

Supporting Information

Synthesis of Unsymmetrical Diaryl Oxindoles/Isoquinolinediones Using 2-Phenoxy-1H-benzo[d]imidazoles as Integrated Diarylating Reagent

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I. General experimental information

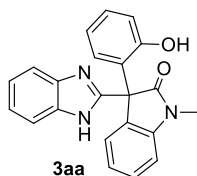
Commercial reagents were used without further purification. 2-Phenoxy-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazoles (**1**)^[1], diazooxindoles (**2**)^[2], diazo homophthalimides (**4**)^[3] and [RhCp*Cl₂]₂^[4] were prepared based on literature procedures. Melting points were recorded with a micro melting point apparatus and uncorrected. The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz or 600 MHz. The ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz or 150 MHz. The ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded at 376 MHz or 565 MHz. Chemical shifts were expressed in parts per million (δ), and were reported as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublet of doublets), m (multiplet), br s (broad singlet), etc. The coupling constants *J* were given in Hz. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained *via* ESI mode by using a MicrOTOF mass spectrometer. All reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel plates (silica gel 60 F254 0.25 mm), and components were visualized by observation under UV light (254 and 365 nm).

II. Experimental procedures and spectroscopic data

1. Typical procedure for the synthesis of 3aa and spectroscopic data of 3aa-3am

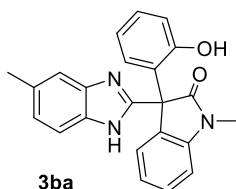
To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were added 2-phenoxy-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**1a**, 42.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), TFE (2 mL), 3-diazo-1-methylindolin-2-one (**2a**, 52.0 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgNTf₂ (15.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) and NaOAc (24.0 mg, 0.3 mmol) with stirring. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C (oil bath) under air for 1 h. Upon completion, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent to afford **3aa** (61.1 mg, 86%).

3ba-3am were obtained in a similar manner.



3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3aa)

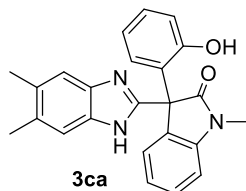
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (61.1 mg, 86%), mp 253.3-254.8 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.16 (s, 1H), 9.68 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.9, 155.2, 151.2, 144.2, 142.7, 135.6, 130.9, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 127.3, 126.7, 122.7, 122.6, 121.6, 119.4, 119.2, 116.3, 112.4, 108.6, 57.5, 27.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈N₃O₂ 356.1394; Found 356.1392.



3-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-(5-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)indolin-2-one and 3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-(6-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)indolin-2-one (3ba)

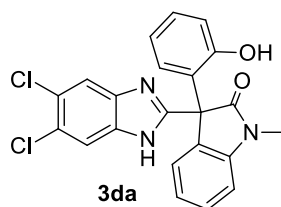
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (55.1 mg, 75%, the ratio of two products: 0.6:0.4), mp 257.7-258.8 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.01 (s, 1H), 9.66 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 0.6H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 0.8H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2.6H), 7.11 (td, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d,

$J = 8.4$ Hz, 0.4H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 0.6H), 6.73-6.70 (m, 2H), 6.57-6.56 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 1.8H), 2.37 (s, 1.2H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 176.0, 155.2, 150.9, 150.5, 144.2, 143.1, 140.8, 135.9, 133.6, 132.0, 130.9, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 128.5, 127.5, 126.7, 124.1, 123.2, 122.5, 119.4, 118.9, 118.8, 116.3, 112.1, 111.9, 108.6, 57.4, 27.1, 21.85, 21.75. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ 370.1550; Found 370.1555.



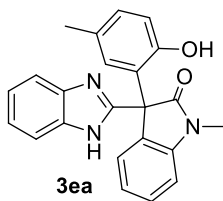
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Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (58.2 mg, 76%), mp 296.6-297.5 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.91 (br s, 1H), 9.66 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.10 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.69 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 176.1, 155.2, 150.0, 144.2, 141.3, 134.2, 131.3, 130.9, 129.9, 129.6, 129.3, 128.4, 127.6, 126.7, 122.5, 119.3, 119.2, 116.2, 112.3, 108.5, 57.4, 27.1, 20.5. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ 384.1707; Found 384.1705.



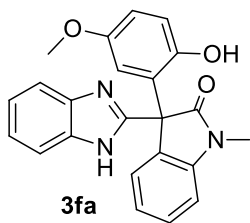
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Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (51.8 mg, 61%), mp 241.2-242.9 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.48 (br s, 1H), 9.74 (s, 1H), 7.88 (br s, 1H), 7.69 (br s, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.77-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 175.4, 155.3, 154.2, 144.1, 142.3, 135.1, 130.5, 129.6, 129.3, 128.8, 126.9, 126.7, 125.2, 124.3, 122.8, 120.5, 119.5, 116.4, 113.5, 108.8, 57.5, 27.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ 424.0614; Found 424.0604.



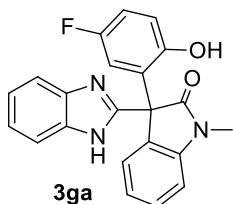
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ea)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (50.2 mg, 68%), mp 270.4-271.9 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.16 (br s, 1H), 9.44 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.9, 153.1, 151.4, 144.1, 142.7, 135.6, 131.1, 129.82, 129.80, 128.5, 127.8, 126.9, 126.7, 122.6, 121.6, 119.2, 116.3, 112.4, 108.6, 57.6, 27.1, 20.8. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₂ 370.1550; Found 370.1556.



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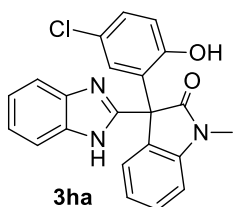
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (46.3 mg, 60%), mp 195.2-196.4 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.17 (br s, 1H), 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.7, 152.3, 151.1, 149.1, 144.2, 142.6, 135.6, 130.7, 128.6, 128.0, 126.7, 122.8, 122.6, 121.7, 119.2, 116.7, 116.4, 113.4, 112.3, 108.7, 57.5, 55.8, 27.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₃ 386.1499; Found 386.1497.



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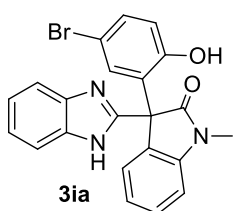
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1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.01 (td, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, $J_1 = 9.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (dd, $J_1 = 10.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 175.3, 155.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 232.6$ Hz), 151.7, 150.7, 144.2, 142.7, 135.6, 130.4, 128.8, 128.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.0$ Hz), 126.6, 122.9, 122.8, 121.8, 119.3, 117.2 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.0$ Hz), 116.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.2$ Hz), 115.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.1$ Hz), 112.4, 108.8, 57.3, 27.1. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ -125.41 – -125.47 (m). HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$ 374.1299; Found 374.1295.



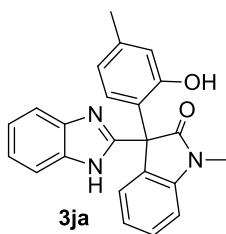
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(5-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ha)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (58.5 mg, 75%), mp 246.2-247.6 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.27 (s, 1H), 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 175.2, 154.5, 150.6, 144.2, 142.7, 135.5, 130.3, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 126.6, 122.9, 122.84, 122.79, 121.8, 119.3, 118.0, 112.4, 108.8, 57.3, 27.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2$ 390.1004; Found 390.1000.



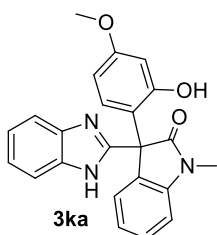
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Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (69.5 mg, 80%), mp 286.9-287.6 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.25 (s, 1H), 10.10 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.71 (m, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 175.2, 154.9, 150.6, 144.2, 142.7, 135.5, 132.2, 131.8, 130.4, 129.6, 128.8, 126.6, 122.9, 122.8, 121.8, 119.3, 118.6, 112.4, 110.3, 108.8, 57.3, 27.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_2$ 434.0499; Found 434.0503.



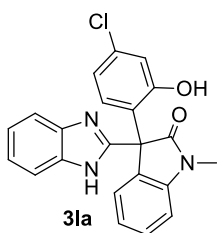
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ja)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (53.2 mg, 72%), mp 178.3-179.6 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.13 (s, 1H), 9.56 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.57-6.54 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 176.0, 155.1, 151.4, 144.1, 142.7, 138.9, 135.6, 131.1, 129.4, 128.4, 126.7, 124.5, 122.7, 122.6, 121.6, 120.1, 119.2, 116.9, 112.4, 108.6, 57.3, 27.1, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₂ 370.1550; Found 370.1551.



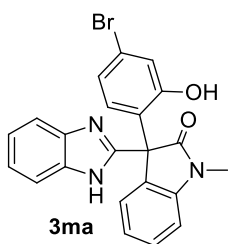
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ka)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (44.7 mg, 58%), mp 195.2-196.4 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.12 (br s, 1H), 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (br s, 2H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 176.1, 160.4, 156.3, 151.5, 144.0, 142.7, 135.6, 131.3, 130.1, 128.4, 126.6, 122.6, 121.6, 121.1, 119.8, 119.2, 118.9, 112.3, 108.6, 104.7, 102.3, 57.0, 55.5, 27.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₃ 386.1499; Found 386.1497.



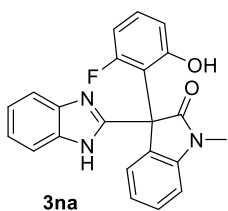
3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(4-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3la)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (47.6 mg, 61%), mp 206.8-208.0 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.21 (br s, 1H), 10.28 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.4, 156.3, 150.8, 144.2, 142.7, 135.6, 133.4, 131.0, 130.5, 128.7, 126.61, 126.58, 122.9, 122.8, 121.7, 119.33, 119.26, 116.0, 112.4, 108.8, 57.1, 27.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇ClN₃O₂ 390.1004; Found 390.1002.



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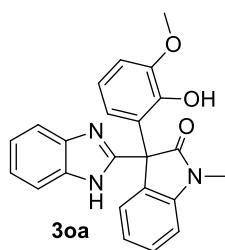
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (49.5 mg, 57%), mp 202.8-203.6 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.19 (br s, 1H), 10.25 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.96 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.4, 156.4, 150.7, 144.2, 142.7, 135.6, 132.5, 131.3, 130.4, 128.7, 127.0, 126.6, 122.8, 122.7, 122.2, 121.7, 119.3, 118.8, 112.4, 108.8, 57.1, 27.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇BrN₃O₂ 434.0499; Found 434.0490.



3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-fluoro-6-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3na)

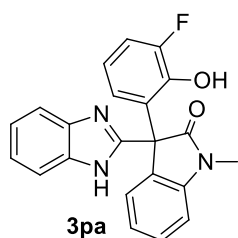
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (46.3 mg, 62%), mp 274.5-276.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.33 (br s, 1H), 10.23 (s, 1H), 7.44 (br s, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.03 (m, 5H), 6.63-6.58 (m, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 174.7, 162.0 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 244.2 Hz), 157.5, 152.2, 144.1, 142.7, 136.0, 130.5, 129.9 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 11.6 Hz), 128.9, 126.3, 122.9, 122.3, 121.2, 119.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.7 Hz), 114.4 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 13.1 Hz), 112.7, 111.8, 108.9, 107.2 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 24.8 Hz), 54.4, 27.1. ¹⁹F

NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -110.30 (dd, $J_1 = 11.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.4$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₃ 374.1299; Found 374.1308.



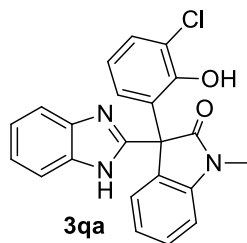
3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3oa)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (45.5 mg, 59%), mp 195.3-196.6 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.15 (br s, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 7.52 (br s, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (br s, 2H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.7, 151.4, 148.3, 144.6, 144.1, 142.7, 135.6, 131.0, 128.6, 127.2, 126.7, 122.6, 121.7, 121.6, 121.2, 119.5, 119.1, 112.3, 112.0, 108.7, 57.5, 56.4, 27.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₃ 386.1499; Found 386.1497.



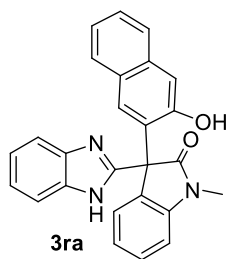
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Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (53.8 mg, 72%), mp 174.2-175.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.23 (br s, 1H), 9.97 (s, 1H), 7.54 (br s, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.06 (m, 5H), 6.79-6.74 (m, 1H), 6.47 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.4, 152.2 (d, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 237.0$ Hz), 150.1, 144.0, 143.0 (d, ² $J_{C-F} = 16.4$ Hz), 142.6, 135.5, 130.5, 130.3 (d, ⁴ $J_{C-F} = 1.9$ Hz), 128.8, 126.6, 125.0, 122.8, 121.6, 119.5 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 6.9$ Hz), 119.3, 118.4, 115.9 (d, ² $J_{C-F} = 17.9$ Hz), 112.3, 108.9, 57.5 (d, ⁴ $J_{C-F} = 3.2$ Hz), 27.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -135.30 - -135.34 (m). HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇FN₃O₂ 374.1299; Found 374.1297.



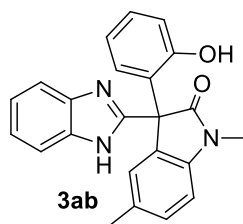
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(3-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3qa)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (56.9 mg, 73%), mp 267.4-268.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.24 (br s, 1H), 9.81 (br s, 1H), 7.54 (br s, 2H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.7, 151.1, 151.0, 144.0, 142.7, 135.6, 130.3, 130.1, 129.9, 128.9, 128.5, 126.6, 122.9, 122.7, 122.0, 121.7, 120.9, 119.2, 112.4, 109.1, 57.9, 27.2. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇ClN₃O₂ 390.1004; Found 390.1002.



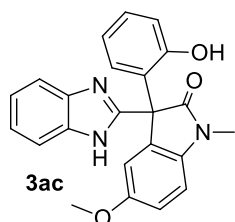
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(3-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ra)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (43.0 mg, 53%), mp 250.0-251.8 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.30 (br s, 1H), 10.11 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.8, 153.6, 151.2, 144.3, 142.8, 135.7, 134.5, 130.9, 130.1, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.0, 126.6, 125.8, 123.7, 122.8, 122.7, 121.7, 119.3, 112.4, 110.2, 108.8, 58.1, 27.2. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₂₀N₃O₂ 406.1550; Found 406.1552.



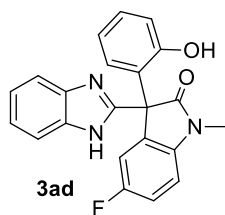
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,5-dimethylindolin-2-one (3ab)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (45.8 mg, 62%), mp > 300 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.12 (br s, 1H), 9.66 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.9, 155.2, 151.3, 142.7, 141.9, 135.6, 131.4, 130.9, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 127.5, 127.2, 122.7, 121.6, 119.4, 119.2, 116.4, 112.4, 108.4, 57.6, 27.1, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₂ 370.1550; Found 370.1551.



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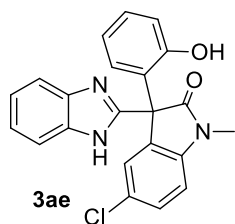
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (43.9 mg, 57%), mp 298.7-299.9 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.16 (br s, 1H), 9.68 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 175.5, 155.7, 155.4, 151.3, 142.7, 137.8, 135.6, 132.3, 129.54, 129.49, 127.2, 122.7, 121.6, 119.4, 119.2, 116.4, 114.4, 112.3, 108.9, 57.9, 55.9, 27.2. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₃ 386.1499; Found 386.1504.



3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-5-fluoro-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ad)

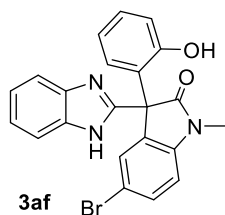
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109.5 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 8.0$ Hz), 57.8, 27.3. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ -113.08 – -113.14 (m). HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$ 374.1299; Found 374.1301.



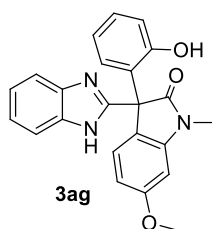
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-5-chloro-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ae)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (49.9 mg, 64%), mp 237.4-238.8 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.26 (s, 1H), 9.80 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.62-6.60 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 175.5, 155.2, 150.5, 143.2, 142.6, 135.6, 132.9, 129.8, 129.6, 128.5, 126.65, 126.55, 126.4, 122.9, 121.8, 119.6, 119.3, 116.3, 112.4, 110.2, 57.6, 27.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2$ 390.1004; Found 390.1003.



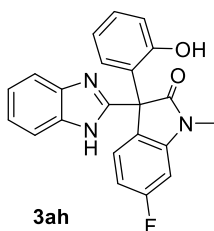
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-5-bromo-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3af)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (48.6 mg, 56%), mp 253.3-254.3 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.24 (br s, 1H), 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 175.4, 155.2, 150.5, 143.6, 142.6, 135.7, 133.2, 131.3, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 126.7, 122.9, 121.8, 119.6, 119.3, 116.3, 114.3, 112.4, 110.8, 57.5, 27.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_2$ 434.0499; Found 434.0493.



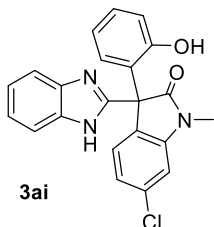
3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ag)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (40.1 mg, 52%), mp 271.3-272.7 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.13 (br s, 1H), 9.67 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 3H), 6.74-6.72 (m, 3H), 6.62 (br s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 176.4, 160.4, 155.2, 151.6, 145.3, 142.7, 135.7, 129.4, 129.3, 127.6, 127.3, 122.8, 122.6, 121.6, 119.4, 119.1, 116.3, 112.3, 107.1, 96.2, 57.0, 55.9, 27.2. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃O₃ 386.1499; Found 386.1501.



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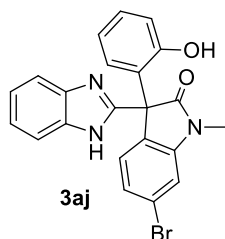
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (53.0 mg, 71%), mp 278.5-279.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.21 (br s, 1H), 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.55 (br s, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dd, *J*₁ = 9.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.82 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 176.2, 163.0 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 241.4 Hz), 155.1, 150.9, 145.9 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 12.2 Hz), 142.6, 135.7, 129.54, 129.49, 127.9 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 10.1 Hz), 127.2, 126.6, 122.8, 121.7, 119.5, 119.2, 116.3, 112.4, 108.4 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 22.8 Hz), 97.4 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 28.7 Hz), 57.0, 27.3. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -113.09 – -113.16 (m). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇FN₃O₂ 374.1299; Found 374.1303.



3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-6-chloro-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3ai)

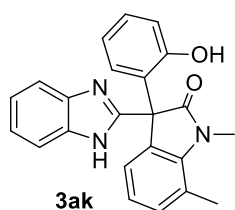
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (51.5 mg, 66%), mp 298.5-299.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.23 (br s, 1H), 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.09 (m, 4H), 6.76-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H),

3.24 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 176.0, 155.1, 150.5, 145.7, 142.6, 135.7, 133.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 127.9, 126.9, 122.9, 122.2, 121.7, 119.5, 119.3, 116.3, 112.4, 109.1, 57.1, 27.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2$ 390.1004; Found 390.1000.



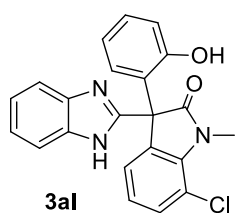
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-6-bromo-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3aj)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (49.5 mg, 57%), mp 233.5-234.2 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.23 (br s, 1H), 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.74 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 175.8, 155.1, 150.4, 145.8, 142.5, 135.7, 130.2, 129.6, 129.5, 128.3, 126.8, 125.2, 122.9, 121.8, 121.5, 119.5, 119.2, 116.2, 112.4, 111.8, 57.2, 27.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_2$ 434.0499; Found 434.0495.



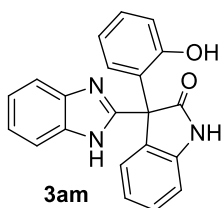
3-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,7-dimethylindolin-2-one (3ak)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (59.9 mg, 81%), mp 187.5-188.6 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.16 (br s, 1H), 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.55 (br s, 2H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 176.6, 155.2, 151.4, 142.7, 141.8, 135.6, 132.1, 131.4, 129.5, 129.4, 127.6, 124.9, 122.7, 122.4, 121.6, 119.6, 119.4, 119.2, 116.4, 112.4, 57.0, 30.2, 19.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ 370.1550; Found 370.1553.



3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-7-chloro-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylindolin-2-one (3al)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (49.1 mg, 63%), mp 179.8-180.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.27 (s, 1H), 9.84 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 176.4, 155.0, 150.2, 142.6, 139.9, 135.7, 133.7, 130.5, 129.7, 129.6, 127.1, 126.0, 123.8, 123.0, 121.8, 119.5, 119.3, 116.2, 114.3, 112.5, 57.2, 30.4. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₇ClN₃O₂ 390.1004; Found 390.1001.

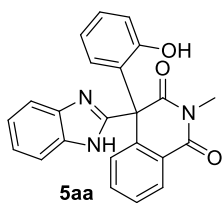


3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)indolin-2-one (3am)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (51.2 mg, 75%), mp 199.3-200.2 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.11 (br s, 1H), 10.73 (s, 1H), 9.69 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 3H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 177.5, 155.5, 151.7, 142.7, 135.5, 131.9, 129.6, 129.4, 128.4, 127.3, 126.9, 122.6, 121.9, 121.6, 119.4, 119.1, 118.4, 116.4, 112.3, 109.6, 58.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₃O₂ 342.1237; Found 342.1233.

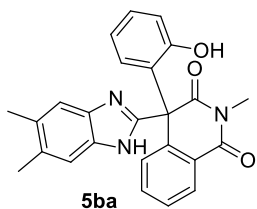
2. Typical procedure for the synthesis of 5aa and spectroscopic data of 5aa-5ac

To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were added 2-phenoxy-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**1a**, 42.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), TFE (2 mL), 4-diazo-2-methylisoquinoline-1,3(2*H*,4*H*)-dione (**4a**, 60.4 mg, 0.3 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgNTf₂ (15.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) and NaOAc (24.0 mg, 0.3 mmol) with stirring. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C (oil bath) under air for 1 h. Upon completion, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1) as eluent to afford **5aa** (61.3 mg, 80%). **5ba-5ac** were obtained in a similar manner.



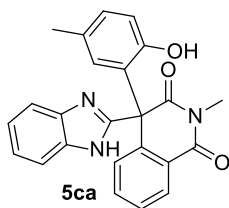
4-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-4-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylisoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (5aa)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1). White solid (61.3 mg, 80%), mp 206.6-207.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.31 (br s, 1H), 9.88 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 4H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79-6.74 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 172.7, 164.6, 154.2, 151.4, 142.5, 140.8, 135.7, 133.6, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.6, 128.0, 127.7, 125.0, 123.3, 122.0, 119.6, 119.4, 116.2, 112.6, 57.4, 27.8. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₃H₁₈N₃O₃ 384.1343; Found 384.1340.



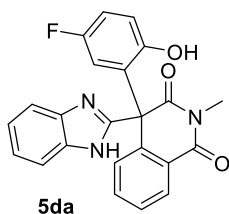
4-(5,6-Dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-4-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylisoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (5ba)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1). White solid (50.2 mg, 61%), mp 207.5-208.5 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.02 (br, 1H), 9.84 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.29 (s, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.742-6.737 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 172.7, 164.7, 154.2, 150.3, 141.2, 140.9, 134.2, 133.5, 131.9, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 129.7, 129.6, 128.0, 127.7, 124.9, 119.5, 119.3, 116.2, 112.5, 57.4, 27.8, 20.4. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₃ 412.1656; Found 412.1653.



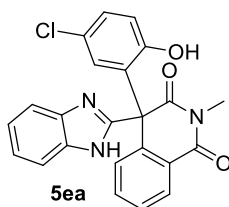
4-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-4-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-2-methylisoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (5ca)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1). White solid (58.8 mg, 74%), mp 205.2-206.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.31 (s, 1H), 9.63 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 172.7, 164.7, 152.0, 151.5, 142.5, 140.9, 135.6, 133.5, 130.4, 130.1, 130.0, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 124.9, 123.3, 121.9, 119.6, 116.1, 112.6, 57.4, 27.8, 20.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀N₃O₃ 398.1499; Found 398.1506.



4-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-4-(5-fluoro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylisoquinoline-1,3(2*H*,4*H*)-dione (5da)

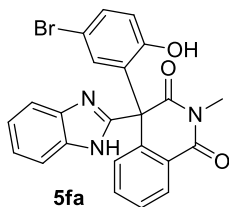
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4-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-4-(5-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylisoquinoline-1,3(2*H*,4*H*)-dione (5ea)

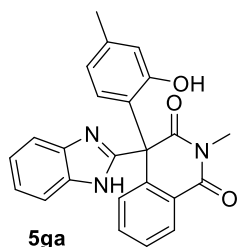
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1). White solid (66.9 mg, 80%), mp 204.3-205.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.38 (s, 1H), 10.27 (s, 1H), 8.17-8.15 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 3H),

7.30 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.79-6.77 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 172.1, 164.5, 153.4, 150.7, 142.5, 140.1, 135.6, 133.8, 131.9, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 128.3, 127.9, 125.0, 123.5, 122.9, 122.2, 119.7, 117.8, 112.7, 57.3, 27.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3$ 418.0953; Found 418.0952.



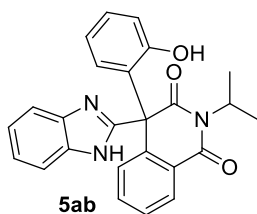
4-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-4-(5-bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylisoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (5fa)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1). White solid (65.6 mg, 71%), mp 207.3-208.6 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.37 (s, 1H), 10.28 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.41 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 172.1, 164.5, 153.8, 150.7, 142.5, 140.1, 135.5, 133.9, 132.6, 132.4, 131.9, 130.0, 128.3, 127.9, 125.0, 123.5, 122.2, 119.7, 118.4, 112.7, 110.4, 57.3, 27.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_3$ 462.0448; Found 462.0442.



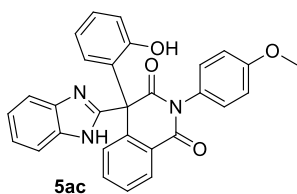
4-(1H-Benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)-4-(2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl)-2-methylisoquinoline-1,3(2H,4H)-dione (5ga)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1). White solid (53.3 mg, 67%), mp 186.2-187.9 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.28 (br s, 1H), 9.76 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.67 (s, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 172.8, 164.7, 154.1, 151.6, 142.5, 141.0, 139.3, 135.6, 133.5, 130.4, 129.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 124.9, 123.2, 121.9, 120.0, 119.4, 116.8, 112.5, 57.2, 27.8, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ 398.1499; Found 398.1494.



4-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-4-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-isopropylisoquinoline-1,3(2*H*,4*H*)-dione (5ab)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1). White solid (72.4 mg, 88%), mp 193.1-194.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.26 (s, 1H), 9.83 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16-5.06 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 172.3, 164.7, 154.3, 151.5, 142.6, 140.7, 135.6, 133.3, 130.4, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 127.9, 127.8, 125.6, 123.2, 121.9, 119.6, 119.2, 116.2, 112.6, 58.0, 45.5, 20.3, 19.3. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₃O₃ 412.1656; Found 412.1659.



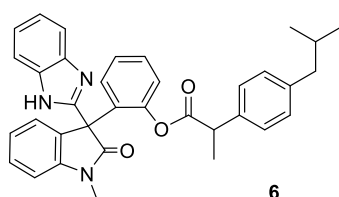
4-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-4-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline-1,3(2*H*,4*H*)-dione (5ac)

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1). White solid (51.4 mg, 54%), mp 245.8-246.5 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.23 (s, 1H), 10.06 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 172.5, 164.7, 159.4, 154.3, 151.4, 142.6, 140.8, 135.7, 133.8, 130.6, 130.4, 130.1, 129.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 125.2, 123.3, 122.0, 119.6, 119.4, 116.4, 114.7, 112.7, 58.0, 55.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₂₂N₃O₄ 476.1605; Found 476.1623.

3. Structural elaborations of 3aa

3.1 Synthesis of product 6

To a round bottom flask were added **3aa** (71.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and DCM (2 mL) with stirring. Then, DCC (41.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), DMAP (4.9 mg, 0.04 mmol) and ibuprofen (41.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) were added. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Upon completion, it was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent to afford **6** as a mixture of two diastereoisomers: **isomer 1** (50.9 mg, 47%), **isomer 2** (29.8 mg, 27%).



2-(3-(1*H*-Benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)phenyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (**6**)

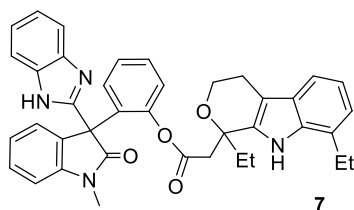
Isomer 1: Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (50.9 mg, 47%), mp 242.1-243.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.14 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 3H), 3.35-3.27 (m, 4H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.0, 172.1, 149.8, 148.1, 142.9, 142.5, 140.9, 136.4, 134.1, 131.1, 129.9, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.0, 124.0, 123.5, 123.4, 122.2, 120.2, 111.2, 108.5, 57.0, 45.0, 44.6, 30.2, 27.0, 22.4, 18.5. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₅H₃₄N₃O₃ 544.2595; Found 544.2601.

Isomer 2: Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (29.8 mg, 27%), mp 239.3-240.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.09 (3H, overlapping with CHCl₃), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.86-1.81 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.7, 171.7, 149.8, 148.5, 143.0, 142.7, 140.9, 136.9, 134.0, 131.2, 129.71, 129.65, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 127.6, 127.0, 126.0, 124.1, 123.6, 123.4, 122.2, 120.2, 111.2, 108.4, 57.2, 45.1, 44.5,

30.2, 27.0, 22.4, 17.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₅H₃₄N₃O₃ 544.2595; Found 544.2585.

3.2 Synthesis of product 7

To a round bottom flask were added **3aa** (71.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and DCM (2 mL) with stirring. Then, DCC (41.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), DMAP (4.9 mg, 0.04 mmol) and etodolac (57.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Upon completion, it was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent to afford **7** as a mixture of two diastereoisomers: **isomer 1** (51.1 mg, 41%), **isomer 2** (61.3 mg, 49%).



2-(3-(1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)phenyl 2-(1,8-diethyl-1,3,4,9-tetrahydropyrano[3,4-*b*]indol-1-yl)acetate (**7**)

Isomer 1: Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (51.1 mg, 41%), mp 148.9-149.9 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.14 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.09(t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.85(m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.85-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.74 (m, 3H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.06-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 175.9, 170.3, 149.1, 147.4, 142.8, 142.1, 135.0, 134.7, 133.8, 131.5, 130.3, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 127.2, 126.6, 126.2, 123.81, 123.78, 123.6, 122.3, 120.3, 120.1, 119.7, 115.9, 111.1, 108.4, 108.2, 74.4, 60.7, 57.0, 42.0, 30.5, 27.1, 24.0, 22.5, 13.7, 7.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₃₉H₃₇N₄O₄ 625.2809; Found 625.2780.

Isomer 2: Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1). White solid (61.3 mg, 49%), mp 178.7-179.4 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.04-4.01 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.85 (m,

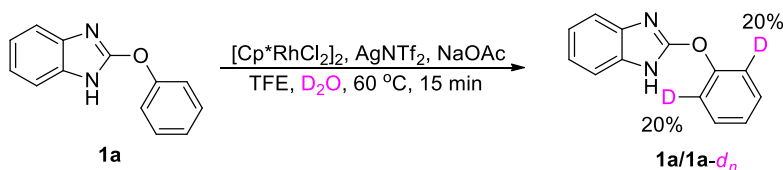
1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.90 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.85-2.82 (m, 3H), 2.73-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.49 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.98-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.71 (m, 1H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.68 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.8, 170.1, 149.3, 147.5, 142.9, 142.6, 134.63, 134.56, 133.9, 131.3, 130.3, 129.33, 129.27, 129.2, 127.4, 126.7, 126.5, 126.1, 124.0, 123.6, 123.5, 122.3, 120.7, 120.3, 119.8, 116.0, 111.1, 109.2, 108.6, 74.6, 60.7, 56.9, 42.6, 31.0, 26.9, 24.1, 22.4, 13.9, 7.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ 625.2809; Found 625.2806.

4. Gram-scale synthesis of **3aa**

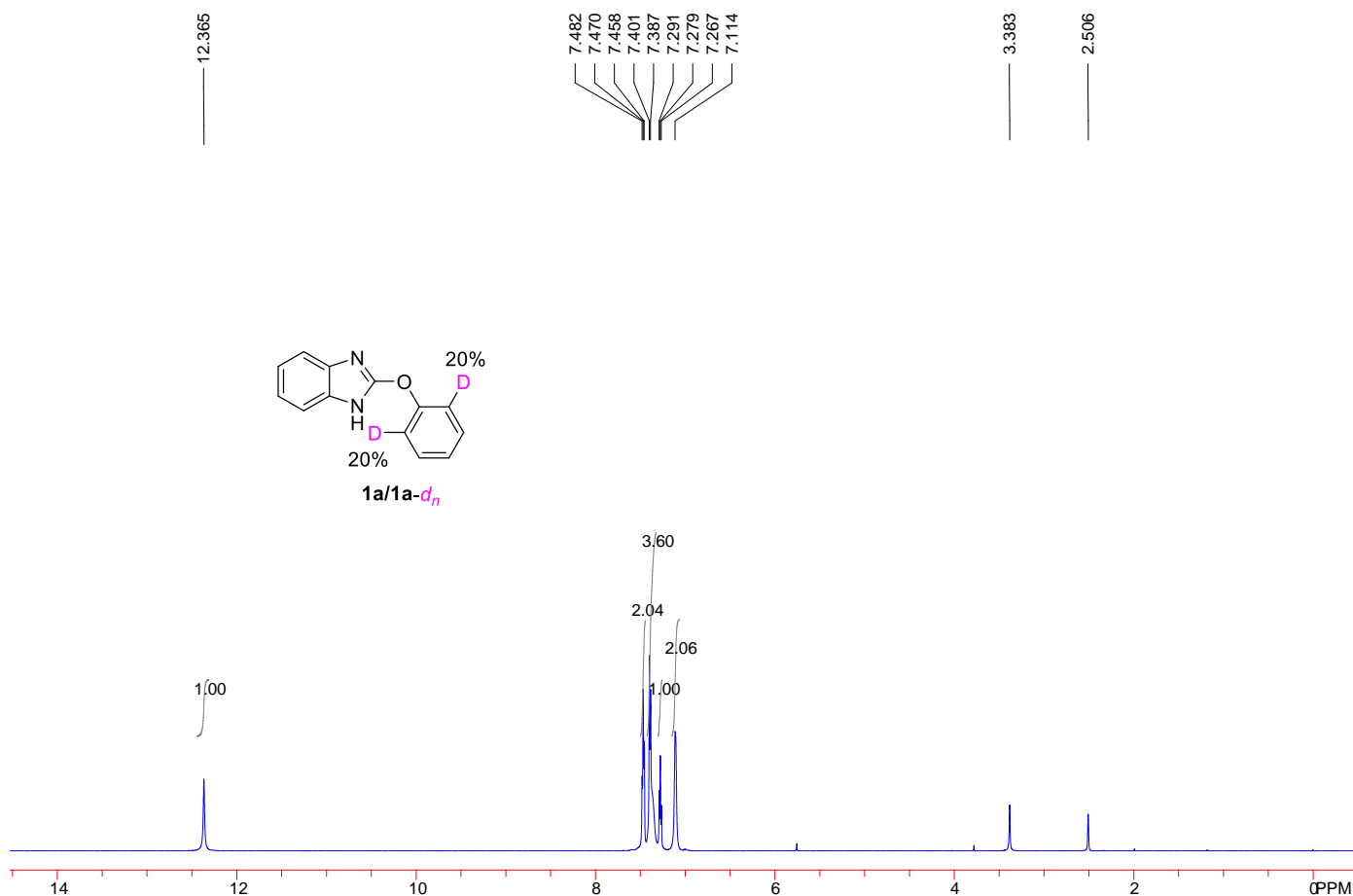
To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were added 2-phenoxy-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**1a**, 1.05 g, 5 mmol), TFE (30 mL), 3-diazo-1-methylindolin-2-one (**2a**, 1.3 g, 7.5 mmol), $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (46.4 mg, 0.075 mmol), AgNTf_2 (194.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) and NaOAc (600.2 mg, 7.5 mmol) with stirring. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C (oil bath) under air for 4 h. Upon completion, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent to afford **3aa** (1.58 g, 89%).

