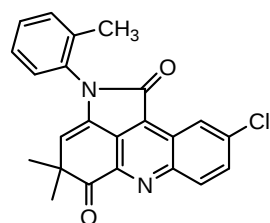
Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 190-192 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{17}BrN_2O_2$: C, 63.75; H, 3.95; N, 6.47%. Found: C, 63.76; H, 3.96; N, 6.48%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3057, 2962, 2924, 1705, 1669, 1599, 1514, 1444, 1356, 1278, 1156, 776; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.52 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 2.46 (3H, s, CH_3), 5.85 (1H, s, CH), 7.36-7.39 (4H, m, arom.), 7.96 (1H, dd, $J = 9.1$ Hz, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.), 8.37 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, arom.), 9.02 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 20.4, 27.6, 48.9, 118.2, 125.6, 126.3, 126.6, 127.1, 130.1, 130.8, 131.3, 130.8, 131.3, 132.0, 133.6, 134.4, 138.2, 142.9, 148.7, 165.1, 199.2.

9-bromo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8k):



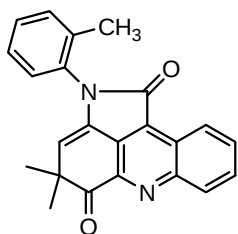
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9-chloro-4,4-dimethyl-2-o-tolylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8l):



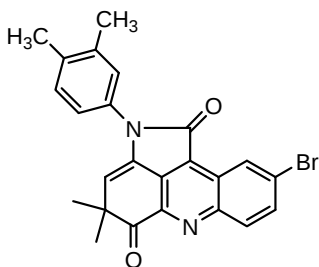
Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 160-162 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₇ClN₂O₂: C, 71.04; H, 4.41; N, 7.20%. Found: C, 71.14; H, 4.40; N, 7.24%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3059, 2965, 2929, 1703, 1670, 1562, 1515, 1447, 1355, 1283, 1167, 770; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 1.49 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.50 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.25 (3H, s, CH₃), 5.46 (1H, s, CH), 7.20-7.38 (4H, m, arom.), 7.90 (1H, td, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, arom.), 8.31 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, arom.), 8.94 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 17.8, 27.4, 27.6, 48.8, 117.8, 122.7, 125.6, 126.4, 126.5, 127.0, 128.4, 129.3, 130.9, 131.4, 132.2, 132.4, 133.5, 134.3, 136.5, 142.6, 148.6, 164.9, 199.1.

4,4-dimethyl-2-o-tolylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8m):



Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 200-202 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₈N₂O₂: C, 77.95; H, 5.12; N, 7.90%. Found: C, 77.99; H, 5.10; N, 7.95%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3058, 2965, 2929, 1700, 1656, 1599, 1516, 1434, 1366, 1278, 1166, 777; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 1.53 (6H, s, 2xCH₃), 2.48 (3H, s, CH₃), 5.50 (1H, s, CH), 7.35-7.45 (4H, m, arom.), 7.87-7.92 (2H, m, arom.), 8.55 (1H, dd, J = 9.3 Hz, J = 2.1 Hz, arom.), 8.87 (1H, dd, J = 9.9 Hz, J = 2.1 Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 21.5, 27.6, 48.9, 117.6, 121.9, 124.0, 124.9, 127.3, 128.2, 128.9, 129.3, 130.1, 131.1, 131.2, 131.5, 132.4, 134.0, 139.7, 142.8, 149.3, 165.6, 199.6.

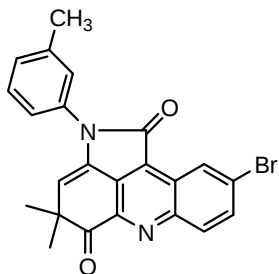
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Yellow colored solid; m.p. 190-192 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉BrN₂O₂: C, 64.44; H, 4.28; N, 6.26%. Found: C, 64.47; H, 4.29; N, 6.26%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3052, 2922, 1702, 1664, 1502, 1443, 1335, 1213, 845, 779, 620; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 1.44 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.28 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.29 (3H, s, CH₃), 5.76 (1H, s, CH), 7.12-7.27 (3H, m, Hz, arom.), 7.79 (1H, dd, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 2.1 Hz, arom.), 8.29 (1H, d, J = 9.3 Hz,

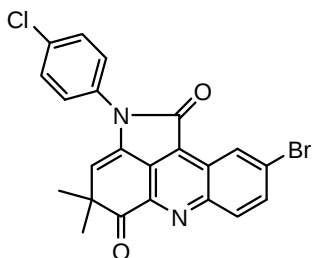
arom.), 8.95 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 19.6, 20.0, 27.6, 28.2, 49.0, 118.2, 123.2, 125.7, 126.5, 126.7, 127.3, 128.6, 129.6, 131.0, 131.4, 132.1, 132.1, 133.3, 134.2, 137.1, 138.3, 142.9, 148.7, 164.3, 199.4.

9-bromo-4,4-dimethyl-2-m-tolylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8o):



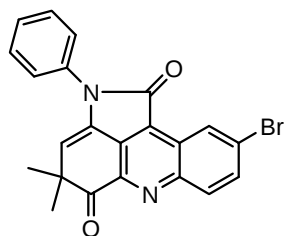
Yellow colored solid; m.p. 168-170 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₇BrN₂O₂: C, 63.75; H, 3.95; N, 6.47%. Found: C, 63.70; H, 3.94; N, 6.50%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: Anal. 3051, 2929, 1706, 1666, 1505, 1447, 1333, 1215, 855, 777, 622; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 1.50 (6H, s, 2xCH₃), 2.44 (3H, s, CH₃), 5.87 (1H, s, CH), 7.13-7.48 (4H, m, arom.), 7.97 (1H, d, J = 9.3 Hz, arom.), 8.37 (1H, d, J = 9.3 Hz, arom.), 9.03 (1H, br s, arom.).

9-bromo-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,4-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8p):



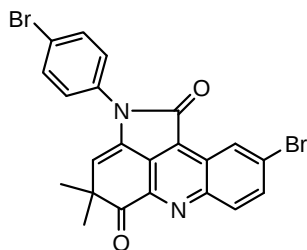
Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 188-190 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₄BrClN₂O₂: C, 58.24; H, 3.11; N, 6.17%. Found: C, 58.29; H, 3.11; N, 6.14%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3054, 2955, 1701, 1669, 1499, 1444, 1336, 1278, 1133, 834, 769, 492; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 1.51-1.49 (6H, s, 2xCH₃), 2.25 (3H, s, CH₃), 5.54 (1H, s, CH), 7.41 (4H, q, J = 7.5 Hz, arom.), 7.83 (1H, dd, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 2.4 Hz, arom.), 8.46 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, arom.), 8.83 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, arom.).

9-Bromo-4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2,4-dihydro-pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5-dione (8q):



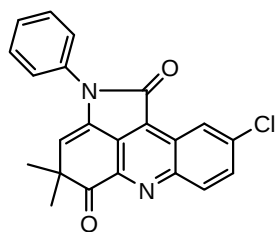
Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 168-170 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{15}BrN_2O_2$: C, 63.02; H, 3.61; N, 6.68%. Found: C, 63.03; H, 3.62; N, 6.69%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3056, 2965, 1705, 1677, 1489, 1454, 1339, 1279, 1153, 839, 777, 499; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.53 (6H, s, $2 \times CH_3$), 5.91 (1H, s, CH), 7.42-7.62 (5H, m, arom.), 7.97 (1H, dd, $J = 9.3$ Hz, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.), 8.38 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, arom.), 9.03 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.).

9-bromo-2-(4-bromophenyl)-4,4-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridine-1,5(2H,4H)-dione (8r):



Deep yellow colored solid; m.p. 180-182 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{14}Br_2N_2O_2$: C, 53.04; H, 2.83; N, 5.62%. Found: C, 53.00; H, 2.80; N, 5.65%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3053, 2965, 1706, 1668, 1490, 1445, 1336, 1277, 1158, 830, 768, 491; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 1.53 (3H, s, CH_3), 5.89 (1H, s, CH), 7.42 (2H, dd, $J = 8.7$ Hz, $J = 3.0$ Hz, arom.), 7.72 (2H, dd, $J = 6.6$ Hz, $J = 3.3$ Hz, arom.), 7.97 (1H, dd, $J = 9.3$ Hz, $J = 1.5$ Hz, arom.), 8.36 (1H, d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, arom.), 9.0 (1H, s, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 27.6, 48.9, 118.4, 121.9, 125.5, 126.4, 128.0, 130.4, 132.0, 132.9, 133.1, 133.7, 134.6, 142.9, 148.7, 164.9, 198.9.

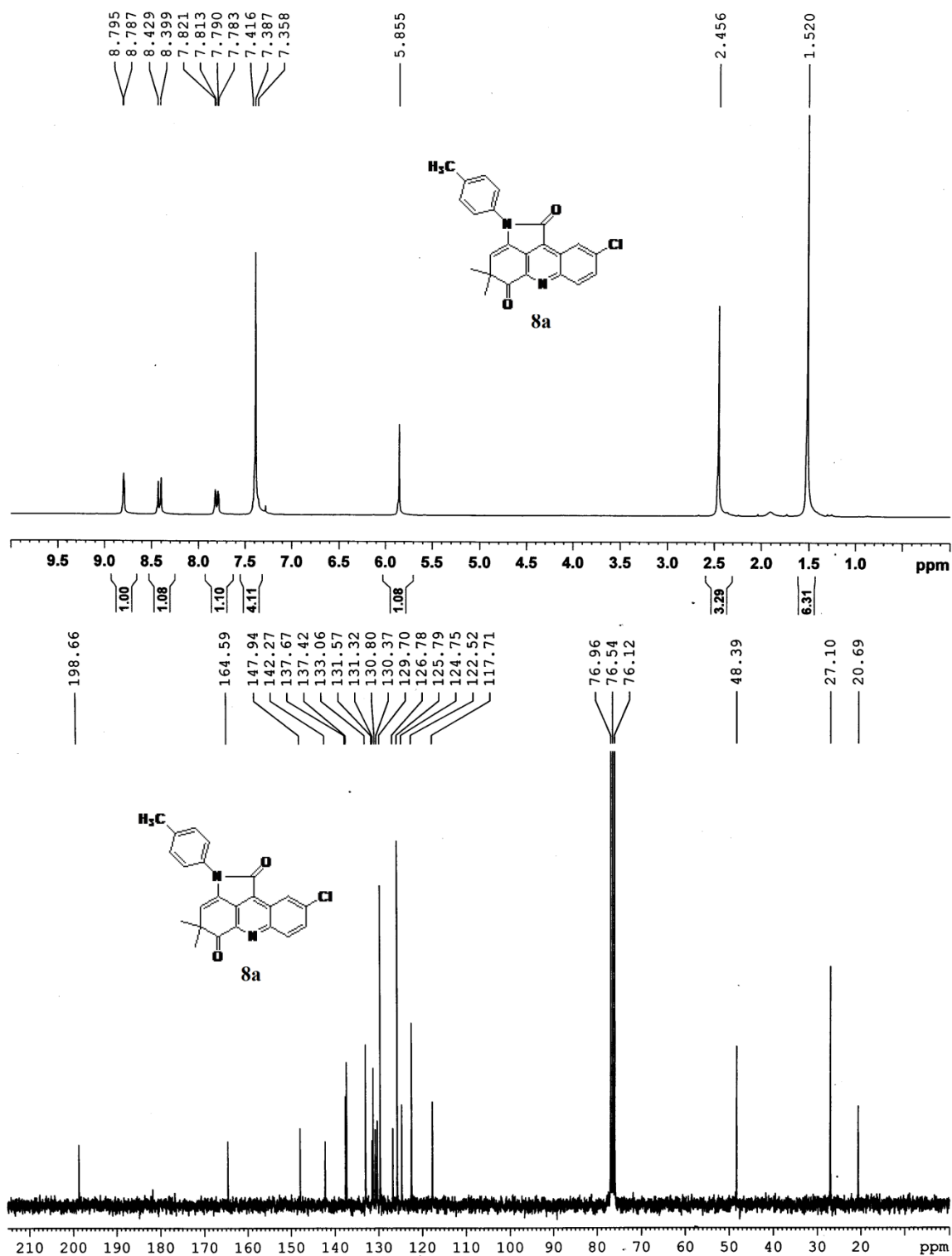
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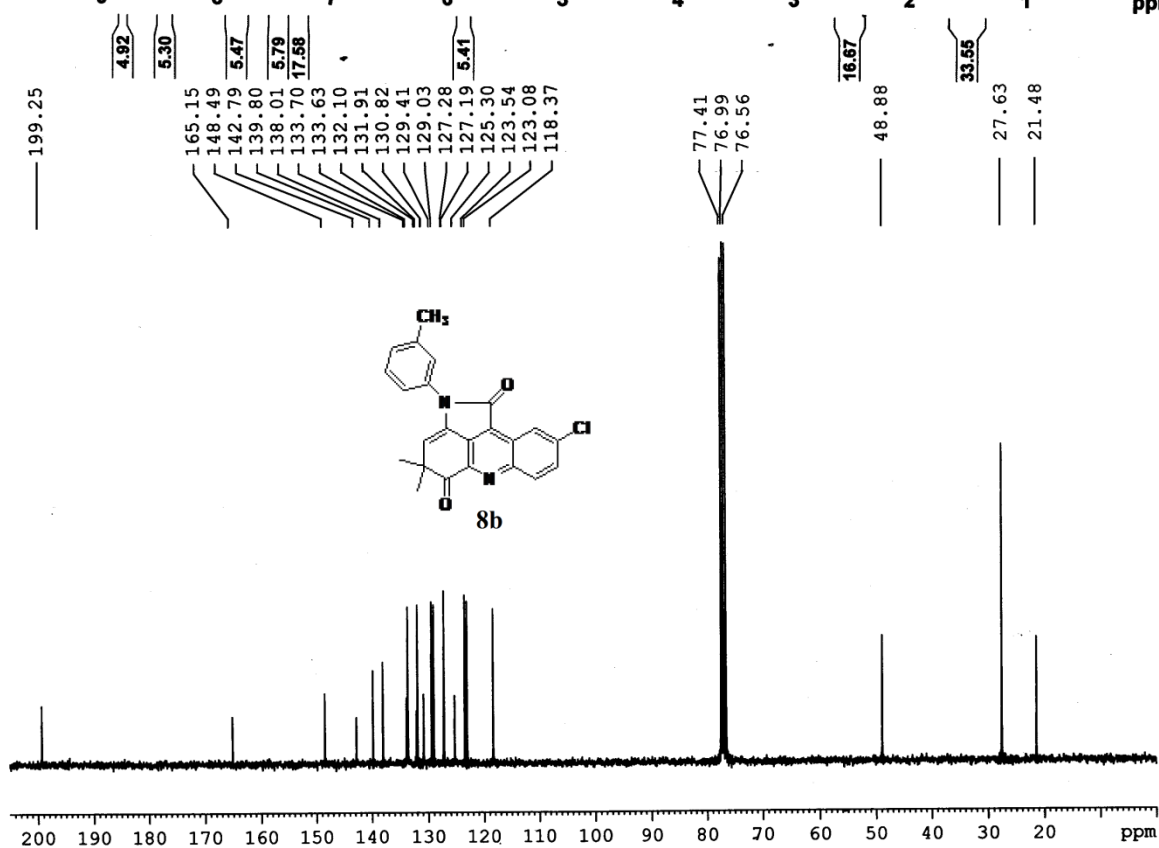
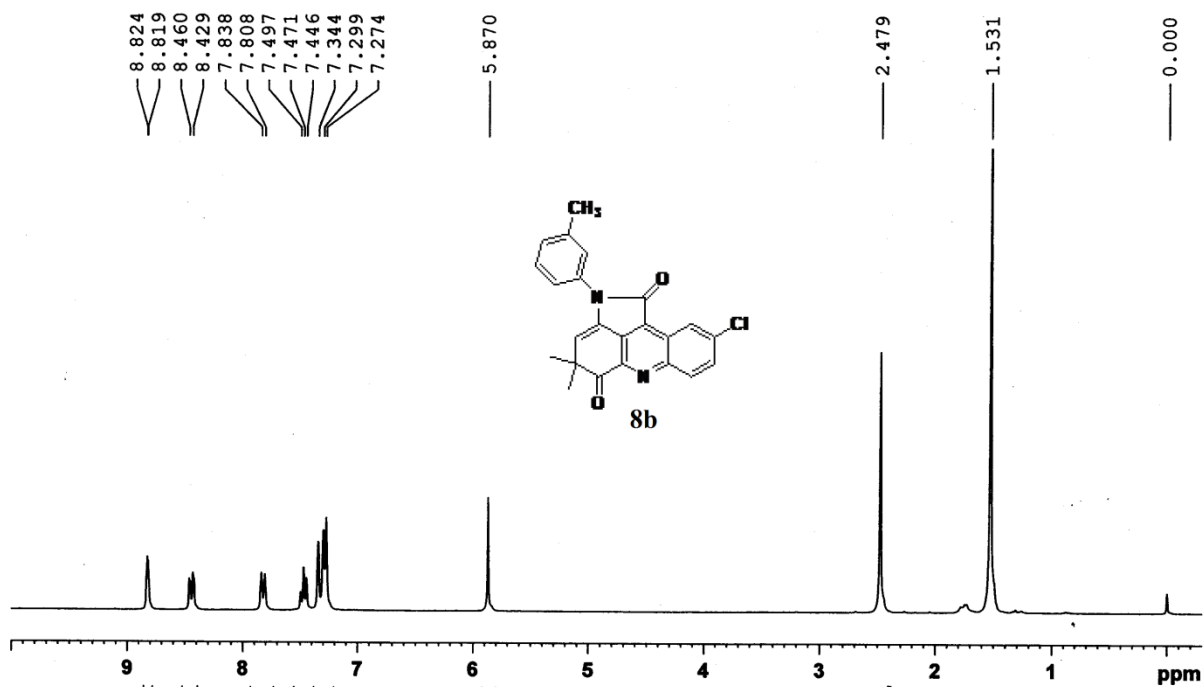


