

Supporting Information

One-pot multicomponent synthesis of thieno[2,3-*b*]indoles catalyzed by a magnetic nanoparticle-supported [Urea]₄[ZnCl₂] deep eutectic solvent.

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Section S1. Materials, equipment and analytical methods

Materials

Sulfur (purity \geq 99.5%), indole (purity \geq 99%), 5-methylindole (purity \geq 99%), 5-methoxyindole (purity \geq 99%), 5-fluoroindole (purity \geq 98%), 5-chloroindole (purity \geq 98%), 5-bromoindole (purity \geq 99%), 5-nitroindole (purity \geq 99%), acetophenone (purity \geq 98%), 4-methylacetophenone (purity \geq 95%), 4-methoxyacetophenone (purity \geq 98%), 4-fluoroacetophenone (purity \geq 99%), 4-nitroacetophenone (purity \geq 98%), 2-acetylthiophene (purity \geq 98%), (3-chloropropyl)trimethoxysilane (purity \geq 95%), choline chloride (purity \geq 99%), urea (purity \geq 98%), trifluoroacetic acid (purity \geq 99%), aluminum chloride (anhydrous, purity \geq 99%), zinc chloride (anhydrous, purity \geq 97%), iron(III) chloride (anhydrous, purity \geq 99%), tin(IV) chloride (anhydrous, purity \geq 98%), copper(II) chloride (anhydrous, purity \geq 98%), potassium hydroxide (purity $>$ 85%), were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Tetraethyl orthosilicate (purity $>$ 98%), acetic acid (purity $>$ 98%), phosphoric acid (purity \geq 85%), sulfuric acid (purity \geq 97.5%), and silica gel 230–400 mesh for flash chromatography, TLC plates (silica gel 60 F254), 1,4-dioxane (anhydrous, purity \geq 99.9%), ethanol (anhydrous, purity \geq 99%), acetonitrile (anhydrous, purity \geq 99.8%), toluene (anhydrous, purity \geq 99%), dichloromethane (anhydrous, 99%), *n*-butanol (anhydrous, purity \geq 99.8%), *tert*-butanol (anhydrous, purity \geq 99.5%), tetrahydrofuran (anhydrous, purity \geq 99.5%), ethyl acetate (anhydrous, purity \geq 99%), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (anhydrous, purity $>$ 99%), *p*-xylene (anhydrous, purity \geq 99%) acetone and *n*-hexane (anhydrous, purity \geq 99.5%) were obtained from Merck. Deuterated solvents, DMSO- d_6 and acetone- d_6 , were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories (Andover, MA). All chemicals were used without further purification.

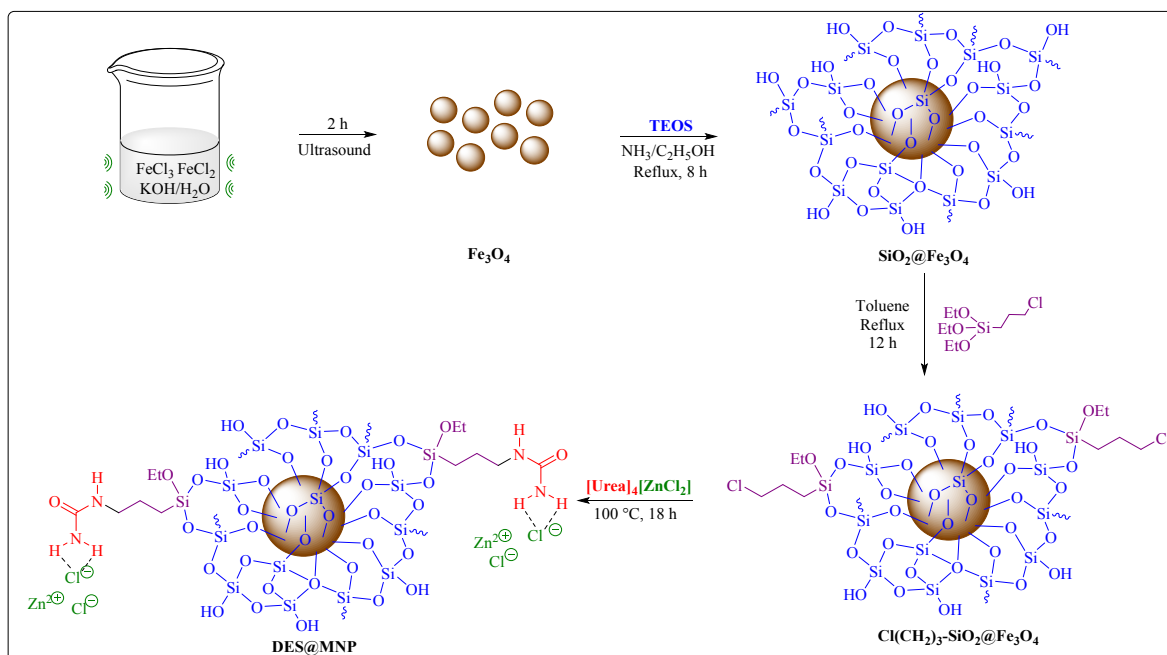
Equipment and analytical methods

The chemicals were measured on Ohaus 80251621 explorer precision balance. The reactions were conducted on an IKA C-MAG HS7 magnetic stirrer or Elma S30H Ultrasonic cleaning unit (ultrasonic frequency = 37 kHz). Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on F-254 silica gel coated aluminum plates from Merck. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 60, 0.04–0.06 mm (230–400 mesh). Melting points were recorded with a Buchi B-545 melting point Apparatus and are uncorrected.

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were recorded using a D8 Advance diffractometer equipped with a LYNXEYE detector (Bragg-Brentano geometry, CuK_α radiation $\lambda = 1.54056 \text{ \AA}$). Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed using a TA

instruments Q-500 thermal gravimetric analyzer under airflow with temperature ramp of 5 °C.min⁻¹. Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were measured on a Bruker E400 FT-IR spectrometer using potassium bromide pellets. Scanning electron microscope (SEM) images were taken on a Hitachi S-4800 scanning electron microscope operating at an accelerating voltage of 1 kV. Transmission electron microscope (TEM) images were taken on a Jem-Arm 300F grand atomic resolution electron microscope accelerating voltage of 300 kV. Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) analysis was performed using an EMAX energy EX-400 EDX device. Vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM) analysis was recorded on Model 10 Mark II VSM. Nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H and ¹³C NMR) spectra were acquired on a Bruker advance II 500 MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million (ppm) and referenced to the appropriate solvent peak. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was conducted in negative ionization mode on an Agilent 1200 series high-performance liquid chromatography coupled to a Bruker micrOTOF-QII EIS mass spectrometer detector. Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) measurements were carried out on an Agilent GC System 7890 equipped with a mass selective detector (Agilent 5973N) and a capillary DB-5MS column (30 m × 250 μm × 0.25 μm). Inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy (ICP-MS) data were recorded on a PerkinElmer 350X. Raman spectra were recorded on a Horiba Xplora One using a 532 nm argon ion laser.

Section S2. Characterization of the catalyst



Scheme S1. The preparation of DES@MNP catalyst

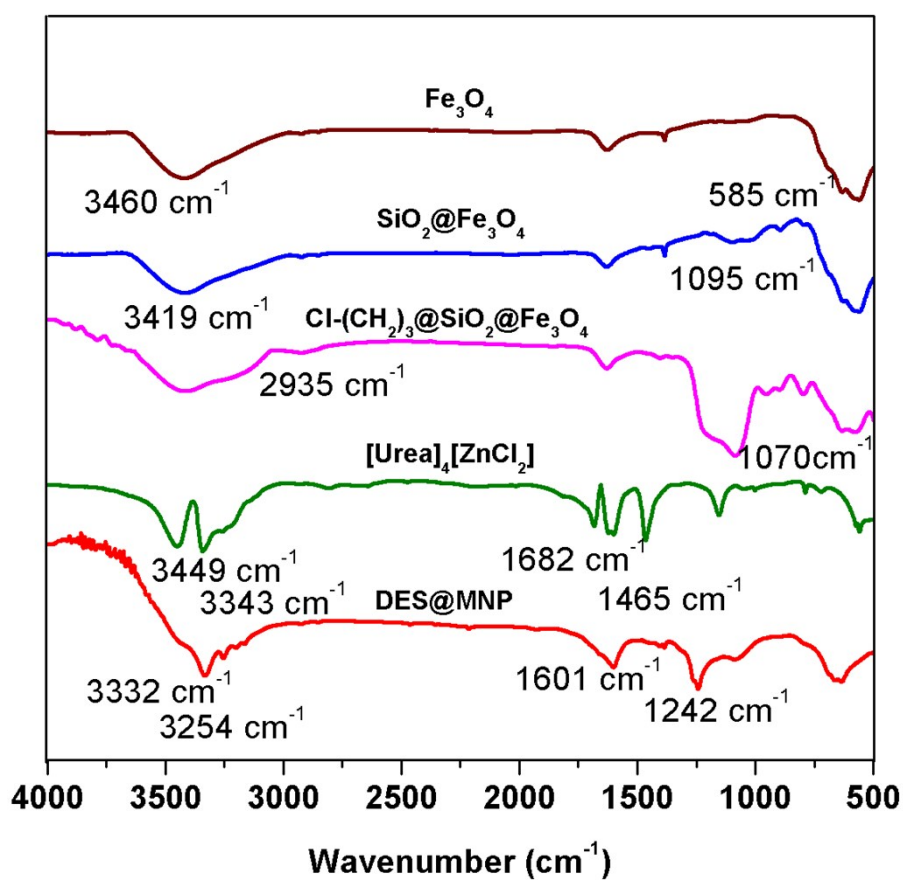


Figure S1. FT-IR spectrum of Fe_3O_4 , $\text{SiO}_2@\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$, $\text{Cl}(\text{CH}_2)_3@\text{SiO}_2@\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$, $[\text{Urea}]_4[\text{ZnCl}_2]$ and $\text{DES}@MNP$

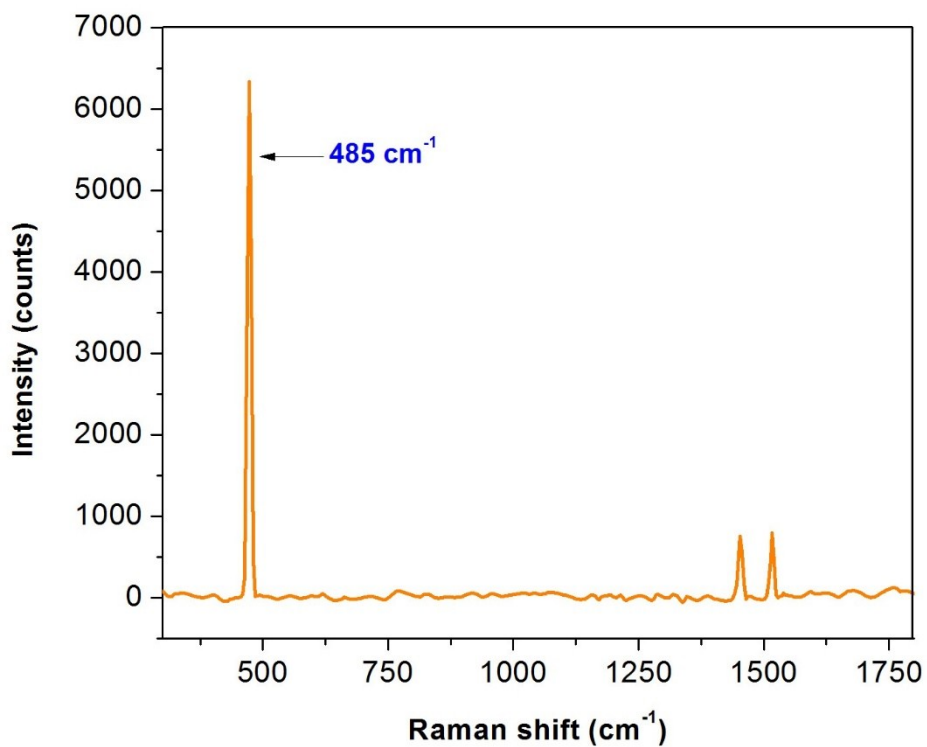


Figure S2. Raman spectra of DES@MNP

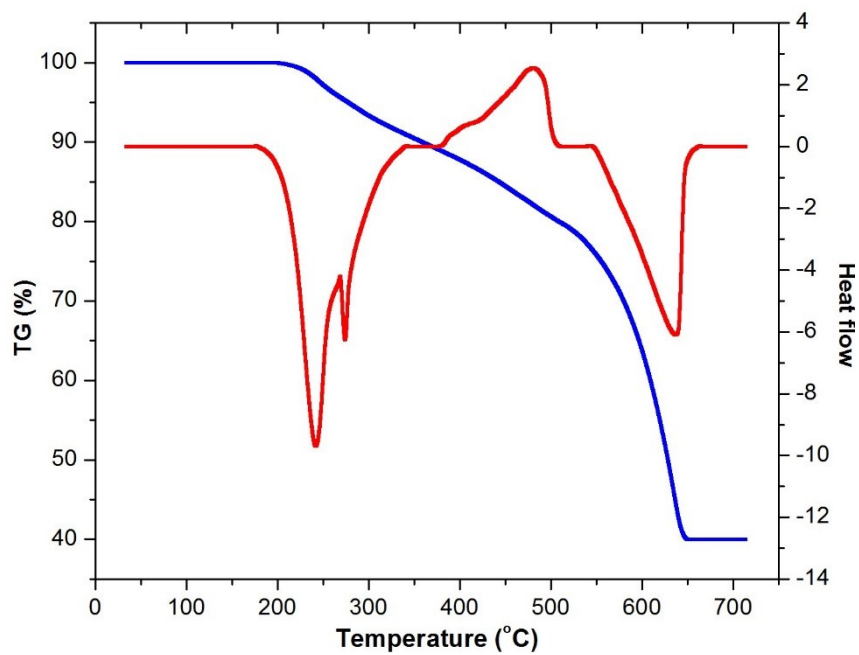


Figure S3. TG and DSC analysis of DES@MNP

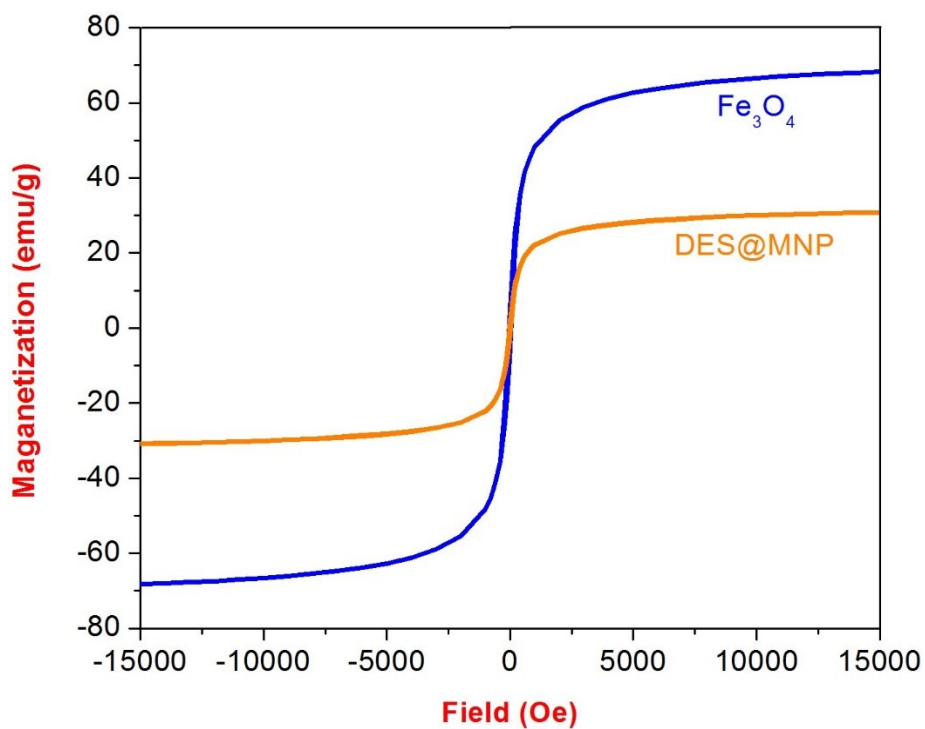


Figure S4. Magnetic curves of Fe_3O_4 and DES@MNP

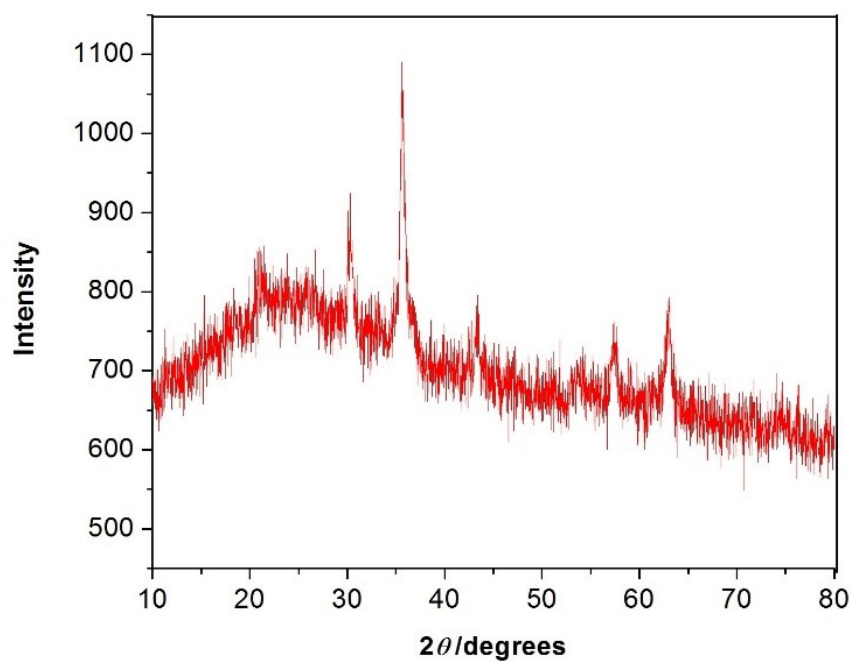
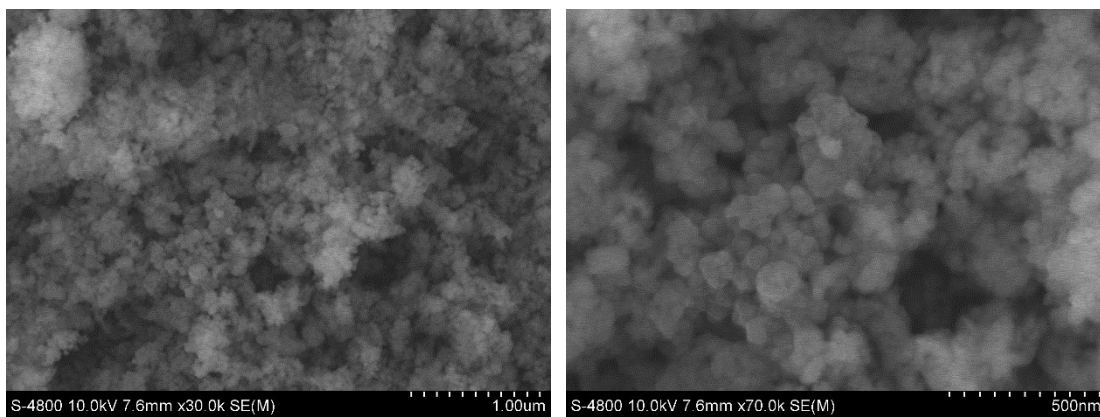
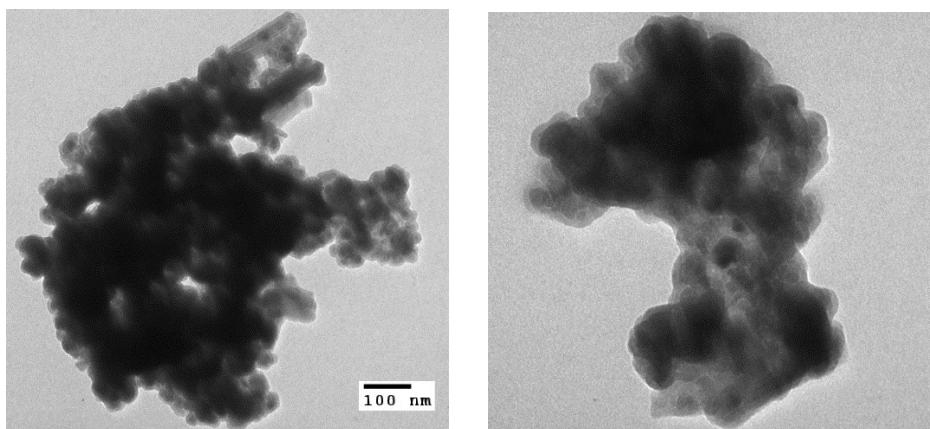


Figure S5. X-Ray diffraction pattern of DES@MNP



(a)



(b)

Figure S6. SEM (a) and TEM (b) images of DES@MNP

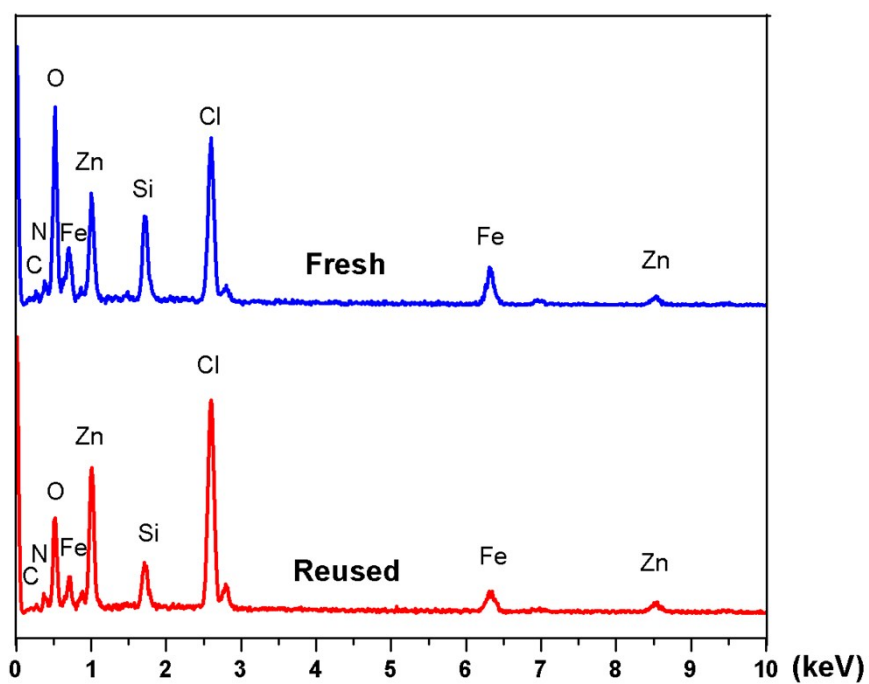


Figure S7. EDX spectrum of fresh catalyst and reused catalyst.

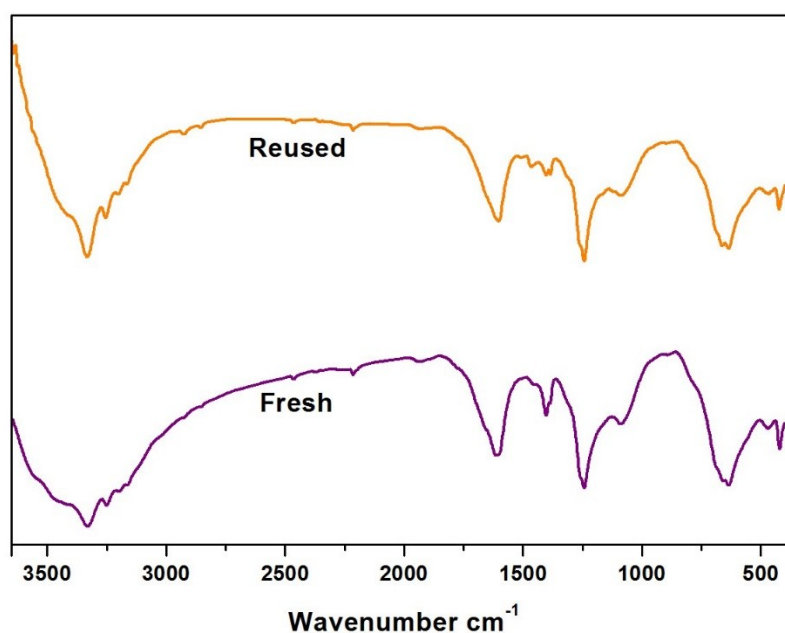


Figure S8. FT-IR spectra for the comparison of the fresh catalyst and the fifth-times reused catalyst.

Section S3. Optimization of the reaction conditions on the synthesis of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole

Table S1. Effects of the additive on the synthesis of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole

Entry ^a	Additives (1 equivment)	Yield ^b (%)
1	<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylformamide	87
2	Acetamide	43
3	Pyrrolidine	38
4	Piperidine	54
5	Triethylamine	44
6	Aniline	19
7	<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylaniline	26
8	1,4-Diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane	75
9	4-Ethylmorpholine	81

^aReaction conditions: acetophenone (2.0 mmol, 240 mg), indole (1.0 mmol, 117 mg), sulfur (5.0 mmol, 160 mg), additive (1.0 mmol) and DES@MNP catalyst (10 mol%, 30 mg) were heated at 140 °C for 12 h.

^bYield of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole was isolated yield by column chromatography (dichloromethane/petroleum ether 2:3).

Table S2. Effects of solvents on the synthesis of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole

Entry ^a	Type of Solvent	Solvent	Yield ^b (%)
1		Ethanol	Trace
2	Polar protic	<i>tert</i> -Butanol	17
3		<i>n</i> -Butanol	21
4		Ethyl acetate	25
5	Polar aprotic	Acetonitrile	70
6		Tetrahydrofuran	32
7		<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylformamide	87
8		1,4-Dioxane	78
9	Non polar	Toluene	35
10		<i>p</i> -Xylene	23
11		<i>n</i> -Hexane	Trace

^aReaction conditions: acetophenone (2.0 mmol, 240 mg), indole (1.0 mmol, 117 mg), sulfur (5.0 mmol, 160 mg), DMF (0.3 mL) and DES@MNP catalyst (10 mol%, 30 mg) were heated in 1.5 mL solvent at 140 °C for 12 h.

^bYield of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole was isolated yield by column chromatography (dichloromethane/ petroleum ether 2:3).