III. Mechanism studies

1. Studies on the reversibility of C–H bond activation

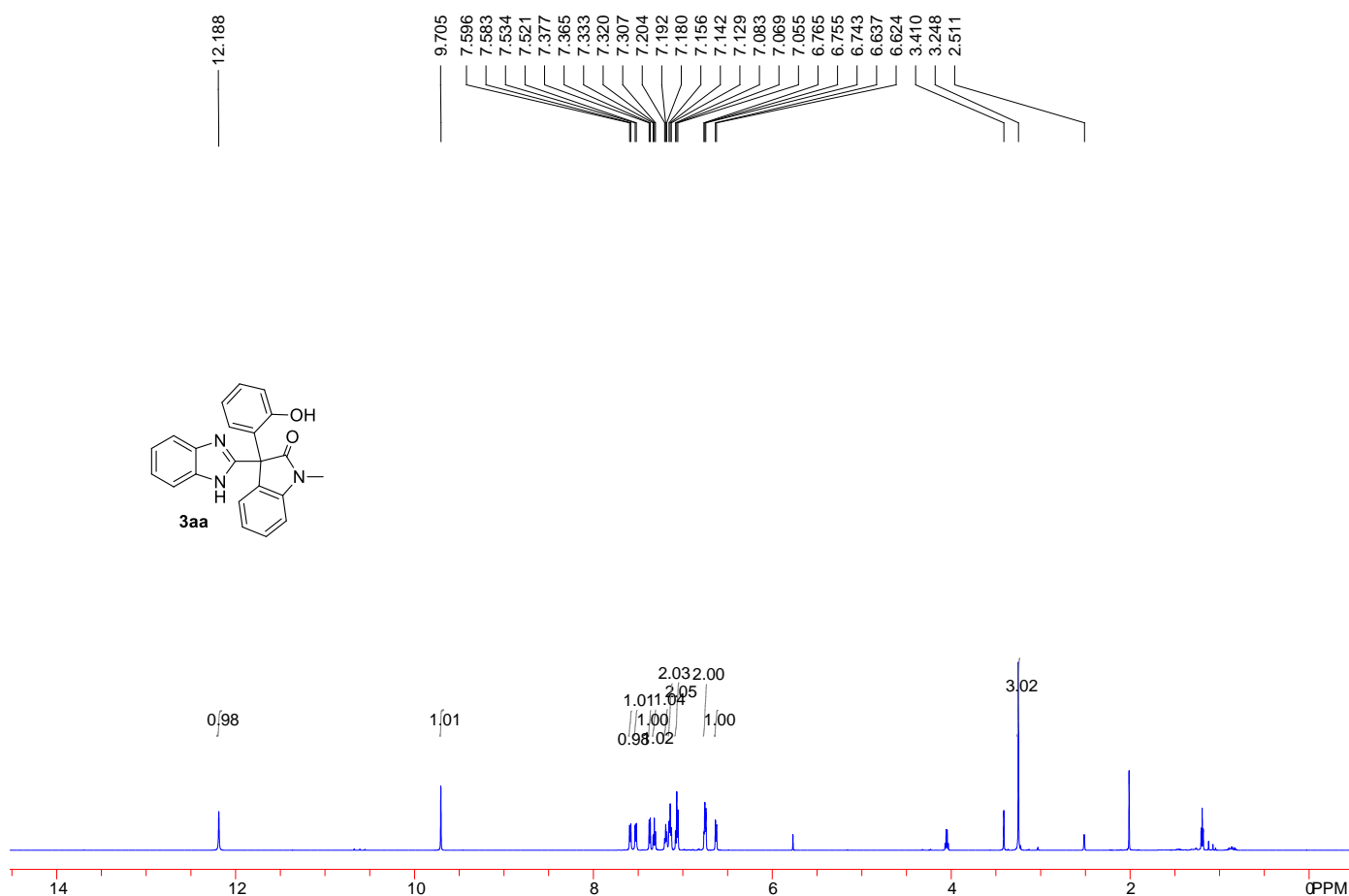


To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were charged with 2-phenoxy-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**1a**, 42.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgNTf₂ (15.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), NaOAc (24.0 mg, 0.3 mmol), TFE (2 mL) and D₂O (72 μL, 4 mmol). The tube was sealed, and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C (oil bath) under air for 15 min. Upon analyzing the ¹H NMR spectrum of the resulting mixture, the deuteration percentage at the *ortho* positions of the phenyl moiety of **1a** was calculated as 20%.

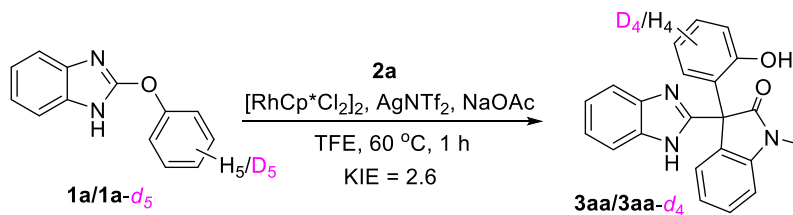




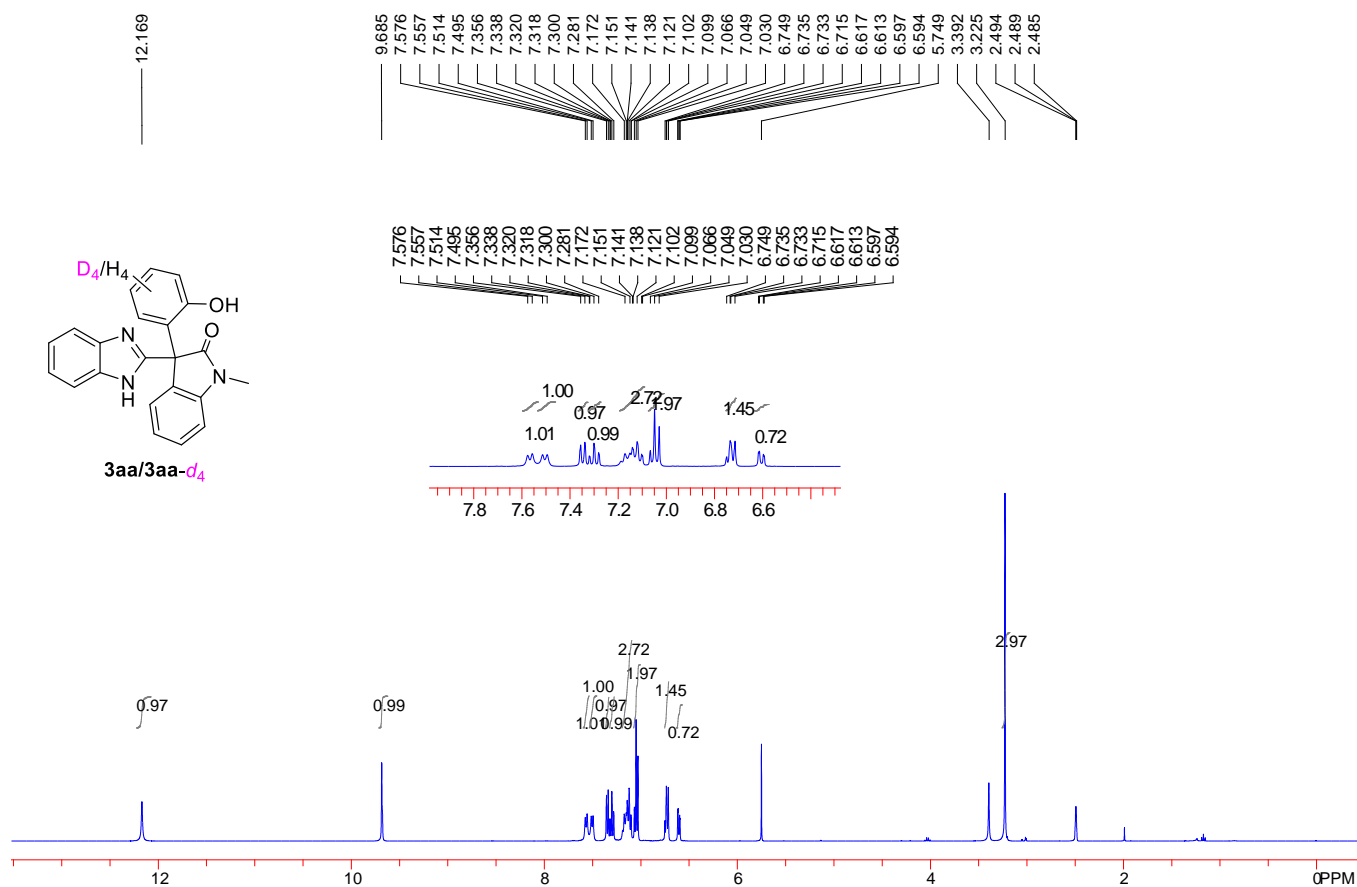
To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were added 2-phenoxy-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (**1a**, 42.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), TFE (2 mL), 3-diazo-1-methylindolin-2-one (**2a**, 52.0 mg, 0.3 mmol), $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgNTf_2 (15.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) and NaOAc (24.0 mg, 0.3 mmol) with stirring. The mixture was stirred at $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (oil bath) under air for 15 min. Then, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent to afford **3aa**. Upon analyzing its ^1H NMR spectrum, no deuteration was observed.



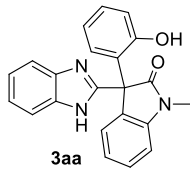
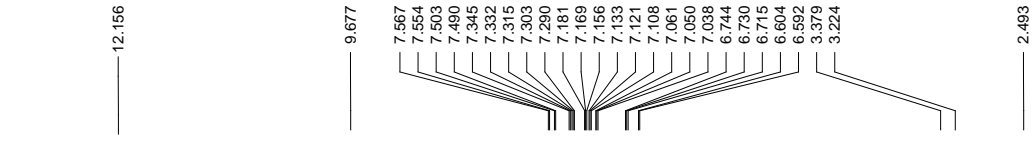
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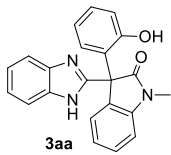
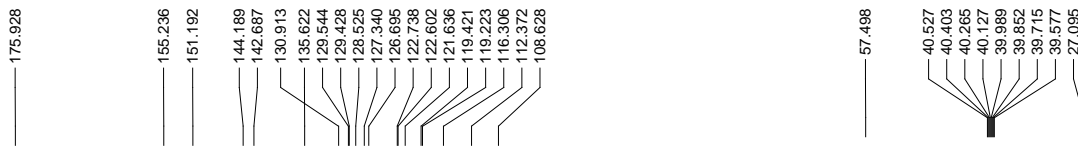
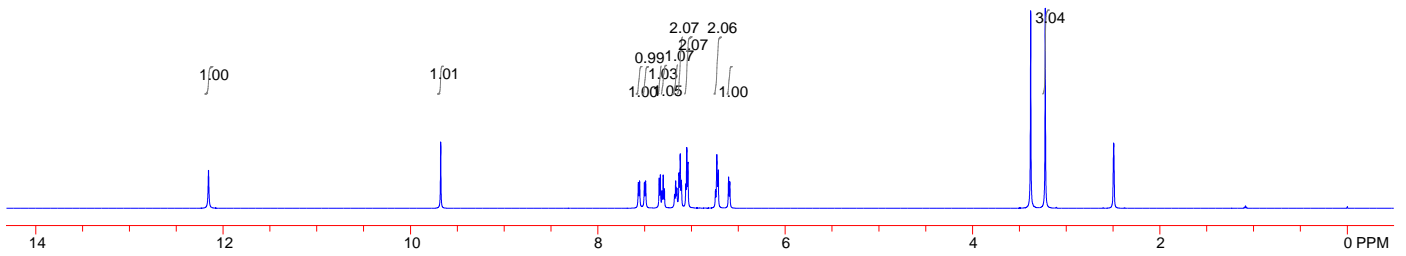
To a reaction tube equipped with a stir bar were added **1a** (42.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), **1a-d₅** (43.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), TFE (2 mL), **2a** (34.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol), AgNTf_2 (15.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) and NaOAc (24.0 mg, 0.3 mmol) with stirring. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C under air for 1 h. Upon completion, it was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent to afford a mixture of **3aa** and **3aa-d₄**. Upon analyzing the ^1H NMR spectrum of the mixture, the ratio of **3aa** to **3aa-d₄** was determined as 0.72:0.28. Accordingly, the intermolecular KIE value ($k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}}$) was calculated to be 2.6.



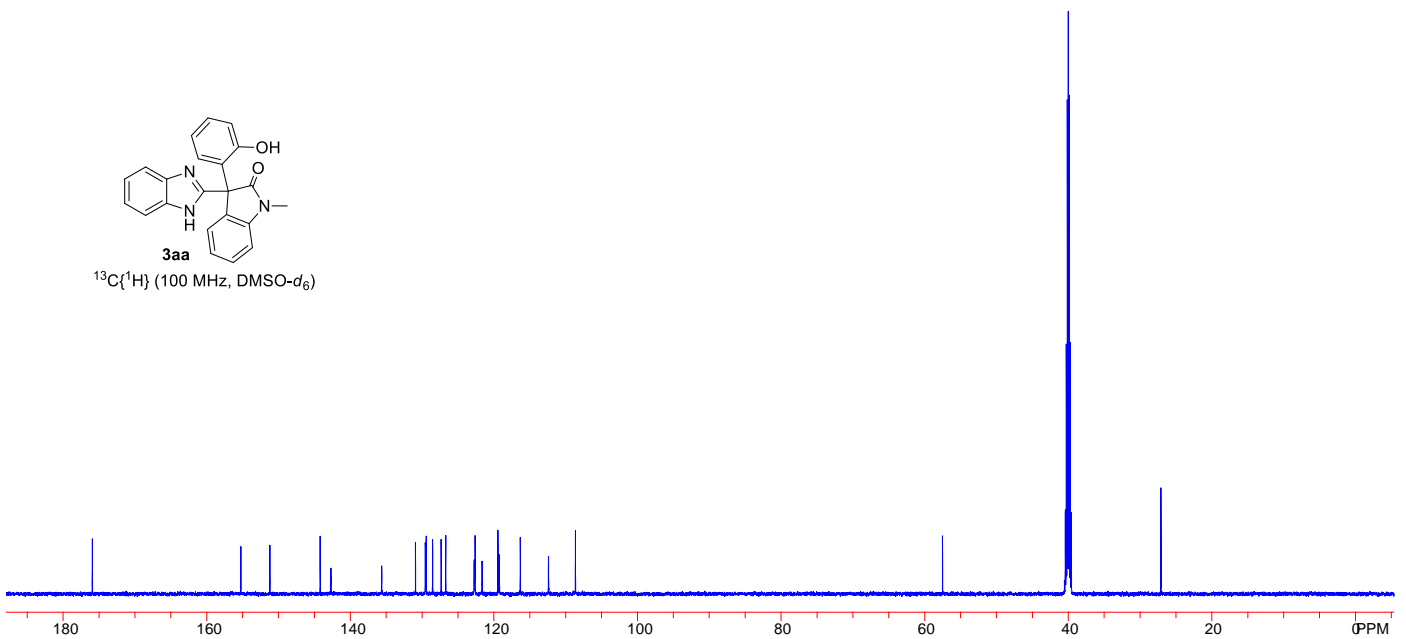
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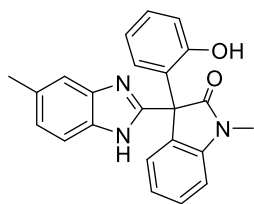


¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



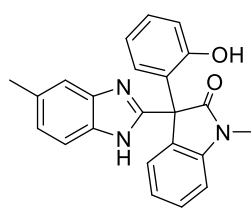
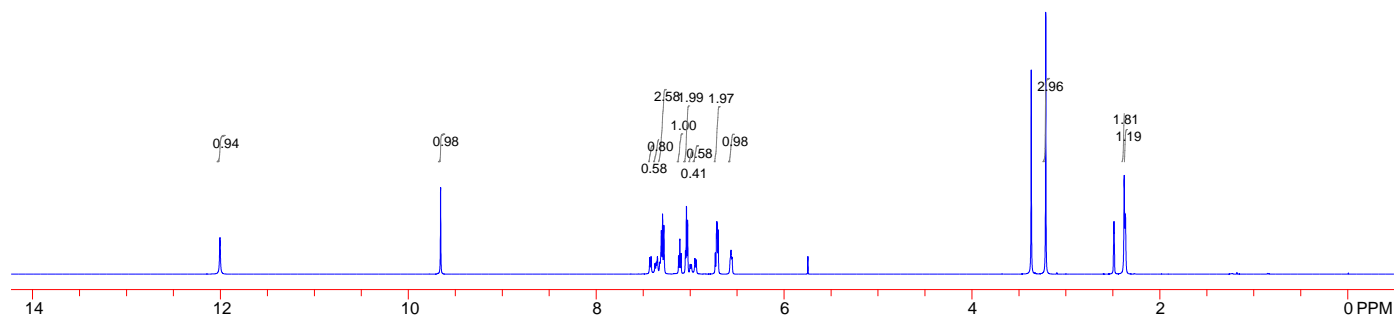
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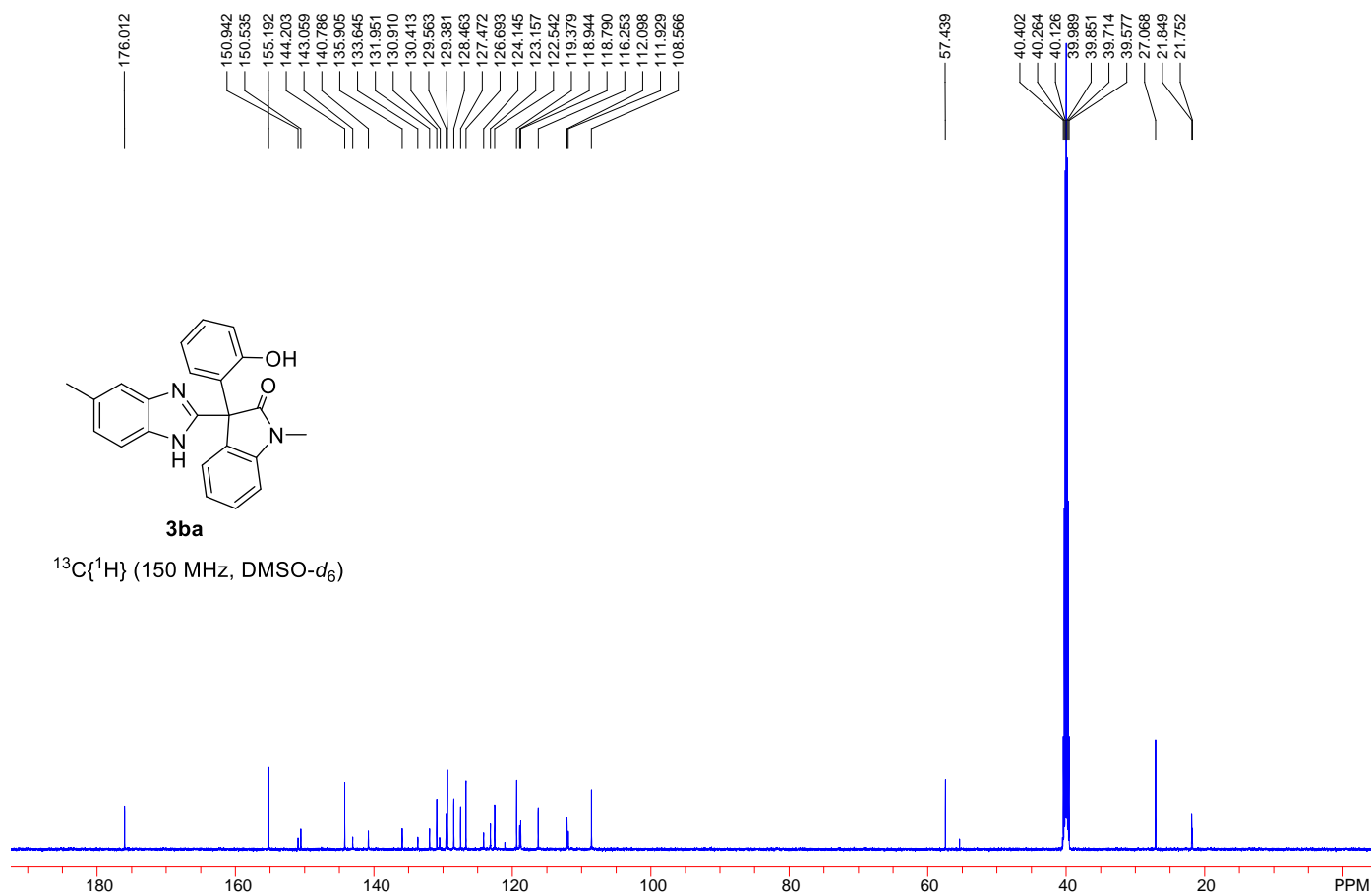
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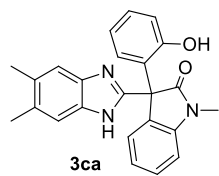
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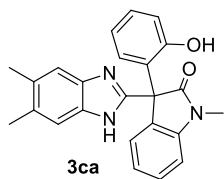
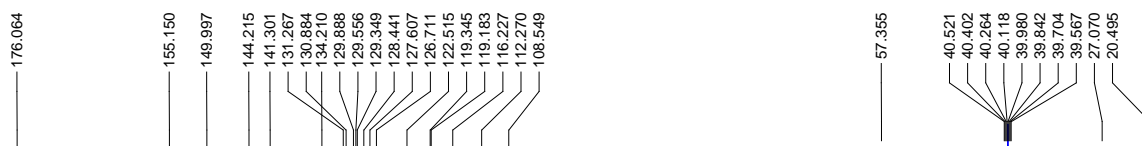
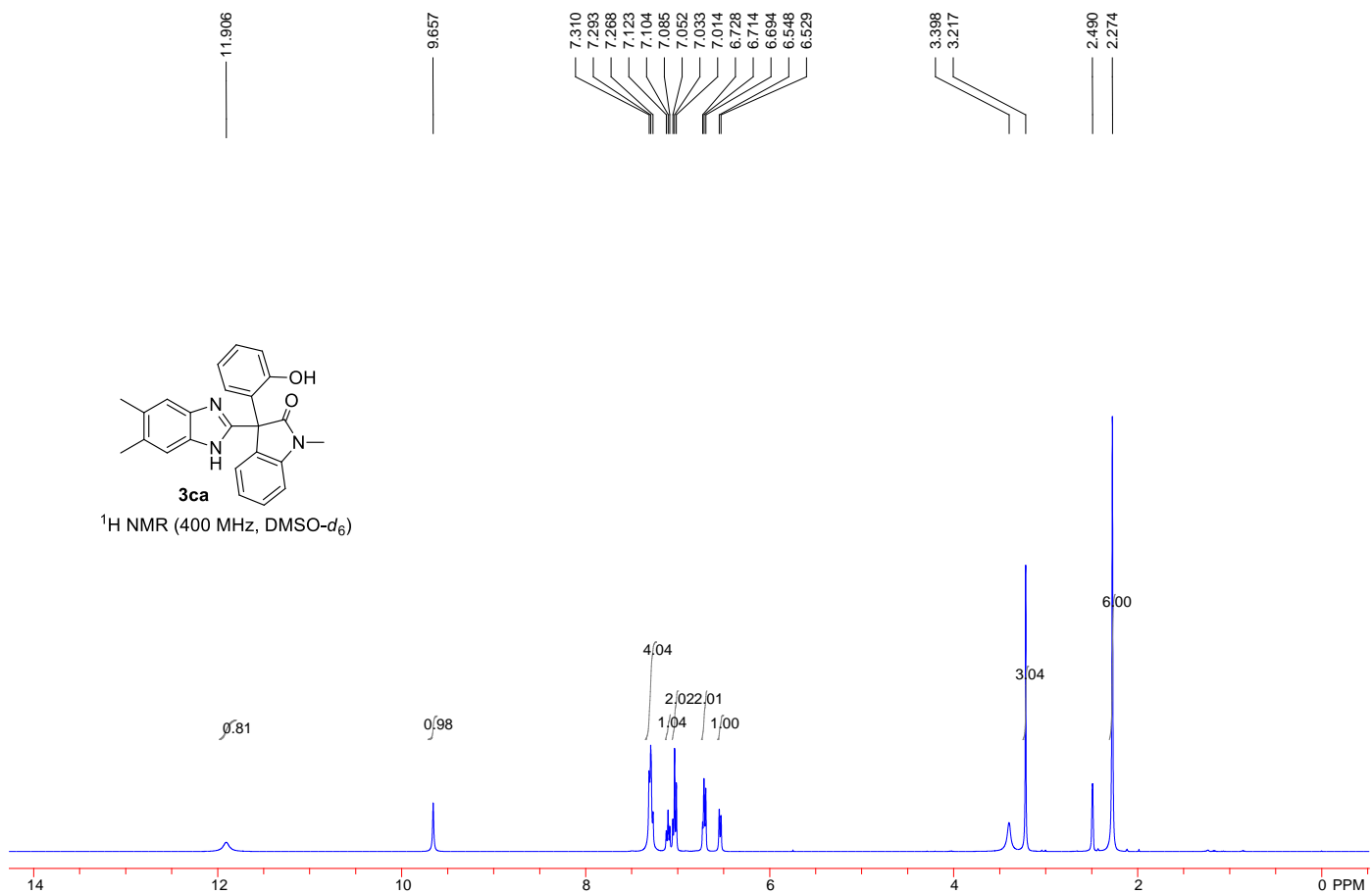
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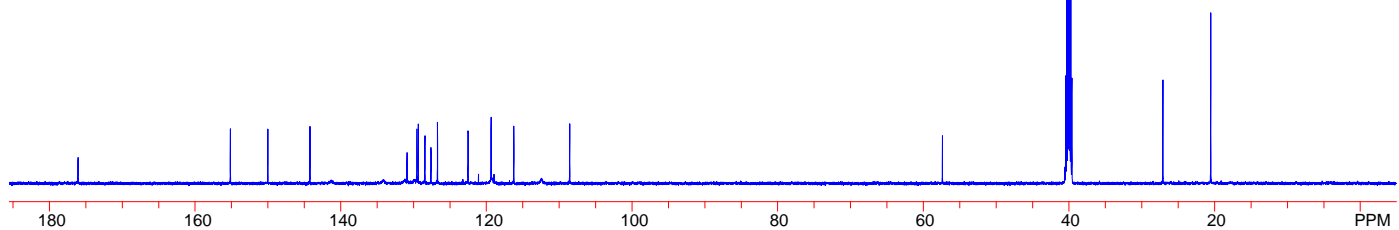


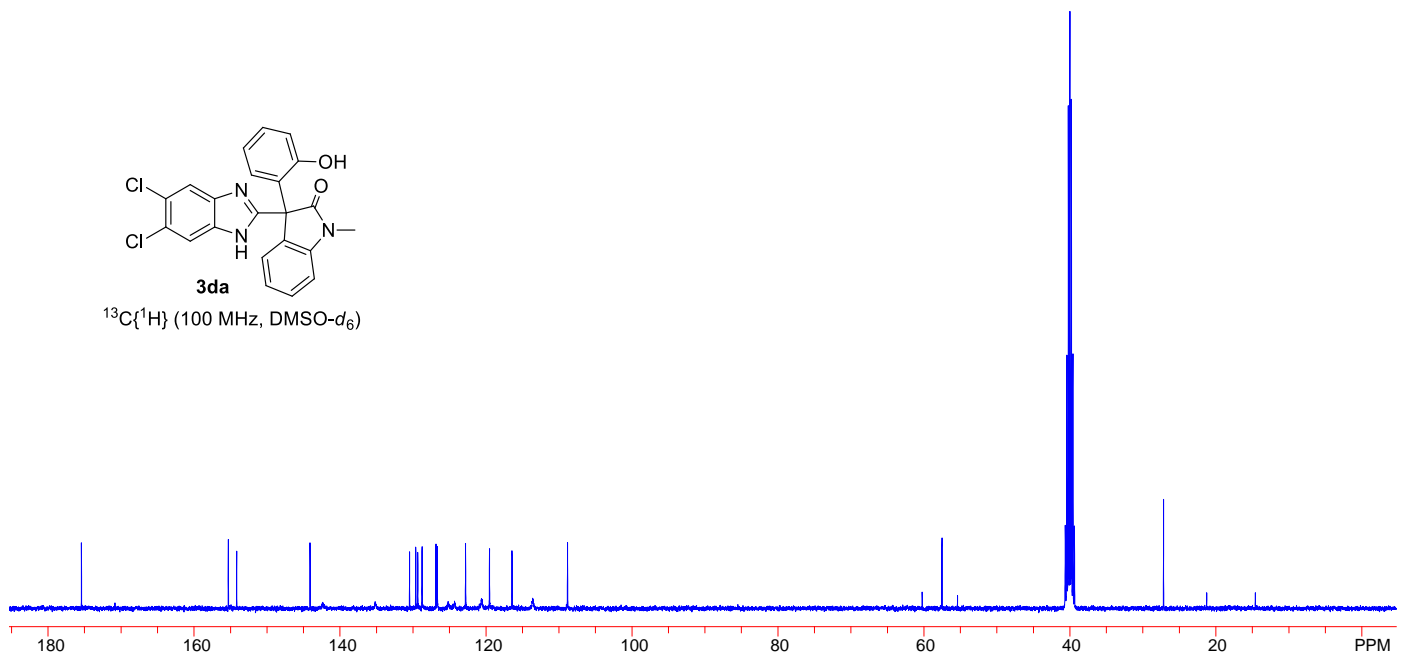
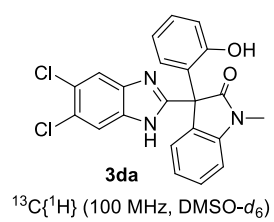
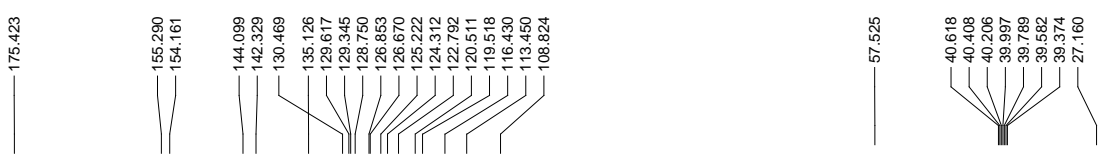
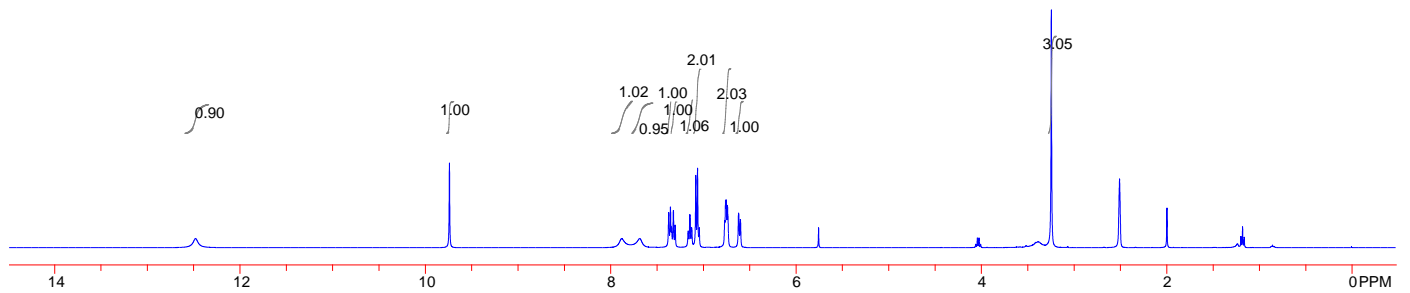
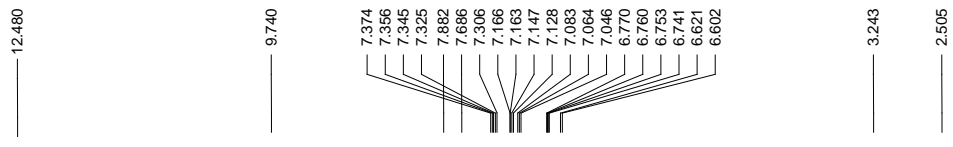
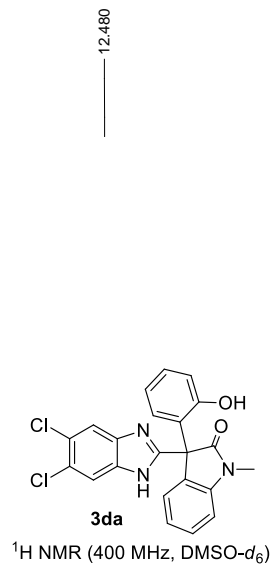


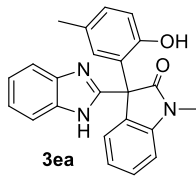
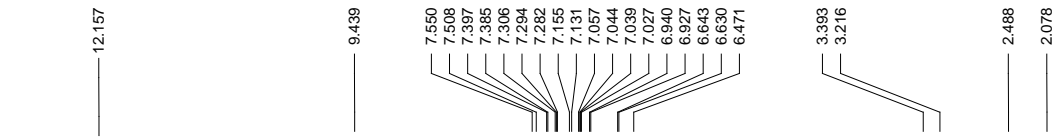
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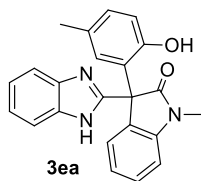
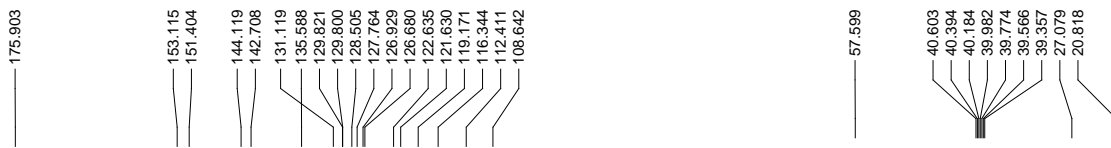
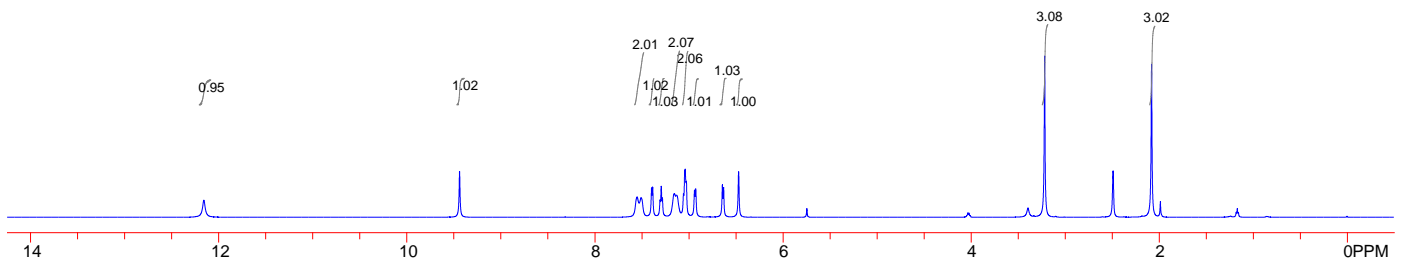
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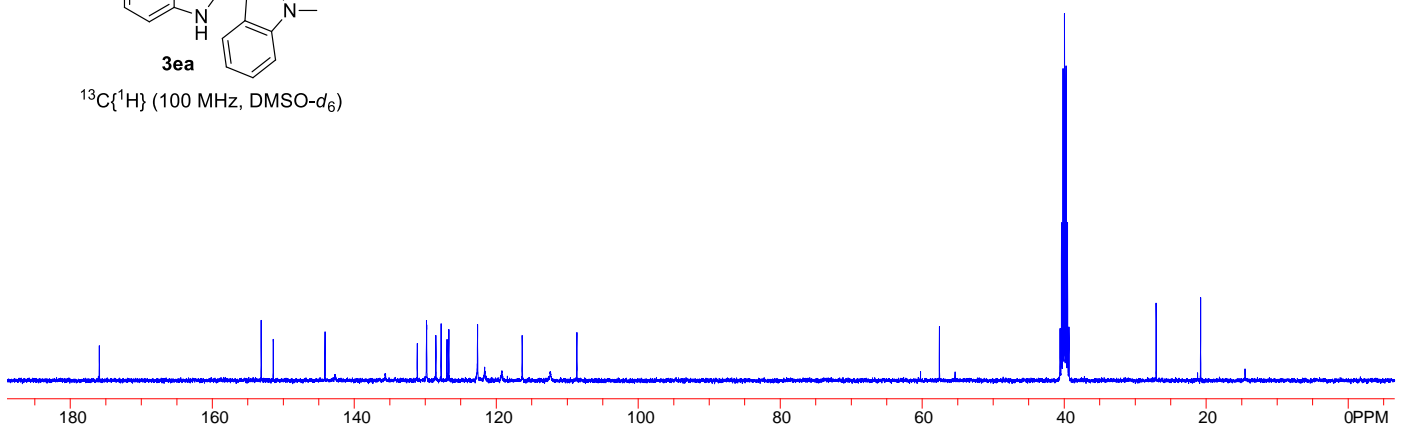


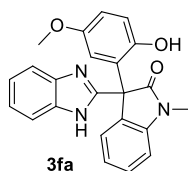


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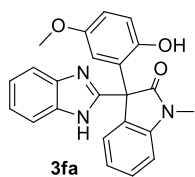
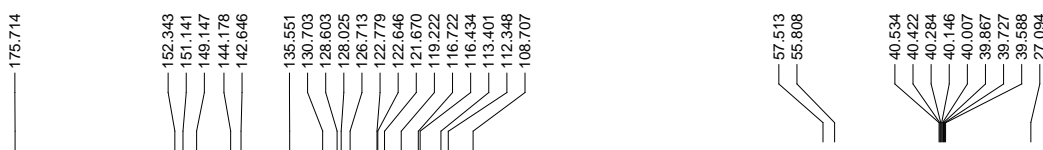
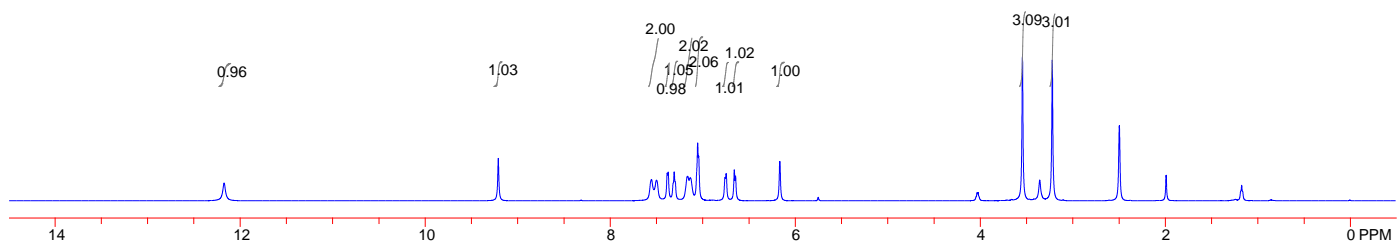
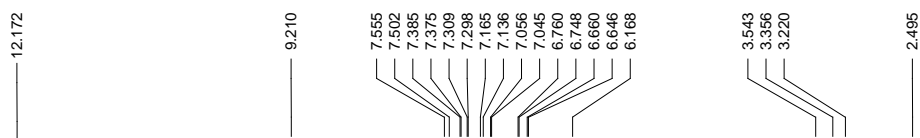


