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Supporting Information

Pd-Catalyzed Cascade Heck Cyclization/Carbonylation of Indoles with

Aryl Formates: Enantioselective Construction of Indolo[2,1-

a]isoquinolines

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1. General Information

All anaerobic and moisture-sensitive manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under argon. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV 600MHz NMR. Chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) referenced to the residual peaks of CHCl₃ (δ 7.26) for ¹H NMR, CHCl₃ (δ 77.00) for ¹³C NMR. The following abbreviations are used to describe the multiplicities; s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, quint: quintet, sext: sextet, hept: heptet, m: multiplet. Coupling constants are reported in Hertz (Hz). IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR instrument. The HRMS analysis was obtained on a QTOF mass spectrometer. X-ray diffraction data were collected at 150 K on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction Supernova Dual Source, Cu at Zero equipped with an AtlasS2 CCD using Cu K α radiation. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), NUO TAI precoated TLC plates (SHF254) were used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Flash column chromatography was performed with Silica gel (SANPONT). Enantiomeric excesses (ee) were determined by HPLC analysis on Shimazu (LC-2050) HPLC with Daicel chiral columns. Melting points were determined with melting points apparatus and are uncorrected.

2. Materials

All commercially available reagents were used directly without purification unless otherwise stated. All solvents were purified following standard procedures. Substrates 1^{1-2} , 2b-2l, 2n and $2o^{2-4}$ were synthesized in the lab by the reported procedures. 2a and 2m were purchased from commercial sources and used directly without further purification unless otherwise stated.

3. Deoptimization Table

Table S1. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions^a

	He (Pd] (10 mol%) ligand (20 mol%) base (3 equiv.) MeCN (0.1 M) Ar, temp.					
	Me 1a	2a		O 3aa		
Entry	Catalyst	Ligand	Base	Solvent	Yield ^b (%)	
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	64	
2	$Pd(OAc)_2$	PPh ₃	K_2CO_3	DCE	0	
3	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	0	
4	Pd(TFA) ₂	PPh ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	82	
5	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	PPh ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	73	
6	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PPh ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	74	
7	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(p-tolyl) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	87	
8	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(<i>p</i> -anisyl) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	76	
9	Pd(TFA) ₂	PCy ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	34	
10	Pd(TFA) ₂	BINAP	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	73	
11	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(p-tolyl) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	27	
12	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(p-tolyl) ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	27	
13	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(p-tolyl) ₃	t-BuOK	MeCN	0	
14	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(p-tolyl) ₃	K ₃ PO ₄	MeCN	76	
15	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(p-tolyl) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	94 ^c	
16	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(p-tolyl) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	94 ^{<i>c</i>,<i>d</i>}	
17	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(p-tolyl) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	$97^{c,d,e}$	

^{*a*}Reaction conditions unless otherwise noted: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (10.0 mol %), ligand (20.0 mol %), MeCN (1 mL, 0.1 M), base (0.3 mmol), 80 °C, 20 h under an argon atmosphere. ^{*b*}Isolated yields. ^{*c*}70°C. ^{*d*}**2a** (0.15 mmol). ^{*e*} K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol).

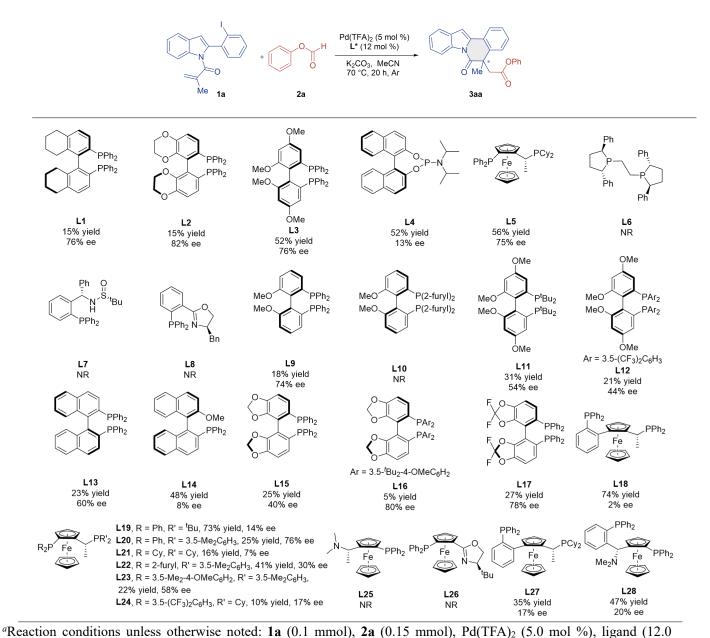
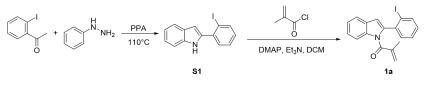


Table S2. Screening of the chiral ligands under optimal racemic reaction conditions.^a

mol %), MeCN (1.0 mL, 0.1 M), K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), 70 °C, 20 h under an argon atmosphere. Isolated yields. Determined by HPLC analysis.

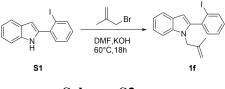
4. Preparation of Substrates 1



Scheme S1

Step I: A mixture of 2-iodoacetophenone (10.0 mmol, 2.5 g, 1.0 equiv.), phenylhydrazine (12.0 mmol, 1.3 g, 1.2 equiv.) and polyphosphoric acid (PPA, 30.0 g) was added to a round bottom flask and stirred at 110°C in an oil bath for 6 h. After the completion of the reaction, the residue was quenched with ice water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) to give the corresponding substituted indole **S1** as a yellow oil (65%, 2.3 g).

Step II: To the solution of indole **S1** (7.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv., 2.3 g) and DMAP (1.5 mmol, 0.2 equiv., 183 mg) in DCM (15.0 mL) was added Et₃N (14.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv., 1.5 g) and methacryloyl chloride (8.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv., 910 mg) at 0 °C. The solution was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for overnight. The mixture was diluted with DCM and saturated Na₂CO₃ solution. The organic and aqueous layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) and then recrystallized from *n*-hexane/EtOAc to afford the product **1a** as a yellow solid (46%, 1.3g) (Scheme S1). Procedure for the synthesis of substrates **1b-1e**, **1j** is similar to **1a**.

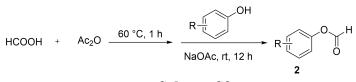


Scheme S2

A solution of **S1** (6.0 mmol, 1.91 g, 1.0 equiv.) in 10.0 mL of DMF and powdered KOH (7.8 mmol, 437 mg, 1.3 equiv.) was stirred at 60 °C in an oil bath for 10 min, cooled to room temperature, and treated with 3-bromo-2-methylprop-1-ene (8.9 mmol, 1.20 g, 1.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C in an oil bath for 18 h, and then poured onto ice and diluted with 15 mL of EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) to afford the desired product **1g** as a yellow oil (60%, 1.3 g) (Scheme S2). Procedure for the synthesis of substrates

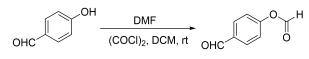
1g-1i is similar to **1f**.

5. Preparation of Substrates 2



Scheme S3

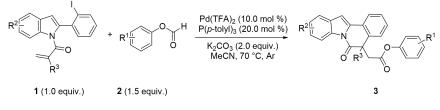
Formic acid (23 mL, 600 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) was added to acetic anhydride (38 mL, 400 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) at rt. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C (oil bath) for 1 h and cooled to rt. The resulting solution was poured to the flask containing phenol (9.4 g, 100 mmol) and NaOAc (8.2 g, 100 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Then, CH_2Cl_2 and water was added to the mixture and the organic layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (three times), washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (three times) and brine (one time), and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) on silica gel to provide the desired products **2b-g**, **2i-2l**, **2n**, and **2o** (Scheme S3)³.



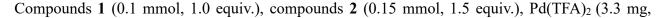
Scheme S4

To a solution of phenolic substrate (5 mmol) in DCM, oxalyl chloride (15 mmol) was added at 0 °C and after that DMF (7.5 mmol) was added in a dropwise manner. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature slowly and stirring for 6 h. A saturated solution of sodium bicarbonate (15 mL) was added to the reaction mixture to quench of excess oxalyl chloride. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated to dryness under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) to give the products **2h** as colorless oil (70%, 0.53 g) (Scheme S4)⁴.

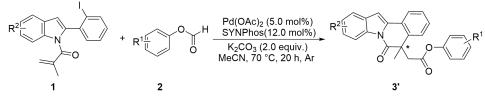
6. A Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Products 3 and Asymmetric Products 3







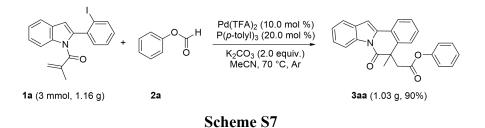
10.0 mol %), P(*p*-tolyl)₃ (6.1 mg, 20.0 mol %) and K₂CO₃ (27.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were added to a reaction tube successively under an argon atmosphere, and then MeCN (1.0 mL) was added via syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at 70°C in an oil bath for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a silica gel column (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15: 1, v/v) to afford the products **3** (Scheme S5).



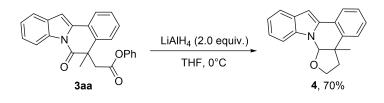
Scheme S6

Compounds 1 (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), compounds 2 (0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (1.2 mg, 5.0 mol %), SYNPhos (7.7 mg, 12.0 mol %) and K₂CO₃ (27.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were added to a reaction tube successively under an argon atmosphere, and then MeCN (1.0 mL) was added via syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at 70°C in an oil bath for 20 h. After cooling at room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a silica gel column (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15: 1, v/v) to afford the asymmetric products **3** (Scheme S6).

7. Scale-Up Reaction and Derivatizations



Scale-up reaction: Compound 1a (3.0 mmol, 1.16 g, 1.0 equiv.), 2a (4.5 mmol, 550 mg, 1.5 equiv.), Pd(TFA)₂ (0.3 mmol, 100 mg), P(*p*-tolyl)₃ (0.6 mmol, 182 mg) and K_2CO_3 (6.0 mmol, 828 mg, 2.0 equiv.) were added to a sealed tube, and MeCN (30.0 mL) was added via syringe under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70°C until completion (monitored by TLC). After cooling at room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on a silica gel column (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20: 1, v/v) to afford the product **3aa** (1.03 g, 90%) (Scheme S7).



Scheme S8

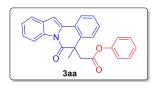
LiAlH₄ (15.2 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added in a solution of product **3aa** (77 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (2.0 mL) at 0°C. After stirring at 0°C for 8 h, the mixture was quenched with 5.0 mL H₂O and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2: 1, v/v) to afford the corresponding product **4** (39 mg, 70%) (Scheme S8).



Scheme S9

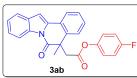
To a solution of **3aa** (77 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 1 mL ^{*n*}BuNH₂ was added La(OTf)₃ (6 mg, 5.0 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50°C for 4 h. After cooling at room temperature, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10:1) to give amide **5** with 96% yield (Scheme S9).

