

## Supporting Information

# Radical relay strategy for the construction of alkylsulfonated indolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline-6(5*H*)- ones *via* SO<sub>2</sub> insertion/Smiles rearrangement

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## 1. General Information

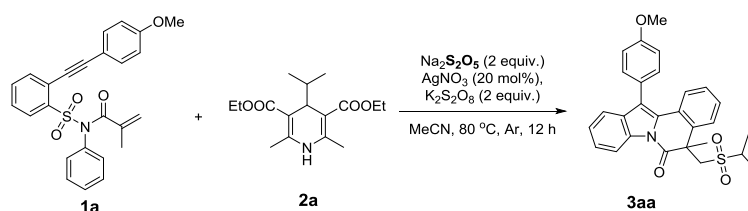
Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. Propiophenone, aldehydes (Innochem, >98%), *o*-Phenylenediamine and Phenylhydrazine hydrochloride were used without further treatment. All reagents and solvents were commercially available and used without any further purification unless specified. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (0.25mm, 300-400 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25mm 300-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). All reactions were carried out with magnetic stirring and in dried glassware. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the  $\delta$  scale.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz, 282 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively. All chemical shift values are quoted in ppm and coupling constants quoted in Hz. The solvent peak was used as a reference value, for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR: TMS = 0.00 ppm, for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\text{CDCl}_3$  = 77.00 ppm. The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, td = triplet of doublet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, and br = broad. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an Agilent mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization-time of flight).

## 2. Experiment Section

### 2.1 General Procedure for the Synthesis of Substrates

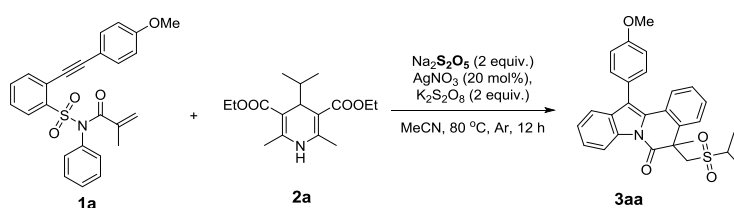
All *N*-(aryl)[(2-ethynyl)arylsulfonyl]acrylamide **1a**<sup>[1]</sup> and Hantzsch esters **2a**<sup>[2]</sup> were synthesized according to the known methods.

### 2.2 Typical Experimental Procedure



To a schlenk tube were added *N*-(aryl)[(2-ethynyl)arylsulfonyl]acrylamide **1a** (0.2 mmol, 86.2 mg), Hantzsch esters **2a** (2 equiv., 0.4 mmol, 118.0 mg), Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (2 equiv., 0.4 mmol, 76.0 mg), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (20 mol%, 6.8 mg), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (2 equiv, 0.4 mmol, 108.0 mg) and MeCN (2 mL). Then, the tube was stirred at 80 °C in Ar atmosphere for 12 h, until complete consumption of starting material as monitored by TLC analysis. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3 : 1) to afford the desired products.

### 2.3 Table S1. Screening of the Optimal Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

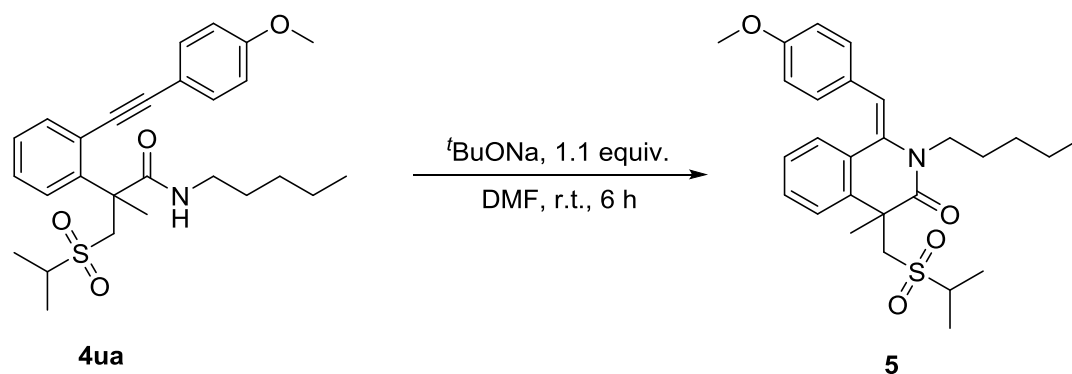


Entry	Variation from the standard conditions	Yield (%)
1	None	70
2	AgOAc instead of AgNO <sub>3</sub>	28
3	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> instead of AgNO <sub>3</sub>	32
4	AgIO <sub>3</sub> instead of AgNO <sub>3</sub>	49
5	Ag <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> instead of AgNO <sub>3</sub>	47
6	No AgNO <sub>3</sub>	16
7	(NH) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> instead of K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	50
8	PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub> instead of K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	18
9	TBHP instead of K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	16
10	Oxone instead of K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	0
11	No K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	0
12	Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> instead of K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	0
13	DCE instead of MeCN	47
14	Toluene instead of MeCN	27
15	THF instead of MeCN	43
16	DMSO instead of MeCN	36
17	DMF instead of MeCN	0
18	Acetone instead of MeCN	24
19	1, 4-dioxane instead of MeCN	26
20	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> instead of Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	41
21	DABCO·(SO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> instead of Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	53
22	No Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	28
23	at 60 °C	27
24	at 100 °C	46
25	at 24 h	54
26	at 8 h	36

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (2.0 equiv.), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (20 mol %), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (2.0 equiv.), CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL; 0.1 M), argon, 80 °C and 12 h.

## 2.4 Synthetic Utilizations

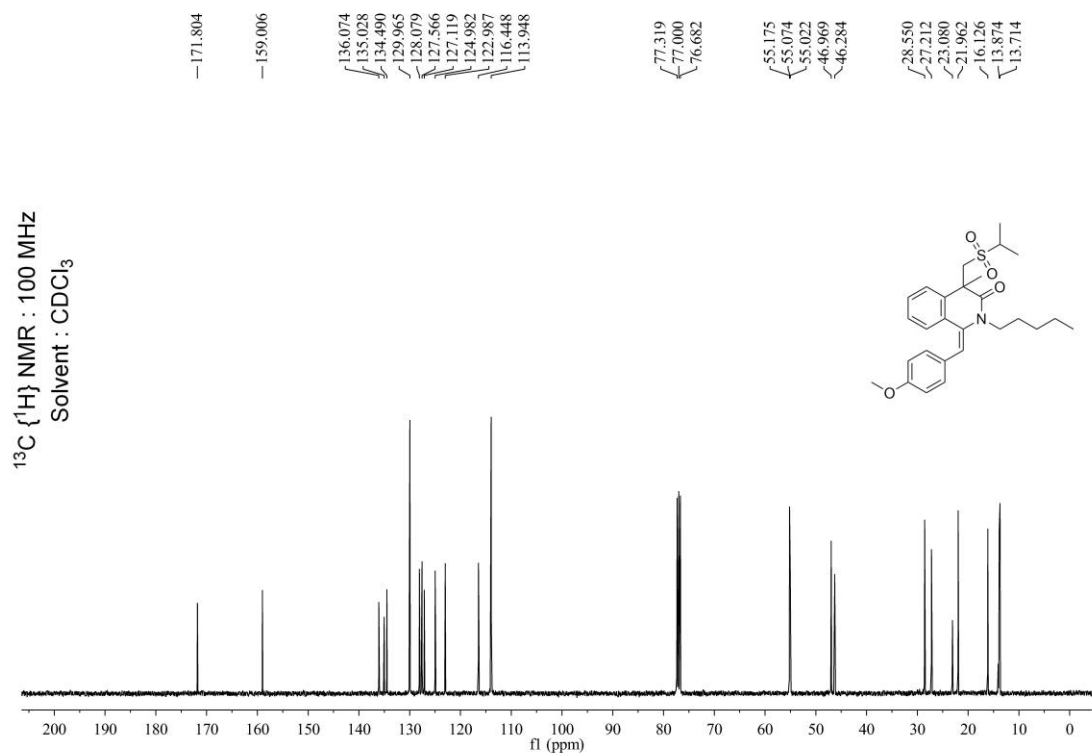
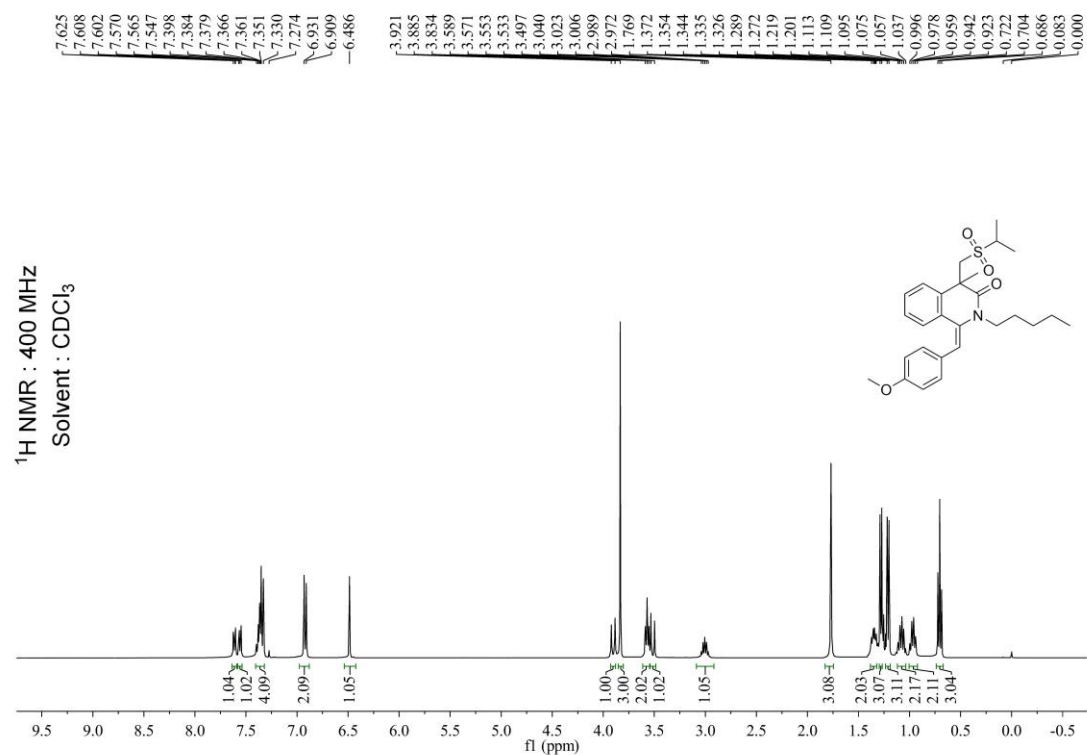
To a stirred solution of **4ua** (0.0938 g, 0.2 mmol) in 3 mL DMF was added  $t$ BuONa (21.1 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) at room temperature for 6 h. The crude product was further purified by silica gel flash chromatography to give **5** (74% yield) as a yellow oil.



The date and NMR spectra of **5**.

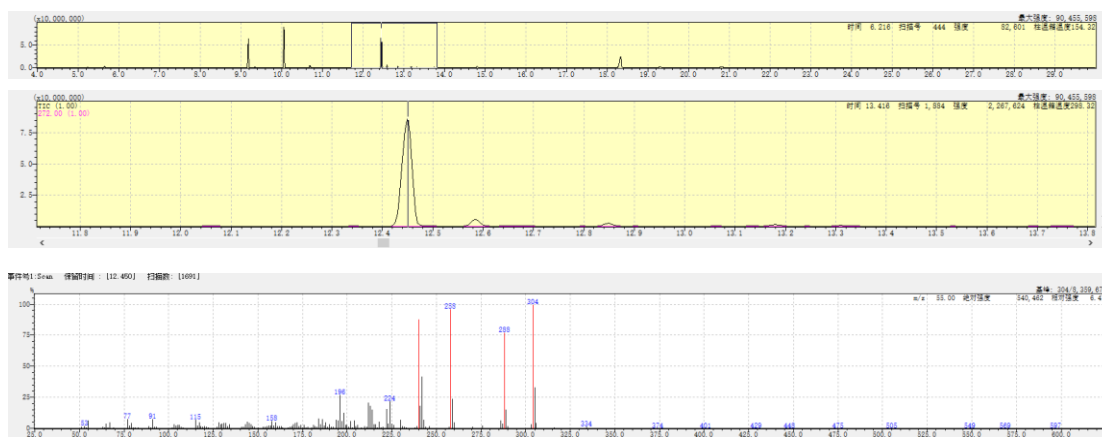
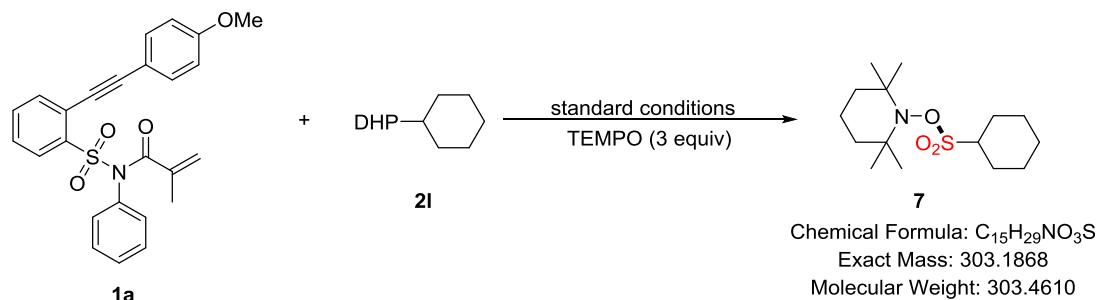
**(E)-4-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-1-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-methyl-2-pentyl-1,4-dihydroisoquinolin-3-(2H)-one (5)**: by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4 : 1); Yield: 69.4 mg, 74%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 4H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 3.90 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.57 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.52 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.04-2.97 (m, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.38-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.21 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.12-1.03 (m, 2H), 1.00-0.92 (m, 2H), 0.70 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.8, 159.0, 136.1, 135.0, 134.5, 130.0, 128.1, 127.6, 127.1, 125.0, 123.0, 116.5, 114.0, 55.2, 55.1, 55.0, 47.0, 46.3, 28.6, 27.2, 23.1, 22.0, 16.1, 13.9, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 470.2360, found 470.2365.

**(E)-4-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-1-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-methyl-2-pentyl-1,4-dihydroisoquinolin-3-(2H)-one (5)**



## 2.5 Control Experiments

### GC-MS Analysis of Raw Reaction Mixture by Using BHT as Radical Inhibitor



[MS Spectrum]

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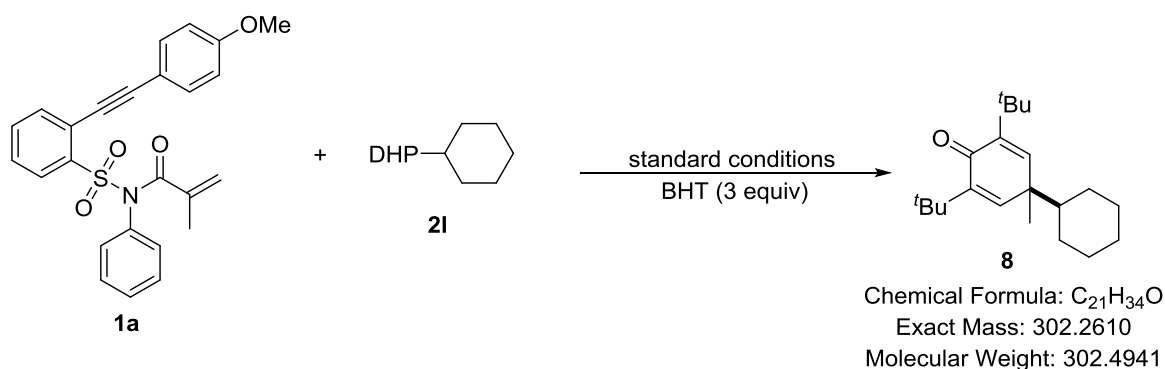
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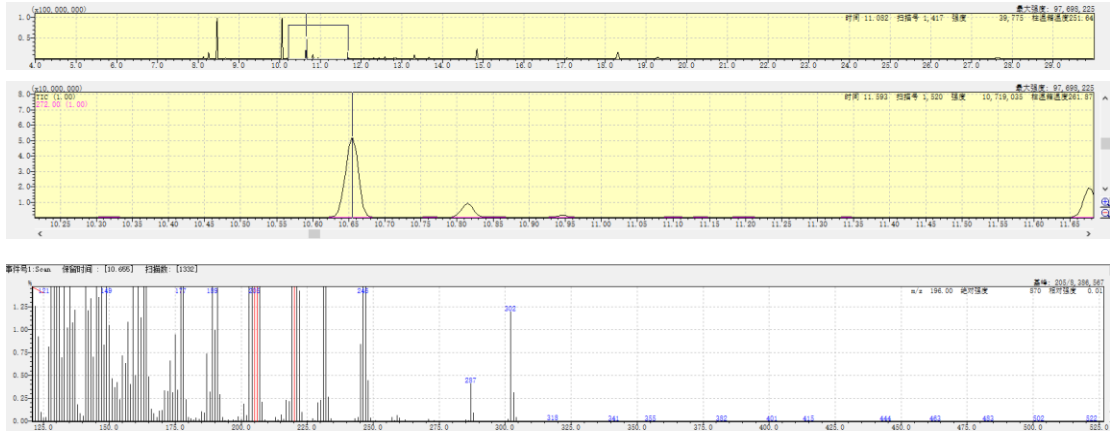
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[MS Spectrum]

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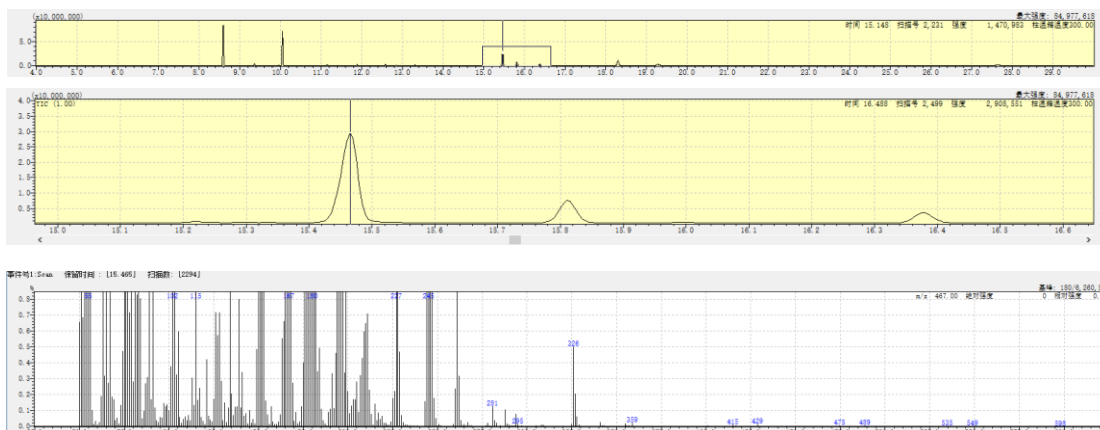
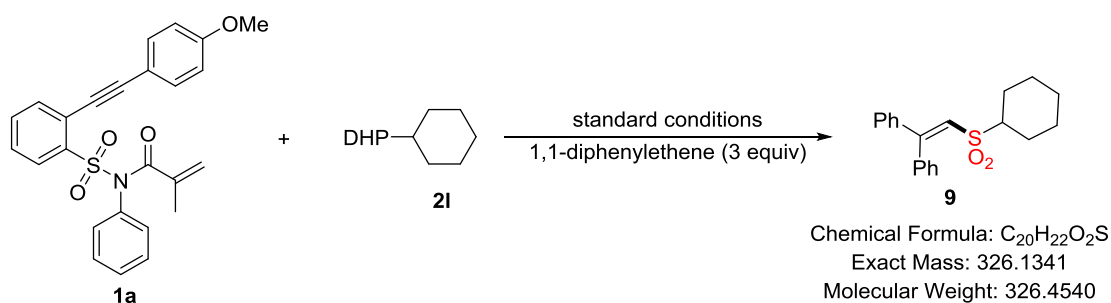
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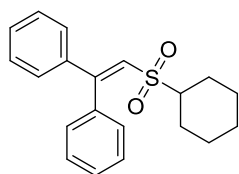
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306.00	70	0.00	322.00	81	0.00			
307.00	58	0.00	323.00	24	0.00			
307.95	750	0.01	324.00	204	0.00			

#### The date and NMR spectra of 9.



**(2-(cyclohexylsulfonyl)ethene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (9):** yield:

33.2 mg, 51%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.37-

7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.62

(s, 1H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.00 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.78 (d,  $J$

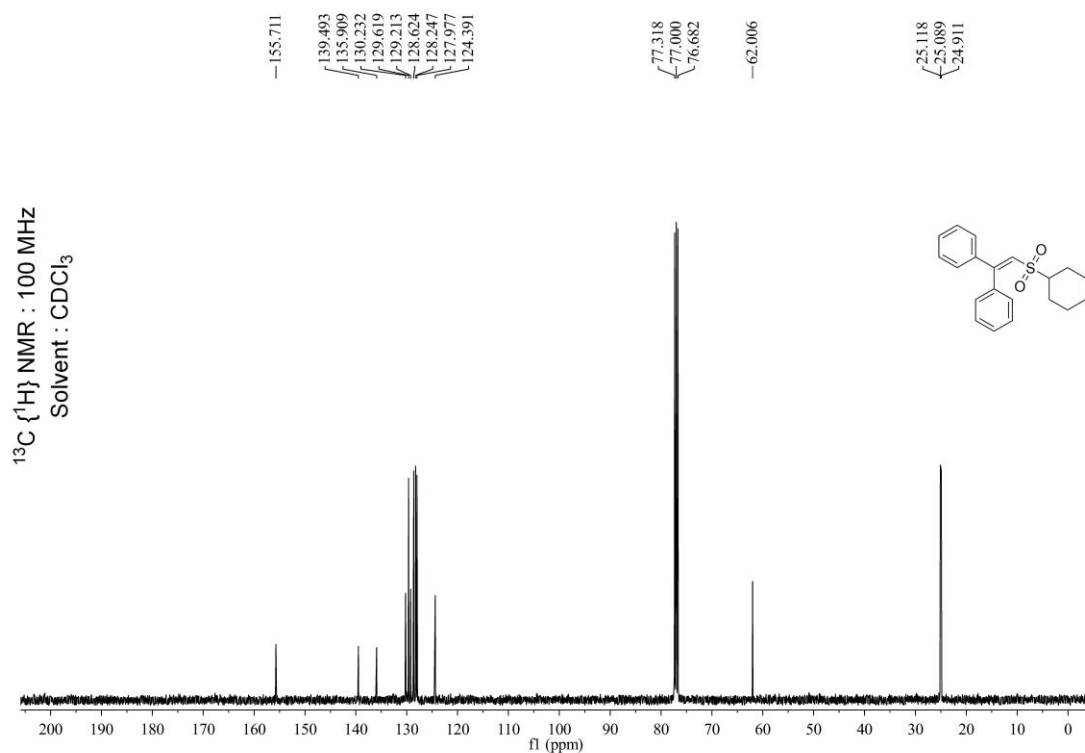
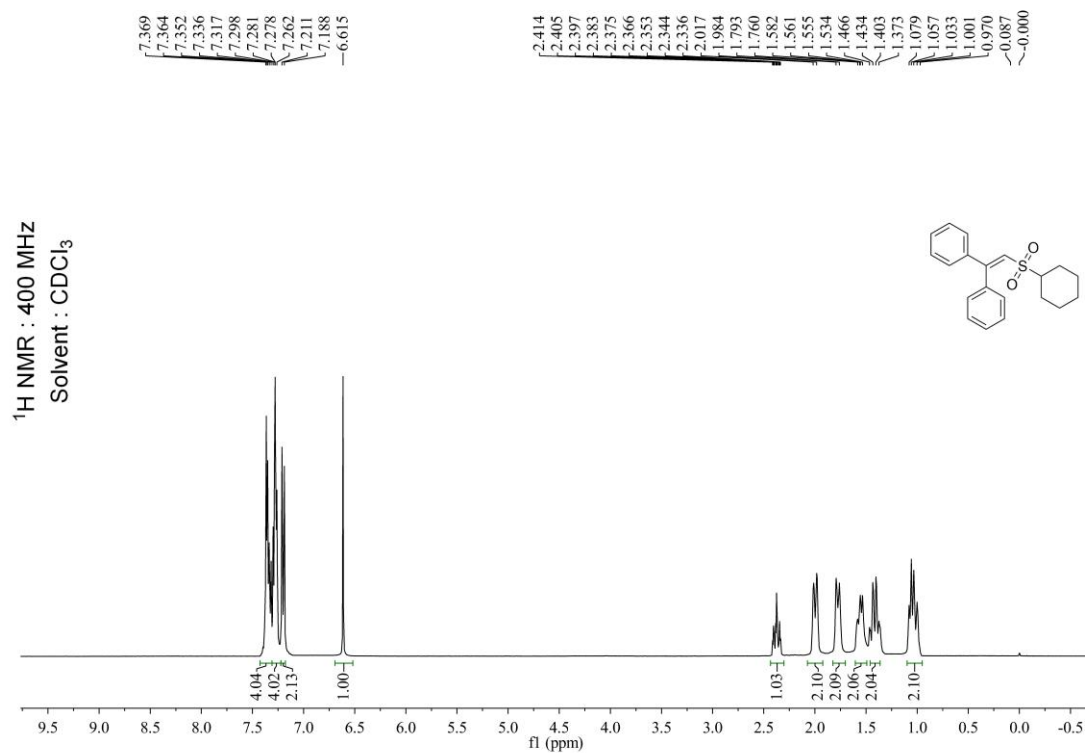
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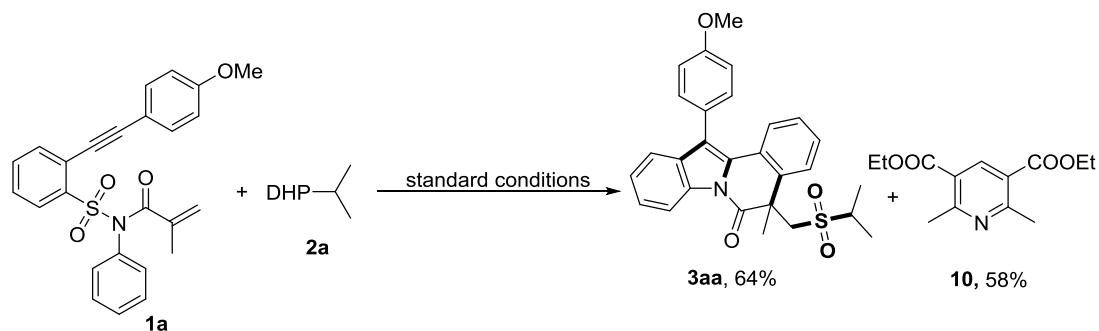
0.97 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 155.7, 139.5, 135.9, 130.2, 129.6,

129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 124.4, 62.0, 25.1, 25.1, 24.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :

$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$  calcd for 327.1413, found 327.1416.

### (2-(cyclohexylsulfonyl)ethene-1,1-diy)dibenzene (9)

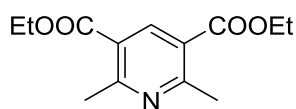




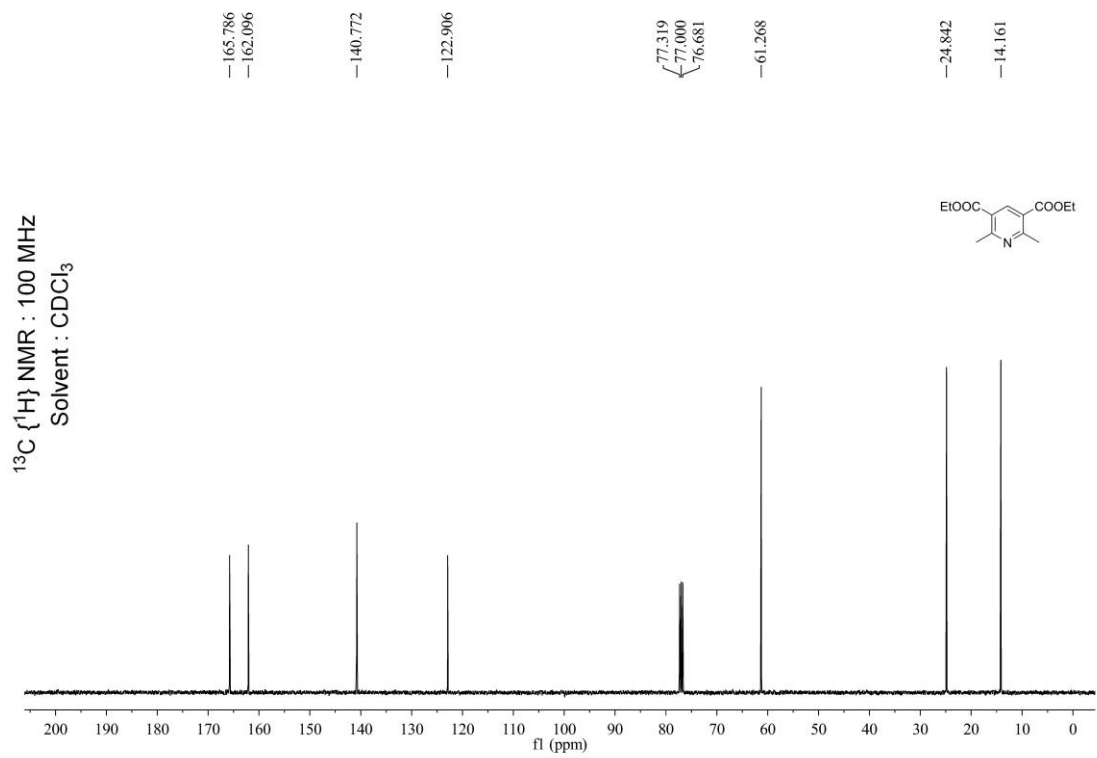
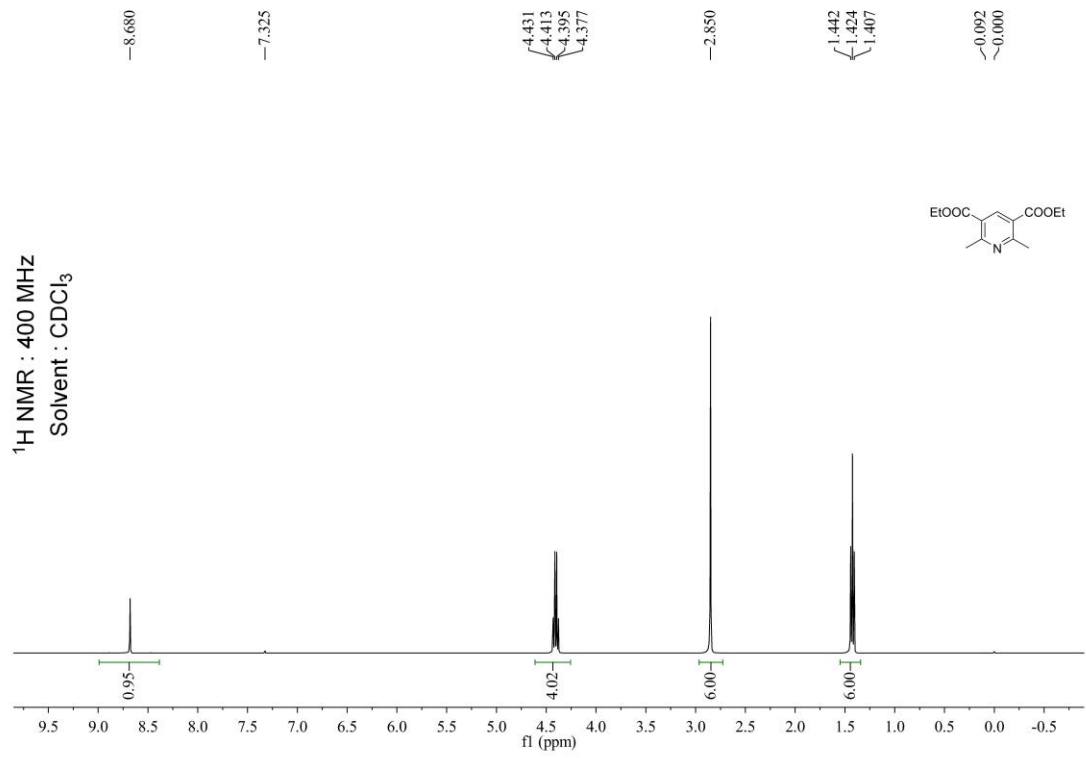
To a schlenk tube were added *N*-(aryl)[(2-ethynyl)arylsulfonyl]acrylamide **1a** (1.0 mmol, 431.1 mg), Hantzsch esters **2a** (2 equiv., 2.0 mmol, 590.4 mg), under standard conditions and argon atmosphere for 36 hours. The residue was purified by silica gel rapid column chromatography to give **10** (58% yield) as a white solid.

**The date and NMR spectra of 10.**

**Diethyl-2,6-dimethylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (10):** Yield: 291.3 mg, 58%; white solid, mp 63.1-63.6 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.68 (s, 1H), 4.44-4.37 (m, 4H), 2.85 (s, 6H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 165.8, 162.1, 140.8, 122.9, 61.3, 24.8, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for 252.2820, found 252.2825.



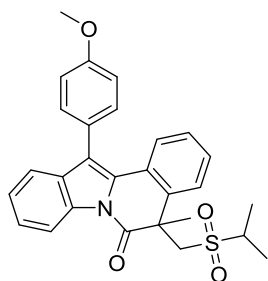




### 3. Characterization Data for All Products

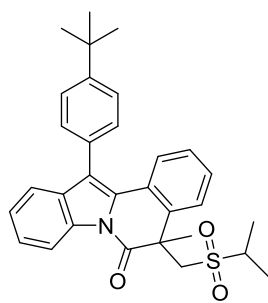
#### 5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3aa):** Yield: 66.2 mg, 70%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.60 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 3H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.79 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.92 (m, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.1, 159.4, 135.4, 134.3, 132.7, 131.3, 129.2, 128.0, 127.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 125.6, 125.0, 124.5, 120.6, 119.5, 116.6, 114.6, 57.1, 55.5, 55.3, 46.8, 31.3, 15.4, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 474.1734, found 474.1738.