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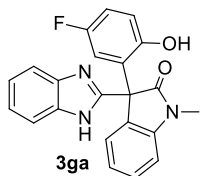


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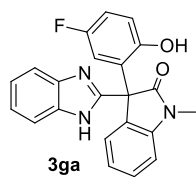
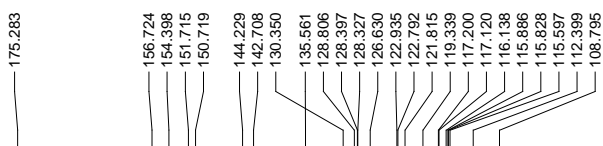
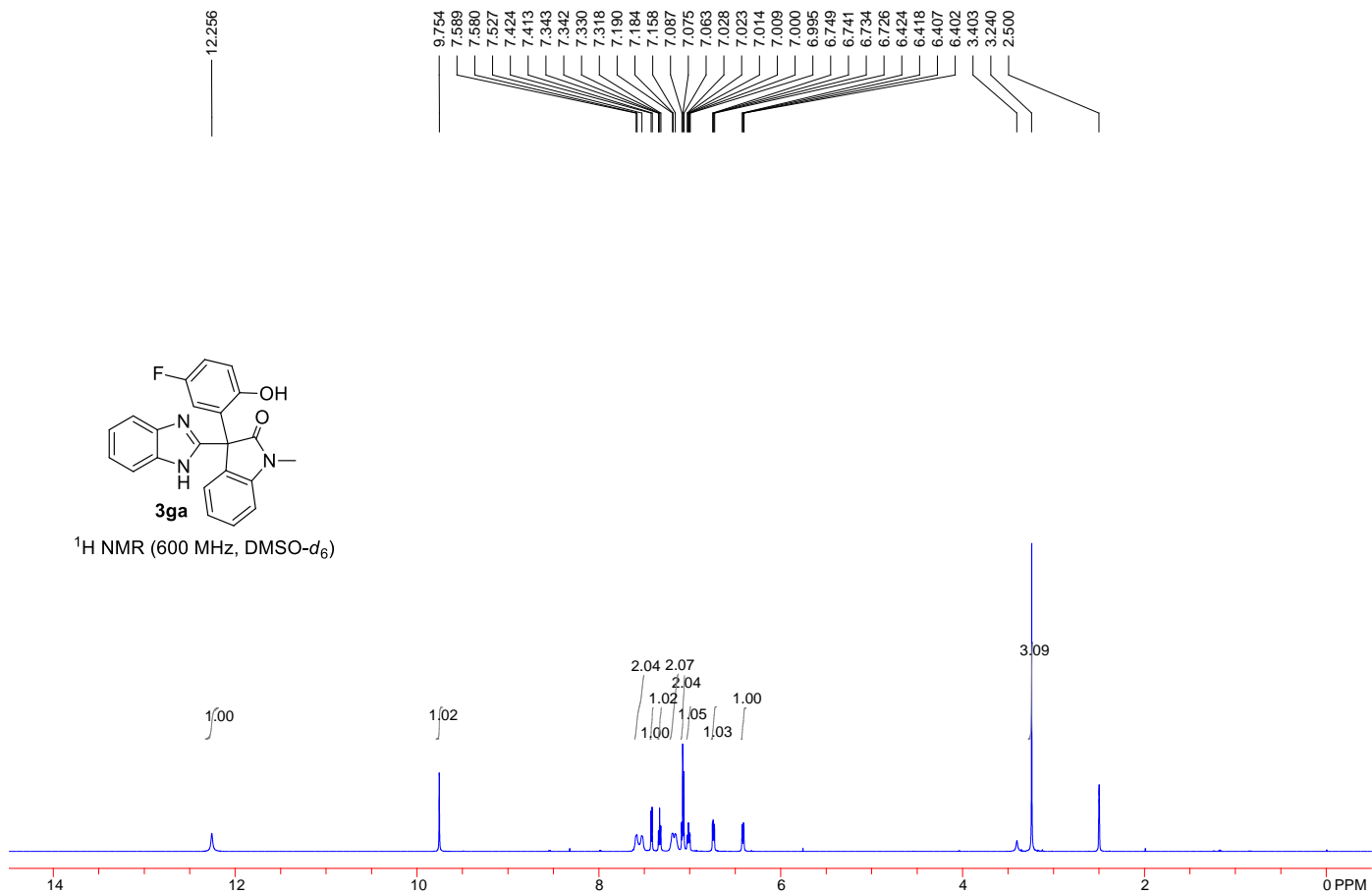


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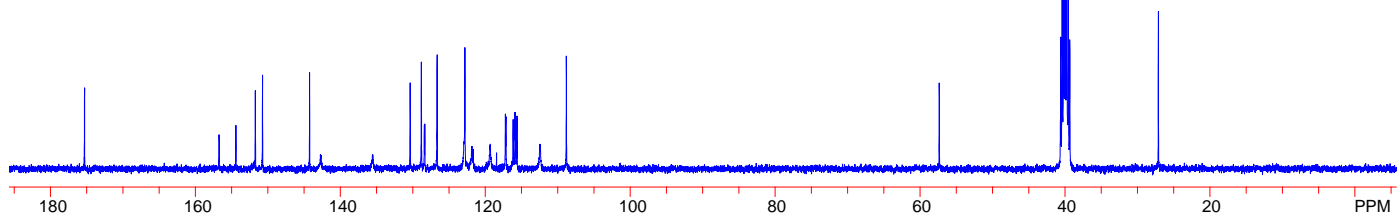




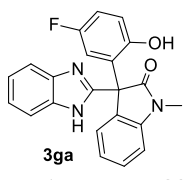
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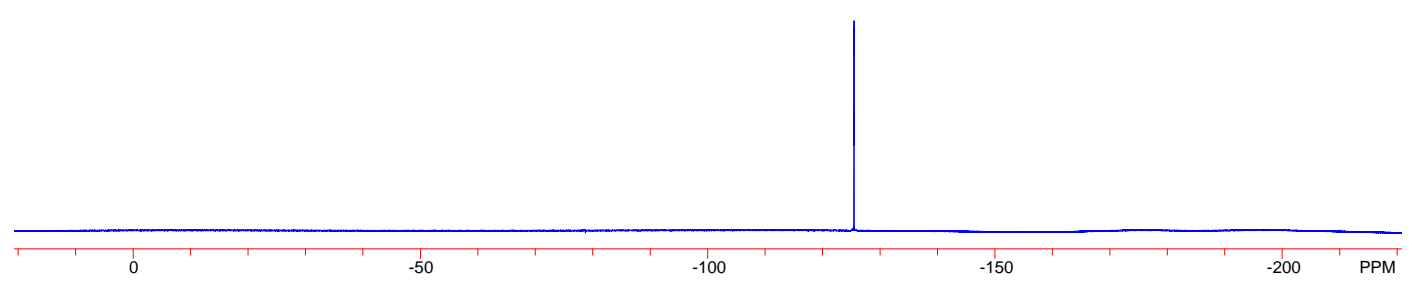
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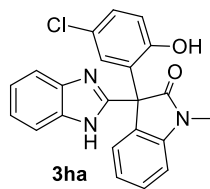


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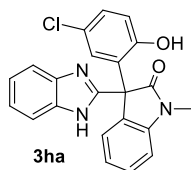
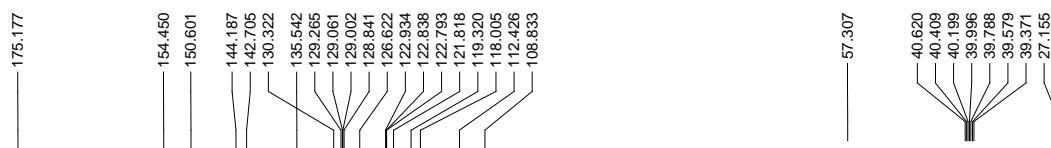
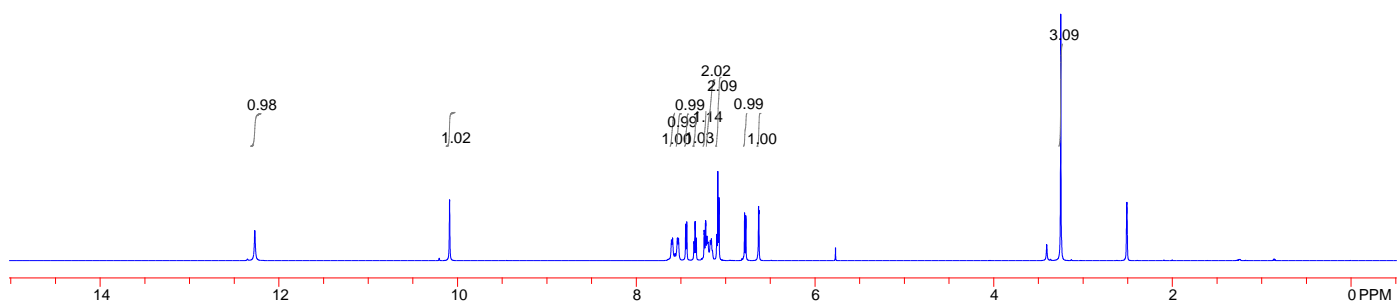
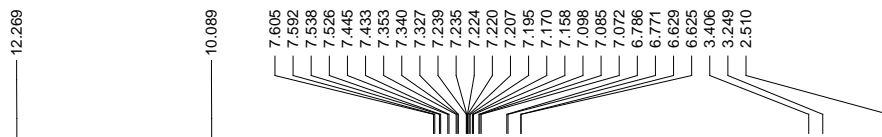


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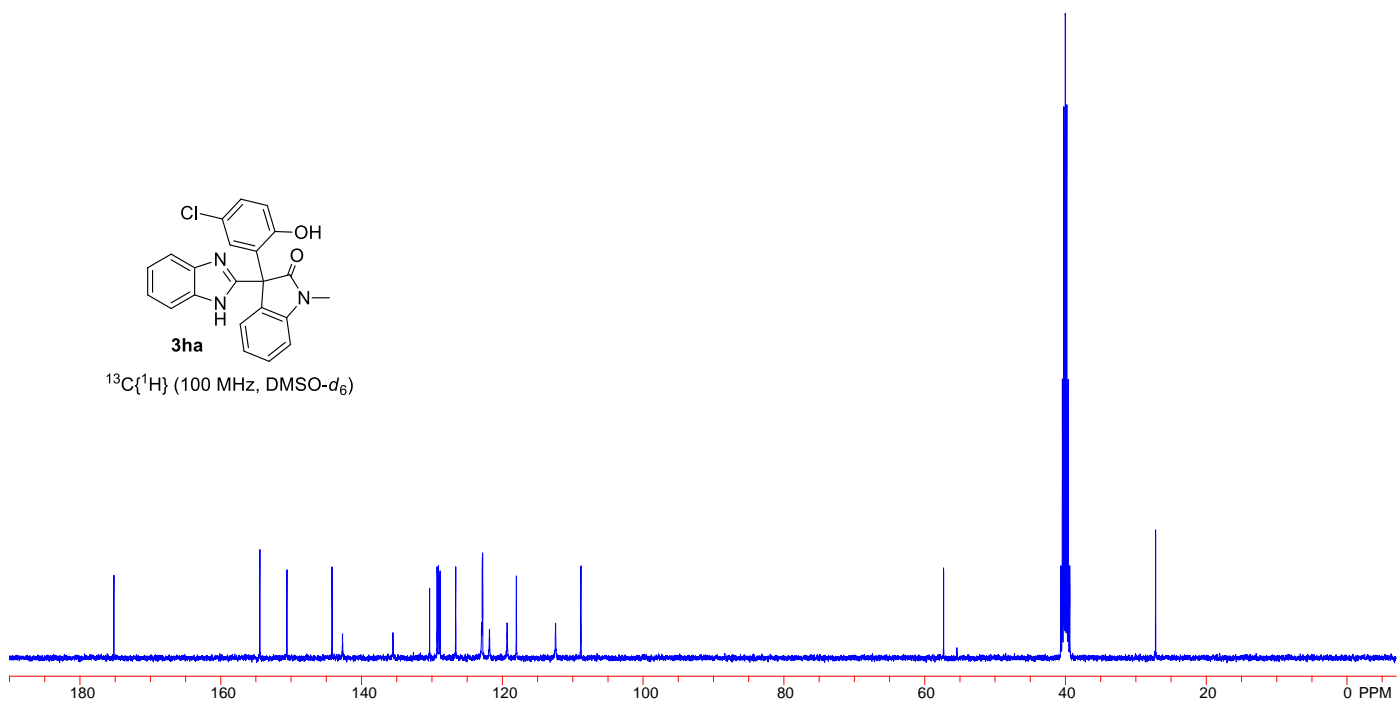


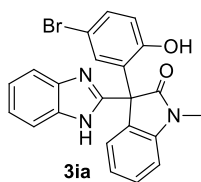
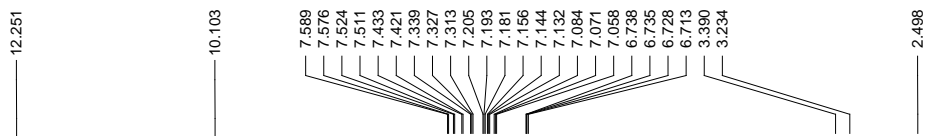


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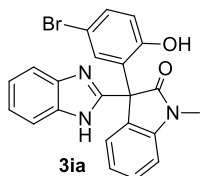
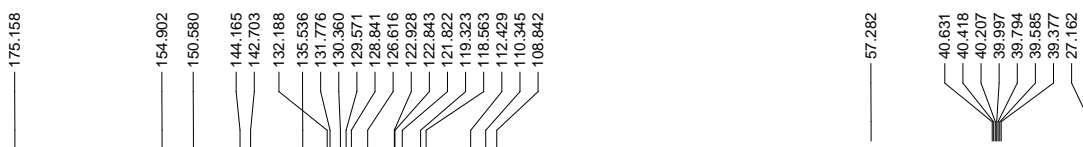
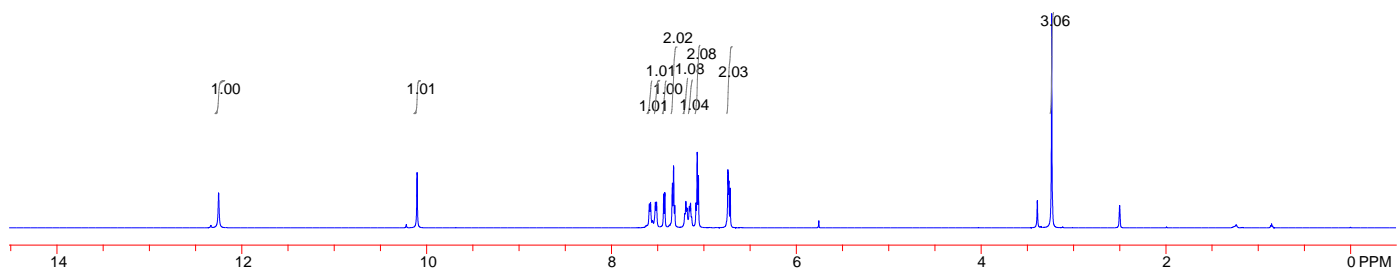


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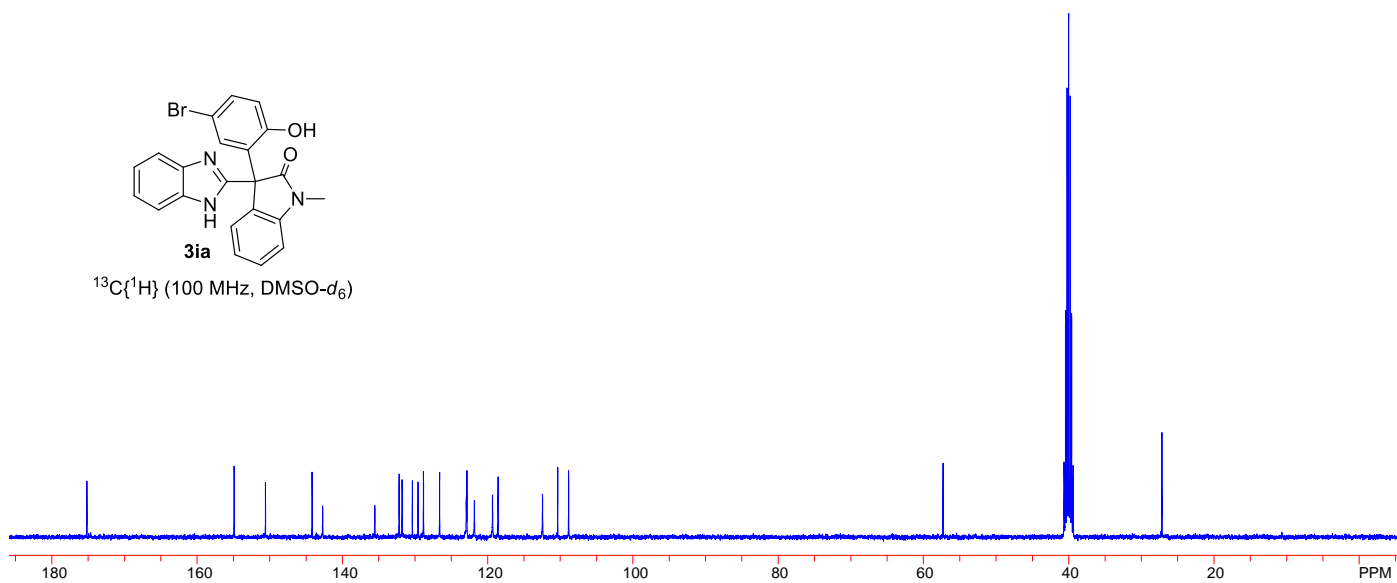


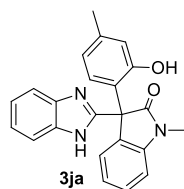


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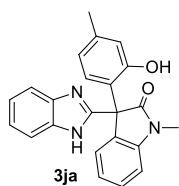
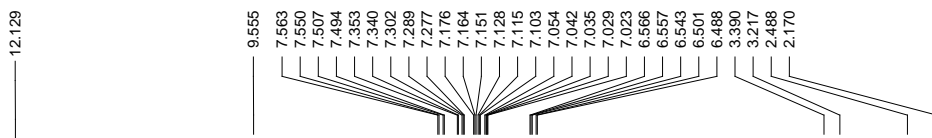
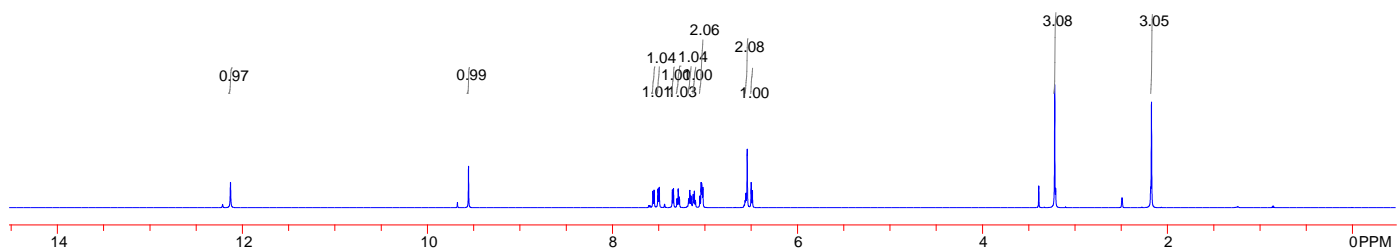


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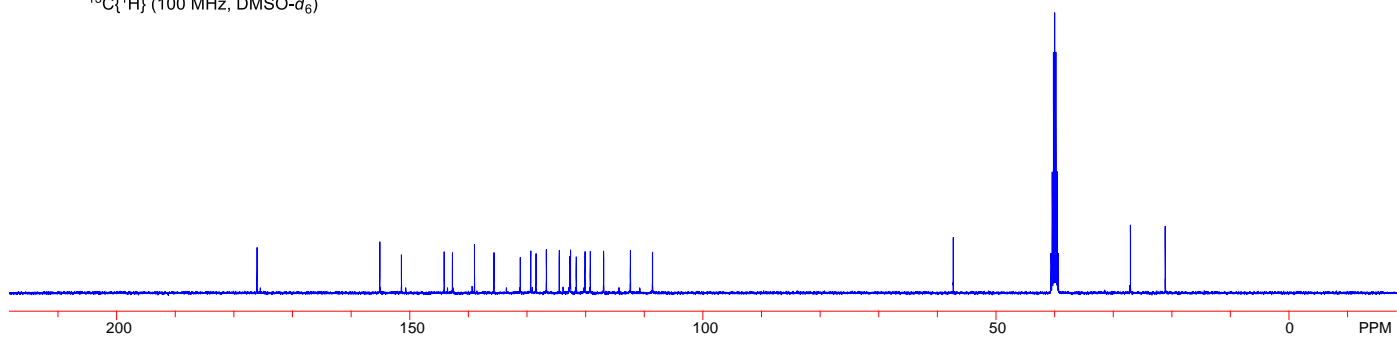


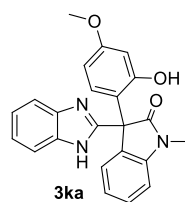


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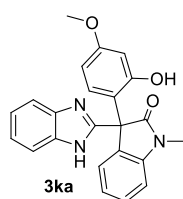
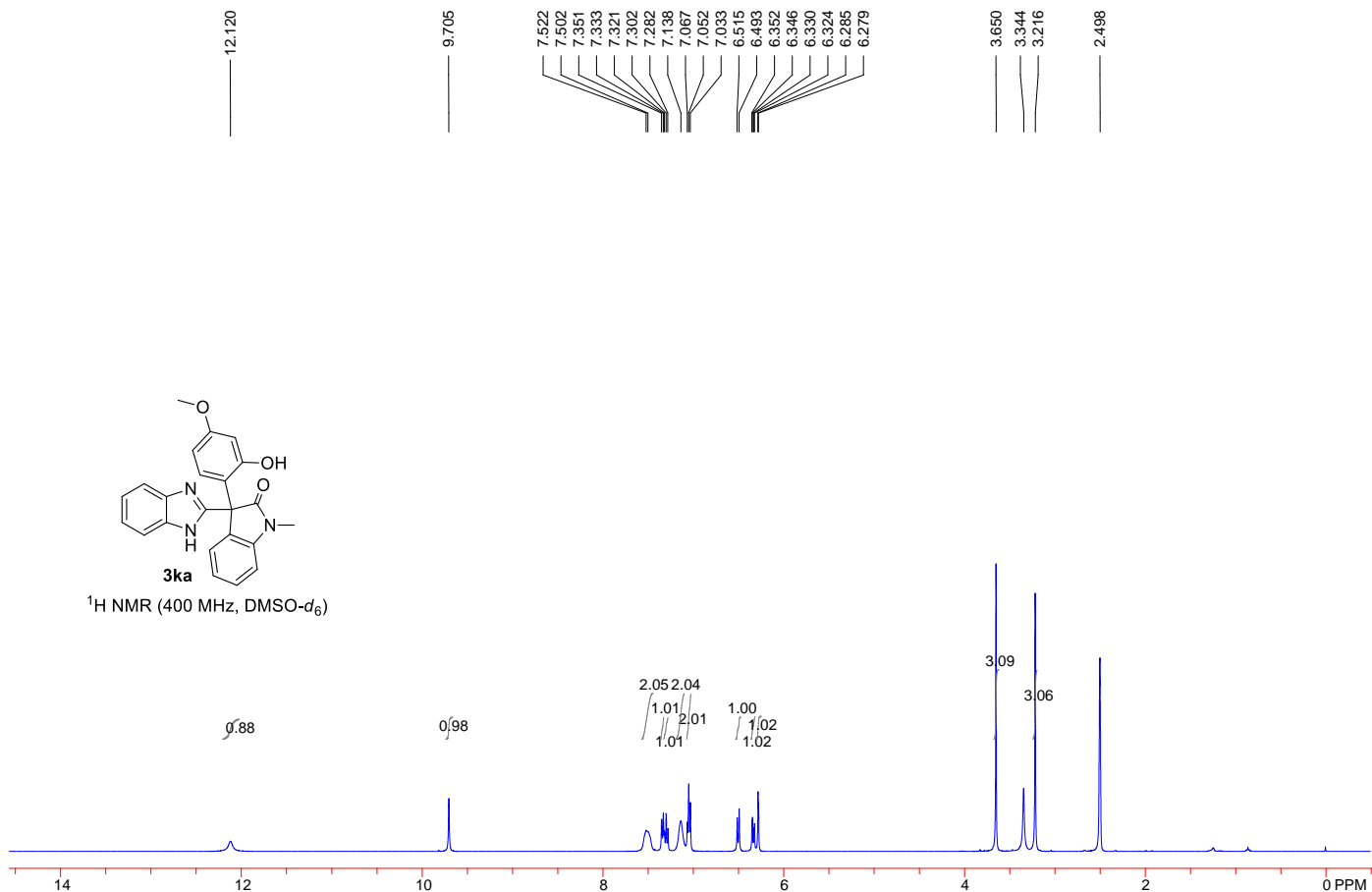
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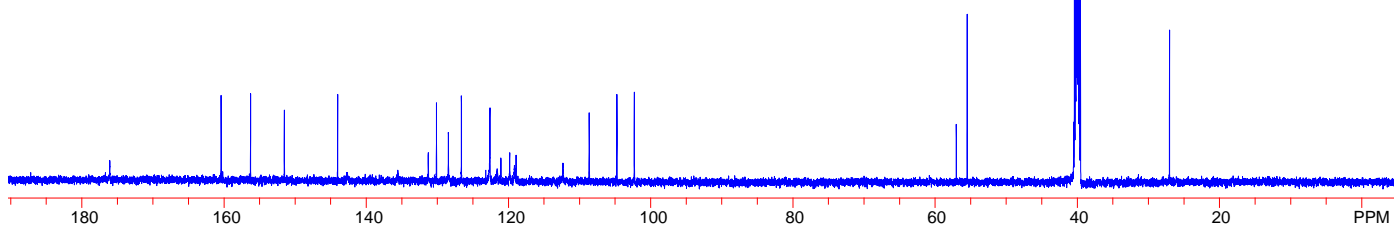
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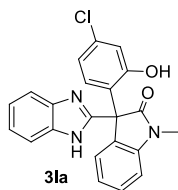
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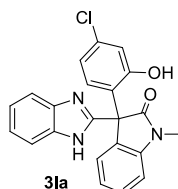
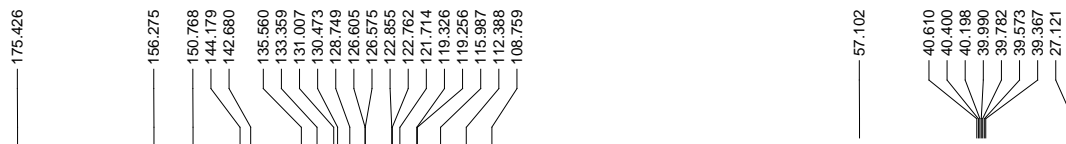
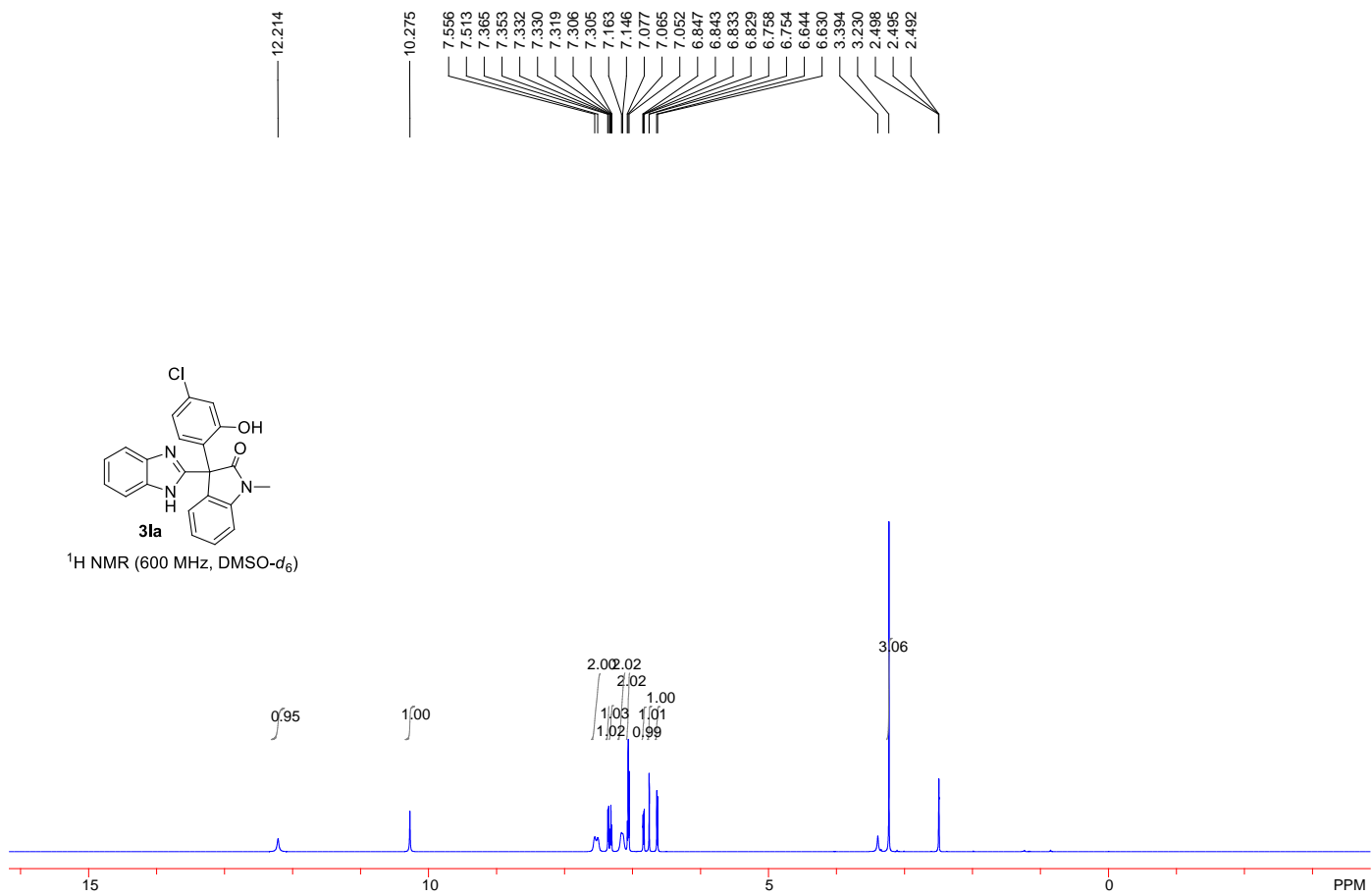
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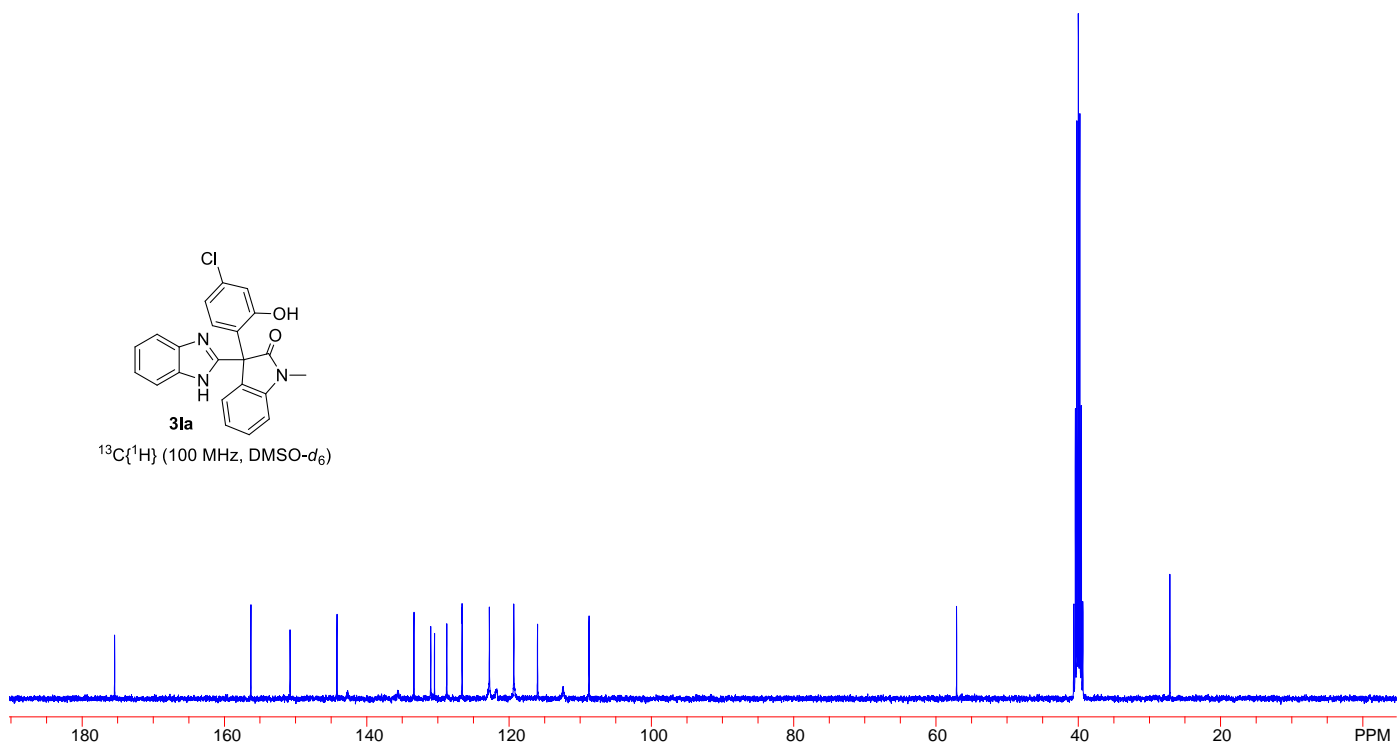


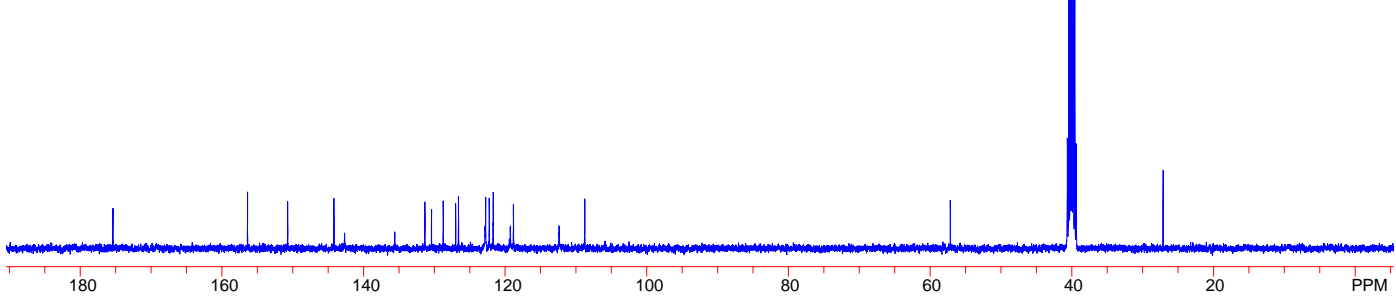
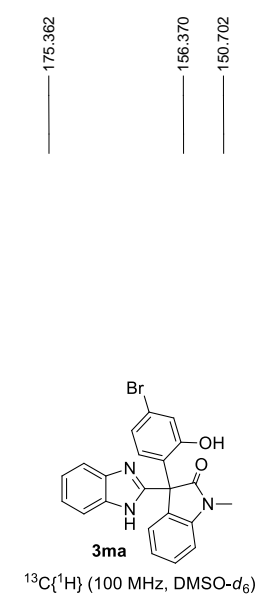
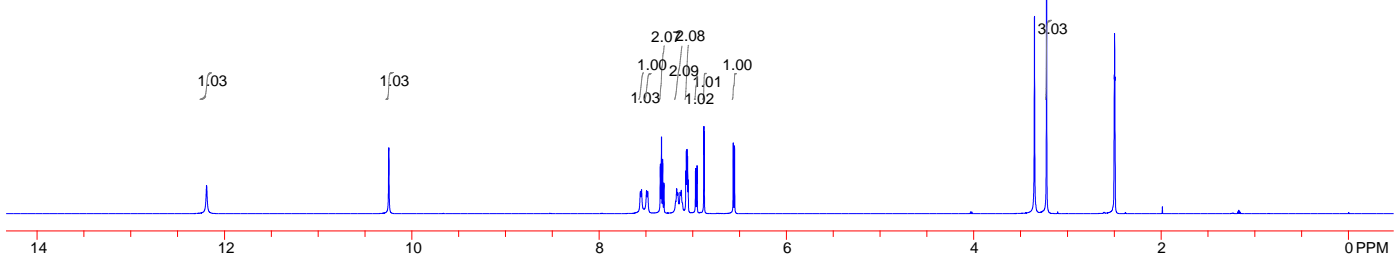
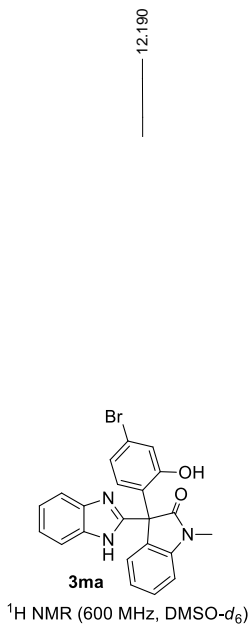


