

## Supporting Information

### Ir(III)-Catalyzed Oxidative Coupling of NH Isoquinolones with Benzoquinone

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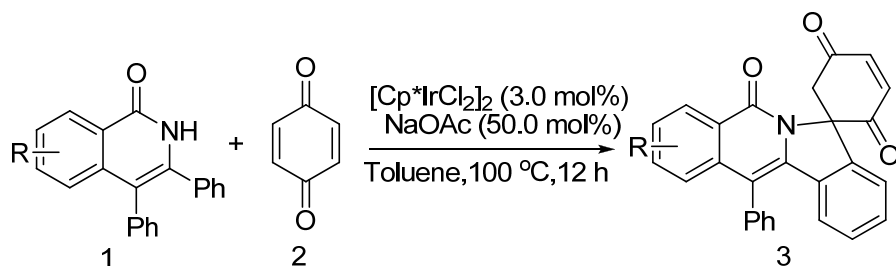
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## Experimental Section:

**General Considerations.** All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk technique.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz),  $^{19}\text{F}$  (376 MHz), and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100MHz) were recorded on Bruker AV400 NMR spectrometer with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent. Chemical shifts of  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$ , and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm). The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ :  $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.26$  ppm,  $\delta_{\text{C}} = 77.00$  ppm). All coupling constants ( $J$  values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet (t), quartet (q), and multiplet (m). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 200-300 mesh. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by UV absorbance (254 nm). IR spectra were recorded as KBr disks on a Nicolet 380 FT-IR spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) were done on Varian 7.0 T FTICR-mass spectrometer.  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{IrCl}_2]_2$  was prepared from  $\text{IrCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  following a literature procedure.<sup>[1]</sup> Unless otherwise noted below, all other compounds have been reported in the literature or are commercially available from Alfa Aesar China (Tianjin) Chemical Co., Ltd. without any further purification. The substrates **1a-q**,<sup>[2]</sup> **2c**,<sup>[3]</sup> were prepared according to the known procedures.

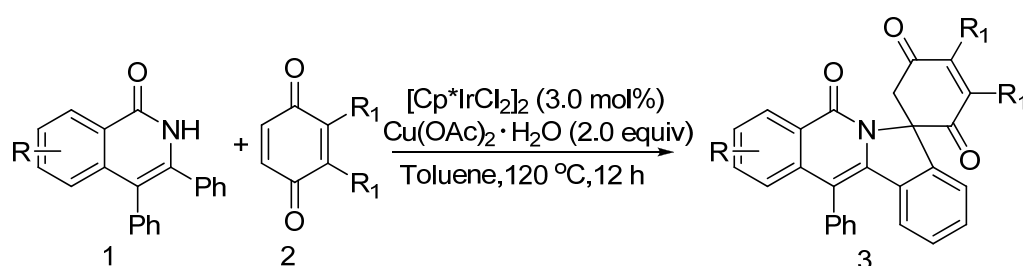
### General Procedure for the Ir(III)-Catalyzed Cascade Synthesis (A)



A mixture of substituted isoquinolone (**1**) (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), benzoquinone (**2**) (0.44 mmol, 2.2 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{IrCl}_2]_2$  (4.8 mg, 0.006 mmol, 3.0 mol %), and NaOAc (8.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry toluene (1.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h under Ar atmosphere. Afterwards, it was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and transferred to a round bottom flask. Silica was

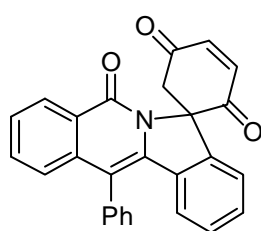
added to the flask and volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether.

### General Procedure for the Ir(III)-Catalyzed Cascade Synthesis (B)



A mixture of substituted isoquinolone (**1**) (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), benzoquinone (**2**) (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{IrCl}_2]_2$  (4.8 mg, 0.006 mmol, 3.0 mol %), and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (80 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry toluene (1.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h under Ar atmosphere. Afterwards, it was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and transferred to a round bottom flask. Silica was added to the flask and volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether.

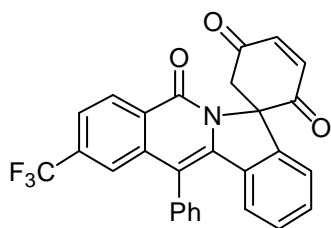
### Preparation and Characterization of Products 3



#### 12'-Phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (**3aa**)

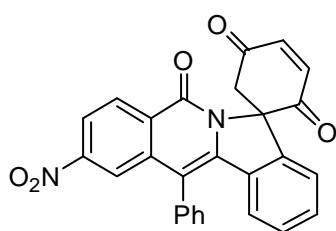
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (80.1 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 252-254 °C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (m, 5H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.22 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d,  $J$  = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d,  $J$  = 16.1 Hz, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  195.1, 189.1, 160.3, 142.8, 141.4, 140.0, 138.9, 136.9, 134.5, 133.2, 132.7, 130.9, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 127.5, 126.9, 125.6, 125.1, 124.9, 121.0, 115.3, 74.5, 45.9. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  404.1281, found: 404.1289. **IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):**  $\nu$  3060, 2915, 1798, 1693, 1652, 1599, 1473, 1414, 1350, 1322, 1269, 1216, 1190, 1087, 1027, 912, 886, 835, 760, 696,

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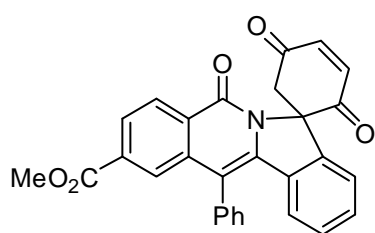
**12'-Phenyl-2'-(trifluoromethyl)-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ba)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (93.5 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 190-193 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 8.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 3H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 3H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 194.7, 188.7, 159.5, 142.9, 141.2, 140.1, 139.0, 138.5, 134.3 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 133.4, 132.7, 130.8, 130.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.8, 129.2, 128.7, 127.2, 125.3, 123.6 (q, *J* = 271.5 Hz), 122.8, 122.7, 121.0, , 114.8, 74.8, 45.6. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz):** δ -62.97 (s). **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 472.1155, found: 472.1163. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3049, 2920, 1694, 1654, 1619, 1560, 1489, 1467, 1432, 1374, 1354, 1338, 1313, 1269, 1222, 1165, 1128, 1091, 1047, 1024, 970, 890, 842, 792, 772, 751, 702, 698, 553, 504.



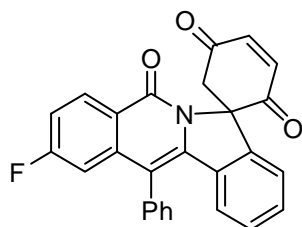
**2'-Nitro-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ca)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (89.0 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 275-277 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.66 (s, 3H), 7.45 (s, 2H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 194.5 , 188.4, 159.1, 150.6, 143.1, 141.2, 140.1, 139.8, 133.0, 132.4, 130.8, 130.7, 130.2, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 128.5, 125.5, 121.1, 120.9, 120.4, 114.8, 75.0, 45.5. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 449.1132, found: 449.1138. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3055, 1699, 1656, 1619, 1522, 1463, 1344, 1268, 1212, 1148, 1082, 884, 833, 769, 745, 715.



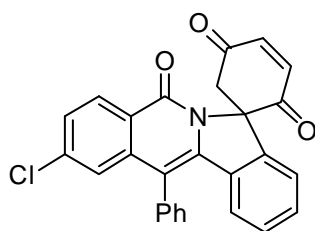
**Methyl 2,5,5'-trioxo-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2'-carboxylate (3da)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (91.6 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 239-240 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 194.9, 188.9, 166.3, 159.8, 142.9, 141.3, 140.0, 138.8, 137.9, 133.82, 133.8, 132.9, 130.9, 130.8, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 126.9, 125.2, 121.0, 116.1, 115.4, 74.7, 52.5, 45.7. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 462.1336, found: 462.1343. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3052, 2948, 2363, 1712, 1696, 1651, 1616, 1551, 1498, 1466, 1434, 1439, 1296, 1270, 1248, 1185, 1092, 979, 954, 914, 880, 815, 759, 732, 708, 605, 504



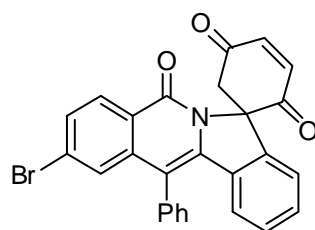
**2'-Fluoro-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ea)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (83.6 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. M.p: 251-253 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 8.46 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 194.9, 189.0, 165.6 (d, *J* = 250 Hz), 159.6, 142.9, 141.5 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 141.3, 140.2, 138.3, 133.9, 132.9, 130.8, 130.7, 130.6, 130.2, 129.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 125.1, 121.7, 121.0, 115.6, 115.3, 114.6, 110.9, 110.7, 74.6, 45.9. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz):** δ -104.76 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 9.9 Hz). **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 422.1187, found: 422.1194. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3037, 2912, 1692, 1662, 1617, 1481, 1463, 1416, 1371, 1343, 1292, 1221, 1188, 1126, 1092, 1024, 981, 939, 881, 864, 831, 759, 744, 696, 673, 584.



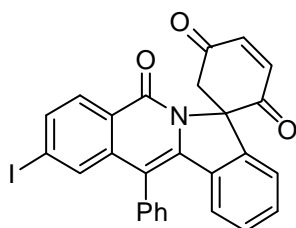
**2'-Chloro-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3fa)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (86.9 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 223-225°C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 194.8, 188.9, 159.6, 142.9, 141.2, 140.1, 139.5, 138.3, 133.7, 132.8, 130.8, 130.7, 130.2, 129.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 129.0, 127.3, 125.1, 124.9, 123.4, 121.0, 114.3, 74.6, 45.8. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 438.0891, found: 438.0893. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3063, 2920, 1698, 1653, 1620, 1594, 1545, 1492, 1461, 1418, 1322, 1284, 1255, 1182, 1085, 1063, 1001, 975, 929, 889, 836, 766, 726, 701, 681, 596, 560.



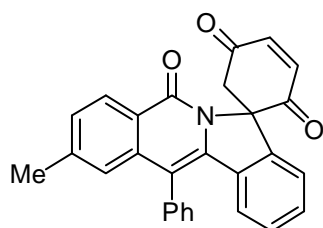
**2'-Bromo-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ga)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (95.7 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 207-209 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.35 (dd, *J* = 23.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 194.9, 188.9, 142.9, 141.3, 140.4, 140.1, 138.3, 133.7, 132.9, 130.9, 130.8, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.3, 128.0, 125.2, 123.8, 121.0, 114.2, 74.6, 45.8. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 482.0386, found: 482.0389. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3049, 2918, 1698, 1654, 1616, 1591, 1543, 1506, 1461, 1413, 1344, 1322, 1267, 1219, 1186, 1087, 898, 834, 767, 712, 674.



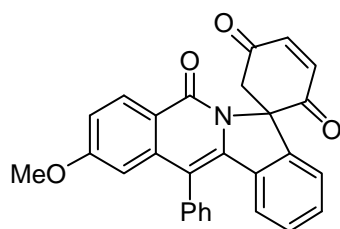
**2'-Iodo-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ha)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (105.0 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 173-175°C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 6.32 (dd, *J* = 24.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 194.9, 188.8, 160.0, 142.88, 141.3, 140.3, 140.1, 138.1, 135.9, 134.3, 133.7, 132.9, 130.9, 130.8, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 129.0, 125.2, 124.3, 121.0, 114.0, 101.2, 74.6 (s), 45.8 (s). **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>INO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 530.0248, found: 530.0249. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3394, 3046, 2916, 1699, 1651, 1614, 1585, 1539, 1492, 1459, 1407, 1344, 1320, 1267, 1187, 1088, 889, 834, 768, 708, 673, 553.



**2'-Methyl-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ia)**

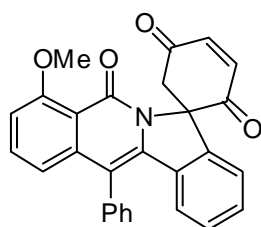
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (82.9 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 245-246 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 195.2, 189.2, 160.2, 143.4, 142.7, 141.3, 140.0, 138.9, 137.0, 134.6, 133.3, 130.9, 130.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 125.3, 124.9, 123.0, 120.9, 115.2, 77.3, 46.0, 22.0. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 418.1438, found: 438.1447. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3048, 2917, 1695, 1649, 1601, 1491, 1463, 1373, 1341, 1271, 1217, 1161, 1091, 1026, 885, 834, 769, 747, 703, 676, 551.



**2'-Methoxy-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ja)**

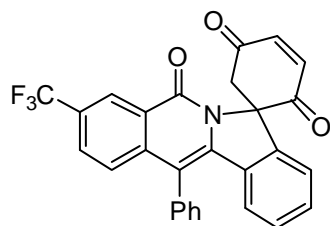
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in

99% yield (86.0 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 245-246 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.05 (m, 5H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 195.2, 189.3, 163.1, 159.9, 142.8, 141.3, 141.1, 140.2, 137.5, 134.5, 133.3, 130.9, 130.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 124.9, 120.9, 119.0, 116.0, 115.4, 114.9, 107.6, 74.3, 55.3, 46.1. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 434.1387, found: 434.1393. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3314, 2973, 1701, 1641, 1607, 1584, 1518, 1487, 1462, 1376, 1351, 1273, 1230, 1083, 1030, 836, 767, 744, 704, 684, 633, 595.



**4'-Methoxy-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ka)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 58% yield (50.3 mg, 0.116 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 256-259 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):** δ 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.71 (m, 1H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):** δ 195.4, 189.1, 161.3, 159.0, 142.4, 142.0, 141.5, 140.5, 137.6, 135.0, 133.2, 133.1, 131.0, 130.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 124.9, 120.8, 118.0, 114.6, 114.4, 108.3, 74.3, 56.2, 45.77. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 456.1206, found: 456.1212. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** ν 3359, 3065, 2909, 2835, 1690, 1653, 1618, 1599, 1555, 1475, 1369, 1271, 1218, 1184, 1091, 1039, 1020, 989, 884, 810, 768, 739, 708, 685, 551, 498.

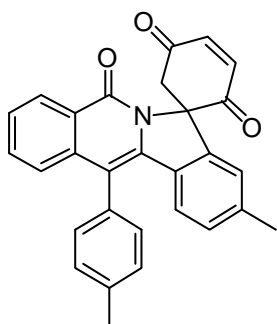


**12'-Phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3la)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (93.5 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 214-216 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H**

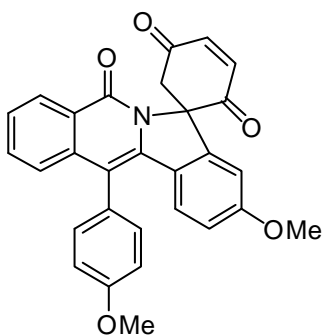


**NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.76 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d,  $J$  = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  194.7, 188.6, 159.6, 143.0, 141.3, 141.1, 140.2, 139.2, 133.7, 132.6, 130.8, 130.7, 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 126.4, 125.3, 125.2, 124.8, 122.4, 121.1, 114.5, 74.7, 45.6. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 494.0974, found: 494.0978. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):**  $\nu$  3743, 3057, 1701, 1661, 1621, 1551, 1500, 1466, 1421, 1375, 1326, 1265, 1233, 1170, 1123, 1088, 1071, 1025, 966, 927, 876, 744, 770, 749, 701, 624, 553, 504.



**9'-Methyl-12'-p-tolyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ma)**

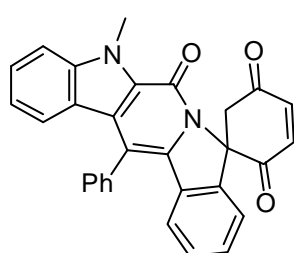
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (85.6 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 245–246 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 6.96 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d,  $J$  = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d,  $J$  = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  195.4, 189.4, 160.3, 142.75, 141.5, 140.4, 140.3, 139.2, 138.3, 137.1, 132.6, 131.5, 130.8, 130.7, 130.3, 130.1, 127.5, 126.6, 125.5, 125.0, 124.8, 121.3, 114.6, 74.3, 45.9, 21.6, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 432.1594, found: 432.1603. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):**  $\nu$  3043, 2911, 1694, 1654, 1604, 1551, 1514, 1478, 1412, 1371, 1346, 1273, 1216, 1184, 1138, 1088, 1043, 1023, 886, 834, 812, 770, 750, 700, 512.



**9'-Methoxy-12'-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3na)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 62% yield (57.3 mg, 0.123 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 214–215 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.42 (d,  $J$  =

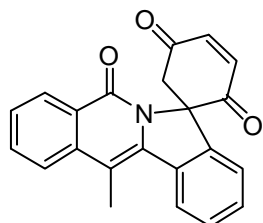
7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 6.70 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 6.44 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.96 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  195.1, 189.1, 160.9, 160.3, 159.7, 142.7, 141.7, 141.4, 139.4, 137.3, 132.6, 132.2, 132.0, 127.4, 126.6, 126.4, 126.2, 125.8, 125.2, 124.5, 116.1, 115.3, 114.9, 113.3, 106.9, 74.2, 55.6, 55.3, 45.9. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  464.1492, found: 464.1502. **IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):**  $\nu$  3034, 2966, 2839, 1696, 1649, 1607, 1513, 1481, 1371, 1248, 1217, 1180, 1090, 1029, 890, 820, 775, 699, 564.



**9'-Methyl-15'-phenylspiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,5'-indol[1,2-g]isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,7'(9'H)-trione (30a)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (90.4 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp:

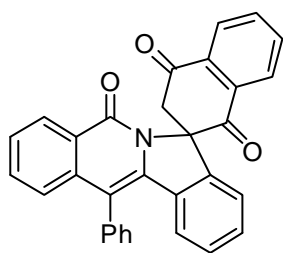
280-283°C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  7.68 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.348 (s, 3H), 3.00 (dd,  $J = 16.1$ , 1.0 Hz, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  195.3, 189.5, 154.2, 142.8, 141.5, 139.3, 135.3, 133.8, 133.7, 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.5, 126.8, 126.3, 123.4, 122.7, 121.9, 120.8, 120.2, 114.3, 110.0, 74.5, 45.8, 31.4. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  479.1366, found: 479.1370. **IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):**  $\nu$  3743, 3050, 2923, 2364, 1686, 1652, 1583, 1491, 1463, 1419, 1396, 1341, 1313, 1259, 1213, 1158, 1132, 1070, 971, 894, 864, 806, 741, 699, 571, 542, 456.



**12'-Methyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3pa)**

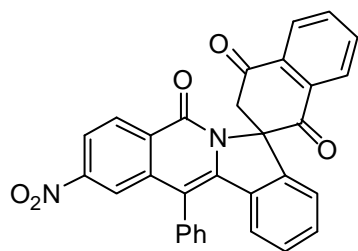
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (67.8 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure A. Mp: 261-263 °C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.45 (dd,  $J = 8.0$ , 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.82 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H),

7.16 (s 2H), 4.86 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  195.3, 189.5, 160.0, 142.8, 141.4, 140.2, 138.7, 136.7, 134.1, 132.8, 130.0, 129.5, 127.9, 126.9, 125.4, 125.3, 123.5, 121.3, 109.3, 74.2, 46.1, 12.5. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 342.1125, found: 342.1128. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):**  $\nu$  3742, 3057, 2914, 1694, 1645, 1598, 1522, 1468, 1354, 1321, 1257, 1215, 1084, 1033, 885, 840, 764, 691.



**12-Phenyl-1'H,5H-spiro[isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline-7,2'-naphthalene]-1',4',5(3'H)-trione (3ab)**

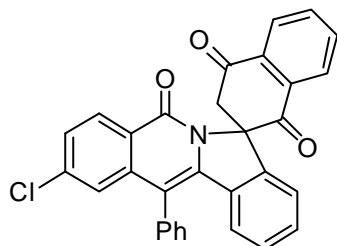
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (90.0 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure B. Mp: 271-272 °C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.49 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.29 (m, 2H), 7.93 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.55 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  193.6, 188.2, 188.2, 160.4, 140.4, 138.9, 137.2, 136.3, 135.1, 134.7, 134.1, 133.4, 132.6, 131.0, 130.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 125.5, 125.3, 124.8, 121.4, 115.2, 46.3. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 454.1438, found: 454.1447. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):**  $\nu$  3050, 2898, 1690, 1650, 1621, 1596, 1470, 1419, 1352, 1325, 1282, 1256, 1158, 1061, 992, 970, 915, 859, 764, 731, 699, 594, 541, 509, 451.



