A Hydrazine Insertion Route to N'-Alkyl Benzohydrazides by an Unexpected Carbon-Carbon Bond Cleavage

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General

The aldehydes used in the study were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. The hydrazine derivatives were either purchased from Sigma-Aldrich or synthesised using a reported protocol. ¹ Et₃N was procured from local suppliers. Solvents were distilled prior to use. IBX was synthesised from 2-iodobenzoic acid using a literature protocol. ² Silica gel (100-200 mesh) and other common reagents were procured from local suppliers. Proton and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 MHz NMR spectrometer. Elemental analysis was recorded on Thermo Finnigan FLASH EA 1112 & Thermo Scientific FLASH 2000 instrument. High resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) was performed on a XEVO G2-S QT instrument of Waters Corporation, USA. Melting points were recorded on Buchi, M-560 apparatus and are uncorrected. X-ray crystal data was recorded on a Bruker AXS, Apex II, Source (Mo Kα) instrument.

Experimental Section:

General procedure for the synthesis of Morita-Baylis-Hillman (MBH) adducts:³

To a solution of the aldehyde (5 mmol) in dioxane:water (1:1, 0.5 mL) was added methyl acrylate (3 mmol) followed by DABCO (5 mmol) and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature. Upon completion (TLC), the reaction was quenched with H_2O (10 mL); the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL), the combined organic layer dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography using EtOAc:Petroleum ether (1:4) as an eluent to afford the desired MBH adducts.

General procedure for the synthesis of MBH Ketones:⁴

The MBH adduct (1.0 mmol) and IBX (1.5 equiv.) were dissolved in CH₃CN (7 mL) in a 25 mL round-bottom flask and stirred at 70 °C. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After complete consumption of the starting material, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The product was then extracted from the residue using EtOAc: Petroleum ether (1:1) and the organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude MBH ketone obtained was used as such for the subsequent step without further purification.

General procedure for the synthesis of the benzohydrazides:

Method A: The MBH ketone 1 (0.5 mmol) was dissolved in CH₃CN (500 μ L). Phenylhydrazine (2a, 0.75 mmol) was then added to the solution followed by the addition of Et₃N (0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for the time mentioned in Scheme 2 of the manuscript for the respective benzohydrazide derivatives. The reaction mixture was then diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc and petroleum ether as an eluent (*ratio defined for each derivative in the tabluation below*).

Method B: The MBH ketone **1** (0.5 mmol) was dissolved in CH₃CN (500 μ L). The hydrazine hydrochloride derivative (0.75 mmol) was then added to the solution followed by H₂O (50 μ L) and Et₃N (1.75 mmol). The reaction mixture then stirred at room temperature for the time mentioned in **Schemes 2** & **3** of the manuscript for the respective benzohydrazide derivatives. The reaction mixture was then diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 8 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc and petroleum ether as an eluent (*ratio defined for each derivative in the tabluation below*).

Representative example:

Synthesis of Methyl 3-(2-benzoyl-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (3a):

The MBH ketone **1a** (190 mg, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH₃CN (1 mL). Phenylhydrazine (147.5 μ L, 1.5 mmol) was then added to the solution followed by the addition of Et₃N (70 μ L, 0.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for 15 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with H₂O (8 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuo. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8) to obtain the benzohydrazide **3a** as a light yellow solid. Yield: 216 mg (73%); Light yellow solid; mp 106-108 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.78 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.97 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (masked t, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d. J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.43 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.93, 48.01, 51.97, 113.08, 119.88, 127.30, 128.81, 129.36, 132.19, 132.58, 147.62, 166.63, 173.42; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₃Na: 321.1210; found: 321.1210.

Tabulated Data of the synthesized products:

Methyl 3-(2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (3b):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8) Yield: 136 mg (87%); Off white solid; mp 145-147 °C; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.97 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (masked t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0

Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.54, 32.00, 48.05, 51.91, 113.07, 119.83, 127.26, 129.33, 129.45, 129.76, 142.73, 147.77, 166.51, 173.35; Anal. calculated for $C_{18}H_{20}N_2O_3$: C, 69.21; H, 6.45; N, 8.97; found C, 69.32; H, 6.42; N, 8.89.

Methyl 3-(2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (3c):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 131 mg (79%); Off white solid; mp 163-165 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.76 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (masked t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.57 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.89, 48.04, 52.03, 113.10, 120.03, 128.73, 129.08, 129.40, 130.97, 138.48, 147.38, 165.56, 173.56; Anal. calculated for C₁₇H₁₇ClN₂O₃: C, 61.36; H, 5.15; N, 8.42; found C, 61.45; H, 5.12; N, 8.49.

Methyl 3-(2-(4-bromobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (3d):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1.5:8.5) Yield: 157 mg (83%); Orange solid; mp 157-160 °C; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.78 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.96 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (masked t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.5, 2H), 8.64 (bs, 1H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.89, 48.03, 52.07, 113.11, 120.06, 126.99, 128.89, 129.42, 131.40, 132.07, 147.34, 165.70, 173.63; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na] $^{+}$ calculated for C₁₇H₁₇BrN₂O₃Na: 399.0315; found: 399.0327.

Methyl 3-(2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (3e):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 3:7)

Yield: 155 mg (98%); Off white solid; mp 112-115 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ 2.76 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (masked t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (dd, J = 5.5 & 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.61 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR

(125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.90, 48.02, 52.04, 113.06, 115.91 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22$ Hz), 119.98, 128.73 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$ Hz), 129.40, 129.73 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 147.45, 165.14 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 252.0$ Hz), 165.60, 173.61; Anal. calculated for $C_{17}H_{17}FN_2O_3$: C, 64.55; H, 5.42; N, 8.86; found C, 65.10; H, 5.76; N, 8.45.

Methyl 3-(2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (3f):#

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 103 mg (63%); Yellow solid; mp 157-160 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.80 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.99 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (masked t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 32.04, 48.07, 51.90, 55.46, 113.05, 114.04, 119.80, 124.84, 129.11, 129.32, 147.83, 162.77, 166.08, 173.40; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + H] + calculated for C₁₈H₂₁N₂O₄: 329.1496; found: 329.1495.

*Corresponding pyrazole obtained as the minor product; see end of this section for structure, yield and tabulated data.

Methyl 3-(2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (3g):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 120 mg (70%); Light orange solid; mp 129-132 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.78 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.95 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (d. J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 9.02 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.78, 48.12, 52.17, 113.21, 120.34, 123.97, 128.58, 129.51, 138.19, 146.88, 149.96, 164.60, 173.84; Anal. calculated for C₁₇H₁₇N₃O₅: C, 59.47; H, 4.99; N, 12.24; found C, 59.70; H, 5.08; N, 11.60.

Methyl 3-(2-(3-chlorobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (3h):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 125 mg (75%); Brown semi-solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.78 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.95 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (masked t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 8.47 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.88, 48.05, 52.04, 113.16, 120.09, 125.30, 127.71, 129.40, 130.13, 132.21, 134.40, 135.02, 147.33, 165.38, 173.52; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₁₈ClN₂O₃: 333.1000; found: 333.1002.

Methyl 3-(2-(furan-2-carbonyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (3i):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 114 mg (79%); Orange solid; mp 105-108 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.76 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.53-6.58 (m, 1H), 6.87 (masked t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.54 (unresolved m, 1H), 8.32 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.86, 48.36, 51.93, 112.31, 113.30, 115.98, 120.18, 129.36, 144.63, 146.56, 147.64, 157.61, 173.03; Anal. calculated for C₁₅H₁₆N₂O₄: C, 62.49; H, 5.59; N, 9.72; found C, 62.37; H, 5.53; N, 9.78.

Methyl 3-(2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3j):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield:110 mg (60%); White solid; mp 163-168 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.74 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.91 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.66 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.83, 48.13, 52.14, 114.27, 124.91, 128.72, 129.14, 129.25, 130.68, 138.70, 146.07, 165.49, 173.49; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₁₆Cl₂N₂O₃Na: 389.0430; found: 389.0432.

Methyl 3-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(furan-2-carbonyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3k):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 113 mg (70%); Mustard solid; mp 83-85 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.74 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.91 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.55-6.60 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 8.36 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.87, 48.47, 51.92, 112.33, 114.50, 116.09, 116.12, 125.06, 129.18, 144.69, 146.43, 157.46, 172.80; Anal. calculated for C₁₅H₁₅ClN₂O₄: C, 55.82; H, 4.68; N, 8.68; found C, 55.73; H, 4.62; N, 8.75.

Methyl 3-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (31):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 116 (67%); White solid; mp 179-182 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.74 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.91 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.49 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.58, 31.91, 48.09, 52.04, 114.23, 124.66, 127.26, 129.17, 129.40, 129.50, 142.97, 146.46, 166.49, 173.27; Anal. calculated for C₁₈H₁₉ClN₂O₃: C, 62.34; H, 5.52; N, 8.08; found C, 62.74; H, 5.73; N, 7.75.

Methyl 3-(2-benzoyl-1-(4-chlorophenyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3m):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 126 mg (76%); White solid; mp 135-137 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.75 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.87, 48.09, 52.04, 114.24, 124.68, 127.29, 128.83, 129.17, 132.29, 132.35, 146.36, 166.60, 173.24; Anal. calculated for C₁₇H₁₇ClN₂O₃: C, 61.36; H, 5.15; N, 8.42; found C, 61.93; H, 5.39; N, 8.23.

Methyl 3-(2-benzoyl-1-(tert-butyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3n):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 84 mg (60%); White solid; mp 123-125 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.17 (s, 9H), 2.56 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (bs, 2H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 6.66 (bs, 1H), 7.35-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.44, 32.94, 45.88, 51.58, 58.69, 126.98, 128.60, 131.55, 133.84, 167.01, 173.71; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₂N₂O₃Na: 301.1523; found: 301.1521.

Methyl 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (30):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 108 mg (69%); White solid; mp 114-116 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.17 (s, 9H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 6.64 (bs, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.45, 32.95, 45.79, 51.62, 58.74, 128.44, 128.85, 132.17, 137.81, 165.95, 173.74; Anal. calculated for C₁₅H₂₁ClN₂O₃: C, 57.60; H, 6.77; N, 8.96; found C, 57.68; H, 6.72; N, 8.91.

Methyl 3-(2-(4-bromobenzovl)-1-(tert-butyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3p):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield:134 mg (75%); White solid; mp 108-112 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.18 (s, 9H), 2.58 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (bs, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 6.64 (bs, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.44, 32.93, 45.79, 51.67, 58.78, 126.27, 128.61, 131.87, 132.58, 166.08, 173.81; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₁BrN₂O₃Na: 379.0628; found: 379.0627.

Methyl 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3q):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 101 mg (68%); White solid; mp 117-120 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.19 (s, 9H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (bs, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 6.58 (bs, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.5 & 9.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.42, 32.90, 45.81, 51.69, 58.78, 115.73 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.0 Hz), 129.33 (d, J_{C-F} = 9.0 Hz), 129.86 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 164.78 (d, J_{C-F} = 251.0 Hz), 166.00, 173.92; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₁FN₂O₃Na: 319.1428; found: 319.1429.

Methyl 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(3-chlorobenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3r):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 97 mg (62%); White solid; mp 121-123 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.20 (s, 9H), 2.59 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 6.59 (bs, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.75 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.45, 32.92, 45.82, 51.67, 58.80, 124.96, 127.40, 129.97, 131.65, 134.89, 135.62, 165.76, 173.76 Anal. calculated for C₁₅H₂₁ClN₂O₃: C, 57.60; H, 6.77; N, 8.96; found C, 57.68; H, 6.72; N, 8.87.

Methyl 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(furan-2-carbonyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3s):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 54 mg (40%); Light yellow solid; mp 113-115 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.18 (s, 9H), 2.57 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 6.49-6.53 (m, 1H), 6.84 (bs, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.34, 32.97, 46.22, 51.57, 58.70, 112.15, 115.19, 144.01, 147.00, 157.86, 173.48; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₂₀N₂O₄Na: 291.1315; found: 291.1317.

Methyl 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3t):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 61 mg (42%); White solid; mp 114-116 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.19 (s, 9H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.07-3.13 (m, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 6.57 (bs, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.43, 25.43, 32.95, 45.93, 51.58, 58.70, 126.97, 129.26, 130.93, 142.00, 166.89, 173.80; Anal. calculated for C₁₆H₂₄N₂O₃: C, 65.73; H, 8.27; N, 9.58; found C, 65.78; H, 8.23; N, 9.65.

Methyl 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (3u):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 73 mg (47%); White solid; mp 124-126 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.18 (s, 9H), 2.58 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (bs, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.55 (bs, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.42, 32.92, 45.91, 51.64, 55.43, 58.71, 113.82, 125.89, 128.79, 162.27, 166.49, 173.93; Anal. calculated for C₁₆H₂₄N₂O₄: C, 62.32; H, 7.84; N, 9.08; found C, 62.48; H, 7.93; N, 8.85.

Ethyl 3-(2-benzoyl-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (5a):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 120 mg (77%); Off white solid; mp 117-119 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.76 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (masked t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d. J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.45 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.10, 32.21, 48.02, 60.90, 113.09, 119.85, 127.27, 128.79, 129.34, 132.15, 132.68, 147.68, 166.52, 172.97; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₀N₂O₃Na: 335.1366; found: 335.1362.

Ethyl 3-(2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (5b):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 98 mg (60%); Light orange solid; mp 123-126 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.75 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (masked t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.12, 21.57, 32.20, 47.97, 60.92, 113.06, 119.78, 127.28, 129.33, 129.45, 129.72, 142.74, 147.76, 166.55, 173.02; Anal. calculated for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₃: C, 69.92; H, 6.79; N, 8.58; found C, 70.27; H, 6.37; N, 8.21.

Ethyl 3-(2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (5c):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 156 mg (90%); Light orange solid; mp 117-119 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (masked t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d. J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.70 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.11, 32.13, 48.00, 61.00, 113.10, 119.95, 128.76, 129.03, 129.37, 130.98, 138.44, 147.44, 165.59, 173.13; Anal. calculated for C₁₈H₁₉ClN₂O₃: C, 62.34; H, 5.52; N, 8.08; found C, 62.88; H, 5.75; N, 7.50.

Ethyl 3-(2-(4-bromobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (5d):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 150 mg (77%); Yellow solid; mp 132-136 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.75 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (masked t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H,), 7.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.60 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.10, 32.14, 48.02, 61.28, 113.11, 120.00, 126.95, 128.88, 129.39, 131.47, 132.05,147.38, 165.62, 173.20; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₀BrN₂O₃: 391.0652; found: 391.0654.

Ethyl 3-(2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (5e):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 149 mg (90%); White solid; mp 90-93 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.74 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (masked t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.87-7.95 (m, 2 H), 8.62 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.11, 32.13, 47.99, 60.99, 113.07, 115.87 (d, J_{C-F} = 22 Hz), 119.90, 128.79 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 129.37, 129.73 (d, J_{C-F} = 9.0 Hz), 147.49, 165.12 (d, J_{C-F} = 251.0 Hz), 165.53, 173.16; Anal. calculated for C₁₈H₁₉FN₂O₃: C, 65.44; H, 5.80; N, 8.48; found C, 65.79; H, 6.05; N, 8.08

Ethyl 3-(2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (5f):#

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 103 mg (60%); Light yellow solid; mp 120-124 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.75 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.94 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (masked t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.12, 32.21, 47.97, 55.48, 60.90, 113.03, 113.99, 119.70, 124.81, 129.16, 129.31, 147.84, 162.72, 166.10, 173.04; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₄Na: 365.1472; found: 365.1473.

*Corresponding regioisomeric pyrazoles obtained as the minor products; see end of this section for structures, yields and tabulated data.

Ethyl 3-(2-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (5g):

$$\begin{array}{c|c} O & Ph \\ N & N \\ O_2N & O \end{array}$$

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1.5:8.5) Yield: 125 mg (70%); Yellow solid; mp 129-131 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.24 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.78 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 9.09 (bs,

1H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.11, 32.03, 48.09, 61.22, 113.23, 120.29, 123.97, 128.58, 129.49, 138.24, 146.89, 149.95, 164.54, 173.51; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O₅Na: 380.1217; found: 380.1216.

Ethyl 3-(2-(3-chlorobenzoyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (5h):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 113 mg (65%); Orange red gum; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (masked t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d. J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.91 (m, 1H), 8.71 (bs, 1H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.11, 32.11, 47.96, 61.01, 113.16, 120.01, 125.35, 127.72, 129.36, 130.09, 132.16, 134.42, 134.95, 147.41, 165.41, 173.08; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₀ClN₂O₃: 347.1157; found: 347.1152.

Ethyl 3-(2-(furan-2-carbonyl)-1-phenylhydrazinyl)propanoate (5i):

Synthesized using Method A; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 95 mg (63%); Orange solid; mp 100-103 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.75 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53-6.59 (m, 1H), 6.87 (masked t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 8.34 (bs, 1H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.10, 32.07, 48.28, 60.89, 112.31, 113.29, 115.95, 120.13, 129.34, 144.62, 146.58, 147.67, 157.61, 172.64; Anal. calculated for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O₄: C, 63.56; H, 6.00; N, 9.27; found C, 63.45; H, 6.08; N, 9.23.

Ethyl 3-(2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (5j):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 116 mg (61%); Yellow solid; mp 110-112 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.71 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.78 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.11, 32.06, 48.08, 61.14, 114.27, 124.82, 128.74, 129.10, 129.22, 130.68, 138.66, 146.12, 165.54, 173.06; Anal. calculated for C₁₈H₁₈Cl₂N₂O₃: C, 57.71; H, 4.76; N, 7.35; found C, 57.03; H, 4.91; N, 7.42.

Ethyl 3-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(furan-2-carbonyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (5k):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 106 mg (63%); Orange solid; mp 78-81 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.72 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.50-6.59 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 8.44 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.10, 32.04, 48.36, 60.97, 112.35, 114.47, 116.13, 124.95, 129.16, 144.75, 146.39, 146.41, 157.53, 172.49; Anal. calculated for C₁₆H₁₇ClN₂O₄: C, 57.06; H, 5.09; N, 8.32; found C, 57.12; H, 5.15; N, 8.26.

Ehyl 3-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methylbenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (51):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 122 mg (67%); Light yellow solid; mp 154-157 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.73 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.12, 21.58, 32.15, 48.07, 61.01, 114.22, 124.62, 127.25, 129.16, 129.45, 129.50, 142.94, 146.47, 166.42, 172.87; Anal. calculated for C₁₉H₂₁ClN₂O₃: C, 63.24; H, 5.87; N, 7.76; found C, 63.79; H, 5.96; N, 7.35.

Ethyl 3-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (5m):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 126 mg (67%); White solid; mp 143-145 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.22 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.91 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (bs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.11, 32.19, 48.09, 55.48, 60.98, 114.05, 114.20, 124.55, 124.57, 129.14 (2 C's), 146.58, 162.86, 165.99, 172.88; Anal. calculated for C₁₉H₂₁ClN₂O₄: C, 60.56; H, 5.62; N, 7.43; found C, 60.61; H, 5.67; N, 7.24.

Ethyl 3-(2-benzoyl-1-(tert-butyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (5n):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 105 mg (72%); Light yellow solid; mp 105-108 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.13 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (s, 9H), 2.59 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.5Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.03, 25.46, 33.14, 45.79, 58.73, 60.51, 126.97, 128.61, 131.55, 133.91, 166.93, 173.33; Anal. calculated for C₁₆H₂₄N₂O₃: C, 65.73; H, 8.27; N, 9.58; found C, 65.63; H, 8.31; N, 9.52.

Ethyl 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (50):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 123 mg (75%); White solid; mp 115-117 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 2.57 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (bs, 2H), 3.96 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 9.0 & 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.06,

25.44, 33.09, 45.64, 58.80, 60.61, 128.44, 128.88, 132.16, 137.86, 165.92, 173.44; Anal. calculated for C₁₆H₂₃ClN₂O₃: C, 58.80; H, 7.09; N, 8.57; found C, 58.85; H, 7.18; N, 8.40.

Ethyl 3-(2-(4-bromobenzoyl)-1-(tert-butyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (5p):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 111 mg (60%); Light green solid; mp 112-115 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 2.57 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (bs, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.07, 25.44, 33.07, 45.61, 58.81, 60.64, 126.28, 128.64, 131.85, 132.56, 166.08, 173.45; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₂₃BrN₂O₃Na: 393.0784; found: 393.0784.

Ethyl 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (5q):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 90 mg (58%); White solid; mp 68-71 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.12 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 2.57 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (bs, 2H), 3.94 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (bs, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 8.0 & 5.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.05, 25.43, 33.07, 45.63, 58.78, 60.61, 115.68 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.0 Hz), 129.33 (d, J_{C-F} = 9.0 Hz), 129.90 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 164.77 (d, J_{C-F} = 251.0 Hz), 165.96, 173.48; Anal. calculated for C₁₆H₂₃FN₂O₃: C, 61.92; H, 7.47; N, 9.03; found C, 61.85; H, 7.41; N, 9.08.

$Ethyl\ 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(3-chlorobenzoyl)hydrazinyl) propanoate (5r):$

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 88 mg (54%); White solid; mp 100-103 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 2.56 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.1 (bs, 2H), 3.96 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (bs, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 14.06, 25.44, 33.05, 45.61, 58.82, 60.67, 124.99, 127.41, 129.96, 131.65, 134.81, 135.56, 165.83, 173.41; Anal. calculated for $C_{16}H_{23}ClN_2O_3$: C, 58.80; H, 7.09; N, 8.57; found C, 59.39; H, 7.30; N, 8.22.

Ethyl 3-(1-(tert-butyl)-2-(furan-2-carbonyl)hydrazinyl)propanoate (5s):

Synthesized using Method B; Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 2:8)

Yield: 47 mg (33%); Red gum; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.13 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 2.55 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.48-6.52 (m, 1H), 6.80 (bs, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.01, 25.32, 33.11, 46.03, 58.71, 60.51, 112.16, 115.21, 144.03, 146.95, 157.90, 173.10; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₂₃N₂O₄: 283.1652; found: 283.1654

Methyl 1,3-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (4):

Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1:9)

Yield: 70 mg (50%); Mustard solid; mp 96-99 °C; 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.72 (s, 3H), 4.04-4.12 (m, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz & 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 12.5 Hz & 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.40 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 50.36, 52.81, 53.11, 113.19, 119.85, 125.93, 128.57, 128.65, 129.17, 131.86, 144.87, 144.99, 171.18; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₂: 281.1285; found: 281.1286.

Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (6):#

Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1:9)

Yield: 20 mg (13%); Brown solid; mp 115-118 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 3H), 8.17 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 51.24, 55.22, 113.15, 113.59, 120.68, 125.37, 127.85, 128.87, 131.89, 139.38, 142.46, 145.53, 160.19, 163.51; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₃: 309.1234; found: 309.1235.

Ethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (7a):#

Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1:9)

Yield: 19 mg (12%); Brown semi solid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.27 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 3H), 8.17 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.26, 55.22, 60.04, 113.51, 113.54, 120.81, 125.36, 127.80, 128.86, 131.93, 139.41, 142.47, 145.38, 160.13, 163.10; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₃: 323.1390; found: 323.1389.

