

Supporting Information

Cleavage and Reassembly C \equiv C Bonds of Ynones to Access Highly Functionalized Ketones

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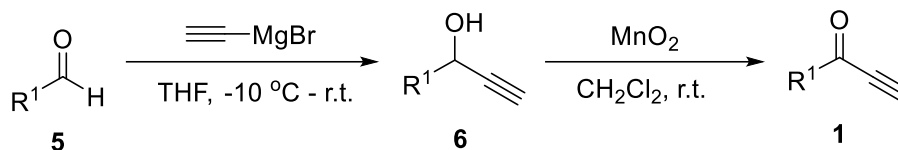
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General methods:

All reactions were carried out in flame or oven-dried glassware under nitrogen atmosphere with freshly distilled dry solvents under anhydrous conditions unless otherwise indicated. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200 - 300 mesh). Chromatograms were visualized by fluorescence quenching with UV light at 254 nm or by staining with base solution of potassium permanganate and molybdate. NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on 400 MHz Bruker spectrometers and 400 MHz JEOL spectrometers. The residual solvent signals were taken as the reference (0.00 ppm for ^1H NMR spectra and 77.0 ppm for ^{13}C NMR spectra in CDCl_3). Chemical shift (δ) is reported in ppm, coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. The following abbreviations classify the multiplicity: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet. HRMS (ESI) spectra were recorded on a Waters Q-Tof premier TM mass spectrometer.

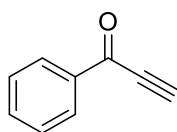
General procedure for ynones **1** and their spectral data:



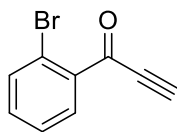
Ethynylmagnesium bromide (0.50 M solution in THF 12 mL, 1.2 equiv.) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of aldehyde **5** (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) at -10 °C. The mixture was kept stirring at -10 °C for 20 minutes and warmed to room temperature for additional two hours. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The organic layers were combined and dried with anhydrous MgSO_4 . It was evaporated under reduced pressure to give intermediate alcohol **6**, which was used in next step directly.

The crude alcohol **6** was dissolved in dichloromethane and treated with activated MnO_2 (10 equiv.). After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the solid was removed by filtration of the reaction mixture through a pad of celite. Then it was extracted with ethyl acetate and dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Then the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography to give the desired ynones **1**.

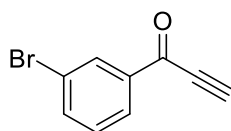
1-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**1a**):



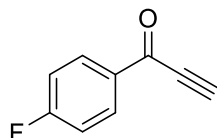
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.38). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 86% yield (559.0 mg), Mp. 44 - 45 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 - 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.66 - 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.52 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 3.50 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.4, 136.1, 134.5, 129.7, 128.7, 80.8, 80.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}$: 131.0497. Found: 131.0495.

1-(2-bromophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1b):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.60). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 93% yield (967.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 - 8.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 - 7.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.54 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.3, 135.7, 135.1, 133.8, 133.7, 127.3, 121.2, 81.6, 80.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{BrO}$: 208.9602. Found: 208.9597.

1-(3-bromophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1c):

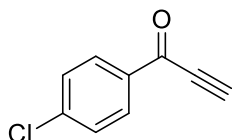
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.41). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 89% yield (925.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.09 - 8.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.76 - 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 - 7.37 (m, 1H), 3.53 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.8, 137.7, 137.3, 132.4, 130.2, 128.1, 122.9, 81.7, 79.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{BrO}$: 208.9602. Found: 208.9599.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1d):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.55). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 70% yield (518.0 mg), Mp. 43 - 44 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 - 8.17 (m, 2H), 7.19 - 7.15 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.7, 166.6 (d, J = 256.0 Hz), 132.6

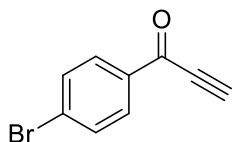
(d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 132.3 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 115.9 (d, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 81.1, 79.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -102.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{FO}$: 149.0403. Found: 149.0403.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1e):



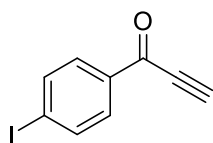
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.58). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 75% yield (615.0 mg), Mp. 94 - 95 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 - 8.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 - 7.47 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.1, 141.2, 134.5, 130.1, 129.1, 81.3, 79.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{ClO}$: 165.0107. Found: 165.0109.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1f):



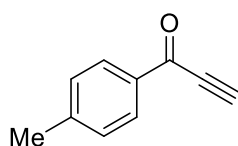
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.73). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 98% yield (1019.2 mg), Mp. 109 - 110 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 - 8.00 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 - 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.3, 134.9, 132.1, 131.0, 130.1, 81.4, 79.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{BrO}$: 208.9602. Found: 208.9607.

1-(4-Iodophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1g):



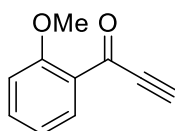
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.68). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 58% yield (742.1 mg), Mp. 117 - 118 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 - 7.82 (m, 4H), 3.48 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.6, 138.1, 135.4, 130.8, 103.2, 81.4, 79.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{IO}$: 256.9463. Found: 256.6466.

1-(*p*-Tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1h):



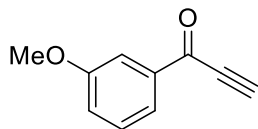
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.54). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 95% yield (684.5 mg), Mp. 35 - 36 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 - 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.0, 145.7, 133.8, 129.8, 129.3, 80.4, 80.3, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{O}$: 145.0653. Found: 145.0655.

1-(2-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1i):



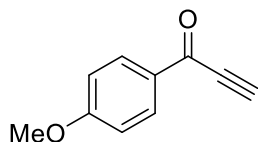
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.58). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 91% yield (728.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 - 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.57 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.06 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.0, 160.0, 135.5, 133.2, 125.7, 120.2, 112.1, 82.1, 79.3, 55.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{O}_2$: 161.0603. Found: 161.0600.

1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1j):



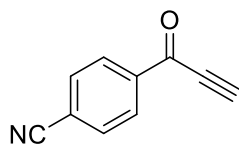
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.58). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 83% yield (664.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 - 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.64 - 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.43 - 7.39 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 - 7.17 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.1, 159.7, 137.4, 129.7, 123.0, 121.4, 112.7, 80.7, 80.2, 55.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{O}_2$: 161.0603. Found: 161.0605.

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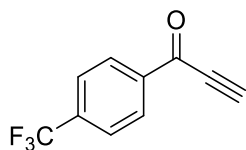


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.45). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 80% yield (640.4 mg), Mp. 72 - 73 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 - 8.12 (m, 2H), 6.97 - 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.9, 164.7, 132.1, 129.5, 113.9, 80.3, 80.1, 55.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{O}_2$: 161.0603. Found: 161.0600.

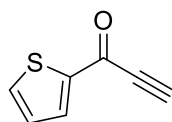
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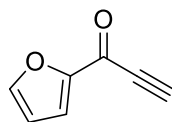
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.34). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 86% yield (666.5 mg), Mp. 99 - 100 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 - 8.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.84 - 7.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.7, 138.7, 132.5, 129.9, 117.6, 117.5, 82.7, 79.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{NO}$: 156.0449. Found: 156.0451.

1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1m):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.68). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 59% yield (584.1 mg), Mp. 65 - 66 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 - 8.26 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.76 (m, 2H), 3.57 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.2, 138.5, 135.5 (q, J = 32.5 Hz), 129.9, 125.7 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.4 (q, J = 271.4 Hz), 82.1, 79.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ - 63.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{F}_3\text{O}$: 199.0371. Found: 199.0375.

1-(Thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1n):

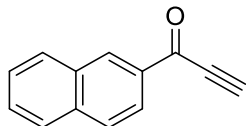
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.40). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 84% yield (571.2 mg), Mp. 39 - 40 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 - 7.98 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 - 7.76 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 - 7.18 (m, 1H), 3.40 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.1, 144.0, 136.2, 136.0, 128.4, 79.8, 79.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{OS}$: 137.0061. Found: 137.0065.

1-(Furan-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1o):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.40). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 77% yield (462.0 mg), Mp. 44 - 45 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 6.54 (m, 1H), 3.29 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.7, 152.6, 148.5, 122.1, 112.8, 79.5, 79.5;

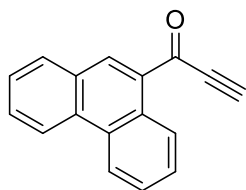
HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_7H_5O_2$: 121.0290. Found: 121.0287.

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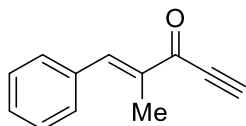
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.63). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 90% yield (810.5 mg), Mp. 91 - 92 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.13 - 8.11 (m, 1H), 8.00 - 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.89 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.65 - 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.57 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 3.51 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 177.3, 136.2, 133.6, 133.3, 132.3, 129.8, 129.2, 128.6, 127.9, 127.0, 123.5, 80.7, 80.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{13}H_9O$: 181.0653. Found: 181.0655.

1-(Phenanthren-9-yl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1q):



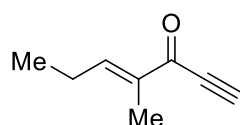
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.55). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 67% yield (770.8 mg), Mp. 89 - 90 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.80 - 9.15 (m, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.63 - 8.57 (m, 2H), 7.96 - 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 - 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.64 - 7.56 (m, 3H), 3.42 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 178.7, 139.0, 133.0, 130.9, 130.7, 130.6, 130.3, 129.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 126.7, 122.8, 122.7, 81.6, 79.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{17}H_{11}O$: 231.0810. Found: 231.0805.

(E)-2-Methyl-1-phenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-one (1r):



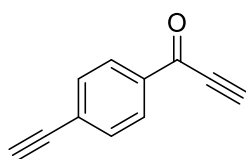
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.69). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 61% yield (518.8 mg), Mp. 43 - 44 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.43 - 7.30 (m, 5H), 3.27 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 180.0, 146.6, 137.6, 135.2, 130.1, 129.4, 128.6, 80.0, 79.7, 12.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}$: 171.0810. Found: 171.0811.

(*E*)-4-Methylhept-4-en-1-yn-3-one (1s):



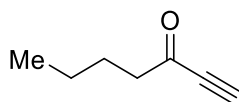
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.80). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 70% yield (427.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.20 - 7.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 1H), 2.38 - 2.30 (m, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.15 - 1.11 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.6, 153.1, 137.5, 79.6, 79.0, 22.7, 12.7, 10.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{O}$: 123.0810. Found: 123.0811.

1-(4-Ethynylphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (1t):



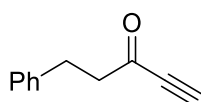
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.60). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 54% yield (415.8 mg), Mp. 97 - 98 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 - 8.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 - 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.4, 135.7, 132.3, 129.5, 128.3, 82.6, 81.4, 81.3, 80.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{O}$: 155.0497. Found: 155.0501.

Hept-1-yn-3-one (1v):



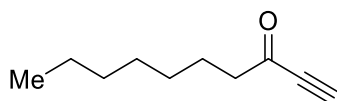
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/39, R_f = 0.55). The product was obtained as colorless oil in 35% yield (192.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.19 (s, 1H), 2.54 - 2.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 - 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.33 - 1.24 (m, 2H), 0.87 - 0.83 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.5, 81.3, 78.3, 45.0, 25.7, 21.9, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{11}\text{O}$: 111.0810. Found: 111.0814.

5-Phenylpent-1-yn-3-one (1w):

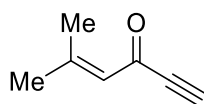


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.55). The product was obtained as colorless oil in 61% yield (582.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 - 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.22 (s, 1H), 2.98 - 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.91 - 2.87 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.1, 139.8, 128.4, 128.2, 126.2, 81.2, 78.9, 46.7, 29.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}$: 159.0810. Found: 159.0812.

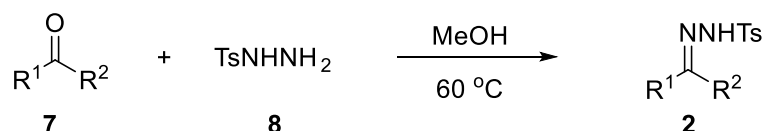
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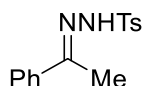
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/39, R_f = 0.35). The product was obtained as colorless oil in 47% yield (357.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.20 (s, 1H), 2.60 - 2.57 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.70 - 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.31 - 1.28 (m, 8H), 0.90 - 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.6, 81.4, 78.2, 45.4, 31.5, 28.9, 28.8, 23.7, 22.5, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$: 153.1279. Found: 153.1277.

5-Methylhex-4-en-1-yn-3-one (1z):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.80). The product was obtained as colorless oil in 83% yield (448.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.20 (m, 1H), 3.18 (s, 1H), 2.23 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.96 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.5, 159.7, 125.2, 83.6, 76.7, 27.8, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_9\text{O}$: 109.0653. Found: 109.0650.

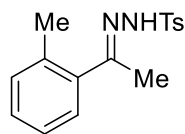
General procedure for synthesis of *N*-tosylhydrazones:

The carbonyl compound **7** (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added to a solution of TsNHNH_2 **8** (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in methanol (20 mL) at 60 °C. The reaction mixture was then stirred at 60 °C until **7** was consumed completely (monitor by TLC). The solution was cooled down to 0 °C, at which point the product precipitated out of solution in most cases (precipitation can be induced by addition of pentane). The precipitate was collected by vacuum filtration and washed with pentane to give the pure *N*-tosylhydrazones **2**.

(*E*)-4-Methyl-*N'*-(1-phenylethylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (2a):

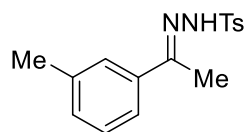
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 95% yield (2737.0 mg), Mp. 128 - 129 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.95 - 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.64 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.33 - 7.30 (m, 5H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.7, 144.1, 137.2, 135.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.2, 128.0, 126.2, 21.5, 13.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 289.1011. Found: 289.1014.

(E)-4-Methyl-N'-(1-(*o*-tolyl)ethylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (2b):



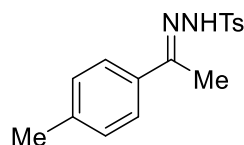
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 95% yield (2870.0 mg), Mp. 115 - 116 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.91 - 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22 - 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15 - 7.09 (m, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 144.1, 138.5, 135.7, 135.5, 130.8, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 125.6, 21.6, 20.3, 17.4, 17.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₂O₂S: 303.1167. Found: 303.1171.

(E)-4-Methyl-N'-(1-(*m*-tolyl)ethylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (2c):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 93% yield (2808.5 mg), Mp. 120 - 121 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.96 - 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.42 (s, 2H), 7.28 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.19 - 7.13 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 143.9, 137.6, 137.1, 135.2, 130.1, 129.4, 128.0, 127.9, 126.8, 123.3, 21.4, 21.3, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₂O₂S: 303.1167. Found: 303.1168.