8. Characterization of the Products



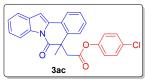
Phenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (3aa). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (37 mg, 97% yield). Mp: 70–75 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (d, J = 8.2

Hz, 1H), 7.93 - 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.21 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 - 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 168.8, 150.1, 137.4, 135.4, 135.3, 130.6, 129.1, 128.9, 127.5, 125.7, 125.2, 125.2, 124.7, 124.4, 124.1, 121.1, 120.4, 116.6, 103.3, 46.4, 44.3, 30.3. IR: 1756, 1696, 1596, 1449, 1379, 1343, 1268, 1161, 1084, 932, 813, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₂₅H₁₉NO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 404.1257; Found, 404.1255



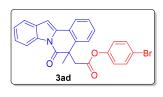
4-Fluorophenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (**3ab**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a

yellow solid (40 mg, 88% yield). Mp: 91–94 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.87 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.64 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 4.01 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 168.9, 160.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 244.2 Hz), 145.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz)., 137.3, 135.4, 135.2, 130.6, 128.9, 127.6, 125.3, 124.7, 124.6, 124.1, 122.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz)., 120.5, 116.7, 115.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 23.5 Hz), 103.4, 46.5, 44.2, 30.3. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.91(s, 1F). IR: 1756, 1698, 1600, 1504, 1450, 1383, 1342, 1185, 1091, 838, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₁₈FNO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 422.1163; found, 422.1148.



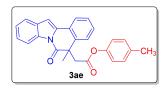
4-Chlorophenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (3ac). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel(petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a

yellow solid (39 mg, 93% yield). Mp: 97-98 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 168.7, 148.5, 137.2, 135.4, 135.2, 131.1, 130.6, 129.2, 128.9,127.7, 125.3, 125.2, 124.7, 124.6, 124.1, 122.5, 120.5, 116.6, 103.5, 46.4, 44.3, 30.3. IR: 1756, 1697, 1600, 1486, 1448, 1380, 1343, 1197, 1164, 1085, 813, 758 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₁₉ClNO₃ [M + H]⁺, 416.1048; found, 416.1022



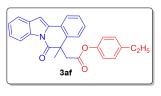
4-Bromophenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (3ad). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (32 mg, 67% yield). Mp: 79-81 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

8.57 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.57 – 6.50 (m, 2H), 4.00 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 168.6, 149.1, 137.3, 135.4, 135.2, 132.2, 130.6, 128.9, 127.7, 125.3, 124.7, 124.6, 124.1, 122.9, 120.5, 118.9, 116.7, 103.4, 46.5, 44.3, 30.3. IR: 1758, 1698, 1645, 1450, 1381, 1340, 1198, 1161, 1071, 825, 757 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₁₈BrNO₃Na [M + H]⁺, 482.0362; found, 482.0365.



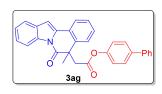
P-Tolyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (3ae). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (36 mg, 90% yield). Mp: 79–82 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (d, *J* =

8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 169.0, 147.9, 137.5, 135.5, 135.4, 135.3, 130.6, 129.6, 128.9, 127.5, 125.3, 125.2, 124.8, 124.5, 124.1, 120.8, 120.4, 116.7, 103.3, 46.5, 44.4, 30.3, 20.7. IR: 1756, 1696, 1506, 1450, 1381, 1342, 1196, 1165, 1018, 813, 754 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₆H₂₁NO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 418.1414; found, 418.1406.



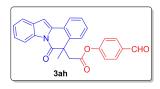
4-Ethylphenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (**3af**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (39 mg, 96% yield). Mp: 68–72 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 8.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.17 – 1.06 (m, 3H).¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 169.0, 148.1, 141.7, 137.5, 135.5, 135.3, 130.6, 128.9, 128.5, 127.5, 125.3, 125.2, 124.8, 124.5, 124.1, 120.9, 120.4, 116.7, 103.3, 46.5, 44.4, 30.3, 28.1, 15.4. IR: 1756, 1696, 1643, 1506, 1452, 1381, 1342, 1200, 1158, 815, 750 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₇H₂₃NO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 432.1570; found, 432.1579.



[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (**3ag**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (33 mg, 71% yield). Mp: 101–107 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)

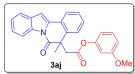
δ 8.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 9H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 169.0, 149.5, 140.2, 138.9, 137.4, 135.5, 135.3, 130.6, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 127.0, 125.3, 125.2, 124.8, 124.5, 124.1, 121.4, 120.5, 116.7, 103.4, 46.5, 44.4, 30.3. IR: 1757, 1698, 1602, 1486, 1449, 1382, 1343, 1262, 1172, 1085, 831, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₃₁H₂₃NO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 480.1570; found, 480.1569.



4-Formylphenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (3ah). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (30 mg, 73% yield). Mp: 92–95 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

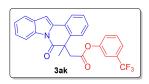
9.88 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 4.05 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.8, 172.1, 168.2, 154.7, 137.2, 135.4, 135.1, 133.9, 131.0, 130.6, 129.0, 127.7, 125.3, 125.2, 124.7, 124.6, 124.2, 121.9, 120.5, 116.6, 115.9, 103.5, 46.5, 44.3, 30.3. IR: 1760, 1694, 1595, 1506, 1452, 1381, 1344, 1208, 1158, 1089, 837, 758 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₆H₂₀NO₄ [M + H]⁺, 410.1387; found, 410.1368.

3-Bromophenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (3ai). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 168.5, 150.5, 137.2, 135.4, 135.2, 130.6, 130.2, 129.0, 128.9, 127.7, 125.3, 125.2, 124.7, 124.7, 124.6, 124.1, 122.1, 120.5, 120.1, 118.8, 116.7, 103.5, 46.4, 44.2, 30.3. IR: 1762, 1693, 1588, 1453, 1379, 1343, 1193, 1151, 1083, 756, 674 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₁₈BrNO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 482.0362; found, 482.0365.

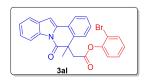


3-Methoxyphenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (**3aj**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleumether/ethyl acetate = 15:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (31

mg, 74% yield). Mp: 81–85 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.63 – 6.59 (m, 1H), 6.30 – 6.26 (m, 1H), 6.14 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.35 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 168.7, 160.2, 151.0, 137.4, 135.4, 135.3, 130.6, 129.5, 128.9, 127.6, 125.4, 125.2, 124.8, 124.5, 124.1, 120.4, 116.7, 113.3, 111.9, 106.8, 103.3, 55.2, 46.5, 44.4, 30.3. IR: 1757, 1695, 1601, 1488, 1451, 1381, 1343, 1264, 1063, 1149, 1036, 814, 754 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₆H₂₁NO₄Na [M + Na]⁺, 434.1363; found, 434.1373.

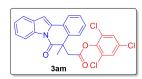


3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (3ak). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (35 mg, 70% yield). Mp: 75–80 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 168.5, 150.1, 137.2, 135.4, 135.1, 131.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 32.8 Hz), 130.6, 129.7, 129.0, 127.8, 125.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 4.5 Hz), 124.8, 124.7, 124.6, 124.1, 122.6, 120.5, 118.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 4.0 Hz), 116.7, 103.5, 46.5, 44.3, 30.3. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.79. IR: 1763, 1697, 1599, 1450, 1380, 1329, 1283, 1165, 1131, 1087, 806, 756 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₆H₁₉NO₃ [M + H]⁺, 450.1312; found, 450.1304.



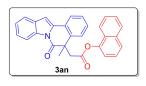
2-Bromophenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (**3al**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (35

mg, 75% yield). Mp: 102–108 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 168.1, 147.8, 137.3, 135.5, 135.3, 133.1, 130.6, 128.9, 128.2, 127.6, 127.2, 125.5, 125.2, 124.9, 124.5, 124.1, 123.4, 120.4, 116.7, 115.9, 103.3, 46.3, 43.9, 30.4. IR: 1765, 1694, 1599, 1449, 1379, 1341, 1258, 1206, 1138, 808, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₁₈BrNO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 482.0362; found, 482.0365.



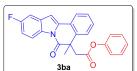
2,4,6-Trichlorophenyl 2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (3am). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a

yellow solid (34 mg, 70% yield). Mp: 74–77 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 166.7, 147.0, 142.4, 136.9, 135.4, 135.2, 131.9, 130.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 125.5, 125.2, 124.9, 124.5, 124.1, 121.6, 120.4, 116.7, 103.4, 46.2, 43.3, 30.5. IR: 1773, 1697, 1562, 1451, 1382, 1342, 1269, 1116, 1082, 814, 756 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₁₇Cl₃NO₃ [M + H]⁺, 484.0269; found, 484.0278.



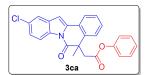
Naphthalen-1-yl2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5, 6-dihydroindolo[2, 1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (3an). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleumether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (33)

mg, 76% yield). Mp: 70–75 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 169.0, 147.8, 137.5, 135.5, 135.3, 133.4, 131.3, 130.6, 129.1, 129.0, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 126.4, 125.6, 125.4, 125.2, 124.8, 124.5, 124.1, 120.6, 120.5, 118.2, 116.7, 103.4, 46.5, 44.5, 30.3. IR: 1752, 1690, 1641, 1512, 1454, 1384, 1344, 1263, 1160, 810, 750 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₉H₂₁NO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 454.1414; found, 454.1401.



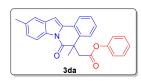
Phenyl2-(10-fluoro-5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (3ba).Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleumether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (28)

mg, 70% yield). Mp: 97–103 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 – 8.50 (m, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 168.8, 160.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 240.9$ Hz), 150.1, 137.7, 136.8, 131.8, 131.7, 129.2, 129.1, 127.6, 125.8, 125.3, 124.4, 124.2, 121.1, 117.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 9.2$ Hz), 112.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 24.9$ Hz), 106.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 24.1$ Hz), 102.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 4.1$ Hz), 46.3, 44.4, 30.2. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.12. IR: 1753, 1696, 1651, 1597, 1456, 1379, 1338, 1164, 962, 869, 766 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₁₈FNO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 422.1163; found, 422.1167.



Phenyl 2-(10-chloro-5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5yl)acetate (**3ca**). Mp: 88–91 °C. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound

as a yellow oil (19 mg, 46% yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.68 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 3.98 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 168.8, 150.1, 137.7, 136.6, 133.8, 131.9, 130.1, 129.4, 129.2, 127.7, 125.8, 125.4, 125.2, 124.4, 124.3, 121.1, 120.0, 117.7, 102.4, 46.4, 44.5, 30.3. IR: 1755, 1699, 1643, 1595, 1446, 1371, 1185, 1165, 1070, 811, 687 cm⁻¹. HR MS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₁₈ClNO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 438.0873; found, 438.0881.



Phenyl 2-(5,10-dimethyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (*3da*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (18)

mg, 44% yield). Mp: 110–115 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.85

(m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.68 – 6.61 (m, 2H), 4.01 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 168.9, 155.7, 150.1, 137.4, 135.3, 134.1, 133.6, 130.8, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 127.5, 126.5, 125.7, 125.3, 124.9, 124.0, 121.2, 120.5, 120.4, 116.3, 115.3, 103.2, 46.4, 44.3, 30.3, 21.4. IR: 1756, 1694, 1646, 1595, 1456, 1377, 1161, 1084, 967, 863, 691 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calcd for C₂₆H₂₁NO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 418.1414; found, 418.1406.

