

Supporting Information

Palladium-catalyzed radical cascade cyanoalkylsulfonation/ cyclization of 3-arylethynyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbonitriles with cyclobutanone oxime esters and DABSO

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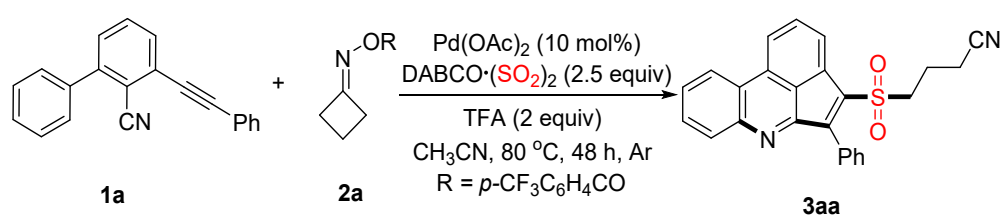
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General Information:

All reactions were carried out under Ar atmosphere unless otherwise noted. All catalysts and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel plates (GF254), and the analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ascend 400 MHz NMR spectrometer at room temperature. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to CDCl_3 (7.26 ppm for ^1H and 77 ppm for ^{13}C) to internal TMS ($\delta = 0$ ppm) as internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using ESI-TOF, APCI-TOF in positive mode. All substrates **1** and cycloketone oxime esters **2** were synthesized according to the literature.^{1,2}

Table 1 Optimization of reaction conditions^a

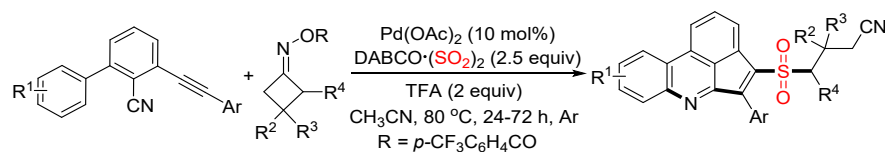


entry	Variation from the standard conditions	yield(%) ^b
1	None	73
2	Pd(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂ instead of Pd(OAc) ₂	57
3	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ instead of Pd(OAc) ₂	9
4	Pd(TFA) ₂ instead of Pd(OAc) ₂	53
5	CuCl/CuI/Cu(OAc) ₂ instead of Pd(OAc) ₂	0/0/0
6	FeCl ₂ /FeCl ₃ instead of Pd(OAc) ₂	33/trace
7	NiCl ₂ ·glyme instead of Pd(OAc) ₂	43%
8	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₅ instead of DABCO·(SO ₂) ₂	trace
9	K ₂ S ₂ O ₅ instead of DABCO·(SO ₂) ₂	trace
10	DCM instead of CH ₃ CN	40
11	CH ₃ NO ₂ instead of CH ₃ CN	trace
12	Toluene instead of CH ₃ CN	0
13	1,4-dioxane instead of CH ₃ CN	0
14	DMF instead of CH ₃ CN	0
15	DMSO instead of CH ₃ CN	0
16	at 60 °C	0
17	at 100 °C	40
18	2a (2.0 equiv)	53
19	2a (3.0 equiv)	57
20	DABCO·(SO ₂) ₂ (2.0 equiv)	59
21	DABCO·(SO ₂) ₂ (3.0 equiv)	62

22	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5 mol%)	58
23	Pd(OAc) ₂ (20 mol%)	61
24	TFA (1.0 equiv)	55
25	TFA (3.0 equiv)	51
26	H ⁺ P ^t Bu ₃ ·BF ₄ was used as a ligand	43
27	BINAP was used as a ligand	57
28	Xantphos was used as a ligand	13
29	DPPF was used as a ligand	18
30	PPh ₃ was used as a ligand	16
31	PCy ₃ was used as a ligand	54
32	DPPE was used as a ligand	62
33	K ₂ CO ₃ instead of TFA	trace
34	Cs ₂ CO ₃ instead of TFA	trace
35	AcONa instead of TFA	trace
36	HAc instead of TFA	51
37	H ₂ SO ₄ instead of TFA	57
38	Without TFA	45
39	24 h	49
40	72 h	65

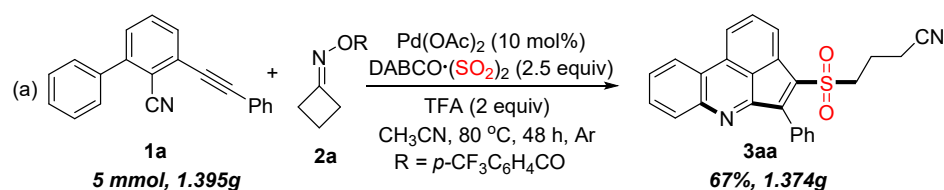
^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv.), DABCO·(SO₂)₂ (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv.), TFA (2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%) and CH₃CN (1 mL) at 80 °C under an argon atmosphere for 48 h. ^b Yield of the isolated product.

General procedures for synthesis of cyanoalkylsulfonylated cyclopenta[*gh*]phenanthridines **3**



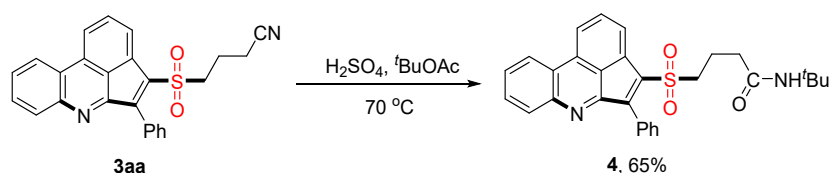
An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol), DABCO·(SO₂)₂ (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv.), TFA (2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL CH₃CN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24-72 h. After the reaction was finished, the organic solvent was removed under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (DCM) to afford the desired products **3**.

Experimental procedure for gram-up reaction



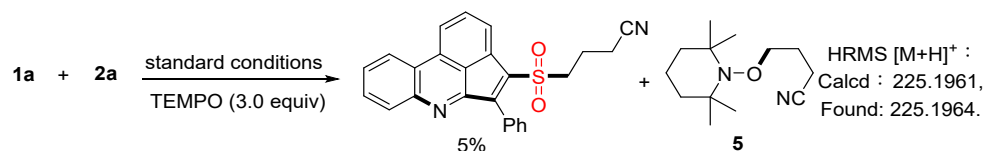
An oven-dried Schlenk tube (100 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1a** (5 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2a** (7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), DABCO·(SO₂)₂ (12.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.), TFA (2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 50 mL CH₃CN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 48 h. After the reaction was finished, the organic solvent was removed under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired product **3aa** in 67%.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 4

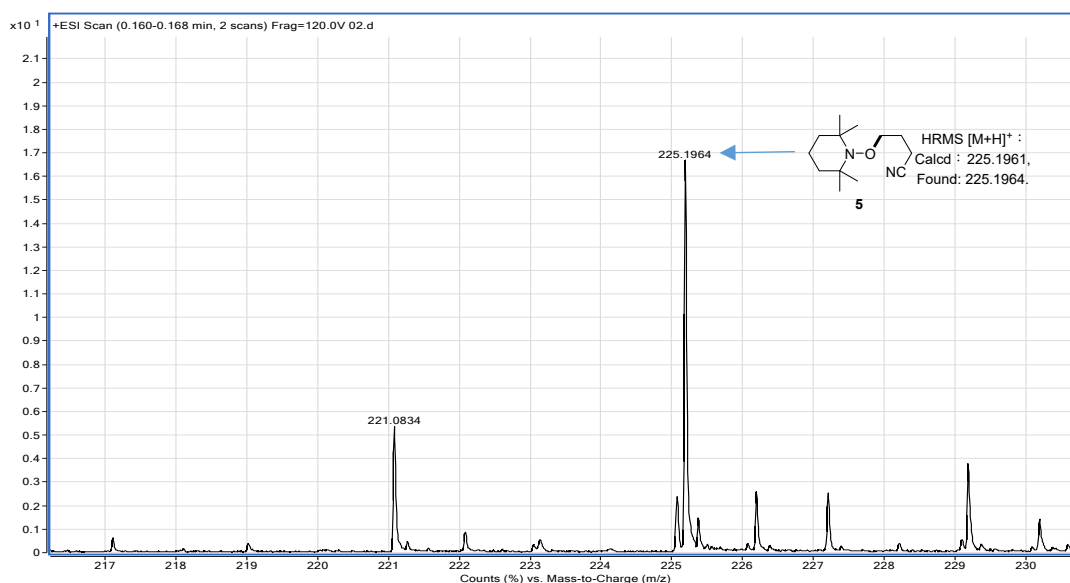


To a 10 mL Schlenk were sequentially added **3aa** (82.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), tert-butyl acetate (2 mL) and conc. H₂SO₄ (4 drops). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C overnight. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with NaHCO₃ aq. and extracted with DCM (15 mL × 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (DCM/MeOH=20:1, v/v) to afford the desired product **4** in 65% yield (62.9 mg) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.61-8.58 (m, 1H), 8.43-8.37 (m, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.89-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.55 (m, 3H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.06-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.3, 160.9, 148.4, 148.3, 139.8, 135.3, 133.0, 132.5, 131.3, 130.1, 129.7, 129.2, 129.042, 128.964, 128.1, 125.3, 124.6, 123.5, 123.0, 119.6, 54.6, 51.3, 35.0, 28.7, 18.8 ppm. ESI-HRMS: *m/z* Calcd for C₃₆H₃₄N₂O₃S+H⁺: 485.1893, found 485.1896.

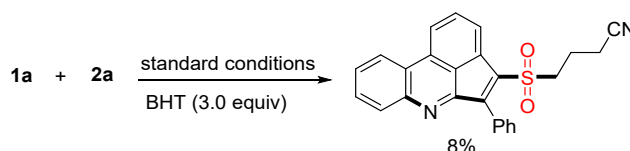
Trapping experiment with TEMPO



An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol), DABCO·(SO₂)₂ (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv.), TFA (2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL CH₃CN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 48 h. However, product **3aa** was obtained in 5% yield, the intermediate **6** was formed, suggesting that this transformation proceeds through a radical pathway.

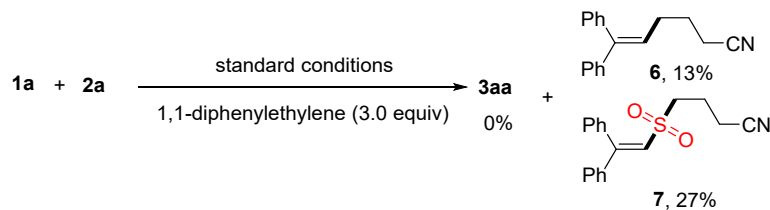


Trapping experiment with BHT



An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.1 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (1.5 equiv, 0.15 mmol), DABCO·(SO₂)₂ (0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv.), TFA (2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL CH₃CN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 48 h. However, product **3aa** was obtained in 8% yield

Trapping experiment with 1,1-diphenylethene



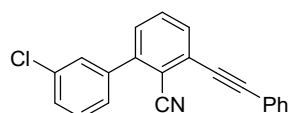
An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.2 mmol), cyclobutanone *O*-acyl oximes **2** (1.5 equiv, 0.30 mmol), DABCO·(SO₂)₂ (0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv.), TFA (2.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 mL MeCN was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was then sealed and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 48 h. After the reaction finished, the residue was concentrated in vacuo, then purified by column chromatography to afford **6** (6.4 mg, 13%) and **7** (16.8 mg, 27%). *6,6*-diphenylhex-5-enitrile (**6**). Yellow oil; (7.4 mg, 15%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), , 7.33 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.32-2.23 (m, 4H), 1.83-1.76 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.8, 142.1, 139.6, 129.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.2, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 119.5, 28.7, 25.7, 16.6 ppm. 4-((2,2-diphenylvinyl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**7**). Yellow oil; (19.9 mg, 32%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ = 7.49-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.7, 138.7, 135.3, 130.7, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.324, 128.304, 125.6, 118.1, 52.7, 18.7, 16.1 ppm.

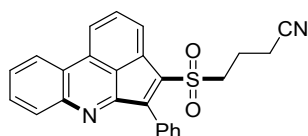
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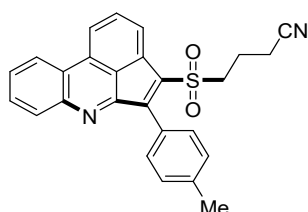
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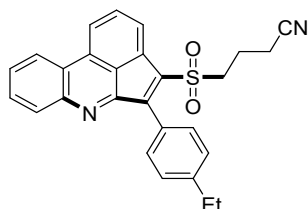
4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**1s**). White solid; melting point: 110-111 °C; R_f = 0.5 (ethyl acetate / hexane = 1:20); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.66-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 144.6, 139.6, 134.6, 132.2, 132.1, 131.1, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.0, 122.0, 116.8, 114.1, 96.3, 85.9 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}+\text{NH}_4^+$: 331.0997, found 331.0997.



4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3aa**). Yellow solid; (29.9 mg, 73%); melting point: 188-189 °C; R_f = 0.5 (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.57-8.54 (m, 1H), 8.40-8.35 (m, 2H), 8.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 3H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.5, 148.5, 148.3, 139.3, 134.9, 133.0, 132.5, 131.2, 130.4, 129.4, 129.2, 129.106, 129.078, 128.3, 125.3, 124.5, 123.6, 123.0, 119.4, 118.0, 53.6, 18.9, 16.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 411.1162, found 411.1170.

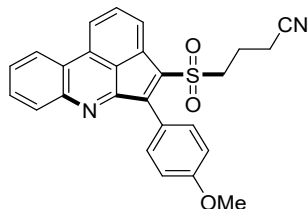


4-((5-(*p*-tolyl)cyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ba**). Yellow solid; (25.9 mg, 61%); melting point: 219-220 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.59-8.56 (m, 1H), 8.41-8.38 (m, 2H), 8.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.78 (m, 5H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.7, 148.7, 148.3, 140.9, 138.6, 135.1, 133.0, 132.5, 131.3, 129.239, 129.163, 129.1, 129.0, 126.5, 125.2, 124.6, 123.5, 123.0, 119.6, 118.0, 53.5, 21.6, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 425.1318, found 425.1317.

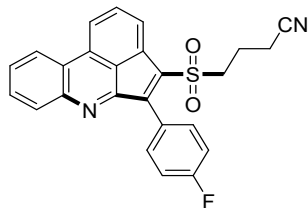


4-((5-(4-ethylphenyl)cyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ca**). Yellow solid; (37.7 mg, 86%); melting point: 228-229 °C; R_f = 0.6 (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.57-8.54 (m, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.77 (m, 5H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (q, J = 15.2 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H),

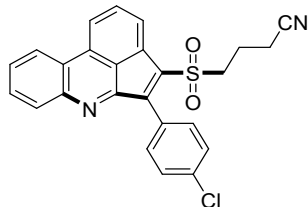
2.11-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.7, 148.7, 148.3, 147.0, 138.6, 135.1, 133.0, 132.5, 131.4, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 126.7, 125.2, 124.5, 123.4, 123.0, 119.5, 118.0, 53.5, 28.9, 19.0, 16.1, 15.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 439.1475, found 439.1473.



4-((5-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3da**). Yellow solid; (28.2 mg, 64%); melting point: 209-210 °C; $R_f = 0.3$ (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.57$ -8.55 (m, 1H), 8.38 (m, 2H), 8.21 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.86-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.17 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.6, 160.7, 148.246, 148.211, 137.6, 135.3, 133.3, 133.0, 132.4, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 125.0, 124.5, 123.2, 123.0, 121.6, 120.0, 118.0, 114.0, 55.4, 53.3, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 441.1267, found 441.1264.

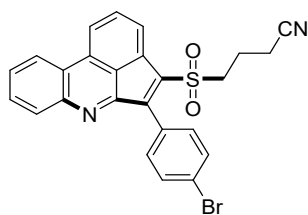


4-((5-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ea**). Yellow solid; (23.1 mg, 54%); melting point: 205-206 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.60$ -8.58 (m, 1H), 8.43 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.40-8.38 (m, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.00-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.90-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 3.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.14-2.07 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.1 (d, $J = 252.8$ Hz), 160.3, 148.3, 147.7, 139.0, 134.8, 133.7, 133.6, 133.1, 132.5, 129.3, 129.2, 125.312, 125.264, 124.6, 123.8, 123.1, 119.4, 117.9, 115.6 (d, $J = 21.8$ Hz), 53.8, 18.9, 16.1 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -109.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 429.1068, found 429.1066.

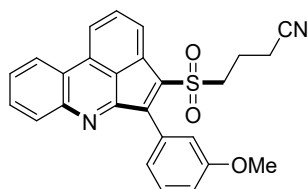


4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3fa**). Yellow solid; (19.1 mg, 43%); melting point: 215-216 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.62$ -8.58 (m, 1H), 8.45 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.41-8.37 (m, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.81 (m, 5H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 3.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.16-2.08 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.2, 148.4, 147.6, 139.4, 136.9, 134.8, 133.2, 132.9, 132.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 127.7, 125.4, 124.6, 124.0, 119.5, 117.9, 53.9, 18.9, 16.2 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd

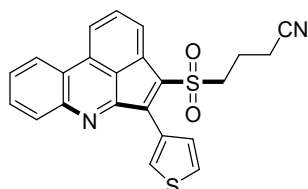
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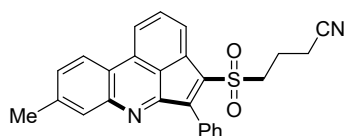
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4-((5-(3-methoxyphenyl)cyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3ha). Yellow solid; (34.8 mg, 79%); melting point: 70-71 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 8.58-8.56 (m, 1H), 8.42-8.38 (m, 2H), 8.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 160.4, 159.3, 148.3, 148.1, 139.4, 134.9, 133.0, 132.5, 130.6, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 125.5, 124.5, 123.7, 123.6, 123.0, 119.4, 117.9, 116.6, 116.5, 55.4, 53.4, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $C_{26}H_{20}N_2O_3S+H^+$: 441.1267, found 441.1272.

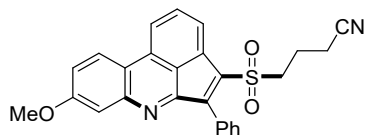


4-((5-(thiophen-3-yl)cyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3ia). Yellow solid; (21.2 mg, 51%); melting point: 75-76 °C; R_f = 0.5 (DCM); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 8.59-8.56 (m, 2H), 8.43-8.37 (m, 2H), 8.26 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 1H), 3.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.17-2.10 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 160.4, 148.1, 142.3, 136.8, 135.5, 133.1, 132.4, 132.1, 130.4, 129.9, 129.2, 129.146, 129.098, 125.9, 125.4, 124.5, 123.3, 123.0, 119.5, 117.9, 52.9, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $C_{23}H_{16}N_2O_2S_2+H^+$: 417.0726, found 417.0726.

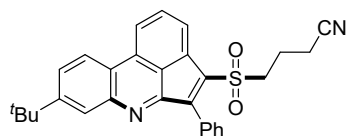


4-((8-methyl-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3la). Yellow solid; (28.8 mg, 68%); melting point: 178-179 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 8.43

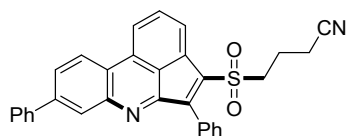
(d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.93-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.83 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 4H), 3.13 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.4, 148.6, 148.5, 139.5, 139.0, 134.9, 132.9, 132.0, 131.2, 130.9, 130.3, 129.5, 129.2, 128.3, 124.9, 123.5, 122.7, 122.2, 119.1, 117.9, 53.6, 21.5, 18.9, 16.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 425.1318, found 425.1313.



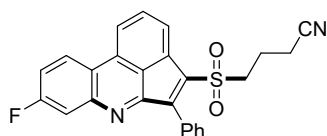
4-((8-methoxy-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3ma). Yellow solid; (30.4 mg, 69%); melting point: 201-202 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.46 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.8, 160.3, 150.2, 148.6, 139.0, 134.9, 133.0, 131.2, 130.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.3, 124.7, 123.7, 123.5, 120.5, 118.7, 118.6, 117.9, 112.0, 55.7, 53.7, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 441.1267, found 441.1274.



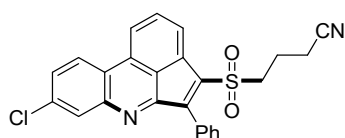
4-((8-tert-butyl)-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3na). Yellow solid; (28.9 mg, 62%); melting point: 190-192 °C; $R_f = 0.6$ (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.52 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.41-8.37 (m, 2H), 8.23 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 3H), 3.14 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.4, 152.7, 148.7, 148.6, 139.0, 134.9, 132.9, 131.3, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 125.0, 123.6, 122.6, 122.2, 119.3, 117.9, 53.6, 35.2, 31.3, 18.9, 16.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 467.1788, found 467.1789.



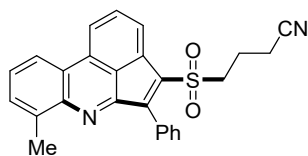
4-((5,8-diphenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3oa). Yellow solid; (19.4 mg, 40%); melting point: 212-213 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.65-8.63 (m, 2H), 8.44 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.09-8.06 (m, 1H), 7.97-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 3.15 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.0, 148.8, 148.5, 142.0, 139.7, 139.4, 135.0, 133.2, 131.3, 130.5, 130.3, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 125.4, 123.7, 123.5, 119.5, 117.9, 53.6, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 487.1475, found 487.1467.



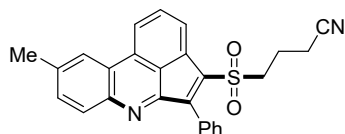
4-((8-fluoro-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3pa**). Yellow solid; (32.1 mg, 75%); melting point: 160-161 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.56-8.52 (m, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.93-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.89-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.56 (m, 4H), 3.14 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.6 (d, J = 250.6 Hz), 161.7, 161.4, 149.5 (d, J = 11.9 Hz), 148.3, 139.8, 135.0, 133.4, 131.2, 130.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 125.4, 124.6 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 123.5, 121.1 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 119.1, 118.1 (d, J = 36.4 Hz), 118.0, 117.0 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 53.6, 18.9, 16.1 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -110.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 429.1068, found 429.1076.



4-((8-chloro-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3qa**). Yellow solid; (28.9 mg, 65%); melting point: 223-224 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.47 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.37-8.33 (m, 2H), 8.24 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.75-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 3H), 3.14 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.6, 148.8, 148.3, 139.9, 135.0, 134.9, 133.5, 131.5, 131.2, 130.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 125.8, 124.1, 123.6, 122.9, 119.4, 117.9, 53.5, 18.9, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 445.0772, found 445.0770.

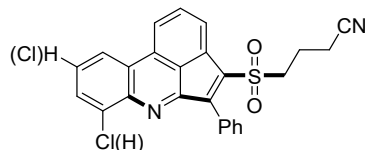


4-((7-methyl-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ra**). Yellow solid; (8.5 mg, 20%); melting point: 171-172 °C; R_f = 0.5 (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.57-8.54 (m, 1H), 8.43-8.38 (m, 2H), 8.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.03-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.84 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 3H), 3.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.9, 148.5, 147.1, 140.7, 138.5, 135.0, 132.7, 131.6, 130.3, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 128.8, 128.1, 125.1, 124.4, 123.8, 120.8, 119.2, 118.0, 53.6, 19.0, 18.7, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 425.1318, found 425.1327.

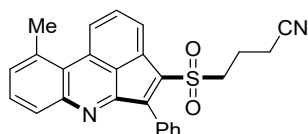


4-((9-methyl-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ra'**). Yellow solid; (25.0 mg, 59%); melting point: 165-167 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.28-8.24 (m, 2H), 7.95-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.88-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 4H), 3.14 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 2H)

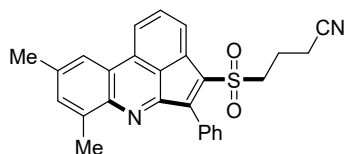
ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.5, 148.7, 146.9, 139.8, 138.7, 134.9, 132.8, 132.2, 131.3, 130.9, 130.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 125.3, 124.5, 123.6, 122.7, 119.6, 117.9, 53.6, 22.1, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 425.1318, found 425.1317.



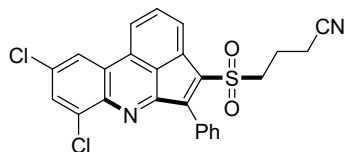
4-((7-chloro-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3sa**) and 4-((9-chloro-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3sa'**). Yellow solid; (27.5 mg, 62%); melting point: 86-87 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.50-8.46 (m, 1H), 8.38-8.36 (m, 1H), 8.34-8.26 (m, 2H), 8.07-8.05 (m, 2H), 7.94-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.76-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 4H), 3.18-3.11 (m, 3H), 2.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 2.13-2.04 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.7, 148.3, 148.1, 146.6, 144.4, 139.5, 139.4, 137.0, 135.3, 135.2, 135.0, 133.7, 133.5, 133.3, 131.7, 131.2, 130.6, 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.5, 123.7, 123.5, 122.7, 121.8, 119.6, 117.9, 53.6, 53.4, 18.907, 18.884, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 445.0772, found 445.0762.



4-((10-methyl-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ta**). Yellow solid; (25.0 mg, 59%); melting point: 186-187 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.71 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.95-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.71 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.59 (m, 4H), 3.15 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.0, 149.6, 148.0, 138.9, 136.4, 135.0, 132.9, 132.5, 131.8, 131.4, 130.5, 130.3, 129.5, 128.4, 128.349, 128.275, 128.2, 124.7, 123.9, 119.9, 117.9, 53.7, 25.5, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 425.1318, found 425.1308.

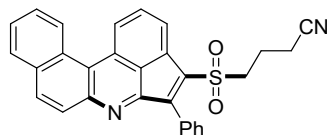


4-((7,9-dimethyl-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ua**). Yellow solid; (27.2 mg, 62%); melting point: 199-200 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (DCM); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.37 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.03-8.00 (m, 2H), 7.82 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 3.16 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.8, 148.6, 145.6, 140.2, 139.3, 137.8, 134.9, 132.4, 131.8, 131.7, 130.2, 129.8, 129.1, 128.1, 125.0, 124.4, 123.7, 120.5, 119.3, 118.0, 53.6, 22.1, 19.0, 18.5, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 439.1475, found 439.1476.

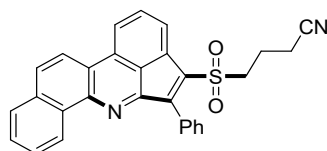


4-((7,9-dichloro-5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3va**). Yellow

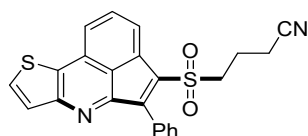
solid; (19.6 mg, 41%); melting point: 215-216 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (DCM); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.44$ (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.34-8.30 (m, 2H), 8.07-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.92-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 3H), 3.16 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 2H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.9, 148.0, 143.0, 139.7, 137.9, 135.4, 134.7, 133.8, 131.7, 130.8, 130.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 126.7, 123.6, 121.6, 119.9, 117.9, 53.4, 18.9, 16.1 ppm. APCI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 479.0382, found 479.0373.



