

Supporting Information for
Rh(II)-Catalyzed Synthesis of 5*H*-Isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizines from 4-Diazoisochroman-3-imines and Pyridines

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General Information:

The 0.1 mmol scale reactions were carried out at different temperatures by a parallel reactor with 35 mL pressure sealed tubes (Figure S1, left). The 1 mmol scale reactions were carried out at 80 °C in oil bath with 100 mL pressure sealed tube (Figure S1, right). The reaction temperatures are the temperatures indicated by the thermometer in parallel reactor or oil bath. The maximum internal pressure that the pressure sealed tubes can withstand is 600 kPa. Unless otherwise mentioned, solvent and reagent were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. ^1H NMR spectra were obtained on 400 or 600 MHz in CDCl_3 . The chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) referenced to 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on 100 or 150 MHz in CDCl_3 . The chemical shifts were reported in ppm referenced to the internal solvent signals (77.0 ppm for CDCl_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ for proton-decoupled carbon data was recorded. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak patterns where appropriate: b = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants J were reported in hertz unit (Hz). Infrared spectra were obtained on an FTIR spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) data were obtained by using ESI ionization. Melting points were measured with micro melting point apparatus. Flash column chromatography was performed employing 300-400 mesh silica gel. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel HSGF254.

Substrates **1** and **2** were prepared according to the published procedures.^{1,2}

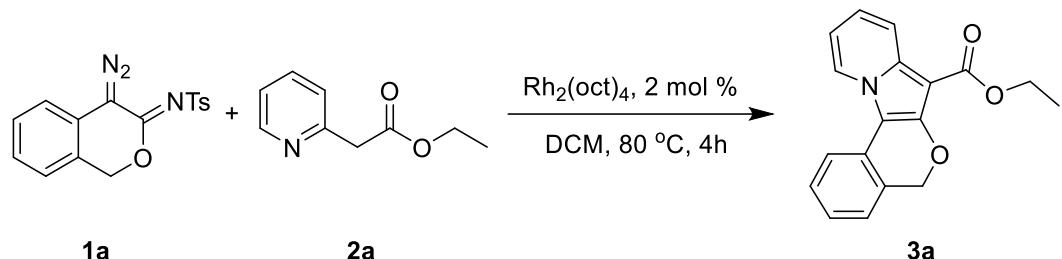


Figure S1. Pressure sealed tubes for reactions

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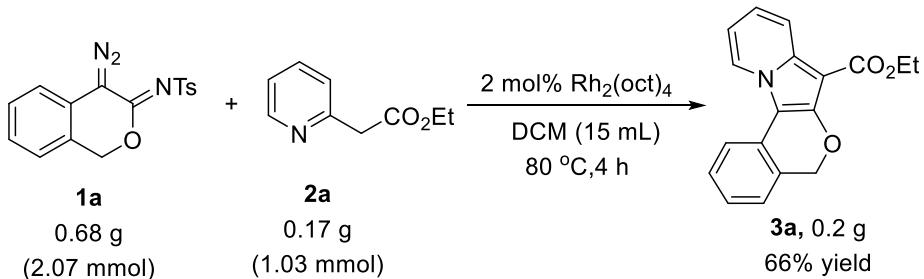
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General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3:



To a 35 mL pressure sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added sequentially **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.1 mmol), $\text{Rh}_2(\text{oct})_4$ (2 mol%) and DCM (1.5 mL). Then the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 4 hours. Upon completion, the solvent was evaporated in vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate/ dichloromethane = 10:1:2, v/v) to give the product **3**.

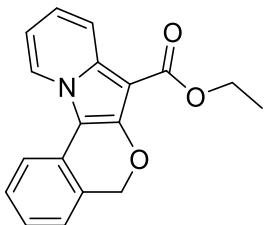
Preparation of Compound 3a at 1 mmole scale



To a 100 mL pressure sealed tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added sequentially **1** (2.07 mmol), **2** (1.03 mmol), $\text{Rh}_2(\text{oct})_4$ (0.02 mmol) and DCM (15 mL). Then the mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath) for 4 hours. Upon completion, the solvent was evaporated in vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate/ dichloromethane = 10:1:2, v/v) to get 0.2 g of pure products **3a** as yellow oil.

Characterization data of Products 3

Ethyl 5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3a)



Yellow oil; Yield 70% (21 mg).

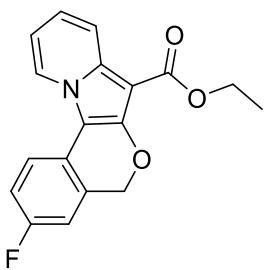
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.50 – 8.48 (m, 1H), 8.26 – 8.23 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.182 – 7.142 (m, 1H), 7.138 – 7.096 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.8, 150.0, 135.6, 128.6, 126.9, 126.1, 125.6, 125.2, 124.4, 122.6, 119.6, 115.8, 113.2, 109.9, 92.3, 71.2, 59.6, 14.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₅NNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 316.0944; found: 316.0946.

IR (film): 2978, 1682, 1631, 1604, 1532, 1494, 1415, 1357, 1315, 1236, 1193, 1085, 1039, 928, 781, 717, 622 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 3-fluoro-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3b)



Light yellow solid; Yield 68% (21 mg); M.p. 150-151 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.46 – 8.44 (m, 1H), 8.27 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

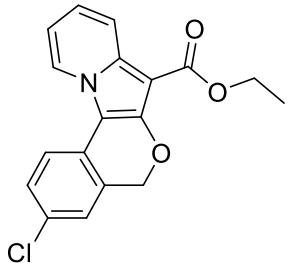
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.8, 160.4 (d, *J* = 244.5 Hz), 149.4, 135.3, 129.3 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 124.0, 122.62, 122.59, 119.8, 117.2 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 115.1 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 113.42 (d, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 113.36, 109.5, 92.3, 70.8 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 59.7, 14.7.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -115.98.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FNNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 334.0850; found: 334.0852.

IR (film): 2979, 1683, 1629, 1531, 1418, 1330, 1312, 1240, 1189, 1123, 1081, 1040, 966, 803, 735, 669 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 3-chloro-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (**3c**)



White solid; Yield 74% (24 mg); M.p. 231-232 °C.

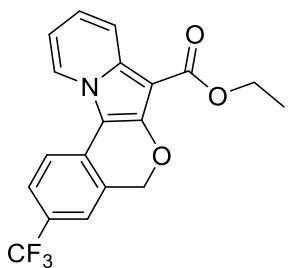
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.44 – 8.42 (m, 1H), 8.27 – 8.24 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.7, 150.0, 135.8, 130.2, 128.54, 128.50, 125.9, 124.7, 124.3, 123.0, 119.8, 116.8, 113.5, 109.3, 92.4, 70.6, 59.7, 14.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClNNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 350.0554; found: 350.0555.

IR (film): 2912, 1683, 1568, 1527, 1495, 1404, 1315, 1226, 1192, 1126, 1097, 1018, 898, 779, 736, 677 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (**3d**)



White solid; Yield 84% (30 mg); M.p. 268-269 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.98 – 7.94

(m, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 4.42 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

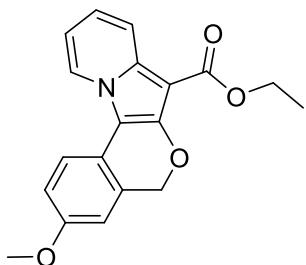
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.5, 151.3, 136.6, 129.3, 126.8, 126.5 (q, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 125.9 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 124.6, 124.1 (q, $J = 269.9$ Hz), 123.7, 122.5 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 119.9, 115.3, 113.7, 109.2, 92.6, 70.8, 59.8, 14.6.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -62.19.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 384.0818; found: 384.0821.

IR (film): 2918, 1684, 1631, 1504, 1417, 1315, 1233, 1167, 1130, 1086, 1020, 914, 813, 778, 732, 683 cm^{-1} .

Ethyl 3-methoxy-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3e)



Light yellow solid; Yield 63% (20 mg); M.p. 180-181 °C.

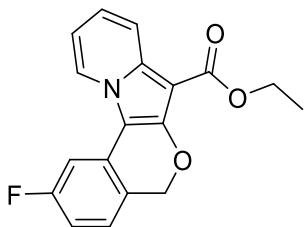
^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.46 – 8.44 (m, 1H), 8.25 – 8.22 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.42 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.9, 157.5, 148.7, 134.7, 129.2, 123.9, 121.90, 119.6, 119.4, 117.3, 113.2, 113.1, 112.2, 110.0, 92.3, 71.2, 59.6, 55.4, 14.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{NNaO}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 346.1050; found: 346.1053.

IR (film): 2920, 1682, 1577, 1532, 1504, 1418, 1314, 1247, 1193, 1081, 1043, 939, 780, 733, 677 cm^{-1} .

Ethyl 2-fluoro-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3f)



White solid; Yield 66% (21 mg); M.p. 203-204 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.45 – 8.42 (m, 1H), 8.29 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.234 – 7.204 (m, 1H), 7.201 – 7.162 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

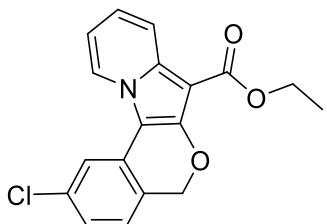
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¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -133.19.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FNNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 344.0850; found: 334.0848.

IR (film): 2981, 2850, 1692, 1589, 1529, 1492, 1455, 1317, 1218, 1172, 1103, 1019, 927, 841, 738, 628 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 2-chloro-5H-isochromeno[3,4-b]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3g)



White solid; Yield 73% (24 mg); M.p. 190-191 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.48 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.29 – 8.26 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

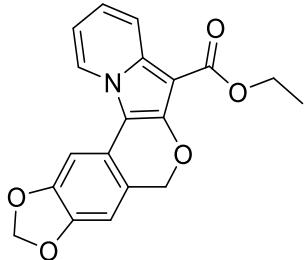
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HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClNNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 350.0554; found: 350.0557.

IR (film): 2918, 1683, 1599, 1525, 1491, 1424, 1312, 1236, 1189, 1092, 1039, 927, 781,

734, 623 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 5*H*-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':6,7]isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3h)



Yellow solid; Yield 54% (18 mg); M.p. 256-257 °C.

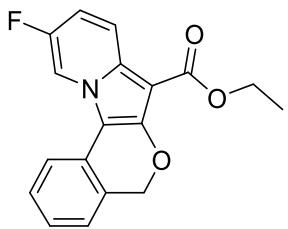
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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.8, 149.1, 147.9, 145.0, 135.0, 123.8, 122.1, 120.51, 120.50, 119.7, 113.2, 110.4, 107.2, 101.2, 97.9, 92.2, 71.3, 59.6, 14.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₅NNaO₅⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 360.0842; found: 360.0844.

IR (film): 3097, 2917, 1682, 1540, 1474, 1357, 1308, 1234, 1163, 1102, 1020, 911, 834, 779, 743, 684 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 10-fluoro-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3i)



Creamy white solid; Yield 67% (21 mg); M.p. 212-213 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.42 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

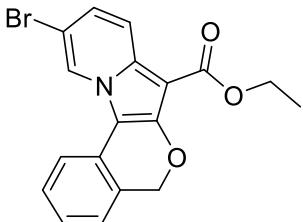
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¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -138.33.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FNNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 334.0850; found: 334.0852.

IR (film): 2924, 1682, 1606, 1539, 1497, 1334, 1262, 1214, 1153, 1106, 1082, 1040, 993, 804, 753, 649 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 10-bromo-5H-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3j)



Creamy white solid; Yield 72% (27 mg); M.p. 214-215 °C.

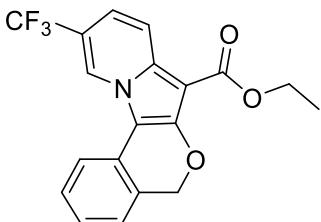
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.4, 149.9, 133.4, 128.7, 127.1, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 125.2, 124.1, 120.1, 116.1, 110.4, 107.8, 93.3, 71.2, 59.8, 14.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄BrNNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 394.0049; found: 394.0052.

IR (film): 2978, 1695, 1607, 1530, 1494, 1446, 1418, 1332, 1237, 1181, 1087, 1070, 1042, 998, 807, 749, 640 cm⁻¹

Ethyl 10-(trifluoromethyl)-5H-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3k)



Yellow solid; Yield 56% (20 mg); M.p. 168-169 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

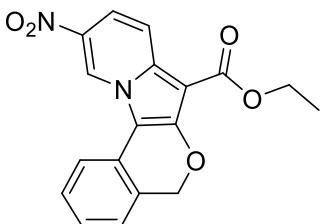
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.3, 150.8, 135.2, 128.9, 127.2, 126.2, 125.9, 125.3, 123.7 (q, $J = 269.3$ Hz), 122.6 (q, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 120.1, 117.7 (q, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 117.2 (q, $J = 33.6$ Hz), 116.2, 111.3, 94.5, 71.3, 60.0, 14.6.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -62.15.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₄F₃NNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 384.0817; found: 384.0819

IR (film): 2924, 1705, 1648, 1603, 1454, 1375, 1316, 1240, 1130, 1065, 969, 808, 752, 634 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 10-nitro-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3l)



Orange solid; Yield 75% (25 mg); M.p. 303-304 °C.

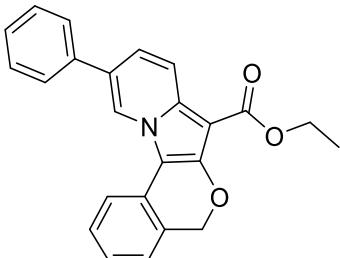
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 9.58 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, $J = 10.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 5.32 (s, 2H), 4.43 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 162.9, 151.8, 137.5, 135.3, 129.1, 127.2, 126.8, 125.9, 124.8, 123.9, 118.9, 116.5, 115.4, 112.1, 96.2, 71.4, 60.4, 14.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₂NaO₅⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 361.0795; found: 361.0796.

IR (film): 2917, 1694, 1642, 1549, 1499, 1447, 1328, 1238, 1188, 1095, 1038, 997, 818, 750, 644 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 10-phenyl-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3m)



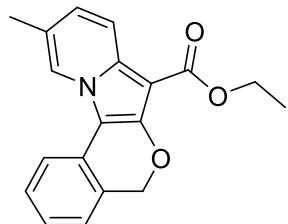
Yellow solid; Yield 74% (27 mg); M.p. 233-234 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.7, 150.4, 137.7, 134.6, 129.2, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 126.9, 126.1, 125.7, 125.3, 122.9, 122.0, 119.5, 115.9, 110.3, 92.4, 71.3, 59.7, 14.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₄H₁₉NNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 392.1257; found: 392.1260.
IR (film): 2923, 1689, 1633, 1604, 1543, 1518, 1489, 1339, 1220, 1168, 1089, 811, 751, 699, 628 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 10-methyl-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3n)

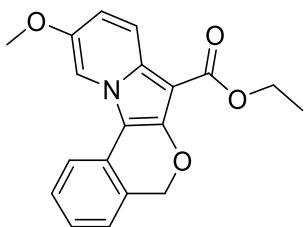


Yellow solid; Yield 60% (18 mg); M.p. 196-197 °C.
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.8, 149.9, 134.3, 128.6, 126.9, 126.3, 125.6, 125.6, 125.0, 122.8, 122.5, 119.0, 115.8, 109.7, 91.8, 71.2, 59.5, 18.6, 14.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 330.1101; found: 330.1102
IR (film): 2925, 1682, 1605, 1541, 1494, 1419, 1313, 1274, 1220, 1085, 1040, 938, 803, 753, 646 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 10-methoxy-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3o)



Creamy white solid; Yield 55% (18 mg); M.p. 227-228 °C.

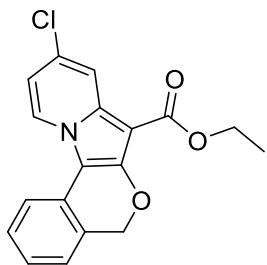
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.15 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.7, 149.9, 131.9, 128.6, 127.1, 126.2, 125.7, 125.1, 119.8, 116.3, 115.5, 110.7, 108.1, 99.9, 92.0, 71.2, 59.6, 56.2, 14.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NNaO₄⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 346.1050; found: 346.1051.

IR (film): 2917, 1691, 1639, 1577, 1531, 1494, 1277, 1215, 1154, 1104, 1027, 853, 778, 762, 645 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 9-chloro-5H-isochromeno[3,4-b]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3p)



Light yellow solid; Yield 40% (13 mg); M.p. 241-242 °C.

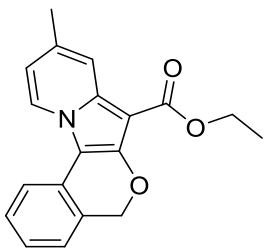
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.4, 150.3, 135.4, 129.0, 128.7, 126.9, 125.7, 125.6, 124.9, 118.6, 115.9, 114.4, 110.2, 92.7, 71.3, 59.9, 14.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClNNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 350.0554; found: 350.0556.

IR (film): 2916, 1682, 1646, 1516, 1489, 1440, 1401, 1336, 1272, 1191, 1107, 971, 868, 749, 683 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 9-methyl-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3q)



Yellow solid; Yield 56% (17 mg); M.p. 160-161 °C.

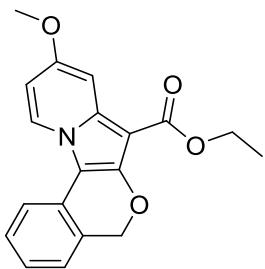
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 164.0, 150.1, 136.3, 133.9, 128.6, 126.6, 126.4, 125.6, 124.8, 124.1, 118.5, 115.6, 115.5, 109.3, 91.1, 71.3, 59.6, 21.4, 14.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 330.1101; found: 330.1104.

IR (film): 2975, 1682, 1604, 1533, 1495, 1409, 1348, 1240, 1195, 1110, 1041, 993, 933, 752, 609 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 9-methoxy-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3r)



Light yellow solid; Yield 42% (14 mg); M.p. 227-228 °C.

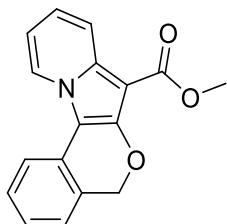
¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.60 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 164.2, 156.5, 150.0, 138.4, 128.6, 126.4, 126.10, 126.09, 125.6, 124.5, 115.0, 108.4, 107.2, 97.9, 91.0, 71.3, 59.5, 55.5, 14.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇NNaO₄⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 346.1050; found: 346.1051.

IR (film): 2919, 1679, 1600, 1540, 1433, 1286, 1242, 1211, 1188, 1107, 1021, 974, 837, 745, 683 cm⁻¹.

Methyl 5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (**3s**)



Yellow solid; Yield 72% (20 mg); M.p. 191–192 °C.

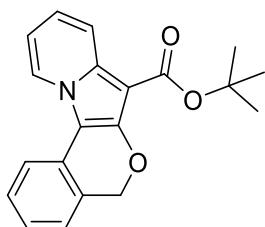
¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 164.2, 149.7, 135.8, 128.7, 126.8, 126.1, 125.6, 125.3, 124.4, 122.8, 119.6, 115.9, 113.4, 110.0, 91.9, 71.3, 51.0.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NNaO₃ ([M+Na]⁺): 302.0788; found: 302.0790.

IR (film): 2919, 2849, 1688, 1532, 1494, 1444, 1404, 1316, 1237, 1195, 1087, 1034, 972, 781, 718, 622 cm⁻¹.

tert-Butyl 5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (**3t**)



Yellow oil; Yield 57% (18 mg).

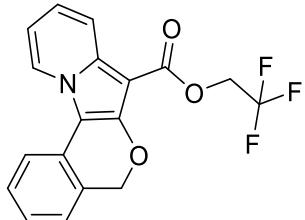
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 1.65 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.2, 150.7, 135.1, 128.6, 127.0, 126.2, 125.7, 125.1, 124.4, 122.2, 119.7, 115.7, 112.9, 109.9, 93.8, 80.1, 71.2, 28.6.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $C_{20}H_{19}NNaO_3$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 344.1257; found: 344.1259.

IR (film): 2919, 1683, 1530, 1494, 1409, 1364, 1317, 1242, 1171, 1124, 1084, 1036, 963, 782, 734, 621 cm^{-1} .

2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl 5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3u)



Yellow solid; Yield 65% (23 mg); M.p. 153–154 °C.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.55 – 8.53 (m, 1H), 8.19 – 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 4.74 (q, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

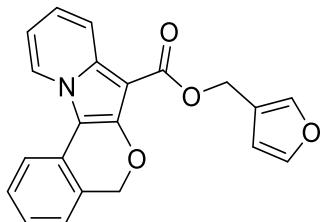
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 161.5, 150.6, 135.8, 128.7, 126.9, 125.9, 125.7, 125.6, 124.7, 123.6, 123.5 (q, J = 275.6 Hz), 119.5, 115.9, 113.8, 110.5, 90.5, 71.3, 59.5 (q, J = 36.0 Hz).

$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -73.44.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $C_{18}H_{12}F_3NNaO_3^+$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 370.0661; found: 370.0661.

IR (film): 2924, 1704, 1605, 1524, 1495, 1445, 1416, 1316, 1279, 1170, 1111, 983, 757, 671, 545 cm^{-1} .

Furan-3-ylmethyl 5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carboxylate (3v)



Yellow oil; Yield 51% (18 mg).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.2

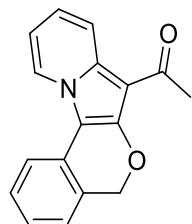
Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 5.25 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.5, 150.3, 143.2, 141.3, 135.7, 128.6, 126.9, 126.1, 125.7, 125.3, 124.5, 122.8, 121.3, 119.6, 115.8, 113.3, 110.6, 110.1, 92.0, 71.3, 57.07.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₁₅NNaO₄⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 368.0893; found: 368.0896.

IR (film): 2918, 1683, 1631, 1532, 1494, 1414, 1316, 1234, 1192, 1084, 1019, 874, 781, 719, 600 cm⁻¹.

1-(5*H*-Isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizin-7-yl)ethan-1-one (3w)



Yellow solid; Yield 39% (10 mg); M.p. 189-190 °C.

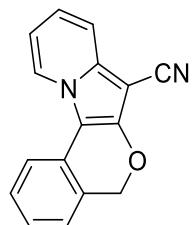
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.59 – 8.56 (m, 1H), 8.54 – 8.51 (m, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 192.5, 150.1, 135.4, 128.8, 126.7, 126.3, 125.7, 125.2, 124.24, 124.18, 120.5, 116.0, 114.2, 109.8, 101.8, 71.2, 30.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NNaO₂⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 286.0838; found: 286.0840.

IR (film): 2918, 1620, 1603, 1525, 1490, 1404, 1406, 1362, 1227, 1147, 1018, 900, 717, 631 cm⁻¹.

5*H*-Isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine-7-carbonitrile (3x)



Light yellow solid; Yield 46% (11 mg); M.p. 295-296 °C.

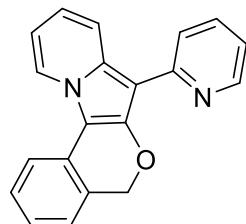
¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.52 – 8.50 (m, 1H), 7.632 – 7.625 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.61 (m, 1H) 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 150.4, 136.5, 128.9, 127.0, 125.9, 125.6, 125.0, 122.6, 117.6, 116.3, 114.2, 113.7, 109.8, 72.0, 71.4.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₆H₁₀N₂NaO⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 269.0685; found: 269.0684.

IR (film): 2917, 2210, 1605, 1532, 1495, 1437, 1349, 1315, 1240, 1141, 1011, 920, 740, 717, 692 cm⁻¹.

7-(Pyridin-2-yl)-5*H*-isochromeno[3,4-*b*]indolizine (3y)



Yellow oil; Yield 60% (18 mg).