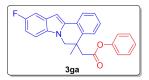
Phenyl $2-(5,9,11-trimethyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-
yl)acetate (3ea). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum
ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (36
mg, 87% yield). Mp: 110–117 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) <math>\delta$ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.41
(m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.5 Hz,
2H), 4.02 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, J = 30.8 Hz, 6H), 1.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C
NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 168.8, 150.1, 137.1, 135.6, 135.6, 134.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 127.9,

127.5, 126.4, 125.7, 125.2, 125.1, 123.8, 121.2, 114.5, 101.9, 46.5, 44.3, 30.4, 21.9, 18.4. IR: 1758, 1694, 1647, 1591, 1492, 1413, 1382, 1334, 1267, 1189, 1086, 856, 721 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₇H₂₃NO₃Na [M + Na]⁺, 432.1570; found, 432.1579.



Phenyl2-(5-methyl-5, 6-dihydroindolo[2, 1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate(3fa).Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as yellow liquid (25 mg, 68%)

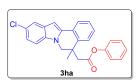
yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 1.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 150.3, 138.5, 137.0, 134.8, 129.3, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 125.9, 125.0, 124.9, 121.9, 121.4, 120.7, 120.0, 109.1, 97.0, 49.3, 42.6, 38.0, 22.6. IR: 1747, 1650, 1591, 1462, 1338, 1189, 1106, 1026, 939, 797, 689 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₂₂NO₂ [M + H]⁺, 368.1645; found, 368.1643.



Phenyl 2-(10-fluoro-5-methyl-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (**3ga**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as yellow liquid (23

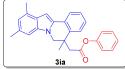
mg, 59% yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 3H), 4.69 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 158.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 234.5$ Hz), 150.2, 138.5, 136.3, 133.6, 129.4, 128.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 10.7$ Hz), 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 125.9, 125.0, 124.9, 121.4, 110.4, 110.2, 109.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 9.7$ Hz), 105.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 23.7$ Hz), 96.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 4.9$ Hz), 49.4, 42.6, 38.0, 22.5. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -124.38. IR: 1746, 1647, 1485 1458, 1344, 1196, 1114, 1064, 936, 857, 791 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₂₁FNO₂ [M + H]⁺, 386.1551; found, 386.1554.



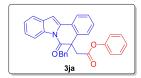
Phenyl 2-(10-chloro-5-methyl-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (**3ha**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as yellow liquid (22 mg, 55%)

yield). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 150.2, 138.6, 136.0, 135.3, 129.6, 129.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 125.9, 125.6, 125.0, 124.9, 122.2, 121.4, 120.0, 110.1, 96.5, 49.3, 42.6, 38.0, 22.5. IR: 1746, 1639, 1593, 1455, 1336, 1190, 1102, 1063, 937, 865, 795 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₅H₂₁ClNO₂ [M + H]⁺, 402.1255; found, 402.1243.



Phenyl 2-(5,9,11-trimethyl-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (3ia). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (23 mg, 56%)

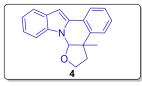
yield). Mp: 82–84 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 3H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 150.3, 138.2, 137.1, 133.7, 132.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 126.5, 125.8, 125.0, 124.6, 122.2, 121.5, 106.7, 95.5, 49.4, 42.6, 38.0, 22.5, 21.8, 18.7. IR: 1753, 1595, 1457, 1336, 1297, 1239, 1185, 1103, 1023, 939, 811, 696 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₇H₂₆NO₂ [M + H]⁺, 396.1958; found, 396.1952.



Phenyl 2-(5-benzyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetate (3ja). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a yellow solid (40 mg, 89%)

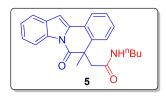
yield). Mp: 86–95 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.73 – 6.65 (m, 3H), 6.60 – 6.55 (m, 2H), 4.22 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.14 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 168.9, 155.7,

150.1, 135.0, 134.9, 134.8, 134.1, 130.3, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.5, 125.7, 125.6, 125.0, 124.3, 123.7, 121.1, 120.5, 120.3, 116.4, 115.3, 103.0, 52.4, 49.8, 43.1 IR: 1758, 1690, 1595, 1490, 1449, 1378, 1344, 1265, 1194, 1153, 1019, 935, 814, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for $C_{31}H_{23}NO_3Na [M + Na]^+$, 480.1570; found, 480.1569.



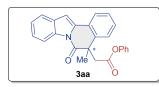
3a-Methyl-2,3,3a,13a-tetrahydrofuro[2,3-c]indolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline(4). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a white solid (39 mg, 70%)

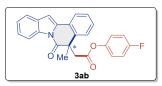
yield). Mp: 82–89 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 4.03 – 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.77 – 3.71 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.5, 136.7, 135.1, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 125.0, 124.8, 121.7, 120.7, 119.9, 108.9, 96.5, 59.4, 50.7, 42.0, 37.7, 23.6. IR: 1459, 1376, 1316, 1269, 1045, 1007, 919, 757 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO [M + H]⁺, 276.1383; found, 276.1384.



N-Butyl-2-(5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-5-yl)acetamide (5). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the title compound as a white solid (69 mg, 96%). Mp: 101–107 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

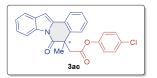
8.60 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.84 (m, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.15 – 1.09 (m, 2H), 1.06 – 1.00 (m, 2H), 0.70 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.0, 169.2, 137.8, 135.5, 135.4, 130.7, 128.6, 127.1, 125.5, 124.9, 124.5, 124.3, 123.9, 120.4, 116.6, 102.9, 46.7, 46.2, 38.9, 31.2, 29.9, 19.7, 13.5. IR: 1700, 1641, 1596, 1556, 1451, 1372, 1341, 1263, 1176, 1077, 951, 803, 754 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₂₃H₂₄N₂O₂Na [M + Na]⁺, 383.1735; found, 383.1750.



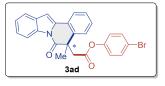


(3aa). Yellow solid (34 mg, 87% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -49.9^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 87% *ee*. HPLC (Chiralpak-IC column, hexane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): t_{major} = 25.969 min; t_{minor} = 20.944 min.

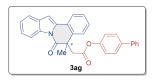
(3*ab*). Yellow solid (19 mg, 47% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -81.6^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 82% *ee*. HPLC (Chiralpak-IC column, hexane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): t_{major} = 19.287 min; t_{minor} = 16.972 min.



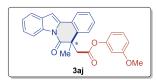
(*3ac*). Yellow solid (18 mg, 43% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -116^{\circ}$ (*c* = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 82% ee. HPLC (Chiralpak-IC column, hexane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): t_{major} = 17.616 min; t_{minor} = 15.842 min.



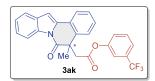
(3ad). Yellow solid (38 mg, 83% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -93.8^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 78% *ee*. HPLC (Chiralpak-IC column, hexane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): t_{major} = 22.477 min; t_{minor} = 20.527 min.



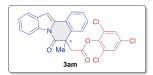
(3ag). Yellow solid (27 mg, 61% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -77.1^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 84% ee. HPLC (Chiralpak-IB column, hexane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): t_{major} = 18.294 min; t_{minor} = 19.509 min.



(3aj). Yellow solid (34 mg, 84% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -91.5^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 81% *ee*. HPLC (Chiralpak-IC column, hexane/isopropanol = 80/20, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): t_{major} = 19.500 min; t_{minor} = 16.451 min.



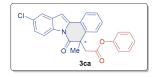
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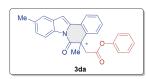
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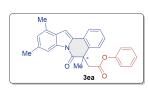
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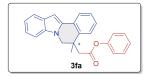
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(3da). Yellow solid (20 mg, 52% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -57.4^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 80% ee. HPLC (Chiralpak-IC column, hexane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): $t_{major} = 18.426$ min; $t_{minor} = 14.974$ min.



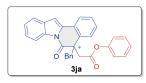
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(*3fa'*). Yellow liquid (29 mg, 79% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -119.4^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 64% ee. HPLC (Chiralpak-AD column, hexane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): t_{major} = 11.178 min; t_{minor} = 13.292 min.



(*3ia'*). Yellow solid (25 mg, 64% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -93.9^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 70% ee. HPLC (Chiralpak-IB column, hexane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): $t_{major} = 9.872$ min; $t_{minor} = 11.215$ min.



(*3ja*). Yellow solid (26 mg, 57% yield). Specific Rotation $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = 57^{\circ}$ (c = 1.0 in CHCl₃) for 84% ee. HPLC (Chiralpak-AD column, hexane/isopropanol = 85/15, flow rate: 0.8 mL/min): t_{major} = 22.246 min; t_{minor} = 15.702 min.

9. X-Ray Analysis Data of Single Crystal 3aa (CCDC 2295989)

The crystal of product **3aa** was obtained by slow evaporation in *n*-hexane and dichloromethane. The single crystal X-ray analysis determined the structure of product **3aa** (**Fig. S1**) as expected.

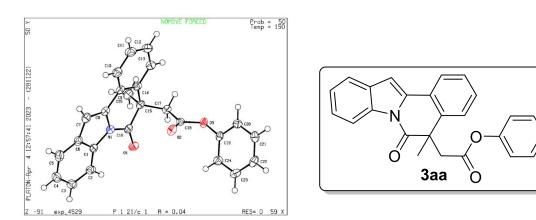


Fig. S1. X-ray structure of 3aa. Thermal ellipsoids shown at 50% probability.

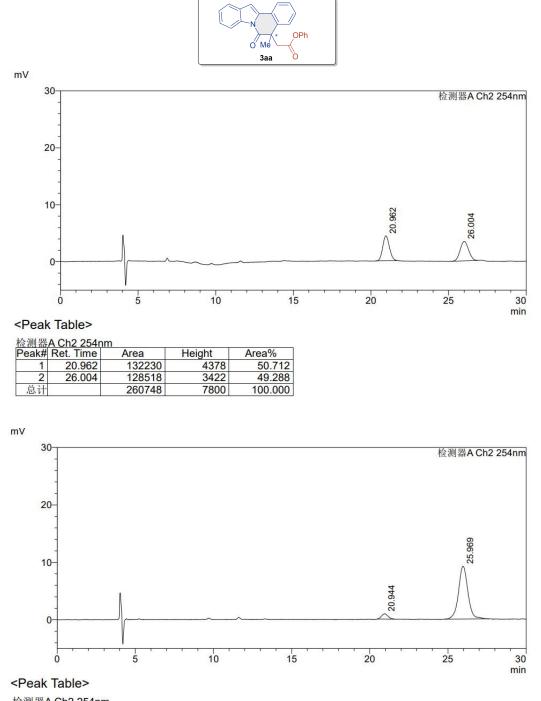
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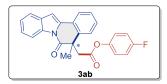
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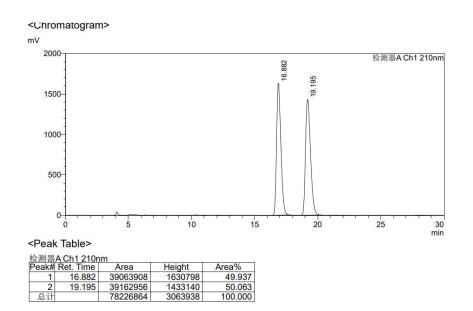
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11. Chiral HPLC Charts and NMR Spectra