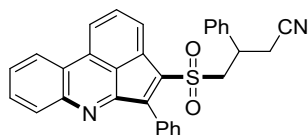
4-((5-phenylbenzo[*a*]cyclopenta[*gh*]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3wa**). Yellow solid; (23.9 mg, 52%); melting point: 207-208 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (DCM); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 9.16$ (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.98 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.34-8.25 (m, 2H), 8.06 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.99-7.90 (m, 3H), 7.81-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 3H), 3.17 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 2H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.7, 148.7, 148.5, 137.9, 135.4, 134.1, 133.1, 131.4, 130.5, 130.4, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.745, 128.689, 128.3, 127.6, 127.3, 125.6, 122.4, 120.2, 118.0, 53.8, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 461.1318, found 461.1324.



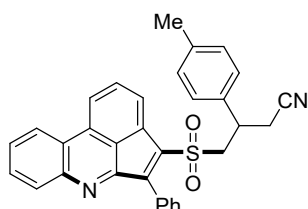
4-((5-phenylbenzo[*c*]cyclopenta[*gh*]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3xa**). Yellow solid; (29.0 mg, 63%); melting point: 177-178 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (DCM); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 9.34$ -9.32 (m, 2H), 8.51-8.45 (m, 2H), 8.29 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.13-8.06 (m, 3H), 8.01-7.98 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.77-7.64 (m, 5H), 3.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 2H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.3, 148.9, 145.7, 137.5, 135.1, 133.3, 132.9, 132.8, 131.6, 130.3, 129.8, 129.2, 128.3, 127.943, 127.871, 127.6, 126.1, 125.2, 124.4, 122.5, 120.3, 119.6, 118.0, 53.7, 19.0, 16.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 461.1318, found 461.1319.



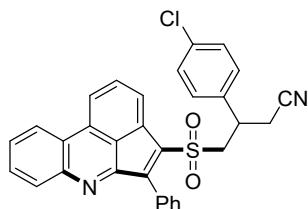
4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[*ij*]thieno[3,2-*c*]isoquinolin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (**3ya**). Yellow solid; (22.0 mg, 53%); melting point: 76-77 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (DCM); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.28$ (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.57 (m, 3H), 3.12 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 2H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.4, 155.8, 149.8, 136.3, 135.3, 133.1, 131.136, 131.092, 130.4, 129.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.1, 126.4, 124.6, 118.4, 117.9, 53.8, 19.0, 16.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2+\text{H}^+$: 417.0726, found 417.0723.



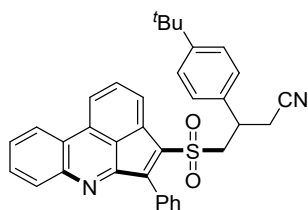
3-phenyl-4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3ab). Yellow solid; (29.2 mg, 60%); melting point: 98-99 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.59-8.56 (m, 1H), 8.40-8.35 (m, 2H), 8.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.86-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 3H), 3.63-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.49-3.37 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.74 (m, 2H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.4, 148.4, 148.2, 139.5, 138.3, 135.1, 132.9, 132.5, 131.6, 130.4, 129.3, 129.094, 129.068, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 126.9, 125.3, 124.5, 123.5, 123.0, 119.5, 117.0, 58.8, 36.7, 24.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 487.1475, found 487.1477.



4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)-3-(p-tolyl)butanenitrile (3ac). Yellow solid; (28.0 mg, 56%); melting point: 100-101 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.58-8.56 (m, 1H), 8.40-8.35 (m, 2H), 8.18 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.97-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 3H), 6.78-6.69 (m, 4H), 3.59-3.52 (m, 1H), 3.42-3.39 (m, 2H), 2.70 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.4, 148.3, 148.2, 139.5, 137.8, 135.2, 134.7, 132.8, 132.4, 131.7, 130.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 126.8, 125.3, 124.5, 123.3, 122.9, 119.5, 117.1, 58.9, 36.6, 24.5, 20.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 501.1631, found 501.1640.

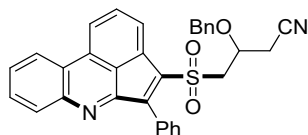


3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3ad). Yellow solid; (25.5 mg, 49%); melting point: 102-103 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.61-8.59 (m, 1H), 8.45-8.37 (m, 2H), 8.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.97-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 3H), 6.96-6.84 (m, 4H), 3.61-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.33 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.67 (m, 2H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.2, 148.3, 139.4, 136.4, 135.0, 134.0, 132.8, 132.5, 131.6, 130.6, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 125.3, 124.6, 123.6, 123.0, 119.4, 116.7, 58.5, 36.4, 24.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 521.1085, found 521.1078.

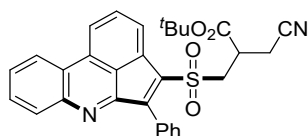


3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3ae). Yellow solid; (37.4 mg, 69%); melting point: 102-103 °C; R_f = 0.5 (DCM); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400

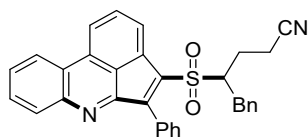
MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.57-8.55 (m, 1H), 8.39-8.33 (m, 2H), 8.23 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.77 (m, 5H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 3H), 6.97-6.80 (m, 4H), 3.63-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.39 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.67 (m, 2H), 0.94 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.4, 151.1, 148.3, 148.2, 139.5, 135.2, 135.0, 132.9, 132.5, 131.7, 130.4, 129.3, 129.044, 129.028, 128.2, 126.6, 125.5, 125.3, 124.6, 123.4, 122.9, 119.5, 117.2, 59.0, 36.5, 34.1, 30.8, 24.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C₃₅H₃₀N₂O₂S+H⁺: 543.2101, found 543.2110.



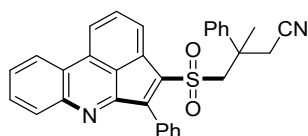
3-(benzyloxy)-4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3af). Yellow solid; (20.1 mg, 39%); melting point: 67-68 °C; R_f = 0.4 (DCM); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.59-8.56 (m, 1H), 8.40-8.35 (m, 2H), 8.23 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.81 (m, 5H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 3H), 6.92-6.83 (m, 5H), 4.36 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.45 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 16.8 Hz, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 16.8 Hz, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.5, 148.4, 148.3, 140.1, 135.7, 135.0, 132.9, 132.5, 131.4, 130.4, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 125.1, 124.7, 123.5, 123.0, 119.5, 116.0, 72.0, 69.2, 58.2, 23.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C₃₂H₂₄N₂O₃S+H⁺: 517.1580, found 517.1577.



tert-butyl 3-cyano-2-(((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)methyl)propanoate (3ag). Yellow solid; (17.3 mg, 34%); melting point: 117-119 °C; R_f = 0.5 (DCM); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.62-8.60 (m, 1H), 8.47-8.39 (m, 2H), 8.25 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.82 (m, 5H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 3H), 3.65 (dd, J = 14.4 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30-3.25 (m, 1H), 3.20-3.14 (m, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2, 160.5, 149.2, 148.4, 139.2, 134.8, 133.1, 132.6, 131.4, 130.5, 129.342, 129.296, 129.2, 128.3, 125.3, 124.6, 123.7, 123.1, 119.6, 116.4, 83.8, 54.9, 37.0, 27.7, 19.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C₃₀H₂₆N₂O₄S+H⁺: 511.1686, found 511.1678.

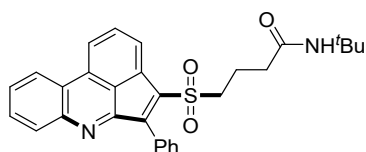


(S)-5-phenyl-4-(((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)methyl)pentanenitrile (3ai). Yellow solid; (13 mg, 26%); melting point: 108-109 °C; R_f = 0.5 (DCM); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.61-8.59 (m, 1H), 8.45-8.38 (m, 2H), 8.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.80-6.78 (m, 2H), 3.31-3.20 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.28-2.19 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.81 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.4, 148.6, 148.4, 138.7, 135.5, 133.1, 132.6, 131.6, 130.6, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.729, 128.709, 128.4, 127.1, 125.6, 124.6, 123.7, 123.0, 119.6, 118.3, 62.9, 35.0, 23.0, 15.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for C₃₂H₂₄N₂O₂S+Na⁺: 523.1451, found 523.1447.



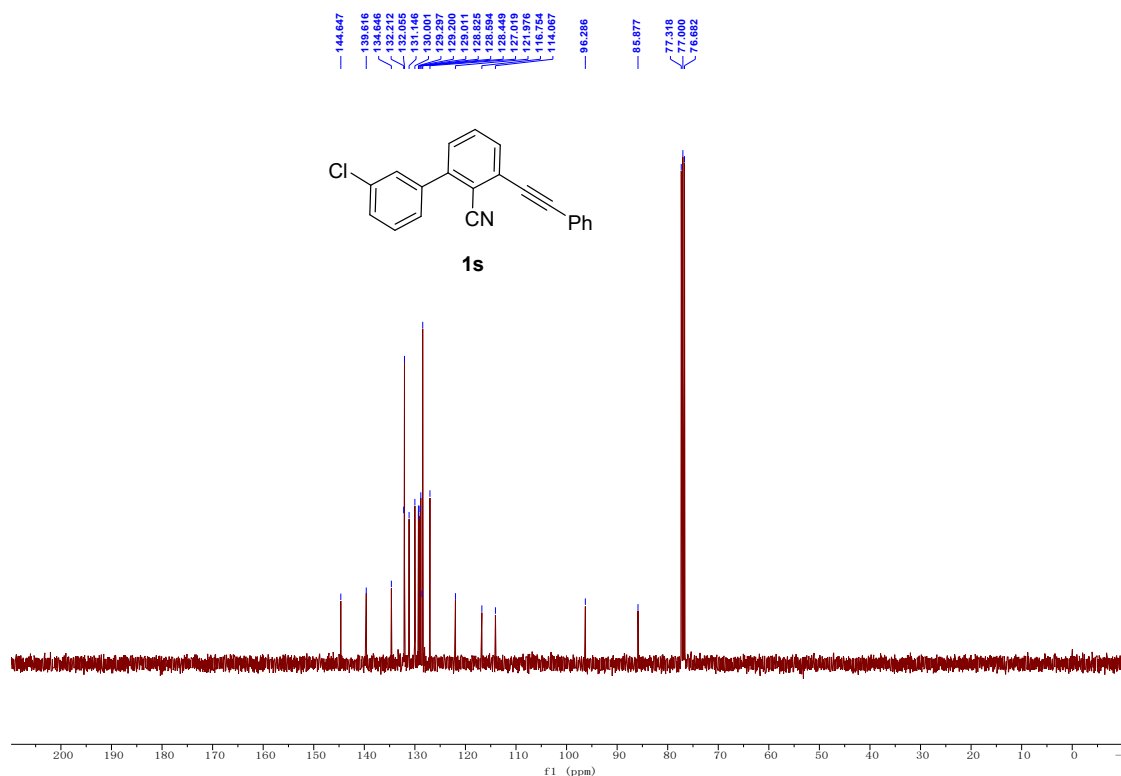
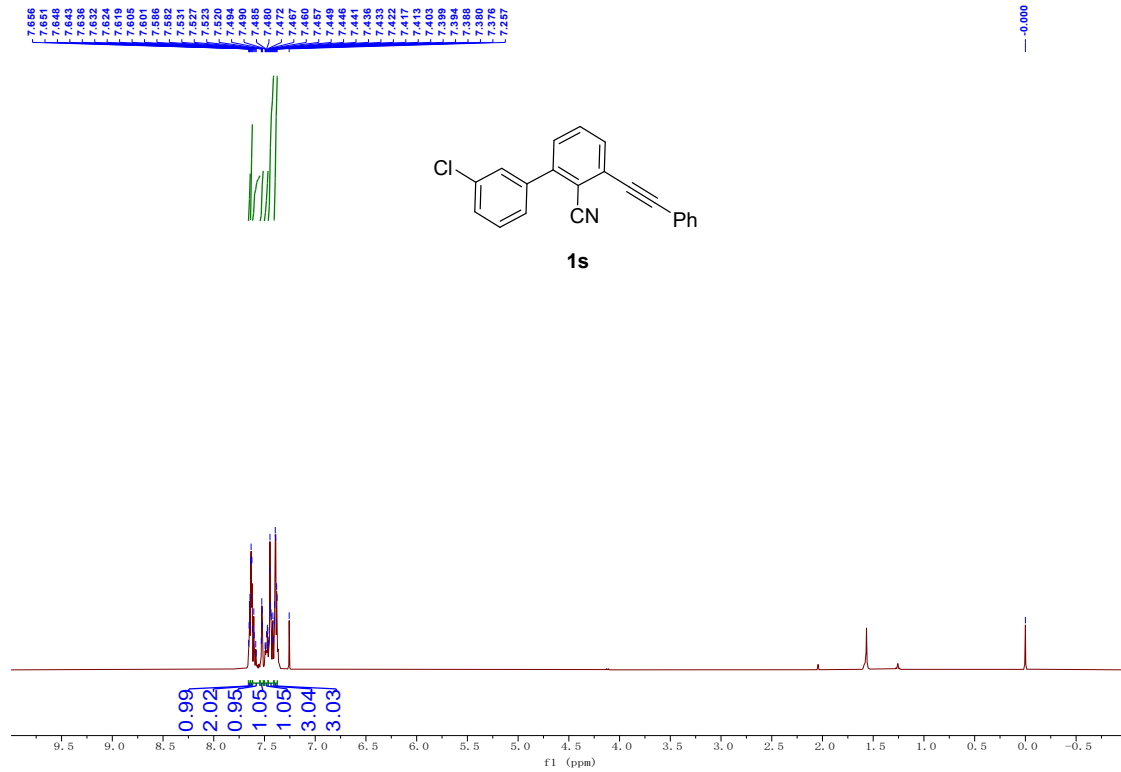
3-methyl-3-phenyl-4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanenitrile (3aj).

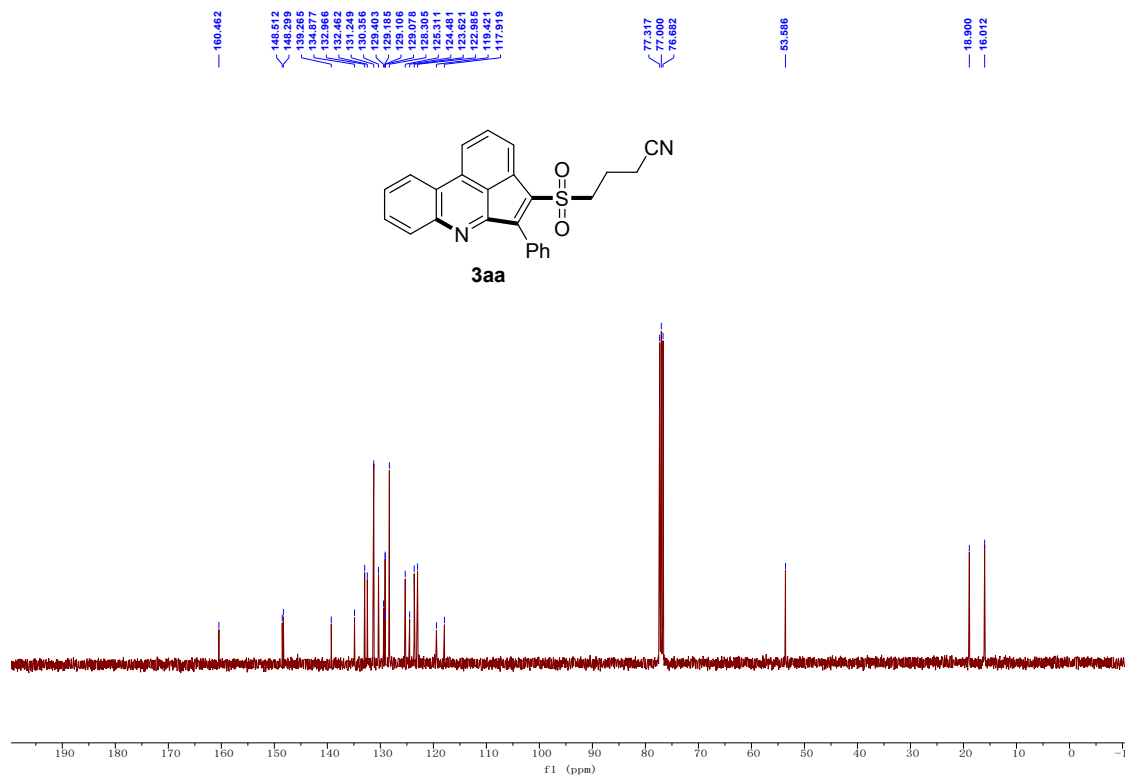
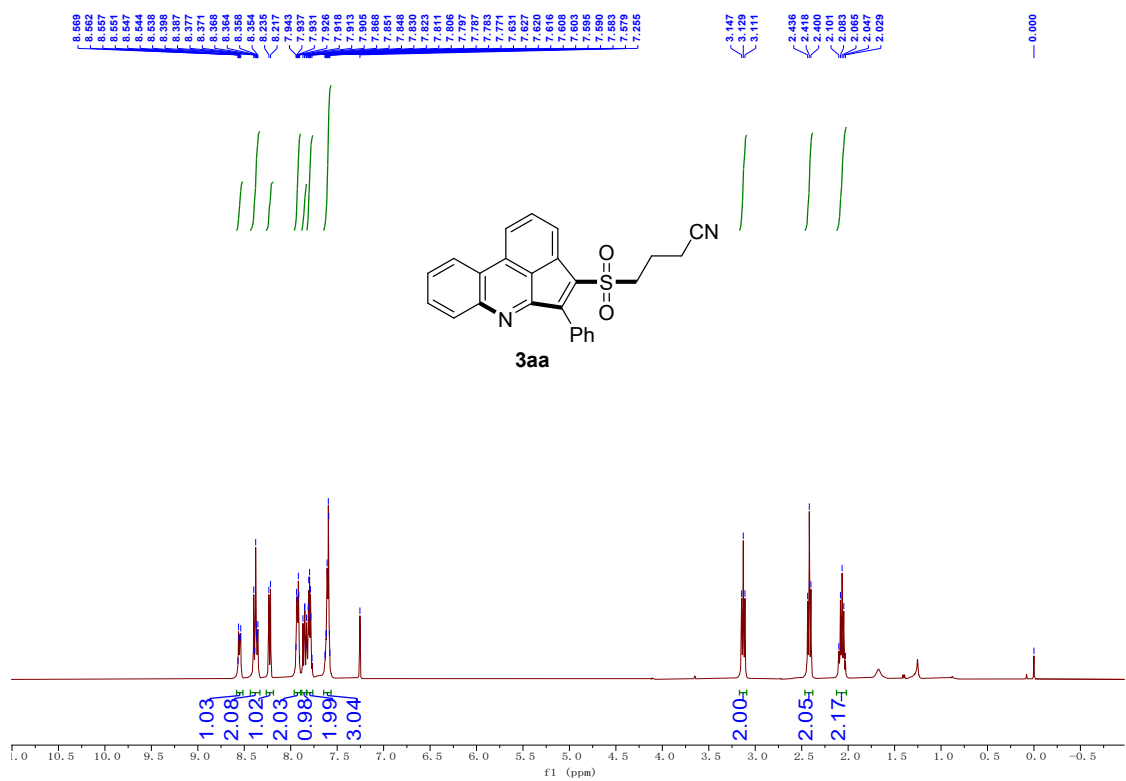
Yellow solid; (29.5 mg, 59%); melting point: 95-96 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (DCM); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.59$ -8.56 (m, 1H), 8.38-8.35 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.00-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.03-6.92 (m, 4H), 6.74 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.41 (q, $J = 26.8$ Hz, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.11 (dd, $J = 62.4$ Hz, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.65 (s, 3H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.5, 148.2, 147.6, 140.8, 140.7, 135.0, 132.8, 132.5, 131.6, 130.4, 129.6, 129.020, 128.981, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 125.5, 125.4, 124.5, 123.3, 123.0, 119.5, 117.3, 64.0, 40.1, 29.1, 26.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 501.1631, found 501.1637.

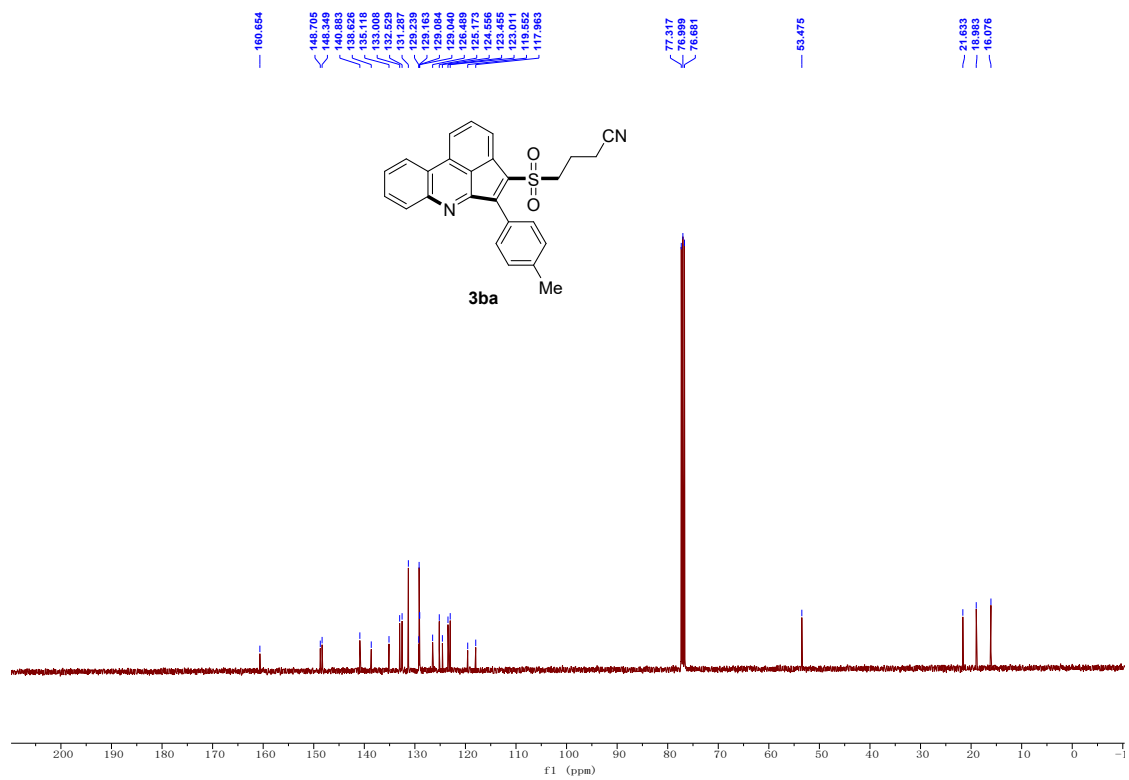
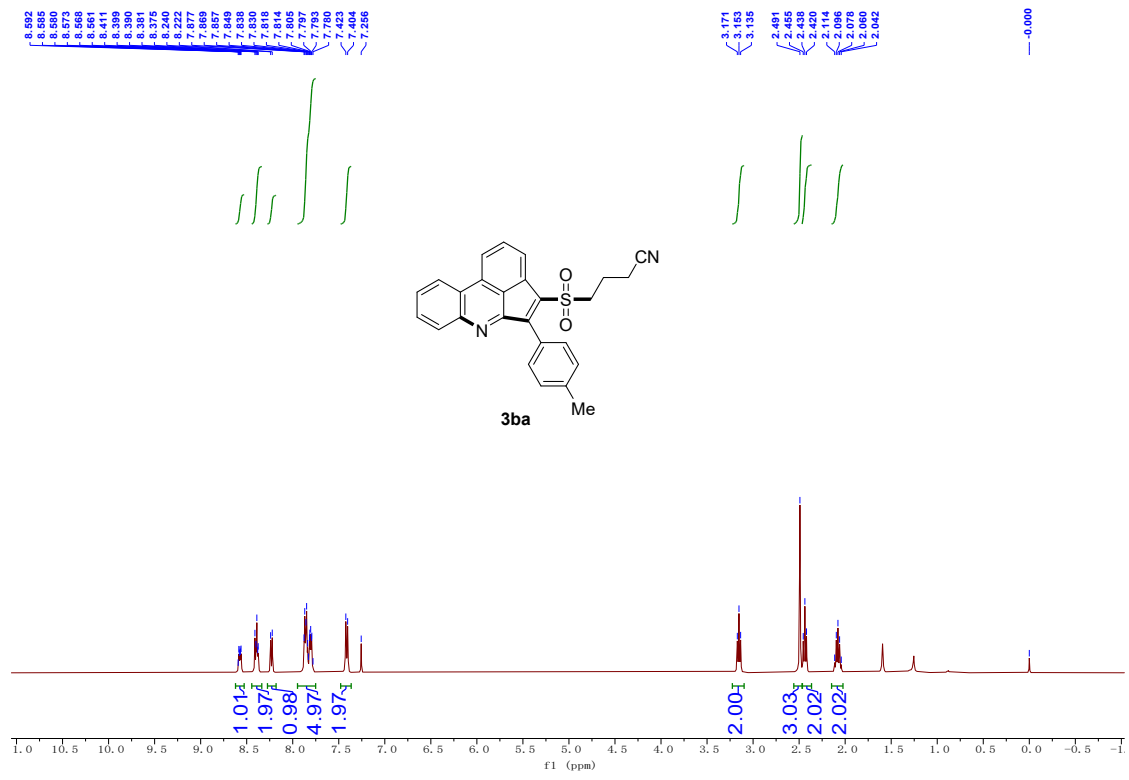


