

**Tandem double [3+2] cycloaddition reactions at both C-1 and C-3 atoms of**

***N*-cyanomethylisoquinolinium ylide**

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**Supporting Information**

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**1. General procedure for the preparation of spiro[indene-2,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinolines] 1a-1f:**

A mixture of *N*-cyanomethylisoquinolinium chloride (0.5 mmol), 2-arylidene-1,3-indanedione (0.5 mmol) and triethylamine (0.6 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (15.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for ten hour. The solvent was removed at reduced pressure by rotatory evaporation. The residue was titrated with a mixture of light petroleum and methylene dichloride to give the pure solid.

**2. General procedure for the preparation of spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-**

**indenes] 2a-2y:** A mixture of *N*-cyanomethylisoquinolinium chloride (0.5 mmol), aromatic aldehyde (0.5 mmol), 1,3-indanedione (1.1 mmol) and triethylamine (1.2 mmol) in acetonitrile (15.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for eight hours. The resulting precipitates were collected by filtration and washed with cold ethanol to give pure products **2a-2v** for analysis. In the cases of reactions with n-heptanal, the crude products were subjected to column chromatography with a mixture of light petroleum and ethyl acetate (V/V = 2:1) as eluent to give the pure products **2x-2y** for analysis.

**1,3-Dioxo-2'-phenyl-1,2',3,3'-tetrahydro-10b'H-spiro[indene-2,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline]-3'-carbonitrile (1a):** yellow solid, 81%, m.p. 161-163 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 7.78-7.76 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.20-7.16 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.59-6.35 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.84 (s, 1H, CH), 5.68 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.36 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.29 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 198.1, 142.6, 137.0, 134.0, 132.5, 132.1, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 125.7, 125.2, 125.1, 125.0, 123.2, 119.3, 100.3, 71.1, 71.0, 57.1, 53.9; IR (KBr) ν: 3061, 2924, 2860, 2238, 1810, 1696, 1592, 1491, 1420, 1244, 1033, 854, 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 403.1441, Found: 403.1452.

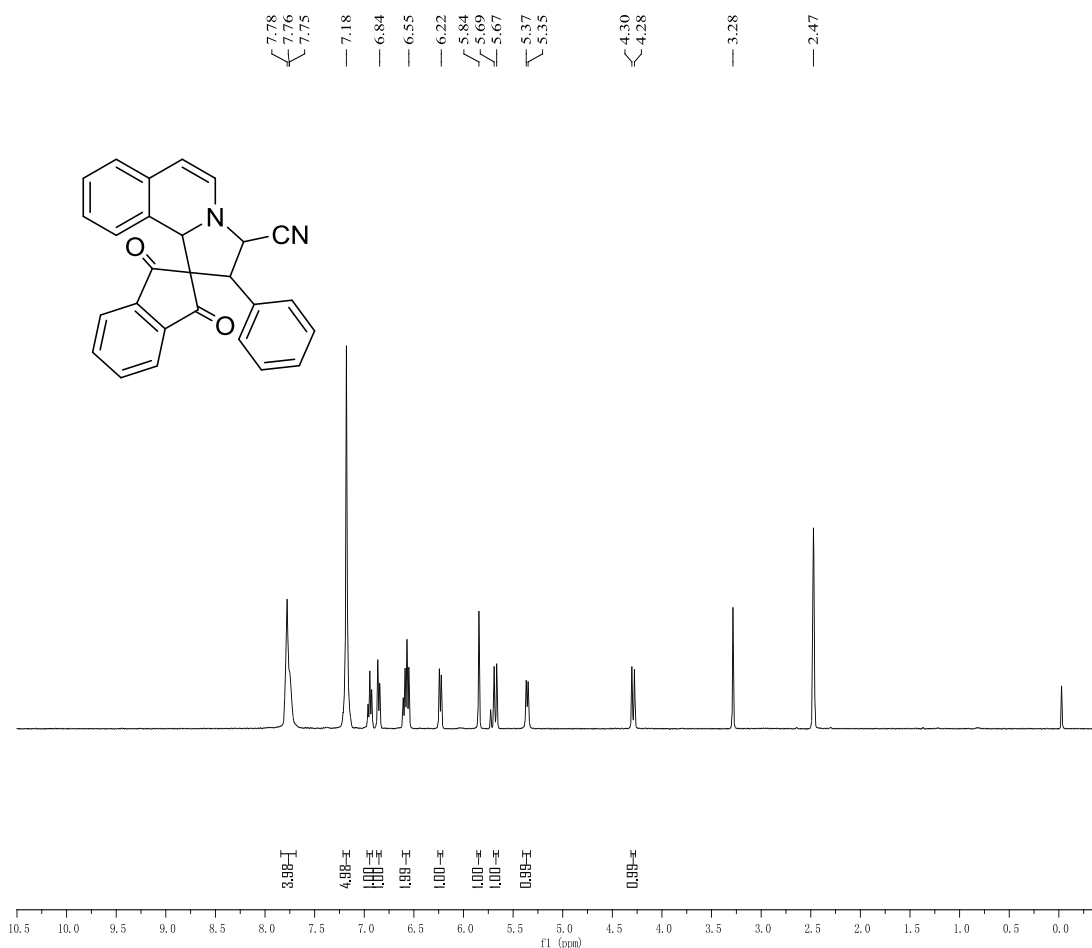


Figure S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **1a**

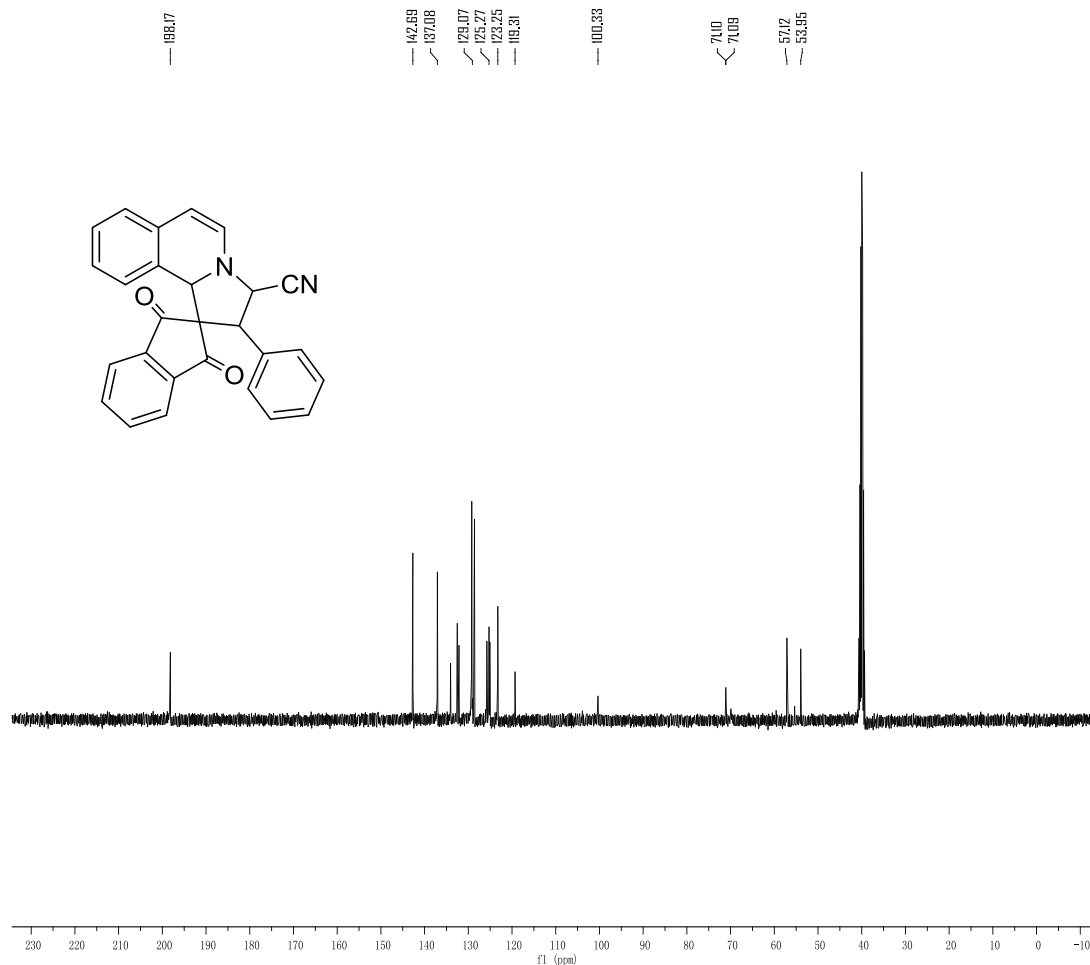


Figure S2  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **1a**

**2'-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2',3,3'-tetrahydro-10b'*H*-spiro[indene-2,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline]-3'-carbonitrile (1b)**: yellow solid, 84%, m.p. 162-164 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 7.79-7.71 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.41 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.15 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98-6.91 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.65 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 6.61-6.56 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.19 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.66 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 5.47-5.45 (m 2H, CH), 4.23-4.22 (m, 1H, CH), 3.12 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 198.1, 156.7, 142.2, 136.5, 132.6, 129.7, 128.9, 127.9, 125.6, 125.2, 124.9, 122.9, 120.8, 110.7, 69.8, 68.2, 56.0, 54.6, 49.4; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3031, 2928, 2269, 1738, 1704, 1593, 1548, 1540, 1359, 1262, 836, 813, 769, 675  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 433.1547, Found: 433.1560.

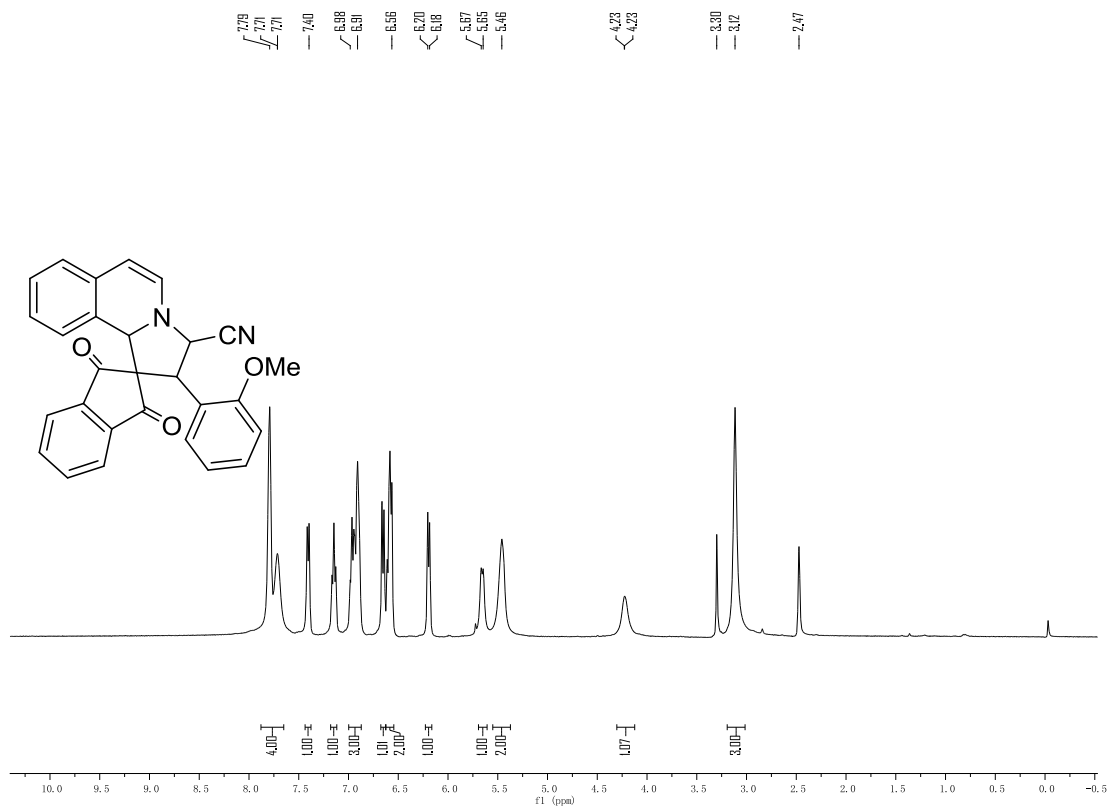


Figure S3  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **1b**

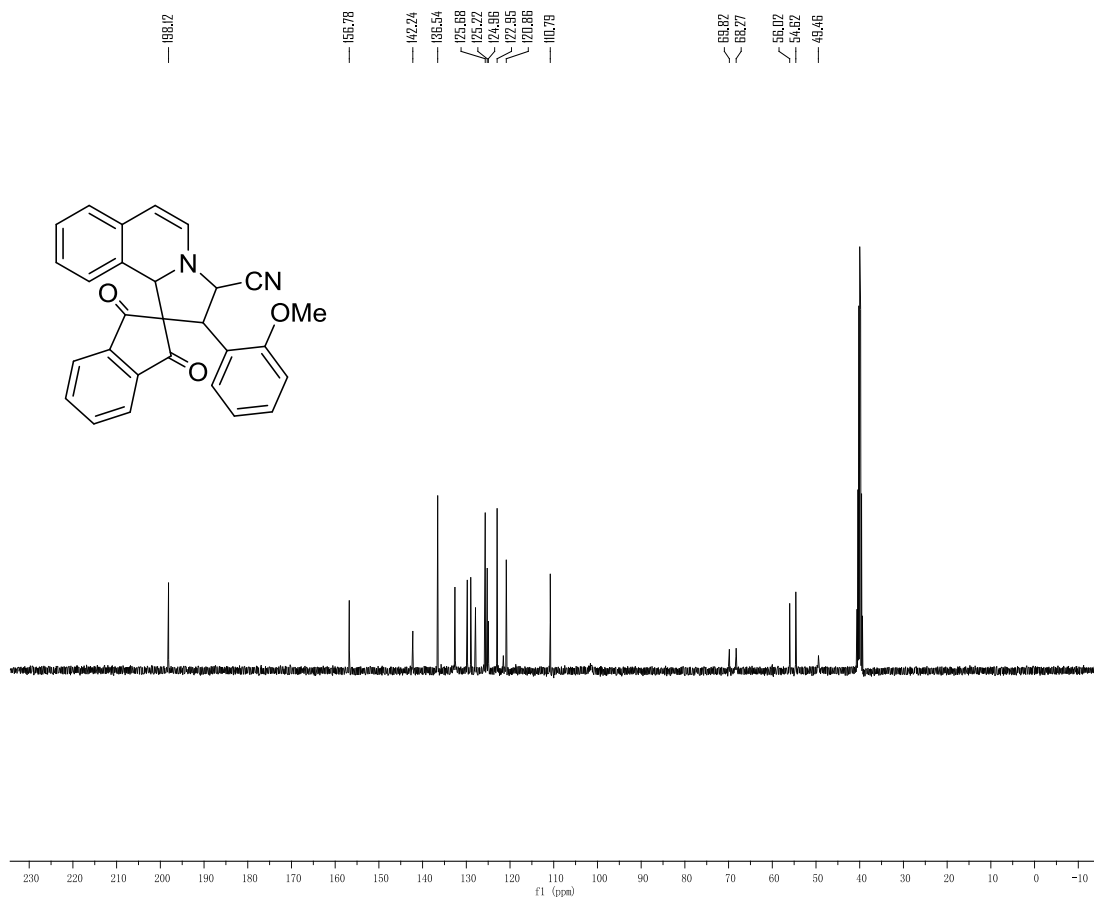


Figure S4  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **1b**

**1,3-Dioxo-2'-(p-tolyl)-1,2',3,3'-tetrahydro-10b'H-spiro[indene-2,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline]-3'-carbonitrile (1c):** yellow solid, 79%, m.p. 181-183 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.91-7.90 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.73-7.69 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.63-7.62 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.97-6.92 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.33 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.84 (s, 1H, CH), 5.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.16 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.29 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.18 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 198.2, 142.7, 138.4, 137.1, 134.1, 132.4, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 125.6, 125.2, 125.1, 125.0, 123.2, 119.3, 100.1, 70.9, 69.4, 57.2, 53.7, 20.9; IR (KBr) ν: 3059, 2916, 2275, 1740, 1704, 1591, 1562, 1540, 1353, 878, 803, 772, 680 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 417.1598, Found: 417.1611.

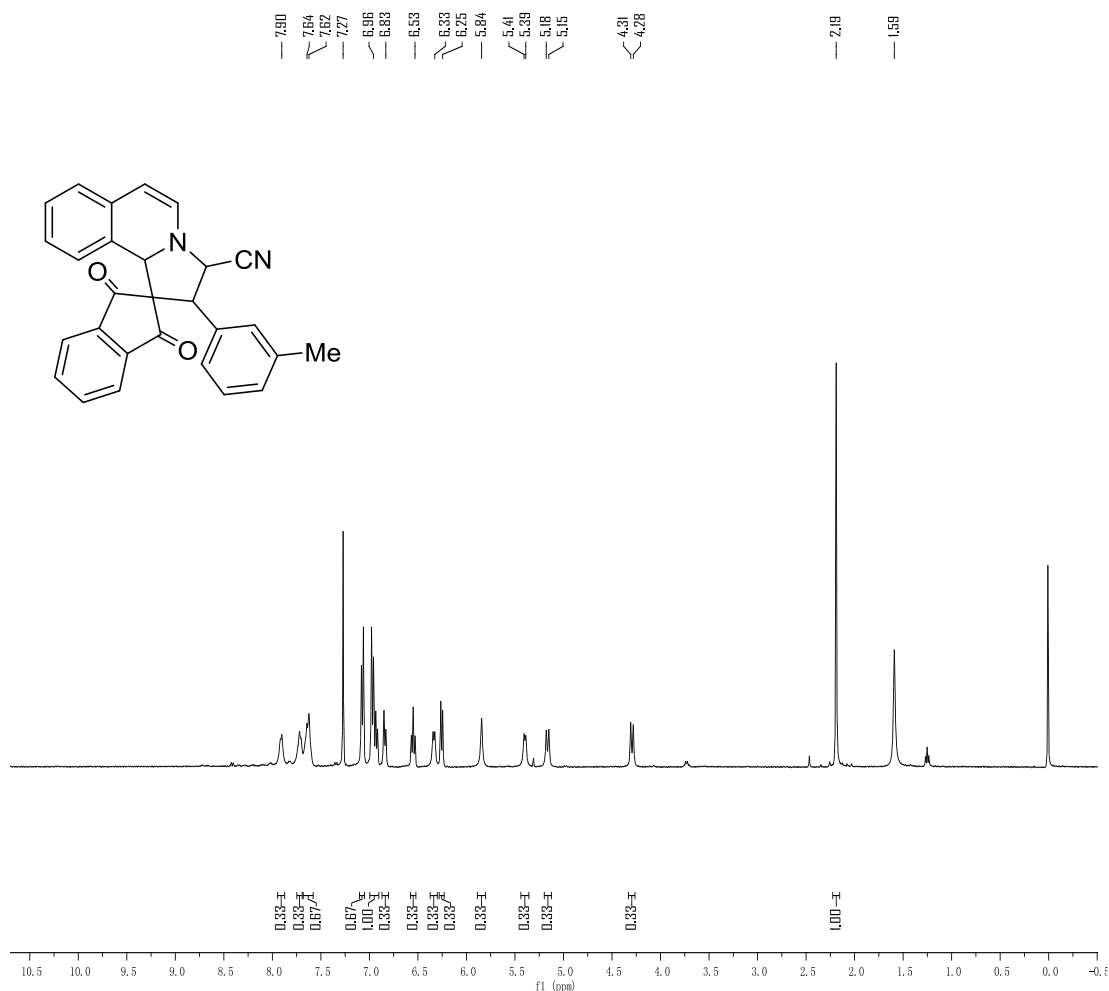


Figure S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **1c**

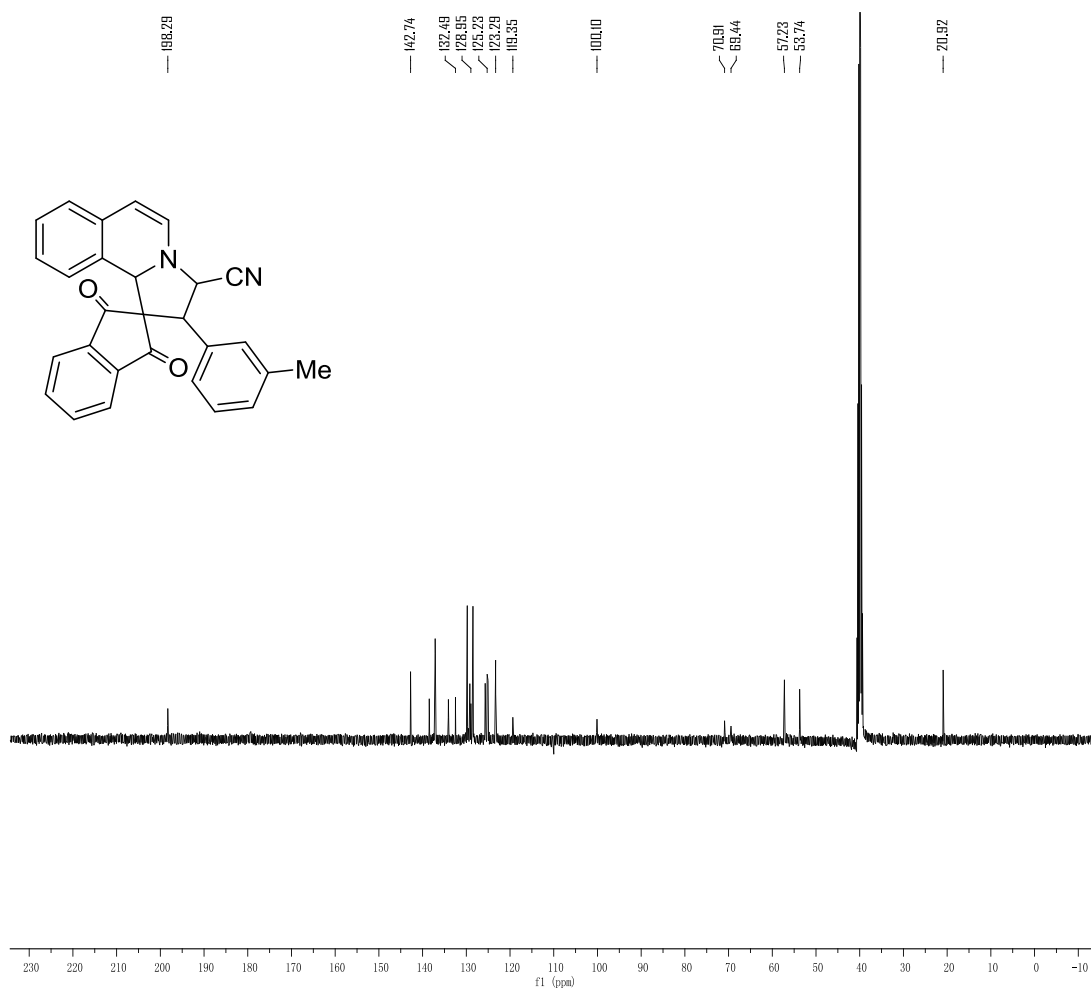


Figure S6  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **1c**

**2'-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2',3,3'-tetrahydro-10b'H-spiro[indene-2,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline]-3'-carbonitrile (1d)**: yellow solid, 83%, m.p. 177-179 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 7.78-7.75 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.98 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 76.89 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.64-6.60 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.29 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 5.91 (s, 1H, CH), 5.73 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H, CH), 5.44 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 4.31 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 197.7, 142.5, 137.0, 133.9, 132.5, 132.1, 131.9, 130.8, 129.5, 125.9, 125.3, 125.3, 125.0, 123.1, 122.3, 119.0, 101.0, 71.7, 71.7, 57.2, 52.9; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3060, 2911, 2231, 1736, 1702, 1593, 1489, 1418, 1248, 766, 718  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 781.0546, Found: 481.0542.

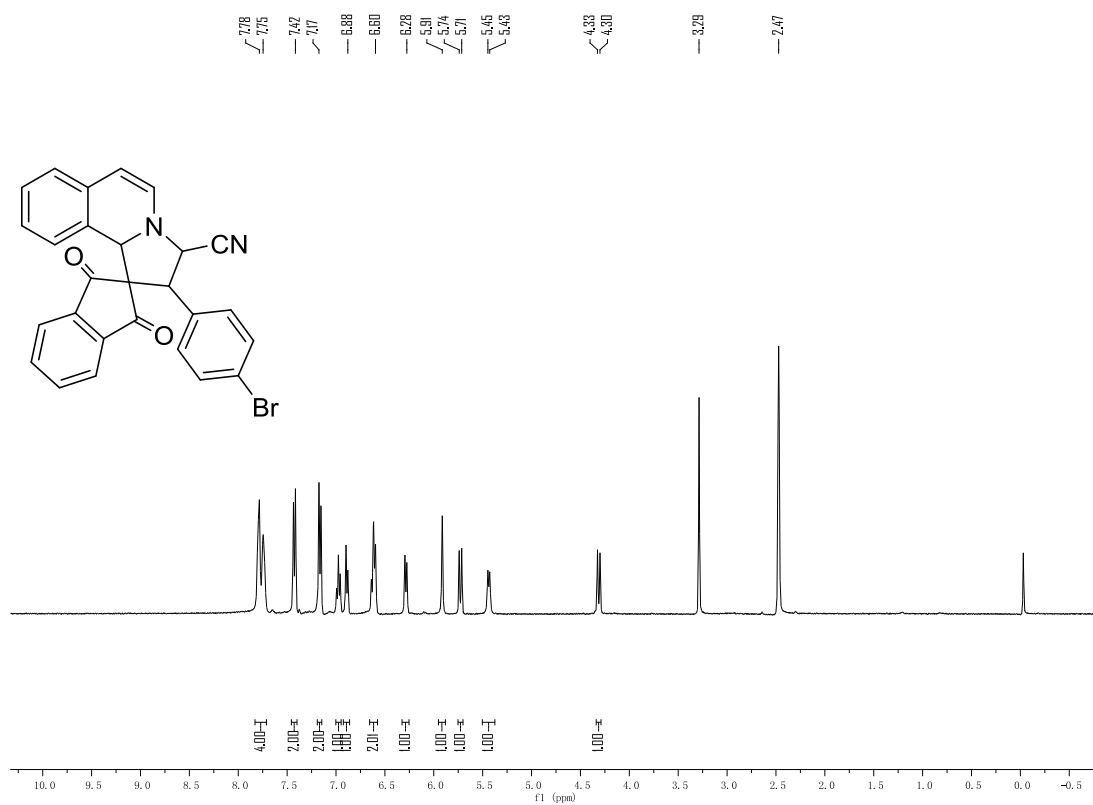


Figure S7  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **1d**

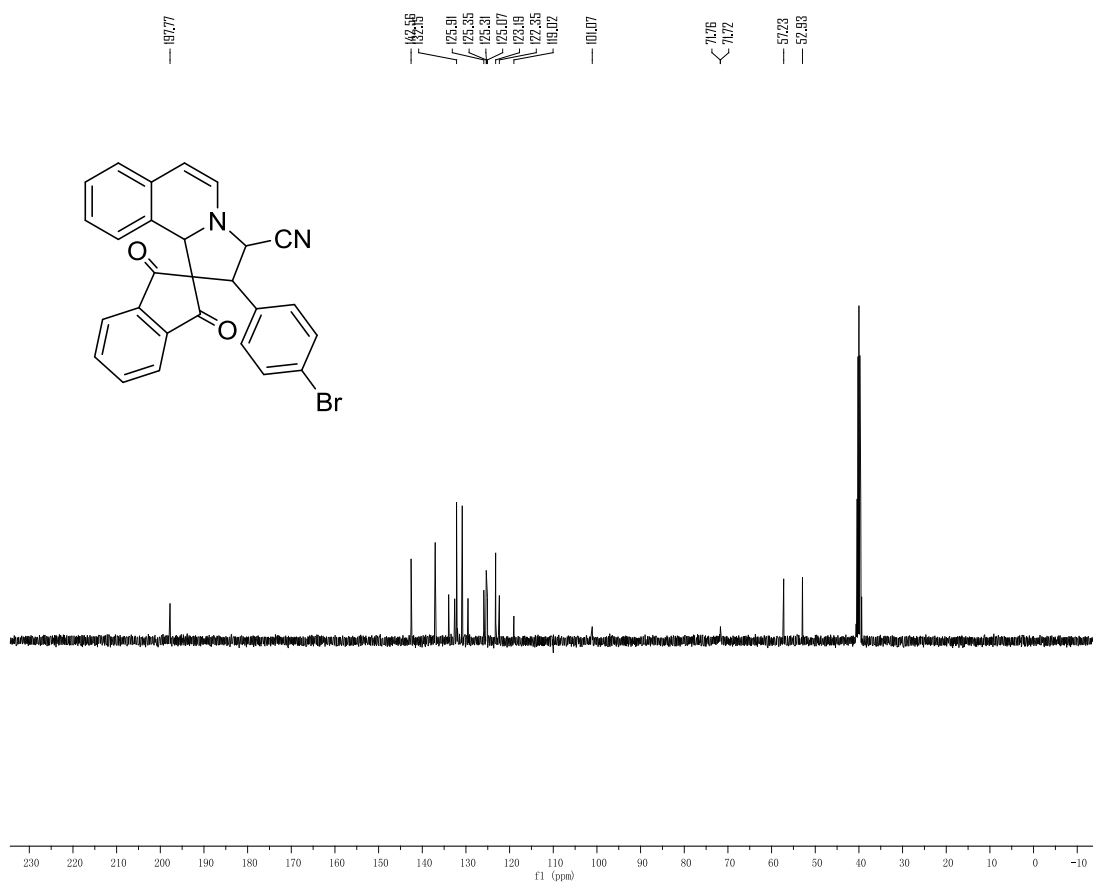


Figure S8  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **1d**



**2'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2',3,3'-tetrahydro-10b'H-spiro[indene-2,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-a]isoquinoline]-3'-carbonitrile (1e)**: yellow solid, 81%, m.p. 180-183 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.91-7.90 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.74-7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.67-7.62 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.17-7.13 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.32 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.81 (s, 1H, CH), 5.41 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.14 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.28 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 199.1, 142.9, 136.0, 136.0, 134.8, 132.3, 131.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 125.4, 125.3, 124.8, 124.8, 123.1, 109.9, 101.1, 70.1, 68.6, 57.7, 53.6; IR (KBr) ν: 3064, 2914, 2240, 1739, 1704, 1590, 1489, 1456, 1276, 1095, 849, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 437.1051, Found: 437.1045.