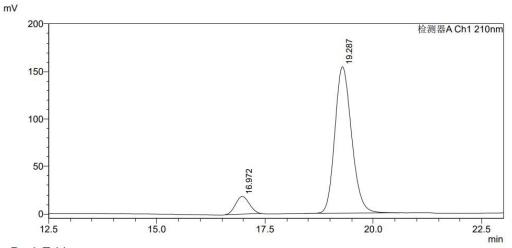


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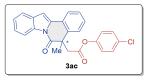


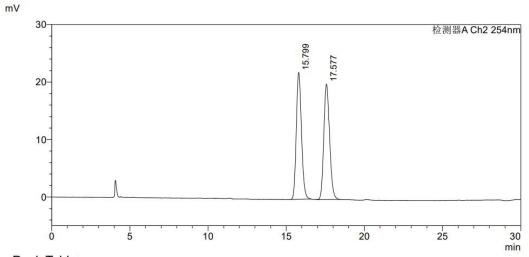


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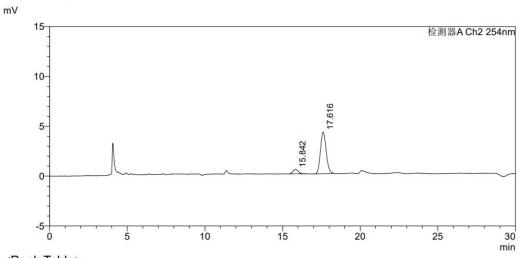




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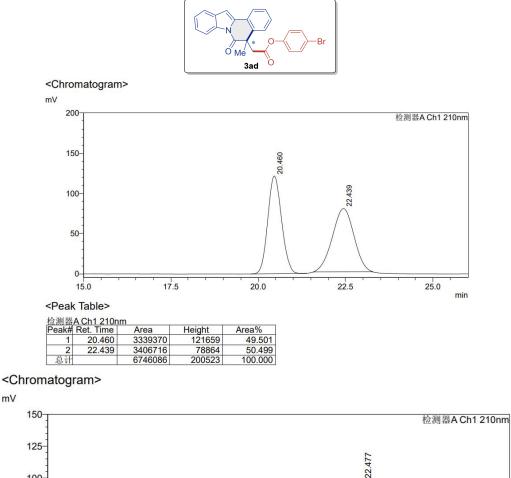
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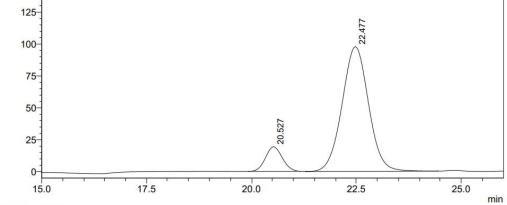
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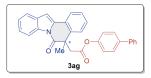
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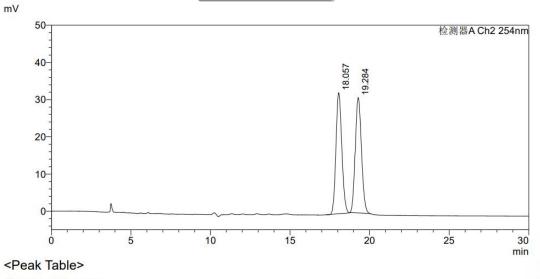




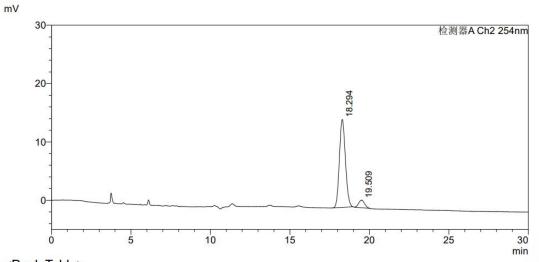
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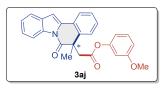


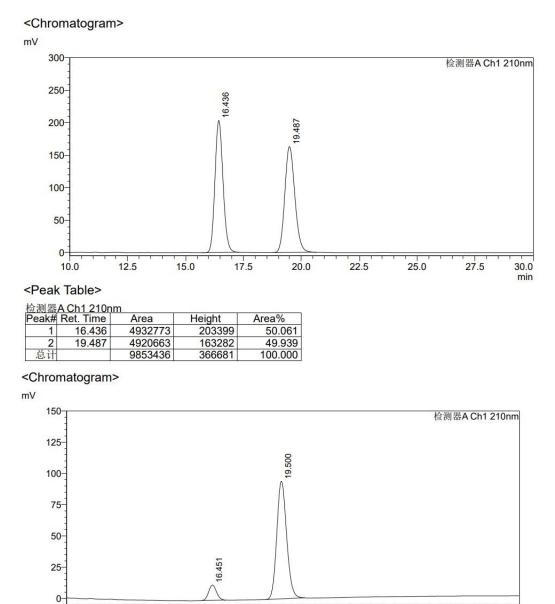


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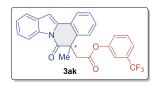
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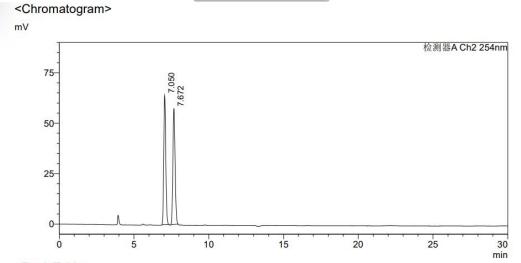
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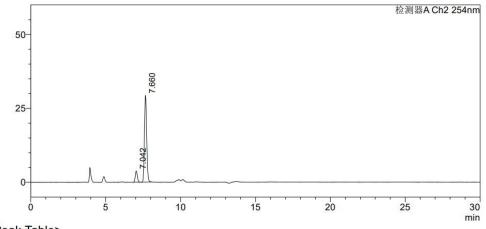


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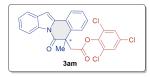
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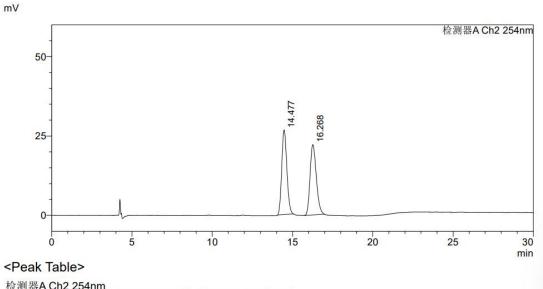
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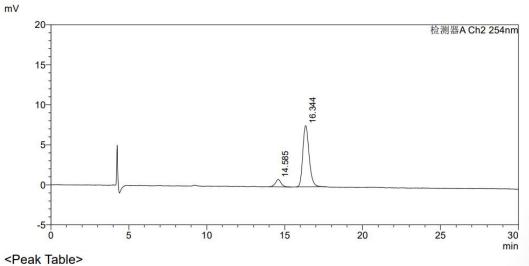


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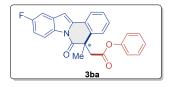




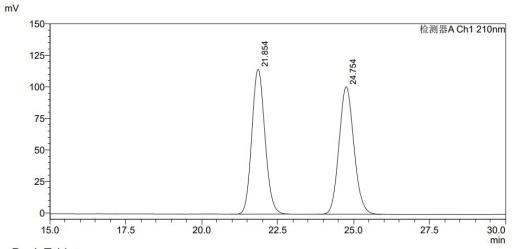
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
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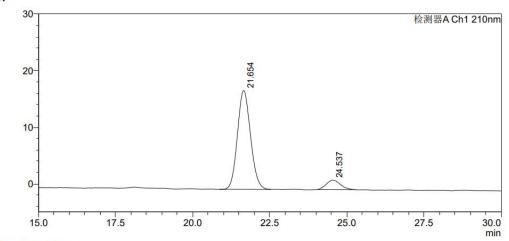
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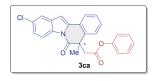
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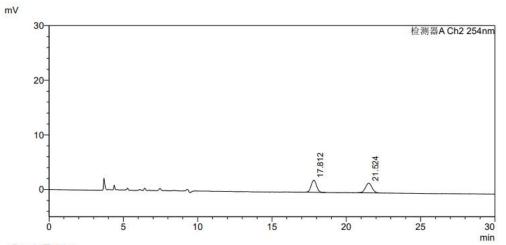
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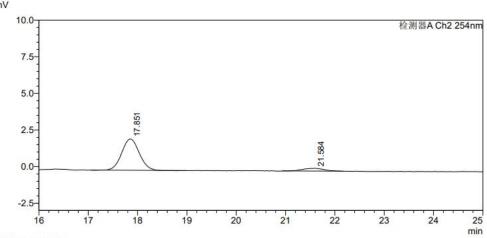
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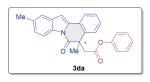


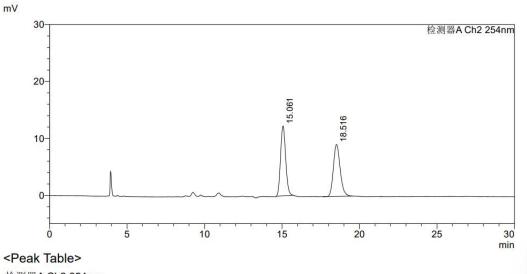
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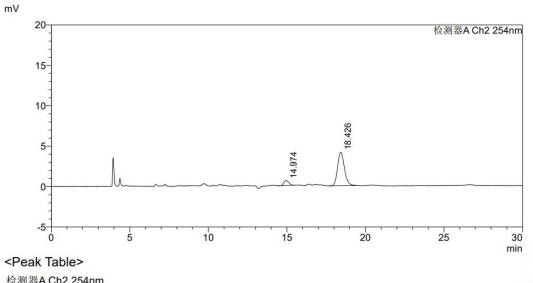


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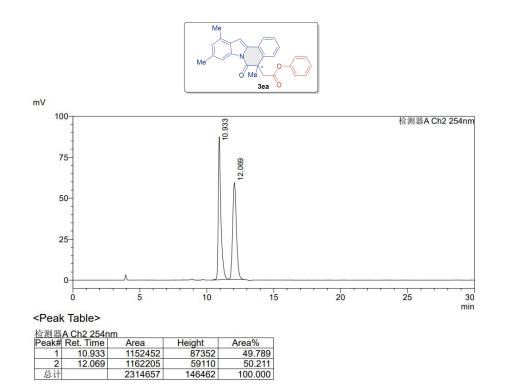




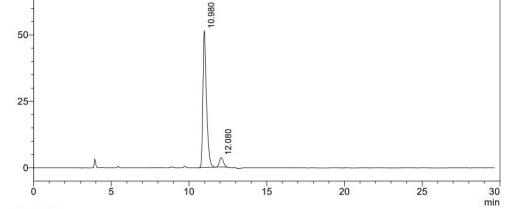
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
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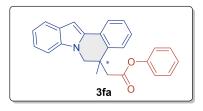