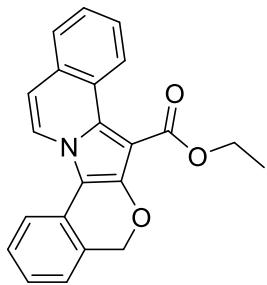
¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.78 – 8.76 (m, 1H), 8.65 – 8.64 (m, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.81 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 154.0, 148.8, 148.0, 135.9, 132.6, 128.7, 127.2, 126.8, 125.6, 124.6, 123.8, 122.1, 120.53, 120.46, 119.1, 116.1, 112.2, 109.5, 99.9, 71.2.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₁₅N₂O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 299.1179; found: 299.1181.

IR (film): 3062, 2918, 2843, 1601, 1586, 1532, 1456, 1356, 1314, 1252, 1142, 1013, 908, 784, 721, 642 cm⁻¹.

Ethyl 5*H*-isochromeno[3',4':4,5]pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-7-carboxylate (3z)



Yellow oil; Yield 53% (18 mg).

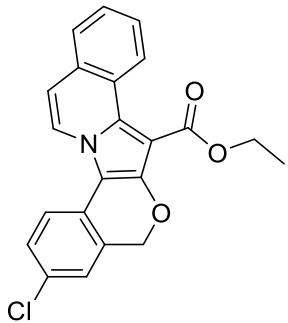
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 9.21 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 4.49 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.46 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 165.1, 148.8, 130.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.44, 127.41, 126.9, 126.3, 126.0, 125.8, 125.5, 125.2, 122.3, 116.6, 113.4, 111.4, 98.3, 71.4, 60.6, 14.5.

HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{NNaO}_3^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 366.1101; found: 366.1101.

IR (film): 2920, 1694, 1605, 1544, 1494, 1457, 1346, 1269, 1195, 1104, 1048, 988, 911, 759, 733 cm^{-1} .

Ethyl 3-chloro-5H-isochromeno[3',4':4,5]pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline-7-carboxylate (3A)



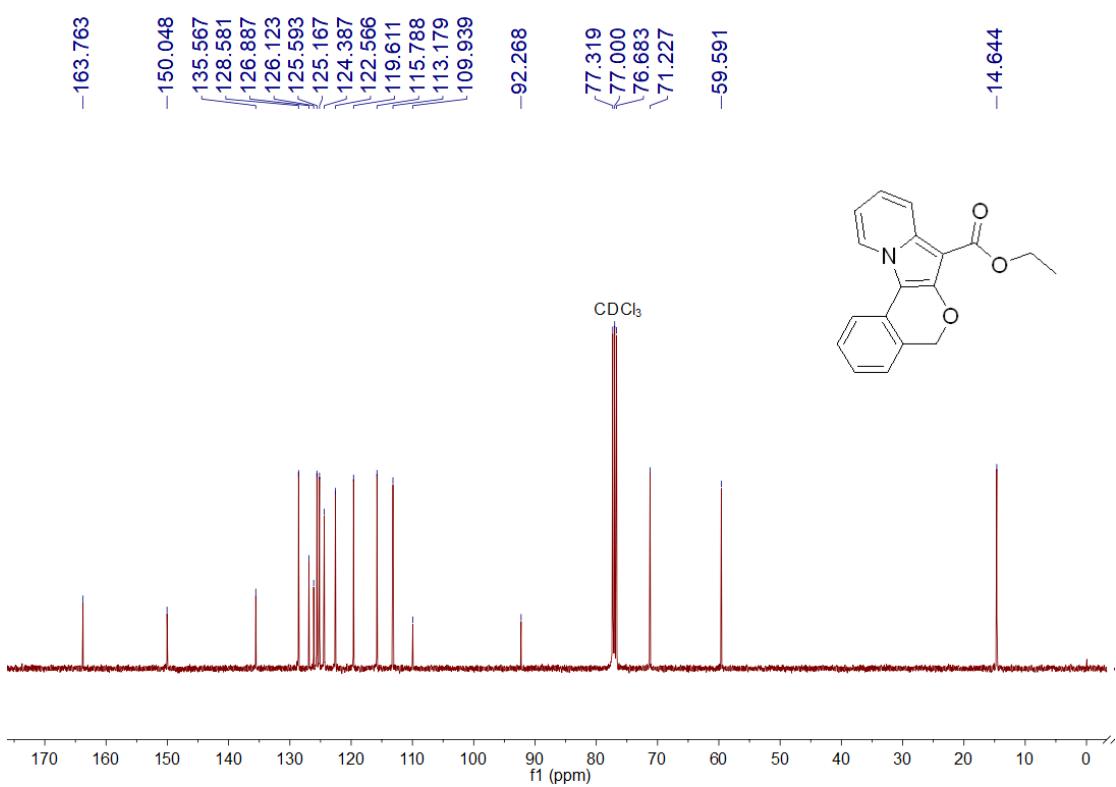
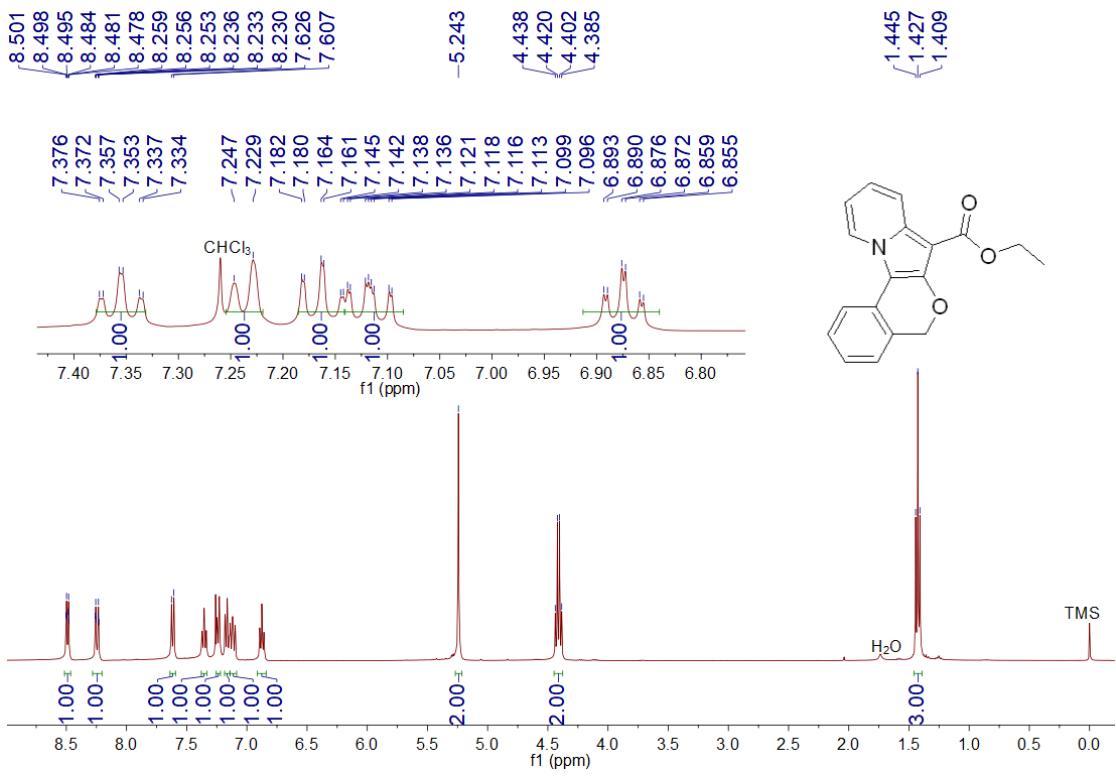
Yellow solid; Yield 61% (23 mg); M.p. 250-251 °C.

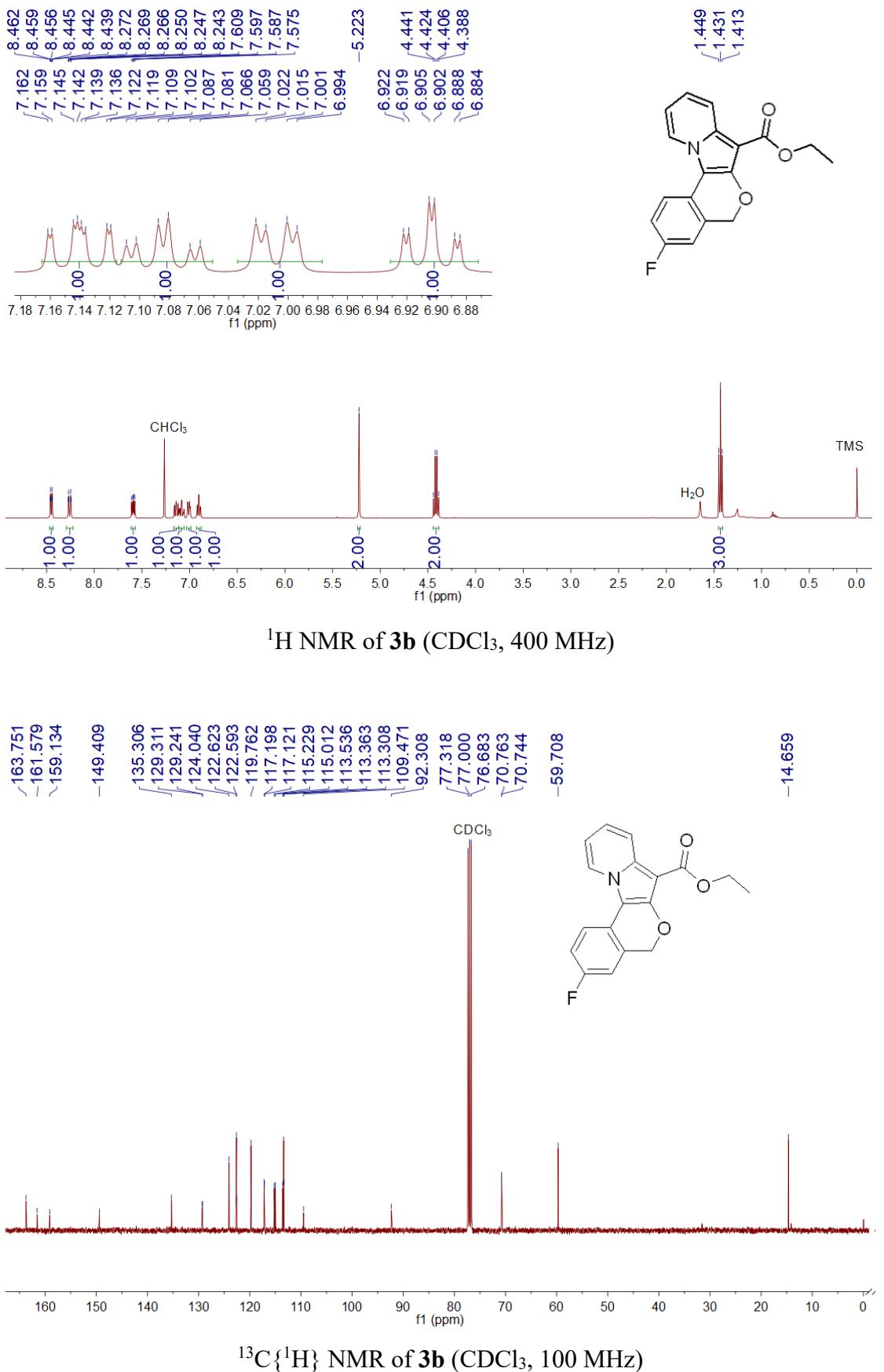
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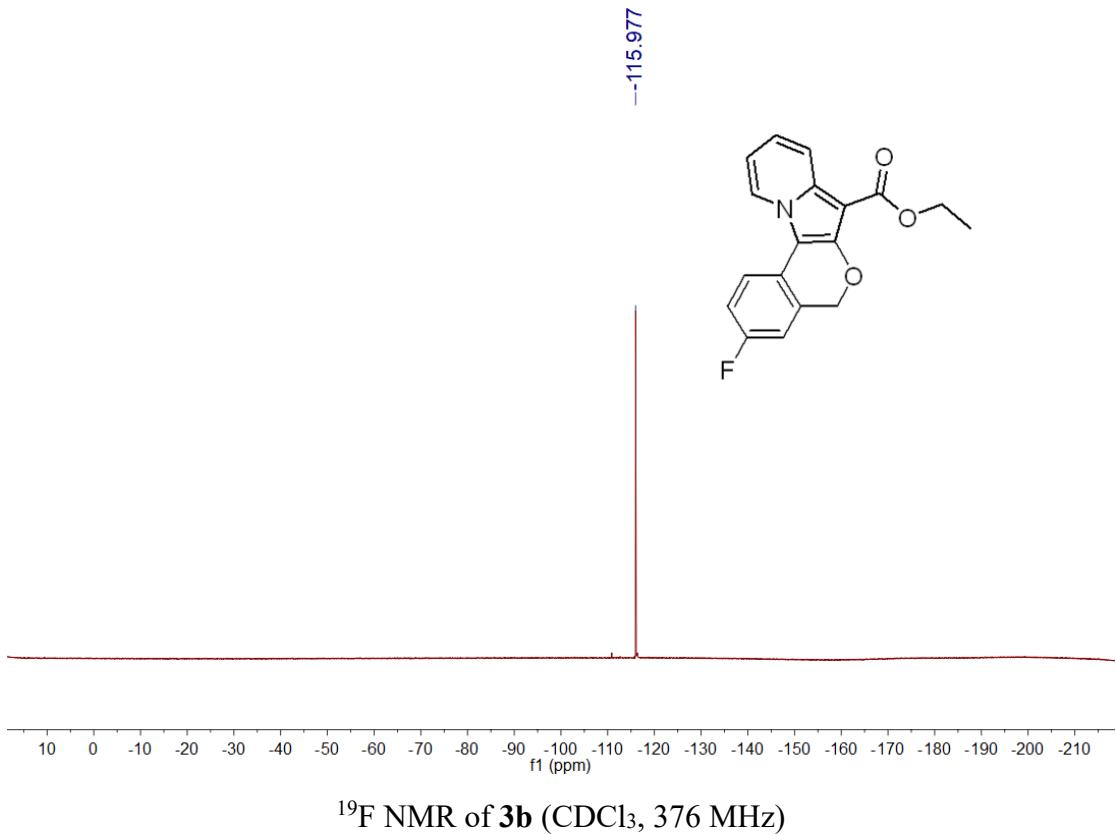
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HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₁₆ClNNaO₃⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 400.0711; found: 400.0714.
IR (film): 2920, 1694, 1571, 1539, 1508, 1451, 1342, 1269, 1193, 1108, 1033, 902, 871, 786, 732 cm⁻¹.

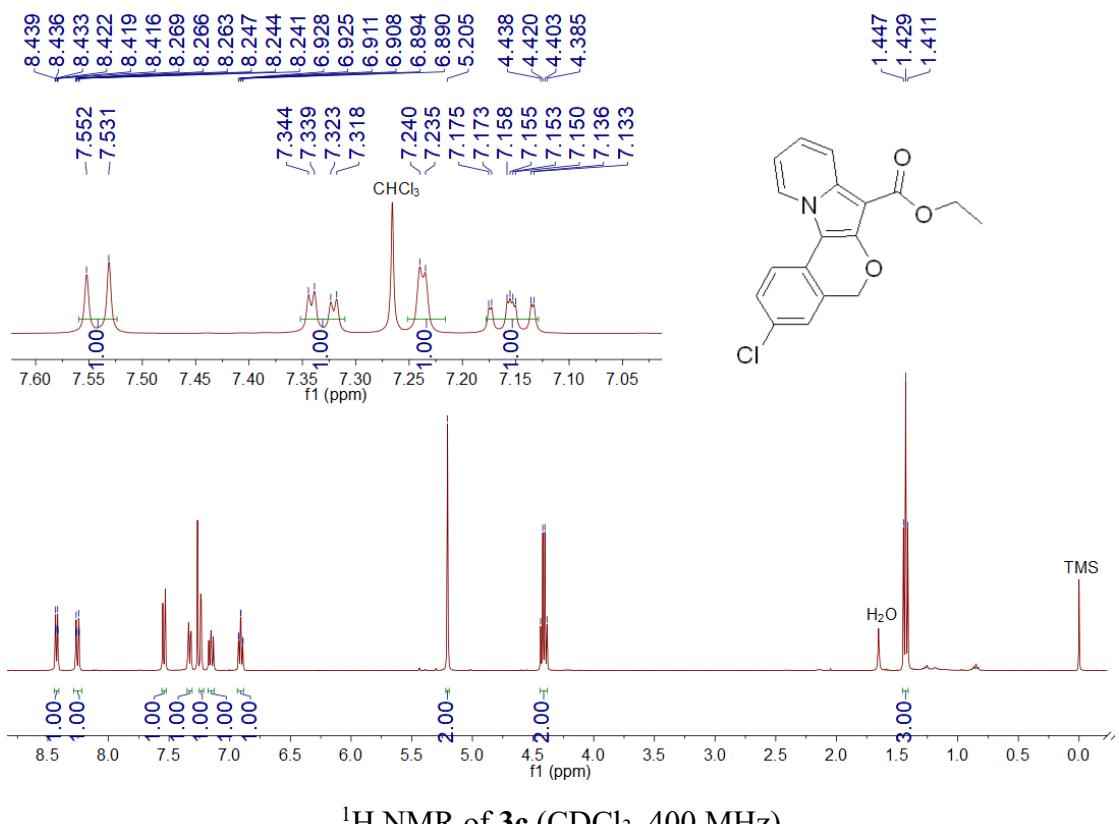
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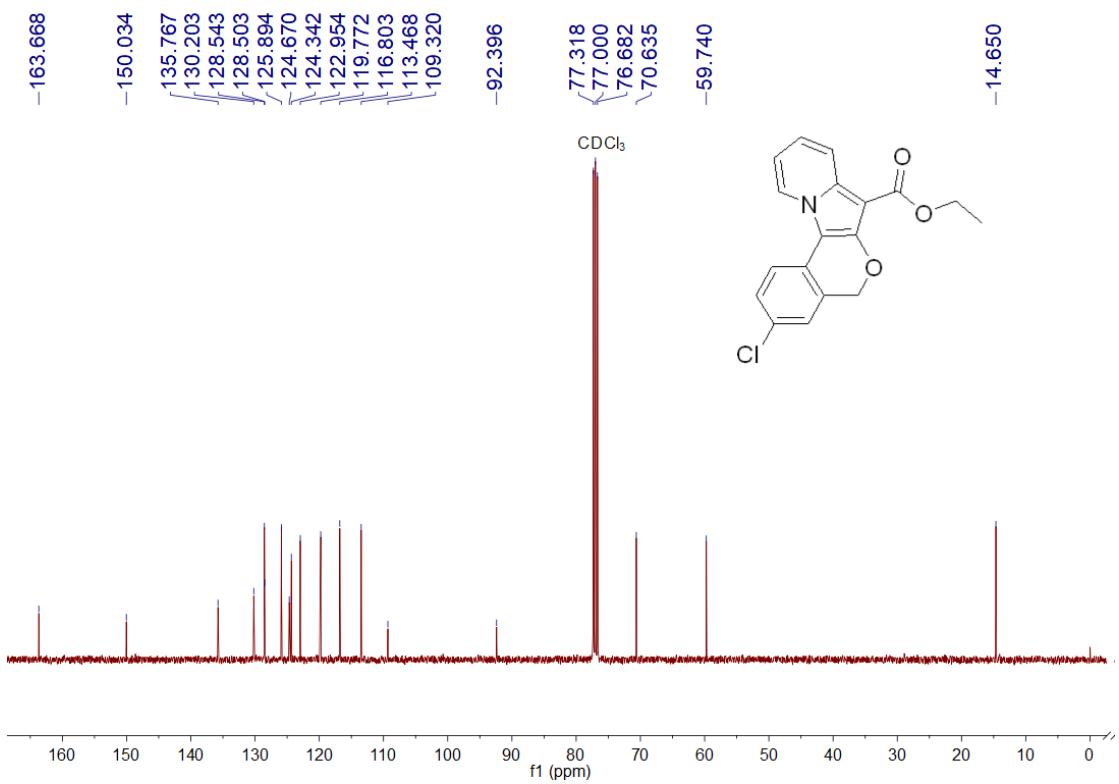




