

**DABCO-catalyzed unusual [4+2] cycloaddition reaction: non-substituted allenolate acts as a four-carbon synthon and facile synthesis of spirooxindoles**

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## 1. General information:

All reactions were performed under N<sub>2</sub> atmospheres in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. TLC monitored all reactions with silica gel-coated plates. Flash column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum was recorded at ambient temperature on Bruker 400 instruments. All spectra were referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H δ 7.26 ppm and <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 77.00 ppm). HRMS were obtained on Waters Xevo Q-TOF MS with ESI resource. Melting points were measured on a RY-I apparatus and are reported uncorrected. Substrates **1** were synthesized according to the known procedure.<sup>1</sup>

## 2. Typical procedure for the synthesis of products **3**:

Substrate **1** and DABCO (12 mol%) were added to an oven-dried round bottomflask with a magnetic stir bar. The solvent CH<sub>3</sub>OH/CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL, v/v = 1:1.5) and allenolate **2a** (1 eq.) were then added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for two hours. Then, another batch of DABCO (12 mol%) and allenolate **2a** (1 eq.) was added and stirred for another two hours. A last batch of DABCO and allenolate **2a** were added and stirred for one to three hours more (see Table 2). When the reaction was completed, the solvent was evaporated and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate: petroleum ether = 1:2) with silica gel as stationary phase to obtain the product.

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### 3. Characterization of the Products

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3a):** yield 42 mg (63%, white solid); mp 204-205 °C; IR (KBr) 3444, 2925, 2358, 2339, 2027, 1714, 1660, 1614  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  .74 (s, 1H), 7.19 (td,  $J = 7.8, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (td,  $J = 7.6, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.47 (m, 1H), 2.53 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.68, 178.91, 175.44, 170.77, 167.03, 141.61, 128.94, 128.52, 124.11, 122.37, 109.11, 100.62, 92.42, 64.32, 61.26, 59.66, 56.15, 40.75, 29.39, 14.26, 13.04 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6 + \text{H}$  386.1604, found 386.1610.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(4-methoxy-5'-methyl-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3b):** yield 37 mg (57%, white solid); mp 209-210 °C; IR (KBr) 3445, 2940, 2360, 2341, 2026, 1731, 1660, 1614  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52 (s, 1H), 6.98 (dt,  $J = 8.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.08-4.16 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.13 (td,  $J = 7.2, 1.6$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.87, 178.90, 175.31, 170.86, 167.05, 139.05, 131.70, 128.94, 124.90, 108.75, 100.68, 92.43, 64.29, 61.36, 59.64, 56.14, 40.77, 29.35, 21.14, 14.32, 13.10 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_6 + \text{H}$  400.1760, found 400.1761.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(4,5'-dimethoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3c):** yield 47 mg (73%, white solid); mp 213-214 °C; IR (KBr) 3452, 2944, 2361, 2342, 2026, 1704, 1664, 1612  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (s, 1H), 6.65-6.79 (m, 3H), 5.51 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd,  $J = 12.4, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.10 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.51 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.13

(t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.66, 178.97, 175.19, 170.75, 167.10, 155.57, 134.88, 130.08, 114.13, 110.60, 109.49, 100.64, 92.51, 64.31, 61.82, 59.65, 56.15, 55.57, 40.71, 29.38, 14.26, 13.11 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_7 + \text{H}$  416.1709, found 416.1703.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(5'-fluoro-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3d):** yield 56 mg (86%, white solid); mp 211-212 °C; IR (KBr) 3452, 2940, 2362, 2344, 2026, 1711, 1656, 1609  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80 (s, 1H), 6.90 (td,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.08-4.18 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.41-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.09, 179.14, 175.50, 170.21, 167.02, 158.85 (d,  $J = 238.4$  Hz), 137.65 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 130.56 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 114.98 (d,  $J = 23.5$  Hz), 112.23 (d,  $J = 25.0$  Hz), 109.66 (d,  $J = 25.0$  Hz), 100.47, 92.69, 64.38, 61.92, 59.82, 56.22, 40.61, 29.26, 14.23, 13.05 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}_6 + \text{H}$  404.1509, found 404.1510.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(5'-chloro-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3e):** yield 58 mg (90%, white solid); mp 232-233 °C; IR (KBr) 3442, 2924, 2361, 2342, 2026, 1711, 1656, 1610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.16 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.08-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.53 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.91, 179.16, 175.13, 170.04, 167.01, 140.24, 130.68, 128.60, 127.71, 124.75, 110.07, 100.46, 92.87, 64.38, 61.70, 59.89, 56.24, 40.59, 29.20, 14.28, 13.11 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_6 + \text{H}$  420.1214, found 420.1216.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(5'-bromo-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3f):** yield 48 mg (77%, white solid); mp 232-233 °C; IR (KBr) 3442, 2923, 2361, 2343, 2026, 1709, 1658, 1609  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83 (s, 1H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d,

$J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.30 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.07-4.22 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.50 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.95, 179.20, 175.08, 169.98, 167.01, 140.70, 131.48, 130.99, 127.47, 115.00, 110.62, 100.45, 92.87, 64.39, 61.64, 59.92, 56.26, 40.54, 29.13, 14.31, 13.11 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_6 + \text{H}$  464.0709, found 464.0700.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(5'-iodo-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3g):** yield 42 mg (68%, white solid); mp 239-240 °C; IR (KBr) 3392, 2952, 2361, 2342, 2026, 1706, 1656, 1608  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.10-4.22 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.66-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.61 (ddd,  $J = 17.2, 12.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.43-3.50 (m, 1H), 2.51 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.88, 179.17, 174.74, 169.98, 167.00, 141.37, 137.41, 133.18, 131.34, 111.12, 100.49, 92.99, 84.82, 64.36, 61.52, 59.97, 56.23, 40.57, 29.15, 14.39, 13.14 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{INO}_6 + \text{H}$  512.0570, found 512.0571.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxo-5'-(trifluoromethoxy)spiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3h):** yield 42 mg (67%, white solid); mp 188-189 °C; IR (KBr) 3397, 2945, 2360, 2341, 2026, 1714, 1657, 1606  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (s, 1H), 7.06 (dt,  $J = 8.4, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd,  $J = 12.4, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.41-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.51 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.74, 179.21, 175.08, 169.98, 166.97, 144.45, 140.26, 130.36, 121.78, 119.22, 118.46, 109.46, 100.43, 92.88, 64.31, 61.82, 59.80, 56.26, 40.44, 29.21, 14.14, 13.10 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_7 + \text{H}$  470.1427, found 470.1433.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(4-methoxy-5'-nitro-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3i):** yield 41 mg (64%, white solid); mp 243-244 °C; IR

(KBr) 3442, 2925, 2361,2343, 2026, 1710, 1657, 1605  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.08-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.60 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.14 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.03, 179.56, 175.27, 169.37, 166.81, 147.56, 143.40, 129.93, 125.86, 120.39, 108.86, 100.20, 93.26, 64.47, 61.58, 60.14, 56.42, 40.46, 29.16, 14.18, 13.16 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8+\text{H}$  431.1454, found 431.1456.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(6'-fluoro-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3j):** yield 43 mg (66%, white solid); mp 212-213  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; IR (KBr) 3393, 2946, 2360, 2342, 2025, 1713, 1656, 1609  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.02 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (ddd,  $J = 9.6, 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.50 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.14 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.32, 179.03, 175.87, 170.49, 167.02, 163.04 (d,  $J = 243.4$  Hz), 143.07 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz), 125.34 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz), 124.34 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 108.75 (d,  $J = 22.4$  Hz), 100.54, 97.89 (d,  $J = 27.2$  Hz), 92.62, 64.39, 60.97, 59.72, 56.21, 40.72, 29.36, 14.25, 13.06 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{FNO}_6+\text{H}$  404.1509, found 404.1510.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(6'-chloro-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3k):** yield 21 mg (33%, white solid); mp 217-218  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; IR (KBr) 3441, 2925, 2361, 2343, 2026, 1712, 1662, 1610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.31 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.44-3.50 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.08, 179.10, 175.46, 170.36, 167.01, 142.79, 134.20, 127.39, 125.19, 122.45, 109.82, 100.47, 92.65, 64.43, 61.05, 59.76, 56.26, 40.58, 29.34, 14.25, 13.11 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_6+\text{H}$  420.1214, found 420.1213.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(6'-bromo-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3l):** yield 48 mg (76%, white solid); mp 206-207 °C; IR (KBr) 3441, 2941, 2360, 2342, 2026, 1712, 1662, 1610; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.30 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.56-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.43-3.52 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.94, 179.09, 175.26, 170.34, 167.00, 142.93, 127.95, 125.57, 125.37, 122.12, 112.53, 100.45, 92.67, 64.44, 61.10, 59.77, 56.26, 40.51, 29.33, 14.26, 13.13 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub>+H 464.0709, found 464.0711.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(7'-fluoro-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3m):** yield 55 mg (84%, white solid); mp 168-169 °C; IR (KBr) 3301, 2943, 2360, 2342, 2026, 1727, 1709, 1603 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 6.91-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.67-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.60 (ddd, *J* = 16.8, 12.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.43-3.51 (m, 1H), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.85, 179.04, 174.14, 170.43, 166.97, 146.53 (d, *J* = 241.3 Hz), 131.64 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 128.81 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 123.02 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 119.90 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 115.55 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz), 100.38, 92.59, 64.40, 61.54, 61.52, 59.73, 56.21, 40.80, 29.33, 14.25, 13.04 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FNO<sub>6</sub>+H 404.1509, found 404.1513.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(7'-chloro-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3n):** yield 56 mg (86%, white solid); mp 144-145 °C; IR (KBr) 3440, 2940, 2392, 2349, 2026, 1714, 1661, 1612 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26-5.31 (m, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.66-3.73 (m, 1H), 3.56-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.42-3.50 (m, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.75, 179.04, 173.93, 170.39, 166.95,

139.31, 130.26, 128.40, 123.30, 122.48, 114.22, 100.35, 92.54, 64.45, 62.22, 59.74, 56.23, 40.91, 29.35, 14.24, 12.97 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNO<sub>6</sub>+H 420.1214, found 420.1213.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(7'-bromo-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3o):** yield 55 mg (88%, white solid); mp 204-205 °C; IR (KBr) 3446, 2942, 2361, 2342, 2026, 1715, 1701, 1649, 1602 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.67-3.73 (m, 1H), 3.59 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 12.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.43-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.67, 179.00, 173.58, 170.40, 166.94, 140.97, 131.14, 130.21, 123.67, 123.12, 102.04, 100.37, 92.62, 64.46, 62.60, 59.73, 56.22, 41.05, 29.41, 14.26, 13.01 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO<sub>6</sub>+H 464.0709, found 464.0710.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(5',6'-difluoro-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3p):** yield 43 mg (66%, white solid); mp 212-213 °C; IR (KBr) 3395, 2946, 2357, 2329, 2026, 1713, 1657, 1610 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.86 (s, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 5.29 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.08-4.12 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.44-3.52 (m, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.83, 179.26, 175.82, 169.93, 167.01, 150.48 (dd, *J* = 246, 13.8 Hz), 146.58 (dd, *J* = 246, 13.8 Hz), 137.98 (dd, *J* = 10, 2.5 Hz), 124.35 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.8 Hz), 113.91 (d, *J* = 20.4, Hz), 100.37, 99.38 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 92.85, 64.45, 61.59, 59.89, 56.30, 40.49, 29.17, 14.20, 13.04 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>+H 422.1415, found 422.1425.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(4-methoxy-1'-methyl-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3q):** yield 45 mg (68%, white solid); mp 188-189 °C; IR (KBr) 2935, 2360, 2341, 2026, 1740, 1658, 1608 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H),



4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.57-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.30-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.53 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.04 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.77, 178.88, 173.23, 170.91, 166.97, 144.46, 128.55, 128.29, 123.79, 122.44, 107.44, 100.60, 92.47, 63.92, 60.83, 59.65, 56.13, 40.72, 29.56, 26.18, 14.27, 13.48 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_6 + \text{H}$  400.1760, found 400.1768.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(5'-chloro-4-methoxy-1'-methyl-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3r):** yield 52 mg (82%, white solid); mp 162-163 °C; IR (KBr) 2940, 2361, 2342, 2026, 1727, 1657, 1606  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.08-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.35-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.53 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.07 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.96, 179.09, 172.70, 170.19, 166.93, 143.07, 129.97, 128.55, 127.80, 124.49, 108.27, 100.43, 92.90, 63.98, 61.16, 59.86, 56.19, 40.56, 29.36, 26.28, 14.28, 13.53 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClNO}_6 + \text{H}$  434.1371, found 434.1379.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(5'-bromo-4-methoxy-1'-methyl-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3s):** yield 50 mg (80%, white solid); mp 186-187 °C; IR (KBr) 2939, 2360, 2342, 2026, 1731, 1647, 1610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.09-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.36-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.53 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.07 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.94, 179.10, 172.57, 170.13, 166.93, 143.52, 131.44, 130.29, 127.20, 115.10, 108.79, 100.42, 92.91, 63.97, 61.11, 59.89, 56.20, 40.53, 29.31, 26.24, 14.30, 13.54 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{BrNO}_6 + \text{H}$  478.0865, found 478.0872.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(1'-benzyl-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3t):** yield 48 mg (77%, white solid); mp 159-160 °C; IR (KBr)

2943, 2361, 2341, 2026, 1709, 1656, 1610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23-7.29 (m, 5H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.21 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.46 (m, 1H), 2.55 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.89, 179.08, 172.85, 170.10, 166.99, 142.78, 135.20, 131.38, 130.49, 128.80, 127.60, 127.21, 126.99, 115.24, 109.85, 100.43, 93.06, 64.05, 61.20, 59.92, 56.21, 43.61, 40.31, 29.36, 14.32, 13.37 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{BrNO}_6+\text{H}$  554.1178, found 554.1172.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(1'-benzyl-5'-chloro-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3u):** yield 55 mg (90%, white solid); mp 84-85  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; IR (KBr) 2938, 2361, 2342, 2025, 1722, 1693, 1655, 1610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.12 (dd,  $J = 6.4, 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.46 (m, 1H), 2.56 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.92, 179.07, 172.98, 170.15, 167.00, 142.31, 135.25, 130.16, 128.80, 128.50, 127.91, 127.60, 127.01, 124.47, 109.34, 100.44, 93.03, 64.06, 61.24, 59.90, 56.21, 43.65, 40.34, 29.40, 14.30, 13.36 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClNO}_6+\text{H}$  510.1683, found 510.1688.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(1'-benzyl-5'-bromo-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3v):** yield 54 mg (90%, white solid); mp 159-160  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; IR (KBr) 2939, 2361, 2342, 1723, 1707, 1651, 1611  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23-7.29 (m, 5H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.21 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.46 (m, 1H), 2.55 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.89, 179.08, 172.85, 170.10, 166.99, 142.78, 135.20, 131.38, 130.49, 128.80, 127.60, 127.21, 126.99, 115.24, 109.85, 100.43, 93.06, 64.05, 61.20, 59.92, 56.21, 43.61, 40.31, 29.36, 14.32, 13.37 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for

$C_{28}H_{28}BrNO_6+H$  554.1178, found 554.1172.

**tert-butyl-(E)-6-(1,3-diethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-ene-1'-carboxylate (3w):** yield 38 mg (62%, brown oil); IR (KBr) 2931, 2360, 2341, 2026, 1764, 1723, 1704, 1661, 1609  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td,  $J = 7.2, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td,  $J = 7.2, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.58 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  191.98, 179.05, 170.91, 170.27, 166.87, 149.20, 140.85, 128.41, 127.46, 126.87, 124.35, 123.52, 114.51, 100.39, 92.70, 83.98, 65.09, 64.33, 59.72, 56.16, 41.65, 29.56, 28.00, 14.17, 12.99 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{26}H_{31}NO_8+H$  486.2128, found 486.2122.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(1'-(ethoxymethyl)-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (3x):** yield 52 mg (81%, brown oil); IR (KBr) 2937, 2361, 2342, 2026, 1719, 1659, 1611  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.28 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.41-3.66 (m, 5H), 2.55 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.14 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  192.56, 178.81, 173.88, 170.53, 166.94, 142.85, 128.61, 127.80, 123.72, 122.89, 108.91, 100.49, 92.53, 69.69, 63.99, 61.01, 59.64, 56.11, 40.56, 29.44, 14.76, 14.22, 13.10 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{29}NO_7+H$  444.2022, found 444.2029.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-(3-bromo-4-methoxy-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (4):** yield 16 mg (27%, white solid); mp 239-240  $^{\circ}C$ ; IR (KBr) 3446, 2940, 2360, 2342, 2026, 1715, 1701, 1662, 1654, 1623  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (s, 1H), 7.21 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd,  $J = 11.4, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.10-4.16 (m, 2H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.45 (m, 1H), 2.89

(dd,  $J = 17.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.12 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  185.25, 175.42, 173.42, 169.79, 166.43, 142.85, 128.68, 128.43, 123.78, 121.27, 109.01, 99.07, 92.69, 79.17, 64.42, 60.91, 59.29, 57.24, 27.02, 14.17, 12.90 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_6+\text{H}$  466.0691, found 466.0687.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-((1S,6R)-4-methoxy-3-(benzen-2-yl)-2,2'-**

**dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (5g-Ph):** yield 25 mg (56%, white solid); mp 248-249 °C; IR (KBr) 3446, 2944, 2360, 2342, 2026, 1703, 1657, 1622, 1606  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.88 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.45 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.02-4.10 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.66-3.74 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.46 (m, 1H), 2.56 (dd,  $J = 17.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.15-1.20 (m, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.60, 179.07, 175.38, 170.57, 167.11, 140.84, 135.54, 129.47, 128.55, 127.41, 126.71, 123.20, 109.32, 100.68, 92.67, 64.33, 61.58, 59.68, 56.22, 40.70, 29.24, 14.14, 13.17 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_6+\text{H}$  462.1917, found 462.1917.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-3-(4-methoxy-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2,2'-**

**dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)acrylate (5g-Naph):** yield 38 mg (77%, white solid); mp 253-254 °C; IR (KBr) 3446, 2931, 2360, 2342, 2026, 1719, 1700, 1684, 1670, 1653, 1647  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.13 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.65 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.97-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.67-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.51 (m, 1H), 2.56 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.18 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.09 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.89, 179.30, 175.77, 170.50, 167.13, 141.17, 138.18, 135.35, 133.64, 132.31, 129.63, 128.13, 127.98, 127.74, 127.51, 126.12, 125.58, 125.35, 125.04, 123.36, 109.67, 100.76, 92.73, 64.40, 61.74, 59.67, 56.23, 40.78, 29.28, 14.09, 13.12 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_6+\text{H}$  512.2073, found 512.2074.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (1a):** yield 374 mg (96%, orange solid); mp 135-136 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.49 (s, 1H), 8.25

(s, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.21 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.53 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.42, 166.36, 164.34, 142.95, 130.82, 130.73, 126.96, 121.72, 121.18, 110.33, 98.69, 64.70, 60.25, 14.31, 14.16 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4+\text{H}$  288.1236, found 288.1230.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-5-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (1b):** yield 299 mg (80%, orange solid); mp 181-182 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.24 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.21 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.56 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.83, 165.91, 164.24, 141.86, 131.55, 131.13, 129.97, 127.66, 124.88, 120.48, 109.71, 98.29, 64.99, 59.66, 20.63, 14.25, 14.07 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4+\text{H}$  302.1392, found 302.1391.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-5-methoxy-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (1c):** yield 197 mg (55%, brick red solid); mp 181-182 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.23 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.21 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.54 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.32, 166.29, 164.25, 155.16, 136.80, 131.17, 127.20, 122.10, 115.62, 114.13, 110.32, 98.86, 64.74, 60.26, 55.98, 14.32, 14.28 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_5+\text{H}$  318.1342, found 318.1344.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-5-fluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (1d):** yield 355 mg (96%, orange solid); mp 188-189 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.49 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (td,  $J = 8.4, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.57 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.18, 166.18, 163.80, 138.92, 132.07 (d,  $J = 9.8$  Hz), 131.94 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz), 128.49 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz), 128.04, 117.03 (d,  $J = 23.9$  Hz), 114.53 (d,  $J = 26.3$  Hz),

110.48 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 99.61, 64.91, 60.36, 14.31, 14.16 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{16}FNO_4+H$  306.1142, found 306.1136.

**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-5-chloro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (Ie):** yield 223 mg (63%, orange solid); mp 181-182 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.69 (s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.60 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.44, 165.74, 163.47, 142.87, 130.55, 129.84, 126.74, 126.45, 125.28, 121.88, 111.35, 99.51, 65.16, 59.78, 14.18, 14.01 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{16}ClNO_4+H$  322.0846, found 322.0847.

**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-5-bromo-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (If):** yield 301 mg (93%, orange solid); mp 217-218 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.50 (s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.61 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.33, 165.75, 163.48, 143.25, 133.35, 129.72, 129.48, 126.40, 122.34, 112.94, 111.88, 99.57, 65.20, 59.80, 14.20, 14.11 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{16}BrNO_4+H$  366.0341, found 366.0340.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-5-iodo-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (Ig):** yield 214 mg (71%, brick red solid); mp 232-233 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.77 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 4.10-4.17 (m, 4H), 1.51 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.17, 165.77, 163.58, 143.68, 139.07, 134.98, 129.55, 126.17, 122.76, 112.38, 99.48, 83.98, 65.23, 59.80, 14.33, 14.22 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{16}INO_4+H$  414.0202, found 414.0197.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-2-oxo-5-(trifluoromethoxy)indolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (Ih):** yield 64 mg (20%, orange solid); mp 156-157 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.87 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 2.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.11-4.18 (m, 4H), 1.42 (t,  $J =$

7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.74, 165.82, 163.42, 143.28, 142.66, 129.86, 126.96, 124.55, 121.58, 121.39, 120.46, 110.94, 99.82, 65.25, 59.89, 14.22, 13.77 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5+\text{H}$  372.1059, found 372.1053.

**Ethyl- (E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-5-nitro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (Ii):** yield 200 mg (58%, yellow solid); mp 263-264 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.39 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.12-4.20 (m, 4H), 1.55 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.97, 165.69, 163.04, 149.70, 141.87, 128.76, 127.77, 127.45, 122.48, 120.57, 110.13, 100.57, 65.44, 59.90, 14.15, 13.90 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6+\text{H}$  333.1087, found 333.1097.

**Ethyl (E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-6-fluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (Ij):** yield 203 mg (55%, yellow solid); mp 174-175 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.70 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.86 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.62-6.67 (m, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  169.10, 165.94, 163.96, 146.09 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz), 129.76 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz), 128.99 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz), 124.88 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 116.94 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 107.86 (d,  $J = 22.3$  Hz), 98.48, 98.13 (d,  $J = 26.7$  Hz), 65.00, 59.74, 14.26, 13.99 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_4+\text{H}$  306.1142, found 306.1147.

**Ethyl- (E)-4-((E)-6-chloro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (Ik):** yield 63 mg (18%, orange solid); mp 185-186 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.82 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.68, 165.83, 163.74, 145.37, 135.29, 129.68, 128.30, 125.91, 121.11, 119.30, 110.01, 98.81, 64.99, 59.72, 14.20, 13.92 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_4+\text{H}$  322.0846, found 322.0841.

**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-6-bromo-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (Il):** yield 230 mg (71%, orange solid); mp 178-179 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.37

(s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.55, 165.82, 163.75, 145.41, 129.77, 128.49, 126.08, 124.00, 119.63, 112.81, 98.83, 64.99, 59.71, 14.19, 13.90 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NBrO}_4+\text{H}$  366.0341, found 366.0336.

**Ethyl- (E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-7-fluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (1m):** yield 273 mg (74%, orange solid); mp 201-202 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.17 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.98 (td,  $J = 8.0, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.09-4.18 (m, 4H), 1.40 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.51, 165.86, 163.70, 146.63 (d,  $J = 240.4$  Hz), 131.07 (d,  $J = 12.9$  Hz), 130.08 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz), 127.01, 123.27 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 122.96 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 121.83 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz), 117.72 (d,  $J = 17.2$  Hz), 98.81, 65.03, 59.75, 14.19, 13.91 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_4+\text{H}$  306.1142, found 306.1143.

**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-7-chloro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (1n):** yield 248 mg (70%, orange solid); mp 140-141 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  11.09 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.11-4.17 (m, 4H), 1.40 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.53, 165.78, 163.56, 141.39, 130.61, 130.22, 127.14, 125.35, 122.35, 122.20, 114.34, 98.89, 64.98, 59.69, 14.15, 13.85 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_4+\text{H}$  322.0846, found 322.0846.

**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-7-bromo-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (1o):** yield 174 mg (54%, orange solid); mp 179-180 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.94 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.83 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 4.10-4.18 (m, 4H), 1.40 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.22 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  168.51, 165.84, 163.61, 143.05, 133.62, 130.45, 127.22, 125.87, 122.82, 122.24, 102.56, 98.93, 65.05, 59.76, 14.21, 13.91 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}_4+\text{H}$  366.0341, found 366.0343.



**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-5,6-difluoro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (Ip):** yield 250 mg (71%, orange solid); mp 180-181 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 168.72, 165.69, 163.35, 151.01 (dd, *J* = 248.4, 14.1 Hz), 144.62 (dd, *J* = 235, 13.2 Hz), 141.28 (dd, *J* = 10, 1.9 Hz), 129.29 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 125.68 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 116.38 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 3.8 Hz), 116.07 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 99.59, 99.42 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 65.08, 59.73, 14.13, 13.87 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>+H 324.1047, found 324.1051.

**Ethyl-(E)-3-ethoxy-4-((E)-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (Iq):** yield 344 mg (92%, orange solid); mp 82-83 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 1.51 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.21, 166.21, 164.24, 145.29, 130.53, 130.24, 127.03, 126.53, 121.68, 120.69, 107.95, 98.56, 64.64, 60.20, 26.14, 14.31, 14.13 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>+H 302.1392, found 302.1398.

**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-5-chloro-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (Ir):** yield 309 mg (90%, orange solid); mp 141-142 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.58 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.93, 166.06, 163.64, 143.73, 129.98, 129.25, 128.09, 127.14, 127.11, 121.96, 108.73, 99.68, 64.95, 60.35, 26.29, 14.31, 14.19 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>+H 336.1003, found 336.1003.

**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-5-bromo-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (Is):** yield 310 mg (98%, orange solid); mp 131-132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 1.59 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

167.82, 166.05, 163.62, 144.17, 132.82, 129.85, 129.09, 128.08, 122.38, 114.43, 109.26, 99.75, 64.98, 60.35, 26.26, 14.32, 14.25 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{17}H_{18}BrNO_4+H$  380.0497, found 380.0499.

**Ethyl- (E)-4-((E)-1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (It):** yield 270 mg (85%, orange solid); mp 121-122 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.29 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.17 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.22 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  168.33, 166.23, 164.23, 144.40, 135.86, 130.47, 130.08, 128.66, 127.49, 127.31, 126.65, 121.75, 120.83, 109.00, 98.68, 64.68, 60.24, 43.73, 14.33, 14.15 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{23}H_{23}NO_4+H$  378.1705, found 378.1703.

**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-1-benzyl-5-chloro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (Iu):** yield 218 mg (72%, orange solid); mp 110-111 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.42 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.13 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.23 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.58 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.33 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  168.04, 166.07, 163.63, 142.79, 135.45, 129.94, 129.10, 128.75, 128.43, 127.66, 127.25, 127.19, 122.13, 109.80, 99.78, 64.98, 60.37, 43.83, 14.32, 14.18 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{23}H_{22}ClNO_4+H$  412.1316, found 412.1319.

**Ethyl-(E)-4-((E)-1-benzyl-5-bromo-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-3-ethoxybut-2-enoate (Iv):** yield 248 mg (86%, orange solid); mp 129-130 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.42 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.34 (m, 6H), 6.54 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.23 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.59 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  167.93, 166.06, 163.61, 143.23, 135.41, 132.78, 129.95, 128.94, 128.76, 128.43, 127.67, 127.24, 122.56, 114.58, 110.31, 99.85, 65.00, 60.39, 43.82, 14.32, 14.24 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for  $C_{23}H_{22}BrNO_4+H$  456.0811, found 456.0811.

**tert-butyl-(E)-3-((E)-2,4-diethoxy-4-oxobut-2-en-1-ylidene)-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate (Iw):** yield 260 mg (83%, yellow solid); mp 112-113 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400

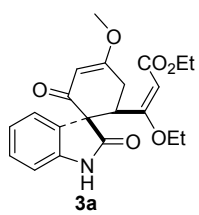
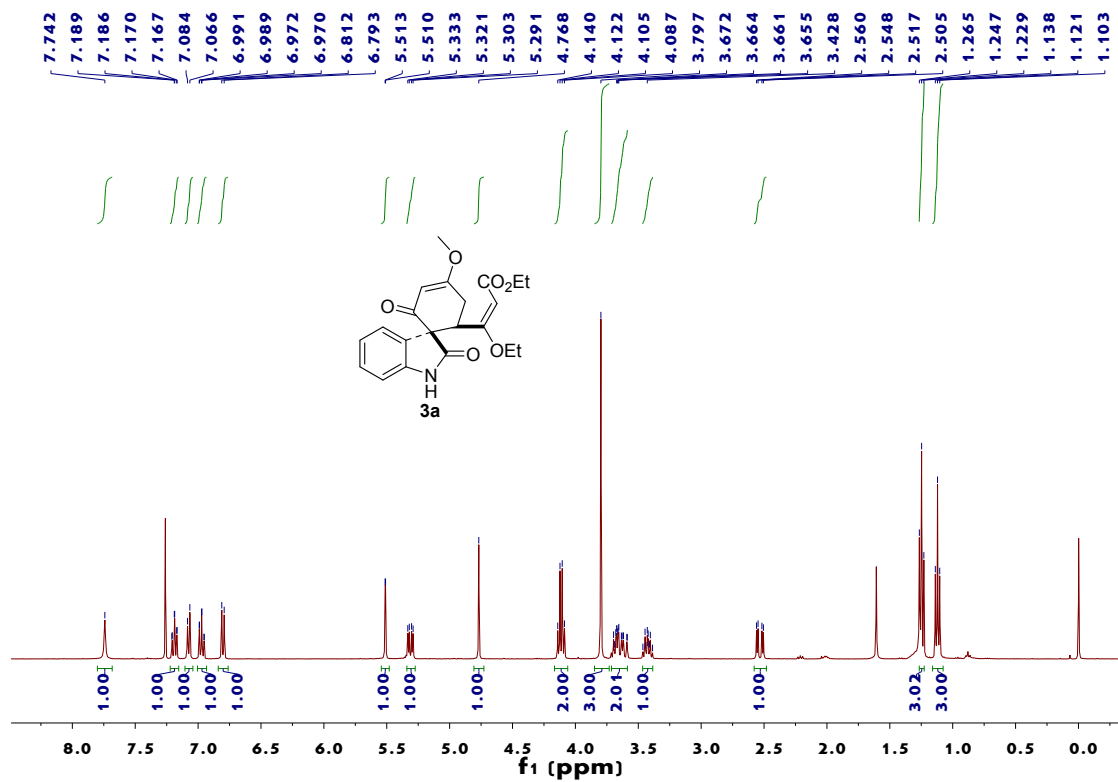
MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 9H), 1.49 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.18, 166.11, 163.90, 149.24, 141.05, 130.71, 129.01, 128.10, 126.10, 123.63, 121.07, 114.92, 98.83, 84.16, 64.74, 60.25, 28.08, 14.32, 14.09 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>+H 388.1760, found 388.1750.

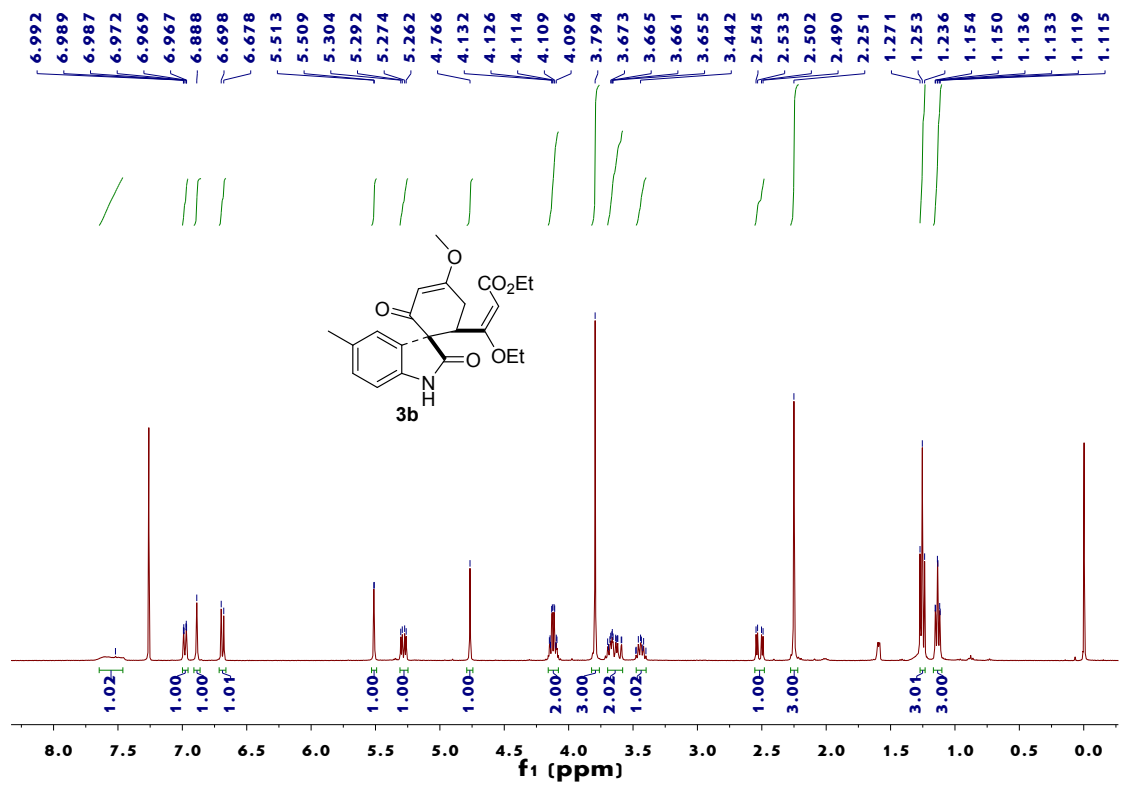
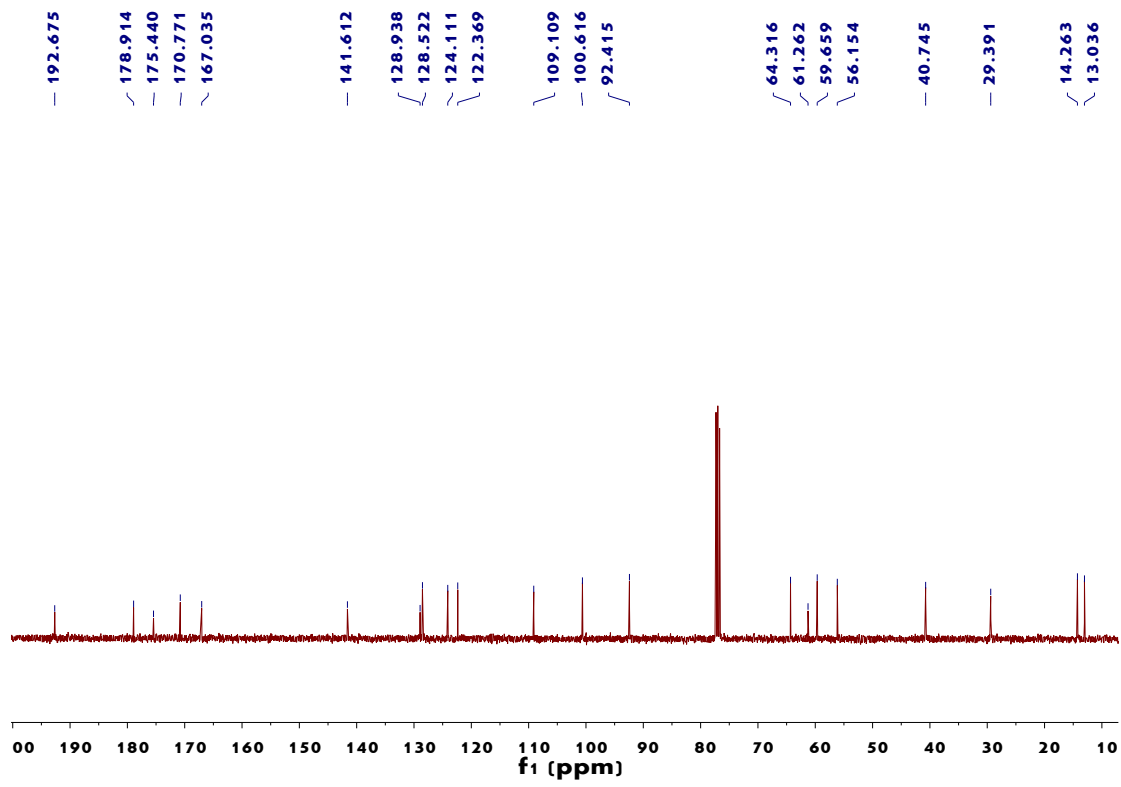
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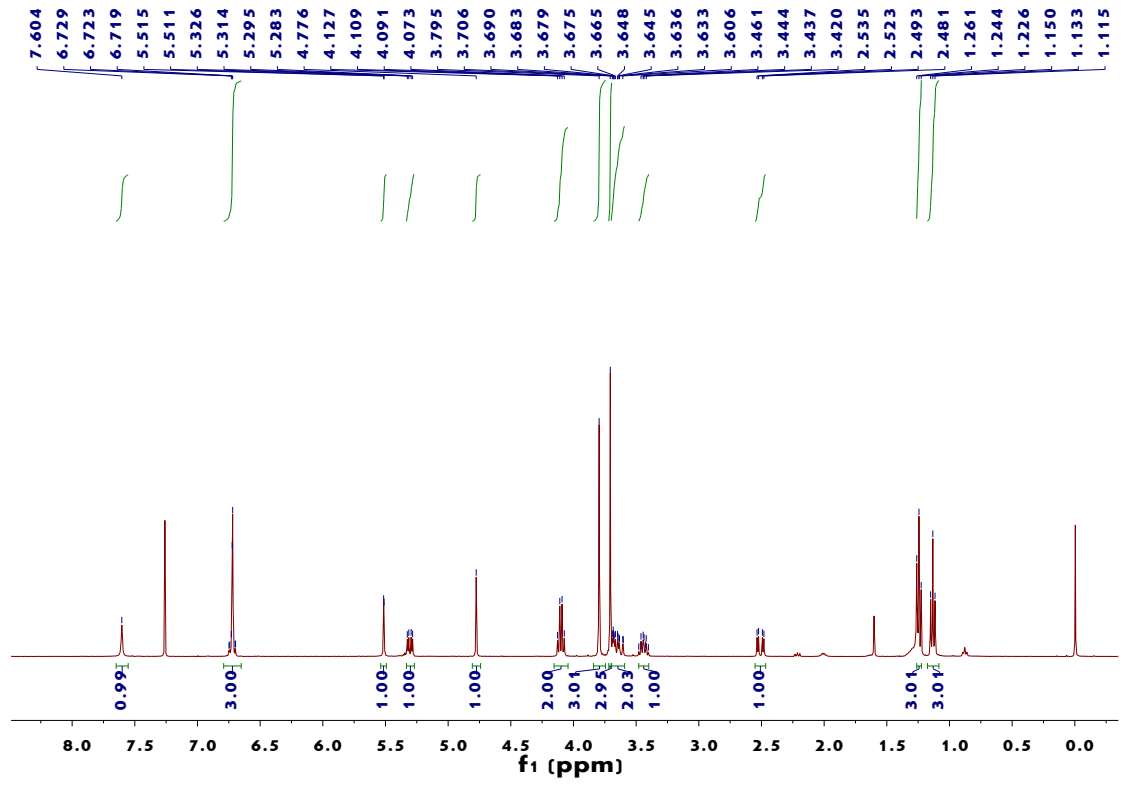
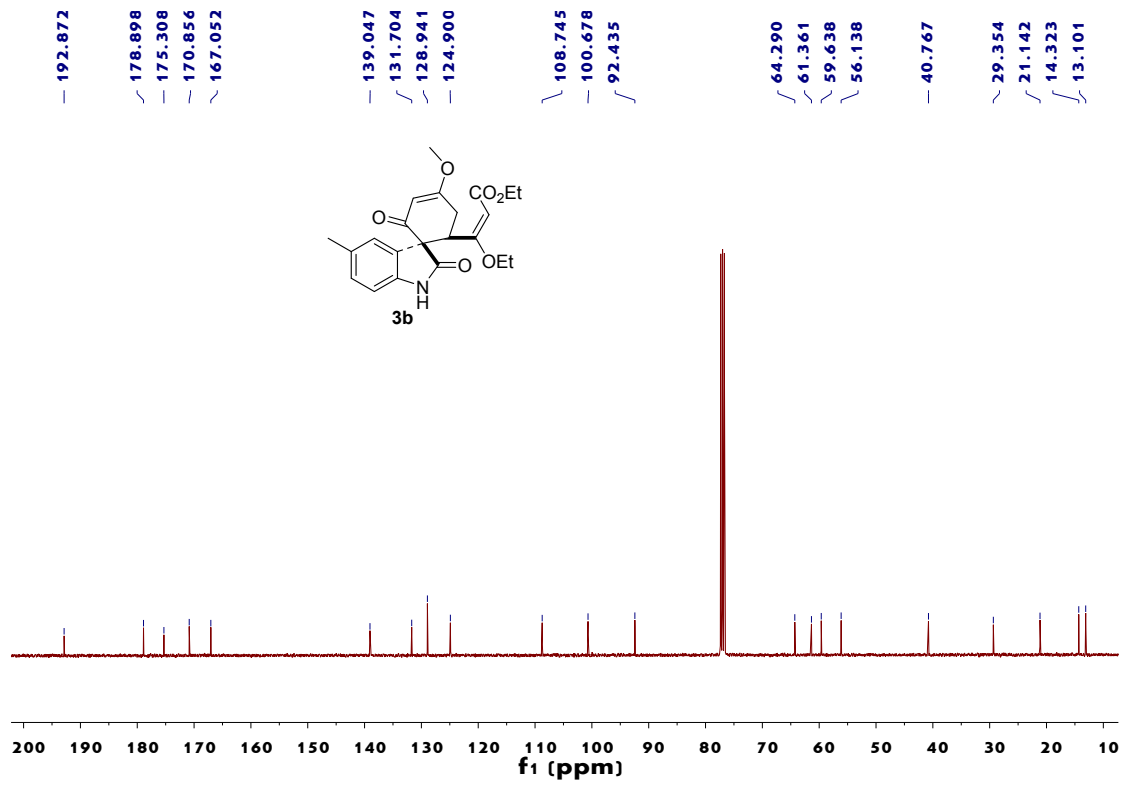
(**Ix**): yield 212 mg (63%, orange solid); mp 96-97 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.59, 166.21, 164.16, 143.80, 130.70, 129.98, 127.52, 126.64, 122.22, 120.66, 109.58, 98.75, 69.82, 64.70, 64.12, 60.24, 14.86, 14.32, 14.15 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>+H 346.1654, found 346.1658.

