Supporting Information for

Water Promoted C-C Bond Cleavage: Facile synthesis of 3,3-bipyrrole derivatives from dienones and tosylmethyl isocyanide (TosMIC)

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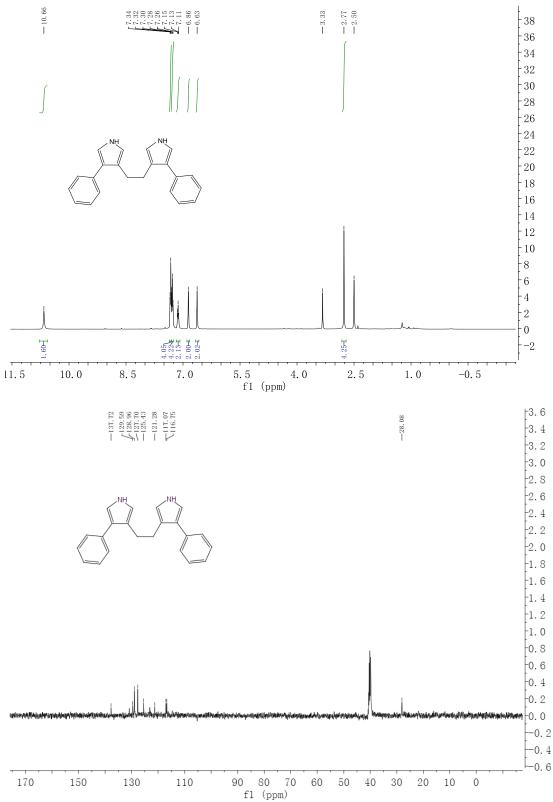
Table 1. Screening of reaction conditions^a

| | 1a | 2 | 3a | |
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| entr | Base | Solvent | Temp ($^{\circ}$ C) | Yield(|
| 13 | КОН | CH₃CN | 25 | 21 |
| 14 | КОН | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 19 |
| 15 | КОН | Tol. | 25 | 15 |
| 16 | КОН | DMF | 0 | 10 |
| 17 | КОН | DMF | 50 | 45 |
| 18 | КОН | dry DMF + 20μ l H ₂ O | 100 | 78 |

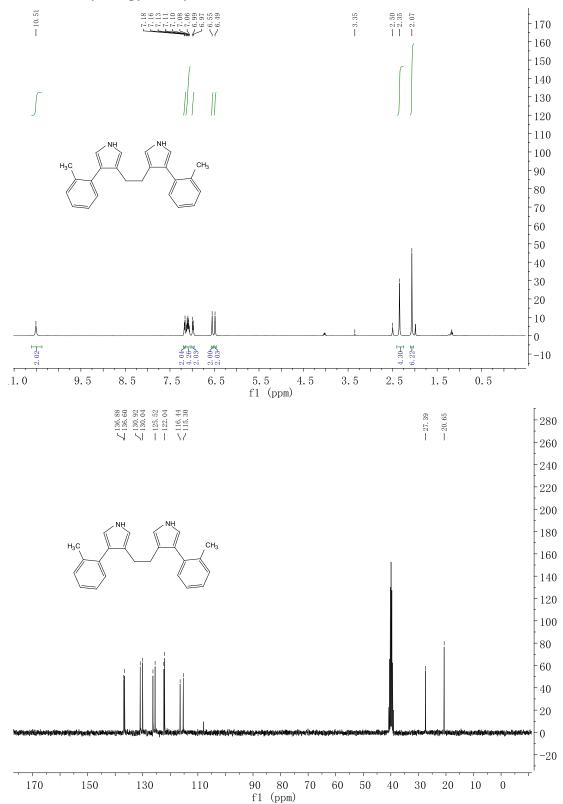
^aThe reactions were performed with **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and TosMIC **2** (1.2 mmol, 2.4 eq.) in the presence of base.

 $[^]b$ Isolated yield.

