

## Supporting Information

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Concise and Efficient Synthesis of Indole-Indolone Scaffolds through MeOTf-Induced Annulation of *N*-(2-Cyanoaryl)indoles

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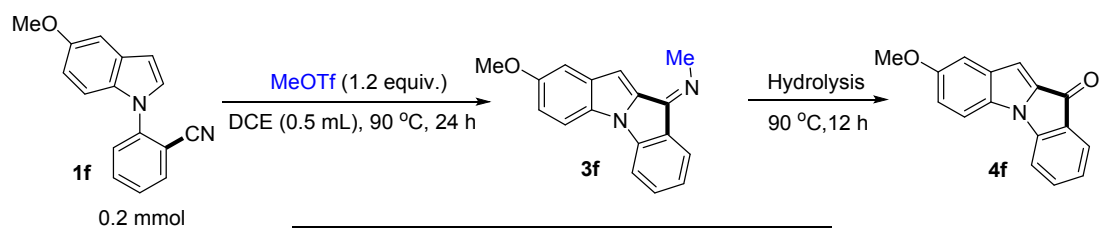
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## 1. Optimized the hydrolyzation reaction conditions



Entry	Hydrolysis	Yield (%)	
		<b>3f</b>	<b>4f</b>
1	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (.aq)	63	24
2	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (.aq)	58	26
3	Na <sub>2</sub> OAc (.aq)	54	25
4	NaOH (.aq)	56	28
5	1M HCl	49	30
6	3M HCl	32	47
7	6M HCl	0	87

Figure S1. Optimized the hydrolyzation reaction conditions

We further explored the hydrolyzation of reaction conditions to give the final target **4f**. Acidic and basic conditions were applied from entry 1 to entry 7 after first step. Finally, the best hydrolyzation reaction condition in hand is entry 7 achieving 87% isolated yield.

## 2. NOESY ( Nuclear Overhauser Effect Spectroscopy 3b and 3m)

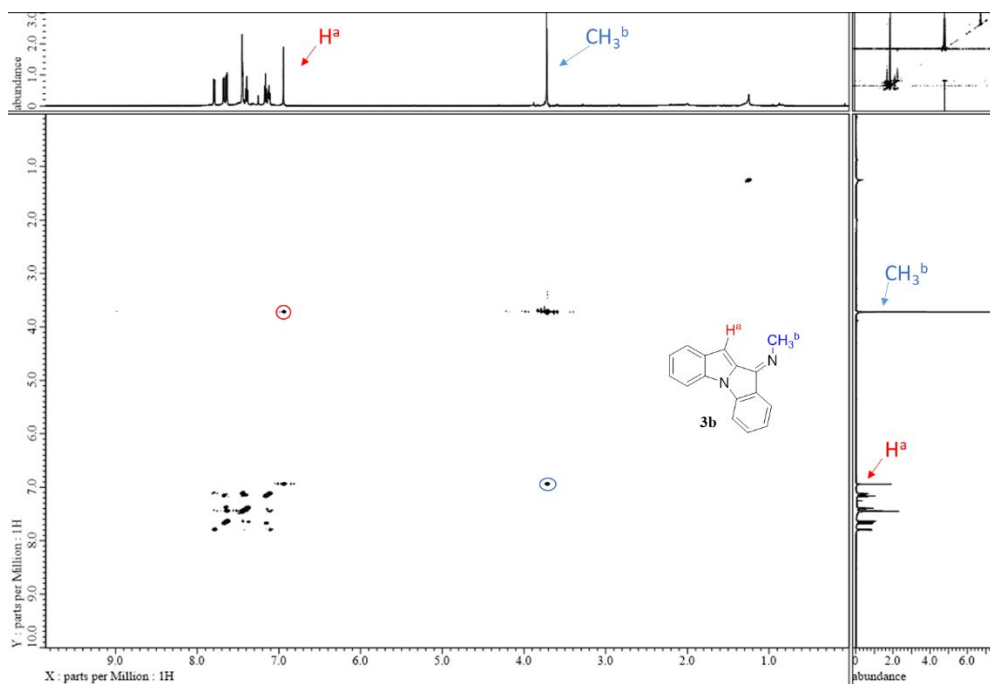


Figure S2. NOESY for **3b**

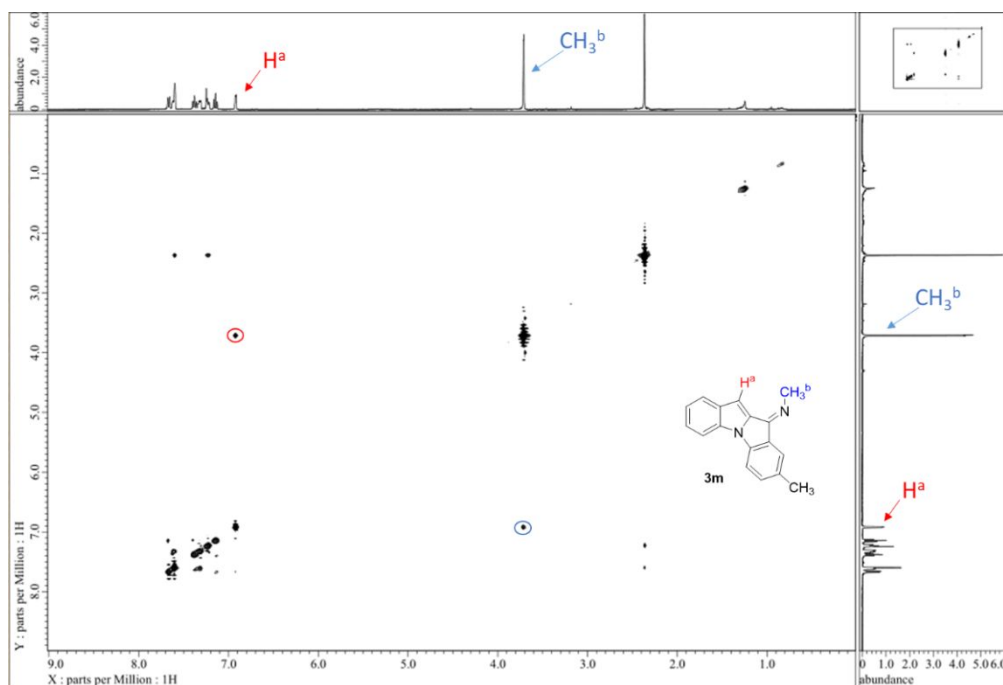


Figure S3. NOESY for **3m**

To decide the configuration of C=N bonds in compound **3**, we also did the NOESY experiment. The strong coupling was demonstrated between  $H^a$  and  $H_3^b$  in the

compound **3b** and **3m** from NOESY experiment chart, hence, the configuration of C=N bonds in compound **3** is *Z* configuration.

### 3. Copies of $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ , and $^{19}\text{F}$ NMR Spectra

*3-1 Copies of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra for Starting Materials 1 and Copies of  $^{13}\text{C}$*

*NMR Spectra for Starting Materials 1.*

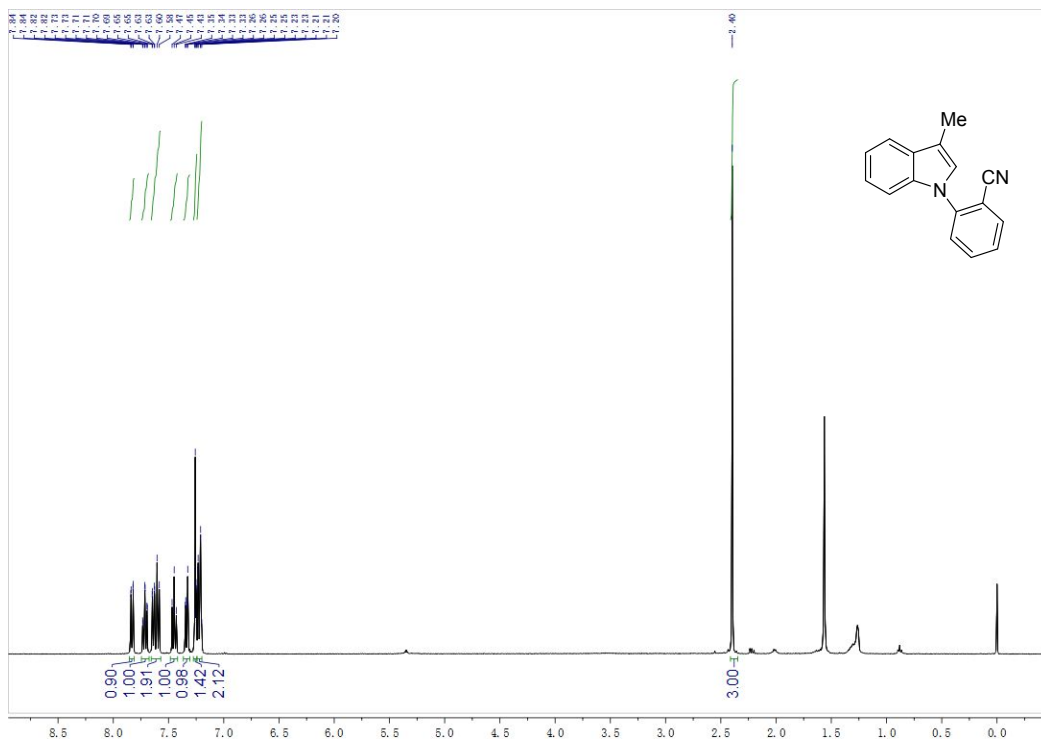


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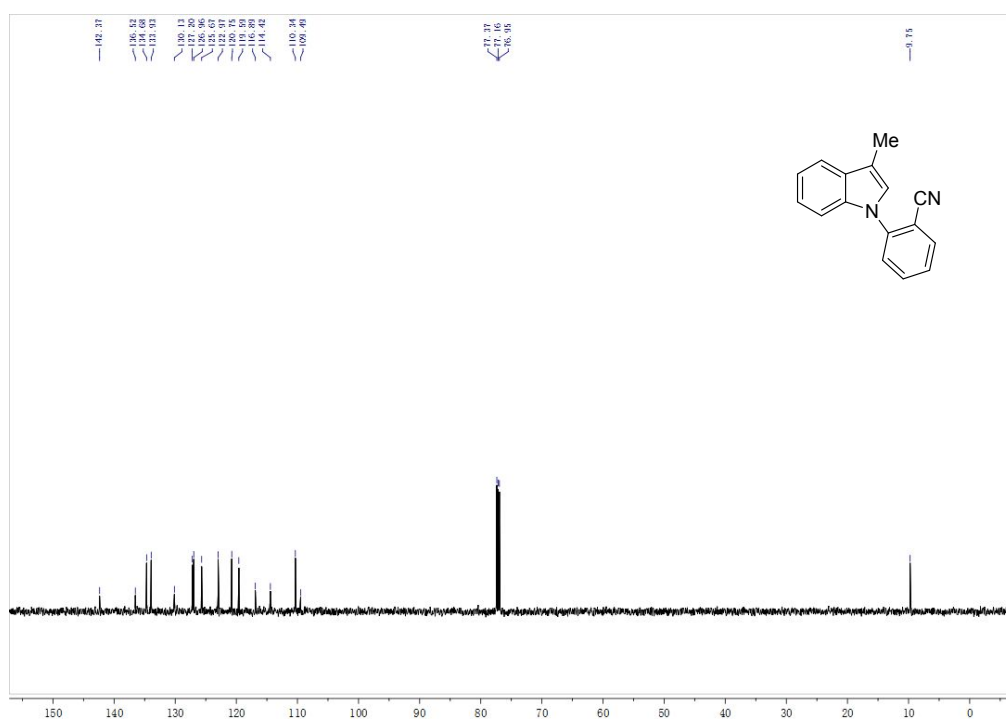


Figure S5.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **1a**

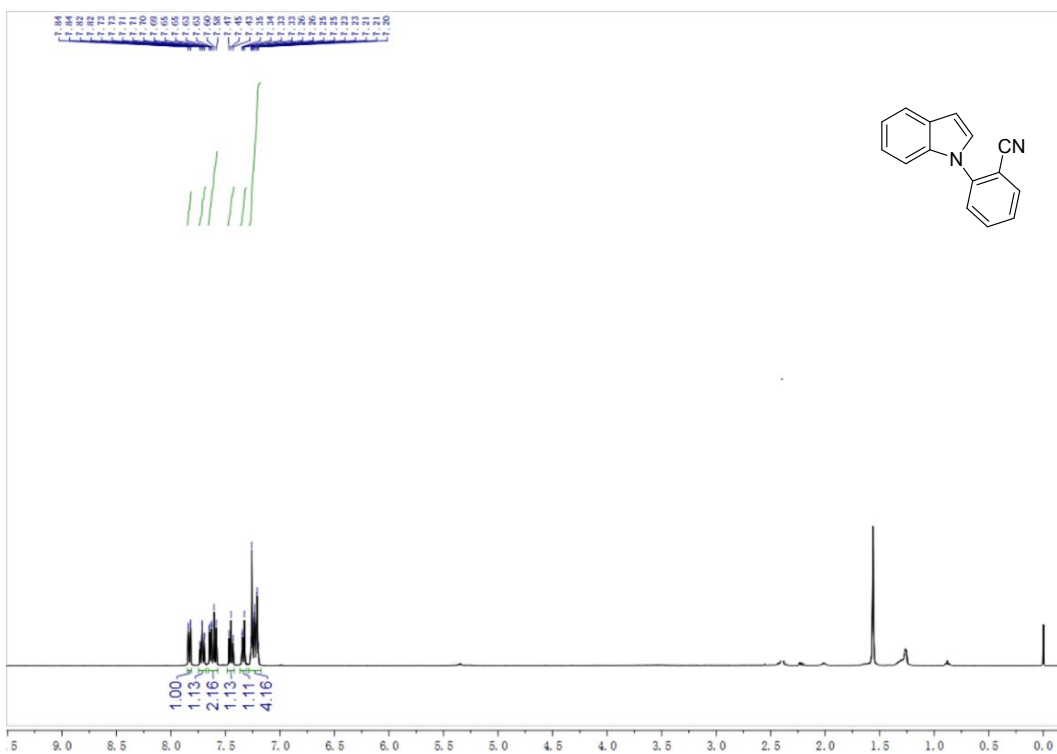


Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **1b**

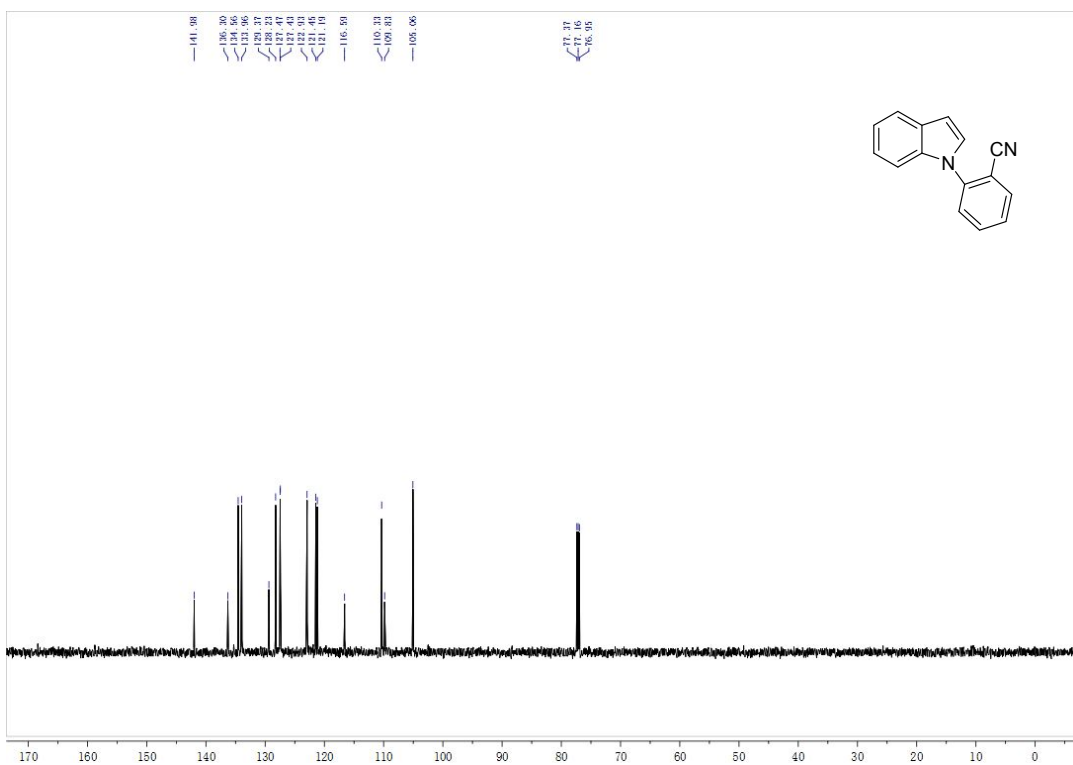
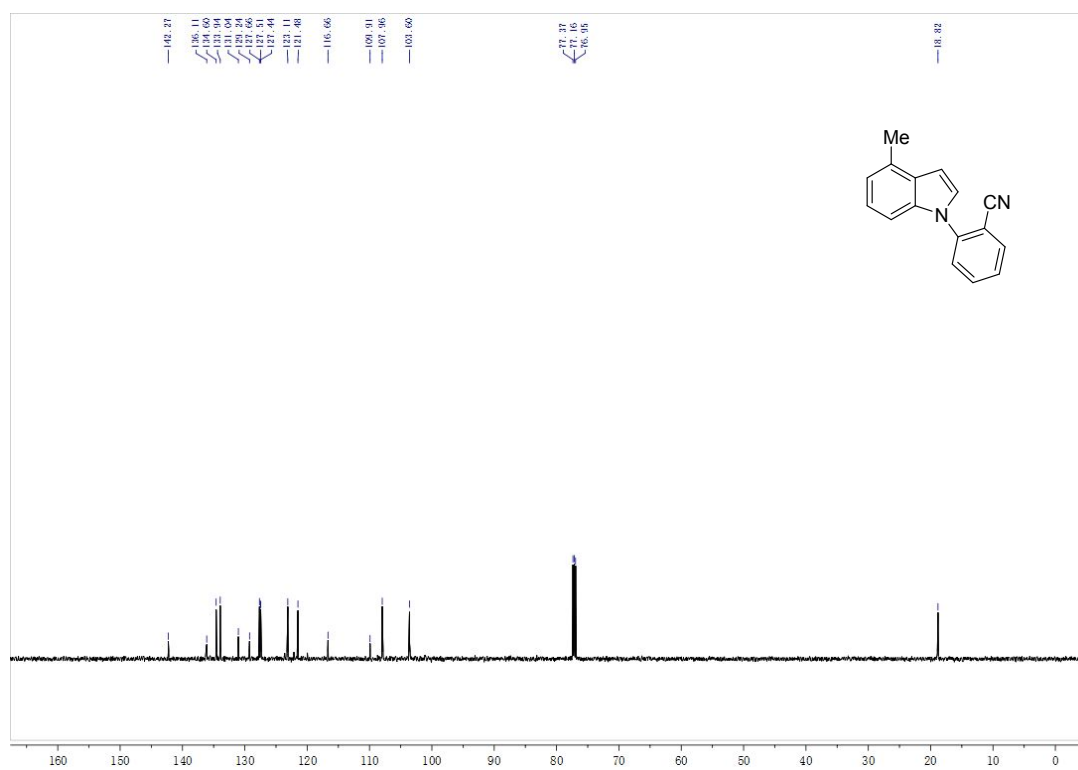
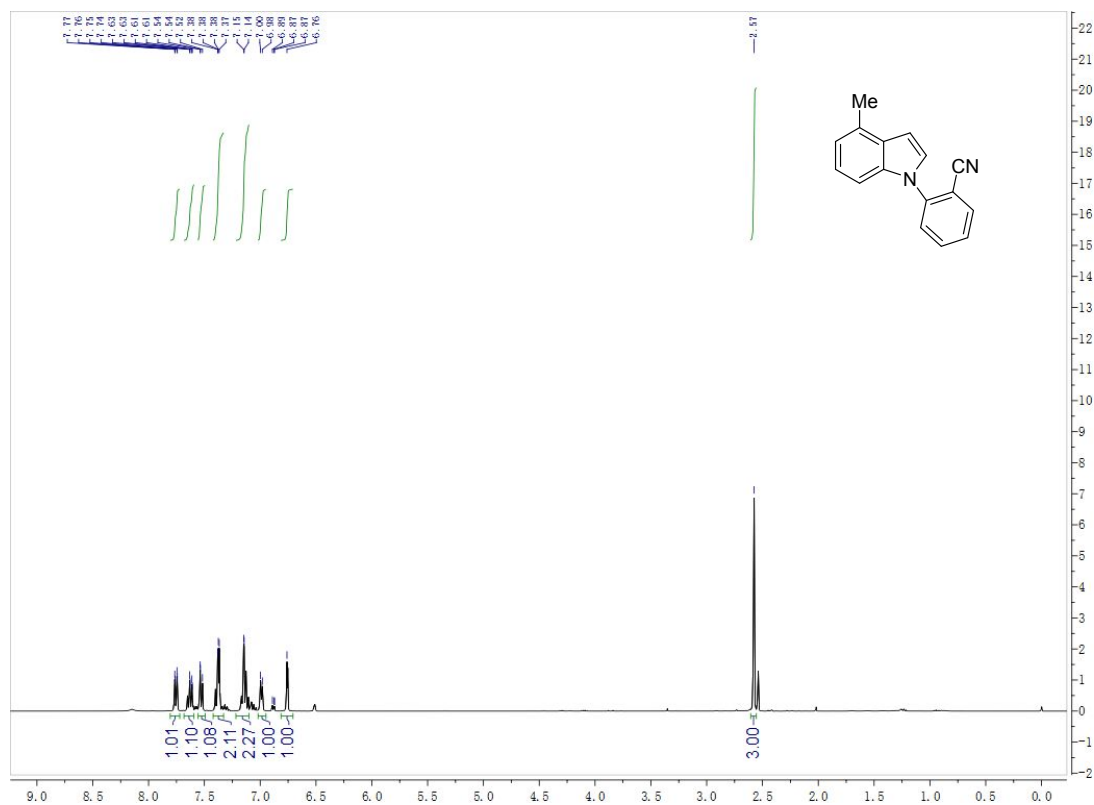


Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **1b**



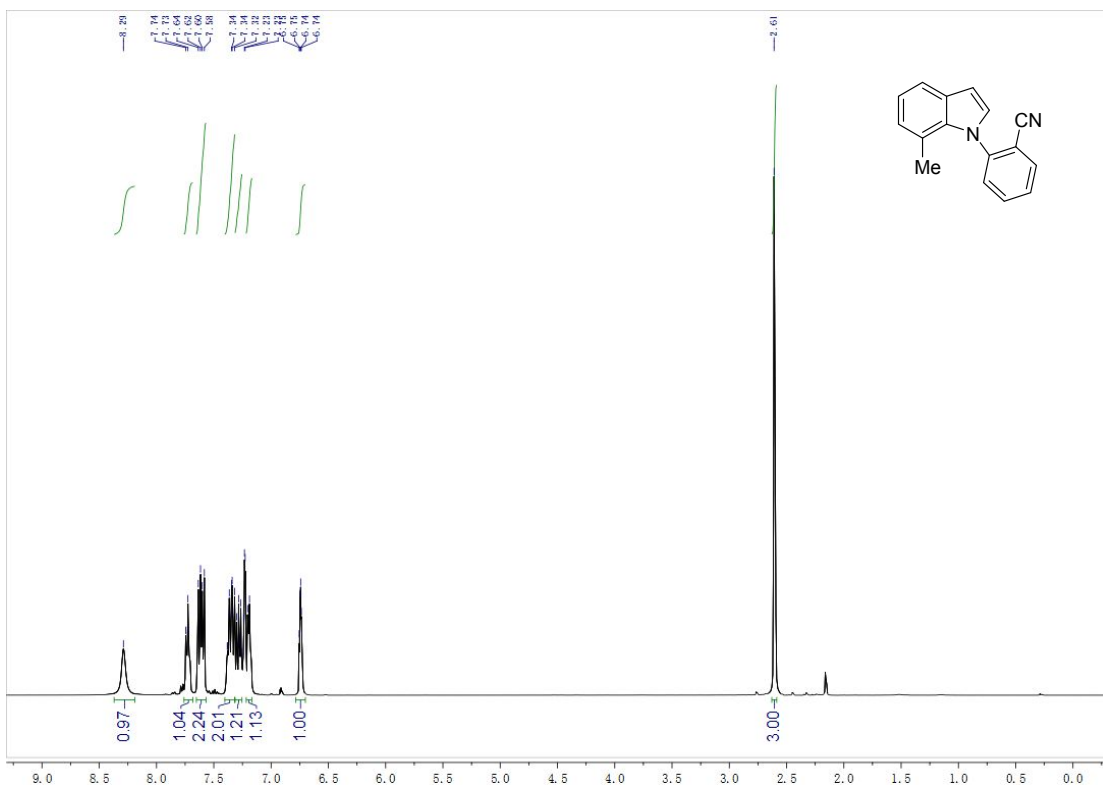


Figure S10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **1d**

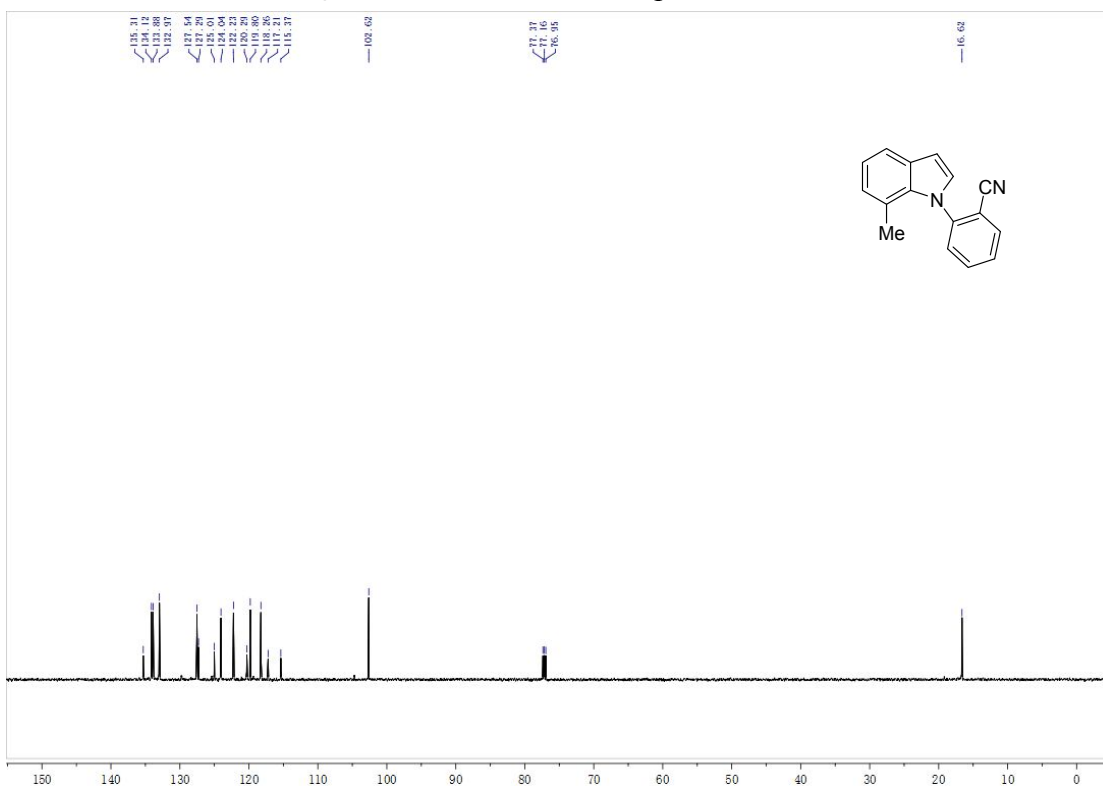


Figure S11.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **1d**



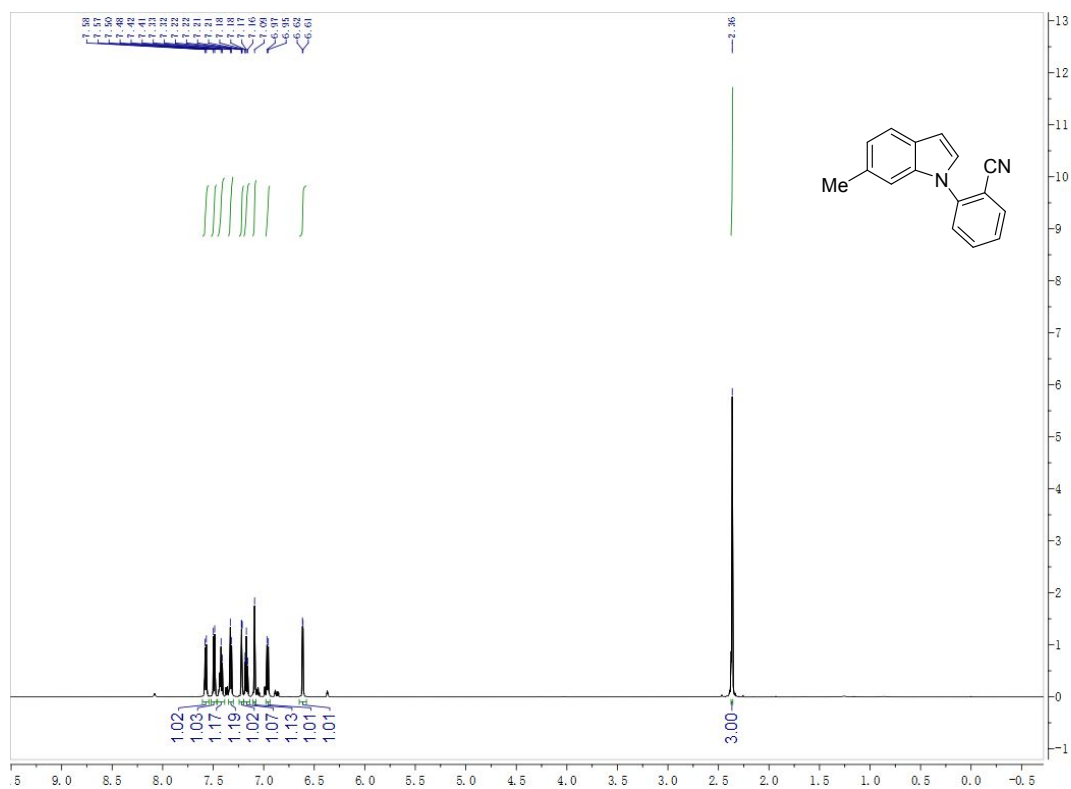


Figure S12.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **1e**

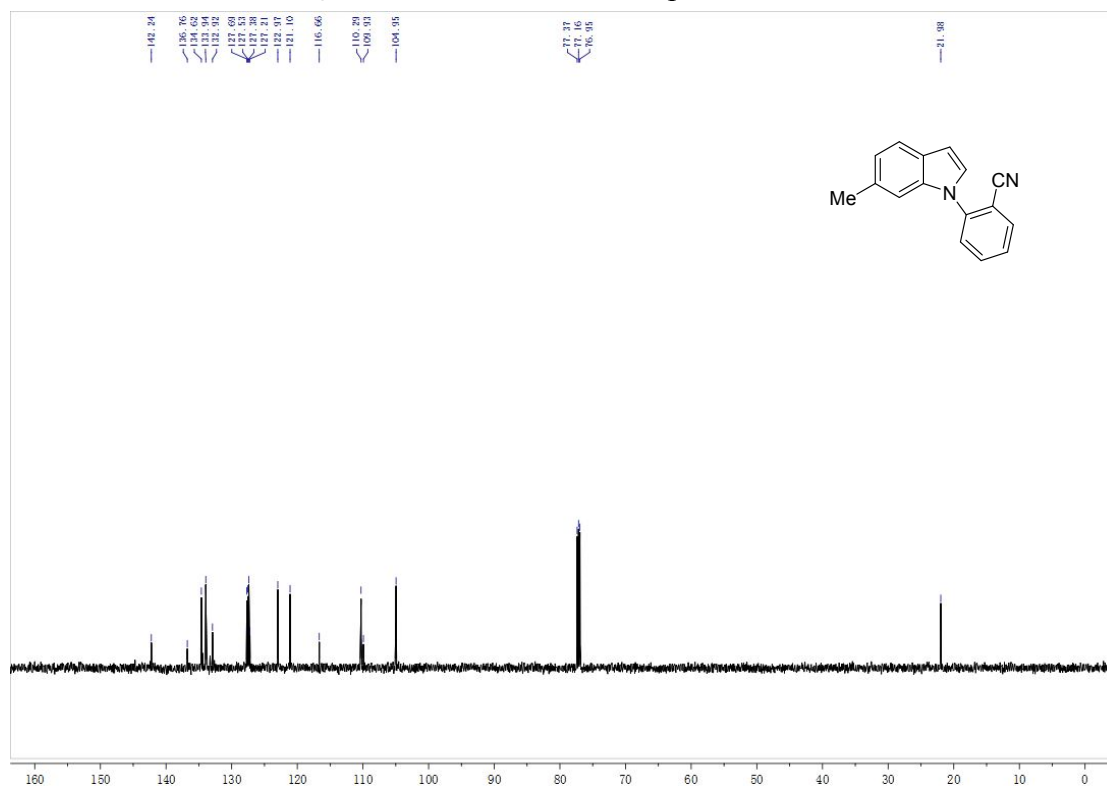


Figure S13.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **1e**

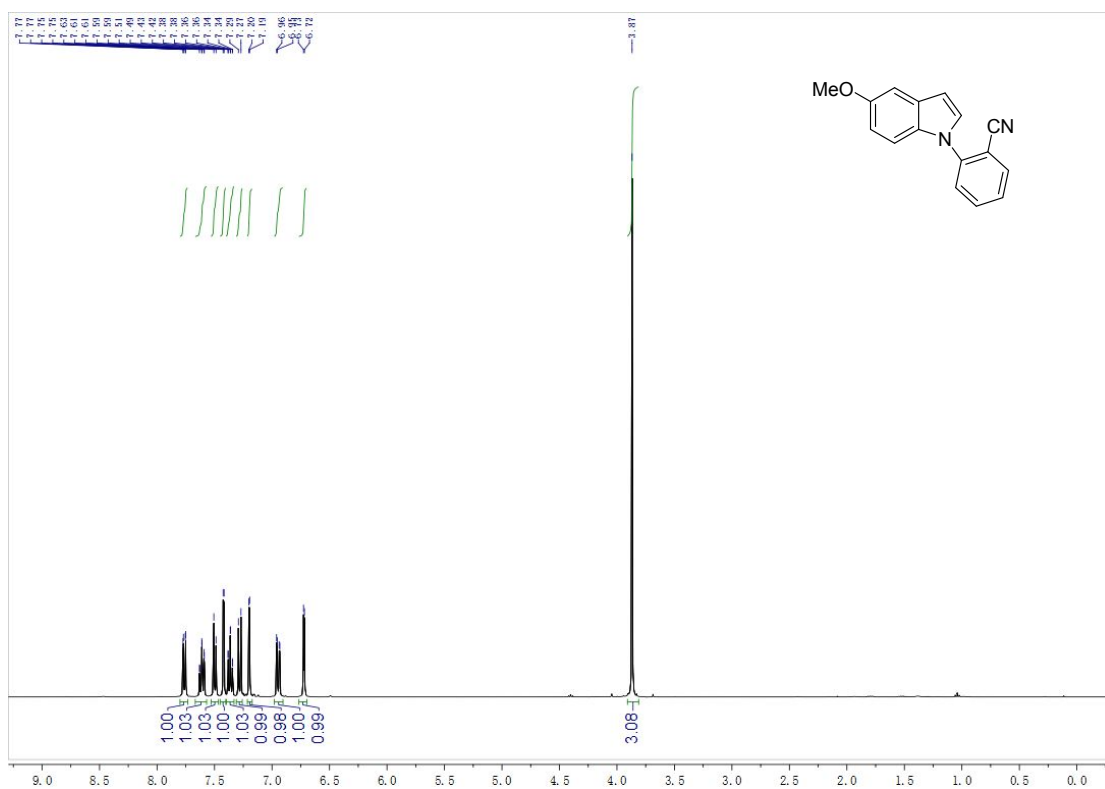


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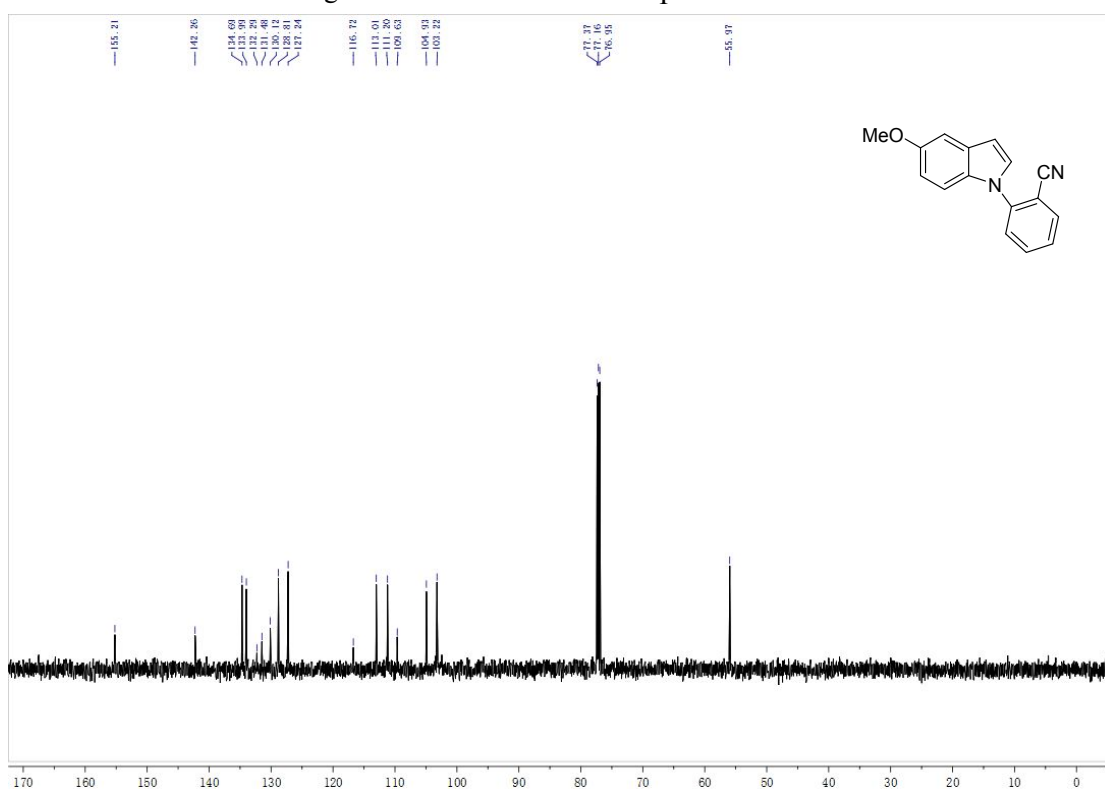