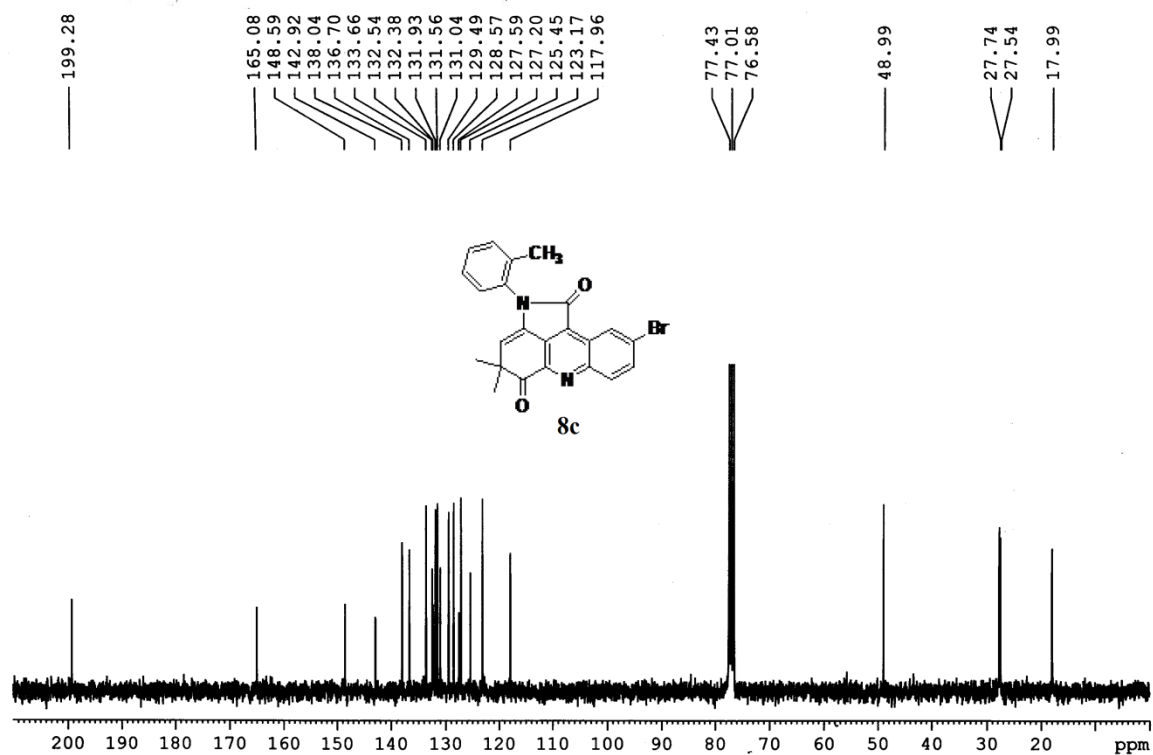
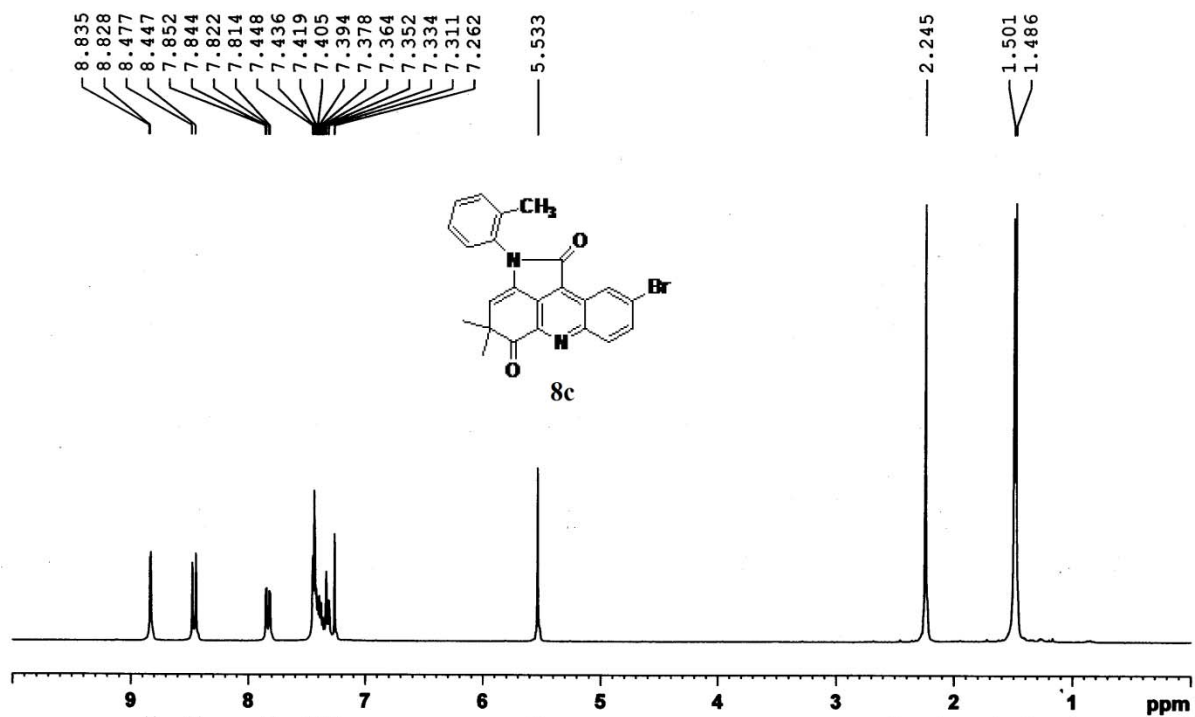
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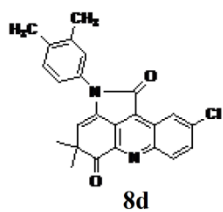
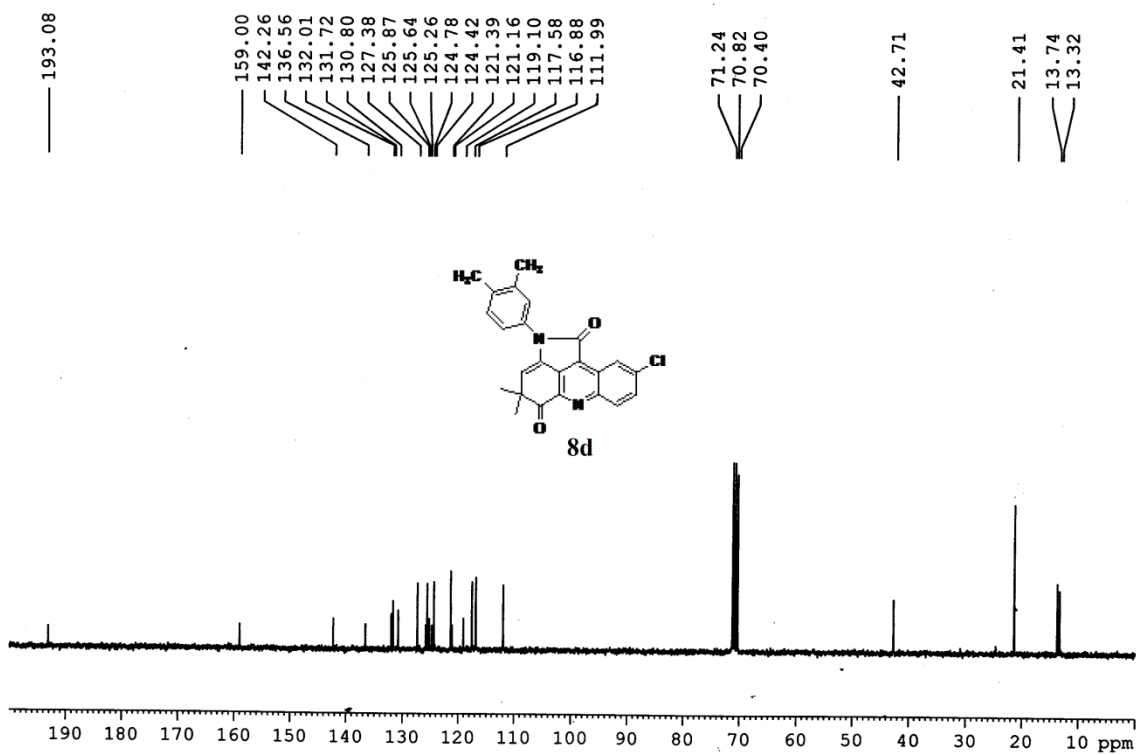
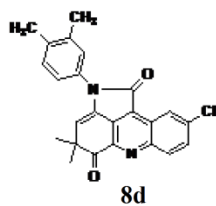
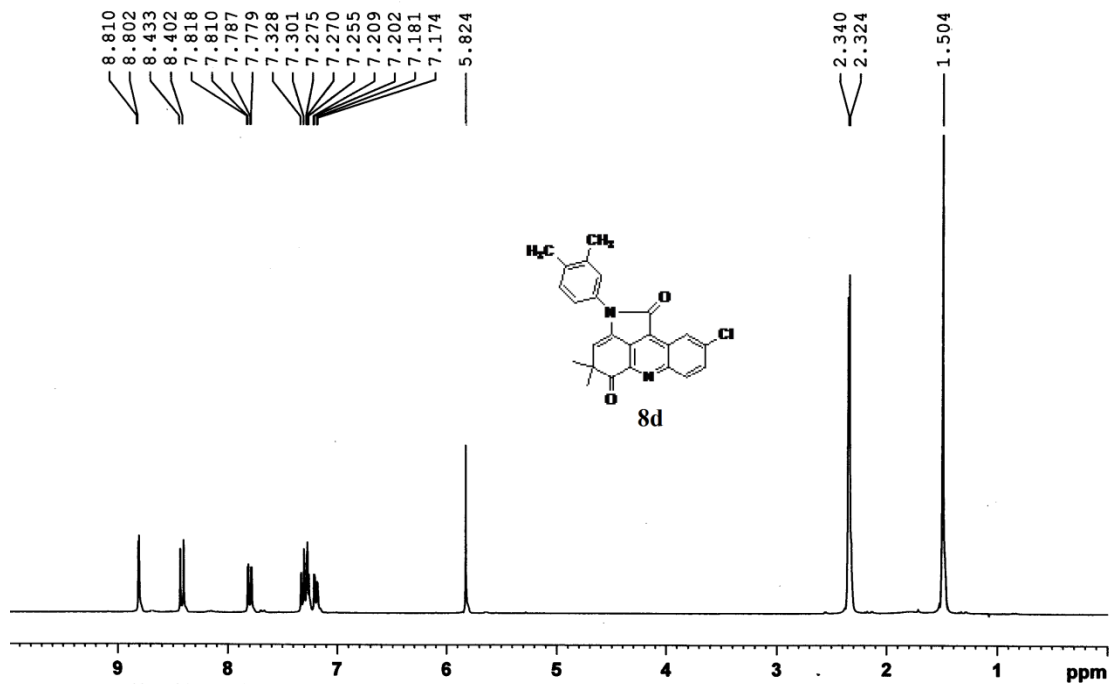
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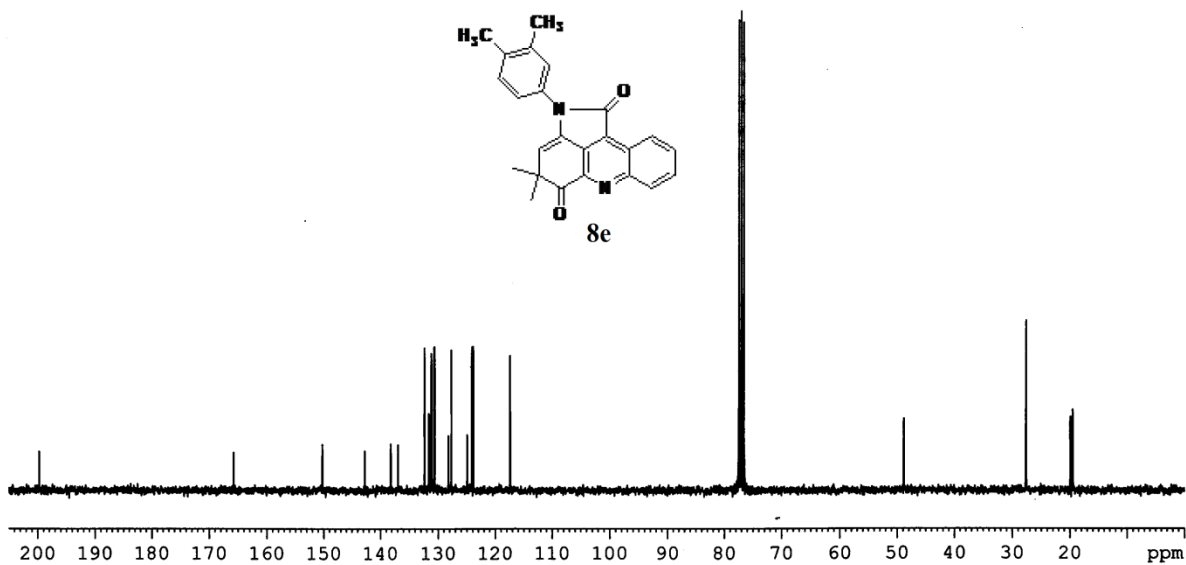
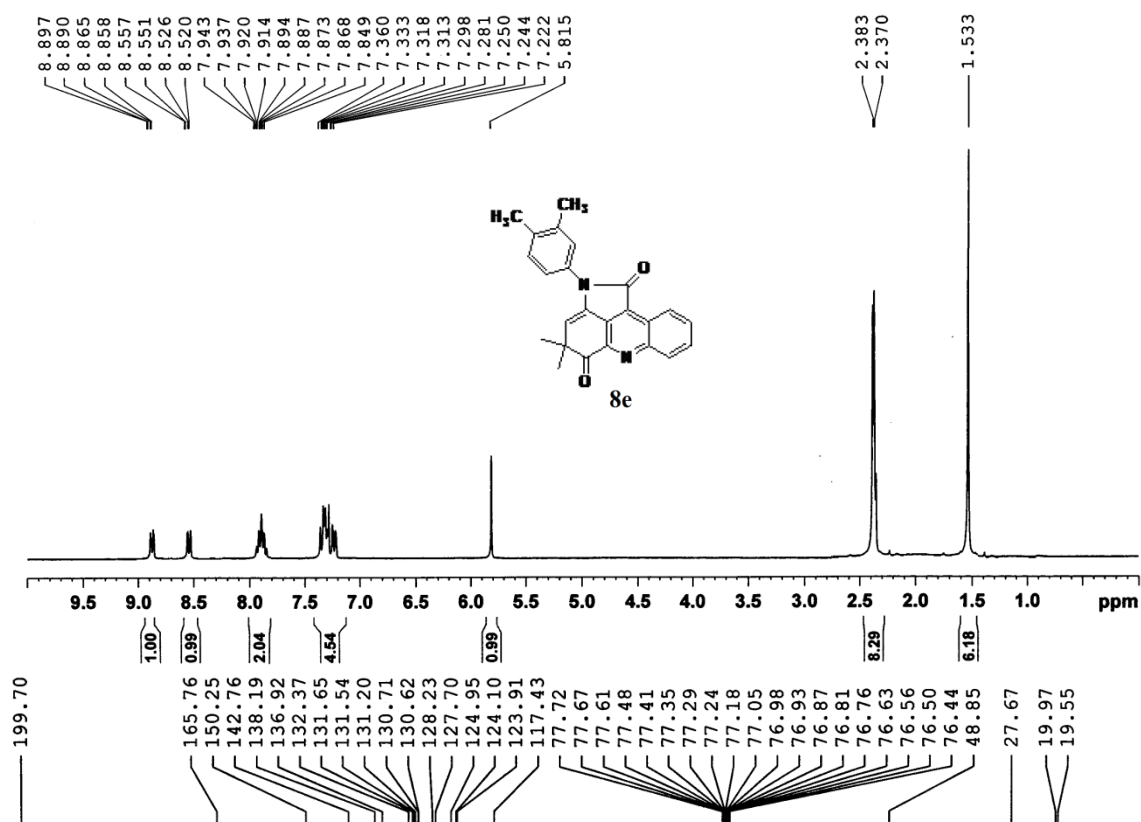
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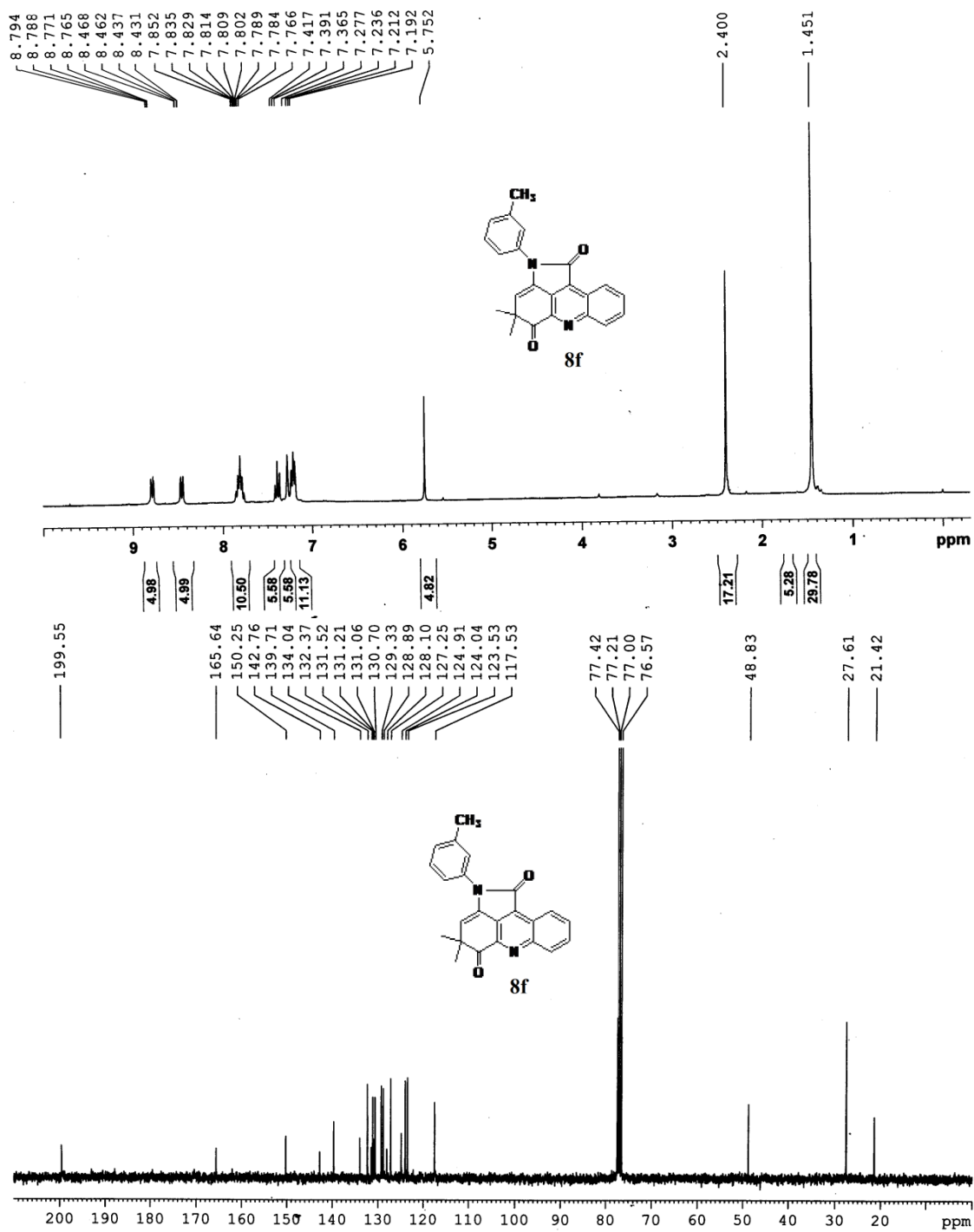


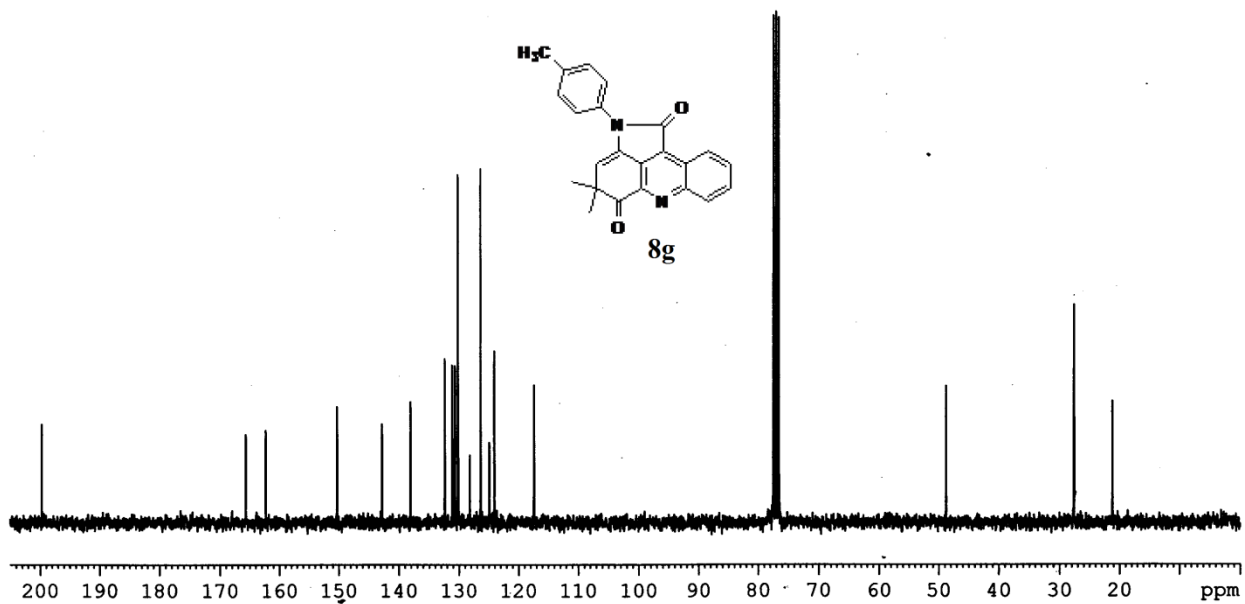
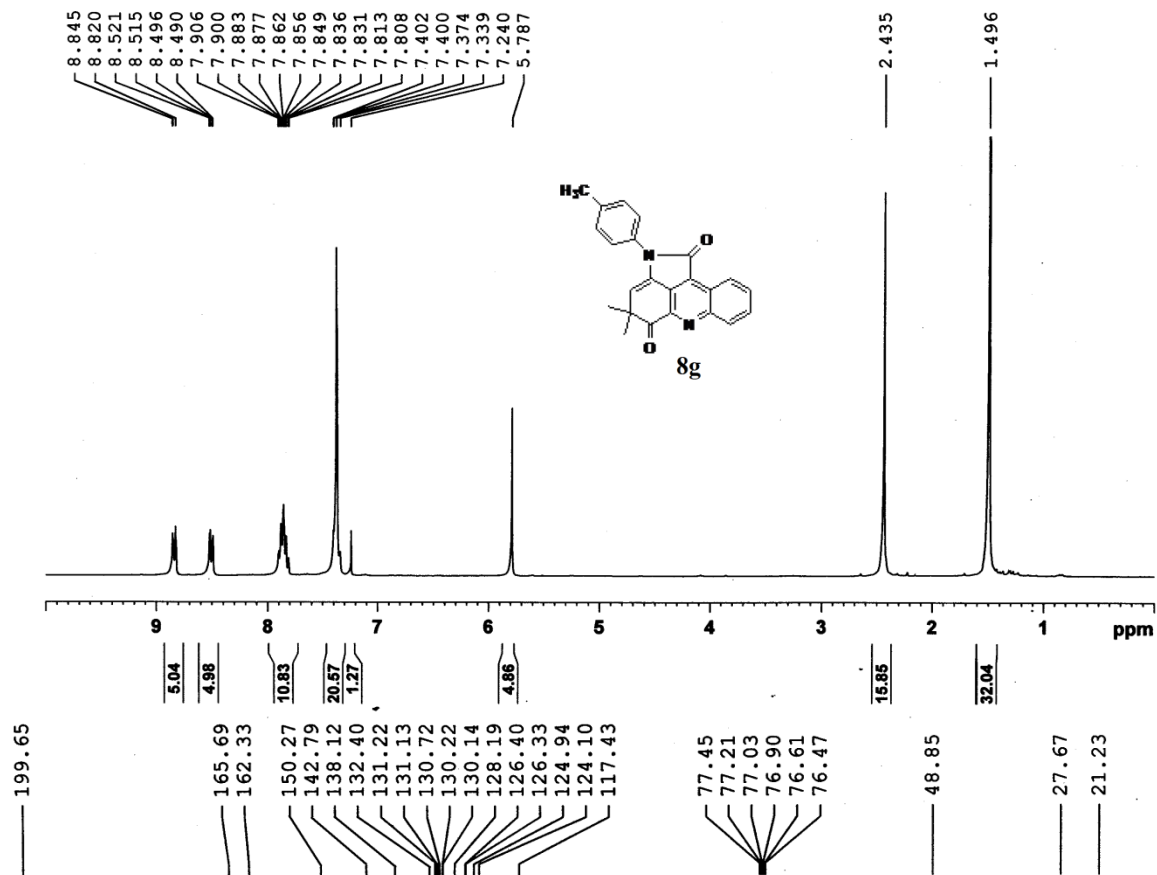


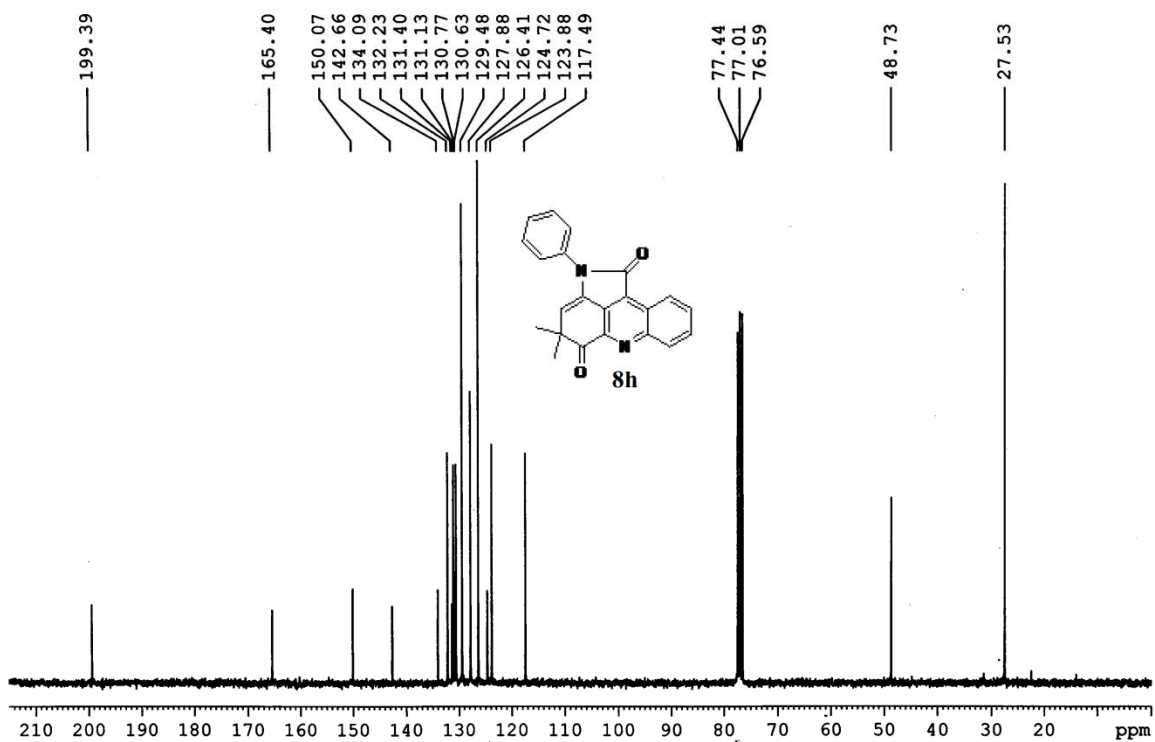
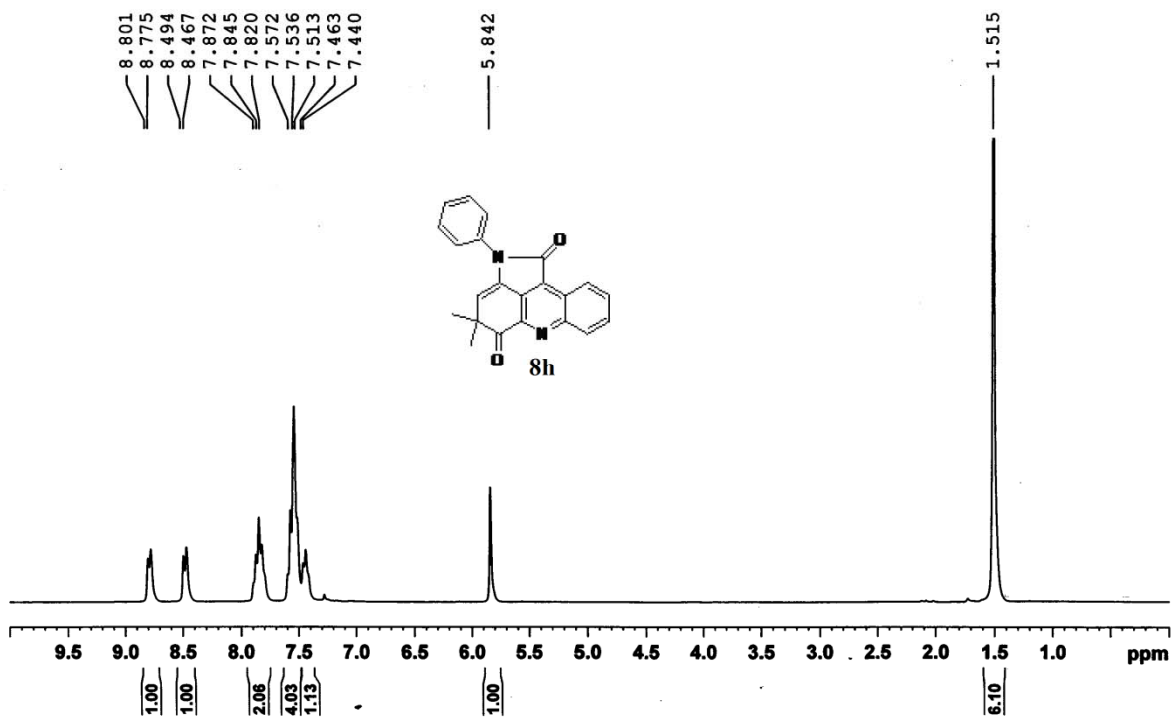


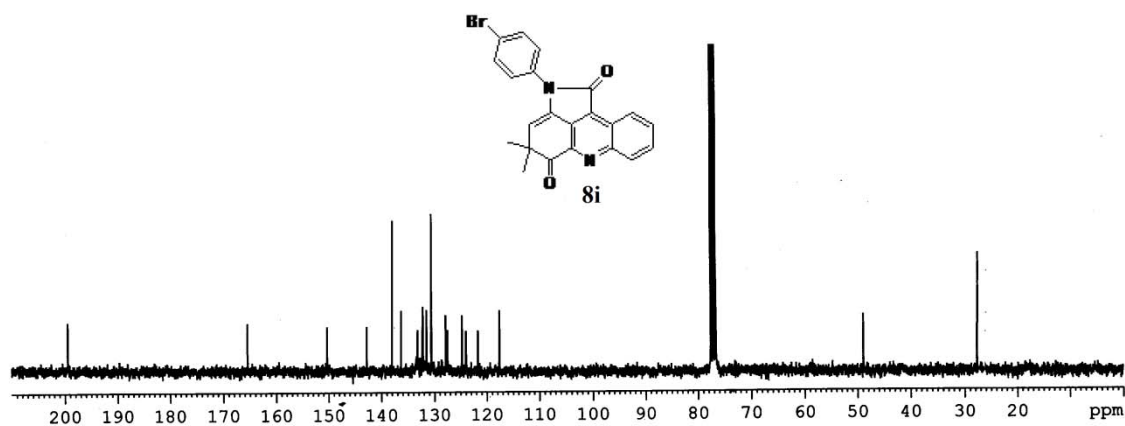
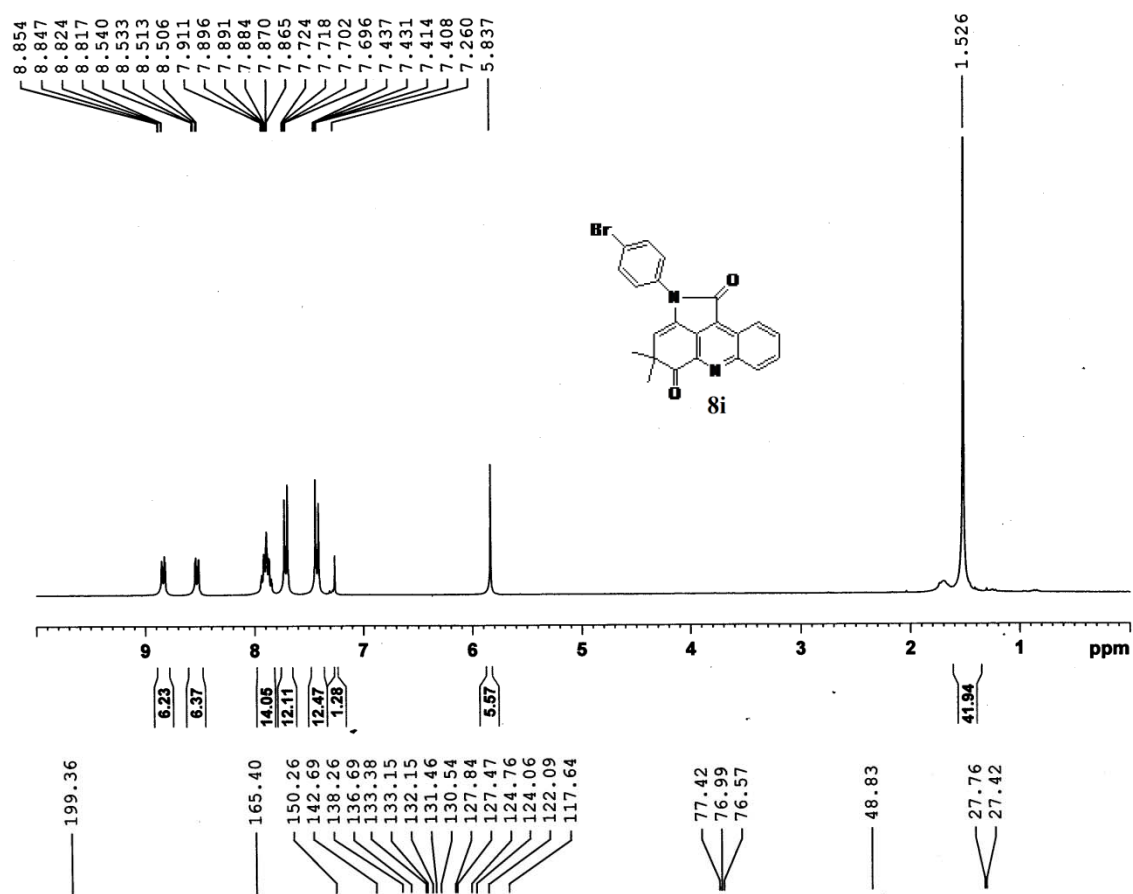


