

## Supporting Information

# Rh(III)-Catalyzed Cascade Annulation to Produce N-acetyl Chain of Spiropyrroloisoquinoline Derivatives

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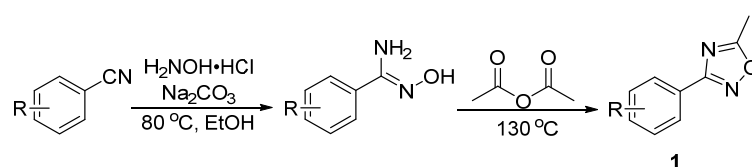
## 1. General Information

All reactions were carried out in high-pressure reaction tube. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200–300 mesh). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Waters-Q-TOF-Premier (ESI).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz and 100MHz instrument. Spectra were reported relative to  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$  ( $\delta$  0.0 ppm),  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR were reported relative to  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  77.16 ppm). Splitting patterns are designated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. Compounds were characterized by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR and HRMS.

## 2. Material

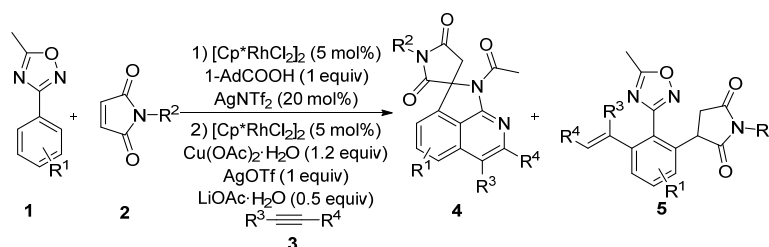
Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Solvents were dried over sodium (for THF and ether) and  $\text{CaH}_2$  (for toluene, DCM and DCE) by refluxing for overnight and freshly distilled prior to use. Alkynes was prepared following literature procedures<sup>[1]</sup>. Maleimides was prepared following literature procedures<sup>[2]</sup>.

### General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3-Aryloxadiazole<sup>[3]</sup>



A solution with benzonitrile (1.0 equiv, 5.0 mmol), sodium carbonate (2.0 equiv), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.0 equiv), and EtOH (7.5 mL) was heated to reflux overnight. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered over a pad of celite and evaporated to dryness to give crude product benzamidoxime. Then the acetic anhydride (1.1 equiv) was added and the mixture was heated at 130 °C for 1 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL), the combined organic layer was washed with saturated brine, then the combined organic layers were dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1) to give the product **1**.

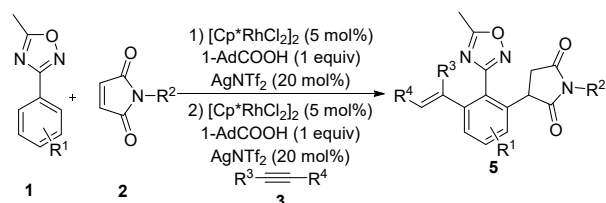
### 3. General Procedure A for the Synthesis of Products 4 and 5 (Condition A: spiropyrroloisoquinoline 4 as the major product)



A mixture of **1** (0.05 mmol), **2** (1.2 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (5 mol%),  $\text{AgNTf}_2$  (20 mol%), 1-AdCOOH (1.0 equiv), DCE (0.5 mL) were added to an oven dried high-pressure tube under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 5-16 h. Subsequently, **3** (1.2 equiv),

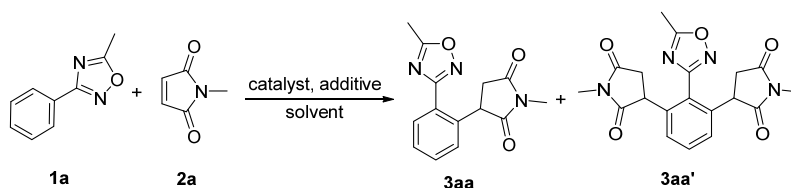
[Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 equiv), AgOTf (1.0 equiv), LiOAc•2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 equiv) were directly to the mixture, the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 13 h under Ar. After cooling to room temperature, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv) was added to the tube and stirred until acid disappear (monitored by TLC). Then the mixture was filtered over a pad of celite and the filtered was concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1) to give the product **4** and **5**.

#### 4. General Procedure B for the Synthesis of Product 5 (Condition B: 5 as the single product)



A mixture of **1** (0.05 mmol), **2** (1.2 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (20 mol%), 1-AdCOOH (1.0 equiv), DCE (0.5 mL) were added to an oven dried high-pressure tube under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 16 h. Subsequently, **3** (1.2 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (20 mol%), 1-AdCOOH (1.0 equiv) were directly to the mixture, the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 13 h under Ar. After cooling to room temperature, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv) was added to a tube and stirred until acid disappear (monitored by TLC). Then the mixture was filtered over a pad of celite and the filtered was concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1) to give the single product **5**.

#### 5. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions



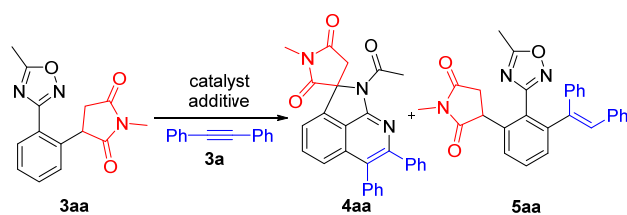
**Table S1. The effect of catalysts, additives and solvents on the reaction<sup>a</sup>**

Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Solvent	Yield <b>3aa<sup>b</sup></b>	Yield <b>3aa'<sup>b</sup></b>
1	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> (p-cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	DCE	Trace	Trace
2	Cp*Rh(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>3</sub> (SbF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	DCE	44%	Trace
3	[Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	DCE	Trace	Trace
4	Cp*Co(CO)I <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	DCE	ND	Trace
5	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	DCE	75%	Trace
6	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	Toluene	26%	Trace
7	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	TFE	66%	Trace
8	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	DCM	51%	Trace

9	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	THF	ND	Trace
10	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	ND	Trace
11	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PivOH	1,4-Dioxane	42%	Trace
12	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	DCE	67%	Trace
13	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	1-AdCOOH	DCE	80%	Trace
14	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	TFA	DCE	44%	Trace
15	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PhOCH <sub>2</sub> COOH	DCE	60%	Trace
16	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	PhCOOH	DCE	63%	Trace
17	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	LiOAc·H <sub>2</sub> O	DCE	27%	Trace
18	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	AgOAc	DCE	31%	Trace
19 <sup>c</sup>	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	1-AdCOOH	DCE	63%	Trace
20 <sup>d</sup>	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	1-AdCOOH	DCE	69%	Trace
21 <sup>e</sup>	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	1-AdCOOH	DCE	32%	Trace
22 <sup>f</sup>	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	HOAc	DCE	0%	99%

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.05 mmol), **2a** (1.2 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), additive (1.0 equiv), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (20 mol%), DCE (0.5 mL), 100 °C, overnight, under Ar. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup>[Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (4 mol%), <sup>d</sup>AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%), <sup>e</sup>AgOTf (20 mol%), <sup>f</sup>**2a** (3 equiv), HOAc (1.5 equiv), 130 °C.

**Table S2. The effect of catalyst, additive and solvent on the reaction<sup>a</sup>**

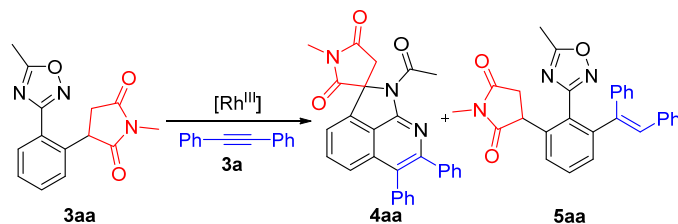


Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Solvent	Yield/ <b>4aa<sup>b</sup></b>	Yield/ <b>5aa<sup>b</sup></b>
1	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	--	DCE	24%	trace
2	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DCE	23%	trace
3	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	LiOAc	DCE	41%	trace
4	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	NaOAc	DCE	17%	trace
5	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DCE	ND	ND
6	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	TsOH	DCE	11%	trace
7	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	1-AdCOOH	DCE	25%	trace
8	Cp*(CO) <sub>2</sub> I <sub>2</sub>	LiOAc	DCE	Trace	ND
9	[Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	LiOAc	DCE	30%	ND
10	[Ru(p-cymene)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	LiOAc	DCE	59%	ND
11	Cp*Rh(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>3</sub> (SbF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	LiOAc	DCE	32%	trace
12	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	LiOAc	MeOH	ND	ND
13	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	LiOAc	Toluene	36%	Trace
14	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	LiOAc	TFE	ND	ND
15	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ]	LiOAc	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	ND	ND
16	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ]	LiOAc	THF	ND	ND

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **3aa** (0.025 mmol), **3a** (1.2 equiv), Catalyst (5 mol%), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 equiv), additive

(0.5 equiv), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (20 mol%), DCE (0.5 mL), 100 °C, 13 h under Ar. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield.

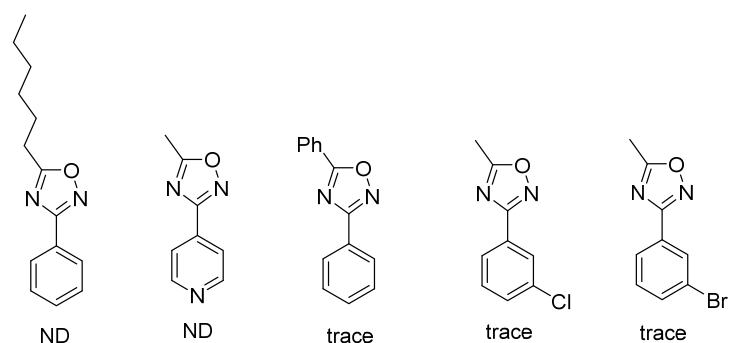
**Table S3. The effect of oxidant, Ag salt and temperature on the reaction<sup>a</sup>**



Entry	Oxidant	Ag Salt	Temp.	Yield/ 4aa <sup>b</sup>	Yield/ 5aa <sup>b</sup>
1	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	--	100	ND	ND
2	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	100	41%	trace
3	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	100	26%	trace
4	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	AgBF <sub>4</sub>	100	21%	trace
5	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	AgOTf	100	45%	21%
6	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> Ag	100	35%	trace
7	--	AgOTf	100	ND	trace
8	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	AgOTf	100	37%	28%
9	Cu(acac) <sub>2</sub>	AgOTf	100	Trace	Trace
10	AgOAc	AgOTf	100	19%	trace
11	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	AgOTf	100	19%	trace
12	Zn(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	AgOTf	100	ND	trace
13	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	AgOTf	80	38%	trace
14	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	AgOTf	120	37%	trace
15 <sup>c</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	AgOTf	100	60%	trace

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **3aa** (0.025 mmol), **3a** (1.2 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 equiv), LiOAc (0.5 equiv), Ag salt (20 mol%), DCE (0.5 mL), 100 °C, 13 h under Ar. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup>AgOTf (1.0 equiv).

**Table S4. Invalid 3-Aryloxadiazole<sup>a</sup>**

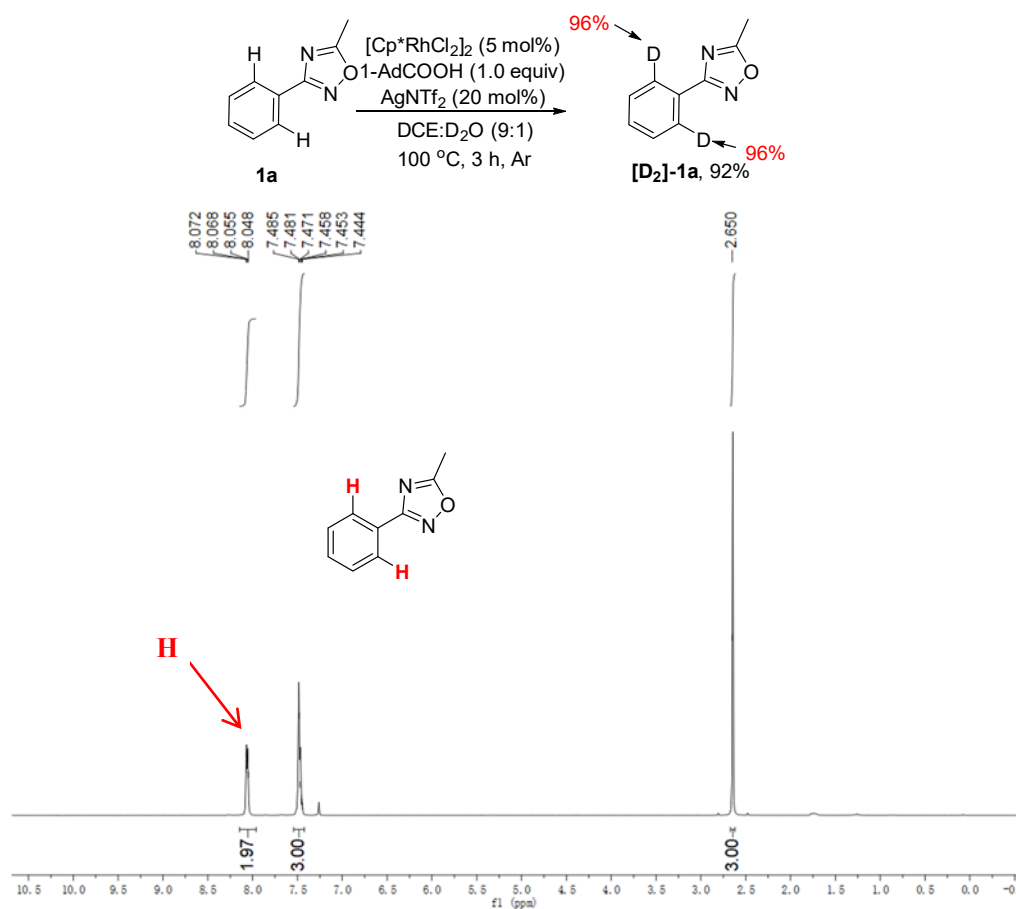


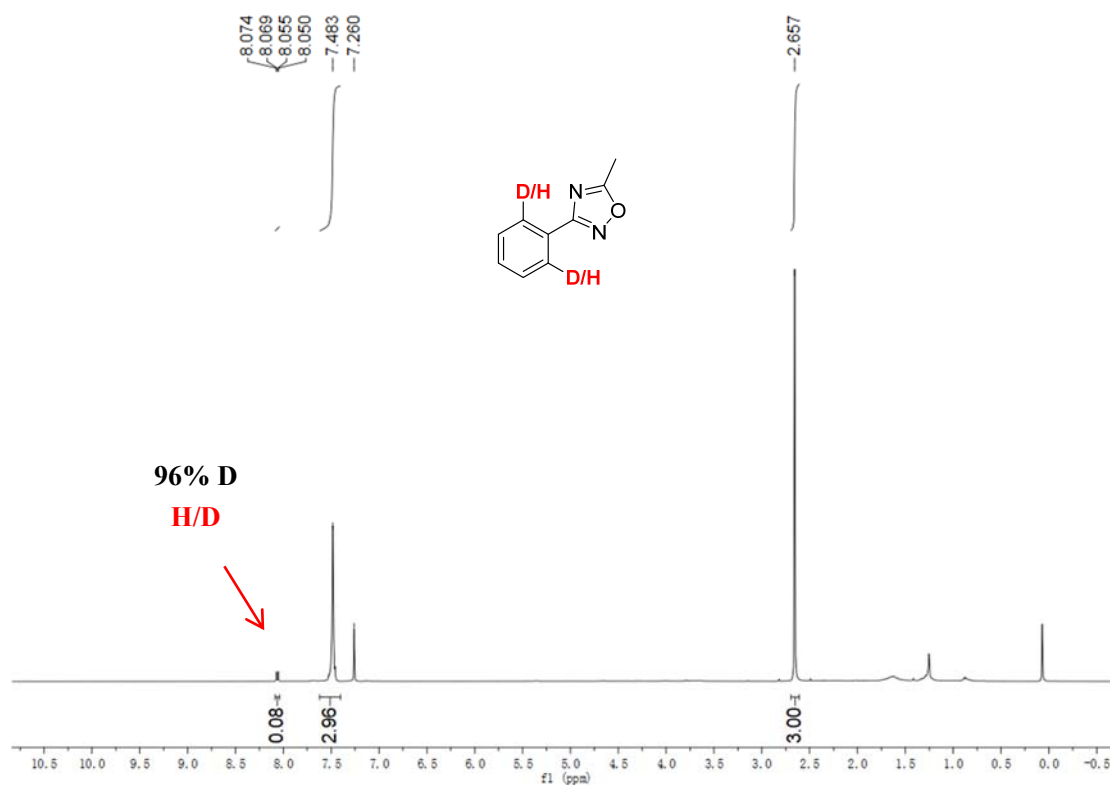
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1** (0.05 mmol), **2a** (1.2 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (20 mol%), 1-AdCOOH (1.0 equiv), DCE (0.5 mL), 100 °C, under Ar, 5 h. Subsequently, **3a** (1.2 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 equiv), AgOTf (1.0 equiv), LiOAc·2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 equiv) were directly to the mixture, 100 °C, under Ar, 13 h.

## 6. Mechanism Study

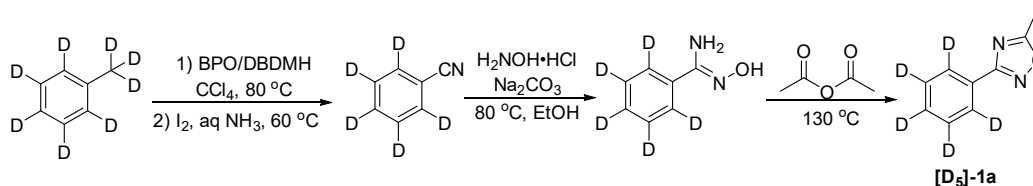
### (1) H/D exchange experiments

Deuterium-labeling experiments were performed to study the mechanism of this reaction. **1a** (16.0 mg 0.1 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mg, 5 mol%), 1-AdCOOH (18.0 mg, 1.0 equiv), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (7.76 mg, 20 mol%) were stirred in DCE (0.9 mL) and D<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mL) under Ar atmosphere at 100 °C for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10/1, v/v) to afford the product **1a**+**[D<sub>2</sub>]-1a**. The deuterium rate (96%) was obtained from <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Deuterium was observed at both *ortho*-positions of phenyl ring, which indicated the possibility of the reaction pathway via *ortho* C–H activation.





## (2) Preparation of deuterated 5-methyl-3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazole [**D<sub>5</sub>**]-1a substrate<sup>[4]</sup>

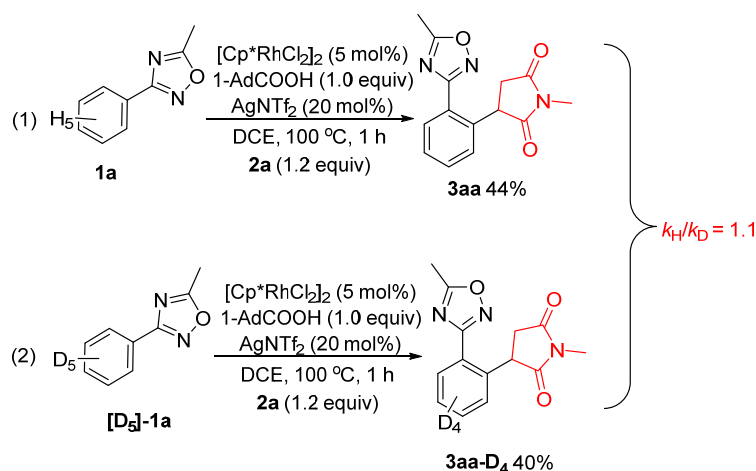


To a solution of toluene- $d_8$  (1.0 g, 10 mmol, 99.5% of D, 1 equiv) in dry  $\text{CCl}_4$  (10 mL) were added DBDMH (1.57 g, 5.5 mmol, 55 mol %) and benzoyl peroxide (0.32 g, 1 mmol, 10 mol%) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 3 hours at 80 °C. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, followed by slow addition of aq.  $\text{NH}_3$  (concentration: 25%, 30 mL) and  $\text{I}_2$  (6.35 g, 25 mmol, 2.7 equiv), and then stirred for 12 hours at 60 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of saturated aq.  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$  (30 mL) and extracted with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (20 mL $\times$ 3). The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue (without purification) reacted with sodium carbonate (3.12g, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1.39g, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv), in EtOH (15 mL). The mixture was stirred at reflux temperature overnight. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered over a pad of celite and evaporated to dryness to give crude product benzamidoxime. Then the acetic anhydride (1.9 mL, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was heated at 130 °C for 1 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture solution was extracted with EtOAc (3  $\times$  20 mL), the combined organic layer was washed with saturated brine, then the combined organic layers were dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30/1) to give the product [**D<sub>5</sub>**]-1a. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.65 (s, 3H).

### (3) Kinetic isotope experiments

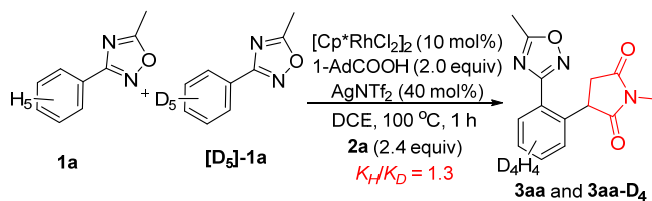
#### Intermolecular controlled experiment:

There are twice *ortho* C–H activations, the first *ortho* C–H bond kinetic isotope effect (KIE) study was conducted. Two oven-dried 25 mL tubes were separately charged with **1a** (8.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), or [**D**<sub>5</sub>]-**1a** (8.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), and *N*-methylmaleimide **2a** (6.7 mg, 1.2 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mg, 5 mol%), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (3.88 mg, 20 mol%), 1-AdCOOH (9.0 mg, 1.0 equiv), DCE (0.5 mL) were added to an oven dried high-pressure tube under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 1 h under Ar. After completion, the reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography eluting with petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (3/1) to give **3aa** and **3aa-D**<sub>4</sub> in 44% and 40% respectively. The KIE value was determined using isolated yields to give kinetic isotopic effect (KIE)  $k_H/k_D = 1.1$ , thus indicating that the first *ortho* C–H bond cleavage might not be involved in the product determining step.

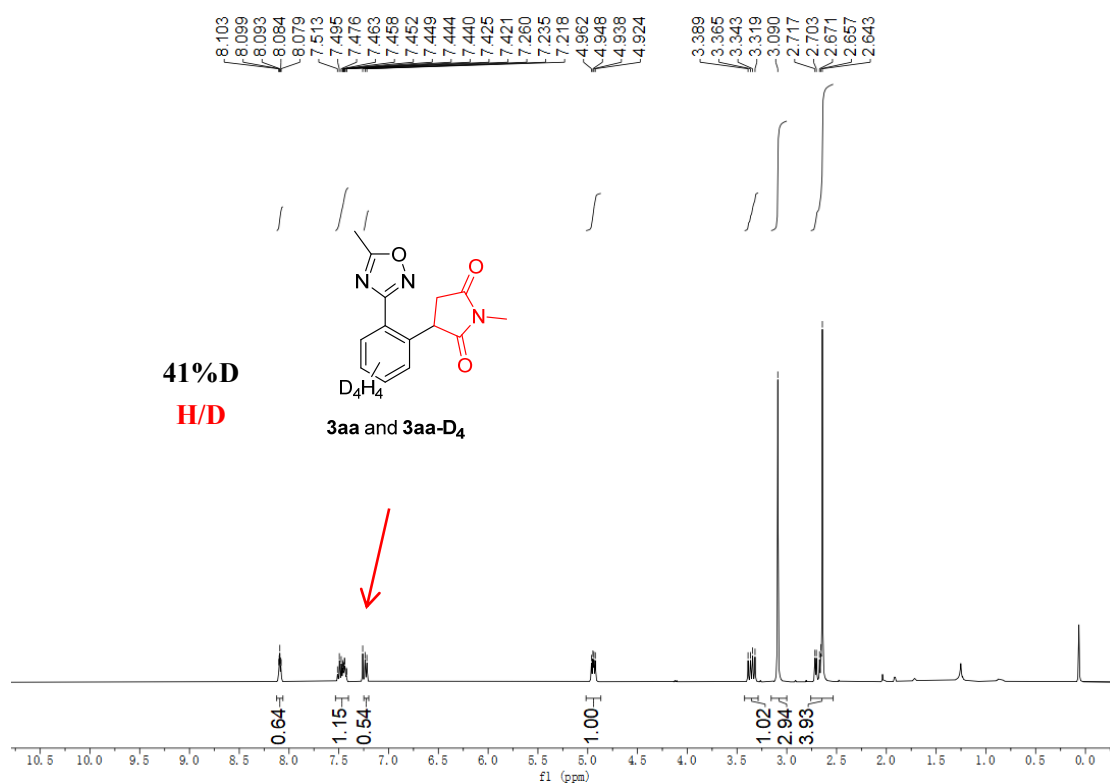
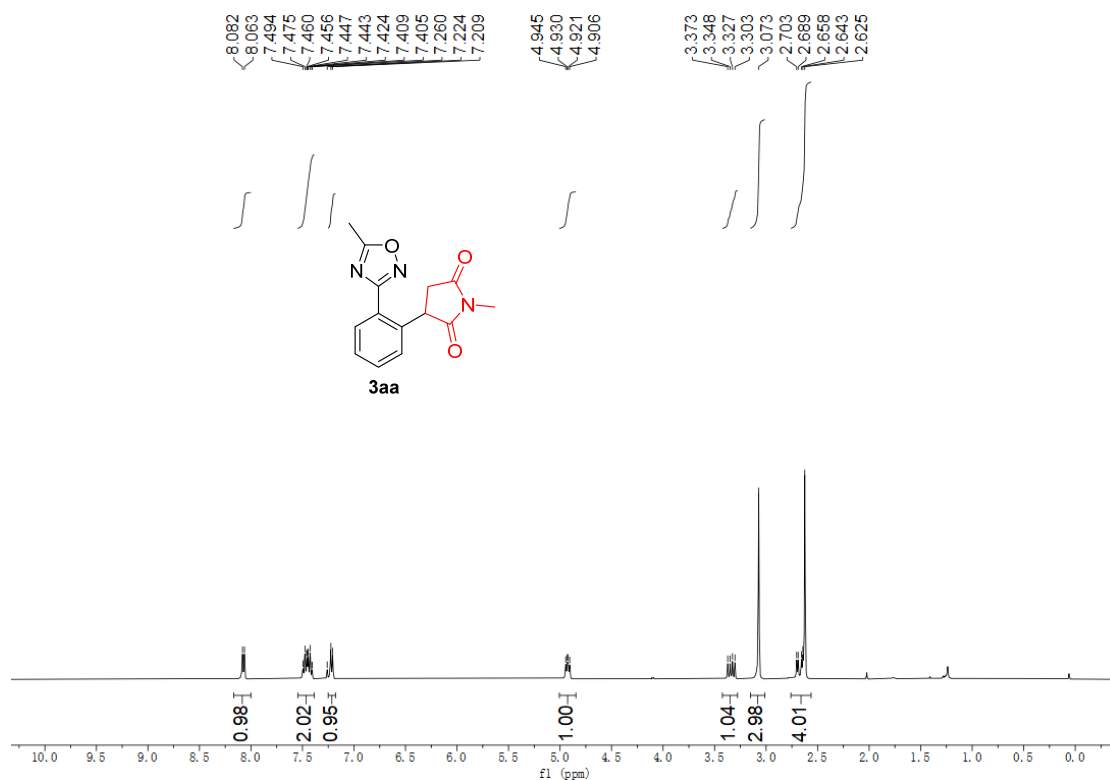


#### Intermolecular competition experiment:

In addition, the first *ortho* C–H bond kinetic isotope effect (KIE) study was conducted. An oven-dried 25 mL tube was charged with **1a** (8.0 mg, 0.05 mmol), [**D**<sub>5</sub>]-**1a** (8.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), and *N*-methylmaleimide **2a** (13.4 mg, 2.4 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mg, 10 mol%), AgNTf<sub>2</sub> (7.76 mg, 40 mol%), 1-AdCOOH (18.0 mg, 2.0 equiv), DCE (1.0 mL) were added to an oven dried high-pressure tube under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 1 h under Ar. After completion, the reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography eluting with petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate (3/1) to give **3aa** and **3aa-D**<sub>4</sub>. The ratio of two products was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR integration method to give kinetic isotopic effect (KIE)  $k_H/k_D = 1.3$ , thus indicating that the first *ortho* C–H bond cleavage might be not involved in the product determining step.



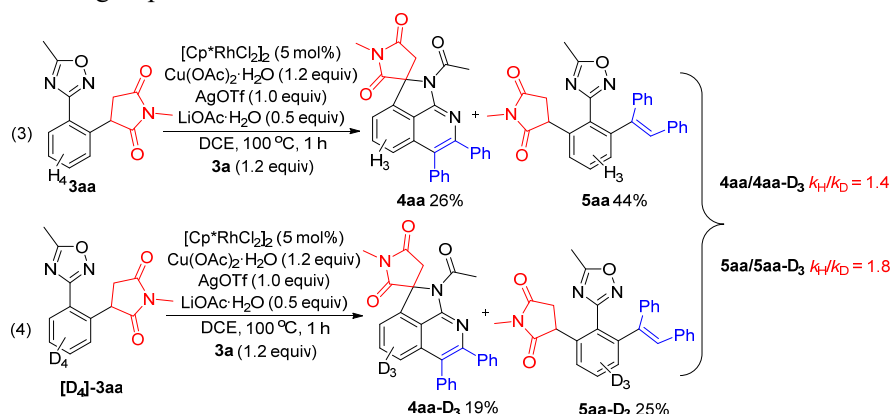




#### Intermolecular controlled experiment:

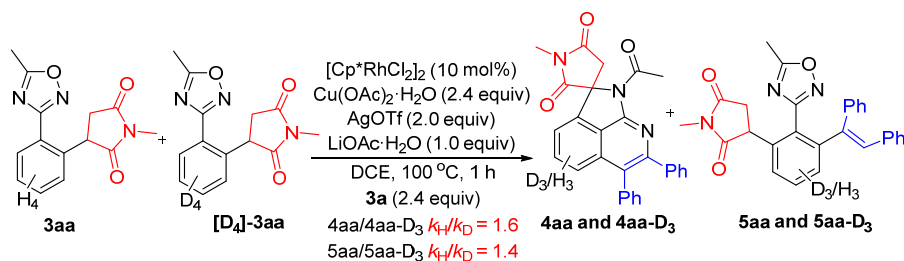
The second *ortho* C–H bond kinetic isotope effect (KIE) study was conducted. Two oven-dried 25 mL tubes were separately charged with **3aa** (6.8 mg, 0.025 mmol), or [**D<sub>4</sub>**]-**3aa** (6.9 mg, 0.025 mmol), and **3a** (5.3 mg, 1.2 equiv), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (0.8 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O (6.0 mg, 1.2 equiv), AgOTf (6.4 mg, 1.0 equiv), LiOAc•2H<sub>2</sub>O (1.3 mg, 0.5 equiv), DCE (0.5 mL) were directly to the mixture, the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 1 h under Ar. After completion, the

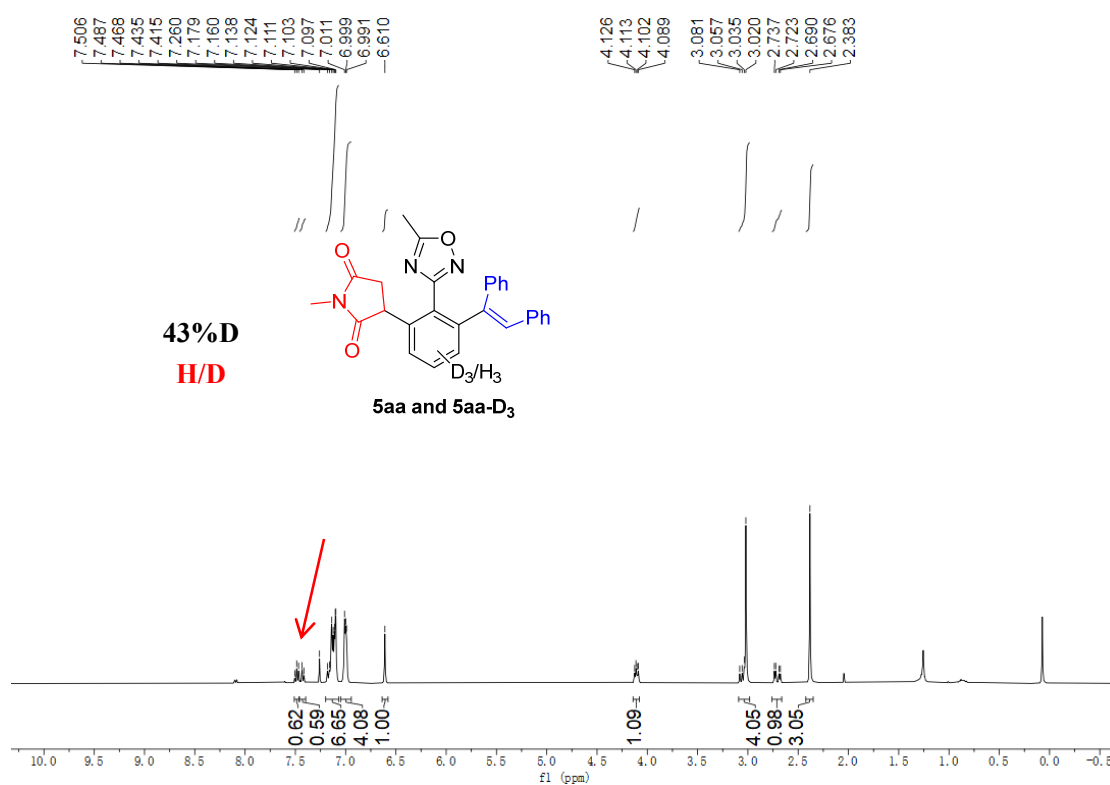
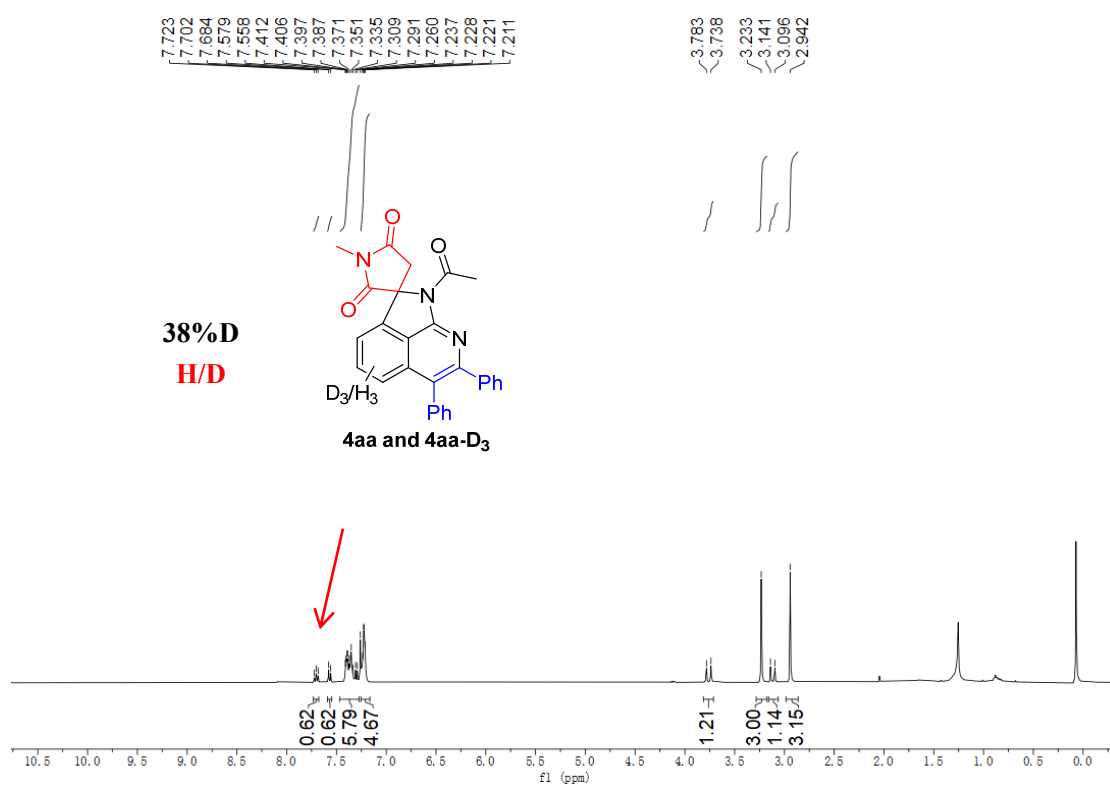
reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography eluting with petroleum ether/dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (6/3/1) to give **4aa** and **4aa-D<sub>3</sub>** in 26% and 19% respectively and **5aa** and **5aa-D<sub>3</sub>** in 44% and 25% respectively. The KIE value of **4aa** and **4aa-D<sub>3</sub>** was determined using isolated yields to give kinetic isotopic effect (KIE)  $k_H/k_D = 1.4$ , thus indicating that the second C-H bond cleavage might not be involved in the product determining step. And the KIE value of **5aa** and **5aa-D<sub>3</sub>** was determined using isolated yields to give kinetic isotopic effect (KIE)  $k_H/k_D = 1.8$ , thus indicating that the second C-H bond cleavage might not be involved in the product determining step.