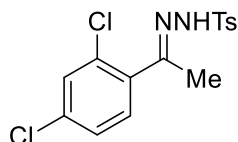
(E)-4-Methyl-N'-(1-(*p*-tolyl)ethylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (2d):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 91% yield (2749.1 mg), Mp. 157 - 158 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.93 - 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.55 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.30 (m,

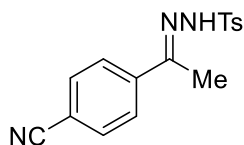
2H), 7.14 - 7.12 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.8, 144.0, 139.6, 135.3, 134.4, 129.5, 128.9, 128.0, 126.1, 21.6, 21.2, 13.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 303.1167. Found: 303.1168.

(*E*)-*N'*-(1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (2i):



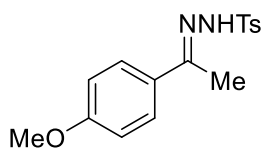
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 98% yield (3488.4 mg), Mp. 164 - 165 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.89 - 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.21 - 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 - 7.14 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.5, 144.3, 136.6, 135.2, 132.9, 131.1, 129.6, 128.0, 127.1, 21.6, 17.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 357.0231. Found: 357.0233.

(*E*)-*N'*-(1-(4-cyanophenyl)ethylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (2l):



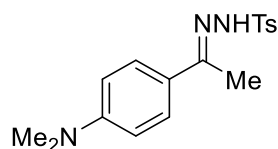
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 88% yield (2755.3 mg), Mp. 189 - 190 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.92 - 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.75 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.64 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.9, 144.6, 141.3, 135.0, 132.1, 129.7, 128.0, 126.7, 118.5, 112.8, 21.6, 13.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 314.0963. Found: 314.0961.

(*E*)-*N'*-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (2m):



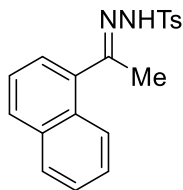
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 89% yield (2831.1 mg), Mp. 156 - 157 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.60 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.85 - 6.83 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 152.7, 144.0, 135.4, 129.8, 129.5, 128.1, 127.7, 113.6, 55.3, 21.6, 13.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₂O₃S: 319.1116. Found: 319.1118.

(*E*)-*N'*-(1-(4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl)ethylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (2n):



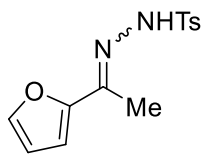
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 85% yield (2814.4 mg), Mp. 158 - 159 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 - 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.57 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.31 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.64 - 6.62 (m, 2H), 2.97 (s, 6H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.6, 151.3, 143.8, 135.5, 129.5, 128.1, 127.4, 124.8, 111.4, 40.1, 21.6, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂N₃O₂S: 332.1433. Found: 332.1433.

(*E*)-4-Methyl-*N'*-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (2o):



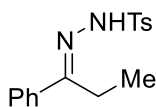
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 45% yield (1521.5 mg), Mp. 163 - 164 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 - 7.91 (m, 3H), 7.85 - 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.48 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.33 (m, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.6, 144.2, 136.5, 135.5, 133.8, 130.3, 129.7, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.4, 126.2, 125.9, 125.4, 124.9, 21.6, 18.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₂S: 339.1167. Found: 339.1168.

***N'*-(1-(Furan-2-yl)ethylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (2p):**



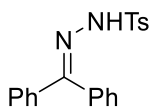
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in a *cis* : *trans* of 1 : 1 in 87% yield (2419.5 mg), Mp. 139 - 140 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.49 (s, 0.39H), 7.92 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.32 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.70 - 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.52 - 6.40 (m, 1H), 2.42 & 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.18 & 2.10 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.1, 148.7, 145.5, 144.1, 144.1, 144.0, 144.0, 138.2, 135.5, 135.2, 129.5, 129.5, 128.0, 127.9, 114.7, 111.7, 111.5, 110.7, 21.6, 21.6, 20.9, 12.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N₂O₃S: 278.0803. Found: 278.0806.

(*E*)-4-Methyl-*N'*-(1-phenylpropylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (2r):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 88% yield (2649.7 mg), Mp. 109 - 110 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 - 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.33 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.08 - 7.06 (m, 2H), 2.51 - 2.46 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.04 - 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 143.9, 135.2, 132.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 127.8, 126.6, 31.4, 21.6, 10.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉N₂O₂S: 302.1167. Found: 302.1169.

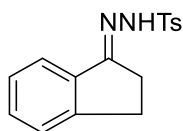
***N'*-(Diphenylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (2s):**



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 88% yield (3080.9 mg), Mp. 134 - 135 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 - 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.56 - 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.45 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.34 -

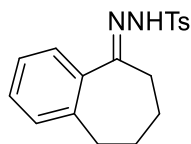
7.28 (m, 5H), 7.13 - 7.11 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.2, 144.1, 136.4, 135.4, 131.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 351.1167. Found: 351.1167.

(*E*)-*N'*-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide (2u):



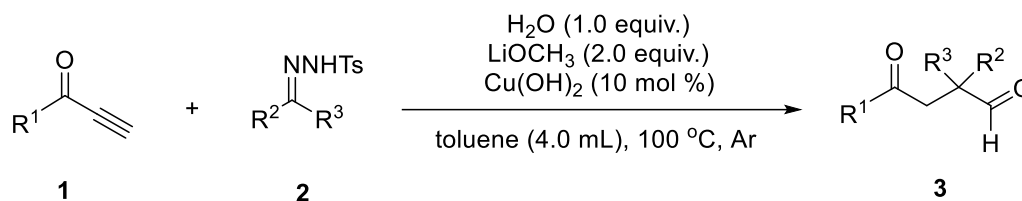
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 60% yield (1800.6 mg), Mp. 183 - 184 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.71 - 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.34 - 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.27 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 3.07 - 3.04 (m, 2H), 2.64 - 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.3, 148.3, 144.0, 137.0, 135.4, 130.9, 129.5, 128.0, 127.0, 125.3, 122.1, 28.4, 26.6, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 301.1011. Found: 301.1011.

(*E*)-4-Methyl-*N'*-(6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-ylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (2w):



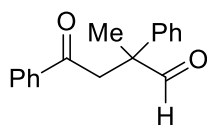
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid in 68% yield (2231.1 mg), Mp. 139 - 140 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.85 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 - 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11 - 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.97 - 6.95 (m, 1H), 2.56 - 2.52 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.35 - 2.32 (m, 5H), 1.65 - 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.50 - 1.44 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.5, 144.0, 138.7, 137.2, 135.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 126.4, 31.1, 27.4, 25.3, 21.5, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 329.1324. Found: 329.1328.

General procedure for 1,4-ketoaldehydes and their spectral data:



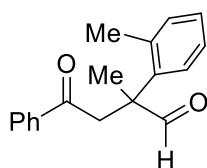
A mixture of **1** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2** (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$ (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), LiOCH_3 (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), H_2O (3.6 μL , 1.0 equiv.) and toluene (4.0 mL) was sealed in a Schlenk tube under argon protection at 100 °C and the mixture was stirred for 24 h or until the **1** was consumed completely. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography to give the desired product **3**.

2-Methyl-4-oxo-2,4-diphenylbutanal (**3aa**):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.45). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 94% yield (47.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.57 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.29 - 7.25 (m, 1 H), 3.75 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.6, 197.3, 139.9, 136.9, 133.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.5, 127.0, 51.9, 46.2, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$: 253.1229. Found: 253.1228.

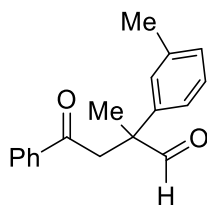
2-Methyl-4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(*o*-tolyl)butanal (**3ab**):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24

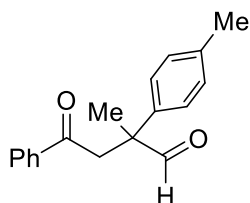
h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.60). The product was obtained as yellow oil in yield: 68% (36.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.92 (s, 1H), 7.89 - 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.56 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.44 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.27 - 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 - 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.84 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.0, 197.6, 138.5, 136.9, 135.7, 133.2, 132.4, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.3, 52.6, 45.8, 22.0, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$: 267.1385. Found: 267.1387.

2-Methyl-4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(*m*-tolyl)butanal (3ac):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.47). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 81% yield (43.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.95 - 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.14 - 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.10 - 7.08 (m, 1H), 3.74 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.4, 197.3, 139.5, 138.5, 136.7, 133.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 123.8, 51.6, 45.9, 21.6, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$: 267.1385. Found: 267.1385.

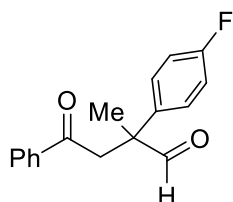
2-Methyl-4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)butanal (3ad):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.39). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 91% yield (48.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.57 - 7.54 (m,

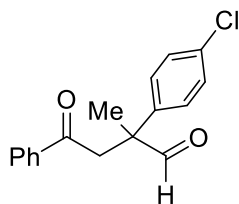
1H), 7.46 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.16 (m, 4H), 3.73 (d, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.4, 197.2, 137.1, 136.8, 136.5, 133.3, 129.6, 128.5, 128.0, 126.7, 51.4, 45.9, 20.9, 20.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$: 267.1385. Found: 267.1385.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ae):



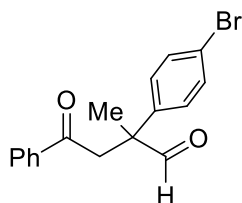
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, $R_f = 0.57$). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 78% yield (42.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.56 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.08 - 7.04 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 197.0, 163.1, 160.7, 136.6, 135.3, 133.5, 128.6 ($J = 8.0$ Hz), 128.3 ($J = 59.8$ Hz), 115.7 ($J = 21.1$ Hz), 51.2, 46.1, 20.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -114.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FO}_2$: 271.1134. Found: 271.1134.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3af):



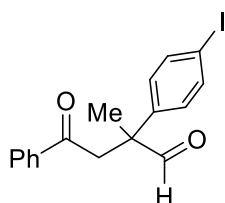
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, $R_f = 0.48$). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 69% yield (34.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.47 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.26 (m, 4H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 196.8, 138.2, 136.5, 133.5, 133.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 51.3, 46.0, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClO}_2$: 287.0839. Found: 287.0840.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ag):



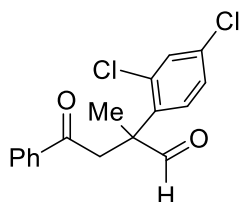
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.31). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 86% yield (56.8 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.92 (d, 2H), 7.59 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50 - 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.22 - 7.20 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 1.65 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 196.8, 138.8, 136.4, 133.5, 131.9, 128.6, 128.0, 121.5, 51.4, 46.0, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrO}_2$: 331.0334. Found: 331.0332.

2-(4-Iodophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ah):



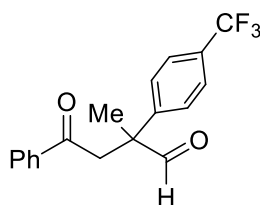
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.52). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 69% yield (52.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.69 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.47 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.09 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 196.8, 139.5, 137.9, 136.4, 133.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 51.4, 45.9, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{IO}_2$: 379.0195. Found: 379.0198.

2-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ai):



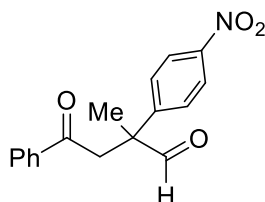
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.58). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 99% yield (63.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.89 (s, 1H), 7.91 - 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.46 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.9, 197.3, 137.1, 136.6, 134.2, 133.5, 133.5, 130.7, 130.5, 128.7, 128.0, 127.4, 52.1, 44.4, 21.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2$: 321.0449. Found: 321.0448.

2-Methyl-4-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butanal (3aj):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.48). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 53% yield (53.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.95 - 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.64 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.48 - 7.44 (m, 4H), 3.79 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 196.7, 144.1, 136.4, 133.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 125.8 (q, J = 42.6 Hz), 51.8, 46.2, 21.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$: 321.1102. Found: 321.1101.

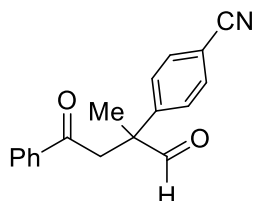
2-Methyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ak):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.50). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 32% yield (19.0 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.24 - 8.22 (m, 2H), 7.95 - 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.62 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.54 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 1.72 (s,

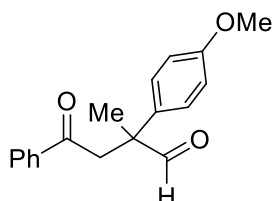
3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.5, 196.3, 147.5, 136.2, 133.8, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 123.9, 52.0, 46.4, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4$: 298.1079. Found: 298.1077.

4-(2-Methyl-1,4-dioxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)benzonitrile (3al):



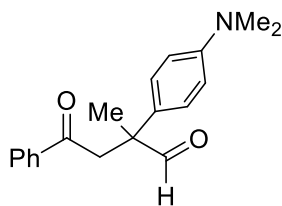
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.15). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 56% yield (31.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.77 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.68 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.62 - 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.49 - 7.46 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 1.69 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.6, 196.4, 145.5, 136.2, 133.7, 132.5, 128.8, 128.1, 127.8, 118.4, 111.3, 52.0, 46.2, 21.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$: 278.1181. Found: 278.1183.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3am):



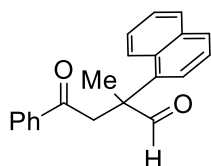
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.60). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 90% yield (50.8 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.65 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.91 - 7.89 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 197.3, 158.7, 136.8, 133.3, 131.2, 128.6, 128.1, 114.3, 55.2, 51.1, 45.9, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3$: 283.1334. Found: 283.1332.

2-(4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3an):



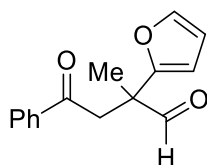
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.20). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 87% yield (51.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 7.88 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.52 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.40 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.16 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 3.63 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (s, 6H), 1.58 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.1, 197.6, 137.0, 133.2, 130.5, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 112.8, 110.6, 51.0, 45.7, 40.5, 20.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$: 296.1651. Found: 296.1647.

2-Methyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ao):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.80). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 58% yield (35.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 7.89 - 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.81 - 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.52 - 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 4.07 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.8, 197.8, 136.8, 136.1, 134.7, 133.2, 130.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 126.5, 125.8, 125.4, 125.3, 124.1, 52.8, 46.4, 22.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$: 303.1385. Found: 303.1382.