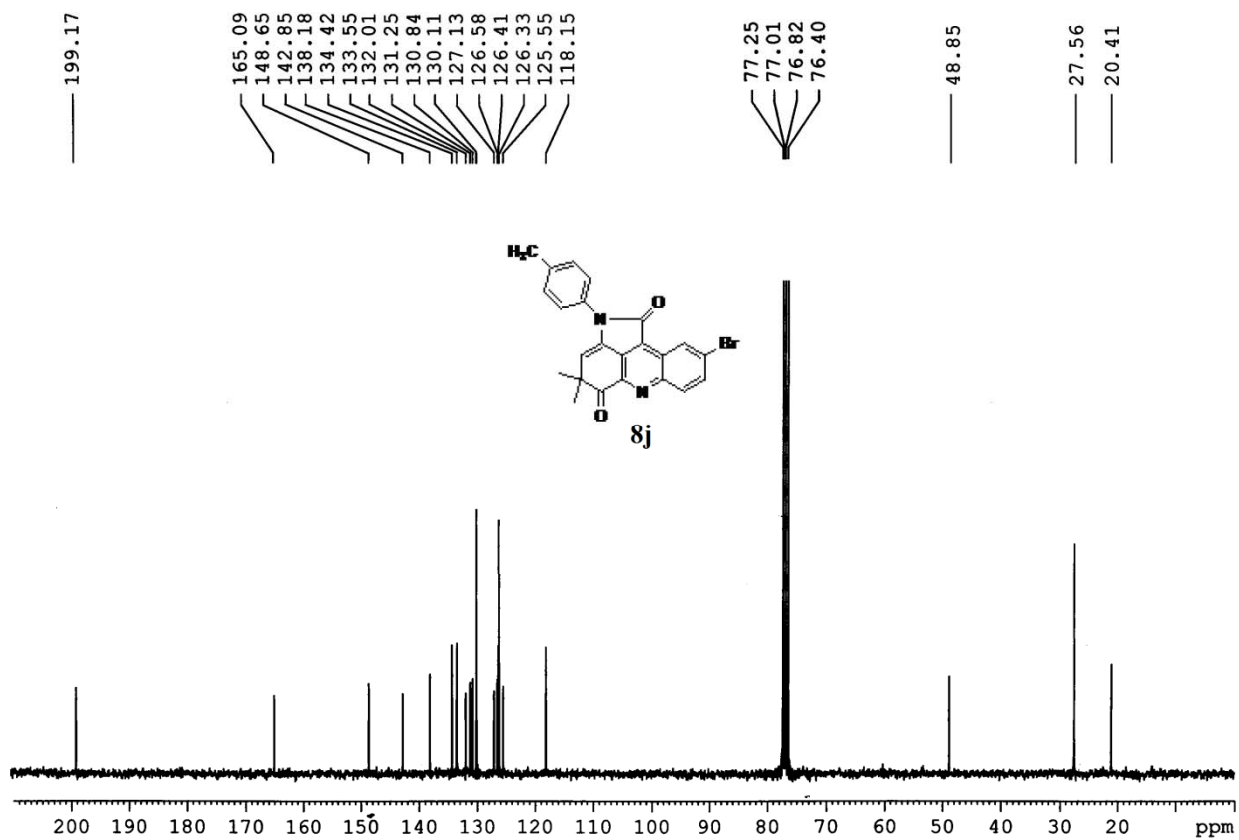
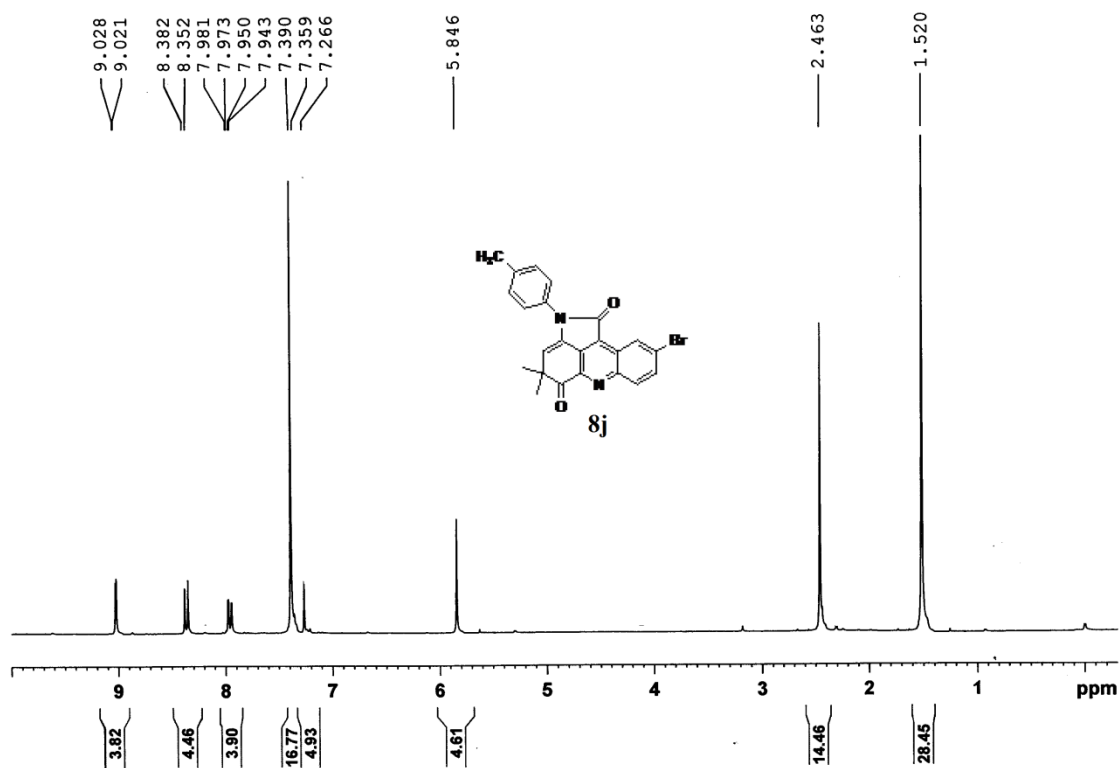


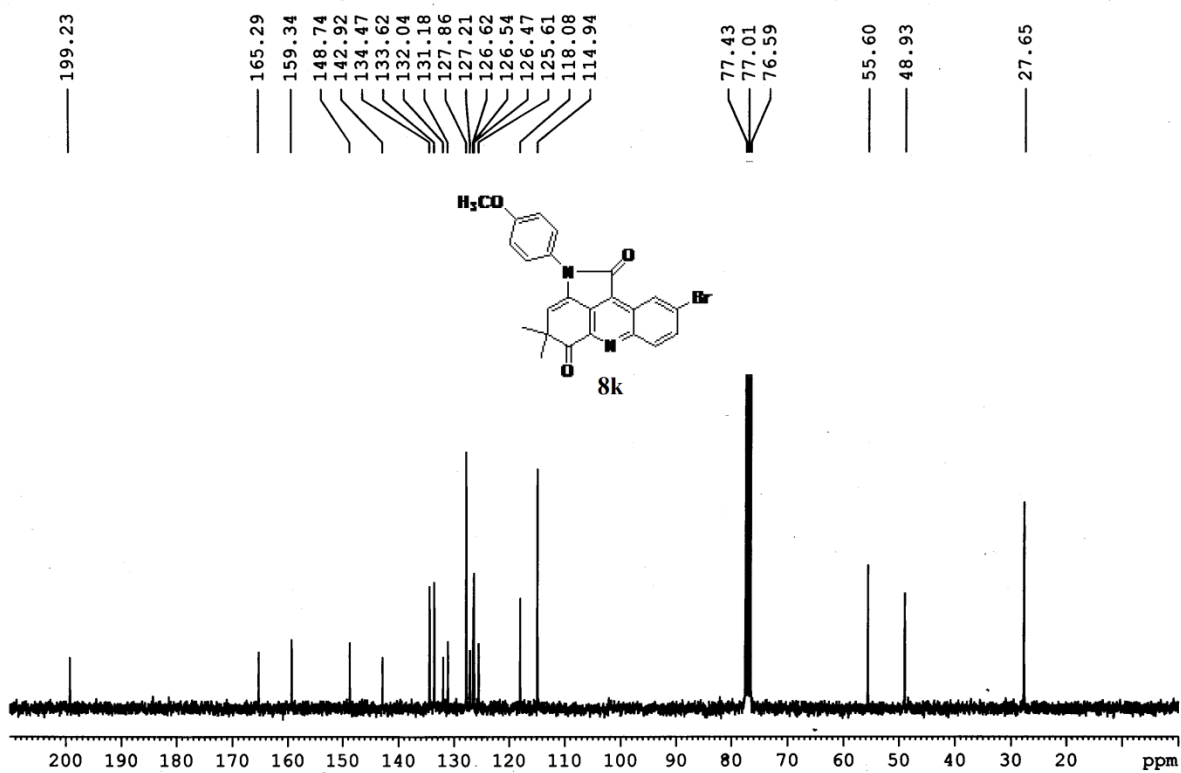
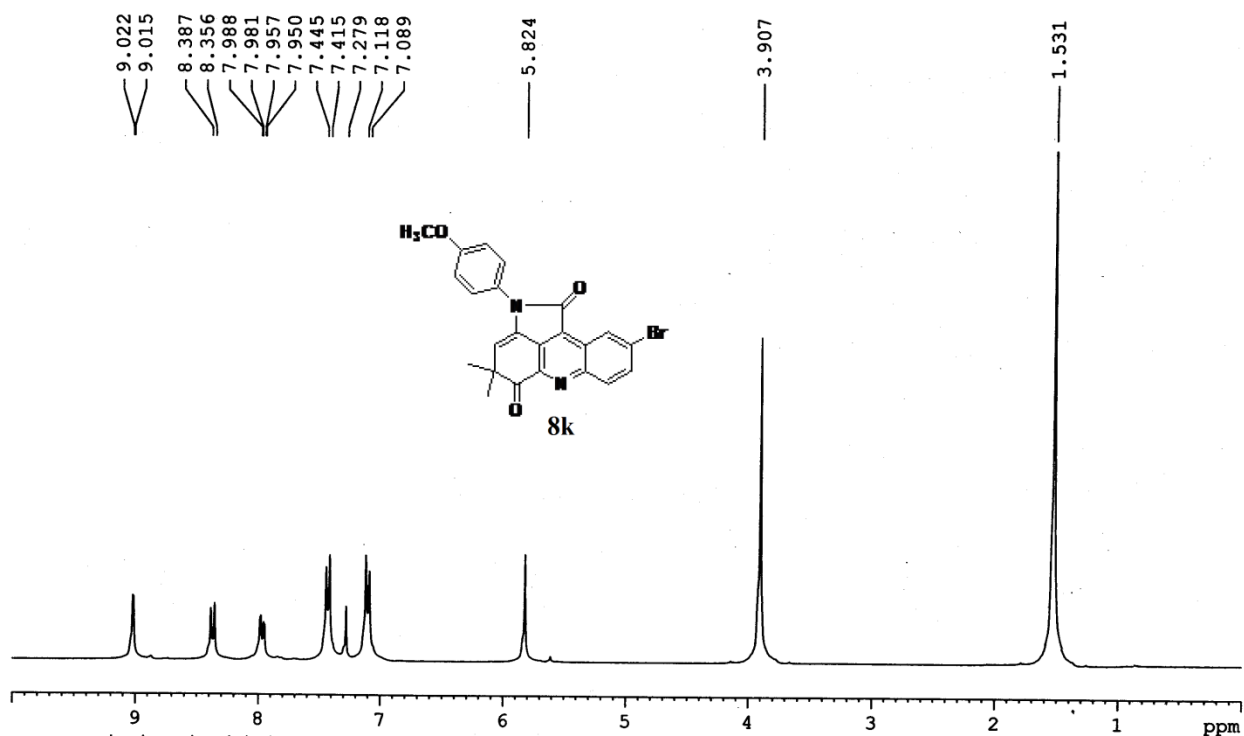


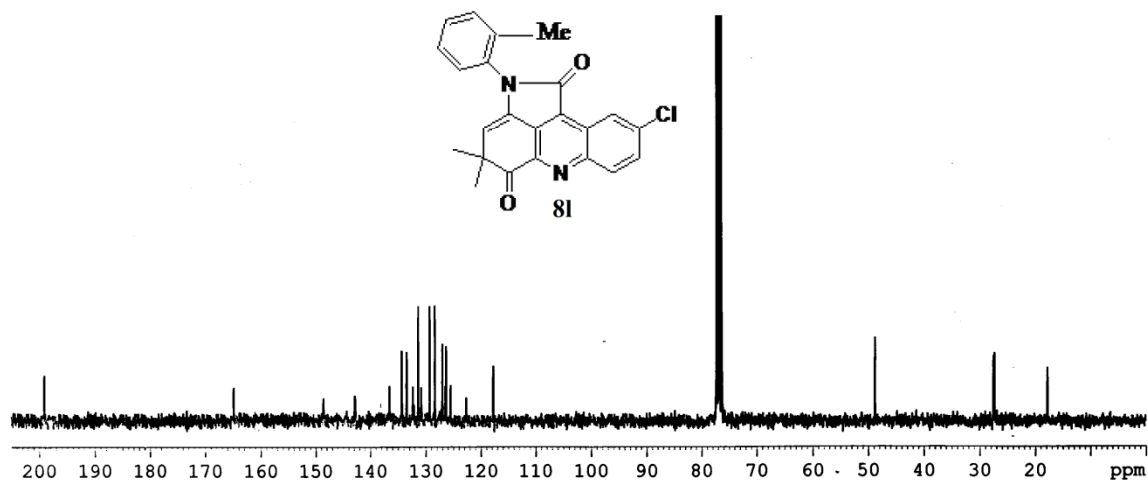
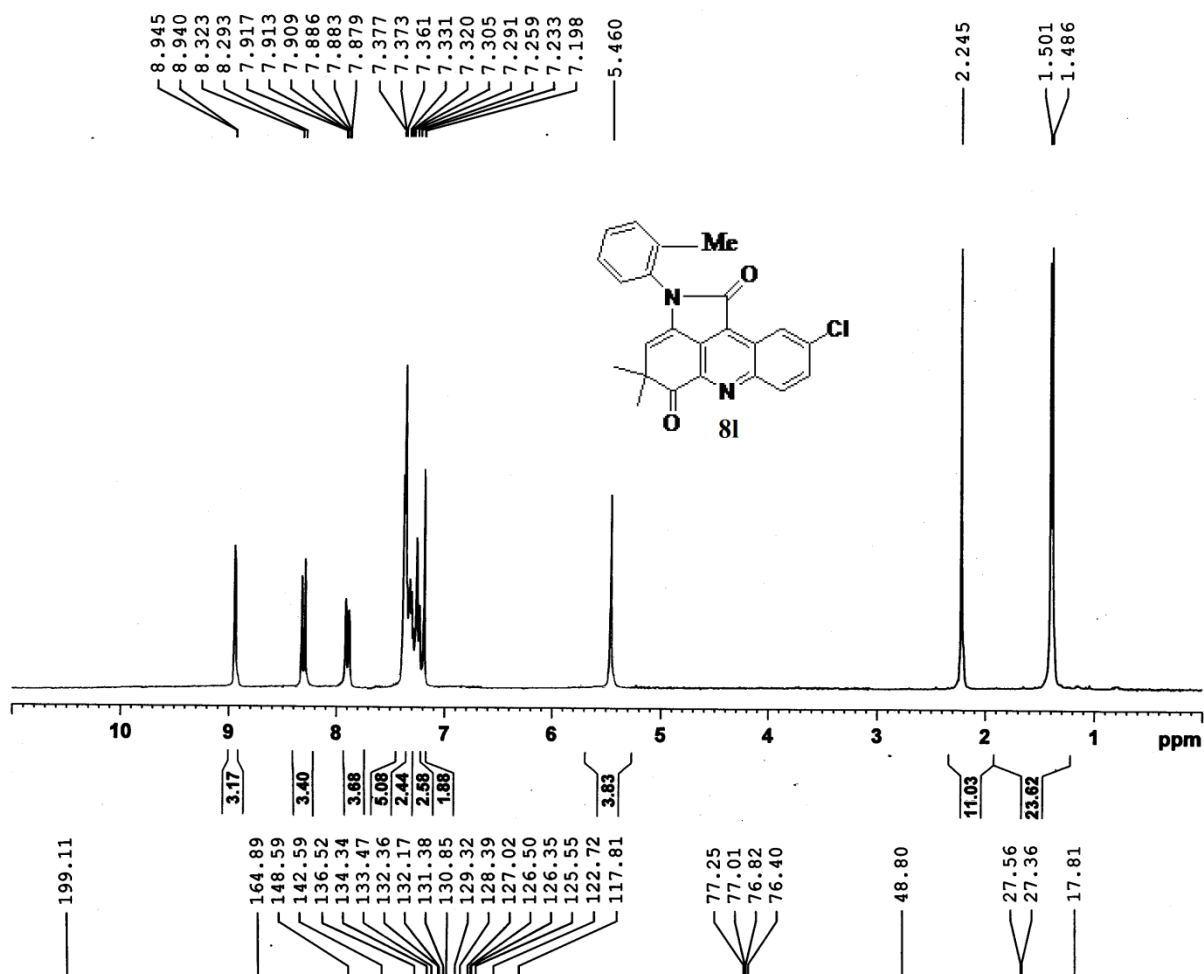


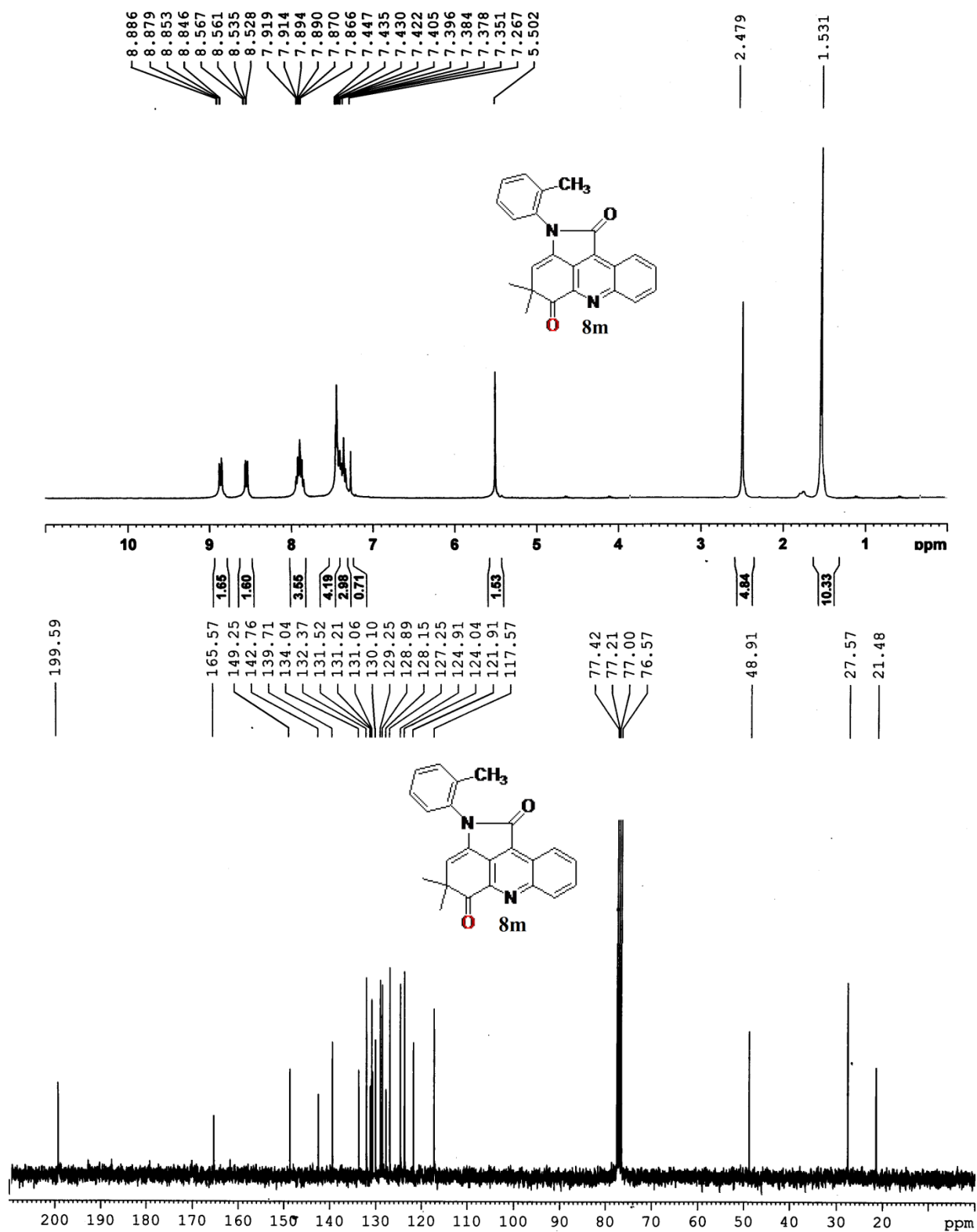


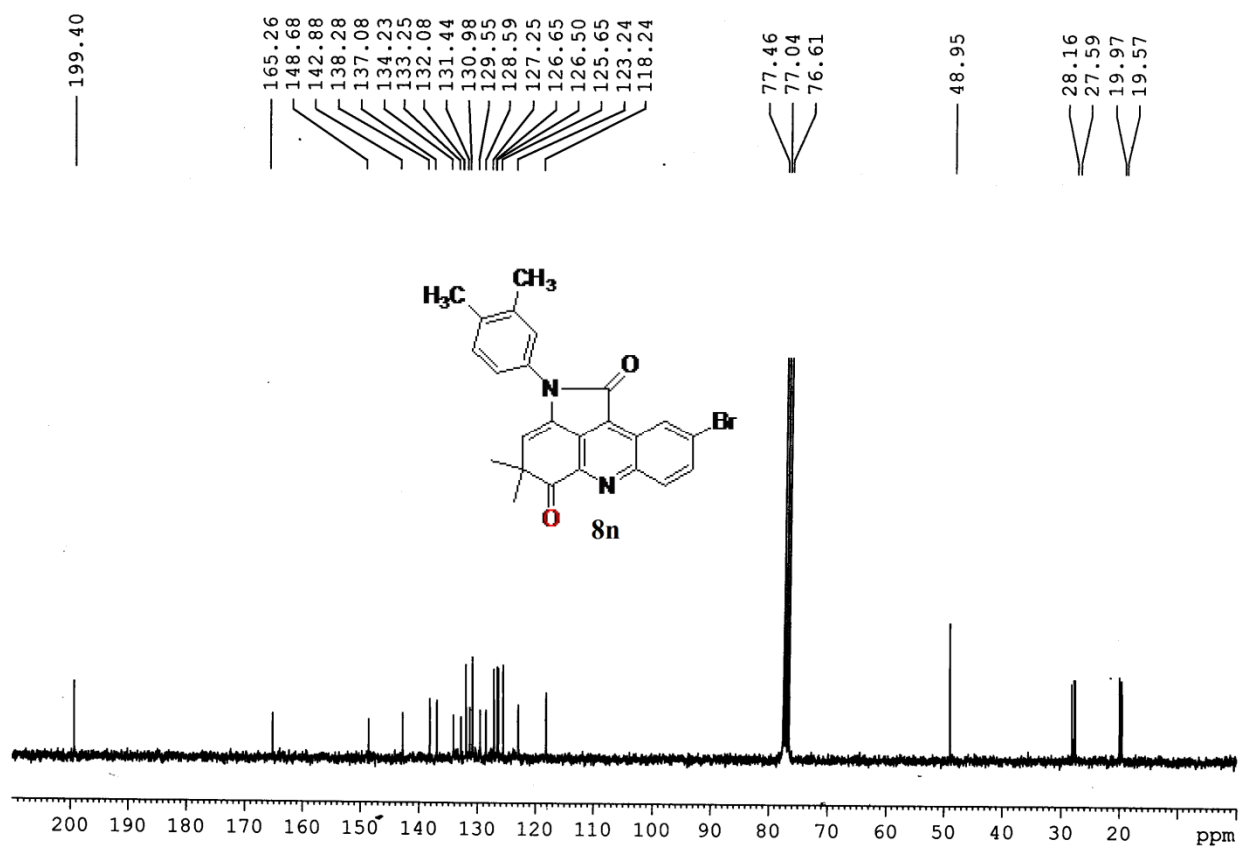
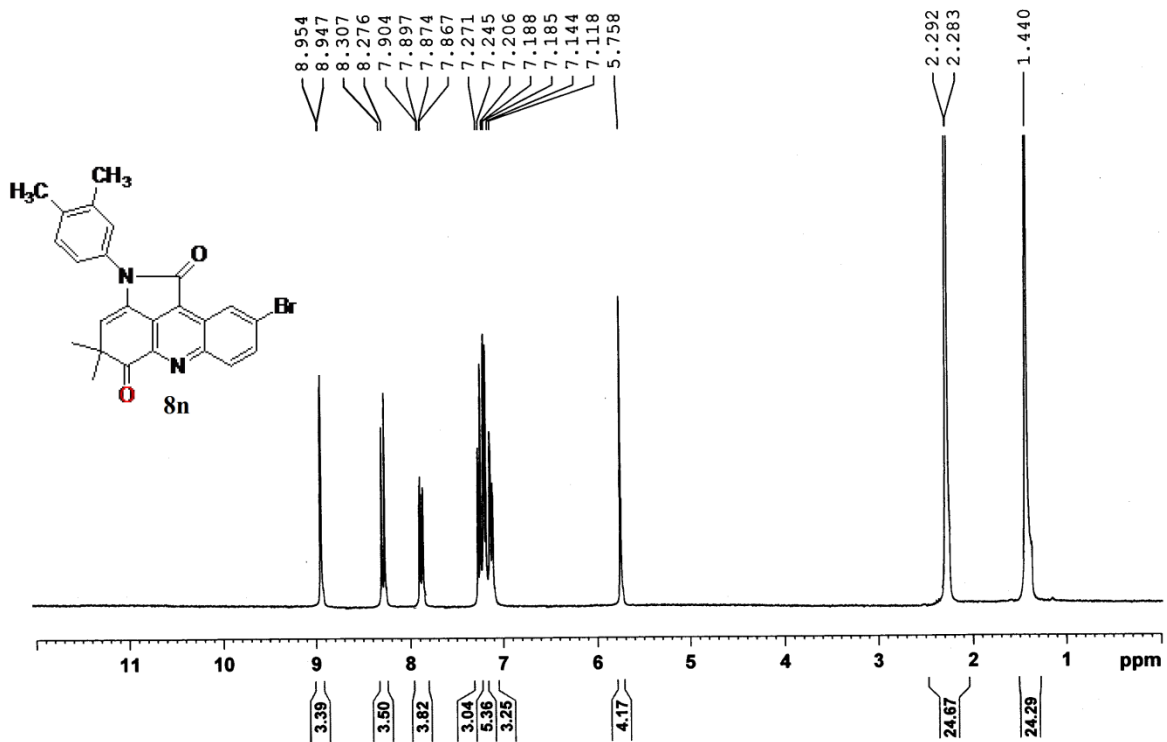


