

A Domino Approach for the Synthesis of Pyrrolo[1,2- α]Pyrazine from Vinyl Azides

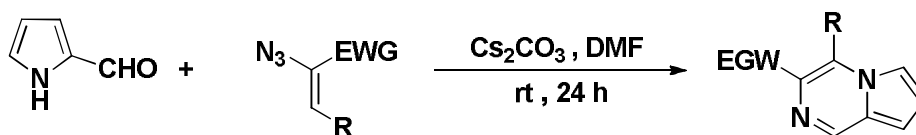
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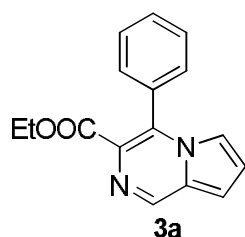
All solvents were purified according to standard methods prior to use. Reactions were run under an atmosphere of nitrogen unless mentioned otherwise. Purifications of reaction products were carried out by chromatography using silica gel (200–300 mesh). Melting points were recorded on a BÜCHI B-540 melting point apparatus. Infrared spectra were recorded on FTIR spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded for ^1H NMR at 500 MHz and for ^{13}C NMR at 125 MHz. For ^1H NMR, tetramethylsilane (TMS) served as internal standard ($\delta=0$) and data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), and coupling constant(s) in Hz. For ^{13}C NMR, TMS($\delta=0$) or CDCl_3 ($\delta=77.26$) was used as internal standard and spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. Low-resolution MS and LC-MS data were obtained using ESI ionization. The starting material **1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **1d**, **1e**, **1f**, **1h**, **1i**, **1j**, **1k**, **1l**, **1m**, **1n**, **1o**, **1p**, **1q**, **1r** were prepared according to literature methods.^{1,2}

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3

A mixture of vinyl azide **1** (1.0 mmol), 1H-pyrrole-2-carbaldehyde **2** (1.1 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (1.1 mmol) was stirred in anhydrous DMF (2 ml) at rt under nitrogen overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 ml), and then extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. Purification of the crude product by chromatography (silica gel ; petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1) to afford **3**.

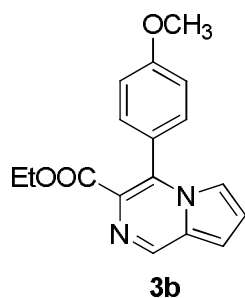
Characterization Data

Ethyl 4-phenylpyrrolo [1, 2-a] pyrazine-3-carboxylate (3a) :



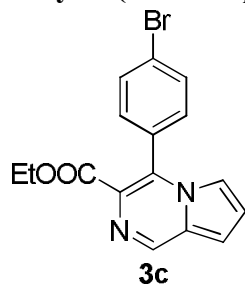
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 61-63 °C; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3050, 2980, 1725, 1380, 730, 708 ; ^1H NMR (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.11 (3H, t, $J=7.0\text{Hz}$), 4.19 (2H, q, $J=7.0\text{Hz}$), 6.89-6.90 (1H,m), 6.94-6.95 (1H, m), 7.04 (1H, m), 7.41-7.43 (2H, m), 7.56-7.59 (3H, m), 8.91 (1H,s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 61.2, 105.2, 116.0, 116.7, 126.6, 128.7, 129.2, 129.6, 132.4, 134.5, 143.5, 165.7; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$:267.0. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ (M) $^+$ 266.1055 Found: m/z 266.1065.

Ethyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate(3b):



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 112-114°C; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3118, 2972, 1716, 1375, 814 ; ^1H NMR (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.17 (3H, t, $J=7.5\text{Hz}$), 3.90 (3H, s), 4.22 (2H, q, $J=7.0\text{Hz}$), 6.88-6.90 (1H,m), 6.92-6.94 (1H, m), 7.09 (2H, d, $J=9.0\text{Hz}$), 7.11-7.11 (1H, m), 7.34-7.36 (2H, d, $J=9\text{Hz}$), 8.82 (1H,s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.2, 55.5, 61.4, 105.3, 114.8, 116.1, 116.7, 124.5, 127.0, 128.9, 130.3, 134.5, 143.5, 160.7, 166.0; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$:297.0. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (M) $^+$ 296.1161 Found: m/z 296.1159.

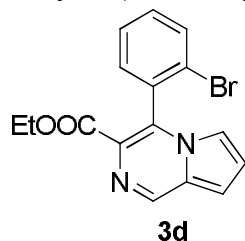
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Pale yellow solid; m.p. 81-83°C; IR (KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3046, 2983, 1714, 810; ^1H NMR (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.18 (3H, t, $J=7.5\text{Hz}$), 4.23 (2H, q, $J=7.0\text{ Hz}$), 6.91-6.93 (1H, m), 6.96-6.97 (1H, m), 7.02-7.03 (1H, m), 7.31 (2H, d, $J=8.5\text{Hz}$), 7.72 (2H, d, $J=8.5\text{Hz}$), 8.92 (1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.2, 61.6, 105.7, 116.0, 117.1, 124.2,

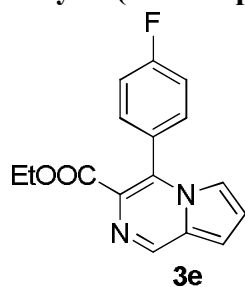
126.8, 128.9, 130.7, 131.5, 132.8, 133.6, 144.0, 165.6; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$:345.9. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2O_2Br$ (M) $^+$ 344.0160 Found: m/z 344.0164.

Ethyl 4-(2-bromophenyl)pyrrole[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate (3d)



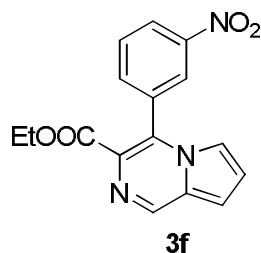
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 115-117°C; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3058, 2971, 1721, 724; 1H NMR (500MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.14 (3H, t, $J=7.0$ Hz), 4.23 (2H, q, $J=7.0$ Hz), 6.90 (1H, m), 6.93-6.95 (1H, m), 6.98-6.99 (1H, m), 7.35 (1H, d, $J=7.5$ Hz), 7.44 (1H, t, $J=7.5$ Hz), 7.52 (1H, t, $J=7.5$ Hz), 7.79 (1H, d, $J=8.0$ Hz), 8.96 (1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 14.1, 61.5, 105.6, 116.0, 117.3, 123.4, 126.9, 128.4, 128.6, 130.7, 131.3, 133.4, 133.9, 134.2, 144.0, 165.2; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[M+H]^+$:345.2. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2O_2Br$ (M) $^+$ 344.0160 Found: m/z 344.0164.

Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrrole[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate (3e)



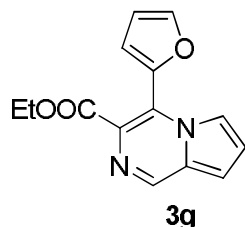
Pale yellow solid ;m.p. 108-110°C; IR (KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3044, 2990, 1719, 838; 1H NMR (500MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 1.17 (3H, t, $J=7.0$ Hz), 4.22 (2H, q, $J=7.0$ Hz), 6.91-6.92 (1H, m), 6.96-6.97 (1H, m), 7.03 (1H,m), 7.27-7.30 (2H, m), 7.40-7.43 (2H, m), 8.91 (1H,s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 14.1, 61.4, 105.5, 115.9, 116.6(d, $J=22$), 116.9, 126.8, 128.4(d, $J=4$), 128.8, 130.9(d, $J=8$), 133.6, 143.8, 163.4(d, $J=249$), 165.6 ;LC-MS(EI): m/z $[M+H]^+$:285.2. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2O_2F$ (M) $^+$ 284.0961 Found: m/z 284.0955.

Ethyl 4-(3-nitrophenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate (3f)



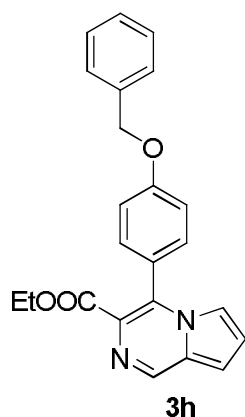
Yellow solid; m.p. 162-163⁰C; IR(KBr) ν / cm⁻¹ 3051, 2973, 1723, 811, 735; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (3H, t, J=7.0Hz), 4.24 (2H, q, J=7.5Hz), 6.95-6.97 (2H, m), 7.02-7.03 (1H, m), 7.77-7.83 (2H, m), 8.33 (1H, s), 8.45 (1H, d, J=7.5Hz), 8.98 (1H, s); ¹³C NMR (125MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 61.6, 106.0, 115.6, 117.4, 124.3, 124.5, 126.7, 128.7, 130.4, 132.1, 134.1, 135.2, 144.3, 148.8, 165.1; LC-MS(EI): m/z [M+H]⁺: 311.9. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃N₃O₄ (M)⁺ 311.0906 Found: m/z 311.0913.

Ethyl 4-(furan-2-yl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate(3g)



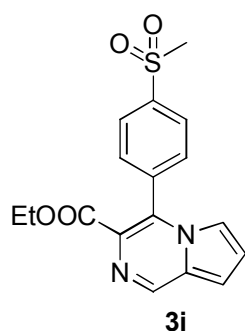
Yellow liquid; IR(KBr) ν / cm⁻¹ 3123, 2983, 1729; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.26 (3H, t, J=7.0Hz), 4.31 (2H, q, J=7.5Hz), 6.65-6.66 (1H, m), 6.83 (1H, m), 6.95-6.97 (2H, m), 7.52 (1H, m), 7.69 (1H, m), 8.86 (1H, s); ¹³C NMR (125MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 61.7, 105.8, 111.6, 113.1, 116.1, 117.0, 123.5, 128.6, 129.7, 143.8, 144.1, 144.3, 165.9; LC-MS(ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺: 257.1. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₃ (M)⁺ 256.0848 Found: m/z 256.0858.

Ethyl 4-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate(3h)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 88-90⁰C ; IR(KBr) ν / cm⁻¹ 3067, 2981, 1715, 817, 736; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.14 (3H, t, J=7.0Hz), 4.21 (2H, q, J=7.0Hz), 5.15 (2H, s), 6.88-6.90 (1H, m), 6.93 (1H, m), 7.12 (1H, brs), 7.16 (2H, d, J=9.0Hz), 7.34-7.38 (3H, m), 7.42 (2H, t, J=7.0Hz), 7.48 (2H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 8.88 (1H, s) ; ¹³C NMR (125MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 61.2, 70.1, 105.2, 115.5, 115.9, 116.6, 124.6, 126.8, 127.6, 128.2, 128.7, 130.2, 130.3, 134.3, 136.5, 143.4, 159.7, 165.9; LC-MS(ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ :373.0. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₂O₃ (M)⁺ 372.1474 Found: m/z 372.1481.

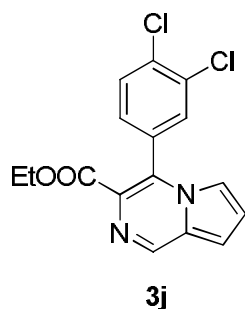
Ethyl 4-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate(3i)



Pale yellow solid; m.p. 182-184⁰C ; IR(KBr) ν / cm⁻¹ 3119, 2991, 1707, 818; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.19(3H, t, J=7.0Hz), 3.19(3H, s), 4.23(2H, q, J=7.0Hz), 6.92-6.93(1H, m), 6.95-6.96(1H, m), 7.01-7.02(1H, m), 7.67(2H, d, J=8Hz), 8.19(2H, d, J=8Hz), 8.96(1H, s); ¹³C NMR (125MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 44.6, 61.7, 106.0, 115.9, 117.5, 126.6, 128.6, 128.8, 130.2, 132.9, 138.3, 141.8, 144.3, 165.3 ; LC-MS(ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ :345.2. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₄S (M)⁺ 344.0831 Found:

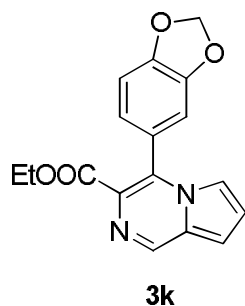
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Ethyl 4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate(3j)



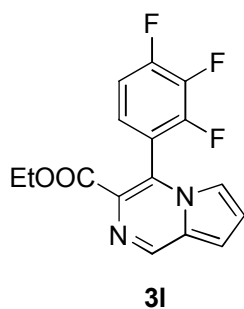
White solid; m.p. 169-171⁰C ; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3057, 2951, 1715, 1639, 866, 823, 772, 732 ; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) 1.21(3H, t, J=7.0Hz), 4.25-4.26(2H, m), 6.94-6.95(1H, m), 6.98(1H, m), 7.03(1H, m), 7.28(1H, d, J=8.0Hz), 7.54(1H, s), 7.67(1H, d, J=8.0Hz), 8.92(1H, s); ¹³C NMR (125MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 61.7, 105.9, 116.0, 117.4, 126.9, 128.5, 128.9, 131.1, 131.6, 132.3, 132.4, 133.9, 134.4, 144.2, 165.4; LC-MS(ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ :335.1. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₂O₂Cl₂ (M)⁺ 334.0276 Found: m/z 334.0269.

