

Rhodium-Catalyzed Regioselective Amidation of Indoles with Sulfonyl Azides via C–H Bond Activation

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General methods:

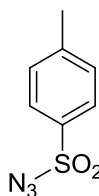
Mass spectra and high-resolution mass spectra were measured on a Finnigan MAT-95 mass spectrometer. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were determined on Bruker AM-300, Bruker AM-400, Bruker AM-500 instruments using tetramethylsilane as internal reference. Data are presented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, br s = broad singlet, d = doublet, br d = broad doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), J = coupling constant in hertz (Hz). Silica gel 60H (200-300 mesh) manufactured by Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Group Co. (China) was used for general chromatography.

Materials:

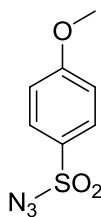
AgSbF_6 was purchased from Aldrich and used without further purification. $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ ^{S1}, $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{MeCN})_3][\text{SbF}_6]_2$ ^{S2}, substrate 1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole^{S3} and benzenesulfonyl azide^{S4} were synthesized according to published procedures.

Experimental Procedures and Characterizations:

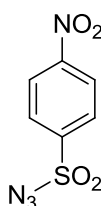
General Procedure for Preparation of benzenesulfonyl azide: benzenesulfonyl chloride (10.0 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (20 mL) and water (20 mL). The solution was cooled on ice and NaN_3 (10.0 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred for 2 h. The acetone was removed under vacuum and the remaining water layer was extracted with EtOAc (150 mL), the EtOAc layer was washed with brine, dried on Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The benzenesulfonyl azide was obtained for future use without purification.



4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide: This compound was obtained in 95% yield as a colourless oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (d, J = 7.8, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.8, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H). Spectral data matched those previously reported.^{S4}

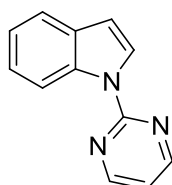


4-methoxybenzenesulfonyl azide: This compound was obtained in 98% yield as a colourless oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.7$, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.7$, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H). Spectral data matched those previously reported.^{S4}



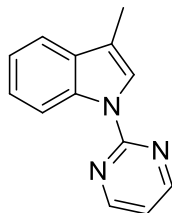
4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl azide: This compound was obtained in 98% yield as a light yellow solid. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.46 (d, $J = 8.7$, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.7$, 1H). Spectral data matched those previously reported.^{S4}

General Procedure for Preparation of substrate 1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole moiety^{S3}: NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 11.0 mmol) was added in portions at 0 °C to stirred solution of indole (10.0 mmol) in DMF (25 mL). After stirring for 30 min at 0 °C, 2-chloropyrimidine (12.0 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 24 h. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, poured into H₂O (300 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (250 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvents under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (cyclohexane/EtOAc: 10/1) to give product.

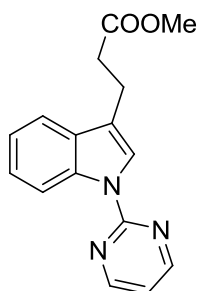


1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1f). This compound was obtained in 85% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 86–88 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.82 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.35

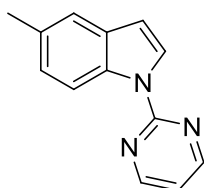
(dd, $J = 9.0, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.1, 157.8, 135.4, 131.4, 125.9, 123.7, 122.2, 120.9, 116.3, 116.1, 107.0. Spectral data matched those previously reported.^{S3}



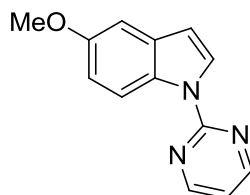
3-methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1g). This compound was obtained in 79% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 76–78 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.78 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 173.6, 158.1, 157.6, 135.7, 130.8, 123.9, 122.6, 121.9, 119.1, 118.6, 116.4, 115.8, 51.7, 34.0, 20.5. Spectral data matched those previously reported.^{S3}



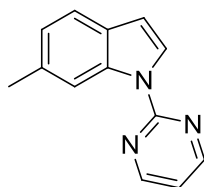
methyl 3-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate (1h). This compound was obtained in 81% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 72–74 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.79 (d, $J = 8.3$, 1H), 8.67 (d, $J = 4.8$, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.8$, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.7$, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.4$, 1H), 7.01 (t, $J = 4.8$, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, $J = 7.8$, 2H), 2.80 (t, $J = 7.8$, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.58, 158.08, 157.59, 135.69, 130.85, 123.89, 122.61, 121.89, 119.12, 118.65, 116.37, 115.80, 51.72, 33.96, 20.54. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 281.1164. Found: 281.1162.



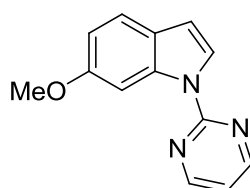
5-methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1i). This compound was obtained in 76% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 86–88 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.69–8.65 (m, 3H), 8.22 (d, J = 3.6, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 4.8, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 3.4, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.4, 157.8, 157.1, 137.5, 130.6, 126.8, 124.5, 123.5, 122.8, 116.4, 115.5, 107.1, 51.8. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 209.0953. Found: 209.09458.



5-methoxy-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1j). This compound was obtained in 83% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 110–112 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.75 – 8.63 (m, 3H), 8.25 (d, J = 3.6, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 2.5, 1H), 7.04 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 3.6, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.1, 157.6, 155.6, 132.15, 130.3, 126.4, 117.1, 115.9, 112.6, 106.8, 103.2, 55.7. Spectral data matched those previously reported.^{S3}

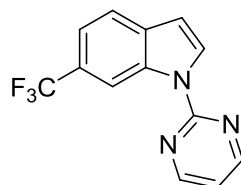


6-methyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1k). This compound was obtained in 78% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 120–122 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.70 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 3.6, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.8, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.8, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 4.8, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 3.6, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.4, 157.8, 157.1, 137.5, 130.6, 126.8, 124.5, 123.5, 122.8, 116.4, 115.5, 107.1, 51.6. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 209.0953. Found: 209.09459.

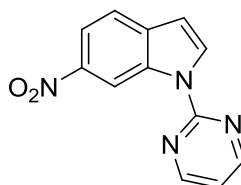


6-methoxy-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1l). This compound was obtained in 70% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 78–80 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.70 (d, J =

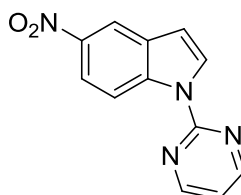
4.8, 2H), 8.45 (d, $J = 2.4$, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.4$, 1H), 7.03 (t, $J = 4.8$, 1H), 6.90 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 2.4, 1H), 6.63 (dd, $J = 4.2$, 0.6, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.1, 157.8, 157.4, 136.3, 125.4, 124.8, 121.1, 116.0, 111.1, 106.8, 101.1, 55.8. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 225.0902. Found: 225.0899.



1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-indole (1m). This compound was obtained in 78% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 98–100 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.74 (d, $J = 4.8$, 2H), 8.42 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.4$, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.8$, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 4.8$, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.3, 157.5, 134.4, 133.8, 129.3, 128.3, 126.6, 125.6 (q, $J = 31.7$), 125.2 (q, $J = 272.2$), 123.9, 121.2, 121.0, 118.78 (q, $J = 3.6$), 116.8, 114.0 (q, $J = 4.5$), 106.6. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{N}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 263.0670. Found: 263.0666.

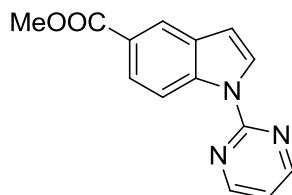


6-nitro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1n). This compound was obtained in 80% yield as a light yellow solid. M. p. = 179–181 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.77 (d, $J = 2.1$, 1H), 8.79 (d, $J = 4.8$, 2H), 8.55 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H), 8.14 (dd, $J = 8.7$, 2.1, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.7$, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 4.8$, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.4, 157.1, 144.5, 136.1, 134.0, 131.0, 120.6, 117.5, 117.3, 113.1, 106.7. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 240.0647. Found: 240.0653.

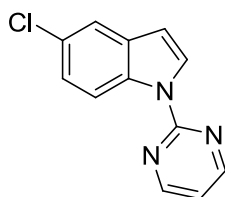


5-nitro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1o). This compound was obtained in 80% yield as a light yellow solid. M. p. = 244–246 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.92

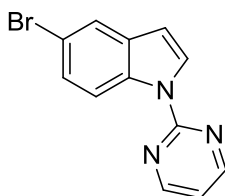
(d, $J = 9.3$, 1H), 8.77 (d, $J = 4.8$, 2H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, $J = 3.9$, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 9.3$, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 4.8$, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.4, 157.2, 143.3, 138.39, 131.0, 128.9, 118.9, 117.4, 117.2, 116.4, 107.7. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 240.0647. Found: 240.0650.



methyl 1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (1p). This compound was obtained in 80% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 120–122 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.84 (d, $J = 8.7$, 1H), 8.73 (d, $J = 4.8$, 2H), 8.42 – 8.27 (m, 2H), 8.03 (dd, $J = 8.7$, 1.5, 1H), 7.10 (t, $J = 4.8$, 1H), 6.77 (dd, $J = 3.6$, 0.6, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.4, 157.8, 157.1, 137.5, 130.6, 126.8, 124.5, 123.5, 122.8, 116.4, 115.5, 107.1, 51.6. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 253.0851. Found: 253.0847.

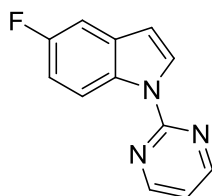


5-chloro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1q). This compound was obtained in 89% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 110–112 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.76 (dd, $J = 9.1$, 4.8, 1H), 8.71 – 8.64 (m, 2H), 8.31 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 8.8$, 2.8, 1H), 7.10–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.2, 133.8, 132.5, 127.7, 127.1, 123.7, 120.3, 117.3, 116.4, 106.2. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{ClN}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 229.0407. Found: 229.0403.

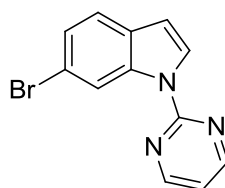


5-bromo-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1r). This compound was obtained in 83% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 120–122 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.73 – 8.63 (m, 3H), 8.28 (d, $J = 3.4$, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 9.0$, 1H), 7.08 (t, $J = 4.8$,

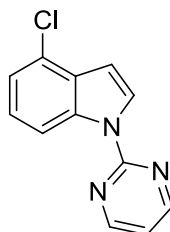
1H), 6.63 (d, $J = 3.5$, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.1, 157.5, 134.1, 133.1, 127.0, 126.4, 123.3, 117.8, 116.4, 115.4, 106.1. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{BrN}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 272.9902. Found: 272.9904.



5-fluoro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1s). This compound was obtained in 76% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 112–114 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.76 (dd, $J = 9.1, 4.8$, 1H), 8.71 – 8.64 (m, 2H), 8.31 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.8$, 1H), 7.10–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.89 (d, $J = 265.9$ Hz), 158.13, 157.8, 131.86, 127.35, 117.24 (d, $J = 9.0$), 116.29, 111.36 (d, $J = 24.8$), 106.62 (d, $J = 4.1$), 106.03 (d, $J = 23.5$). HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{FN}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 213.0702. Found: 213.0699.

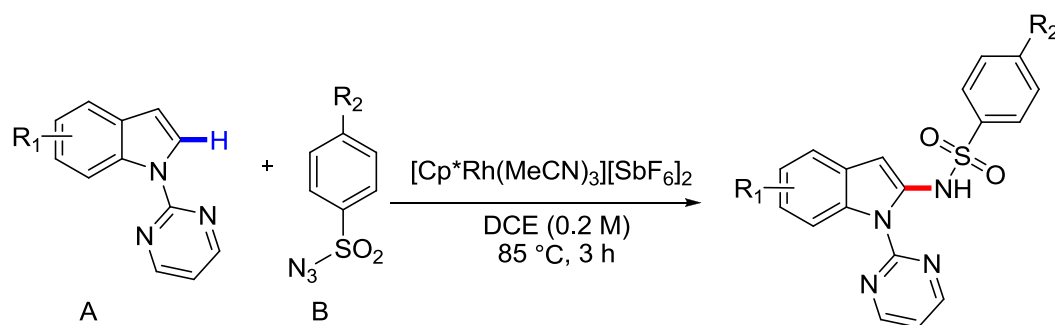


6-bromo-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1t). This compound was obtained in 80% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 130–132 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, $J = 4.8$, 2H), 8.25 (d, $J = 3.9$, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.4$, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 4.2$, 1H), 6.66 (d, $J = 3.0$, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.4, 157.8, 157.1, 137.5, 130.6, 126.8, 124.5, 123.5, 122.8, 116.4, 115.5, 107.1, 51.6. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{BrN}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 272.9902. Found: 272.9907.

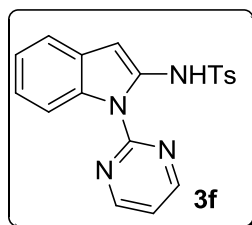


4-chloro-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indole (1u). This compound was obtained in 76% yield as a white solid. M. p. = 118–120 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.75 – 8.64 (m, 3H), 8.31 (d, $J = 3.7$, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.05 (td, $J = 4.8, 1.2$, 1H),

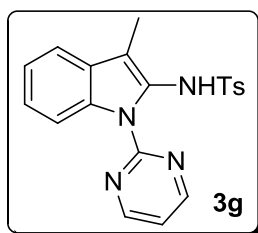
6.82 (d, $J = 3.6$, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.2, 157.6, 136.1, 130.0, 126.4, 125.9, 124.2, 121.9, 116.6, 114.9, 105.0. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{ClN}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 229.0407. Found: 229.0404.



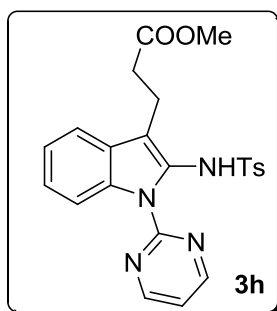
General Procedure for Preparation of substrate N-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)benzenesulfonamide moiety: The mixture of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{MeCN})_3][\text{SbF}_6]_2$ (8 mg, 0.01 mmol), substrate **A** (0.2 mmol), **B** (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and H_2O (36 mg, 2 mmol) were dissolved in DCE (1 mL) and refluxed for 5 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, silica gel column directly to give product.



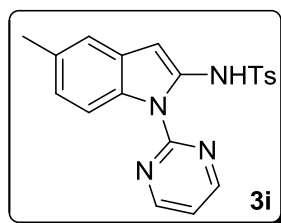
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 86% as a white solid (M. p. = 152–154 °C). IR (film): 3048, 2917, 1583, 1427, 1344, 1172, 1091, 802, 684, 543 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.07 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, $J = 4.8$, 2H), 8.48 (dd, $J = 6.3$, 3.3, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.1$, 2H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 6.0$, 3.0, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.1, 152.7, 138.9, 131.1, 128.6, 128.5, 124.5, 123.6, 122.1, 118.1, 118.0, 115.0, 111.4, 110.8, 92.6, 16.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 364.0994. Found: 364.0989.



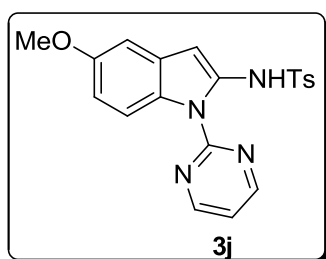
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 86% as a white solid (M. p. = 195–197 °C). IR (film): 3049, 2915, 1563, 1428, 1346, 1169, 1090, 814, 746, 681, 550 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.25 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.27 – 8.23 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 6.94 (t, J = 4.8, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.7, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.51, 157.16, 143.54, 135.87, 134.01, 129.15, 128.92, 127.16, 126.87, 124.61, 122.53, 119.30, 115.98, 115.59, 114.66, 21.49, 9.26. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 378.1150. Found: 378.1155.