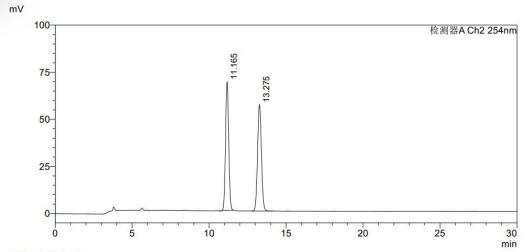


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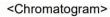
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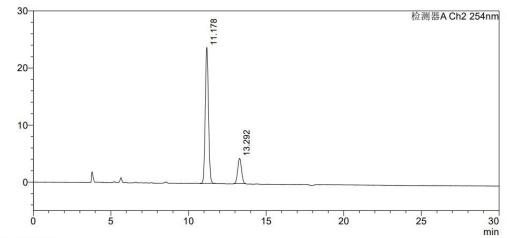
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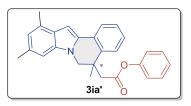
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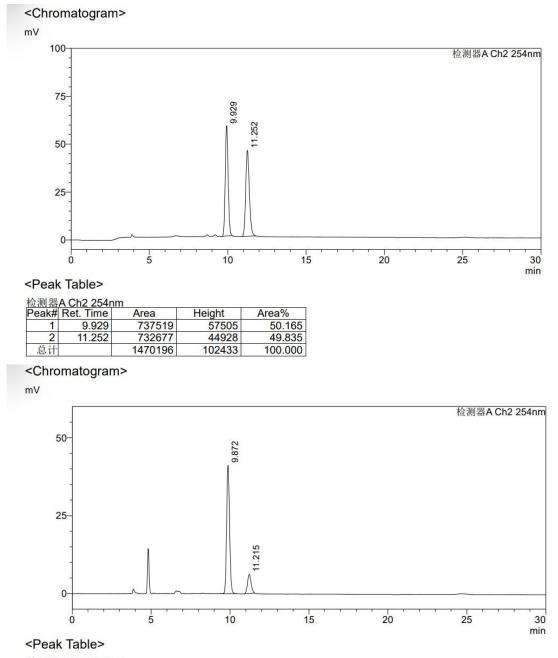


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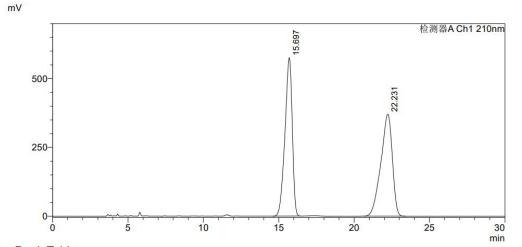
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area%
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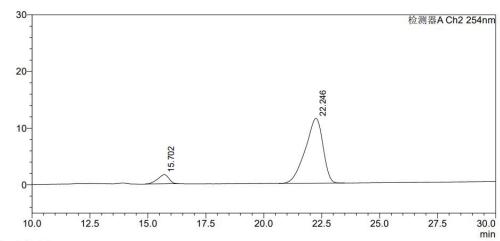




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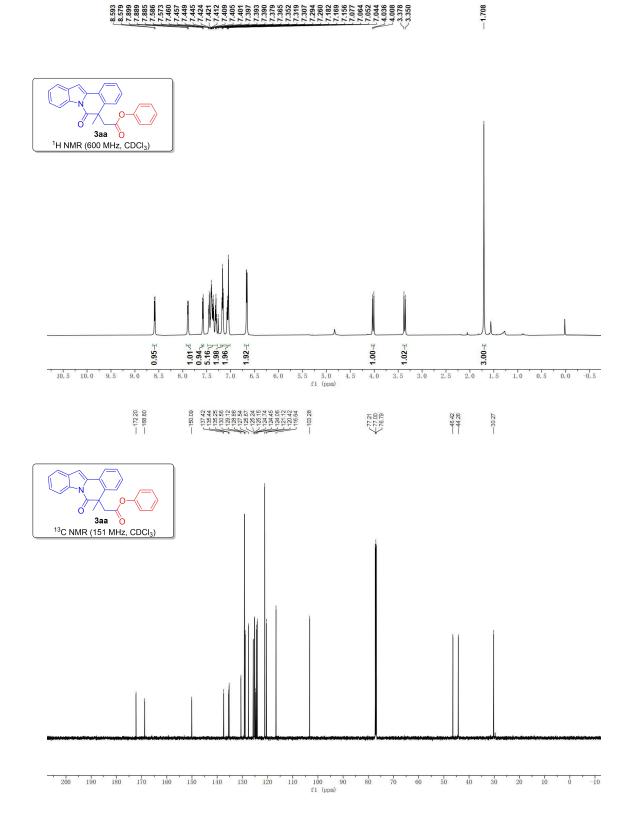
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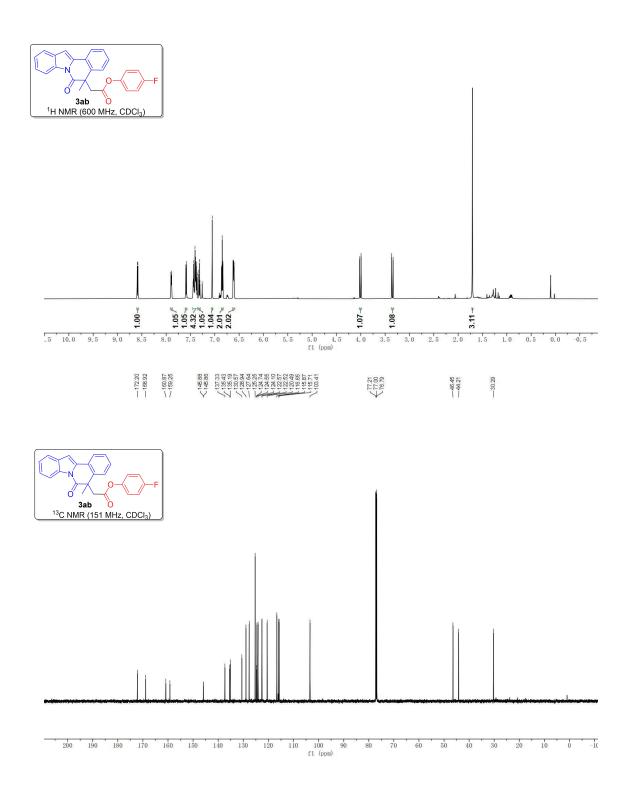


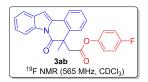
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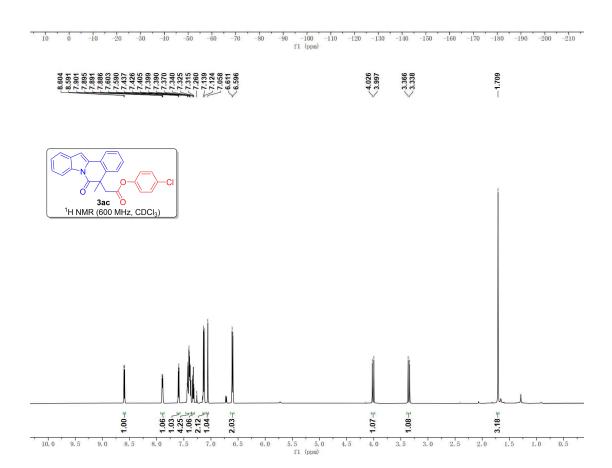
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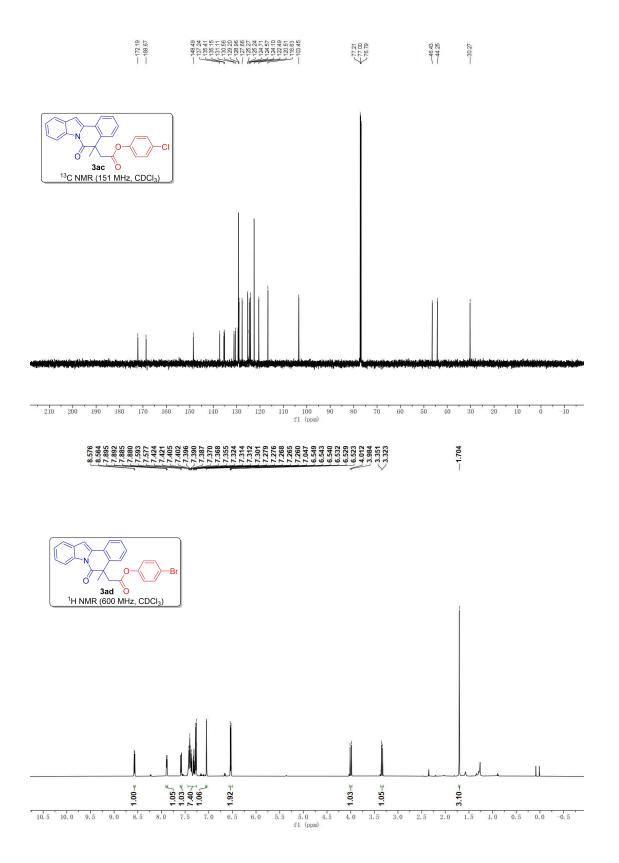


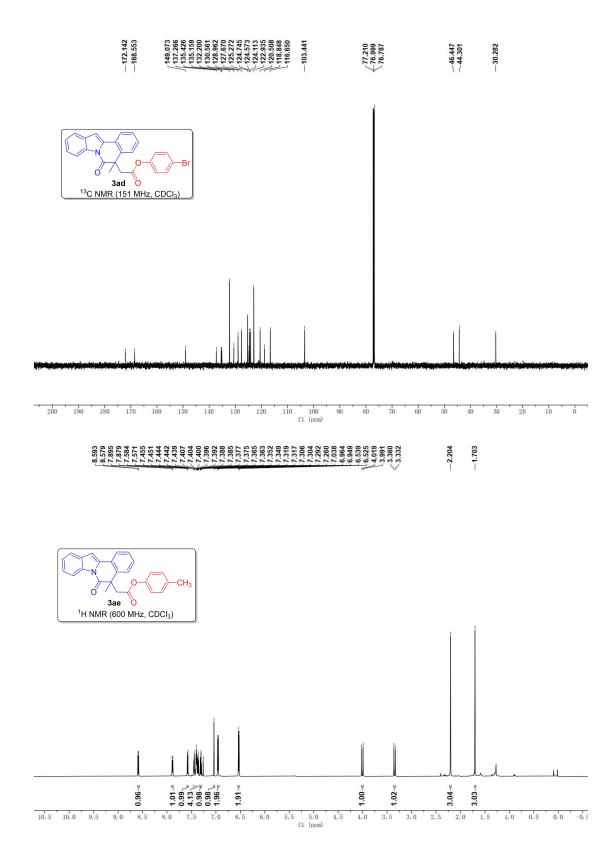
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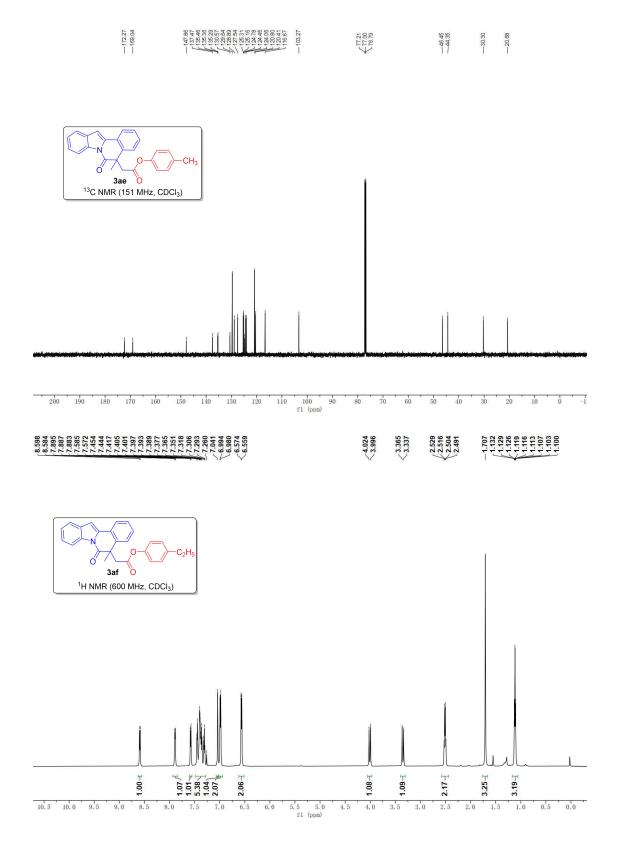