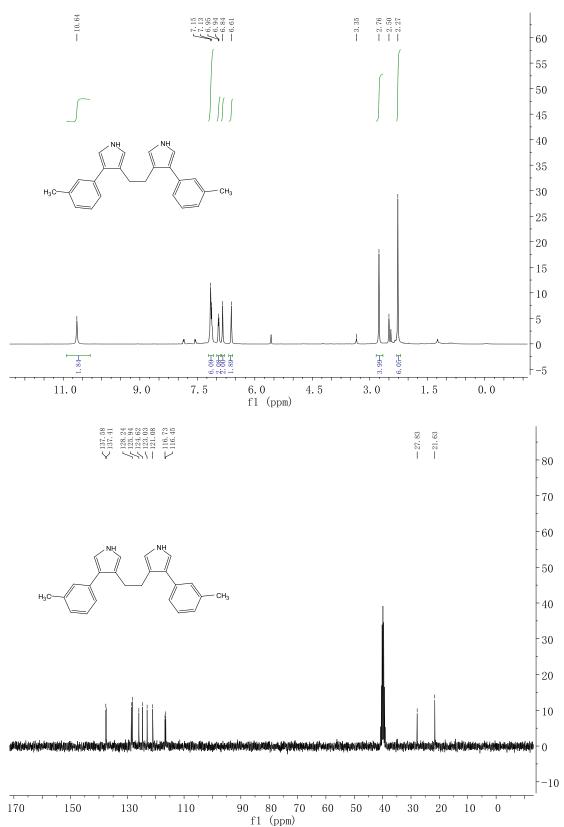
$1,\!2\text{-}bis (4\text{-}phenyl\text{-}1H\text{-}pyrrol\text{-}3\text{-}yl) ethane~(3a).$



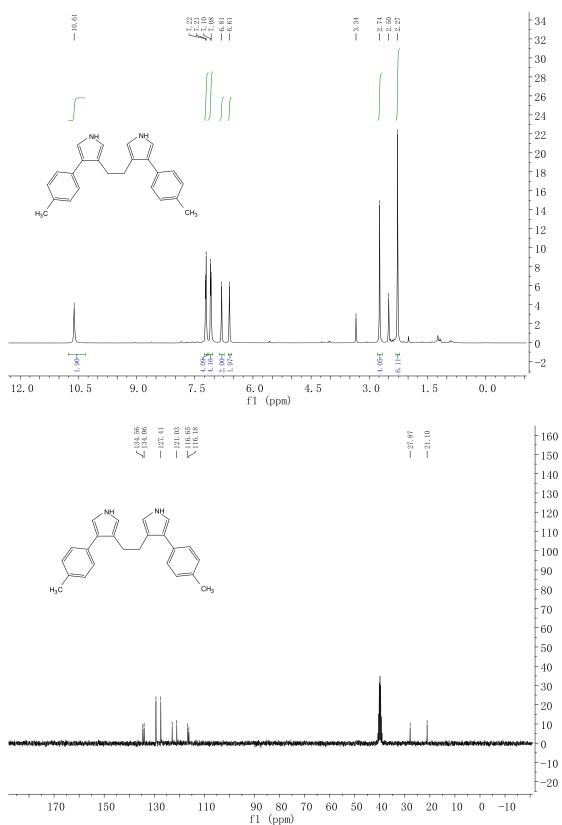
1,2-bis(4-o-tolyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)ethane (3b).



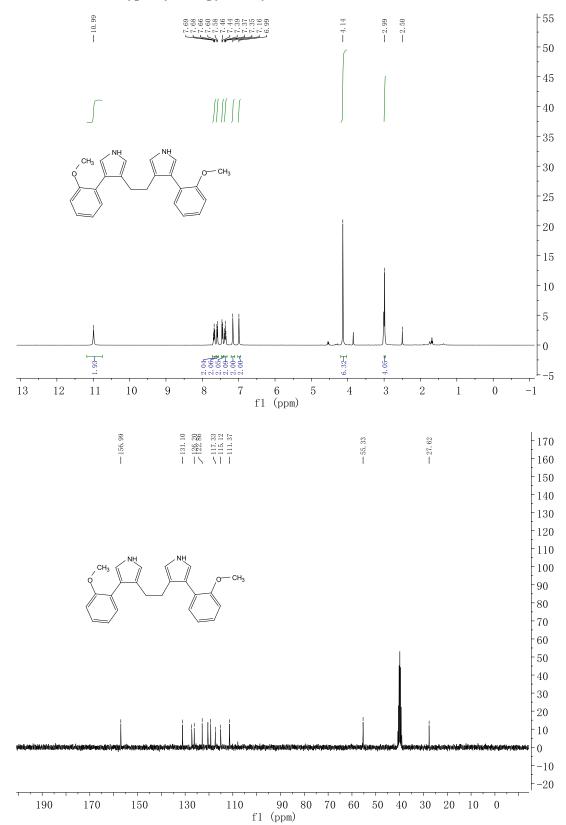
1,2-bis(4-m-tolyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)ethane (3c).