Table S3. Effects of temperature on the synthesis of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole

Entry ^a	Temperature (°C)	Yield ^b (%)
1	80	Trace
2	100	17
3	120	45
4	130	68
5	140	87
6	150	87

^aReaction conditions: acetophenone (2.0 mmol, 240 mg), indole (1.0 mmol, 117 mg), sulfur (5.0 mmol, 160 mg), and DES@MNP catalyst (10 mol%, 30 mg) were heated in 1.5 mL DMF for 12 h.

^bYield of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole was isolated yield by column chromatography (dichloromethane/ petroleum ether 2:3).

Table S4. Effects of time on the synthesis of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole

Entry ^a	Time (h)	Yield ^b (%)
1	2	Trace
2	4	14
3	6	37
4	8	59
5	10	78
6	12	87
7	14	88

^aReaction conditions: acetophenone (2.0 mmol, 240 mg), indole (1.0 mmol, 117 mg), sulfur (5.0 mmol, 160 mg), and DES@MNP catalyst (10 mol%, 30 mg) were heated in 1.5 mL DMF at 140 °C.

^bYield of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole was isolated by column chromatography (dichloromethane/ petroleum ether 2:3).

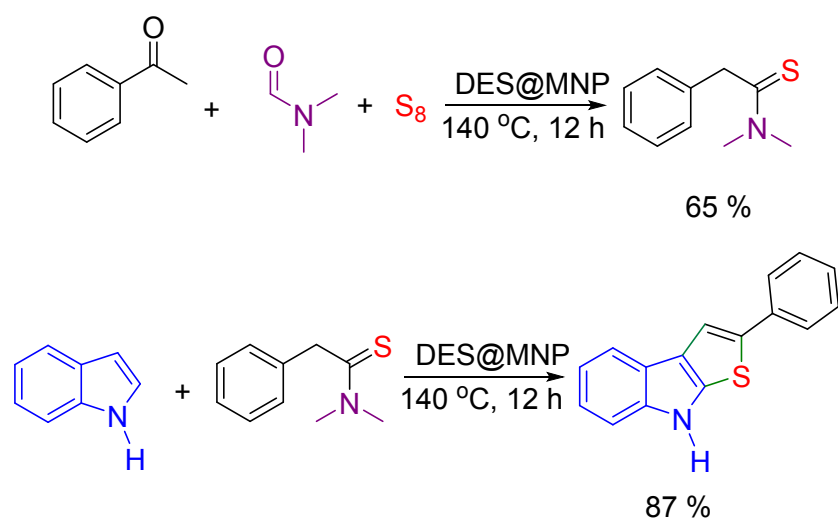
Table S5. Effects of reactant ratio on the synthesis of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole

Entry ^a	Molar ratio Indole:acetophenone:sulfur	Yield ^b (%)
1	1.0:1.0:1.0	Trace
2	1.0:1.5:1.0	25
3	1.0:2.0:1.0	31
4	1.0:2.0:1.5	34
5	1.0:2.0:2.0	37
6	1.0:2.0:3.0	57
7	1.0:2.0:4.0	76

^aReaction conditions: acetophenone, indole, sulfur, and DES@MNP catalyst (10 mol%, 30 mg) were heated in 1.5 mL DMF at 140 °C for 12 h.

^bYield of 2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole was isolated yield by column chromatography (dichloromethane/ petroleum ether 2:3).

Section S4. The experiment for proposed mechanism



Scheme S2. Control experiments for mechanism investigation.

Section S5. Spectral data

2-Phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3a)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.40$; yellowish solid, mp. 243–245 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3395, 3050, 1522, 1469, 1437, 1252, 830, 740, 687 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 11.69$ (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dt, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 142.0, 141.1, 135.7, 135.2, 134.2, 129.6, 127.1, 125.0, 122.5, 122.1, 119.71, 119.3, 114.8, 112.2$.

GC-MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z 249 $[\text{M}]^+$.

2-(*p*-Tolyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3b)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.35$; white solid, mp. 223 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3431, 3028, 2955, 1647, 1026, 828, 768 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 11.66$ (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.08 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 141.5, 140.3, 135.9, 134.9, 132.5, 129.7, 124.5, 124.4, 121.9, 121.6, 119.2, 118.8, 113.6, 111.7, 20.7$.

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NS}$ 263.0769, found 263.0724.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3c)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.45$; white solid, mp. 220 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3391, 3051, 2957, 2918, 1529, 1480, 1431, 1290, 1255, 821, 742, 508 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ = 10.69 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ = 159.8, 142.8, 141.2, 136.7, 129.4, 127.1, 126.2, 123.2, 122.8, 120.3, 119.7, 115.3, 113.5, 112.5, 55.7.

GC-MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z 279 $[\text{M}]^+$.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-8H-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3d)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.32; yellowish solid, mp. 251–252 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3383, 3051, 1527, 1476, 1427, 1236, 828, 811, 1126, 743, 674, 496 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 11.68 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 161.5 (d, J = 242.2 Hz), 141.9 (s), 141.1 (s), 134.0 (s), 132.3 (d, J = 0.7 Hz), 126.9 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 124.9 (s), 122.5 (s), 122.0 (s), 119.7 (s), 119.3 (s), 116.4 (d, J = 2.74 Hz), 114.9 (s), 112.2 (s).

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{NFS}$ 266.0440, found 266.0445.

2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-8H-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3e)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.35; orange solid, mp. 257 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3433, 2256, 2129, 1646, 1026, 1000, 827, 765.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 11.88 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 142.2, 142.0, 141.7, 141.5, 138.4, 126.3, 125.1, 124.7, 124.7, 122.9, 119.9, 119.3, 118.5, 112.1.

GC-MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z : 294 ($[\text{M}]^+$).

2-(Thiophen-2-yl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3f)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.30; orange solid, mp. 178 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3408, 1635, 1475, 1429, 1410, 1384, 812, 742, 684 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 11.68 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 141.5, 140.1, 138.2, 128.1, 127.9, 124.0, 122.4, 122.4, 121.4, 119.3, 118.9, 117.9, 114.7, 111.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{NS}_2$ 255.0176, found 255.0171.

5-Methyl-2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3g)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.35; white solid, mp. 220–221 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3378, 3027, 2920, 2852, 1524, 1478, 1443, 1254, 831, 753, 688, 588 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 11.55 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.66–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.02 (ddd, J = 8.0, 1.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 140.7, 139.8, 135.3, 134.3, 129.1, 127.8, 126.5, 124.5, 124.2, 123.3, 121.7, 118.7, 114.2, 111.4, 21.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NS}$ 263.0769, found 263.0722.

5-Methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3h)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.40; white solid, mp. 245 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3370, 3017, 2916, 2853, 1530, 1480, 1425, 1256, 808, 752, 588, 487 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 11.53 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 140.3, 139.8, 135.8, 134.6, 132.5, 129.6, 127.7, 124.4, 124.1, 123.2, 121.7, 118.6, 113.5, 111.3, 21.2, 20.7.

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NS}$ 277.0925, found 277.0918.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-8H-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3i)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.40; white solid, mp. 241 $^\circ\text{C}$.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3414, 3025, 2922, 1637, 1529, 1384, 1294, 1255, 821, 509 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 11.49 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (m, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 158.7, 140.5, 140.2, 135.0, 128.5, 128.2, 126.4, 124.6, 123.6, 122.2, 119.1, 115.0, 113.3, 111.8, 55.7, 21.7.

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOS}$ 293.0874, found 293.0867.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-8H-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3j)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.50; white solid, mp. 231 $^\circ\text{C}$.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3372, 3029, 2922, 2853, 1639, 1529, 1478, 1233, 824, 810, 532 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 11.56 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.69–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 161.0$ (d, $J = 242.4$ Hz), 140.7 (s), 139.8 (s), 133.2 (s), 131.9 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 127.8 (s), 126.4 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 124.2 (s), 123.4 (s), 121.7 (s), 118.7 (s), 115.9 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 114.4 (s), 111.4 (s), 21.1 (s).

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNS}$ 281.0674, found 281.0662.

5-Methoxy-2-phenyl-8H-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3k)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.37$; white solid, mp. 210 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3410, 3057, 2990, 2831, 1525, 1480, 1428, 1266, 1215, 828, 753, 690, 475 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 11.52$ (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 153.5, 141.2, 136.4, 135.3, 134.2, 129.1, 126.5, 124.4, 122.0, 114.3, 112.3, 111.2, 101.8, 55.4$.

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOS}$ 279.0718, found 279.0709.

5-Methoxy-2-(*p*-tolyl)-8H-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3l)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.45$; white solid, mp. 201 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3398, 3048, 2995, 2945, 1531, 1478, 1423, 1212, 833, 808, 751, 673 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 11.48$ (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 153.4, 140.8, 136.4, 135.8, 134.4, 132.5, 129.6, 124.4, 124.4, 122.0, 113.6, 112.3, 111.0, 101.7, 55.4, 20.7$.

HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOS}$ 293.0874, found 293.0864.

5-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8H-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3m)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.50$; white solid, mp. 231 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3398, 3051, 2295, 2248, 1530, 1478, 1455, 1265, 1213, 1170, 1113, 1085, 833, 808, 751, 673 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): $\delta = 10.63$ (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6): $\delta = 159.8, 155.2, 141.9, 137.9, 136.2, 129.5, 127.1, 126.1, 123.6, 115.4, 113.5, 113.1, 113.0, 112.2, 102.7, 56.1, 55.7$.

GC-MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z 309 $[\text{M}]^+$.

5-Methoxy-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3n)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.47$; white solid, mp. 200–201 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3433, 3021, 2923, 1626, 1530, 1479, 1423, 1218, 1168, 1025, 825 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 11.51$ (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 9.0, 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 161.0$ (d, $J = 242.4$ Hz), 153.5 (s), 141.1 (s), 136.4 (s), 132.98 (s), 131.9 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 126.35 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 124.4 (s), 121.9 (s), 116.0 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 114.4 (s), 112.3 (s), 111.2 (s), 101.7 (s), 55.4 (s).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+ \text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNOS}$ 297.0624, found 297.0618.

5-Fluoro-2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3o)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.54$; yellowish solid, mp. 255 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3408, 3065, 1524, 1480, 1441, 1169, 1256, 1170, 1077, 830, 807, 739, 687 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 11.77 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (td, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 156.8 (d, J = 231.0 Hz), 142.3 (s), 138.0 (s), 135.0 (d, J = 18.8 Hz), 129.1 (s), 126.7 (s), 124.6 (s), 124.3 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 121.69 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 114.19 (s), 112.5 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 109.6 (d, J = 25.5 Hz), 104.2 (d, J = 24.0 Hz).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNS}$ 267.0518, found 267.0514.

5-Fluoro-2-(*p*-tolyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3p)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.47; yellowish solid, mp. 264.5–265.5 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3391, 3047, 2919, 2852, 1530, 1482, 1427, 1257, 1170, 810, 756, 593 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 11.74 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (td, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 156.8 (d, J = 231.0 Hz), 142.0 (s), 138.0 (s), 136.1 (s), 135.1 (s), 132.3 (s), 129.6 (s), 124.5 (s), 124.3 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 121.7 (d, J = 10.4 Hz), 113.5 (s), 112.5 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 109.5 (d, J = 25.5 Hz), 104.1 (d, J = 23.9 Hz), 20.65 (s).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNS}$ 281.0674, found 281.0666.

5-Chloro-2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3q)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.50; yellowish solid, mp. 216 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3387, 3075, 2922, 1519, 1477, 1433, 1244, 827, 792, 758, 689, 580 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 11.88 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 142.0, 139.8, 135.3, 1345.0, 129.1, 126.8, 124.6, 123.9, 123.7, 122.5, 121.7, 118.3, 114.2, 113.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNS}$ 283.0222, found 283.0176.

5-Chloro-2-(*p*-tolyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3r)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.45; yellowish solid, mp. 230 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3381, 3012, 2918, 2852, 1527, 1477, 1424, 1280, 1050, 811, 793, 698, 580, 488 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 11.85 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 141.6, 139.8, 136.2, 135.6, 132.2, 129.7, 124.6, 123.8, 123.6, 122.5, 121.6, 118.2, 113.5, 113.1, 20.7.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNS}$ 297.0379, found 297.0364.

5-Chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3s)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.45; yellowish solid, mp. 213–214 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3392, 3070, 2961, 2836, 1605, 1528, 1460, 1427, 1255, 1179, 1030, 917, 872, 820 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ = 11.55 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ = 159.7, 142.6, 141.0, 136.9, 129.0, 127.0, 125.1, 125.0, 123.8, 122.4, 119.0, 115.2, 113.6, 113.3, 55.6.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNOS}$ 313.0328, found 313.0320.

5-Chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3t)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.55; yellowish solid, mp. 176 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3404, 3019, 2922, 2852, 1640, 1528, 1478, 1423, 1240, 1105, 1054, 816, 500 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 11.87 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 161.1 (d, J = 242.8 Hz), 142.0 (s), 139.8 (s), 134.2 (s), 131.6 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 126.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 123.78 (d, J = 15.6 Hz), 122.5 (s), 121.8 (s), 118.3 (s), 116.1 (s), 116.0 (s), 114.4 (s), 113.2 (s).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{ClFNS}$ 301.0128, found 301.0087.

5-Bromo-2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3u)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.50; yellowish solid, mp. 219–220 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3387, 3074, 1517, 1475, 1430, 1282, 1243, 827, 790, 757, 689, 588, 475 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 11.89 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.5, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ = 142.3, 140.6, 135.9, 135.5, 129.6, 127.3, 125.1, 124.8, 124.2, 123.7, 121.7, 114.7, 114.1, 112.1.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNS}$ 326.9717, found 326.9669.

5-Bromo-2-(*p*-tolyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3v)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.52$; golden solid, mp. 209 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3381, 3011, 2918, 2851, 1526, 1477, 1423, 1281, 811, 791, 688, 574, 446 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 11.86$ (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 9.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 141.5, 140.0, 136.2, 135.6, 132.2, 129.7, 124.6, 124.2, 123.7, 123.2, 121.2, 113.6, 113.5, 111.5, 20.7$.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+ \text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNS}$ 340.9874, found 340.9827.

5-Bromo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3w)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.47$; golden solid, mp. 219 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3411, 3051, 2956, 2838, 1605, 1526, 1470, 1421, 1296, 1254, 1179, 1031, 819, 804, 573, 511 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 11.84$ (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 158.4, 141.2, 140.0, 135.6, 127.6, 126.1, 124.1, 123.7, 123.1, 121.1, 114.6, 113.6, 112.8, 111.4, 55.2$.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+ \text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNOS}$ 358.9803, found 358.9804.

5-Bromo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3x)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone $R_f = 0.47$; golden solid, mp. 178 °C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3417, 3078, 2922, 1602, 1562, 1529, 1482, 1452, 1236, 1159, 1098, 915, 816, 792, 687 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): $\delta = 11.88$ (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 8.5, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 161.2 (d, J = 242.8 Hz), 141.8 (s), 140.1 (s), 134.2 (s), 131.6 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 126.6 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 124.3 (s), 123.7 (s), 123.1 (s), 121.2 (s), 116.0 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 114.3 (s), 113.6 (s), 111.6 (s).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{BrFNS}$ 344.9623, found 344.9577.

5-Nitro-2-phenyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole (3y)

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 4:1 *n*-hexane/acetone R_f = 0.37; brown solid, mp. 250–251°C.

FT-IR (KBr, 4000–400 cm^{-1}): 3436, 3050, 2920, 1610, 1521, 1500, 1318, 1297, 1253, 1120, 1059, 925, 850, 819, 732, 677 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ = 11.46 (s, 1H), 8.82 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ = 145.8, 144.5, 142.4, 139.0, 136.2, 130.1, 128.2, 127.1, 126.1, 122.4, 118.5, 116.6, 114.9, 112.8.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $[\text{M}]^+$ $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ 294.0463, found 294.0418.

Section S6. Copies of ^1H , ^{13}C NMR and HRMS spectra of all products

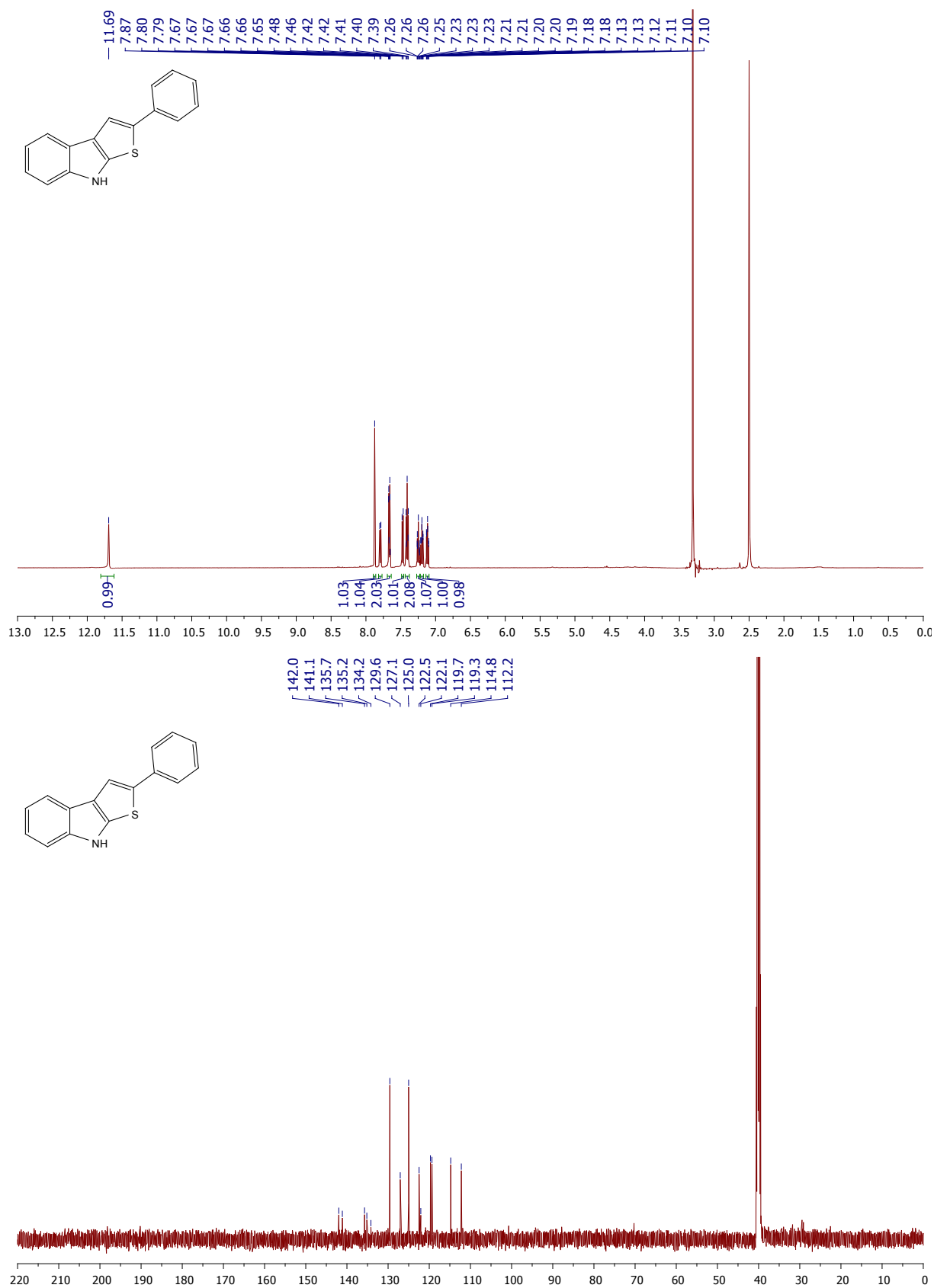


Figure S9. ^1H (top) and ^{13}C (bottom) NMR spectra of 2-phenyl-8H-thieno[2,3-b]indole

3a

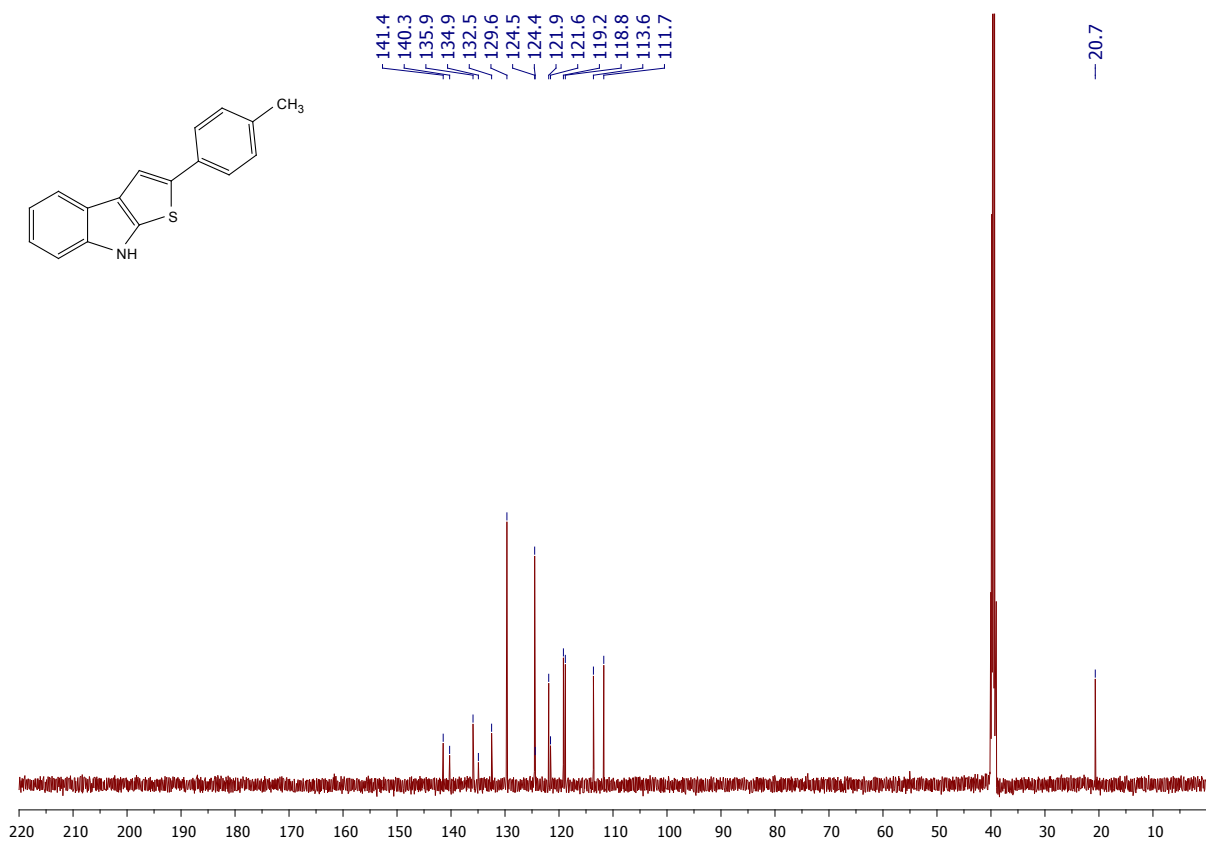
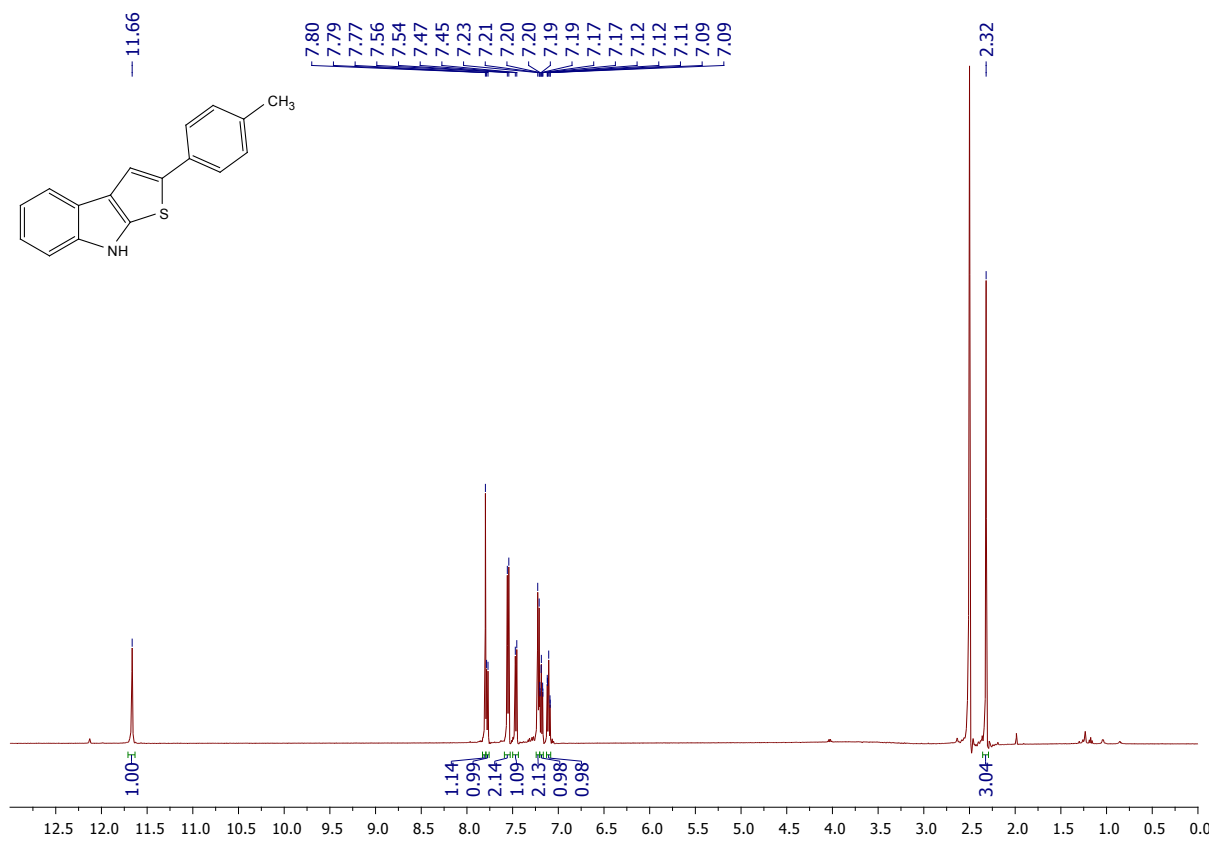


Figure S10. ^1H (top) and ^{13}C (bottom) NMR spectra of 2-(*p*-tolyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole 3b