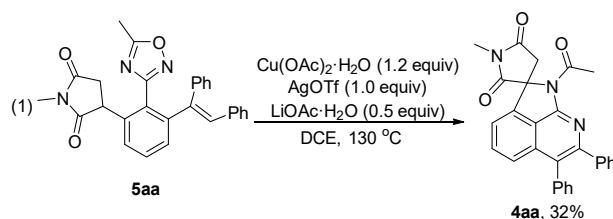
#### Intermolecular competition experiment:

In addition, the second *ortho* C–H bond kinetic isotope effect (KIE) study was conducted. An oven-dried 25 mL tube was charged with **3aa** (6.8 mg, 0.025 mmol), **[D<sub>4</sub>]-3aa** (6.9 mg, 0.025 mmol), and **3a** (10.6 mg, 2.4 equiv),  $[Cp^*RhCl_2]_2$  (1.5 mg, 10 mol%),  $Cu(OAc)_2 \cdot H_2O$  (12.0 mg, 2.4 equiv),  $AgOTf$  (12.8 mg, 2.0 equiv),  $LiOAc \cdot 2H_2O$  (2.6 mg, 1.0 equiv), DCE (1.0 mL) were directly to the mixture, the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 1 h under Ar. After completion, the reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography eluting with petroleum ether/dichloromethane/ethyl acetate (6/3/1) to give **4aa/4aa-D<sub>3</sub>** and **5aa/5aa-D<sub>3</sub>** respectively. The ratio of **4aa/4aa-D<sub>3</sub>** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR integration method to give kinetic isotopic effect (KIE)  $k_H/k_D = 1.6$ , thus indicating that the second *ortho* C–H bond cleavage might be not involved in the product determining step. The ratio of **5aa/5aa-D<sub>3</sub>** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR integration method to give kinetic isotopic effect (KIE)  $k_H/k_D = 1.4$ , thus indicating that the second *ortho* C–H bond cleavage might be not involved in the product determining step.





#### (4) Study on Characteristics and Mechanism



To elucidate the role of copper as an oxidant in the reaction, **5aa** could be transformed to spirocyclization **4aa** in absence of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (5 mol%), which also means cross coupling product could be the intermediate in the reaction (eq S1).

To further prove the existence of intermediate **VII**, we tried to isolate intermediate **VII**, which was too little to be separated but can be determined by LC-MS and HRMS (Figure S1). LC-MS: Exact Mass  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 450.1812, Found  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 450.0. HRMS (ESI): Exact Mass  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 450.1812, Found  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 450.1815.

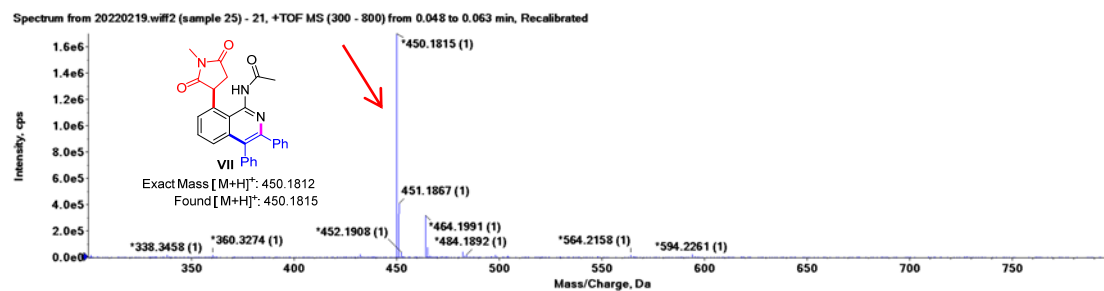
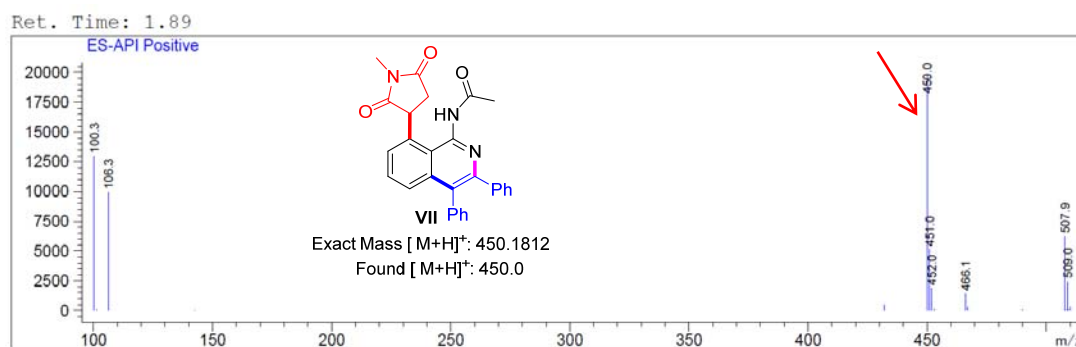
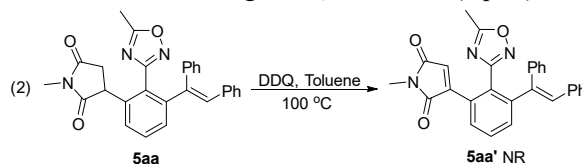
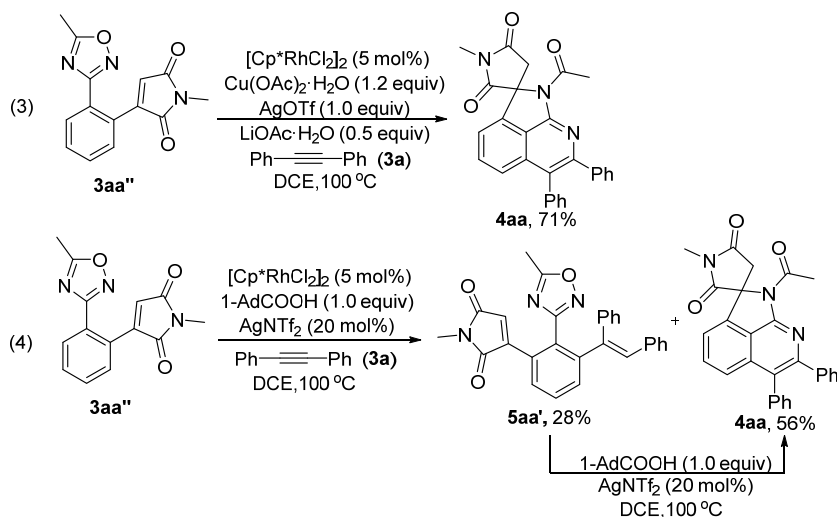


Figure S1 Complex **VII** was Determined by LC-MS and HRMS

To further prove the existence of alkenyl intermediate, a series of reactions were conducted. First, no product **5aa'** was detected when using DDQ as oxidant (eq S2).





Then, we found that **3aa''** could be transformed to **4aa** in 71% yield in the presence of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (5 mol%),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.2 equiv),  $\text{AgOTf}$  (1.0 equiv),  $\text{LiOAc} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.5 equiv) and **3a** (eq S3). And we also found that **3aa''** could be transformed to **5aa'** and **4aa** in 28% and 56% yields, respectively in the presence of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (5 mol%),  $\text{AgNTf}_2$  (20 mol%) and 1-AdCOOH (1.0 equiv) (eq S4). **5aa'** and **4aa** have the same polarity and cannot be separated, so the ratio of **5aa'** and **4aa** were determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR integration method. Next, **5aa''** could be transformed to spirocyclization **4aa** in absence of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (5 mol%) and **3a**, suggesting that the aza-Michael addition did not require any rhodium and copper catalyst. The proportion of **5aa'** and **4aa** with time is shown in the Figure S2.

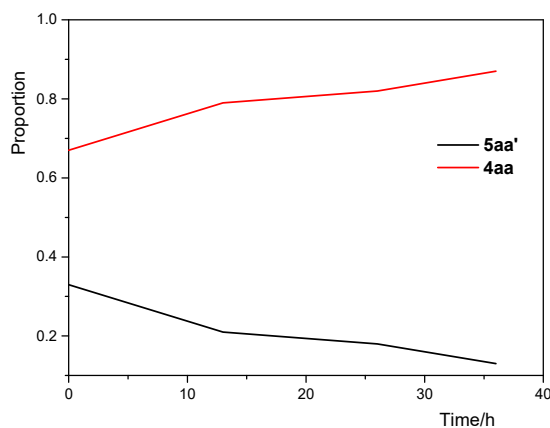
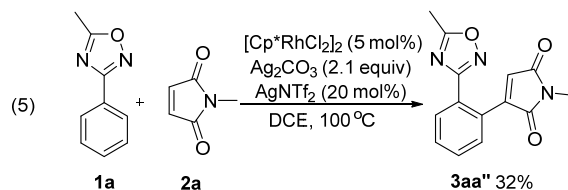


Figure S2 The proportion of **5aa'** and **4aa** with time

In addition, in order to improve the reaction yield, we tried **3aa''** as an intermediate to synthesize the product **4aa** from **1a**. Firstly, we tried some oxidants in the first step, including  $\text{AgOAc}$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2$  and so on, and no product **3aa''** was generated. The desired product **3aa''** could be isolated in 32% yield in the presence of  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ ,  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{AgNTf}_2$ .

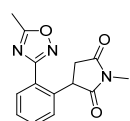


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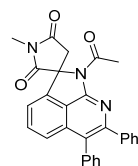
## 8. Characterization Data and NMR Spectra of *N*-acetyl Chain of Spiropyrroloisoquinoline Derivatives

### 1-methyl-3-(2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (**3aa**)



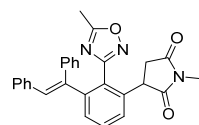
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4/1, v/v) afforded **3aa** as a white solid (10.8 mg, 80% yield). Melting point: 92.3–93.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.72 – 2.60 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 178.3, 176.4, 176.2, 168.1, 136.9, 131.6, 130.9, 129.3, 128.3, 126.2, 45.0, 38.1, 25.2, 12.4; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 294.0849, found: 294.0849.

### 1'-acetyl-1-methyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (**4aa**)



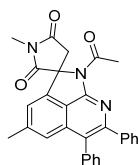
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4aa** as a white solid (11.0 mg, 49% yield). Melting point: 295.5–296.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 173.9, 173.7, 170.3, 156.0, 152.1, 140.6, 138.6, 136.6, 135.3, 133.6, 131.1, 131.0, 130.7, 128.8, 128.6, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 125.1, 124.0, 121.2, 117.0, 71.9, 42.4, 25.9, 25.3; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 470.1475, found: 470.1475.

### (*E*)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (**5aa**)



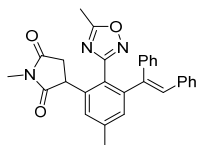
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5aa** as a white solid (11.9 mg, 53% yield). Melting point: 160.8–161.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 7H), 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 4H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 177.5, 176.0, 176.0, 167.6, 146.8, 141.4, 139.7, 138.1, 137.1, 131.7, 130.8, 130.4, 130.3, 129.4, 128.0, 128.0, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 44.3, 38.4, 25.2, 12.2. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 472.1632, found: 472.1635.

### 1'-acetyl-1,4'-dimethyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (**4ba**)



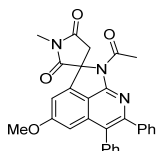
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**(E)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-5-methyl-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ba)**



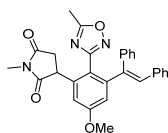
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ba** as a colorless oil (12.3 mg, 53% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 – 2.98 (m, 4H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 177.8, 176.2, 175.9, 167.7, 146.7, 141.6, 141.1, 139.8, 137.9, 137.2, 131.5, 131.1, 130.5, 129.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 124.0, 44.2, 38.5, 25.3, 21.5, 12.2. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 486.1788, found: 486.1786.

**1'-acetyl-4'-methoxy-1-methyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-ij]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ca)**



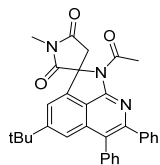
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ca** as a white solid (8.1 mg, 34% yield). Melting point: 208.5–209.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 173.7, 173.7, 170.3, 165.0, 155.5, 152.9, 140.8, 140.3, 136.9, 136.7, 131.1, 130.9, 130.6, 128.9, 128.7, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 124.7, 116.4, 109.0, 103.6, 71.5, 56.2, 42.4, 25.9, 25.1. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 478.1761, found: 478.1761.

**(E)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-5-methoxy-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ca)**



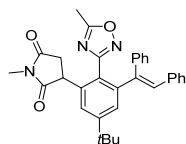
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ca** as a white solid (9.1 mg, 38% yield). Melting point: 162.9–163.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.08 – 2.97 (m, 4H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 177.5, 176.0, 175.9, 167.6, 161.0, 148.5, 141.7, 139.5, 139.5, 137.1, 131.6, 130.4, 129.5, 128.1, 127.2, 127.1, 119.1, 115.3, 113.2, 55.7, 44.4, 38.3, 25.3, 12.2. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 480.1918, found: 480.1915.

**1'-acetyl-4'-(*tert*-butyl)-1-methyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4da)**



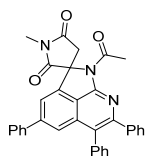
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**(*E*)-3-(5-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methyl pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5da)**



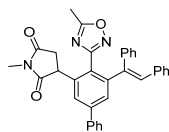
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**1'-acetyl-1-methyl-4',6',7'-triphenyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ea)**



According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ea** as a white solid (10.2 mg, 39% yield). Melting point: 271.6–272.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 173.9, 173.8, 170.3, 156.0, 152.7, 147.9, 140.7, 140.6, 139.3, 136.6, 135.4, 131.2, 131.1, 130.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.6, 125.2, 122.6, 120.4, 117.0, 72.0, 42.5, 26.0, 25.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 524.1968, found: 524.1963.

**(*E*)-3-(5-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-4-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-1-methyl pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ea)**

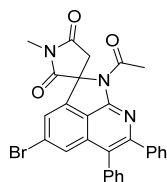


According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ea** as a white solid (12.1 mg, 46% yield). Melting point: 182.6–183.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.65 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 6H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 4.19 (dd, *J* =



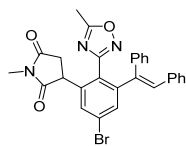
9.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 – 3.00 (m, 4H), 2.78 (dd,  $J = 18.5, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 177.6, 176.0, 176.0, 167.6, 147.4, 143.9, 141.6, 139.7, 139.6, 138.5, 137.2, 131.9, 130.5, 129.5, 129.1, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 125.8, 125.6, 44.5, 38.5, 25.3, 12.2$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 548.1945, found: 548.1941.

**1'-acetyl-4'-bromo-1-methyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4fa)**



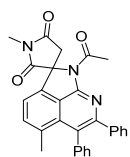
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4fa** as a white solid (7.9 mg, 30% yield). Melting point: 197.9–199.3 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.71$  (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 3.74 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 3.11 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 173.3, 173.3, 170.2, 155.8, 153.5, 140.3, 140.2, 136.3, 136.0, 131.1, 130.9, 130.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.8, 126.6, 124.2, 120.8, 119.8, 71.5, 42.2, 26.1, 25.3$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 526.0761, found: 526.0759.

**(*E*)-3-(5-bromo-3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5fa)**



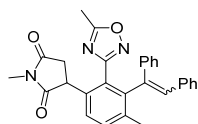
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5fa** as a colorless oil (10.8 mg, 41% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.59$  (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.08 – 2.98 (m, 4H), 2.69 (dd,  $J = 18.5, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 176.9, 176.3, 175.5, 167.1, 148.6, 140.2, 139.9, 139.1, 136.7, 133.2, 132.6, 130.4, 130.0, 129.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 126.0, 125.1, 44.1, 38.2, 25.4, 12.2$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 550.0737, found: 550.0743.

**1'-acetyl-1,5'-dimethyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ga)**



According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ga** as a white solid (11.1 mg, 48% yield). Melting point: 259.9–260.8 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.45$  (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 3.73 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.07 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 174.2, 173.9, 170.4, 156.3, 153.4, 141.3, 139.0, 136.9, 136.1, 135.6, 133.7, 131.9, 130.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 125.8, 121.7, 117.1, 71.0, 42.6, 25.9, 25.4, 22.3$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 462.1812, found: 462.1813.

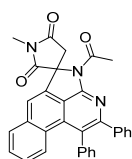
**(*Z/E*)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-4-methyl-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ga)**



According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ga** ( $Z/E = 1:1.2$

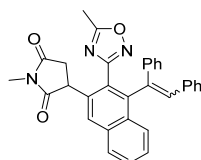
and cannot be separated) as a colorless oil (12.3 mg, 53% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.32 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.04 (m, 9H), 7.00 (q,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d,  $J$  = 47.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.22 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 3.02 (d,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz, 3H), 2.85– 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.41 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 3H), 2.14 (d,  $J$  = 30.9 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.9, 177.7, 176.2, 176.2, 176.1, 176.0, 168.3, 168.2, 145.3, 145.1, 139.9, 139.3, 139.0, 139.0, 137.5, 137.4, 137.3, 137.2, 135.3, 135.2, 133.1, 133.0, 132.4, 131.7, 130.7, 130.4, 129.2, 129.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 44.7, 44.5, 38.7, 38.6, 25.3, 25.2, 20.6, 20.5, 12.3, 12.2. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 486.1788, found: 486.1784.

**4-acetyl-1'-methyl-1,2-diphenyl-4*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline-5,3'-pyrrolidine]-2',5'-dione (4ha)**



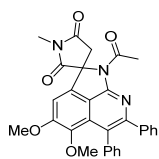
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ha** as a white solid (11.9 mg, 48% yield). Melting point: 279.8–281.0 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 3.82 (d,  $J$  = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 3.19 (d,  $J$  = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 174.3, 174.1, 170.5, 155.9, 155.4, 141.2, 139.2, 136.8, 135.2, 133.2, 131.3, 131.2, 130.3, 130.1, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 119.0, 119.0, 70.7, 43.1, 25.9, 25.4. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 498.1812, found: 498.1816.

**(*Z/E*)-3-(4-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-3-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)naphthalen-2-yl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ha)**



According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ha** (*Z/E* = 1:1.1 and cannot be separated) as a colorless oil (16.2 mg, 65% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.11 (dd,  $J$  = 17.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.06 (m, 10H), 6.65 (d,  $J$  = 23.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 3.16 – 3.03 (m, 4H), 2.94 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.7, 177.6, 176.2, 176.1, 176.0, 168.1, 168.1, 144.7, 144.7, 139.7, 139.6, 138.3, 137.9, 137.2, 137.1, 134.4, 134.0, 133.9, 133.5, 131.7, 131.6, 130.2, 130.1, 129.3, 129.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 127.2, 124.8, 124.8, 45.0, 44.9, 38.5, 38.5, 25.3, 25.3, 12.3, 12.2. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 500.1969, found: 500.1967.

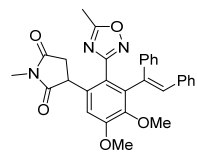
**1'-acetyl-4',5'-dimethoxy-1-methyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ia)**



According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ia** as a white solid (8.4 mg, 33% yield). Melting point: 279.2–280.5 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.14 (m, 7H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.73 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 3.11 (d,  $J$  = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 2.89 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 174.1, 173.9, 170.4, 157.6, 155.8, 153.4, 144.3, 141.1, 138.3, 134.9, 131.8, 131.5, 130.6, 129.5, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 123.0, 117.1, 105.0,

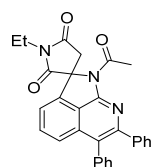
71.2, 60.8, 57.2, 42.5, 26.0, 25.2. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{30}H_{25}N_3O_5Na^+$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 530.1686, found: 530.1684.

**(E)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-4,5-dimethoxy-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ia)**



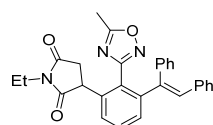
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ia** as a colorless oil (18.8 mg, 74% yield).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.05 (m, 6H), 7.00 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 4.21 – 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.40 – 3.23 (m, 3H), 3.14 – 2.94 (m, 4H), 2.90 – 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 176.1, 176.0, 167.8, 154.7, 146.8, 140.3, 137.2, 133.4, 130.3, 129.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.0, 126.9, 60.1, 56.1, 44.9, 38.5, 25.3, 12.3. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{30}H_{27}N_3O_5Na^+$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 532.1843, found: 532.1850.

**1'-acetyl-1-ethyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-ij]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ab)**



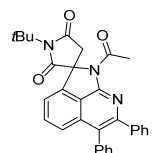
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ab** as a white solid (8.3 mg, 36% yield). Melting point: 284.5–286.2 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 3.85 – 3.70 (m, 3H), 3.08 (d,  $J$  = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 173.5, 170.3, 156.1, 152.1, 140.6, 138.8, 136.6, 135.3, 133.6, 131.1, 130.7, 128.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 125.1, 124.0, 121.3, 116.8, 71.9, 42.4, 34.9, 25.3, 12.9. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{29}H_{23}N_3O_3Na^+$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 484.1632, found: 484.1641.

**(E)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-ethylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ab)**



According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ab** as a white solid (11.3 mg, 49% yield). Melting point: 192.5–194.5 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 7H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.07 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (dd,  $J$  = 18.6, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd,  $J$  = 18.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.4, 176.0, 175.8, 167.7, 146.8, 141.5, 139.8, 138.4, 137.2, 131.8, 130.9, 130.5, 130.3, 129.5, 128.1, 128.1, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.6, 44.1, 38.6, 34.2, 13.2, 12.3. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{29}H_{25}N_3O_3Na^+$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 486.1788, found: 486.1803.

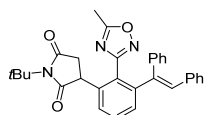
**1'-acetyl-1-(tert-butyl)-6',7'-diphenyl-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-ij]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ac)**



According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ac** as a colorless oil (6.4 mg, 26% yield).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.70 (dd,  $J$

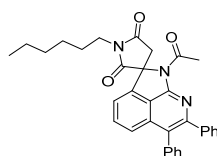
= 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 3.70 (d,  $J = 17.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d,  $J = 17.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 174.6, 174.3, 170.2, 156.3, 152.1, 140.7, 139.4, 136.7, 135.3, 133.6, 131.2, 130.7, 128.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 124.9, 123.9, 121.3, 116.4, 71.7, 59.7, 42.3, 28.4, 25.4$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 490.2125, found: 490.2118.

**(*E*)-1-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ac)**



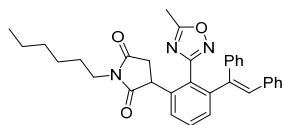
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ac** as a colorless oil (14.2 mg, 58% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.49$  (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 7H), 7.04– 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.93 (dd,  $J = 10.0, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd,  $J = 18.2, 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd,  $J = 18.3, 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 178.5, 177.0, 175.9, 167.7, 146.7, 141.5, 139.8, 139.1, 137.2, 131.7, 130.9, 130.5, 130.1, 129.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.3, 58.9, 44.0, 38.9, 28.5, 12.3$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 492.2282, found: 492.2286.

**1'-acetyl-1-hexyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ad)**



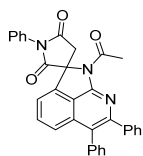
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ad** as colorless oil (6.2 mg, 24% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.70$  (dd,  $J = 8.4, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 3.77 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.08 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 1.80 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.31 (m, 6H), 0.94 – 0.87 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 173.7, 173.7, 170.2, 156.1, 152.1, 140.6, 138.9, 136.7, 135.3, 133.6, 130.7, 128.8, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 125.0, 124.0, 121.3, 116.7, 71.9, 42.3, 40.0, 31.4, 27.6, 26.6, 25.3, 22.7, 14.2$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 518.2438, found: 518.2440.

**(*E*)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-hexylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ad)**



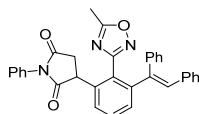
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ad** as colorless oil (11.7 mg, 45% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.48$  (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 7H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.52 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.02 (dd,  $J = 18.5, 9.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd,  $J = 18.5, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.27 (m, 6H), 0.91 – 0.85 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 177.5, 176.0, 176.0, 167.7, 146.8, 141.5, 139.8, 138.4, 137.2, 131.7, 130.9, 130.5, 130.3, 129.5, 128.1, 128.1, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.5, 44.0, 39.3, 38.5, 31.4, 27.8, 26.7, 22.6, 14.1, 12.3$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 542.2414, found: 542.2419.

**1'-acetyl-1,6',7'-triphenyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ae)**



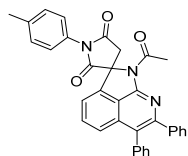
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ae** as a white solid (9.4 mg, 37% yield). Melting point: 283.1–284.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.32 (m, 9H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 172.8, 170.4, 156.0, 152.2, 140.6, 138.7, 136.6, 135.4, 133.7, 132.1, 131.2, 131.0, 130.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.6, 126.9, 125.2, 124.2, 121.4, 117.0, 71.9, 42.5, 25.2. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 510.1812, found: 510.1817.

**(*E*)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ae)**



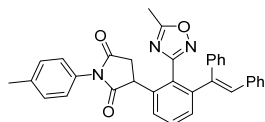
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ae** as a colorless oil (12.0 mg, 47% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.56 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 7.07 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 176.4, 176.1, 174.9, 167.7, 147.0, 141.4, 139.7, 138.0, 137.2, 132.0, 131.8, 130.9, 130.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.1, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 126.5, 44.7, 38.4, 12.2. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 534.1788, found: 534.1783.

**1'-acetyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4af)**



According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4af** as a colorless oil (7.8 mg, 30% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.31 (m, 10H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 173.0, 172.9, 170.4, 156.0, 152.2, 140.6, 139.4, 138.8, 136.6, 135.4, 133.7, 131.1, 130.7, 130.1, 129.4, 128.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.6, 126.7, 125.1, 124.2, 121.4, 116.9, 71.9, 42.5, 25.3, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 524.1969, found: 524.1964.

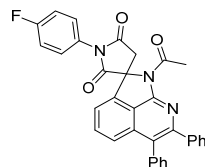
**(*E*)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5af)**



According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5af** as a colorless oil (14.4 mg, 55% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.09 (m, 8H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 176.5, 176.1, 175.0, 167.7, 147.0, 141.4, 139.7, 138.8, 138.1, 137.2, 131.8, 130.9, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 129.4, 129.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 126.3,

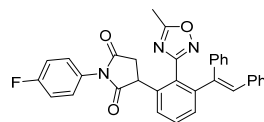
44.6, 38.4, 21.3, 12.2. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{34}H_{28}N_3O_3^+$   $[M+H]^+$ : 526.2125, found: 526.2123.

**1'-acetyl-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-6',7'-diphenyl-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ag)**



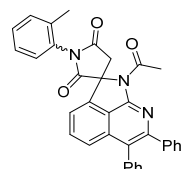
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ag** as a white solid (7.4 mg, 28% yield). Melting point: 240.3–242.8 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.75 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 7.29 – 7.17 (m, 7H), 3.90 (d,  $J$  = 18.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d,  $J$  = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 172.9, 172.8, 170.5, 162.7 ( $J$  = 247.6 Hz), 155.9, 152.2, 140.5, 138.5, 136.6, 135.4, 133.7, 131.1, 130.7, 128.8 ( $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 127.9 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 127.8, 127.6 ( $J$  = 7 Hz), 125.2, 124.3, 121.4, 117.0, 116.5 ( $J$  = 23.0 Hz), 71.8, 42.5, 25.2.  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = -111.6. (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{33}H_{22}FN_3O_3Na^+$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 550.1537, found: 550.1536.

**(*E*)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ag)**



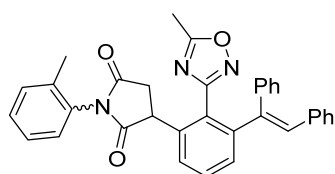
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ag** as a colorless oil (15.9 mg, 60% yield).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.52 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 8H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 4H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 4.30 (dd,  $J$  = 10.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd,  $J$  = 18.6, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J$  = 18.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 176.3, 176.2, 174.8, 167.7, 162.3 ( $J$  = 247.1 Hz), 147.1, 141.4, 139.7, 137.7, 137.1, 131.9, 130.7 ( $J$  = 34.8 Hz), 130.5, 129.4, 128.3 ( $J$  = 8.7 Hz), 128.1 ( $J$  = 4.4 Hz), 127.9 ( $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 127.5, 127.2 ( $J$  = 14.1 Hz), 126.7, 116.2 ( $J$  = 22.8 Hz), 44.7, 38.3, 12.2.  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = -112.2. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{33}H_{24}FN_3O_3Na^+$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 552.1694, found: 552.1698.

**1'-acetyl-6',7'-diphenyl-1-(*o*-tolyl)-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ah)**



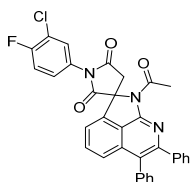
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ah** (rotameric products = 1:1.2 and cannot be separated) as a colorless oil (5.5 mg, 21% yield).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.77 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.29 (m, 10H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 4.00 (dd,  $J$  = 61.3, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd,  $J$  = 29.6, 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz, 3H), 2.39 (d,  $J$  = 47.7 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 172.8, 172.7, 172.6, 172.6, 170.5, 170.2, 156.1, 156.0, 152.2, 140.6, 139.0, 138.8, 137.5, 136.6, 135.5, 135.4, 135.3, 133.7, 133.7, 131.8, 131.2, 131.1, 130.9, 130.7, 130.1, 130.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 126.9, 125.2, 125.1, 124.2, 124.2, 121.5, 121.2, 116.9, 116.6, 72.2, 72.1, 42.8, 42.3, 25.3, 25.3, 18.0, 18.0. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $C_{34}H_{25}N_3O_3Na^+$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 546.1788, found: 546.1789.

**(E)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-(*o*-tolyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ah)**



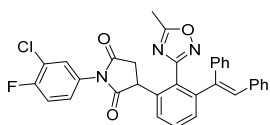
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ah** (rotameric products = 1:1.0 and cannot be separated) as a colorless oil (14.7 mg, 56% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.54 (td, *J* = 7.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 6.97 (m, 11H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (td, *J* = 9.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 19.5, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 56.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 176.4, 176.3, 176.2, 176.1, 174.9, 174.9, 167.8, 167.7, 147.0, 146.9, 141.5, 141.5, 139.8, 139.7, 138.4, 138.0, 137.2, 137.2, 135.7, 135.6, 131.8, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 131.2, 131.1, 131.0, 130.6, 130.5, 130.4, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.5, 128.1, 128.1, 127.3, 127.3, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 127.1, 127.1, 125.8, 44.8, 44.2, 38.9, 38.7, 18.2, 18.0, 12.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 526.2125, found: 526.2129.

**1'-acetyl-1-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-6',7'-diphenyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ai)**



According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ai** as a white solid (7.6 mg, 27% yield). Melting point: 251.2–252.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 172.6, 172.4, 170.6, 158.3 (*J* = 250.3 Hz), 155.8, 152.3, 140.5, 138.3, 136.5, 135.4, 133.7, 131.0, 130.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4 (*J* = 3.8 Hz), 127.8, 127.7 (*J* = 7.2 Hz), 127.0 (*J* = 7.8 Hz), 125.3, 124.4, 122.0 (*J* = 18.9 Hz), 121.3, 117.3 (*J* = 22.4 Hz), 117.0, 71.7, 42.5, 25.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = -113.7. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClFN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 562.1328, found: 562.1321.

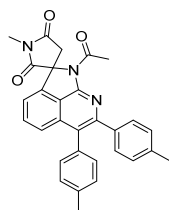
**(E)-1-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-3-(3-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ai)**



According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ai** as a colorless oil (17.7 mg, 63% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 6H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 18.7, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 18.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 176.3, 176.0, 174.4, 167.8, 157.8 (*J* = 249.9 Hz), 147.2, 141.3, 139.7, 137.3 (*J* = 28.4 Hz), 131.9, 130.8 (*J* = 23.9 Hz), 130.5, 129.5, 128.9, 128.4 (*J* = 3.8 Hz), 128.1 (*J* = 4.3 Hz), 127.8, 127.2 (*J* = 14.4 Hz), 126.6, 126.4 (*J* = 7.6 Hz), 121.8 (*J* = 18.9 Hz), 117.1 (*J* = 22.3 Hz), 44.8, 38.2, 12.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = -114.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClFN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 586.1304, found: 586.1310.

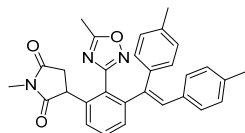
**1'-acetyl-1-methyl-6',7'-di-*p*-tolyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,**

### 5-dione (4aj)



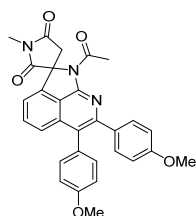
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4aj** as a white solid (10.2 mg, 43% yield). Melting point: 230.1–233.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 2H) 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 32.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 173.9, 173.8, 170.3, 155.8, 152.0, 138.6, 137.9, 137.4, 137.2, 135.6, 133.7, 133.4, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 128.5, 124.8, 124.1, 121.2, 116.7, 71.9, 42.4, 25.9, 25.3, 21.5, 21.4. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 498.1788, found: 498.1790.

### (E)-3-(3-(1,2-di-p-tolylvinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5aj)



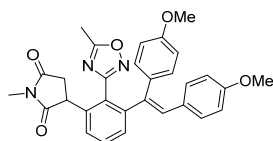
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5aj** as a colorless oil (9.8 mg, 41% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.86 (m, 8H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 2.98 (m, 4H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 177.6, 176.1, 175.9, 167.7, 147.3, 140.5, 138.0, 137.0, 136.8, 136.8, 134.4, 131.4, 130.8, 130.3, 130.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 126.8, 126.6, 44.3, 38.5, 25.3, 21.4, 21.3, 12.2. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 500.1945, found: 500.1954.

### 1'-acetyl-6',7'-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-ij]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ak)



According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1) afforded **4ak** as a white solid (14.7 mg, 58% yield). Melting point: 218.5–219.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 173.9, 173.8, 170.3, 159.1, 159.0, 155.7, 151.7, 138.6, 135.7, 133.5, 133.2, 132.0, 129.0, 124.0, 124.0, 121.1, 116.6, 114.3, 113.3, 71.9, 55.4, 55.3, 42.4, 25.9, 25.3. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 508.1867, found: 508.1863.

### (E)-3-(3-(1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ak)

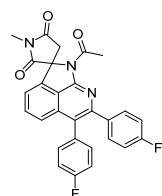


According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ak** as a colorless oil (6.6 mg, 26% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 6.66 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 4.10 (dd, *J*



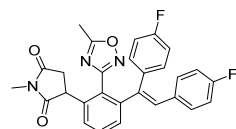
= 9.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 6H), 3.08 – 2.98 (m, 4H), 2.70 (dd,  $J$  = 18.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.7, 176.1, 176.0, 167.7, 158.7, 158.6, 147.4, 139.2, 138.0, 132.5, 132.4, 131.7, 130.8, 130.7, 130.7, 130.3, 130.0, 126.8, 126.6, 113.5, 113.5, 55.3, 44.3, 38.5, 25.3, 12.2. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{Na}^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 532.1843, found: 532.1850.

#### 1'-acetyl-6',7'-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4a)



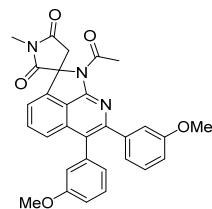
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4a** as a colorless oil (9.4 mg, 39% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.73 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 7.09 (t,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 3.75 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.11 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 173.8, 173.7, 170.2, 162.3 ( $J$  = 245.2 Hz), 156.2, 151.3, 138.8, 136.5 ( $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 135.2, 133.9, 132.6, 132.4 ( $J$  = 7.8 Hz), 123.9, 123.7, 121.3, 117.2, 116.2, 115.9, 114.9 ( $J$  = 21.4 Hz), 72.0, 42.4, 25.9, 25.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = -113.9, -114.0. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 484.1467, found: 484.1466.

#### (*E*)-3-(3-(1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)vinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5a)



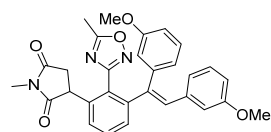
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5a** as a colorless oil (11.6 mg, 48% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 6.82 (q,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 4.11 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 – 2.97 (m, 4H), 2.70 (dd,  $J$  = 18.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.6, 176.2, 175.9, 167.6, 163.2 ( $J$  = 21.5 Hz), 160.7 ( $J$  = 21.6 Hz), 146.4, 140.3 ( $J$  = 1.5 Hz), 138.2, 135.5 ( $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 133.0 ( $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 132.2 ( $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 131.1, 131.0 ( $J$  = 2.5 Hz), 130.8, 130.2, 127.2, 126.8, 115.3 ( $J$  = 6.9 Hz), 115.1 ( $J$  = 7.1 Hz), 44.3, 38.4, 25.3, 12.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = -114.1. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : 508.1443, found: 508.1440.