Ethyl 4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate(3k)



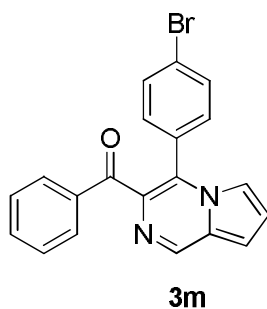
Yellow solid; m.p. 104.5-106⁰C ; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3044, 2991, 1715, 884, 808, 714; ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.22(3H, t, J=7.0Hz), 4.25(2H, q, J=7.0Hz), 6.07(2H, m), 6.88-6.90 (3H, m), 6.93(1H, brs), 6.98-7.00(1H, m), 7.15(1H, s), 8.88(1H, s); ¹³C NMR (125MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 61.3, 101.6, 105.3, 109.2, 109.3, 115.9, 116.7, 122.8, 125.6, 127.0, 128.8, 133.9, 143.5, 148.4, 148.8, 165.8; LC-MS(ESI): m/z [M+H]⁺ :311.2. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₄ (M)⁺ 310.0954 Found: m/z 310.0956.

Ethyl 4-(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-3-carboxylate(3l)



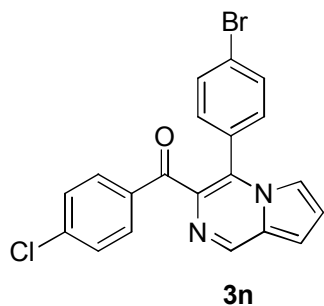
White solid; m.p. 88.5-90 °C ; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3069, 2993, 1718, 812, 733 ; ^1H NMR (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.27(3H, t, $J=7.0\text{Hz}$), 4.29(2H, q, $J=7.0\text{Hz}$), 6.97-9.98(1H, m), 7.00-7.01(1H, m), 7.06(1H, m), 7.12-7.17(1H, m), 7.18-7.23(1H, m), 8.96(1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.1, 152.5(ddd, $J_1=252, J_2=10, J_3=3$), 149.6(ddd, $J_1=252, J_2=10, J_3=3$), 144.6, 140.8(dt, $J_1=252, J_2=15$), 128.9, 128.0, 127.2, 124.5, 118.1(dd, $J_1=14, J_2=4$), 117.5, 115.7, 113.4(dd, $J_1=18, J_2=4$), 106.1, 61.8, 14.2; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$:321.2. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ (M) $^+$ 320.0773 Found: m/z 320.0776.

(4-(4-bromophenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone(3m)



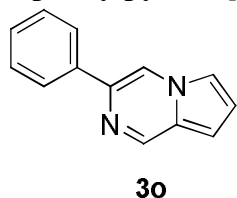
Brown solid; m.p. 215-217 °C ; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3066, 2958, 1666, 803, 735 ; ^1H NMR (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.64(1H, t, $J=3.5\text{Hz}$), 6.93-6.94(1H, m), 7.13-7.16(4H, m), 7.32-7.35(4H, m), 7.39(2H, d, $J=7.0\text{Hz}$), 8.91(1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ 113.3, 114.7, 120.2, 122.0, 124.9, 125.2, 125.9, 128.3, 128.7, 129.0, 132.2, 132.3, 133.0, 137.1, 155.0, 190.5 ; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$:394.2. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{OBr}$ (M) $^+$ 376.0211 Found: m/z 376.0202.

(4-(4-bromophenyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)(4-chlorophenyl)methanone(3n)



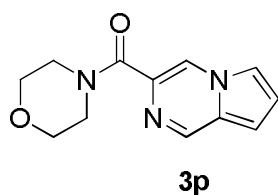
Yellow solid; m.p. 130-132 °C ; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3030, 2924, 1659, 817; ^1H NMR (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.96-6.97(1H, m), 6.99-7.00(1H, m), 7.22-7.23(1H, m), 7.35(2H, d, $J=8.5\text{Hz}$), 7.39(2H, d, $J=8.5\text{Hz}$), 7.63(2H, d, $J=8.5\text{Hz}$), 7.82(2H, d, $J=8.5\text{Hz}$), 8.85(1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ 105.7, 115.6, 117.1, 124.6, 128.7, 128.9, 130.1, 131.2, 131.6, 132.0, 132.9, 134.0, 135.8, 139.6, 143.0, 192.5; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$:411.1. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{OClBr}$ (M) $^+$ 409.9822 Found: m/z 409.9814.

3-phenylpyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine(3o)



Brown liquid; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3053, 1624, 730, 704; ^1H NMR (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.88-6.89(2H, m), 7.45(1H, s), 7.52-7.56(4H, m), 7.65(2H, d, $J=7.5\text{Hz}$), 8.80(1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ 104.2, 113.4, 115.1, 126.9, 128.7, 129.4, 129.9, 130.6, 132.6, 144.3; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$:195.2. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2$ (M) $^+$ 194.0844 Found: m/z 194.0842.

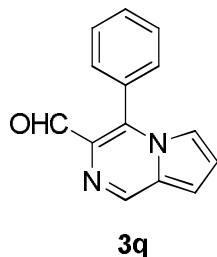
Morpholino(pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)methanone(3p)



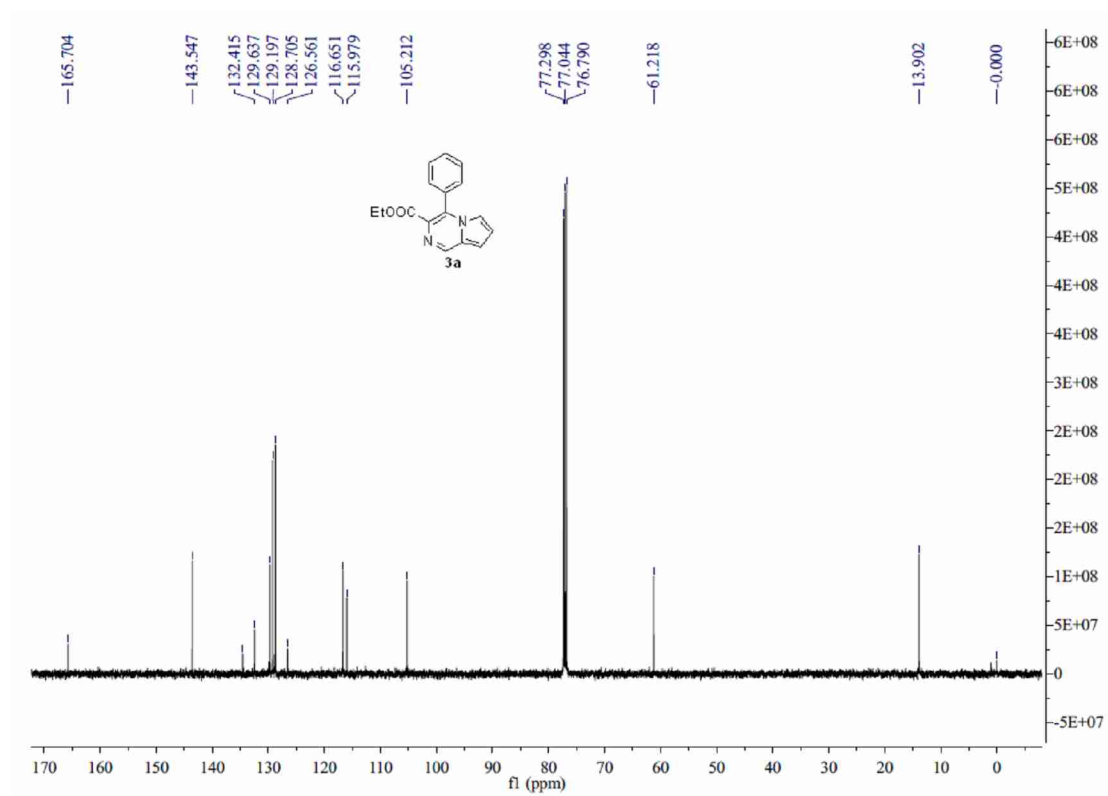
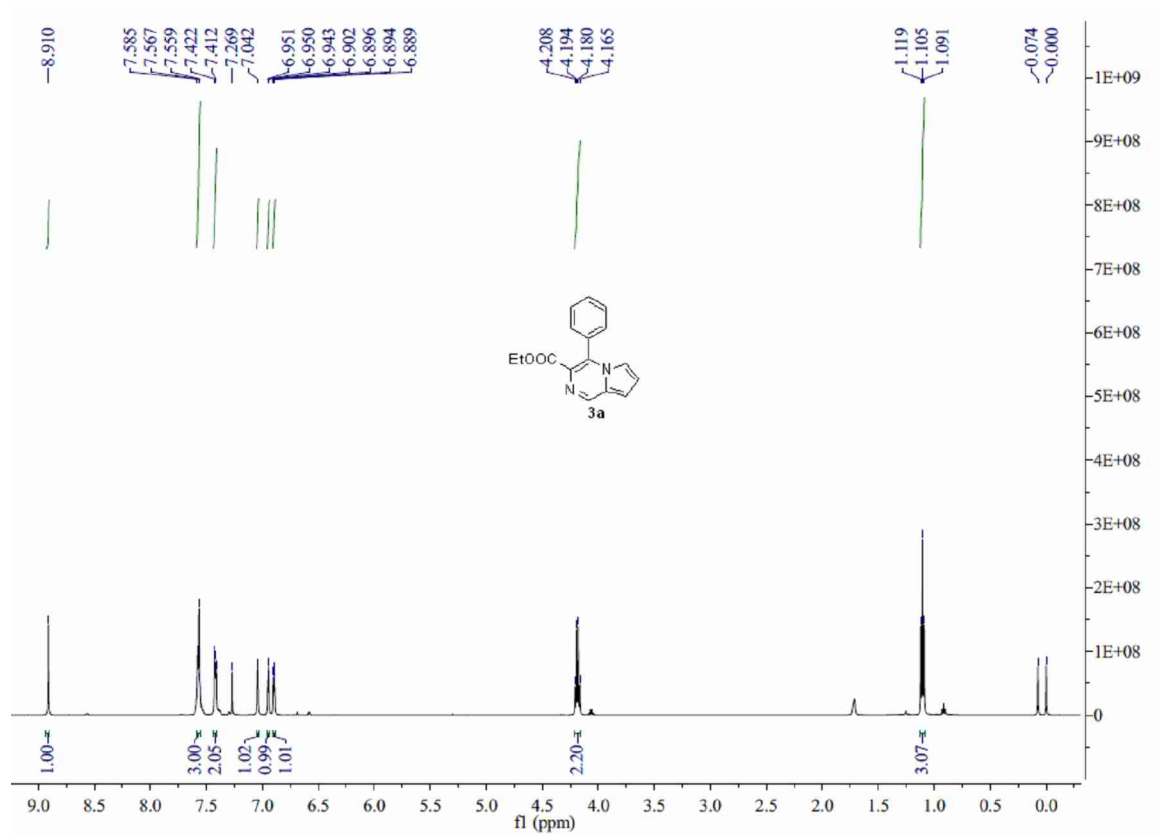
White solid; m.p. 100-102 °C IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3027, 2909, 2858, 1634 ; ^1H NMR (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.78-3.89(8H, m), 6.85-6.86(1H, m), 6.97-6.98(1H, m),