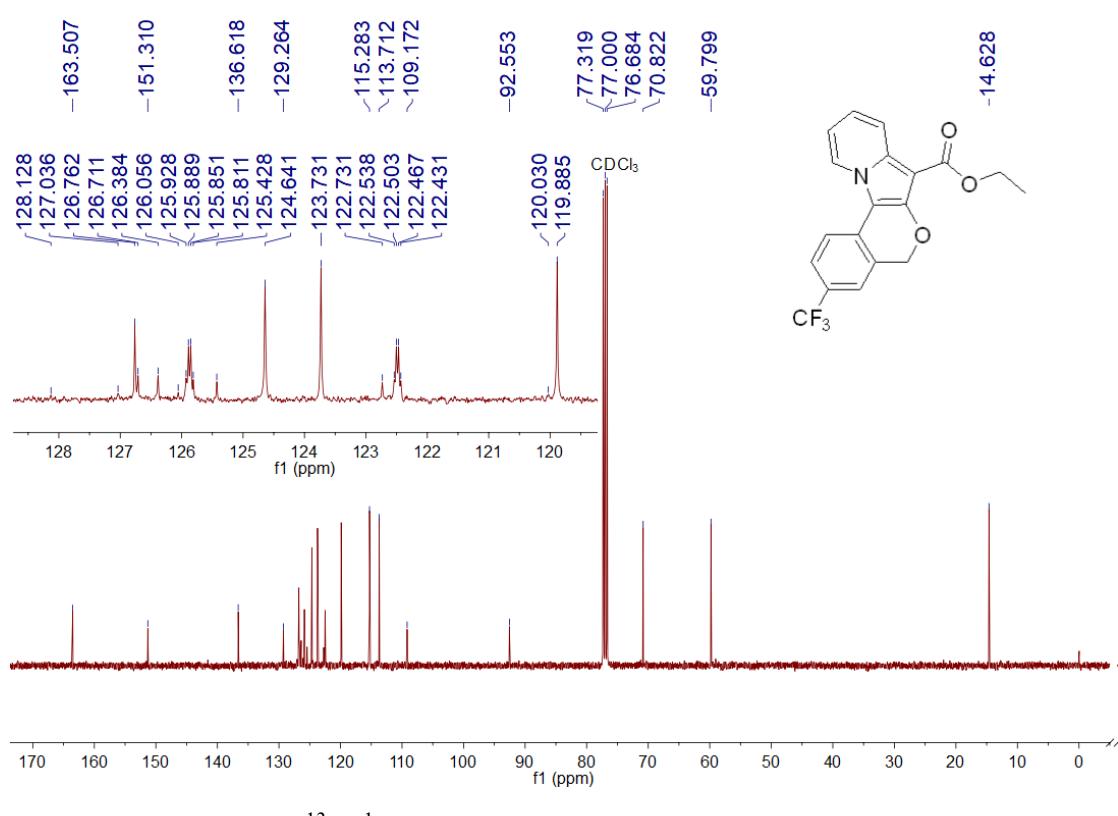
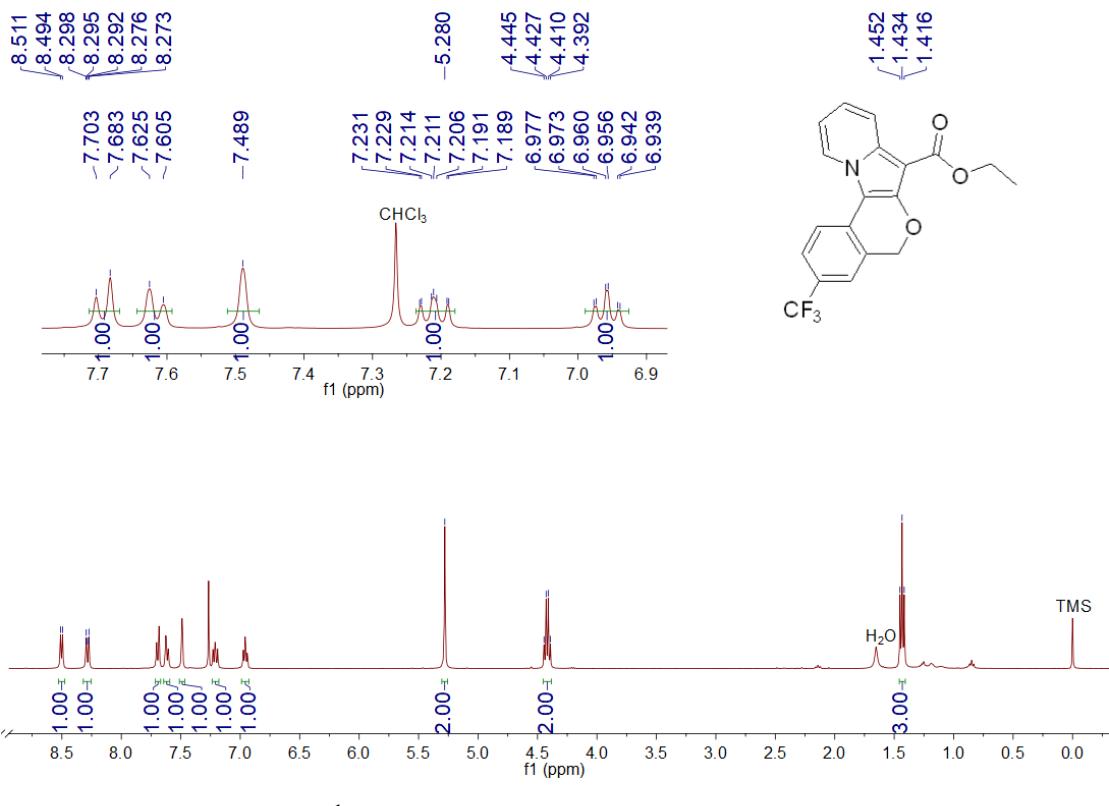
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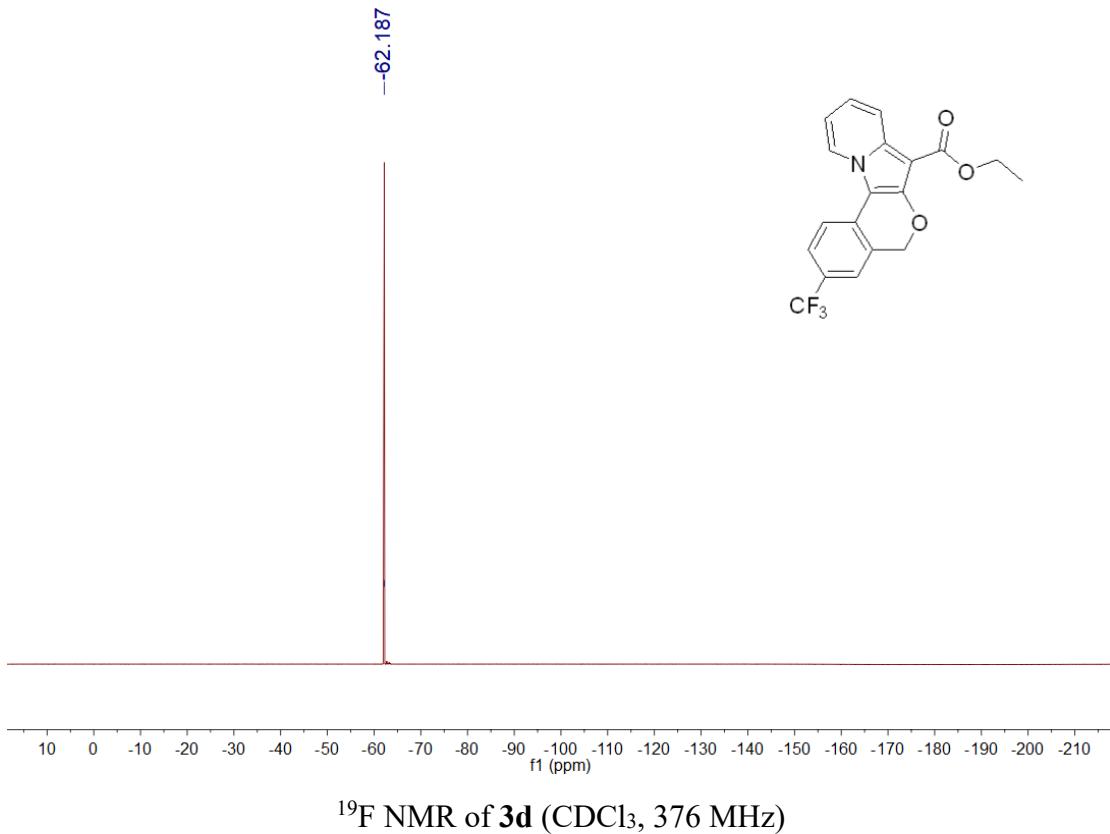


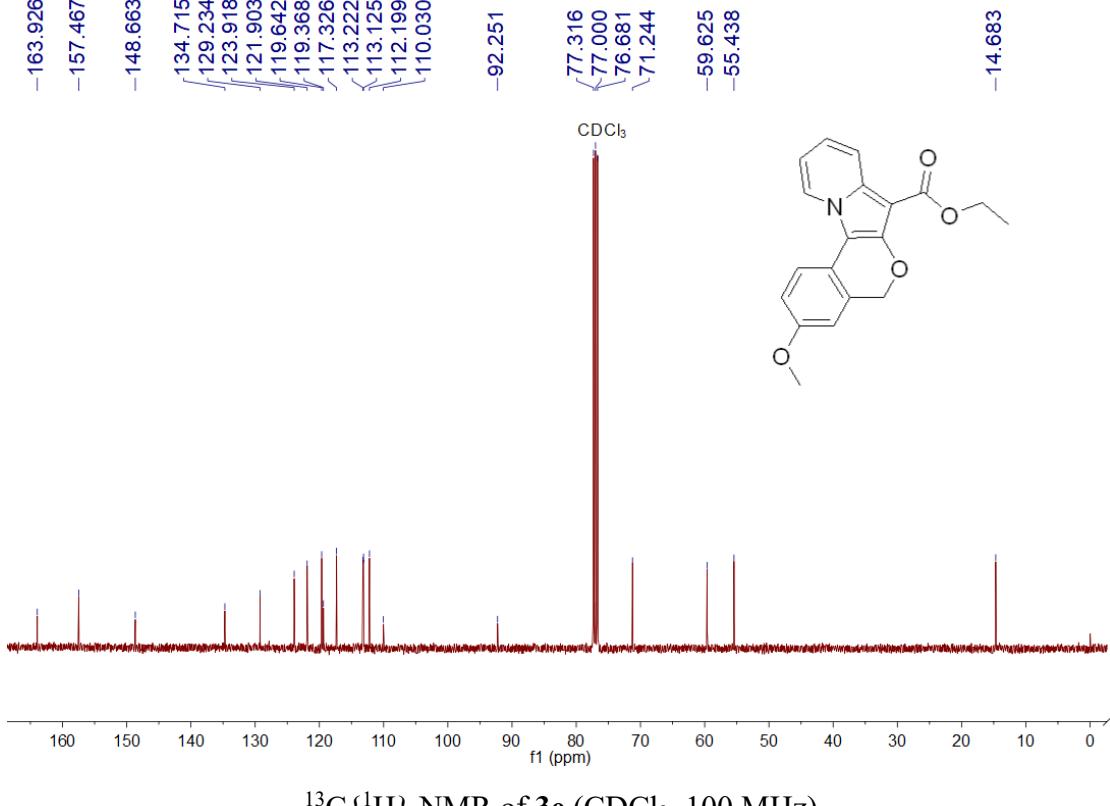
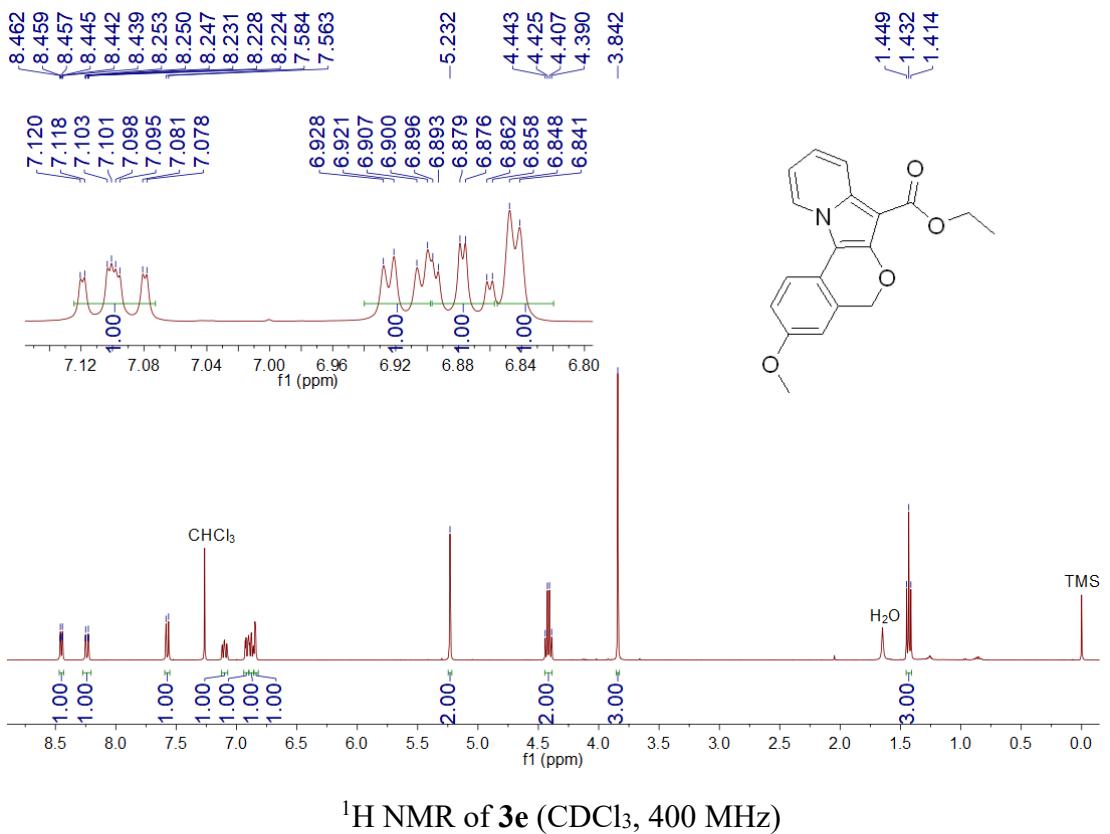
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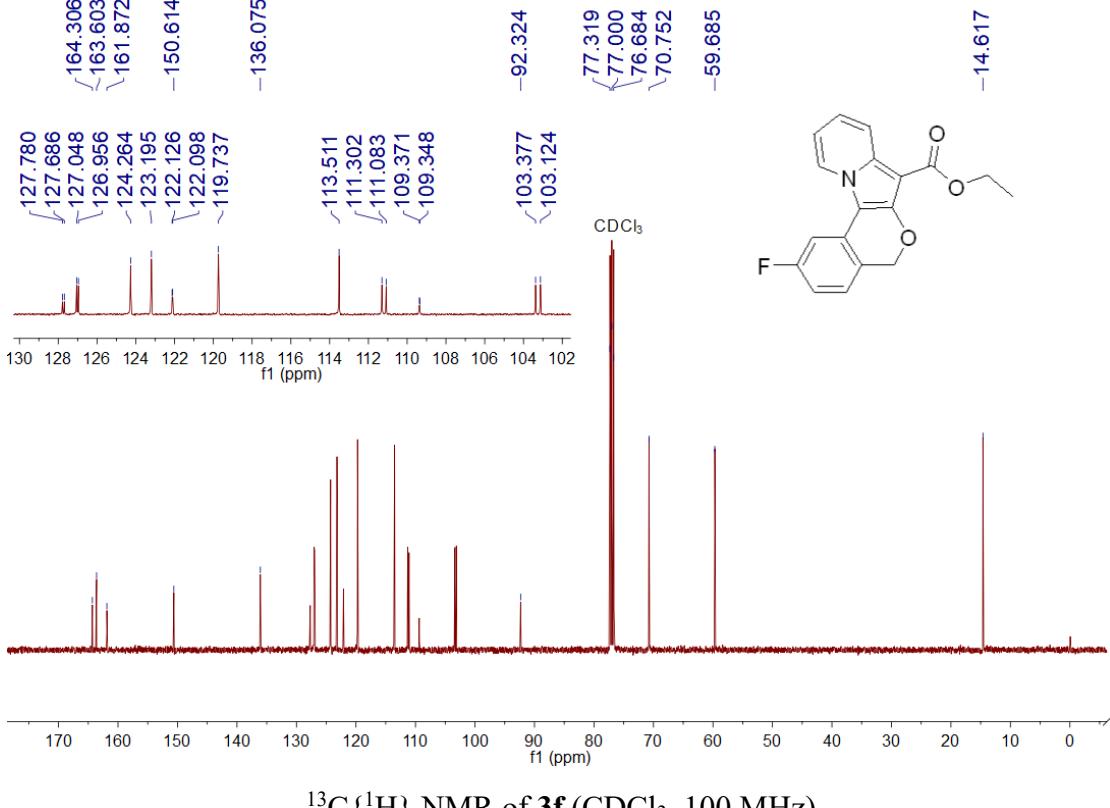
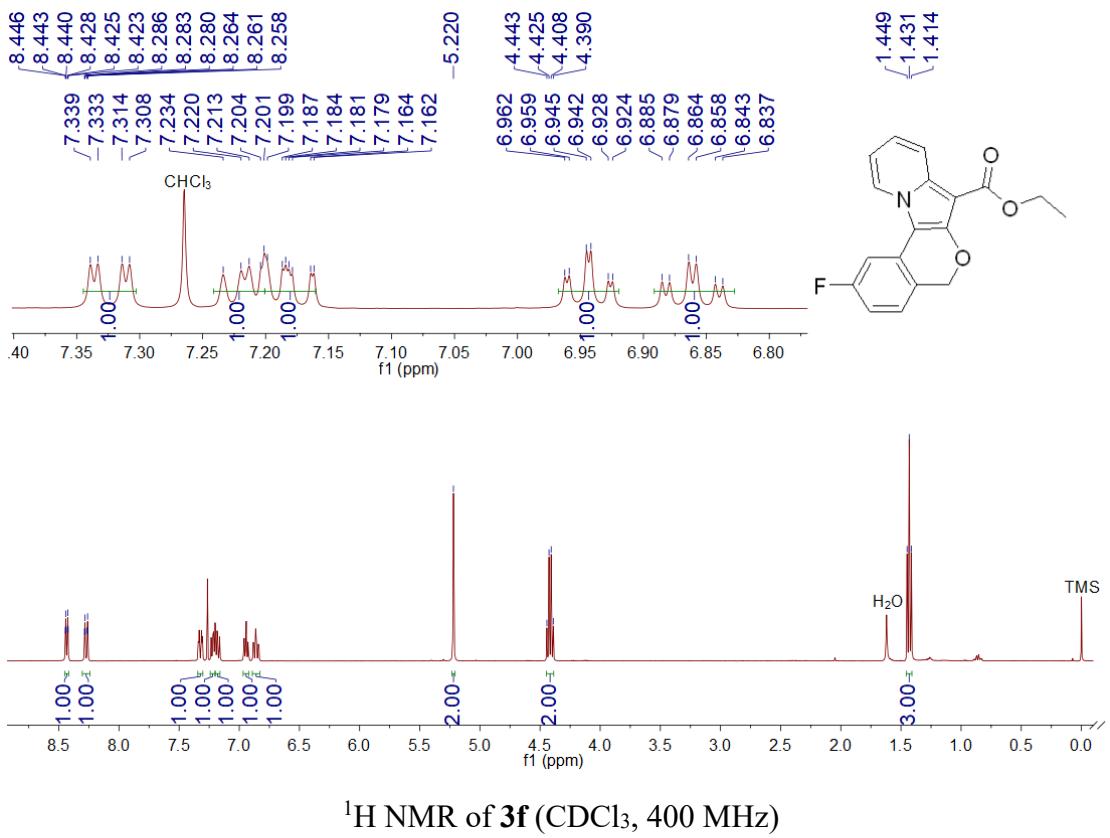


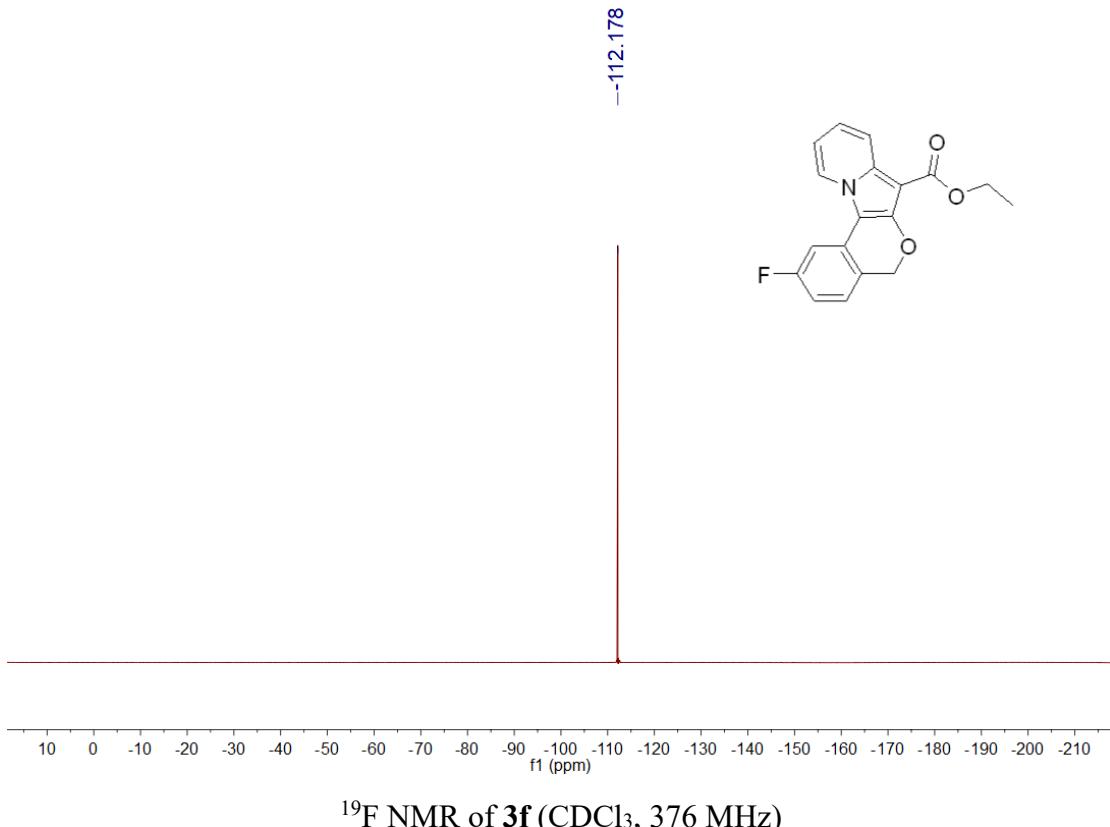
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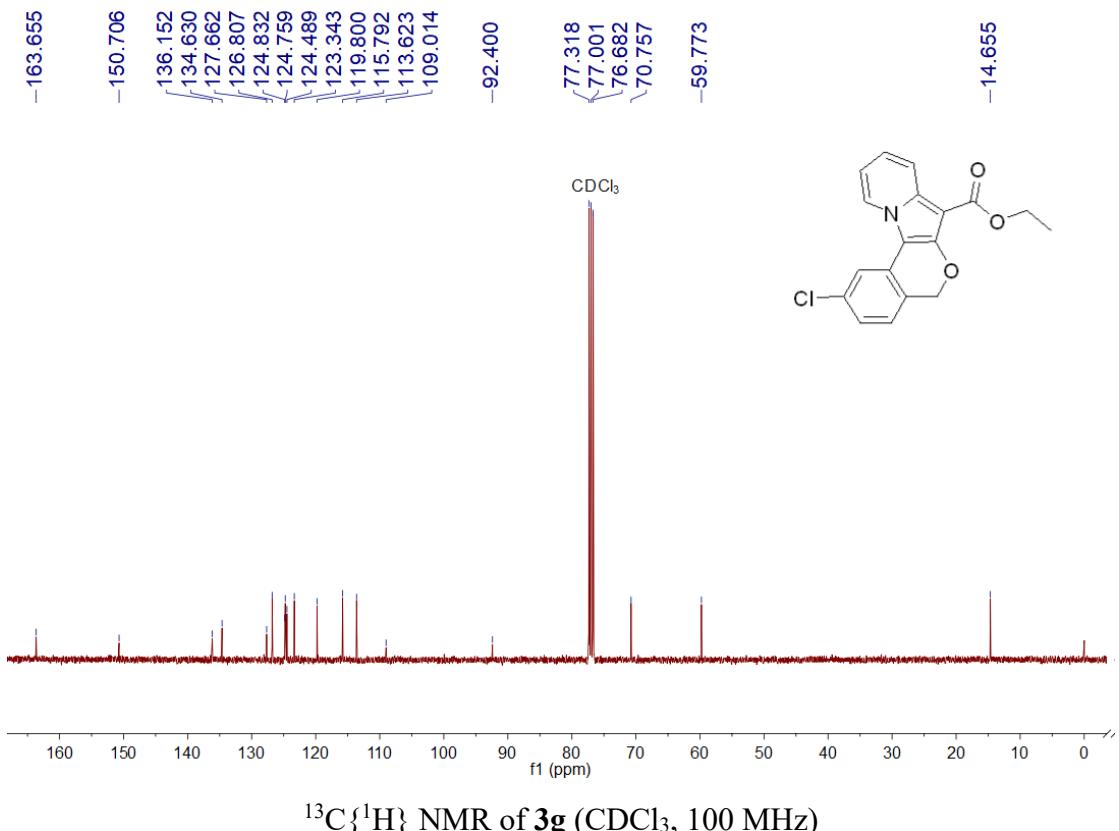
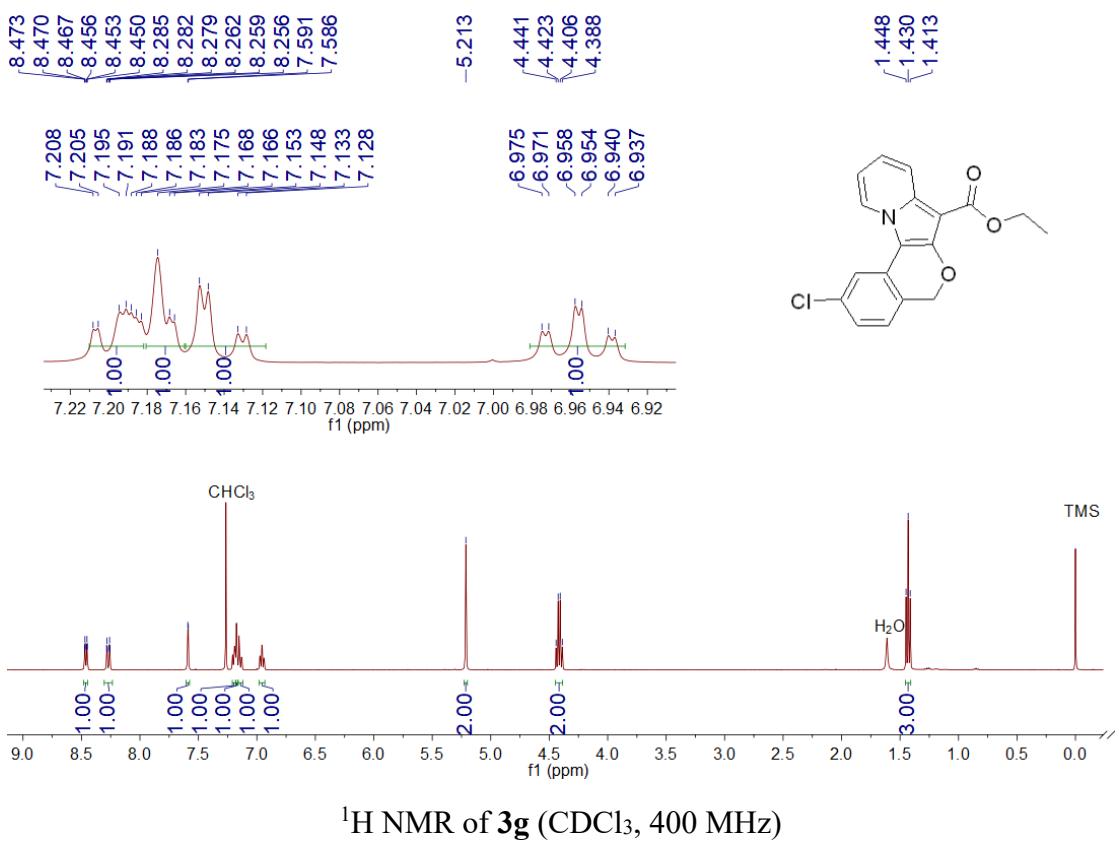