$Ethyl\ 5\hbox{-}(4\hbox{-methoxyphenyl})\hbox{-}1\hbox{-phenyl-}1H\hbox{-pyrazole-}4\hbox{-carboxylate}\ (7b): \\ ^\#$

Purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: petroleum ether, 1:9)

Yield: 24 mg (15%); Brown solid; mp 124-127 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.34 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.31 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.33, 55.31, 60.29, 113.36, 113.46, 119.49, 124.68, 127.37, 129.54, 130.73, 132.23, 139.34, 153.80, 160.09, 163.07; HRMS (ESI-TOF): m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₃: 323.1390; found: 323.1391.

^{*}Formed alongside the benzohydrazide 3f.

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X-ray crystal structures of 3b & 3r:

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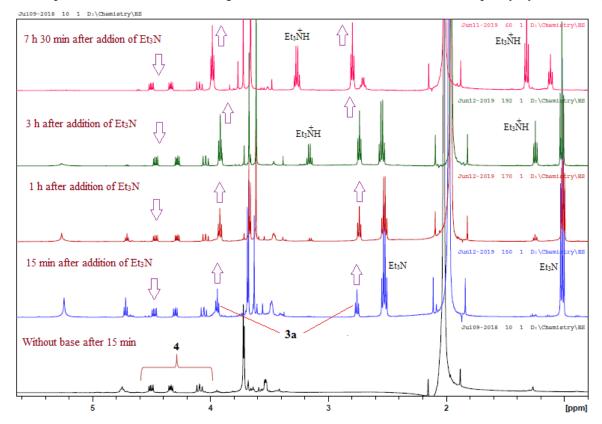
Crystal data and structure refinement for $3b\ \&\ 3r$

Compound	3b	3r
Identification code (CCDC Number)	1905377	1905374
Empirical formula	$C_{18}H_{20}N_2O_3$	$C_{15}H_{21}ClN_2O_3$
Formula weight	312.36	312.79
Temperature/K	293.15	100
Crystal system	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	Pca21
a/Å	10.790(18)	15.994(12)
b/Å	17.43(3)	10.296(8)
c/Å	9.827(16)	9.623(7)
α/°	90	90
β/°	113.583(19)	90
γ/°	90	90
$Volume/\mathring{A}^3$	1694(5)	1585(2)
Z	4	4
$\rho_{calc} mg/mm^3$	1.225	1.311
m/mm^{-1}	0.084	0.252

F(000)	664	664
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.230 \times 0.220 \times 0.200$	$0.150 \times 0.130 \times 0.090$
2eTheta range for data collection	4.118 to 49.994°	3.956 to 48.508°
Index ranges	$-12 \le h \le 12, -20 \le k \le 20, -$	$-18 \le h \le 18, -11 \le k \le 11, -11 \le k \le 11$
muex ranges	$11 \le 1 \le 11$	$11 \le l \le 10$
Reflections collected	26023	22252
Independent reflections	2980[R(int) = 0.0735]	2513[R(int) = 0.0707]
Data/restraints/parameters	2980/0/212	2513/1/194
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.135	1.043
Final R indexes [I>2 σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0571, wR_2 = 0.1658$	$R_1 = 0.0275, wR_2 = 0.0675$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0775, wR_2 = 0.1781$	$R_1 = 0.0299, wR_2 = 0.0687$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.287/-0.315	0.120/-0.238

Studies on the Reaction Mechanism:

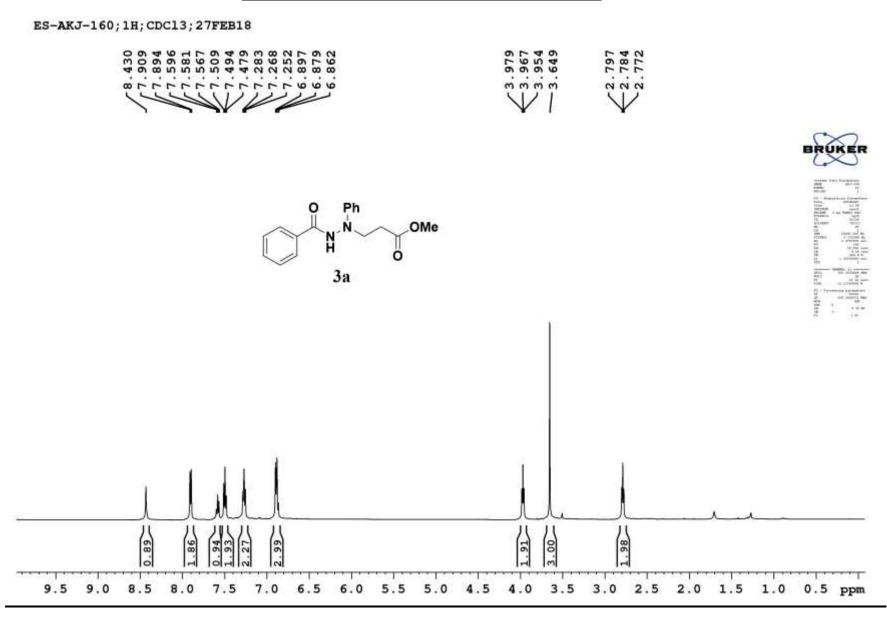
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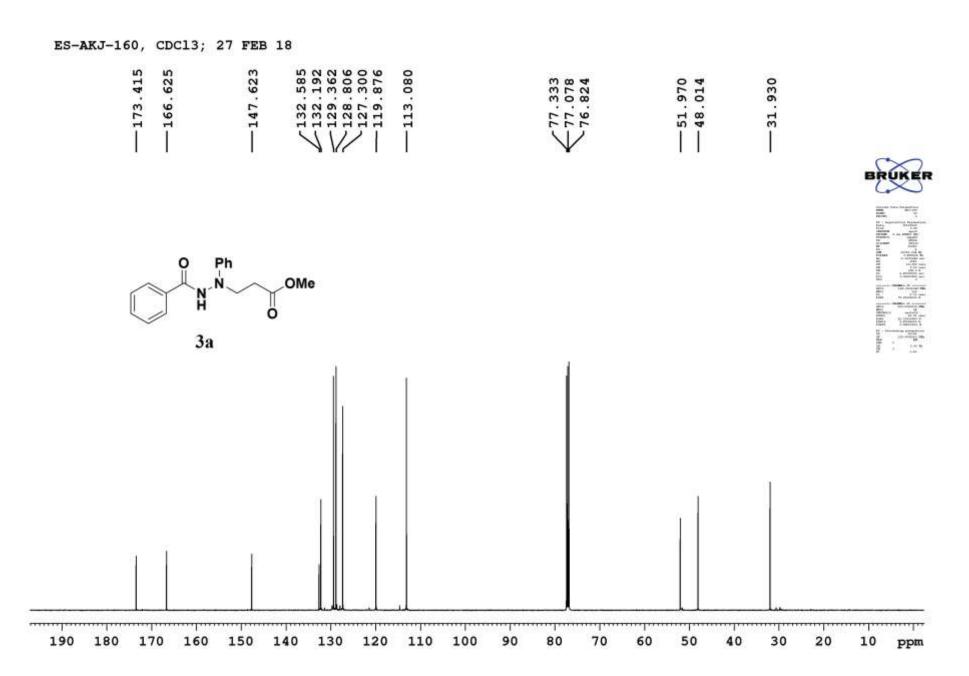


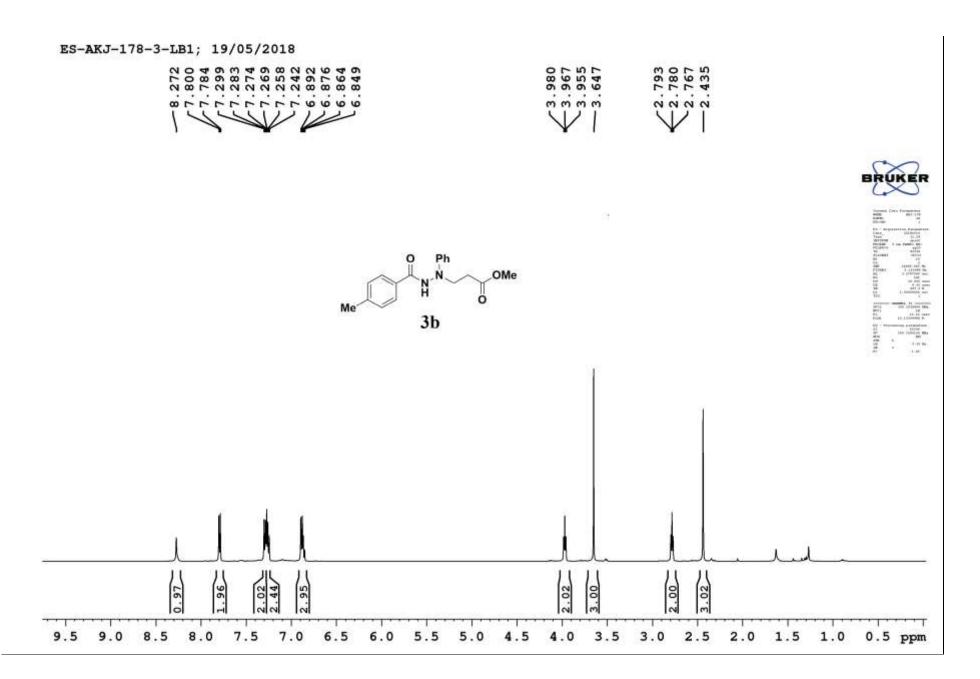
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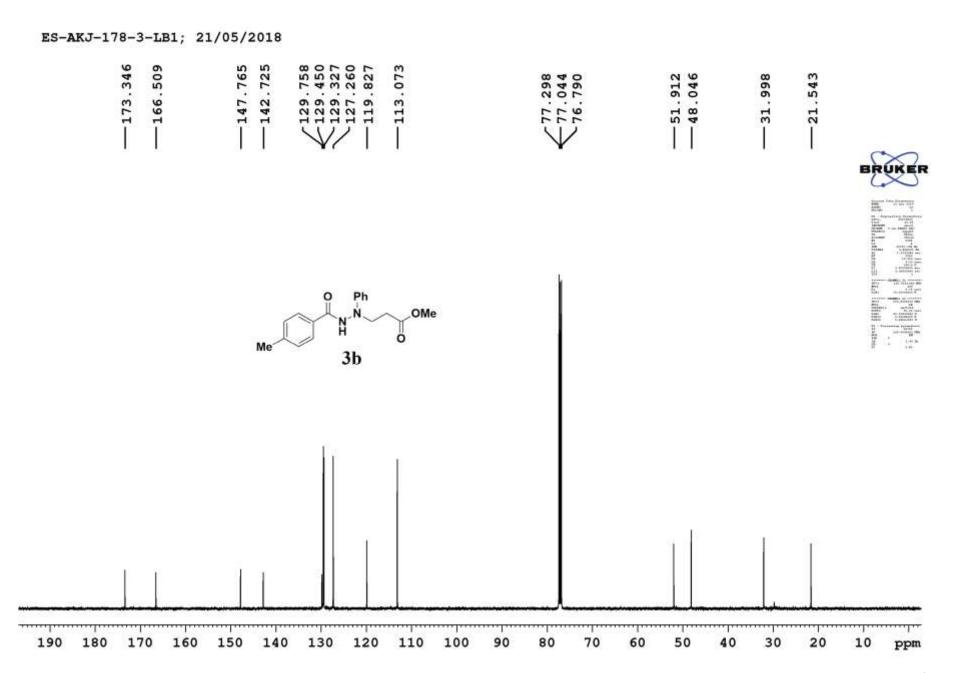
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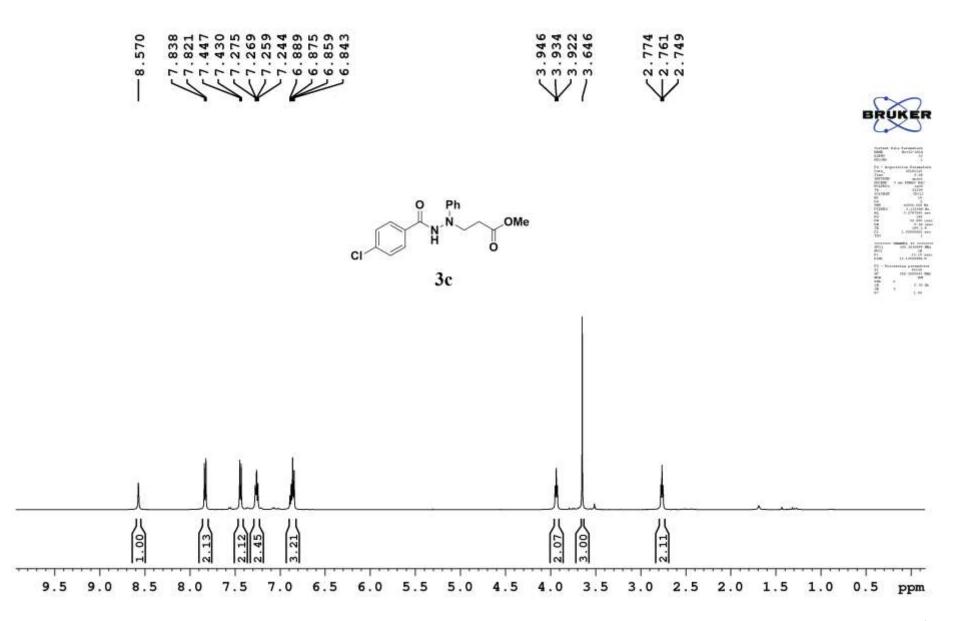
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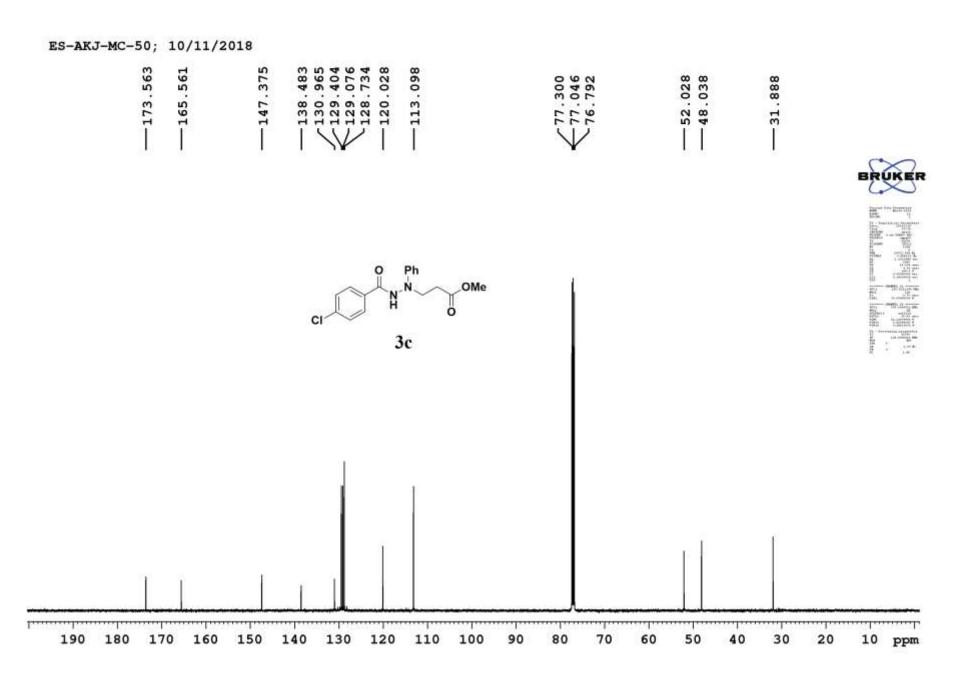