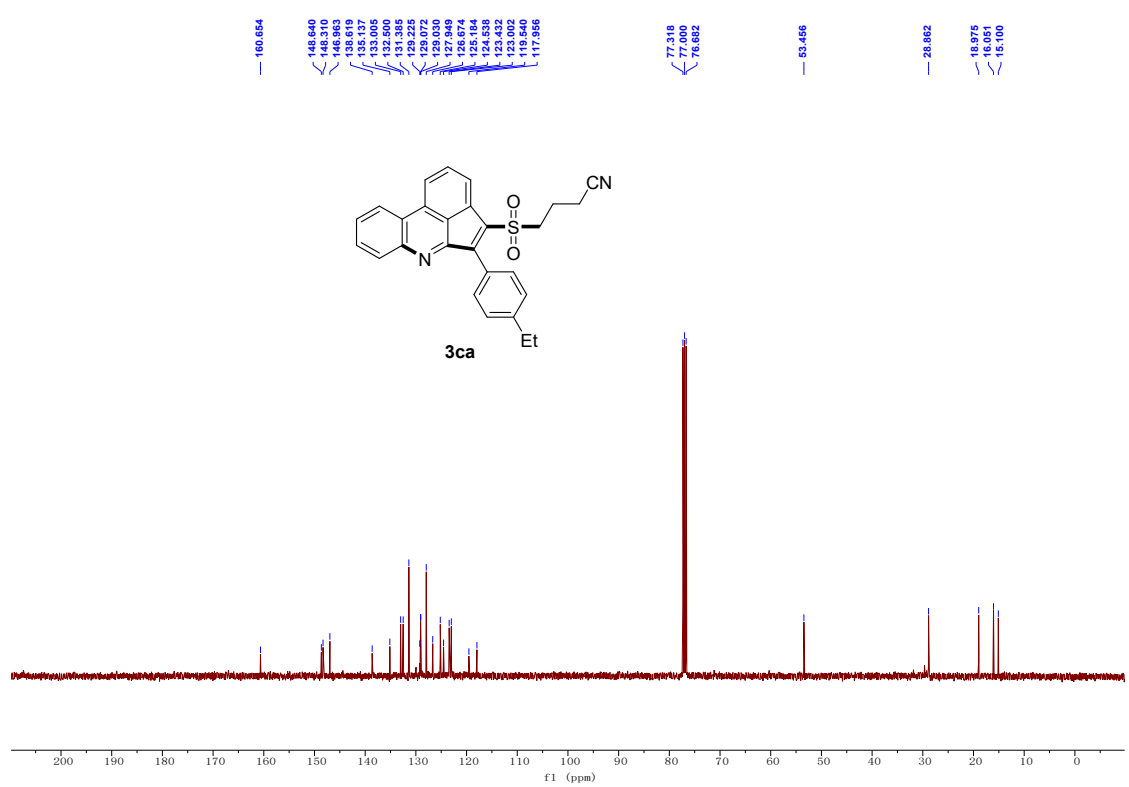
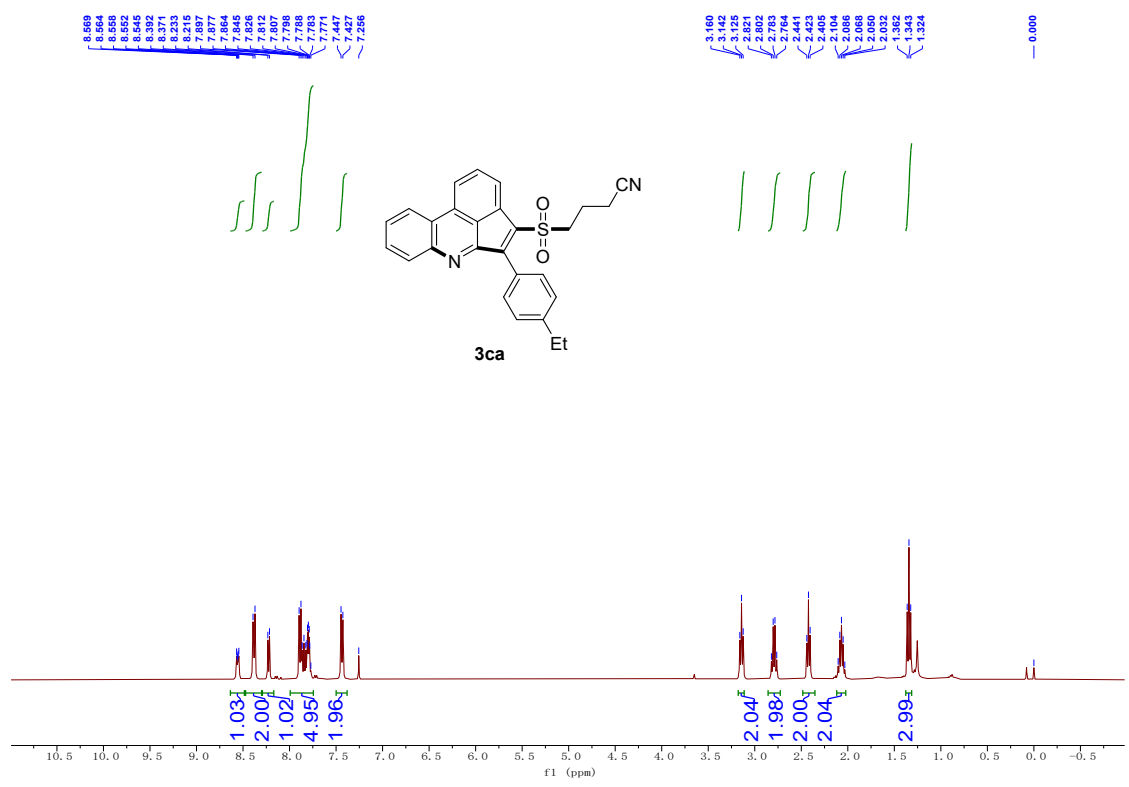
N-(tert-butyl)-4-((5-phenylcyclopenta[gh]phenanthridin-4-yl)sulfonyl)butanamide (4). Yellow solid; melting point: 178-179 °C; $R_f = 0.6$ (DCM/MeOH=20:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.61$ -8.58 (m, 1H), 8.43-8.37 (m, 2H), 8.25 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.89-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.55 (m, 3H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 3.10 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.15 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.06-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.3, 160.9, 148.4, 148.3, 139.8, 135.3, 133.0, 132.5, 131.3, 130.1, 129.7, 129.2, 129.042, 128.964, 128.1, 125.3, 124.6, 123.5, 123.0, 119.6, 54.6, 51.3, 35.0, 28.7, 18.8 ppm. ESI-HRMS: m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}+\text{H}^+$: 485.1893, found 485.1896.

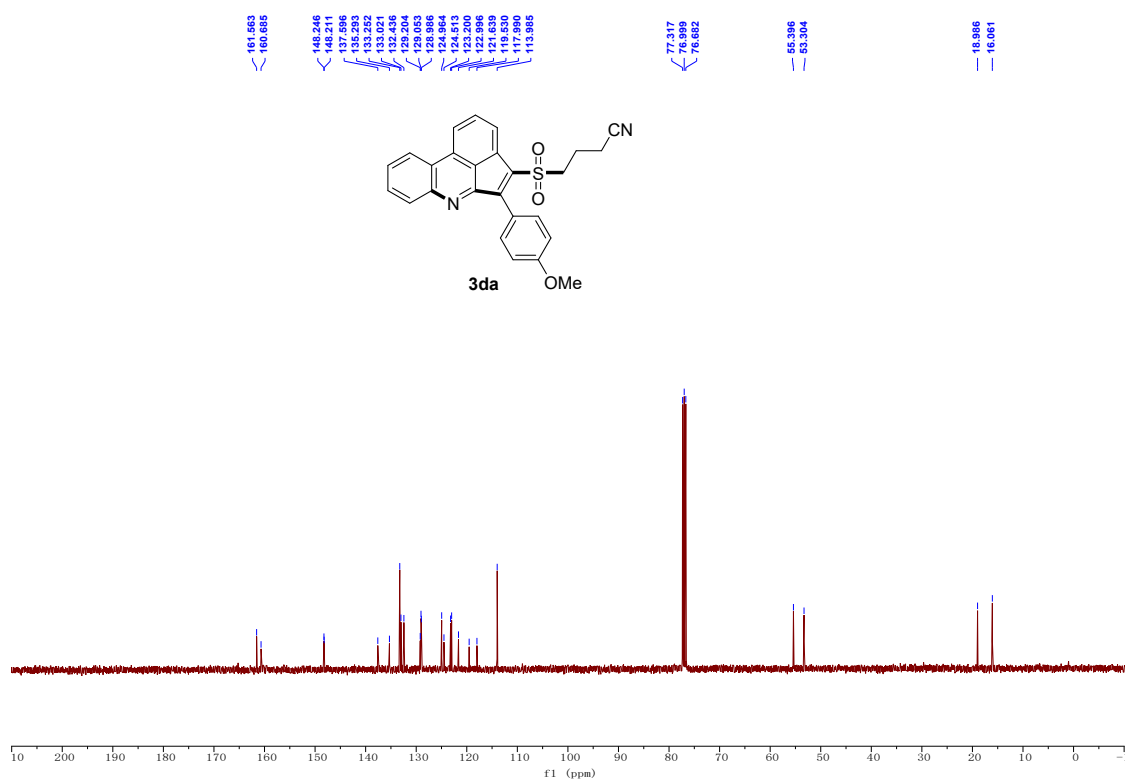
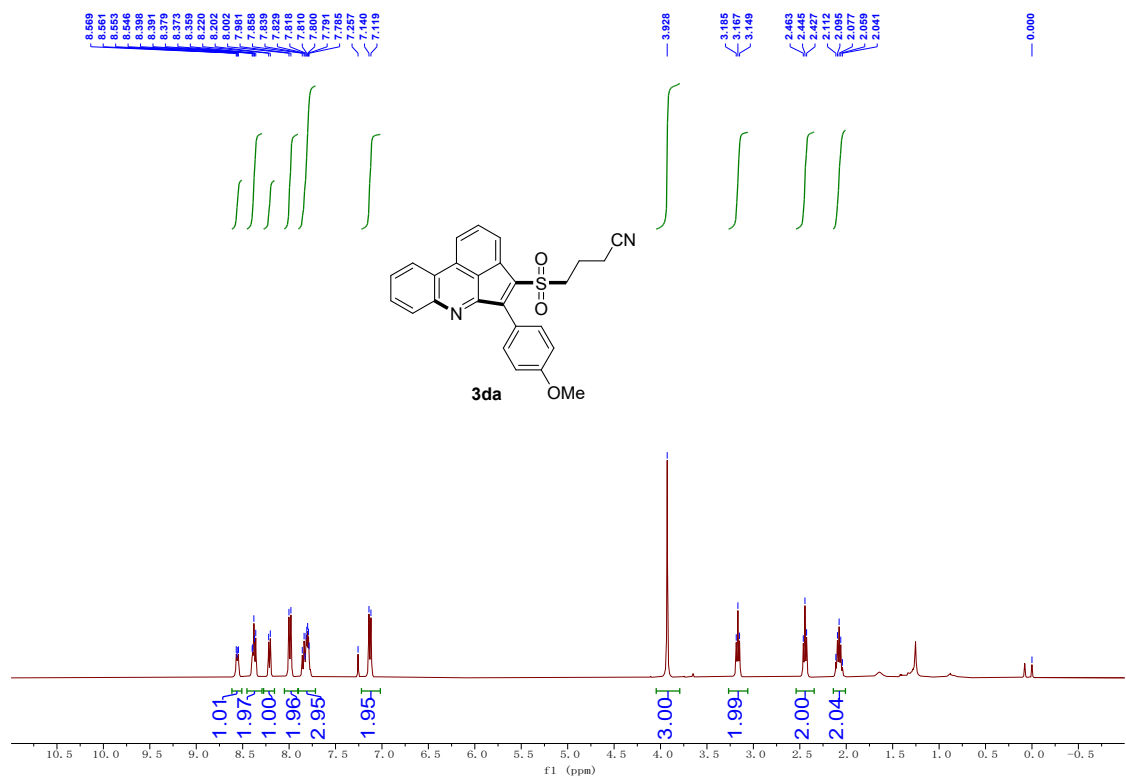
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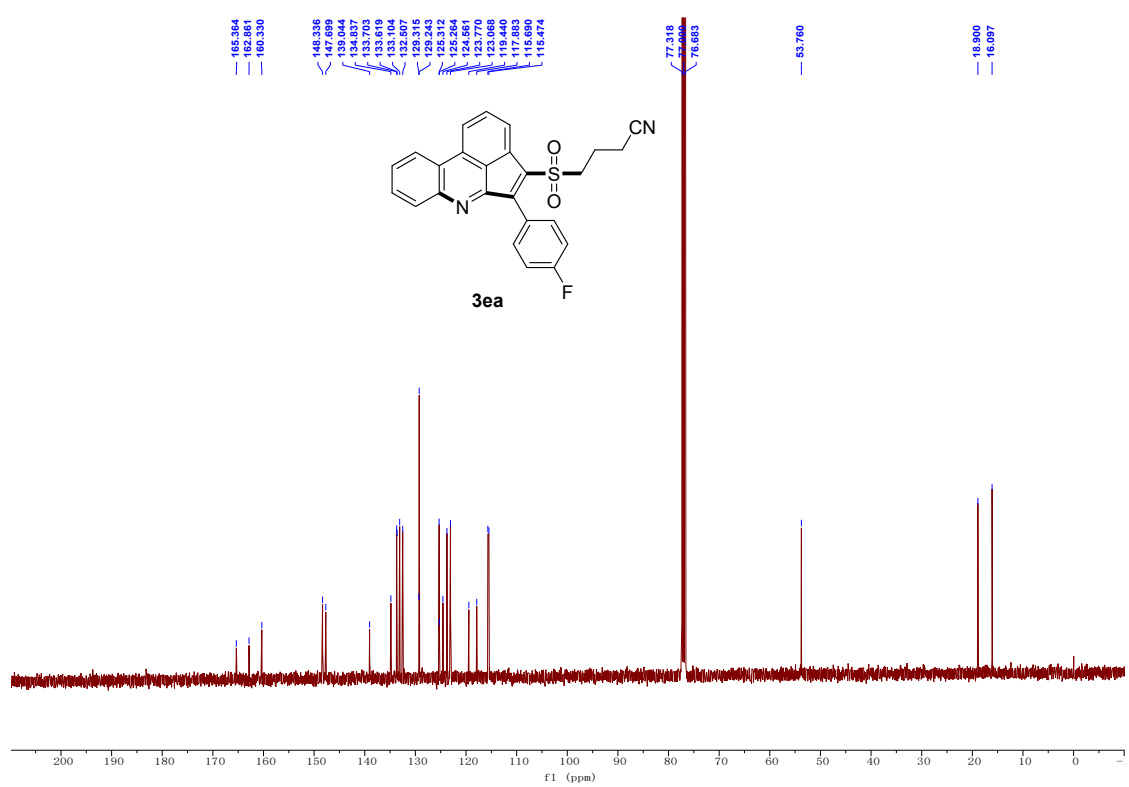
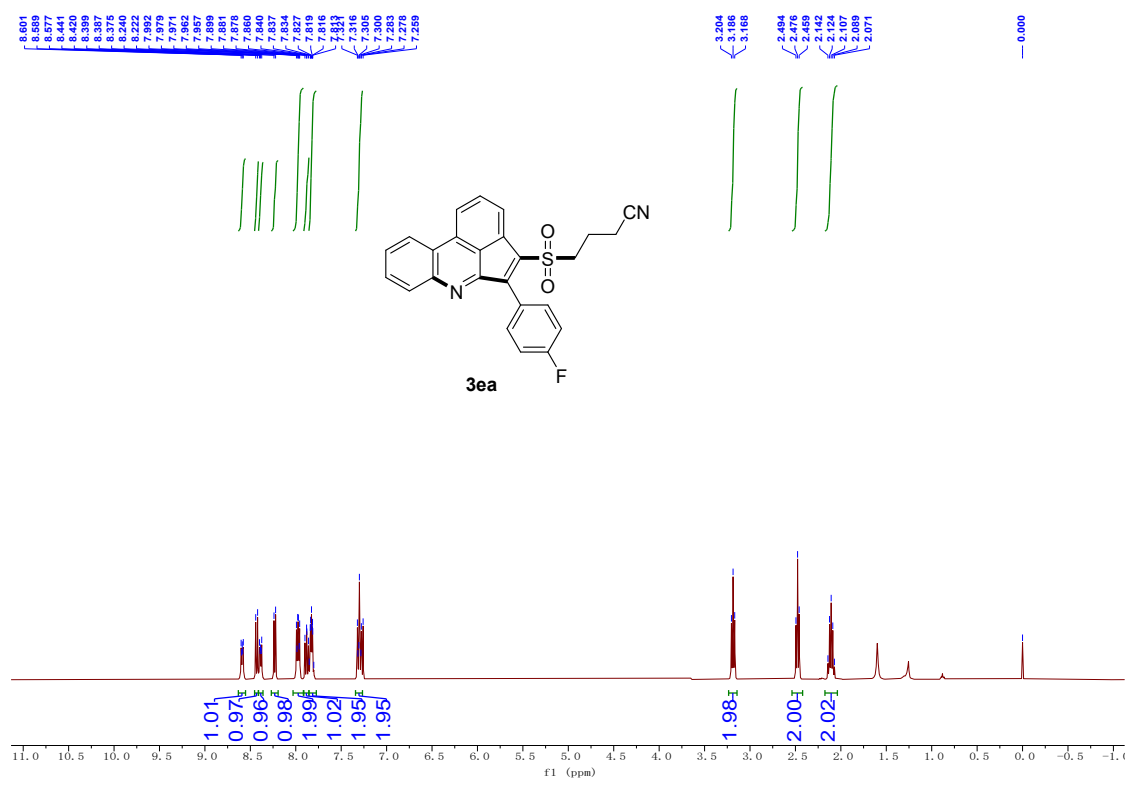


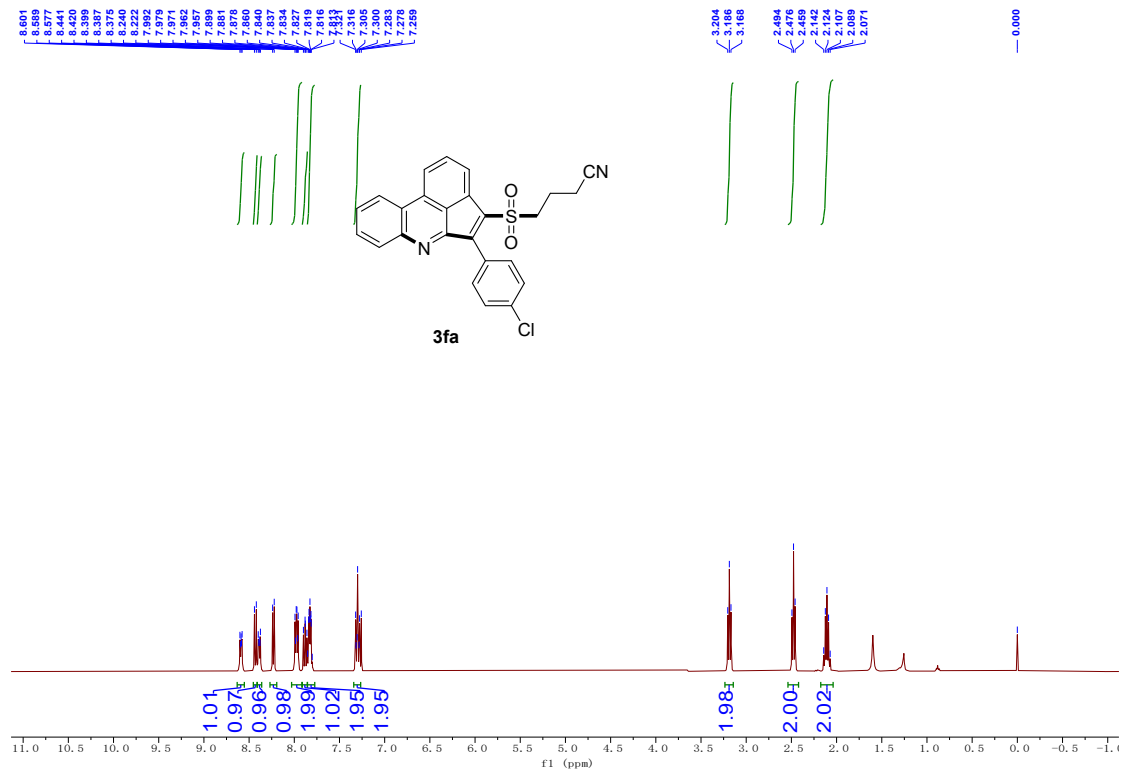
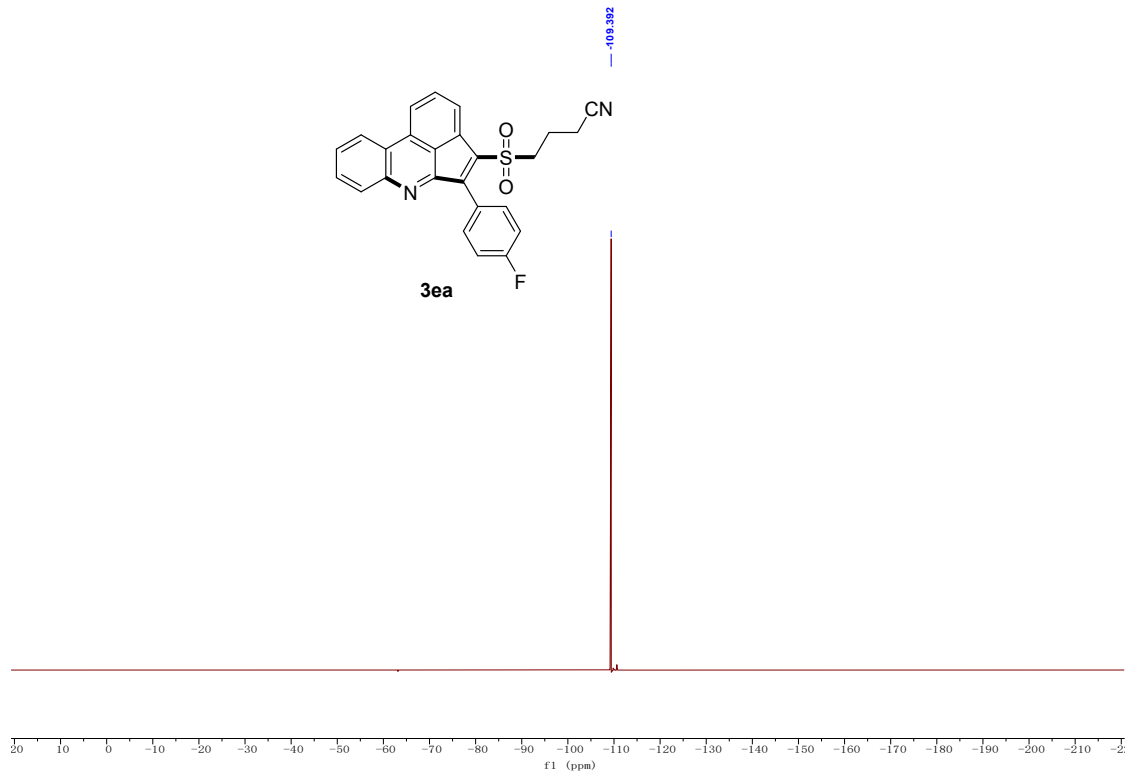


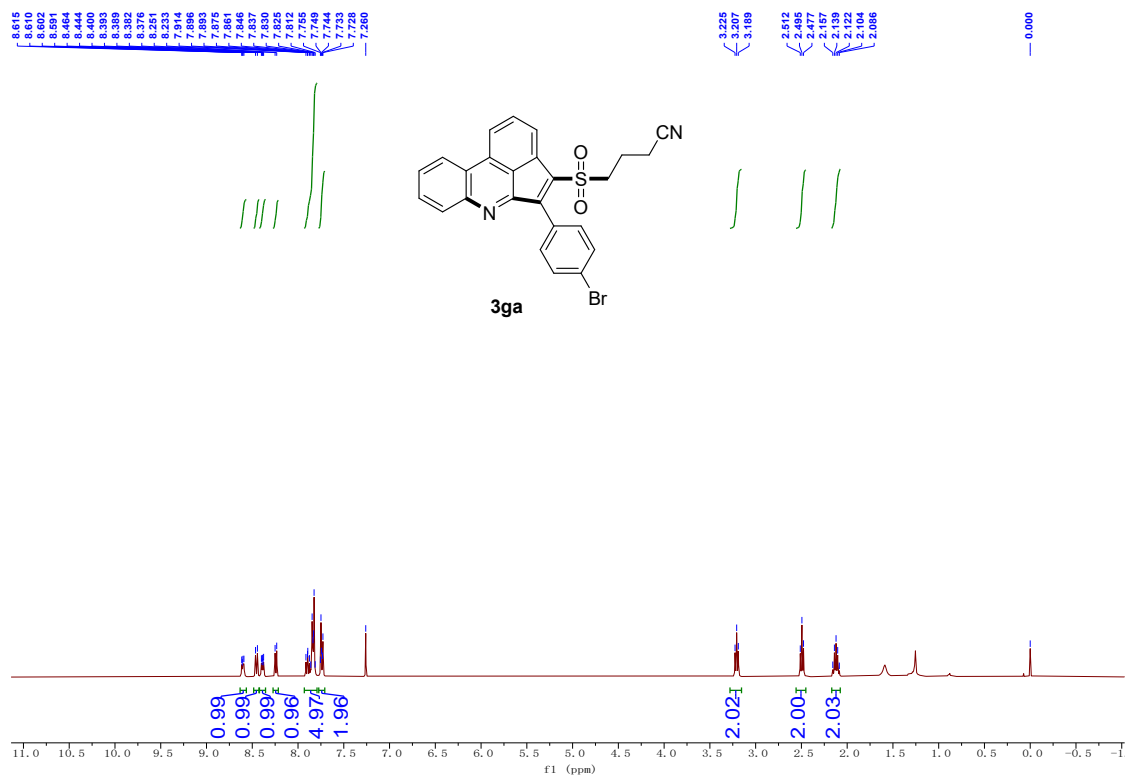
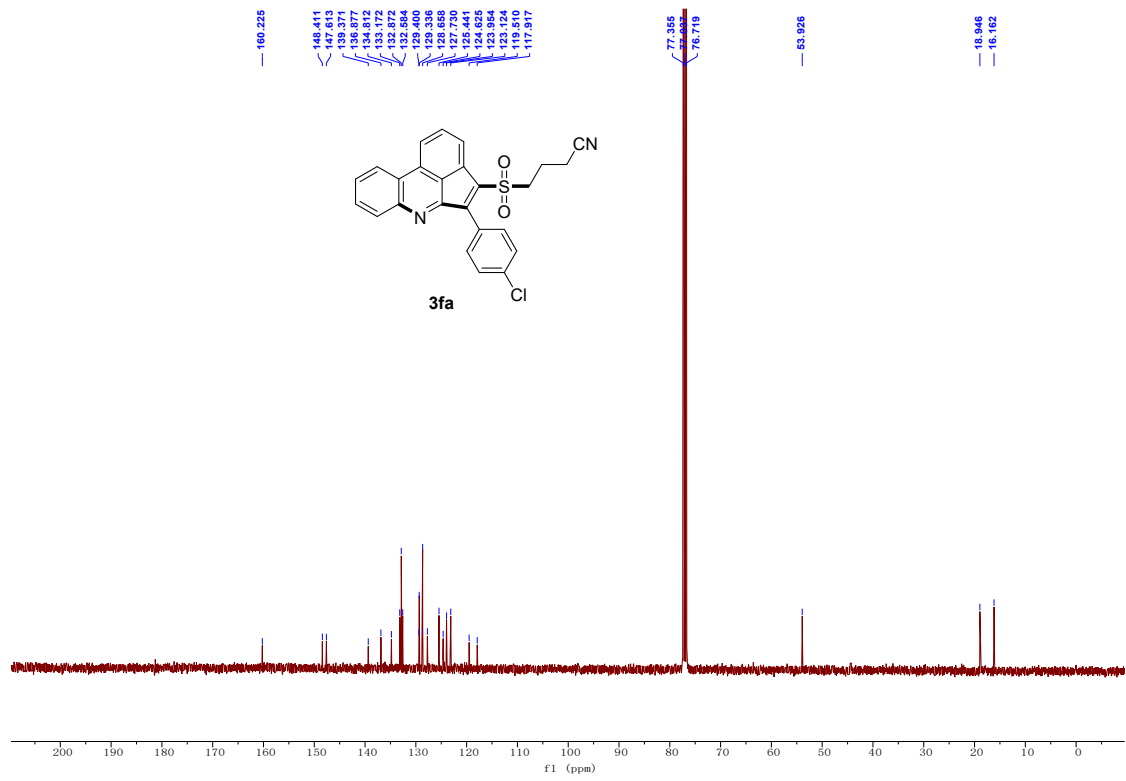