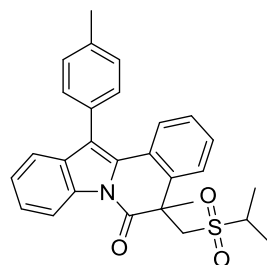
#### 12-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ba):** Yield: 53.9 mg, 54%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.00-2.93 (m, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.35 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.1, 150.9, 135.4, 134.3, 132.6, 130.7, 129.7, 129.1, 128.0, 127.3, 126.2, 126.0, 125.7, 125.7, 125.0, 124.5, 120.9, 119.7, 116.5, 57.1, 55.5, 46.8, 34.7, 31.4, 31.3, 15.4, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 500.2245, found 500.2247

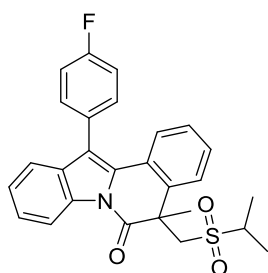


#### 5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-methyl-12-(p-tolyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-

**(5H)-one (3ca):** Yield: 53.0 mg, 58%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.60 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.1, 137.8, 135.4, 134.3, 132.5, 130.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.1, 128.0, 127.3, 126.2, 125.8, 125.7, 125.0, 124.5, 120.9, 119.5, 116.5, 57.1, 55.5, 46.8, 31.3, 21.4, 15.4, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 458.1784, found 458.1788.



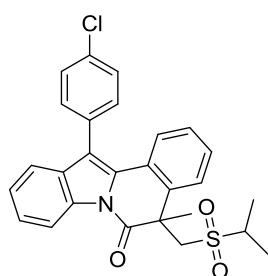
**12-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-**



**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3da):** Yield: 55.3 mg, 60%; white solid, mp 171.7-172.3 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.92 (m, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.8

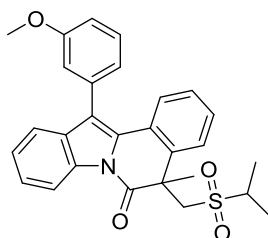
Hz, 3H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: -113.5 (s, 1F); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 171.1, 162.6 (d, *J* = 245.9 Hz, 1C), 135.6, 134.2, 132.3, 131.9 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1C), 129.8 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 129.5, 128.2, 127.4, 126.4, 125.9, 125.5, 124.7, 124.7, 119.6, 119.3, 116.6, 116.3 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz, 1C), 57.1, 55.6, 46.7, 31.3, 15.4, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>S (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for 462.1534, found 462.1531.

**12-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-**

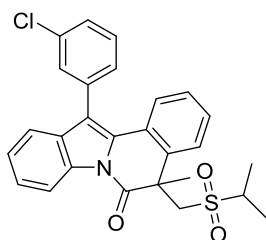
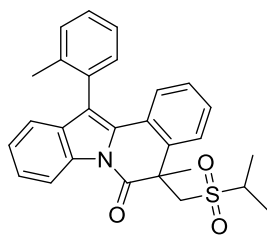
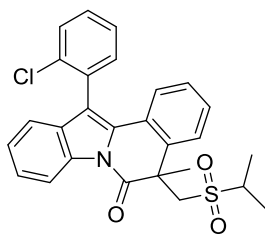


**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ea):** Yield: 59.1 mg, 62%; yellow solid, mp 193.8-194.3 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.44 (m, 6H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.93 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 171.2, 135.6, 134.3, 134.1, 132.5, 132.1, 131.7, 129.5, 129.5, 128.3, 127.5, 126.4, 126.0, 125.6, 124.7, 124.6, 119.4, 119.2, 116.7, 57.1, 55.6, 46.8, 31.4, 15.5, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for 478.1238, found 478.1234.

**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-**

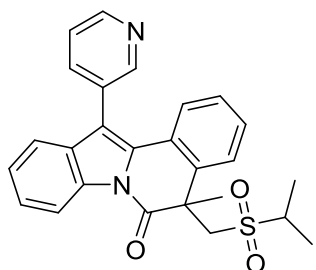


**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3fa):** Yield: 49.2 mg, 52%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.02 (m, 4H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.77 (m, 4H), 3.01-2.93 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 171.2, 160.2, 135.4, 135.3, 134.2, 132.4, 130.3, 129.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.2, 125.8, 125.8, 124.8, 124.6, 122.5, 120.6, 119.5, 116.5, 115.1, 114.0, 57.1, 55.5, 55.3, 46.8, 31.4, 15.4, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for 474.1734, found 474.1739.

**12-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-****a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one(3ga):** Yield: 66.8 mg, 70%; yellow solid, mp 198.4-198.9<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.92 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 171.2, 135.9, 135.6,135.0, 134.2, 132.0, 130.5, 130.2, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 126.4, 126.0, 125.6, 124.7, 124.5, 119.2, 119.2, 116.6, 57.1, 55.6, 46.7, 31.3, 15.4, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for 478.1238, found 478.1234.**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-methyl-12-(o-tolyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-****(5H)-one(3ha):** diastereoisomer mixture: *dr* = 1:1; Yield: 53.9 mg, 59%; yellowoil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.64-8.60 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50-4.40 (m, 1H), 3.82-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.01-2.93 (m, 0.5H), 2.87-2.80 (m, 0.5H), 2.13 (s, 1.6H), 2.10 (s, 1.4H), 1.74 (s, 1.6H), 1.71 (s, 1.4H),1.37-1.28 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 171.1, 171.1, 138.00, 137.1, 135.3, 135.3, 134.4, 134.4, 133.3, 133.2, 132.2, 132.0, 130.7, 130.7, 130.5, 130.2, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.6, 126.5, 126.3, 126.2, 125.8, 125.8, 125.3, 125.2, 125.0, 124.9, 124.6, 120.6, 119.6, 119.6, 116.7, 116.5, 57.5, 57.0, 55.5, 55.3, 46.7, 46.4, 31.6, 31.3, 19.8, 19.7, 15.4, 15.1, 14.8, 14.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for 458.1784, found 458.1788.**12-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-****a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ia):** diastereoisomer mixture: *dr* = 1:1; Yield: 73.5 mg,77%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49-4.39 (m, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01-2.94 (m, 0.5H), 2.88-2.81 (m, 0.5H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.37-1.25 (m, 6H);<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 171.2, 171.0, 135.6, 135.5, 135.0, 134.4, 134.3, 134.3, 133.0, 132.9, 132.5, 132.0, 131.7, 131.4, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 129.8, 129.7, 128.3, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 125.4, 125.1,

124.9, 124.8, 124.6, 124.6, 119.5, 119.2, 117.6, 117.1, 116.6, 57.2, 57.0, 55.5, 55.2, 46.8, 46.7, 31.6, 31.2, 15.4, 15.1, 14.8, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{27}H_{25}ClNO_3S$  ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd for 478.1238, found 478.1234.

**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-methyl-12-(pyridin-3-yl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ja)**: Yield: 48.8 mg, 55%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ :

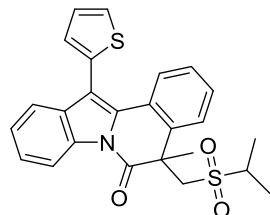


8.79-8.75 (m, 2H), 8.63 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.04-2.93 (m, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 171.2, 151.0, 149.3, 138.0, 135.7,

134.3, 132.0, 130.3, 130.3, 128.5, 127.6, 126.6, 126.2, 125.4, 124.9, 124.5, 124.0, 119.0, 116.8, 116.7, 57.2, 55.6, 46.8, 31.3, 15.4, 14.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{26}H_{25}N_2O_3S$  ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd for 445.1580, found 445.1583.

**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-5-methyl-12-(thiophen-2-yl)indolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ka)**: Yield: 56.6 mg, 63%; black oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,

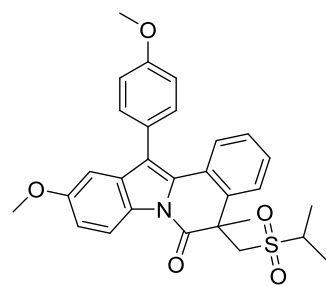


CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.59 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.02-2.91 (m, 1H), 1.71 (s,

3H), 1.36 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 171.2, 135.7, 134.1, 134.1, 132.8, 131.2, 128.5, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 126.3, 126.0, 126.0, 124.8, 124.5, 119.5, 116.5, 113.0, 57.1, 55.6, 46.9, 31.3, 15.4, 14.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{25}H_{24}NO_3S_2$  ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd for 450.1192, found 450.1196.

**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-10-methoxy-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-**

**methylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3la)**: Yield: 80.4 mg, 80%; yellow

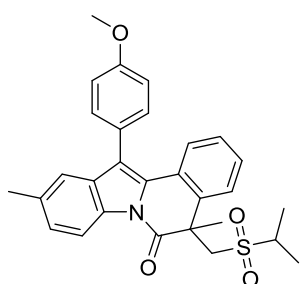


solid, mp 164.3-164.8 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.49 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.78-3.74 (m, 4H), 3.00-2.89 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.27 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.6, 159.3, 157.3, 135.5, 133.7, 131.2, 129.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.3, 126.3, 125.8, 125.5, 125.0, 120.3, 117.4, 114.7, 114.0, 102.2, 57.1, 55.6, 55.4, 55.2, 46.5, 31.3, 15.3, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 504.1839, found 504.1842.

**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,10-dimethylindolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ma):** Yield: 69.1 mg, 71%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400

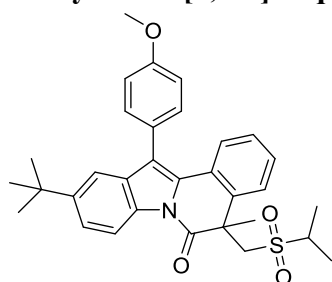


MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.46 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.09-6.99 (m, 4H), 4.44 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.78 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.00-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.35 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.28 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.8, 159.3, 135.4,

134.2, 132.8, 132.4, 131.3, 129.3, 127.9, 127.3, 127.0, 126.2, 126.0, 125.5, 125.1, 120.4, 119.4, 116.2, 114.6, 57.0, 55.4, 55.3, 46.6, 31.3, 21.4, 15.4, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 488.1890, found 488.1894.

**10-(tert-butyl)-5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-**

**methylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3na):** Yield: 79.2 mg, 75%; yellow

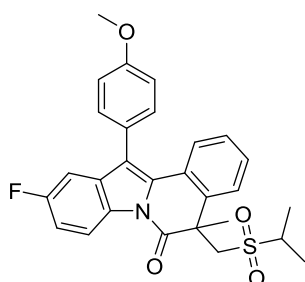


solid, mp 179.8-180.3  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.52 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 3H), 4.44 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.77 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.00-2.92 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.36-1.32 (m, 12H), 1.28 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ :

170.8, 159.3, 147.8, 135.4, 132.4, 132.3, 131.3, 129.3, 127.8, 127.2, 126.2, 126.0, 125.5, 125.1, 123.7, 120.8, 116.0, 115.5, 114.6, 57.1, 55.4, 55.2, 46.6, 34.8, 31.6, 31.2, 15.4, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 530.2360, found 530.2365.

**10-fluoro-5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-**

**methylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3oa):** Yield: 49.9 mg, 51%; yellow oil;

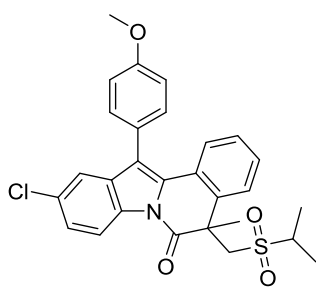


$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.57-8.53 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 4H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 1H), 4.44 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.79 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.00-2.92 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H),

1.36 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : -117.7 (s, 1F);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.0, 160.5 (d,  $J = 240.0$  Hz, 1C), 159.5, 135.5, 134.0 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1C), 131.2, 130.7, 130.5, 128.3, 127.4, 126.3, 125.7, 125.3, 124.7, 120.1 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1C), 117.7 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1C), 114.8, 113.2 (d,  $J = 24.4$  Hz, 1C), 105.2 (d,  $J = 24.3$  Hz, 1C), 57.1, 55.5, 55.3, 46.6, 31.3, 15.4, 14.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{FNO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 492.1639, found 492.1636.

**10-chloro-5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3pa):**

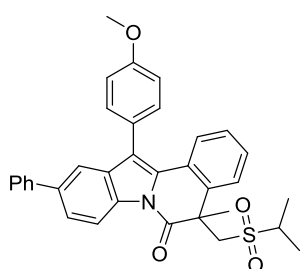
Yield: 56.7 mg, 56%; yellow solid, mp 203.2-203.7 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.52 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 3H), 4.44 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.79 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.02-2.91 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.30 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 13C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.1, 159.6, 135.5, 134.1, 132.6, 131.3, 130.5, 130.3, 128.4, 127.5, 126.4, 125.8, 125.8, 125.2, 124.7, 119.7, 119.1, 117.6, 114.8, 57.2, 55.6, 55.4, 46.6, 31.3, 15.4, 14.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 508.1344, found 508.1340.



5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-10-phenylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3qa):

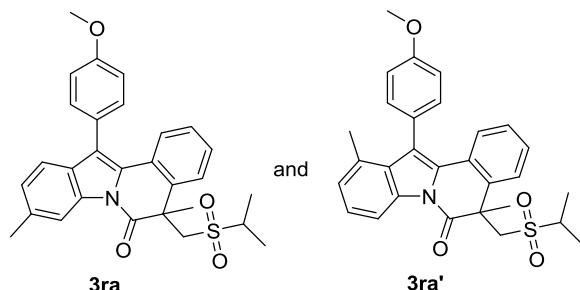
**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-10-phenylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3qa):**

Yield: 81.3 mg, 74%; yellow solid, mp 189.4-189.9 °C(uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.67 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 4.44 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.78 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.98-2.90 (m, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.28 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.0, 159.4, 141.4, 138.0, 135.4, 133.6, 133.2, 131.3, 129.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.3, 127.3, 126.9, 126.3, 125.7, 125.6, 125.2, 124.9, 120.6, 117.8, 116.7, 114.7, 57.1, 55.4, 55.2, 46.6, 31.2, 15.3, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 550.2047, found 550.2051.



**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,9-dimethylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one(3ra) and**

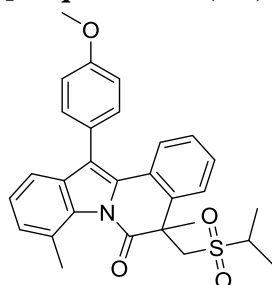
**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,11-dimethylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ra') mixture: 3ra : 3ra' = 3:1; Yield: 65.3 mg, 67%;**



yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.75H), 8.44 (s, 0.25H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12-6.99 (m, 4H), 4.48-4.43 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 1H), 3.81-

3.75 (m, 1H), 3.02-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 0.75H), 1.97 (s, 2.25H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 1.38-1.34 (m, 3H), 1.31-1.28 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 171.1, 171.1, 159.4, 159.3, 136.1, 135.3, 135.2, 134.6, 134.5, 131.9, 131.5, 131.3, 131.2, 130.5, 129.9, 129.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 126.7, 126.2, 126.1, 125.9, 125.5, 125.5, 125.2, 125.2, 121.4, 120.7, 119.2, 116.8, 114.6, 114.6, 114.5, 114.4, 57.2, 57.1, 55.5, 55.3, 55.3, 46.7, 31.5, 31.4, 19.9, 15.5, 15.5, 14.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for 488.1890, found 488.1894.

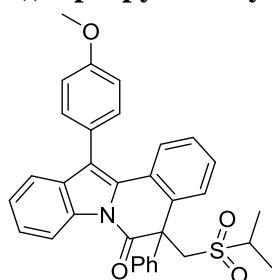
**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,8-dimethylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3sa): Yield: 56.5 mg, 58%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400**



MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.46-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 3H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 170.8, 159.3, 135.6, 134.6, 134.3, 131.6, 131.4, 128.8, 127.9,

127.3, 126.9, 126.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 124.9, 120.9, 117.3, 114.6, 57.3, 55.4, 55.3, 47.1, 30.9, 22.3, 15.4, 14.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S (M + H)<sup>+</sup> calcd for 488.1890, found 488.1894.

**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylindolo[2,1-**



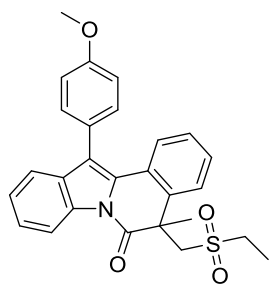
**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ta): Yield: 64.1 mg, 60%; yellow solid; mp 168.5-169.0 °C (uncorrected); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.34-7.12 (m, 10H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J***



= 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.22-3.15 (m, 1H), 1.43 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.35 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.0, 159.4, 141.1, 134.5, 134.1, 132.5, 131.3, 129.3, 129.0, 129.0, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.7, 126.6, 125.8, 125.7, 124.5, 120.9, 119.5, 116.4, 114.6, 56.8, 56.1, 55.3, 54.7, 15.7, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4\text{S}(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$  calcd for 536.1890, found 536.1895.

**5-((ethylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one(3ab):** Yield: 55.0 mg, 60%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400

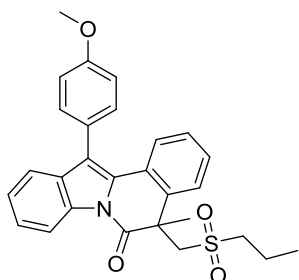


MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 4.42 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.84 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.90-2.76 (m, 2H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.0, 159.4, 135.5, 134.3, 132.6, 131.3, 129.1, 128.2, 127.4, 125.9, 125.9, 125.8,

125.8, 125.2, 124.7, 120.8, 119.6, 116.6, 114.7, 59.8, 55.3, 50.4, 46.9, 31.2, 6.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{S}(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$  calcd for 460.1577, found 460.1579.

**12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-5-((propylsulfonyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ac):** Yield: 54.8 mg, 58%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400

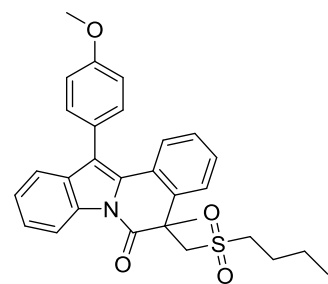


MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 4.40 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.83 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.68 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.72 (m, 5H), 0.97 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.0, 159.4, 135.4, 134.3, 132.6, 131.3, 129.1, 128.2,

127.4, 126.0, 126.0, 125.8, 125.8, 125.3, 124.7, 120.8, 119.6, 116.6, 114.7, 60.6, 57.7, 55.3, 46.9, 31.1, 15.6, 13.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$  calcd for 474.1734, found 474.1737.

**5-((butylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one(3ad):** Yield: 54.5 mg, 56%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,

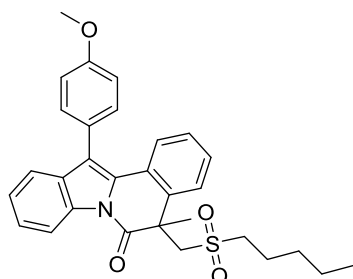


$\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 4.39 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.83 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.68 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.67 (m, 5H), 1.40-1.32 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.9, 159.4, 135.4,

134.3, 132.6, 131.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.8, 125.3, 124.6, 120.8, 119.6, 116.6, 114.7, 60.7, 55.7, 55.3, 46.9, 31.1, 23.6, 21.5, 13.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{29}H_{30}NO_4S$  ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd for 488.1890, found 488.1886.

**12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-5-((pentylsulfonyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ae):** Yield: 57.1 mg, 57%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

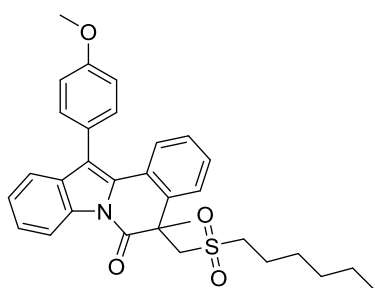


MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3H), 4.38 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.83 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.81-2.67 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.67 (m, 5H), 1.31-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 170.9, 159.4,

135.4, 134.3, 132.6, 131.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 125.3, 124.6, 120.8, 119.5, 116.6, 114.7, 60.7, 55.9, 55.3, 46.9, 31.0, 30.3, 22.0, 21.3, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{30}H_{32}NO_4S$  ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd for 502.2047, found 502.2050.

**5-((hexylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3af):** Yield: 56.7 mg, 55%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

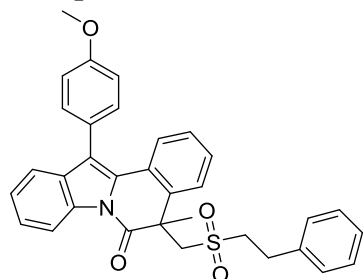


MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H), 4.39 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.83 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.68 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.68 (m, 5H), 1.33-1.22 (m, 6H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 170.9,

159.4, 135.4, 134.3, 132.6, 131.3, 129.1, 128.1, 127.4, 126.0, 126.0, 125.8, 125.8, 125.3, 124.7, 120.8, 119.6, 116.6, 114.7, 60.7, 56.0, 55.3, 46.9, 31.1, 31.1, 27.9, 22.3, 21.6, 13.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{31}H_{34}NO_4S$  ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd for 516.2203, found 516.2207.

**12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-5-((phenethylsulfonyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one(3ag):** Yield: 53.4 mg, 50%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

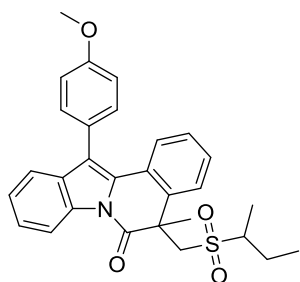


MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.37 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.83-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.05 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 170.9, 159.4,

137.5, 135.4, 134.3, 133.1, 132.6, 131.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 126.9, 126.0, 125.8, 125.3, 124.7, 120.9, 119.6, 116.6, 114.7, 61.1, 57.3, 55.3, 47.0, 31.0, 27.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{33}H_{30}NO_4S$  ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd for 536.1890, found 536.1894.

**5-((sec-butylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ah):** diastereoisomer mixture:  $dr = 1:1$ ; Yield: 67.2 mg,

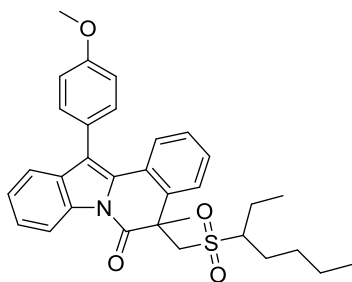


69%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 1.5H), 3.92 (s, 1.5H), 3.80 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.03-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1.4H), 1.29 (d,  $J =$

6.8 Hz, 1.6H), 1.02-0.94 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 171.1, 171.1, 159.3, 135.3, 135.3, 134.2, 132.6, 131.3, 129.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 126.3, 126.3, 125.8, 125.8, 125.6, 125.0, 125.0, 124.5, 120.5, 119.5, 116.5, 114.6, 61.4, 57.4, 57.3, 55.3, 46.7, 46.7, 31.3, 31.3, 22.2, 21.3, 12.2, 11.4, 11.1, 10.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{29}H_{30}NO_4S$  ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd for 488.1890, found 488.1887.

**5-((heptan-3-ylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ai):** diastereoisomer mixture:  $dr = 1:1$ ; Yield: 78.1 mg,



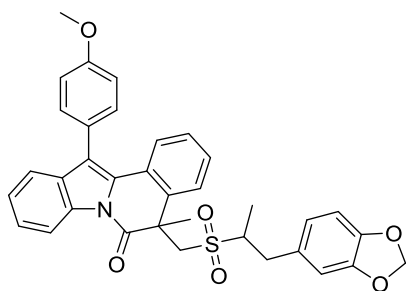
74%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 4.45-4.40 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.84-3.75 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.56 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.60 (m, 5H), 1.38-1.24 (m, 4H), 1.04-0.95 (m, 3H), 0.92-0.85 (m, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 171.1, 159.4, 135.4, 135.4, 134.3, 132.7, 131.3, 129.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.3, 127.3, 126.3, 126.3, 125.9, 125.8, 125.6, 125.1, 125.1, 124.5, 120.6, 119.5, 116.6, 114.6, 65.9, 65.7, 58.6, 55.3, 46.8, 46.7, 31.3, 29.0, 28.7, 26.5, 26.1, 22.7, 21.0, 20.7, 14.2, 13.8, 11.3, 11.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{32}H_{36}NO_4S$  ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup> calcd for 530.2360, found 530.2358.

**5-(((1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)propan-2-yl)sulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3aj):**

diastereoisomer mixture:  $dr = 3:2$ ; Yield: 73.4 mg, 62%; yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.62 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.35-

7.27 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H), 6.74 (t,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.62-6.56 (m, 2H), 5.94 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.48 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 0.6H), 4.41 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 0.4H), 3.92

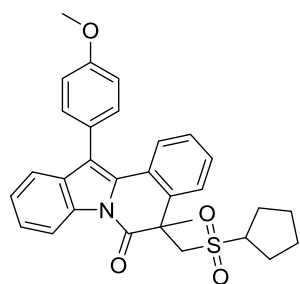


(s, 3H), 3.85-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.08-3.02 (m, 0.6H), 2.94-2.88 (m, 0.4H), 2.57-2.50 (m, 0.4H), 2.47-2.40 (m, 0.6H), 1.72 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.28-1.23 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.1, 171.0, 159.4, 147.9, 147.8, 146.5, 146.5, 135.4, 135.4, 134.3, 133.0, 133.0, 132.7,

132.6, 131.3, 130.5, 130.4, 129.2, 129.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 127.4, 126.2, 125.9, 125.7, 125.2, 125.1, 124.6, 124.6, 122.4, 122.3, 120.7, 120.7, 120.6, 119.6, 119.5, 116.6, 116.6, 114.7, 114.1, 114.1, 109.4, 109.3, 108.4, 108.4, 101.0, 101.0, 61.8, 61.5, 58.2, 58.0, 55.3, 46.9, 46.7, 34.8, 33.6, 31.3, 31.2, 12.5, 12.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 594.1945, found 594.1947.

#### 5-((cyclopentylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one(3ak):** Yield: 67.8 mg, 68%; yellow solid, mp 171.2-171.7 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J =$

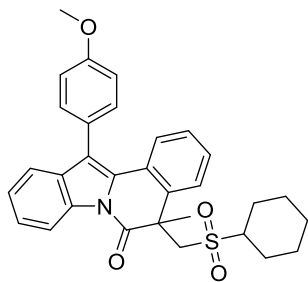


6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 3H), 4.41 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.84 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.29-3.20 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.76-1.70 (m, 5H), 1.64-1.56 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.1, 159.4, 135.4, 134.2, 132.6, 131.3, 129.2, 128.0, 127.3, 126.3, 125.9,

125.8, 125.6, 125.0, 124.5, 120.6, 119.5, 116.6, 114.6, 63.8, 59.4, 55.3, 46.8, 31.3, 26.7, 26.3, 26.0, 26.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 500.1890, found 500.1894.

#### 5-((cyclohexylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3al):** Yield: 64.6 mg, 63%; yellow solid, mp 176.8-177.3 °C (uncorrected);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.61 (d,  $J =$



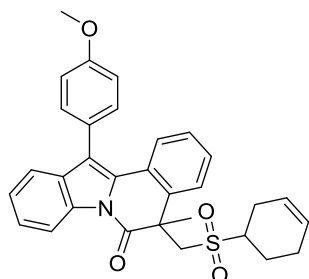
8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 4.43 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.75 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.30-

1.14 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.1, 159.4, 135.3, 134.3, 132.7,

131.3, 128.8, 128.0, 127.4, 126.4, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 125.1, 124.6, 120.6, 119.5, 116.6, 114.6, 63.3, 57.3, 55.3, 46.6, 25.1, 25.0, 25.0, 24.9, 24.2, 14.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{31}H_{32}NO_4S(M + H)^+$  calcd for 514.2047, found 514.2051.

**5-((cyclohex-3-en-1-ylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-**

**methylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3am):** diastereoisomer mixture:  $dr =$

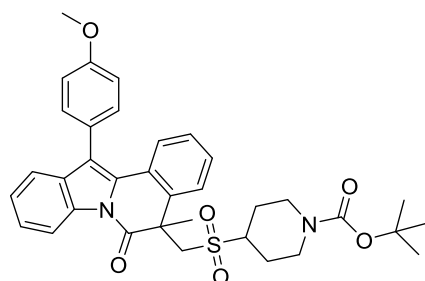


3:2; Yield: 68.5 mg, 67%; yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.63-8.59 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 3H), 5.68 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.46 (t,  $J = 13.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.81 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 0.6H), 3.77 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 0.4H), 3.00-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.00 (m, 6H),

1.72 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.0, 171.0, 159.4, 135.3, 135.3, 134.2, 133.0, 132.6, 131.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 127.4, 127.4, 126.8, 126.6, 126.3, 126.2, 125.8, 125.8, 125.6, 125.1, 125.0, 124.6, 123.5, 123.3, 120.6, 120.6, 119.5, 116.6, 116.5, 114.6, 114.0, 114.0, 60.0, 59.9, 57.6, 57.5, 55.3, 46.7, 46.6, 31.2, 31.2, 24.3, 24.2, 24.0, 23.4, 21.3, 20.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : :  $C_{31}H_{30}NO_4S (M + H)^+$  calcd for 512.1890 found 512.1891.

**Tert-butyl-4-(((12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydroindolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-5-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3an):** Yield: 72.4 mg,

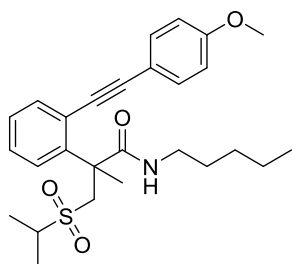


59%; yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.60 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 3H), 4.46 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.18 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.78 (d,  $J = 14.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.86-2.63 (m, 3H), 2.03 (s,

2H), 1.73-1.60 (m, 5H), 1.44 (s, 9H);  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.0, 159.3, 154.2, 135.2, 134.2, 132.6, 131.2, 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 126.1, 125.9, 125.9, 125.7, 125.0, 124.7, 120.8, 119.6, 116.5, 114.6, 80.1, 61.4, 57.4, 55.3, 42.8, 41.8, 31.2, 28.7, 28.3, 24.6, 24.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{35}H_{39}N_2O_6S (M + H)^+$  calcd for 615.2523, found 615.2526.

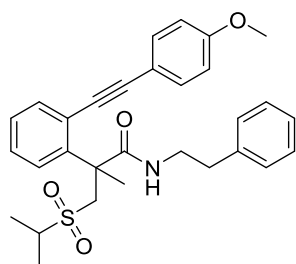
**3-(isopropylsulfonyl)-2-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-2-methyl-N-**

**pentylpropanamide (4ua):** Yield: 66.5 mg, 71%; yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.64 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 5.21 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.80 (m, 4H),

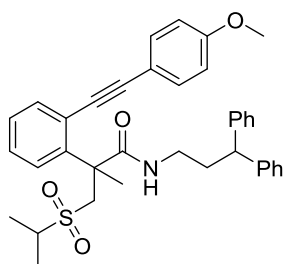


3.26-3.16 (m, 1H), 3.13-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.40-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.15-1.06 (m, 7H), 0.76 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.8, 159.9, 140.0, 133.2, 132.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 123.3, 114.5, 114.0, 96.8, 86.3, 55.1, 54.4, 53.2, 49.3, 39.9, 28.7, 28.6, 24.5, 22.0, 15.5, 14.3, 13.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$  calcd for 470.2360, found 470.2364.

**3-(isopropylsulfonyl)-2-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-2-methyl-N-phenethylpropanamide (4va):** Yield: 62.3 mg, 62%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.58-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 6.98-6.59 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 5.19 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.78 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.60-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.38 (m, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.15 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.0, 160.0, 139.9, 138.6, 133.4, 133.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 126.3, 123.4, 114.6, 114.2, 97.0, 86.5, 55.3, 54.7, 53.3, 49.4, 41.1, 35.3, 24.5, 15.7, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_4\text{S}(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$  calcd for 504.2203, found 504.2206.



**N-(3,3-diphenylpropyl)-3-(isopropylsulfonyl)-2-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-2-methylpropanamide (4wa):** Yield: 81.7 mg, 69%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.13-6.99 (m, 6H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.12 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.66 (m, 5H), 3.30-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.10 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.07 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.1, 160.0, 144.2, 143.6, 140.0, 133.3, 132.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 126.2, 126.0, 123.4, 114.4, 114.1, 97.1, 86.5, 55.2, 54.6, 53.2,

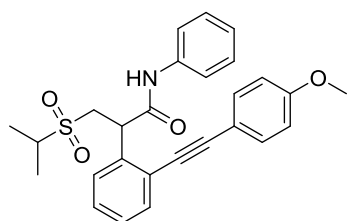


69%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.13-6.99 (m, 6H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.12 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.66 (m, 5H), 3.30-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.72 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.10 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.07 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.1, 160.0, 144.2, 143.6, 140.0, 133.3, 132.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 126.2, 126.0, 123.4, 114.4, 114.1, 97.1, 86.5, 55.2, 54.6, 53.2,

49.4, 48.6, 38.7, 34.4, 24.5, 15.6, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{37}H_{40}NO_4S_2(M + H)^+$  calcd for 594.2673, found 594.2671.

**5-((isopropylsulfonyl)methyl)-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-**

**a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (4xa):** Yield: 63.6 mg, 69%; yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400

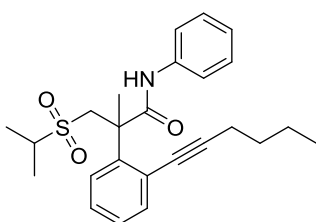


MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.97-4.93 (m, 1H), 4.38-4.31 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.47-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.17-3.10 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d,  $J = 6.8$

Hz, 3H), 1.35 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 168.4, 160.2, 138.2, 137.5, 133.3, 132.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.7, 124.5, 122.8, 120.0, 114.3, 114.1, 96.1, 85.6, 55.3, 54.0, 51.1, 45.3, 15.7, 14.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{27}H_{28}NO_4S$  ( $M + H$ ) $^+$  calcd for 462.1734, found 462.1738.

**2-(2-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-3-(isopropylsulfonyl)-2-methyl-N-**

**phenylpropanamide (4ya):** Yield: 24.3 mg, 40%; yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,

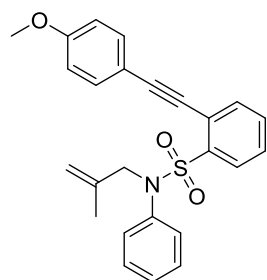


$CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.50 (d,  $J = 14.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.42-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.29 (t,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.51-

1.45 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.20 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.81 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 173.3, 139.7, 137.7, 134.0, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 124.4, 124.0, 120.2, 99.2, 78.40, 54.7, 53.2, 50.2, 30.1, 24.3, 22.1, 19.2, 16.5, 16.0, 15.7, 14.5, 13.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{25}H_{32}NO_4S$  ( $M + H$ ) $^+$  calcd for 426.2097, found 426.2099.