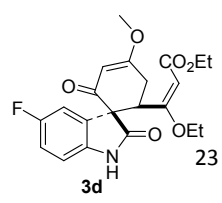
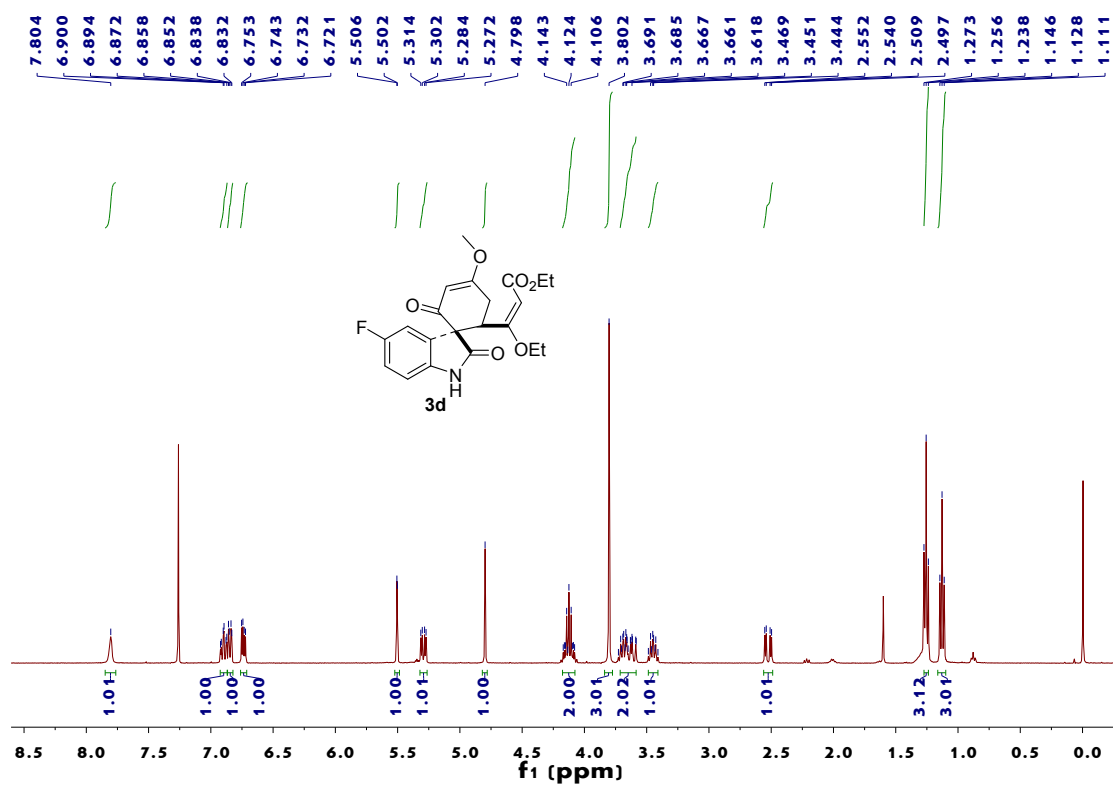
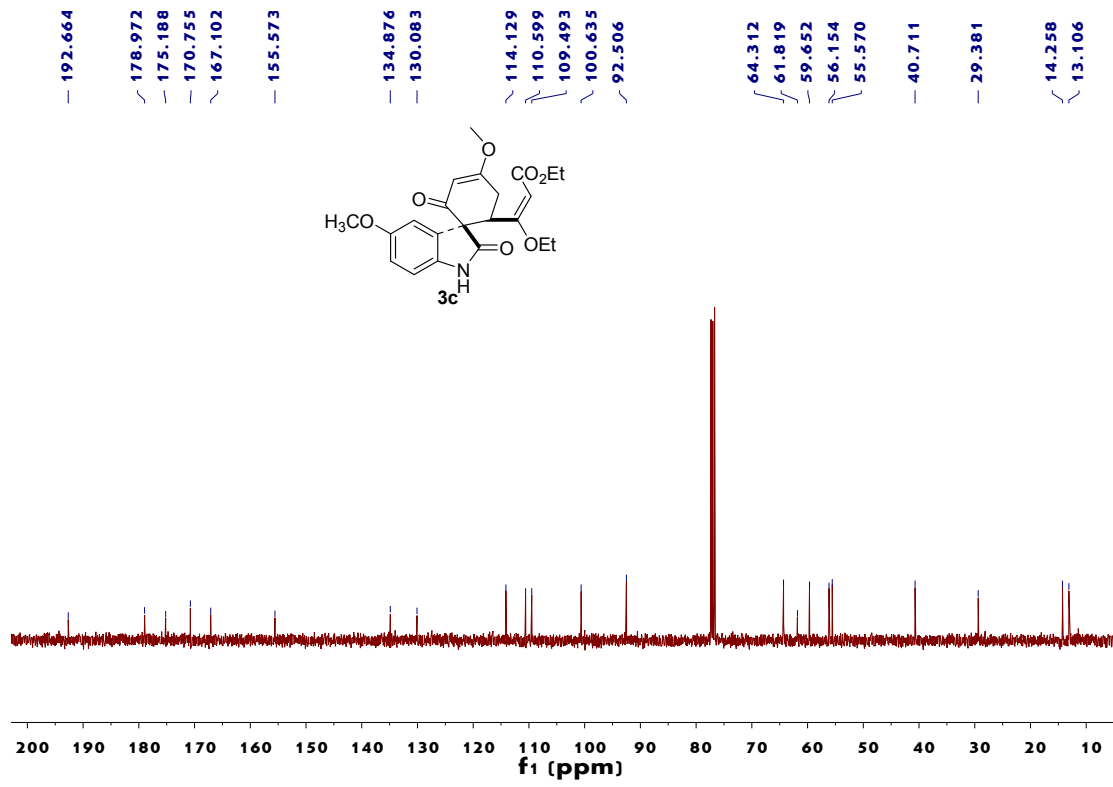
**Ethyl-(E)-3-((1S,6R)-4-(benzyloxy)-2,2'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-en-6-yl)-3-ethoxyacrylate (3a-OBn)**: yield 33 mg (40%, white solid); mp 209-210 °C; IR (KBr) 3447, 2940, 2360, 2342, 2026, 1703, 1664, 1613 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (q, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.64-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.46 (m, 1H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.72, 177.83, 175.24, 170.73, 167.04, 141.52, 134.82, 128.88, 128.67, 128.57, 128.53, 127.96, 124.20, 122.42, 109.07, 101.56, 92.46, 71.02, 64.31, 61.28, 59.68, 40.65, 29.59, 14.27, 13.08 ppm; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>+H 462.1917, found 462.1921.

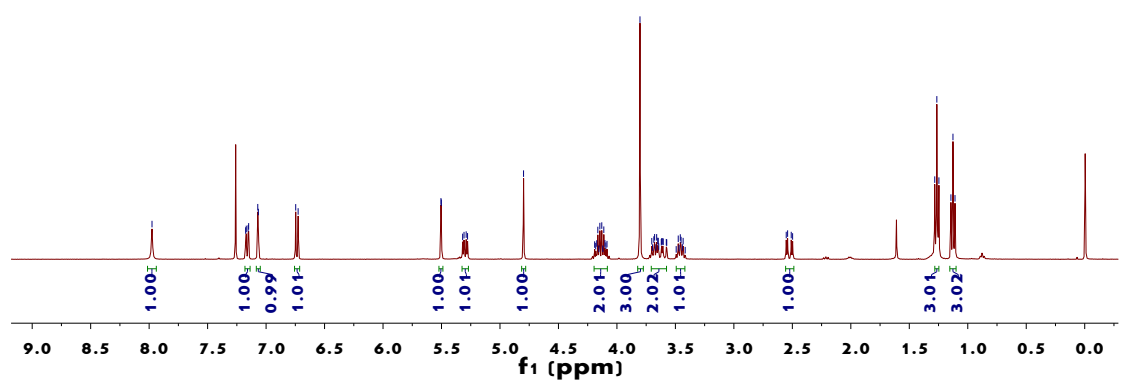
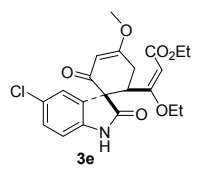
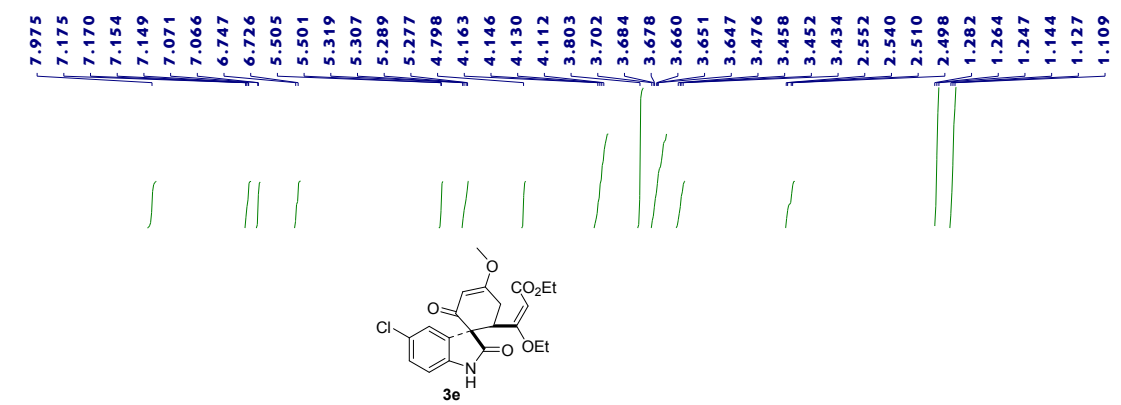
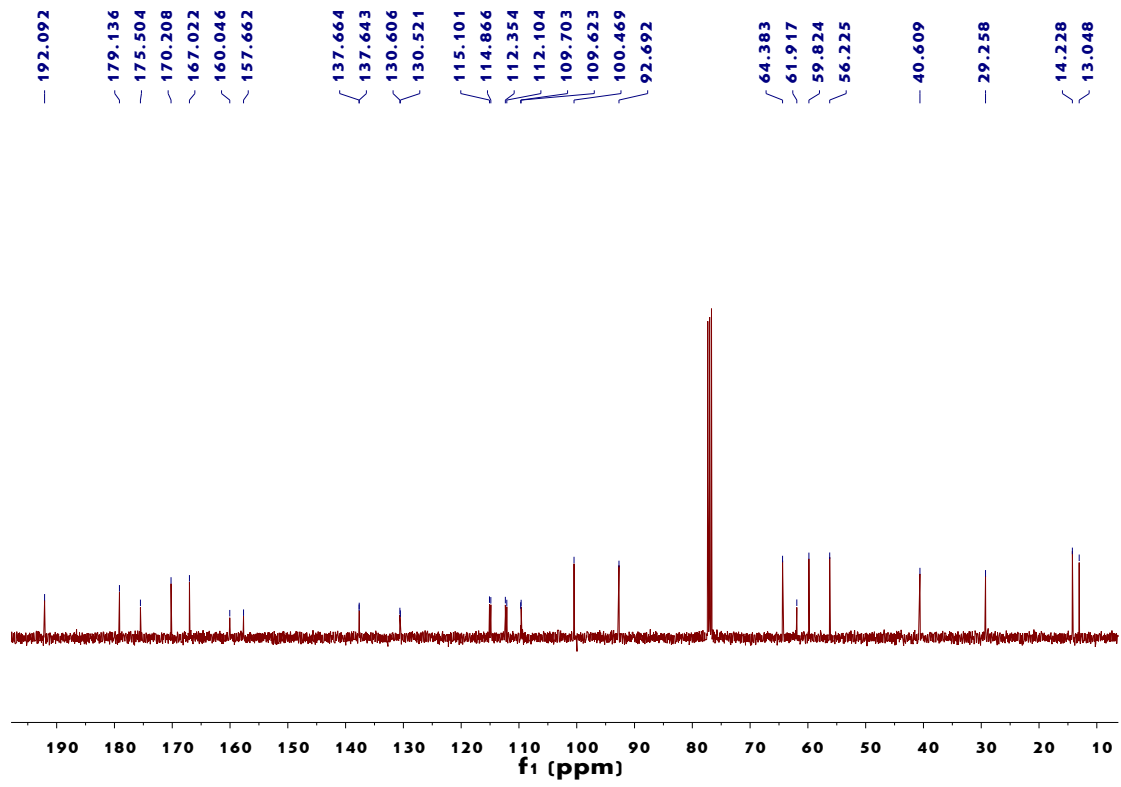
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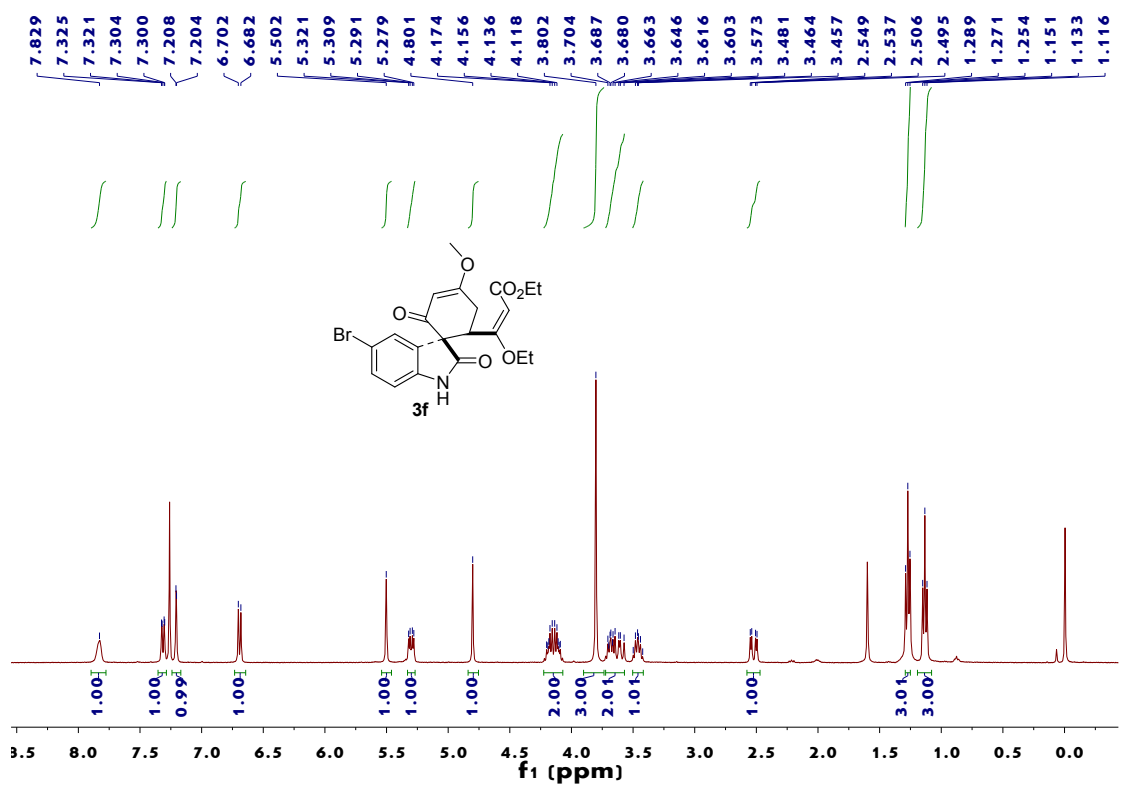
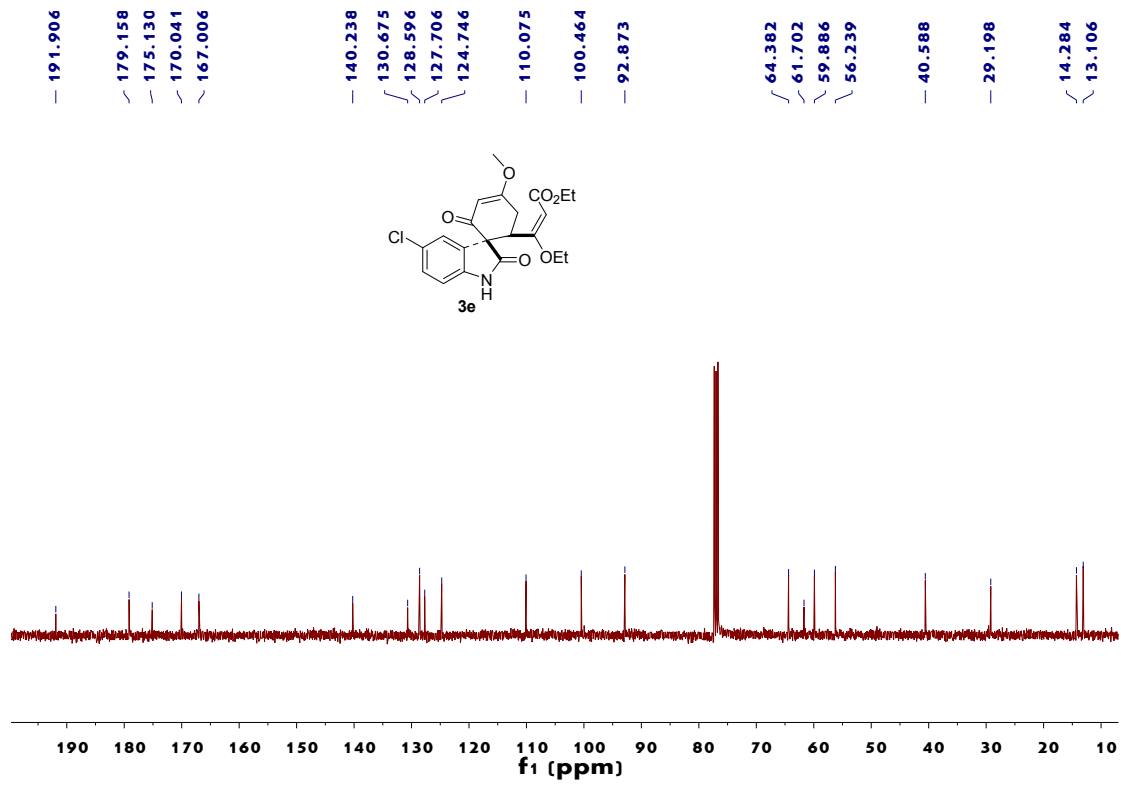


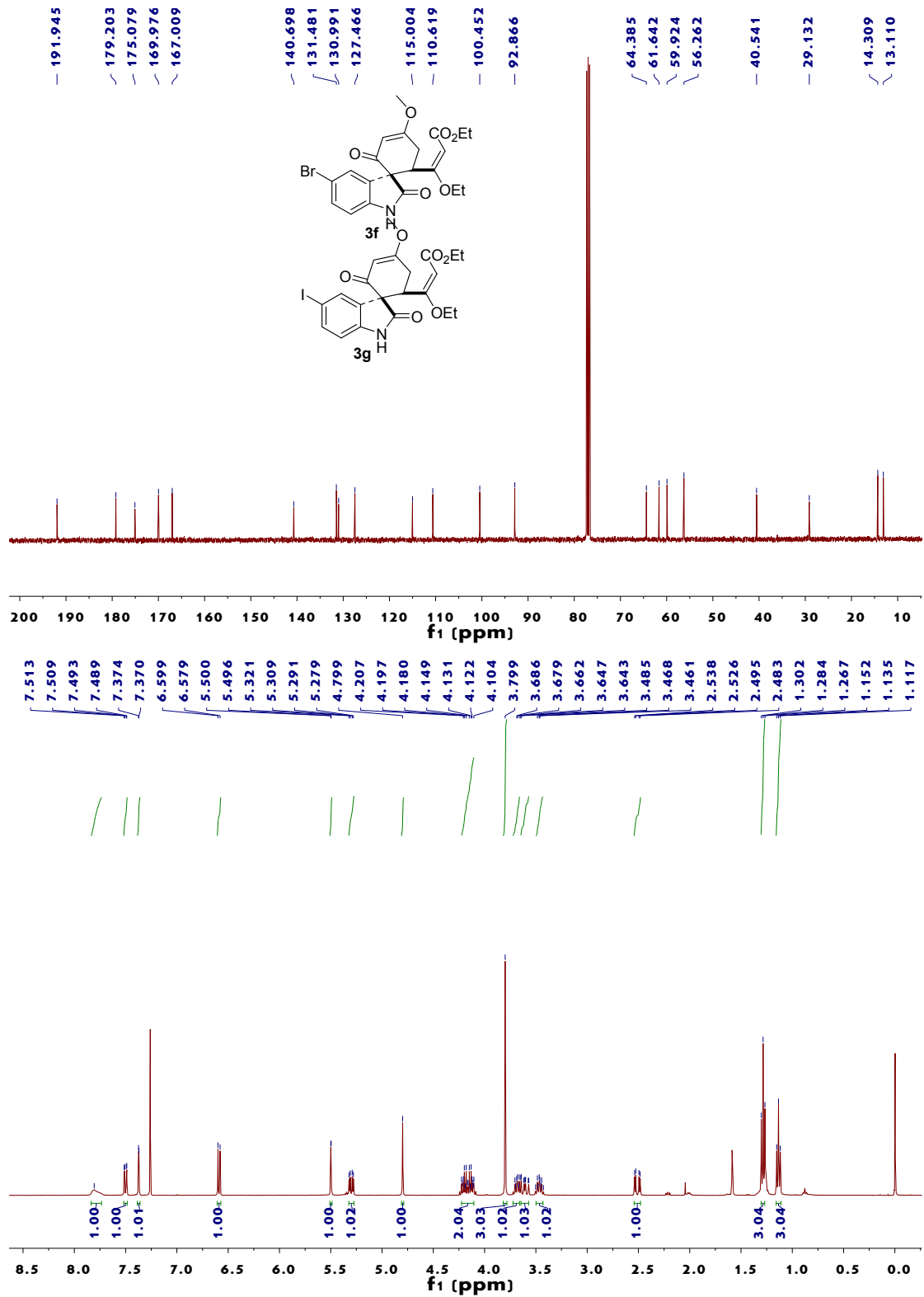


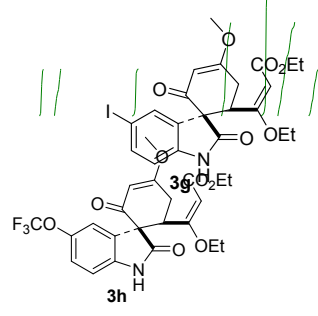
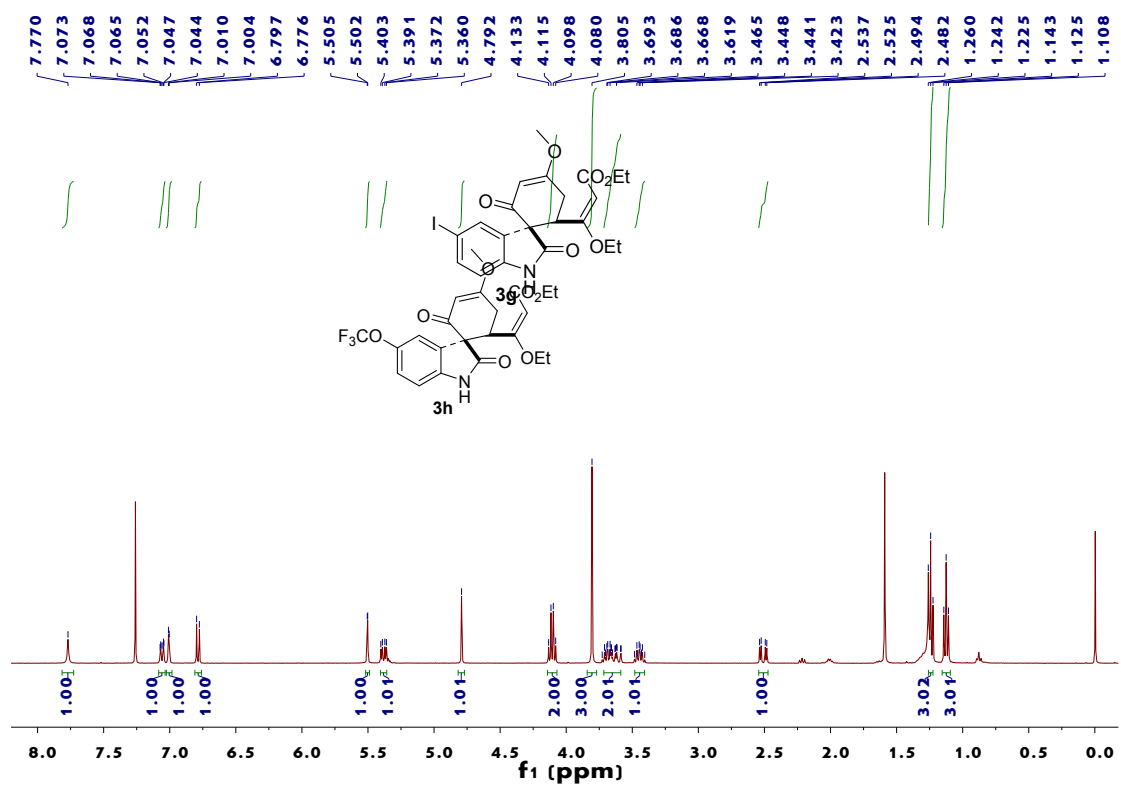
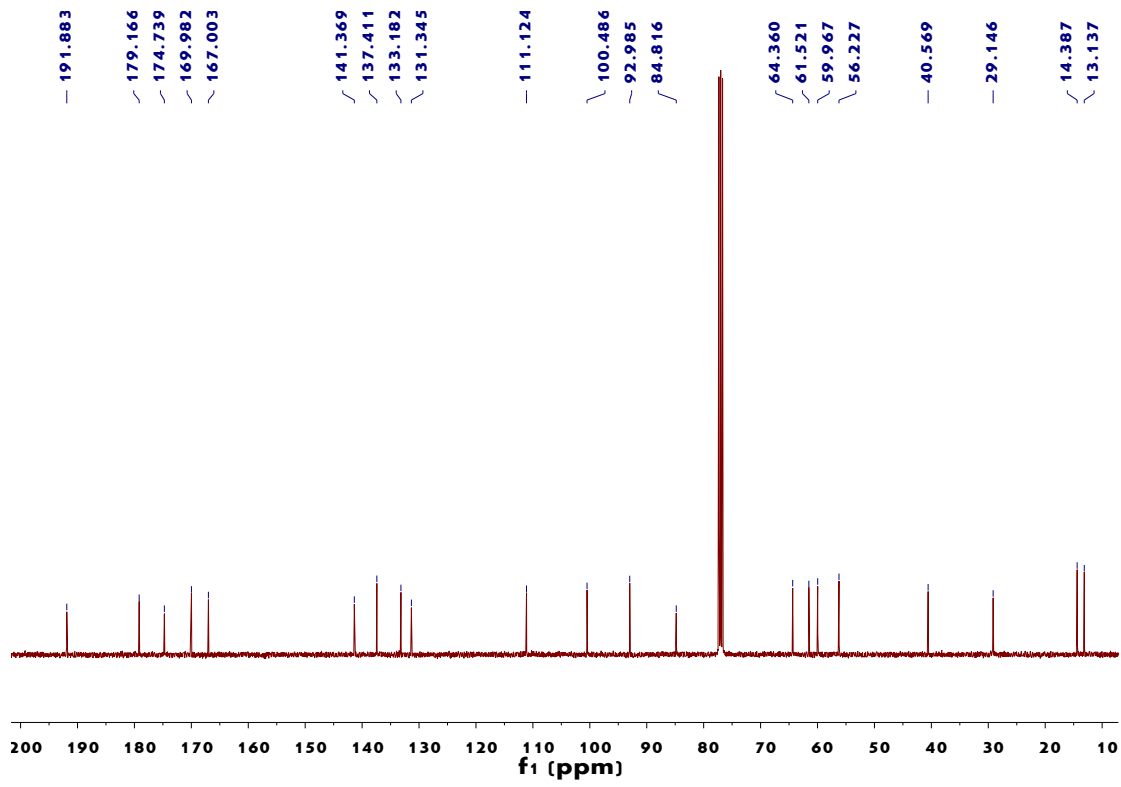


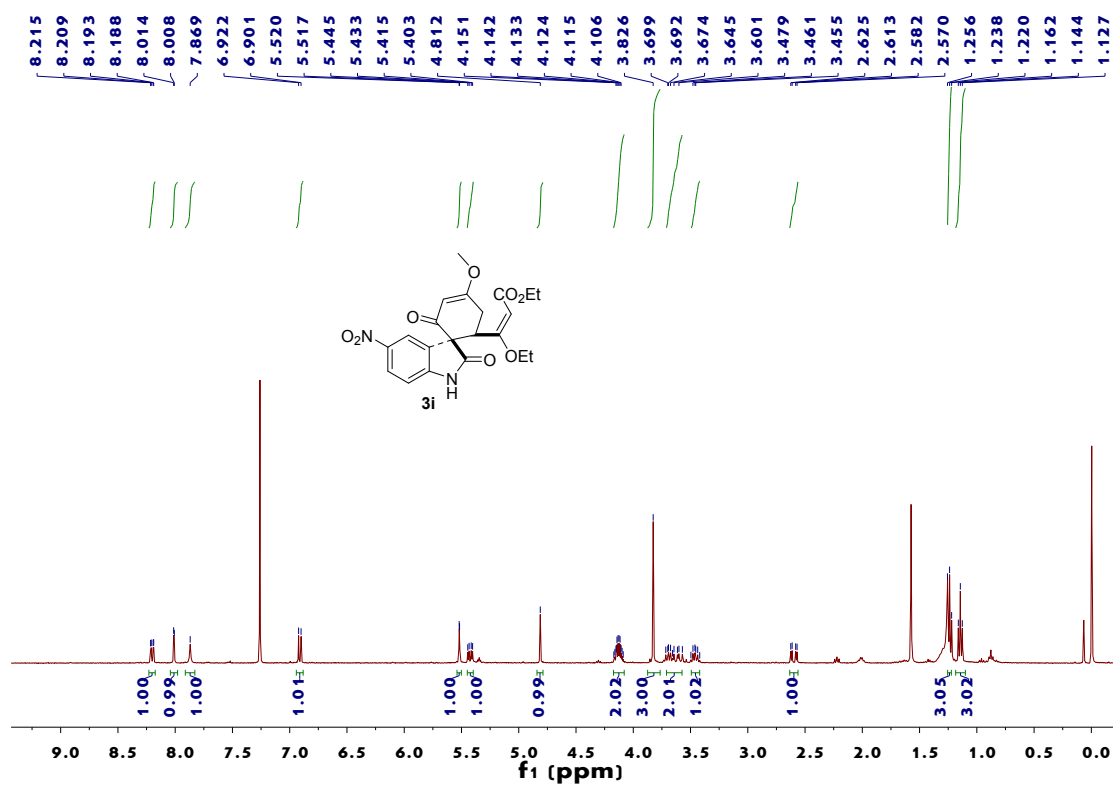
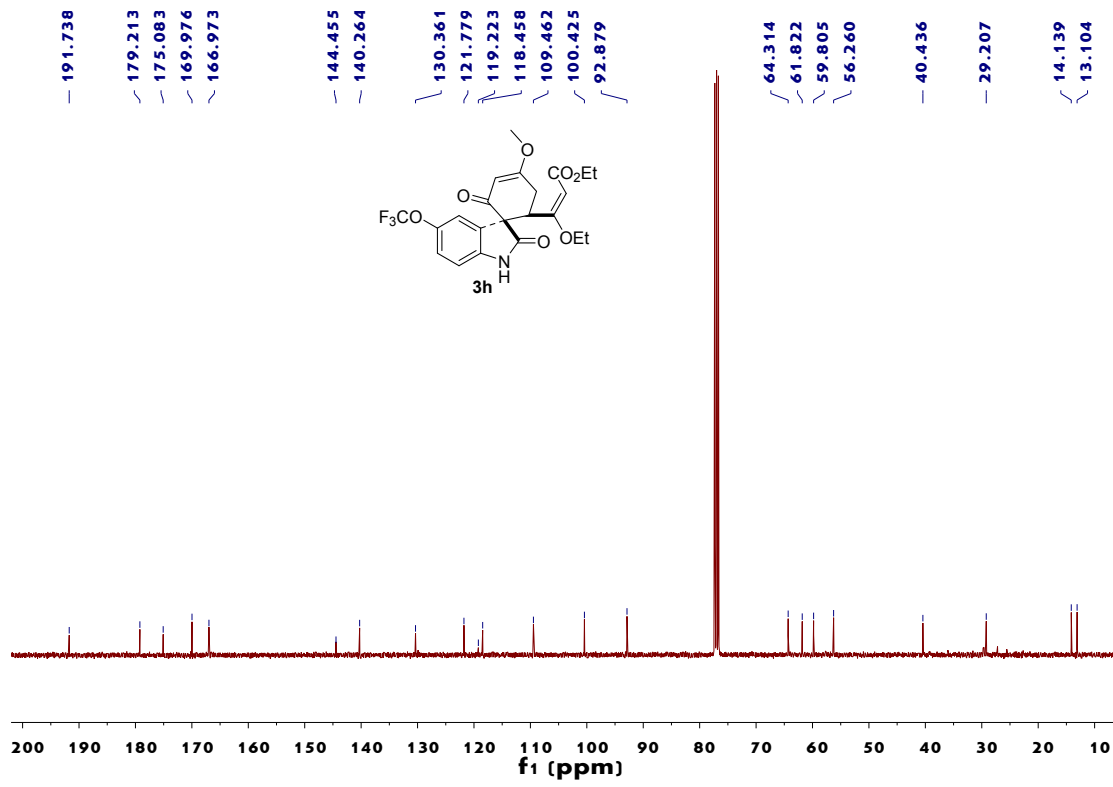


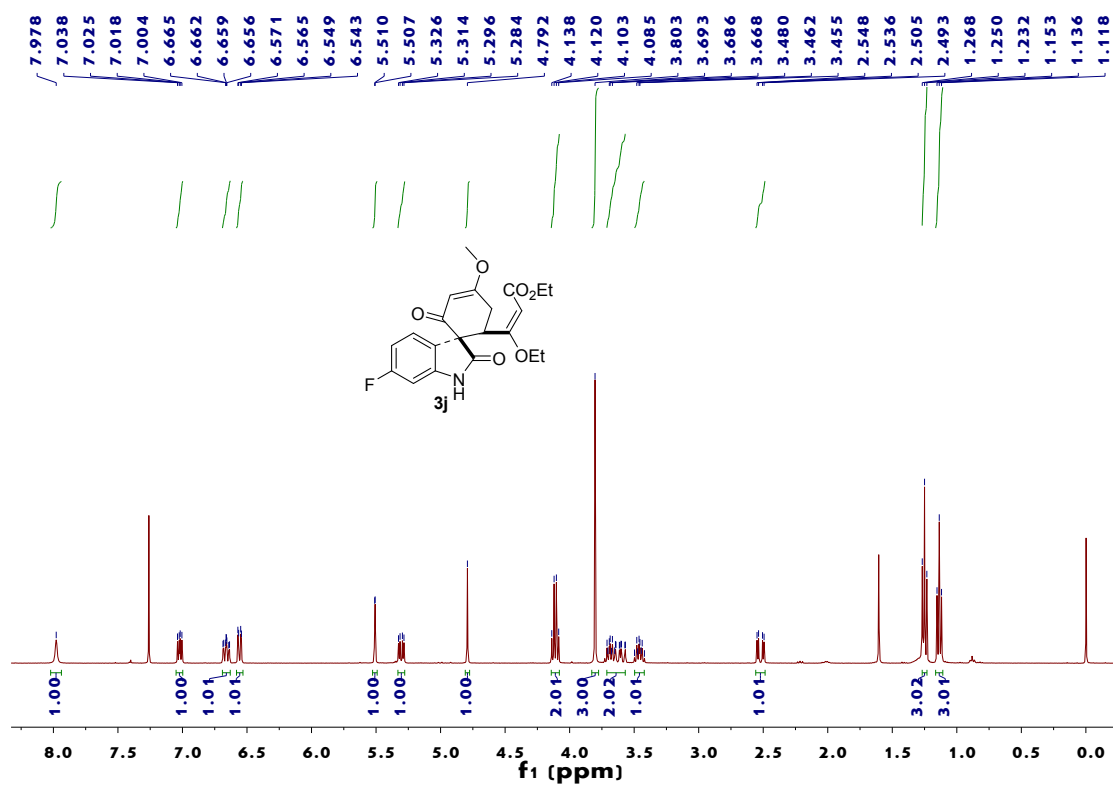
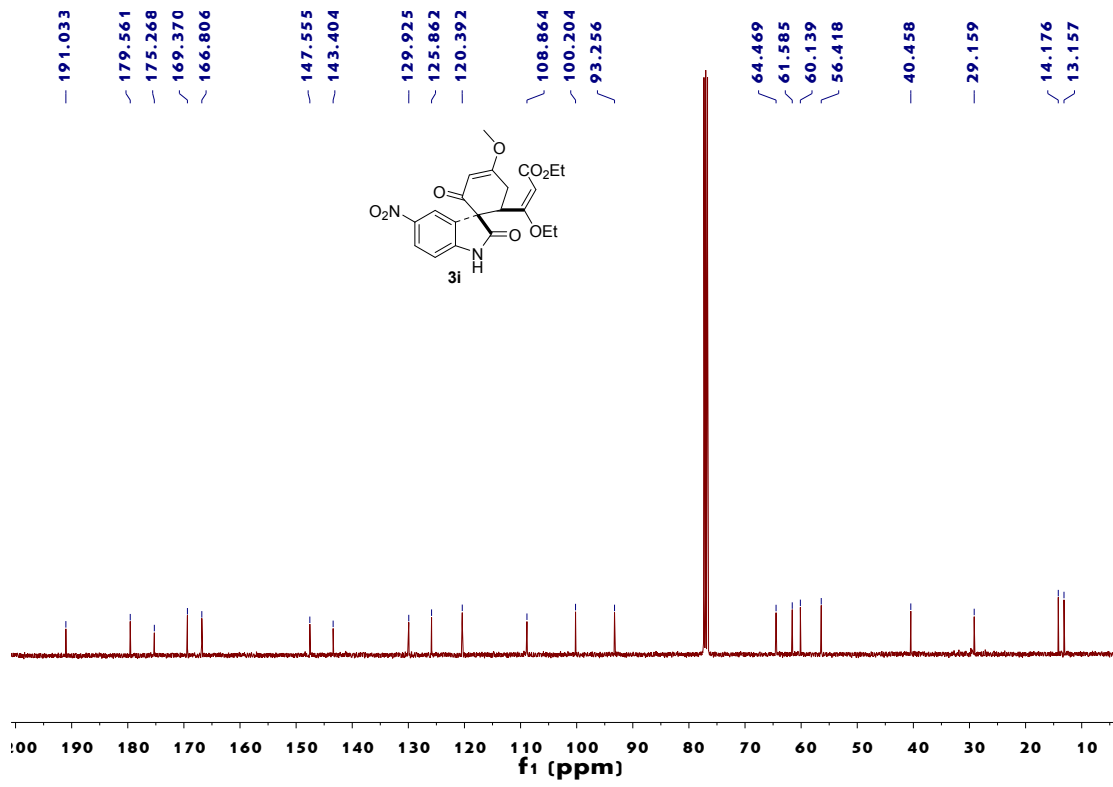