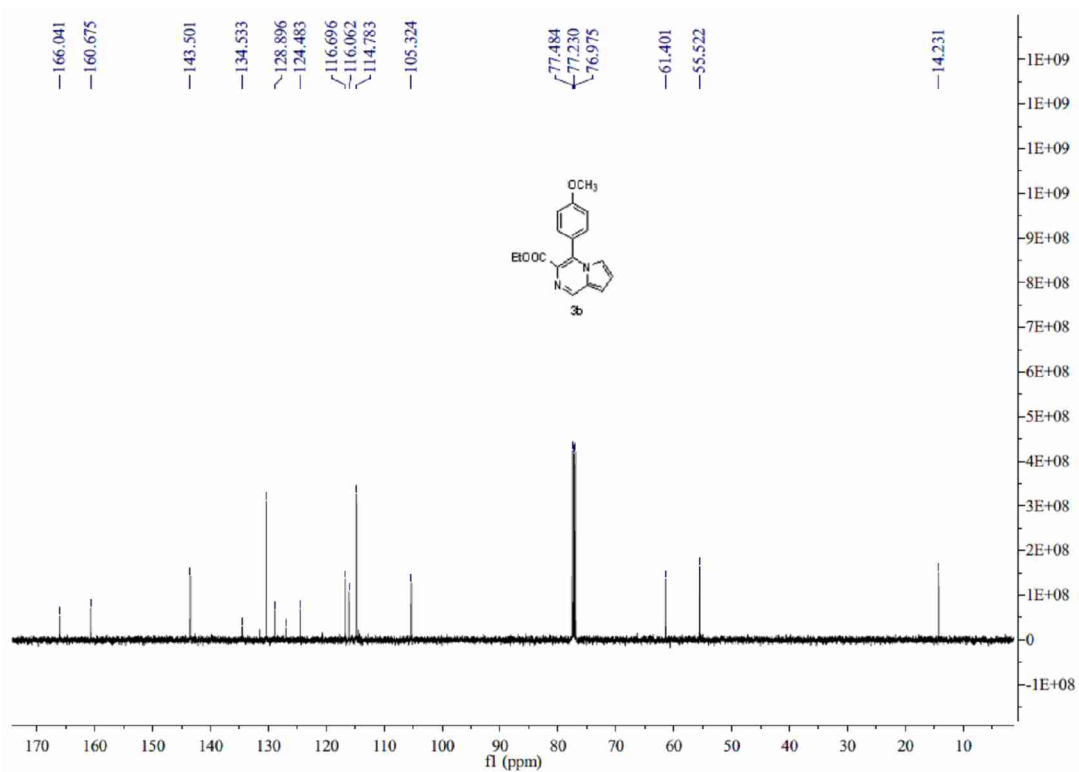
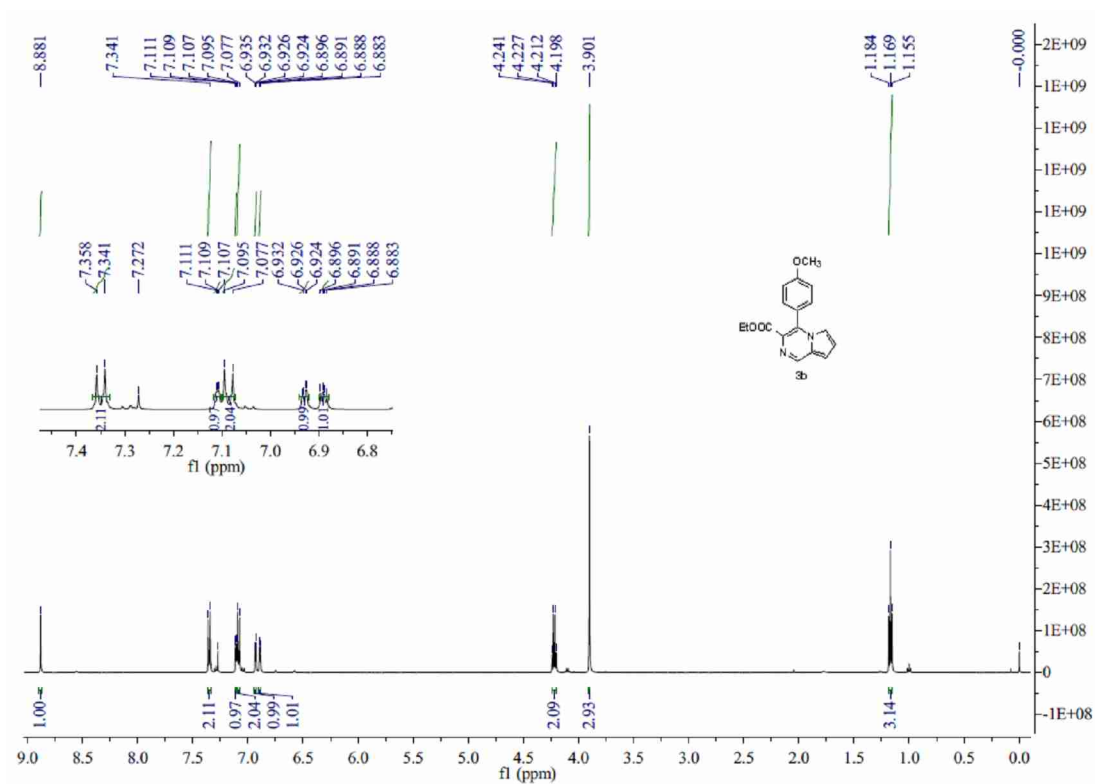
7.52-7.53(1H, m), 8.47(1H, s), 8.72(1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ 43.4, 67.0, 104.5, 116.3, 116.6, 122.1, 127.6, 133.2, 142.8, 166.6; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 232.2. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (M) $^+$ 231.1008 Found: m/z 231.1008.

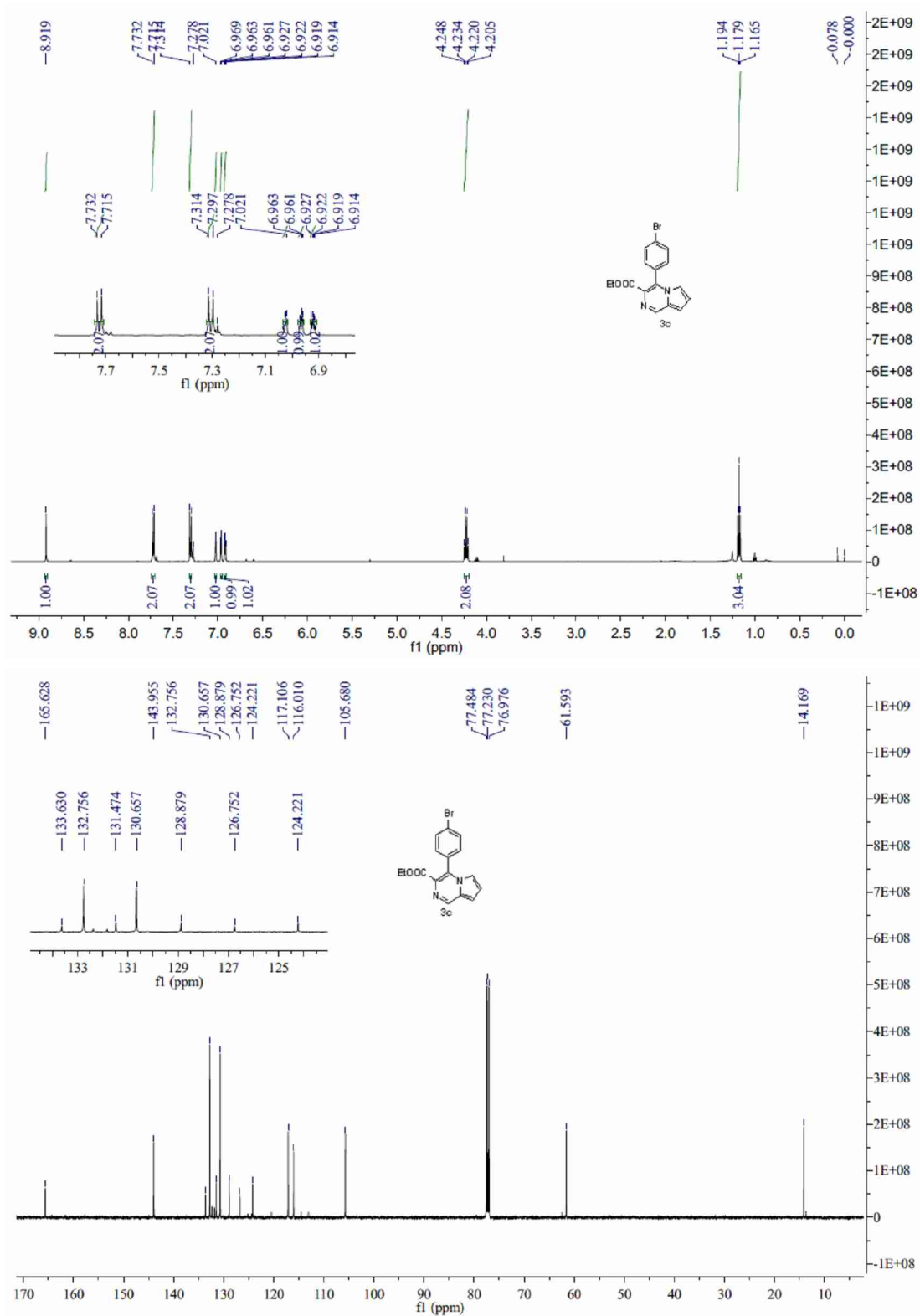
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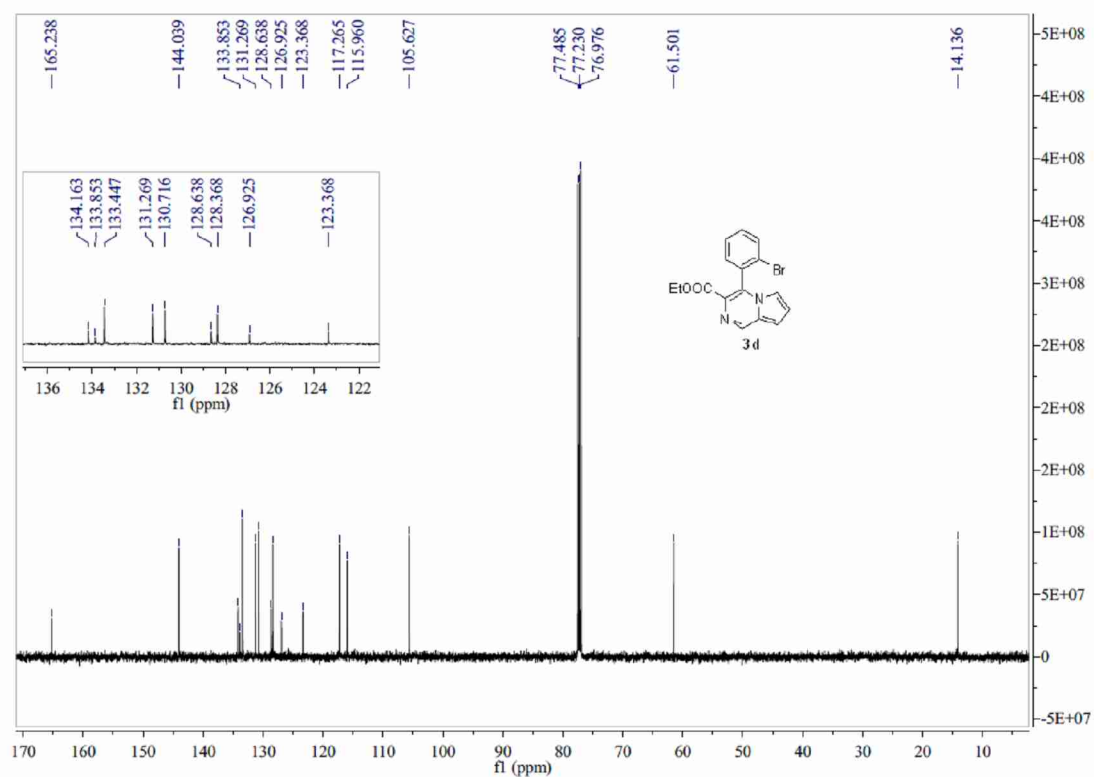
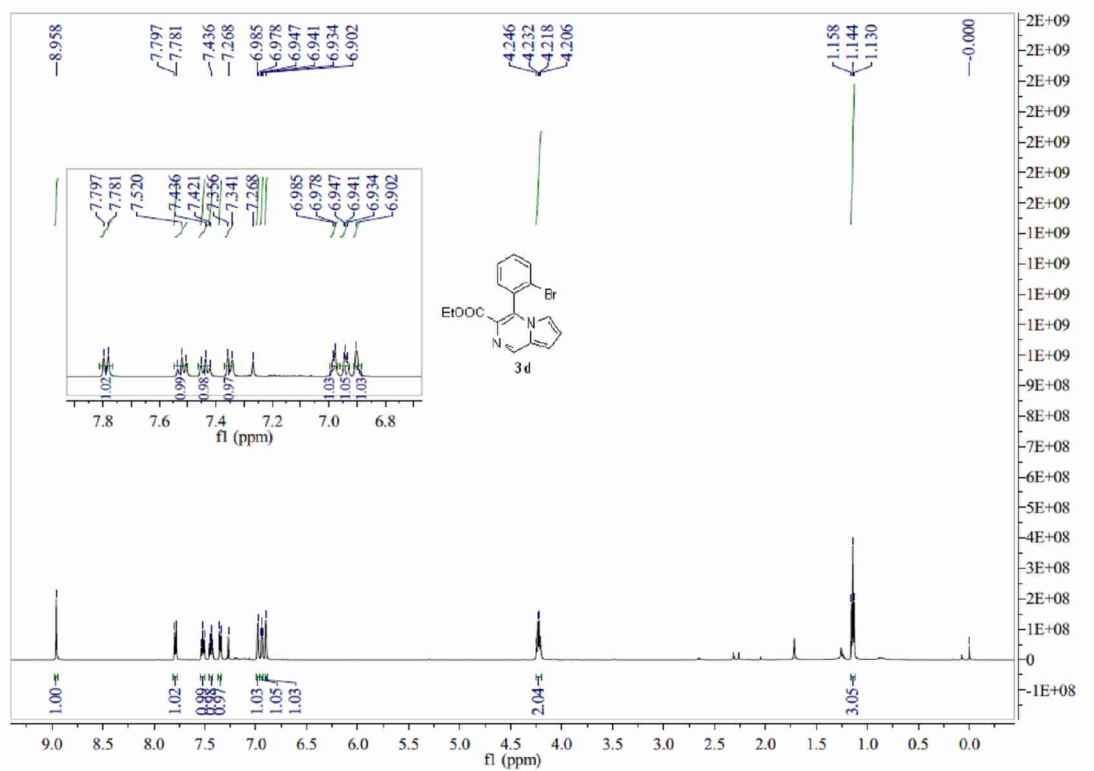