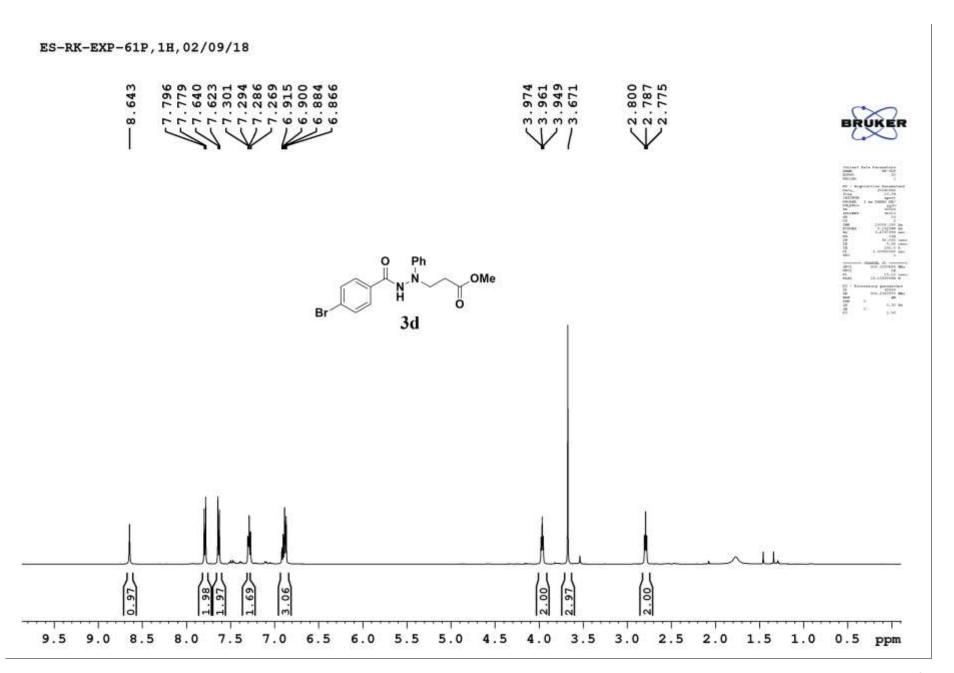


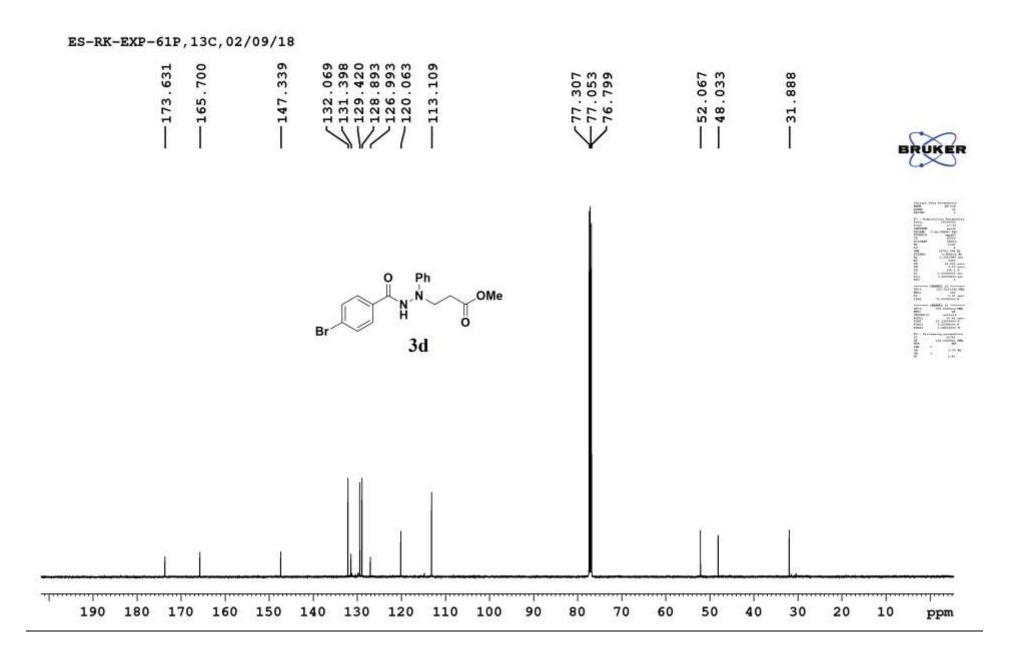


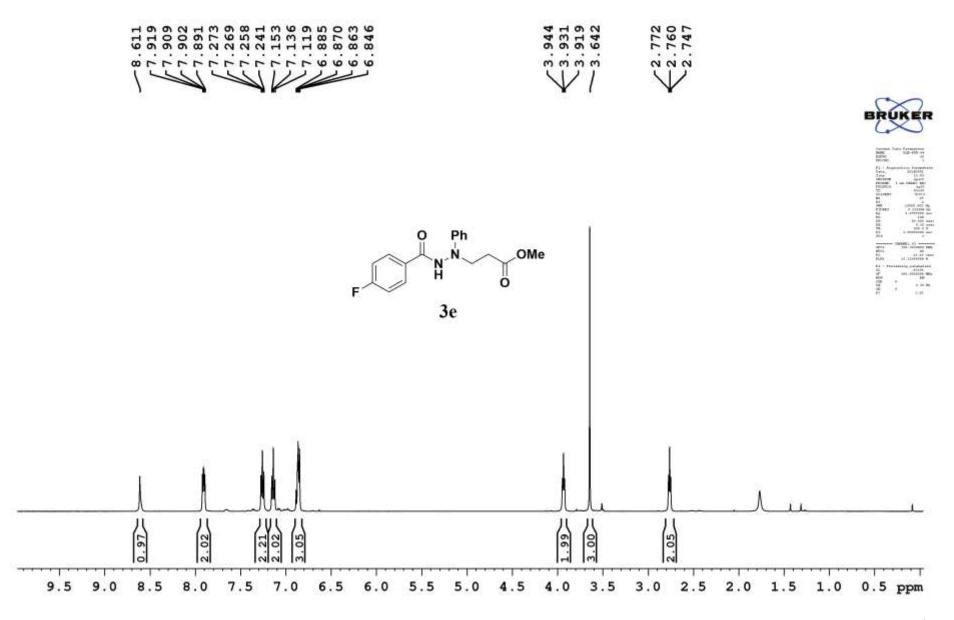


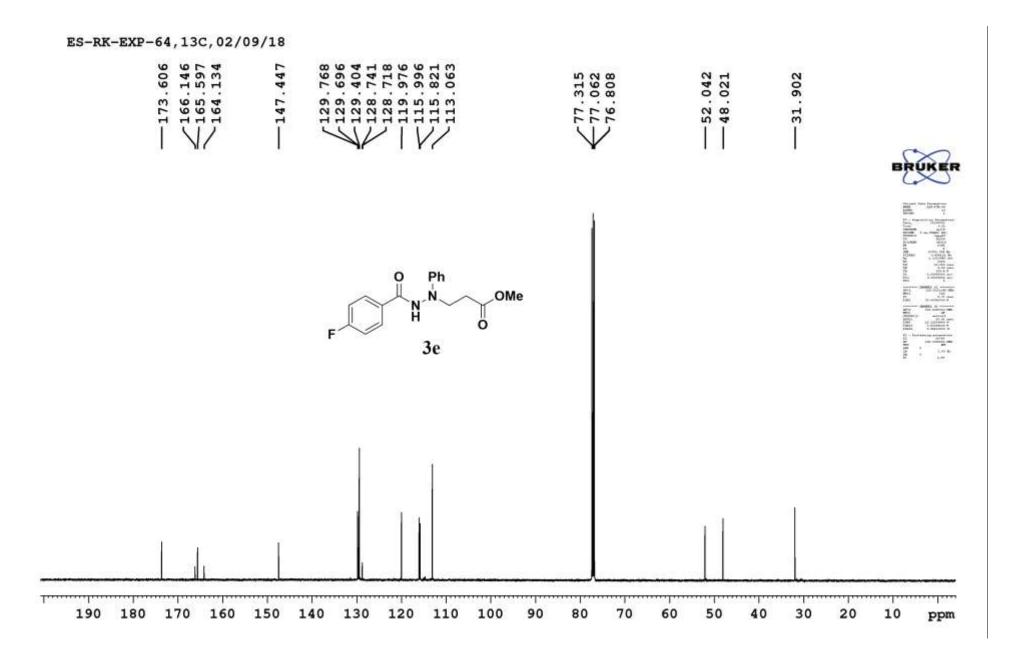


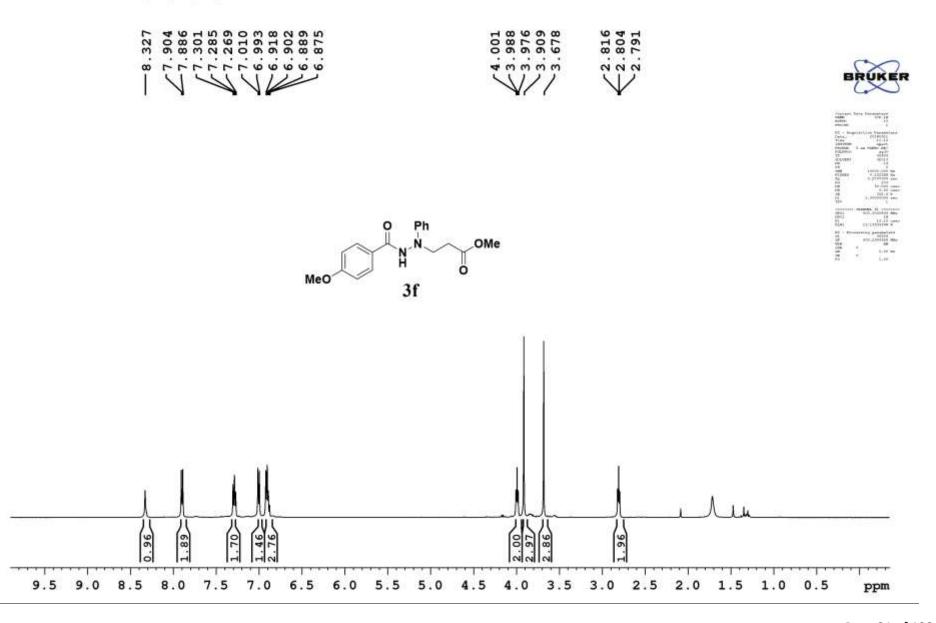


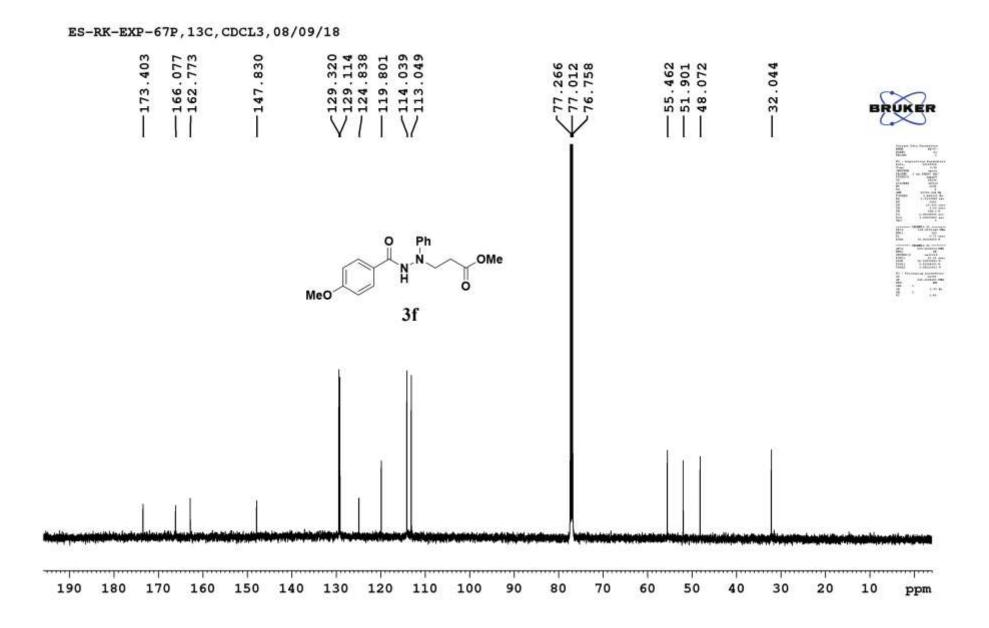


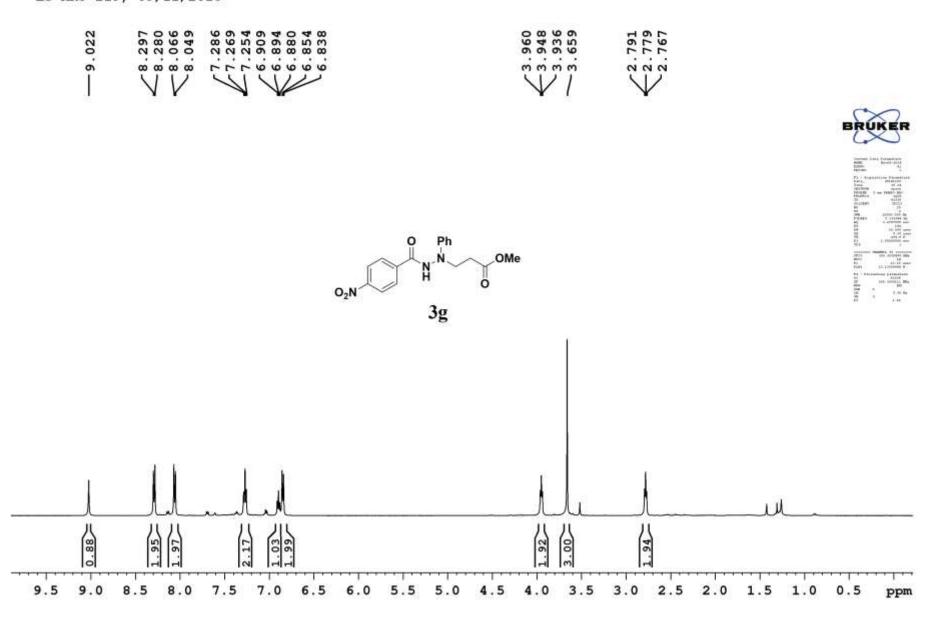


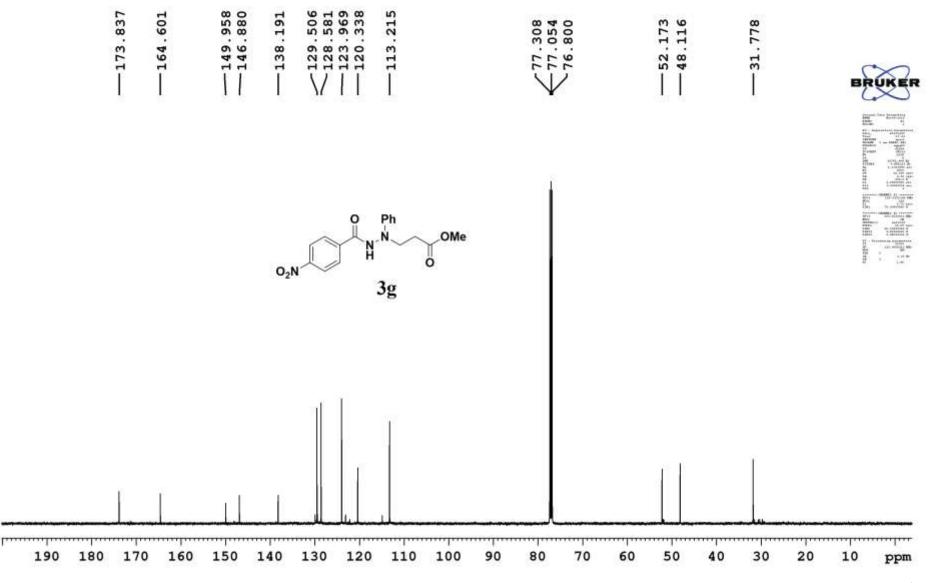


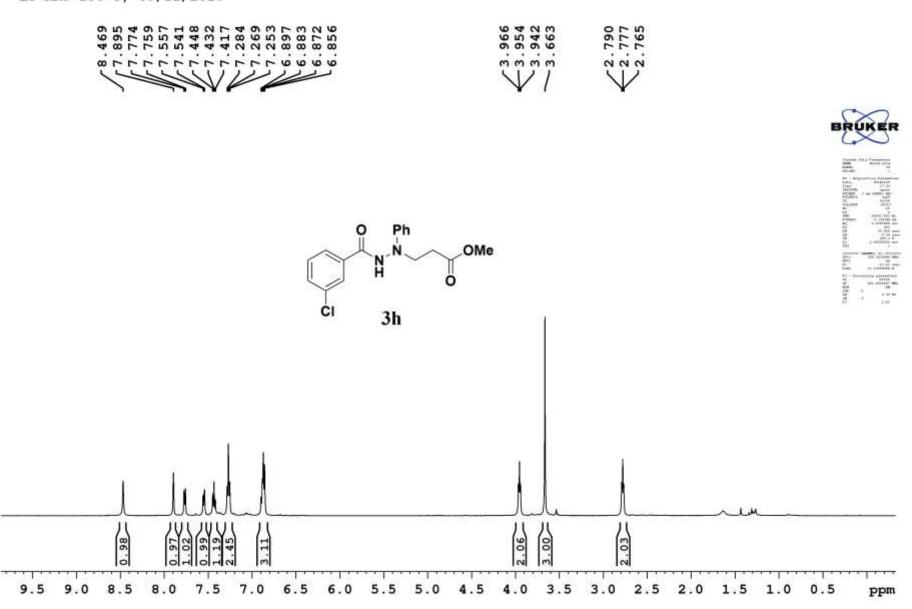


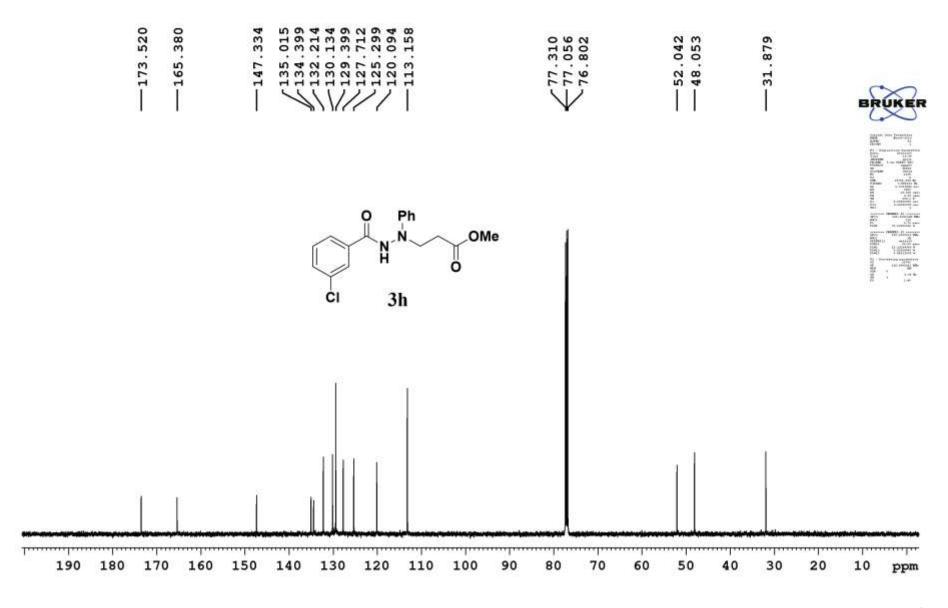


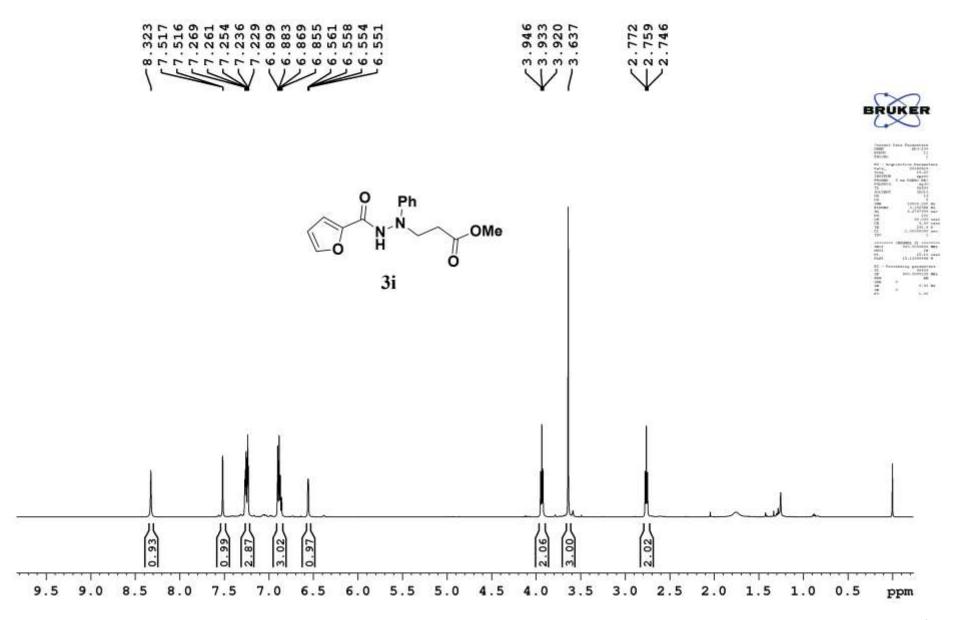


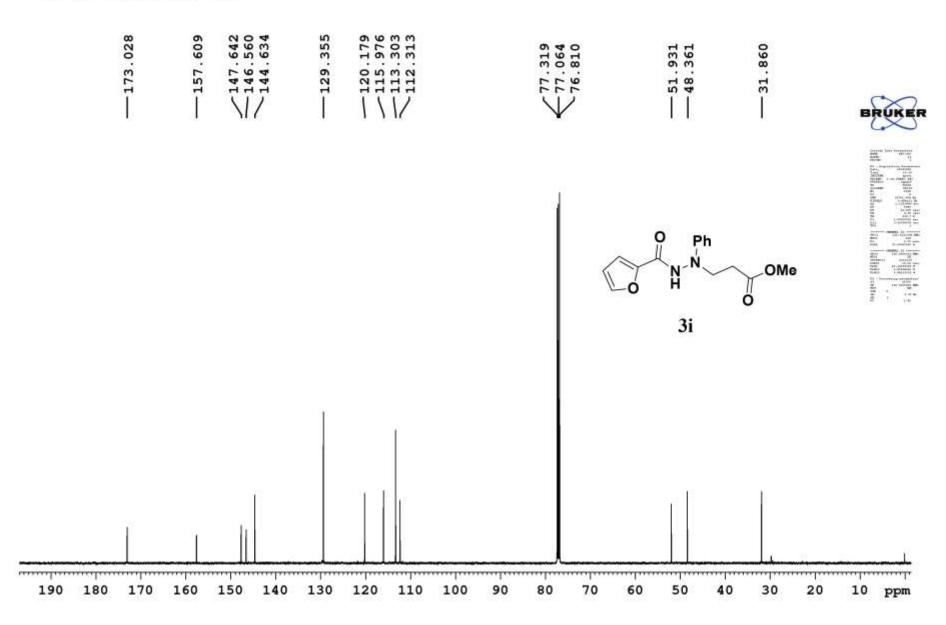


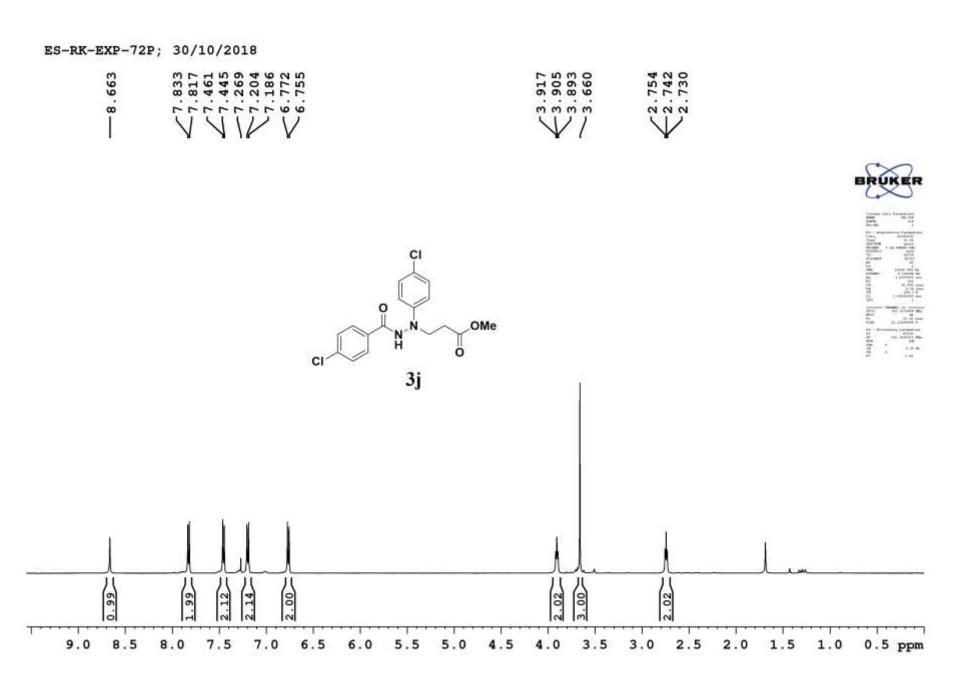












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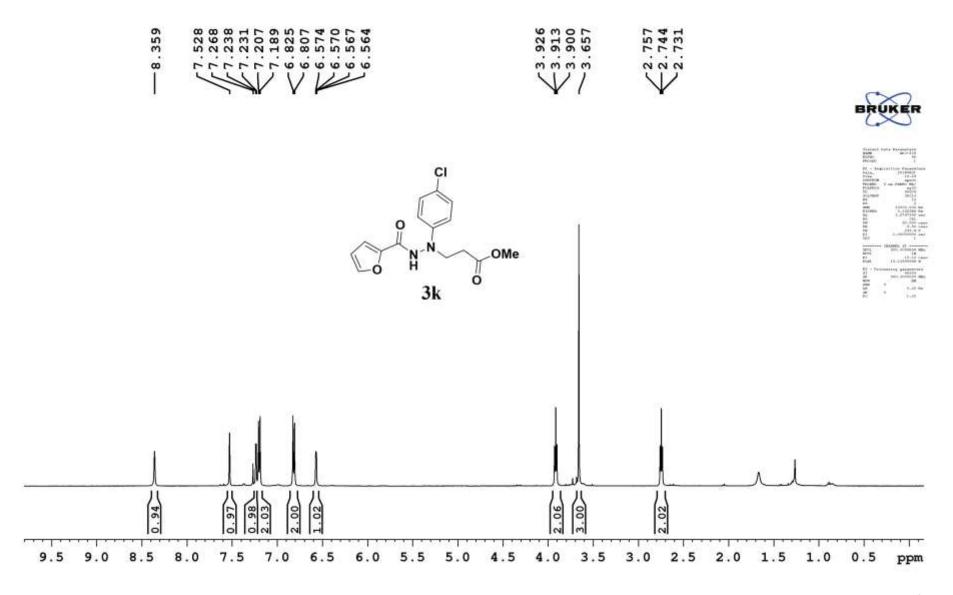
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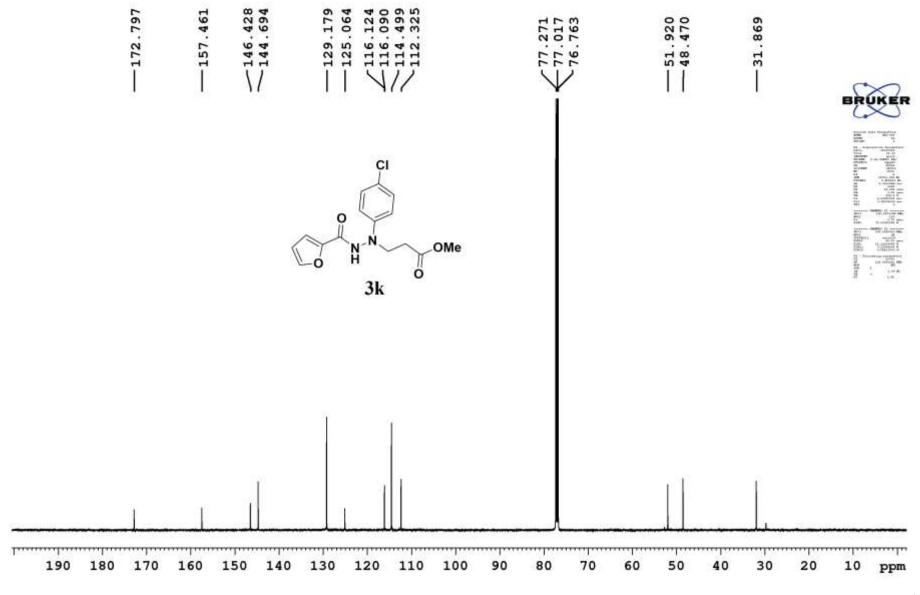
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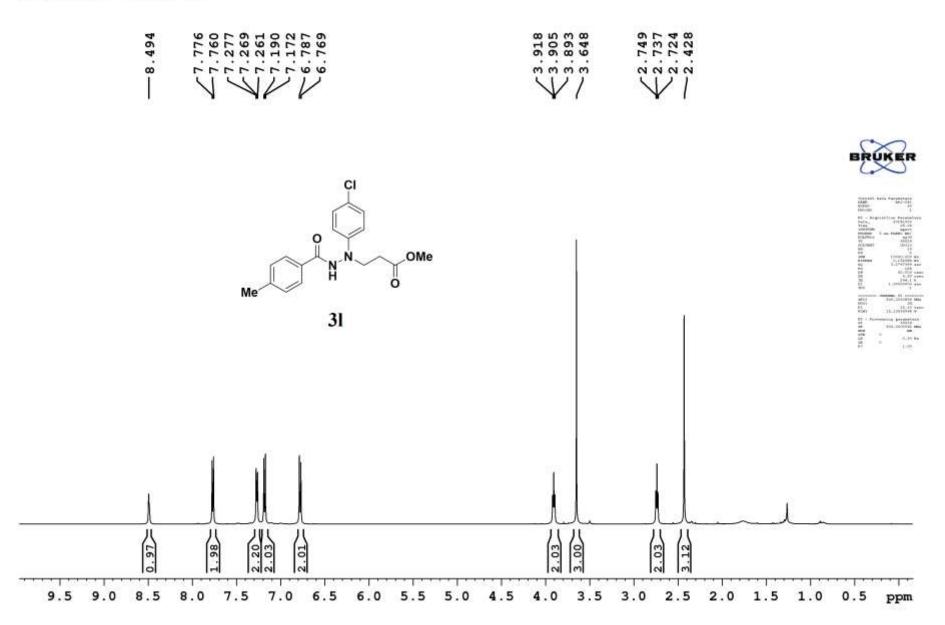
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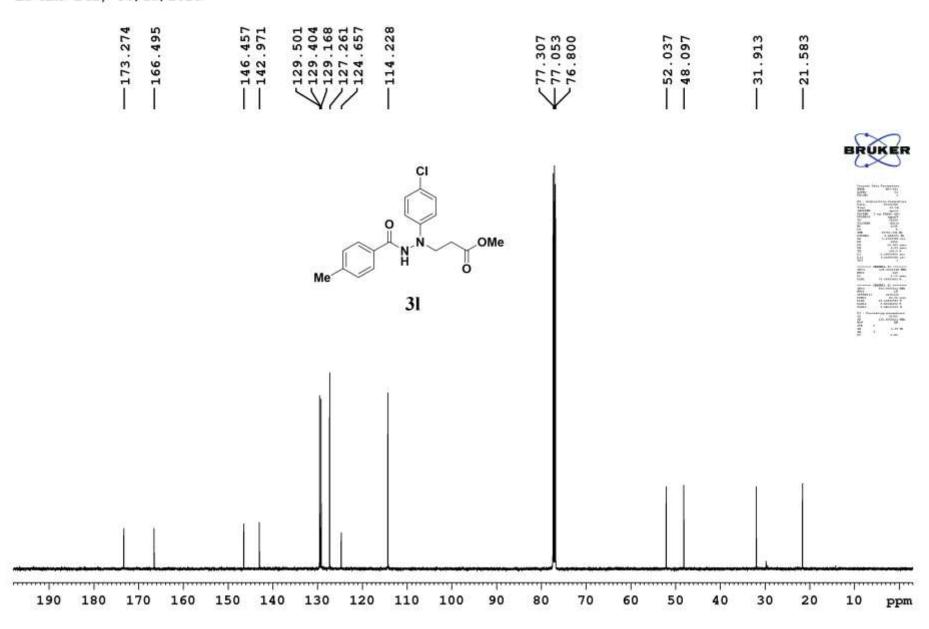
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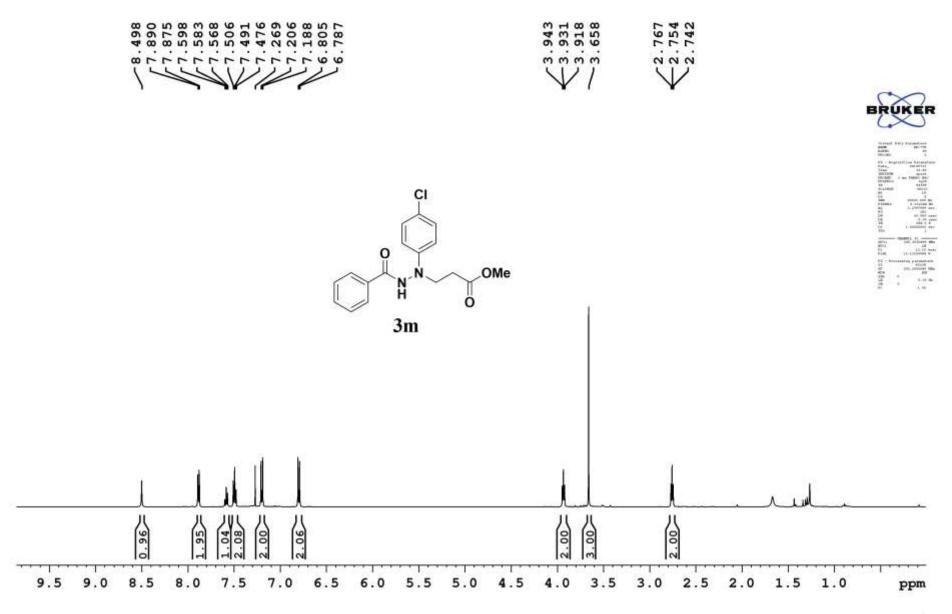
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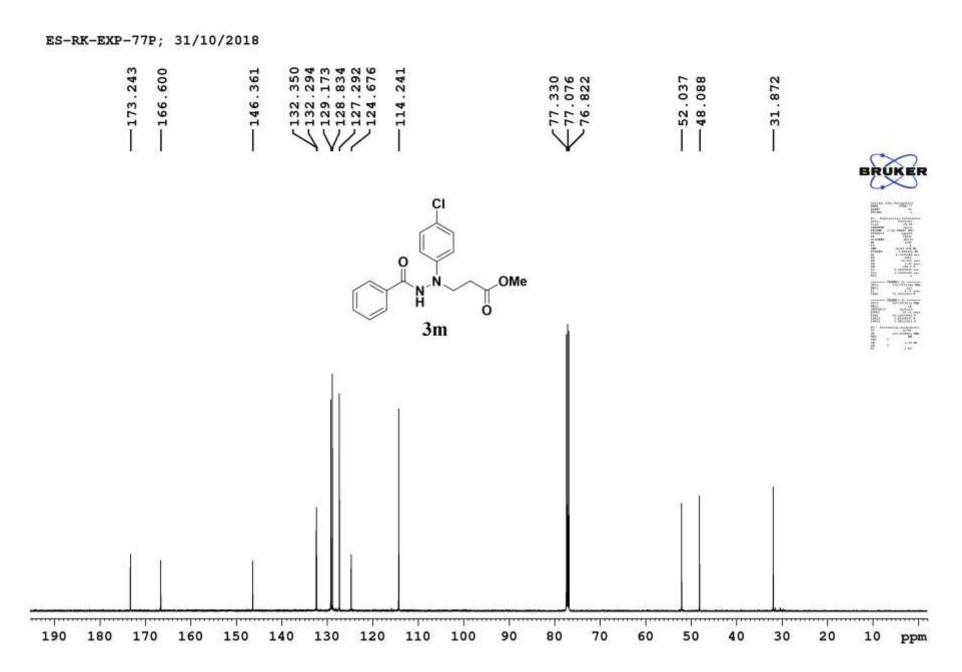


