

**Selective Construction of Polycyclic Cyclohepta[*b*]indoles and
Cyclopenta[*b*]indoles via Cycloaddition Reaction of 3-(Indol-3-yl)maleimides and
(Indol-2-yl)methanols**

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Single crystals were grown by slow evaporation of concentrated solution in CHCl_3 / DCM / EtOH / DMF / DMSO (compounds **3a**, **3c**, **5c**, **5d**, **5e**, **6k**, **8b**, **8e**, **9a**) in glass vials, which were then sealed by plugs with needles on them.

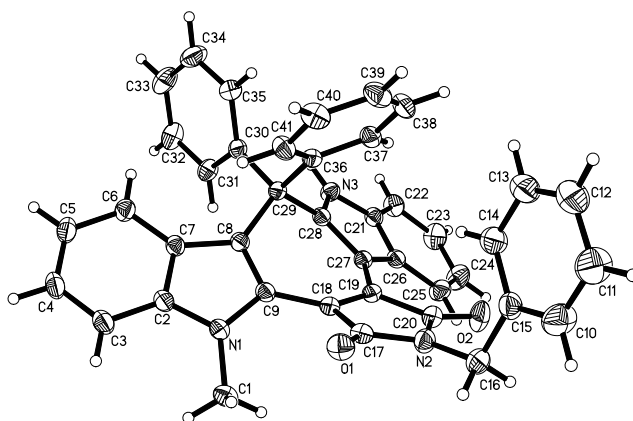


Fig. s1 Single crystal structure of the compound **3c**

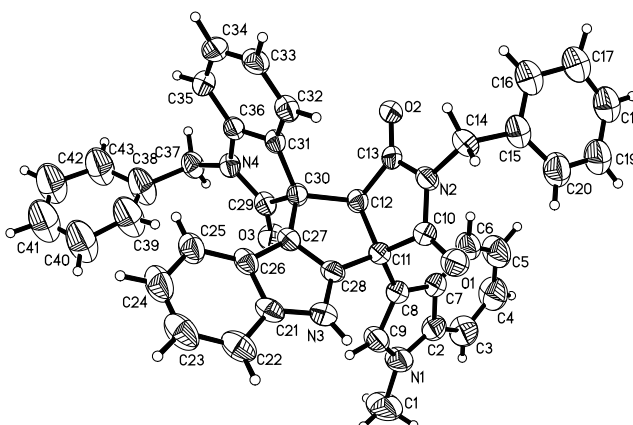


Fig. s2 Single crystal structure of the compound **5d**

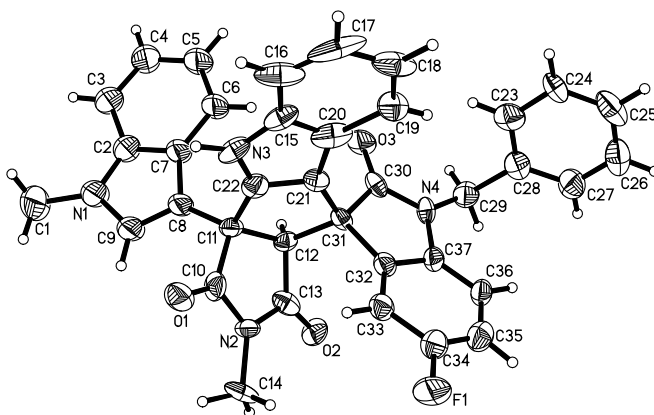


Fig. s3 Single crystal structure of the compound **5e**

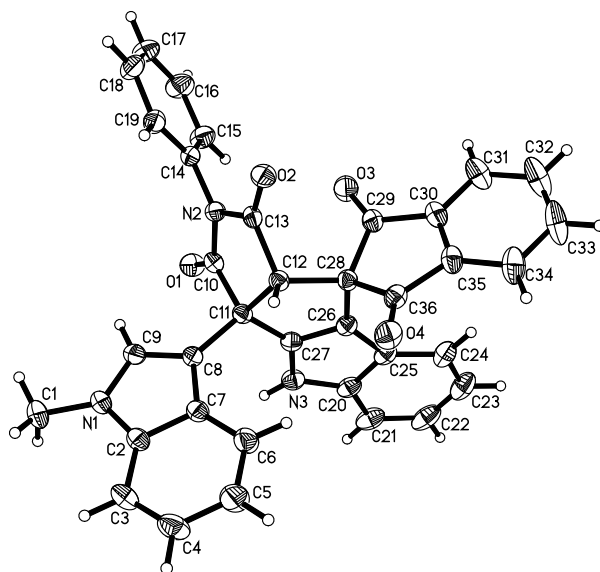


Fig. s5 Single crystal structure of the compound **8b**

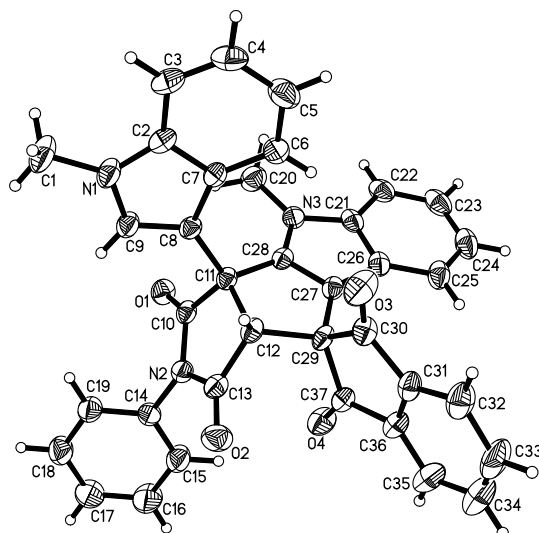


Fig. s6 Single crystal structure of the compound **8e**

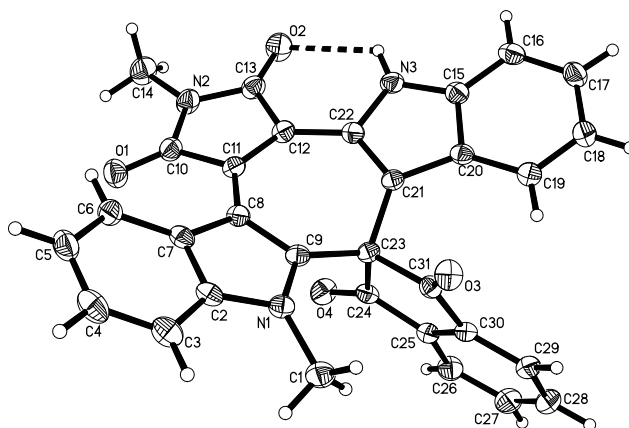


Fig. s7 Single crystal structure of the compound **9a**

Table S1 The single crystal data of compounds **3a**, **3c**, **5c**

Phase	3a	3c	5c
Empirical formula	C ₈₁ H ₅₅ Cl ₃ N ₆ O ₄	C ₄₁ H ₂₉ N ₃ O ₂	C ₃₇ H ₂₇ FN ₄ O ₃
Formula weight	1282.66	595.67	594.62
Temperature/K	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)
Wavelength/ Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	P-1	P-1	Pca2(1)
<i>a</i> / Å	13.705(3)	11.3215(4)	30.155(3)
<i>b</i> / Å	13.864(3)	12.4187(5)	9.1523(9)
<i>c</i> / Å	17.875(5)	13.2902(5)	25.150(3)
α (°)	85.290(7)	114.1368(12)	90
β (°)	74.680(7)	110.5982(12)	90
γ (°)	82.395(7)	97.3589(13)	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	3242.8(14)	1513.15(10)	6941.2(12)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	8
Calculated density	1.314	1.307	1.138
Absorption	0.200	0.081	0.077
<i>F</i> (000)	1332	624	2480
θ range / (°)	2.019 to 24.998	2.293 to 25.998	2.326 to 24.997
Limiting indices	-16 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16, -16 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16, -20 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 21	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -15 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 15, -16 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 16	-35 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 33, -10 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 9, -29 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 29
Reflections collected/unique	42255 / 11395 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.2825]	21473/5890 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0299]	67793 / 12103 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.1808]
Completeness to theta	99.7 %	99.0 %	99.9 %
Max. and min.	0.7456 and 0.4103	0.7455 and 0.7077	0.7456 and 0.6541
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²
Data/restraints/paramet	11395 / 0 / 850	5890/174/462	12103 / 213 / 816
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	0.906	1.027	0.958
Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.1218, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.2426	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0456, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1072	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.1035, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.2609
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.3352, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.2998	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0676, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1192	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.2335, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.3010
Largest diff. peak and hole / (e · Å ⁻³)	0.518 and -0.491	0.208 and -0.283	0.734 and -0.363

Table S2 The single crystal data of compounds **5d**, **5e**, **6k**

Phase	5d	5e	6k
Empirical formula	C ₃₆ H ₃₃ Cl ₃ N ₄ O ₃	C ₄₃ H ₃₂ N ₄ O ₃	C ₄₃ H ₄₁ N ₅ O ₄
Formula weight	676.01	652.72	691.81
Temperature/K	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)
Wavelength/ Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P2(1)/n	C2/c	P-1
<i>a</i> / Å	17.200(4)	29.965(6)	11.3858(5)
<i>b</i> / Å	9.5522(19)	10.1561(19)	11.7752(5)
<i>c</i> / Å	22.075(5)	27.430(6)	15.6044(7)
α (°)	90	90	77.5323(13)
β (°)	110.167(7)	101.793(6)	83.5022(14)
γ (°)	90	90	66.2724(12)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	3404.6(13)	8171(3)	1869.26(14)
<i>Z</i>	4	8	2
Calculated density	1.319	1.061	1.229
Absorption	0.311	0.068	0.080
<i>F</i> (000)	1408	2736	732
θ range / (°)	1.847 to 25.000	2.122 to 24.998	1.337 to 26.000
Limiting indices	-20 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 20, -11 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 11, -26 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 23	-35 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 32, -11 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12, -32 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 32	-14 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, -19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19
Reflections collected/unique	26286/6002 [R(int) = 0.0563]	34118/7151 [R(int) = 0.0533]	26708/7294 [R(int) = 0.0386]
Completeness to theta	99.7 %	99.4 %	99.2 %
Max. and min.	0.7456 and 0.6494	0.7456 and 0.6580	0.7456 and 0.7125
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data/restraints/paramet	6002/23/419	7151/246/499	7294/0/474
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.065	0.980	1.018
Final <i>R</i> indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.1006, wR2 = 0.3019	R1 = 0.1073, wR2 = 0.3132	R1 = 0.0569, wR2 = 0.1353
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1592, wR2 = 0.3344	R1 = 0.1579, wR2 = 0.3406	R1 = 0.0934, wR2 = 0.1567
Largest diff. peak and hole / (e · Å ⁻³)	0.412 and -0.779	0.942 and -0.495	0.481 and -0.292

Table S3 The single crystal data of compounds **8b**, **8e**, **9a**

Phase	8b	8e	9a
Empirical formula	C ₃₉ H ₃₀ N ₄ O ₅	C ₃₇ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₄	C ₃₁ H ₂₀ Cl ₃ N ₃ O ₄
Formula weight	634.67	575.60	616.86
Temperature/K	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)
Wavelength/ Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	P-1
<i>a</i> / Å	10.131(2)	12.284(3)	12.0107(18)
<i>b</i> / Å	11.507(3)	12.500(3)	12.0920(19)
<i>c</i> / Å	15.601(4)	15.924(3)	12.2492(18)
α (°)	72.289(7)	74.639(7)	118.132(4)
β (°)	86.070(8)	86.466(7)	96.981(4)
γ (°)	68.259(7)	65.105(6)	111.445(4)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1607.3(7)	2135.3(8)	1363.4(4)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2
Calculated density (g·cm ⁻³)	1.311	0.895	1.503
Absorption coefficient(mm ⁻¹)	0.088	0.059	0.382
<i>F</i> (000)	664	600	632
θ range / (°)	2.167 to 25.997	1.862 to 25.999	1.951 to 25.997
Limiting indices	-12<= <i>h</i> <=12, -14<= <i>k</i> <=14, -19<= <i>l</i> <=19	-15<= <i>h</i> <=15, -14<= <i>k</i> <=15, -19<= <i>l</i> <=19	-14<= <i>h</i> <=14, -14<= <i>k</i> <=14, -14<= <i>l</i> <=15
Reflections collected/unique	22885/6284	30584/8361	15501/5270
Completeness to theta	[<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0342]	[<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0569]	[<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0402]
Max. and min. transmission	99.6 %	99.7 %	98.1 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²
Data/restraints/parameters	6284/0/436	8361/0/399	5270/0/381
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.020	1.048	1.052
Final <i>R</i> indices[<i>I</i> >2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0542, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1306	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0684, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1902	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0844, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.2283
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0882, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1502	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.1274, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.2192	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.1165, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.2536
Largest diff. peak and hole / (e · Å ⁻³)	0.284 and -0.301	0.261 and -0.239	0.796 and -0.863

Experimental section

1. General procedure for the preparation of the compound 3a-3k

To a round flask was added 3-(indol-3-yl)maleimides (1.0 mmol), (indol-2-yl)diphenylmethanol (1.0 mmol), chloroform (8.0 mL) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.3 mmol). The mixture was heated at 65 °C for four hours. After removing the solvent at reduced pressure by rotation evaporation, the residue was subjected to column chromatography with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (V/V = 10:1) as eluent to give the pure product for analysis.

2. General procedure for the preparation of the compound 5a-5k and 6e-6h

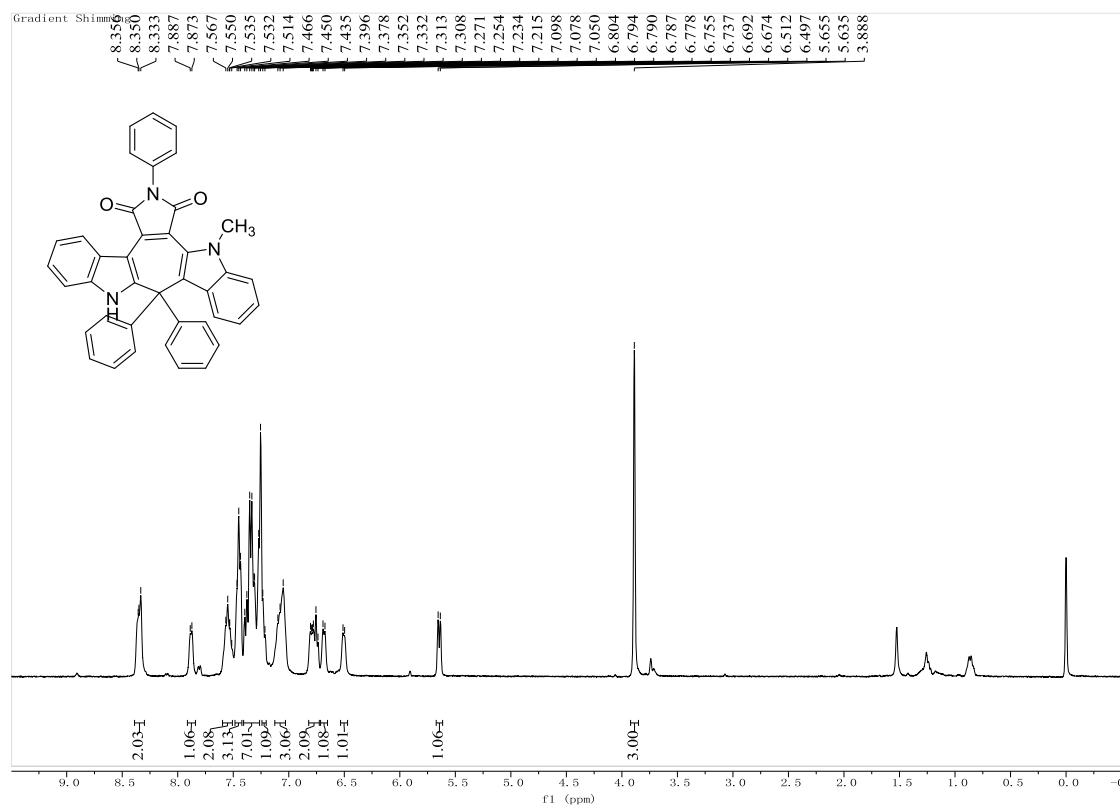
To a round flask was added 3-(indol-3-yl)maleimides (1.0 mmol), 3-hydroxy-3-(indol-3-yl)-indolin-2-one (1.0 mmol), acetonitrile (8.0 mL) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.3 mmol). The mixture was heated at 60 °C for six hours. After removing the solvent at reduced pressure by rotation evaporation, the residue was subjected to column chromatography with petroleum ether and methylene dichloride (V/V = 4:1) as eluent to give the pure product for analysis.

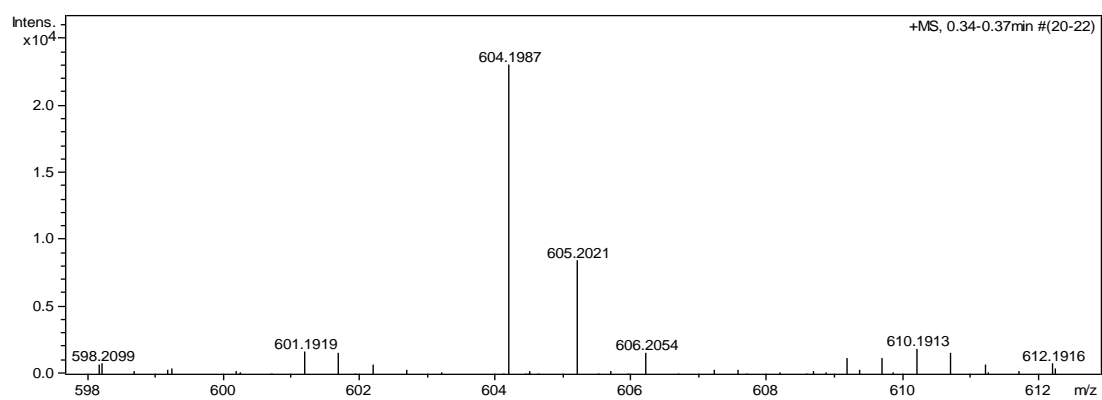
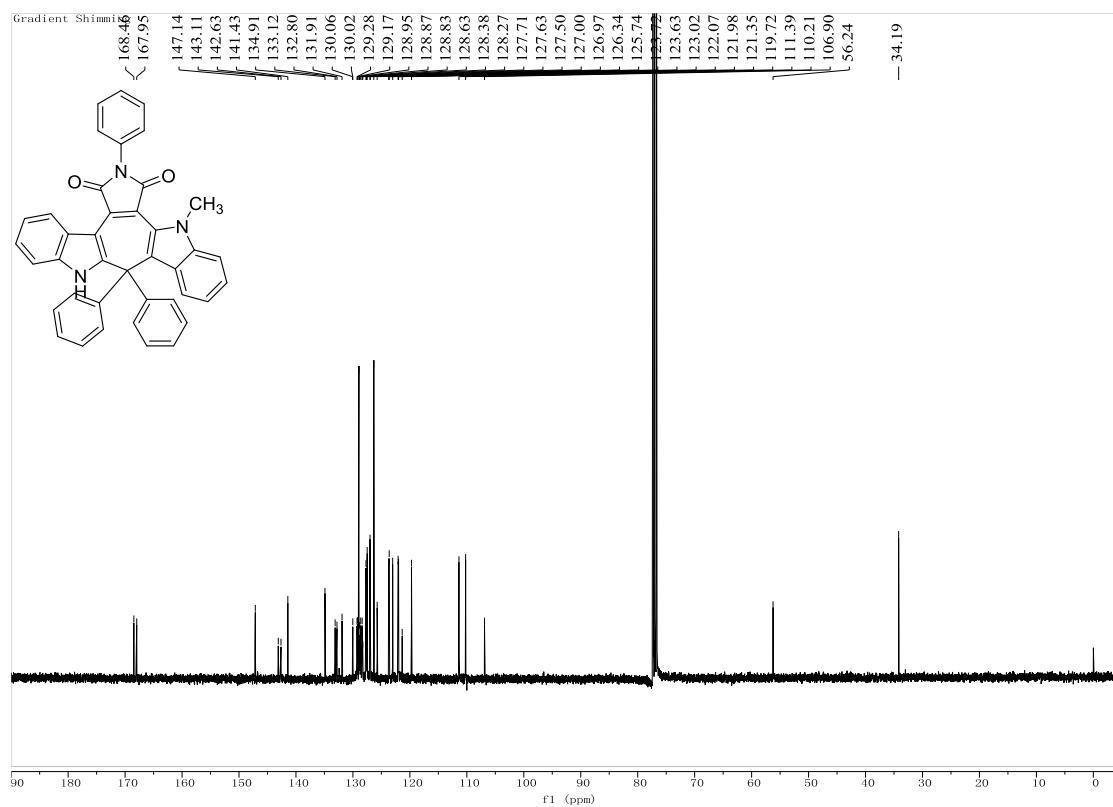
3. General procedure for the preparation of the compound 8a-8f and 9a-9c

To a round flask was added 3-(indol-3-yl)maleimides (1.0 mmol), 2-hydroxy-2-(indol-3-yl)-indene-1,3-dione (1.0 mmol), acetonitrile (8.0 mL) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.3 mmol). The mixture was heated at 60 °C for six hours. After removing the solvent at reduced pressure by rotation evaporation, the residue was subjected to column chromatography with petroleum ether and methylene dichloride (V/V = 4:1) as eluent to give the pure product for analysis.

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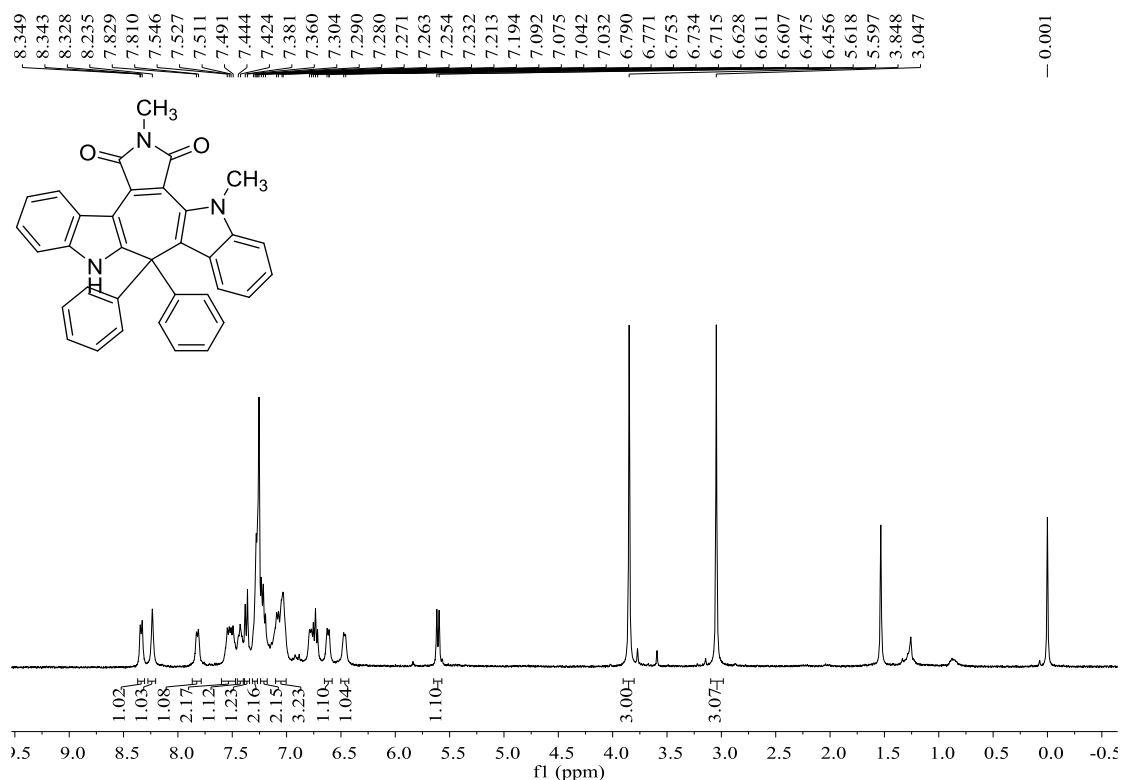
1,3(2*H*,8*H*)-dione (3a): petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (V/V = 10:1) as the eluent, red solid, 394 mg, red solid, 76%, m.p. 235-237 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.36-8.33 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.88 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.45 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H, ArH), 7.40-7.22 (m, 8H, ArH), 7.10-7.05 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.80-6.74 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.50 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.89 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 168.4, 167.9, 147.1, 143.0, 142.6, 141.4, 134.8, 133.1, 132.7, 131.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.9, 126.8, 126.3, 125.7, 123.7, 123.6, 123.0, 122.0, 121.9, 121.3, 119.7, 111.3, 110.2, 106.8, 56.2, 34.1; IR (KBr) ν: 3048, 2911, 2852, 2321, 1890, 1756, 1732, 1628, 1518, 1475, 1448, 1371, 1221, 910, 834, 756 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for C₄₀H₂₇NaN₃O₂ ([M+Na]⁺): 604.1995, Found: 604.1987.

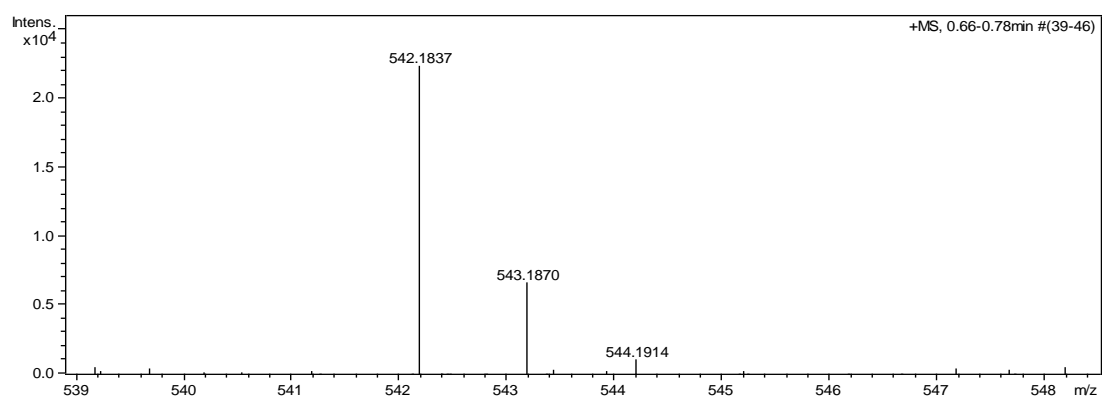
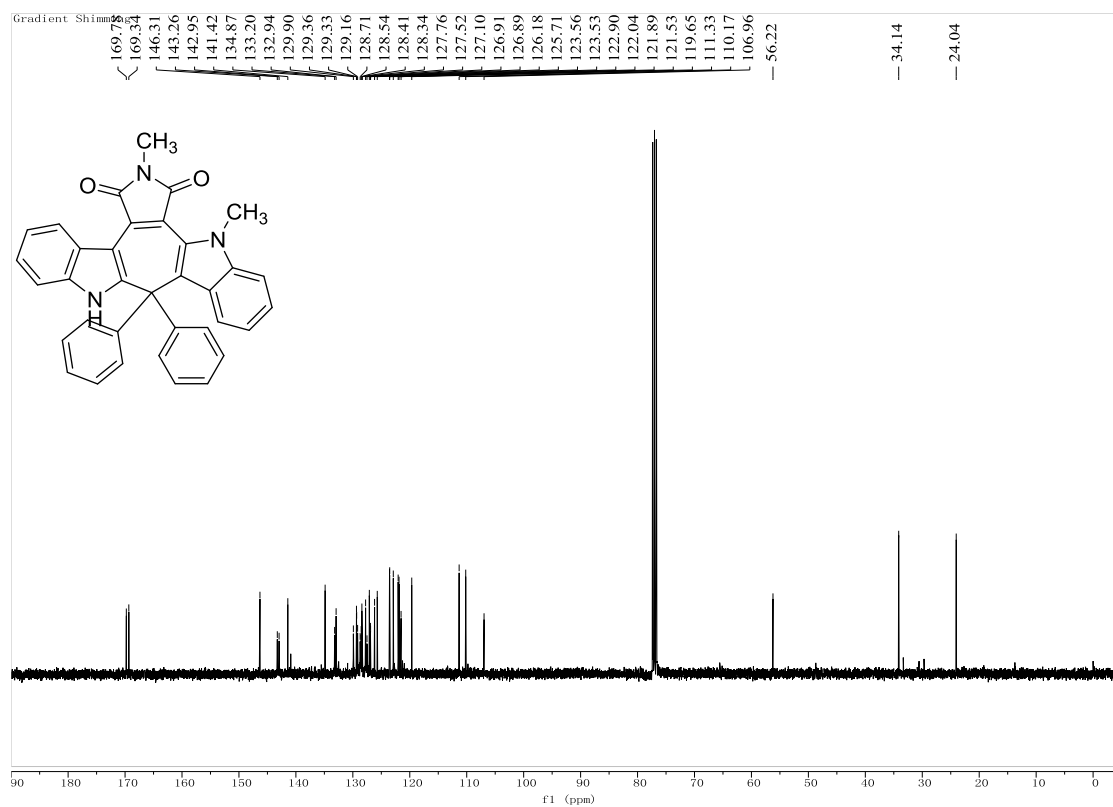