**2-Nitro-12-phenyl-1'H,5H-spiro[isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline-7,2'-naphthalene]-1',4',5(3'H)-trione (3cb)**

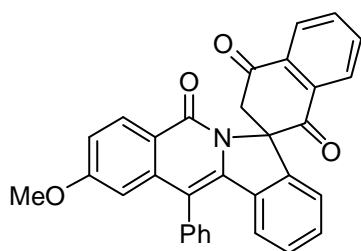
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (98.9 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure B. Mp: 285-286 °C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.64 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.36 – 8.22 (m, 3H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.67 (s, 3H), 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  193.1,

187.6, 159.3, 150.6, 140.6, 139.8, 139.6, 136.2, 135.4, 134.9, 133.9, 133.1, 132.5, 130.8, 130.7, 130.6, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 127.0, 125.3, 121.5, 120.9, 120.3, 114.7, 75.8, 45.9. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for  $C_{31}H_{19}N_2O_5$   $[M+H]^+$  499.1288, found: 499.1297. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):**  $\nu$  3075, 2925, 1697, 1659, 1617, 1594, 1526, 1462, 1408, 1347, 1289, 1259, 1176, 1147, 1066, 1000, 940, 899, 935, 770, 738, 724, 699, 596, 499, 446.



**2-Chloro-12-phenyl-1'H,5H-spiro[isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline-7,2'-naphthalene]-1',4',5(3'H)-trione (3fb)**

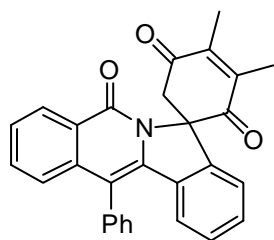
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (96.6 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure B. Mp: 276-277 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.29 – 8.27 (m, 2H), 7.91 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.07 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  193.4, 188.0, 159.9, 140.6, 140.3, 139.4, 138.6, 136.2, 135.2, 134.7, 134.0, 133.9, 133.0, 130.9, 130.8, 130.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 127.3, 126.9, 125.1, 124.8, 123.6, 121.4, 114.2, 75.5, 46.2. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for  $C_{31}H_{19}ClNO_3$   $[M+H]^+$  488.0975, found: 488.1053. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):**  $\nu$  3063, 2920, 1698, 1653, 1620, 1594, 1545, 1492, 1461, 1418, 1322, 1284, 1255, 1182, 1085, 1063, 1001, 975, 929, 889, 836, 766, 726, 701, 681, 596, 560.



**2-Methoxy-12-phenyl-1'H,5H-spiro[isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline-7,2'-naphthalene]-1',4',5(3'H)-trione (3jb)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (95.9 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure B. Mp: 274-276 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.32 – 8.22 (m, 2H), 7.92 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.15 (d,  $J$  = 15.8 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  193.7,

188.4, 163.0, 160.1, 141.1, 140.6, 137.8, 136.3, 135.0, 134.7, 134.6, 134.1, 133.4, 130.9, 130.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 126.8, 124.86, 121.35, 119.23, 115.31, 114.86, 107.55, 75.21, 55.30, 46.49. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 484.1543, found: 484.1554. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):**  $\nu$  3552, 3415, 3066, 2965, 2919, 1701, 1649, 1601, 1489, 1463, 1380, 1344, 1315, 1281, 1257, 1230, 1139, 1103, 1061, 1019, 979, 949, 903, 848, 762, 732, 697, 593, 499.

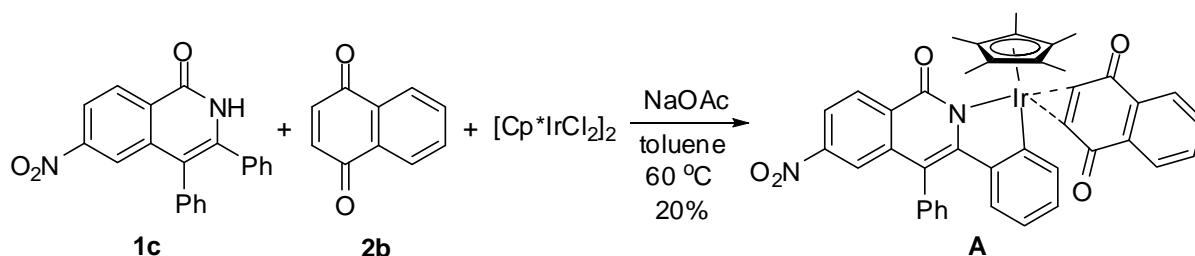


**3,4-Dimethyl-12'-phenyl-5'H-spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,7'-isoindolo[2,1-b]isoquinoline]-2,5,5'-trione (3ac)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) as a yellow solid in 99% yield (85.4 mg, 0.198 mmol) following the general procedure B. Mp: 250-251 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.47 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.40 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d,  $J$  = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 2.16 (t,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  194.9, 189.3, 160.3, 148.5, 146.5, 140.5, 138.8, 137.1, 134.6, 133.2, 132.6, 131.0, 130.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 127.5, 126.8, 125.5, 125.2, 124.8, 120.9, 115.1, 74.7, 45.4, 13.7, 13.6. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 432.1600, found: 432.1598. **IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):**  $\nu$  3743, 3069, 2915, 1684, 1653, 1615, 1473, 1374, 1348, 1287, 1252, 1070, 1035, 762, 702, 601.

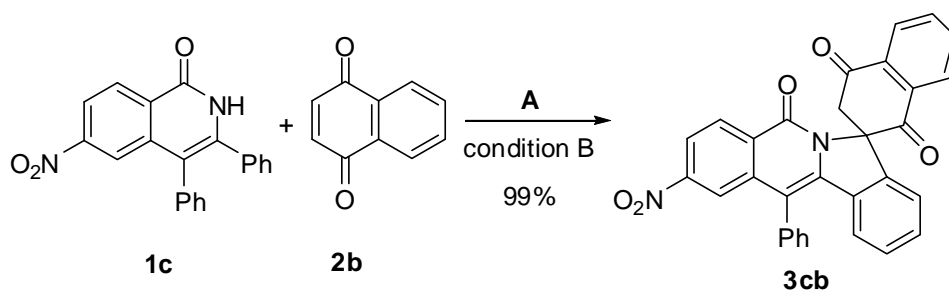
## Mechanism Research:

### Preparation and Characterization of A.



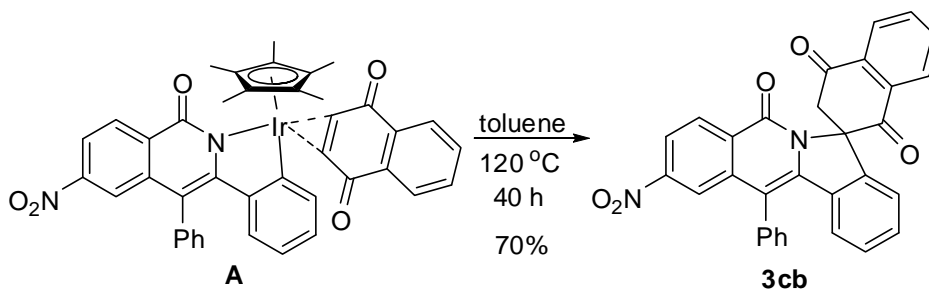
A mixture of **1c** (0.2 mmol, 68 mg), **2b** (0.4 mmol, 63 mg),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{IrCl}_2]_2$  (0.1 mmol, 80 mg), and NaOAc (0.4 mmol, 33 mg) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry toluene (4.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h under Ar atmosphere. Afterwards, it was diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and transferred to a round bottom flask. Silica was added to the flask and volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to pure EtOAc) compound **A** was isolated as a red solid in 20% yield (33.0 mg, 0.04 mmol). Mp: 250-251 °C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz):**  $\delta$  8.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.057-6.966 (m, 3H), 6.91 – 6.81 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 15H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz):**  $\delta$  193.5, 192.7, 165.4, 152.2, 149.1, 148.6, 139.4, 138.8, 137.0, 136.7, 133.4, 132.8, 132.1, 131.9, 131.2, 130.8, 129.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 125.9, 124.5, 124.3, 123.9, 120.2, 118.7, 116.8, 104.8, 53.6, 53.4, 9.0. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{28}\text{IrN}_2\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}-\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{O}_2]^+$  669.1724. found: 669.1729. **IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):**  $\nu$  3050, 3020, 2910, 1661, 1623, 1597, 1570, 1519, 1487, 1466, 1415, 1376, 1362, 1341, 1322, 1285, 1248, 1224, 1160, 1136, 1121, 1079, 1027, 1009, 975, 925, 902, 837, 813, 787, 777, 745, 734, 707, 671, 654, 559.

### Reaction Catalyzed by Intermediate A.

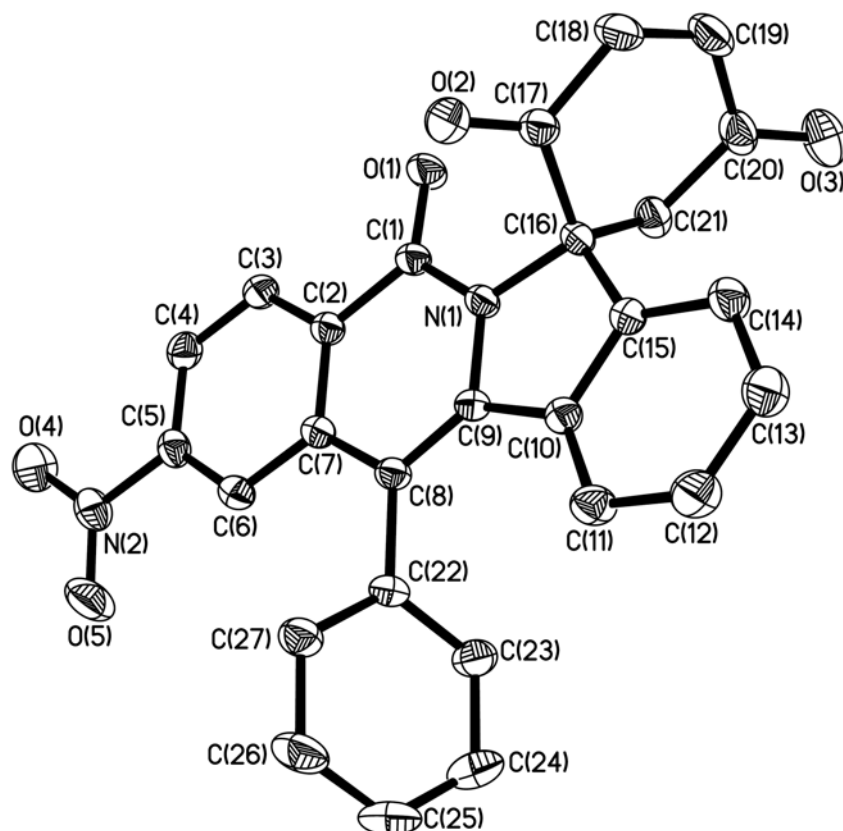


A mixture of **1c** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2b** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and intermediate **A** (6.0 mol %) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry toluene (1.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h under Ar. Afterwards, it was transferred to a round bottom flask. Silica was added to the flask and volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel the desired product **3cb** was obtained in 99% yield (98.9 mg, 0.198 mmol).

### Transformation Reaction of Intermediate A.



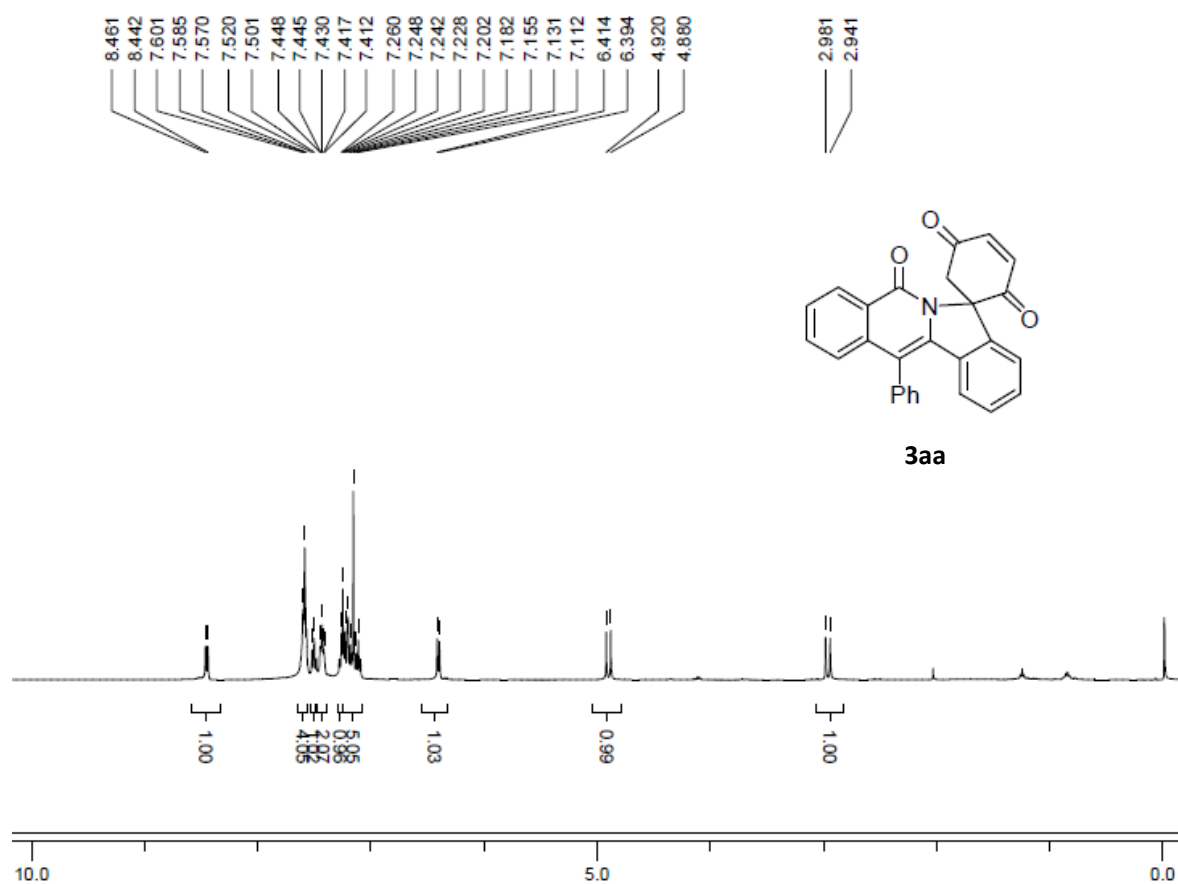
Intermediate **A** (83.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry toluene (4.0 mL) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. The reaction was stirred at 120 °C for 40 h. Afterwards, it was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and transferred to a round bottom flask and volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure. After purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/5 to 1/2) the desired product **3cb** was obtained in 70% yield (35.1 mg, 0.07 mmol).

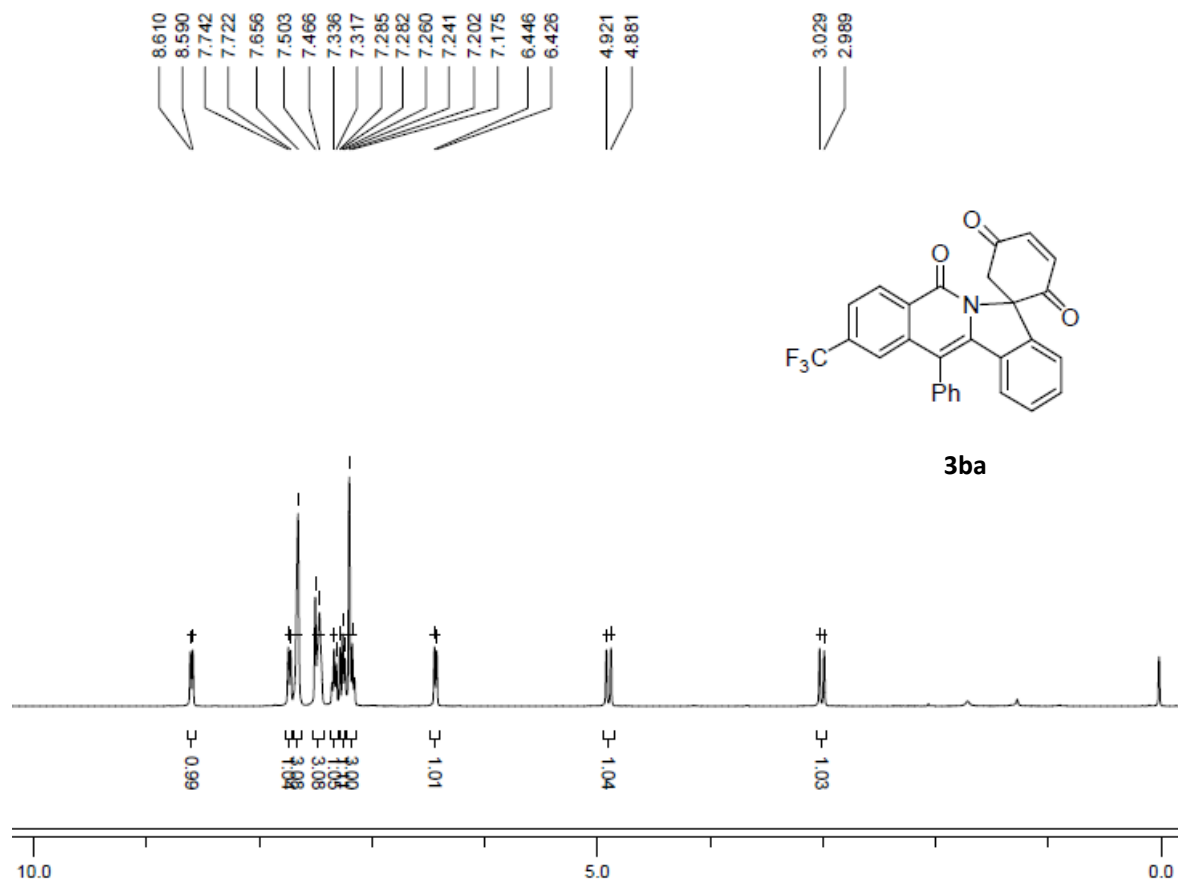
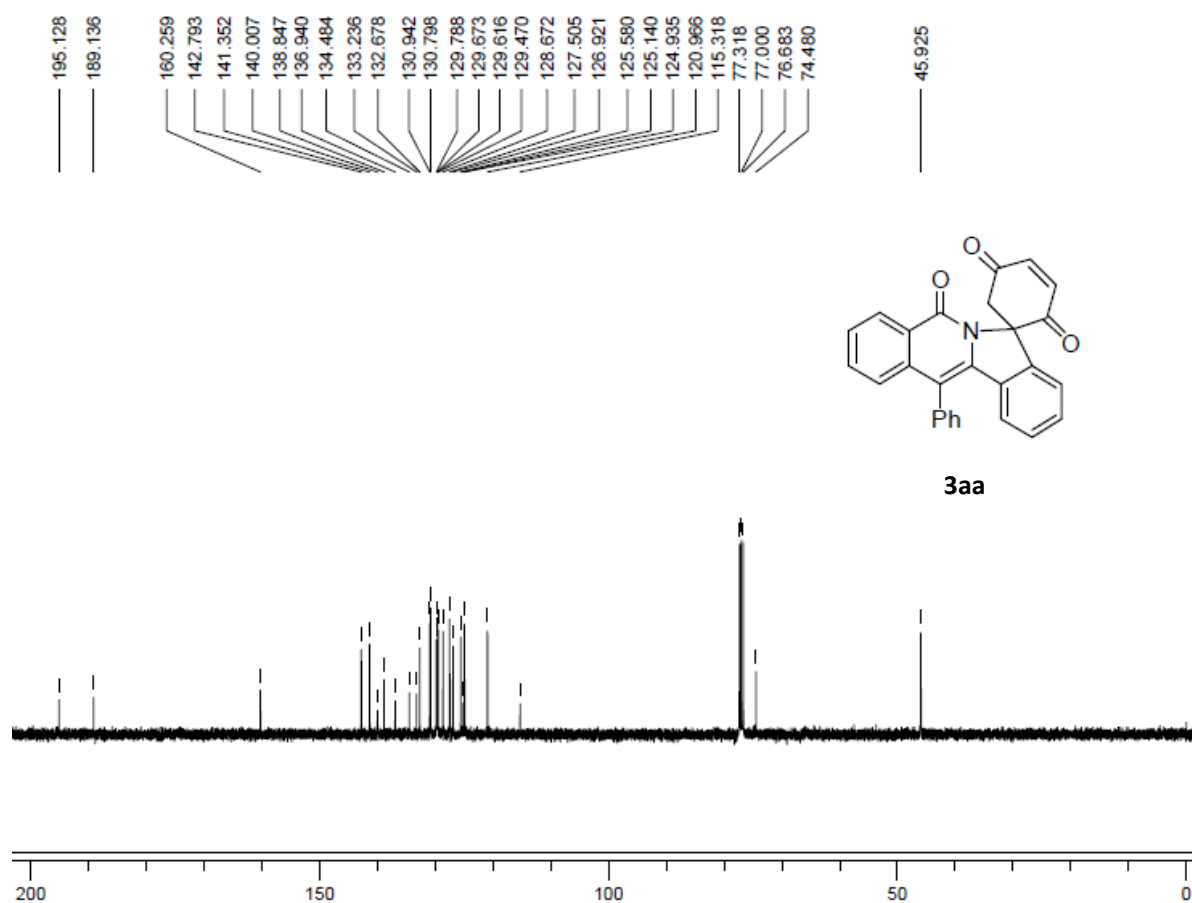