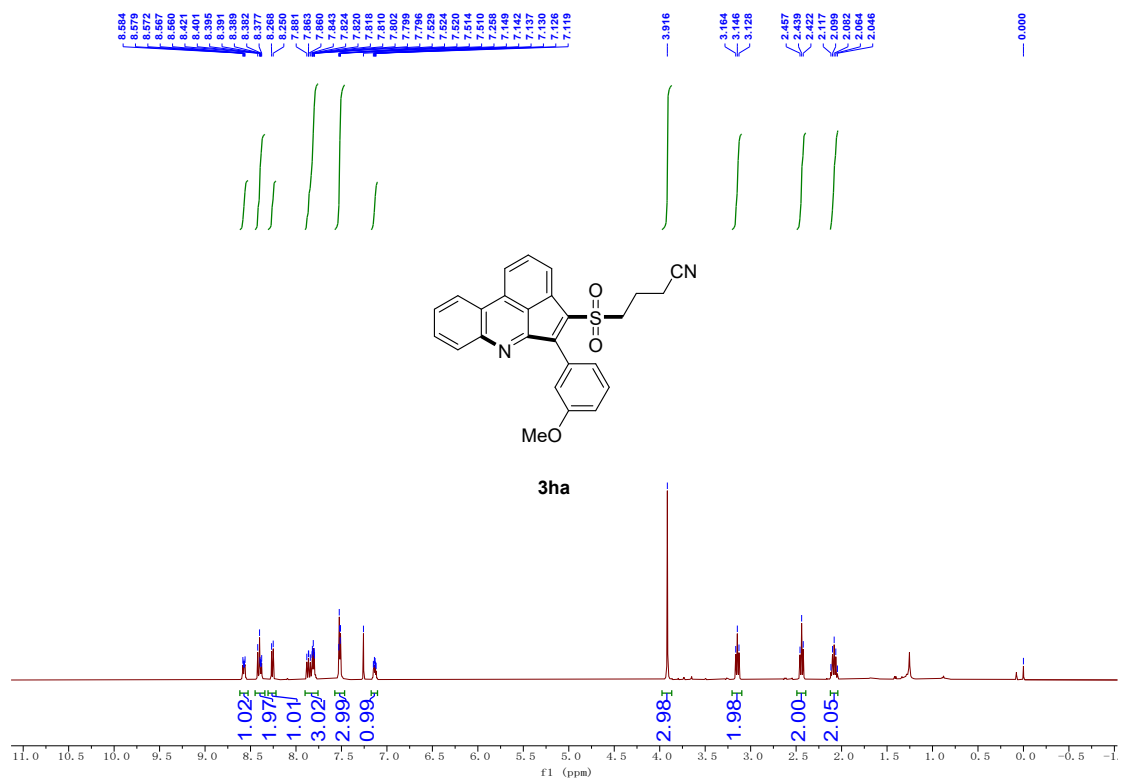
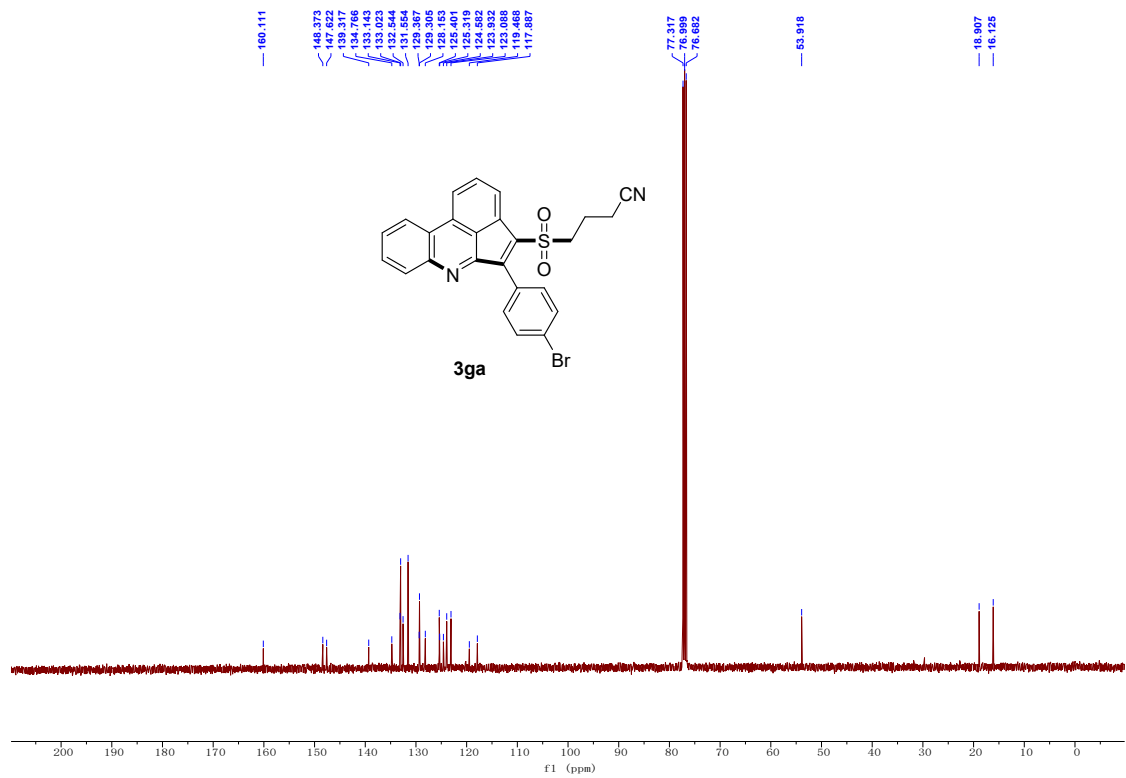


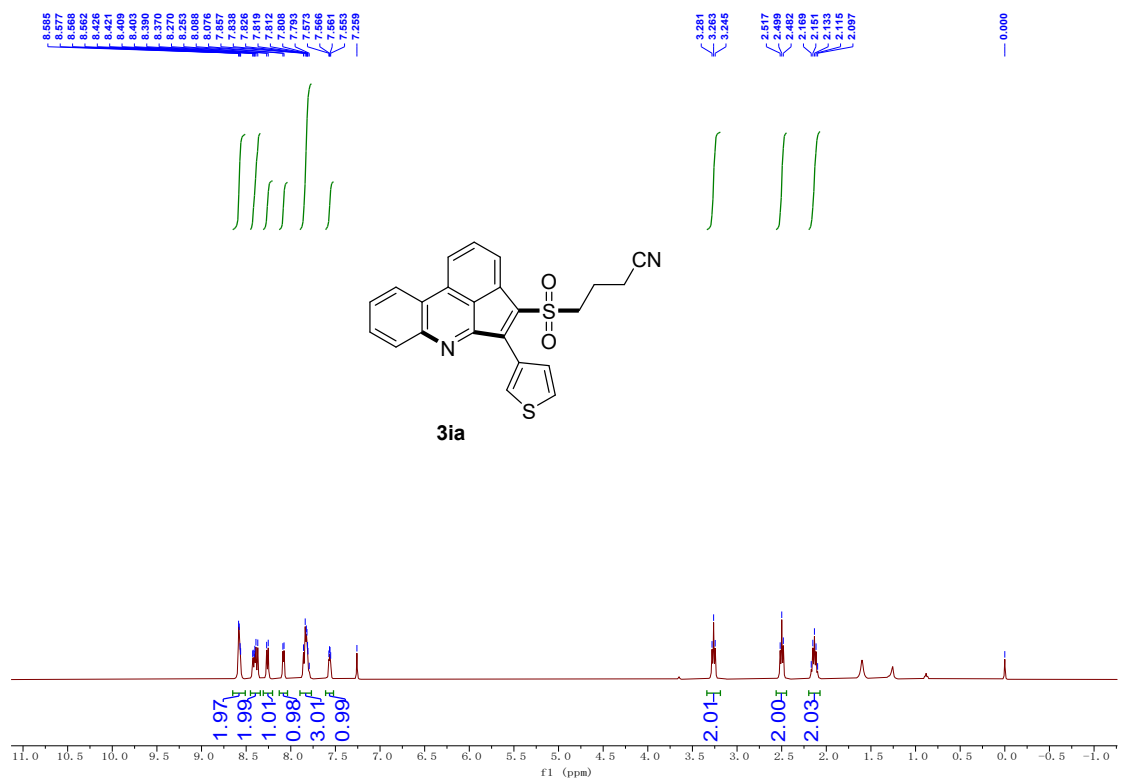
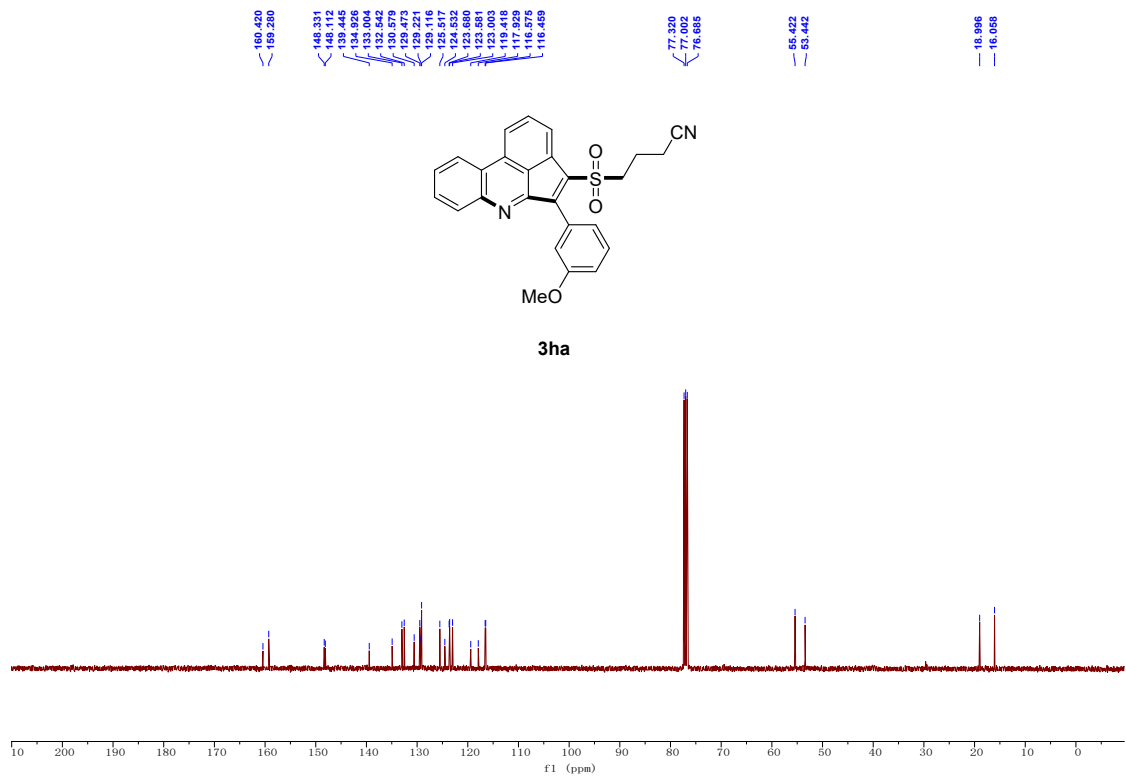


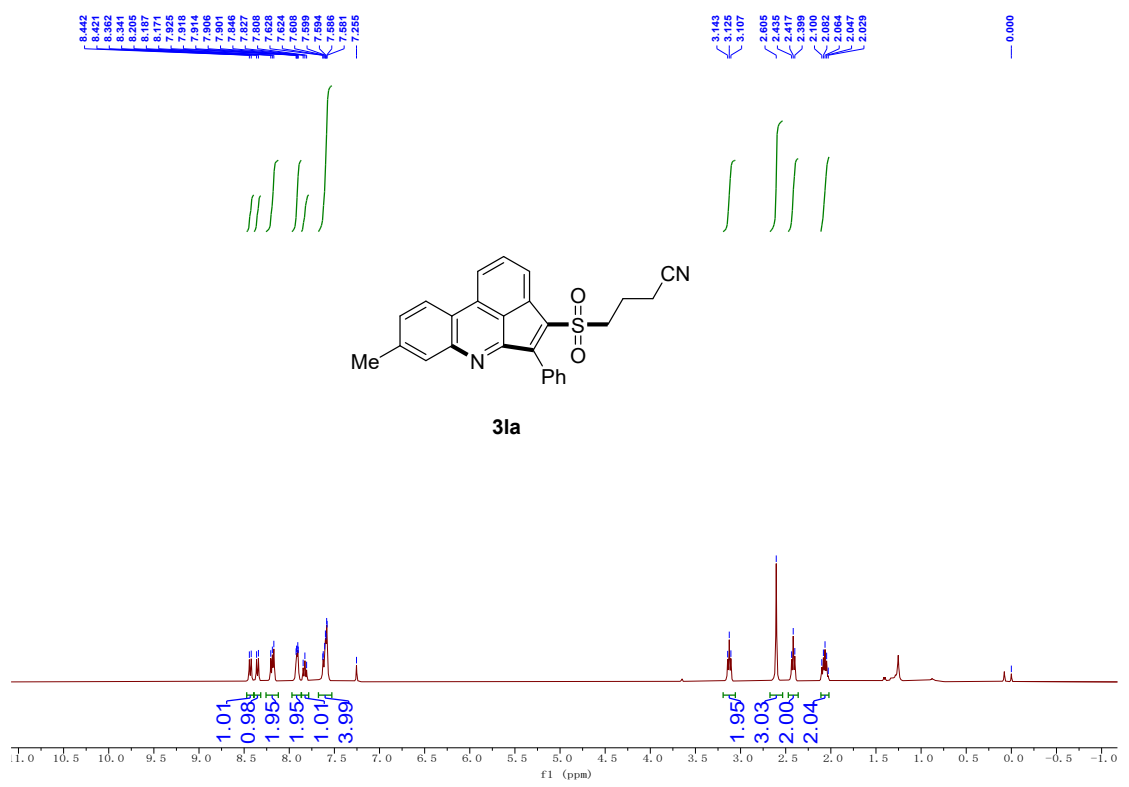
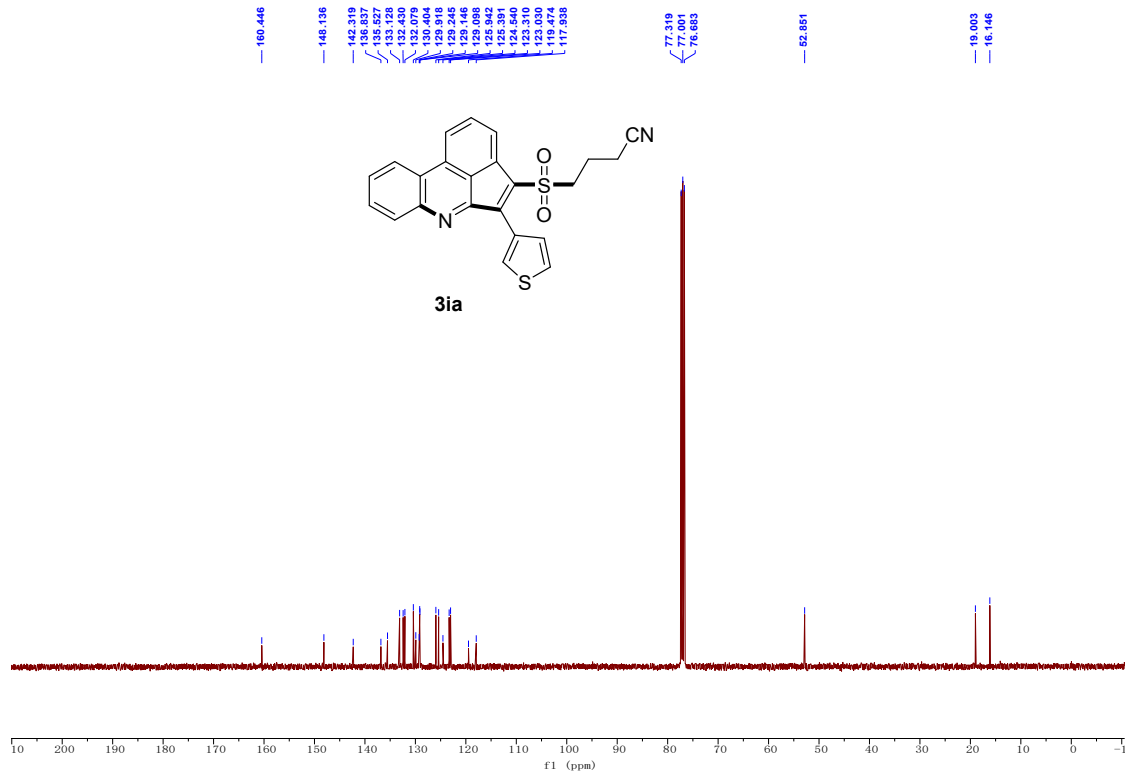


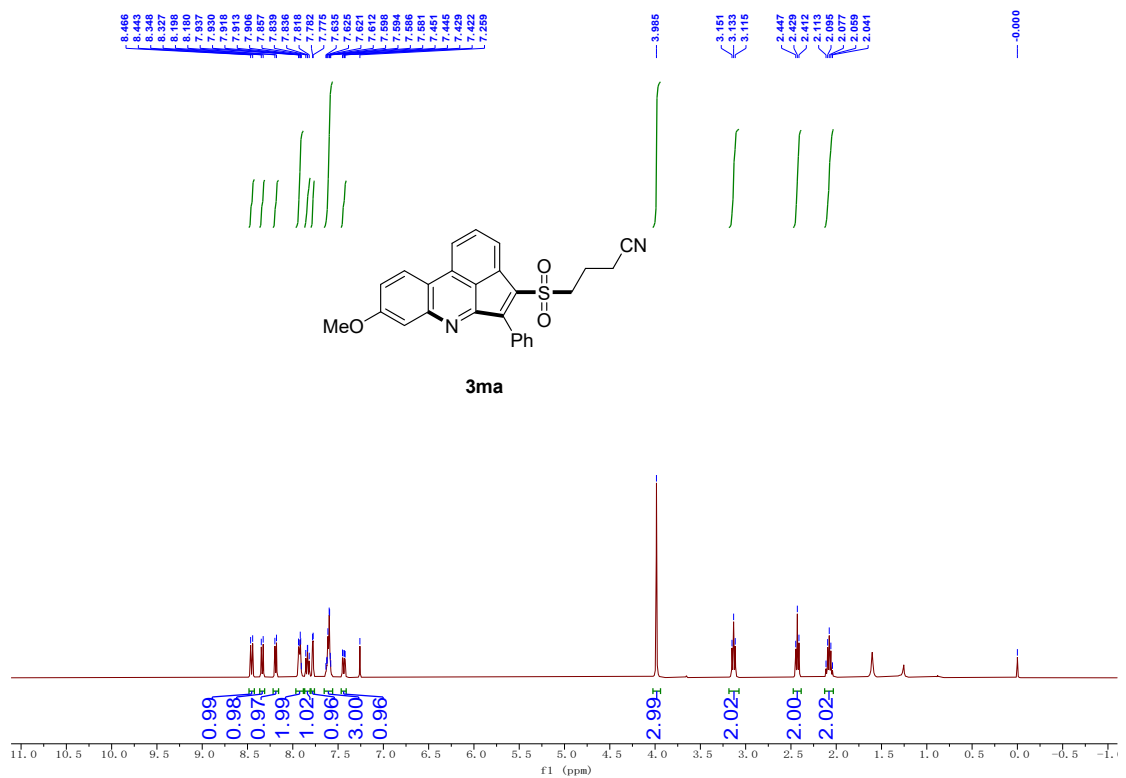
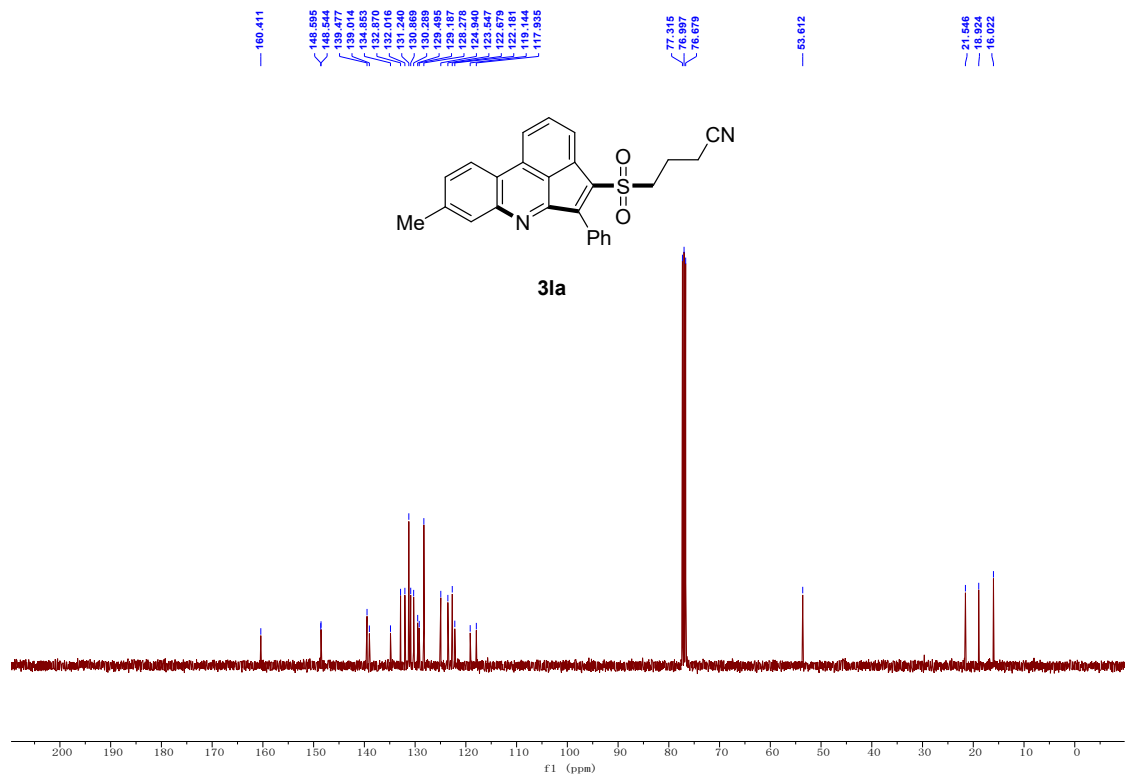


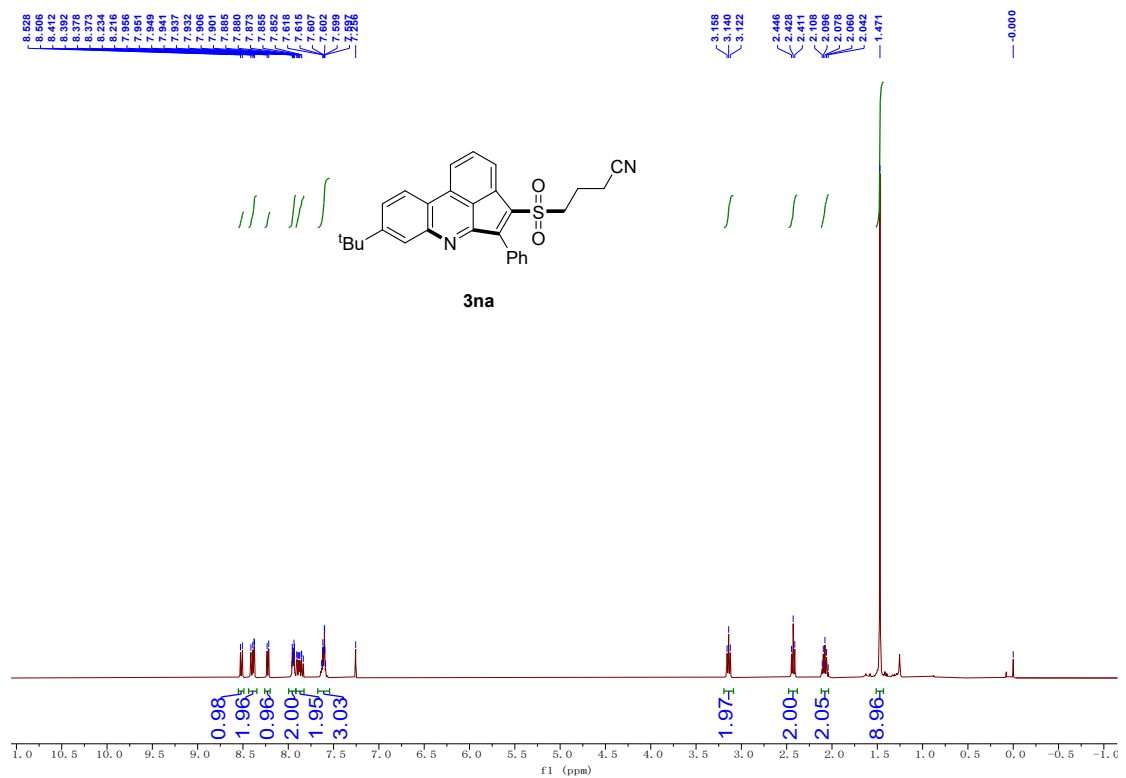
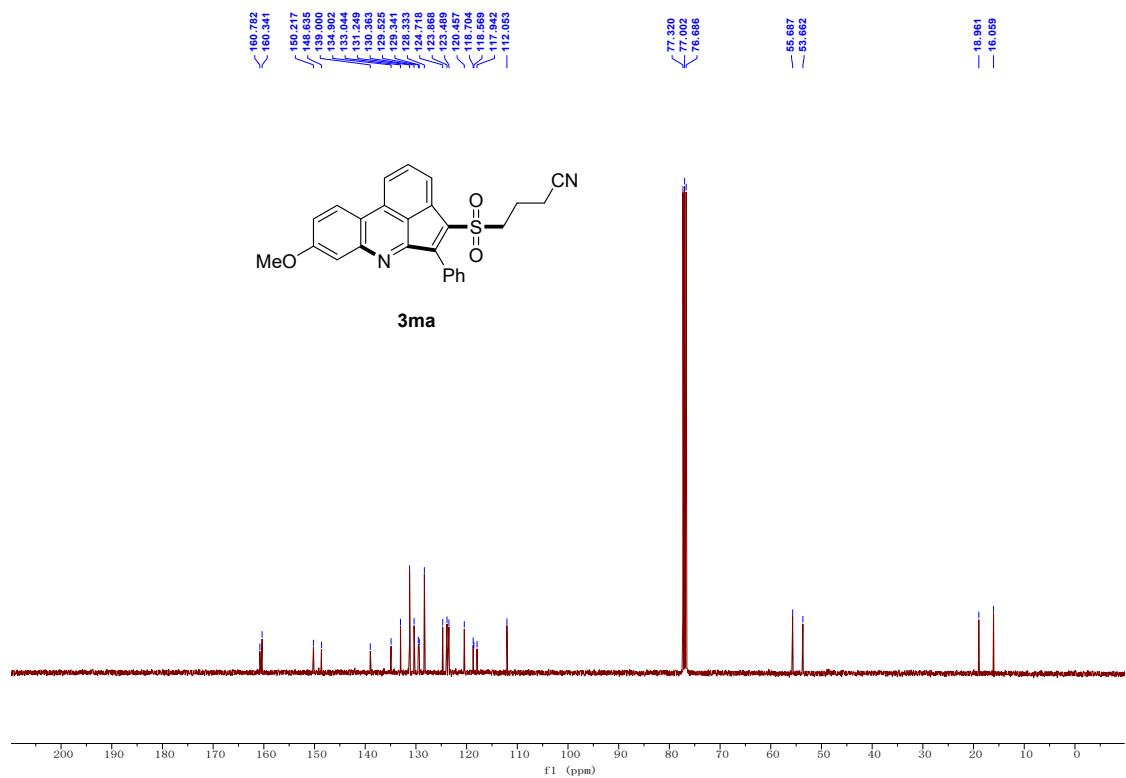