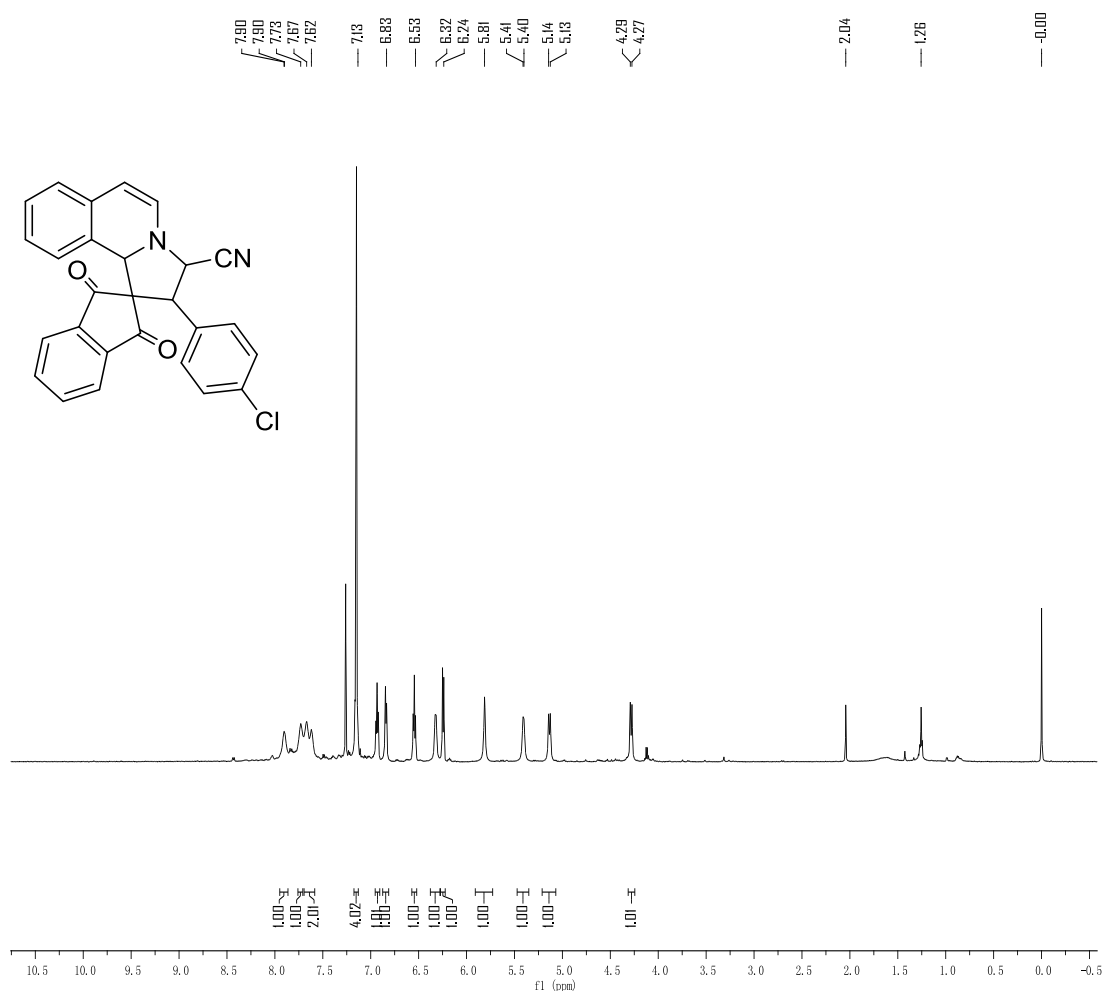


Figure S9 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **1e**

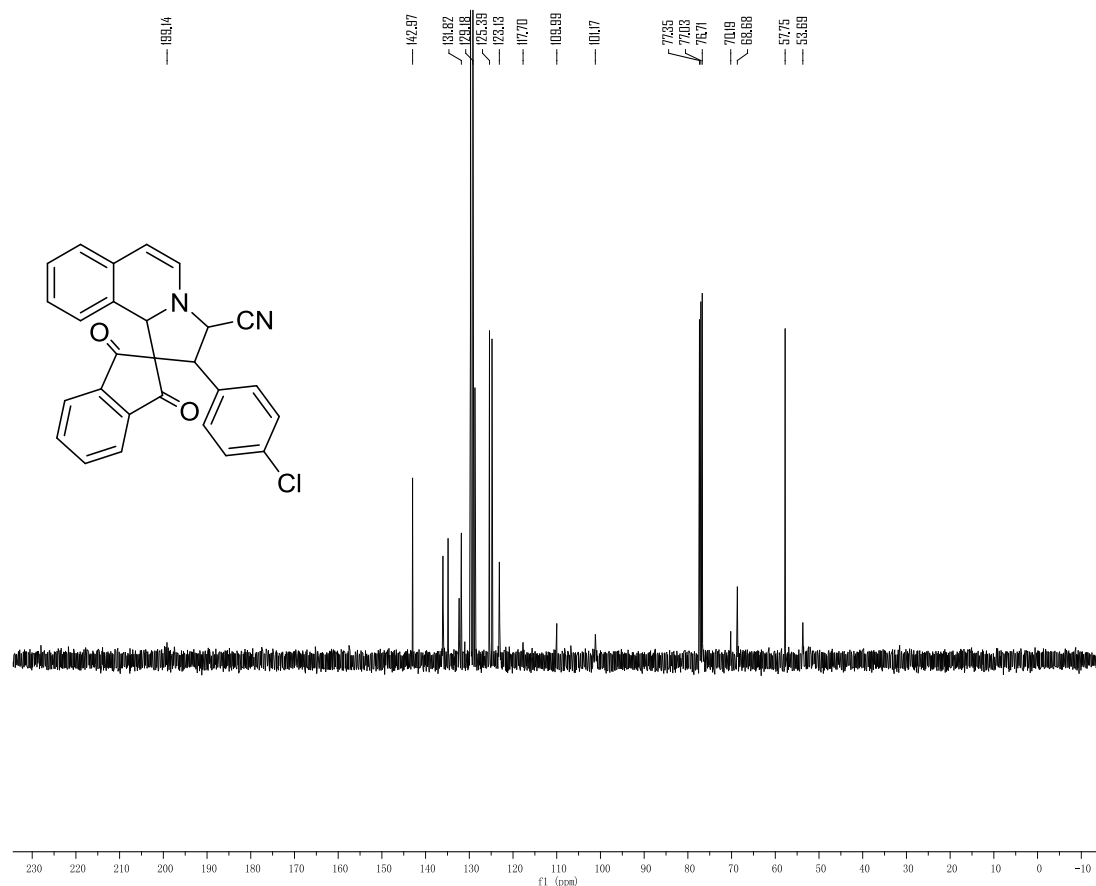


Figure S10  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **1e**

**2'-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)-1,3-dioxo-1,2',3,3'-tetrahydro-10b'H-spiro[indene-2,1'-pyrrolo[2,1-*a*]isoquinoline]-3'-carbonitrile (**1f**):** yellow solid, 61%, m.p. 176-178 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.91-7.90 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.72-7.69 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.63-7.62 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.09 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.93 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.83 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.54 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.33 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, CH), 6.25 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.83 (s, 1H, CH), 5.39 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, CH), 5.16 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 4.30 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H, CH), 1.16 (s, 9H, 3 $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 198.1, 151.4, 142.7, 137.0, 134.2, 132.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 126.0, 125.6, 125.2, 125.1, 125.0, 123.2, 119.4, 100.2, 100.1, 71.1, 70.0, 57.4, 53.4, 34.6, 31.2; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3057, 2961, 2867, 2257, 1739, 1700, 1595, 1500, 1267, 1084, 951, 805, 762, 721  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 459.2067, Found: 459.2081.

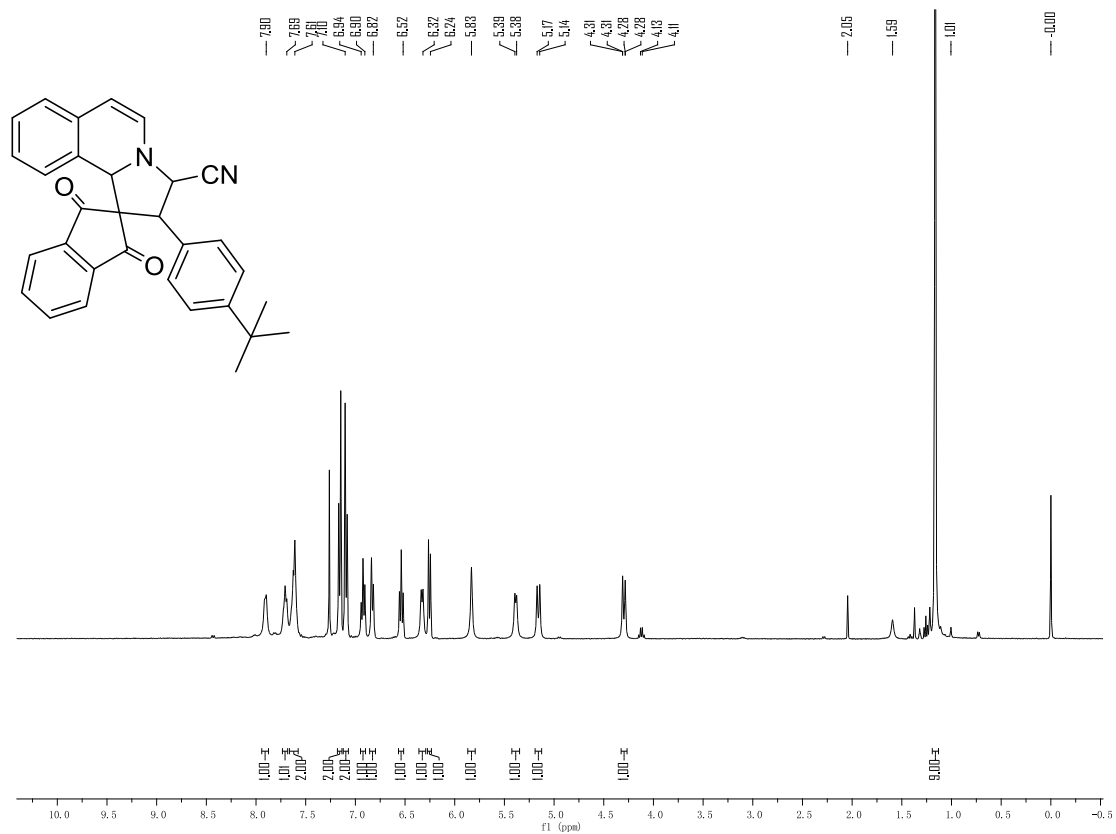


Figure S11 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **1f**

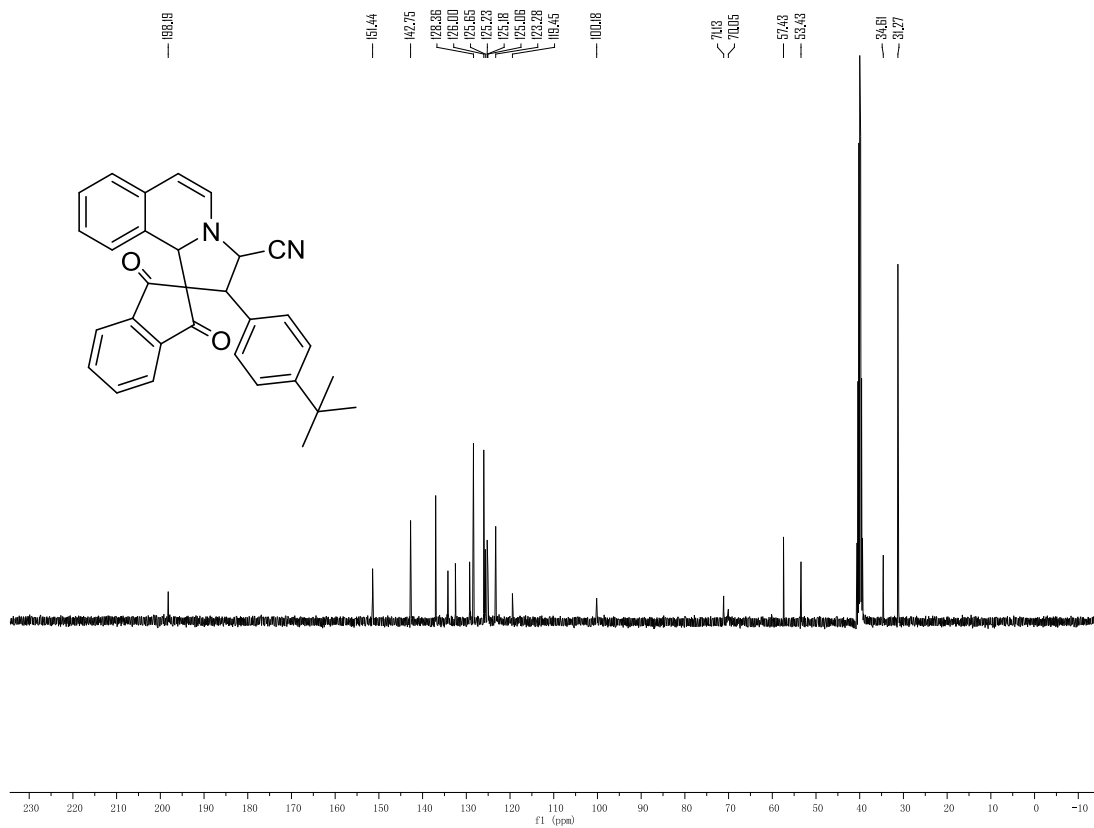


Figure S12 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the compound **1f**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-phenyl-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2a):** white solid, 83%, m.p. 249-251 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.29 (s, 1H, NH), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.72-7.65 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.61 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.57-7.51 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.19-7.11 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.99 (s, 1H, CH), 5.44 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.66-4.65 (m, 1H, CH), 3.54 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.93 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.41-2.36 (m, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 199.7, 197.5, 194.0, 188.7, 165.7, 142.9, 141.5, 139.9, 139.7, 137.6, 136.1, 135.5, 134.8, 133.2, 132.8, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 127.1, 123.1, 123.0, 122.0, 121.2, 100.9, 77.3, 74.5, 67.8, 62.4, 56.3, 30.1; IR (KBr) ν: 3276, 3026, 2916, 1738, 1703, 1570, 1457, 1273, 1087, 859, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 549.1809, Found: 549.1818.

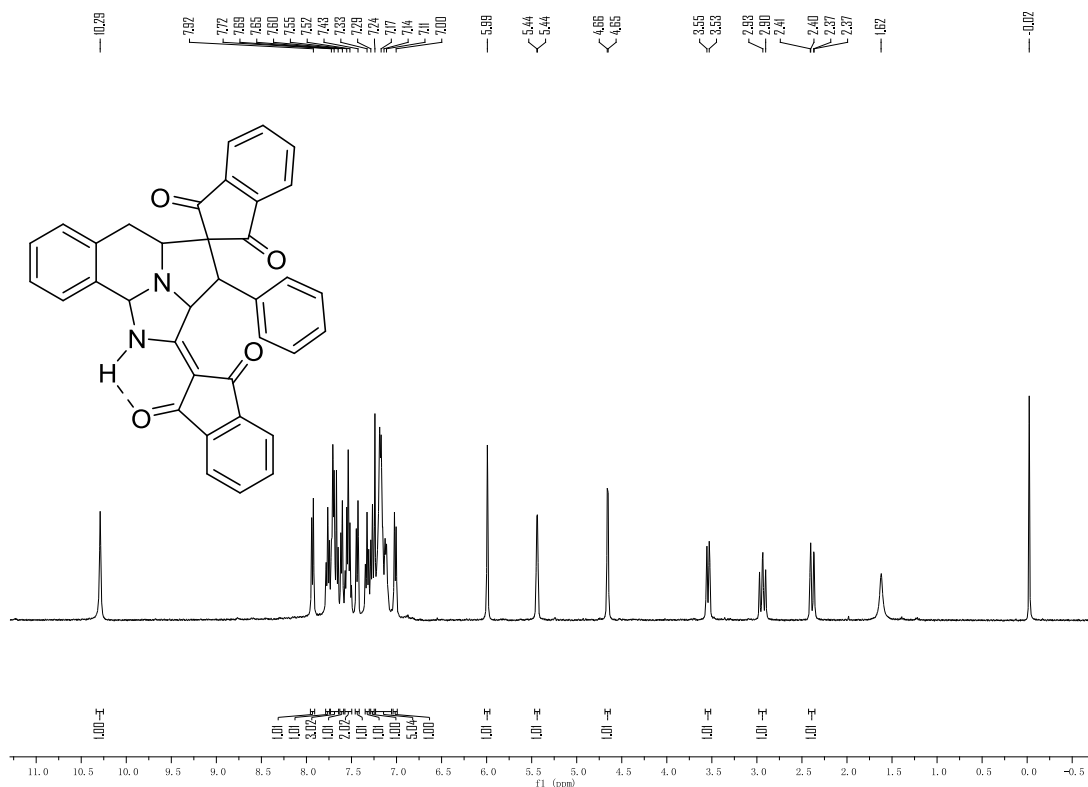


Figure S13 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound 2a

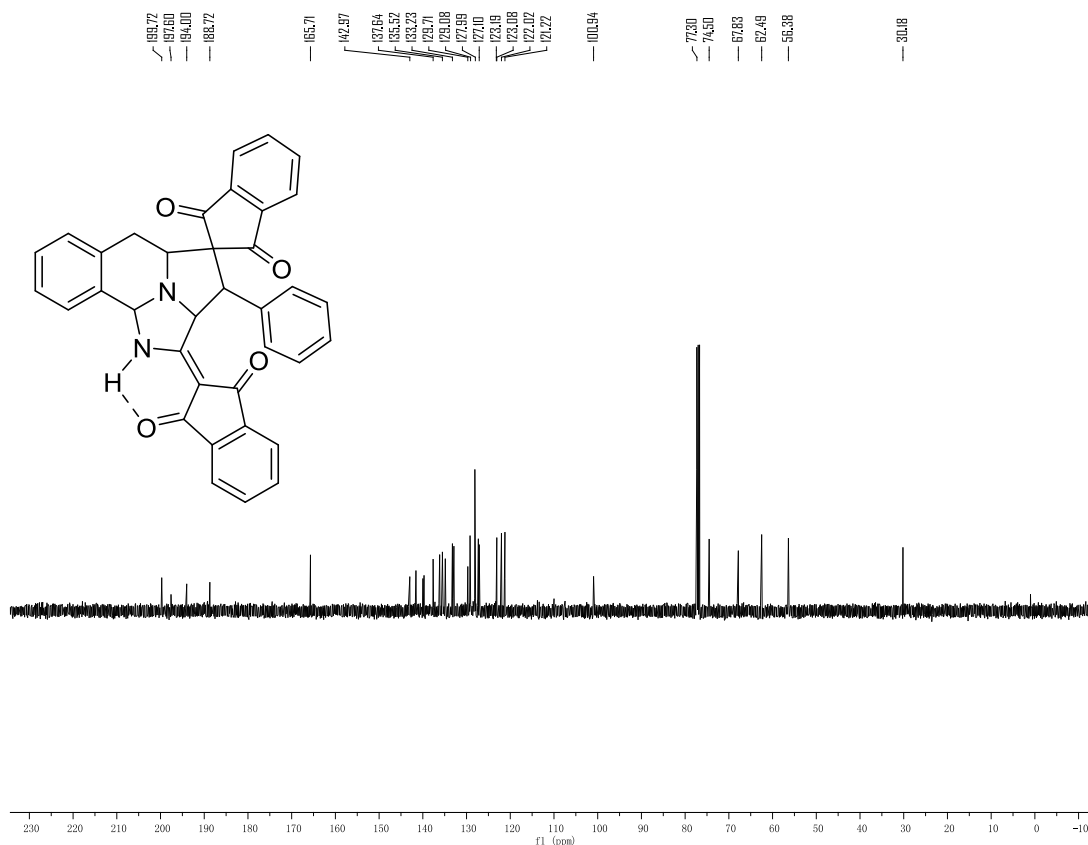


Figure S14  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2a**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2b**):** white solid, 78%, m.p. 247-249 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 10.43 (s, 1H, NH), 9.00 (s, 1H, OH), 7.91-7.88 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.83-7.80 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.66-7.60 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.08 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.74 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.38 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.95 (s, 1H, CH), 5.51-5.50 (m, 1H, CH), 4.64 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 3.21 (dd,  $J_1 = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.62-2.55 (m, 1H, CH), 2.35 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.7, 197.4, 191.9, 188.2, 167.3, 154.3, 142.3, 141.4, 139.7, 139.5, 136.4, 136.2, 135.4, 133.8, 133.6, 130.4, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.5, 127.5, 127.2, 125.8, 123.2, 122.9, 121.6, 121.2, 118.7, 114.4, 100.0, 77.7, 73.7, 65.9, 63.4, 48.7, 29.9; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3265, 3069, 2910, 1745, 1707, 1566, 1457, 1206, 1139, 997, 862, 741, 694, 655  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 565.1758, Found: 565.1757.