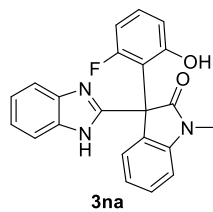
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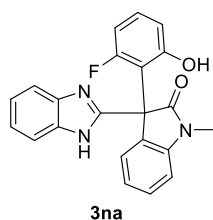
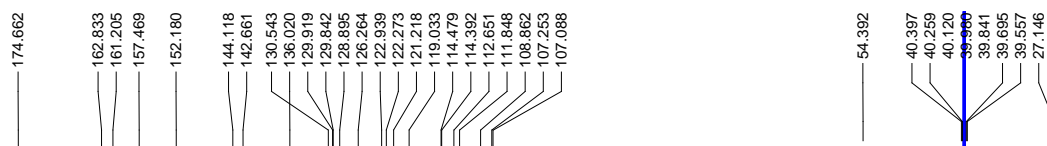
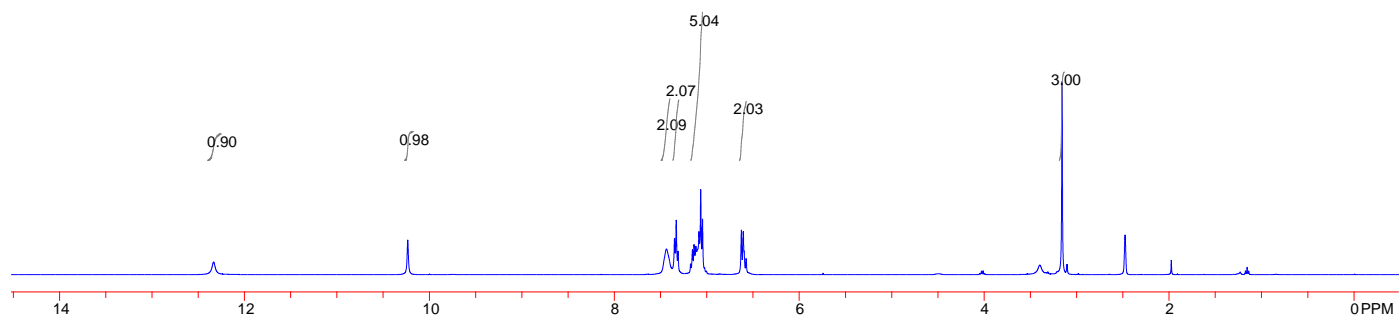
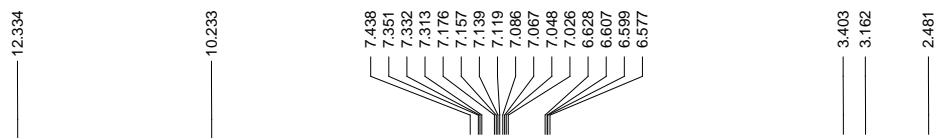
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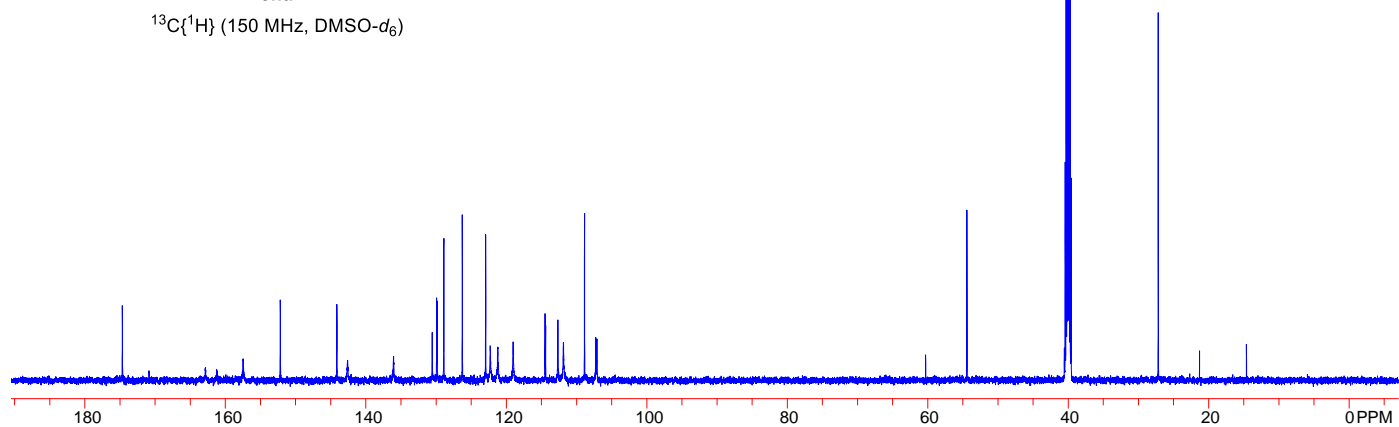


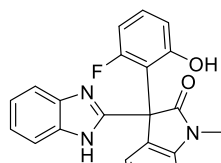


^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$)



$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (150 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$)

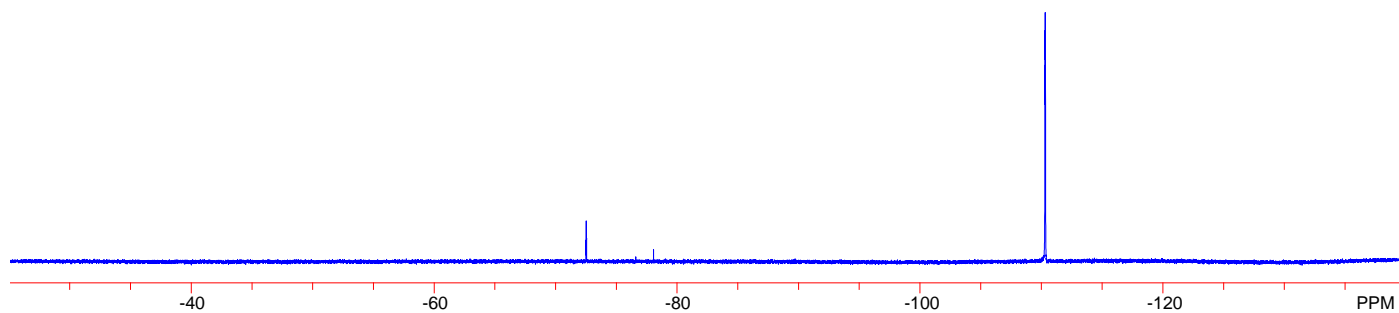


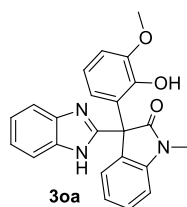


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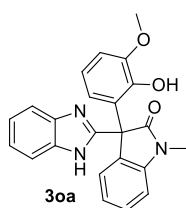
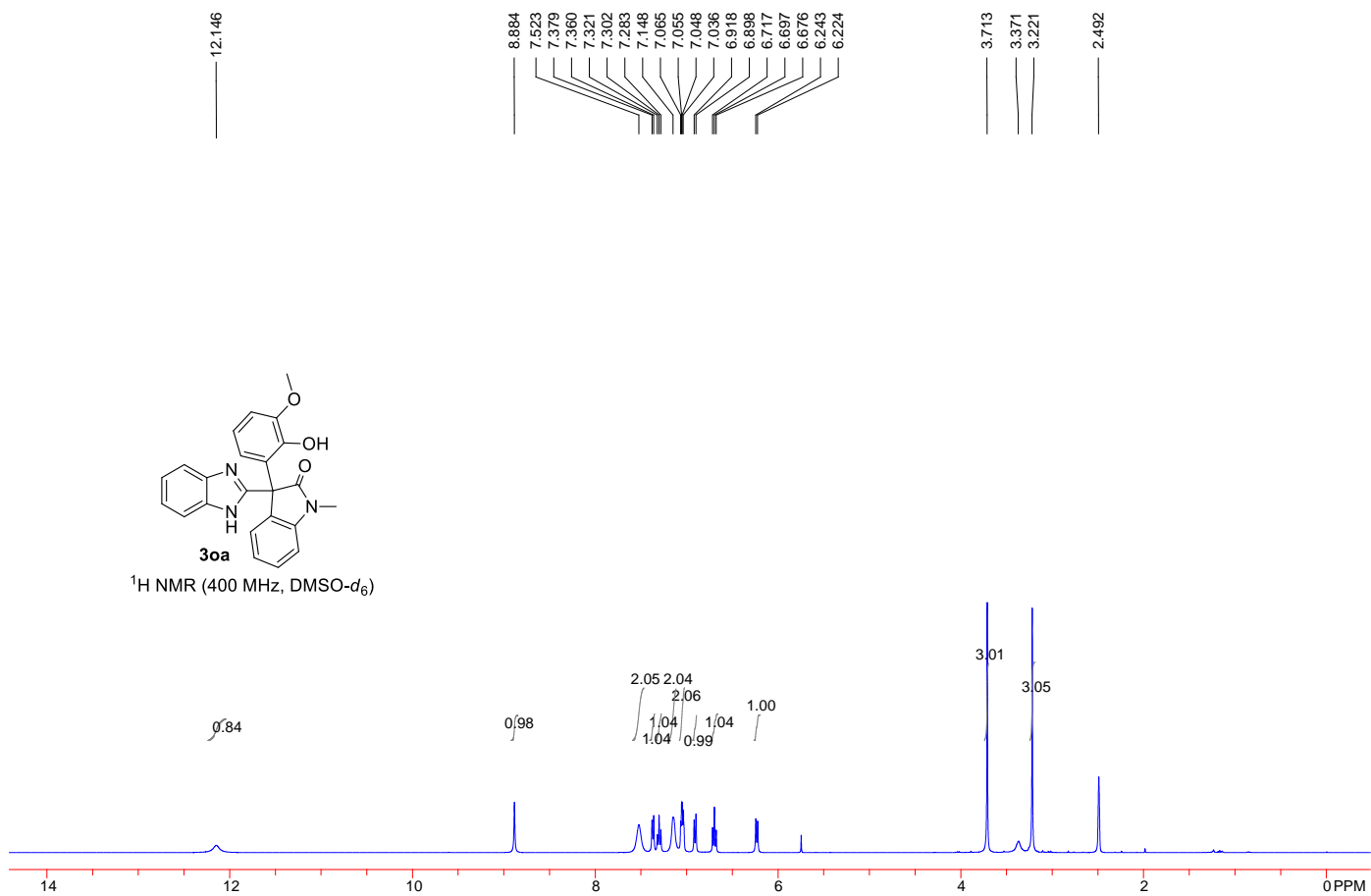
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110.306
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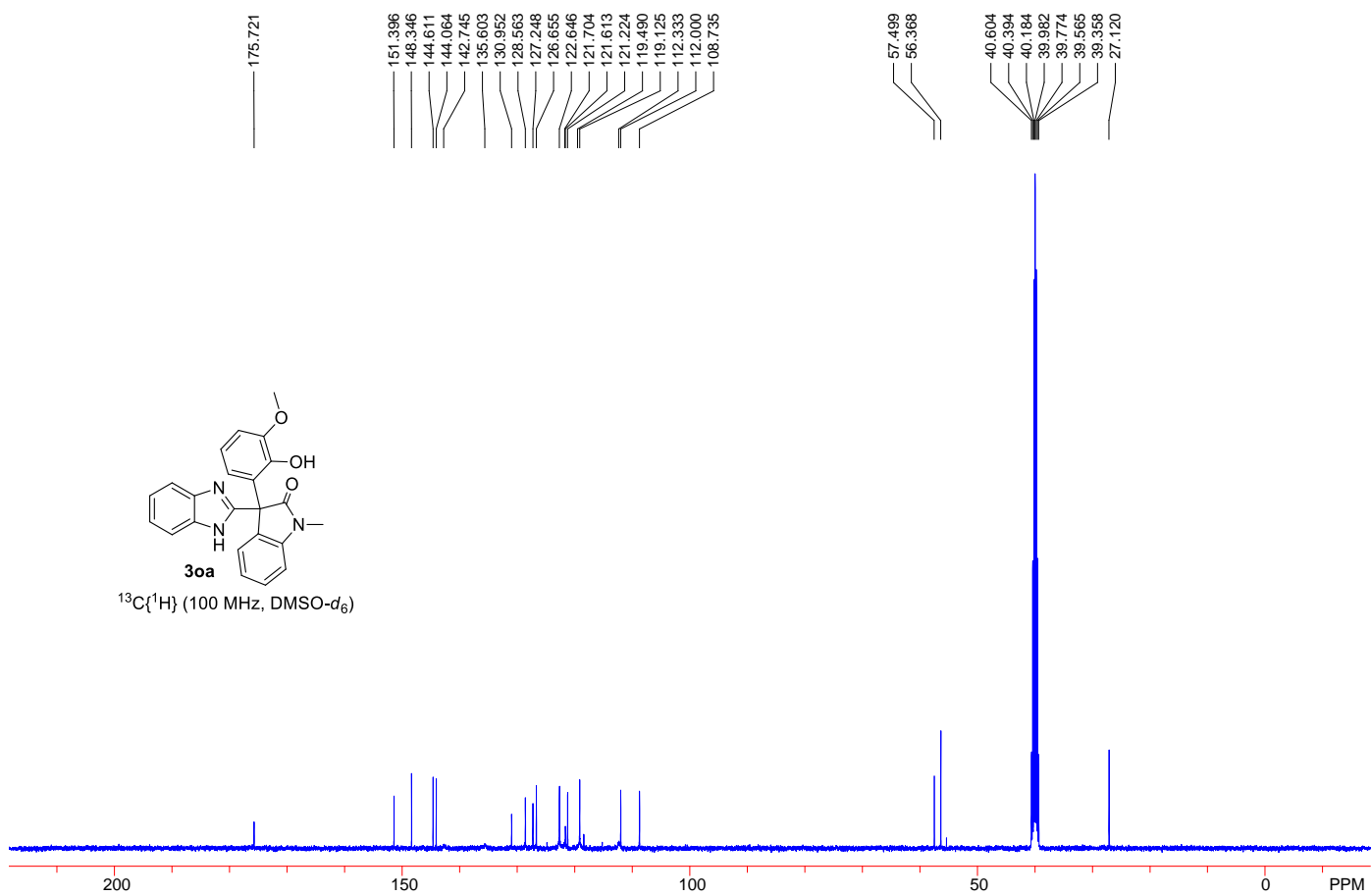


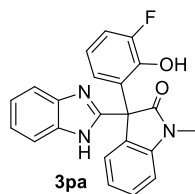


$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$)

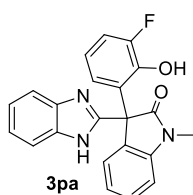
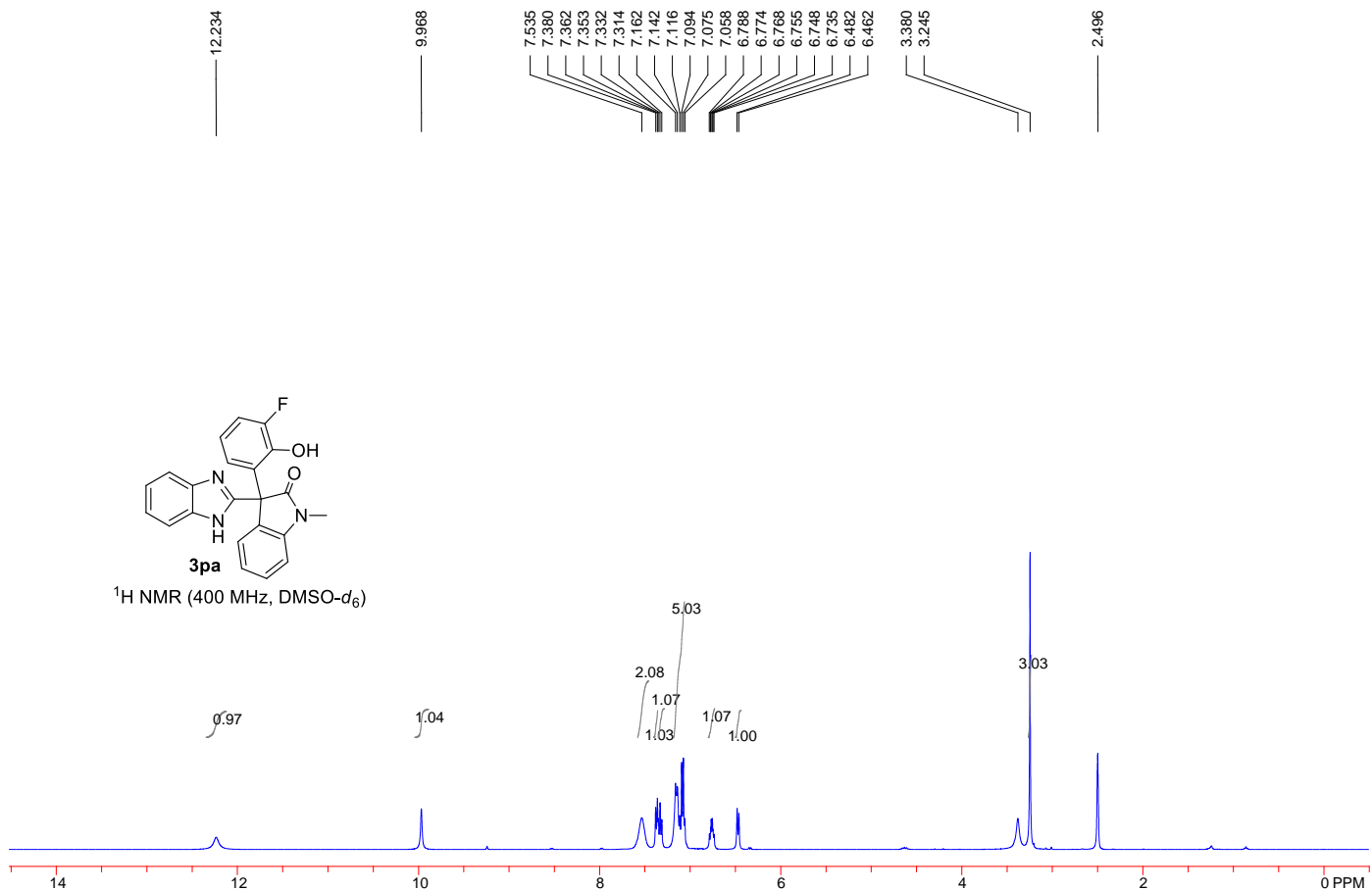


$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$)

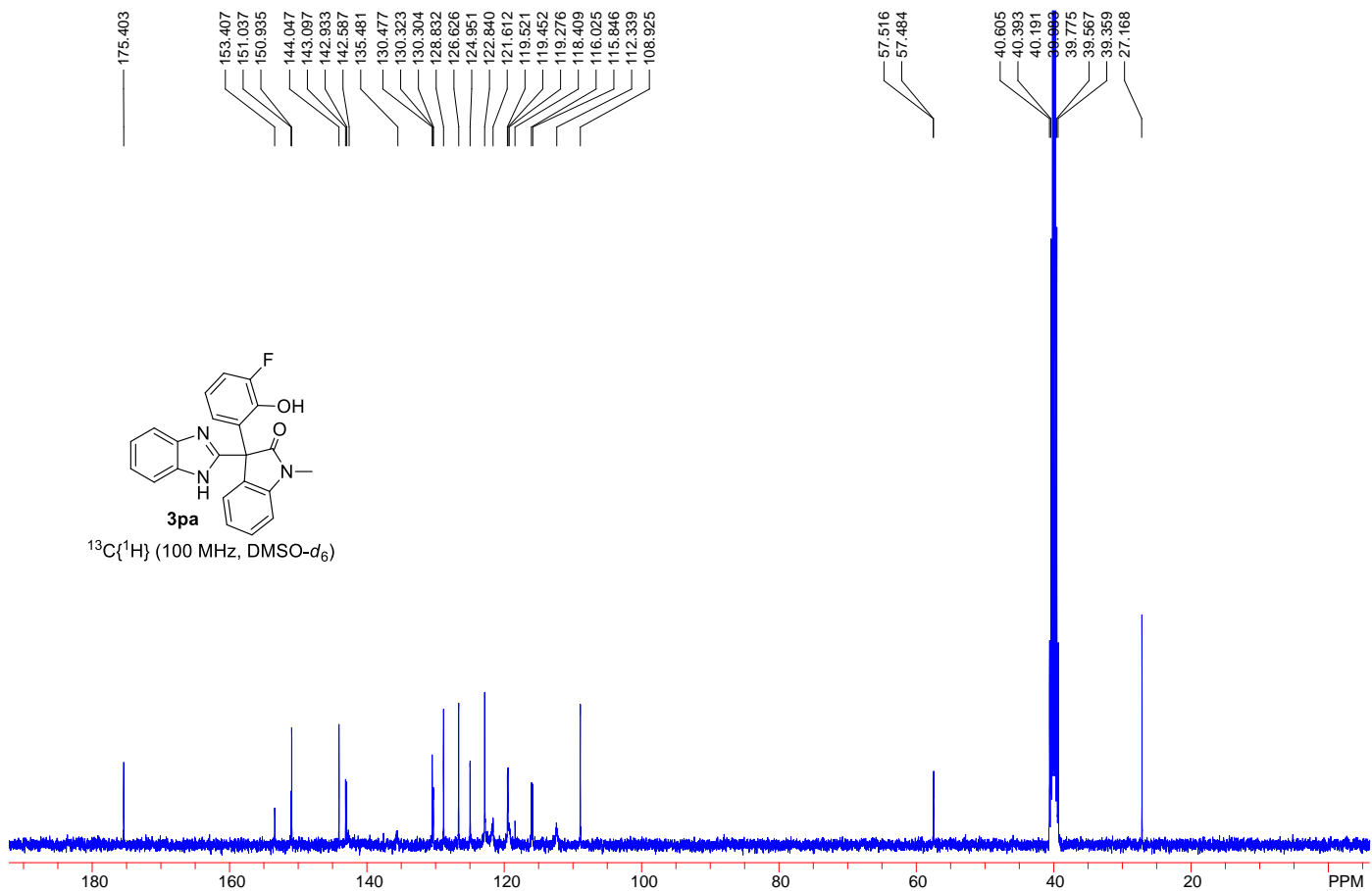


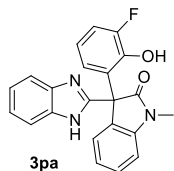


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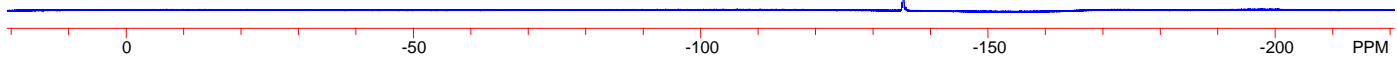
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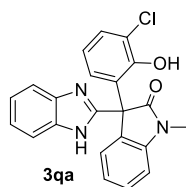




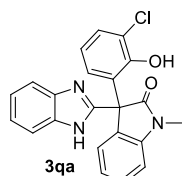
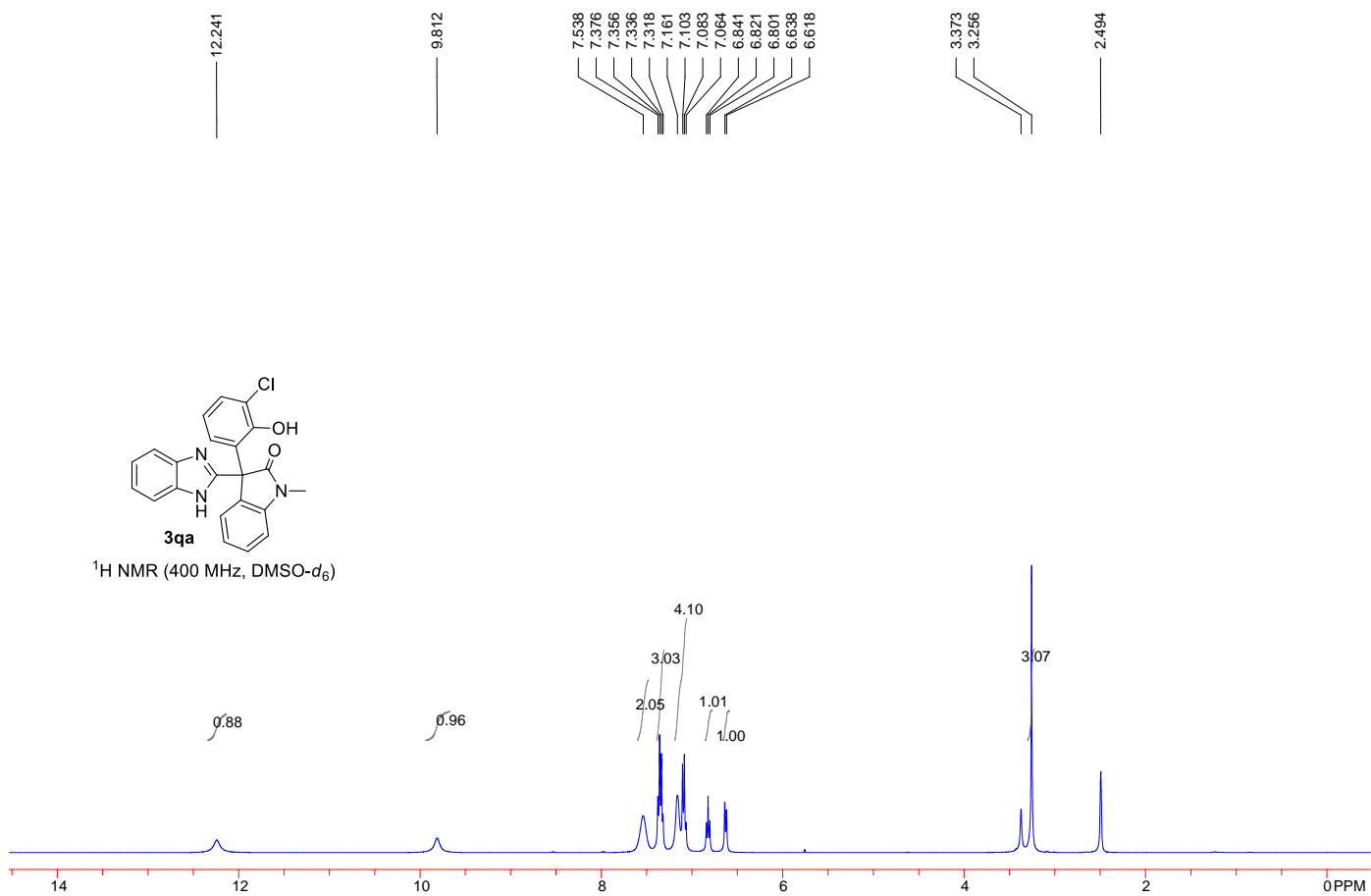
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

135.300
135.314
135.330
135.340

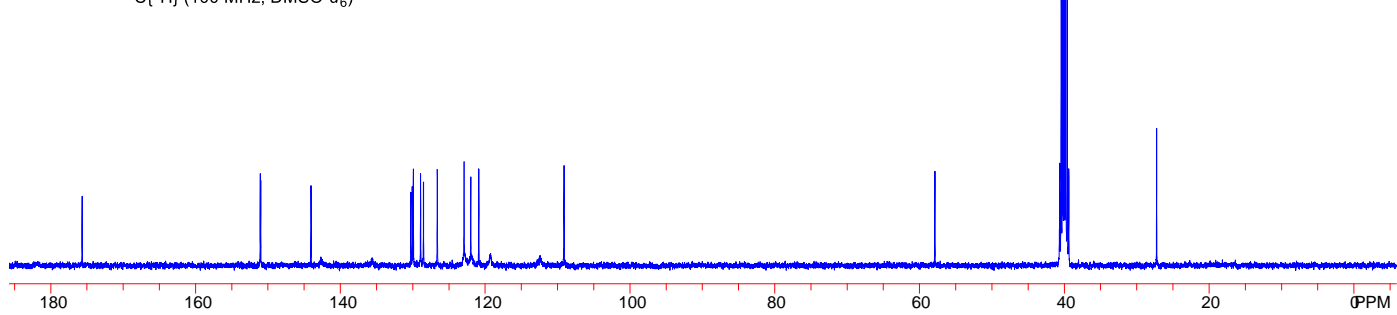


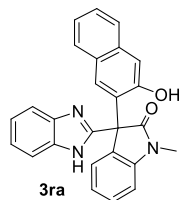


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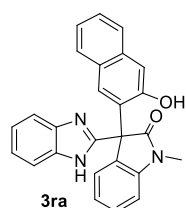
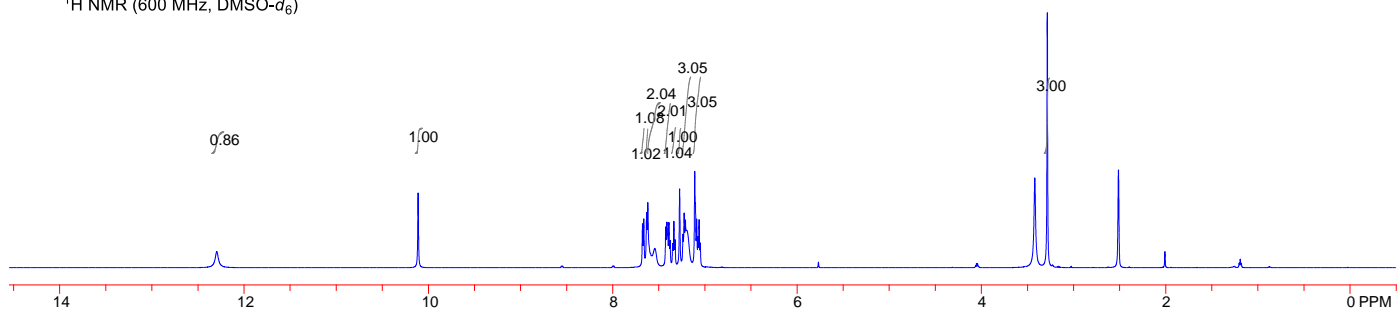


$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$)

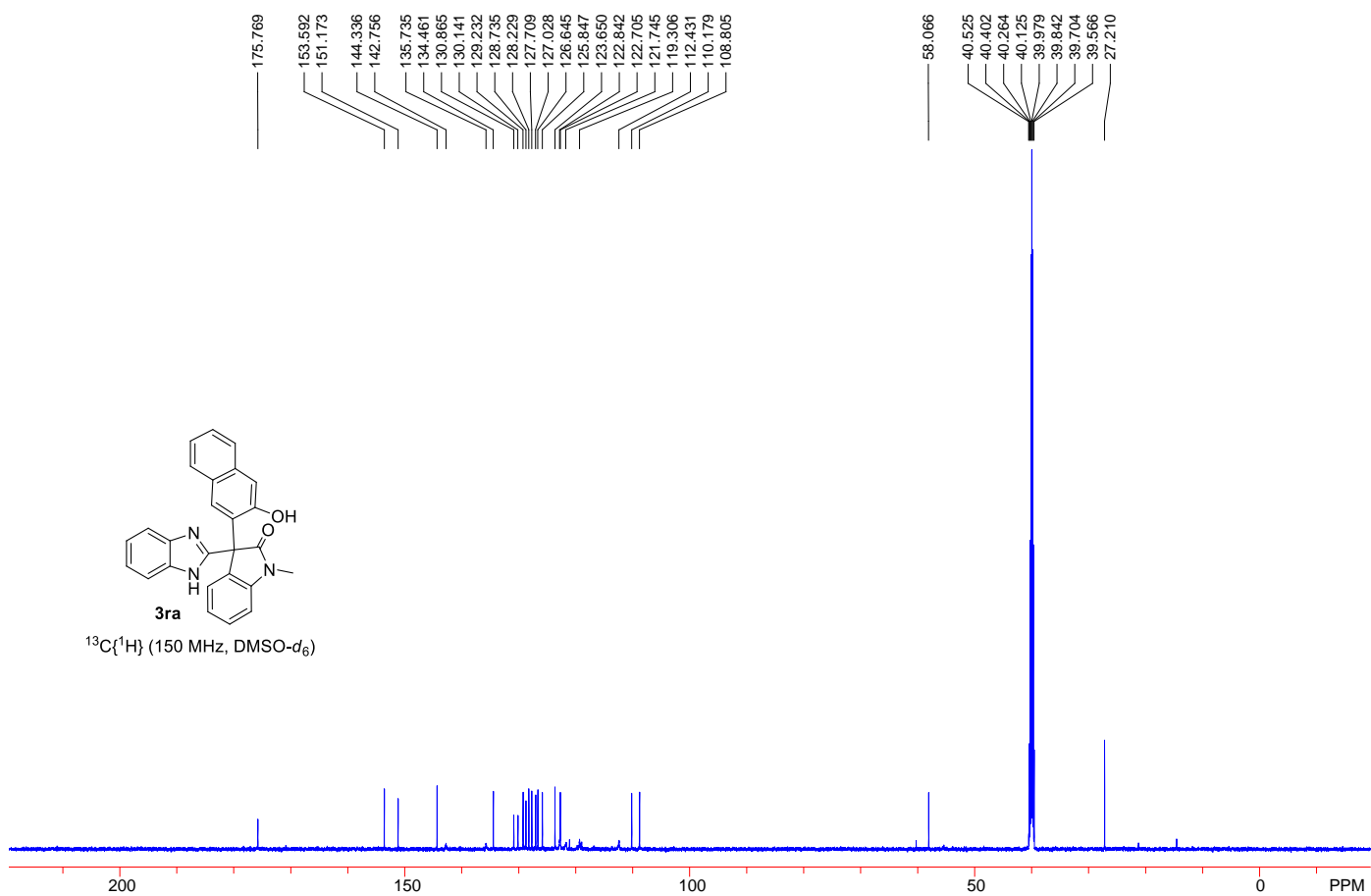


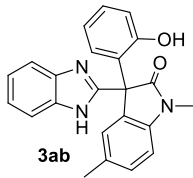


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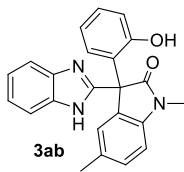
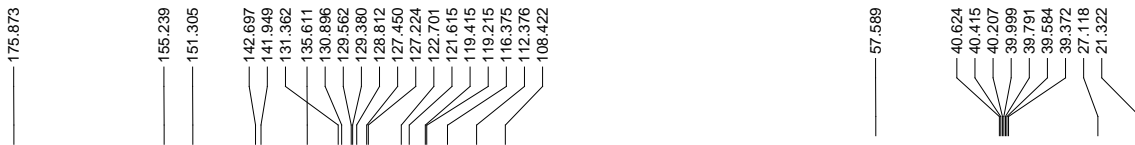
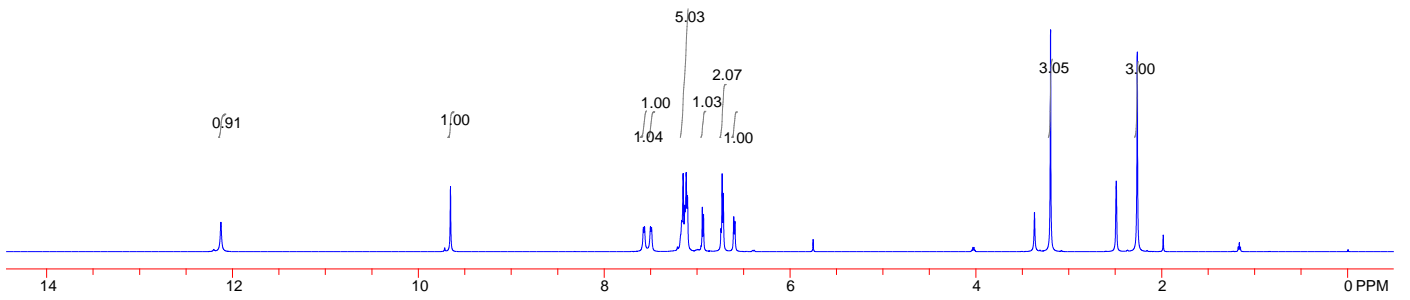


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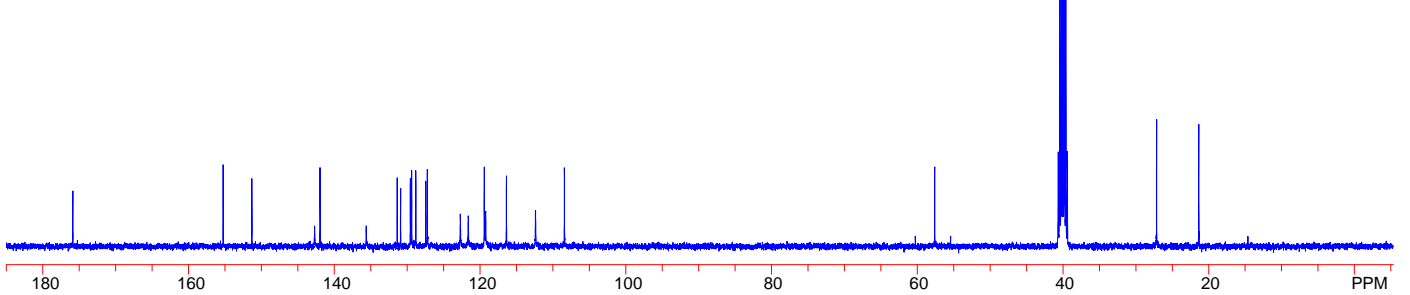