#### 1'-acetyl-6',7'-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-1'*H*-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-*ij*]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4am)



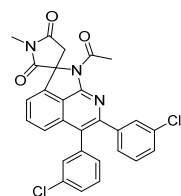
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4am** as a white solid (10.1 mg, 40% yield). Melting point: 218.2–220.4 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.71 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.73 (m, 4H), 3.81 – 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.11 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 173.9, 173.8, 170.3, 159.0, 156.0, 151.8, 141.9, 138.6, 138.1, 135.2, 133.7, 128.8, 125.0, 124.2, 123.1, 121.3, 117.0, 115.7, 114.1, 71.9, 55.4, 55.2, 42.4, 25.9, 25.3. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 508.1867, found: 508.1870.

**(E)-3-(3-(1,2-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5am)**



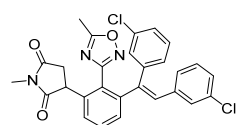
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5am** as a colorless oil (8.7 mg, 34% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.52 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dt,  $J$  = 17.7, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (ddd,  $J$  = 17.1, 8.3, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.59 – 6.52 (m, 3H), 4.09 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d,  $J$  = 29.8 Hz, 6H), 3.01 (s, 4H), 2.70 (dd,  $J$  = 18.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.6, 176.0, 176.0, 167.6, 159.3, 159.1, 146.6, 141.5, 141.1, 138.3, 138.1, 131.8, 130.9, 130.1, 129.2, 129.0, 126.9, 126.8, 122.8, 122.2, 115.5, 114.0, 113.6, 113.3, 55.3, 55.0, 44.3, 38.4, 25.2, 12.1. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 532.1843, found: 532.1843.

**1'-acetyl-6',7'-bis(3-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-ij]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4an)**



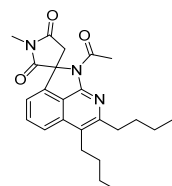
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4an** as a colorless oil (6.2 mg, 24% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.75 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 3.76 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.12 (d,  $J$  = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 173.6, 170.3, 156.4, 150.9, 142.0, 138.8, 138.1, 134.9, 134.1, 133.9, 130.8, 130.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 124.0, 123.8, 121.4, 117.6, 72.0, 42.3, 26.0, 25.4. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 516.0876, found: 516.0870.

**(E)-3-(3-(1,2-bis(3-chlorophenyl)vinyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenyl)-1-methylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5an)**



According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5an** as a colorless oil (16.8 mg, 65% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.50 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 12.7 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.12 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 4H), 2.70 (dd,  $J$  = 18.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 177.5, 176.3, 175.9, 167.4, 145.6, 141.5, 141.1, 138.4, 138.3, 134.1, 134.0, 131.1, 131.0, 130.2, 130.2, 129.6, 129.4, 129.4, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 44.3, 38.4, 25.3, 12.1. HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 518.1033, found: 518.1019.

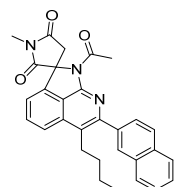
**1'-acetyl-6',7'-dibutyl-1-methyl-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-ij]isoquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ao)**



According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ao** as a colorless oil (10.0 mg, 49% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  =

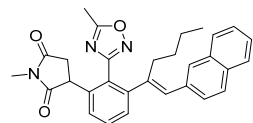
7.77 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.84 (m, 7H), 1.83 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.40 (m, 4H), 0.99 (td,  $J = 7.3, 2.4$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 174.0, 173.9, 170.2, 154.8, 154.7, 139.0, 134.9, 132.9, 122.5, 121.9, 121.0, 115.6, 71.5, 42.5, 34.8, 33.0, 32.1, 27.3, 25.8, 25.0, 23.2, 22.9, 14.2, 14.1$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 408.2282, found: 408.2275.

**1'-acetyl-6'-butyl-1-methyl-7'-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1'H-spiro[pyrrolidine-3,2'-pyrrolo[4,3,2-ij]isquinoline]-2,5-dione (4ap)**



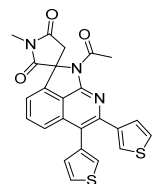
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4ap** as a colorless oil (11.7 mg, 49% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 8.02 - 7.86$  (m, 5H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.09 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd,  $J = 9.5, 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 173.9, 173.8, 170.3, 154.8, 152.8, 139.2, 138.8, 135.1, 133.3, 133.1, 132.9, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.4, 126.4, 124.2, 122.8, 121.7, 116.7, 71.7, 42.4, 33.4, 28.2, 25.9, 25.1, 23.0, 13.9$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 500.1945, found: 500.1943.

**(E)-1-methyl-3-(2-(5-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-3-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)hex-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione (5ap)**



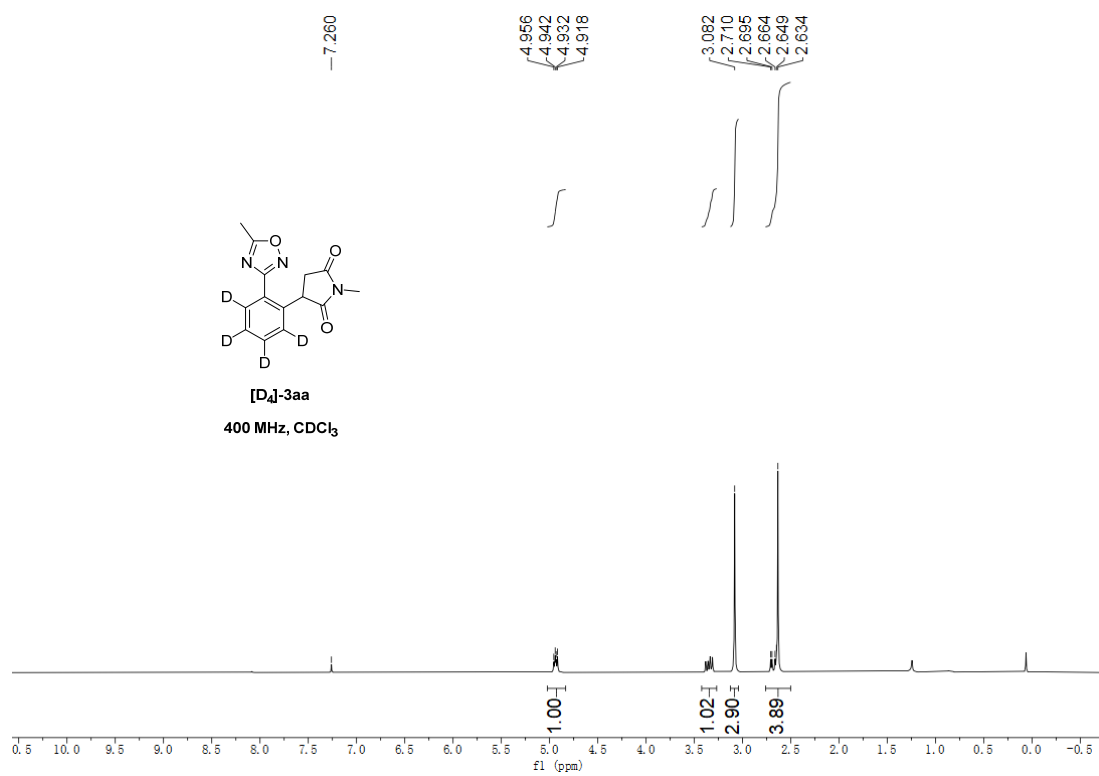
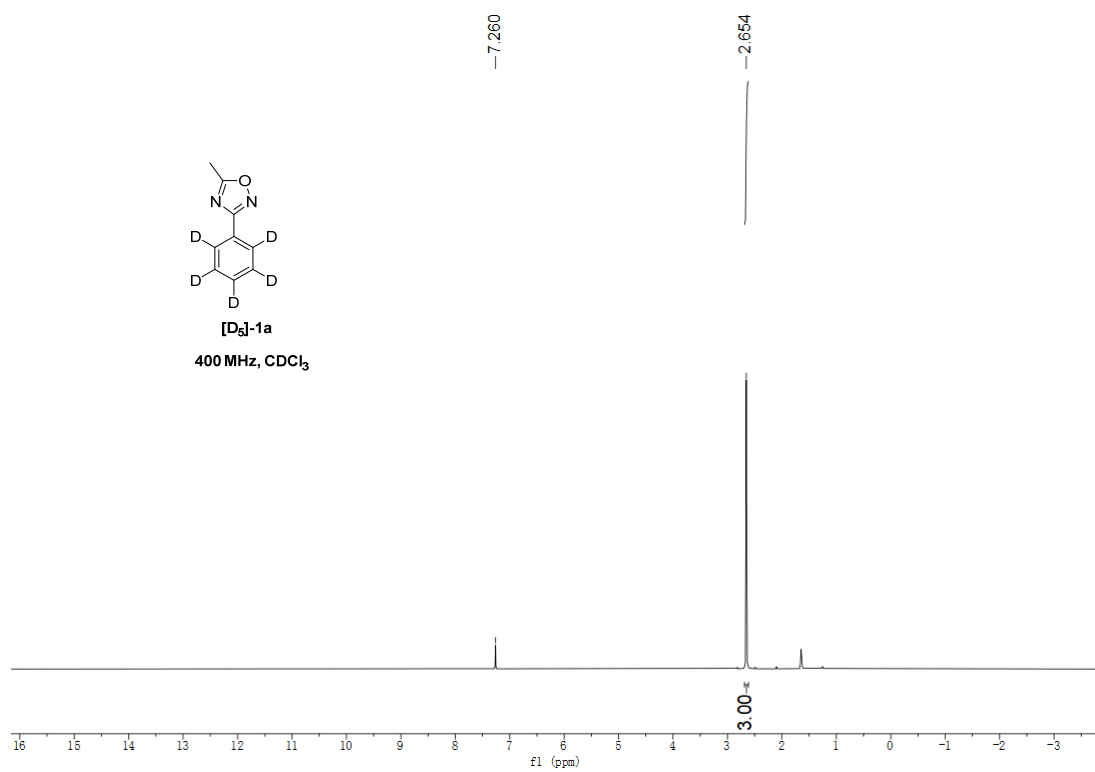
According to general procedure B, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2/1, v/v) afforded **5ap** as a colorless oil (7.2 mg, 30% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.84 - 7.75$  (m, 3H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 4.15 (dd,  $J = 9.7, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 3.03 (m, 4H), 2.76 (dd,  $J = 18.6, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.52 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.26 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 177.8, 176.4, 176.1, 167.9, 146.5, 142.6, 138.1, 135.3, 133.4, 132.3, 131.2, 130.7, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 126.2, 125.9, 44.7, 38.6, 32.4, 30.4, 25.3, 23.0, 14.0, 12.5$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 502.2101, found: 502.2102.

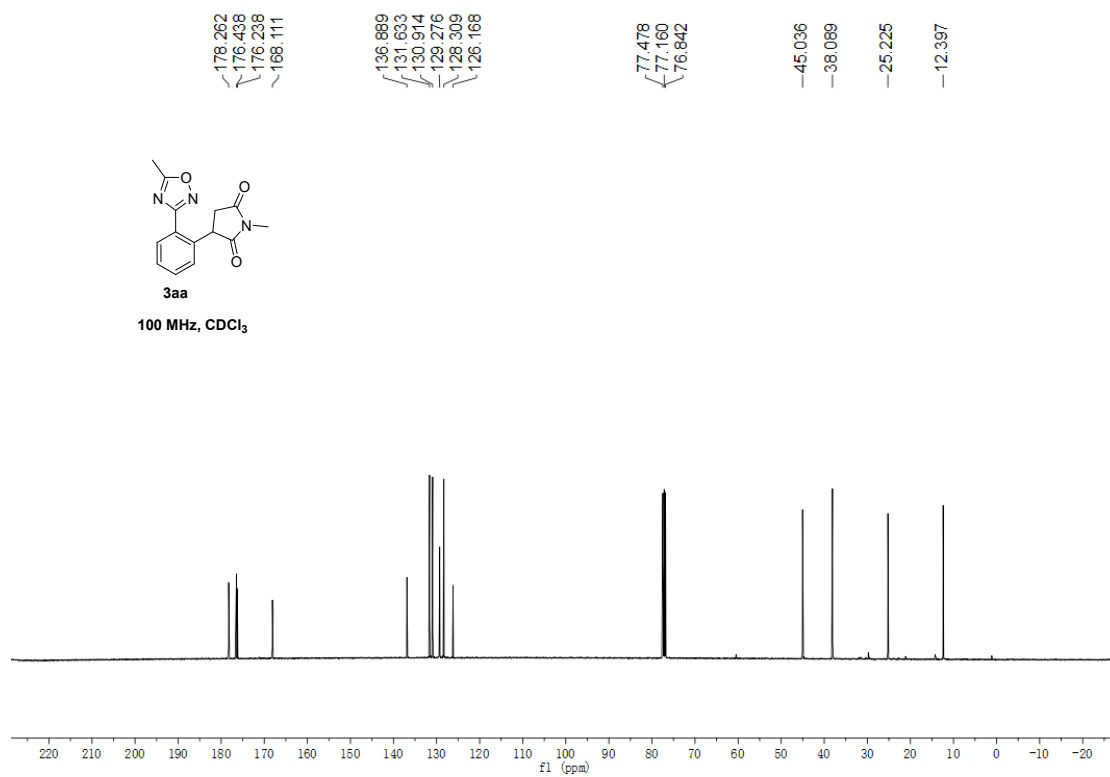
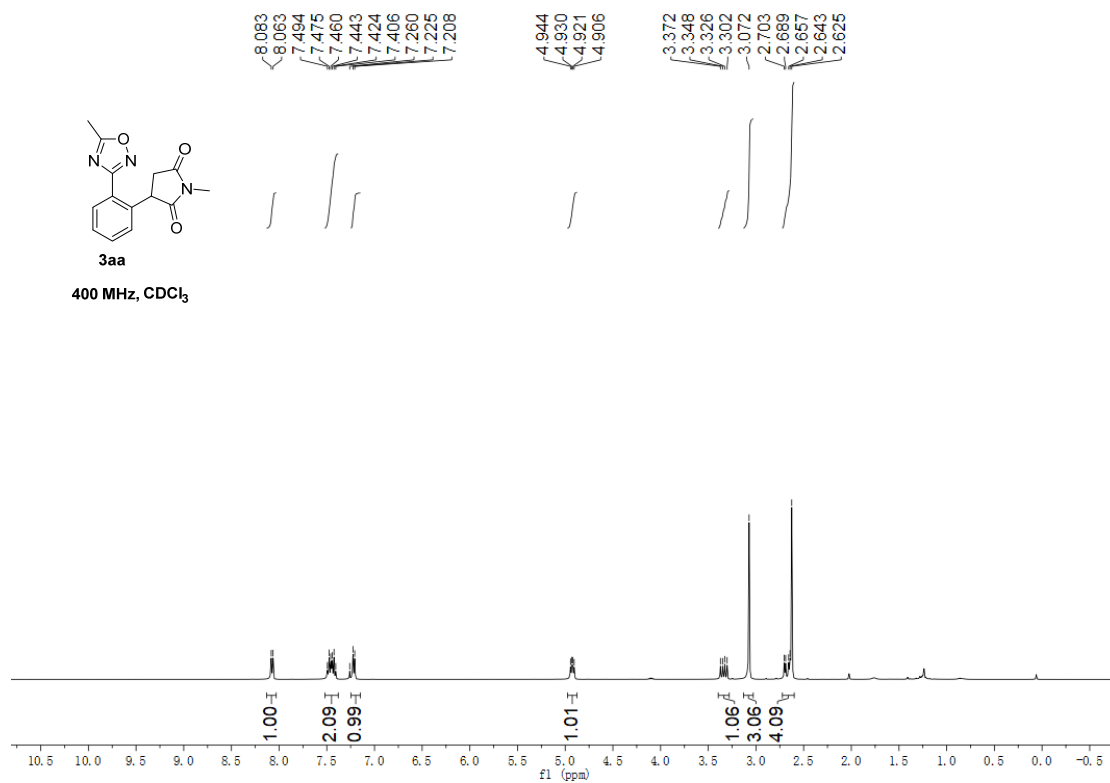
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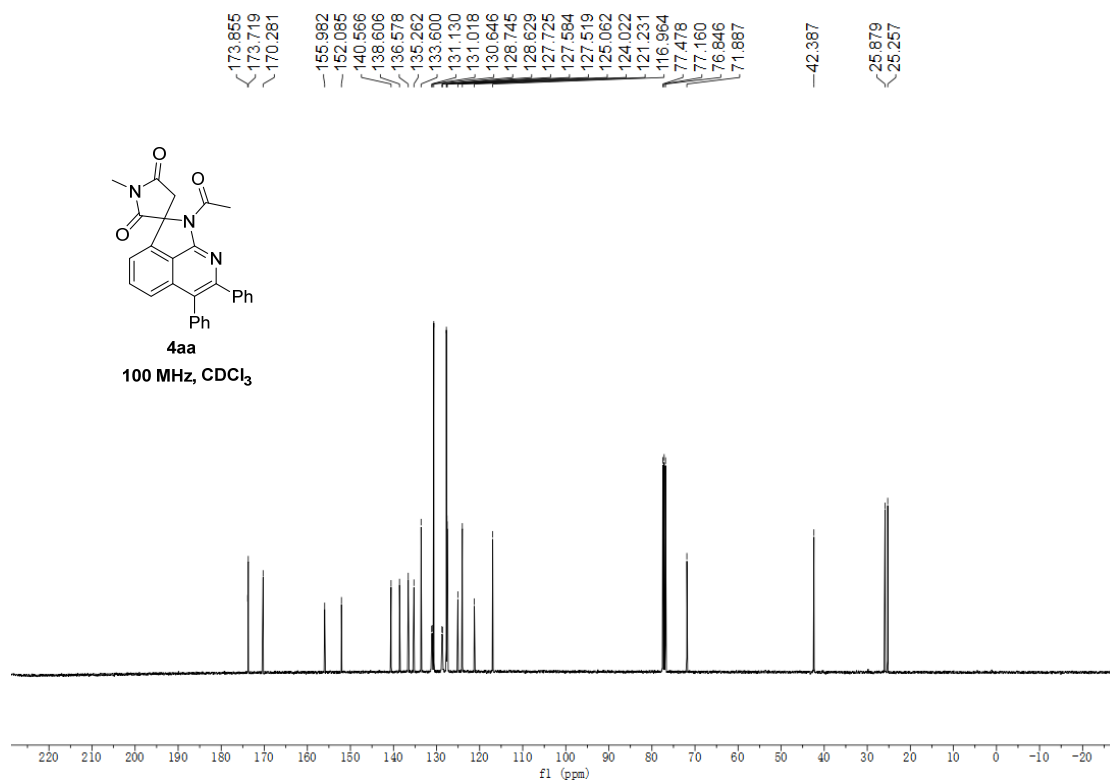
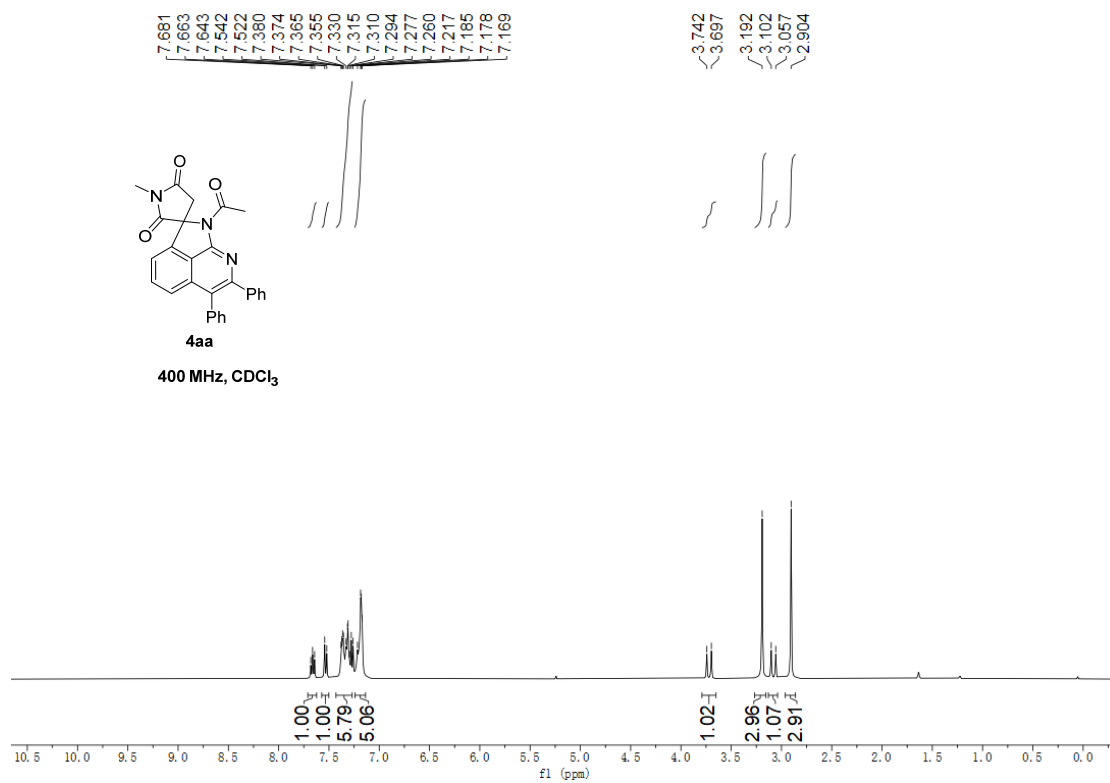


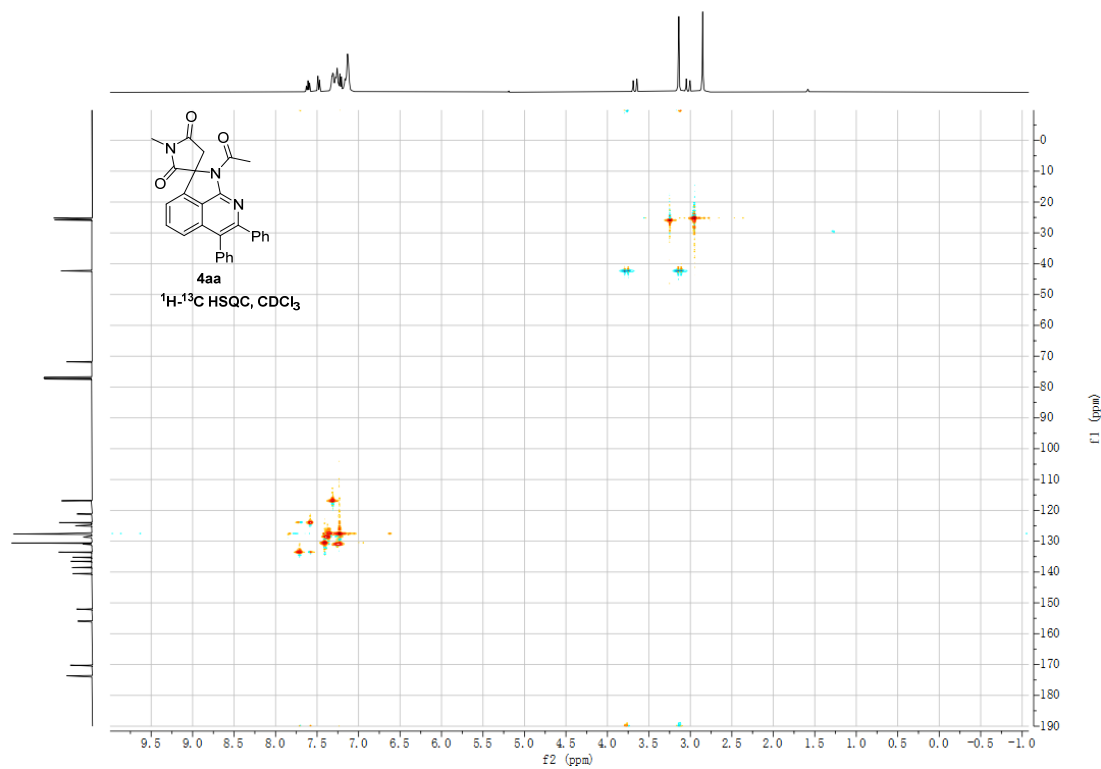
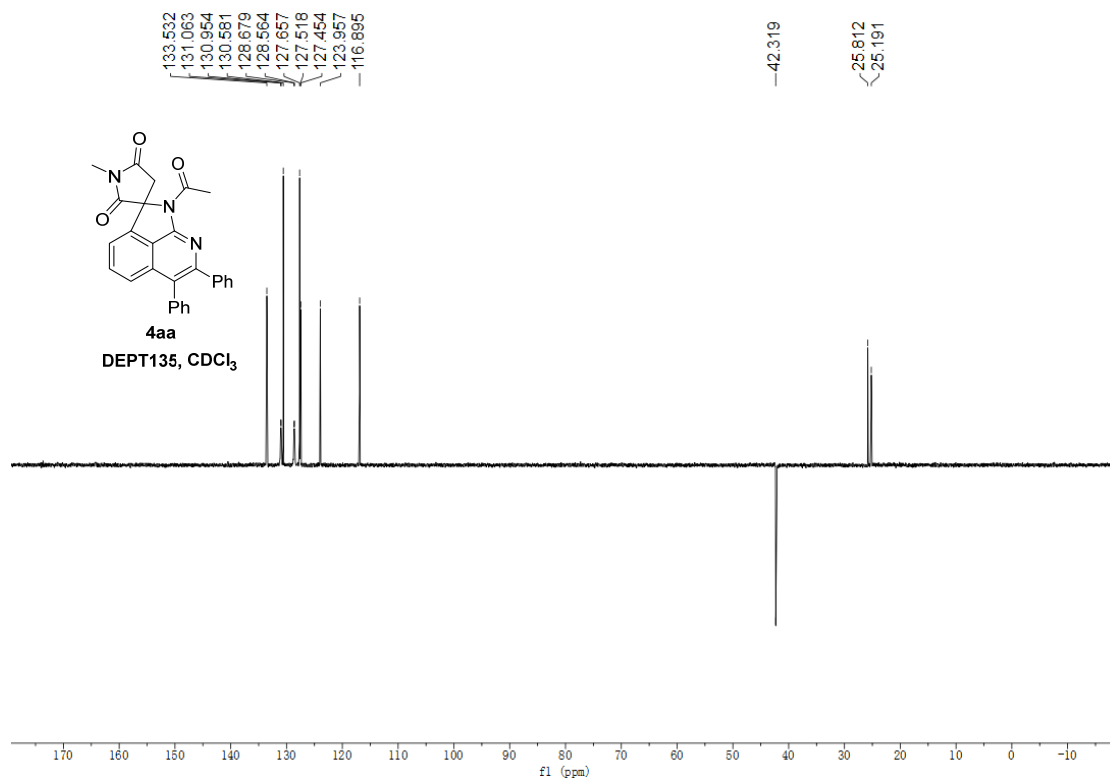
According to general procedure A, purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ dichloromethane/ethyl acetate = 6/3/1, v/v) afforded **4aq** as a white solid (7.1 mg, 31% yield). Melting point: 181.4–183.0 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 7.69$  (dd,  $J = 8.3, 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd,  $J = 3.1, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dd,  $J = 5.1, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd,  $J = 5.1, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d,  $J = 18.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.10 (d,  $J = 17.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 173.8, 173.7, 170.2, 156.0, 147.4, 141.8, 138.5, 136.7, 135.9, 133.8, 129.7, 129.0, 126.8, 126.6, 124.9, 124.4, 124.0, 121.1, 119.0, 116.8, 72.0, 42.3, 25.9, 25.3$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 460.0784, found: 460.0784.

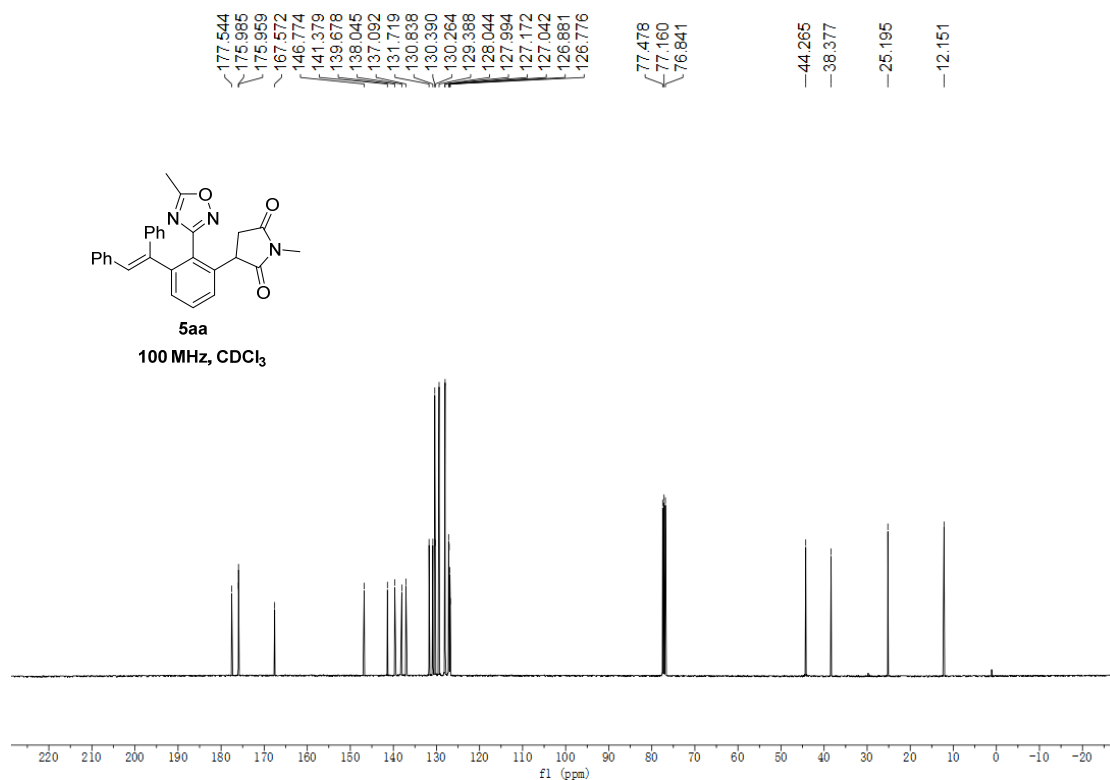
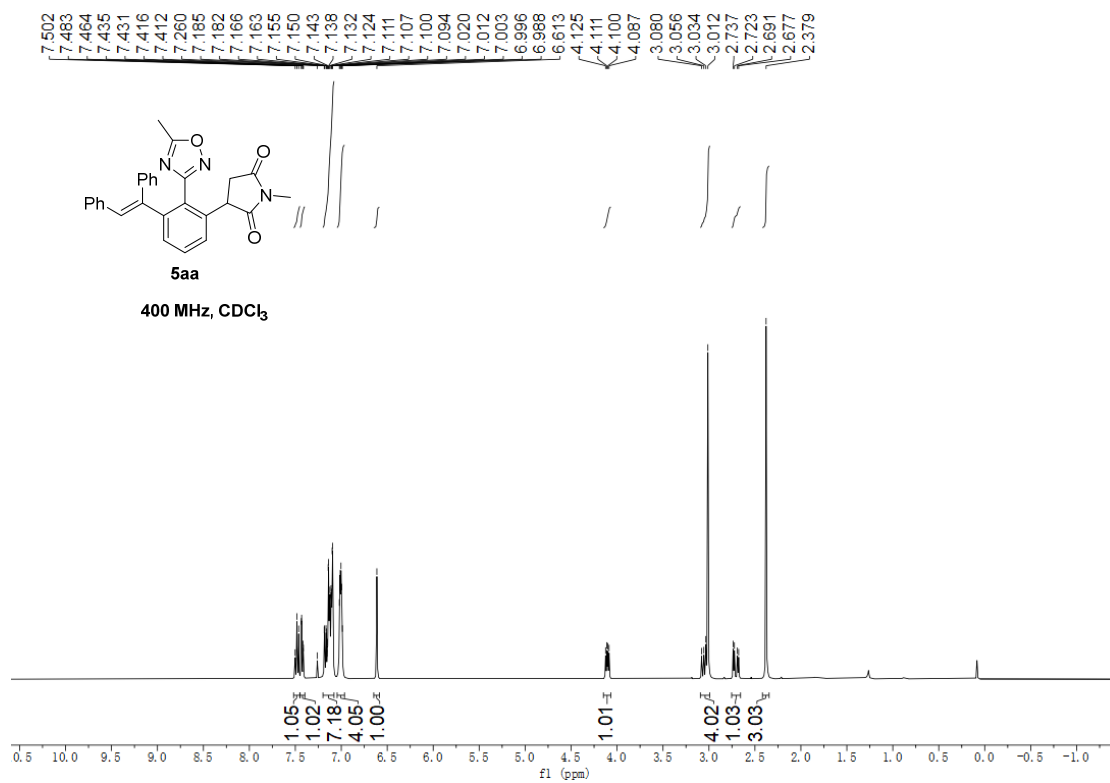
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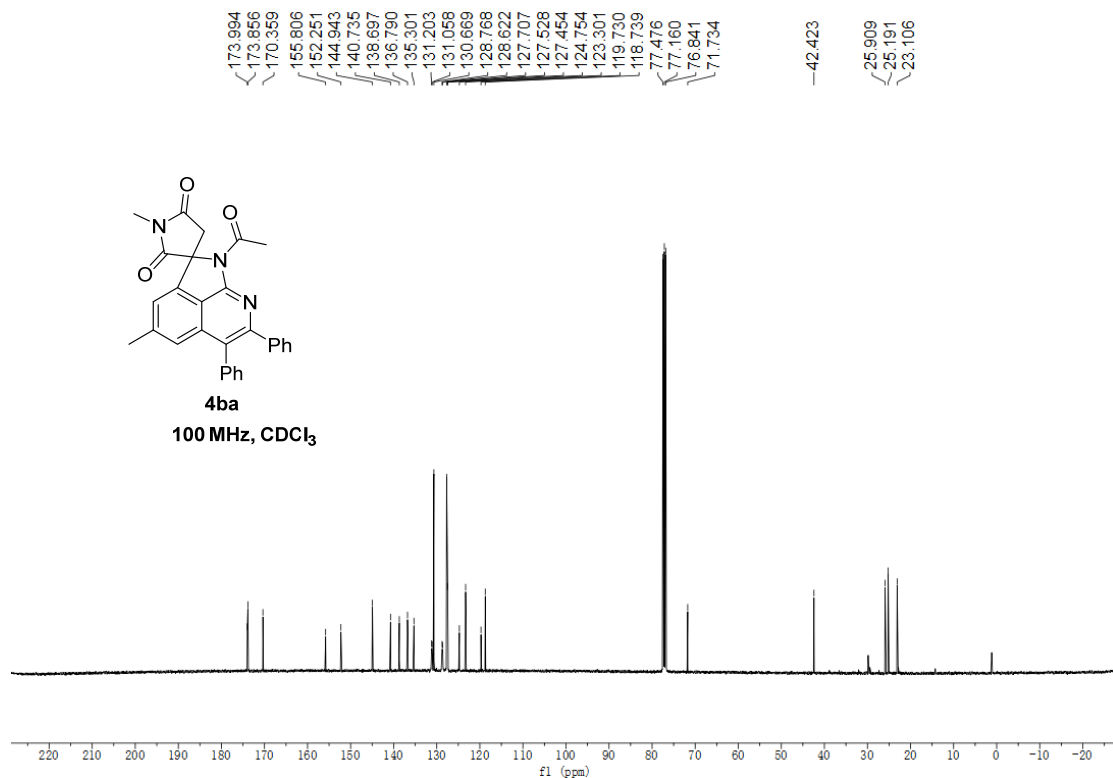
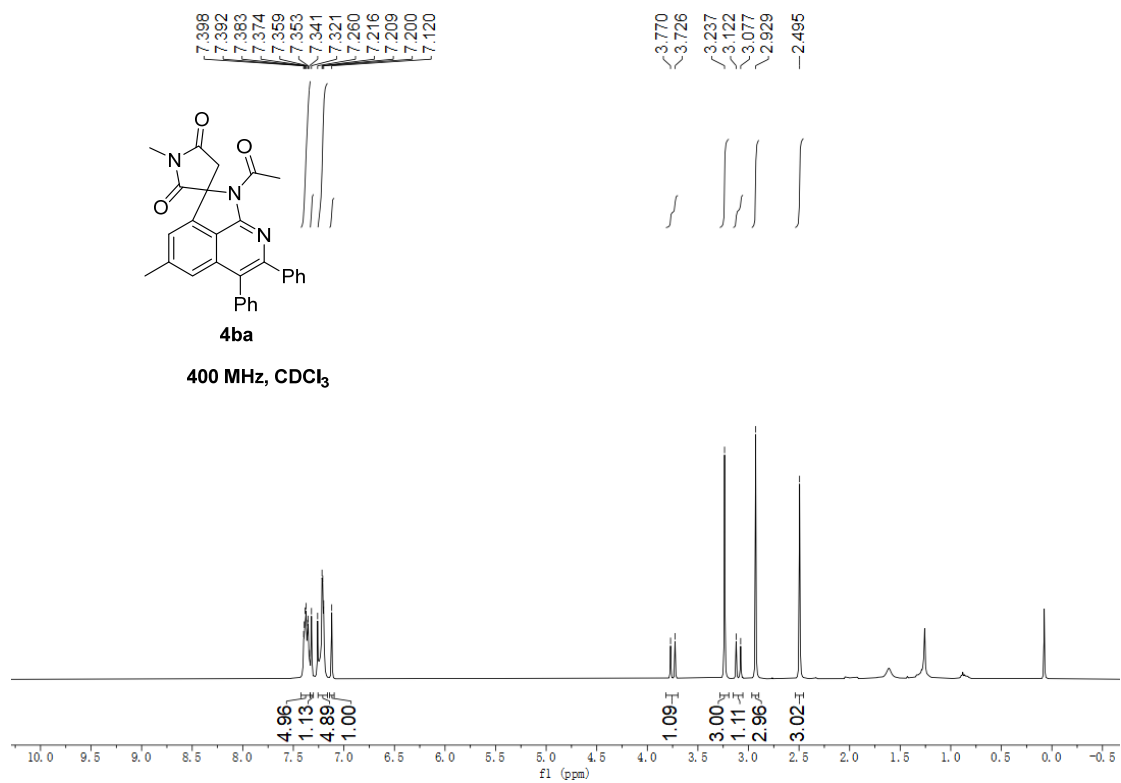