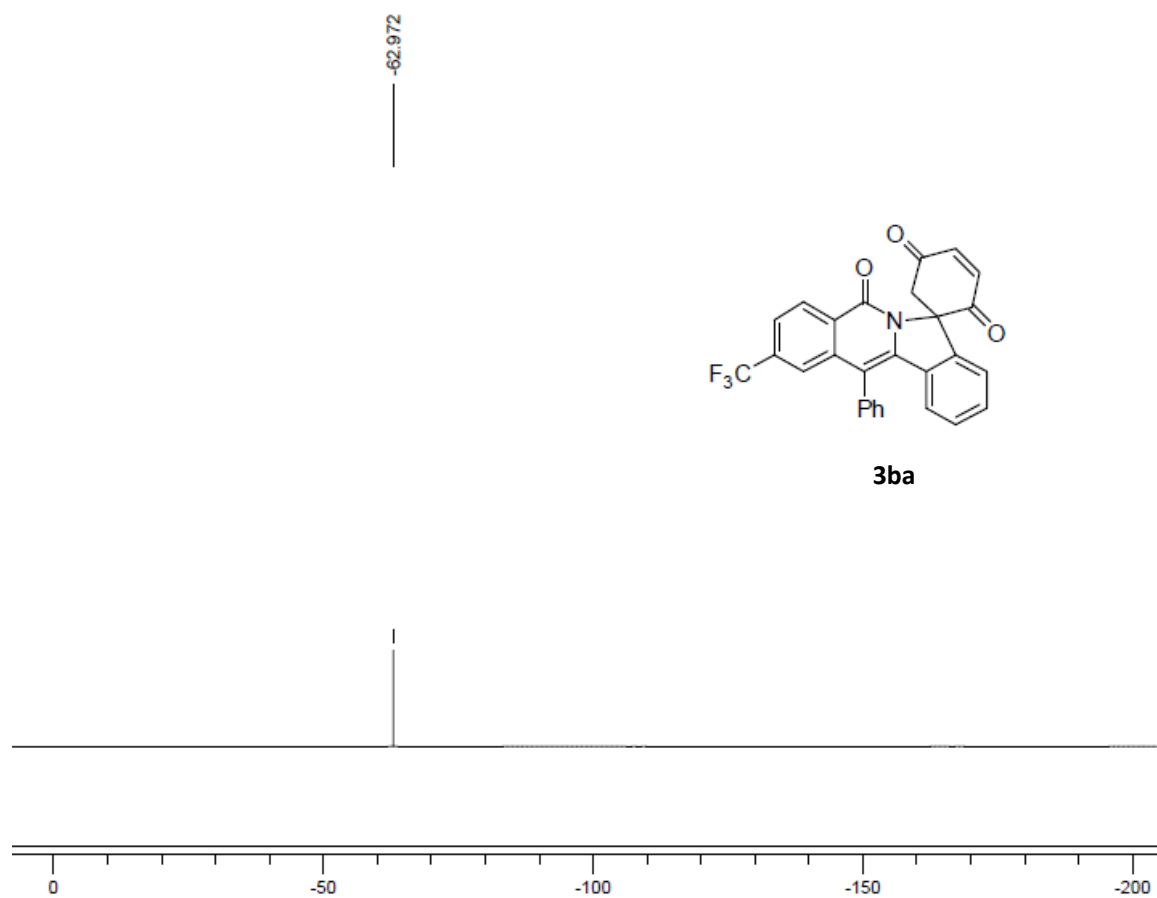
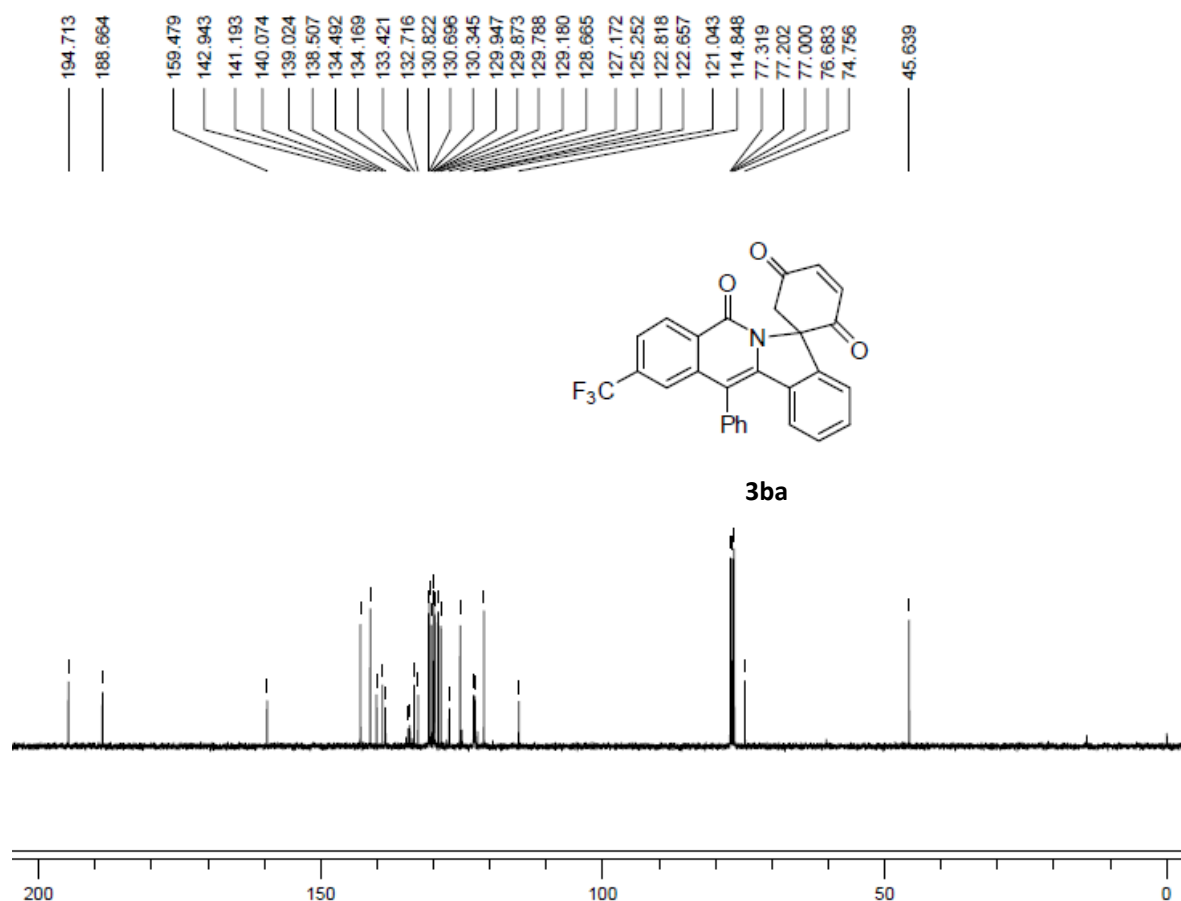
**Figure S1.** The molecular structure of **3ac**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 30% level. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

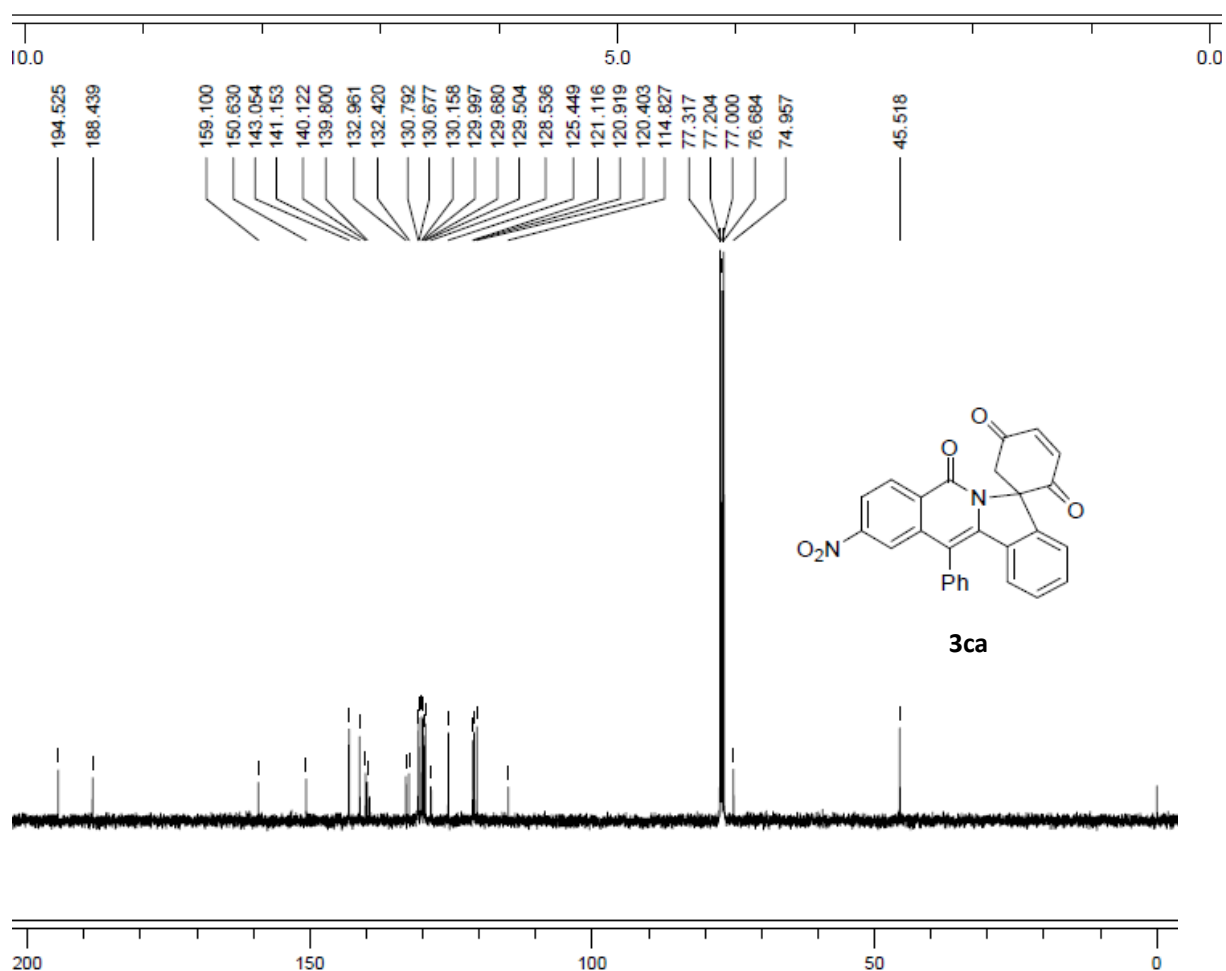
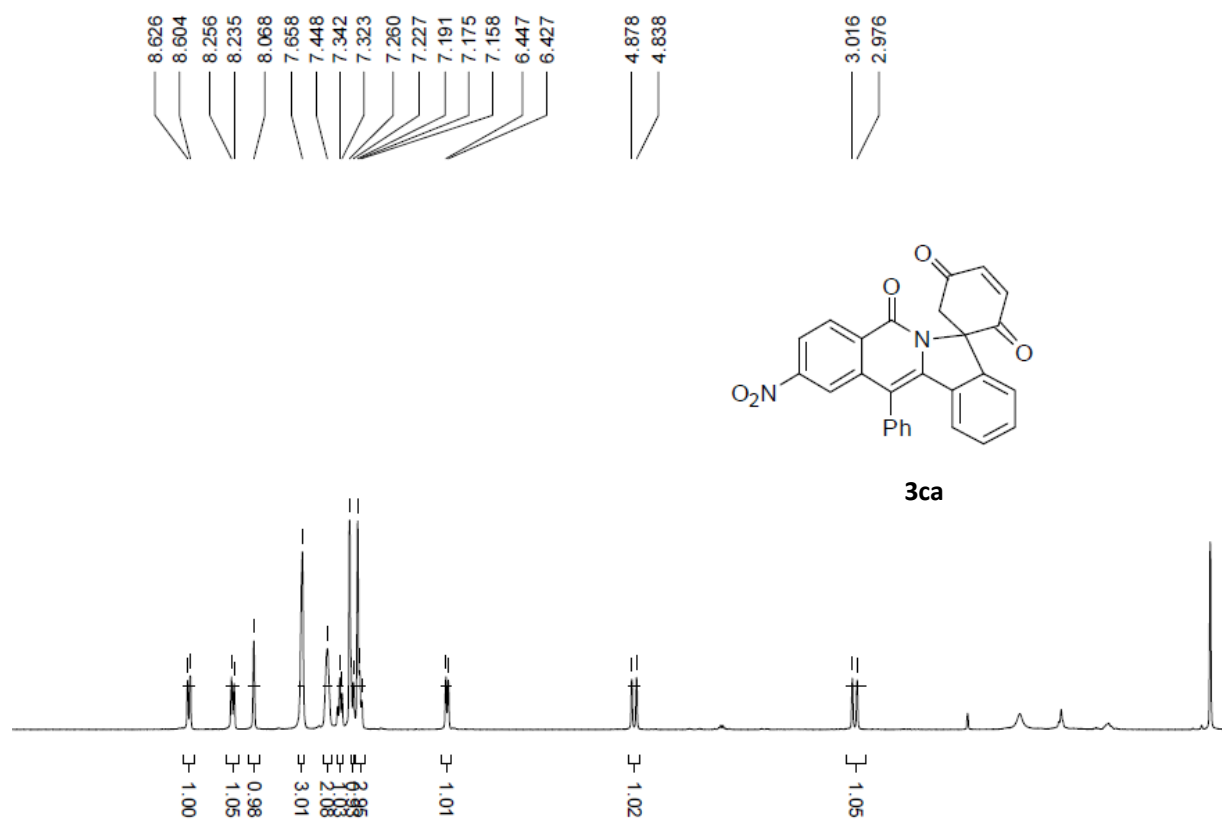


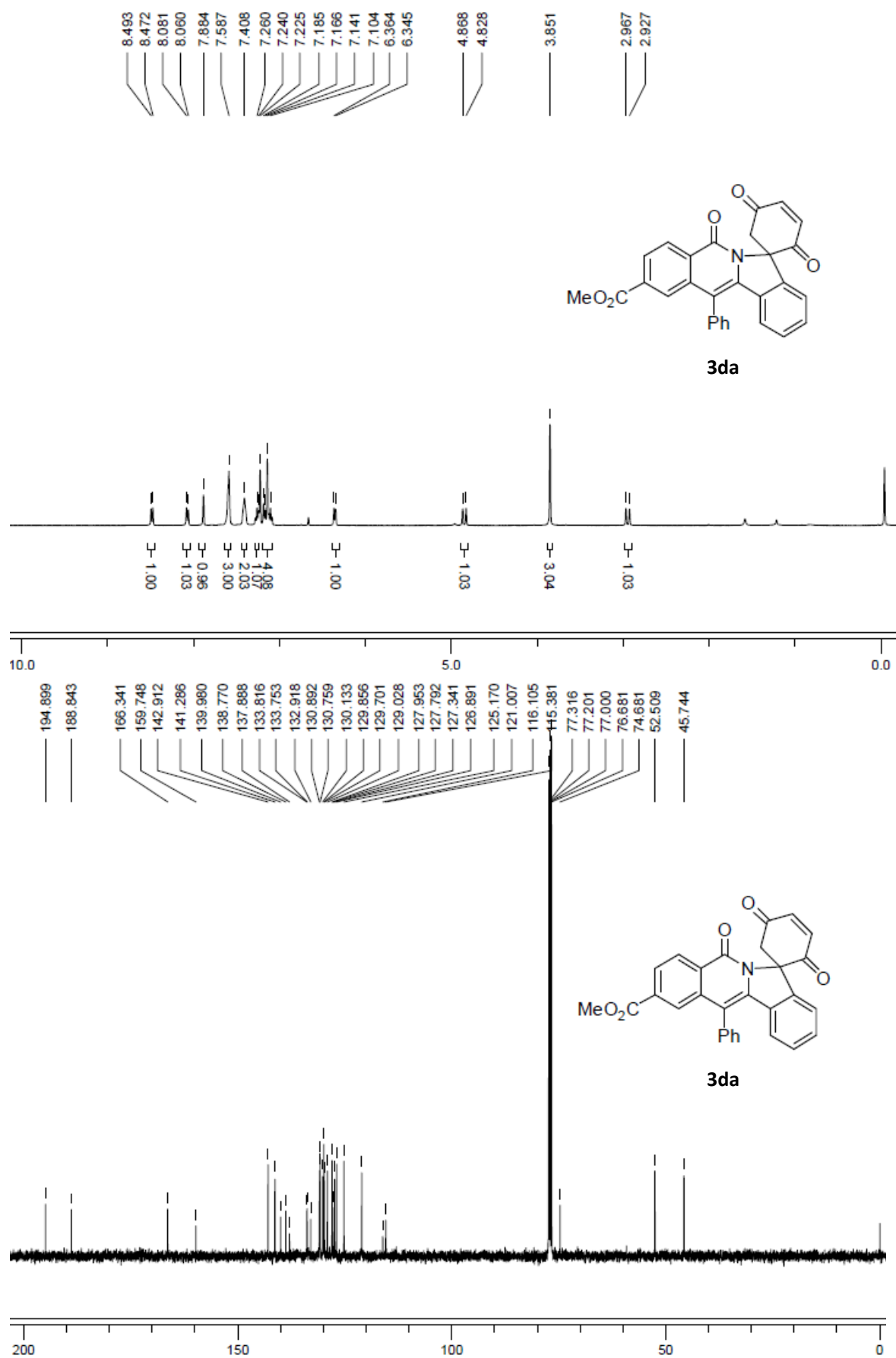
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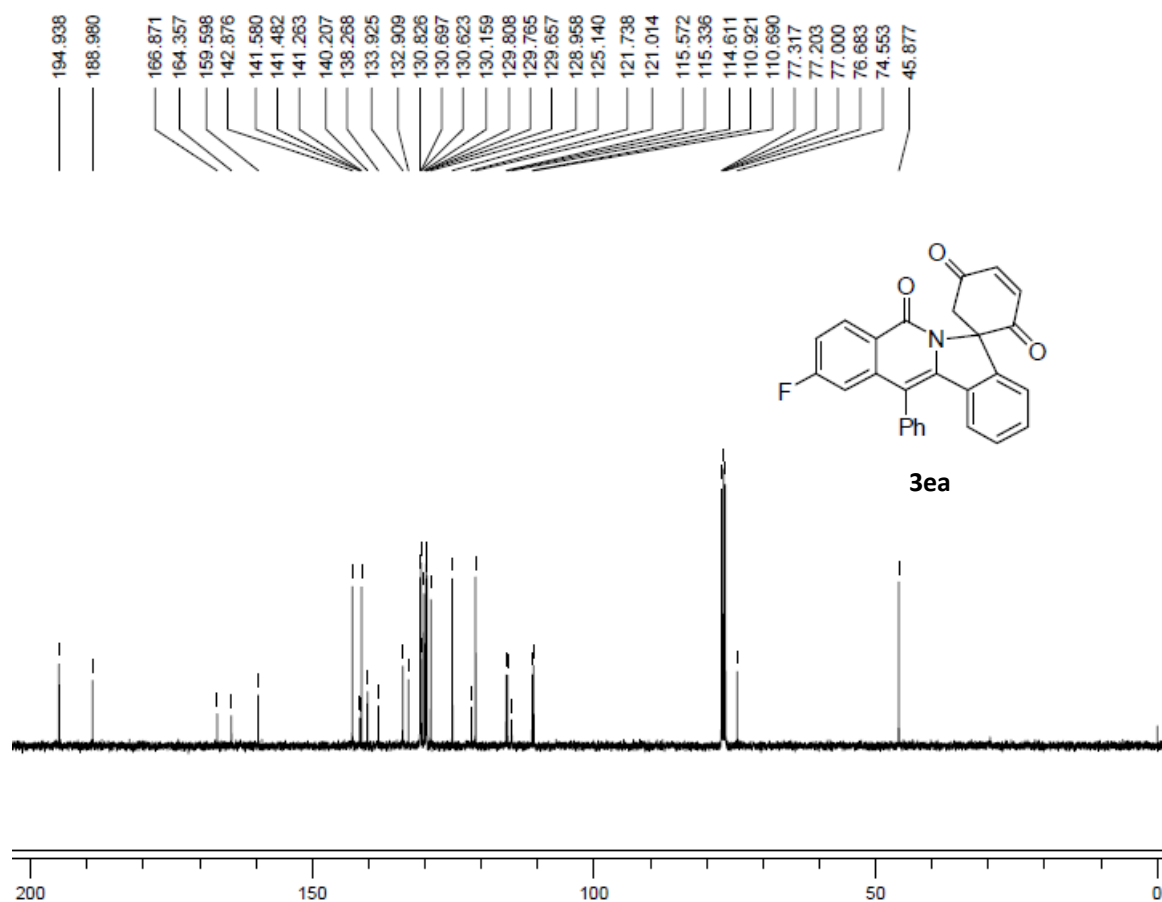
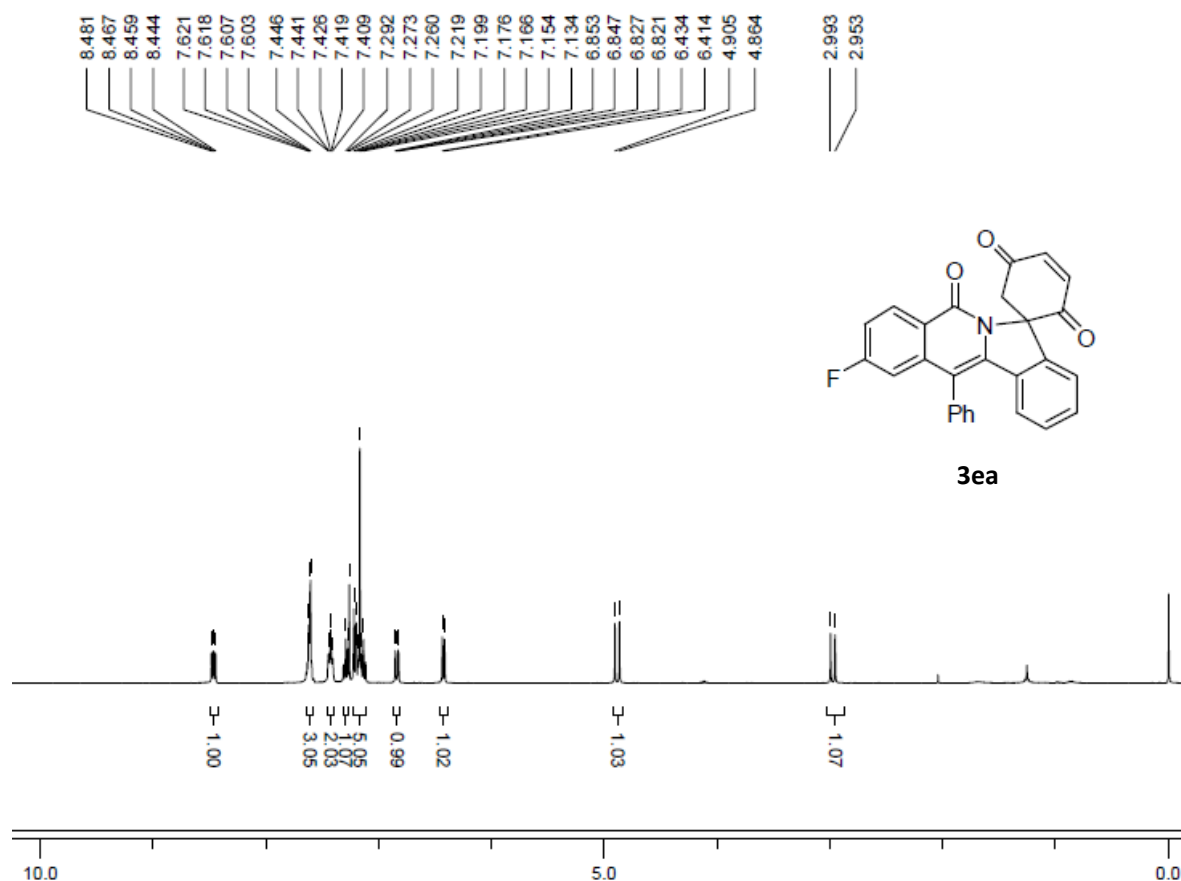