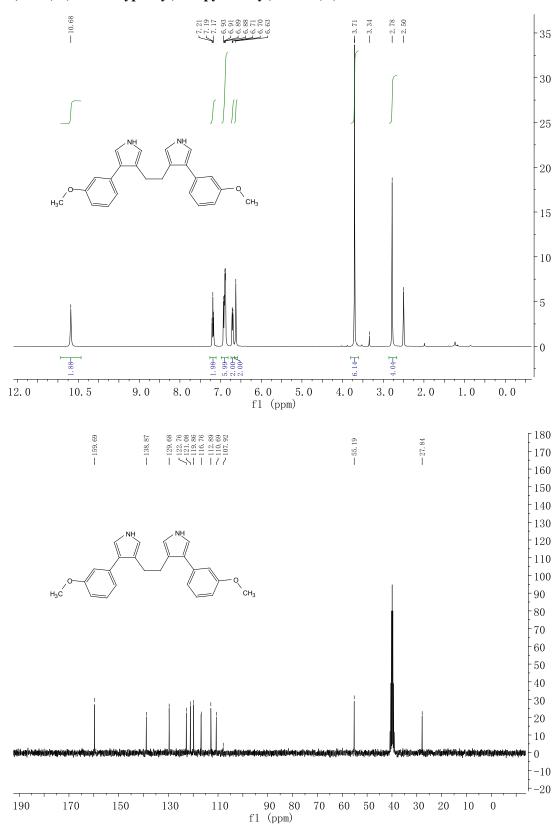
$1,\!2\text{-}bis(4\text{-}p\text{-}tolyl\text{-}1H\text{-}pyrrol\text{-}3\text{-}yl) ethane \ (3d).$



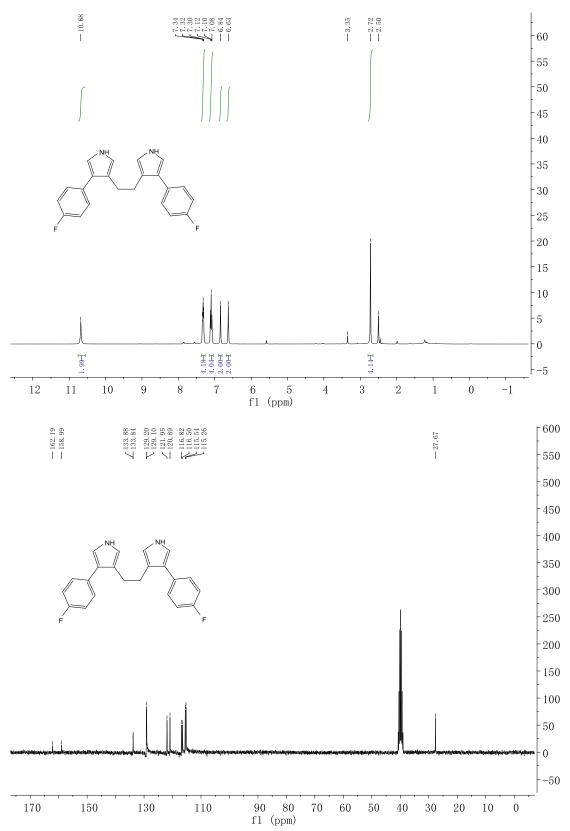
1,2-bis (4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl) ethane~(3e).