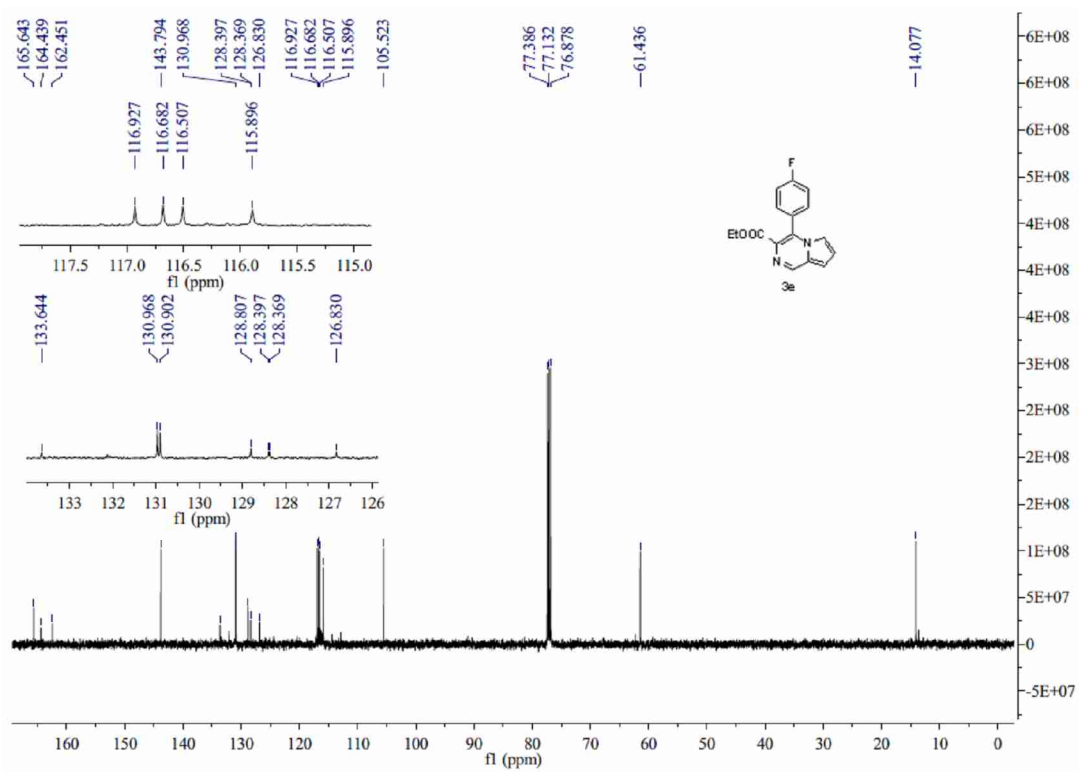
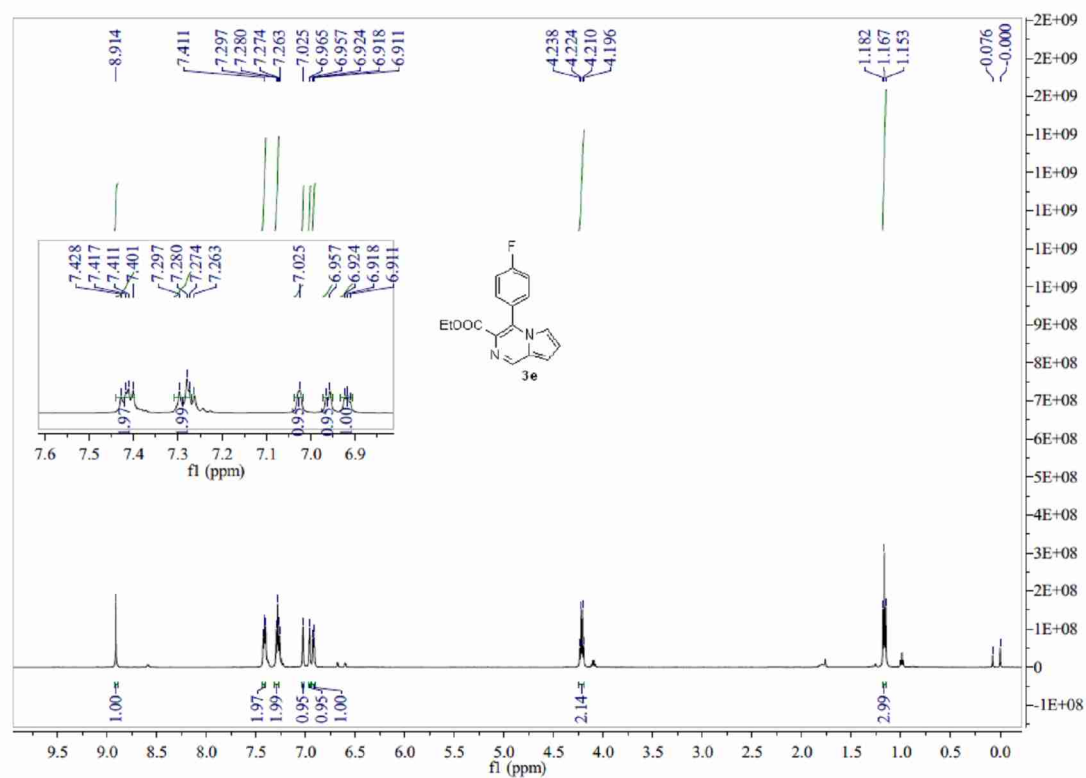
Brown liquid; IR(KBr) ν / cm^{-1} 3031, 2869, 1684, 736, 713; ^1H NMR (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.96-6.97(1H, m), 7.00-7.01(1H, m), 7.20-7.21(1H, m), 7.56-7.58(2H, m), 7.64-7.66(3H, m), 8.94(1H, s), 9.73(1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ 106.7, 116.3, 117.7, 128.7, 128.8, 129.7, 130.2, 131.0, 131.5, 140.2, 145.0, 189.2; LC-MS(ESI): m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 223.2. HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ (M) $^+$ 222.0793 Found: m/z 222.0795.

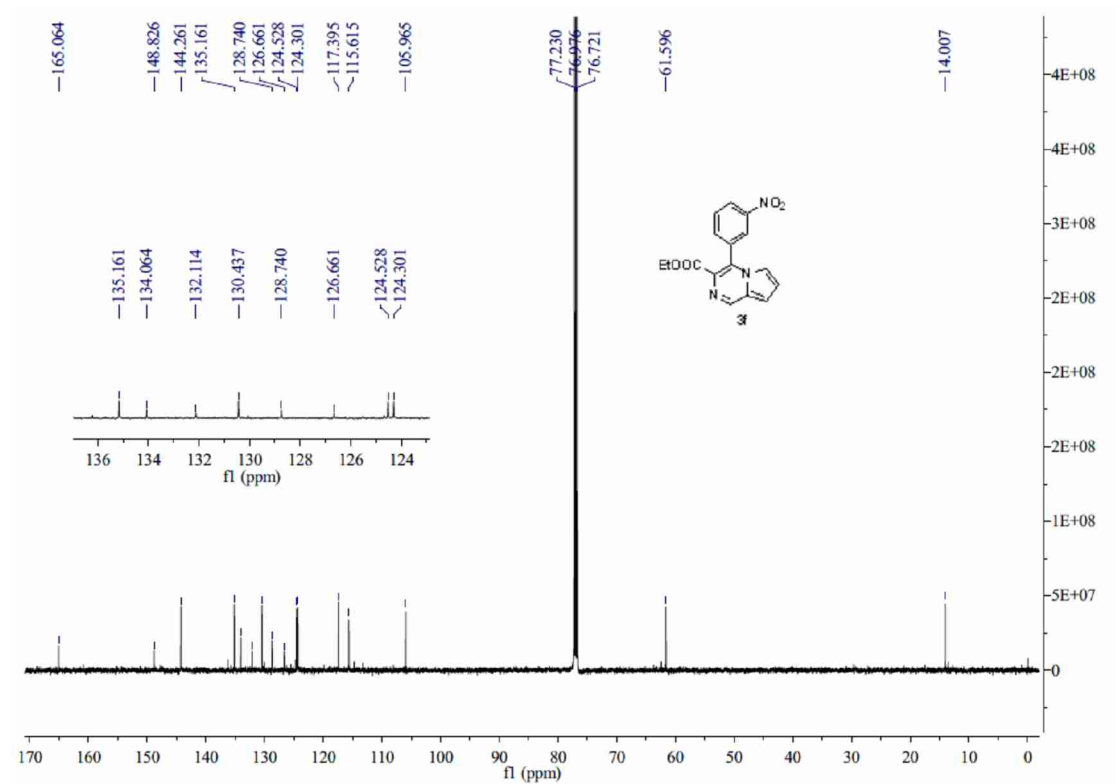
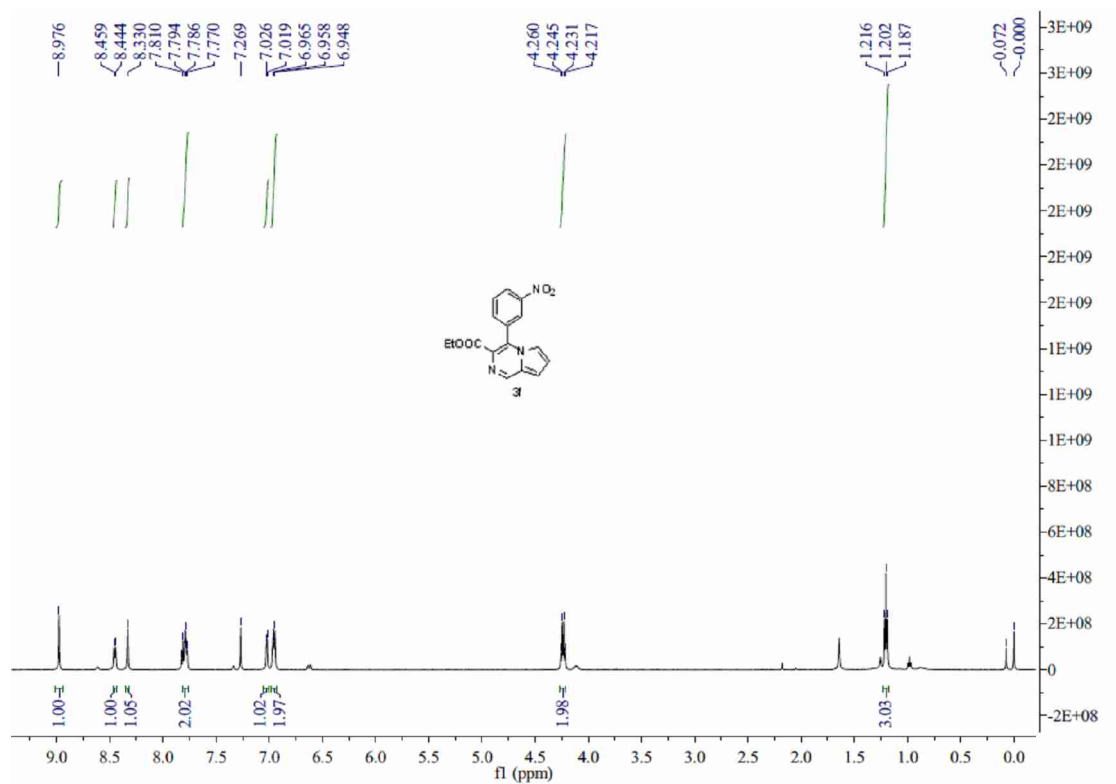