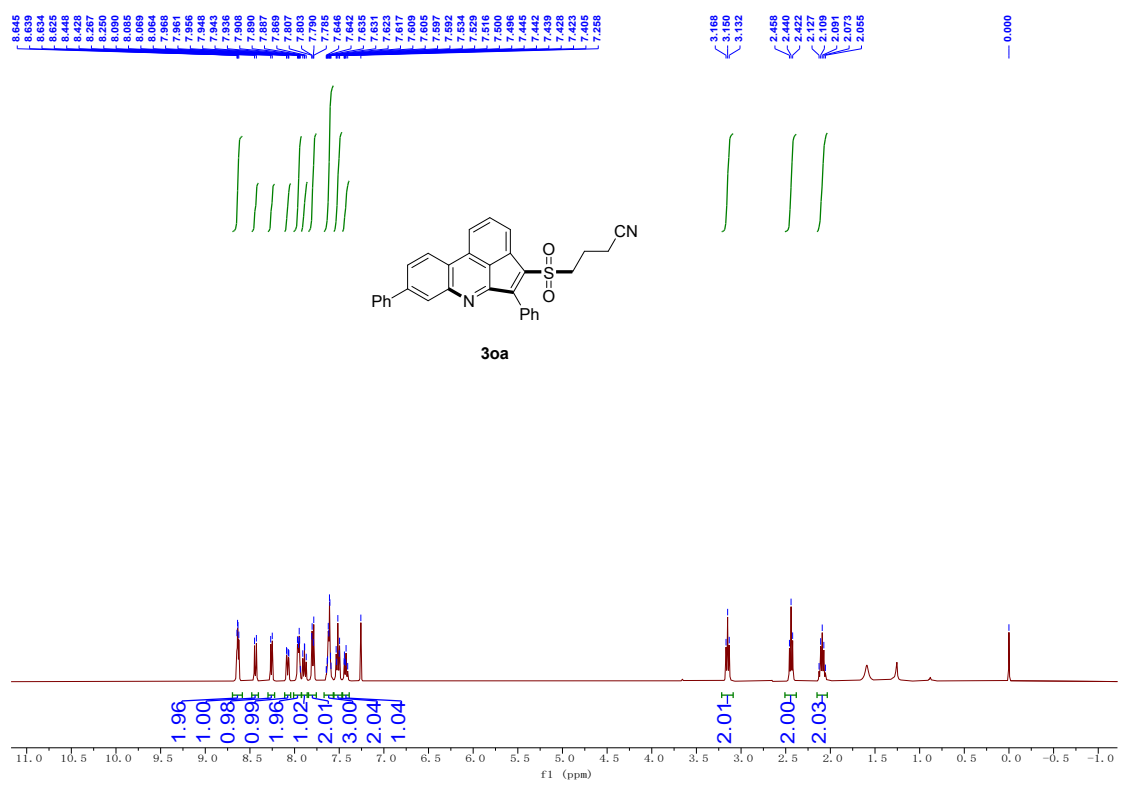
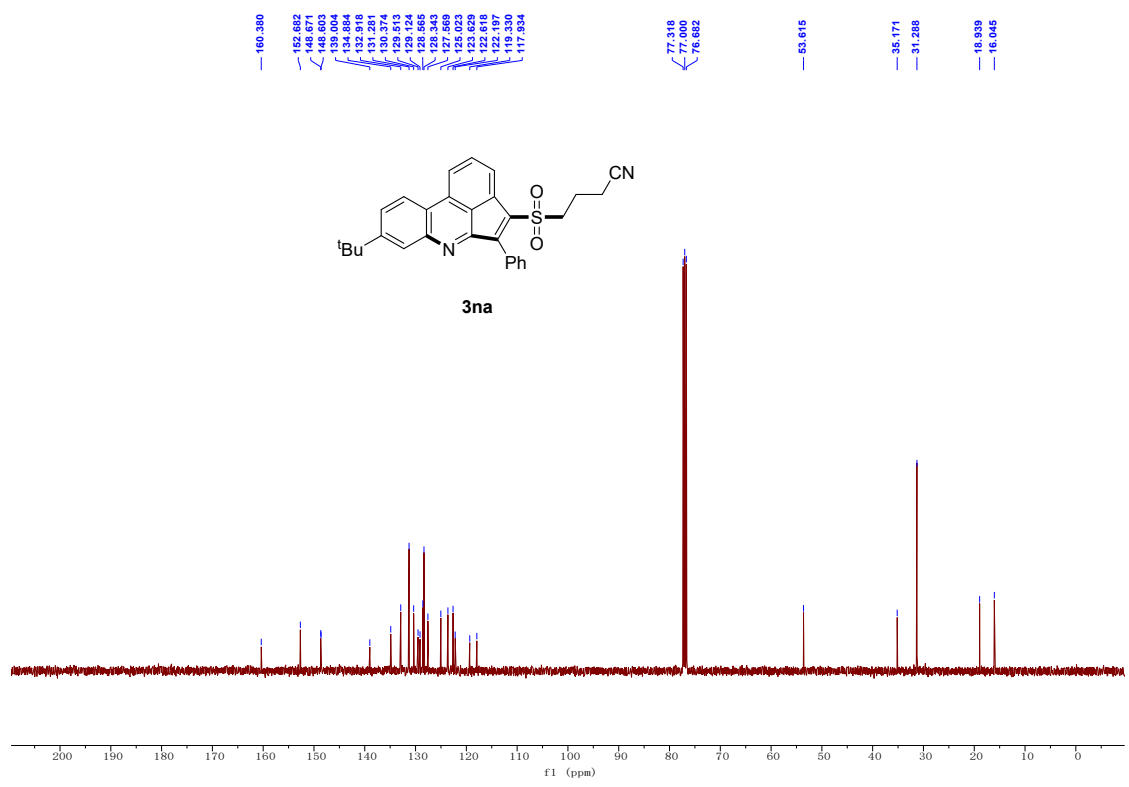


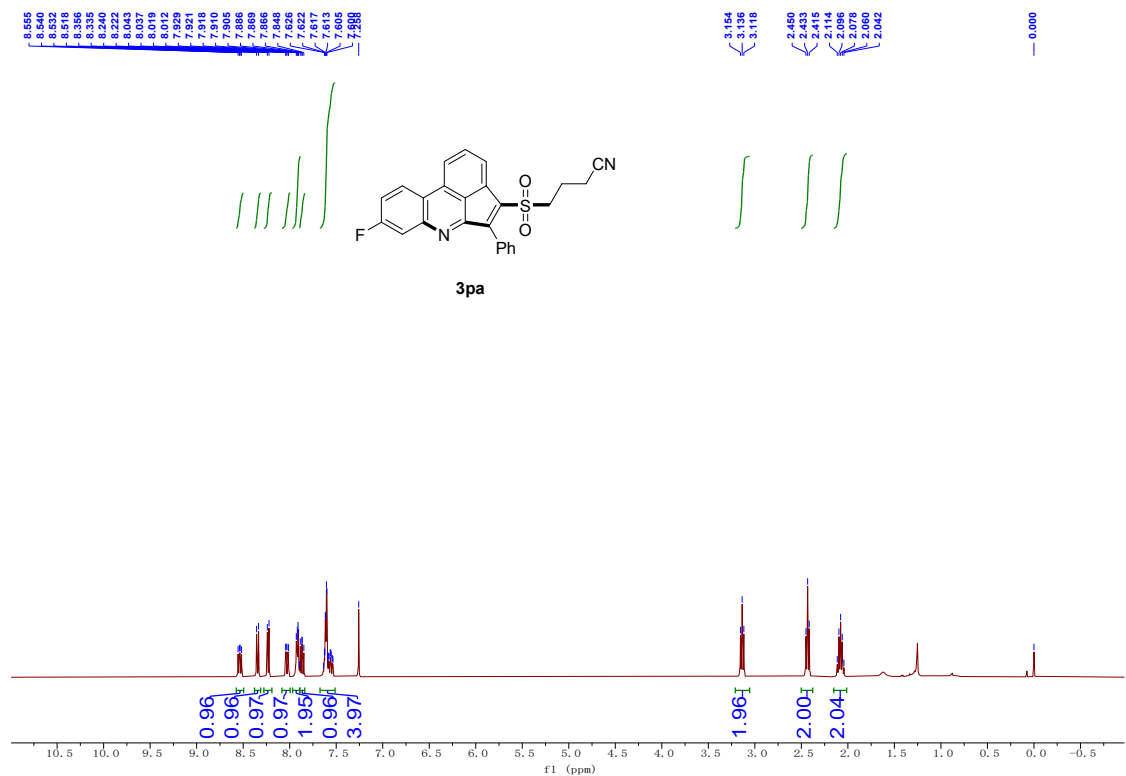
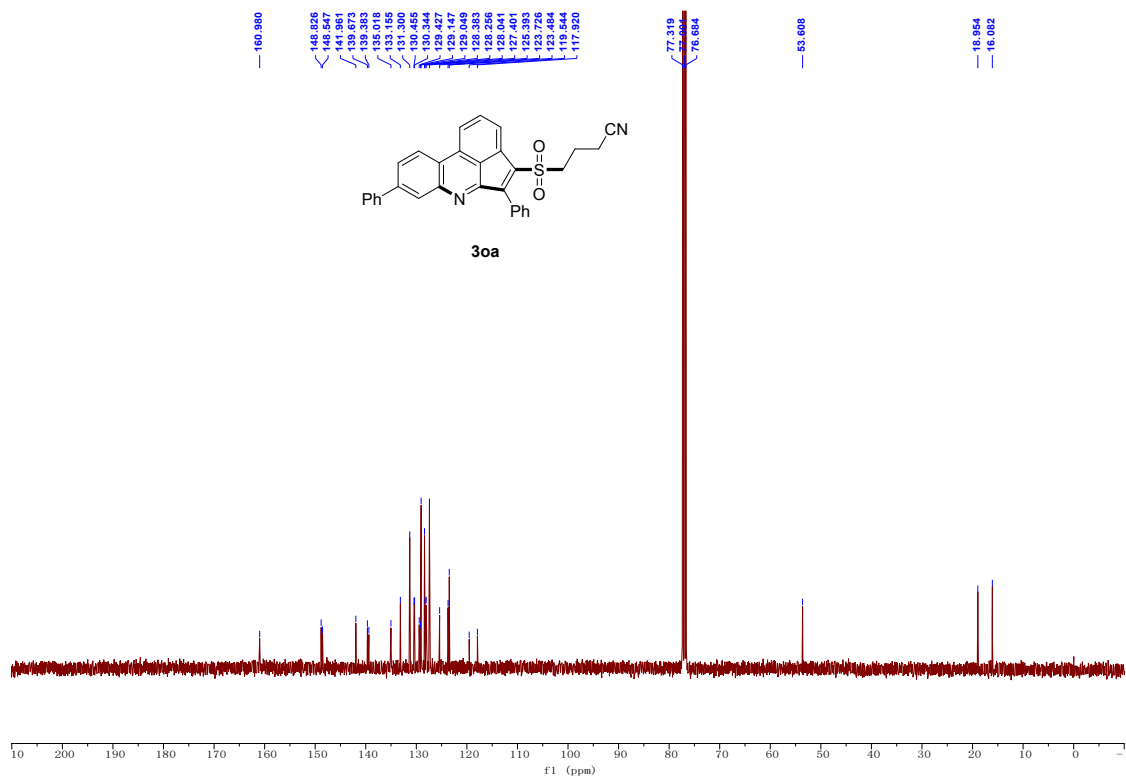


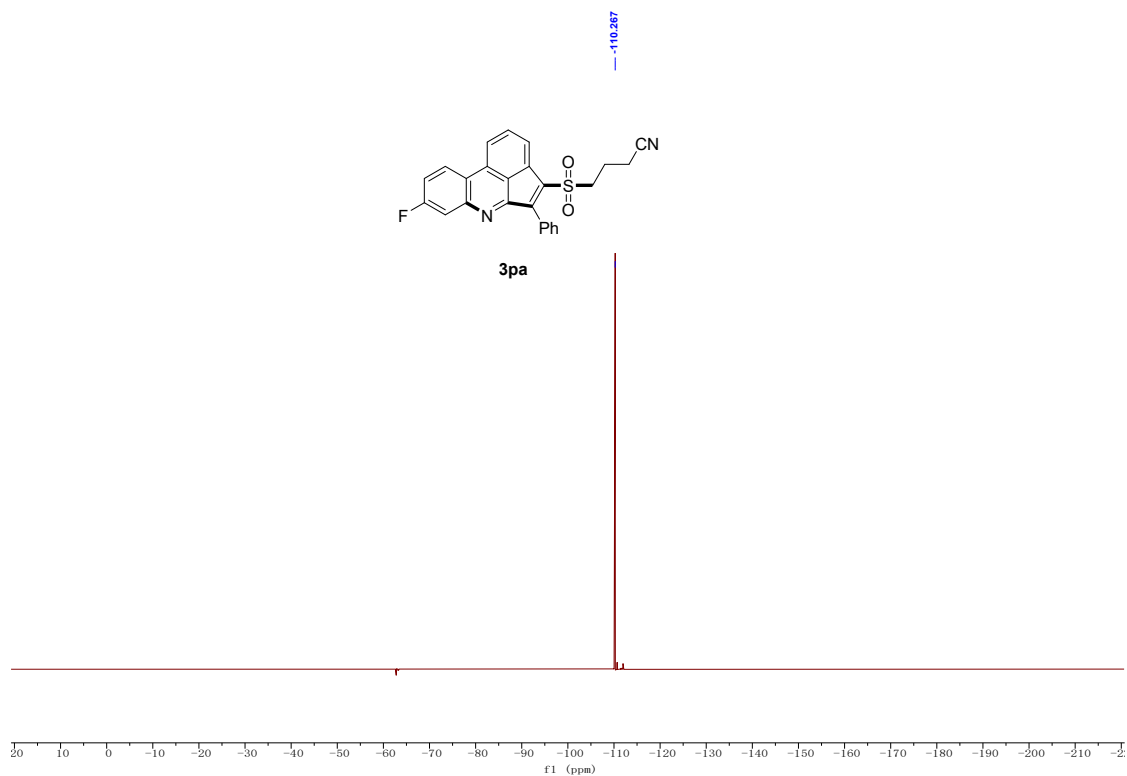
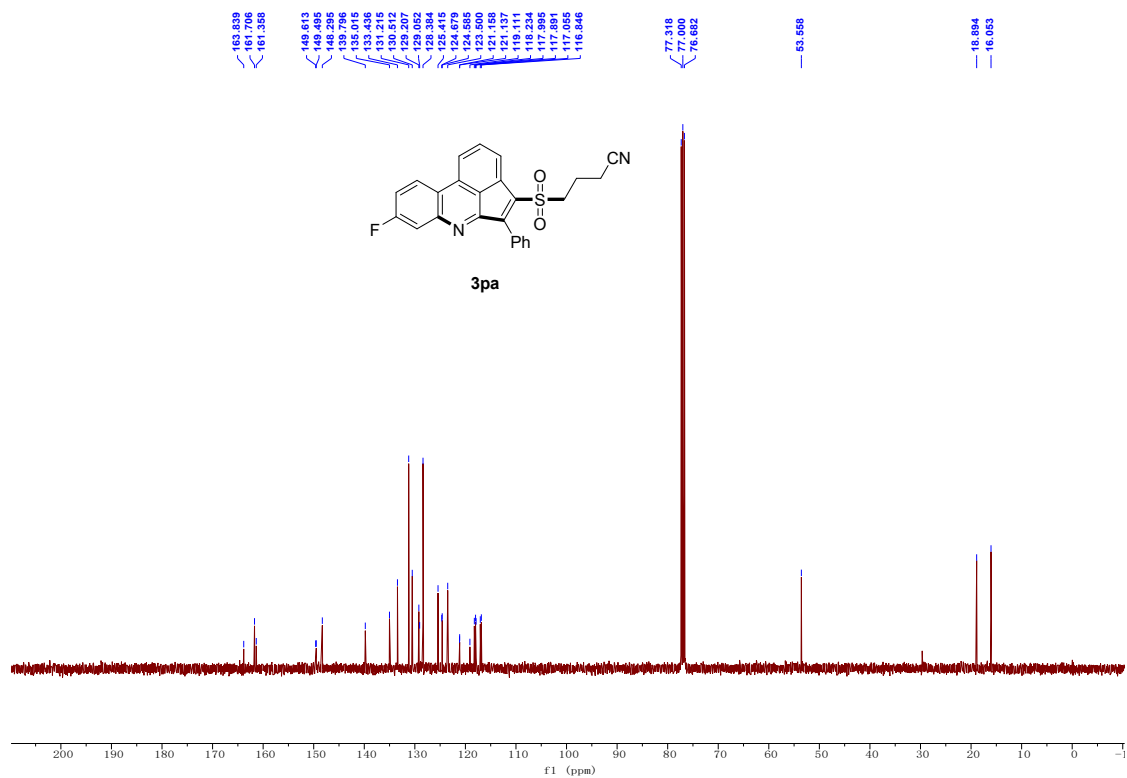


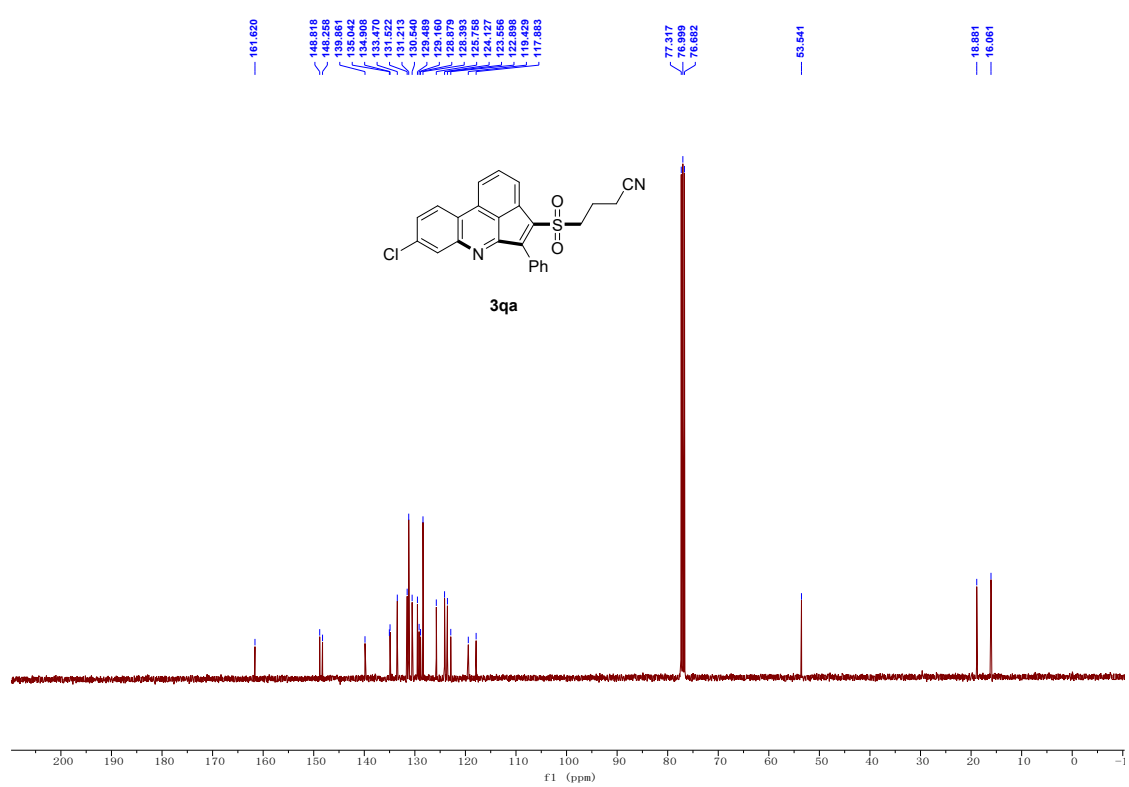
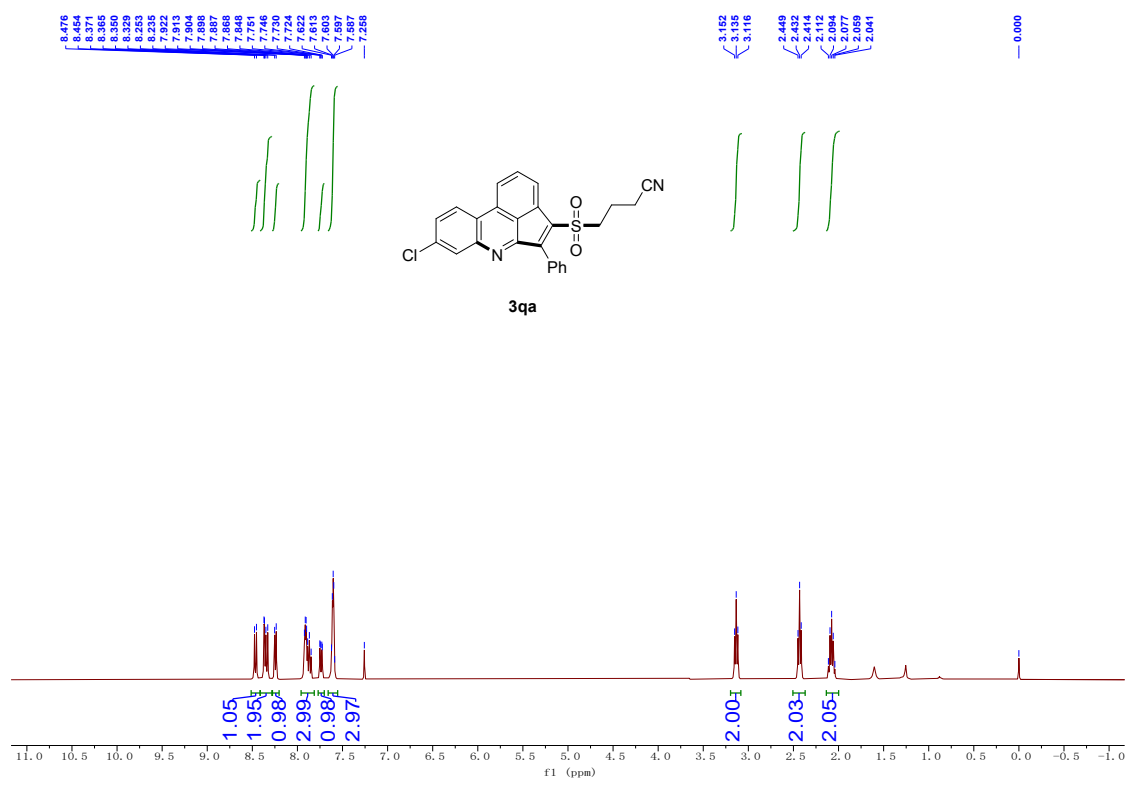