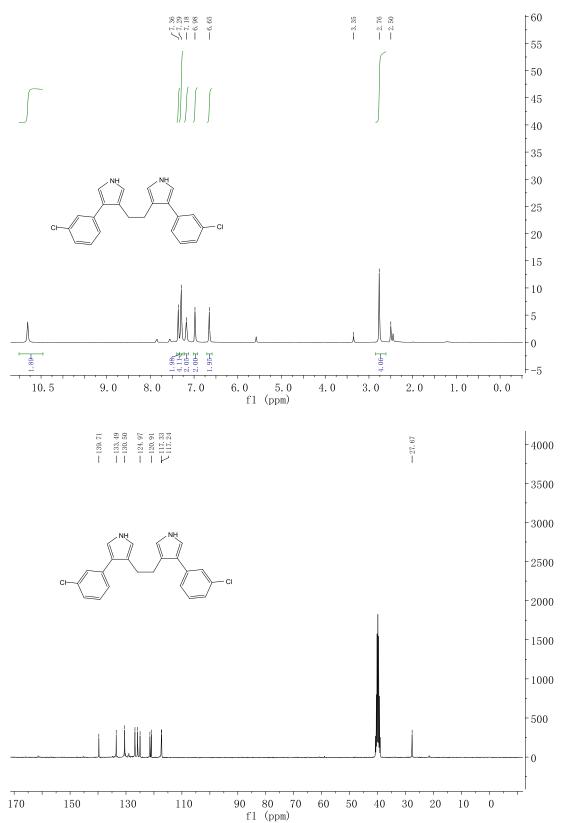
1,2-bis(4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)ethane (3f).



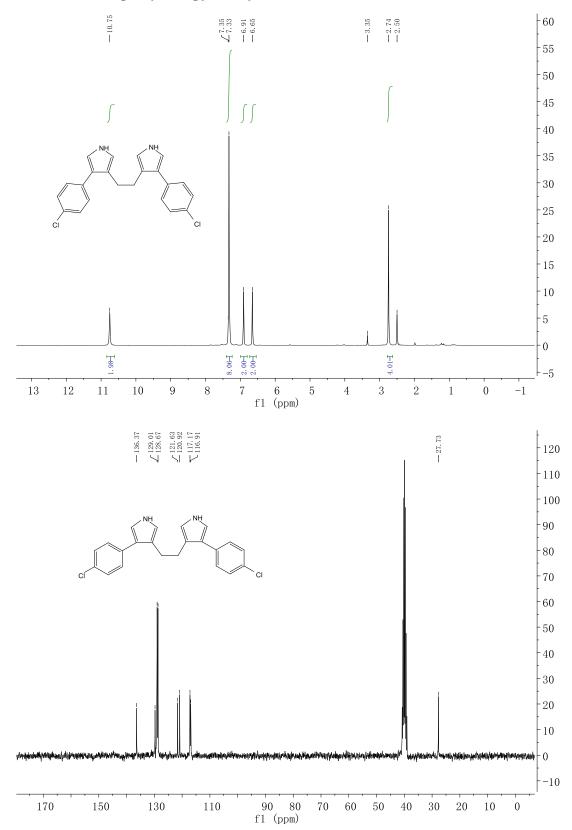
$1,\!2\text{-}bis (4\text{-}(4\text{-}fluorophenyl)\text{-}1H\text{-}pyrrol\text{-}3\text{-}yl) ethane~(3g).$



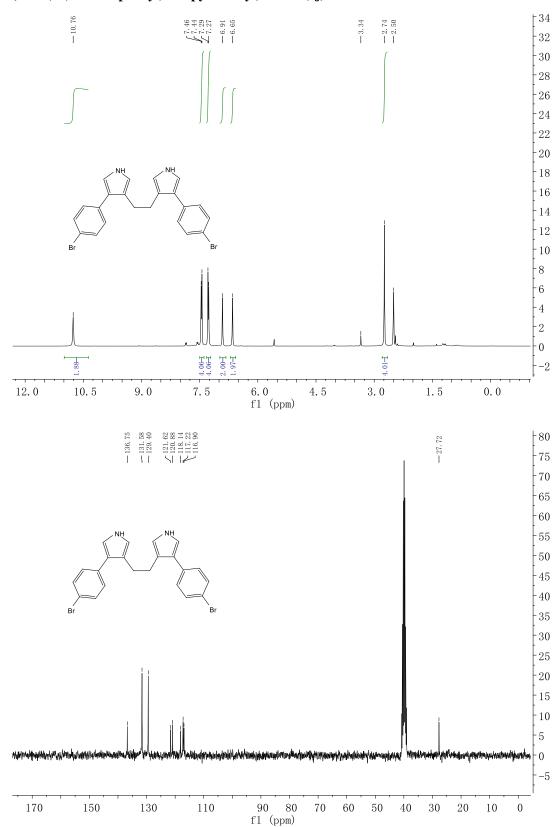
$1, 2\text{-}bis (4\text{-}(3\text{-}chlorophenyl)\text{-}1H\text{-}pyrrol\text{-}3\text{-}yl) ethane \ (3h).$