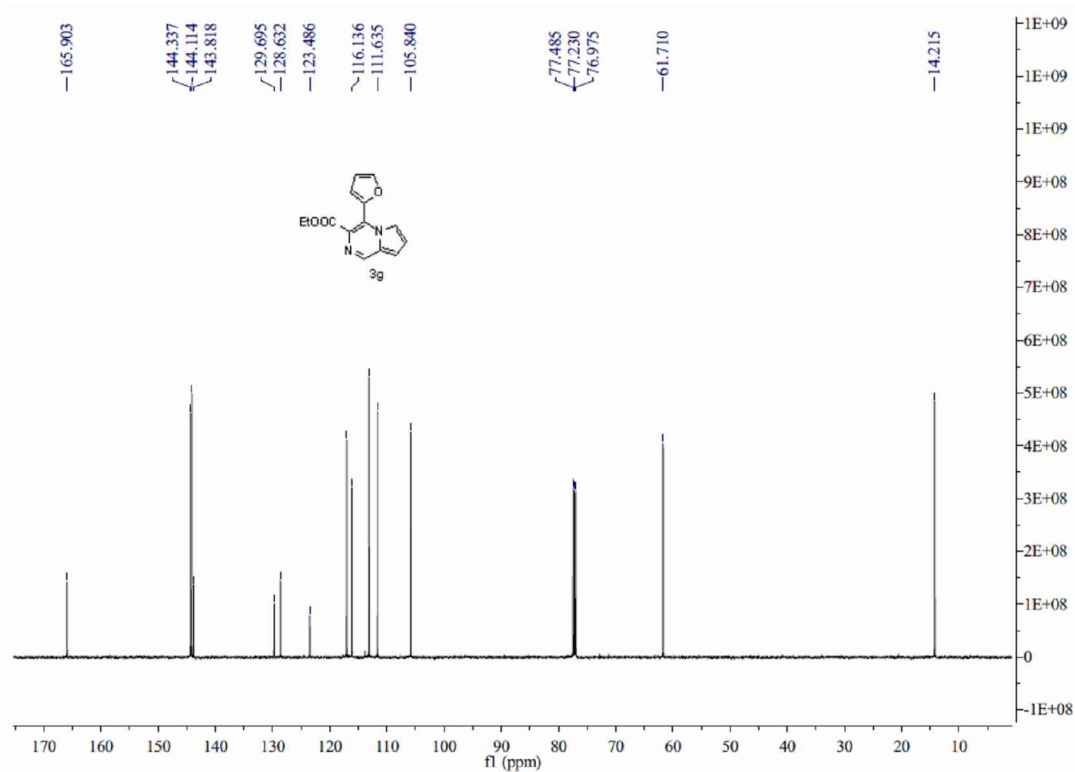
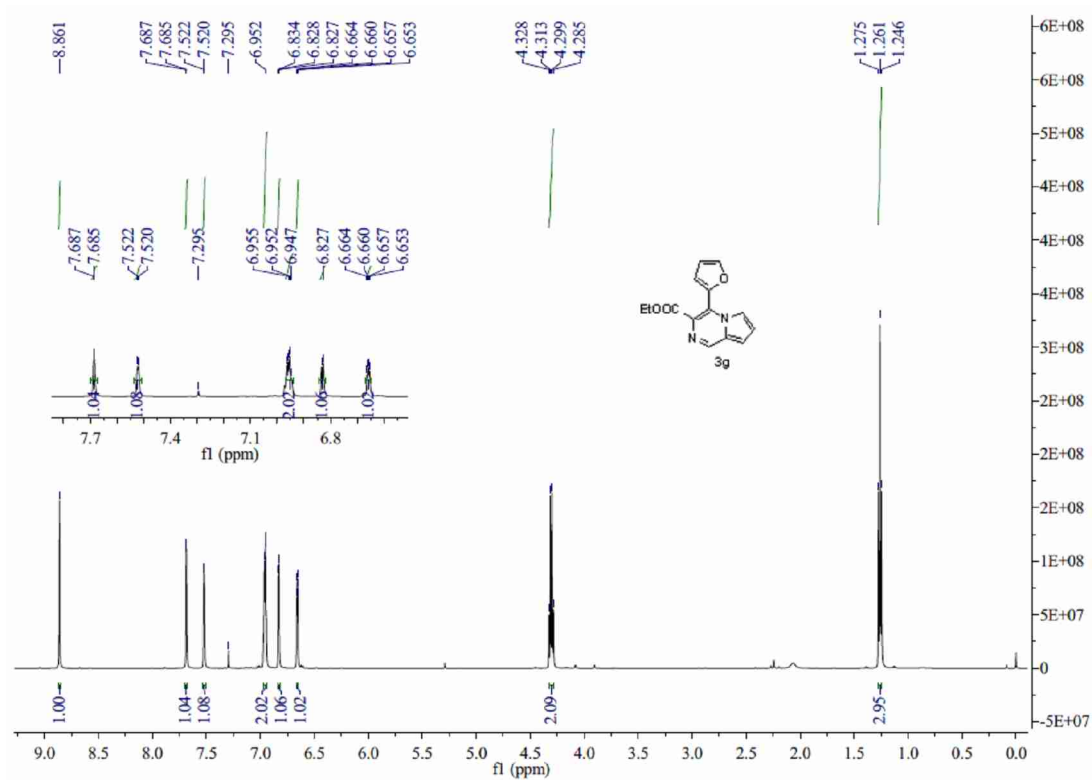


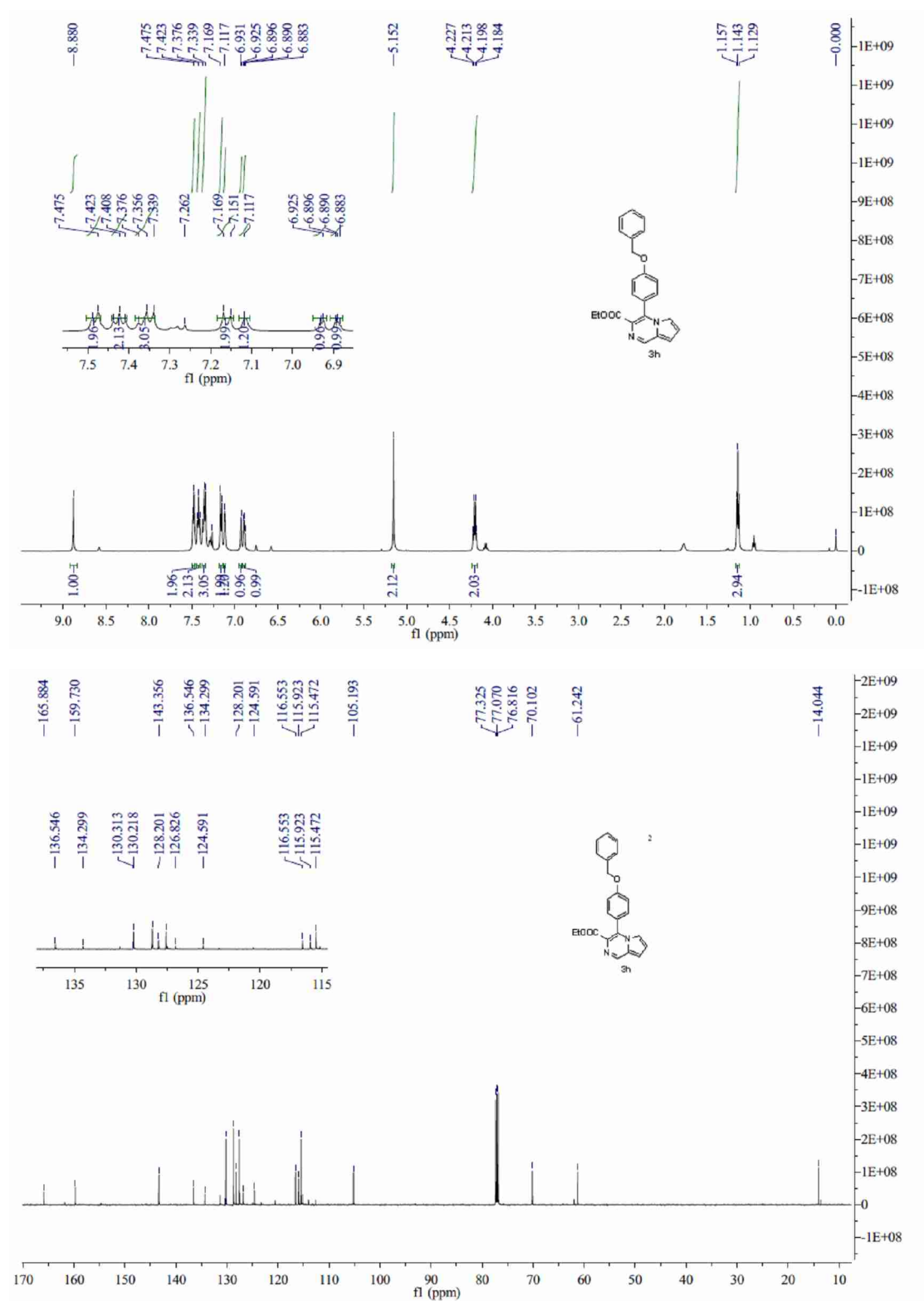


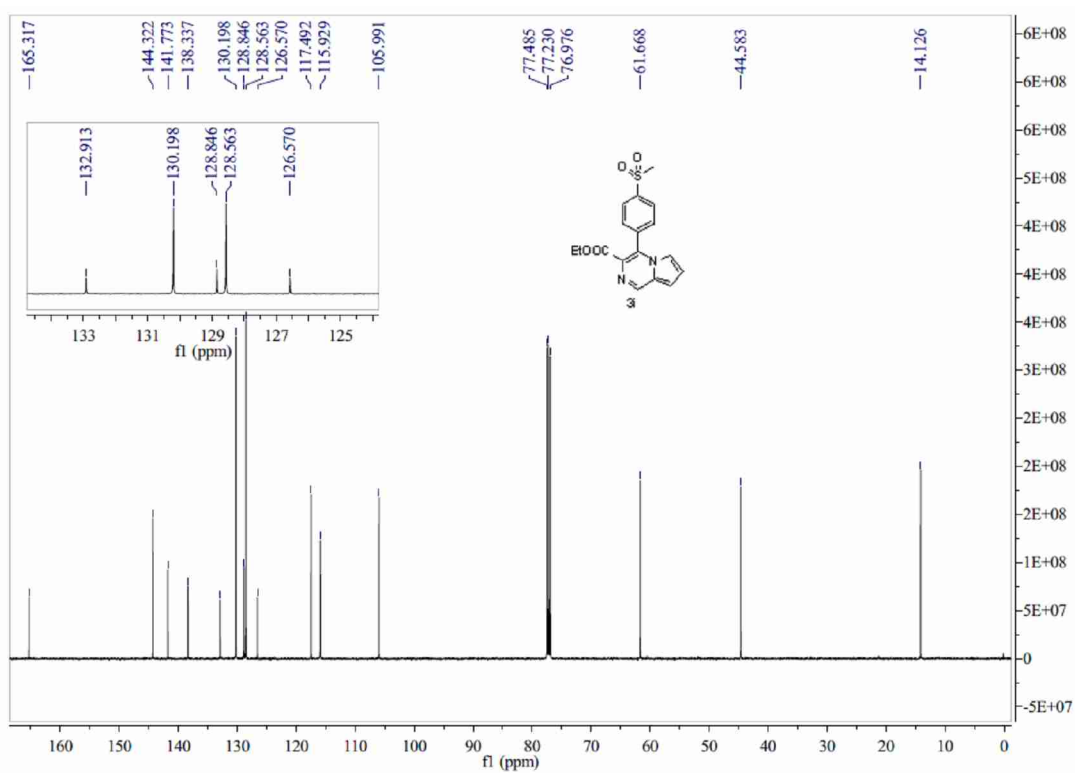
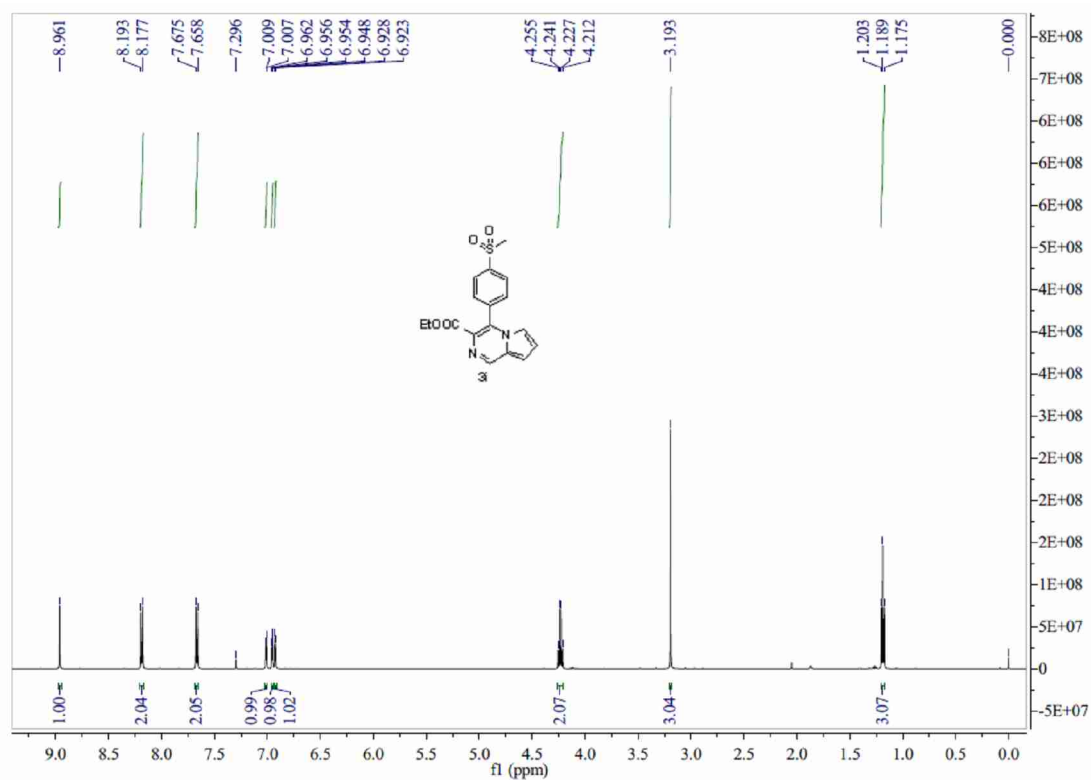