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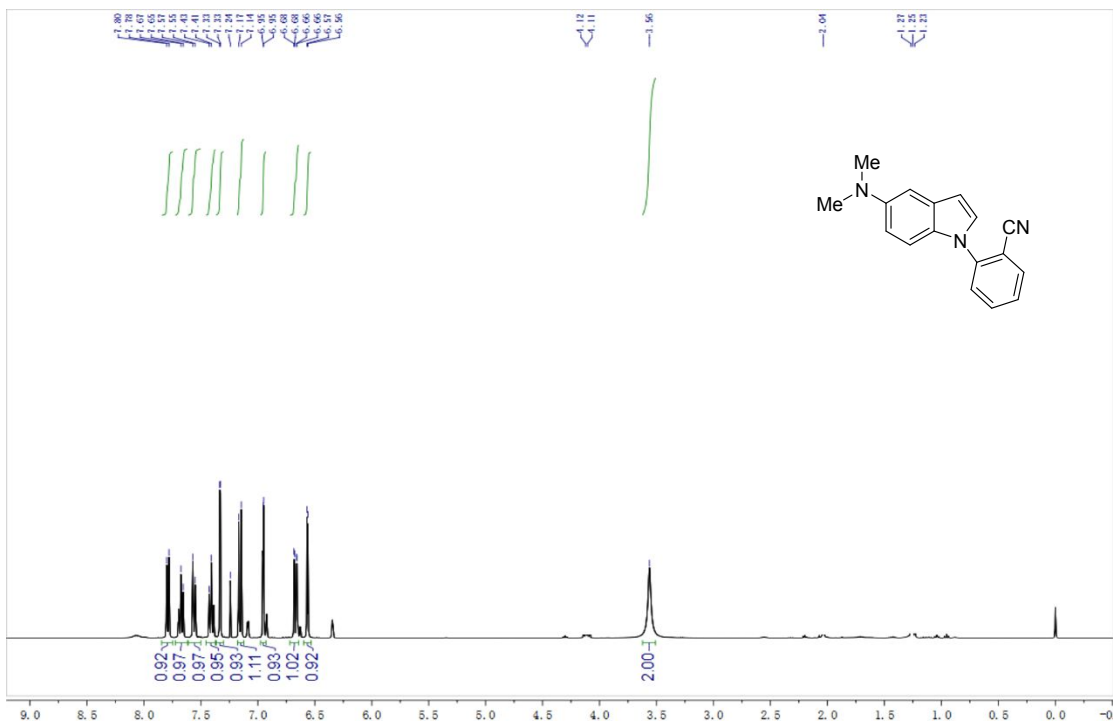


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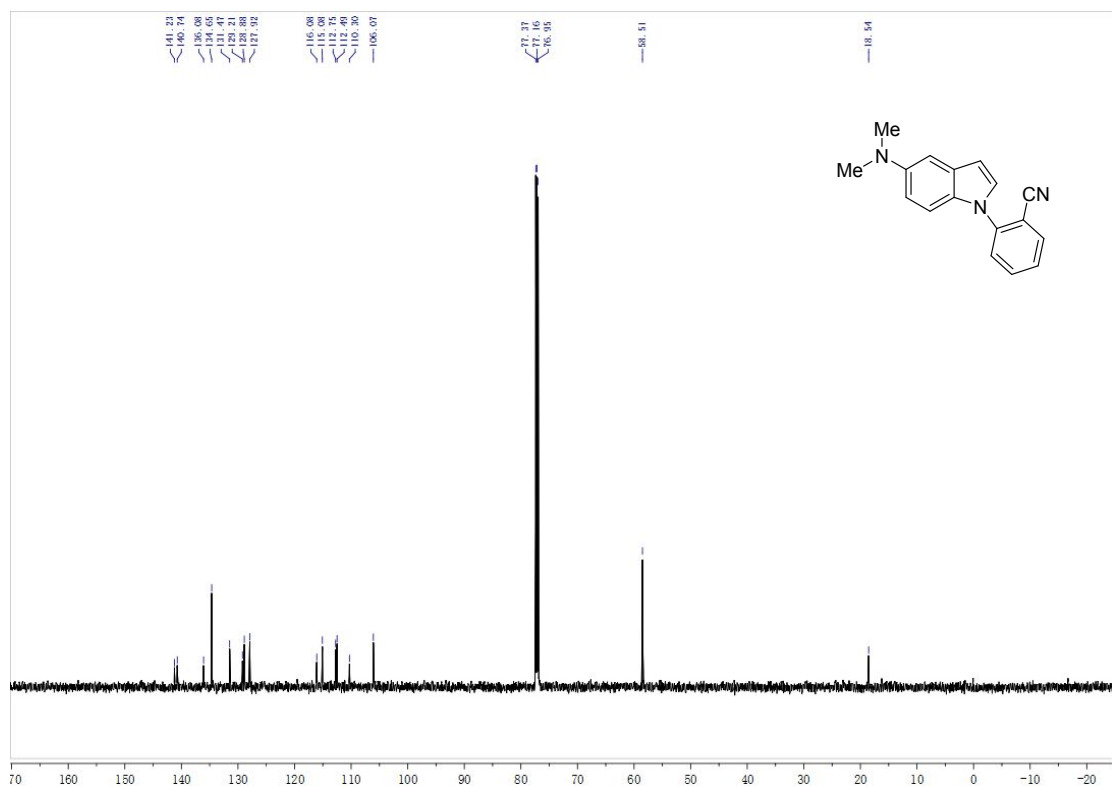


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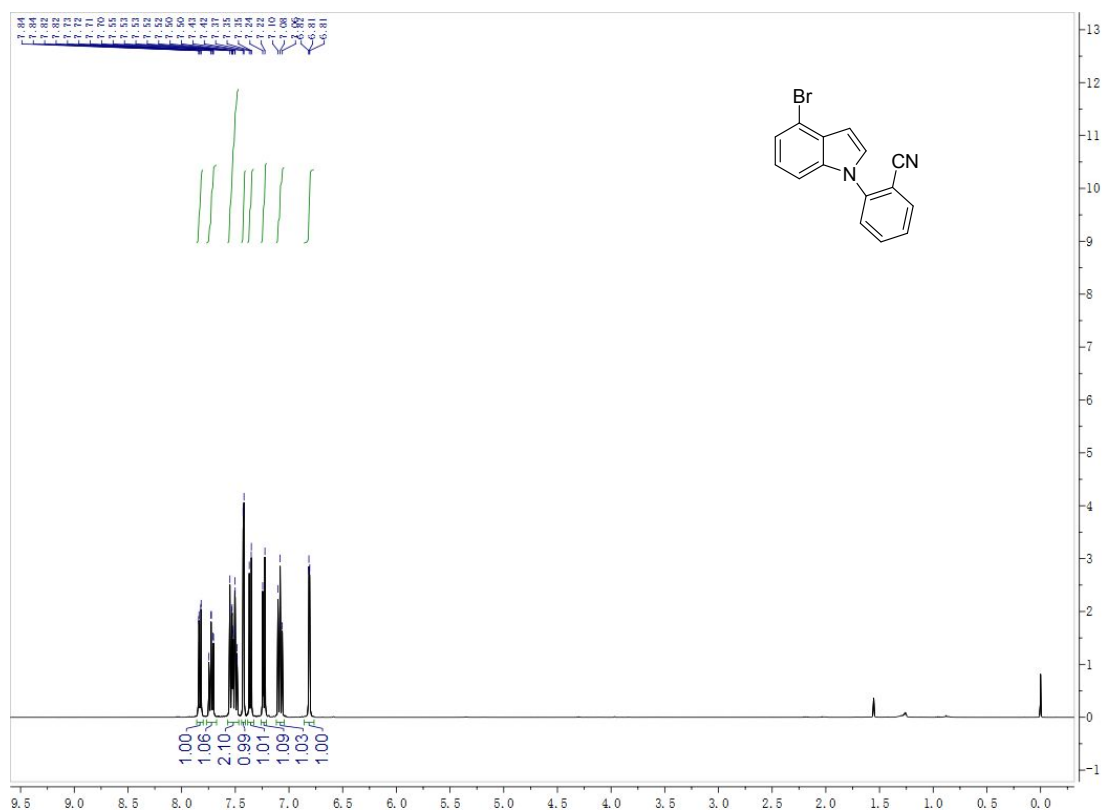


Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **1h**

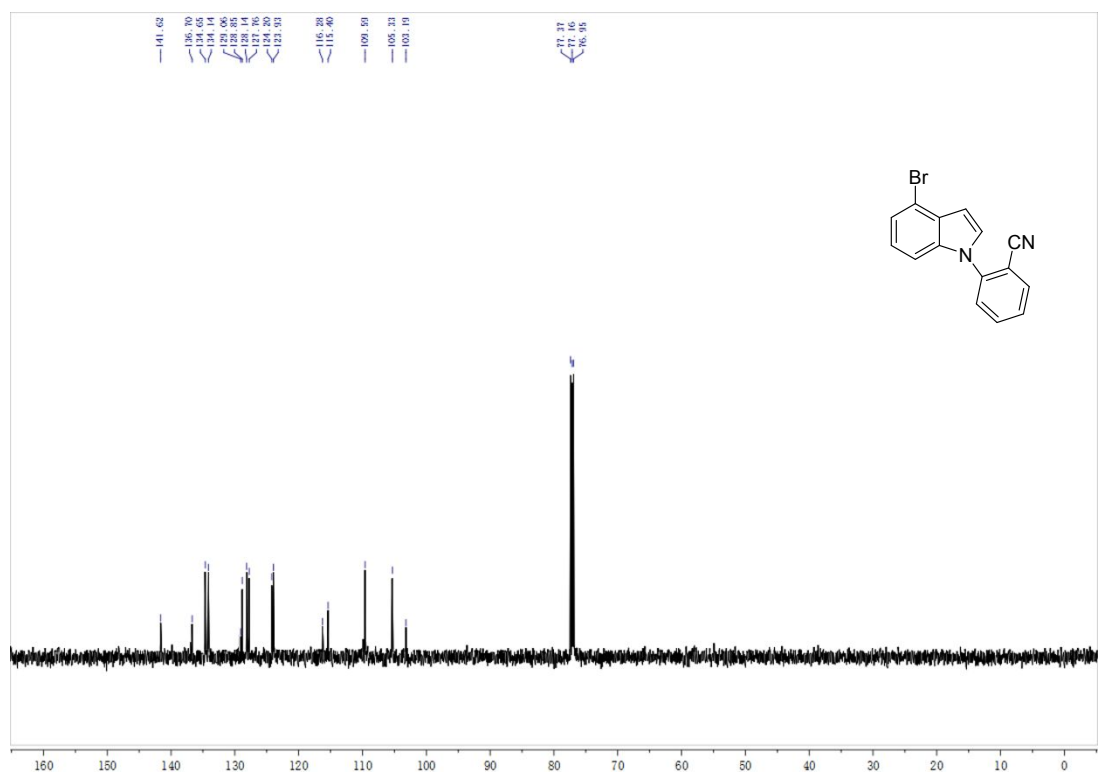


Figure S19. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **1h**

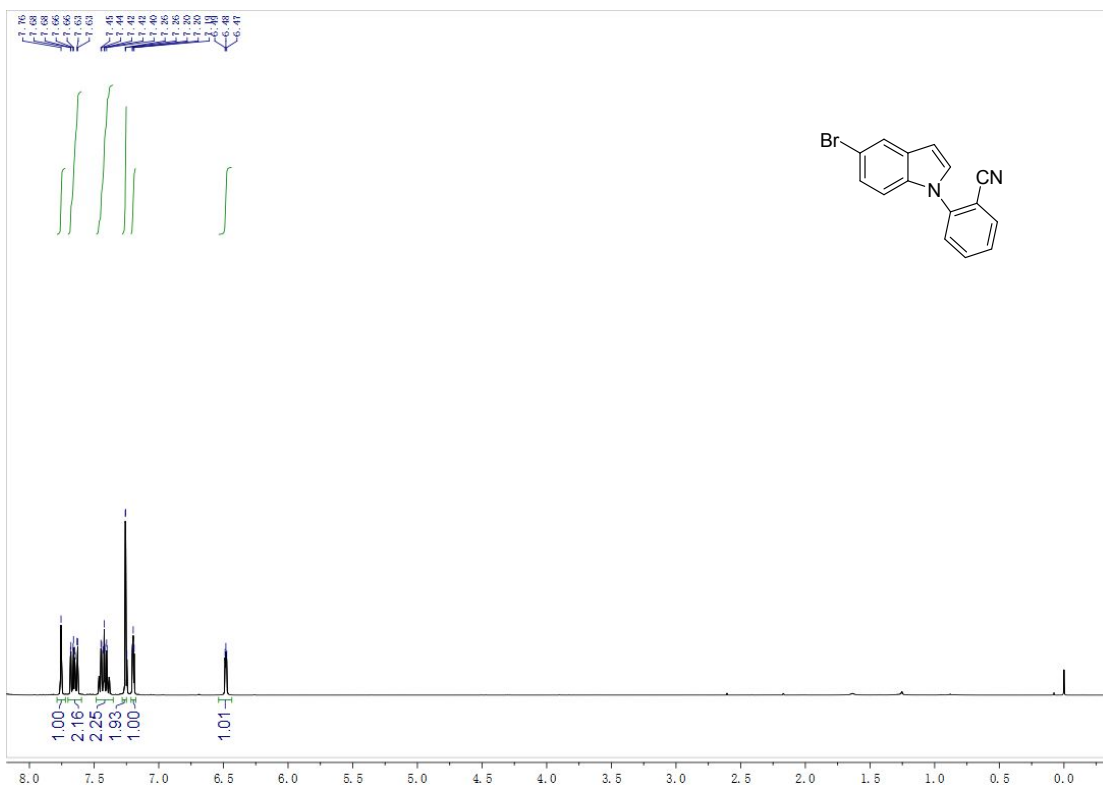


Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **1i**

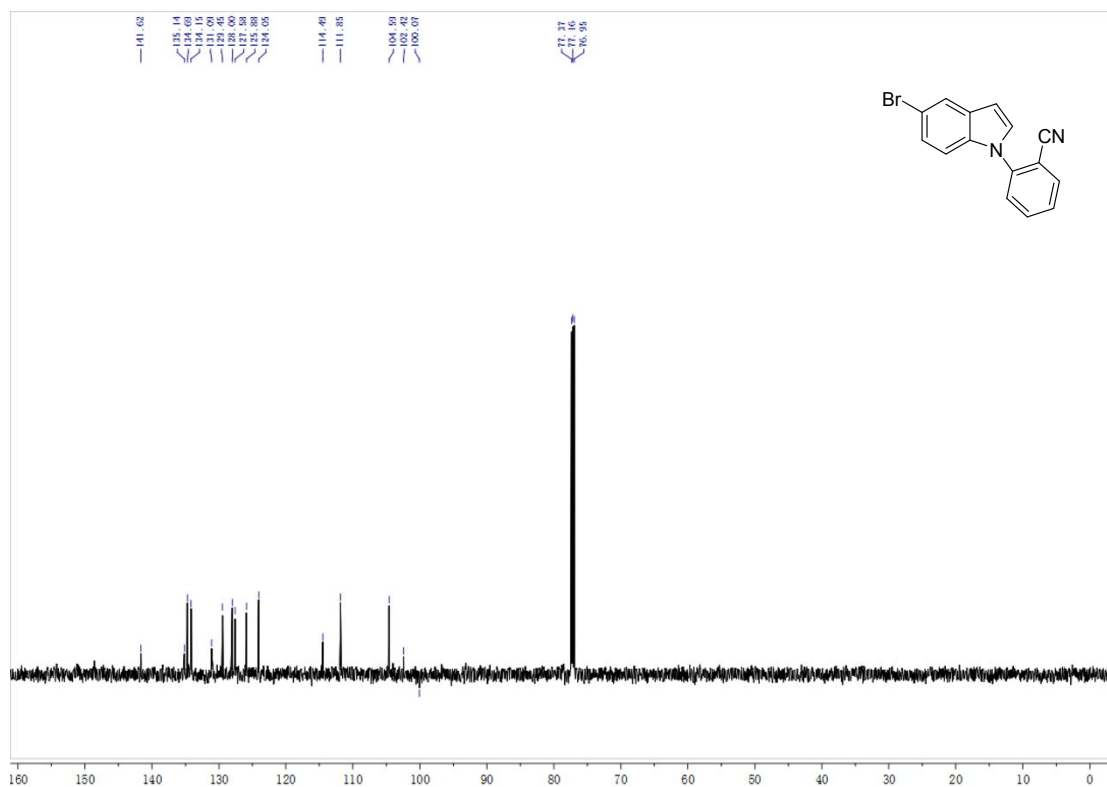


Figure S21. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **1i**

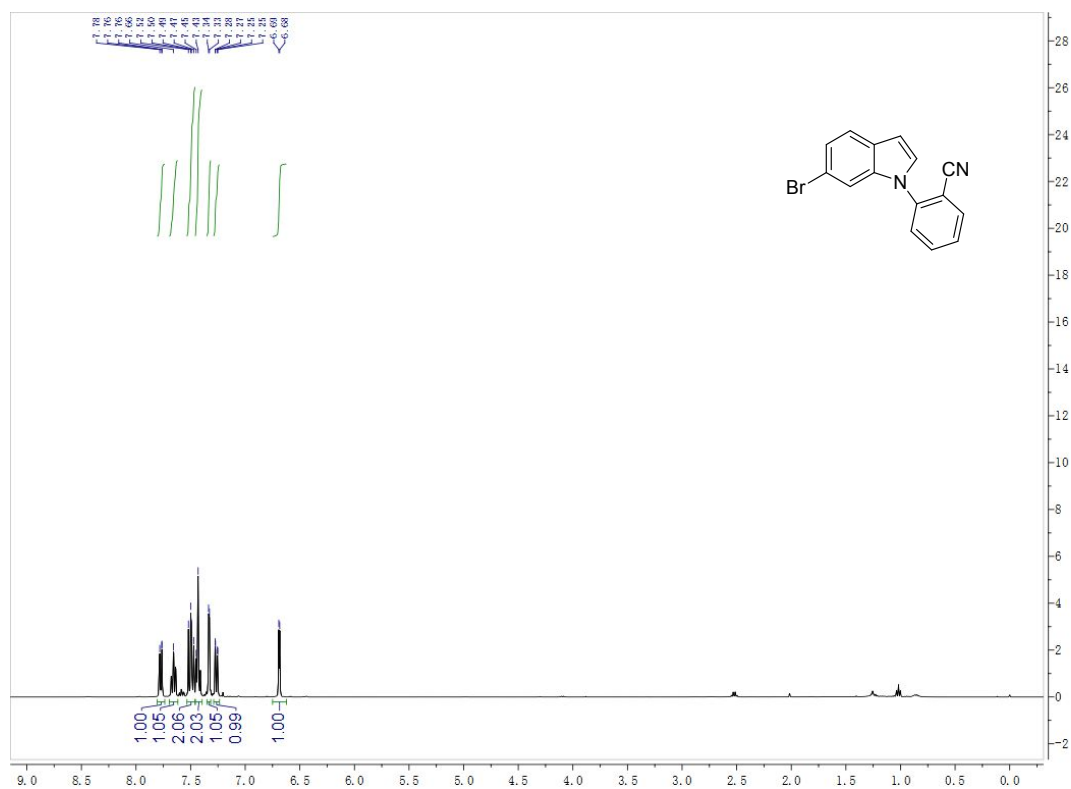


Figure S22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **1j**

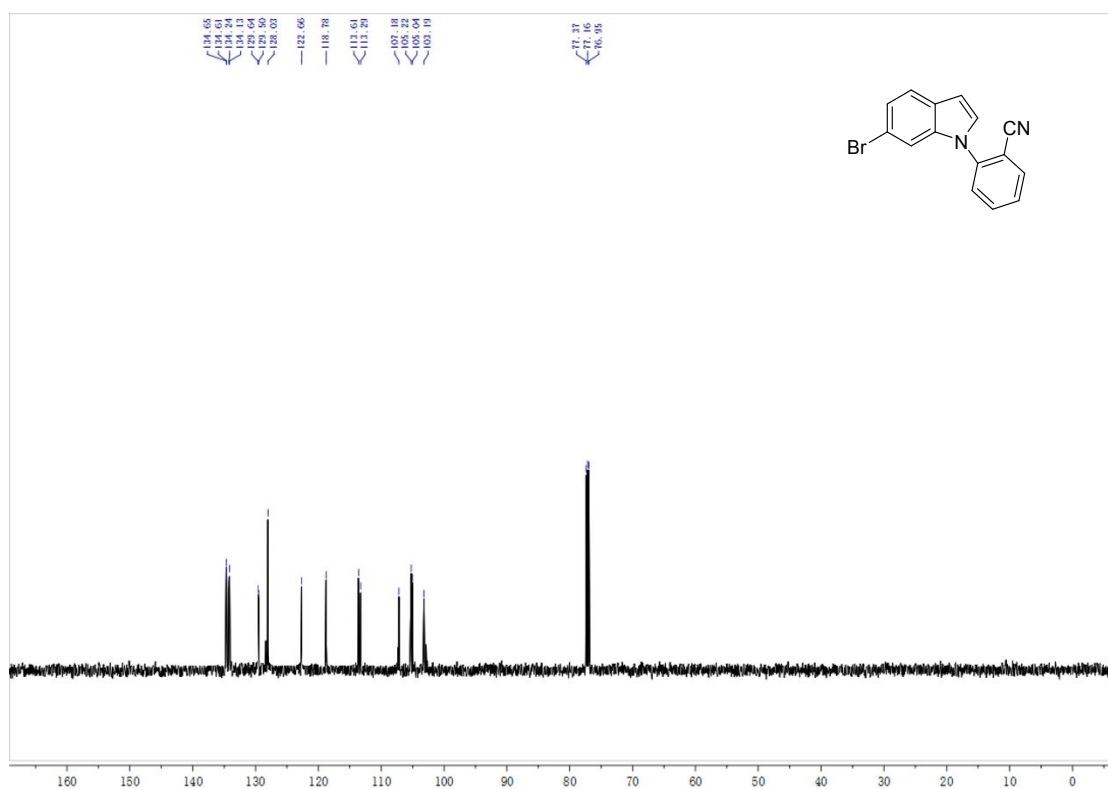


Figure S23. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **1j**

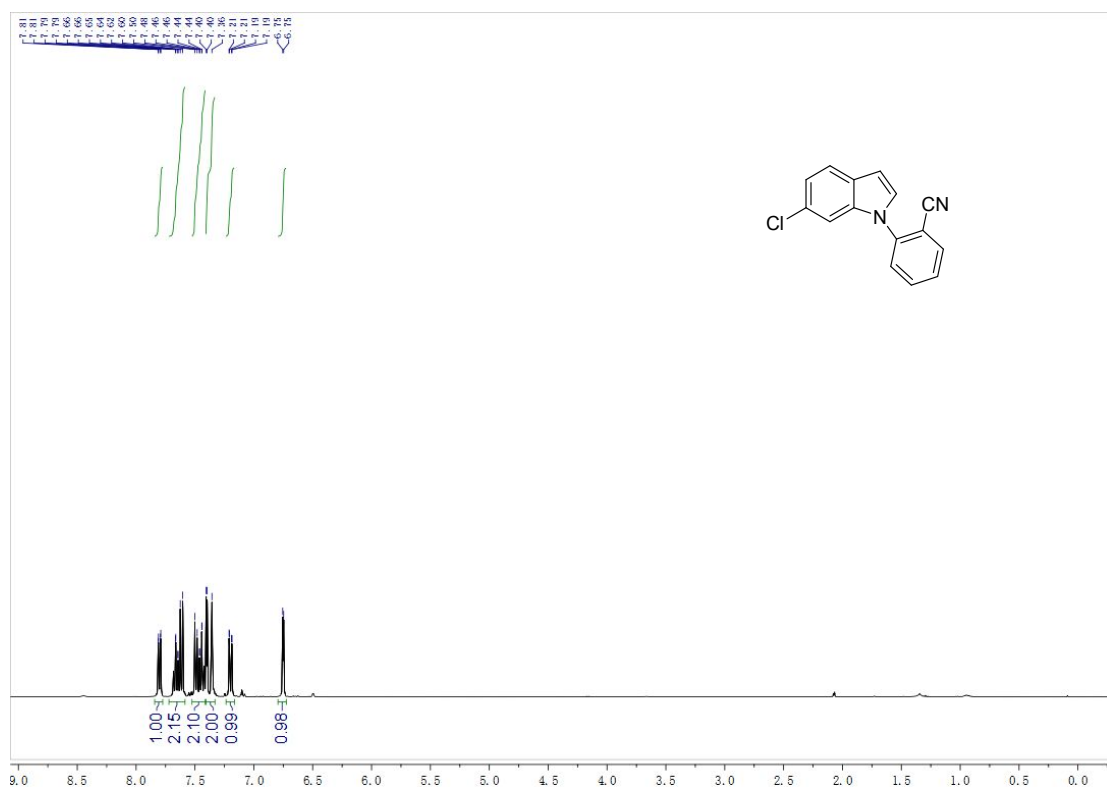


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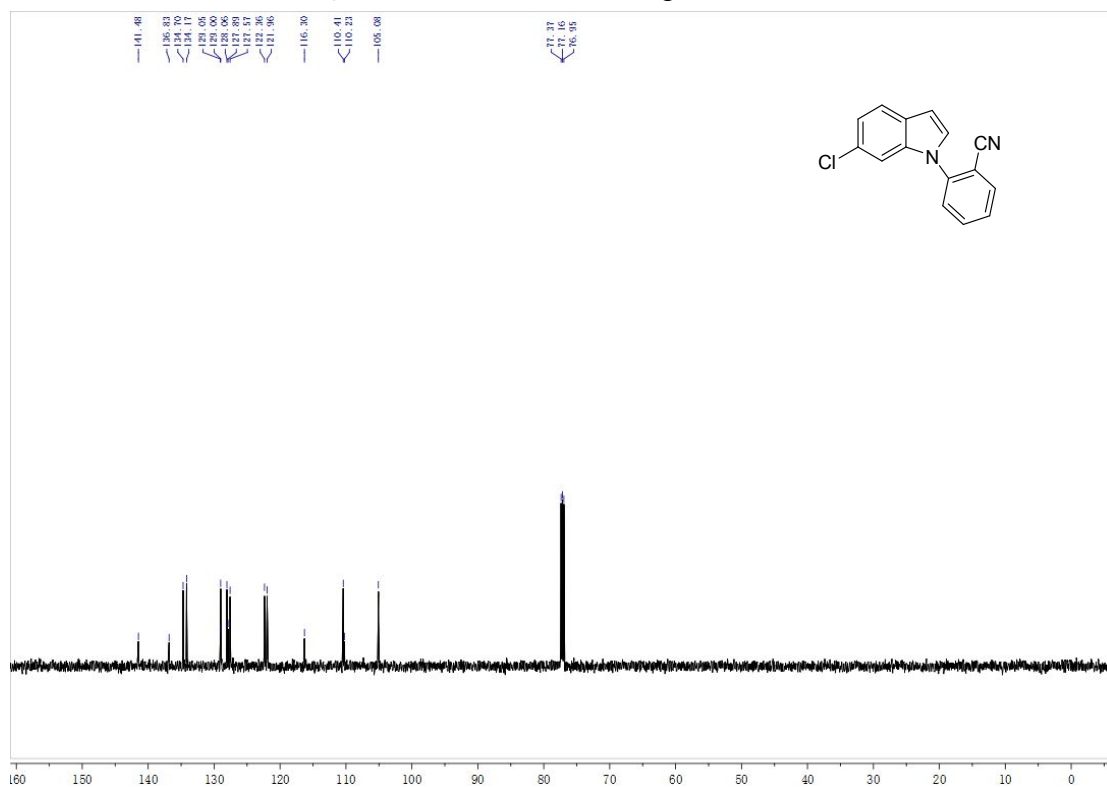


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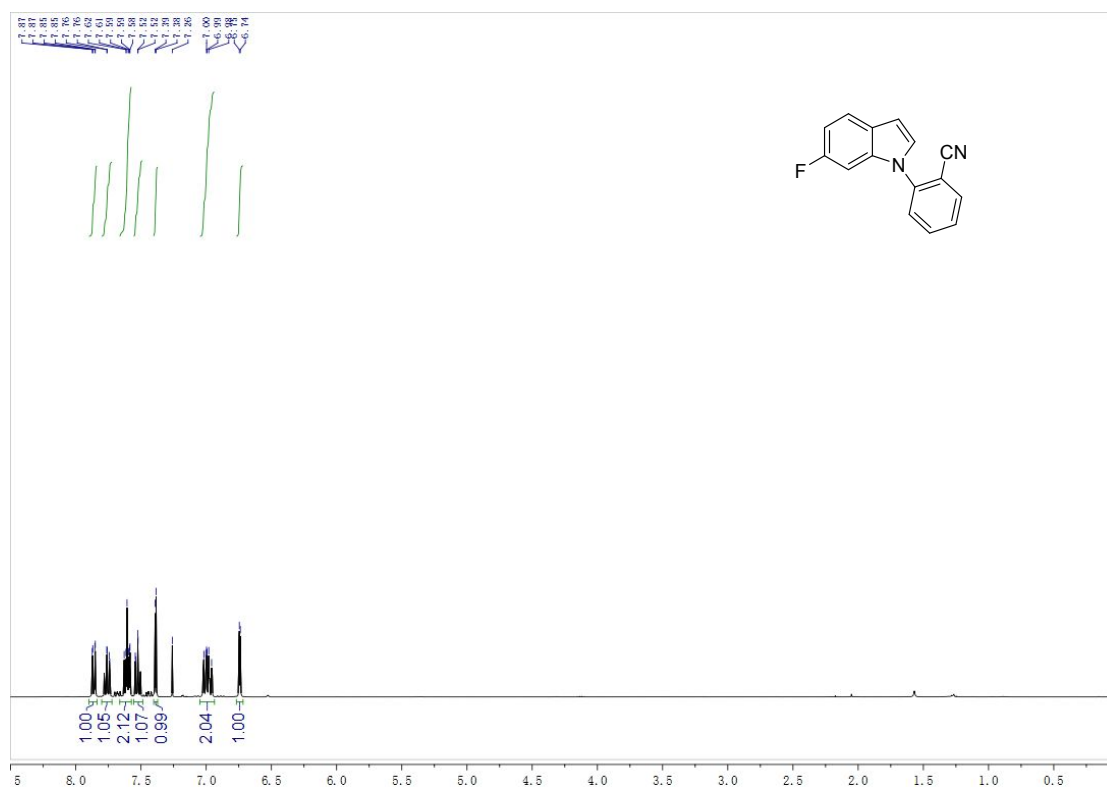