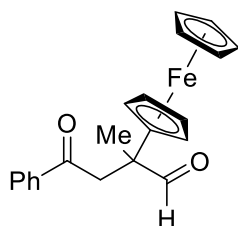
2-(Furan-2-yl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3ap):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24

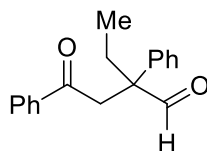
h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.51). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 64% yield (31.0 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.74 (s, 1H), 7.96 - 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.60 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.48 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.37 (m, 1H), 6.36 - 6.34 (m, 1H), 6.25 - 6.24 (m, 1H), 3.81 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.0, 196.9, 153.4, 142.6, 136.5, 133.4, 128.6, 128.1, 110.6, 107.1, 49.1, 44.3, 19.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$: 243.1021. Found: 243.1023.

2-(Ferrocenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanal (3aq):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.56). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 38% yield (27.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.86 (s, 1H), 7.92 - 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 4.22 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (s, 5H), 4.10 - 4.08 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.0, 197.4, 136.6, 133.3, 128.6, 128.1, 88.4, 68.8, 68.6, 68.3, 66.2, 65.8, 48.3, 46.0, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{FeO}_2$: 361.0891. Found: 361.0890.

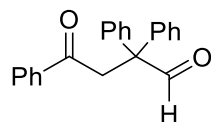
2-Ethyl-4-oxo-2,4-diphenylbutanal (3ar):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.46). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 63% yield (33.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.97 - 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.60 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.27 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 2.36 - 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.11 - 2.01 (m, 1H), 0.79 - 0.75 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

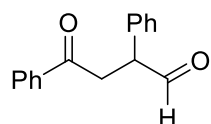
202.8, 197.3, 158.5, 138.5, 136.5, 133.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.3, 127.2, 55.7, 42.2, 27.3, 8.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}O_2$: 267.1385. Found: 267.1385.

4-oxo-2,2,4-Triphenylbutanal (3as):



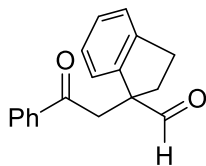
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.53). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 91% yield (57.2 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.19 (s, 1H), 7.92 - 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.55 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.43 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 - 7.23 (m, 6H), 4.18 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.6, 196.2, 140.4, 136.4, 133.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.2, 60.7, 46.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}O_2$: 315.1385. Found: 315.1388.

4-oxo-2,4-Diphenylbutanal (3at):



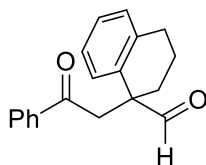
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.41). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 30% yield (14.3 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.99 - 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 4.48 - 4.45 (m, 1 H), 3.99 - 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.26 - 3.20 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 199.0, 197.3, 136.3, 135.3, 133.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 53.6, 39.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}O_2$: 239.1072. Found: 239.1074.

1-(2-oxo-2-Phenylethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-1-carbaldehyde (3au):



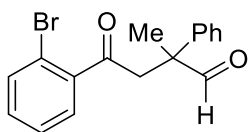
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.65). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 44% yield (23.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.88 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.51 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.39 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.15 (m, 4H), 3.90 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.08 - 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.88 - 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.20 - 2.13 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 197.3, 144.8, 141.1, 136.4, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 125.2, 124.5, 60.6, 46.2, 33.0, 30.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$: 265.1229. Found: 265.1227.

1-(2-oxo-2-Phenylethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carbaldehyde (3av):



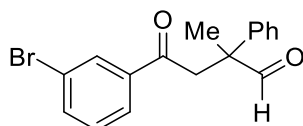
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.56). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 45% yield (25.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20 - 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.78 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88 - 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.44 - 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.23 - 2.16 (m, 1H), 1.99 - 1.82 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 197.1, 138.7, 136.9, 133.6, 133.2, 130.0, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 51.2, 47.1, 29.9, 28.7, 19.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$: 279.1385. Found: 279.1383.

4-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ba):



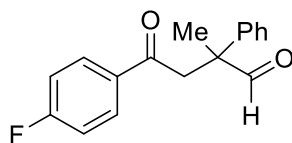
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.44). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 40% yield (26.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.57 (s, 1H), 7.51 - 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.27 - 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22 - 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.20 - 7.17 (m, 3H), 3.60 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 200.7, 141.5, 138.8, 133.6, 131.6, 128.9, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.9, 118.4, 52.4, 49.6, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrO}_2$: 331.0334. Found: 331.0331.

4-(3-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ca):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.60). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 66% yield (43.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.85 - 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.69 - 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.40 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.26 (m, 4H), 3.69 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 195.8, 139.2, 138.4, 136.1, 131.1, 130.2, 128.9, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 122.9, 51.8, 45.9, 20.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrO}_2$: 331.0334. Found: 331.0331.

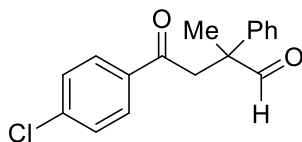
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3da):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.56). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 91% yield (49.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10 - 7.08 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.71 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.4, 195.6, 167.0, 164.5, 133.1 (J = 11.2), 130.8, 130.7, 128.9, 127.4, 126.8, 115.8, 115.6, 51.8, 45.8, 20.5;

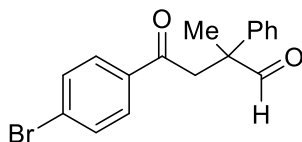
^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -104.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FO}_2$: 271.1134. Found: 271.1140.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ea):



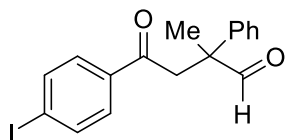
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.59). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 68% yield (38.9 mg), Mp. 70 - 71 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 7.87 - 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.70 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.3, 196.0, 139.8, 139.4, 135.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 127.5, 126.8, 51.8, 45.9, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClO}_2$: 287.0839. Found: 287.0837.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3fa):



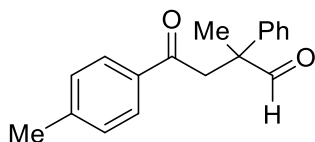
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.60). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 89% yield (58.7 mg), Mp. 70 - 71 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 7.79 - 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.69 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.2, 196.2, 139.3, 135.4, 131.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 127.4, 126.8, 51.8, 45.8, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrO}_2$: 331.0334. Found: 331.0329.

4-(4-Iodophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ga):



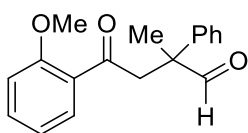
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.61). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 77% yield (58.3 mg), Mp. 69 - 70 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.62 (s, 1H), 7.74 - 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.56 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.25 - 7.18 (m, 3H), 3.61 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.3, 196.5, 139.3, 137.9, 135.9, 129.4, 128.9, 127.5, 126.8, 101.4, 51.8, 45.8, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrO}_2$: 379.0195. Found: 379.0199.

2-Methyl-4-oxo-2-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)butanal (3ha):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.58). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 81% yield (43.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.85 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.29 - 7.23 (m, 3H), 3.74 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.6, 196.8, 144.3, 139.8, 134.3, 129.3, 128.9, 128.2, 127.3, 126.9, 51.8, 45.9, 21.6, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$: 267.1340. Found: 267.1343.

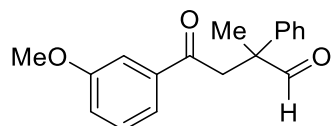
4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ia):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.51). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 80% yield (45.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.65 - 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.49 - 7.45 (m,

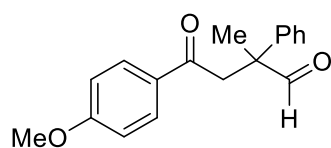
1H), 7.38 - 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.00 - 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.9, 199.6, 158.6, 140.2, 133.9, 130.4, 128.8, 127.9, 127.1, 126.9, 120.8, 111.4, 55.5, 52.1, 51.3, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉O₃: 283.1334. Found: 283.1336.

4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ja):

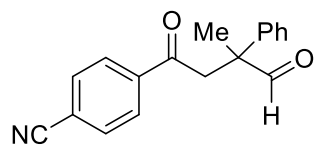


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.49). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 83% yield (46.9 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.54 - 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45 - 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40 - 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.30 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.12 - 7.09 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.5, 197.0, 159.7, 139.6, 138.0, 129.6, 128.9, 127.4, 126.8, 120.7, 120.0, 112.0, 55.4, 51.8, 46.1, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉O₃: 283.1334. Found: 283.1331.

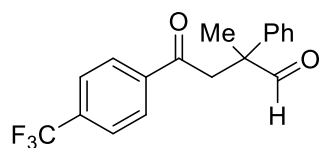
4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ka):



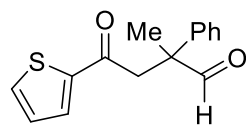
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.22). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 80% yield (45.1 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.93 - 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.29 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.93 - 6.90 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.6, 195.7, 163.7, 139.9, 130.4, 129.8, 128.9, 127.3, 126.8, 113.7, 55.5, 51.8, 45.8, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉O₃: 283.1334. Found: 283.1331.

4-(4-Isocyanophenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3la):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.27). The product was obtained as yellow solid in 64% yield (41.1 mg), Mp. 127 - 128 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.65 (s, 1H), 7.99 - 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.74 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.69 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.9, 196.0, 139.7, 138.9, 132.4, 129.0, 128.4, 127.6, 126.8, 117.8, 116.4, 51.9, 46.0, 20.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$: 278.1181. Found: 278.1180.

2-Methyl-4-oxo-2-phenyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butanal (3ma):

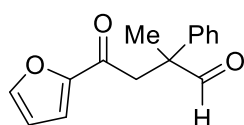
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.67). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 70% yield (44.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 8.02 - 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.71 - 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.73 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.1, 196.4, 139.5, 139.2, 134.5 (q, J = 32.7, 129.0, 128.4, 127.6, 126.9, 125.7 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 123.5 (d, J = 271.1 Hz), 51.9, 46.1, 20.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$: 321.1102. Found: 321.1104.

2-Methyl-4-oxo-2-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)butanal (3na):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24

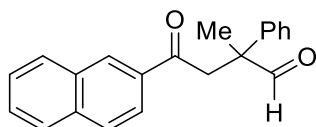
h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.50). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 95% yield (49.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.68 (s, 1H), 7.69 - 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.64 - 7.63 (d, J = 5.2, 1H), 7.40 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.12 - 7.09 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.0, 190.2, 144.1, 139.2, 134.2, 132.2, 128.9, 128.1, 127.5, 126.9, 52.0, 46.2, 20.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{S}$: 259.0793. Found: 259.0794.

4-(Furan-2-yl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3oa):



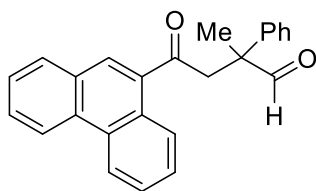
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.41). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 94% yield (45.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.67 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.14 - 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.51 - 6.50 (m, 1H), 3.57 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.9, 186.5, 152.7, 146.5, 139.2, 128.9, 127.5, 126.9, 117.3, 112.4, 52.0, 45.1, 20.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$: 253.1021. Found: 253.1021.

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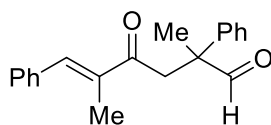
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.57). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 64% yield (38.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.99 - 7.93 (m, 2), 7.88 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.65 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.28 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 1.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 197.2, 139.7, 135.6, 134.1, 132.4, 129.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 126.9, 126.8, 123.7, 51.9, 46.1, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$: 303.1385. Found: 303.1383.

2-Methyl-4-oxo-4-(phenanthren-9-yl)-2-phenylbutanal (3qa):



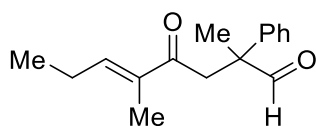
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.50). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 80% yield (56.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 8.61 - 8.56 (m, 2H), 8.31 - 8.29 (m, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.83 - 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.67 - 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.61 - 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.29 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21 - 7.18 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.0, 201.5, 139.6, 135.2, 131.9, 130.8, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.1, 127.6, 127.6, 127.36, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 122.9, 122.8, 52.6, 49.6, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$: 353.1542. Found: 353.1540.

(E)-2,5-Dimethyl-4-oxo-2,6-diphenylhex-5-enal (3ra):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.60). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 79% yield (46.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.40 - 7.30 (m, 10H), 3.60 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.7, 199.4, 139.9, 139.4, 137.4, 135.6, 129.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.3, 126.9, 51.9, 45.3, 20.8, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$: 293.1542. Found: 293.1542.

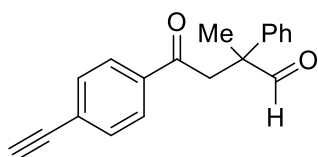
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The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24

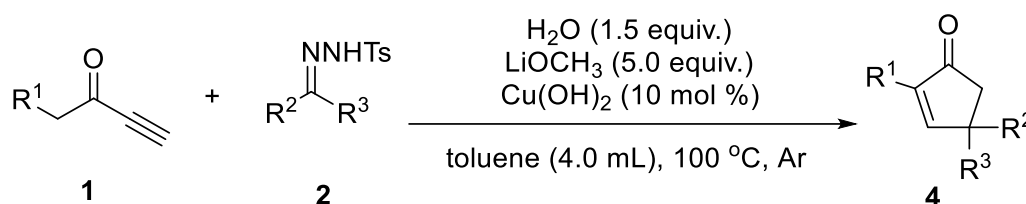
h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.67). The product was obtained as colorless oil in 42% yield (20.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 7.38 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 6.64 - 6.61 (m, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 2.27 - 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.8, 198.9, 145.1, 140.1, 136.9, 128.8, 127.2, 126.8, 51.7, 44.9, 22.4, 20.8, 13.0, 11.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2$: 245.1542. Found: 245.1544.

4-(4-Ethynylphenyl)-2-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylbutanal (3ta):



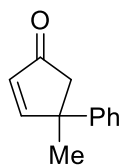
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/9, R_f = 0.50). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 33% yield (18.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.63 (s, 1H), 7.81 - 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.48 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 - 7.21 (m, 3H), 3.64 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.3, 196.4, 139.4, 136.4, 132.3, 128.9, 127.9, 127.5, 127.1, 126.8, 82.6, 80.6, 51.8, 46.0, 20.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$: 277.1229. Found: 277.1227.

General procedure for cyclopentenones and their spectral data:



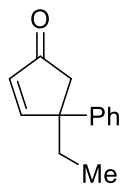
A mixture of **1** (0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2** (0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$ (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), LiOCH_3 (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), H_2O (5.4 μL , 1.5 equiv.) and toluene (4.0 mL) was sealed in a Schlenk tube under argon protection at 100 °C and the mixture was stirred for 24 h or until the **1** was consumed completely. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography to give the desired product **4**.