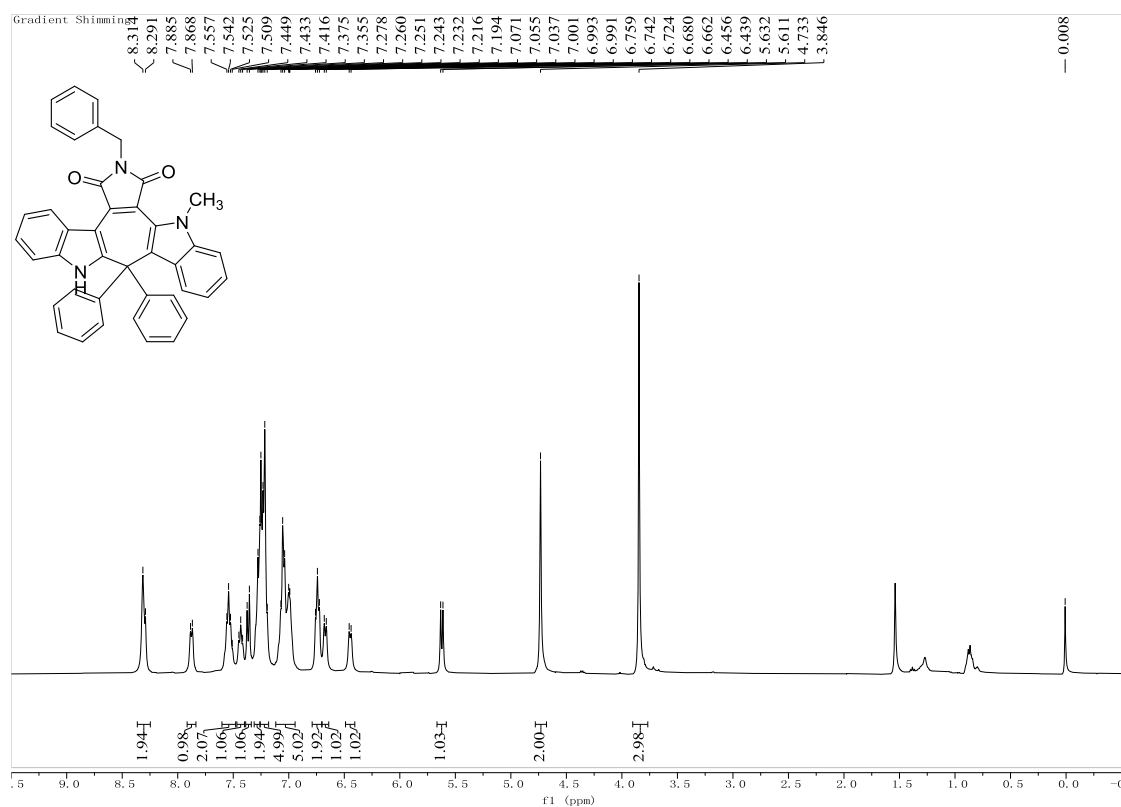
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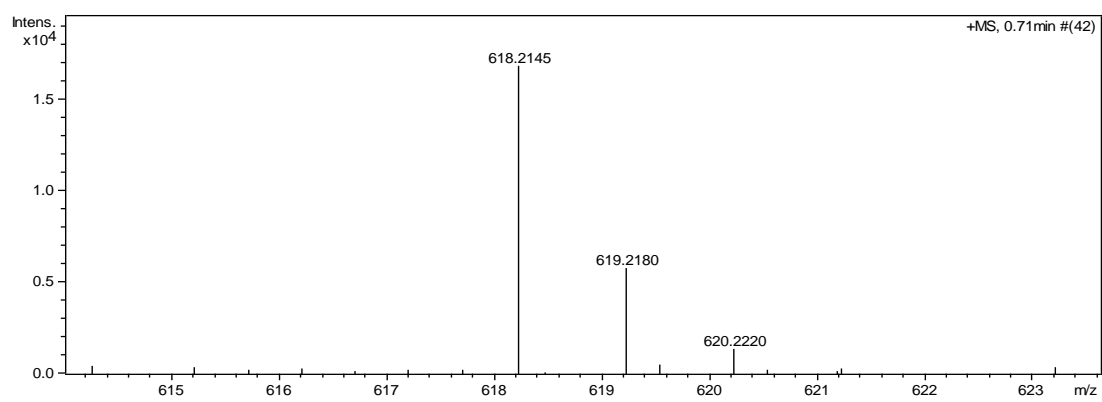
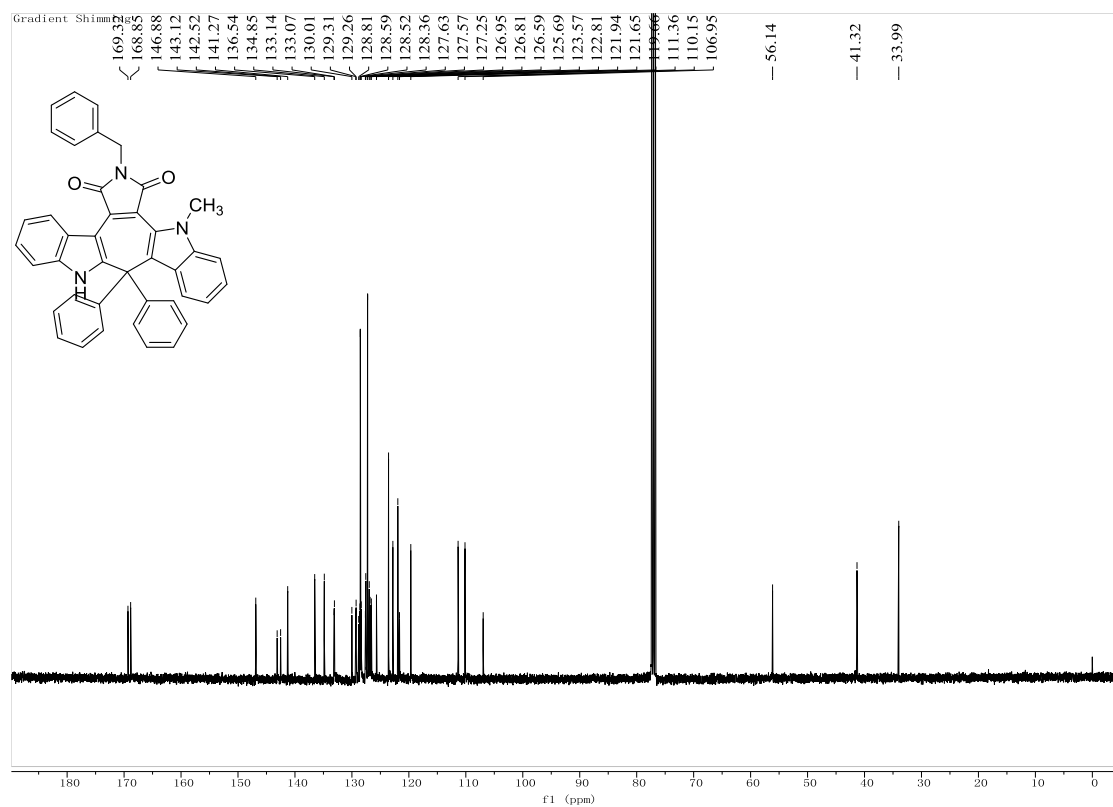
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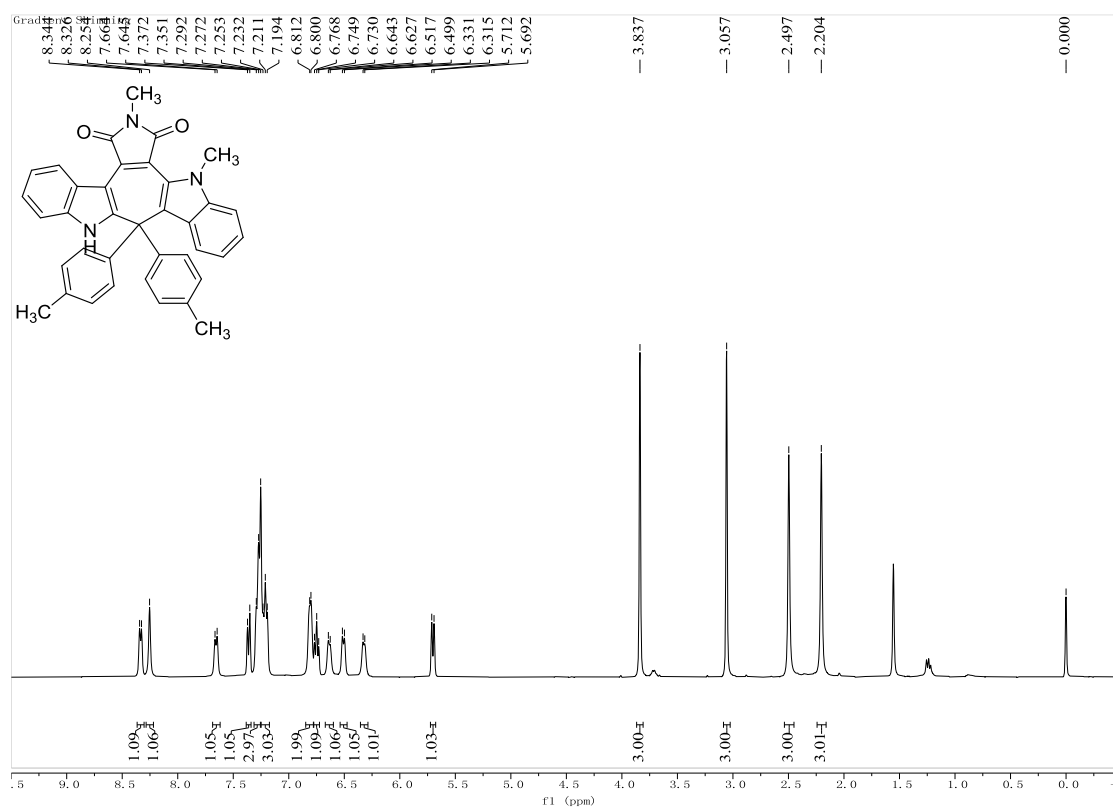


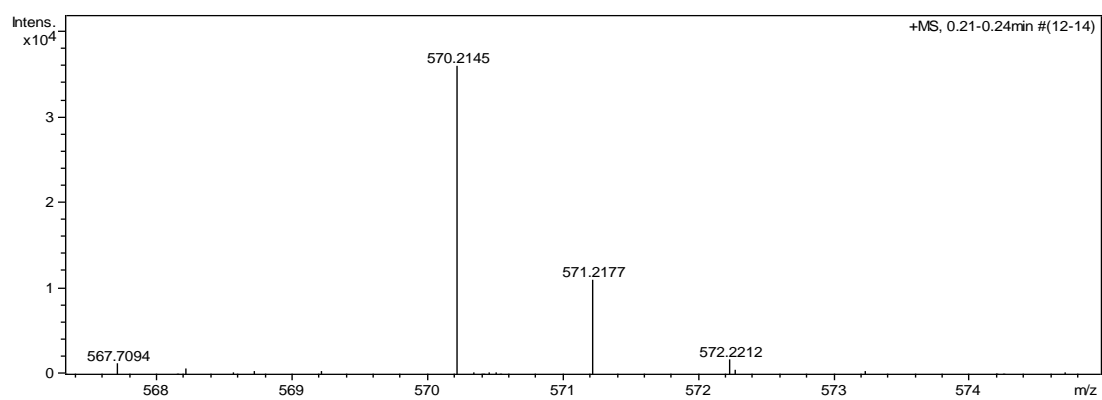
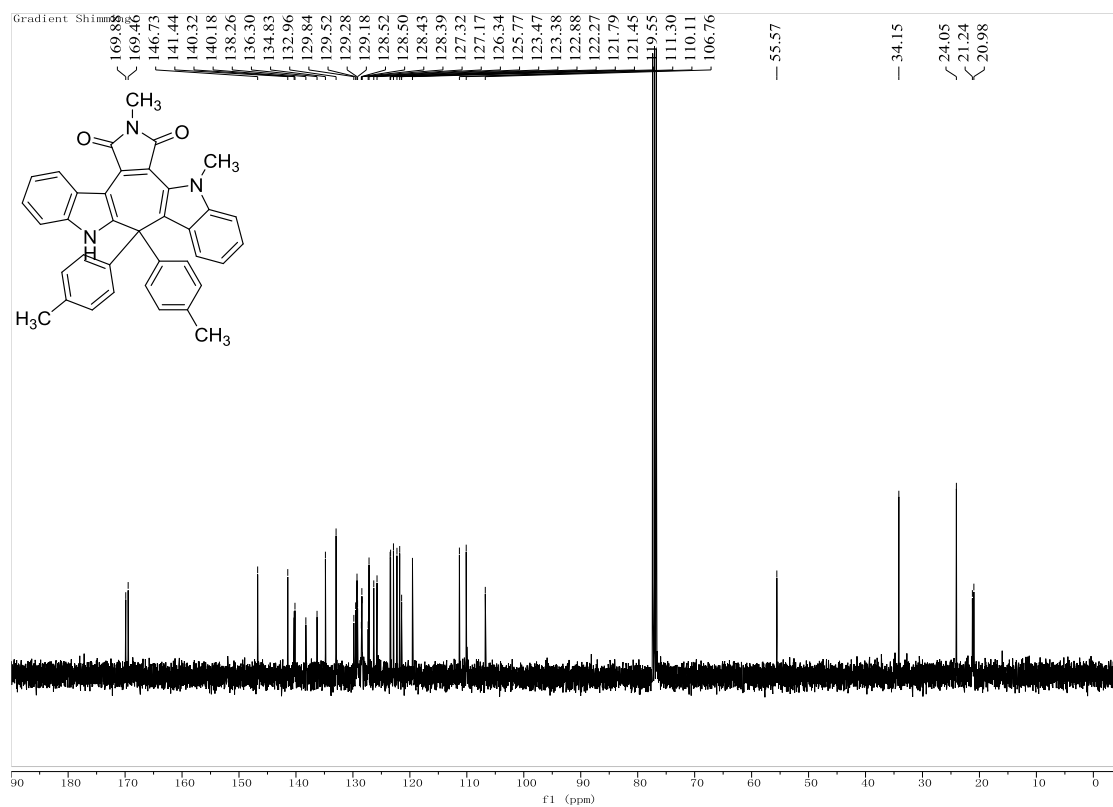
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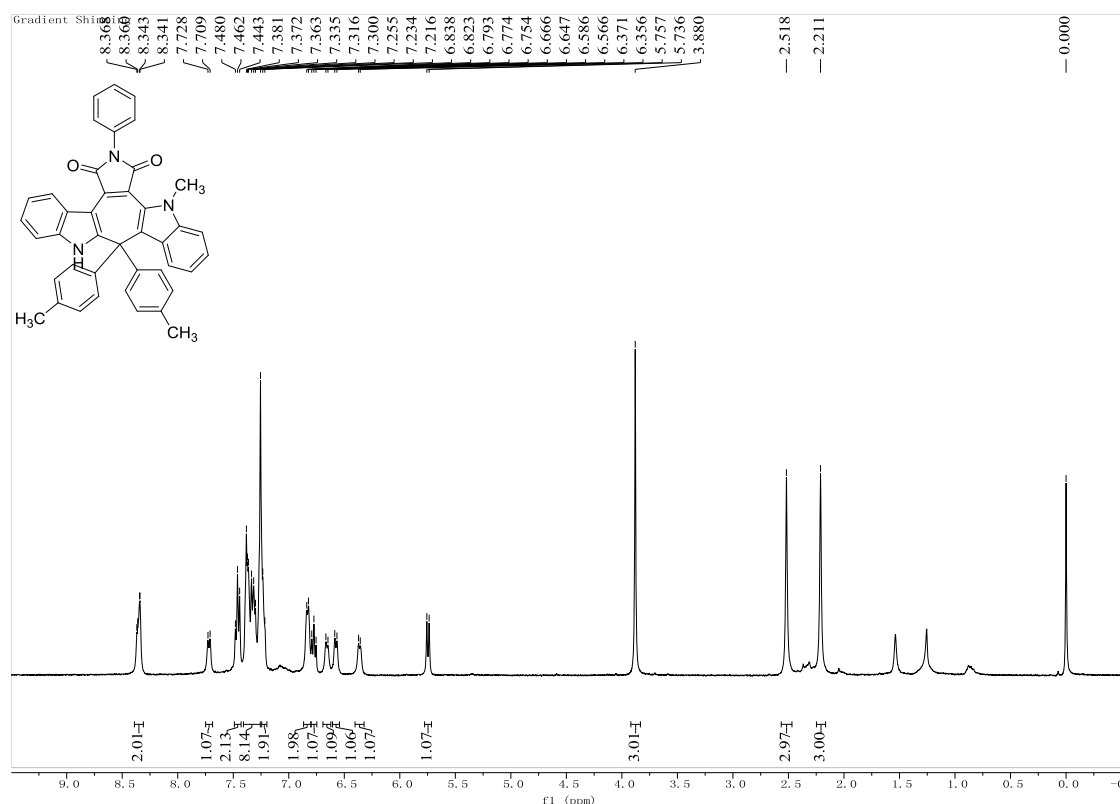
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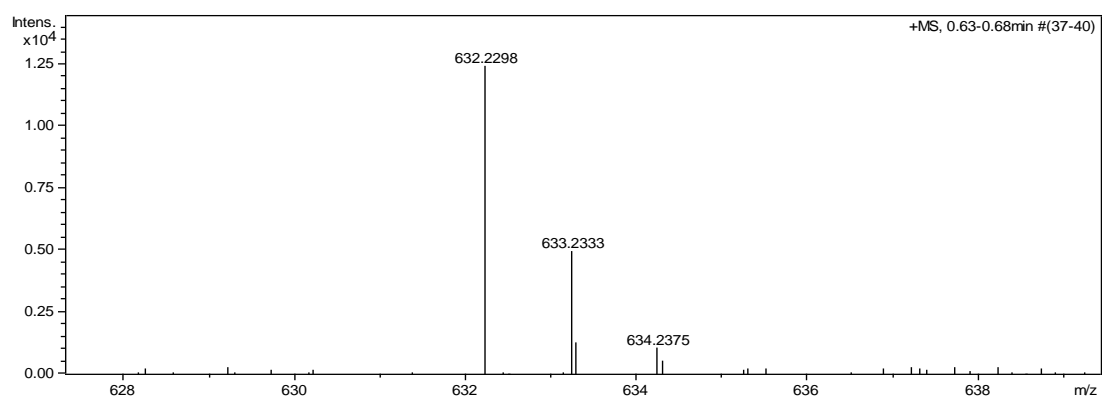
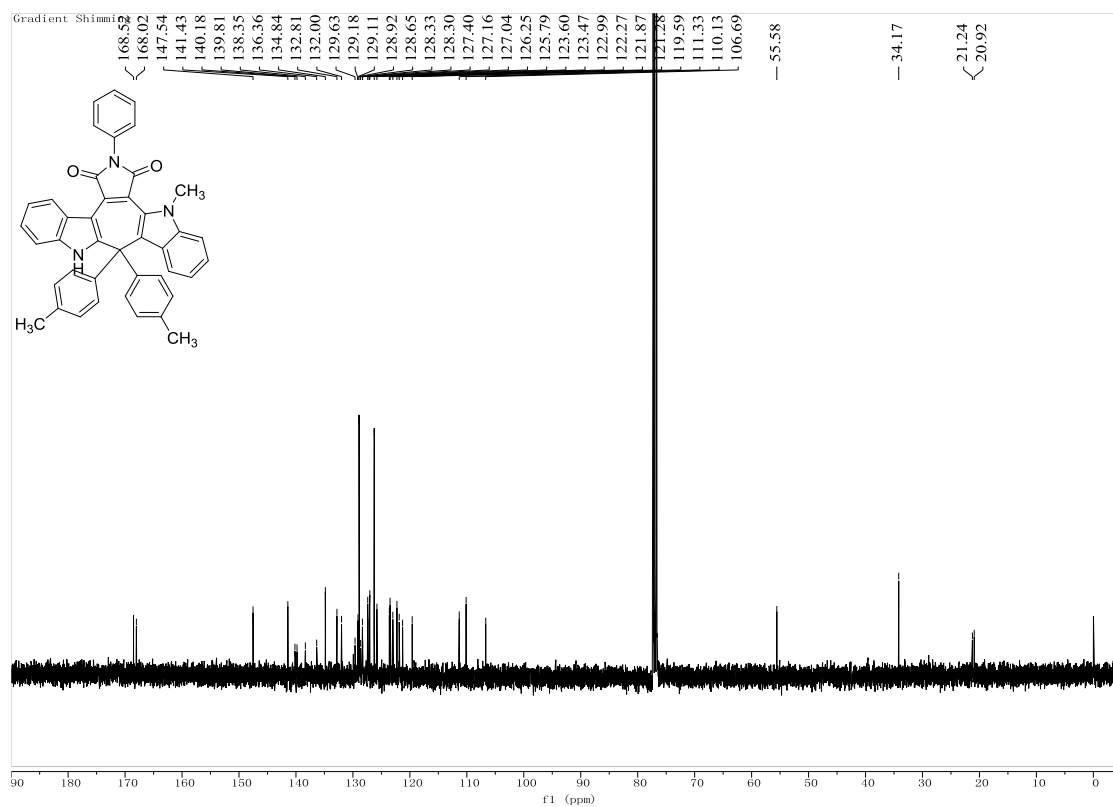




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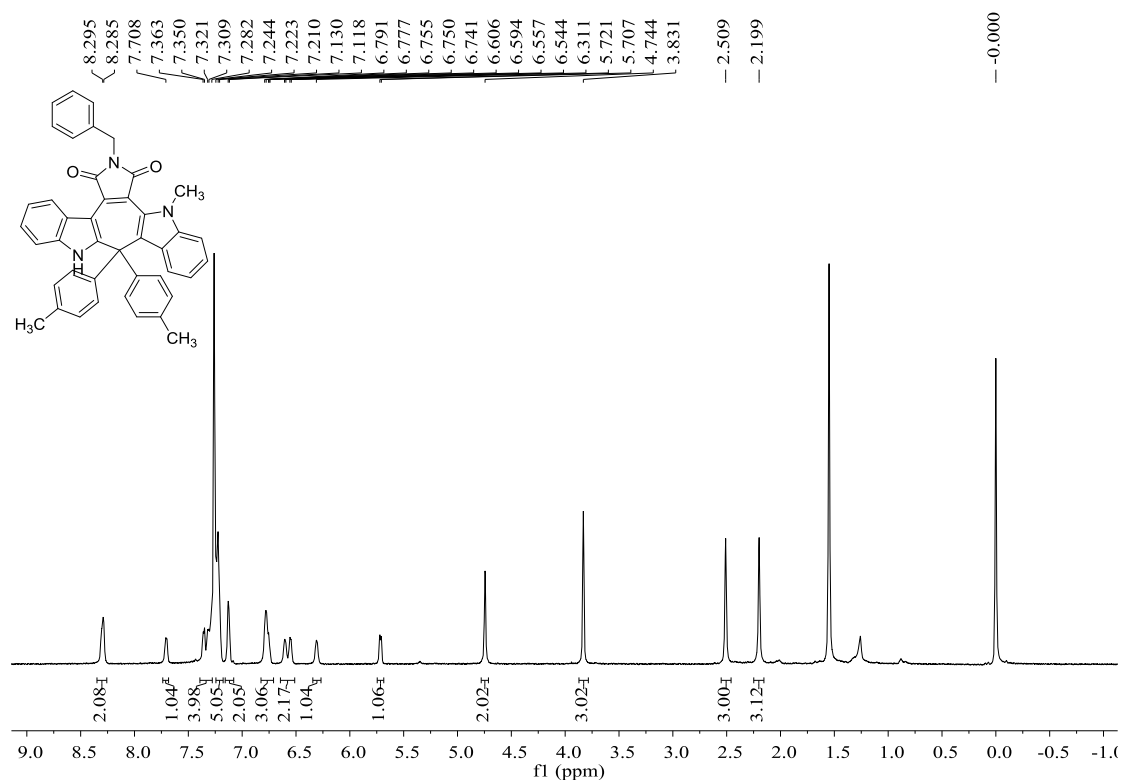
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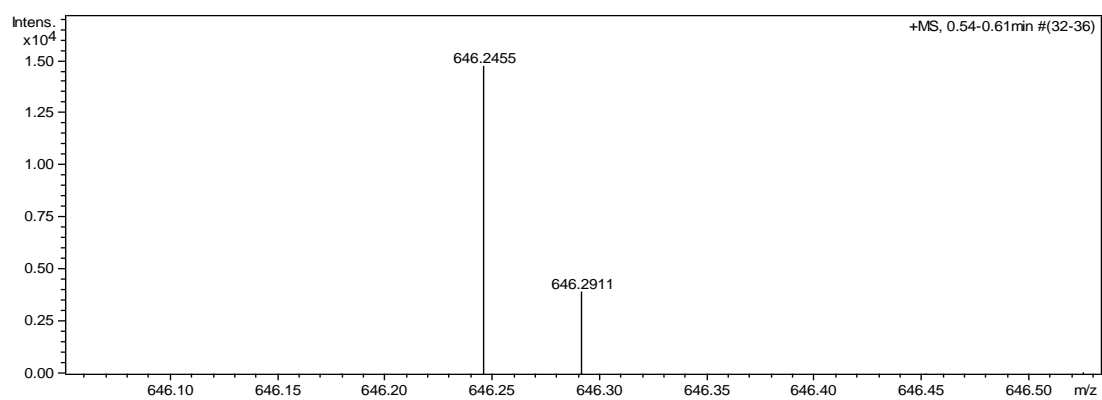
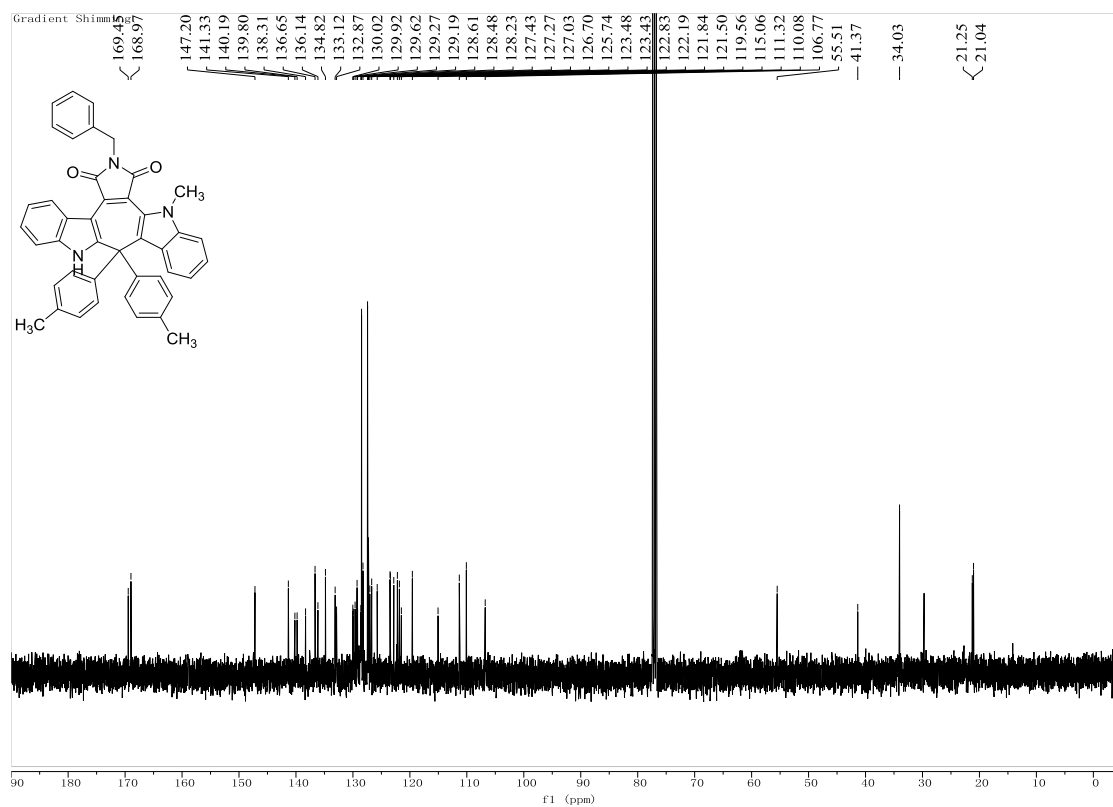




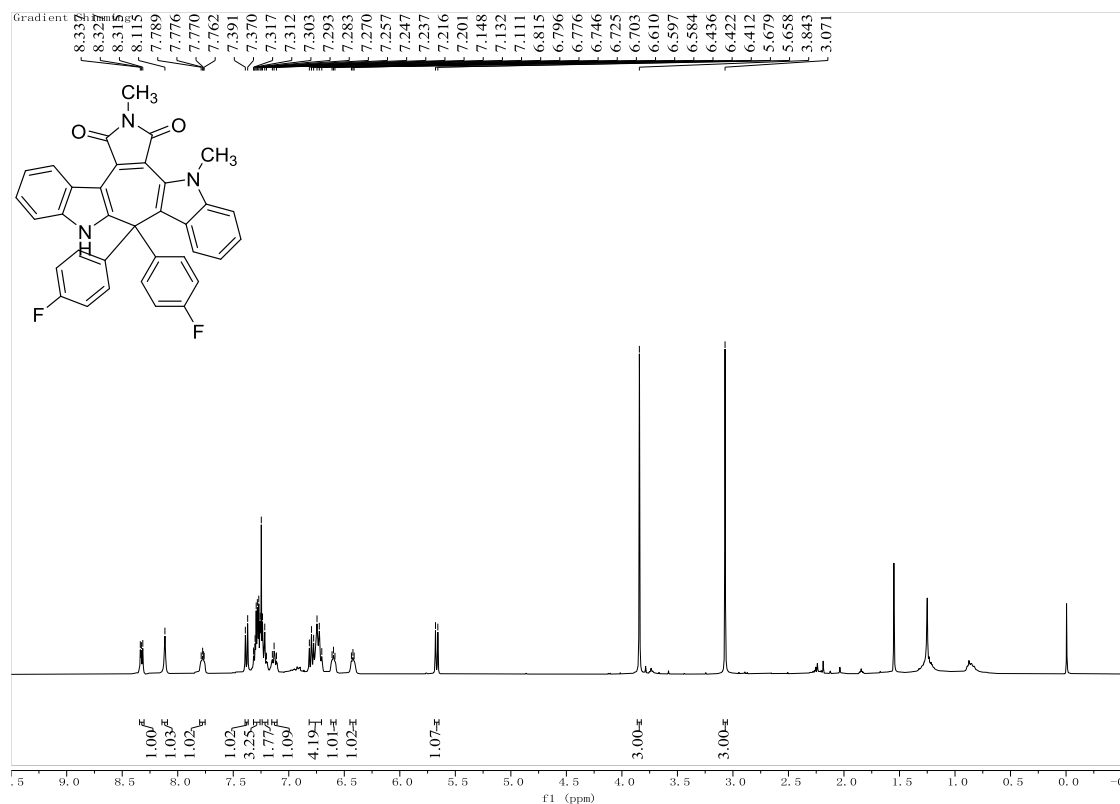
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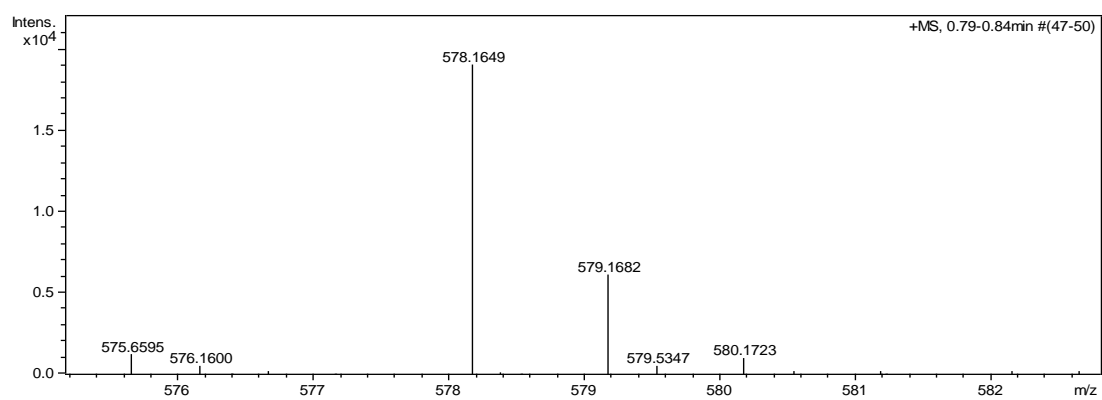
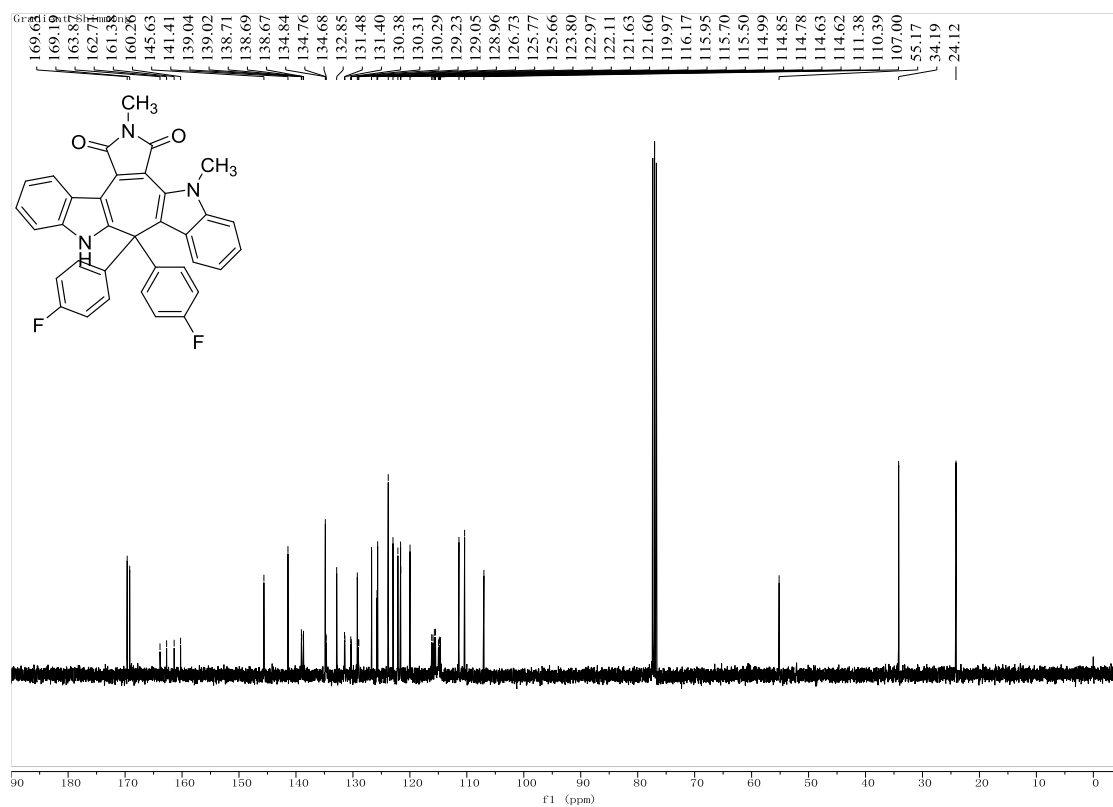
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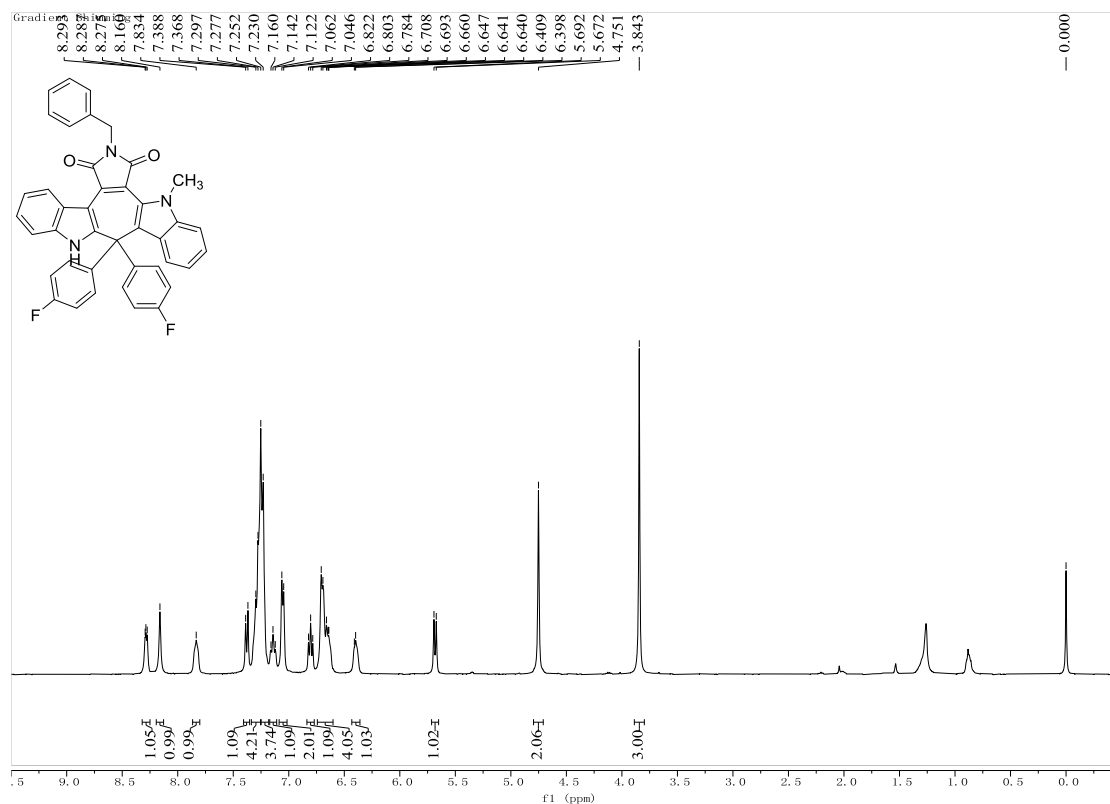