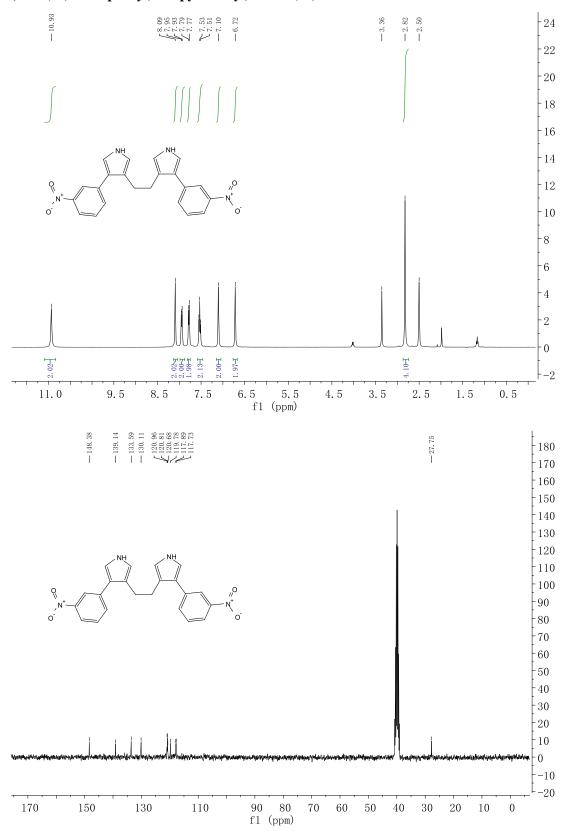
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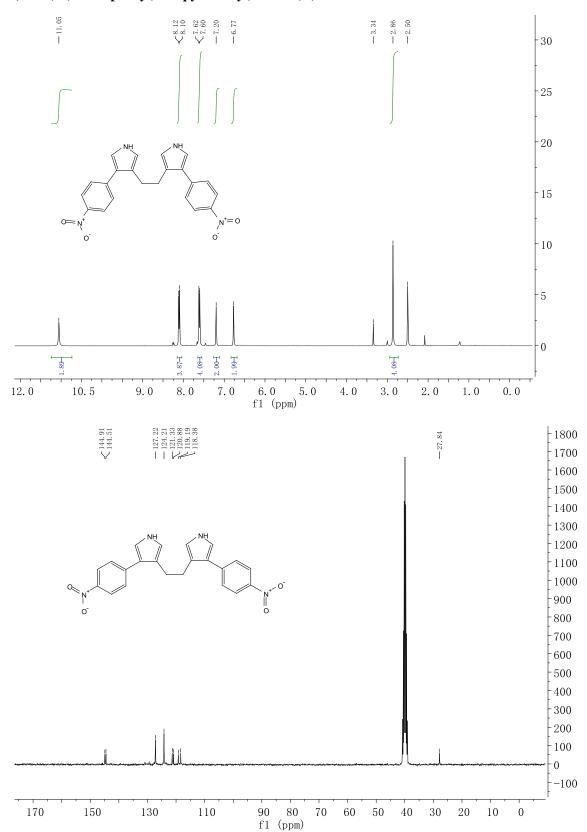
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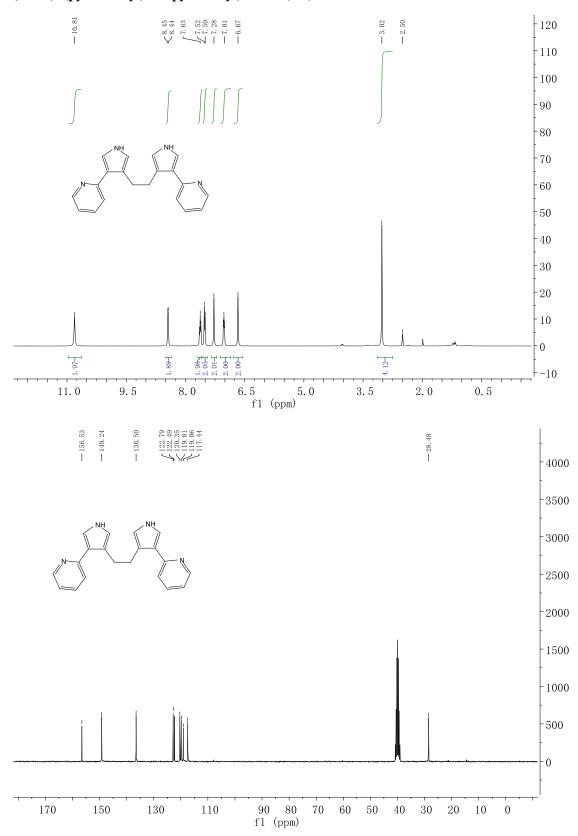
1,2-bis(4-(3-nitrophenyl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)ethane (3k).