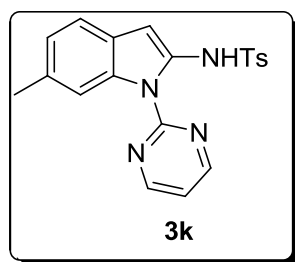
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 81% as a white solid (M. p. = 132–134 °C). IR (film): 3049, 2923, 1732, 1558, 1443, 1339, 1156, 1092, 826, 741, 667, 542 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.28 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 4.8, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.33 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 2.89 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 173.8, 157.5, 157.0, 143.6, 135.7, 134.1, 129.1, 127.6, 127.3, 126.8, 124.6, 122.6, 119.3, 117.8, 116.2, 114.7, 51.6, 33.5, 21.4, 19.6. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 450.1362. Found: 450.1366.



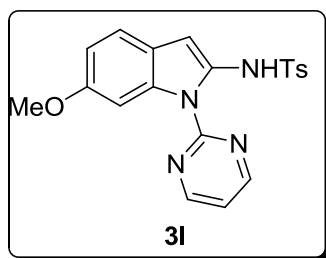
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 86% as a white solid (M. p. = 138–140 °C). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.12 (br s, 1H), 8.64 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.4, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 2.1, 1H), 7.12 – 6.93 (m, 4H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.1, 157.6, 143.8, 136.2, 133.6, 132.6, 131.8, 129.5, 128.8, 127.1, 124.3, 120.0, 116.2, 115.6, 97.5, 21.4, 21.3. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 378.1150. Found: 378.1154.



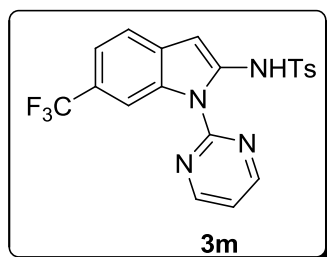
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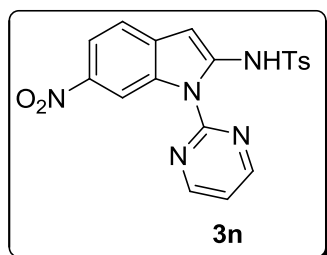
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 90% as a white solid (M. p. = 188–190 °C). IR (film): 2921, 2852, 1585, 1463, 1427, 1338, 1159, 1087, 912, 817, 659, 553 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.87 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.8, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.8, 157.6, 143.7, 136.0, 133.9, 132.9, 132.6, 129.4, 127.0, 126.0, 124.4, 119.6, 116.2, 115.7, 98.4, 22.0, 21.4. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 378.1150. Found: 378.1155.



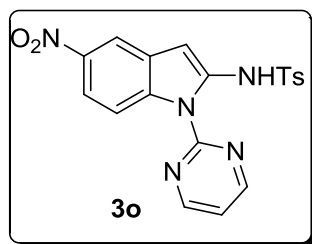
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane: EtOAc (2:1) in a 83% as a white solid (M. p. = 143–145 °C). IR (film): 2990, 2940, 1585, 1427, 1342, 1160, 1087, 903, 796, 661, 557 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.69 (br s, 1H), 8.64 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.09 (d, J = 2.4, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.4, 1H), 7.13 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 0.6, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.0, 157.7, 157.0, 143.8, 136.2, 134.7, 132.1, 129.5, 127.1, 122.4, 120.6, 116.4, 111.2, 101.3, 99.2, 55.9, 21.6. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 394.1100. Found: 394.1094.



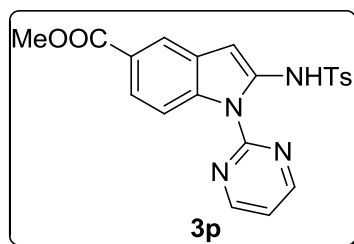
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 75% as a white solid (M. p. = 256–258 °C). IR (film): 2967, 2927, 1583, 1500, 1326, 1159, 1087, 896, 802, 660, 563 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.37 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.76 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.2, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.4, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 4.8, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.8, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NM (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.0, 157.9, 144.6, 143.3, 139.3, 135.8, 134.4, 131.8, 129.8, 127.2, 119.0, 119.0, 117.5, 113.1, 94.4, 21.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 432.0868. Found: 432.0866.



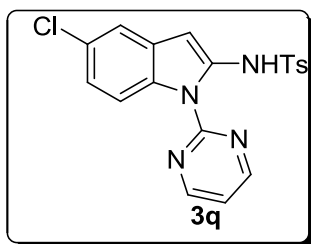
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 79% as a light yellow solid (M. p. = 299–301 °C). IR (film): 3138, 2924, 1577, 1511, 1461, 1423, 1330, 1155, 1087, 789, 659, 543 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.72 (s, 1H), 9.54 (d, J = 2.1, 1H), 8.83 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.12 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.1, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.7, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.0, 157.9, 144.2, 136.3, 135.9, 132.5, 131.4, 129.6, 127.1, 119.9, 119.8, 117.0, 113.6, 113.6, 95.7, 21.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 409.0845. Found: 409.0844.



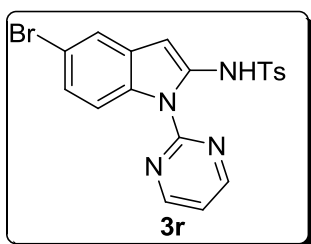
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 84% as a light yellow solid (M. p. = 206–208 °C). IR (film): 3142, 2968, 2924, 1598, 1512, 1423, 1355, 1184, 1088, 904, 838, 667, 551 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.24 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.60 (d, J = 9.3, 1H), 8.32 (d, J = 2.4, 1H), 8.03 (dd, J = 9.3, 2.4, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 4.8, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.0, 157.7, 144.4, 143.9, 136.7, 136.5, 135.9, 129.7, 128.7, 127.2, 117.9, 117.6, 116.1, 115.6, 96.1, 21.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 409.0845. Found: 409.0850.



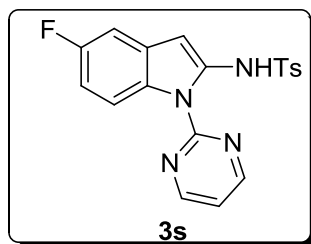
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 87% as a white solid (M. p. = 186–188 °C). IR (film): 2986, 2923, 1719, 1604, 1585, 1423, 1344, 1165, 1089, 946, 815, 661, 546 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.08 (br s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.7, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 9.0, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.8, 2H), 7.16 (t, J = 4.8, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.8, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.5, 157.8, 144.1, 136.1, 135.8, 134.8, 129.6, 128.3, 127.1, 124.9, 124.2, 121.9, 117.0, 115.5, 97.2, 52.0, 21.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 422.1049. Found: 422.1045.



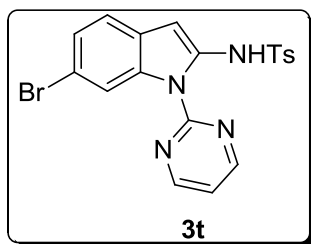
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 83% as a white solid (M. p. = 184–186 °C). IR (film): 2970, 2927, 1578, 1461, 1419, 1341, 1148, 1094, 917, 803, 680, 555 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.24 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.42 (d, J = 8.7, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 2.1, 1H), 7.18 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.9, 157.7, 144.1, 136.0, 135.0, 131.8, 130.0, 129.6, 128.6, 127.1, 122.8, 119.3, 117.1, 116.7, 95.9, 21.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 398.0604. Found: 398.0608.



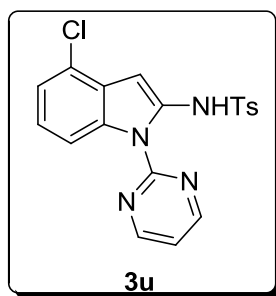
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 83% as a white solid (M. p. = 193–195 °C). IR (film): 2923, 2871, 1583, 1448, 1425, 1336, 1162, 1091, 956, 788, 678, 563 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.23 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 4.7, 2H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.8, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.8, 157.7, 144.1, 135.8, 134.8, 132.1, 130.4, 129.5, 127.1, 125.4, 122.3, 117.4, 116.7, 116.3, 95.6, 21.4. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 442.0099. Found: 442.0096.



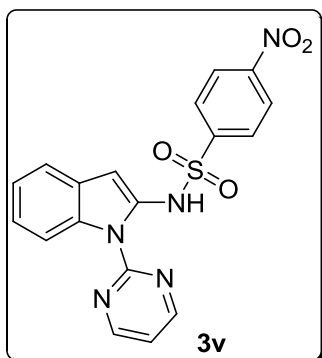
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 81% as a white solid (M. p. = 166–168 °C). IR (film): 2969, 2923, 1572, 1500, 1458, 1338, 1081, 886, 793, 669, 560 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.29 (s, 1H), 8.67 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.7, 2H), 8.45 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.8, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.1, 2H), 7.18 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.88 (td, J = 9.3, 2.7, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.5 (d, J = 239.1), 157.9, 157.7, 144.1, 136.1, 135.2, 129.8, 129.6 (d, J = 5.9), 129.6, 127.1, 117.1 (d, J = 8.9), 116.6, 110.22 (d, J = 24.4), 105.3 (d, J = 24.1), 96.3 (d, J = 3.8), 21.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 382.0900. Found: 382.0894.



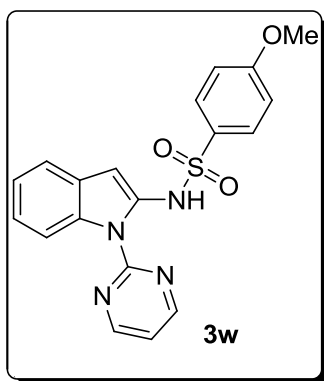
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 74% as a white solid (M. p. = 215–217 °C). IR (film): 3126, 2956, 1594, 1500, 1427, 1340, 1164, 1087, ,890, 820, 667, 563 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.07 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d, J = 4.8, 3H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.9, 144.2, 136.0, 134.2, 134.2, 129.7, 127.6, 127.2, 126.3, 121.1, 119.0, 116.9, 116.3, 97.2, 21.6. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 442.0099. Found: 442.0093.



Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 79% as a white solid (M. p. = 210–212 °C). IR (film): 3140, 2937, 1585, 1452, 1342, 1160, 1088, 886, 811, 665, 542 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.16 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, $J = 4.8$, 2H), 8.40 (d, $J = 7.8$, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.8$, 2H), 7.23 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.9, 157.8, 144.1, 136.1, 134.4, 134.1, 129.6, 127.5, 127.2, 125.0, 123.4, 122.9, 116.8, 114.4, 95.0, 21.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 398.0604. Found: 398.0610.

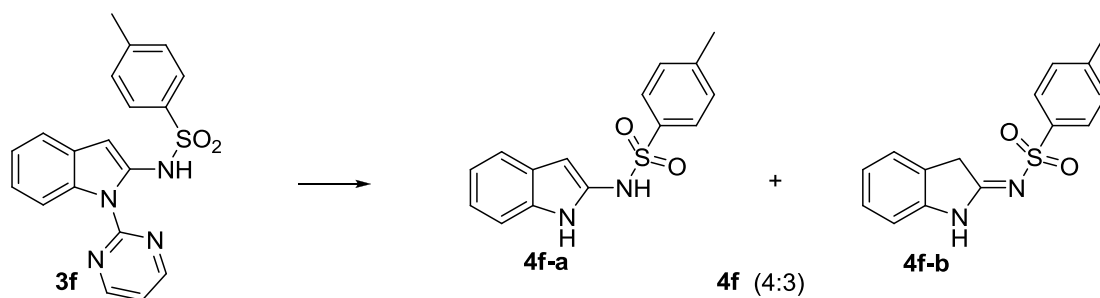


Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 74% as a yellow solid (M. p. = 168–170 °C). IR (film): 3143, 2963, 2924, 1617, 1452, 1429, 1329, 1150, 1088, 775, 659, 539 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.32 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 4.8$, 2H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 7.2$, 2H), 7.90 (d, $J = 8.4$, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.71 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.9, 157.8, 150.2, 144.8, 133.6, 132.2, 128.3, 128.1, 124.1, 123.6, 123.4, 120.2, 116.6, 116.0, 98.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 395.0688. Found: 395.0691.



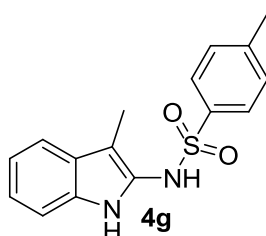
Following general procedure, the indicated compound was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using cyclohexane:EtOAc (2:1) in a 82% as a yellow solid (M. p. = 122–124 °C). IR (film): 2938, 2832, 1585, 1486, 1342, 1160, 1084, 884, 659, 561 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.04 (br s, 1H), 8.66 (d, J = 4.8, 2H), 8.48 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.3, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.7, 2H), 7.48 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.0, 1H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t, J = 4.8, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 9.0, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.1, 158.0, 157.7, 133.6, 133.6, 130.5, 129.2, 128.6, 123.0, 123.0, 119.9, 116.4, 115.8, 114.1, 97.6, 55.5. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 380.0943. Found: 380.0942.

Deprotection of **3f** and **3g**



Under Ar, **3f** (36mg) was dissolved in dry DMSO 1 mL, 20% EtONa in EtOH (50 μL) was added, the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 10 min, then cooled, extracted with EtOAc, washed with water. The organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 . After evaporation of the solvents under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH : 100/1) to give product **4f** (15mg yeild 50%) two dynamic isomers (4:3) as a white solid (M. p. = 210 – 212 °C). IR (film): 3091, 2923, 1591, 1300, 1145, 1087, 854, 773, 669, 545 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (**4f-a**,

300 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.86 (s, 1H), 10.58 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 5.70 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^1H NMR (**4f-b**, 300 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.57 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (**4f-a** and **4f-b**, 100 MHz, DMSO): δ 143.78, 142.88, 140.09, 137.13, 134.16, 132.59, 130.13, 129.93, 128.27, 127.49, 127.22, 126.65, 125.03, 123.28, 120.97, 119.68, 119.61, 111.65, 111.28, 92.38, 55.43, 37.39, 21.48. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 286.0776. Found: 287.0768.