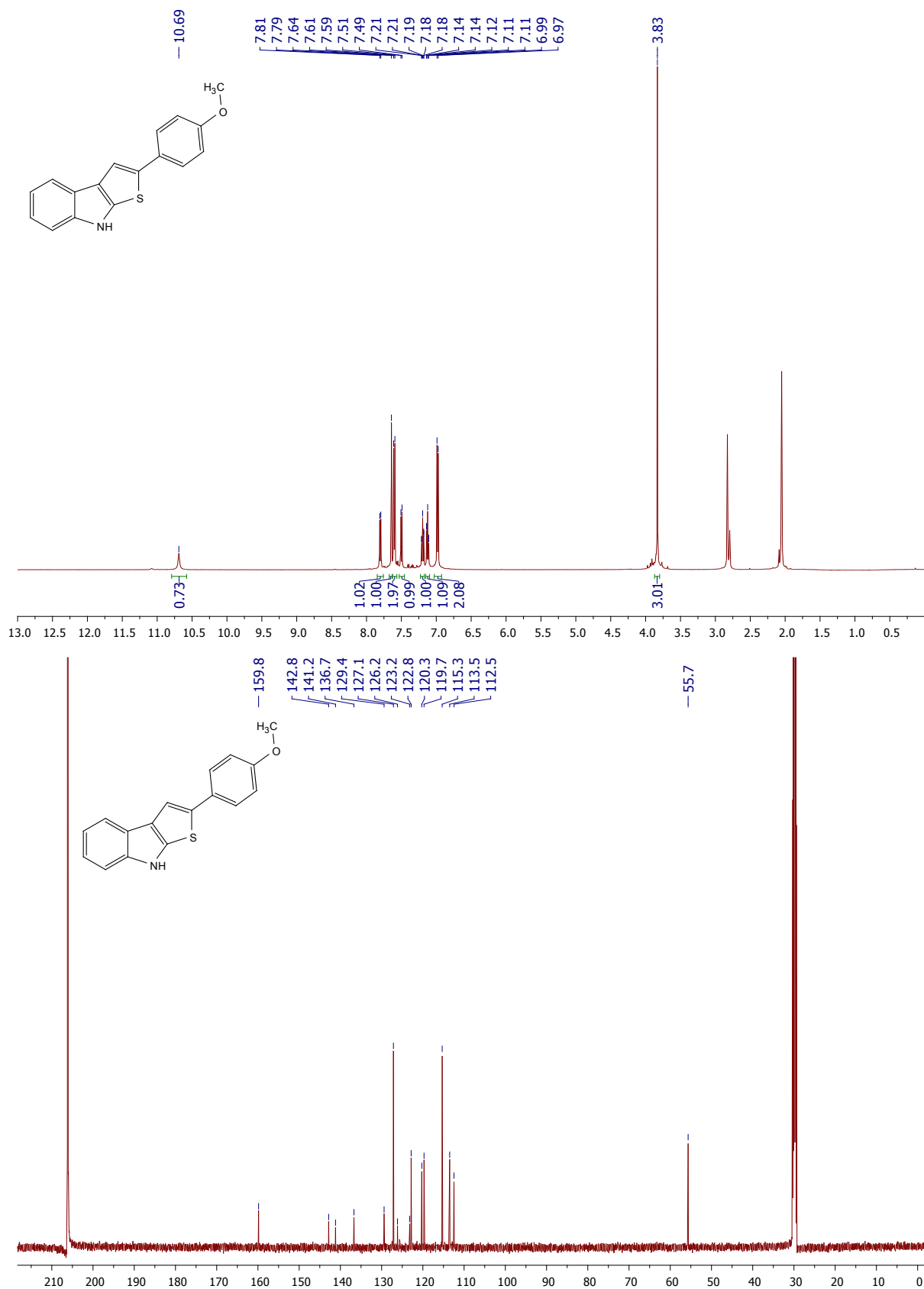


Figure S11. ¹H (top) and ¹³C (bottom) NMR spectra of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole 3c

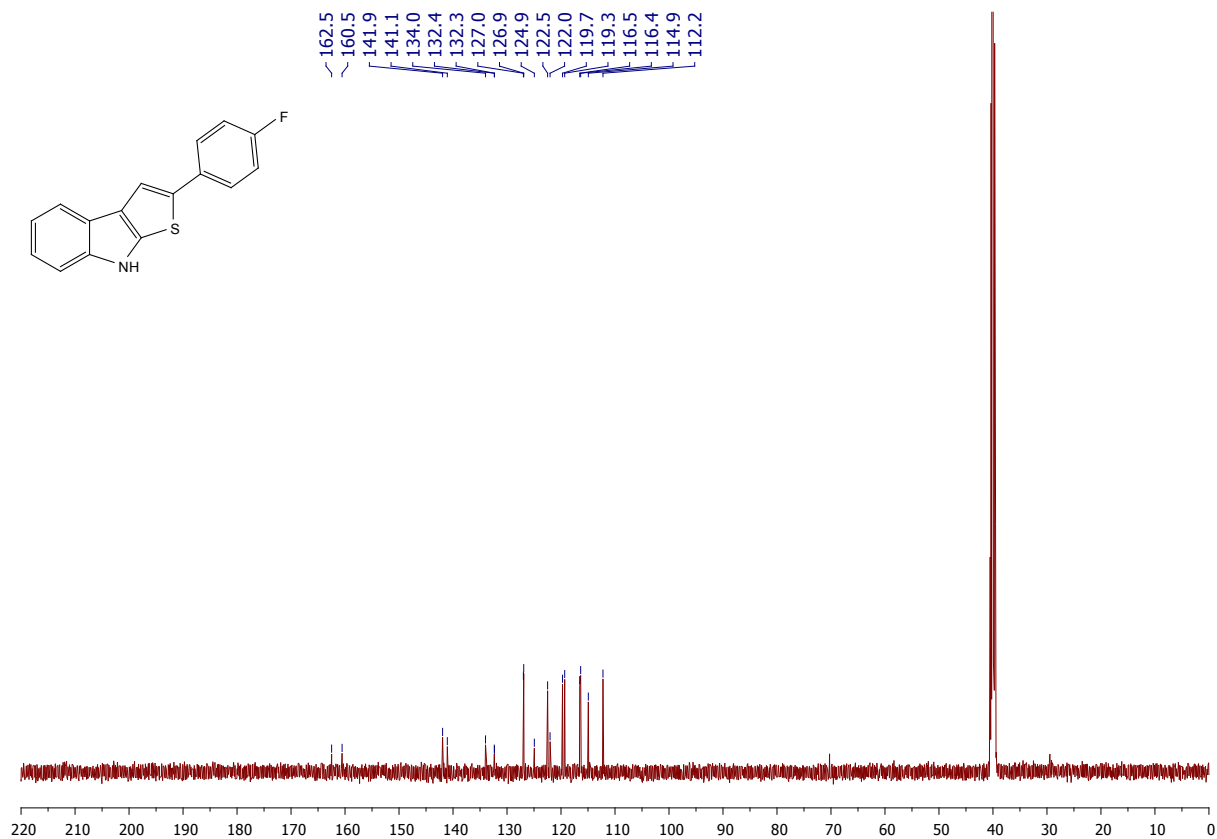
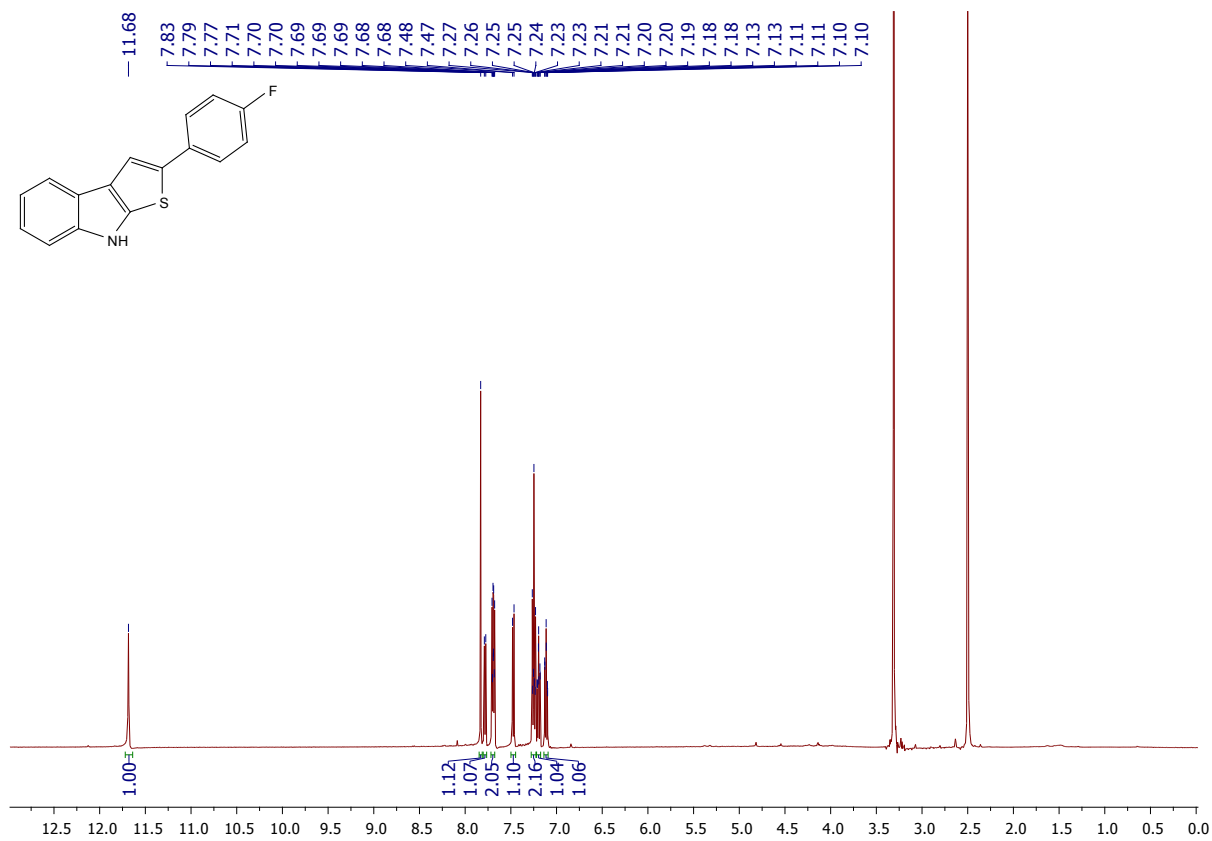
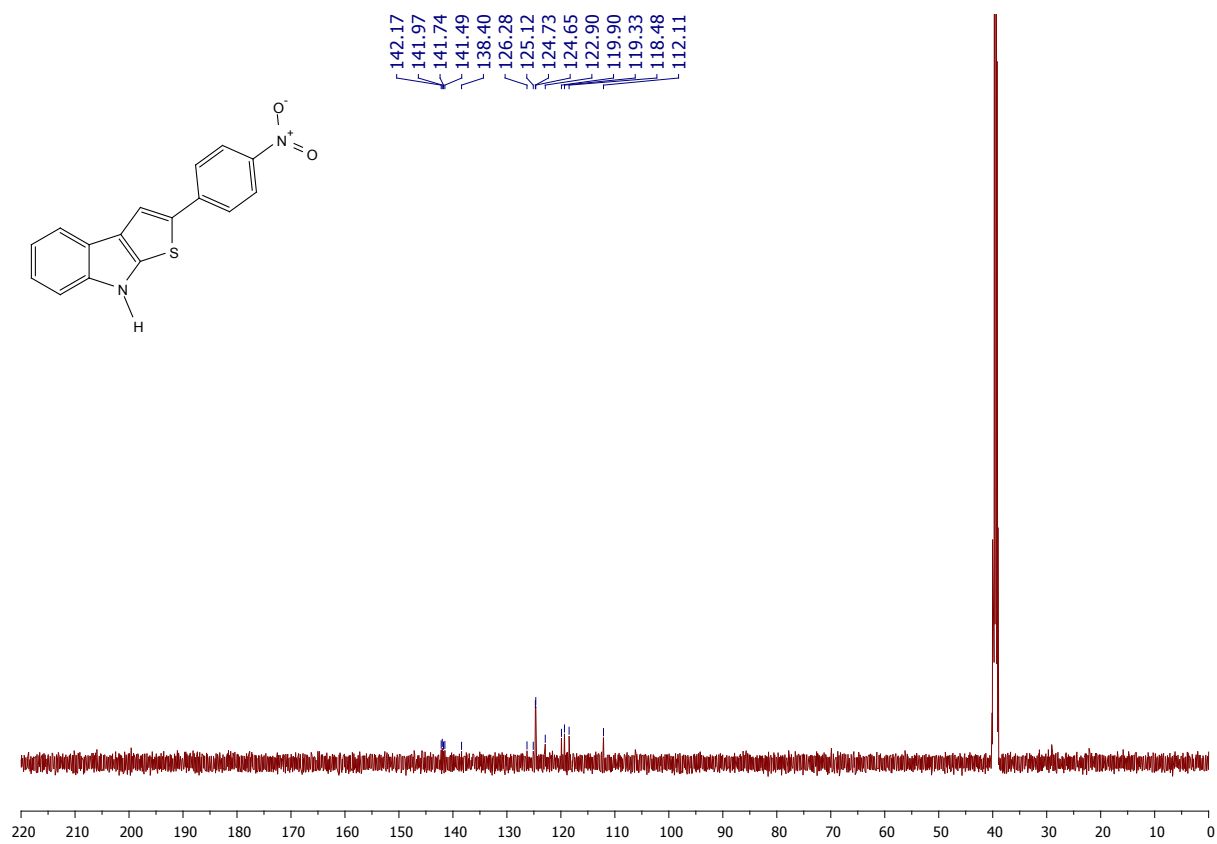
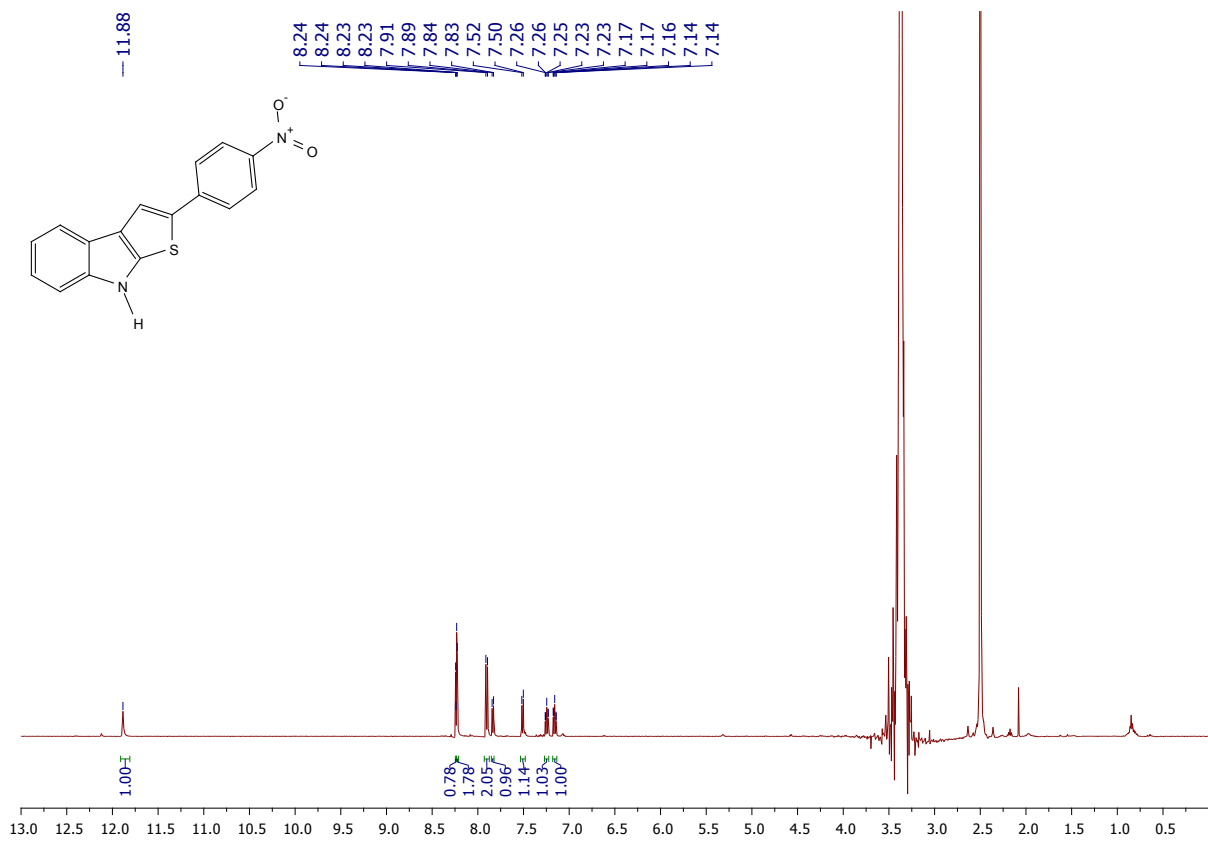


Figure S12. ¹H (top) and ¹³C (bottom) NMR spectra of 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-8H-thieno[2,3-b]indole 3d



¹H (top) and ¹³C (bottom) NMR spectra of 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-8H-thieno[2,3-b]indole 3e

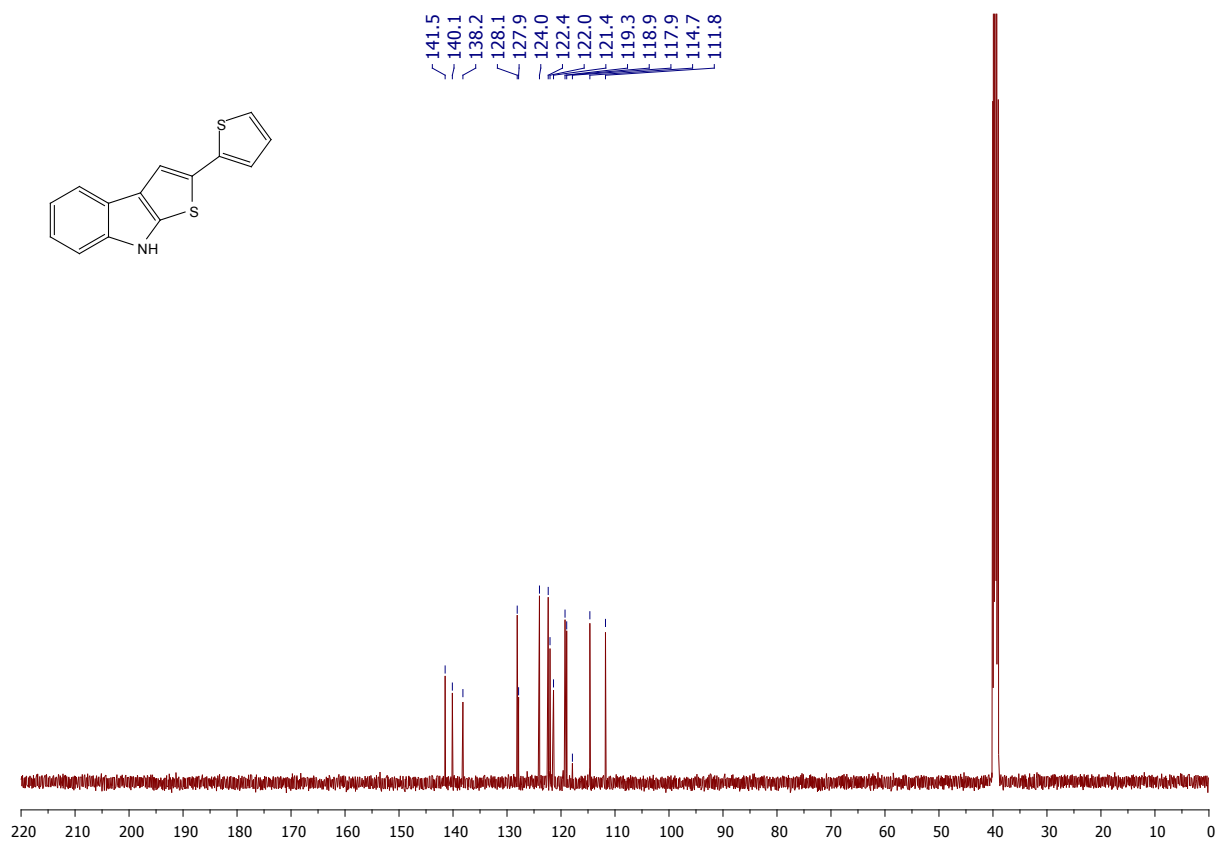
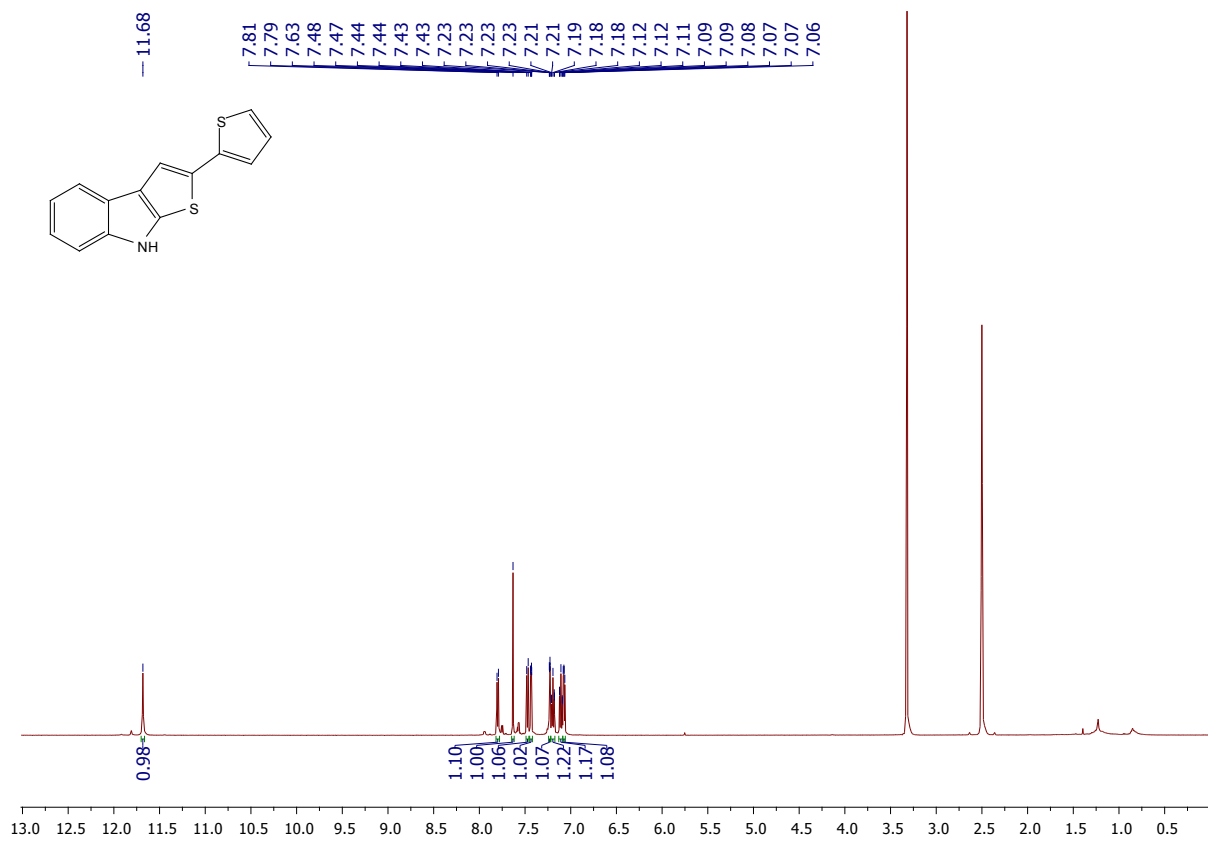


Figure S13. ¹H (top) and ¹³C (bottom) NMR spectra of 2-(thiophen-2-yl)-8H-thieno[2,3-b]indole 3f