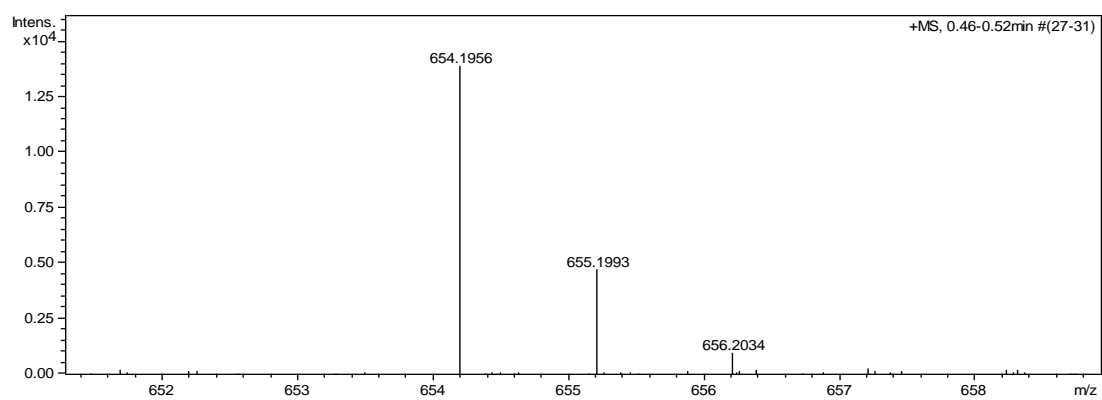
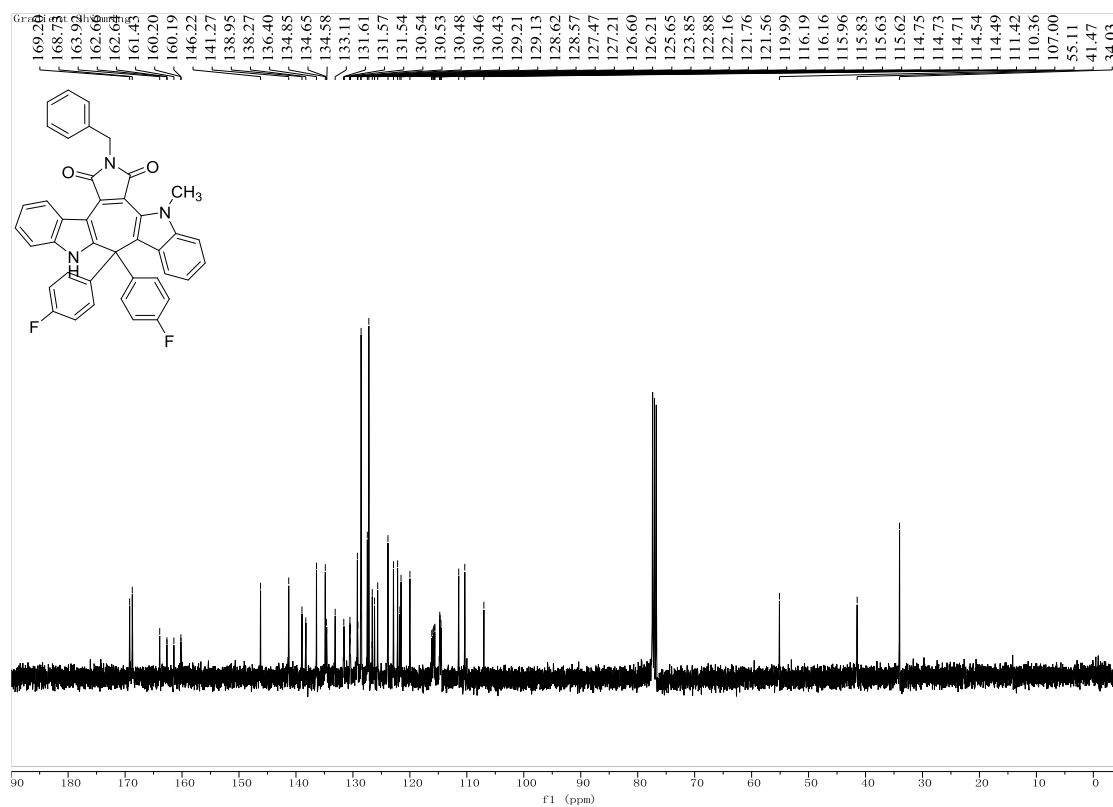
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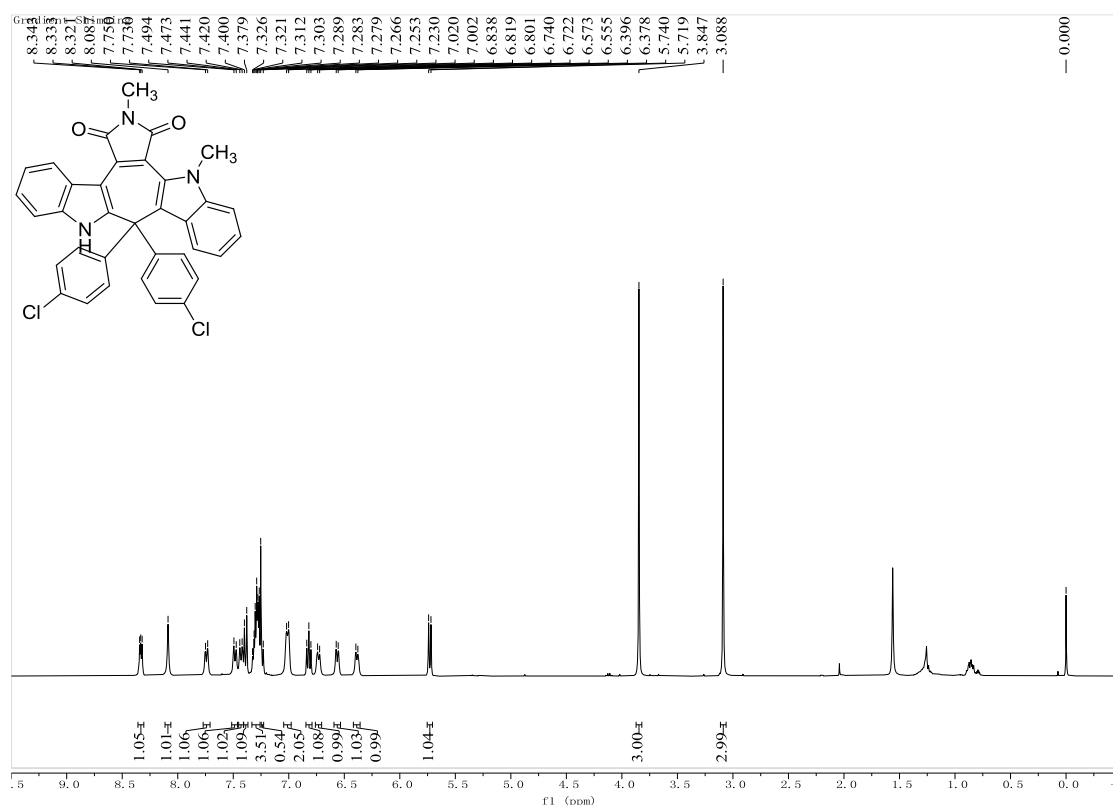


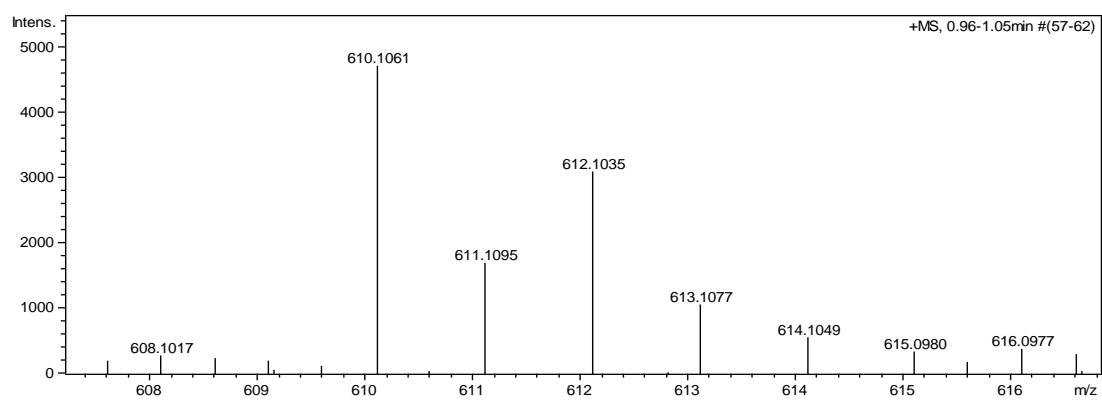
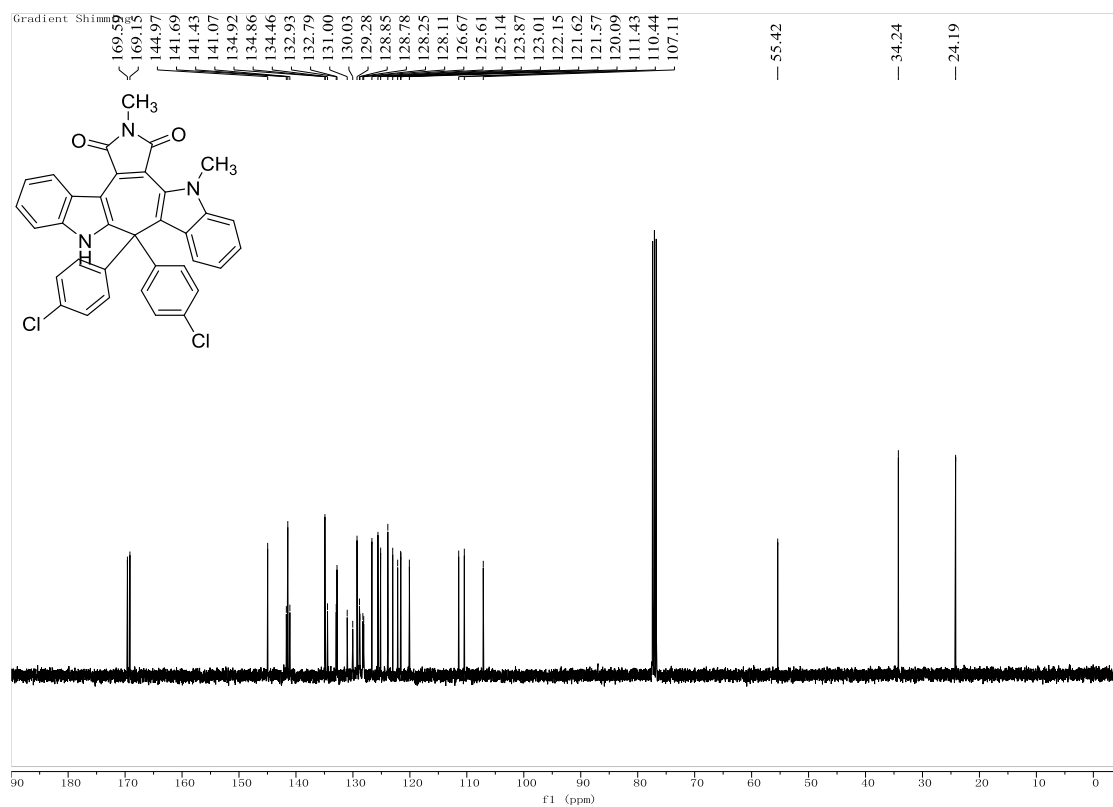
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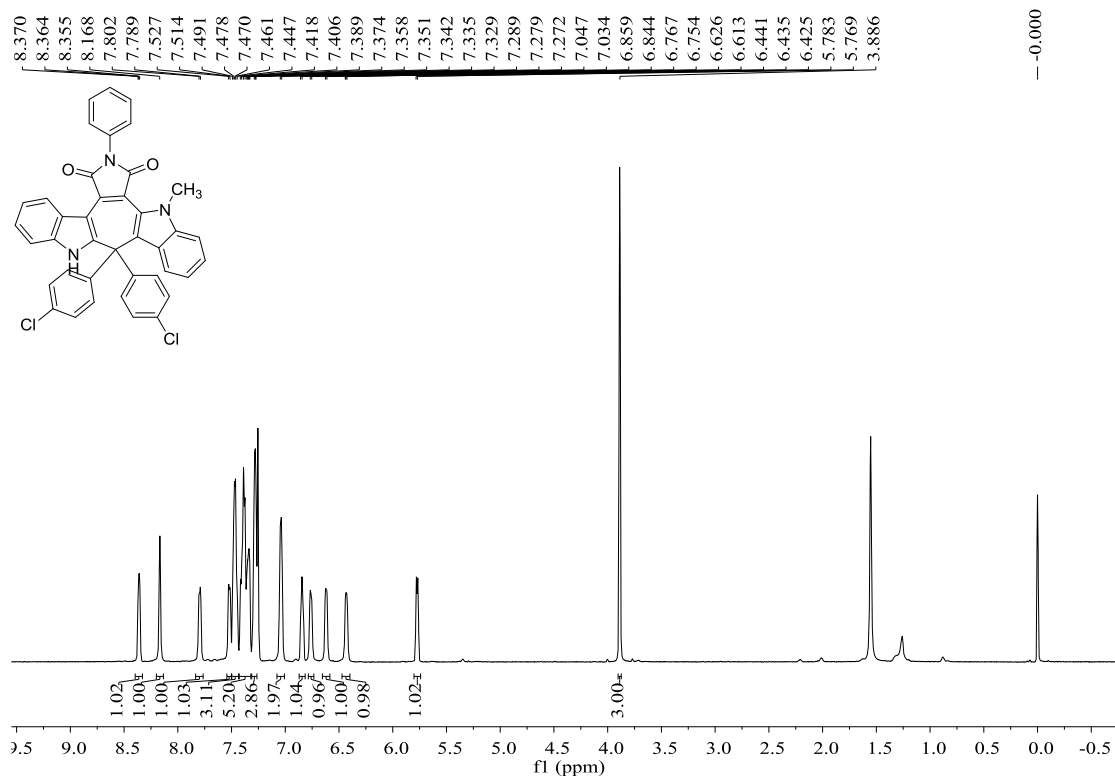


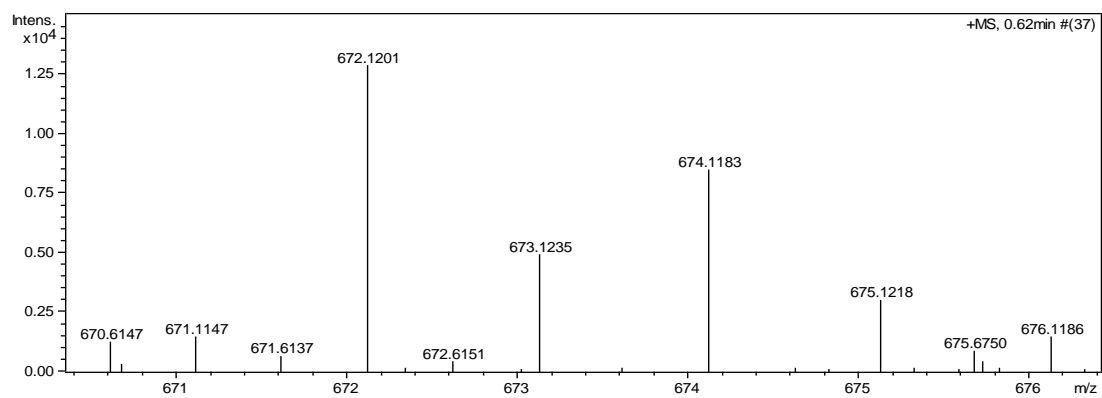
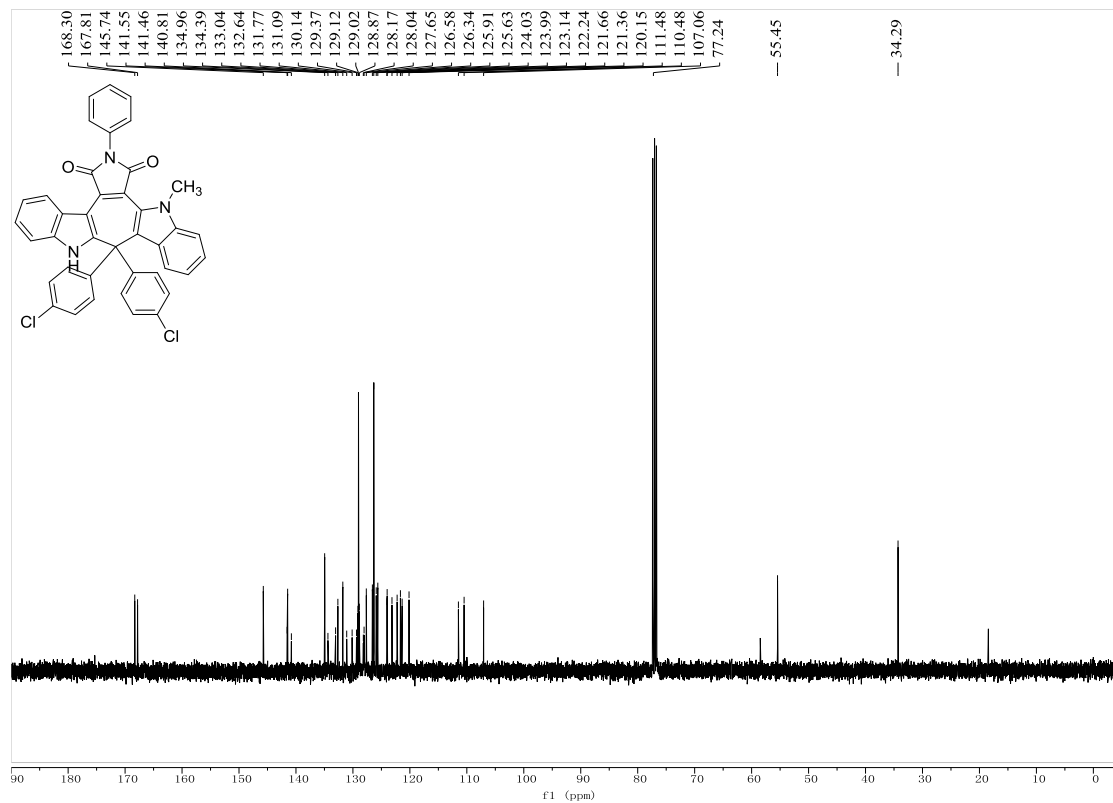
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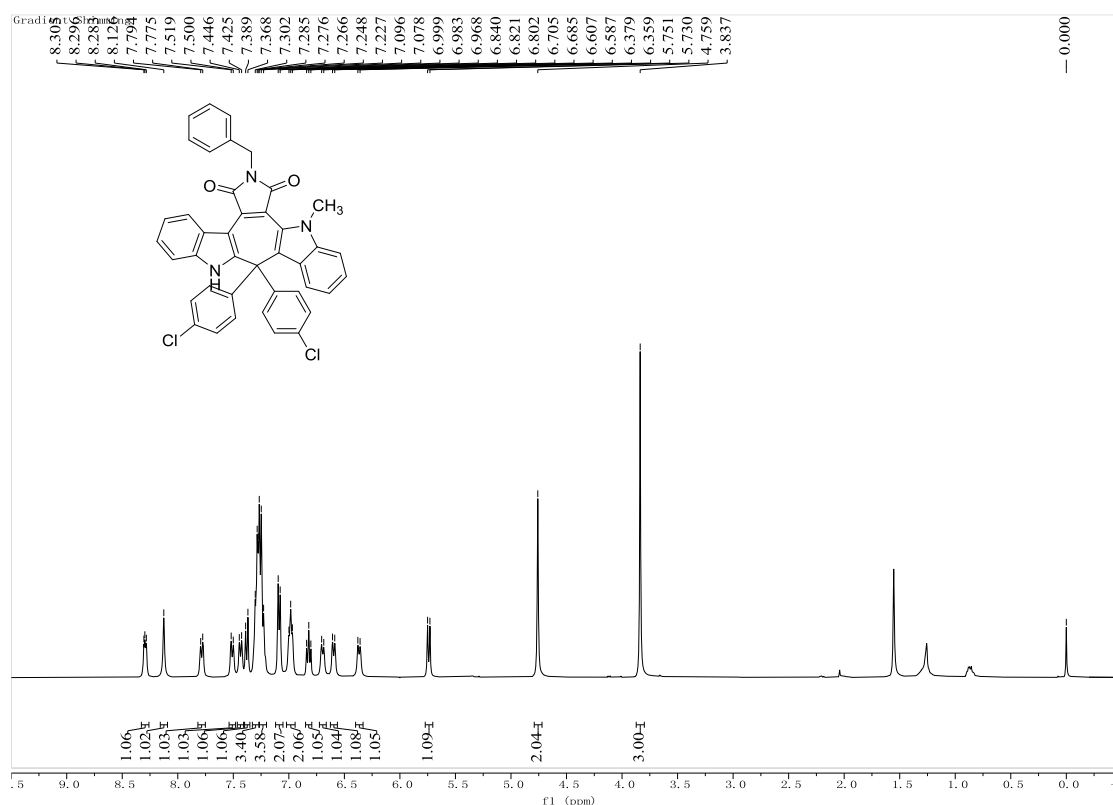


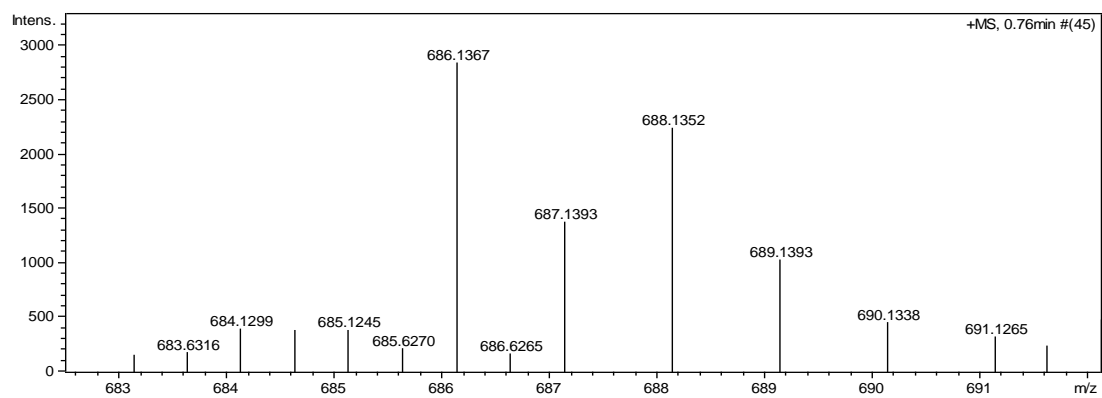
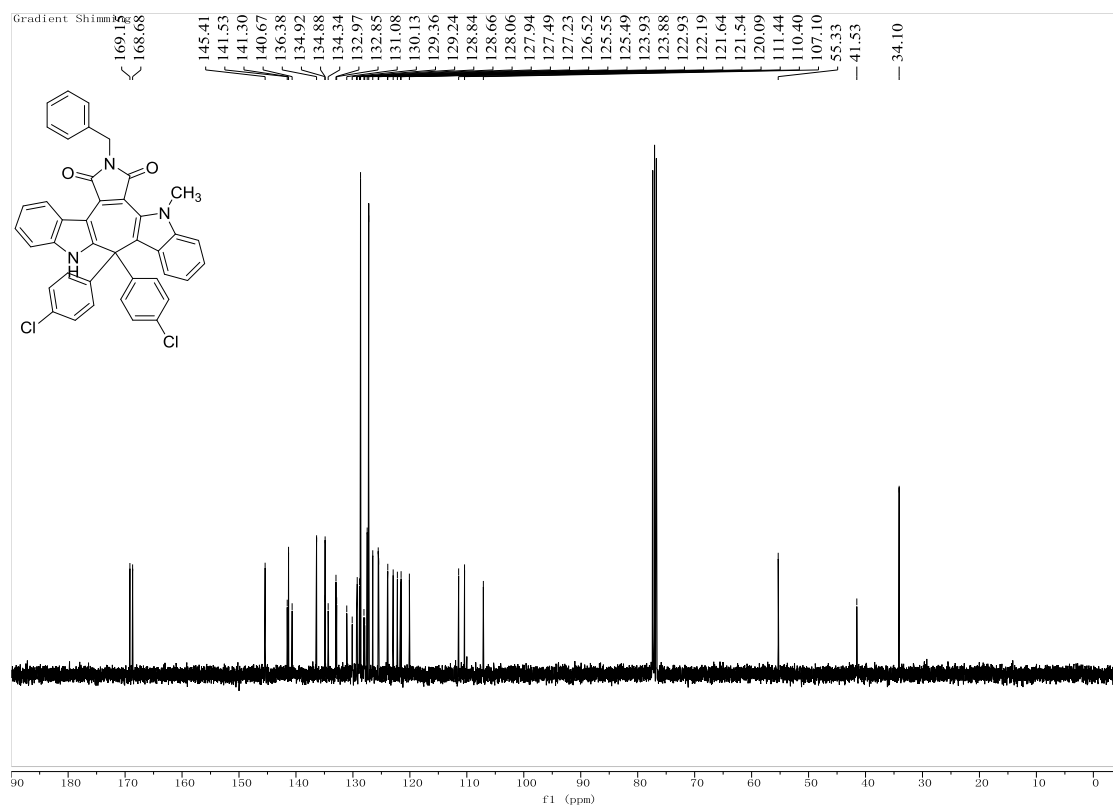
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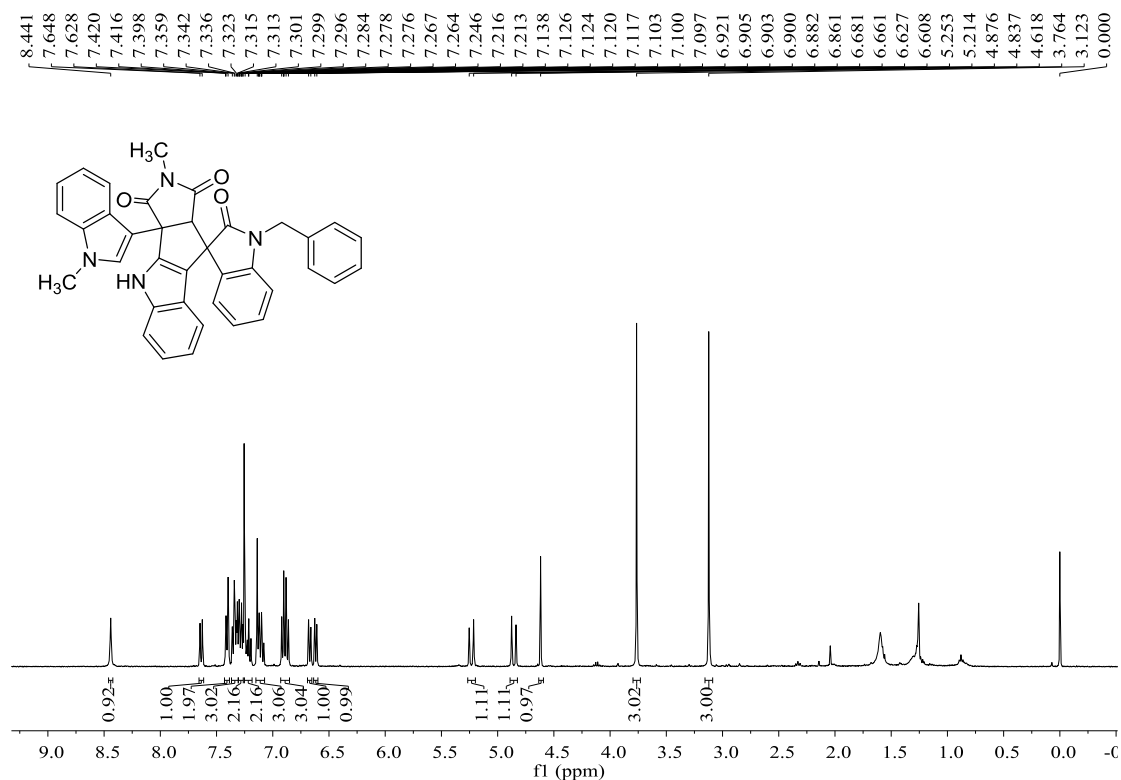
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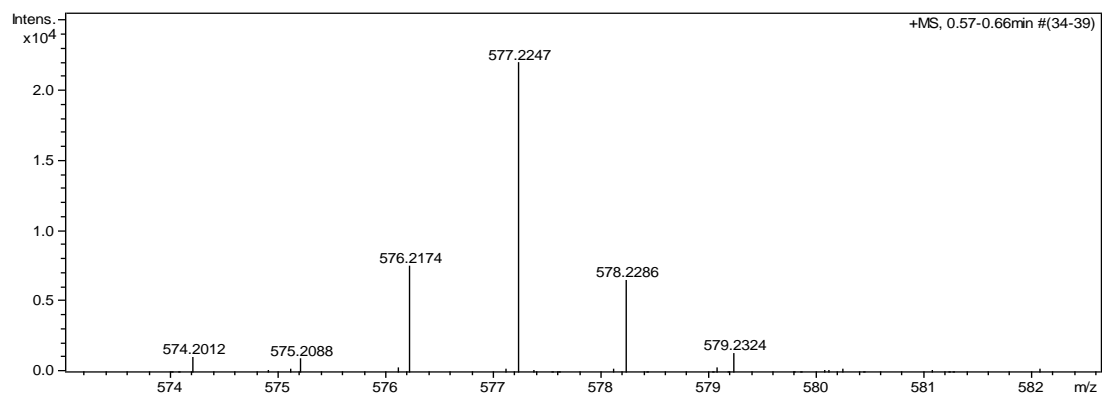
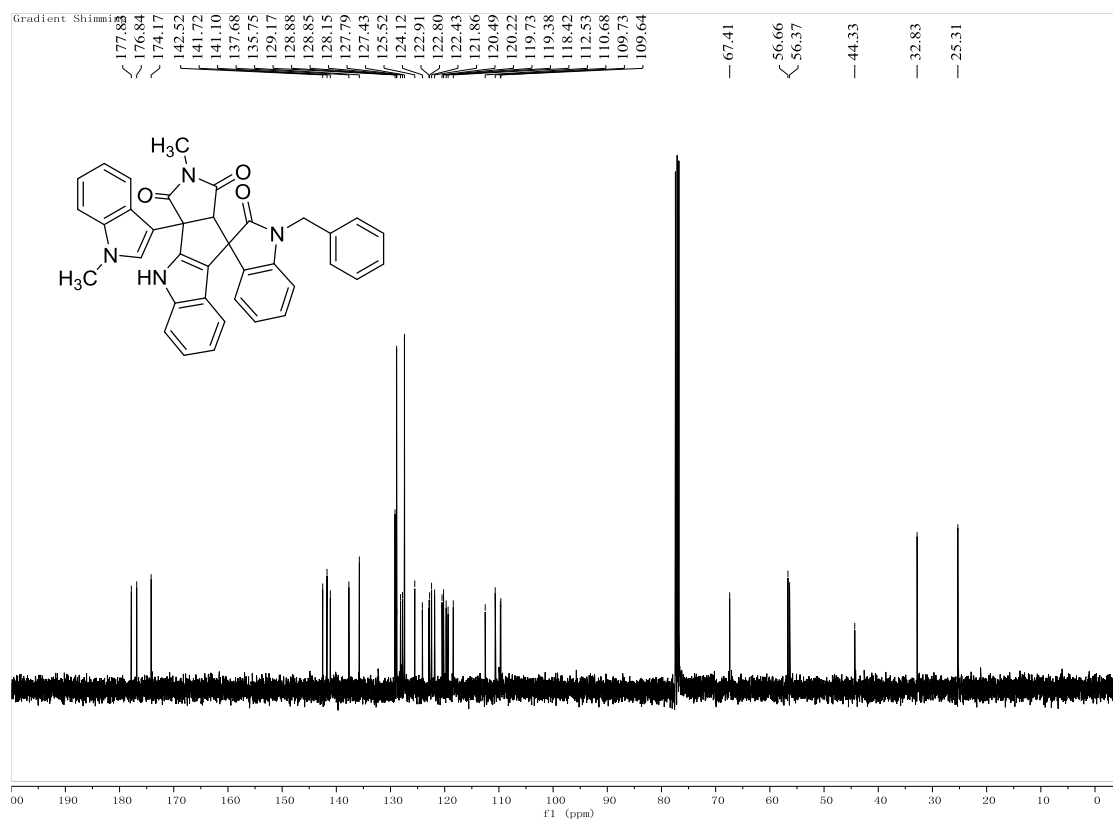