Figure S26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **11**

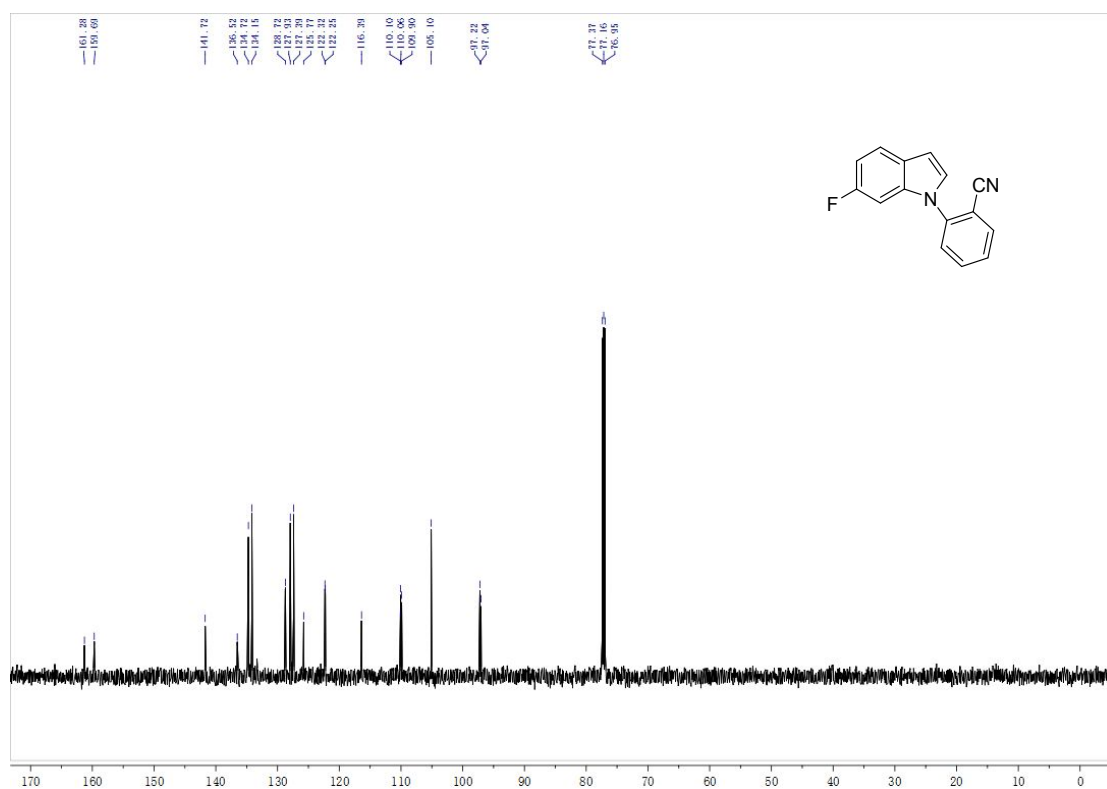


Figure S27. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **11**



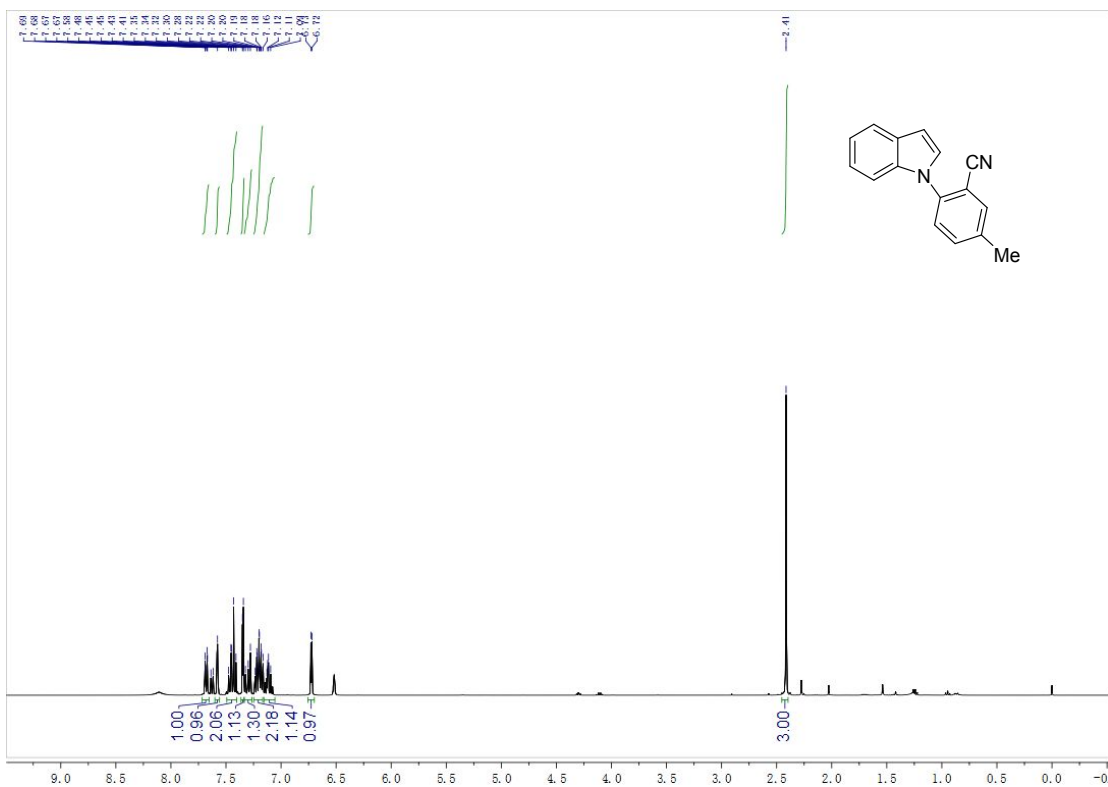


Figure S28.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **1m**

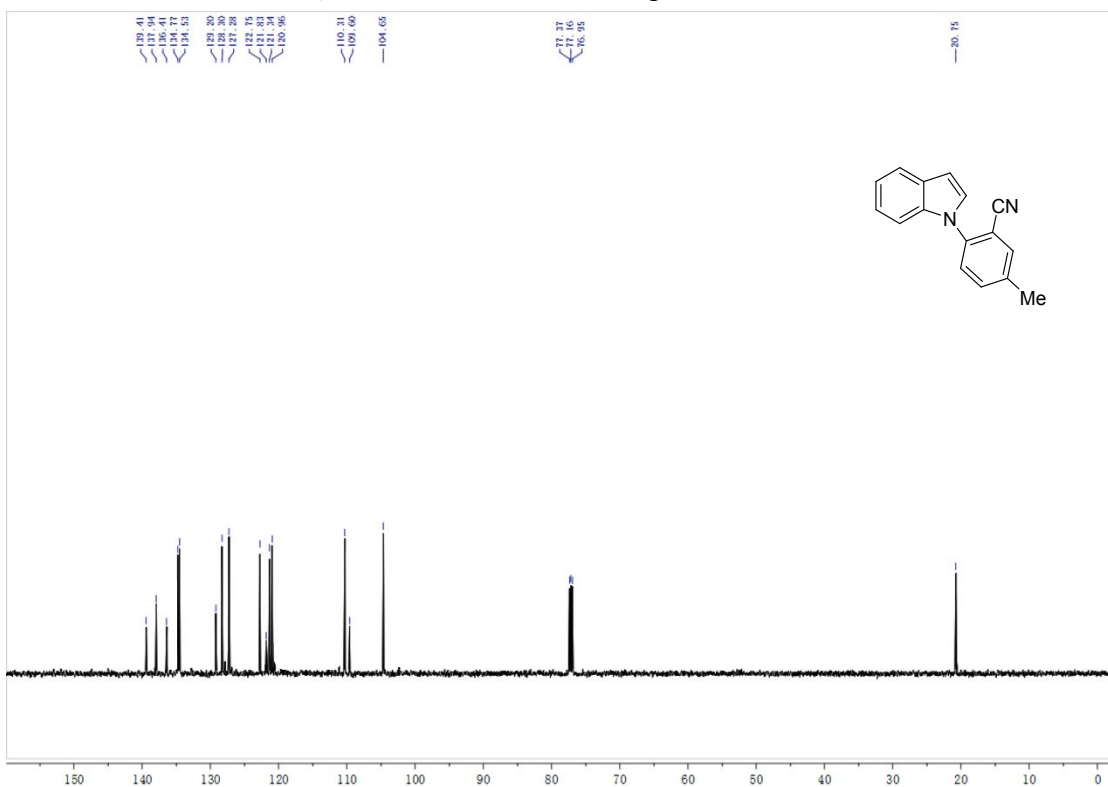


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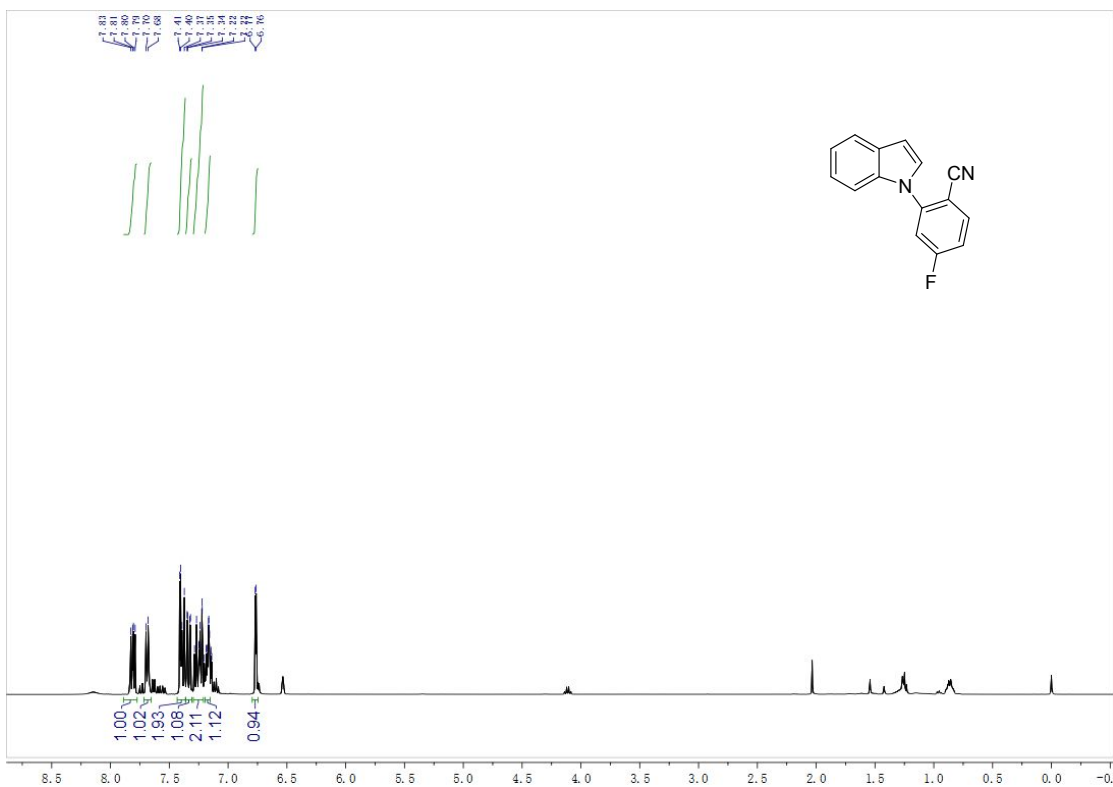


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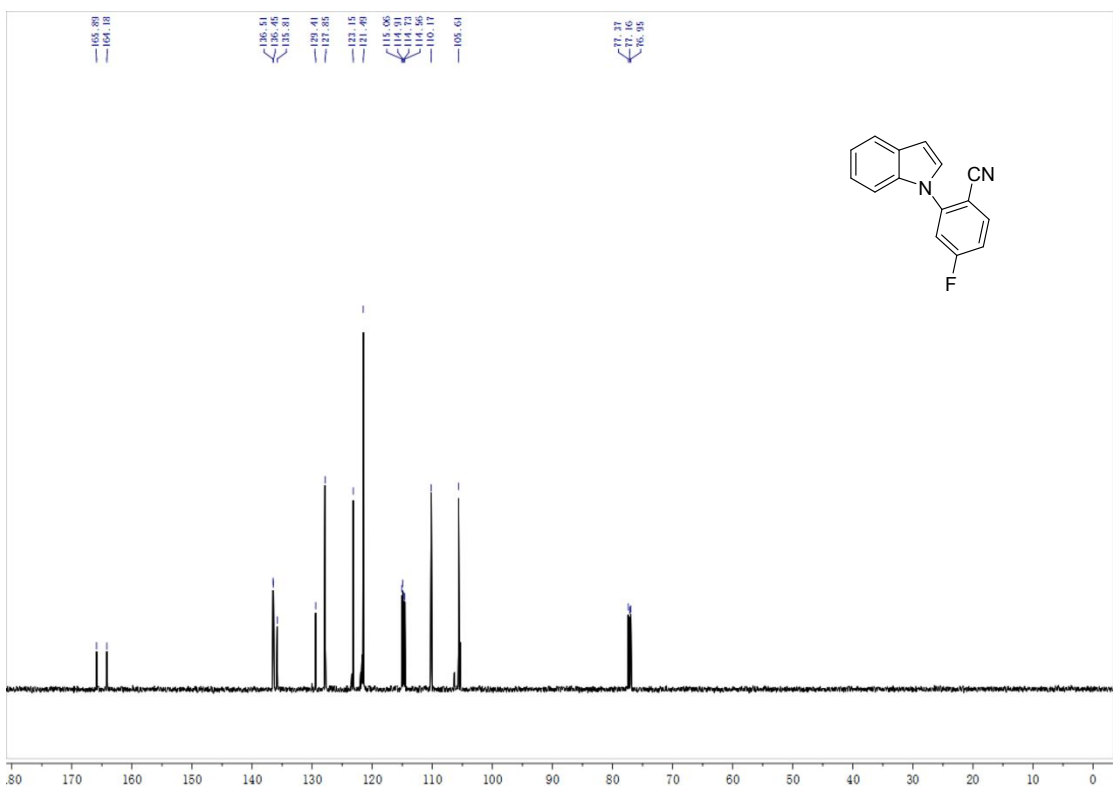


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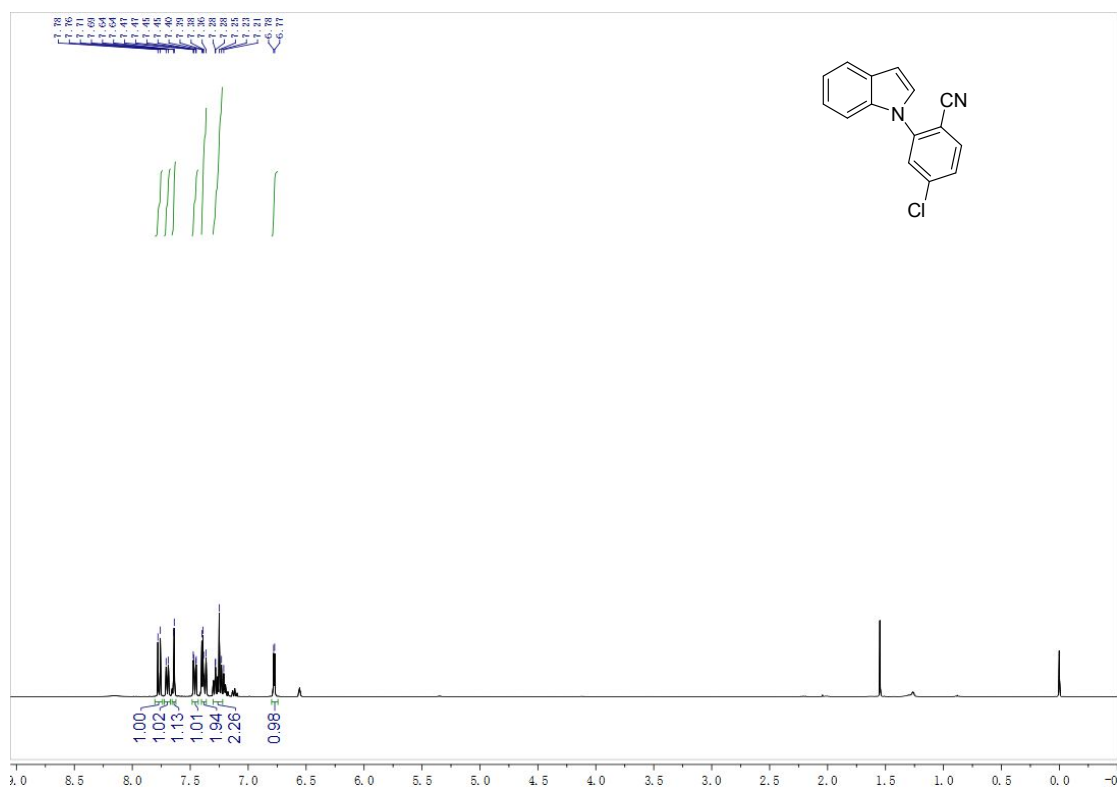


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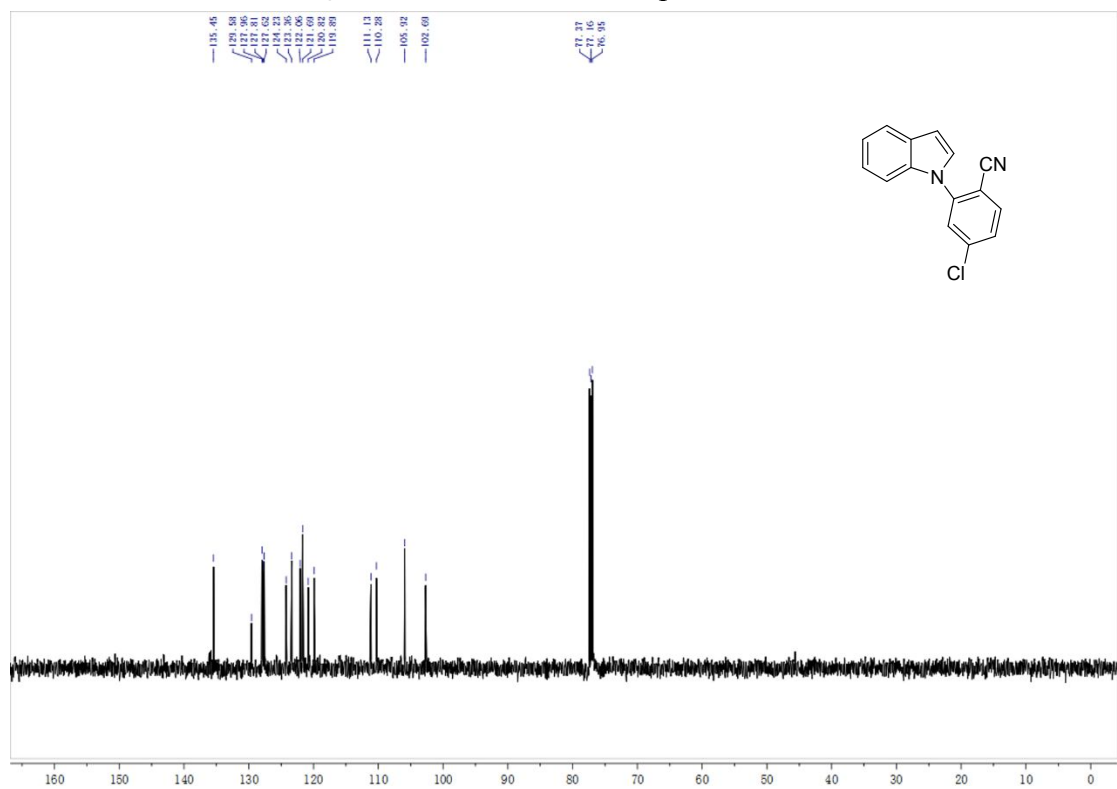


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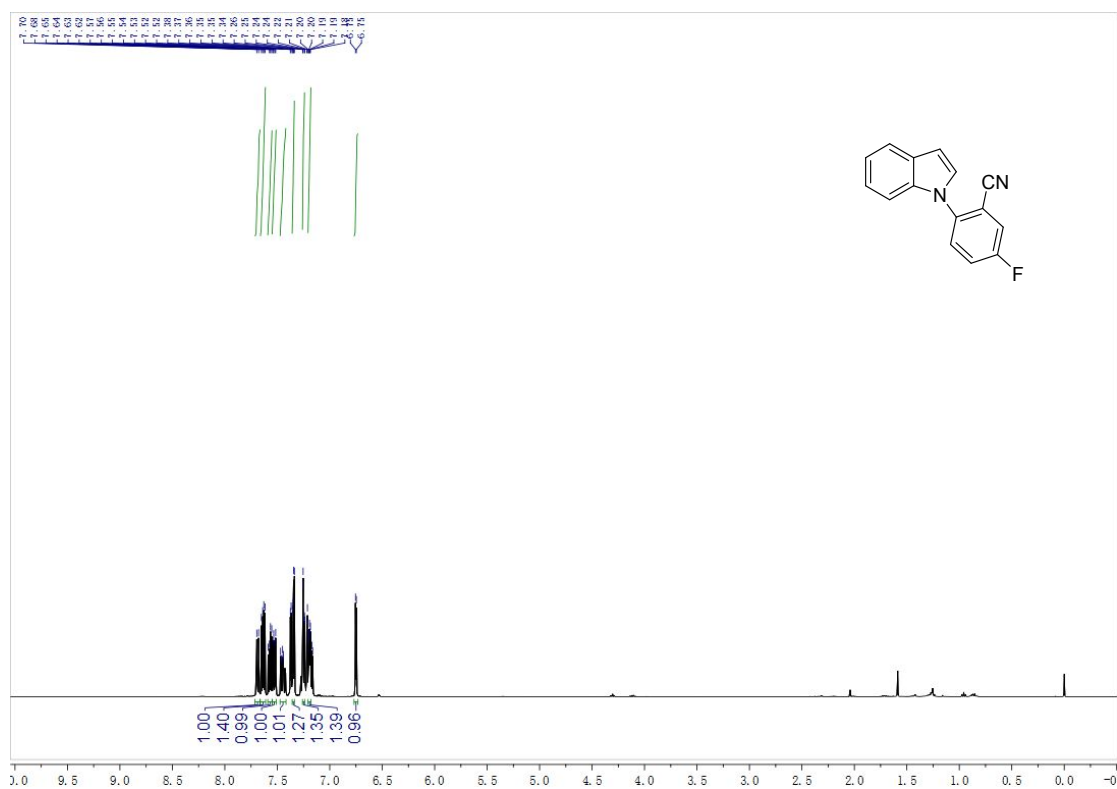


Figure S34.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **1p**

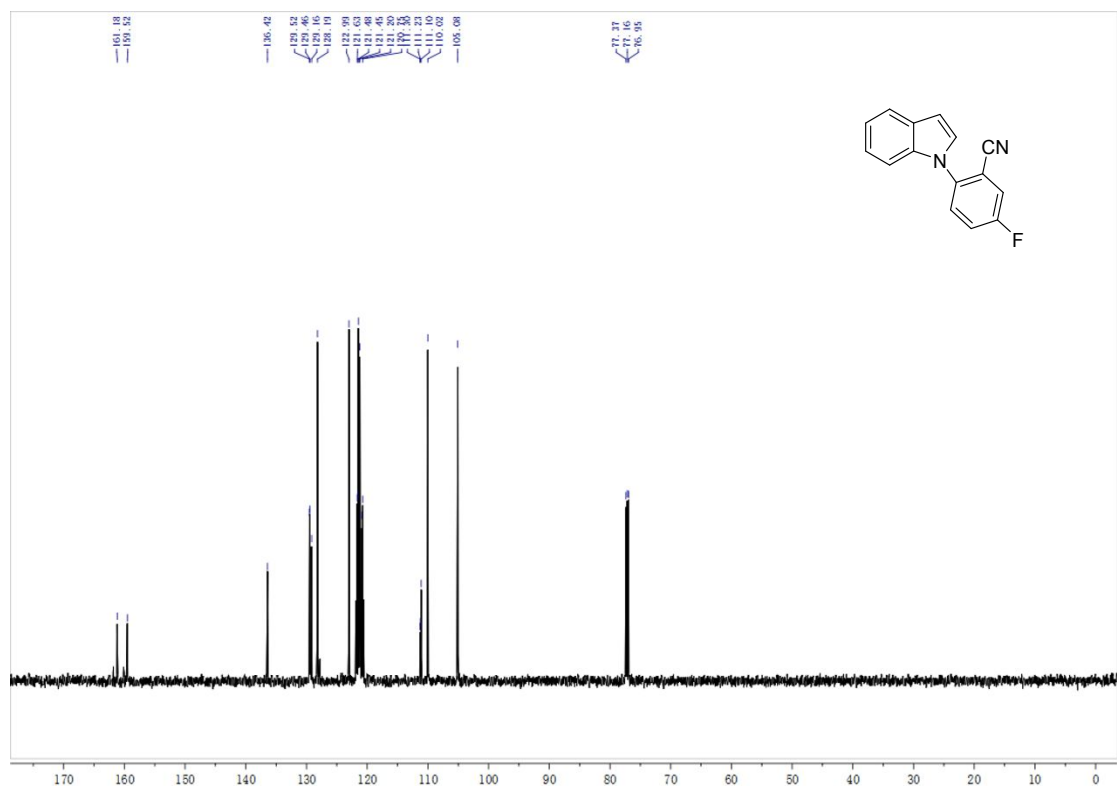


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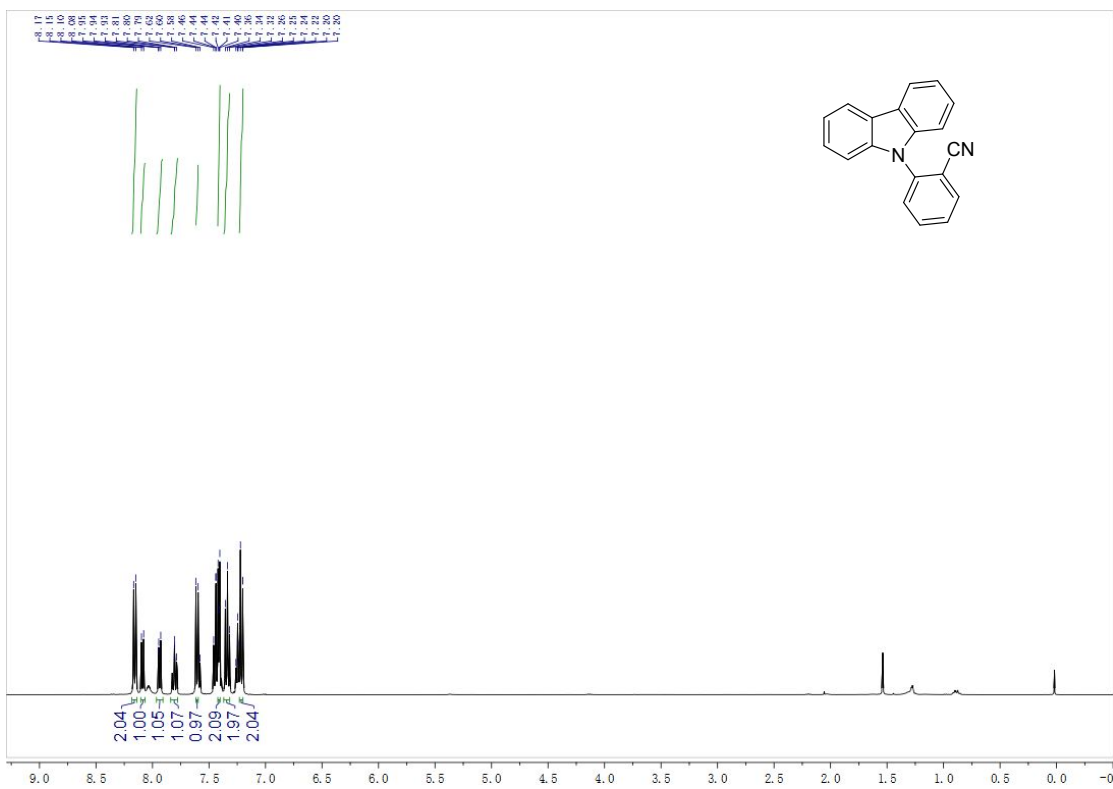


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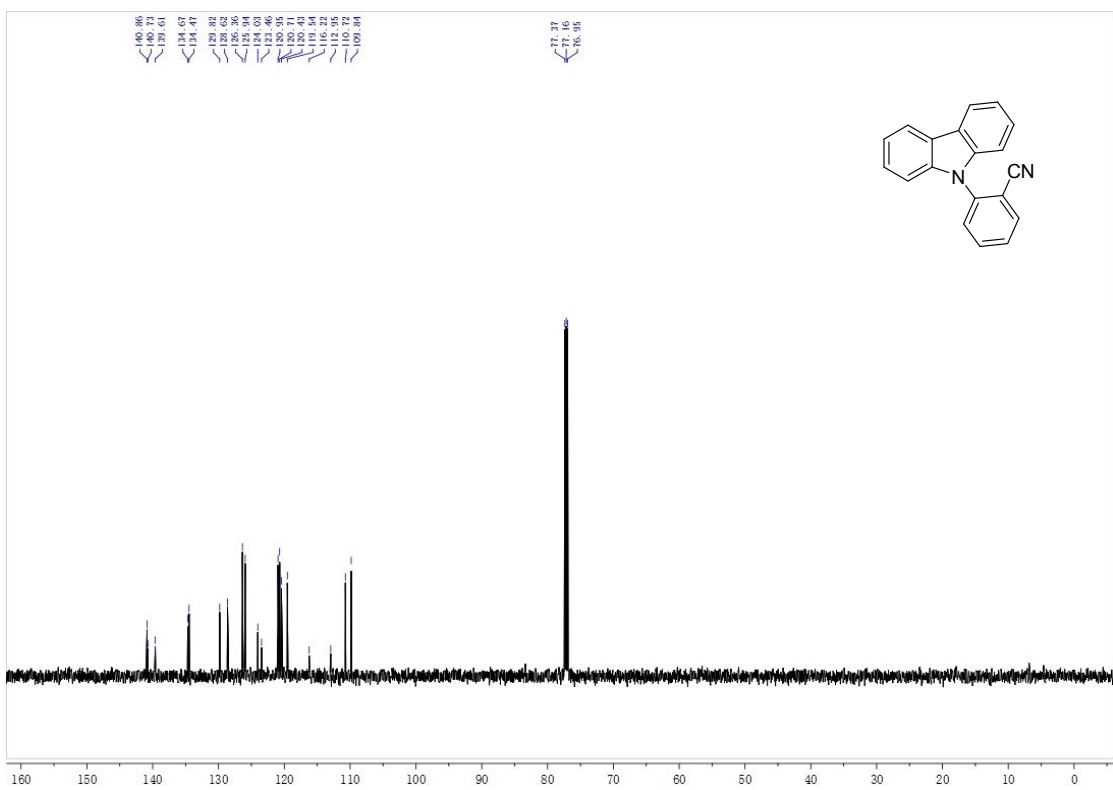