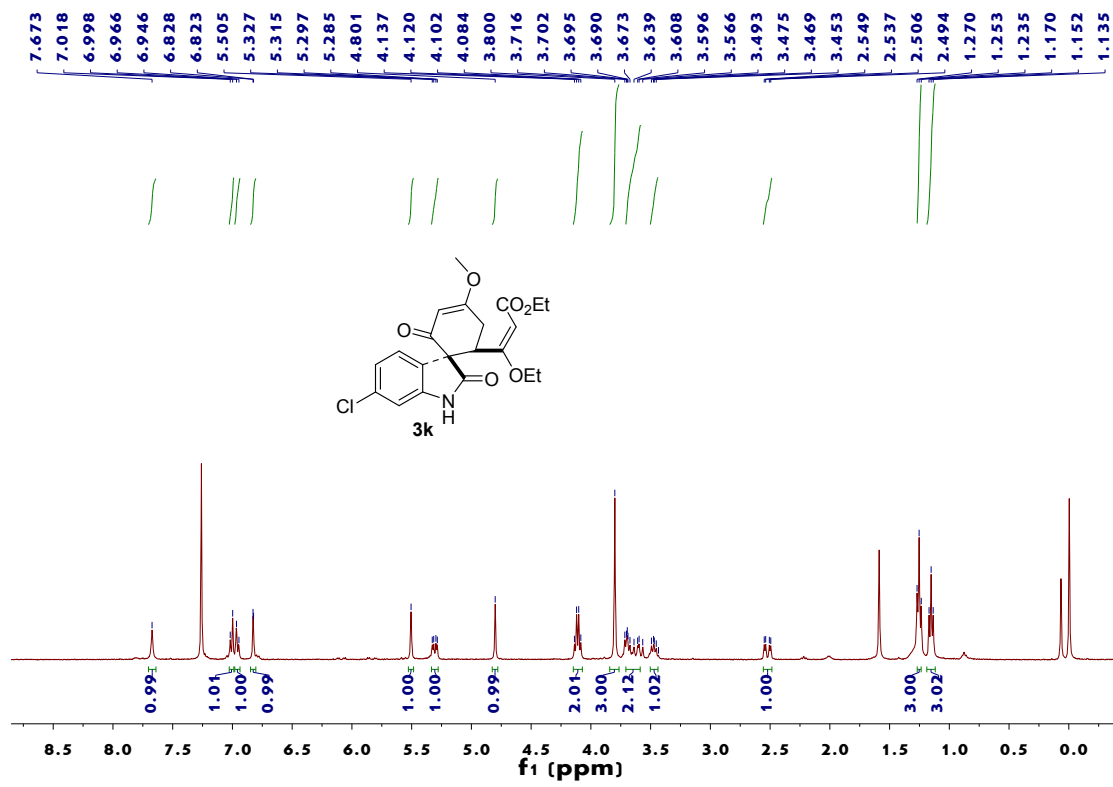
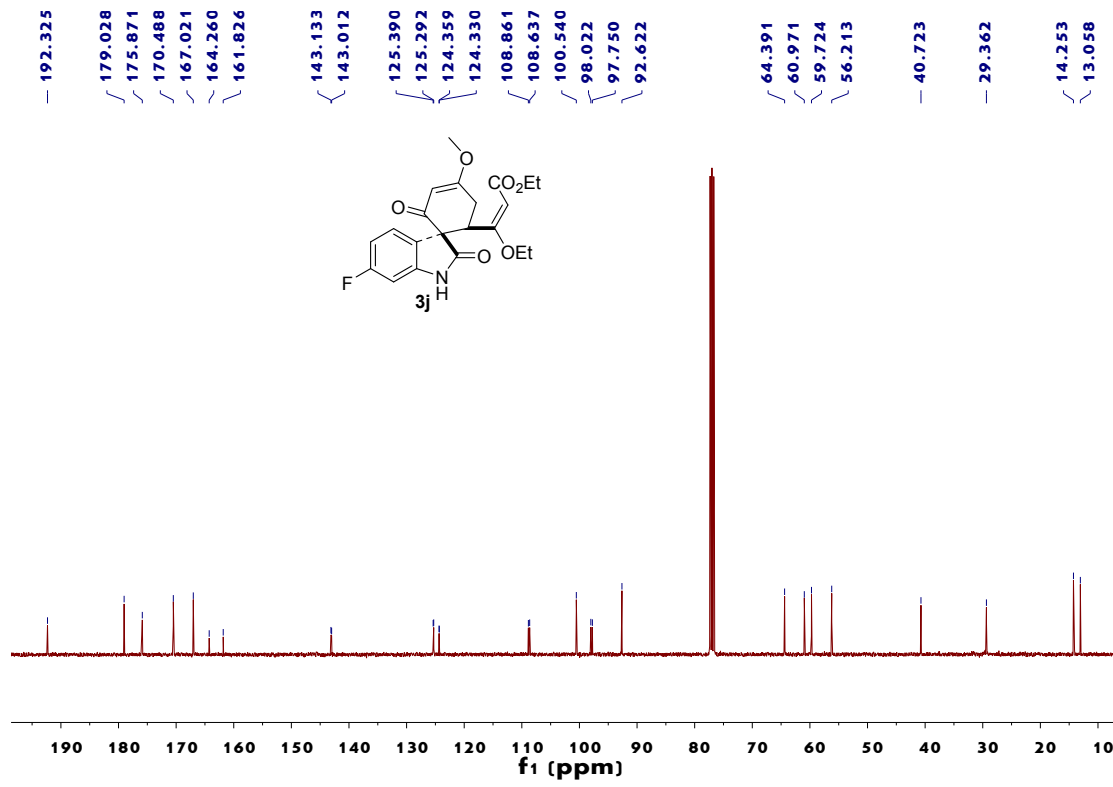


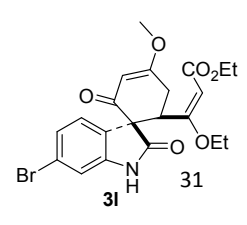
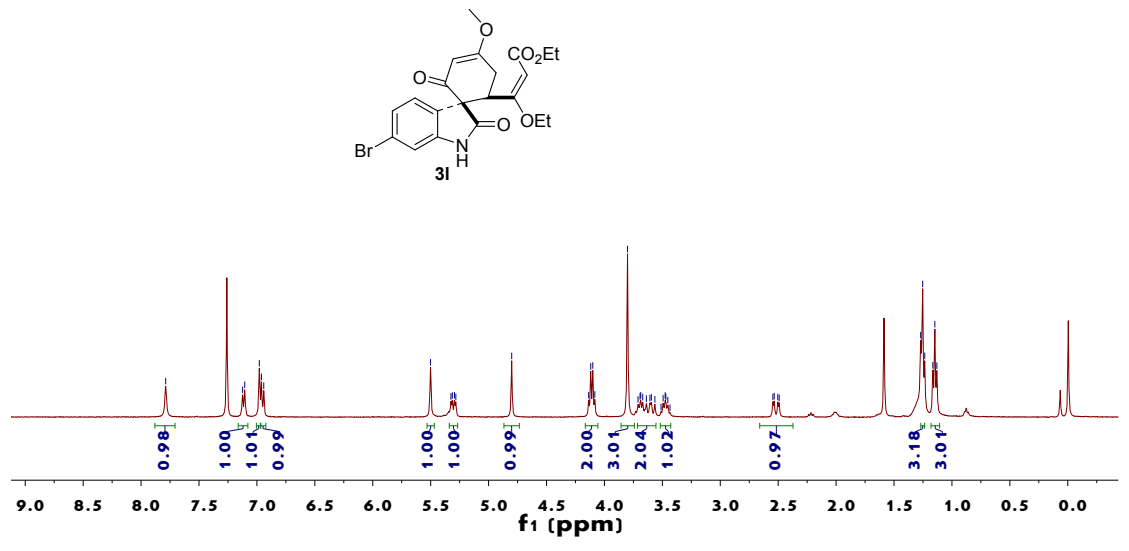
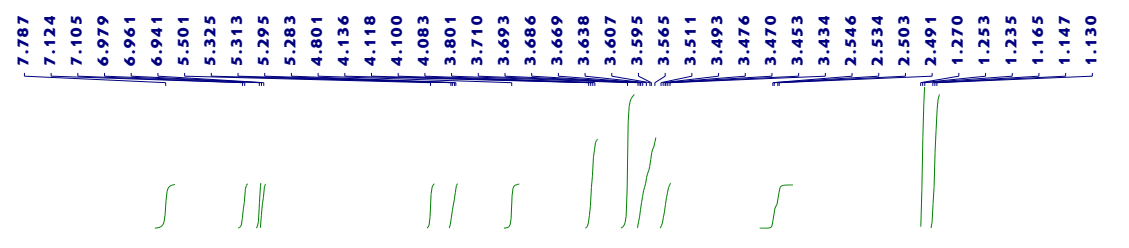
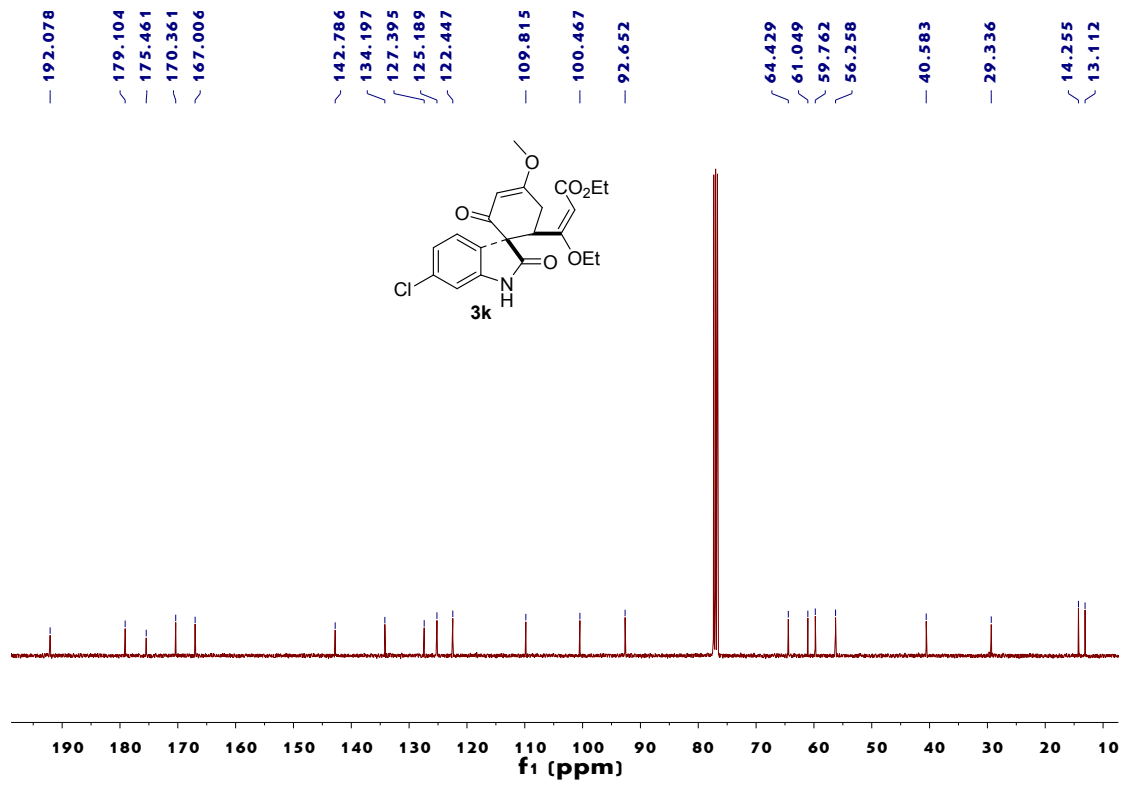


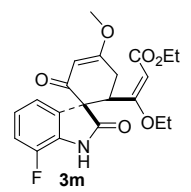
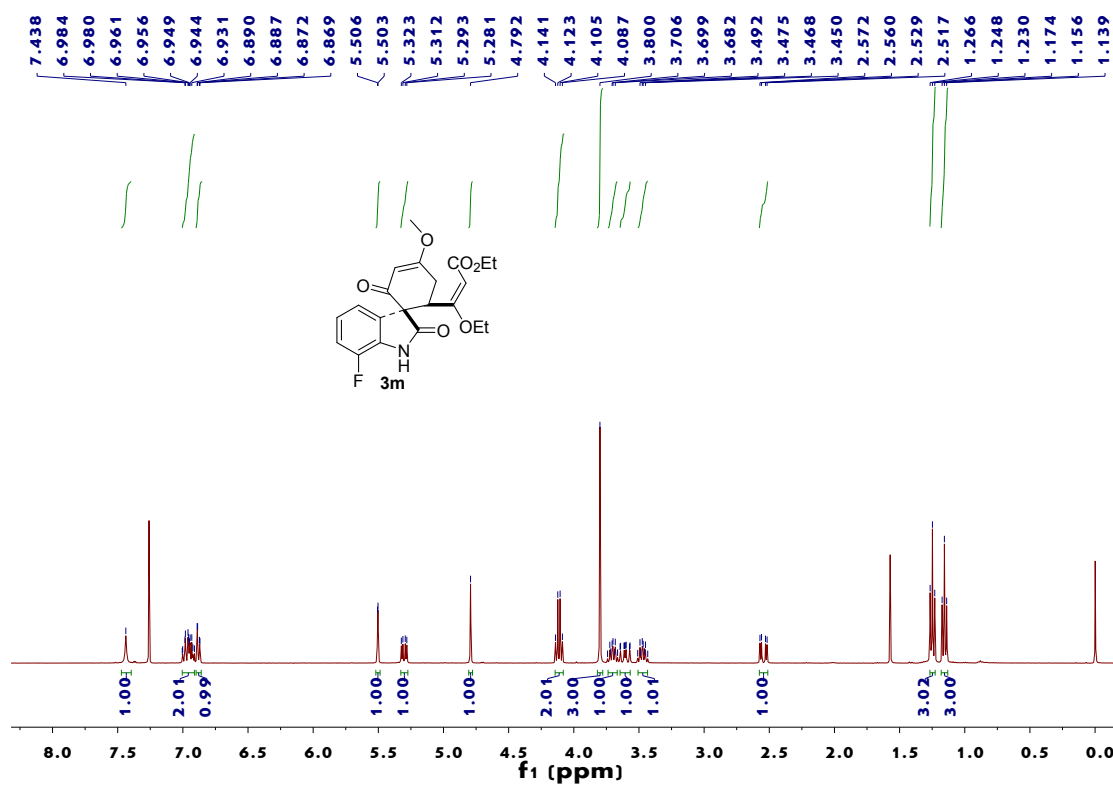
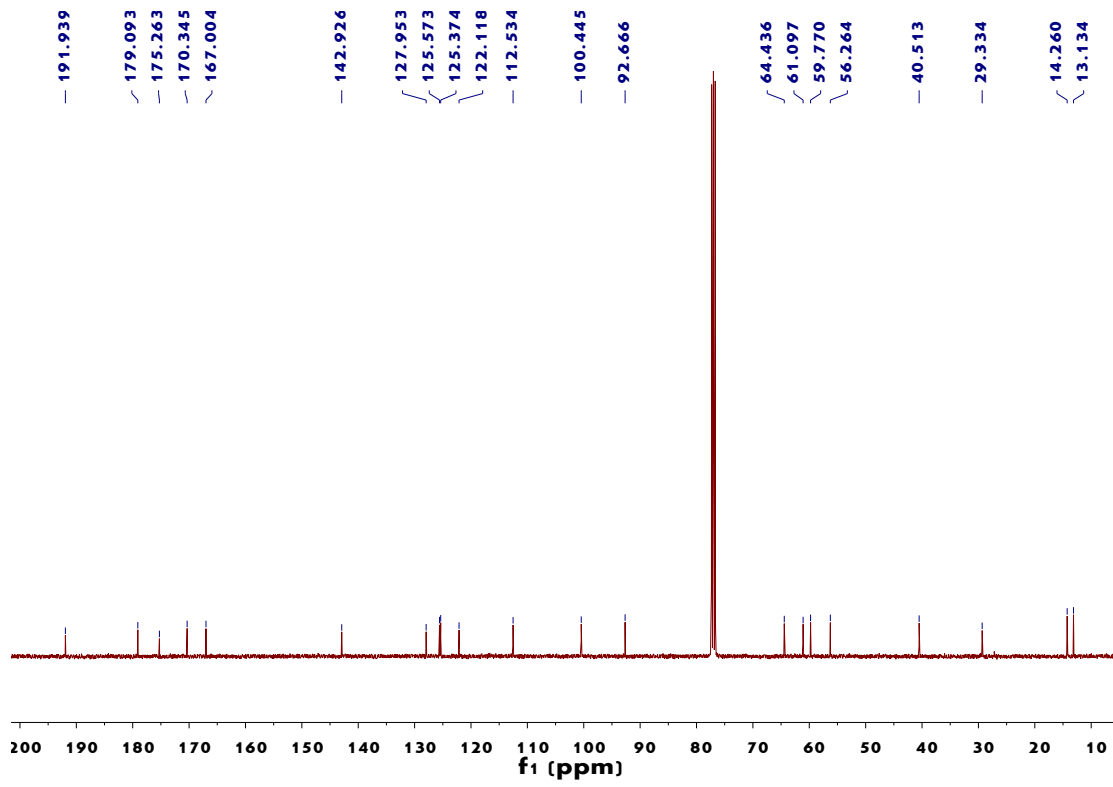




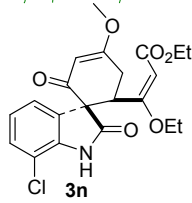
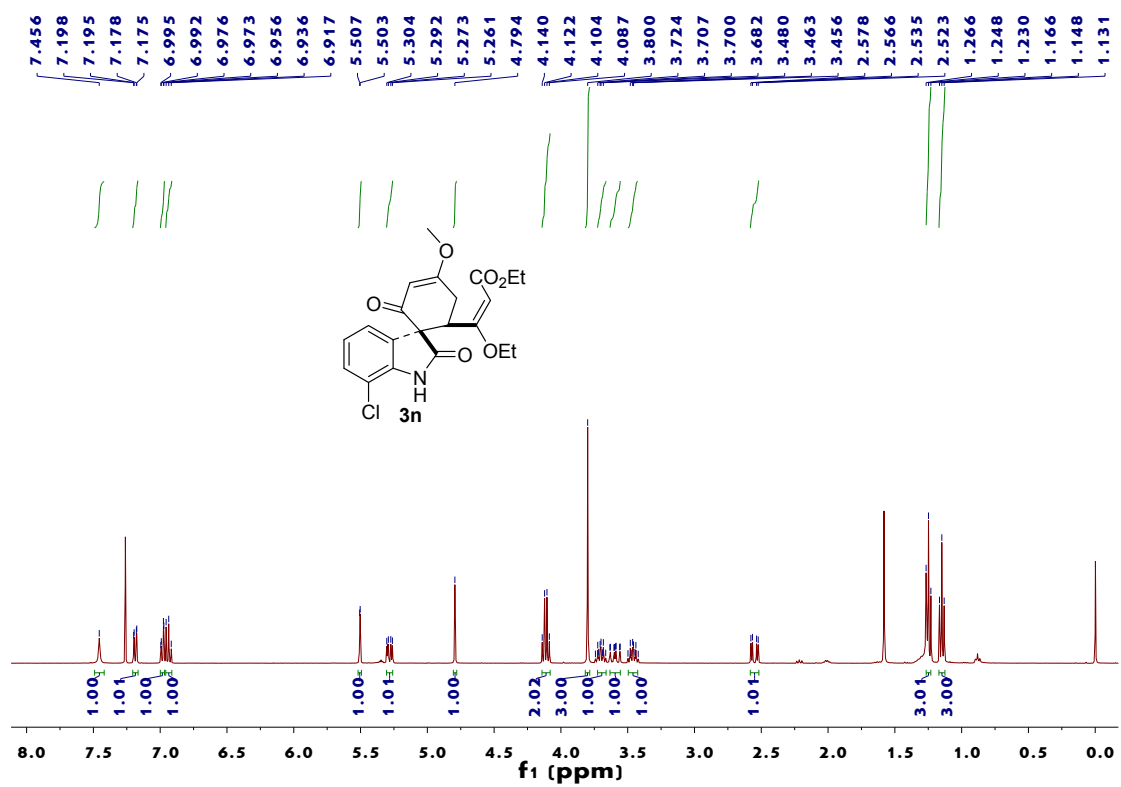
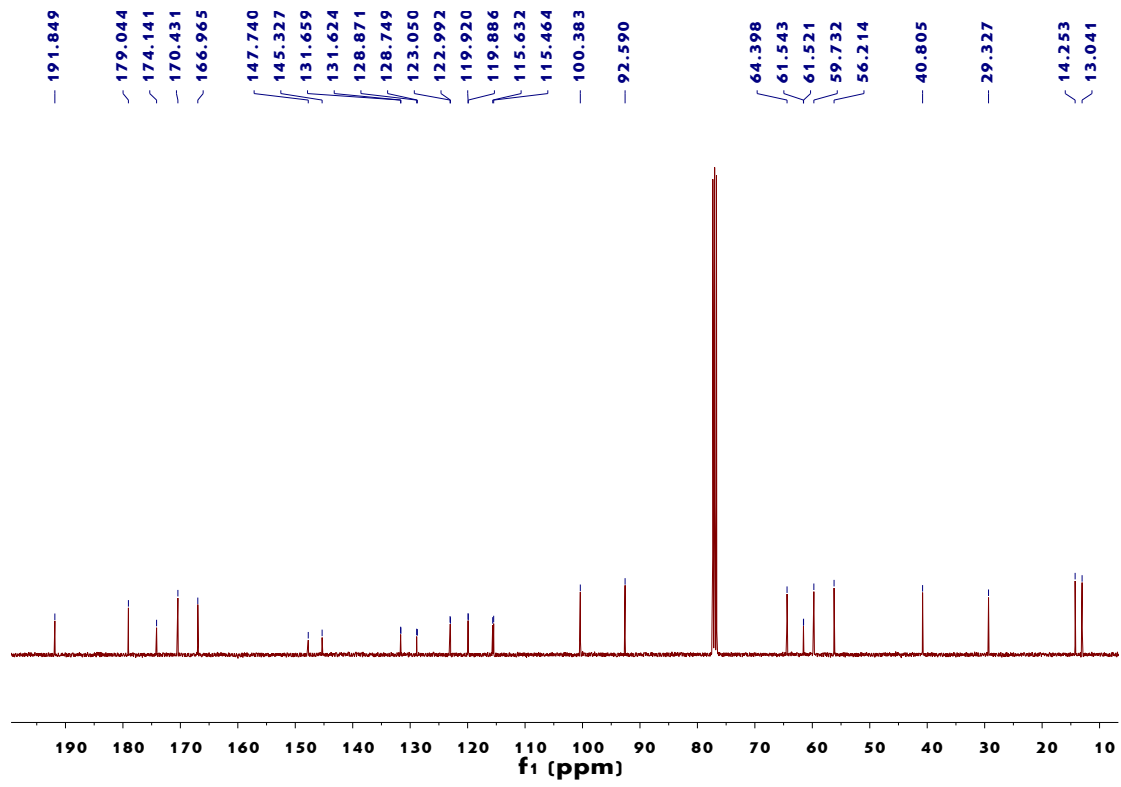


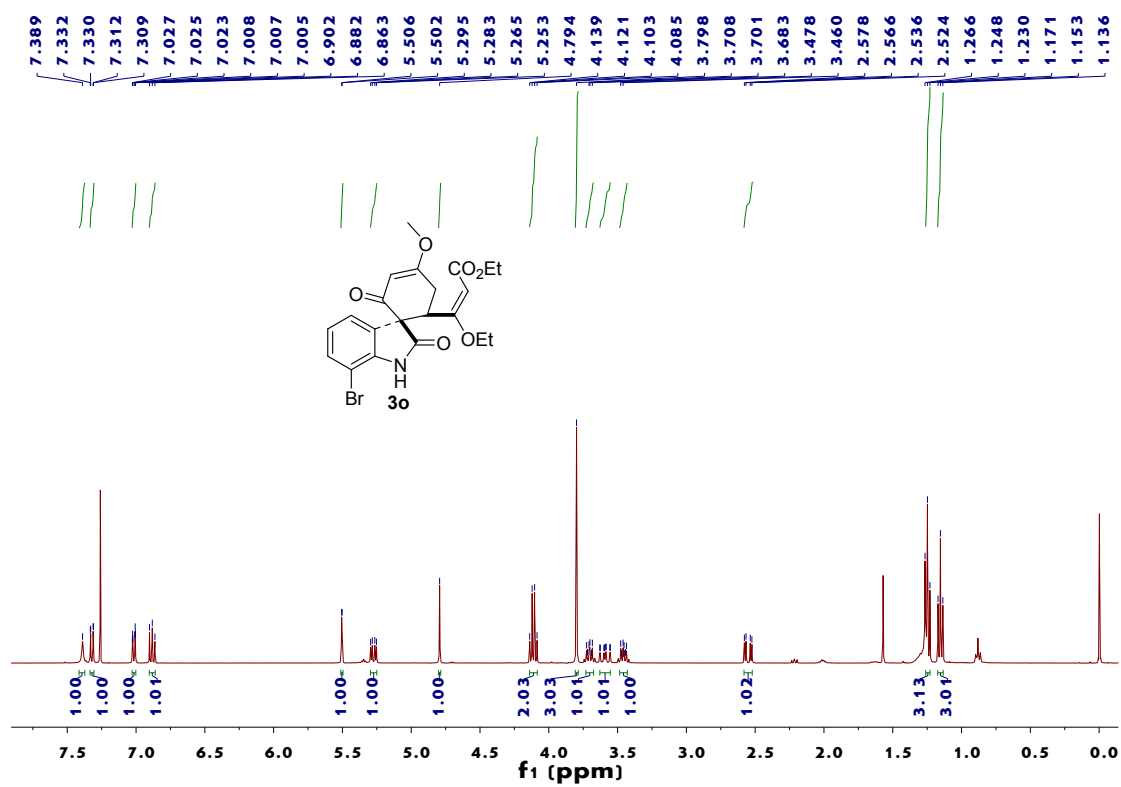
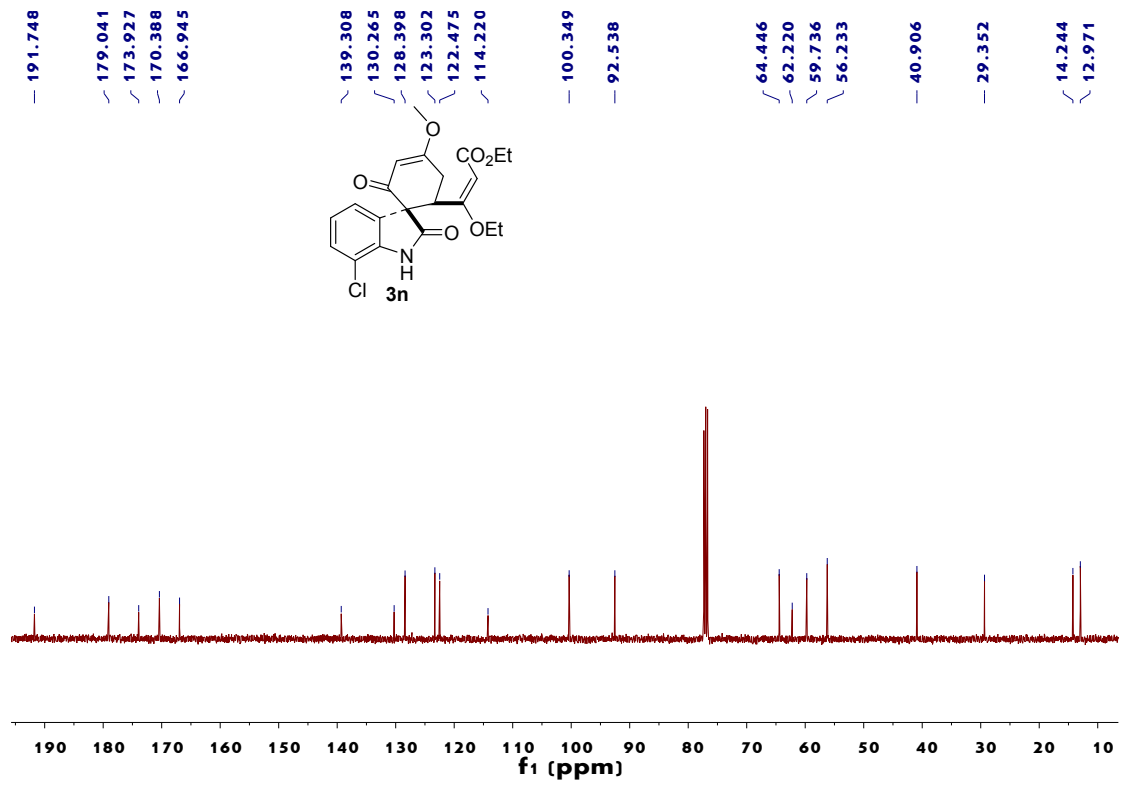


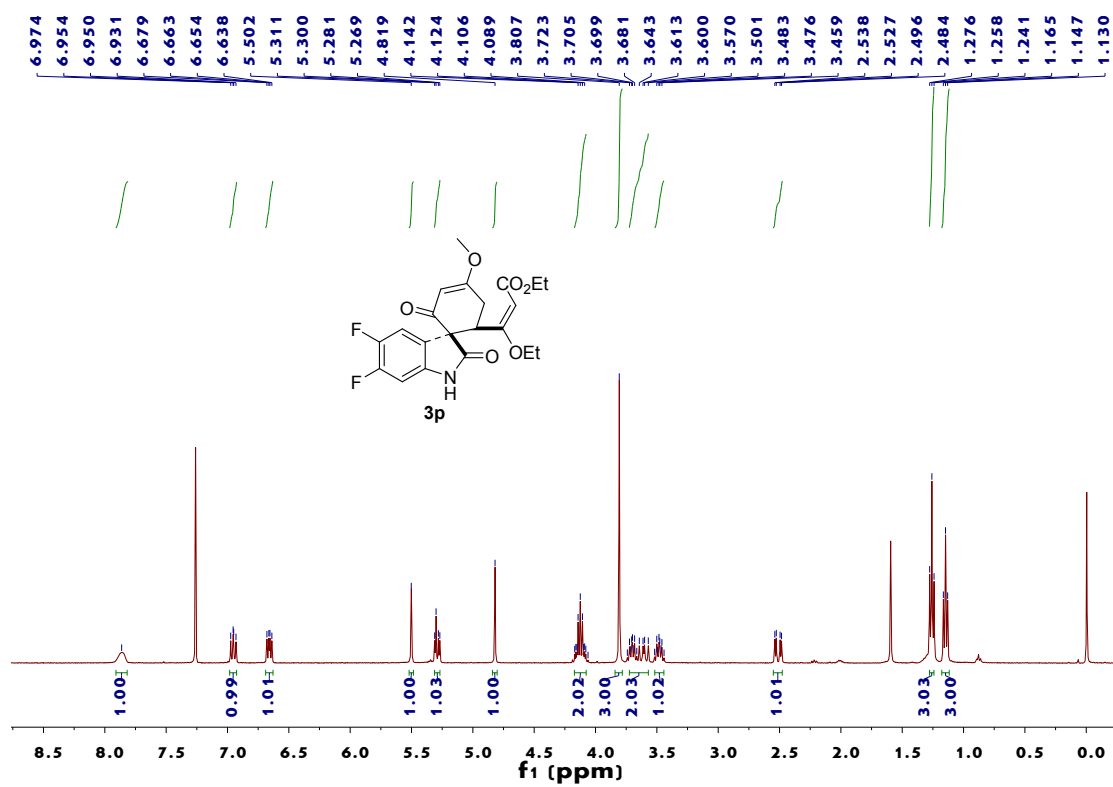
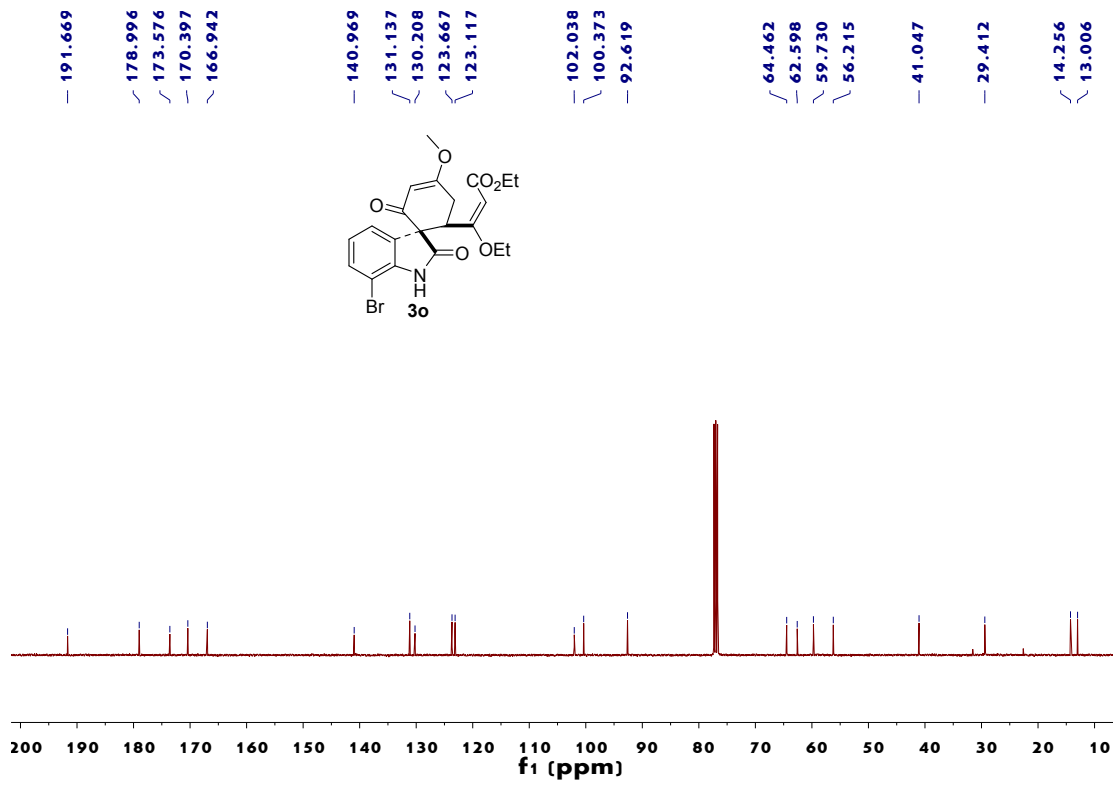


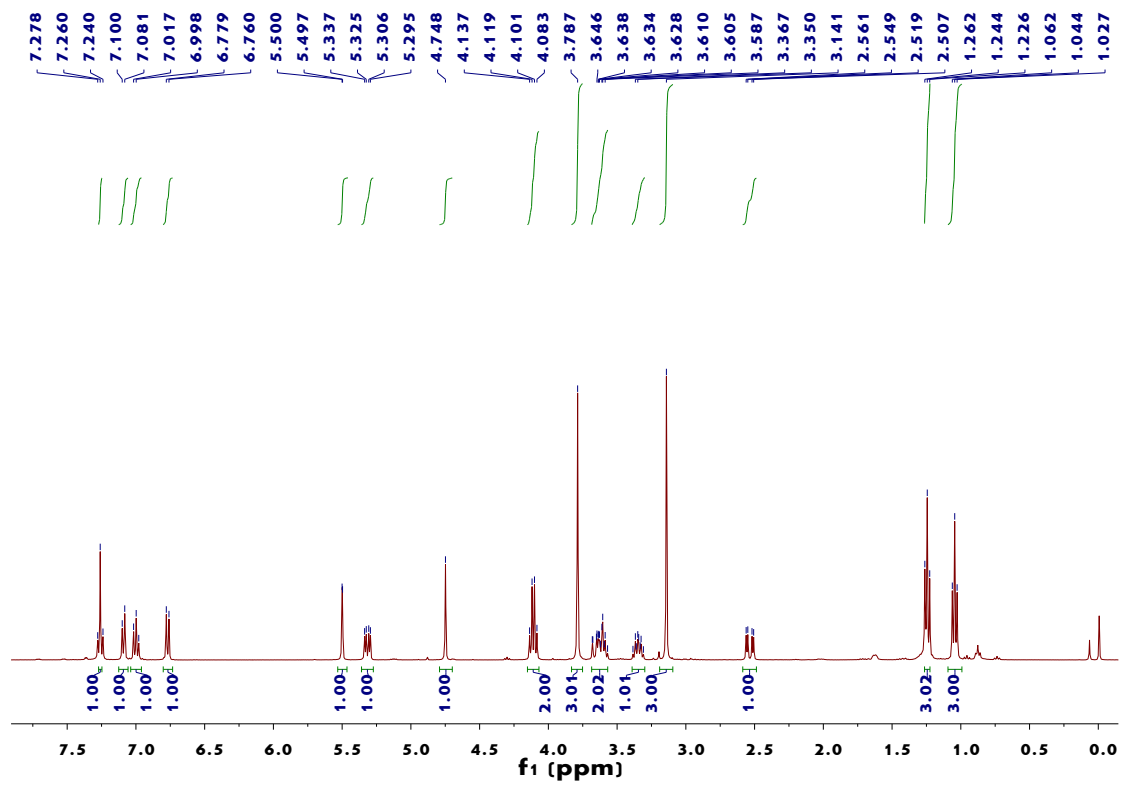
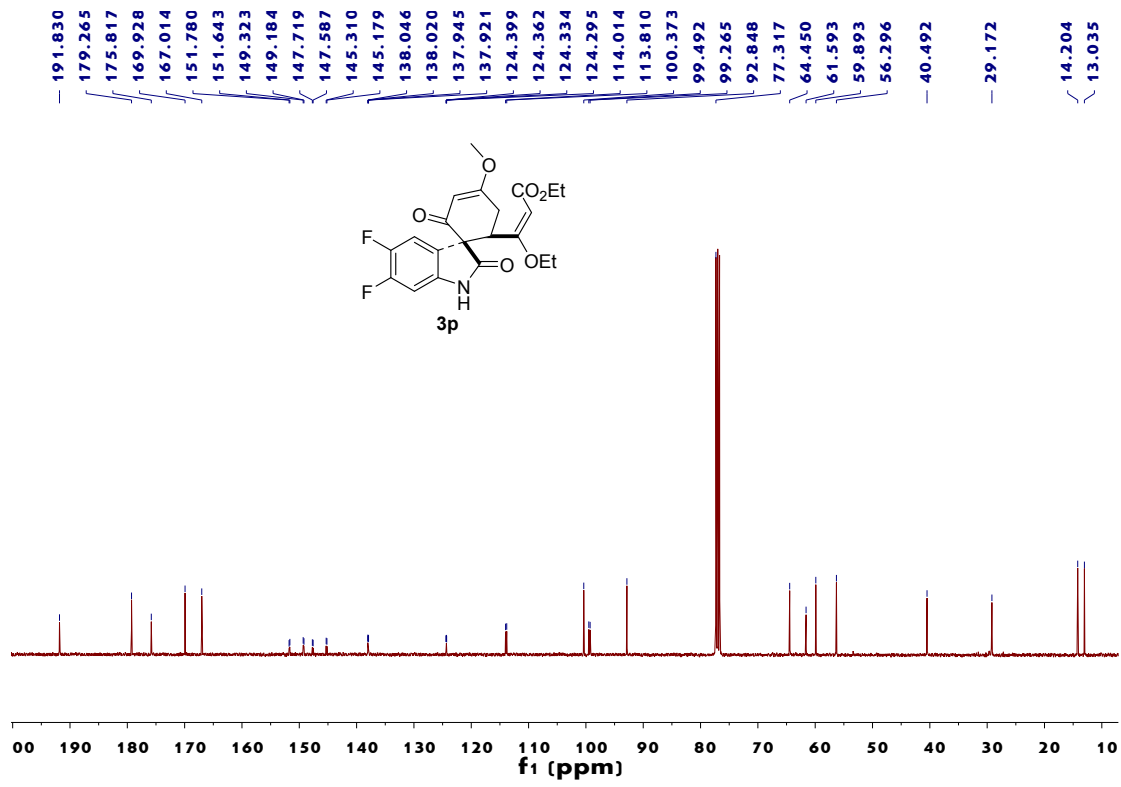