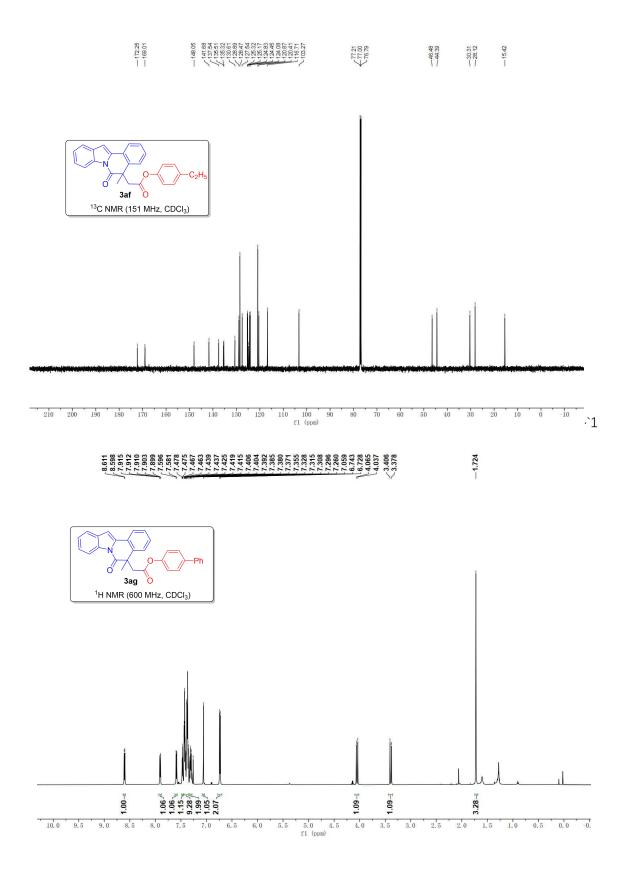


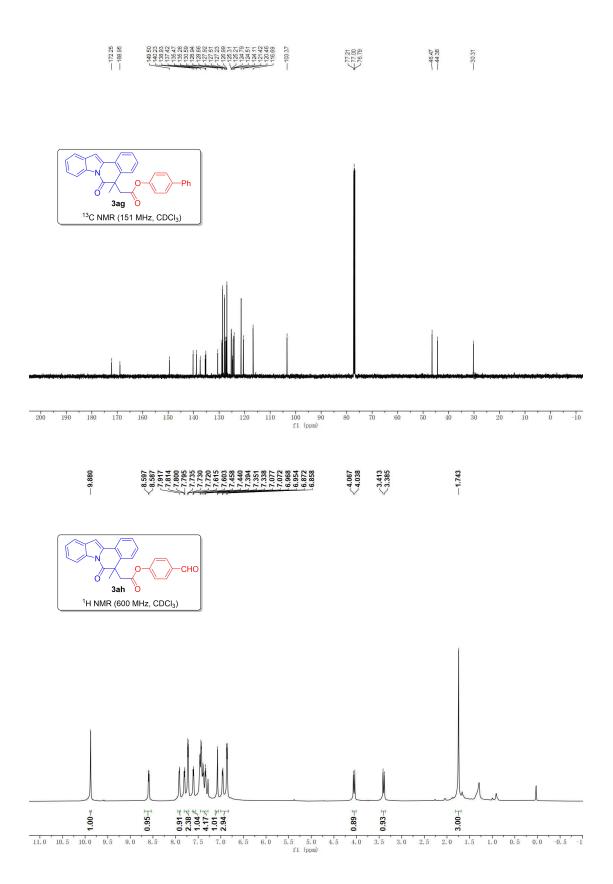


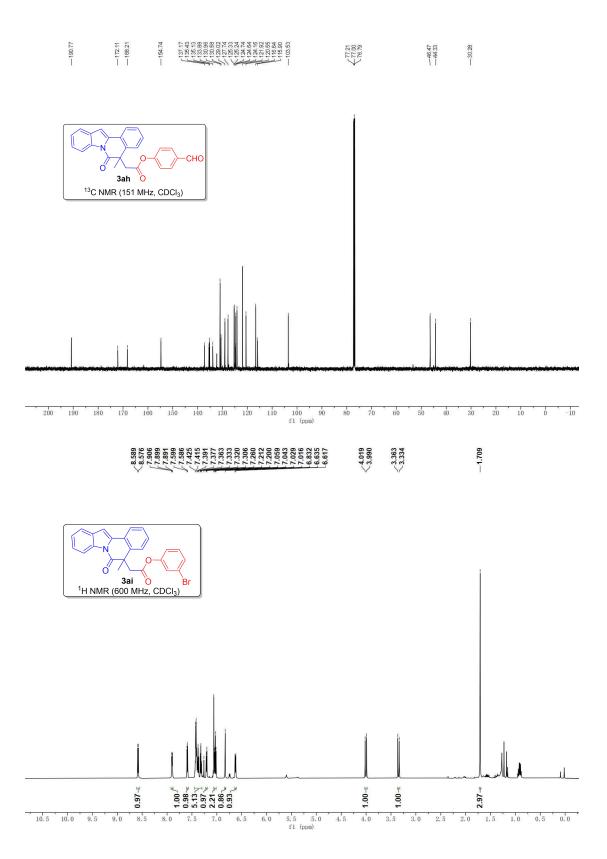


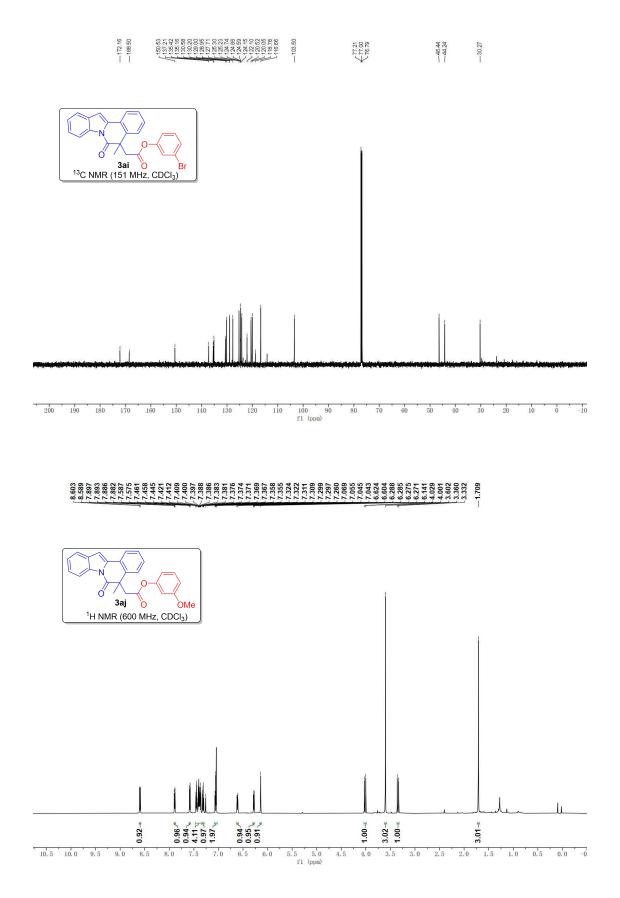


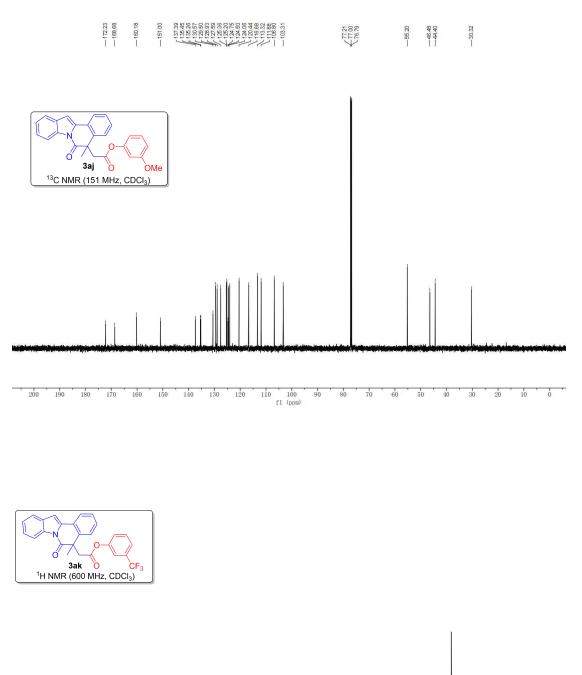


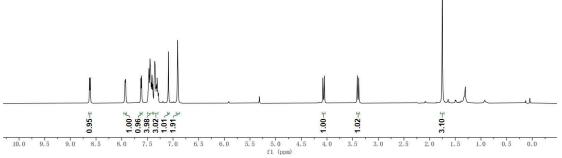


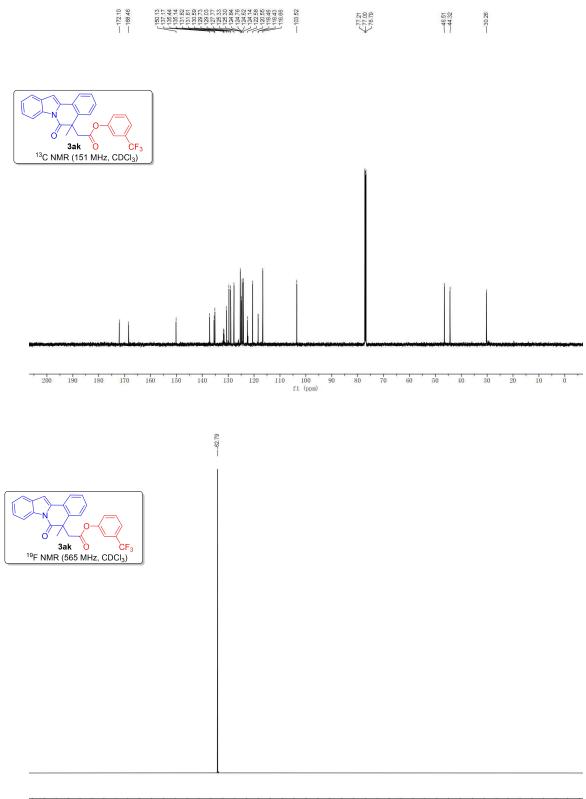