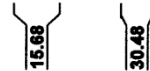
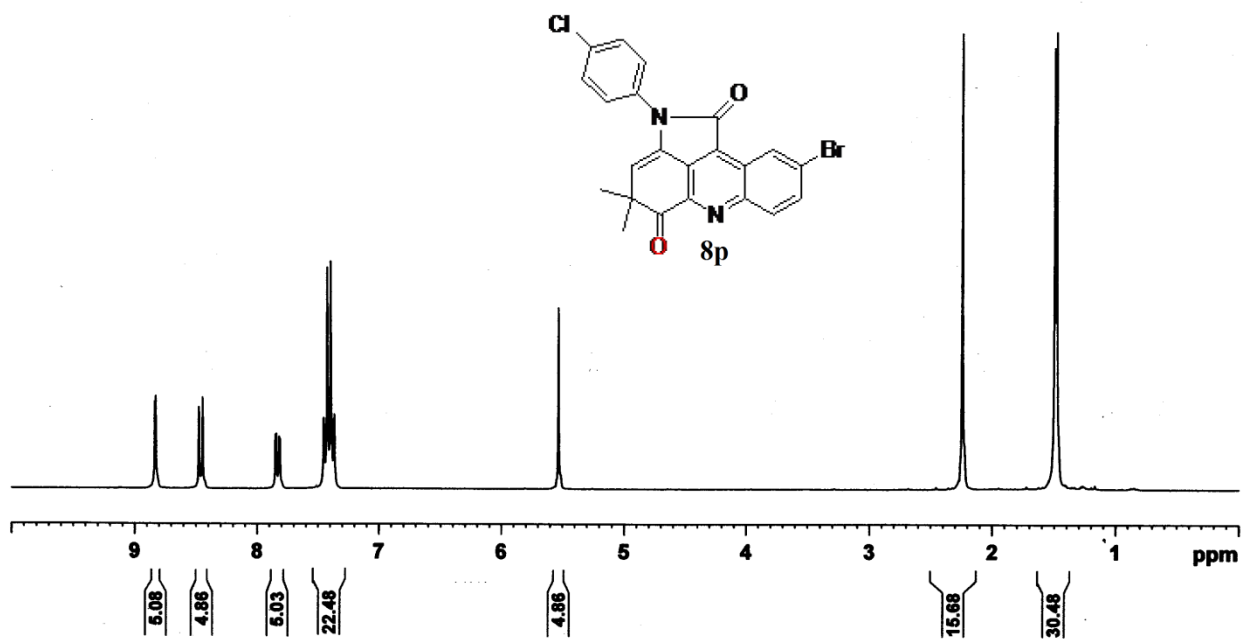
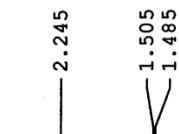
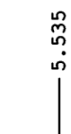
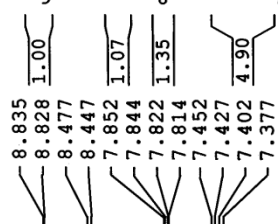
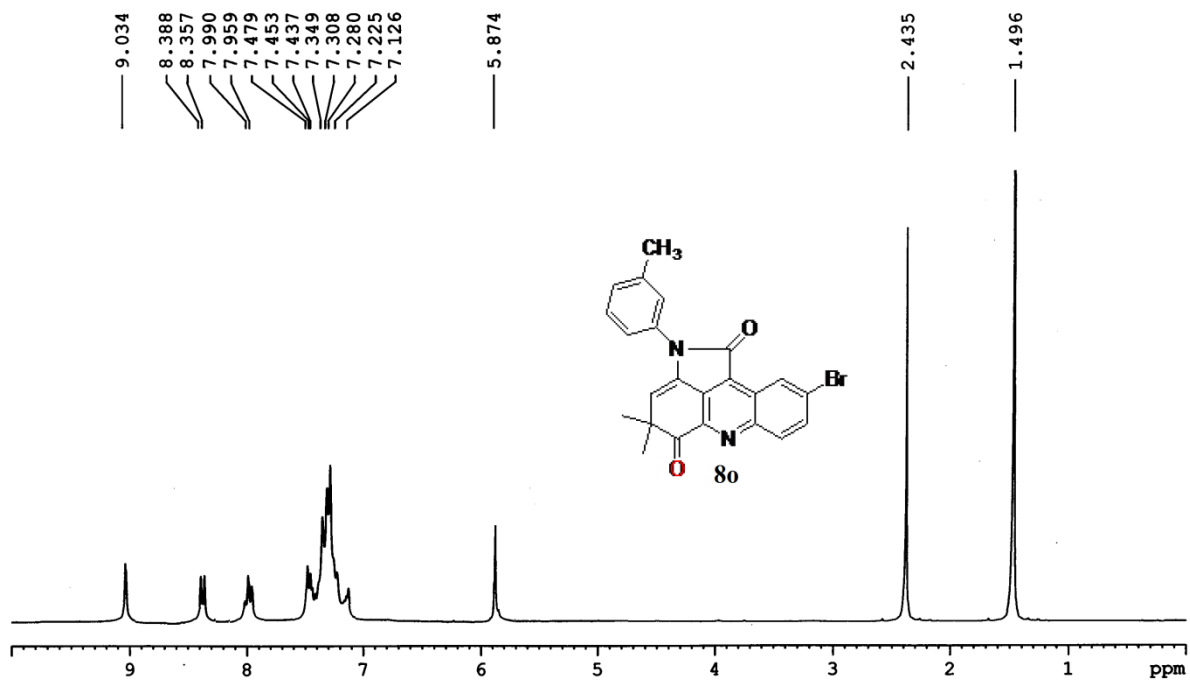


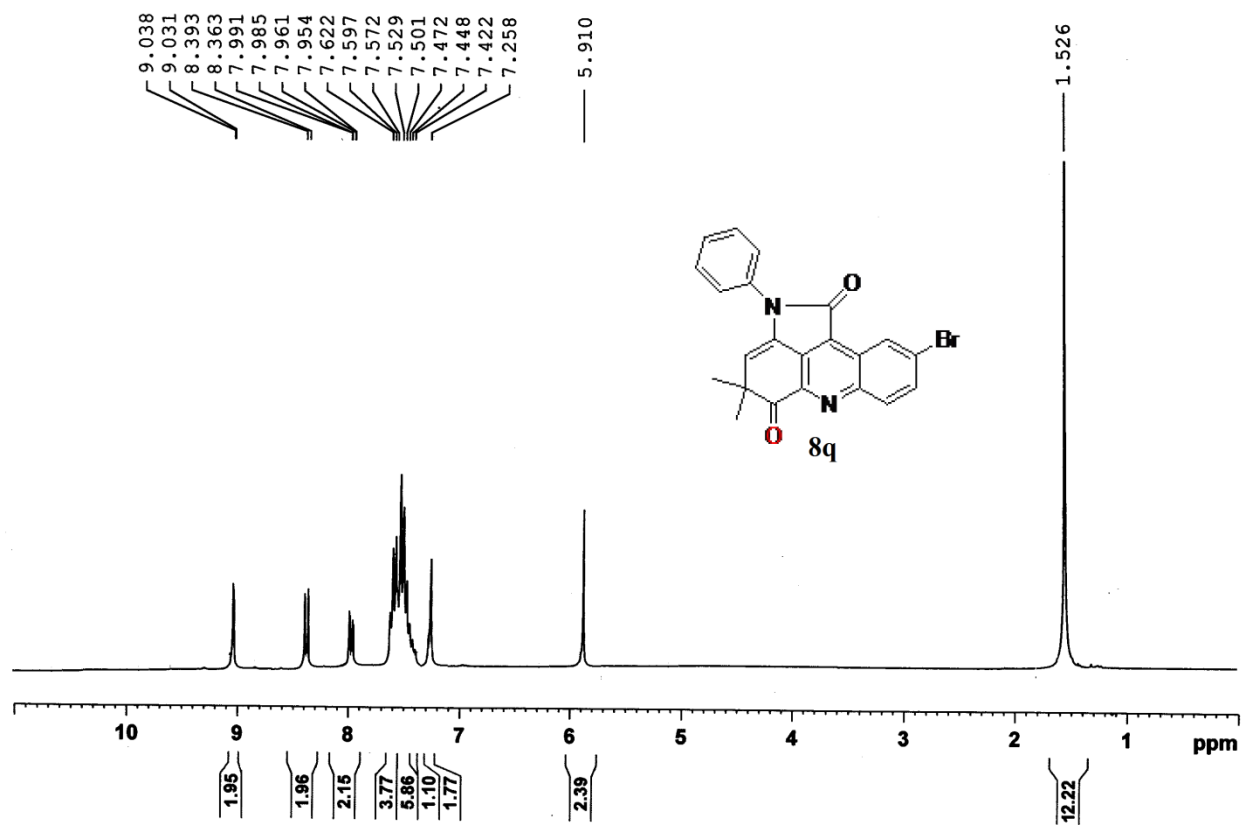


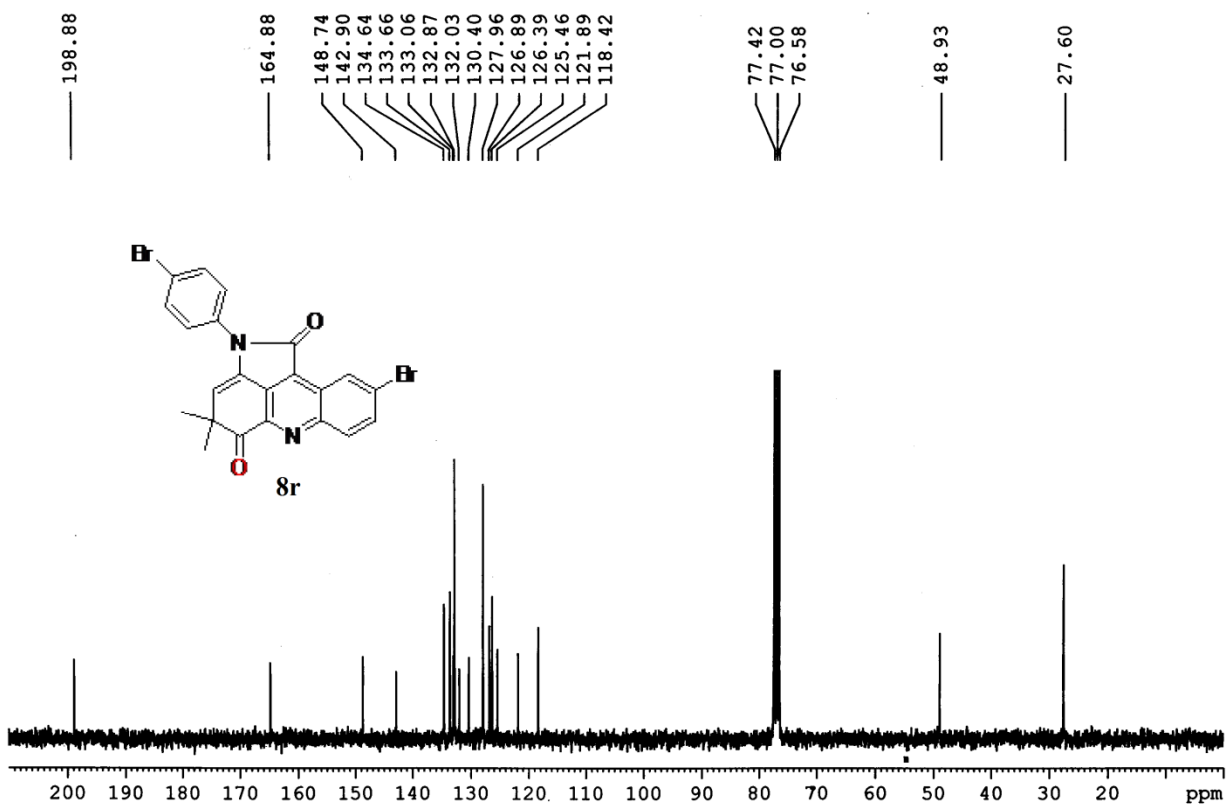
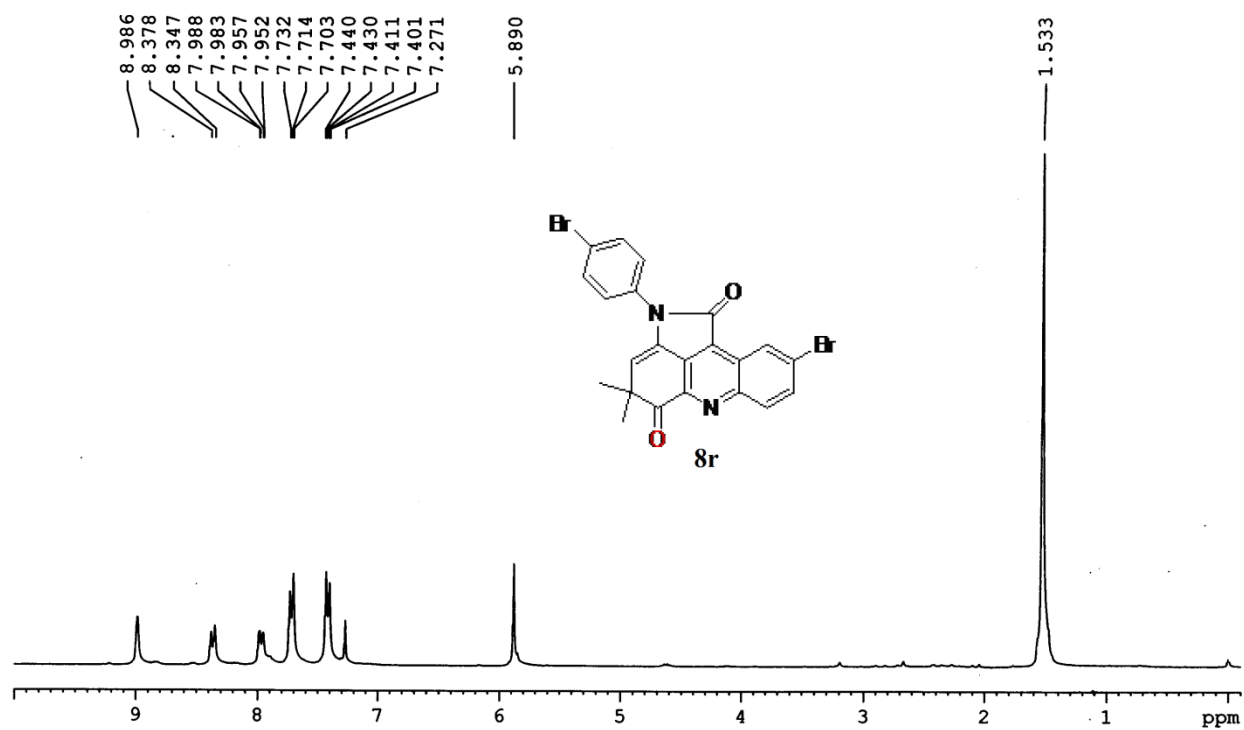


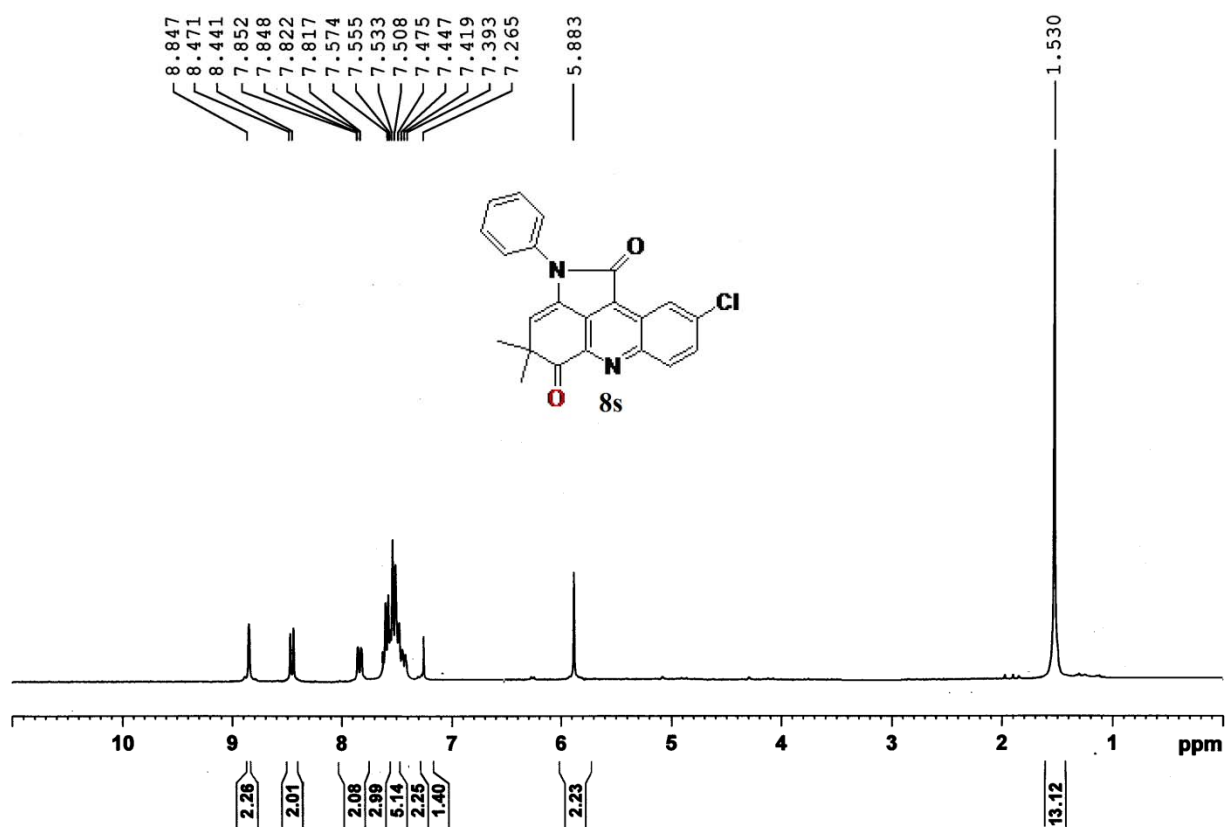












Supporting Information 3

Covalently anchored carboxylic acid on uniform spherical silica nanoparticles with narrow slit like mesopores for the synthesis of pyrroloacridinones: CuI-catalyzed further C(sp³)-H oxyfunctionalization for C=O formation

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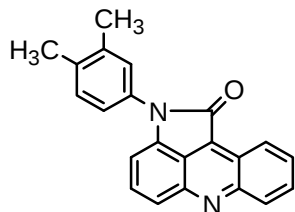
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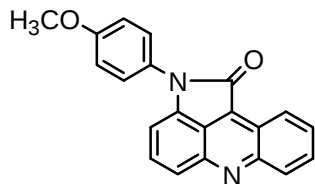
Spectroscopic characterization of 13a-13t

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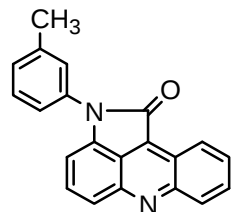
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2-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-2H-pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1-one (13b):



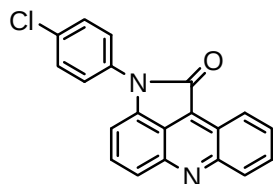
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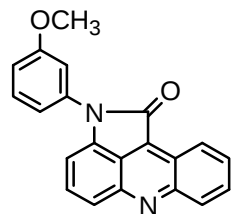
Brown colored solid; m.p. 230-232 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₄N₂O: C, 81.27; H, 4.55; N, 9.03%. Found: C, 81.28; H, 4.56; N, 9.05%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3399, 2919, 1701, 1636, 1518, 1444, 1115, 777, 739, 535; δ_{H} ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 2.49 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.99 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, arom.), 7.26 (1H, d, J = 5.1 Hz, arom.), 7.41-7.51 (3H, m, arom.), 7.68 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, arom.), 7.78-7.95 (3H, m, arom.), 8.43 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, arom.), 8.91 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, arom.); δ_{C} ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 21.5, 106.0, 119.7, 122.5, 122.9, 123.0, 124.1, 126.6, 127.6, 128.5, 129.2, 129.3, 130.6, 130.7, 132.8, 134.7, 139.6, 140.2, 146.4, 151.8, 167.1.

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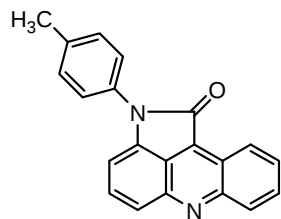
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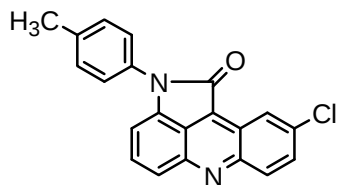
Red colored solid; m.p. 158-160 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₄N₂O₂: C, 77.29; H, 4.32; N, 8.58%. Found: C, 77.30; H, 4.32; N, 8.59%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3011, 1716, 1650, 1636, 1497, 1226, 1163, 1111, 1006, 780, 585; δ_{H} ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 3.90 (3H, s, OCH₃), 6.99-7.03 (2H, m, arom.), 7.21-7.23 (2H, m, arom.), 7.47-7.50 (1H, m, arom.), 7.65-7.70 (1H, m, arom.), 7.793-7.92 (3H, m, arom.), 8.42 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, arom.), 8.89 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, arom.); δ_{C} ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 55.5, 106.1, 111.7, 113.5, 118.0, 119.7, 122.6, 122.9, 124.1, 127.4, 129.2, 130.2, 130.6, 130.7, 132.7, 135.9, 140.0, 146.4, 151.8, 160.5, 167.0.

2-p-tolylpyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1(2H)-one (13f):



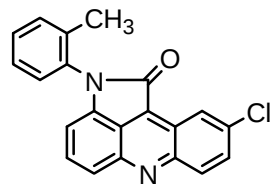
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9-Chloro-2-p-tolyl-2H-pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1-one (13g):



Red colored solid; m.p. 188-190 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{13}ClN_2O$: C, 73.15; H, 3.80; N, 8.12%. Found: C, 73.17; H, 3.81; N, 8.13%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3399, 2912, 1718, 1635, 1515, 1466, 1111, 775, 726, 573; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 2.40 (3H, s, CH_3), 6.92 (1H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, arom.), 7.32 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, arom.), 7.42 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, arom.), 7.60-7.65 (1H, m, arom.), 7.76-7.81 (2H, m, arom.), 8.31 (1H, d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, arom.), 8.82 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS) 21.2, 106.5, 120.0, 122.3, 122.9, 123.1, 125.7, 127.2, 130.3, 131.9, 132.2, 133.4, 135.9, 137.9, 140.3, 146.2, 149.1, 166.7.

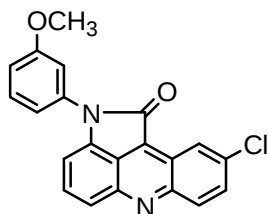
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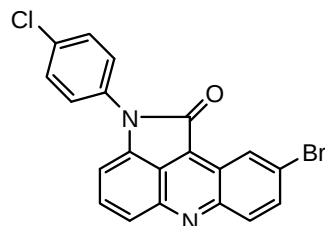
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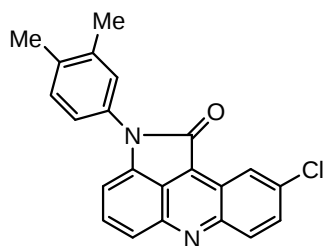
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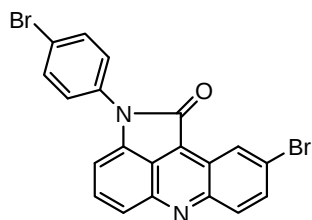
Red colored solid; m.p. 221-223 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₀BrClN₂O: C, 58.64; H, 2.46; N, 6.84%. Found: C, 58.66; H, 2.47; N, 6.85%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3429, 1717, 1626, 1500, 1469, 1334, 1107, 1069, 737, 506; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 6.95 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, arom.), 7.50 (4H, br s, arom.), 7.66 (1H, t, J = 6.9 Hz, arom.), 7.84 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, arom.), 7.92 (1H, dd, J = 9.3 Hz, J = 2.1 Hz, arom.), 8.26 (1H, d, J = 9.3 Hz, arom.), 8.99 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 106.7, 119.2, 120.1, 122.5, 123.4, 124.8, 126.2, 127.0, 129.9, 131.7, 133.1, 133.5, 134.9, 137.5, 139.6, 146.1, 149.7, 167.5.

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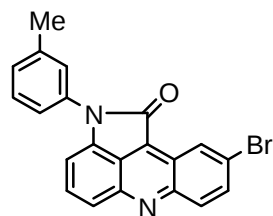
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9-Bromo-2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-2H-pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1-one (13l):



Red colored solid; m.p. 182-184 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{10}Br_2N_2O$: C, 52.90; H, 2.22; N, 6.17%. Found: C, 52.92; H, 2.23; N, 6.18%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3417, 1712, 1634, 1496, 1461, 1325, 1123, 1068, 719, 490; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 7.03 (1H, d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, arom.), 7.52 (2H, d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, arom.), 7.67-7.70 (3H, m, arom.), 7.85-7.01 (2H, m, arom.), 8.34 (1H, d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, arom.), 9.08 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.)

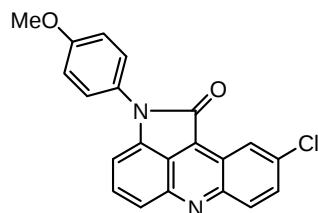
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Brown colored solid; m.p. 190-192 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $C_{21}H_{13}BrN_2O$: C, 64.80; H, 3.37; N, 7.20%. Found: C, 64.81; H, 3.38; N, 7.21%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3419, 2938, 1717, 1634, 1508, 1466, 1112, 777, 731, 581, 498; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; $CDCl_3$; TMS) 2.46 (3H, s, CH_3), 6.99 (1H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, arom.), 7.26-7.27

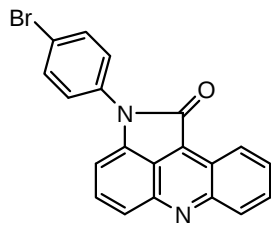
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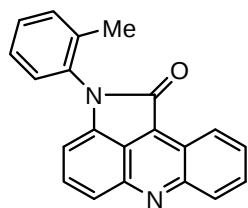
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2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-2H-pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1-one (13o):



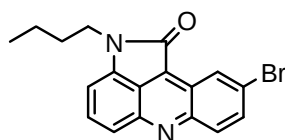
Red colored solid; m.p. 196-198 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₁BrN₂O: C, 64.02; H, 2.95; N, 7.47%. Found: C, 64.3; H, 2.96; N, 7.48%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3434, 1721, 1656, 1499, 1466, 1331, 1129, 1073, 739, 490; δ_H ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 6.90 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, arom.), 7.43 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, arom.), 7.62 (3H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, arom.), 7.73 (1H, t, J = 8.1 Hz, arom.), 7.84 (2H, t, J = 9.0 Hz, arom.), 8.37 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, arom.), 8.81 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, arom.); δ_C ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 106.0, 120.9, 122.7, 124.1, 125.4, 127.4, 129.5, 130.6, 131.0, 132.8, 133.0, 133.9, 138.0, 139.9, 145.7, 149.0, 166.4.