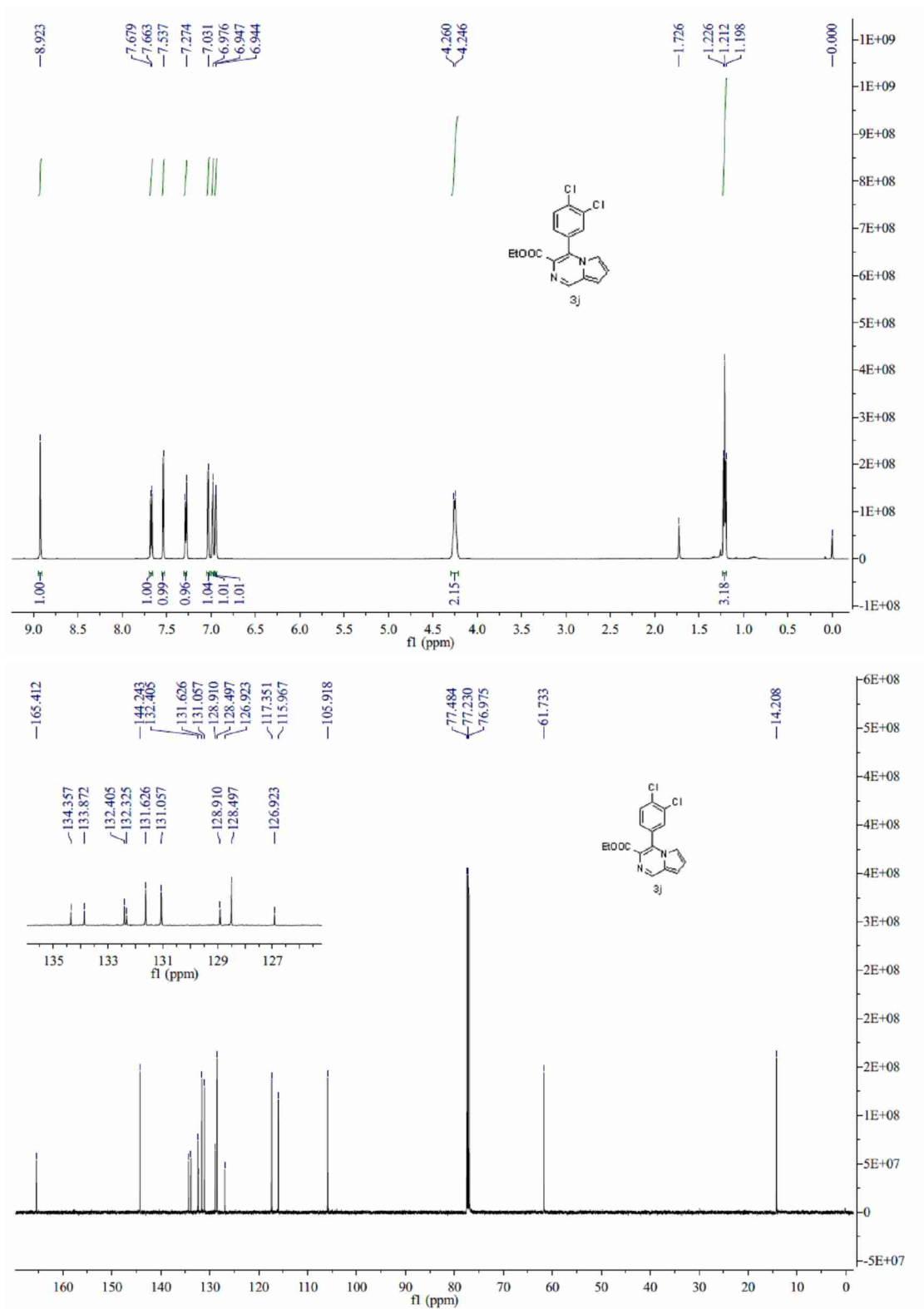


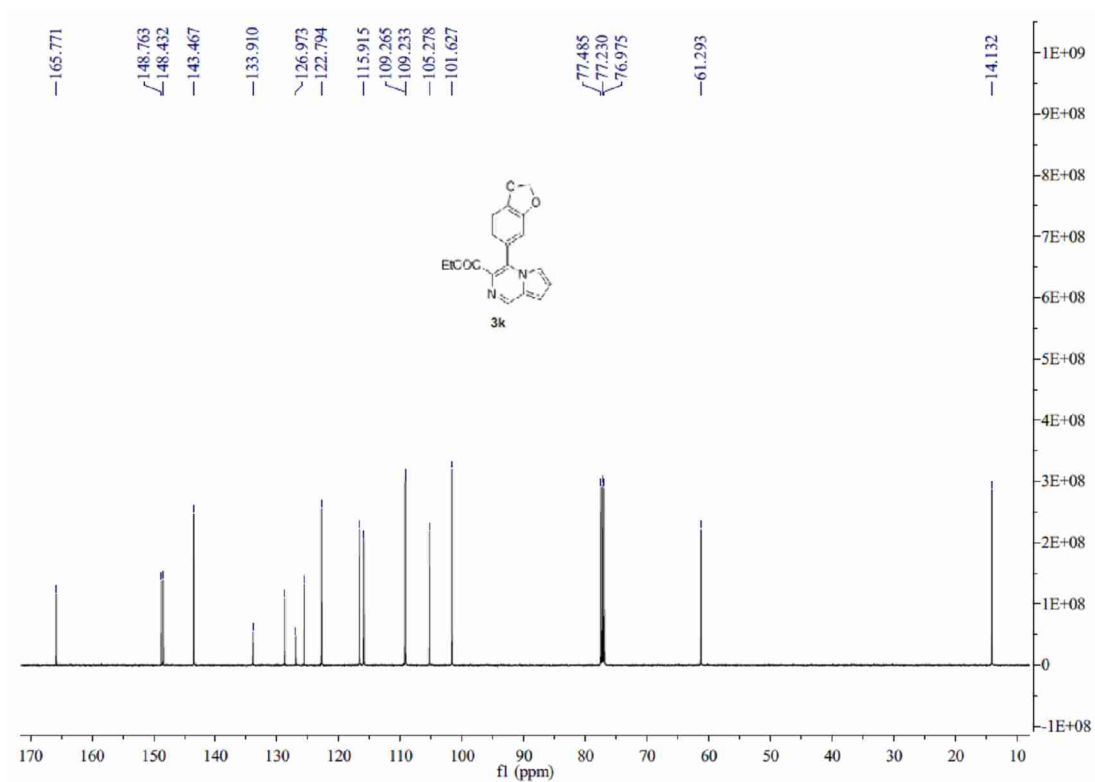
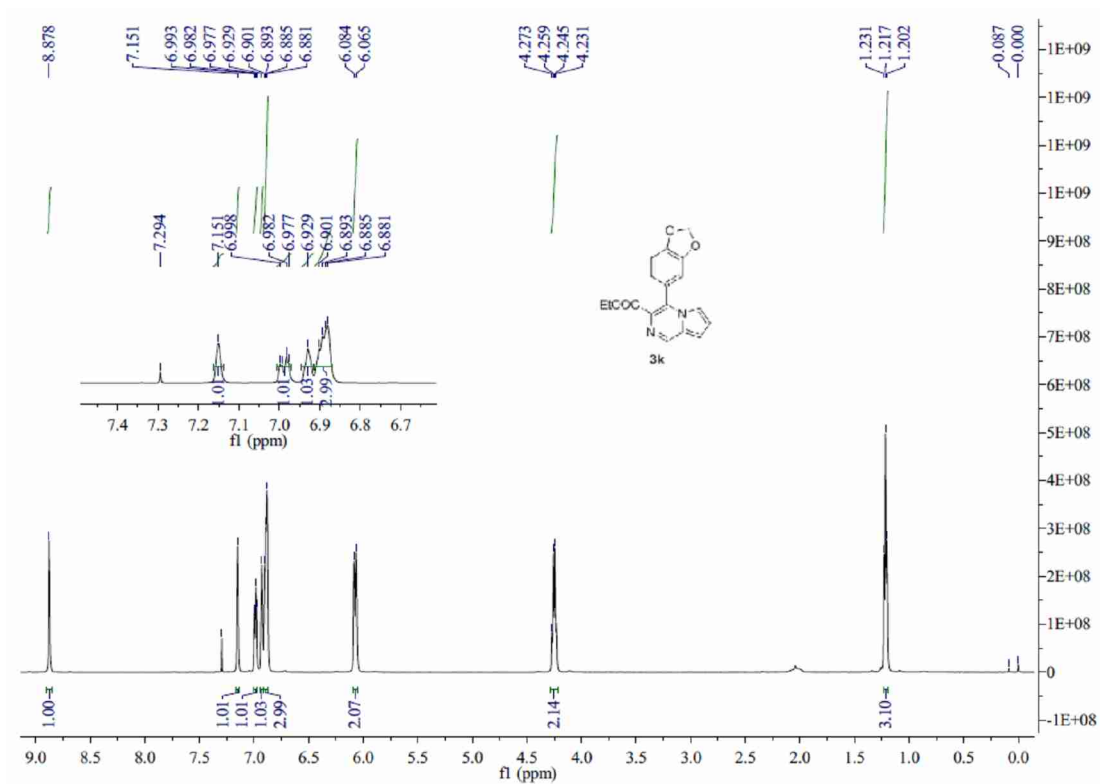