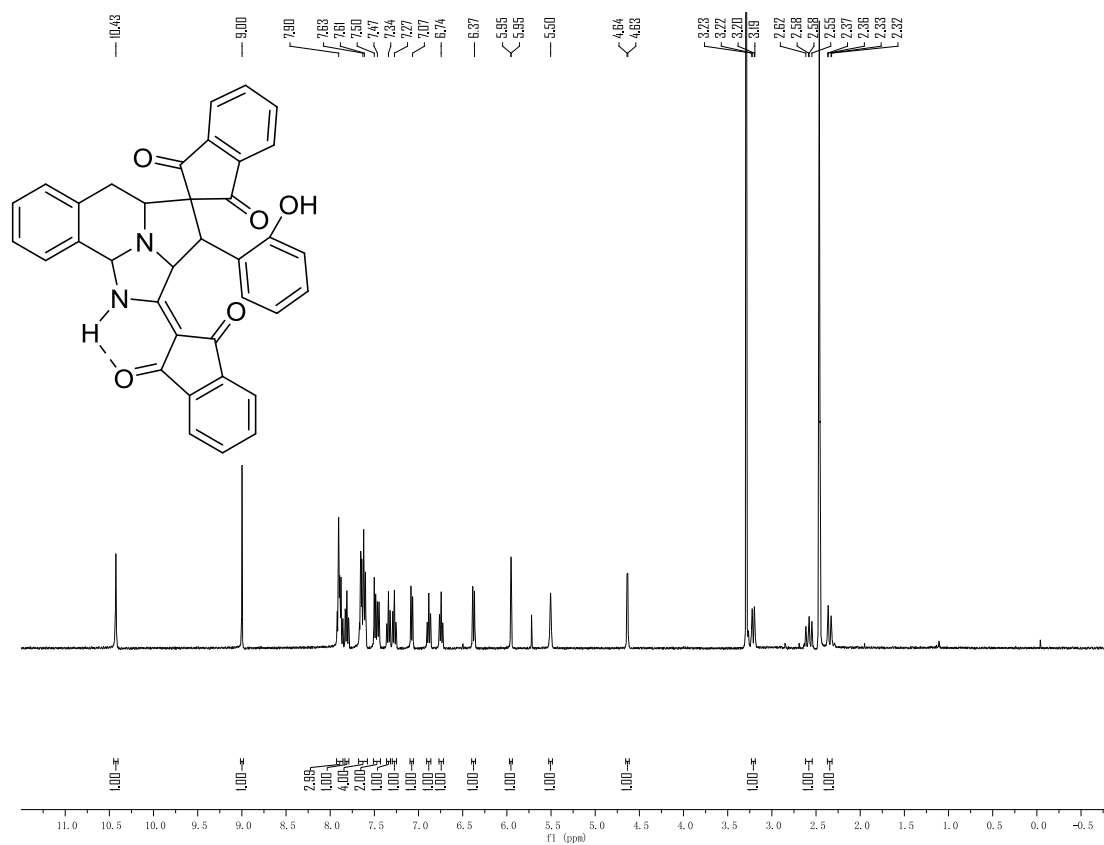


Figure S15  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2b**

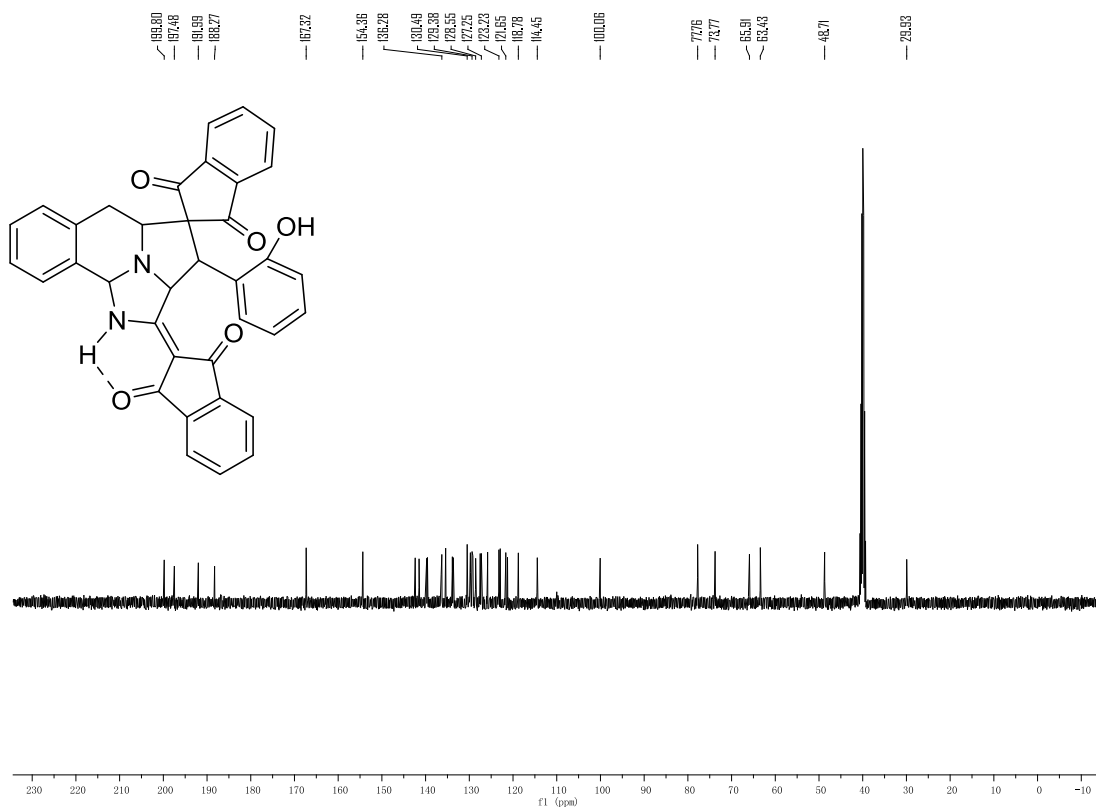


Figure S16  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2b**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2c):** white solid, 87%, m.p. 266-268 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.45 (s, 1H, NH), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.94-7.92 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.68-7.60 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.52 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.00 (s, 1H, CH), 5.63 (s, 1H, CH), 4.67-4.66 (m, 1H, CH), 3.30-3.28 (m, 1H, CH), 2.95 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.43 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 199.4, 197.2, 191.9, 188.4, 167.1, 155.5, 142.1, 141.1, 139.7, 139.5, 136.5, 136.3, 135.4, 133.8, 133.7, 130.4, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 127.2, 123.1, 122.9, 121.6, 121.2, 120.5, 110.2, 100.0, 77.8, 73.0, 65.6, 63.1, 54.3, 49.1, 29.8; IR (KBr) ν: 3252, 3072, 2833, 1746, 1708, 1649, 1567, 1492, 1462, 1360, 1275, 1206, 1029, 933, 853, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 579.1914, Found: 579.1920.

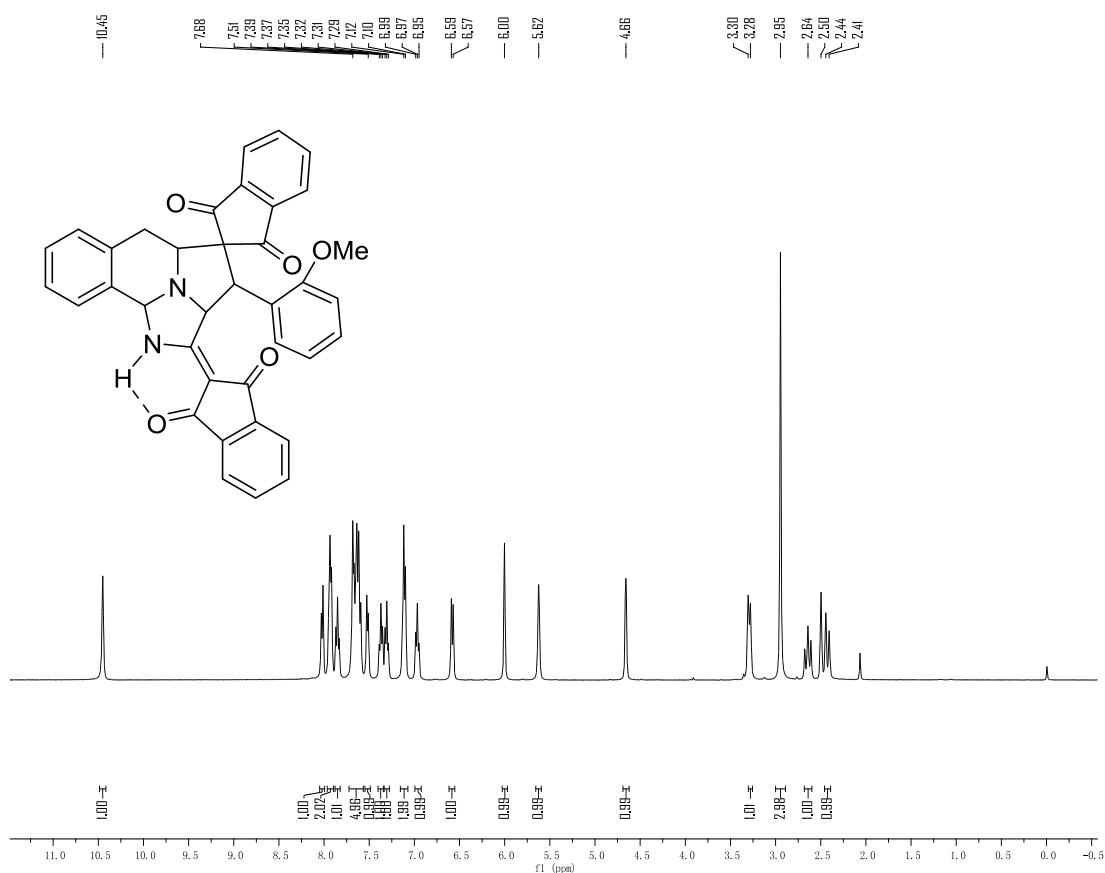


Figure S17 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound 2c

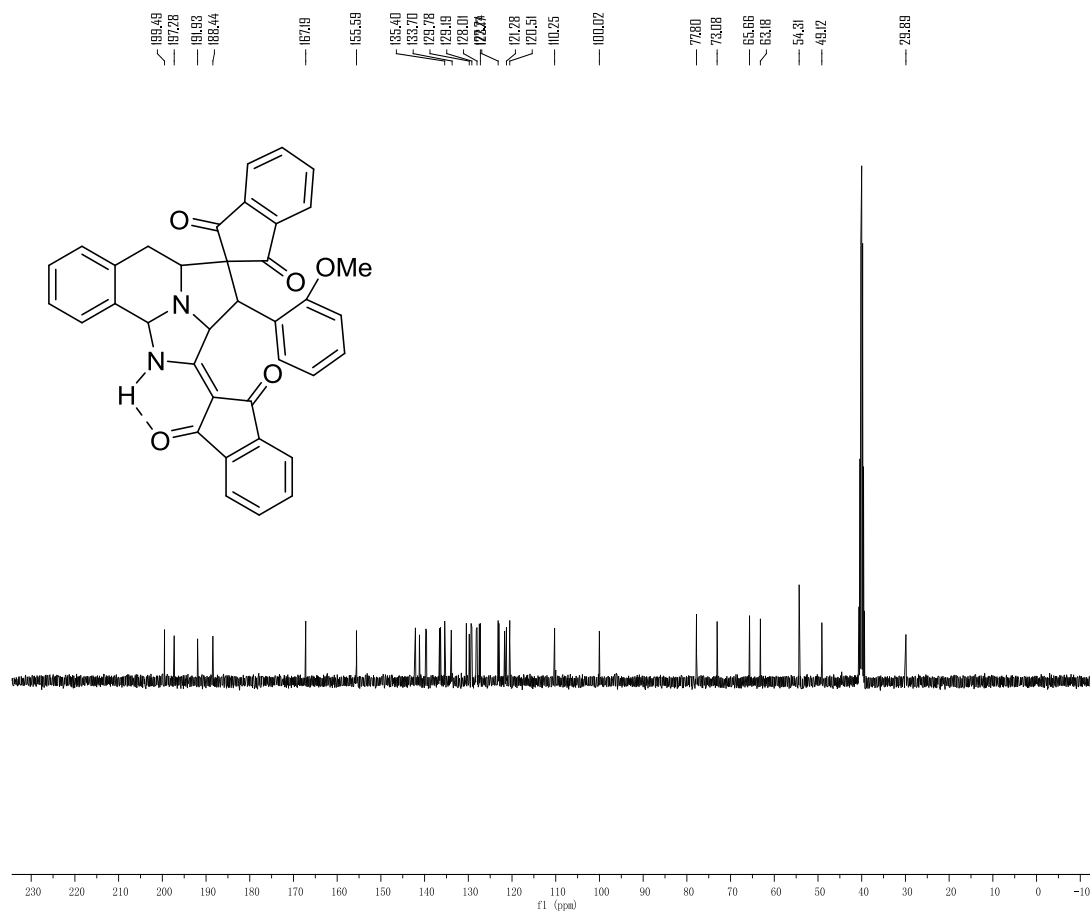


Figure S18  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2c**

**3-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2d**):** white solid, 89%, m.p. 264-266 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.46 (s, 1H, NH), 7.98-7.92 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.88 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.74 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.70-7.65 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.56-7.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.17-7.12 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.02 (s, 1H, CH), 5.46 (s, 1H, CH), 4.84-4.83 (m, 1H, CH), 3.37-3.34 (m, 1H, CH), 2.74 (t,  $J = 12.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.52-2.51 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.9, 196.9, 191.6, 188.5, 166.0, 141.9, 141.8, 139.7, 139.5, 137.3, 136.8, 136.7, 135.3, 133.9, 133.7, 133.4, 131.0, 130.3, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 127.2, 127.0, 123.6, 123.1, 121.6, 121.3, 99.9, 78.0, 76.1, 65.8, 63.4, 52.1, 29.7; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3279, 3069, 2907, 2836, 1746, 1709, 1659, 1572, 1461, 1436, 1205, 1036, 891, 850, 792, 685  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 583.1419, Found: 583.1421.



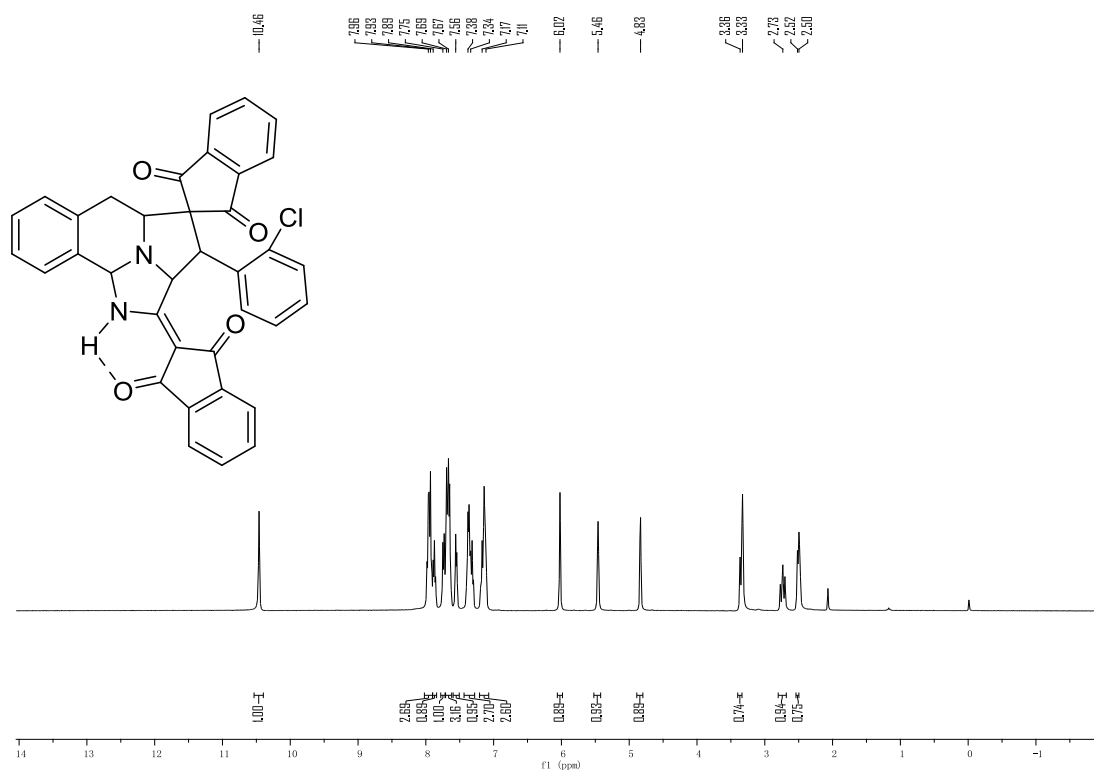


Figure S19  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2d**

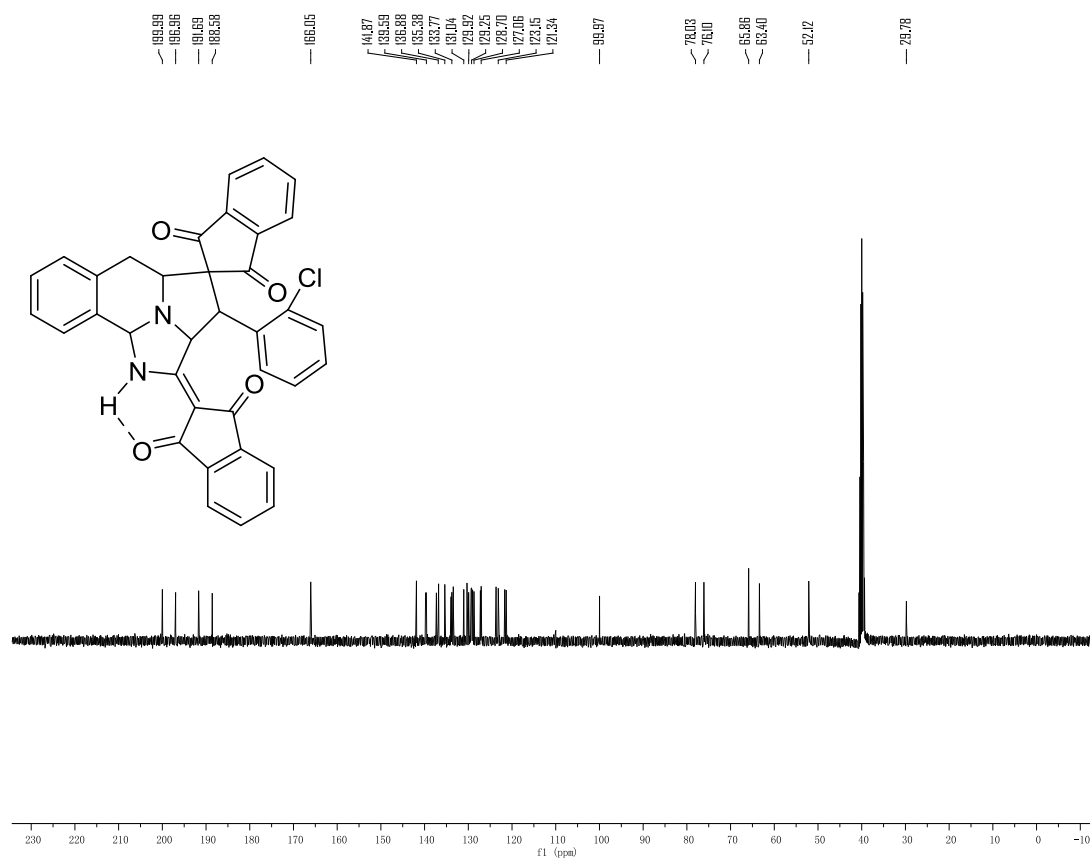


Figure S20  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2d**

**3-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2e**):** white solid, 85%, m.p. 270-272 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.21 (s, 1H, NH), 8.42-8.37 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.83-7.73 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.63-7.55 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.00 (s, 1H, CH), 5.39-5.38 (m, 1H, CH), 4.65-4.64 (m, 1H, CH), 3.56 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.91 (t, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.40 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 200.0, 196.9, 191.5, 188.5, 165.9, 142.1, 141.9, 139.8, 139.6, 138.5, 137.2, 136.8, 135.4, 133.9, 133.7, 132.3, 131.4, 130.3, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 127.5, 127.2, 124.9, 123.7, 123.1, 121.6, 121.3, 100.0, 78.1, 76.8, 65.8, 63.3, 54.7, 29.7; IR (KBr) ν: 3278, 3066, 2914, 2836, 1741, 1703, 1584, 1464, 1431, 1265, 1132, 852, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 627.0914, Found: 627.0900.

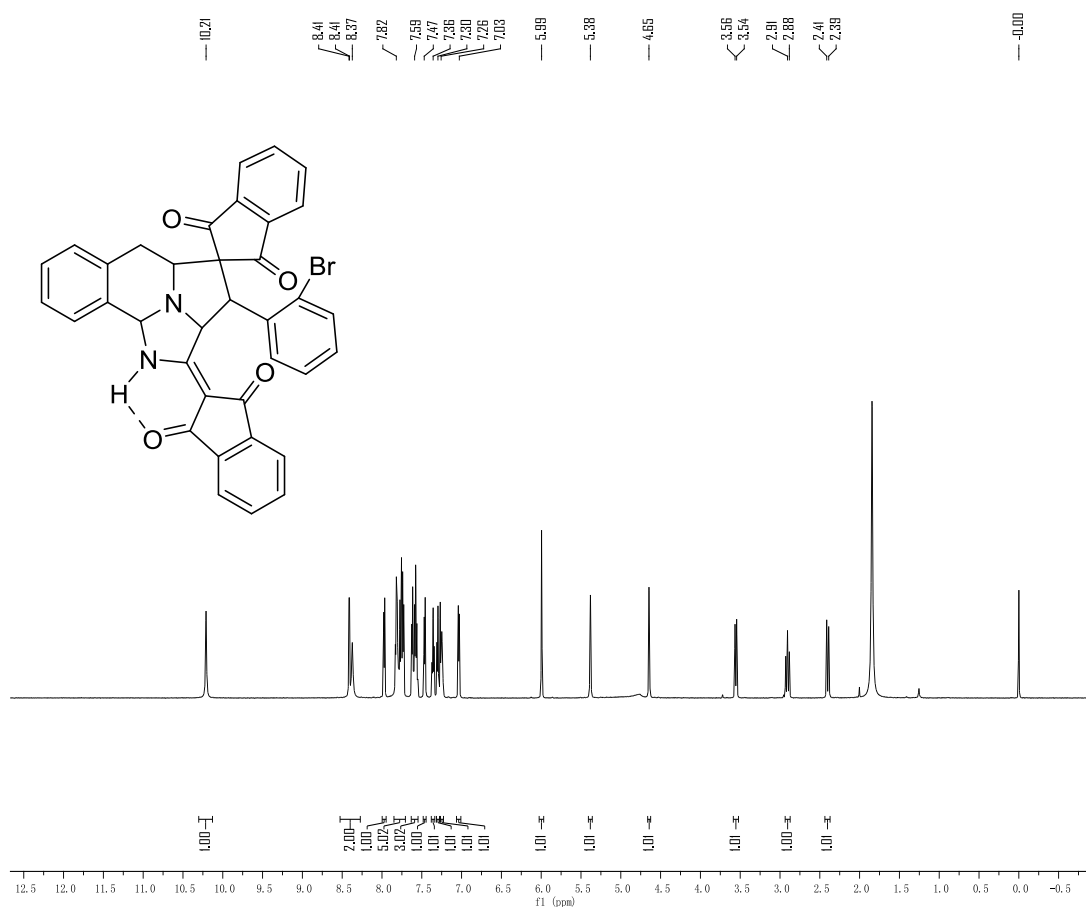


Figure S21 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2e**

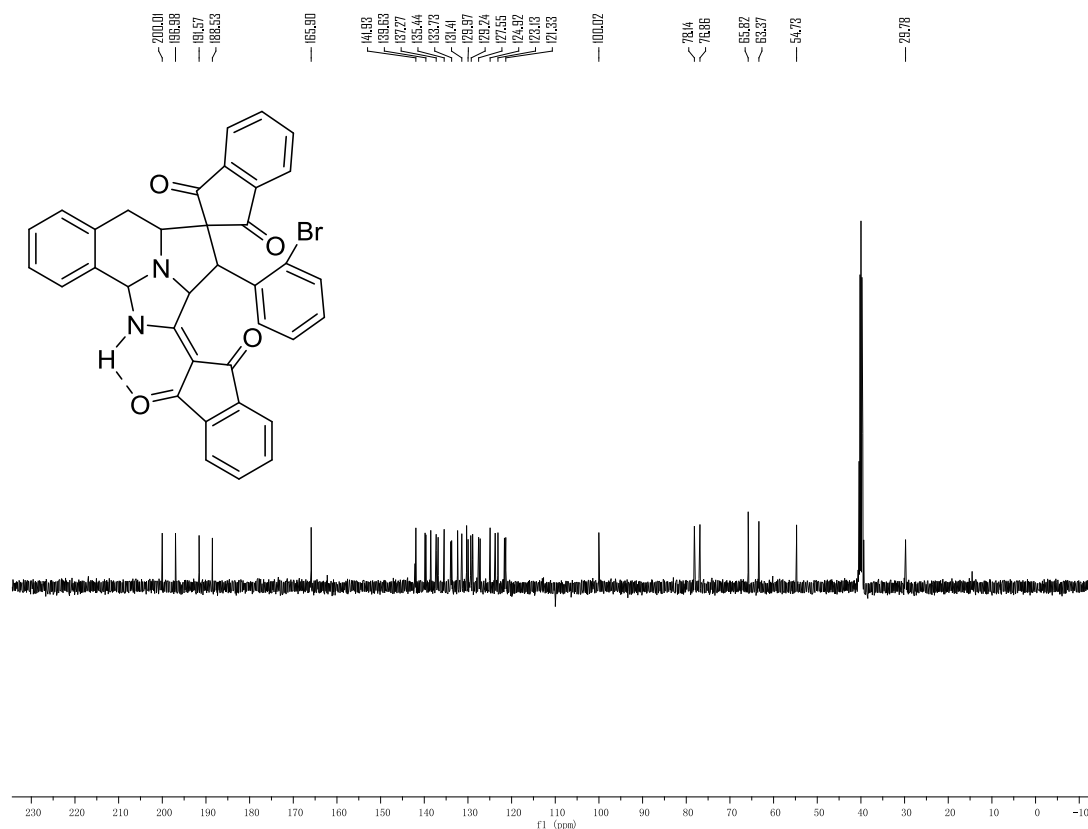


Figure S22  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2e**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(*m*-tolyl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9*b*-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2f**):** white solid, 86%, m.p. 233-235 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 10.23 (s, 1H, NH), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.72-7.69 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.62 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.57-7.50 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.44 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.04-7.00 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.92-6.89 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.00 (s, 1H, CH), 5.45 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 4.63 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H, CH), 3.55-3.52 (m, 1H, CH), 2.99-2.92 (m, 1H, CH), 2.39 (dd,  $J_1 = 15.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.20 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 199.8, 197.5, 193.9, 188.7, 165.7, 143.0, 141.6, 139.9, 139.7, 137.5, 137.4, 136.0, 135.4, 134.9, 133.2, 132.8, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 125.1, 123.1, 123.0, 122.0, 121.2, 100.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 74.4, 67.8, 62.3, 56.3, 30.1, 21.4; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3273, 3099, 3018, 2918, 1741, 1706, 1570, 1489, 1461, 1365, 1278, 1137, 1062, 934, 868, 730, 700, 653  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{26}\text{KN}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ ): 601.1524, Found: 601.1527.