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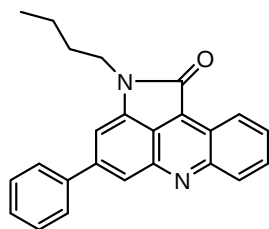
Brown colored solid; m.p. 228-230 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₄N₂O: C, 81.27; H, 4.55; N, 9.03%. Found: C, 81.29; H, 4.56; N, 9.04%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3410, 2930, 1701, 1613, 1509, 1466, 1101, 777, 729, 591; δ_{H} ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 2.30 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.65 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, arom.), 7.42-7.46 (4H, m, arom.), 7.67 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, arom.), 7.81-7.97 (3H, m, arom.), 8.44 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, arom.), 8.92 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, arom.); δ_{C} ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 18.1, 105.5, 120.0, 122.4, 123.1, 124.1, 127.1, 127.7, 128.4, 129.1, 129.1, 130.5, 130.8, 131.5, 132.8, 133.3, 136.8, 140.7, 146.5, 151.9, 167.1.

9-Bromo-2-butyl-2H-pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1-one (13q):



Red colored solid; m.p. 132-134 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅BrN₂O: C, 60.86; H, 4.26; N, 7.89%. Found: C, 60.88; H, 4.27; N, 7.90%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3419, 2922, 1710, 1630, 1519, 1466, 1200, 777, 720, 587, 530, 487; δ_{H} ppm (300 MHz; CDCl₃; TMS) 0.96 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 1.42-1.44 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.76-1.81 (2H, m, CH₂), 3.94 (2H, t, J = 7.2 Hz, CH₂), 6.85 (1H, d, J = 6.6 Hz, arom.), 7.65-7.67 (1H, m, arom.), 7.71-7.74 (1H, m, arom.), 7.89 (1H, dd, J = 9.3 Hz, J = 2.4 Hz, arom.), 8.19 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz, arom.), 8.97 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz, arom.); δ_{C} ppm (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) 13.7, 20.2, 30.9, 40.4, 105.2, 120.0, 122.0, 123.3, 124.1, 126.3, 127.3, 132.1, 133.2, 134.2, 140.3, 146.5, 150.1, 167.5.

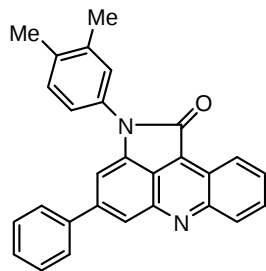
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Red colored solid; m.p. 135-137 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀N₂O: C, 81.79; H, 5.72; N, 7.95%. Found: C, 81.80; H, 5.73; N, 7.96%; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 2954, 2387, 1705, 1633, 1502, 1479, 1377,

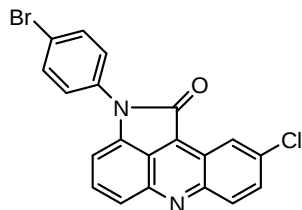
1322, 1104, 1077, 844, 766, 590; δ_{H} ppm (300 MHz; CDCl_3 ; TMS) 0.98 (3H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, CH_3), 1.42-1.49 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.77-1.84 (2H, m, CH_2), 3.91 (2H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, CH_2), 6.98 (1H, s, arom.), 7.41-7.52 (3H, m, arom.), 7.63-7.71 (3H, m, arom.), 7.76-7.84 (2H, m, arom.), 8.28 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, arom.), 8.70 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, arom.); δ_{C} ppm (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) 13.7, 20.1, 30.9, 40.2, 105.0, 119.0, 119.4, 122.5, 123.9, 127.5, 127.7, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 130.2, 130.4, 140.4, 140.9, 146.1, 146.2, 152.0, 167.9.

2-(3,4-Dimethyl-phenyl)-4-phenyl-2H-pyrrolo[2,3,4-kl]acridin-1-one (13s):



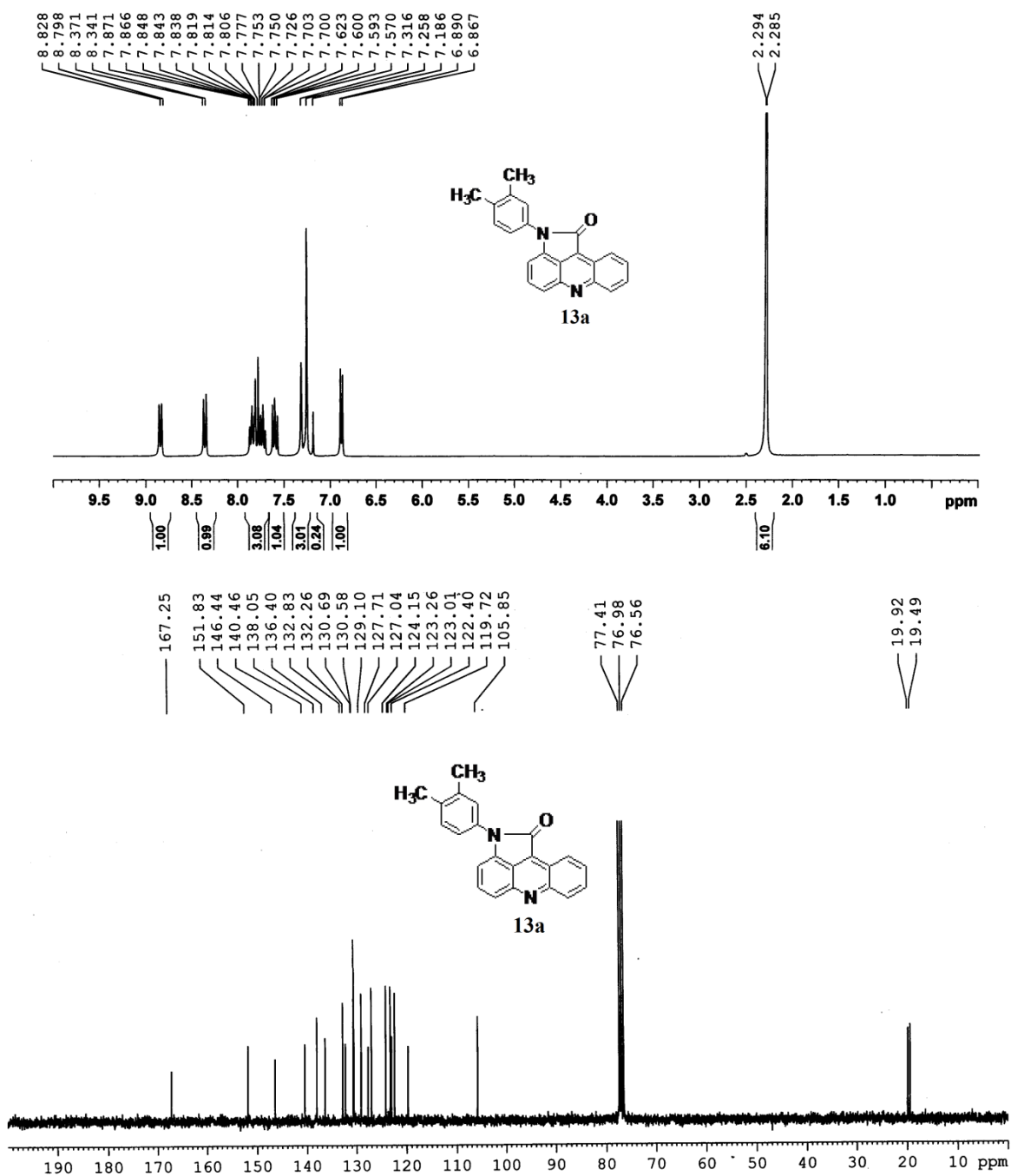
Red colored solid; m.p. 230-232 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 83.98; H, 5.03; N, 7.00%. Found: C, 83.99; H, 5.04; N, 7.01%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 2944, 2385, 1701, 1631, 1501, 1481, 1372, 1323, 1109, 1089, 854, 768, 595; δ_{H} ppm (300 MHz; CDCl_3 ; TMS) 2.36 (6H, s, $2\times\text{CH}_3$), 7.16 (1H, s, arom.), 7.33 (2H, s, arom.), 7.40-7.49 (4H, m, arom.), 7.66-7.76 (3H, m, arom.), 7.84-7.89 (1H, m, arom.), 7.99 (1H, s, arom.), 8.37 (1H, d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, arom.), 8.83 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, arom.); δ_{C} ppm (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) 19.5, 19.9, 106.5, 119.2, 119.9, 122.8, 123.4, 124.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.6, 128.4, 128.9, 129.0, 130.5, 130.6, 132.2, 136.5, 138.1, 140.8, 140.9, 146.4, 146.5, 152.3, 167.4.

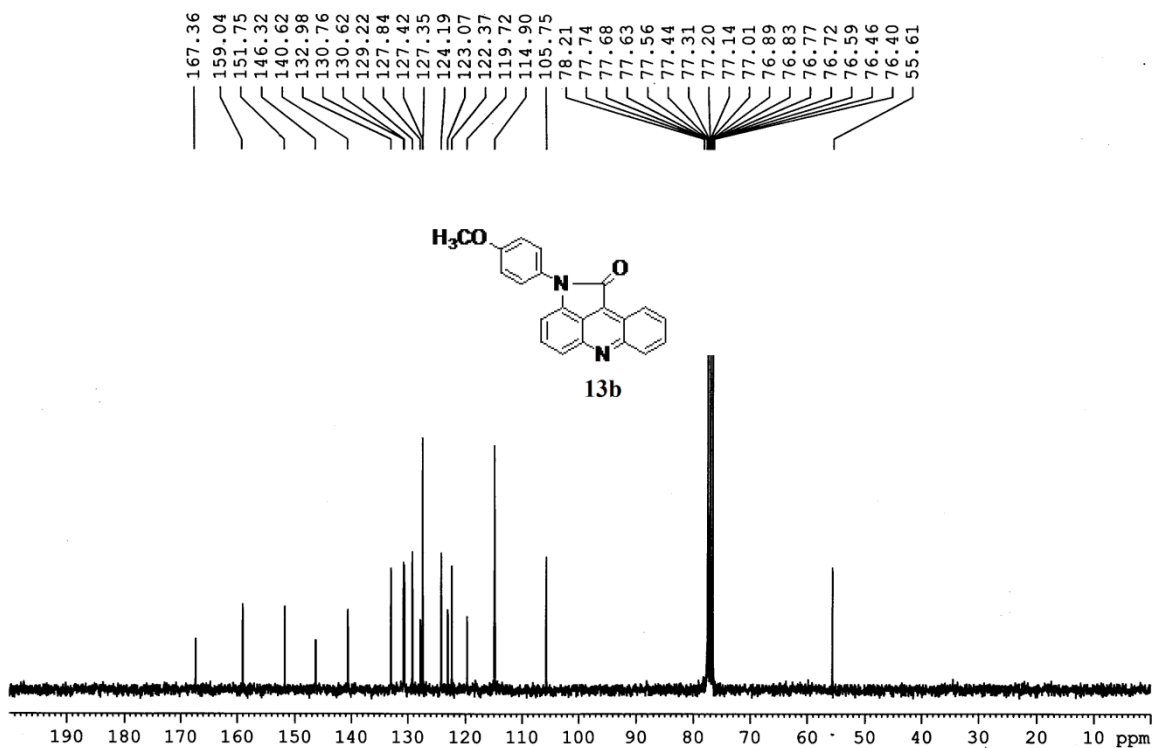
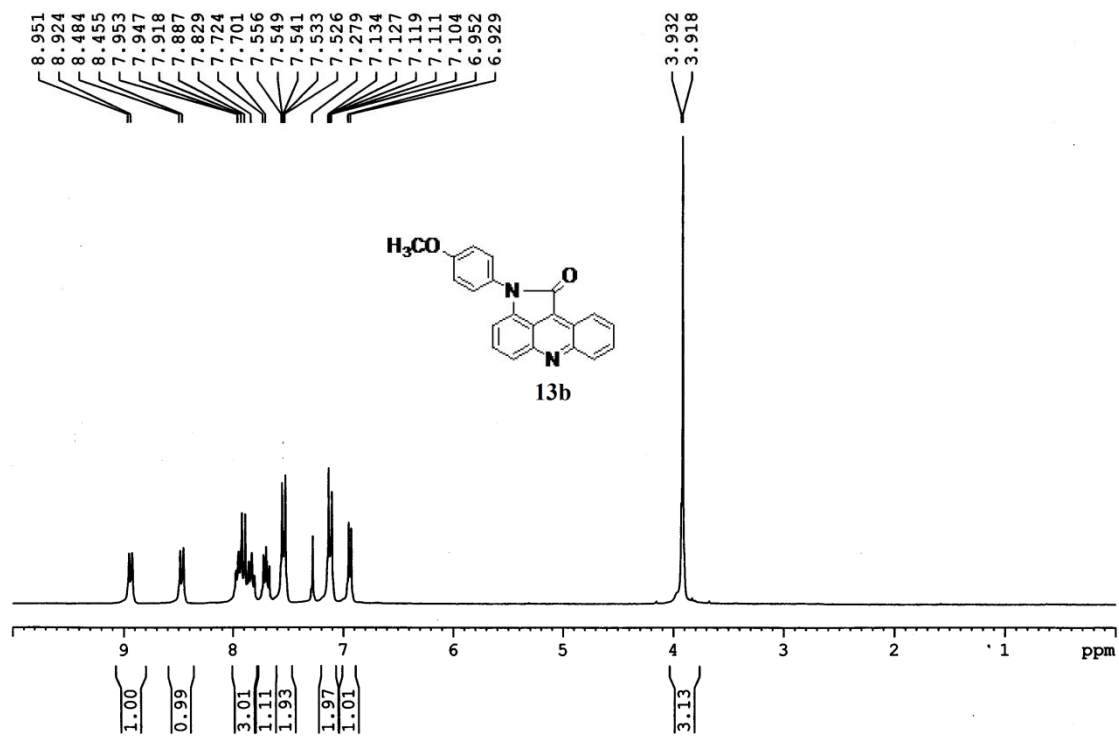
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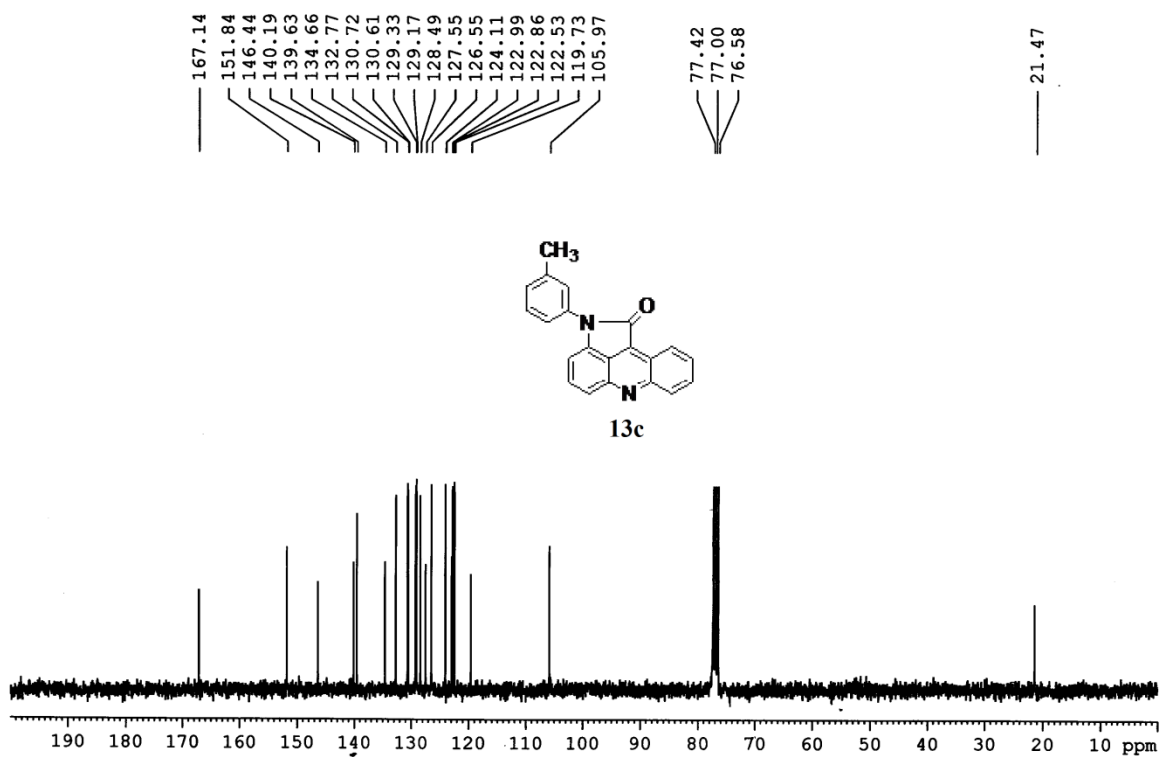
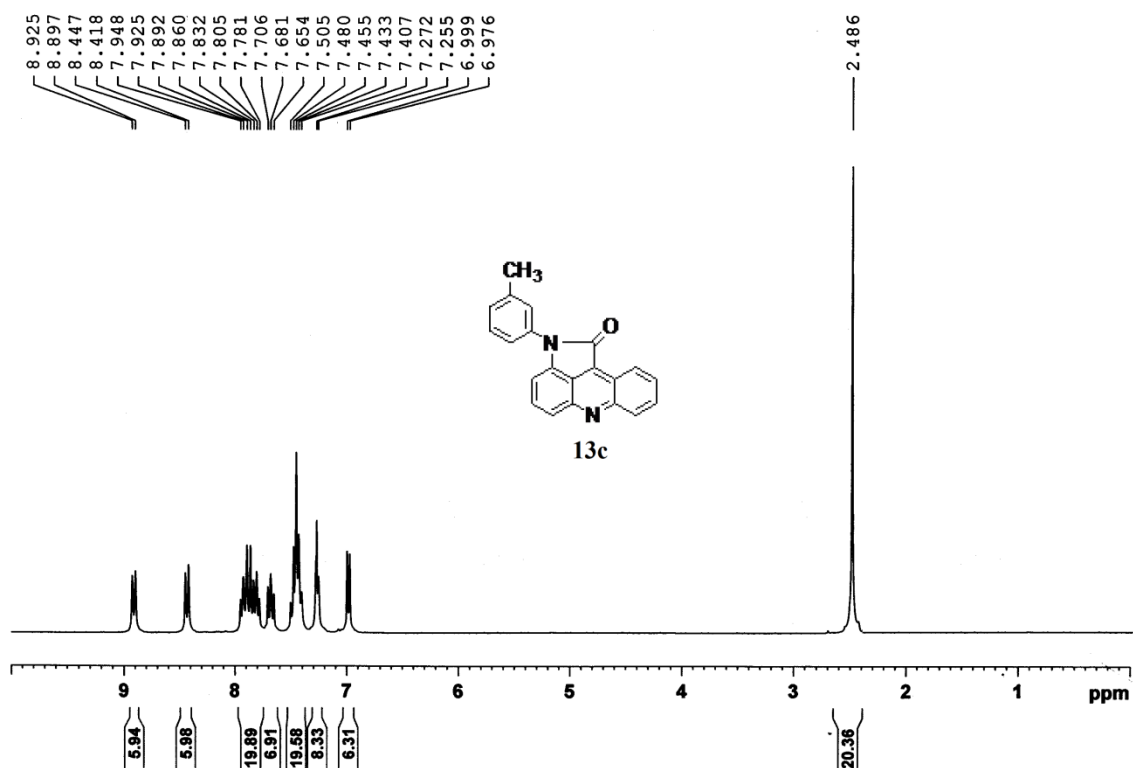


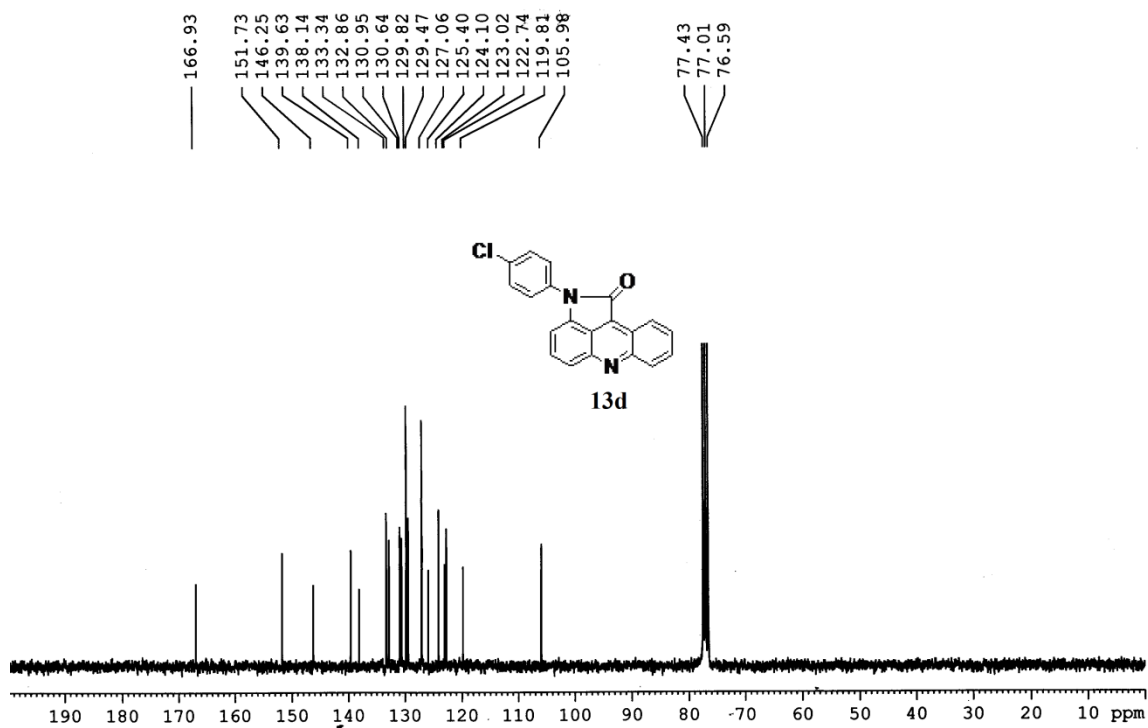
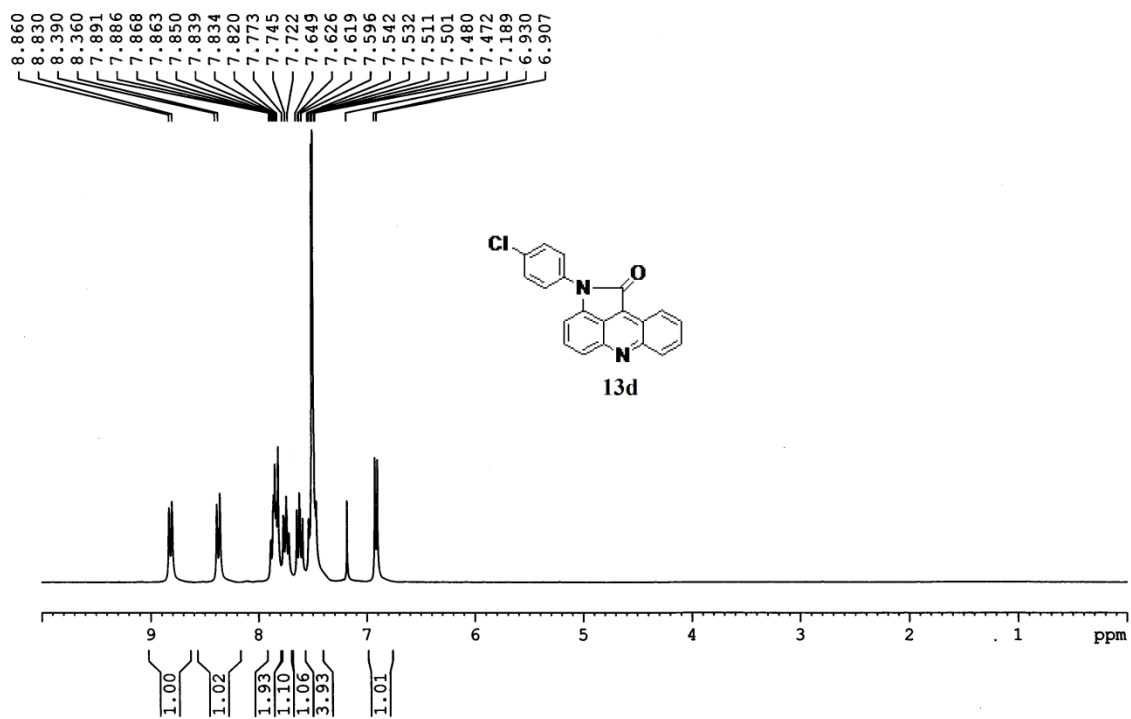
Red colored solid; m.p. 218-220 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrClN}_2\text{O}$: C, 58.64; H, 2.46; N, 6.84%. Found: C, 58.65; H, 2.47; N, 6.86%; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3419, 1717, 1637, 1499, 1460, 1332, 1120, 1064, 721, 495; δ_{H} ppm (300 MHz; CDCl_3 ; TMS) 7.18 (1H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, arom.), 7.67 (2H, dd, $J = 8.7$ Hz, $J = 3.6$ Hz, arom.), 7.83-7.92 (4H, m, arom.), 7.16 (1H, dd, $J = 9.3$ Hz, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.), 8.38 (1H, d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, arom.), 8.87 (1H, d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, arom.).