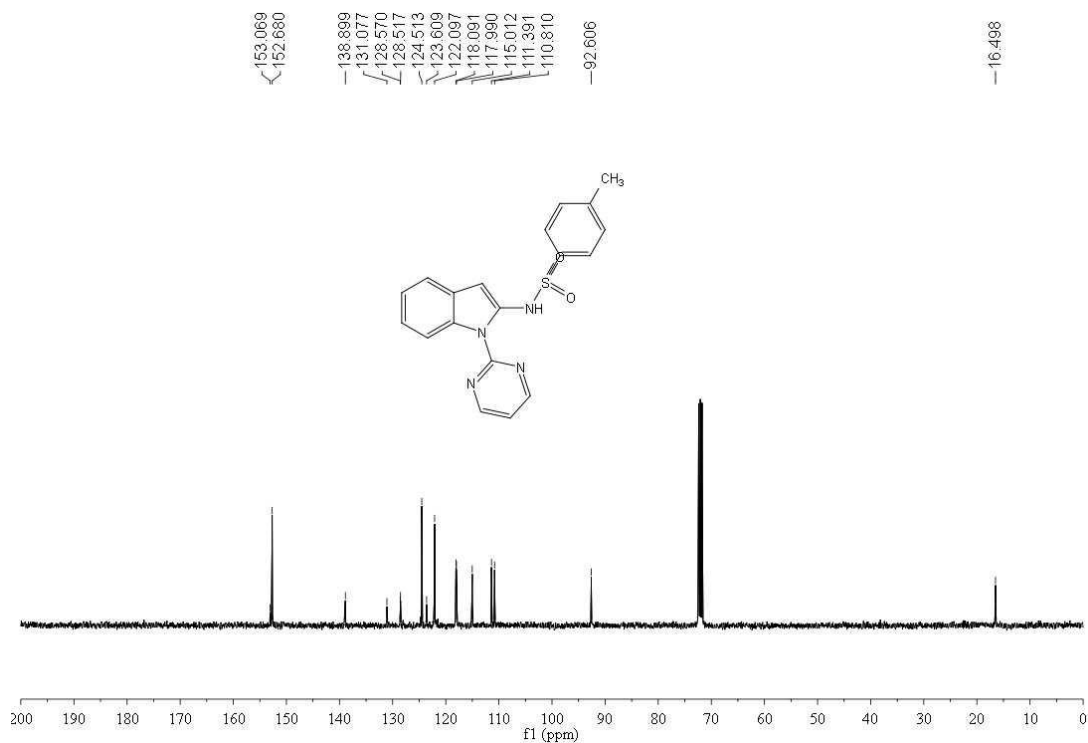
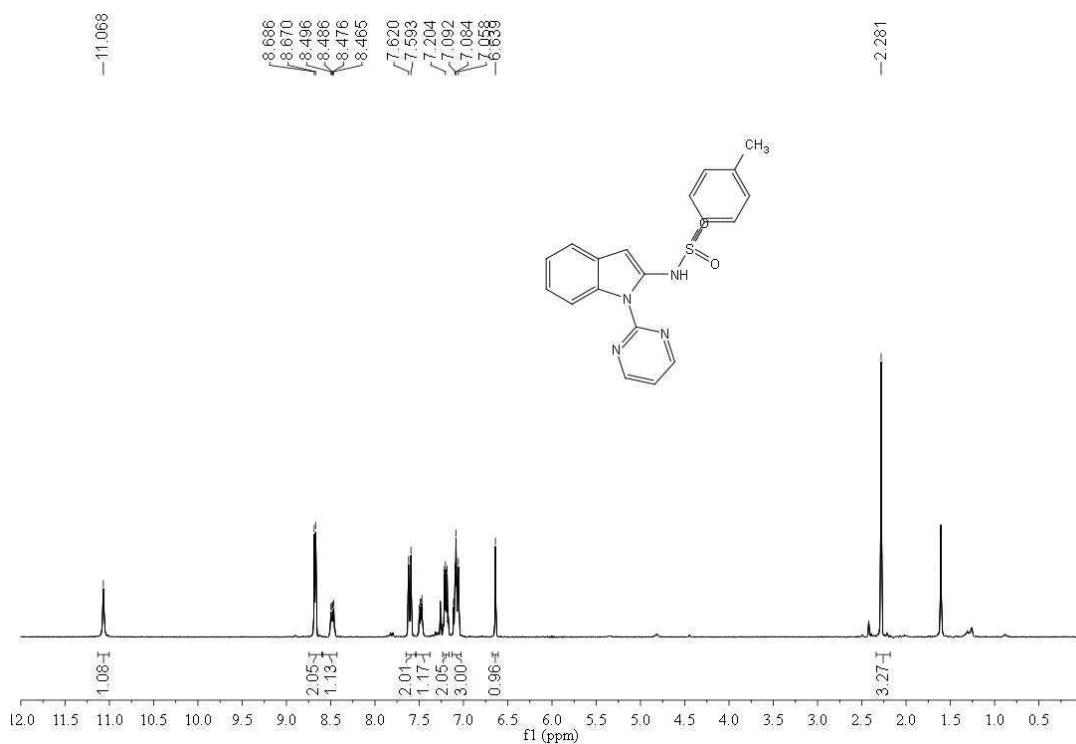
Following procedure of **4f**, to give product **4g** (yeild 73%) as a light yellow viscous liquid. IR (film): 3062, 2925, 1618, 1471, 1278, 1203, 1083, 924, 868, 777, 678, 551 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.07 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 171.45, 142.78, 140.79, 139.06, 133.50, 129.46, 129.23, 126.20, 123.52, 123.18, 112.29, 77.77, 25.66, 21.00. HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 300.0932. Found: 300.0927.