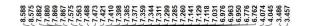


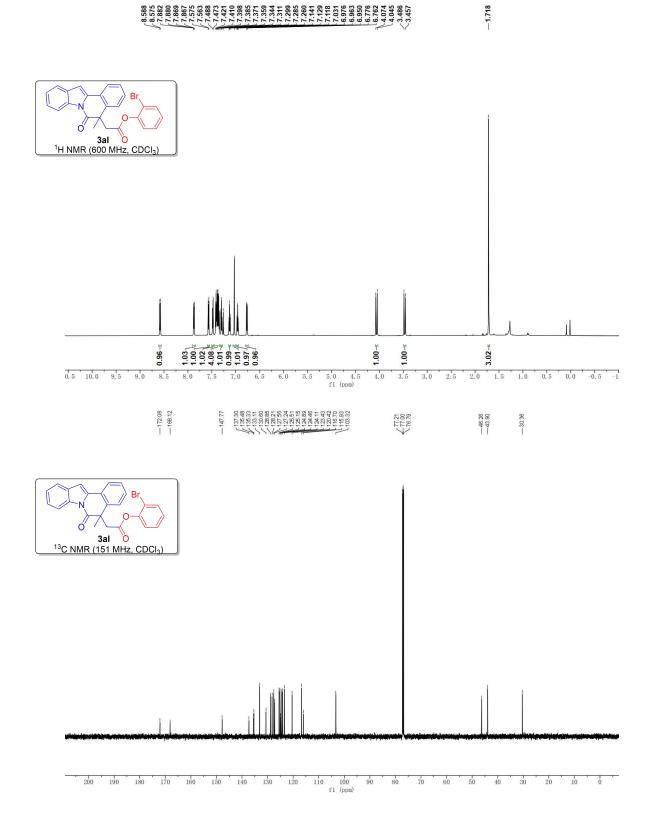


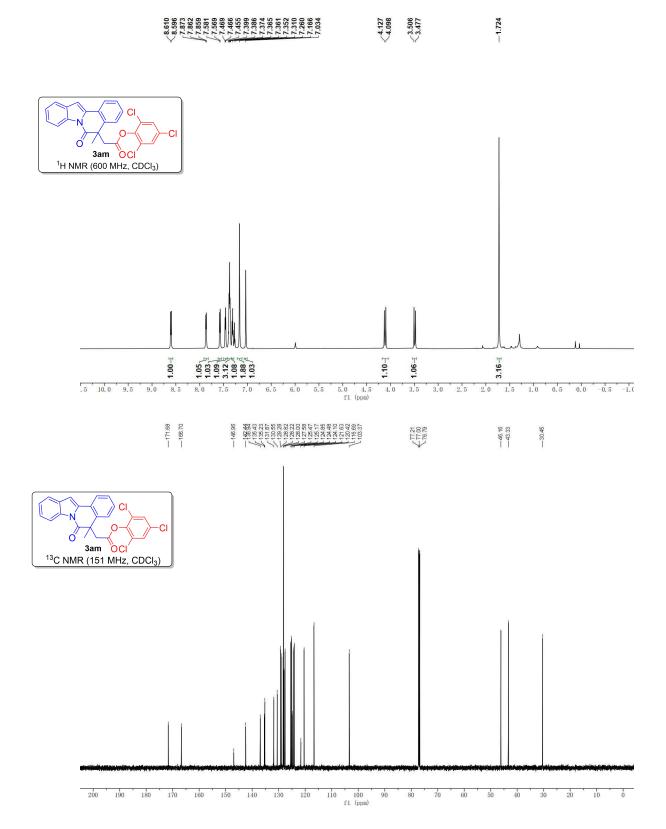




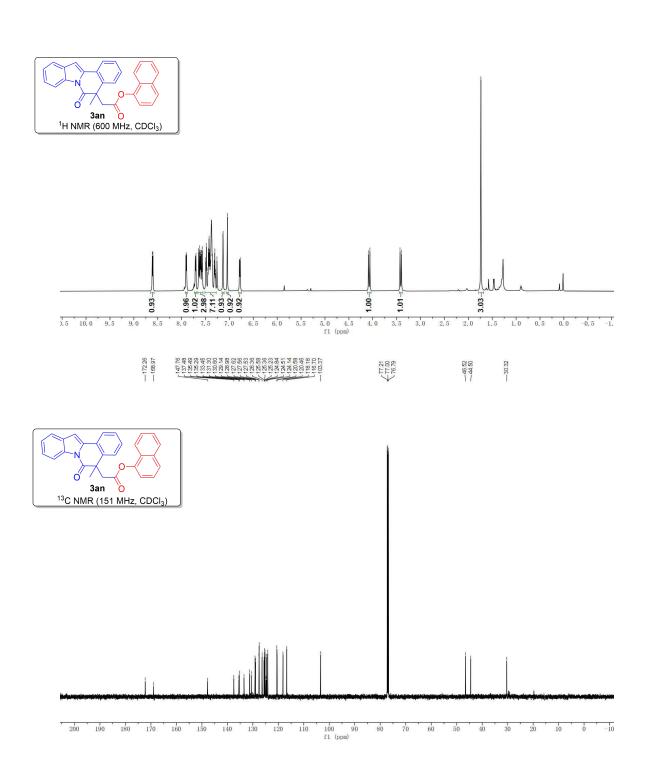
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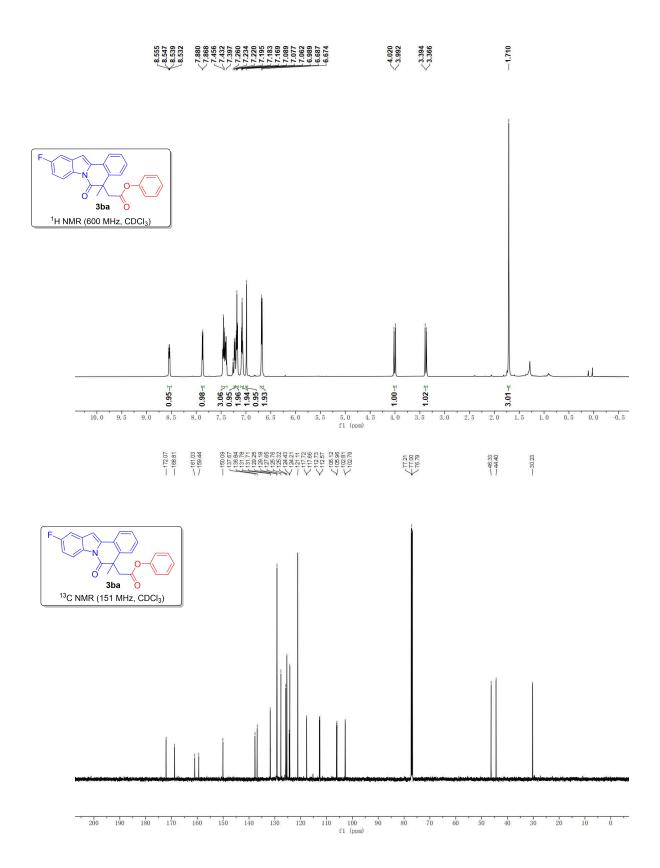