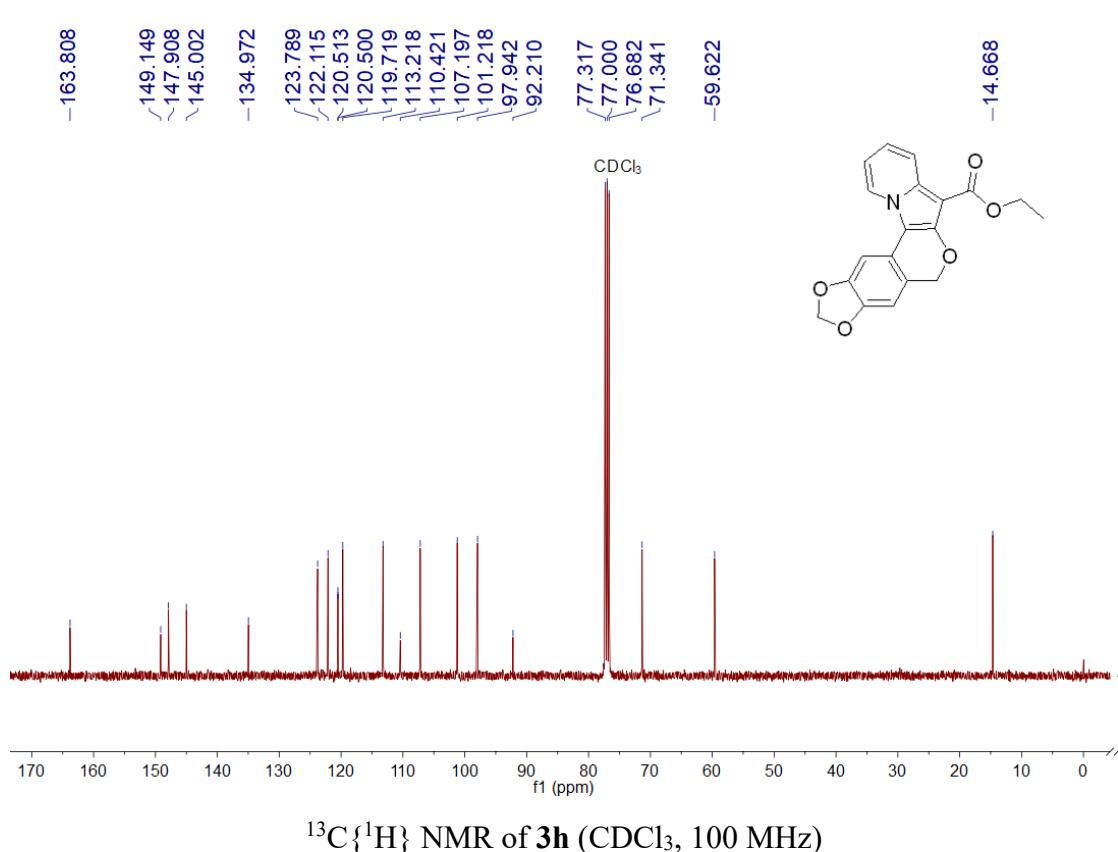
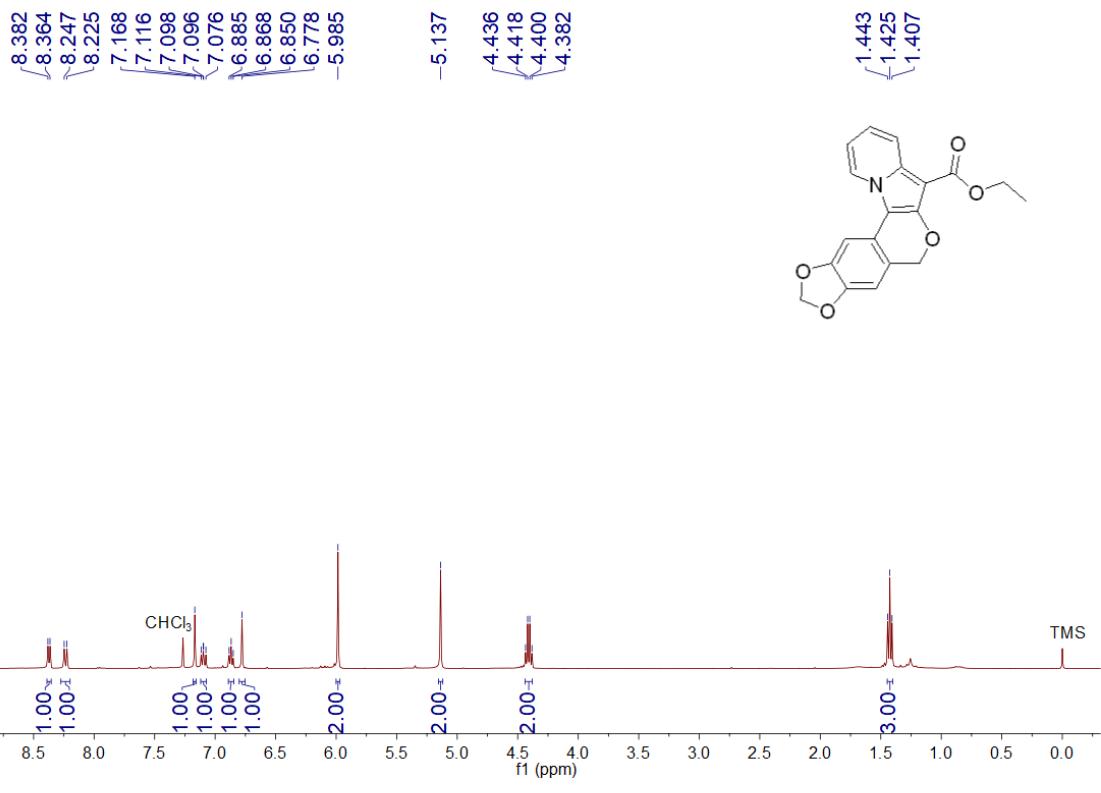


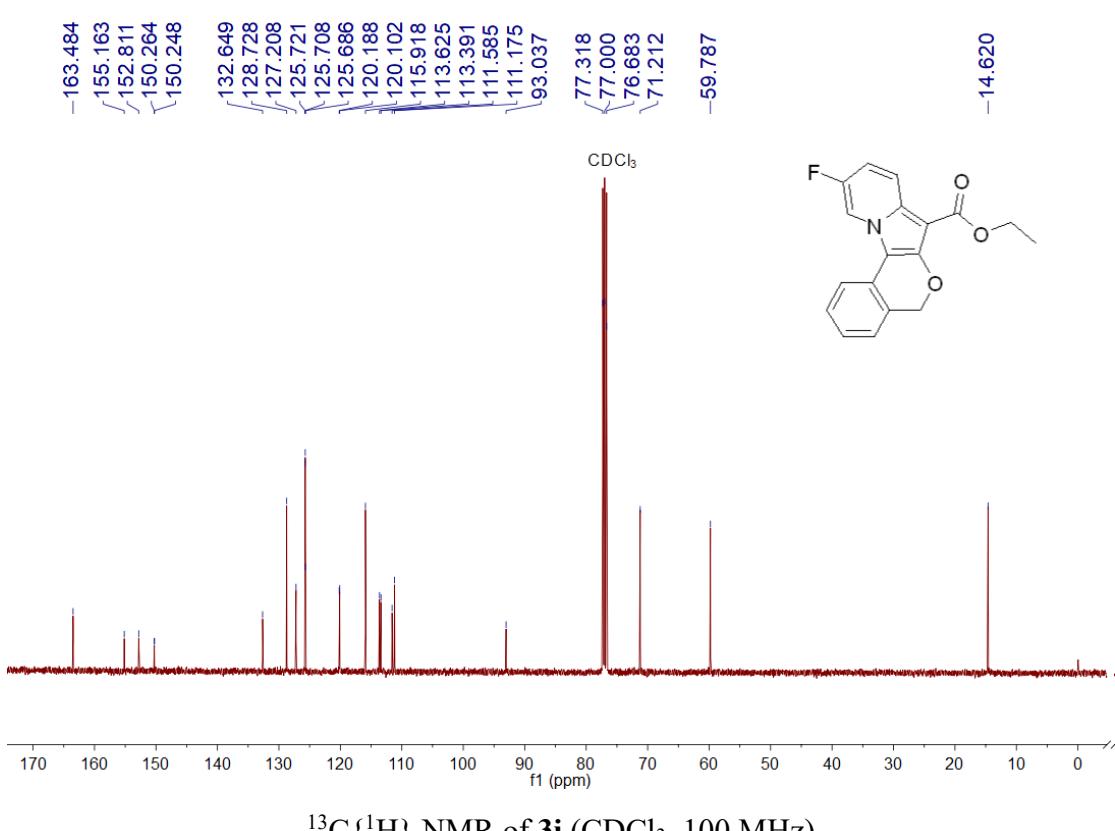
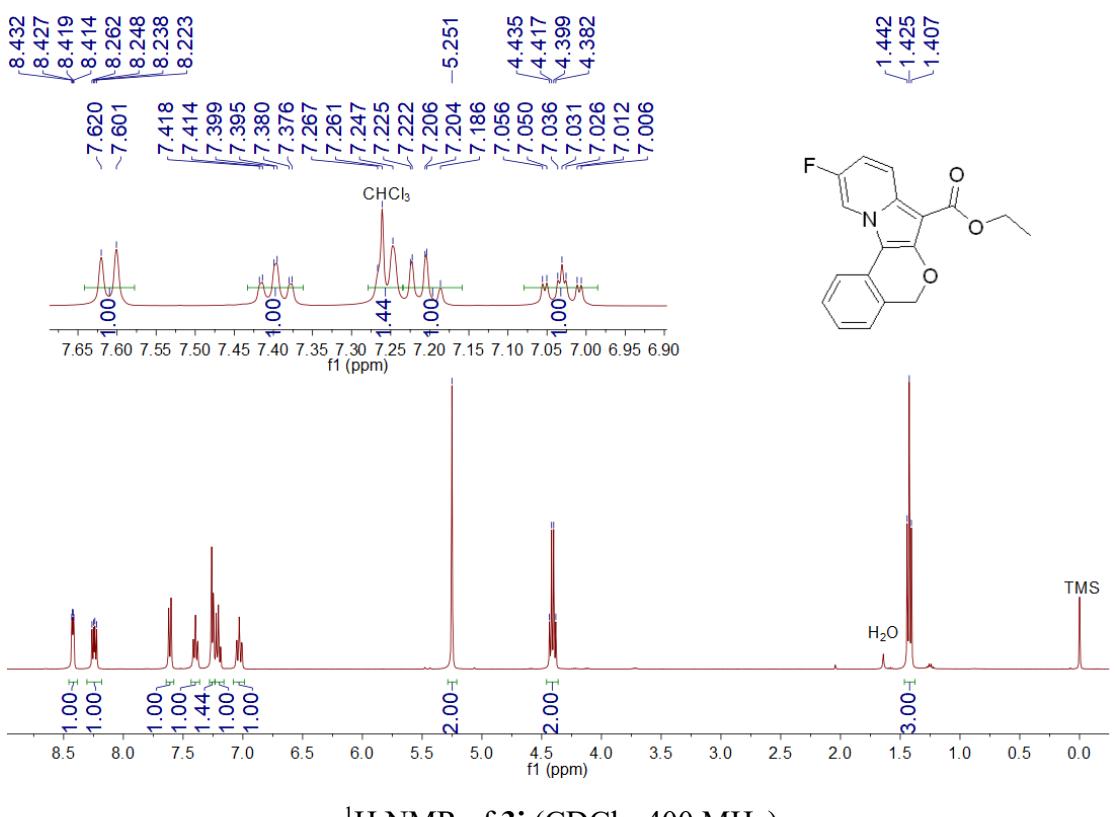


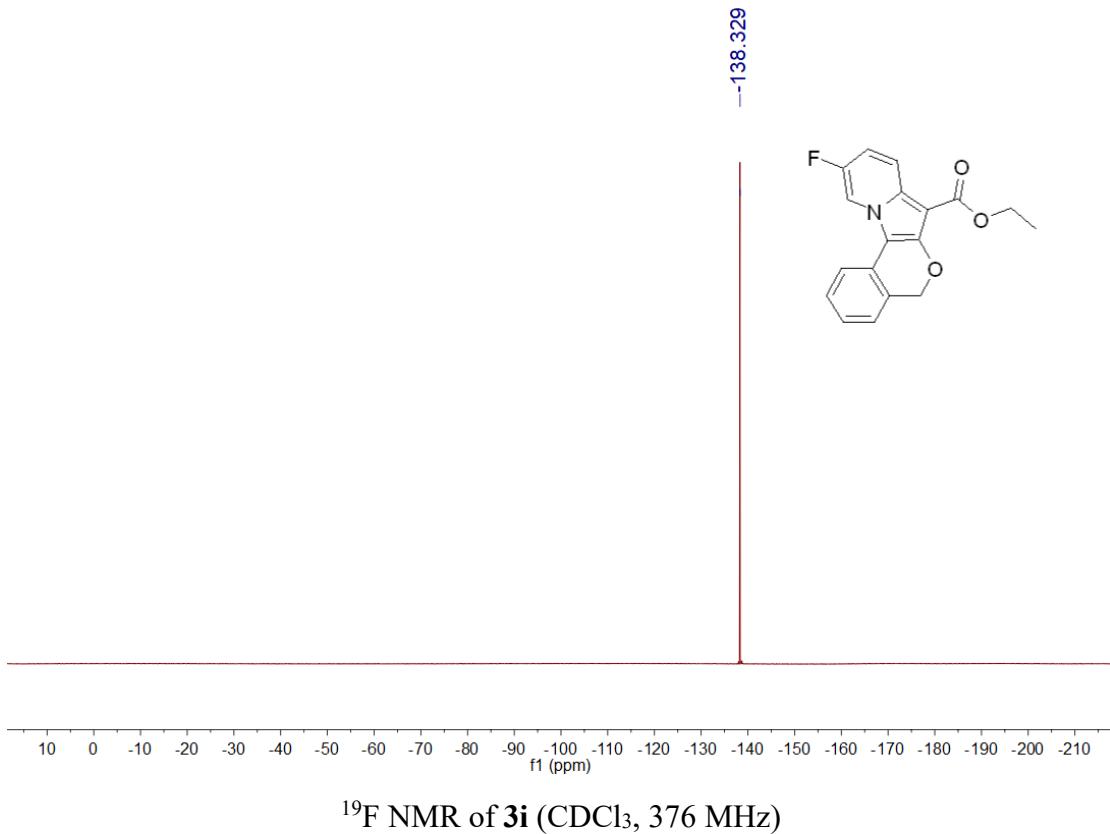


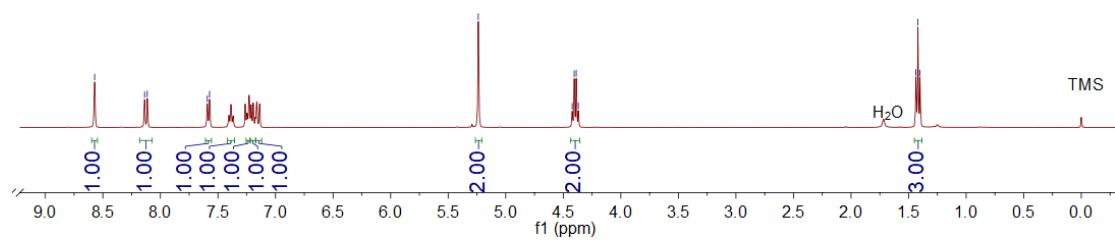
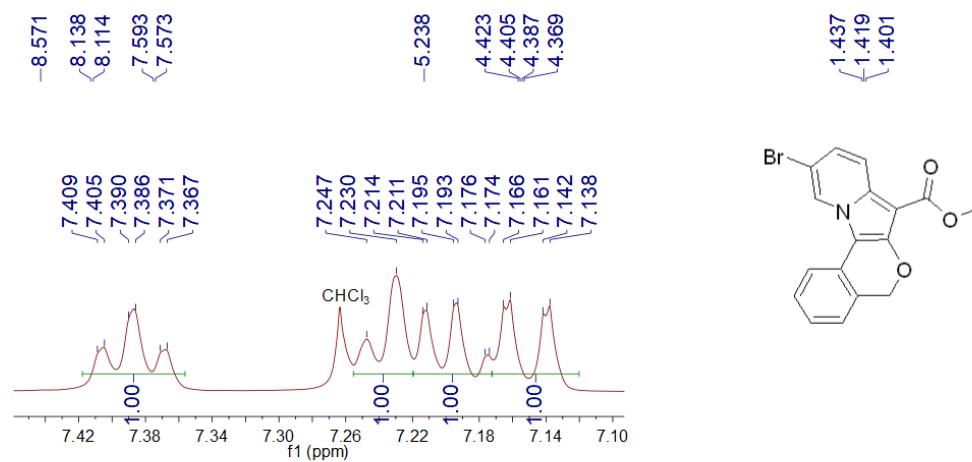




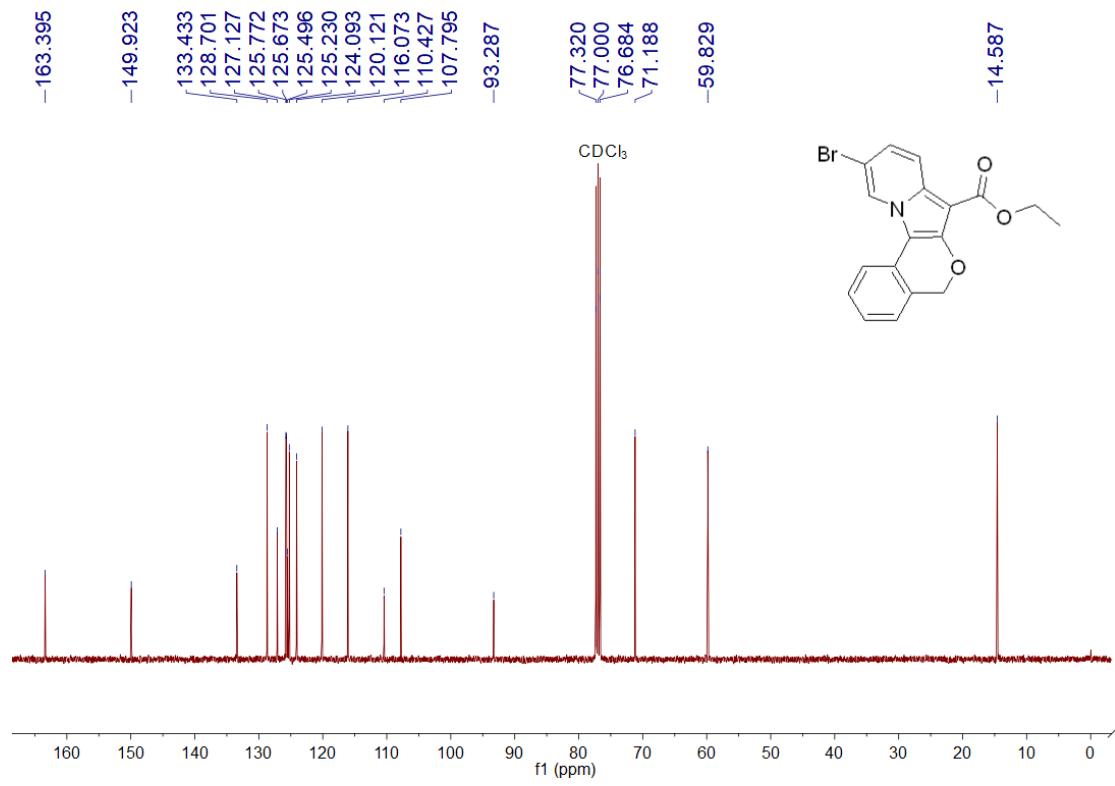




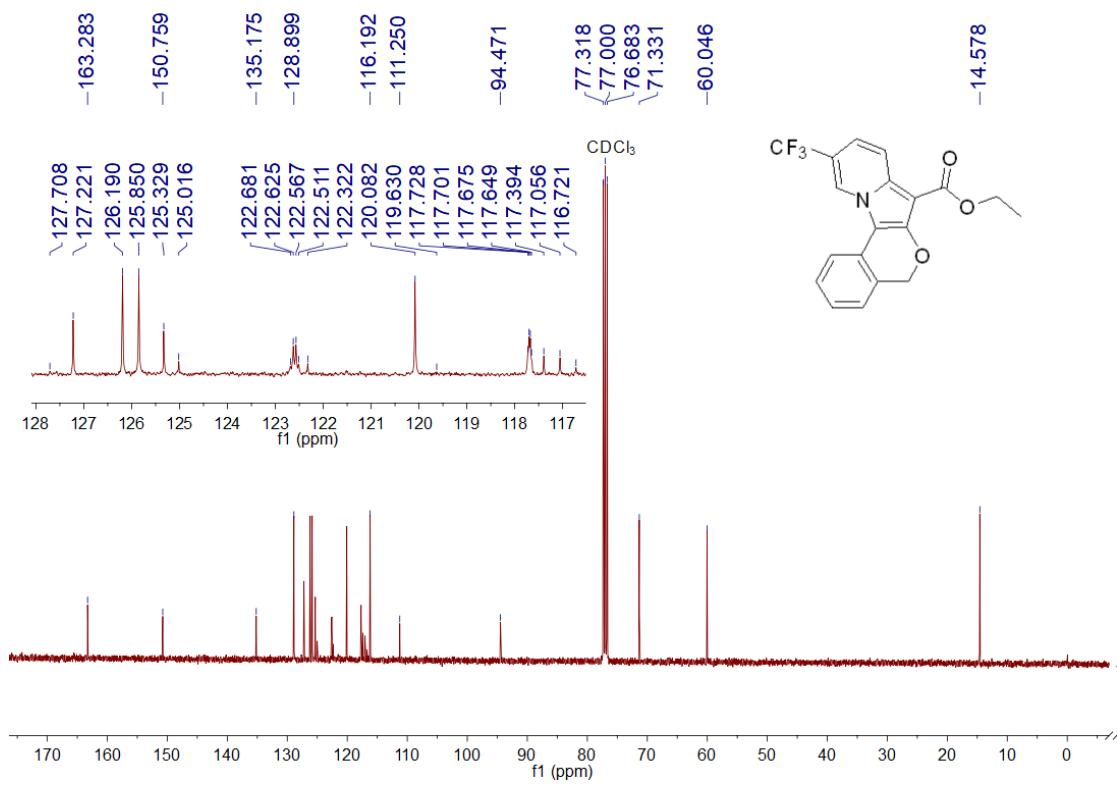
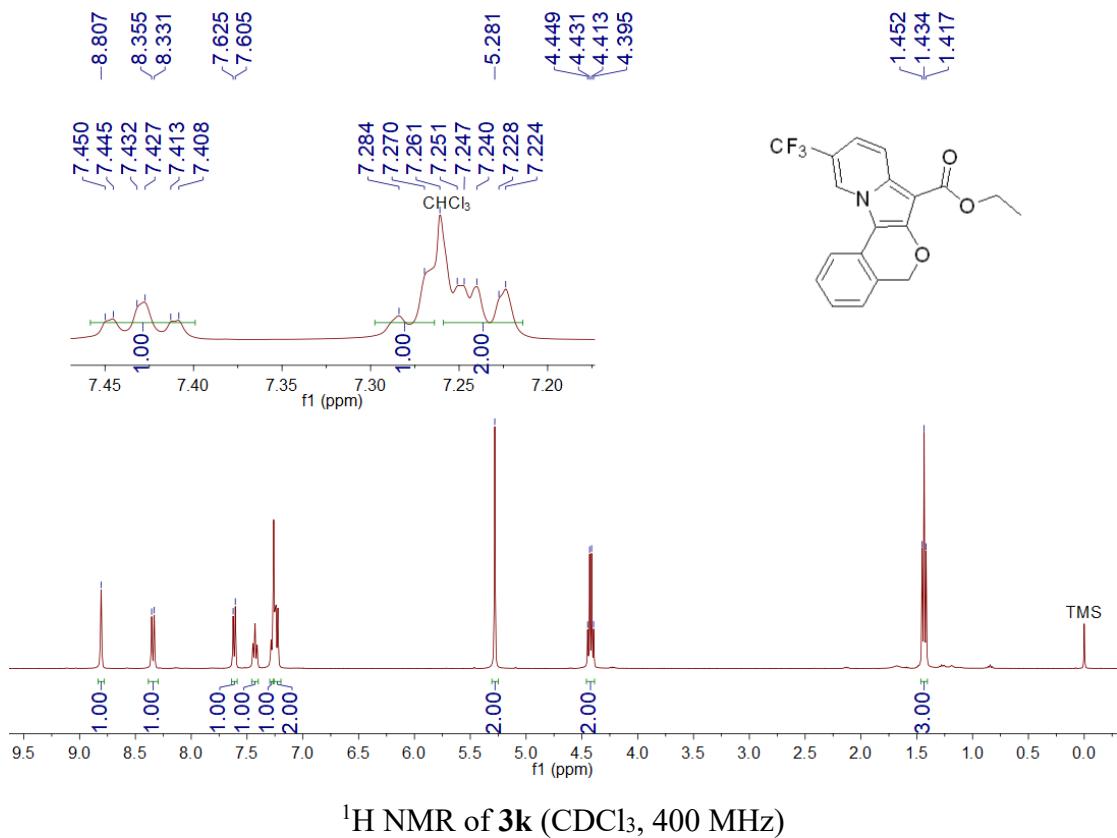