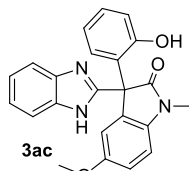


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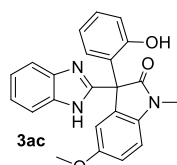
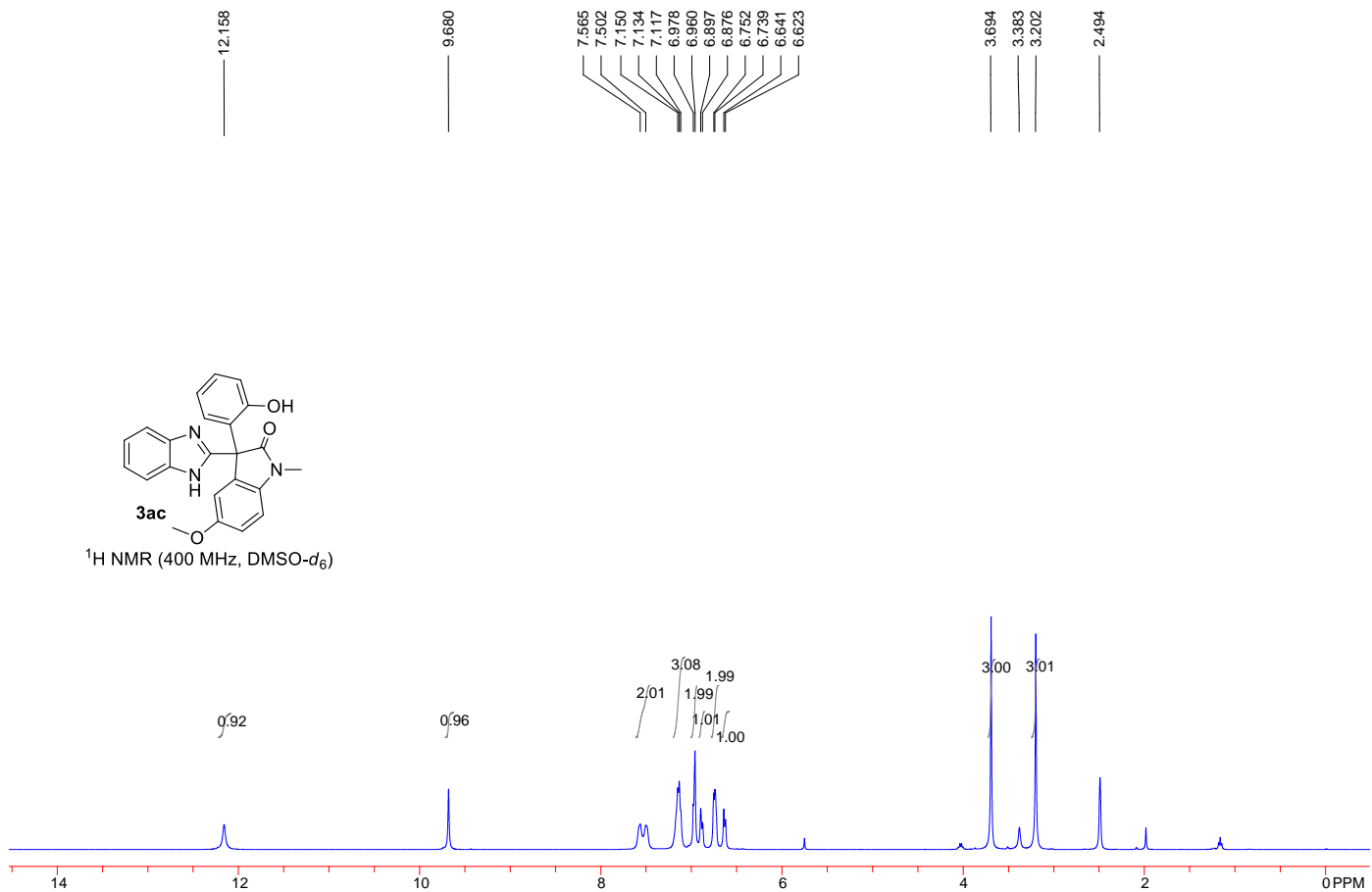


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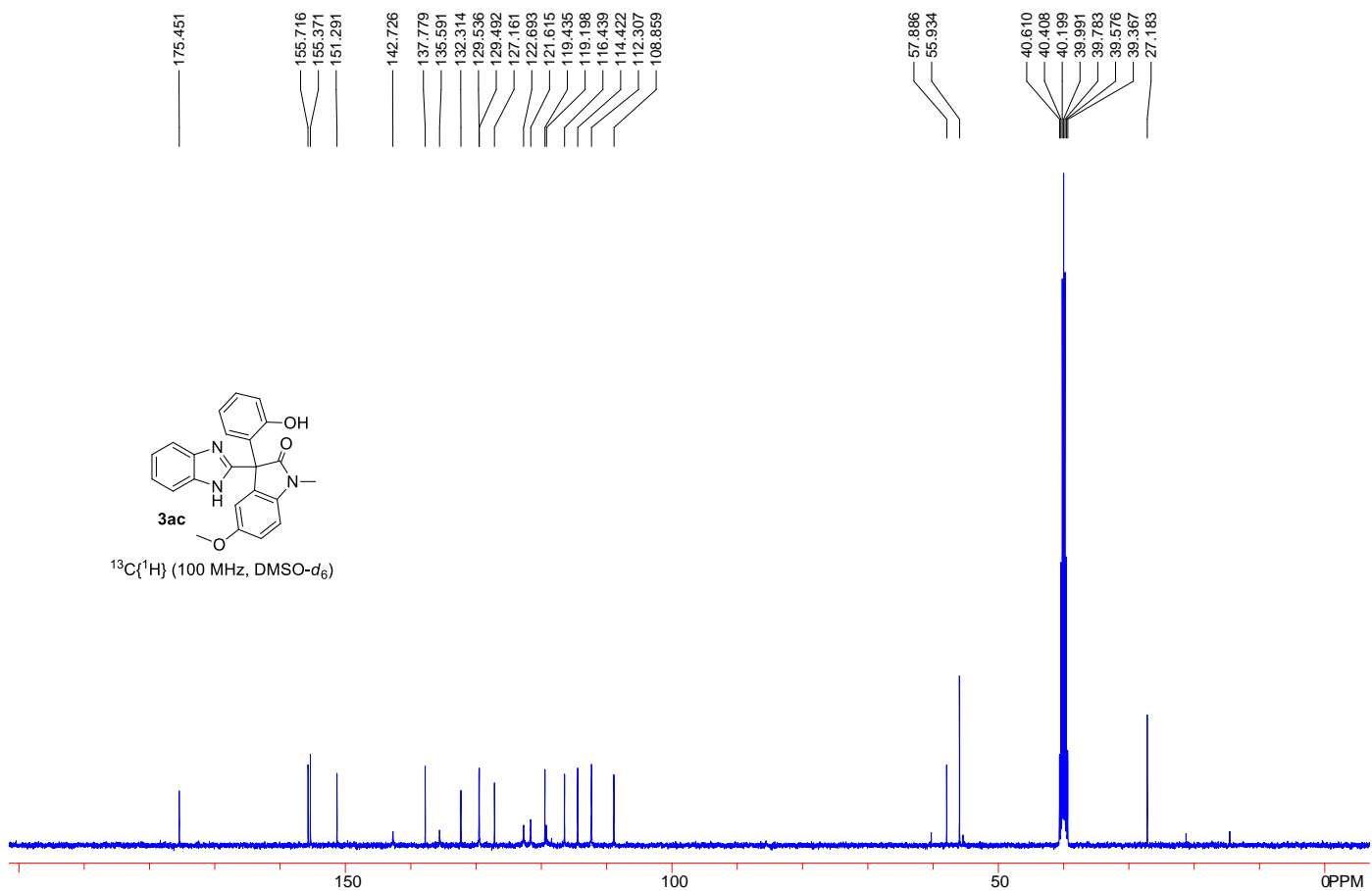


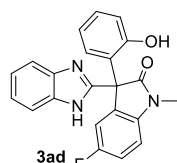


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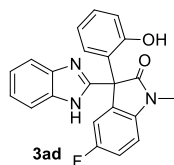
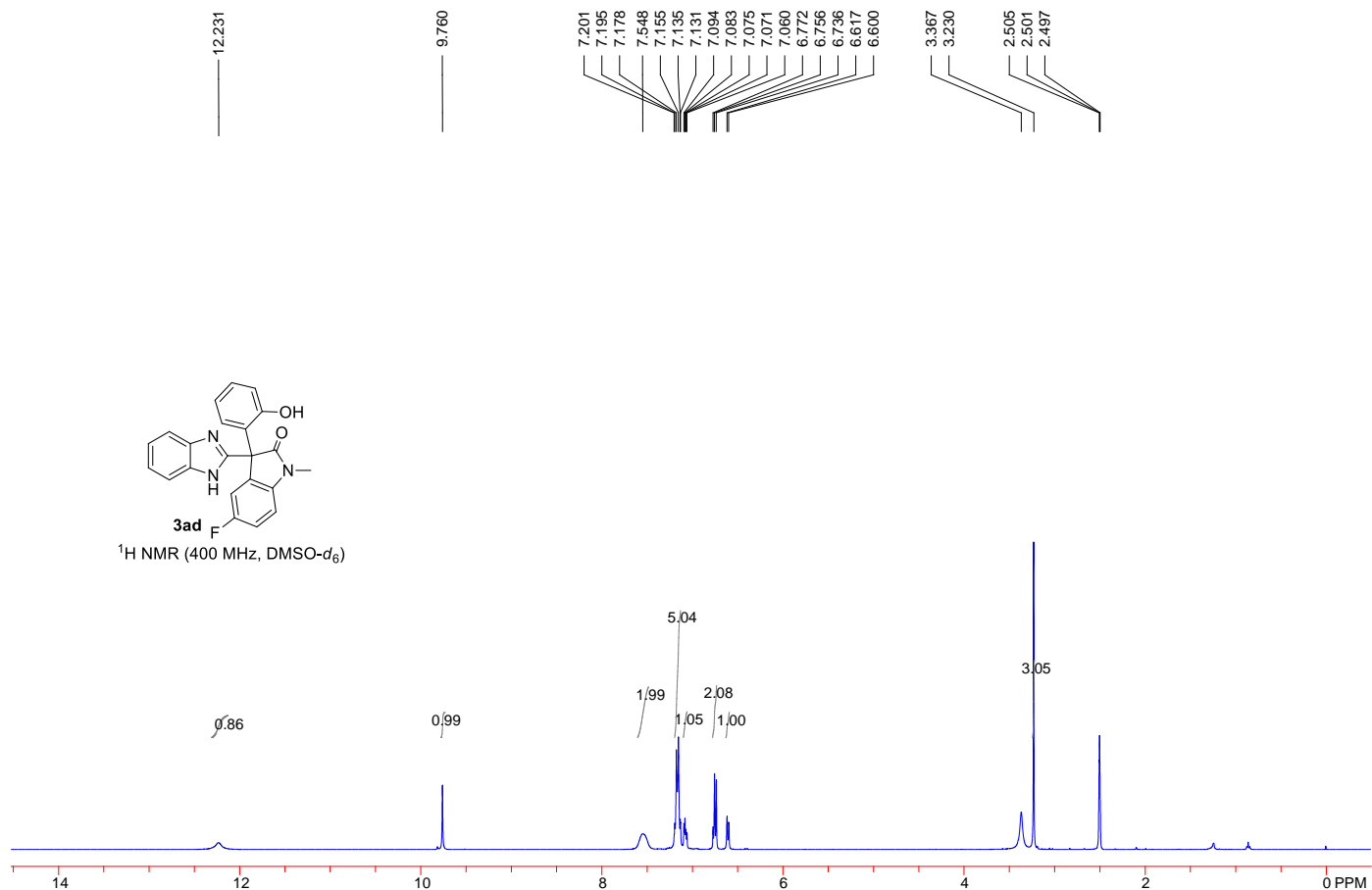


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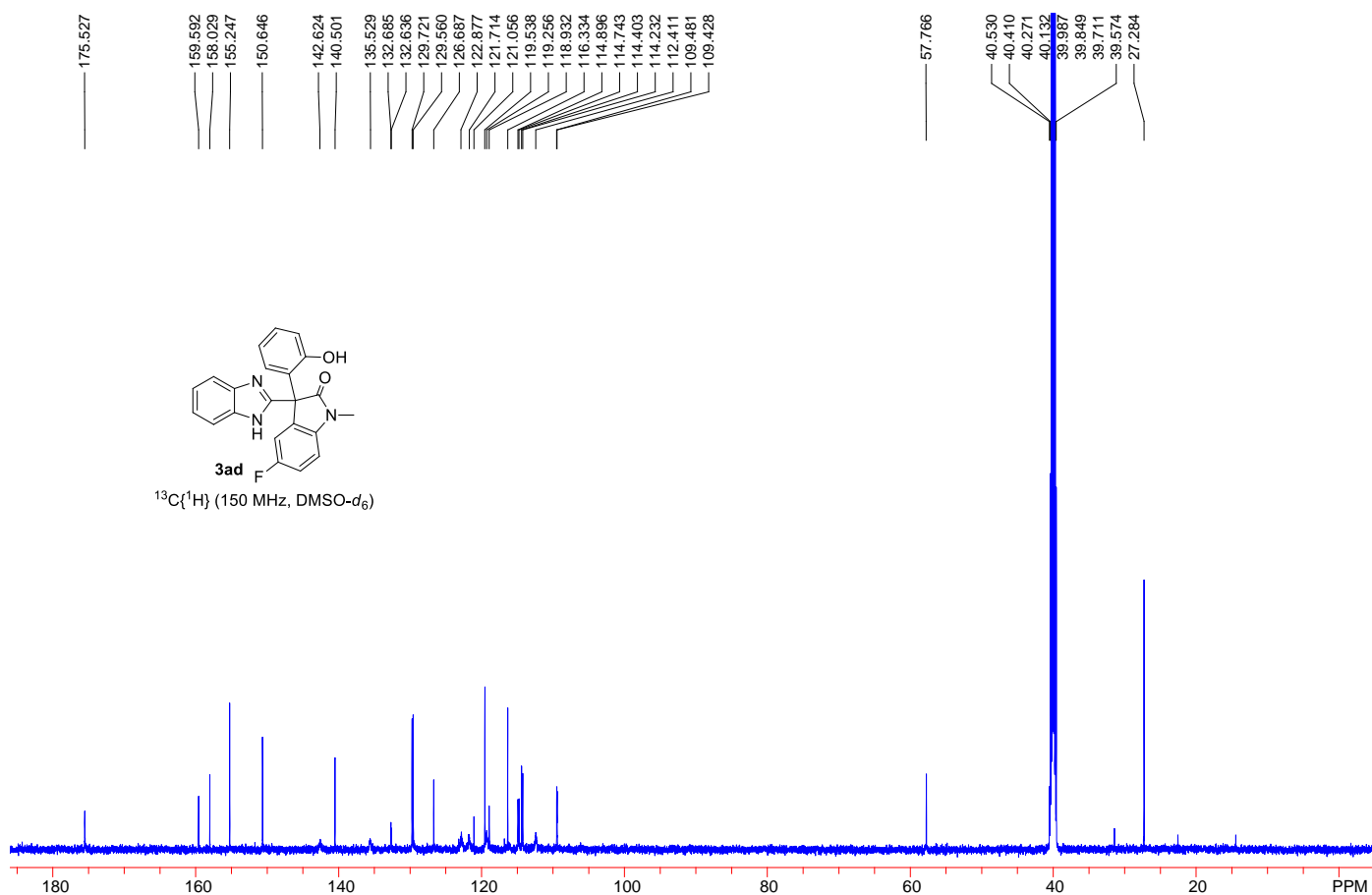




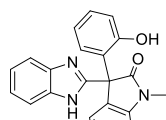
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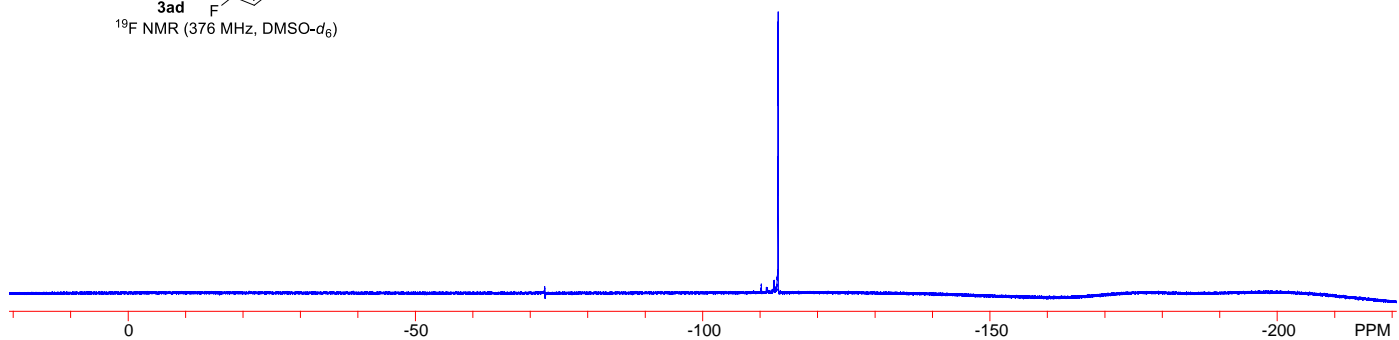
¹³C{¹H} (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

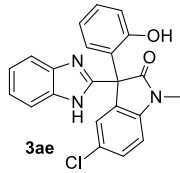
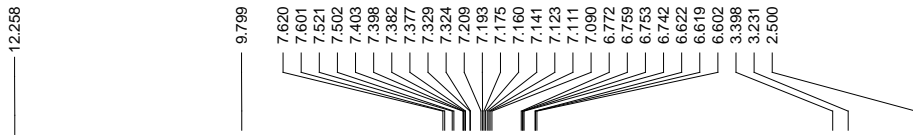


113.079
113.105
113.120
113.142

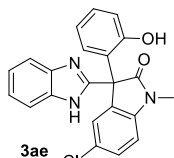
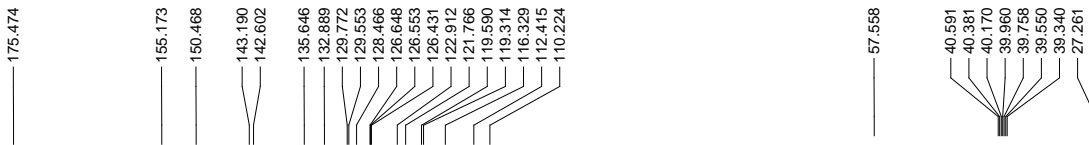
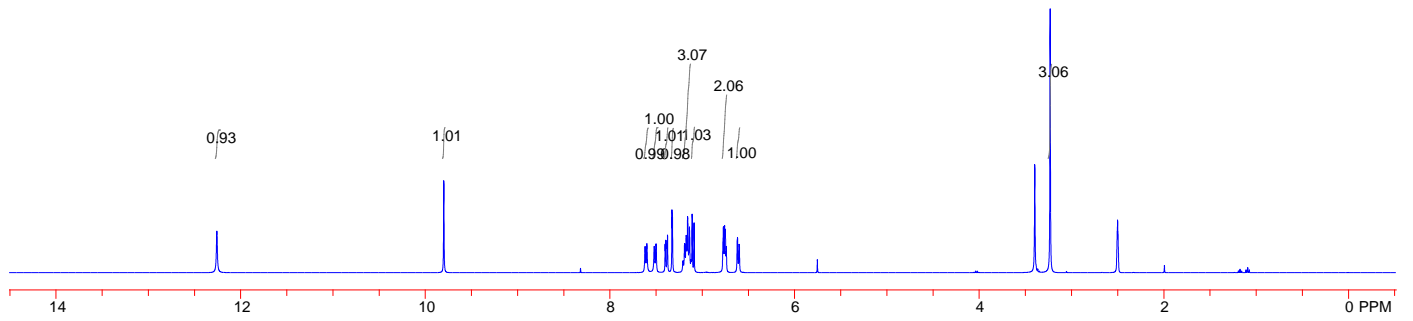


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¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆)

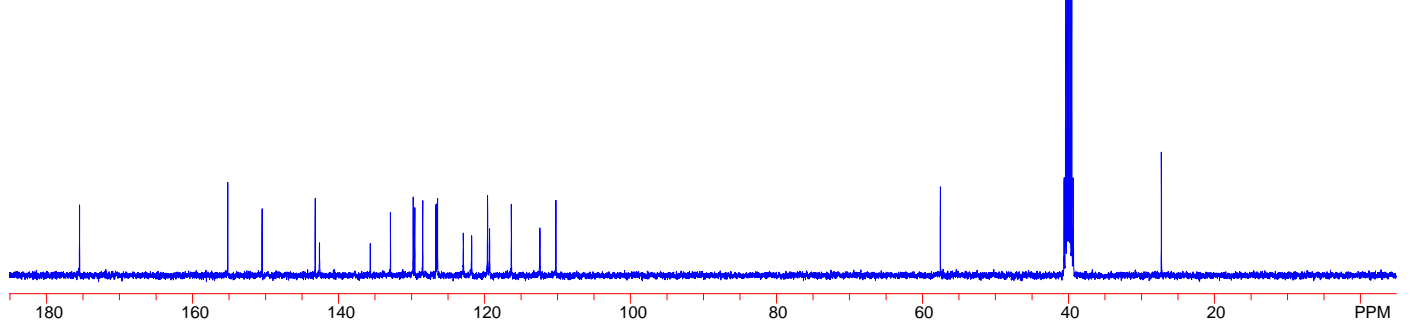


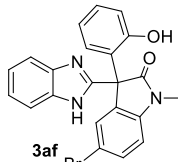
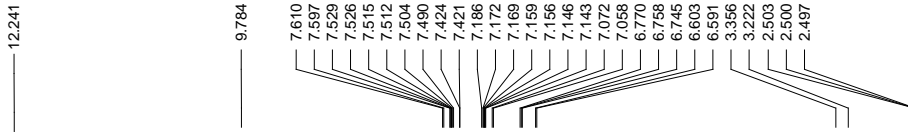


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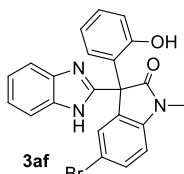
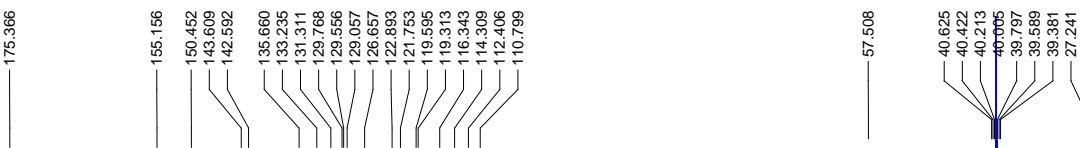
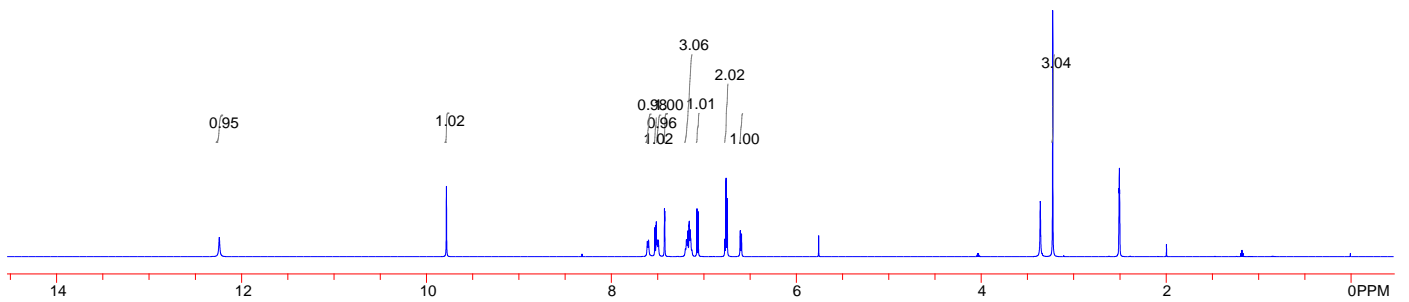


$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$)

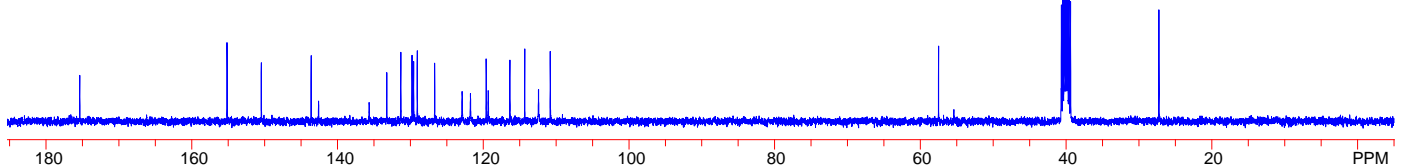


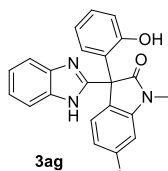


^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$)

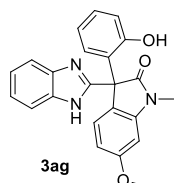
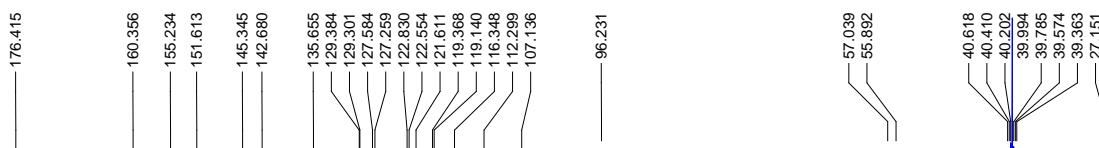
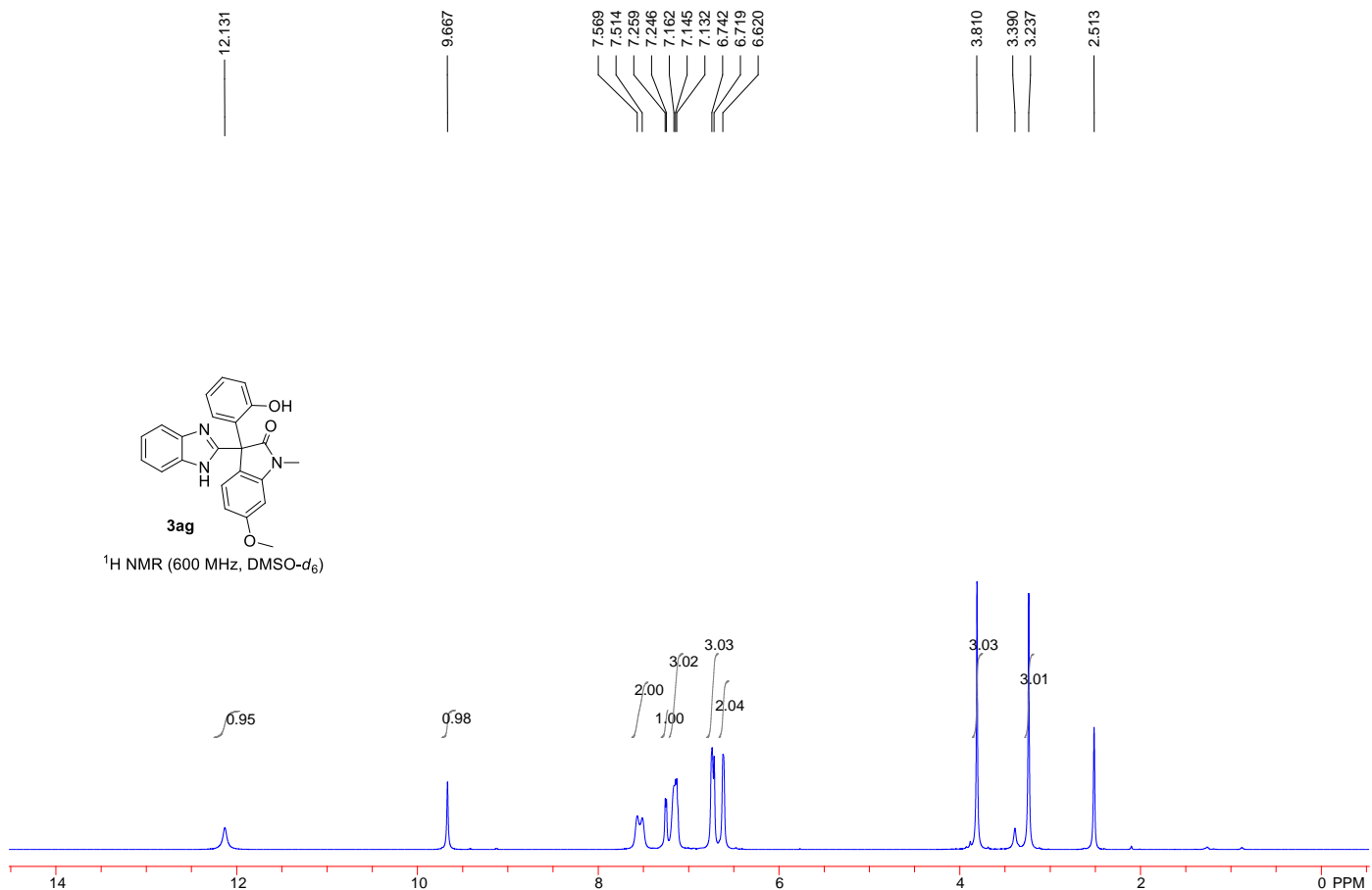


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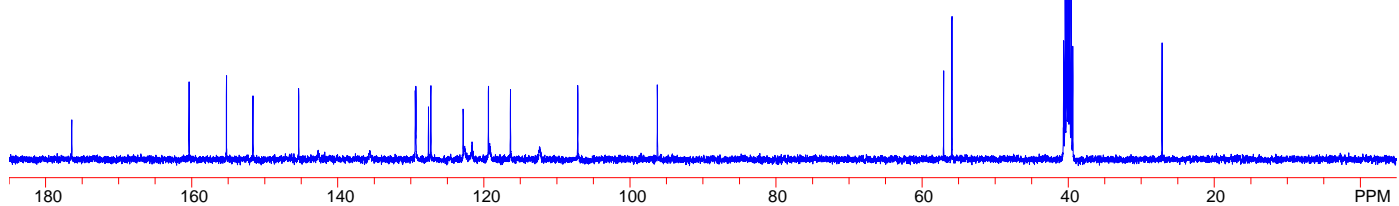


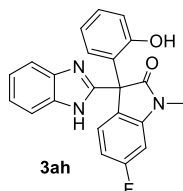


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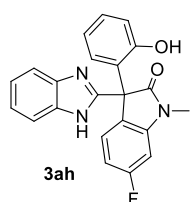
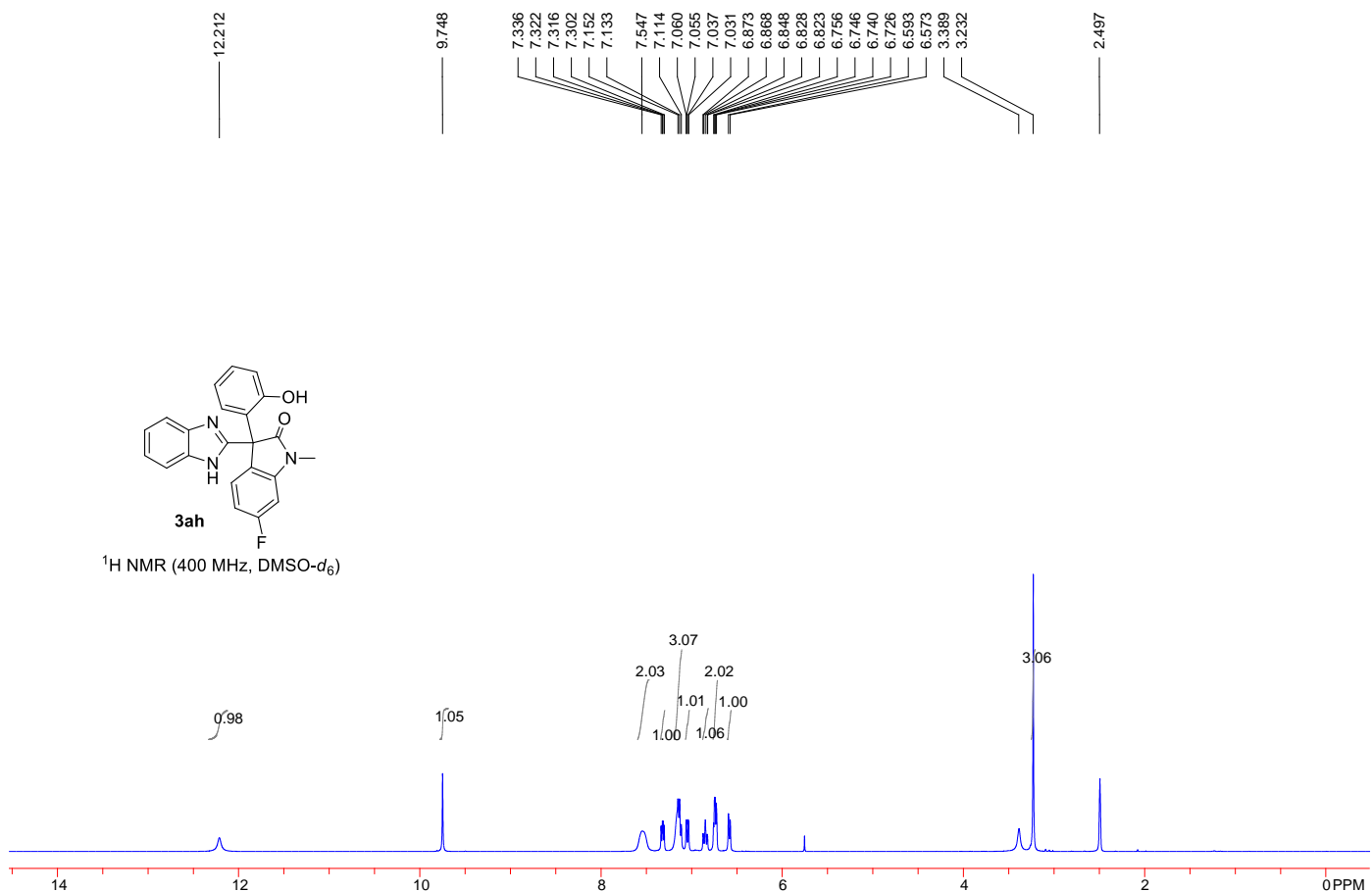


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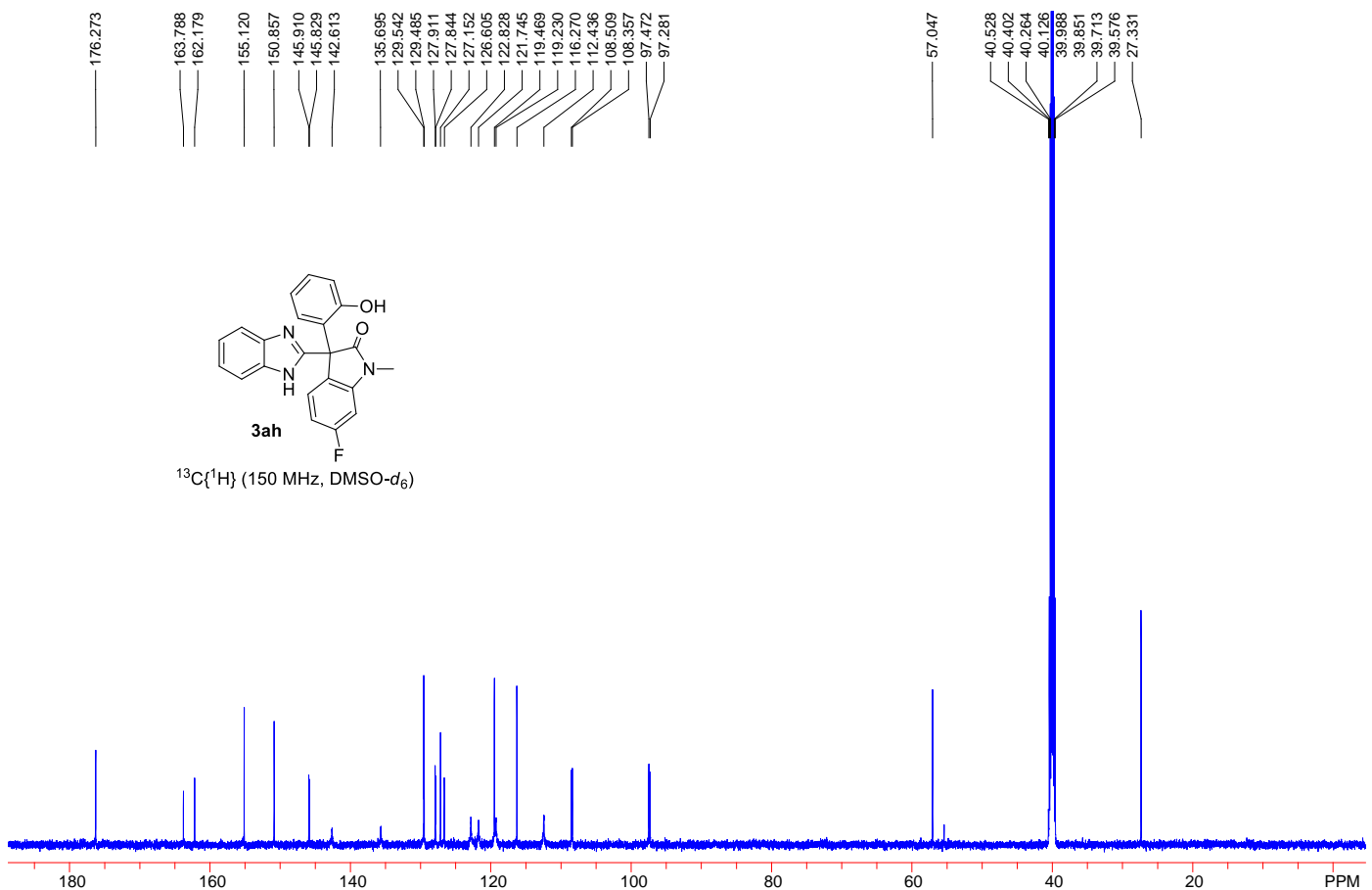