4-Methyl-4-phenylcyclopent-2-en-1-one (4ua):



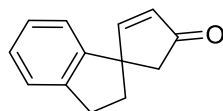
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, R_f = 0.50). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 81% yield (27.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 - 7.68 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.22 - 6.21 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.8, 171.3, 145.2, 131.7, 128.7, 126.8, 125.7, 51.9, 48.2, 27.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}$: 173.0966. Found: 173.0966.

4-Ethyl-4-phenylcyclopent-2-en-1-one (4ub):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, R_f = 0.55). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 64% yield (23.8 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 - 7.84 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 3H), 6.27 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (d, J = 0.4 Hz, 2H), 2.04 - 1.91 (m, 2H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.2, 169.2, 144.7, 132.9, 128.7, 126.6, 126.2, 52.6, 49.2, 33.9, 9.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}$: 187.1123. Found: 187.1120.

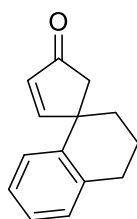
2',3'-Dihydrospiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-inden]-2-en-4-one (4uc):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, R_f = 0.70). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 51% yield (18.8

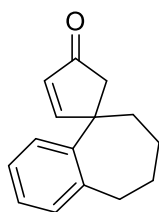
mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.99 - 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.19 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 - 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.65 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 - 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.22 - 2.16 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.9, 169.4, 146.1, 143.1, 131.9, 127.6, 127.1, 124.8, 122.5, 56.8, 49.3, 39.0, 30.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}$: 185.0966. Found: 185.0968.

3',4'-Dihydro-2'H-spiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-naphthalen]-2-en-4-one (4ud):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, $R_f = 0.55$). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 49% yield (19.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 - 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.00 - 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.26 - 6.25 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 - 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.58 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 - 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.88 - 1.75 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.4, 172.0, 139.1, 136.4, 132.1, 129.5, 127.1, 126.8, 126.6, 52.7, 48.6, 36.1, 29.7, 20.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$: 199.1123. Found: 199.1124.

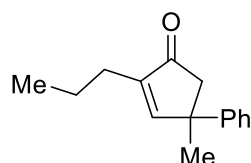
6,7,8,9-Tetrahydrospiro[benzo[7]annulene-5,1'-cyclopentan]-2'-en-4'-one (4ue):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, $R_f = 0.40$). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 42% yield (17.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 - 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.08

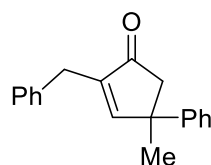
- 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.99 - 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.21 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 - 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.04 - 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.92 - 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.75 - 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.49 - 1.40 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.4, 172.6, 145.5, 142.3, 131.1, 129.9, 127.0, 126.2, 125.9, 52.5, 46.1, 37.4, 36.6, 28.7, 27.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$: 213.1279. Found: 213.1279.

4-Methyl-4-phenyl-2-propylcyclopent-2-en-1-one (4va):

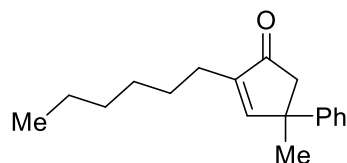


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, $R_f = 0.65$). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 57% yield (24.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.28 - 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.14 (m, 4H), 2.62 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.17 - 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.56 - 1.46 (m, 5H), 0.91 - 0.87 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.5, 164.5, 146.2, 143.7, 128.6, 126.5, 125.7, 52.5, 45.5, 27.6, 26.5, 21.0, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$: 215.1436. Found: 215.1437.

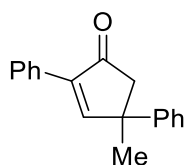
4-Methyl-2,4-diphenylcyclopent-2-en-1-one (4xa):



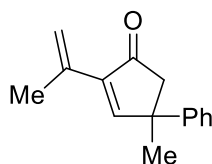
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, $R_f = 0.68$). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 56% yield (29.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 - 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.25 - 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.13 - 7.12 (m, 1H), 3.16 - 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.73 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.63 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.5, 165.5, 145.9, 143.5, 138.5, 128.9, 128.62, 128.59, 126.6, 126.4, 125.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$: 263.1436. Found: 263.1439.

2-Hexyl-4-methyl-4-phenylcyclopent-2-en-1-one (4wa):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, R_f = 0.70). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 55% yield (28.2 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27 - 7.21 (m, 4H), 2.69 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.26 - 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.56 - 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.37 - 1.26 (m, 6H), 0.90 - 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.5, 164.3, 146.2, 144.0, 128.6, 126.5, 125.7, 52.5, 45.5, 31.5, 29.0, 27.7, 27.6, 24.5, 22.5, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}$: 257.1905. Found: 257.1901.

4-Methyl-2,4-diphenylcyclopent-2-en-1-one (4ya):

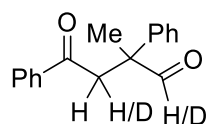
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, R_f = 0.65). The product was obtained as yellow oil in 35% yield (17.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.71 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 - 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.20 - 7.16 (m, 1H), 2.82 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 207.1, 165.3, 145.7, 140.7, 131.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 126.8, 125.8, 53.4, 45.0, 27.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$: 249.1729. Found: 249.1727.

4-Methyl-4-phenyl-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclopent-2-en-1-one (4za):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure for reaction in 24 h (EA/PE = 1/19, R_f = 0.65). The product was obtained as colorless oil in 52% yield (22.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.36 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 - 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 2.79 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 207.3, 164.4, 145.9, 140.2, 134.1, 128.7, 126.7, 125.8, 117.8, 53.6, 44.3, 27.4, 22.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$: 213.1279. Found: 213.1281.

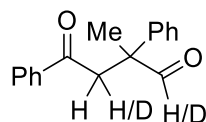
Spectral data of mechanistic investigations

3aa-I:



The title compound was prepared under standard conditions with D_2O (1.0 equiv.) instead of H_2O . The product was obtained as yellow oil in 71% yield (35.8 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.66 (s, 0.65H), 7.87 - 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.51 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.32 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.22 - 7.18 (m, 1 H), 3.71 - 3.62 (m, 1.12H), 1.60 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 197.3, 197.2, 139.6, 136.7, 133.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.4, 126.8, 51.8, 51.7, 46.0, 20.7, 20.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2$: 255.1354. Found: 255.1350.

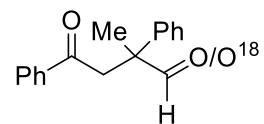
3aa-II:



The title compound was prepared under standard conditions with **2a'** instead of **2a**. The product was obtained as yellow oil in 69% yield (34.8 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.73 (m, 0.82H), 7.94 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.30 - 7.27 (m, 1 H), 3.78 - 3.68 (m, 1.51H), 1.68 - 1.66 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2.39H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.5, 201.5, 201.5, 197.2, 139.6, 136.7, 136.7,