**2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-N-(2-methylallyl)-N-phenylbenzenesulfonamide**

**(1z):**  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.70 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,

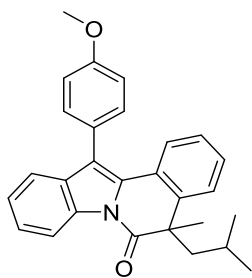


1H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.11 (m, 6H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.73 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 160.1, 140.5, 139.2, 138.6, 134.5, 133.3, 132.0, 130.7, 128.7, 128.7, 127.4, 127.4, 122.2, 114.7, 114.6, 114.0, 97.1, 85.9, 58.4, 55.3, 19.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $C_{25}H_{24}NO_3S$  ( $M + H$ ) $^+$  calcd for

418.1471, found 418.1475.

**5-isobutyl-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one**

(6aa): Yield: 53.6 mg, 70%; yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.67 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.46-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.42-1.36 (m, 1H), 0.68-0.62 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 173.7, 159.4, 139.0, 134.1, 132.6, 131.4, 129.6, 128.1, 126.7, 126.4, 126.2, 125.7, 125.3, 125.1, 124.4, 119.7, 119.3, 116.8, 114.7, 55.3, 50.9, 47.8, 30.9, 25.6, 23.9, 22.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$  calcd for 410.2115, found 410.2118.



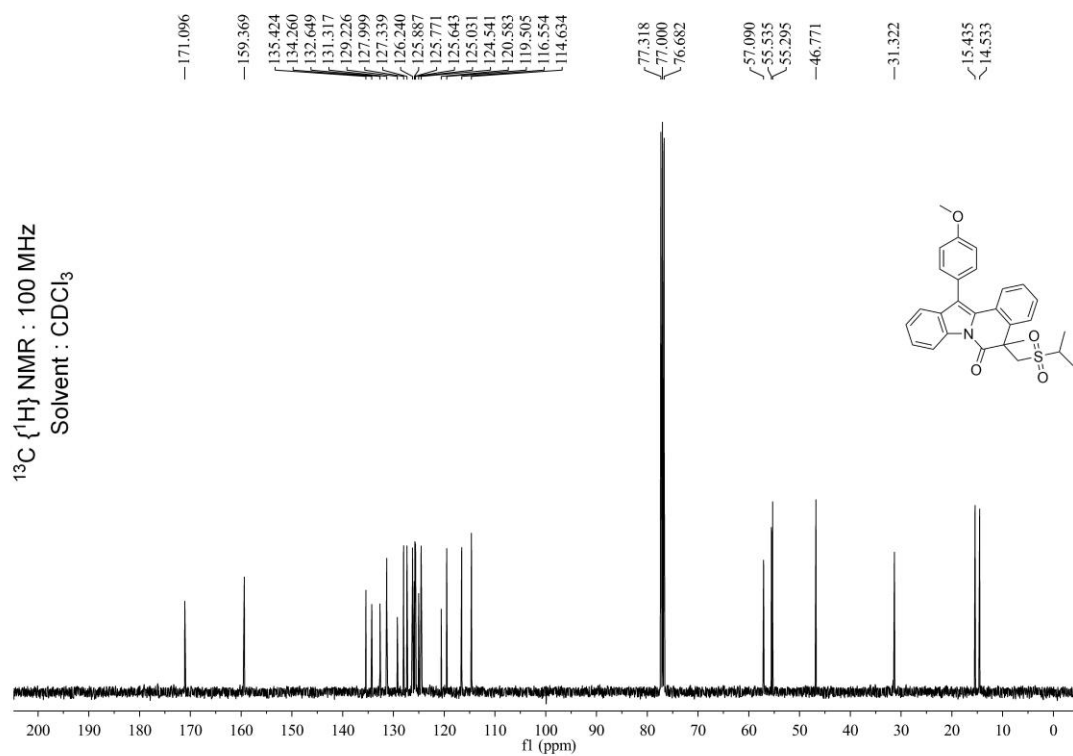
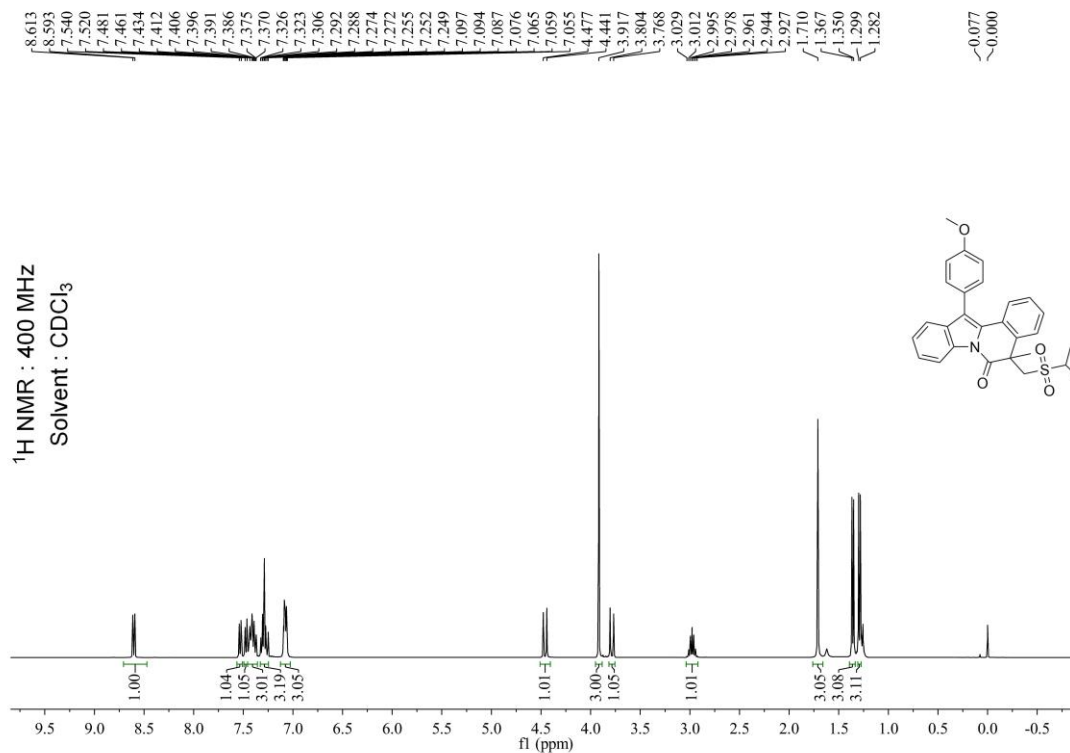


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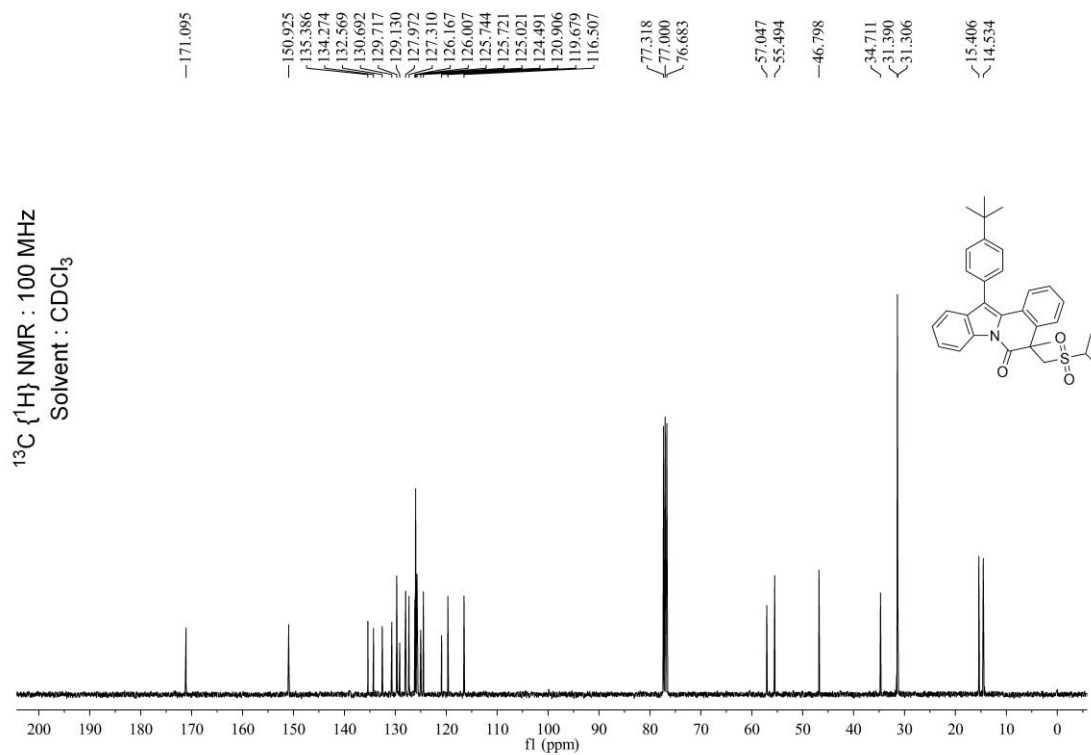
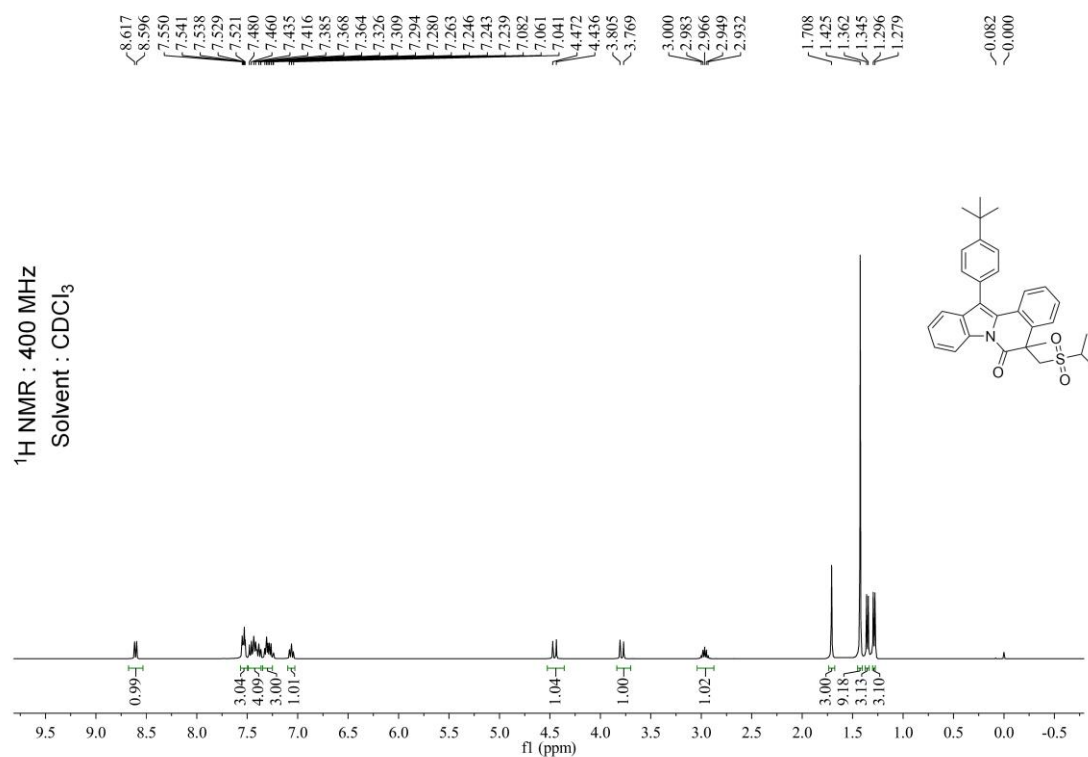
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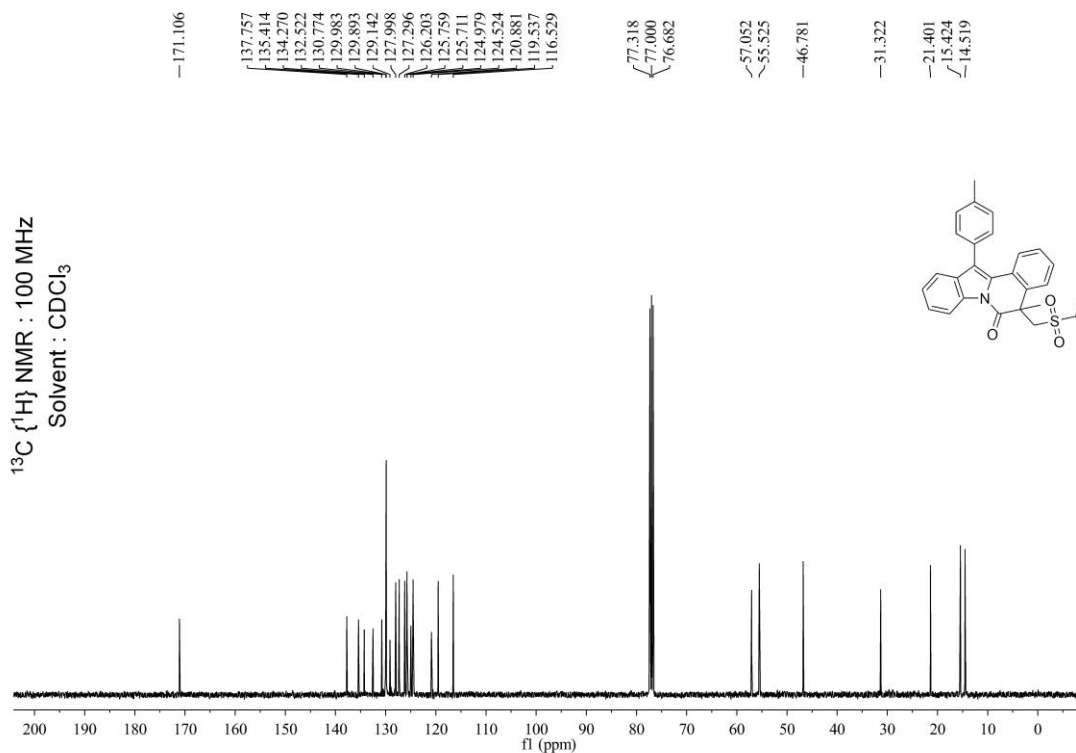
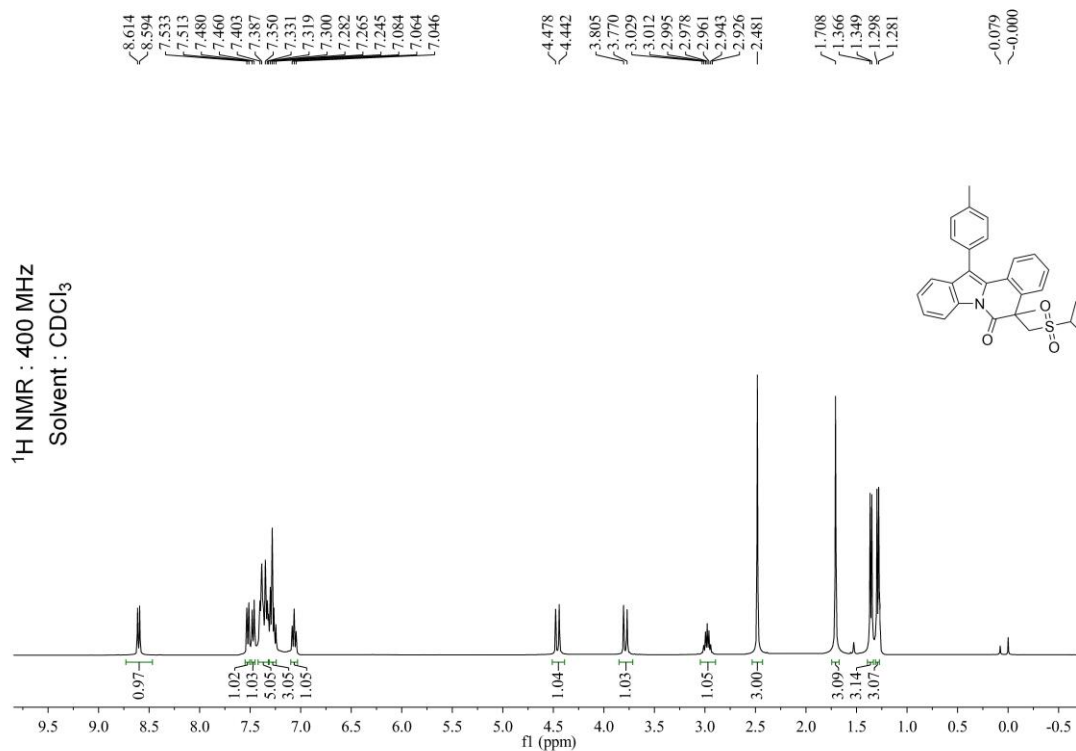
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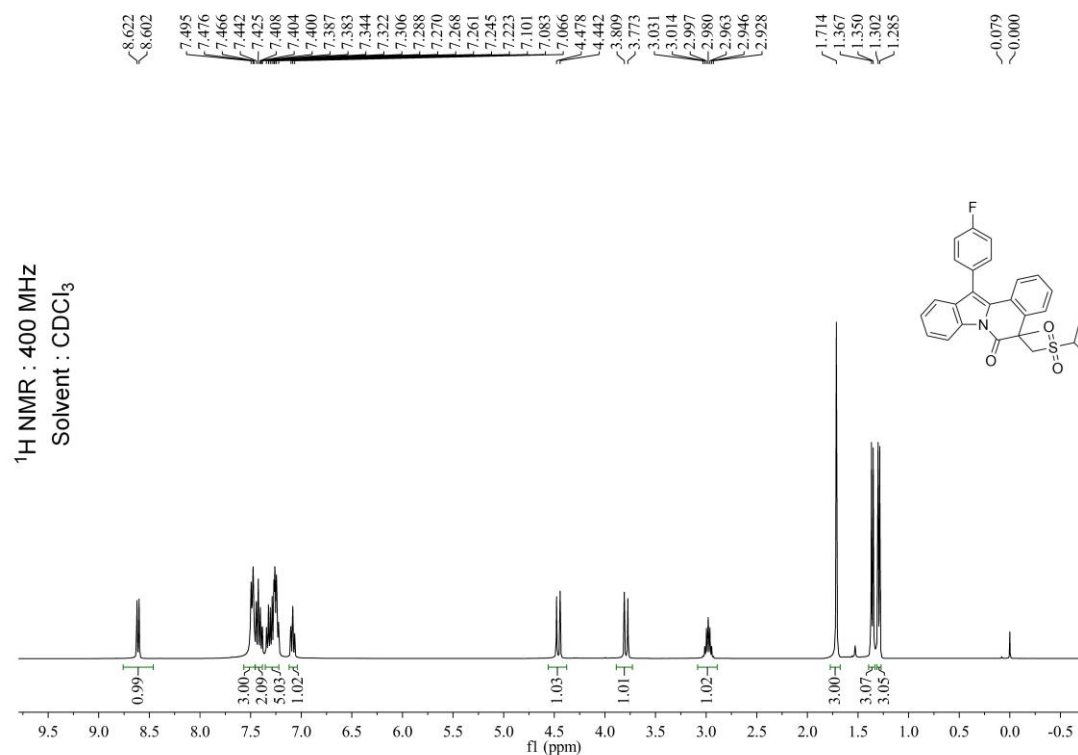
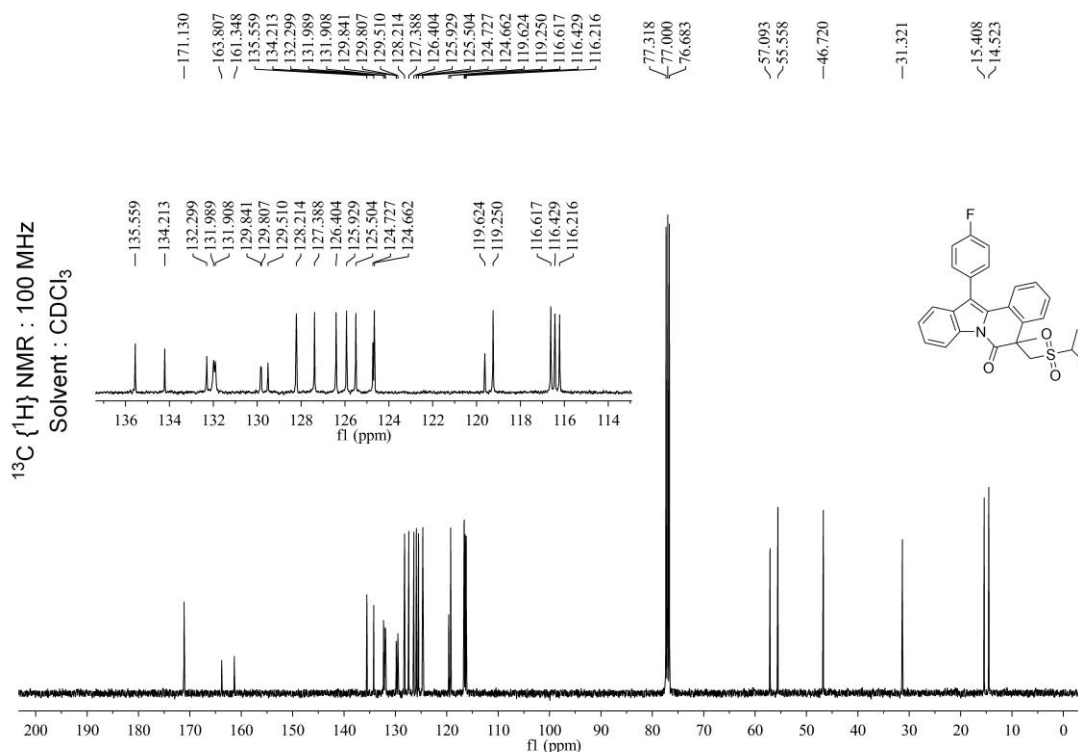
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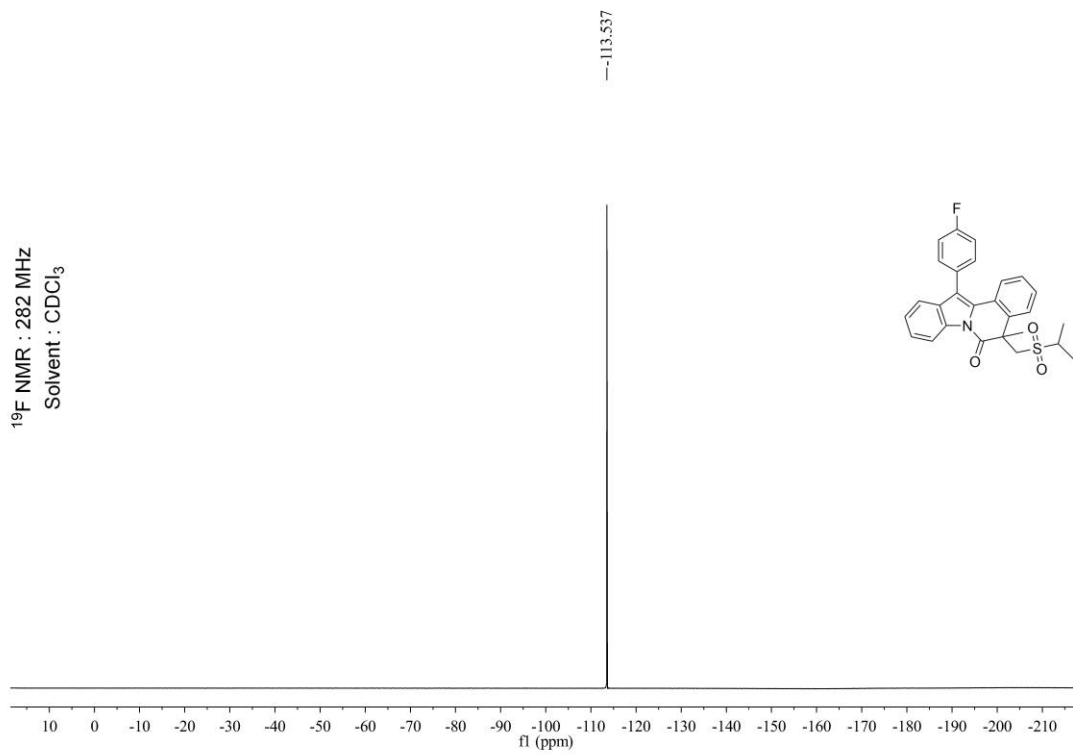
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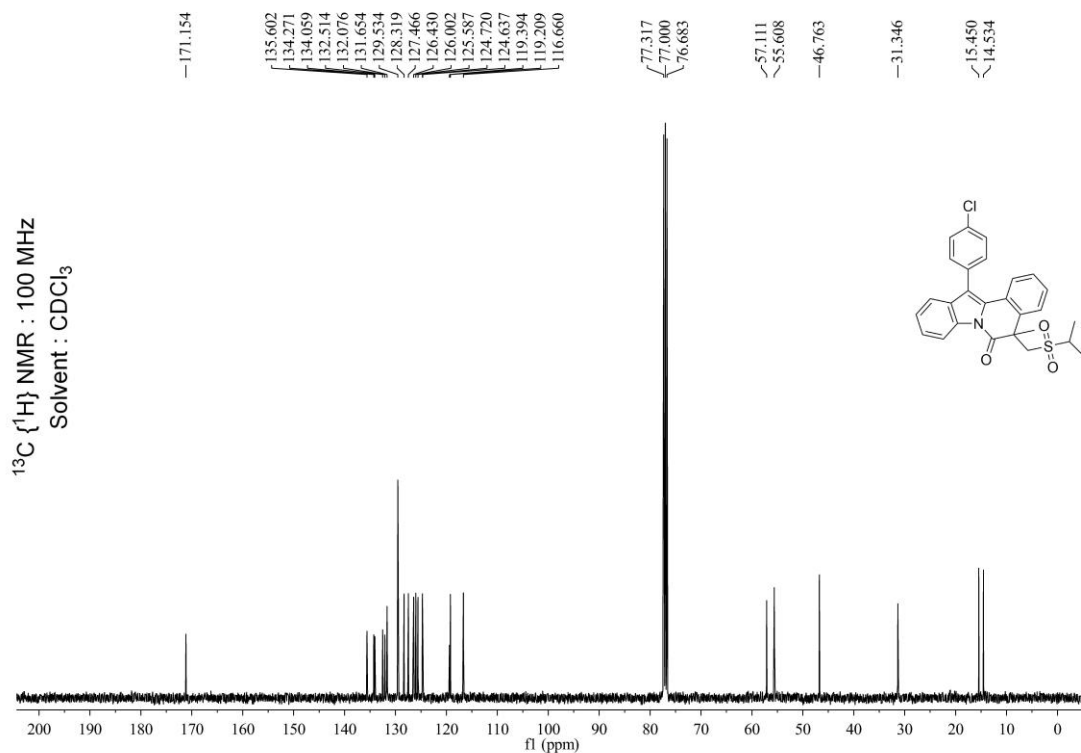
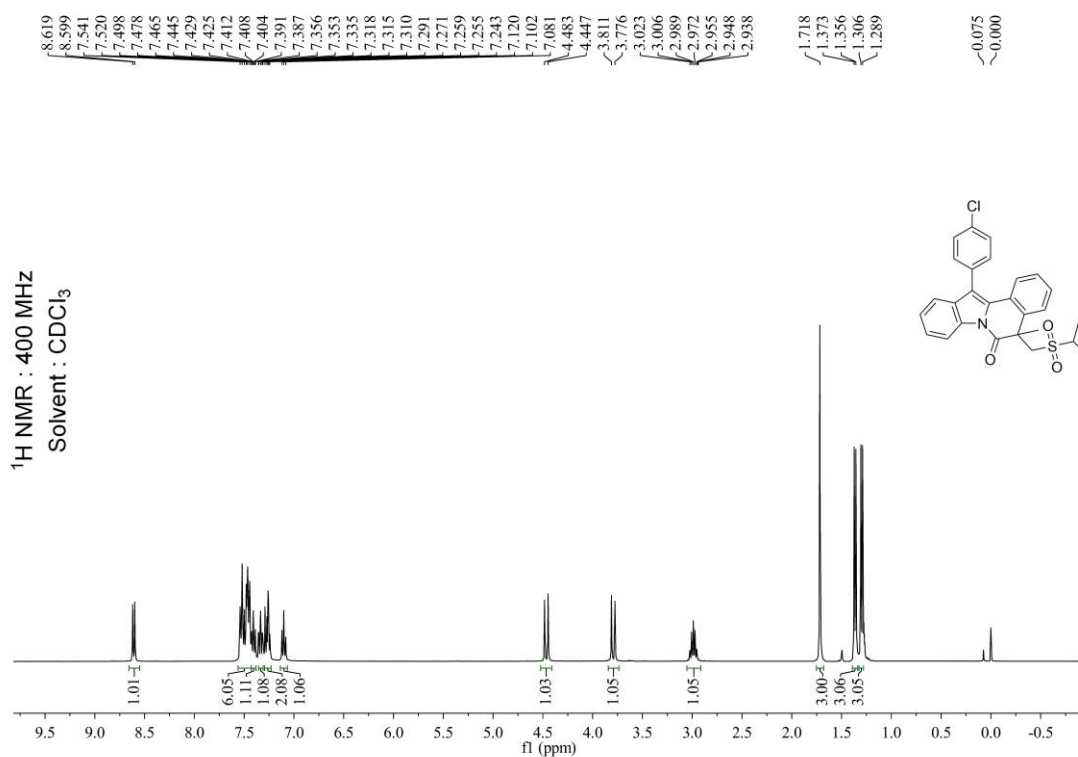
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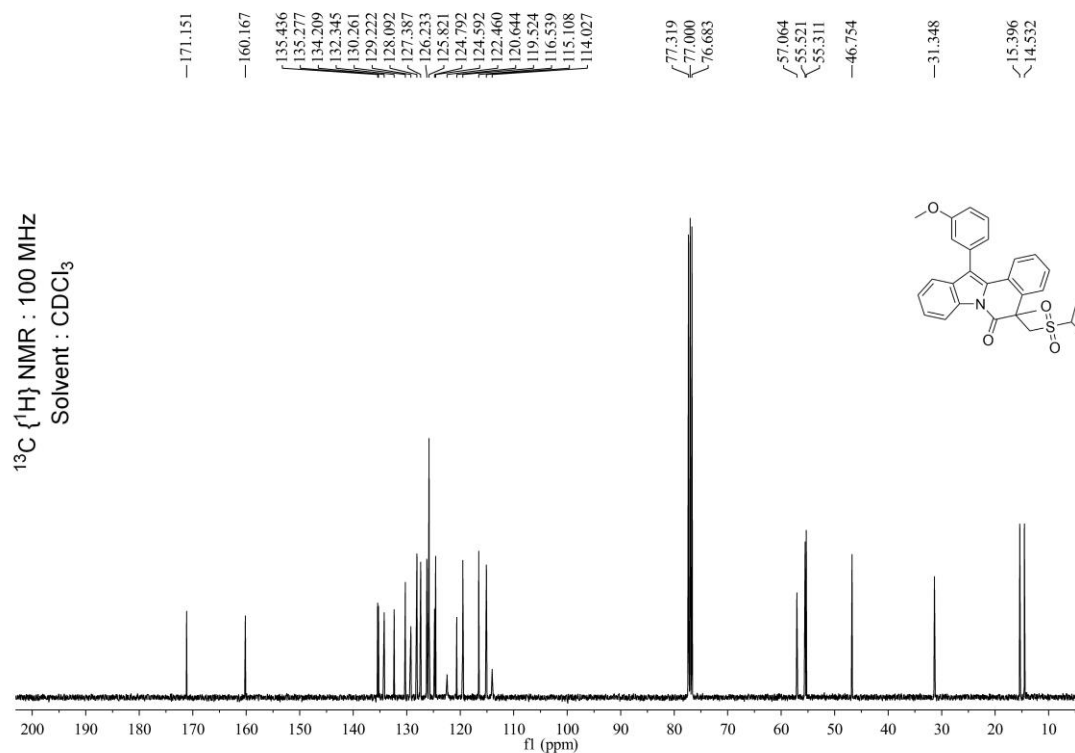
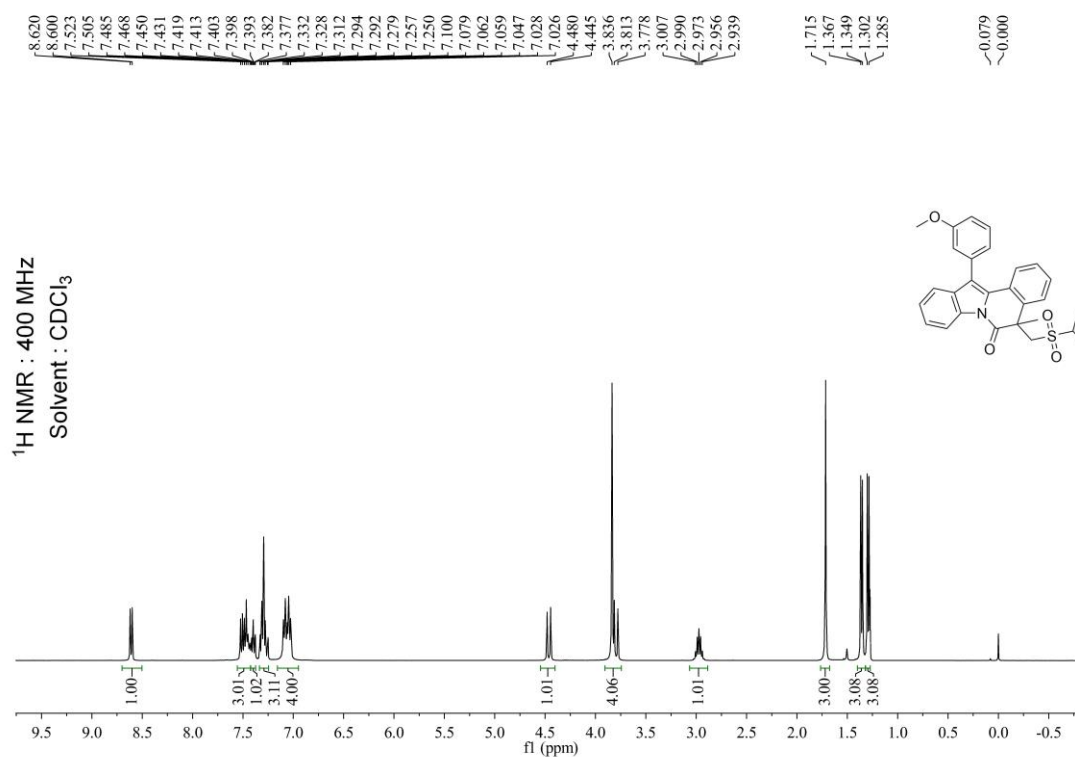
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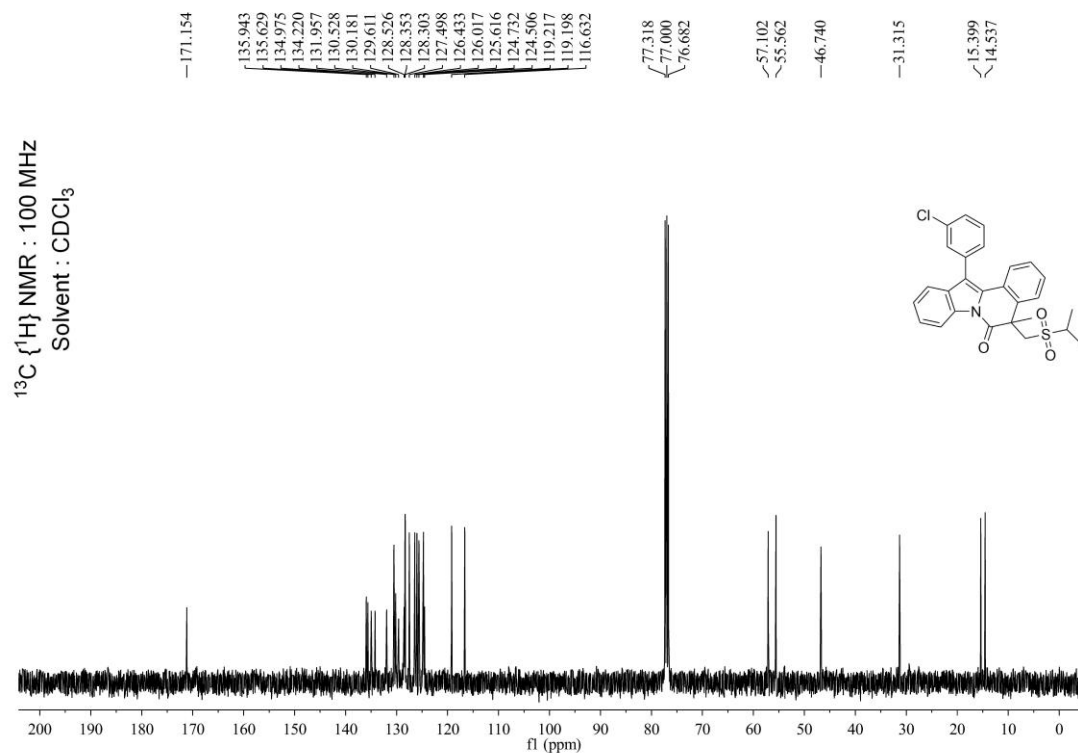
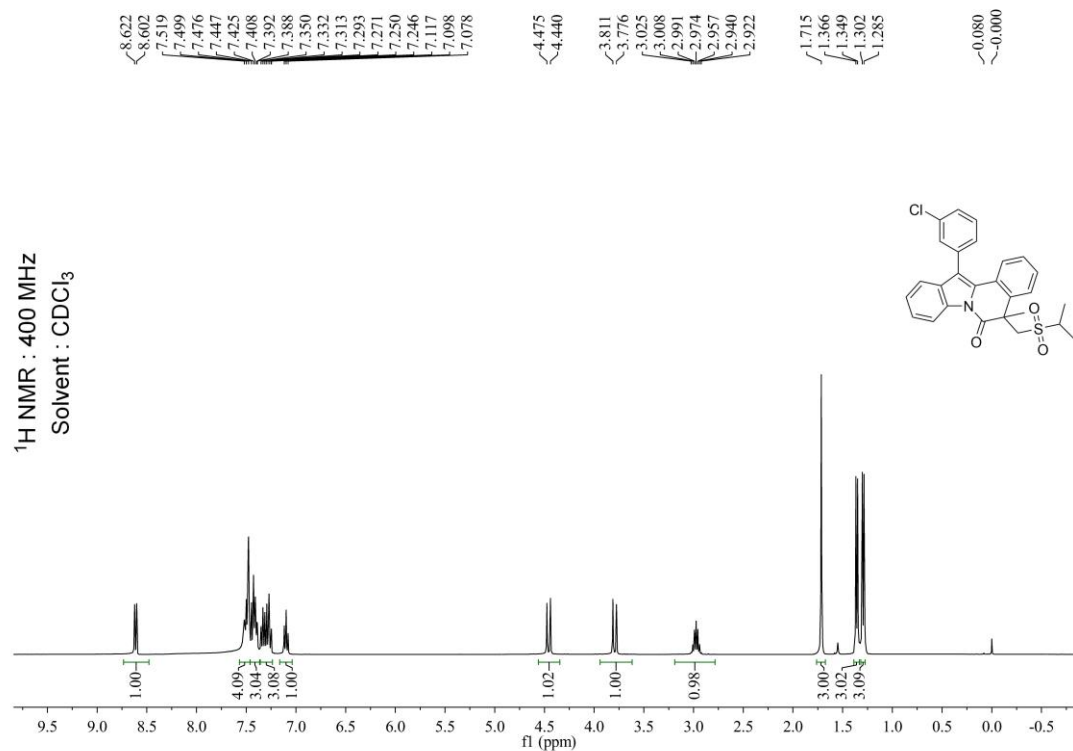