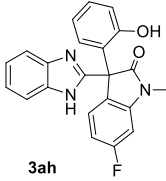
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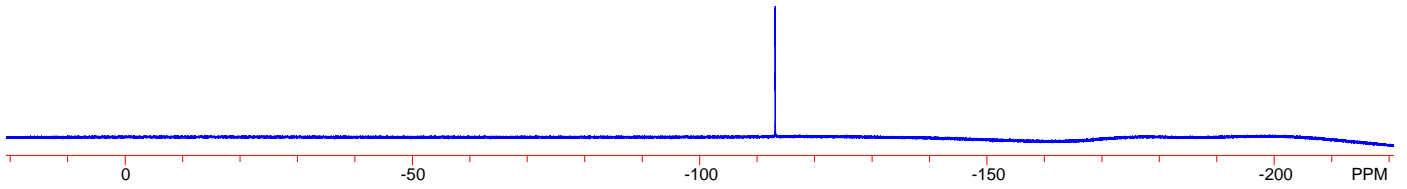
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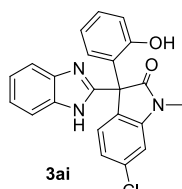


113.083
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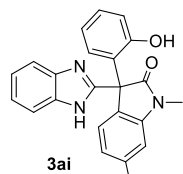
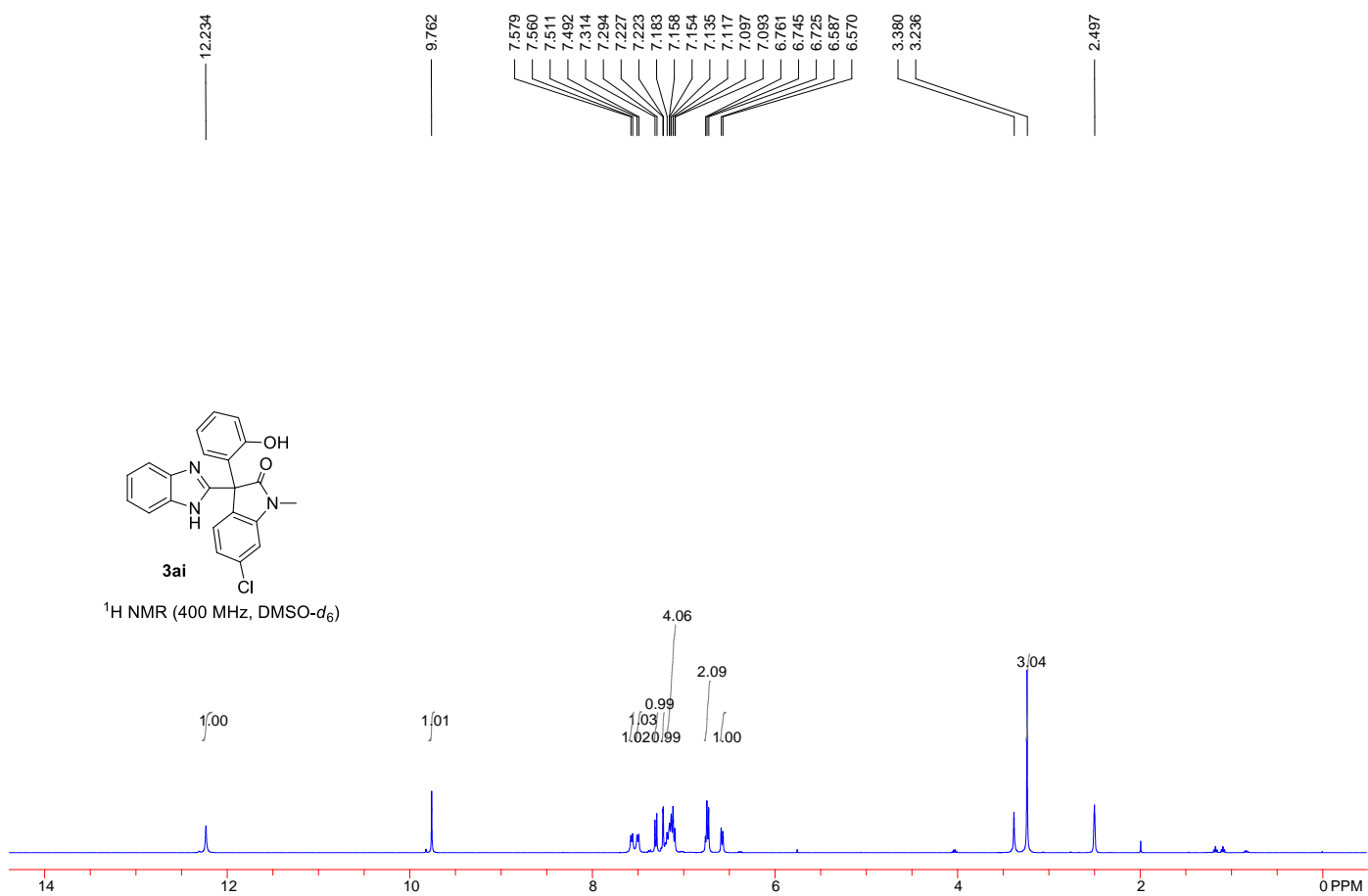


¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

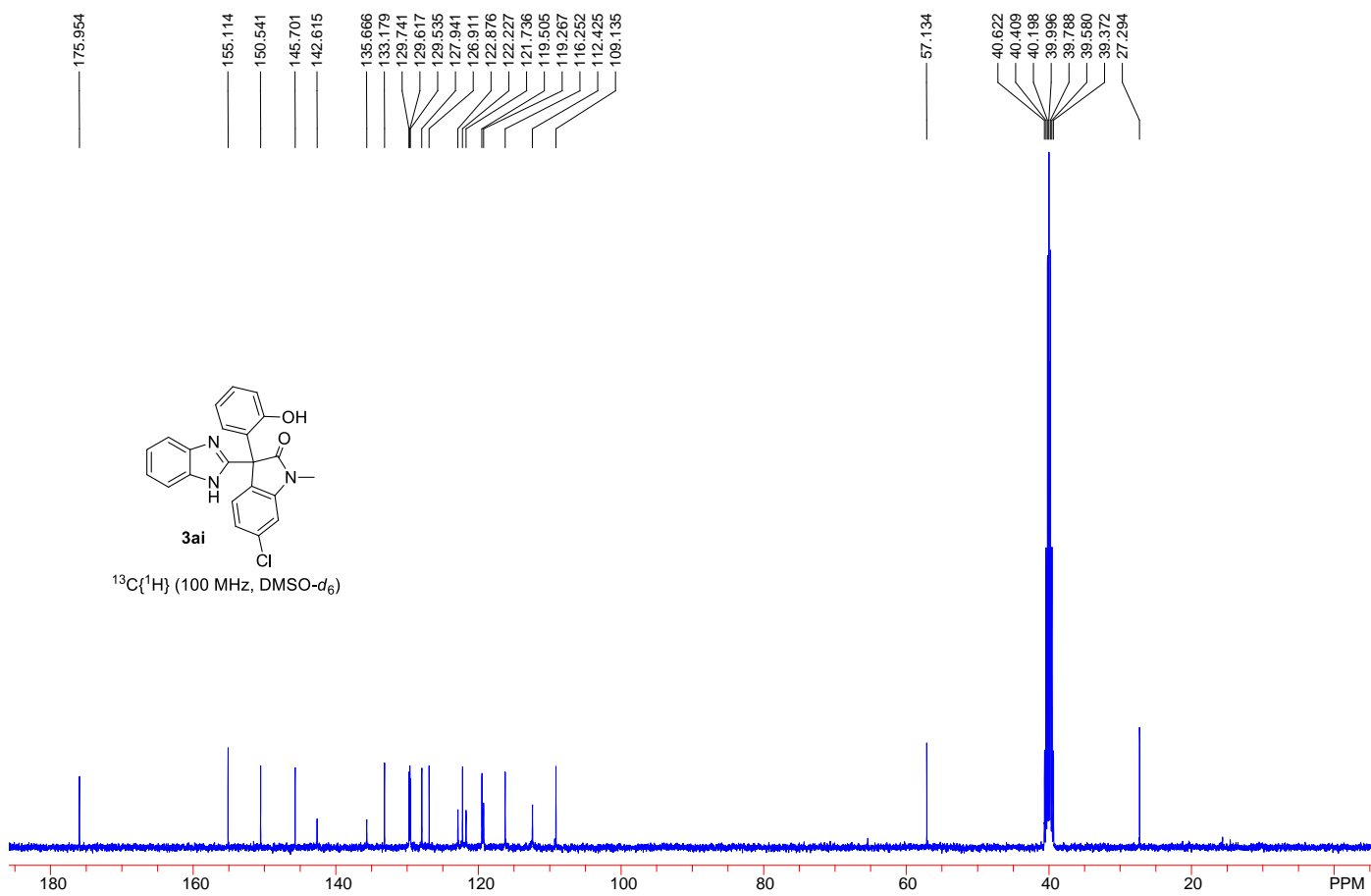


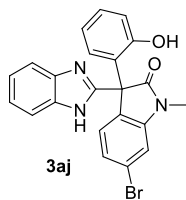


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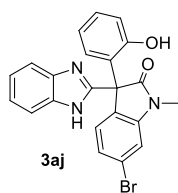
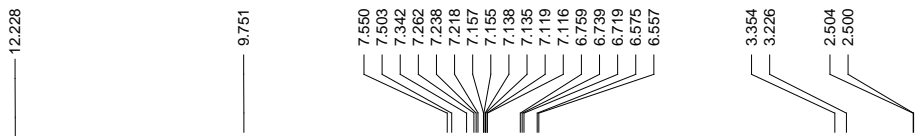
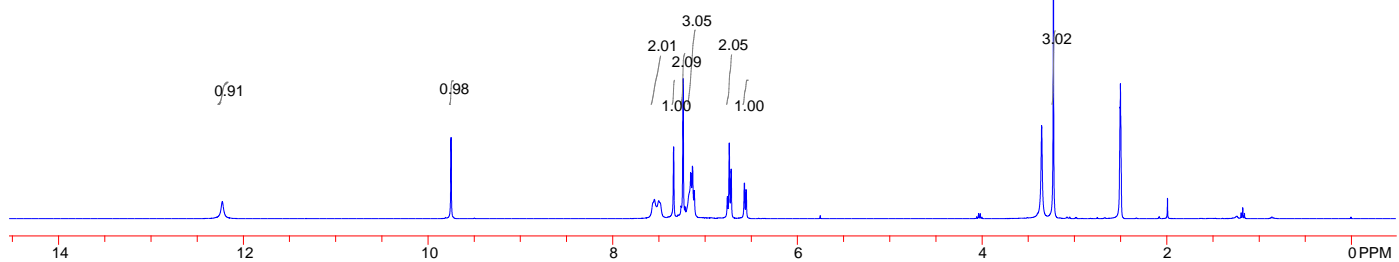


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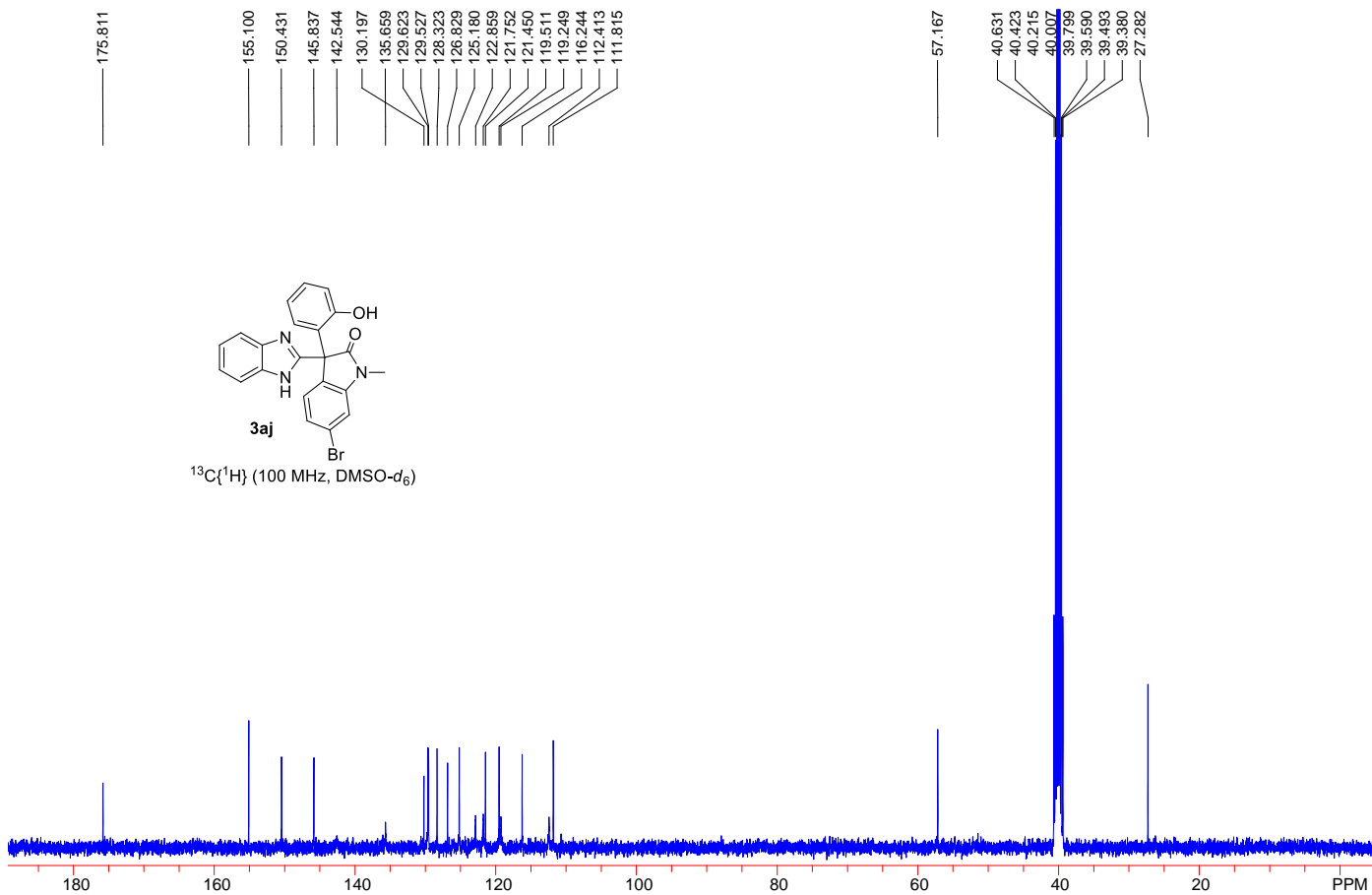


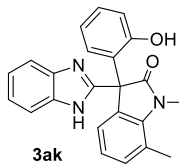


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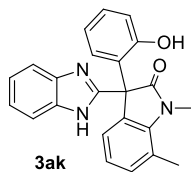
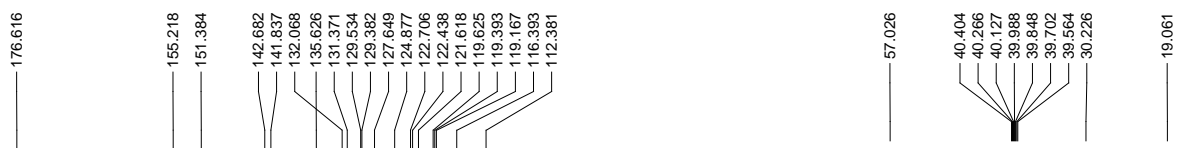
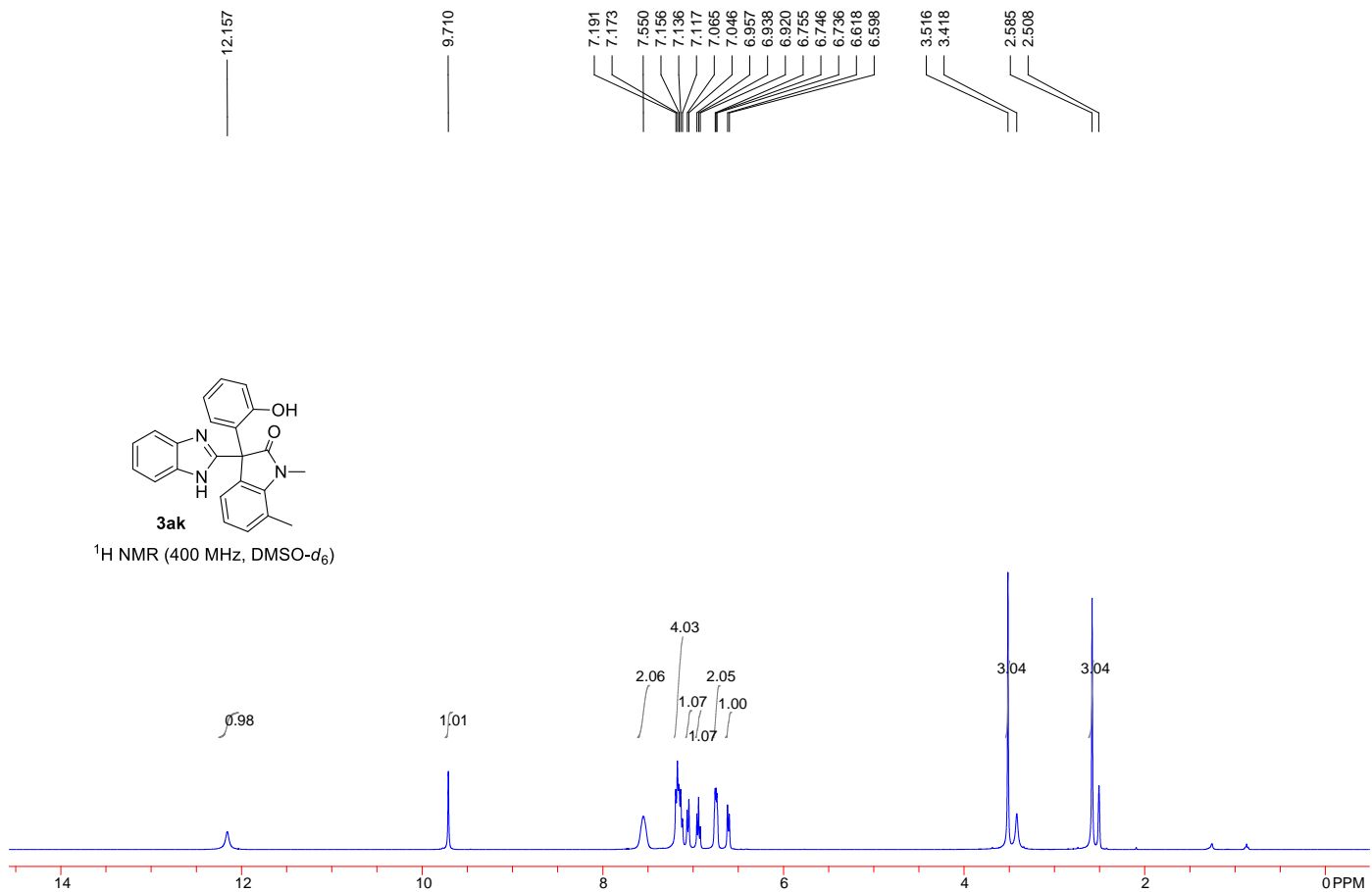


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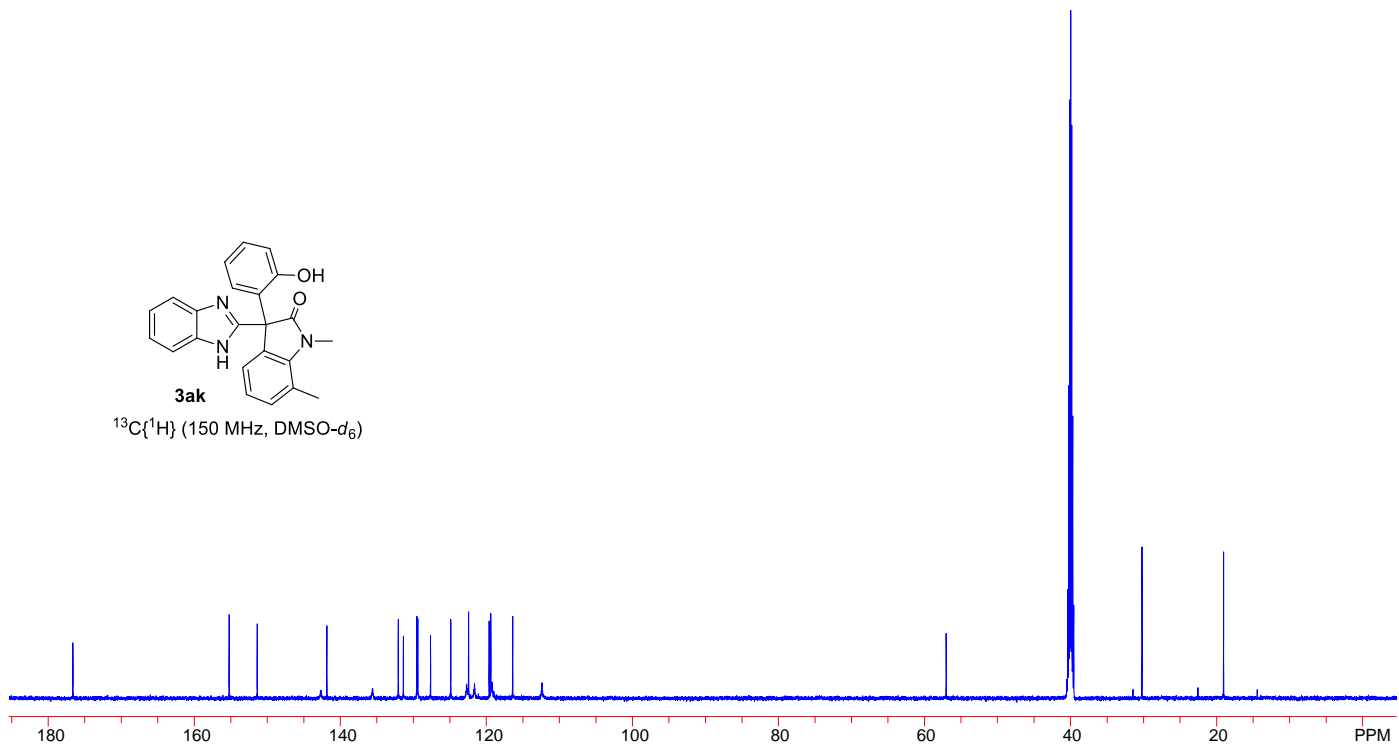


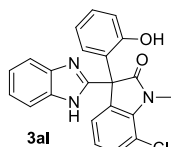


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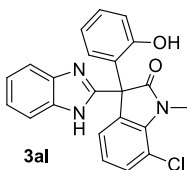
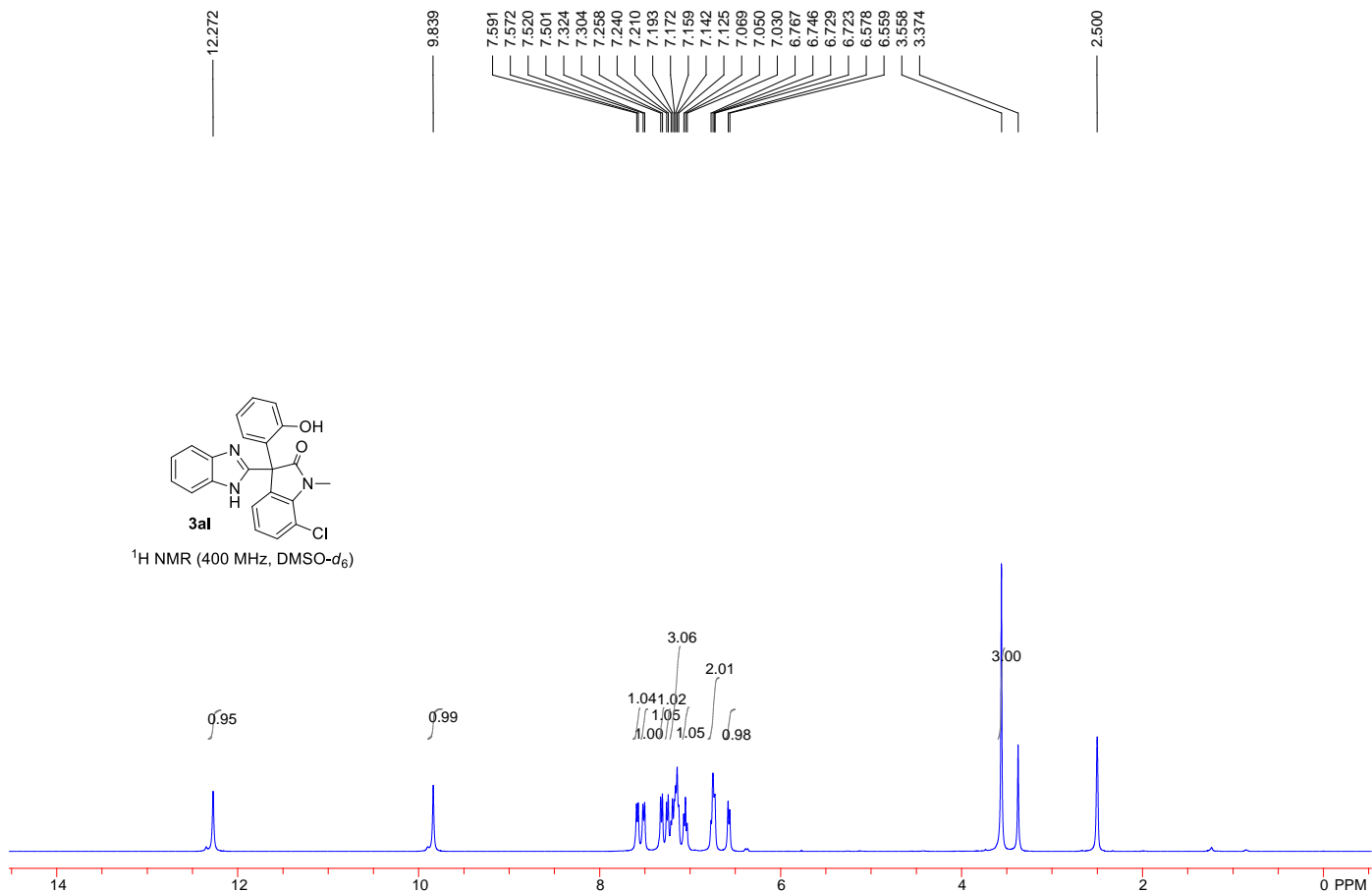


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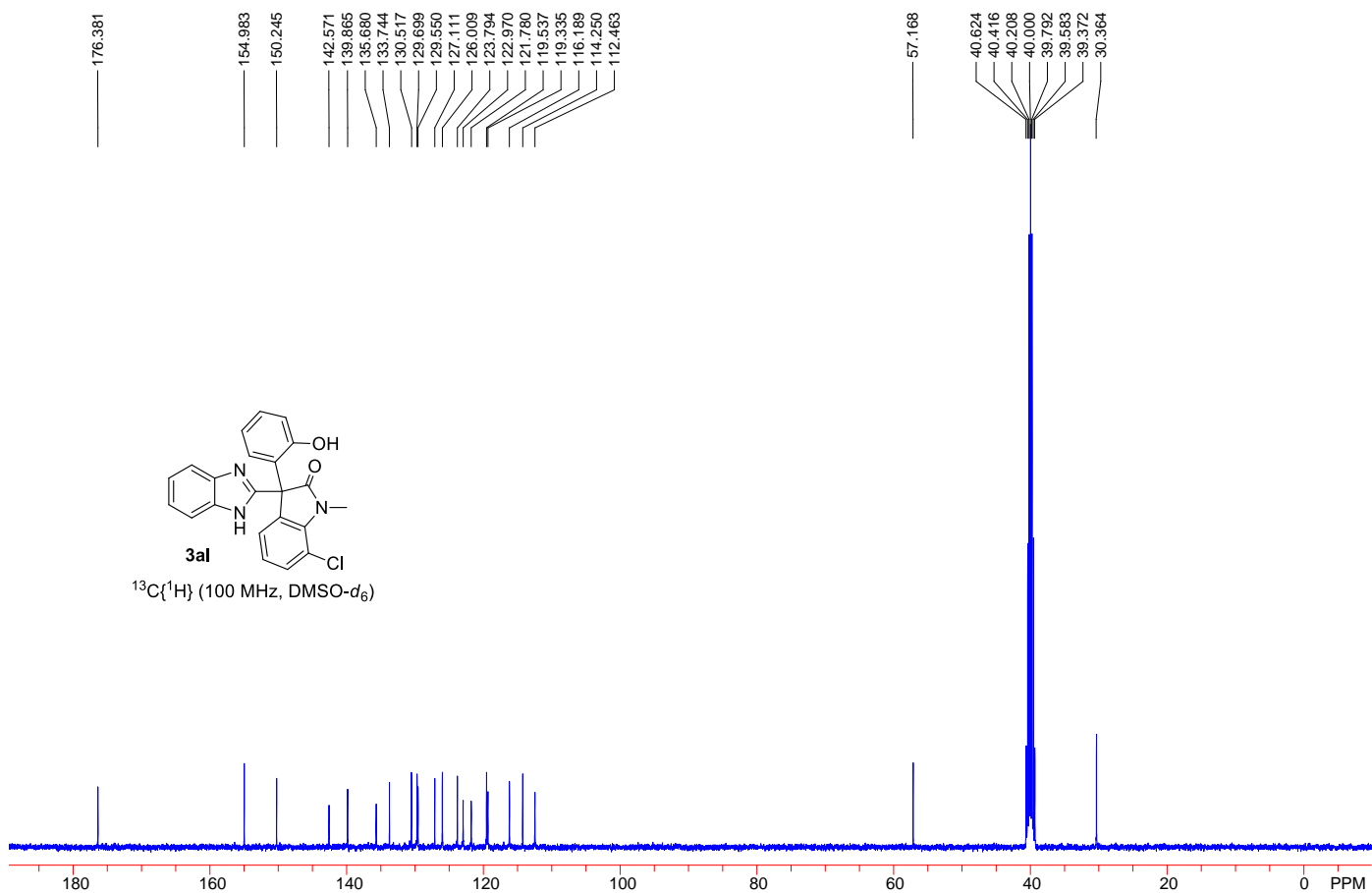


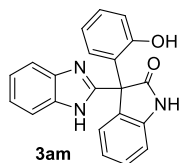


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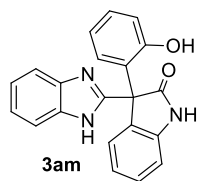
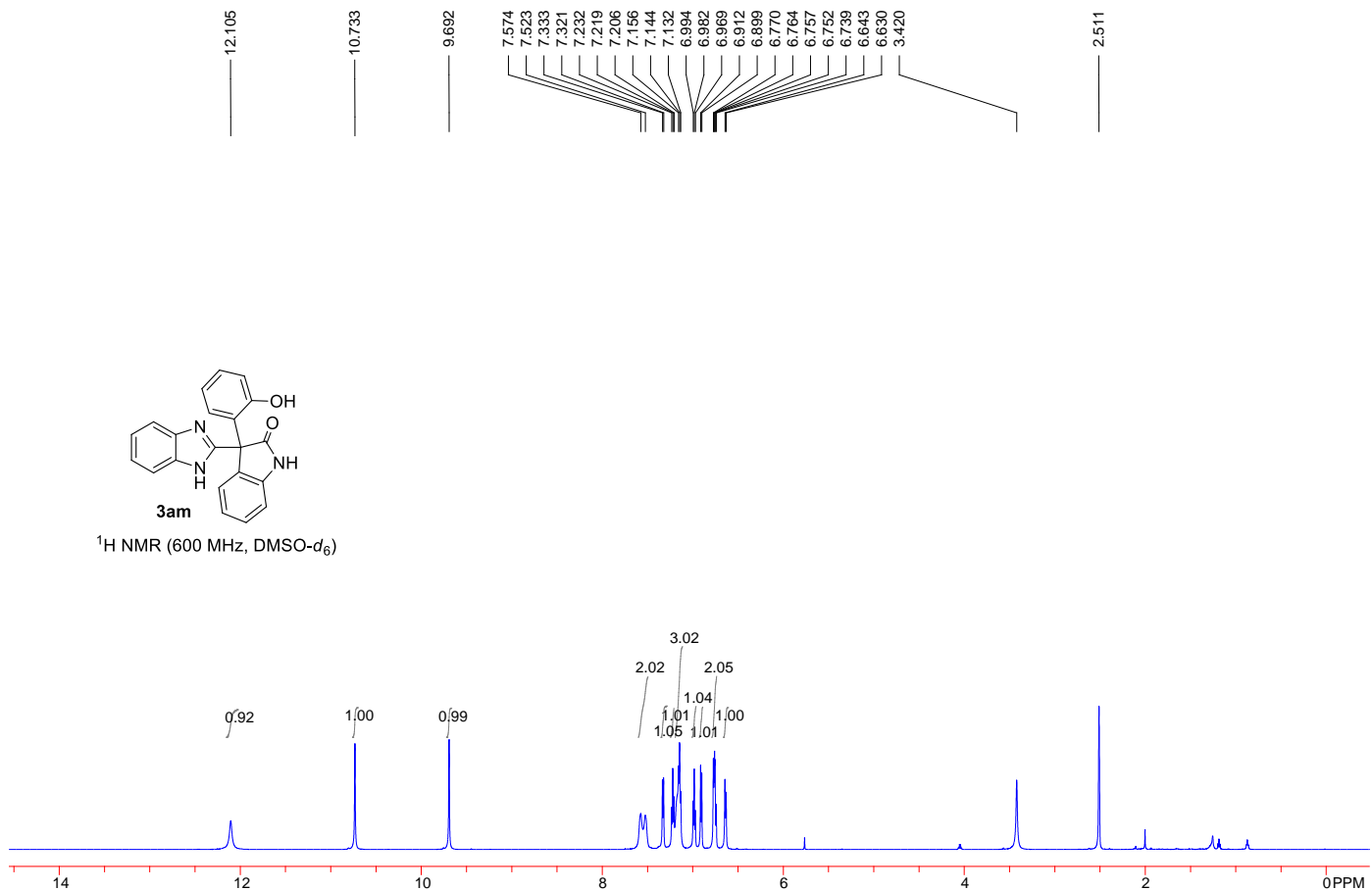


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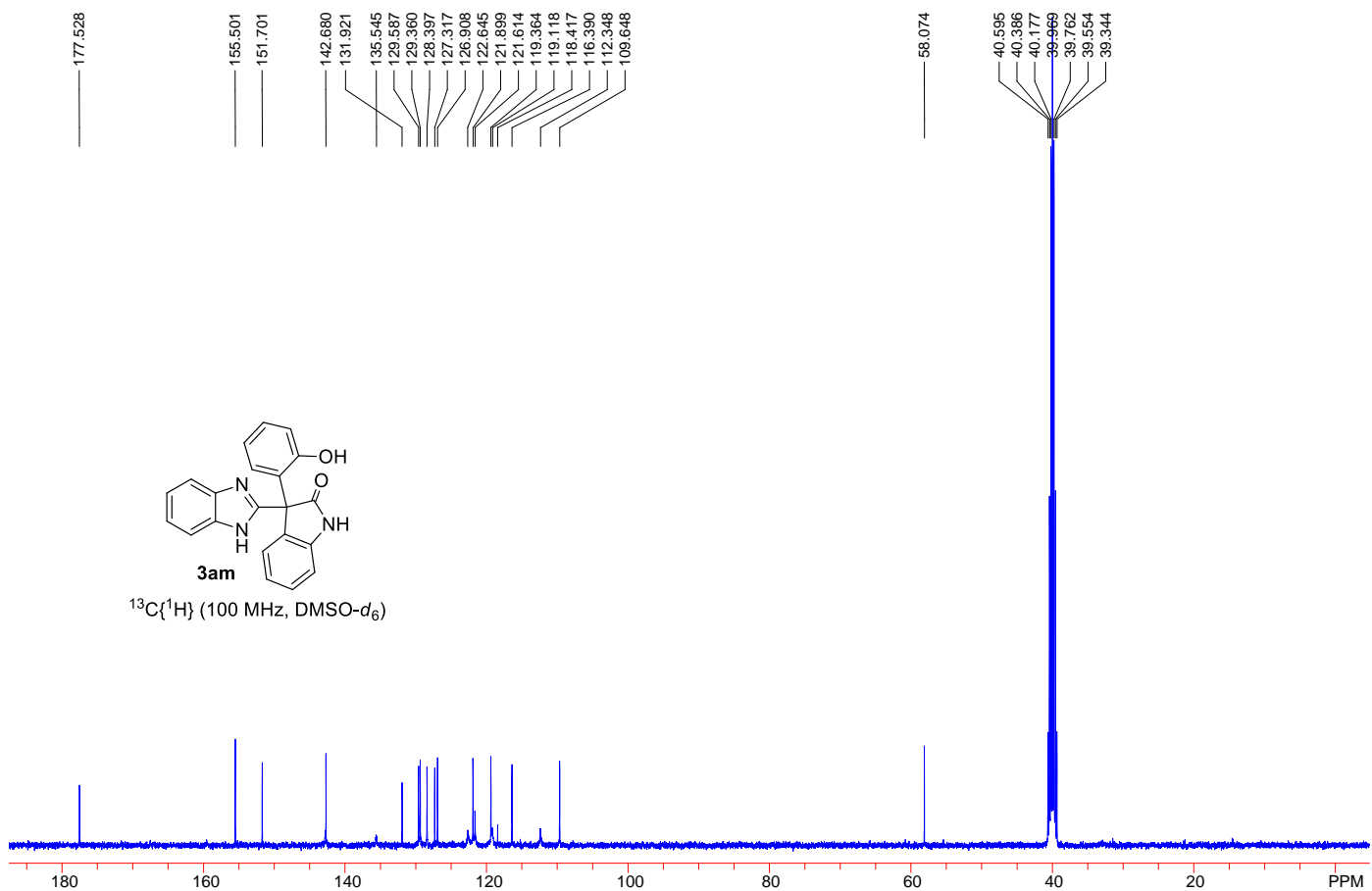