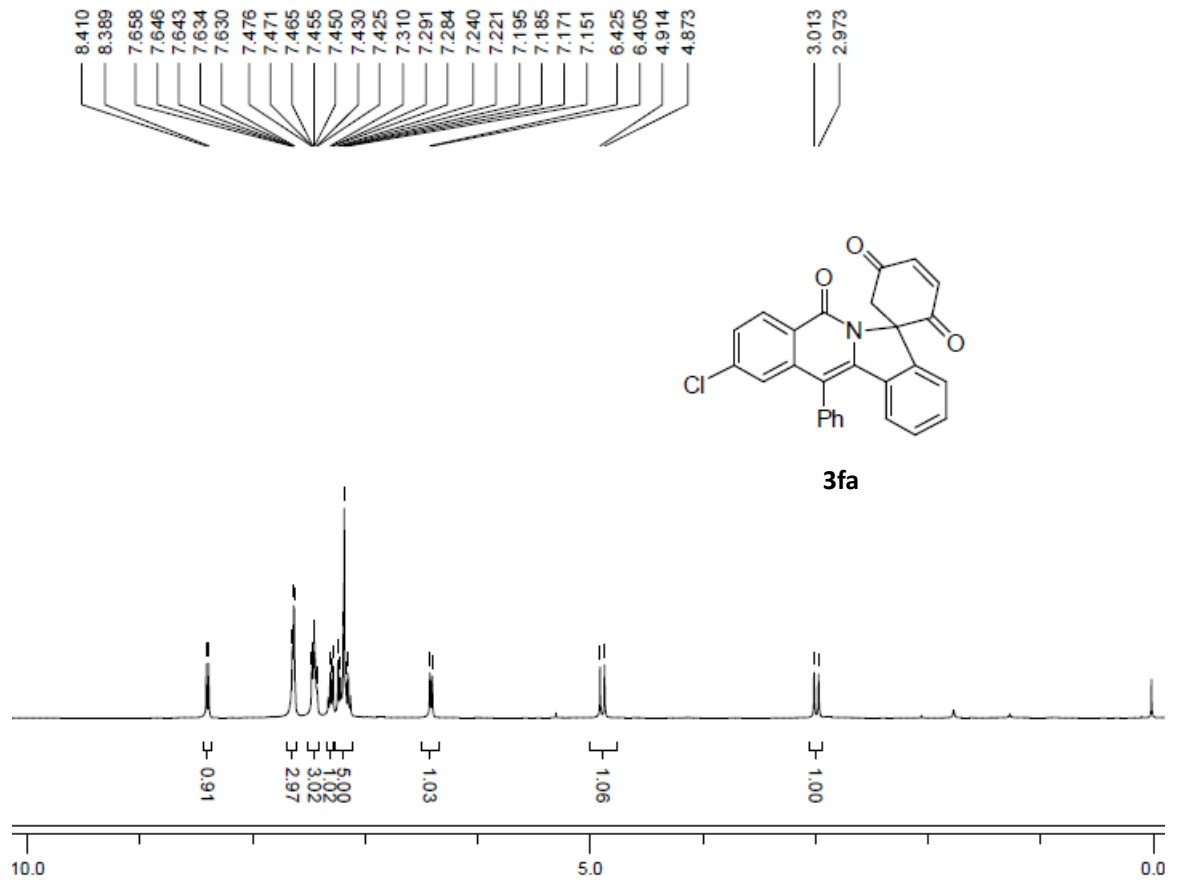
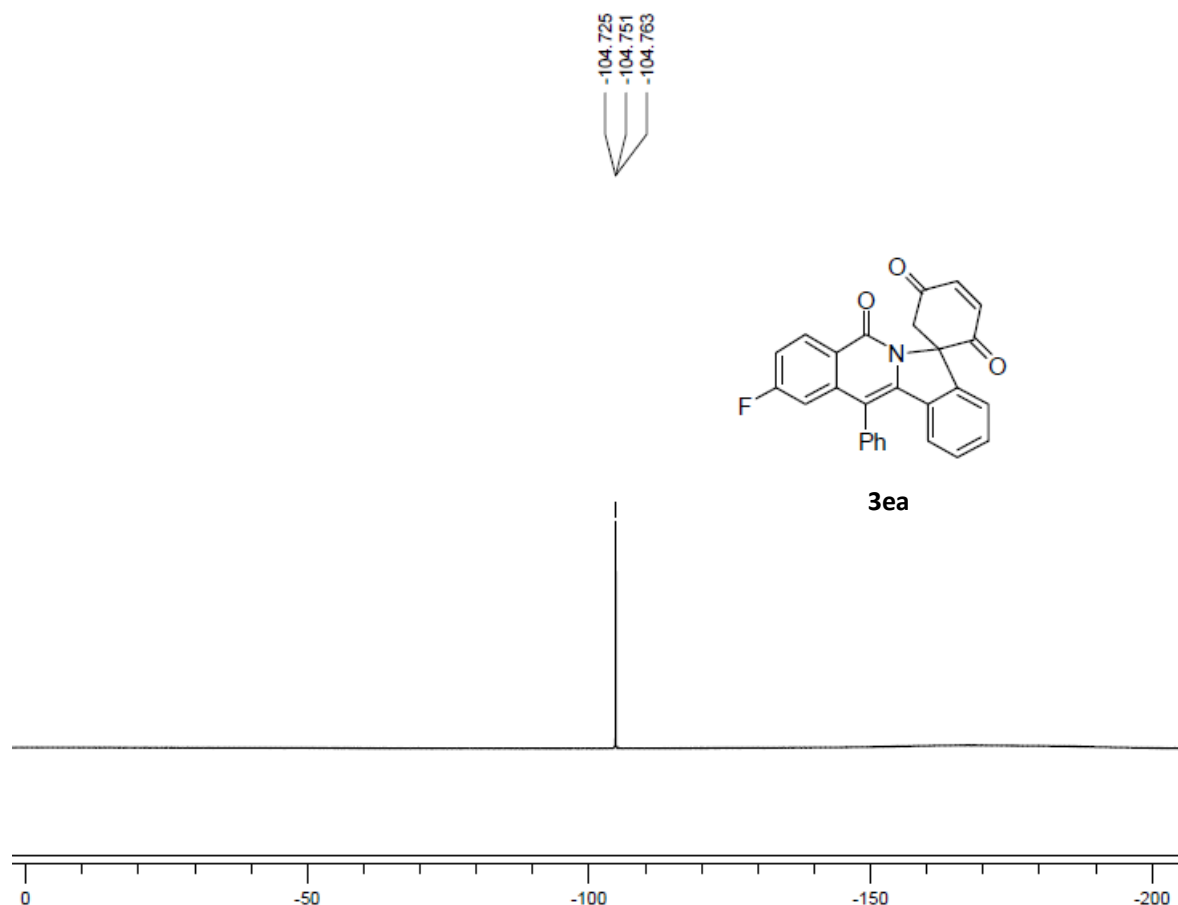


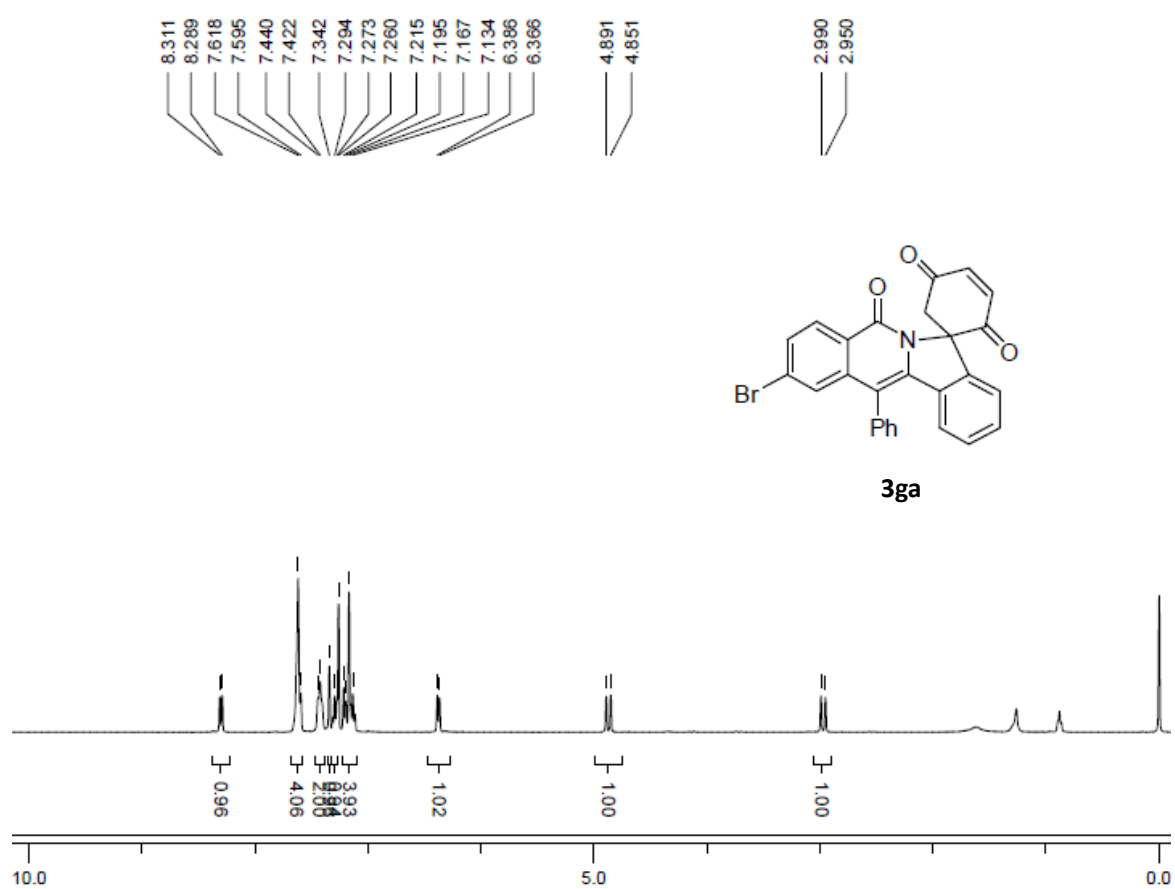
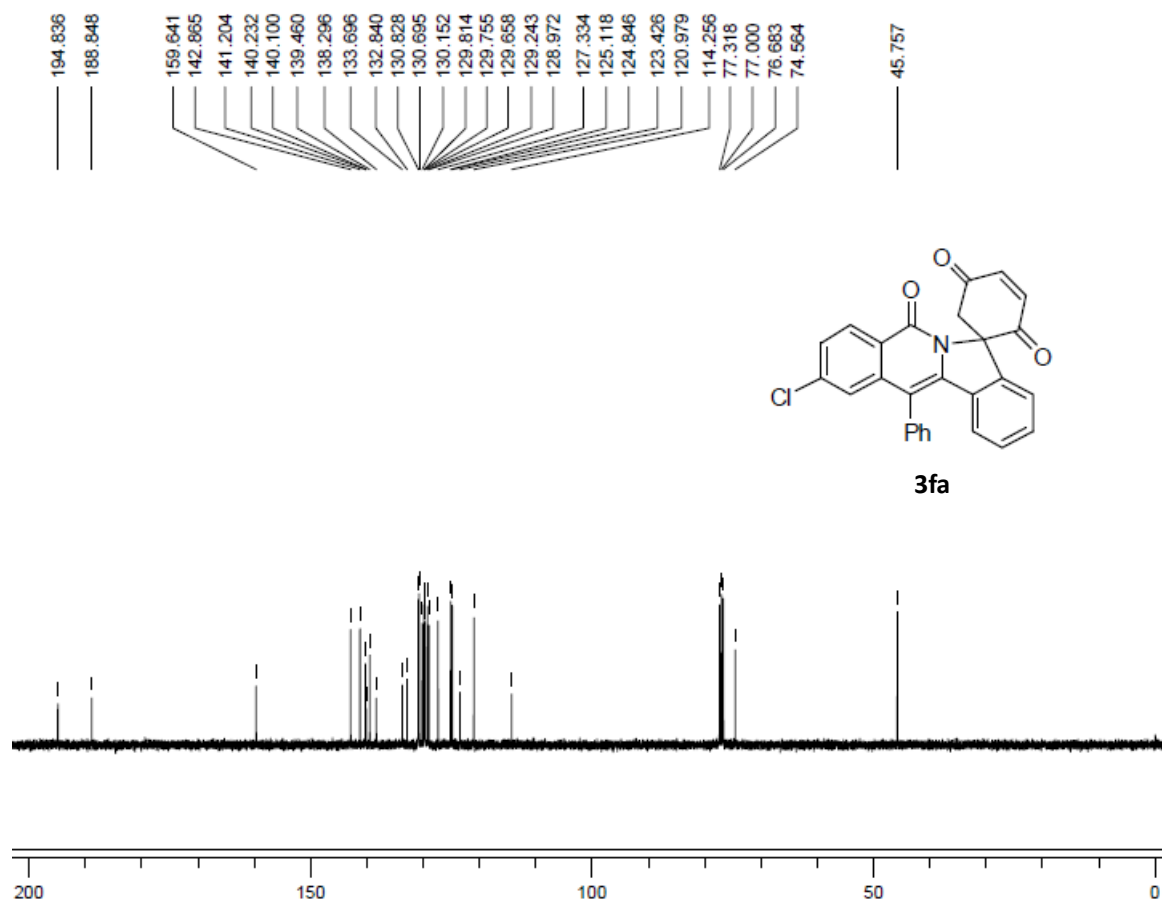




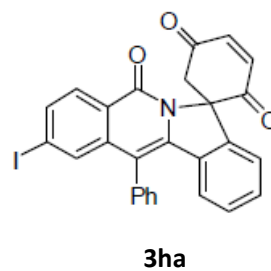
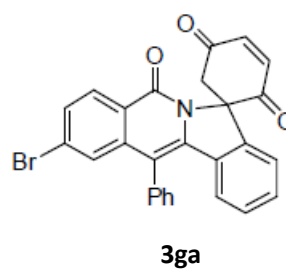