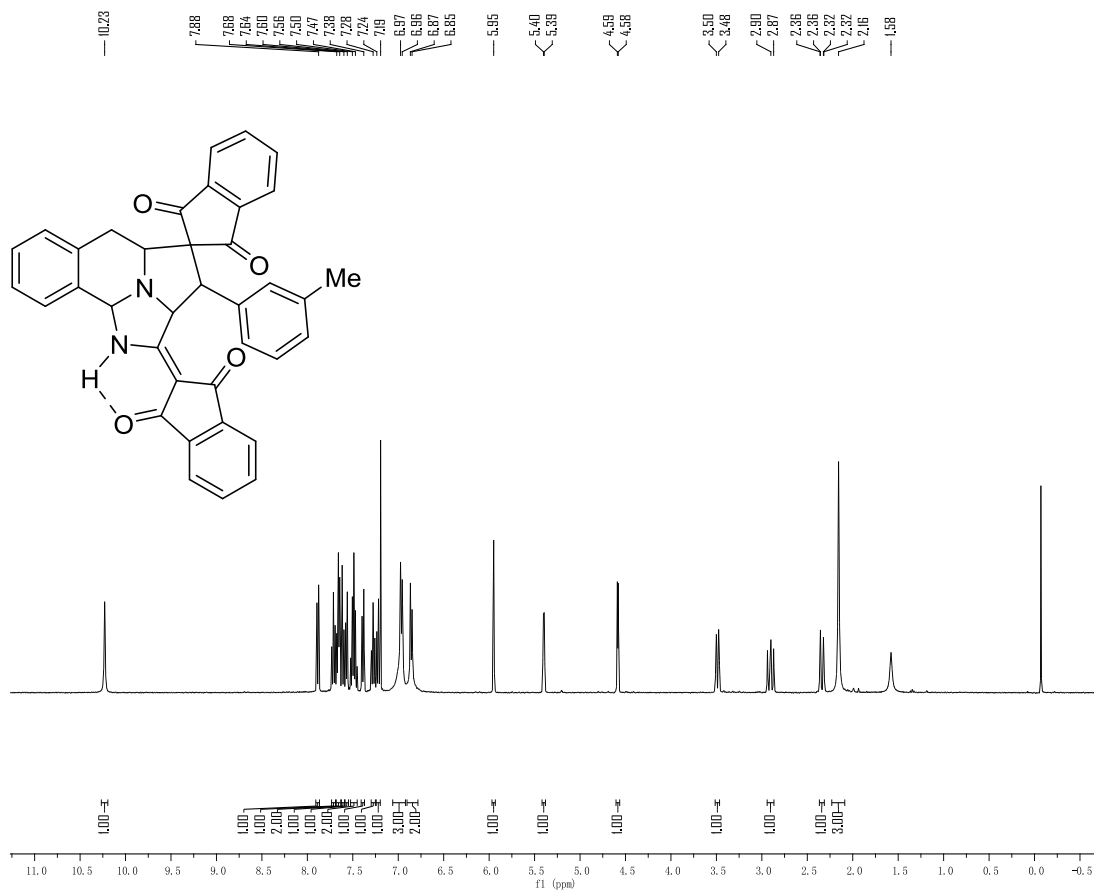


Figure S23  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2f**

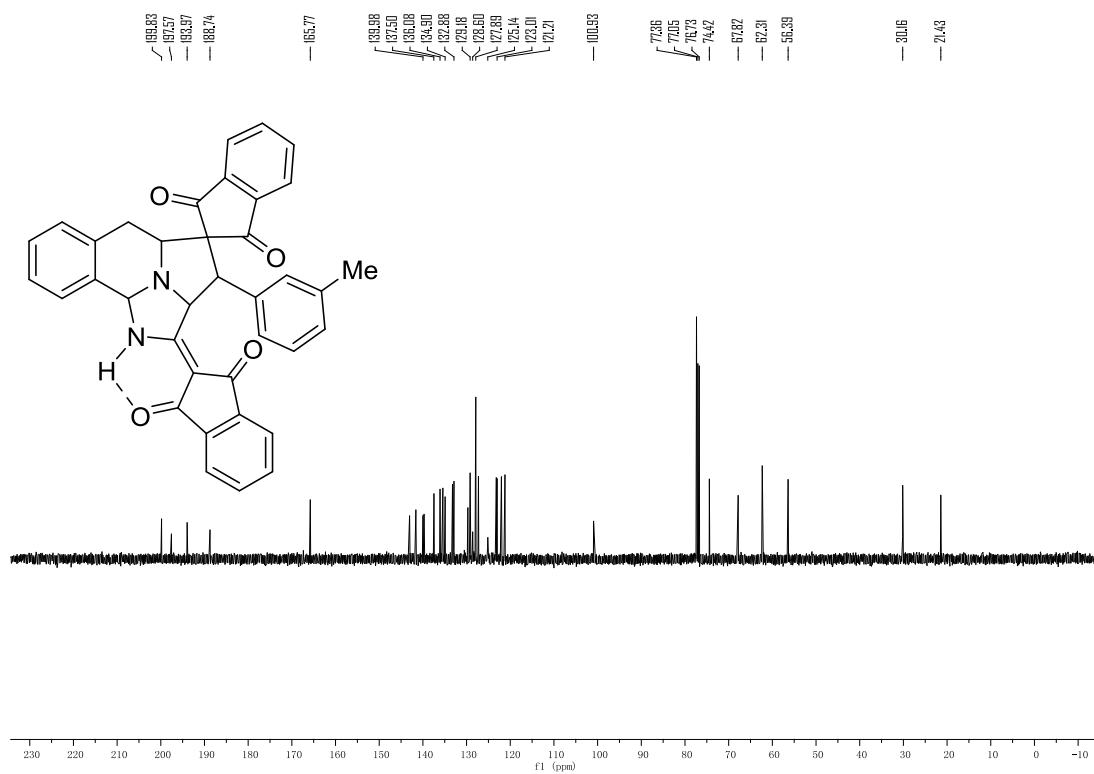


Figure S24  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2f**

**2-(1,3-Bioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzo[f]imidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2g**):** white solid, 81%, m.p. 259-261 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.24 (s, 1H, NH), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.82-7.70 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.63-7.61 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.02-6.93 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.85-6.80 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.98 (s, 1H, CH), 5.39 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.64 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.51 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.6 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.94-2.87 (m, 1H, CH), 2.37 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 15.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 199.4, 197.3, 193.8, 188.8, 165.3, 162.4 (d, *J* = 244.5 Hz), 142.8, 141.4, 140.4, 140.3, 139.9, 139.7, 134.6, 133.3, 133.0, 129.5, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.0, 127.3, 123.7, 123.3, 123.2, 121.9, 121.2, 115.2 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 114.1 (d, *J* = 20.9 Hz), 109.9, 100.8, 77.2, 74.3, 67.6, 62.7, 55.6, 30.1; IR (KBr) ν: 3280, 3067, 3020, 2916, 2838, 1742, 1709, 1659, 1589, 1488, 1202, 1090, 959, 828, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 567.1715, Found: 567.1709.

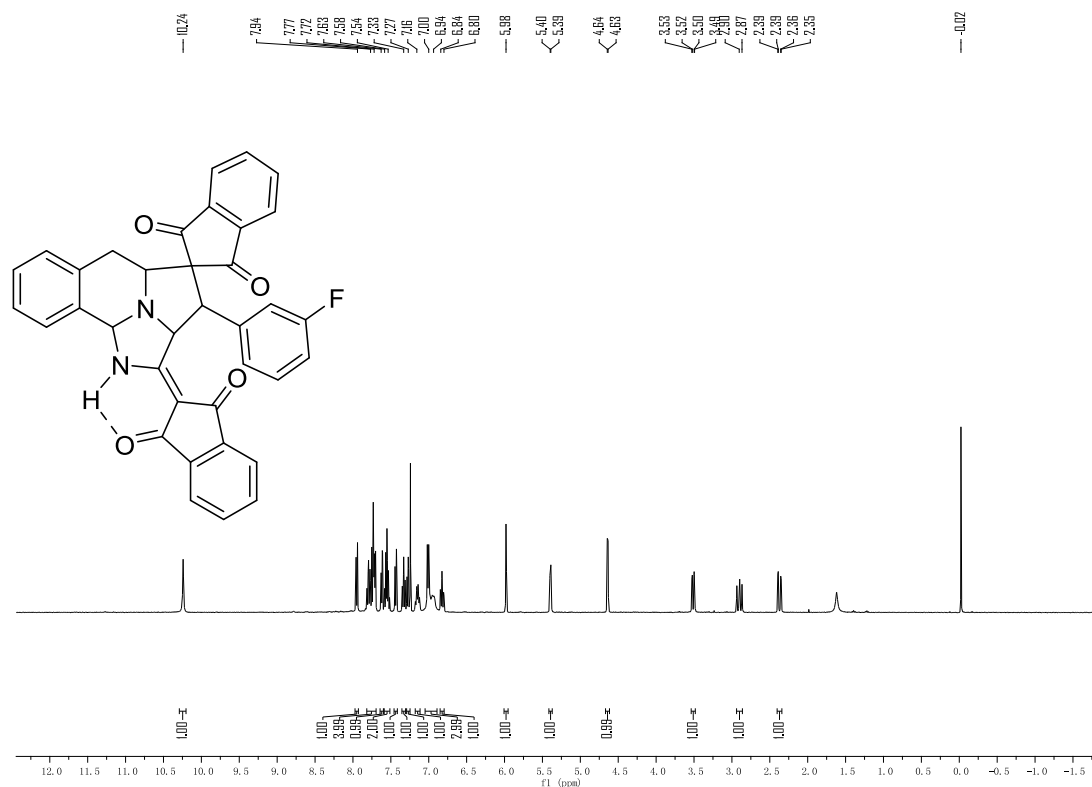


Figure S25 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2g**

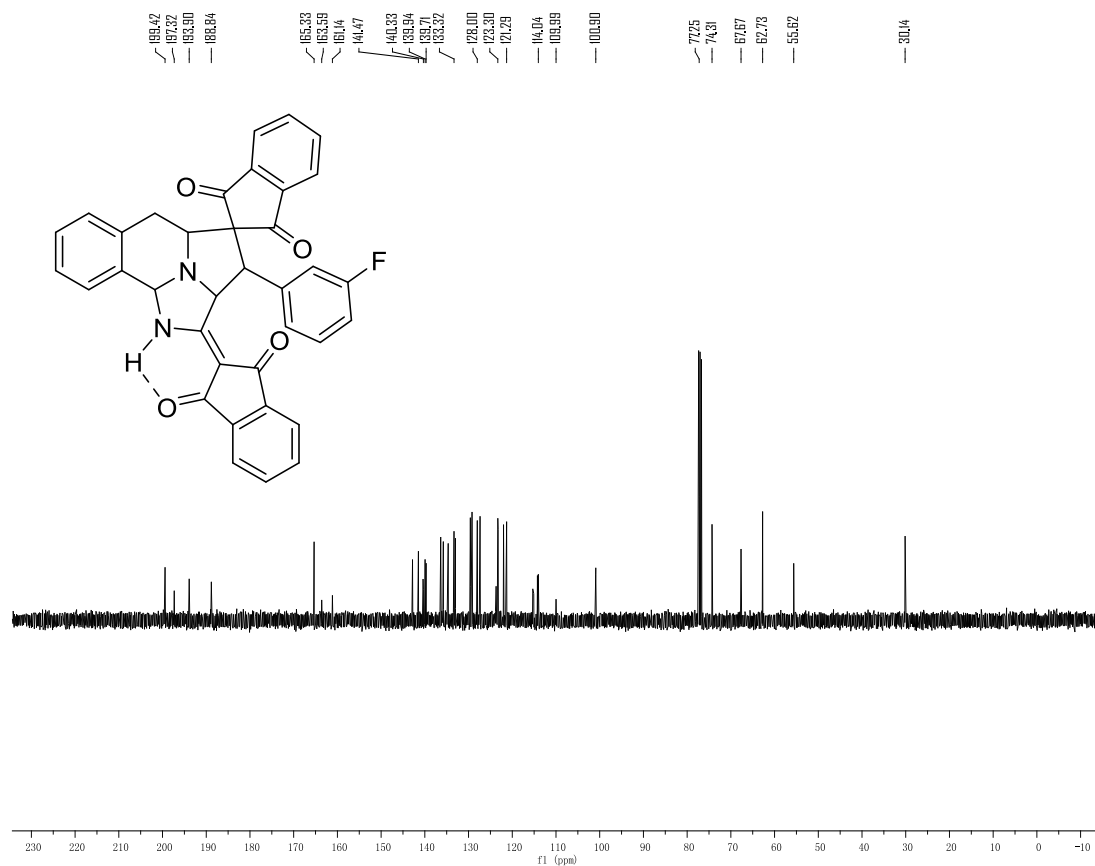


Figure S26  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2g**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(3-nitrophenyl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2h**):** white solid, 82%, m.p. 252-254 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 10.18 (s, 1H, NH), 8.16-8.15 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.04-8.01 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.97 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.84-7.80 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.78-7.74 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.72-7.71 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.60-7.53 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.45 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.41-7.33 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.99 (s, 1H, CH), 5.44 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 4.73 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H, CH), 3.53 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.91-4.84 (m, 1H, CH), 2.37 (dd,  $J_1 = 14.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 198.8, 197.2, 193.7, 189.0, 164.8, 147.8, 142.5, 141.3, 140.2, 139.8, 139.6, 136.6, 136.1, 134.4, 134.3, 133.4, 133.1, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.0, 127.4, 123.4, 123.3, 123.2, 122.2, 121.9, 121.3, 100.8, 77.2, 74.3, 67.6, 63.2, 55.0, 30.1; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3282, 3068, 2911, 2835, 1743, 1708, 1660, 1569, 1529, 1462, 1203, 994, 831, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 594.1660, Found: 594.1651.

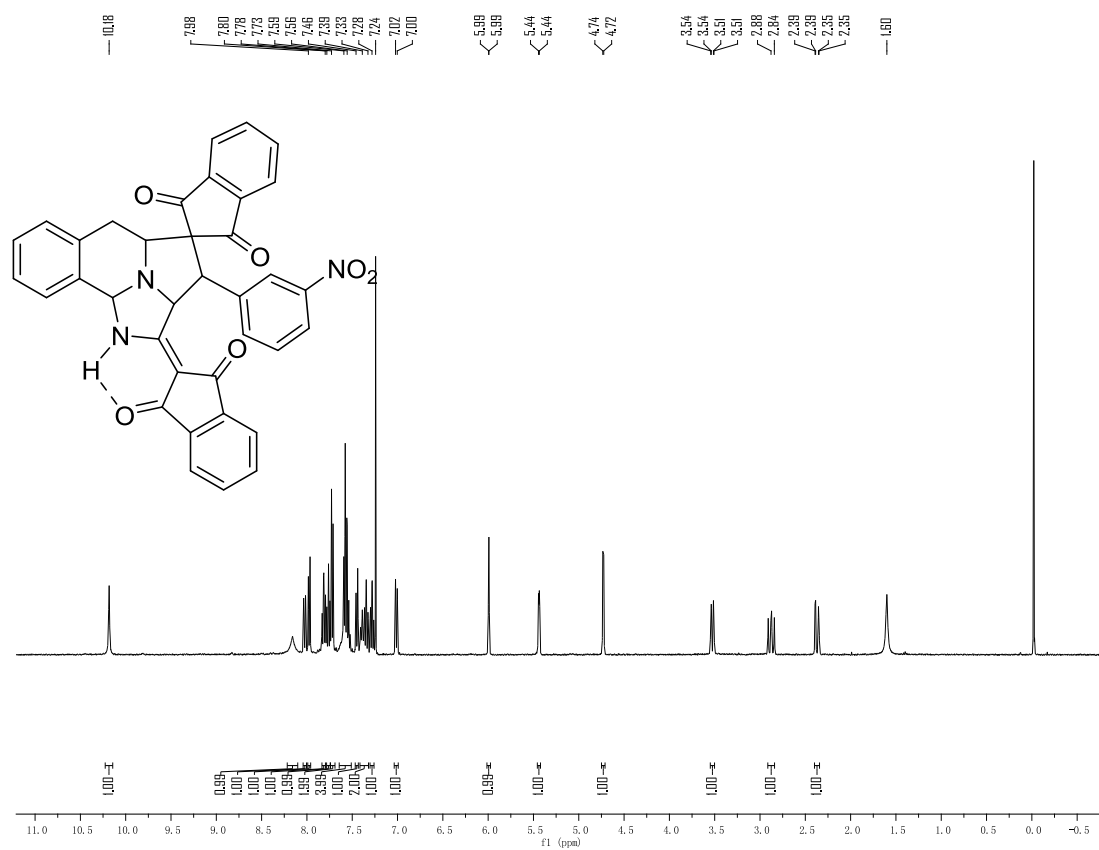


Figure S27  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound 2h

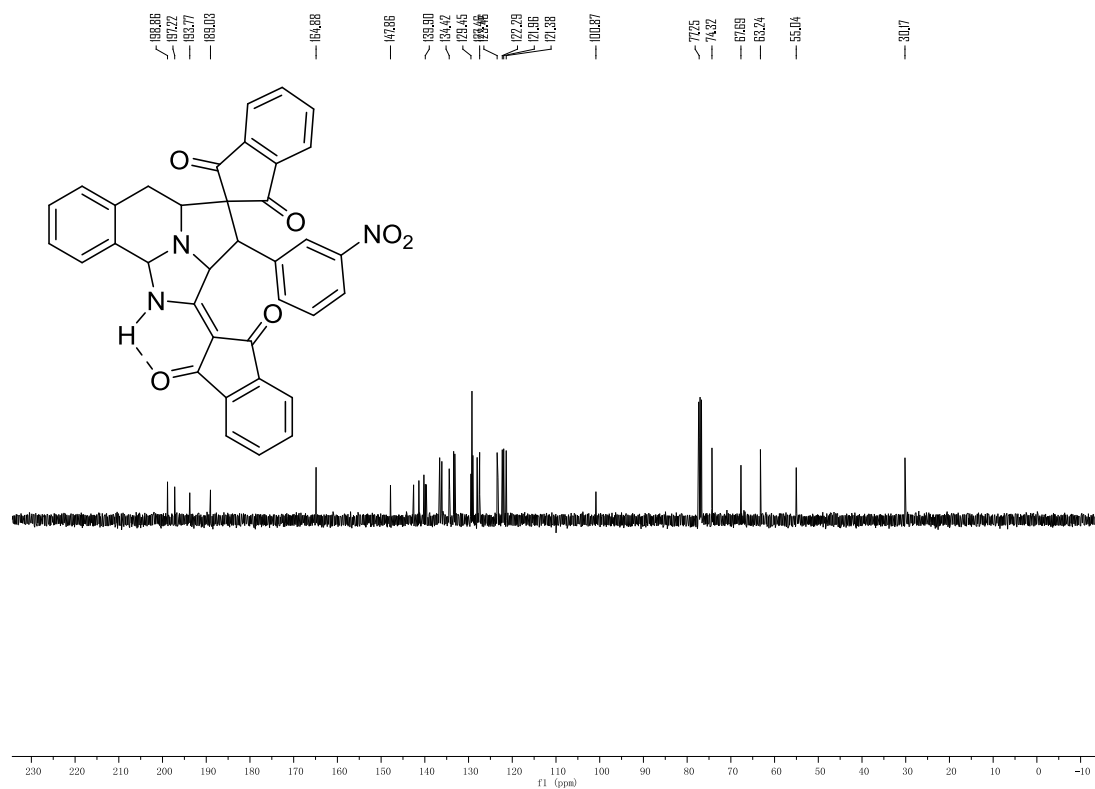


Figure S28  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound 2h

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2i**):** white solid, 92%, m.p. 233-235 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.48 (s, 1H, NH), 7.97-7.95 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.92-7.86 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.68-7.62 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.50 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.27 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.92-6.90 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.96-5.95 (m, 1H, CH), 5.47-5.45 (m, 1H, CH), 4.37 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.18 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.64-2.57 (m, 1H, CH), 2.45-2.42 (m, 1H, CH), 2.16 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 200.5, 196.9, 192.0, 188.3, 166.7, 142.7, 141.3, 139.6, 139.5, 137.5, 136.7, 135.9, 135.7, 135.1, 133.9, 133.7, 130.3, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 127.3, 123.7, 123.3, 121.7, 121.2, 100.0, 77.3, 74.6, 67.6, 63.0, 55.4, 29.8, 21.0; IR (KBr) ν: 3275, 3018, 2918, 1738, 1704, 1569, 1459, 1357, 1274, 1135, 861, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 563.1965, Found: 563.1979.

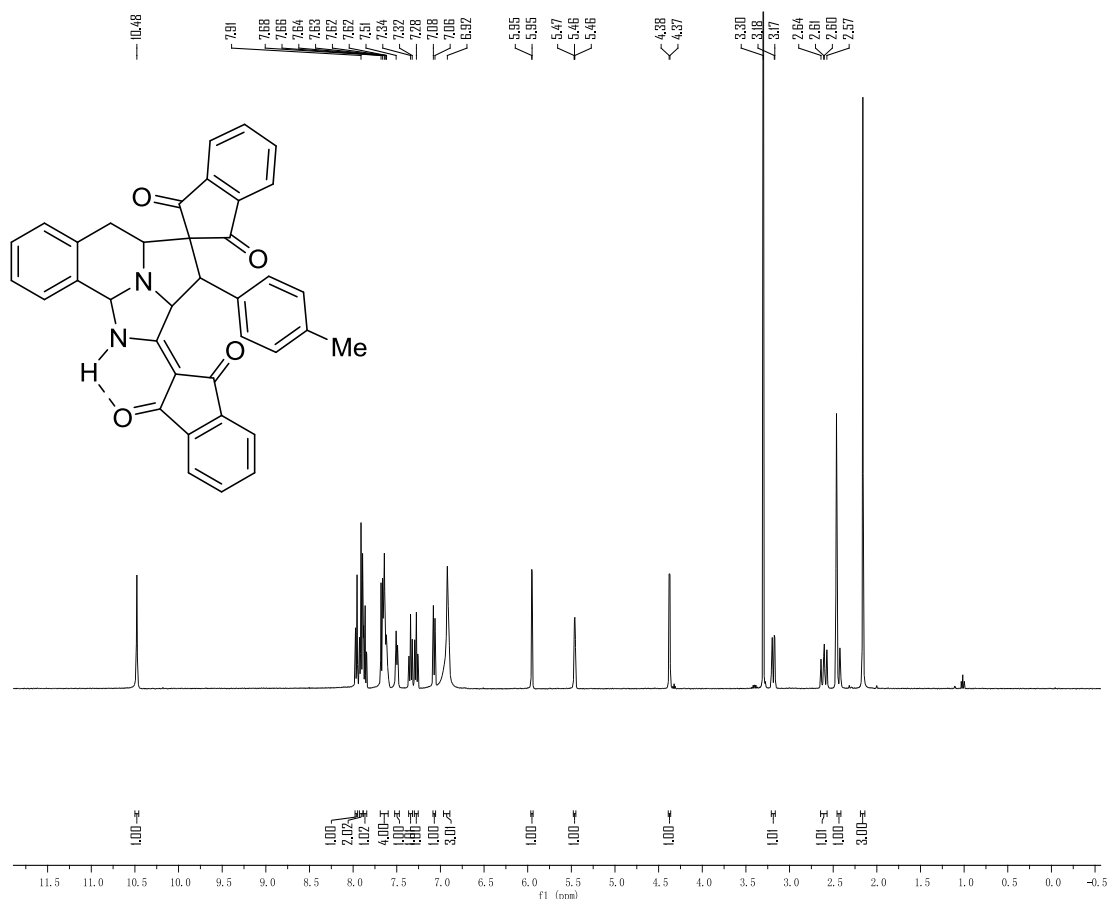


Figure S29 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2i**



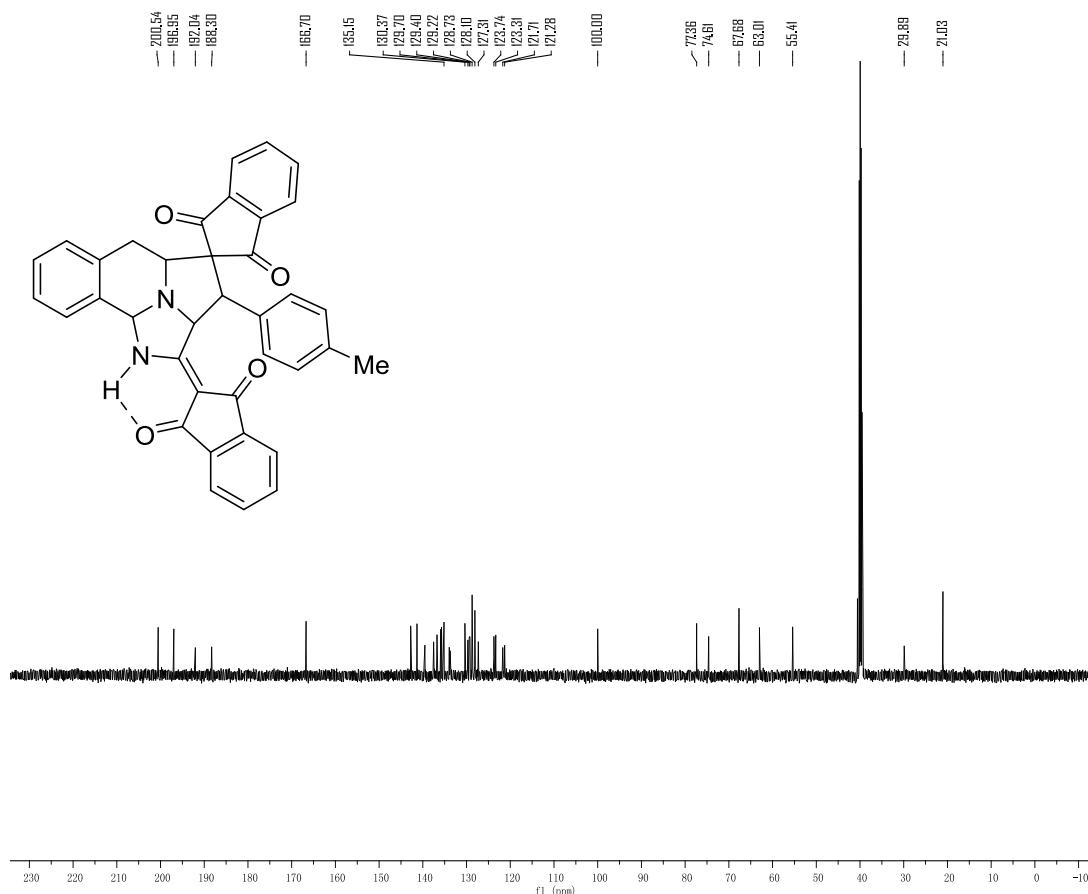


Figure S30  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2i**

**3-(4-(Bimethylamino)phenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-ylidene)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzo[f]imidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2j):** white solid, 73%, m.p. 262-264 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 10.35 (s, 1H, NH), 7.92-7.91 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.74-7.69 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.62-7.61 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.53-7.52 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.32-7.30 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.04-7.01 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.54-6.51 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.98 (s, 1H, CH), 5.34 (s, 1H, CH), 4.60 (s, 1H, CH), 3.51 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.96 (t,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.84 (s, 6H,  $2\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.37 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 200.1, 197.9, 194.1, 188.6, 166.0, 149.2, 143.1, 141.7, 139.9, 139.7, 135.9, 135.2, 135.0, 133.1, 132.7, 129.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 127.9, 127.2, 125.3, 123.2, 122.9, 122.0, 121.1, 112.1, 101.0, 77.1, 75.2, 68.0, 62.1, 56.0, 40.4, 30.2; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3270, 3071, 2903, 2832, 1744, 1708, 1665, 1568, 1520, 1459, 1362, 1340, 1246, 1058, 858, 743, 693  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ): 614.2050, Found: 614.2041.