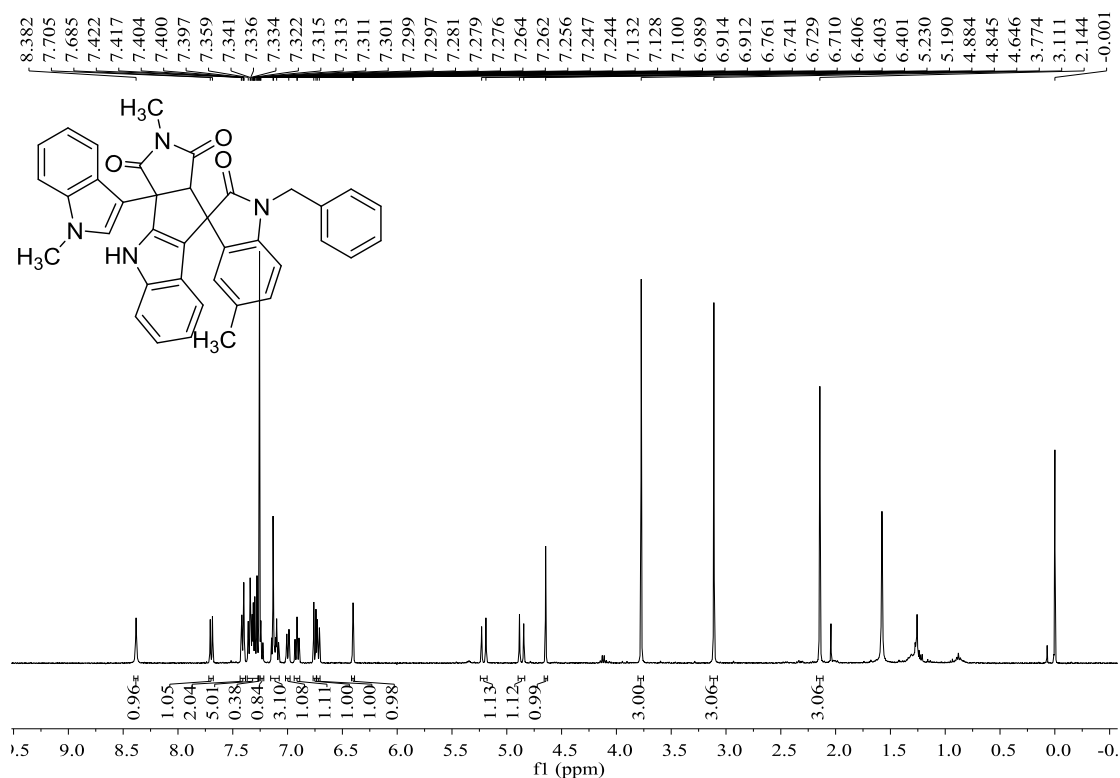
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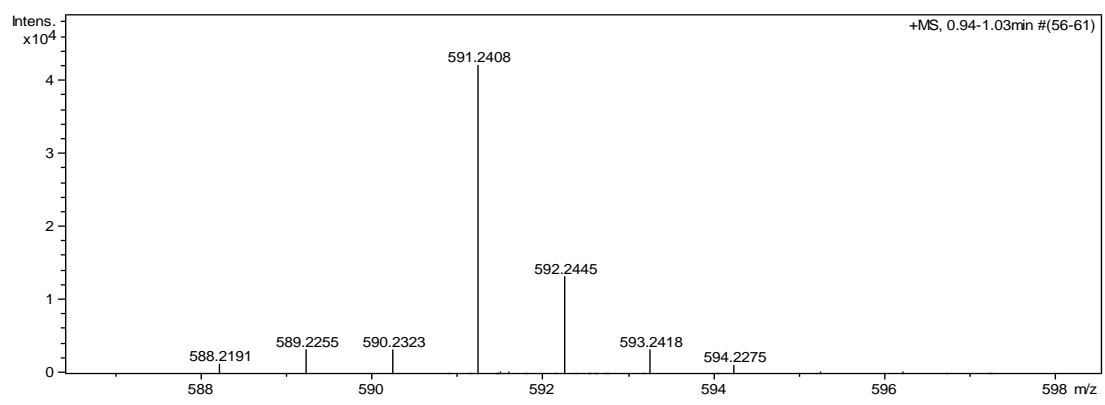
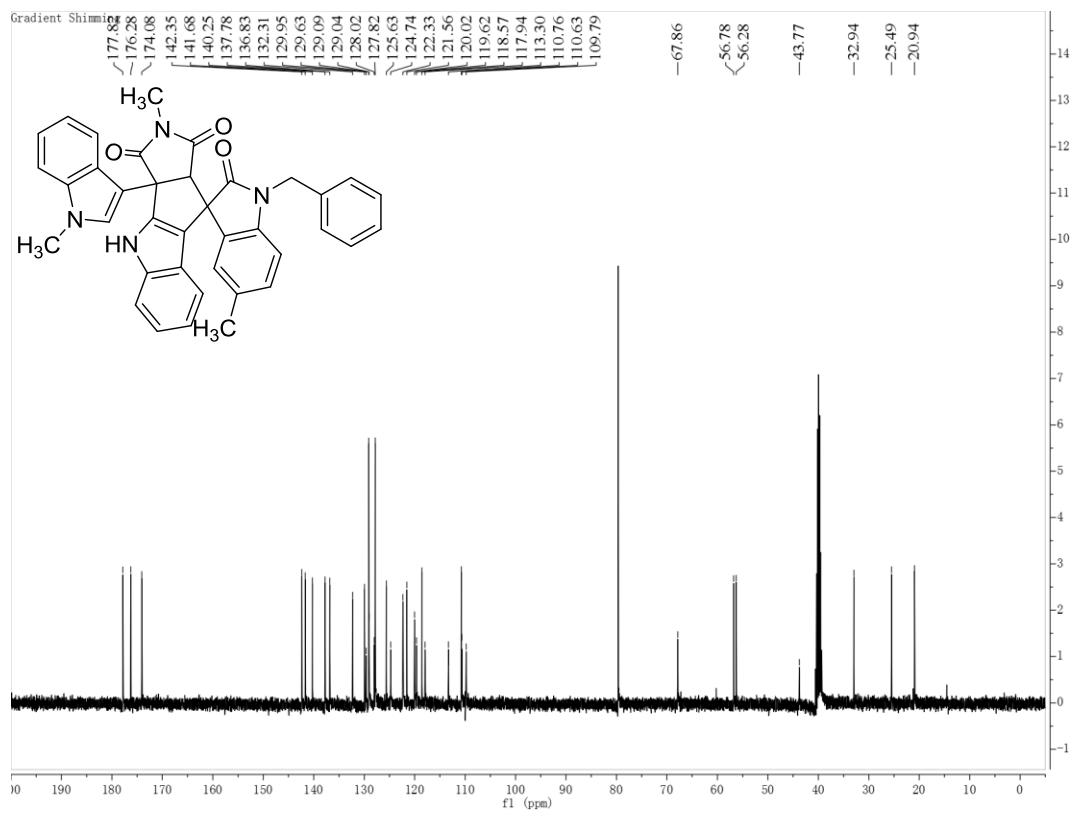
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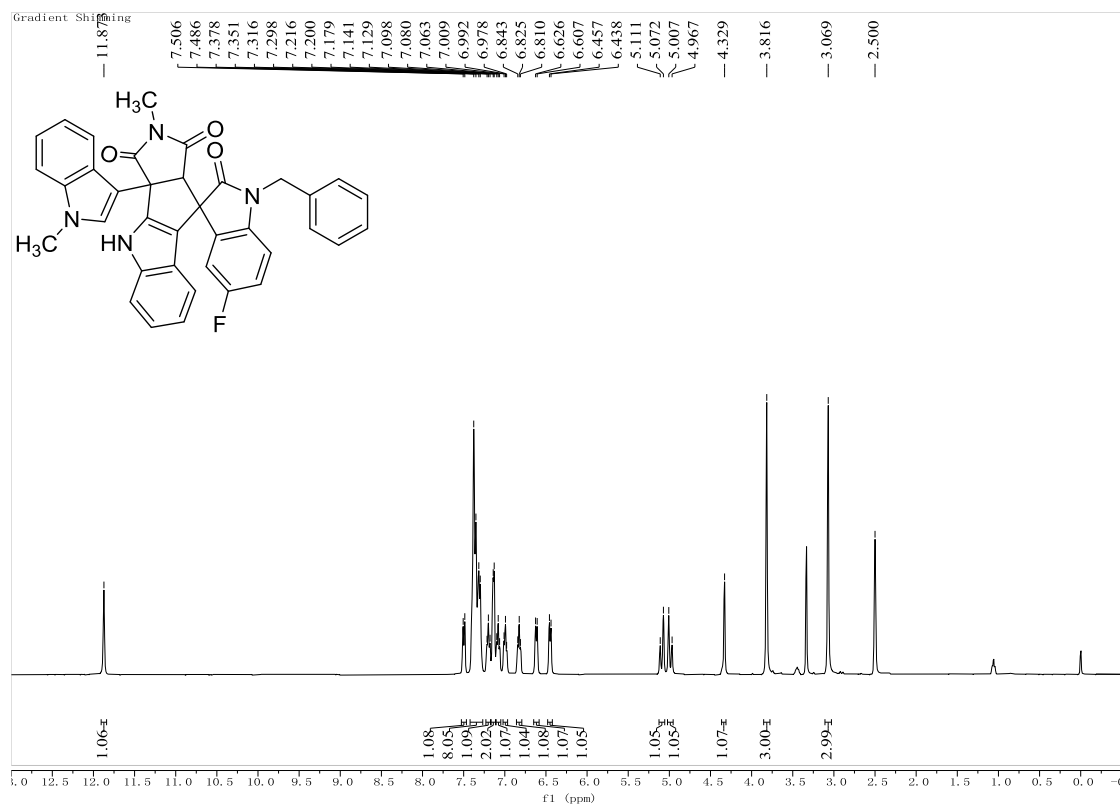


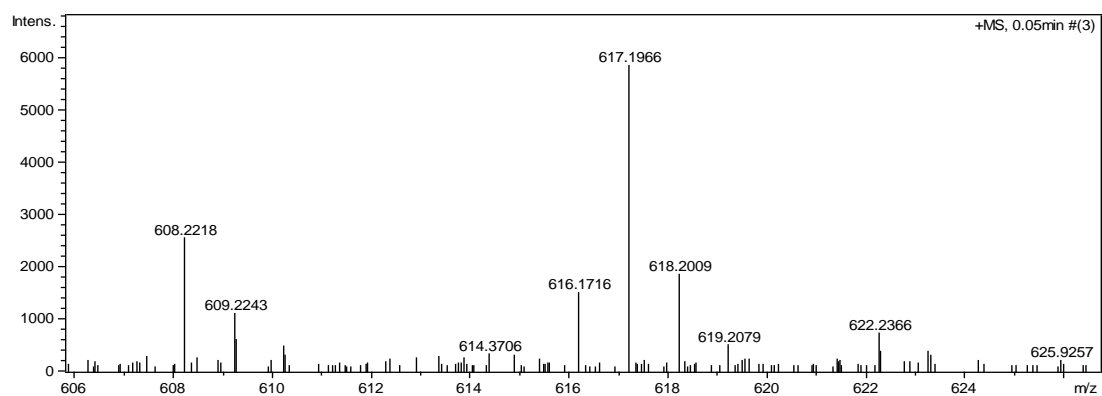
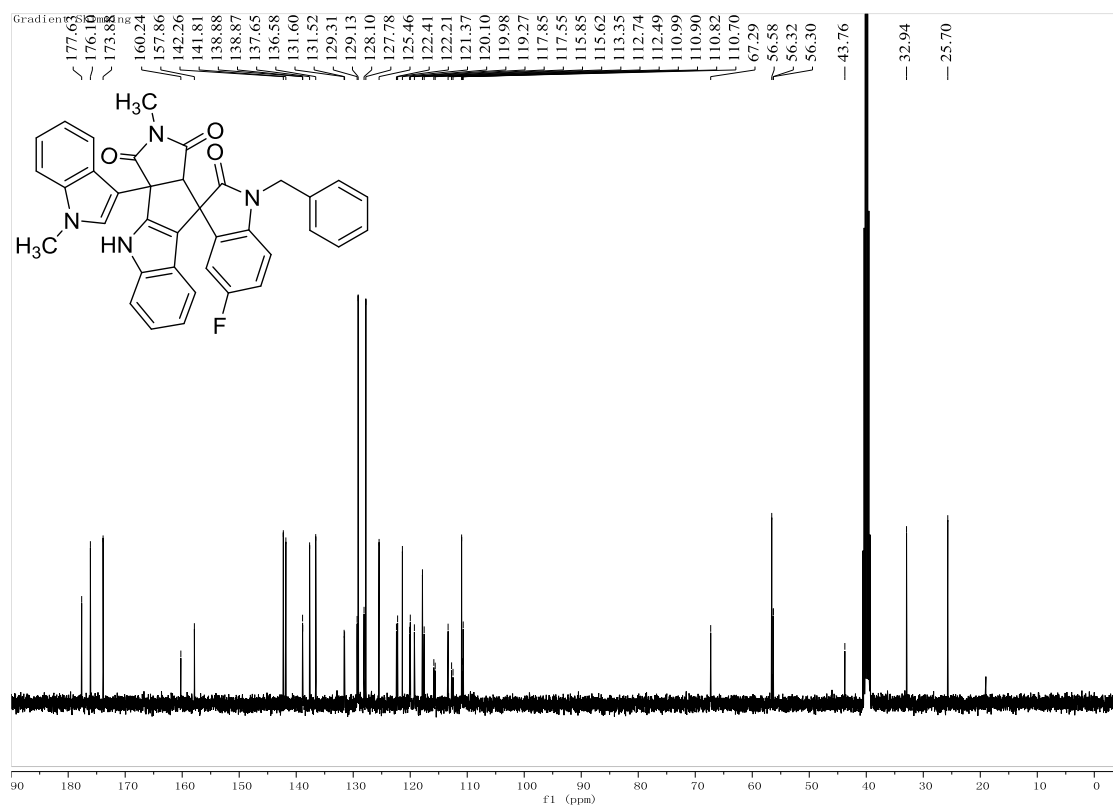
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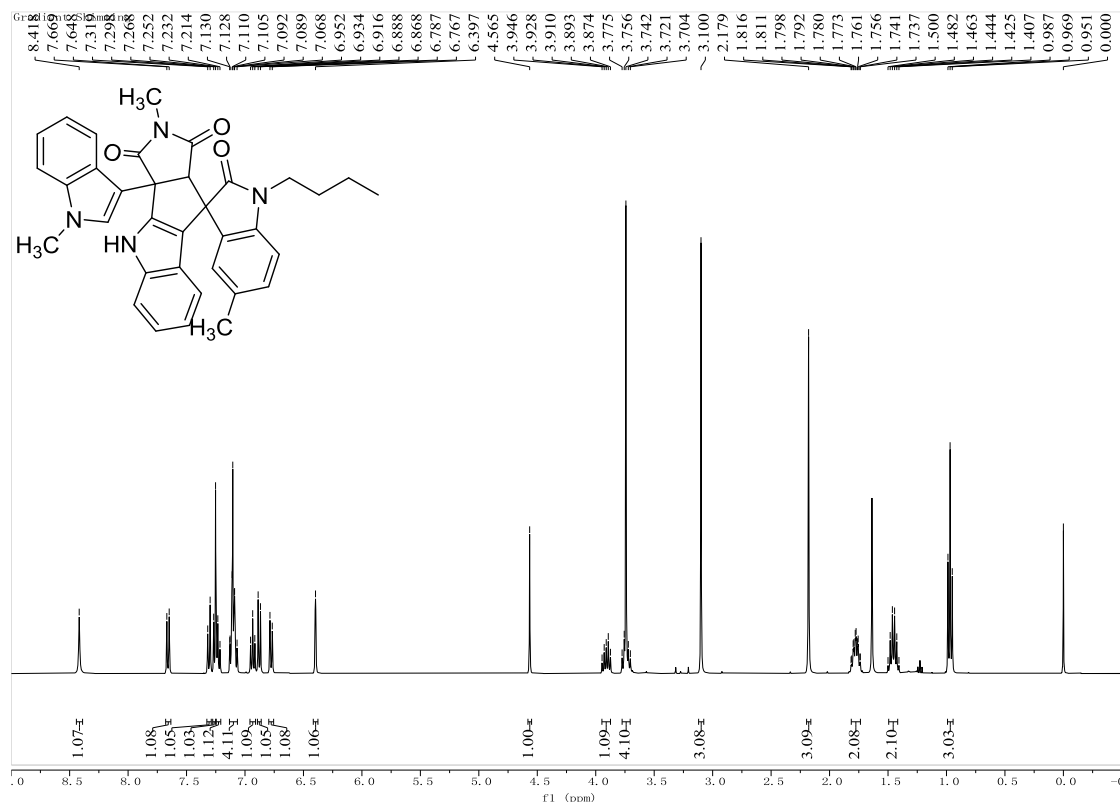


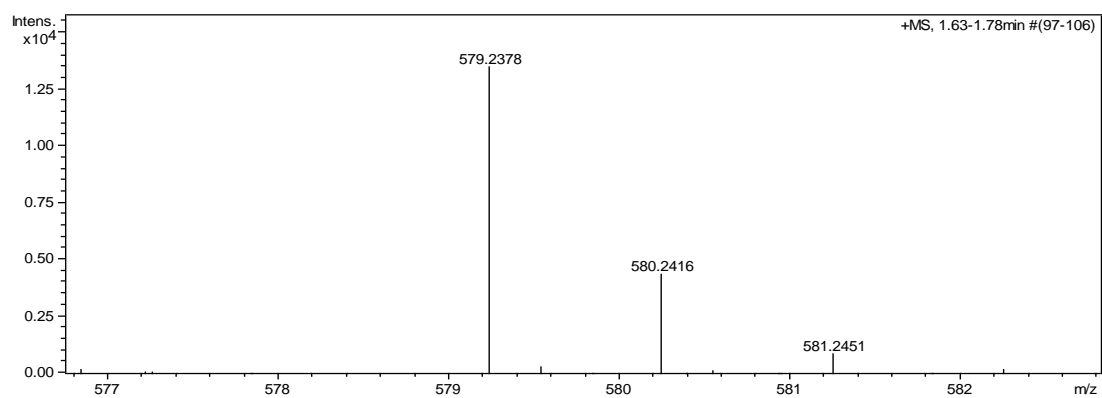
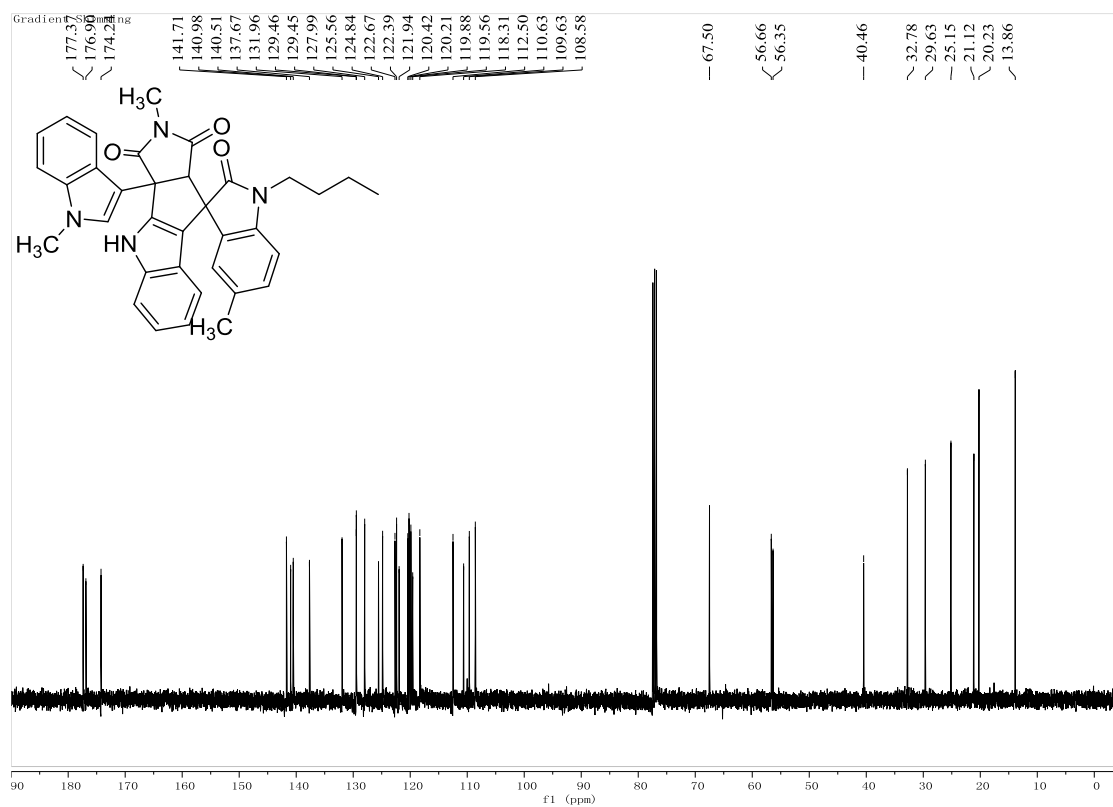
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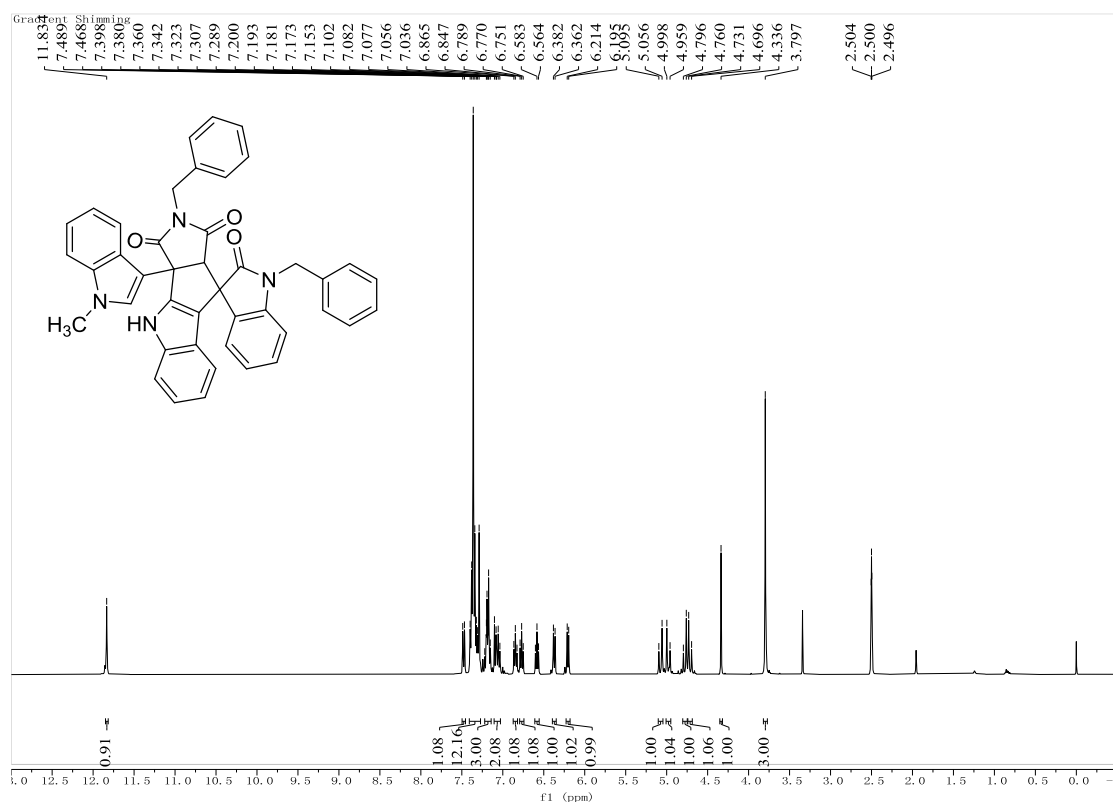