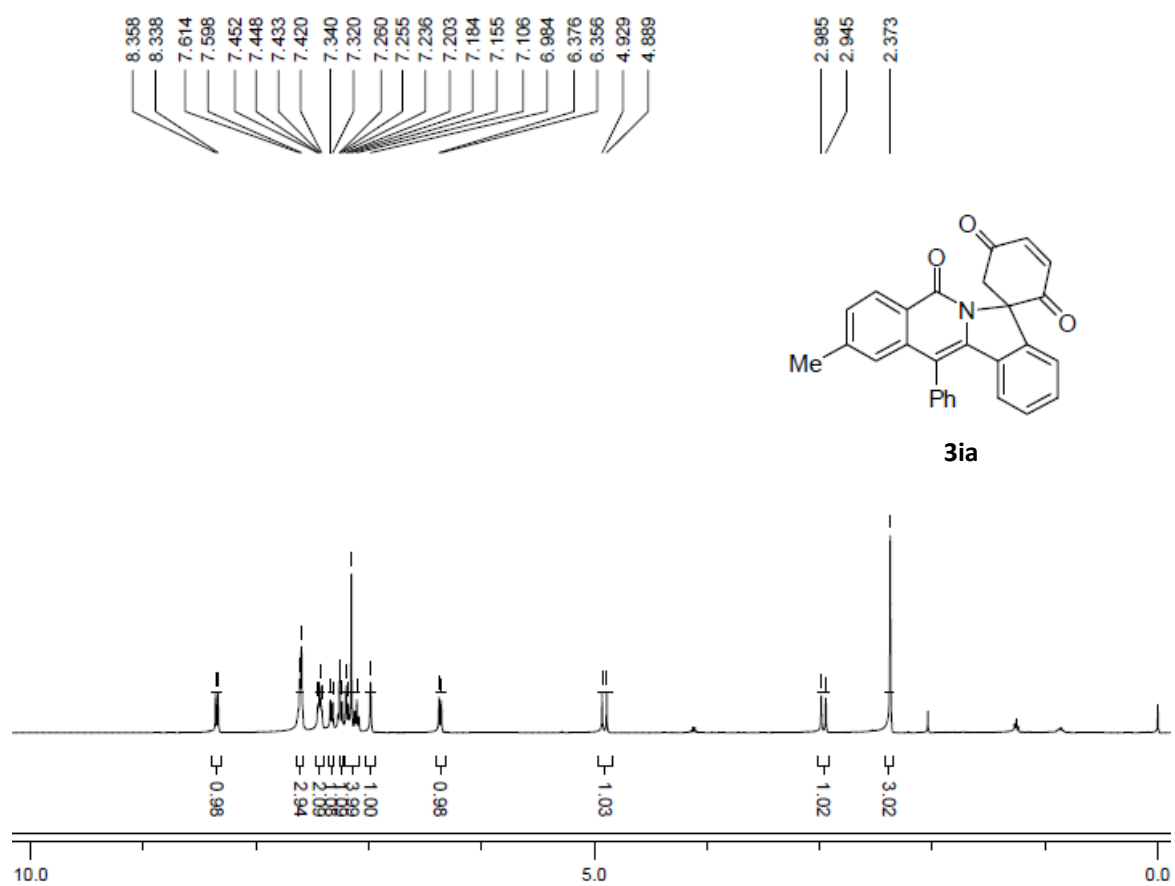
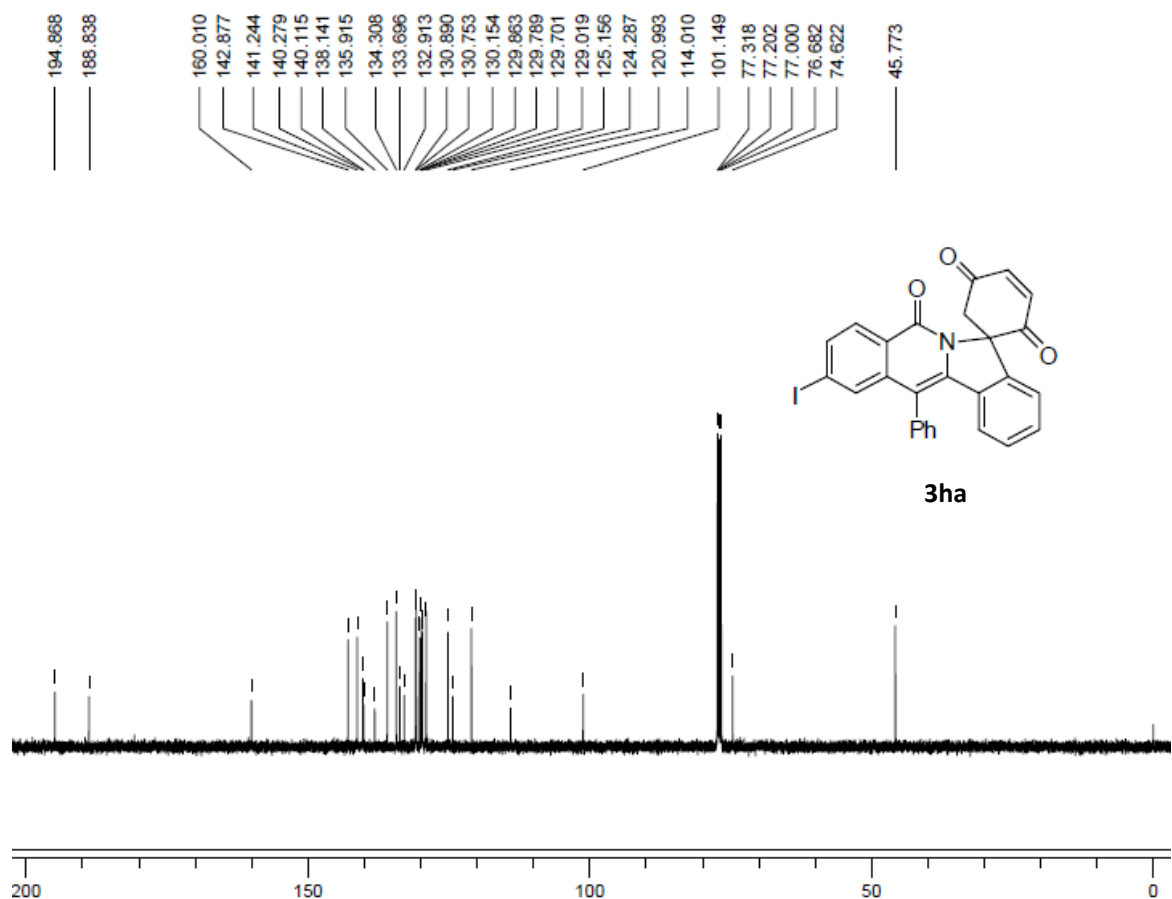


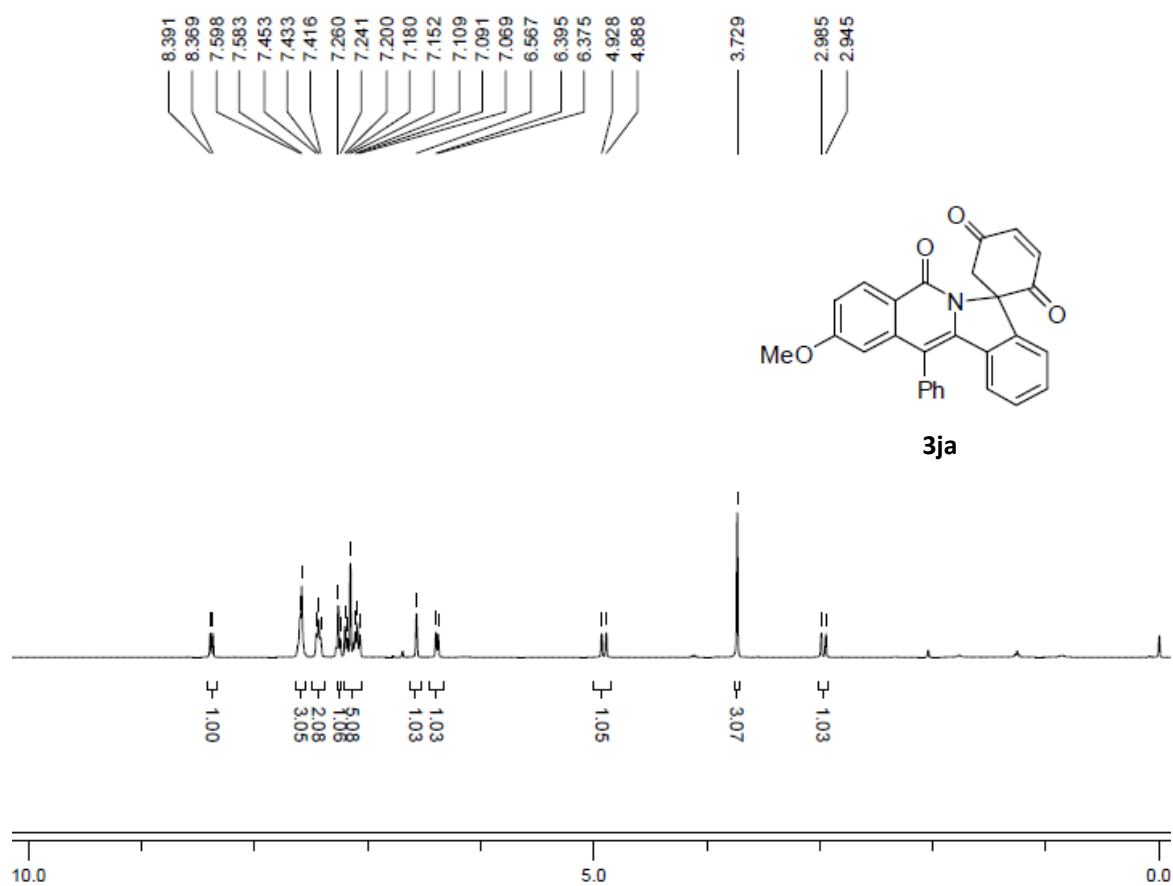
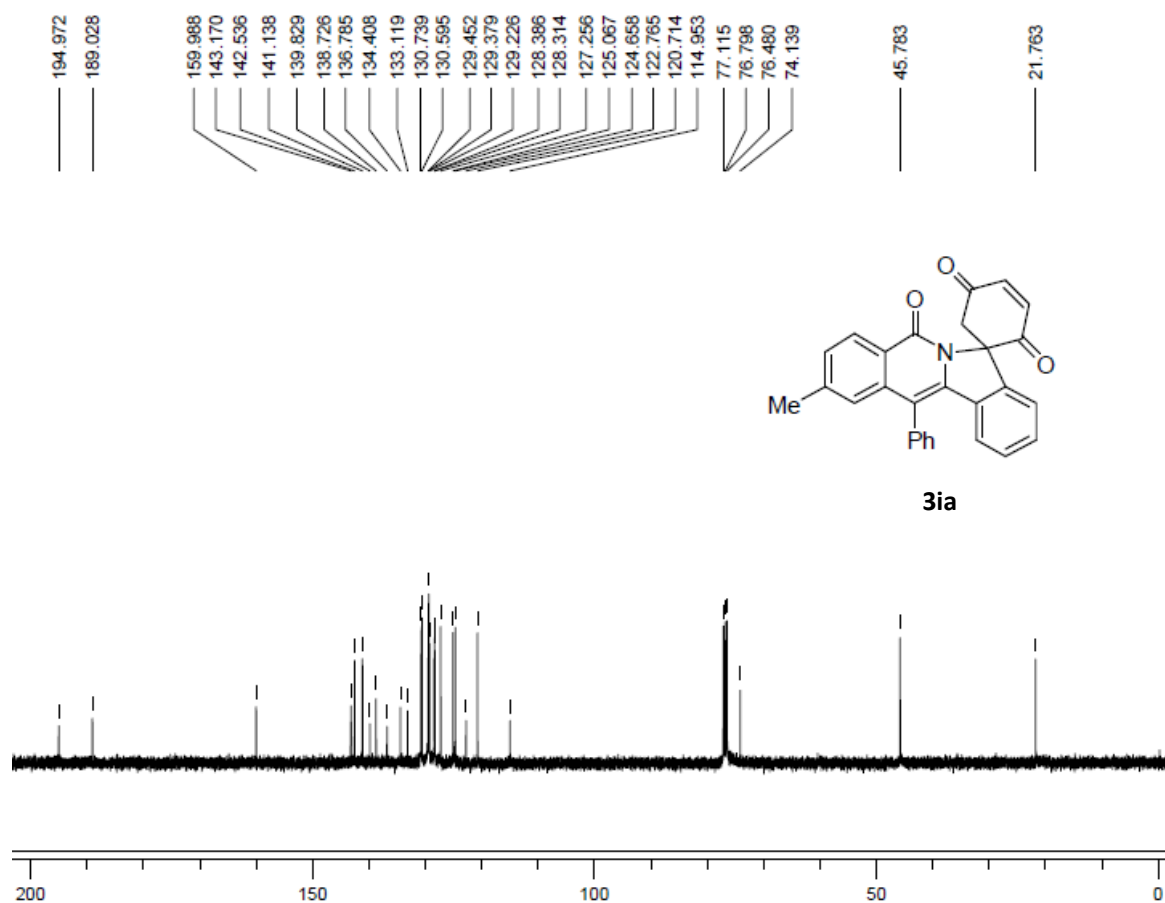


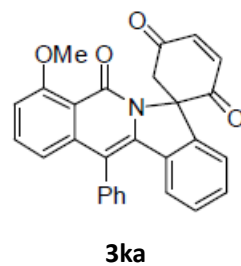
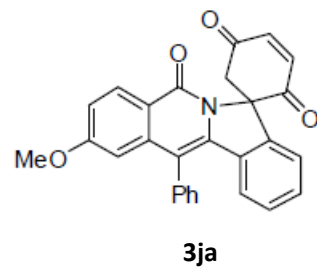


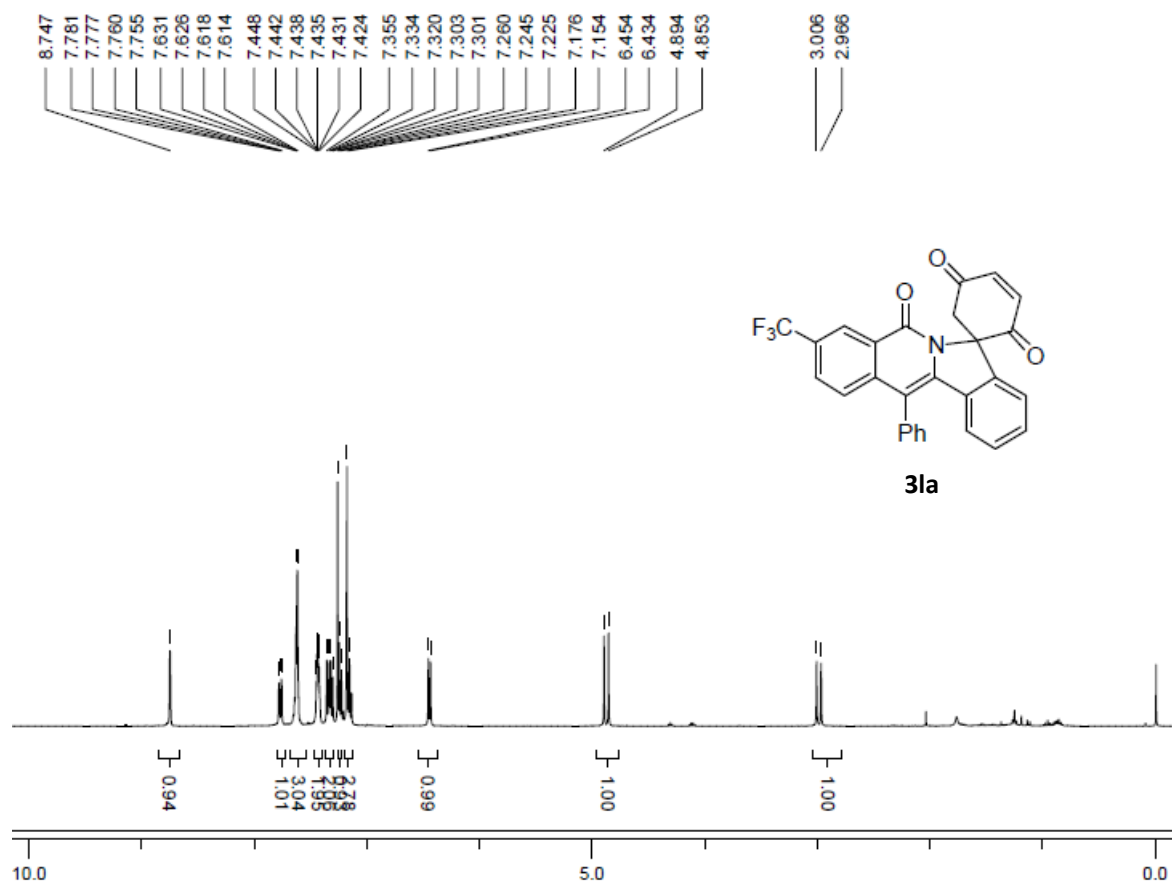
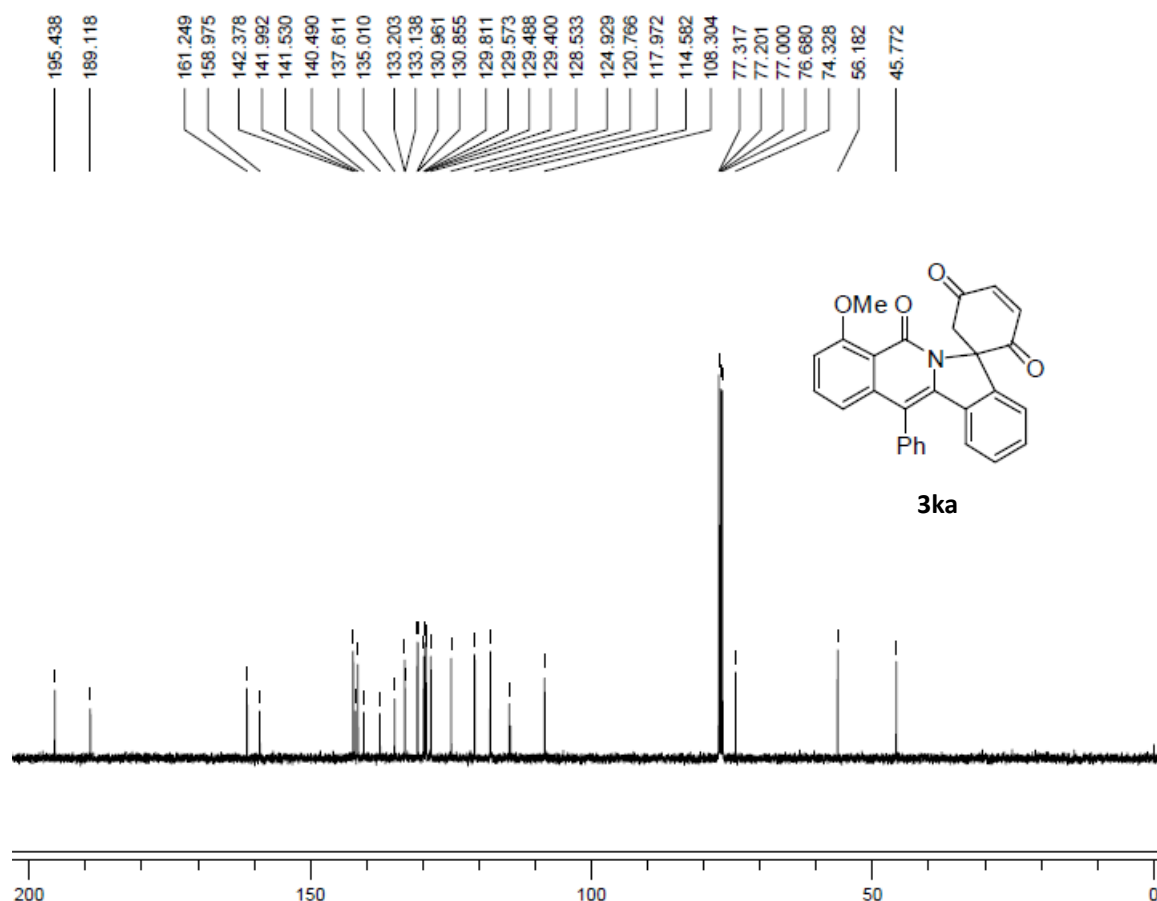