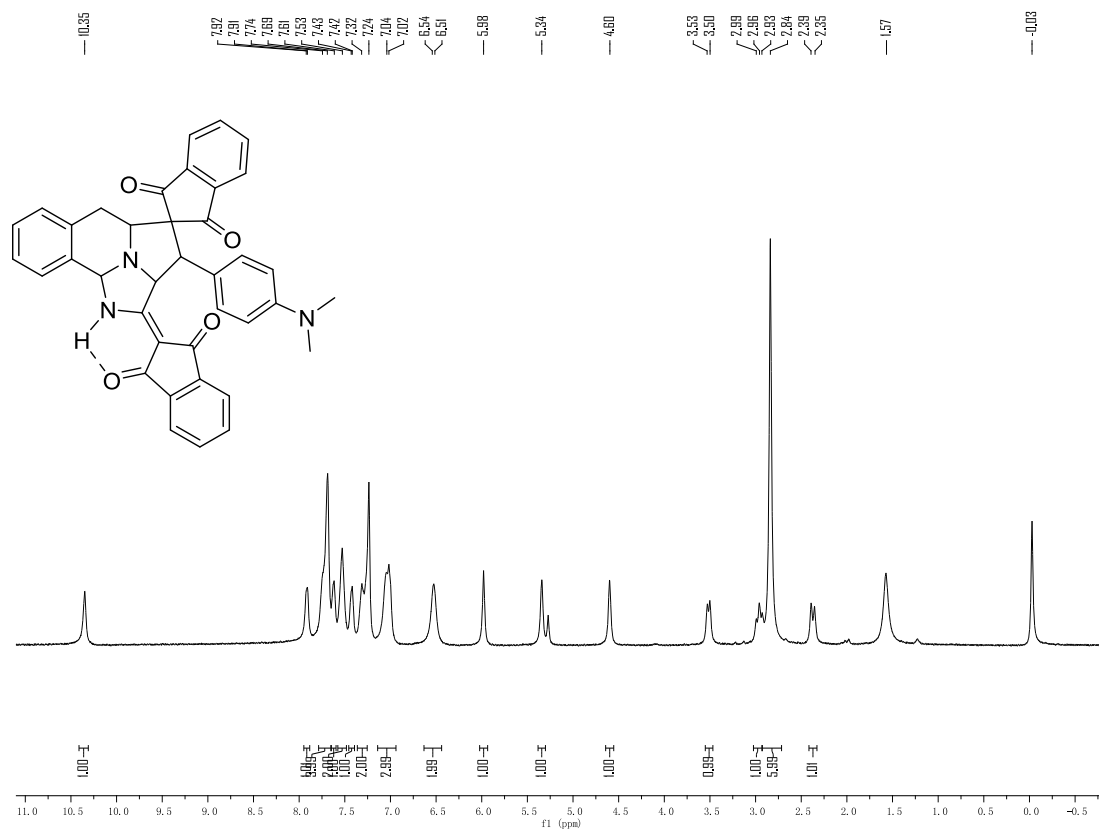


Figure S31  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2j**

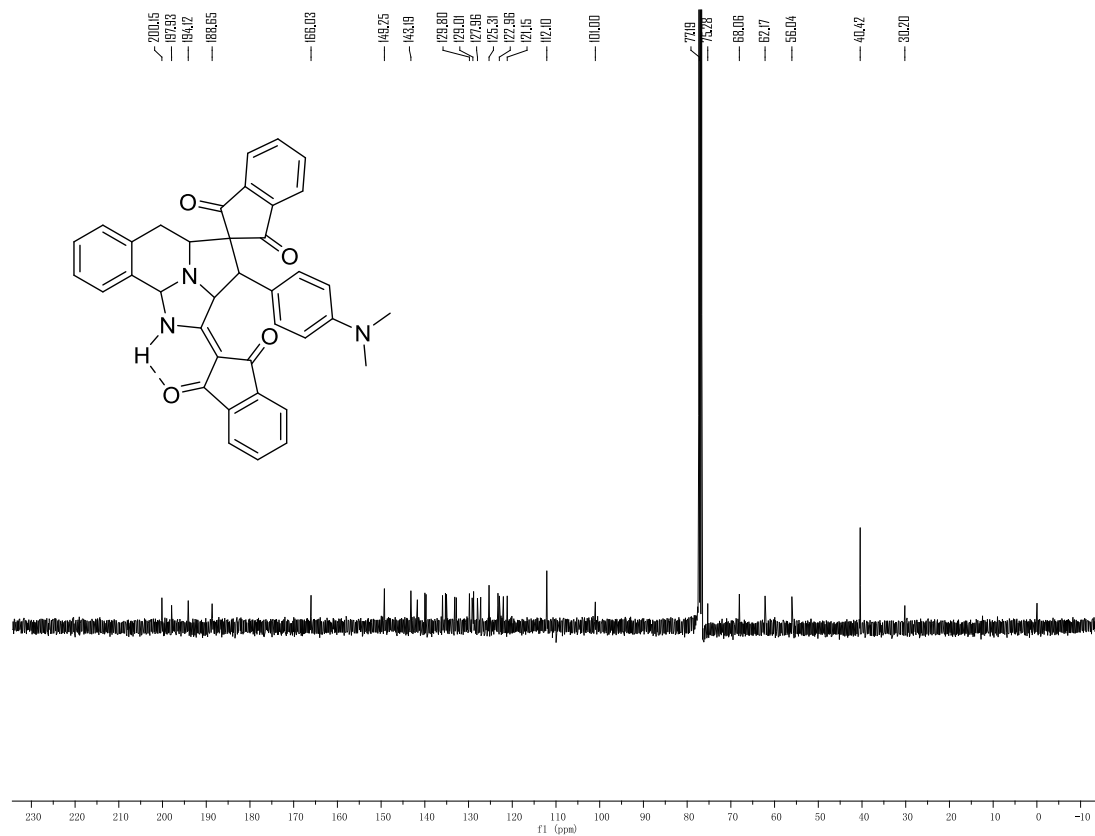


Figure S32  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2j**

**3-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2k**):** white solid, 81 %, m.p. 278-281 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.46 (s, 1H, NH), 7.98-7.89 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.73-7.71 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.62-7.57 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08-6.95 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.93 (s, 1H, CH), 5.48 (s, 1H, CH), 4.36-4.35 (m, 1H, CH), 3.19 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.58 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.45-2.43 (m, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 200.0, 196.9, 191.9, 191.9, 191.9, 188.5, 188.4, 188.4, 166.3, 142.6, 141.3, 138.4, 137.6, 136.9, 135.0, 133.9, 133.9, 133.8, 133.8, 133.8, 131.0, 130.4, 130.3, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 127.3, 123.8, 123.3, 120.0, 100.0, 77.4, 74.3, 67.5, 63.2, 54.9, 40.4, 40.2, 39.9, 29.9; IR (KBr) ν: 3279, 3066, 2902, 1738, 1704, 1569, 1488, 1279, 1137, 1003, 934, 862, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrKN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>([M+K]<sup>+</sup>): 665.0473, Found: 665.0460.

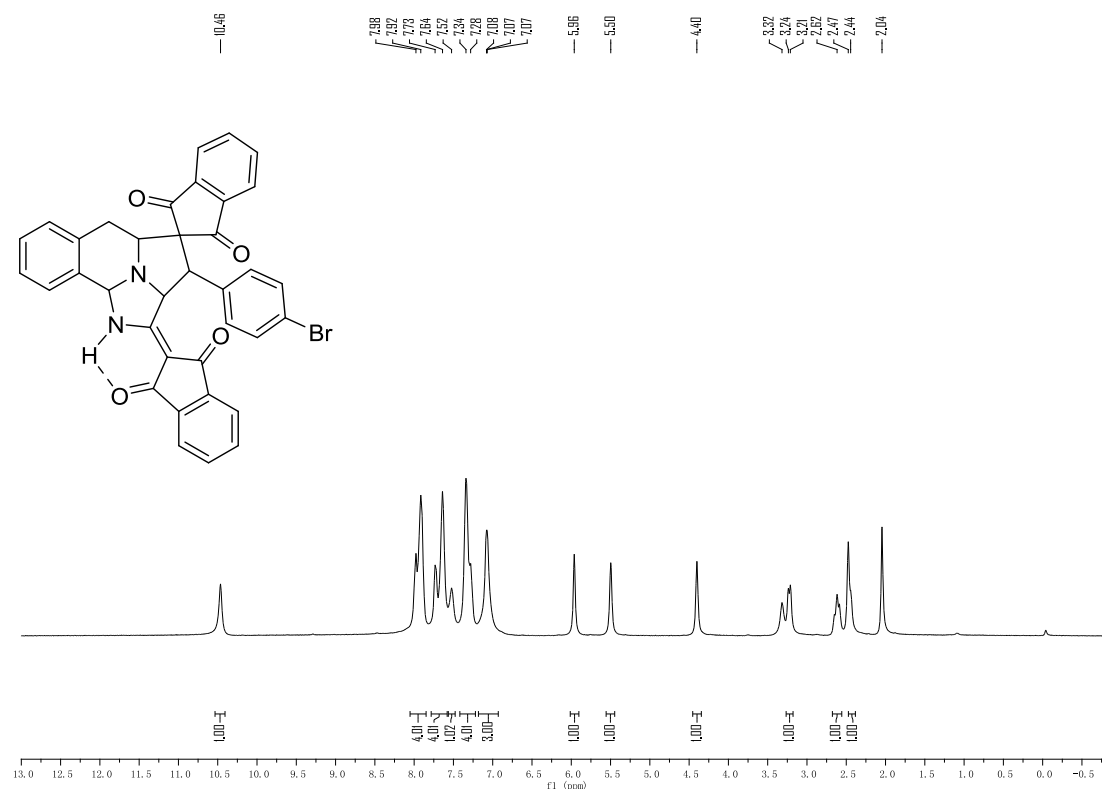


Figure S33 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2k**

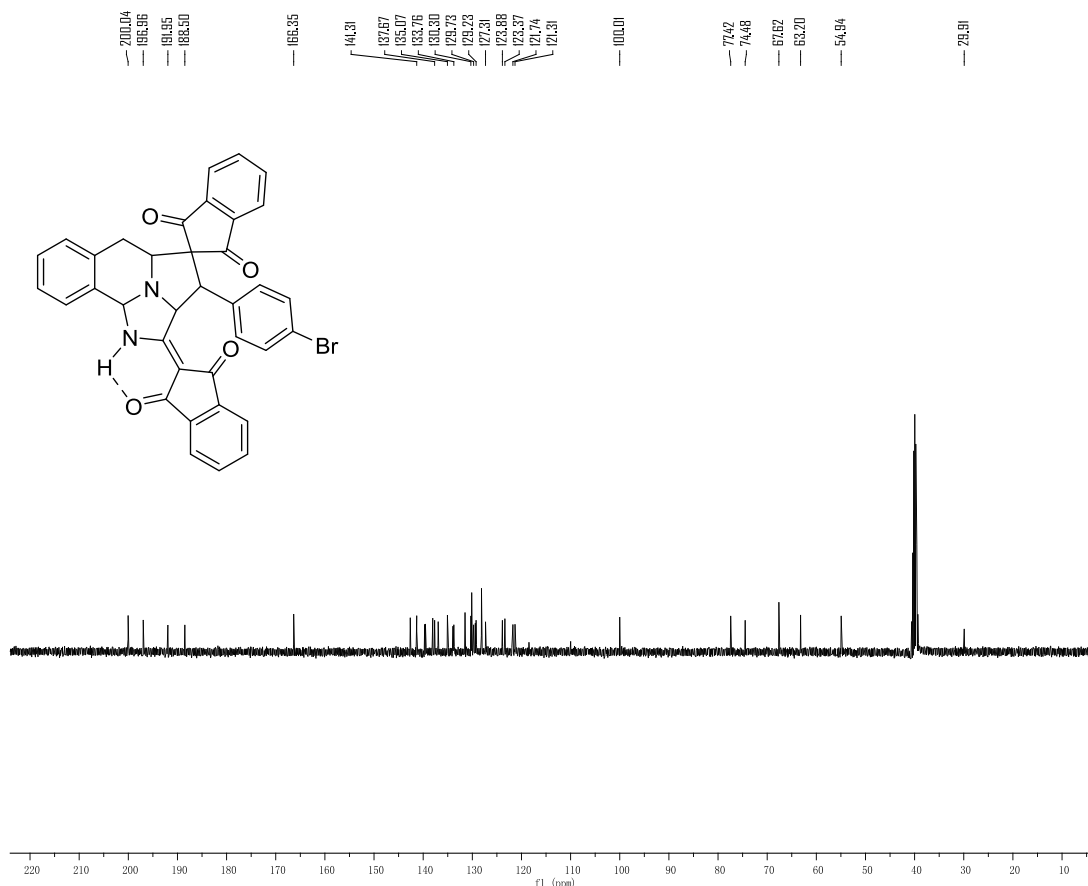


Figure S34  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2k**

**3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2l**):** white solid, 91 %, m.p. 269-272 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.50 (s, 1H, NH), 8.02-8.00 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.97-7.94 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.75 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.70-7.68 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.54 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.24-7.22 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.12-7.08 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.98 (s, 1H, CH), 5.54-5.50 (m, 1H, CH), 4.42-4.41 (m, 1H, CH), 3.24 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.64 (t,  $J = 12.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.49-2.47 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 200.0, 196.9, 191.9, 188.4, 166.3, 142.6, 141.3, 139.7, 139.5, 138.0, 137.6, 136.9, 135.0, 133.9, 133.7, 131.4, 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.1, 127.3, 123.8, 123.3, 121.7, 121.3, 100.0, 77.4, 74.4, 67.6, 63.2, 54.9, 29.9; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3287, 3042, 2938, 1739, 1704, 1661, 1568, 1487, 1283, 1141, 1020, 936, 897, 732  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 583.1419, Found: 583.1421.

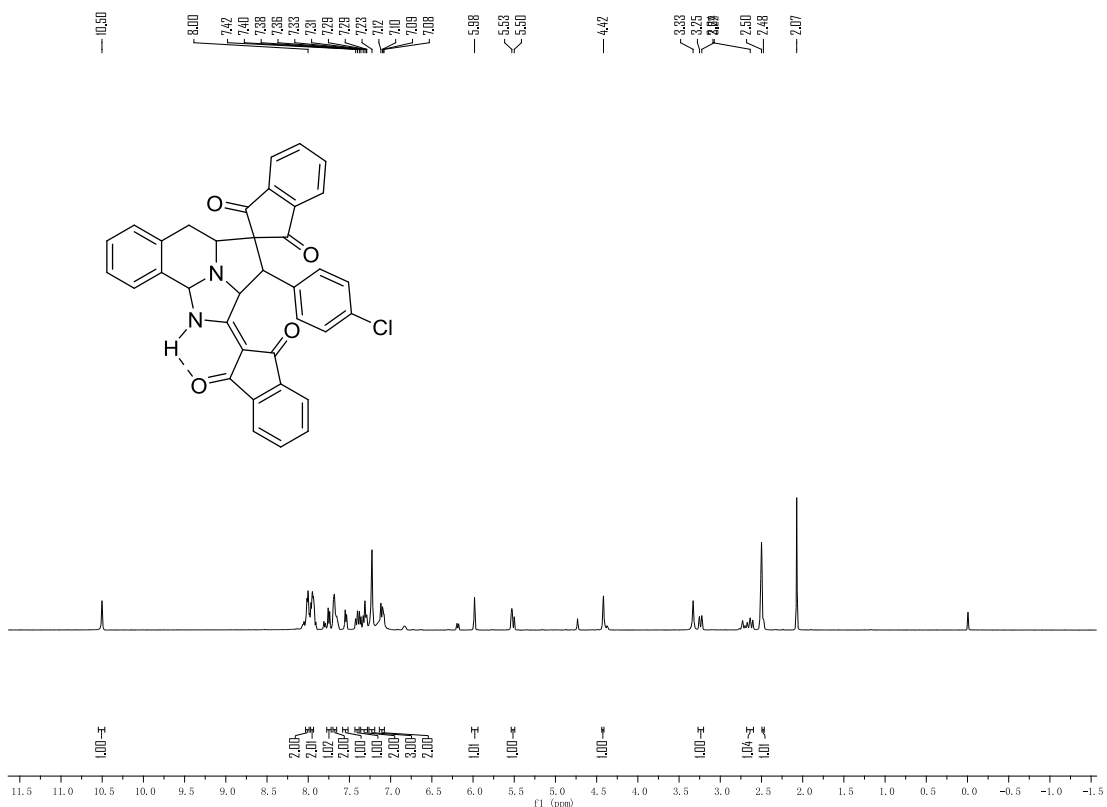


Figure S35 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **21**

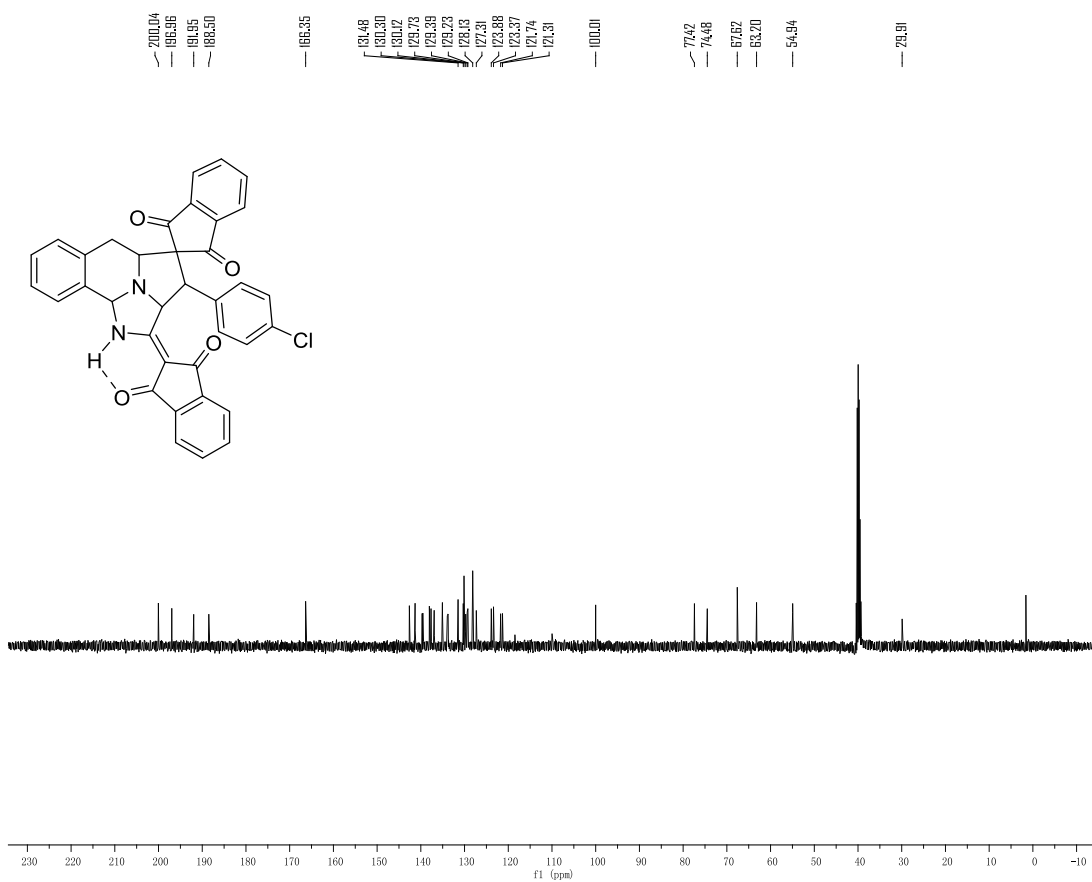
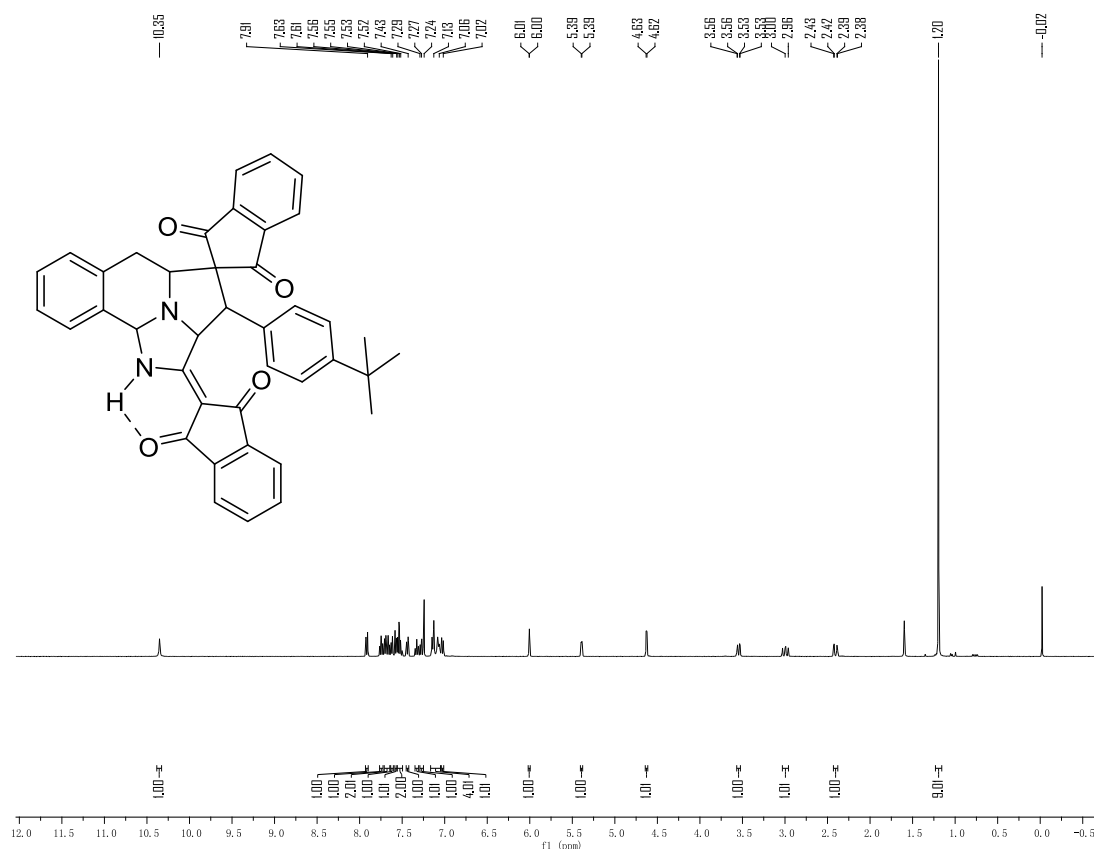


Figure S34 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the compound **21**

**3-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-ylidene)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzo[f]imidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2m):** white solid, 81%, m.p. 255-257 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.35 (s, 1H, NH), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.76-7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.71-7.65 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.63-7.61 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.55-7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.15-7.06 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.01 (s, 1H, CH), 5.40-5.38 (m, 1H, CH), 4.63 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.55 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.03-2.96 (m, 1H, CH), 2.40 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 15.6 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.20 (s, 9H, 3CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 199.7, 197.6, 197.6, 194.0, 188.8, 165.7, 149.5, 143.1, 141.6, 139.9, 139.6, 135.8, 135.3, 135.0, 134.4, 133.1, 132.8, 129.7, 129.2, 129.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 124.9, 122.9, 122.0, 121.2, 100.9, 77.3, 74.7, 68.0, 61.8, 56.4, 34.3, 31.2, 30.1; IR (KBr) ν: 3280, 3063, 3019, 2960, 2872, 1741, 1703, 1569, 1461, 1356, 1274, 1136, 931, 824, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 605.2435, Found: 605.2432.



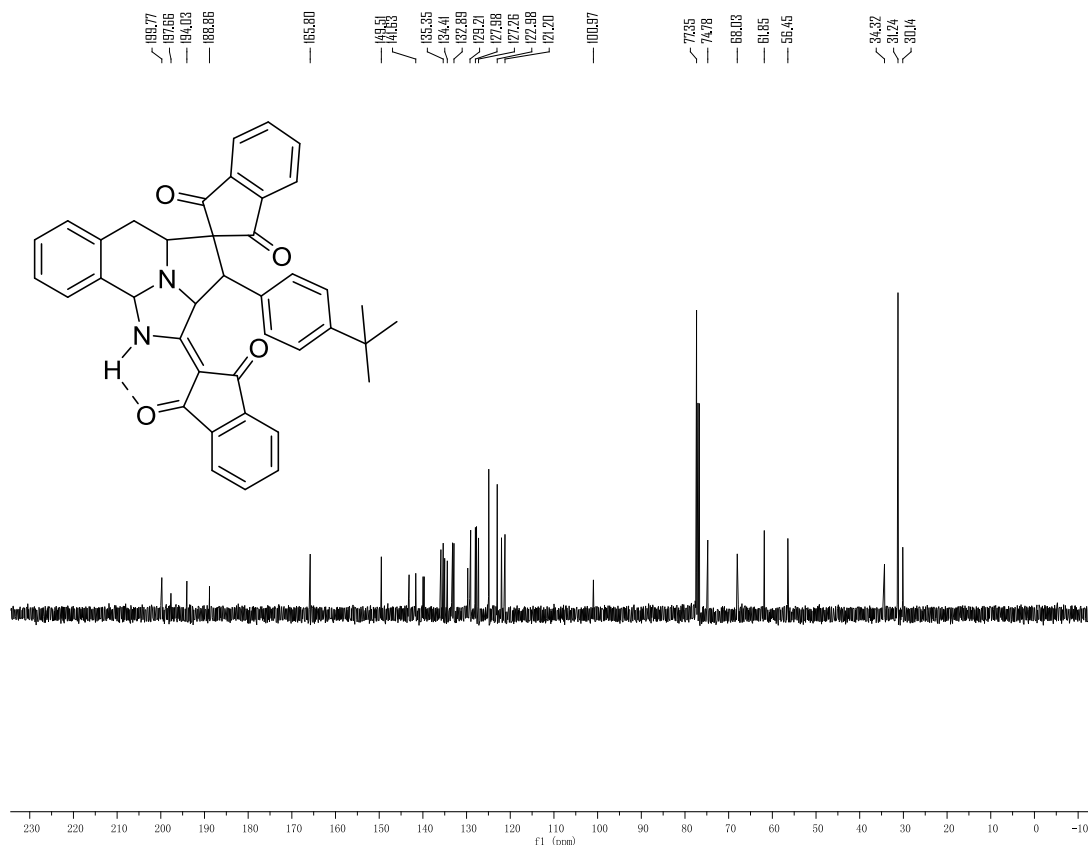


Figure S36  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2m**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2n**):** white solid, 79 %, m.p. 265-267 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.48 (s, 1H, NH), 8.12-8.00 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.98-7.92 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.74 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.70-7.65 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.52 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.44-7.43 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.11 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.00 (s, 1H, CH), 5.66 (s, 1H, CH), 4.56 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 3.26-3.25 (m, 1H, CH), 2.62 (t,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.52-2.51 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.4, 196.7, 191.8, 188.6, 166.0, 147.0, 146.5, 142.4, 141.2, 139.6, 139.5, 137.8, 137.1, 134.9, 133.9, 133.8, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 127.3, 124.0, 123.4, 123.3, 121.7, 121.3, 99.9, 77.4, 74.0, 67.7, 63.6, 54.7, 29.9; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3245, 3017, 2900, 2832, 1741, 1704, 1571, 1571, 1460, 1206, 1050, 896, 789, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{23}\text{KN}_3\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ ): 632.1218, Found: 632.1216.