Figure S37.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **1q**

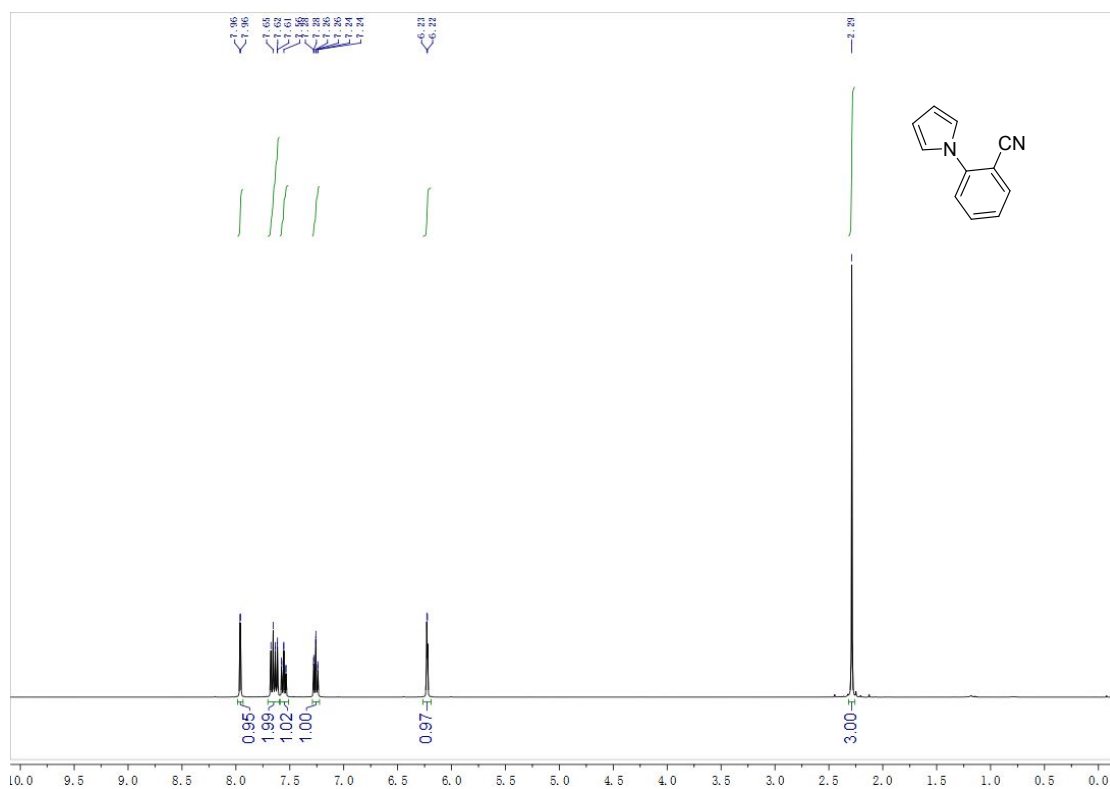


Figure S38.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **1r**

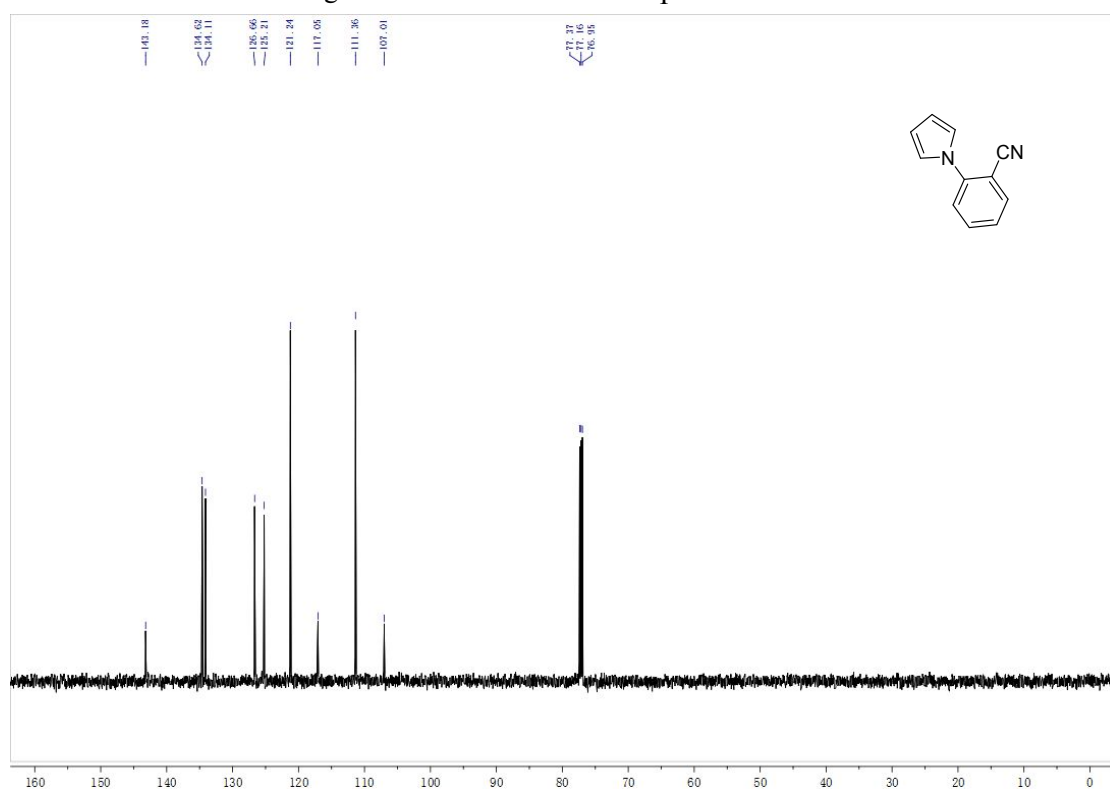


Figure S39.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **1r**

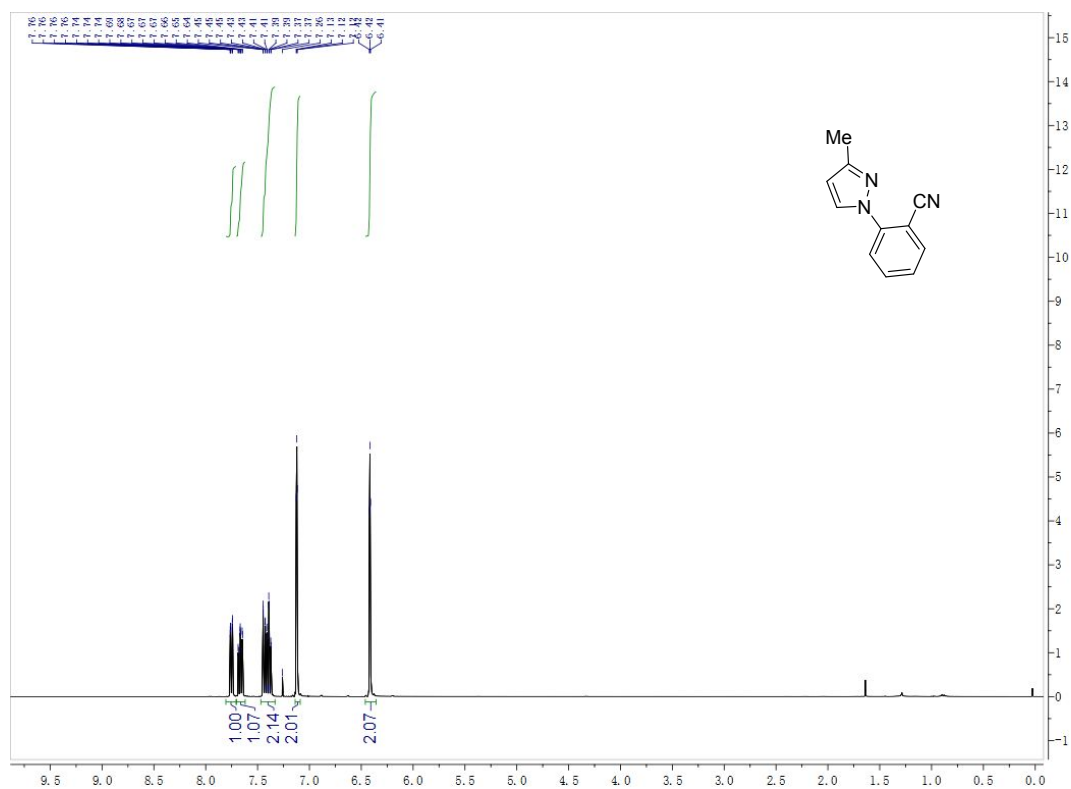


Figure S40. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **1s**

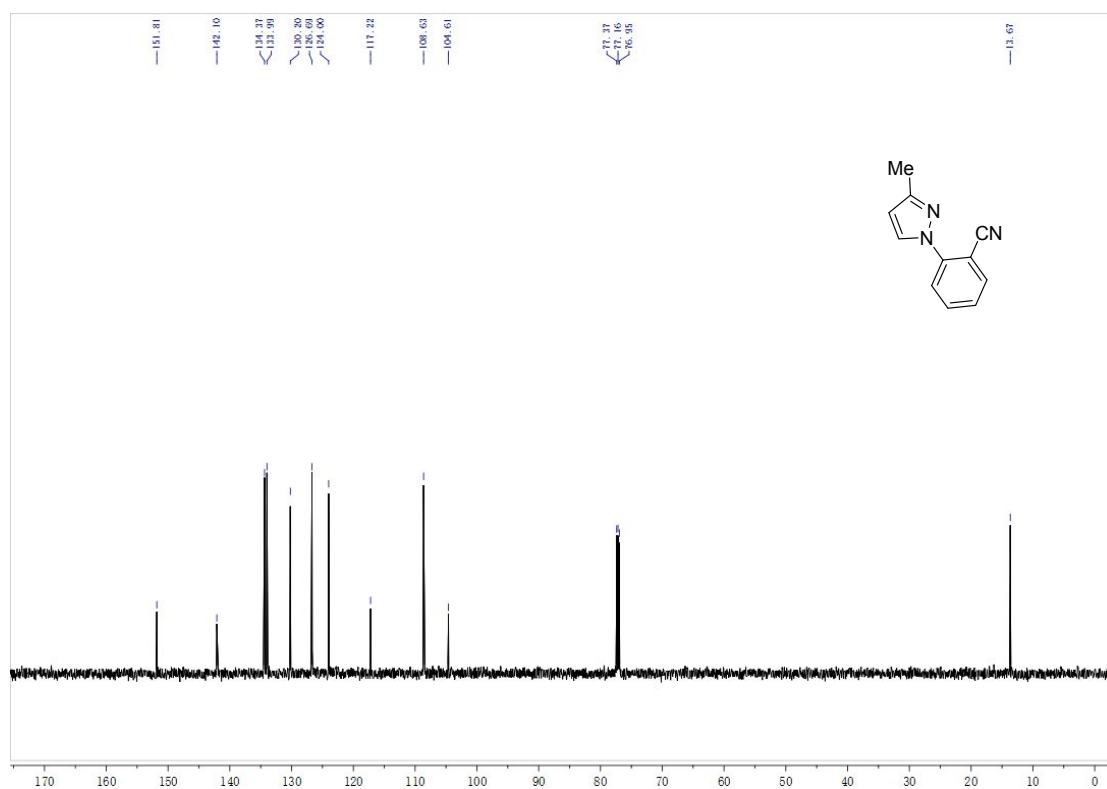


Figure S41. <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **1s**

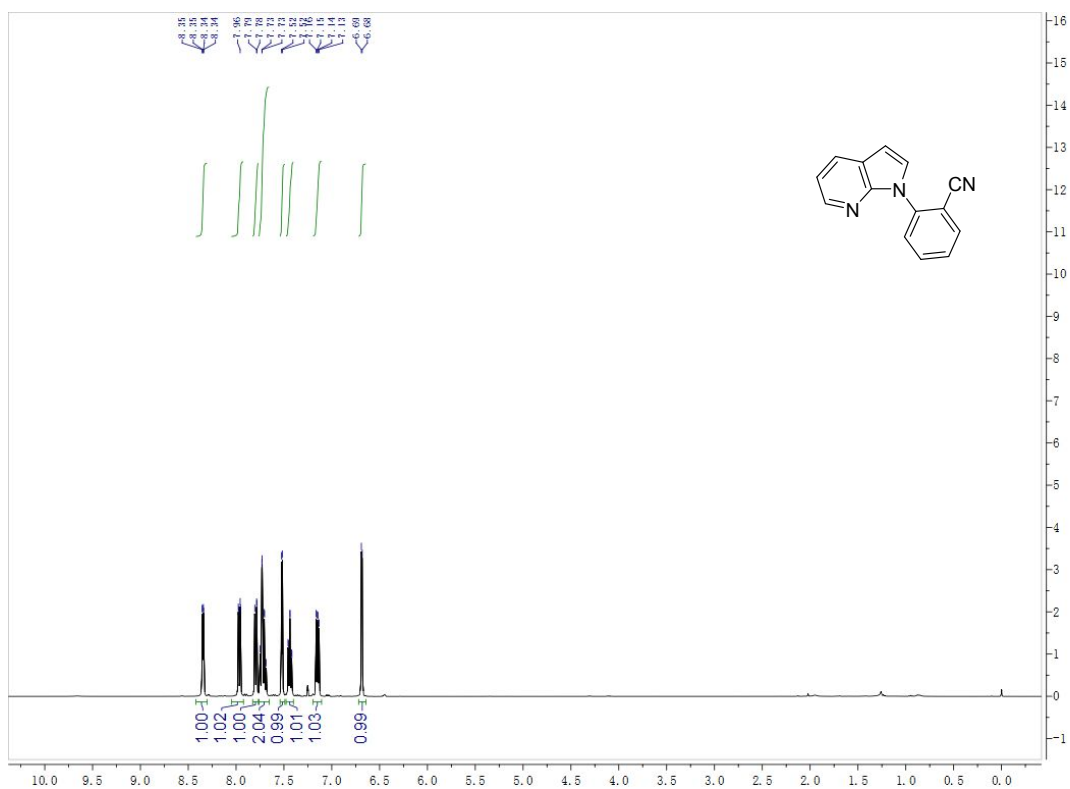


Figure S42.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **1t**

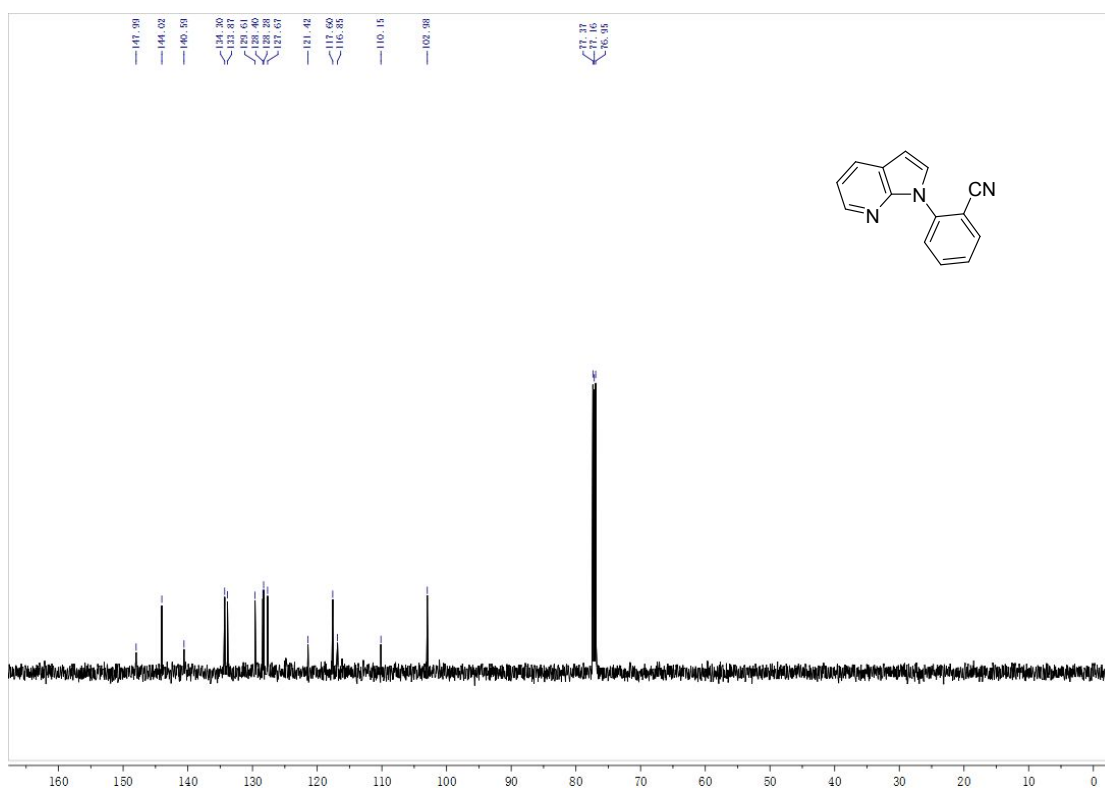


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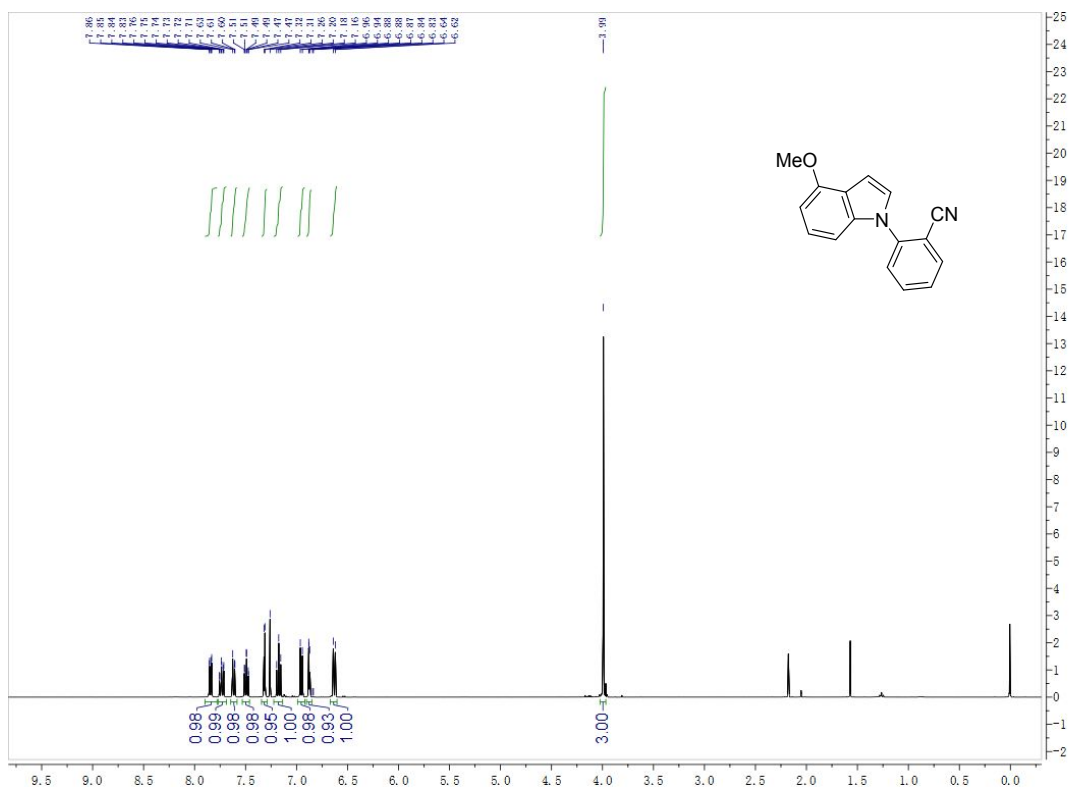


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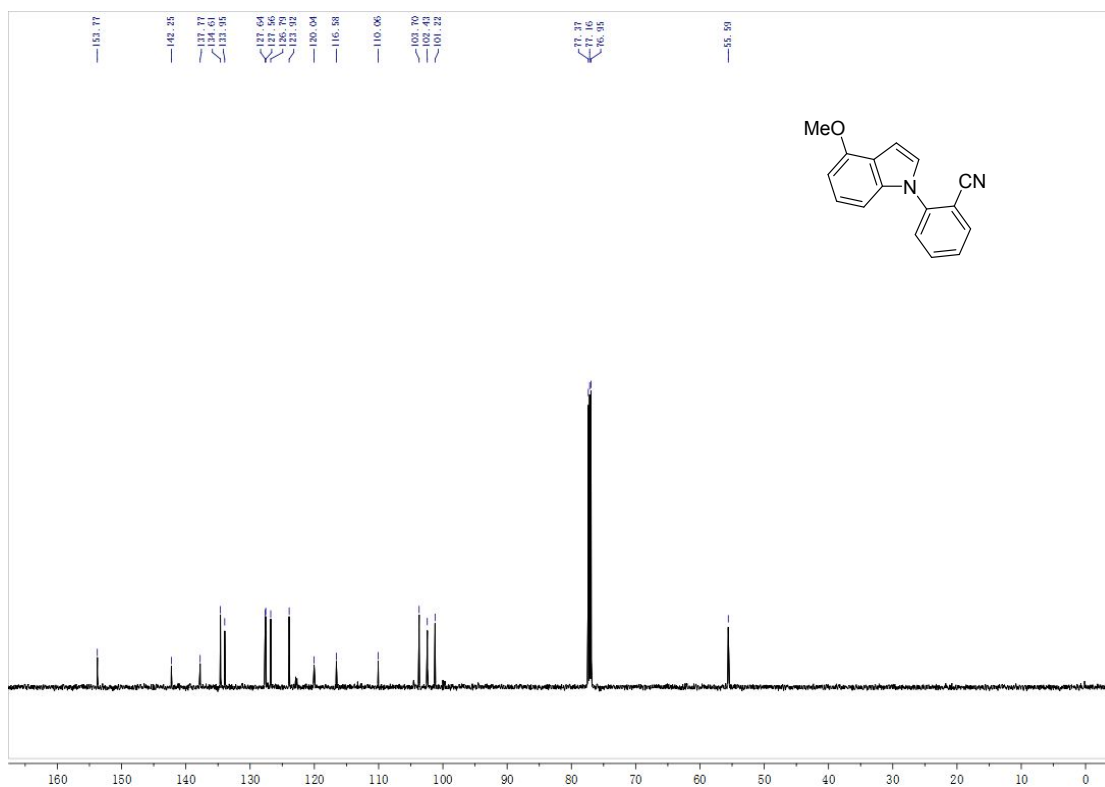


Figure S45.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **1u**

3-2. Copies of  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ , and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR Spectra for products

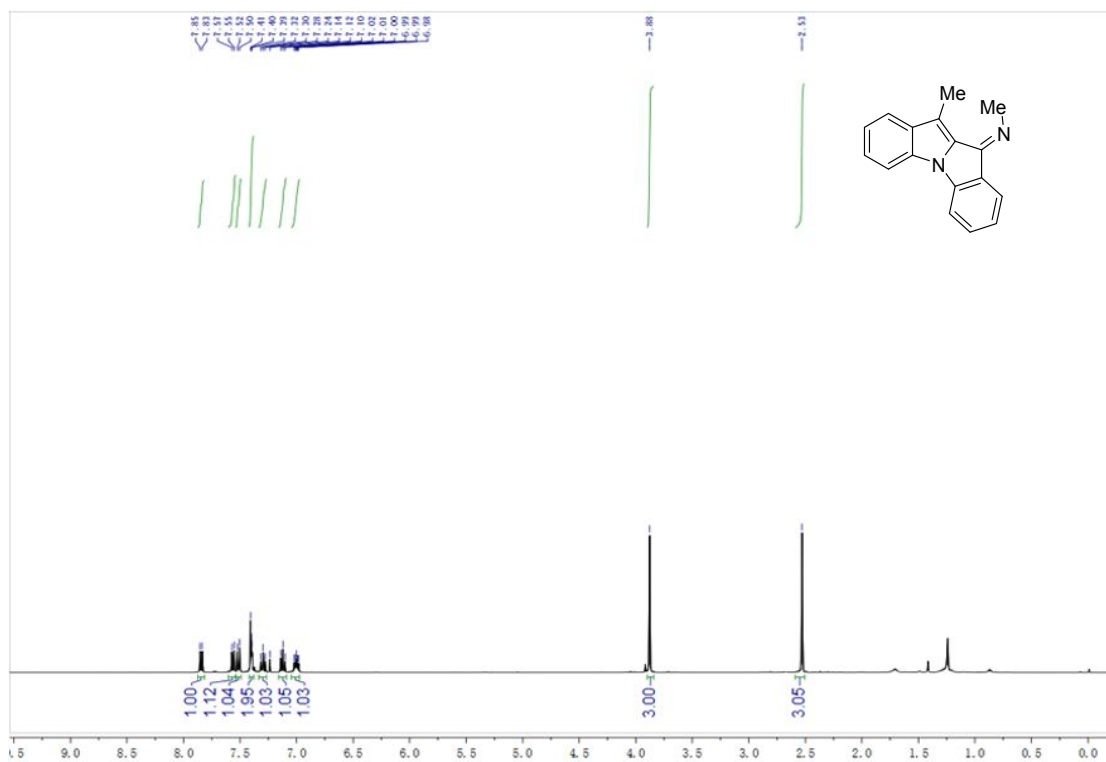


Figure S46.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **3a**

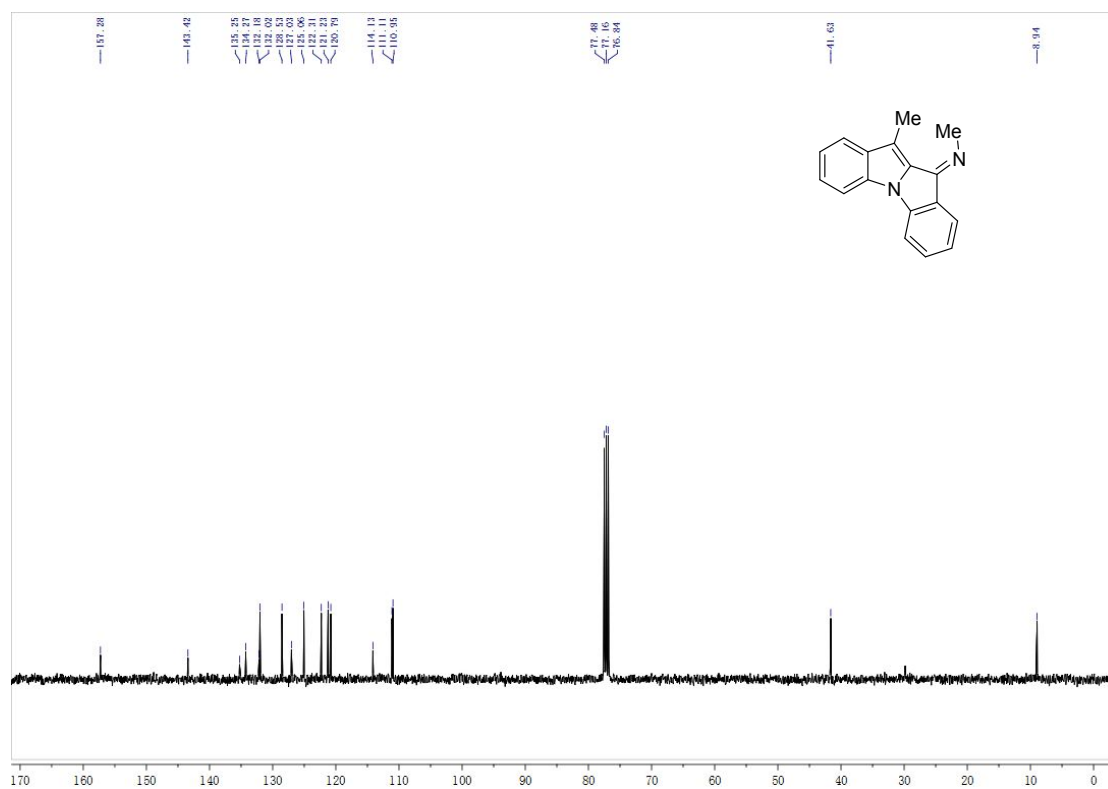


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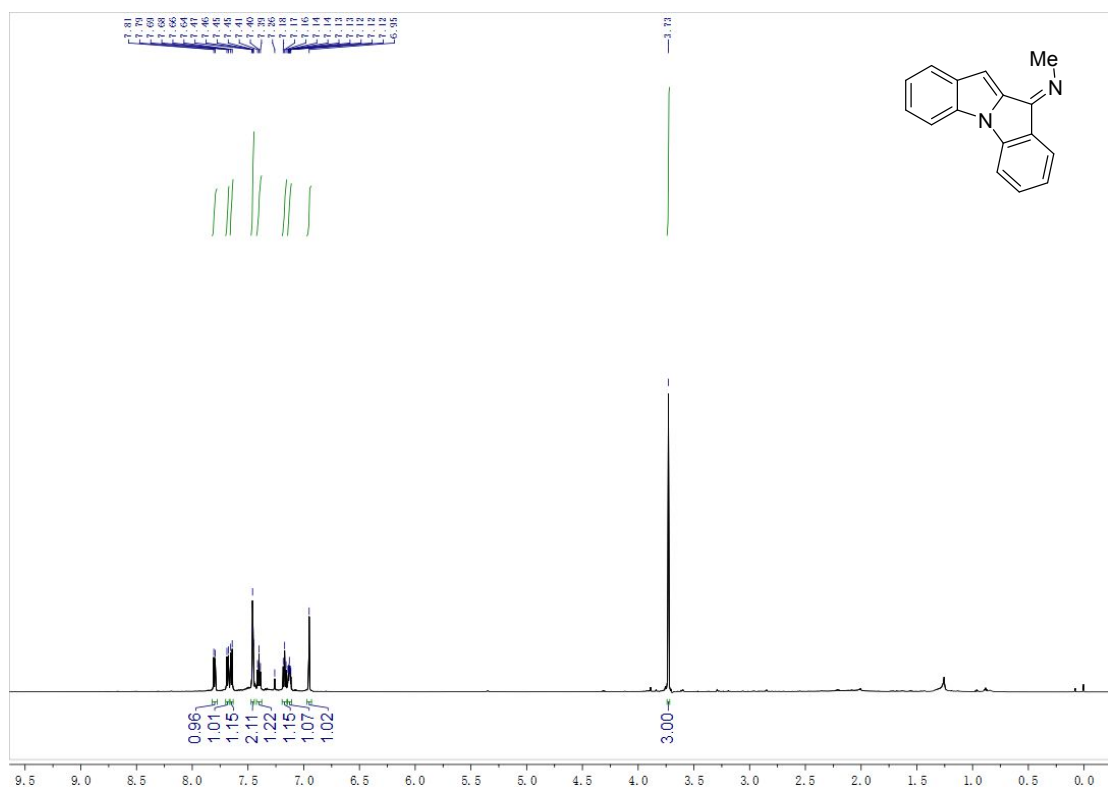


Figure S48.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **3b**

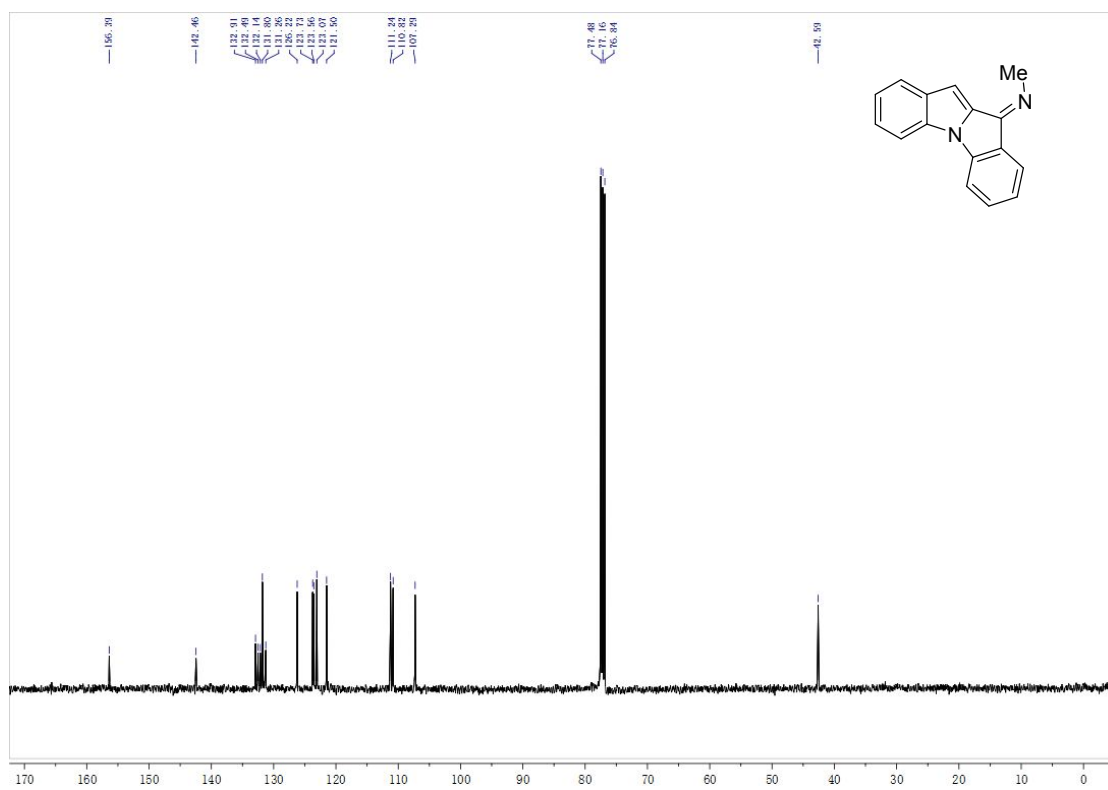


Figure S49.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **3b**

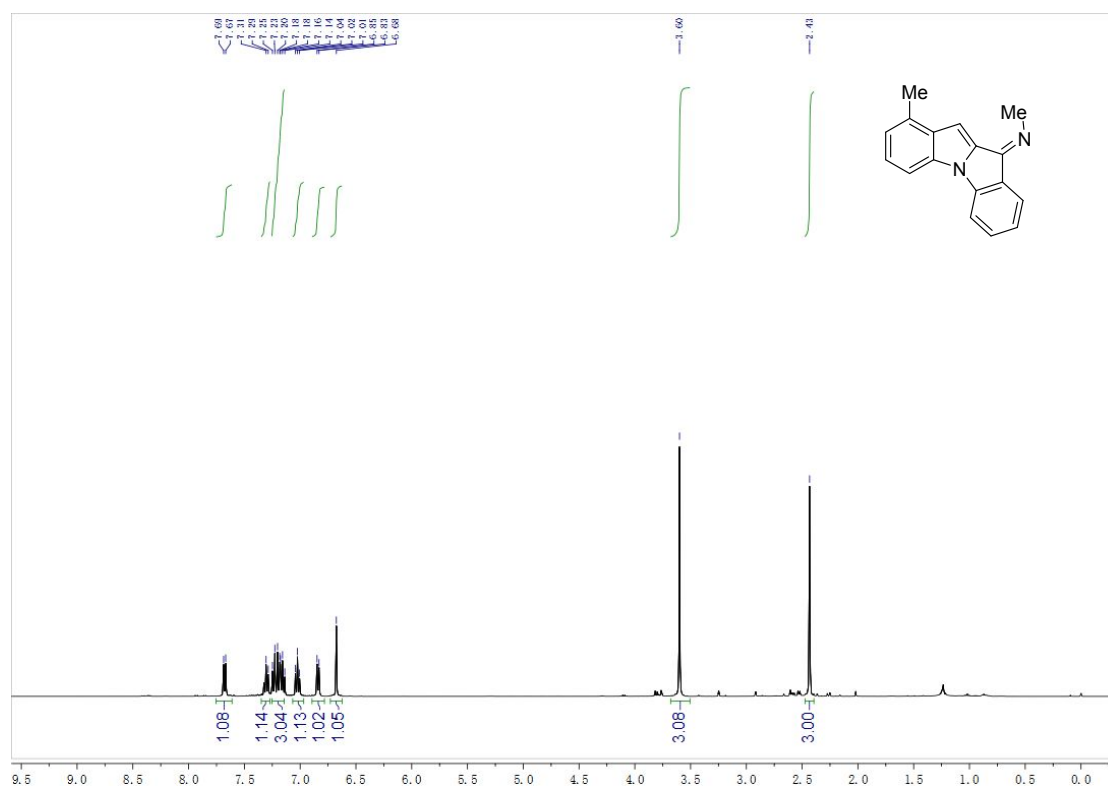


Figure S50.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **3c**

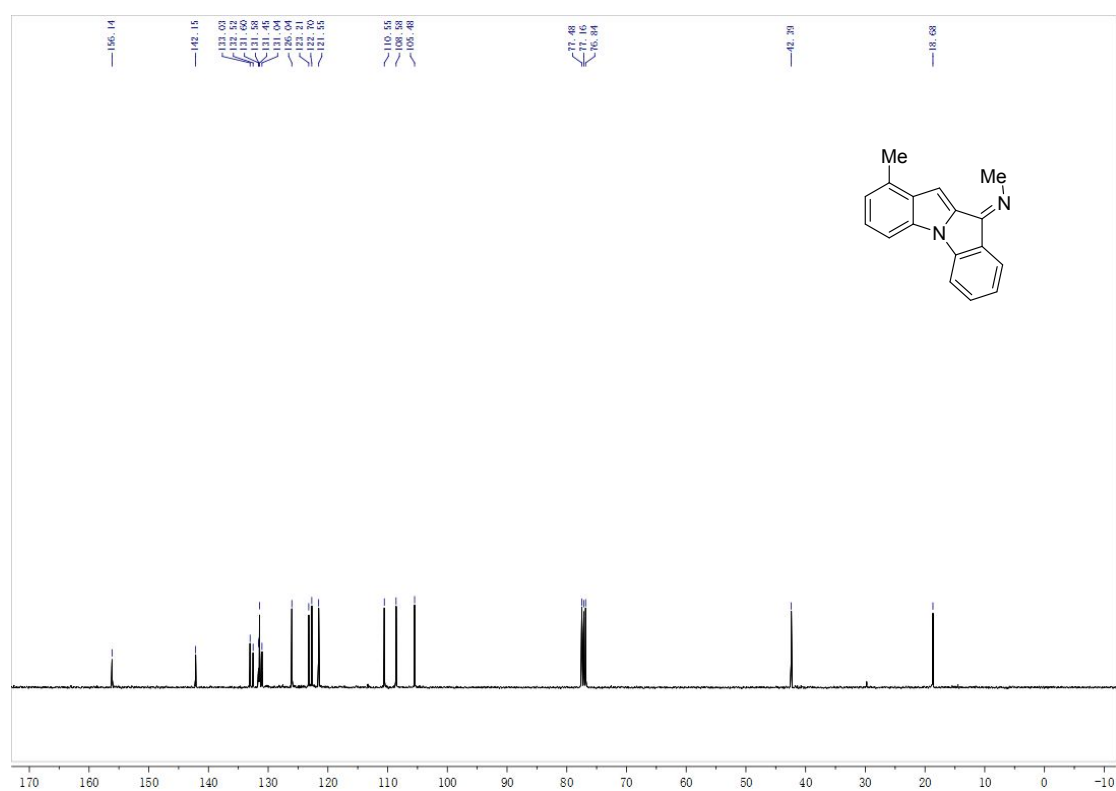


Figure S51.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **3c**

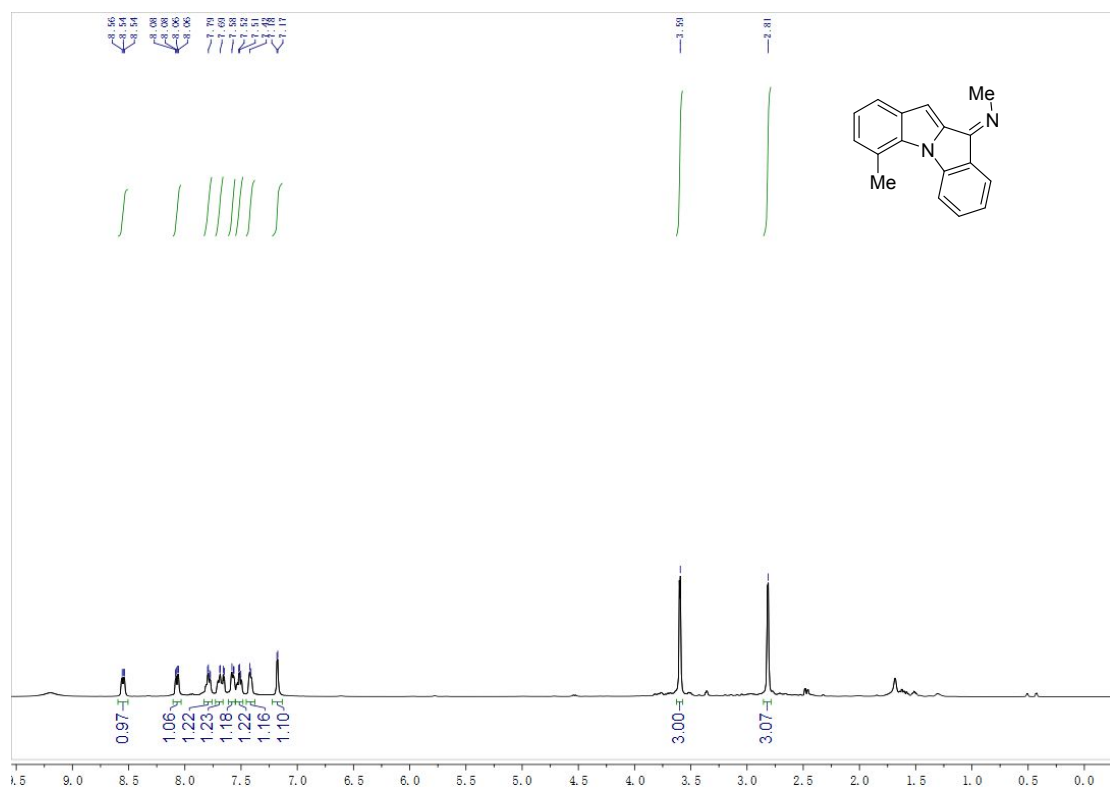


Figure S52.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **3d**

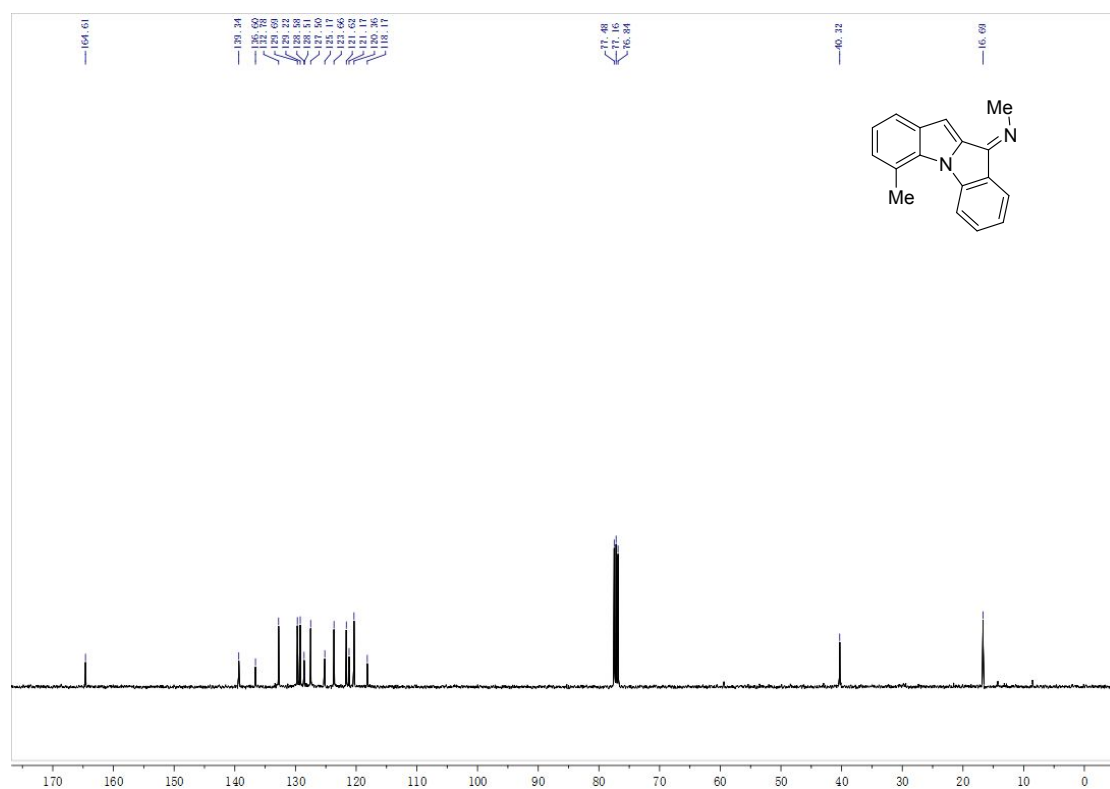


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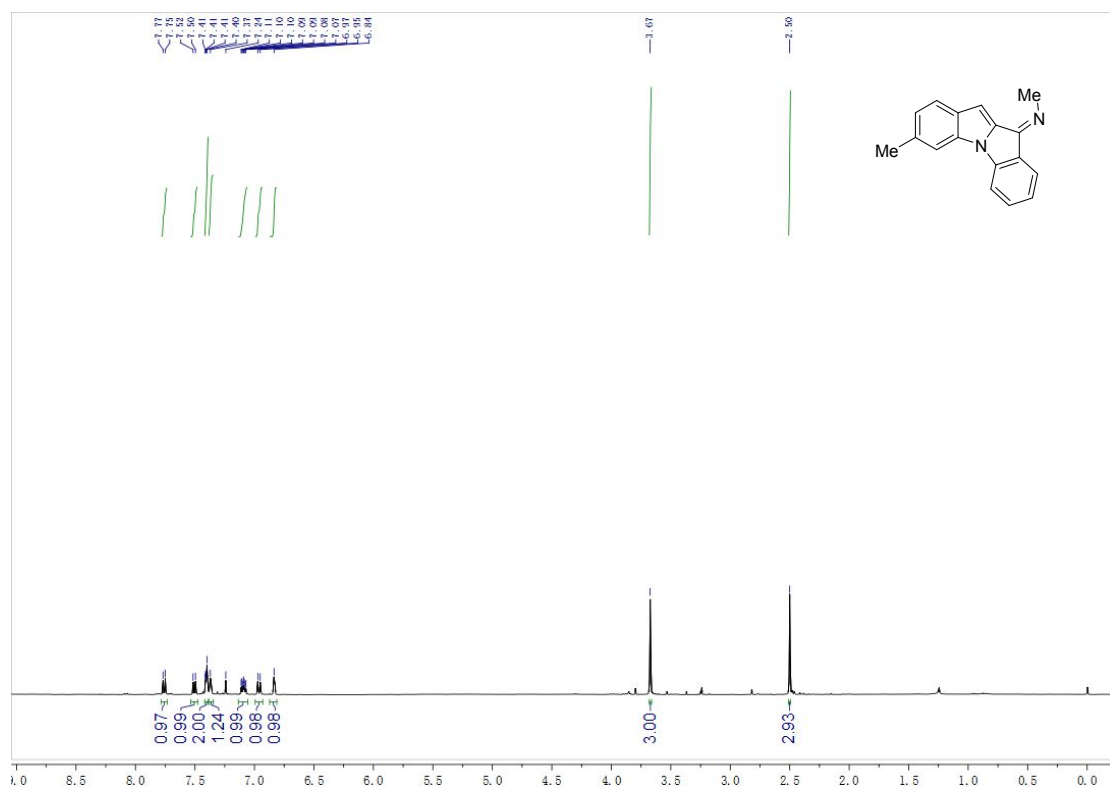