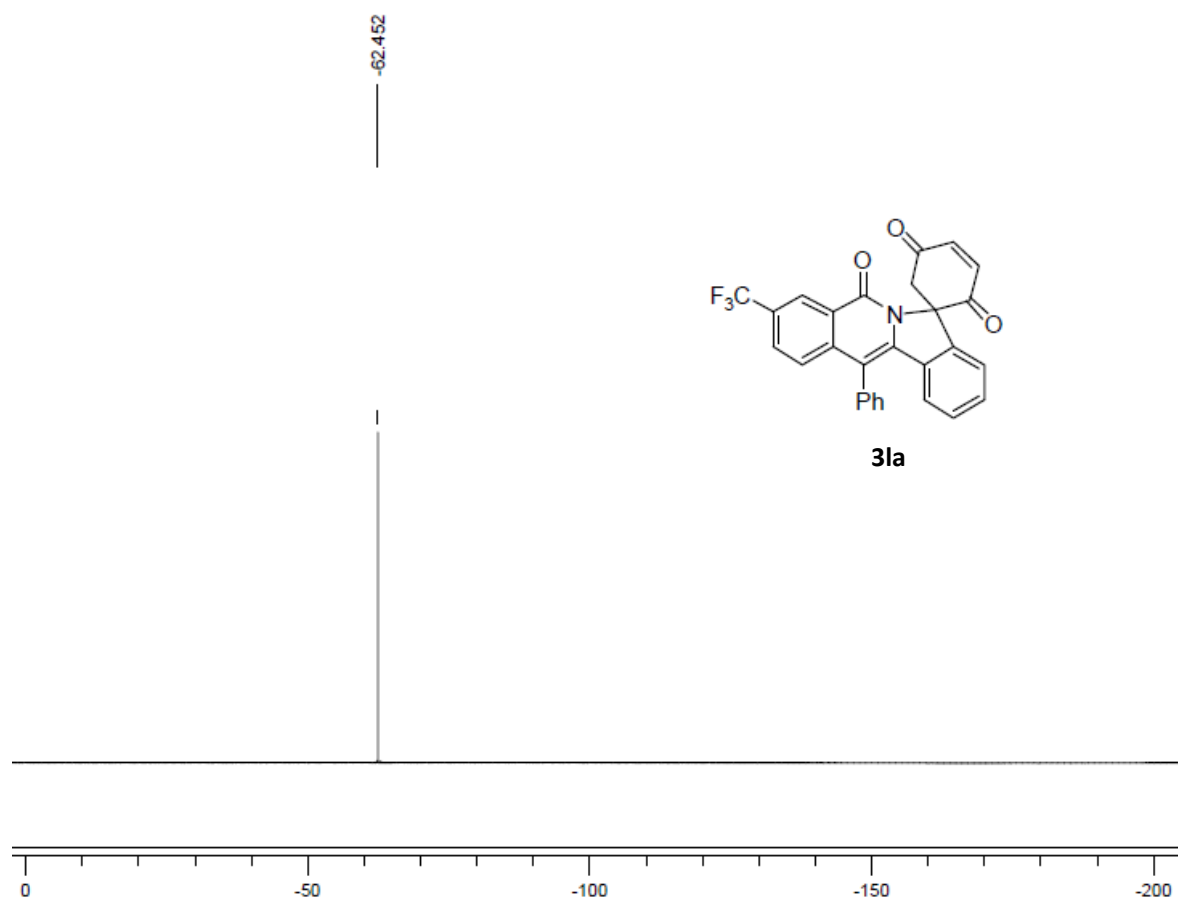
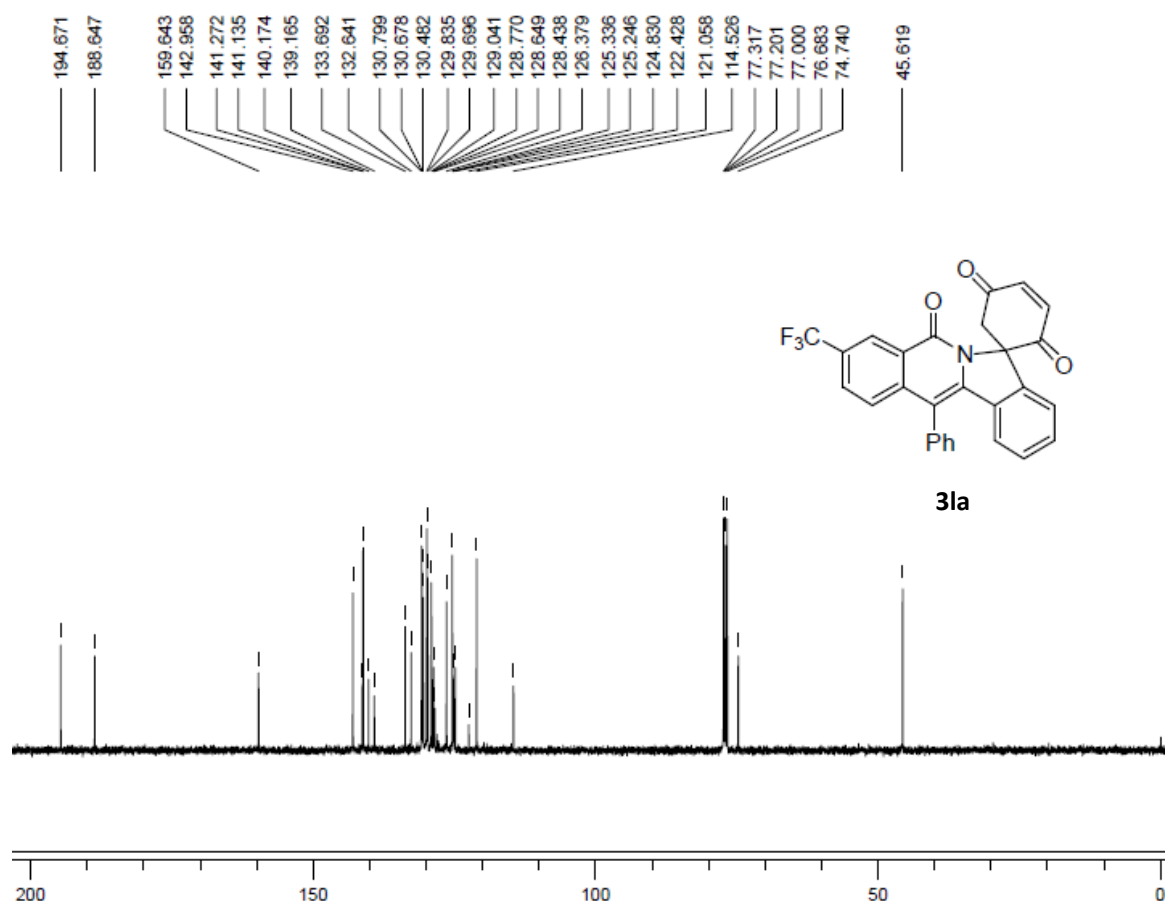


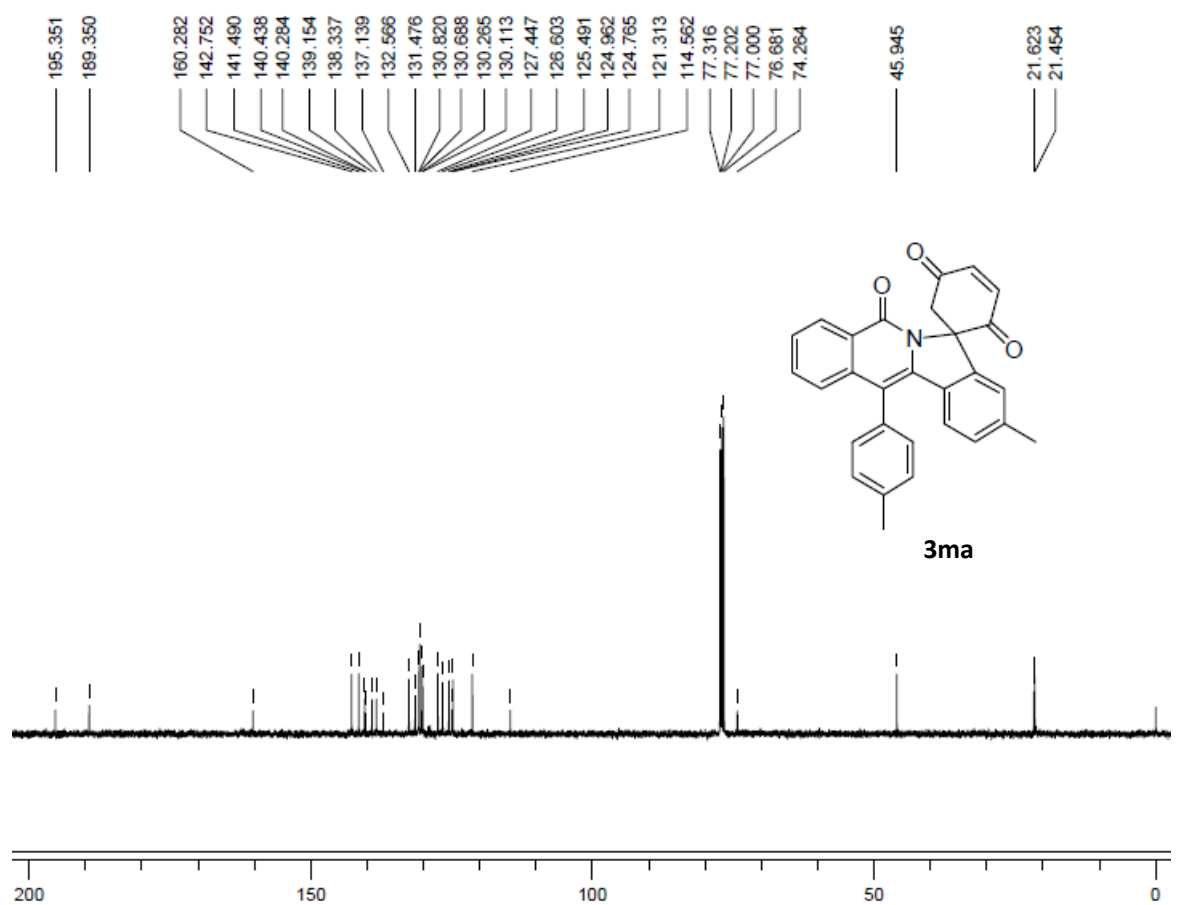
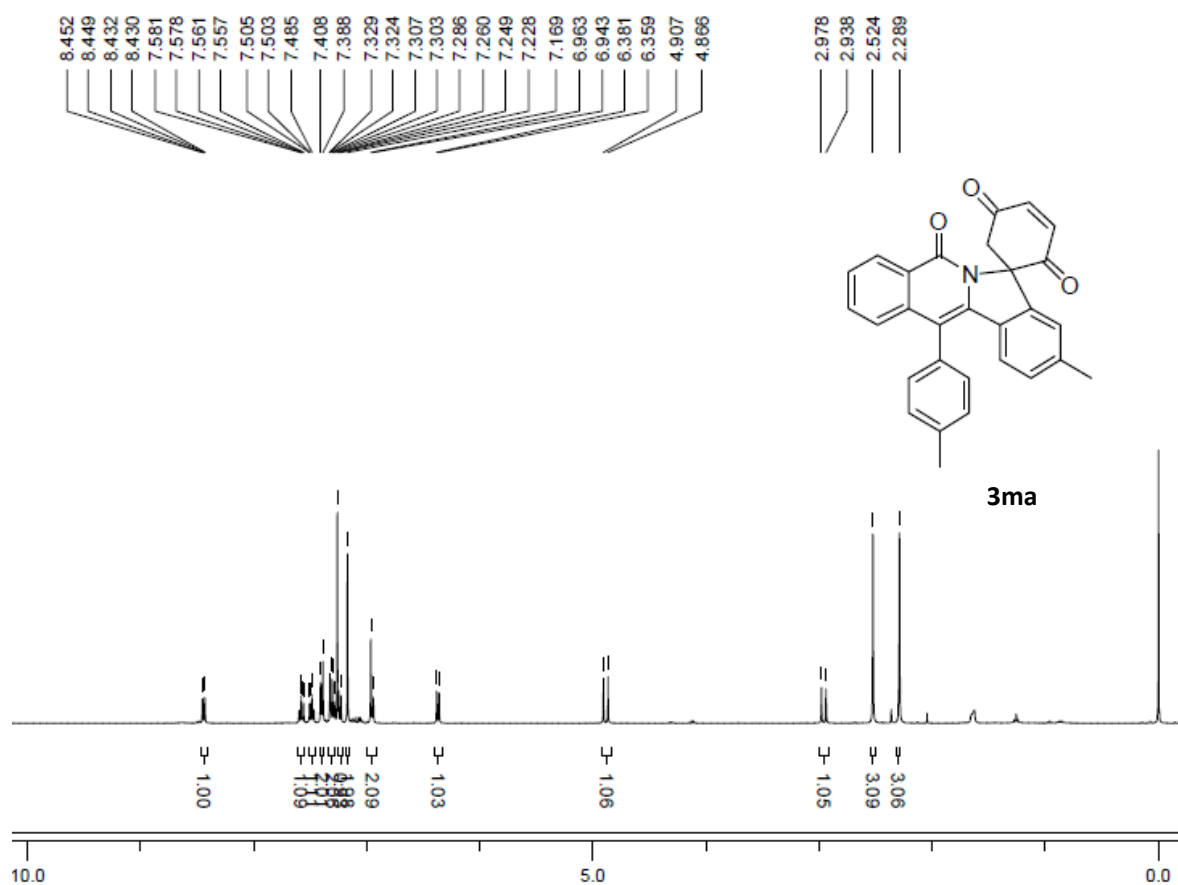


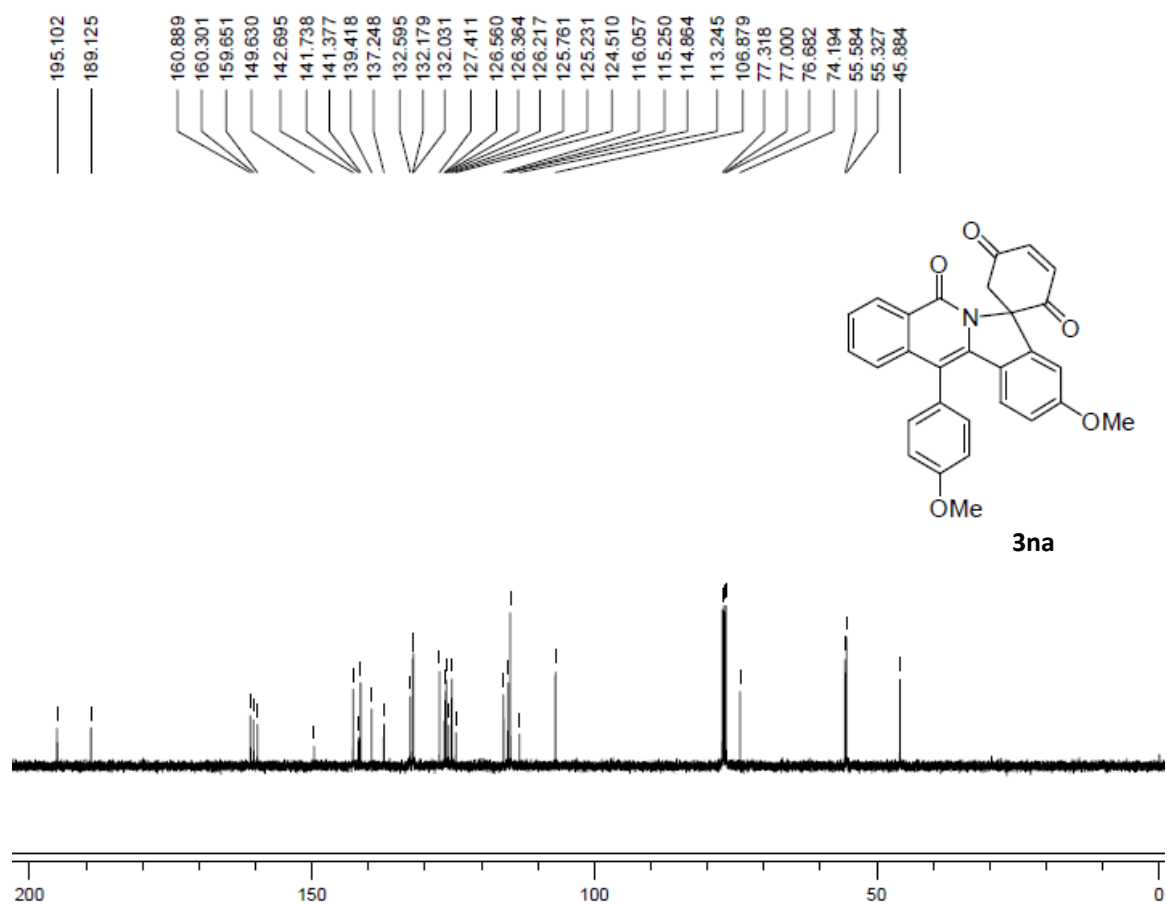
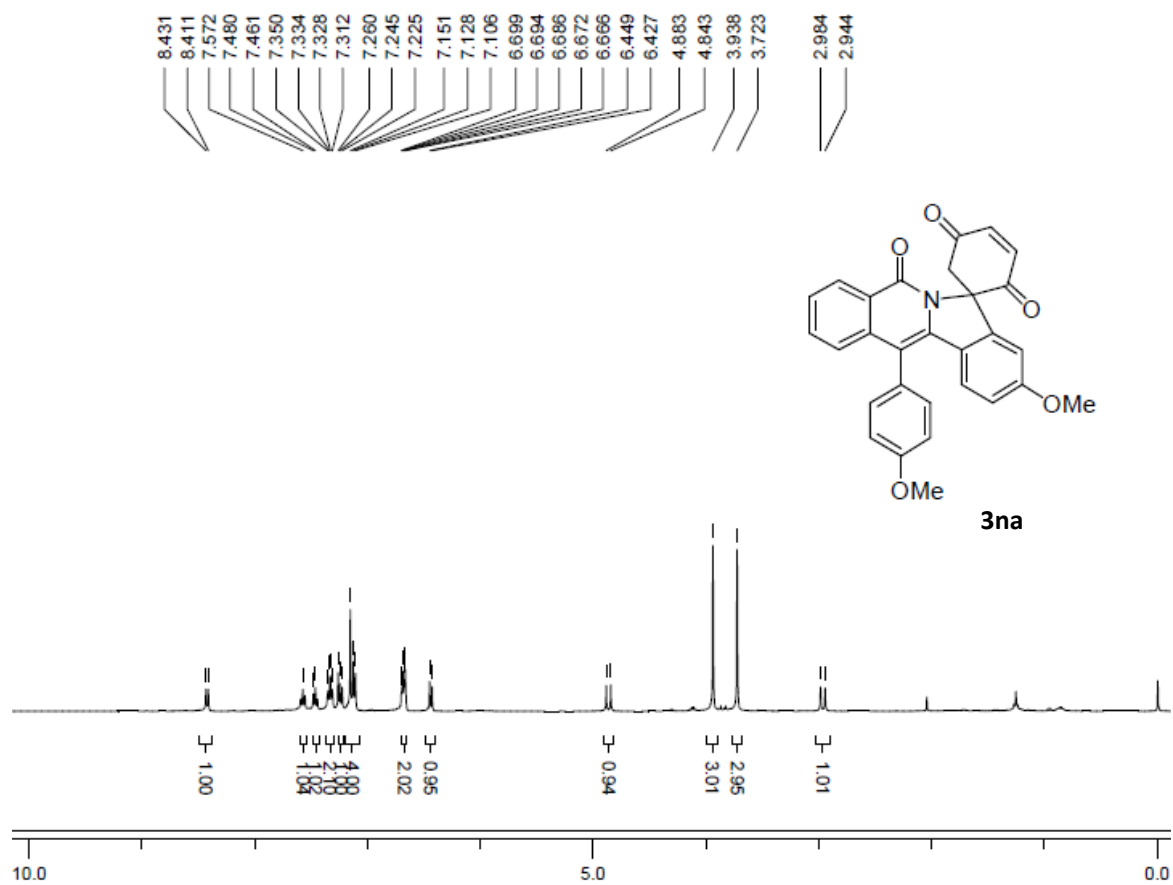




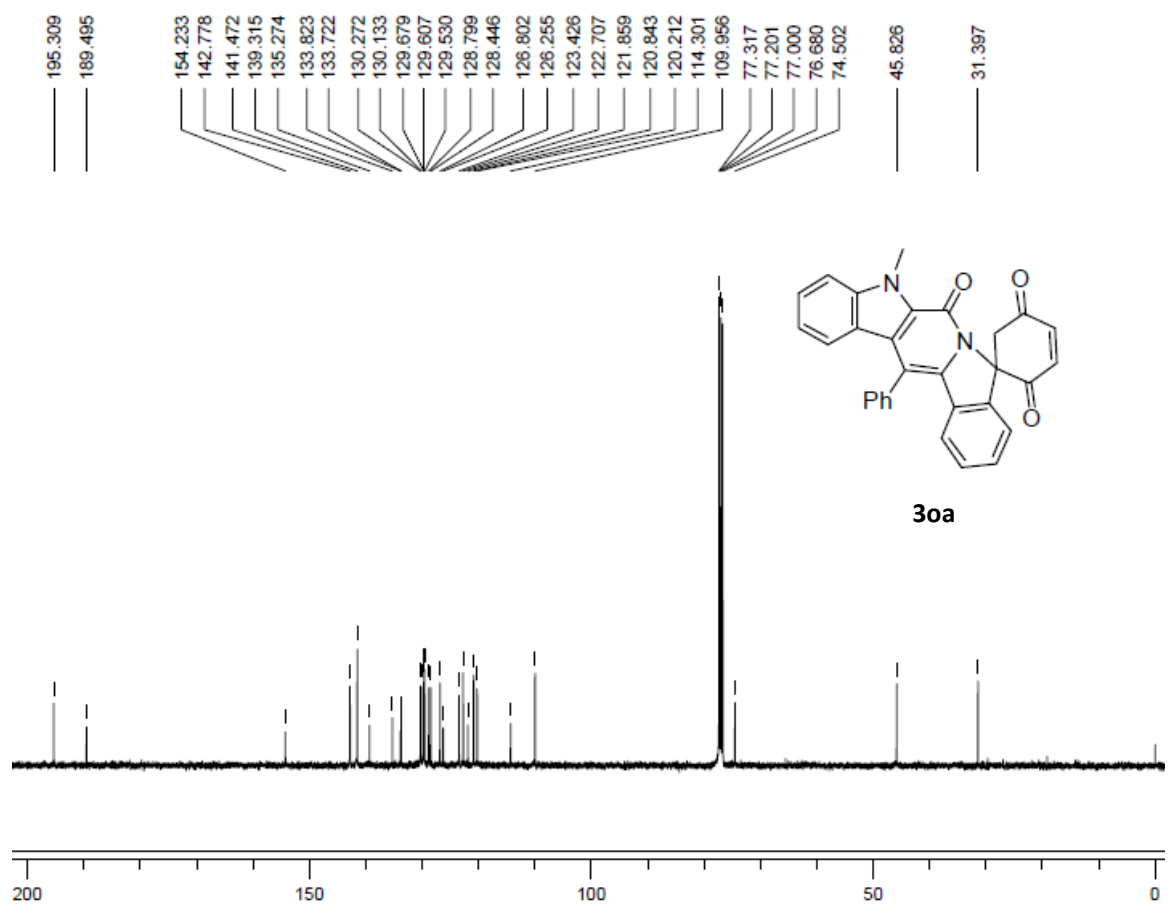
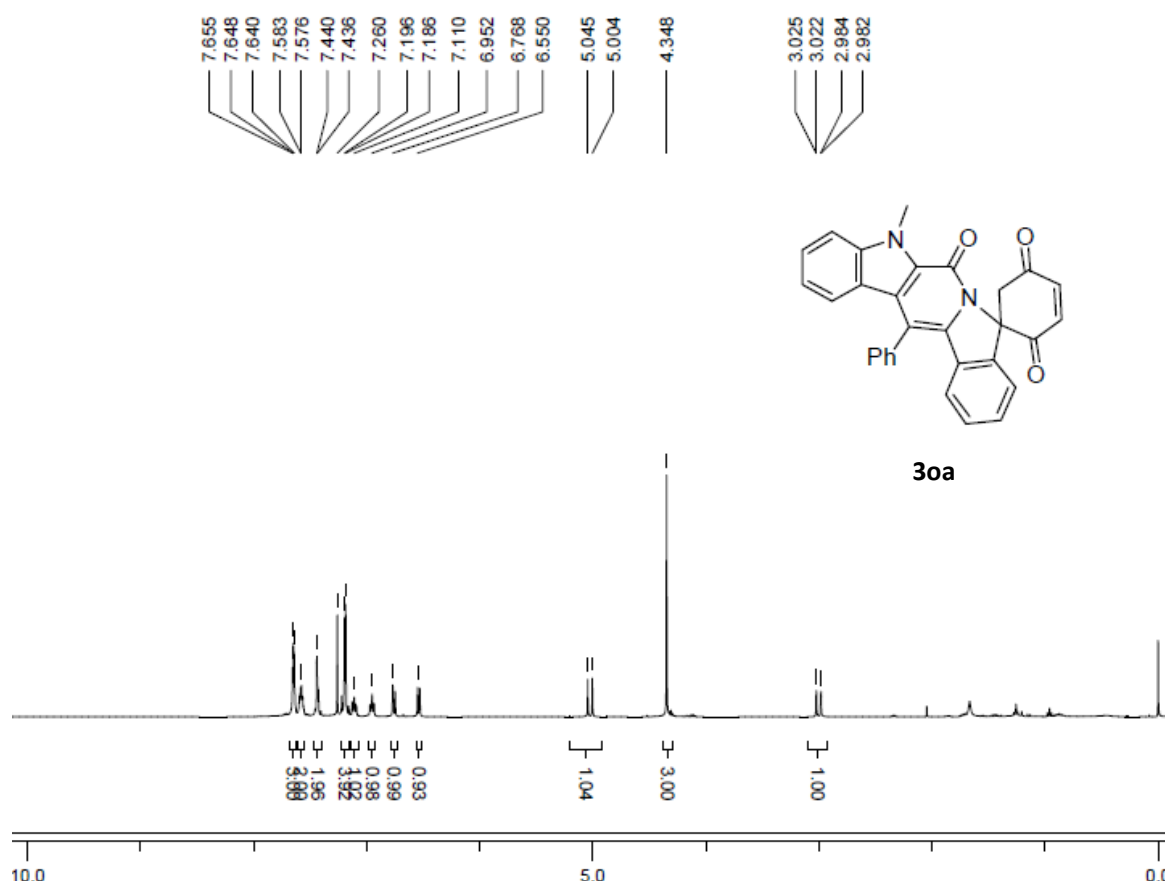