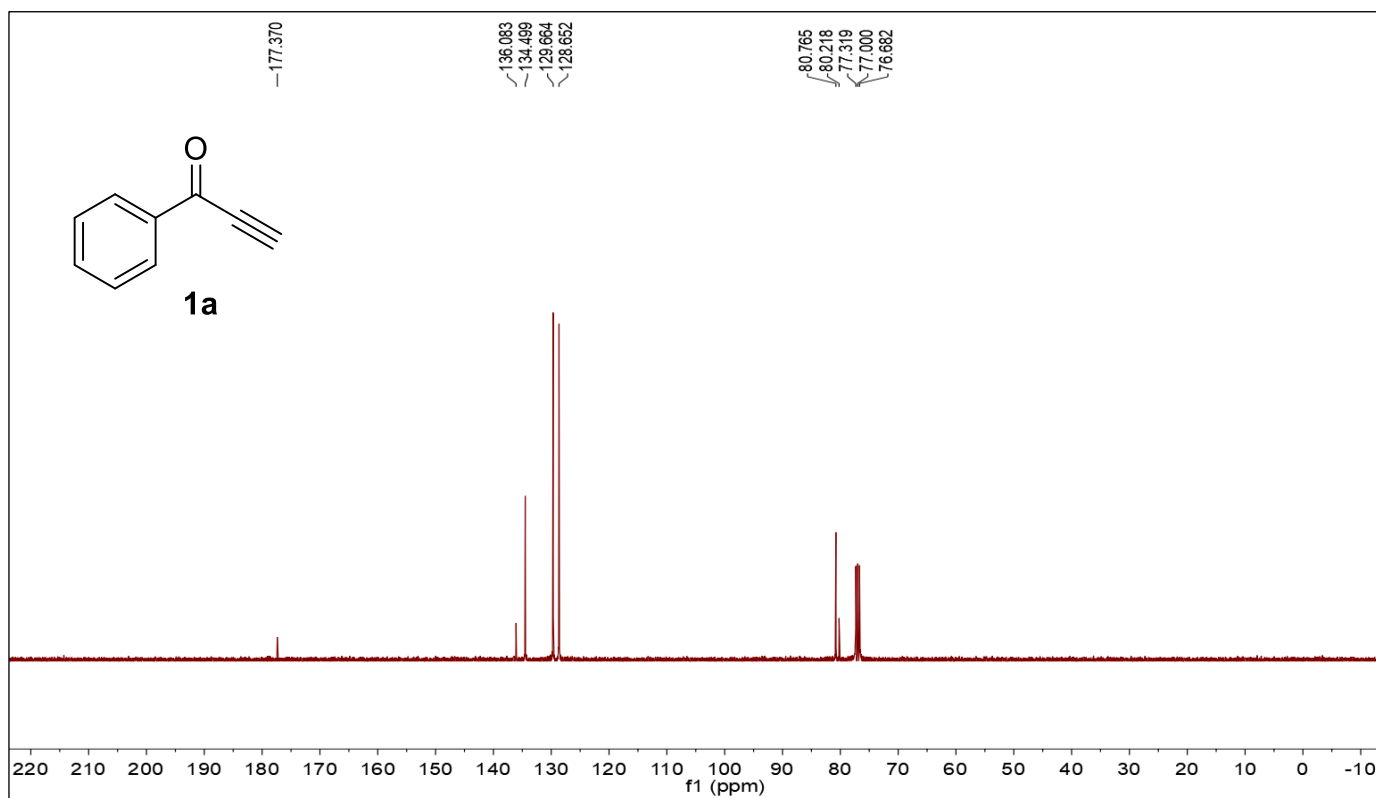
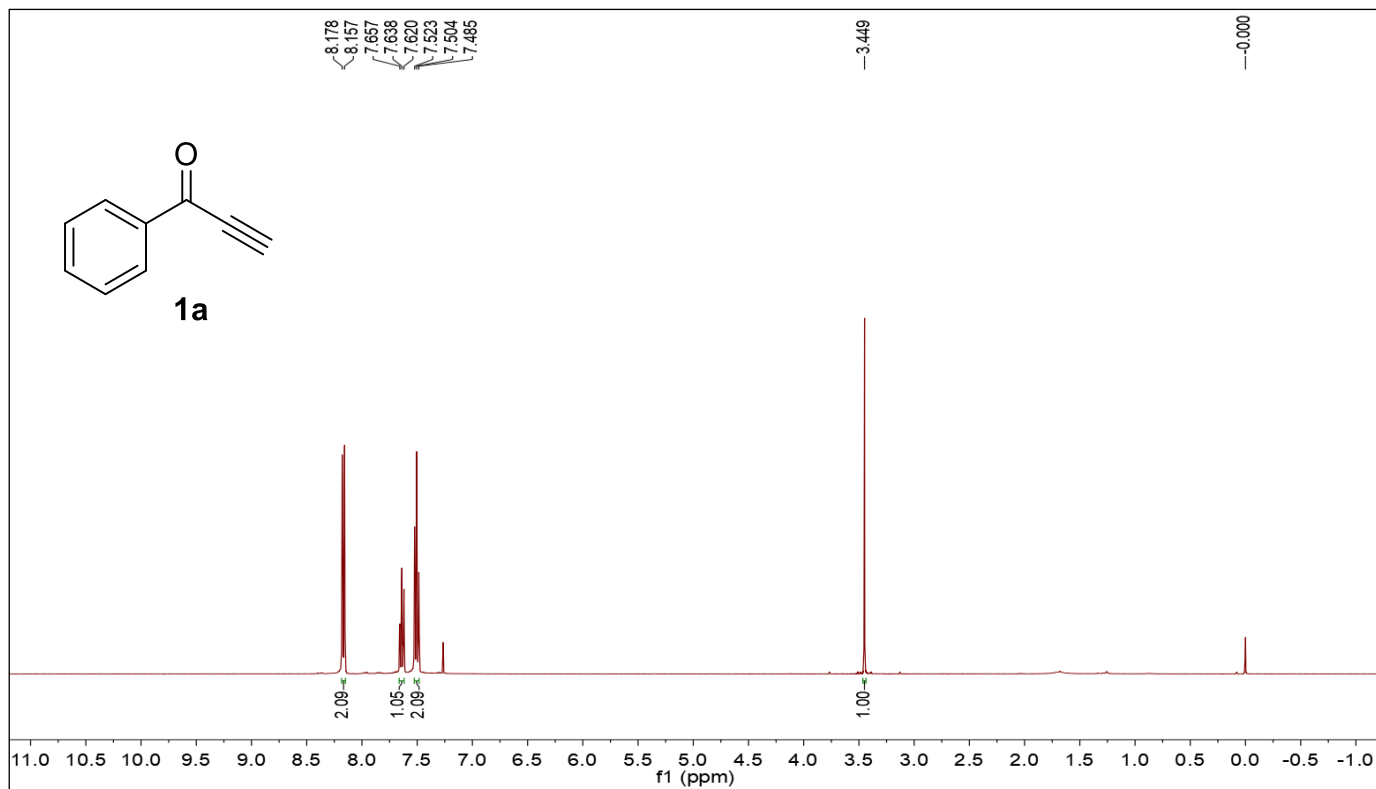
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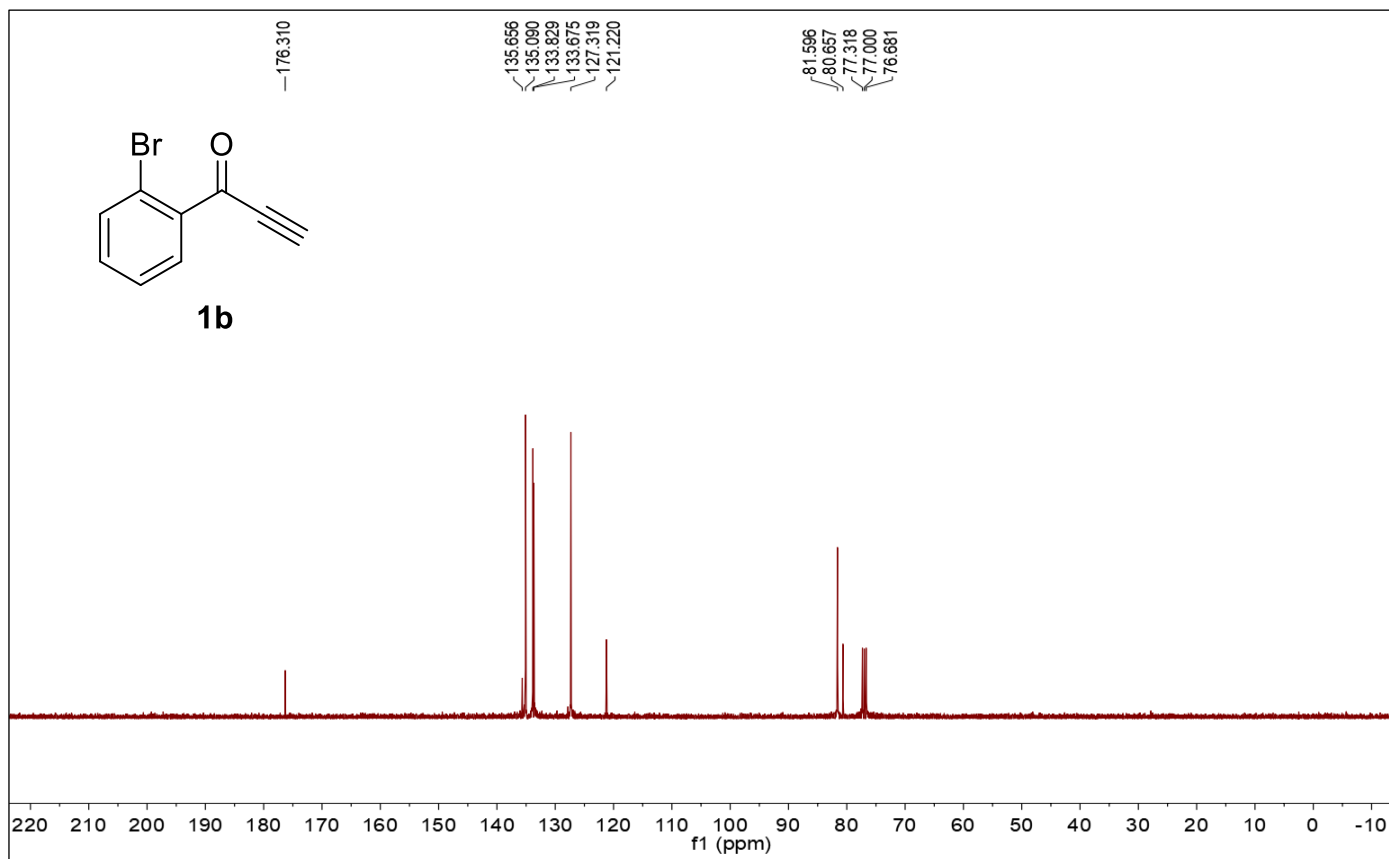
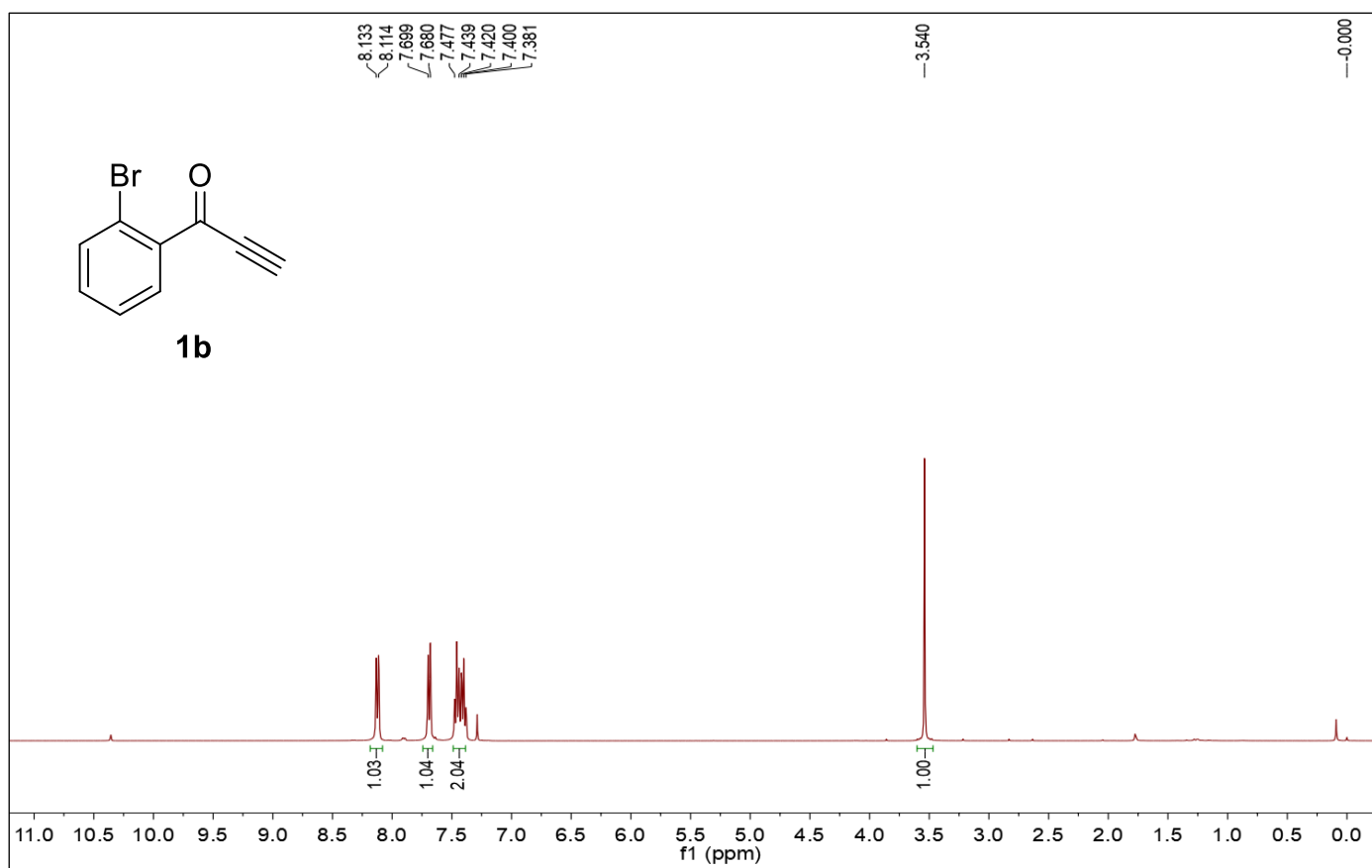
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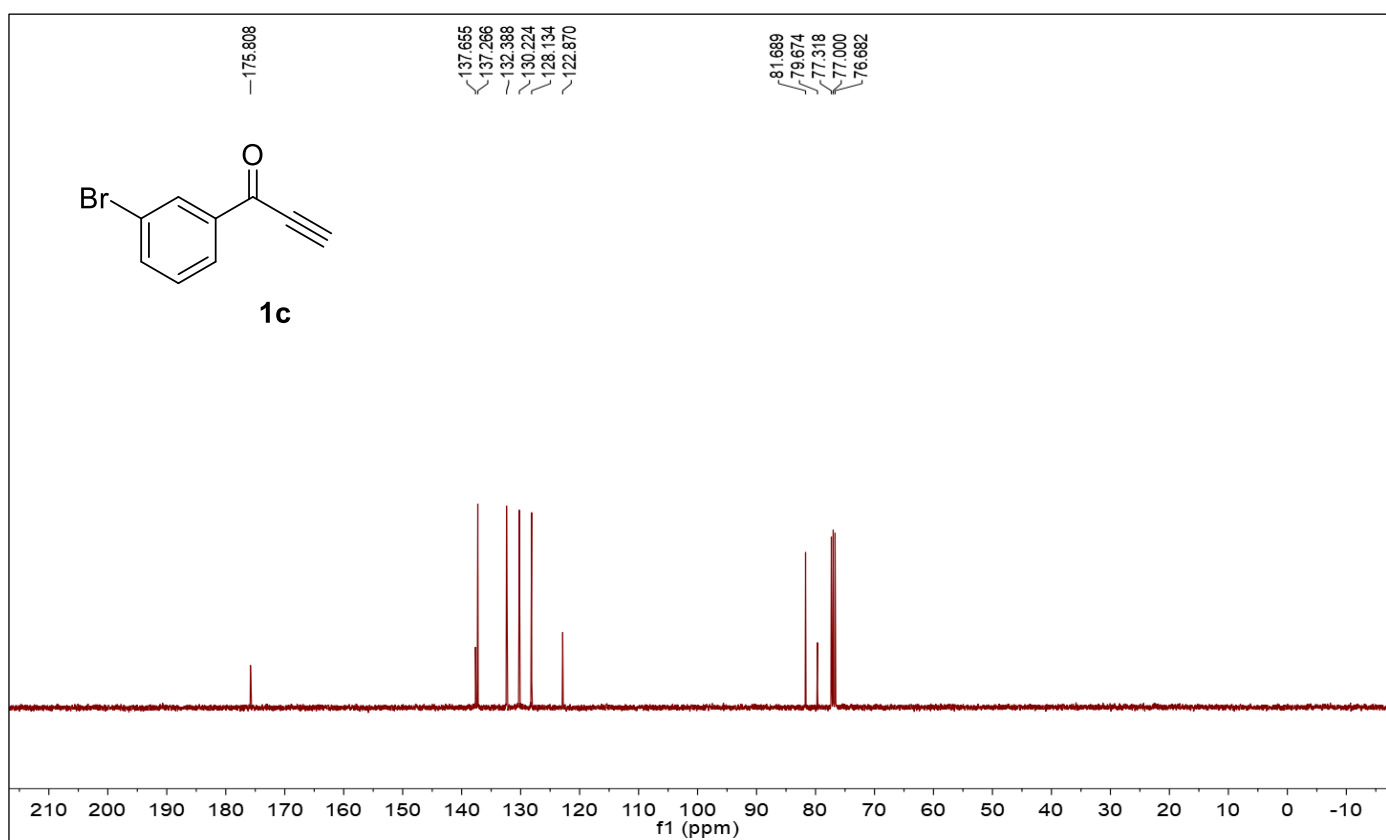
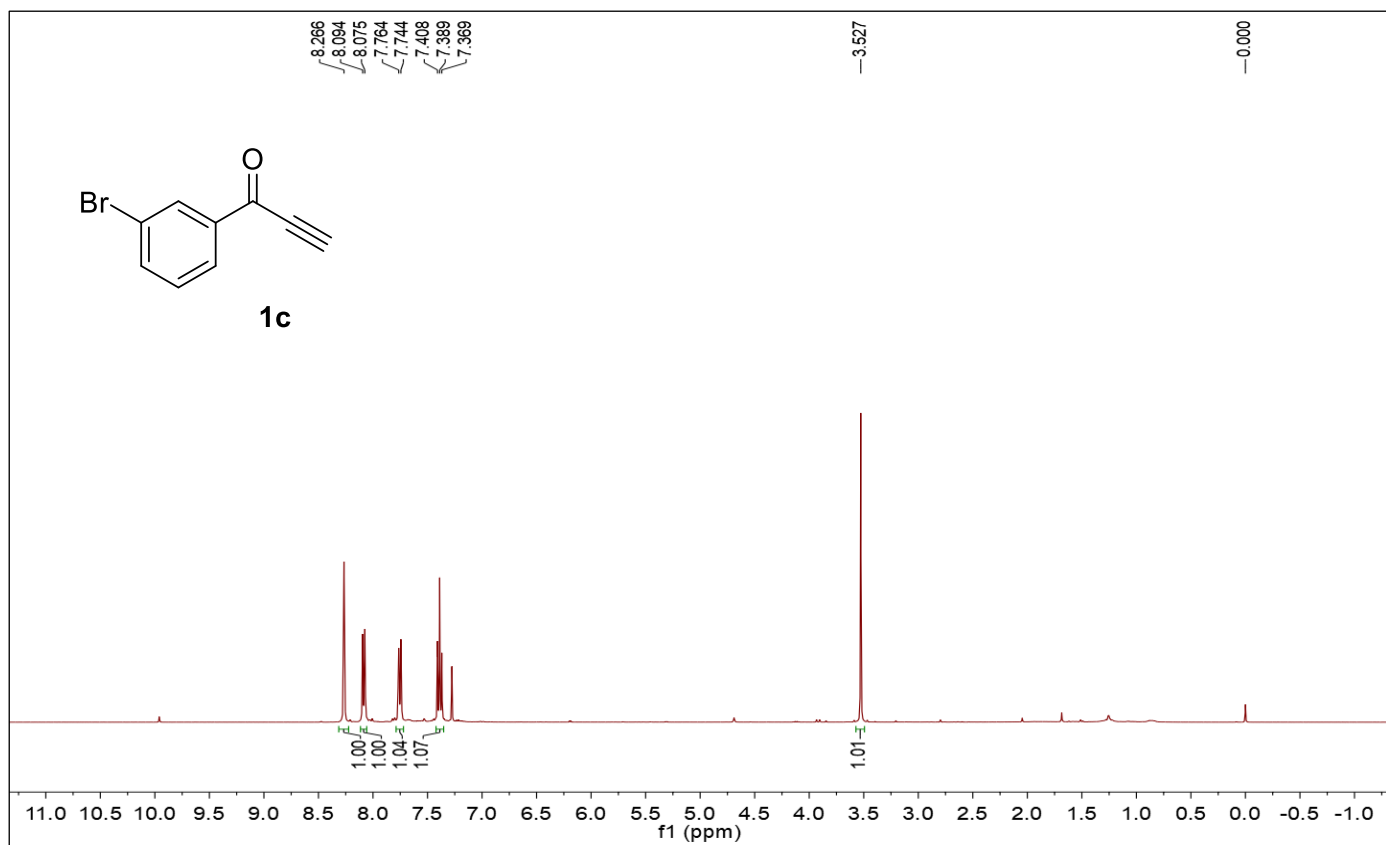