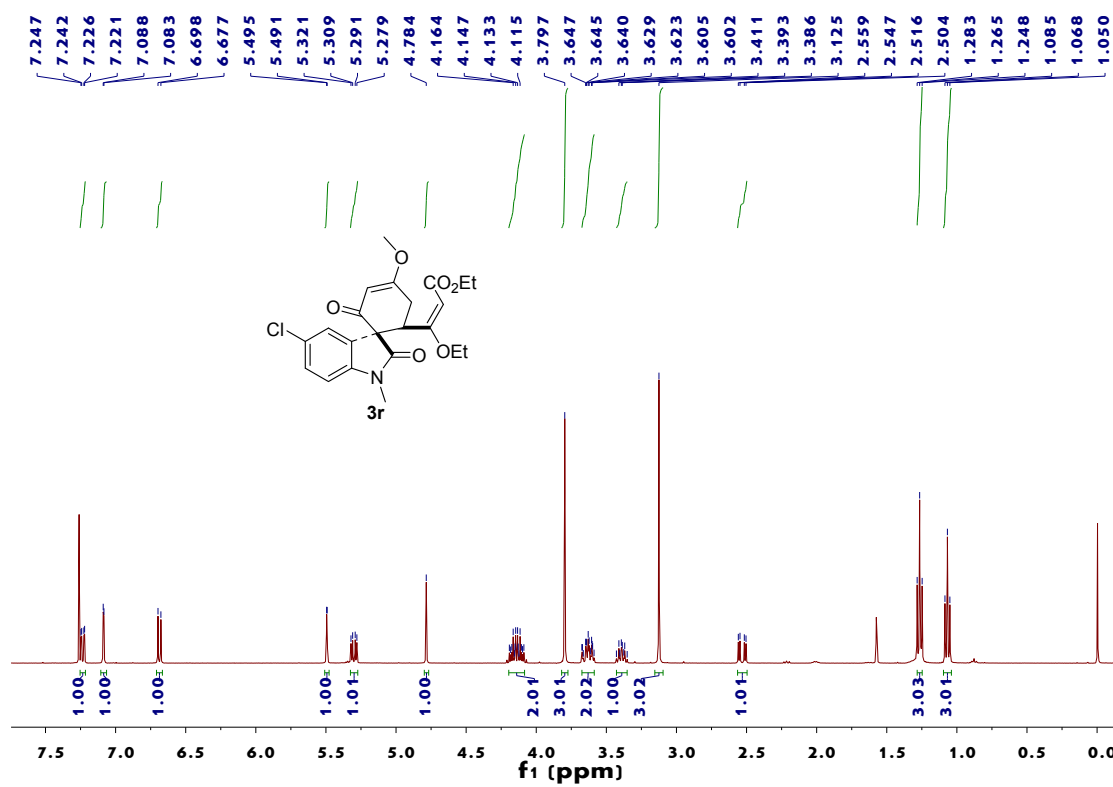
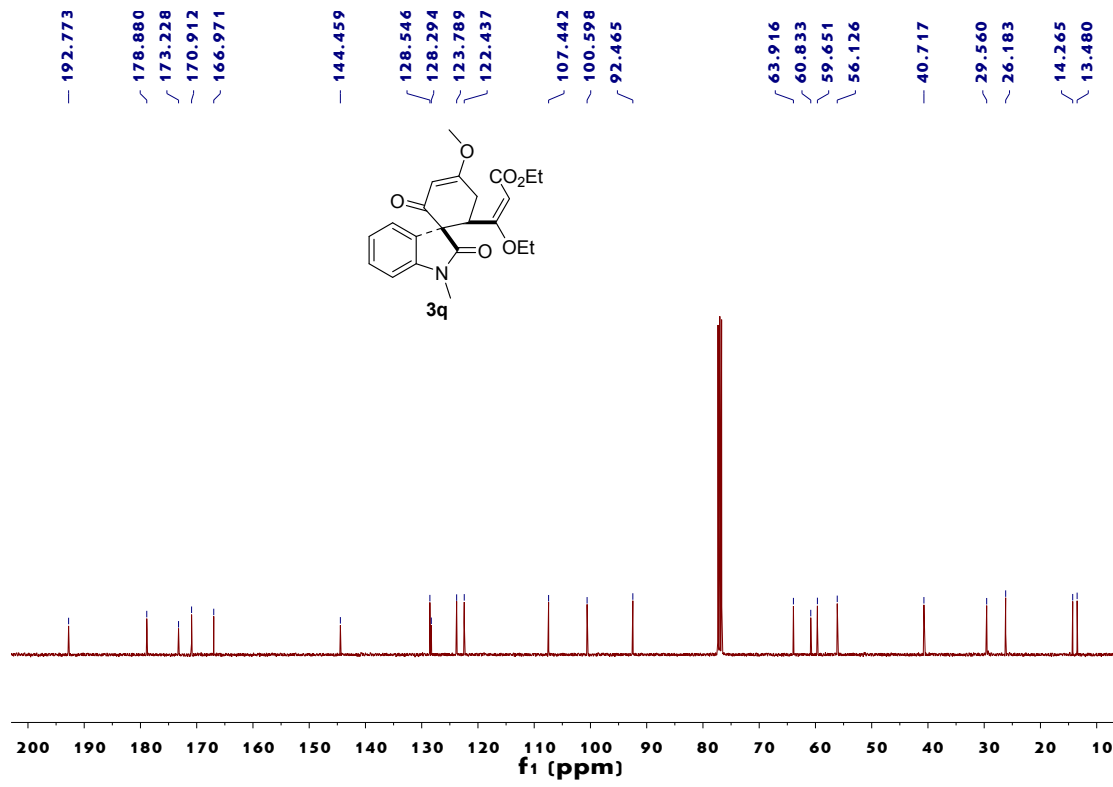


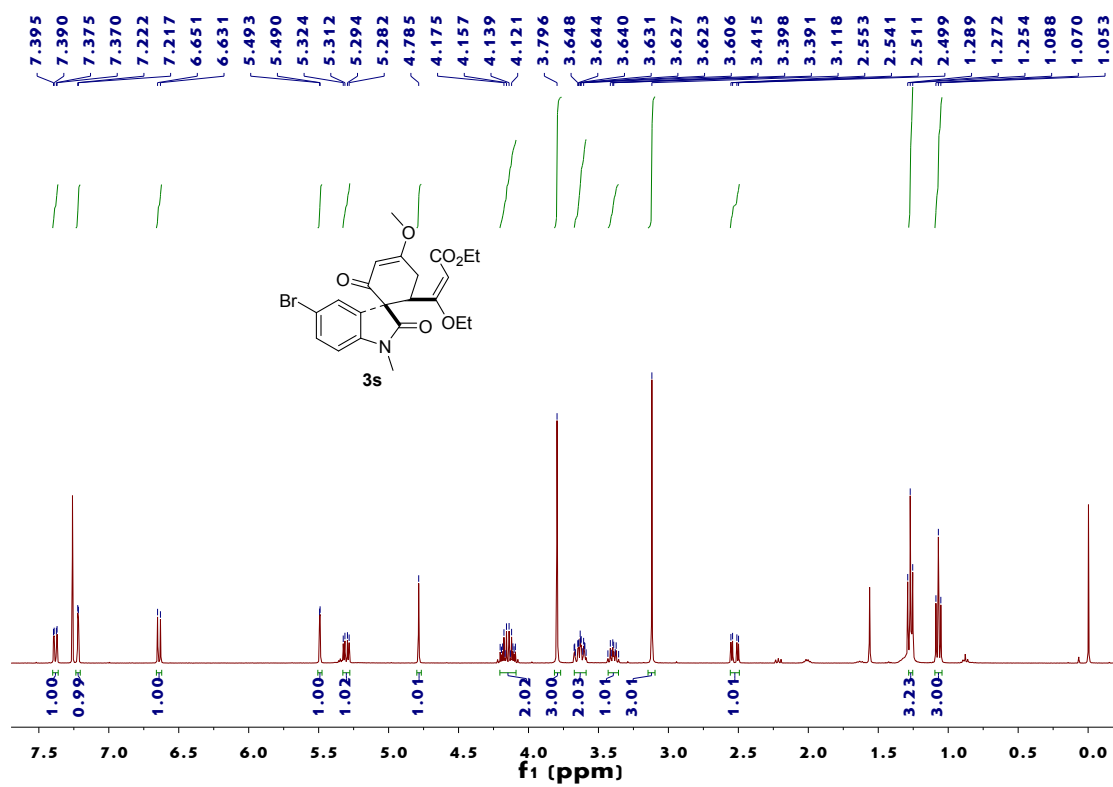
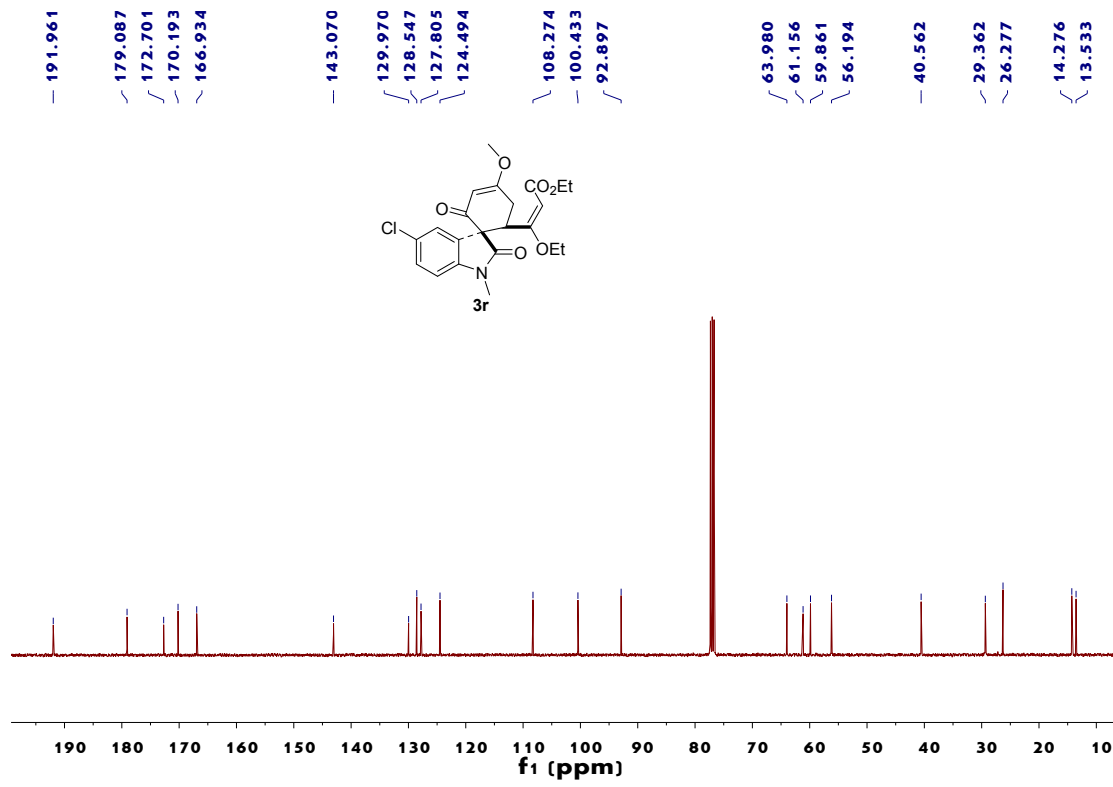


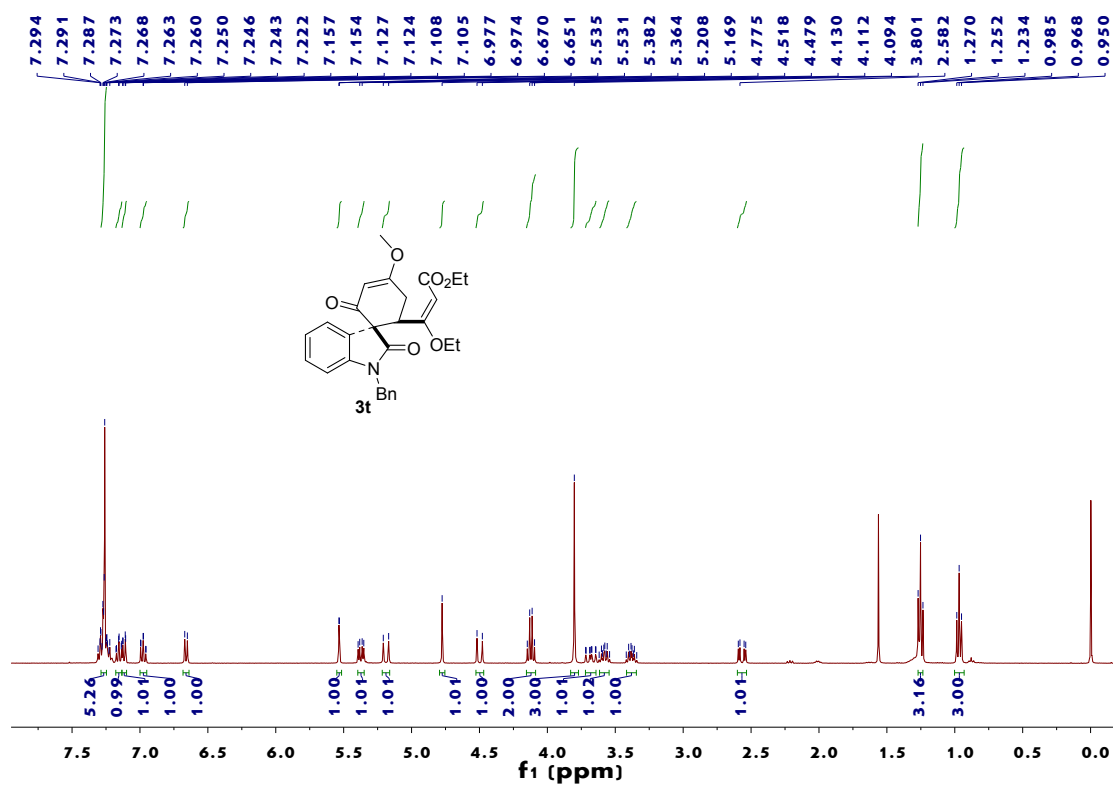
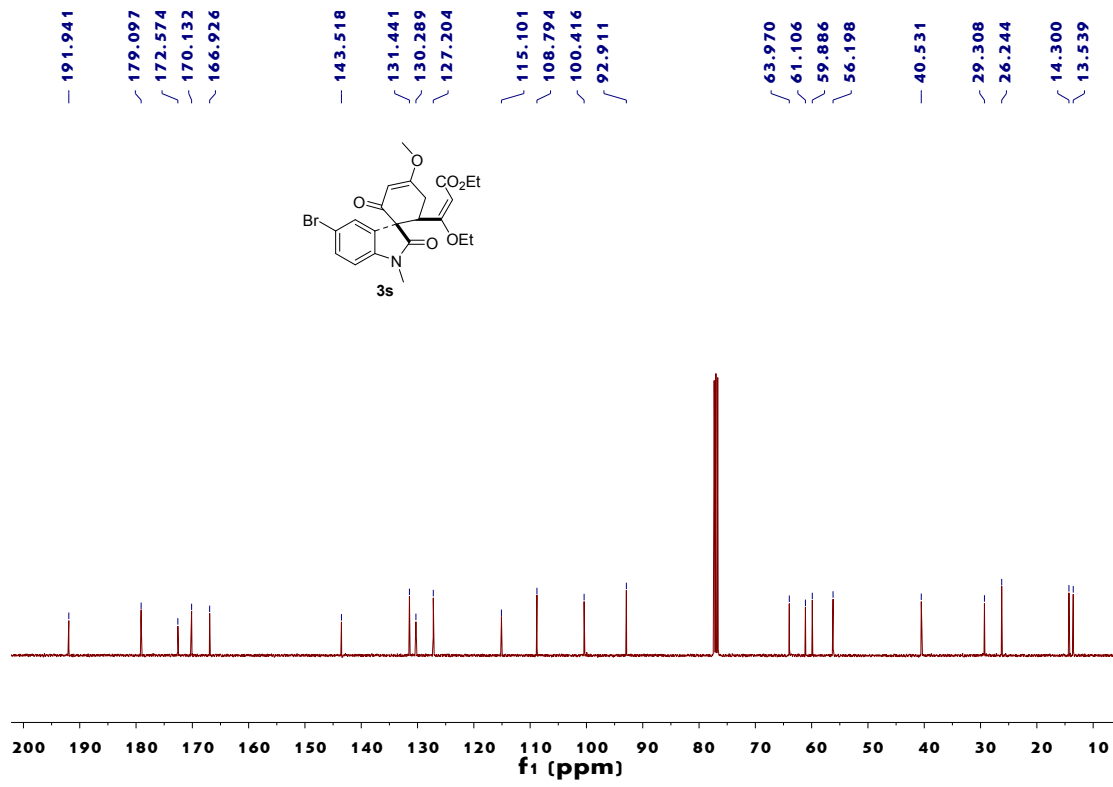


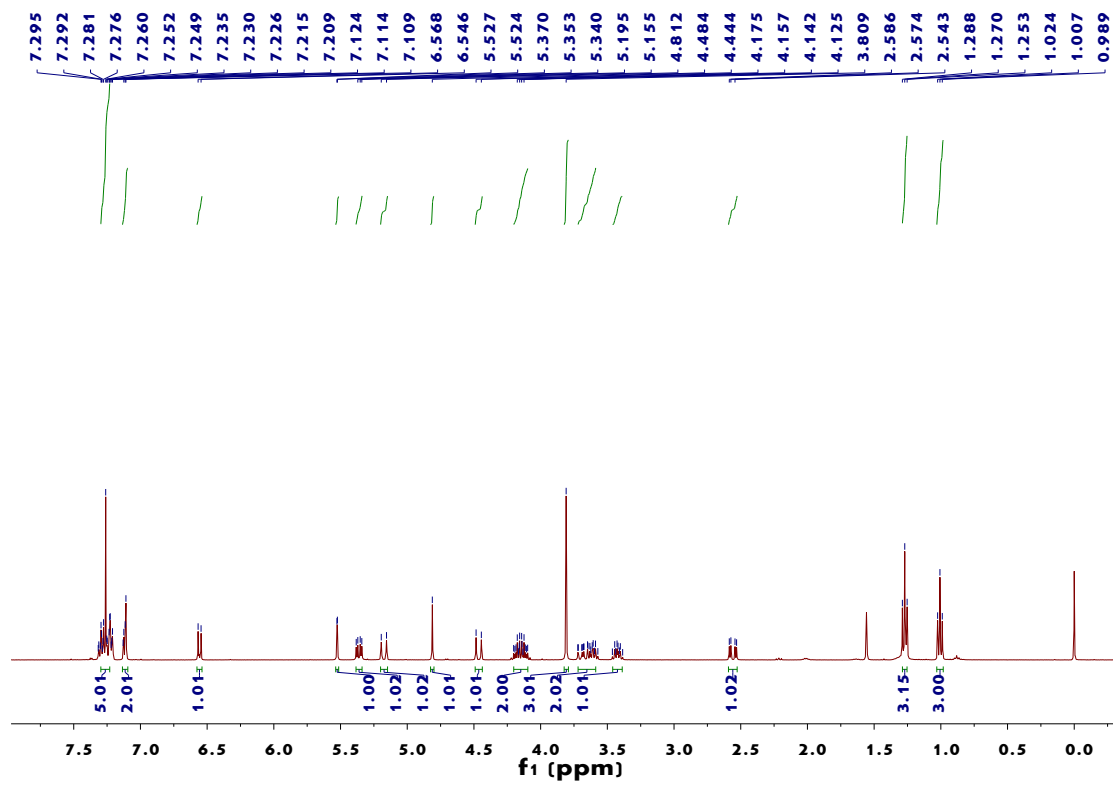
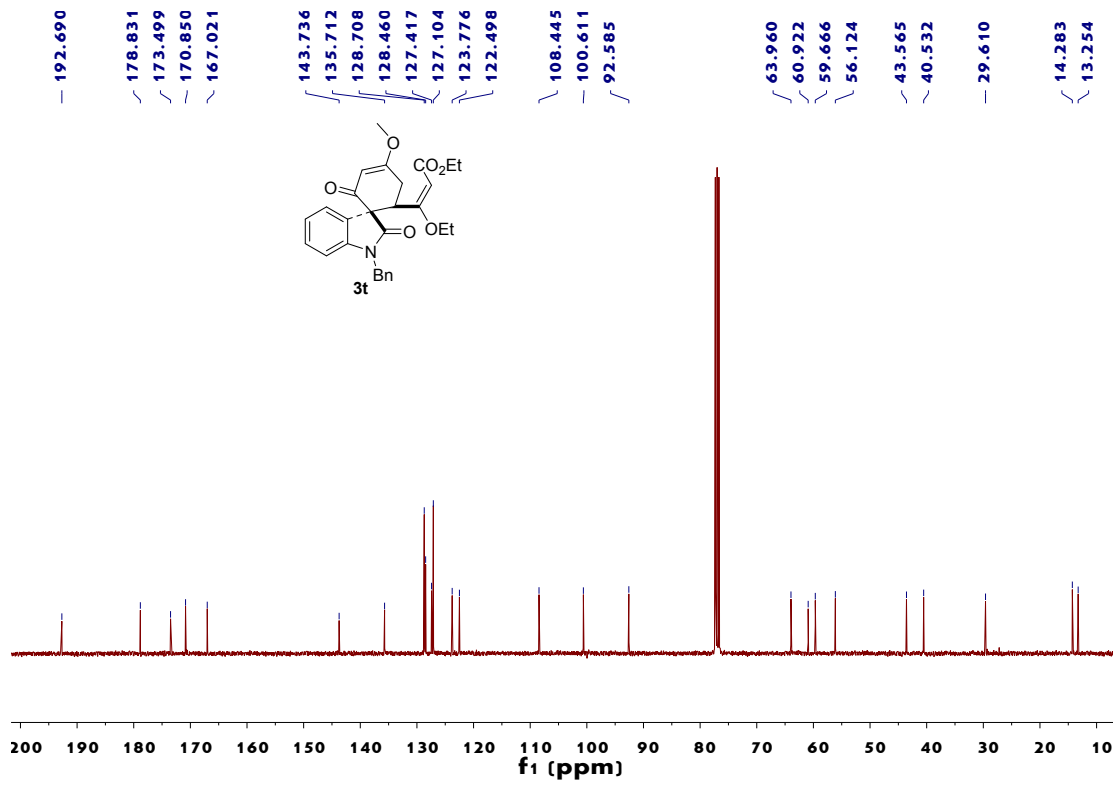




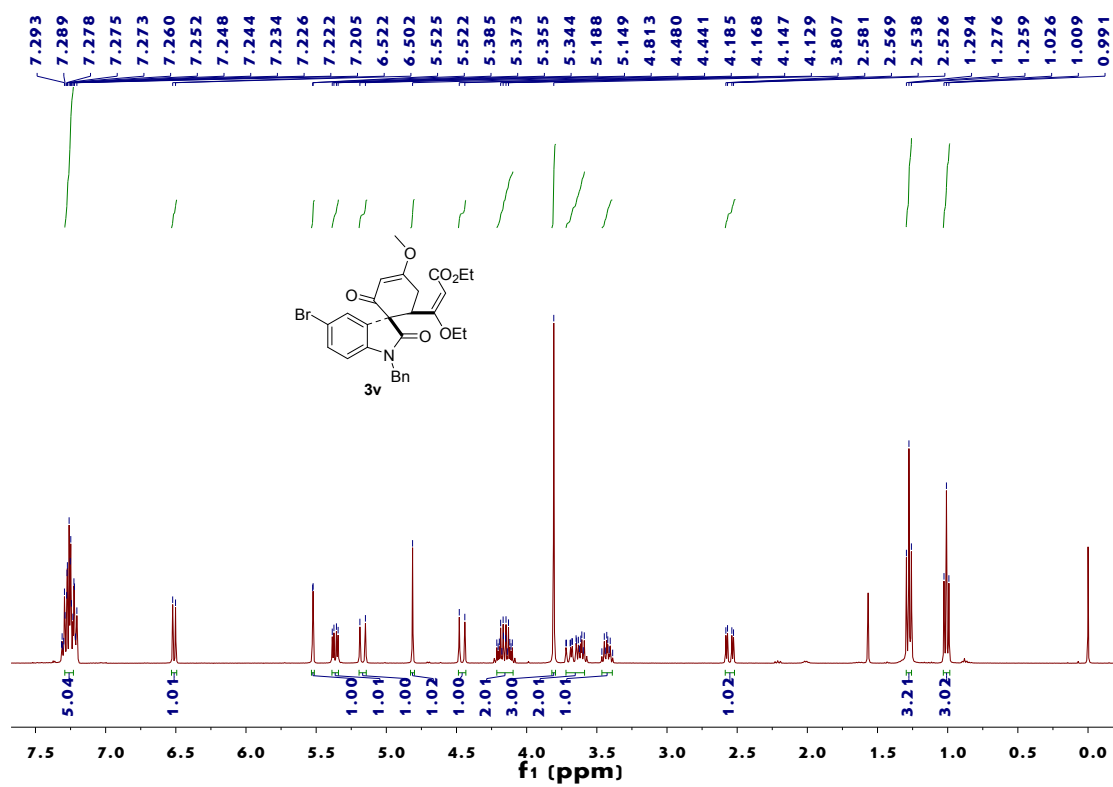
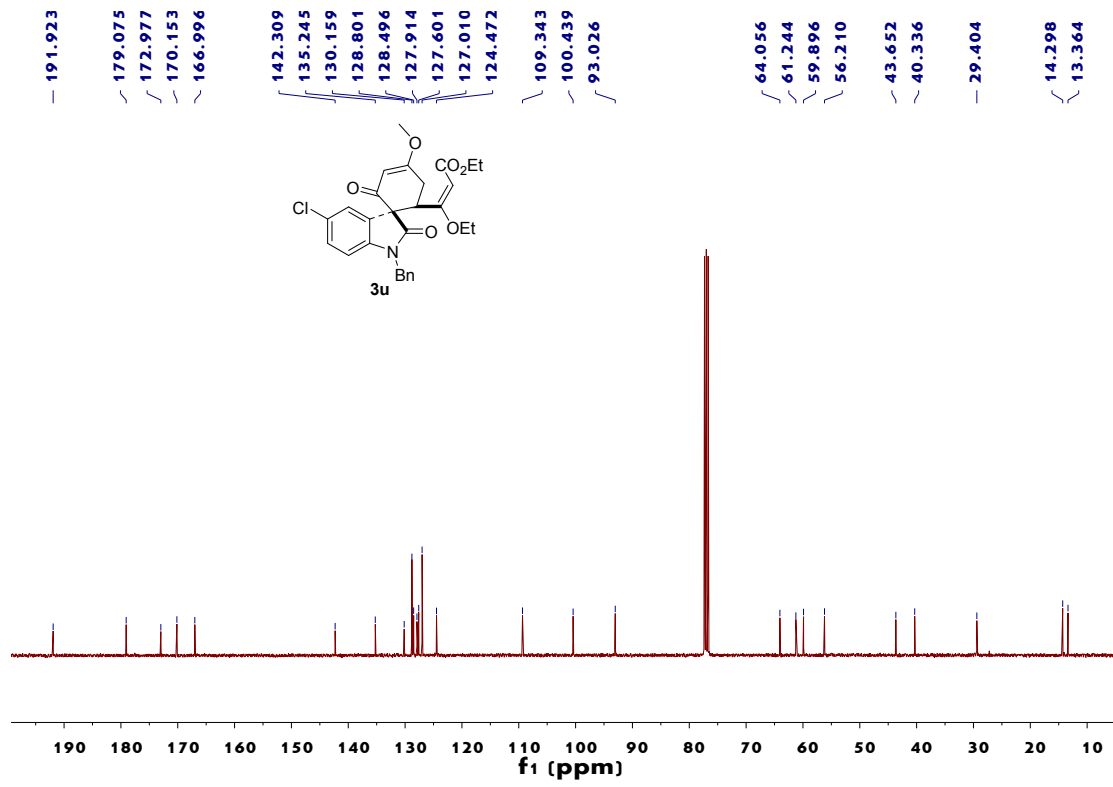


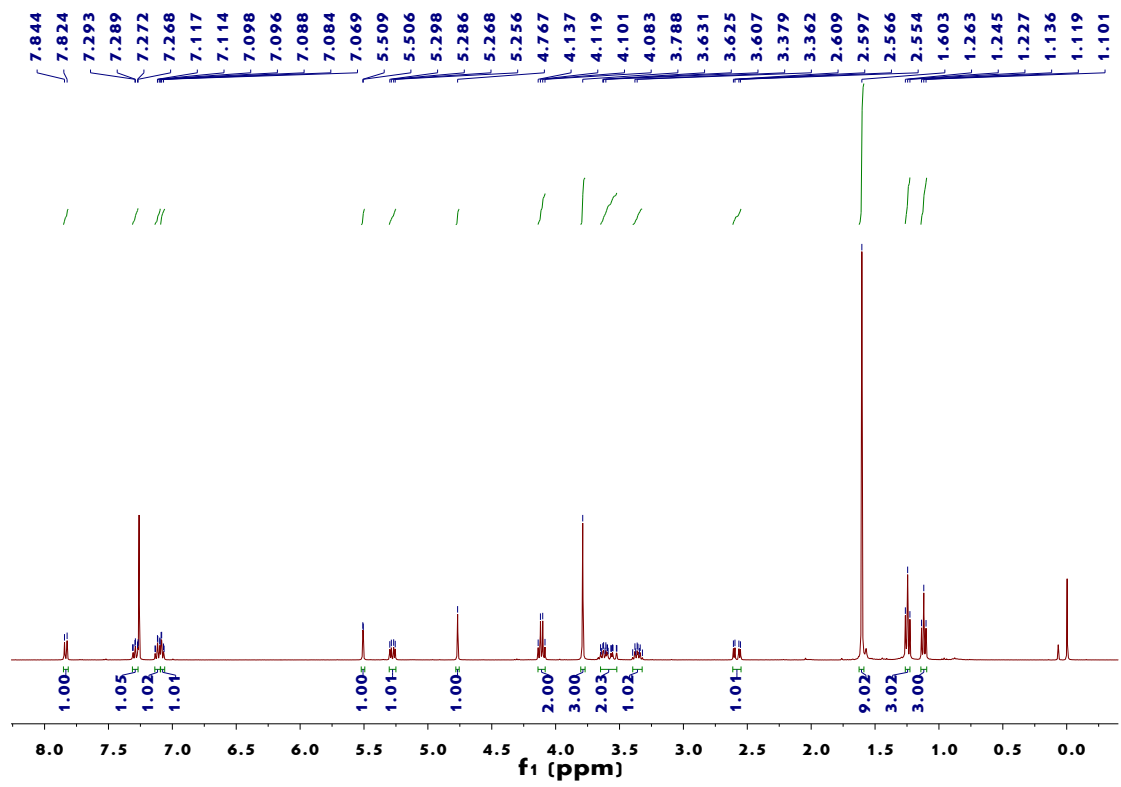
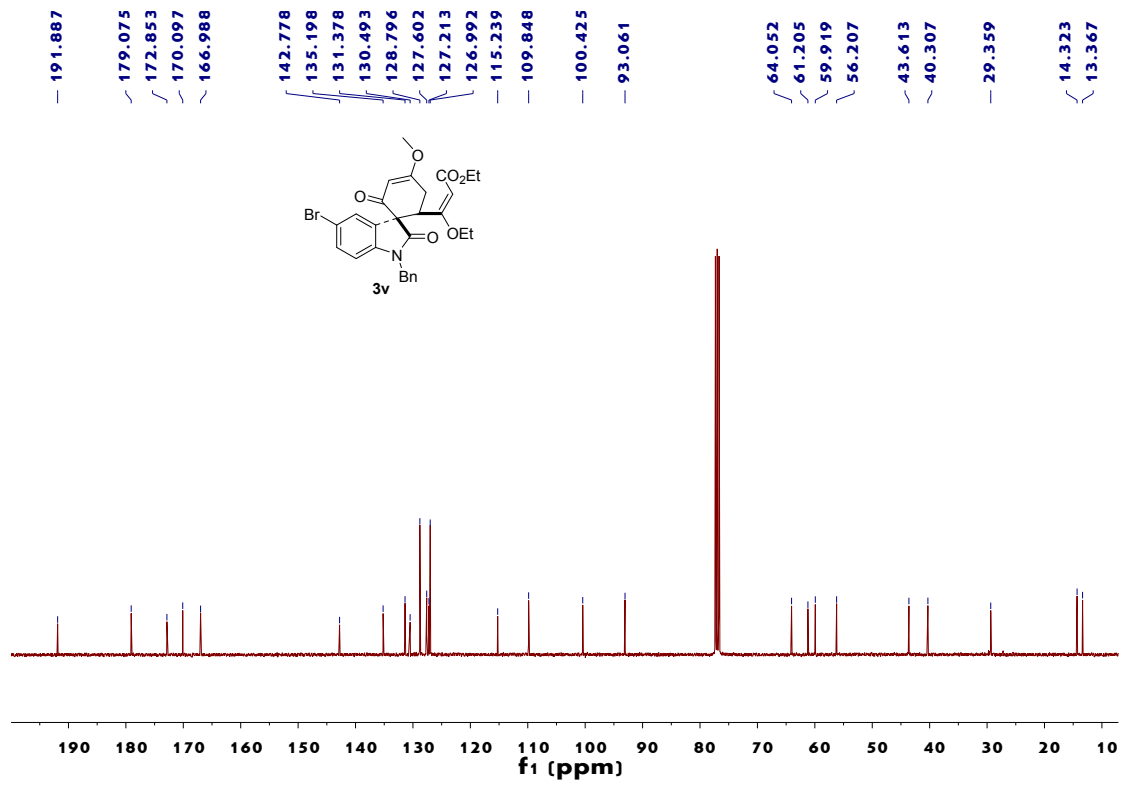


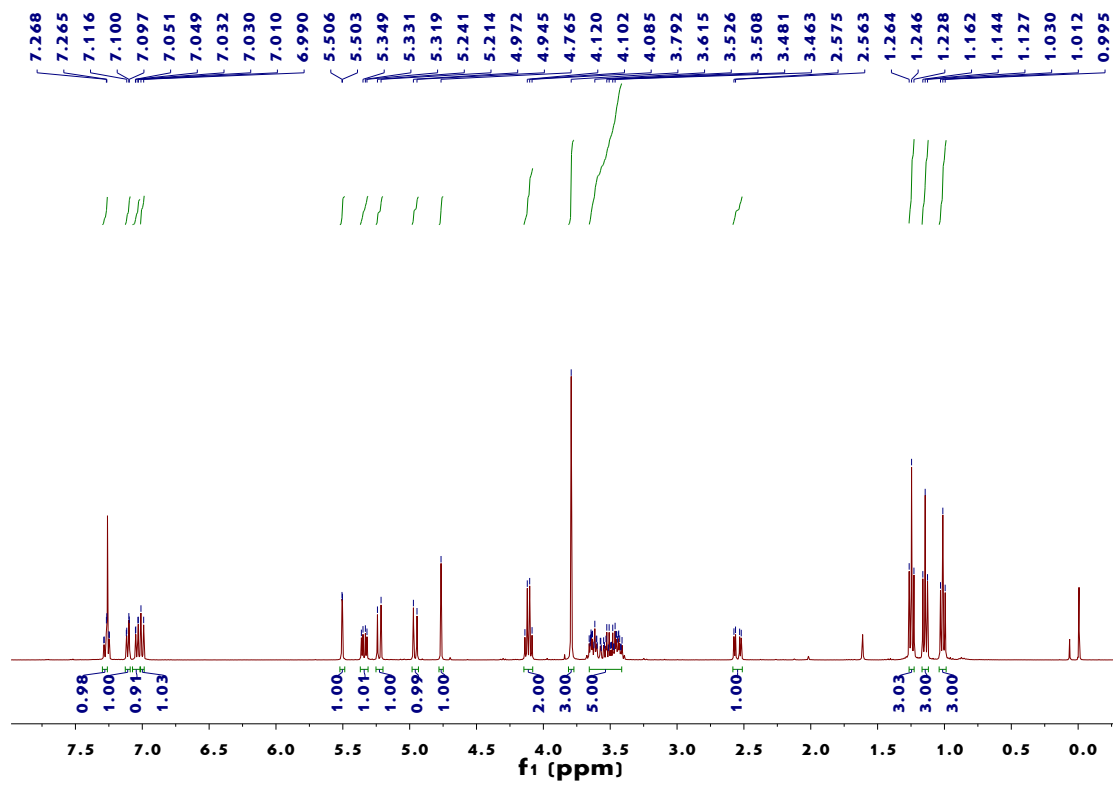
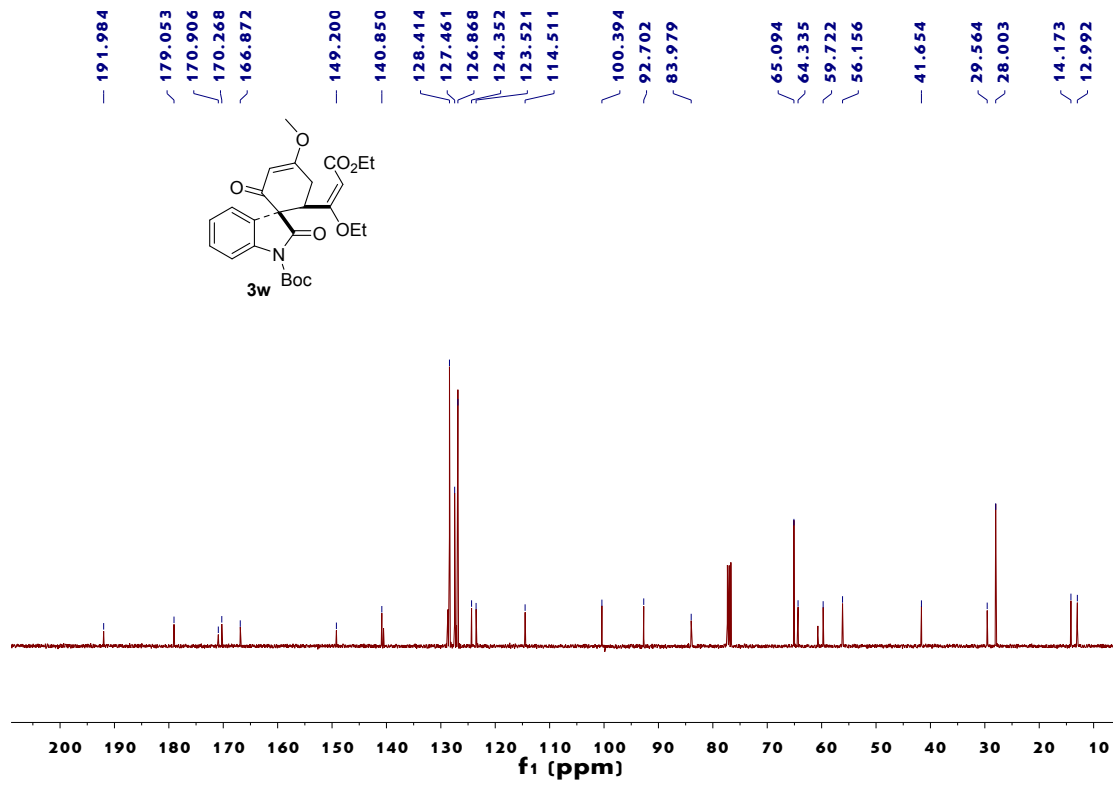