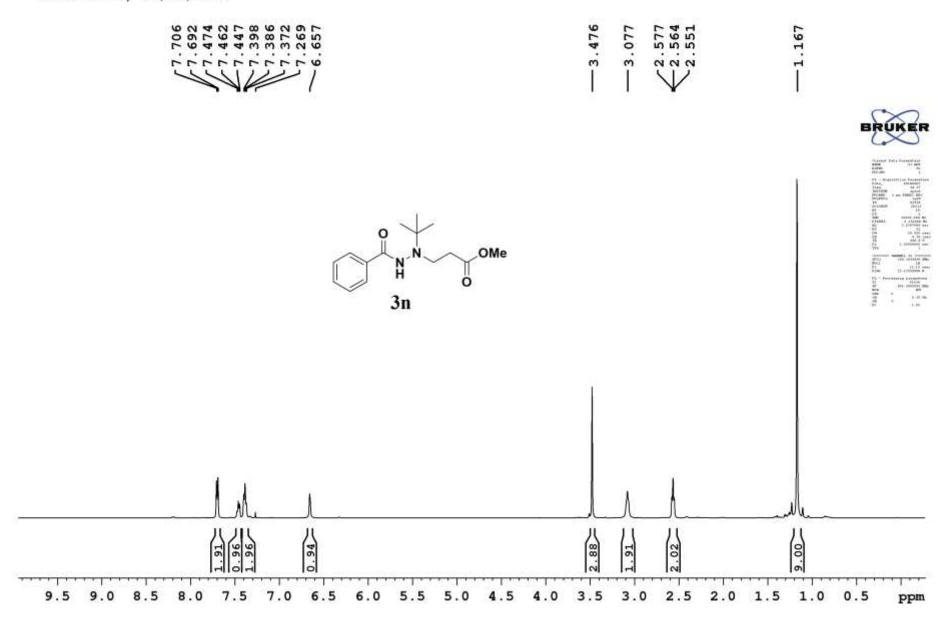


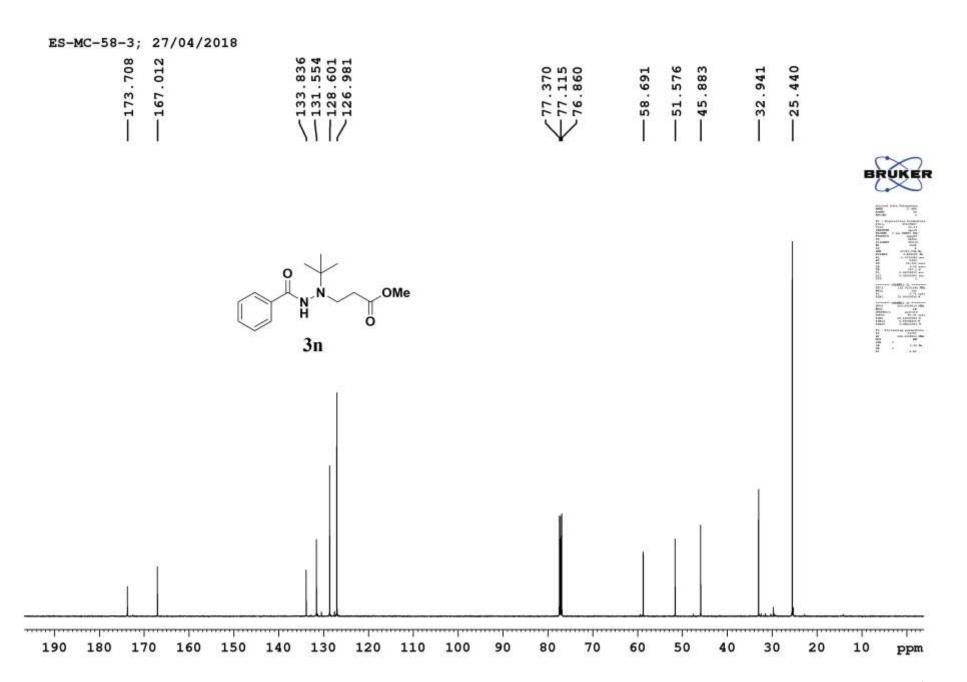


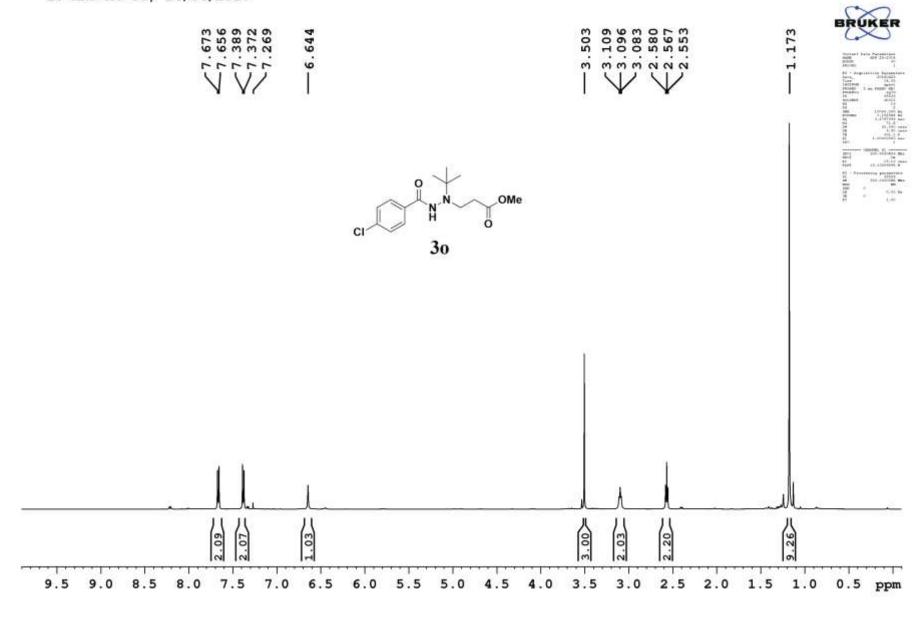


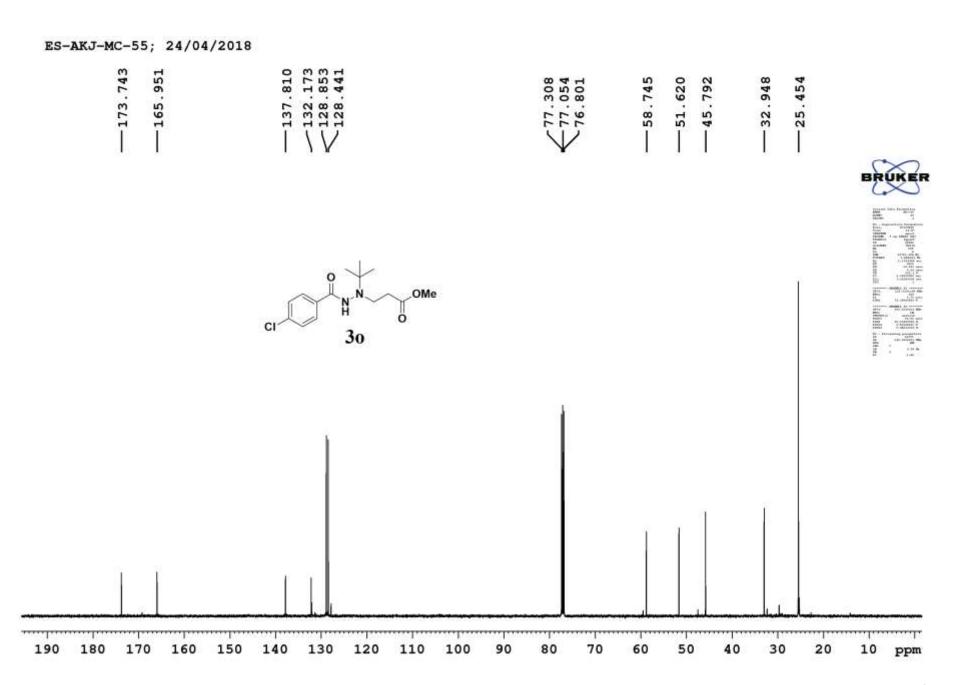


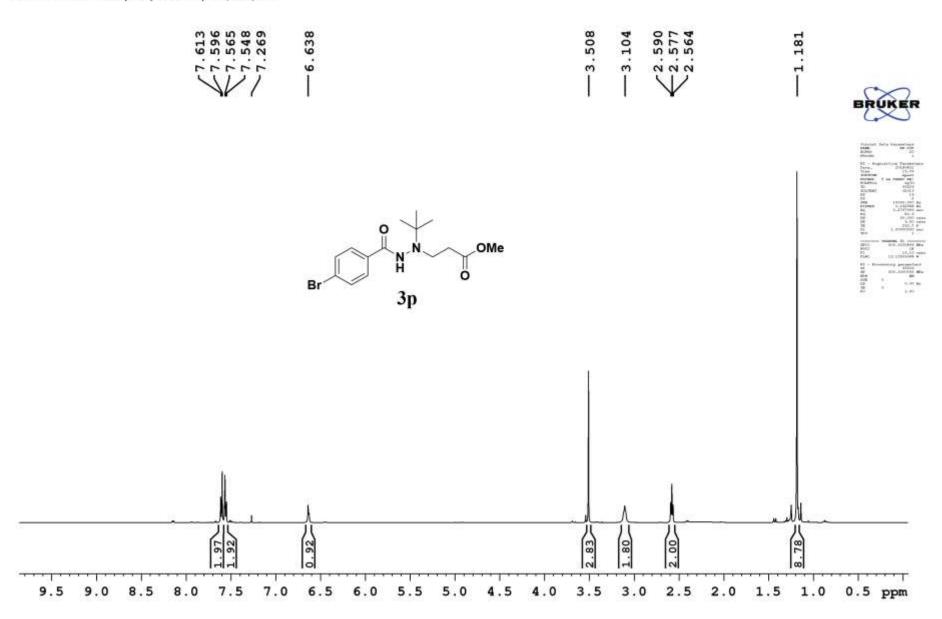


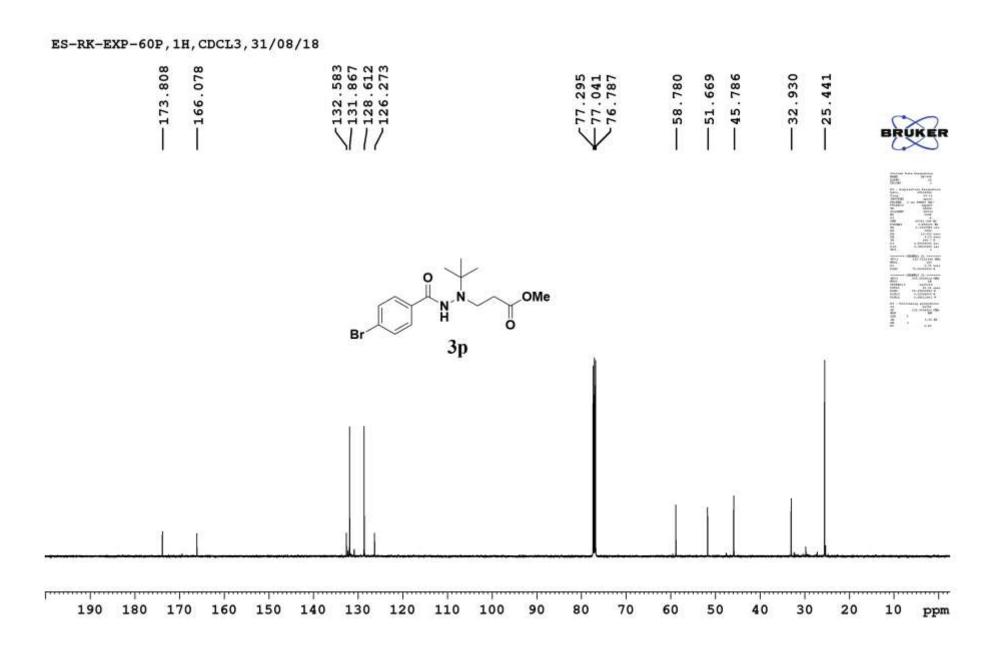


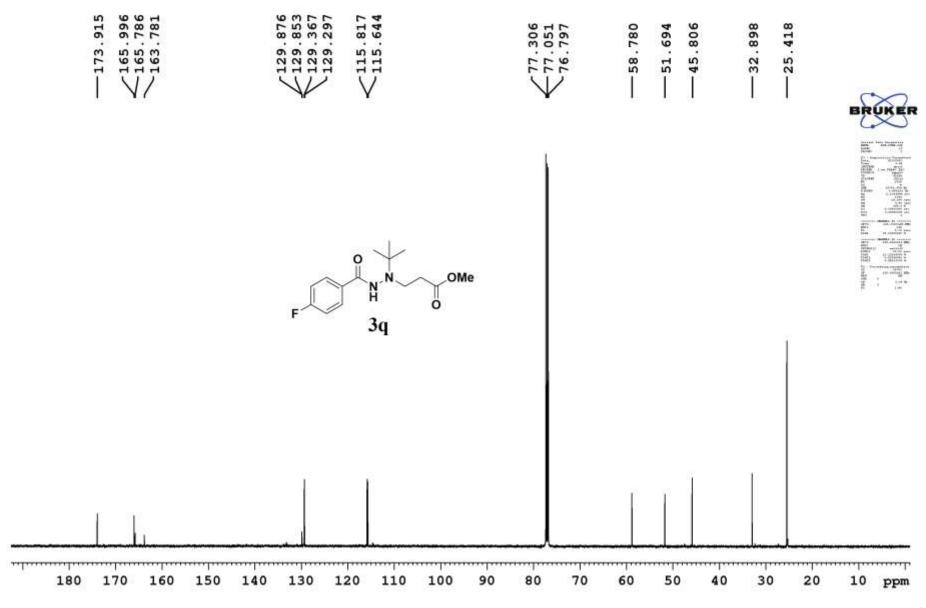


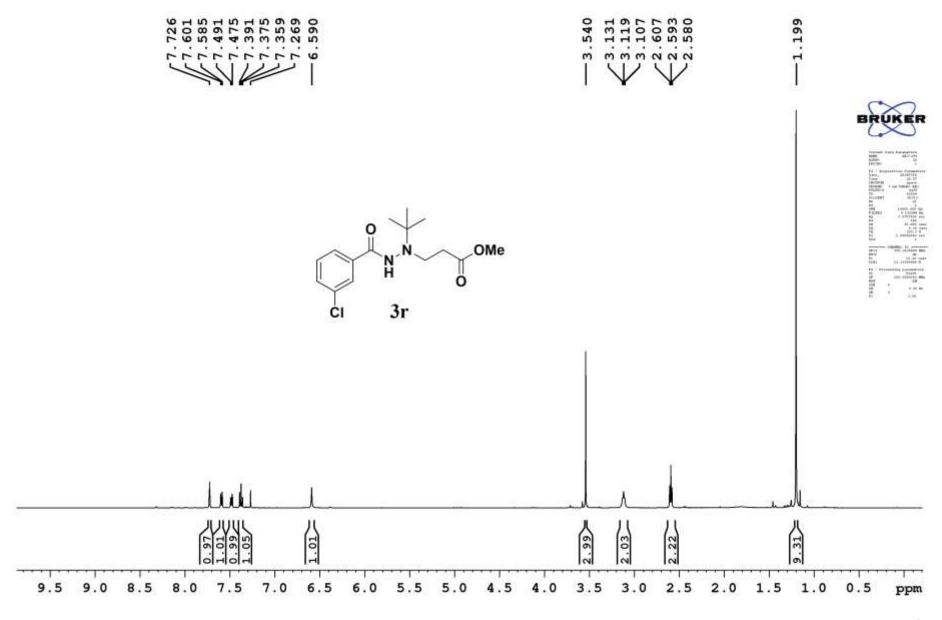


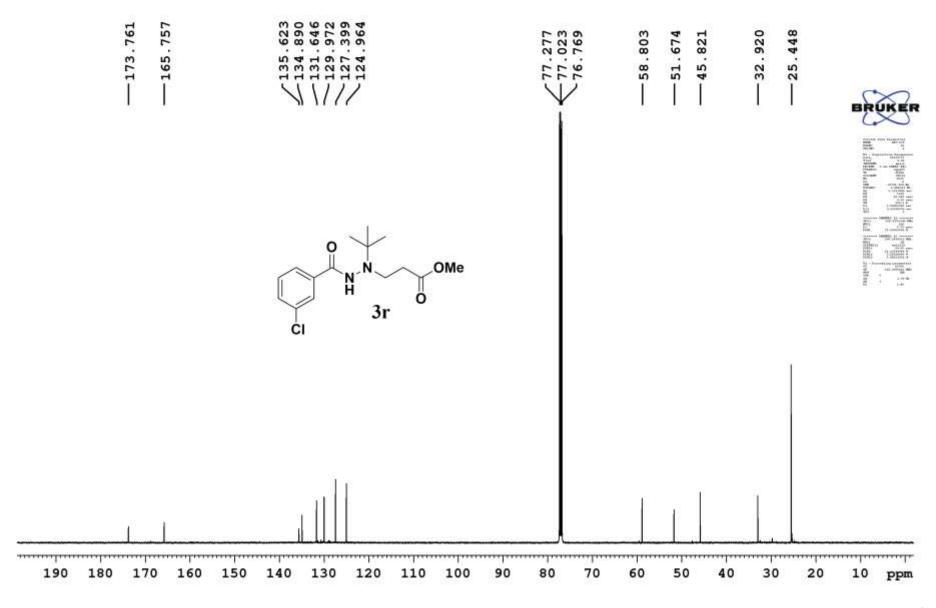


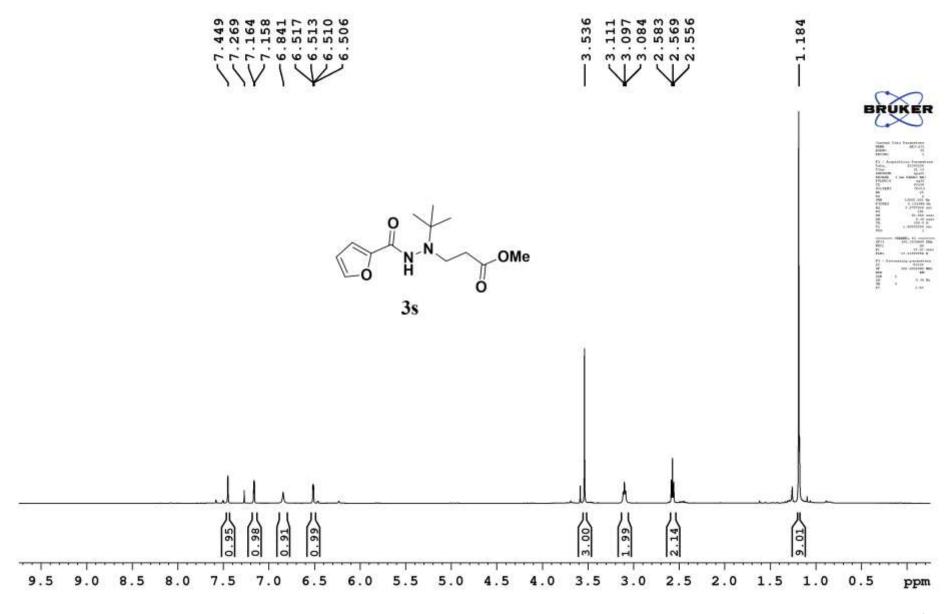


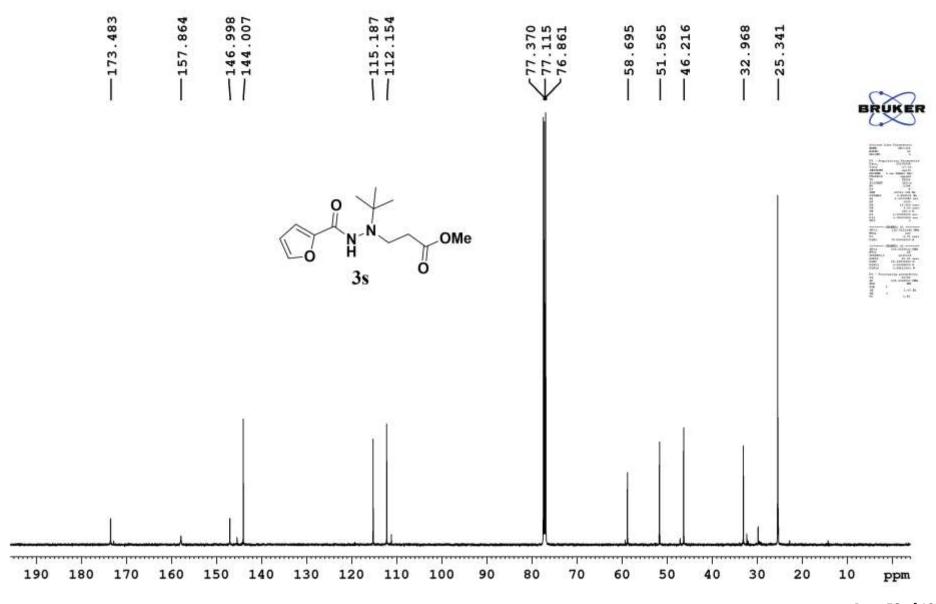


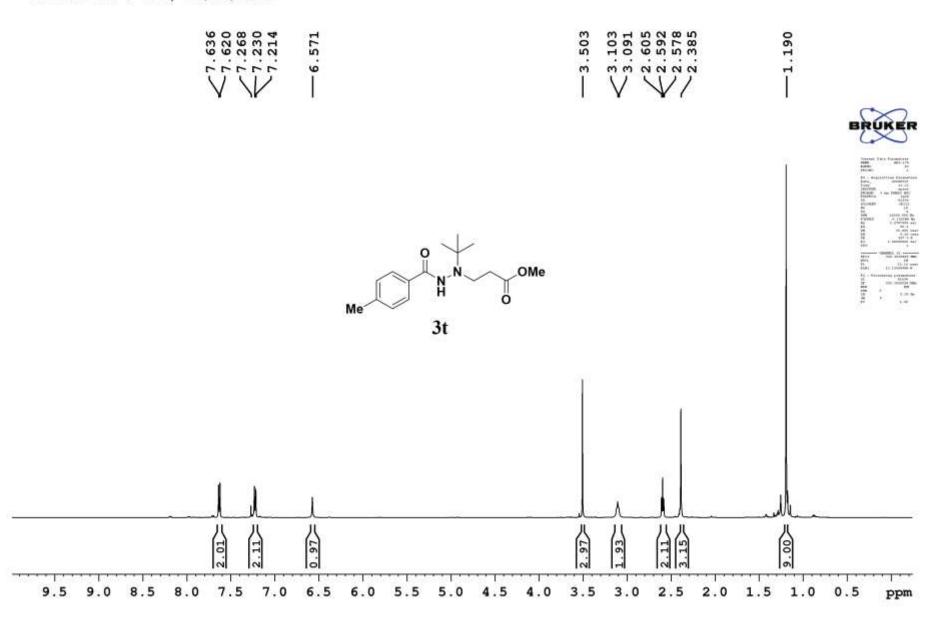


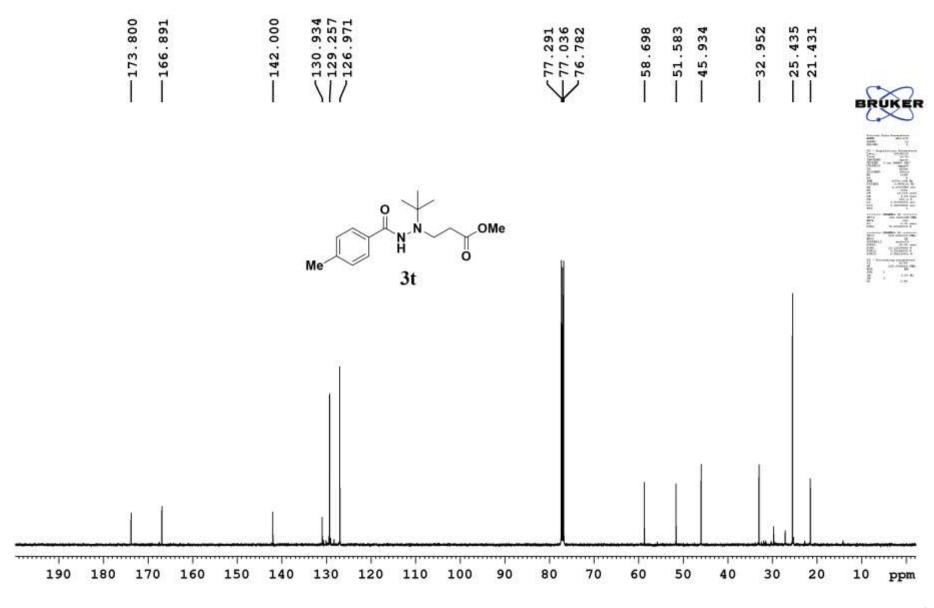


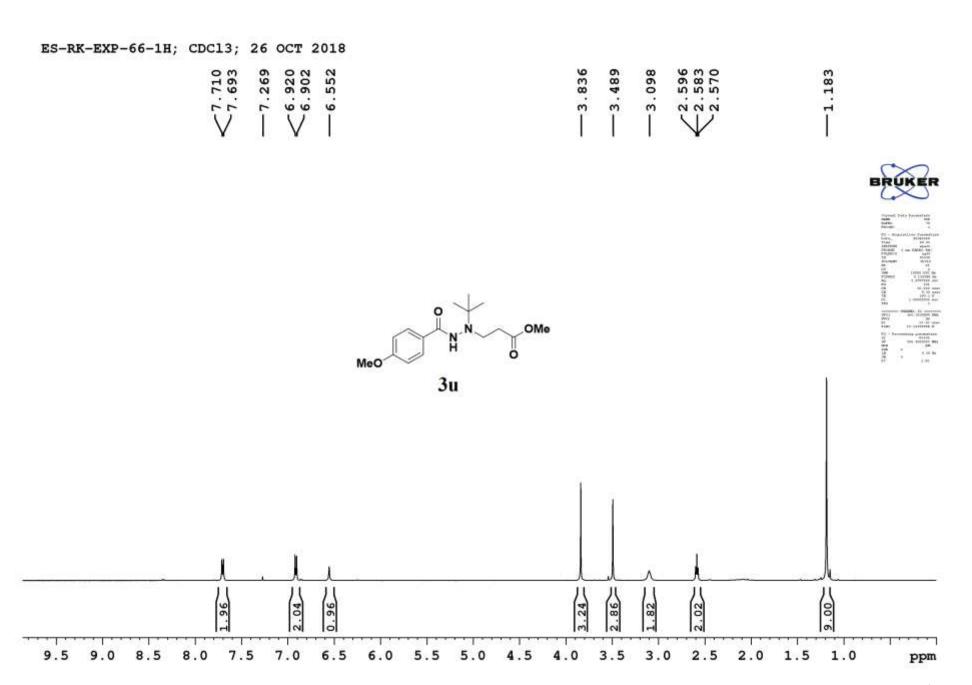


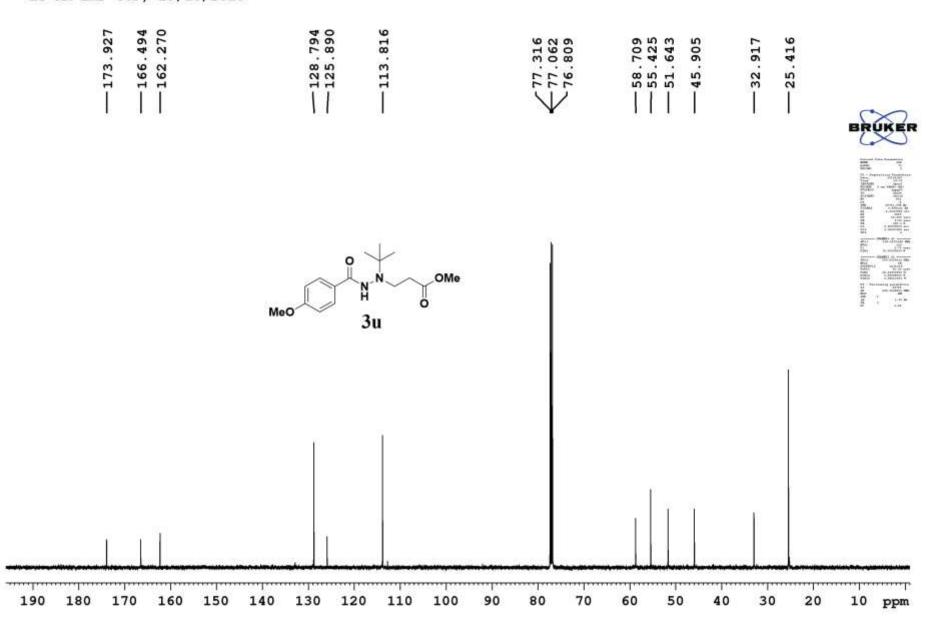


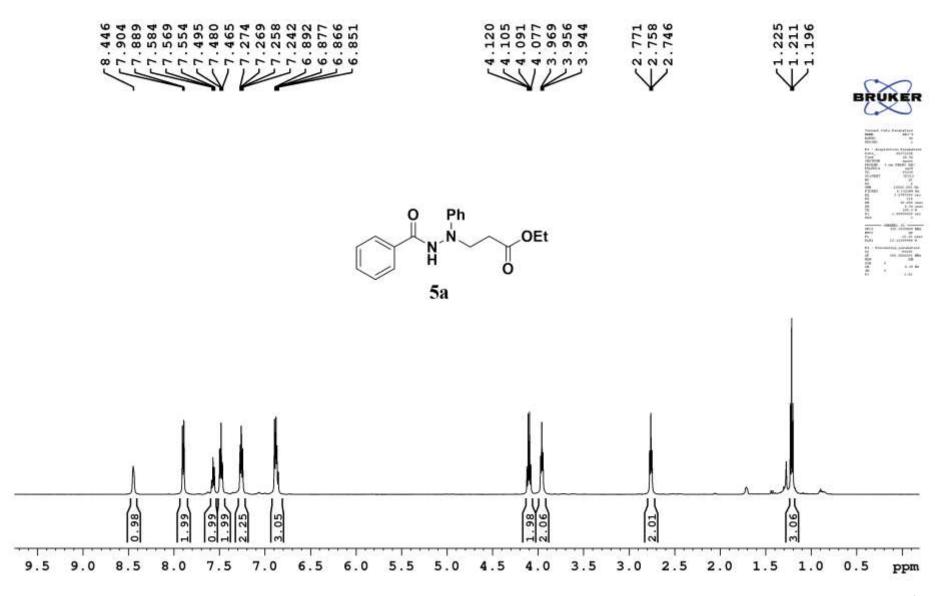