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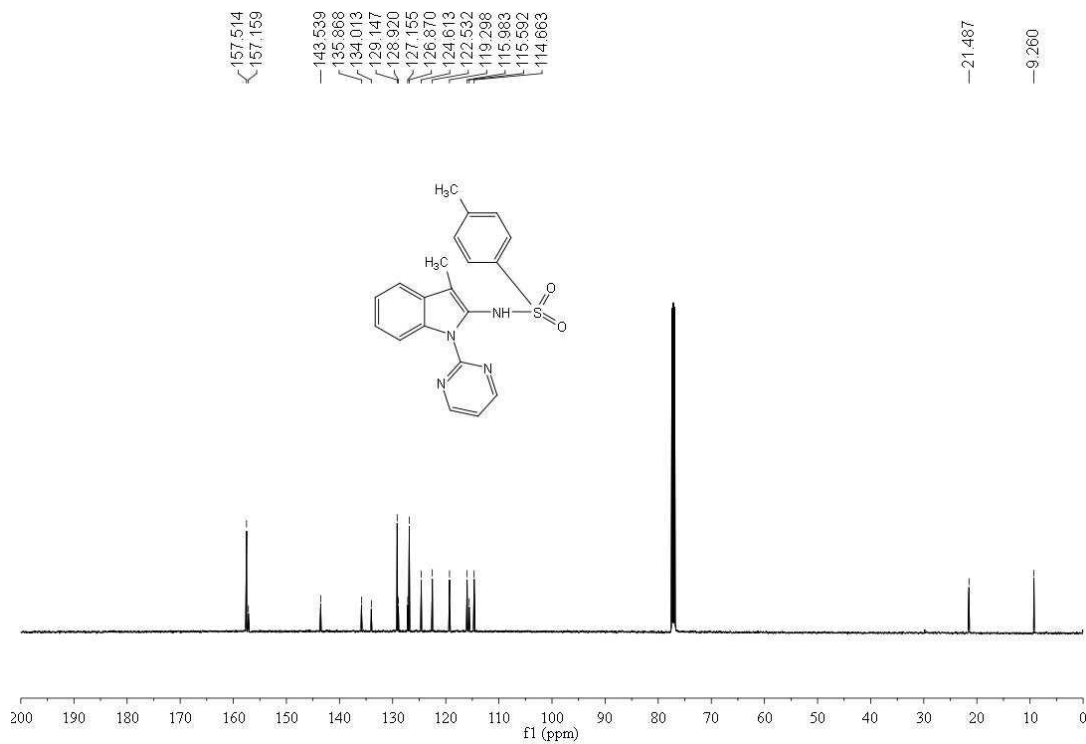
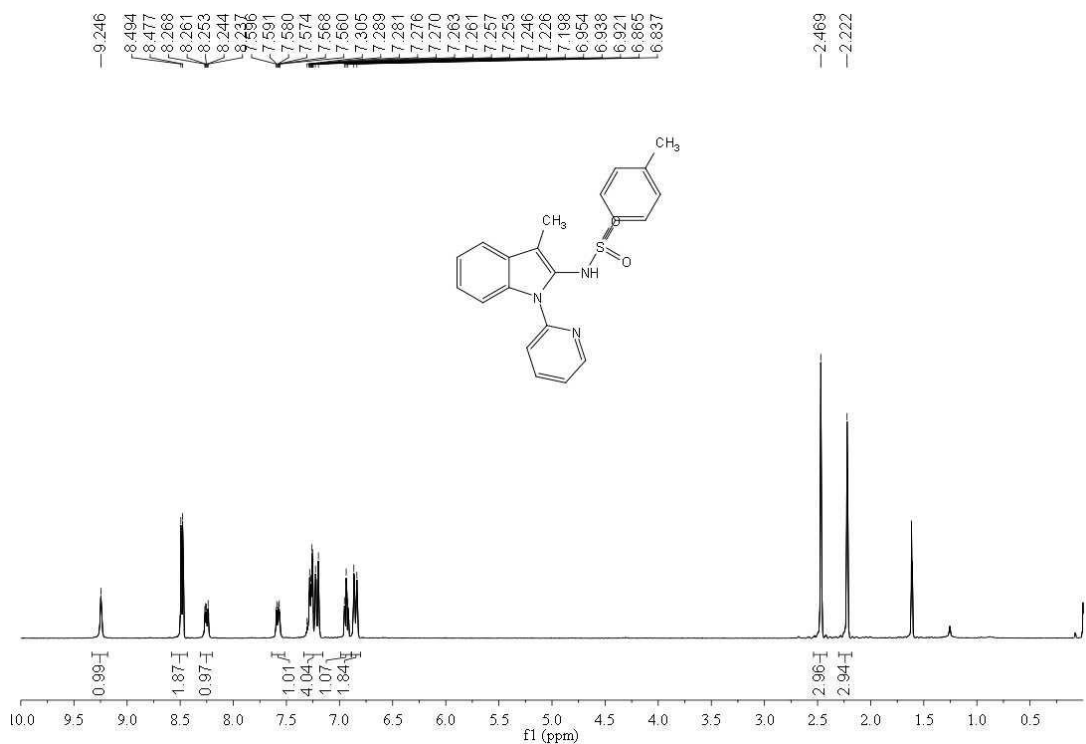
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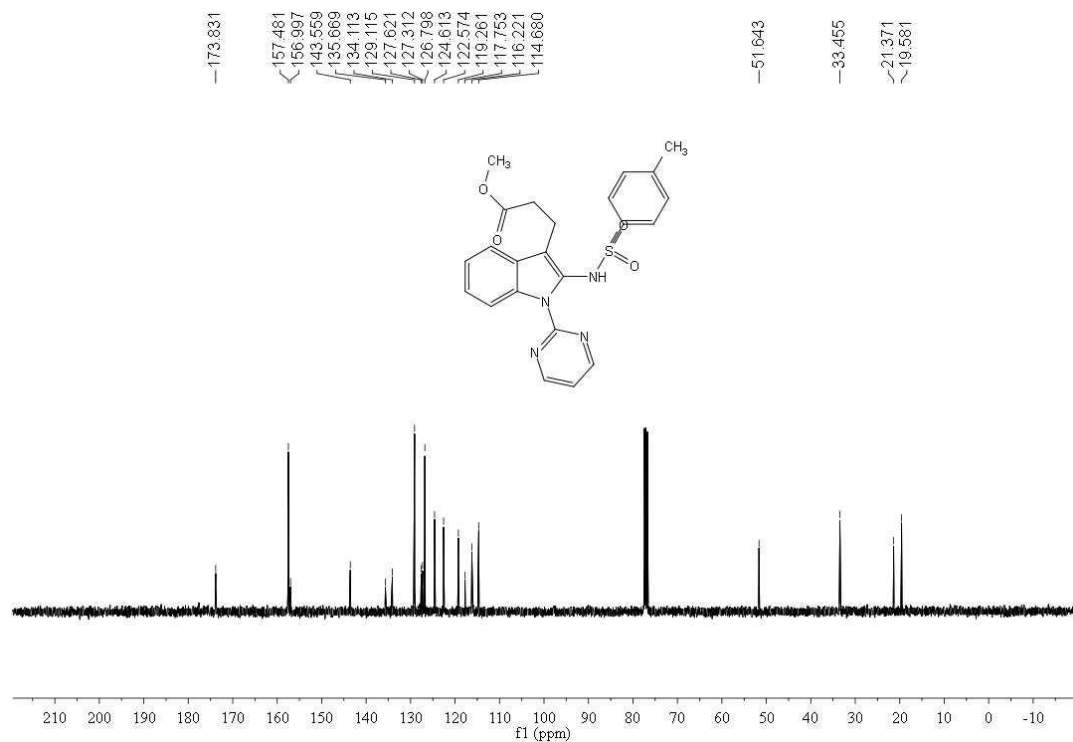
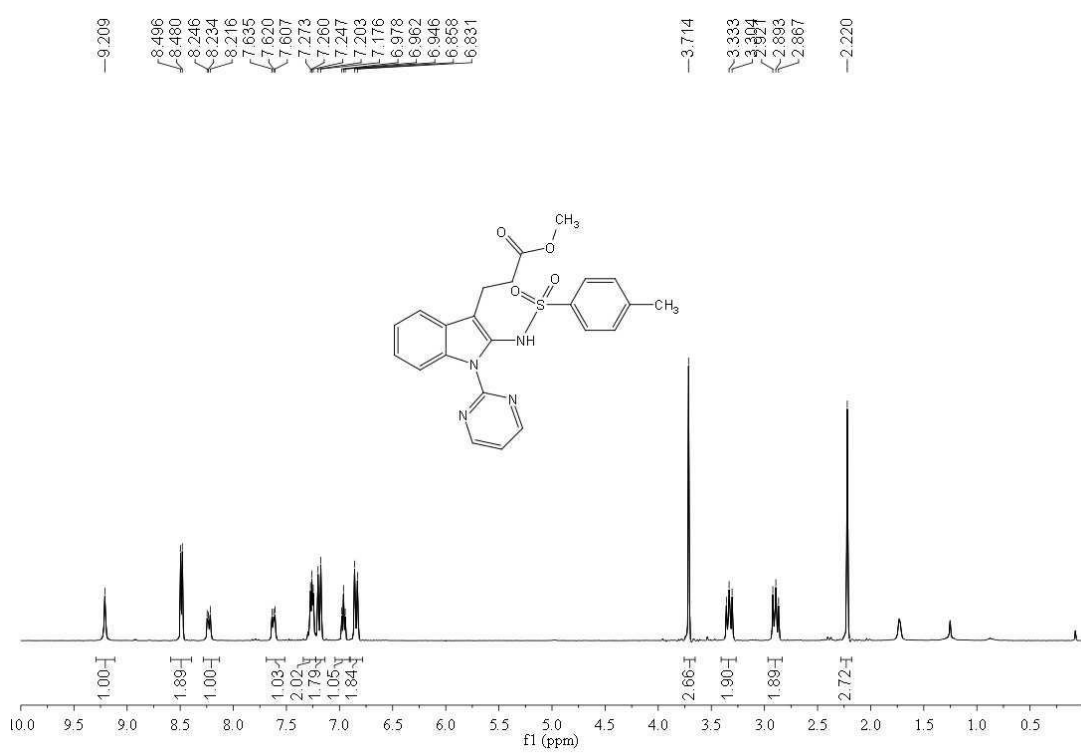
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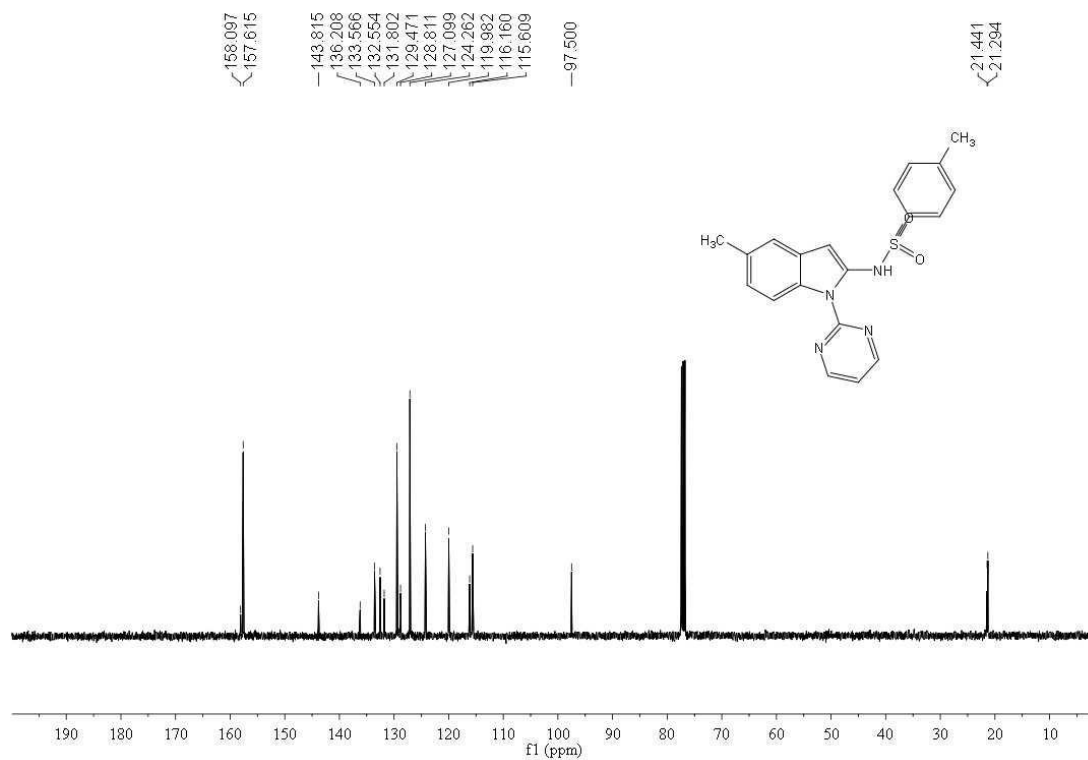
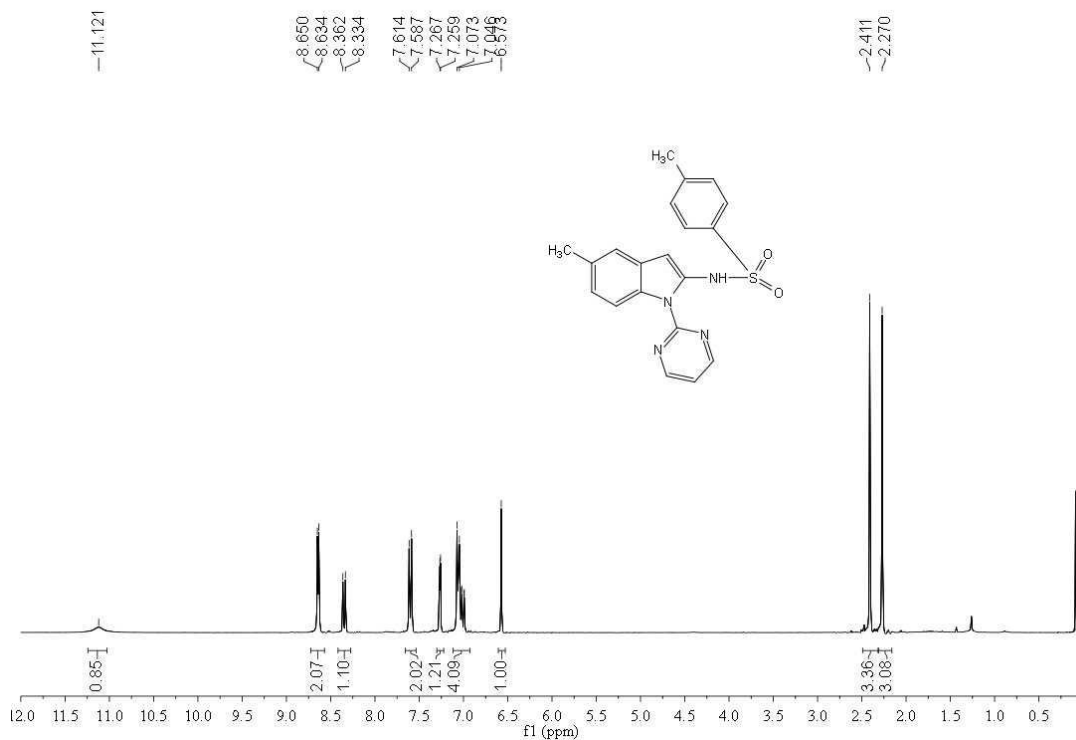
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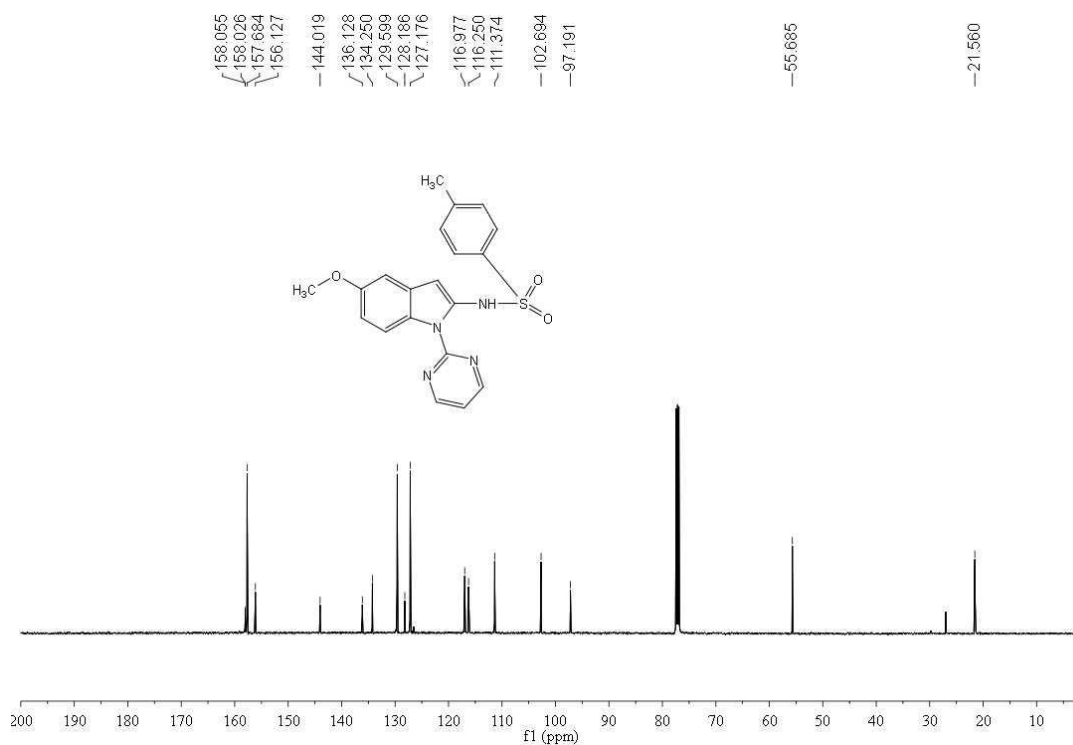