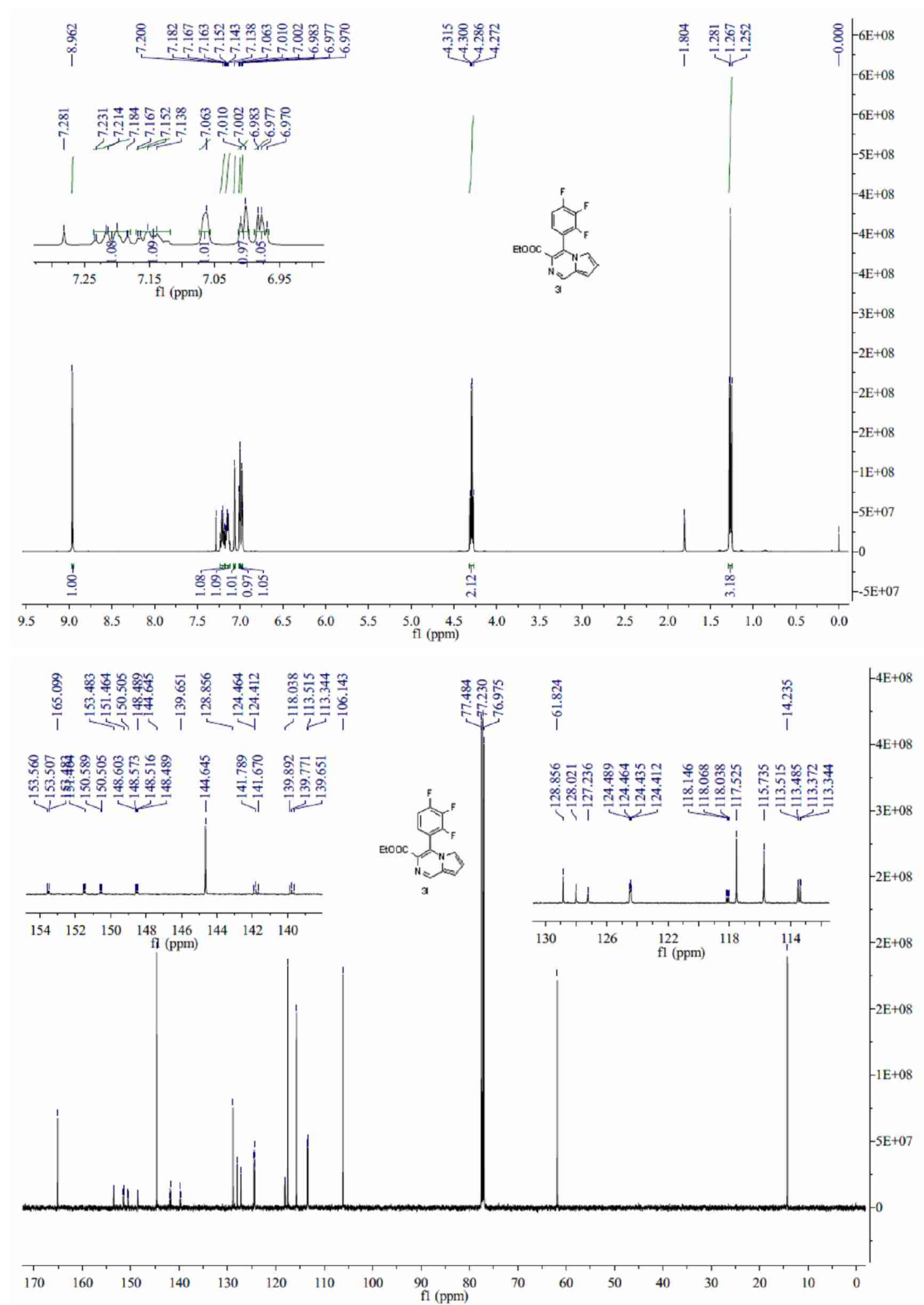


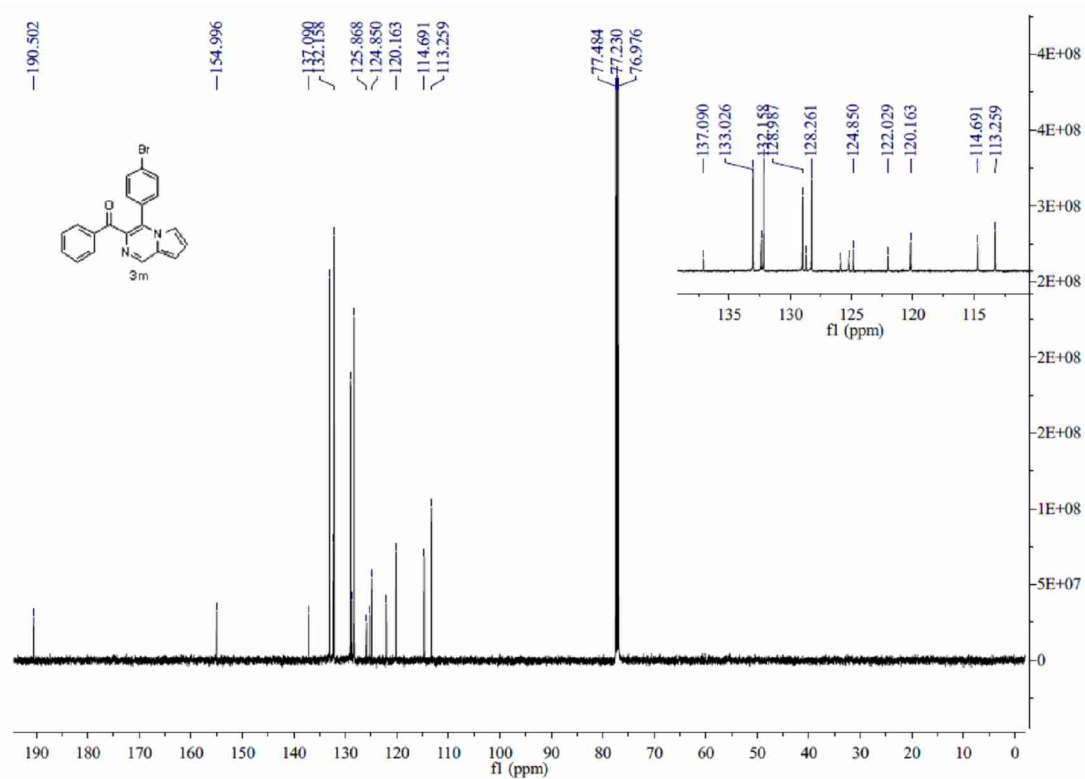
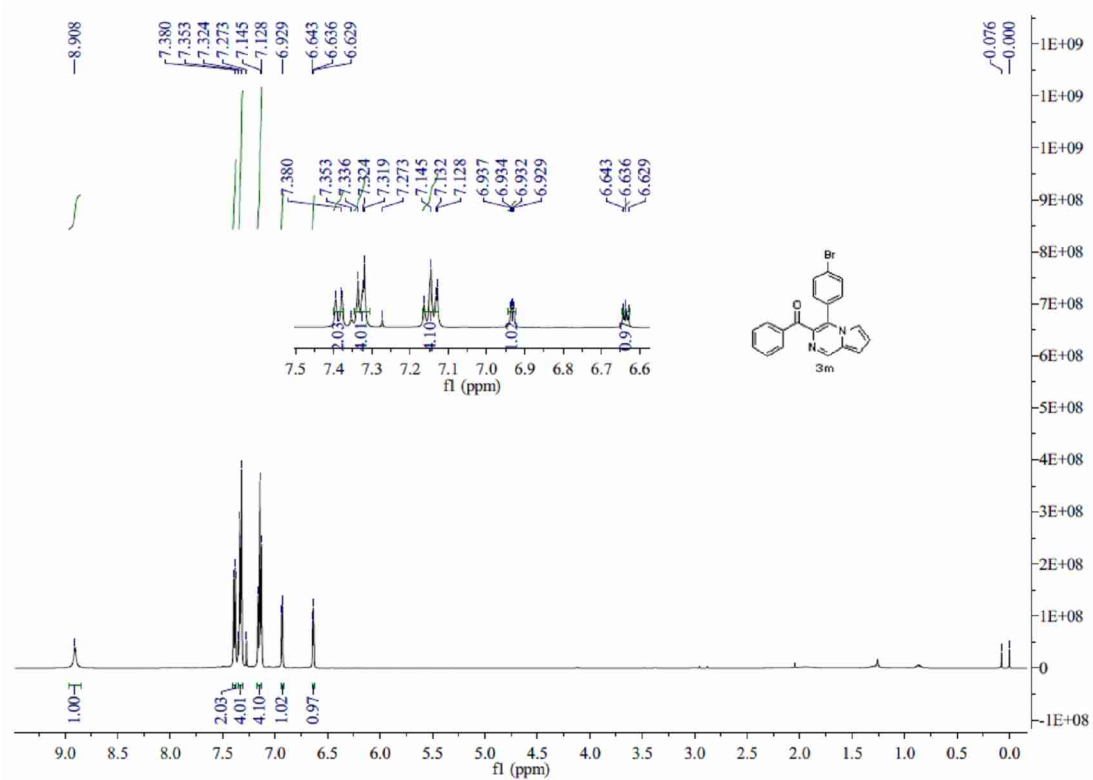


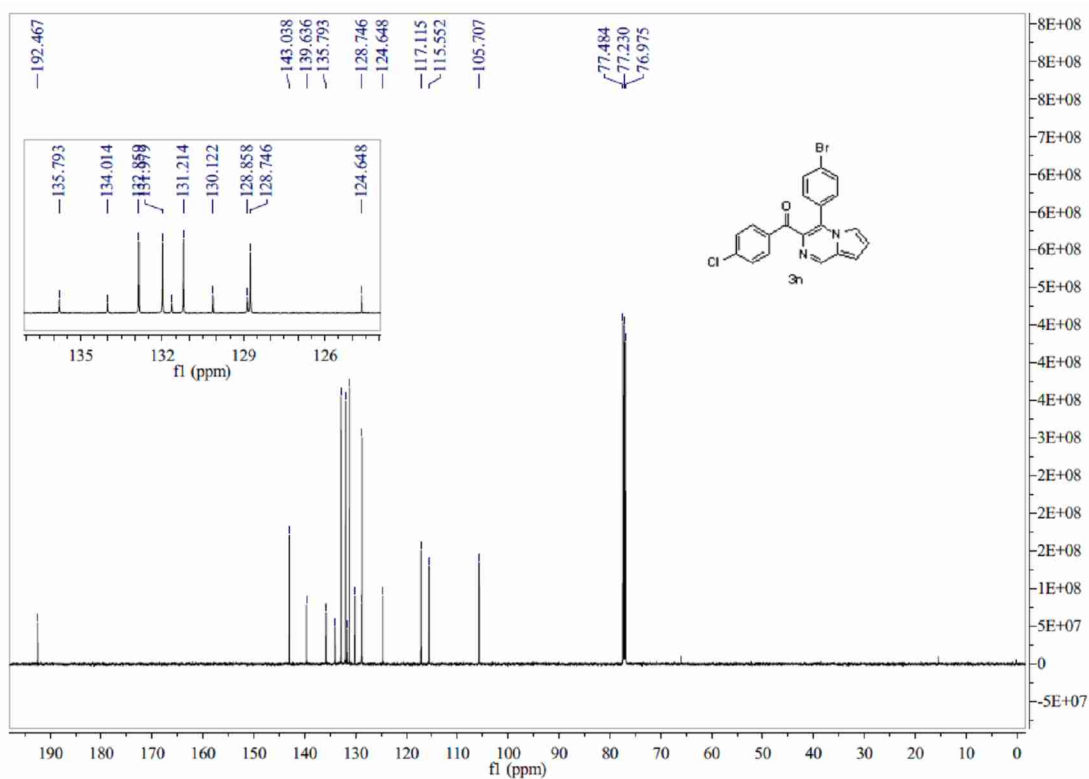
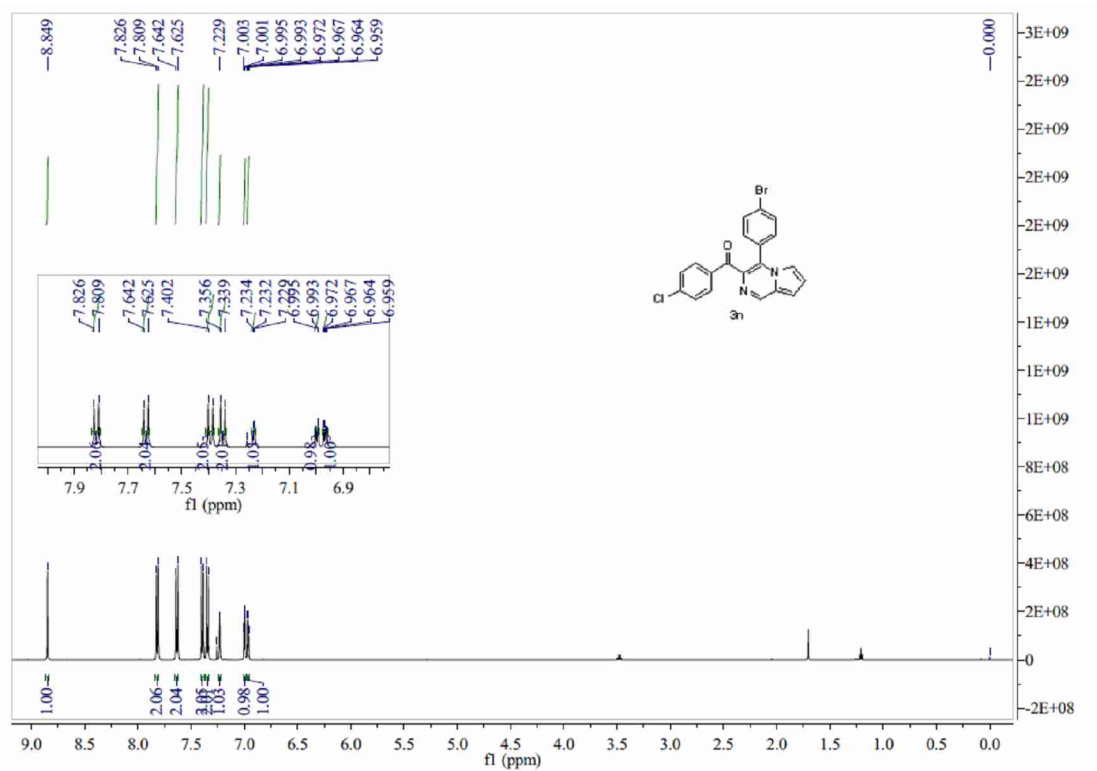