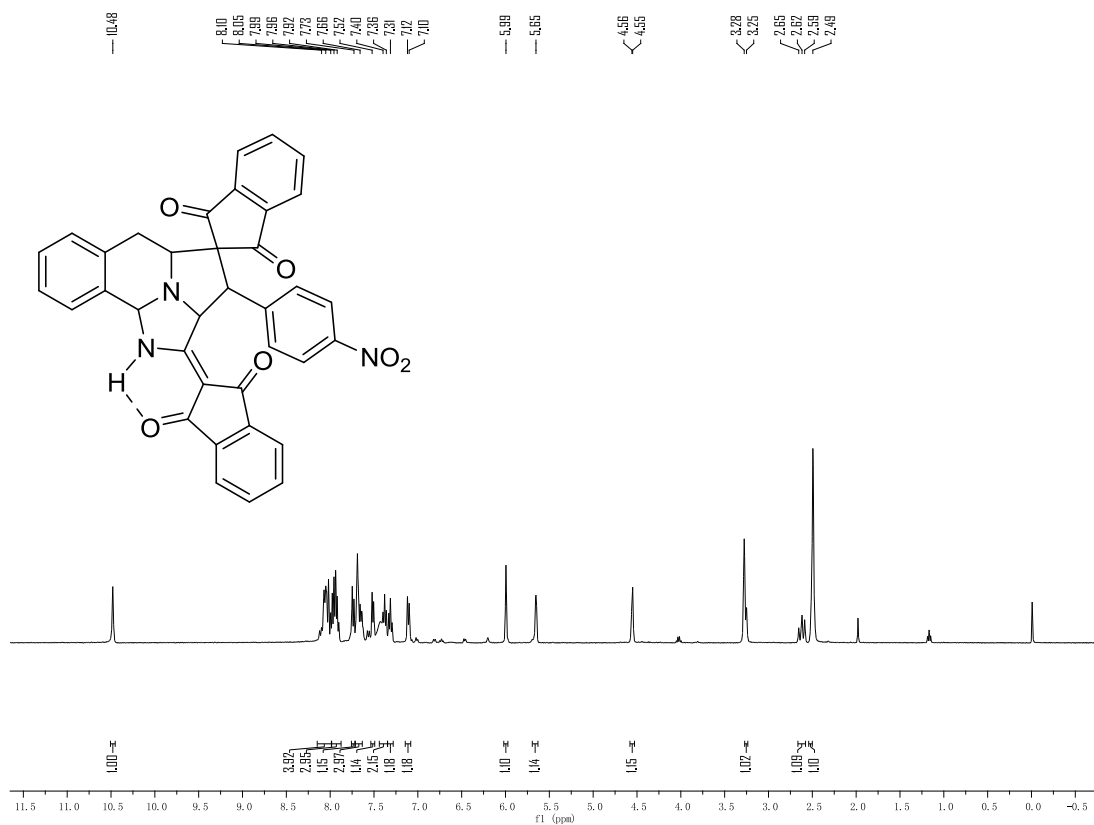


Figure S37  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2n**

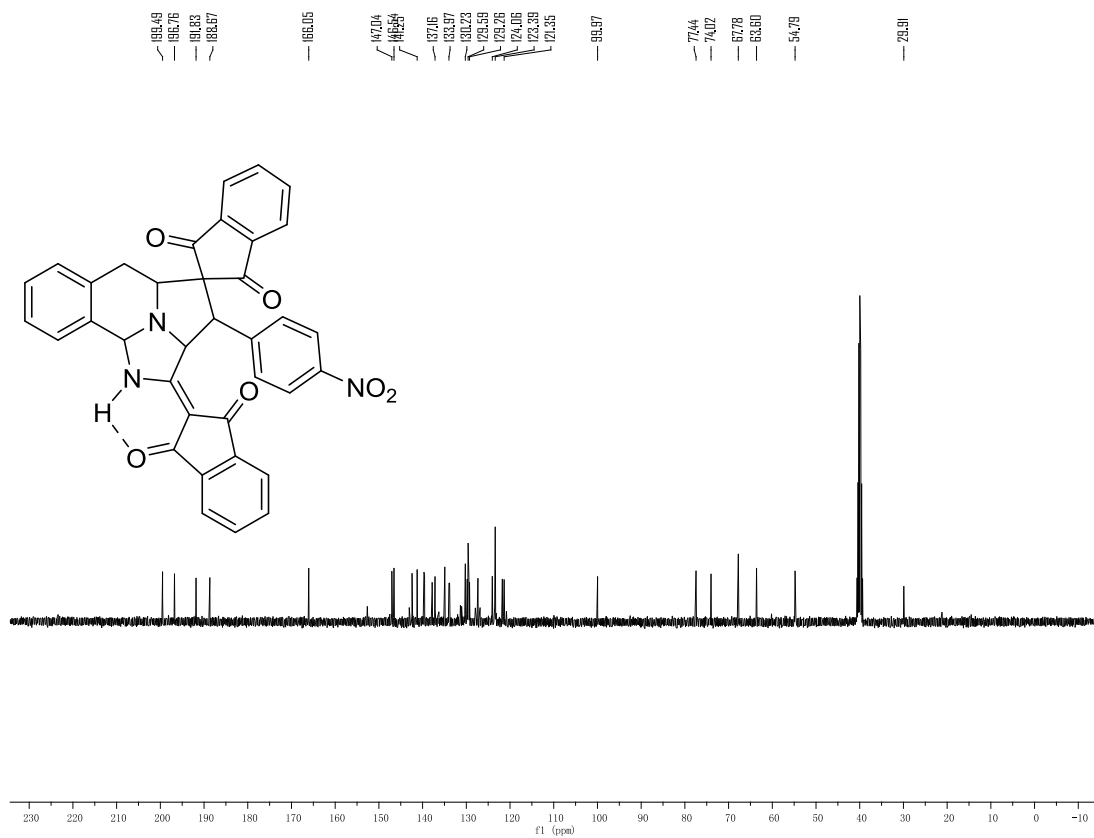


Figure S38  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2n**



**3-(4-Chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2o**):** white solid, 72 %, m.p. 240-242 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.45 (s, 1H, NH), 9.44 (s, 1H, OH), 7.98-7.92 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.69-7.66 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.55-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.00-6.97 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.98 (s, 1H, CH), 5.59 (s, 1H, CH), 4.61 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.24-3.21 (m, 1H, CH), 2.63-2.56 (m, 1H, CH), 2.40-2.37 (m, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 199.4, 197.5, 191.8, 188.5, 167.0, 153.3, 142.2, 141.3, 139.7, 136.6, 136.5, 135.2, 133.7, 130.4, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.3, 127.3, 127.2, 123.3, 123.1, 122.6, 121.6, 115.9, 100.0, 77.8, 73.4, 65.7, 63.7, 48.3, 29.9; IR (KBr) ν: 3351, 3304, 3058, 2926, 1741, 1705, 1667, 1570, 1490, 1462, 1203, 1033, 928, 869, 787, 740, 700, 659 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 599.1368, Found: 599.1364.

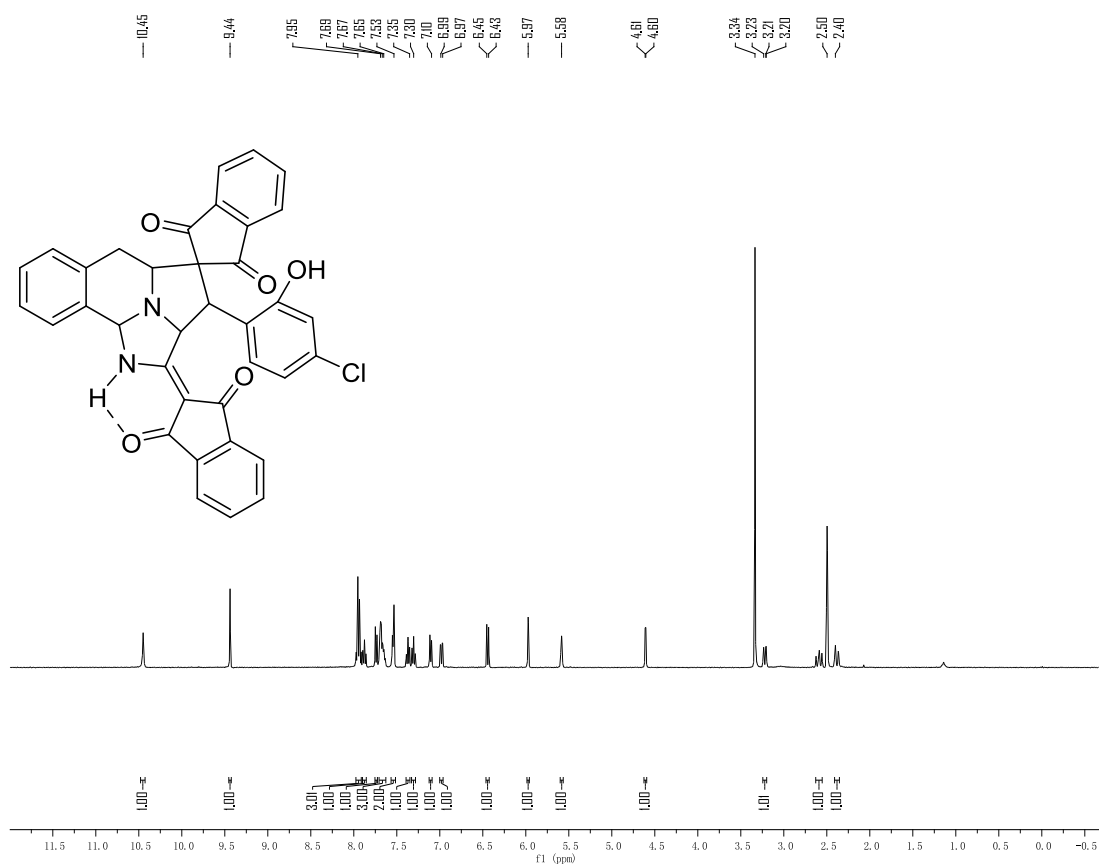


Figure S39 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2o**

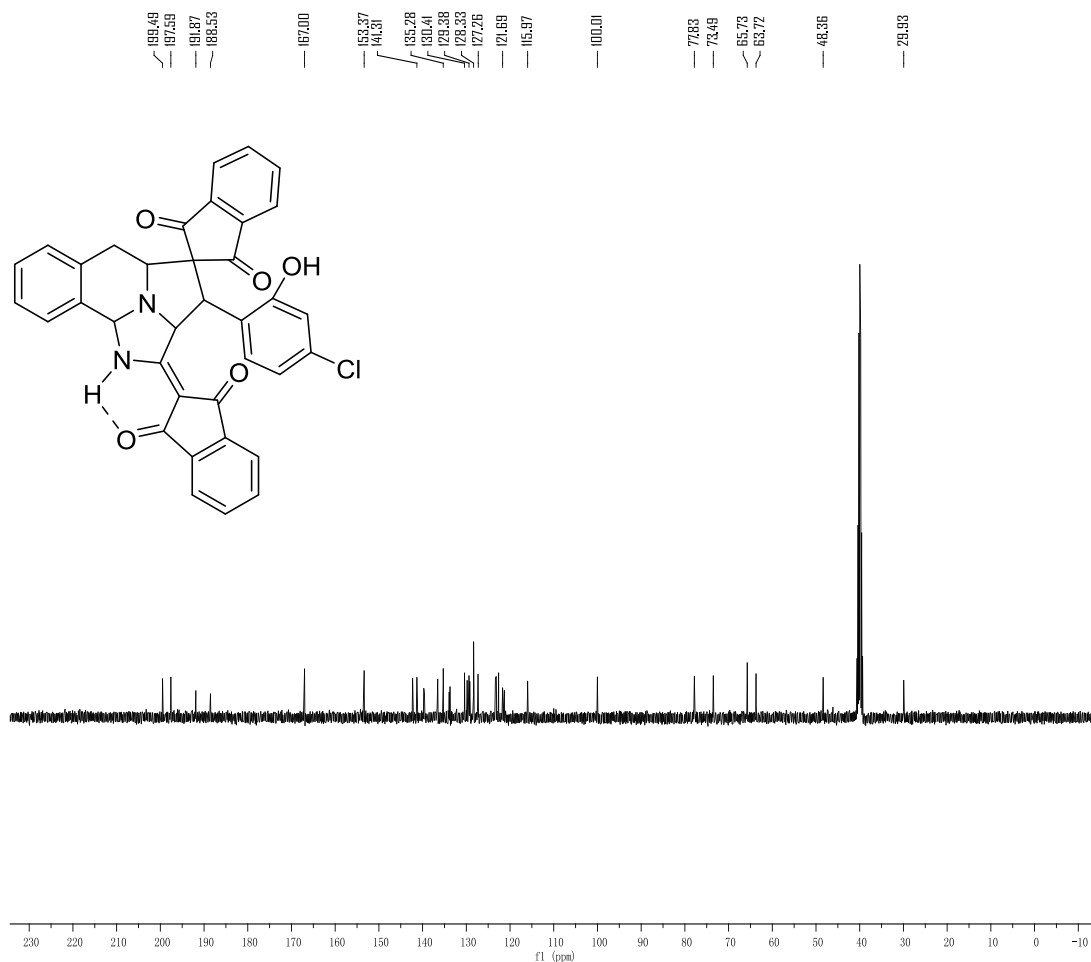


Figure S40  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2o**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(furan-2-yl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzo[f]imidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2p):** white solid, 69 %, m.p. 221-223 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.54 (s, 1H, NH), 8.08-8.04 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.96-7.92 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.75-7.71 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.62-7.60 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.39-7.34 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.26-7.25 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.12-7.11 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.38-6.34 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.97 (s, 1H, CH), 5.56 (s, 1H, CH), 4.50-4.48 (m, 1H, CH), 3.16-3.10 (m, 1H, CH), 2.60-2.58 (m, 1H, CH), 2.50-2.46 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.3, 195.7, 191.5, 188.2, 165.4, 152.3, 142.0, 141.2, 140.6, 139.2, 139.0, 137.2, 136.4, 134.3, 133.6, 133.4, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 126.9, 123.5, 122.9, 121.3, 120.9, 110.5, 106.4, 99.6, 76.6, 72.5, 65.6, 62.7, 47.7, 39.5, 29.2; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3278, 3069, 2913, 2831, 1744, 1707, 1680, 1593, 1564, 1462, 1244, 1135, 888, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 539.1601, Found: 539.1620.

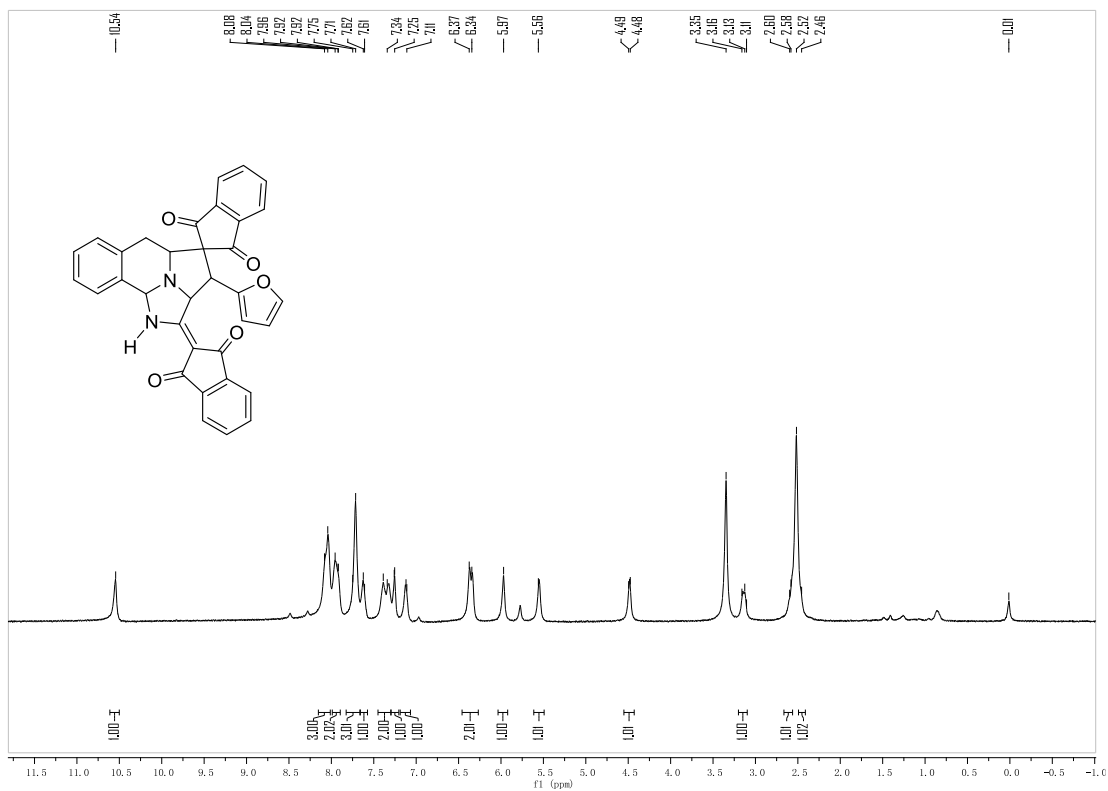


Figure S41 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2p**

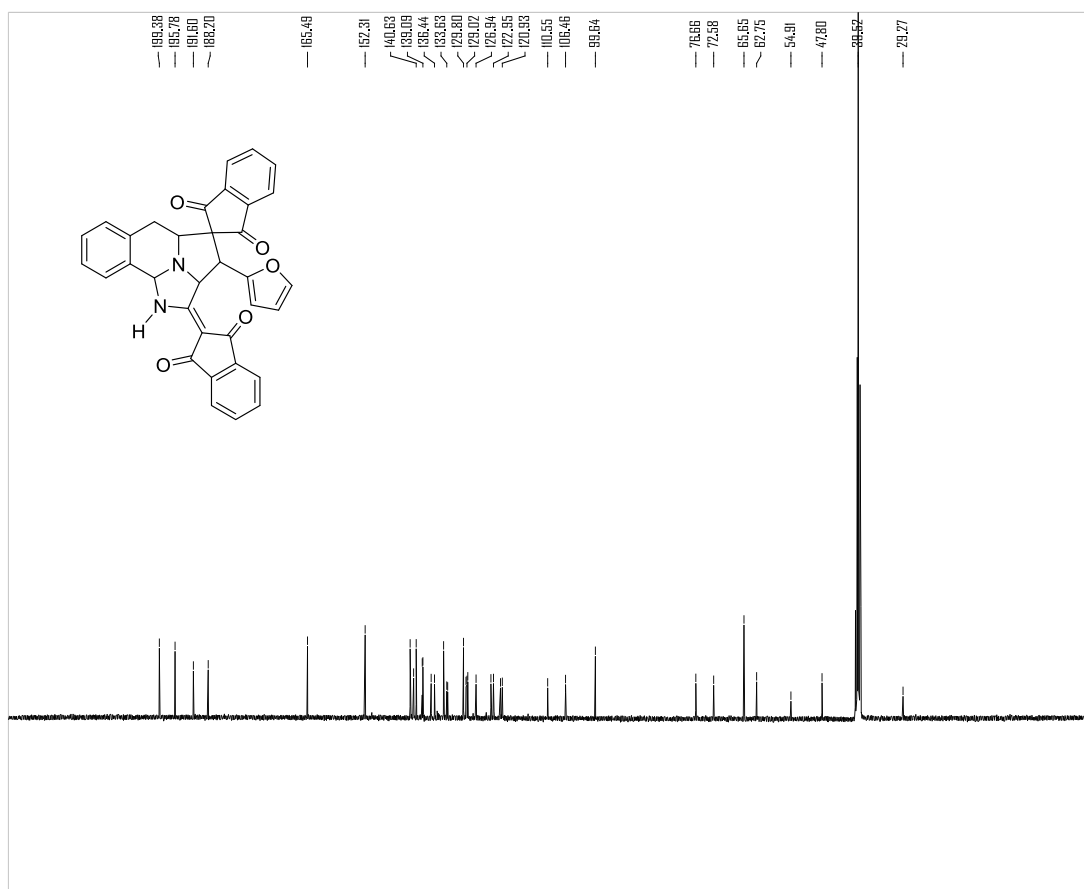


Figure S42 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the compound **2p**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzo[f]imidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2q):** white solid, 78 %, m.p. 233-235 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.55 (s, 1H, NH), 8.06-8.04 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.99-7.97 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.69-7.67 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.59-7.57 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.21 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.87-6.86 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.99 (s, 1H, CH), 5.53 (s, 1H, CH), 4.67 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.21-3.18 (m, 1H, CH), 2.62-2.59 (m, 1H, CH), 2.50-2.48 (m, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 200.0, 196.2, 192.0, 188.3, 165.8, 142.8, 142.0, 141.4, 139.6, 139.5, 137.6, 136.8, 134.8, 134.0, 133.8, 130.2, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 127.3, 126.9, 125.5, 124.1, 123.8, 123.3, 121.7, 121.3, 100.1, 77.1, 75.6, 67.6, 63.0, 50.3, 29.8; IR (KBr) ν: 3277, 3068, 2915, 2836, 1742, 1705, 1568, 1462, 1245, 1203, 1060, 892, 738, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 555.1373, Found: 555.1383.

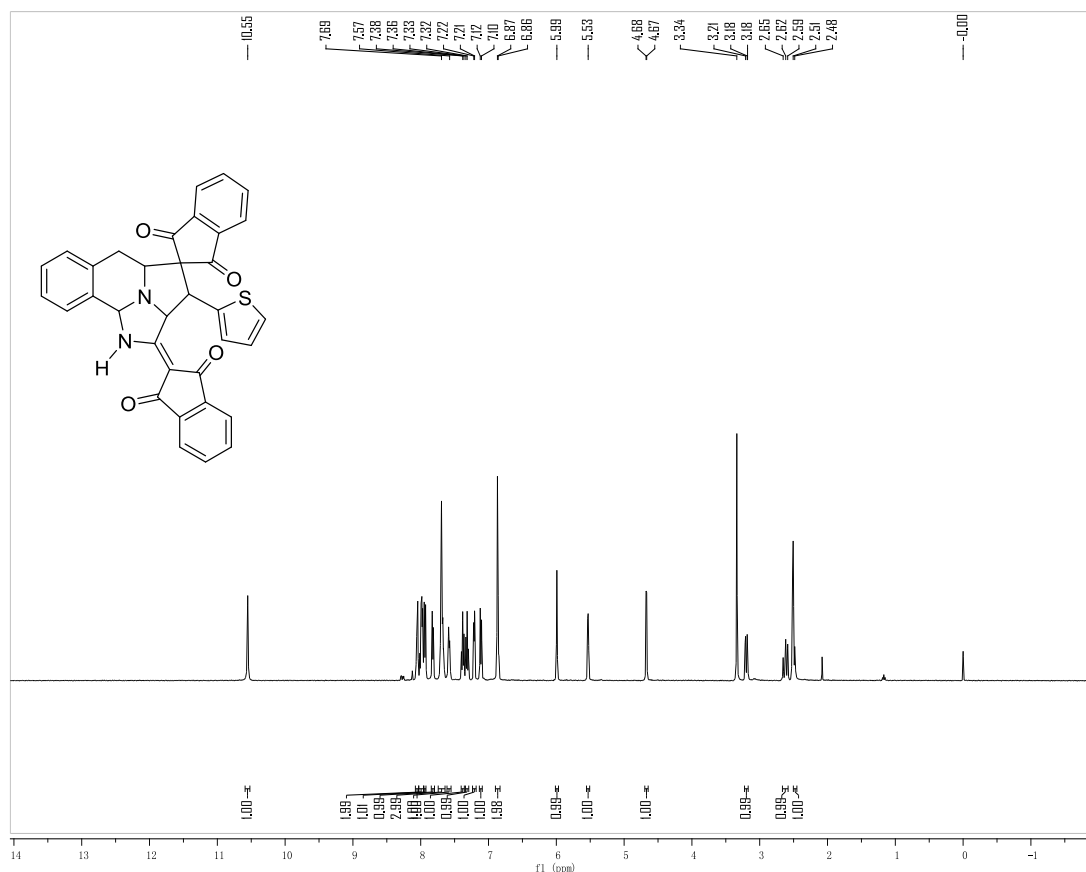


Figure S43 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2q**

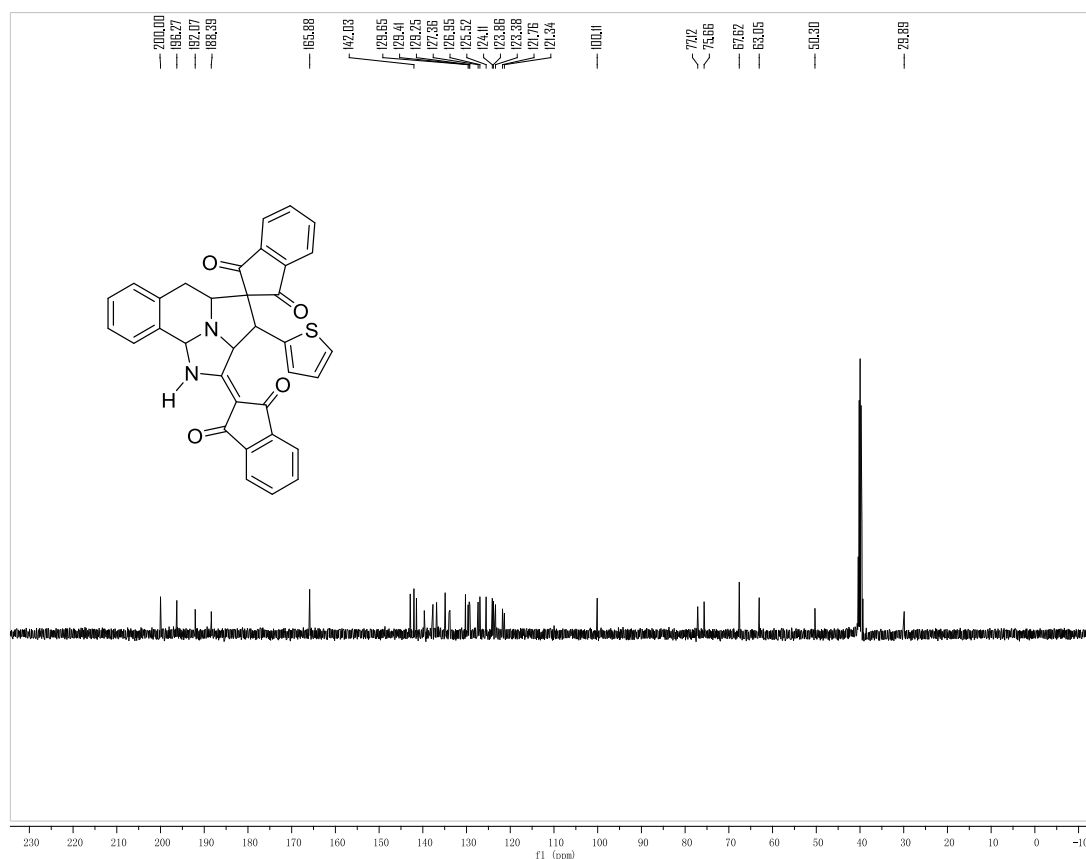


Figure S44  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2q**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzo[f]imidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2r)**: white solid, 83 %, m.p. 270-272 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.55 (s, 1H, NH), 8.07 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.01-7.94 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.89 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.70-7.64 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.55 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.37 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.30 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.13-7.09 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.97 (s, 1H, CH), 5.91 (s, 1H, CH), 4.73 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H, CH), 3.15-3.11 (m, 1H, CH), 2.48-2.45 (m, 1H, CH), 2.42-2.38 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.7, 197.7, 192.0, 188.7, 167.0, 158.6, 147.9, 147.9, 142.8, 141.4, 139.6, 139.5, 137.0, 136.5, 136.4, 134.7, 134.0, 133.8, 130.3, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 127.3, 123.9, 122.9, 122.4, 121.9, 121.7, 121.3, 100.0, 77.0, 77.0, 71.4, 67.5, 63.1, 55.8, 55.7, 29.8, 29.8; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3271, 3062, 2925, 1745, 1710, 1648, 1568, 1466, 1338, 1212, 935, 682  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 550.1761, Found: 550.1769.