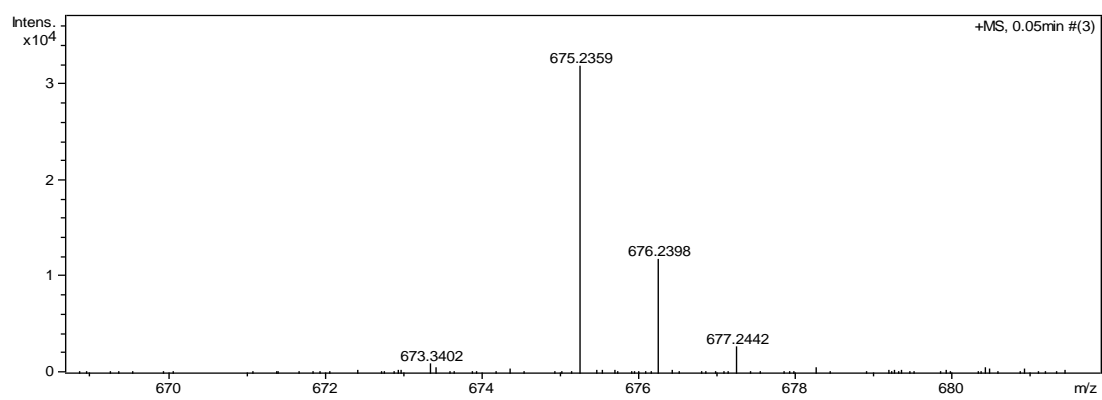
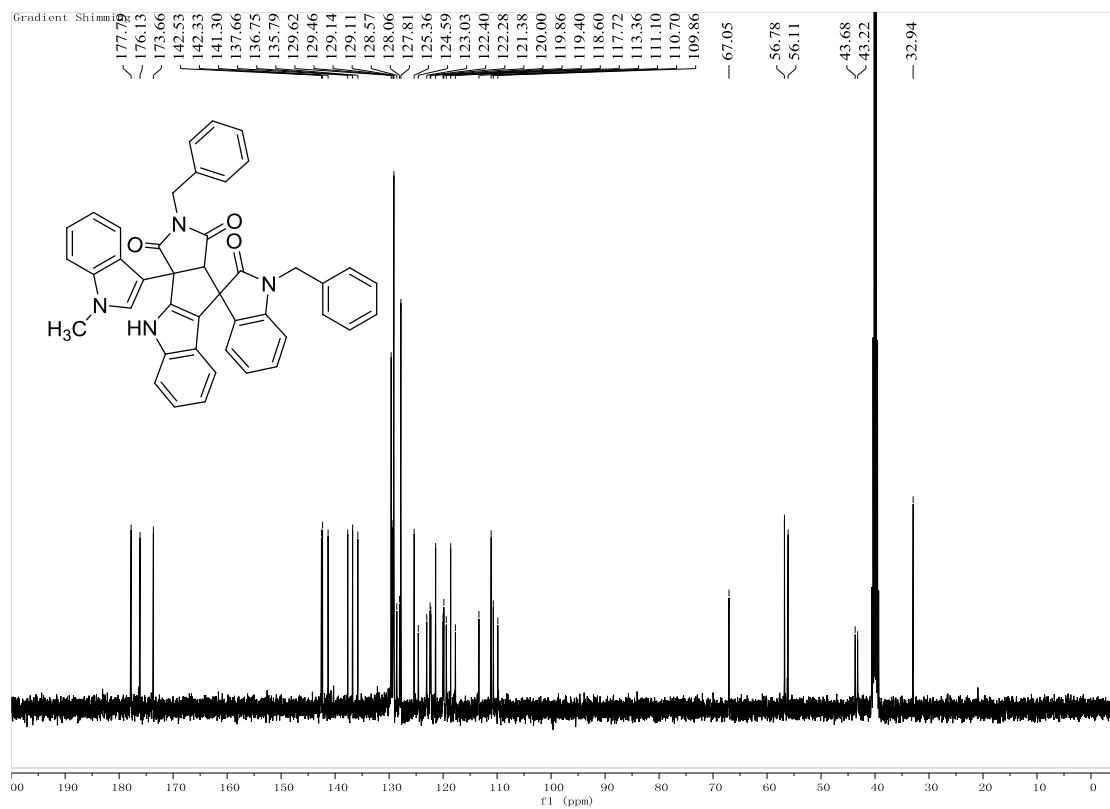
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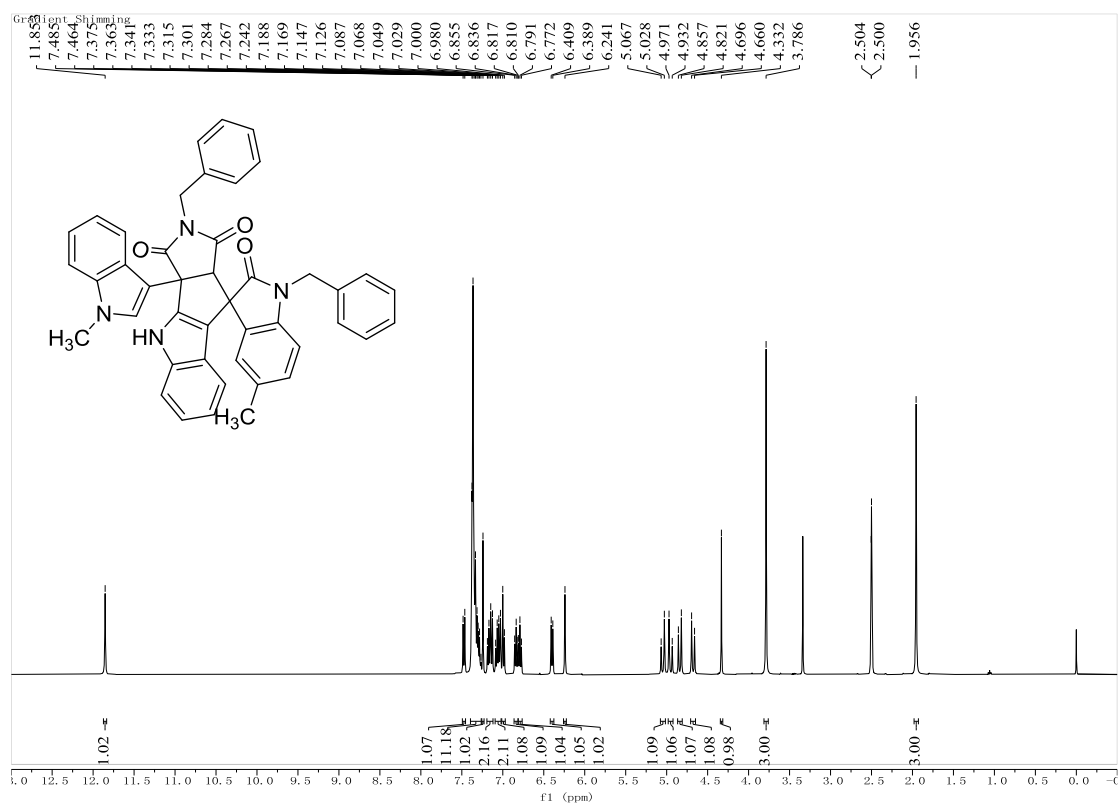


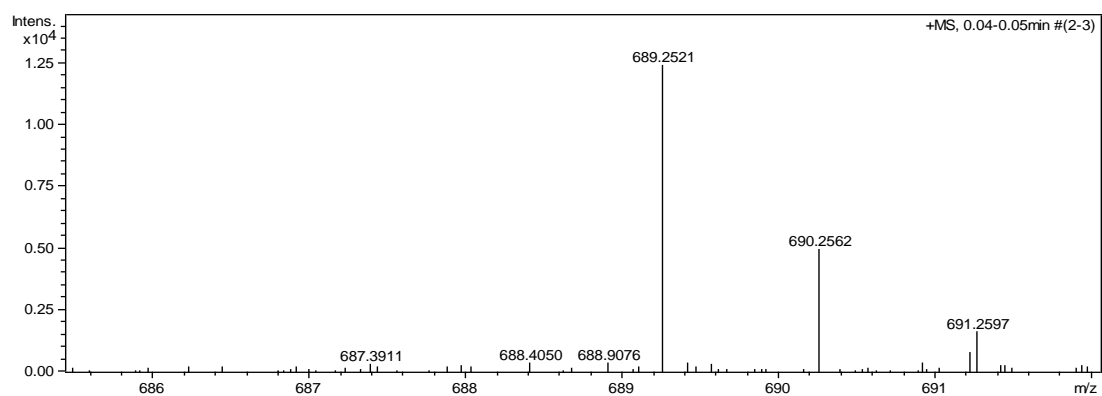
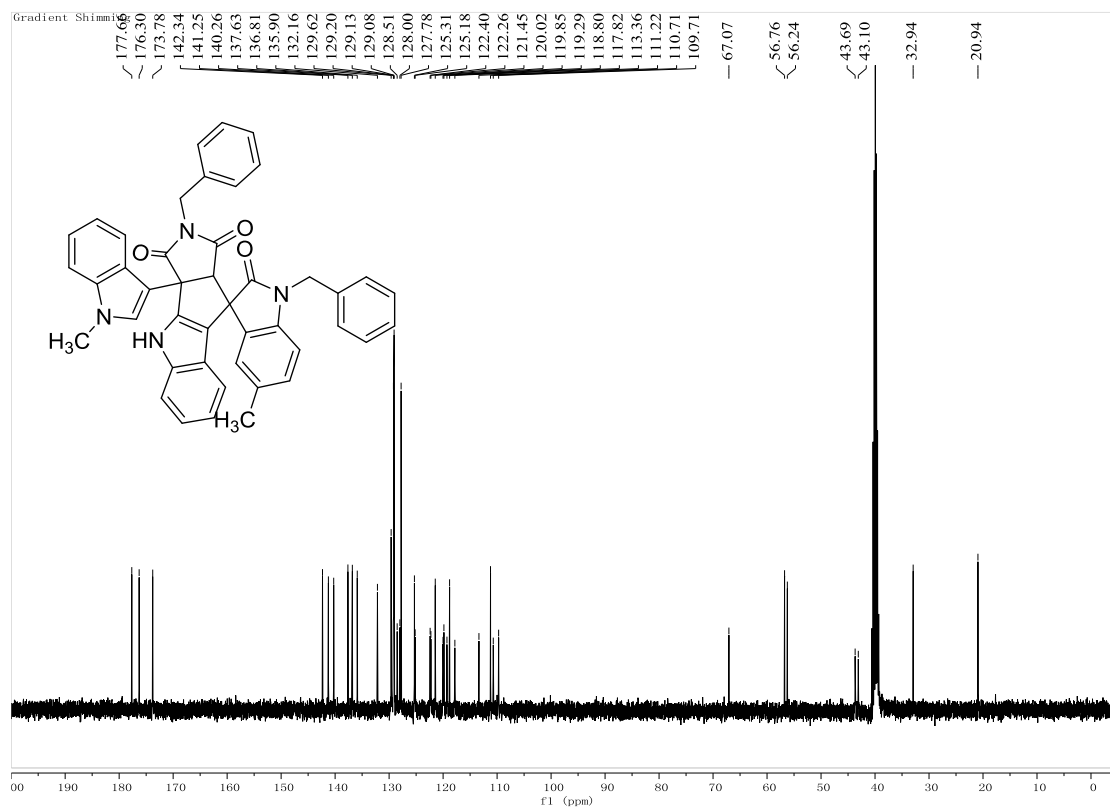
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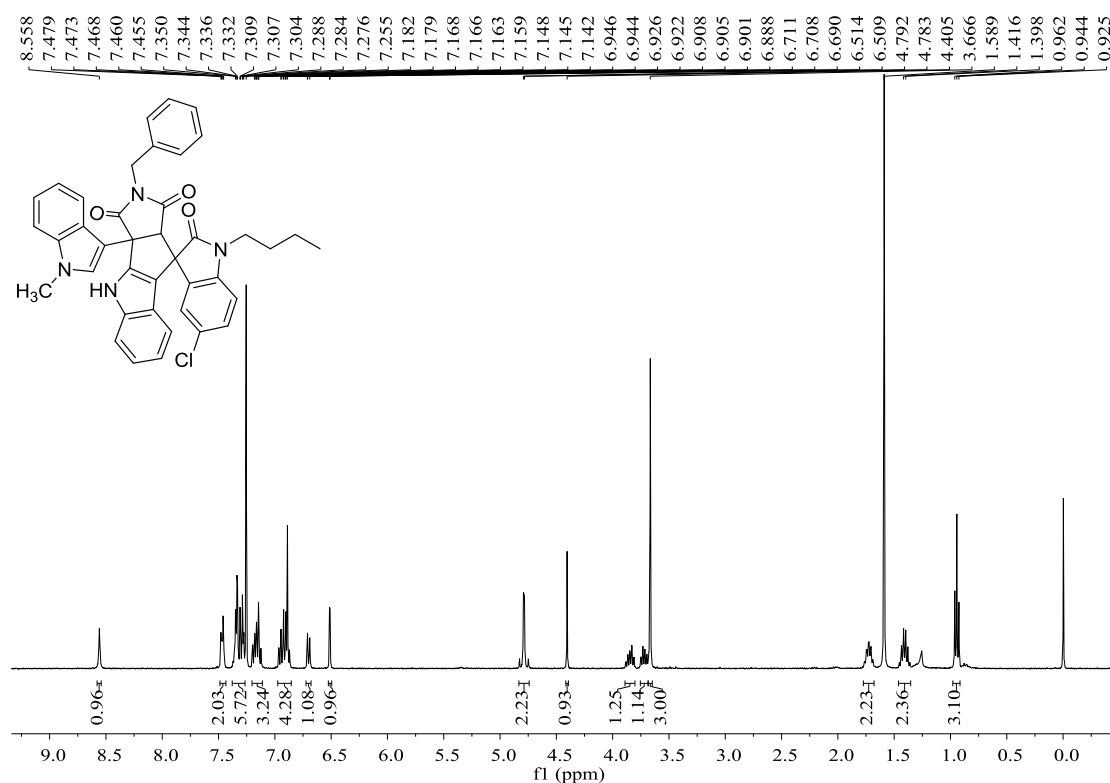


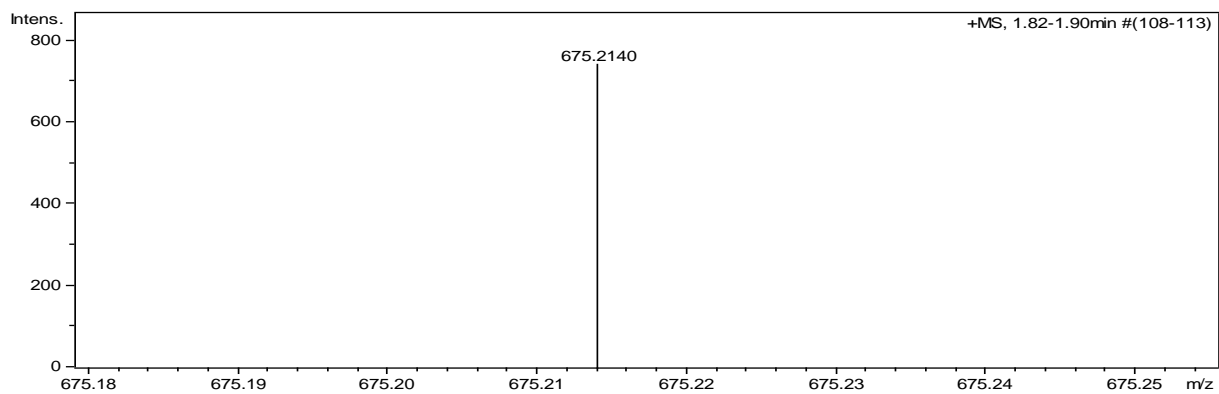
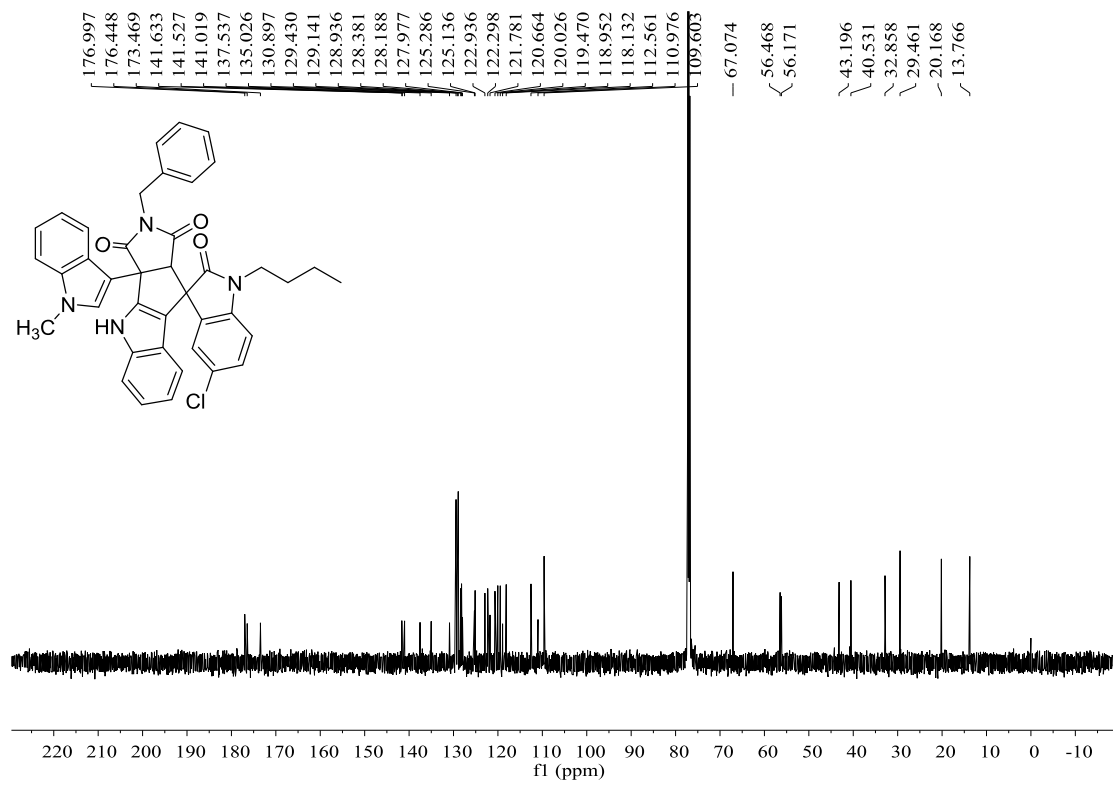
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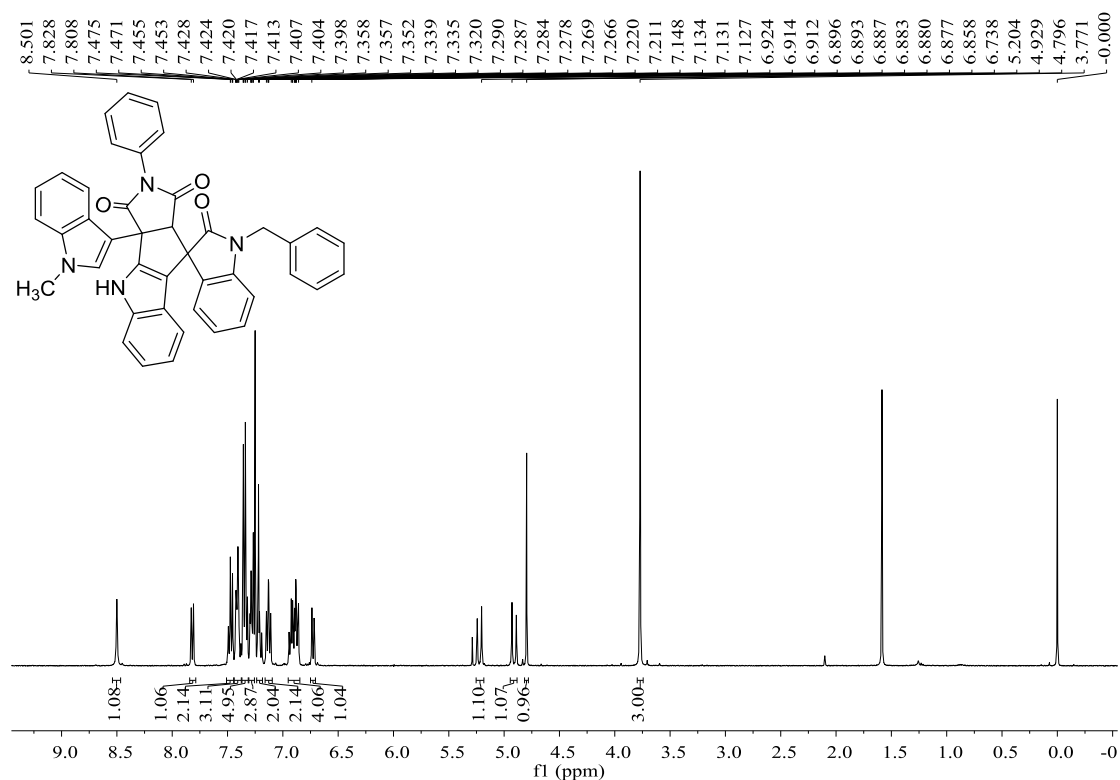


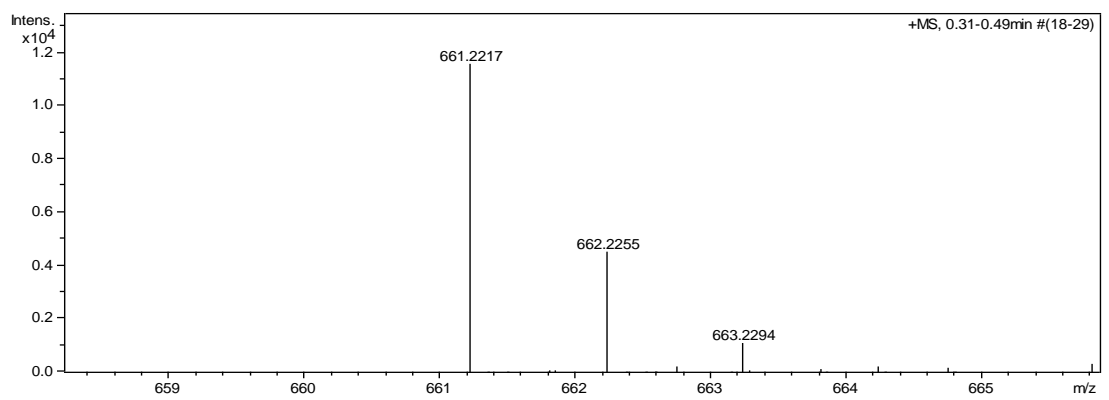
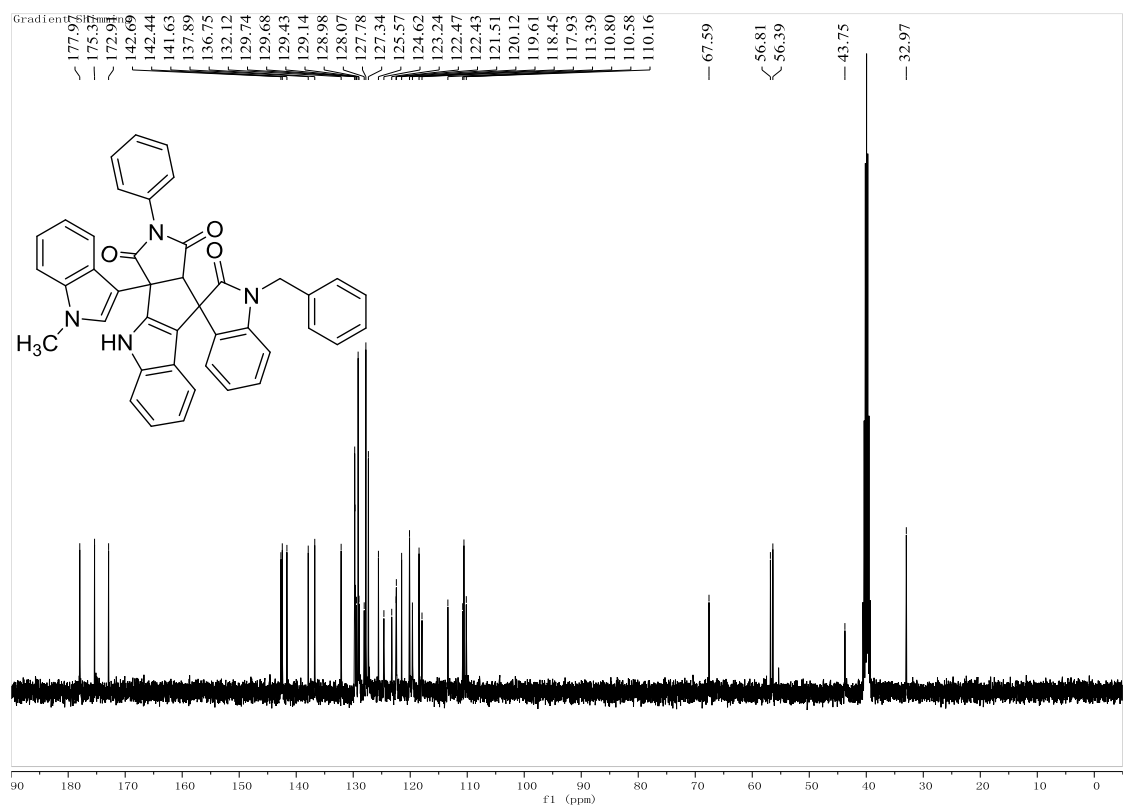
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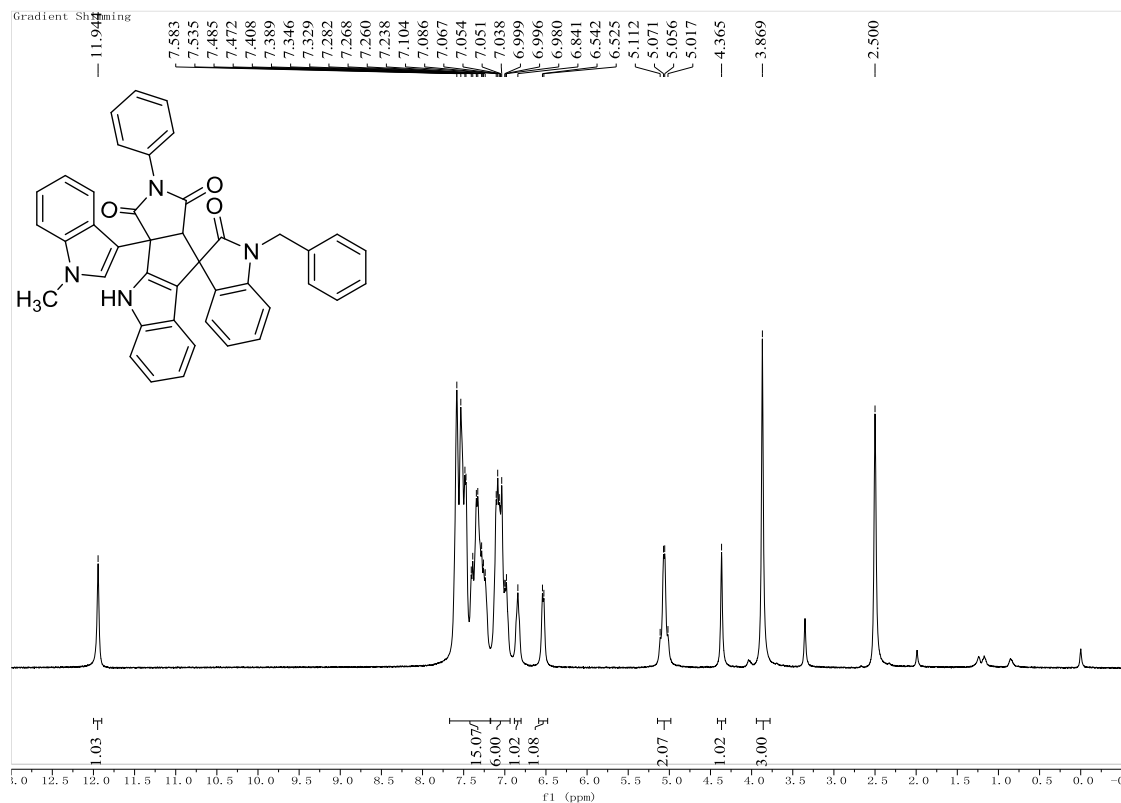


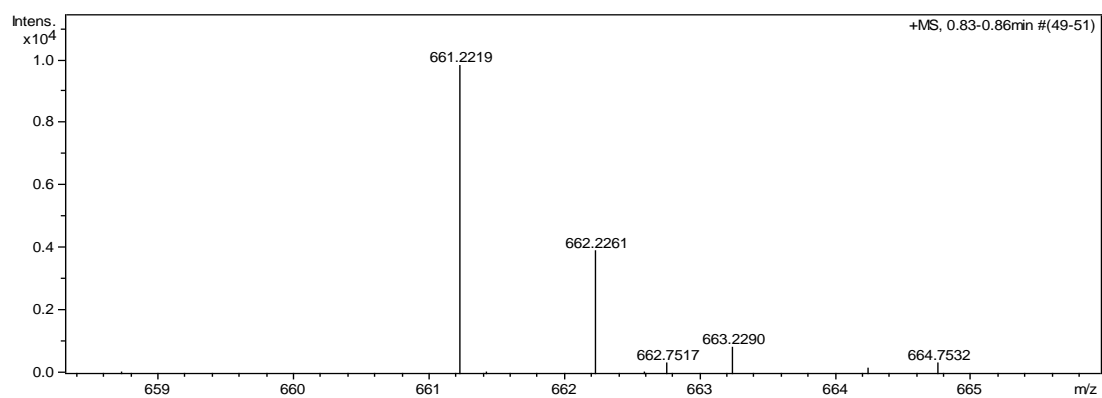
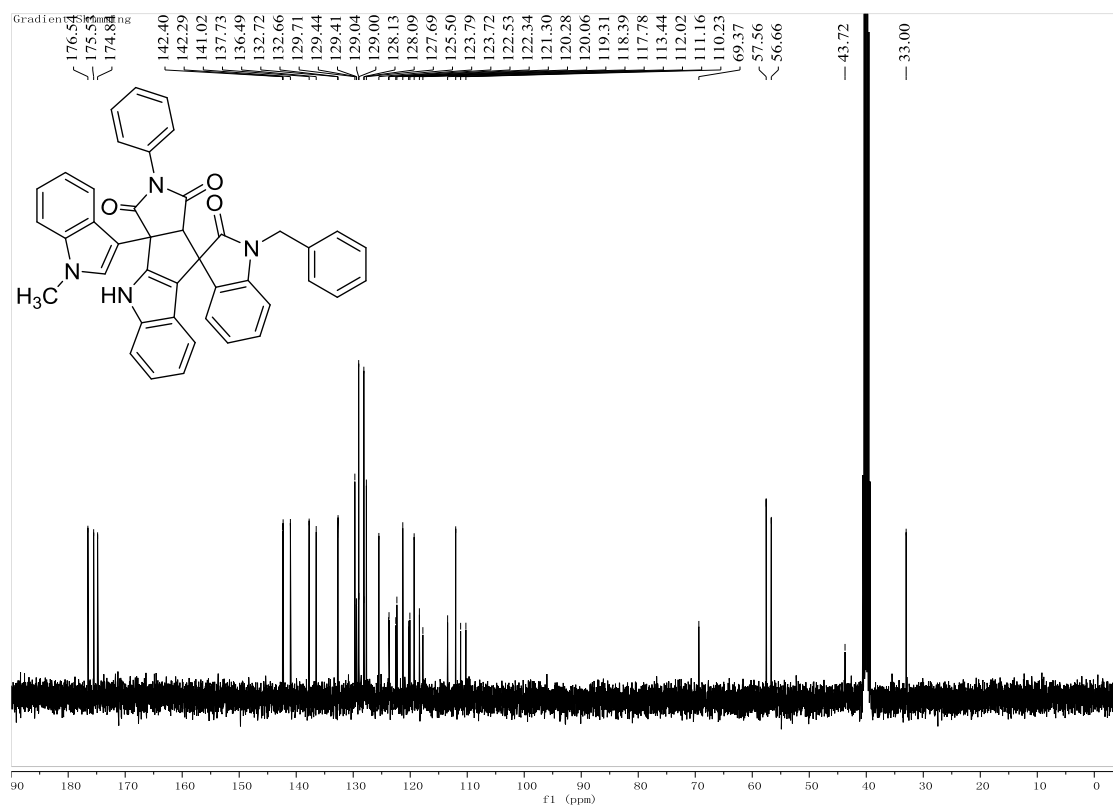
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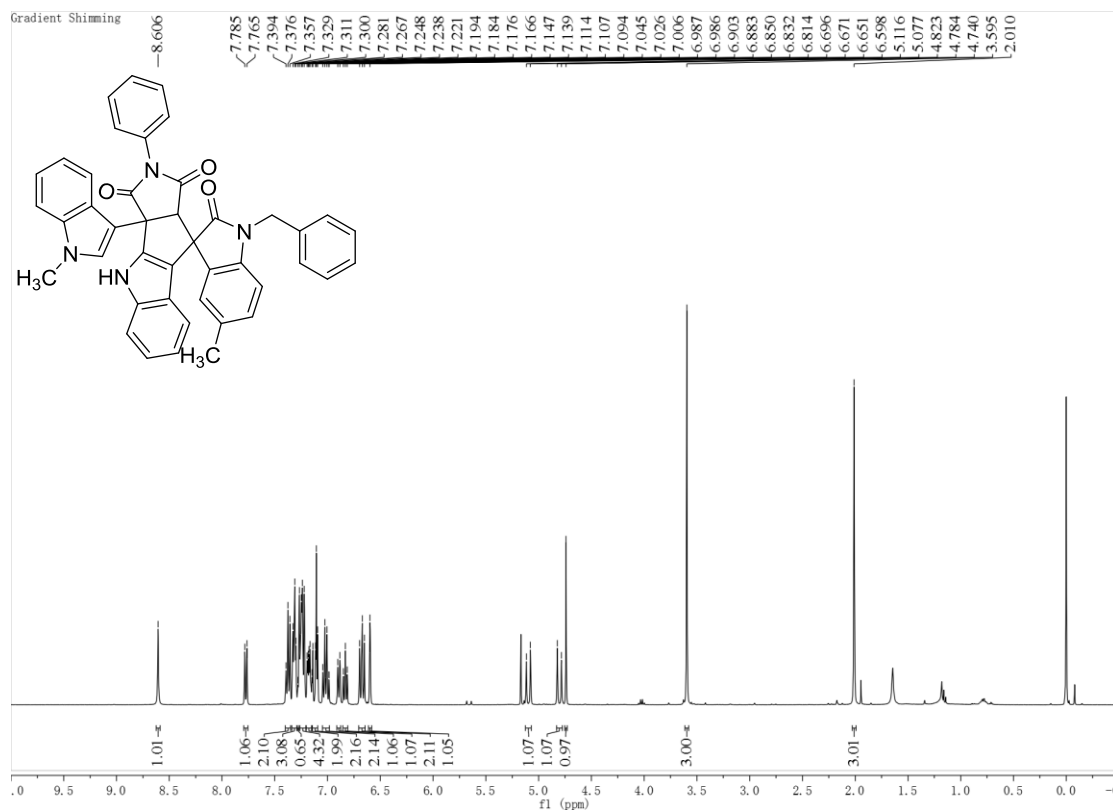