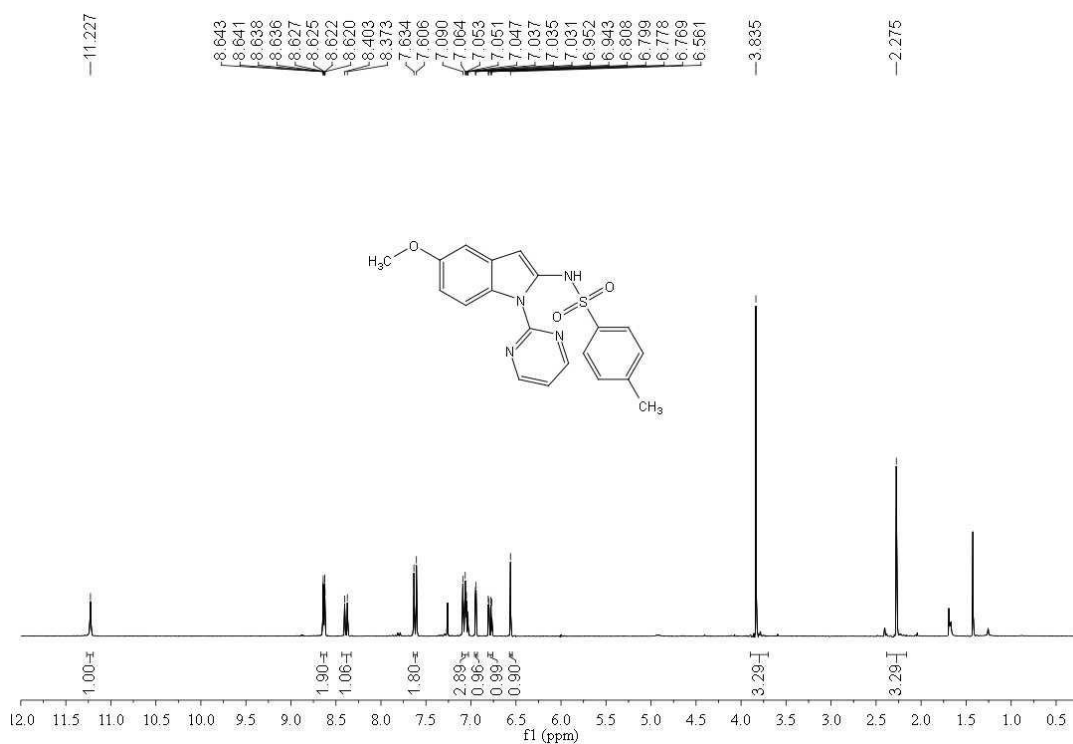
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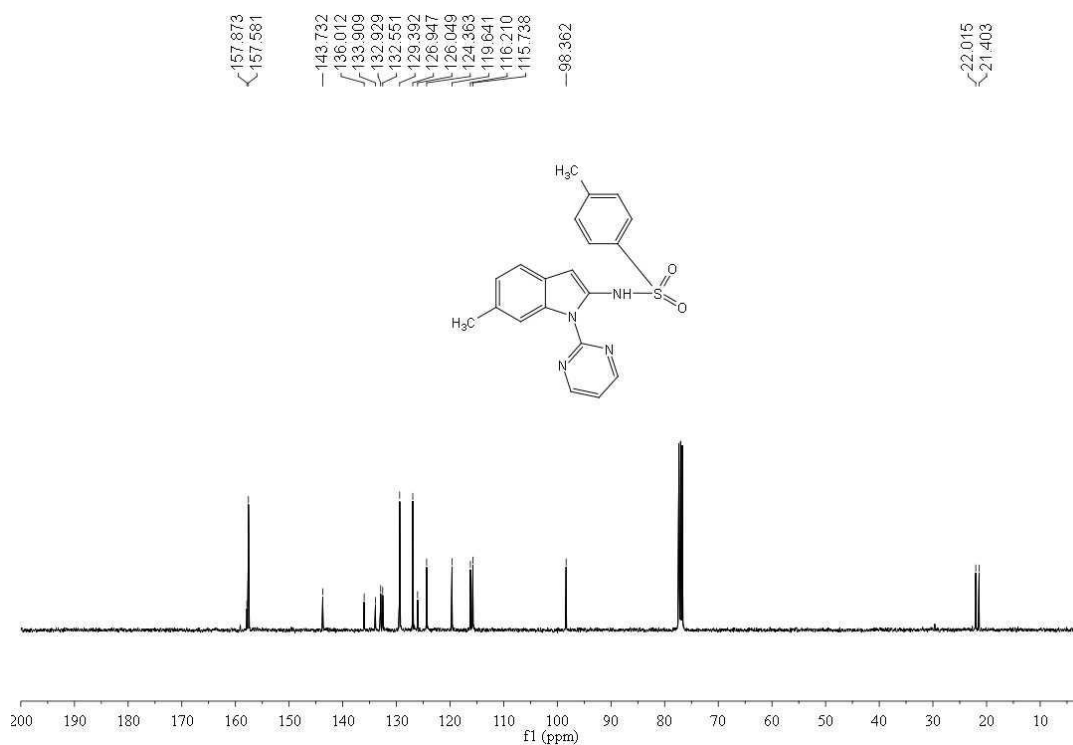
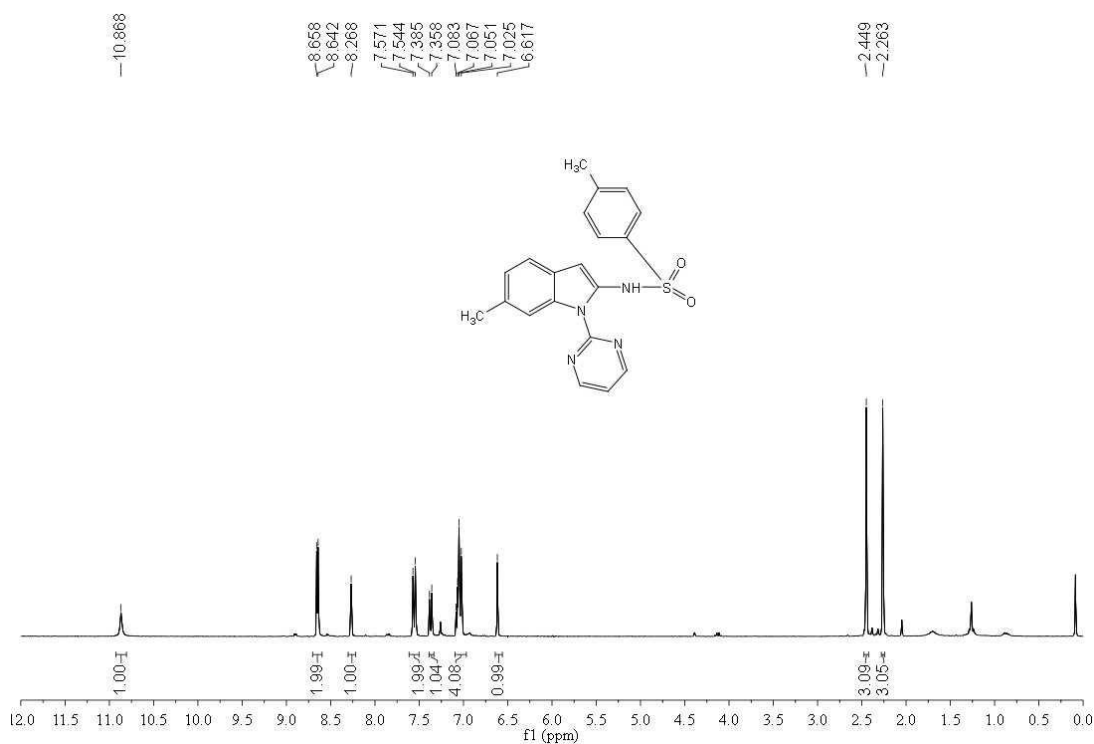
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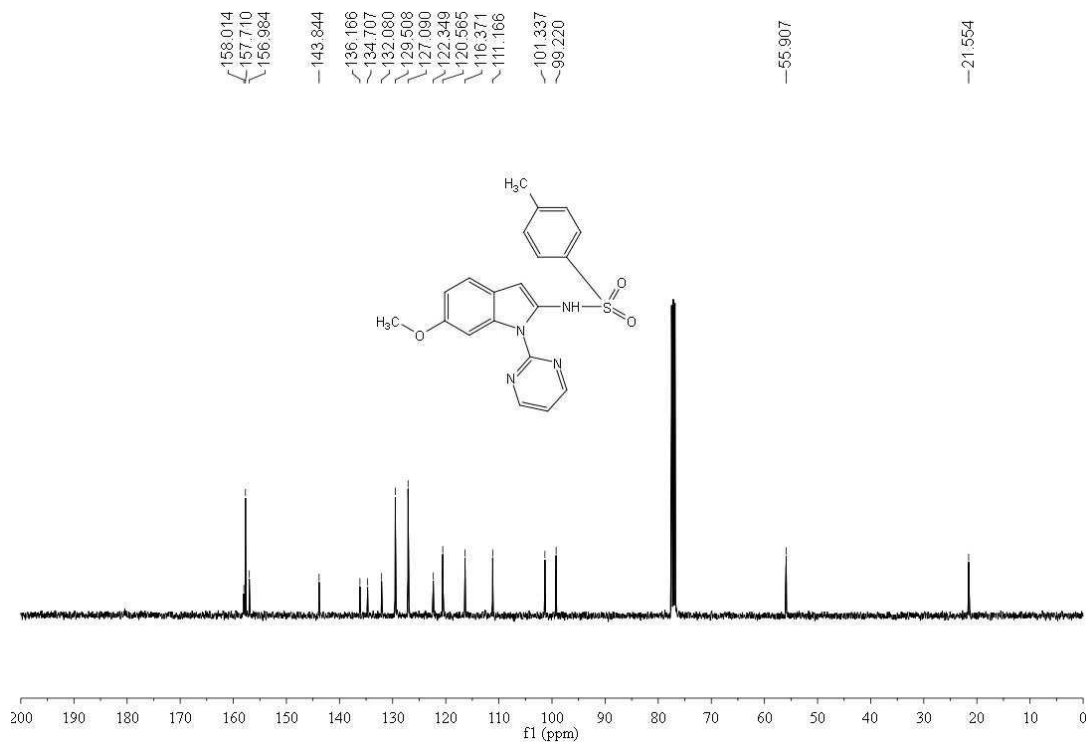
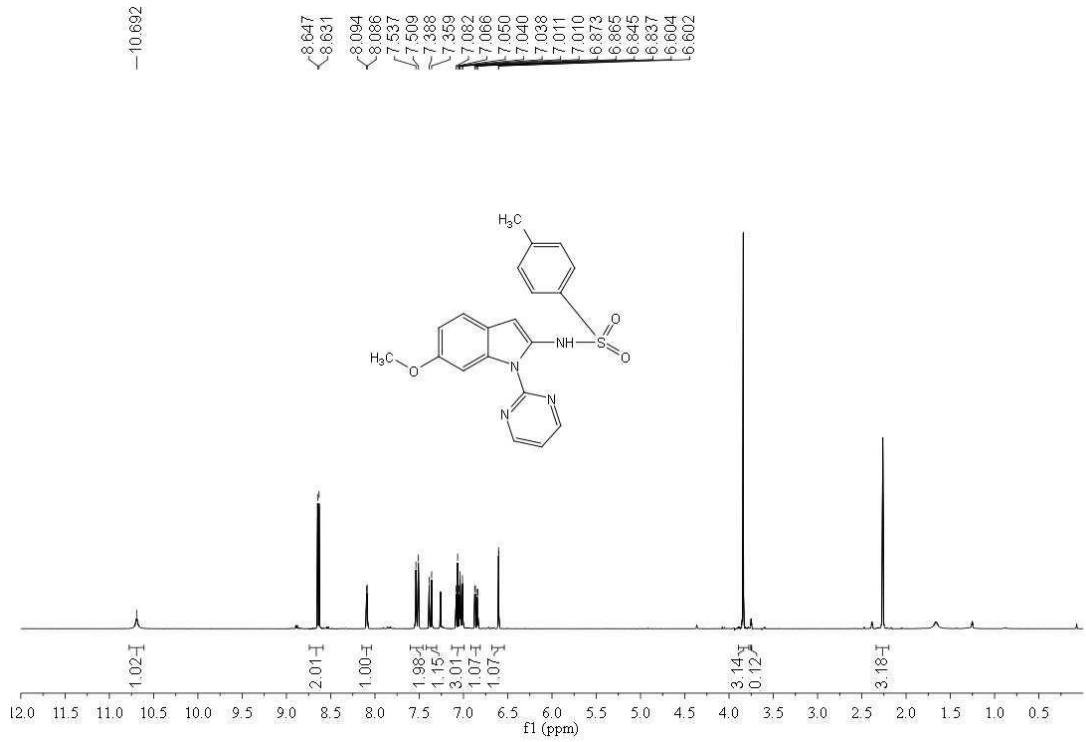
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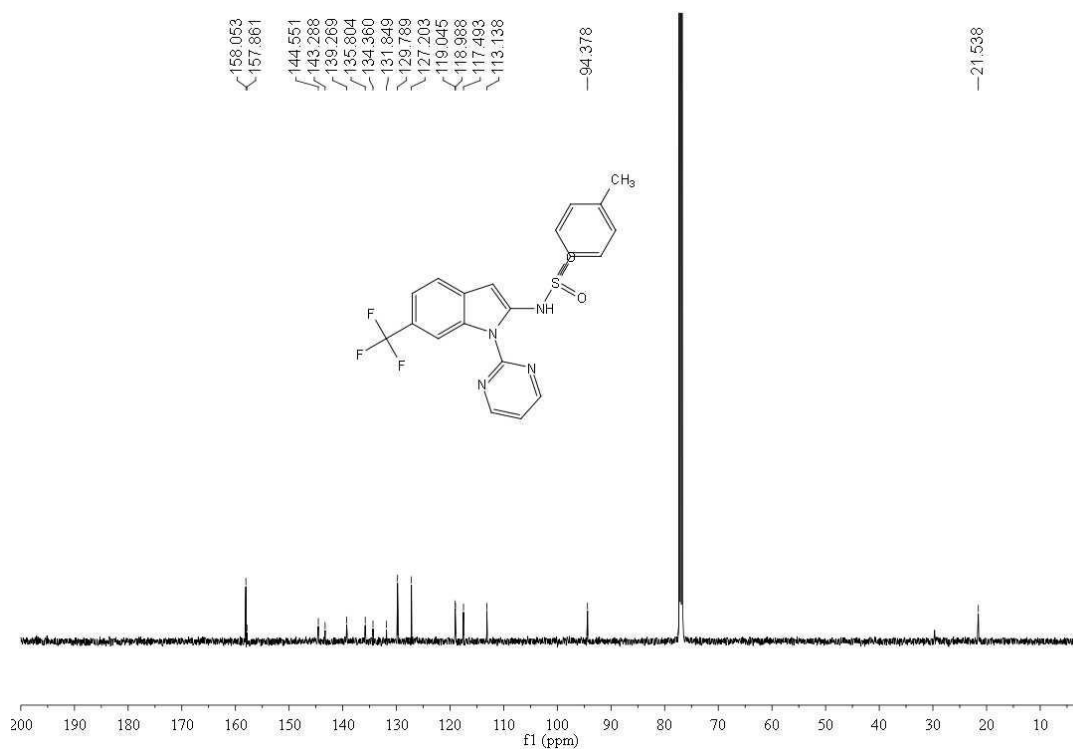
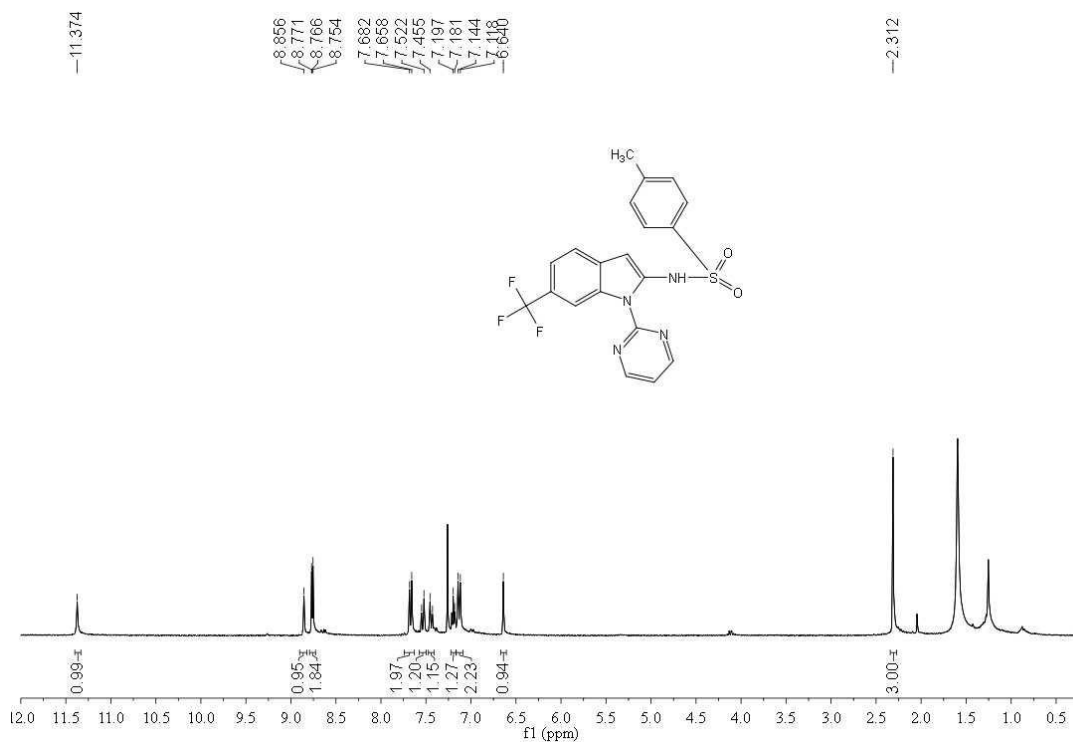
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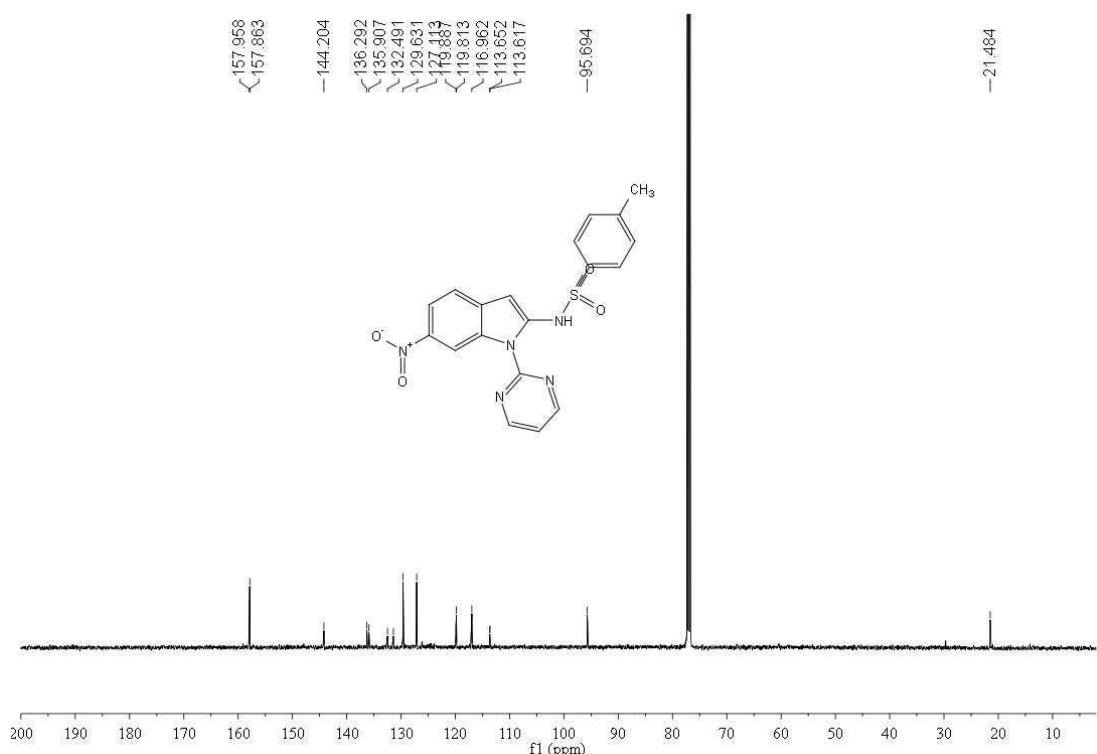