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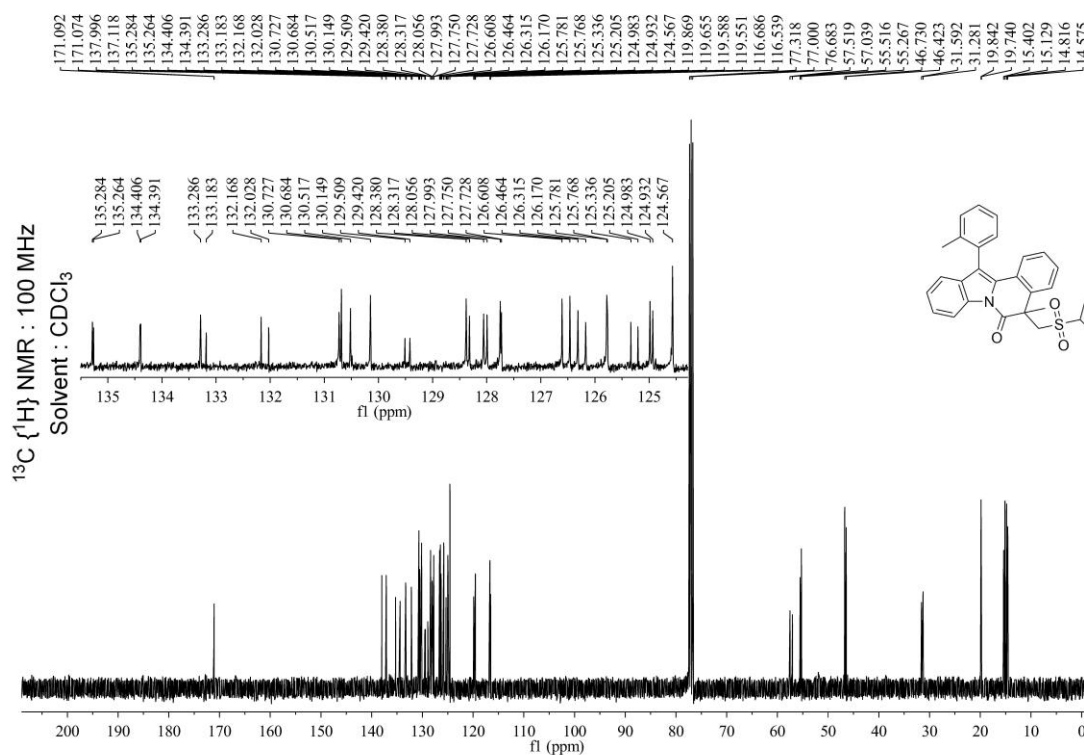
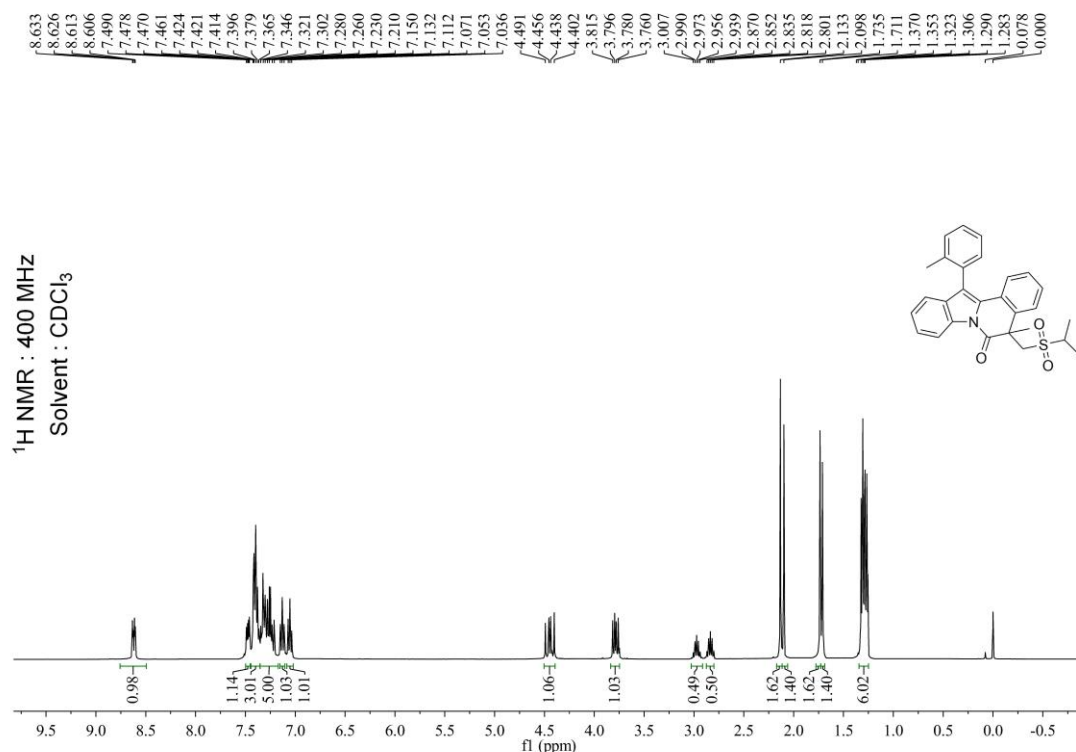




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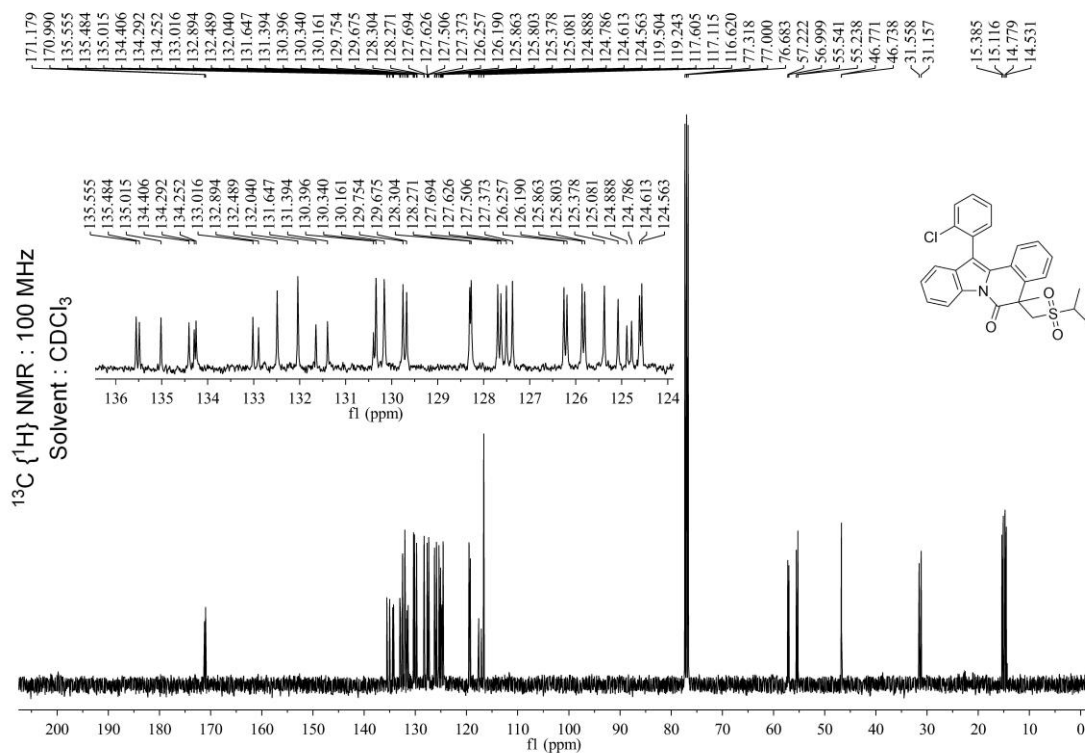
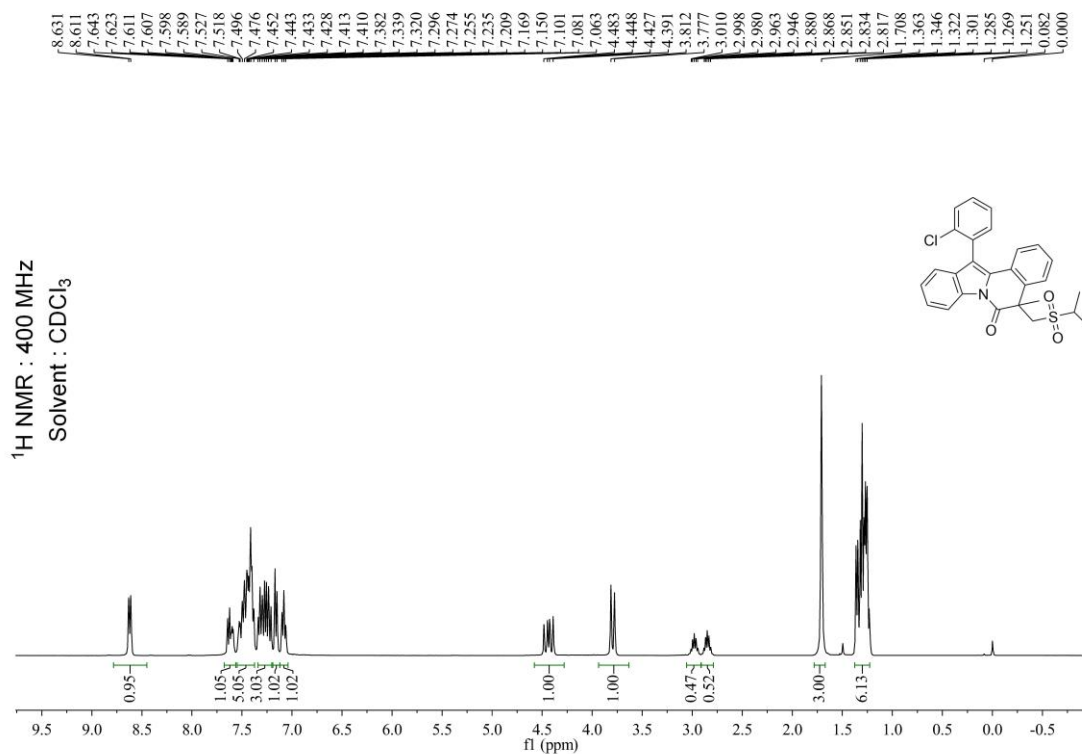


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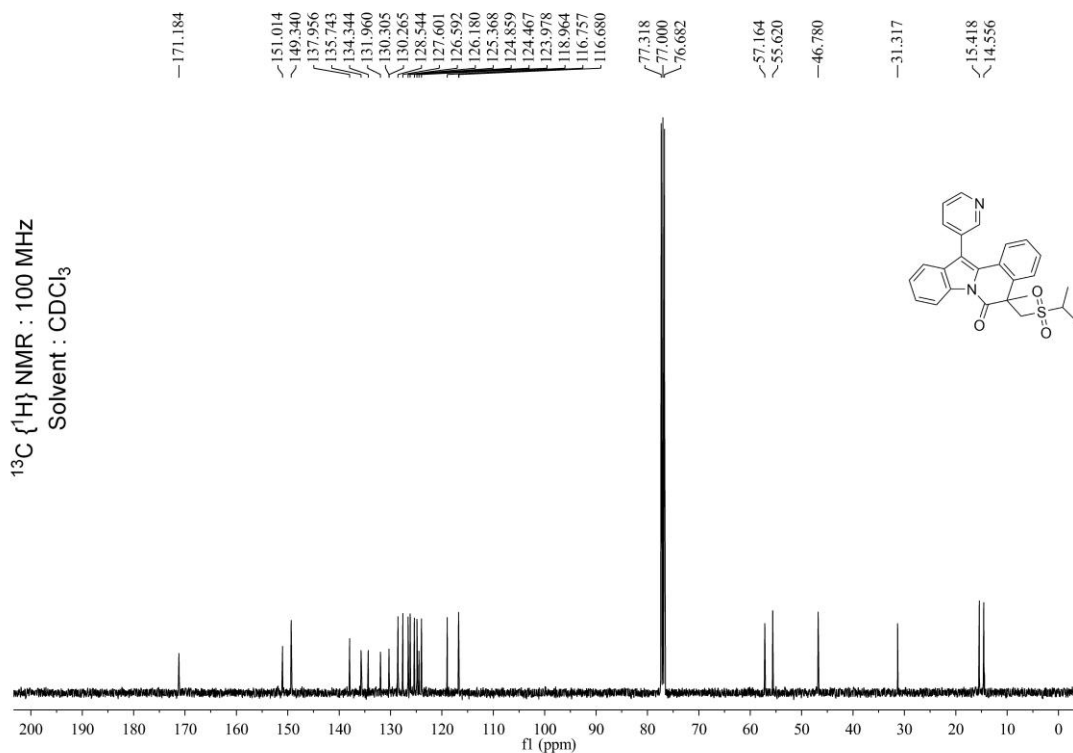
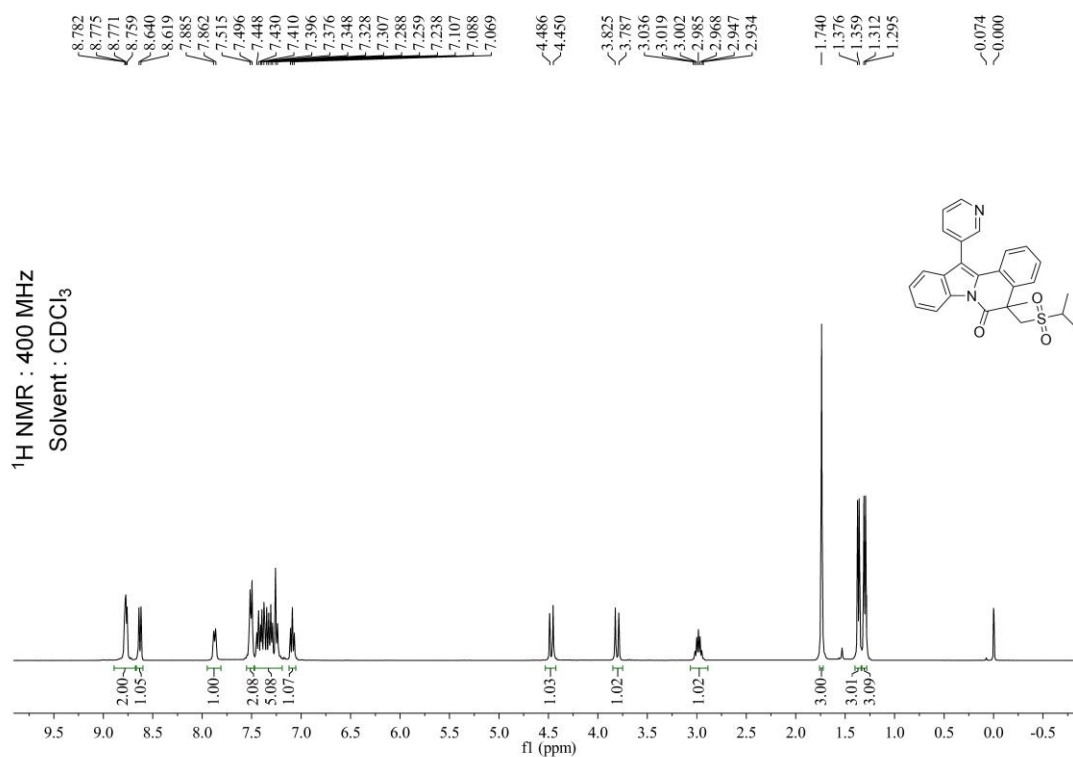


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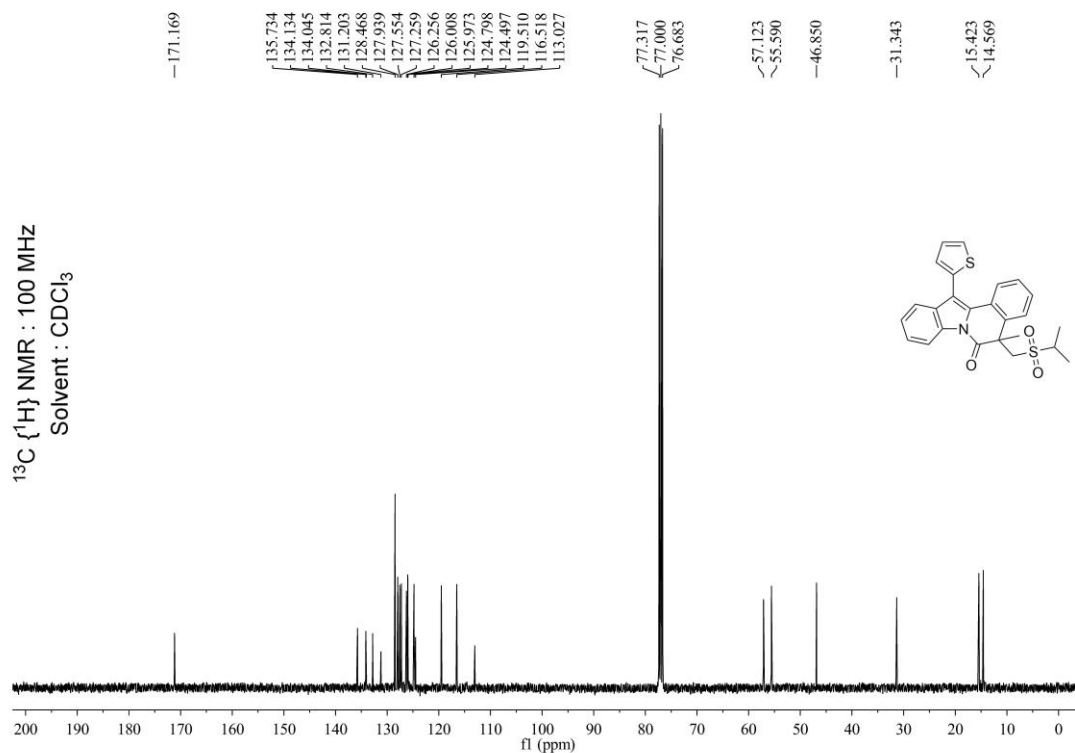
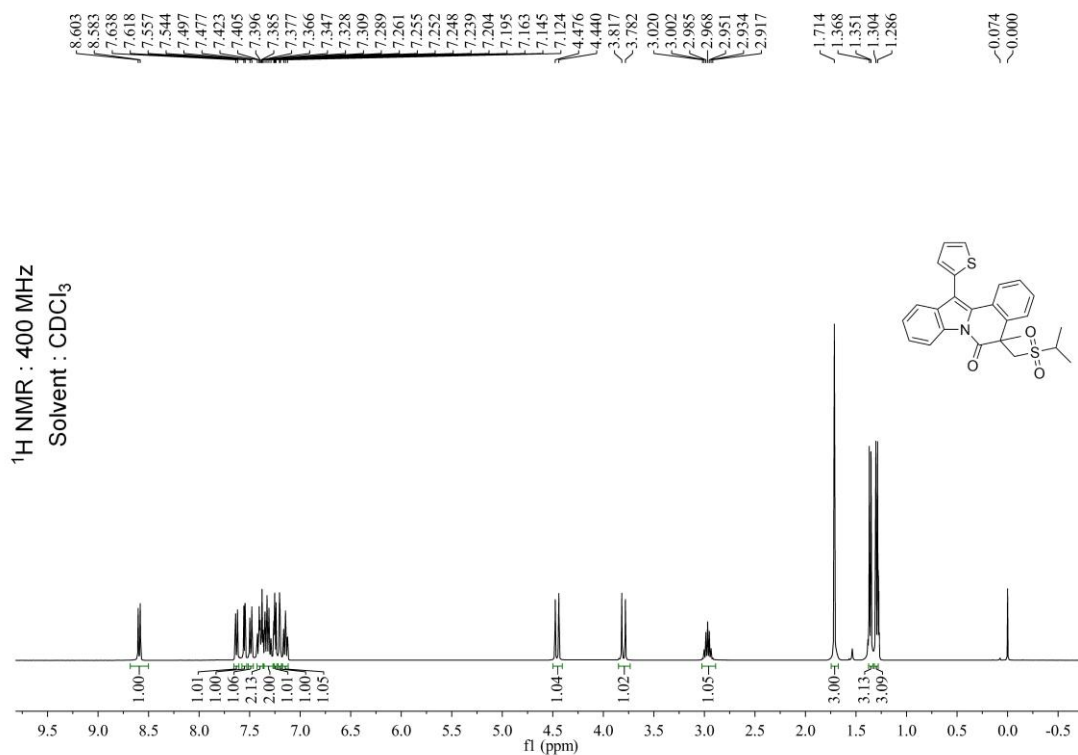
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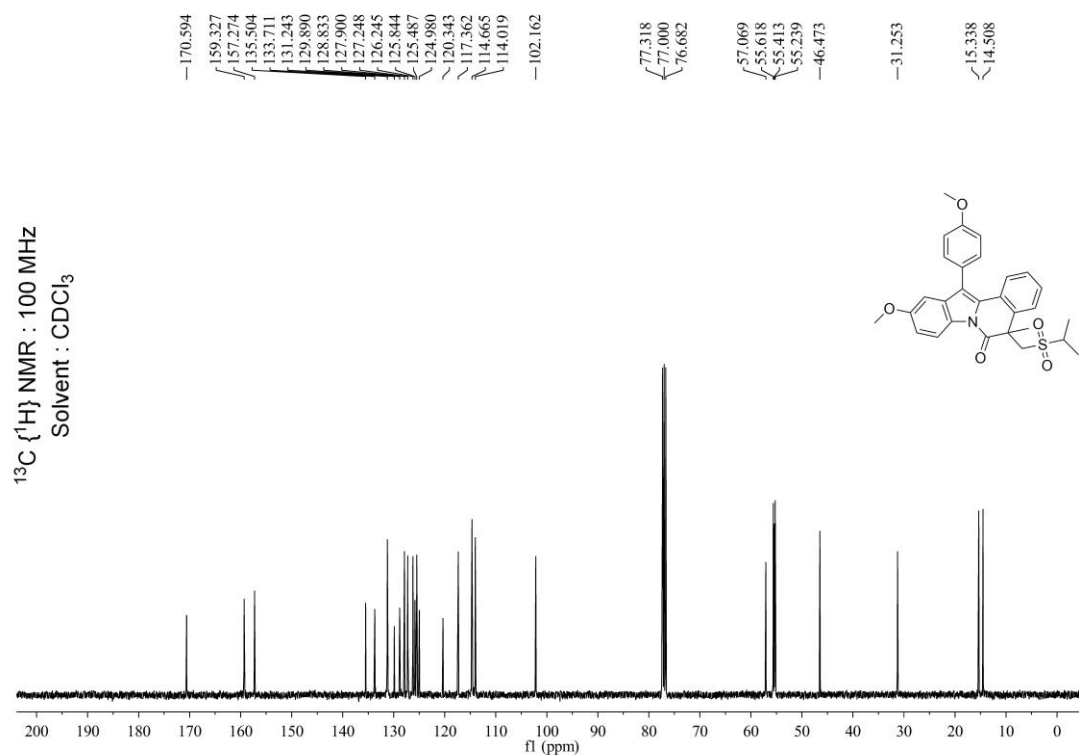
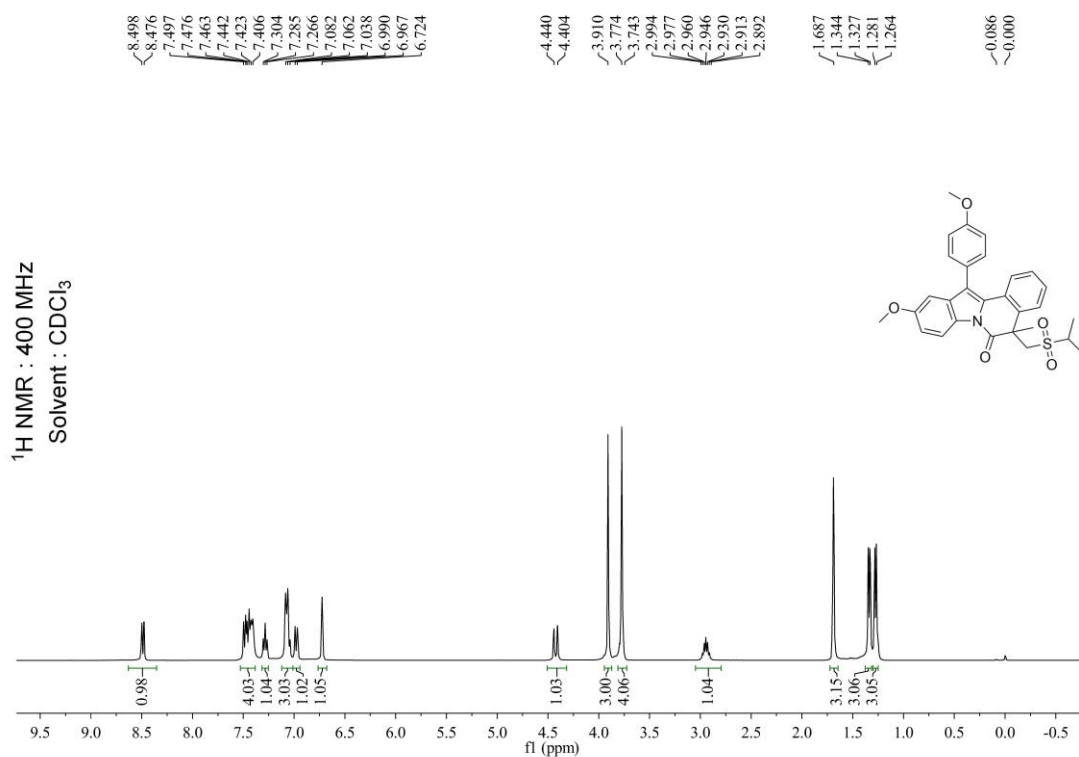
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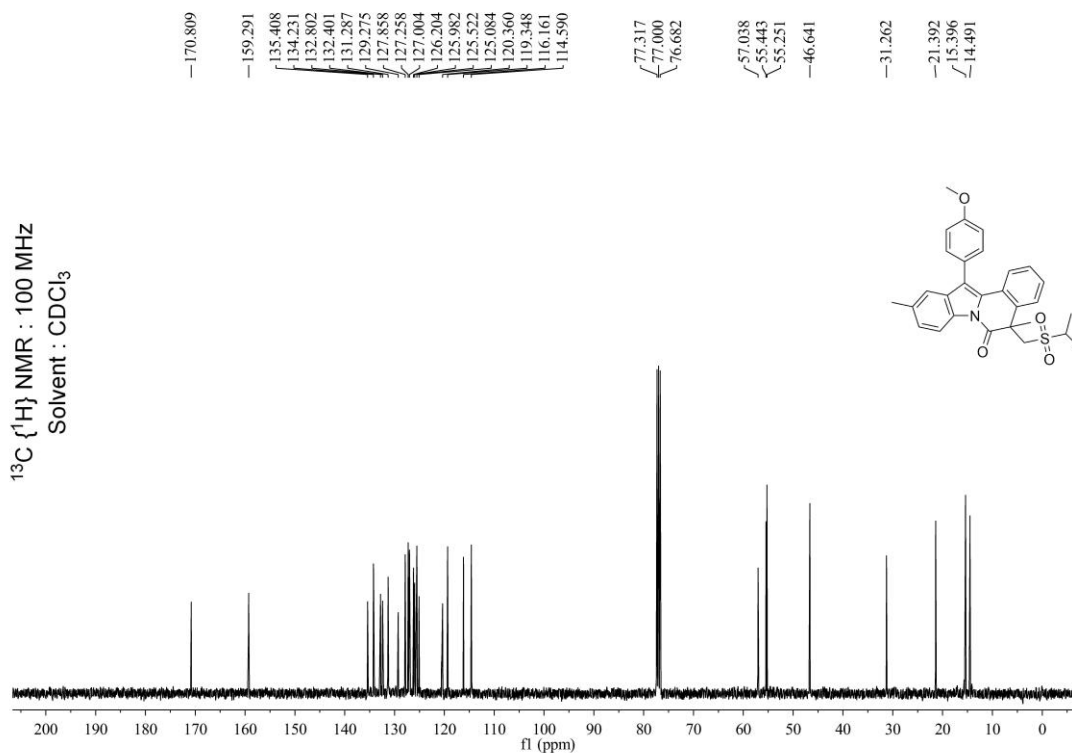
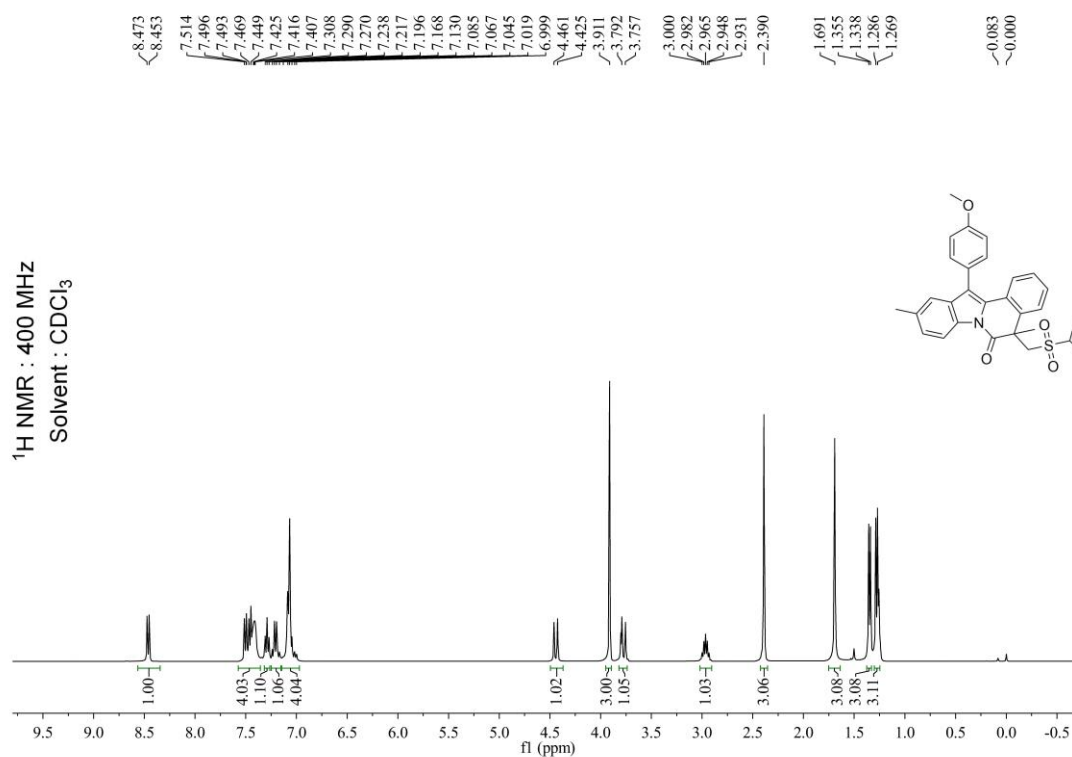
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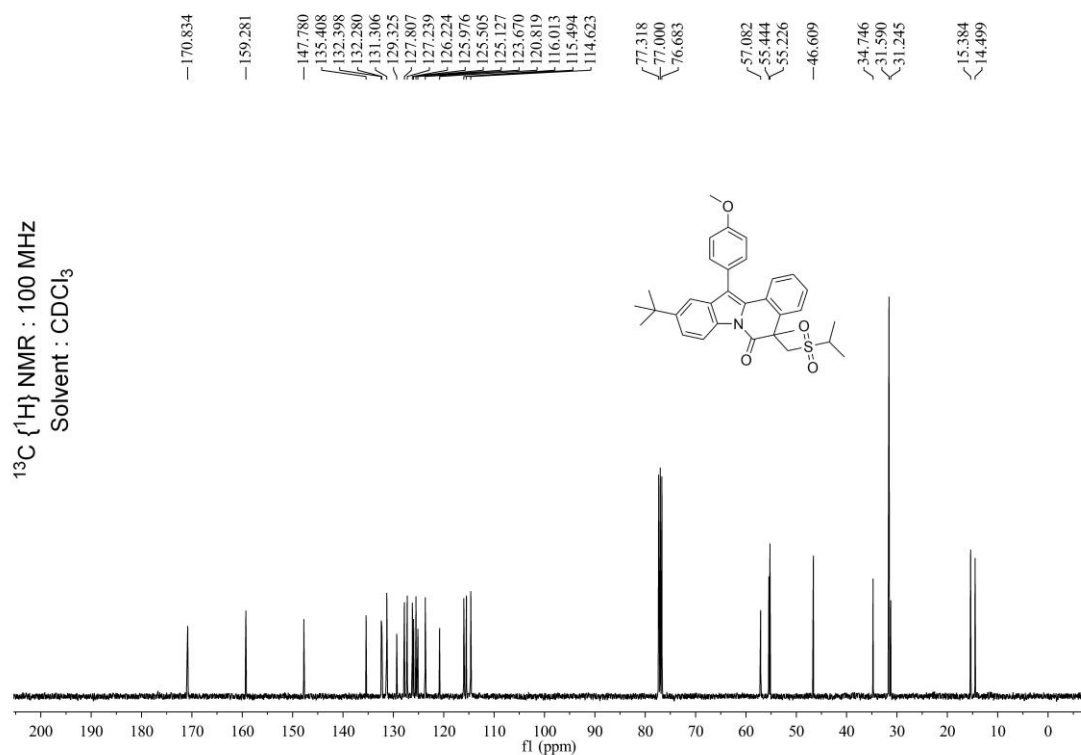
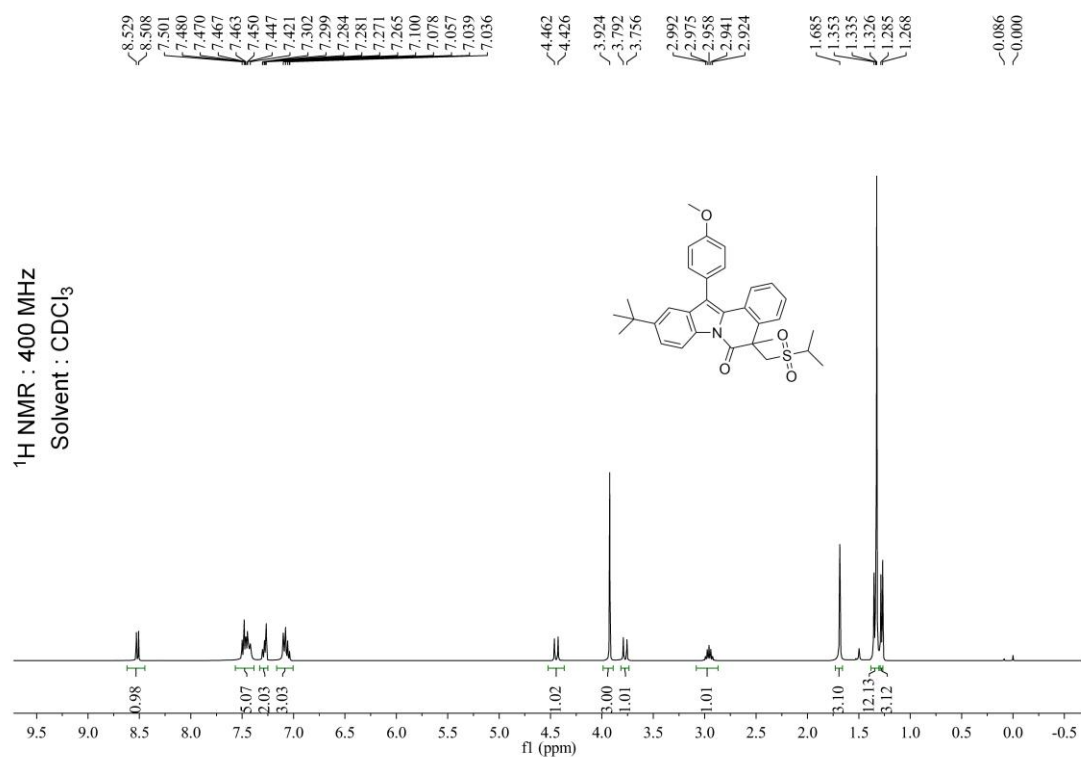
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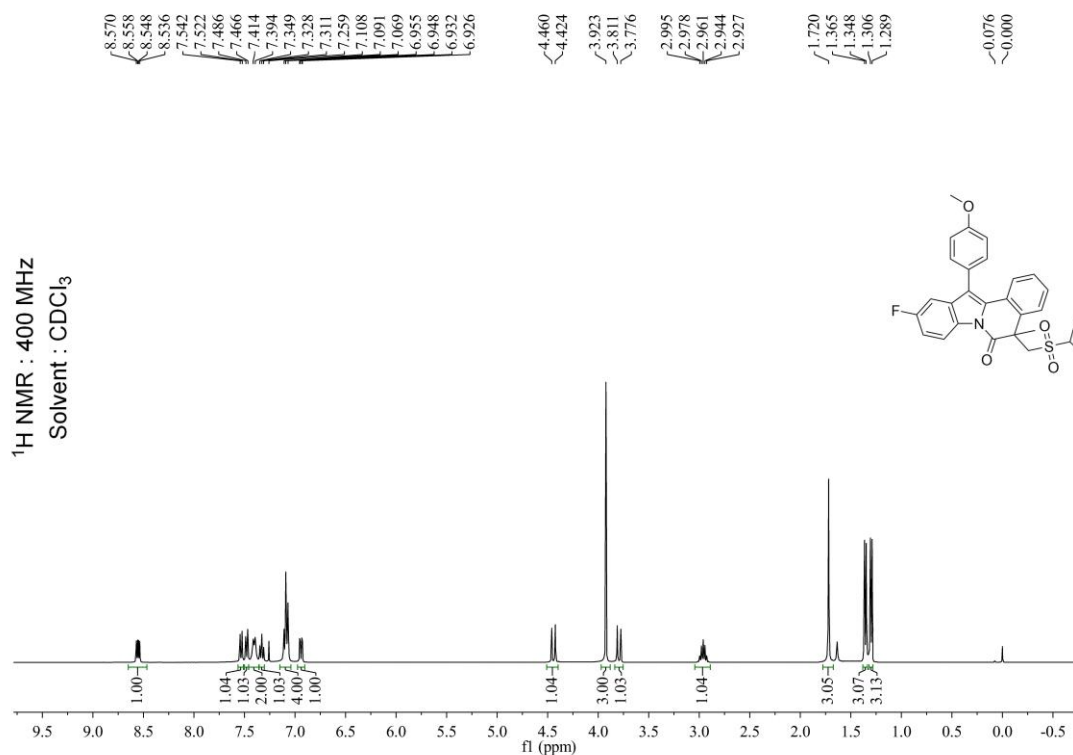
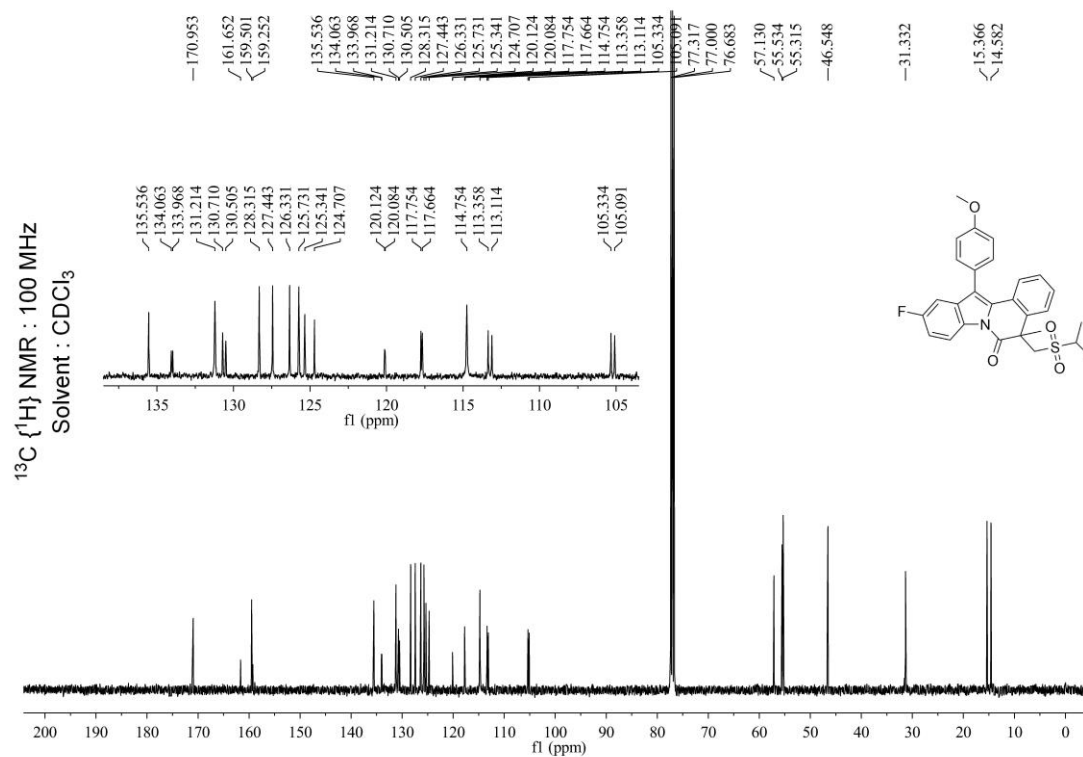