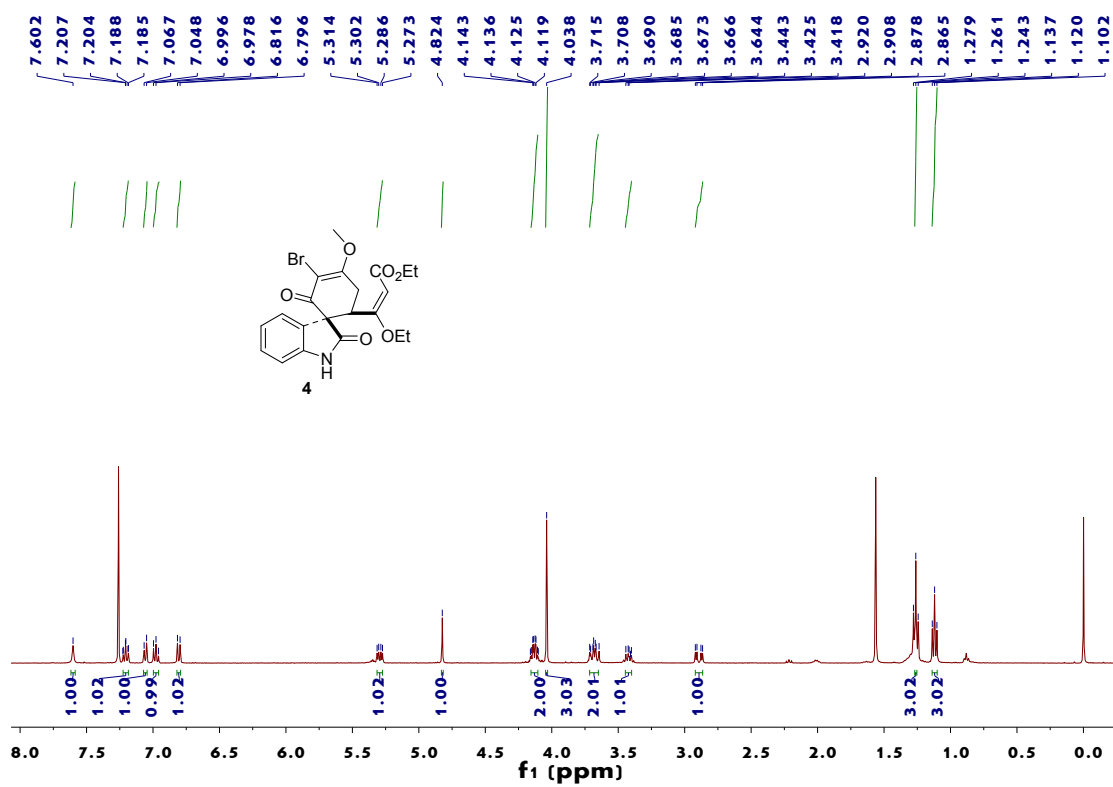
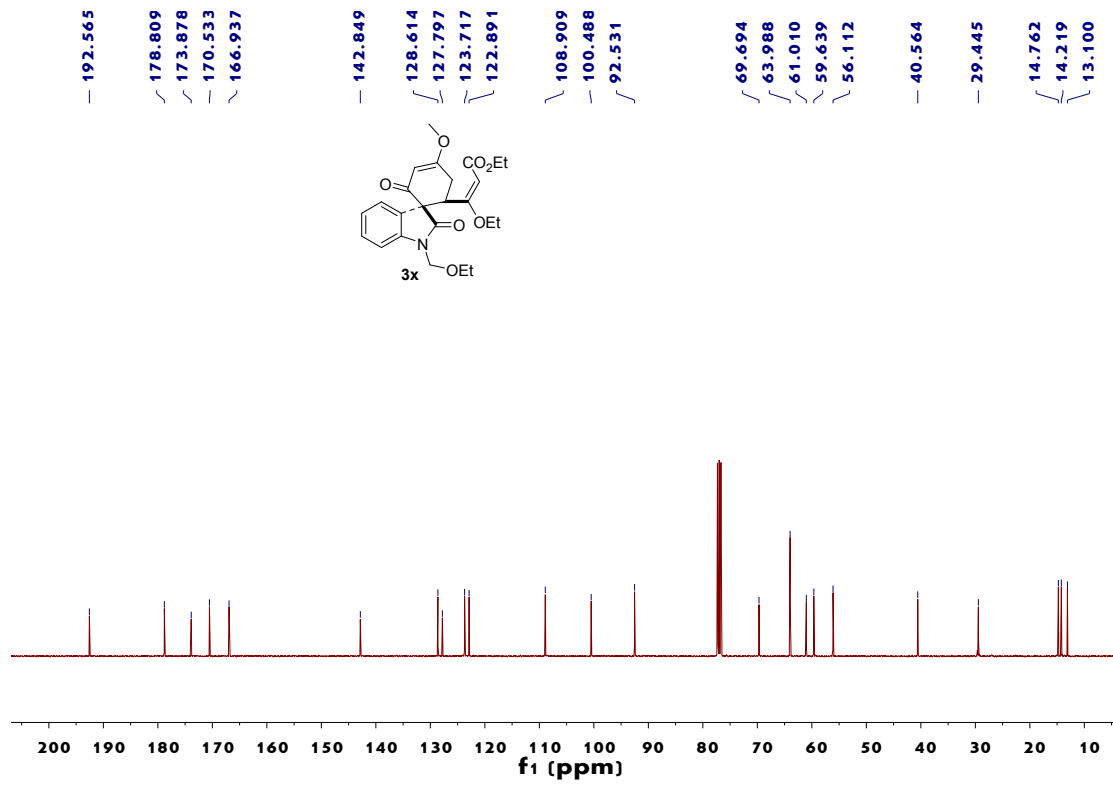


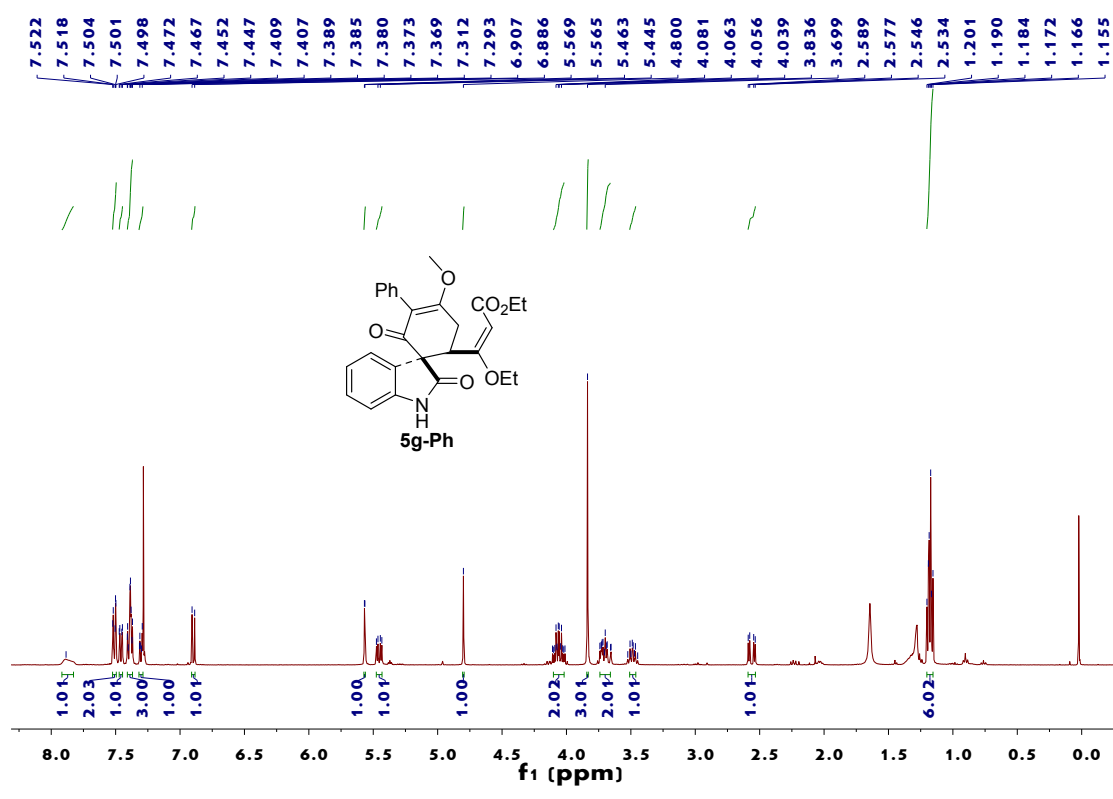
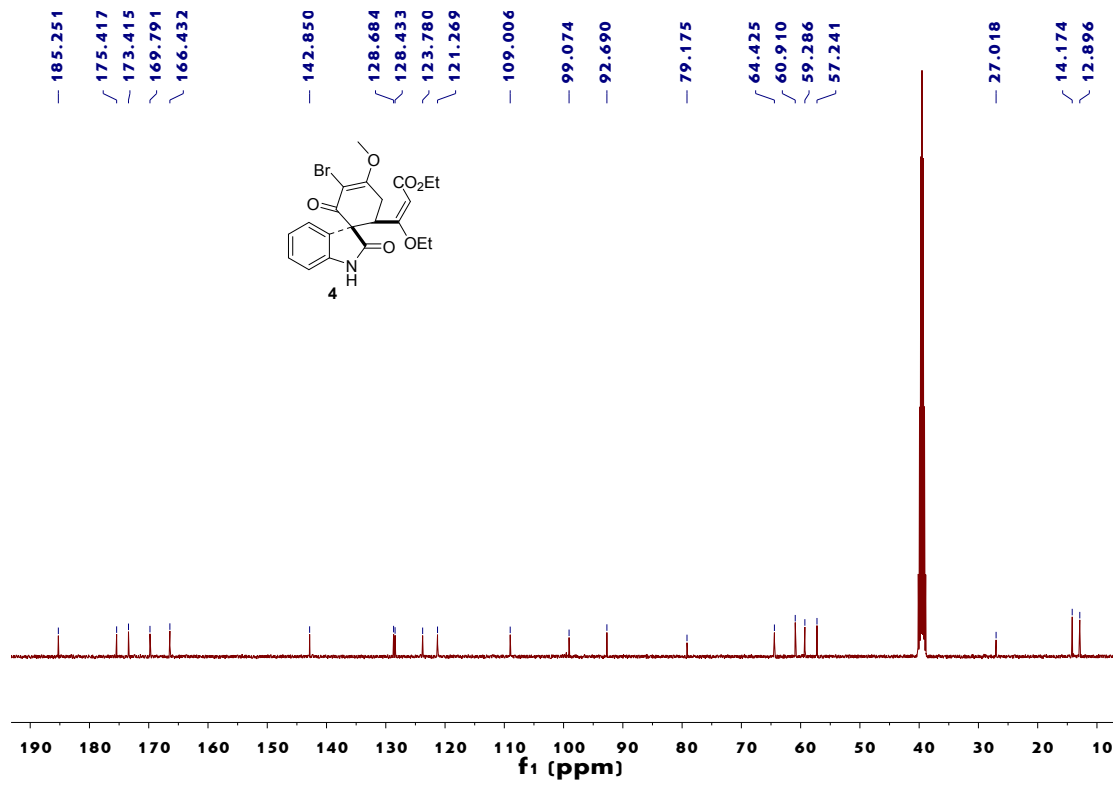


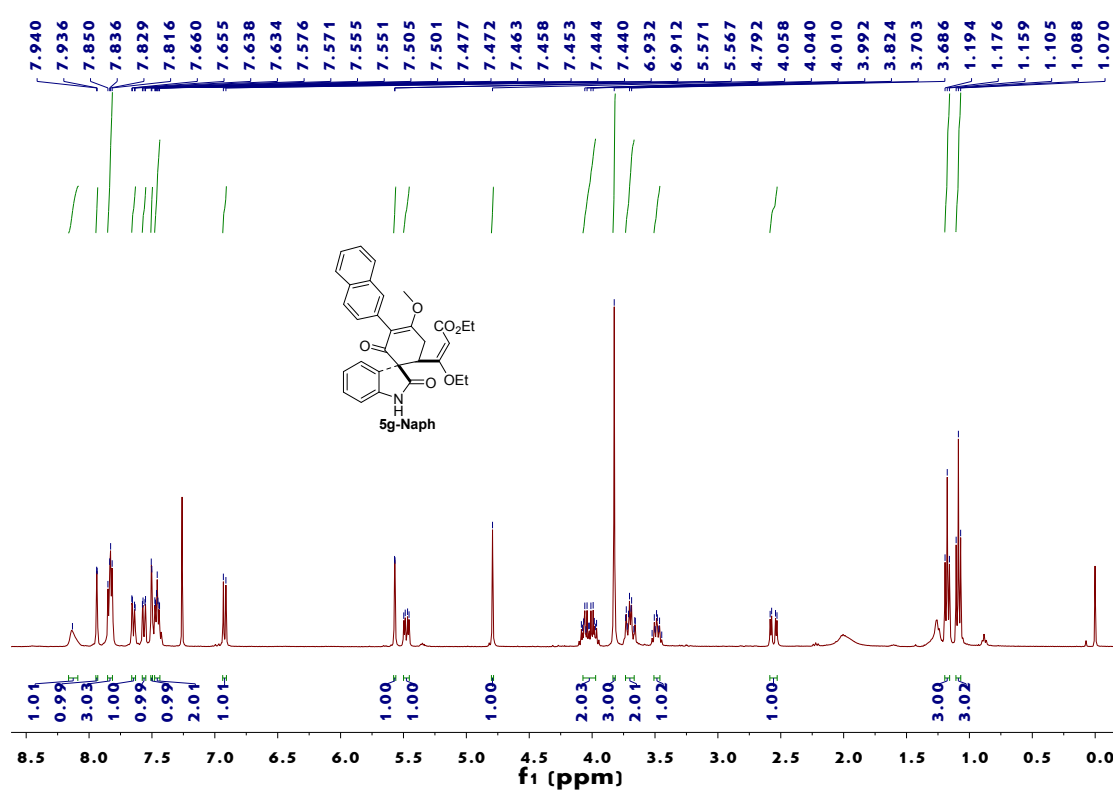
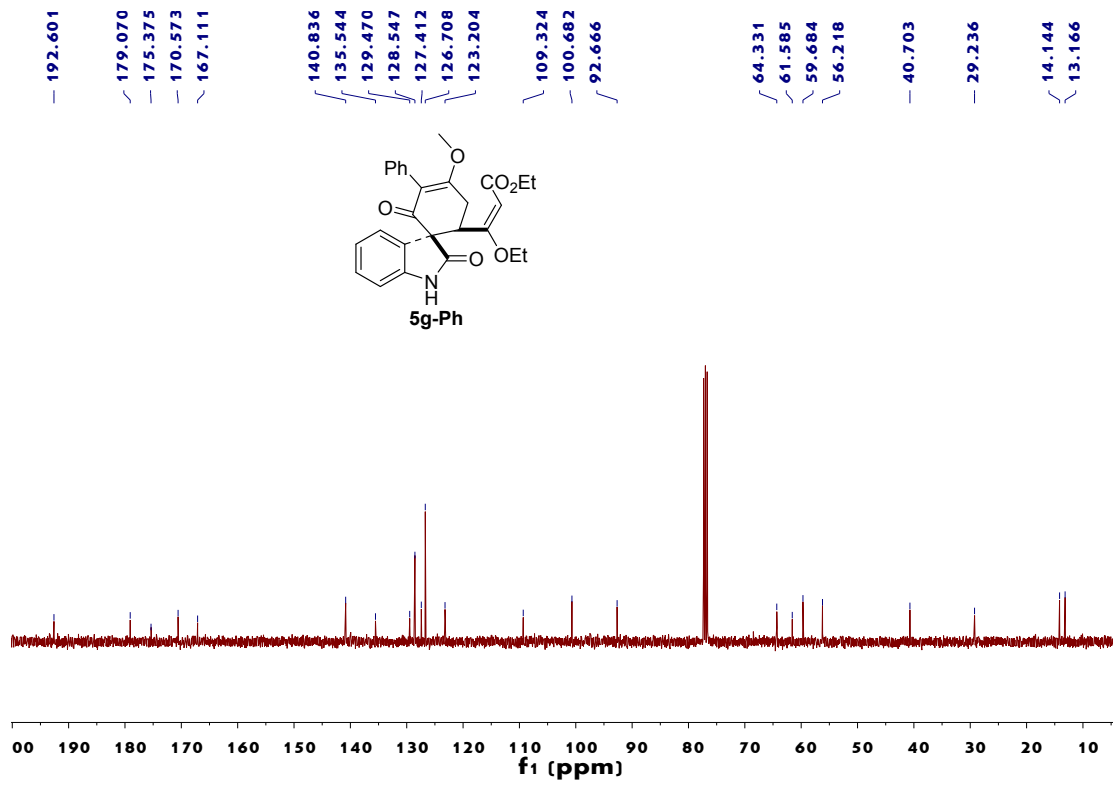


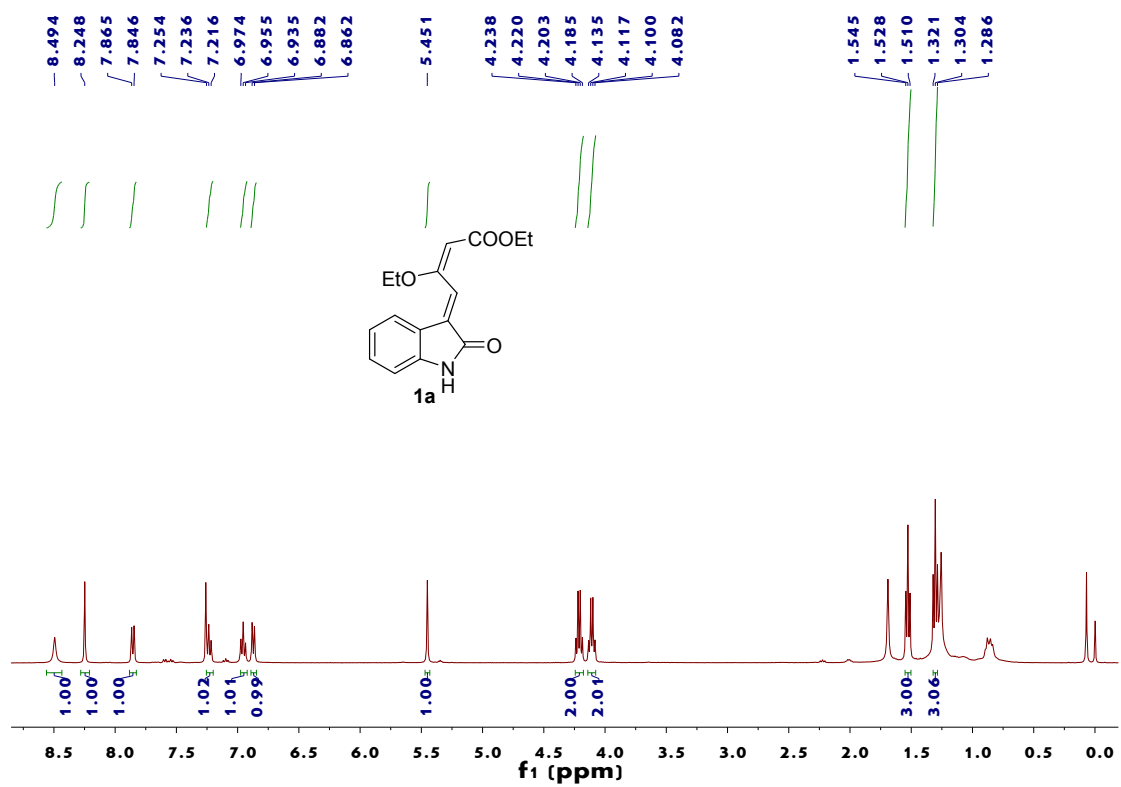
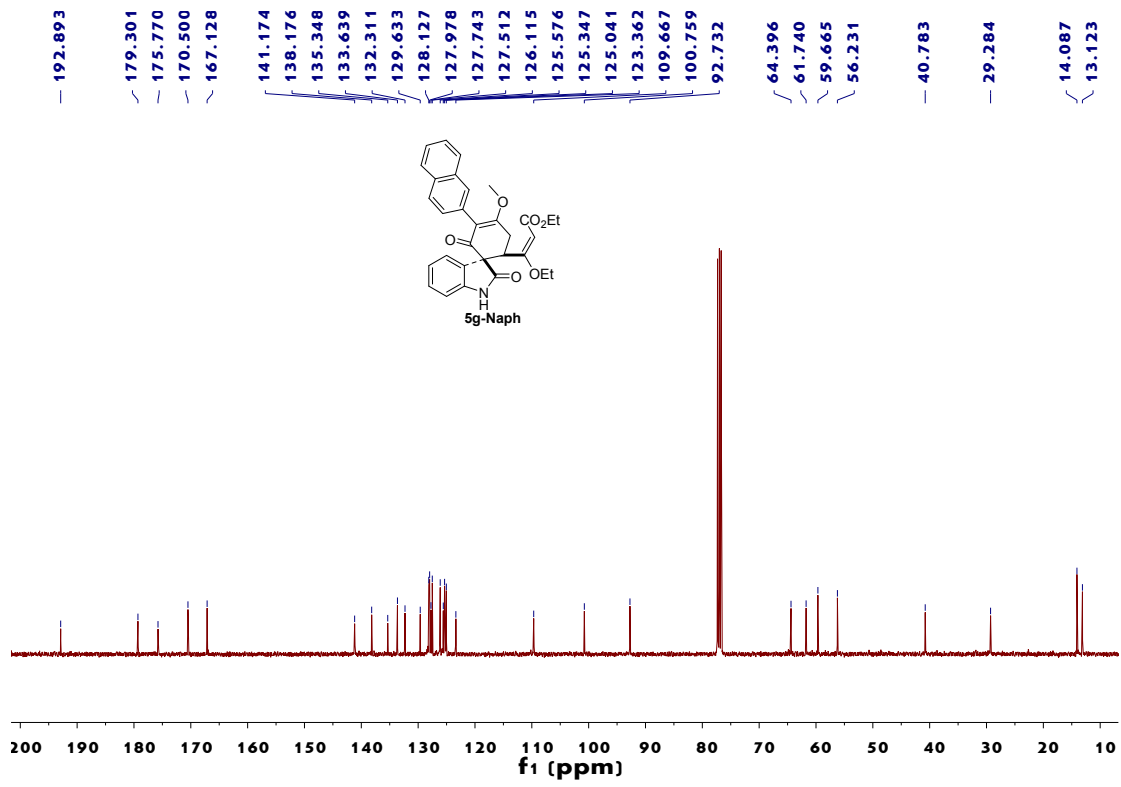


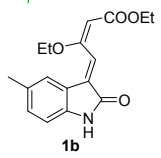
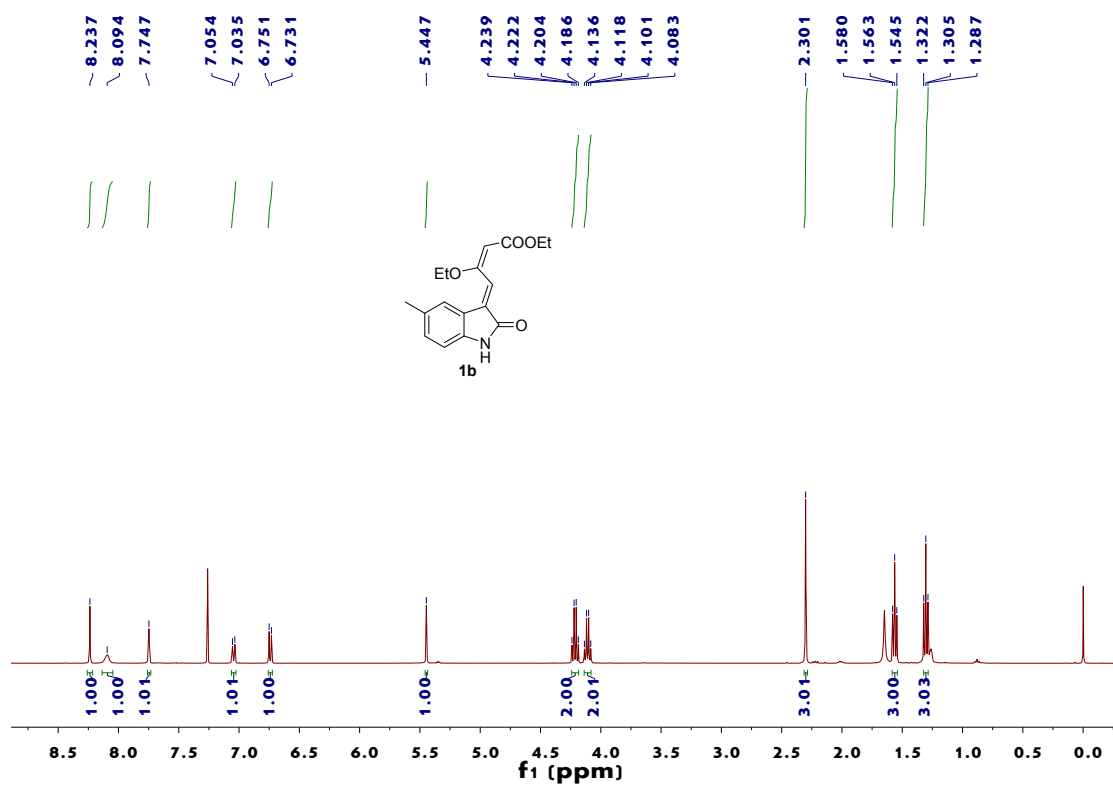
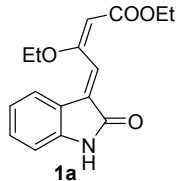
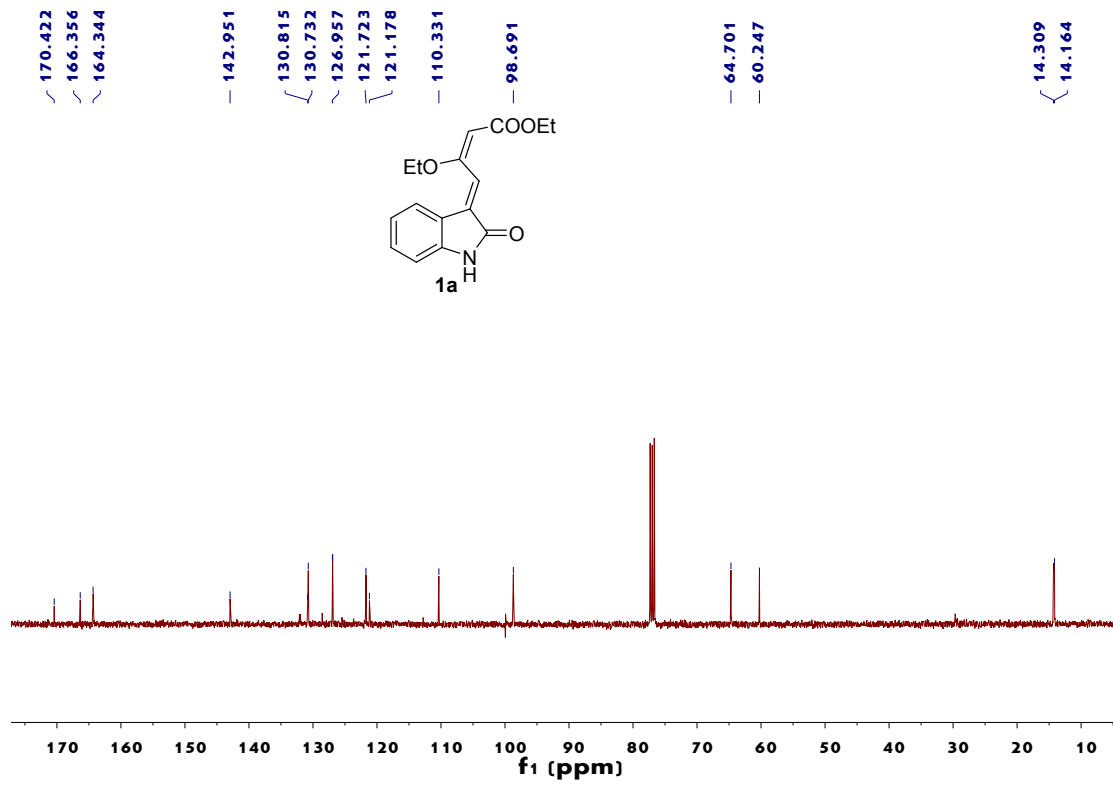




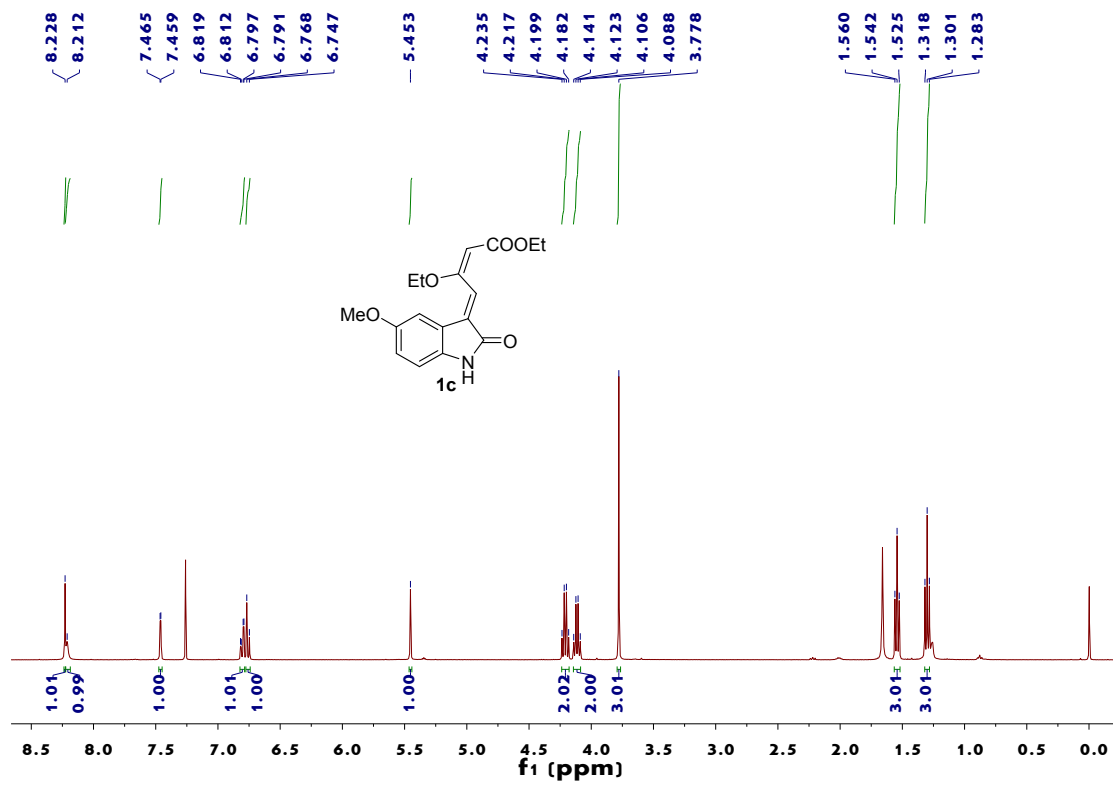
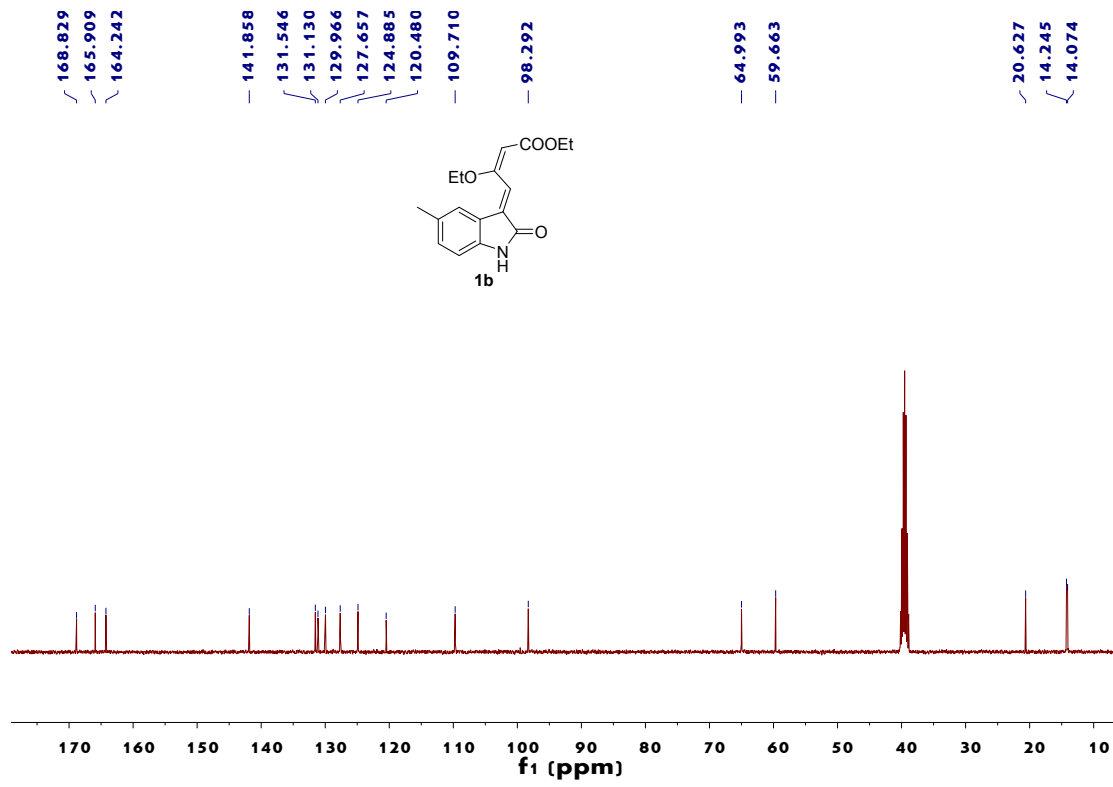


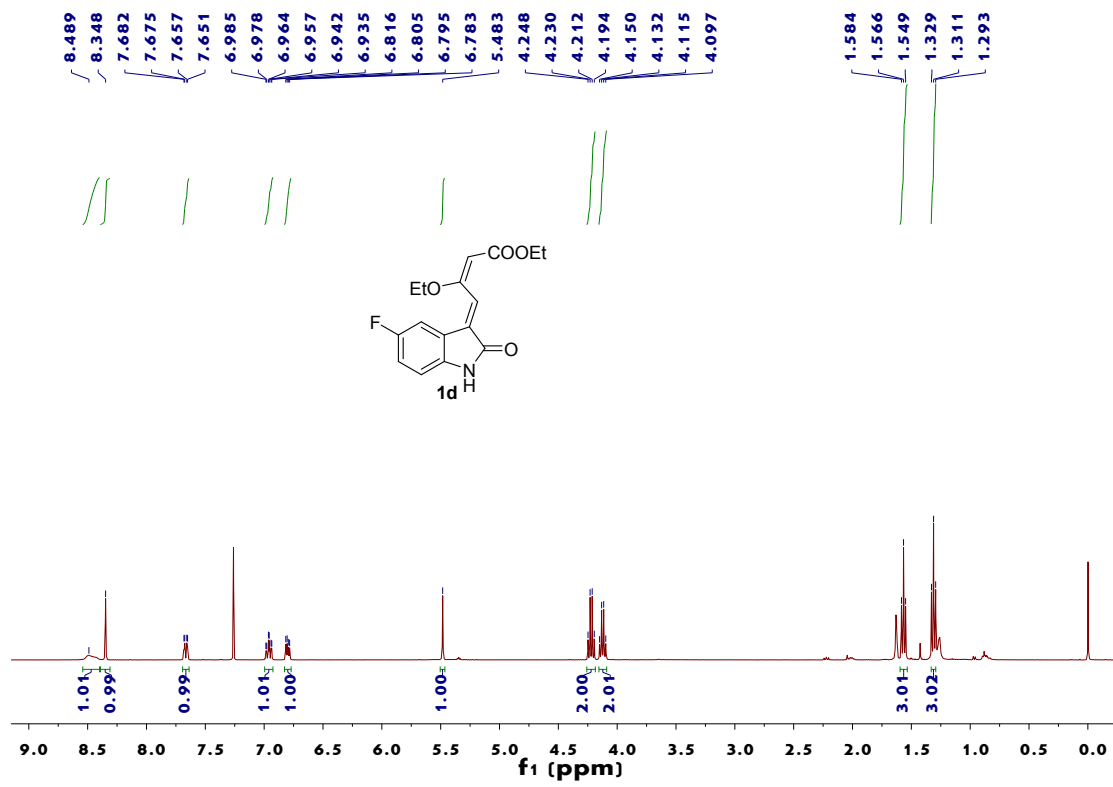
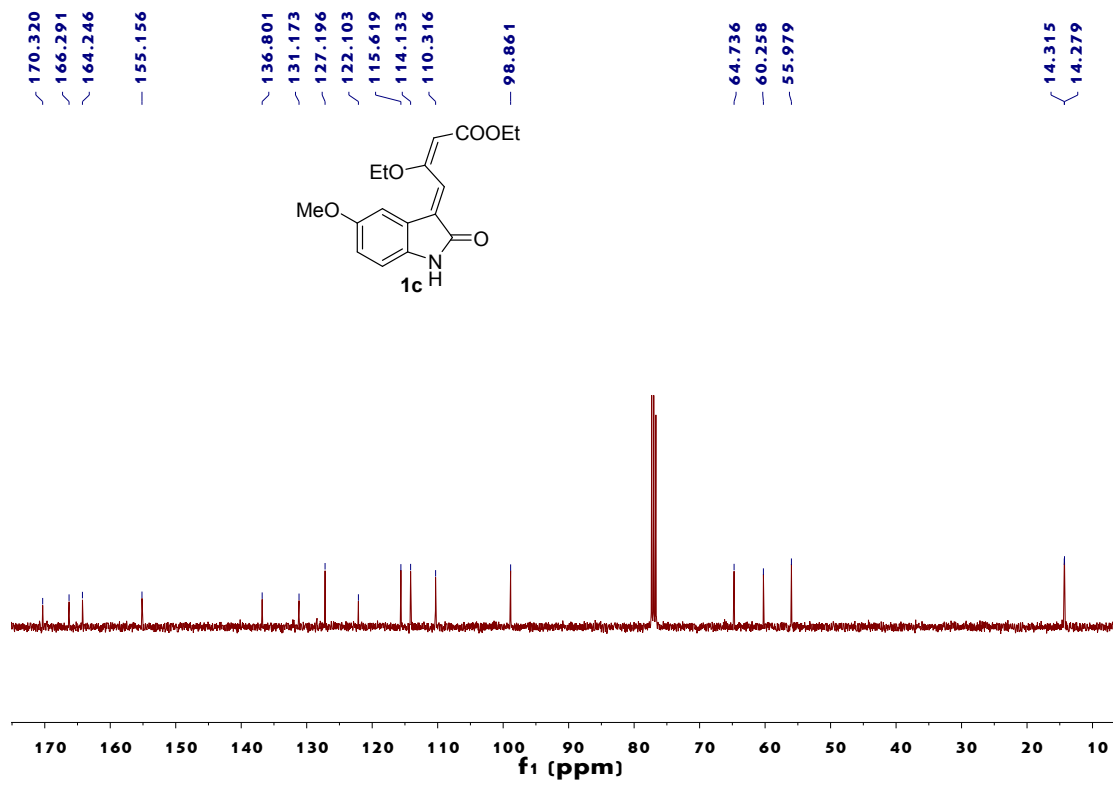