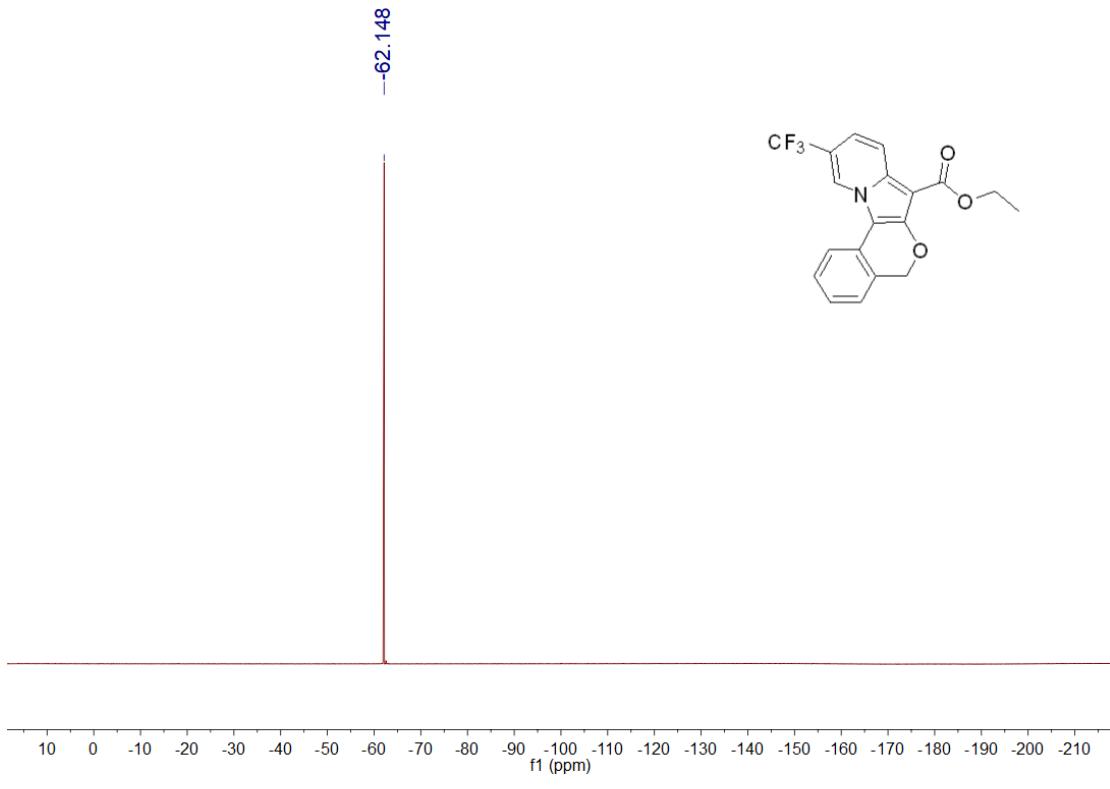


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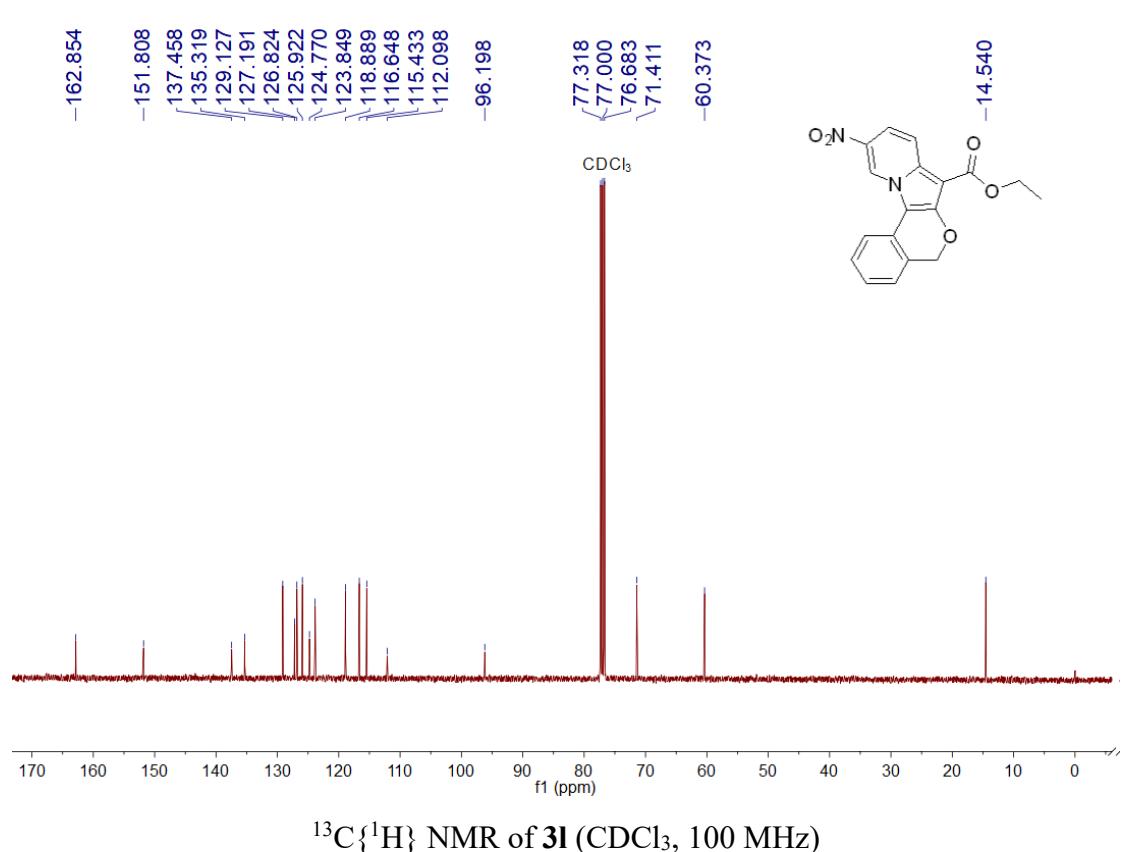
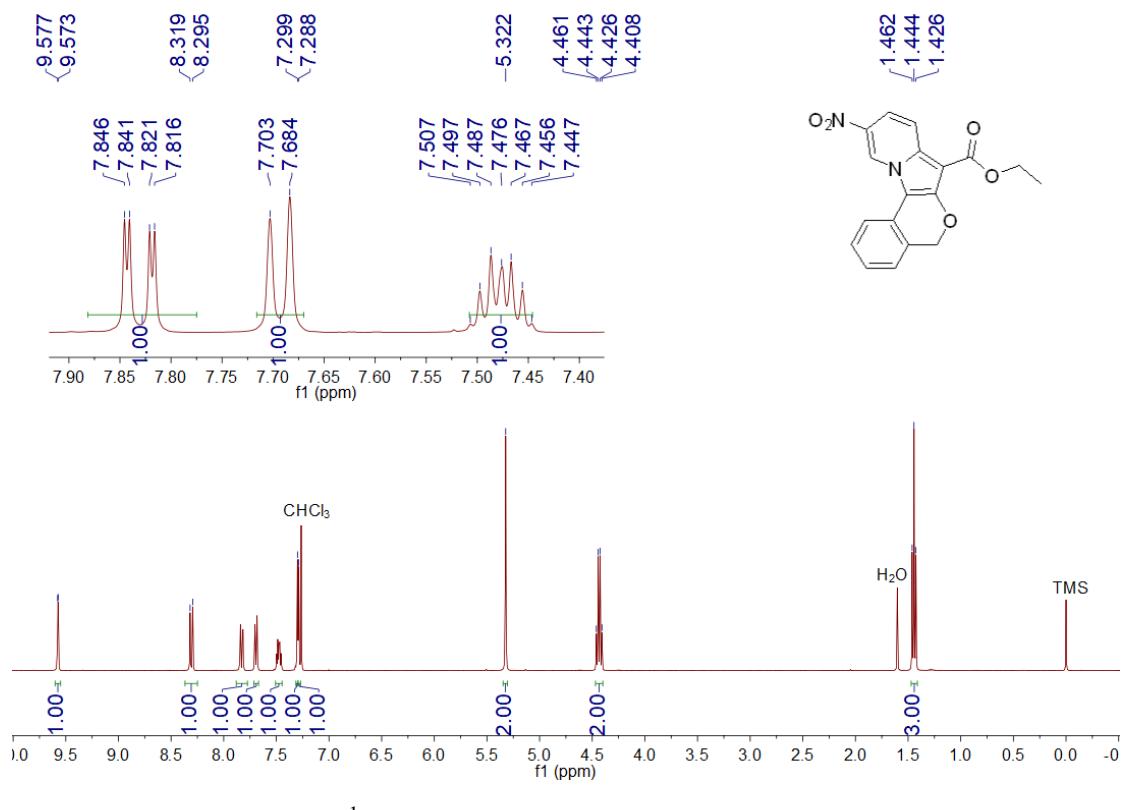


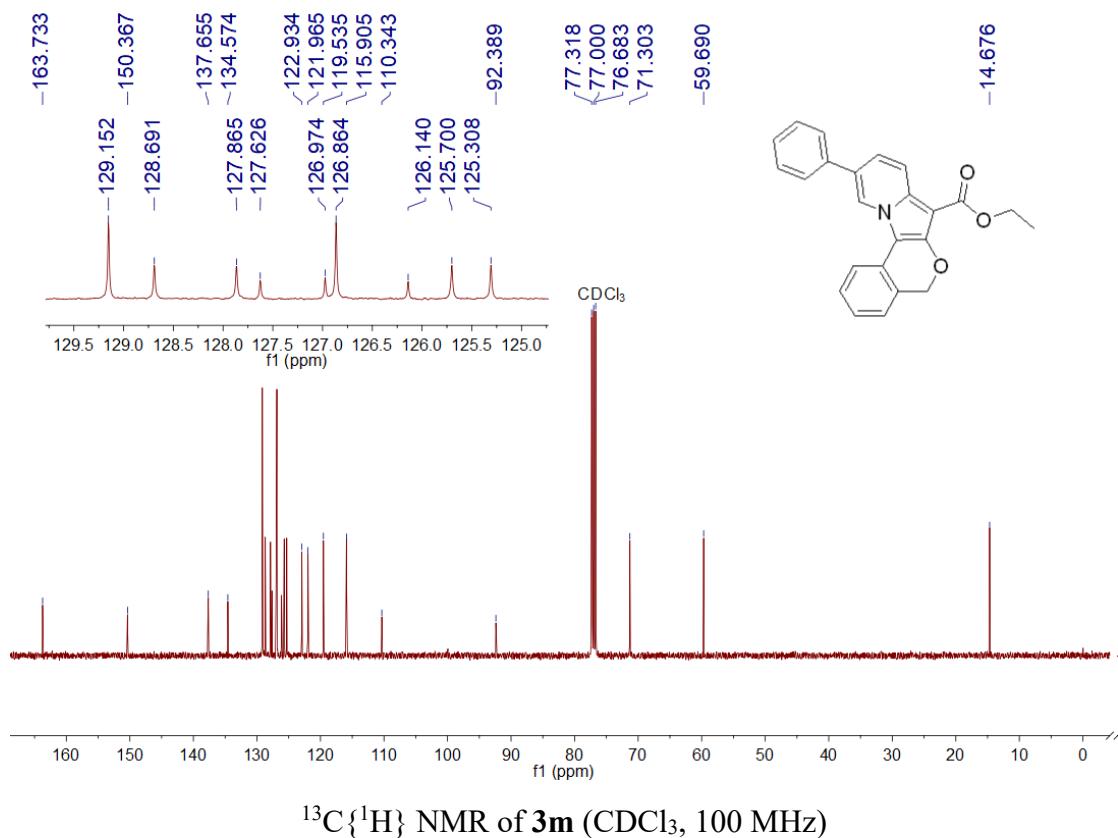
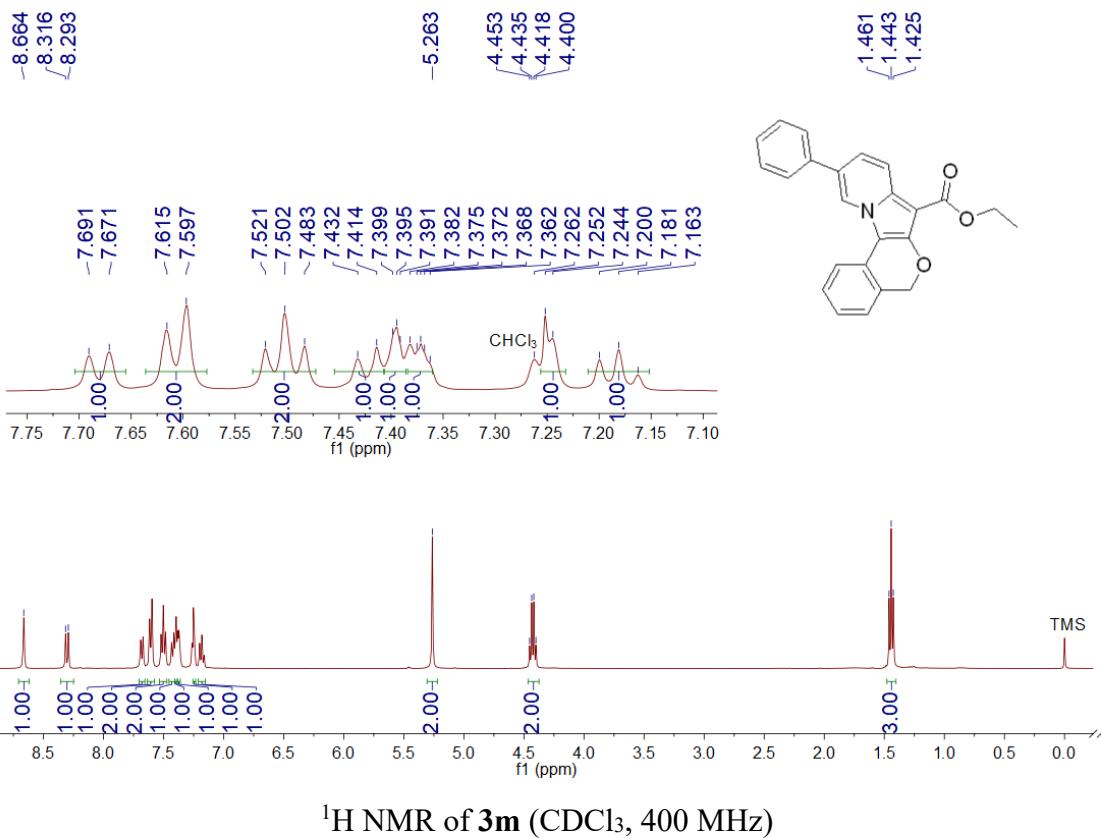
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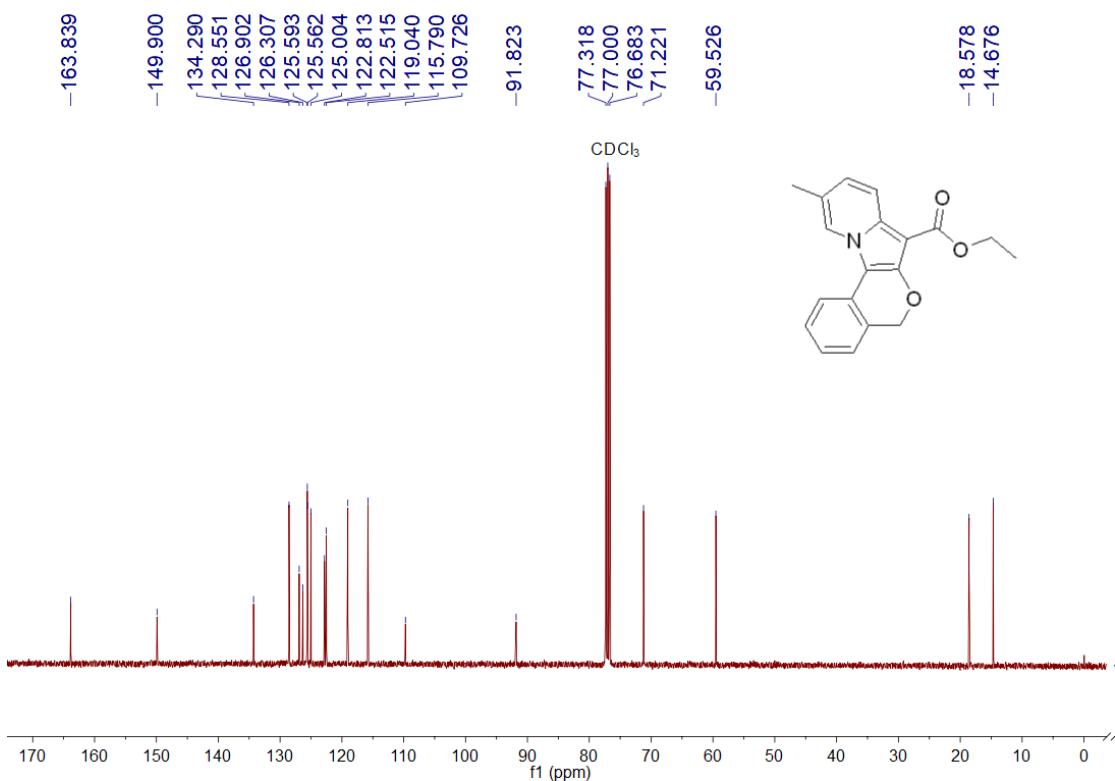
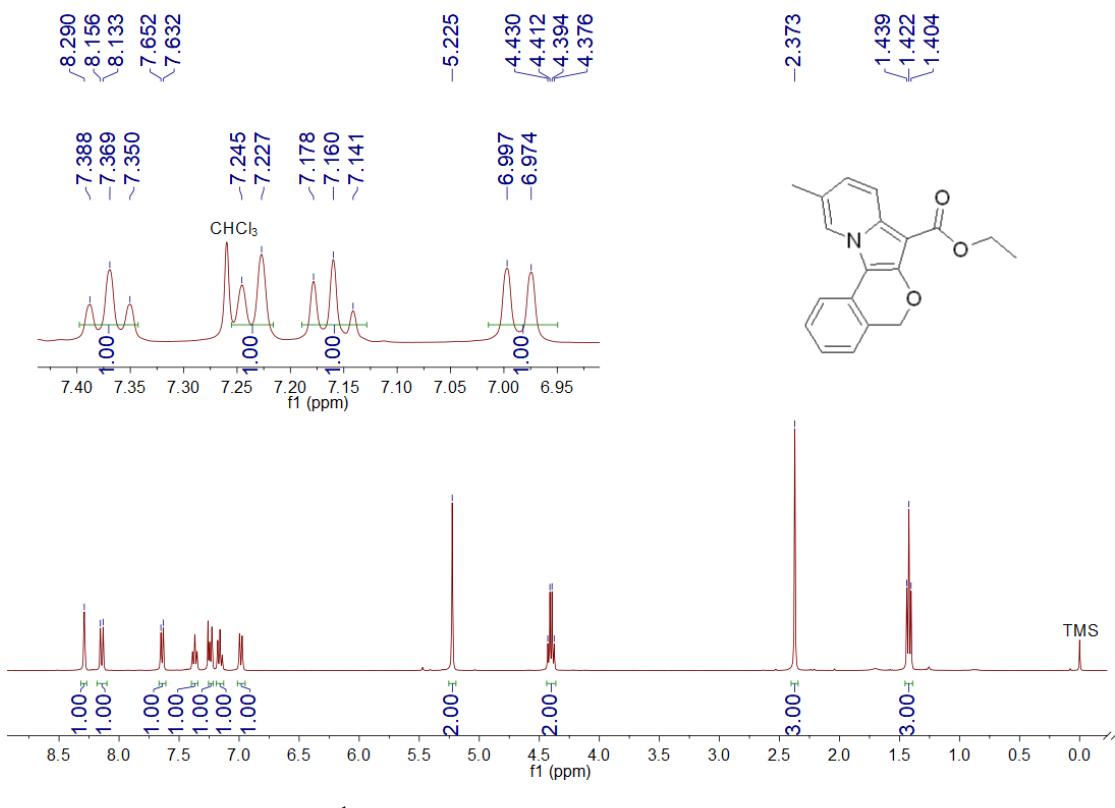