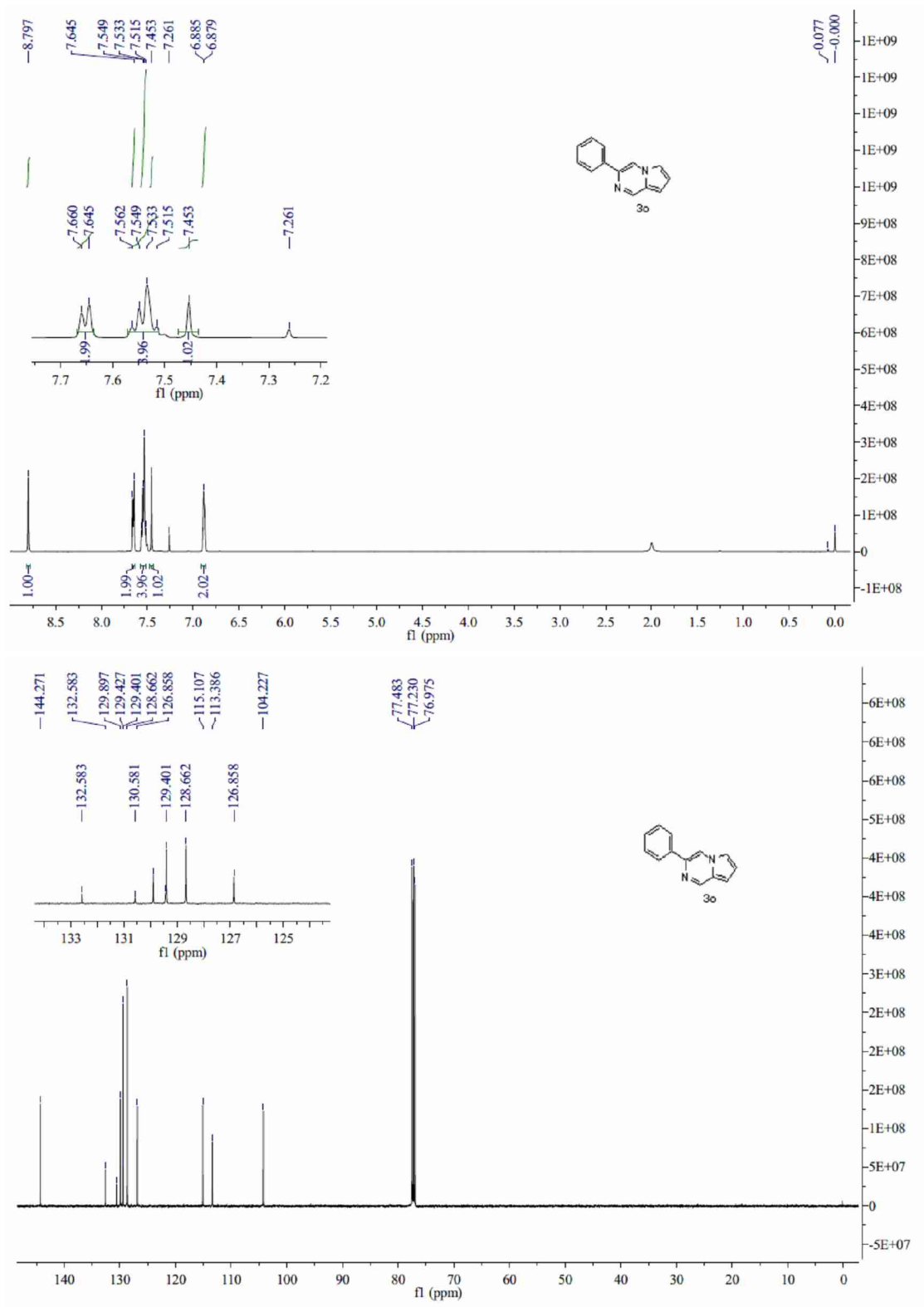


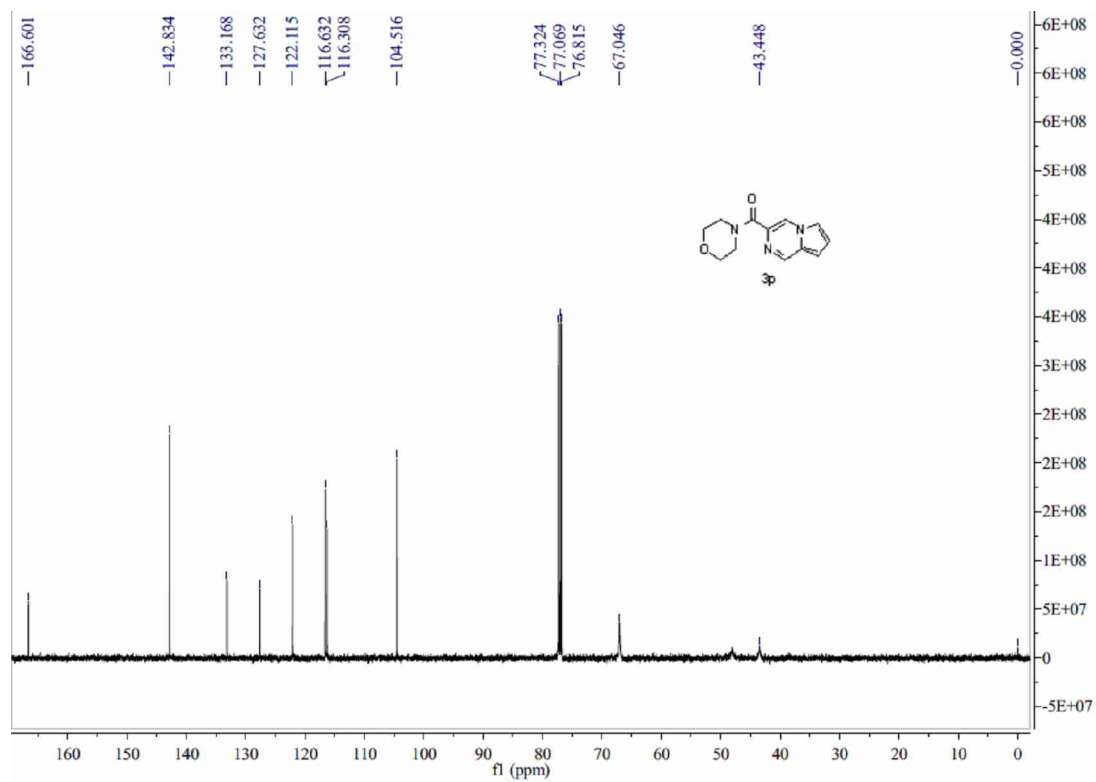
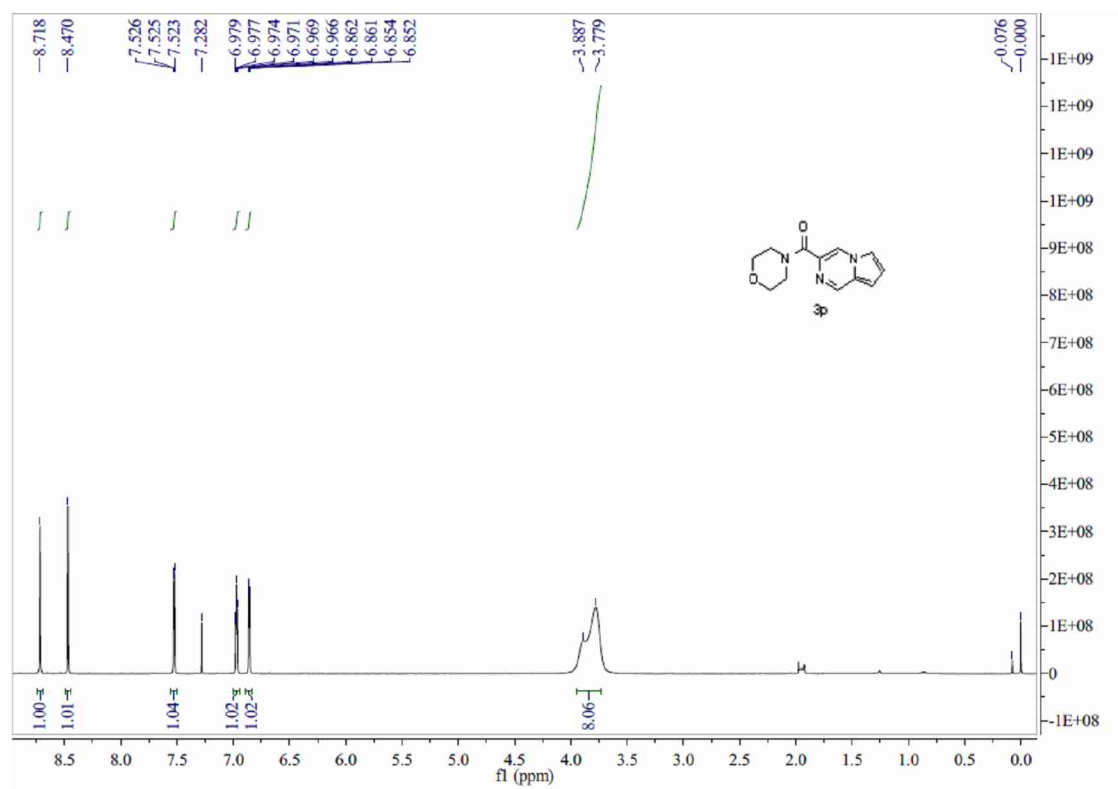


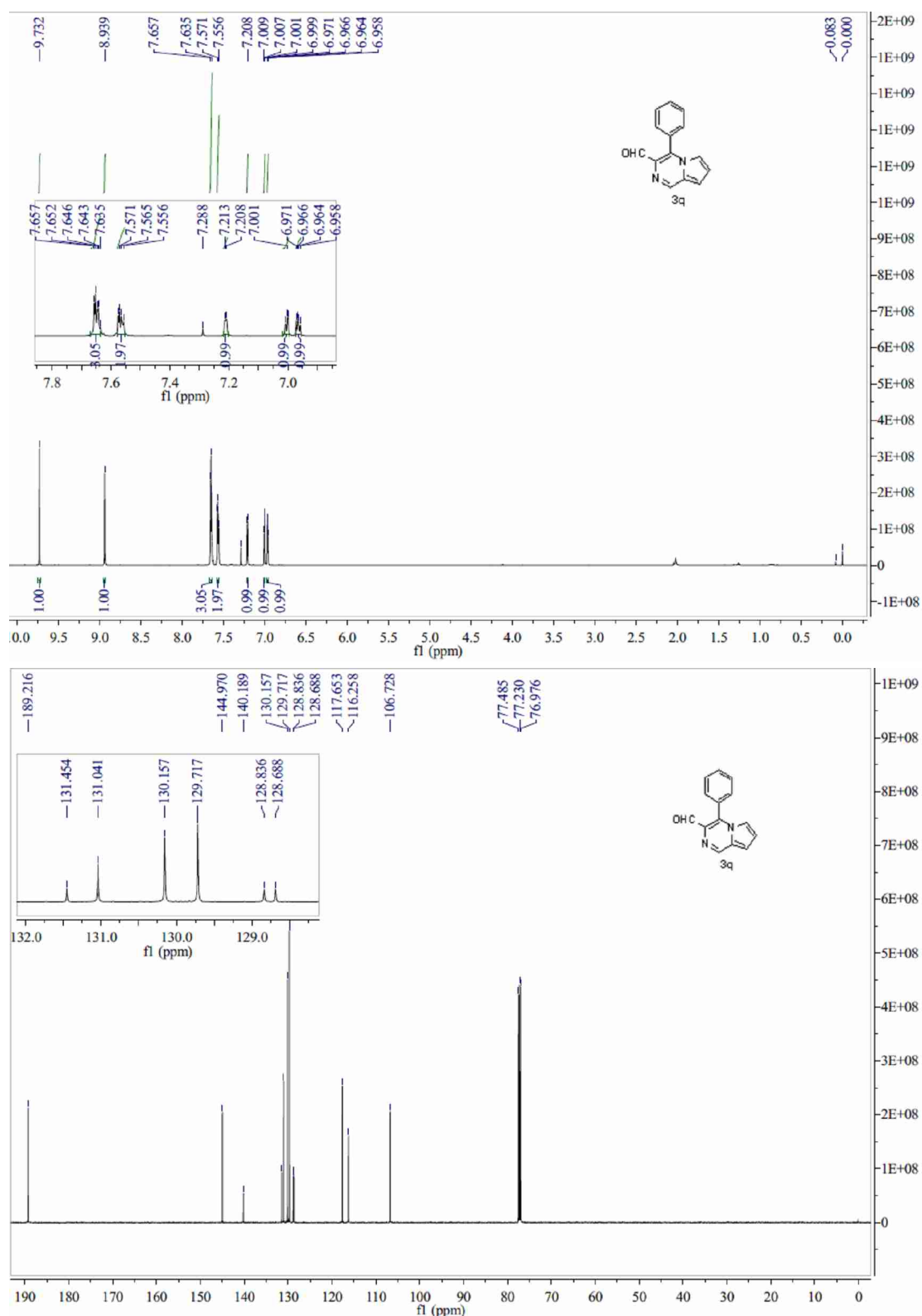












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