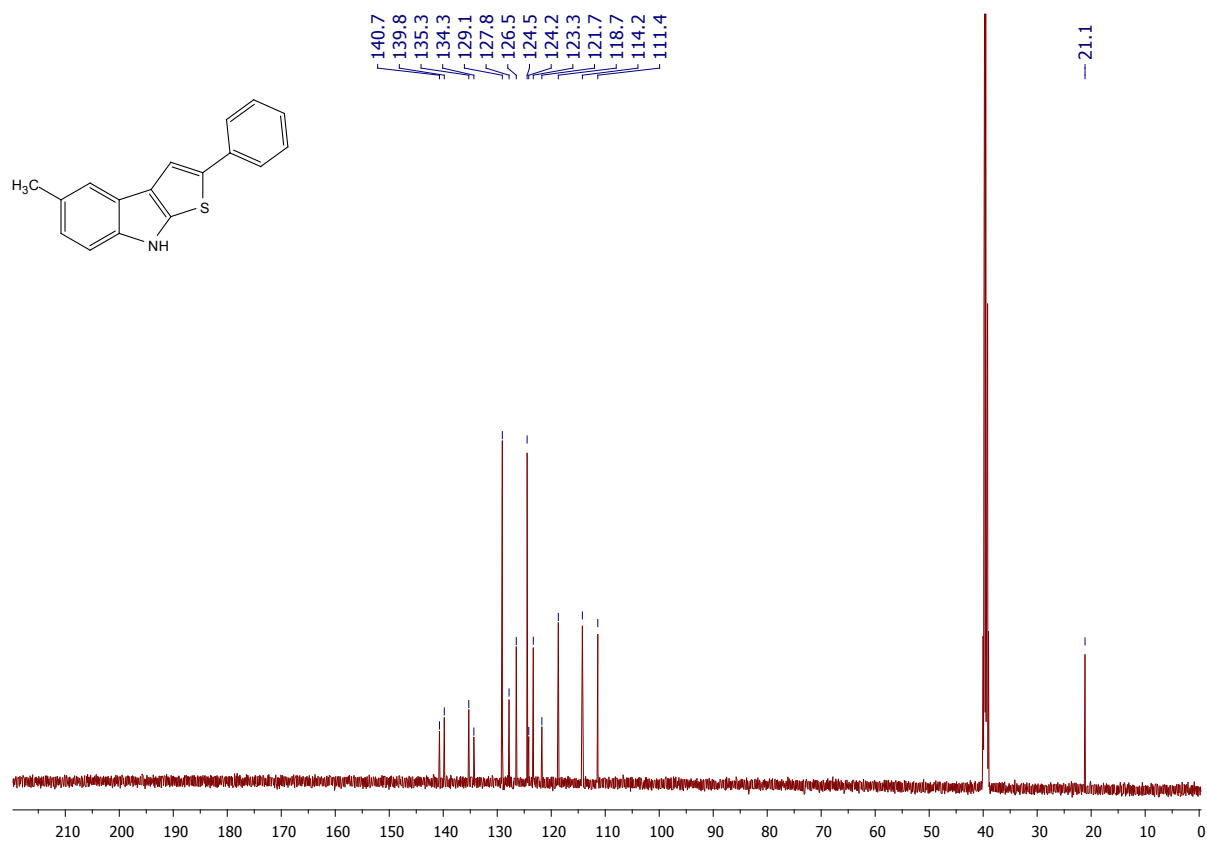
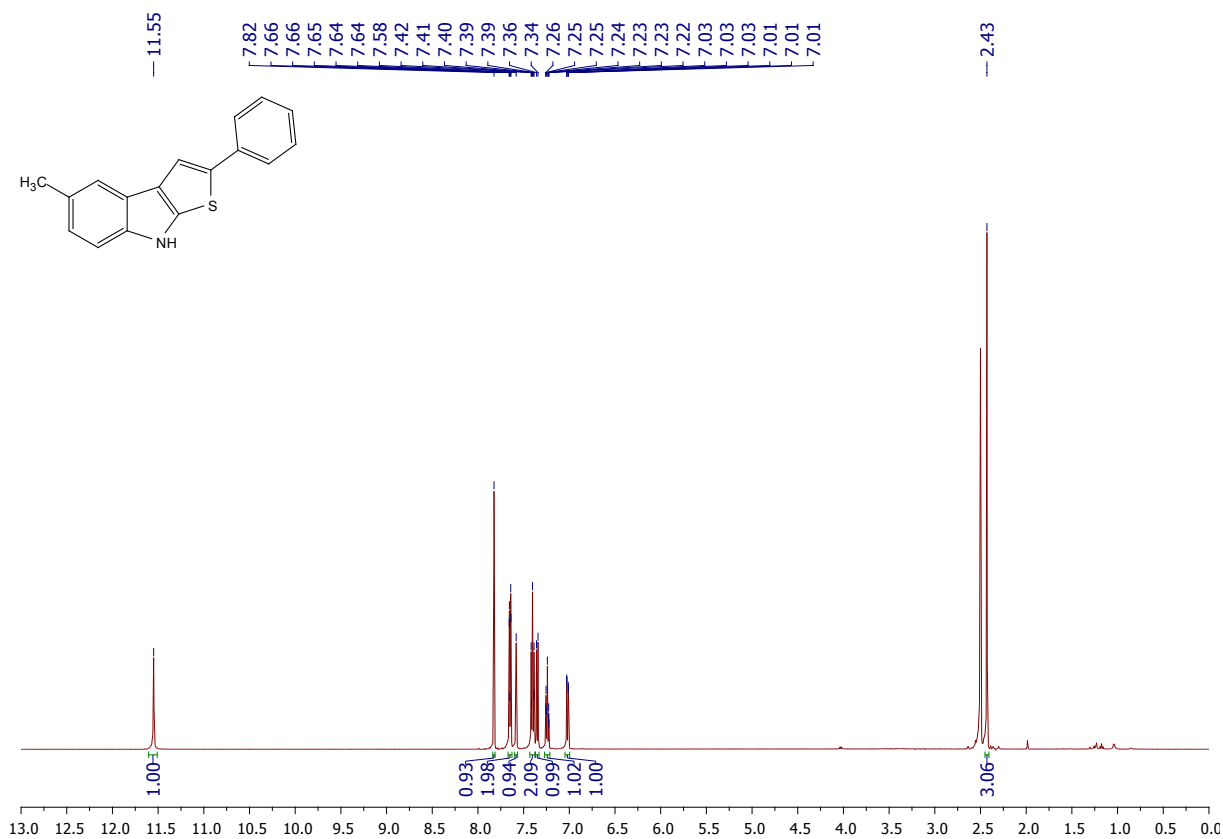


Figure S14. ¹H (top) and ¹³C (bottom) NMR spectra of 5-methyl-2-phenyl-8H-thieno[2,3-b]indole 3g

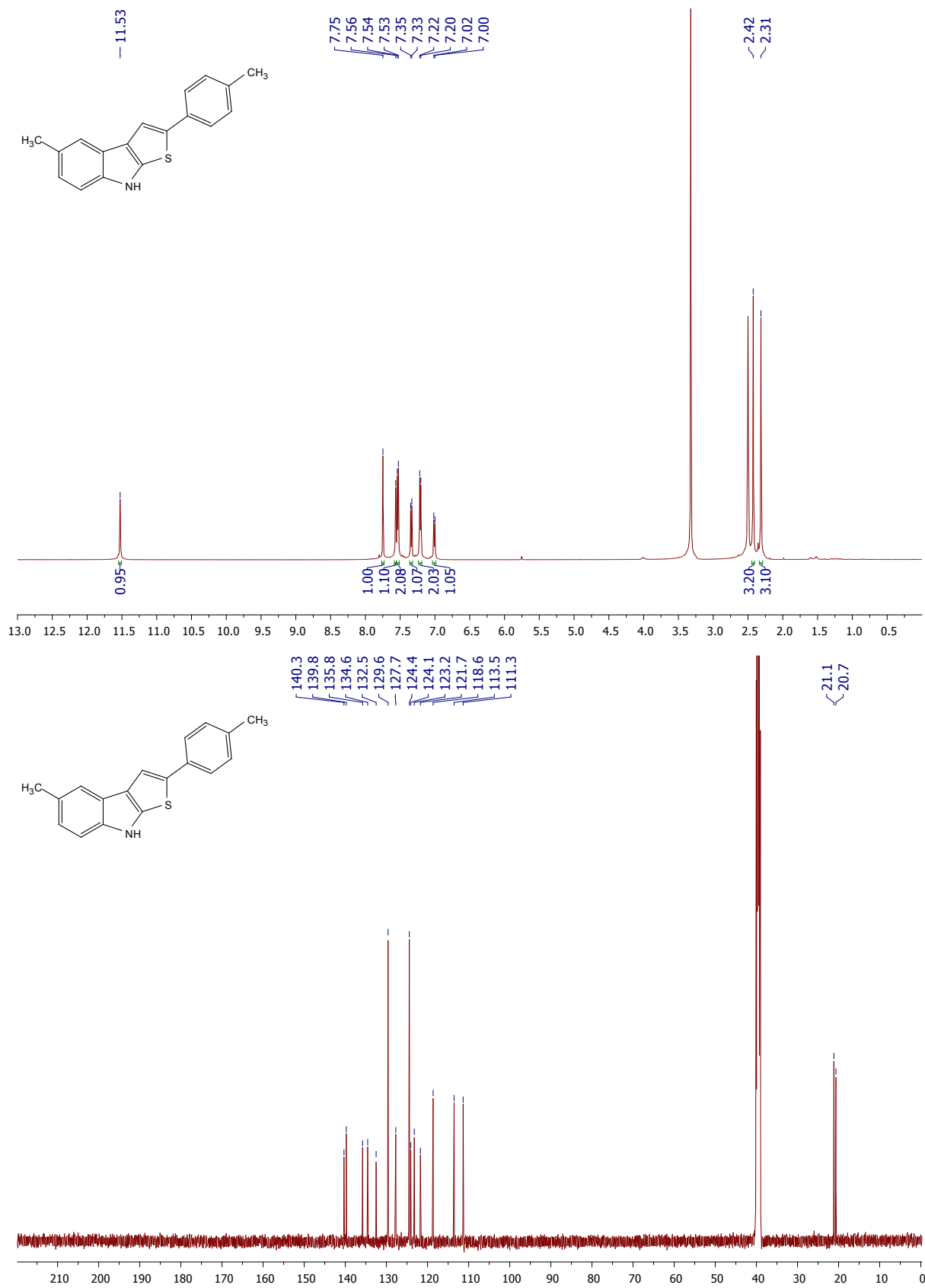


Figure S15. ¹H (top) and ¹³C (bottom) NMR spectra of 5-methyl-2-(p-tolyl)-8H-thieno[2,3-b]indole 3h

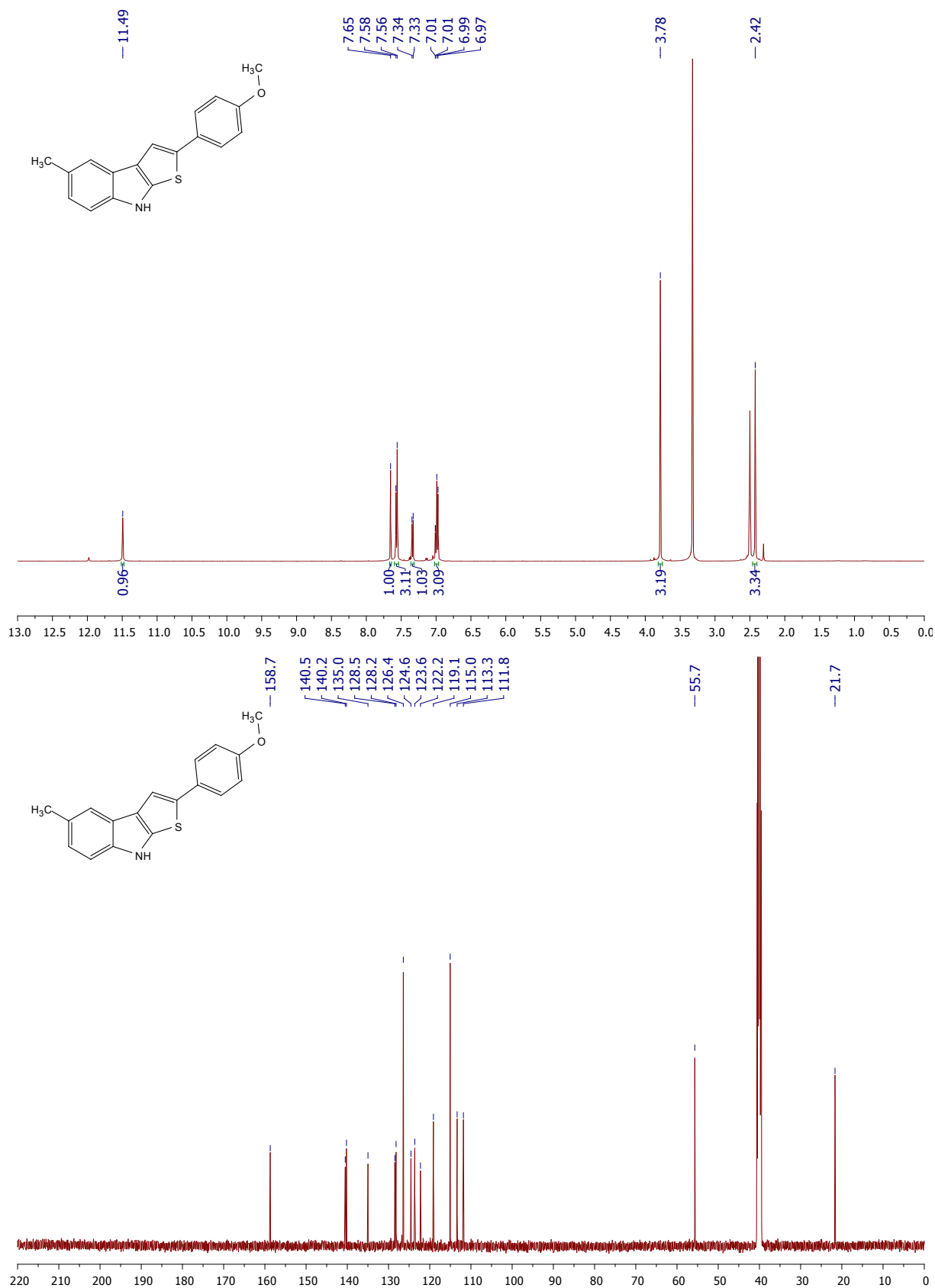


Figure S16. ¹H (top) and ¹³C (bottom) NMR spectra of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-8*H*-thieno[2,3-*b*]indole 3i

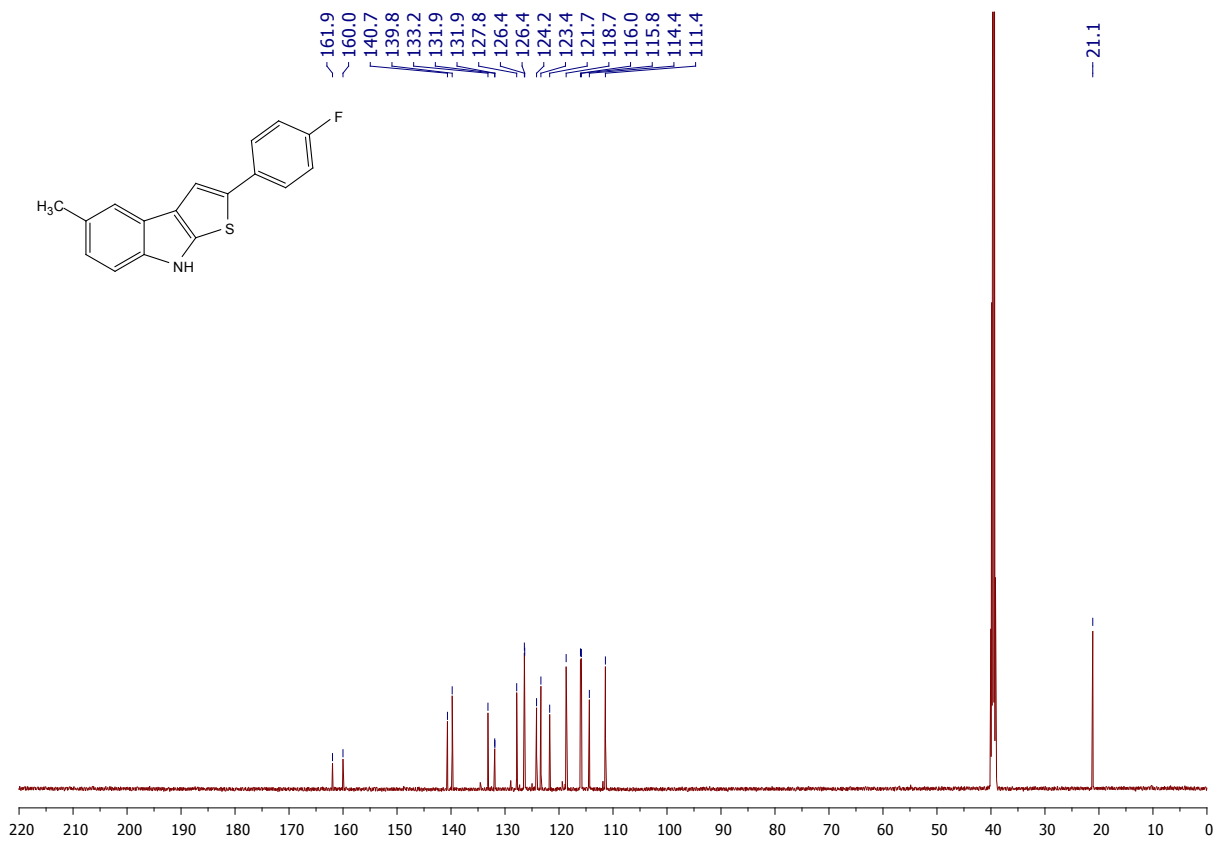
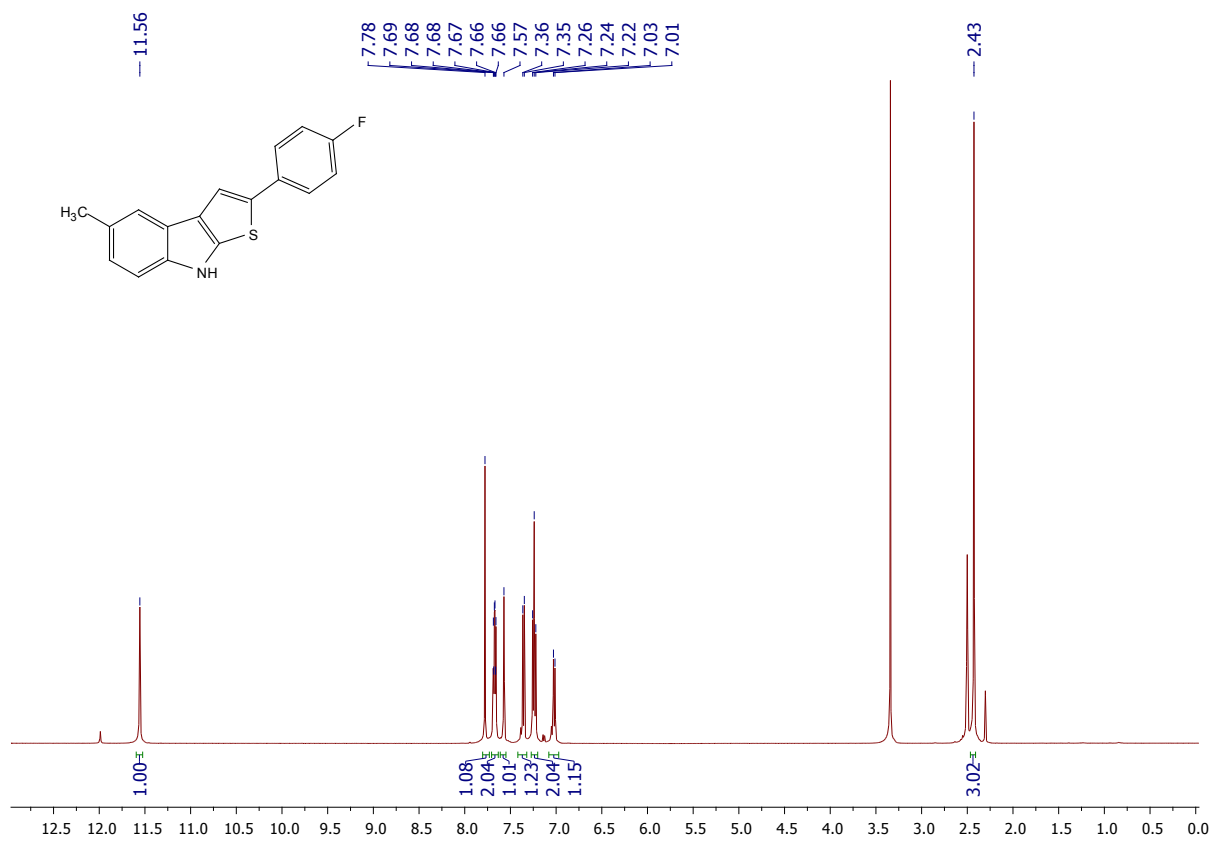


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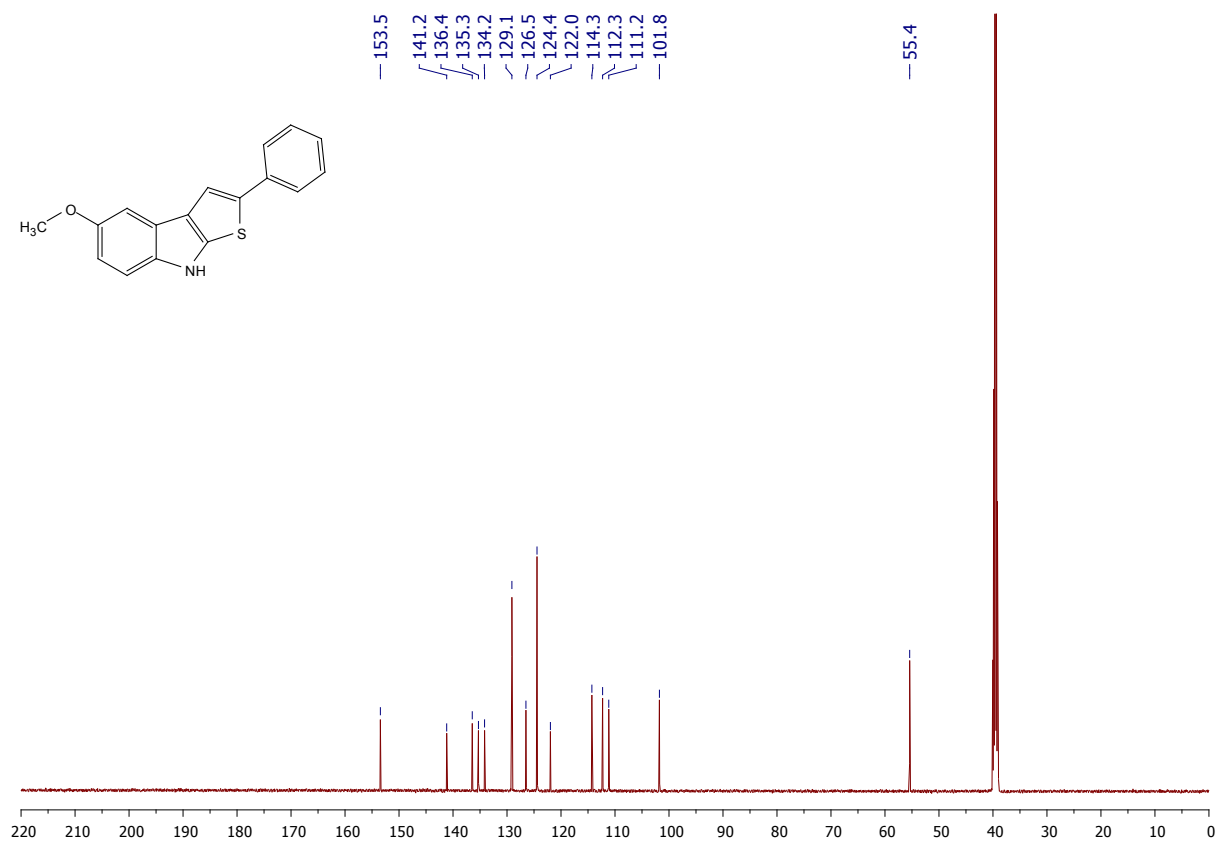
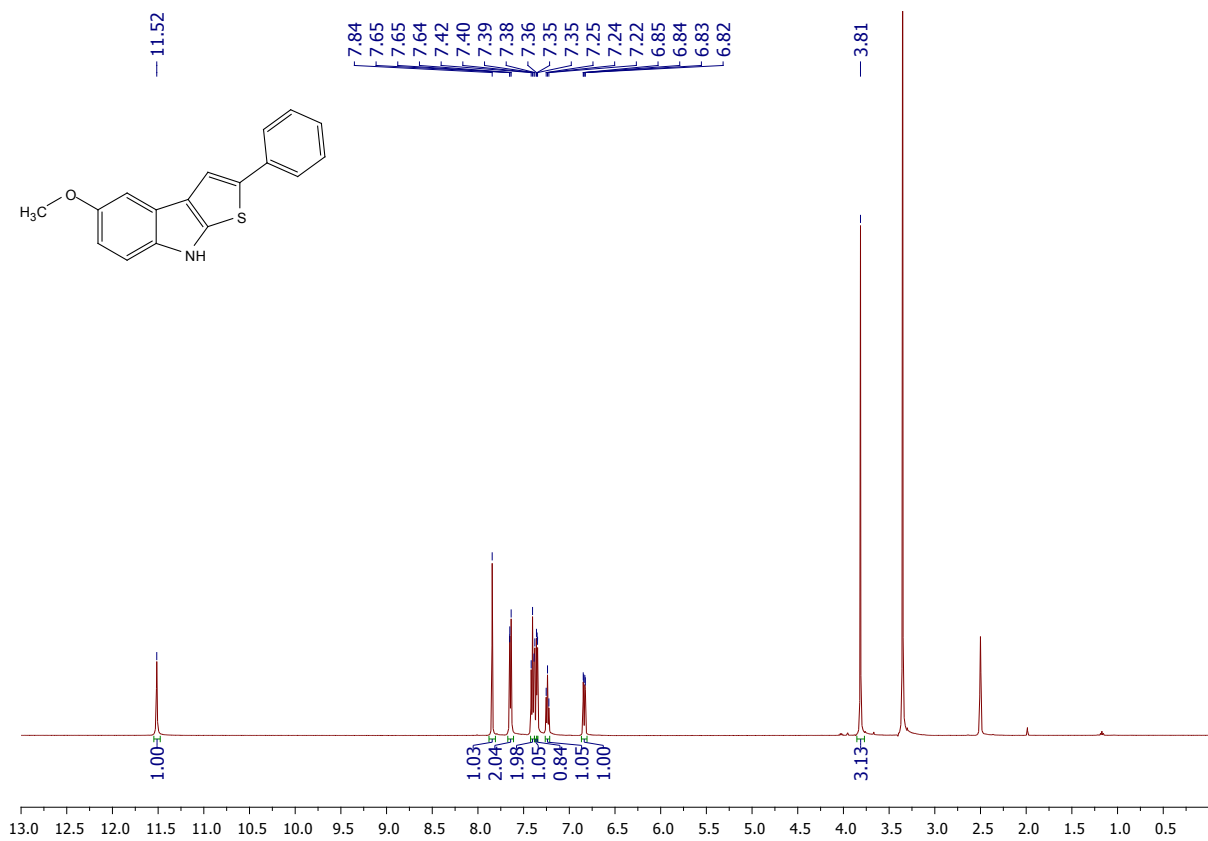