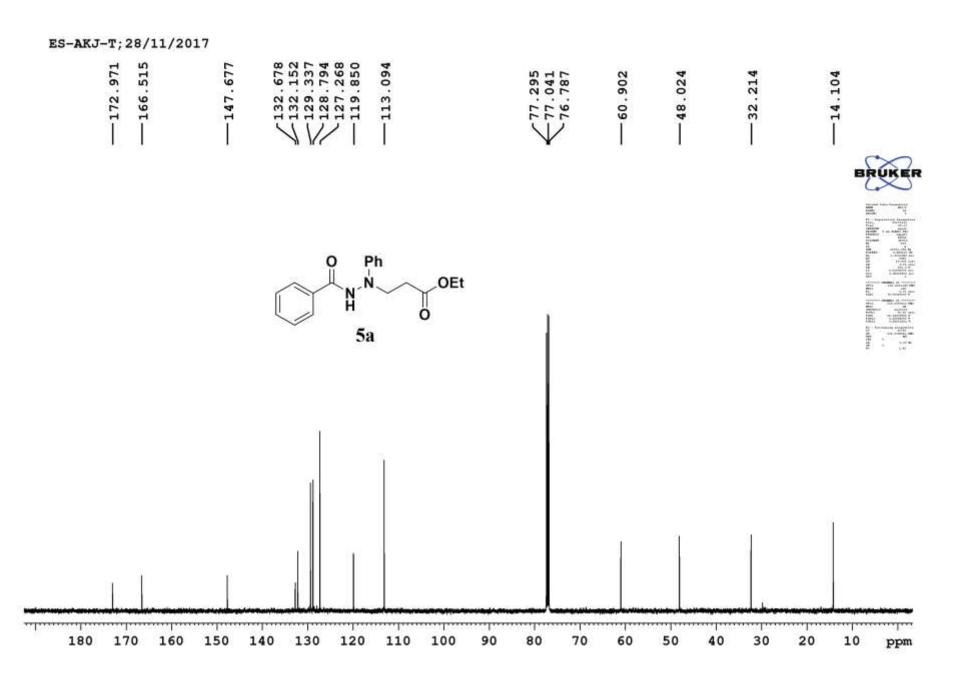


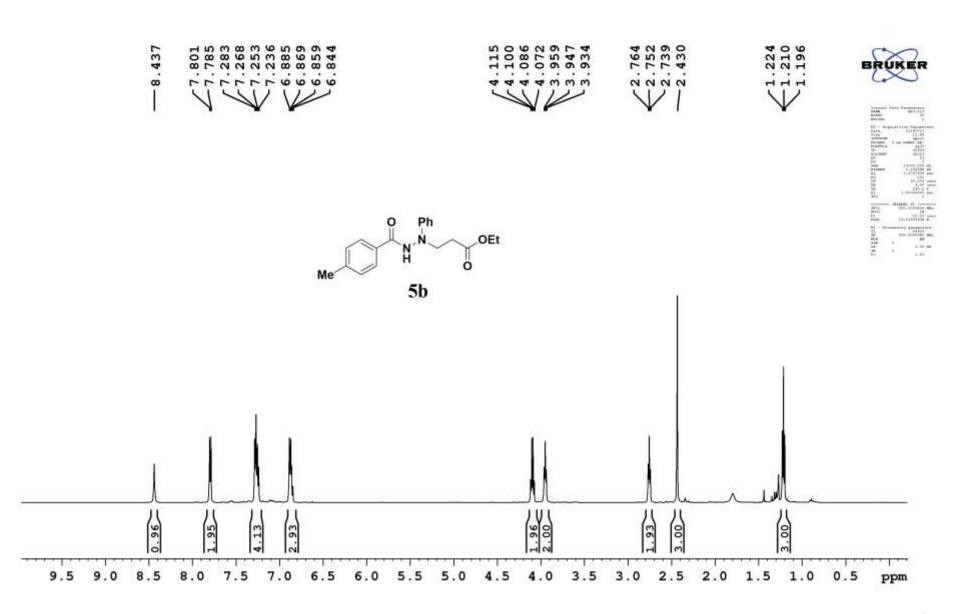


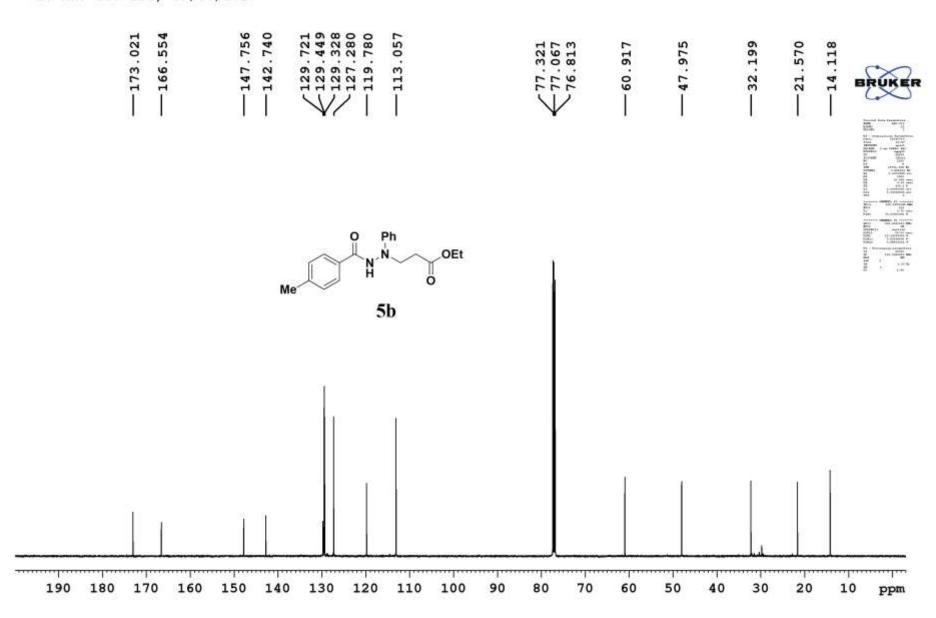




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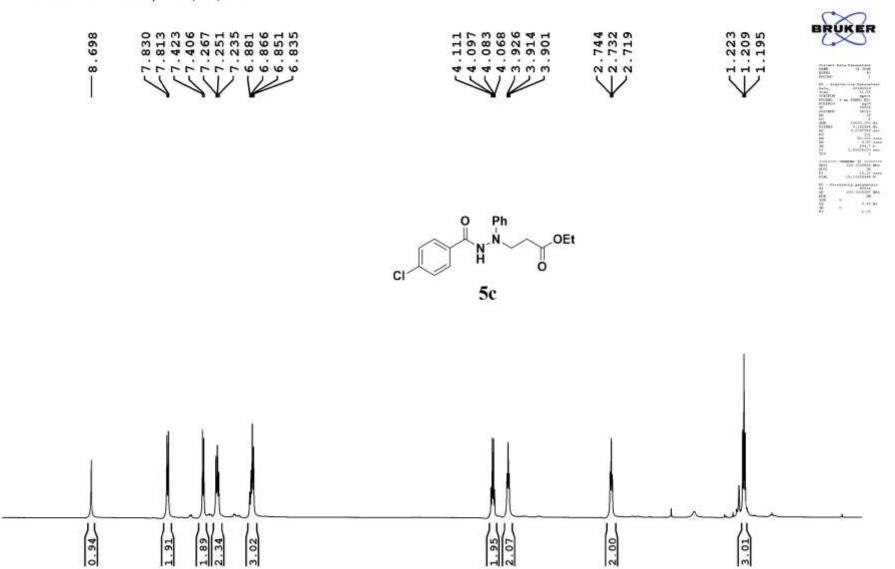
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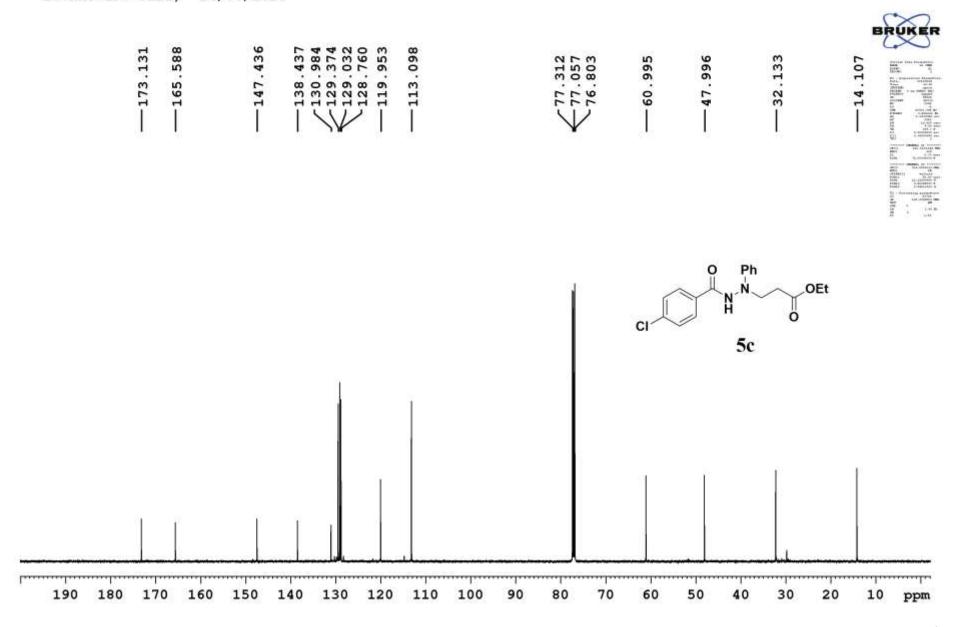
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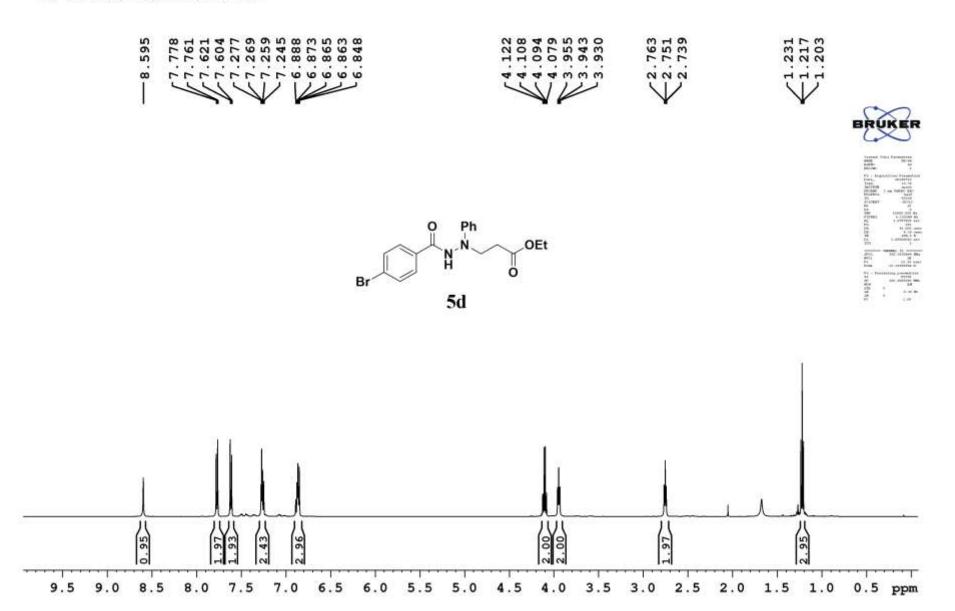
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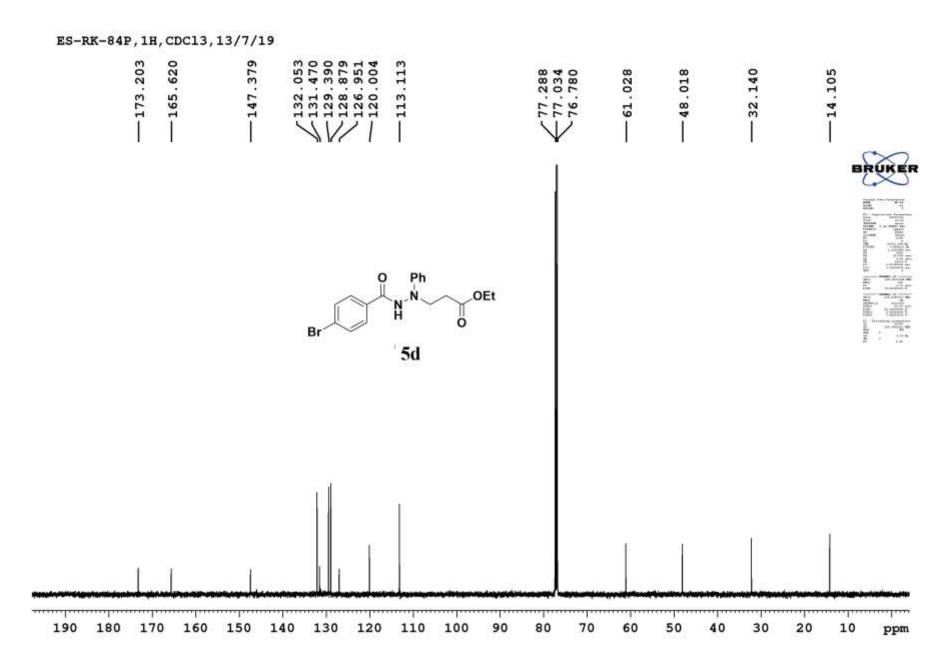
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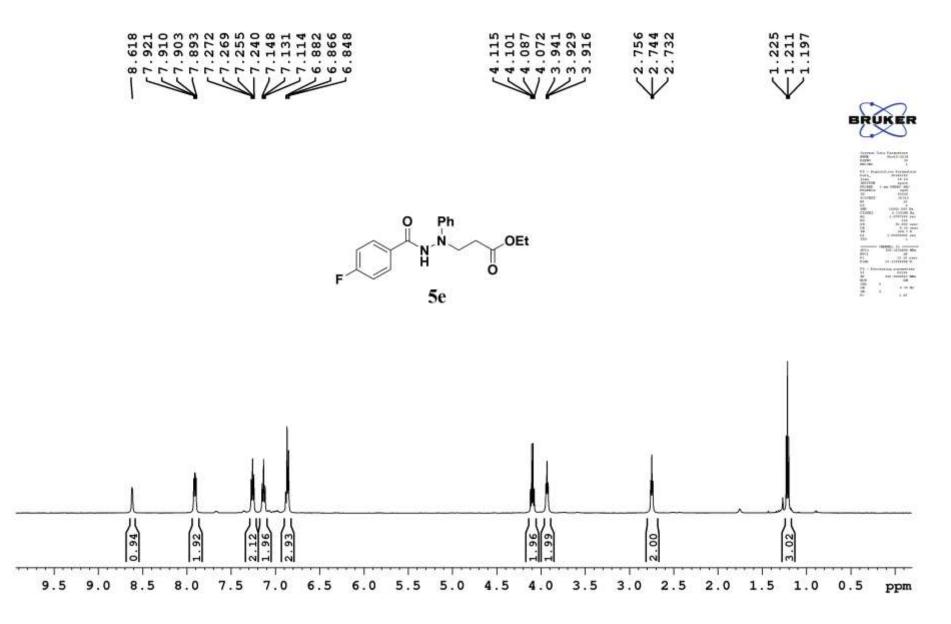
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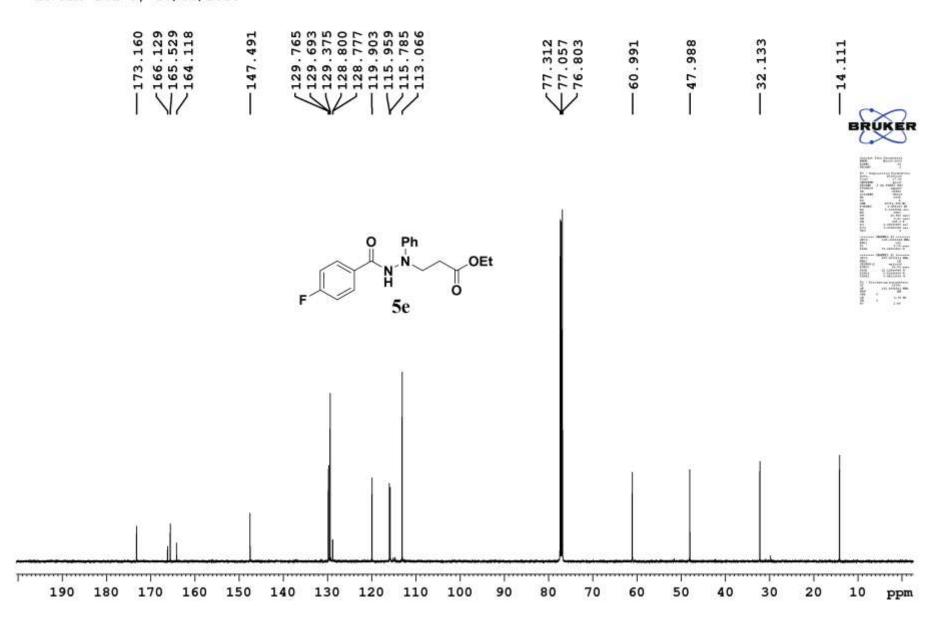