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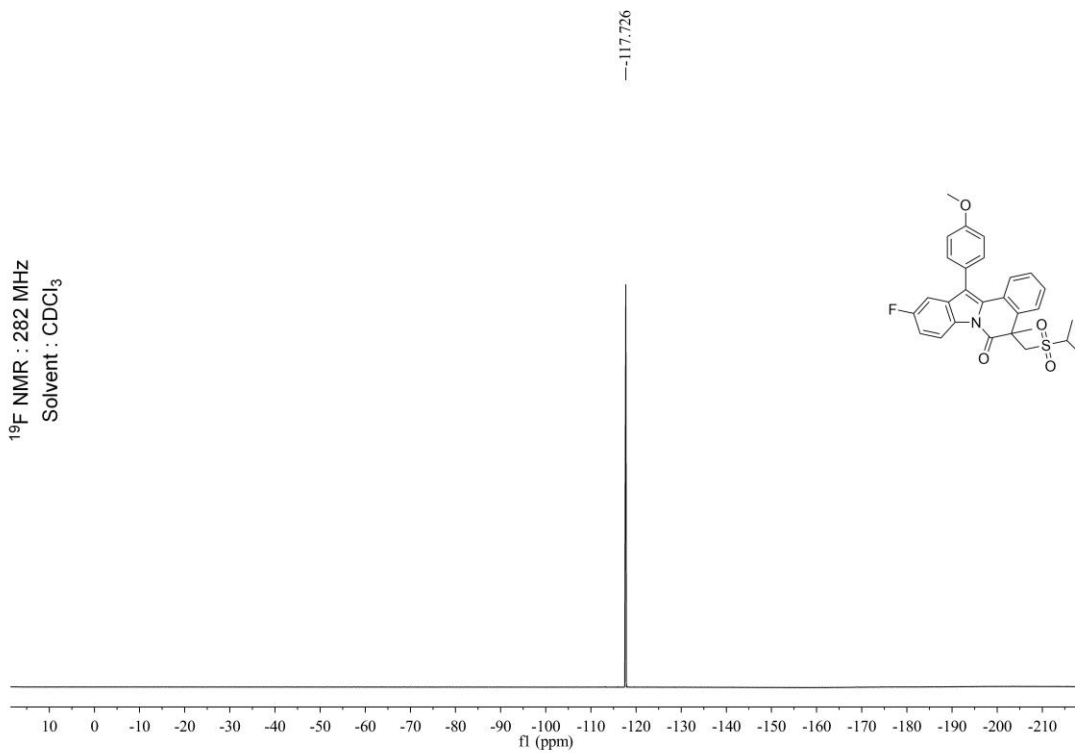




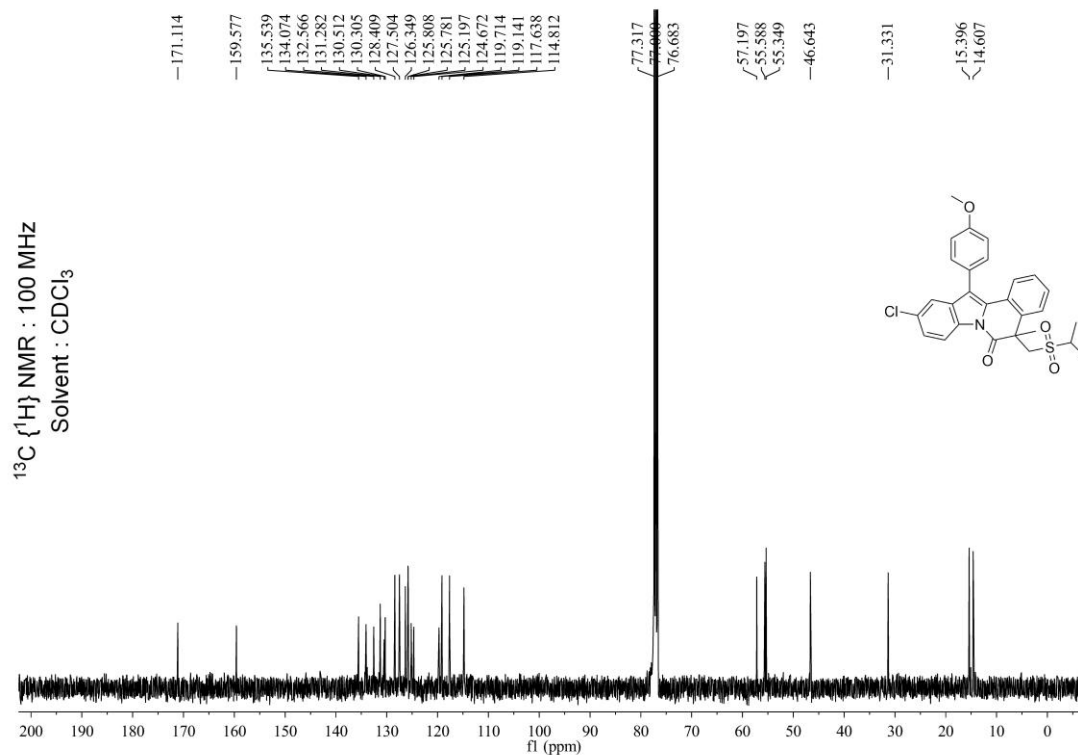
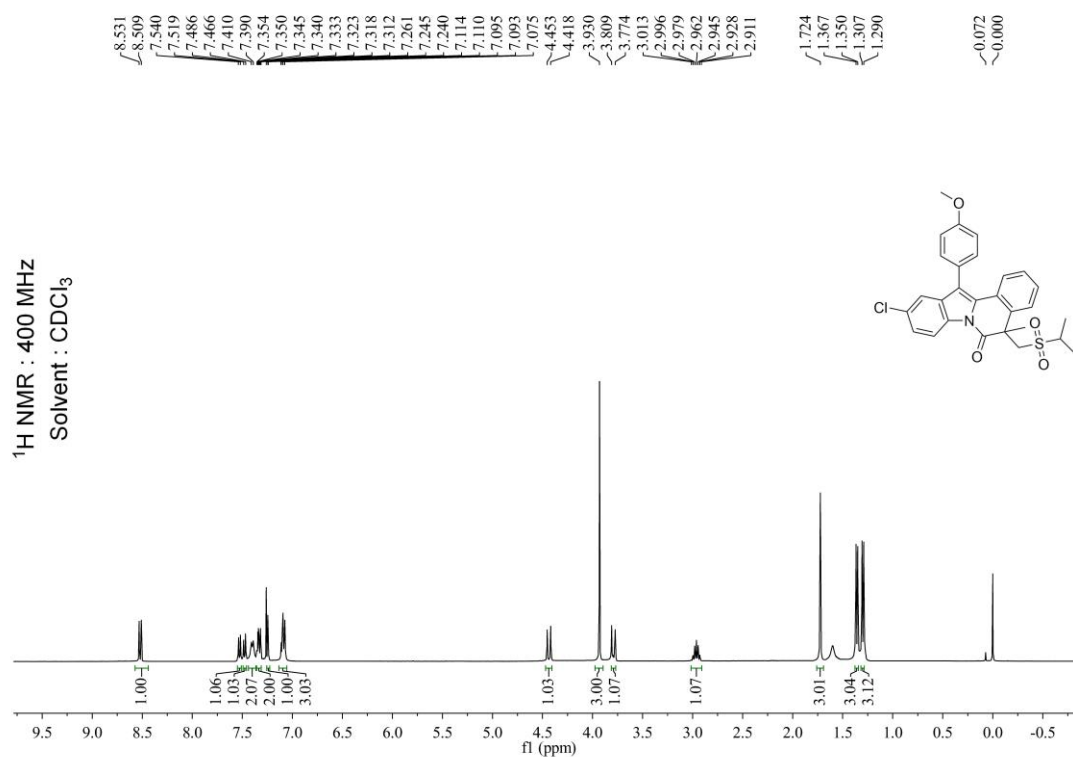
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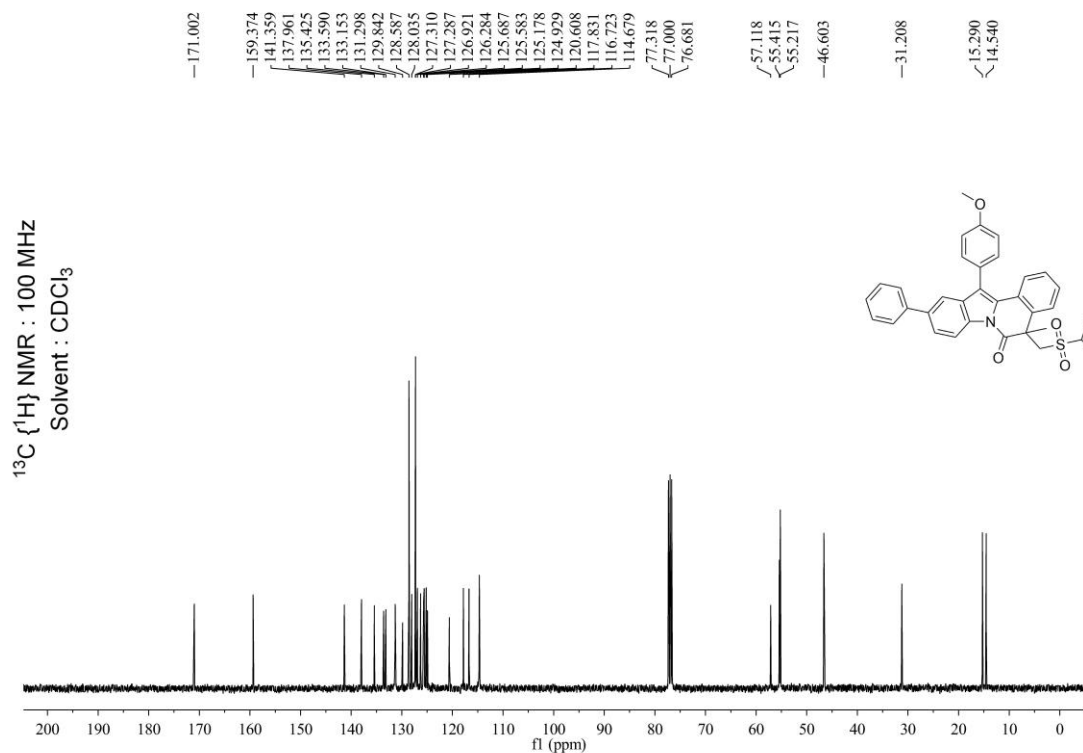
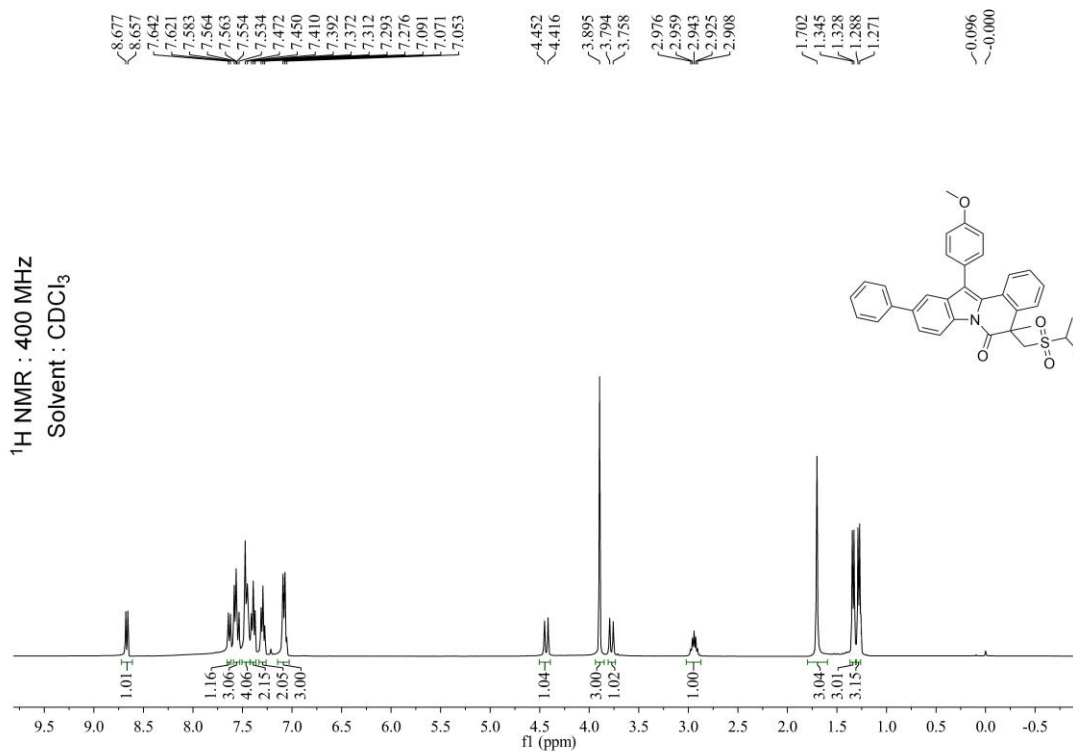
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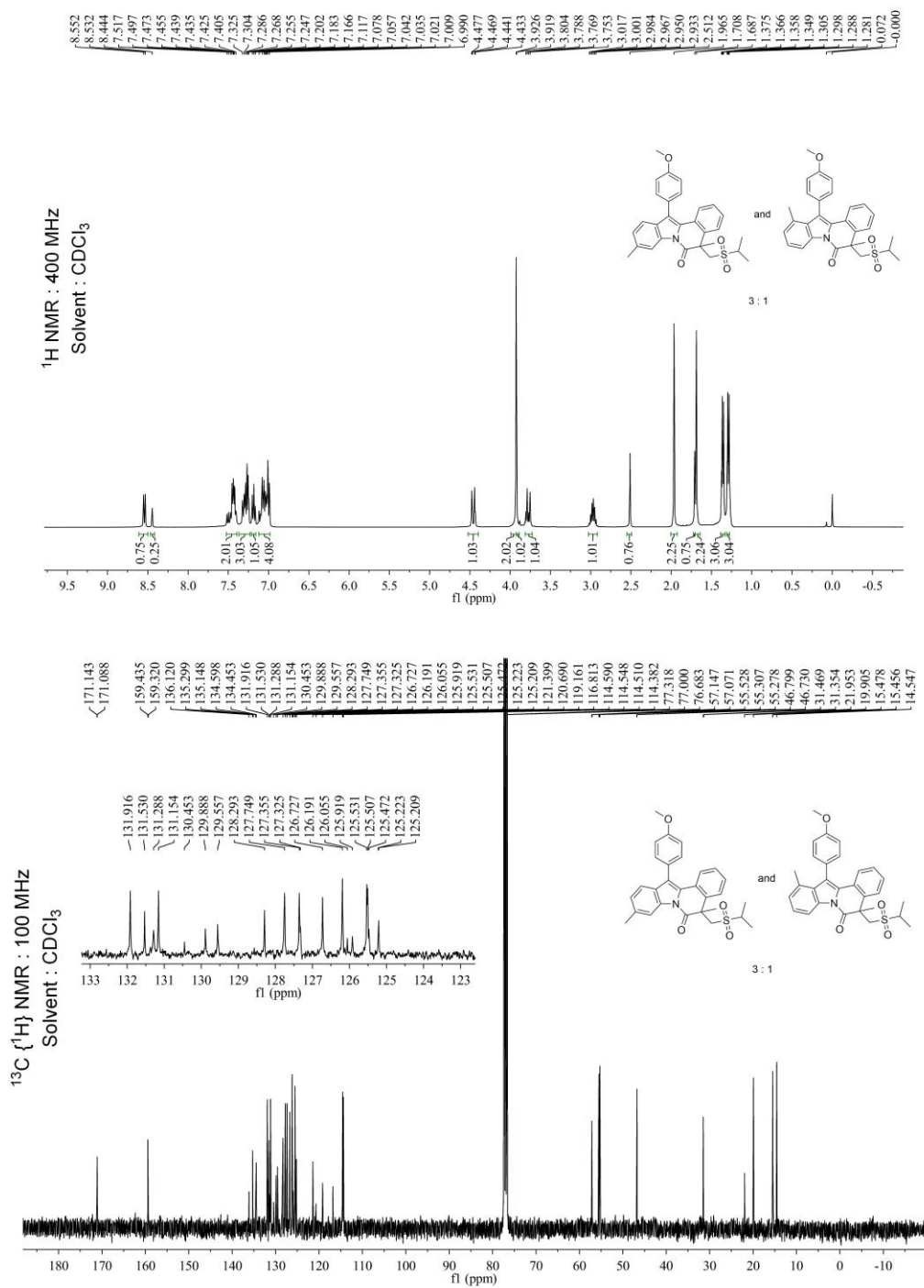
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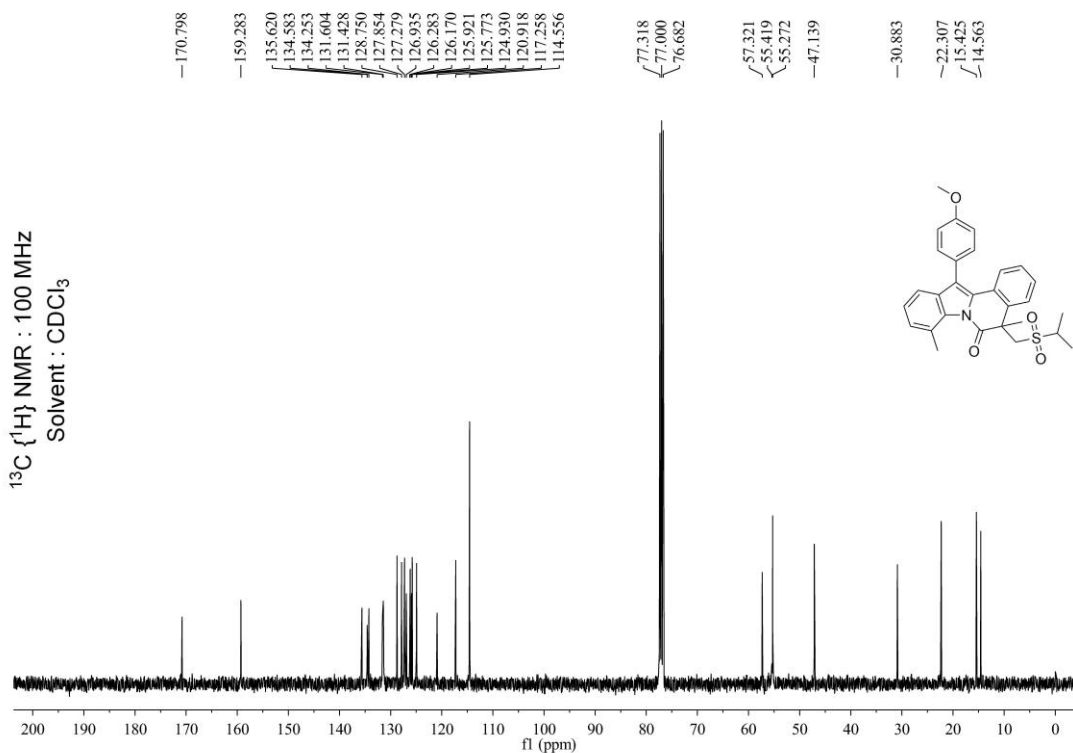
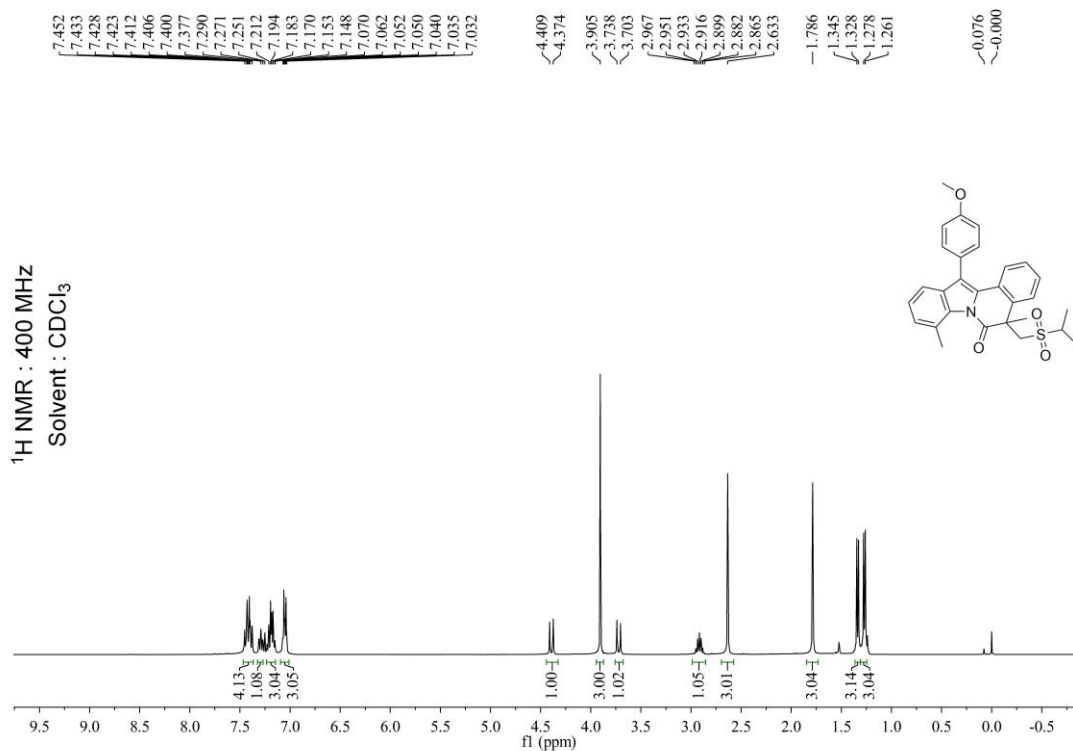
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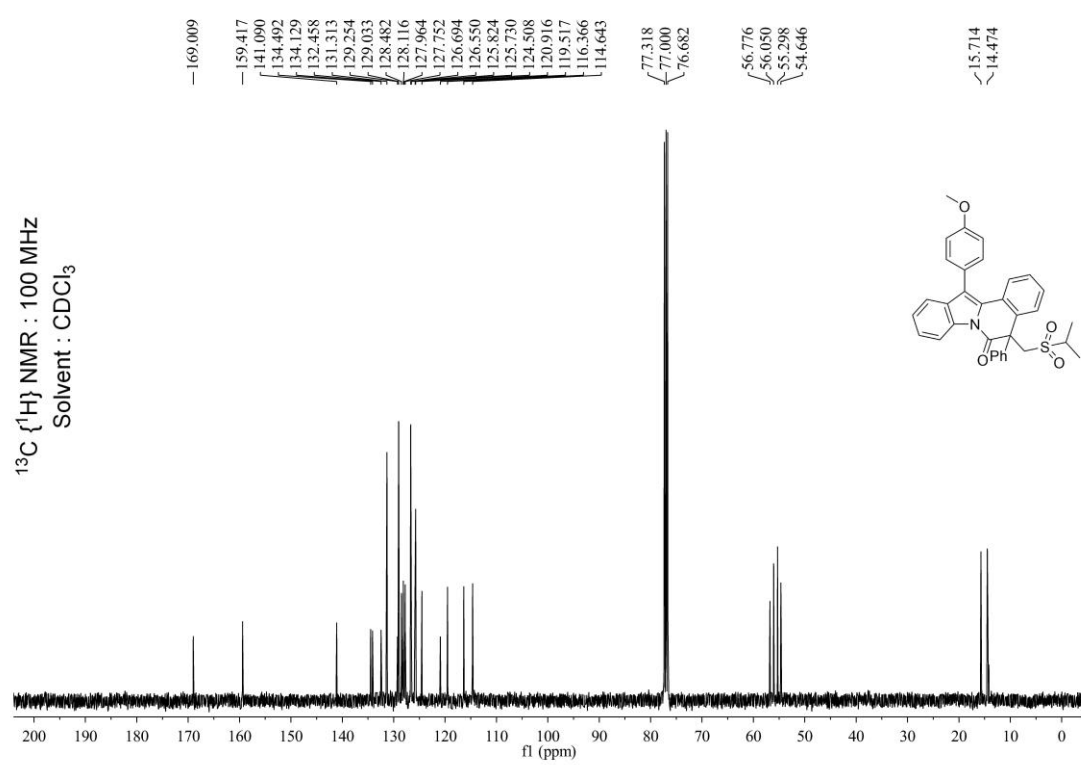
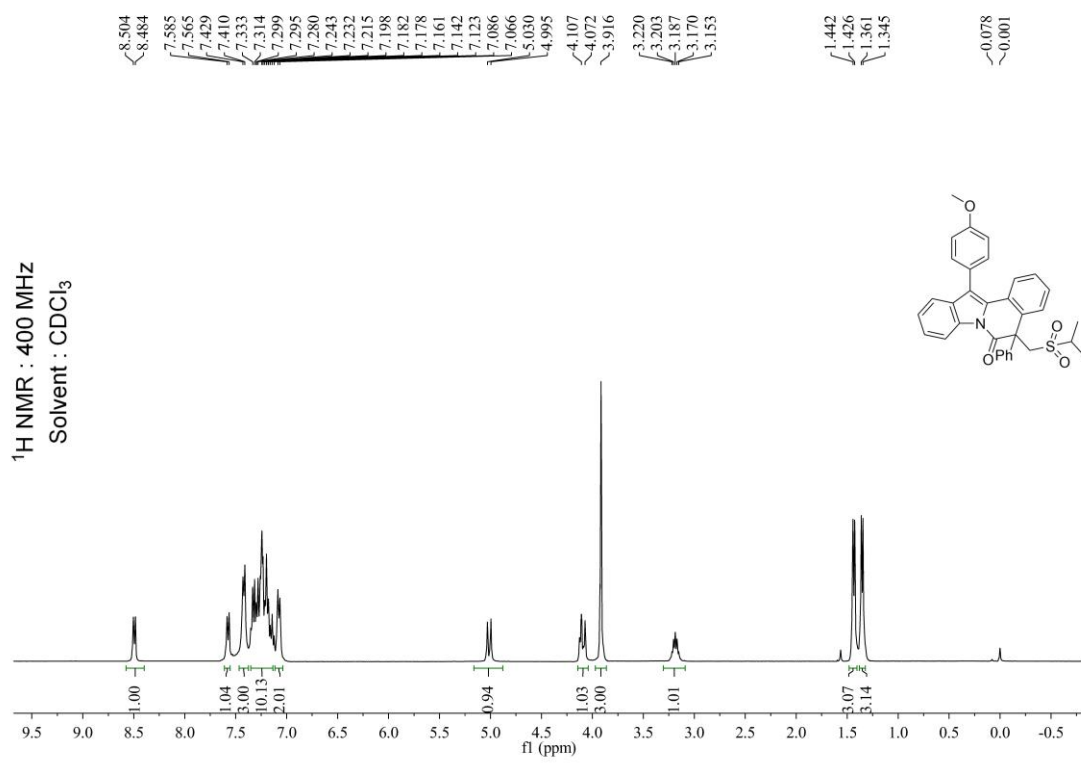
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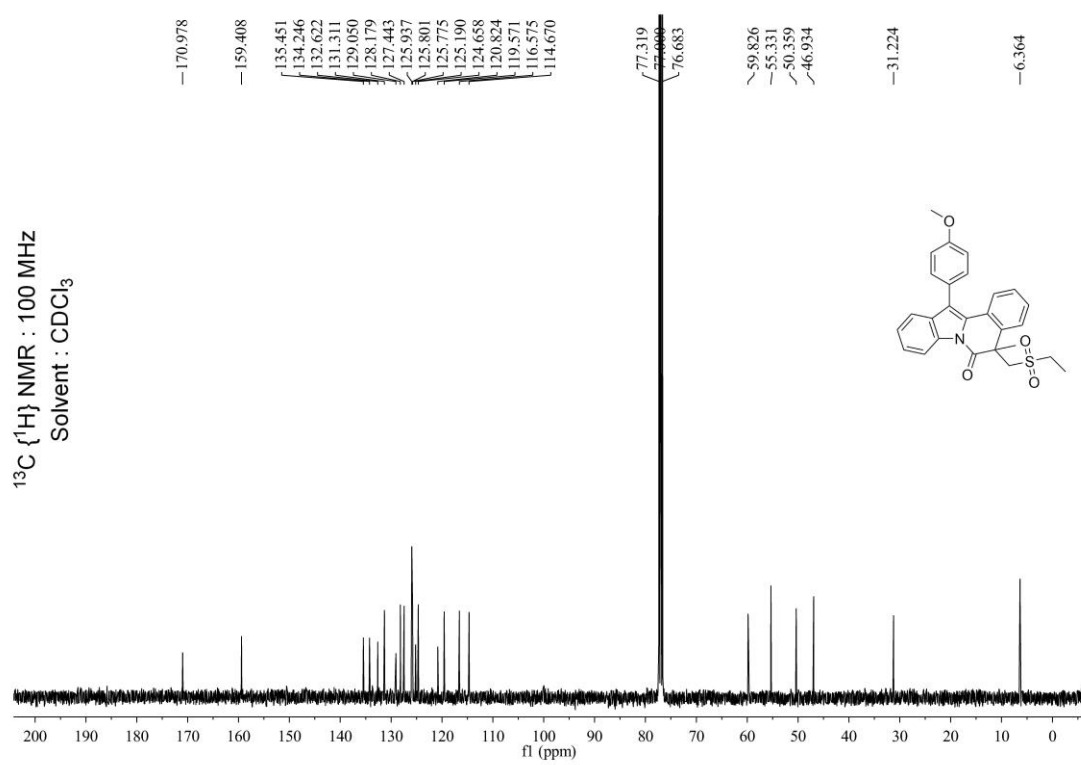
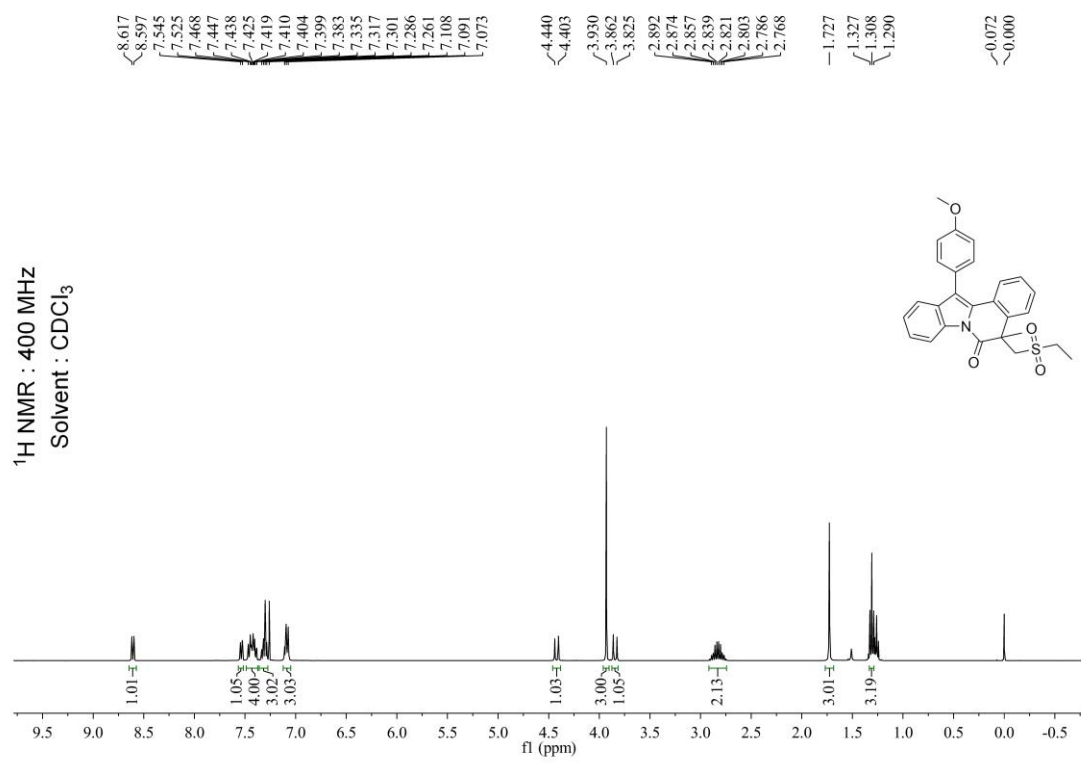
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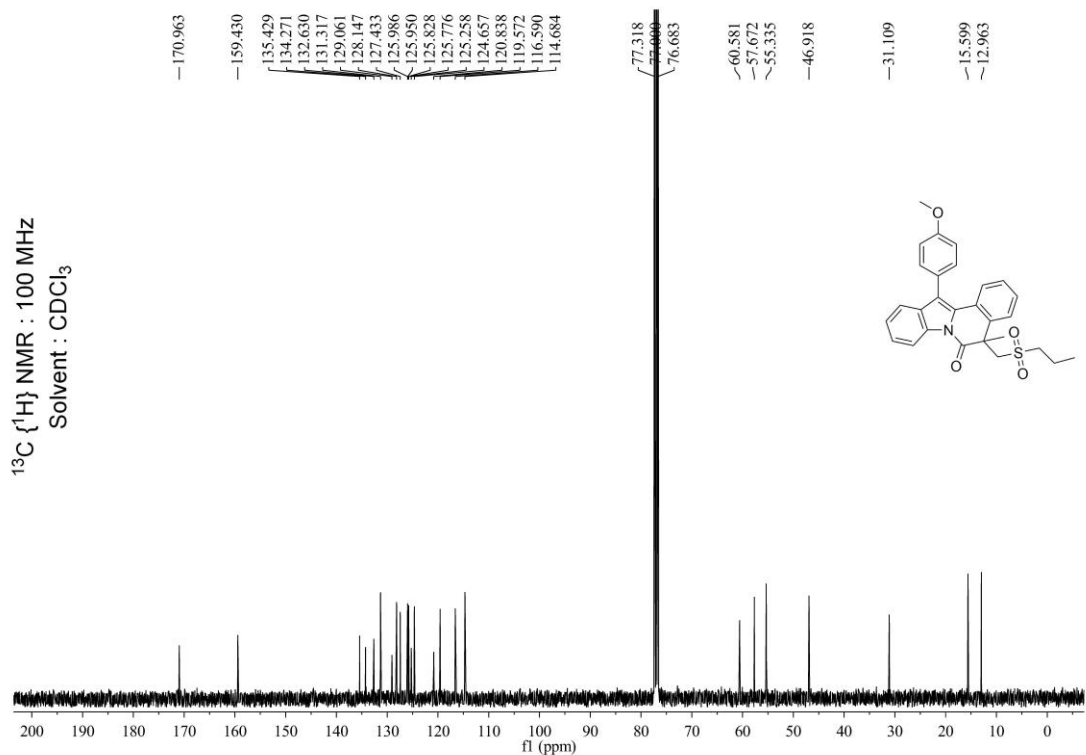
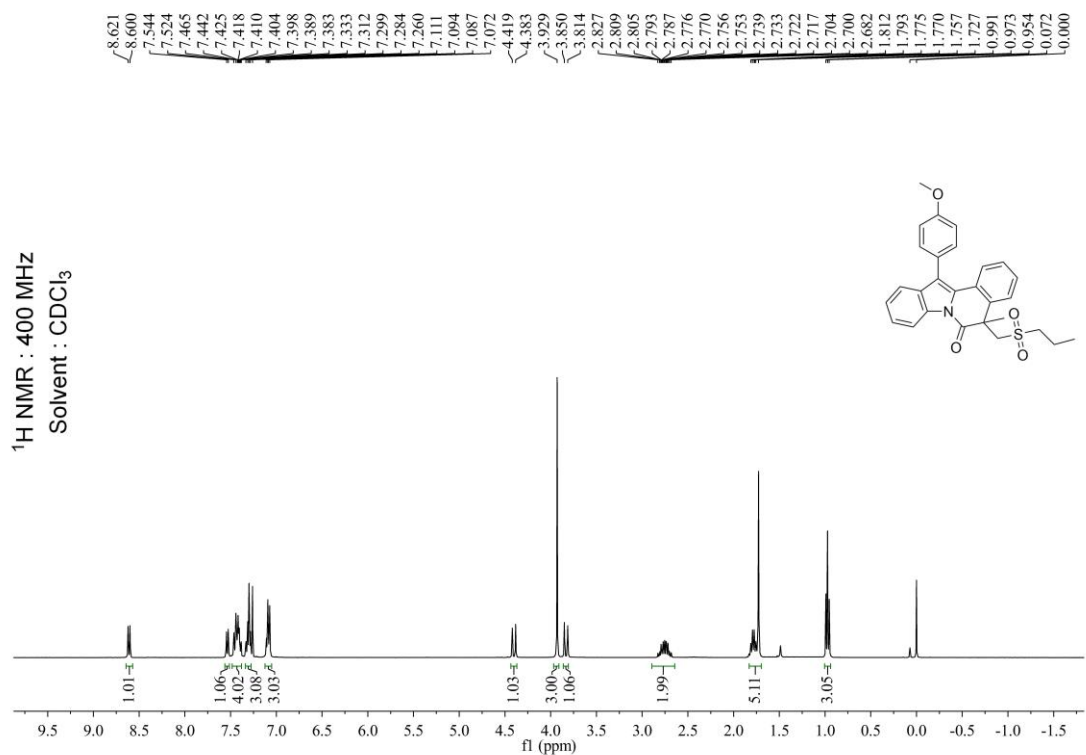