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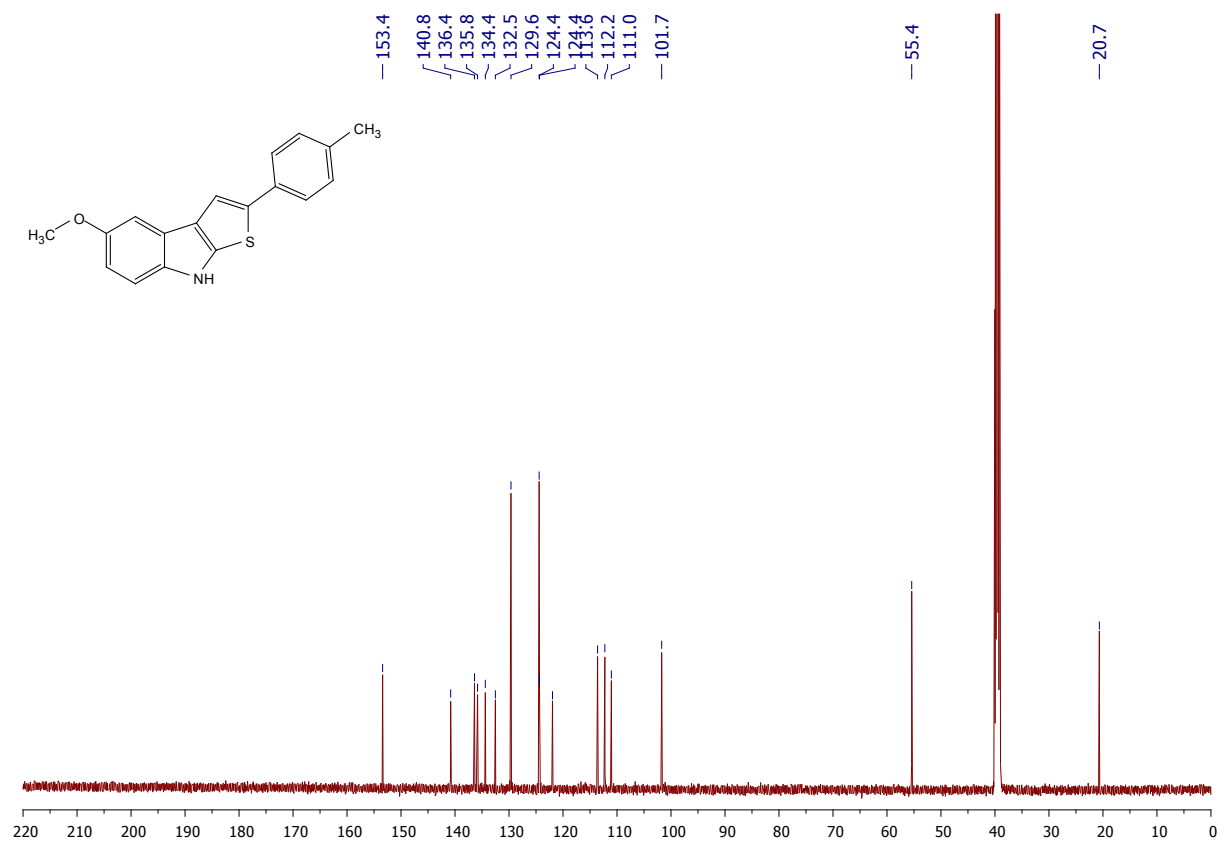
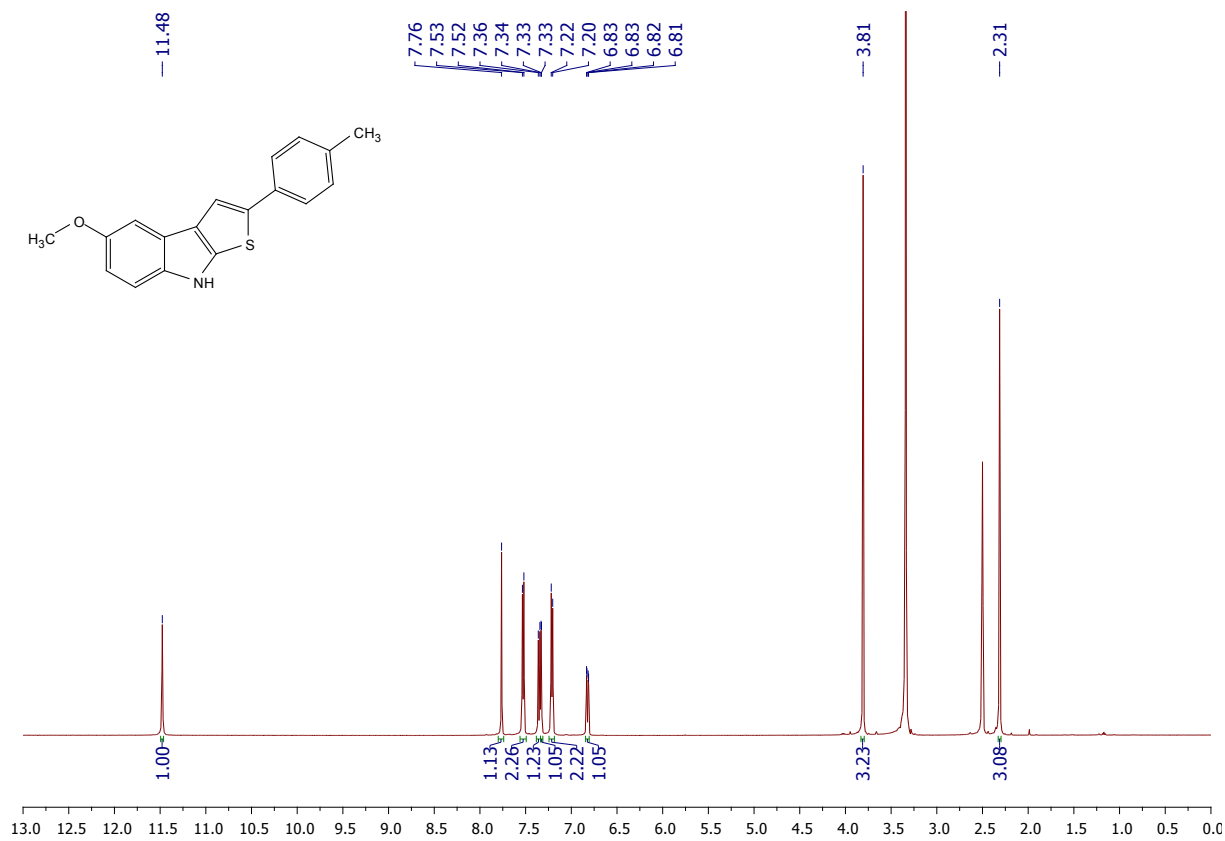


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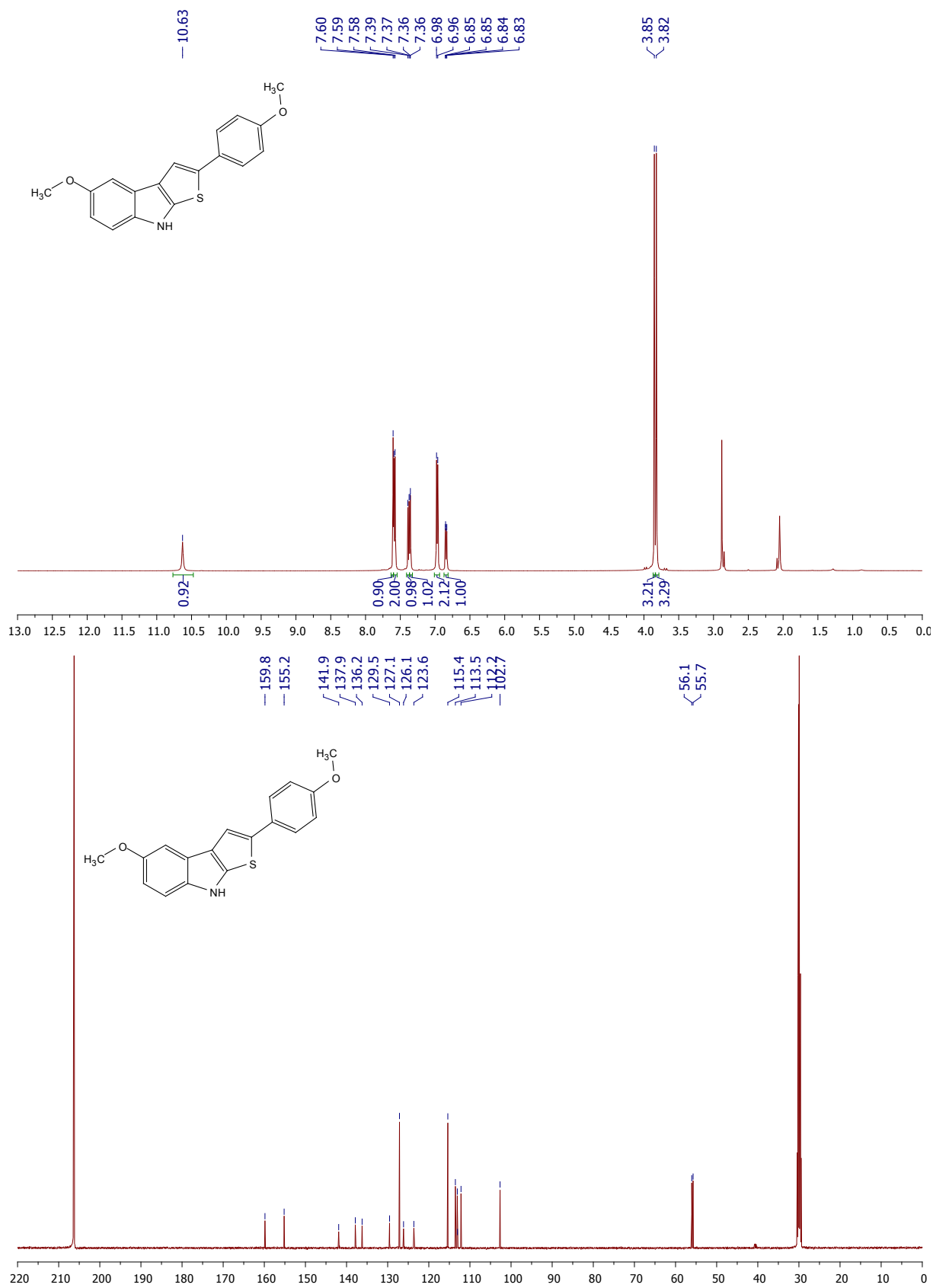


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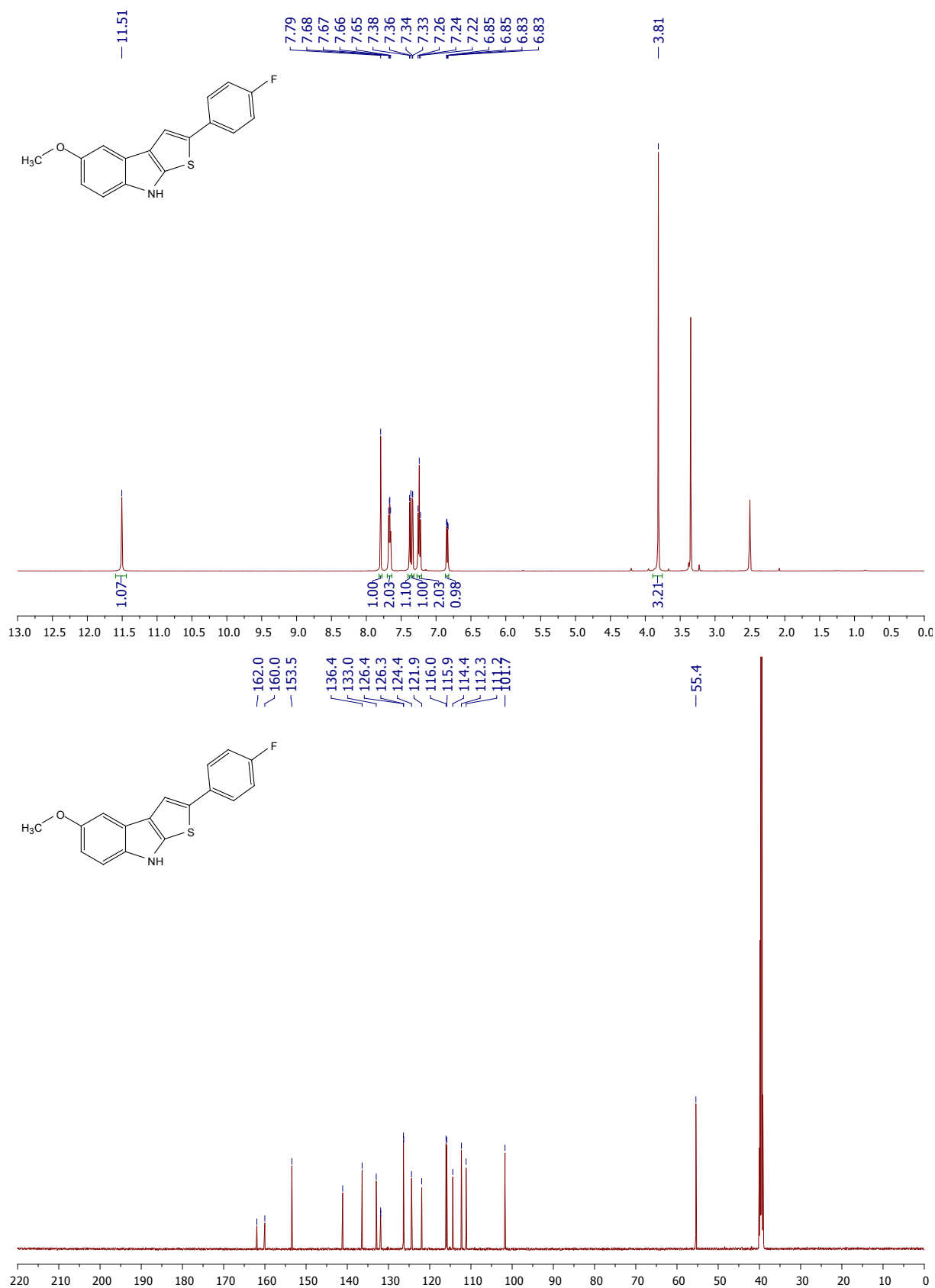


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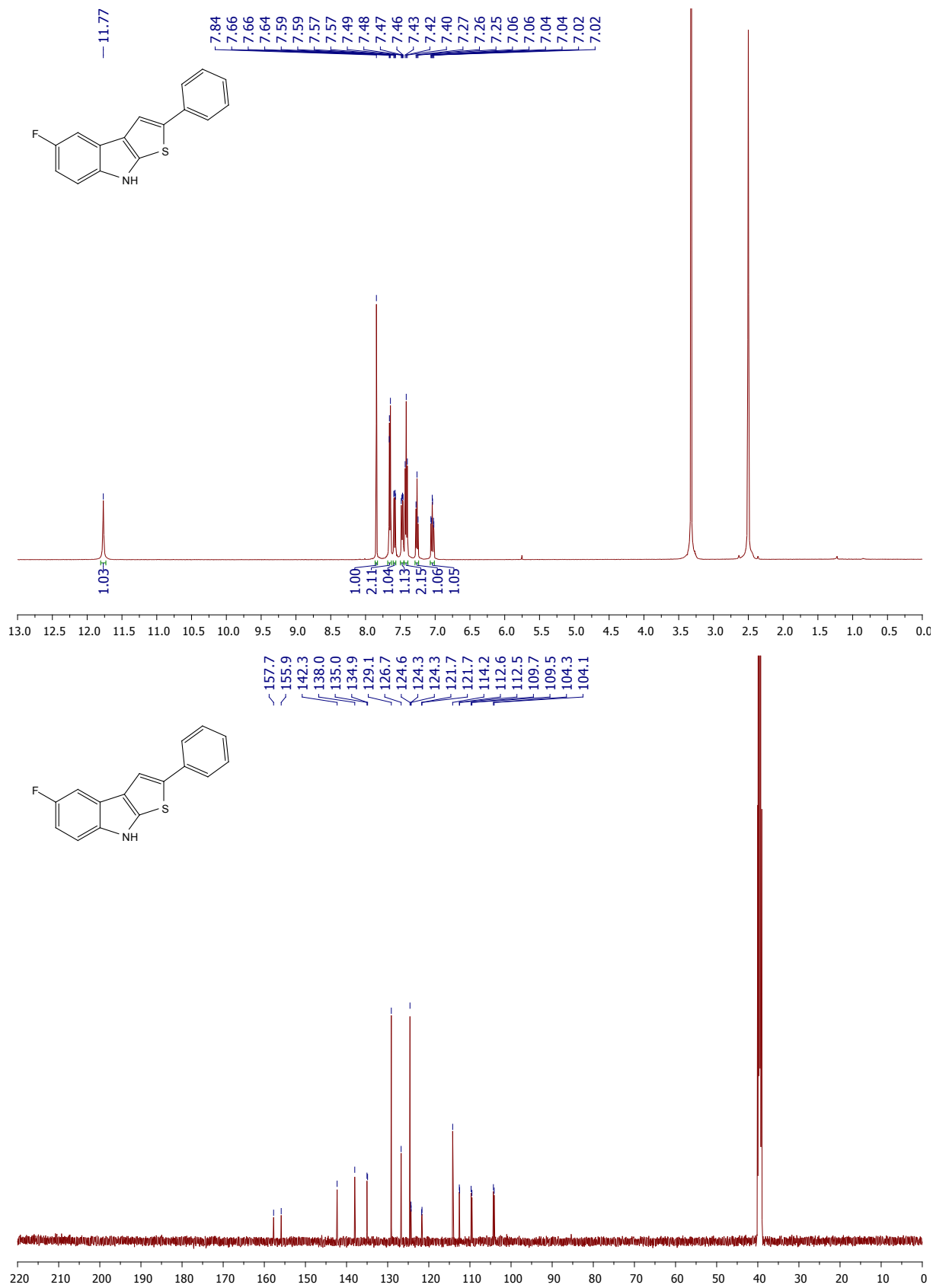


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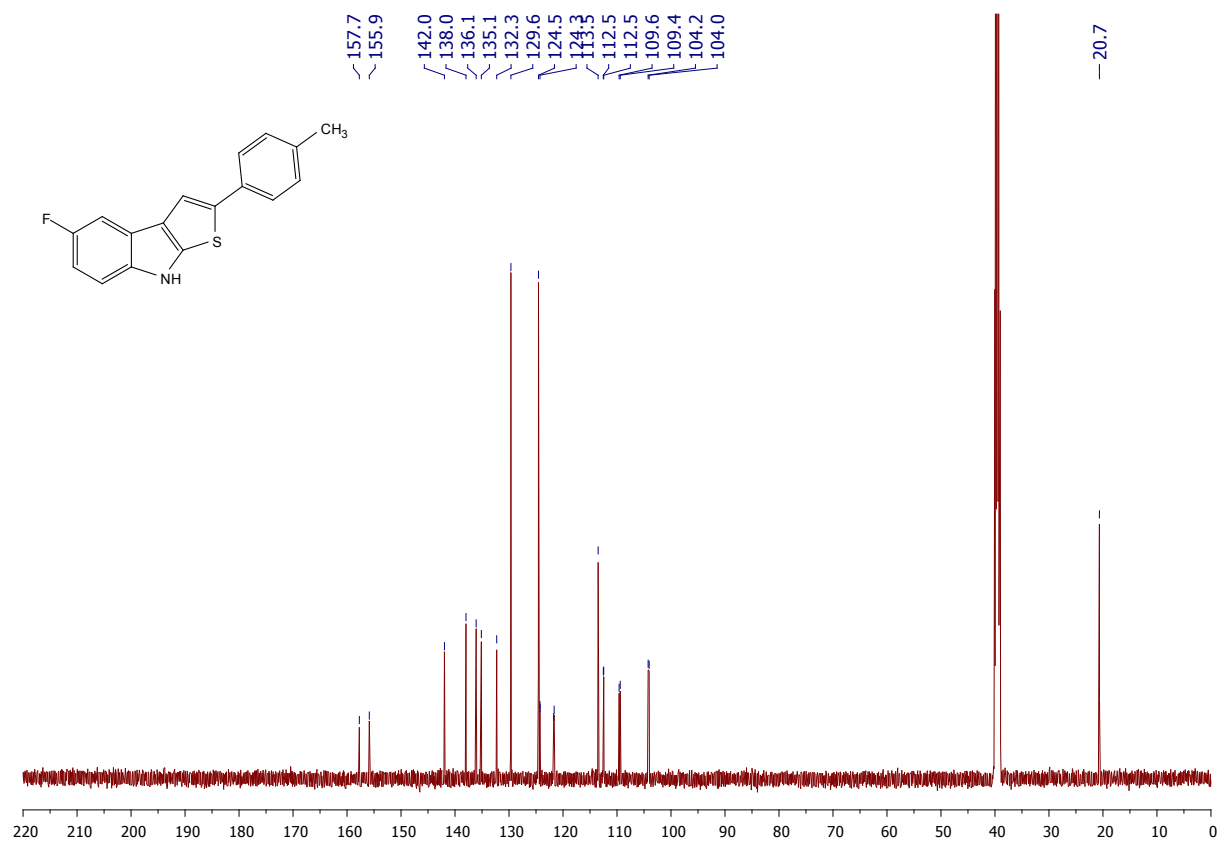
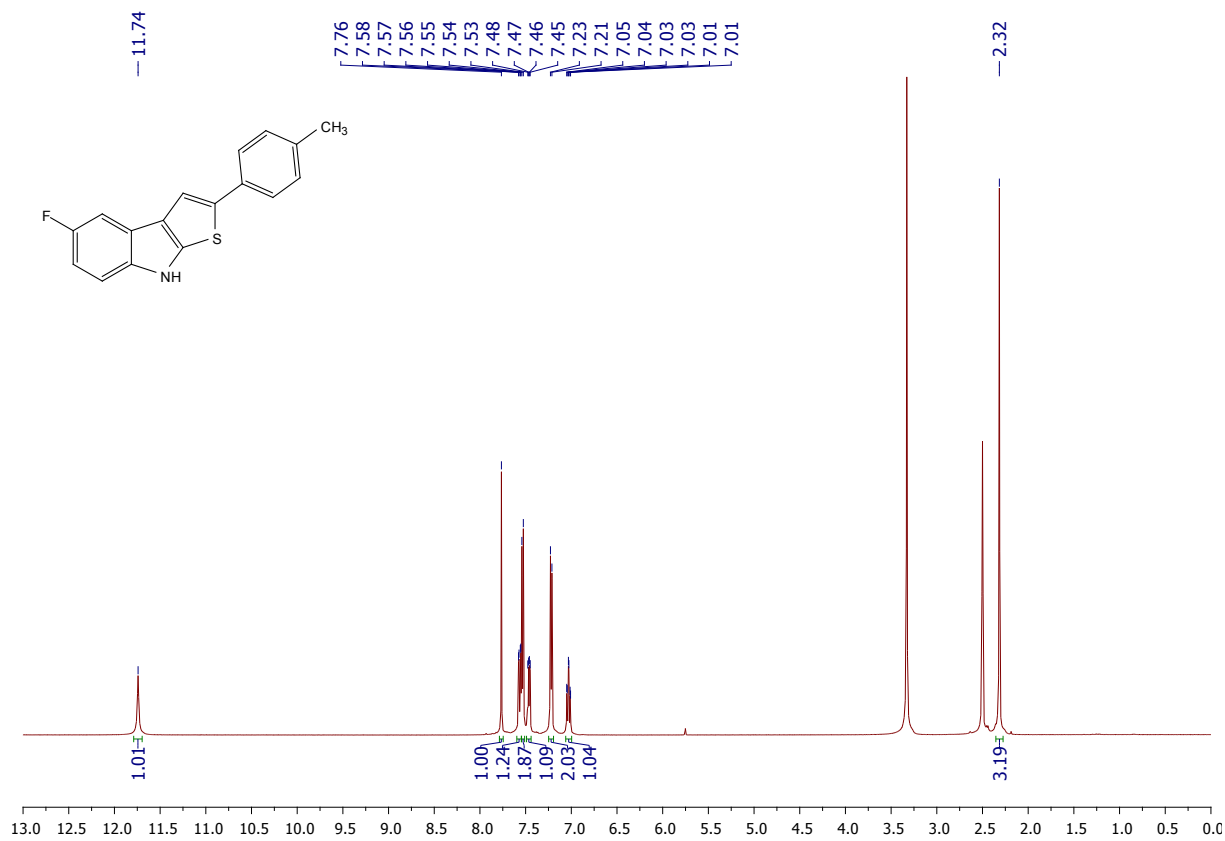


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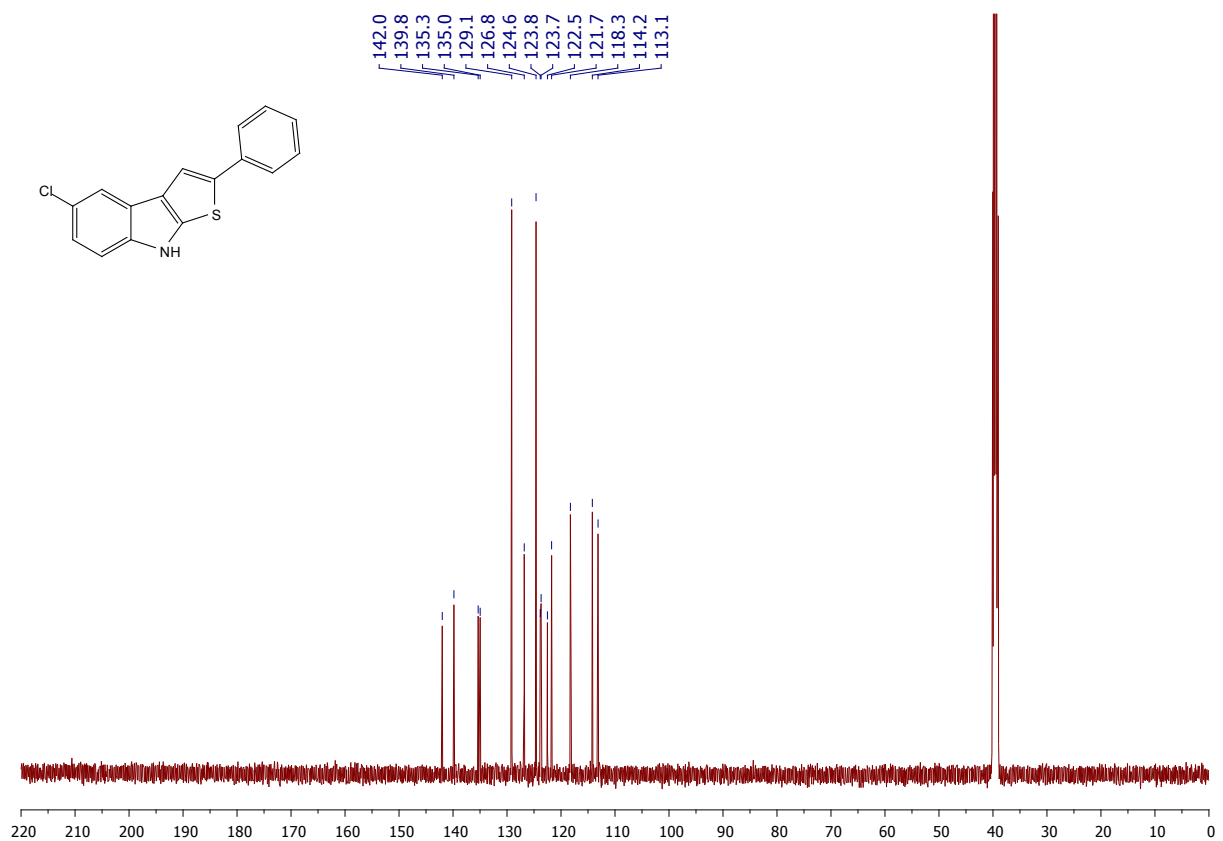
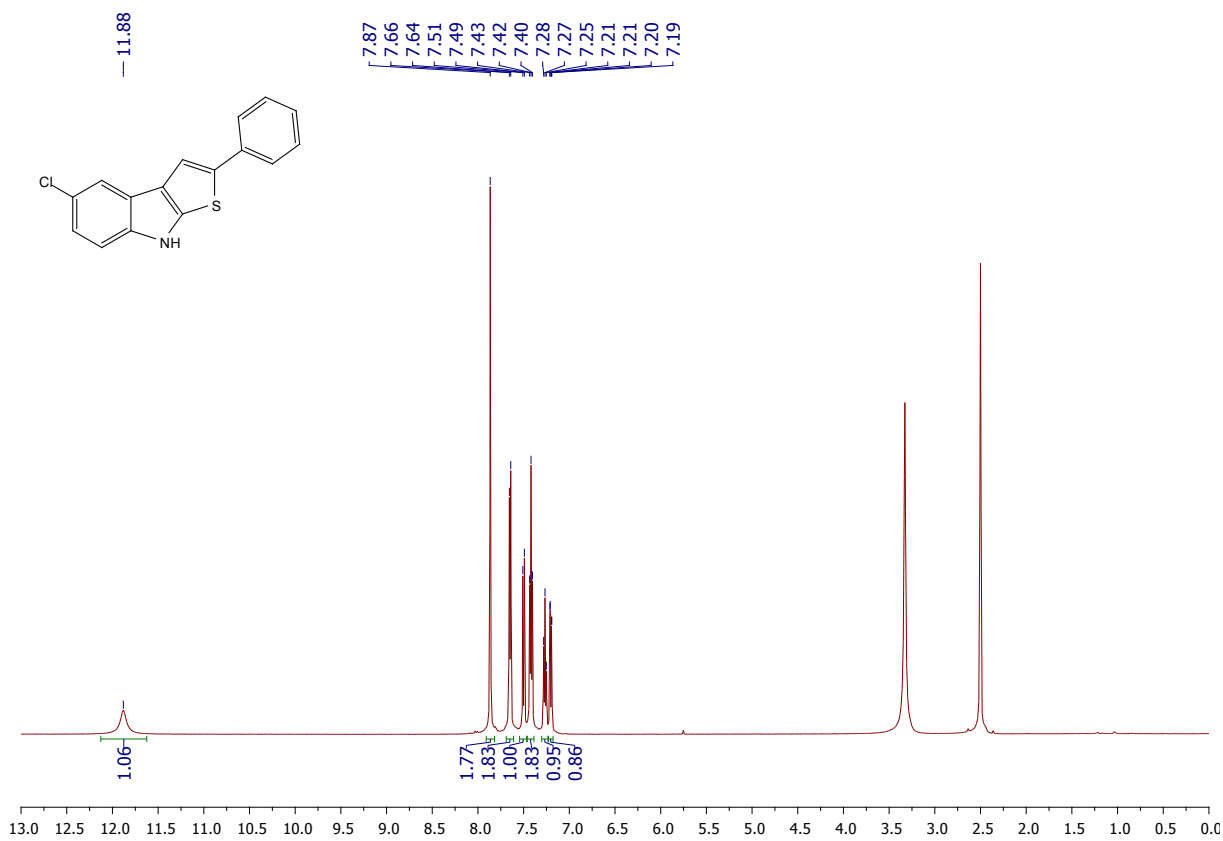