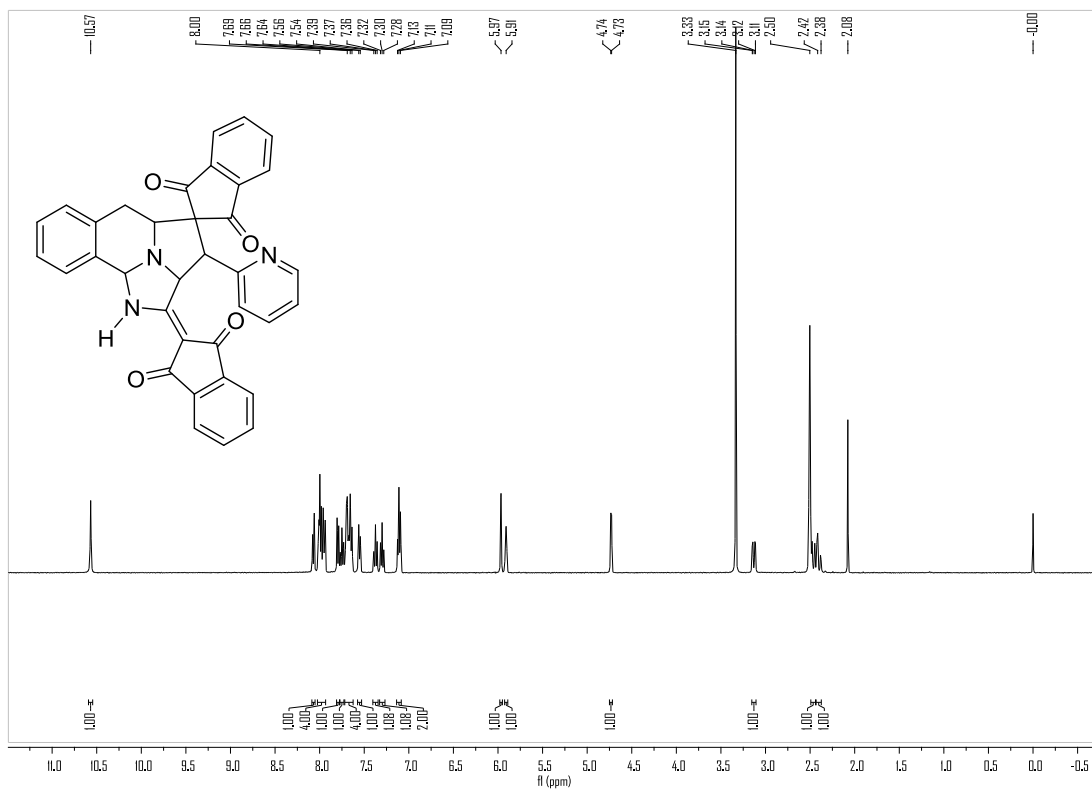


Figure S45  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2r**

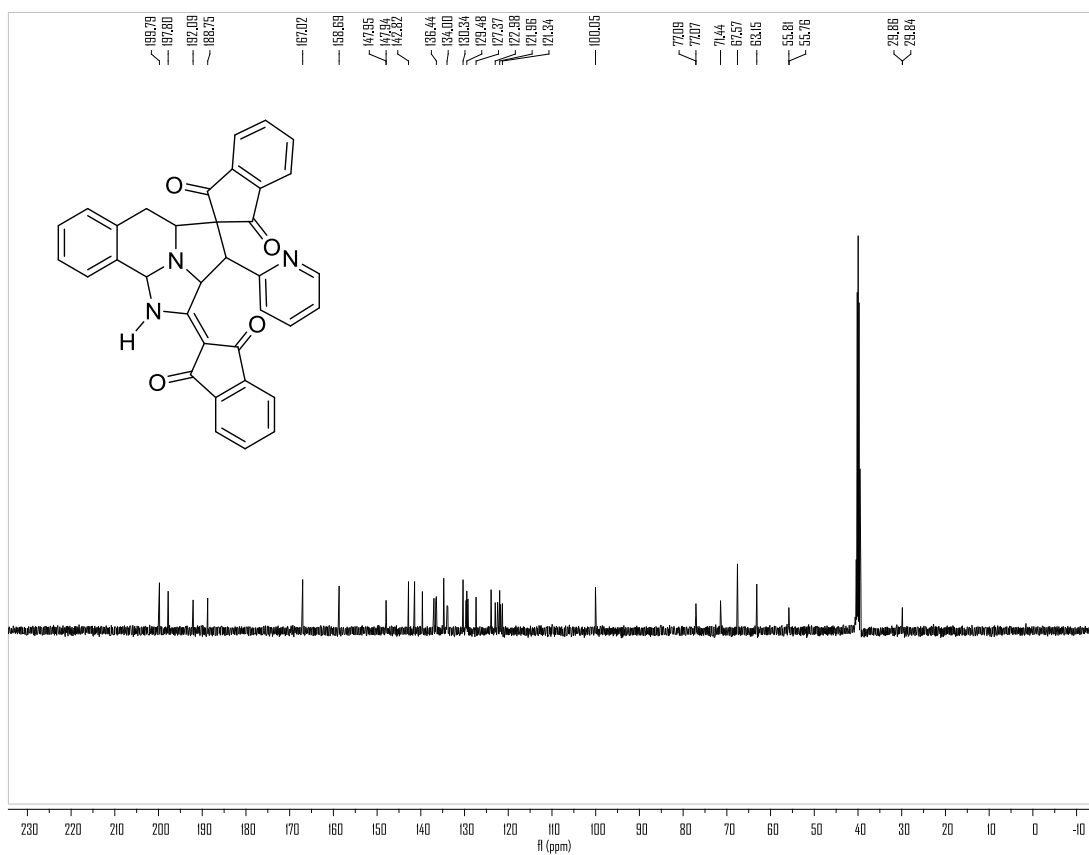


Figure S46  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2r**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(pyridin-3-yl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzo[f]imidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2s):** white solid, 76%, m.p. 255-257 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.50 (s, 1H, NH), 8.33-8.32 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.25-8.24 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.99-7.92 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.74-7.68 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.55-7.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.99 (s, 1H, CH), 5.58 (s, 1H, CH), 4.43 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.28 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.66 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.54-2.51 (m, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 199.7, 197.0, 191.8, 188.5, 166.1, 149.4, 148.1, 142.5, 141.3, 139.7, 139.5, 137.7, 137.1, 135.8, 135.0, 134.6, 133.9, 133.8, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 127.3, 123.9, 123.3, 123.2, 121.7, 121.3, 99.9, 77.4, 74.2, 67.5, 63.3, 53.1, 29.8; IR (KBr) ν: 3284, 3070, 2969, 2916, 1741, 1704, 1571, 1484, 1202, 1089, 932, 713, 682, 618 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 550.1761, Found: 550.1783.

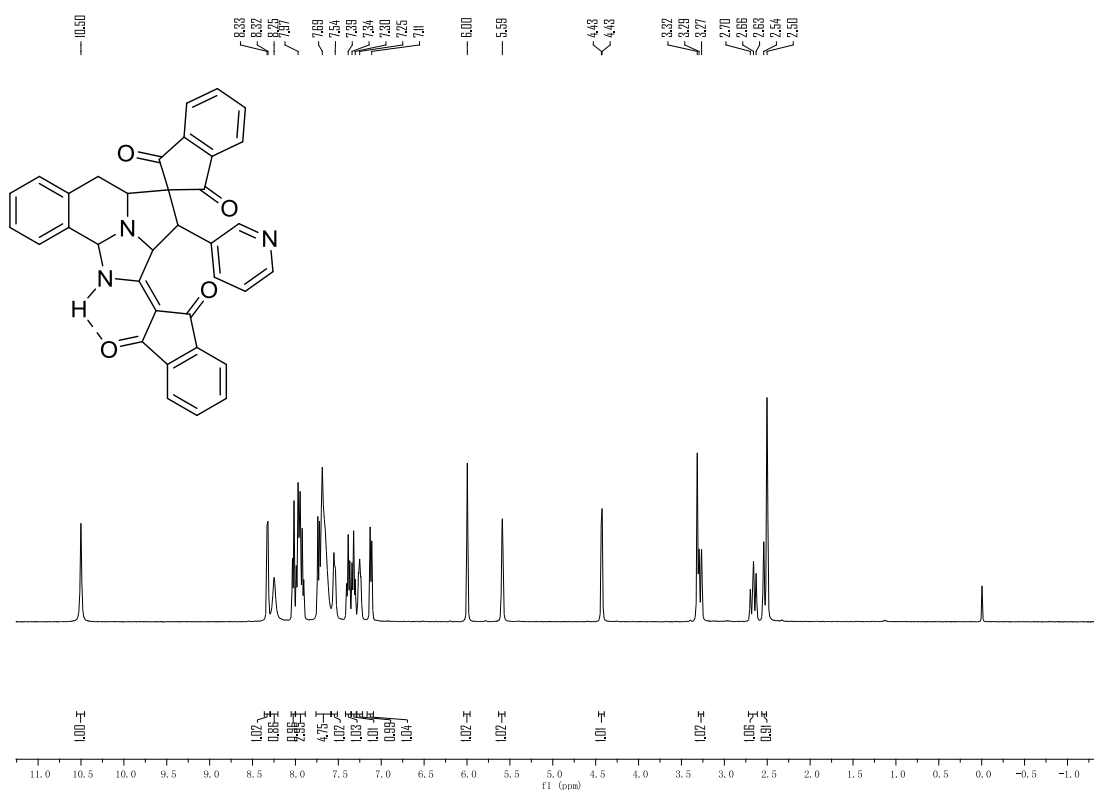


Figure S47 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2s**

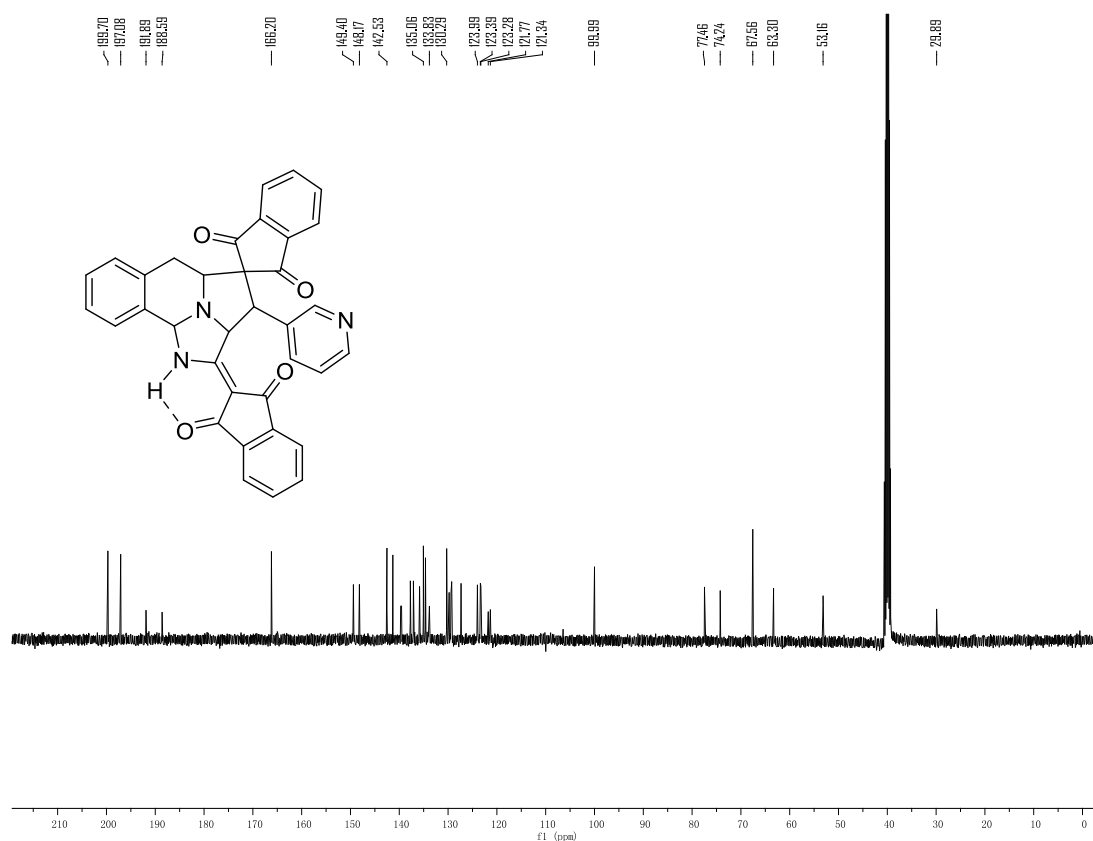


Figure S48  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2s**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2t**):** white solid, 74%, m.p. 265-267 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.50 (s, 1H, NH), 8.37-8.36 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.05 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.01-7.95 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.75 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.69-7.66 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.55-7.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.12-7.10 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.98 (s, 1H, CH), 5.66 (s, 1H, CH), 4.41 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1H, CH), 3.24 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.59 (t,  $J = 11.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.49-2.48 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.5, 196.6, 191.8, 188.6, 166.1, 149.6, 147.8, 142.5, 141.2, 139.6, 137.8, 137.1, 134.9, 133.9, 133.8, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 127.3, 124.0, 123.4, 123.2, 121.7, 121.3, 99.9, 77.3, 73.0, 67.4, 63.4, 54.2, 29.8; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3293, 3071, 3038, 2901, 2834, 1742, 1705, 1668, 1567, 1461, 1203, 1140, 1054, 892, 815, 740, 680  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 550.1761, Found: 550.1783.



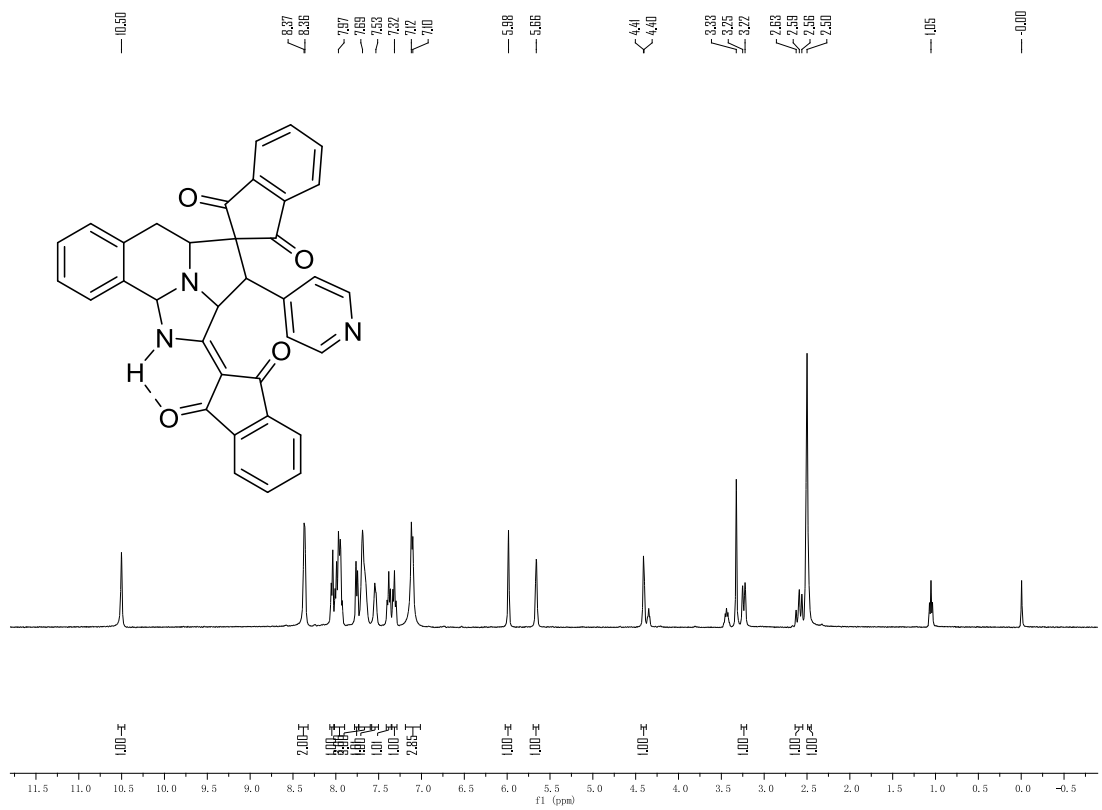


Figure S49  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2t**

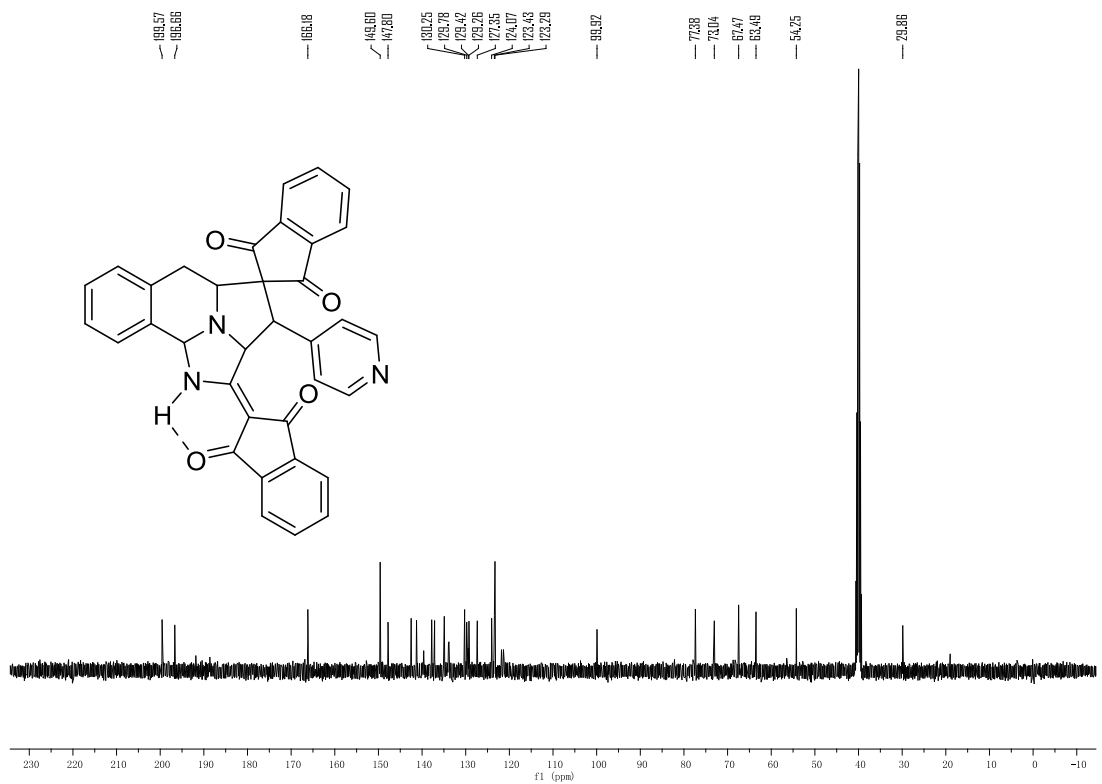


Figure S50  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2t**

**3-Benzoyl-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-ylidene)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzo[f]imidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2u):** white solid, 85 %, m.p. 284-286 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.68 (s, 1H, NH), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.10-8.05 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.99-7.91 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.82 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.63-7.58 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.26 (s, 1H, CH), 6.10 (s, 1H, CH), 5.27 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.40-3.37 (m, 1H, CH), 2.68-2.65 (m, 1H, CH), 2.61-2.57 (m, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 199.5, 196.7, 193.8, 191.8, 189.4, 166.4, 141.5, 140.8, 139.8, 139.4, 137.5, 136.9, 136.5, 134.6, 134.0, 133.9, 133.3, 130.2, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.3, 123.6, 123.2, 121.8, 121.3, 99.7, 77.6, 69.7, 64.9, 64.7, 55.8, 29.6; IR (KBr) ν: 3239, 3065, 2913, 2828, 1739, 1708, 1653, 1580, 1461, 1266, 1144, 792, 704, 637 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 577.1758, Found: 577.1765.

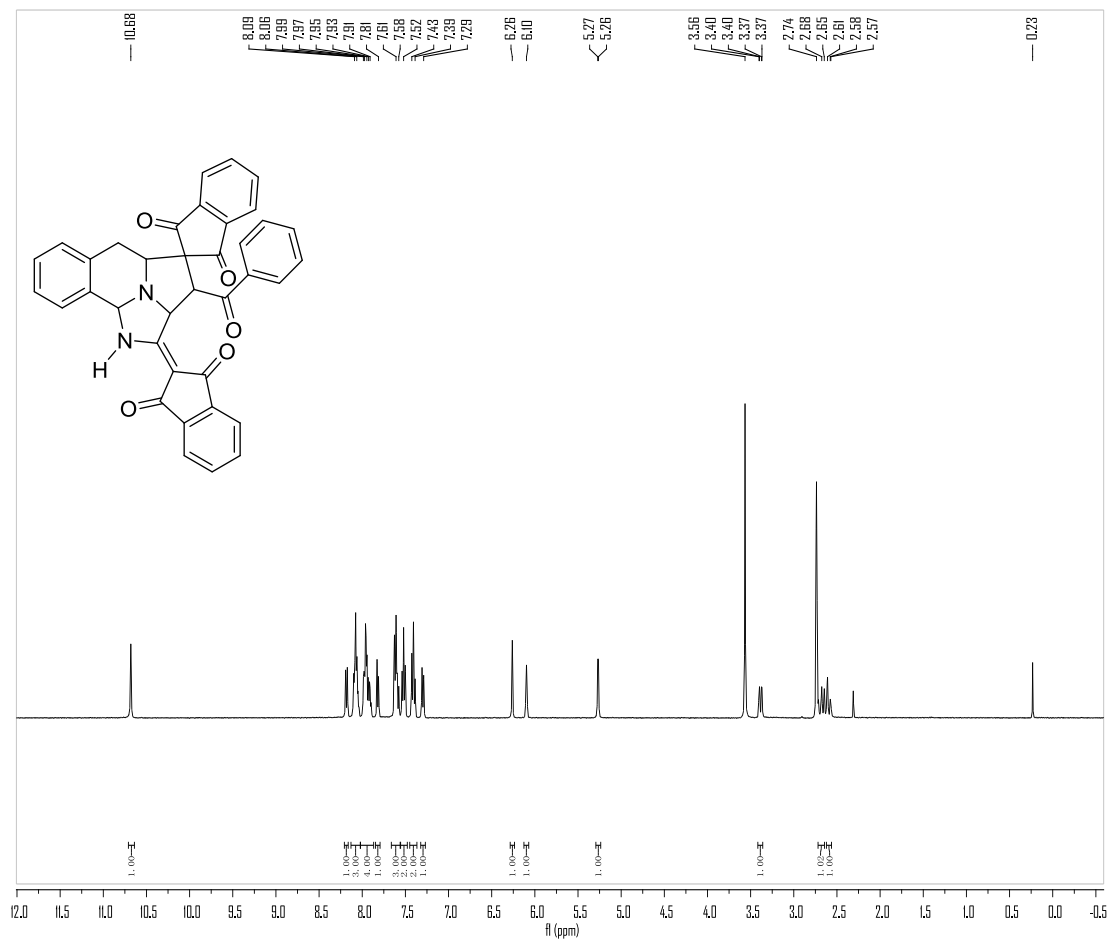


Figure S51 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2u**

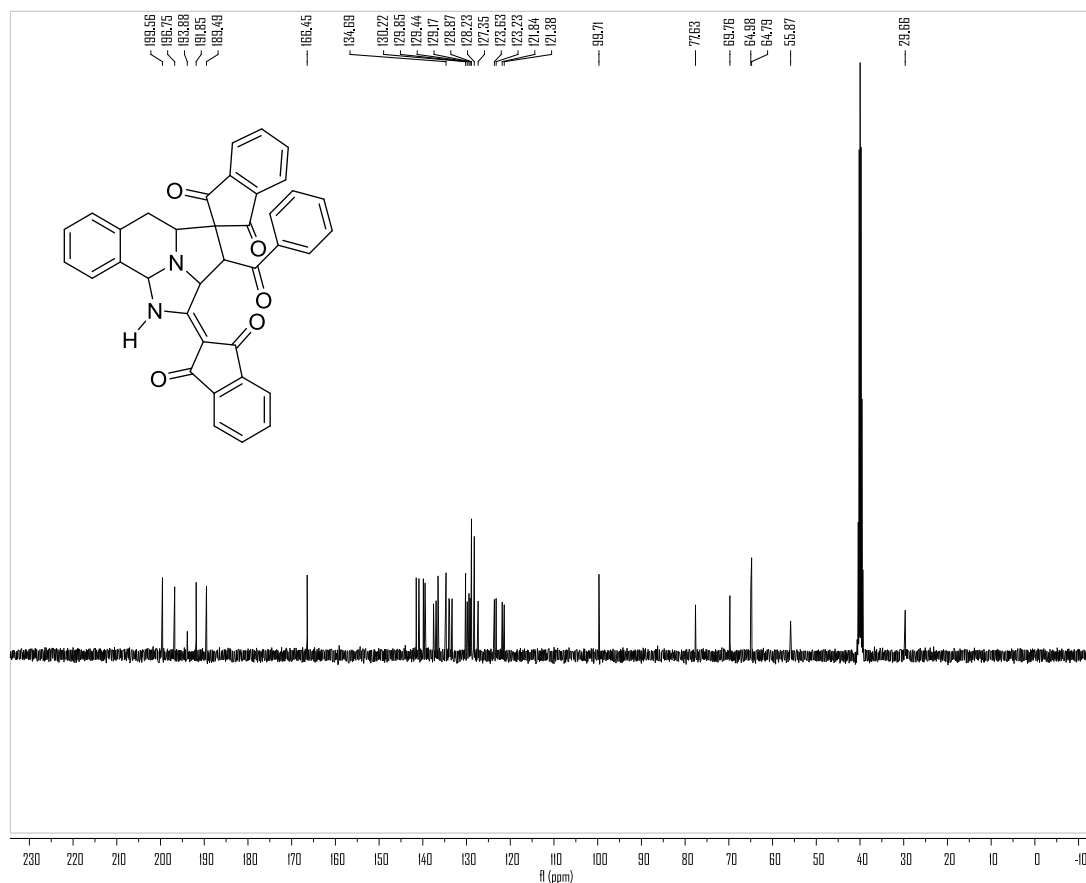


Figure S52  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2u**

**6-Bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2v**):** white solid, 81 %, m.p. 266-268 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.56 (s, 1H, NH), 8.04 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.01 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.97 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.93 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.73 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.71-7.67 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.56 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.24-7.23 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.12-7.11 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.00 (s, 1H, CH), 5.51 (s, 1H, CH), 4.40 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 3.29 (dd,  $J_1 = 11.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.61-2.58 (m, 1H, CH), 2.53-2.52 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.5, 196.8, 191.6, 188.4, 165.9, 134.6, 132.8, 131.4, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 127.9, 124.3, 123.8, 123.2, 100.0, 77.0, 74.5, 67.1, 62.2, 55.4, 30.9; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3288, 3066, 2927, 1738, 1702, 1652, 1571, 1492, 1452, 1280, 1136, 1012, 892, 819, 779, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrClN}_2\text{NaO}_4$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ): 683.0344, Found: 683.0351.