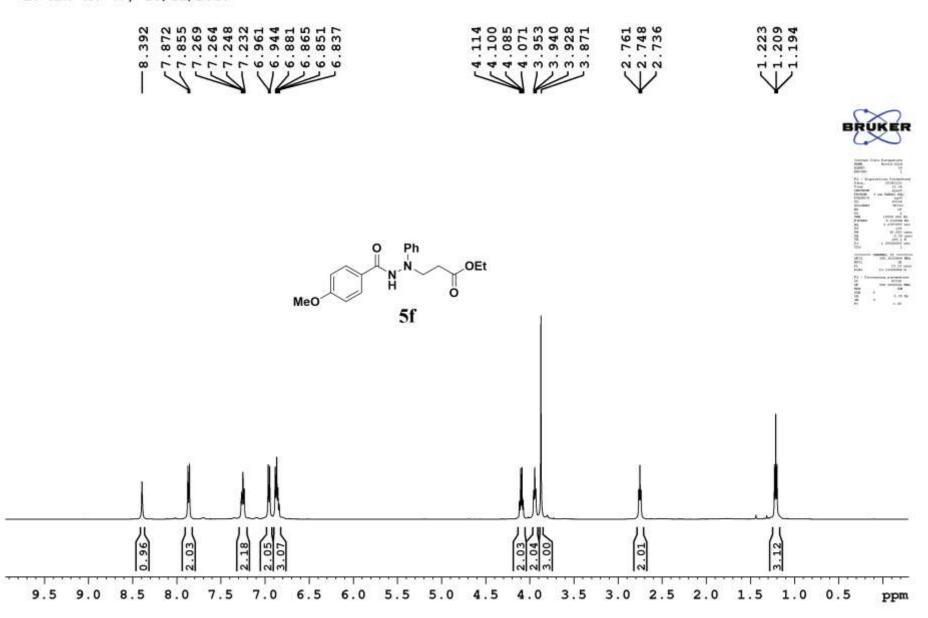


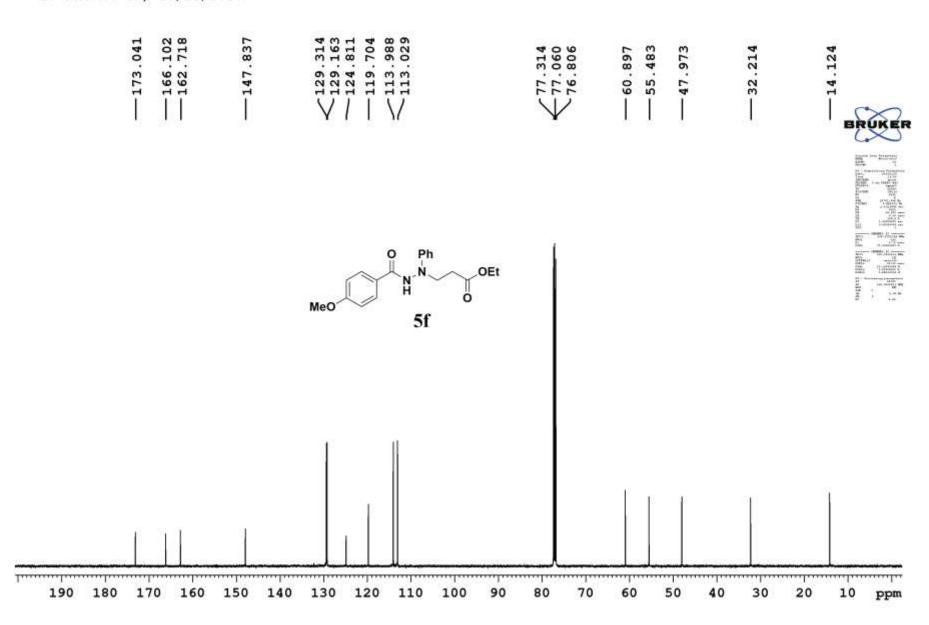


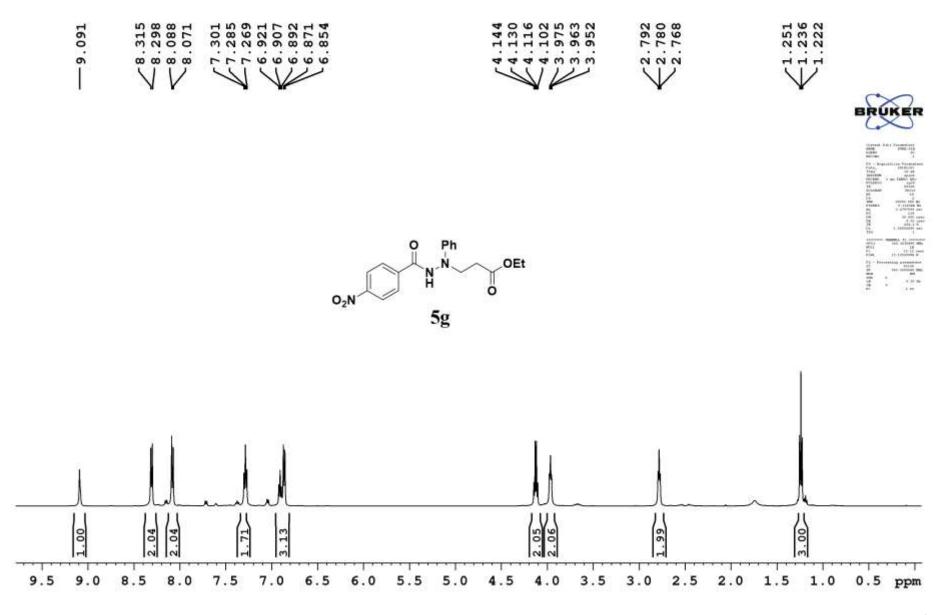


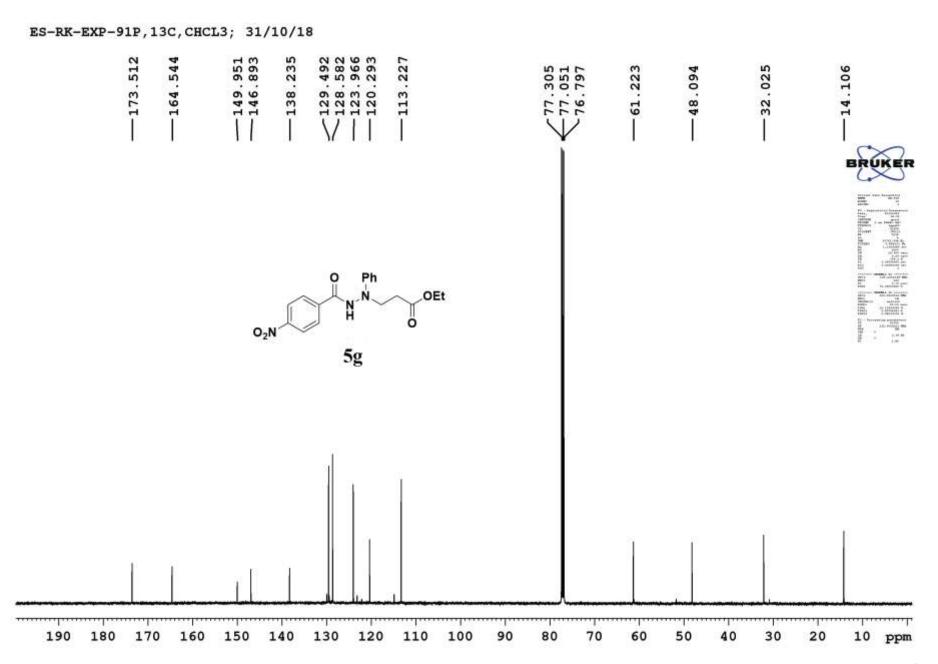


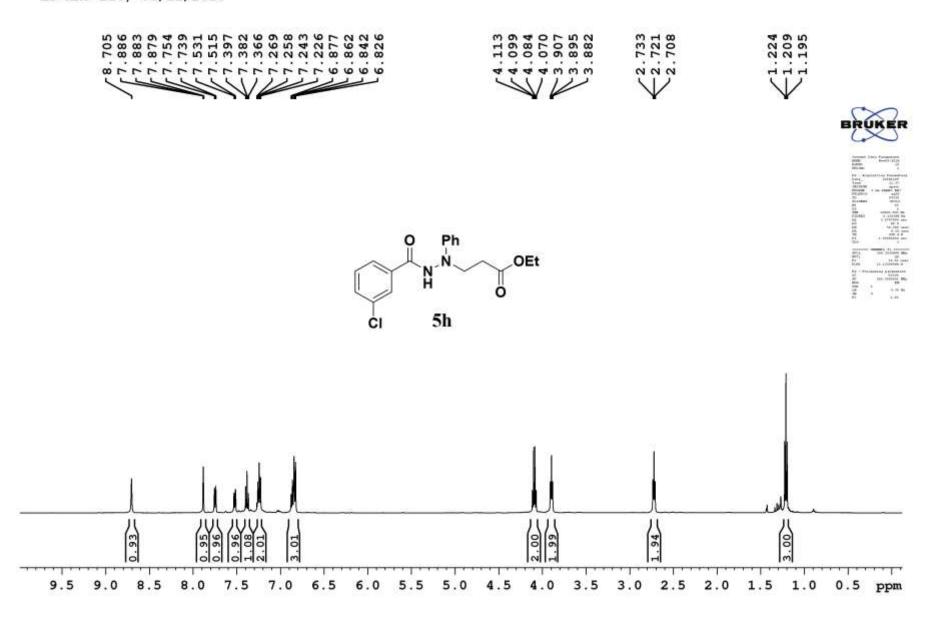


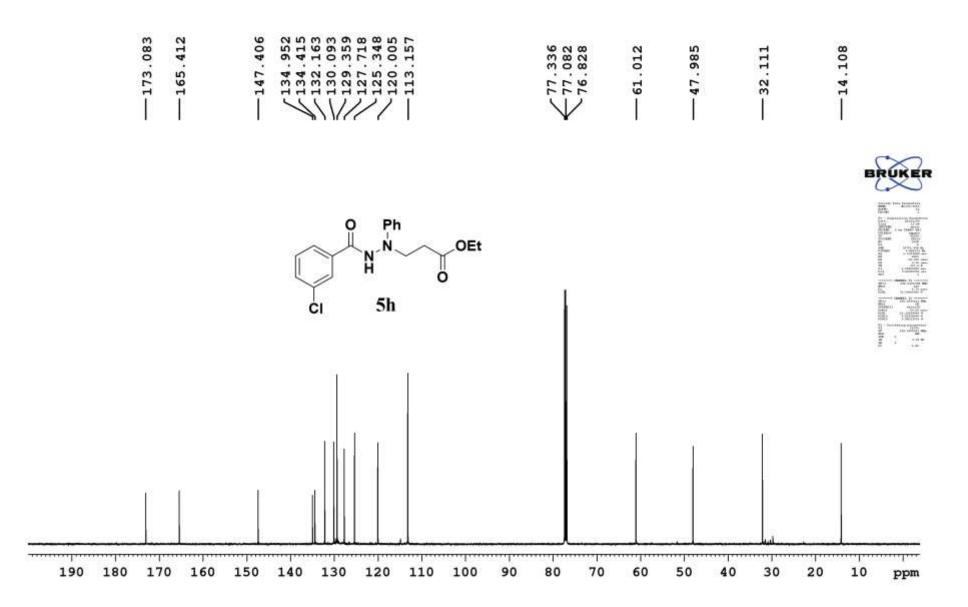


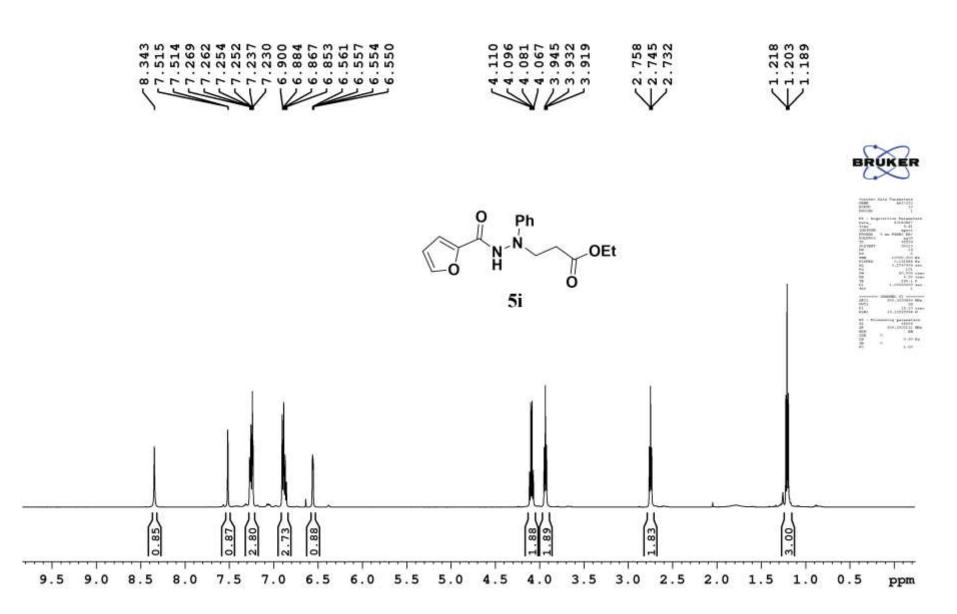


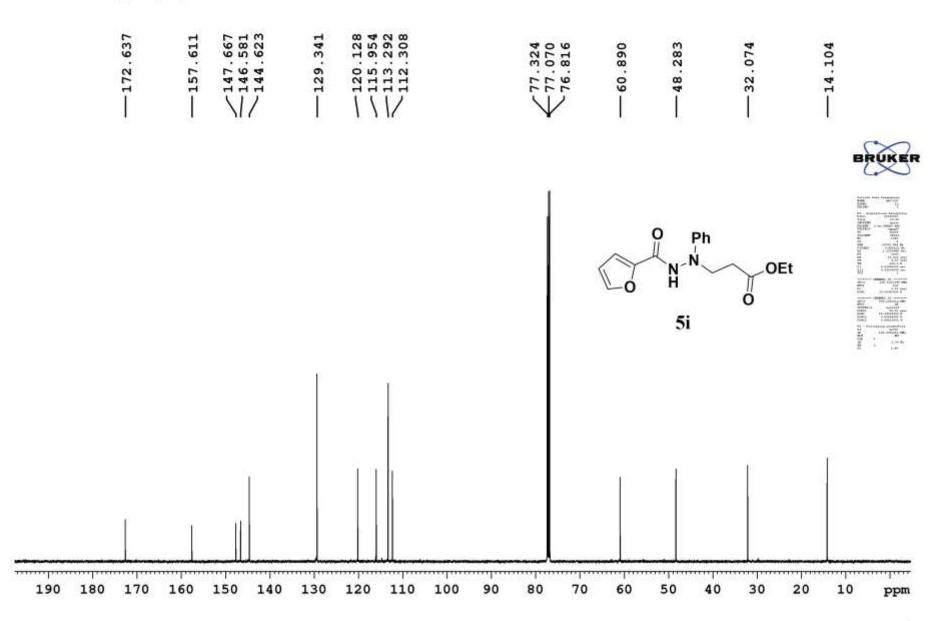


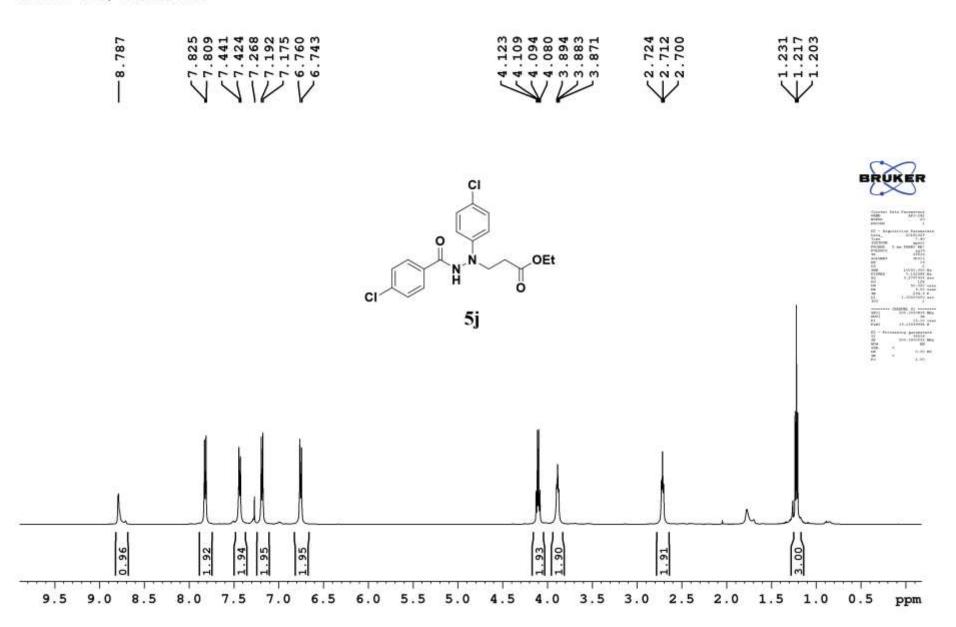


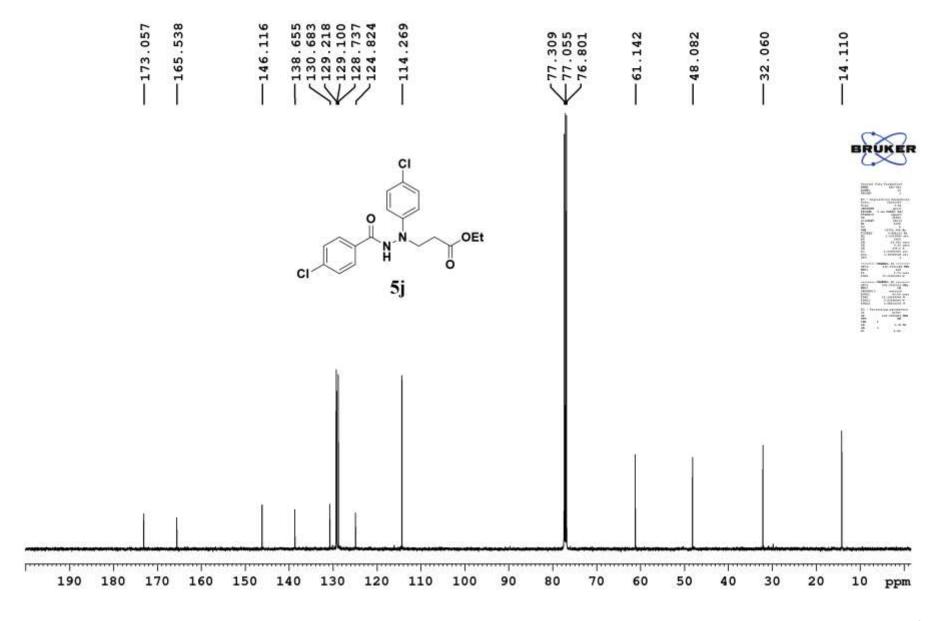


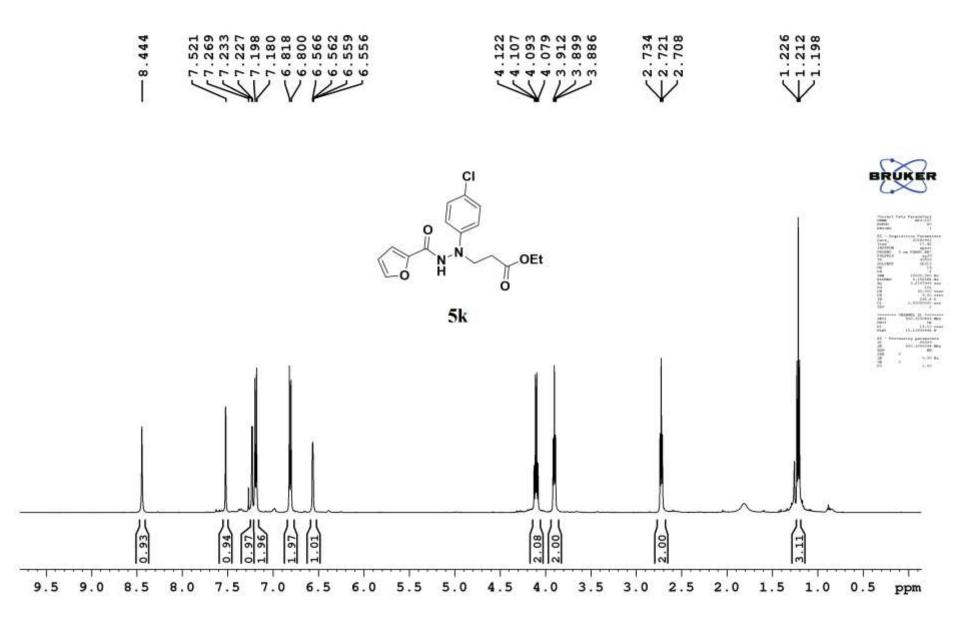