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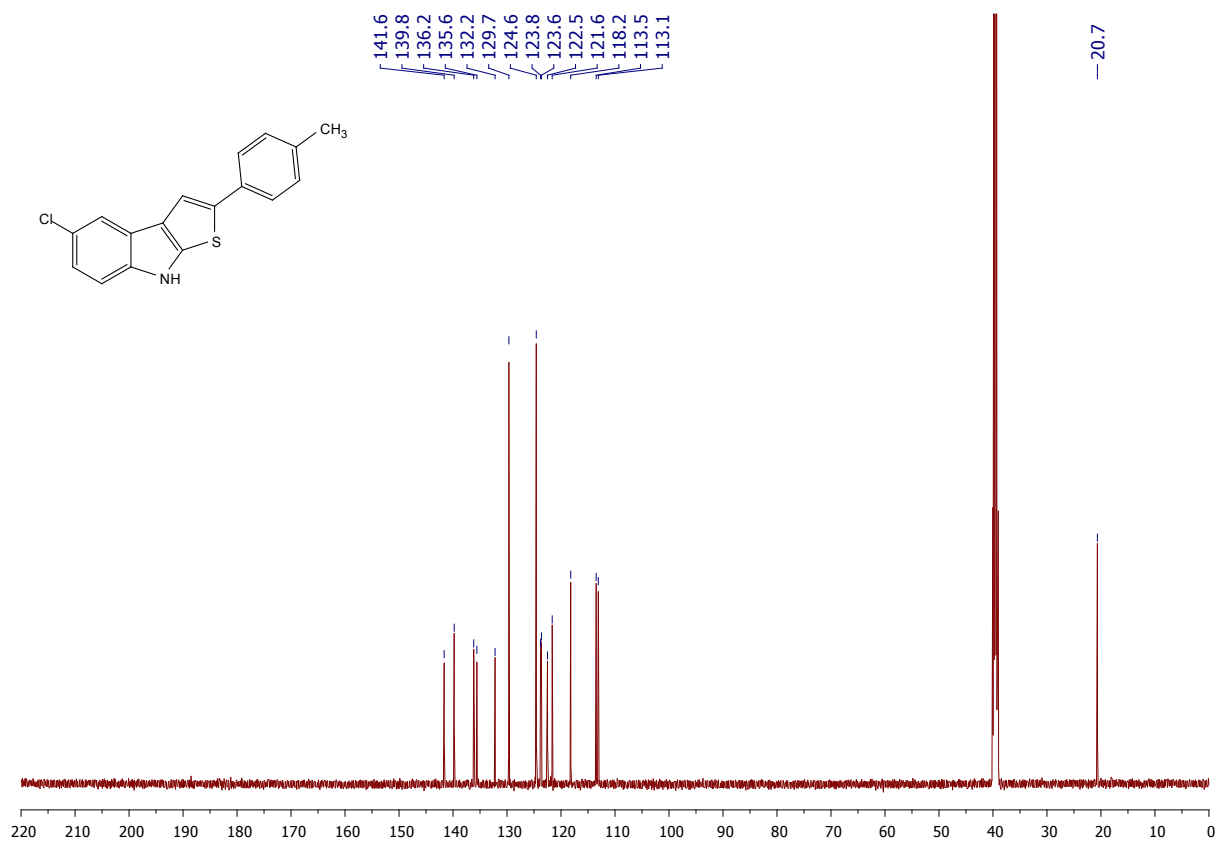
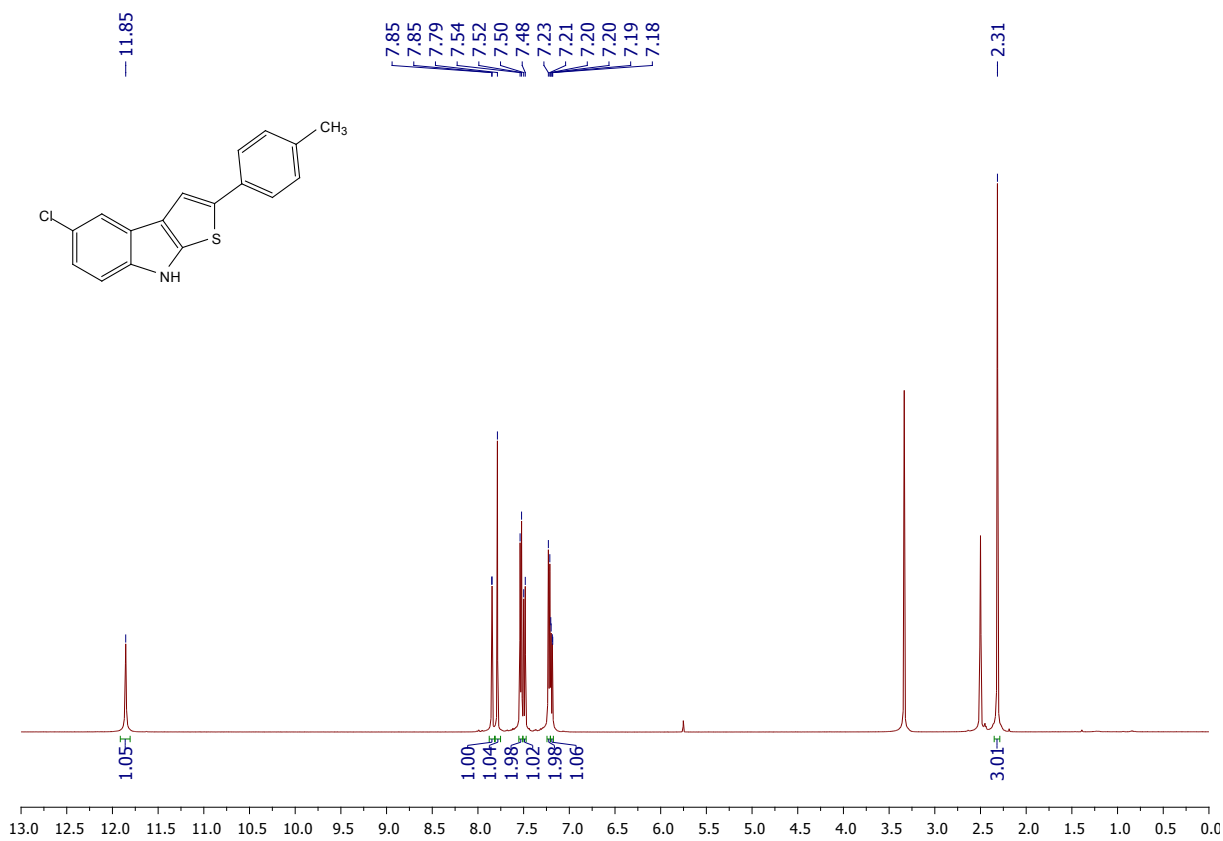


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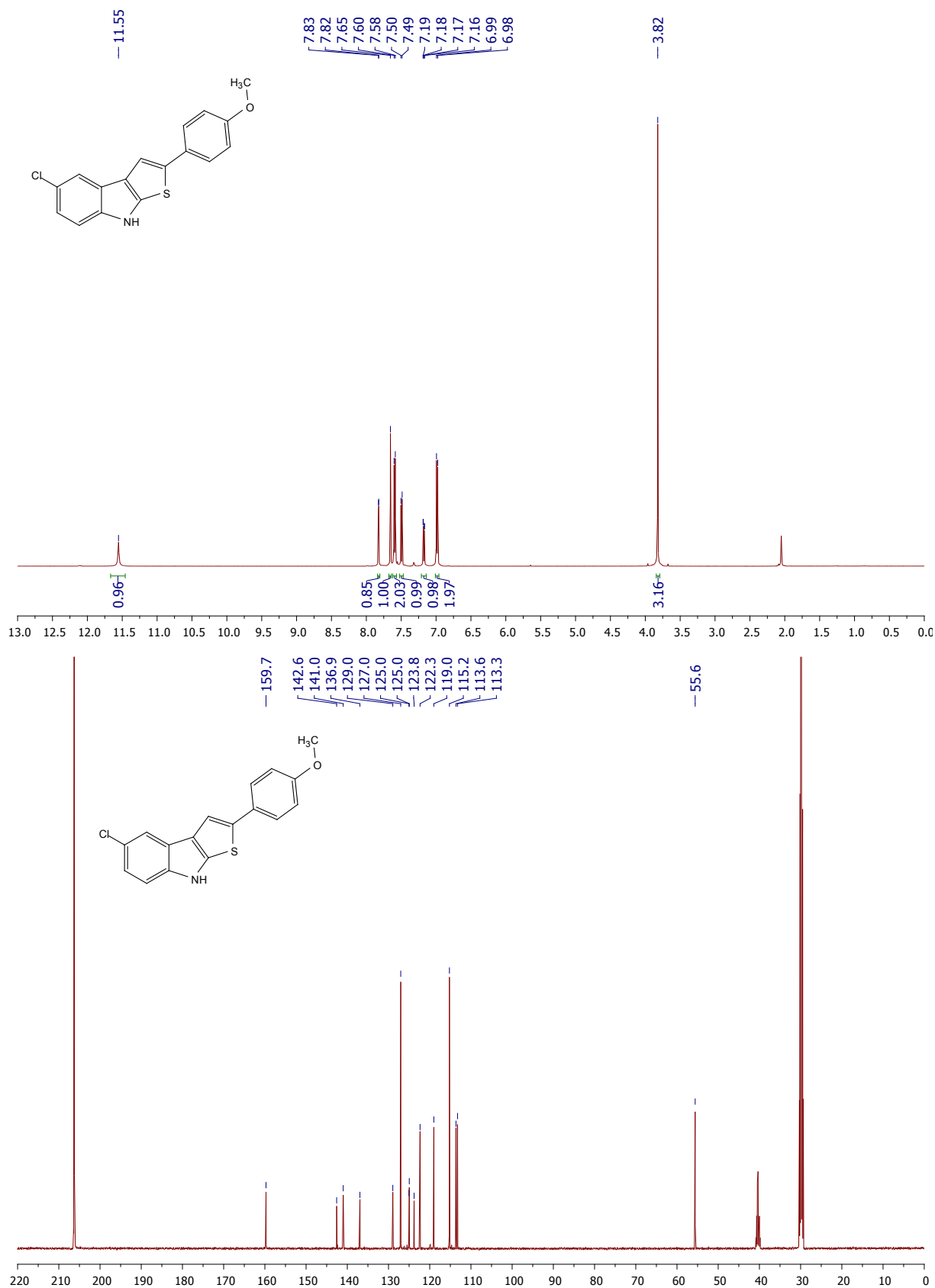


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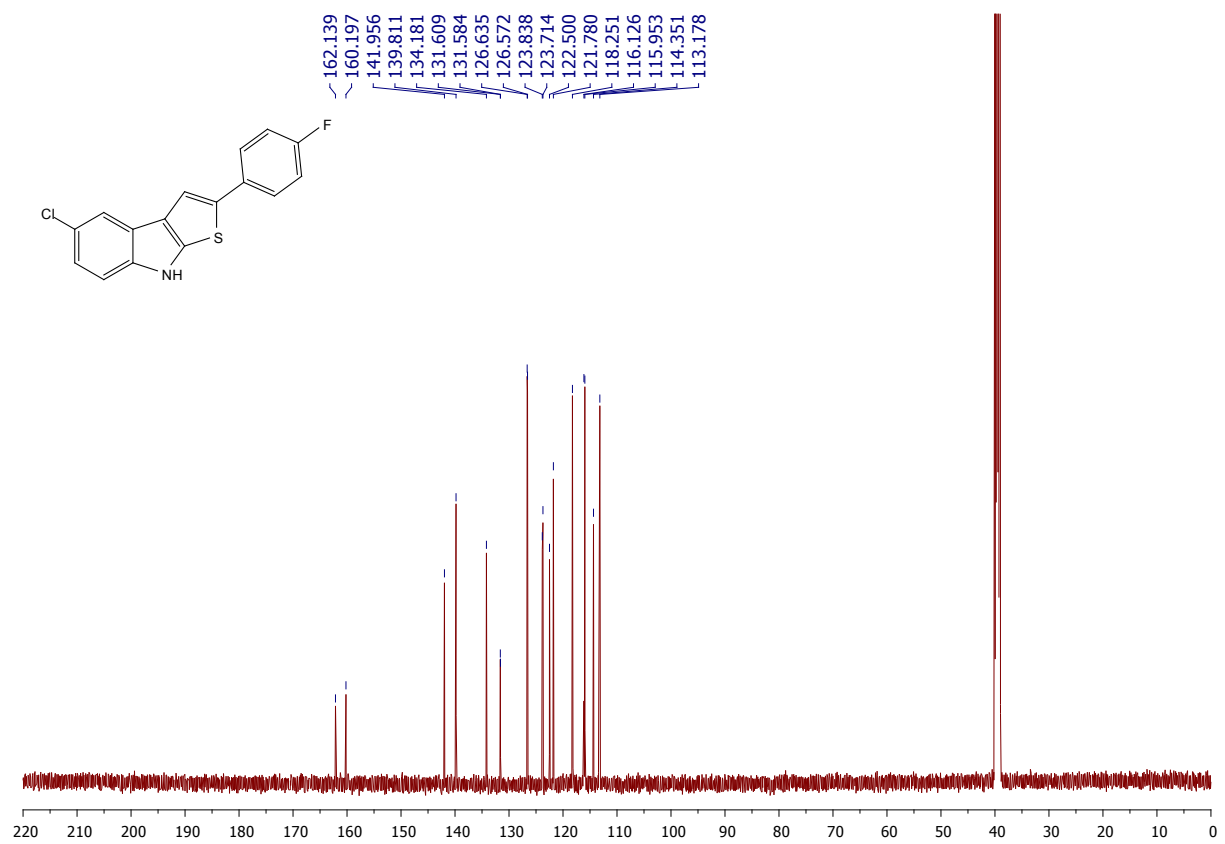
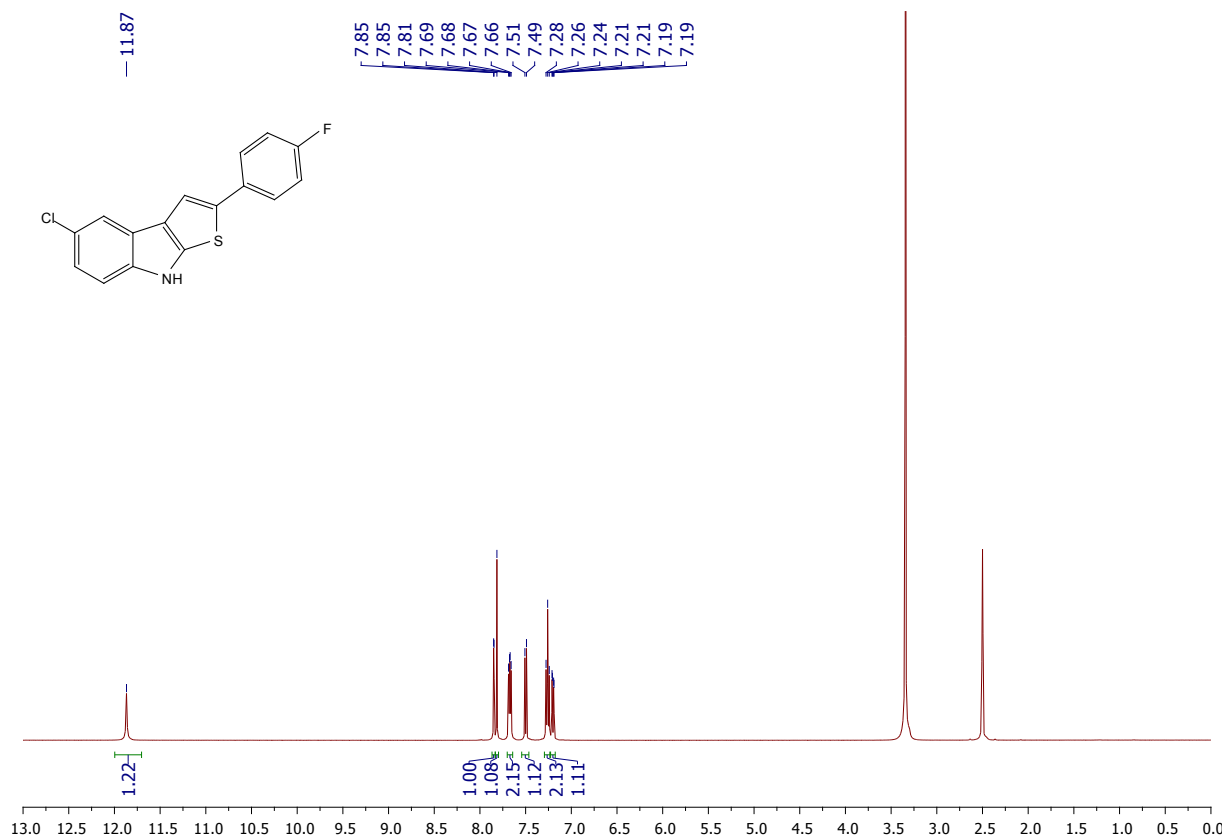


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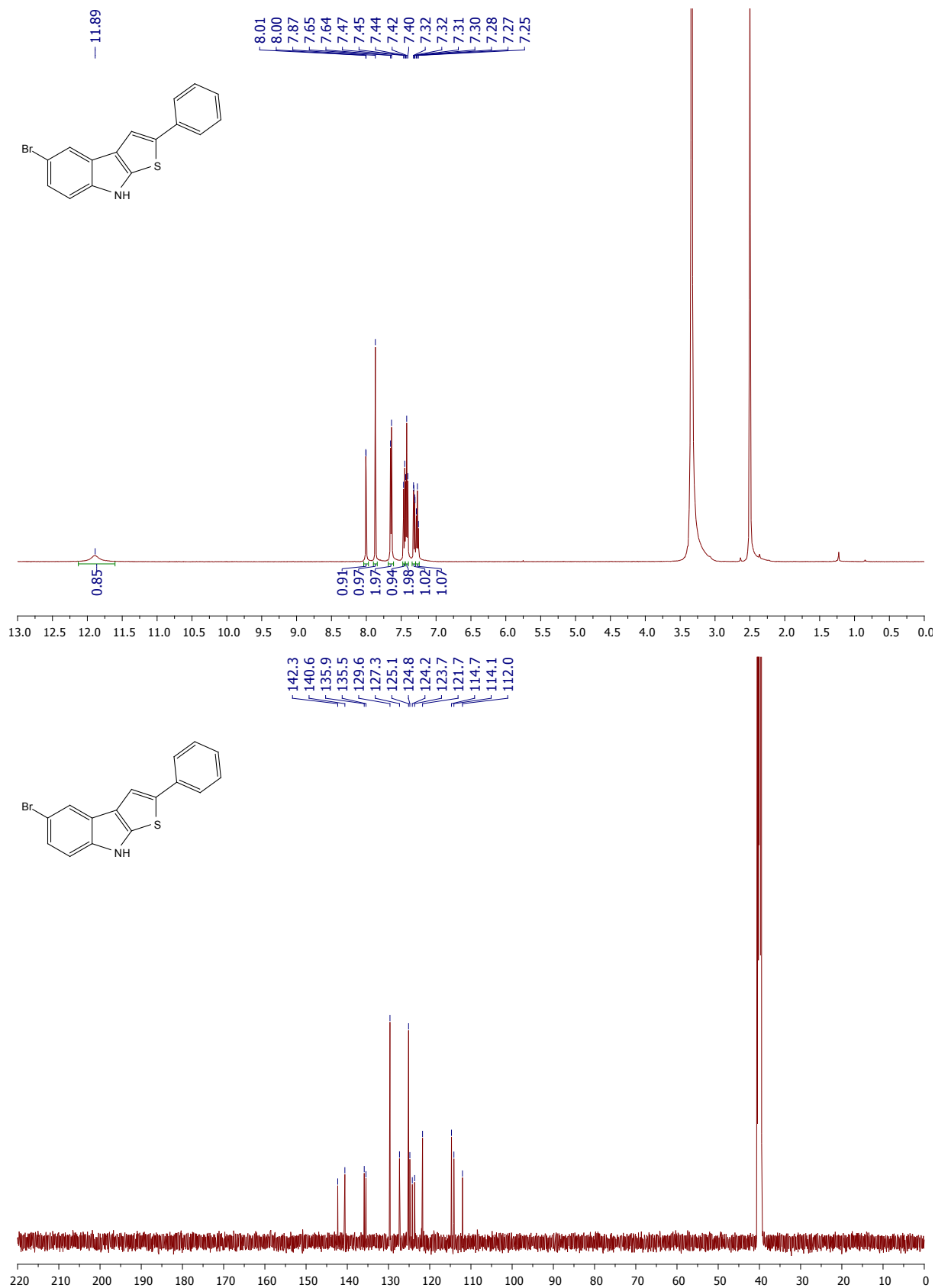