Figure S54. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **3e**

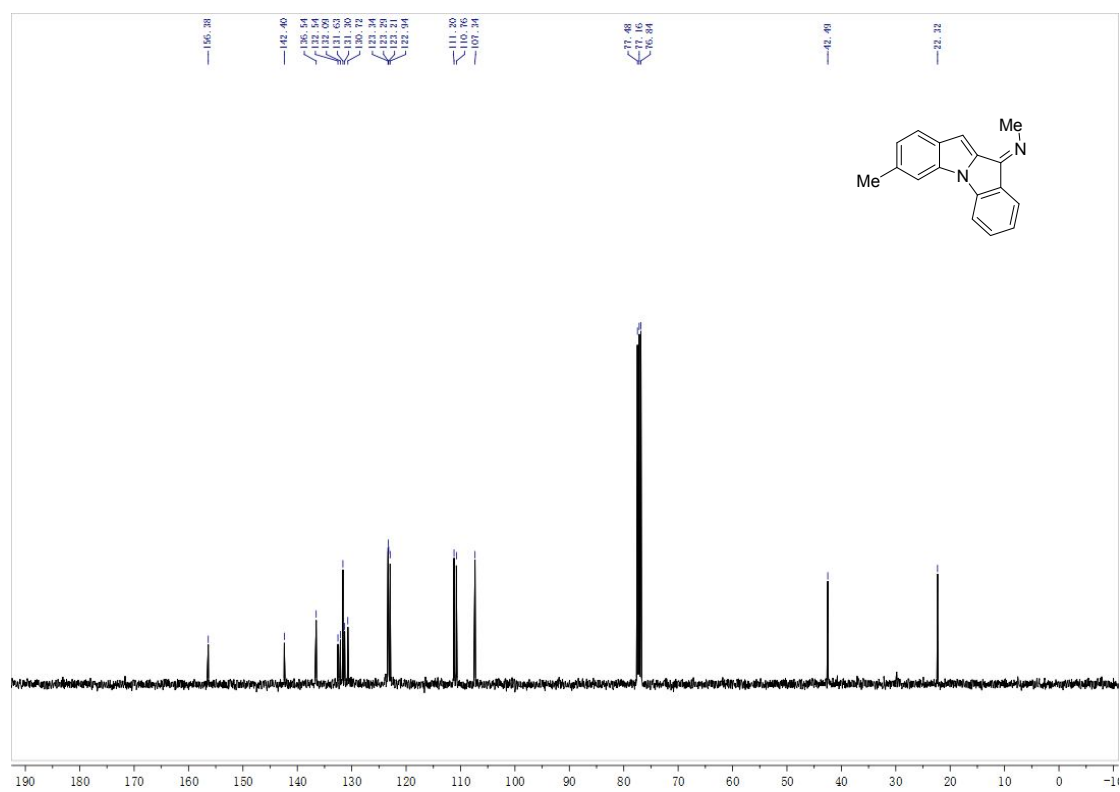


Figure S55. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **3e**

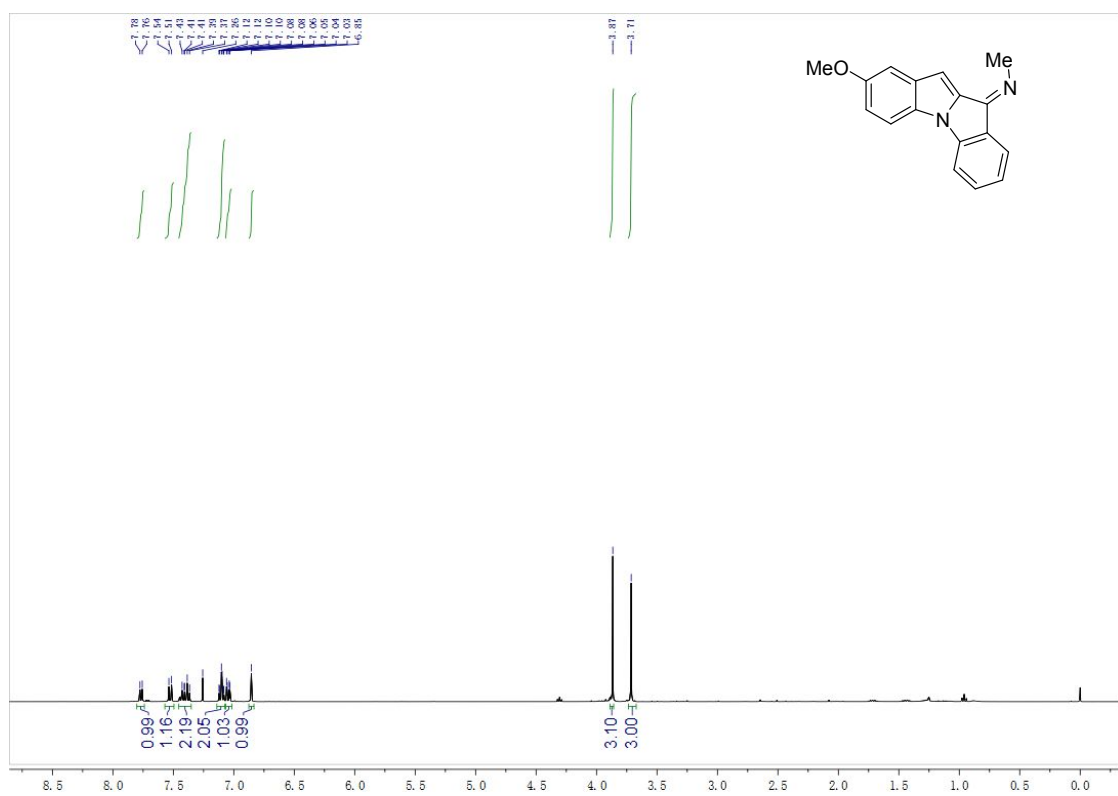


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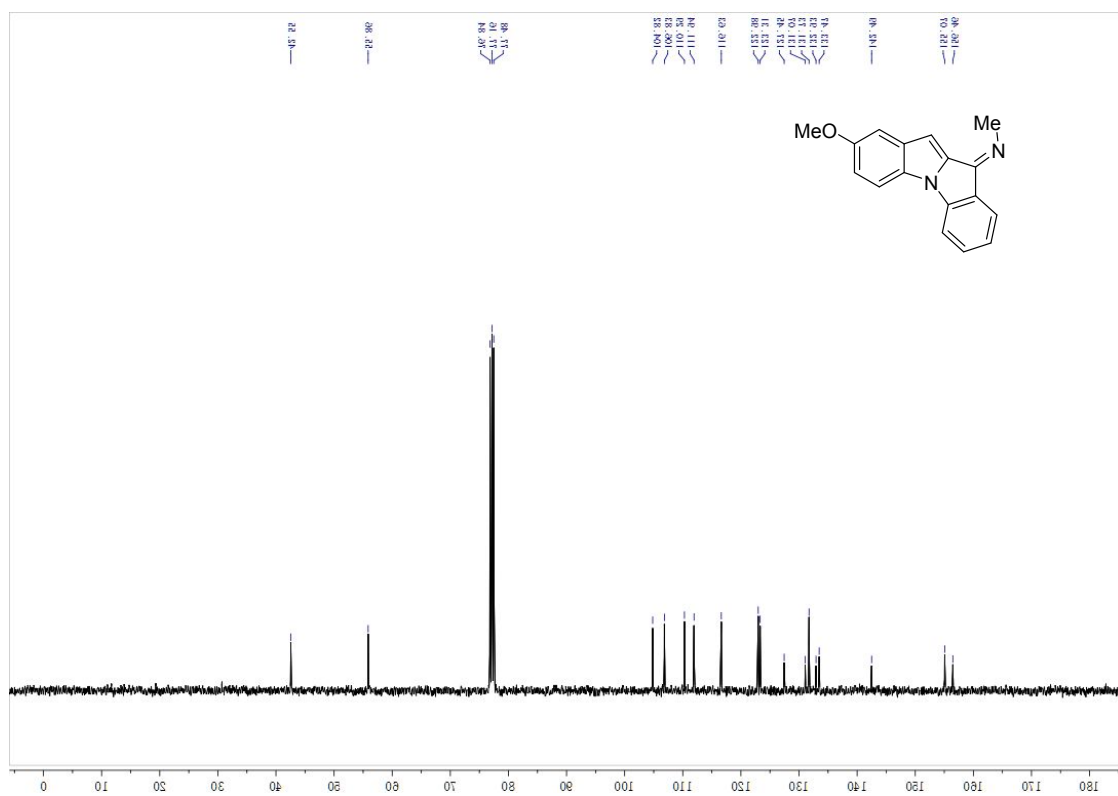


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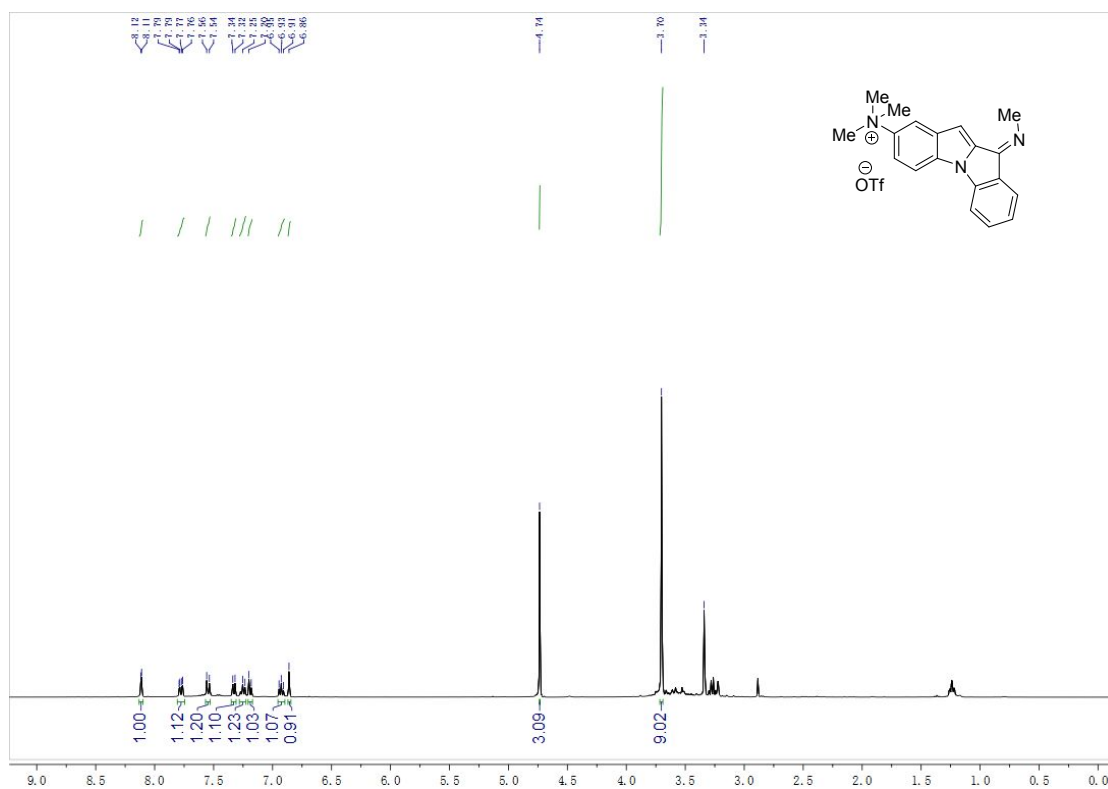


Figure S58. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **3g**

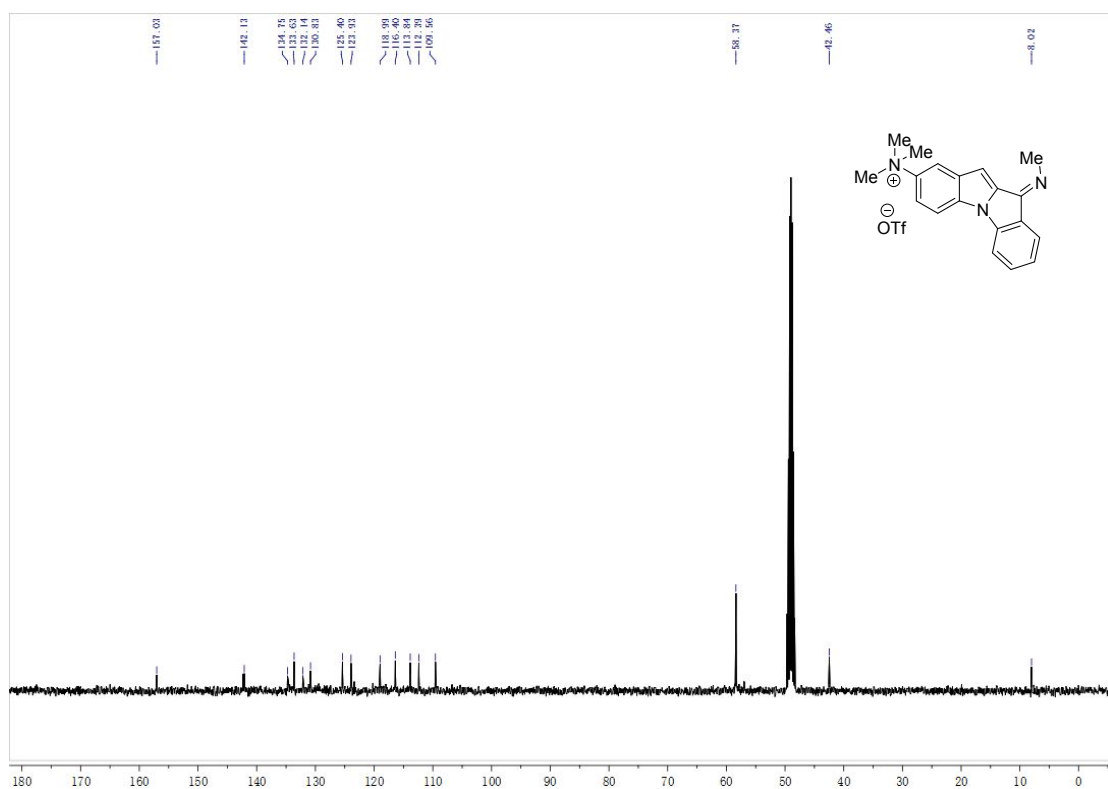


Figure S59. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **3g**



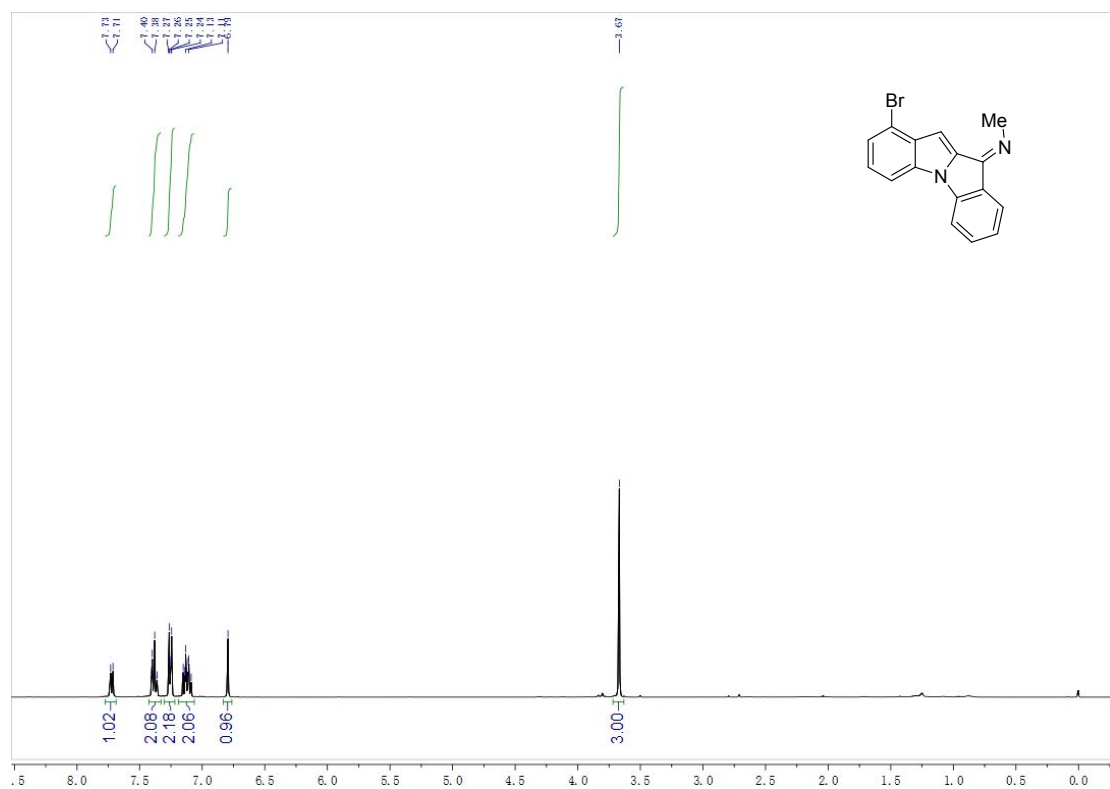


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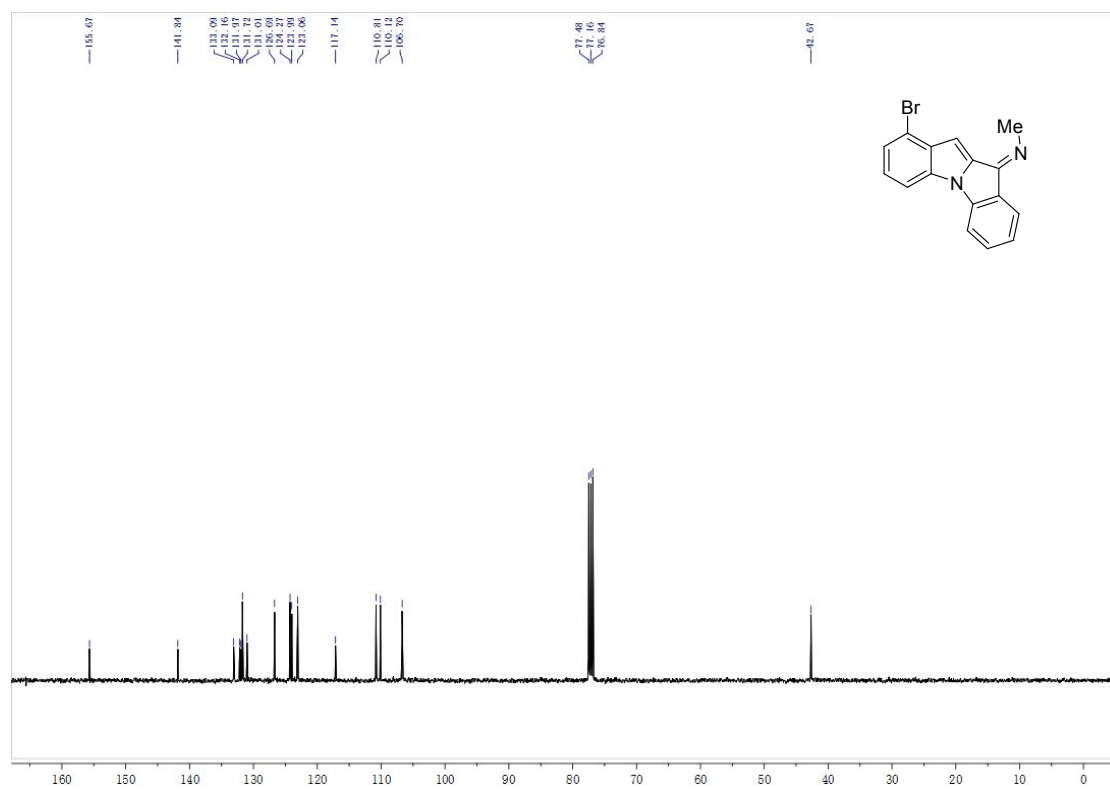


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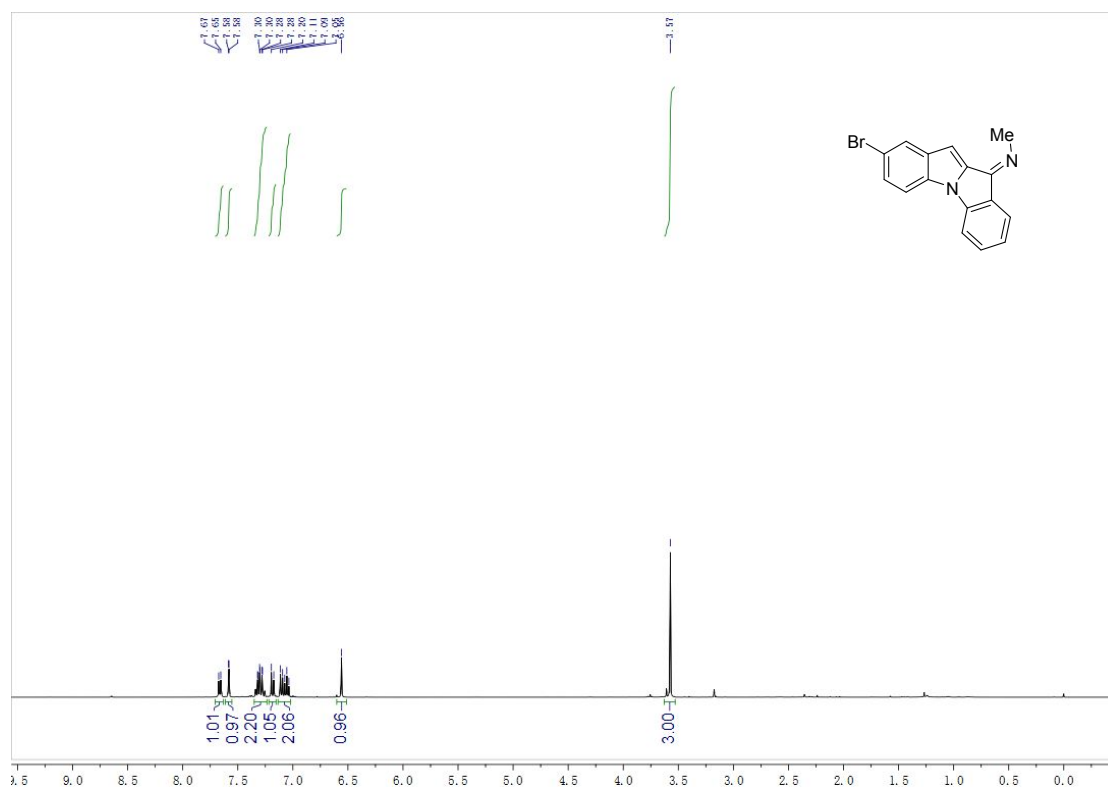


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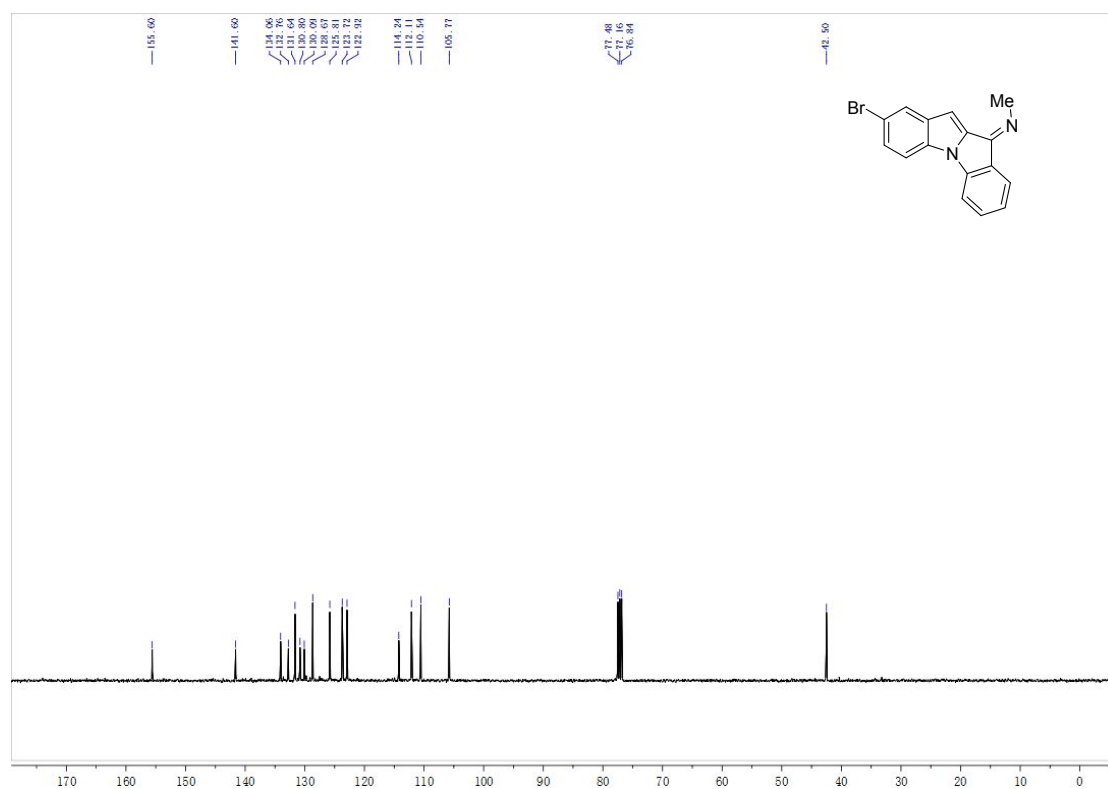


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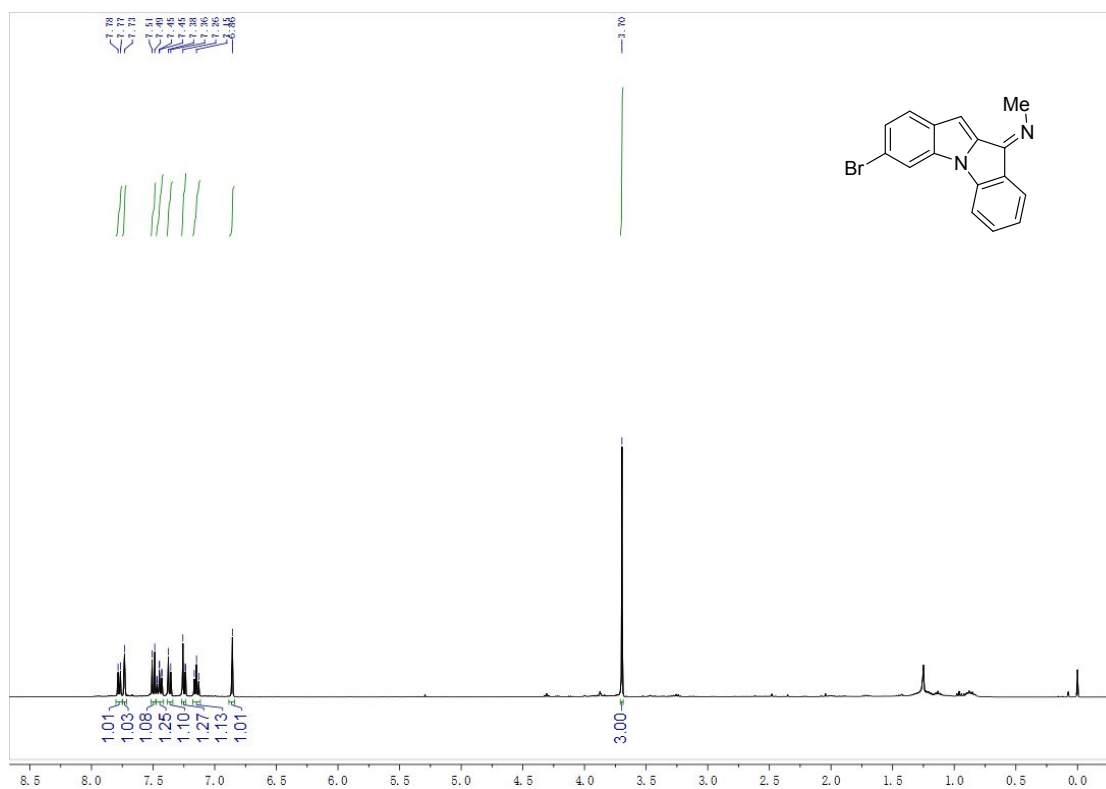


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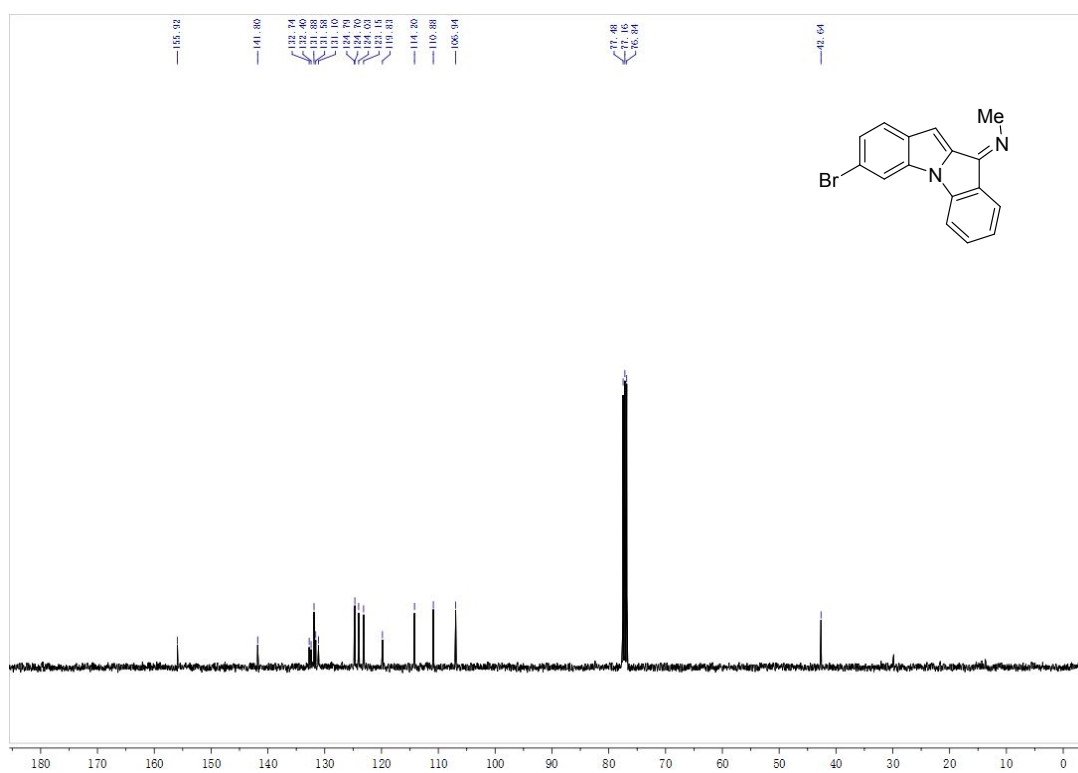


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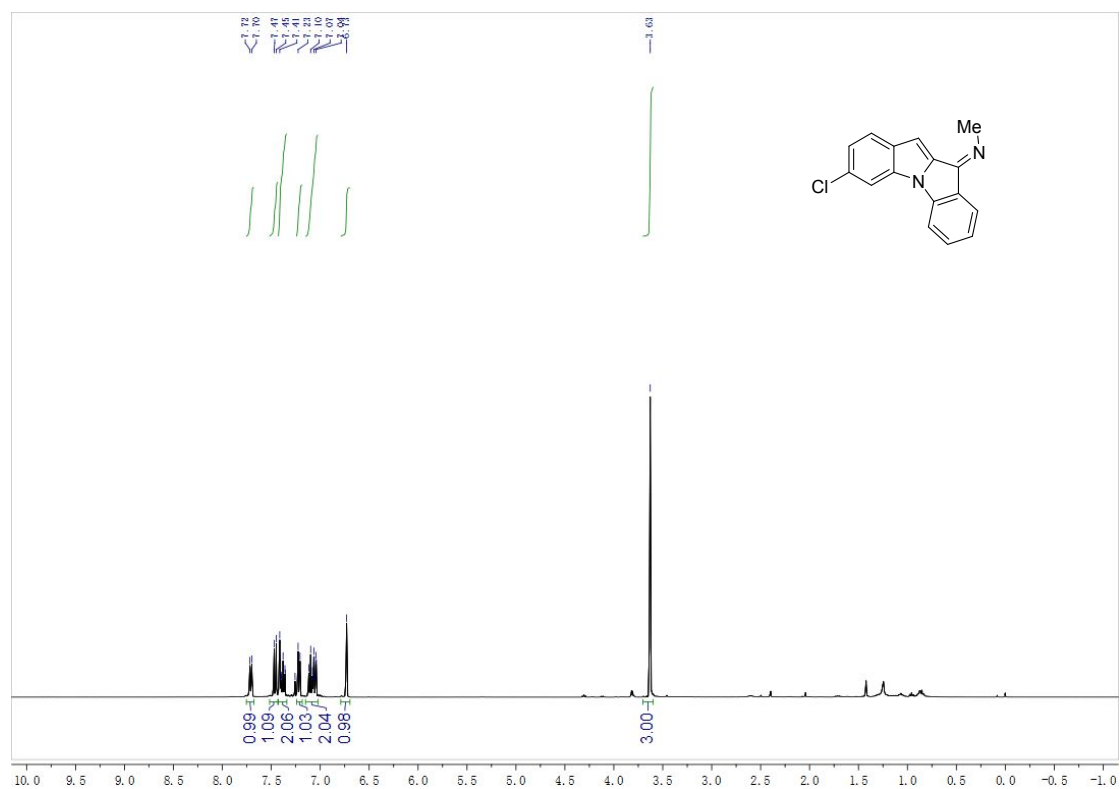


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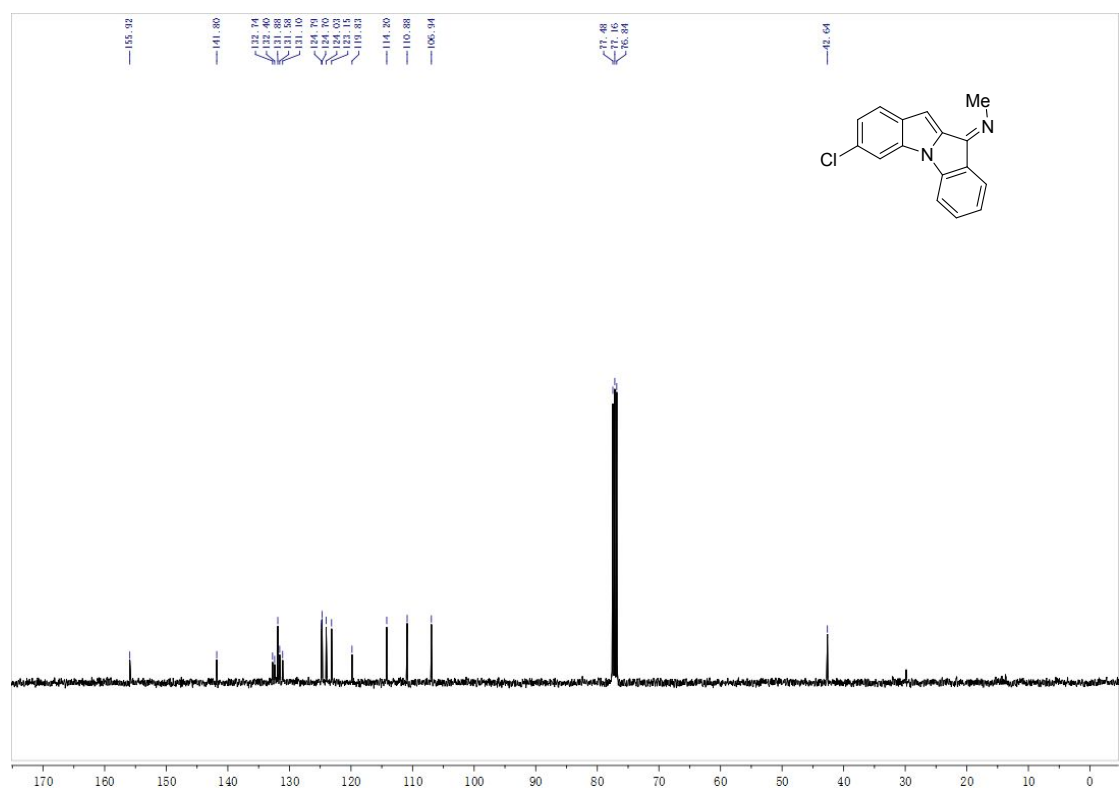