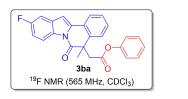




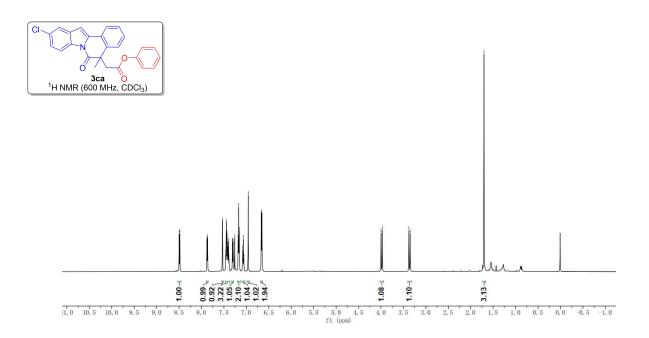


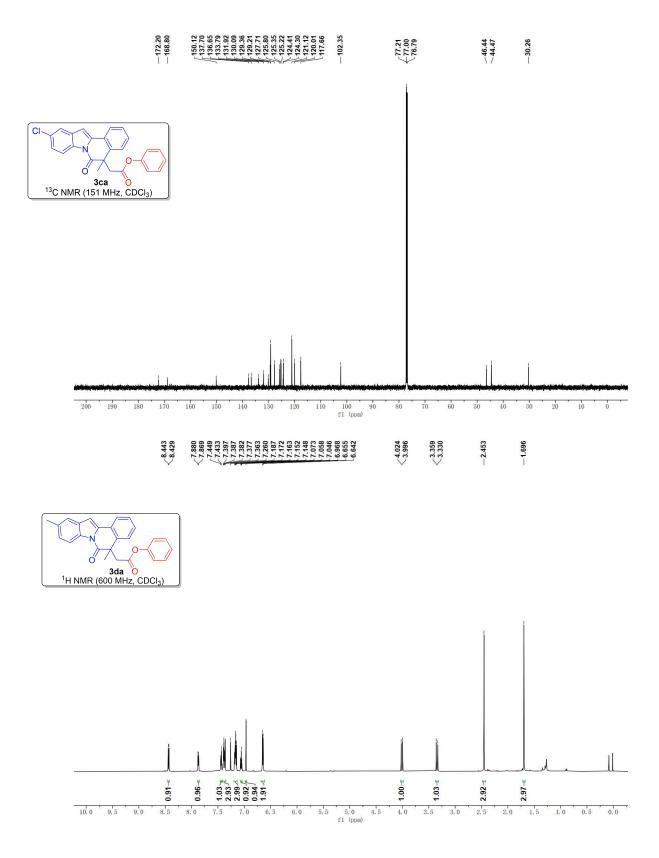


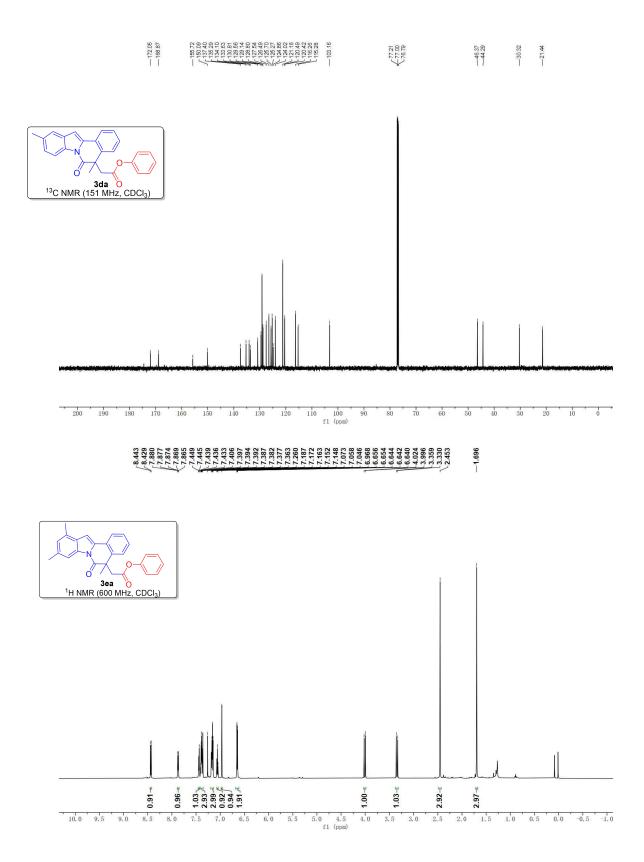


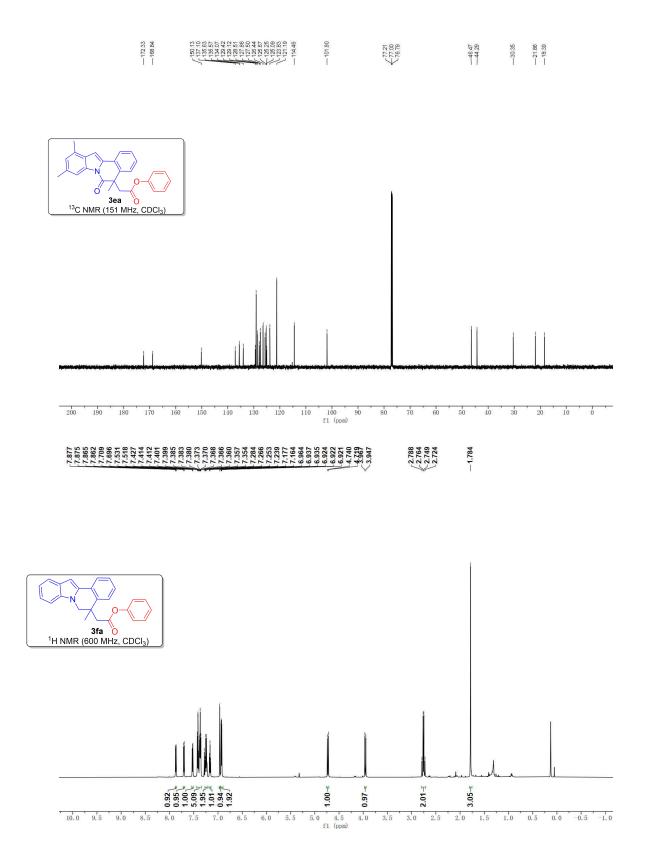


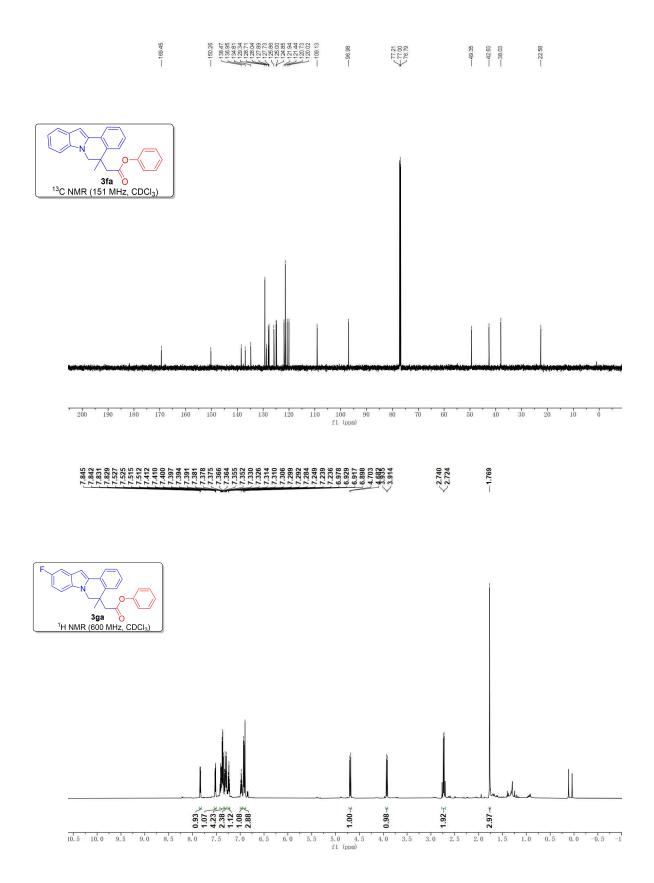


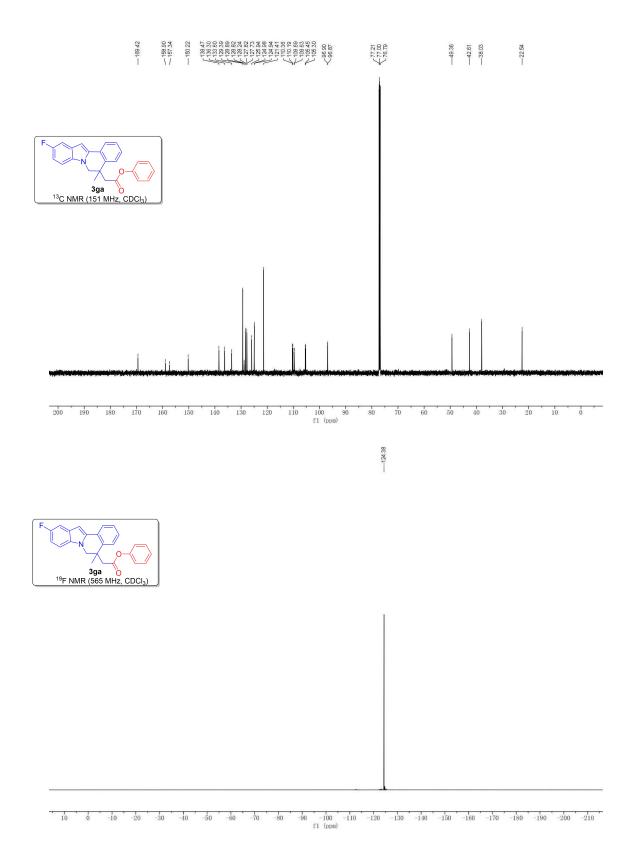




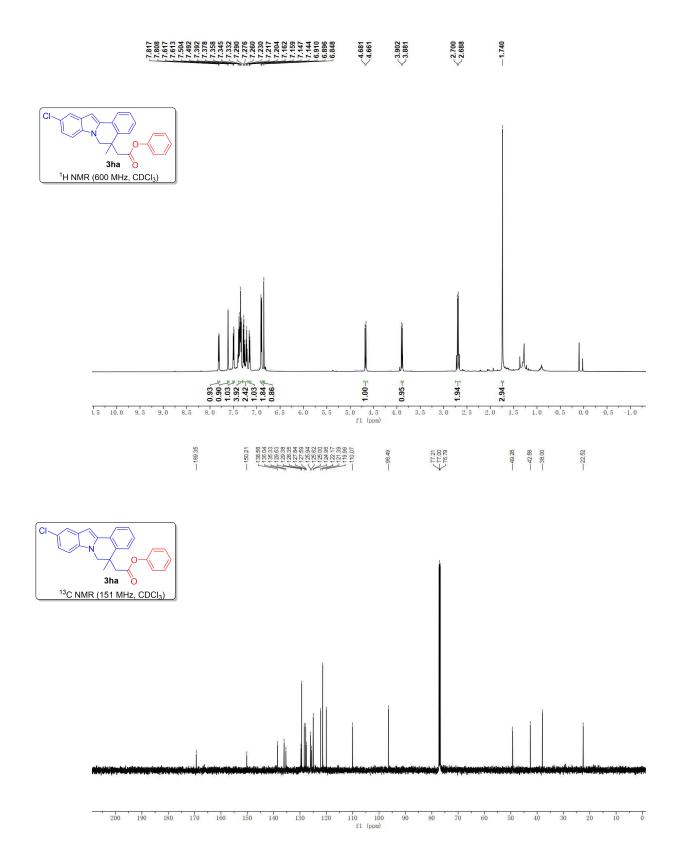




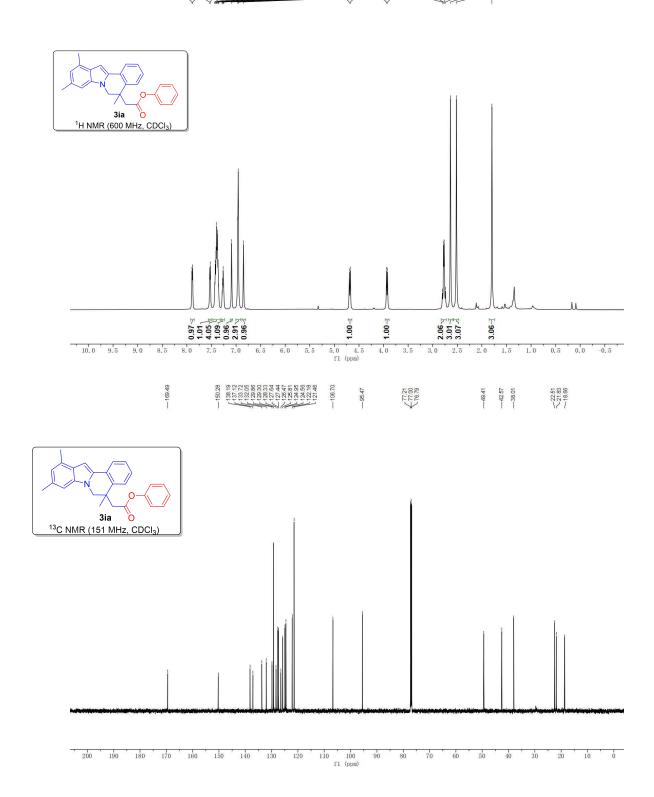


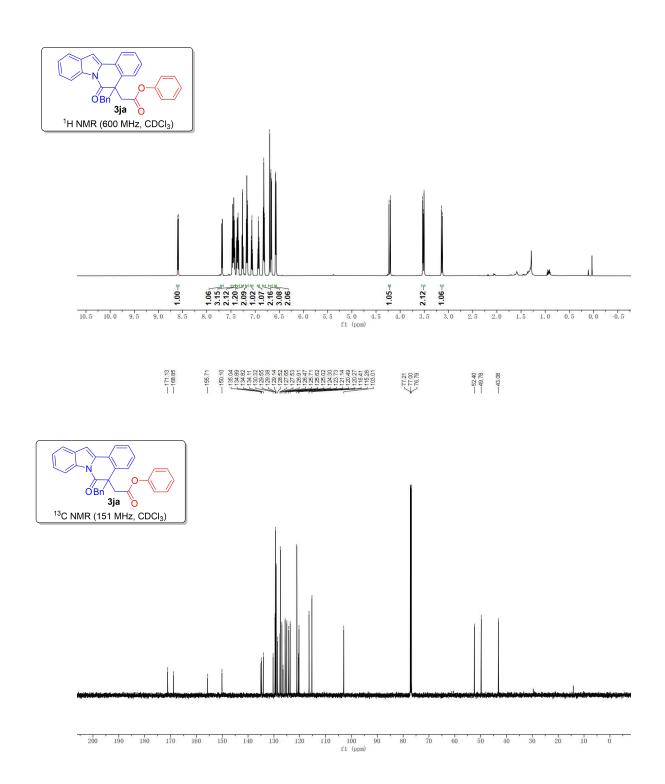


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