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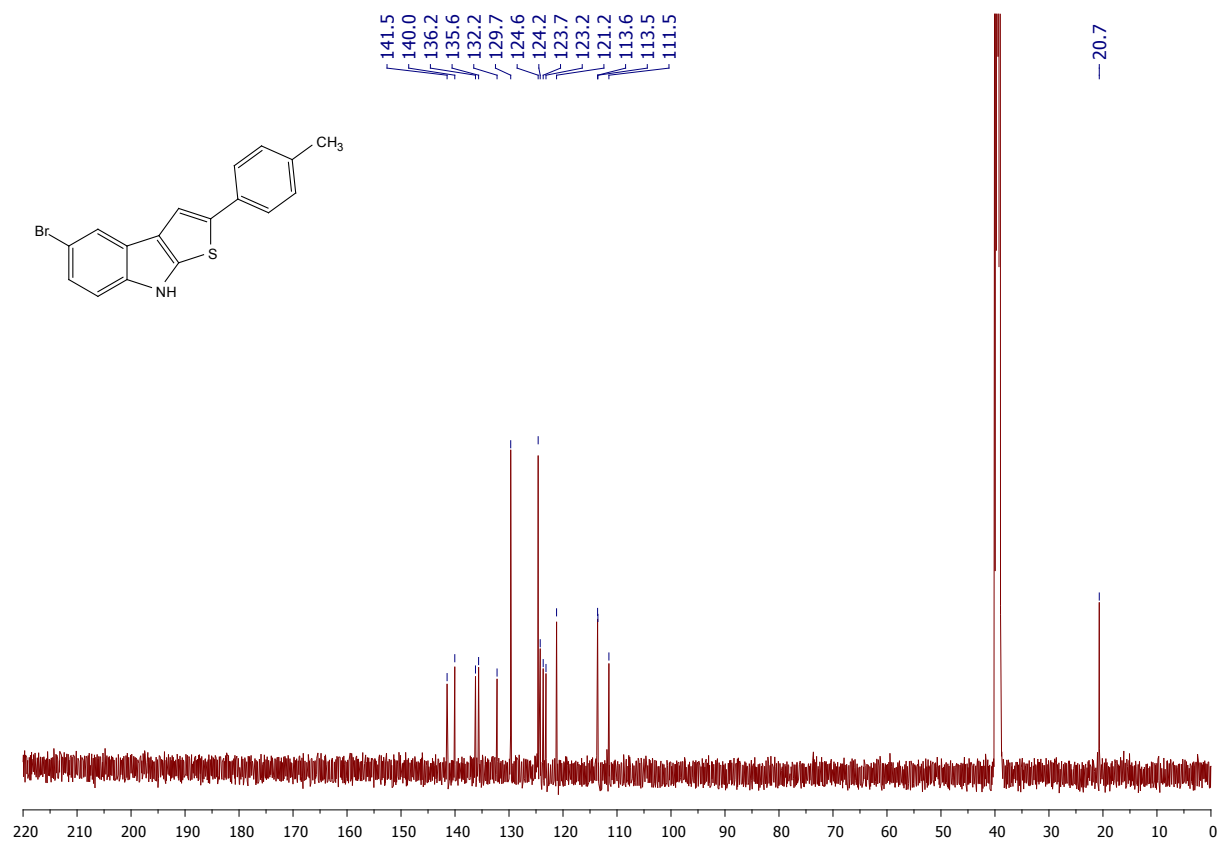
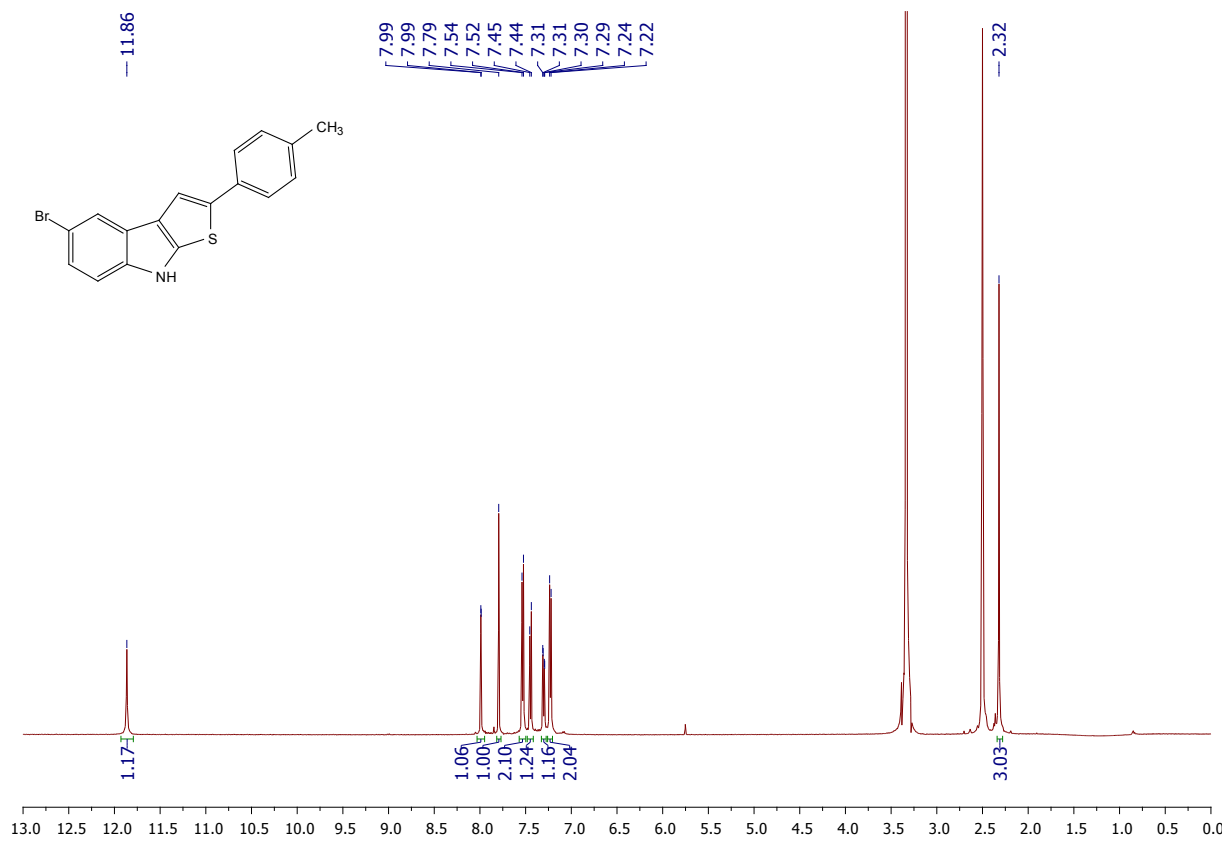


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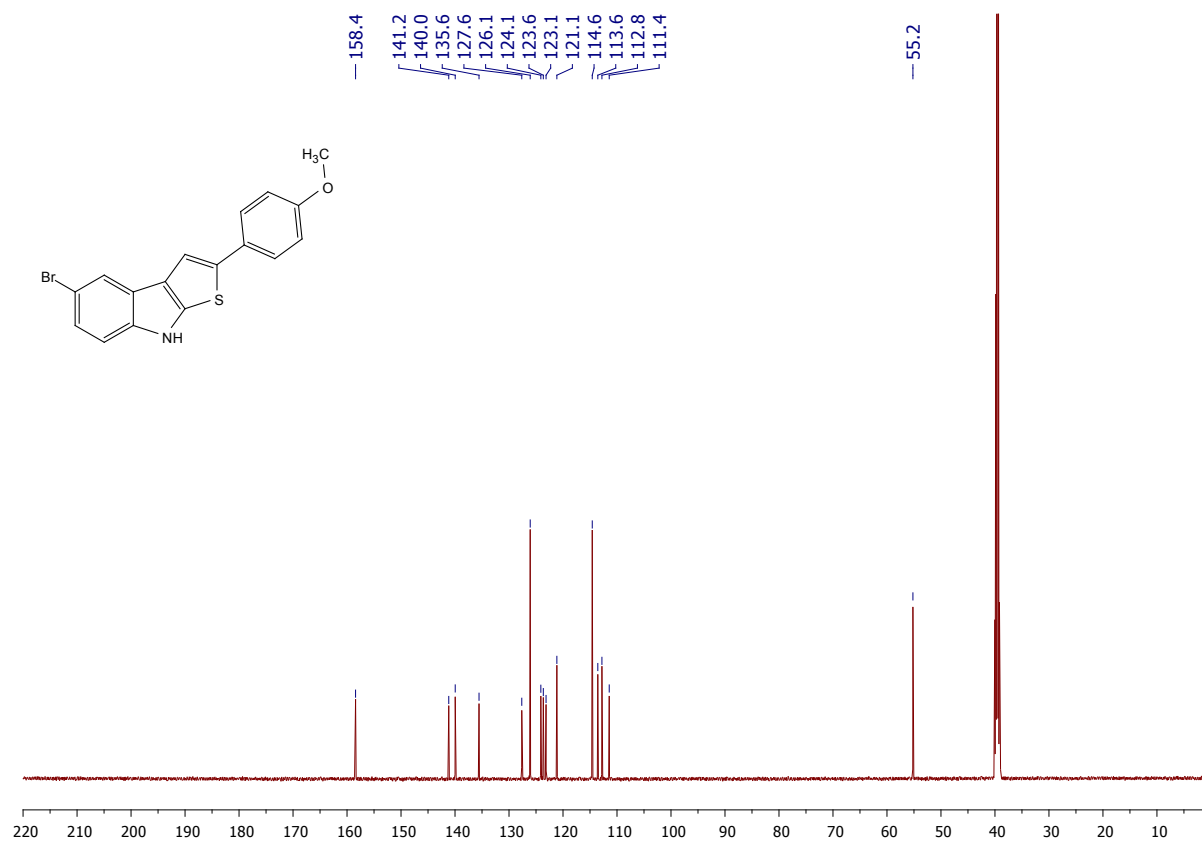
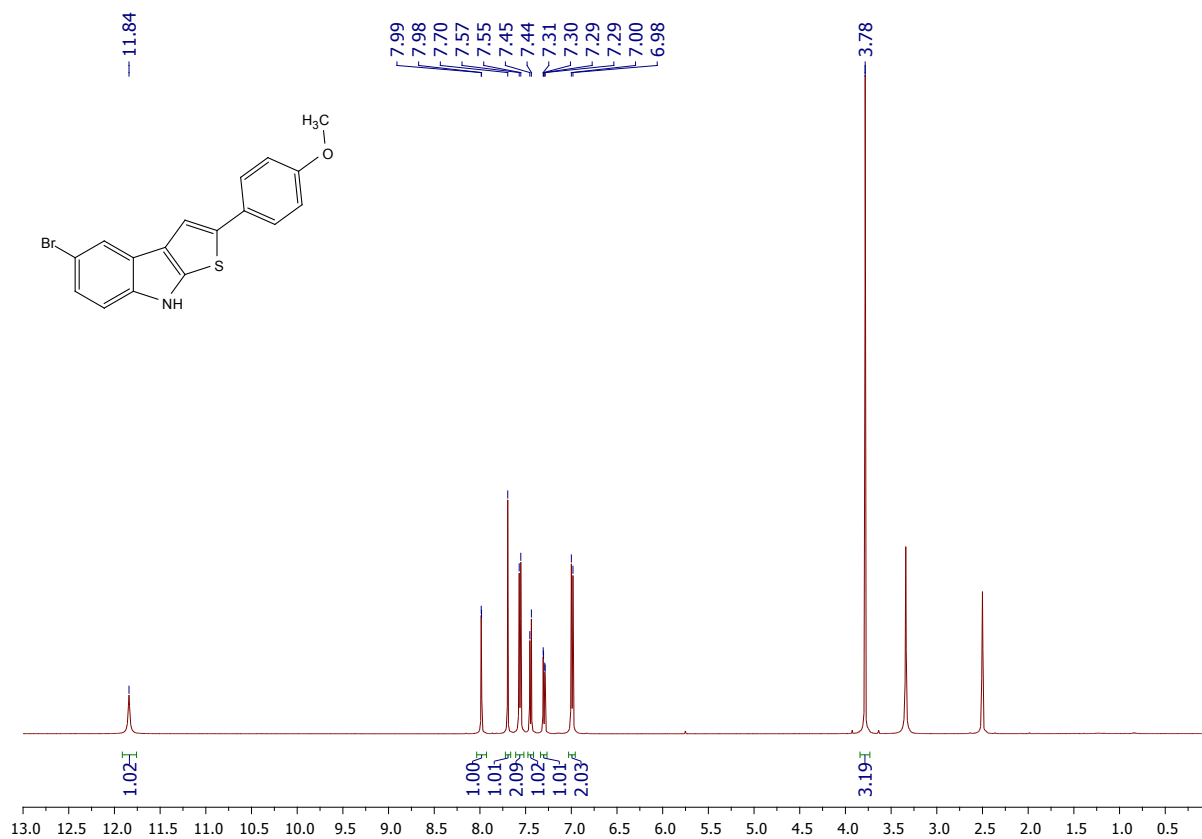


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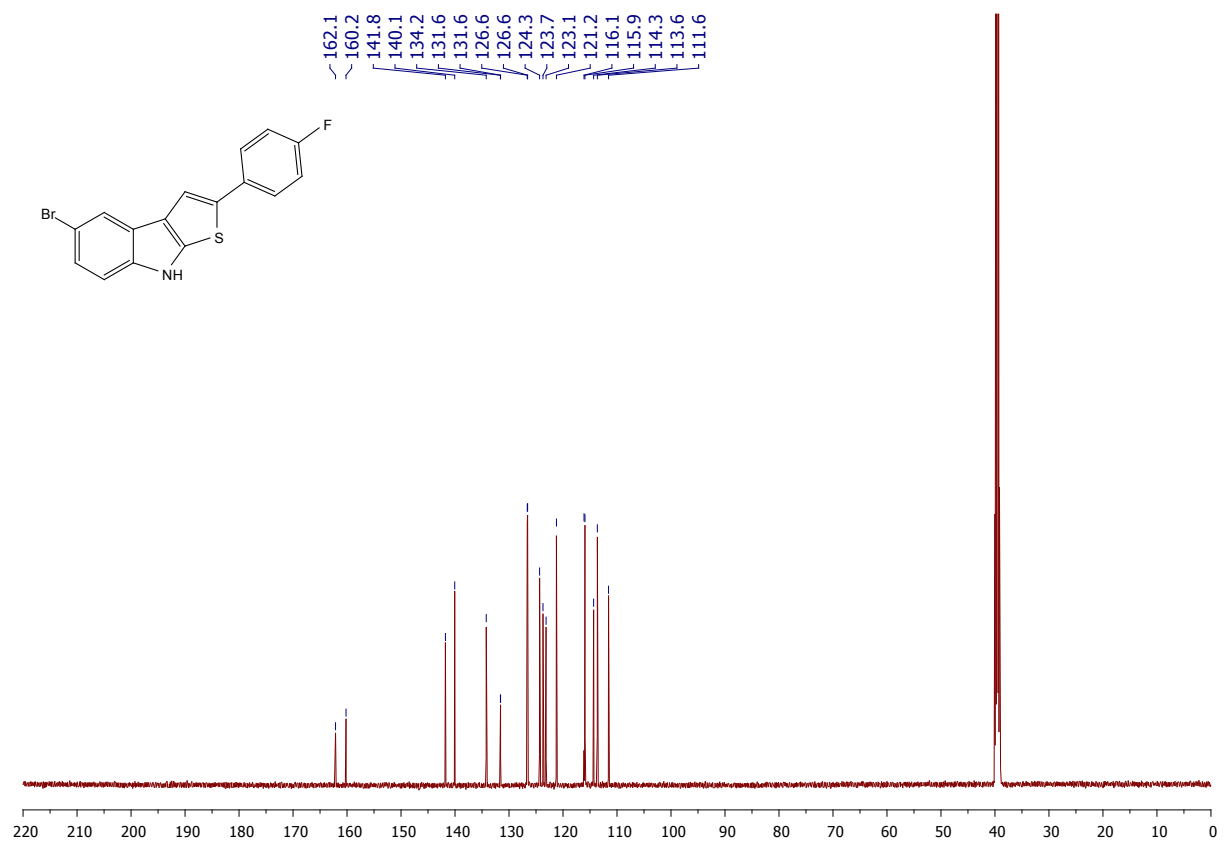
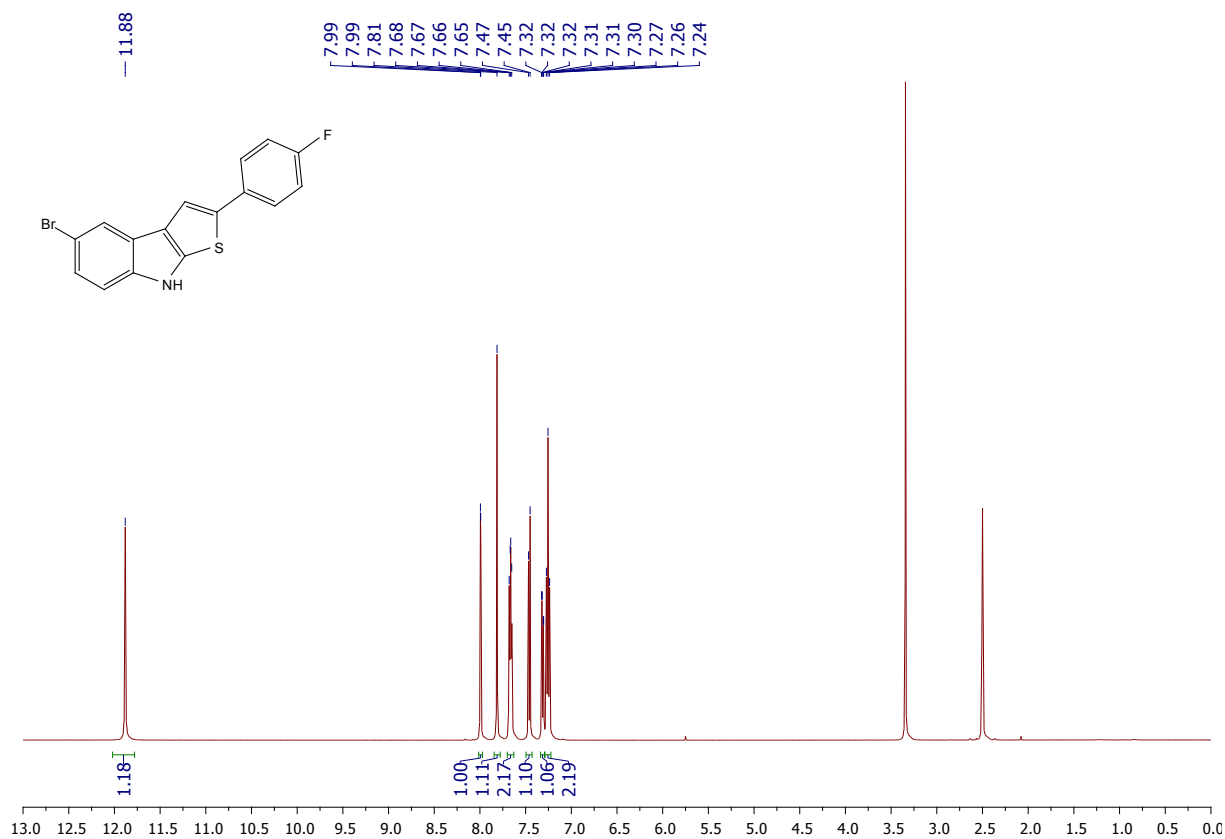


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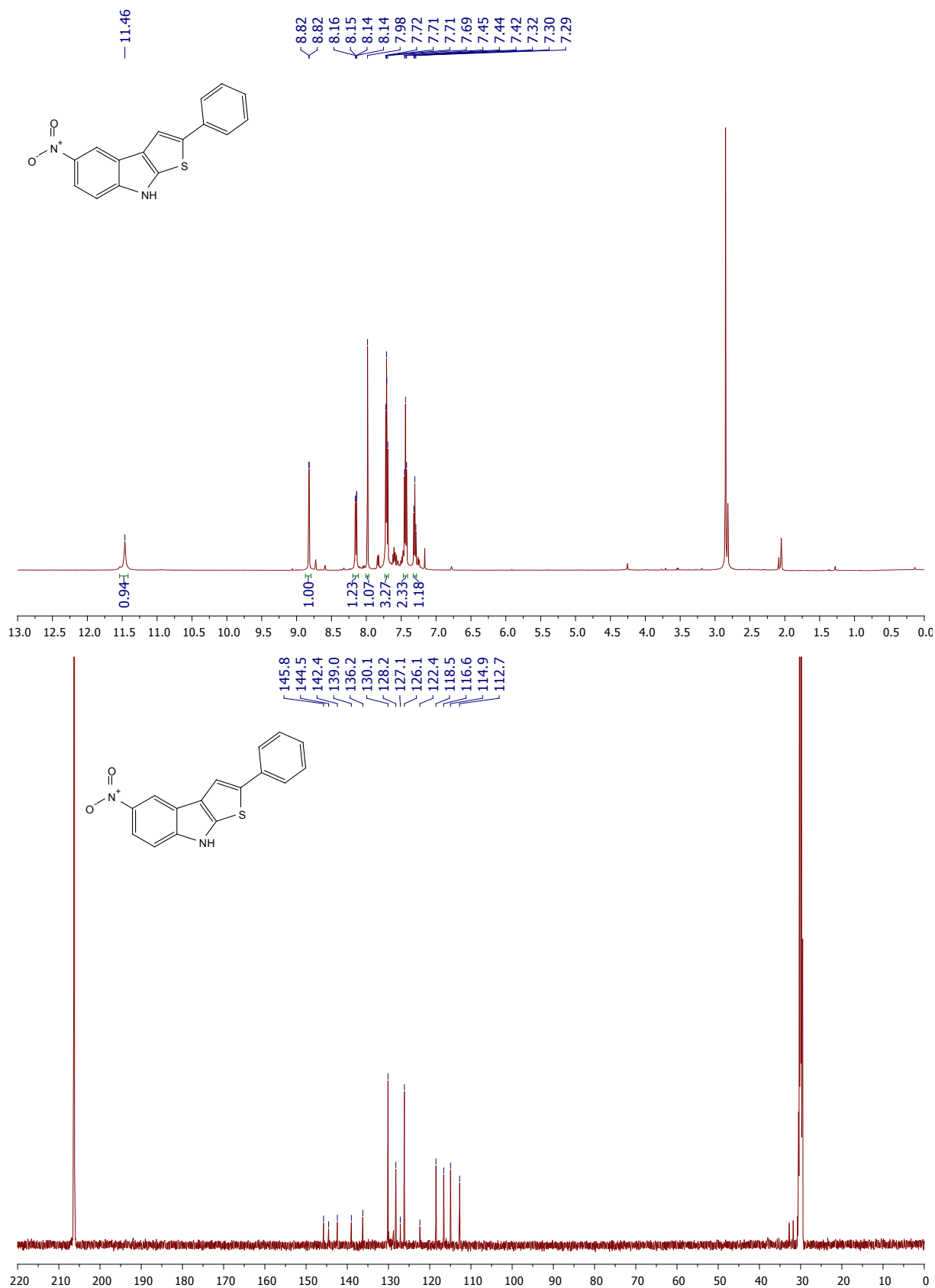


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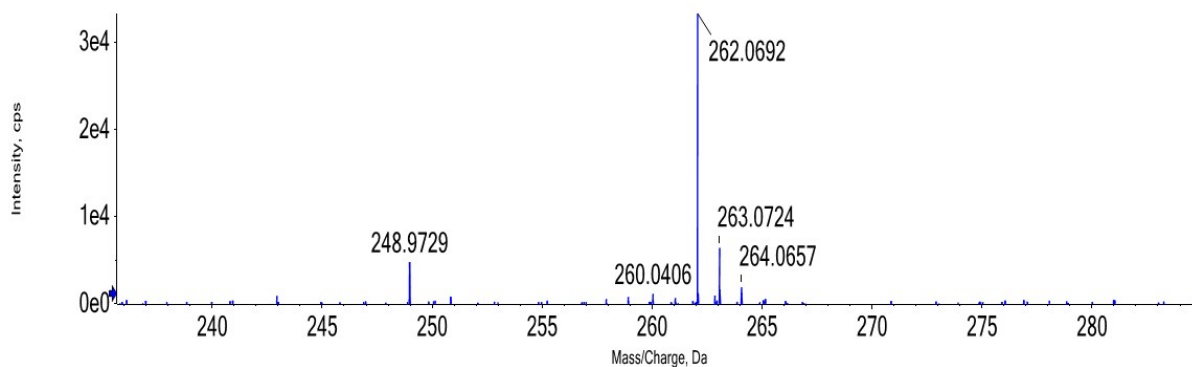


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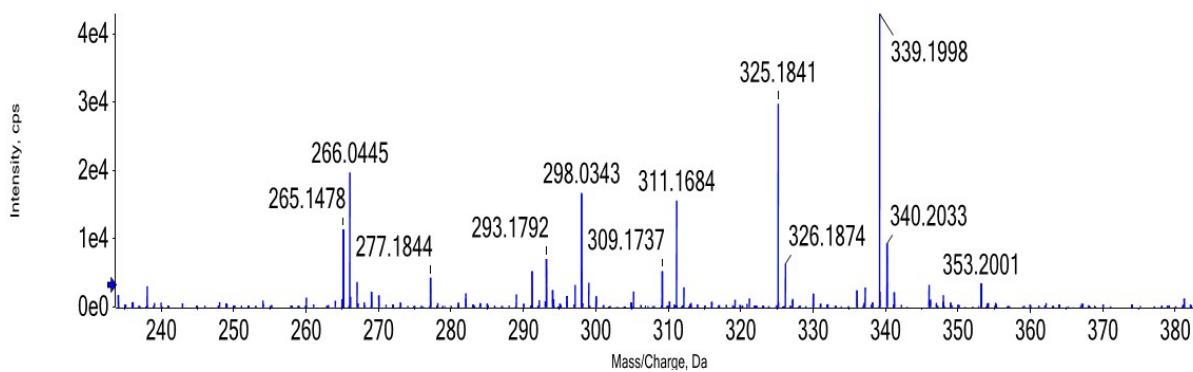


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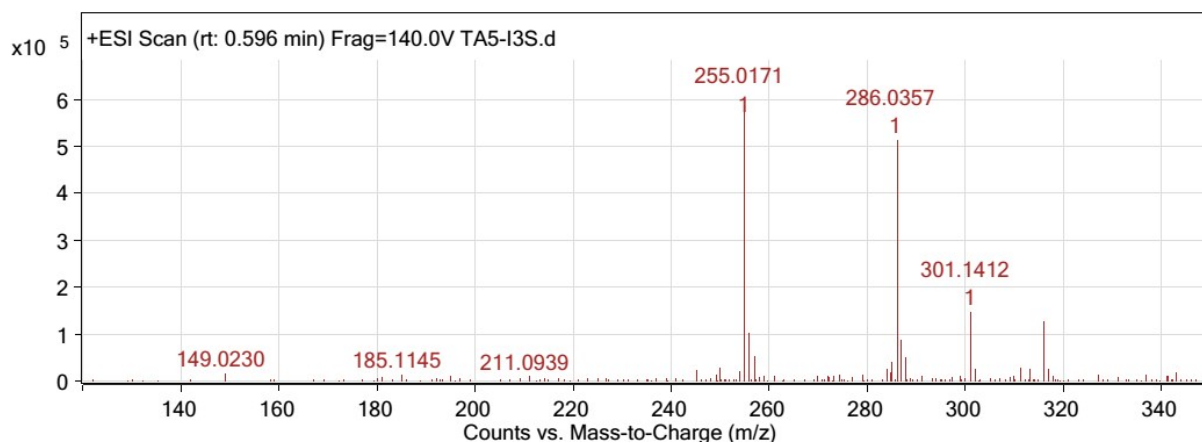


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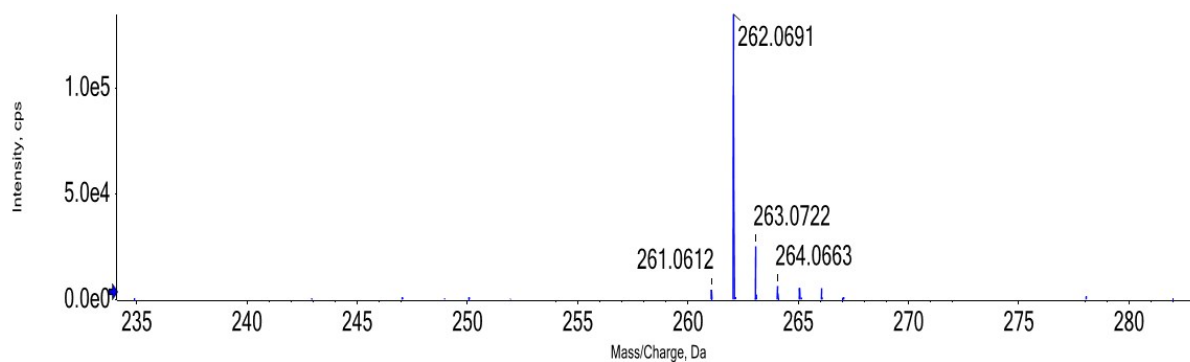