Figure S67.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **3k**

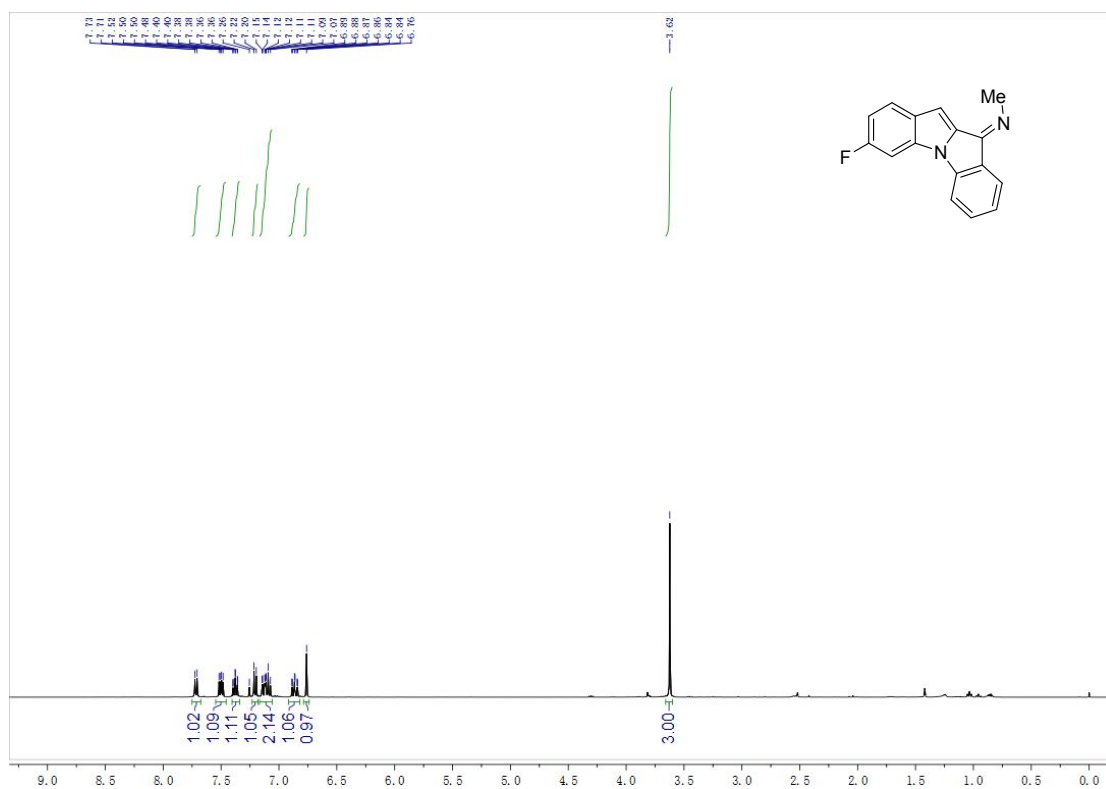


Figure S68.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **31**

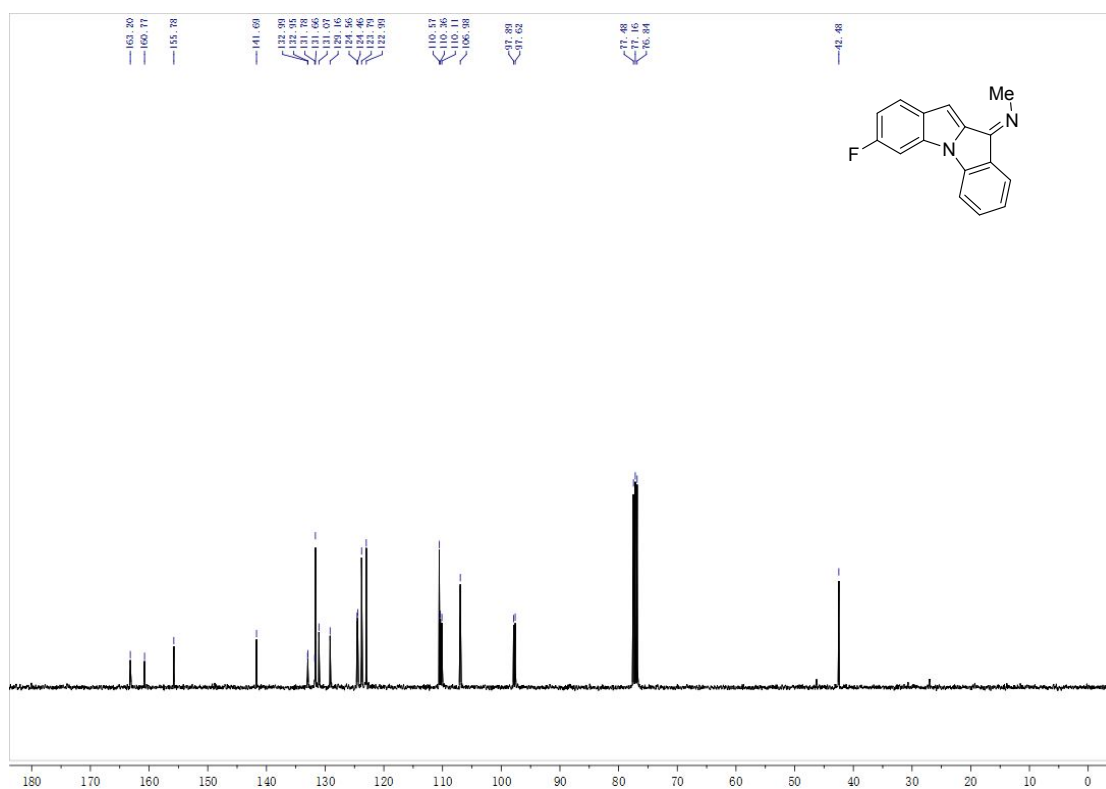


Figure S69.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **31**

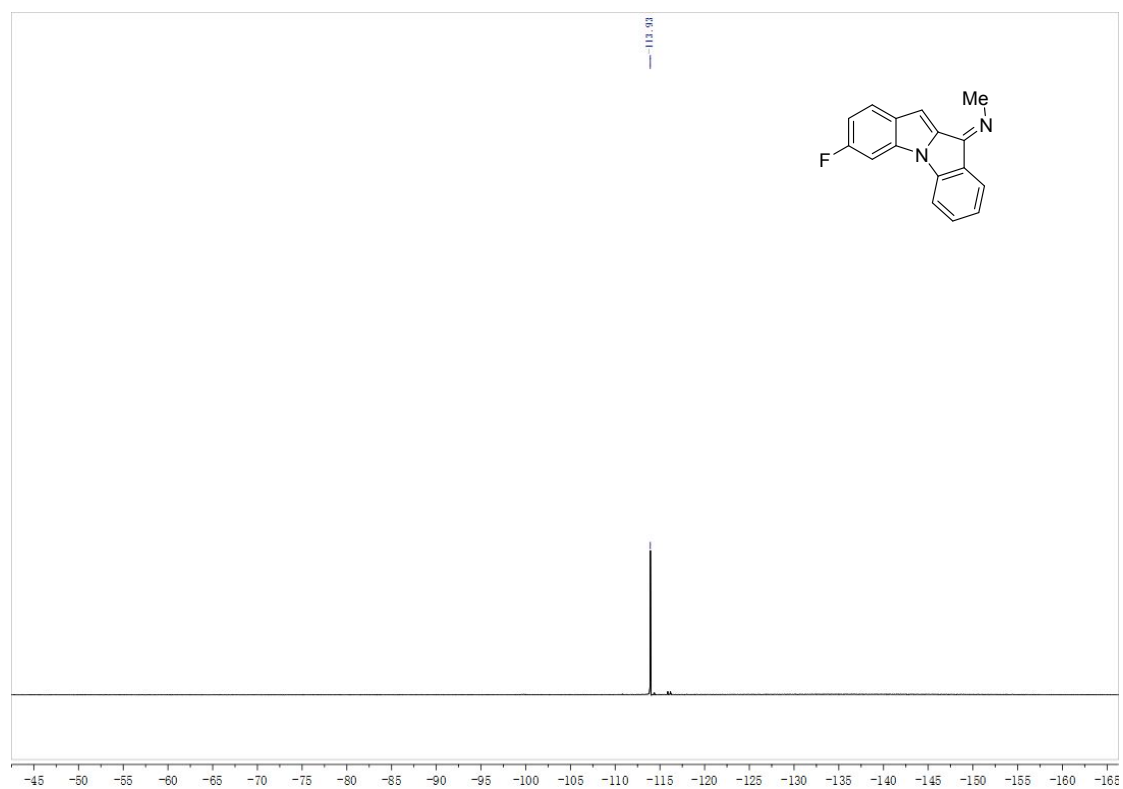


Figure S70.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR for compound **31**

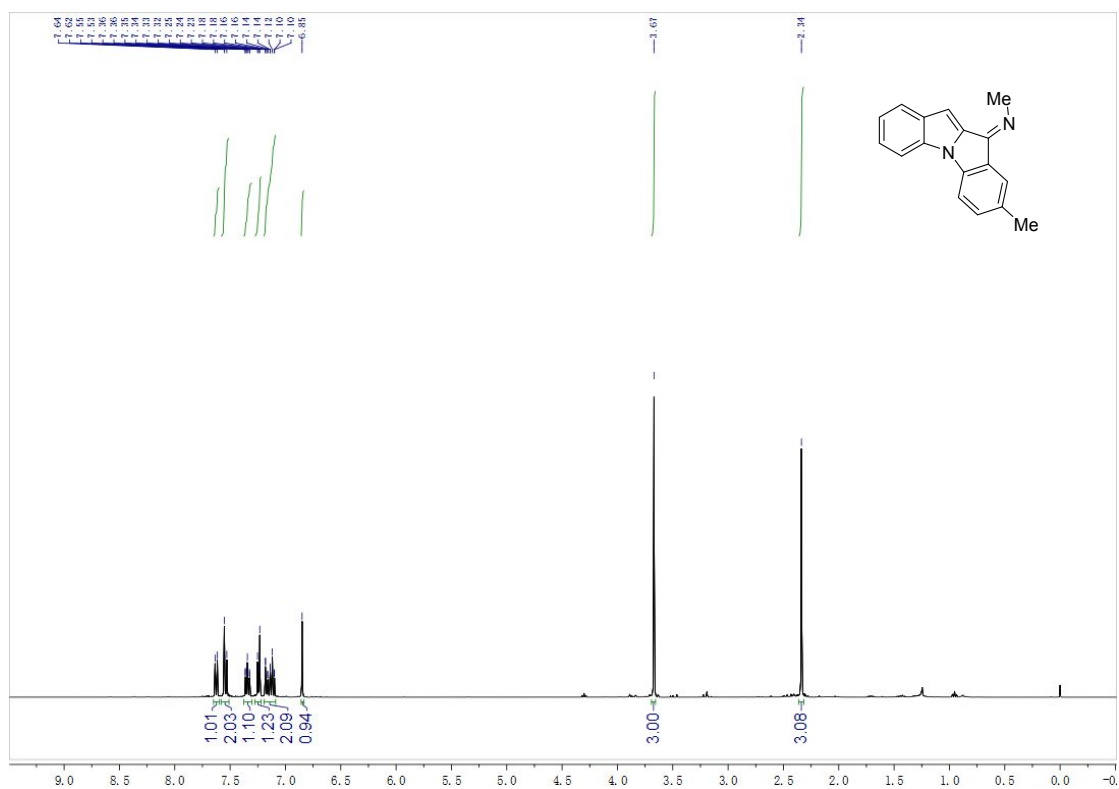


Figure S71.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **3m**

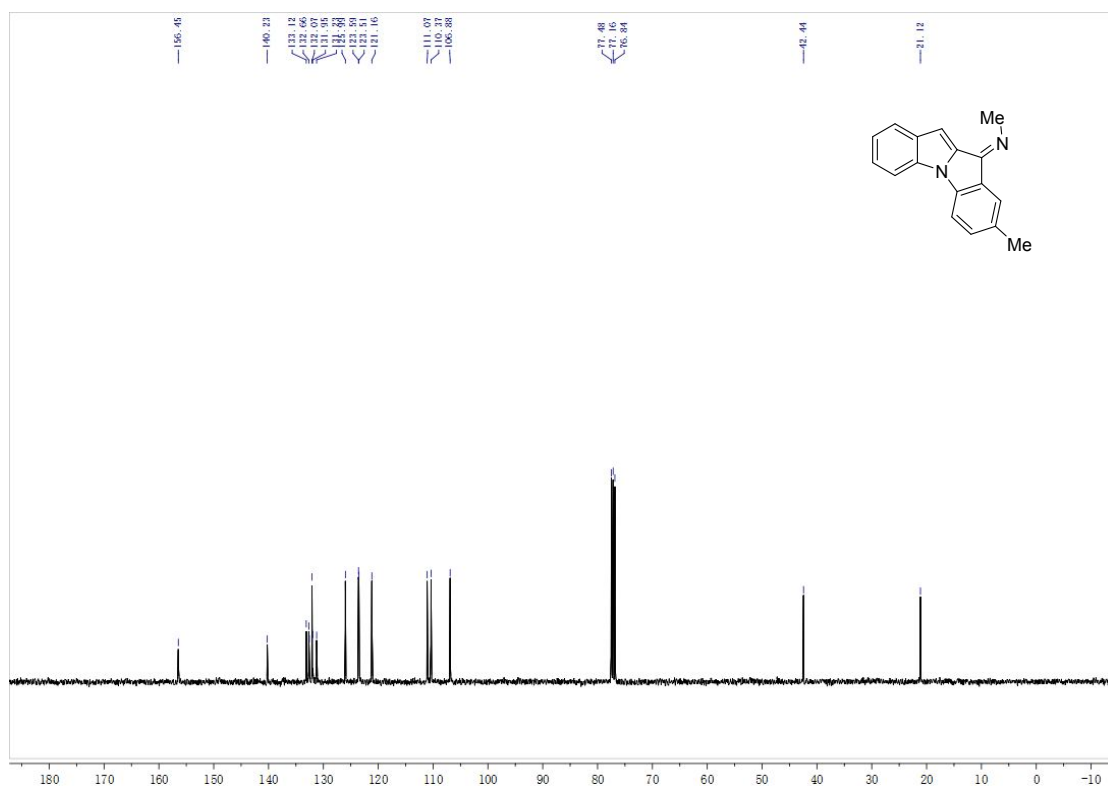


Figure S72.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **3m**

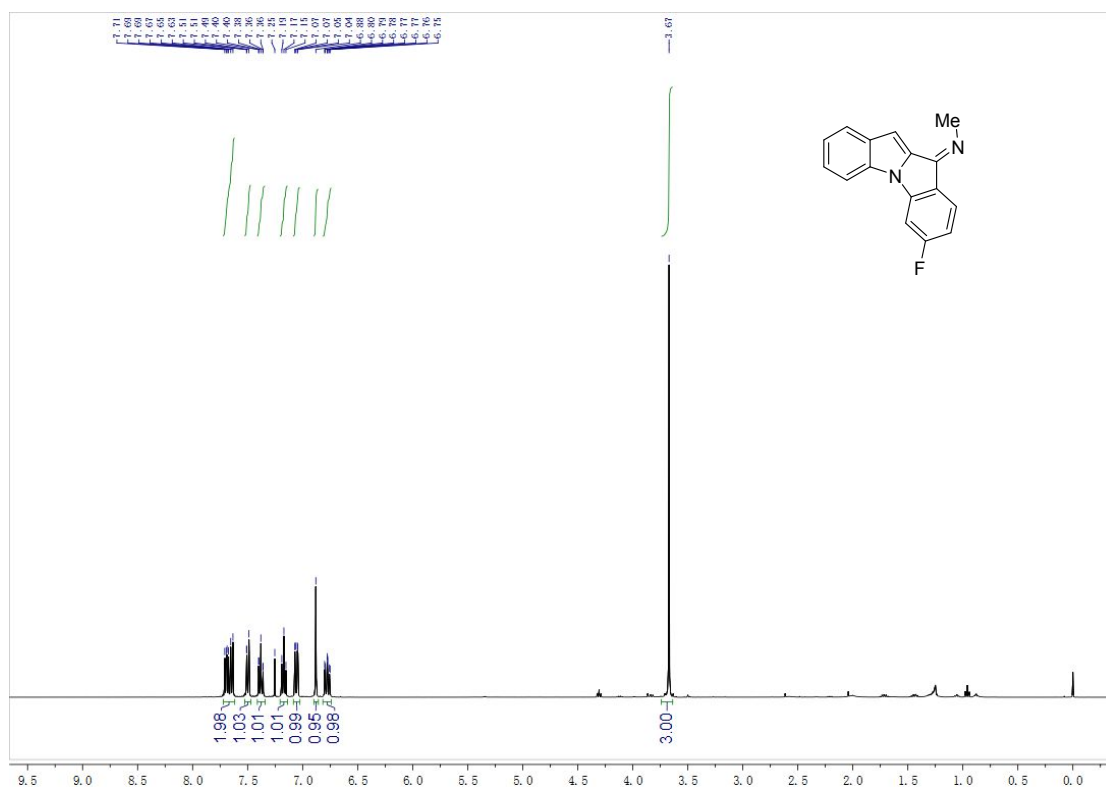


Figure S73.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **3n**

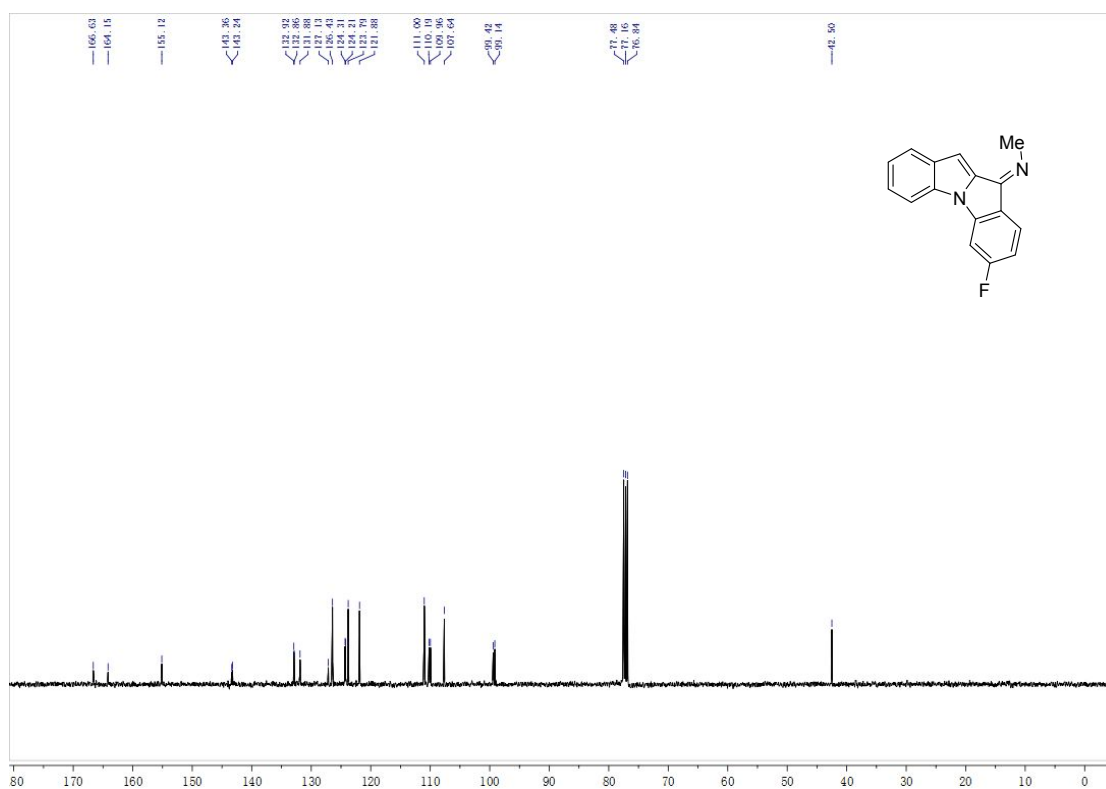


Figure S74.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **3n**



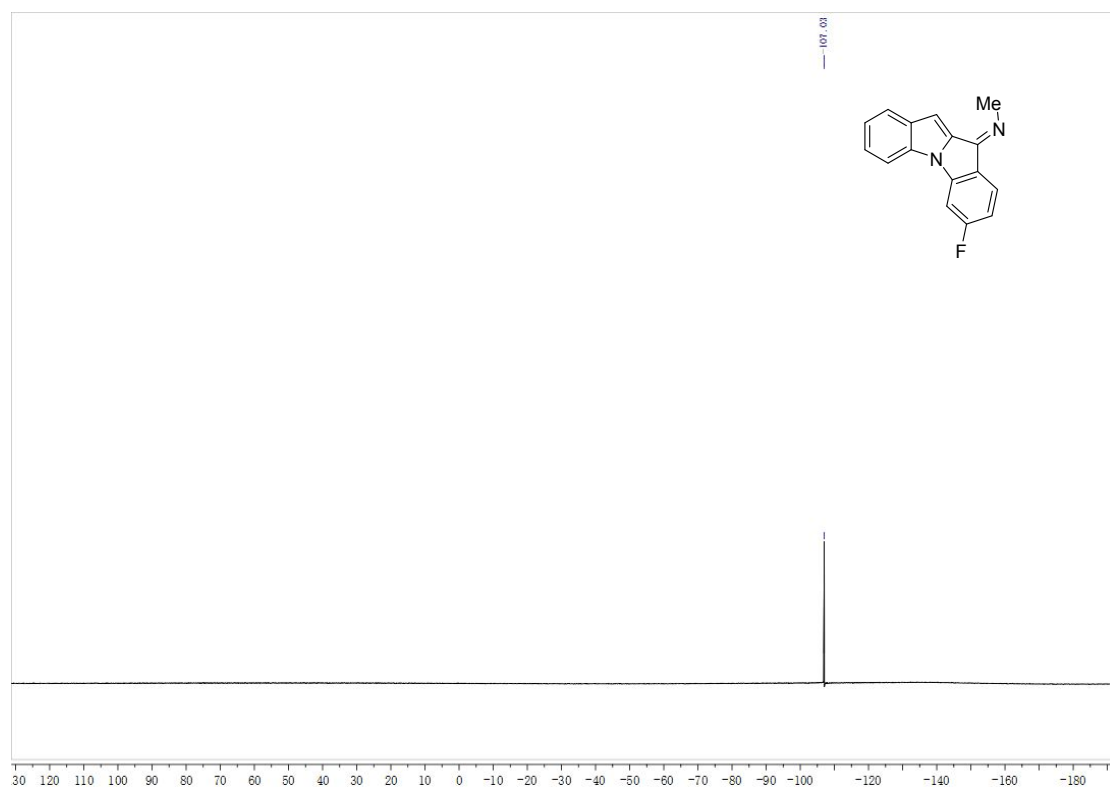
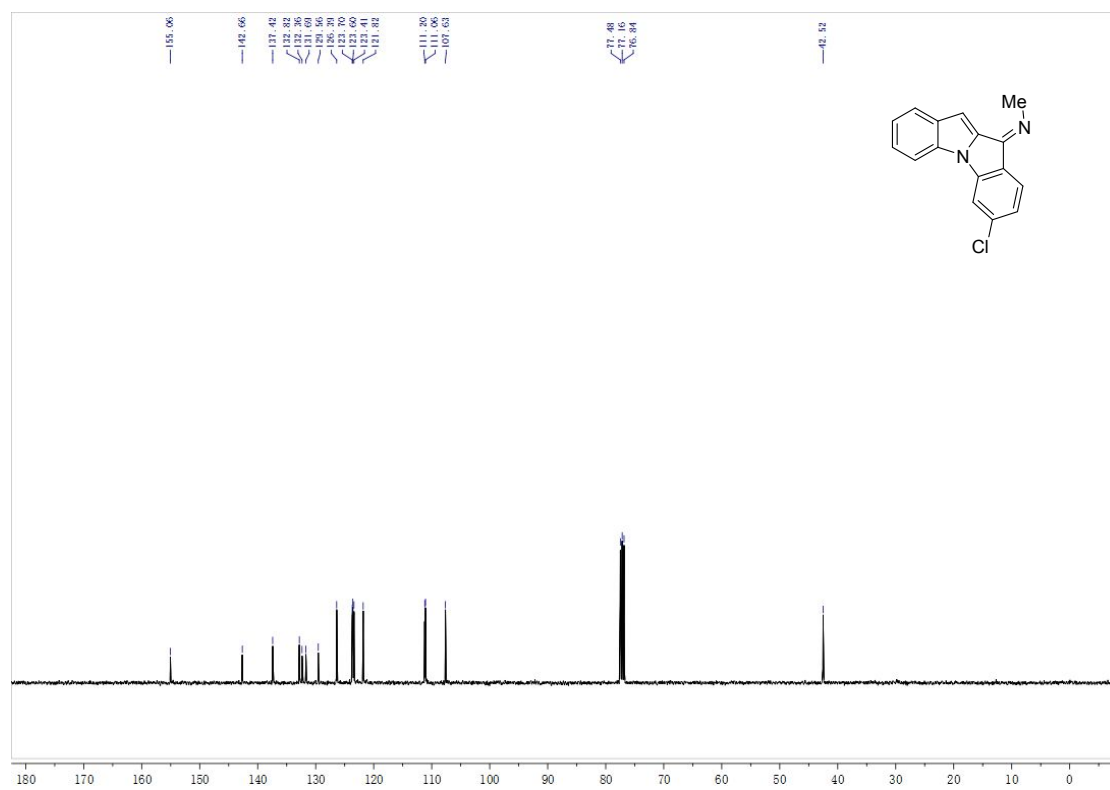
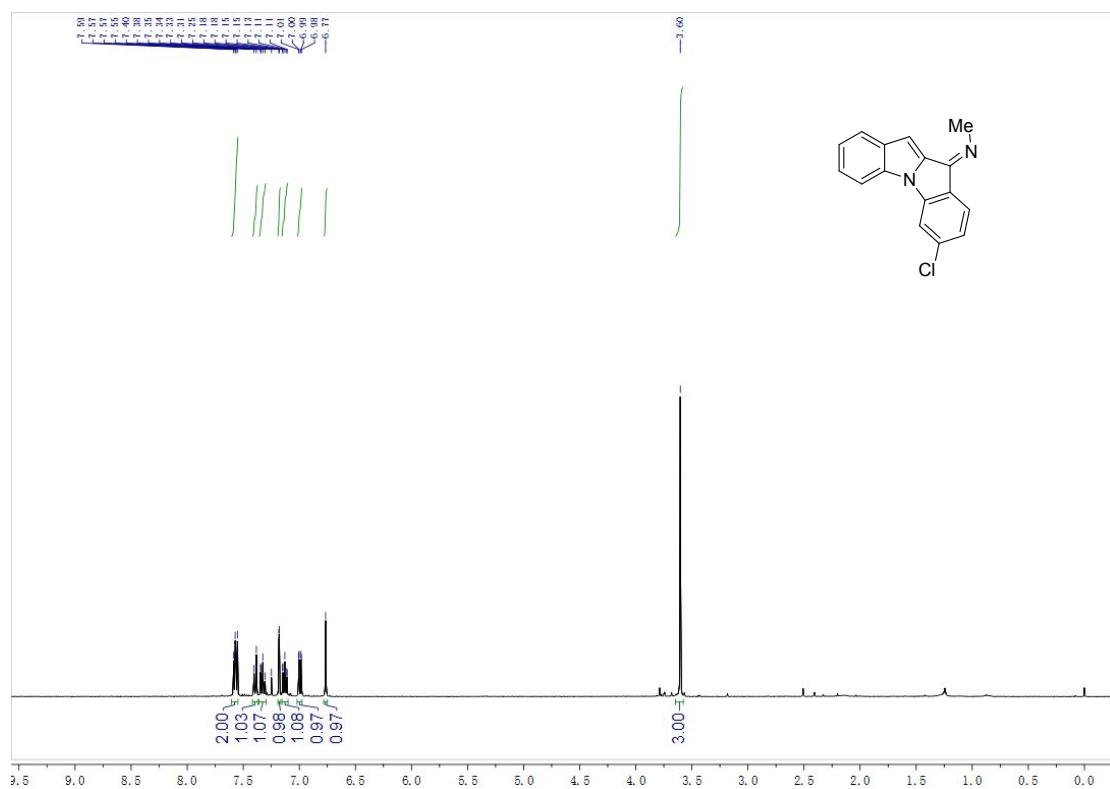


Figure S75.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR for compound **3n**



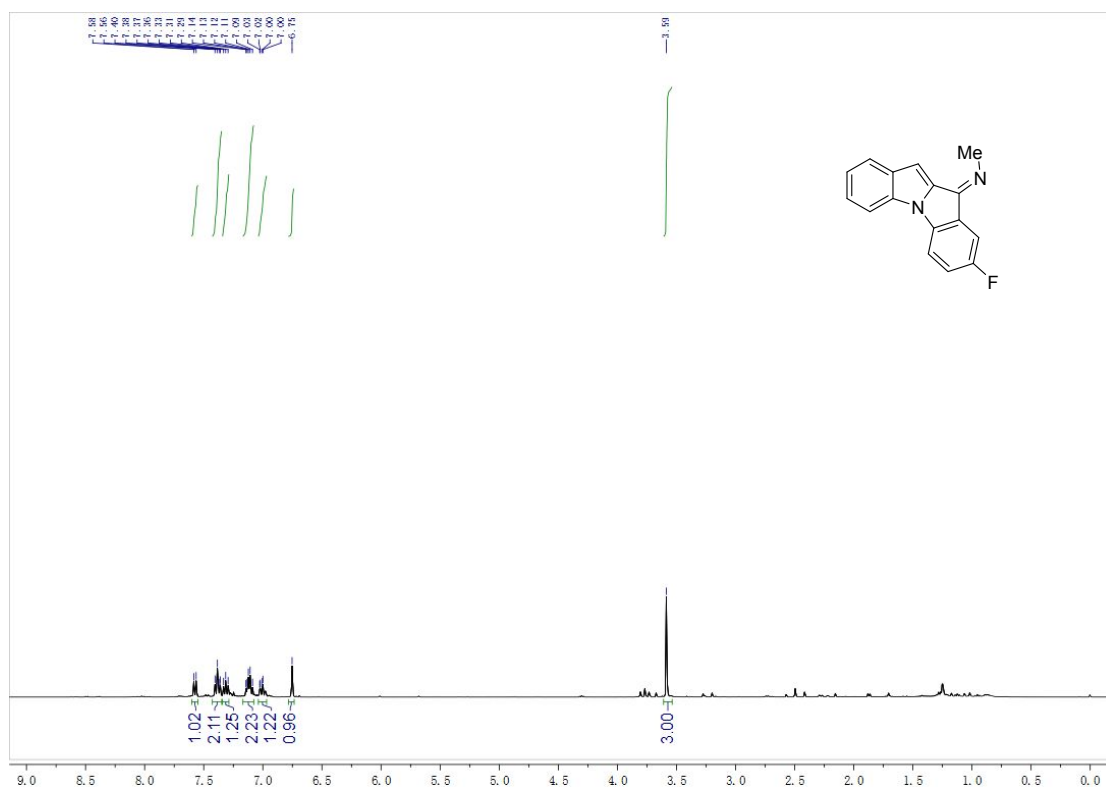


Figure S78.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **3p**

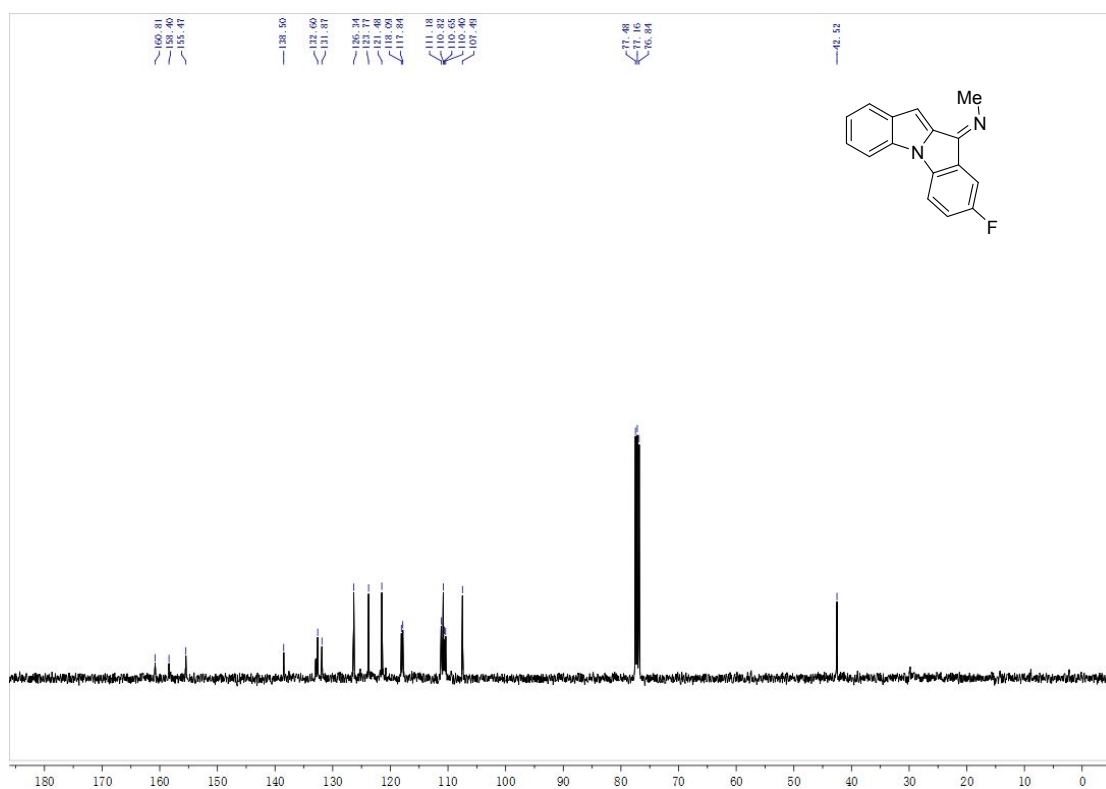


Figure S79.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **3p**

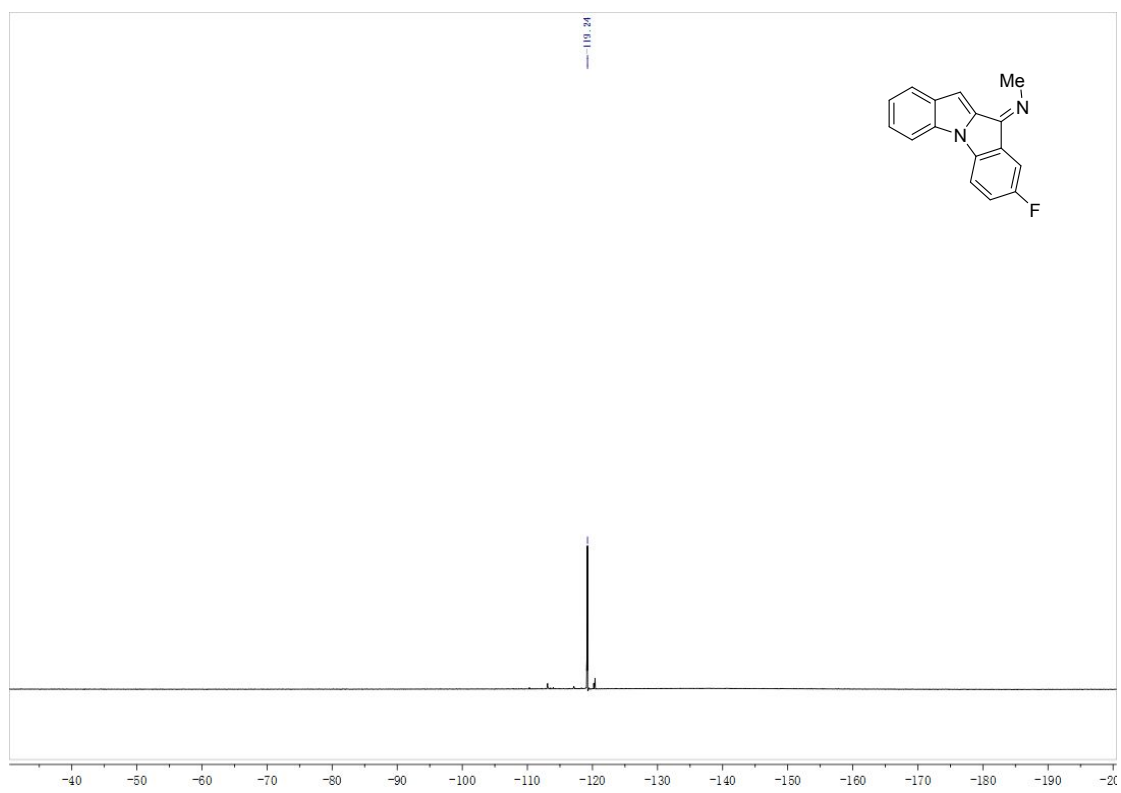


Figure S80.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR for compound **3p**