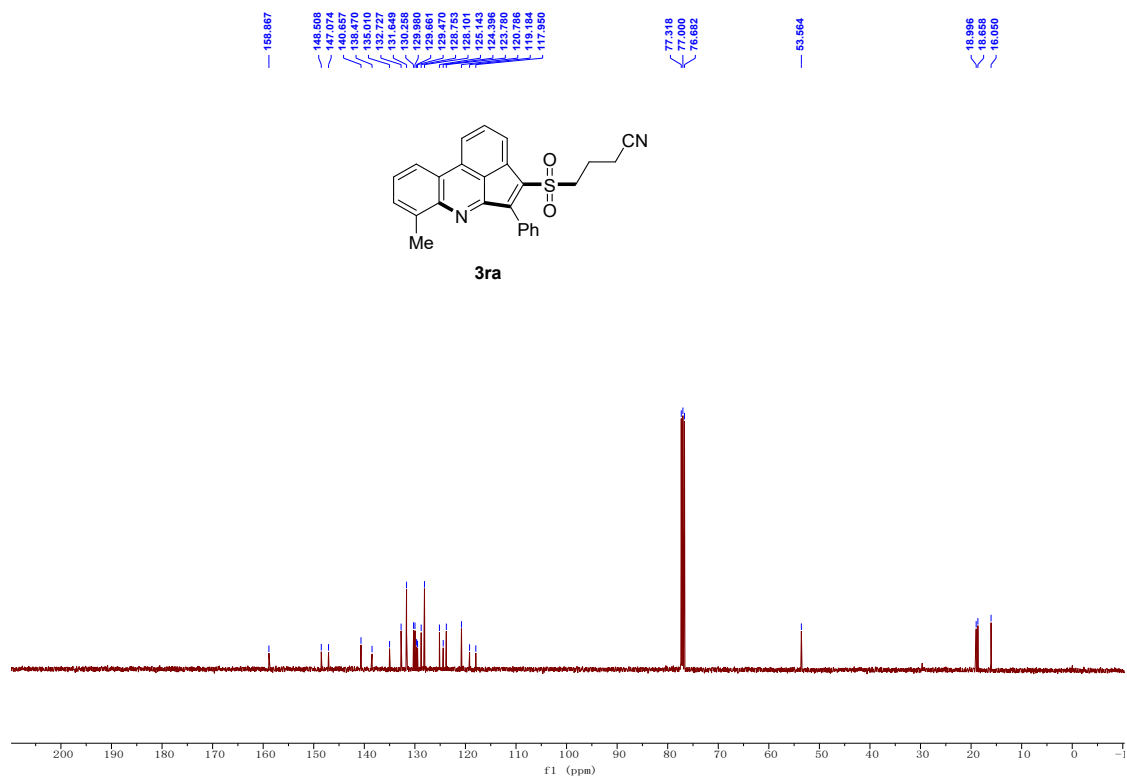
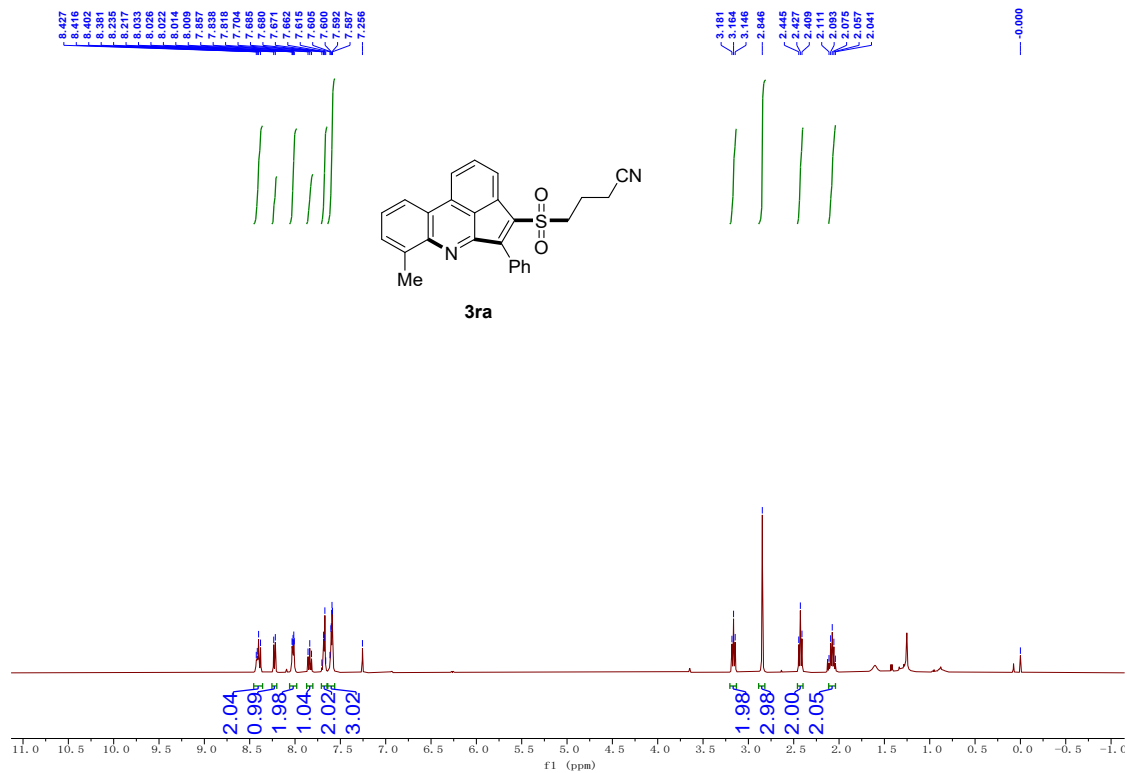


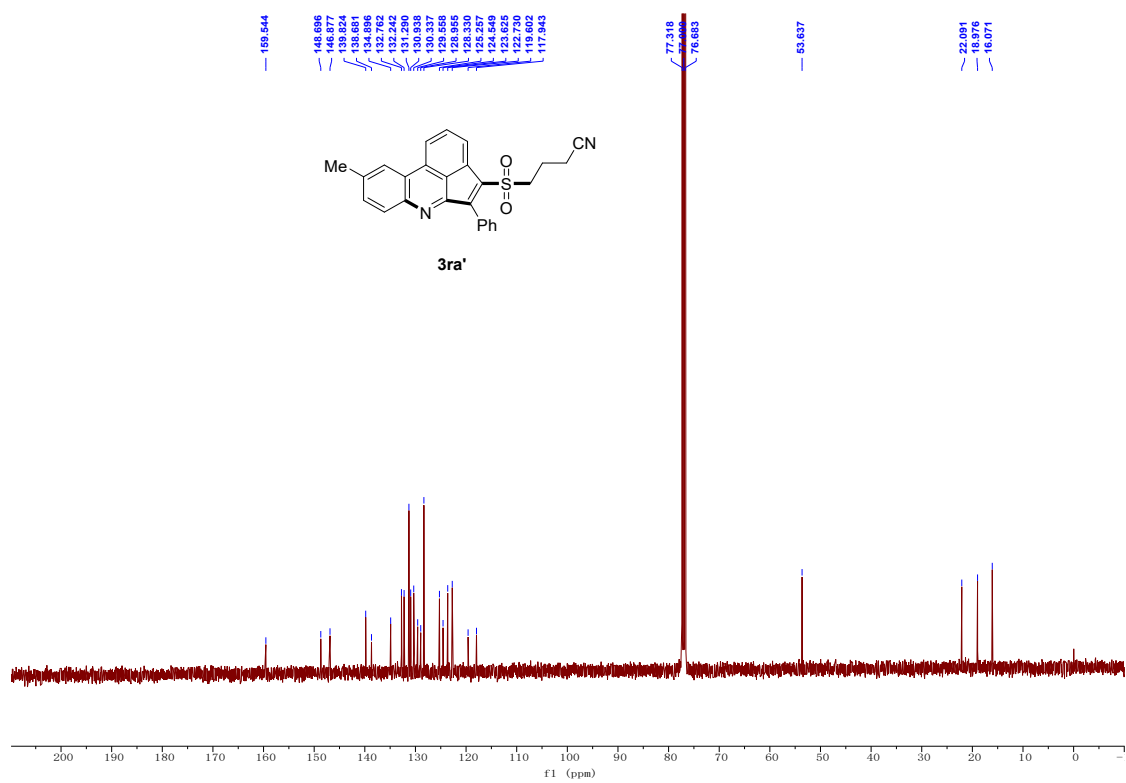
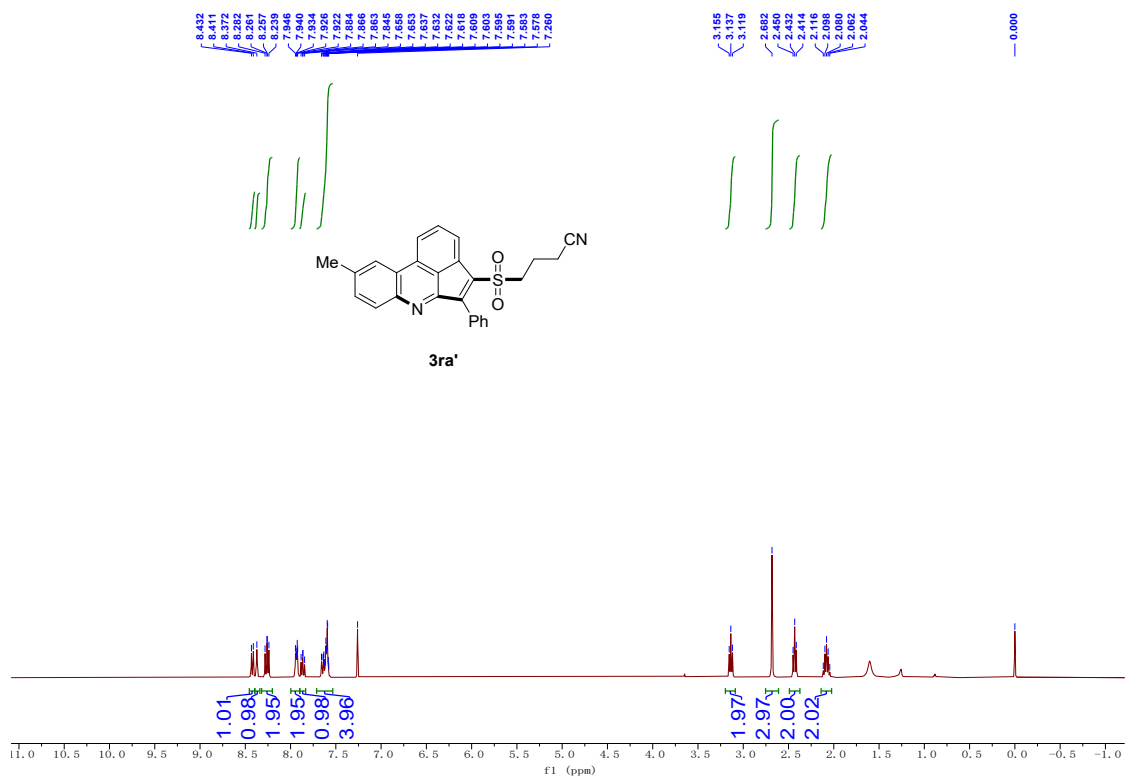


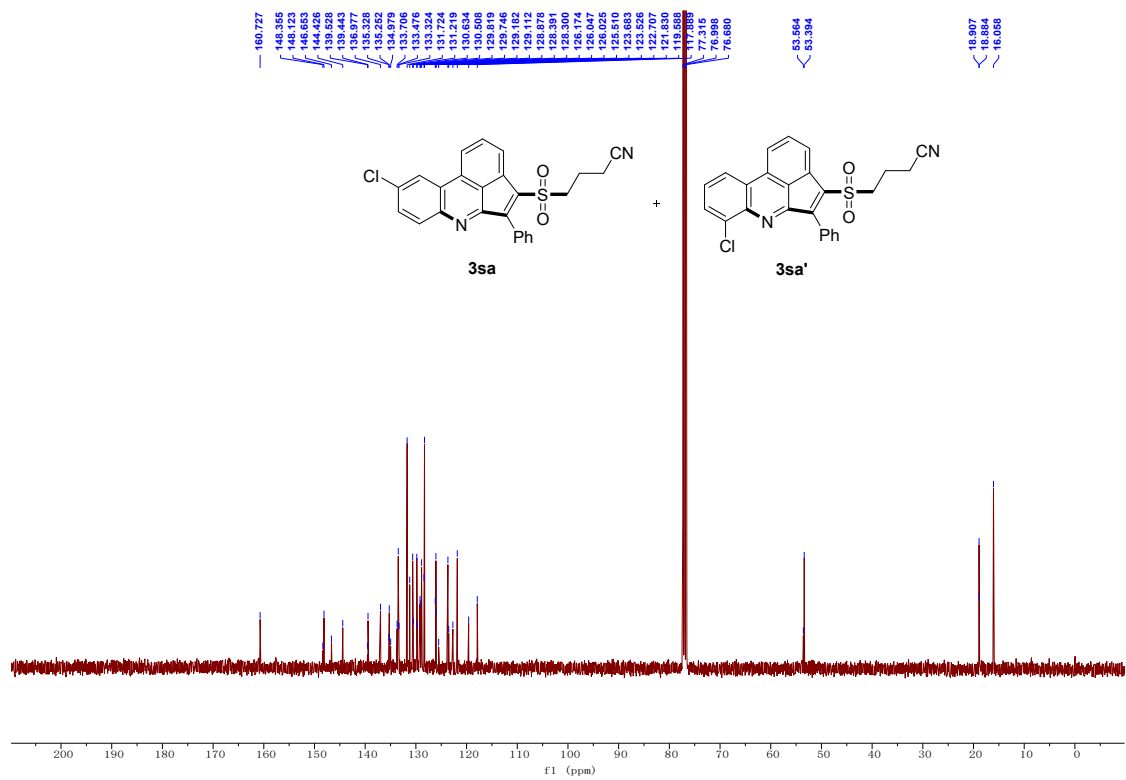
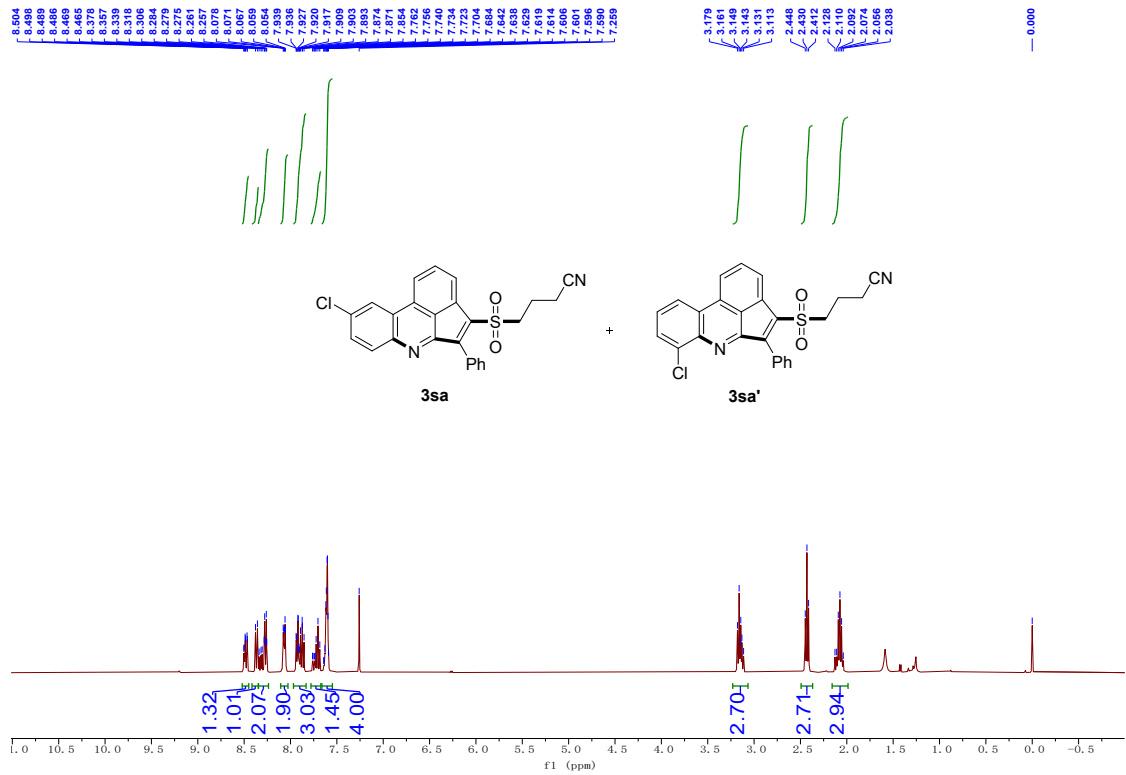


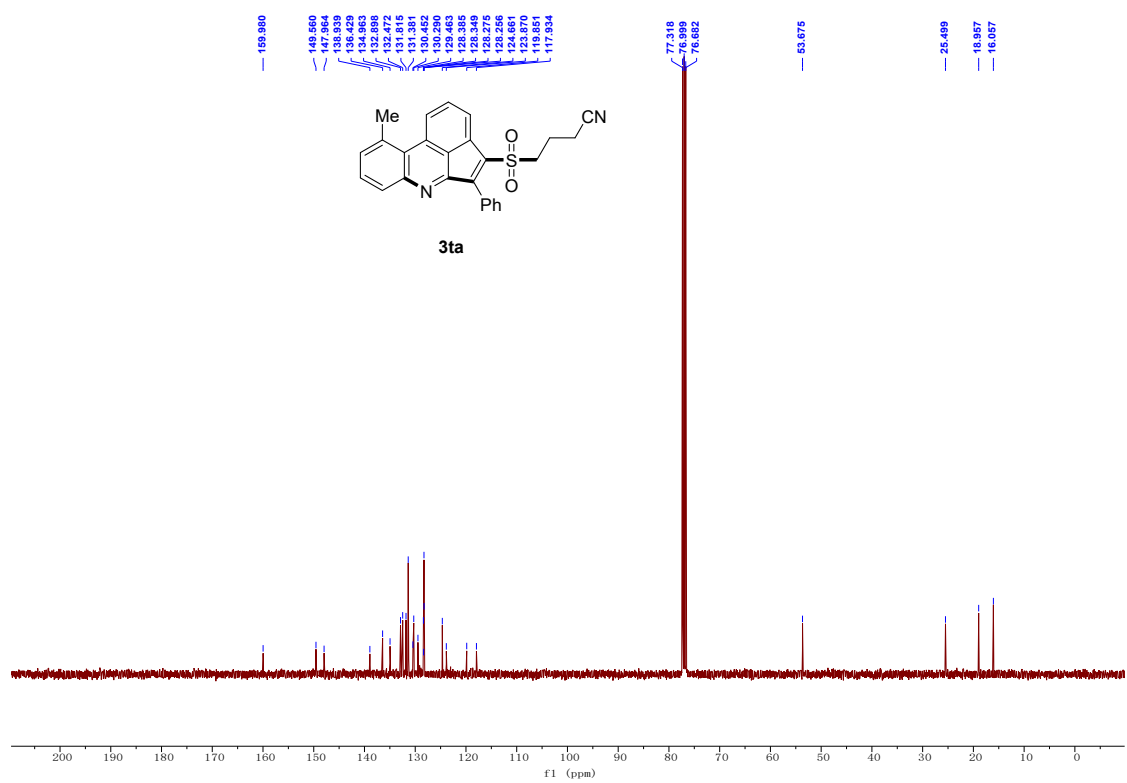
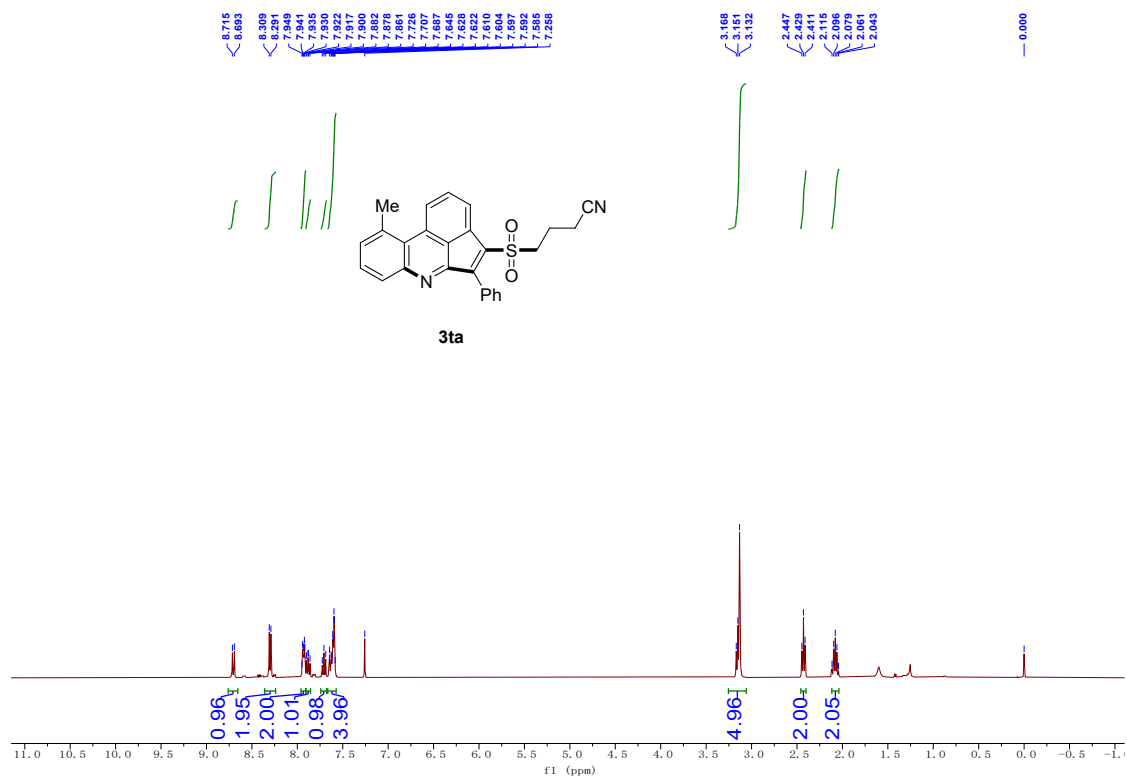


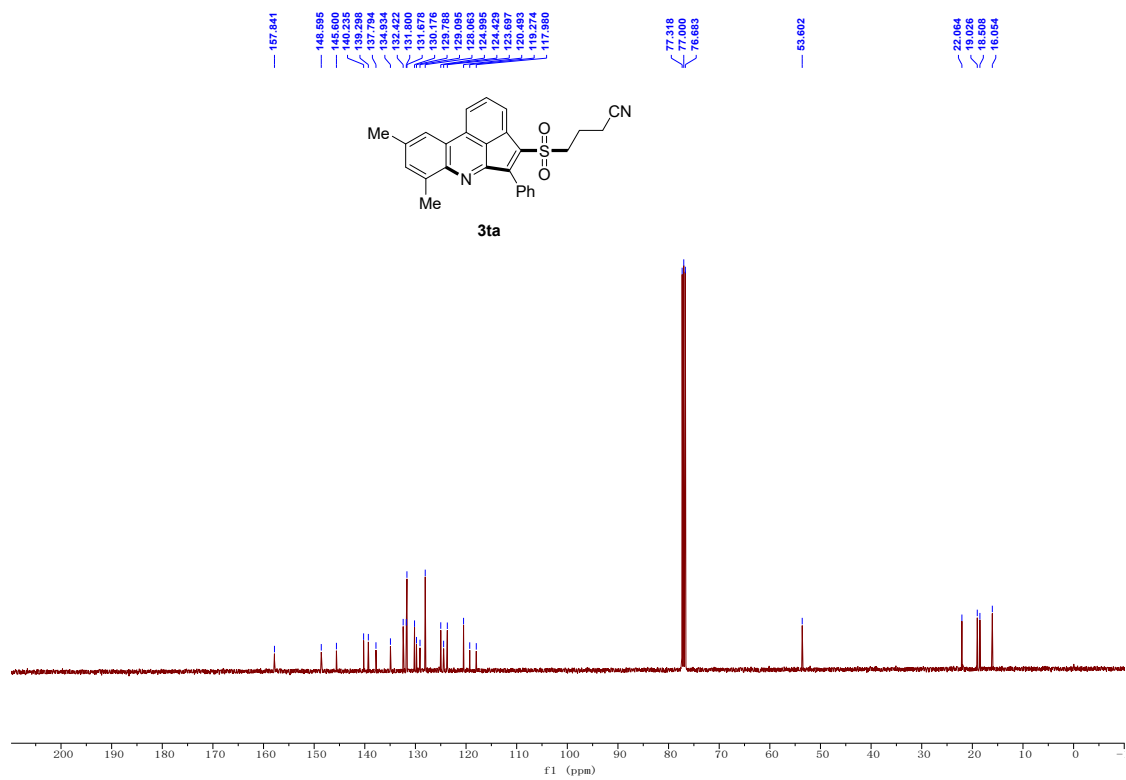
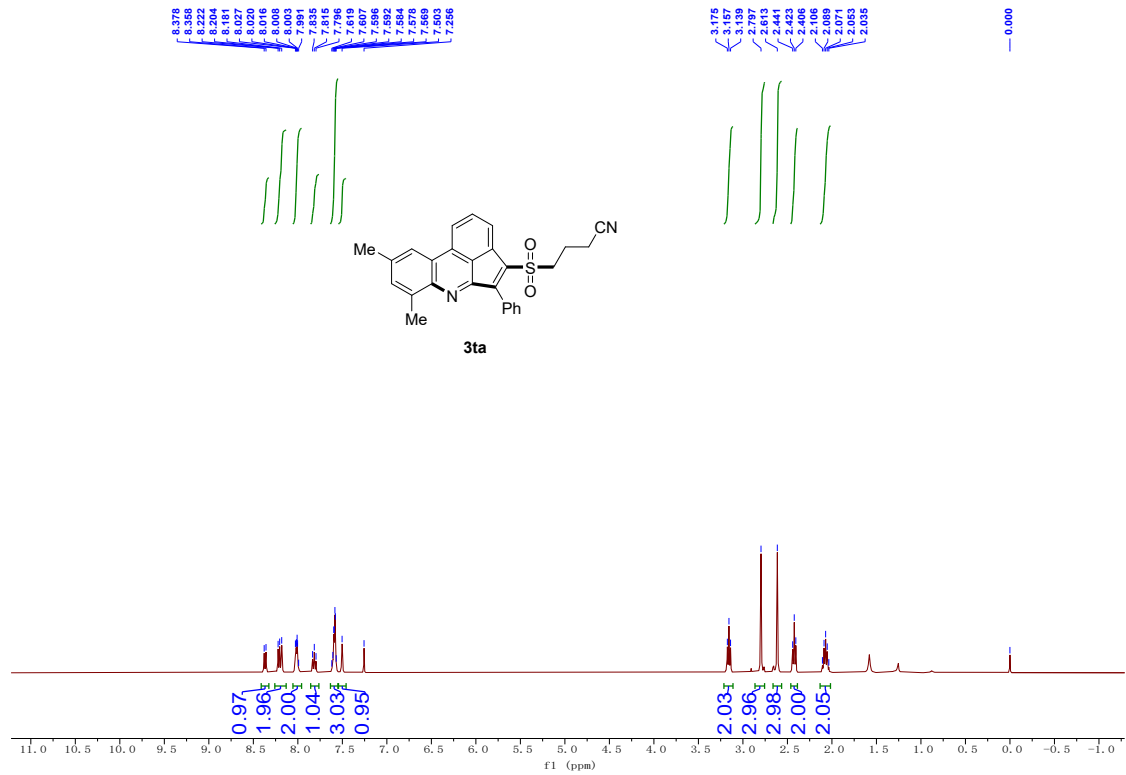