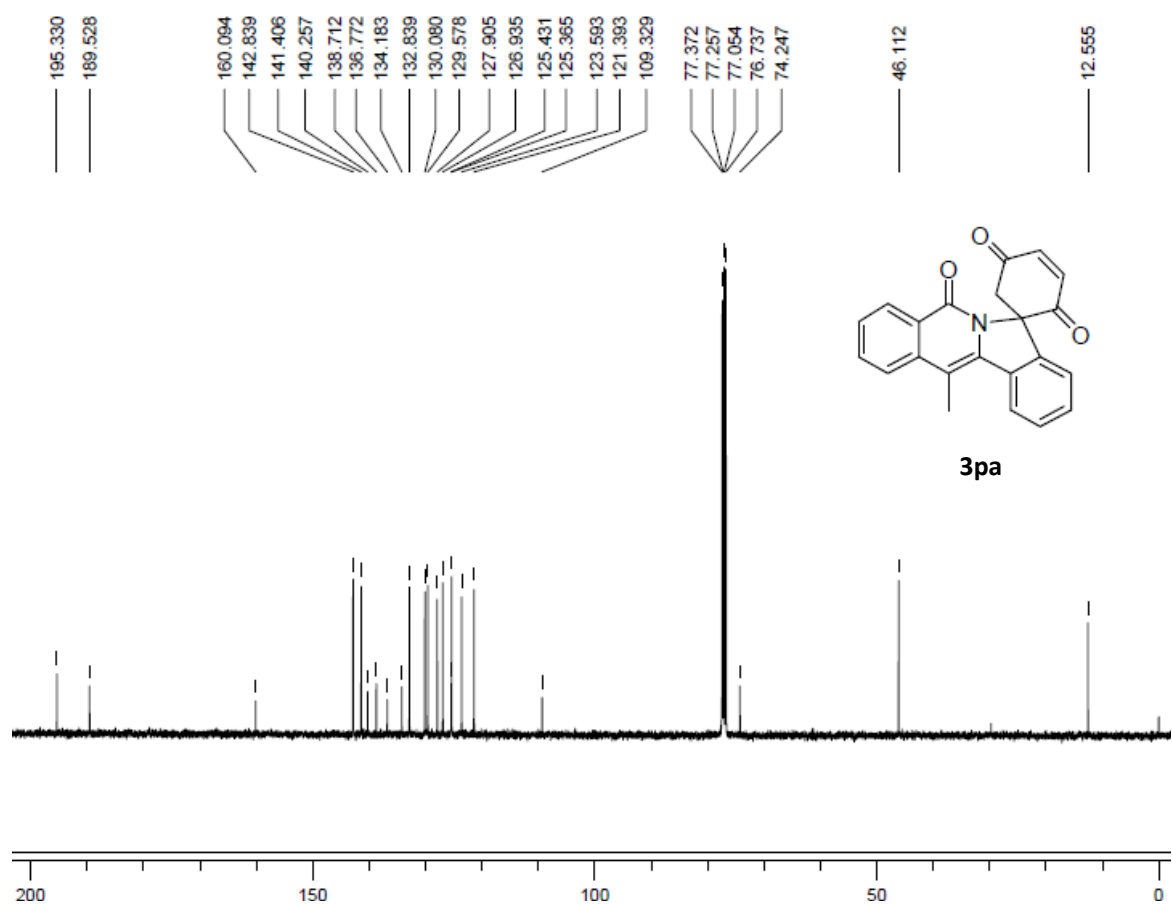
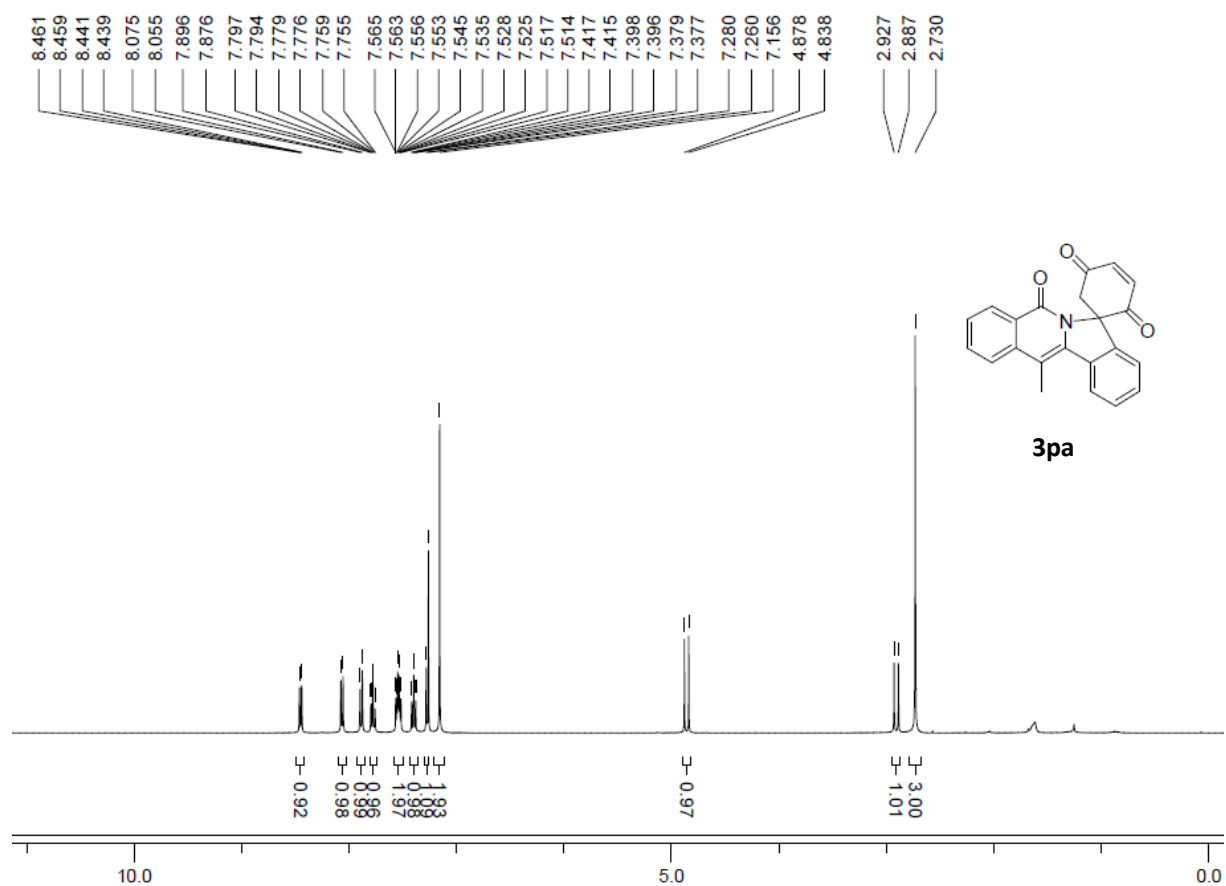


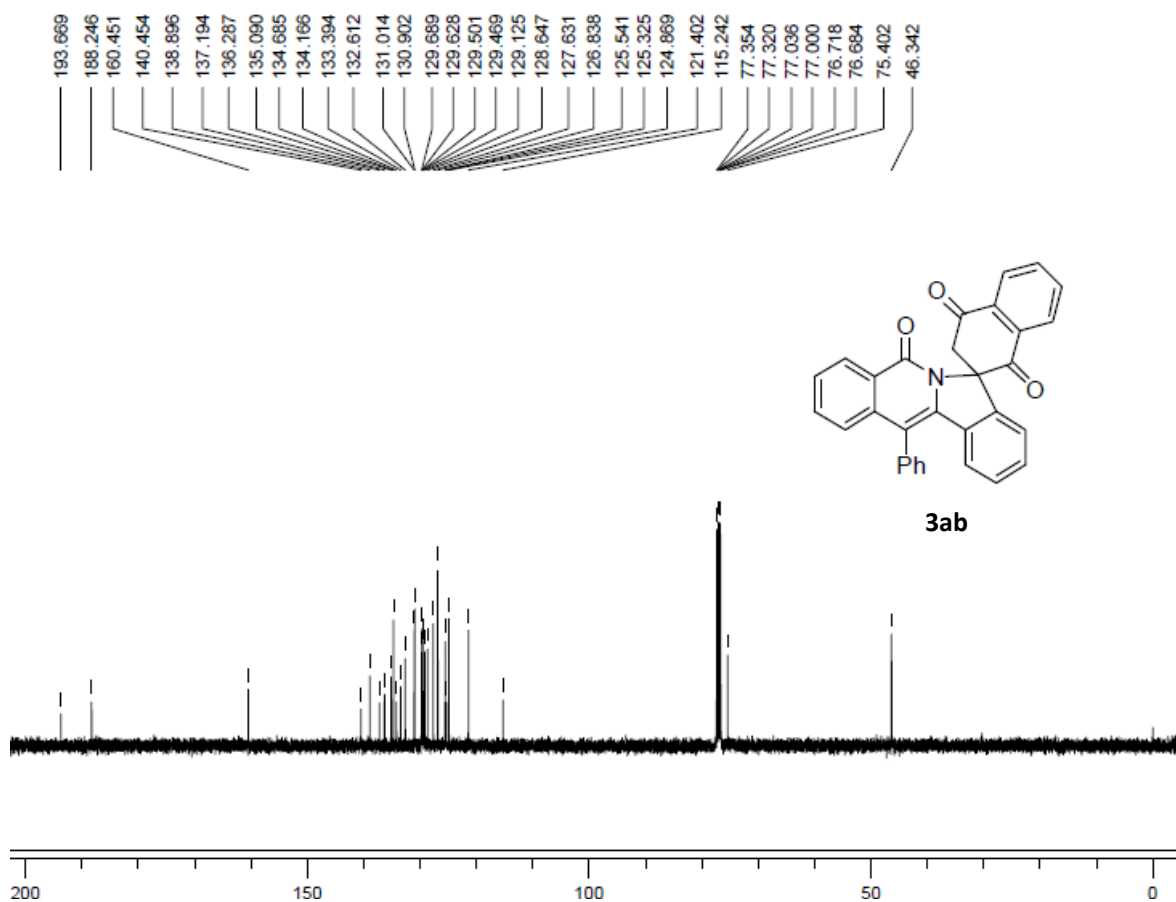
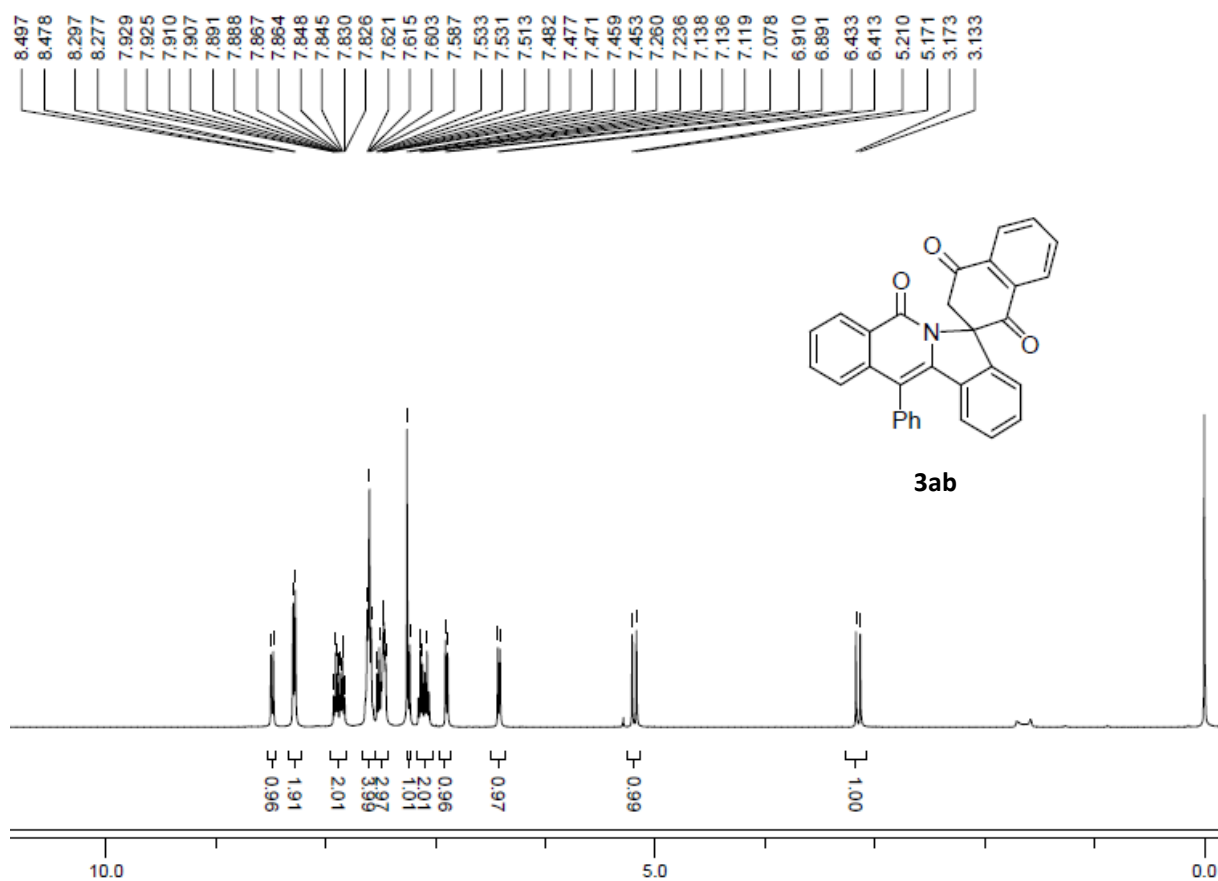


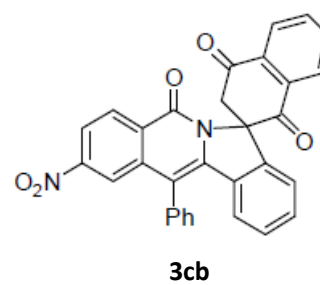
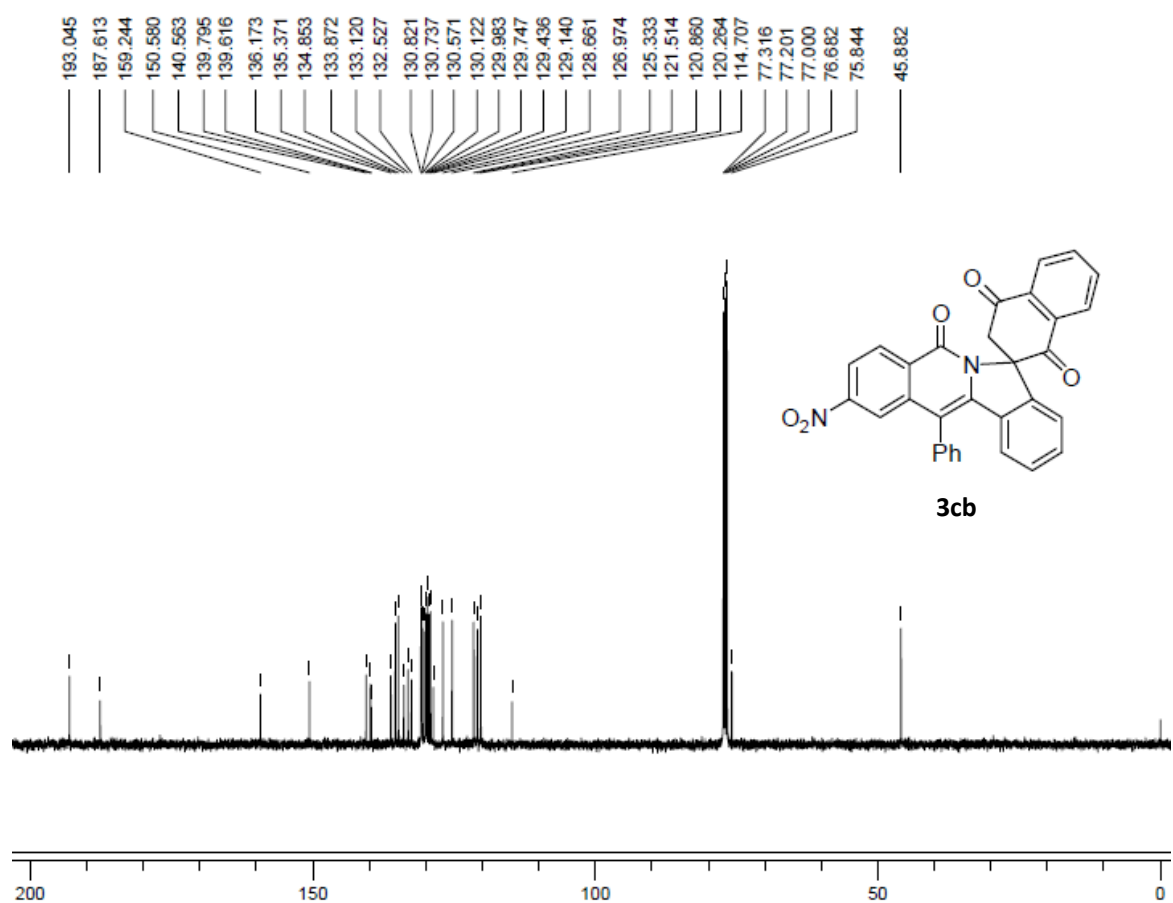
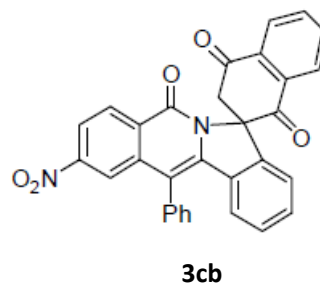
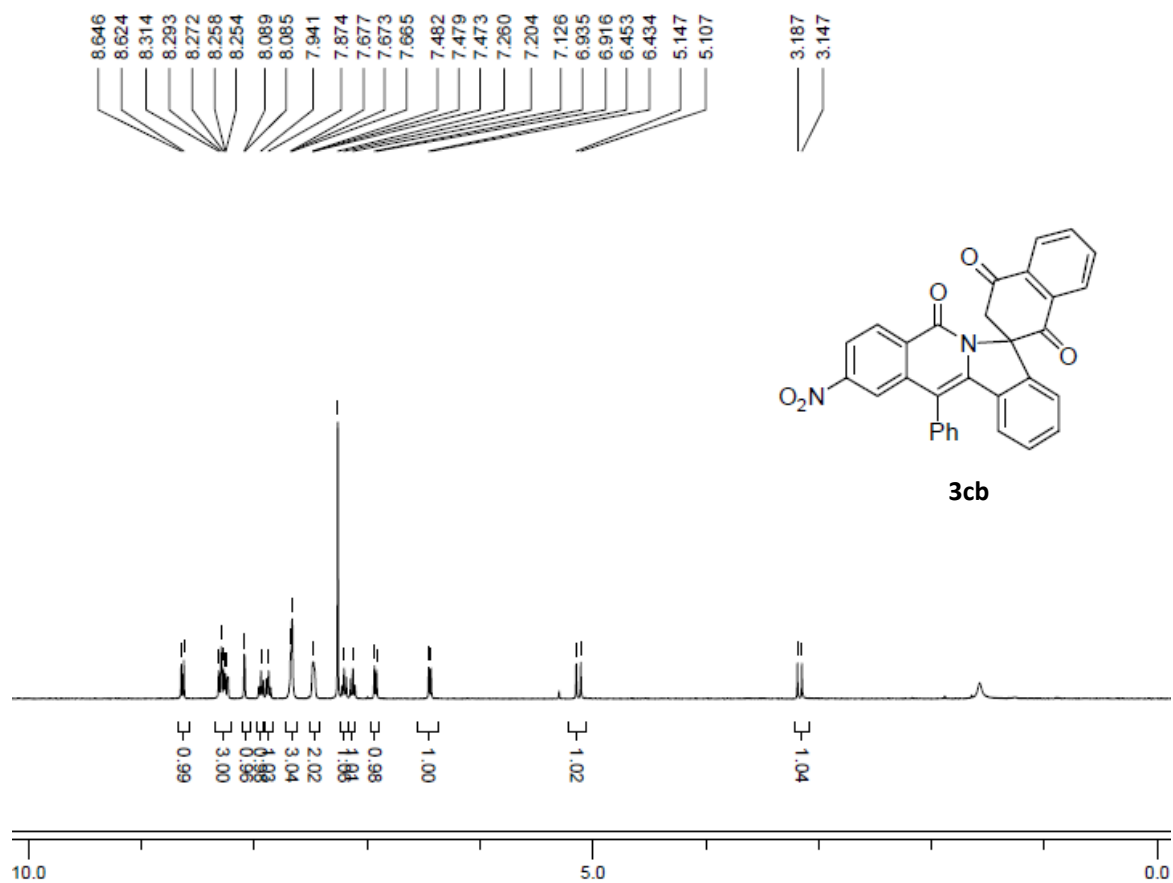