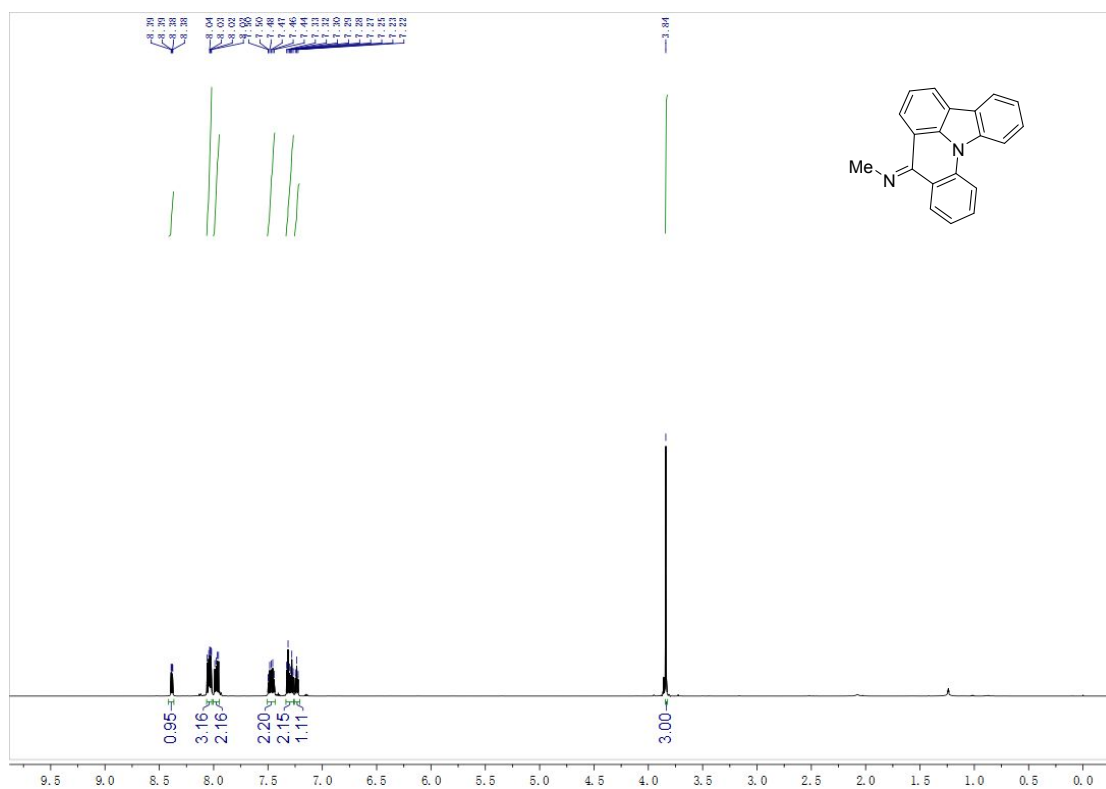


Figure S81.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **3q**

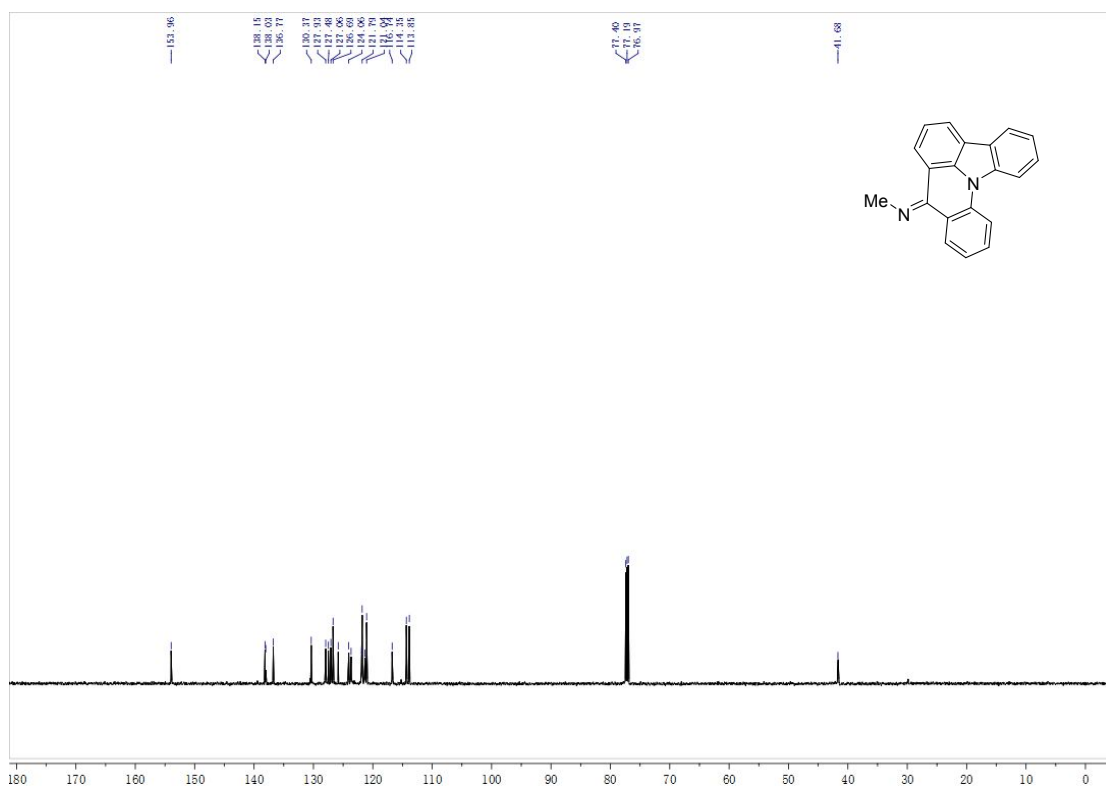


Figure S82.  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **3q**

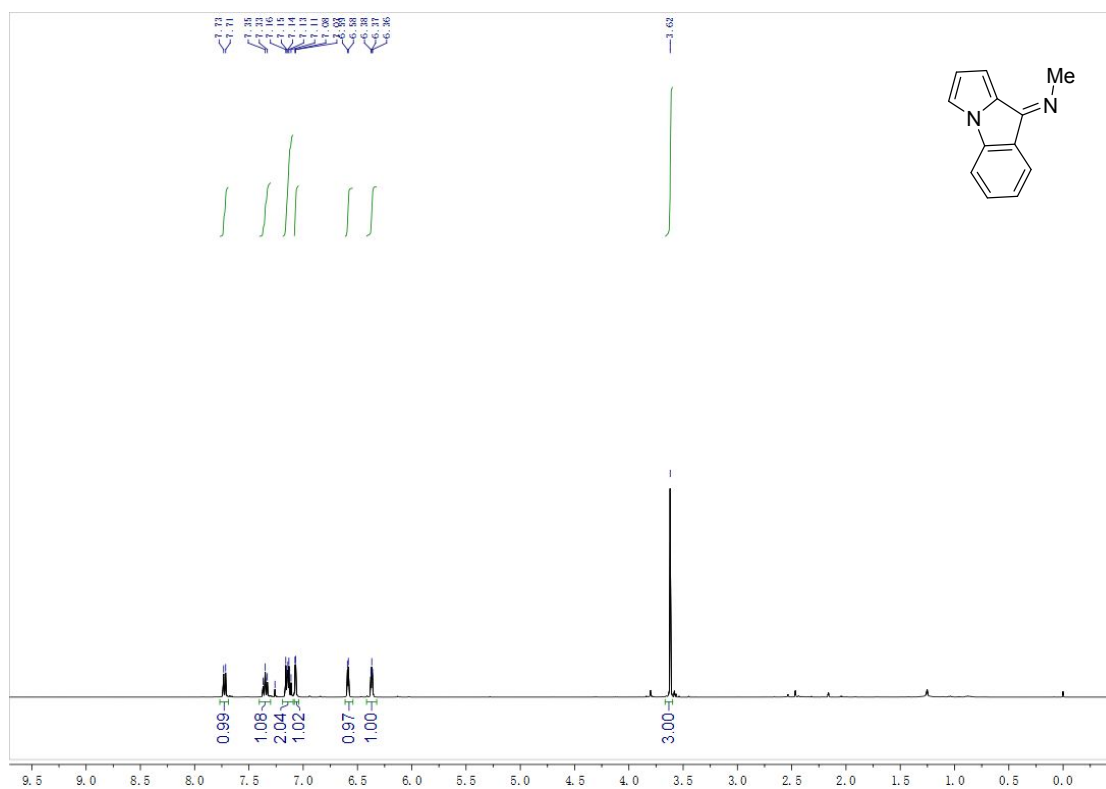


Figure S83.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **3r**

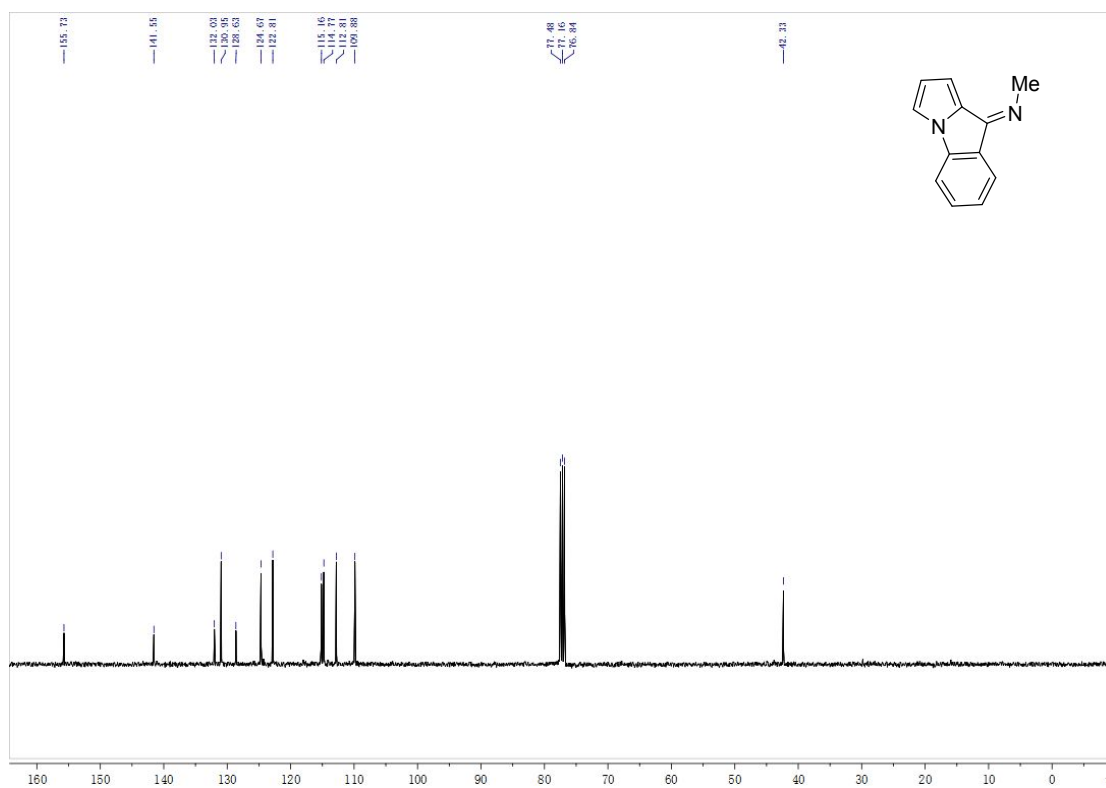


Figure S84.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **3r**

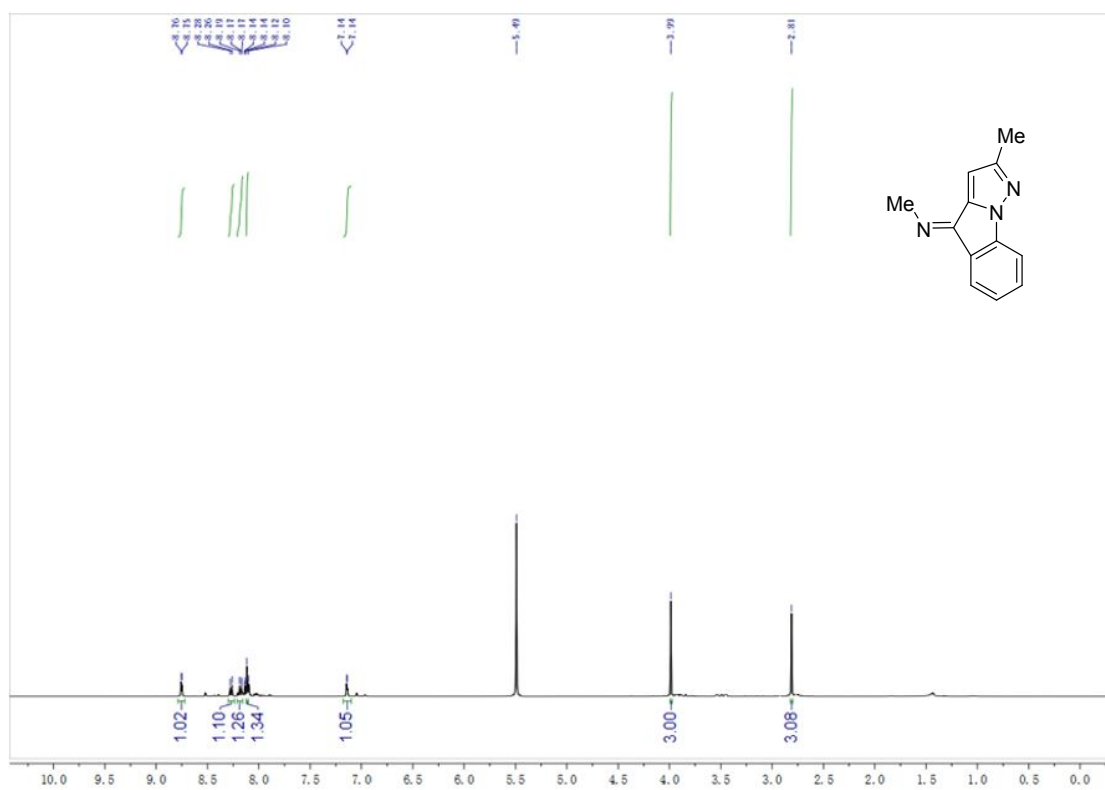


Figure S85.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **3s**

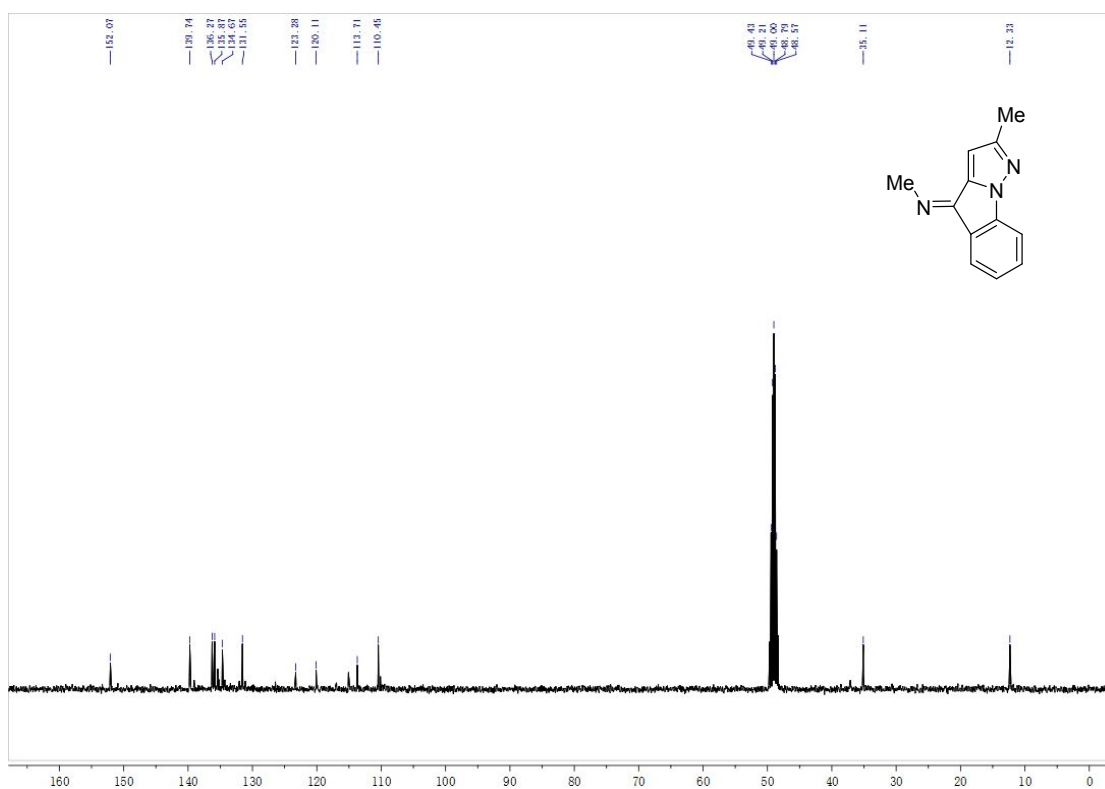


Figure S86.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **3s**

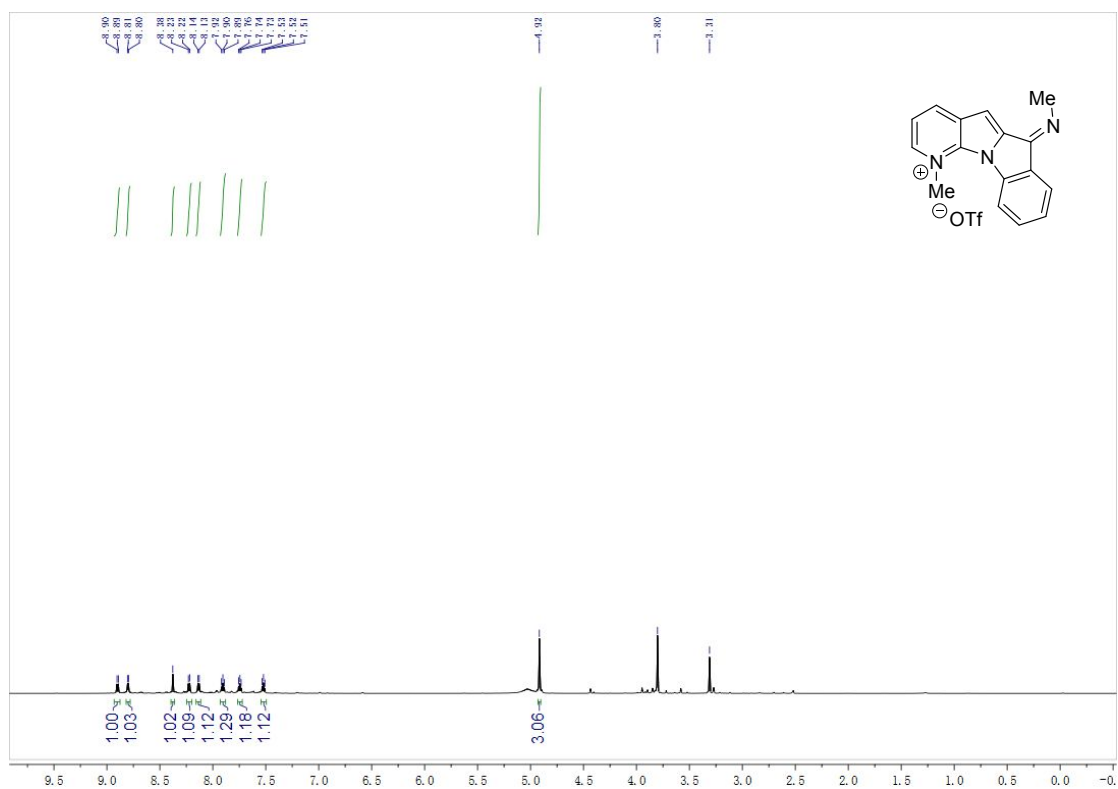


Figure S87. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **3t**

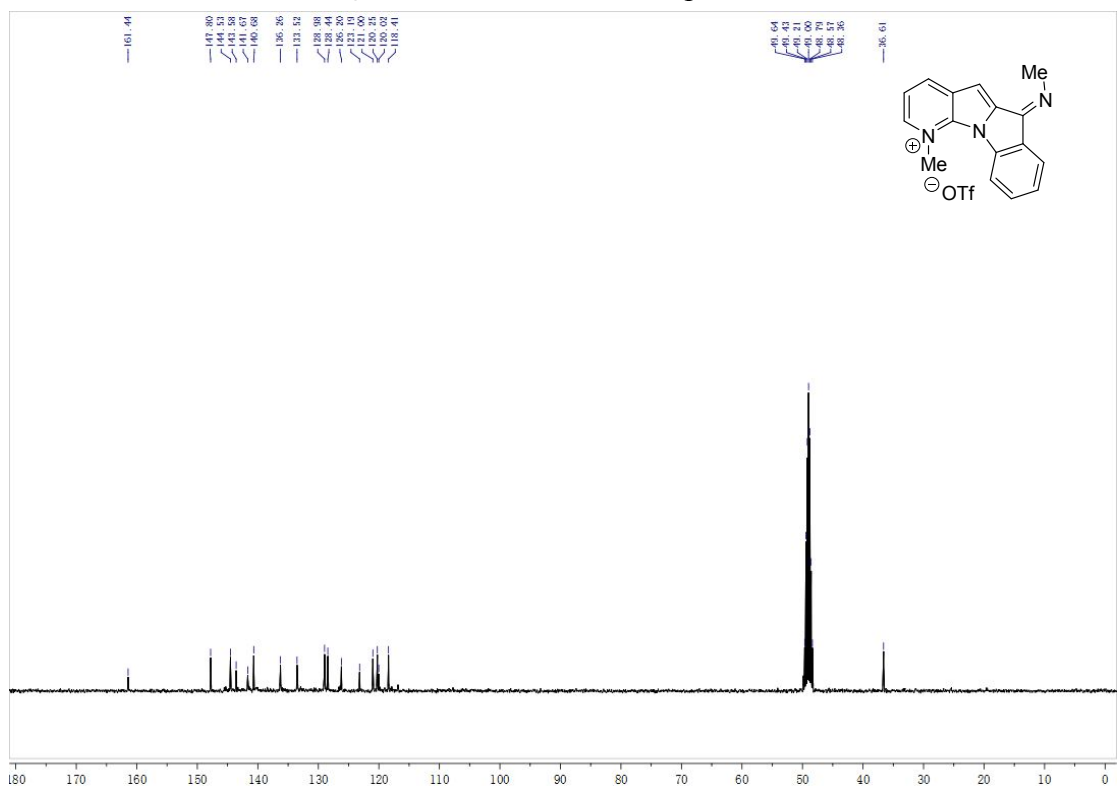


Figure S88. <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **3t**



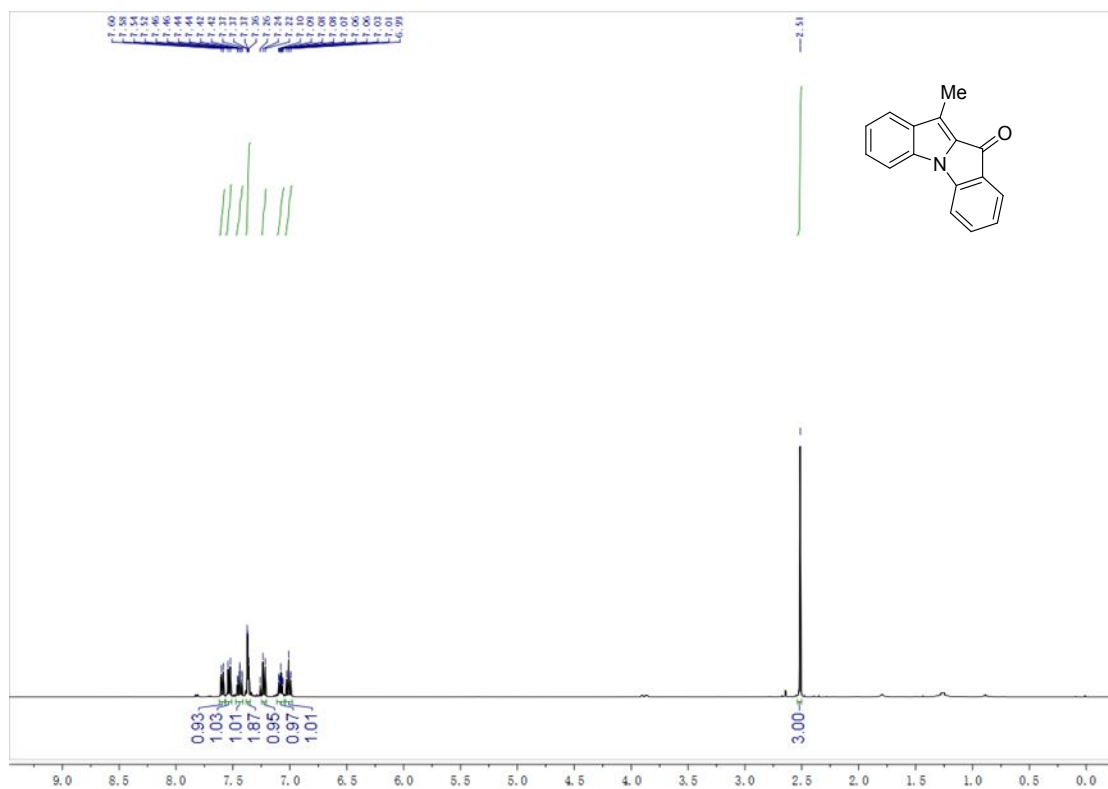


Figure S89.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **4a**

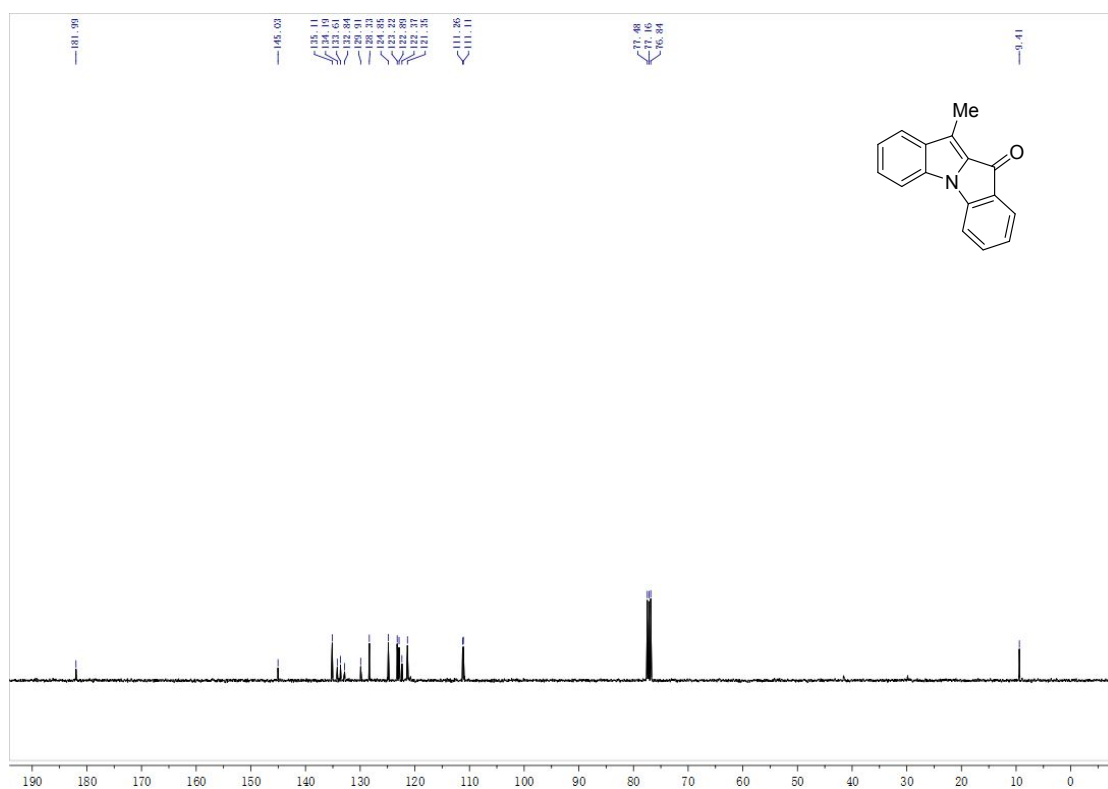


Figure S90.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **4a**

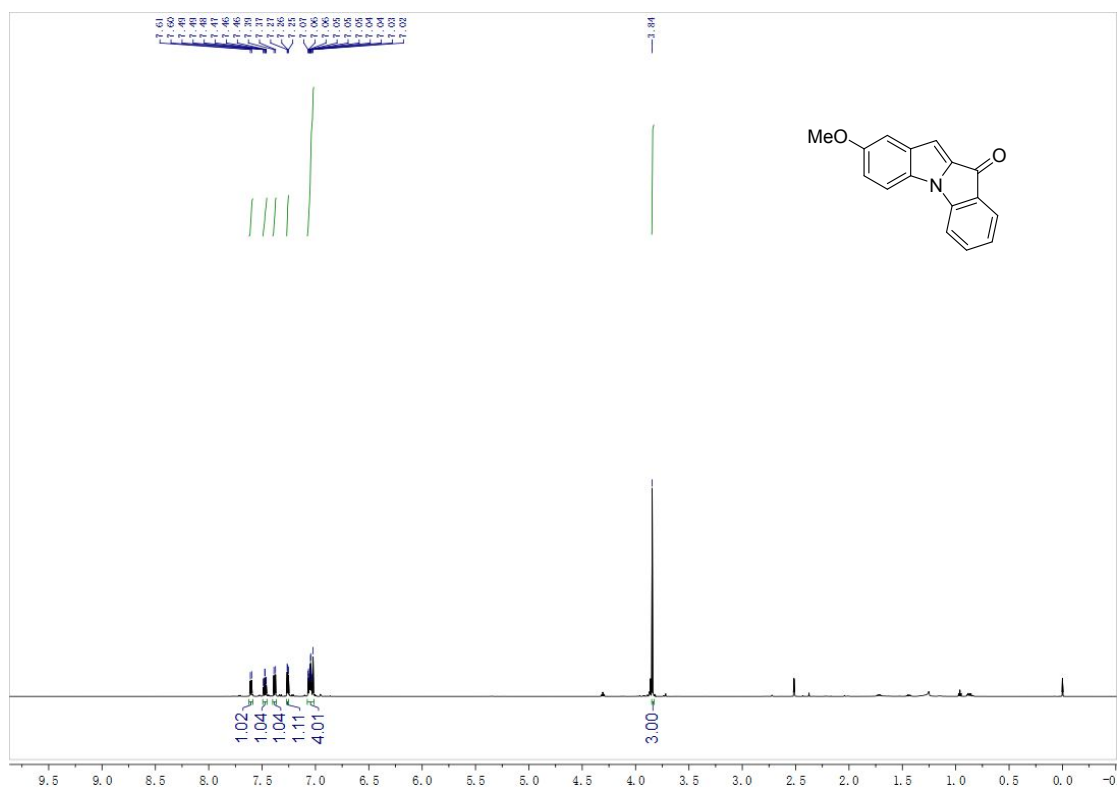


Figure S91.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **4f**

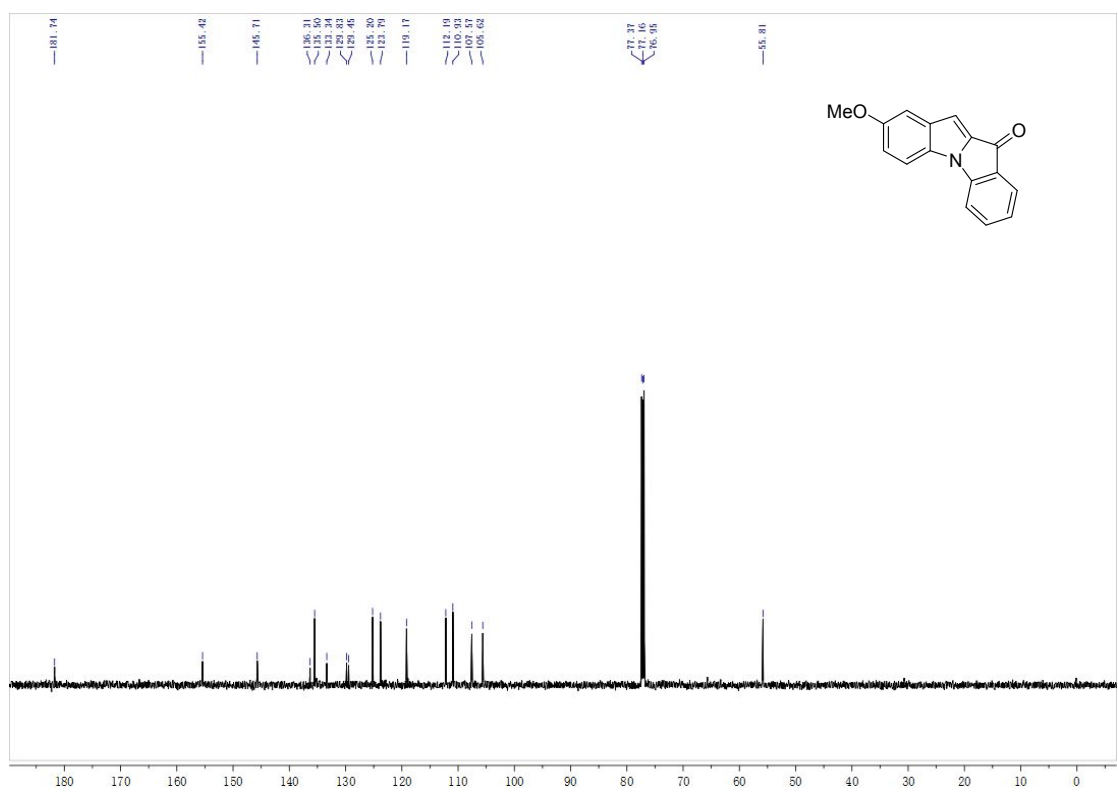


Figure S92.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **4f**

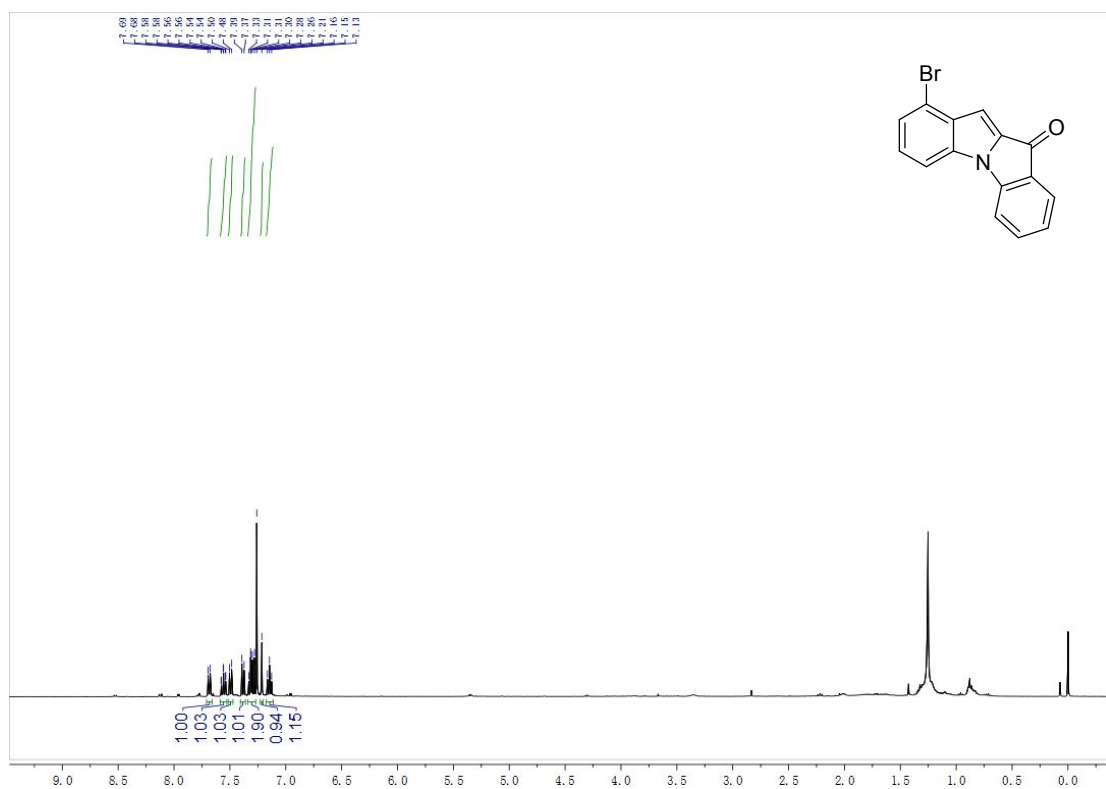


Figure S93.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **4h**

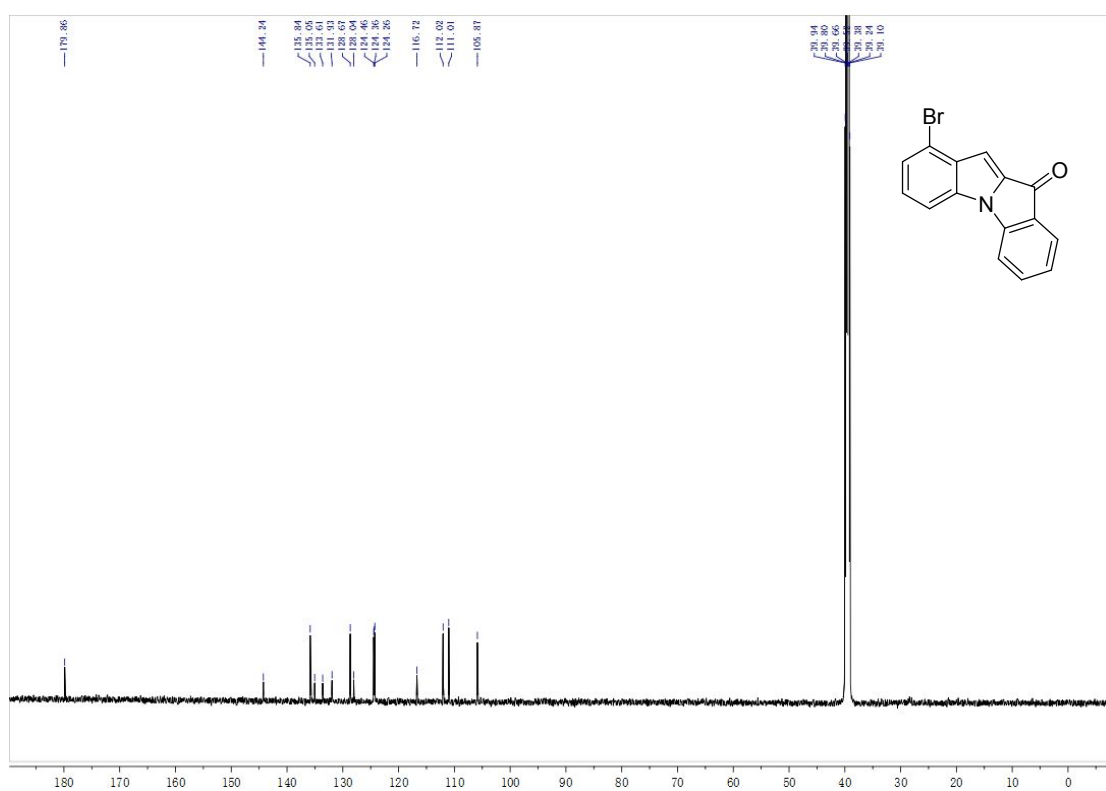