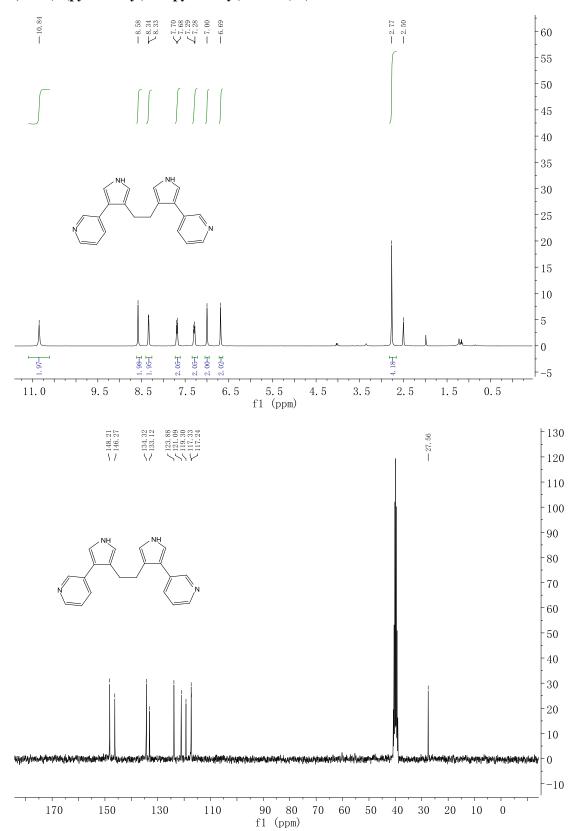
$1, 2\text{-}bis (4\text{-}(4\text{-}nitrophenyl)\text{-}1H\text{-}pyrrol\text{-}3\text{-}yl) ethane \ (3l).$



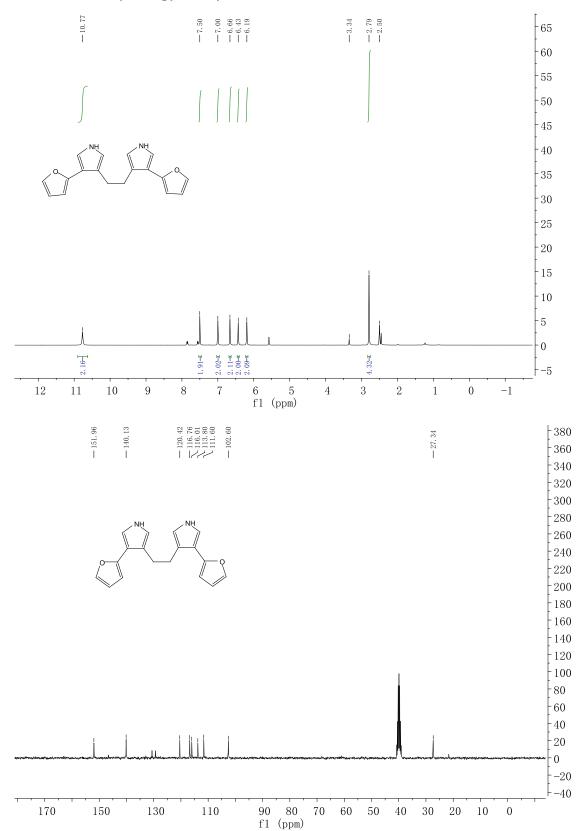
$1, 2\text{-bis} (4\text{-}(pyridin-2\text{-}yl)\text{-}1H\text{-}pyrrol\text{-}3\text{-}yl) ethane \ (3m).$