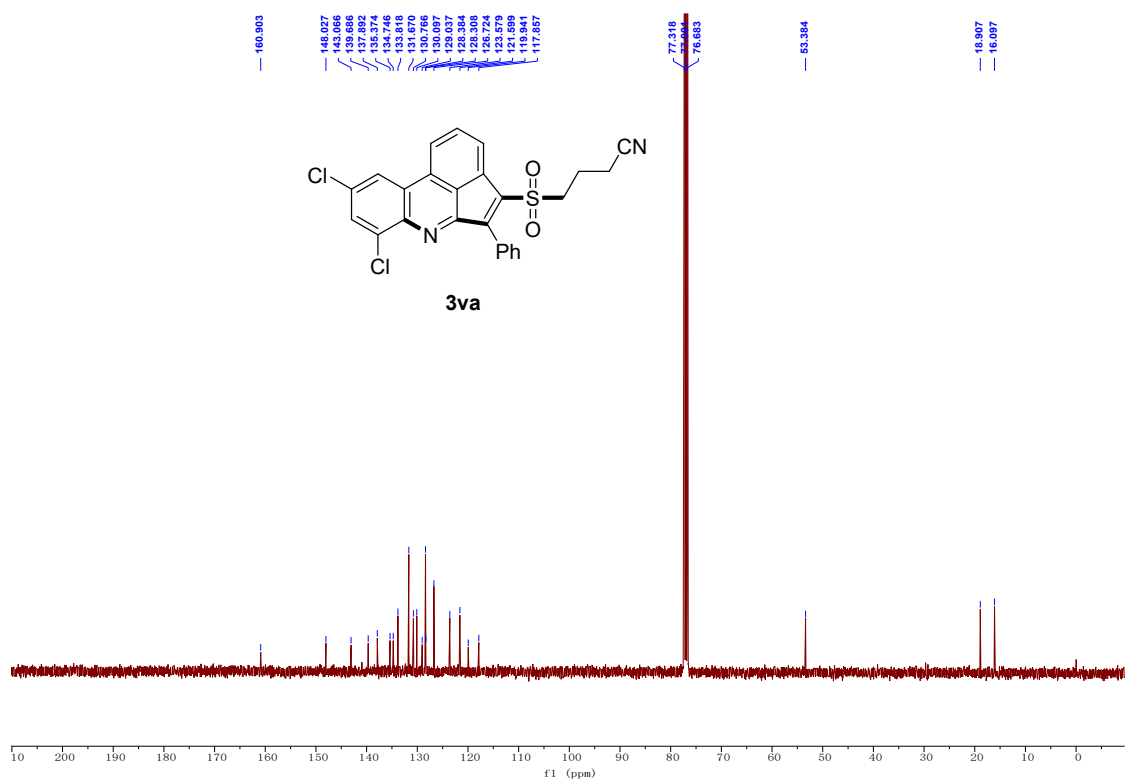
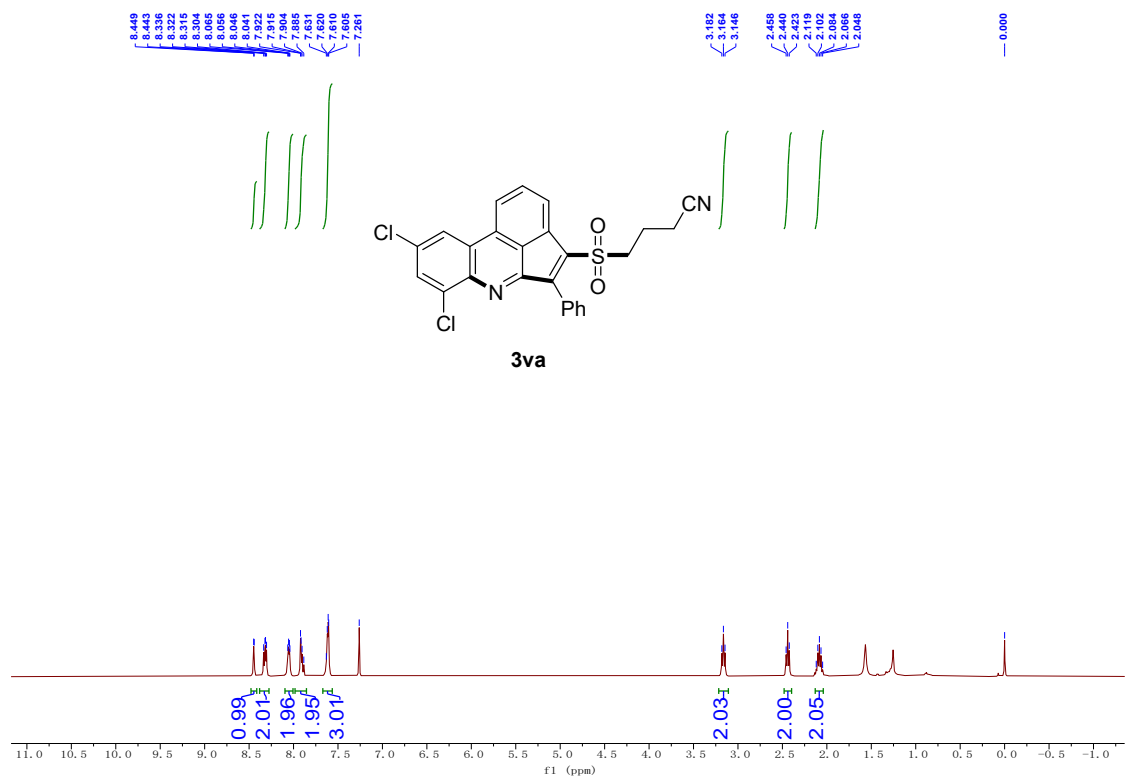


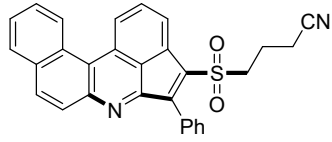
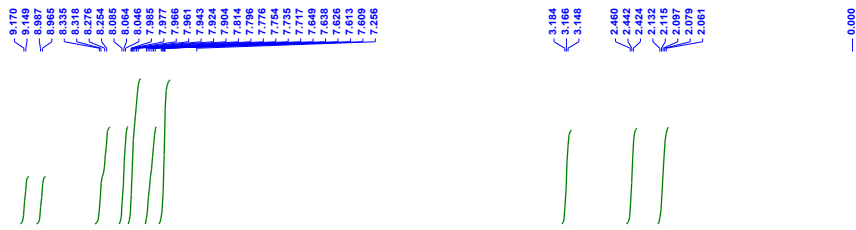




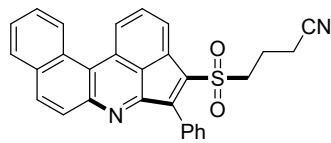
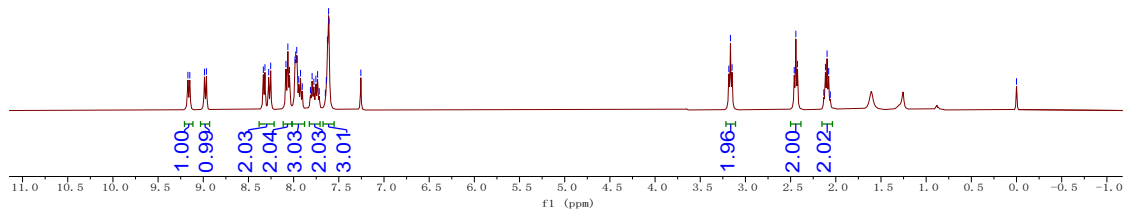




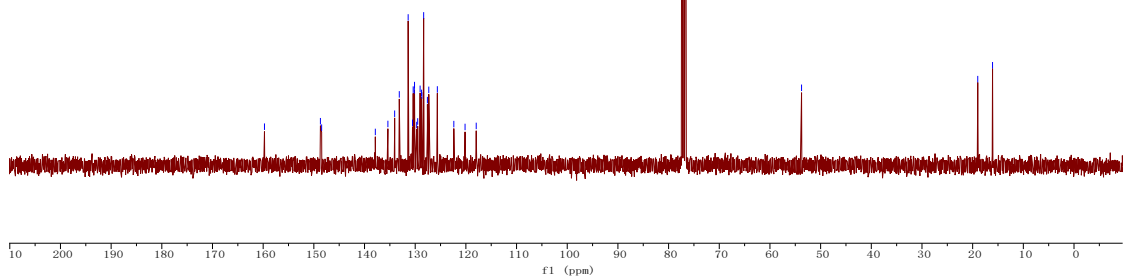


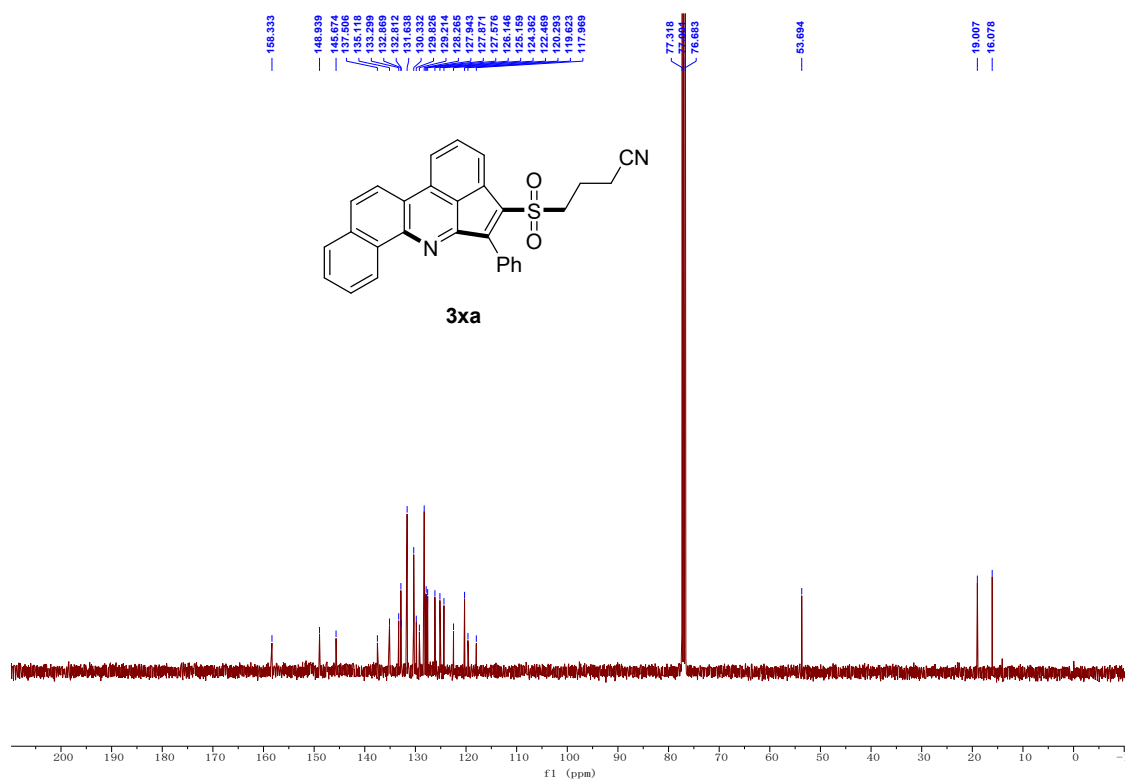
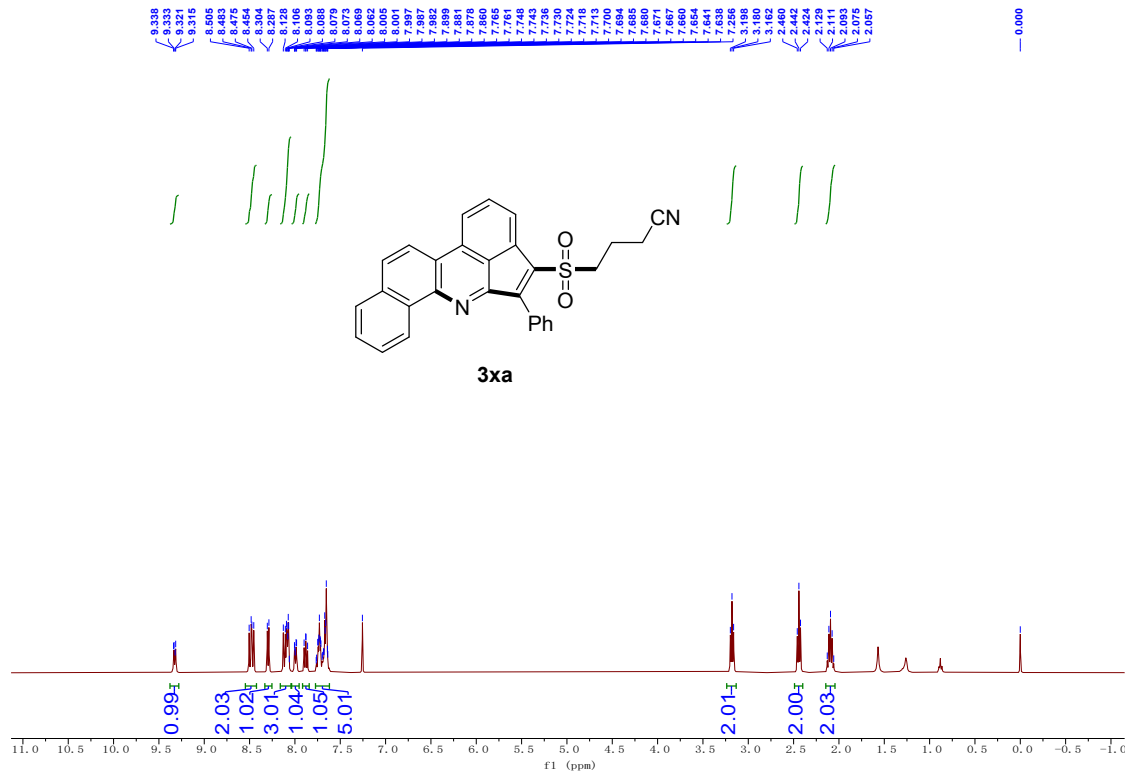


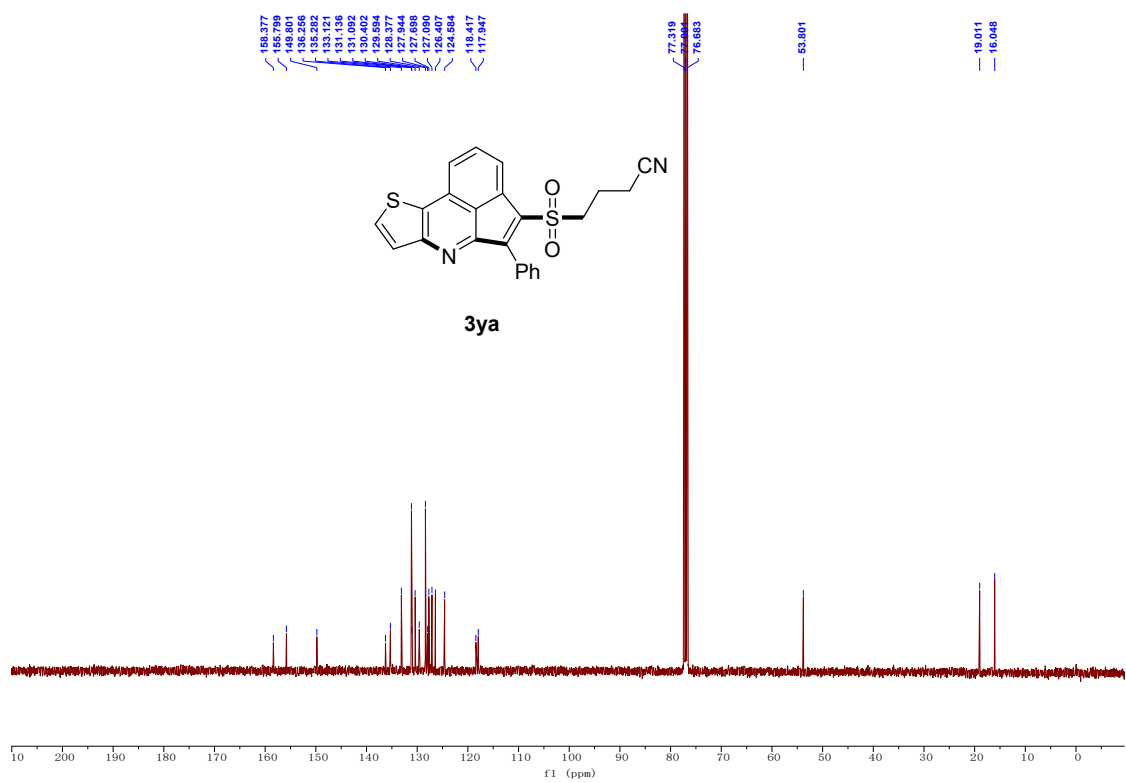
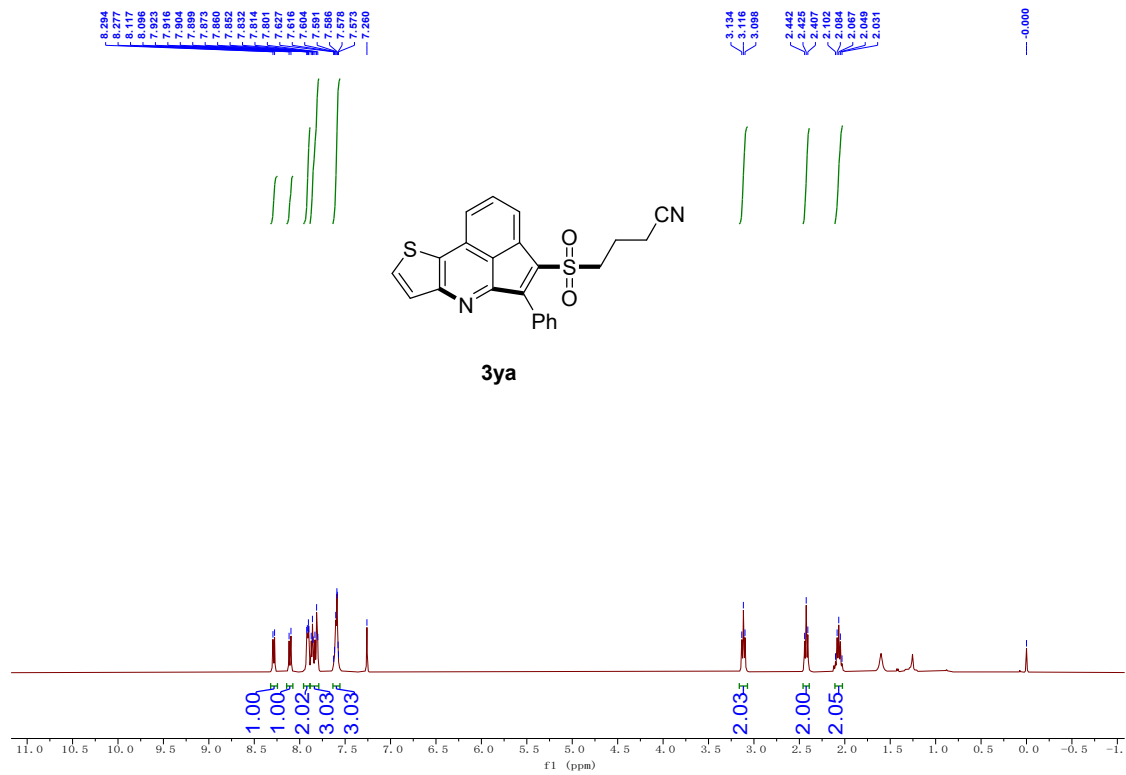
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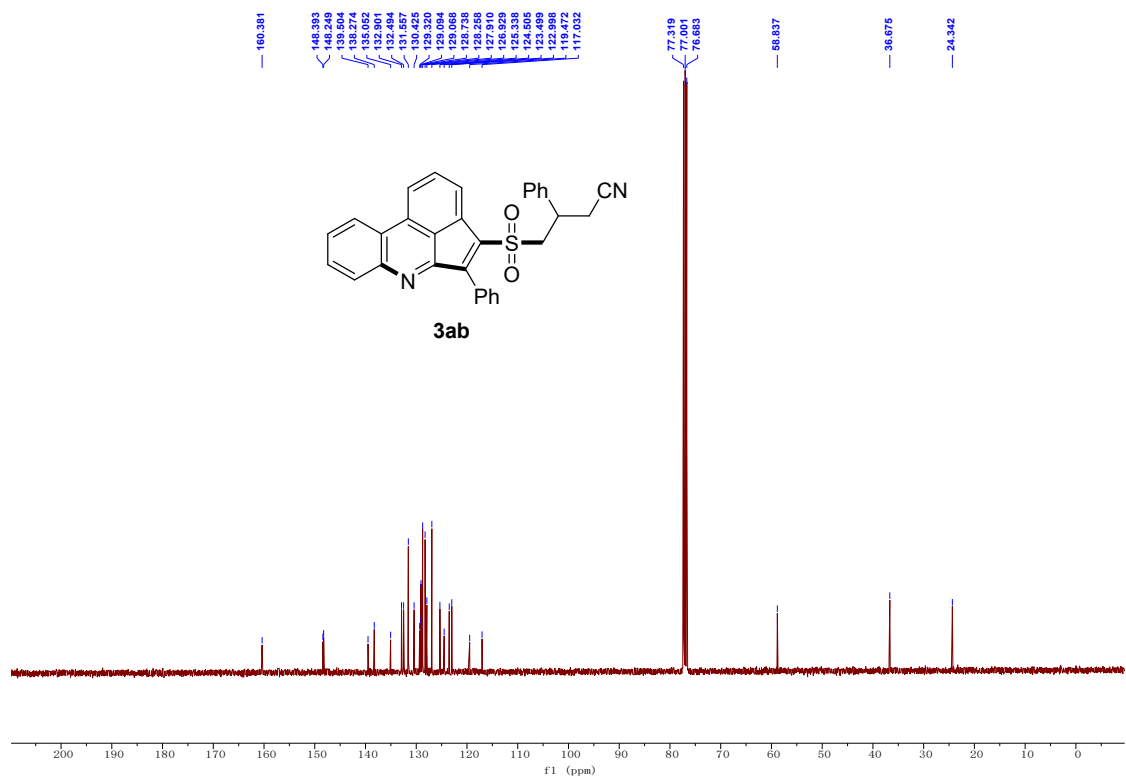
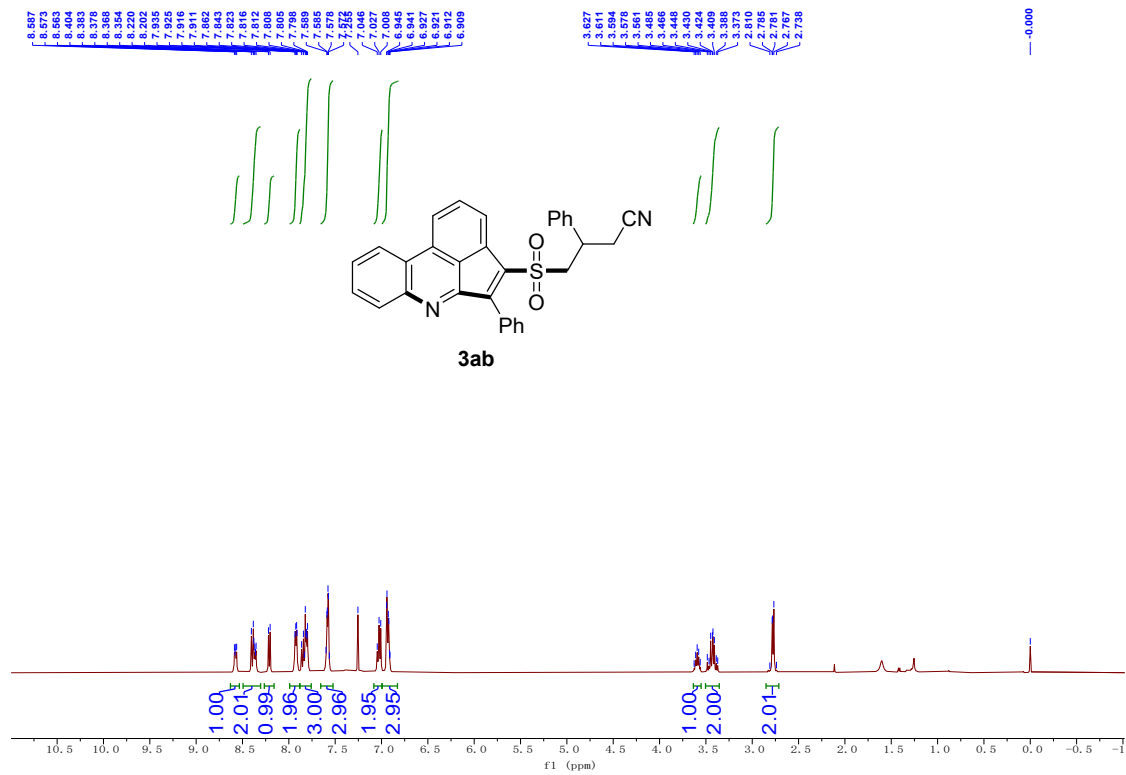