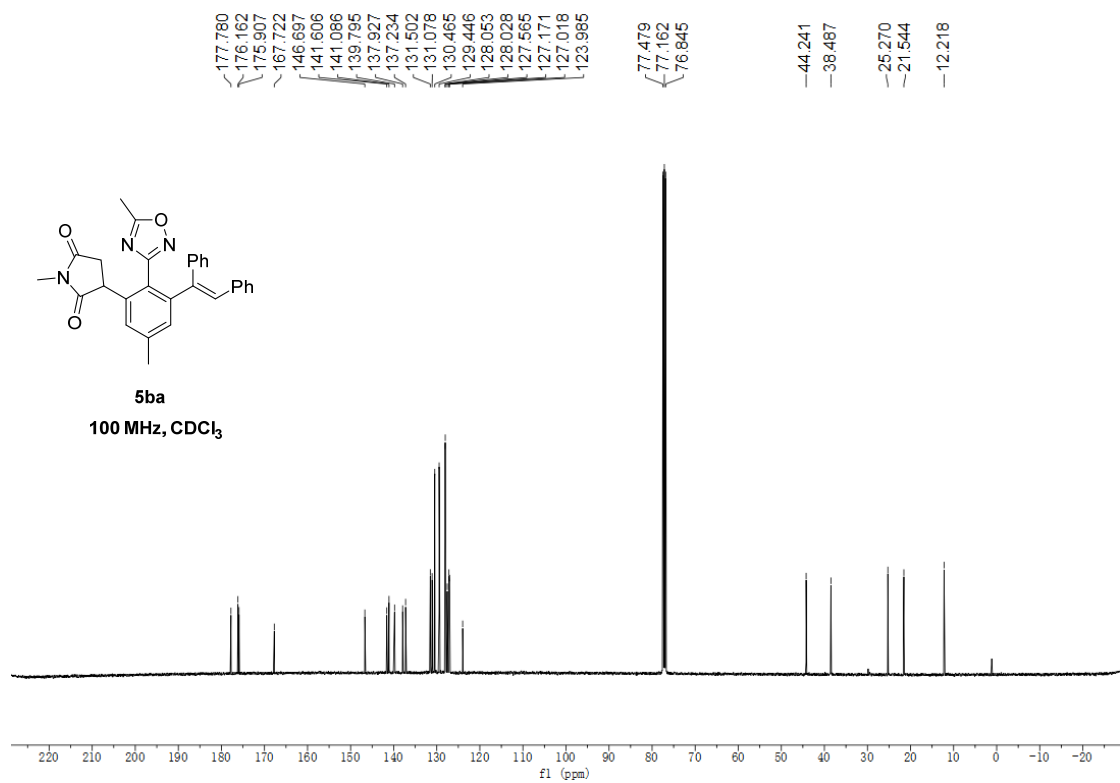
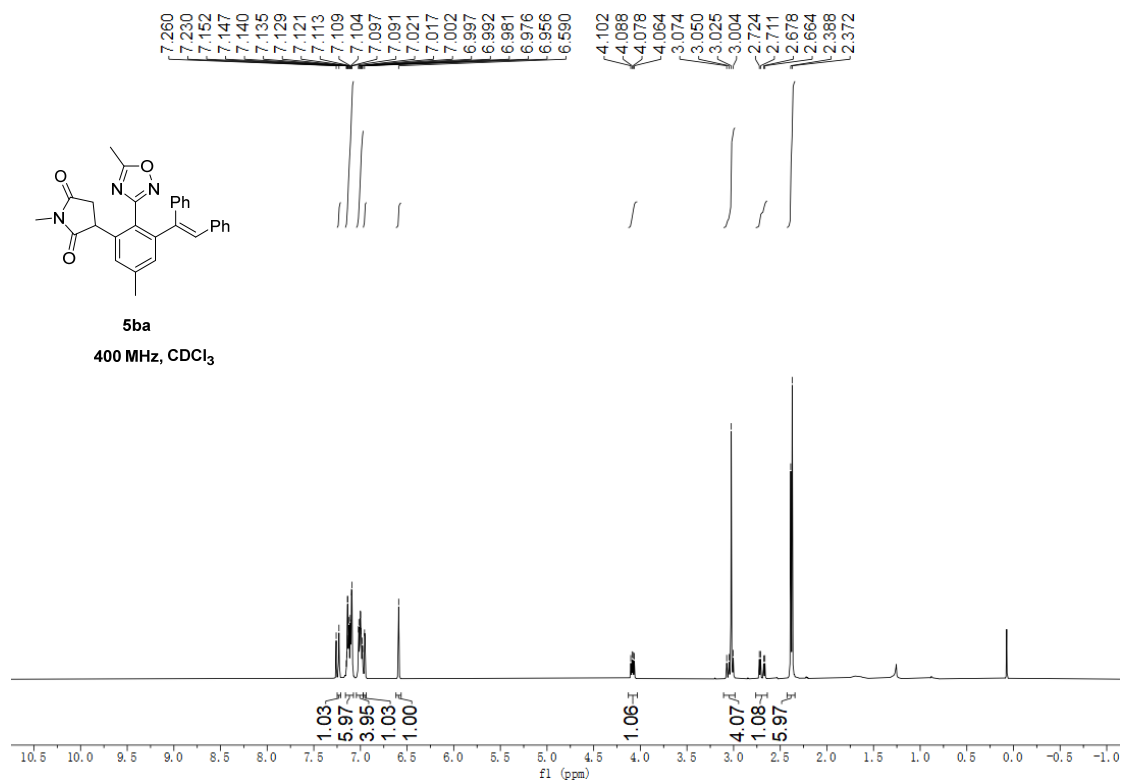


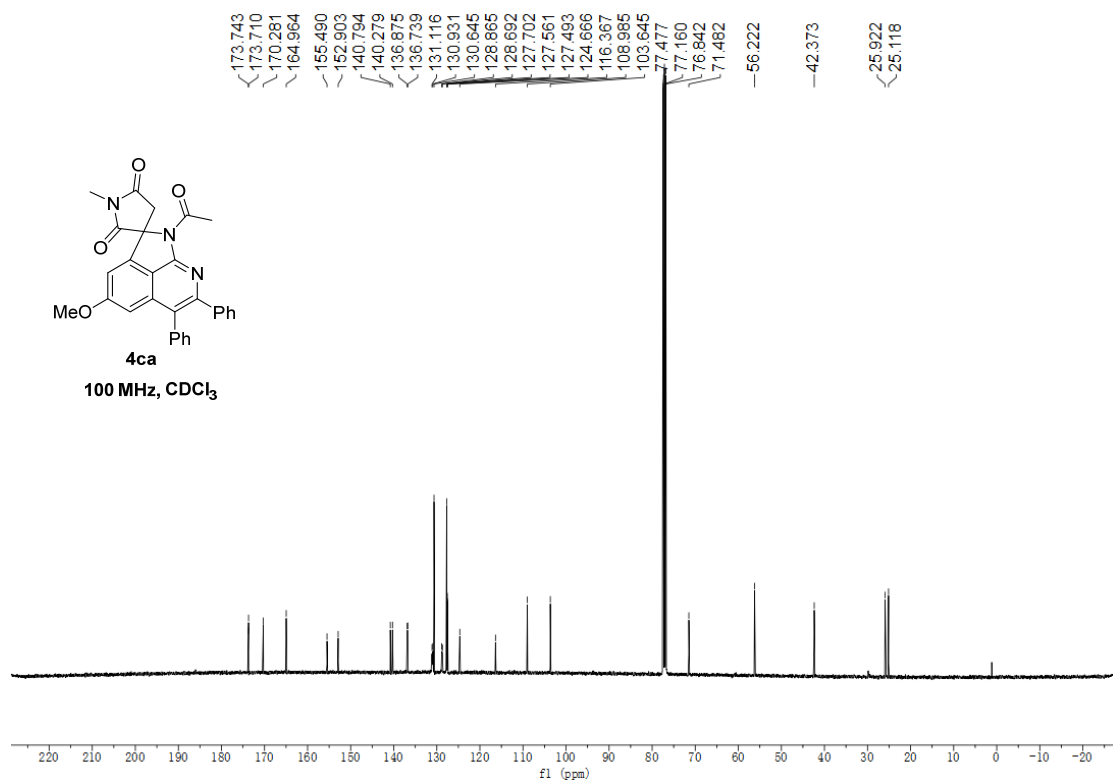
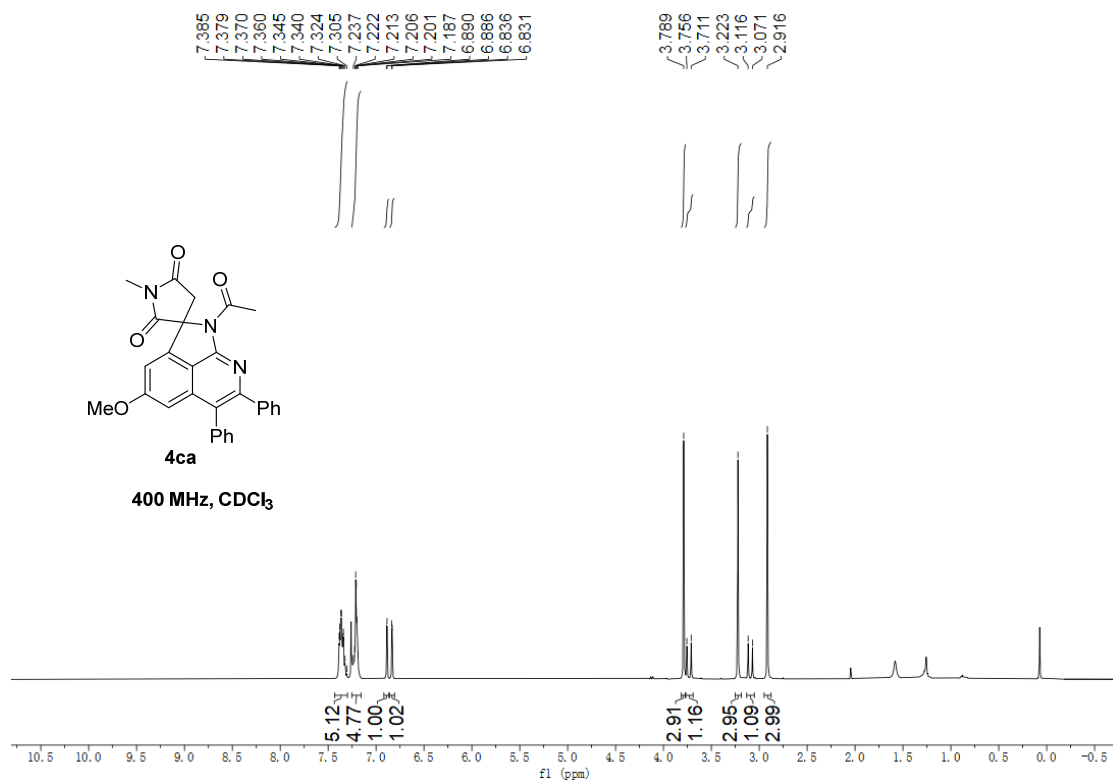


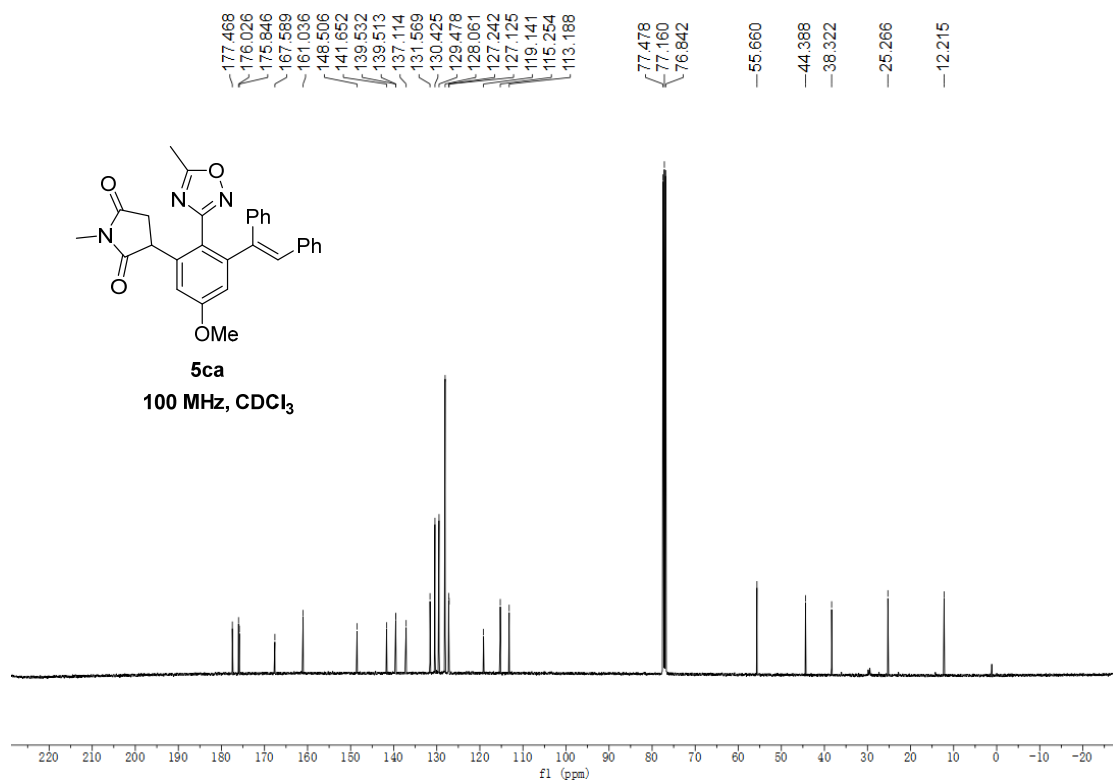
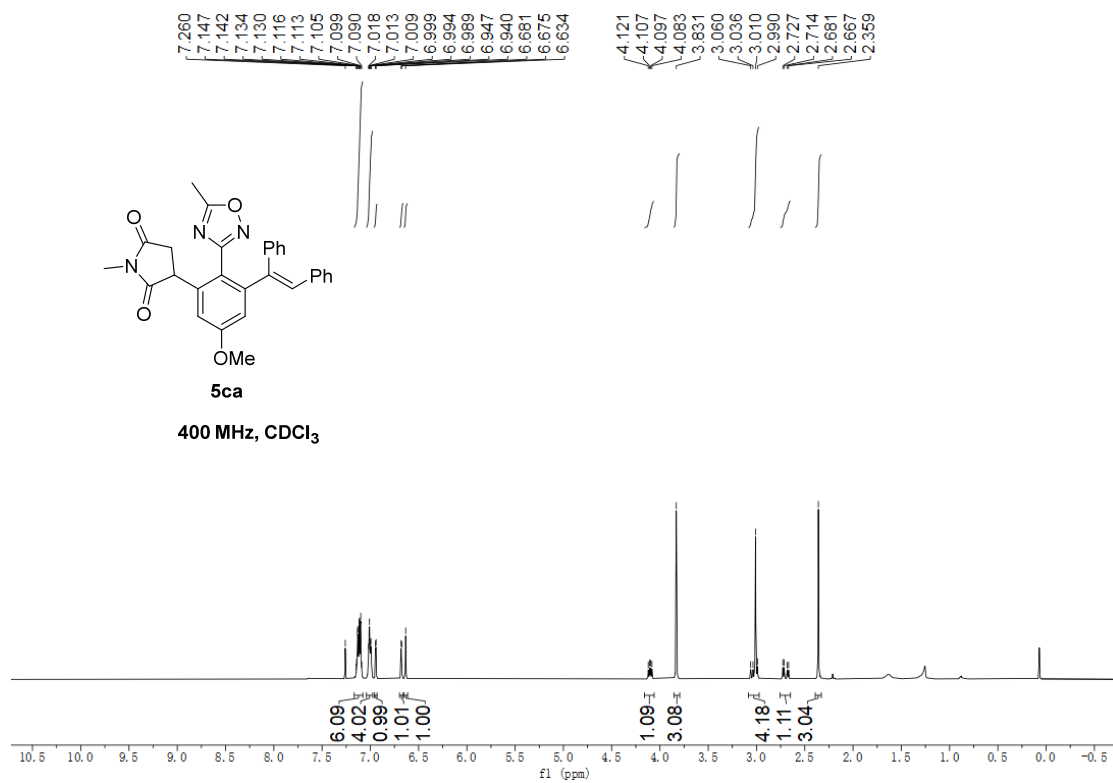


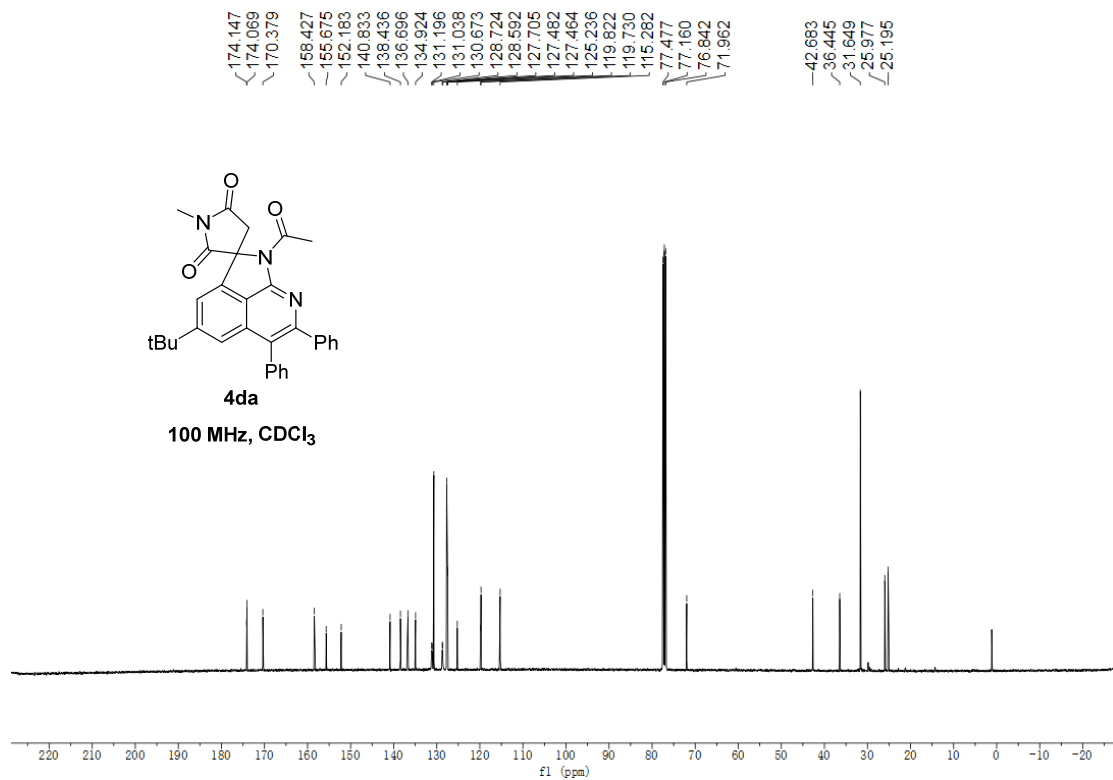
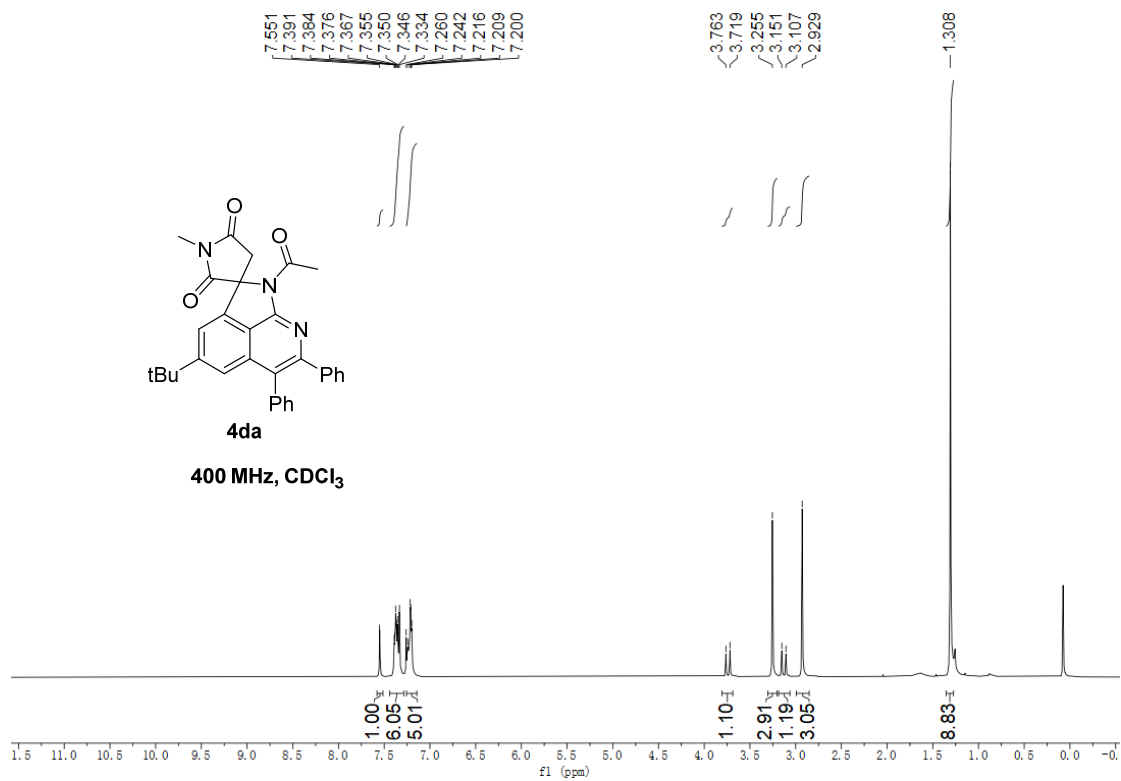


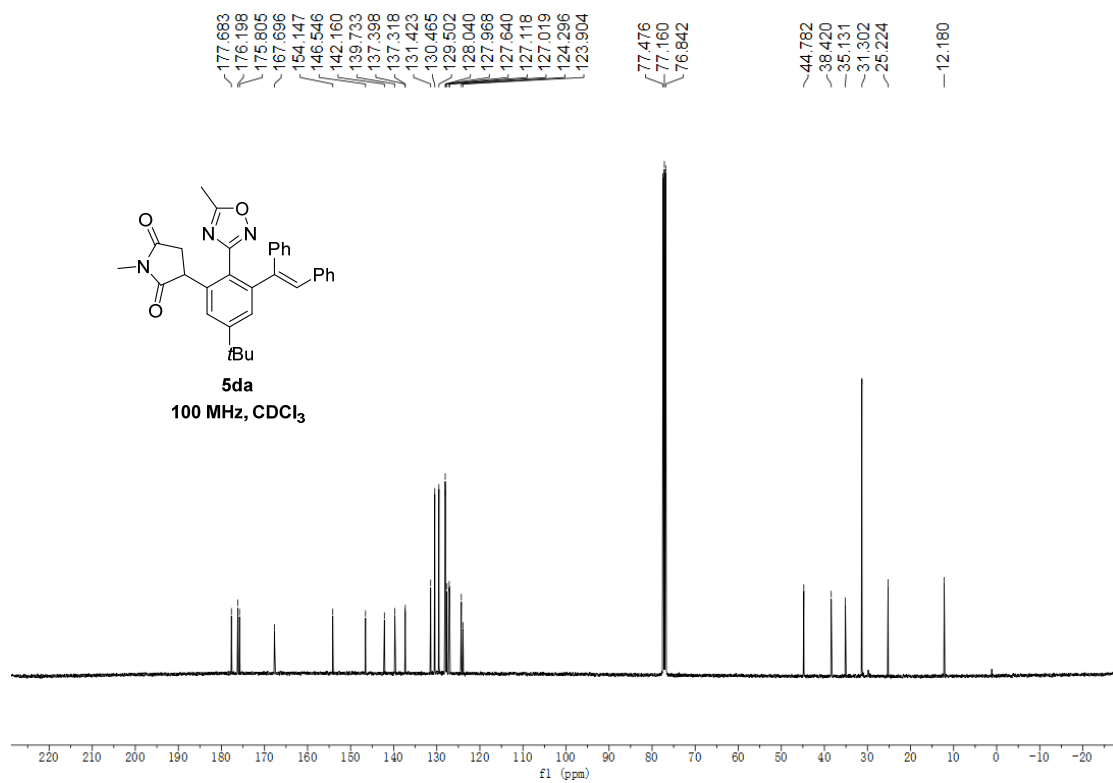
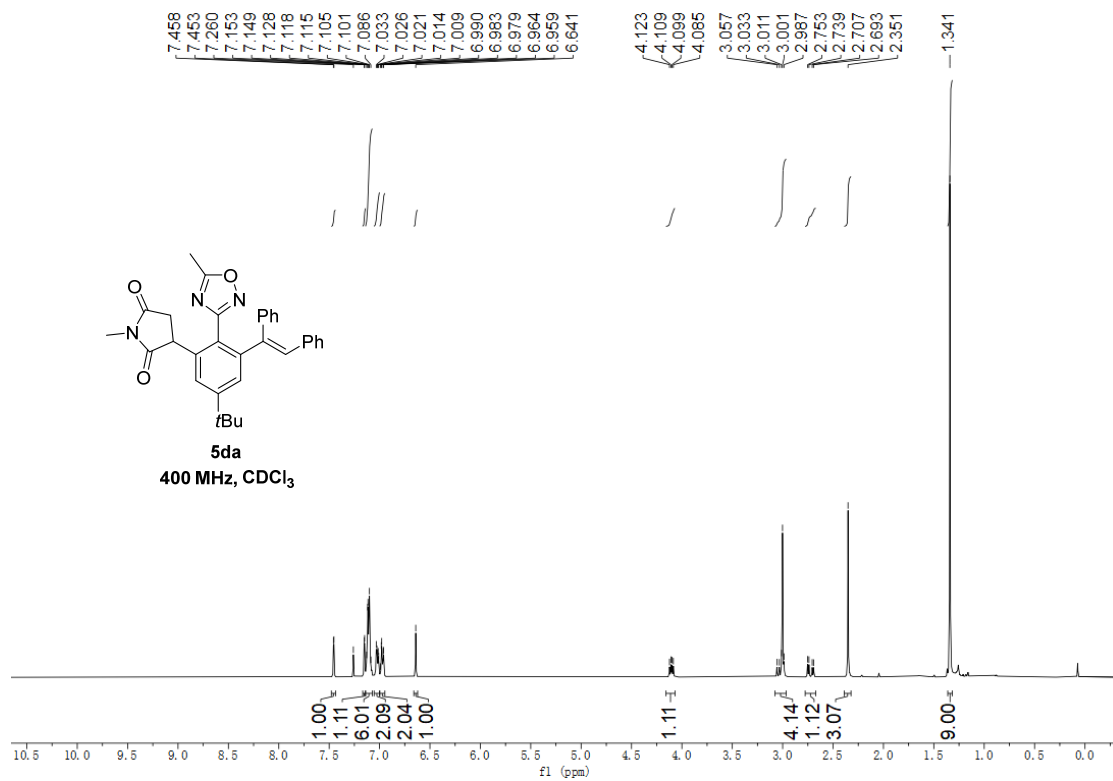


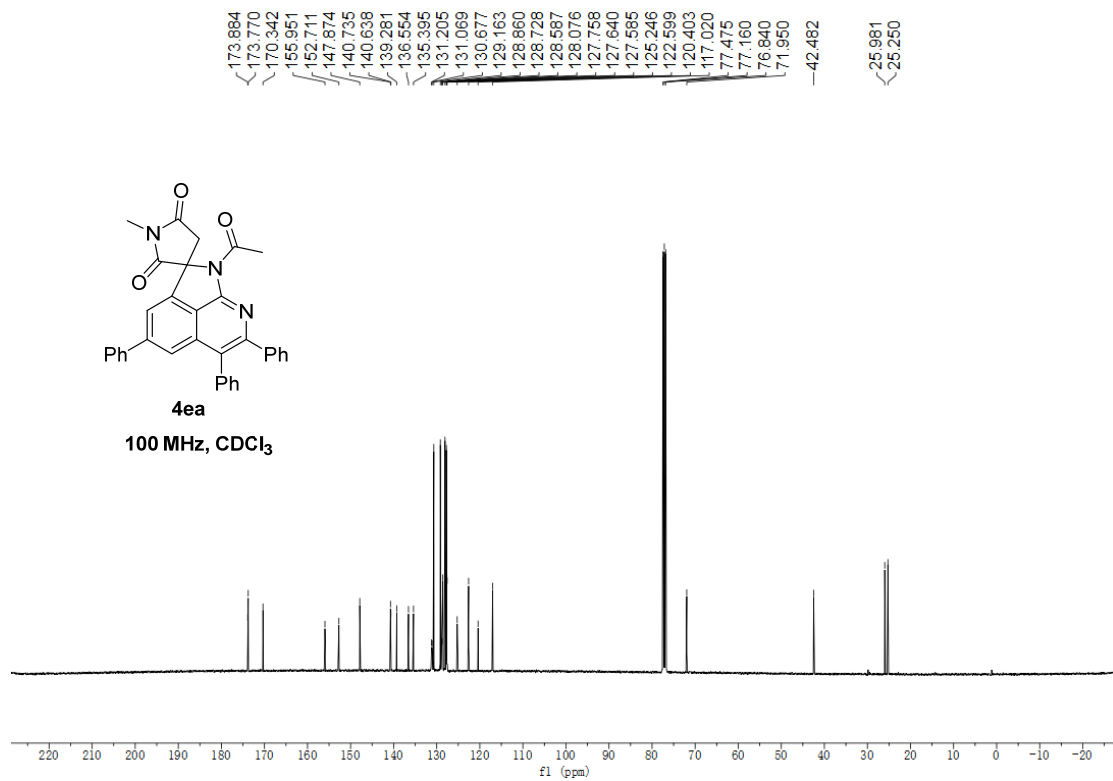
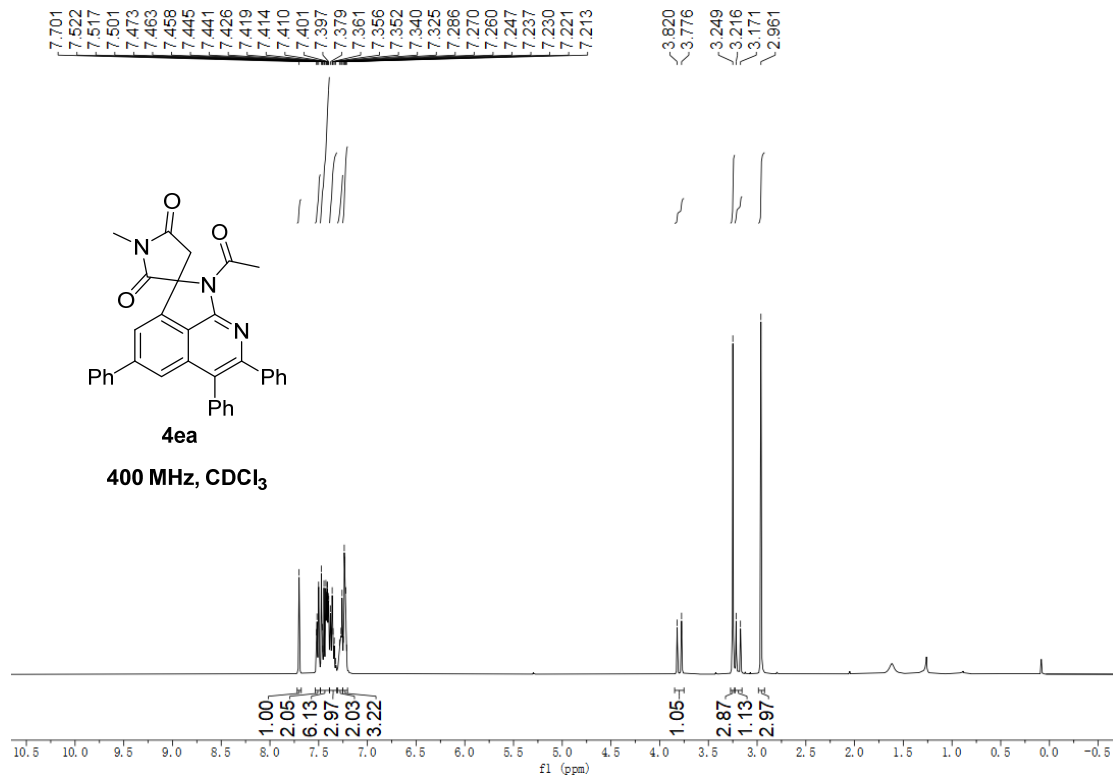