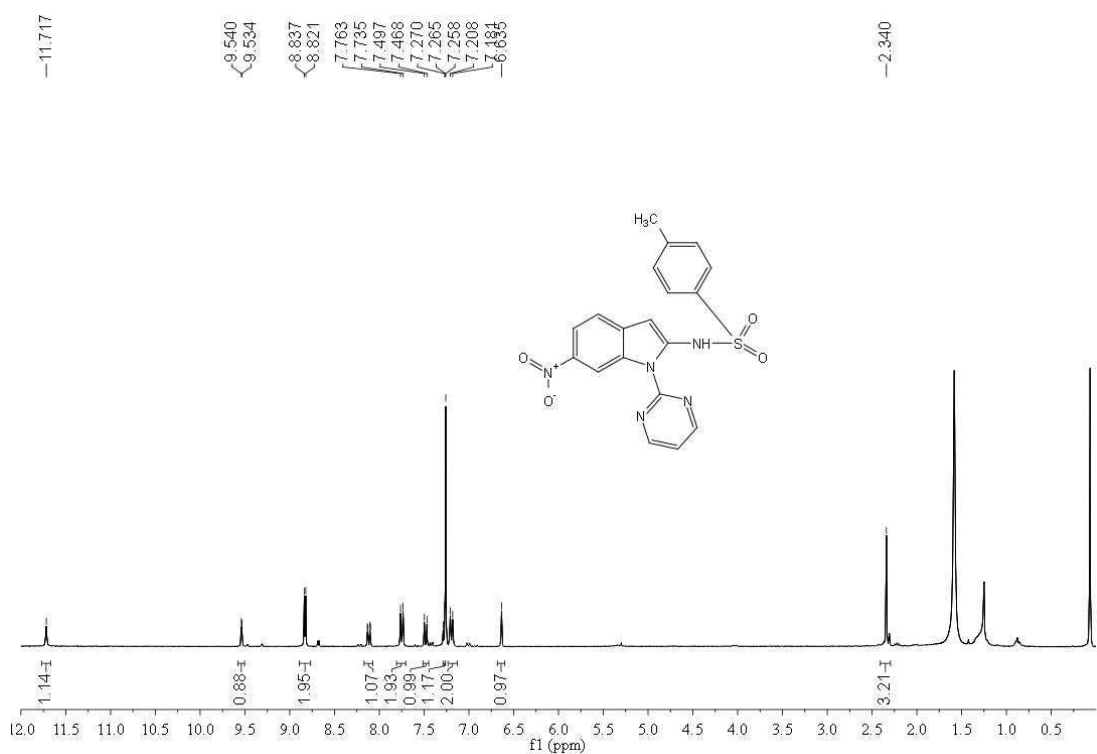
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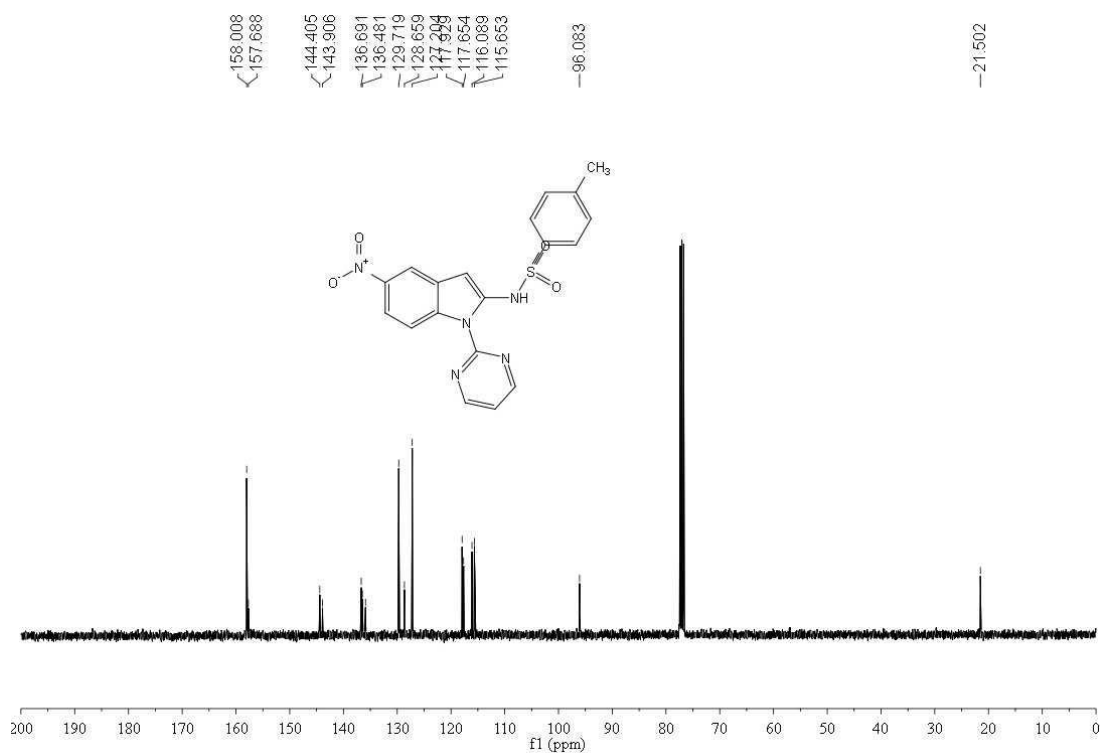
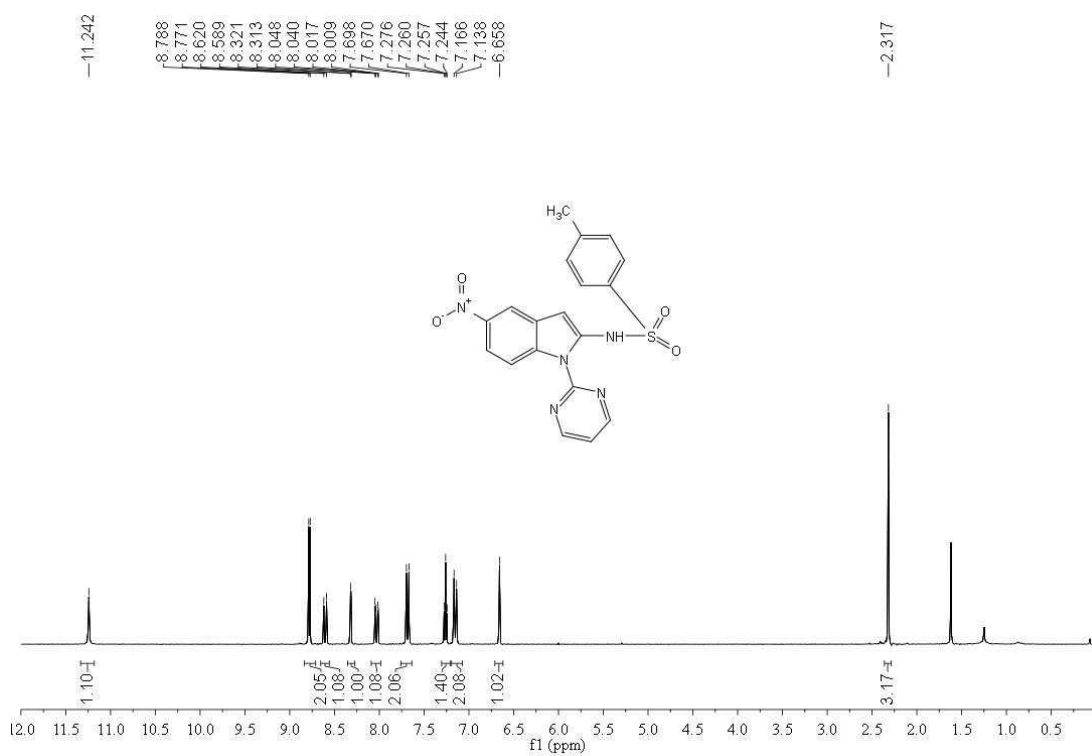
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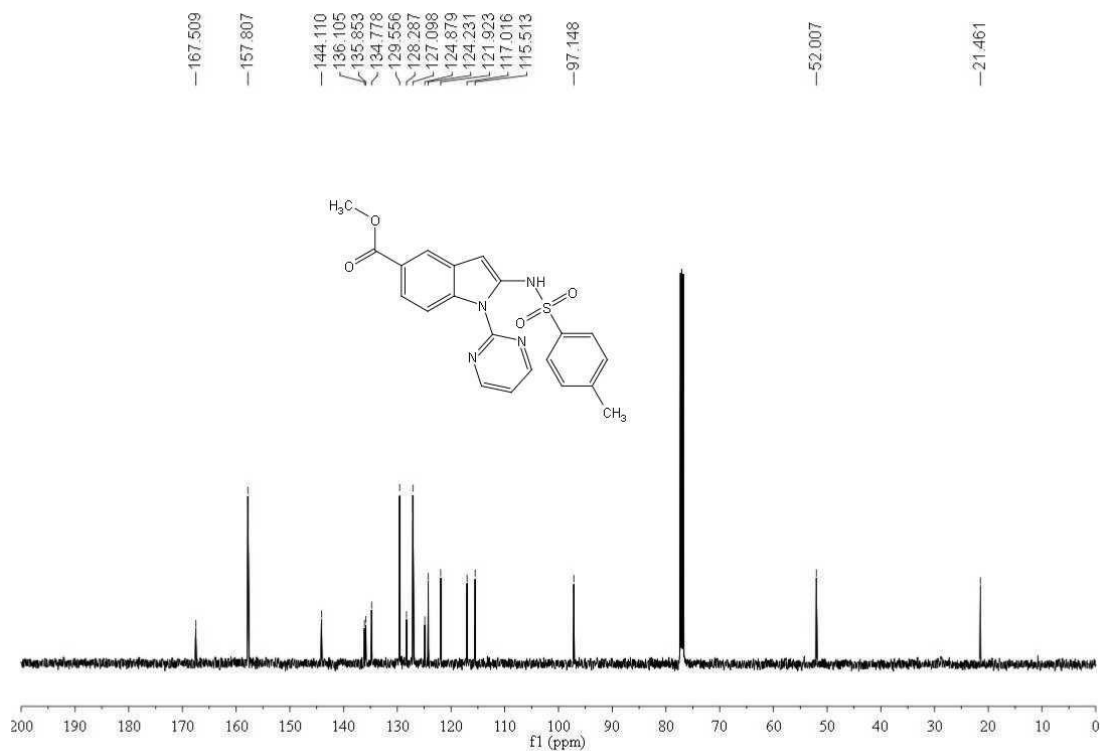
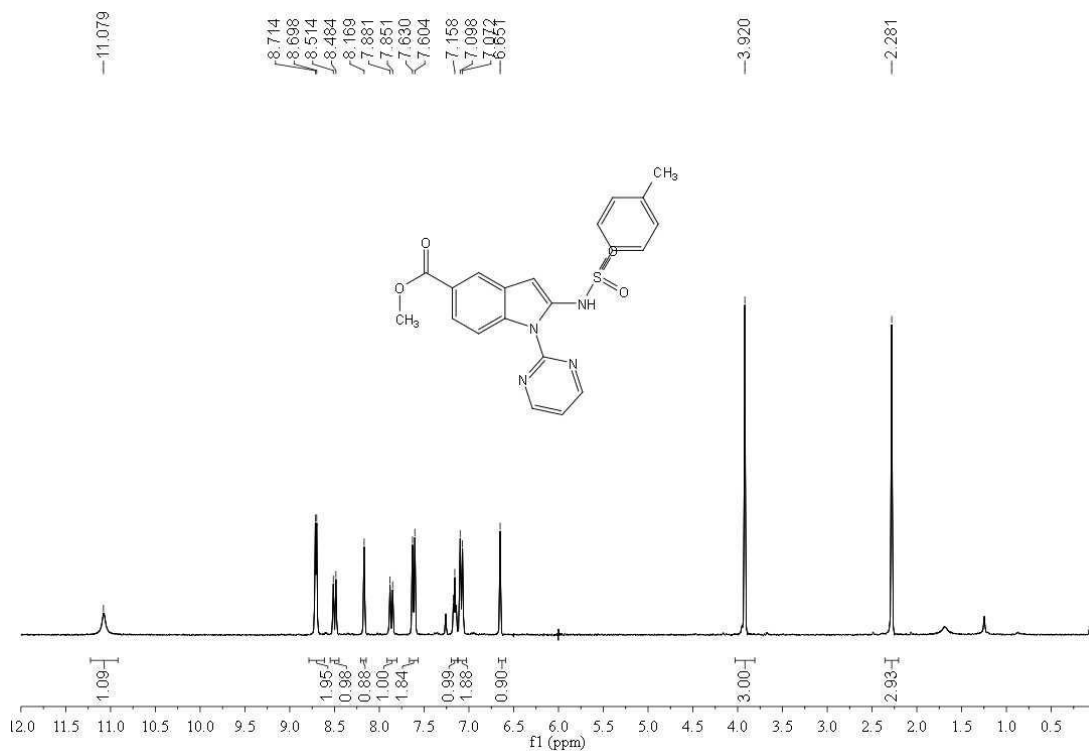
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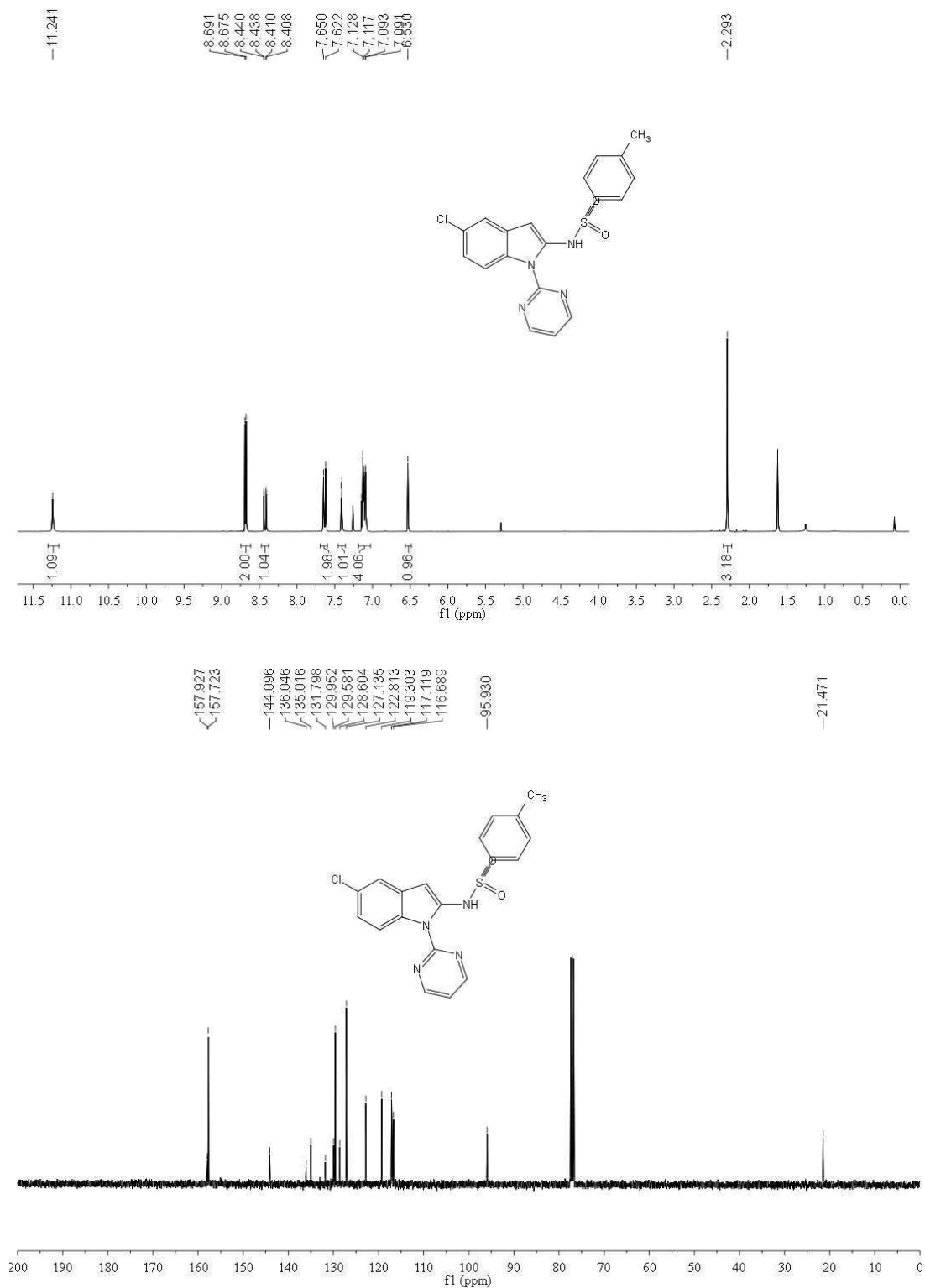
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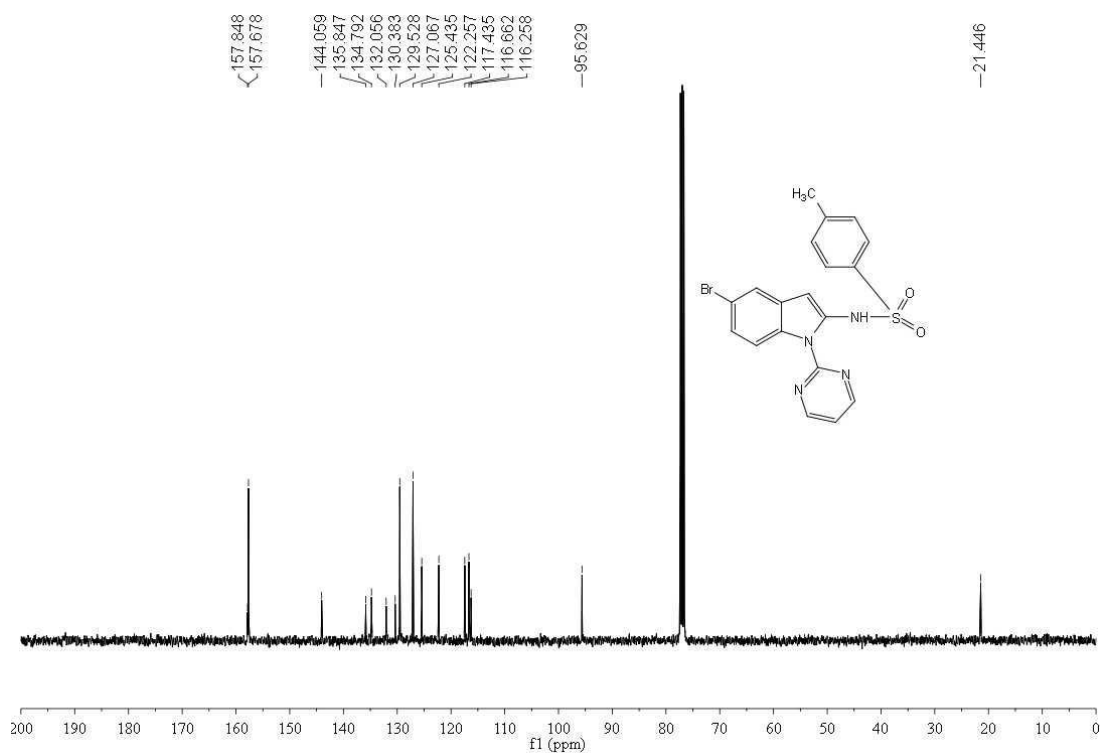