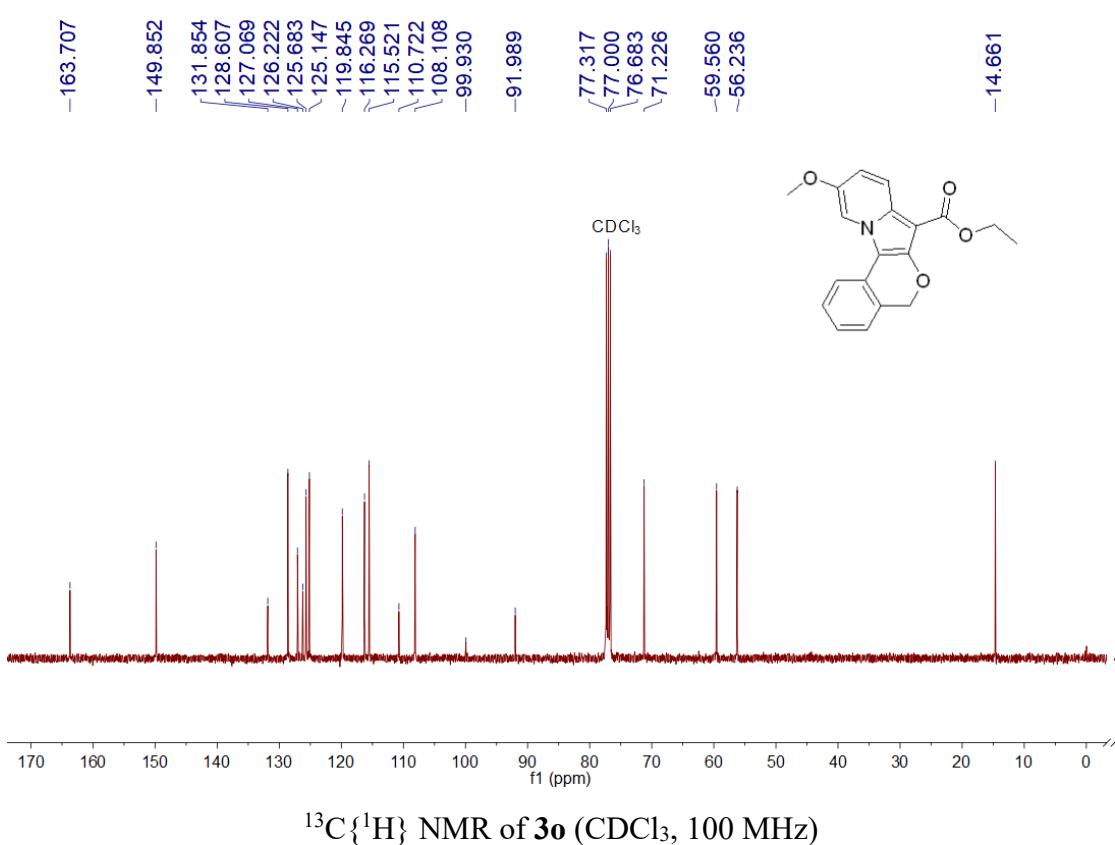
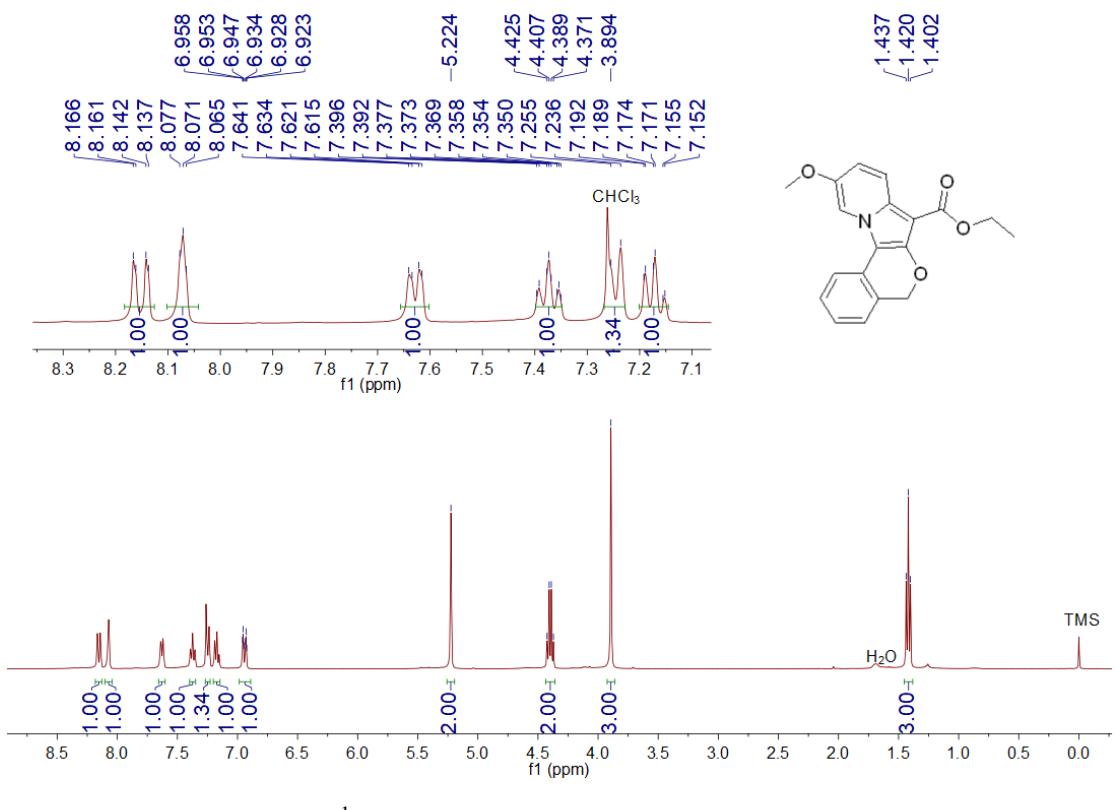


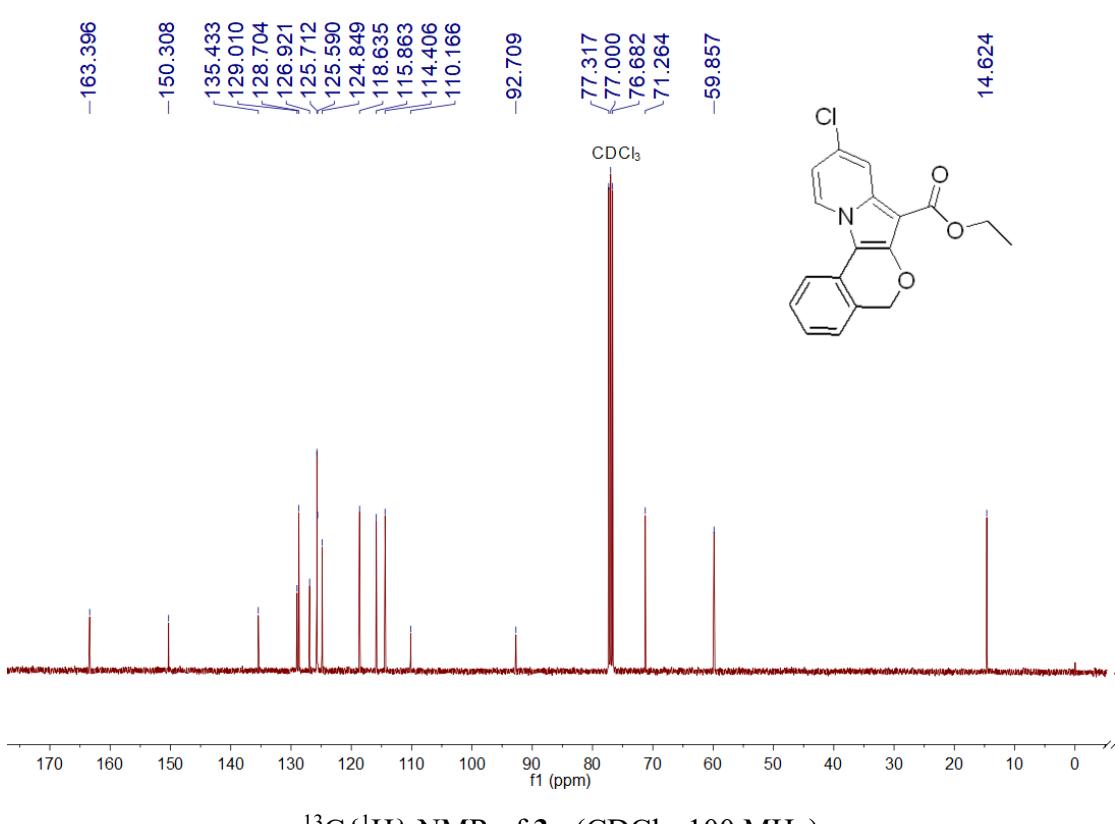
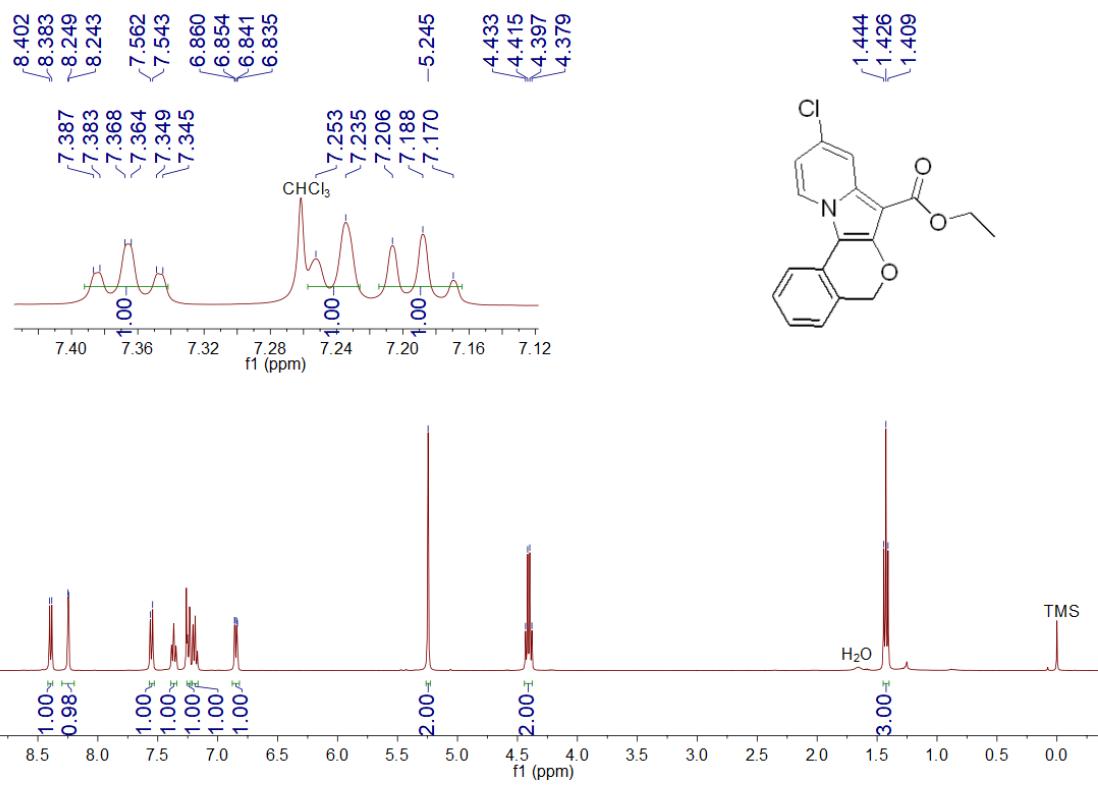
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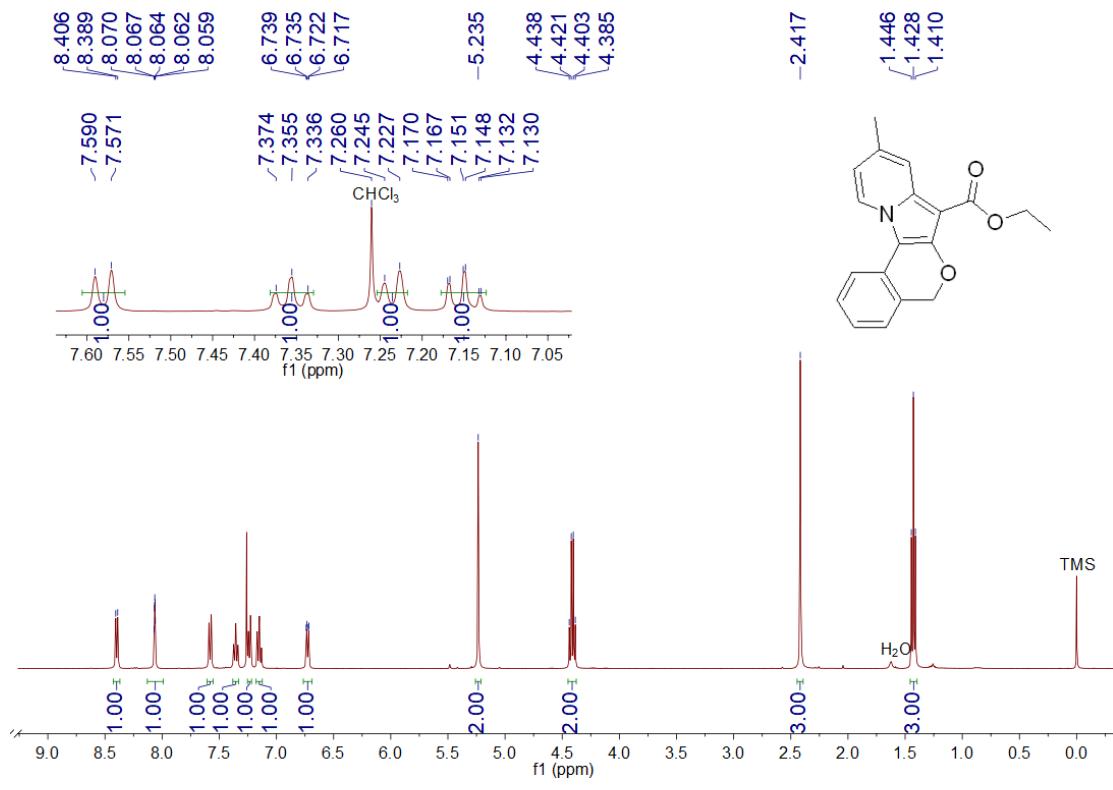




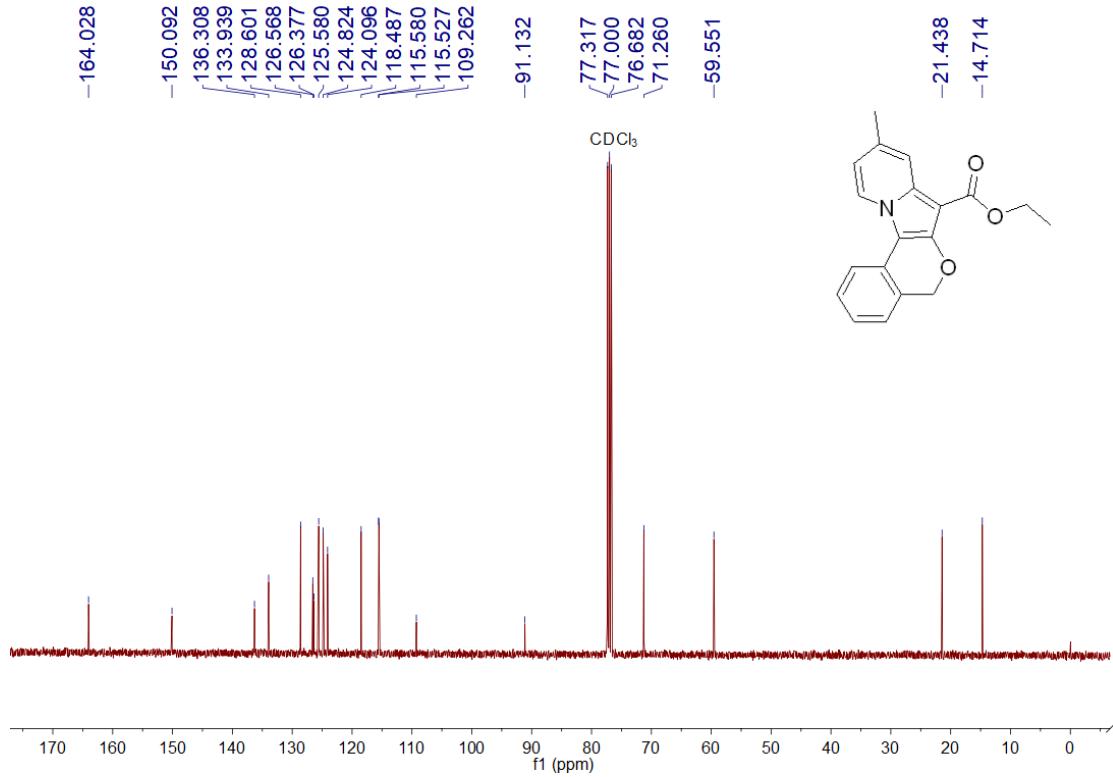




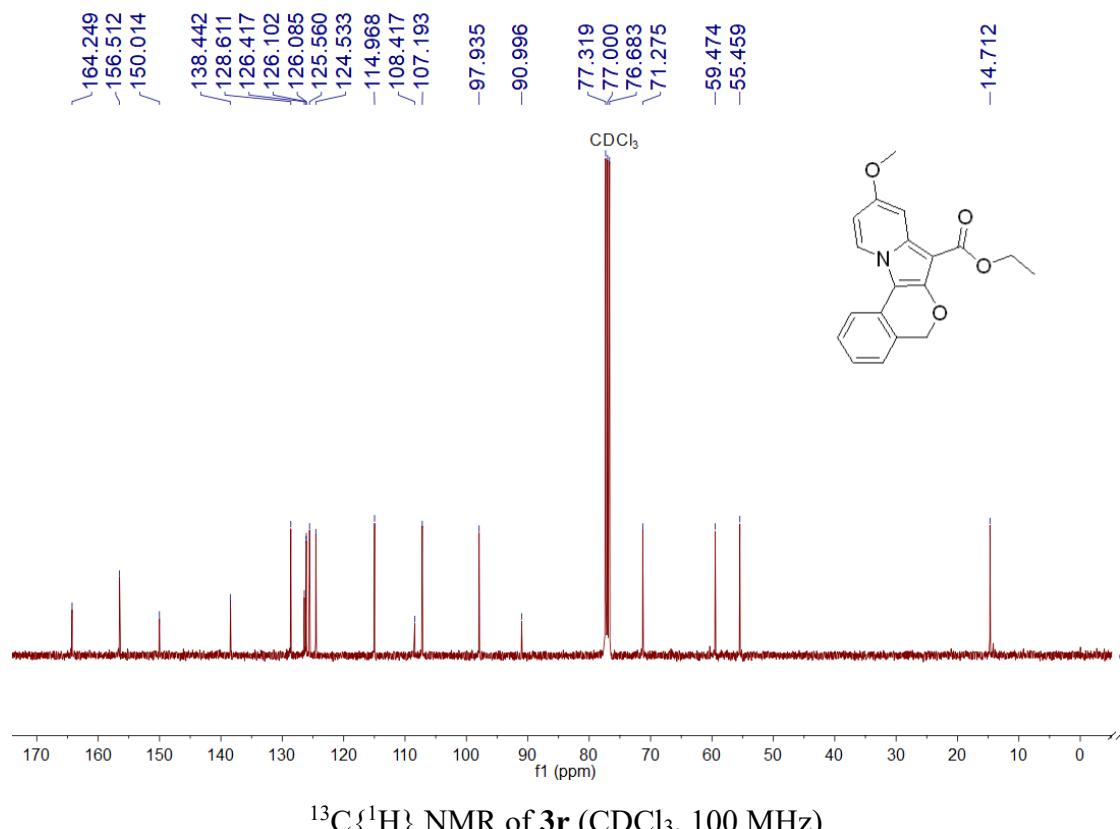
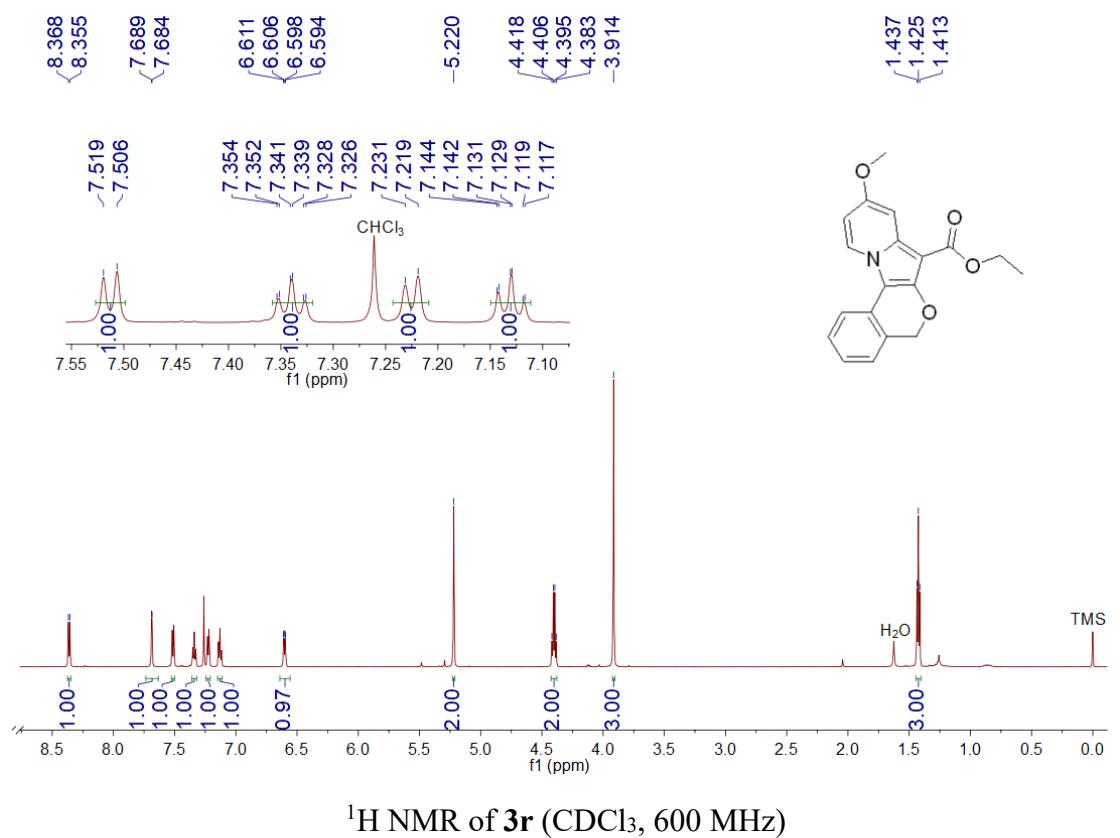


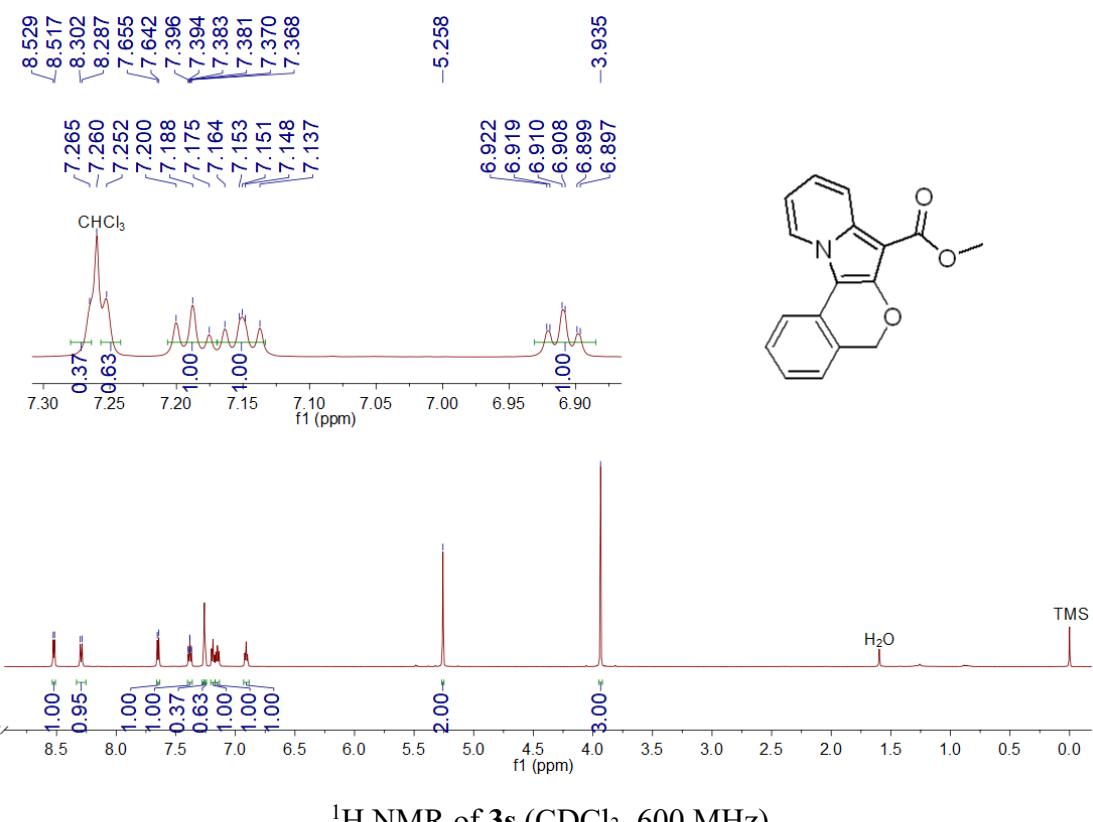


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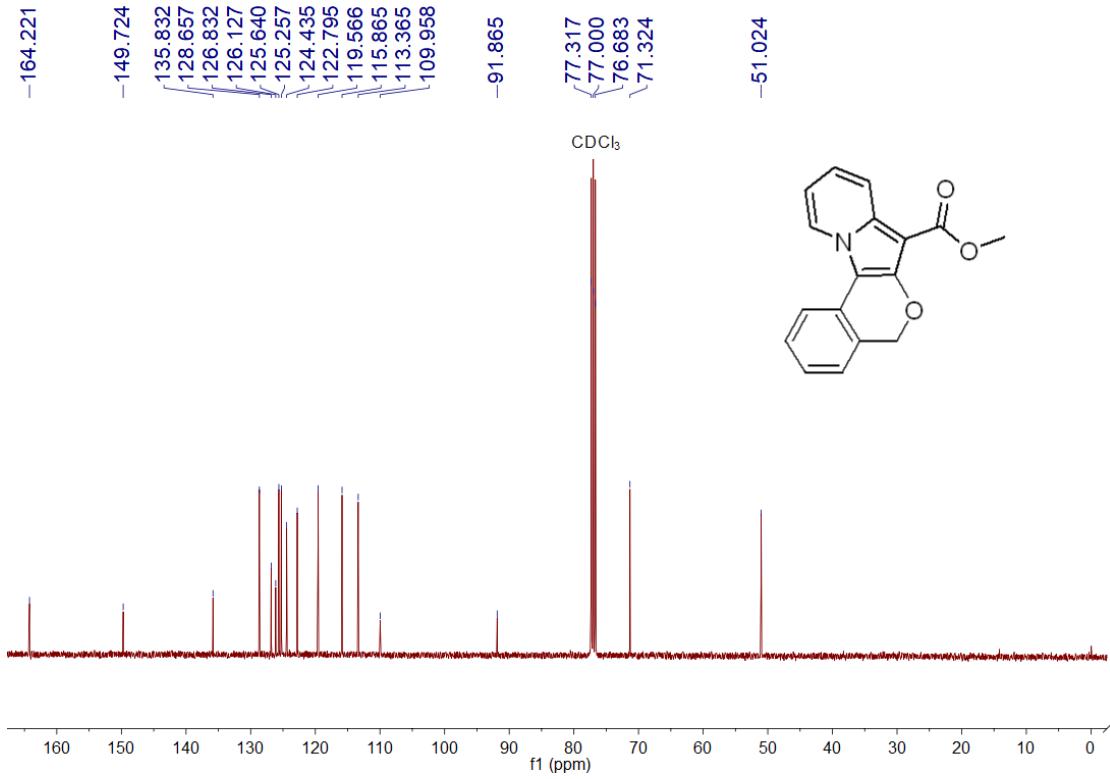