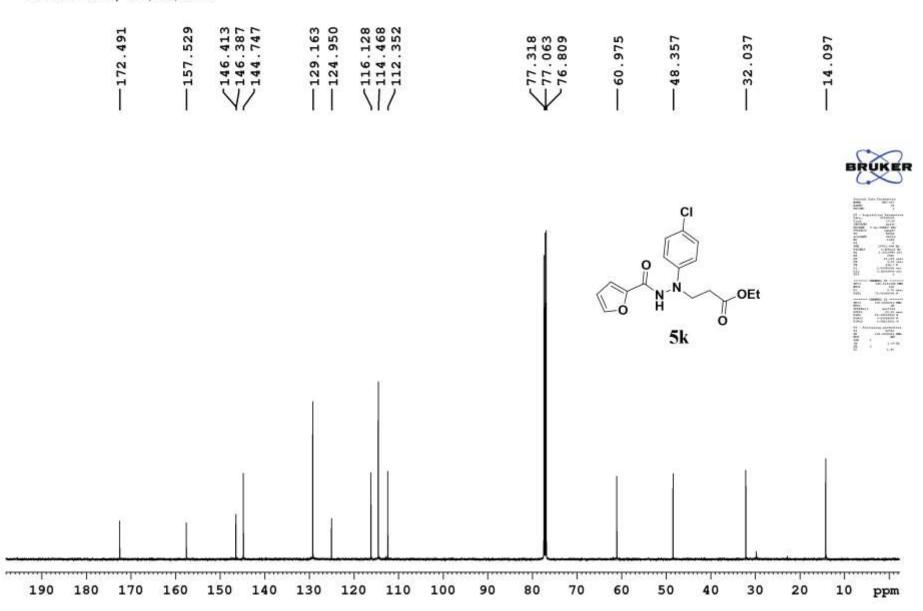


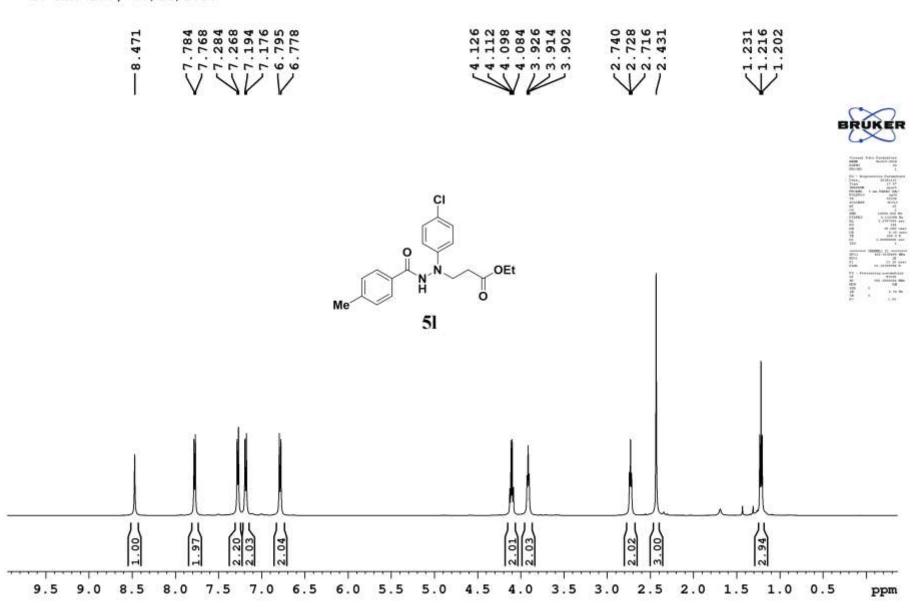


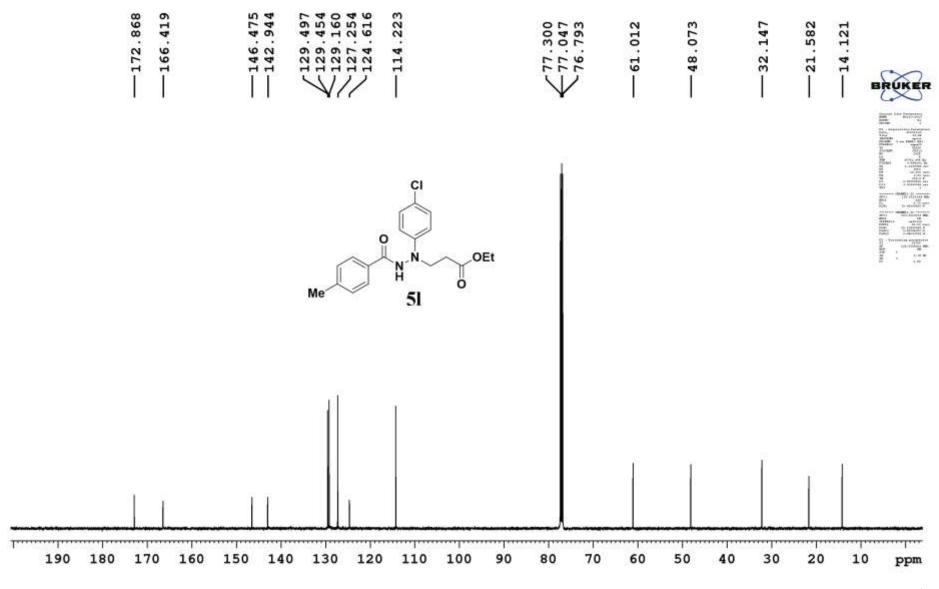


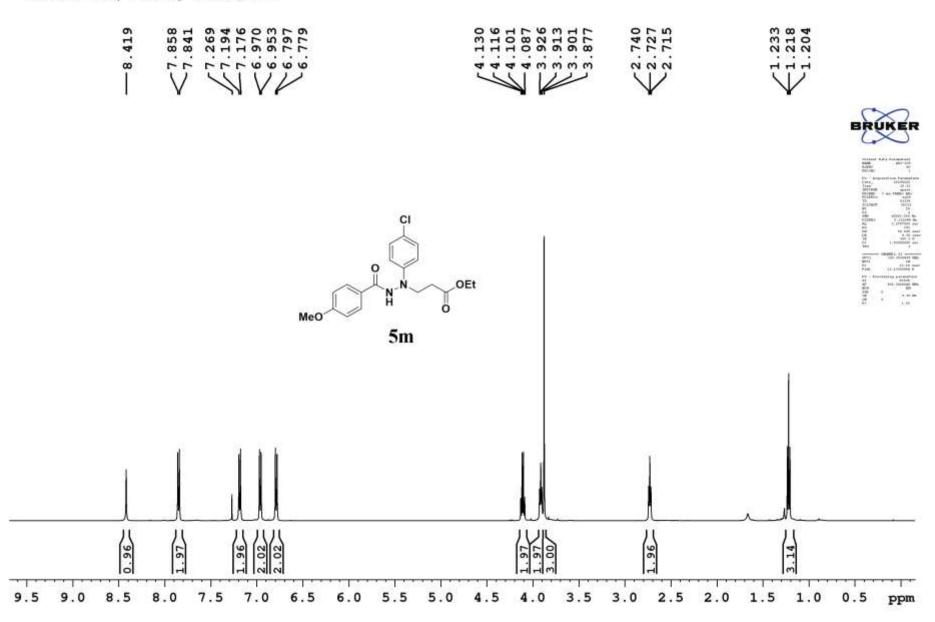


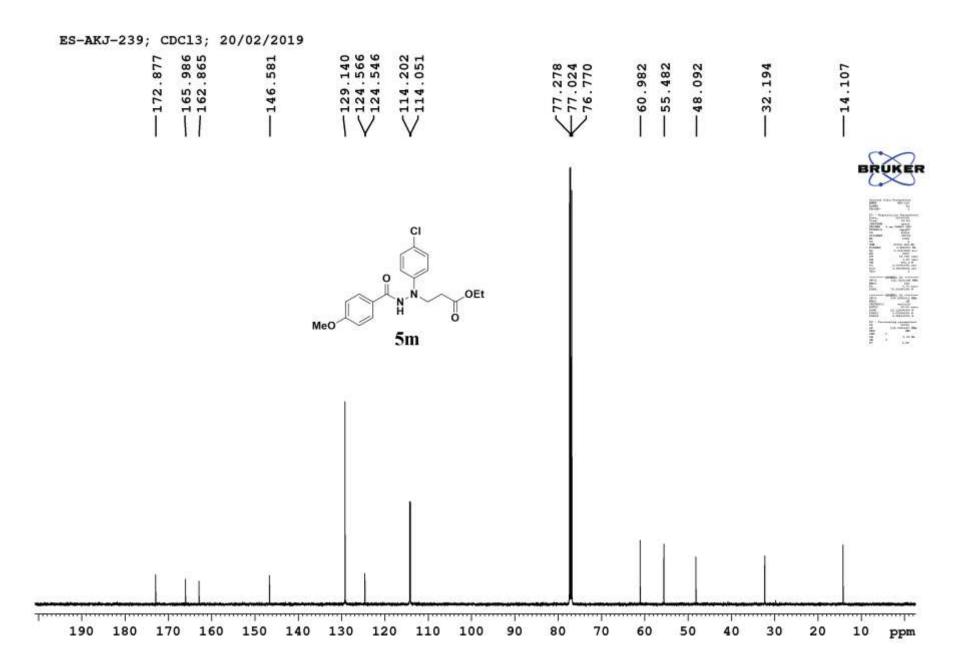


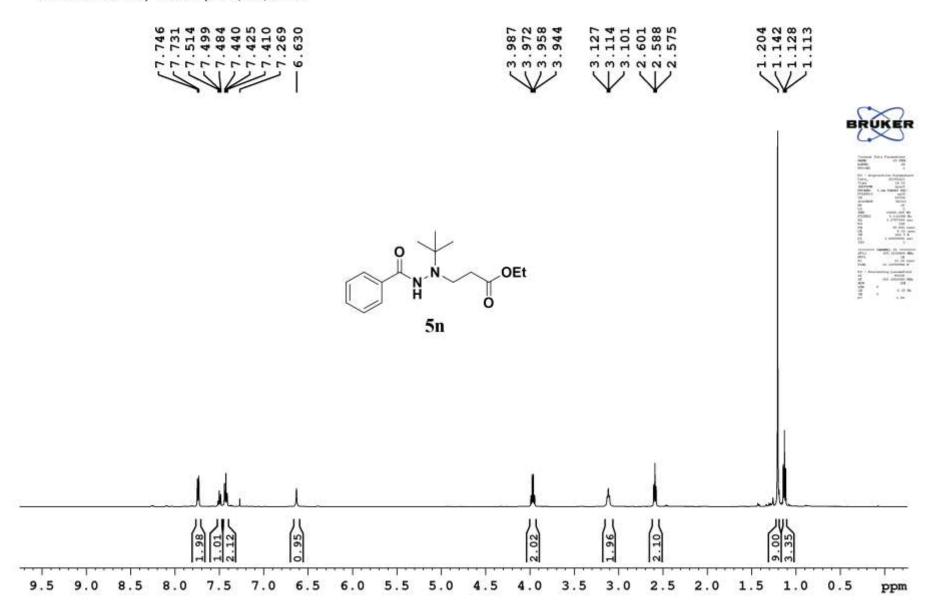


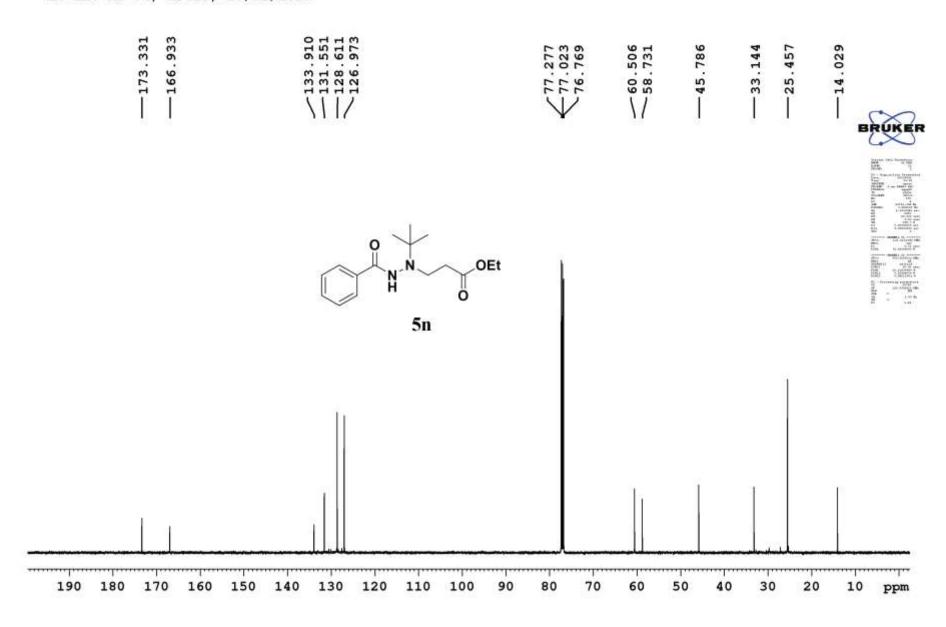


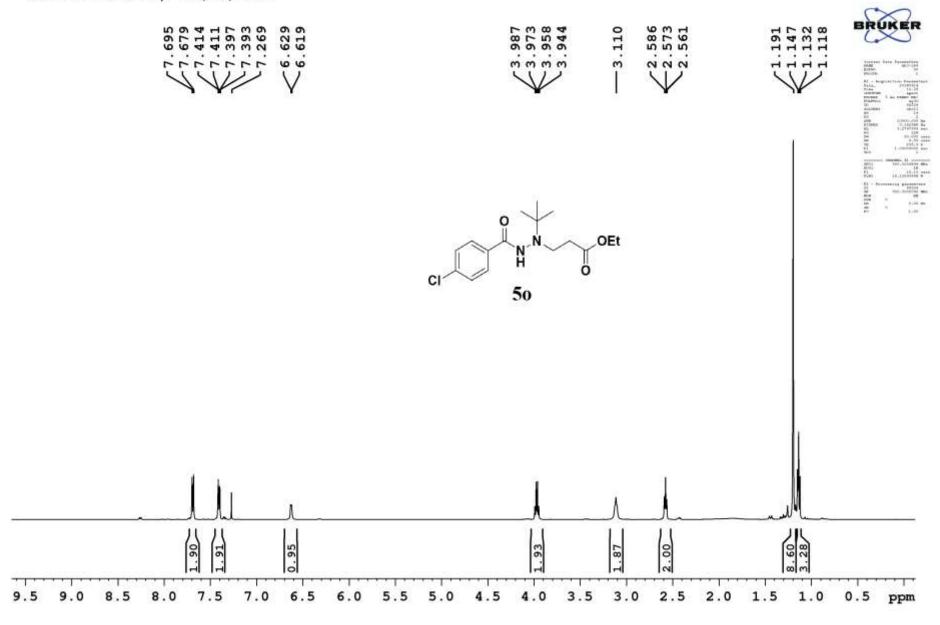


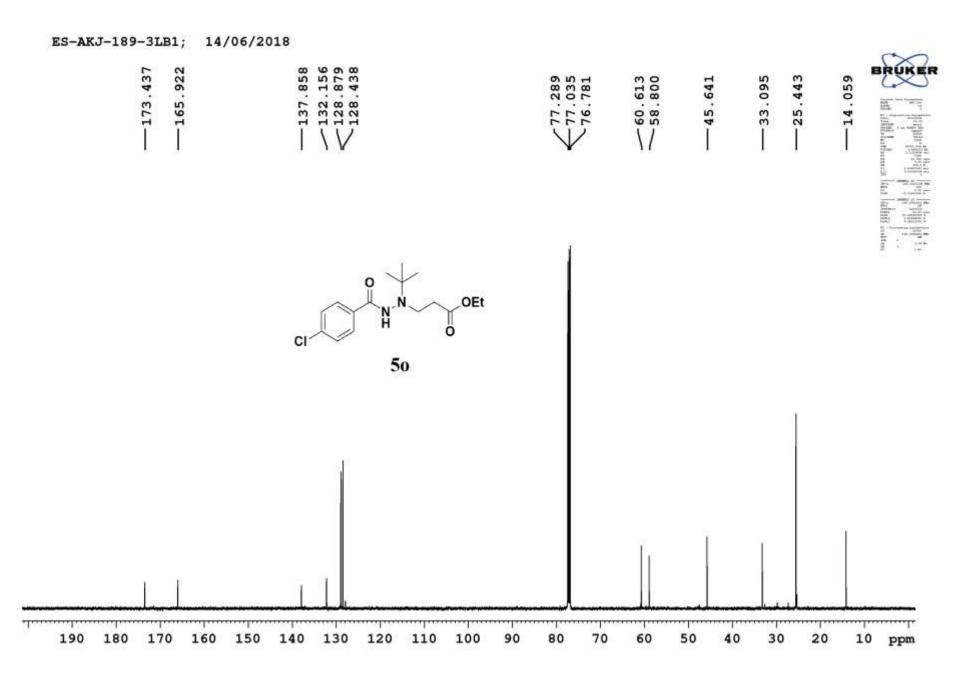


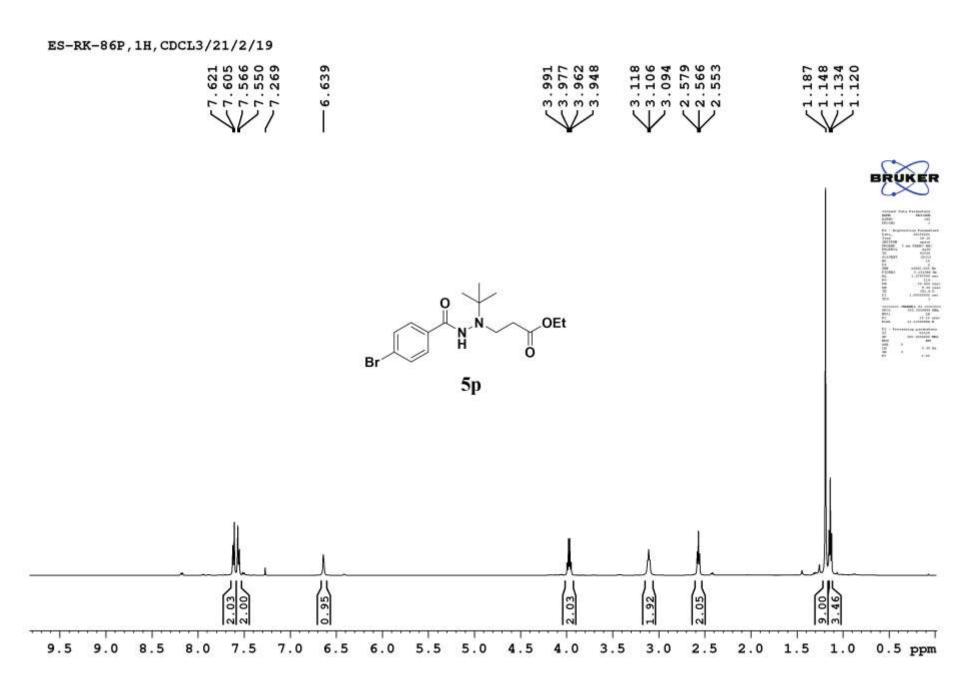


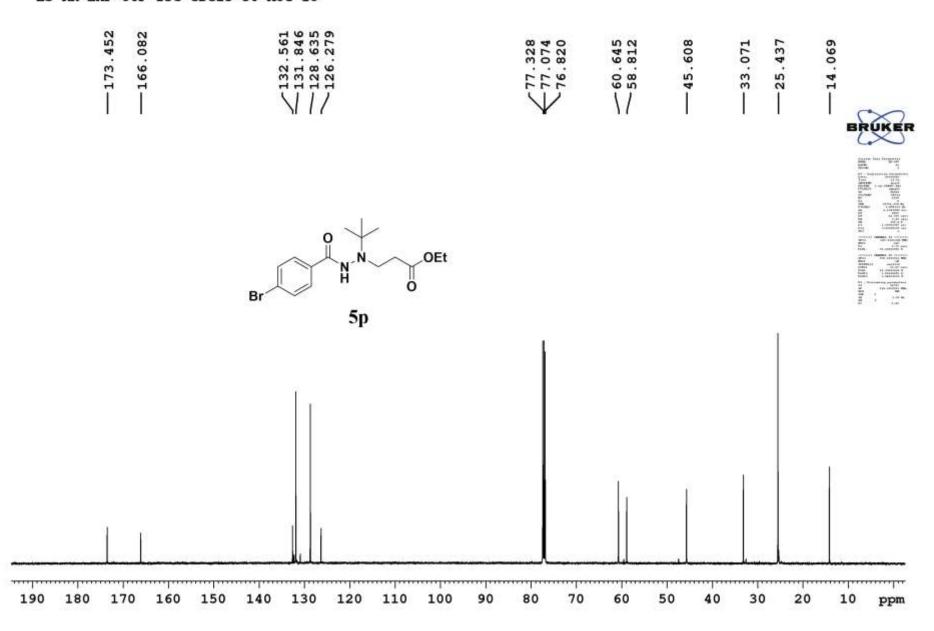