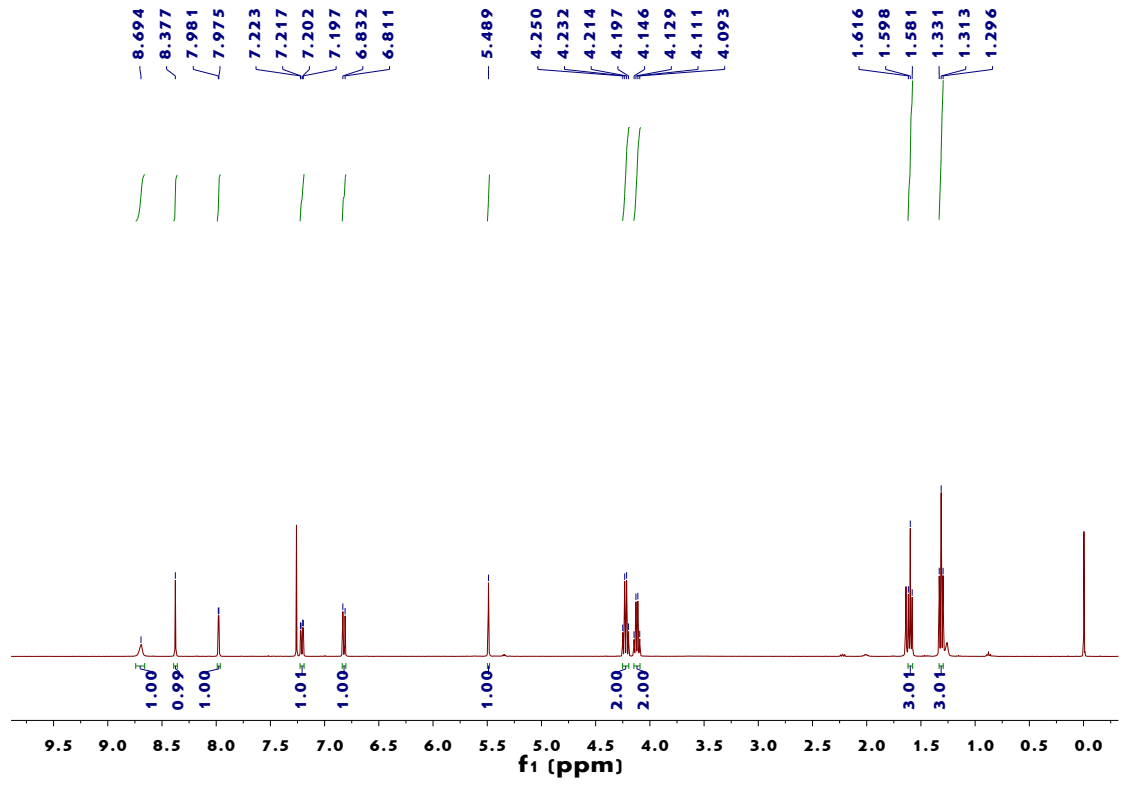
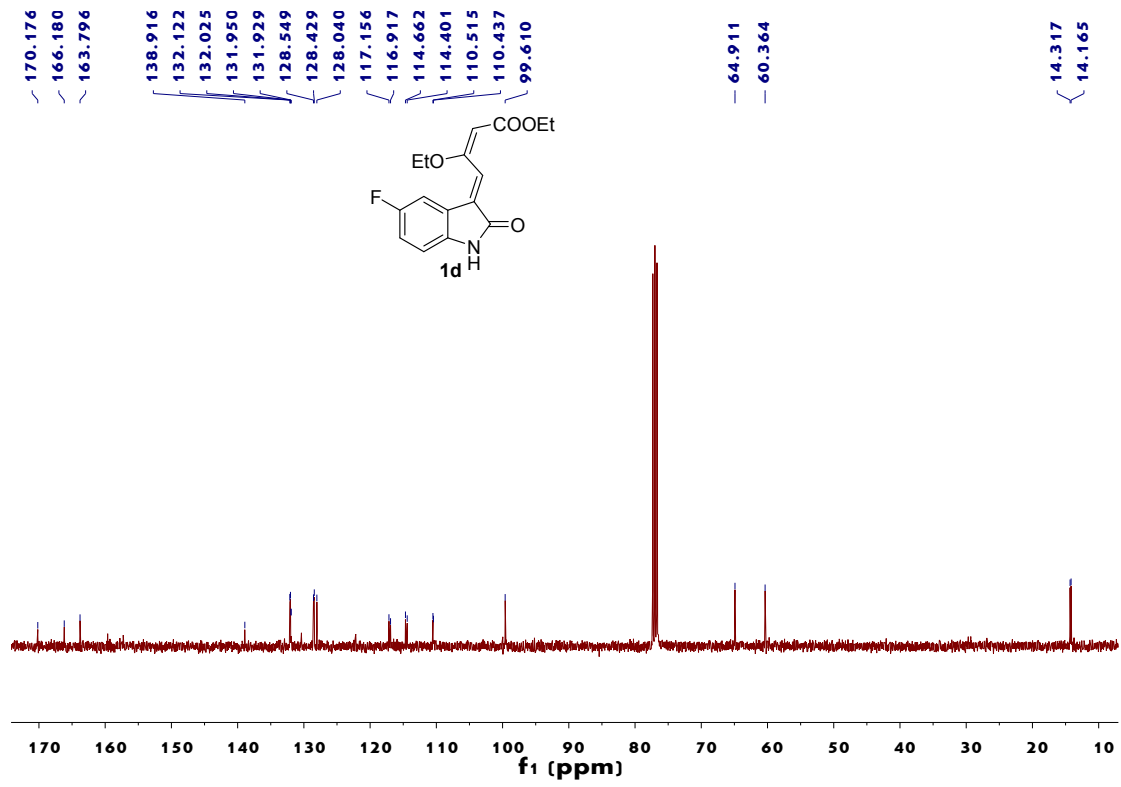


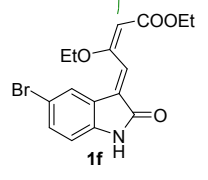
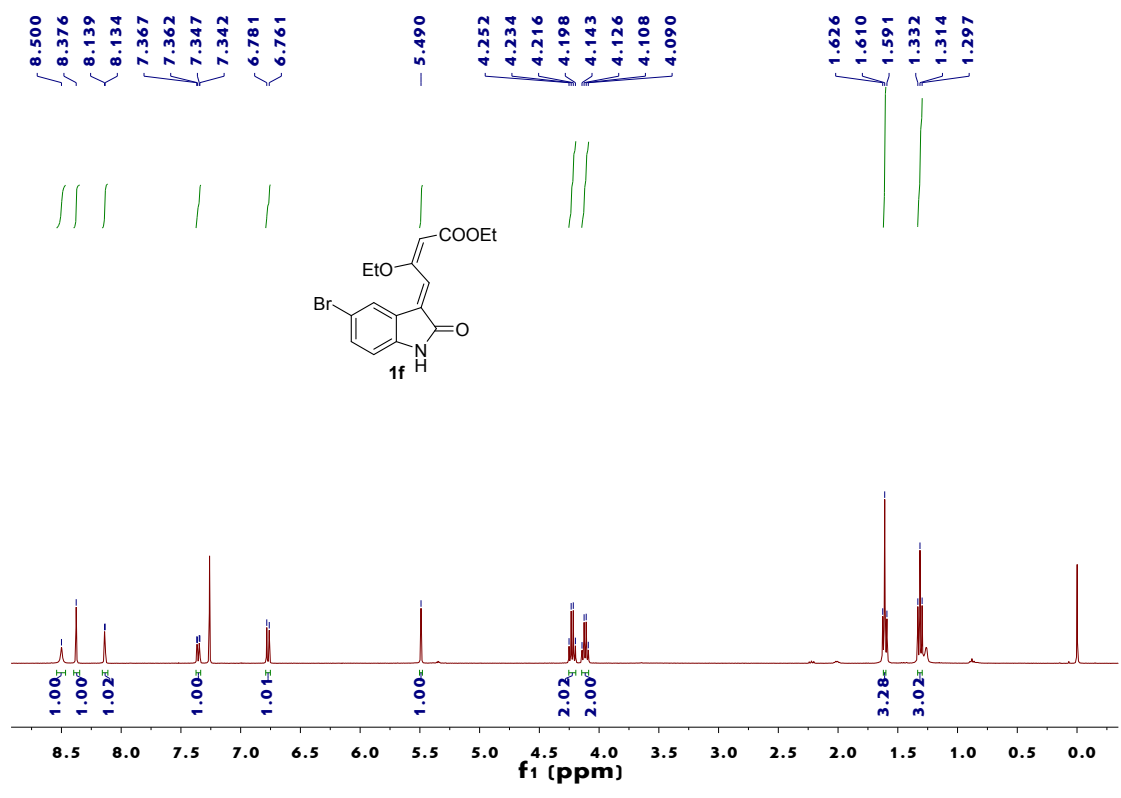
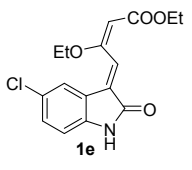
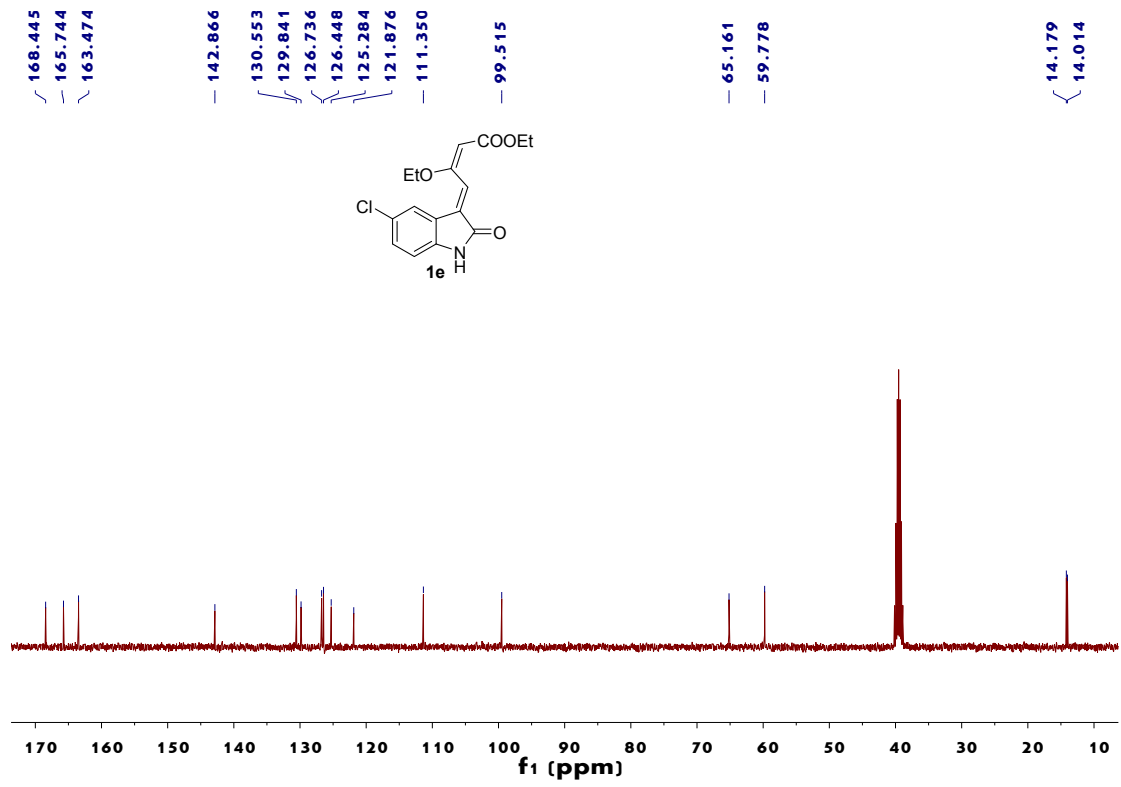


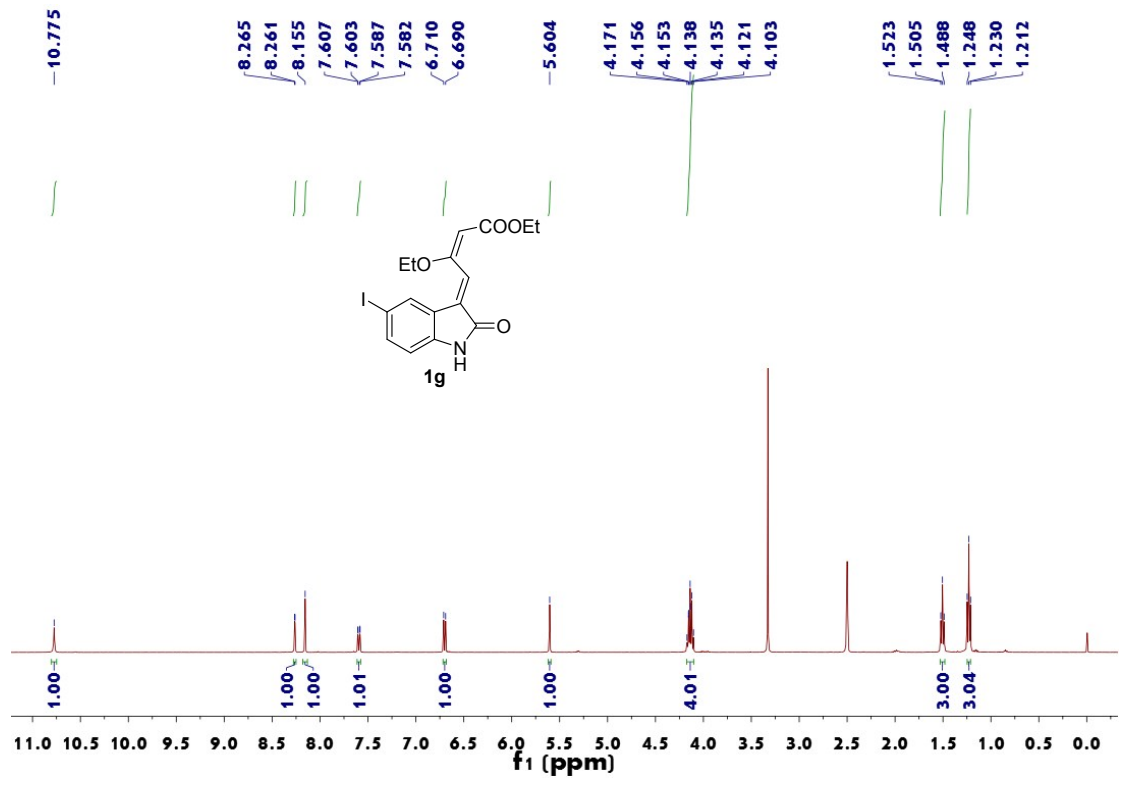
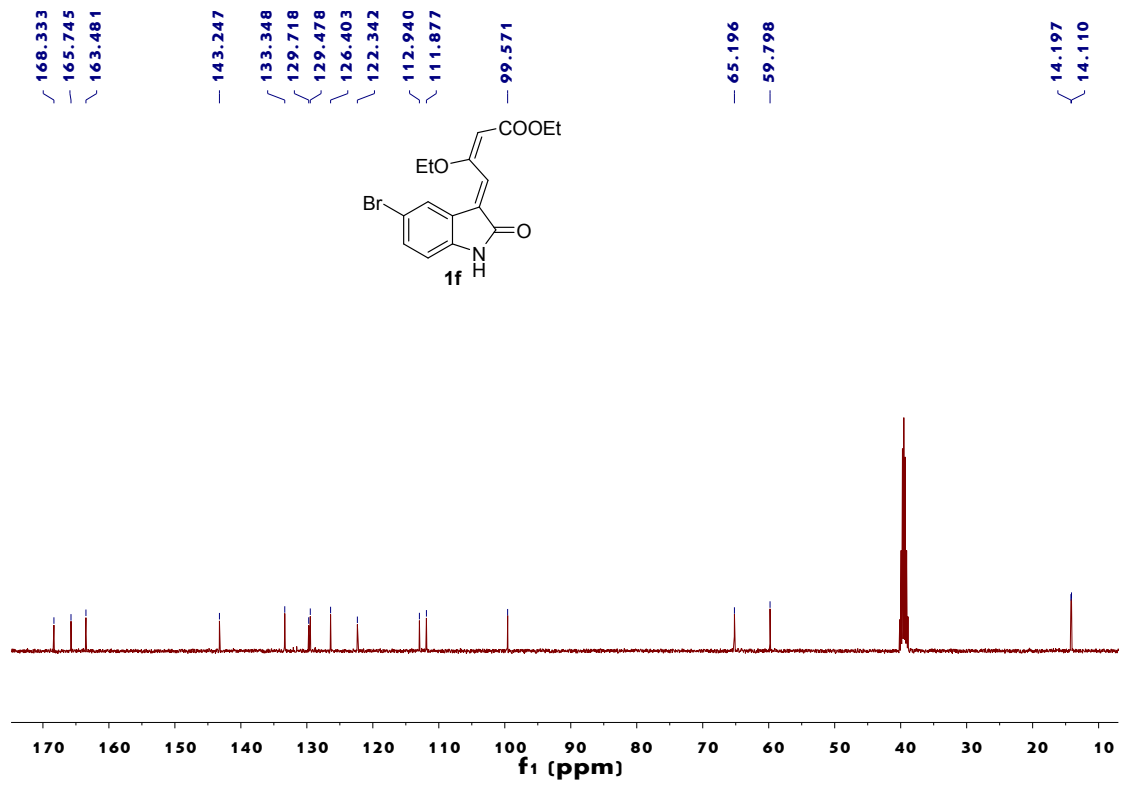


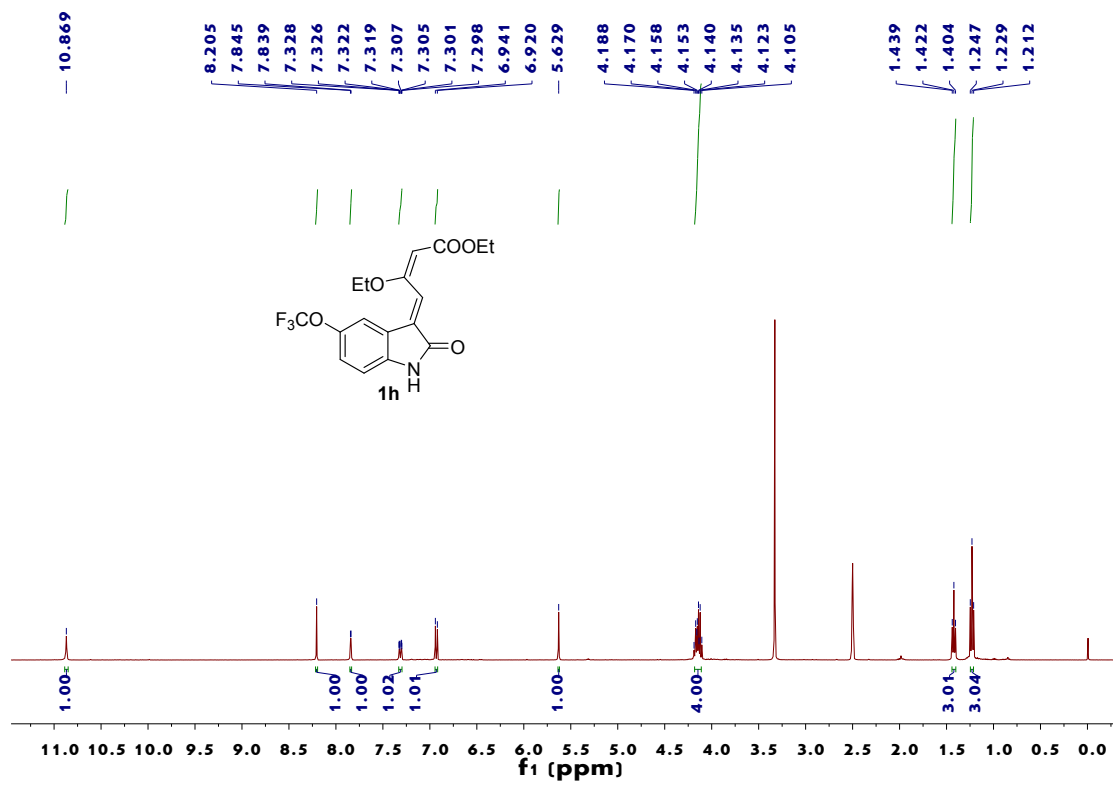
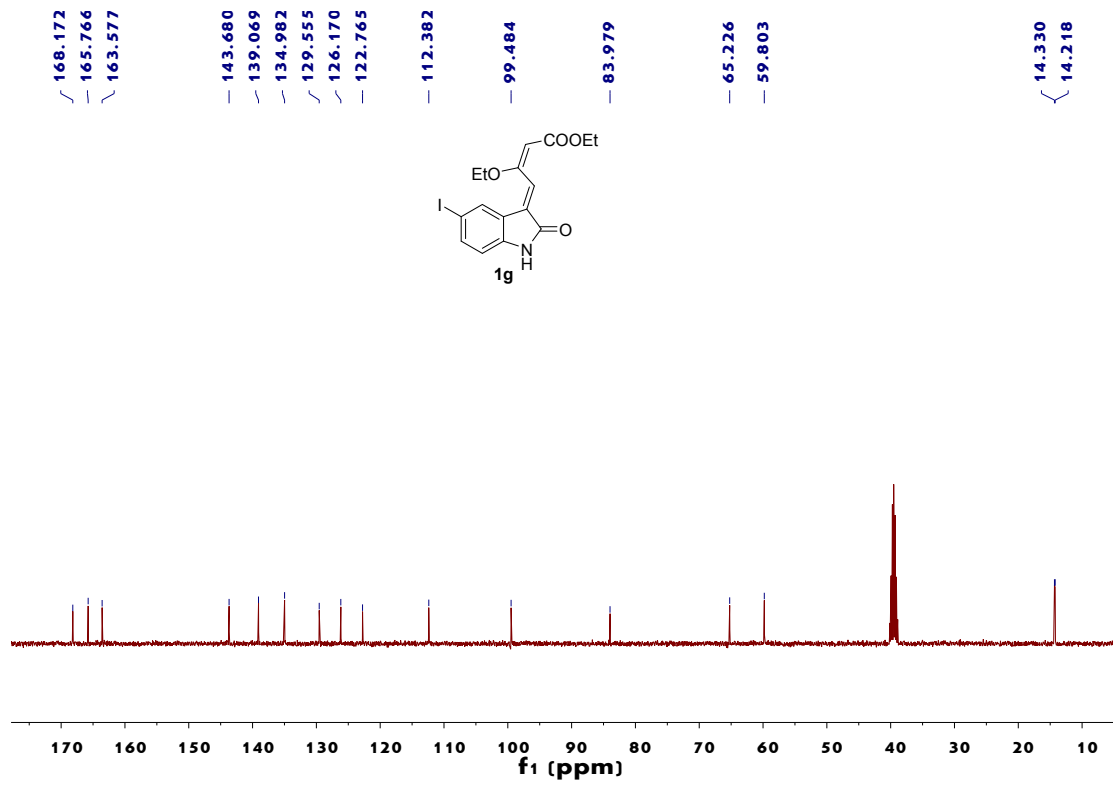


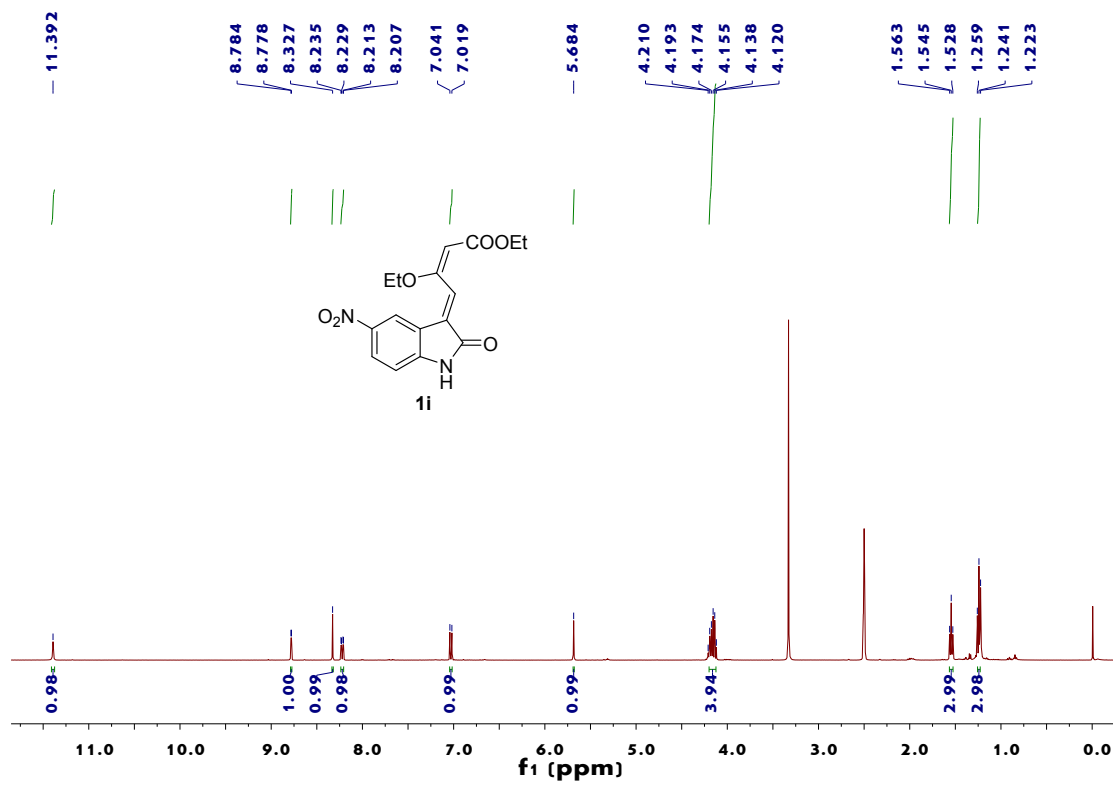
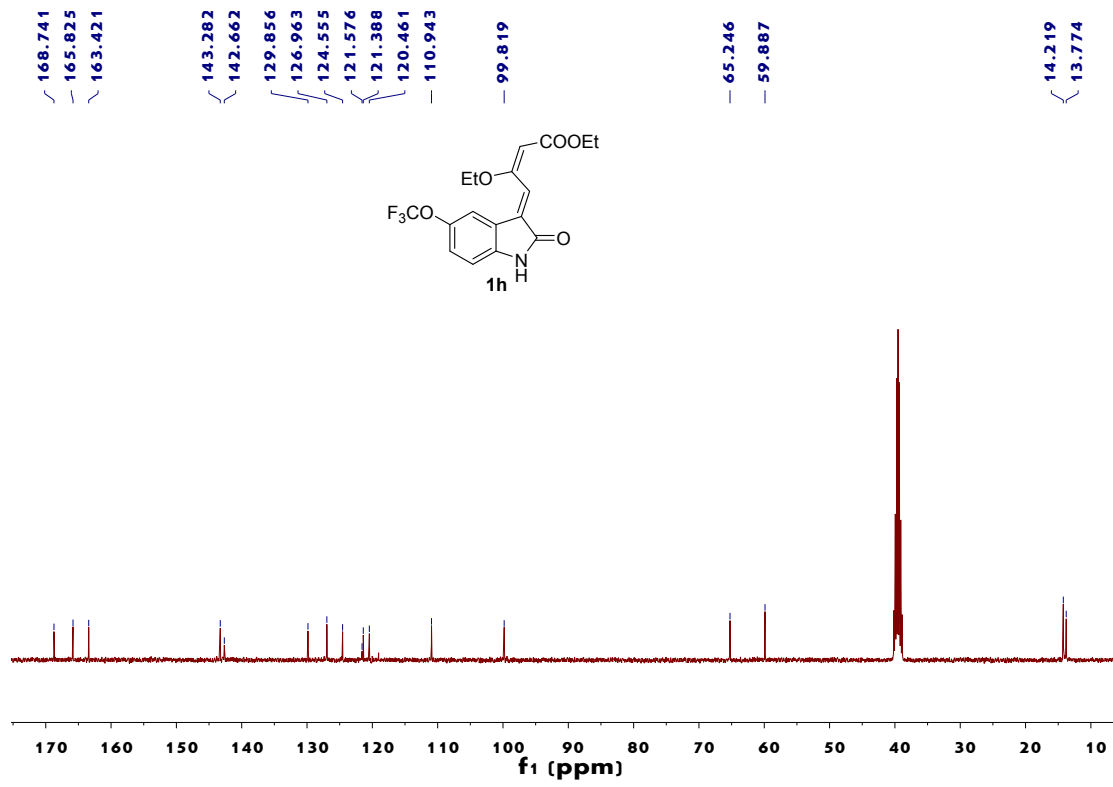


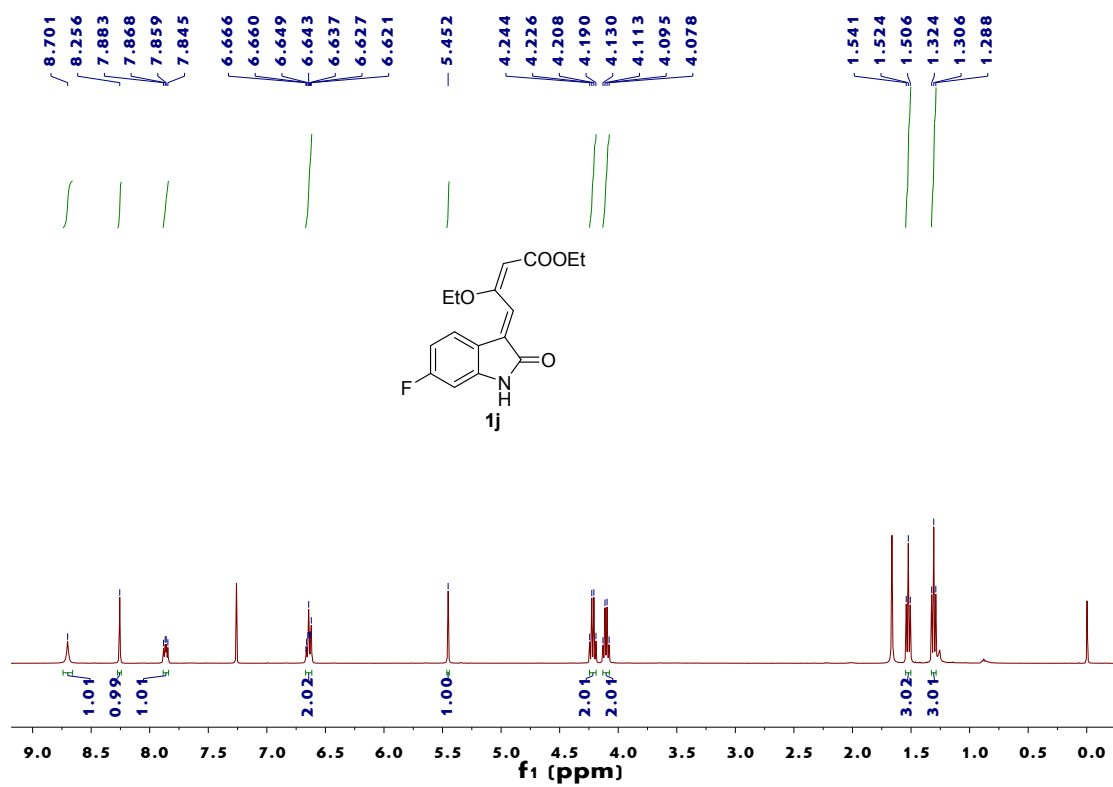
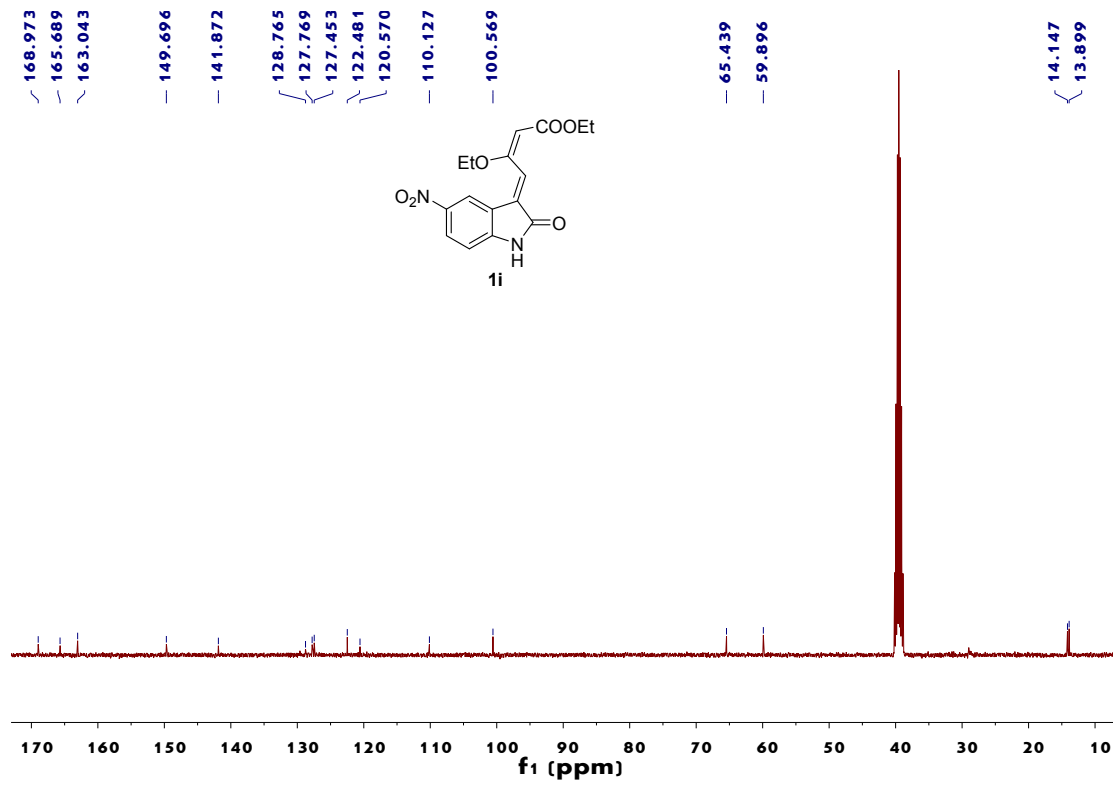




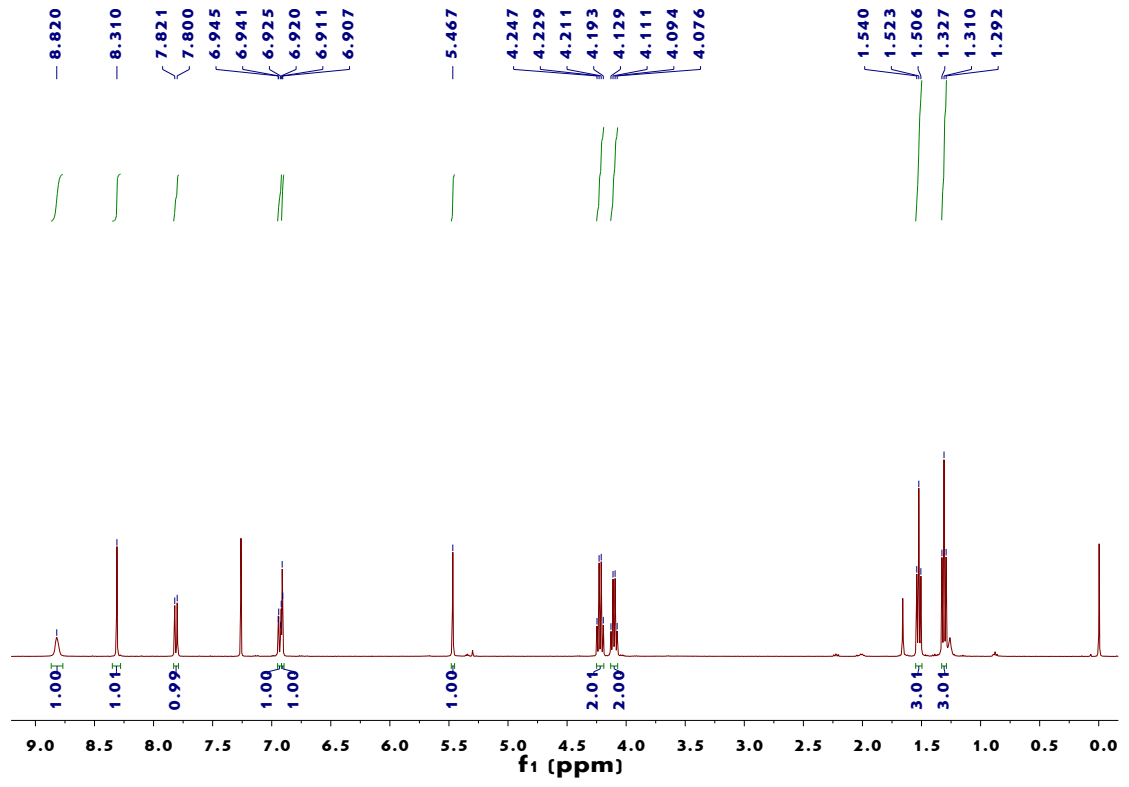
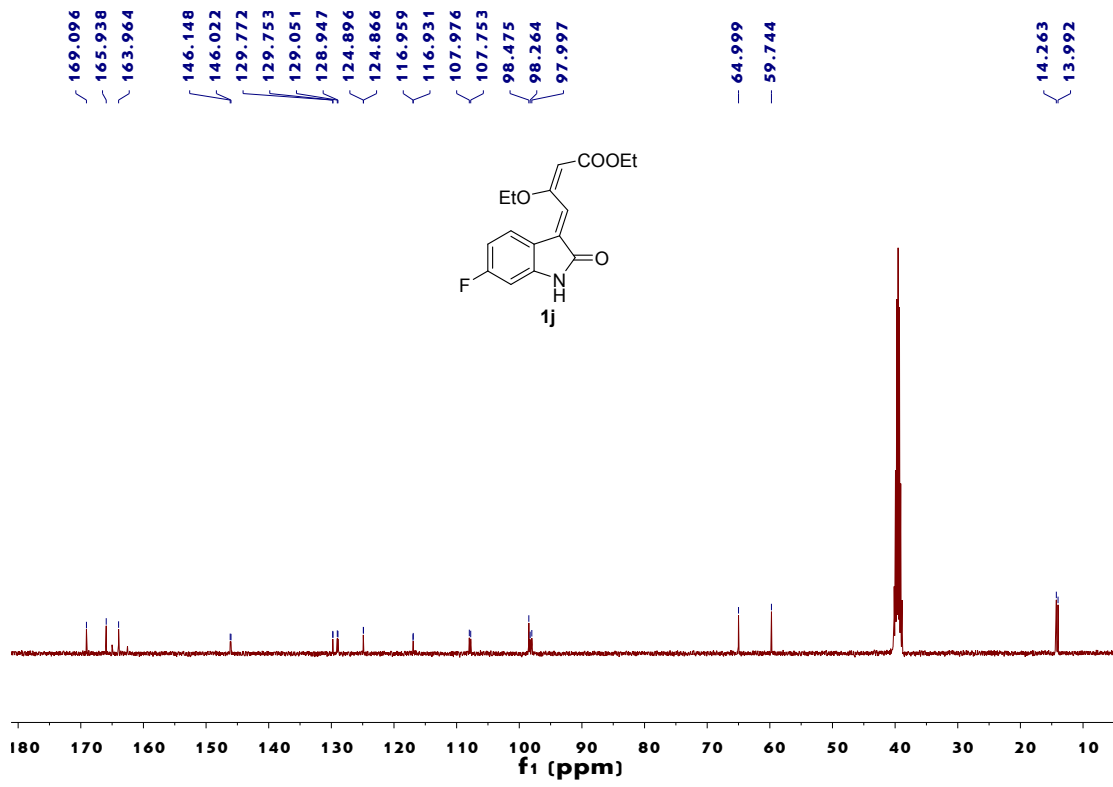