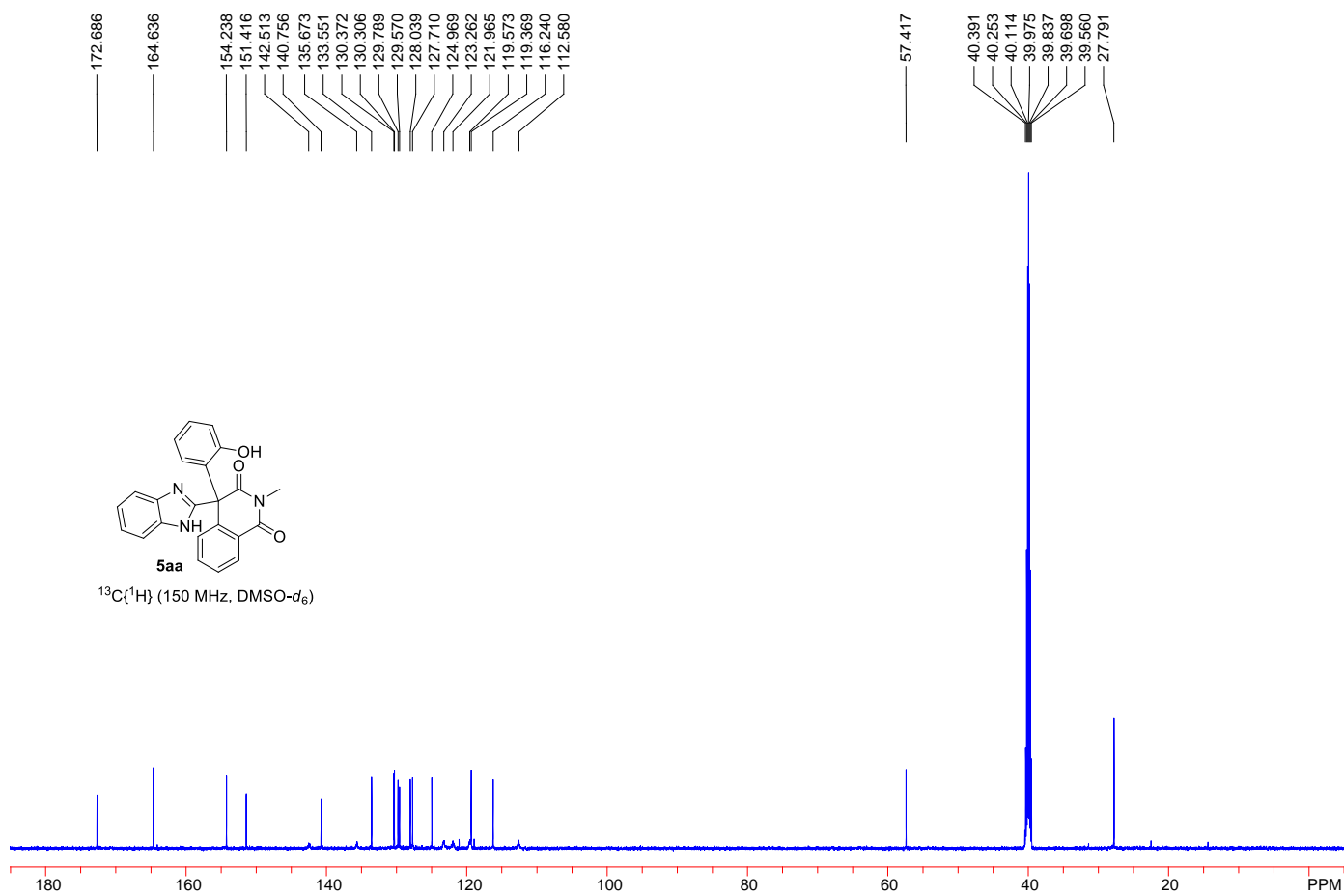
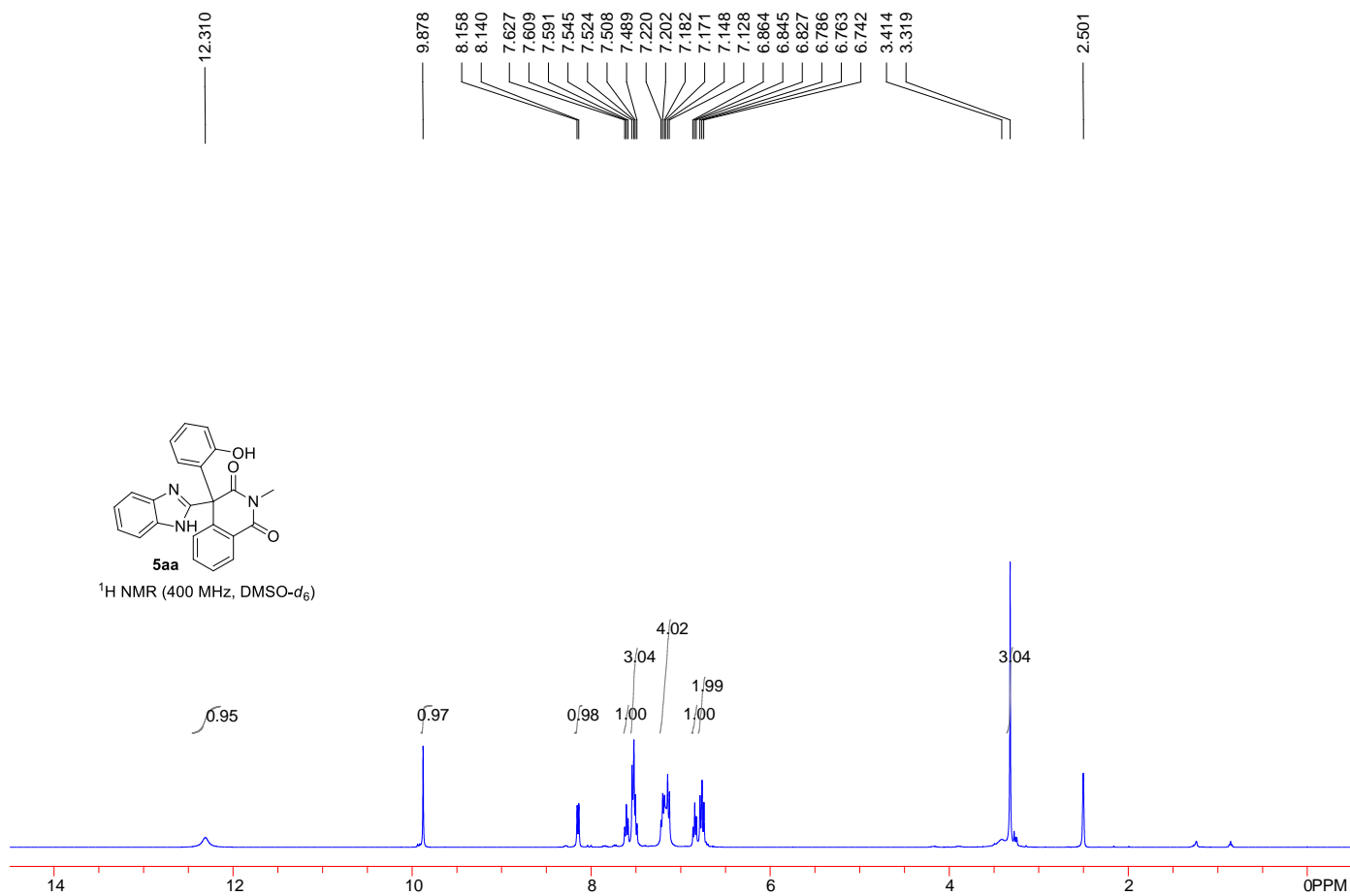
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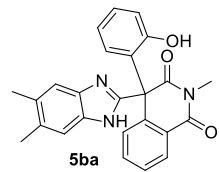
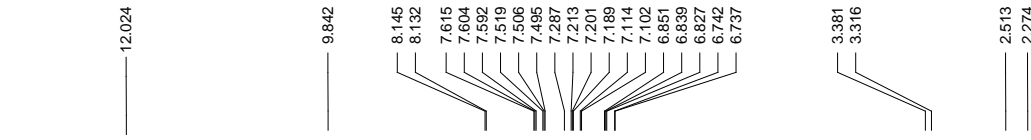


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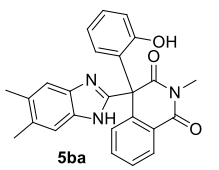
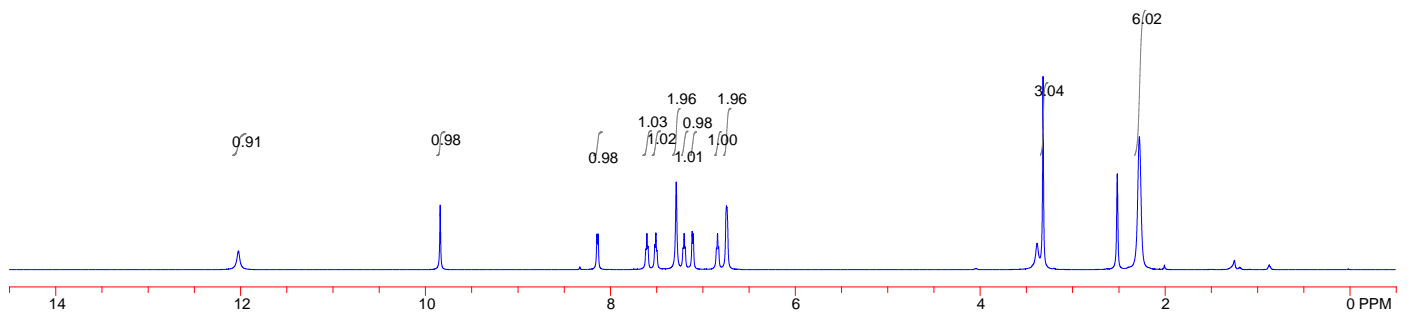


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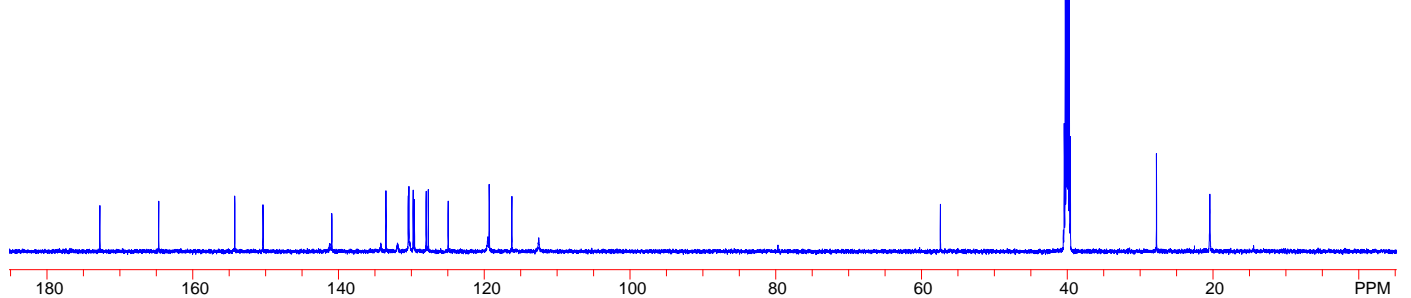


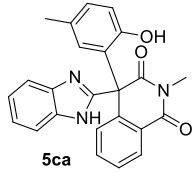
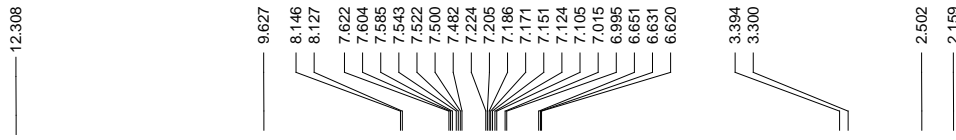


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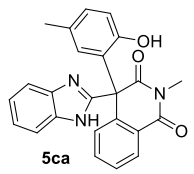
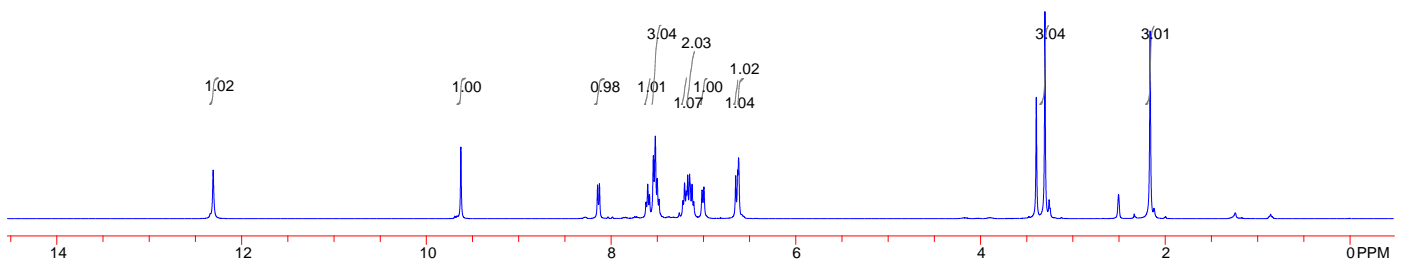


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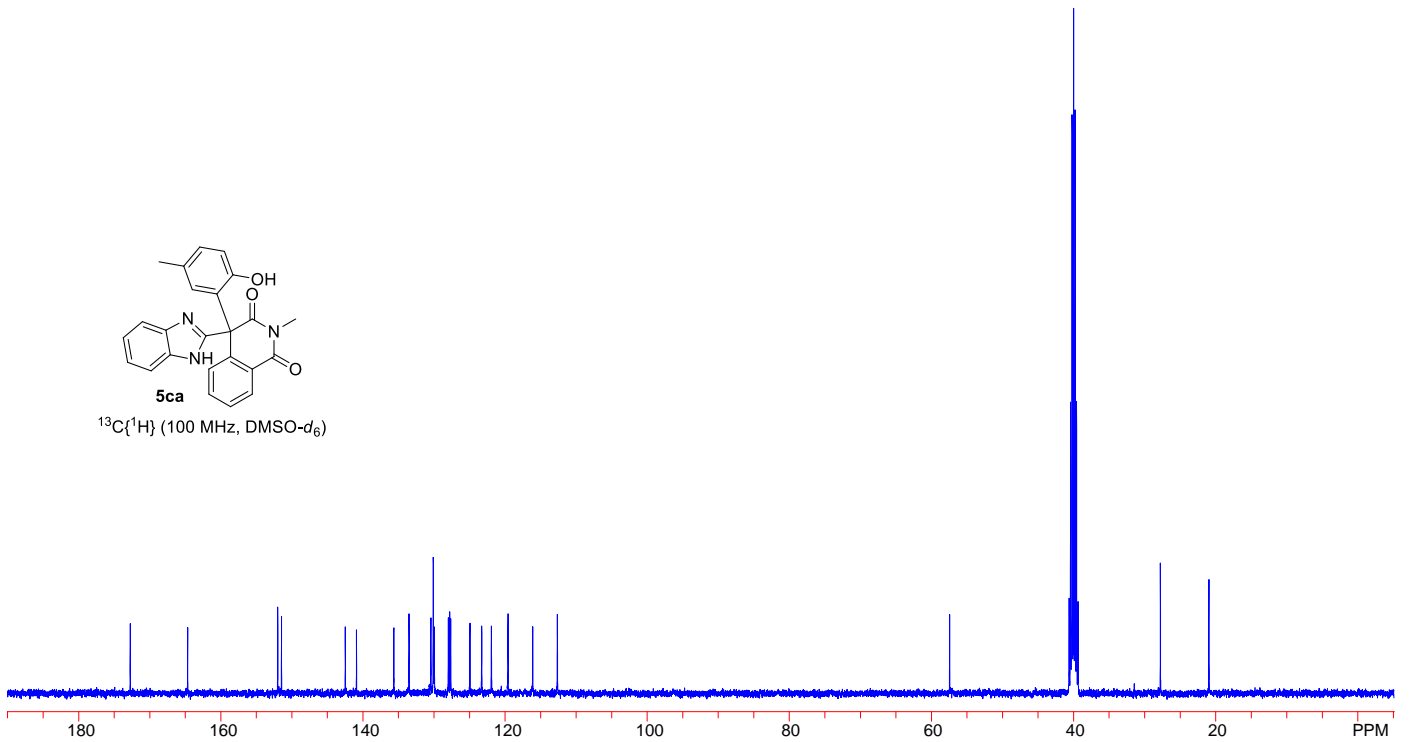


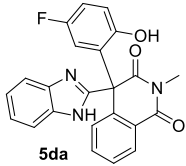
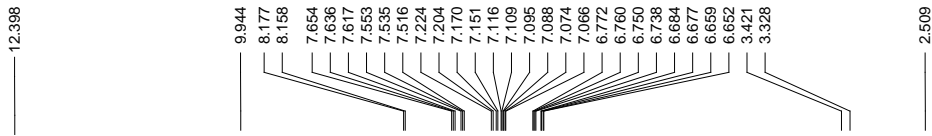


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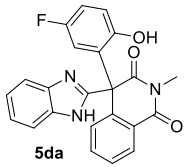
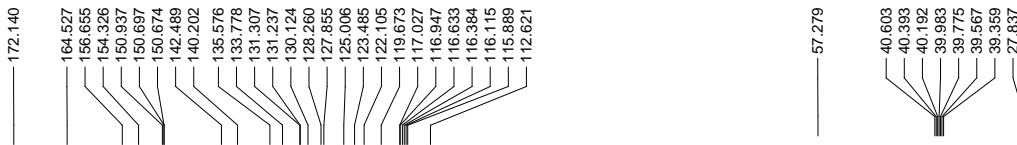
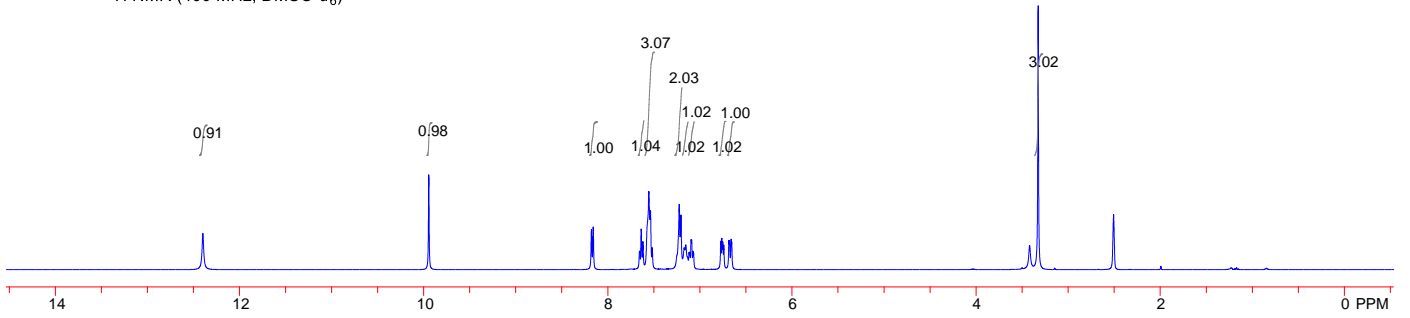


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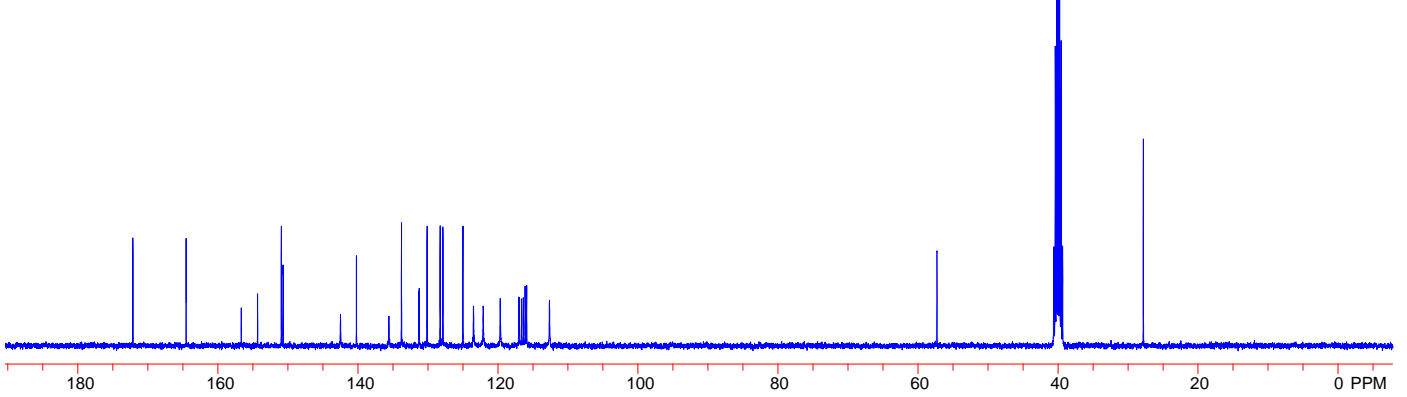




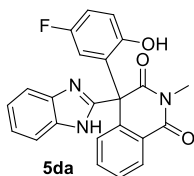
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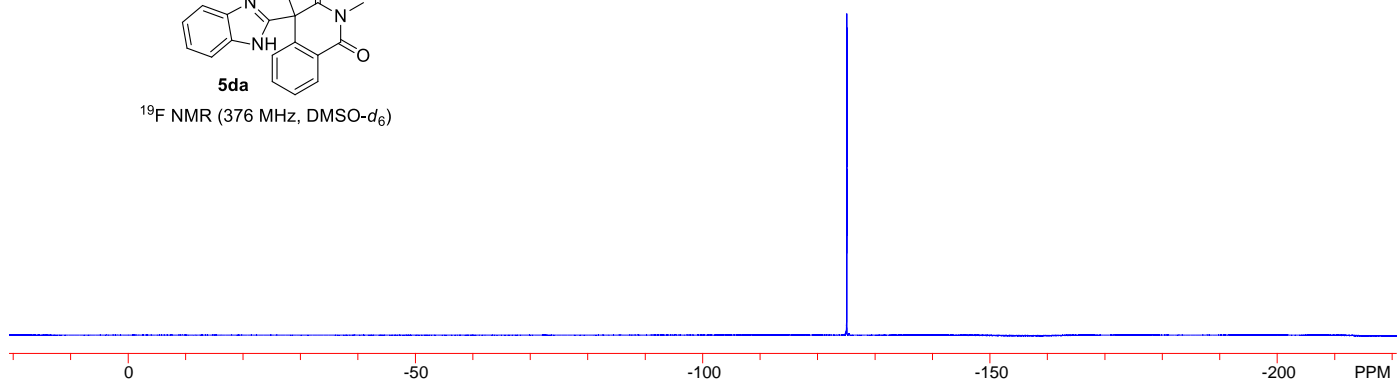
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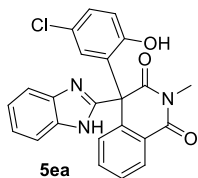
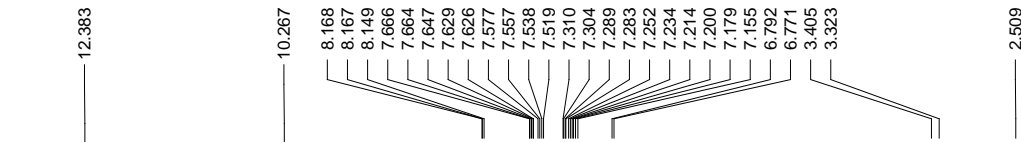


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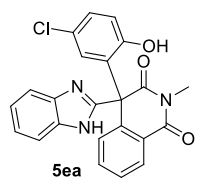
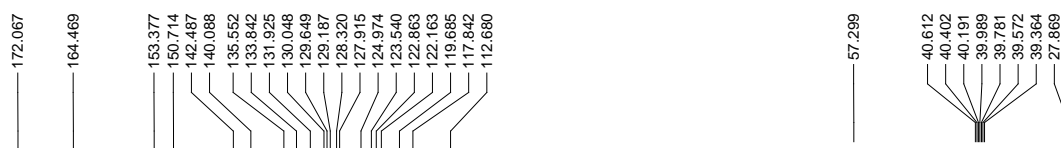
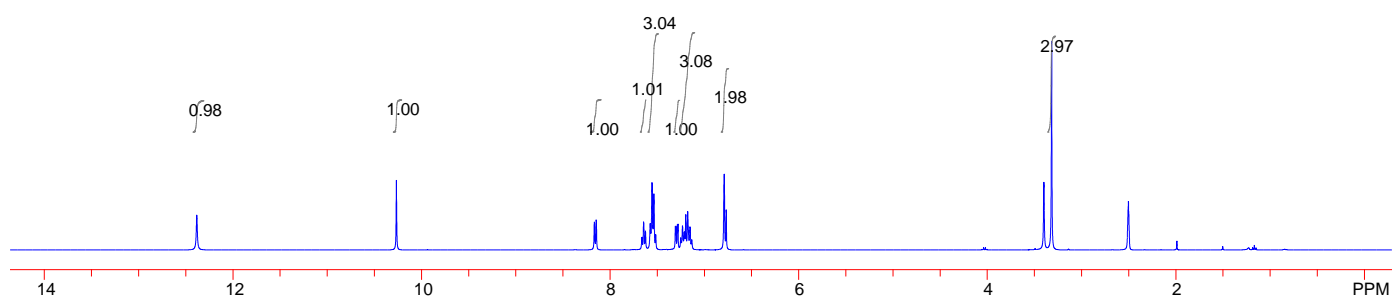


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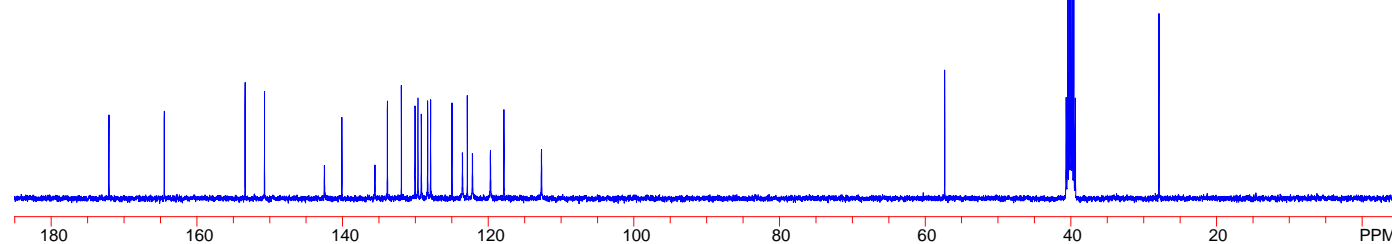


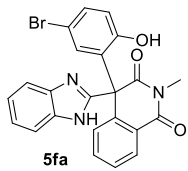
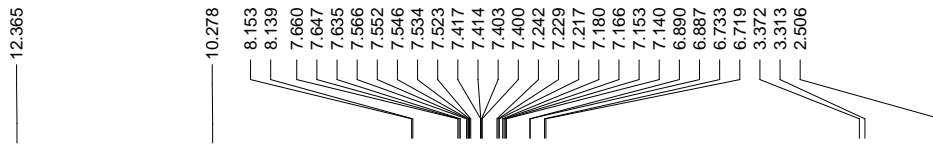


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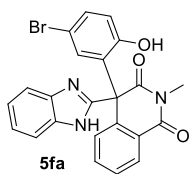
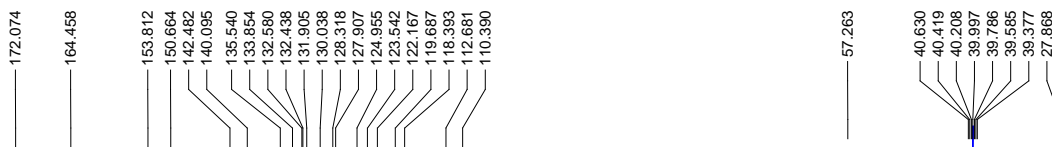
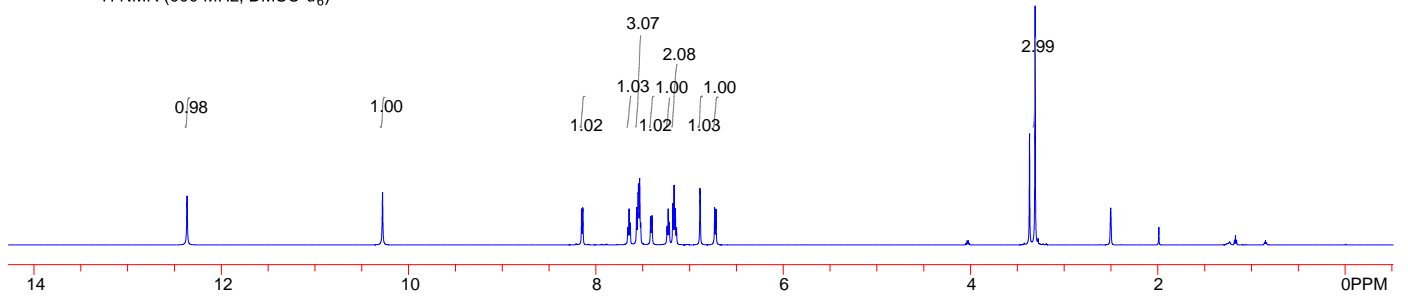


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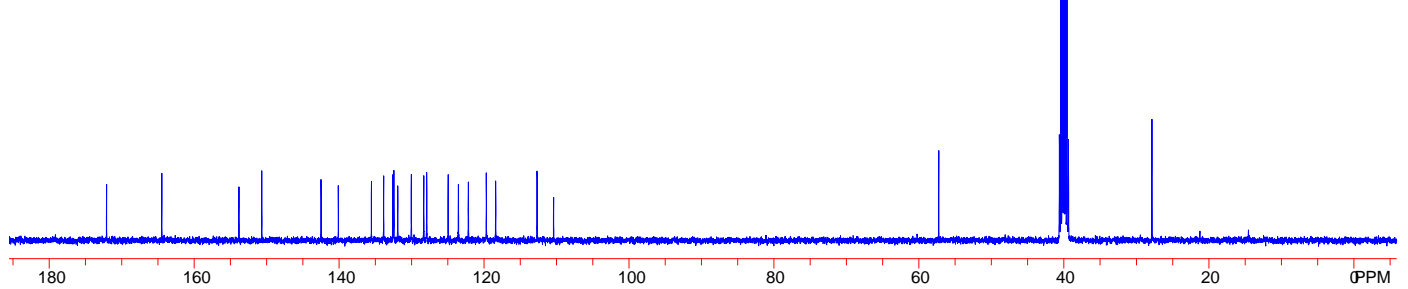


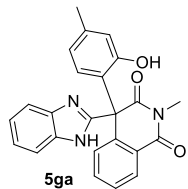


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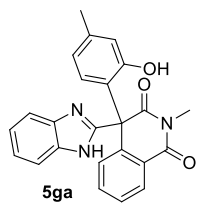
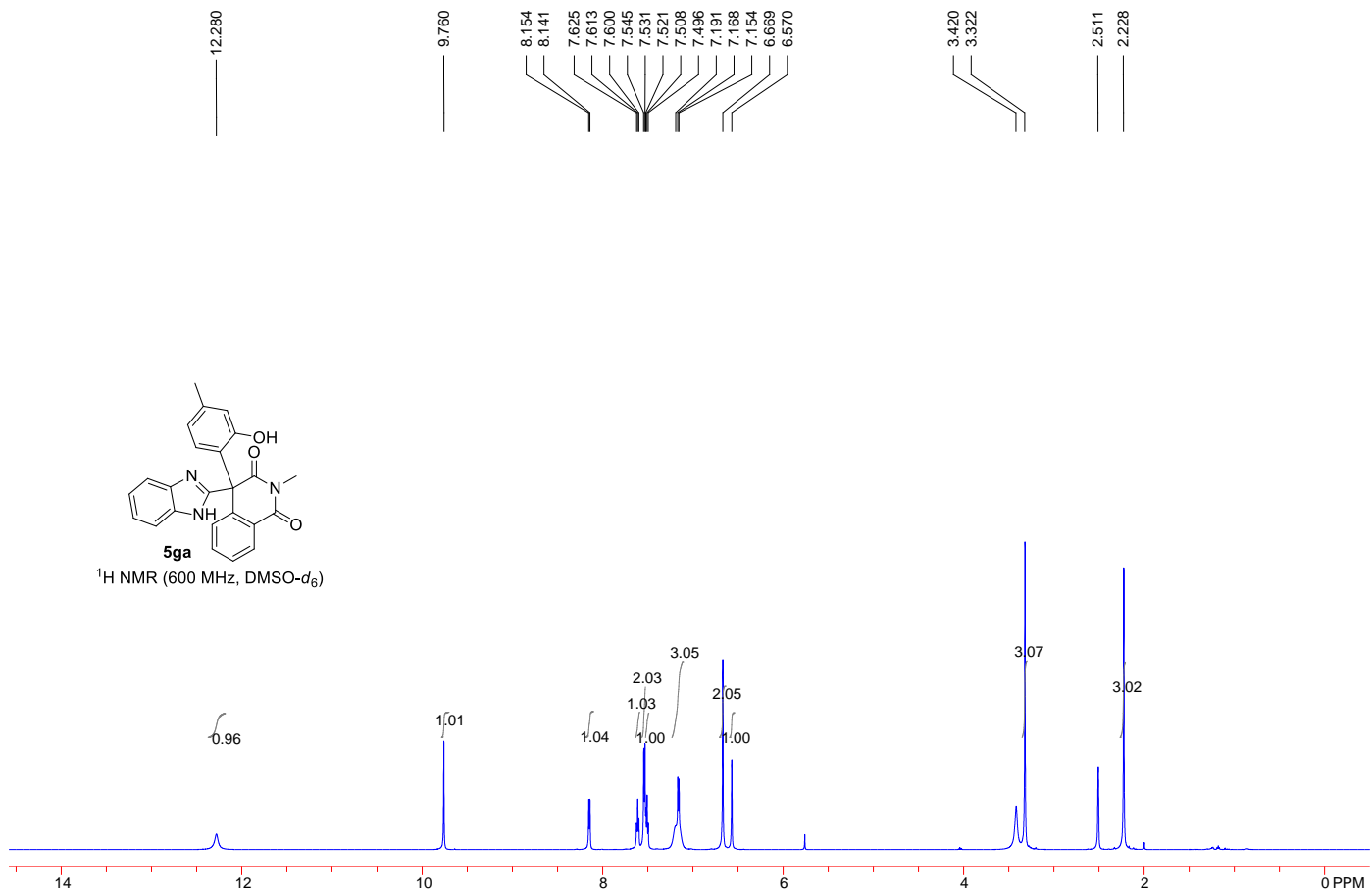