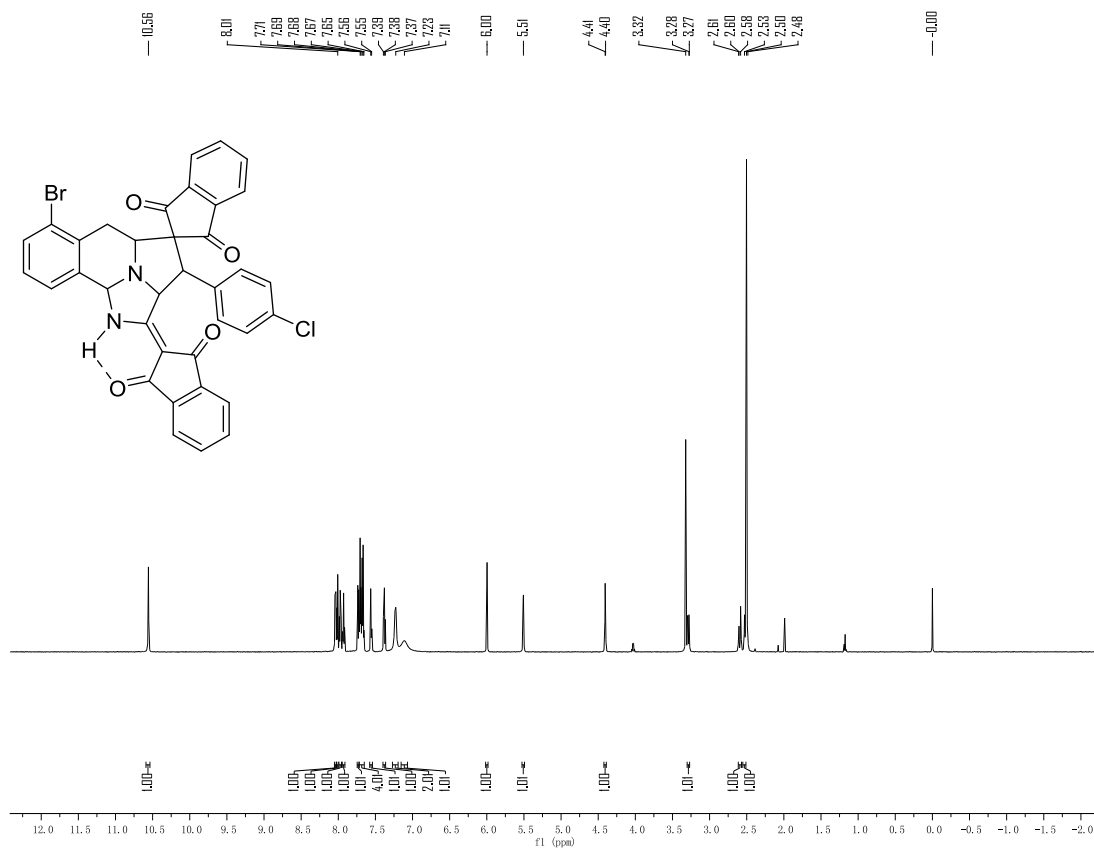


Figure S53  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2v**

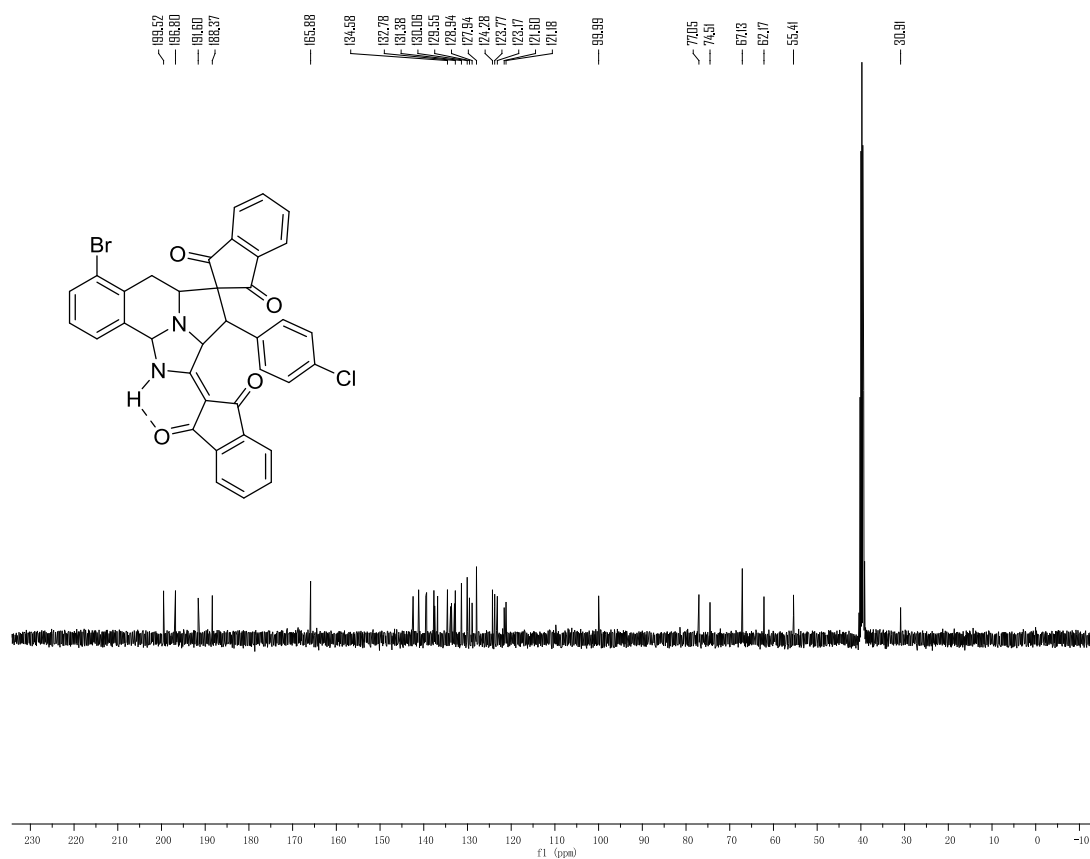


Figure S54  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2v**

**6-Bromo-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2w**):** white solid, 83 %, m.p. 275-277 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.59 (s, 1H, NH), 8.08-8.03 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.99 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.93 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.74 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.67-7.65 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.61-7.60 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.40-7.35 (m, 3H, ArH), 5.99 (s, 1H, CH), 5.62 (s, 1H, CH), 4.53 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 3.31 (dd,  $J_1 = 11.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.61-2.58 (m, 1H, CH), 2.48-2.44 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 199.2, 196.8, 165.8, 147.0, 146.5, 142.4, 141.2, 139.7, 137.8, 137.2, 134.6, 133.7, 133.0, 129.7, 129.7, 129.1, 124.4, 124.1, 123.4, 123.3, 121.3, 100.1, 78.0, 77.9, 77.9, 74.5, 67.5, 62.7, 55.4, 31.1; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3288, 3074, 2912, 1744, 1704, 1658, 1578, 1518, 1421, 1214, 1011, 942, 839, 706, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrKN}_3\text{O}_6$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ ): 710.0324, Found: 710.0319.

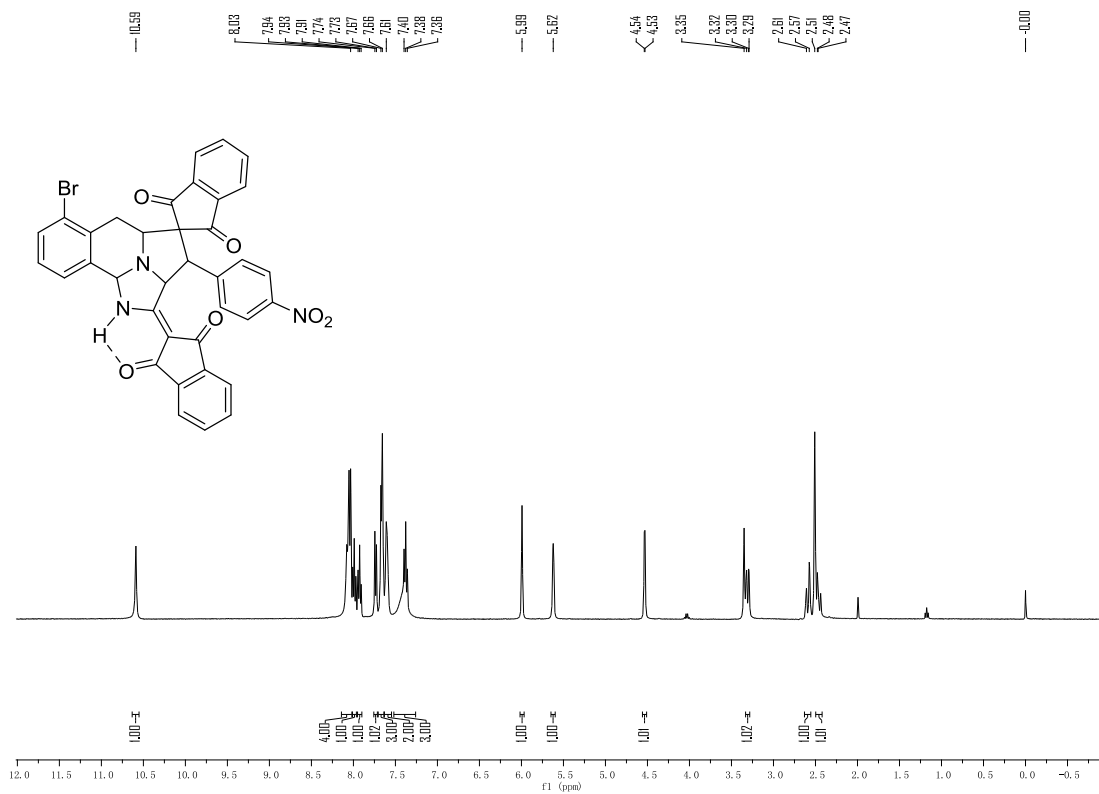


Figure S55 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2w**

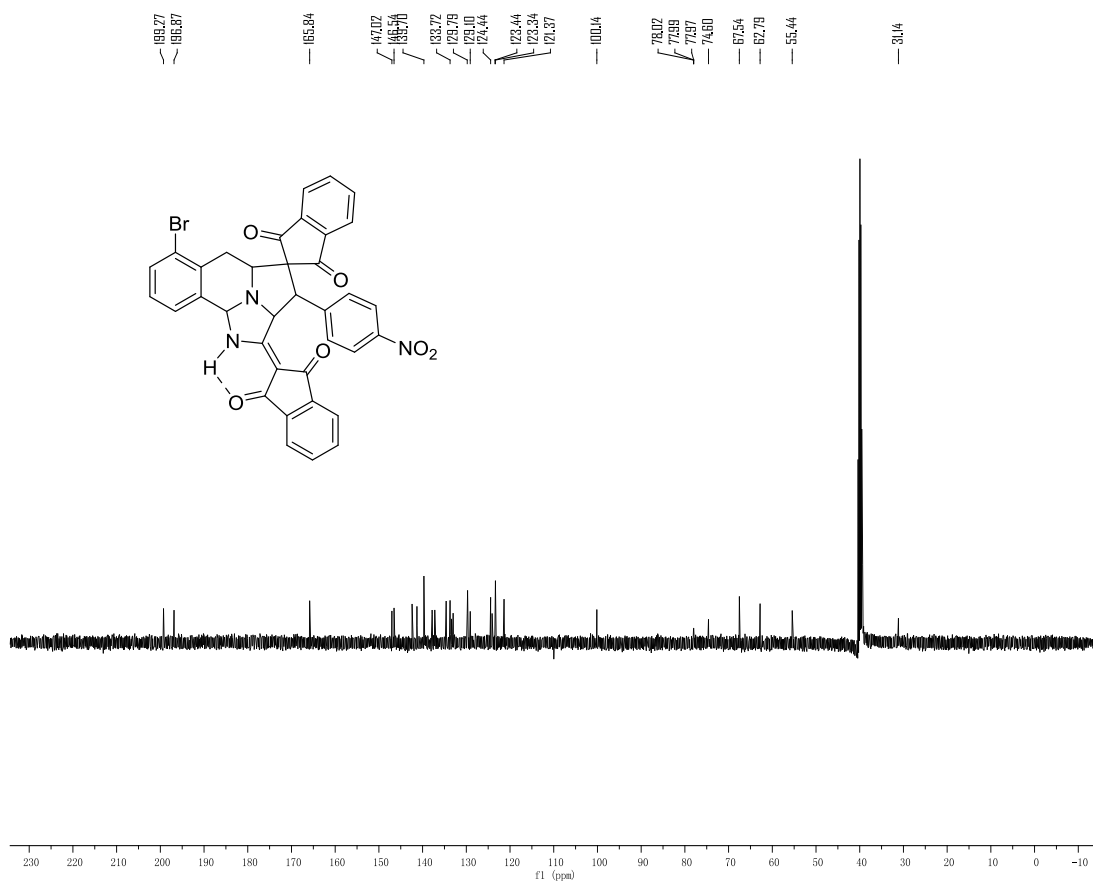


Figure S56 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the compound **2w**

**2-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-inden-2-ylidene)-3-hexyl-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2*H*-spiro[benzo[*f*]imidazo[5,1,2-*cd*]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (**2x**):** white solid, 70 %, m.p. 275-277 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 10.52 (s, 1H, NH), 8.10-8.03 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.86 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.71-7.70 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.86(s, 1H, CH), 4.70 (s, 1H, CH), 3.19 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.97 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.70-2.69 (m, 1H, CH), 2.49-2.46 (m, 1H, CH), 2.37 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.99-1.91 (m, 1H, CH), 1.10-1.05 (m, 2H, CH), 0.96-0.94 (m, 4H, CH), 0.79-0.78 (m, 1H, CH), 0.69 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.51-0.50 (m, 1H, CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 200.8, 198.3, 192.3, 188.9, 167.1, 142.3, 140.3, 139.7, 139.3, 137.6, 137.1, 134.7, 134.0, 133.8, 130.2, 129.4, 129.1, 127.3, 123.9, 123.3, 121.7, 121.3, 100.2, 76.9, 76.7, 65.0, 64.3, 49.3, 31.1, 31.0, 29.6, 28.4, 28.1, 21.8, 14.1; IR (KBr) ν: 3237, 3071, 2952, 2849, 1741, 1703, 1647, 1593, 1493, 1359, 1334, 1273, 1203, 1002, 897, 785, 737, 685 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>): 579.2254, Found: 579.2254.

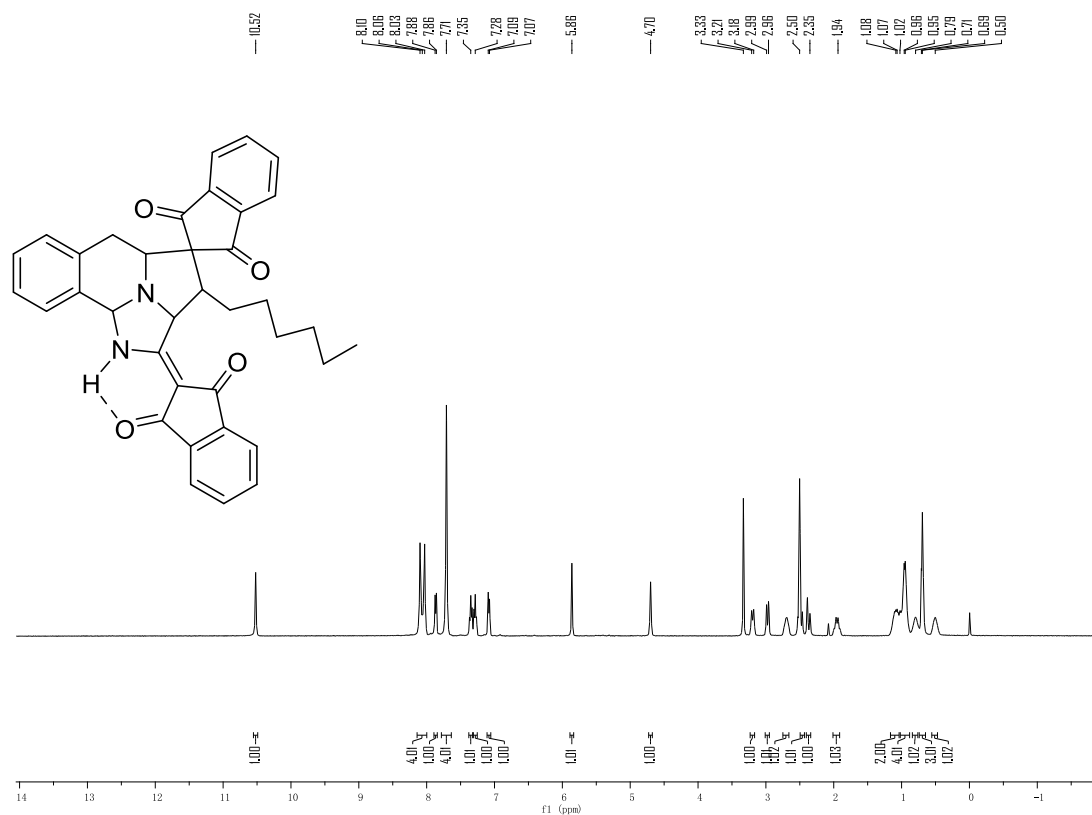


Figure S57 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compound **2x**

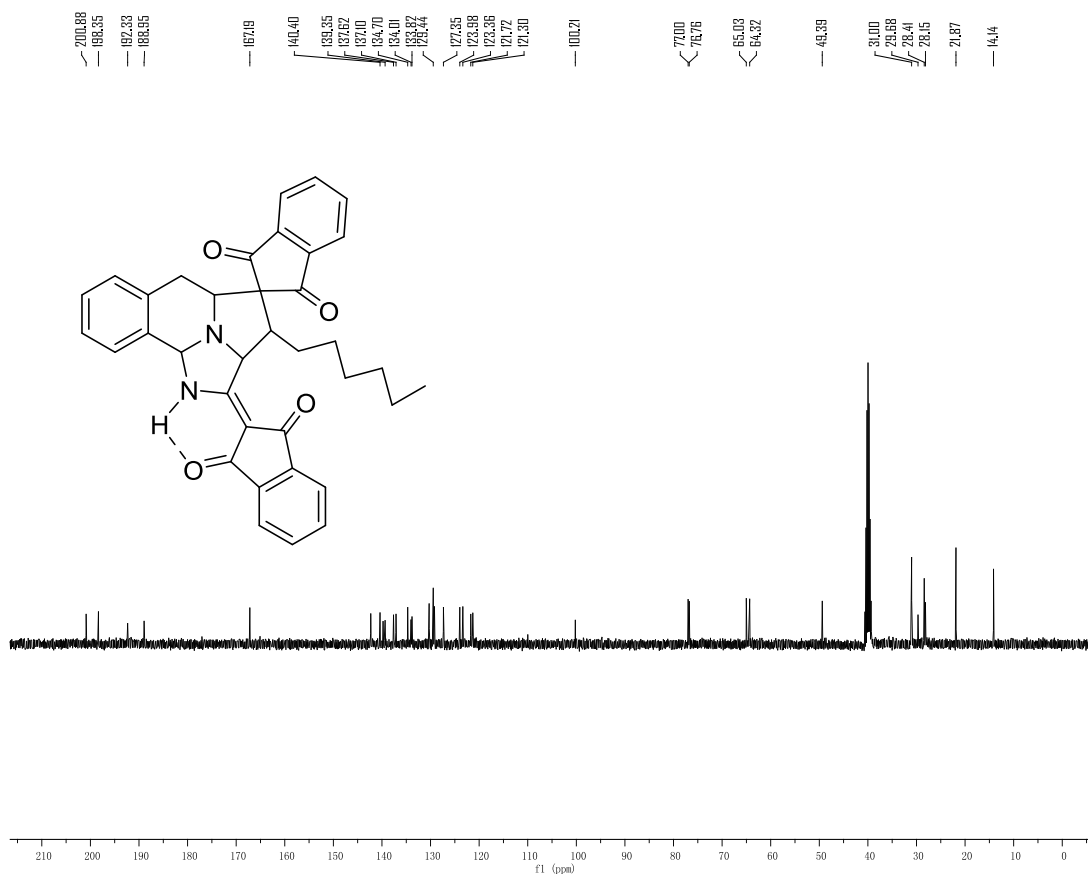


Figure S58  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2x**

**6-Bromo-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-inden-2-ylidene)-3-hexyl-1,2a,3,4a,5,9b-hexahydro-2H-spiro[benzo[f]imidazo[5,1,2-cd]indolizine-4,2'-indene]-1',3'-dione (2y):** white solid, 63 %, m.p. 251-253 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 10.54 (s, 1H, NH), 8.12-8.04 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.95 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.72-7.70 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.62 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.86(s, 1H, CH), 4.71 (s, 1H, CH), 3.21 (d,  $J = 11.6$  Hz, 1H, CH), 3.01 (d,  $J = 11.2$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.68-2.66 (m, 1H, CH), 2.41 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H, CH), 2.33 (d,  $J = 12.4$  Hz, 1H, CH), 1.98-1.95 (m, 1H, CH), 1.09-1.06 (m, 2H, CH), 0.96-0.92 (m, 4H, CH), 0.80-0.78 (m, 1H, CH), 0.70 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.52-0.50 (m, 1H, CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 200.6, 198.2, 192.2, 188.9, 166.9, 142.2, 140.4, 139.7, 139.3, 137.7, 137.2, 134.2, 134.0, 133.8, 133.0, 132.9, 129.4, 129.1, 124.5, 124.0, 123.3, 121.7, 121.3, 100.4, 76.7, 64.8, 63.8, 49.7, 31.1, 31.0, 30.8, 28.4, 28.1, 21.8, 14.1; IR (KBr)  $\nu$ : 3247, 3071, 2925, 2853, 1742, 1707, 1669, 1569, 1451, 1359, 1276, 1215, 1090, 953, 833, 777, 696, 652  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{32}\text{BrN}_2\text{NaO}_4([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$ : 635.1540, Found: 635.1544.



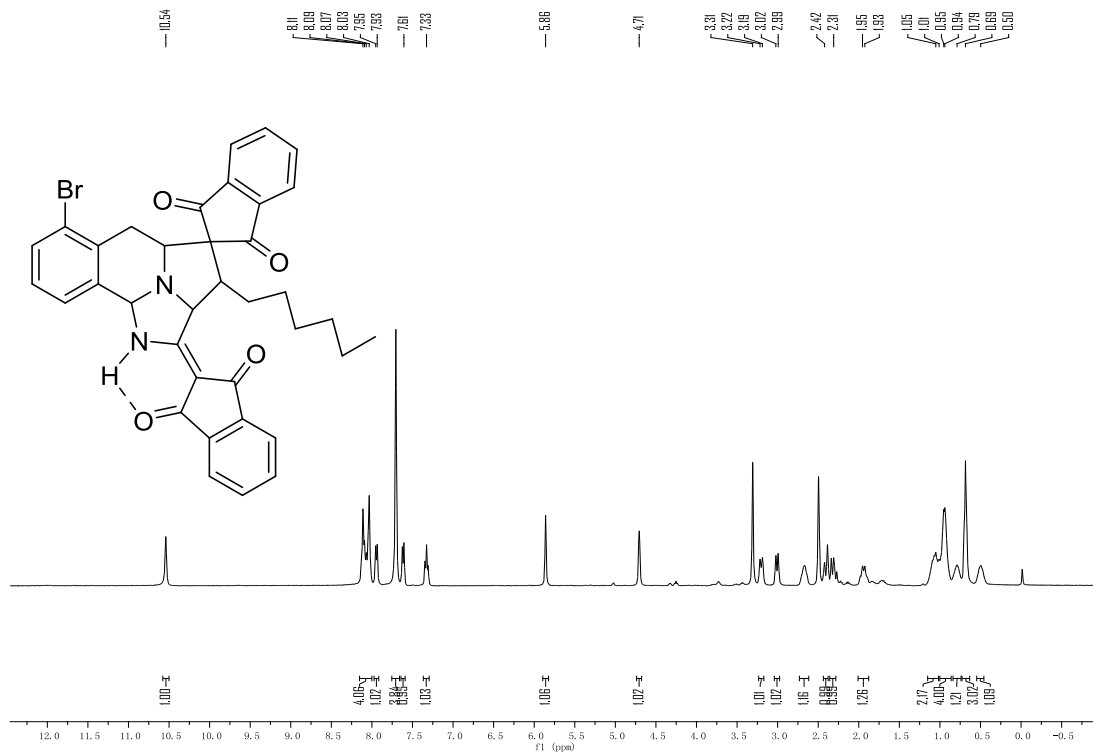


Figure S59  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2y**

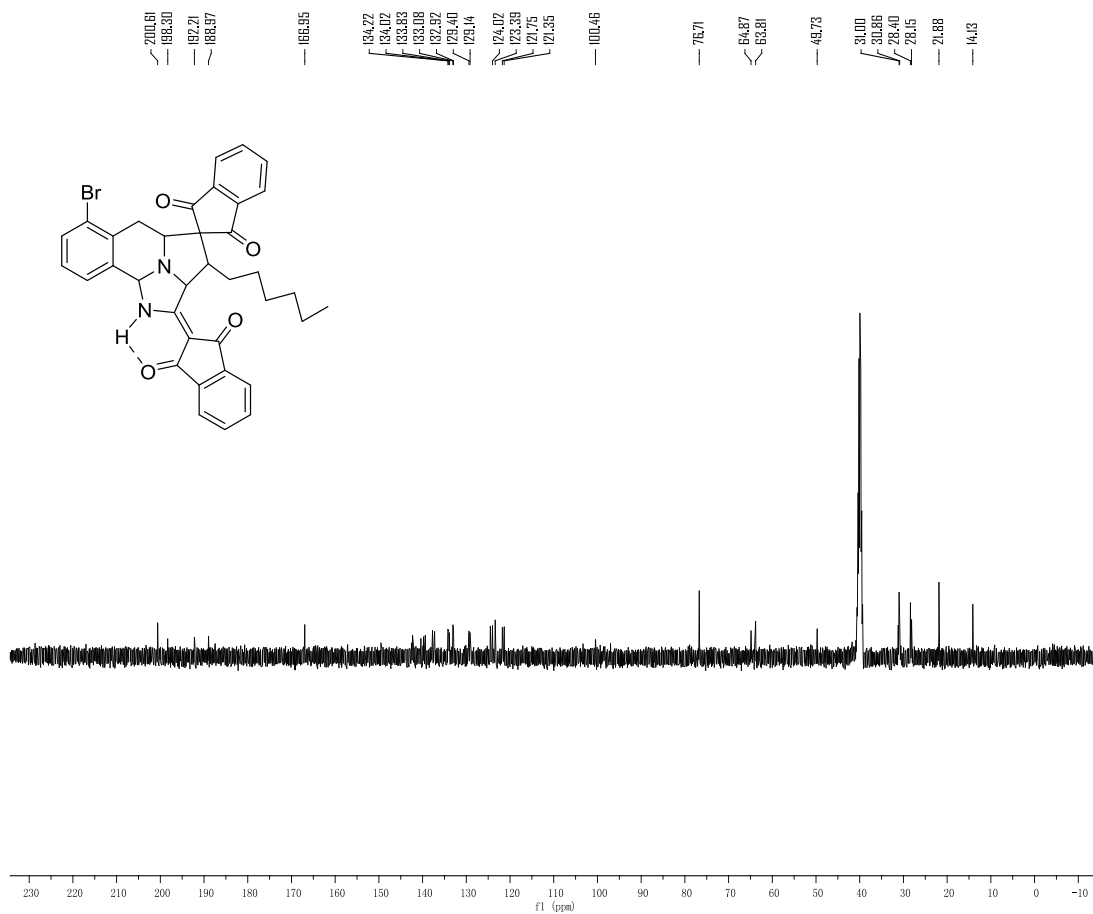


Figure S60  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the compound **2y**