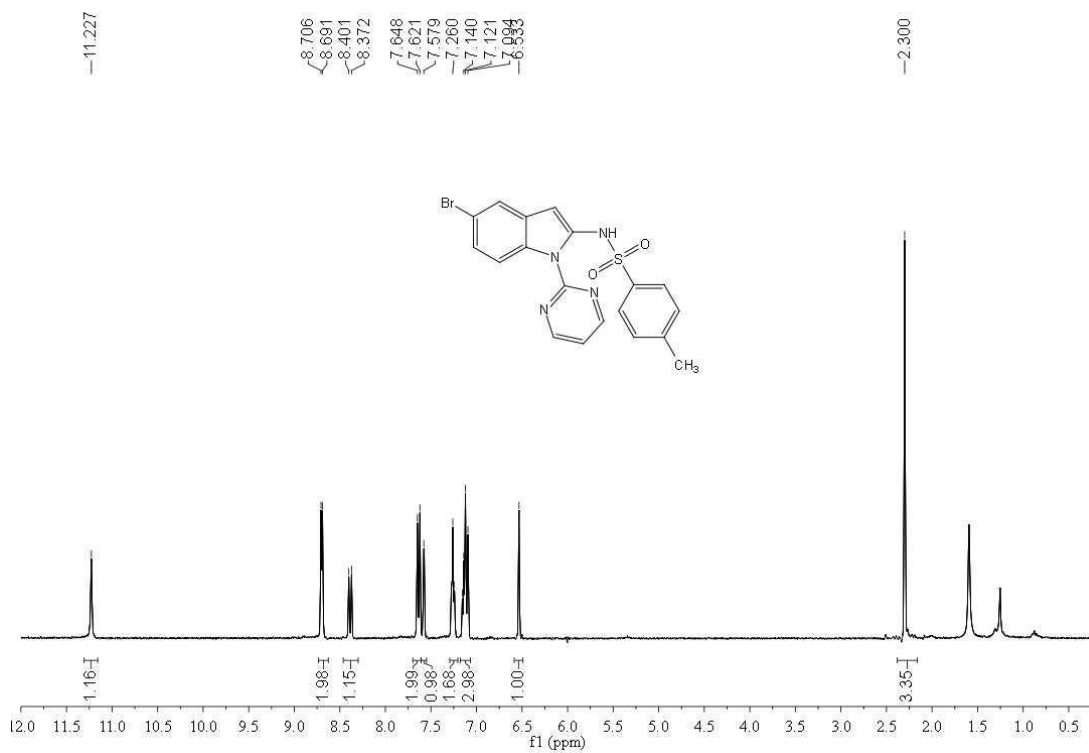
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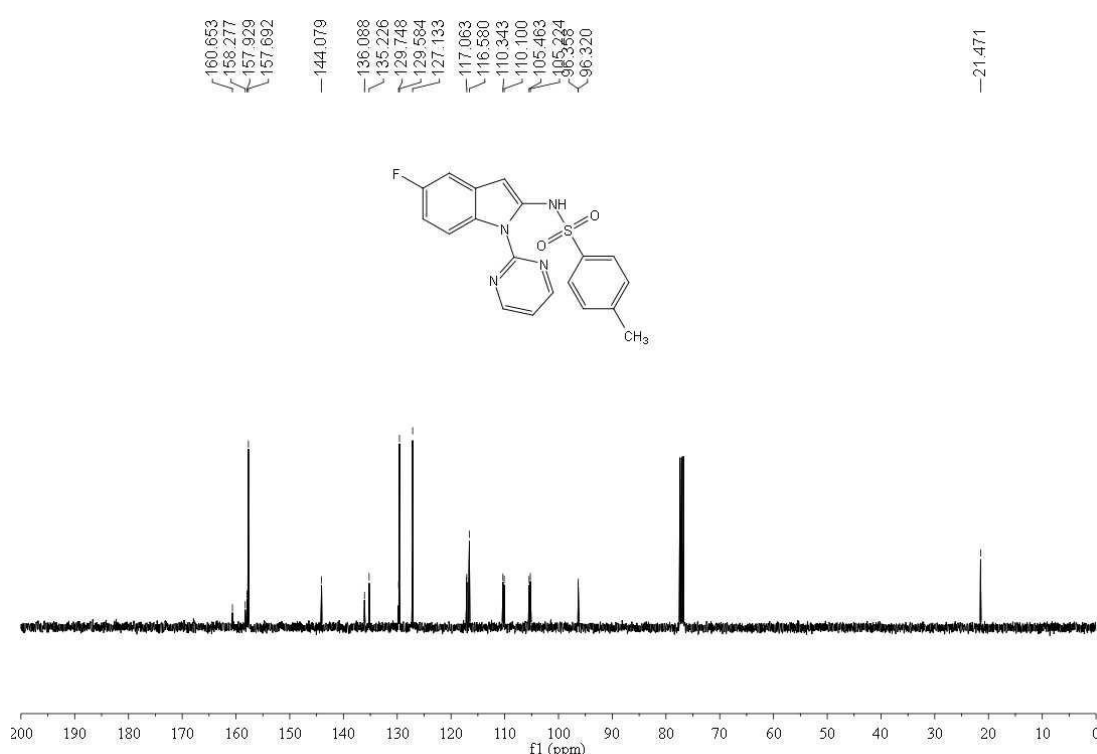
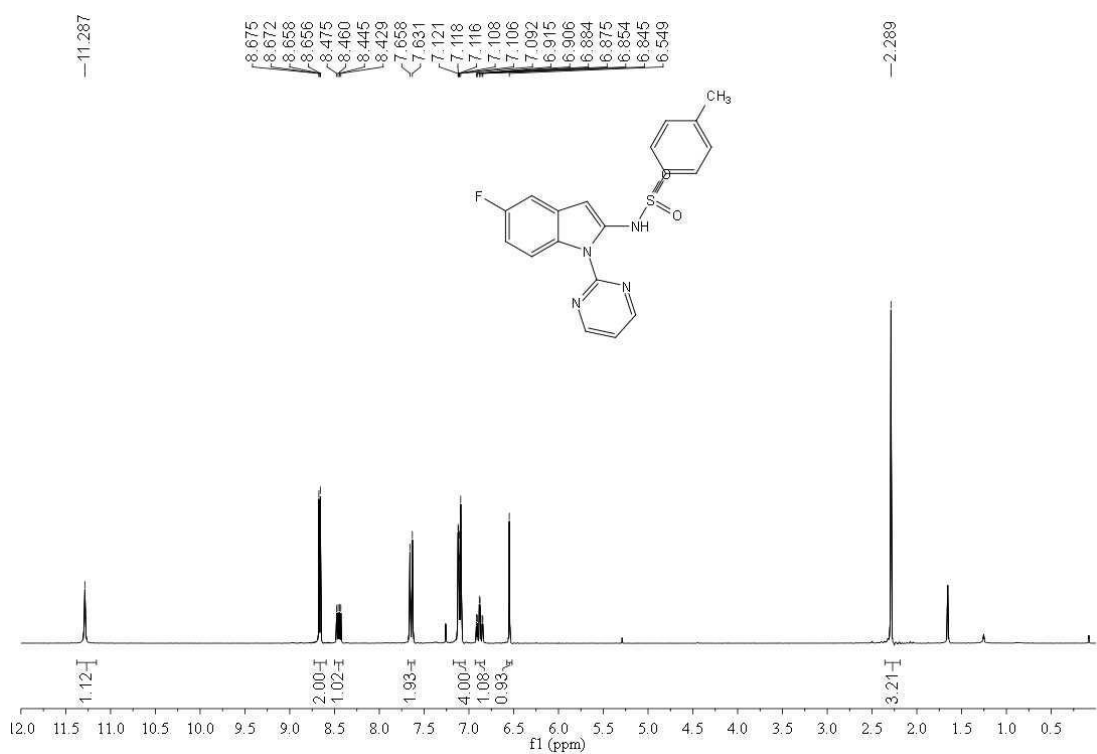
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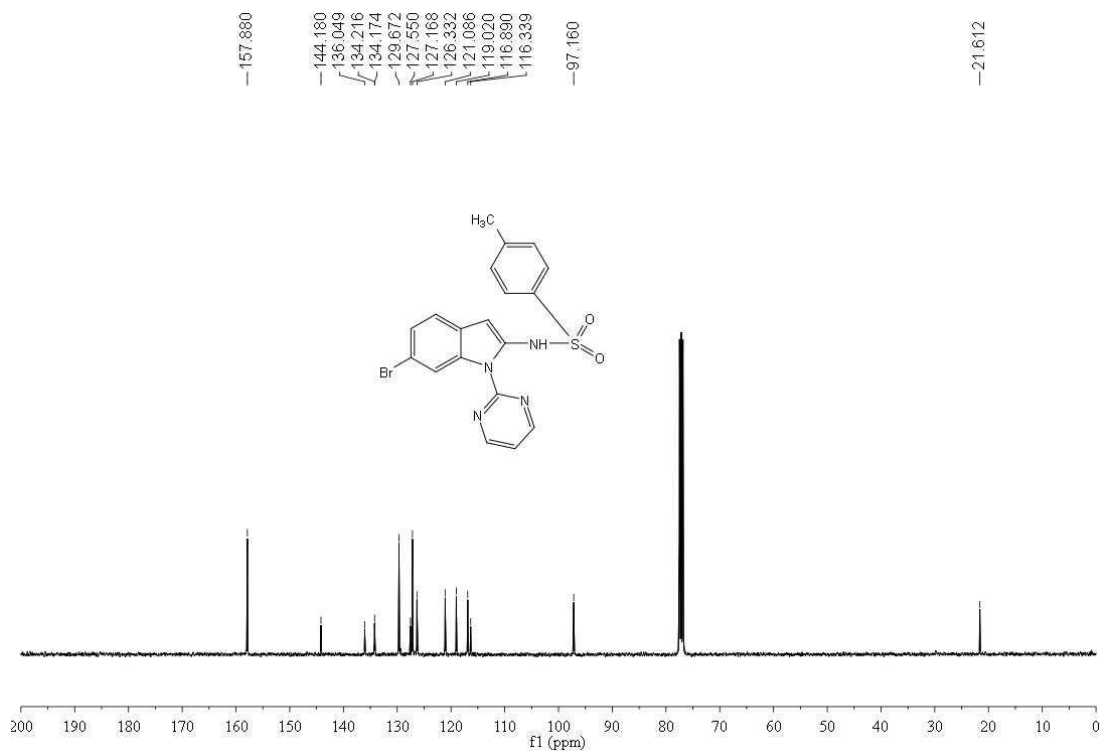
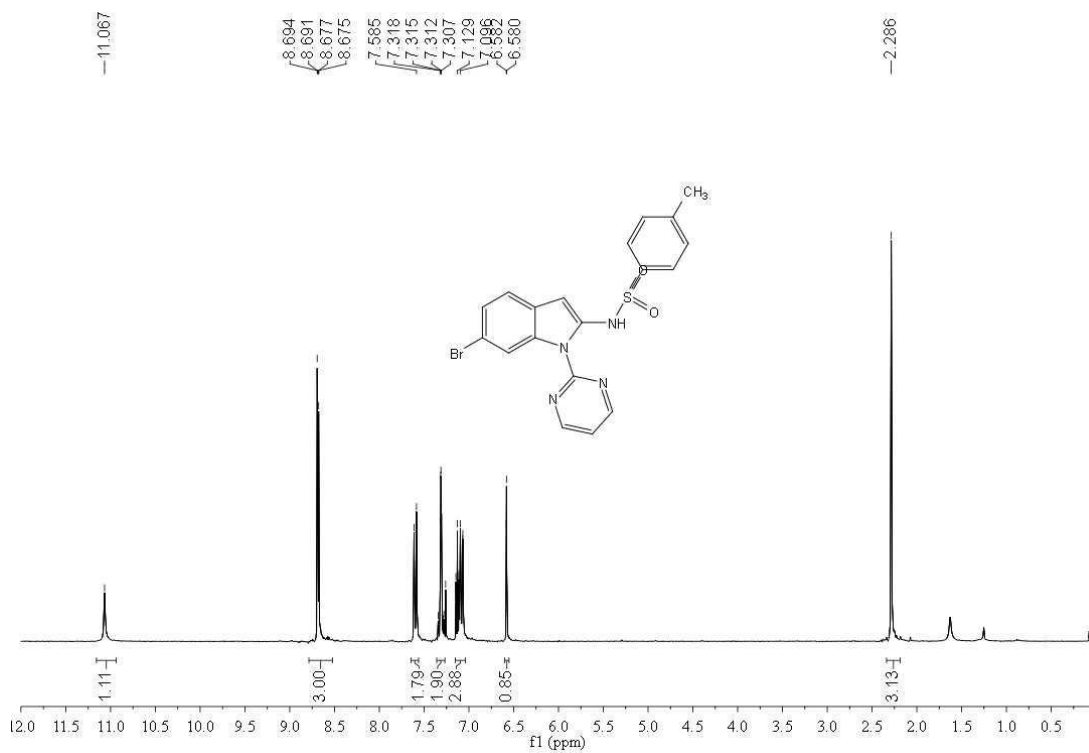
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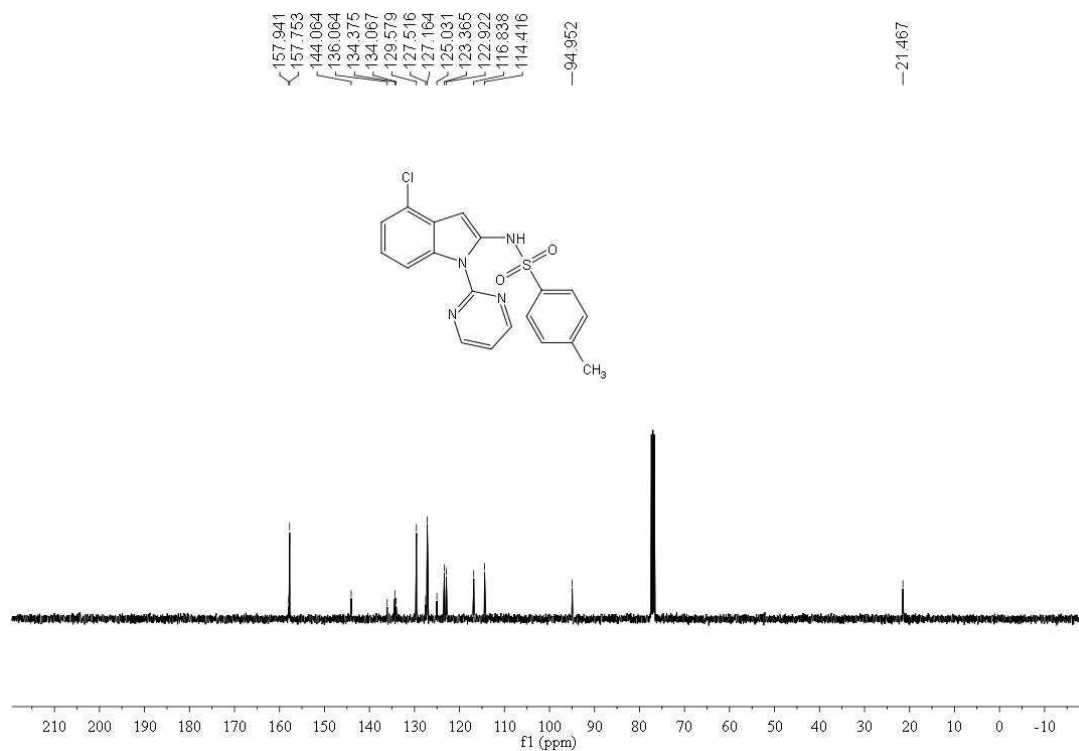
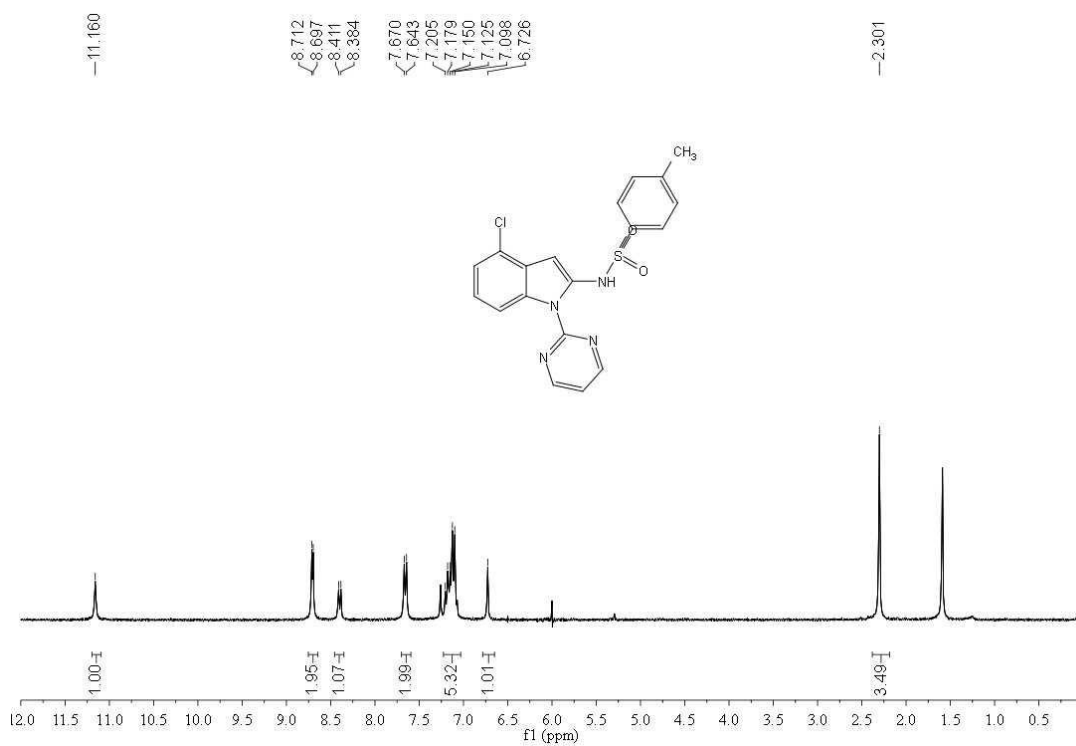