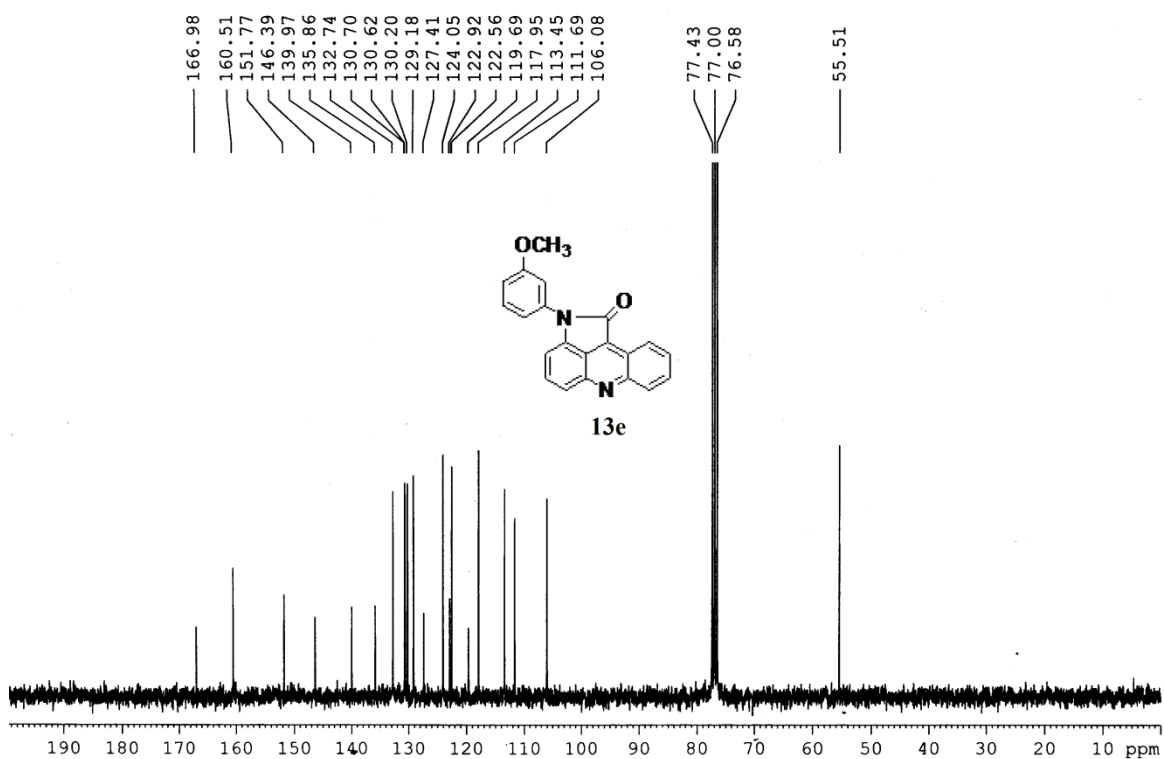
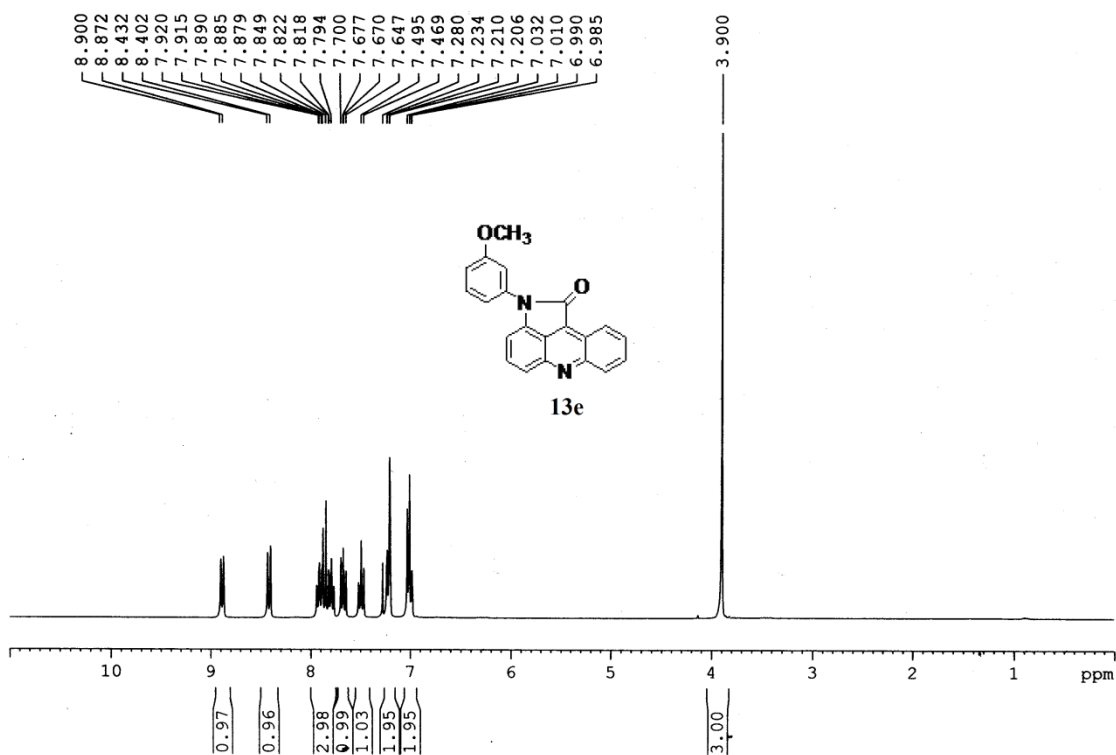
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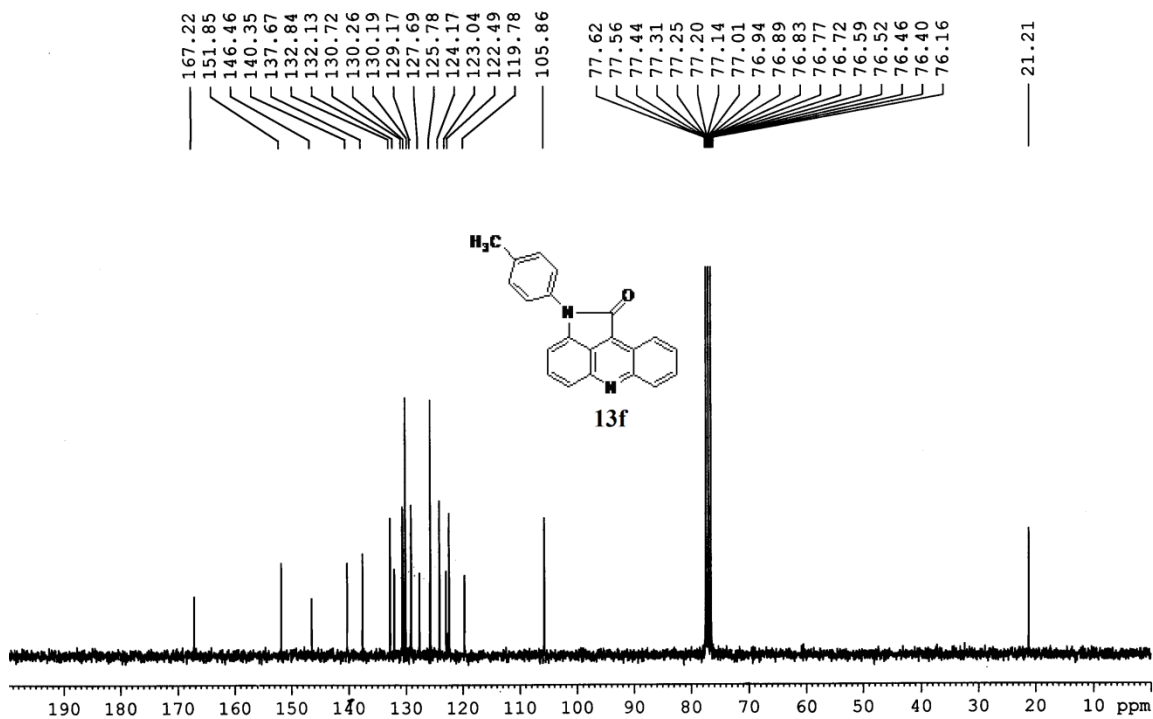
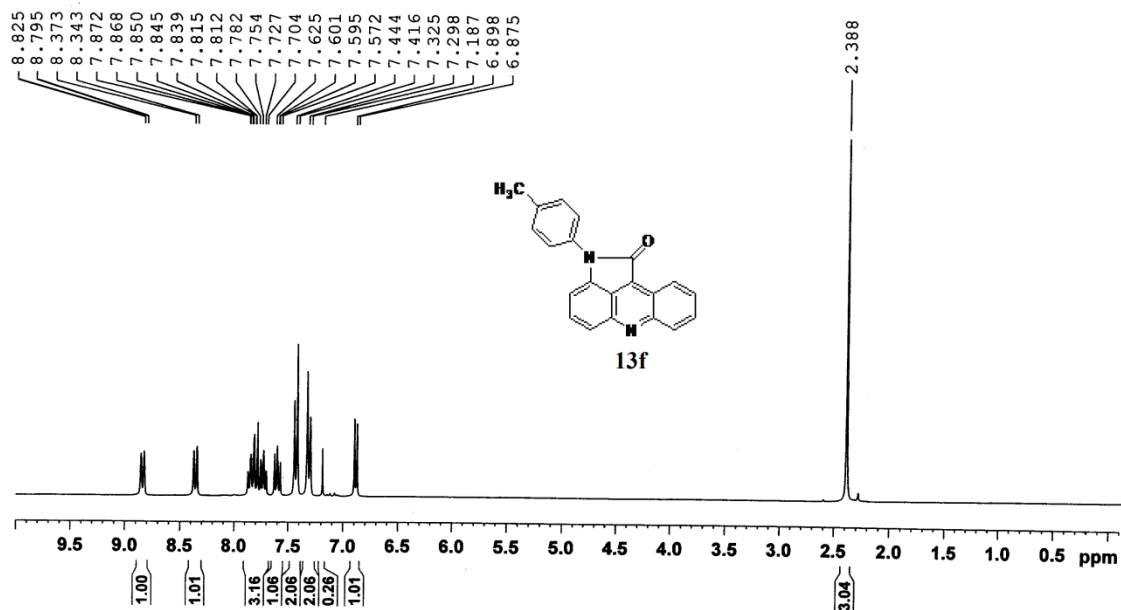


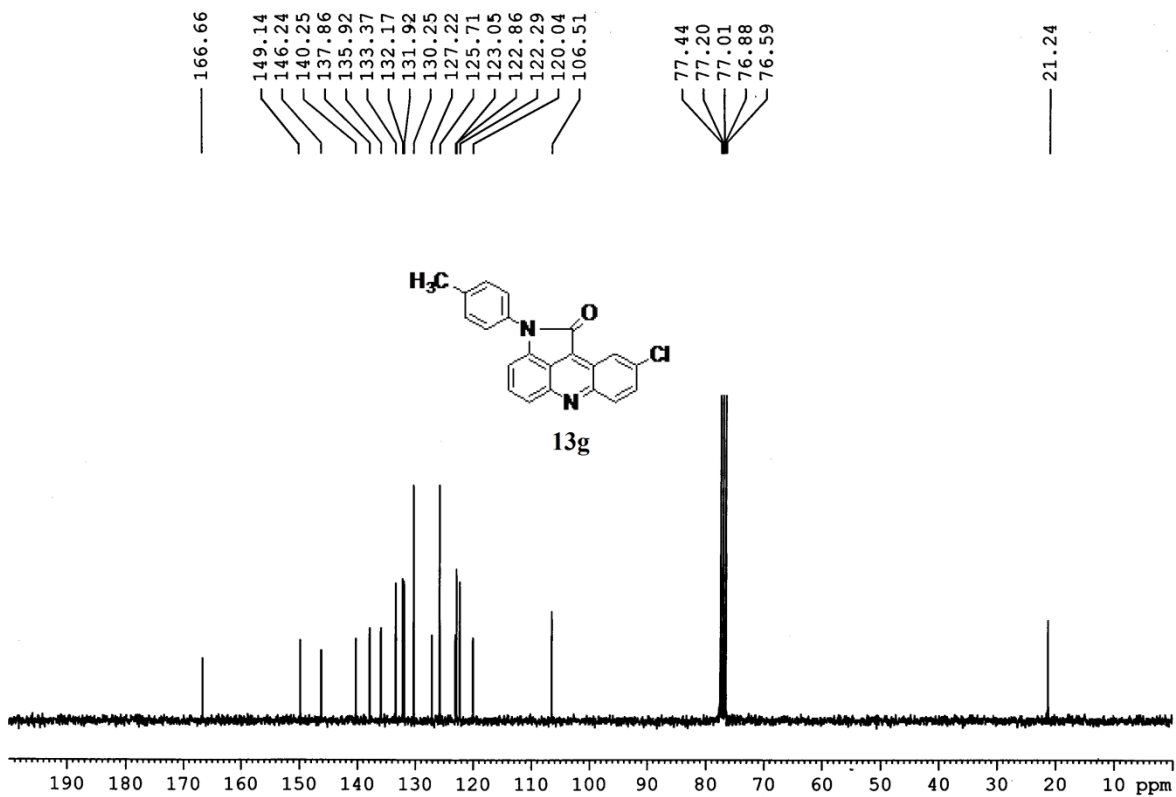
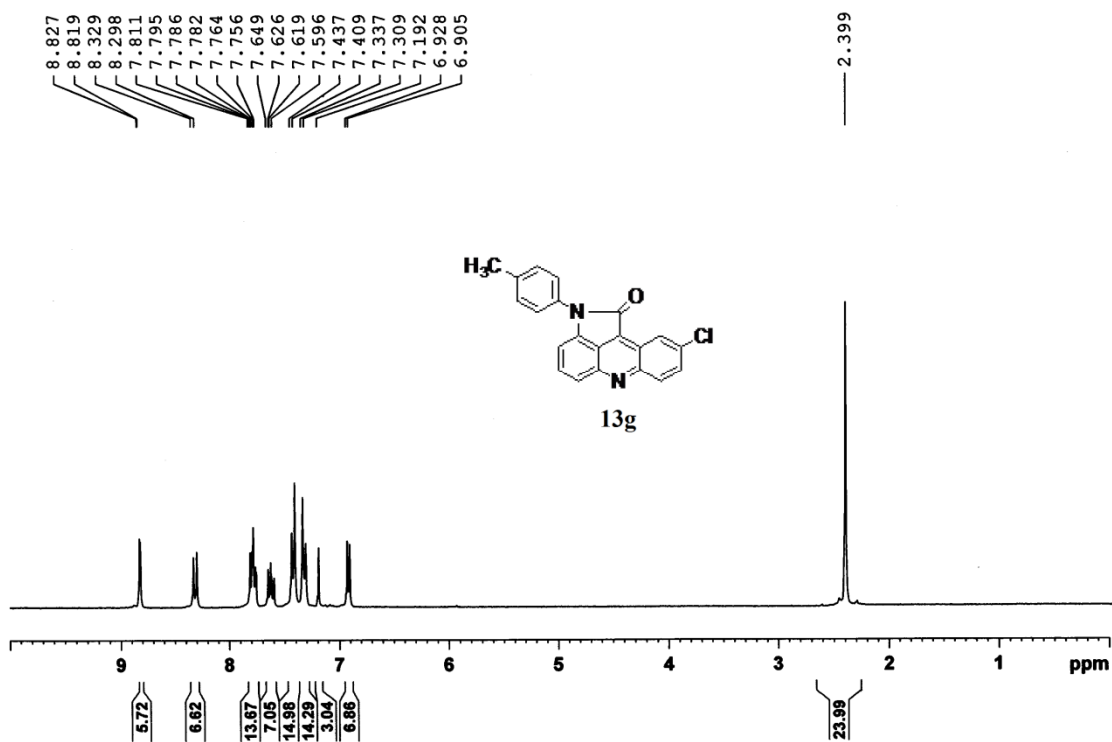


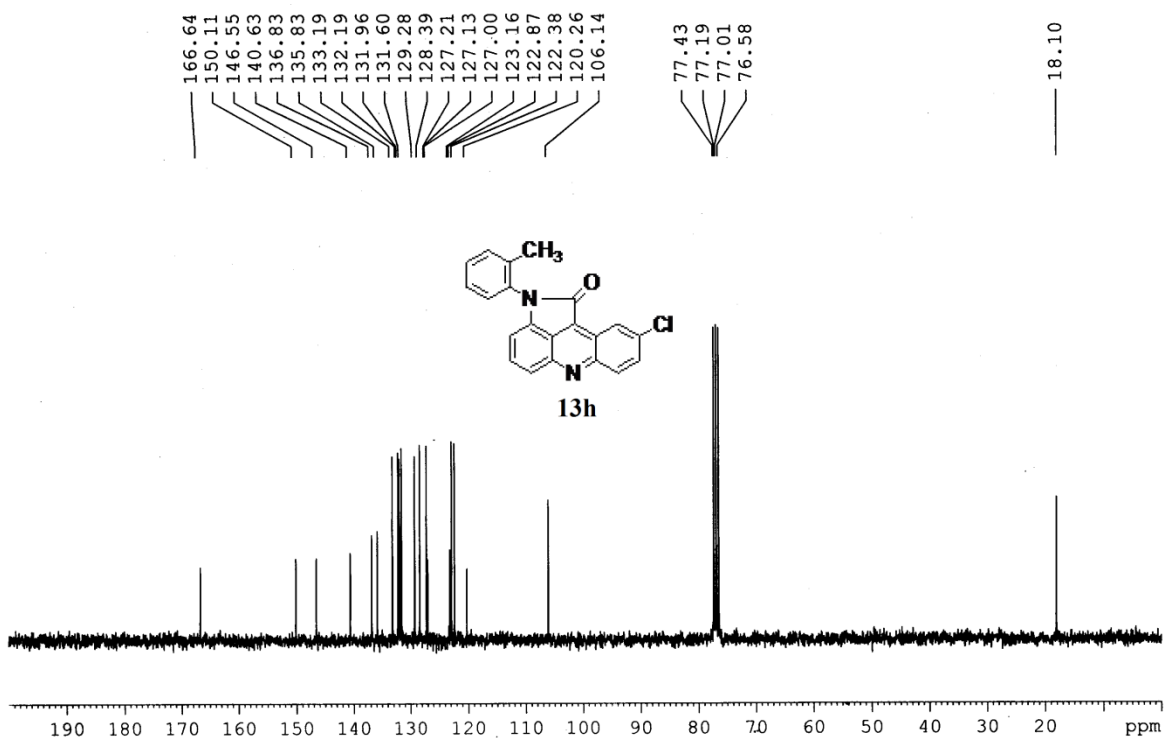
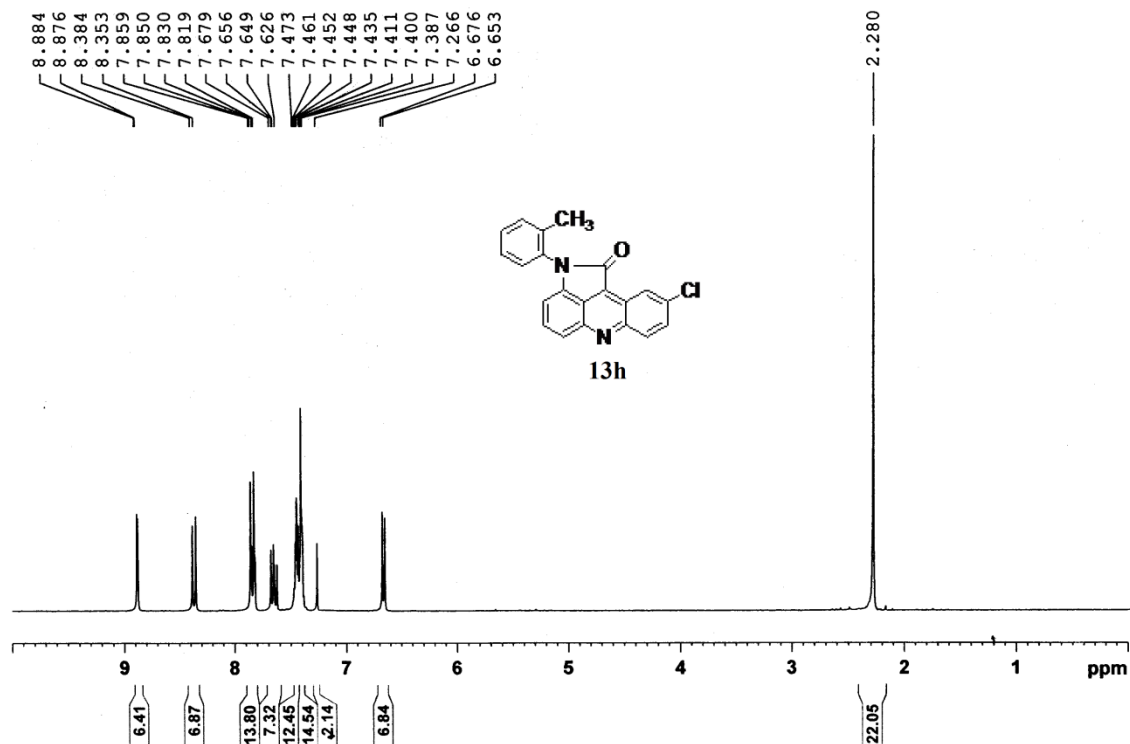


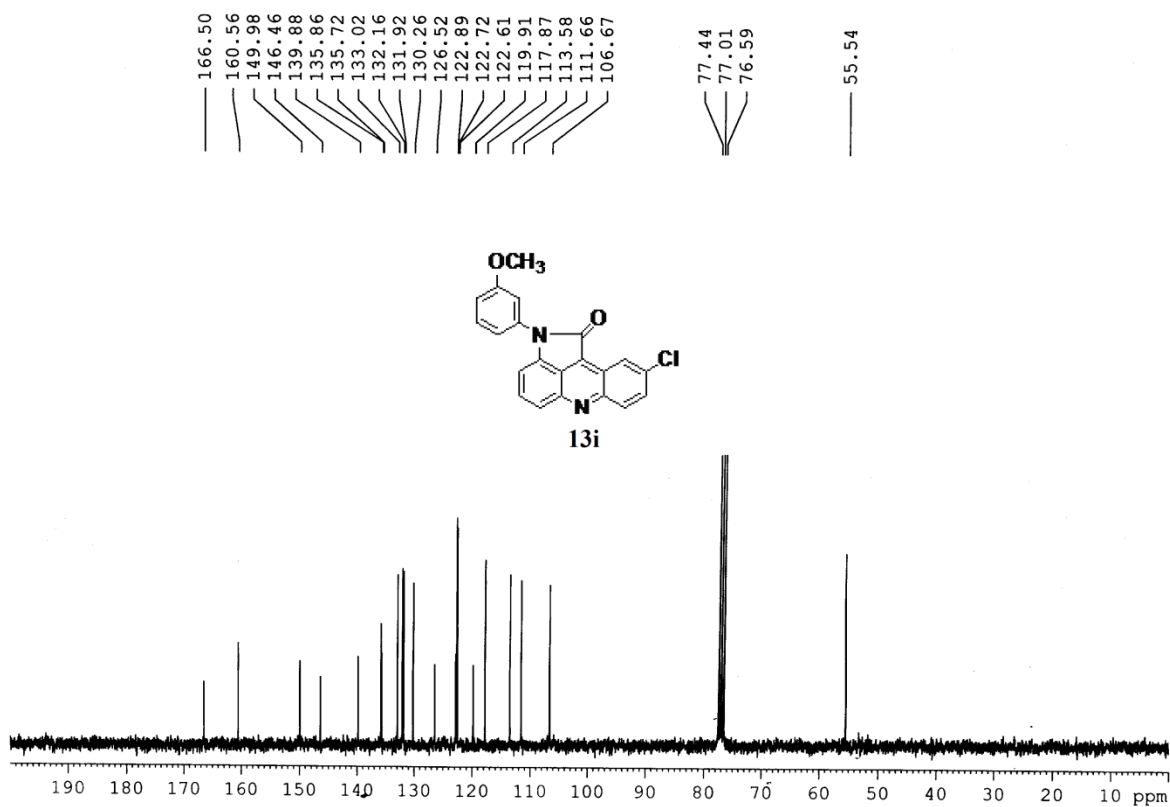
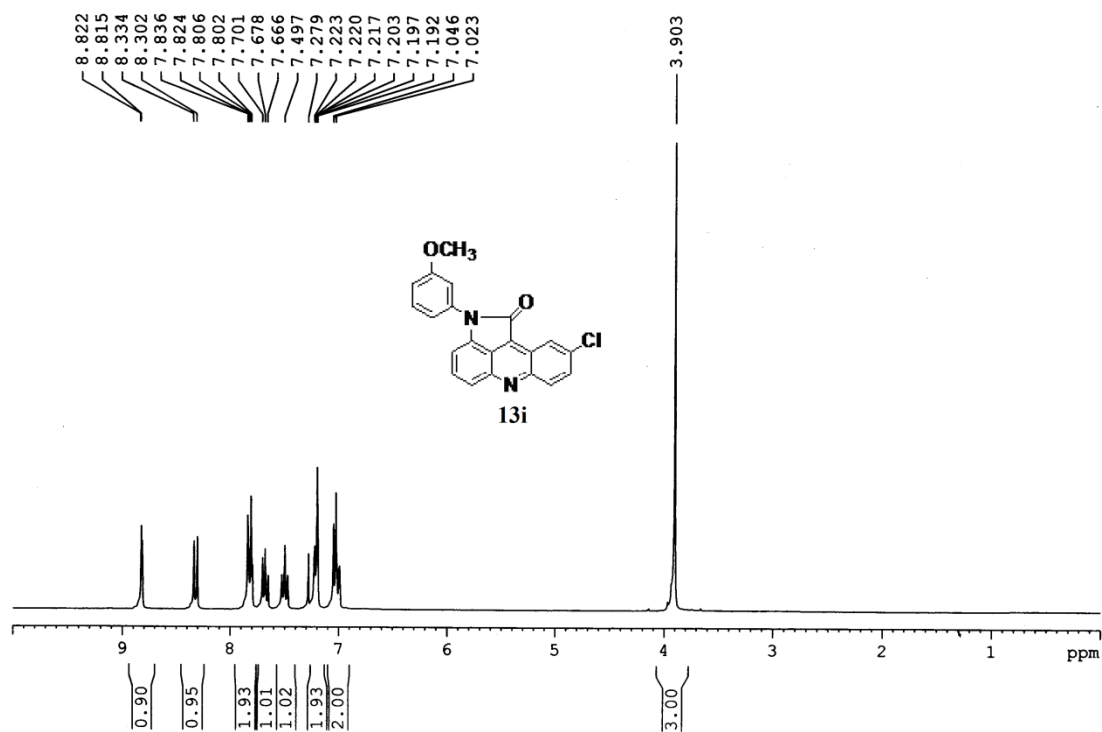