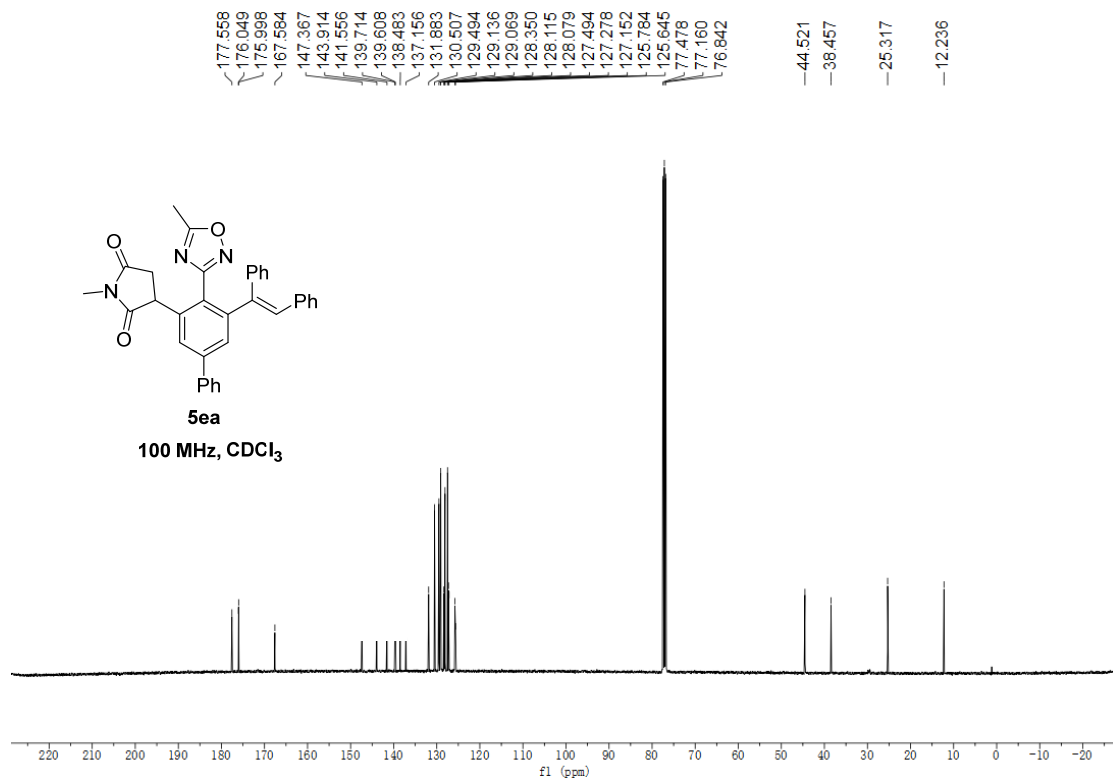
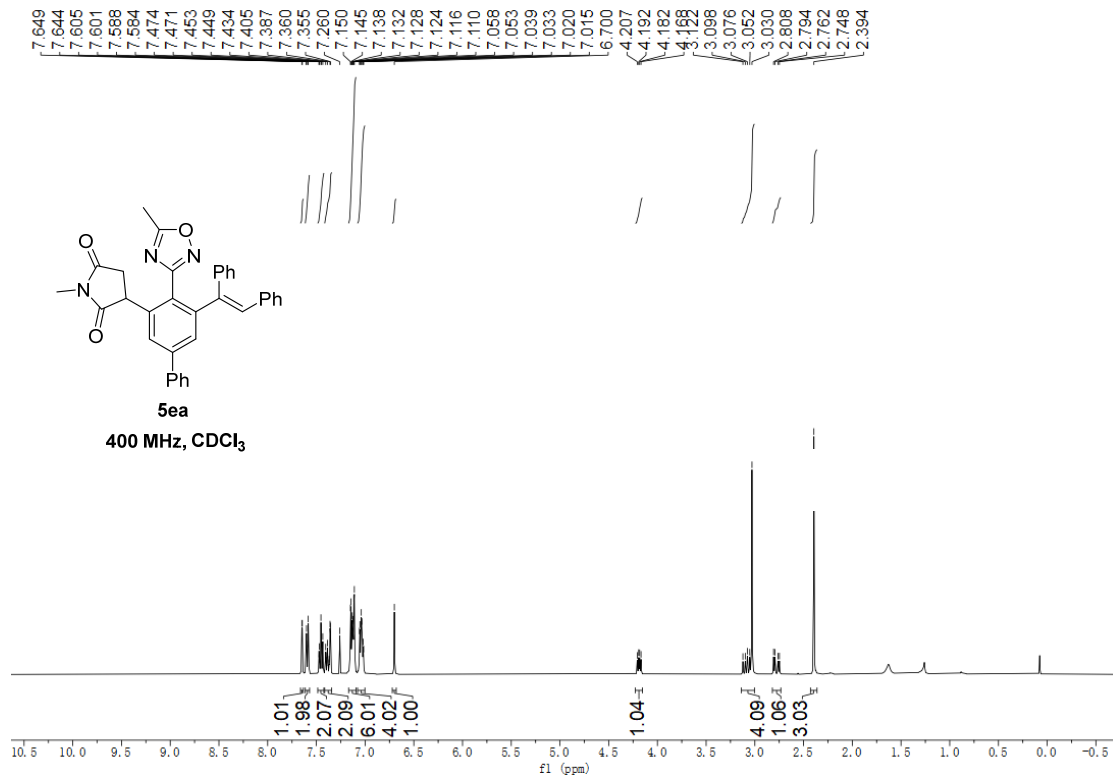




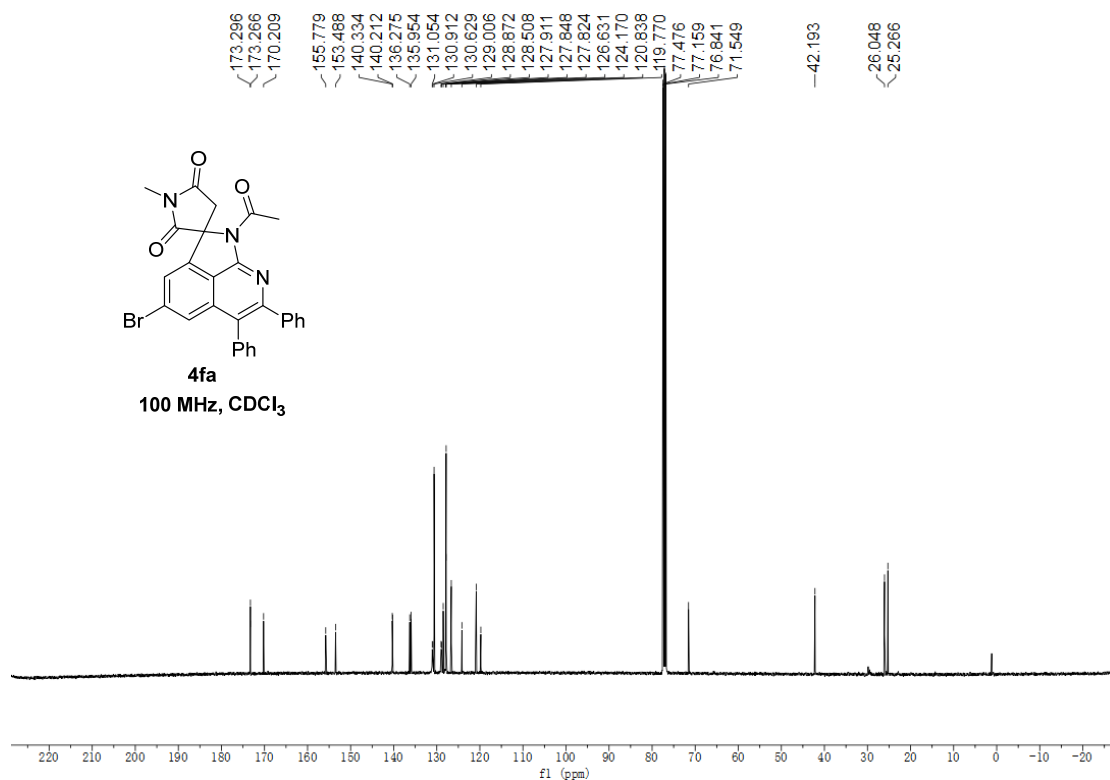
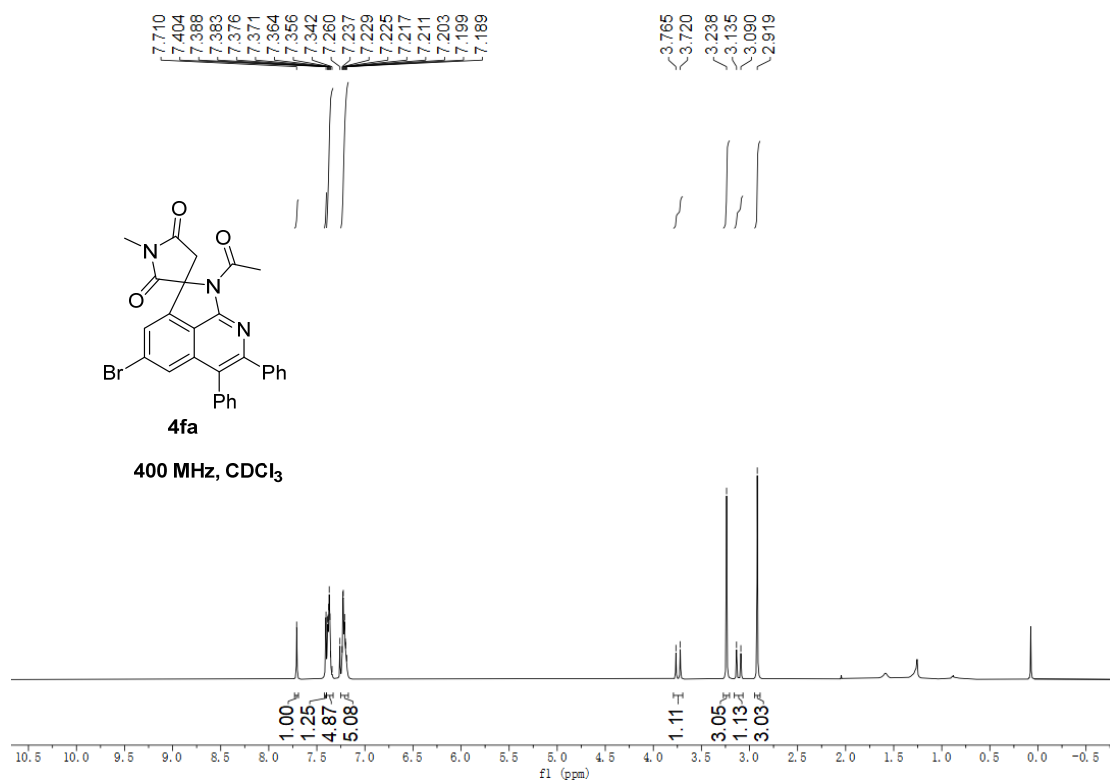


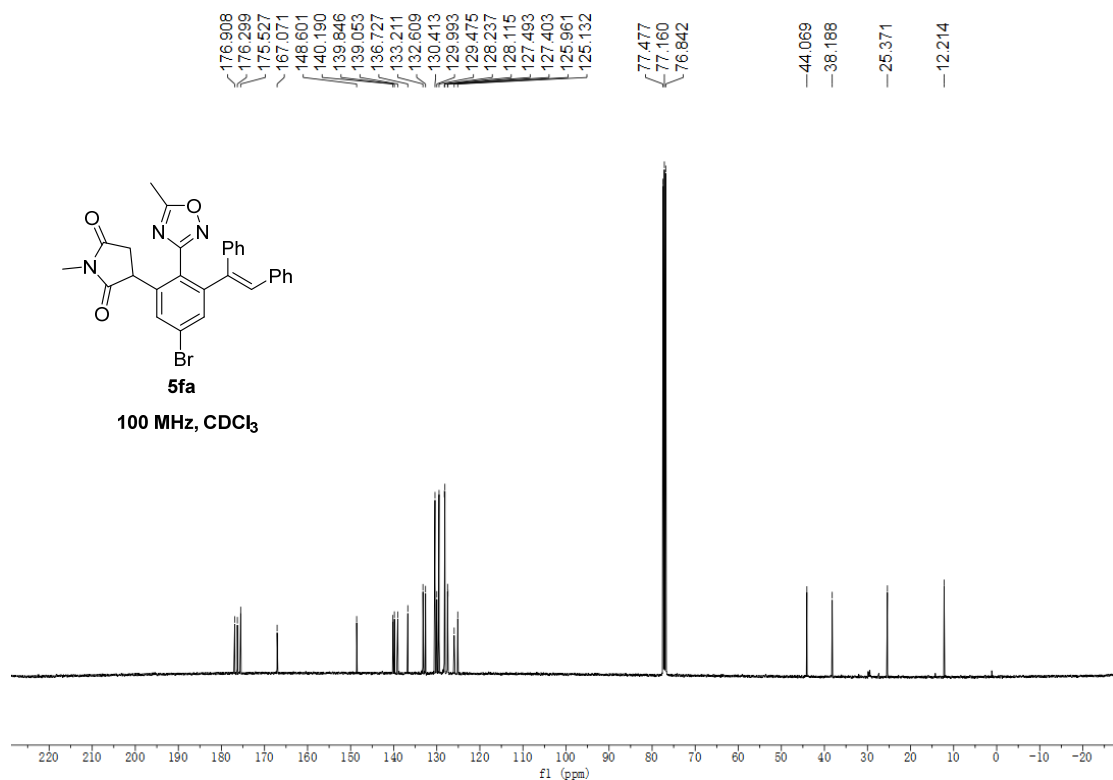
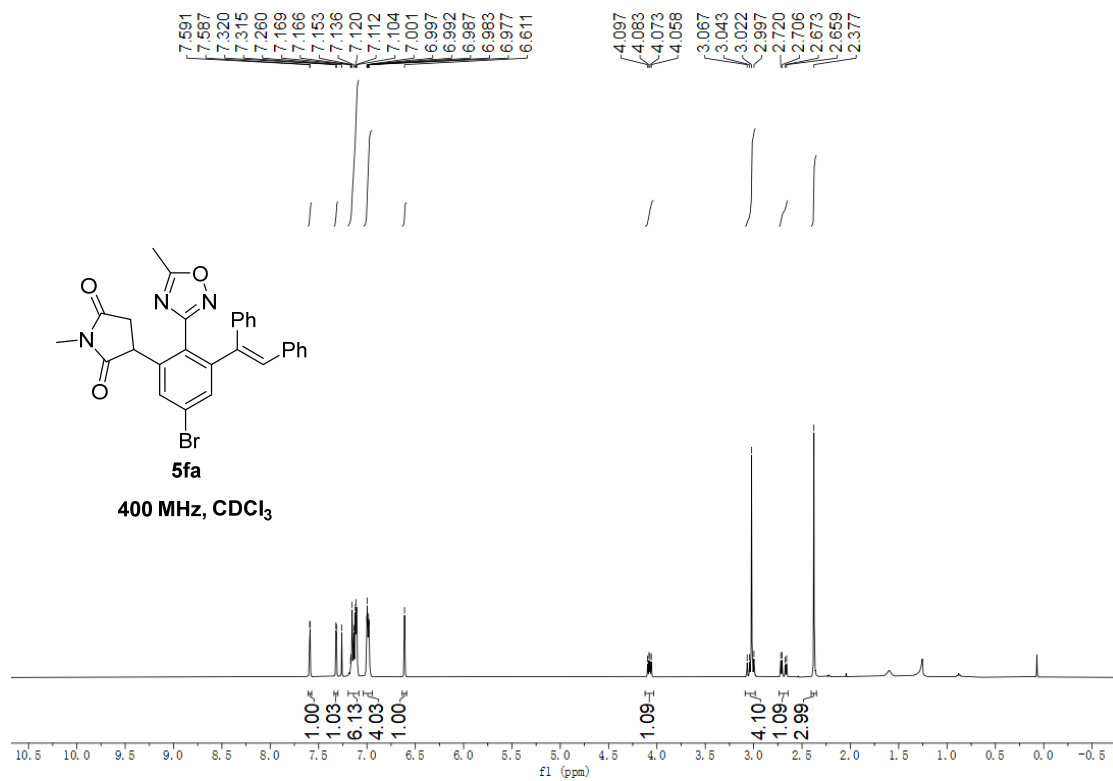


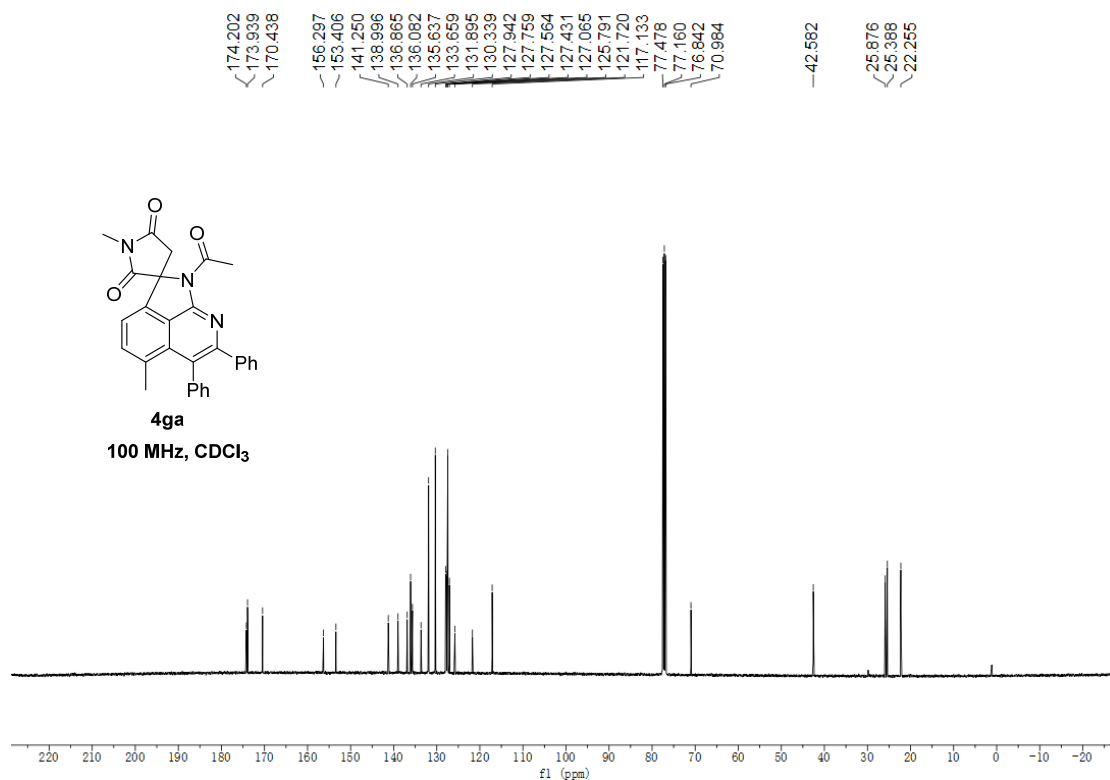
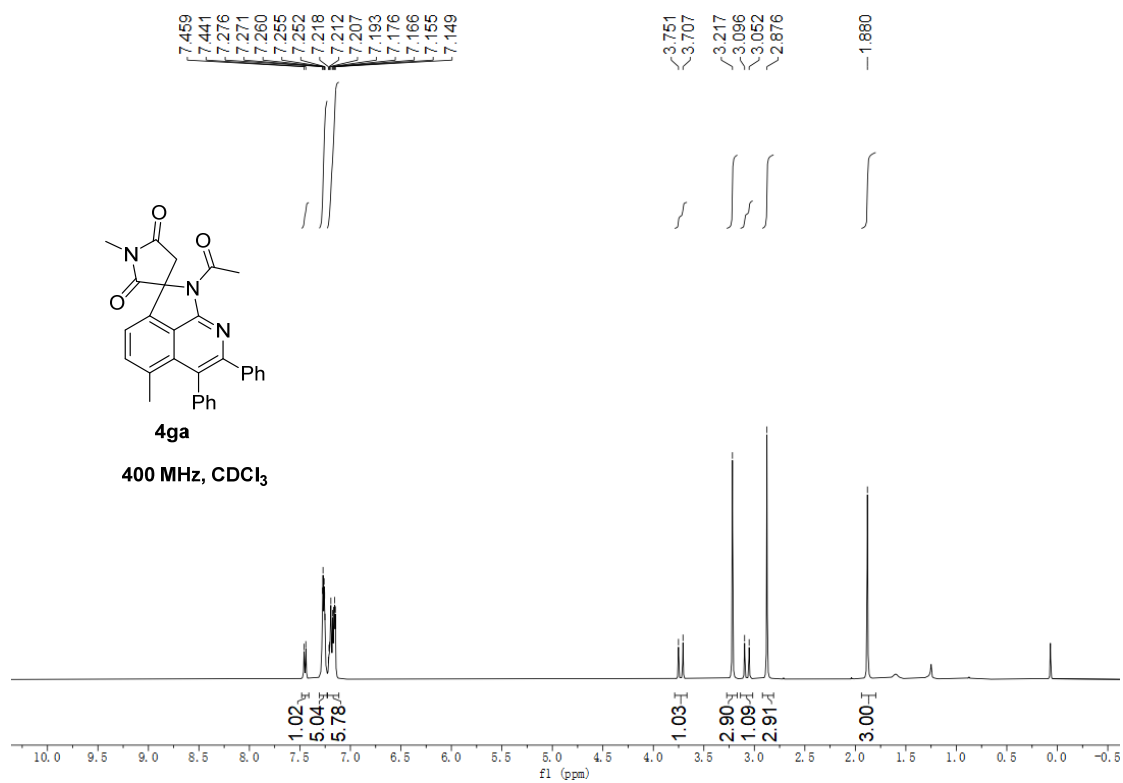


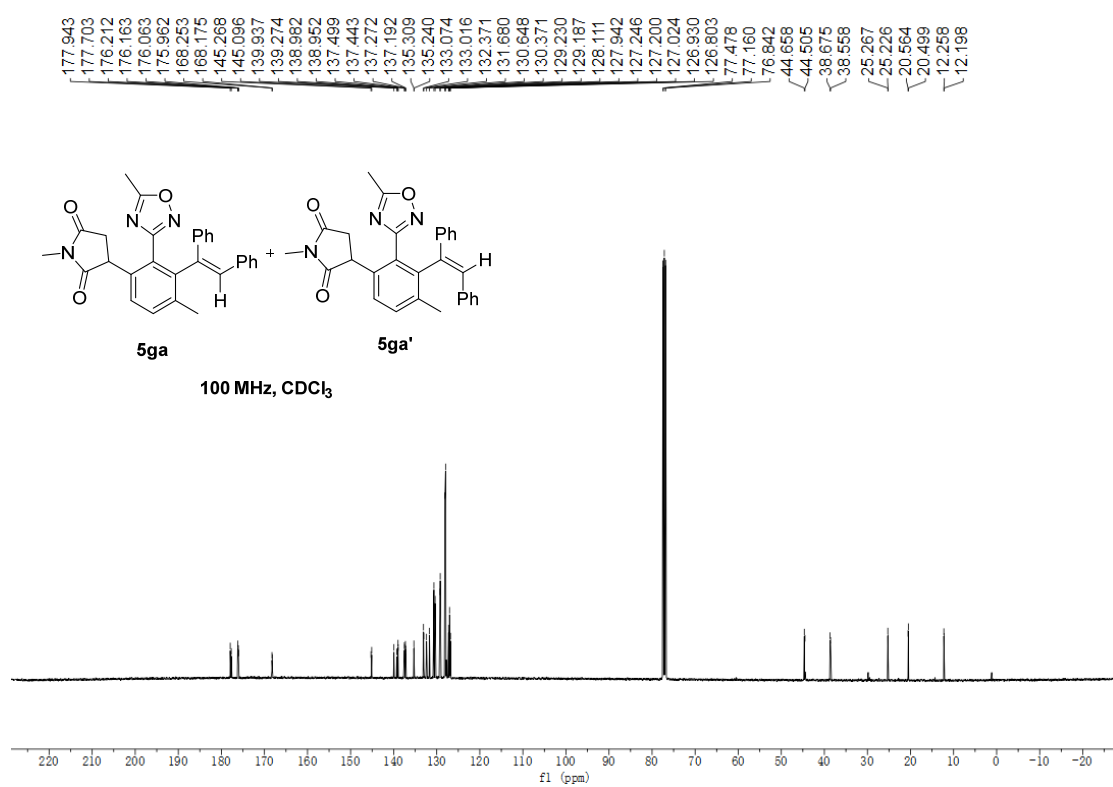
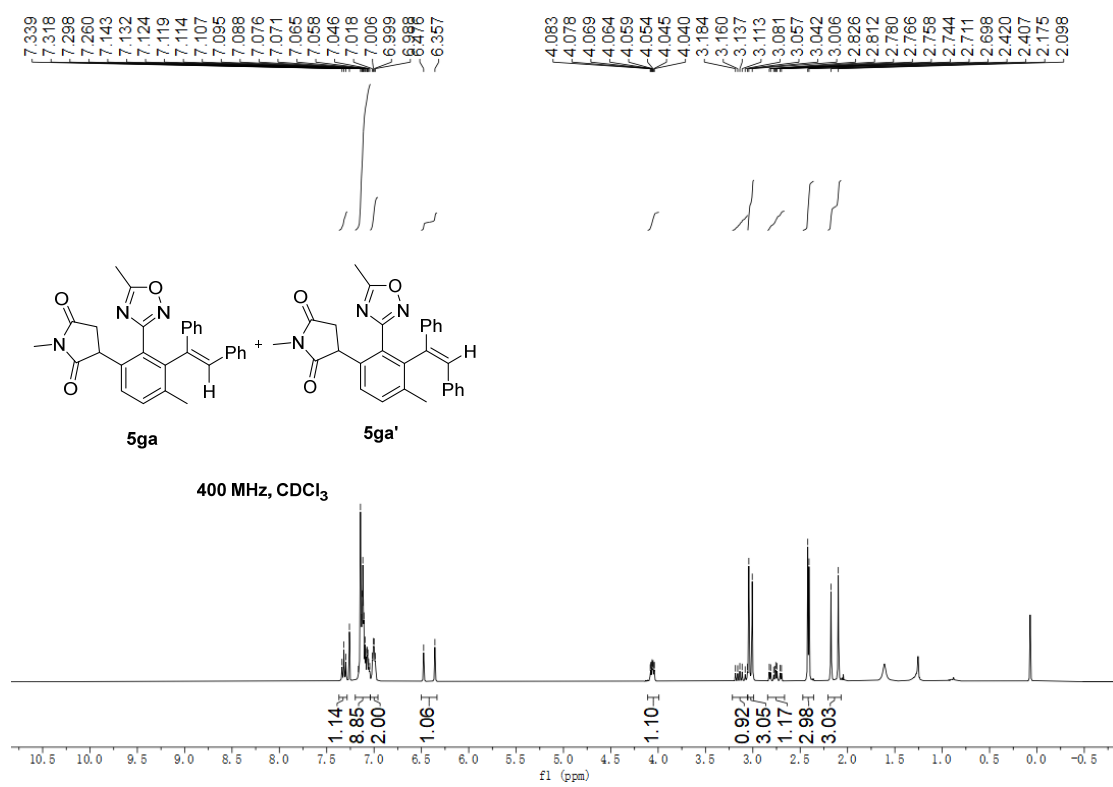


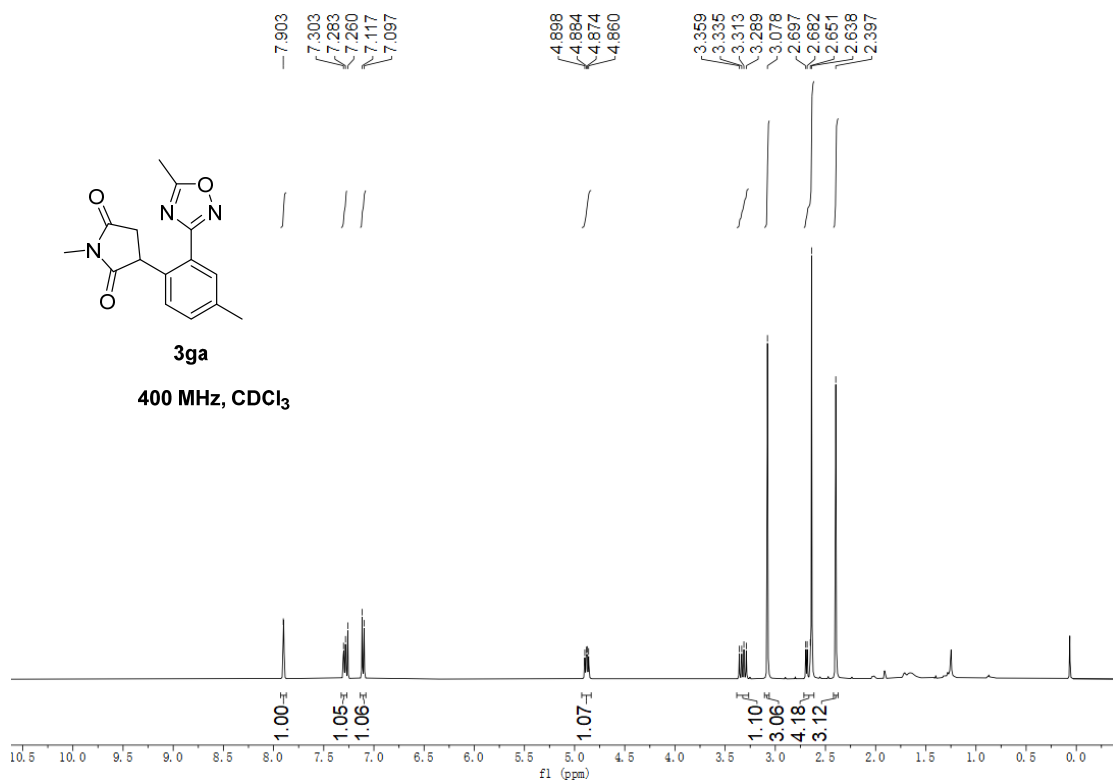
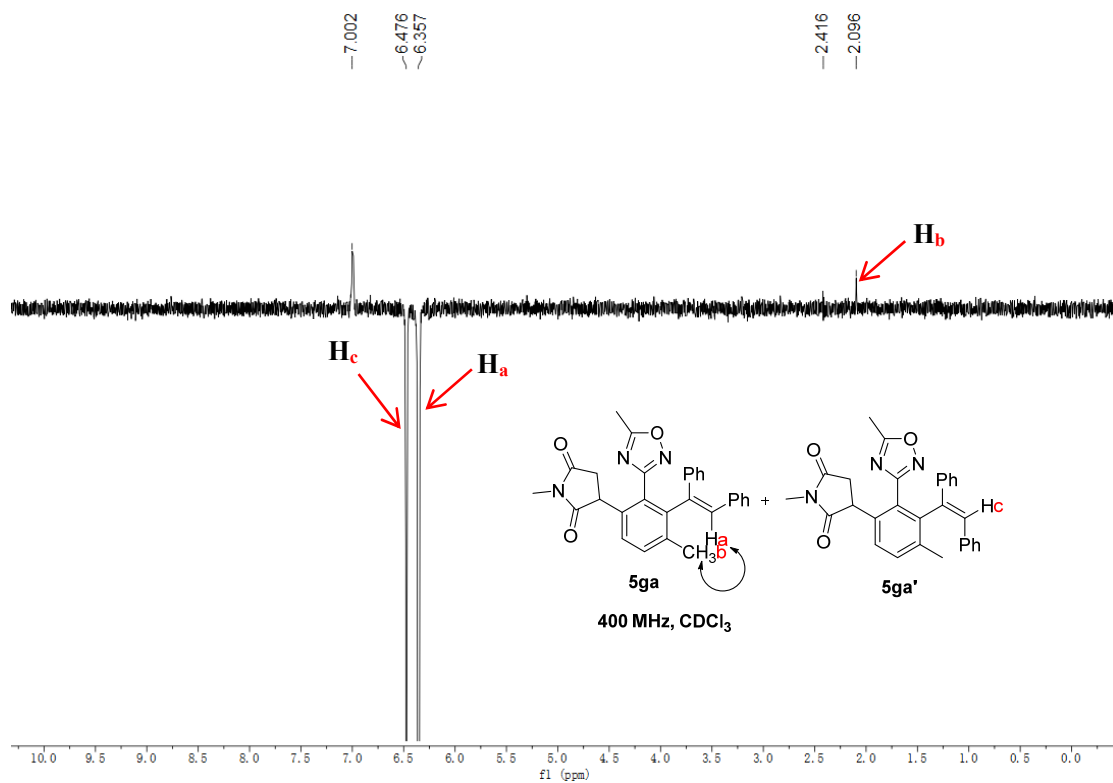


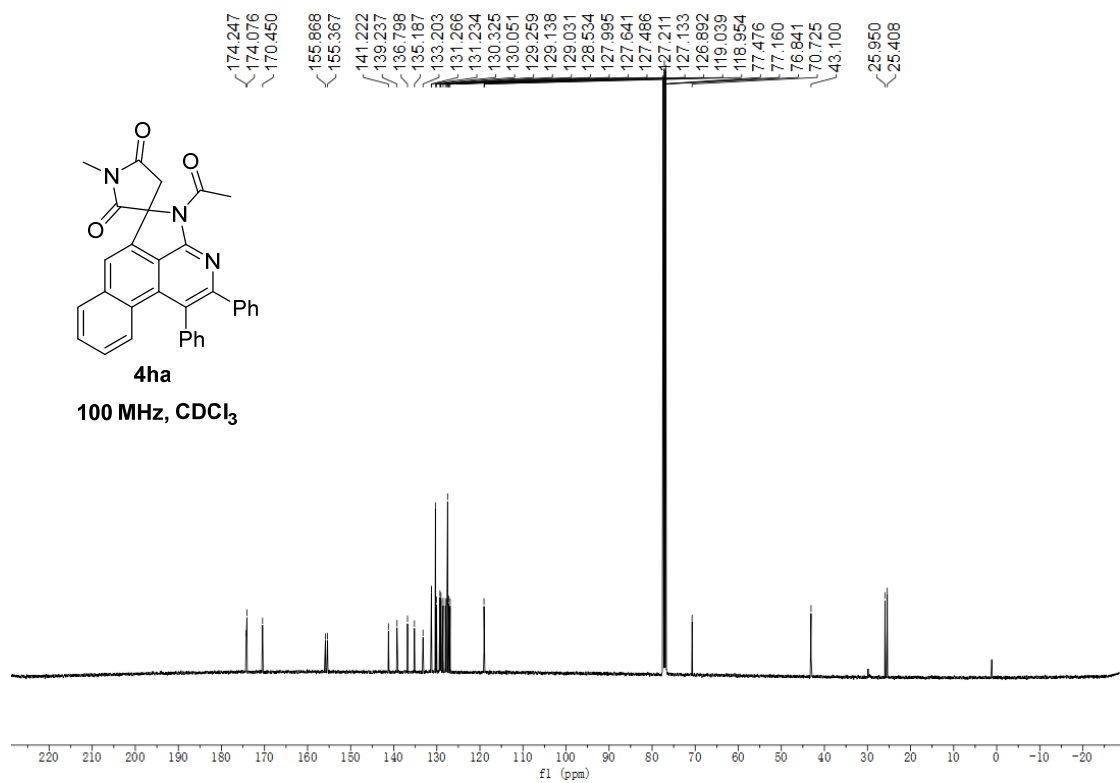
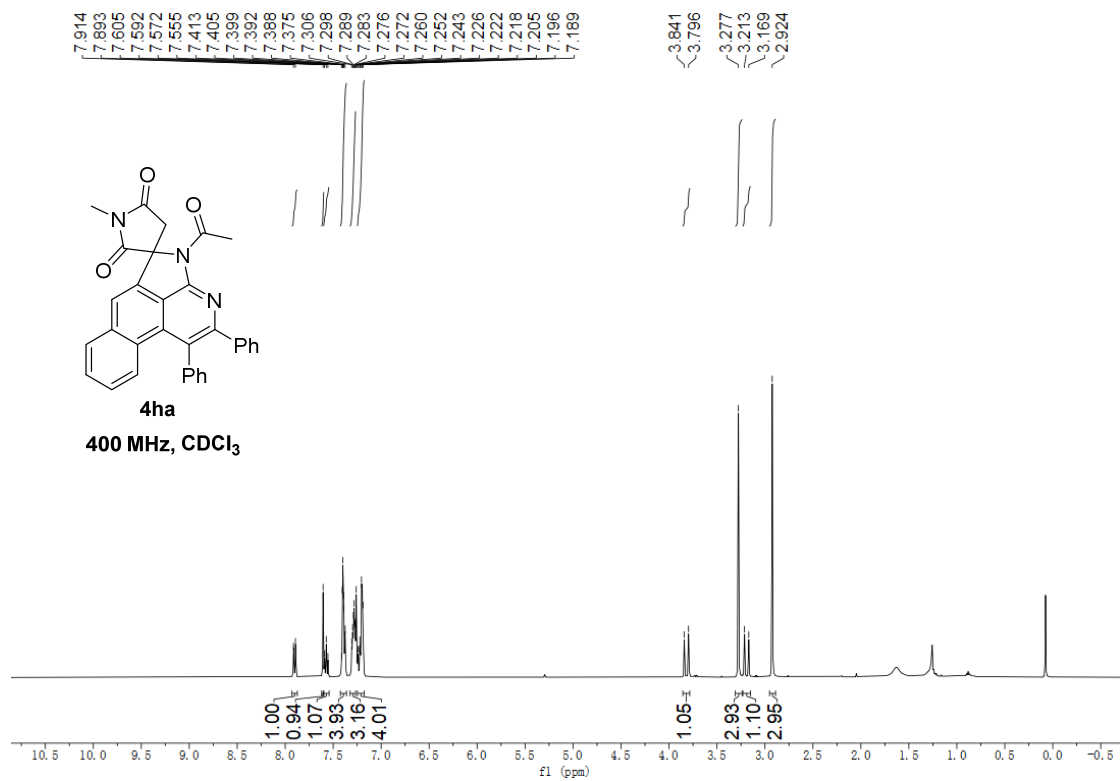