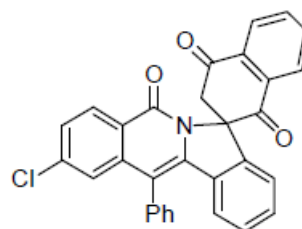
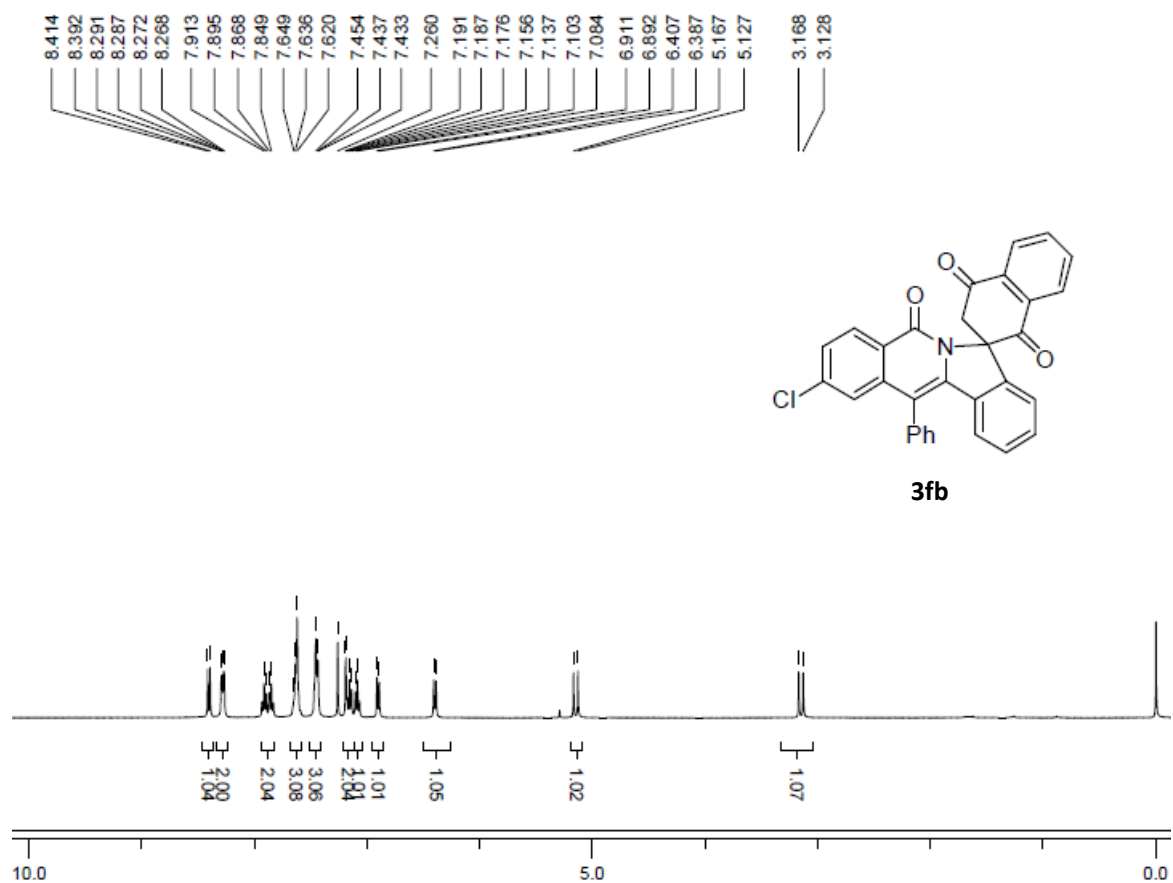




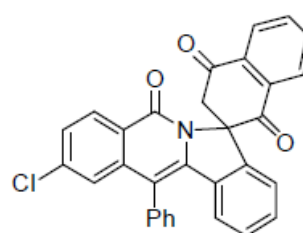
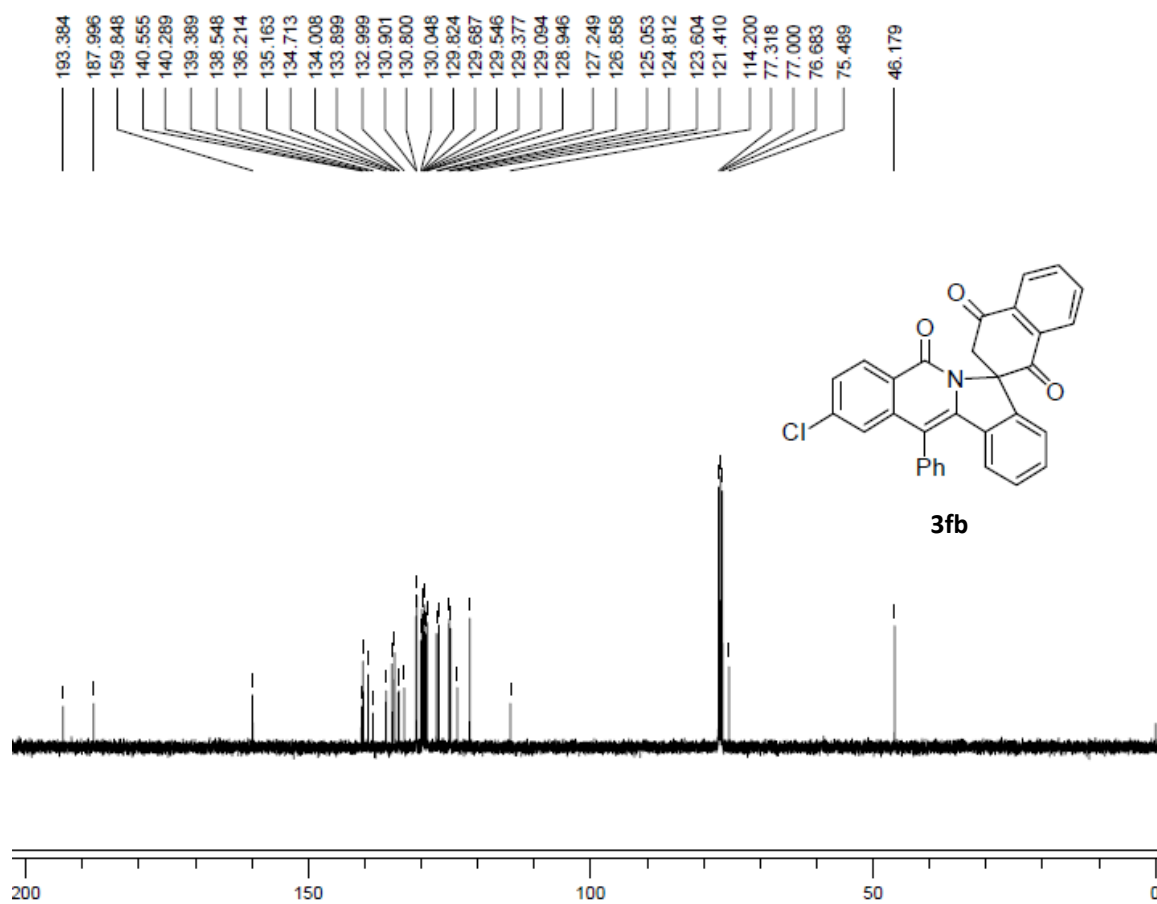






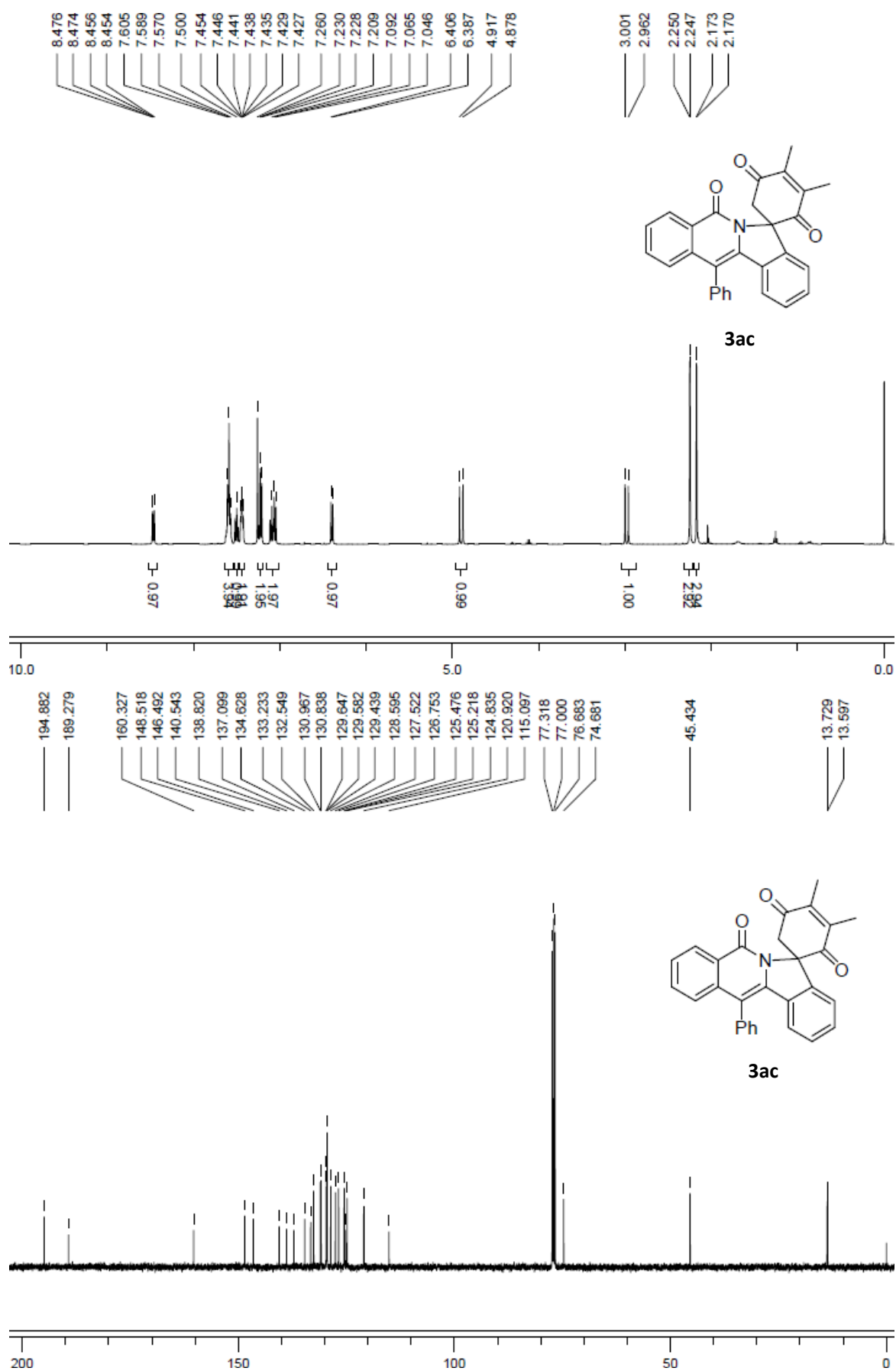


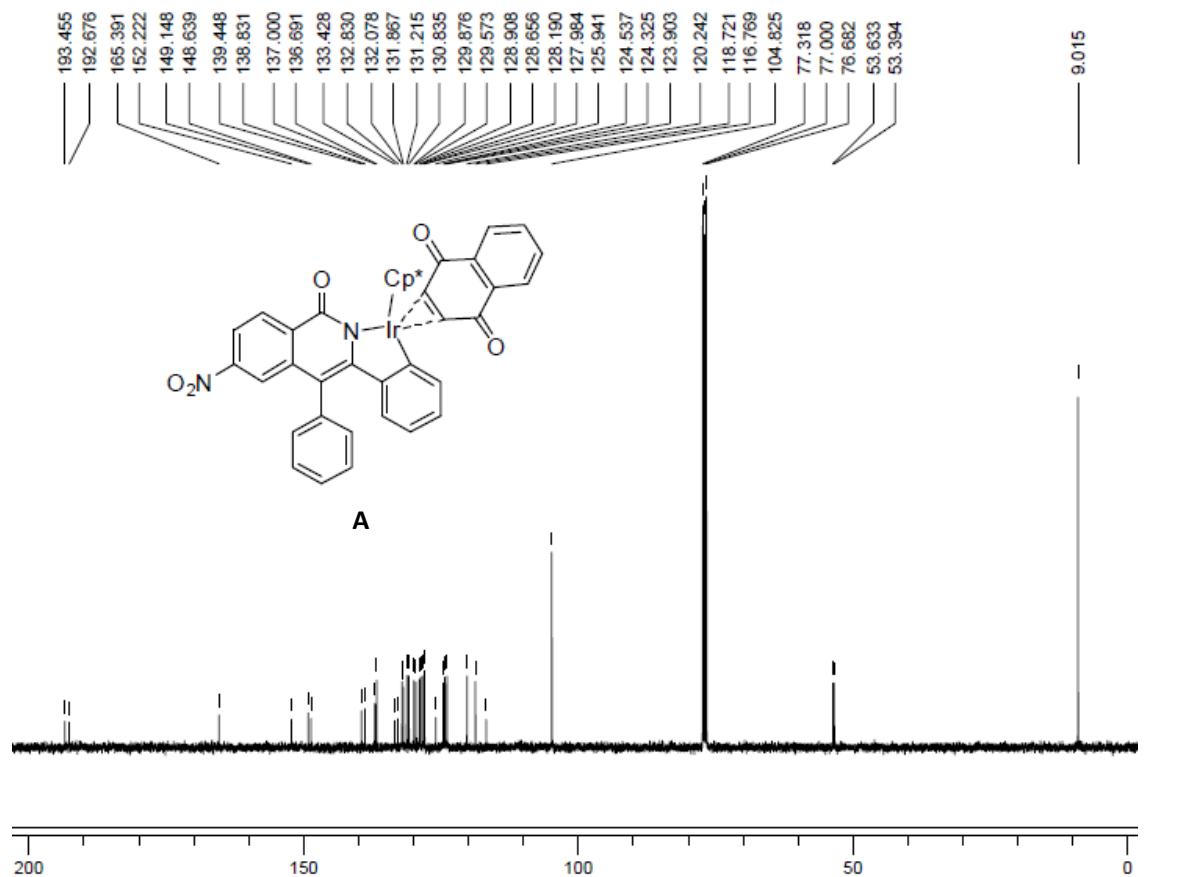
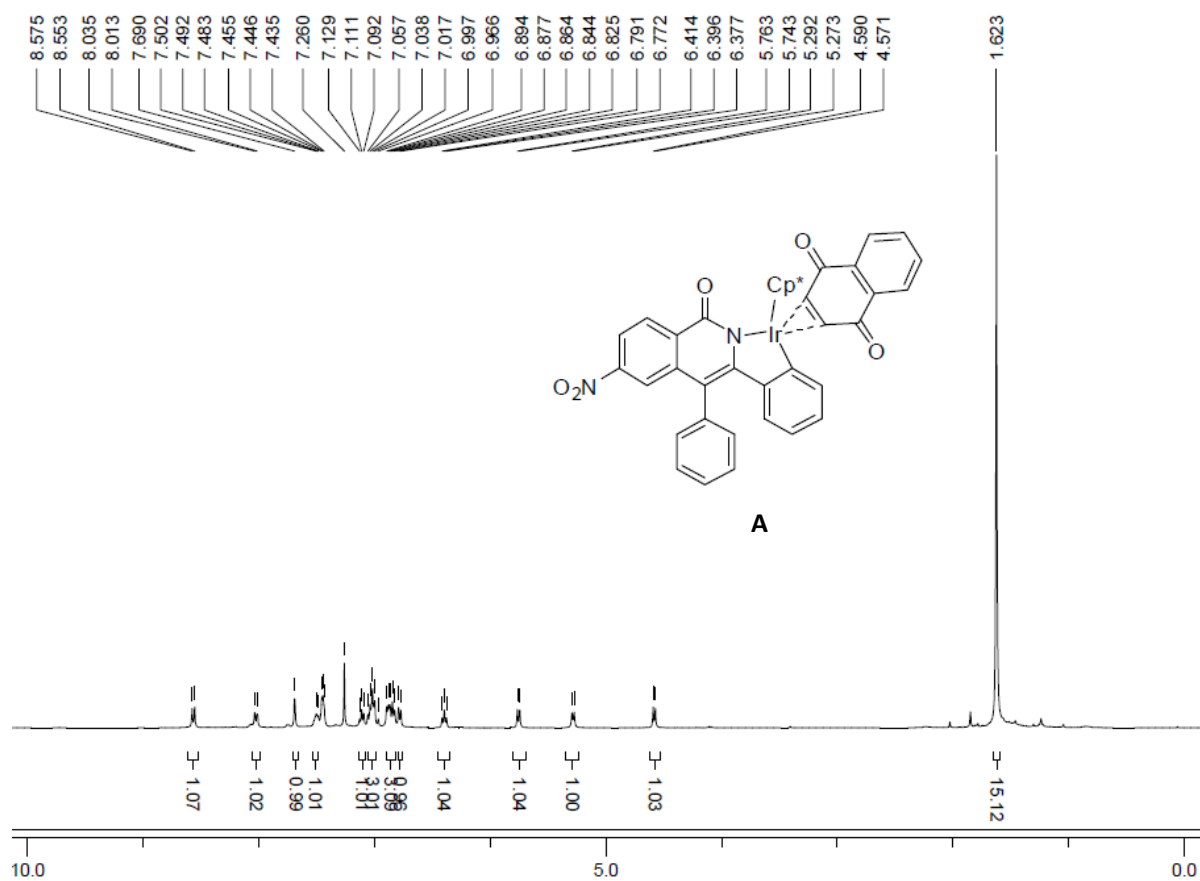
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