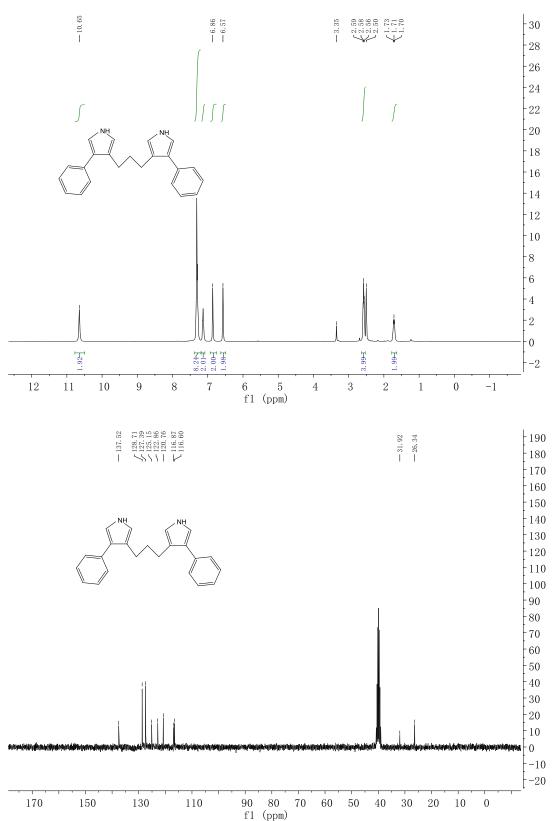
1,2-bis(4-(pyridin-3-yl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)ethane (3n).



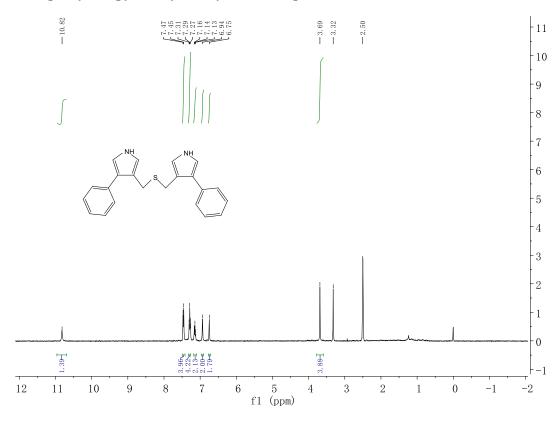
$1,\!2\text{-}bis(4\text{-}(furan\text{-}2\text{-}yl)\text{-}1H\text{-}pyrrol\text{-}3\text{-}yl)ethane~(3o).$

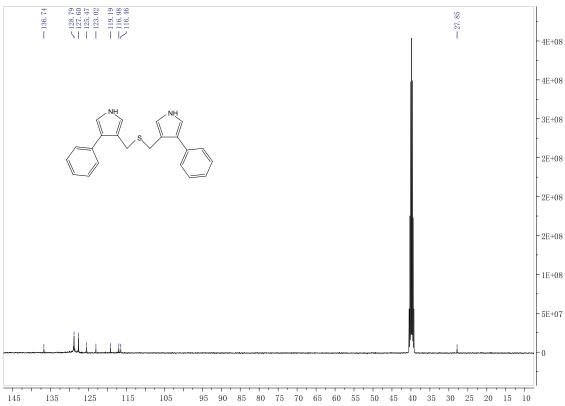


$1,\!3\text{-bis}(4\text{-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl}) propane~(3p).$