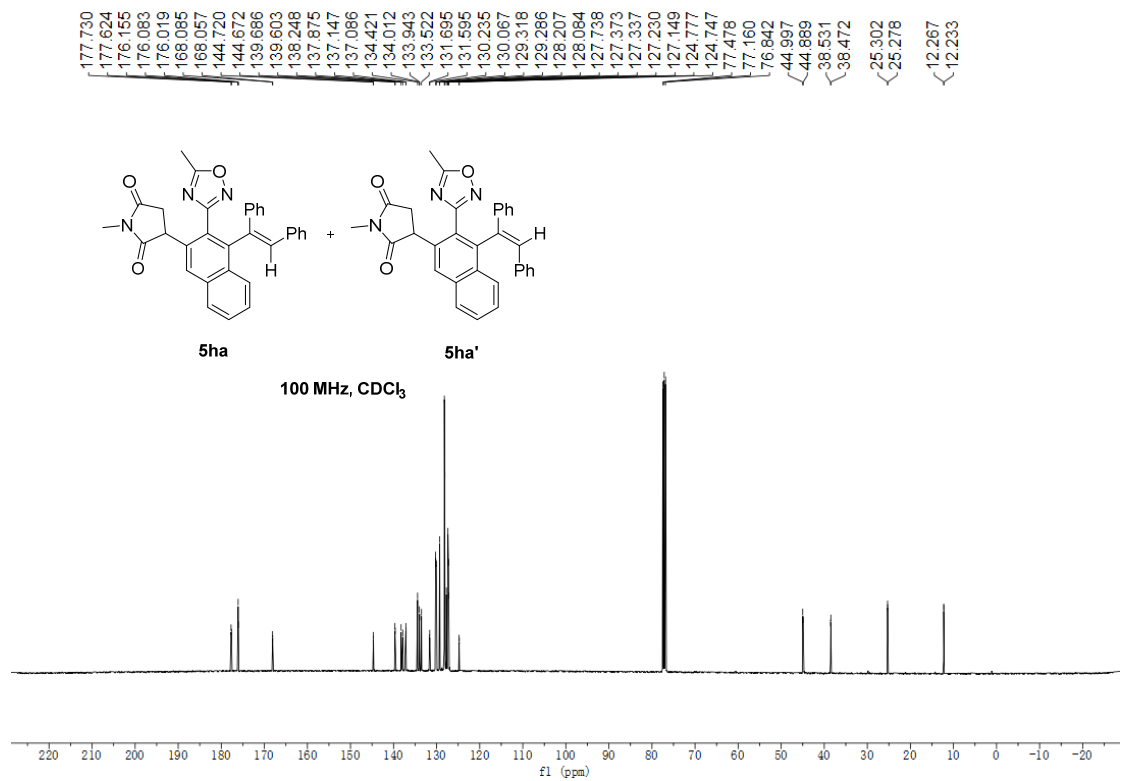
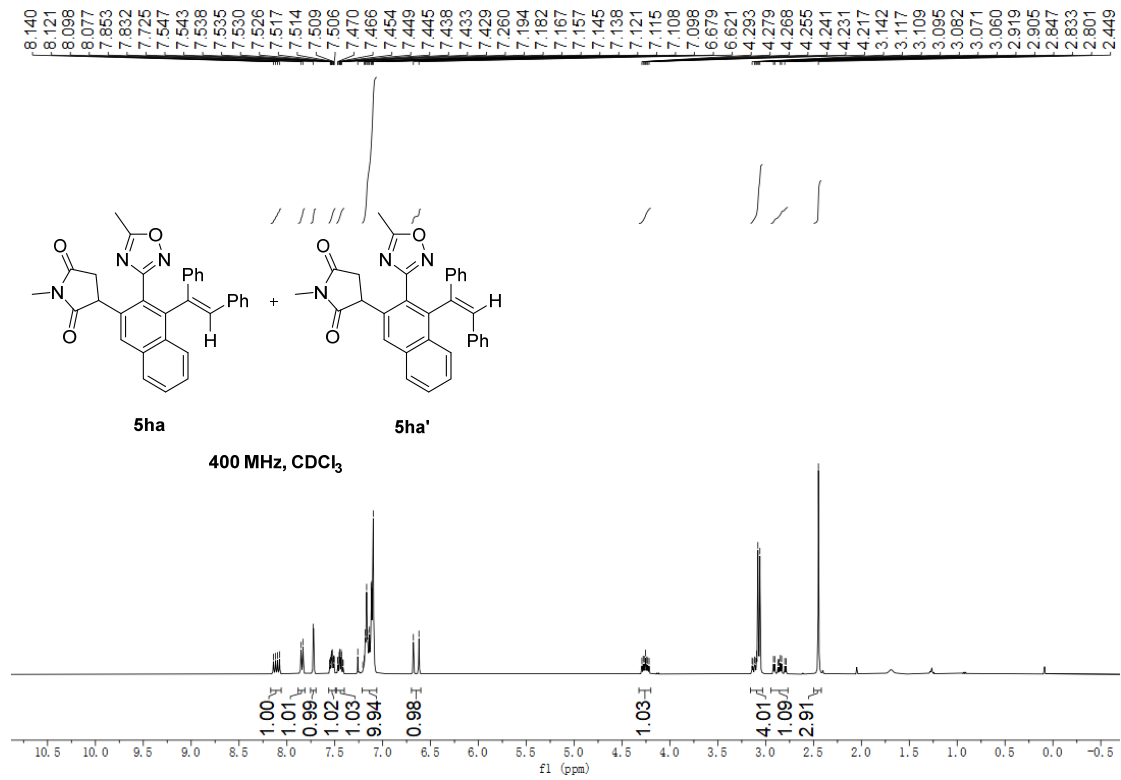


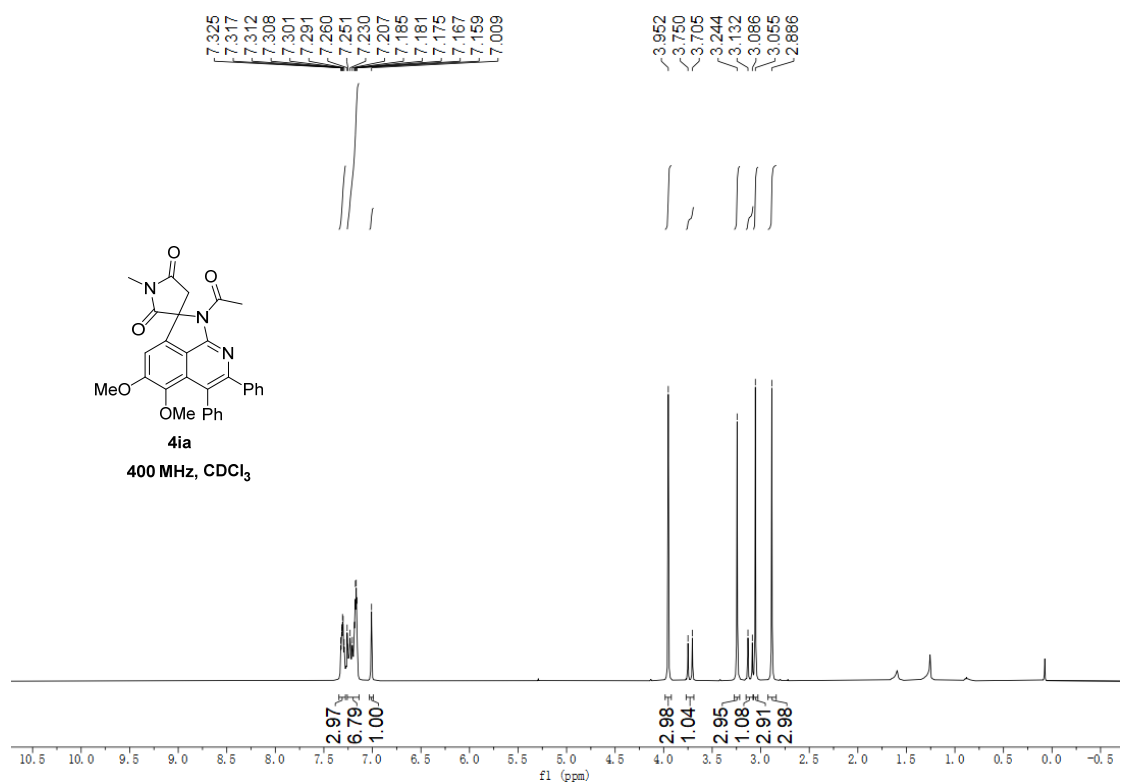
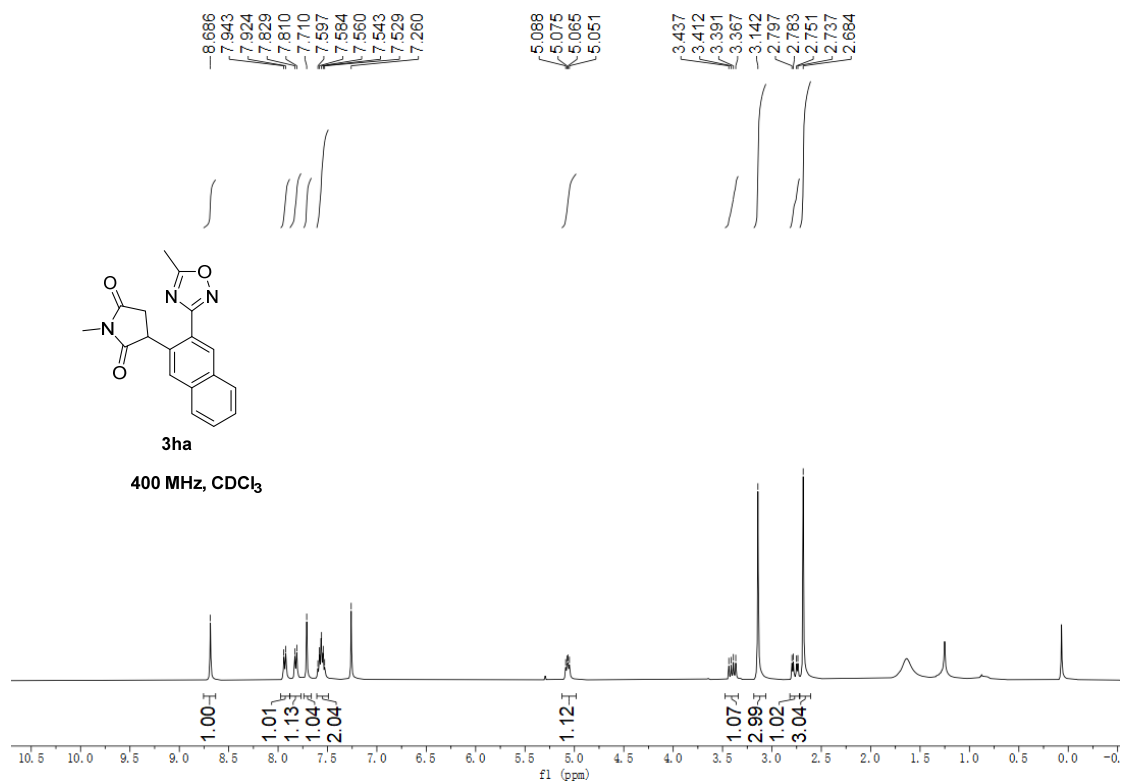




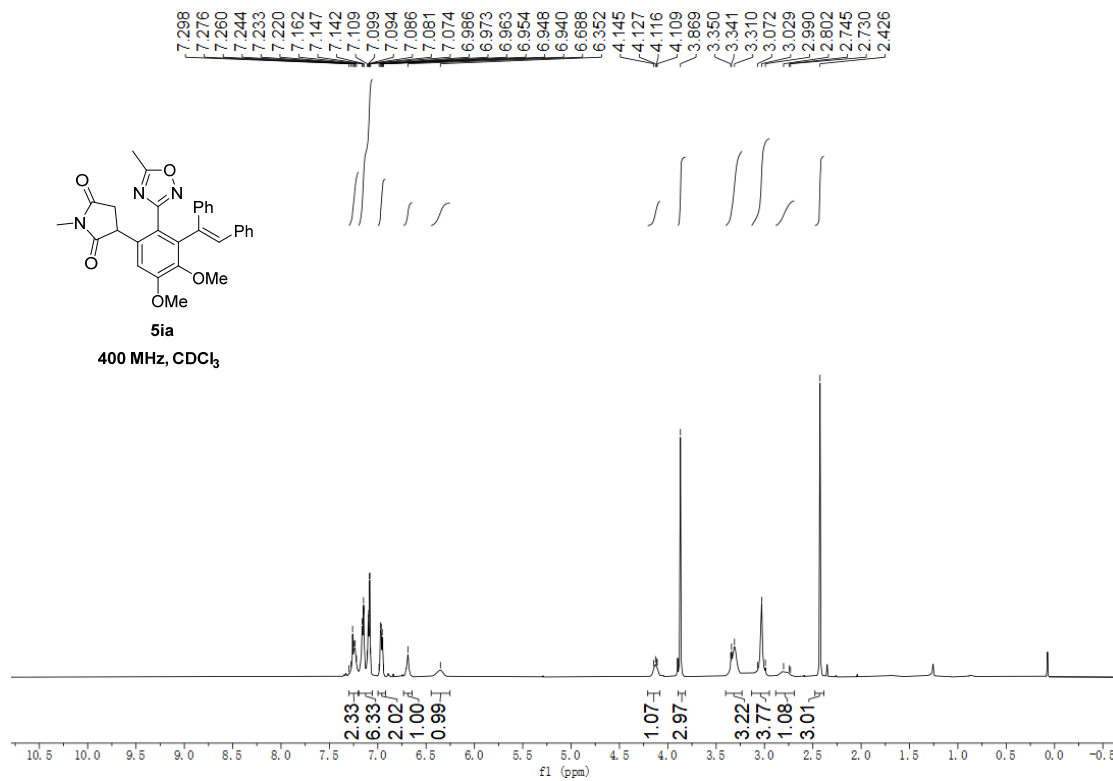
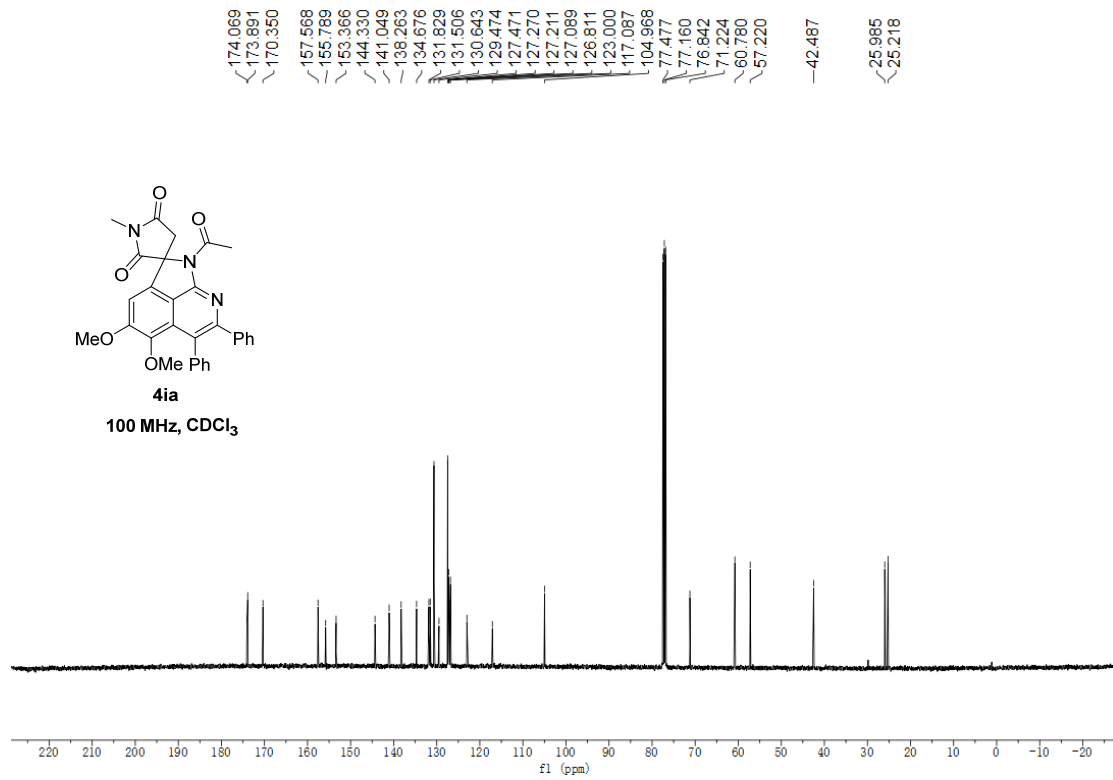


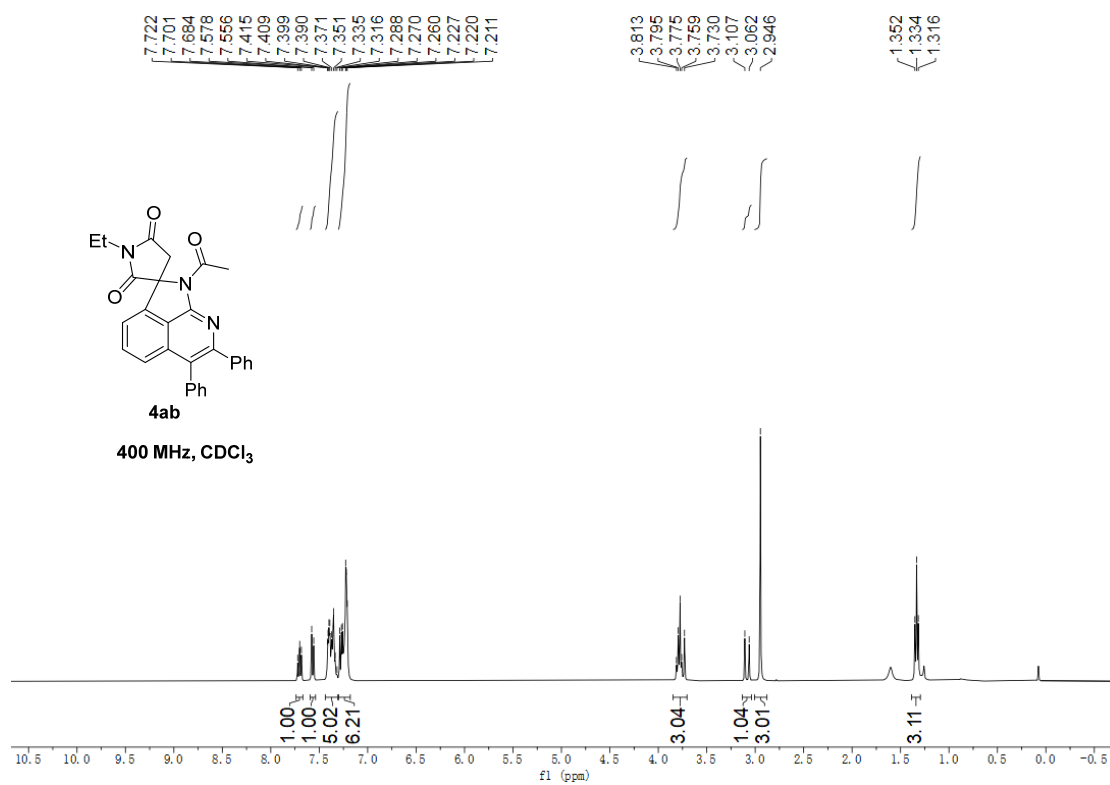
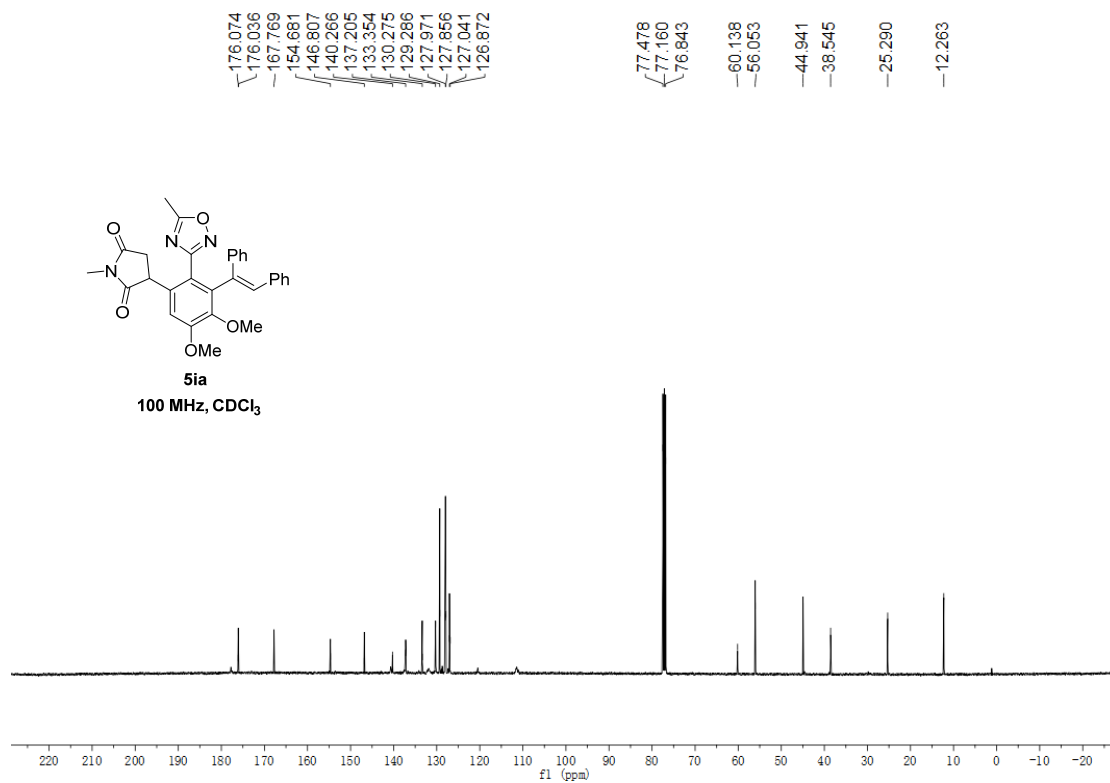


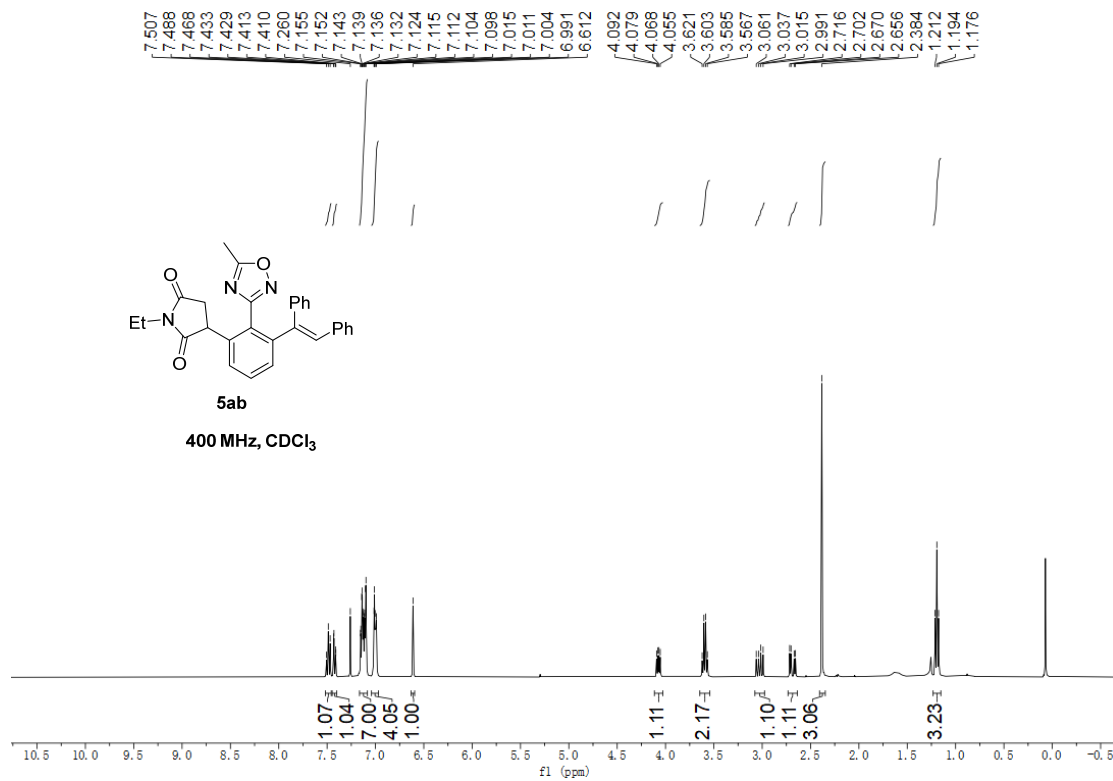
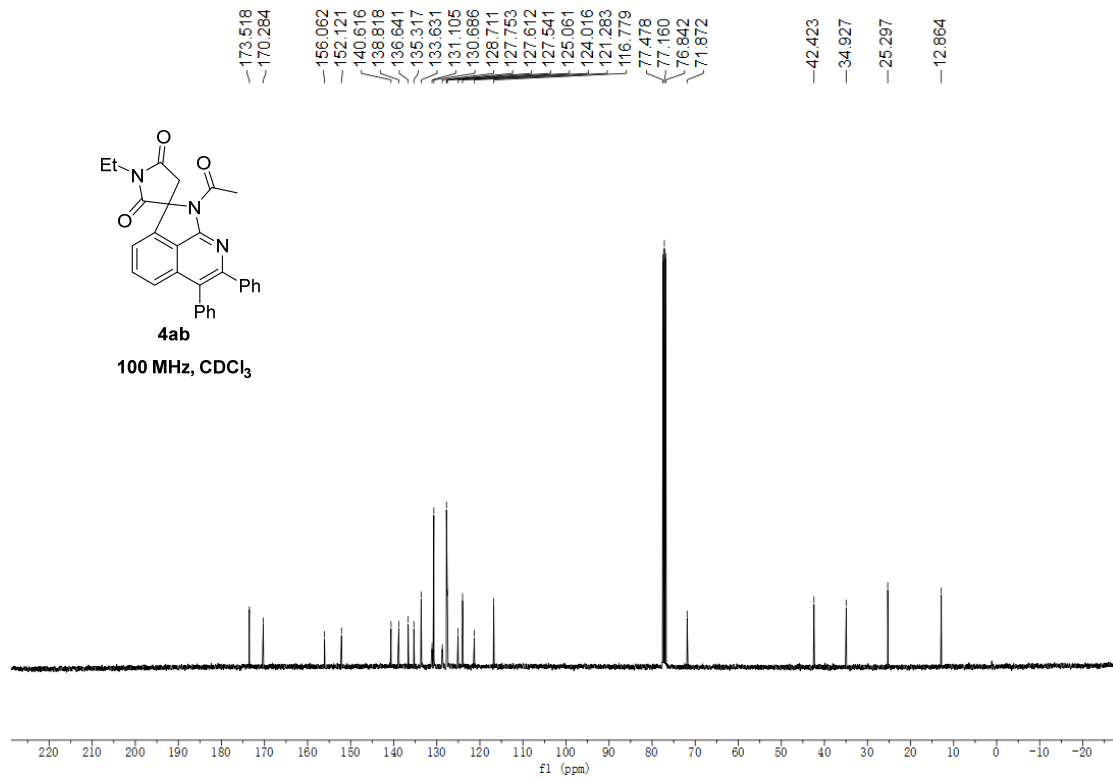


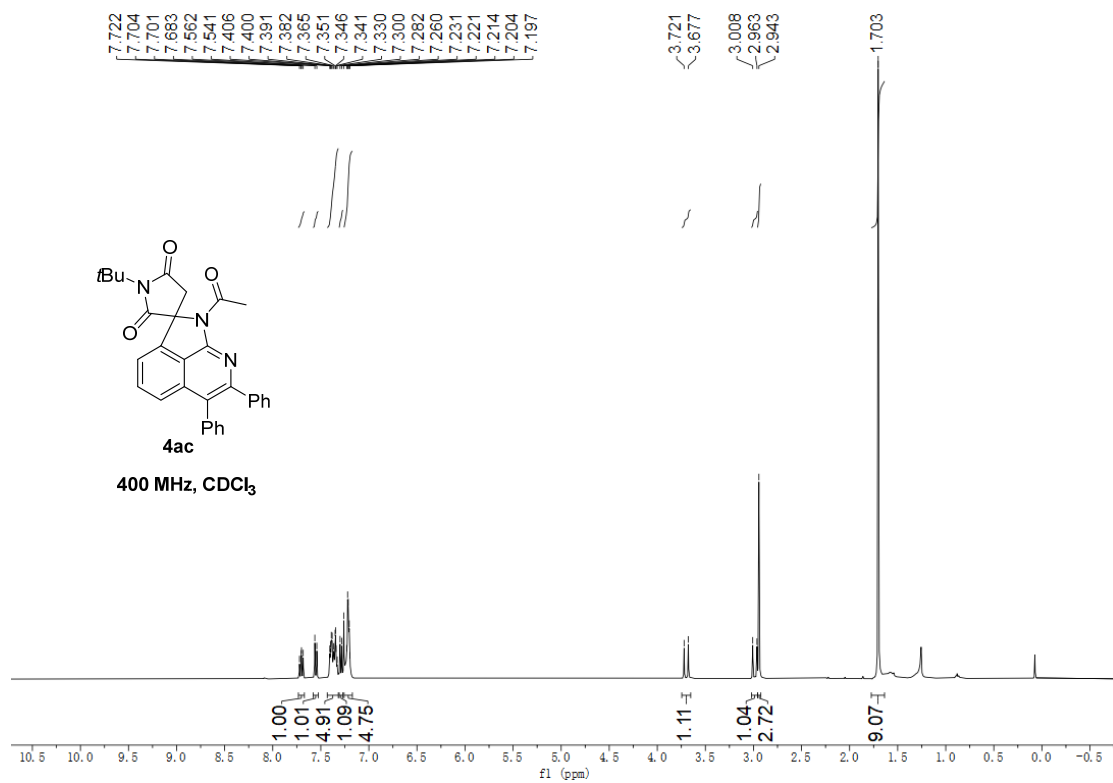
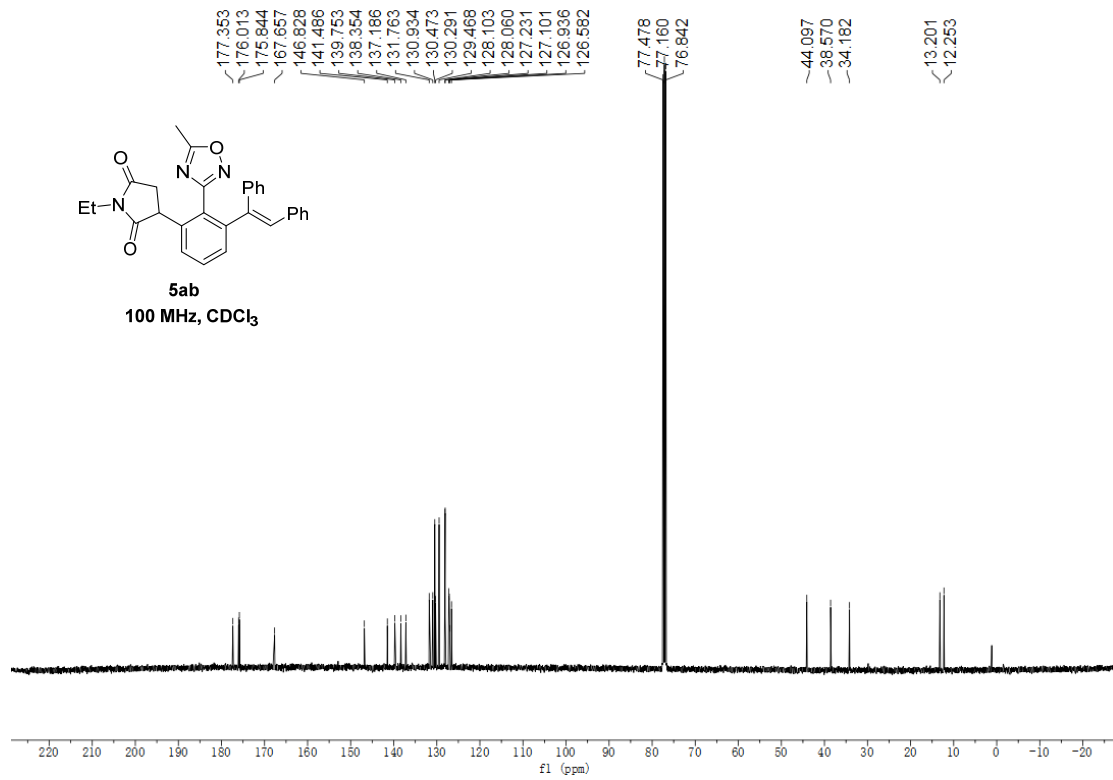


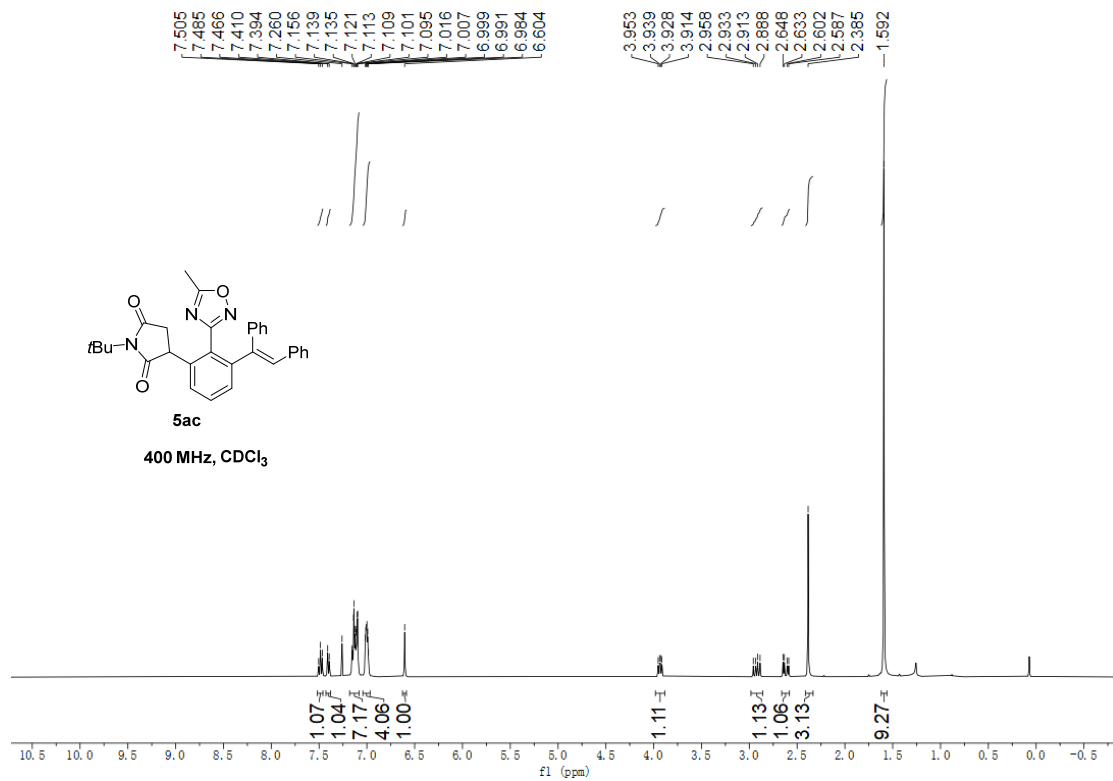
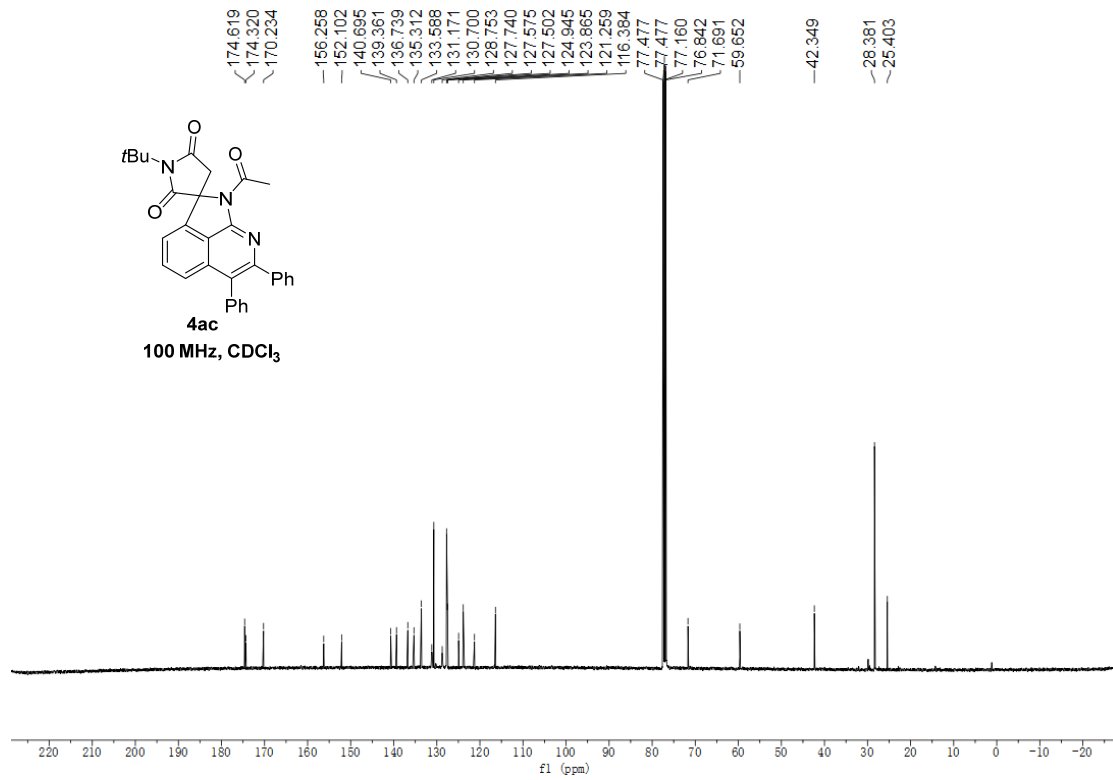