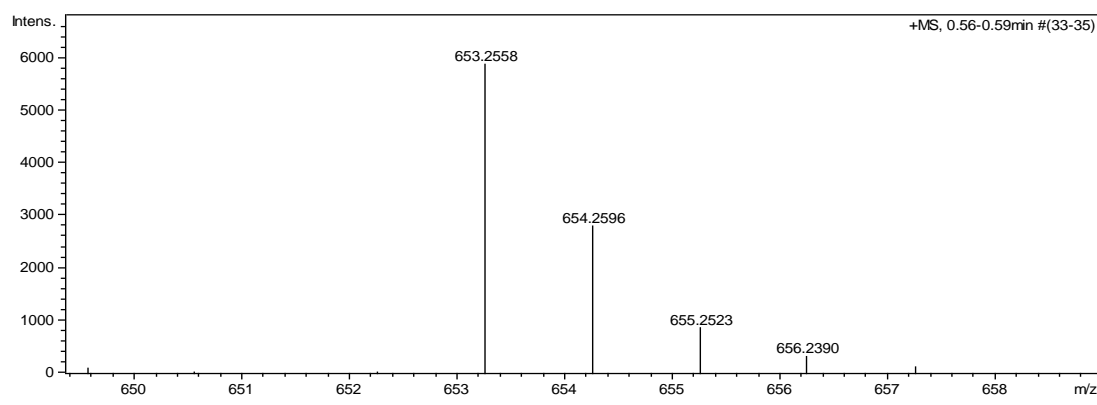
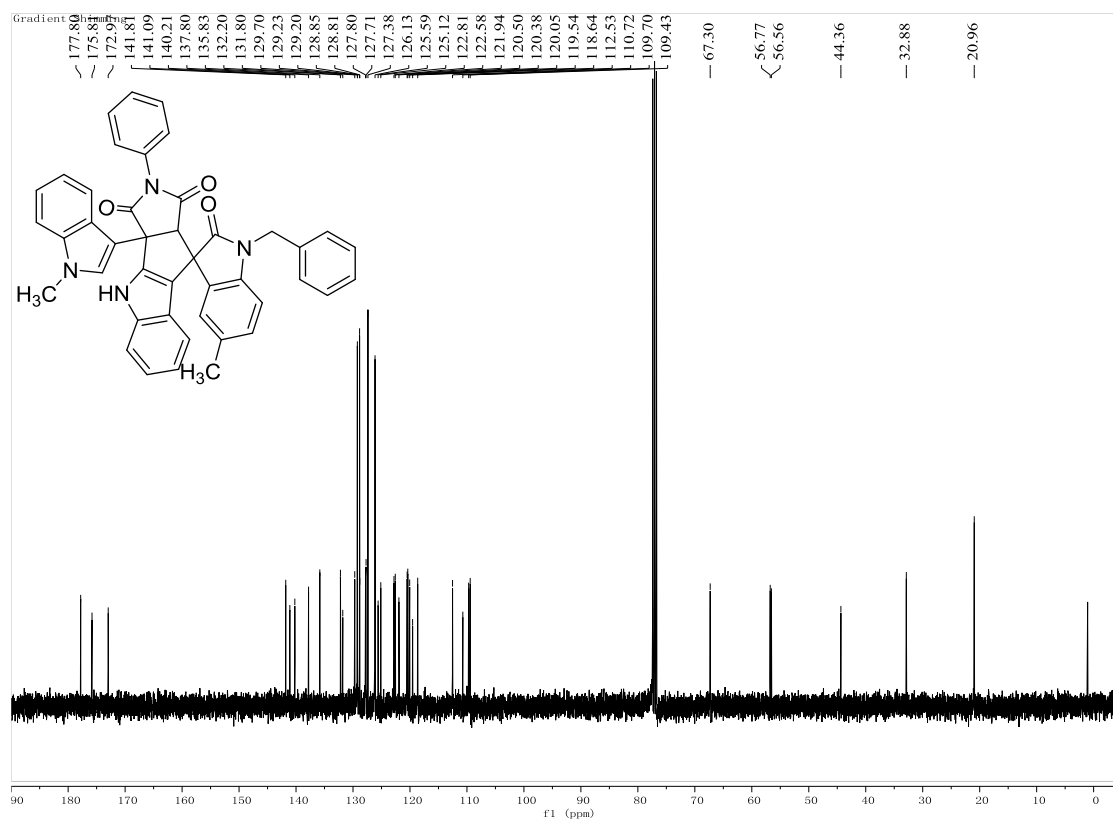
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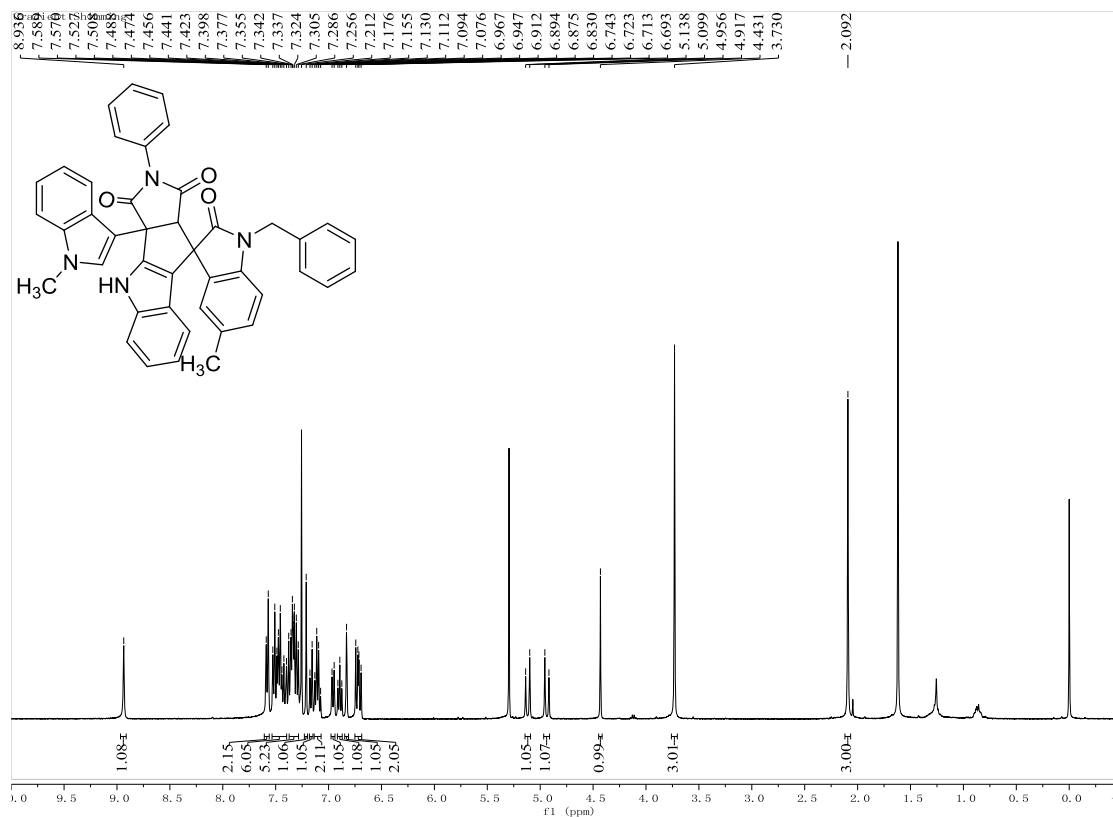


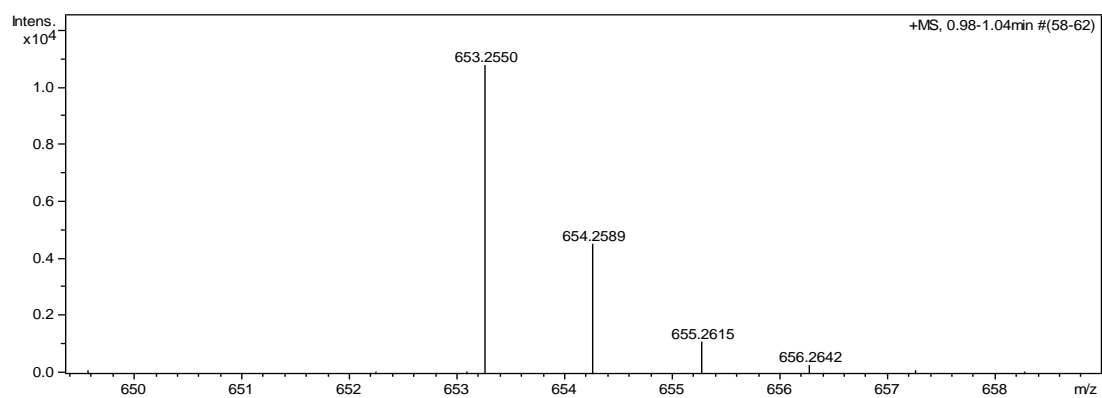
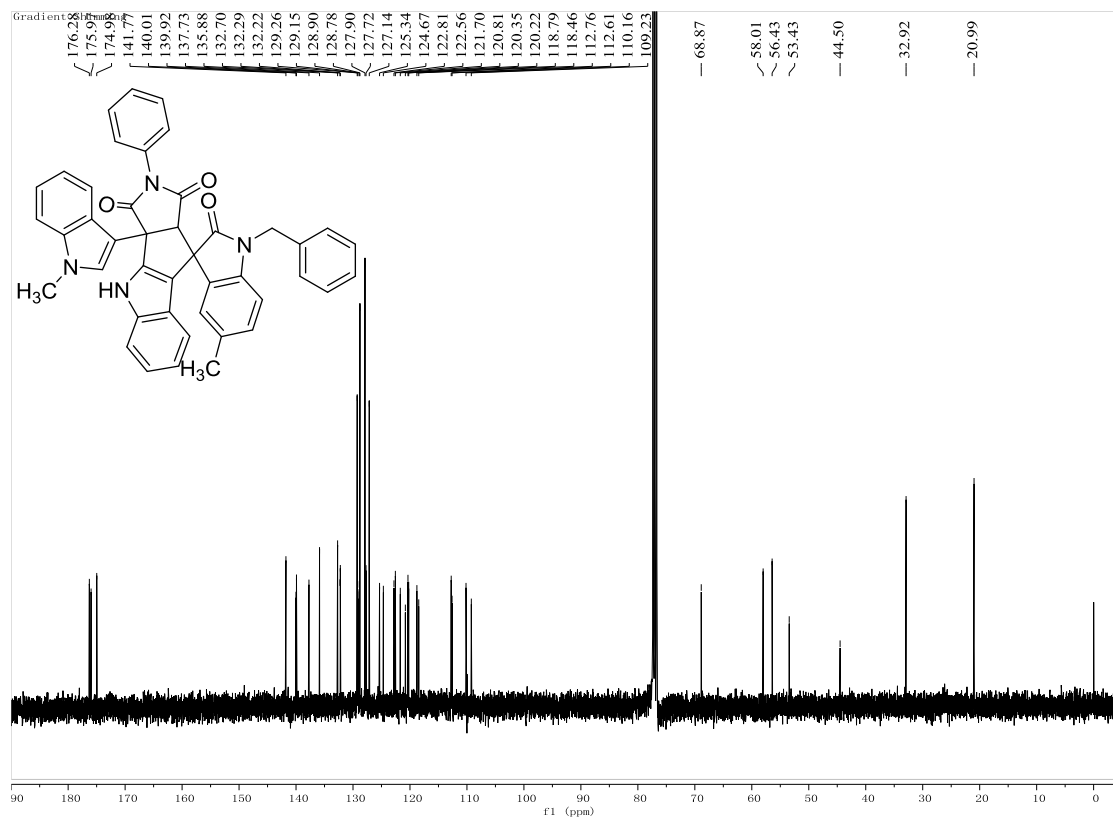
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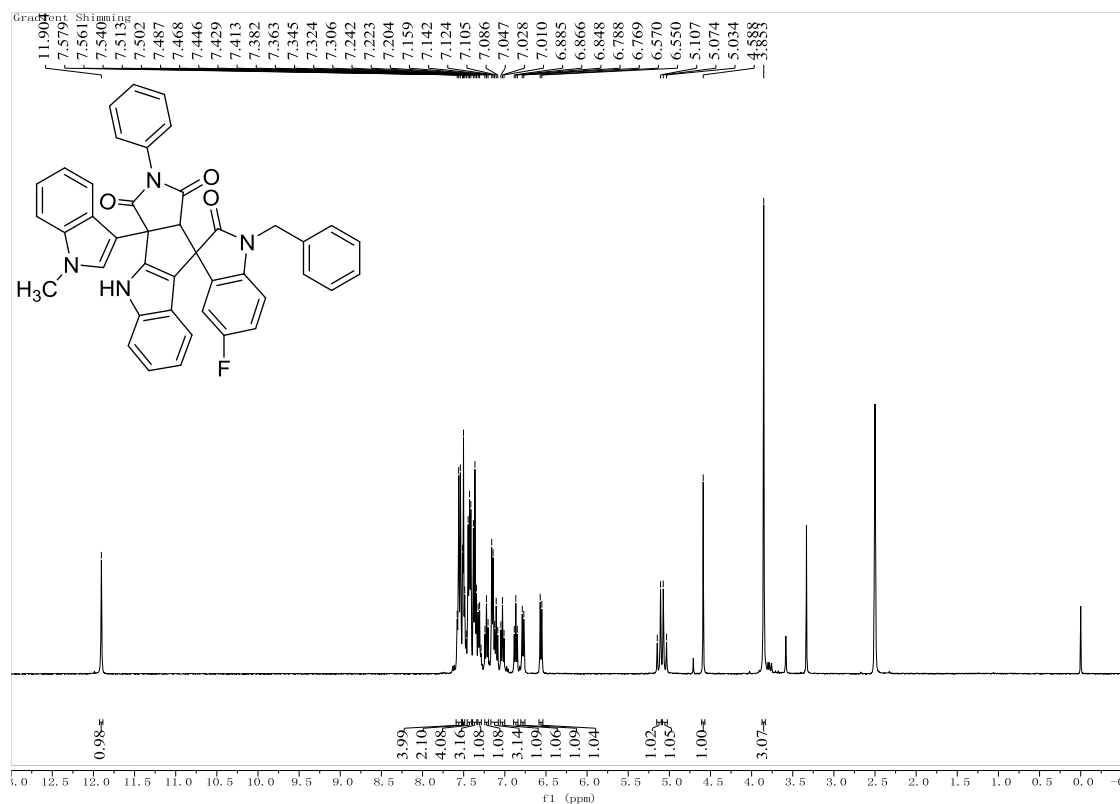


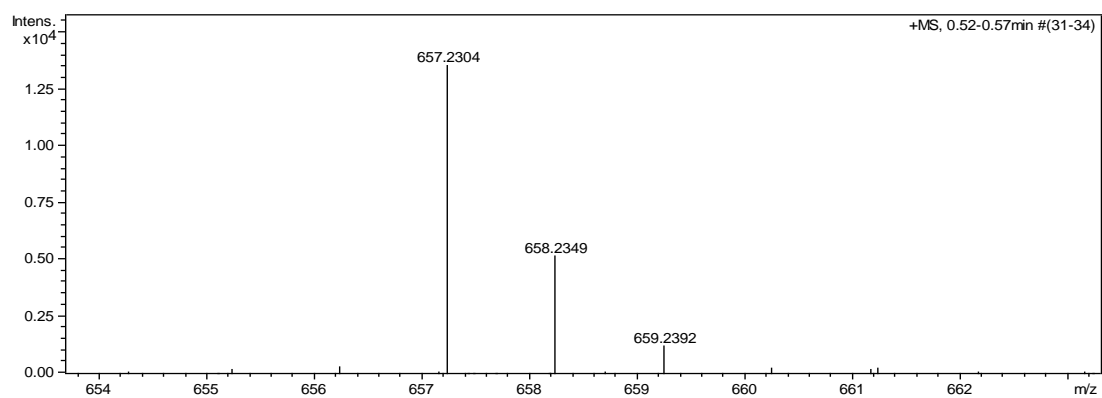
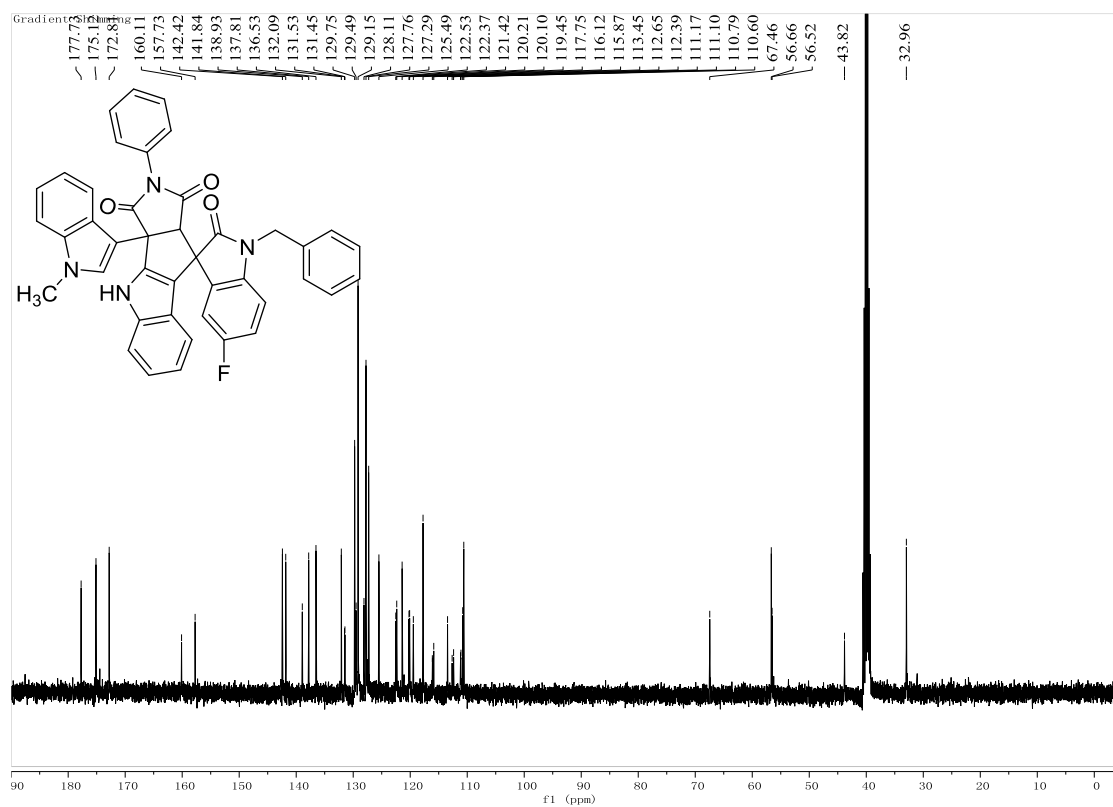
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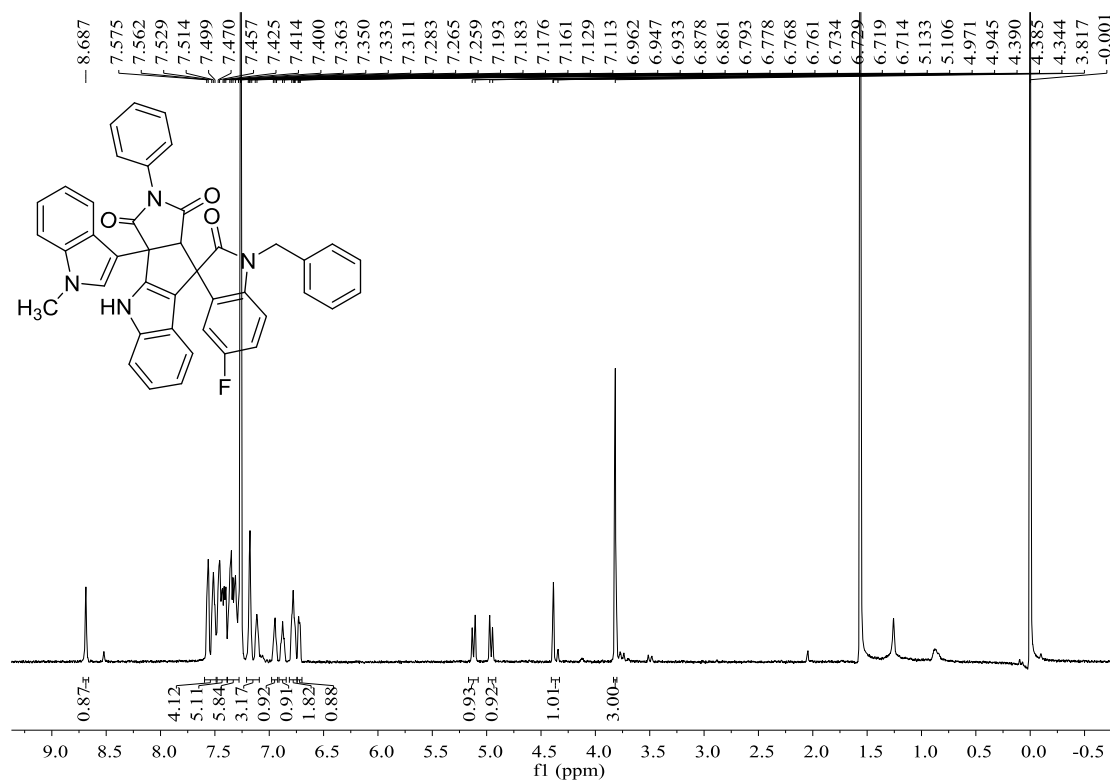


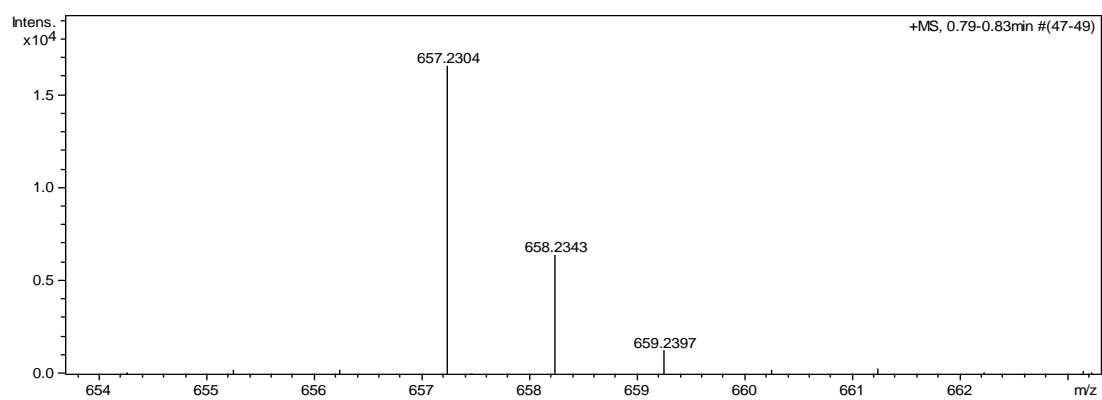
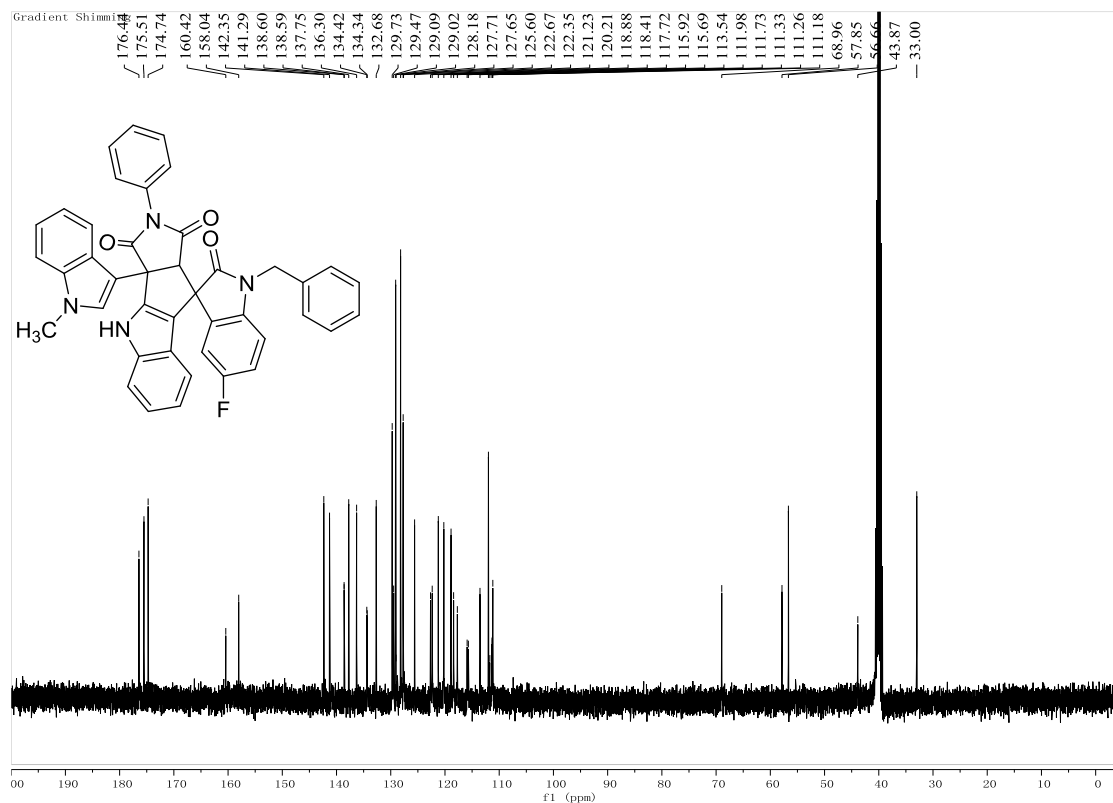
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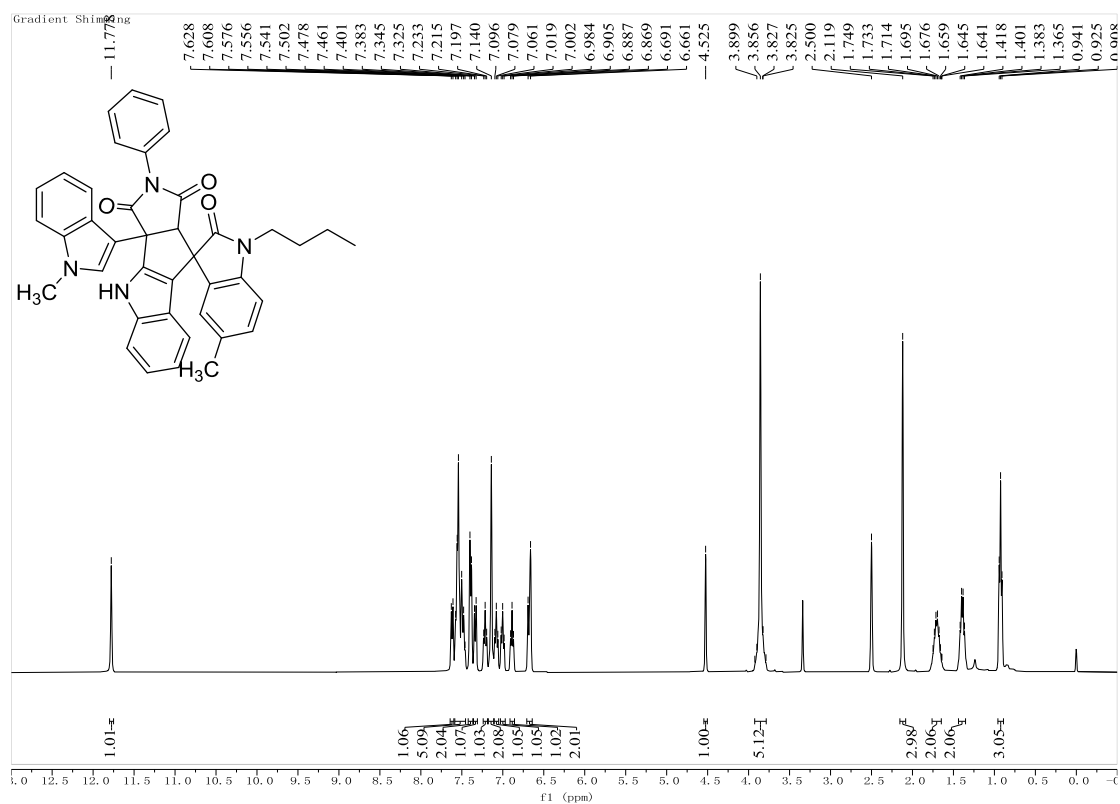