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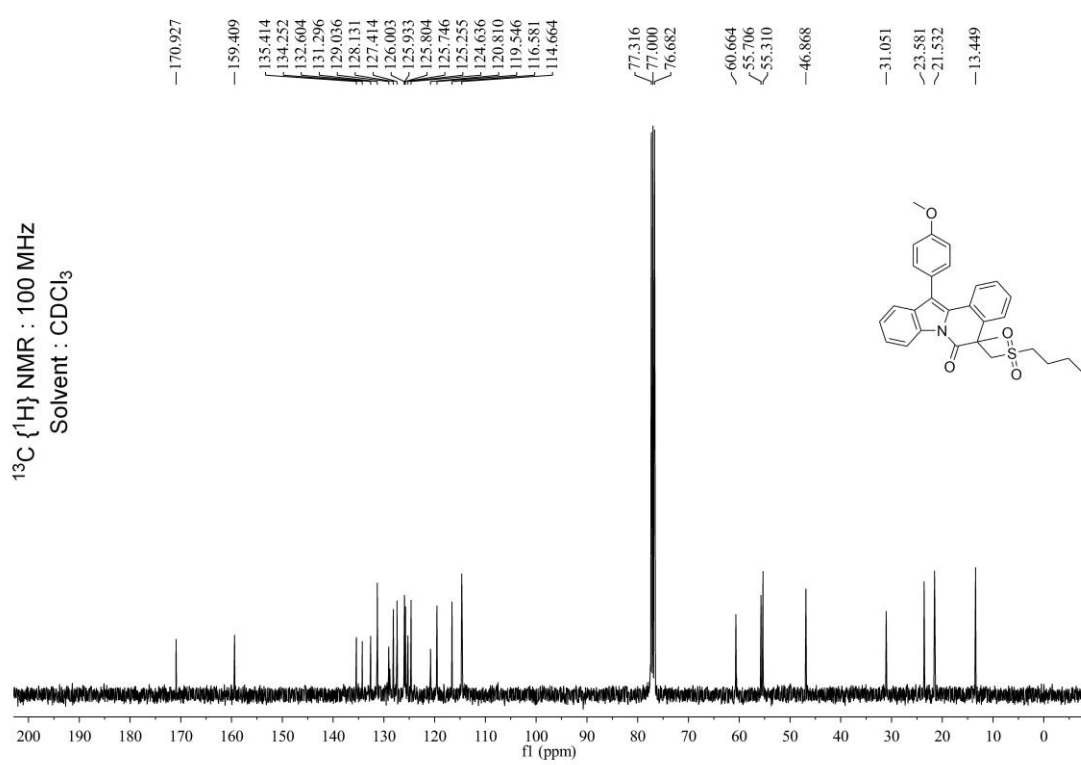
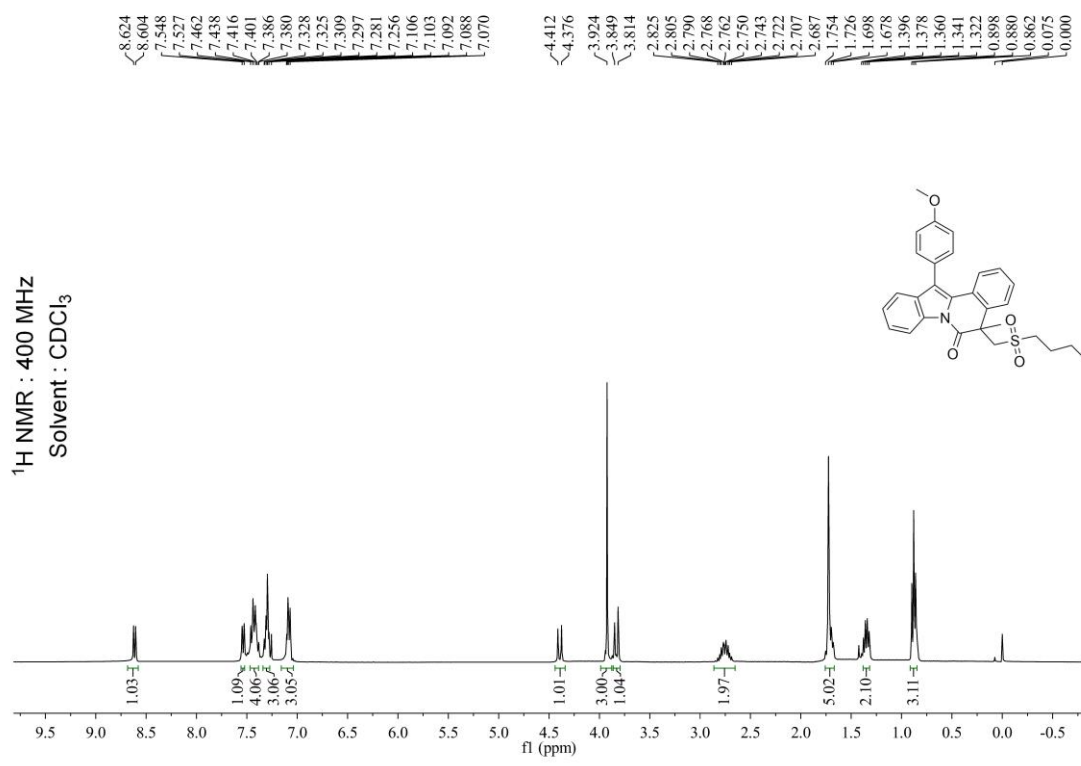




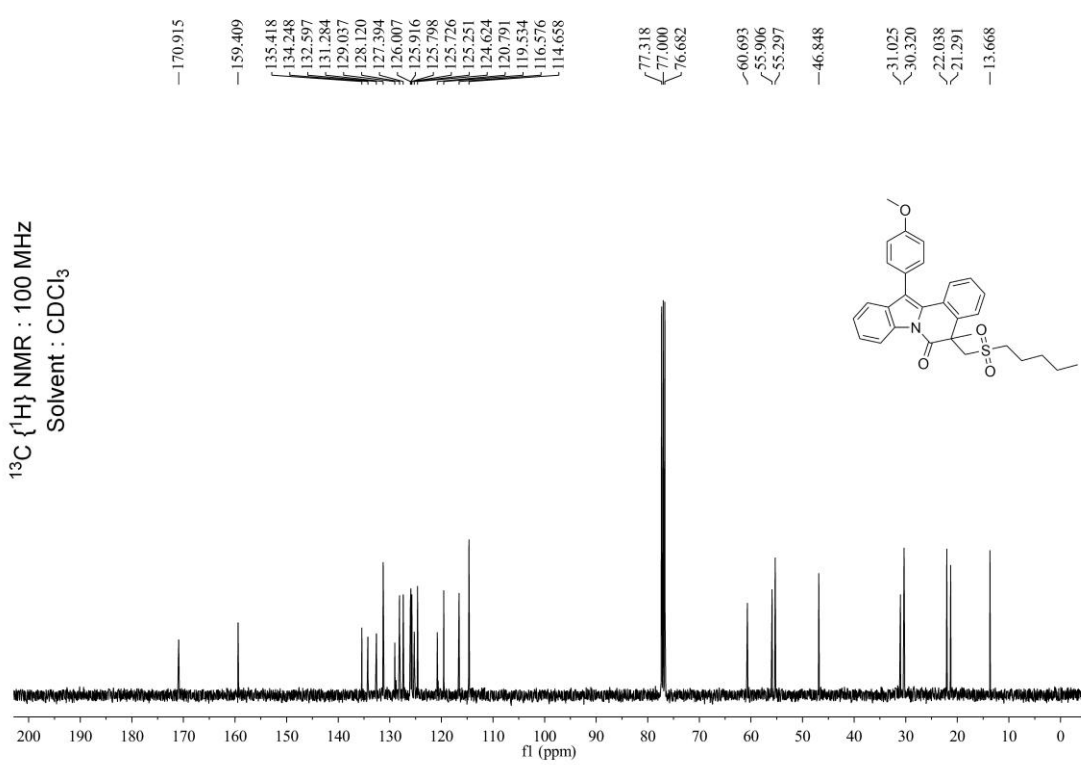
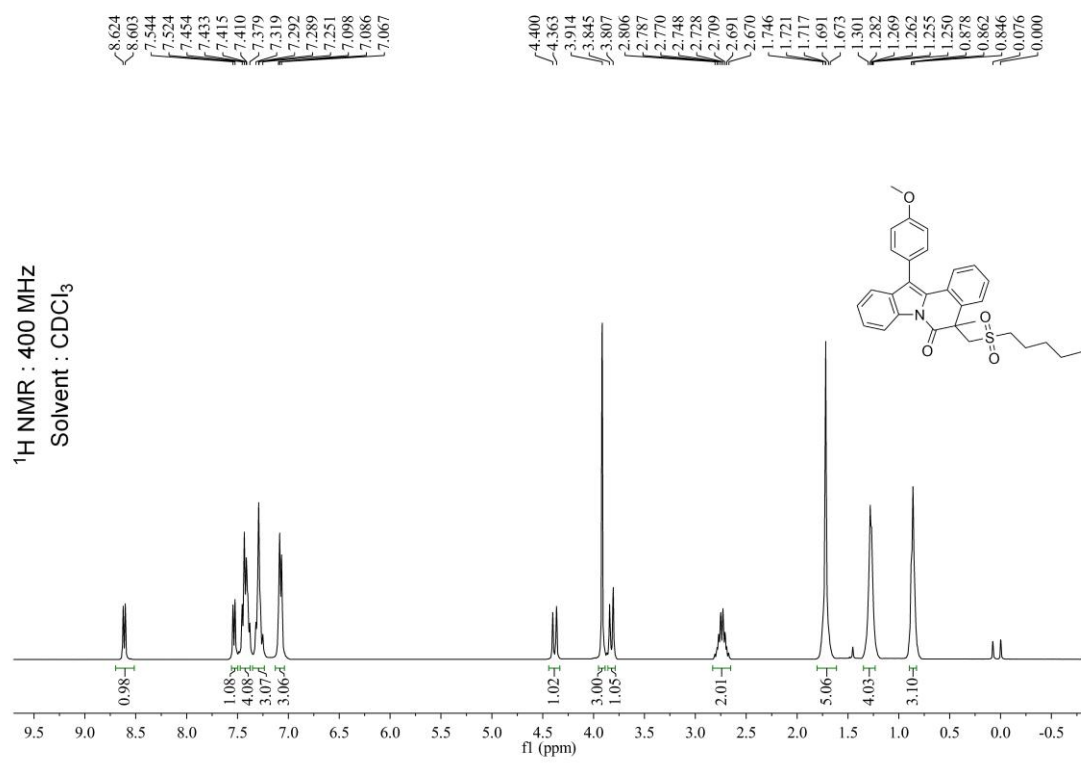
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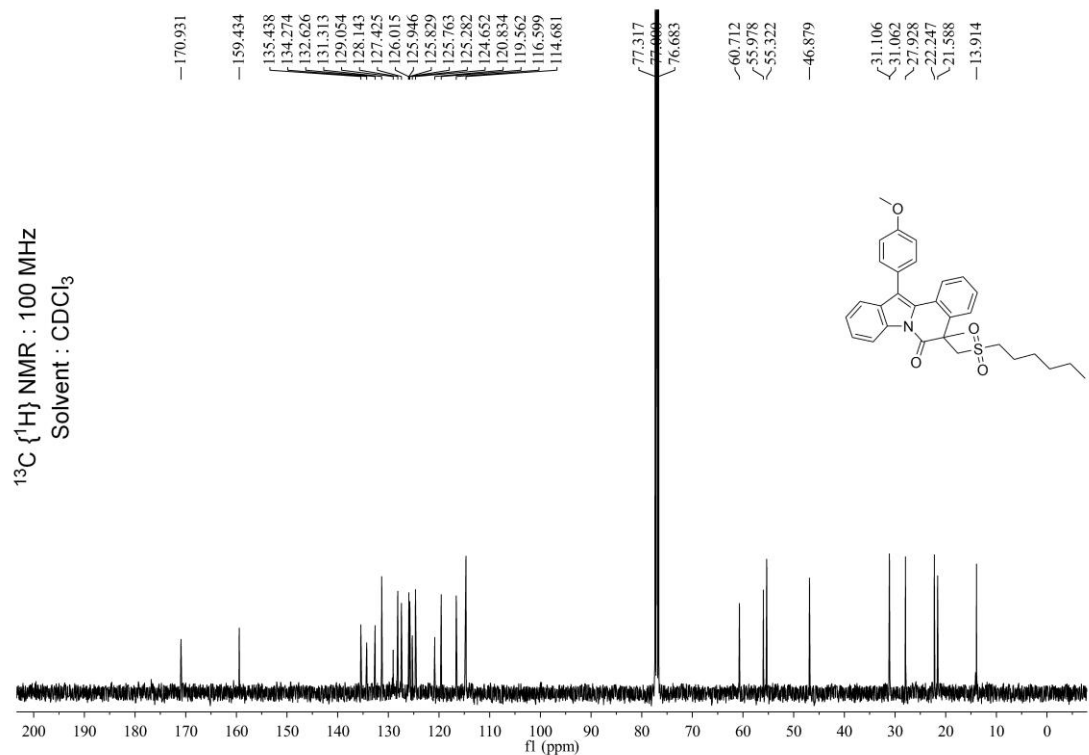
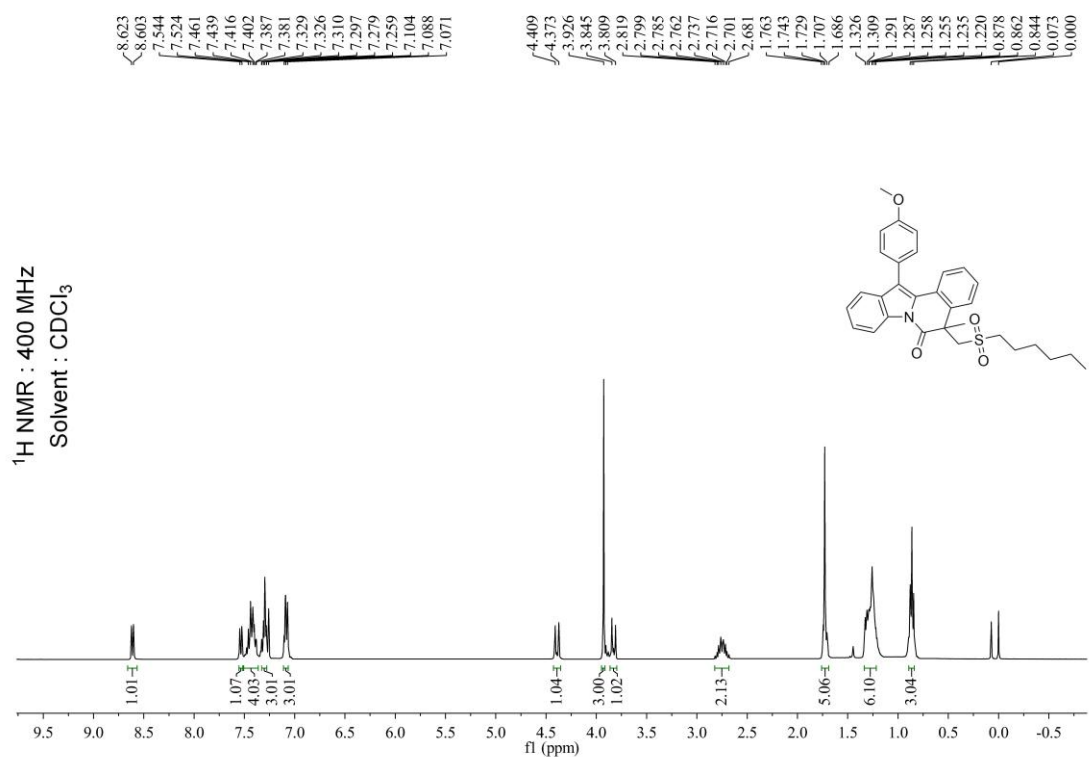
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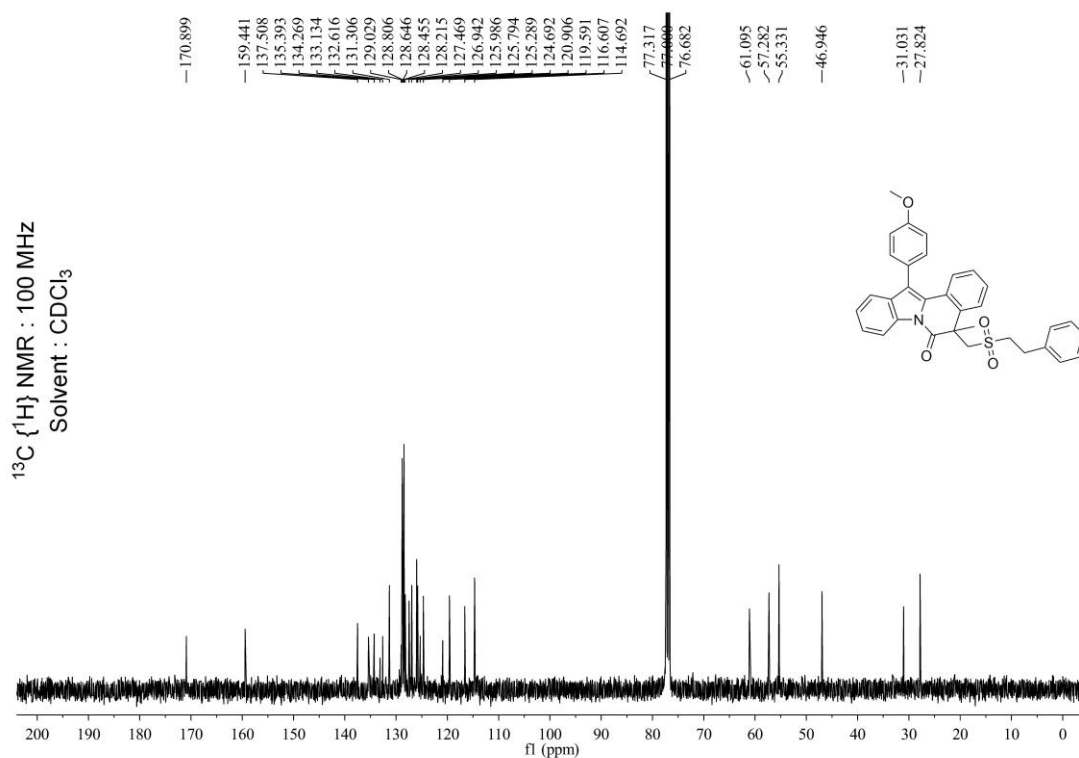
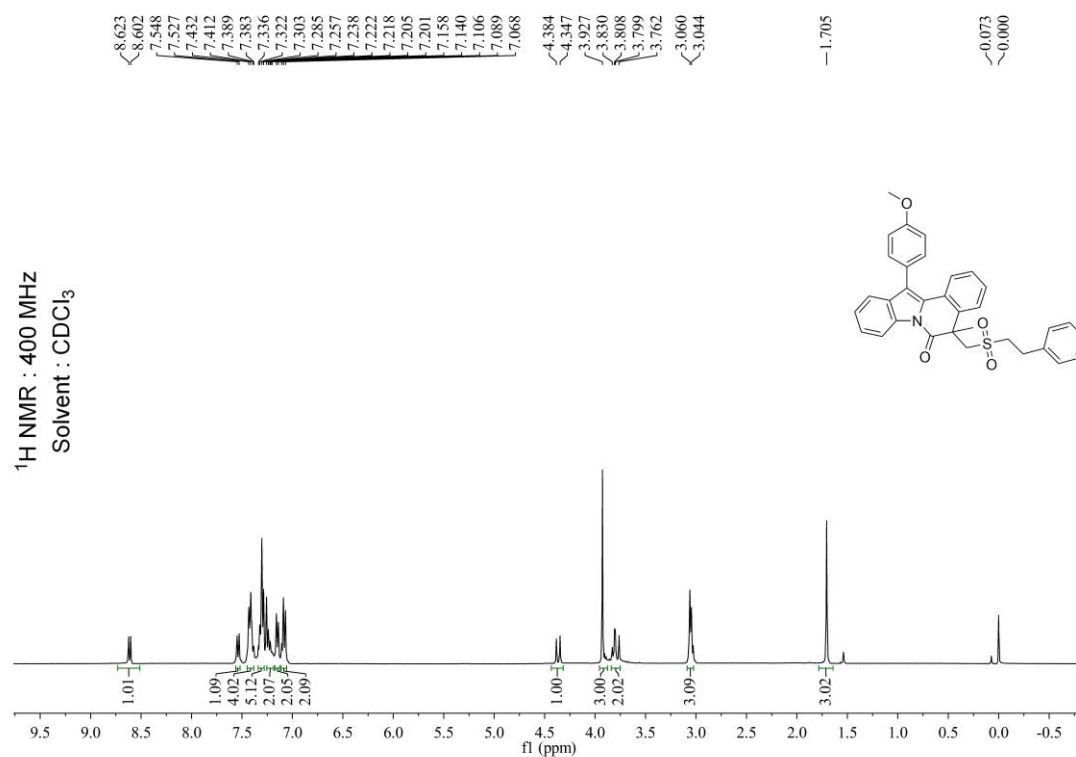