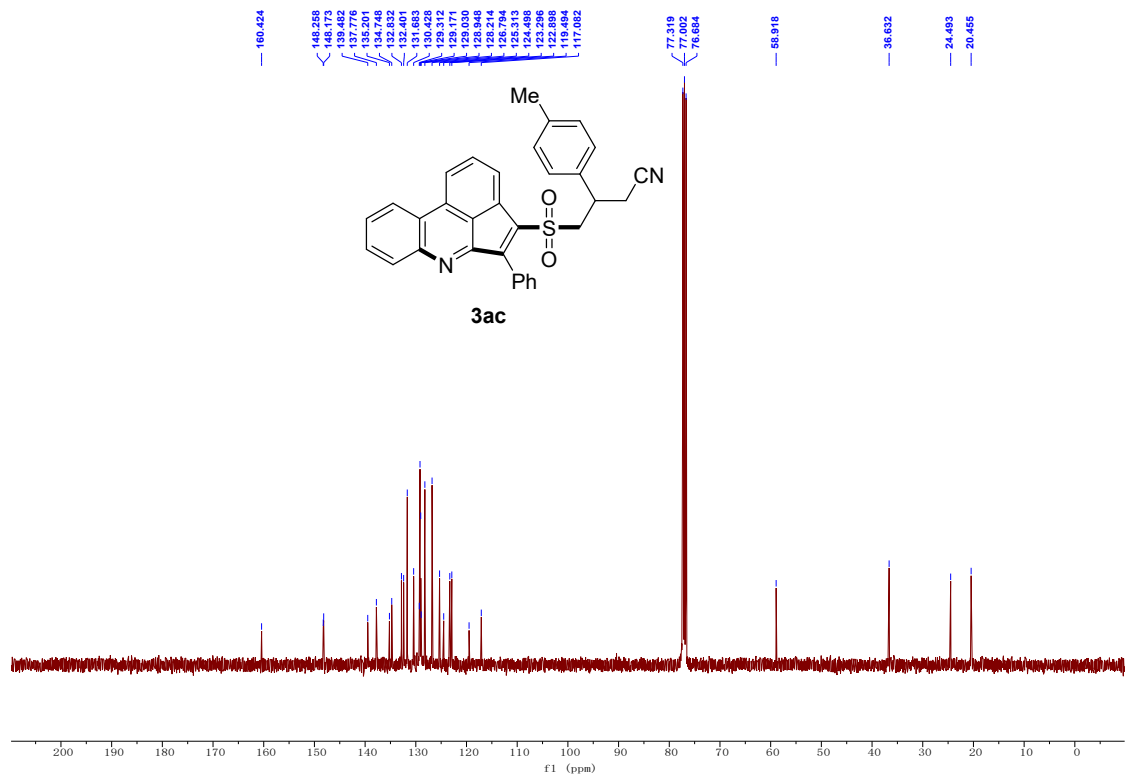
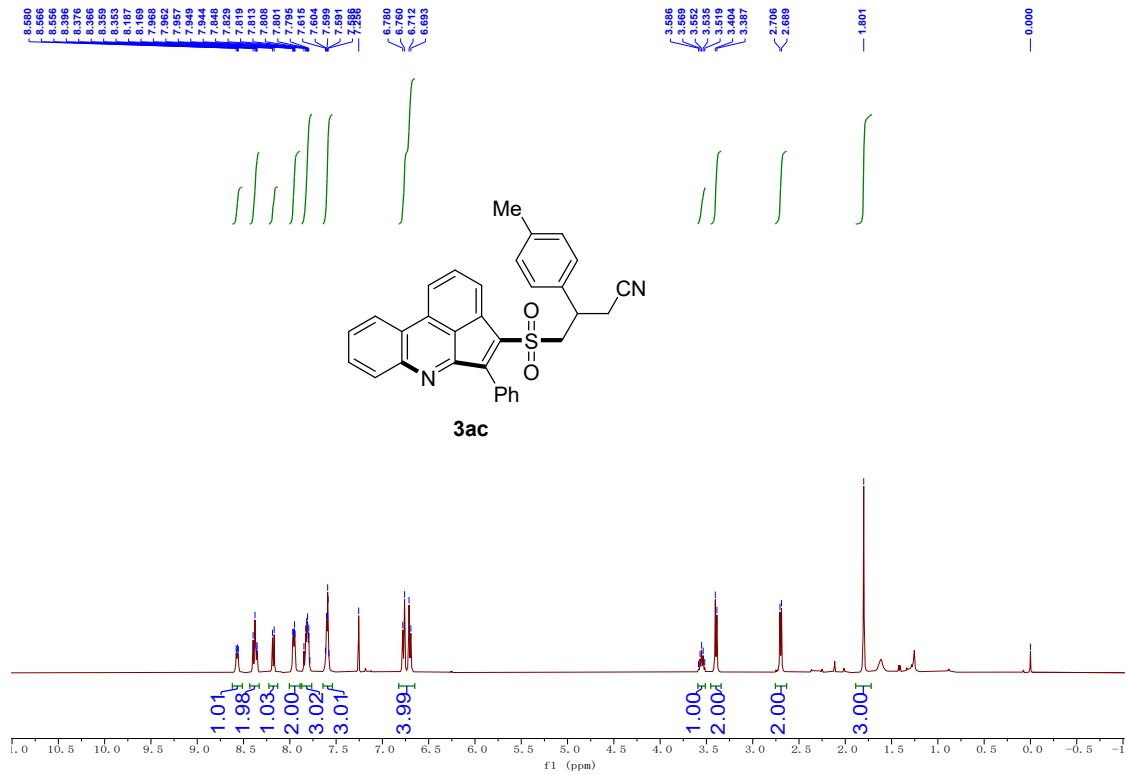
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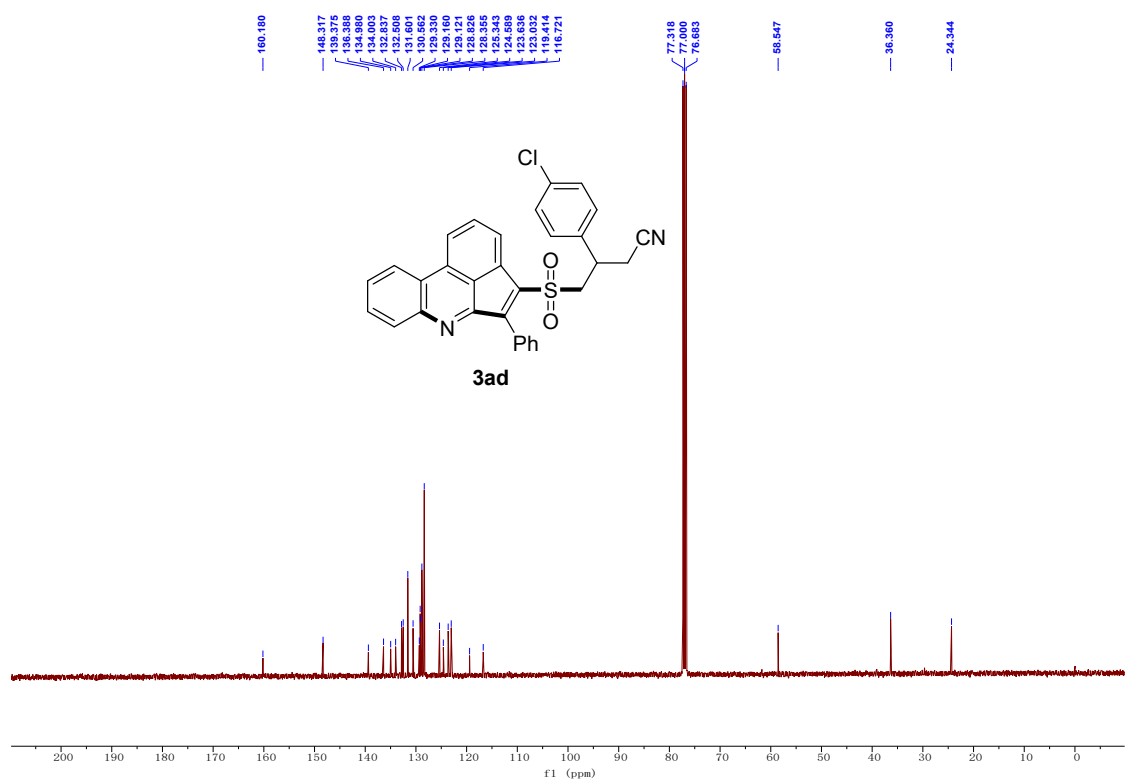
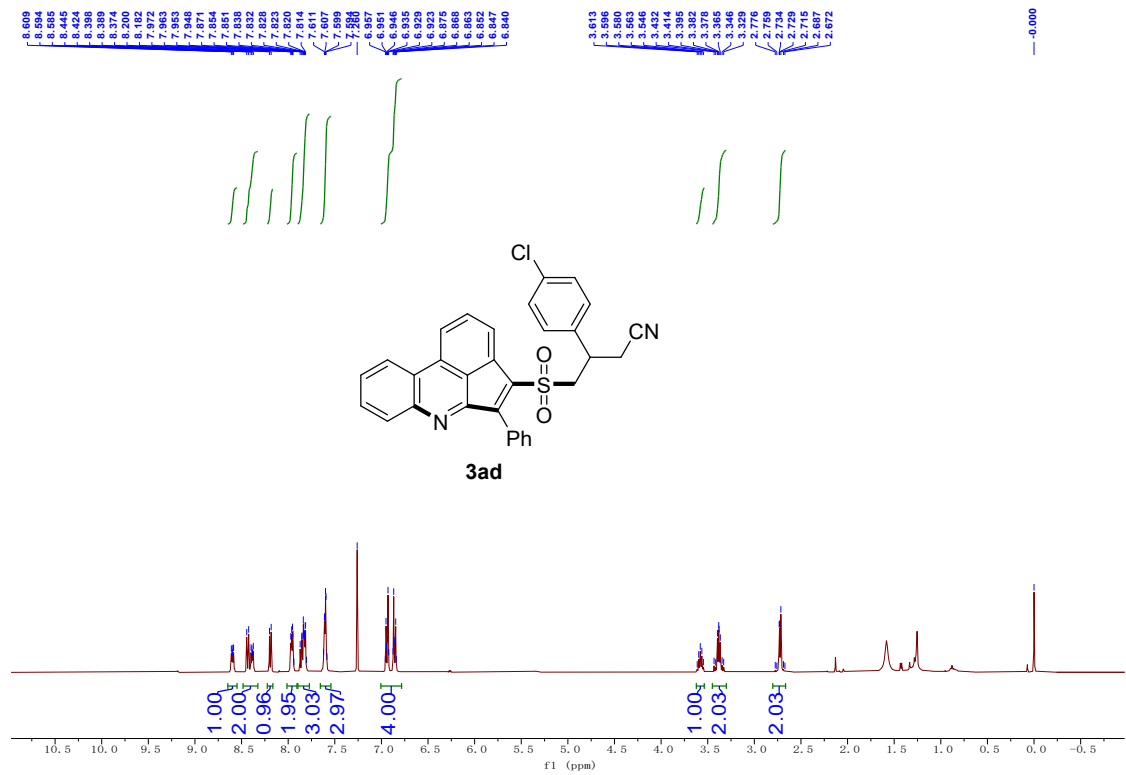


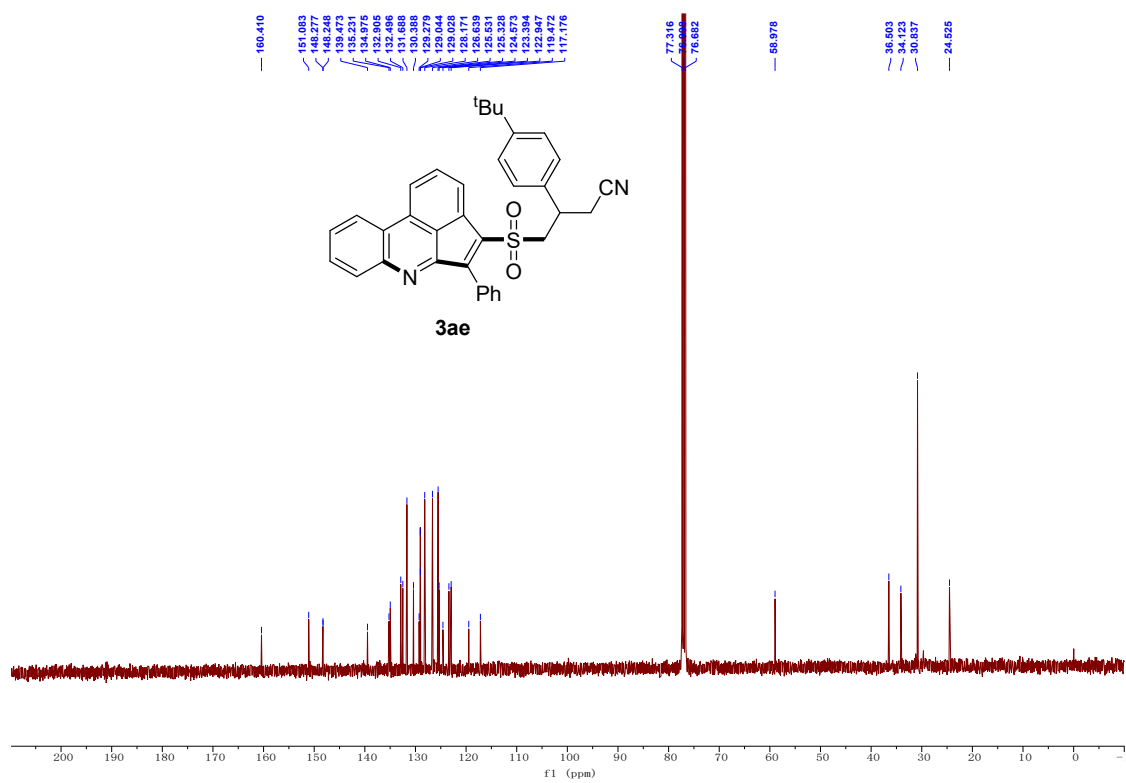
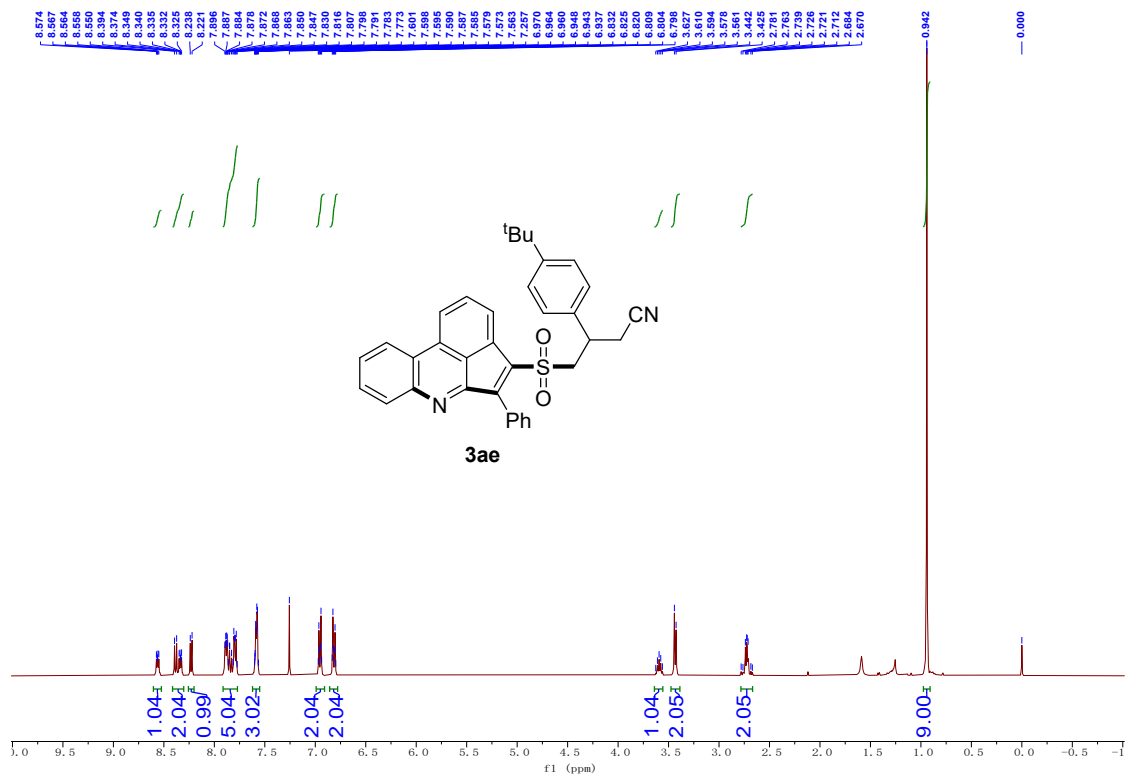


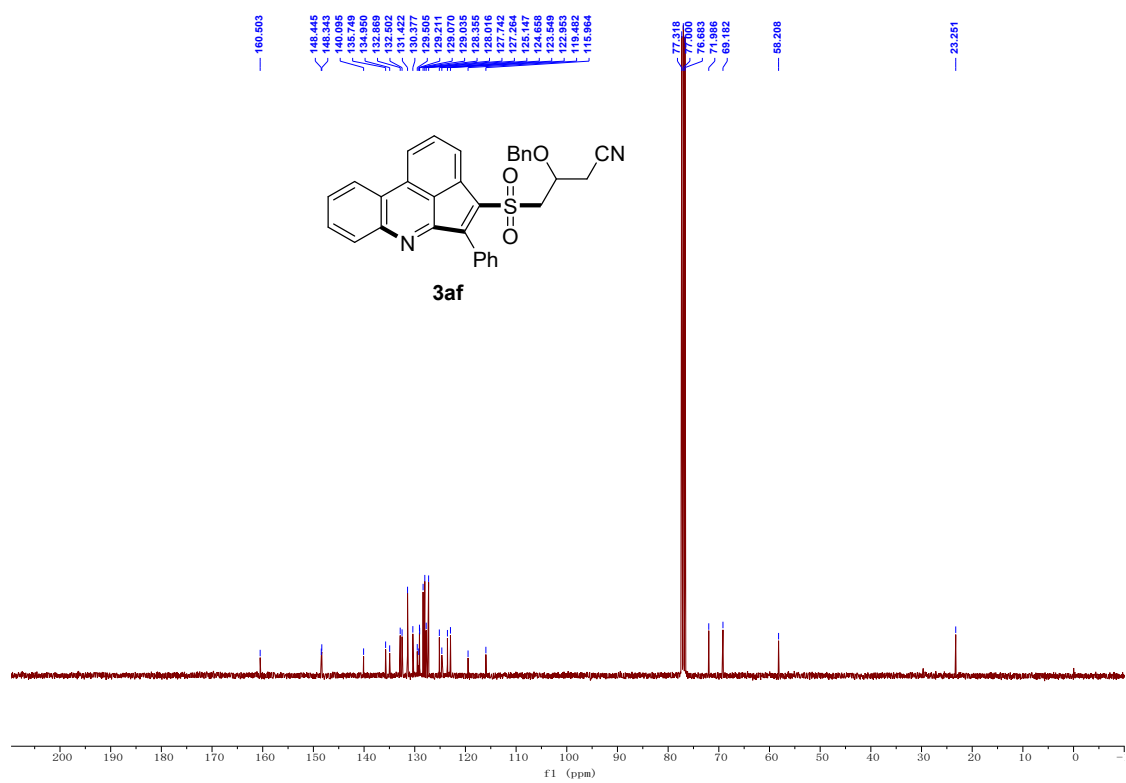
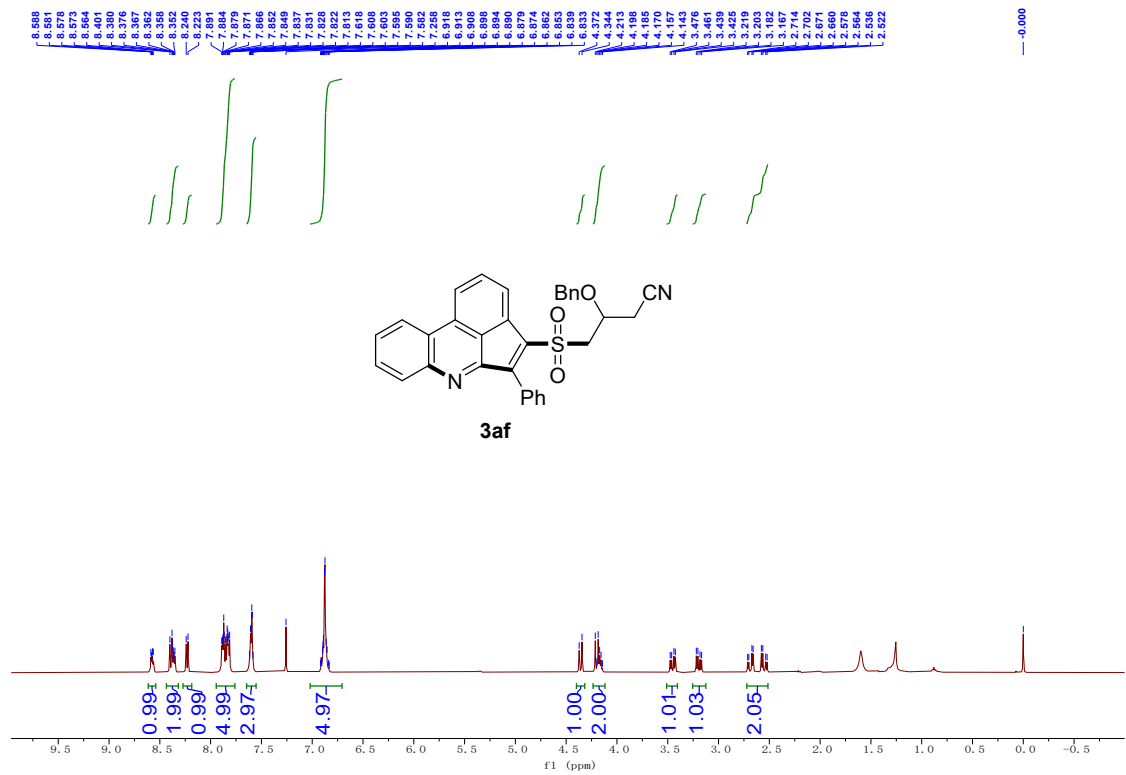


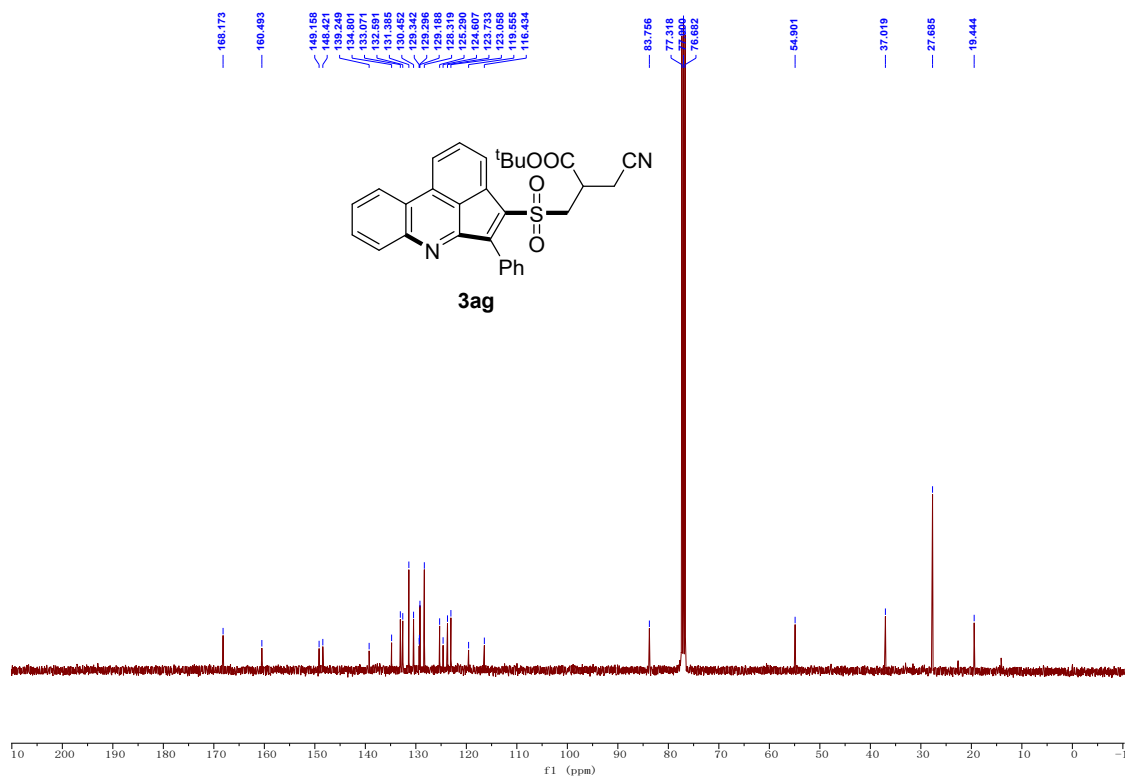
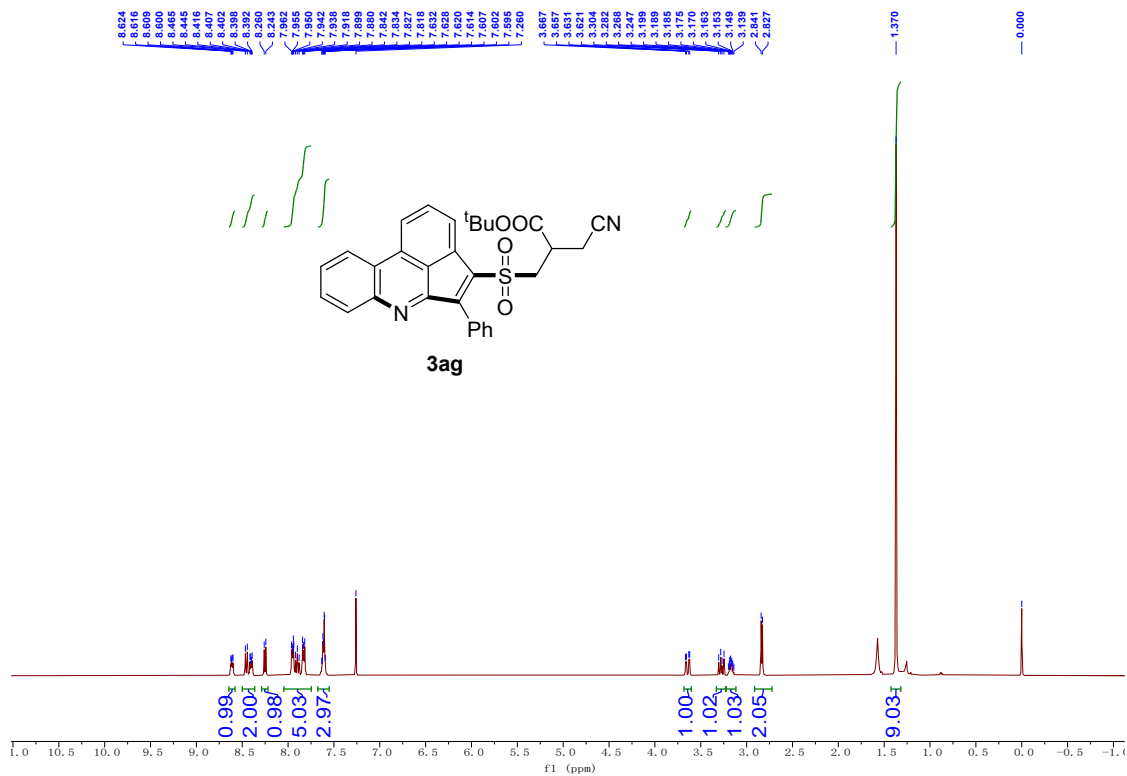




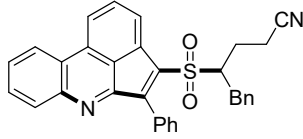




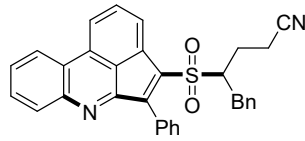
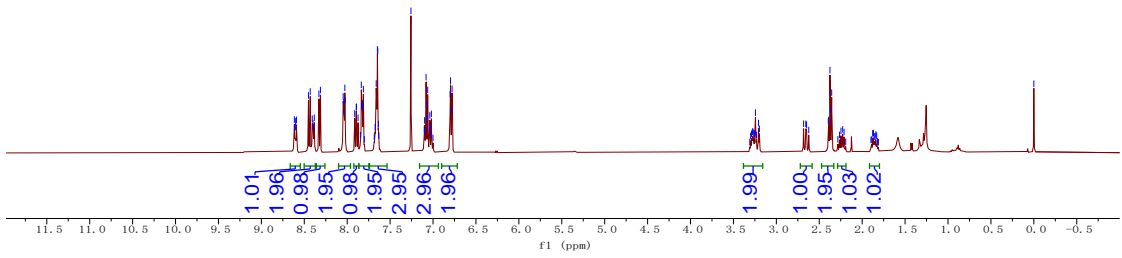




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