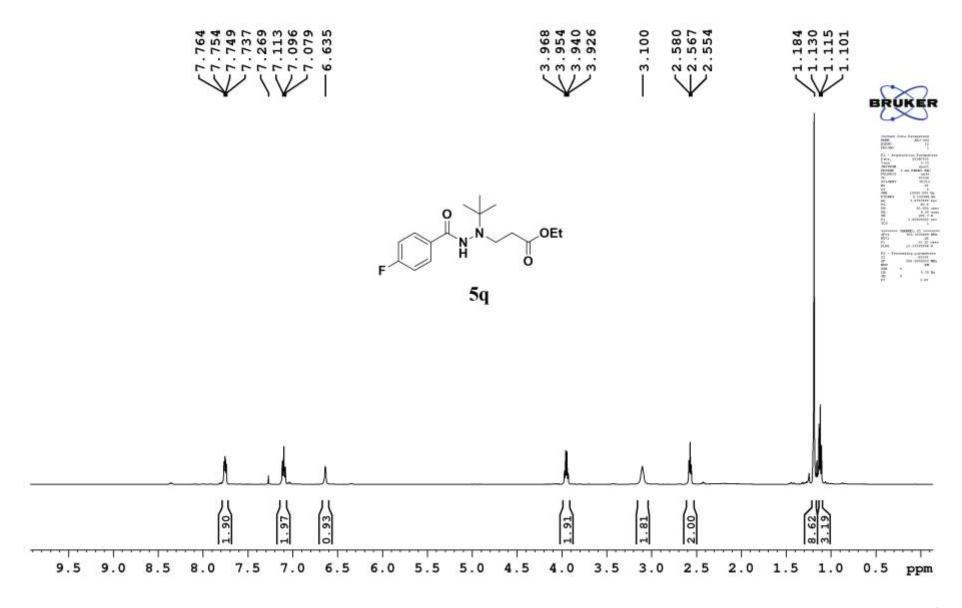


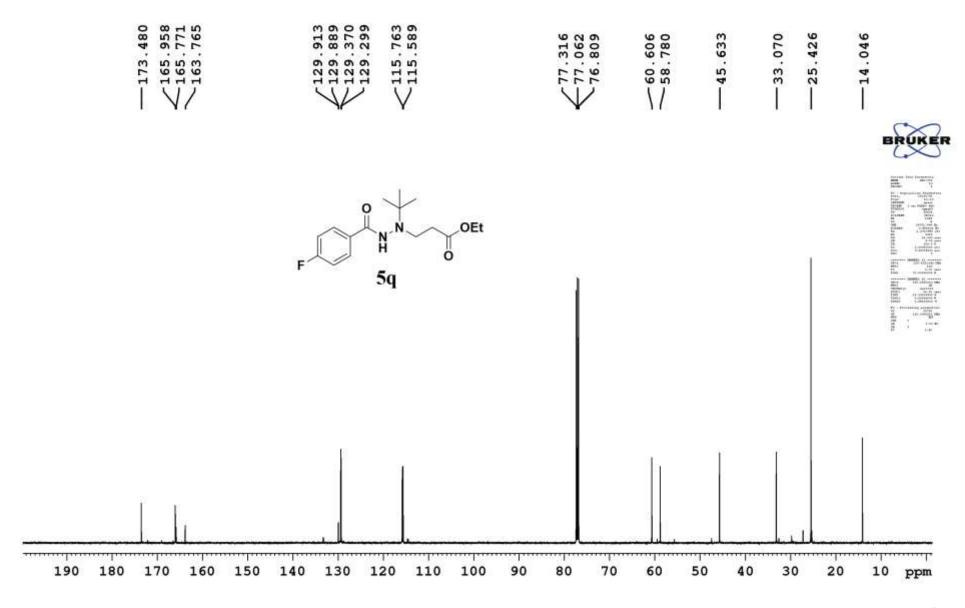


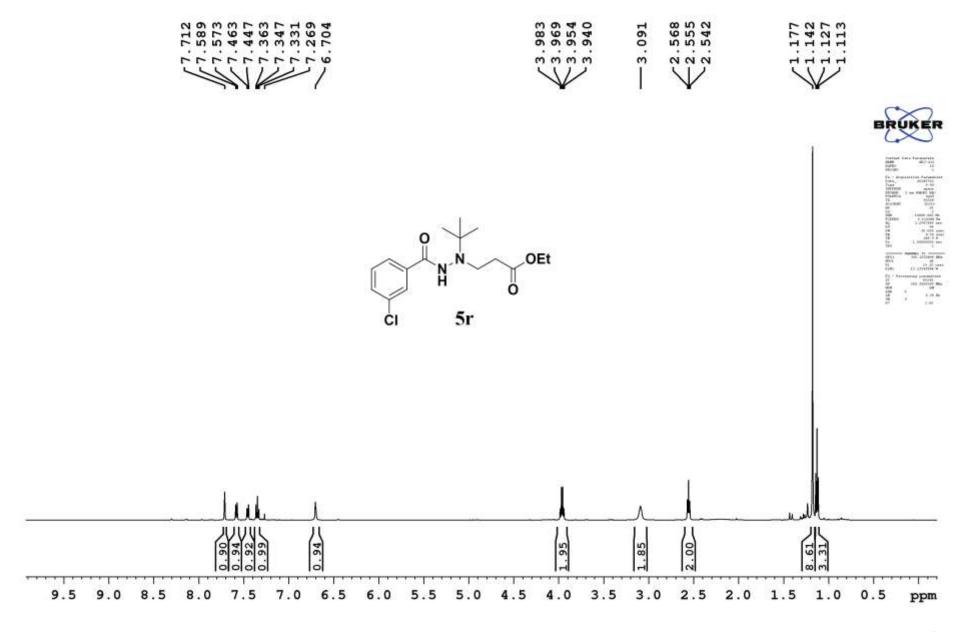


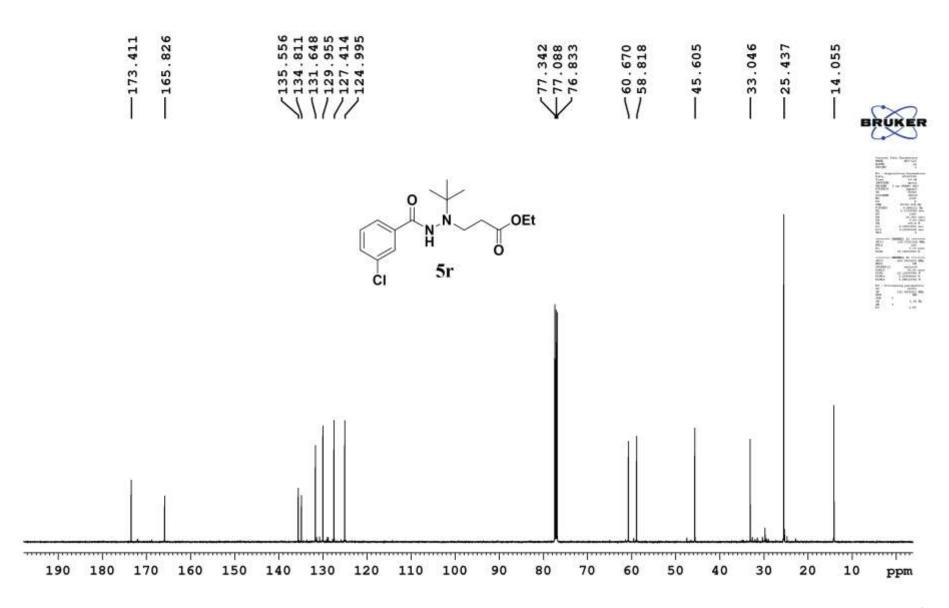


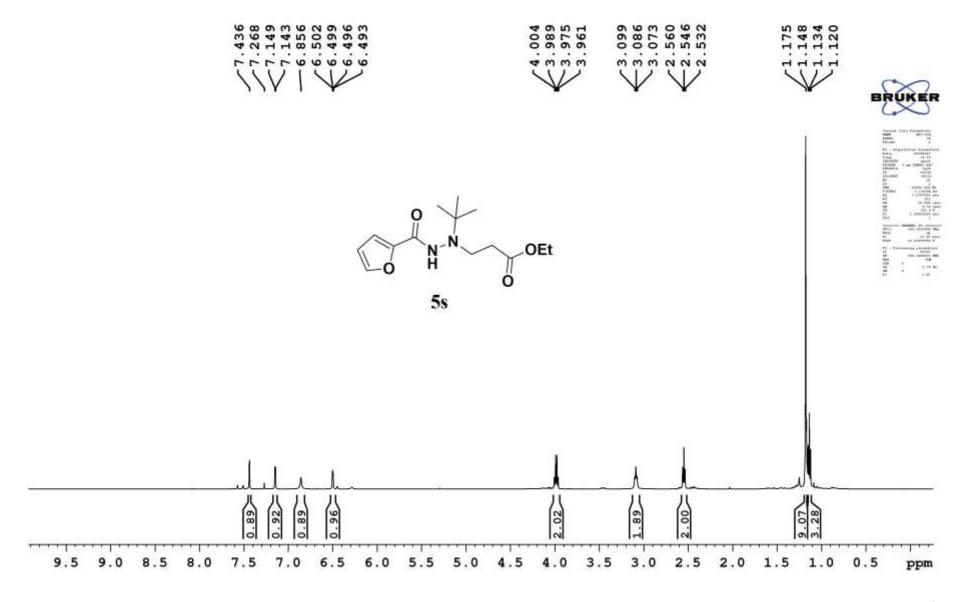


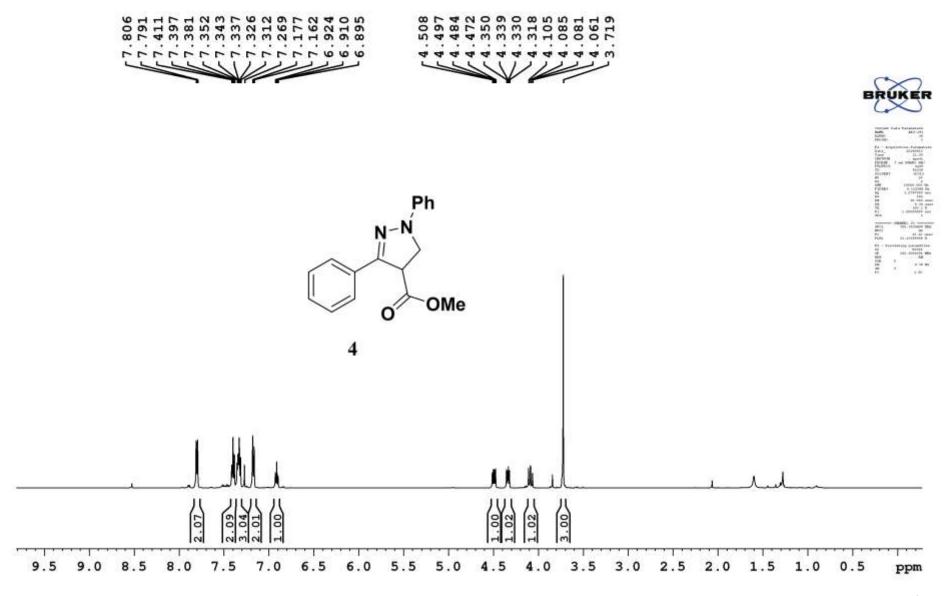


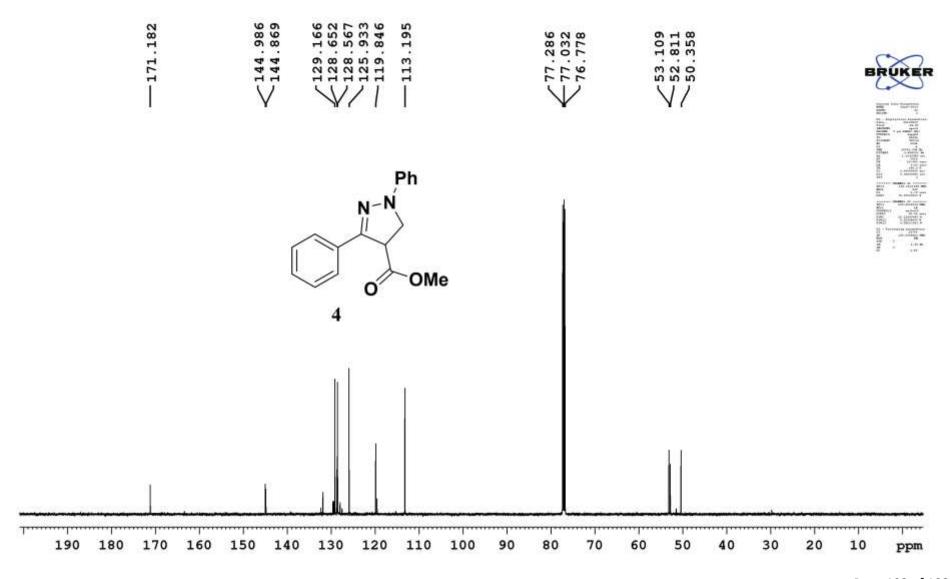


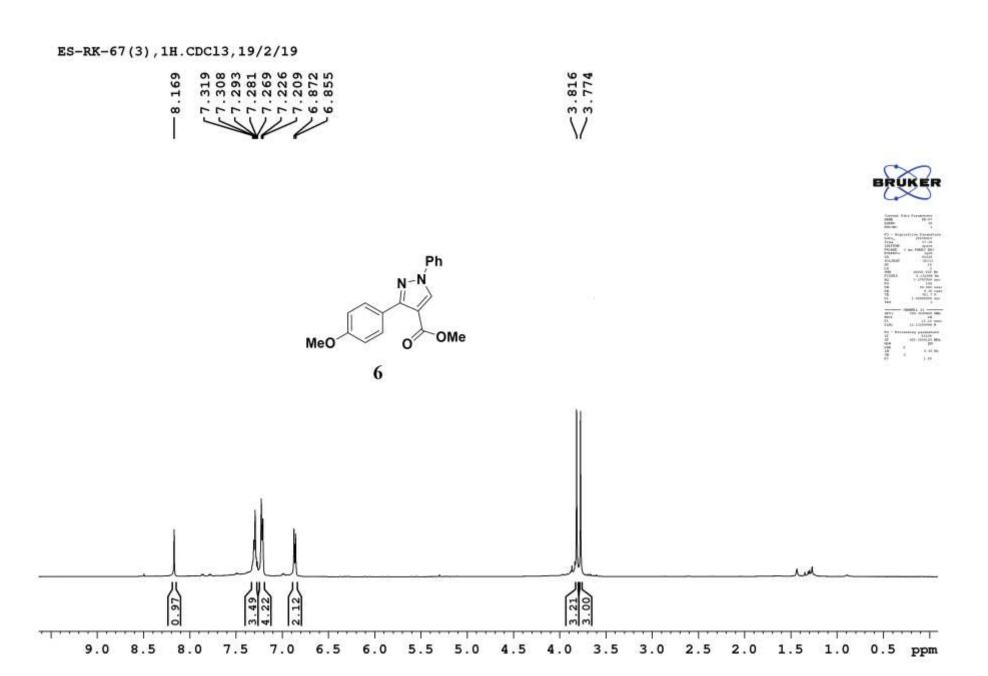


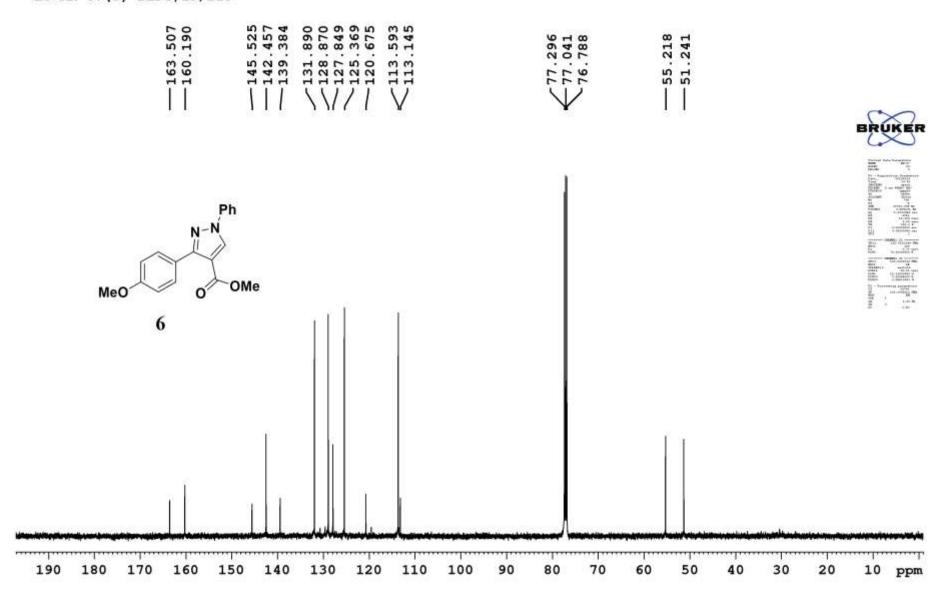


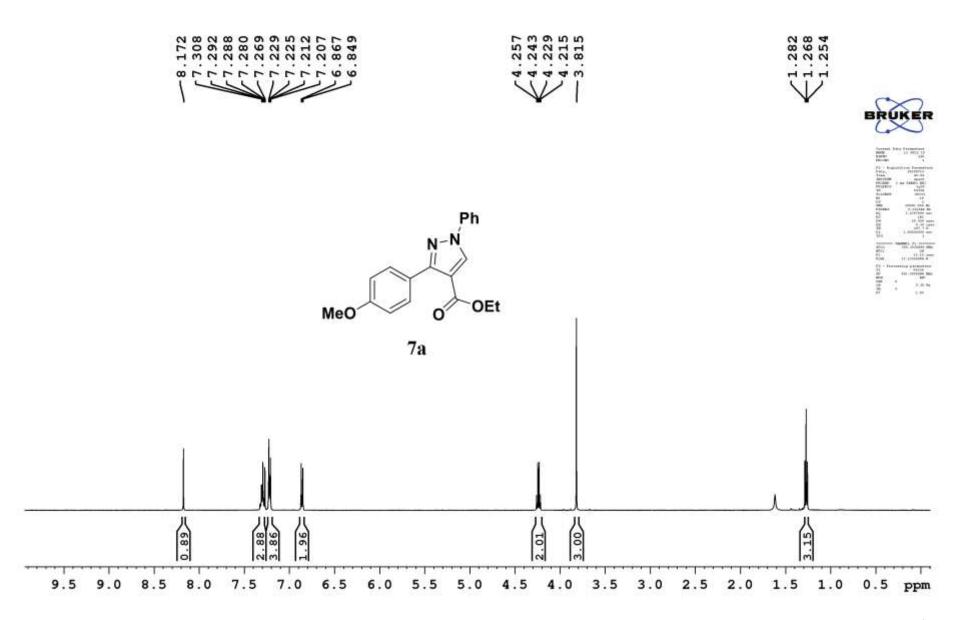












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