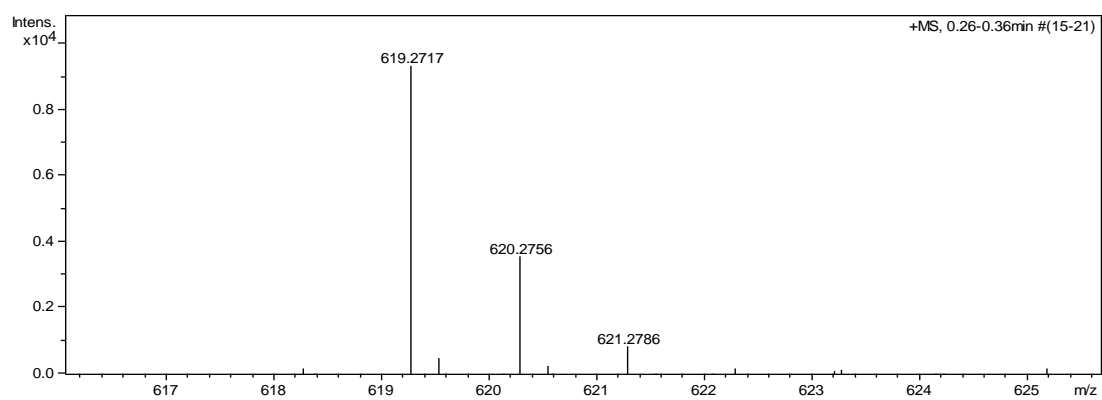
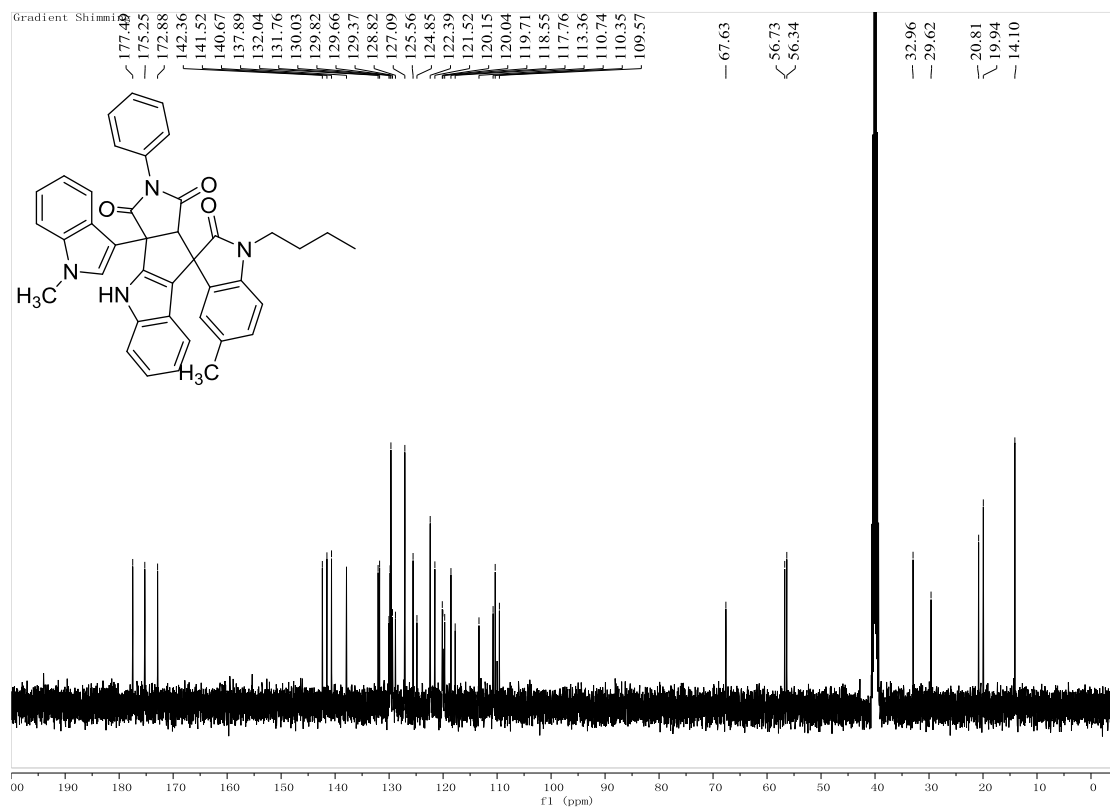
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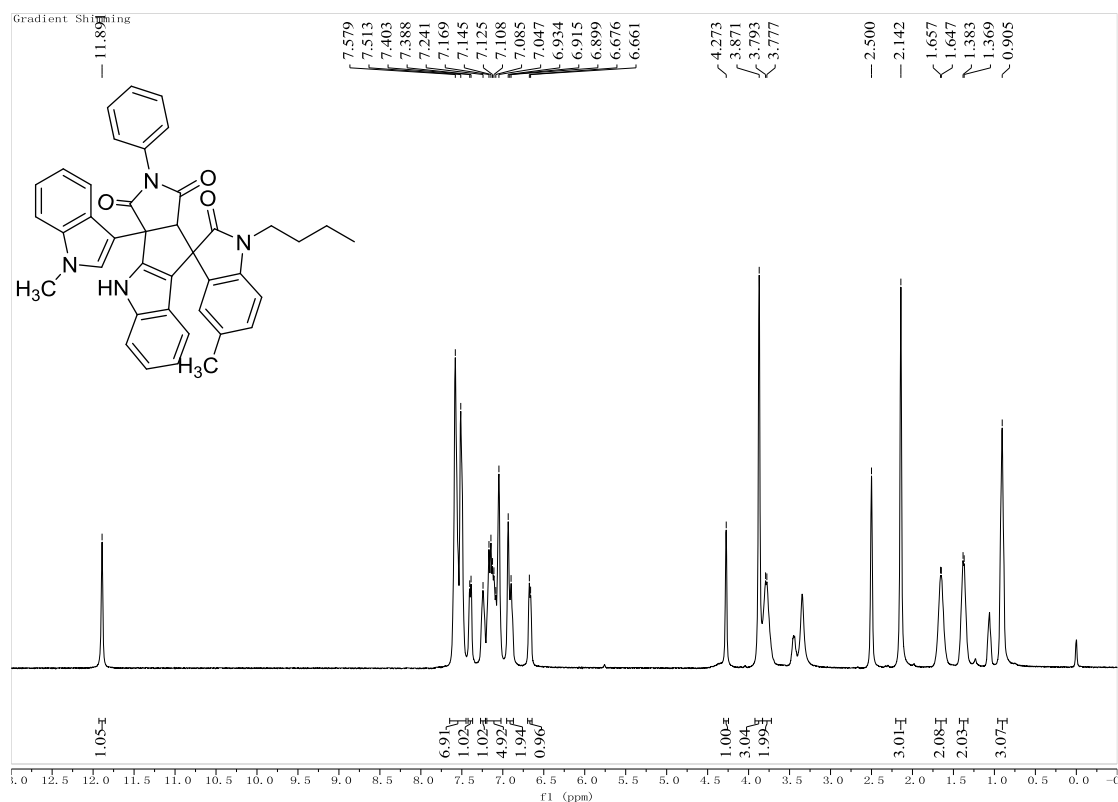


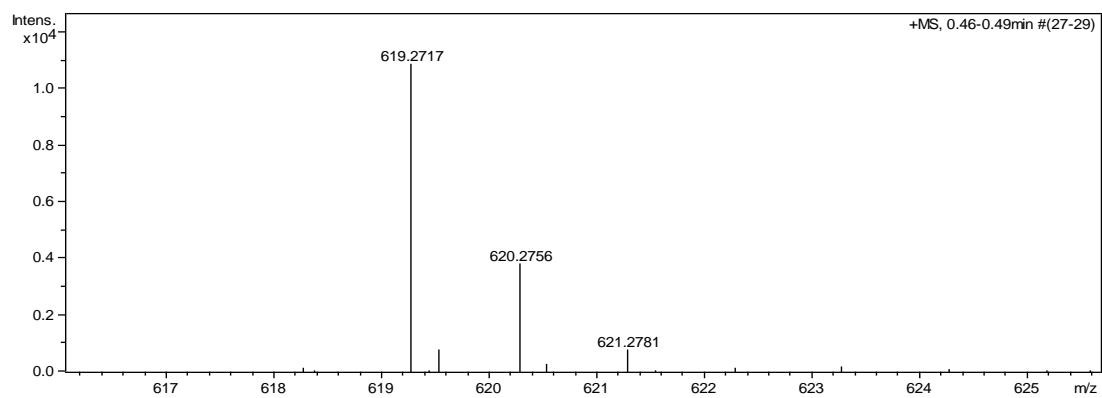
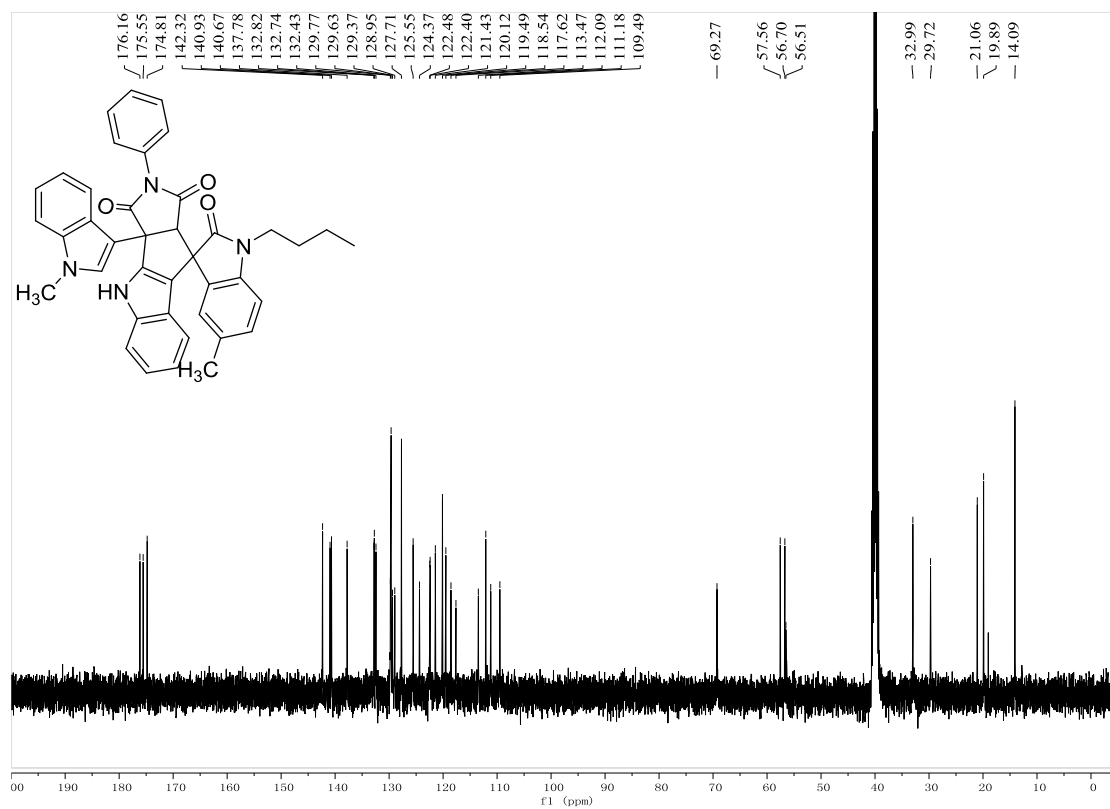
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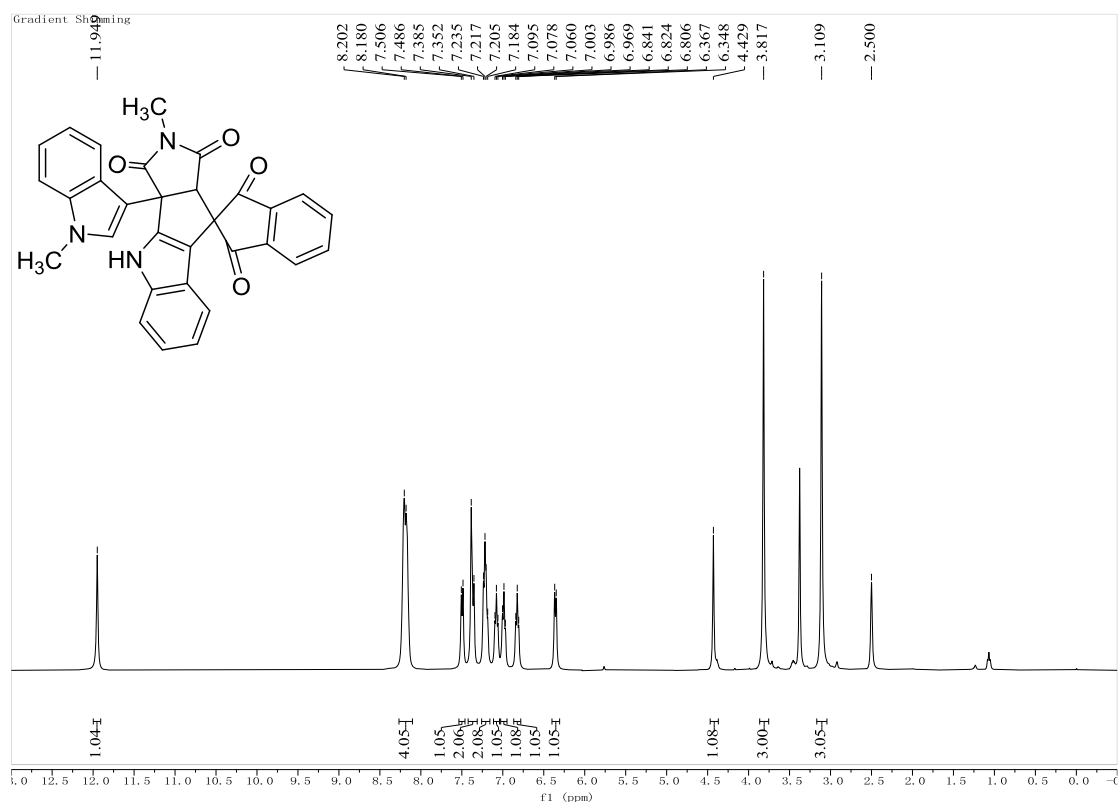
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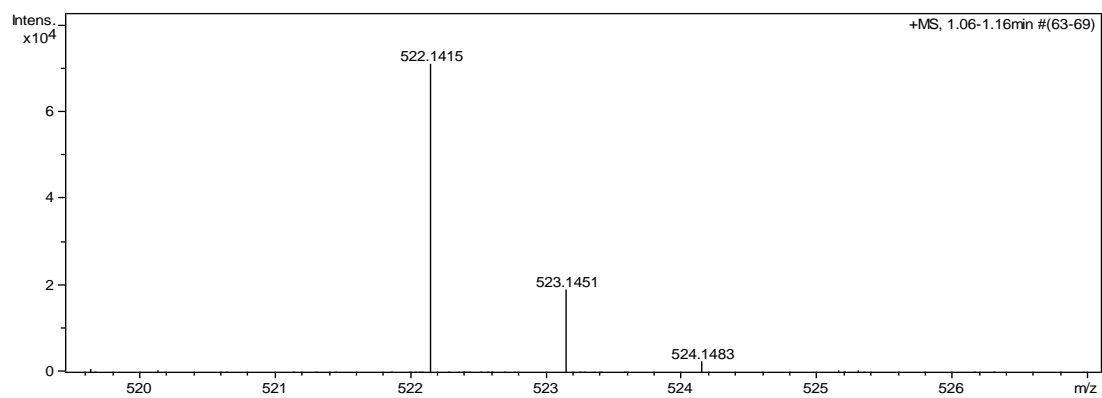
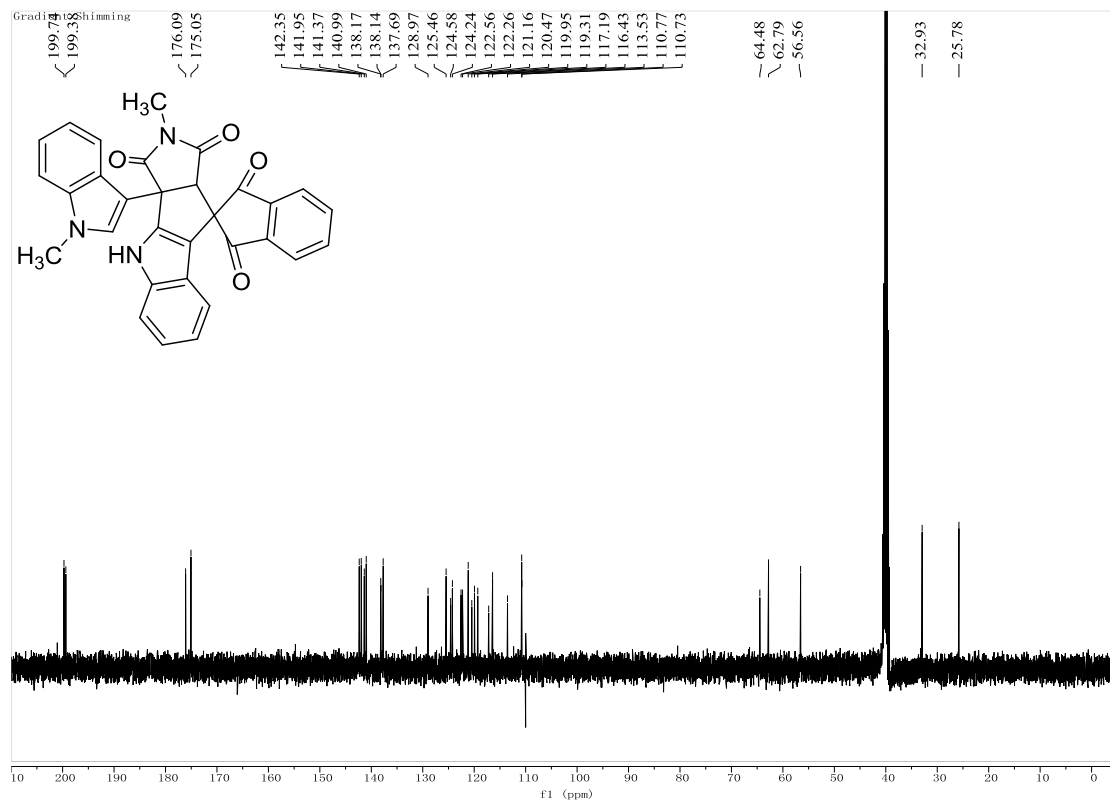




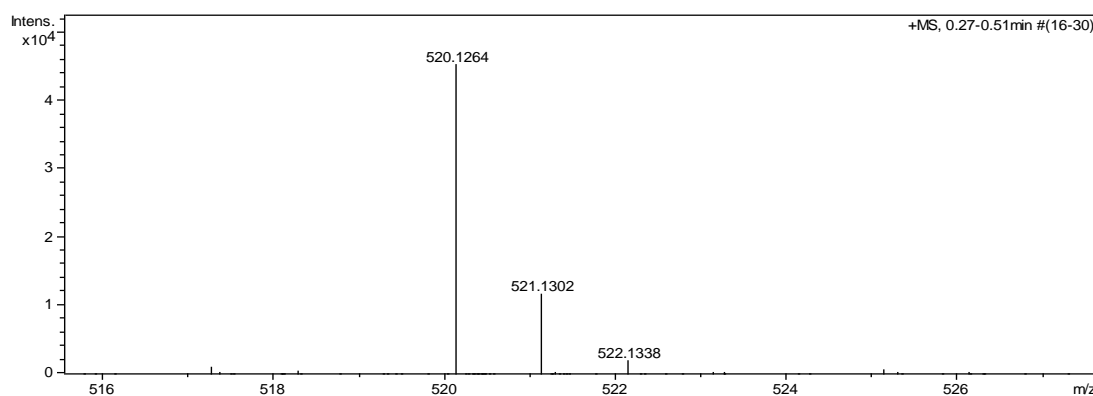
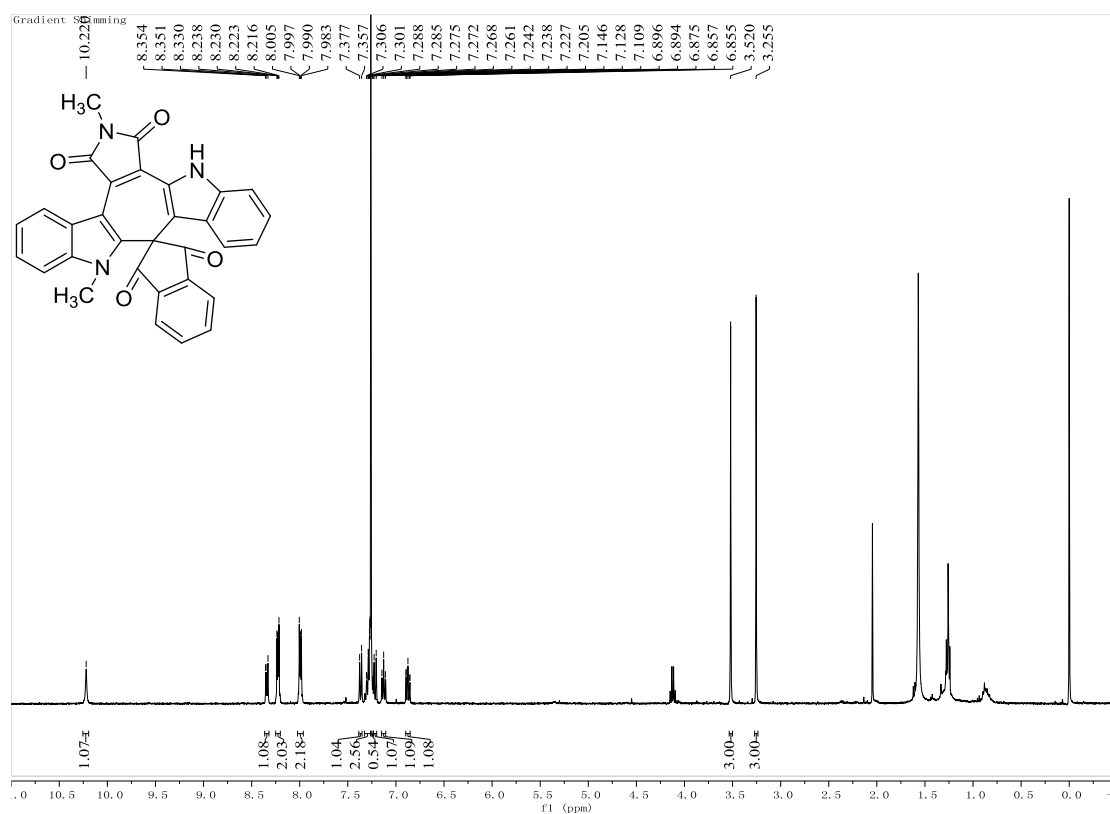
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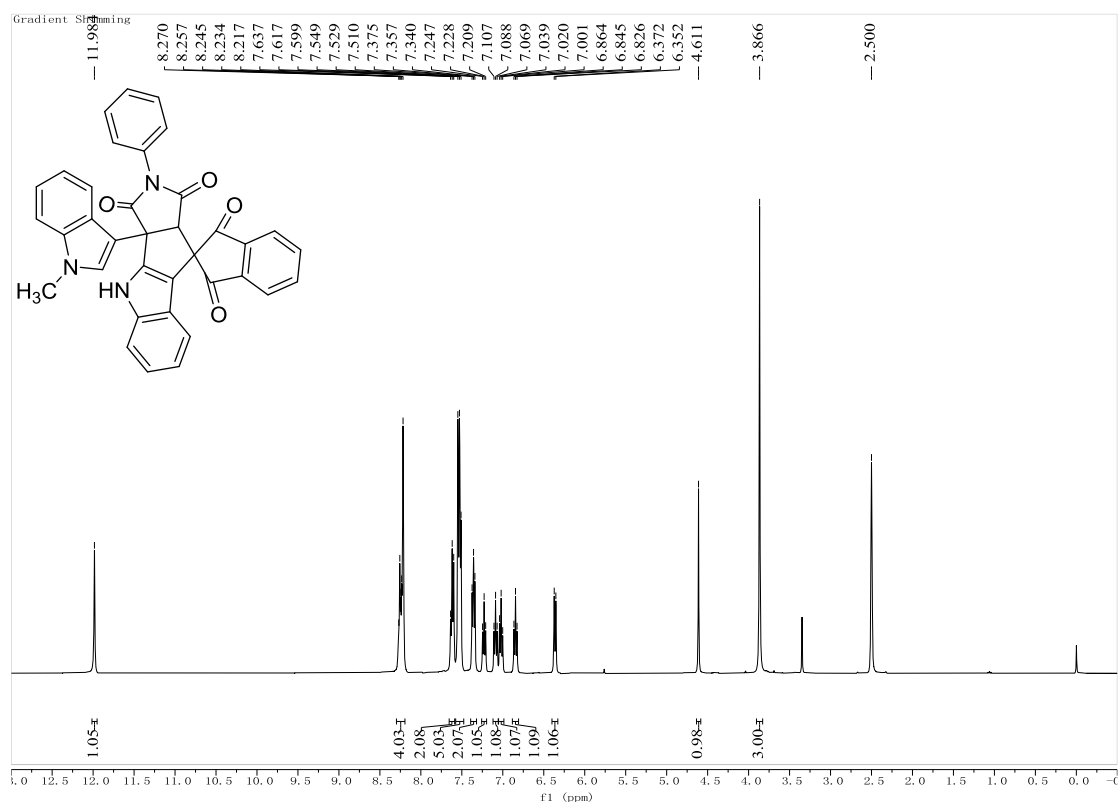


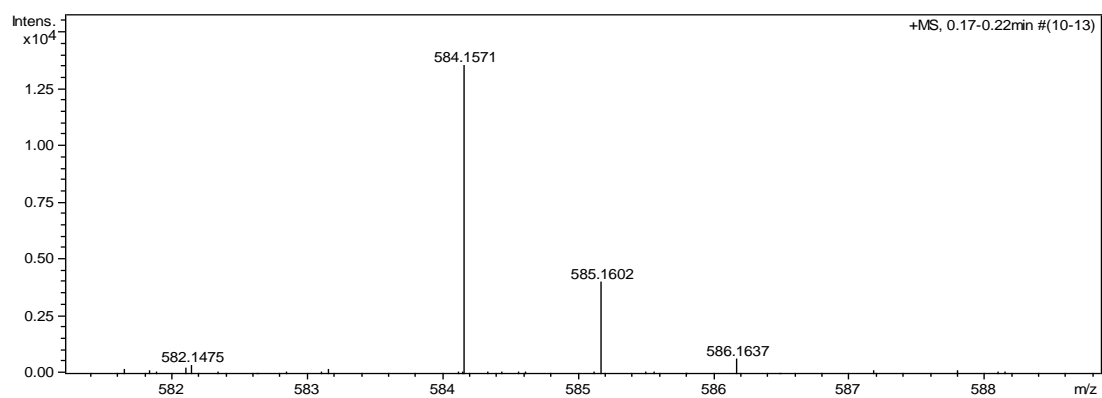
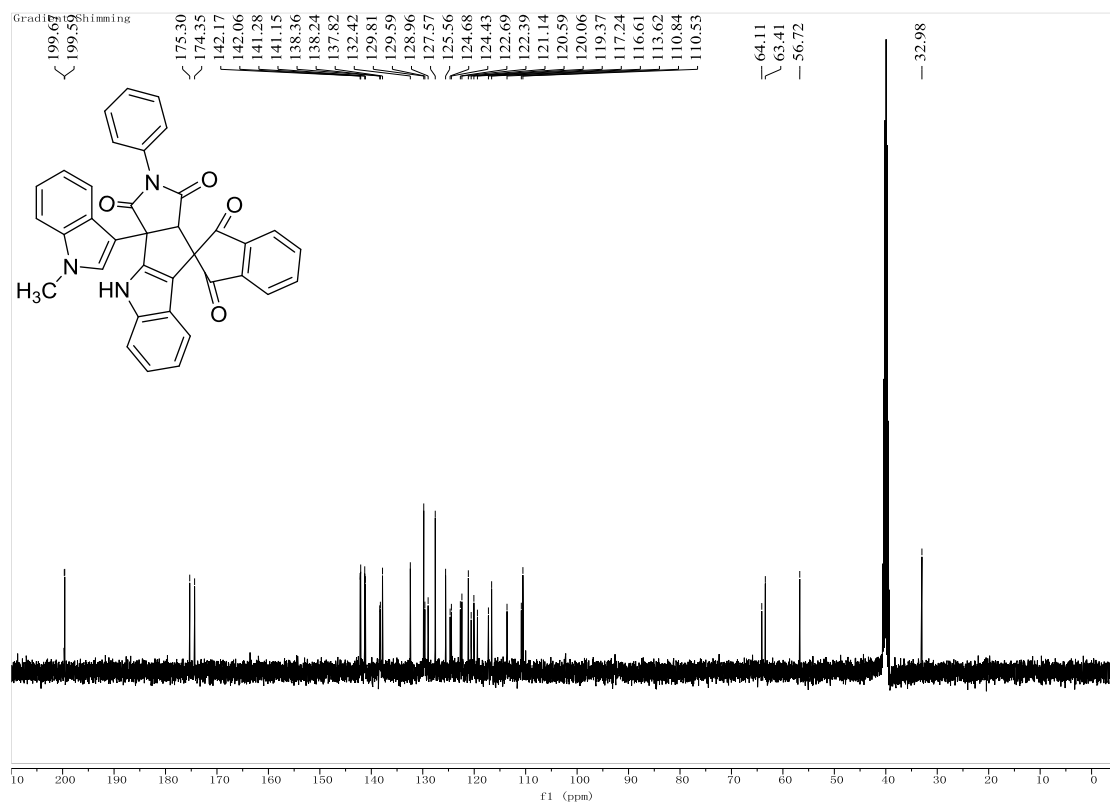
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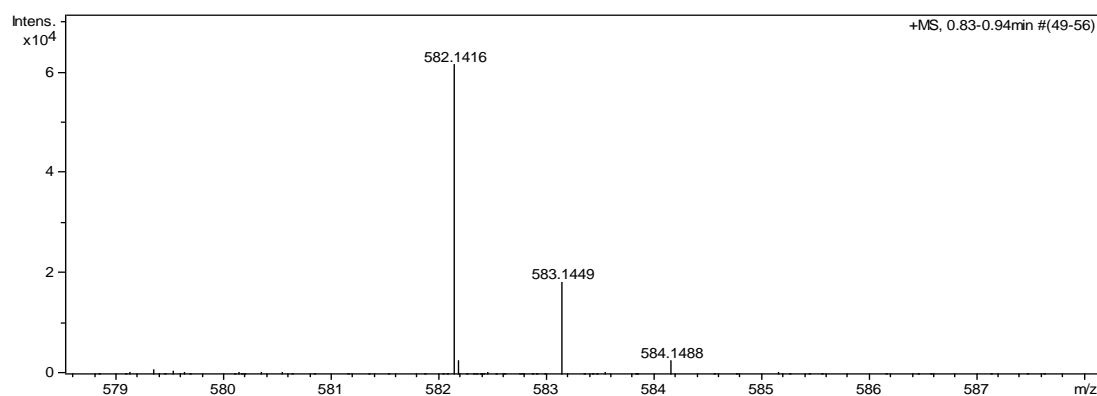
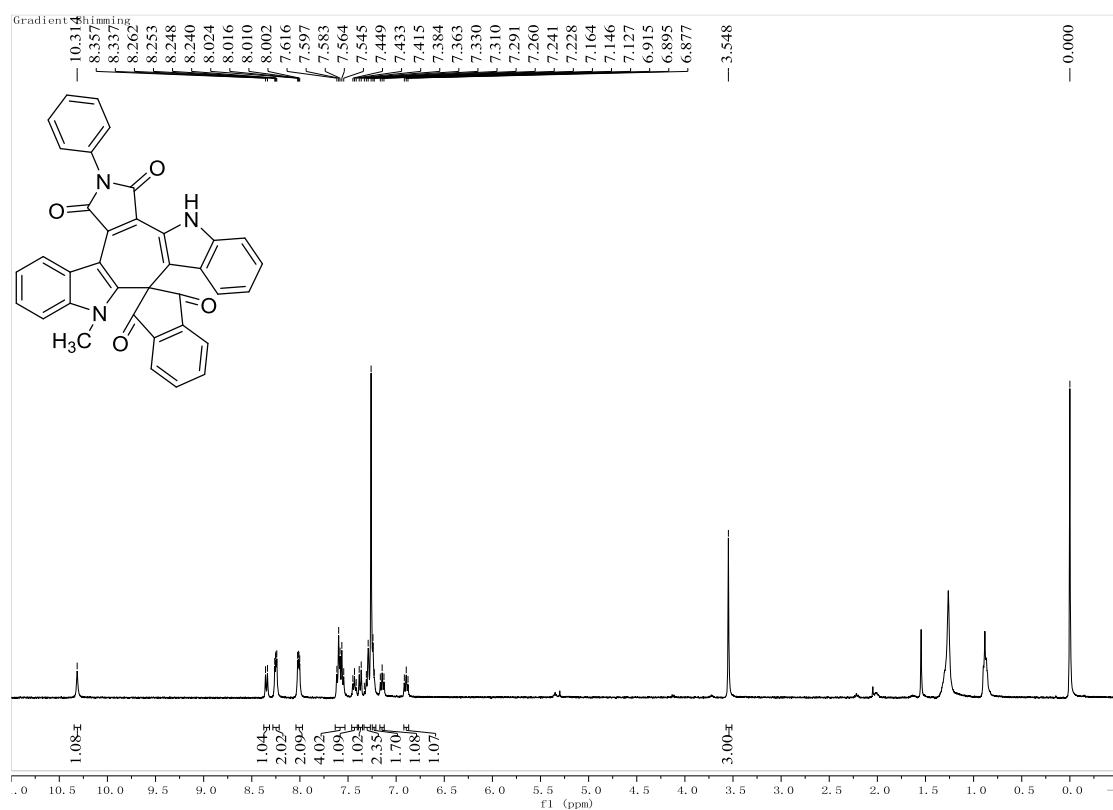
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pyrrolo[3',4':4,5]cyclopenta[1,2-b]indole]-1,1',3,3'(2'H,4'H)-tetraone (8b): petroleum ether and methylene dichloride (V/V = 4:1) as the eluent, yellow solid, 438 mg, yellow solid, 78%, m.p. 218-221 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 11.98 (s, 1H, NH), 8.27-8.22 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.64-7.60 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.53 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 5H, ArH), 7.36 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.61 (s, 1H, CH), 3.87 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 199.6, 199.5, 175.2, 174.3, 142.1, 142.0, 141.2, 141.1, 138.3, 138.2, 137.8, 132.4, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 127.5, 125.5, 124.6, 124.4, 122.6, 122.3, 121.1, 120.5, 120.0, 119.3, 117.2, 116.6, 113.6, 110.8, 110.5, 64.0, 63.4, 56.7, 32.9; IR (KBr) ν: 3055, 2931, 2825, 2676, 1934, 1711, 1611, 1551, 1456, 1432, 1388, 1184, 1348, 1250, 1132, 1041, 972, 927, 843, 756 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for C₃₆H₂₃NaN₃O₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 584.1581, Found: 584.1571.