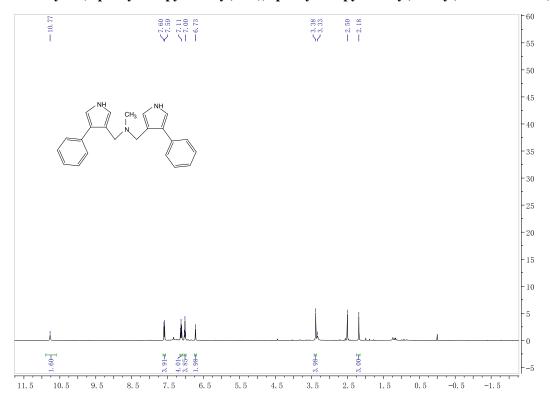


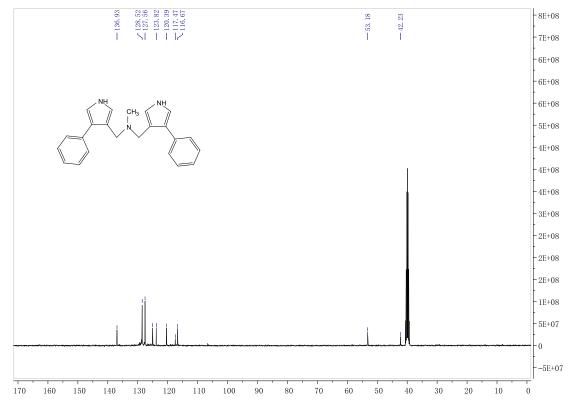
$bis ((4\hbox{-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl}) methyl) sulfane~(3q).$



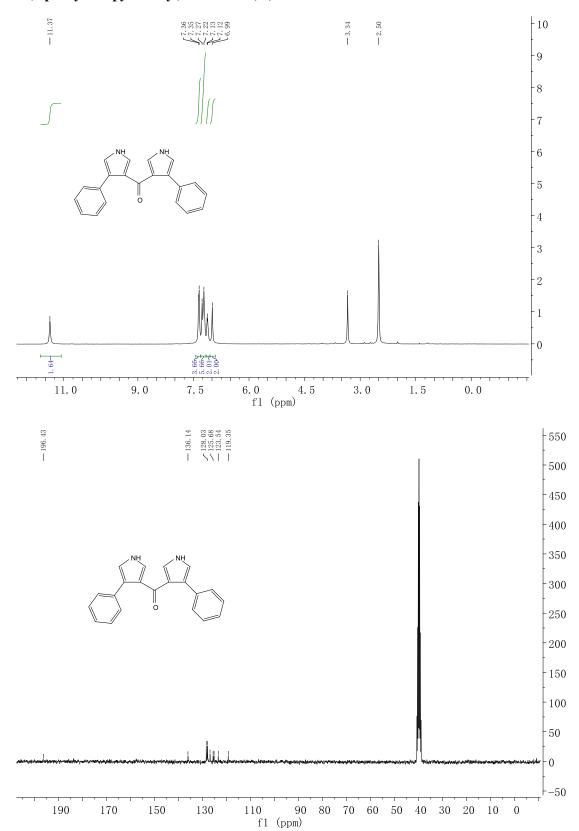


$N-methyl-1-(4-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-N-((4-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)methyl) methan a mine \ (3r).$

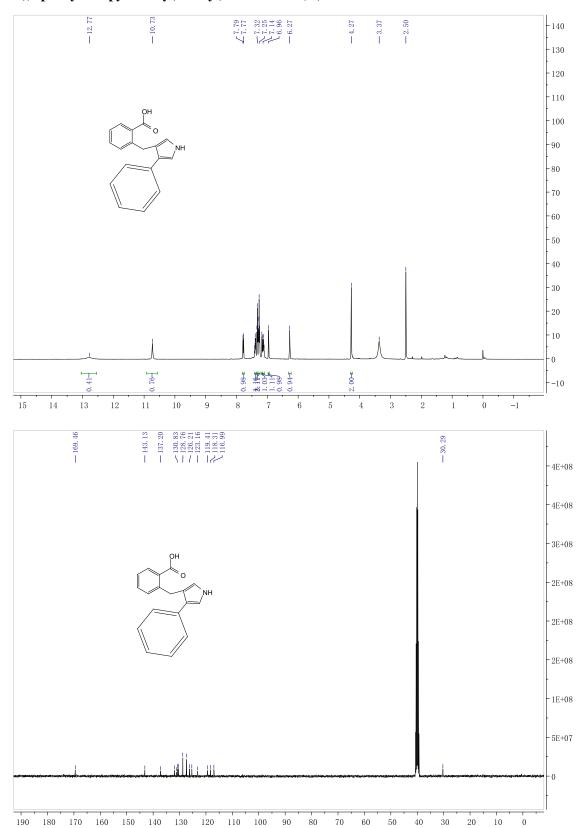




$bis (4\hbox{-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl}) methan one~(3s).$



$\hbox{$2$-((4-phenyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)methyl)$benzoic acid $(3t)$.}$



Intermediate (D).