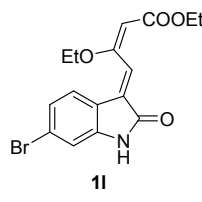
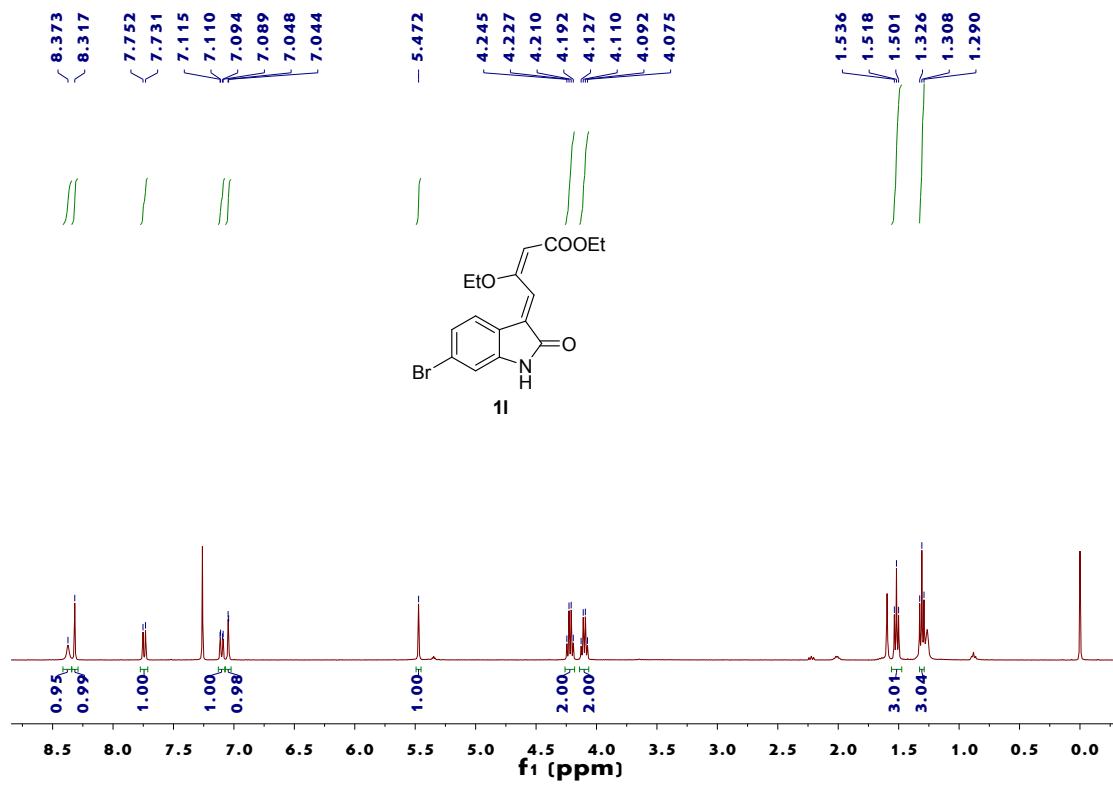
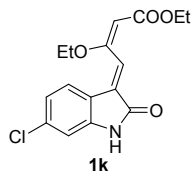
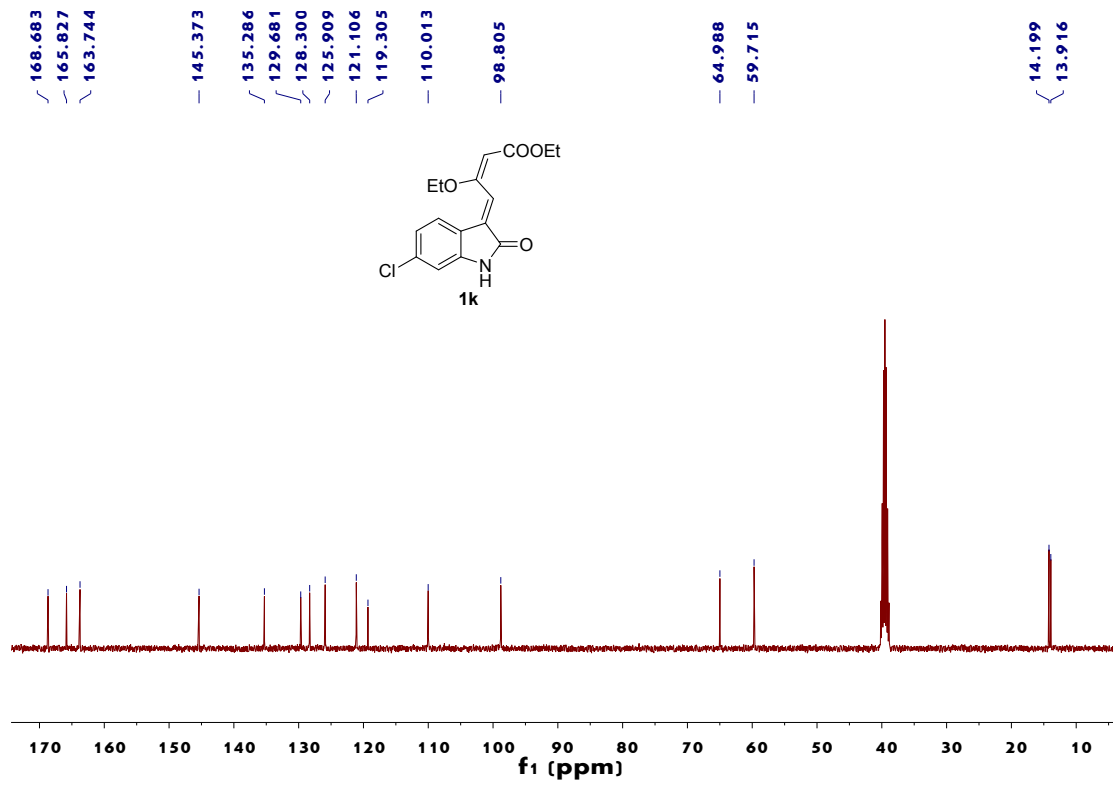












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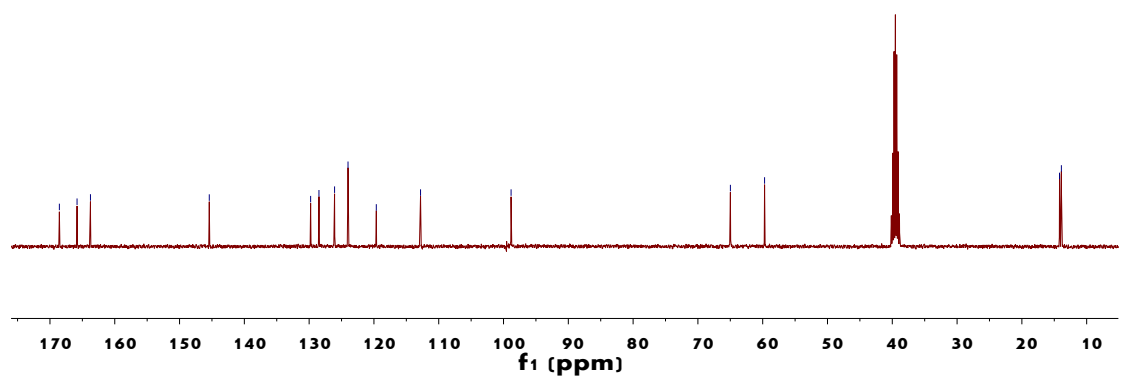
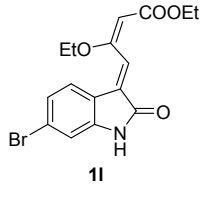
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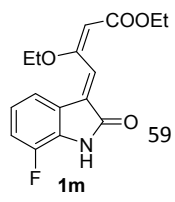
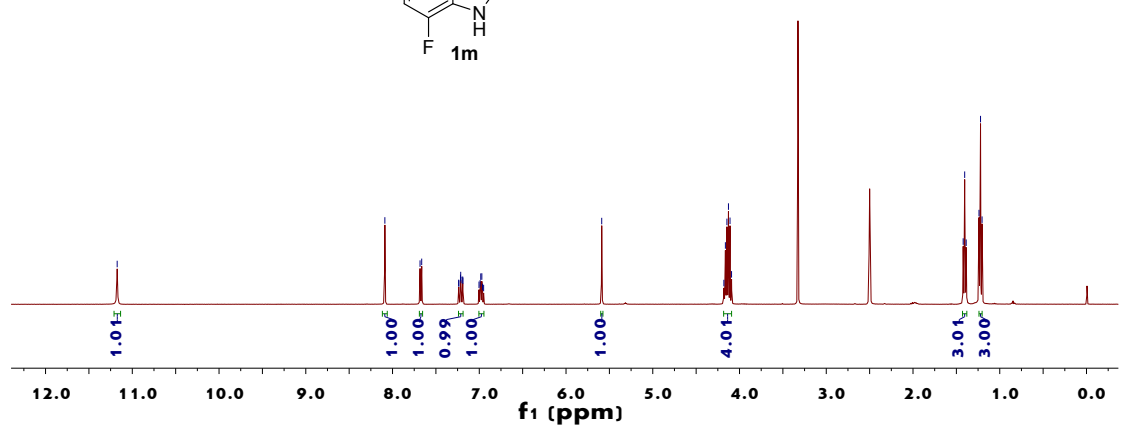
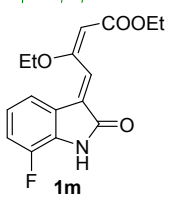


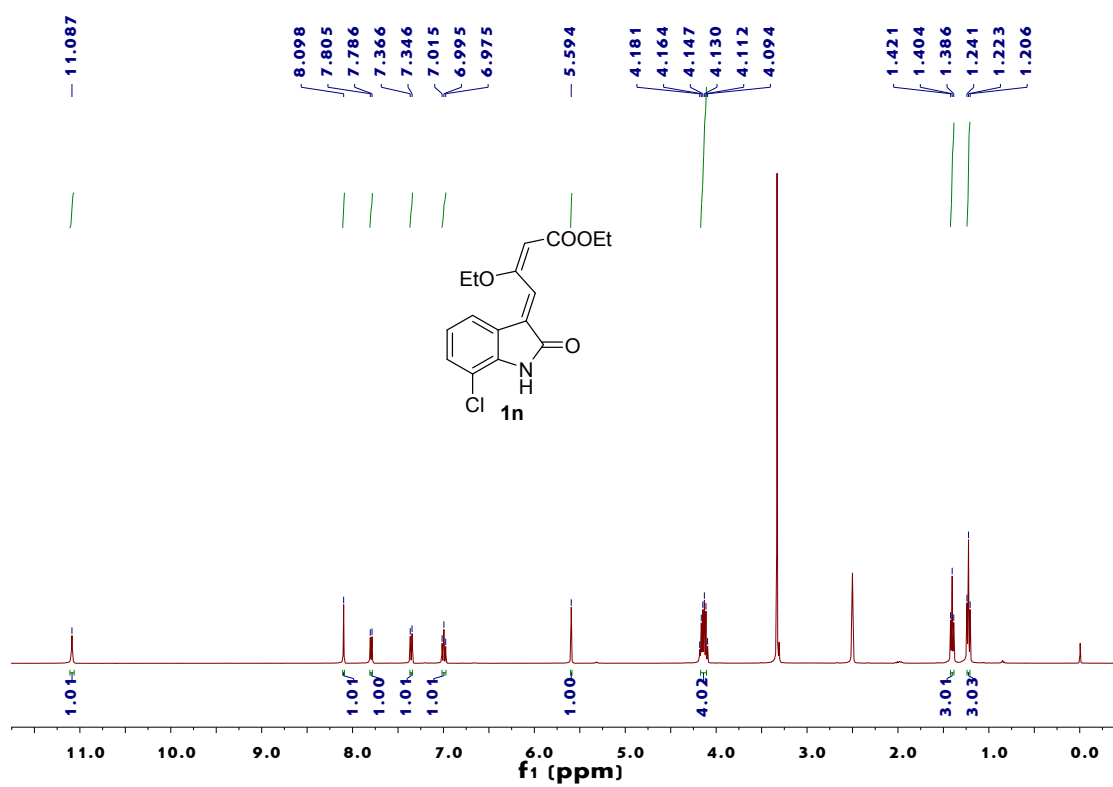
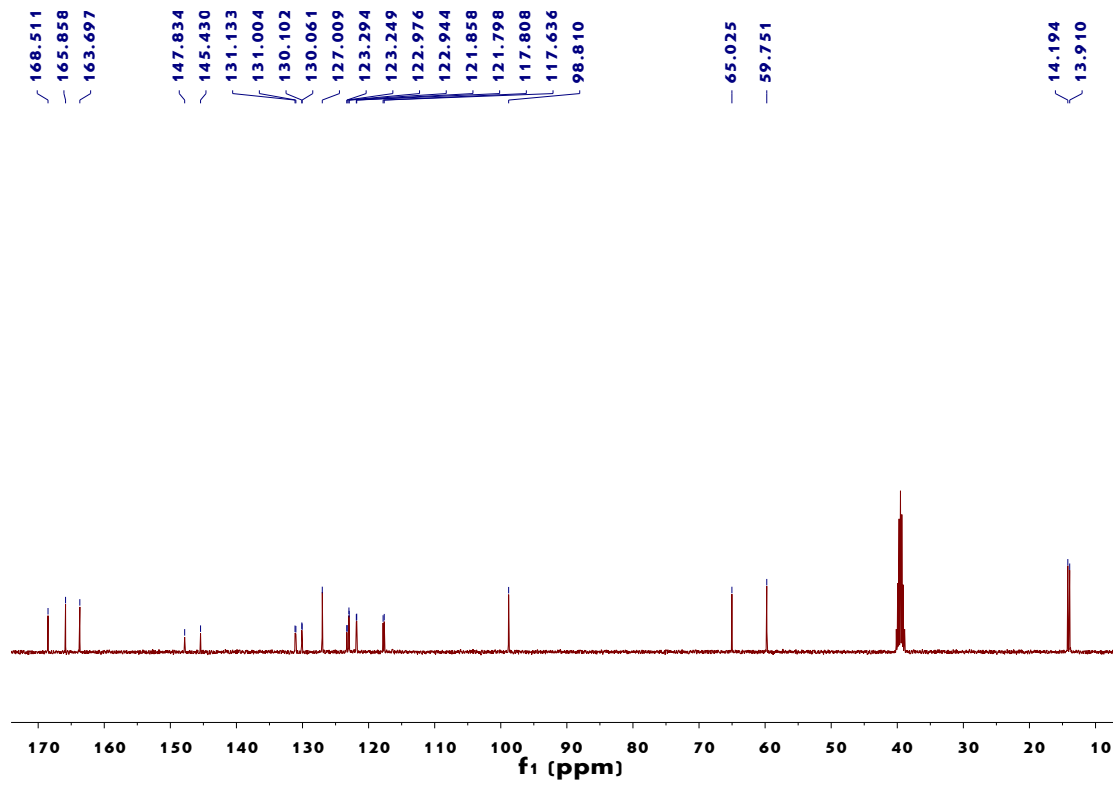
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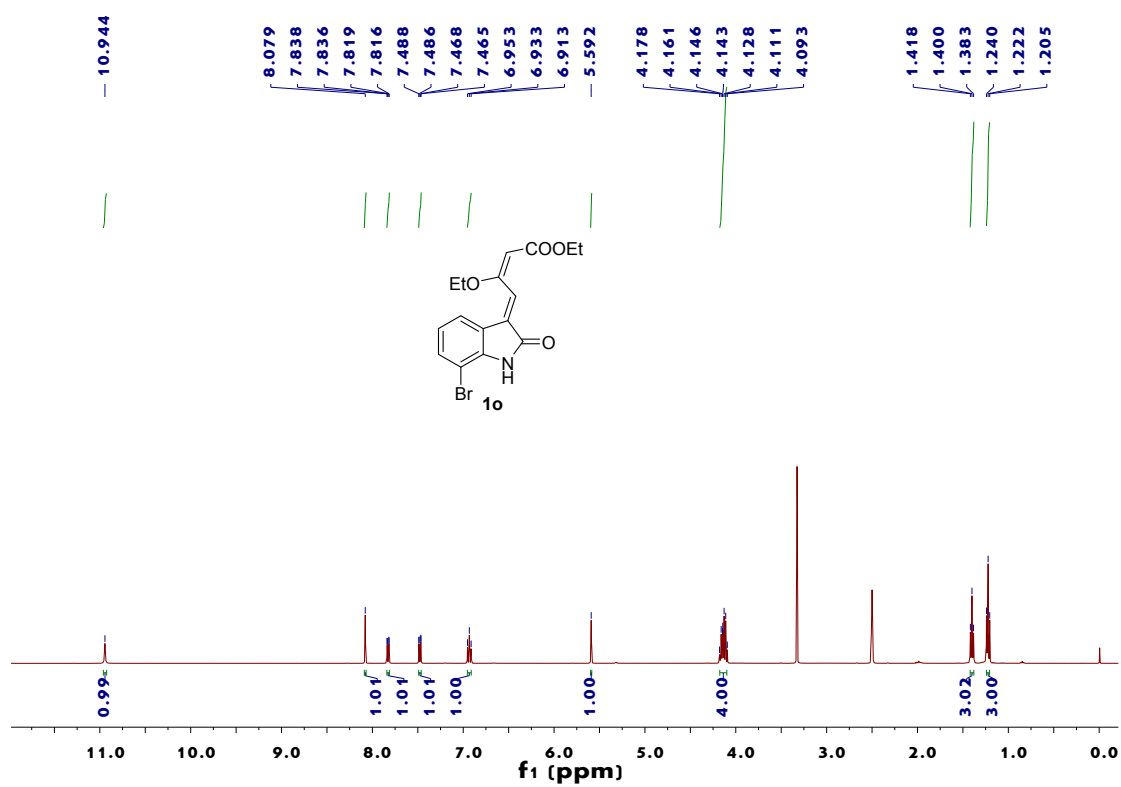
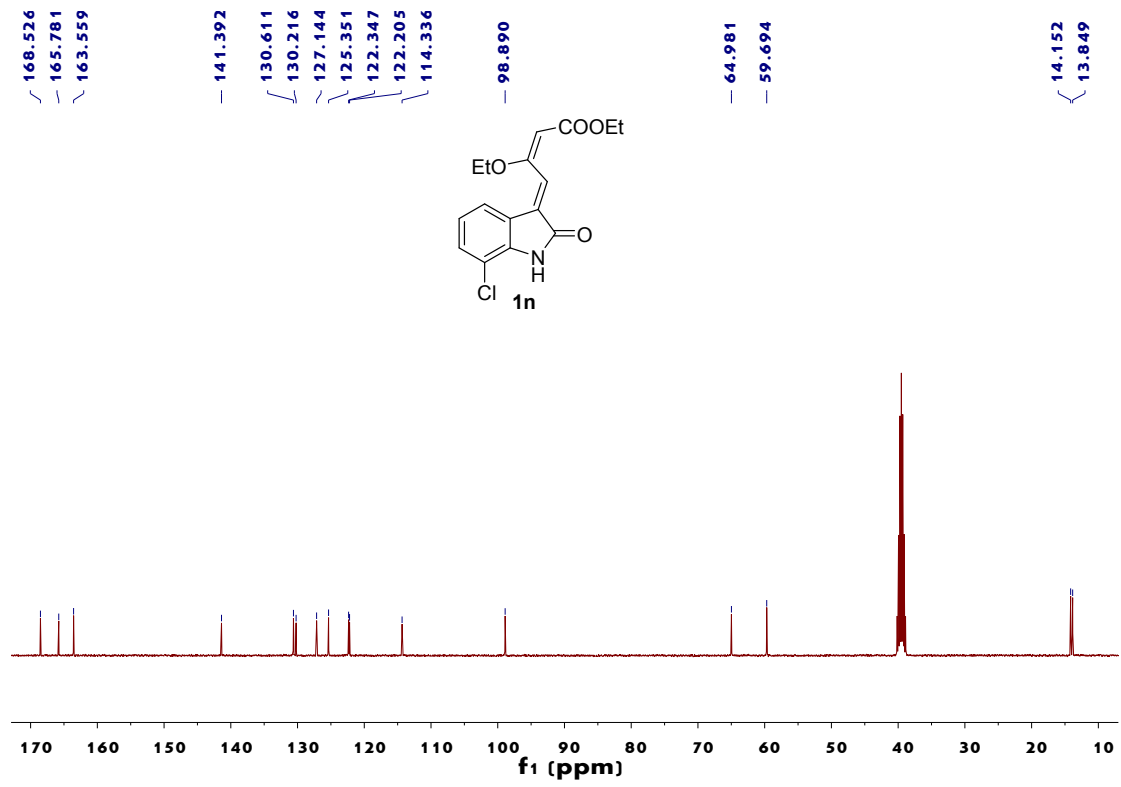
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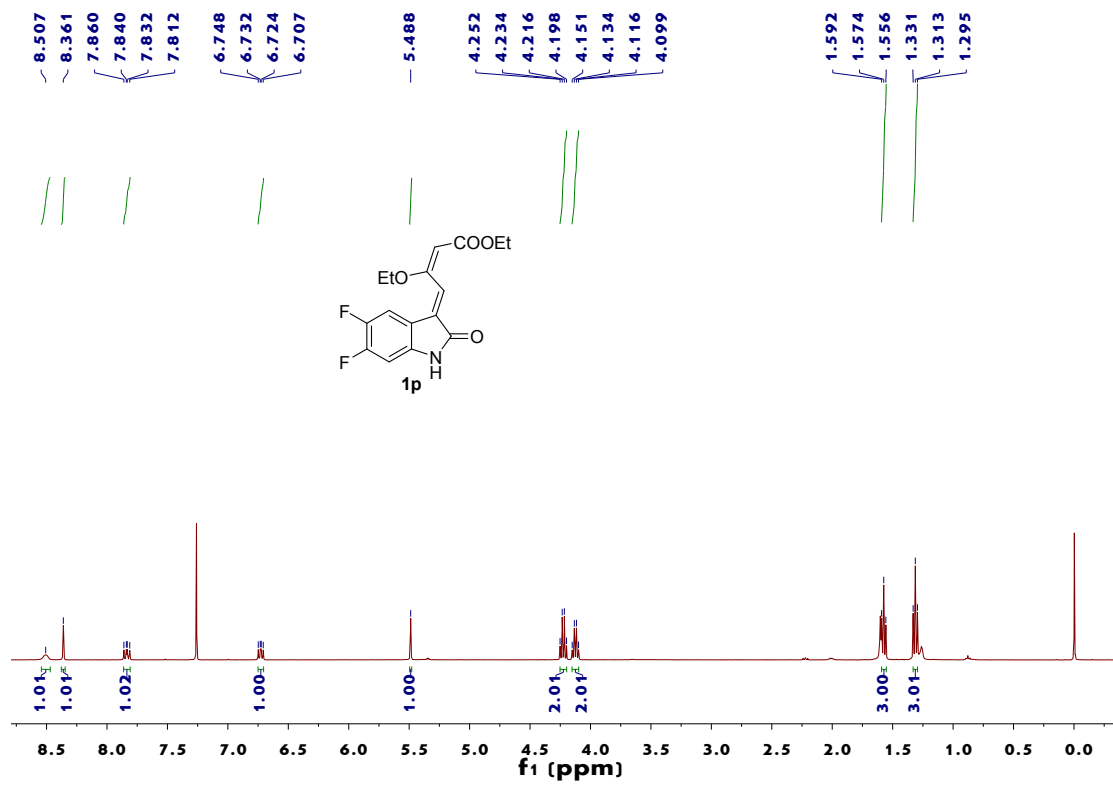
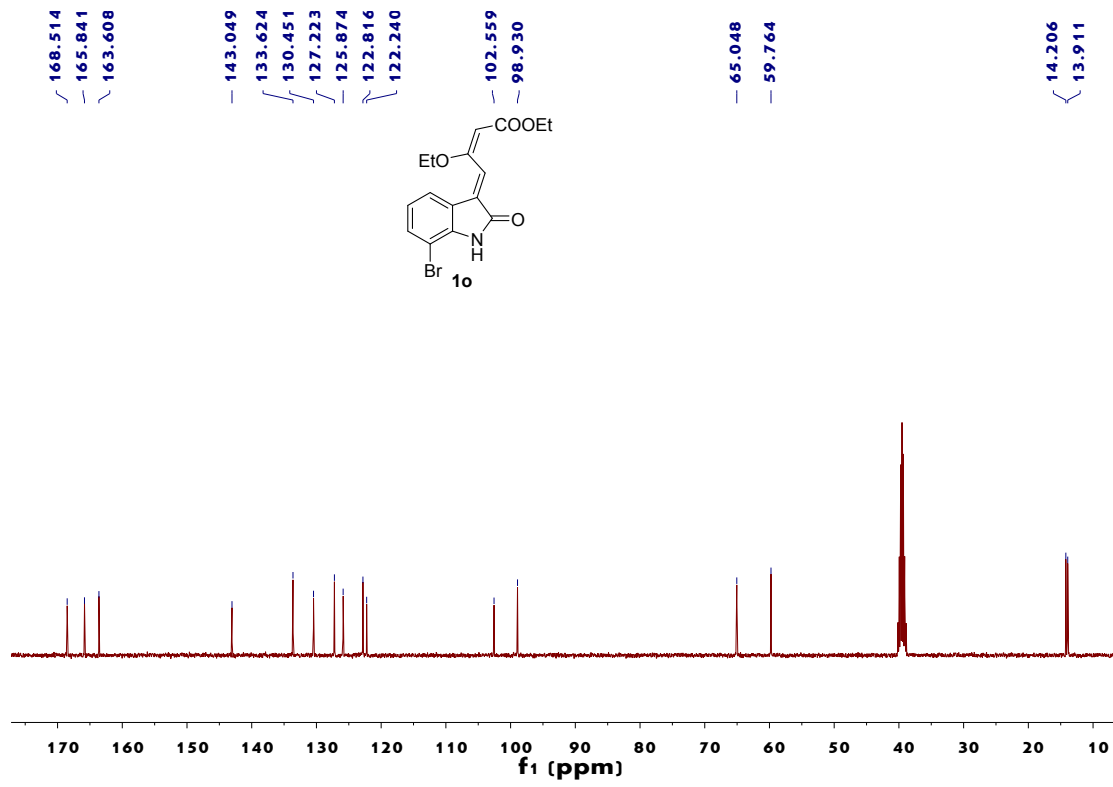
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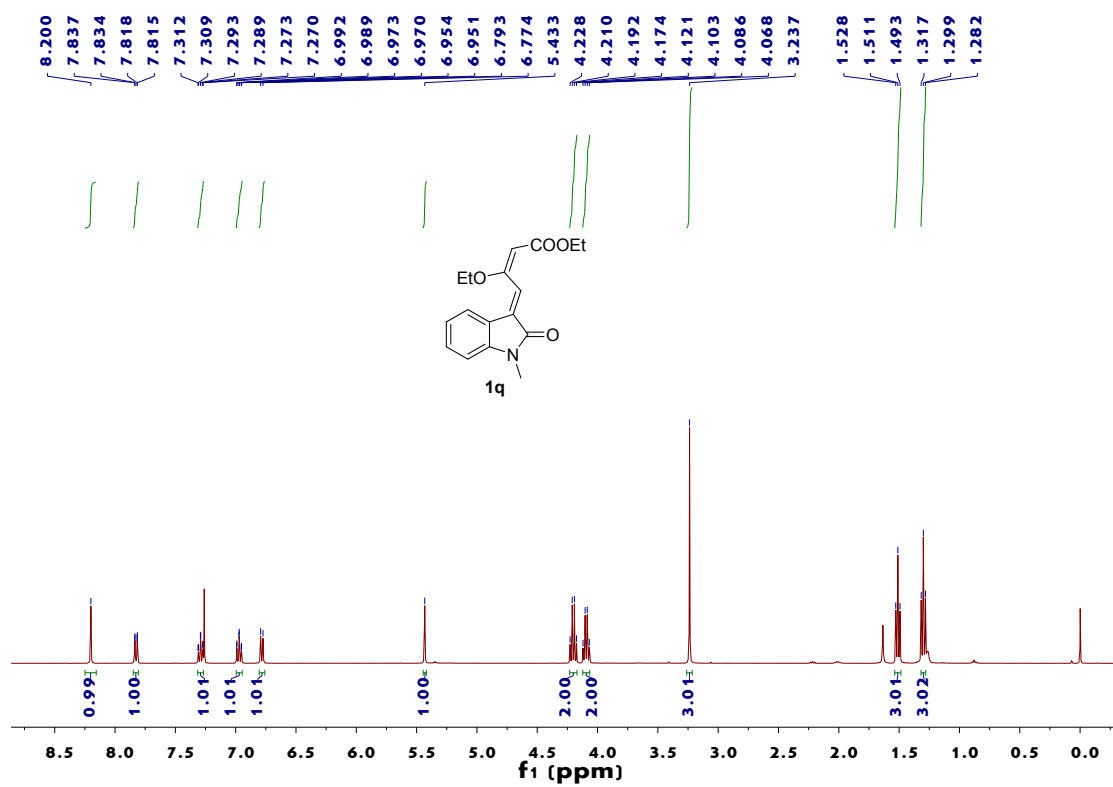
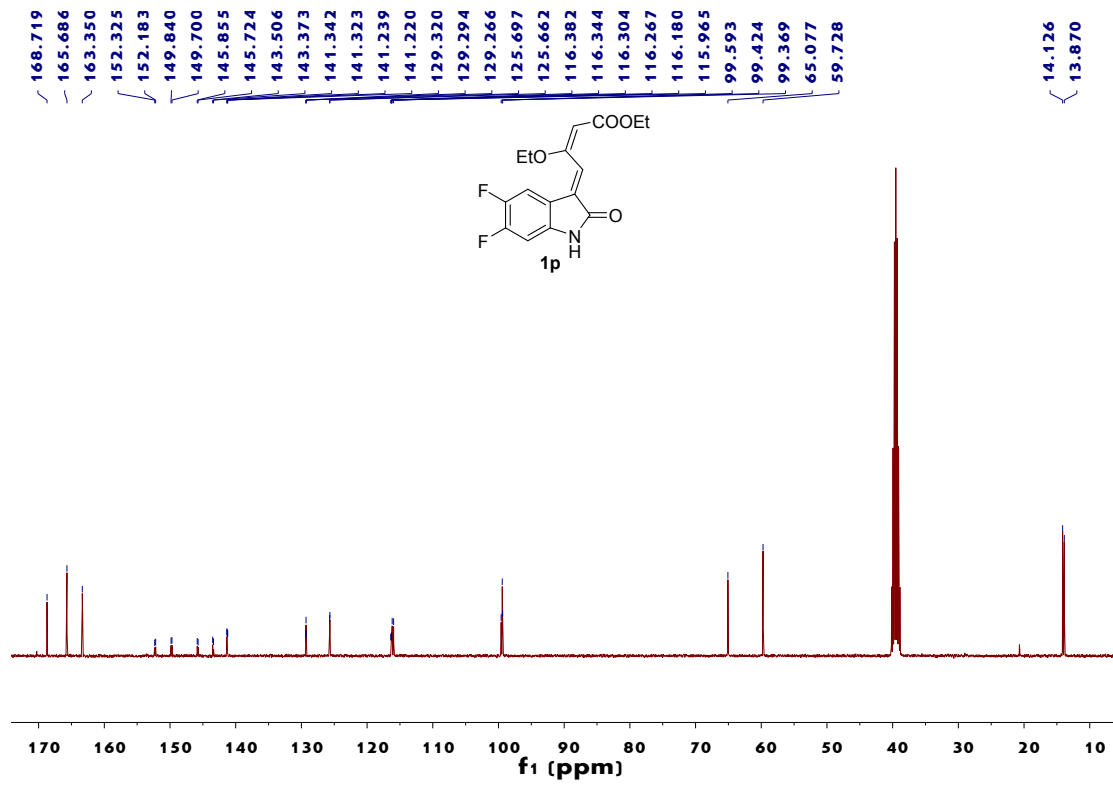
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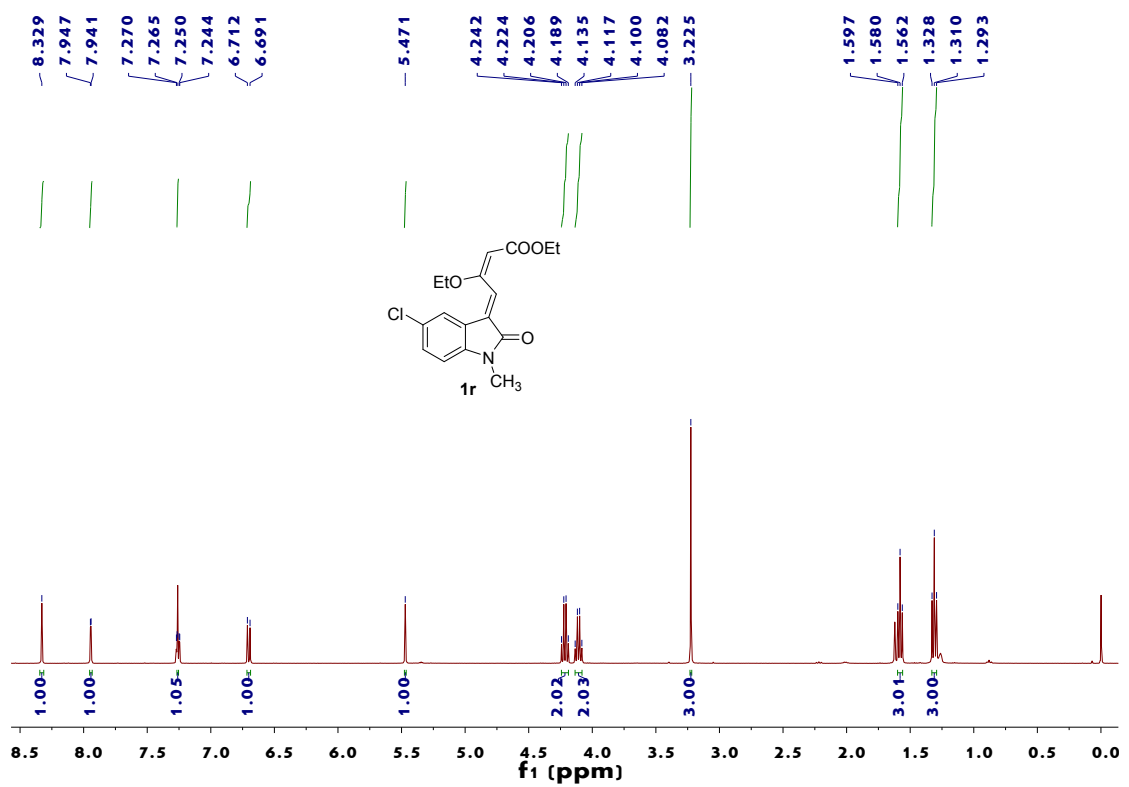
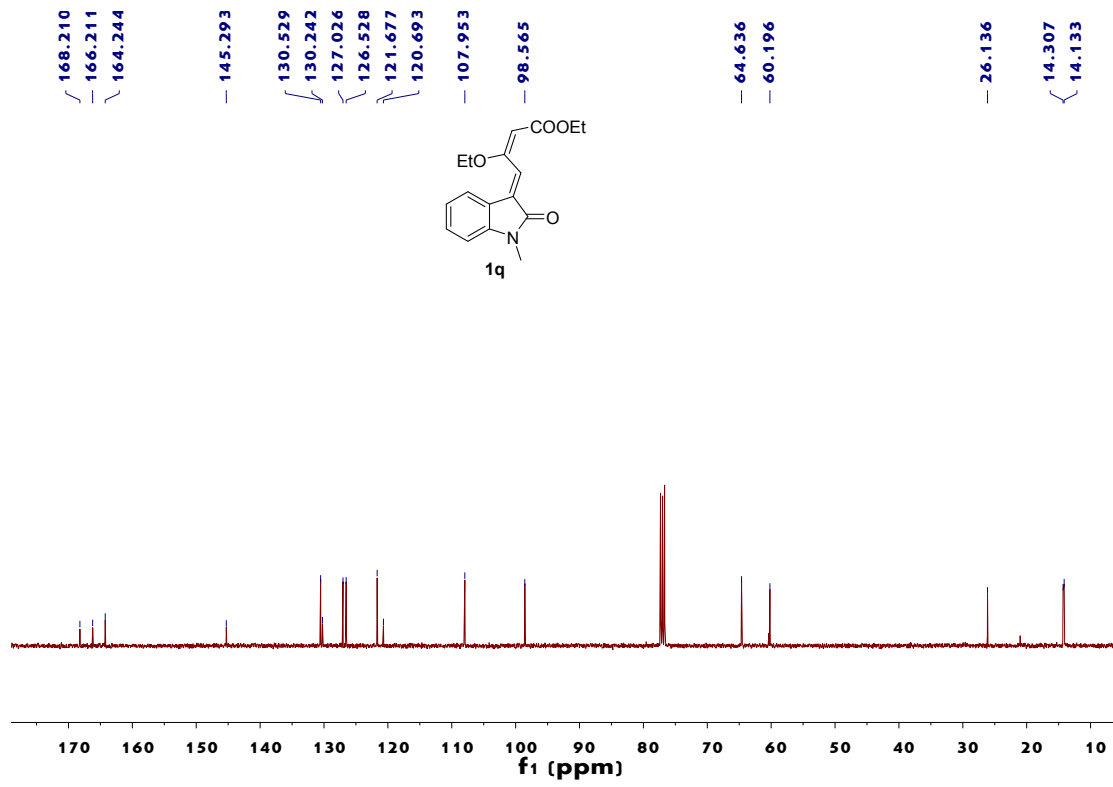




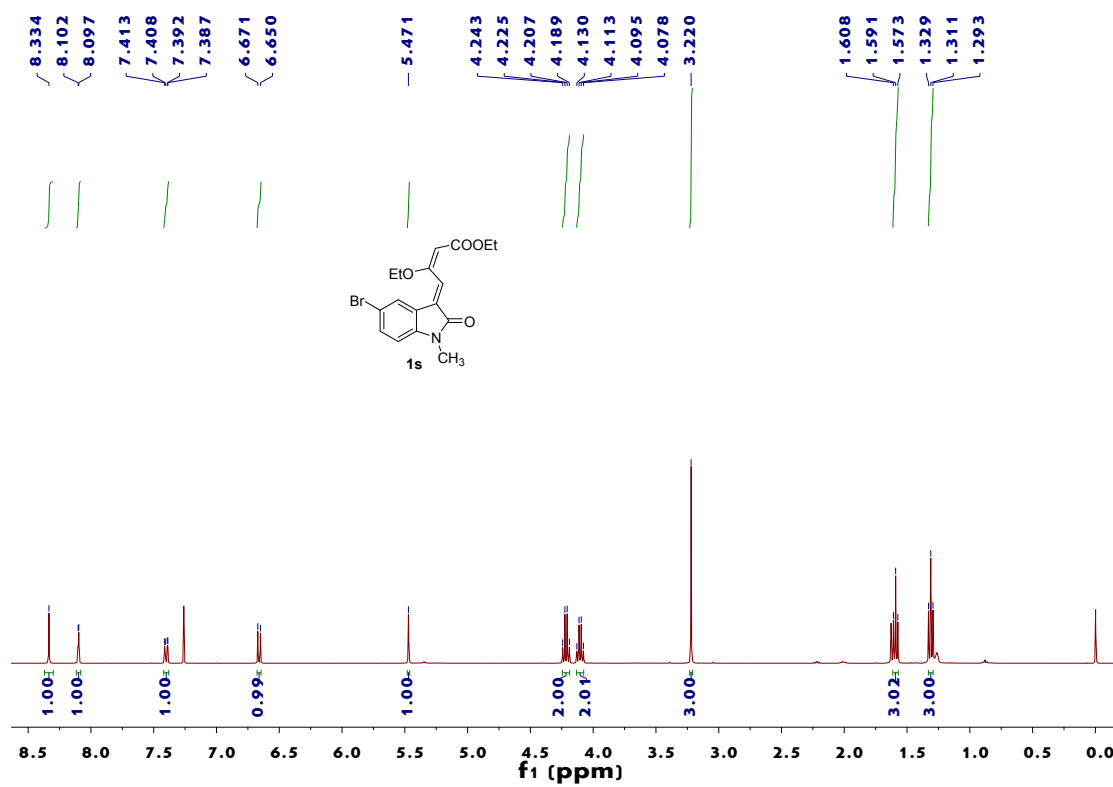
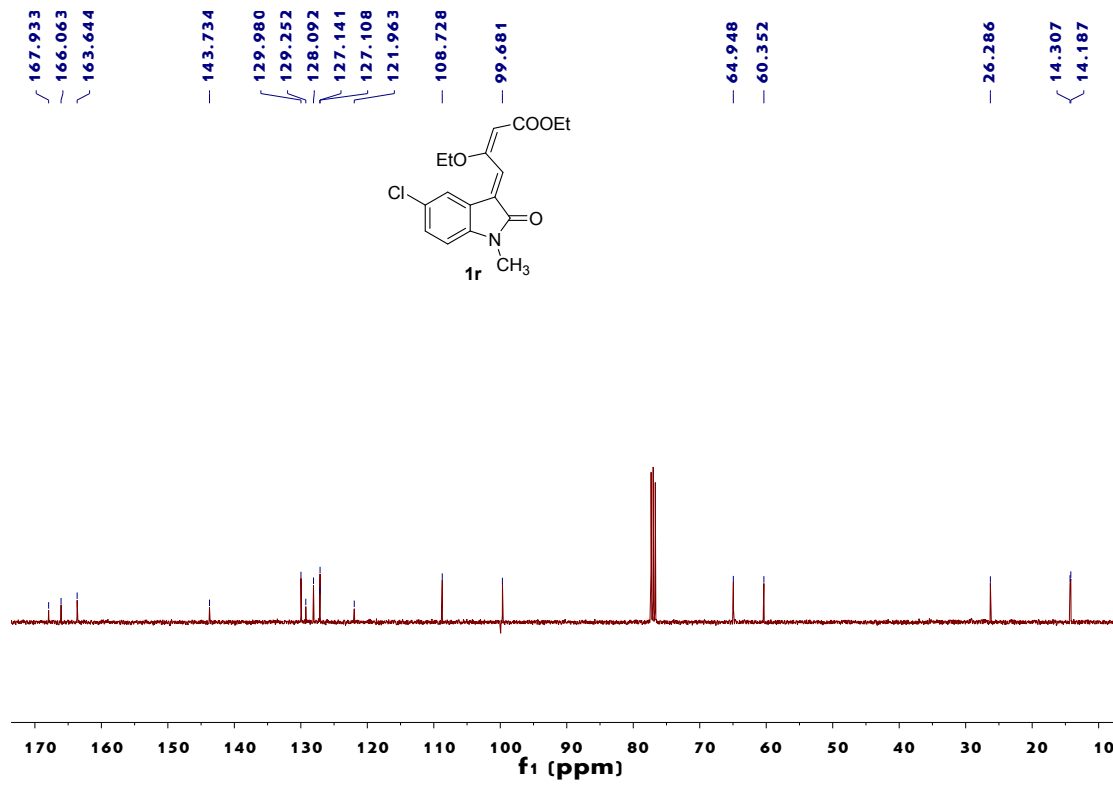