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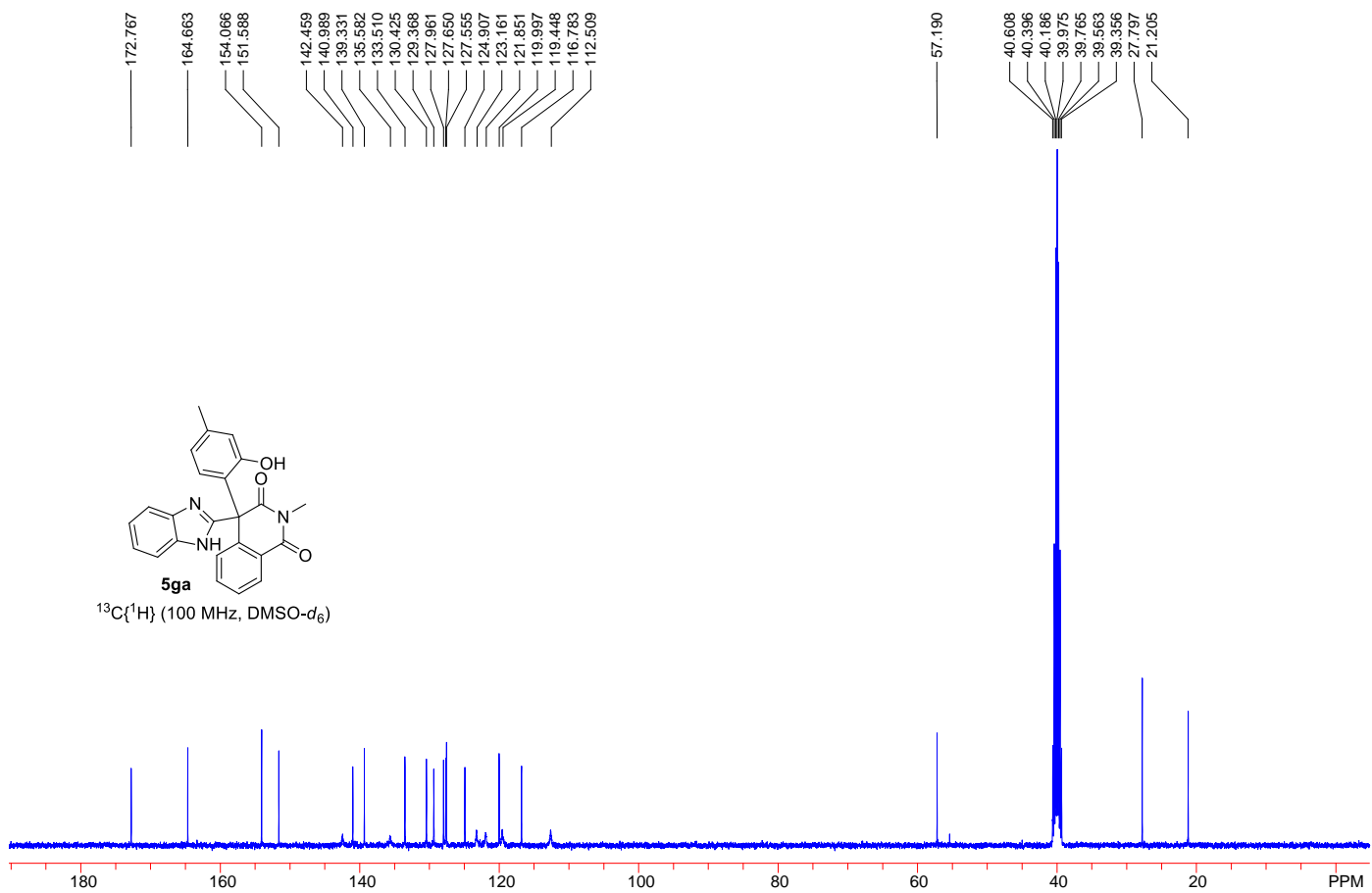


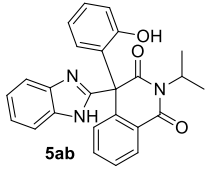
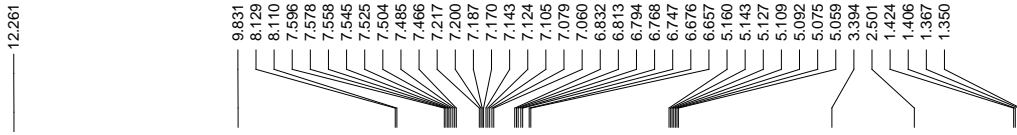


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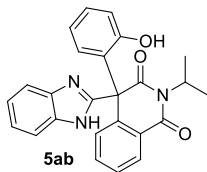
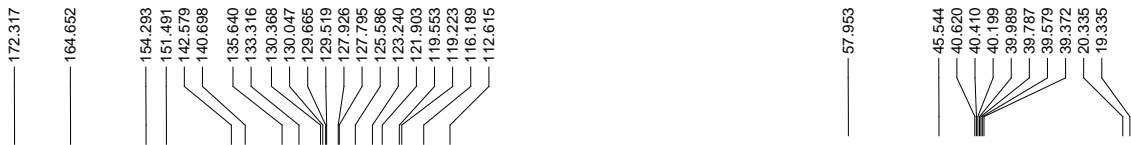
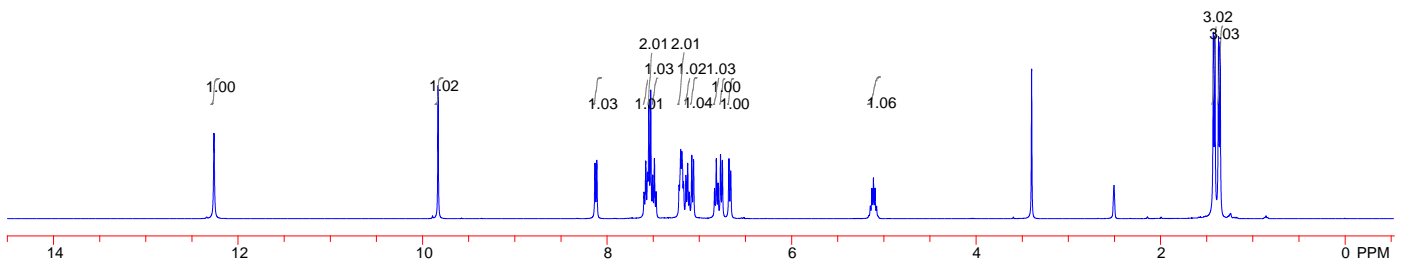


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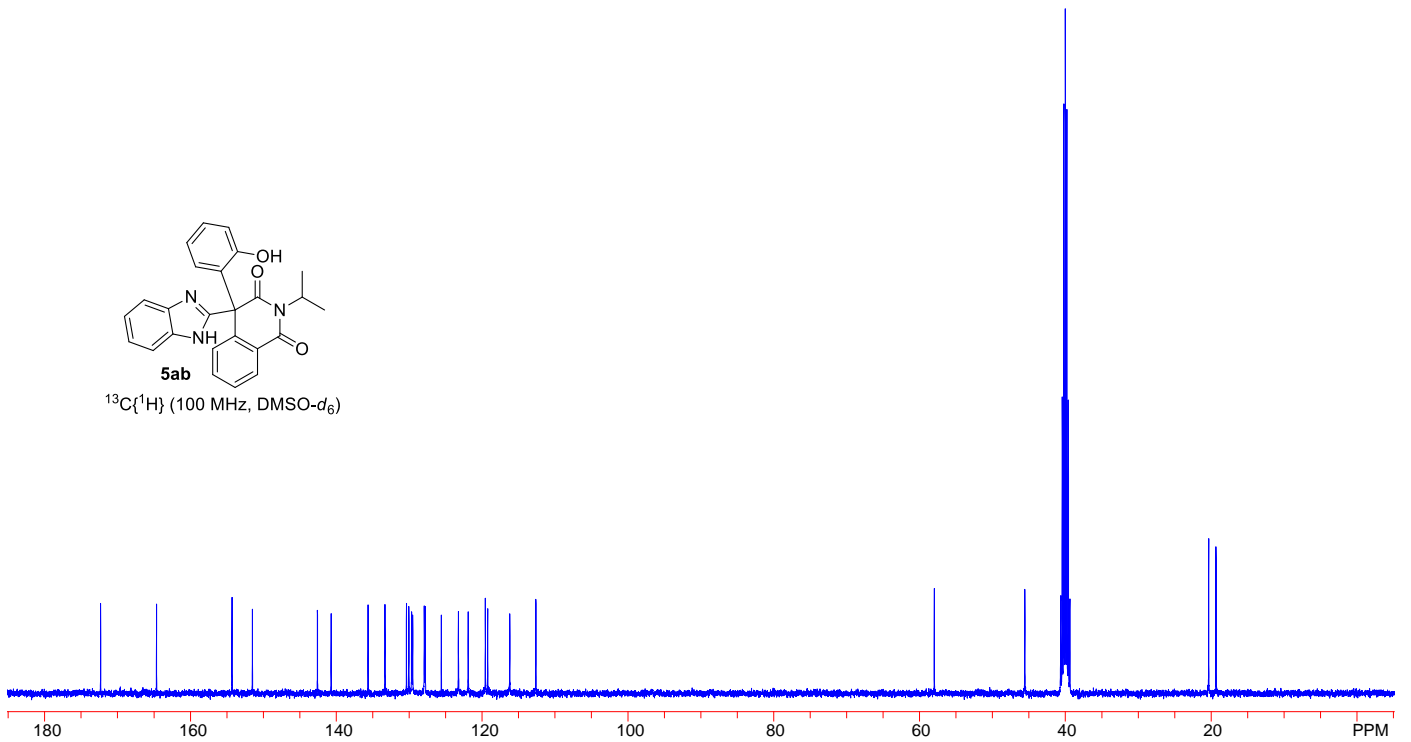


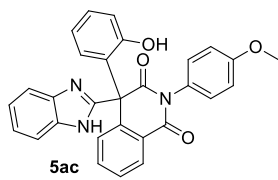
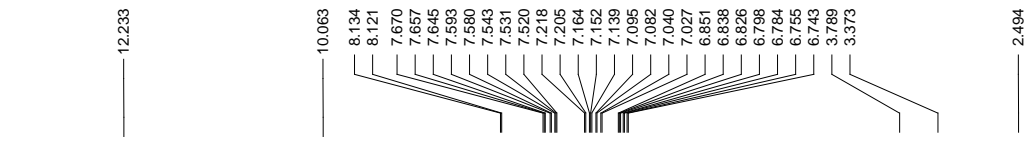


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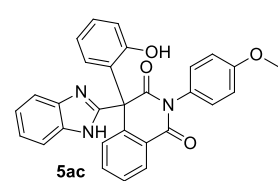
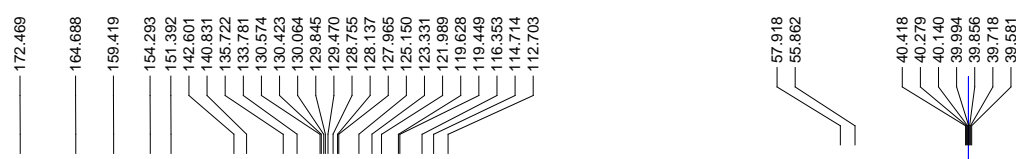
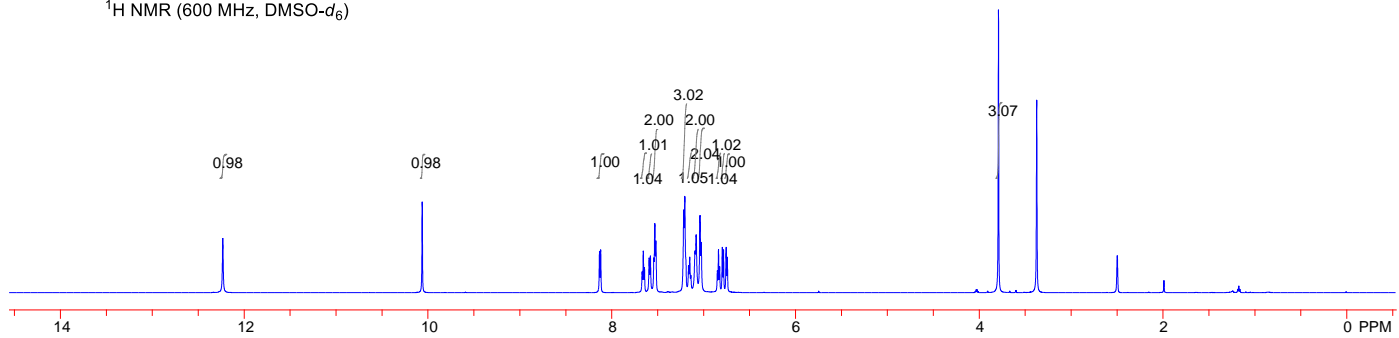


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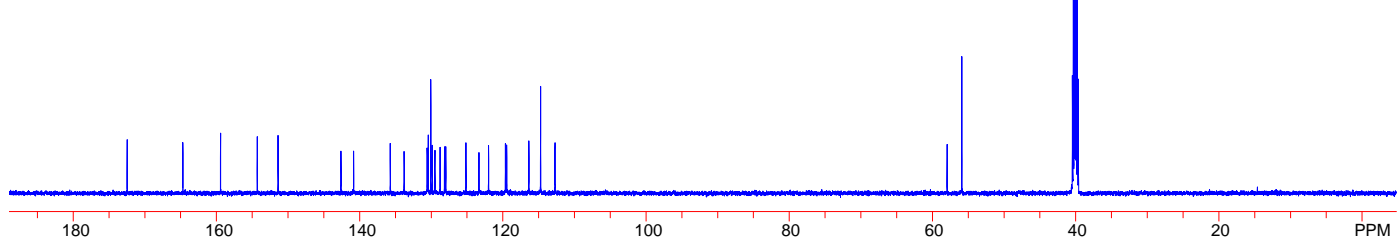




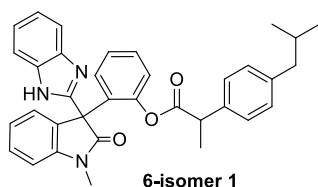
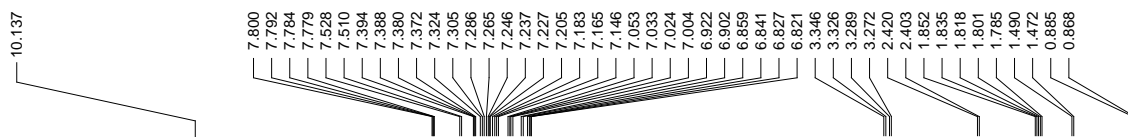
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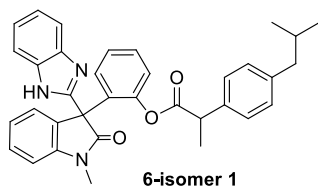
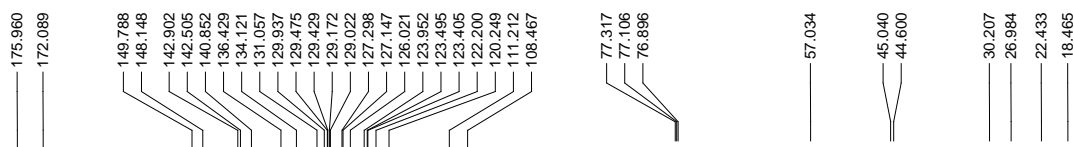
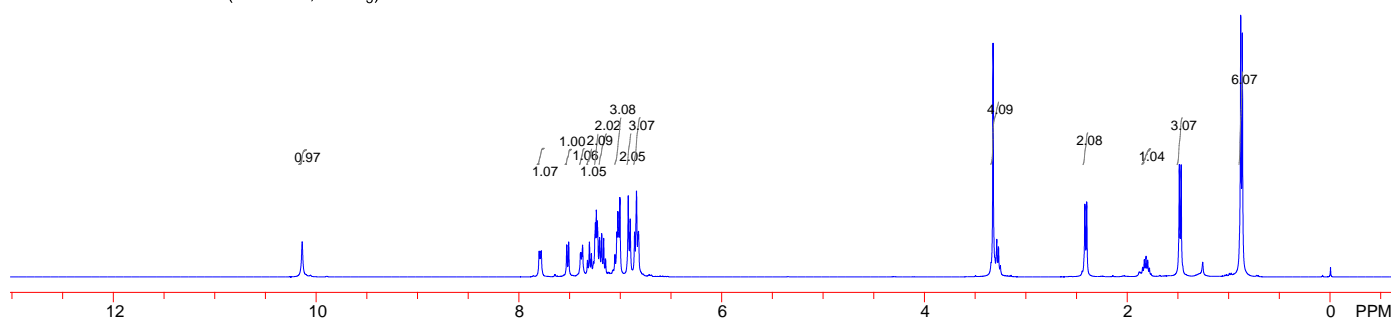
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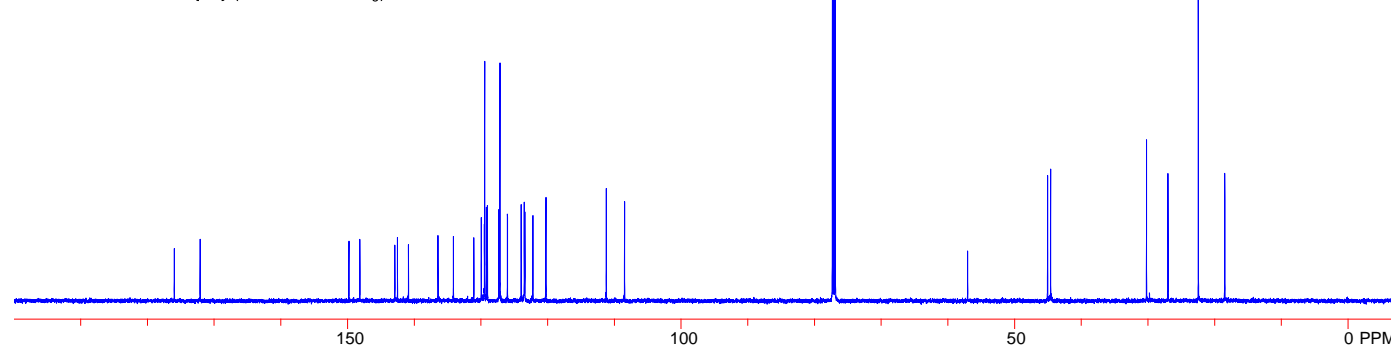
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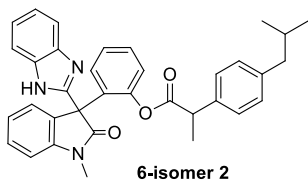
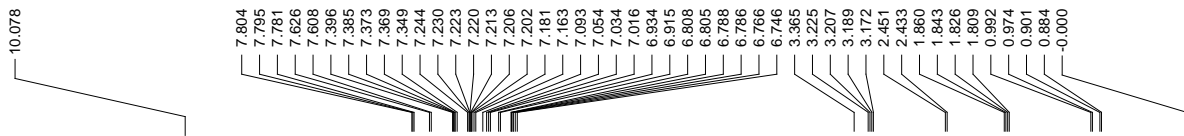


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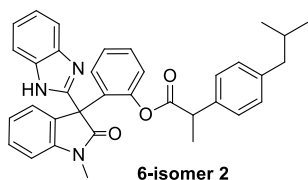
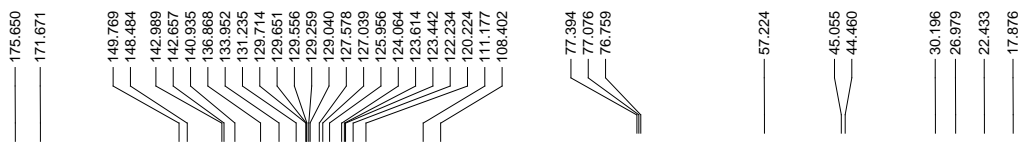
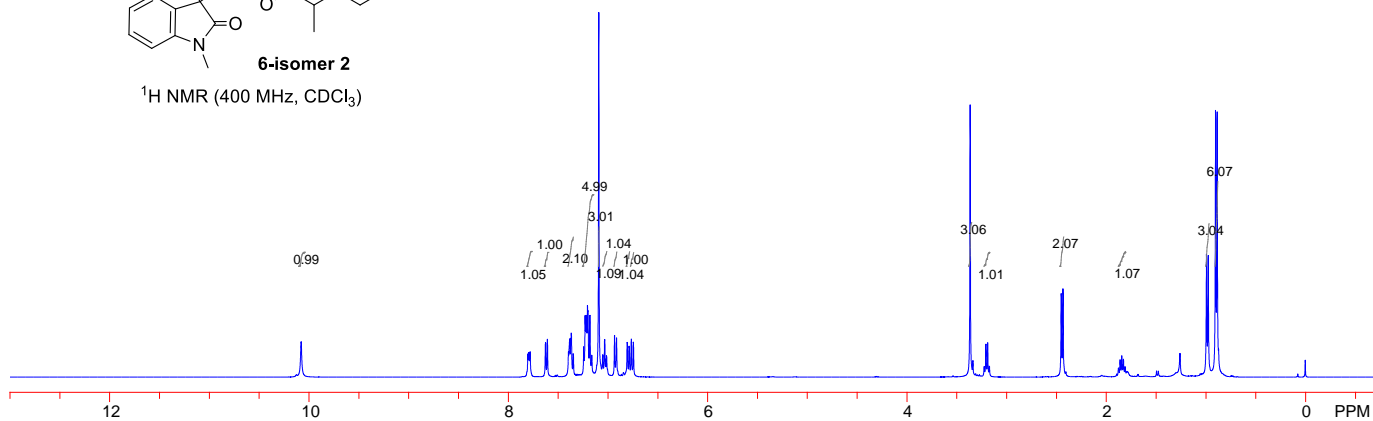


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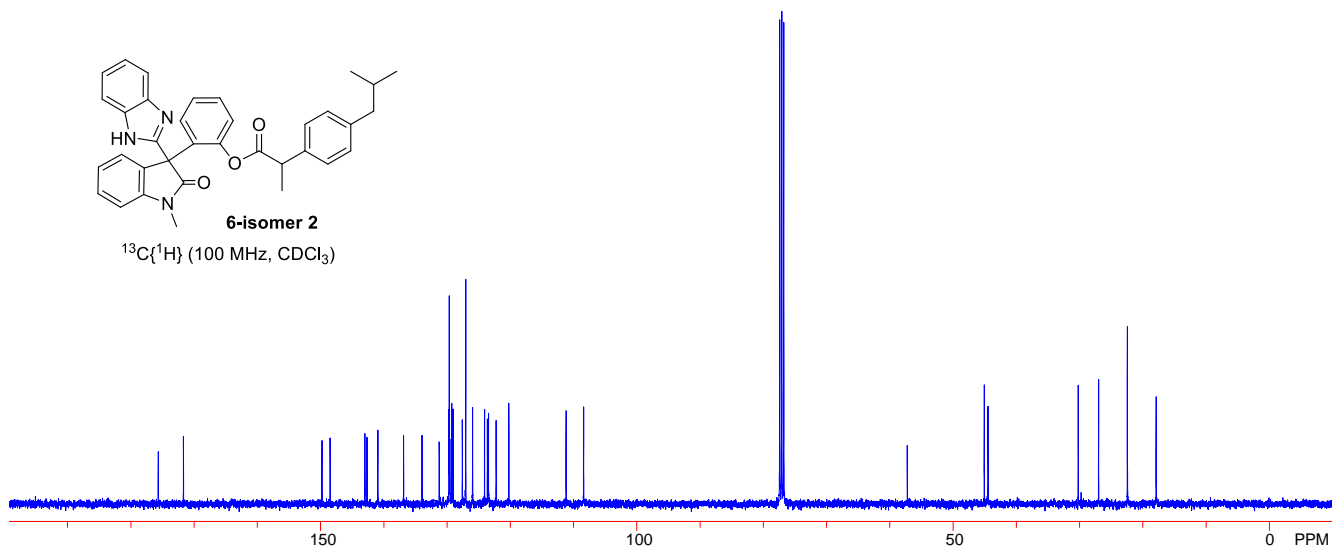


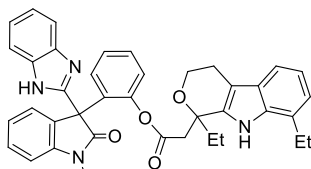
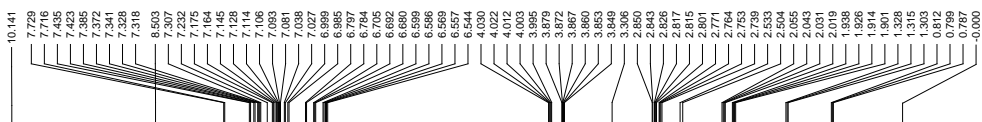


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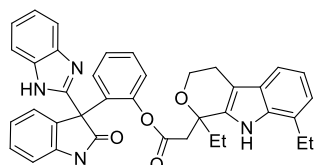
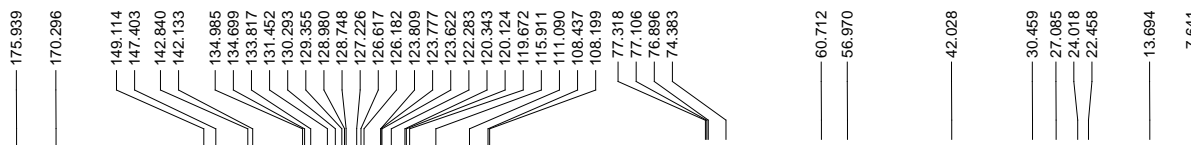
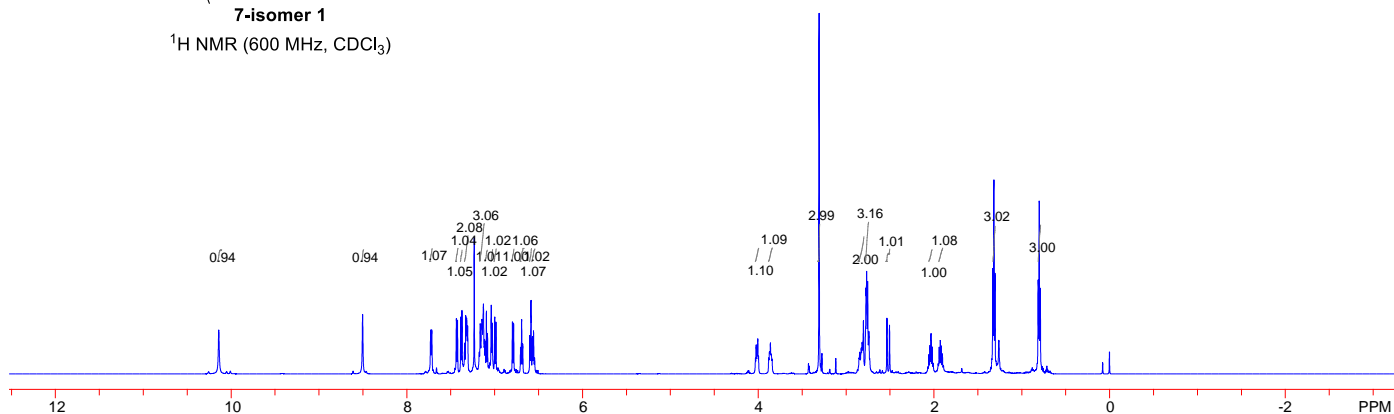
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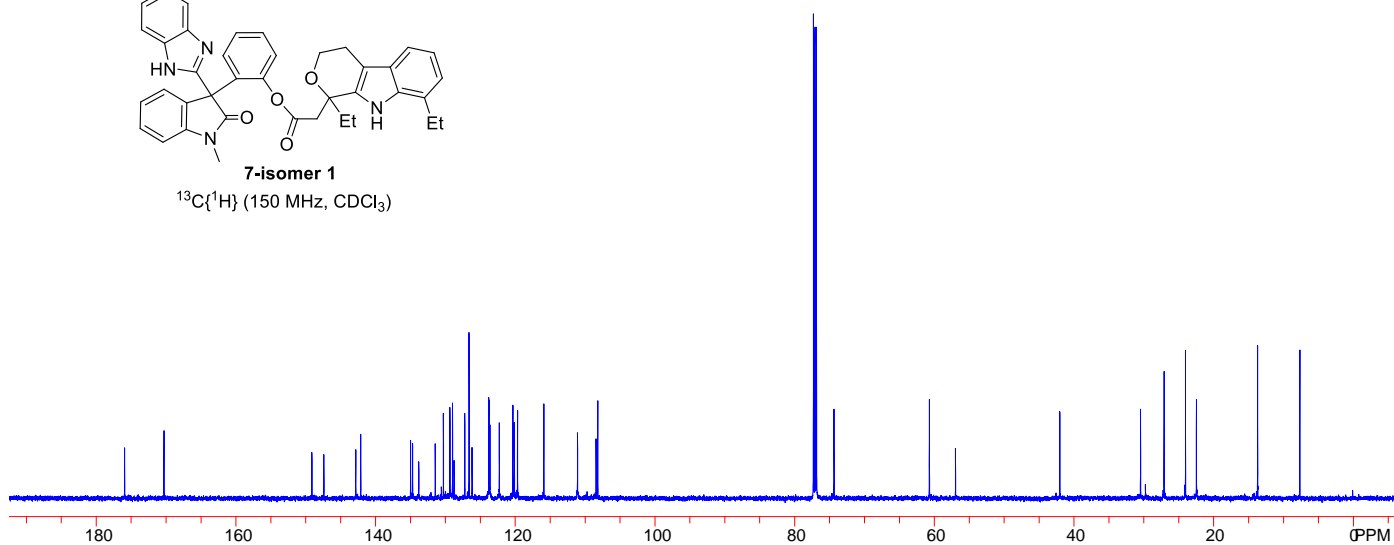
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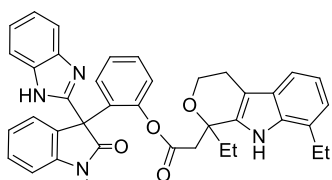
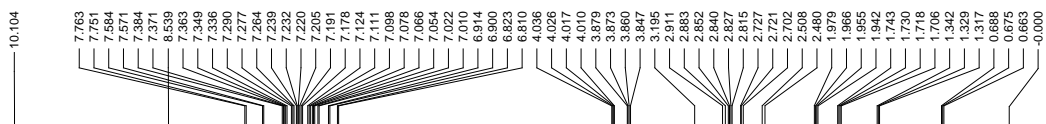
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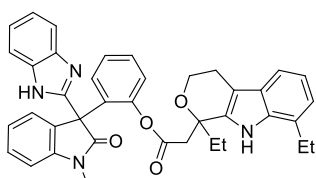
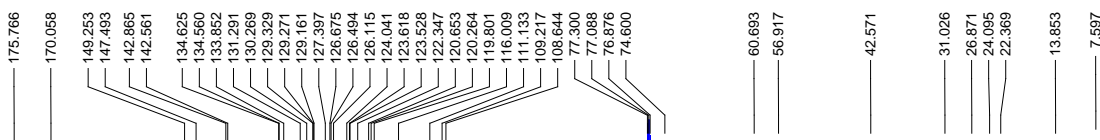
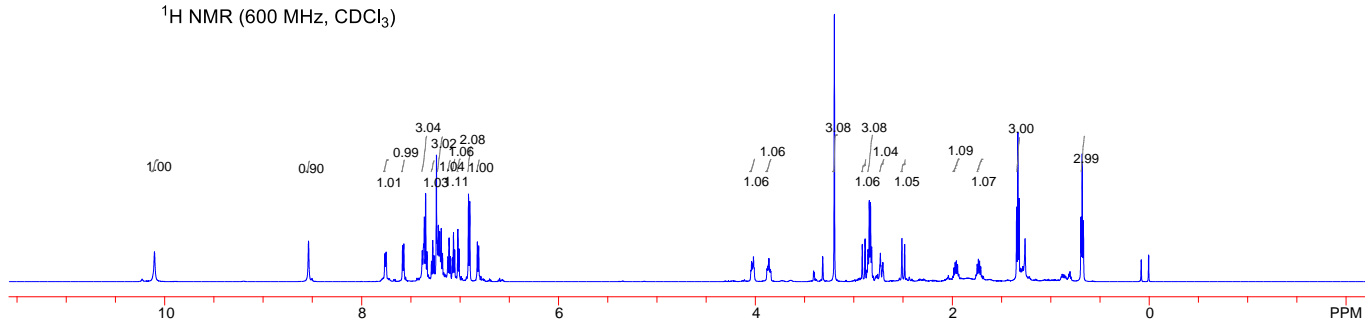
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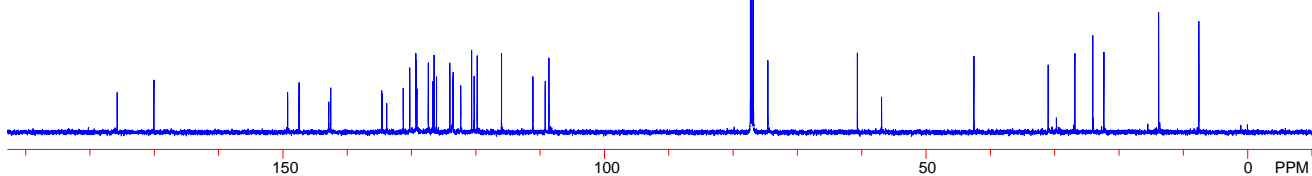




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VII. X-ray crystal structure and data of 3na

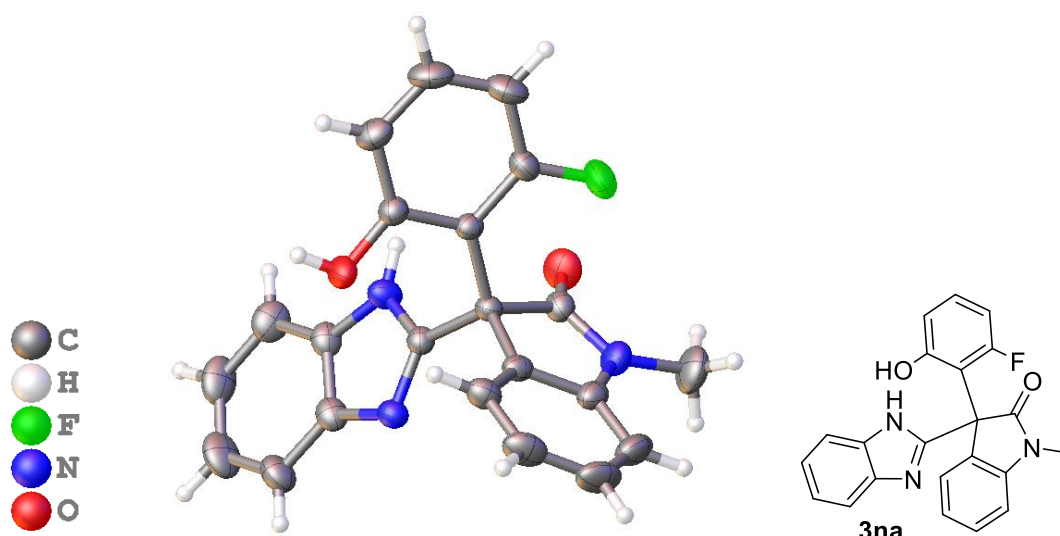


Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of **3na** with 50% ellipsoid probability

X-ray structure determination. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent from a methanol/chloroform (1:1) solution of **3na**. Crystal data collection and refinement parameters of **3na** are summarized in Table S1. Intensity data were collected at 293 K on a SuperNova Dual diffractometer using mirror-monochromated Cu K α radiation, $\lambda = 1.54184$ Å. The data were corrected for decay, Lorentz, and polarization effects as well as absorption and beam corrections based on the multi-scan technique. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the SHELXS structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the SHELXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The H-atoms were either located or calculated and subsequently treated with a riding model.

Table S1. Crystallographic data and structure refinement results of **3na**

Empirical formula	2 (C ₂₂ H ₁₆ FN ₃ O ₂)
Formula weight	746.75
Temp, K	293.0
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pna2 ₁
<i>a</i> , Å	18.2786(2)
<i>b</i> , Å	11.9317(2)
<i>c</i> , Å	16.8004(2)
α (°)	90

β (°)	90
γ (°)	90
Volume, Å ³	3664.08(9)
Z	4
ρ_{calc} , g cm ⁻³	1.354
λ , Å	1.54184
μ , mm ⁻¹	0.789
No. of data collected	13760
No. of unique data	5541
R_{int}	0.0289
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.048
R_1 , wR_2 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$)	0.0475, 0.1290
R_1 , wR_2 (all data)	0.0494, 0.1316

VIII. X-ray crystal structure and data of 3ae

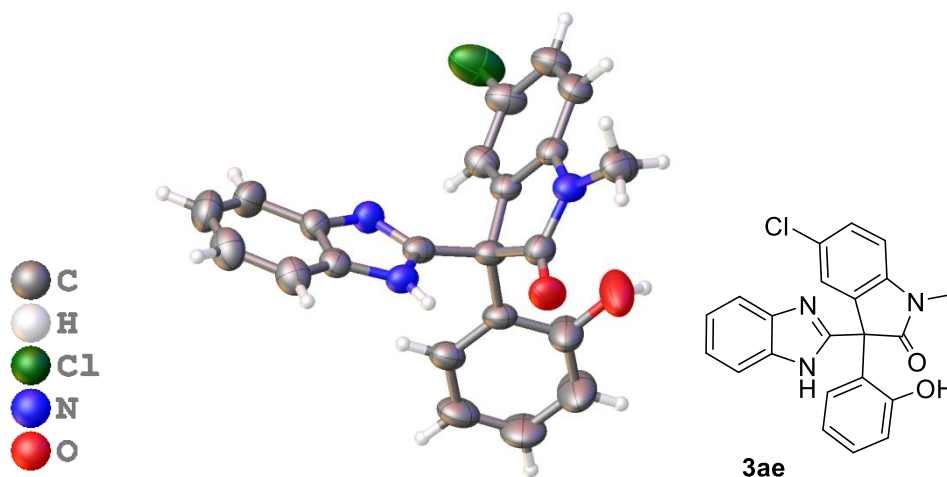


Figure S2. X-ray crystal structure of **3ae** with 50% ellipsoid probability

X-ray structure determination. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent from a dimethyl sulfoxide solution of **3ae**. Crystal data collection and refinement parameters of **3ae** are summarized in Table S2. Intensity data were collected at 293 K on a SuperNova Dual diffractometer using mirror-monochromated Cu K α radiation, $\lambda = 1.54184$ Å. The data were corrected for decay, Lorentz, and polarization effects as well as absorption and beam corrections based on the multi-scan technique. Using Olex2, the structure was solved with the SHELXS structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the SHELXL refinement package using Least Squares minimisation. Nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The H-atoms were either located or calculated and subsequently treated with a riding model.

Table S2. Crystallographic data and structure refinement results of **3ae**

Empirical formula	C ₂₂ H ₁₆ ClN ₃ O ₂
Formula weight	389.83
Temp, K	293(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
<i>a</i> , Å	10.0502(4)
<i>b</i> , Å	11.7456(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	13.2442(5)
α (°)	109.804(4)

β (°)	100.969(3)
γ (°)	104.033(3)
Volume, Å ³	1362.01(10)
Z	2
ρ_{calc} , g cm ⁻³	0.951
λ , Å	1.54184
μ , mm ⁻¹	1.374
No. of data collected	10916
No. of unique data	5159
R_{int}	0.0298
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.058
R_1 , wR_2 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$)	0.0822, 0.2271
R_1 , wR_2 (all data)	0.0922, 0.2353

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