Figure S36. HRMS spectra of 5-methyl-2-phenyl-8H-thieno[2,3-b]indole

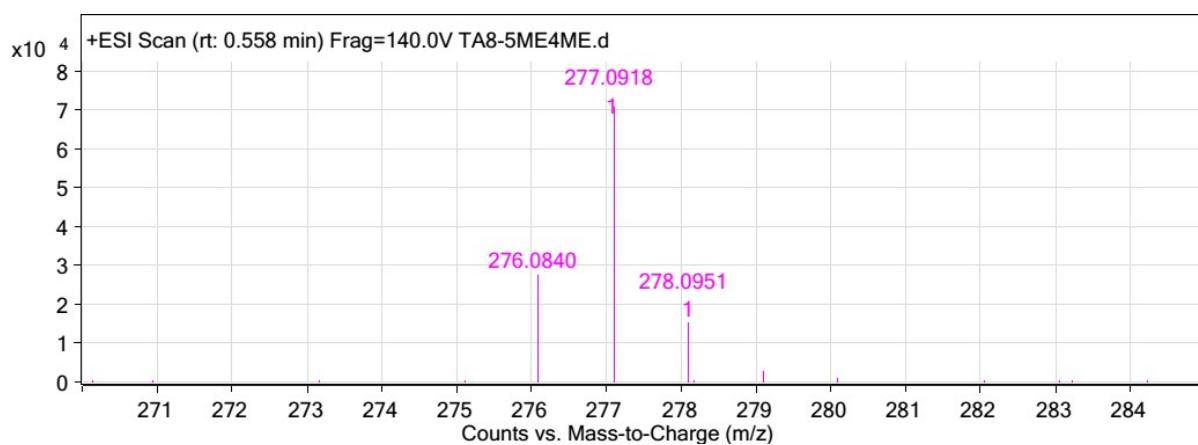


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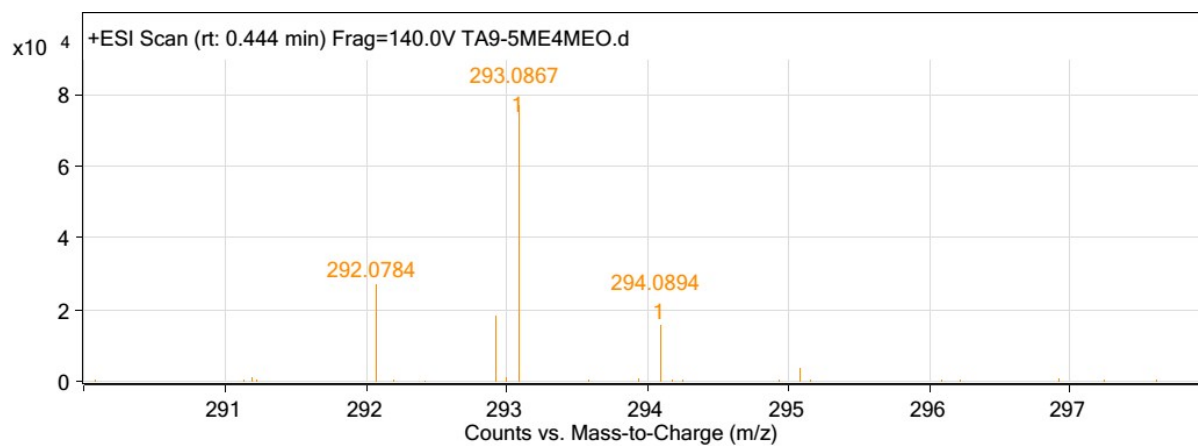


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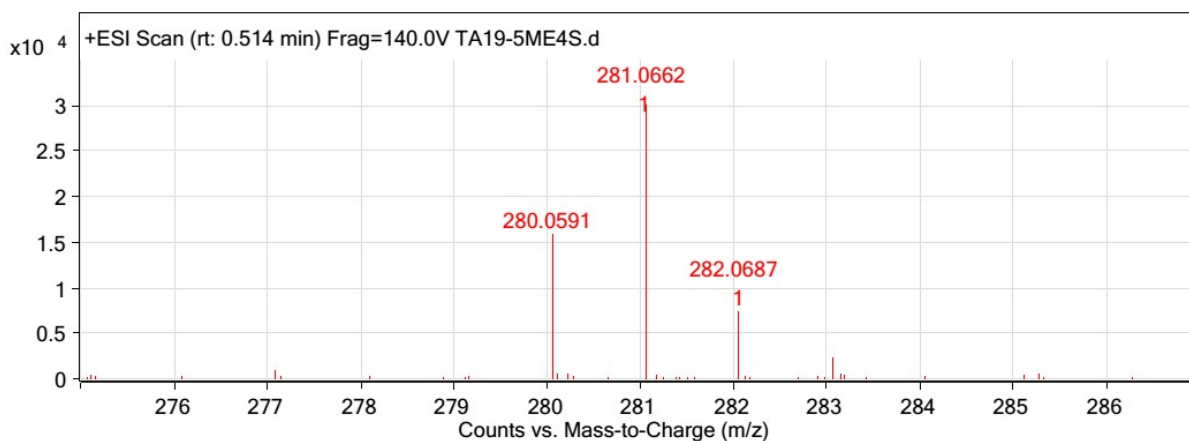


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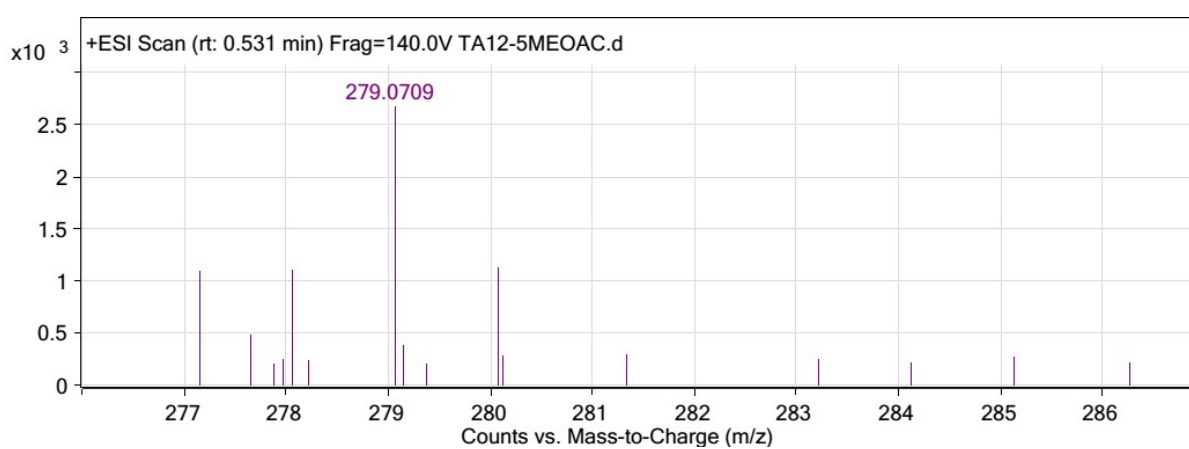


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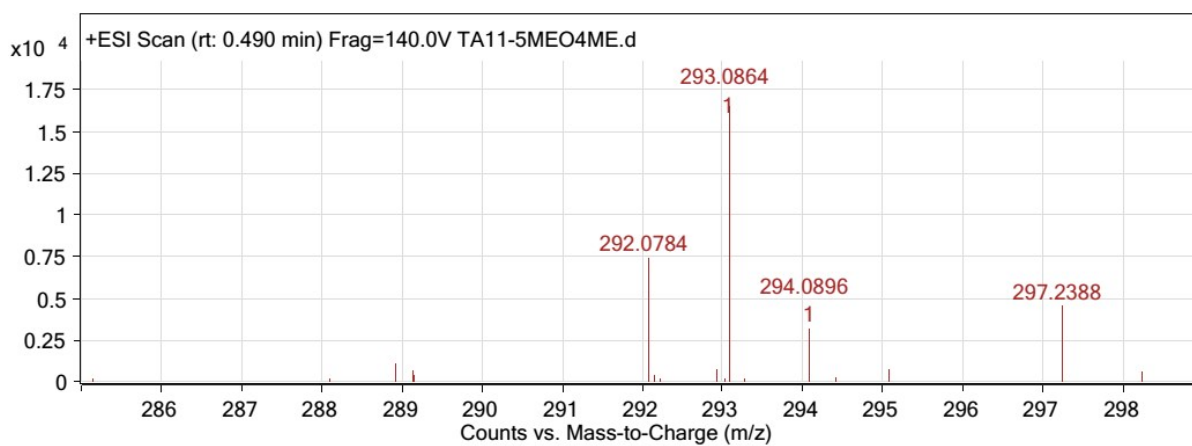


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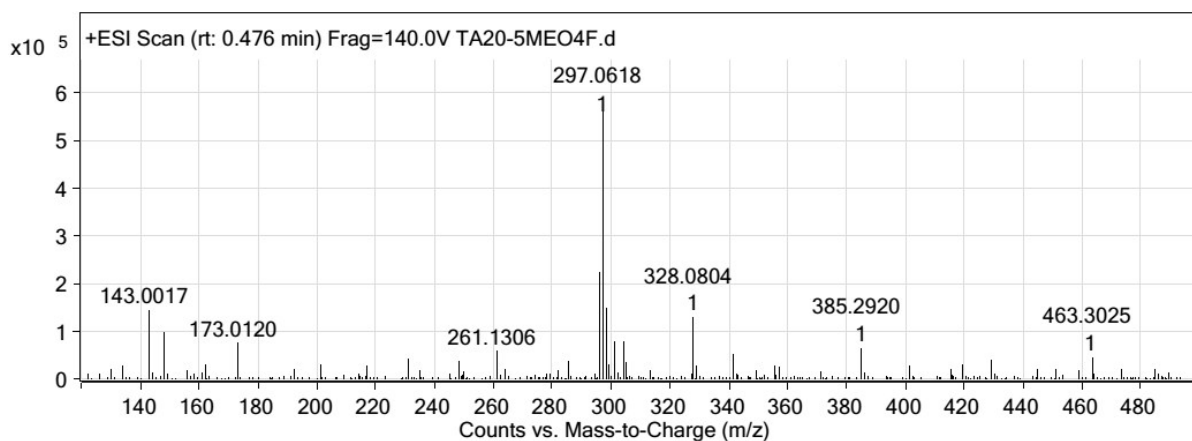


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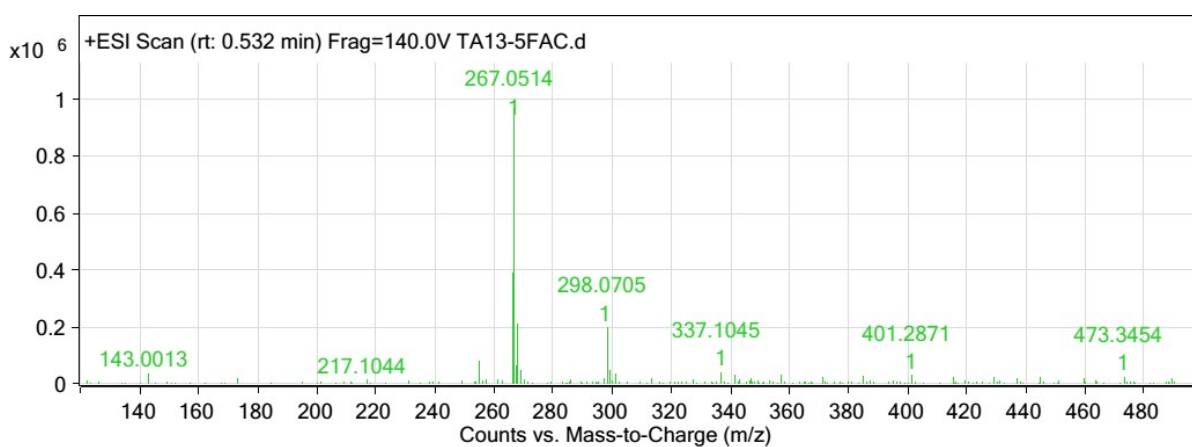


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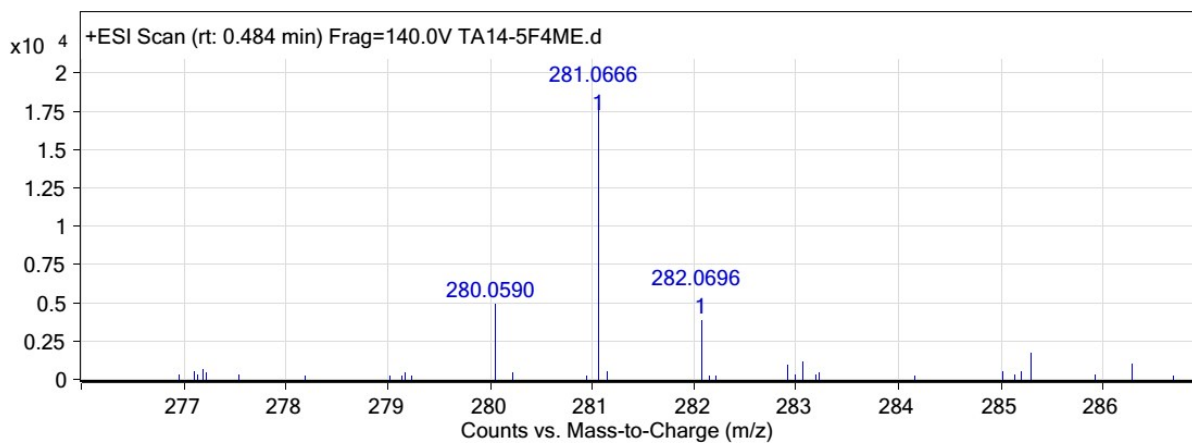


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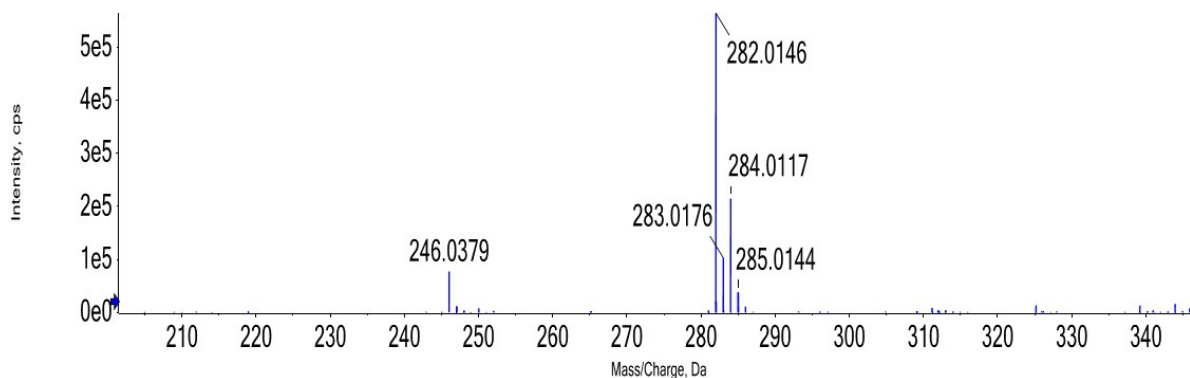


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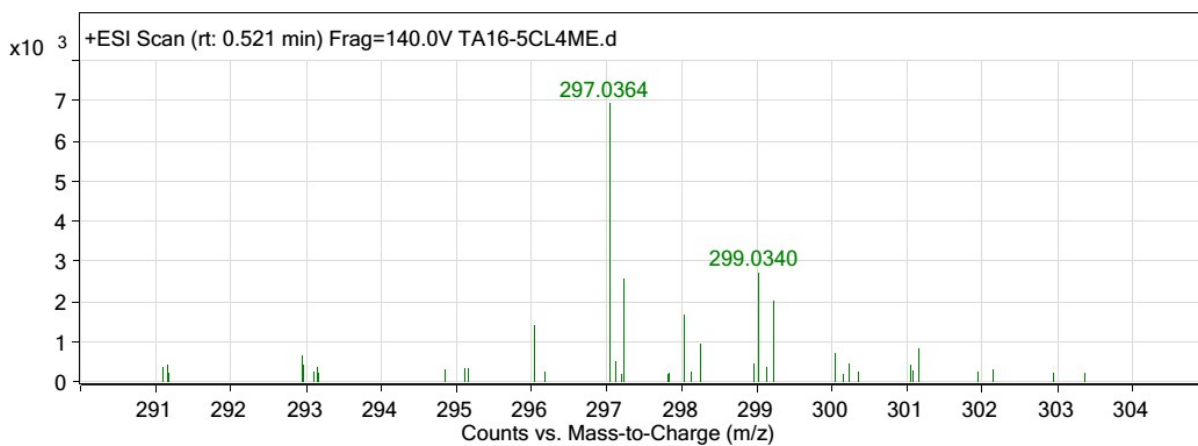


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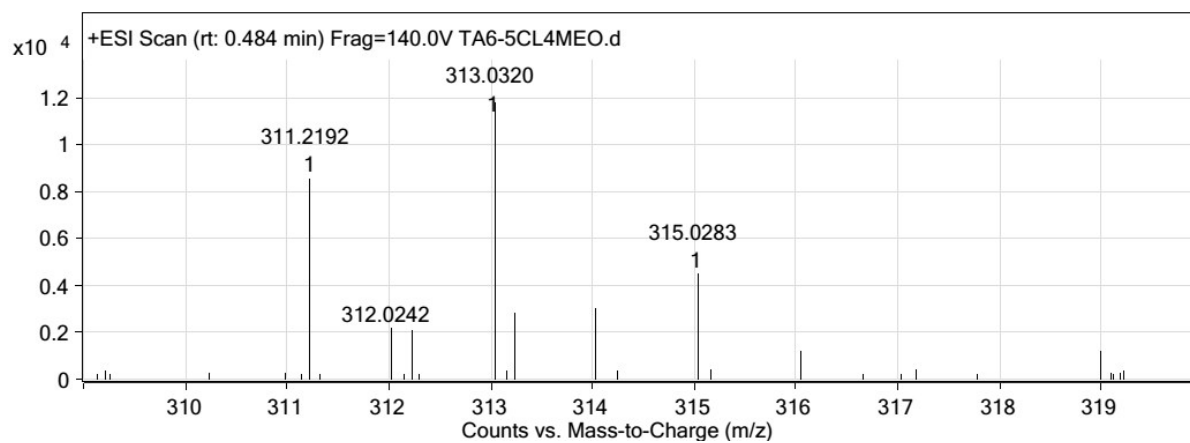


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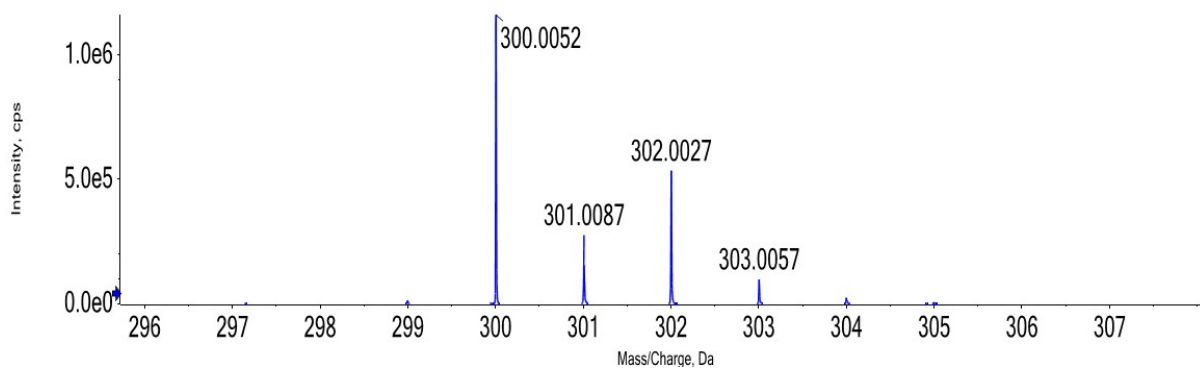


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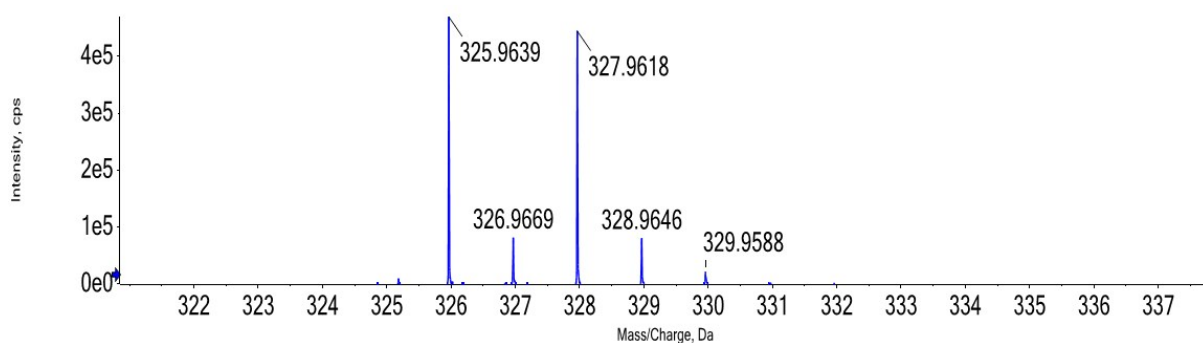


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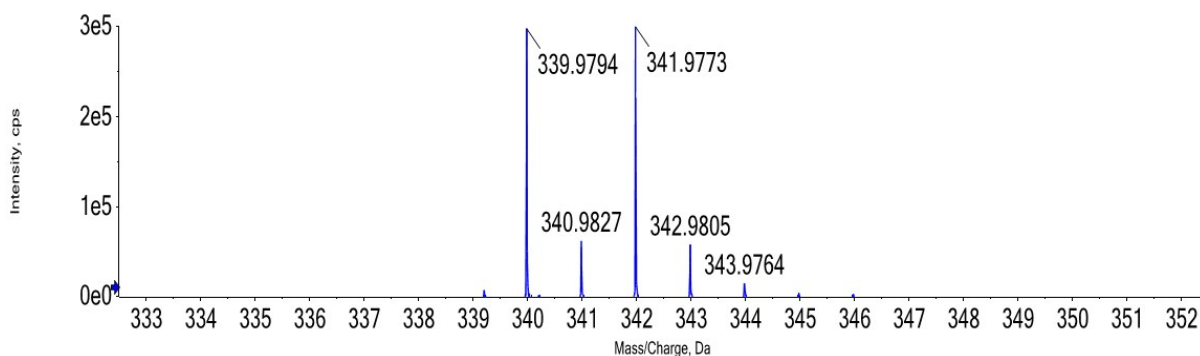


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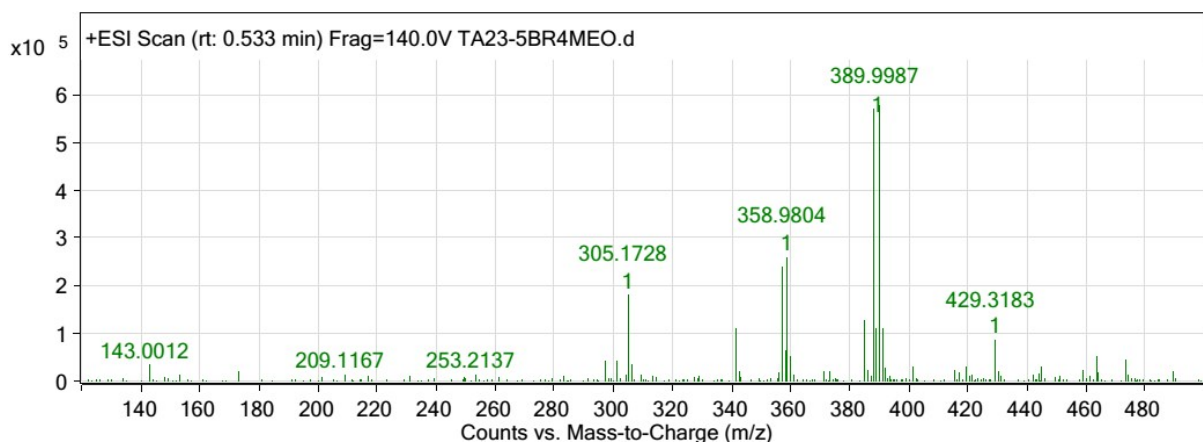


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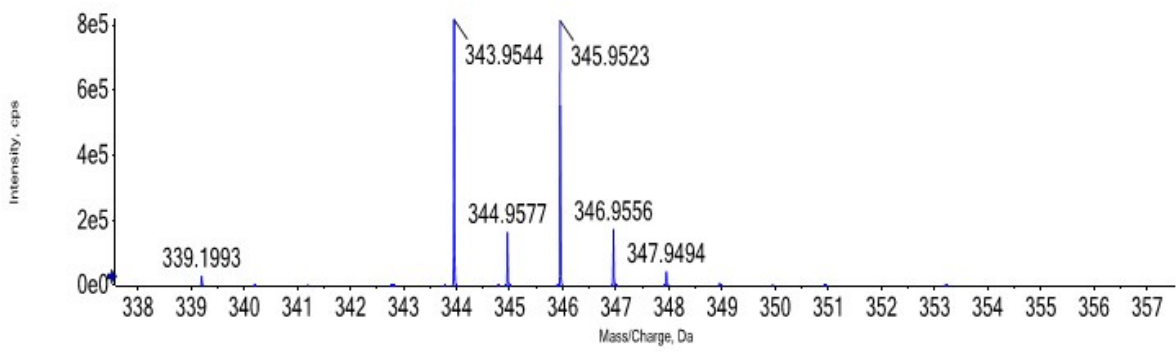


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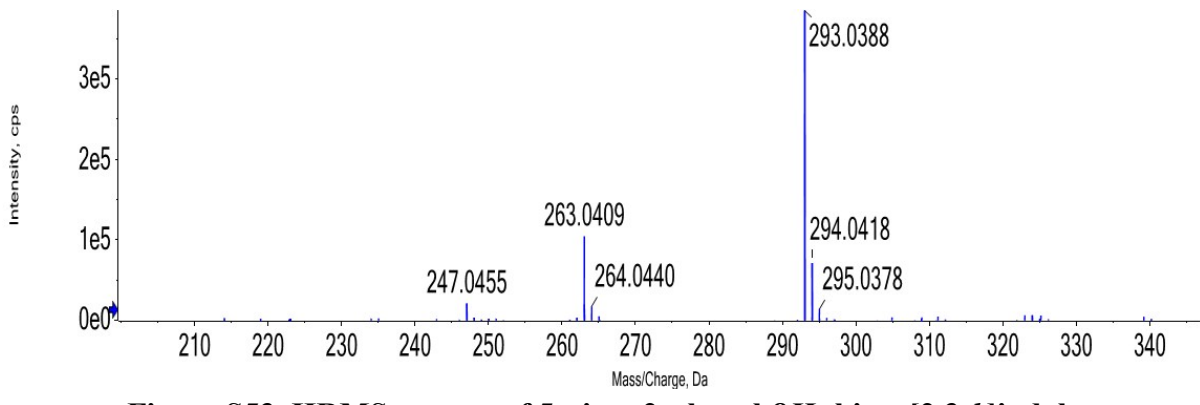


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