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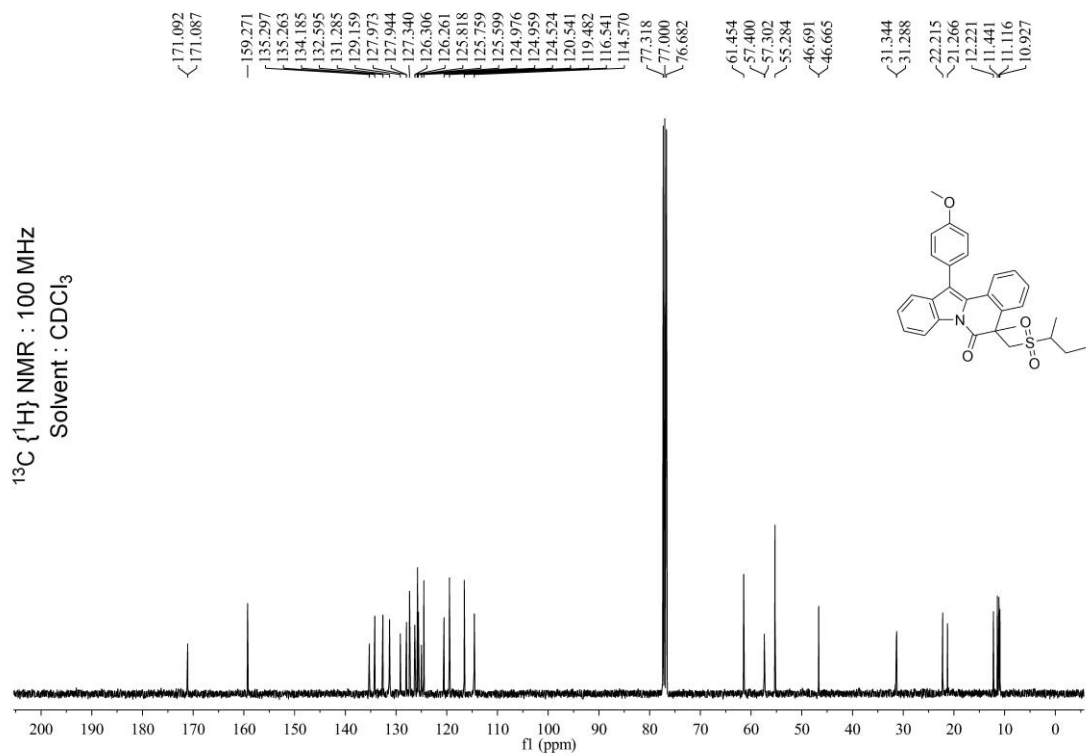
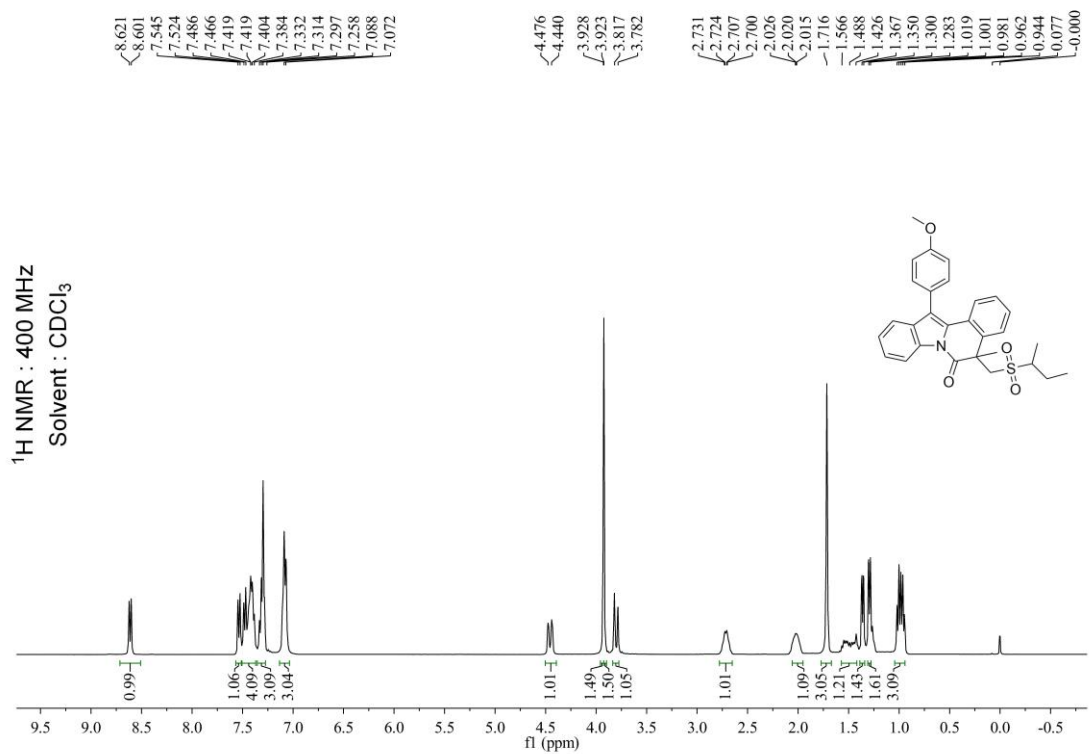
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## ((phenethylsulfonyl)methyl)indolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6-(5H)-one (3ag)



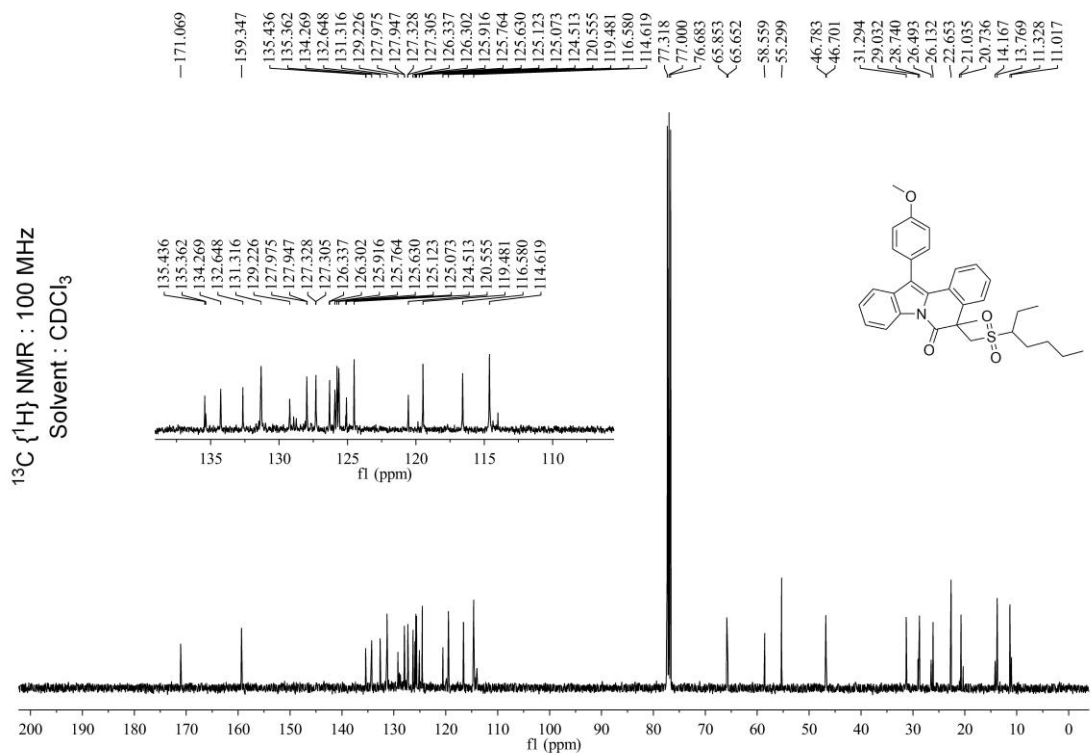
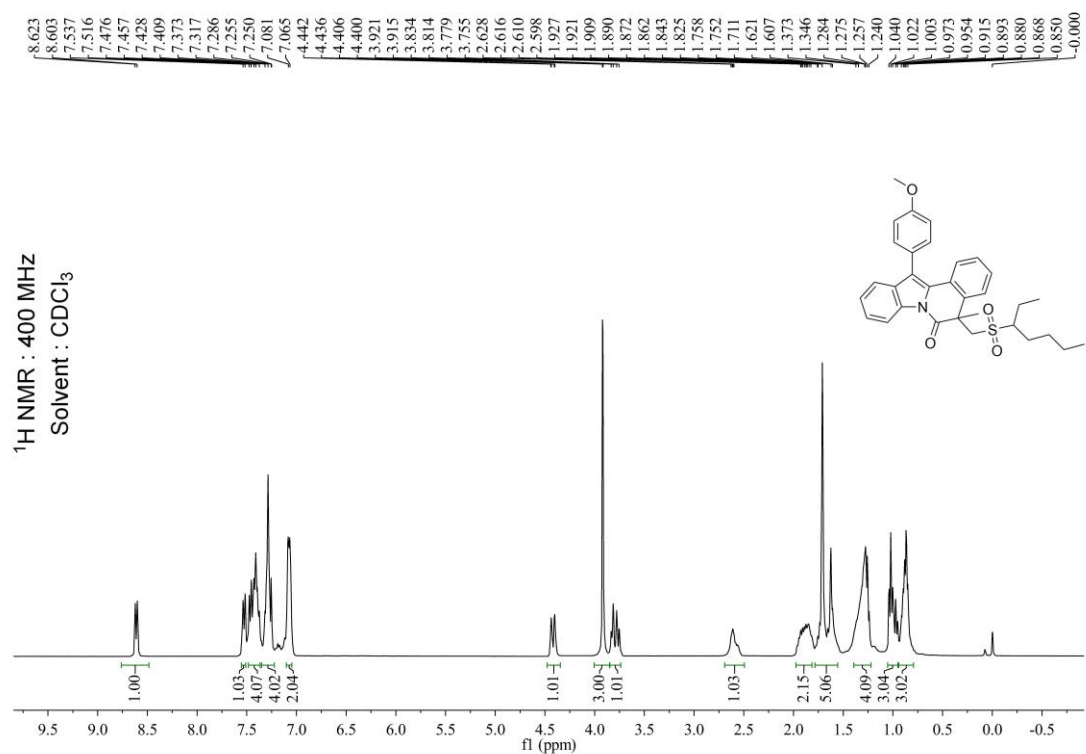
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**diastereoisomer mixture:  $dr = 1:1$**



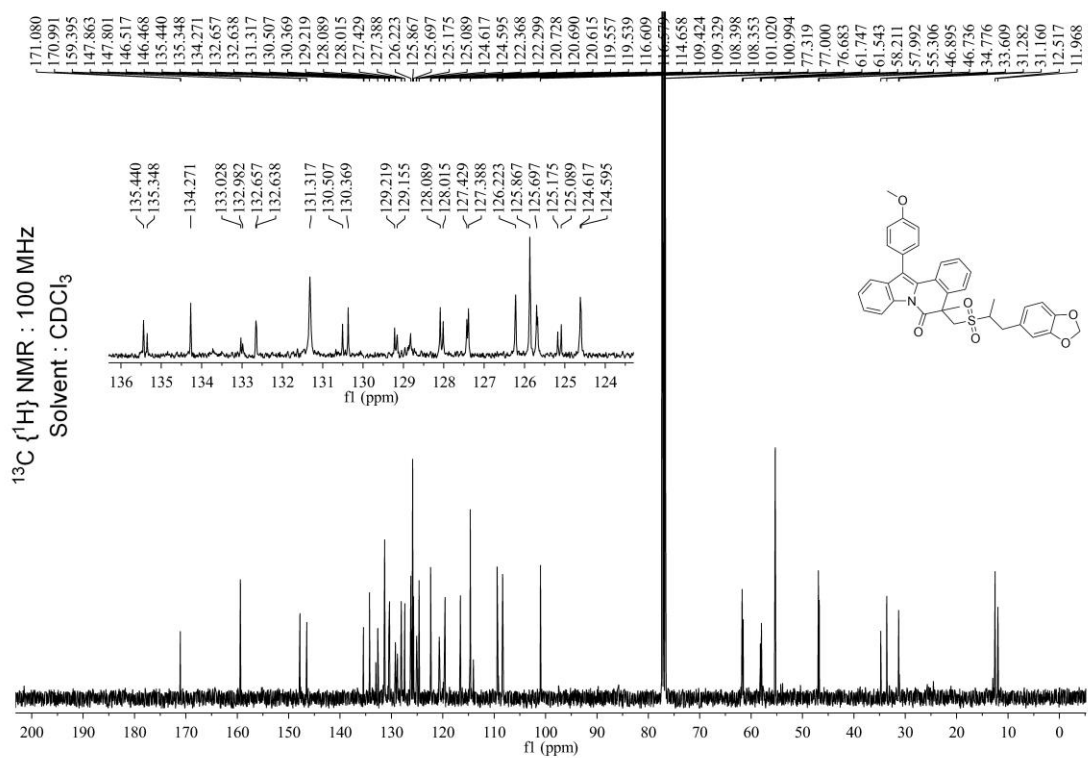
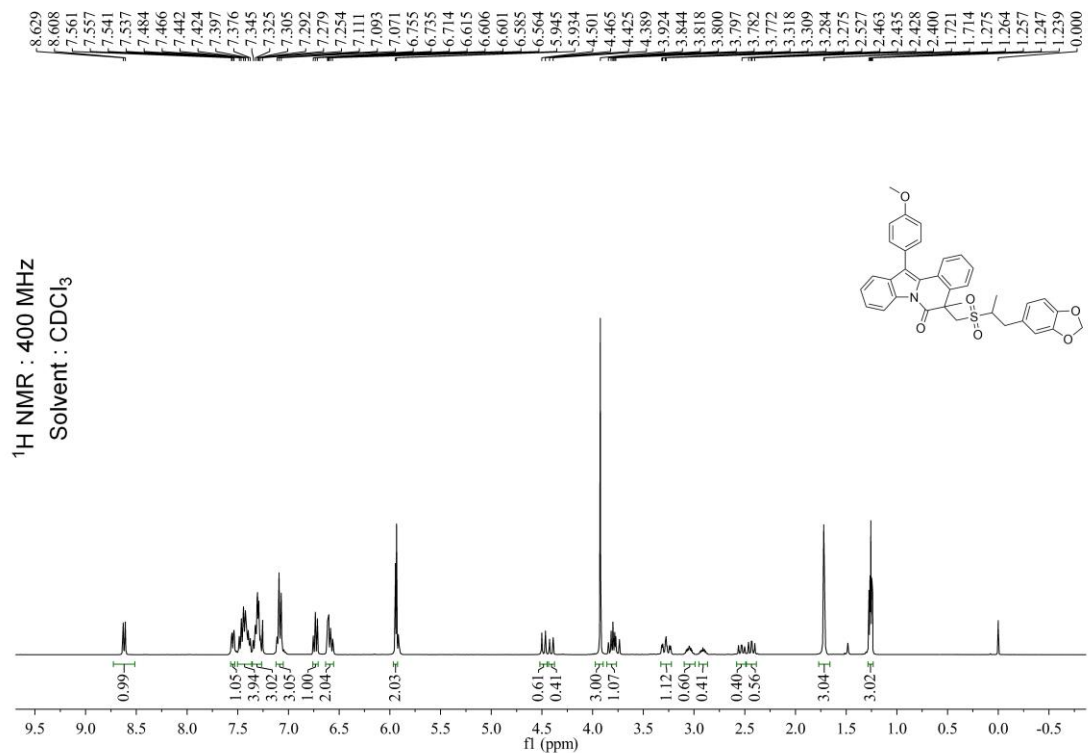
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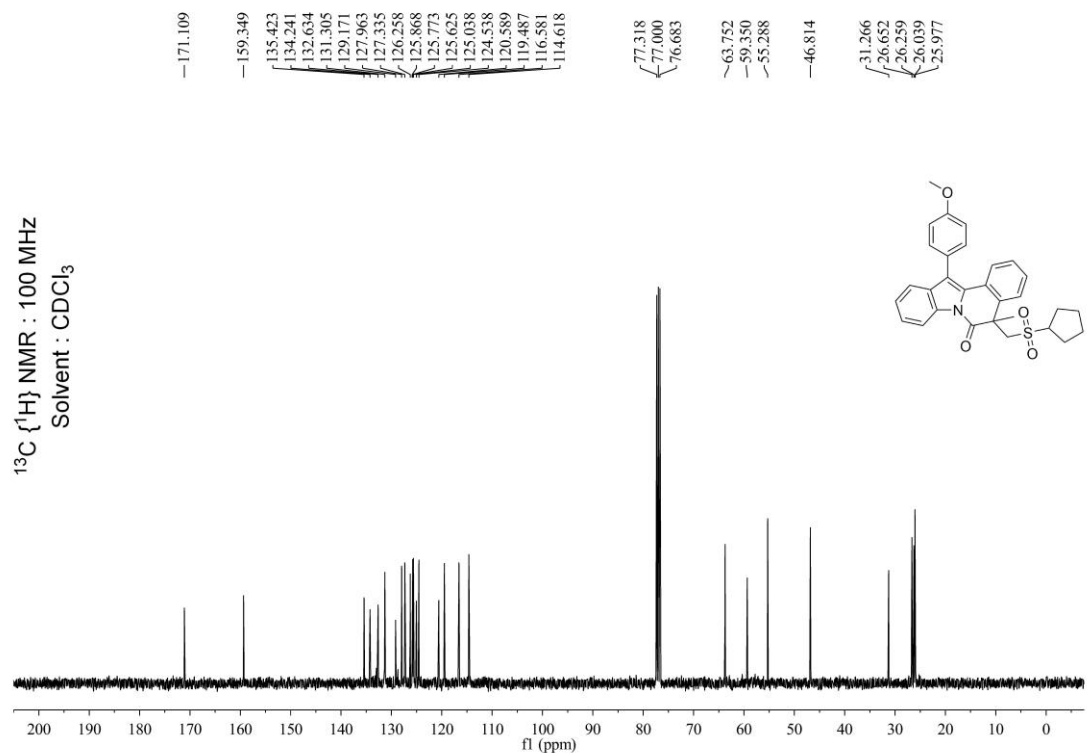
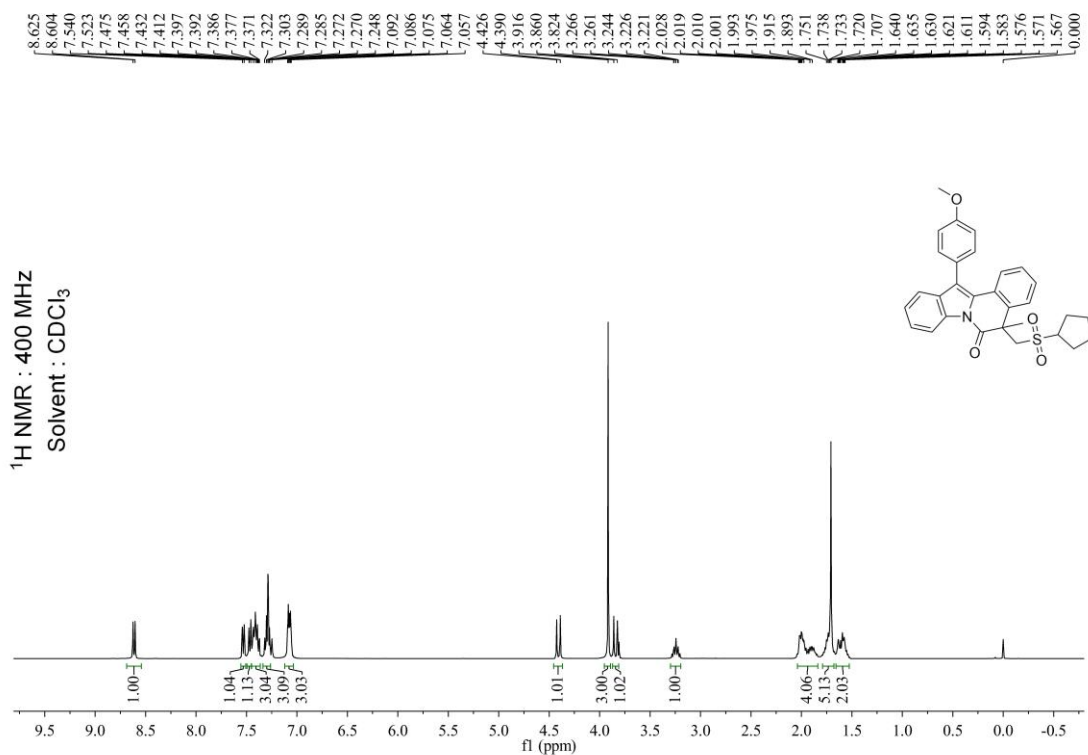
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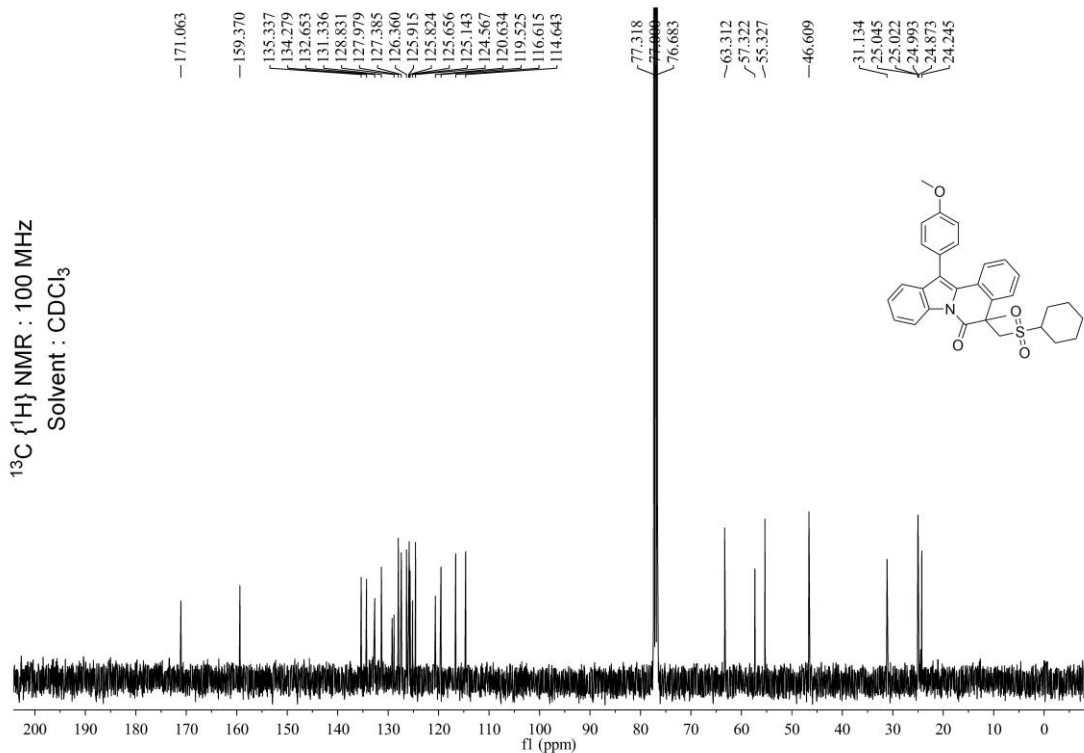
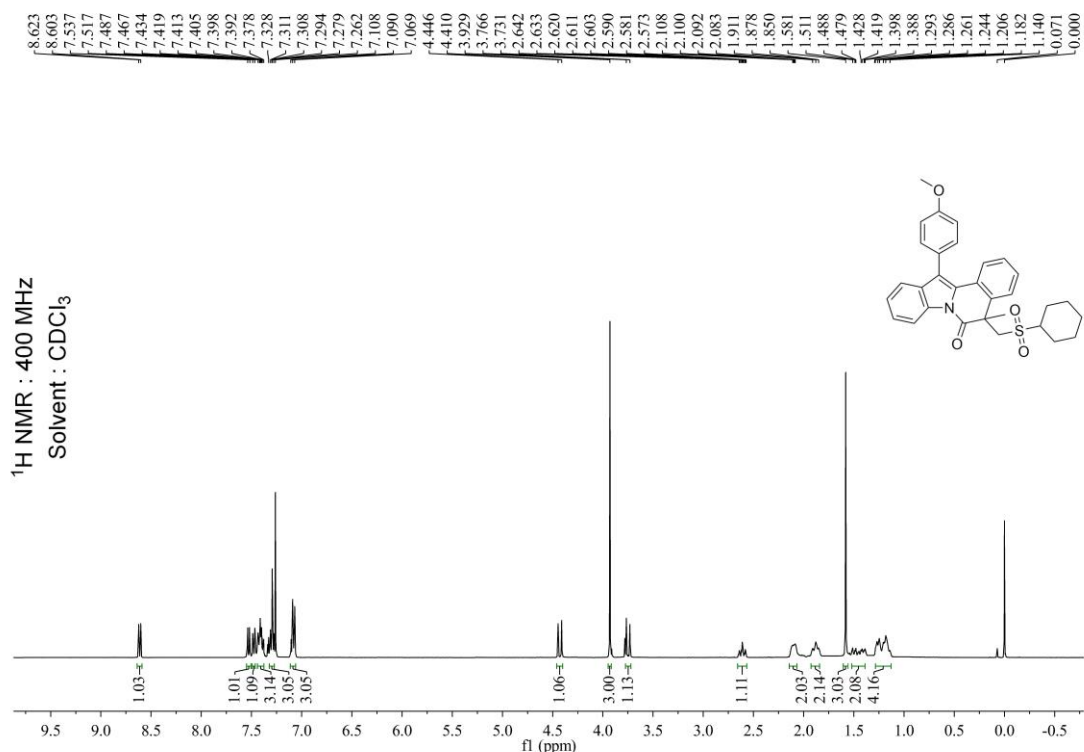




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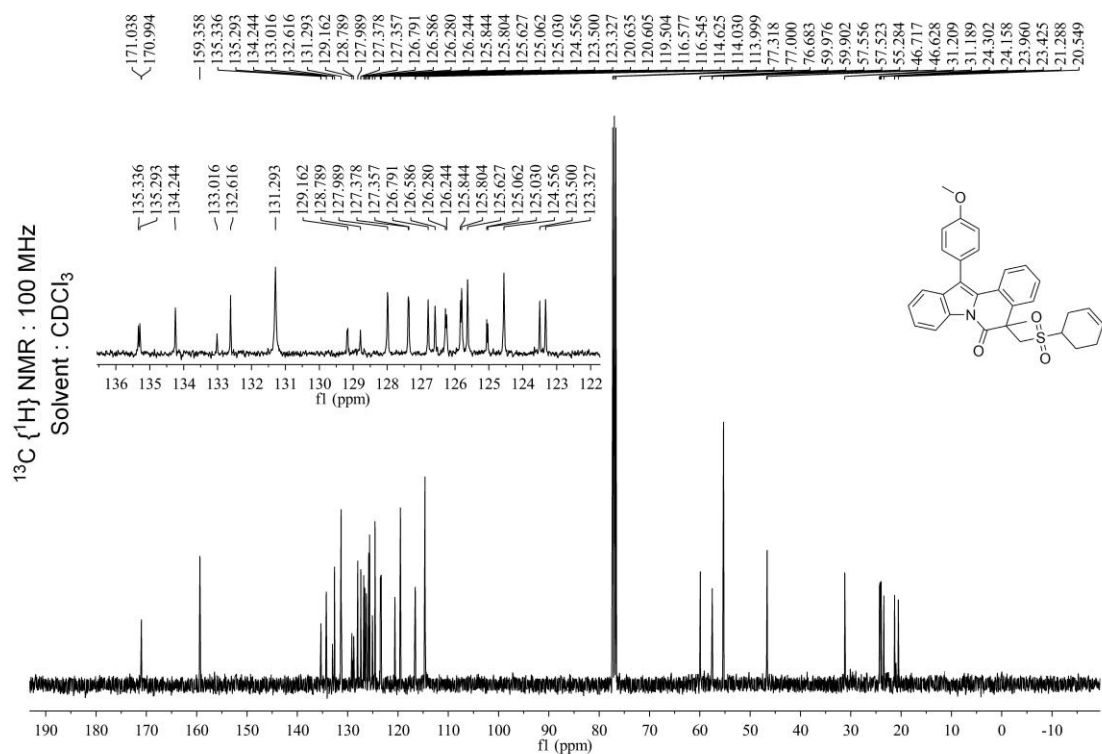
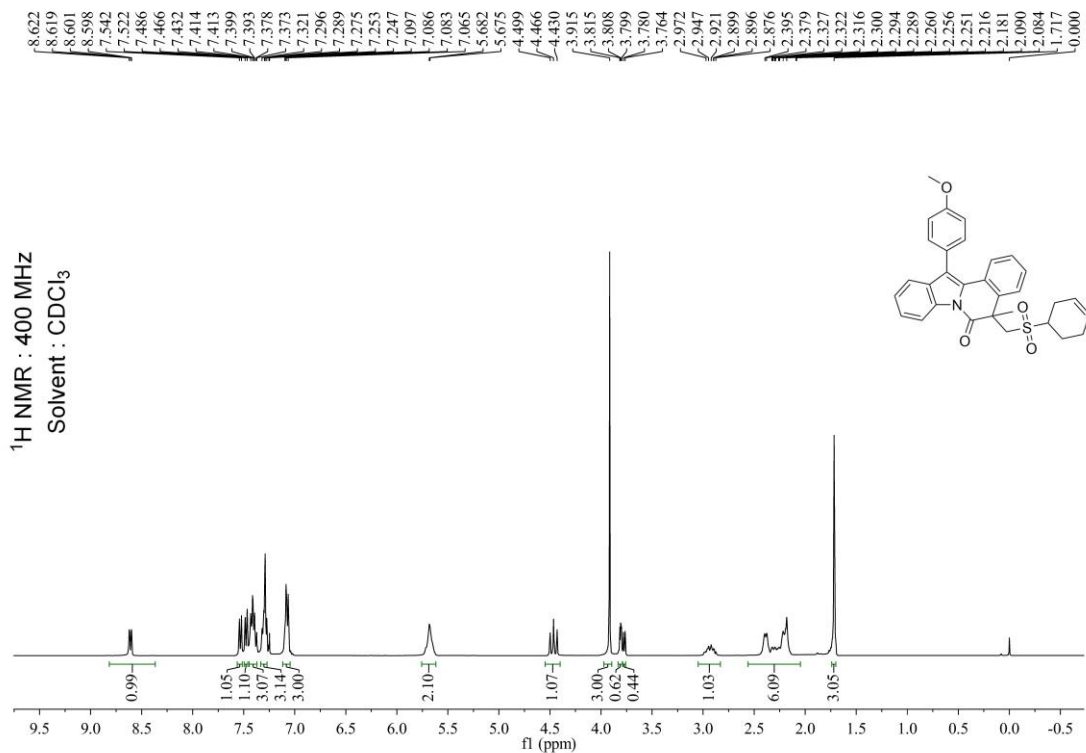