Figure S94.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **4h**

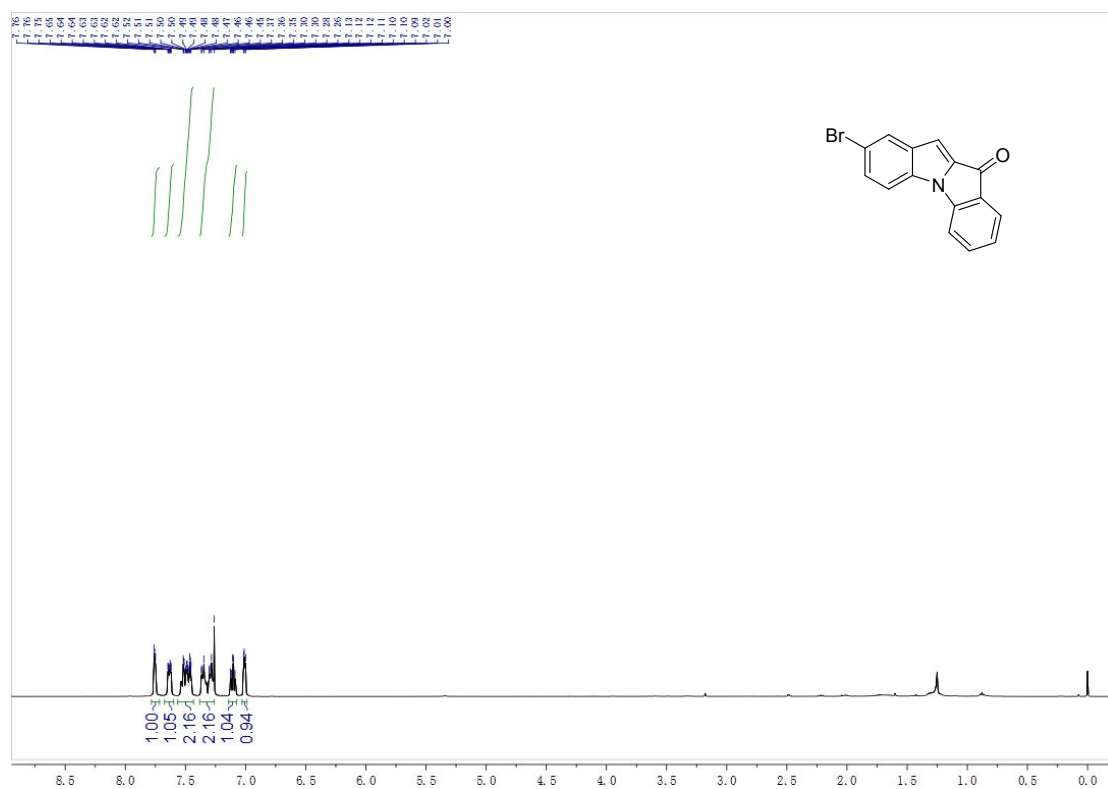


Figure S95.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **4i**

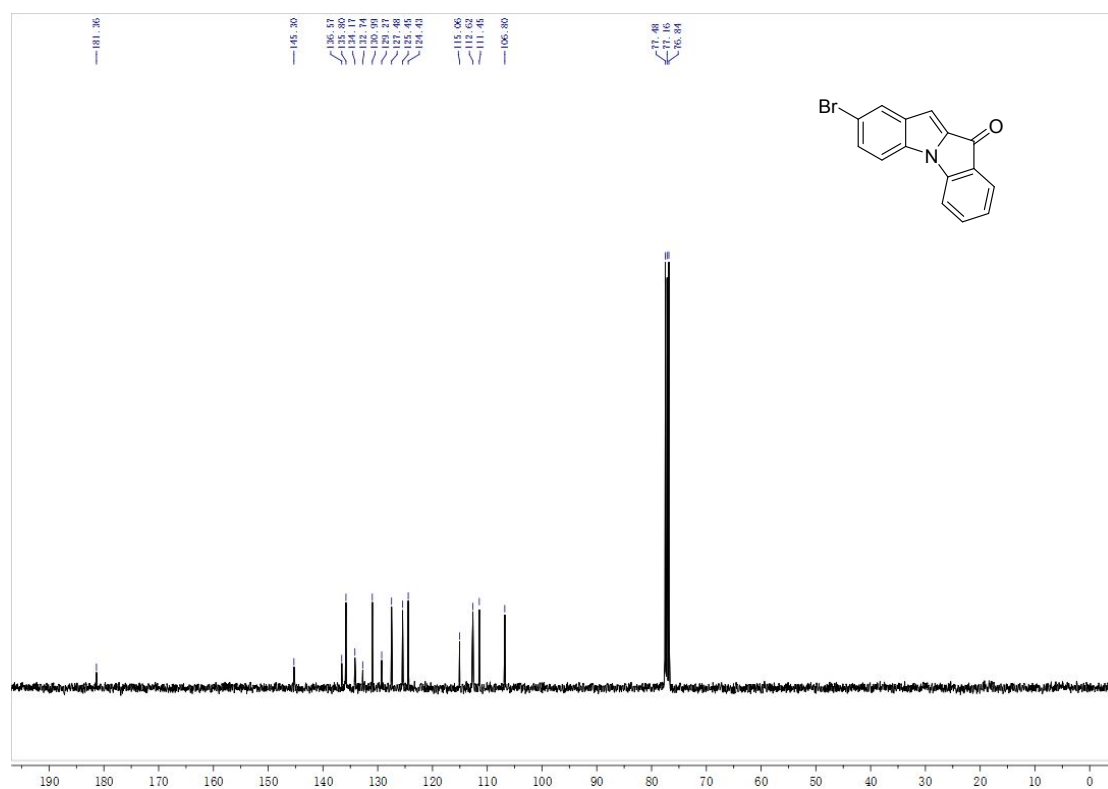


Figure S96.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **4i**

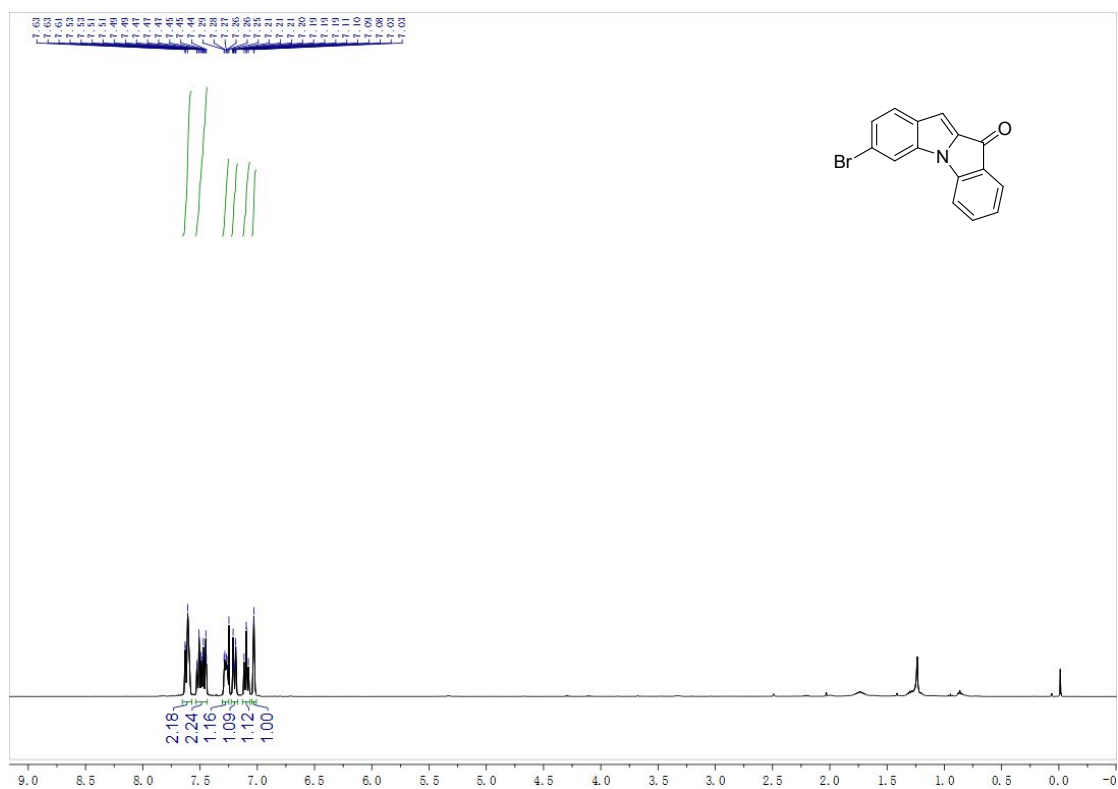


Figure S97. <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **4j**

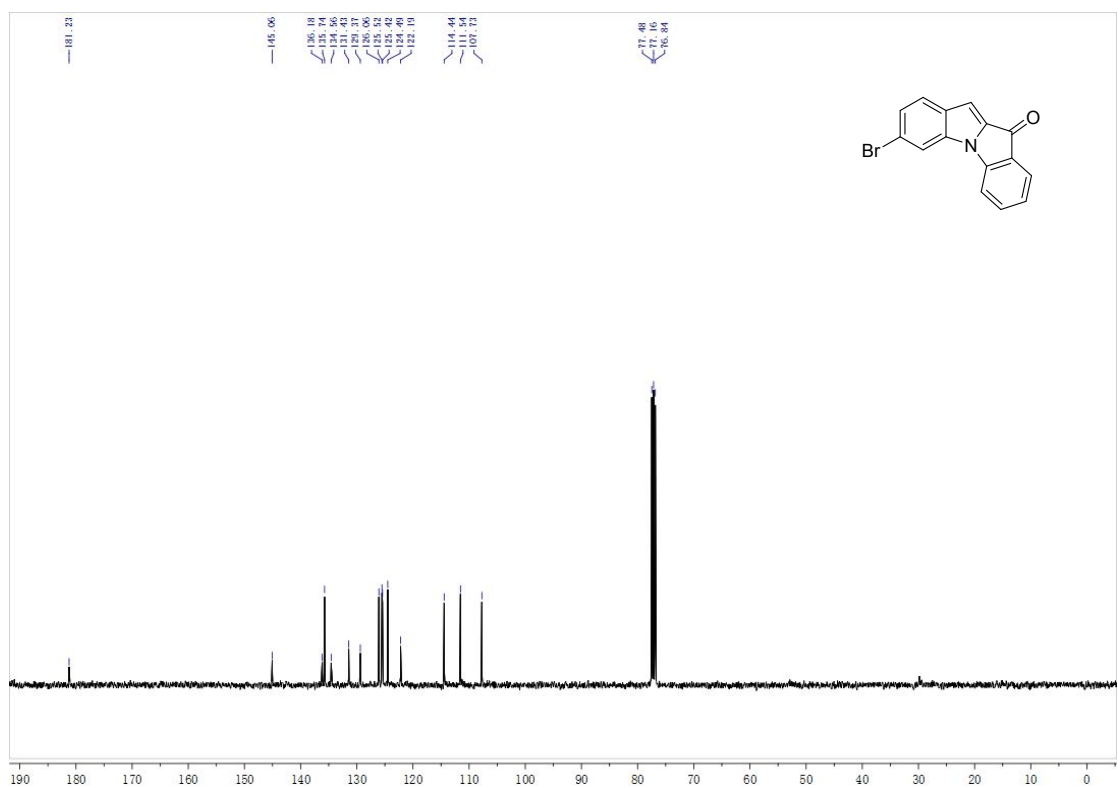


Figure S98. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR for compound **4j**

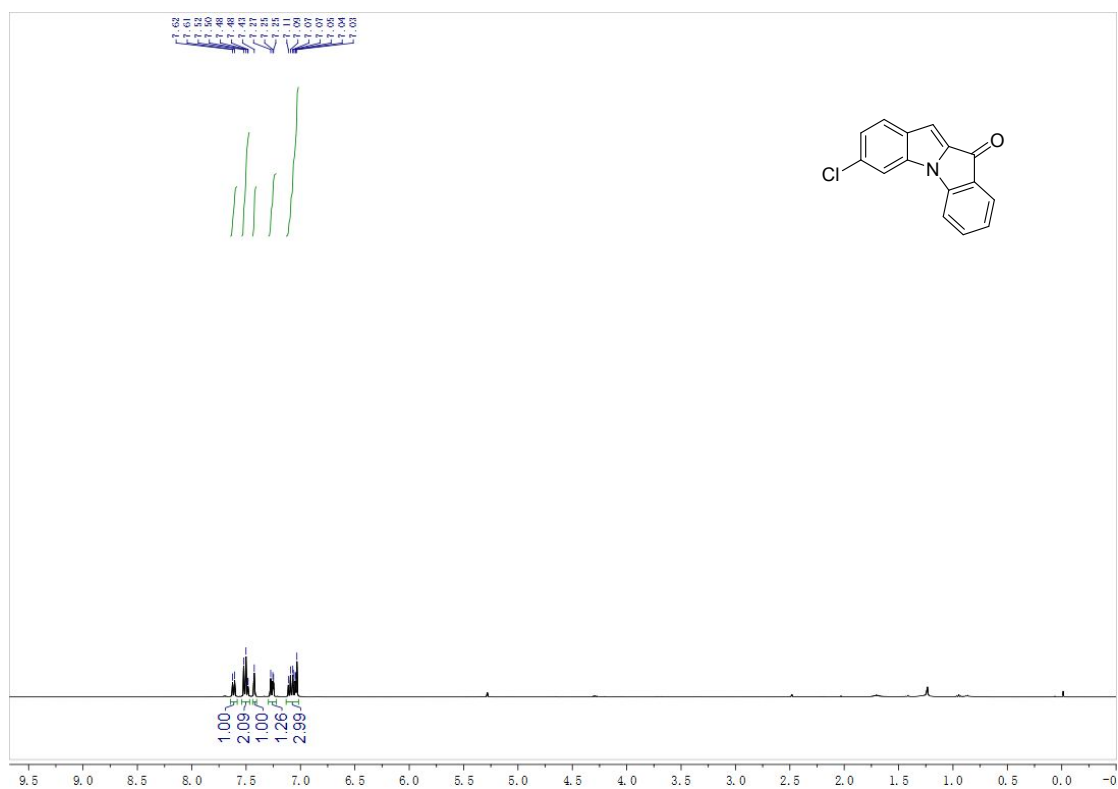


Figure S99.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **4k**

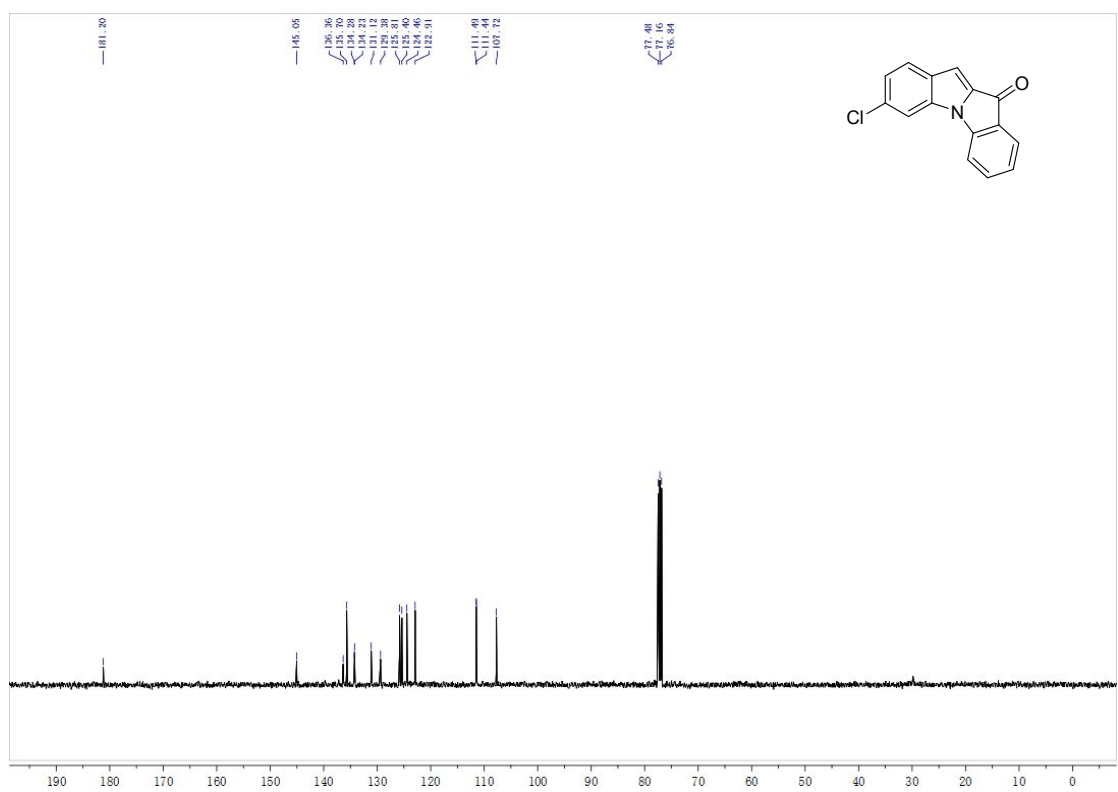


Figure S100.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **4k**

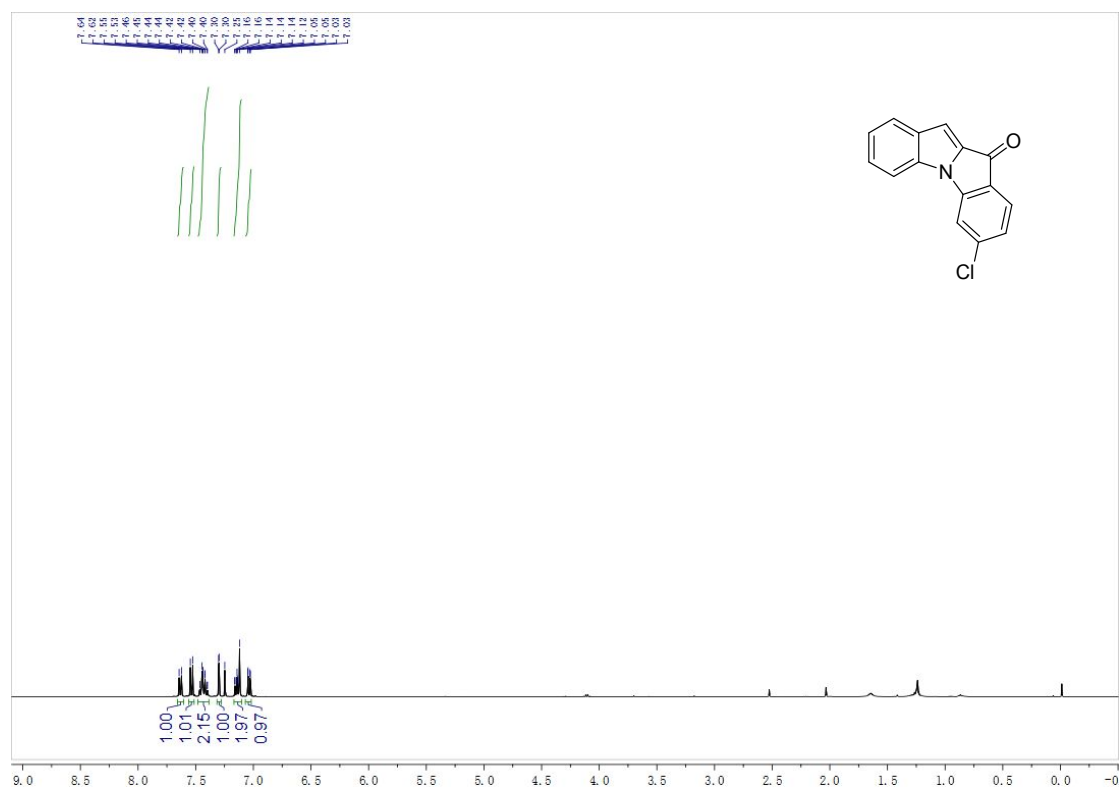


Figure S101.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  for compound **4o**

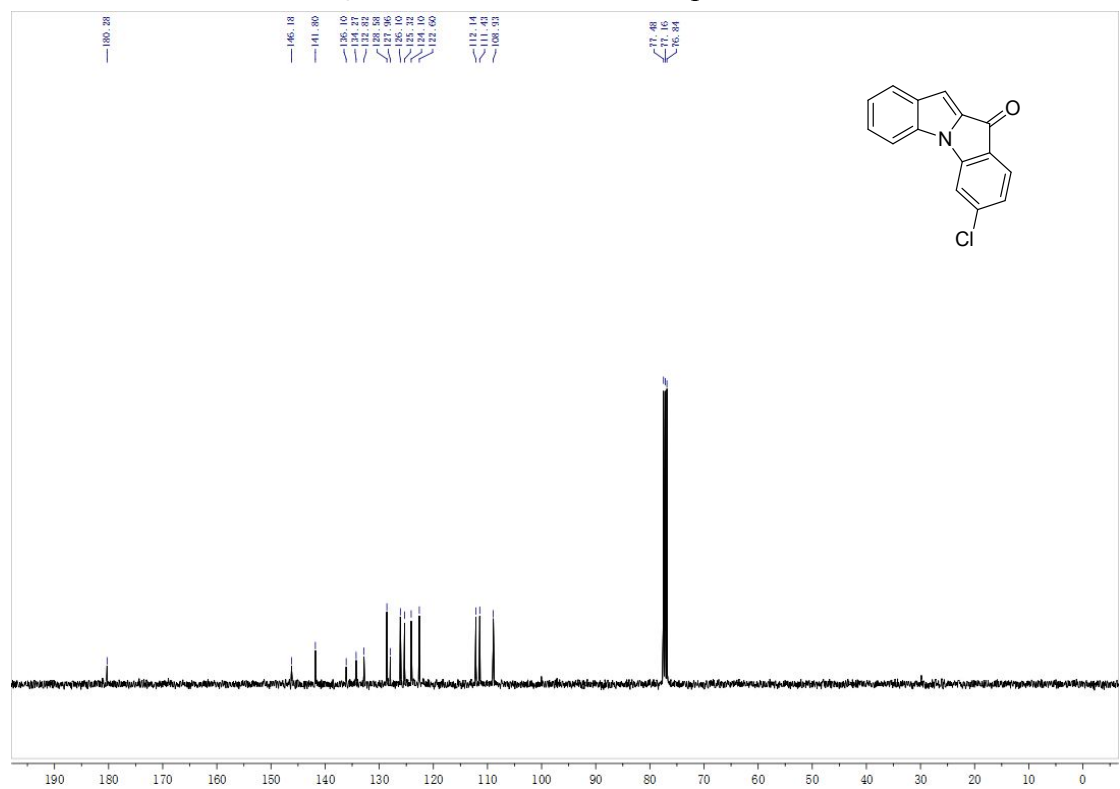


Figure S102.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **4o**

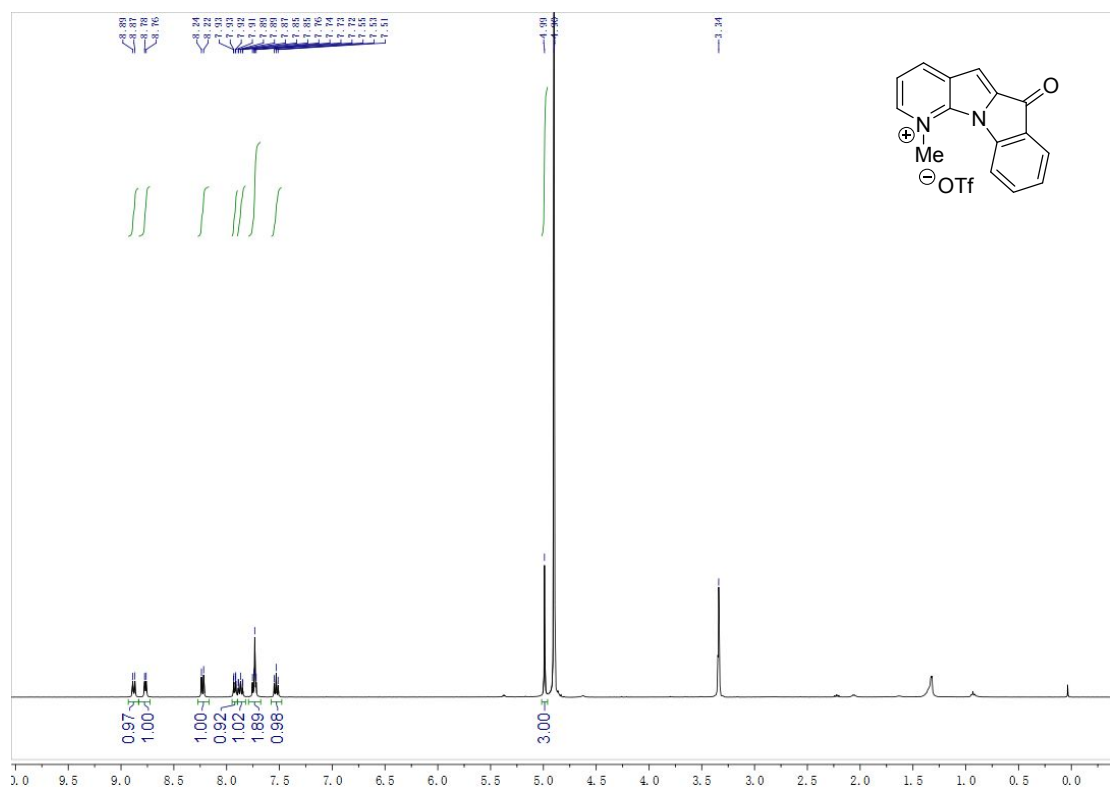


Figure S103.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound 4t

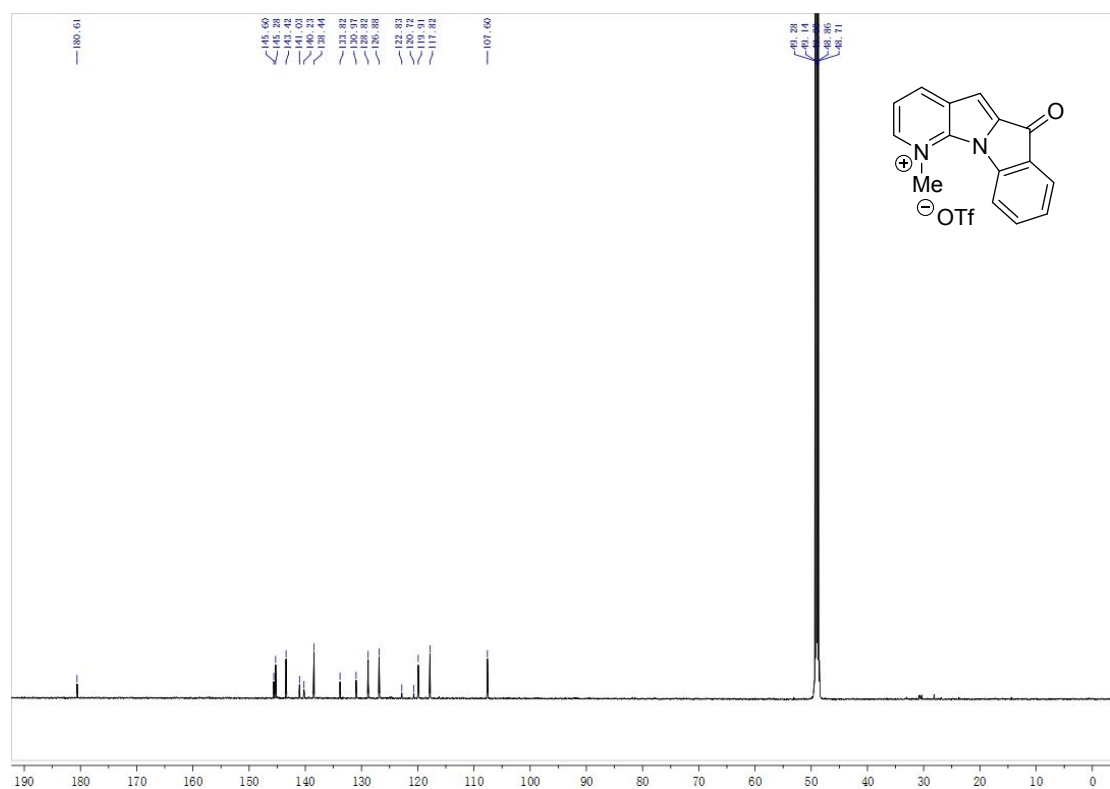


Figure S104.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound 4t



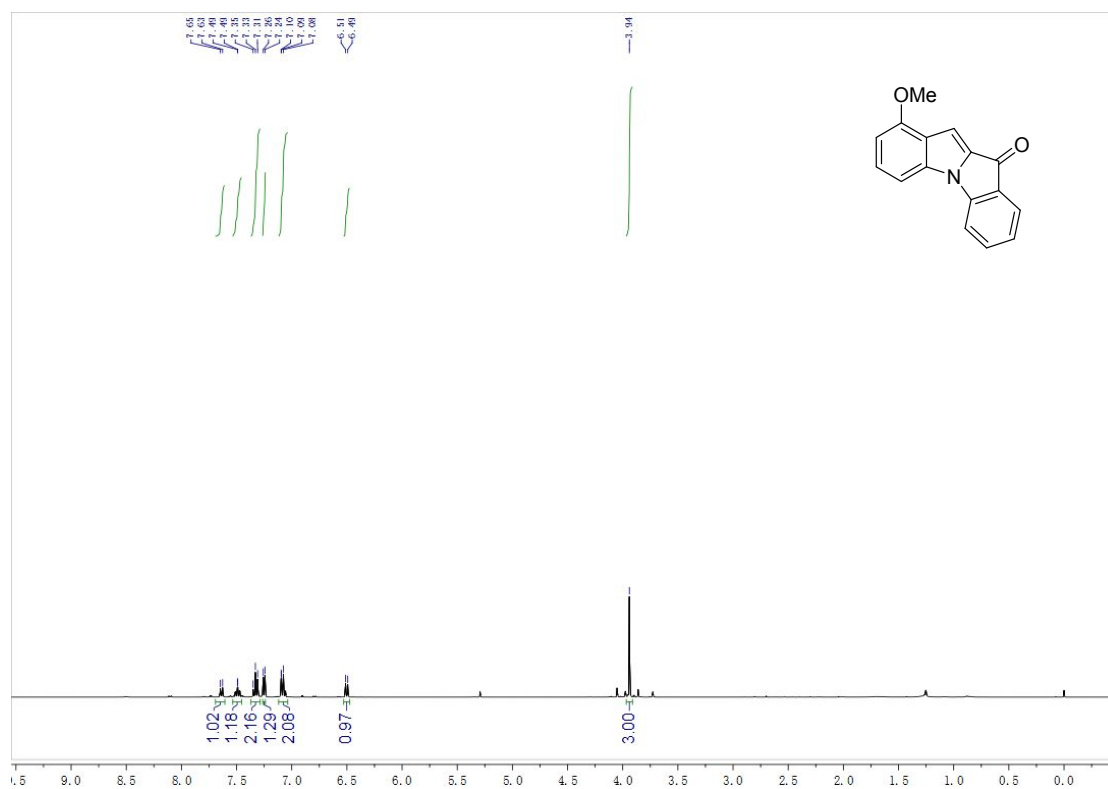


Figure S105.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR for compound **4u**

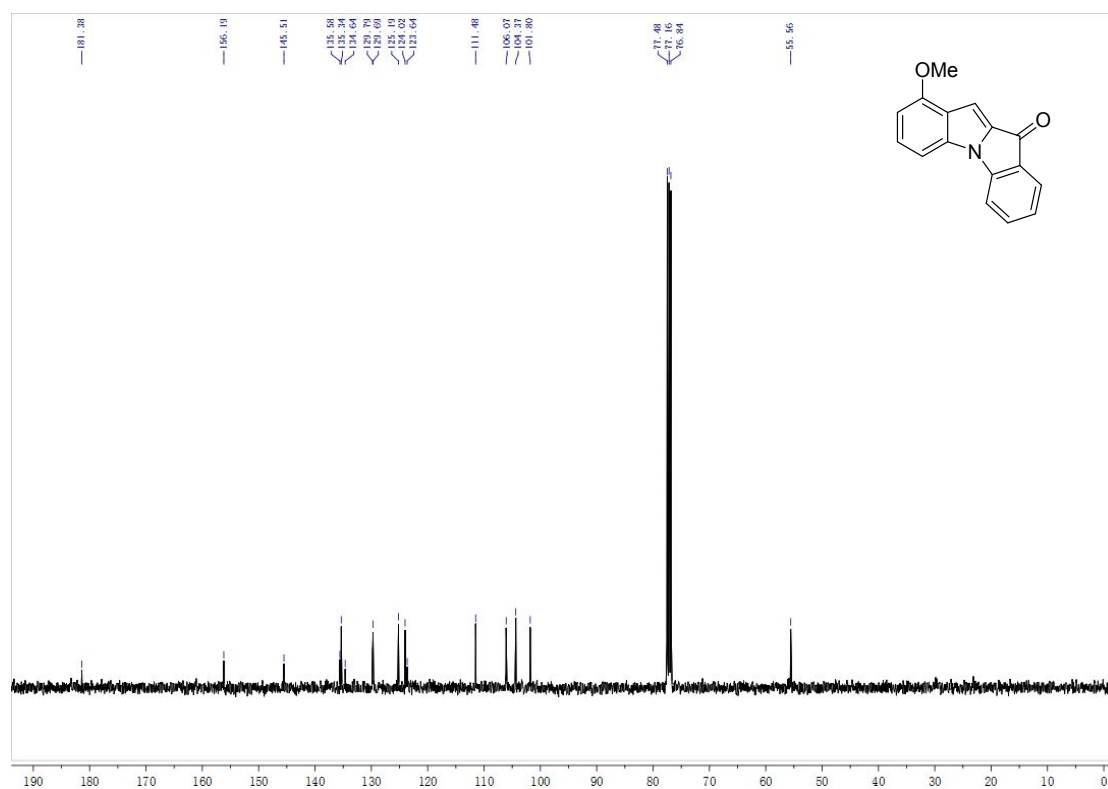


Figure S106.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR for compound **4u**