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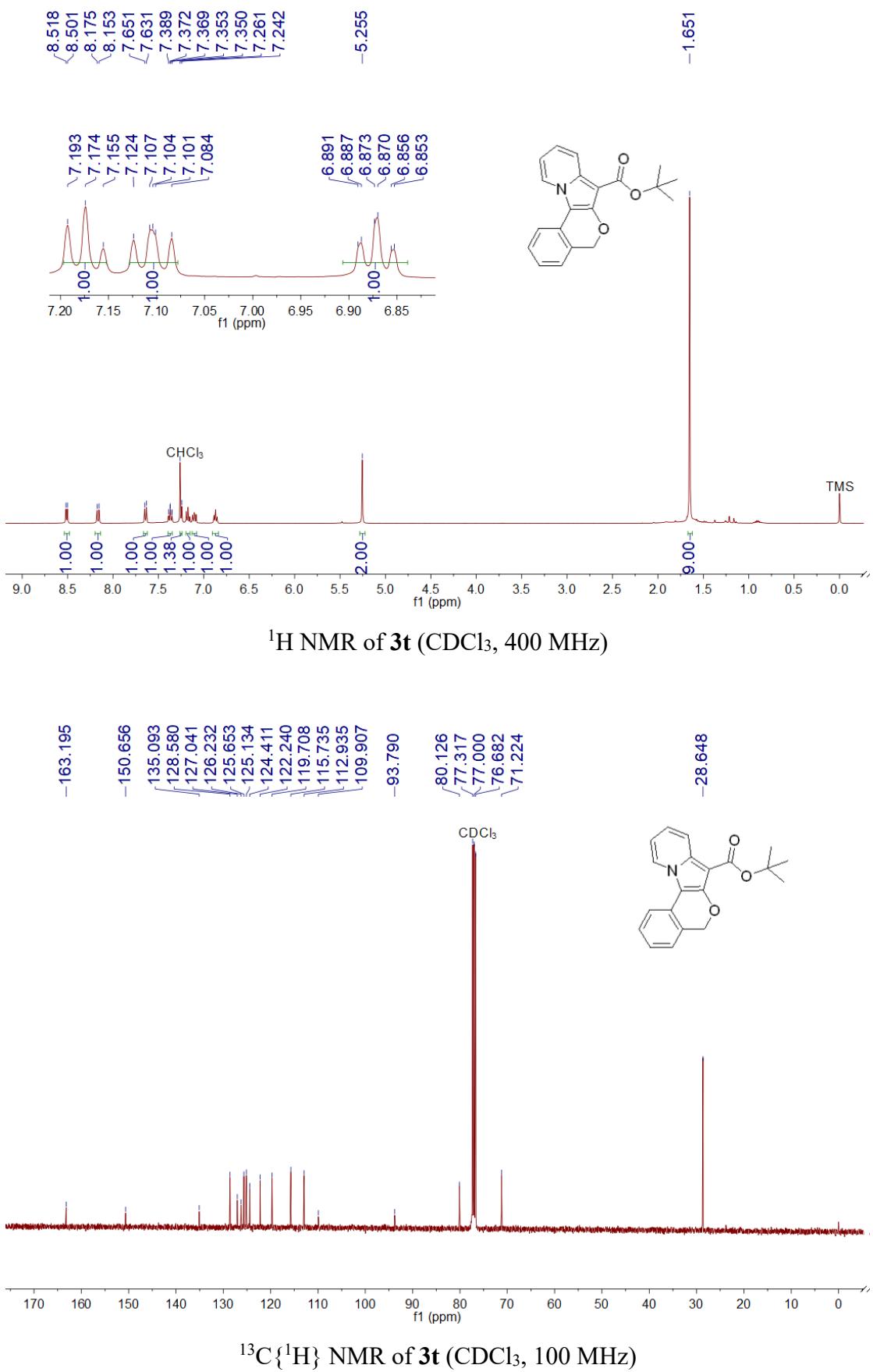


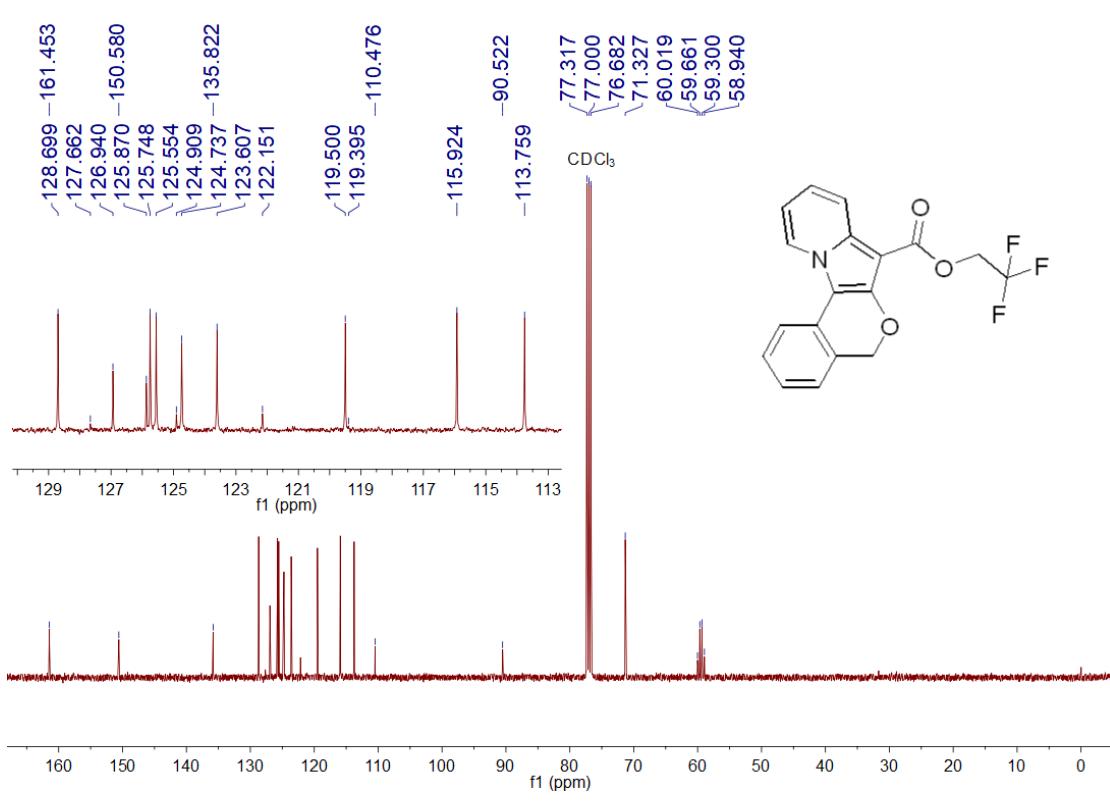
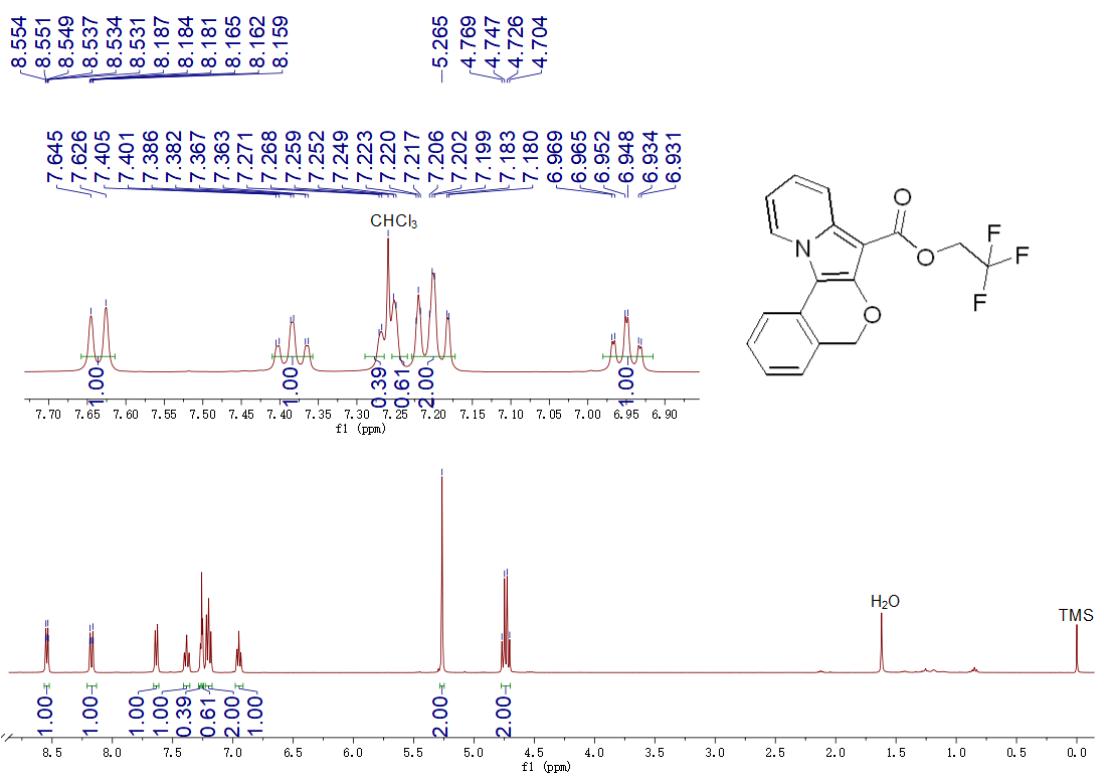


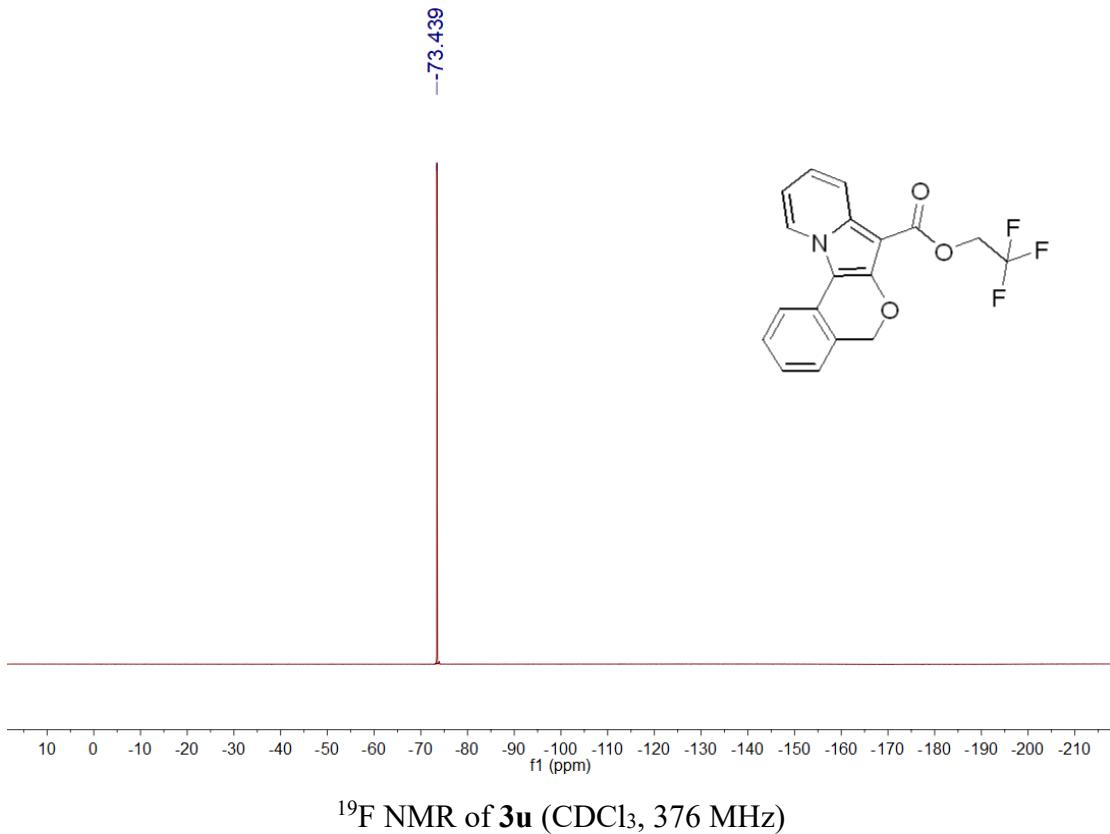
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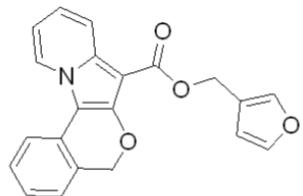
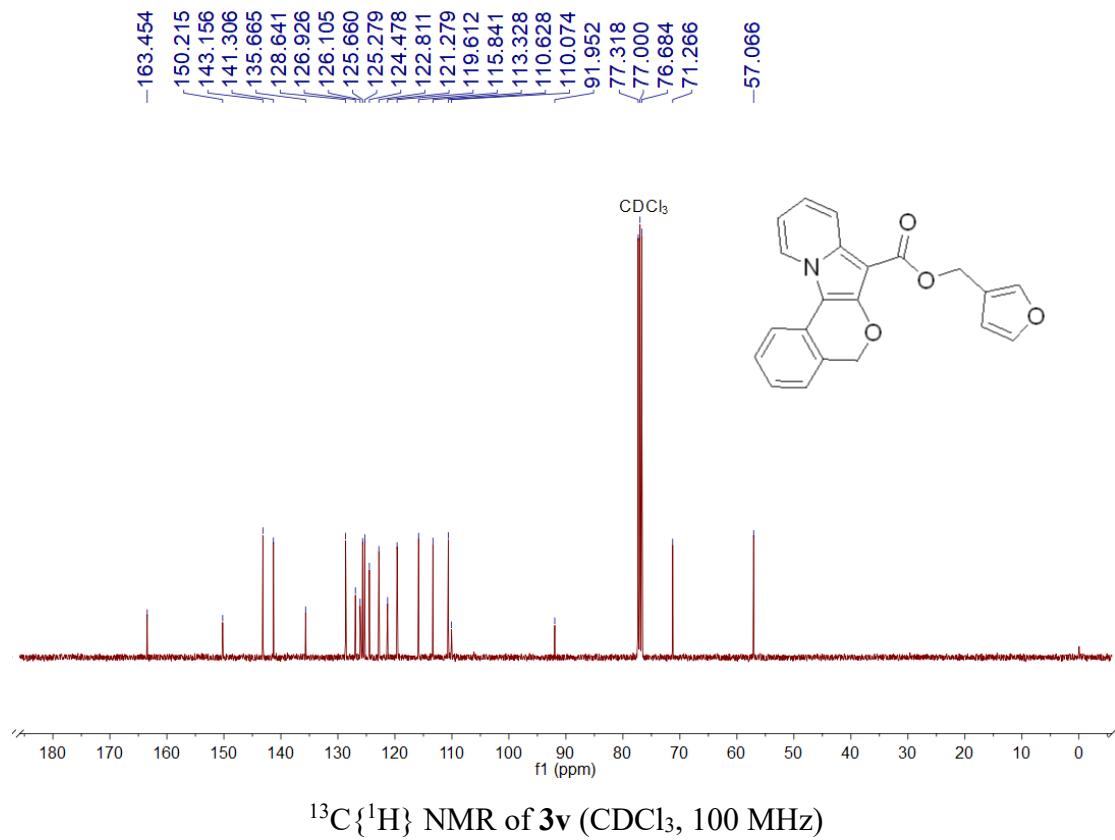
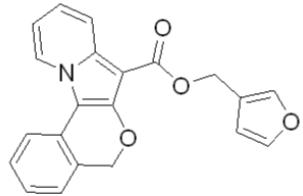
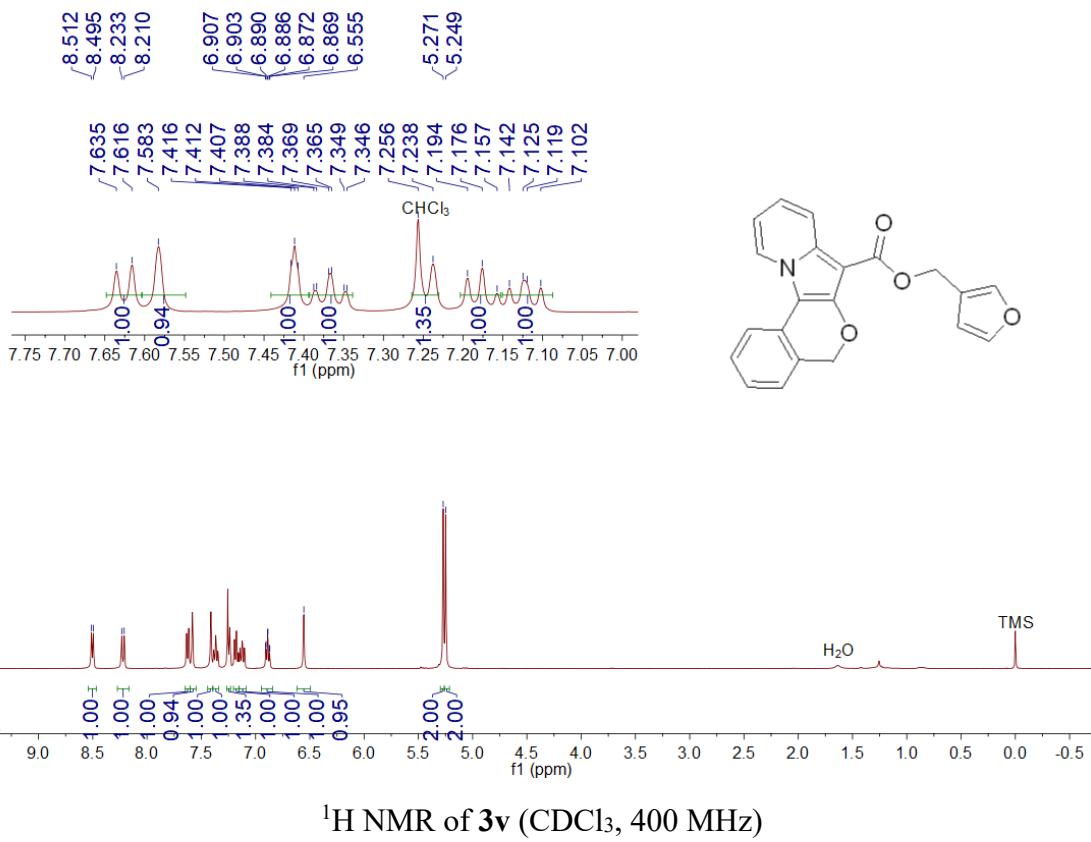