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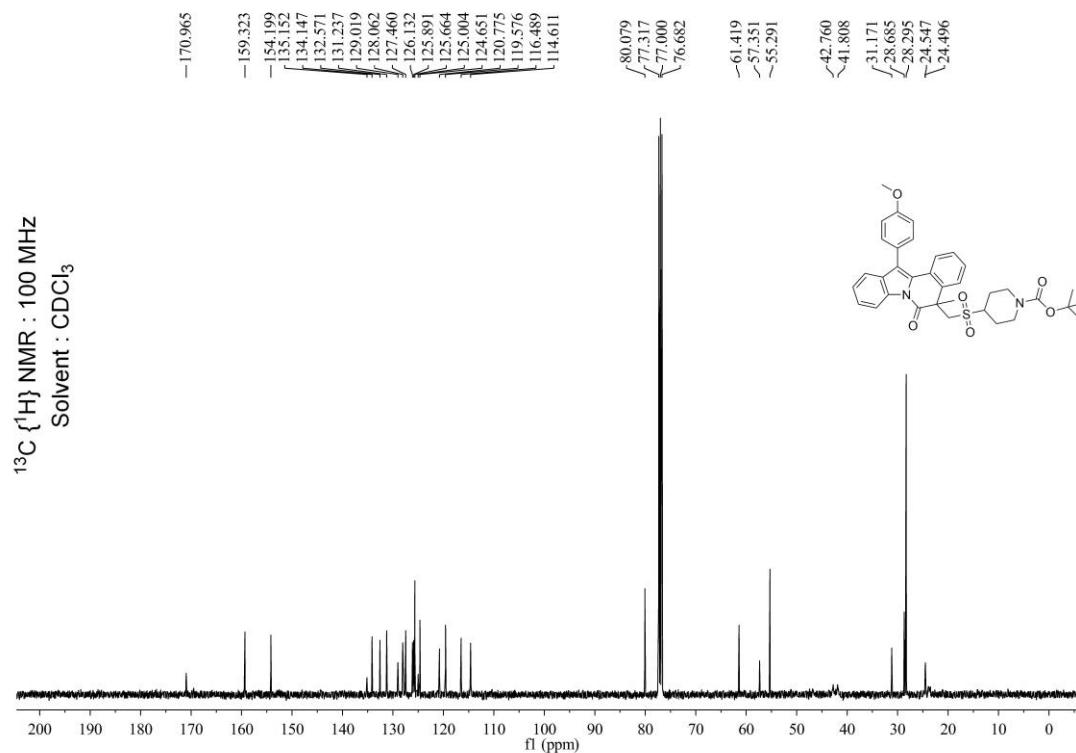
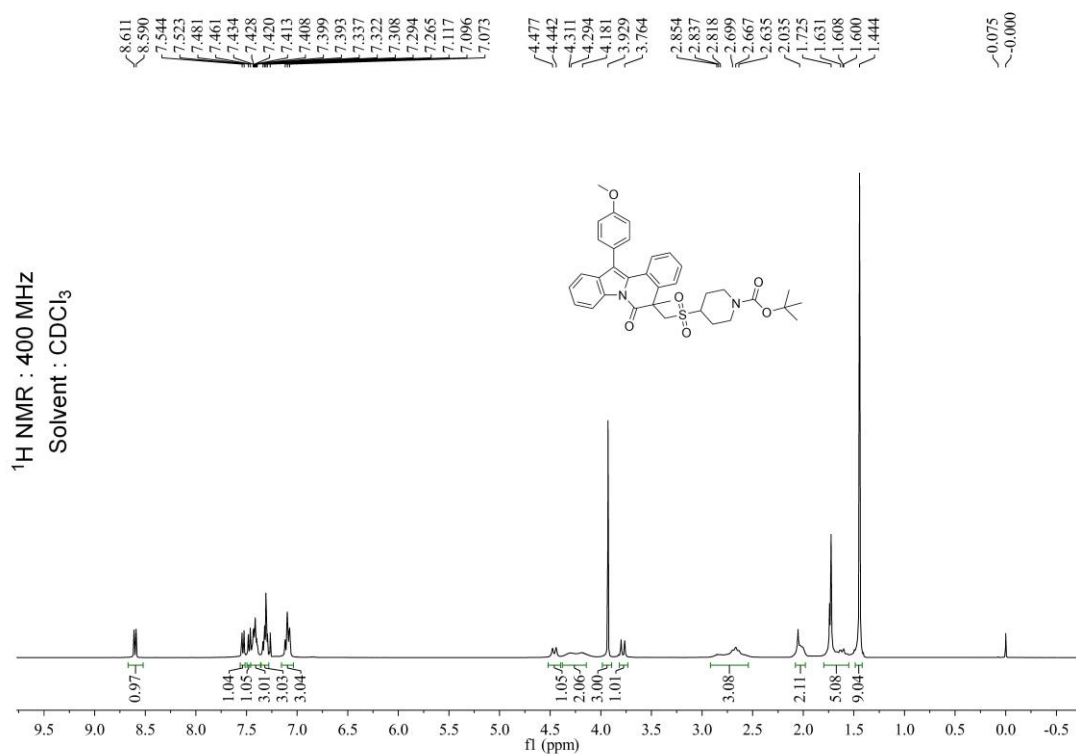


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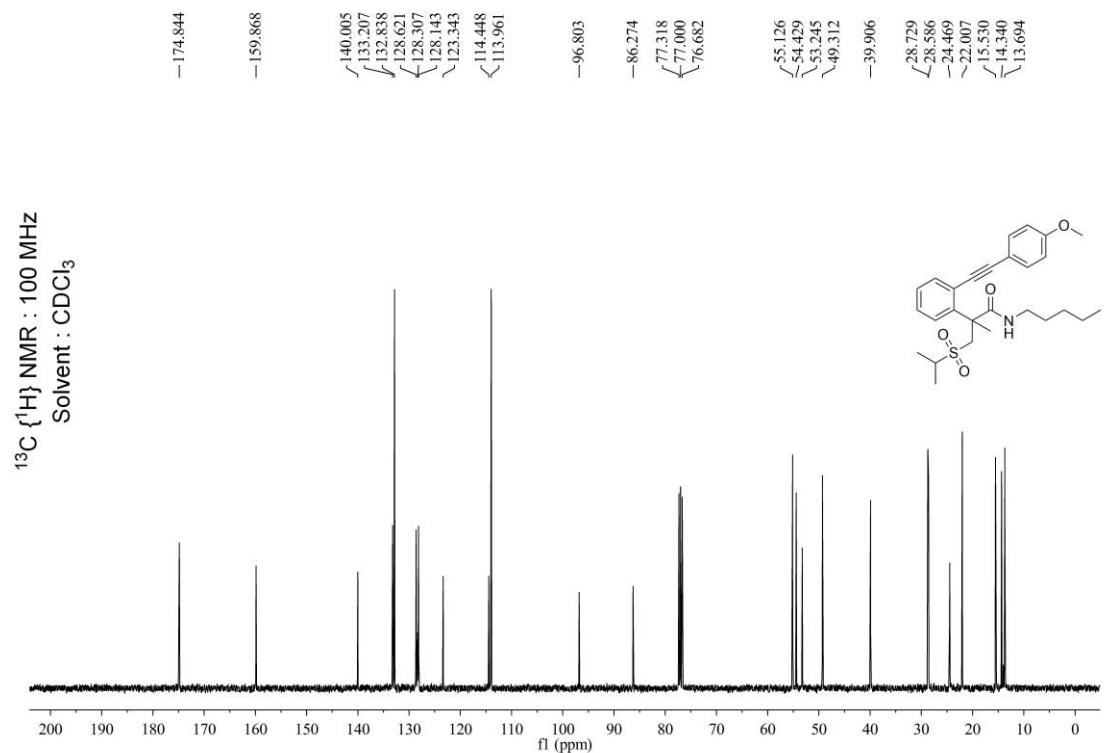
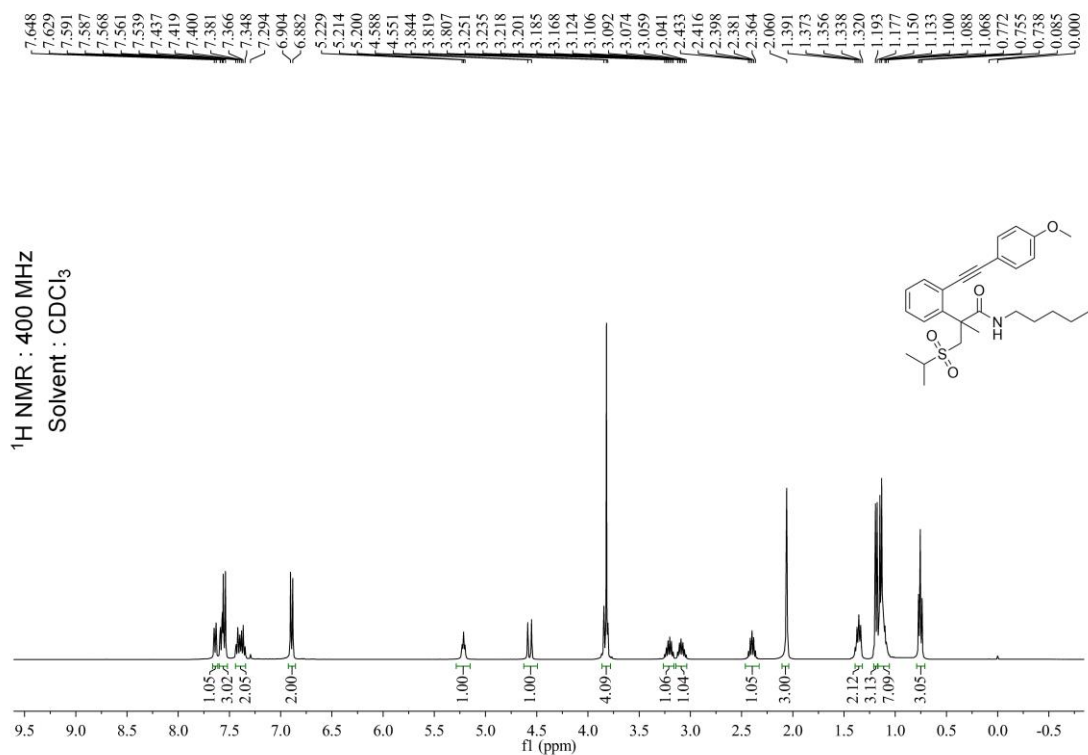
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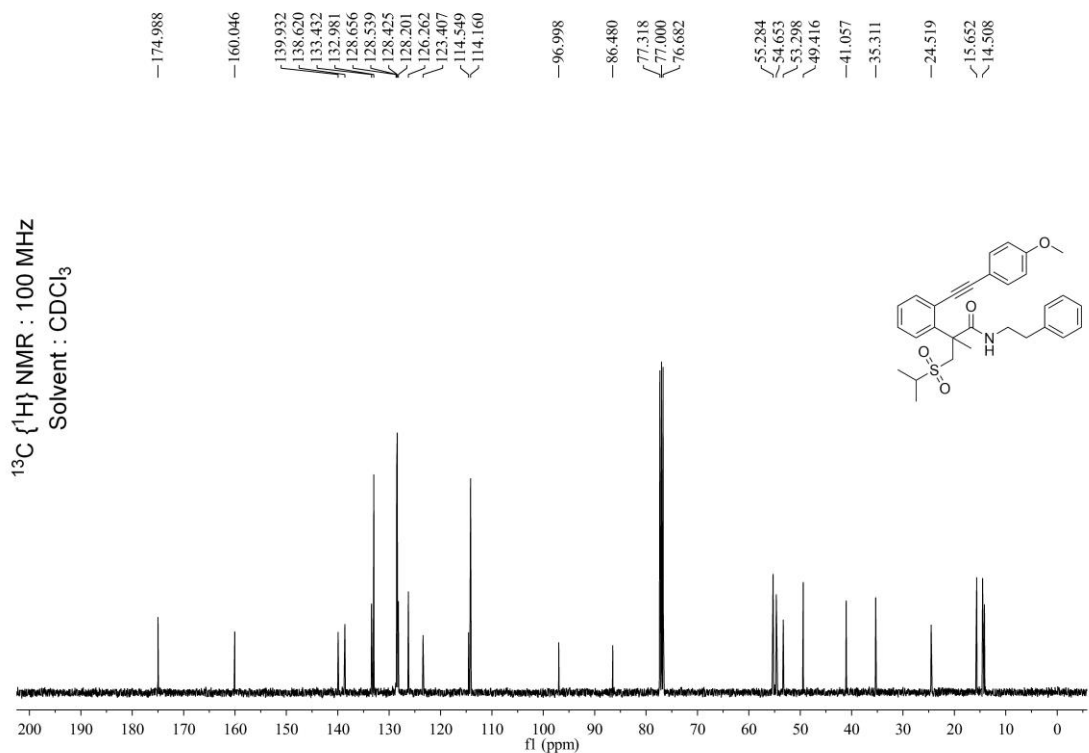
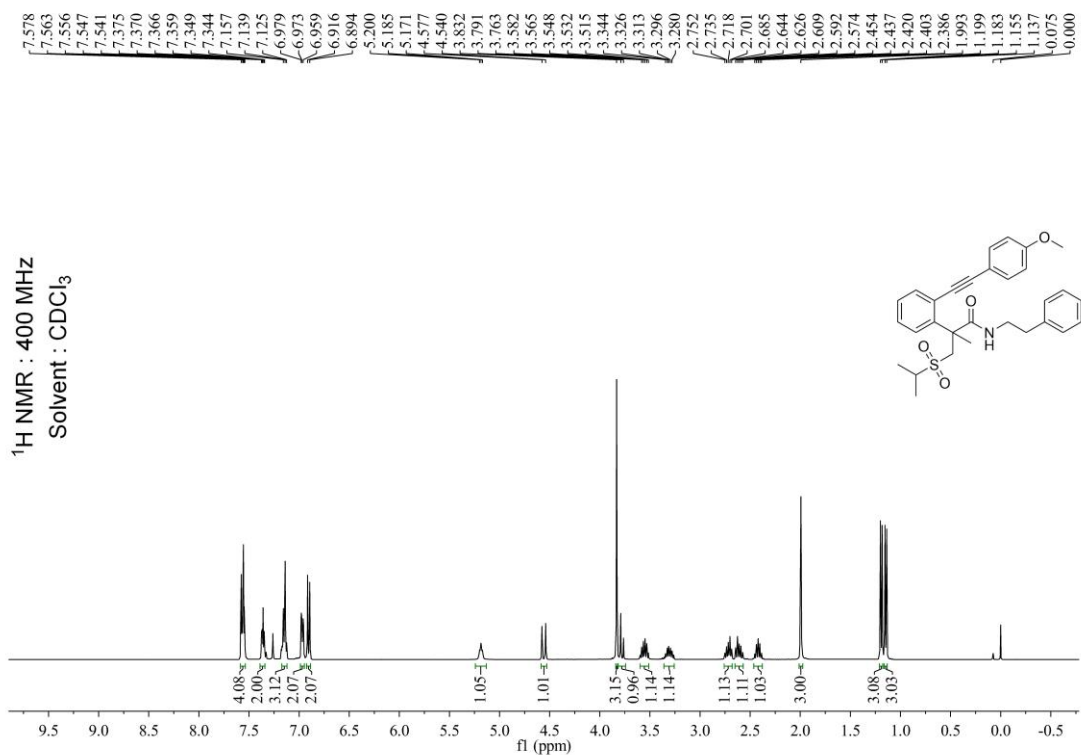
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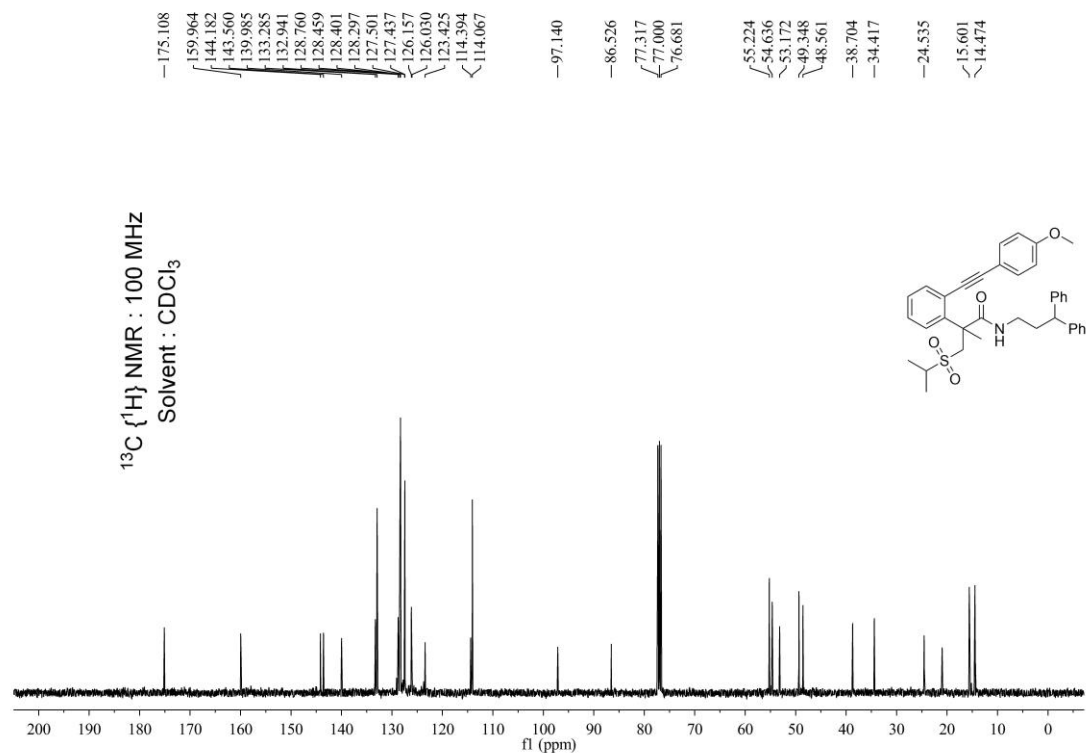
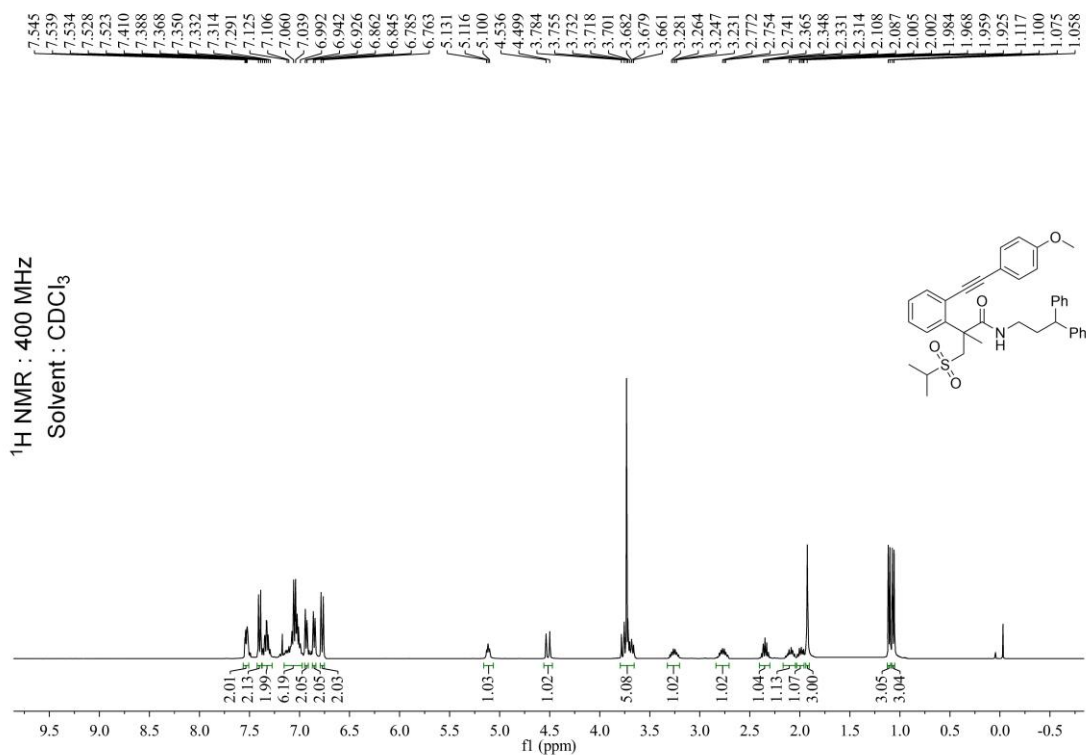
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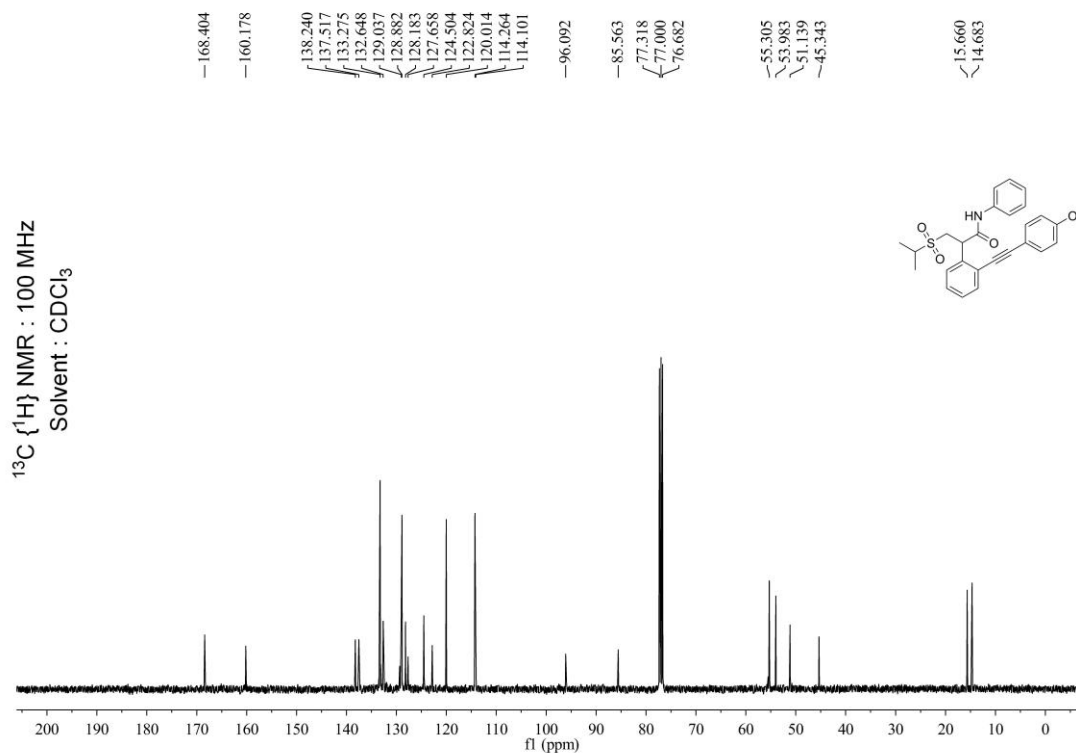
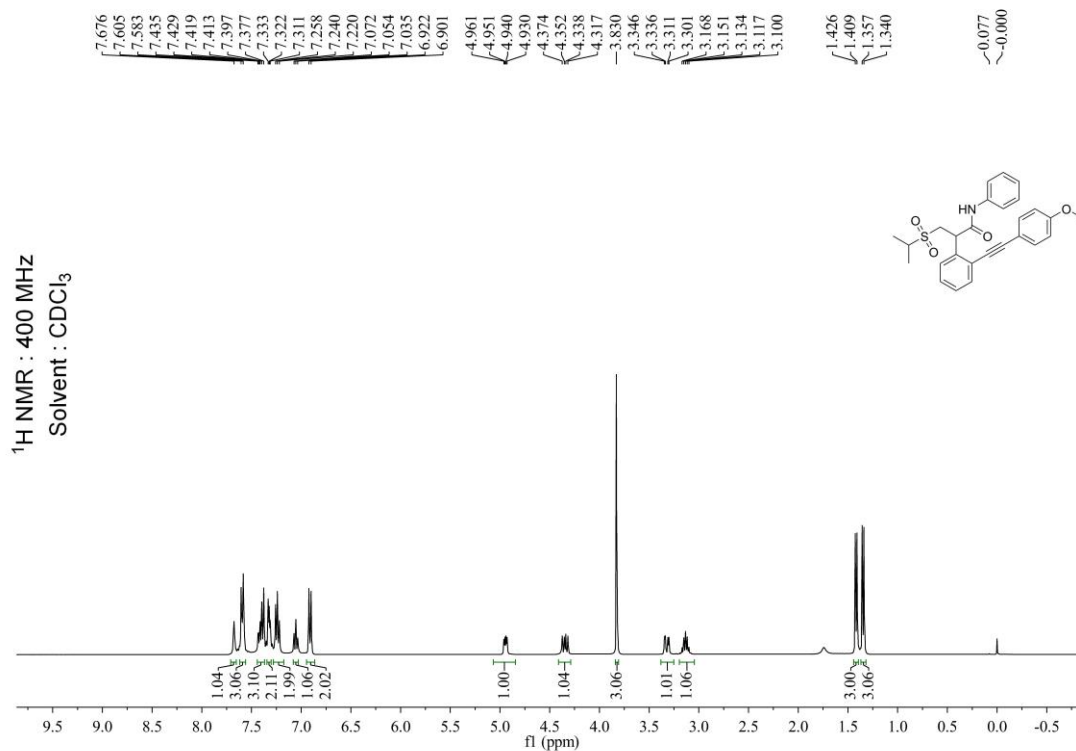
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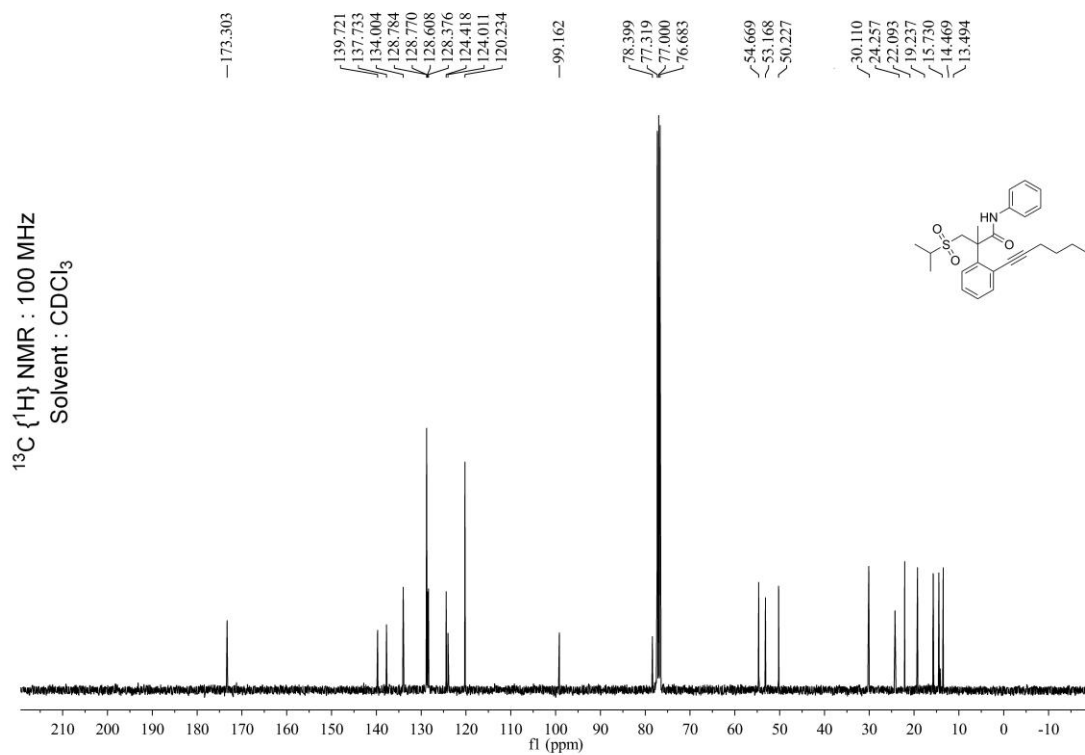
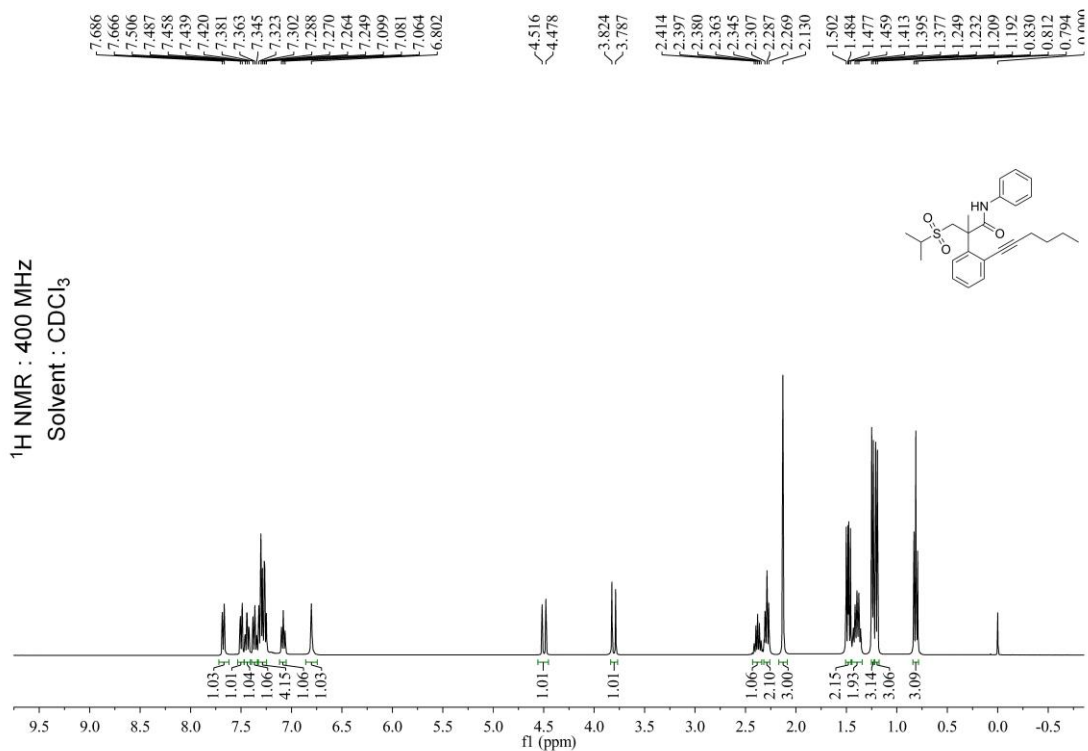


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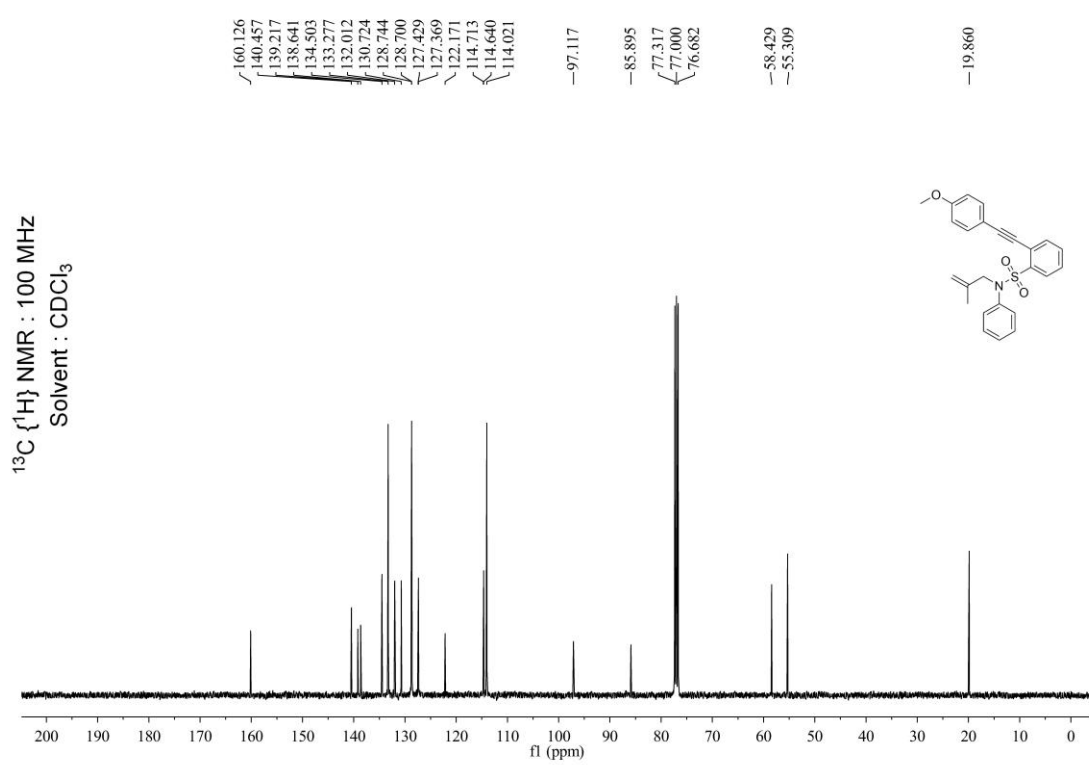
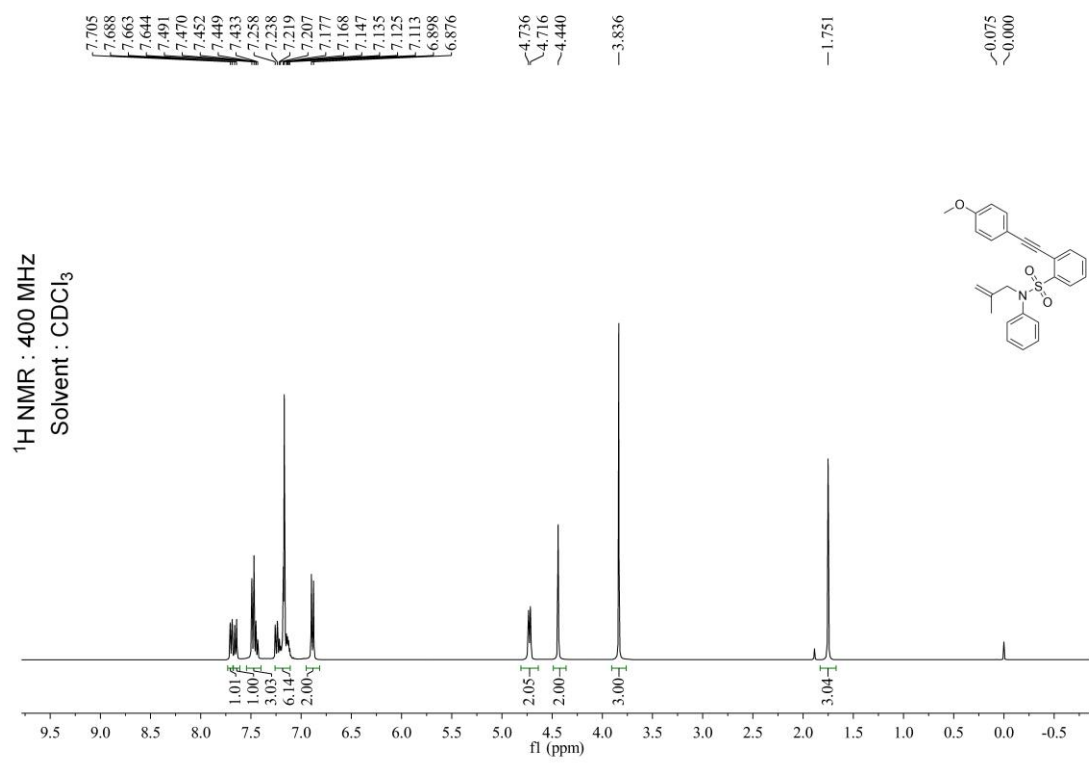




**2-(2-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-3-(isopropylsulfonyl)-2-methyl-N-phenylpropanamide(4ya)**



**2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)-N-(2-methylallyl)-N-phenylbenzenesulfonamide (1z)**



**5-isobutyl-12-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylindolo[2,1-a]isoquinolin-6(5H)-ones (6aa)**