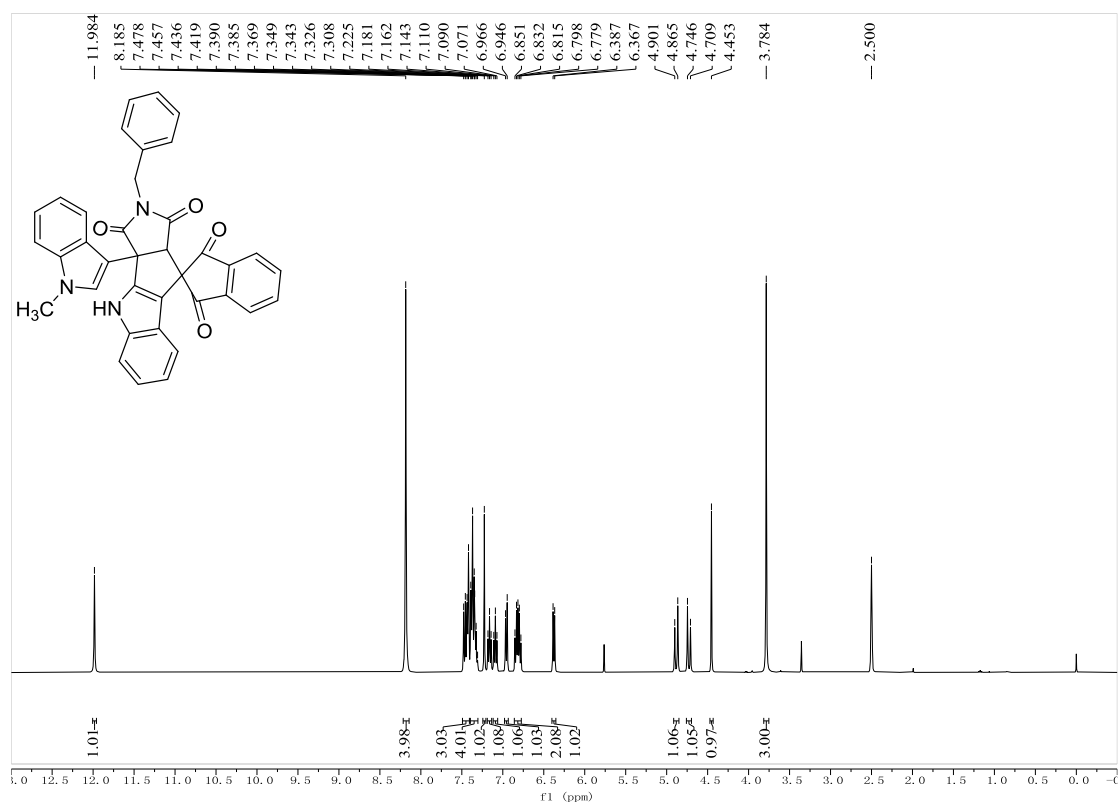


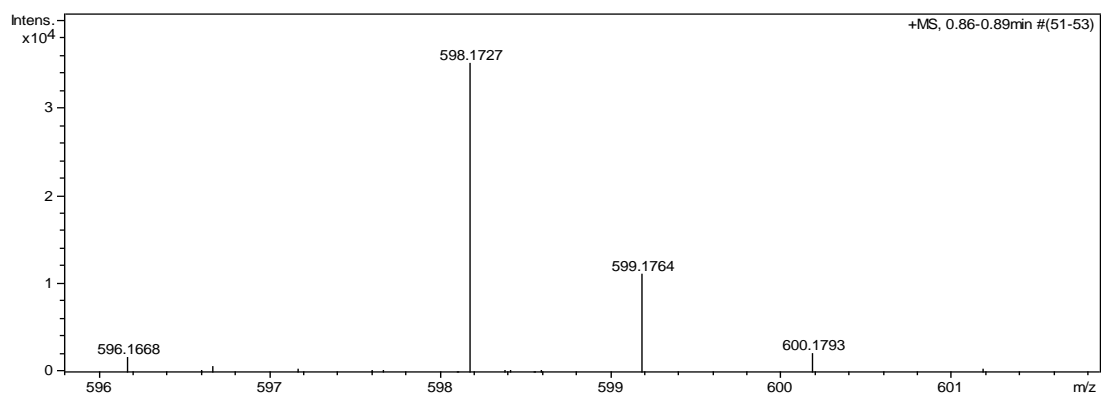
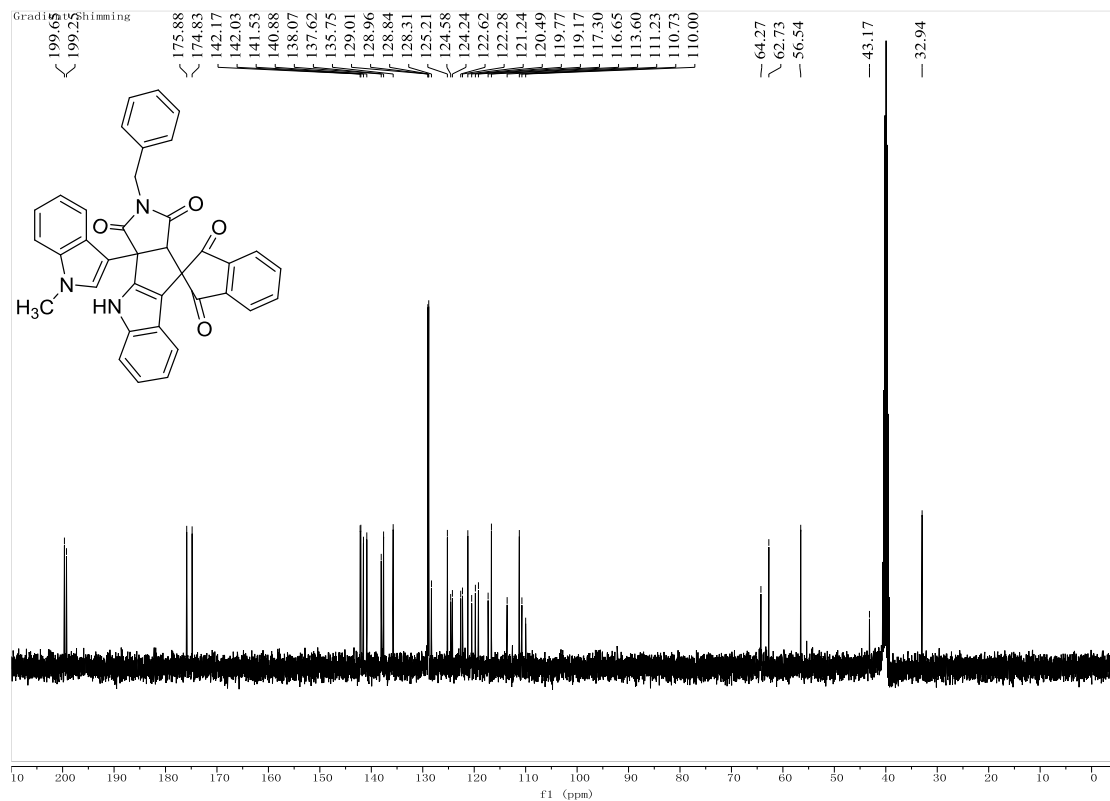
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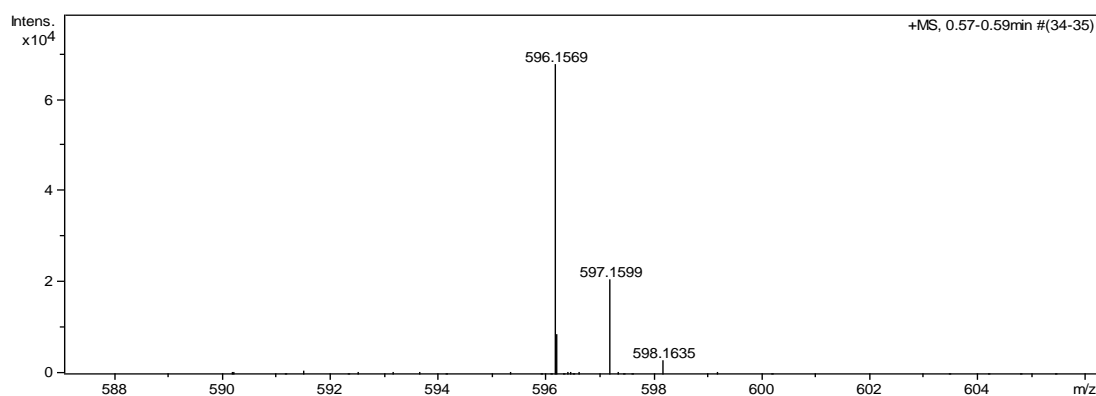
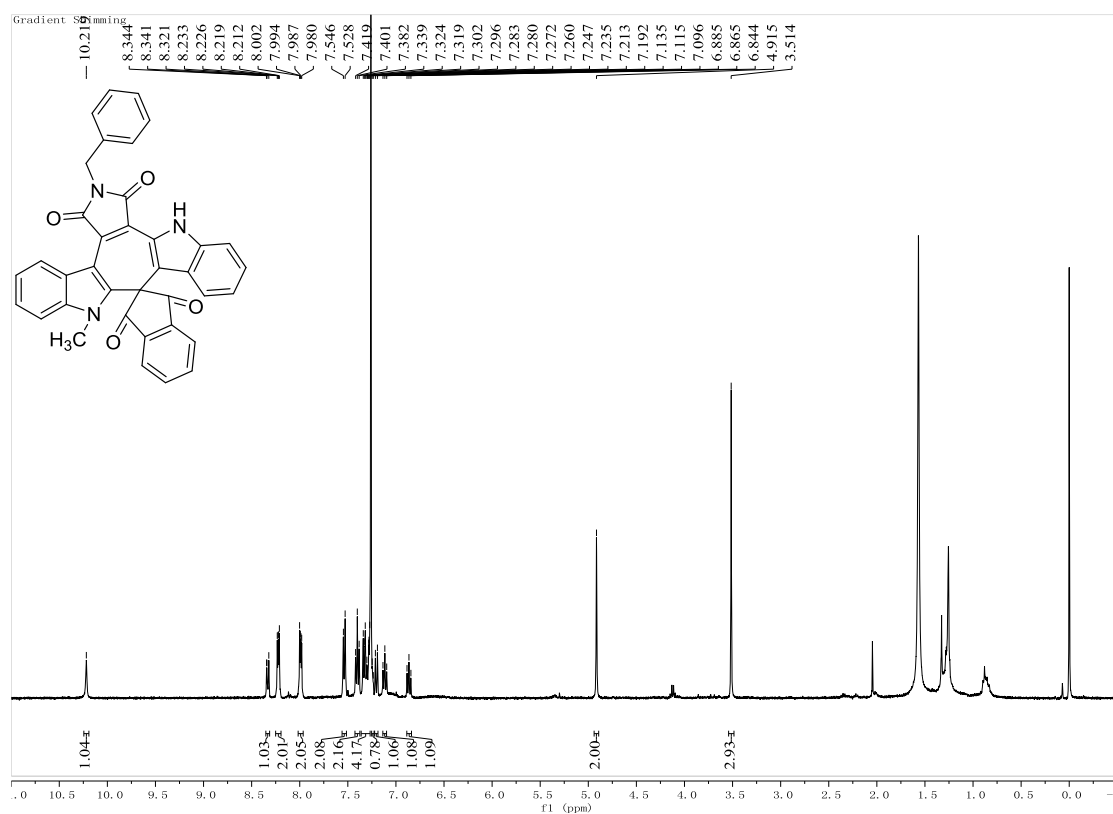
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pyrrolo[3',4':4,5]cyclopenta[1,2-*b*]indole]-1,1',3,3'(2'*H*,4'*H*)-tetraone (8c): petroleum ether and methylene dichloride (V/V = 4:1) as the eluent, yellow solid, 431 mg, yellow solid, 75%, m.p. 222-224 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 11.98 (s, 1H, NH), 8.19 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.39-7.31 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.23 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.85-6.78 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.88 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.73 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.45 (s, 1H, CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 199.6, 199.2, 175.8, 174.8, 142.1, 142.0, 141.5, 140.8, 138.0, 137.6, 135.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 125.1, 124.5, 124.2, 122.6, 122.2, 121.2, 120.4, 119.7, 119.1, 117.2, 116.6, 113.5, 111.2, 110.7, 109.9, 64.2, 62.7, 56.5, 43.1, 32.9; IR (KBr) ν: 3055, 2931, 2831, 2678, 1931, 1711, 1615, 1550, 1468, 1431, 1386, 1184, 1343, 1250, 1132, 1048, 979, 931, 854, 756 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for C₃₇H₂₅NaN₃O₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 598.1737, Found: 598.1727.



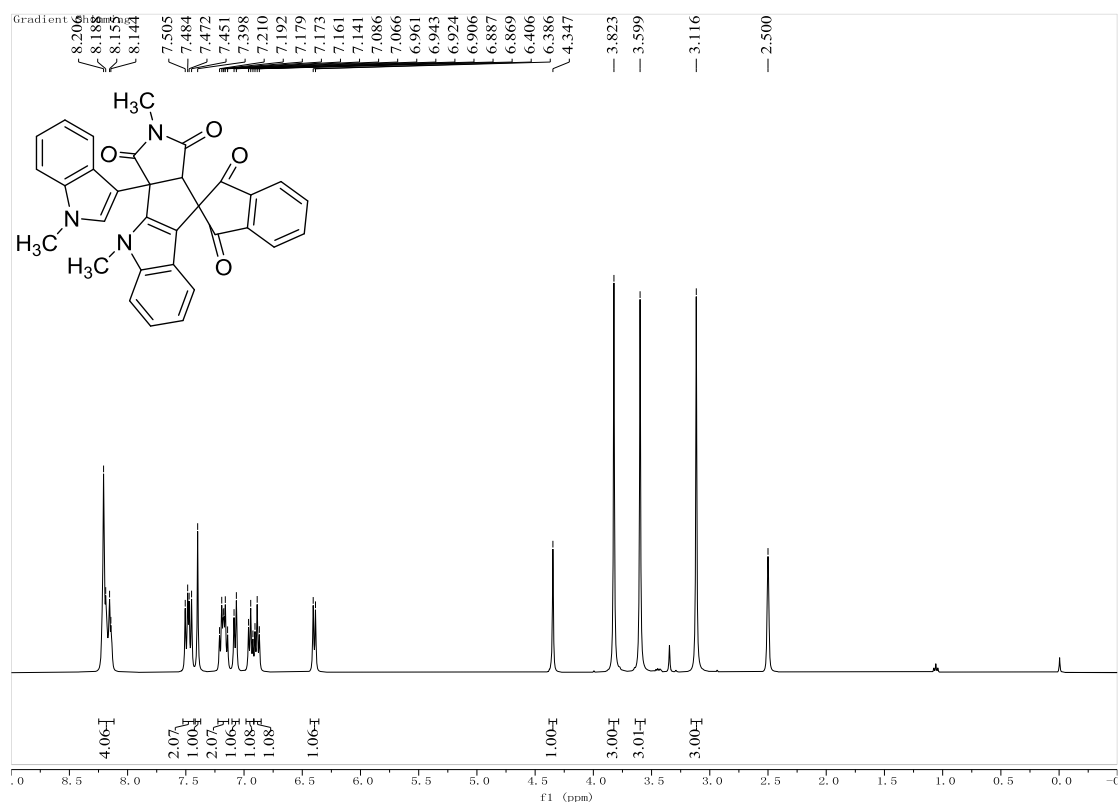


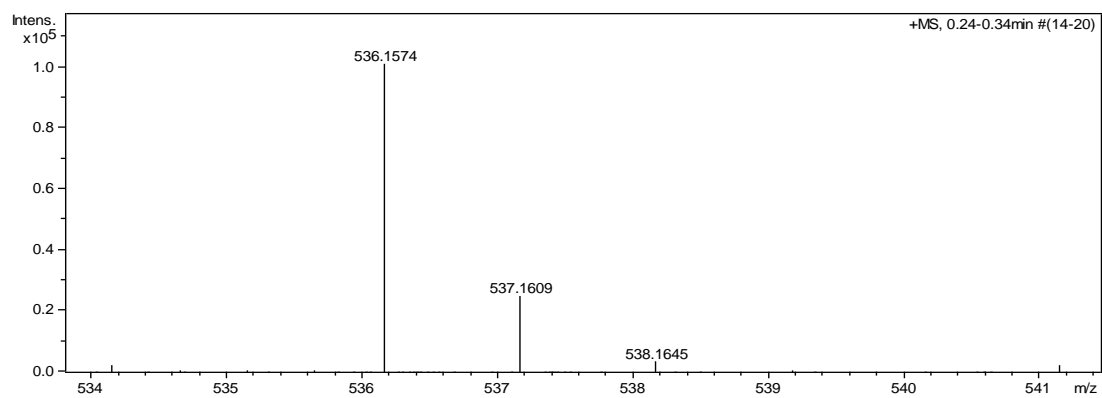
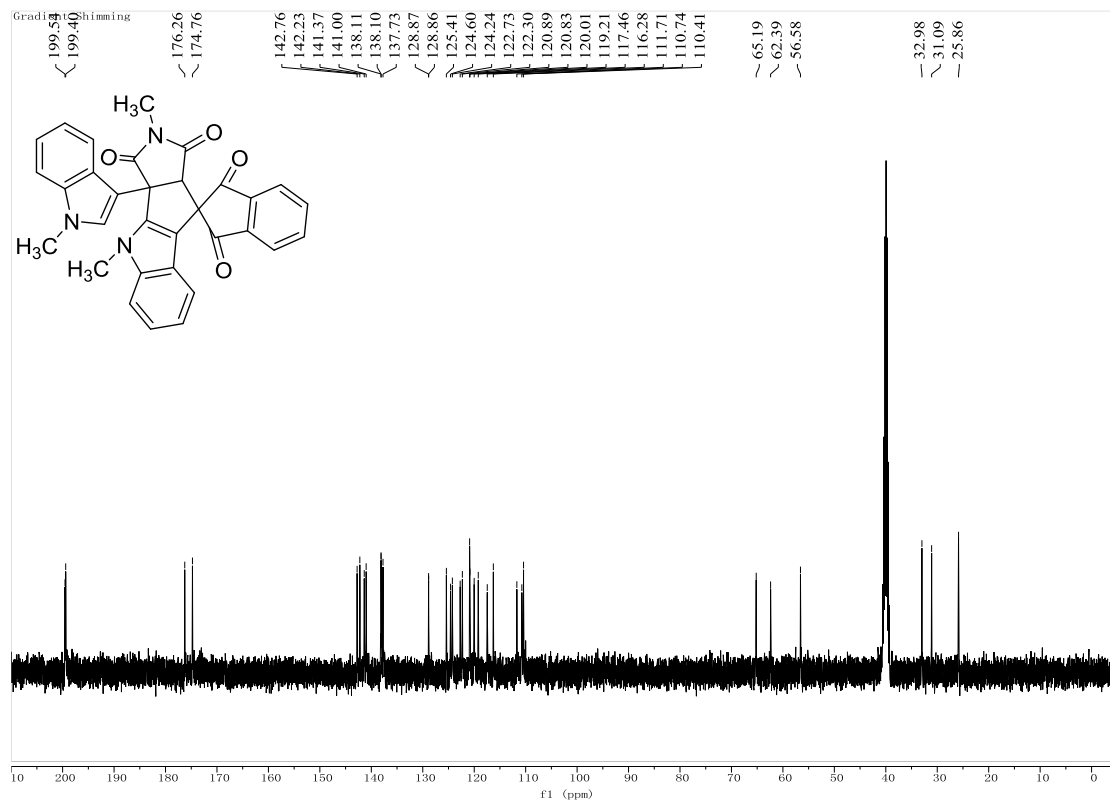
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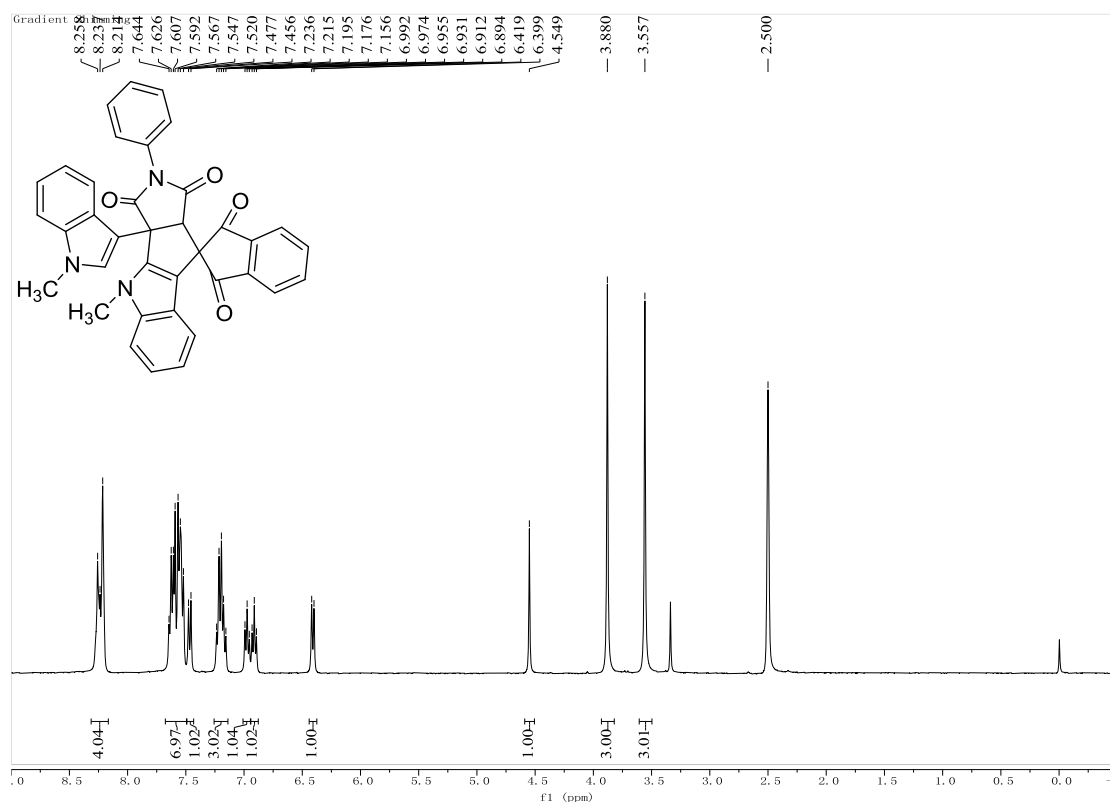
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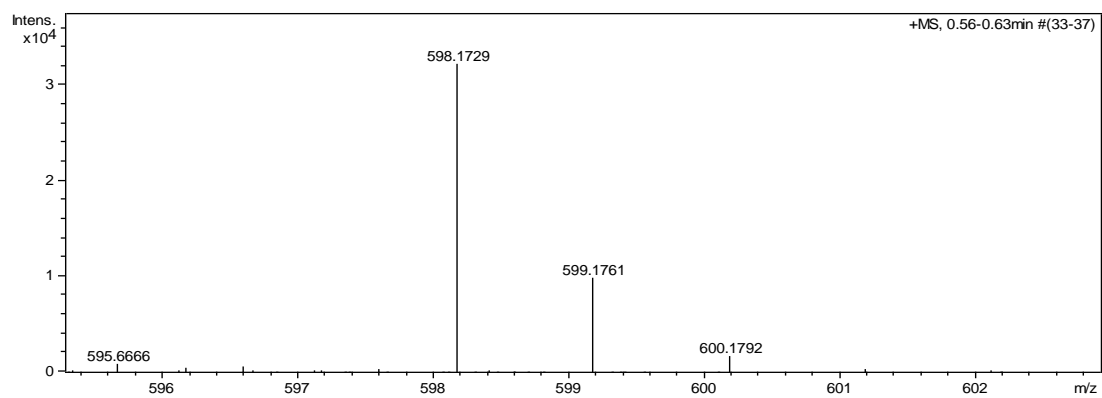
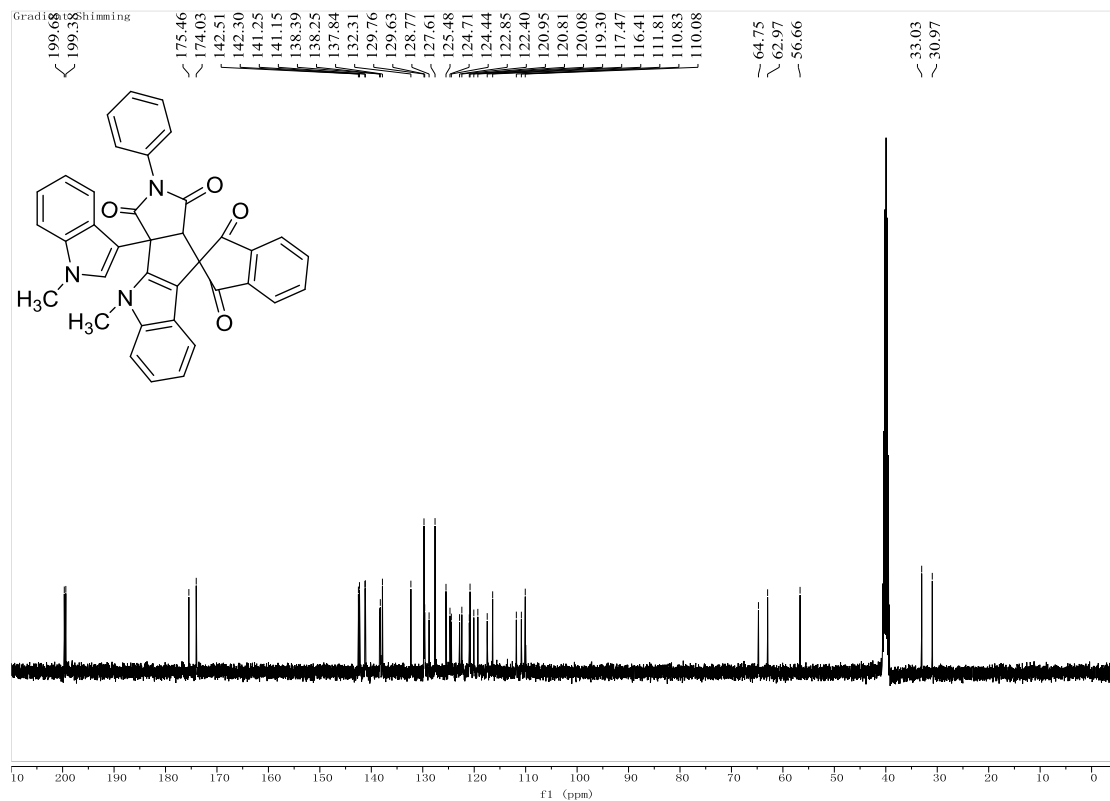
pyrrolo[3',4':4,5]cyclopenta[1,2-*b*]indole]-1,1',3,3'(2'*H*,4'*H*)-tetraone (8d): petroleum ether and methylene dichloride (V/V = 4:1) as the eluent, yellow solid, 482 mg, yellow solid, 94%, m.p. 224-226 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 8.21-8.14 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.48 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.40 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.21-7.14 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.35 (s, 1H, CH), 3.82 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.60 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.12 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 199.5, 199.3, 176.2, 174.7, 142.7, 142.2, 141.3, 140.9, 138.1, 138.0, 137.7, 128.8, 128.7, 125.3, 124.5, 124.2, 122.7, 122.2, 120.9, 120.8, 119.9, 119.1, 117.4, 116.2, 111.6, 110.7, 110.4, 65.1, 62.3, 56.5, 32.9, 31.0, 25.8; IR (KBr) ν: 3048, 2924, 2819, 2642, 1931, 1711, 1611, 1551, 1478, 1431, 1389, 1179, 1350, 1250, 1132, 1051, 978, 924, 855, 756 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for C₃₂H₂₃NaN₃O₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 536.1581, Found: 536.1574.





4'-methyl-3a'-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2'-phenyl-3a',9a'-dihydrospiro[indene-2,9'-pyrrolo[3',4':4,5]cyclopenta[1,2-*b*]indole]-1,1',3,3'(2'*H*,4'*H*)-tetraone (8e): petroleum ether and methylene dichloride (V/V = 4:1) as the eluent, yellow solid, 552 mg, yellow solid, 96%, m.p. 221-223 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 8.26-8.21 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.64-7.52 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.24-7.16 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.91 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.41 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.55 (s, 1H, CH), 3.88 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.56 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 199.6, 199.3, 175.4, 174.0, 142.4, 142.3, 141.2, 141.1, 138.3, 138.2, 137.8, 132.2, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 127.5, 125.4, 124.6, 124.4, 122.8, 122.3, 120.9, 120.7, 120.0, 119.2, 117.4, 116.4, 111.7, 110.8, 110.0, 64.7, 62.9, 56.6, 33.0, 30.9; IR (KBr) ν: 3045, 2934, 2821, 2669, 1939, 1714, 1611, 1545, 1469, 1431, 1394, 1175, 1342, 1245, 1133, 1051, 976, 931, 857, 756 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for C₃₇H₂₅NaN₃O₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 5498.1737, Found: 598.1729.





2'-benzyl-4'-methyl-3a'-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-3a',9a'-dihydrospiro[indene-2,9'-

pyrrolo[3',4':4,5]cyclopenta[1,2-*b*]indole]-1,1',3,3'(2'*H*,4'*H*)-tetraone (8f): petroleum ether and methylene dichloride (V/V = 4:1) as the eluent, yellow solid, 560 mg, yellow solid, 95%, m.p. 226-228 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 8.21-8.15 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.49-7.45 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.41-7.33 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.19-7.13 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.88 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.75 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.37 (s, 1H, CH), 3.78 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.65 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ: 199.4, 199.2, 176.0, 174.4, 142.6, 142.3, 141.4, 140.8, 138.1, 138.0, 137.6, 135.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 125.1, 124.5, 124.2, 122.7, 122.2, 120.9, 120.8, 119.8, 119.0, 117.4, 116.4, 111.7, 110.8, 110.7, 64.9, 62.2, 56.5, 43.2, 32.9, 31.3; IR (KBr) ν: 3052, 2934, 2825, 2668, 1934, 1711, 1614, 1545, 1475, 1431, 1389, 1175, 1345, 1245, 1135, 1051, 978, 933, 852, 756 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd. for C₃₈H₂₇NaN₃O₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 612.1894, Found: 612.1885.