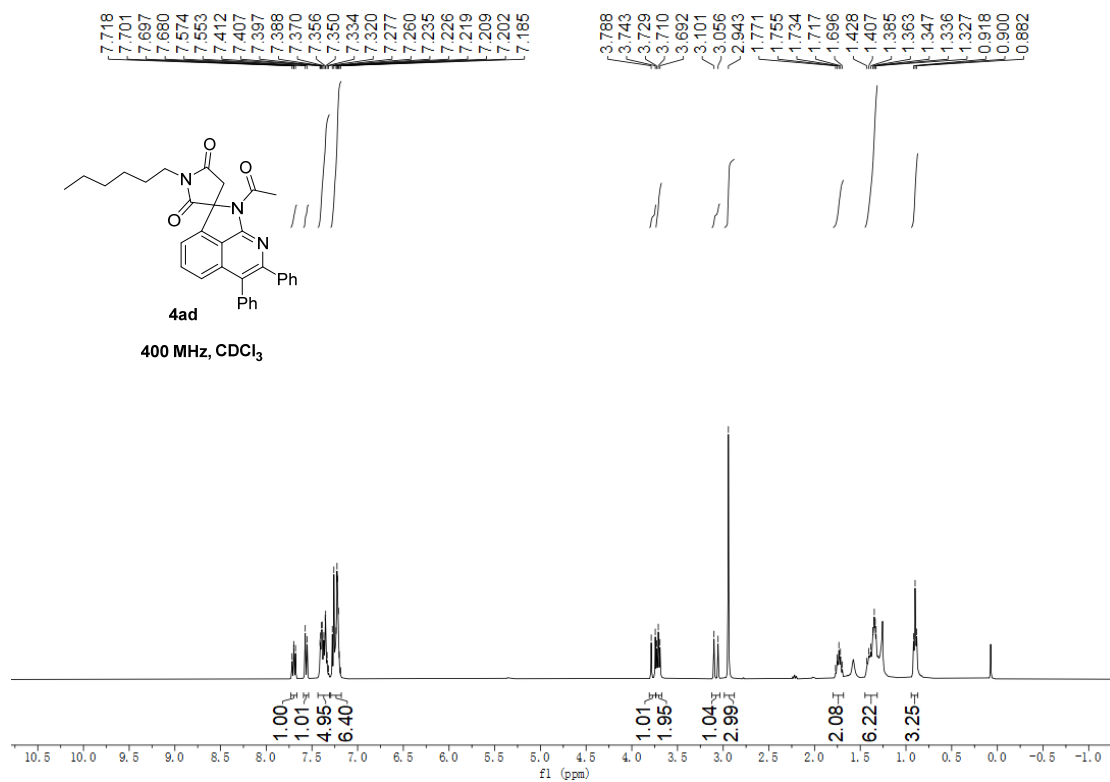
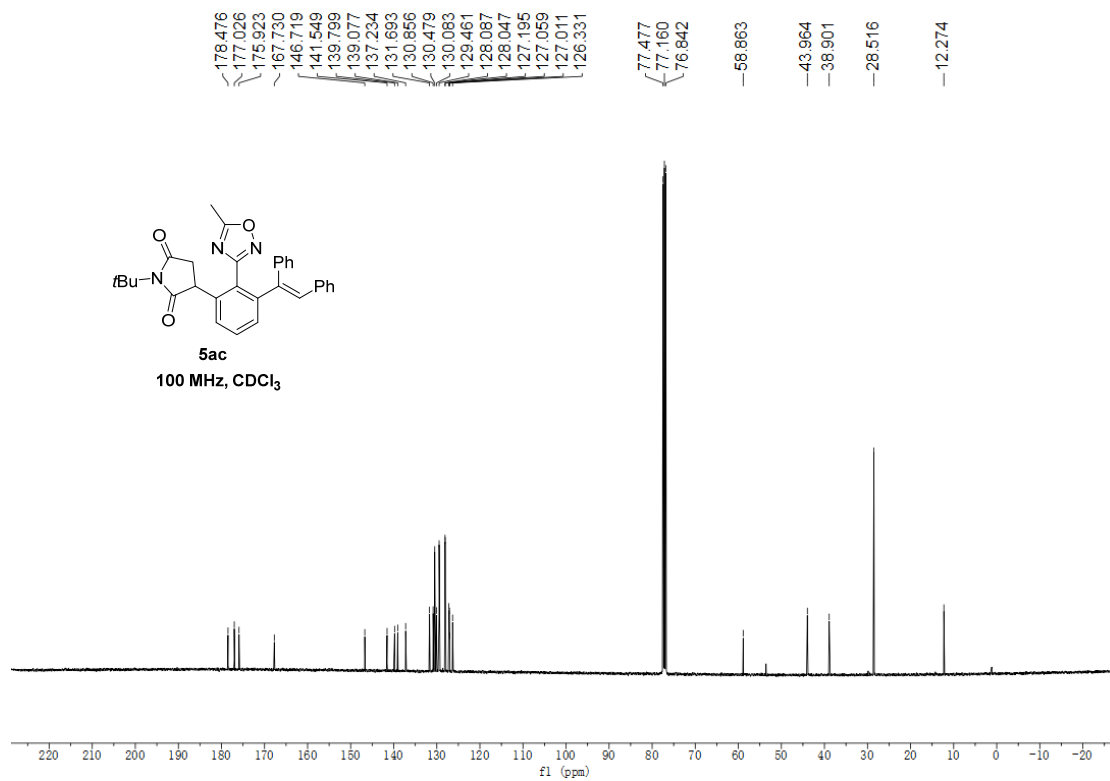


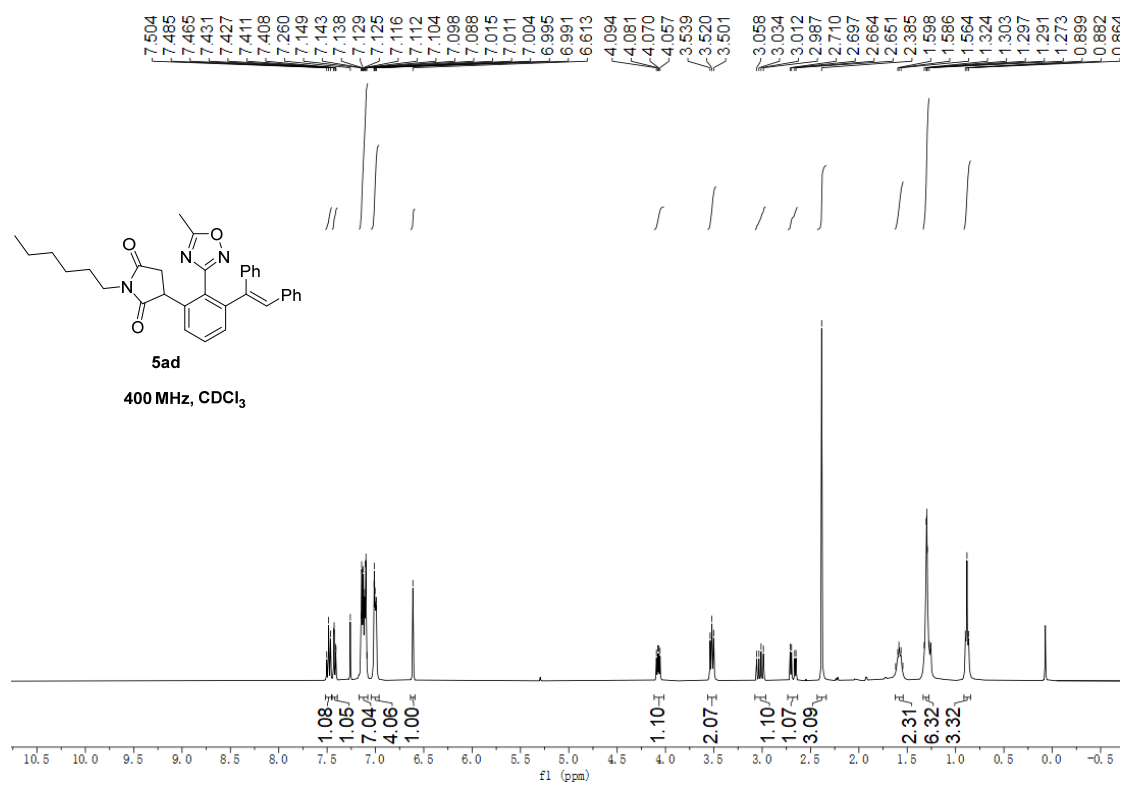
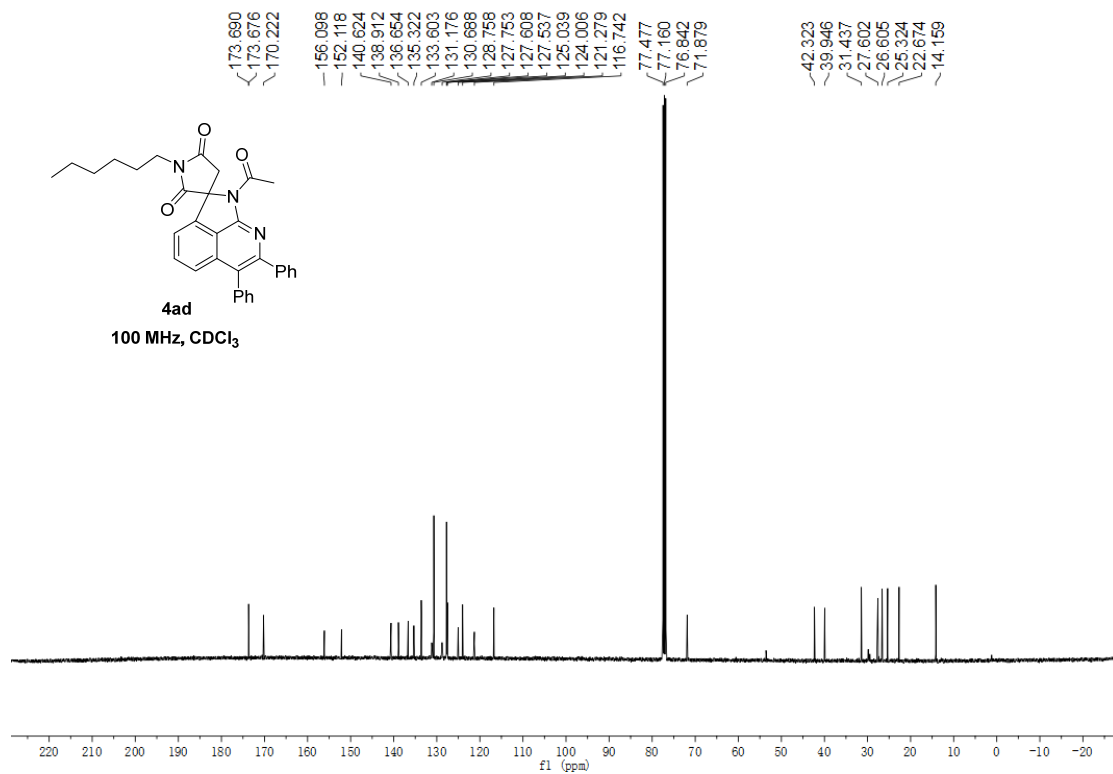


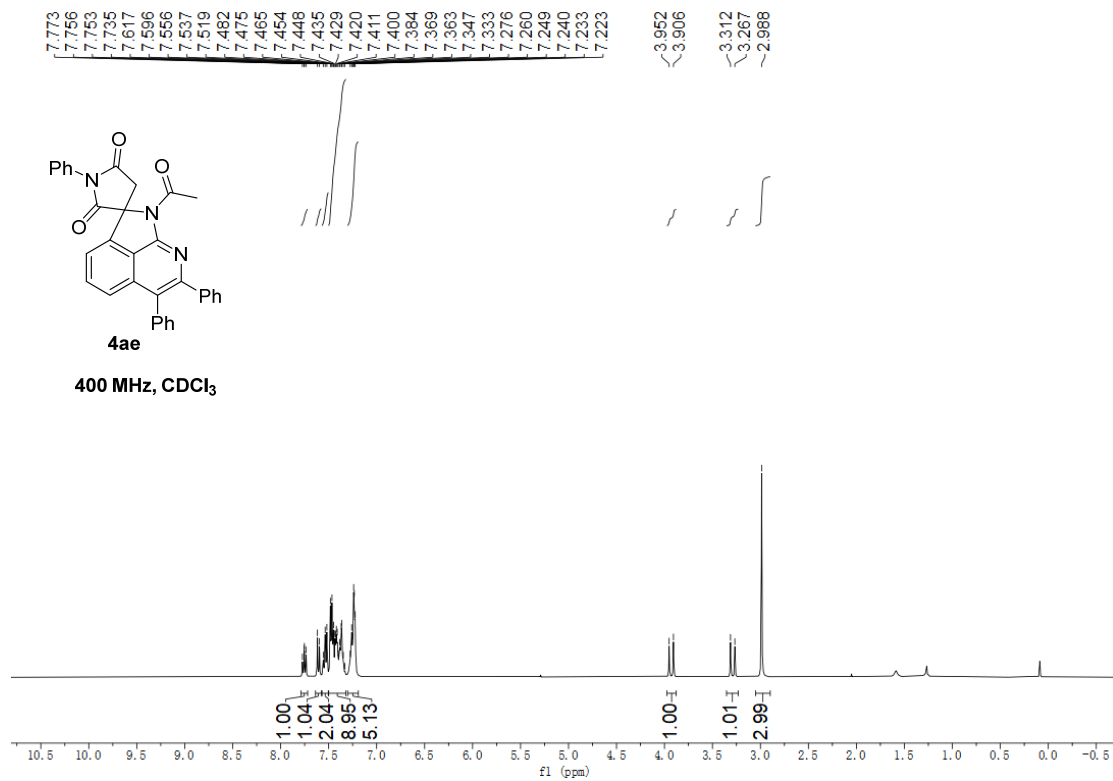
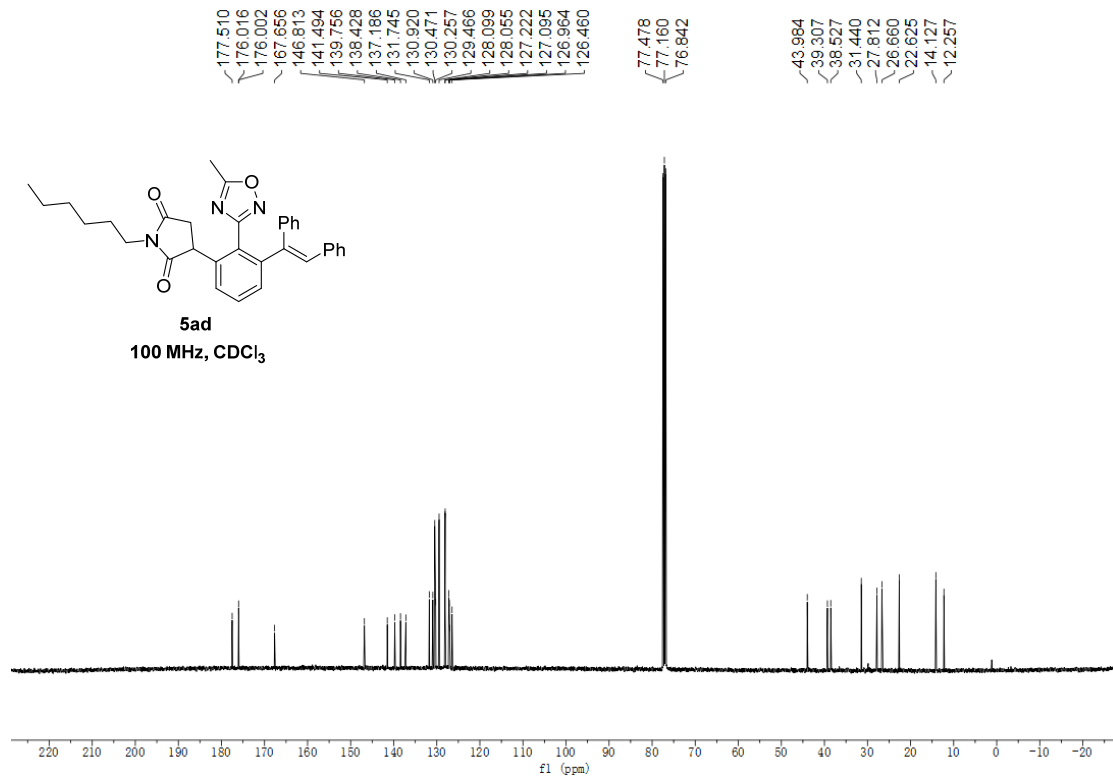




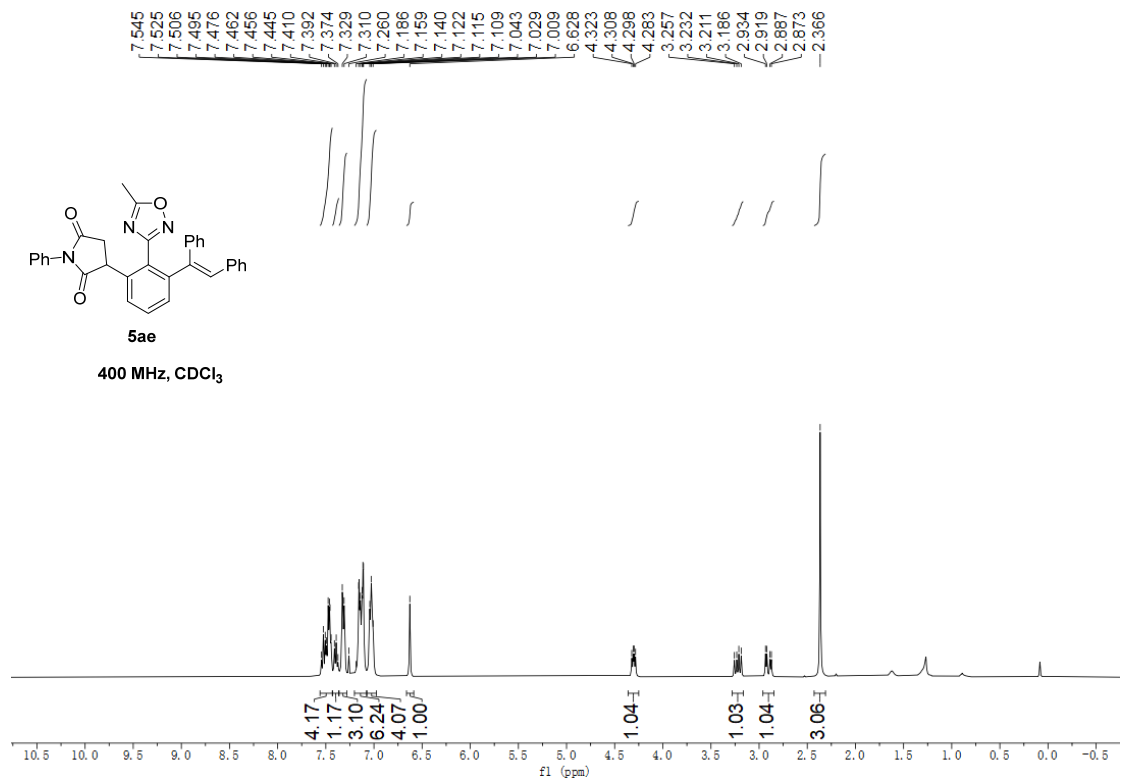
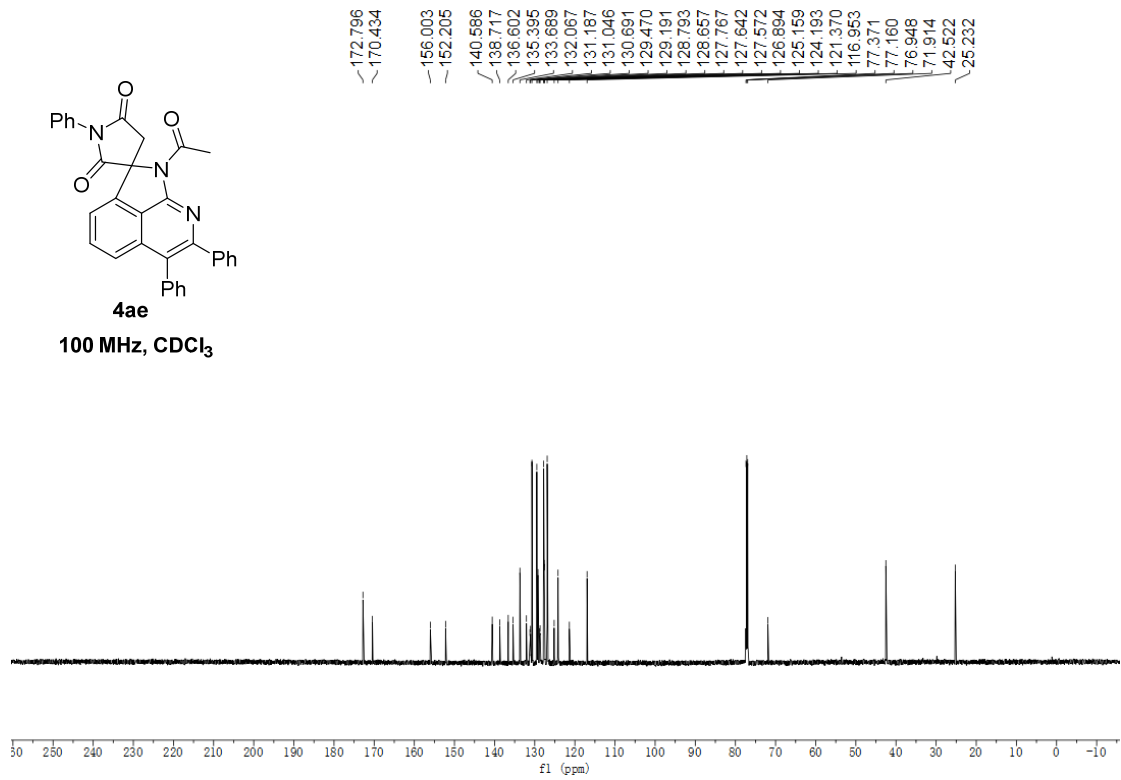


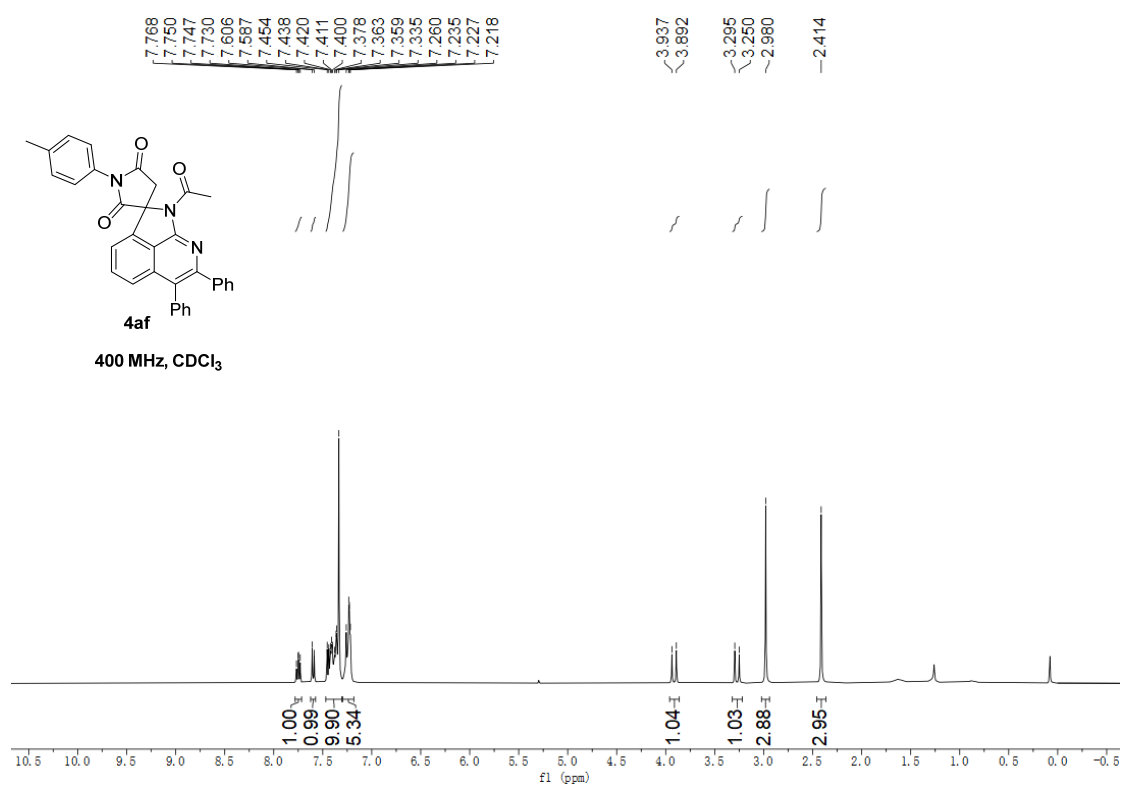
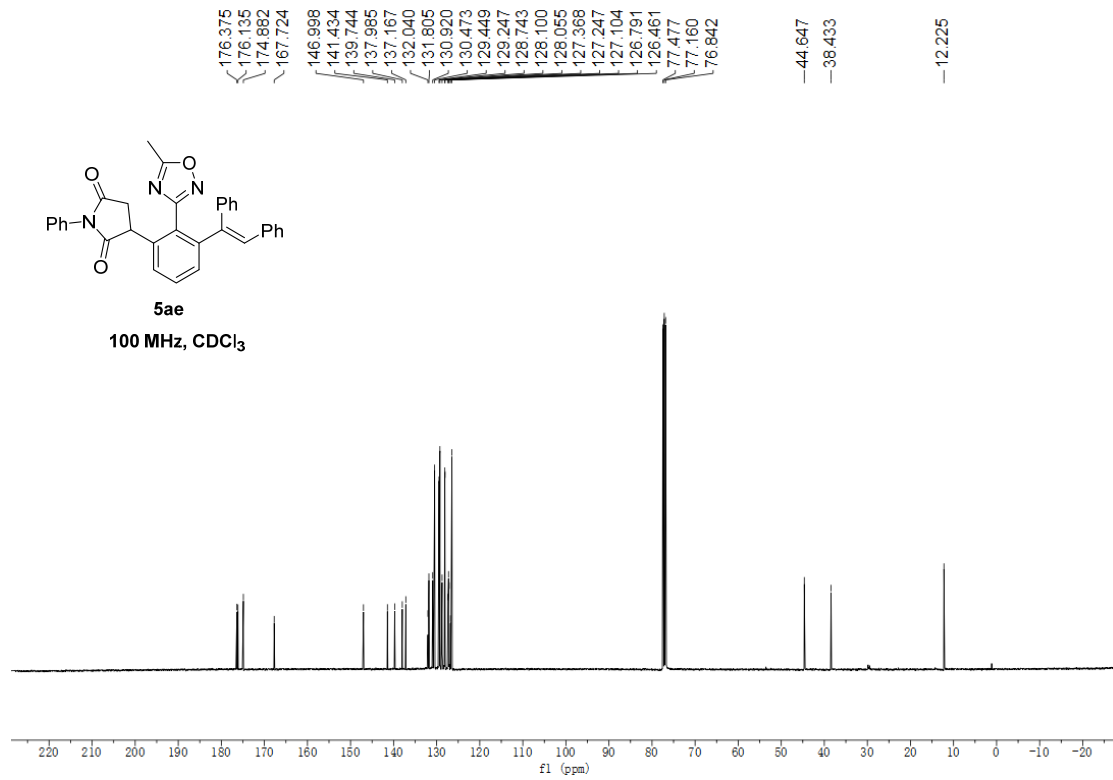


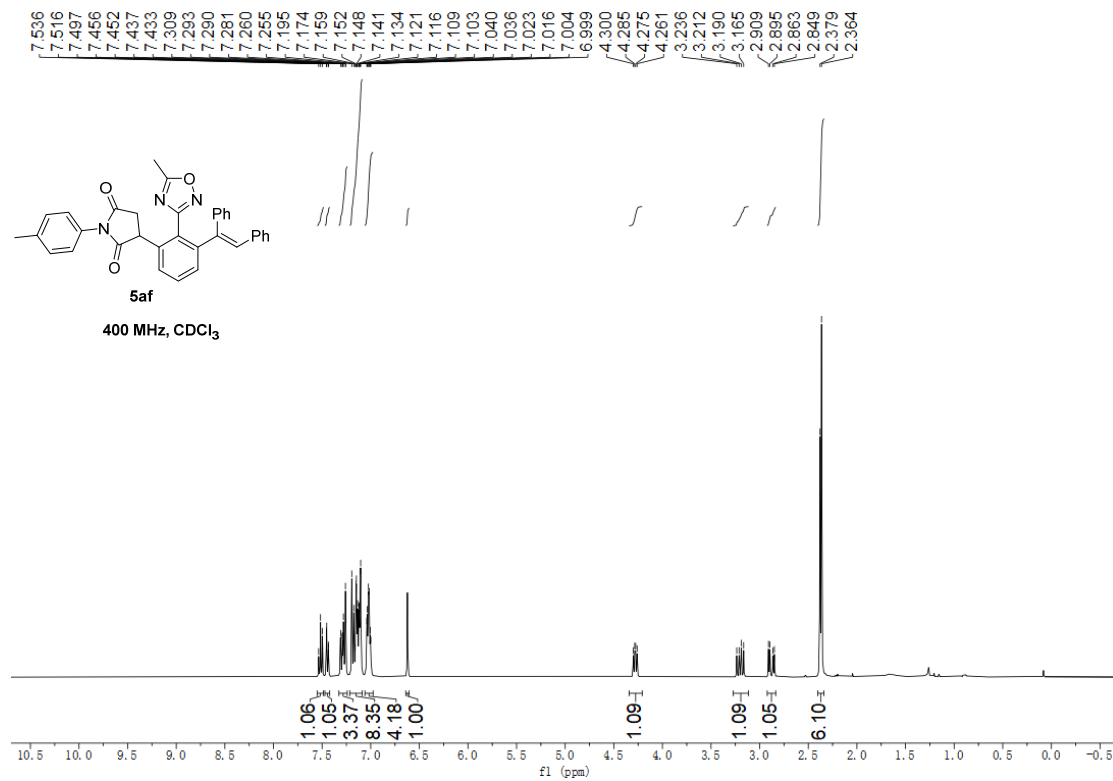
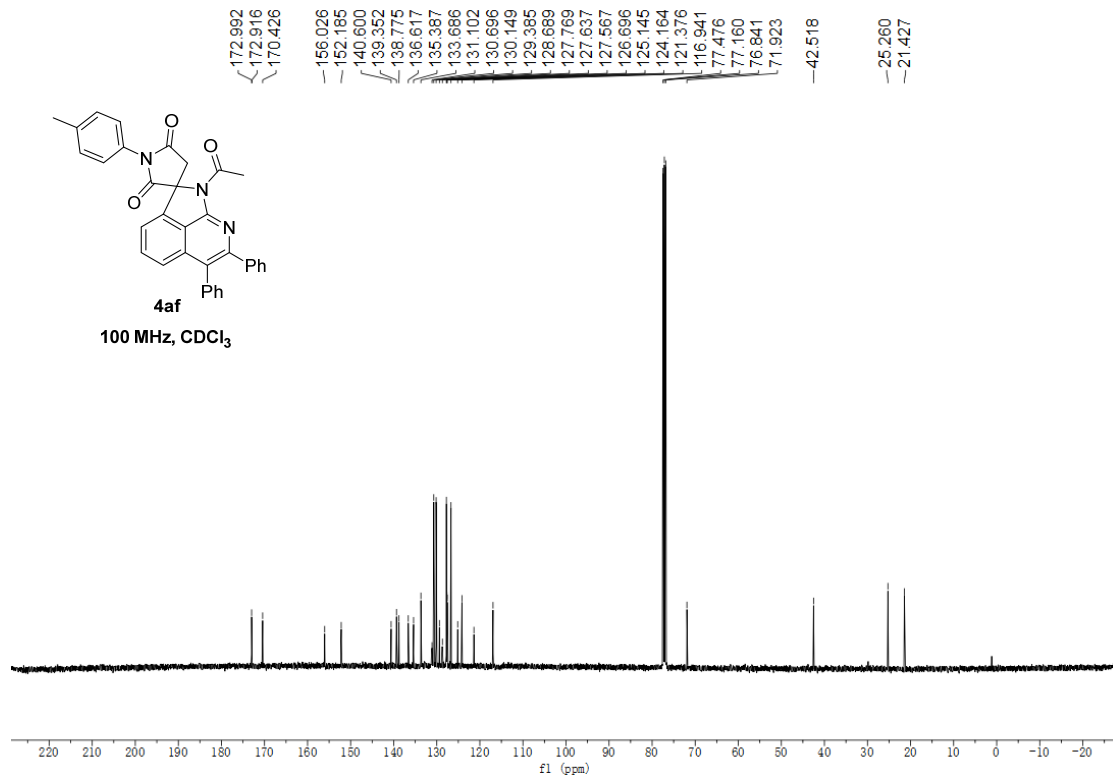


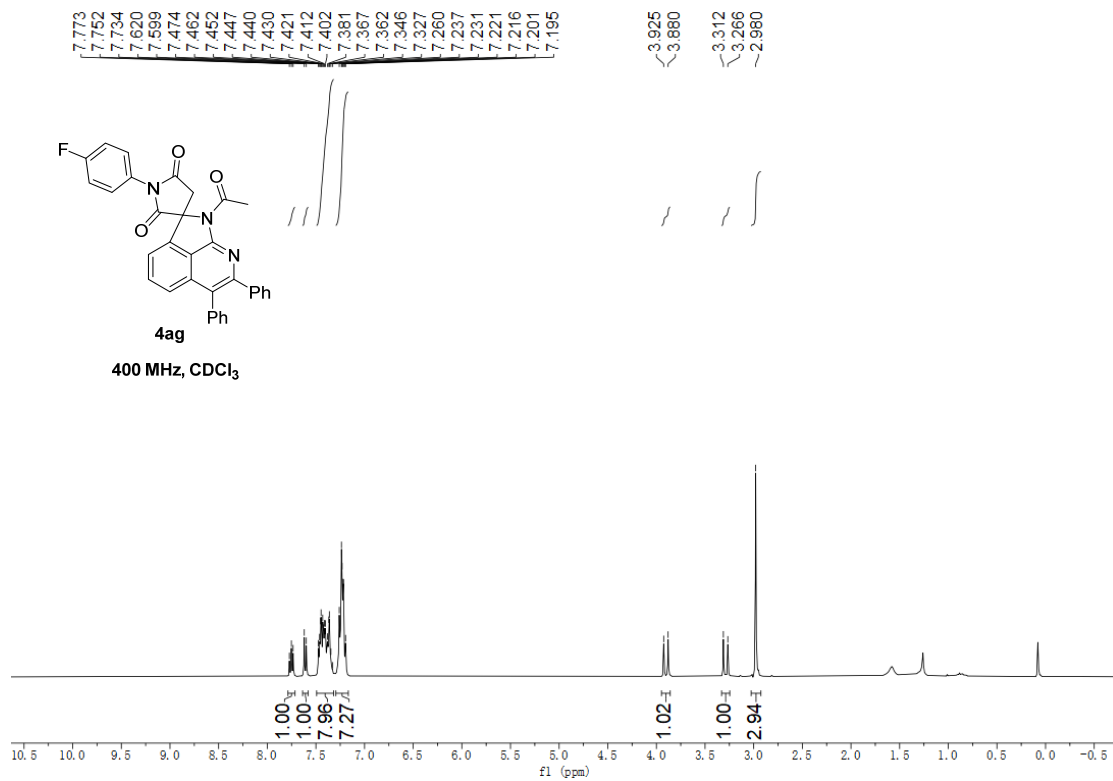
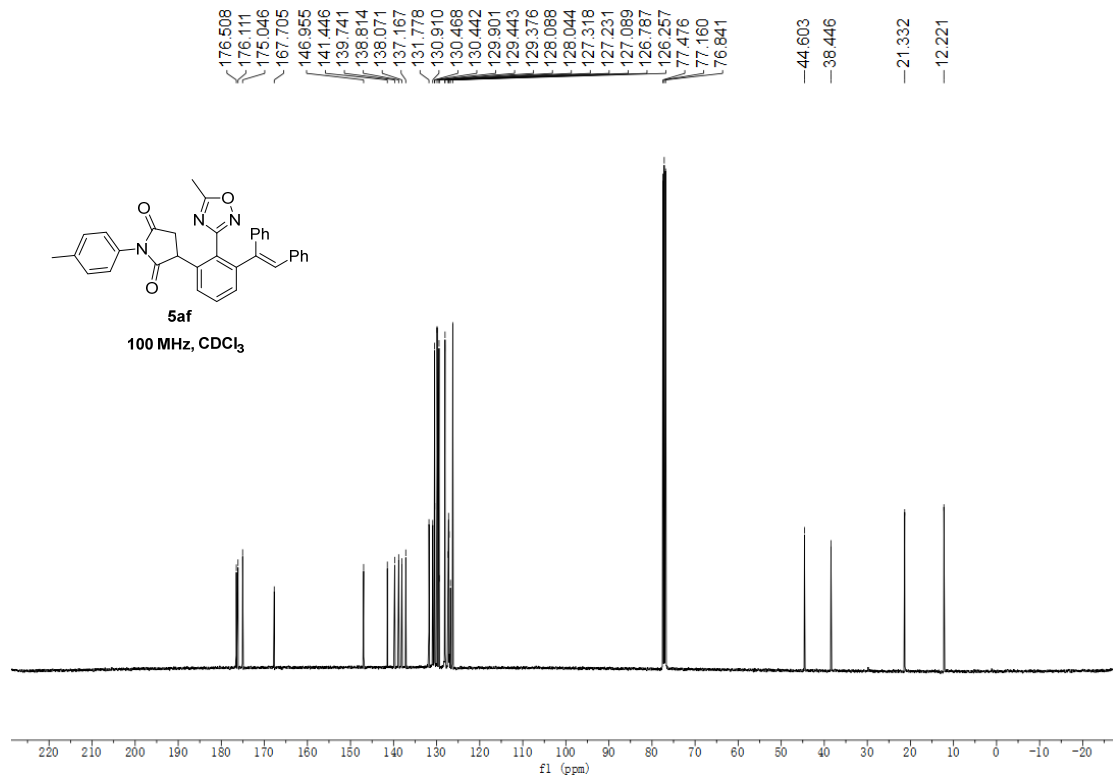