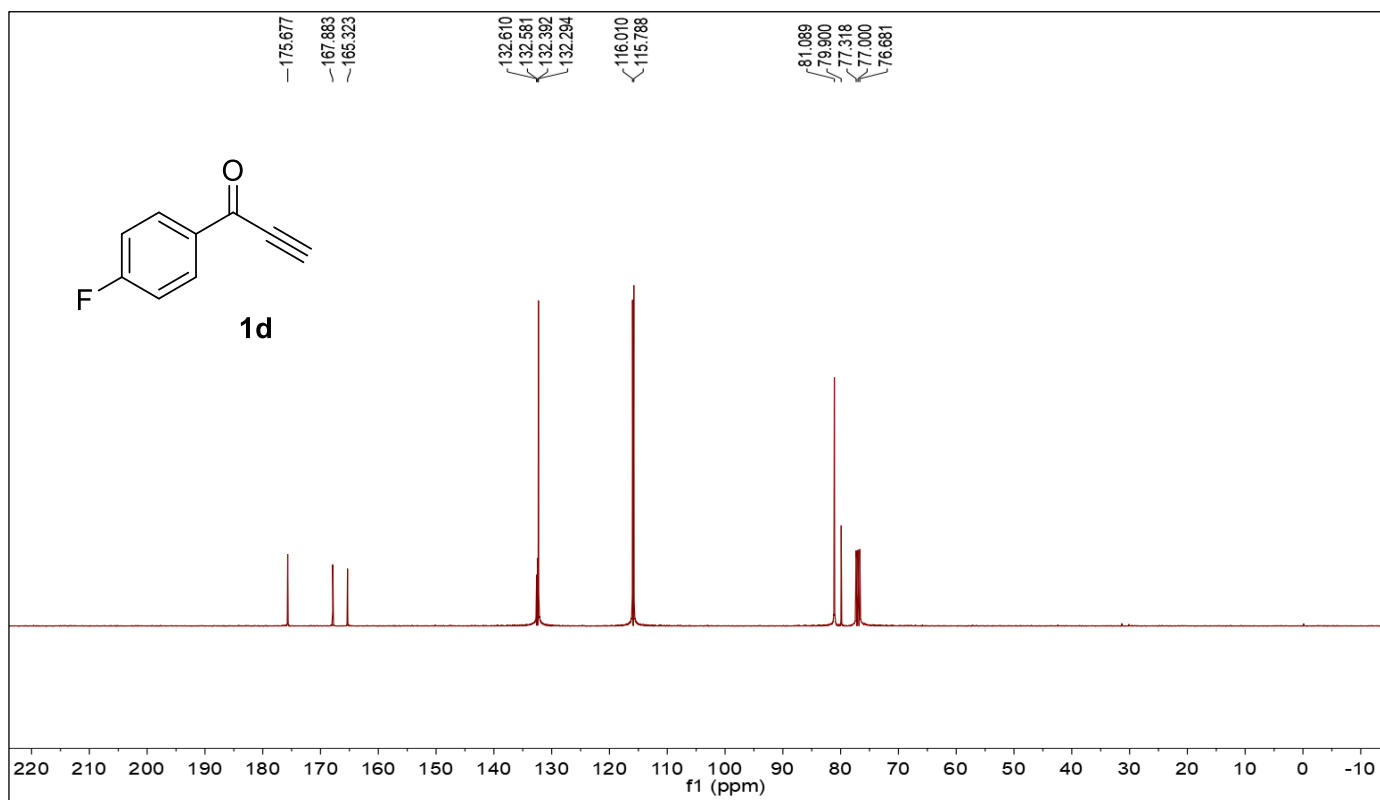
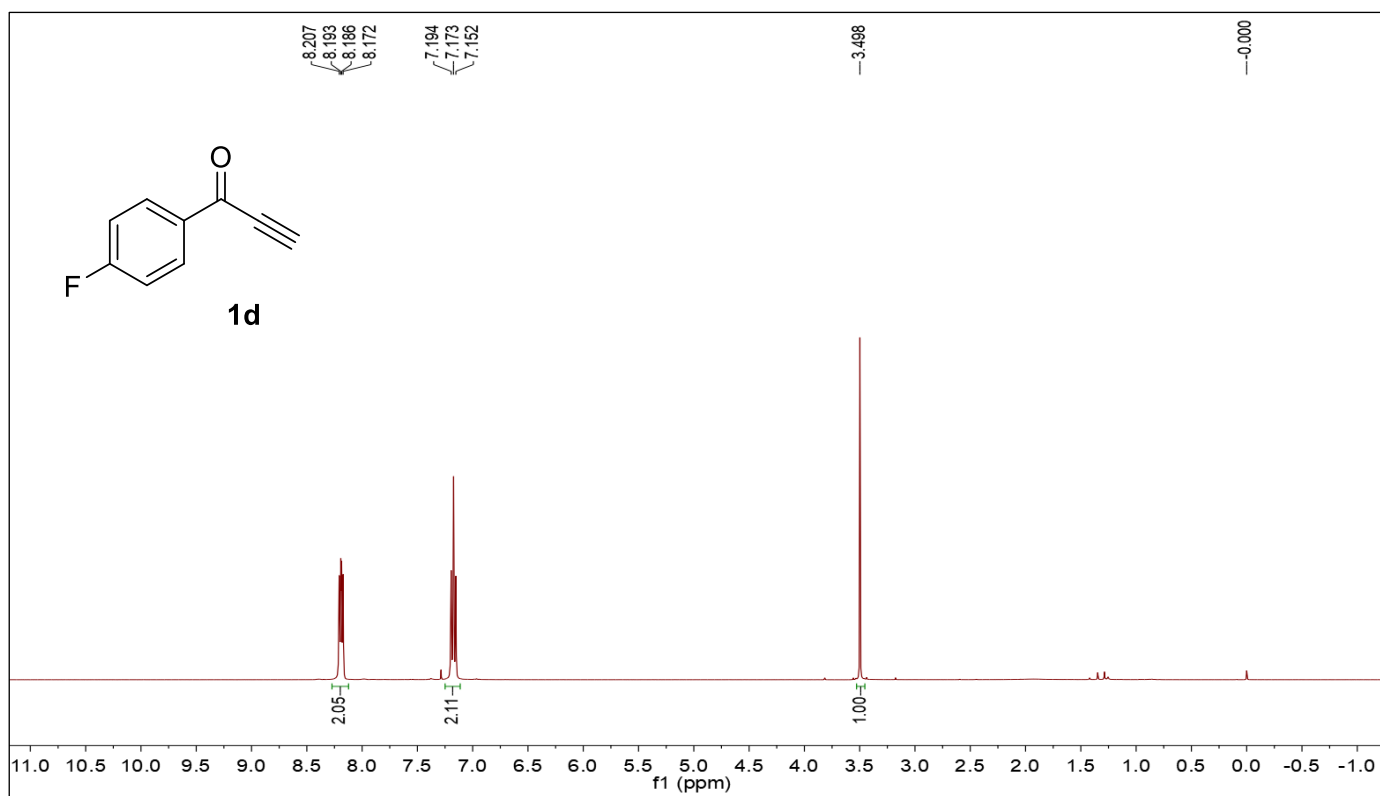
The title compound was prepared under standard conditions with $H_2^{18}O$ (5.0 equiv.) instead of H_2O . The product was obtained as yellow oil in 56% yield (28.5 mg). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.66 (s, 0.90H), 7.87 - 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.51 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.39 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22 - 7.18 (m, 1 H), 3.68 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 201.5, 201.4, 197.2, 139.7, 136.7, 133.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.4, 126.8, 51.8, 46.0, 20.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{17}H_{17}O^{18}O$: 255.1271. Found: 255.1267; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+Na]^+$: Calcd for $C_{17}H_{16}NaO^{18}O$: 277.1090. Found: 277.1086.

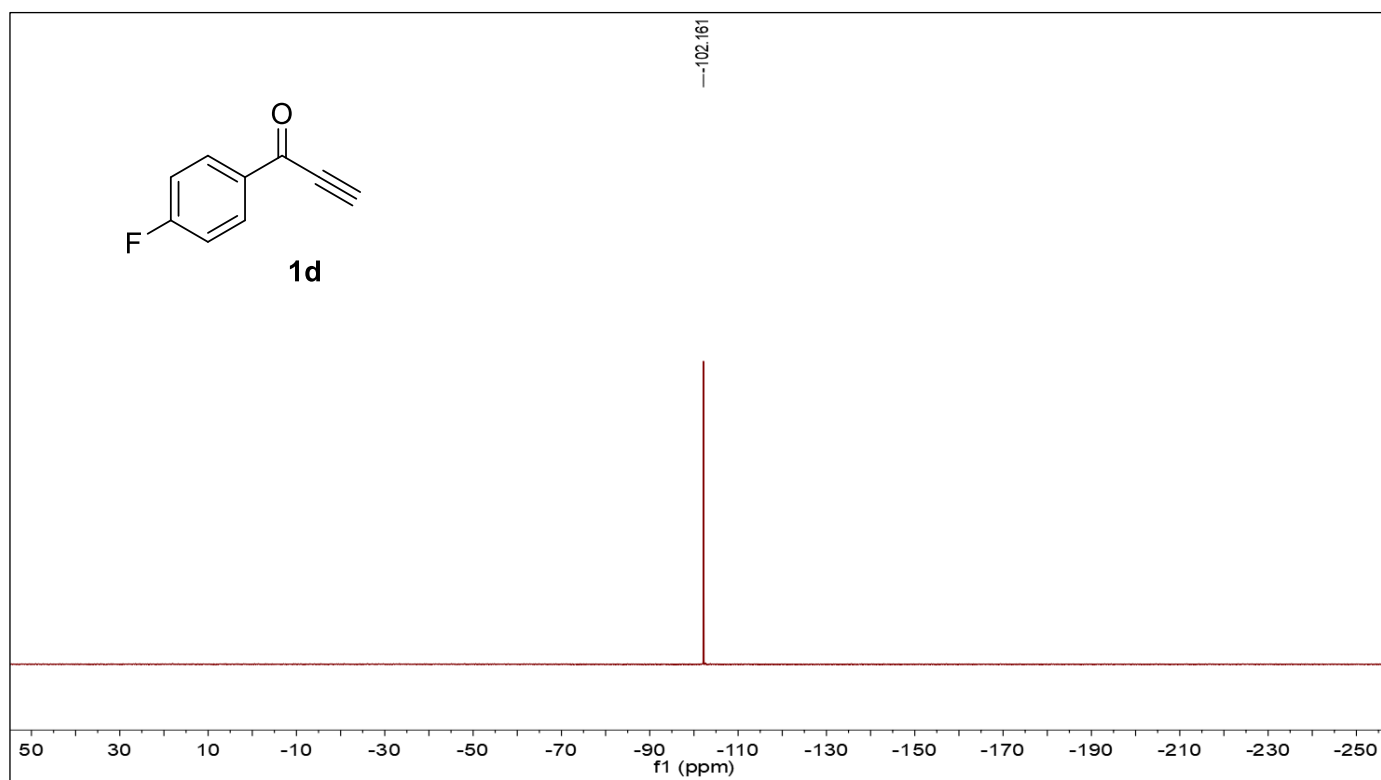
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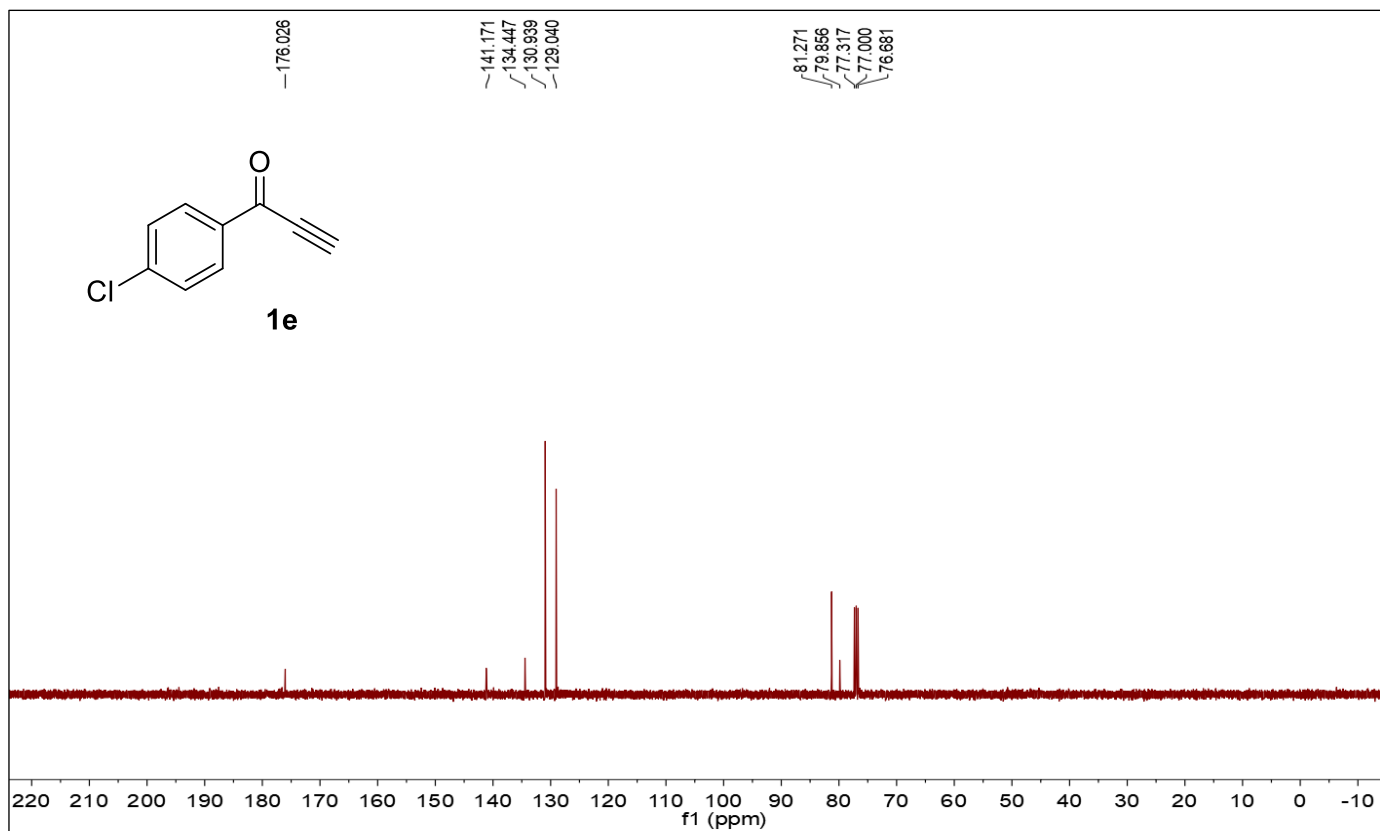
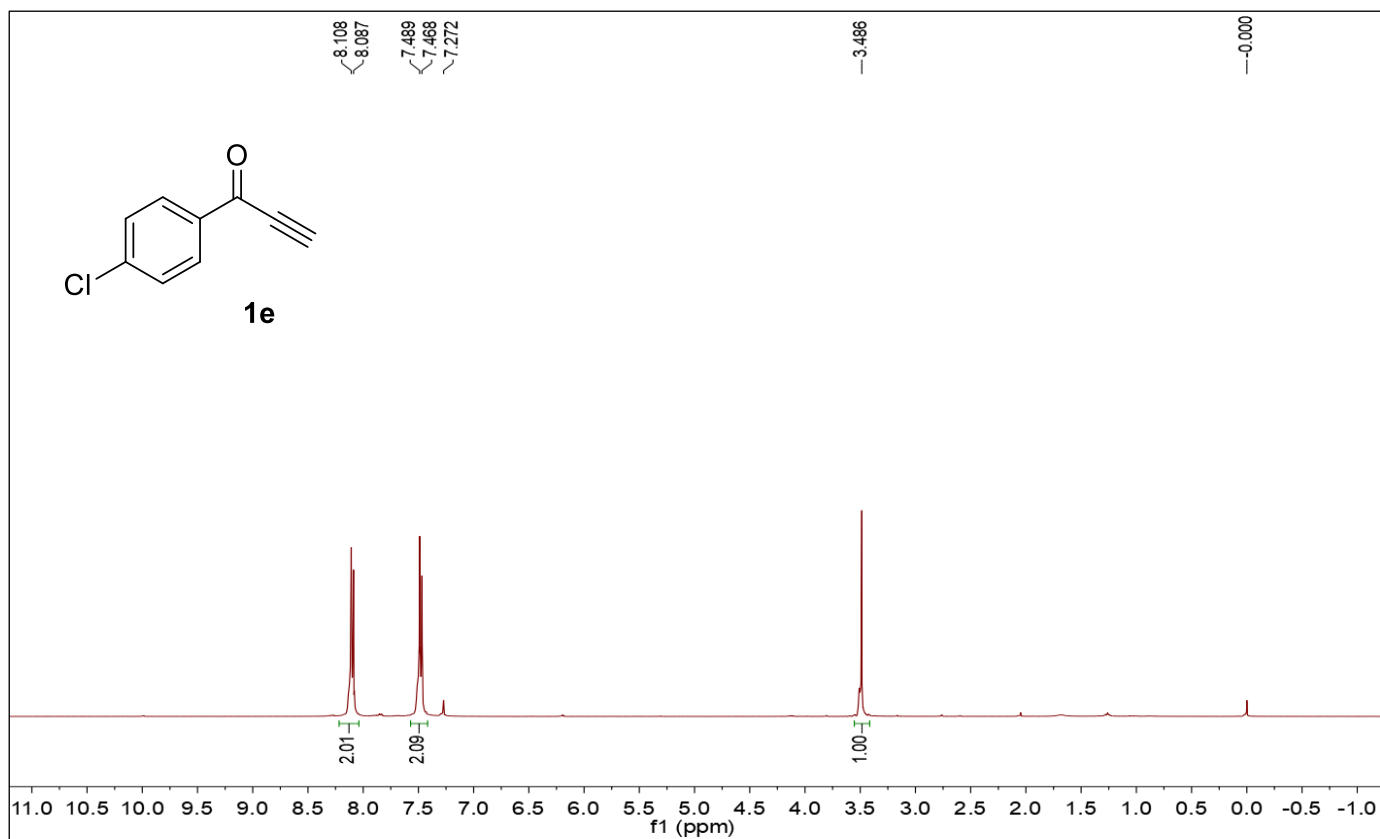