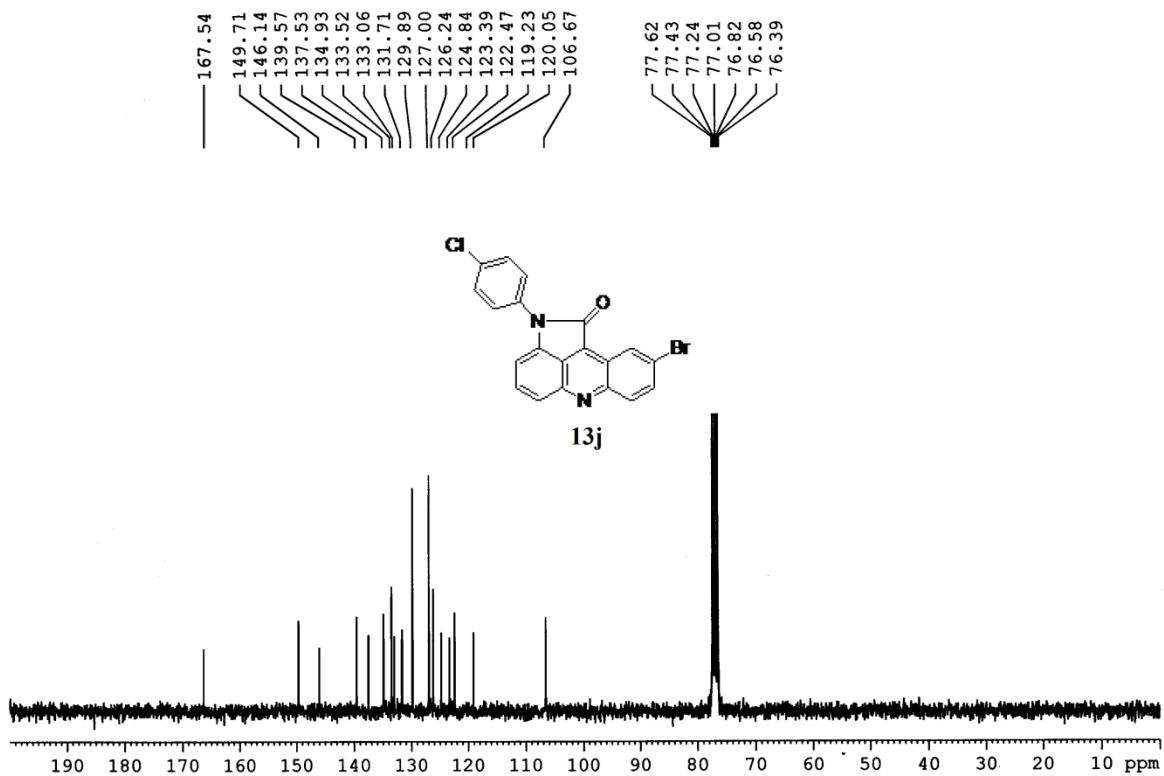
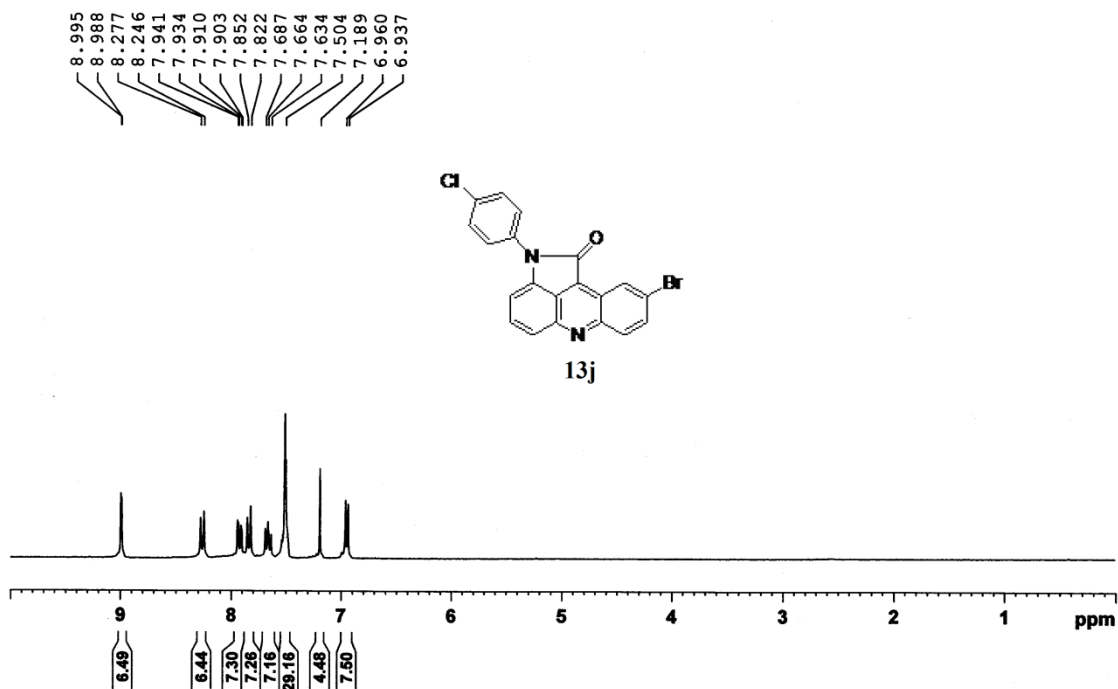


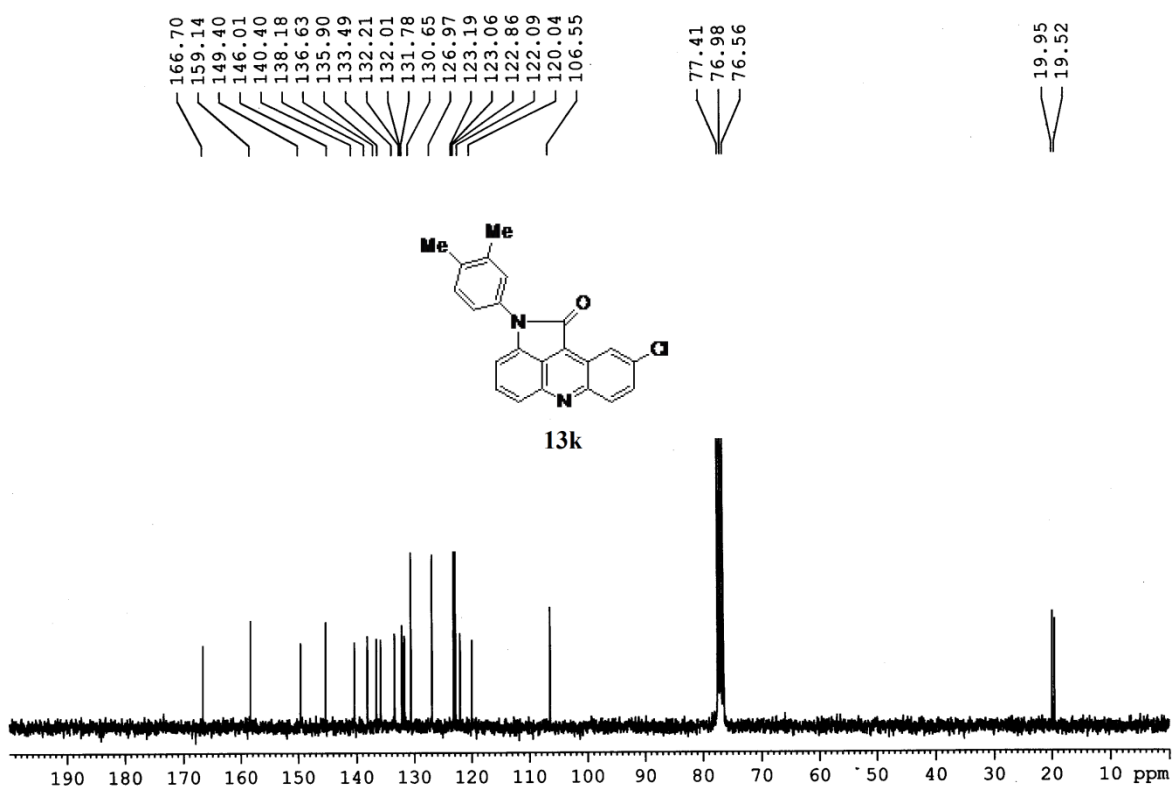
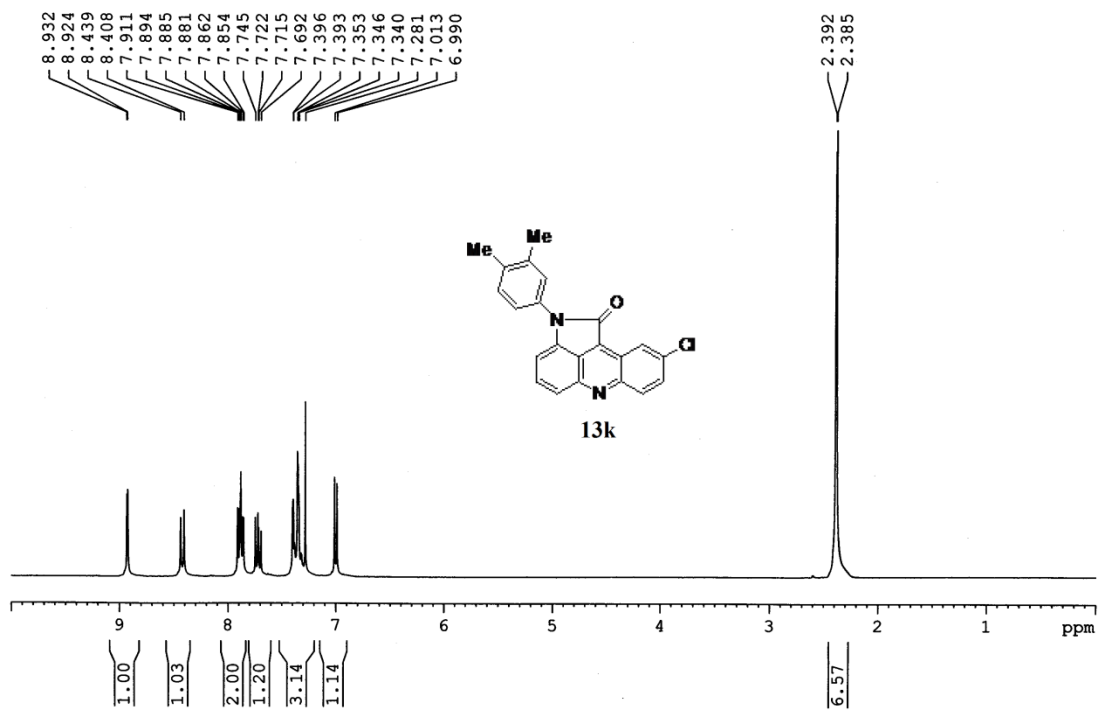


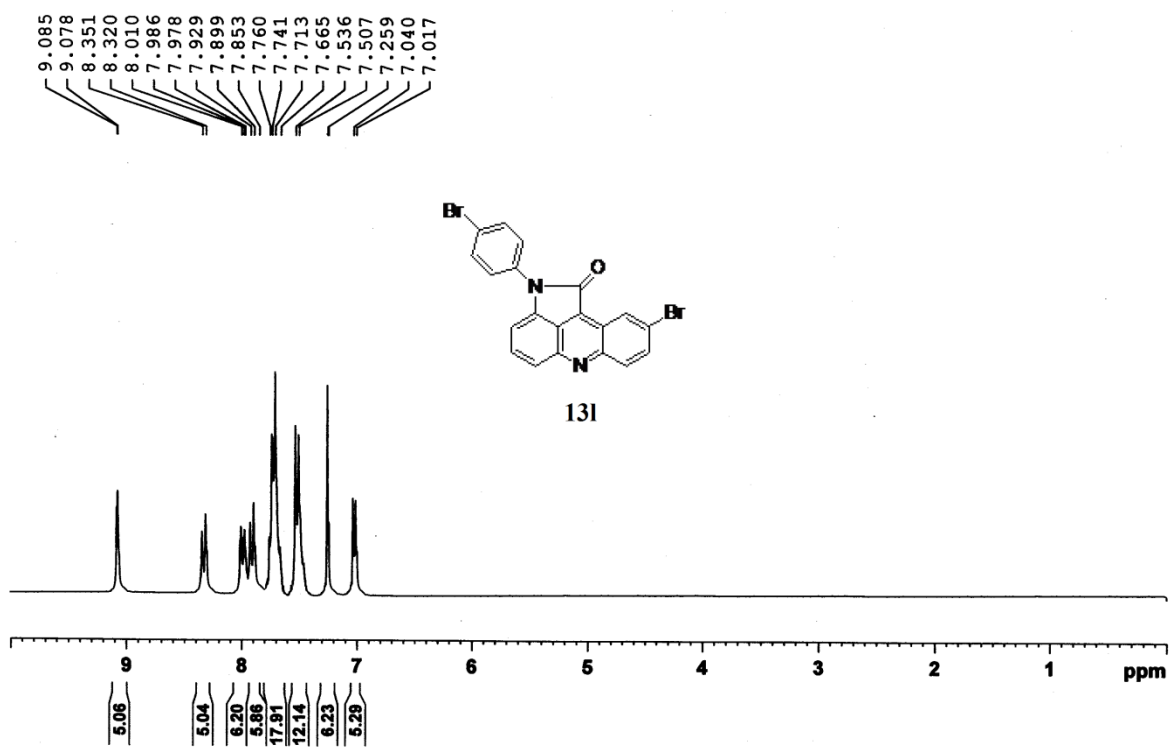


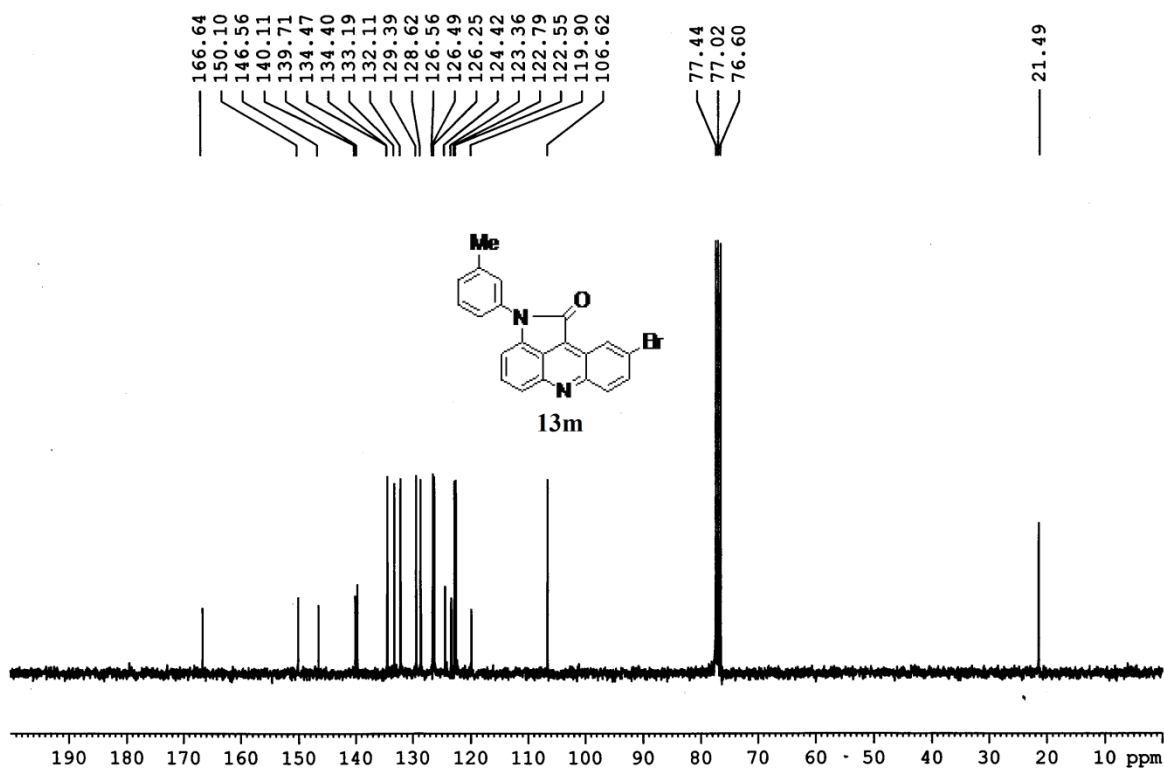
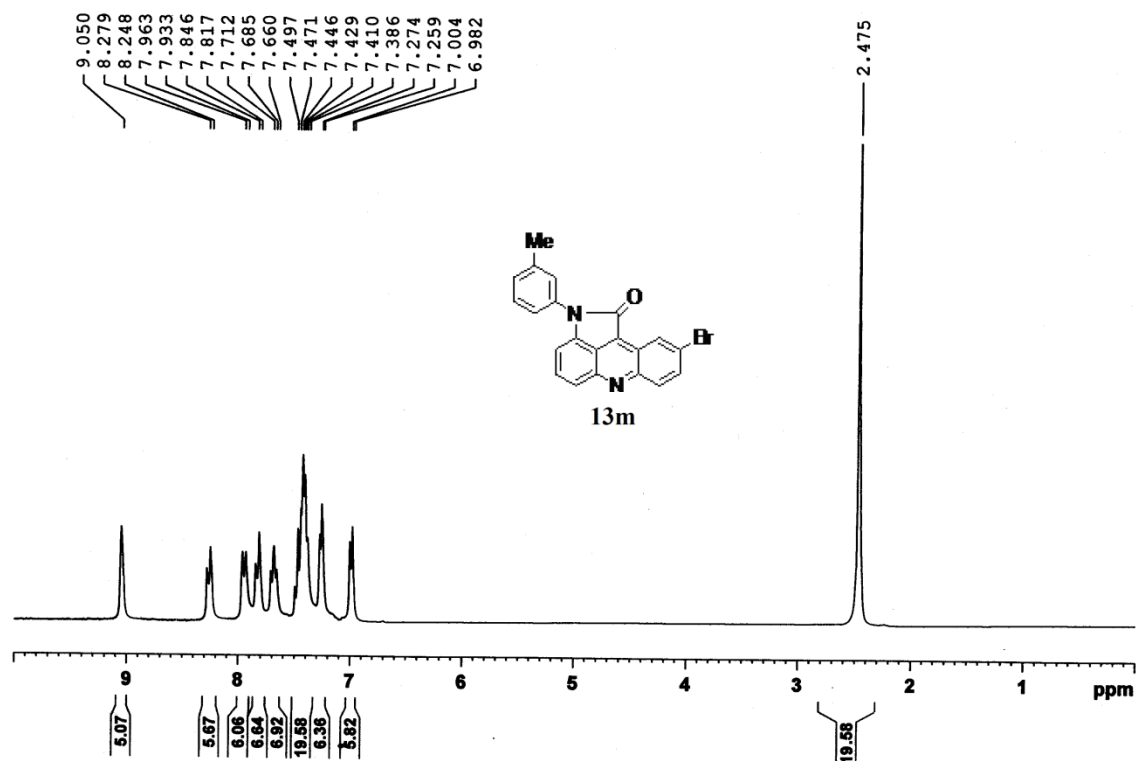


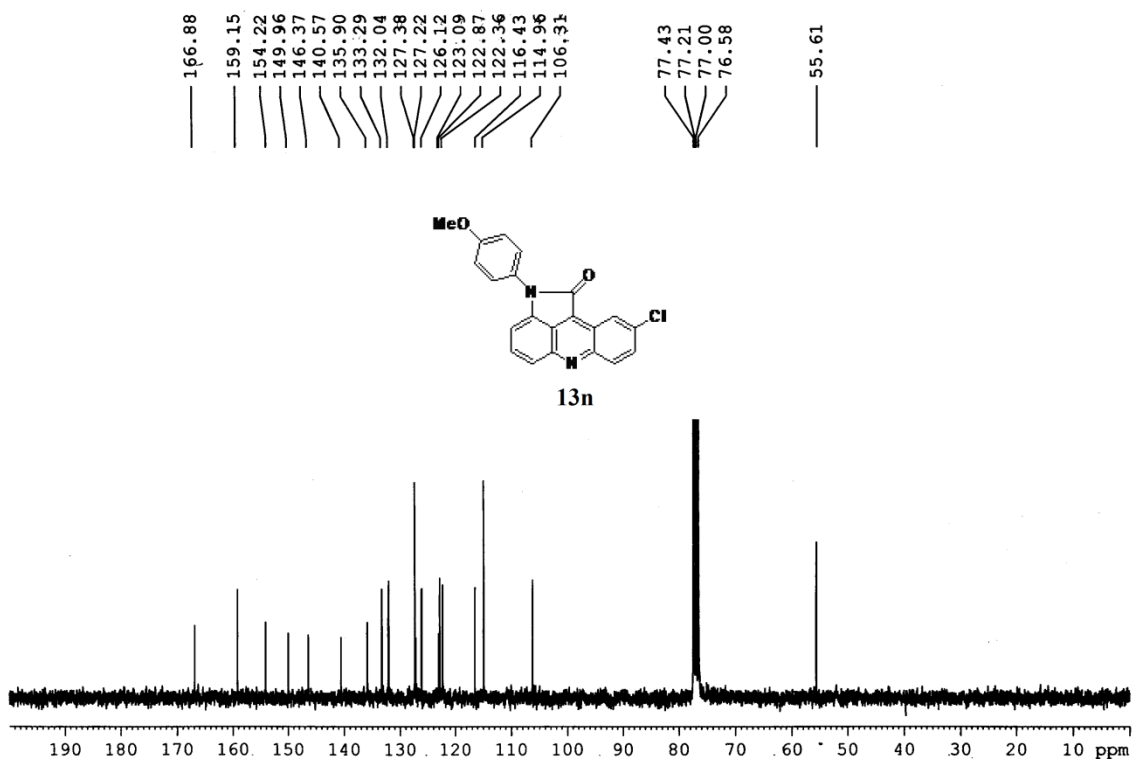
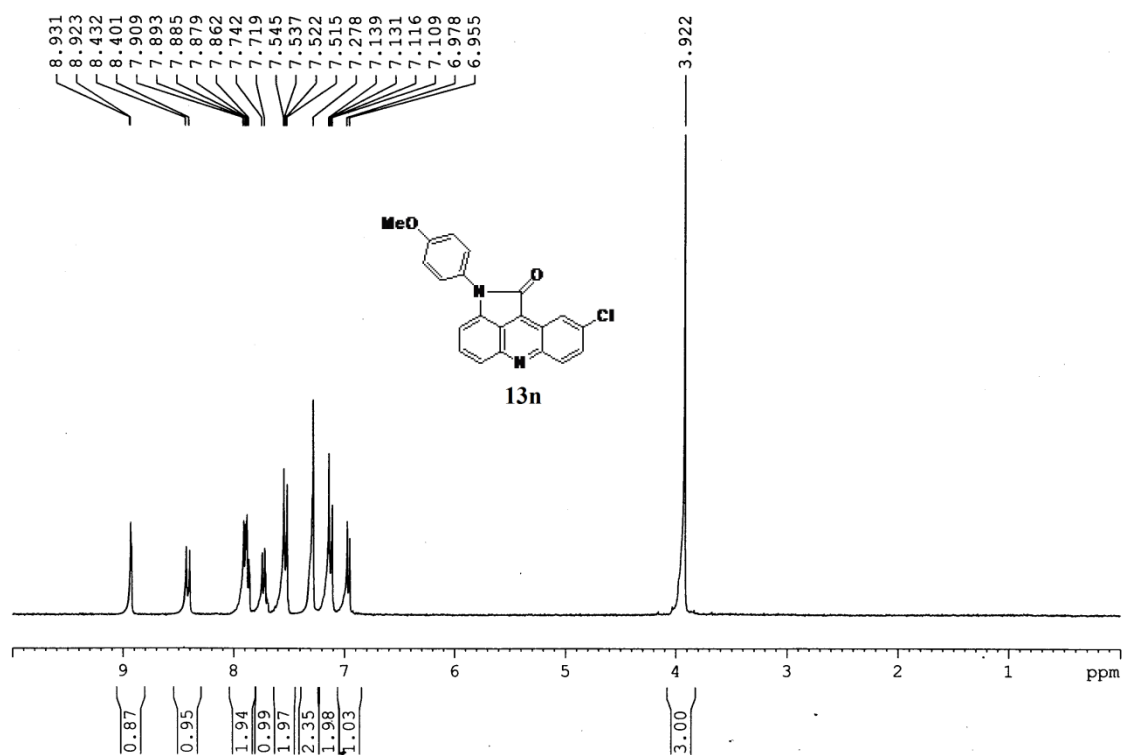


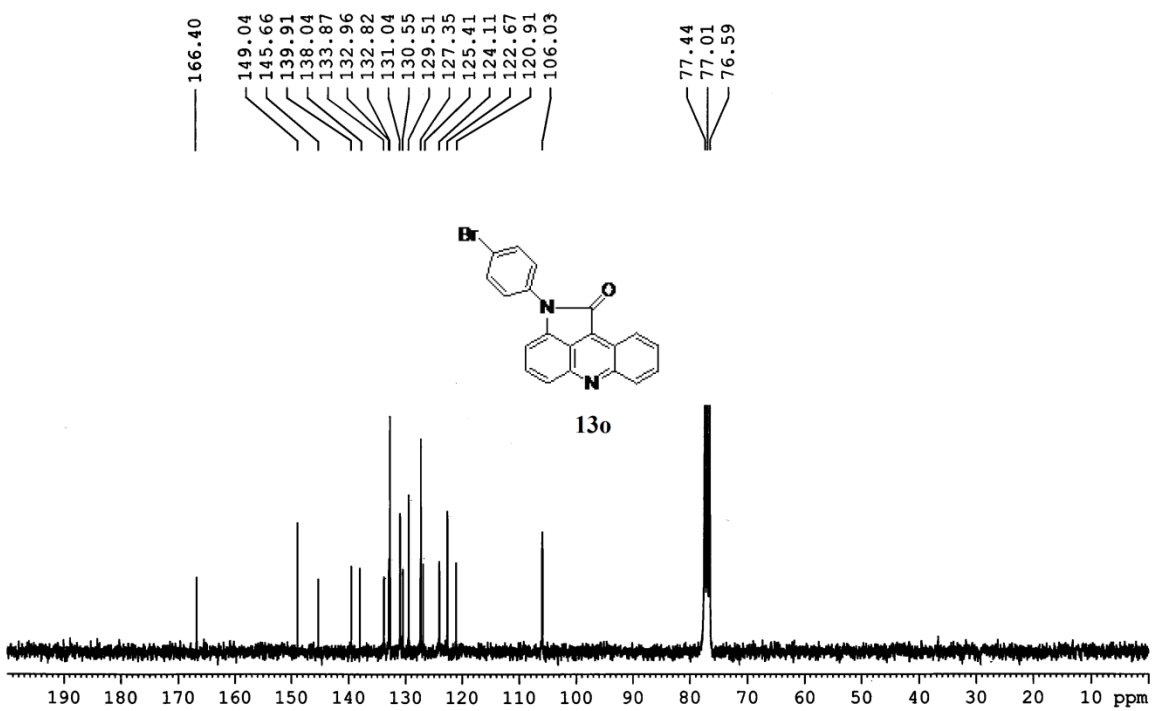
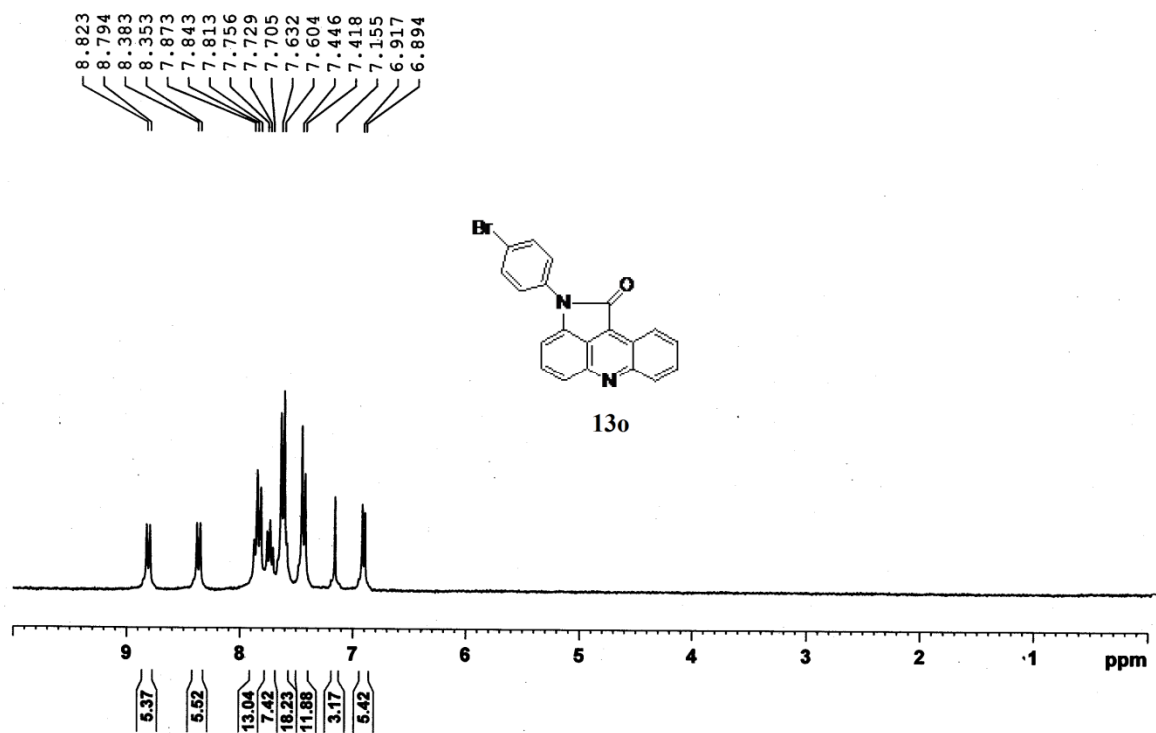