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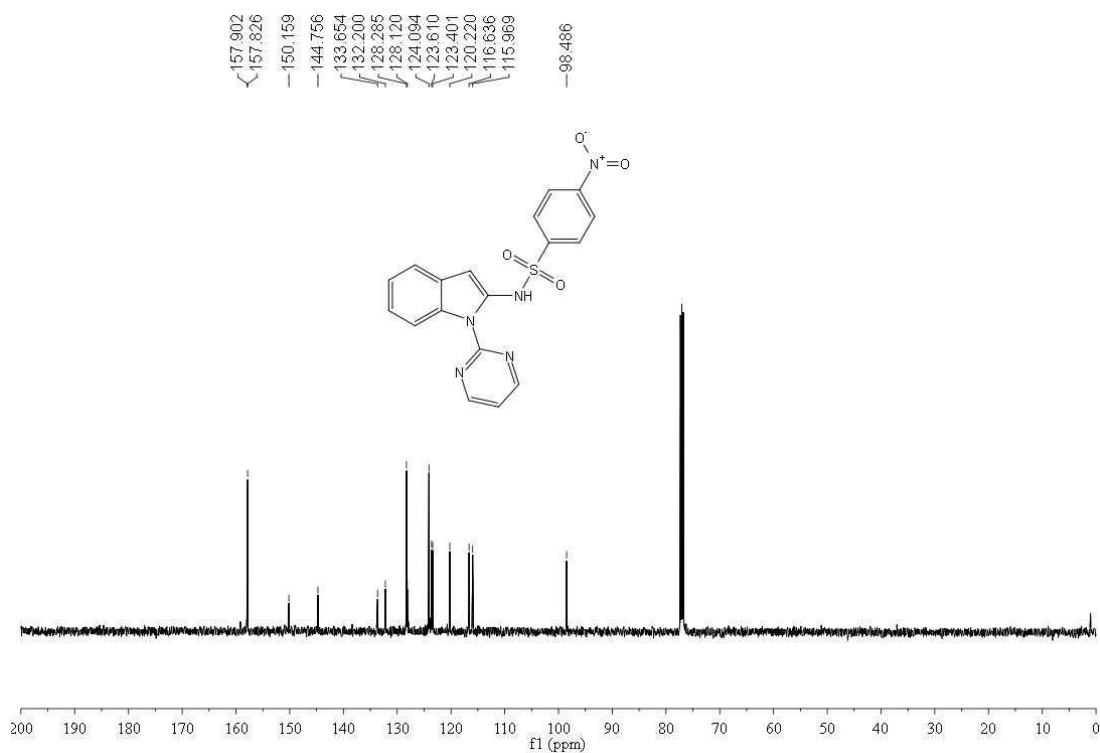
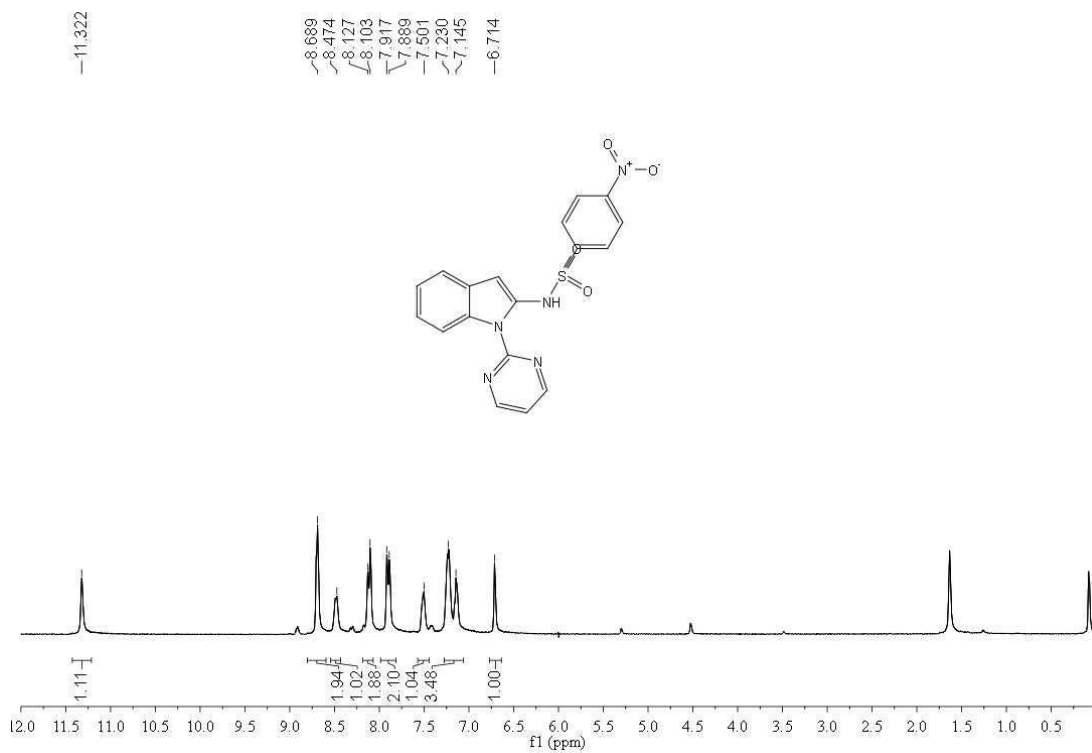
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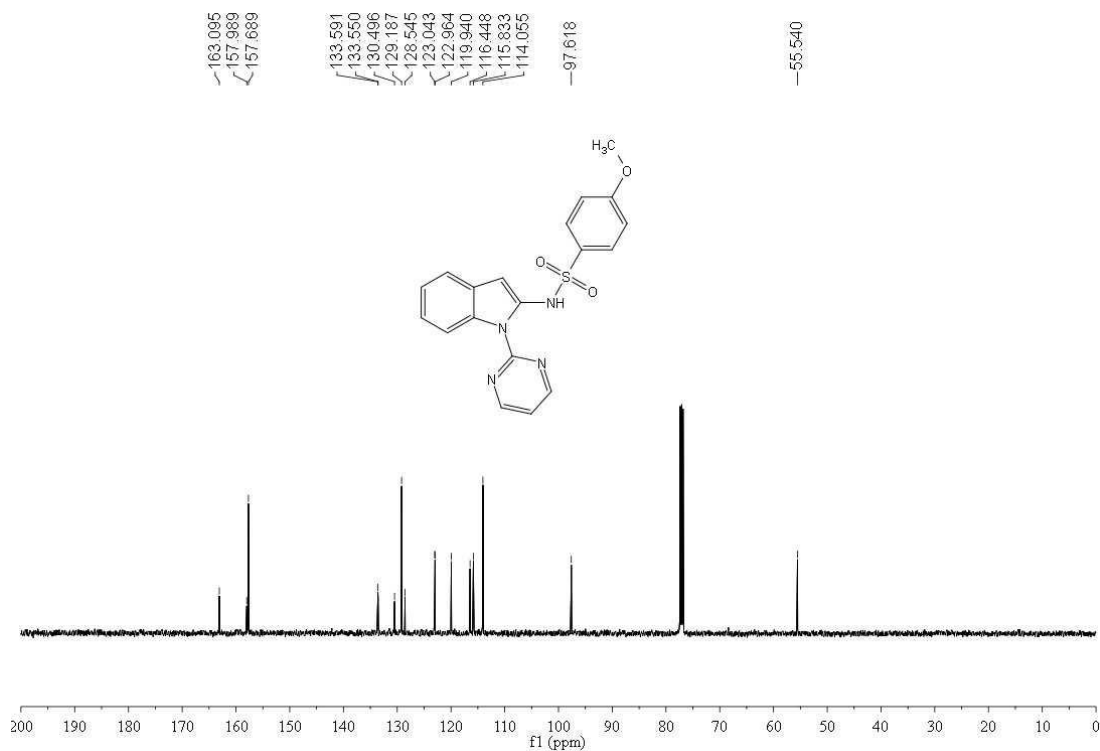
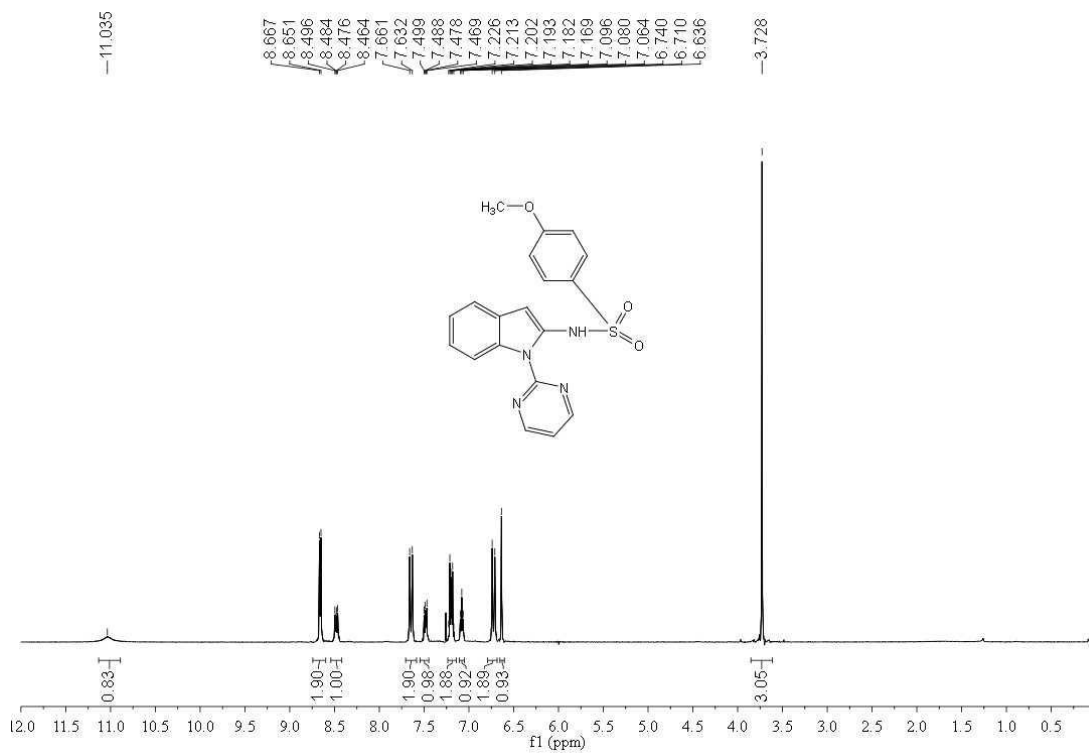
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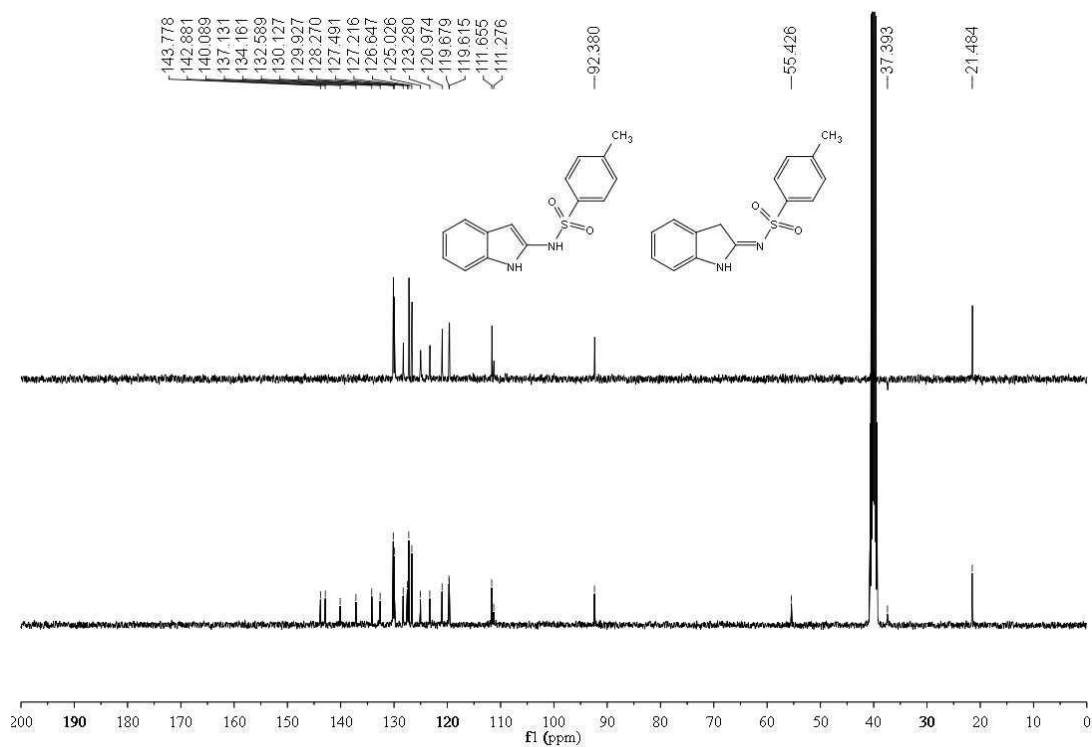
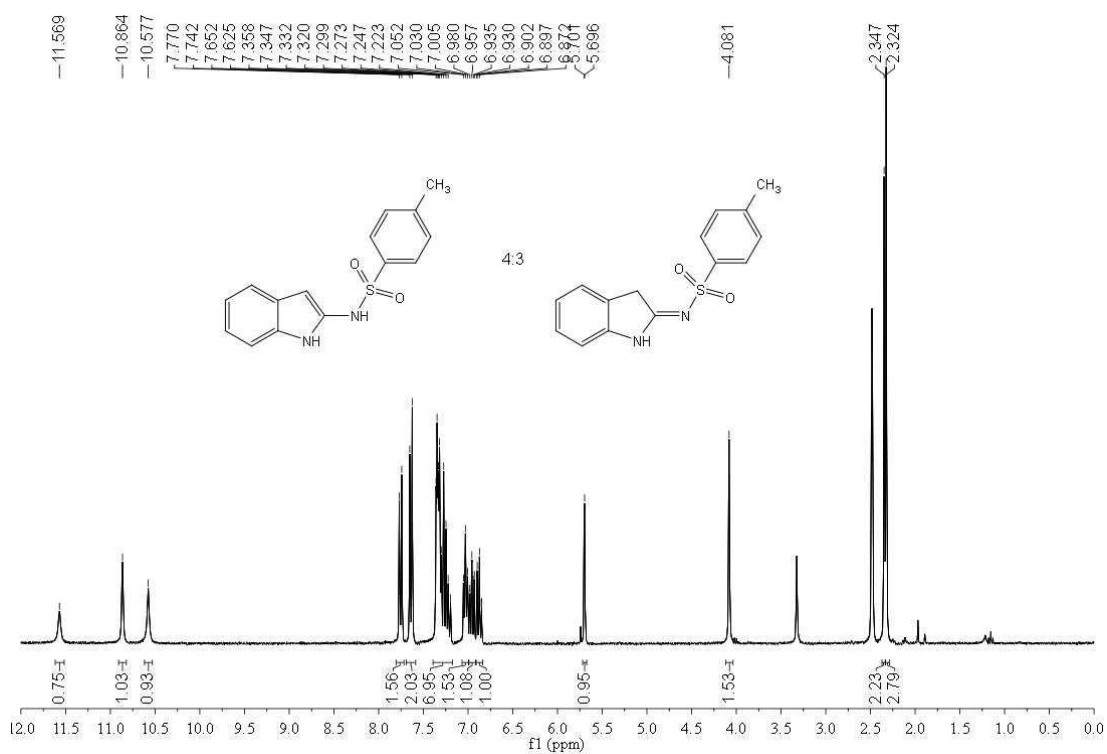
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Compound **4f**



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