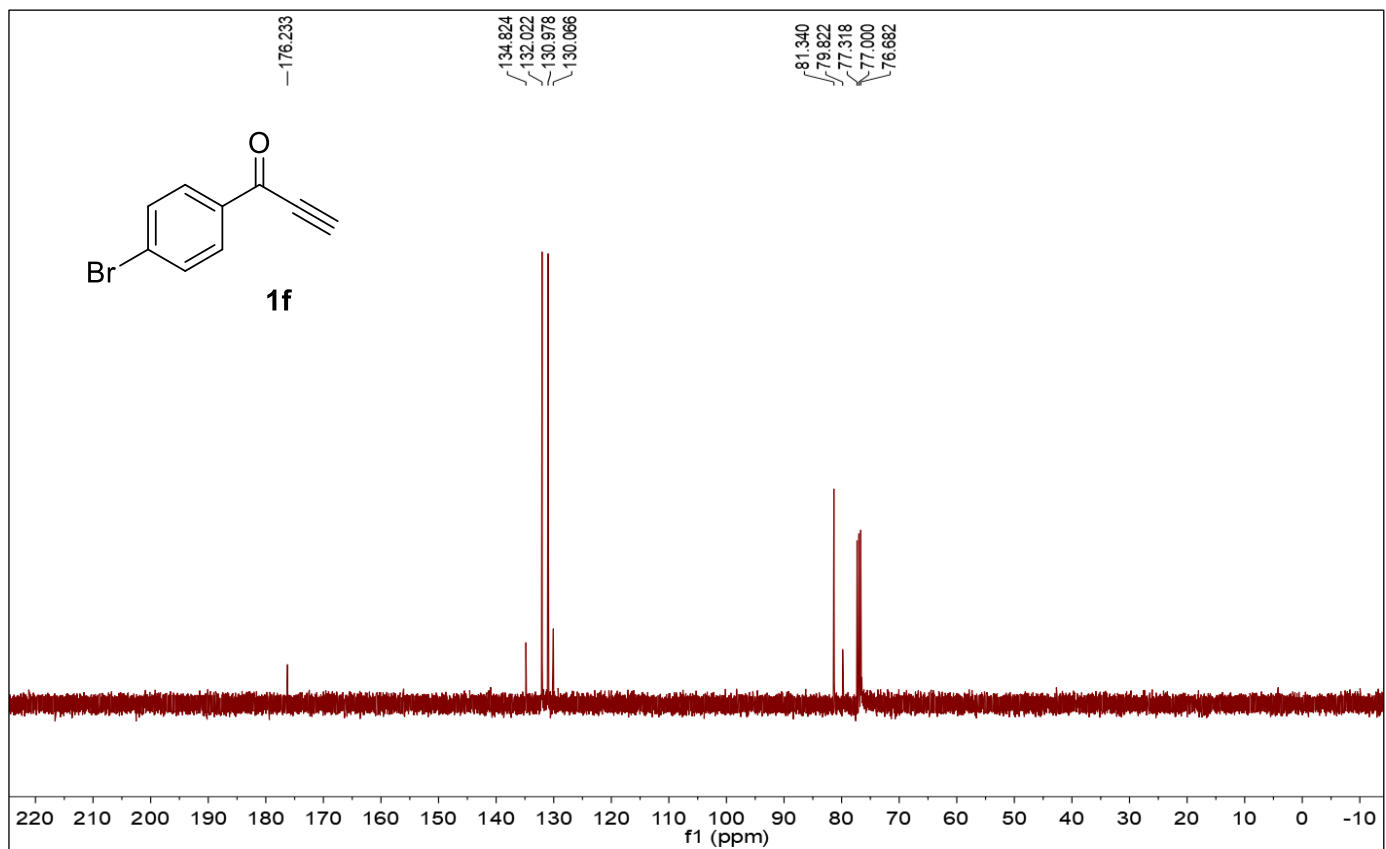
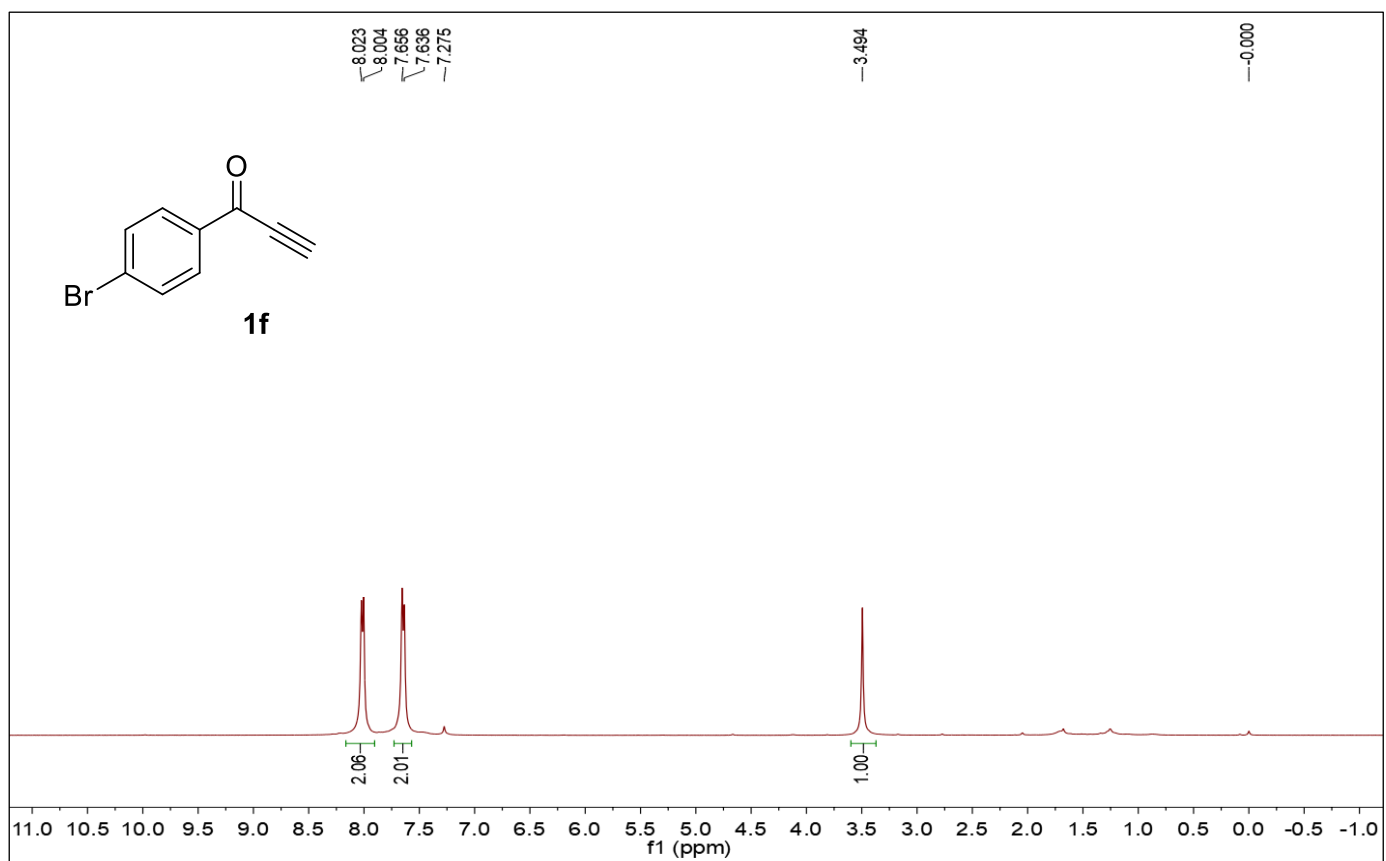


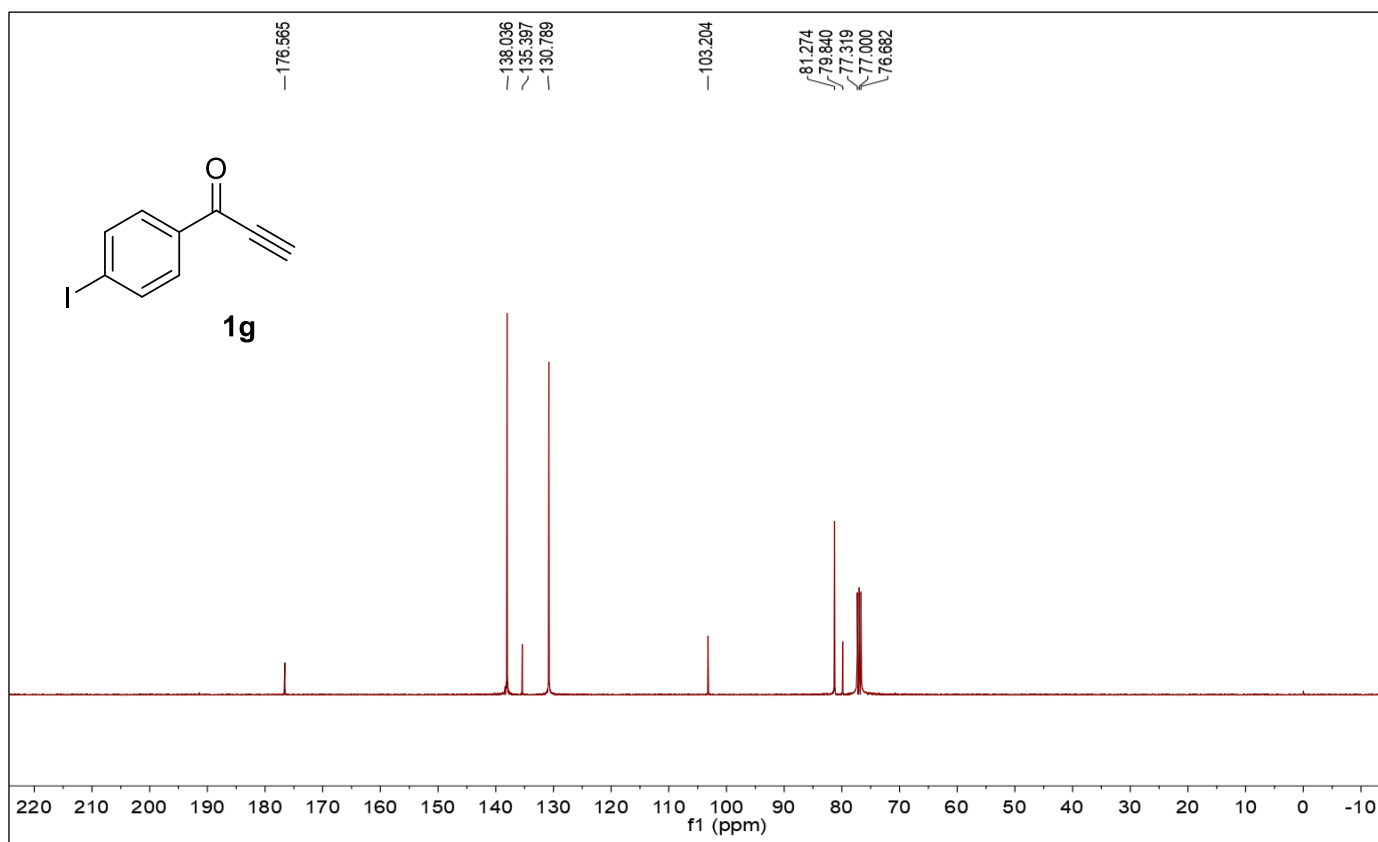
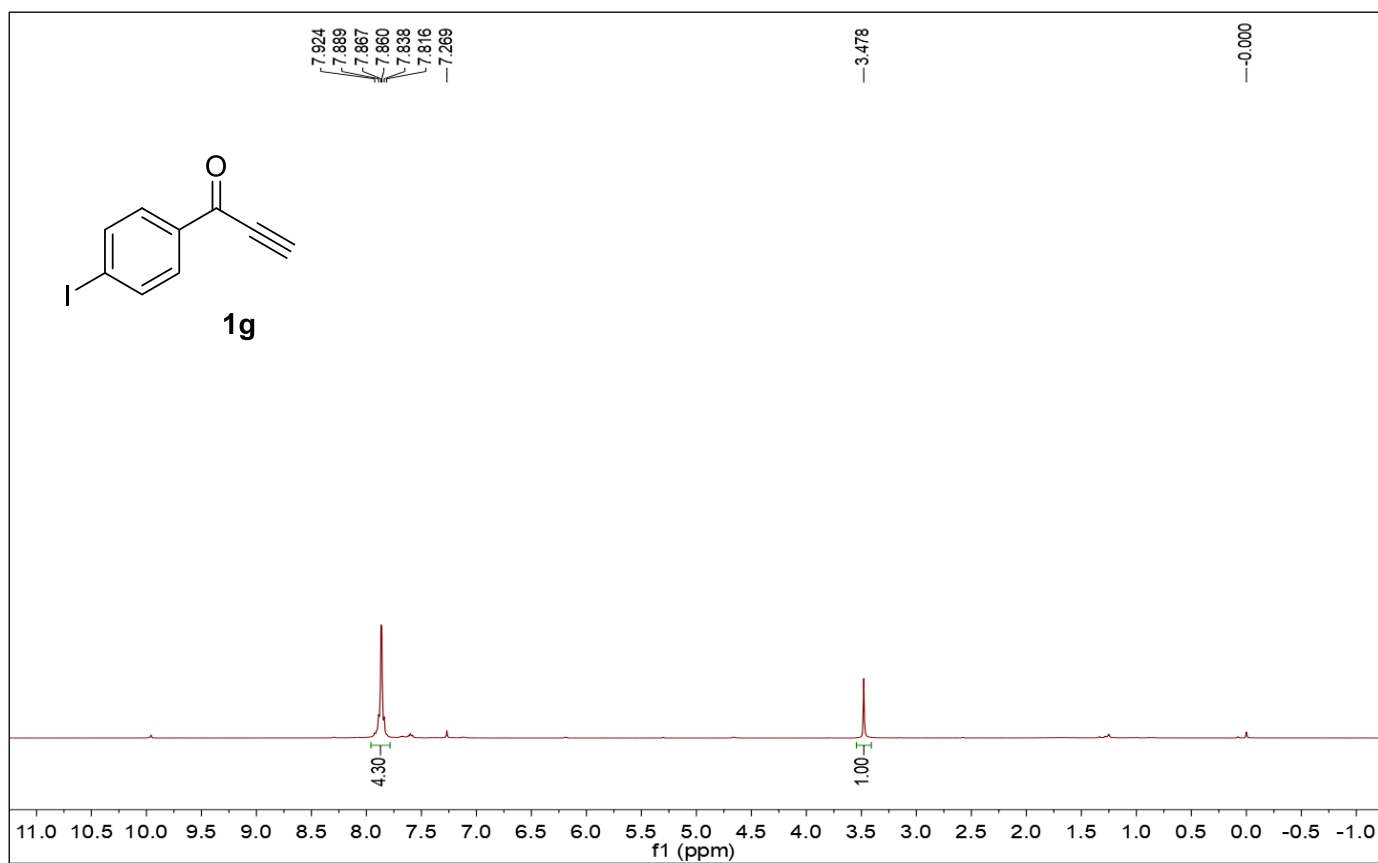