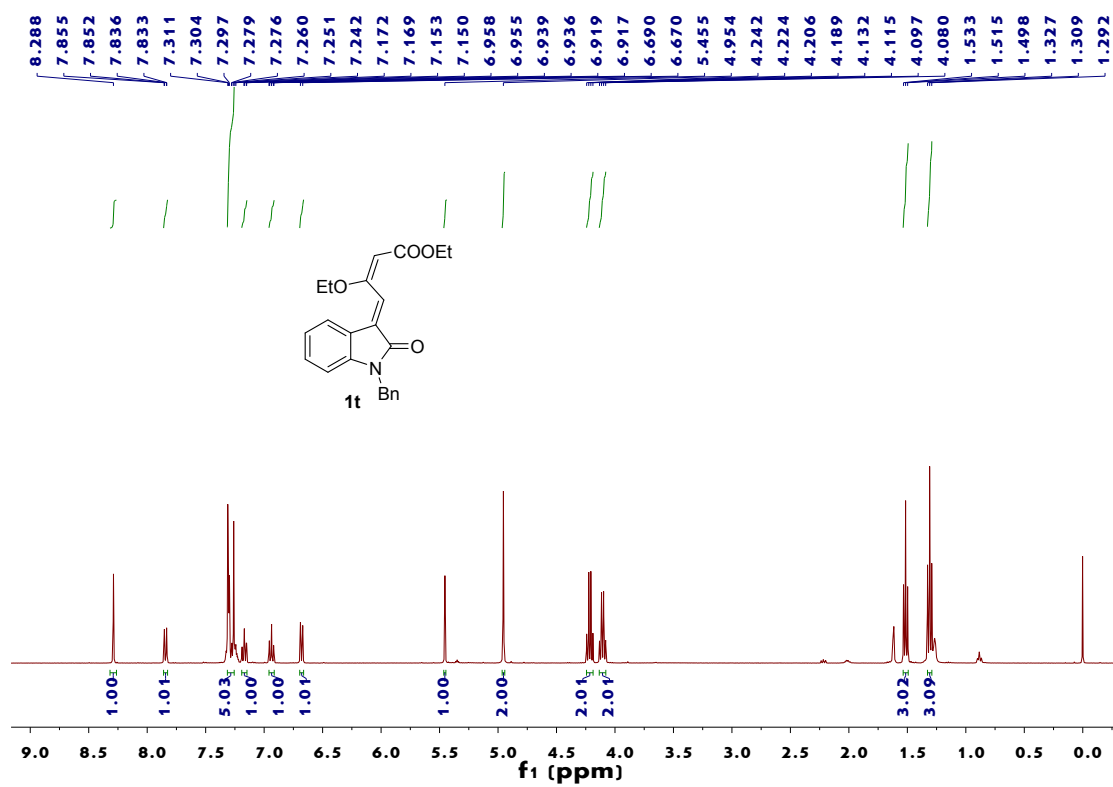
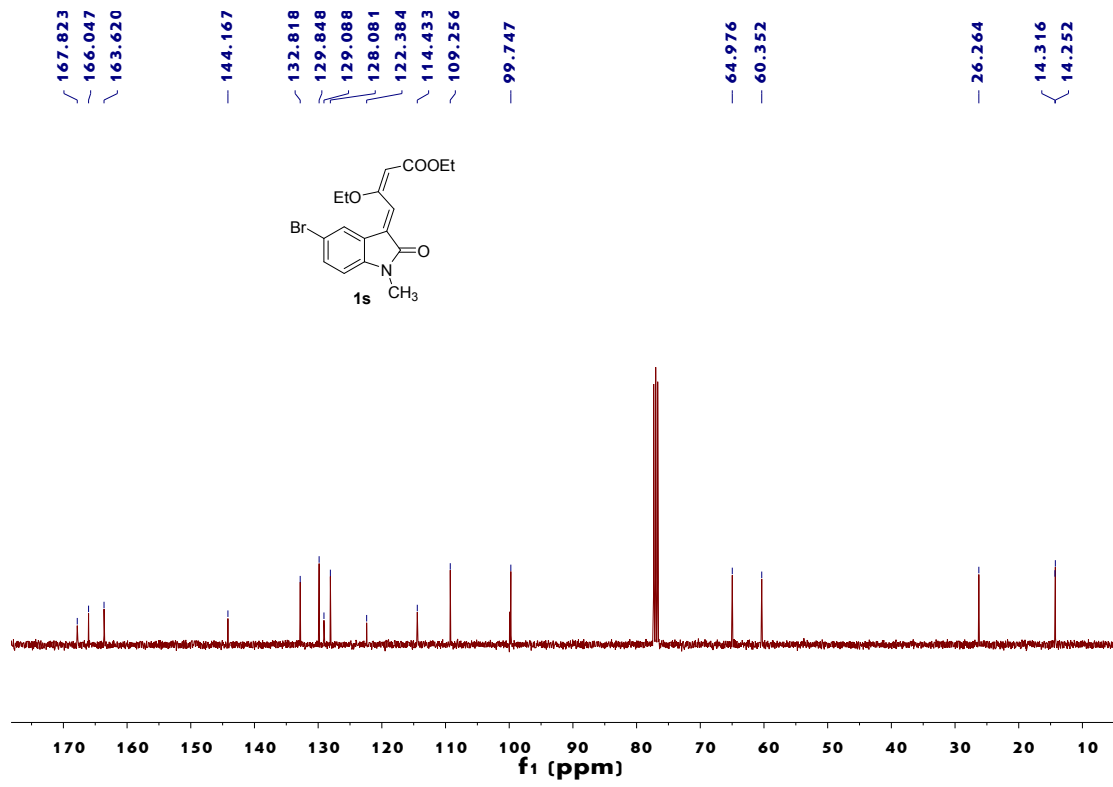


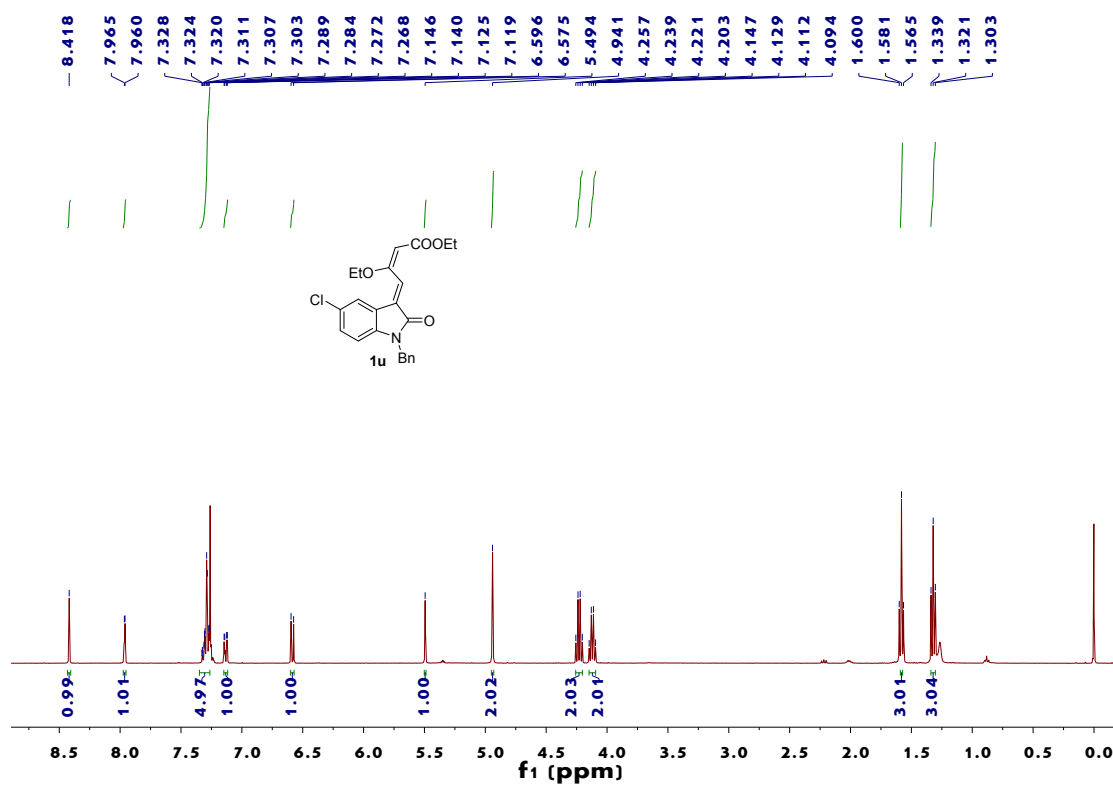
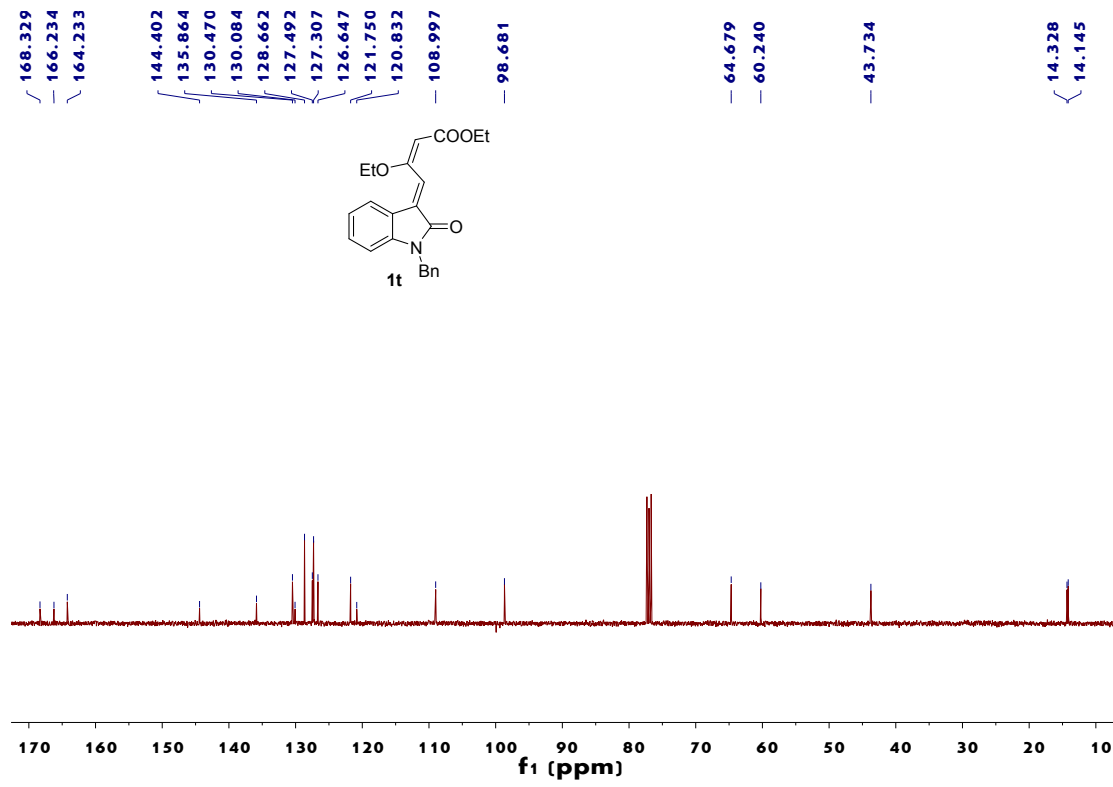


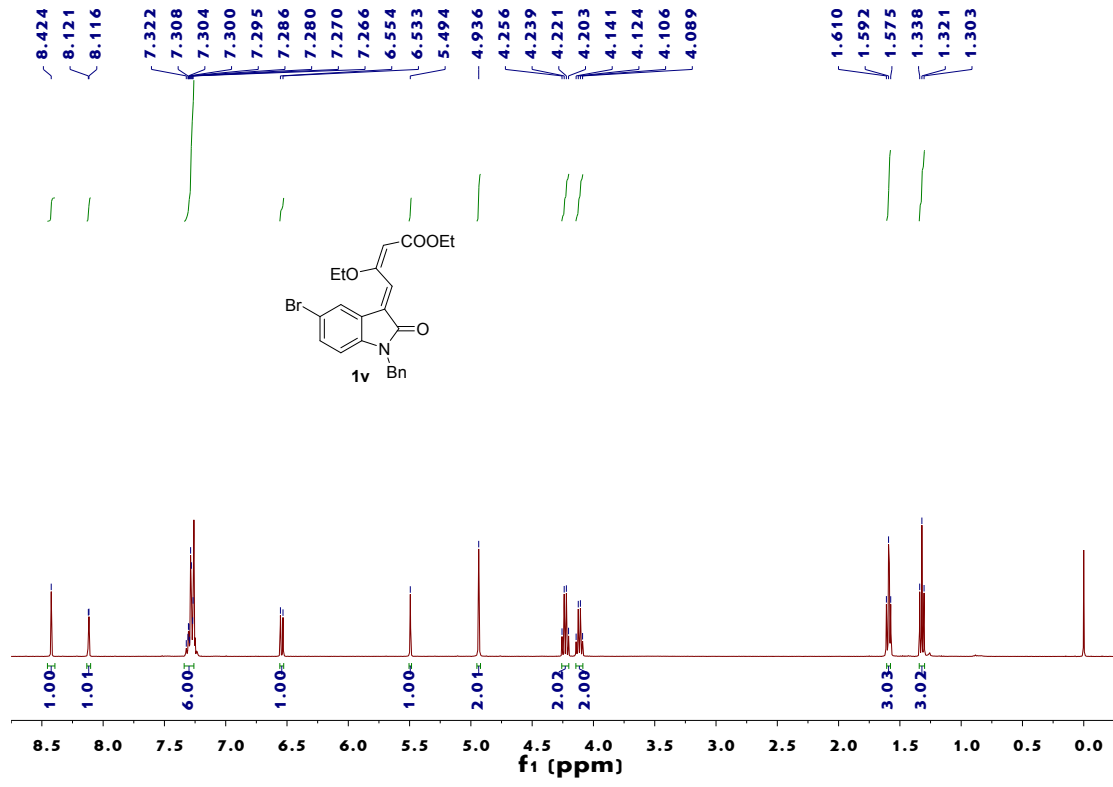
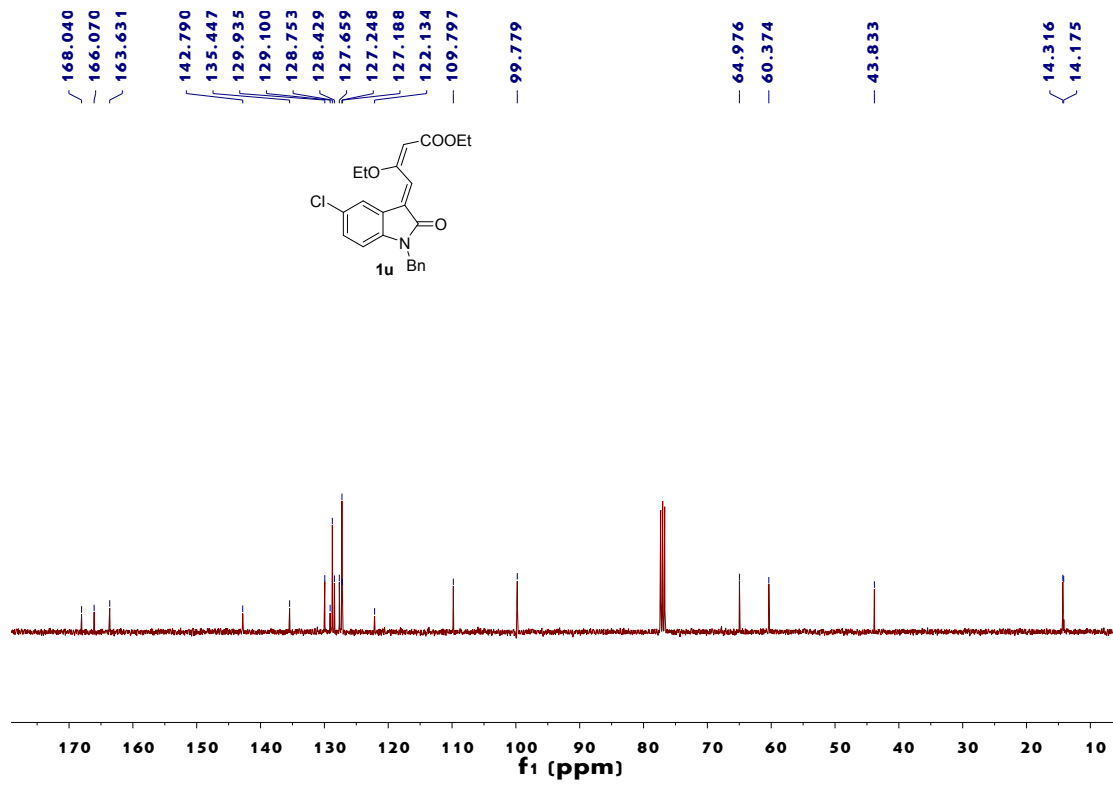


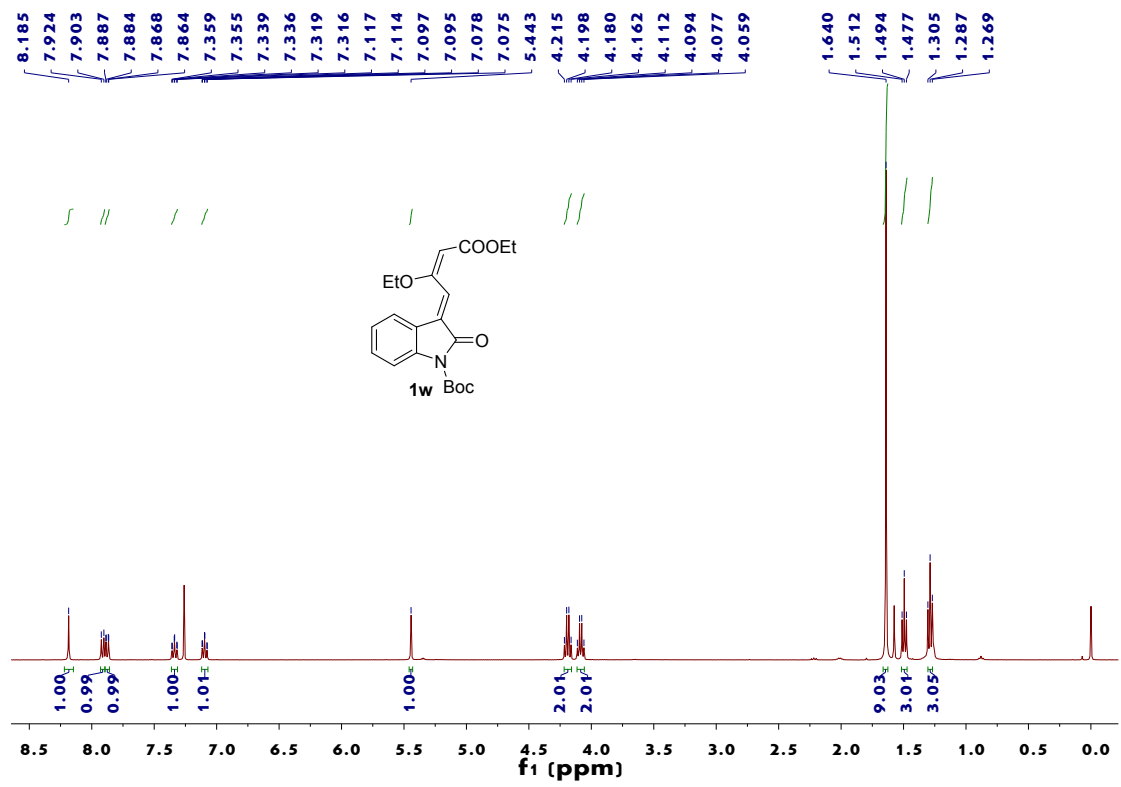
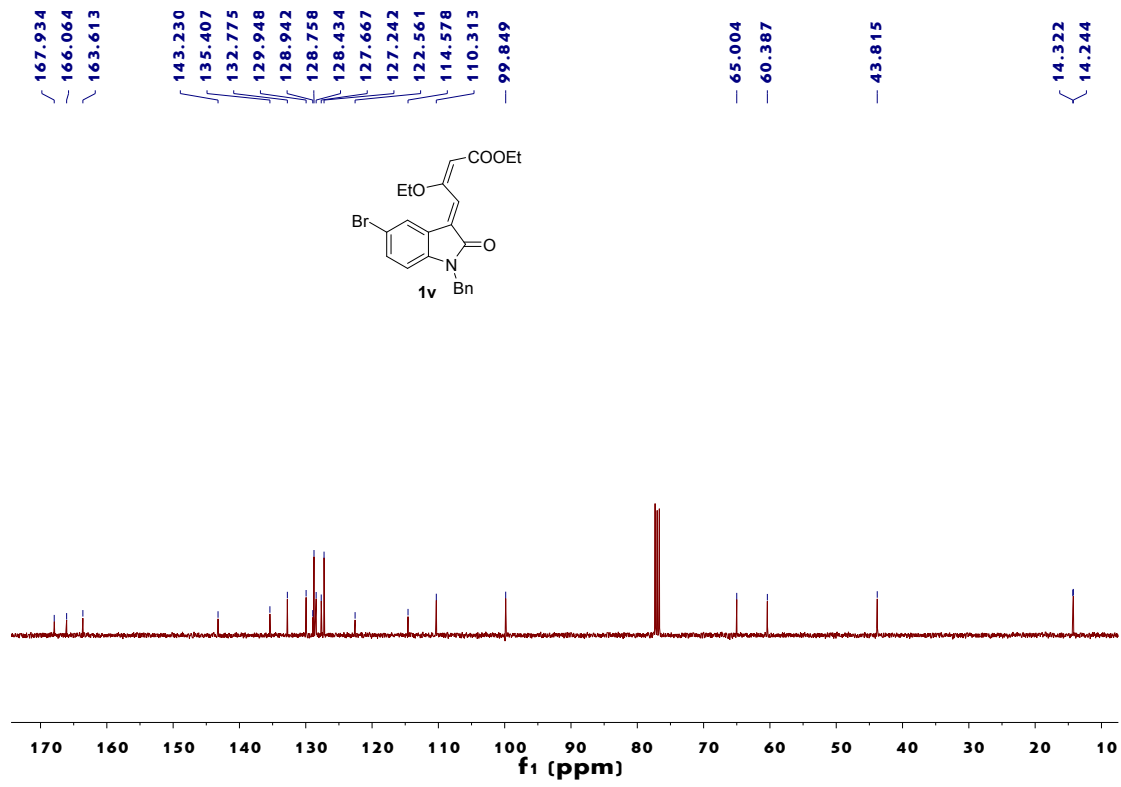


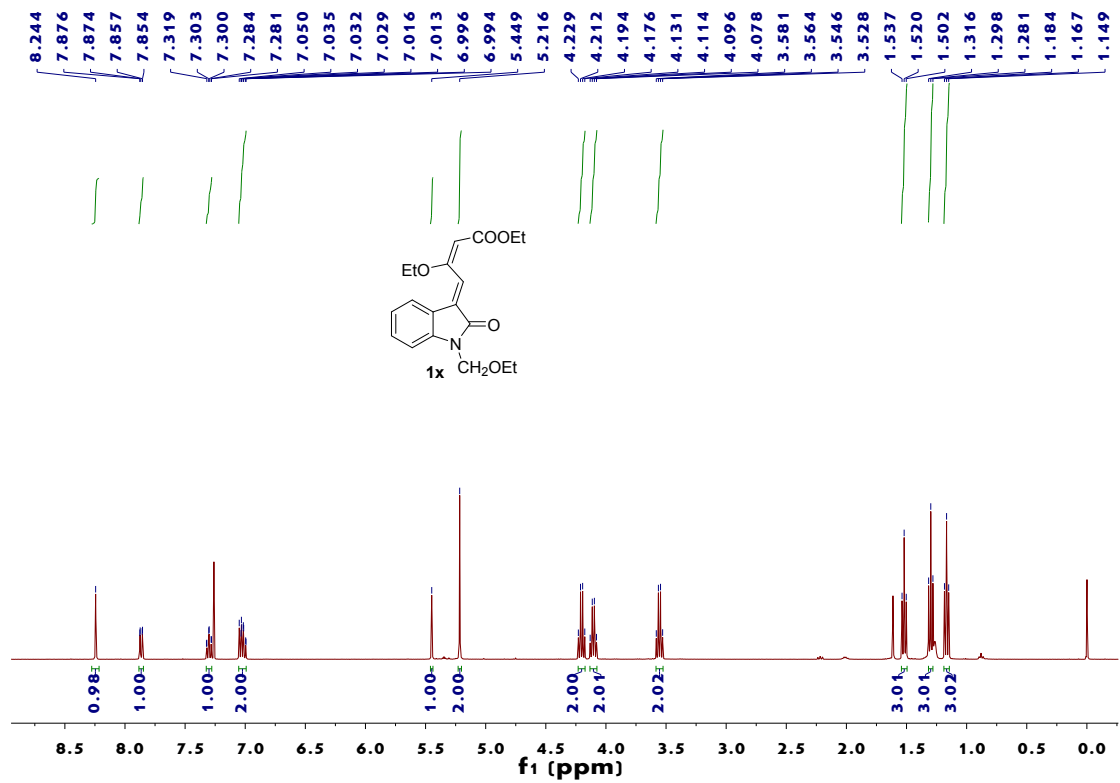
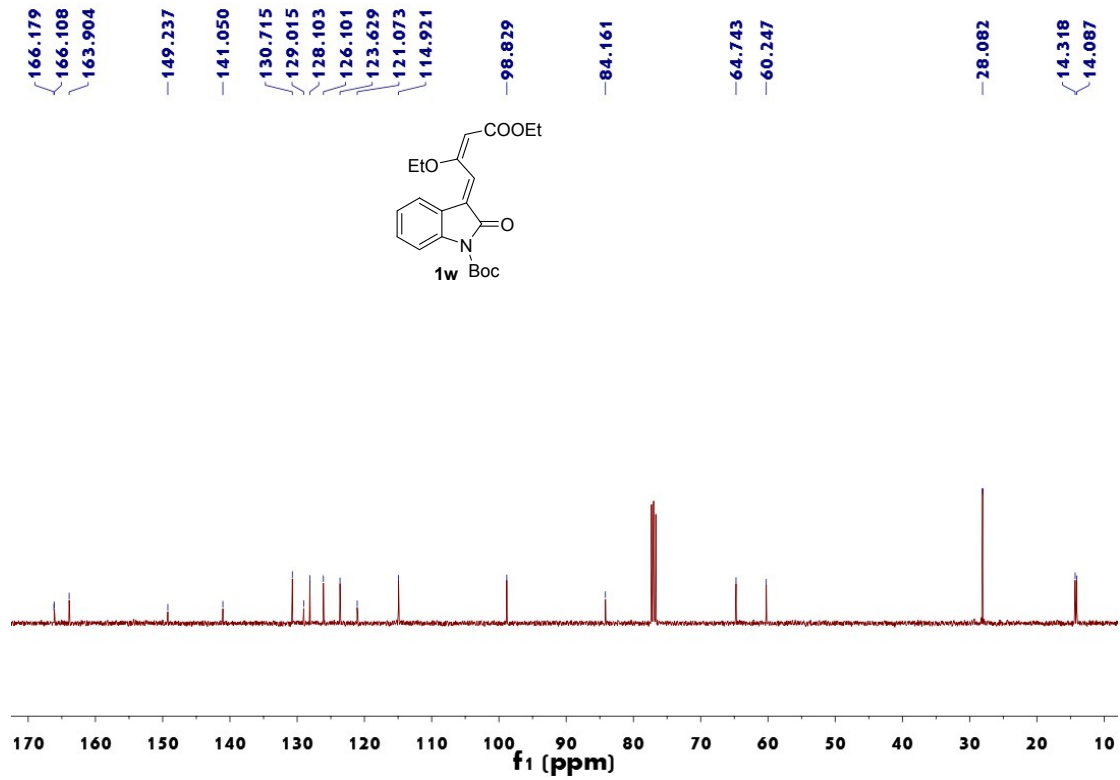


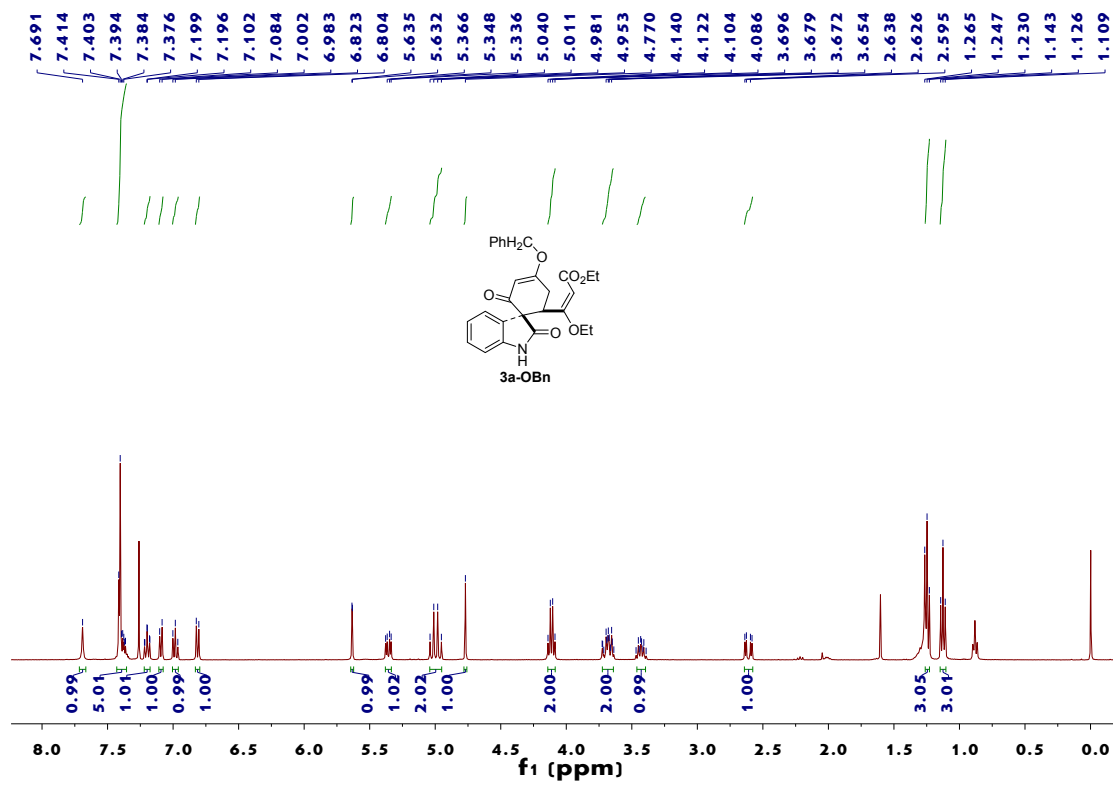
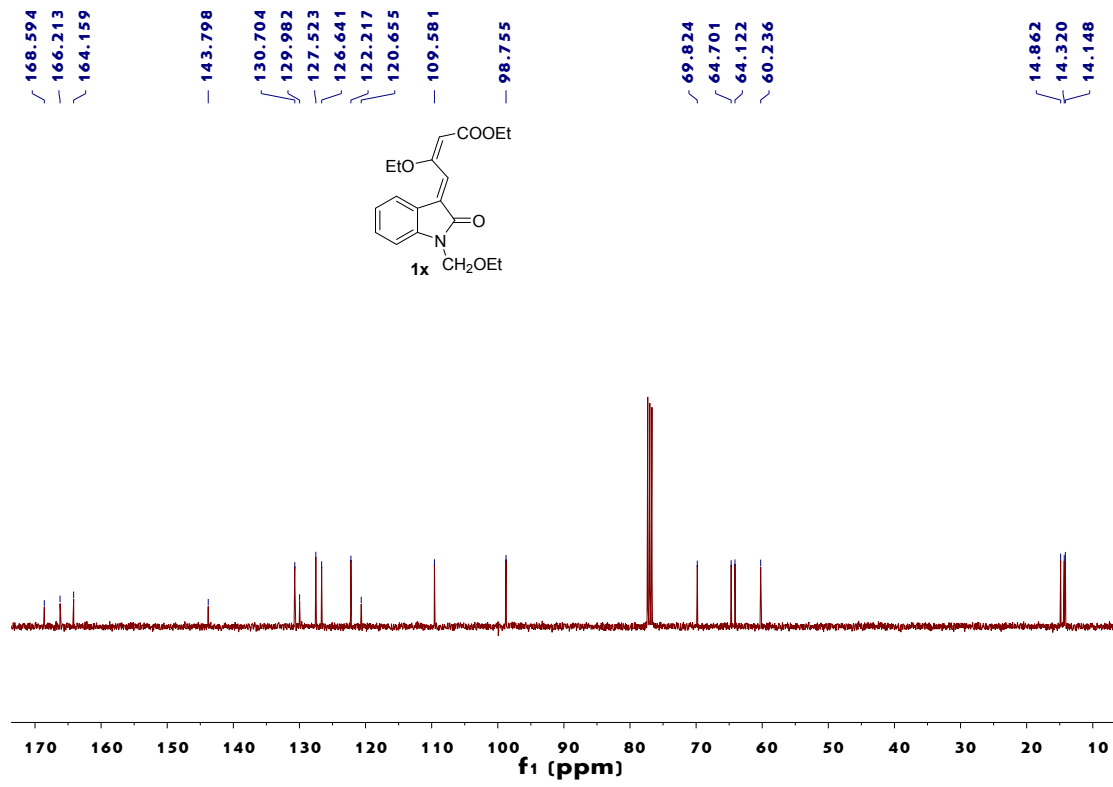


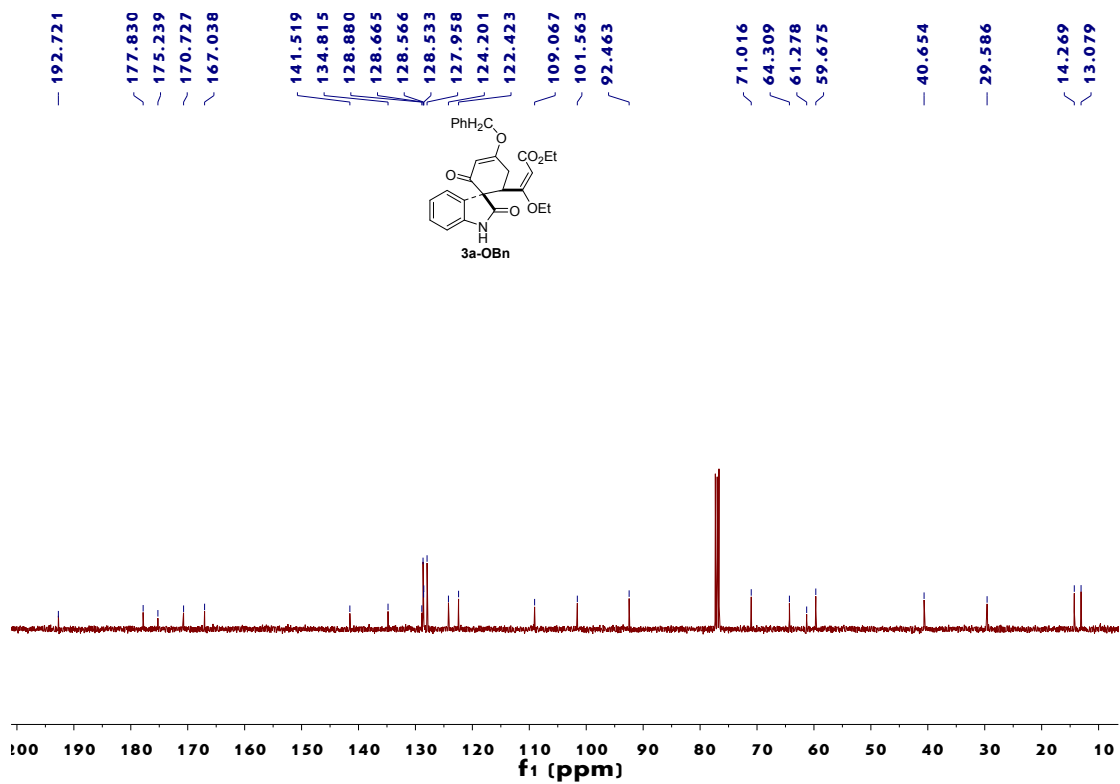






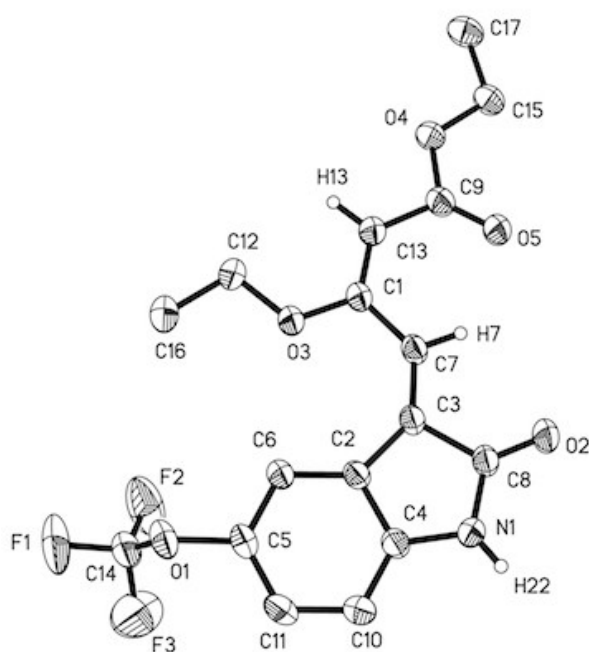






## 5 X-ray structure of **1h** and **3s**

### **1h**





3s