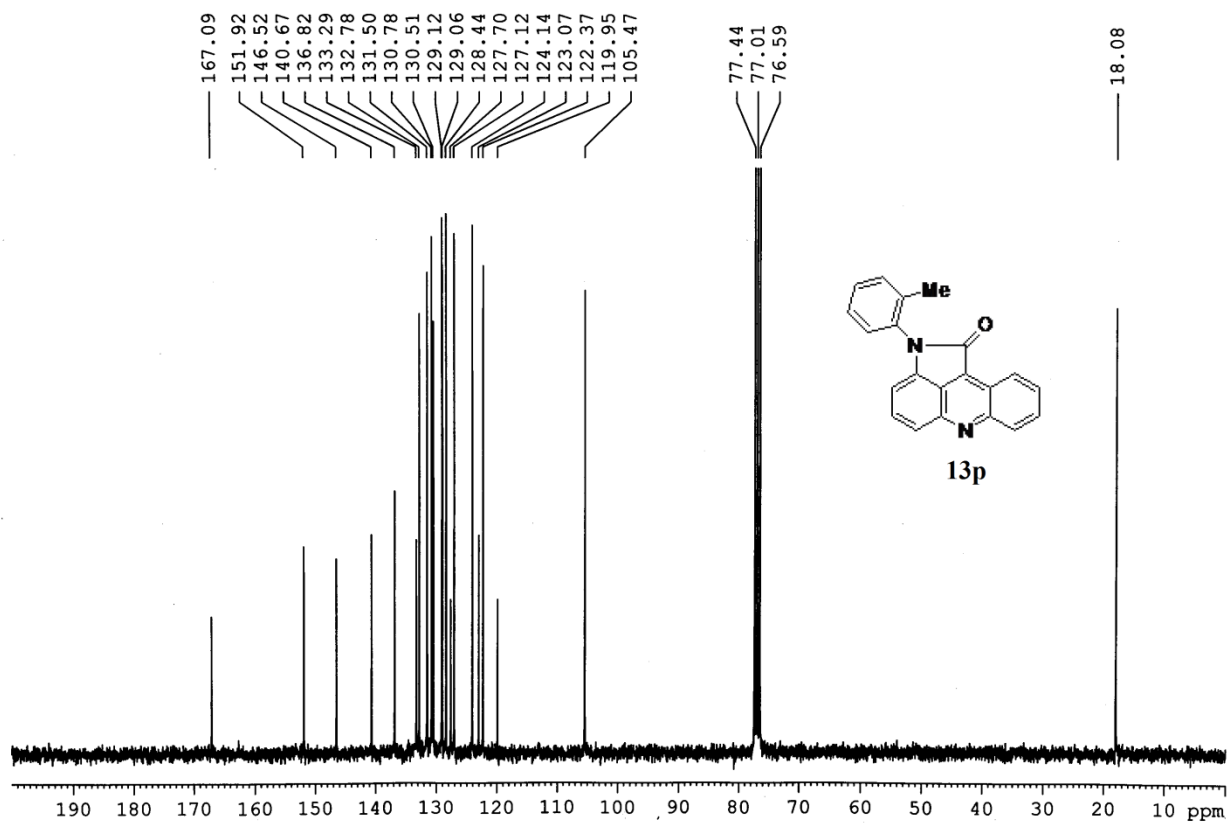
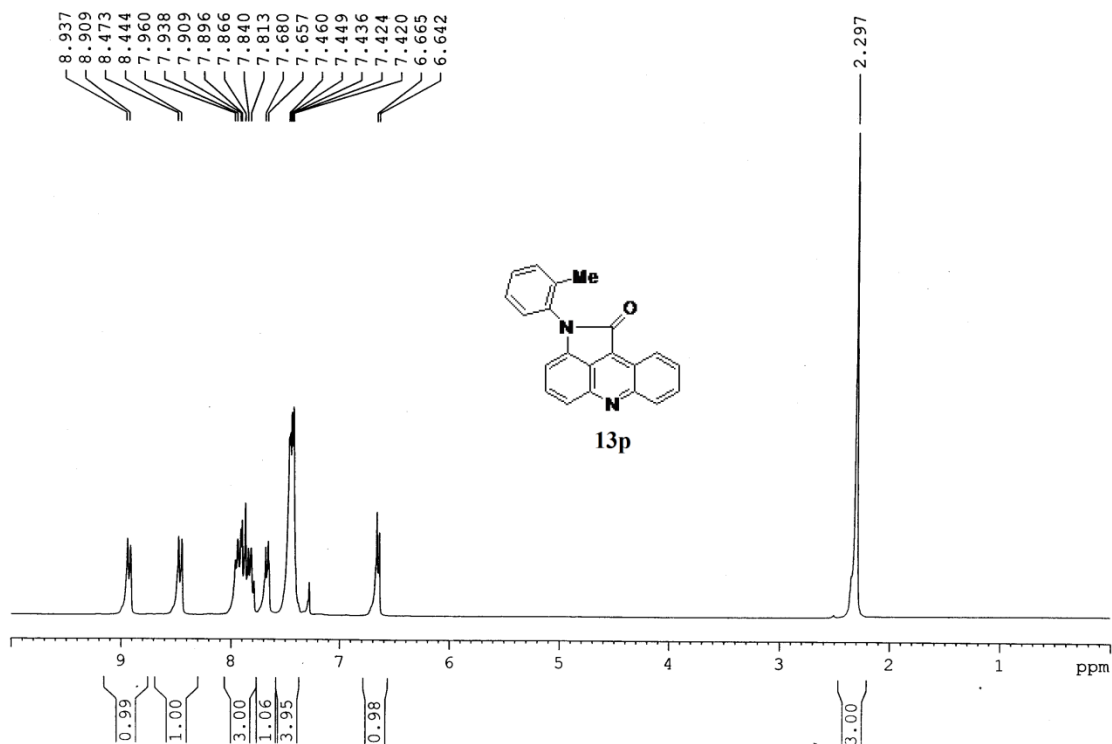


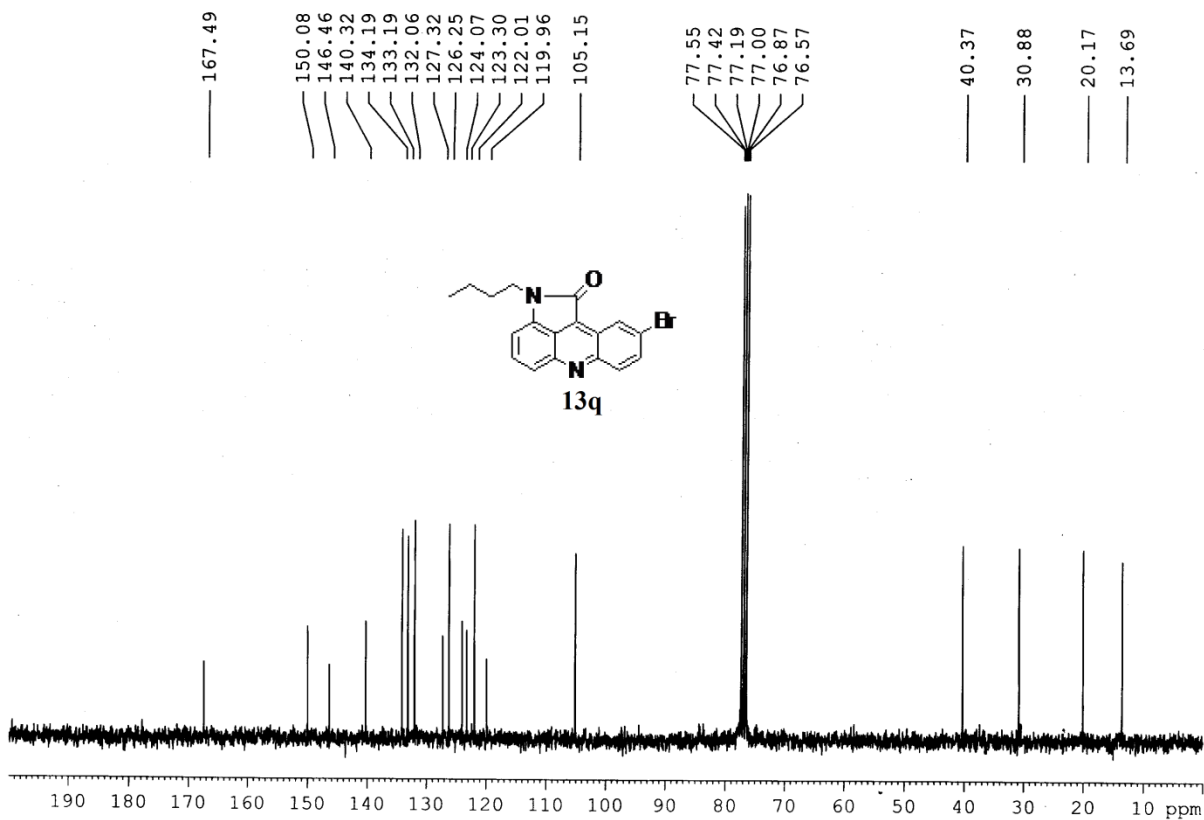
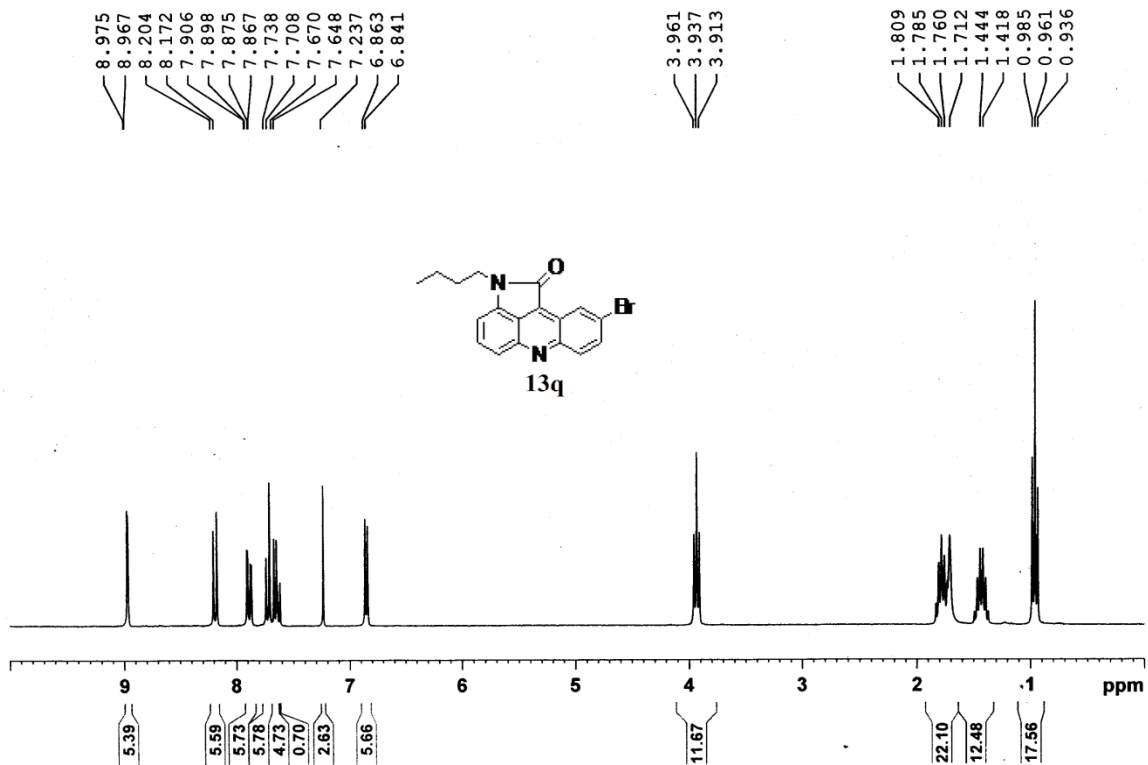


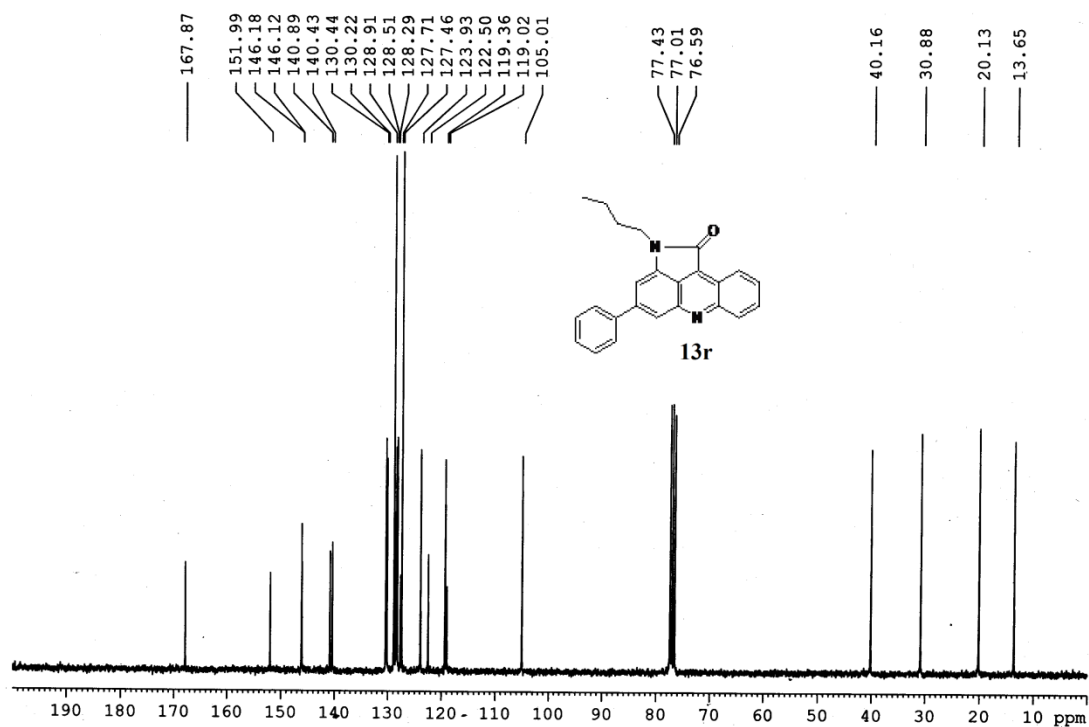
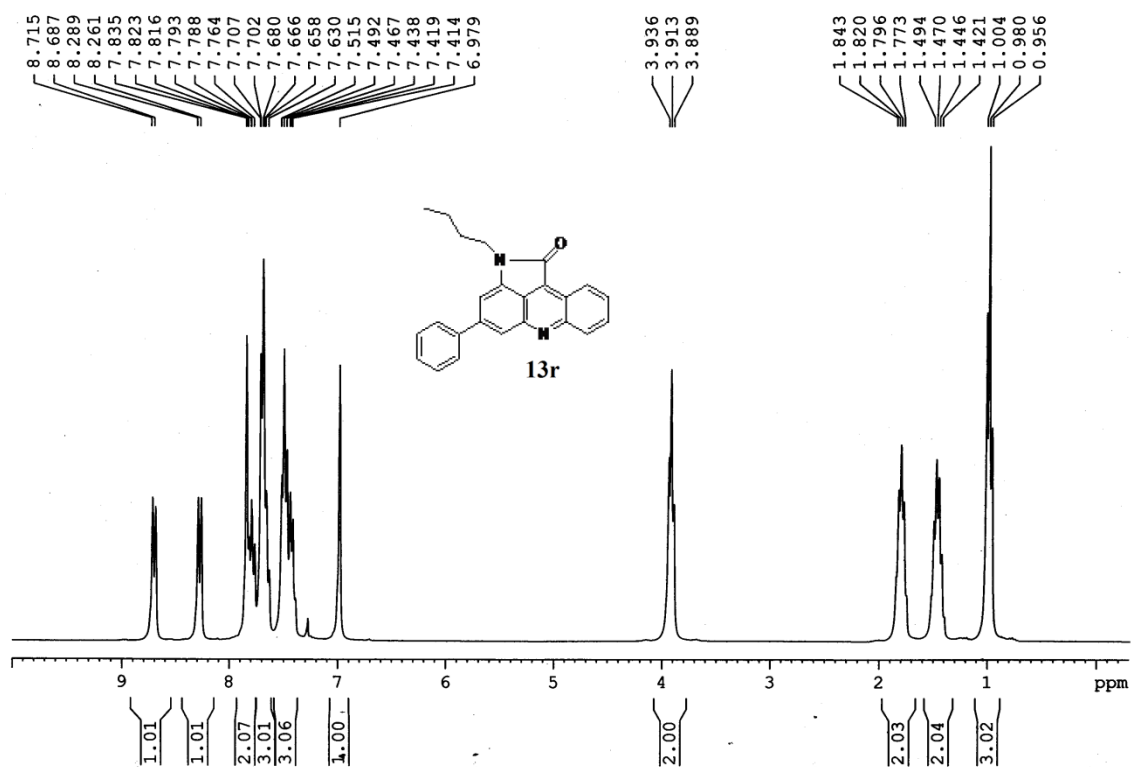


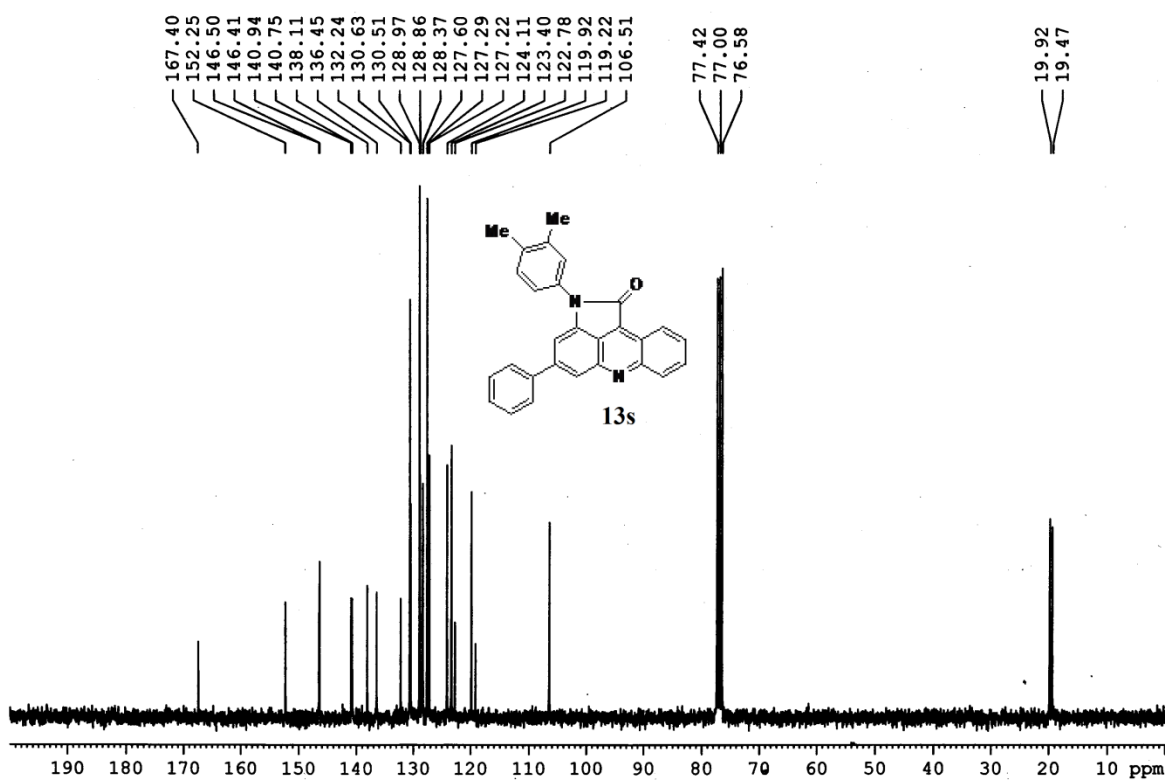
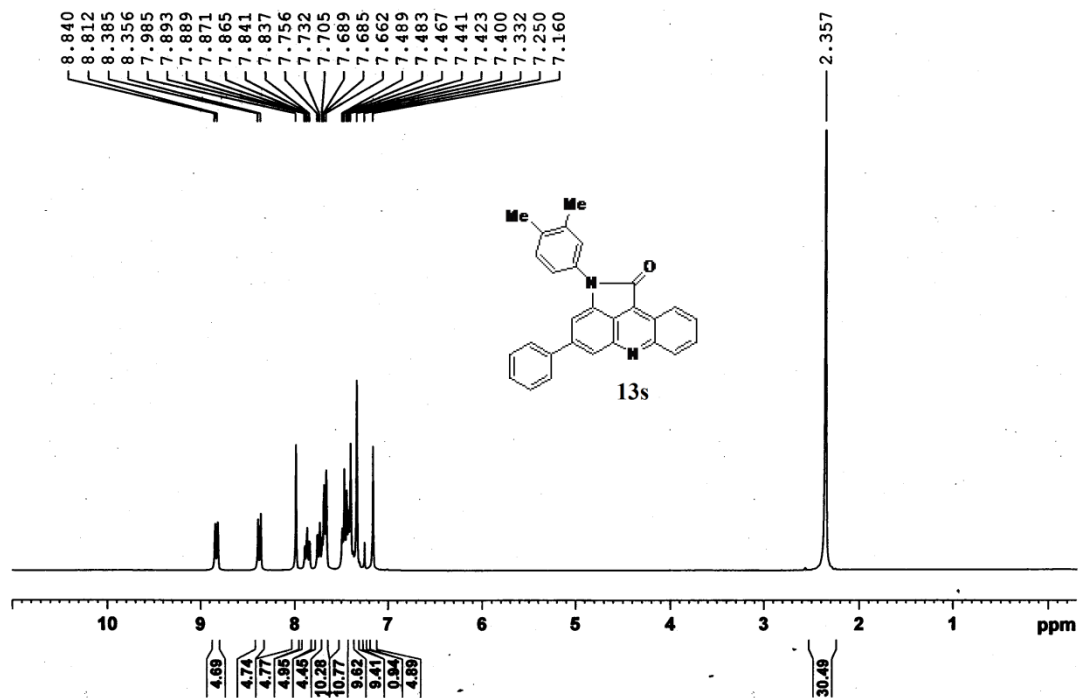




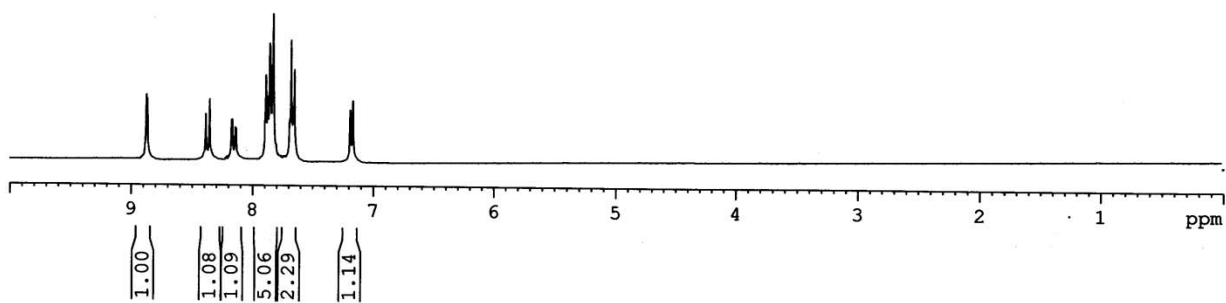
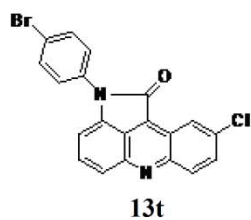




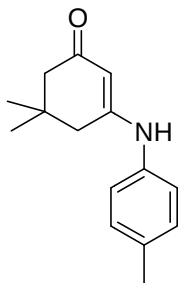




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3-(*p*-tolylamino)-5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-enone (9):



Yellow solid; m.p. 214-216 °C (recrystallized from EtOAc/DCM, equal volume); Anal. calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉NO; C: 78.56; H: 8.35; N: 6.11%. Found: C: 78.76; H: 8.29; N: 6.03 %; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3416, 2915, 1687, 1610, 1453, 1098
δ_H ppm (300 MHz; DMSO-d₆; TMS) 1.02 (6H, s, 2× CH₃), 2.04 (2H, s, CH₂), 2.28 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.36 (2H, s, CH₂), 5.25 (1H, s, vinylic CH), 7.06 (2H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.17 (2H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz, ArH), 8.70 (1H, s, NH); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ_C: 20.9, 28.4, 32.7, 42.5, 50.7, 96.9, 123.7, 130.1, 134.1, 137.0, 160.9, 195.6.