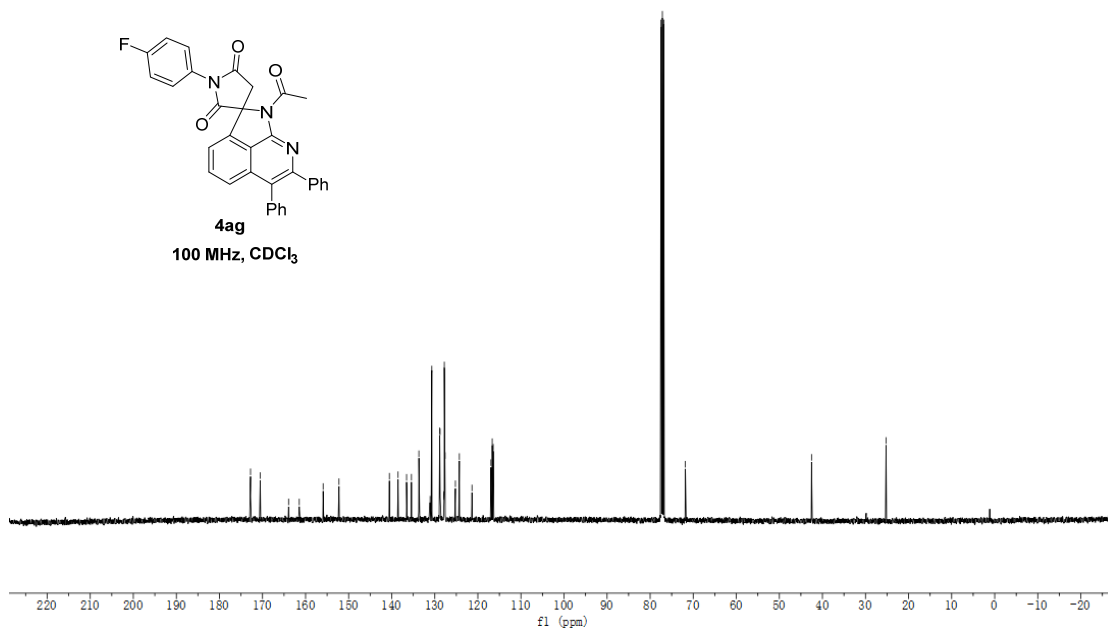
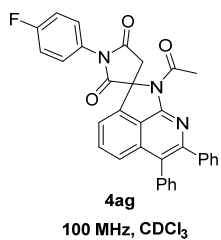




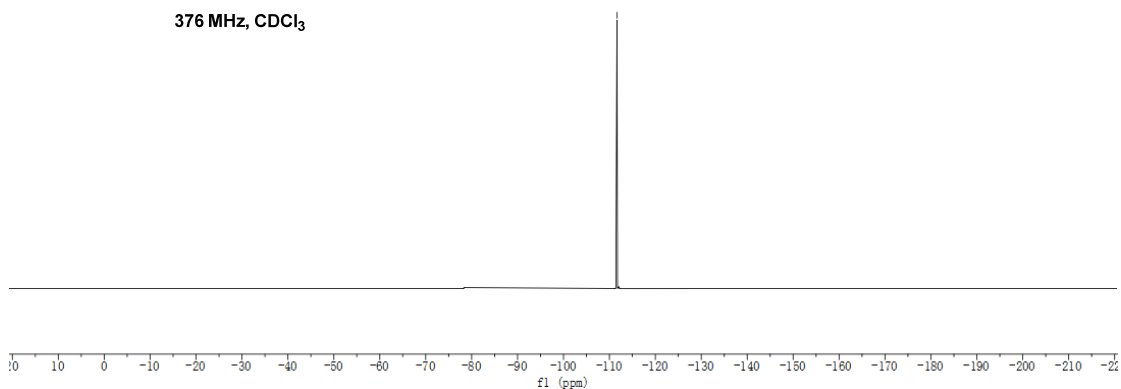
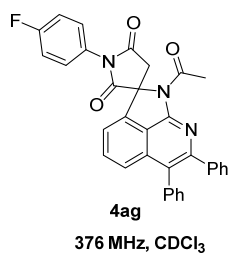


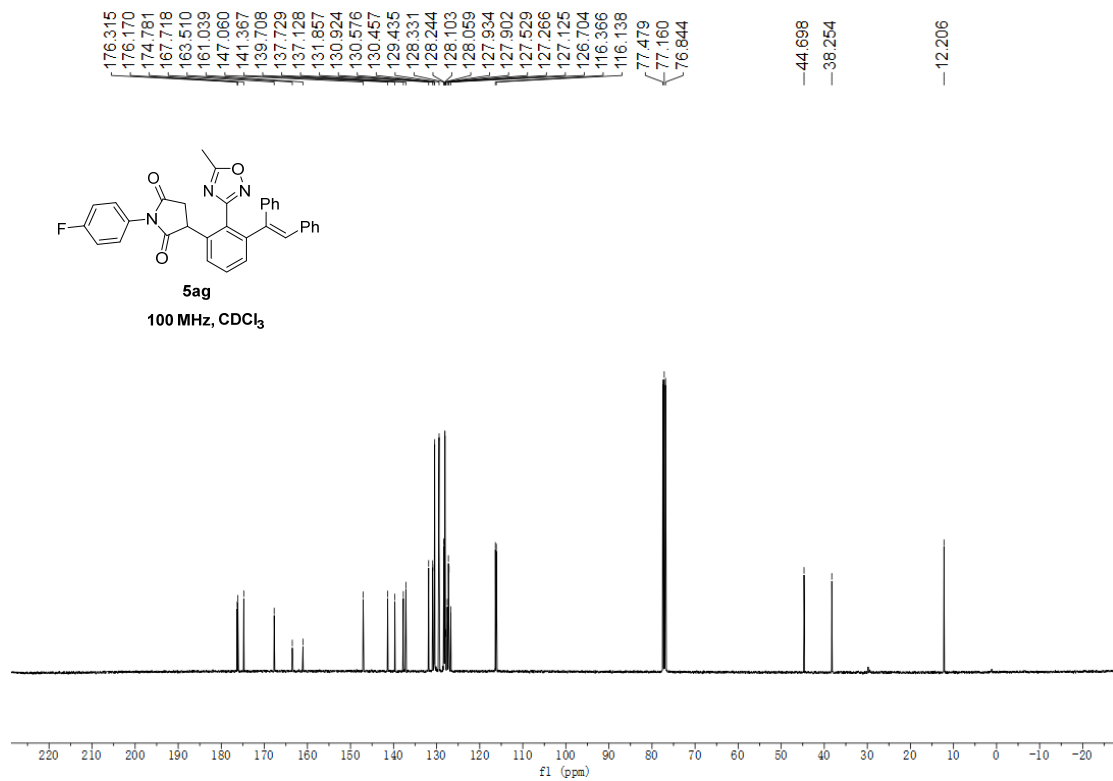
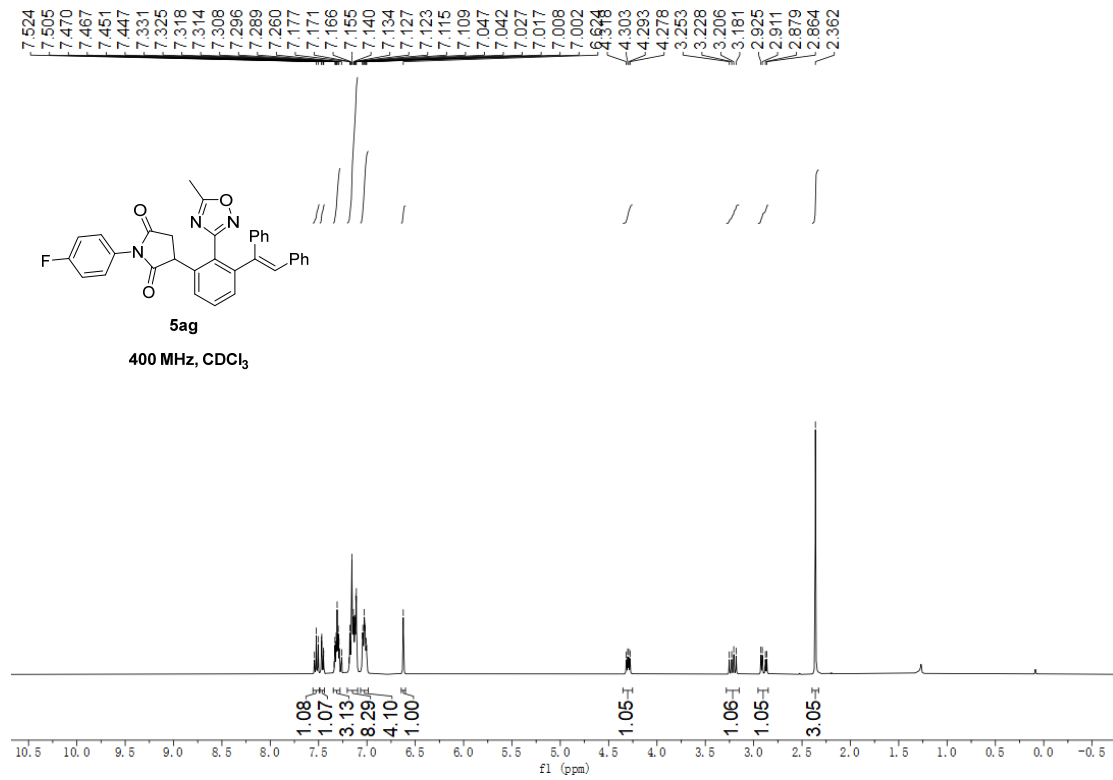
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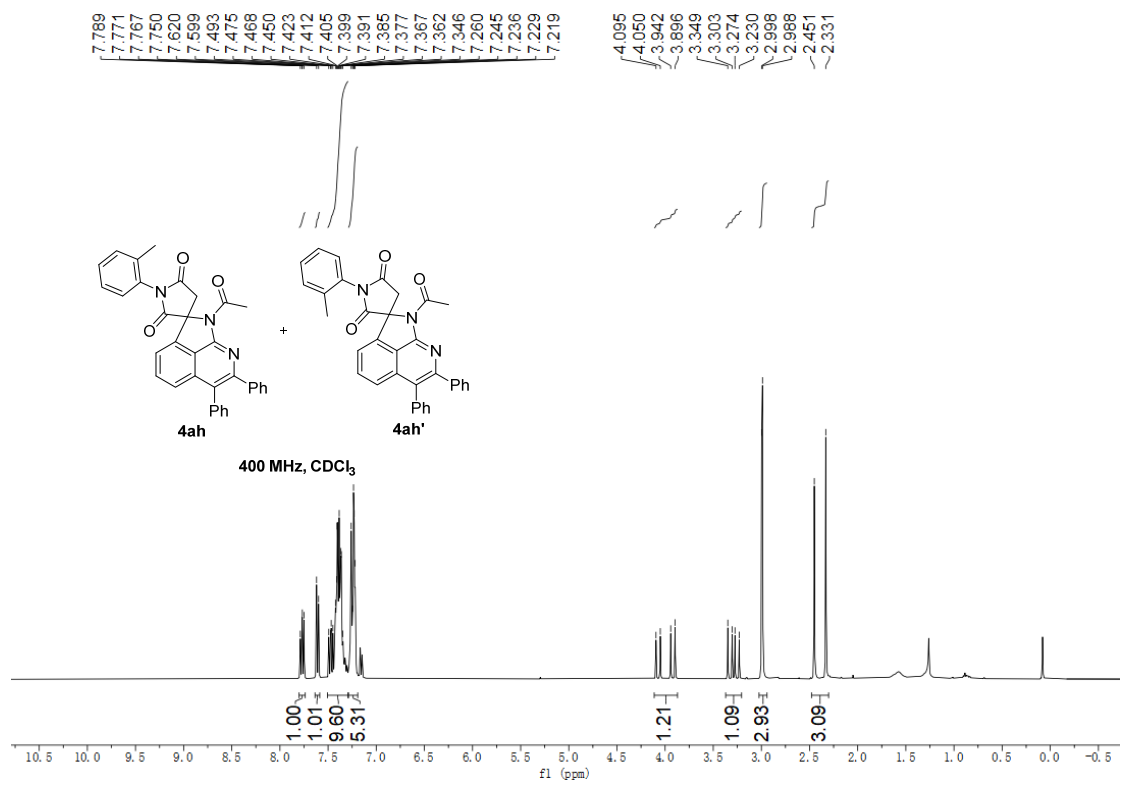
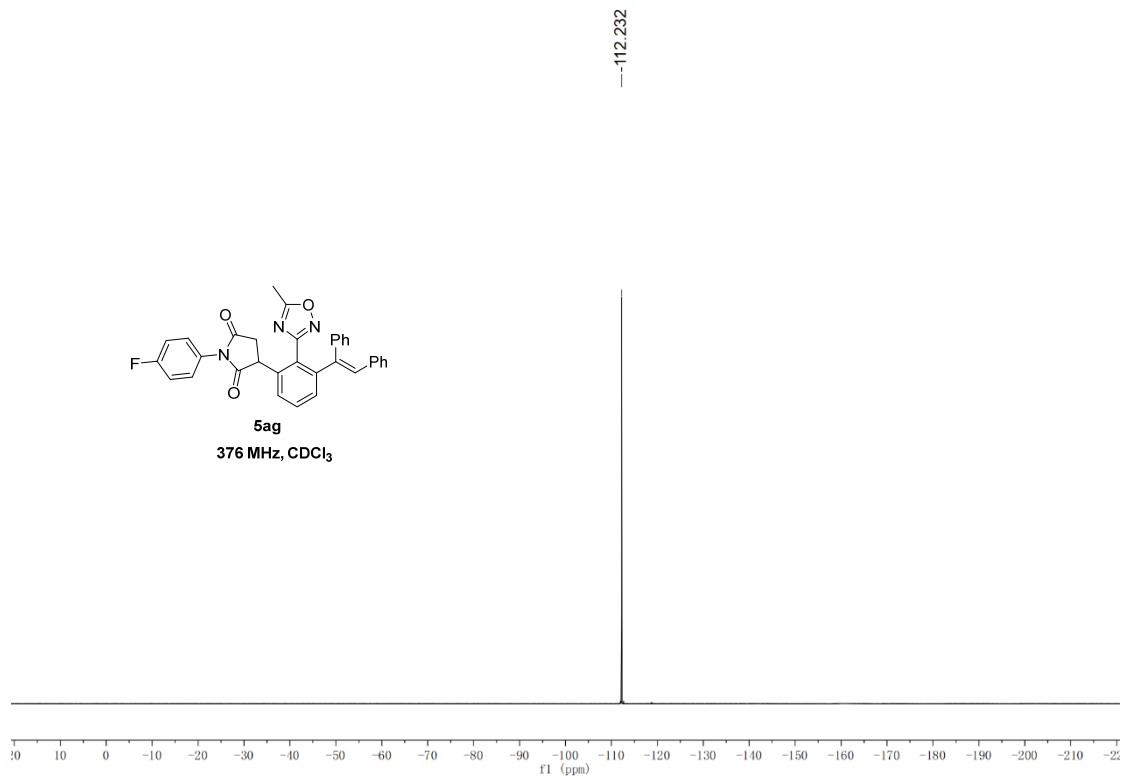
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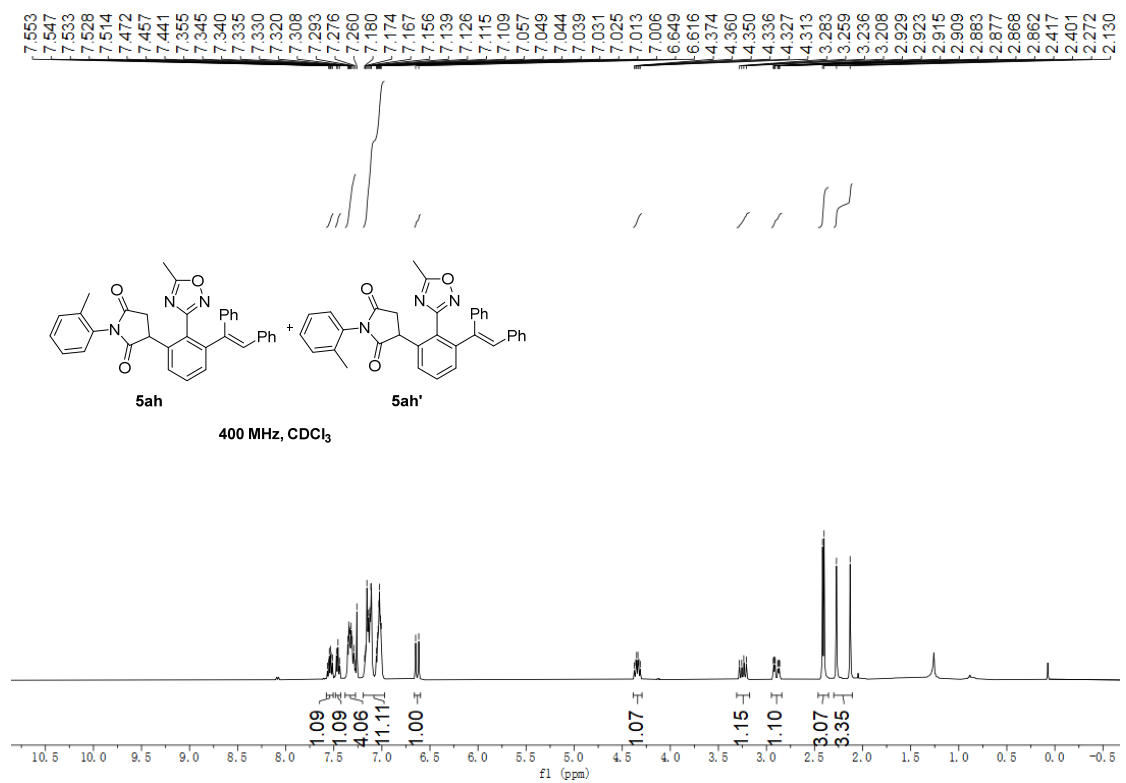
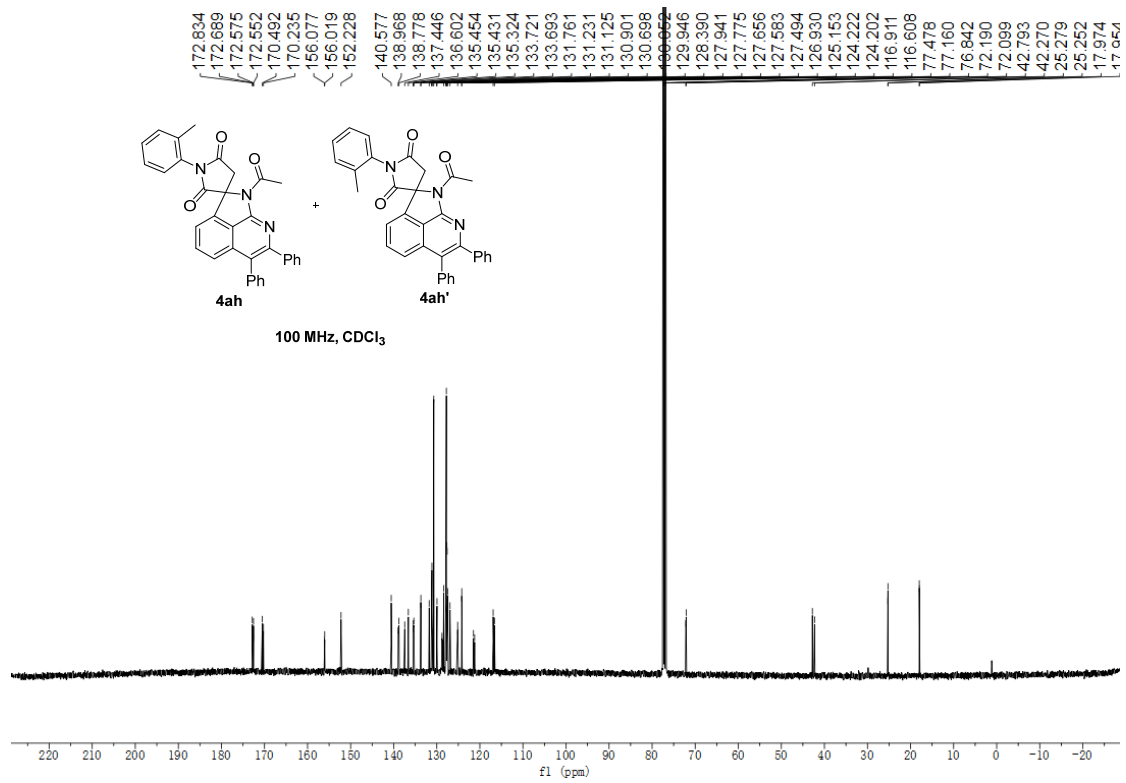


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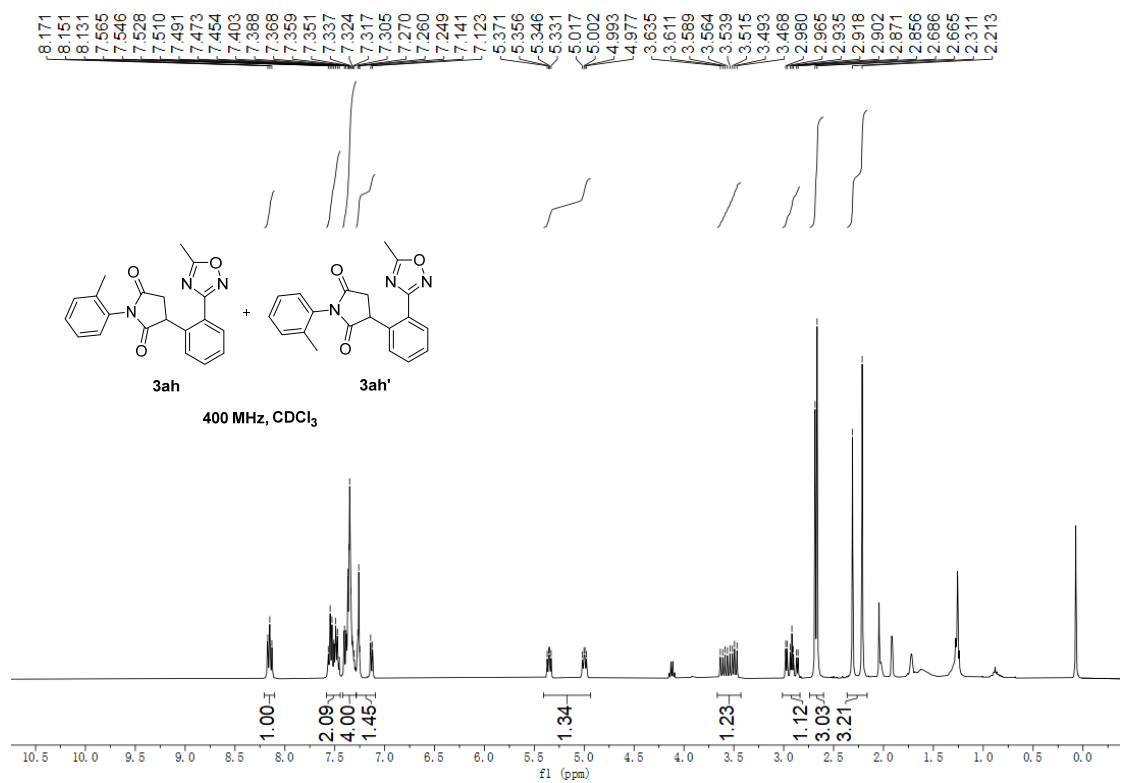
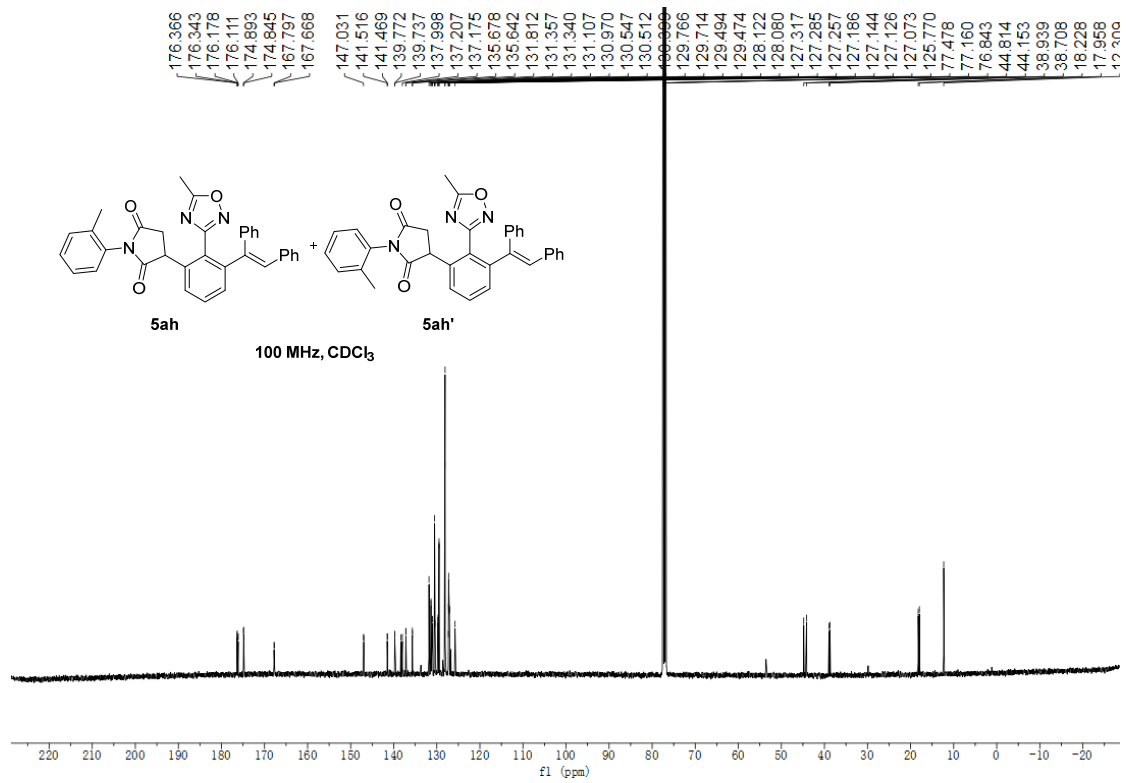


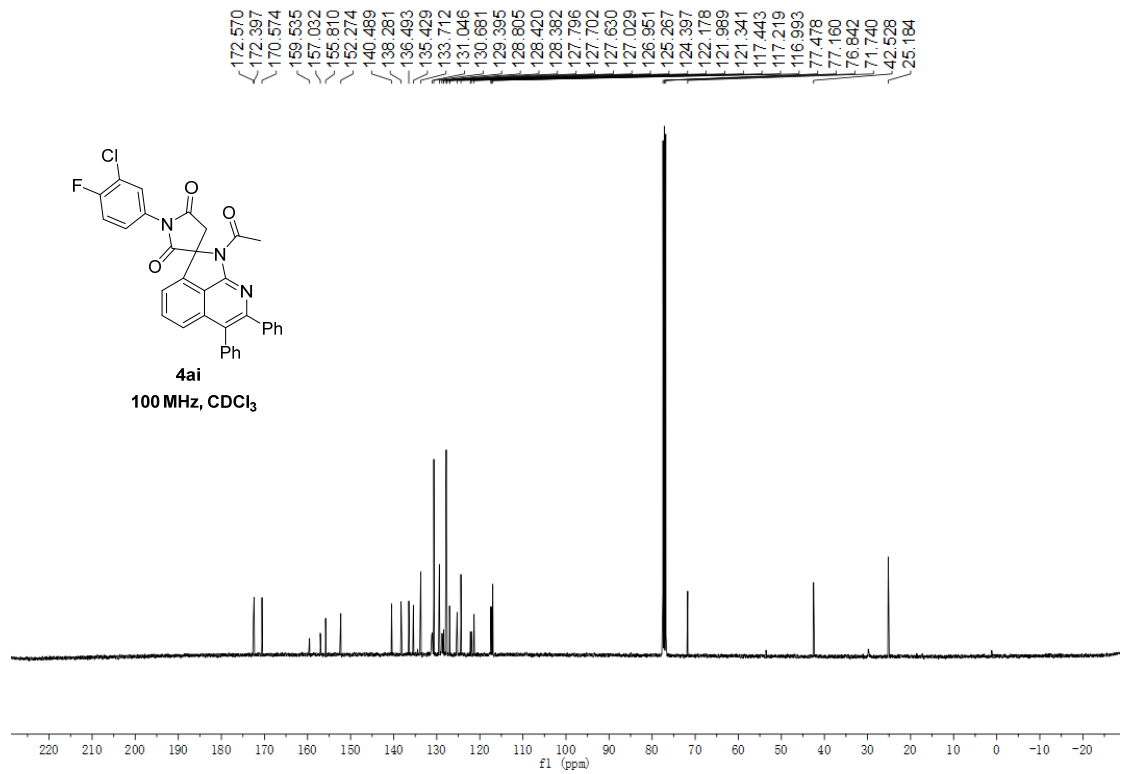
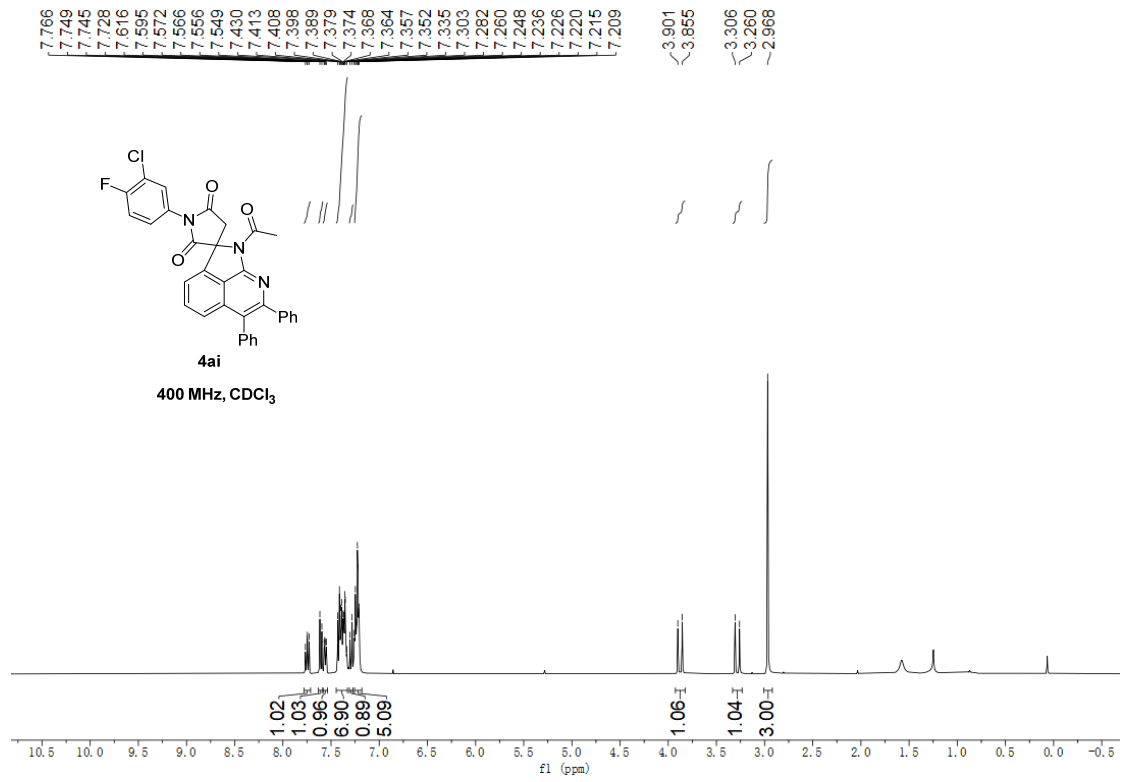


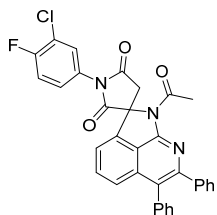




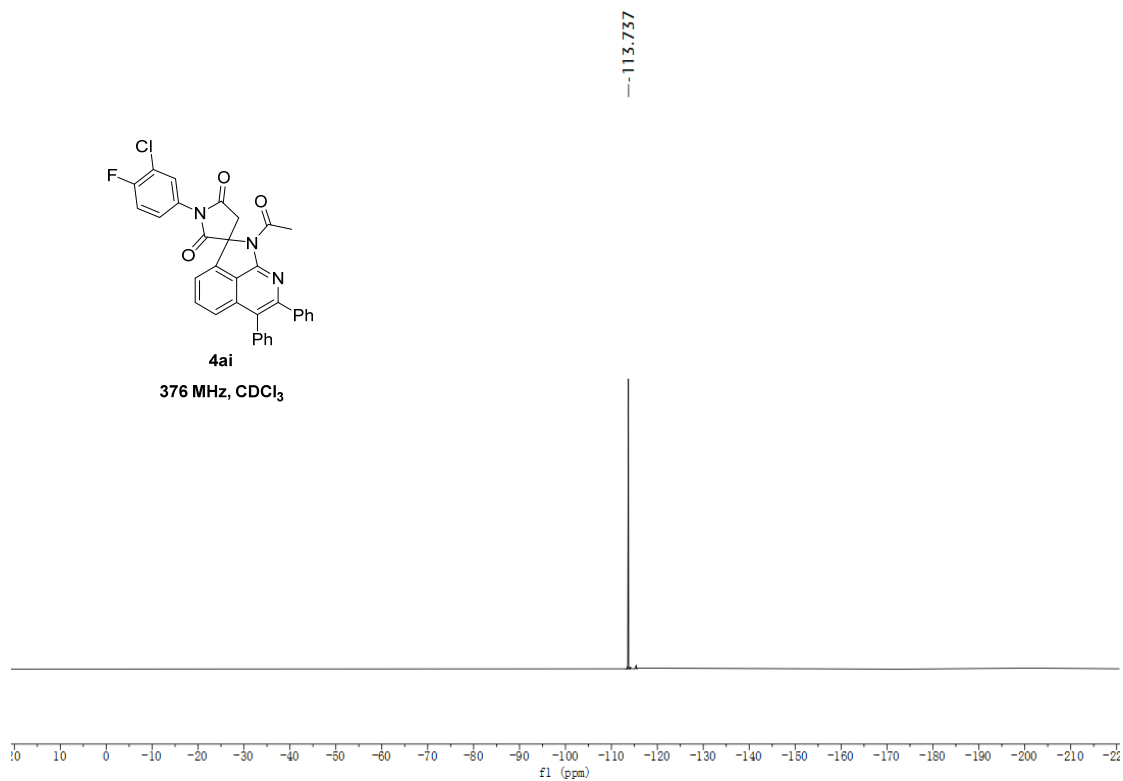




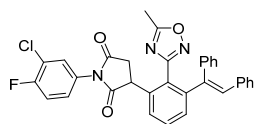




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