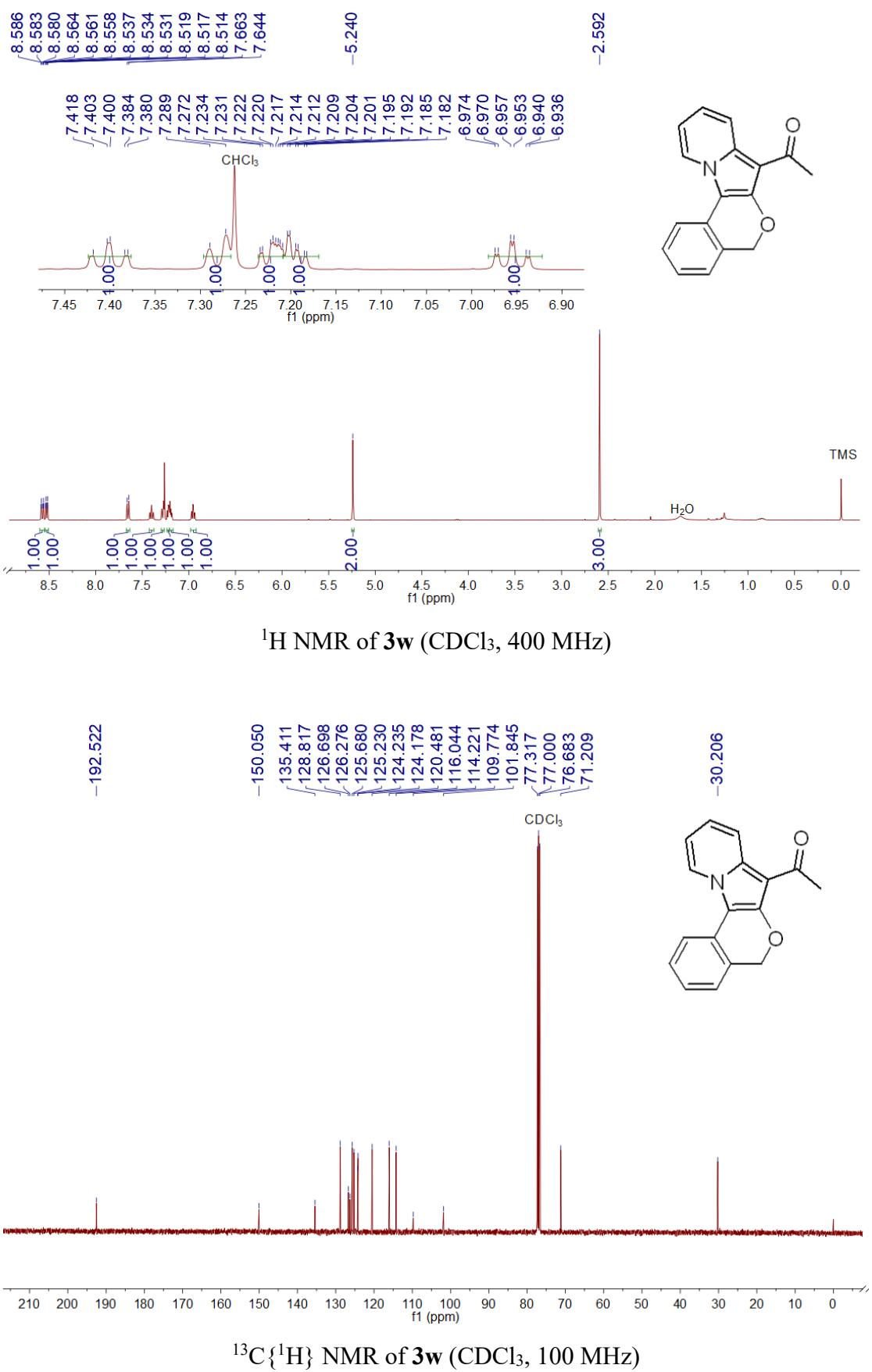
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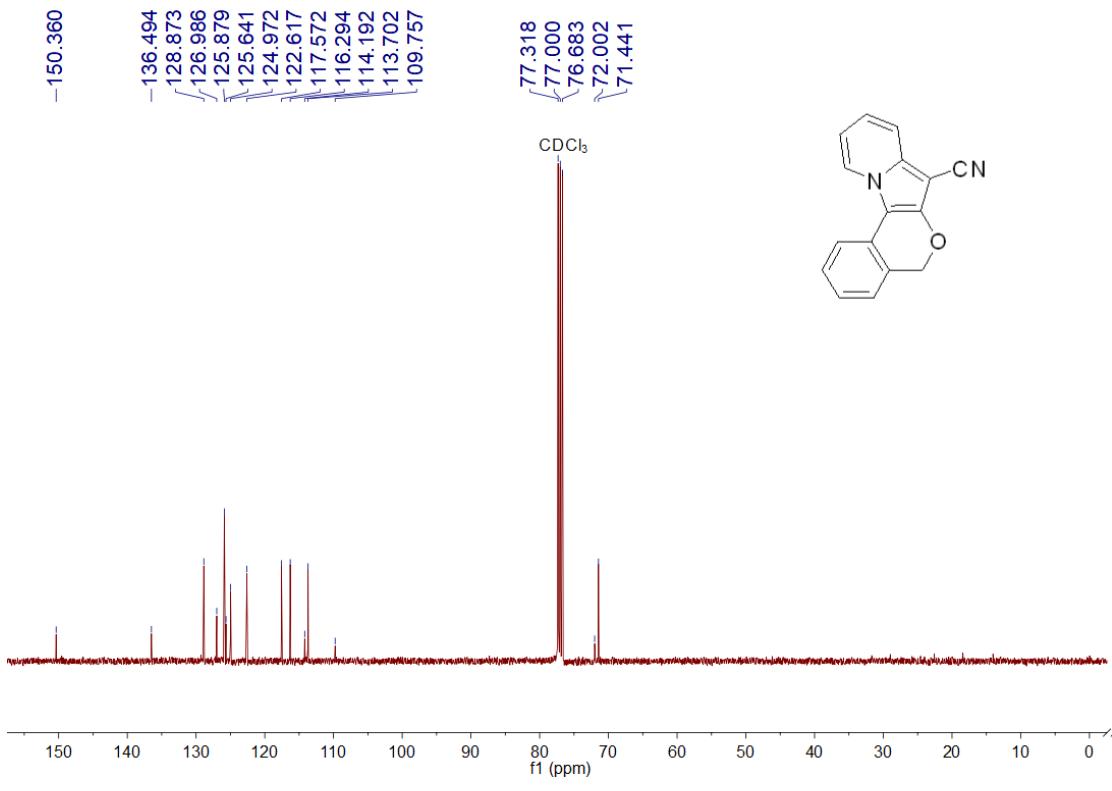
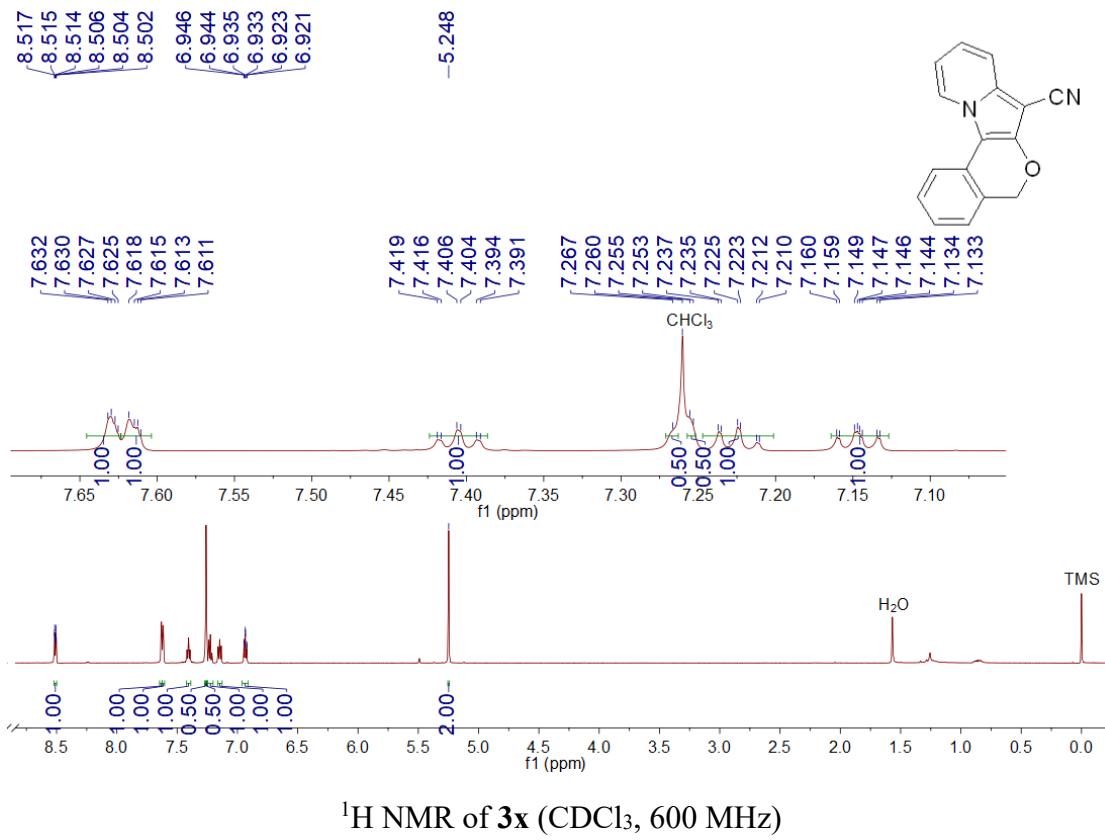


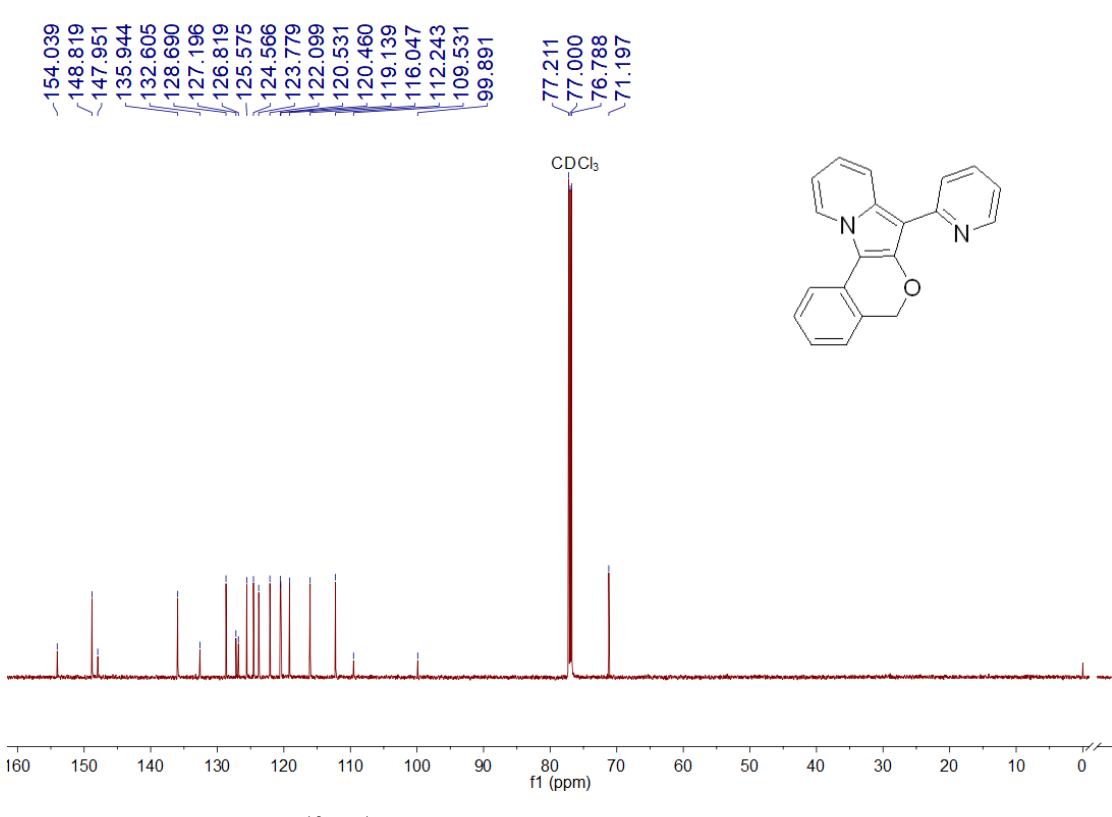
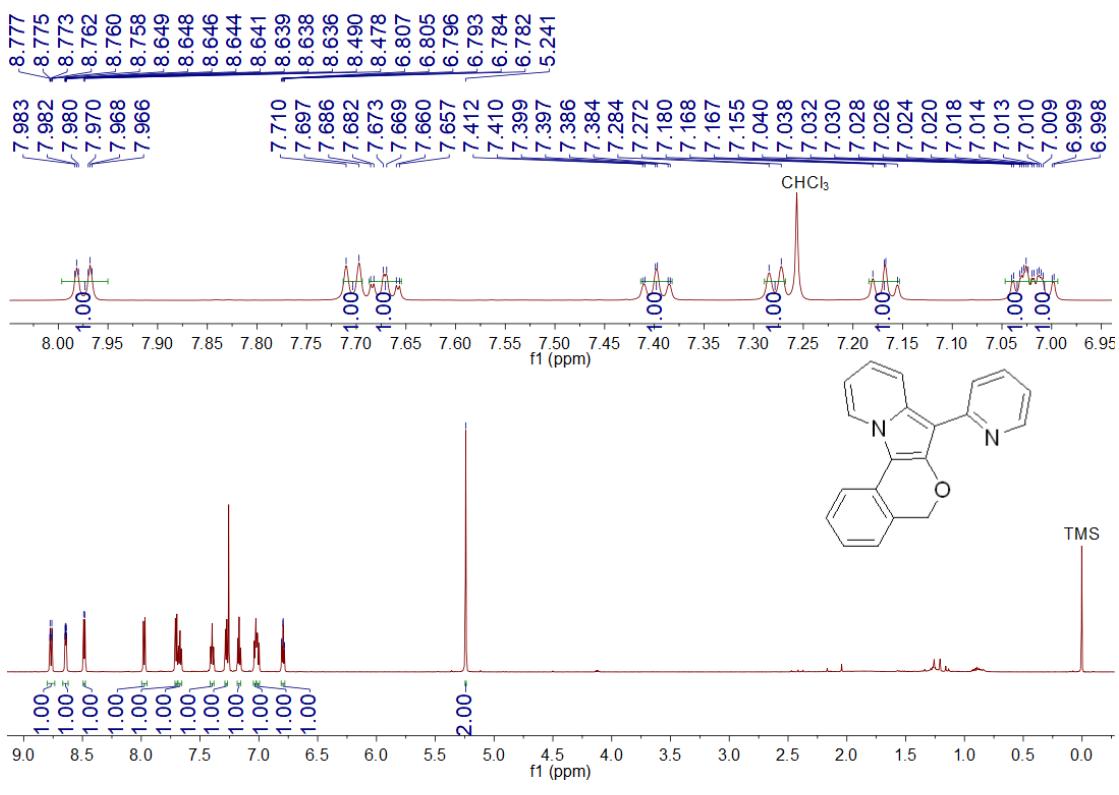


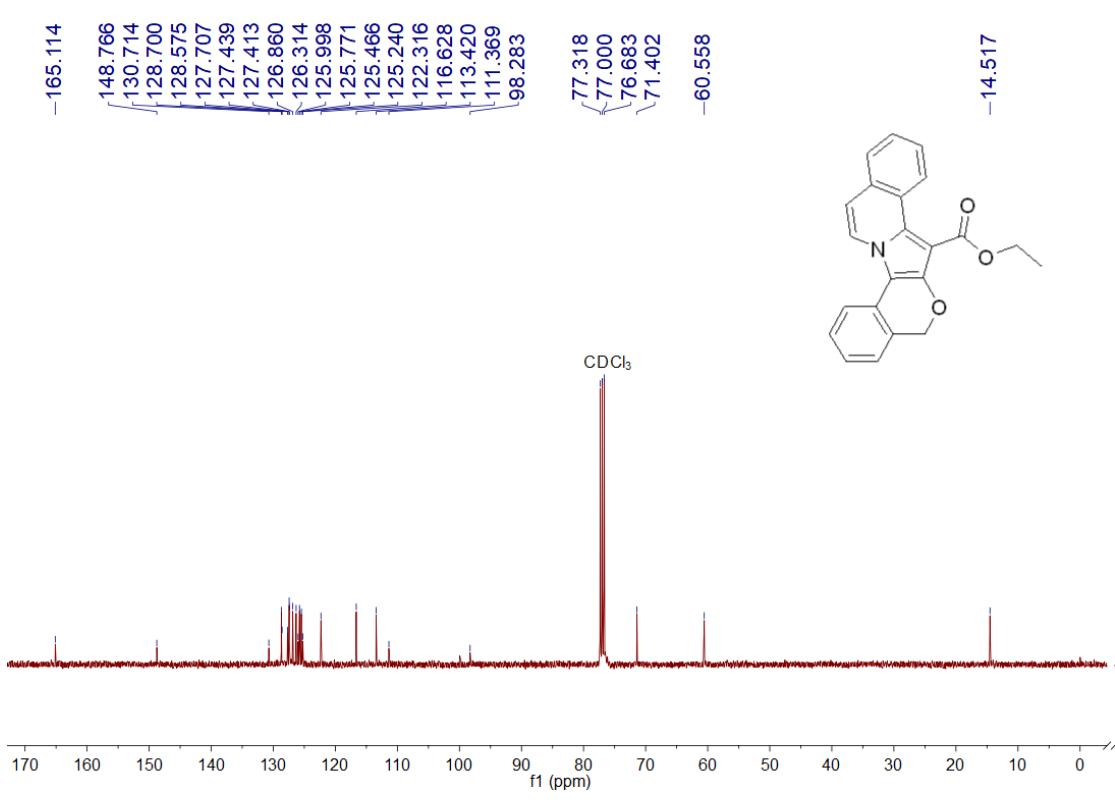
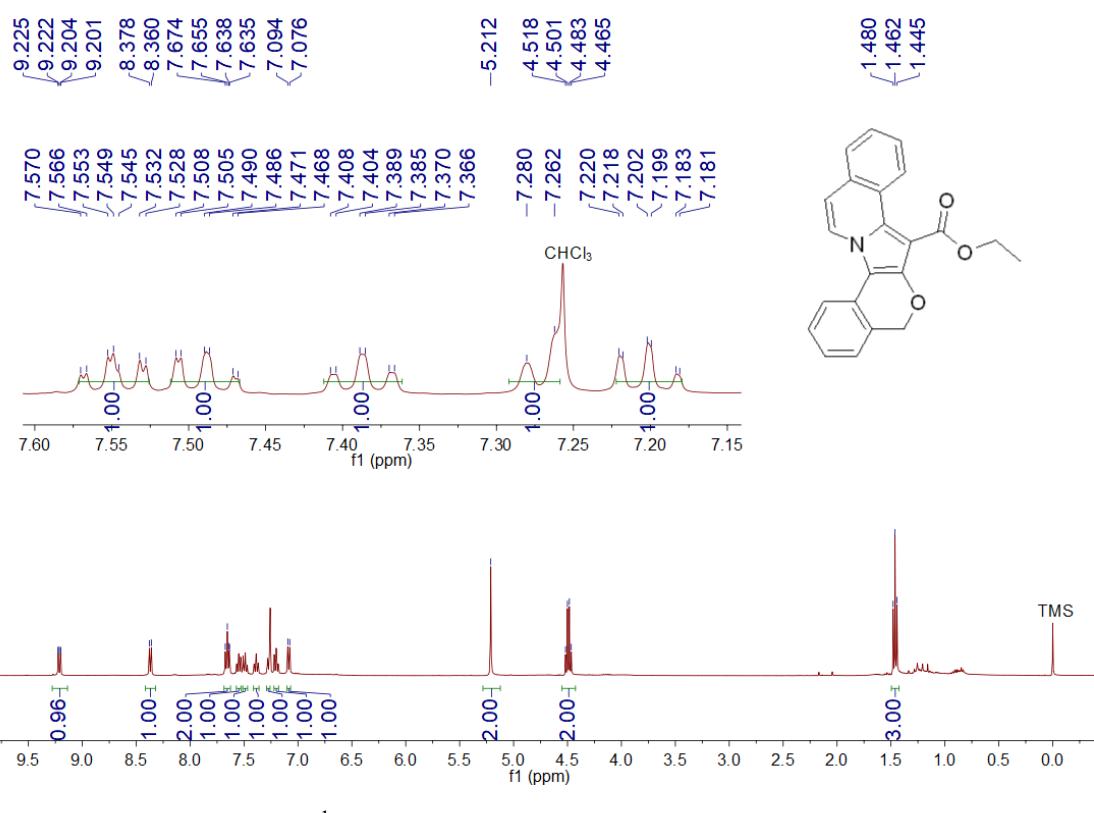


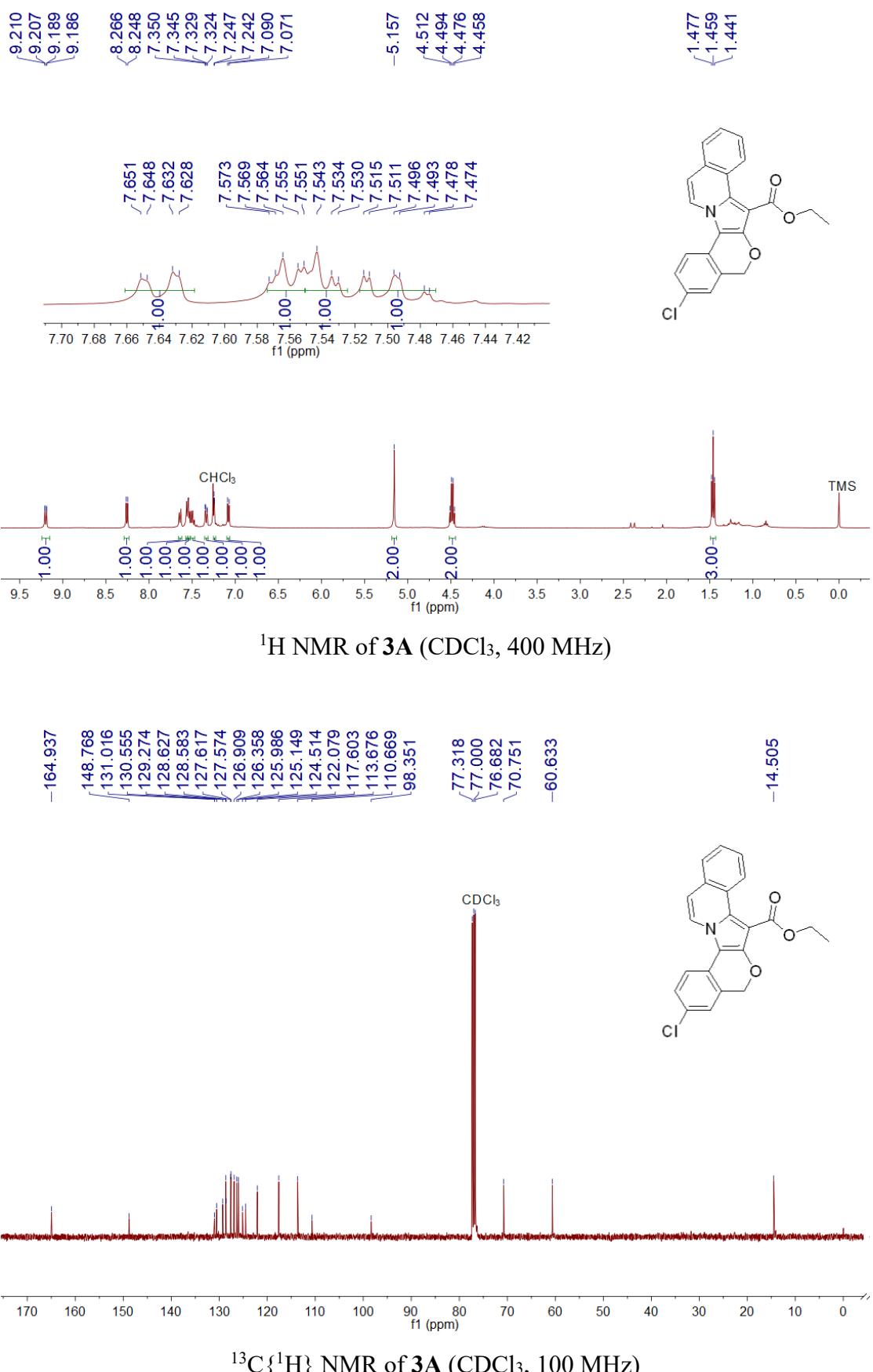




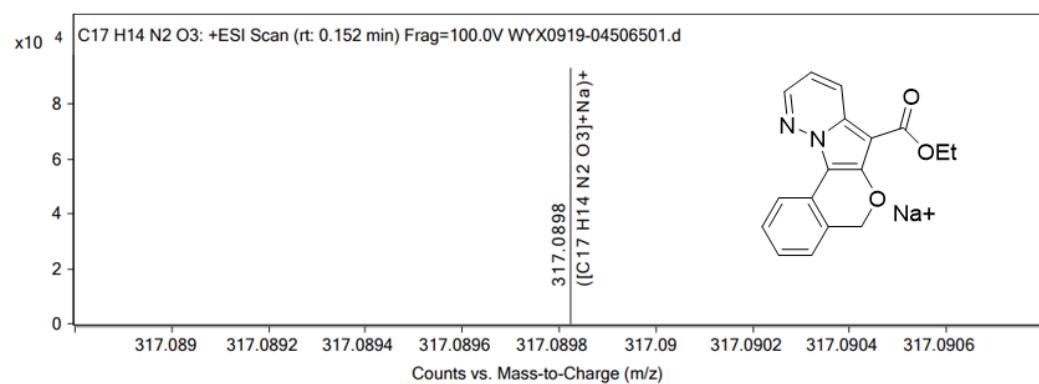




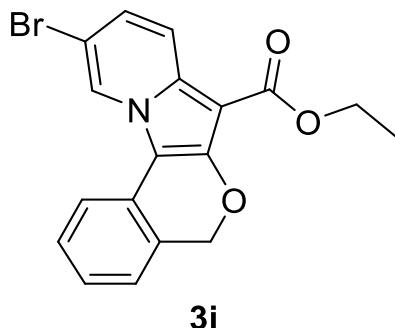
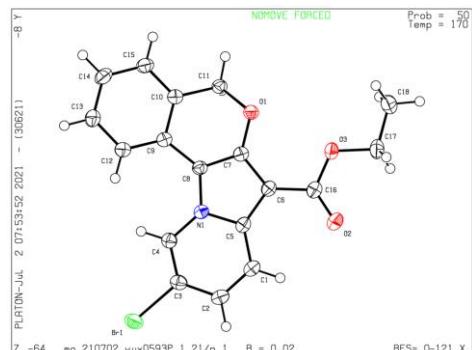




The High-resolution mass spectra data of 3B



The ORTEP and Crystal Parameters of 3j wherein thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level



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