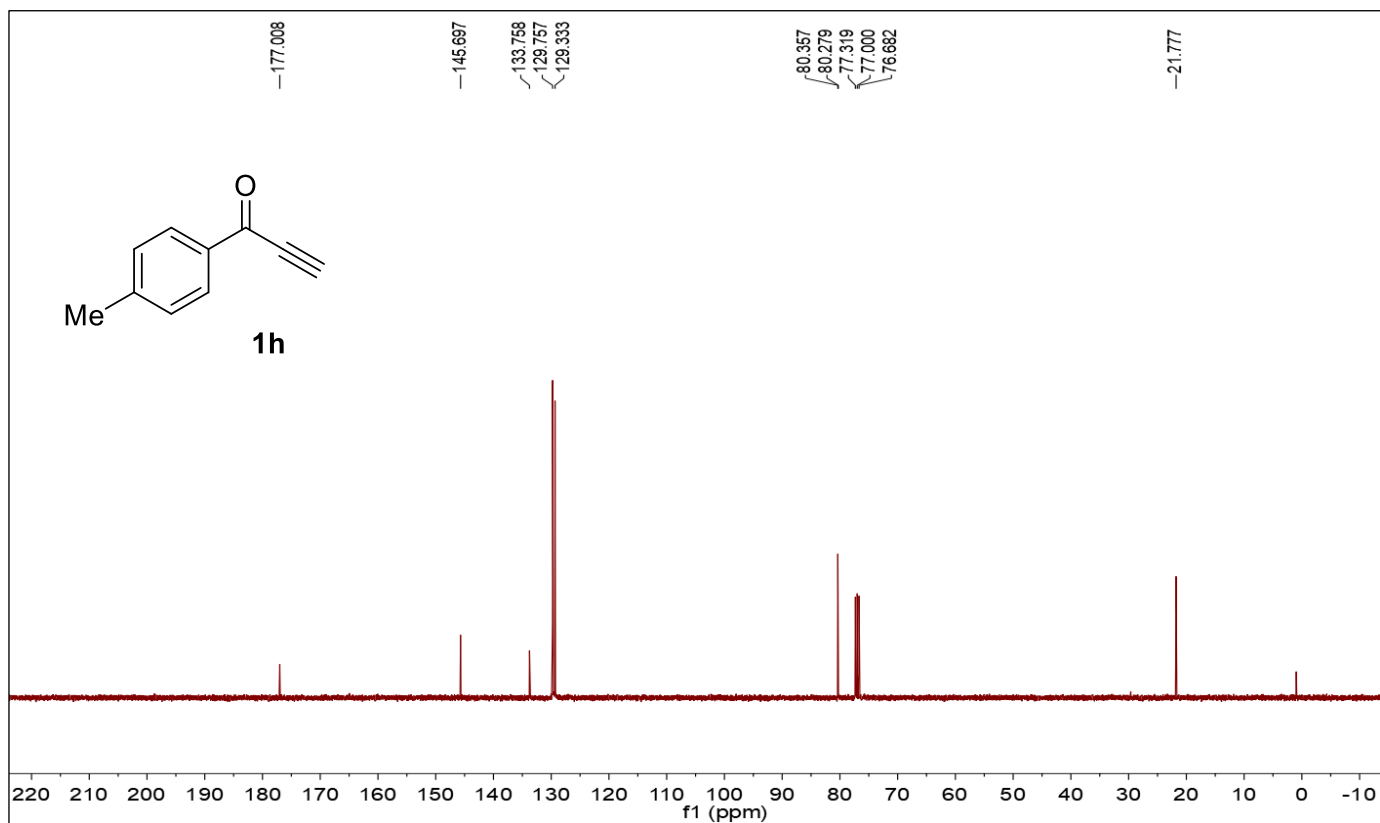
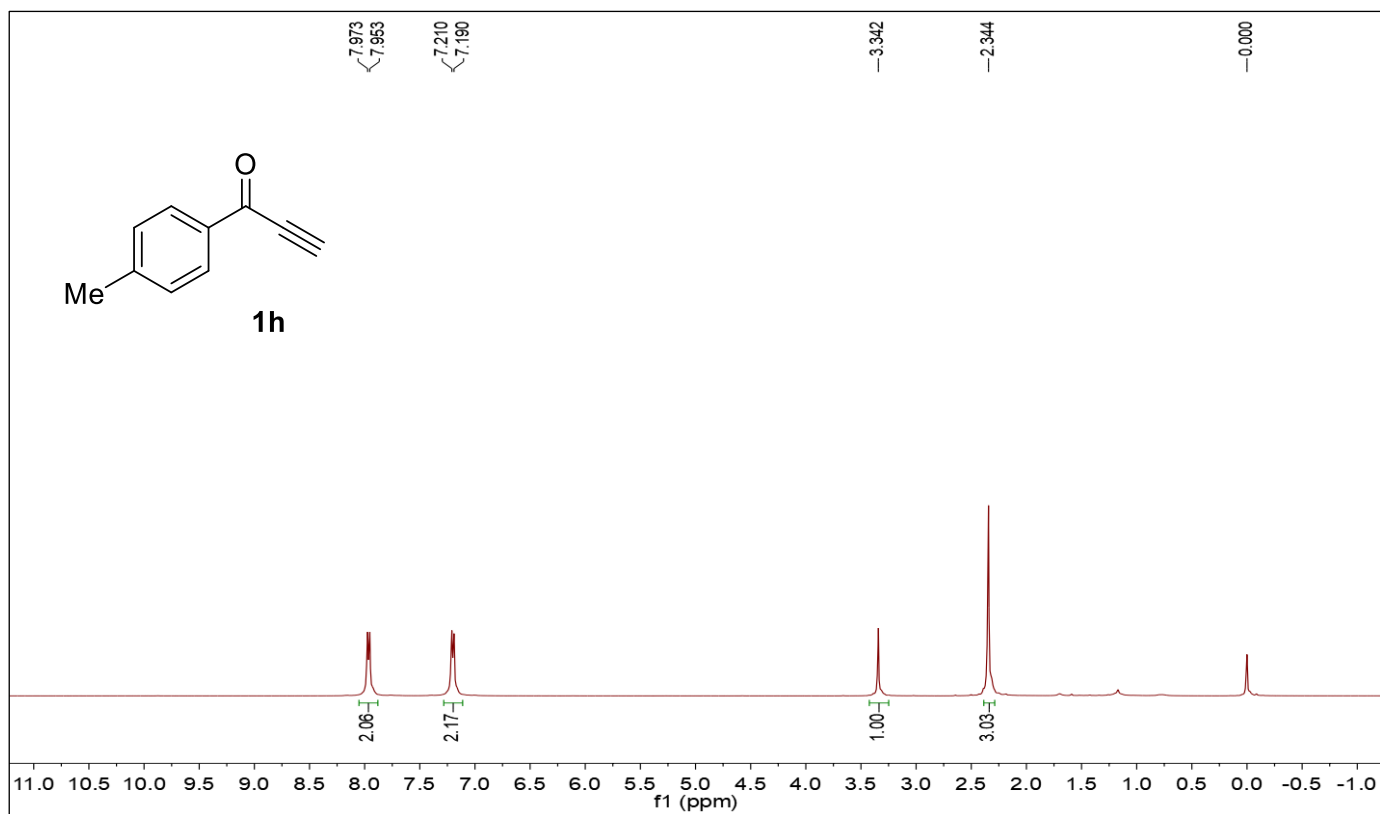


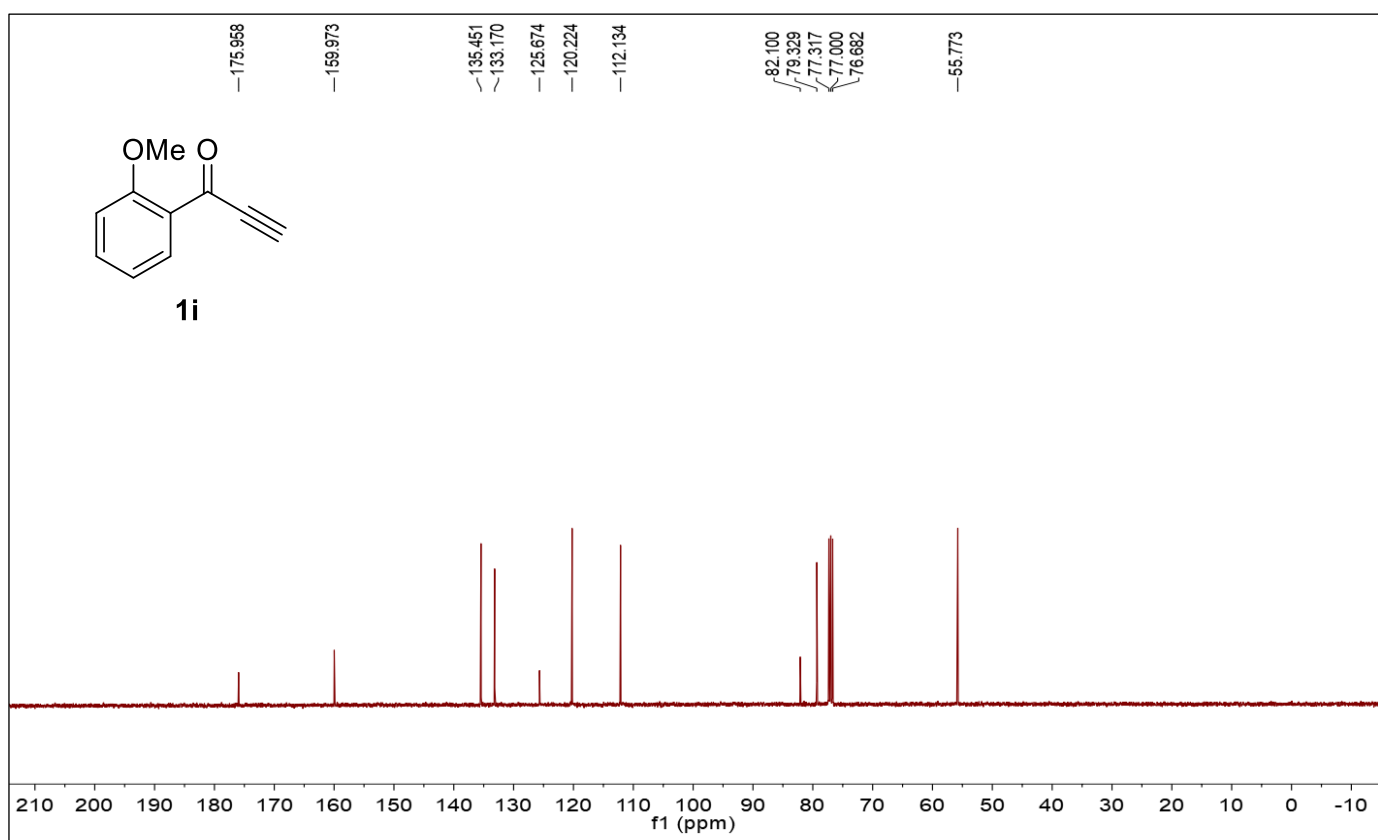
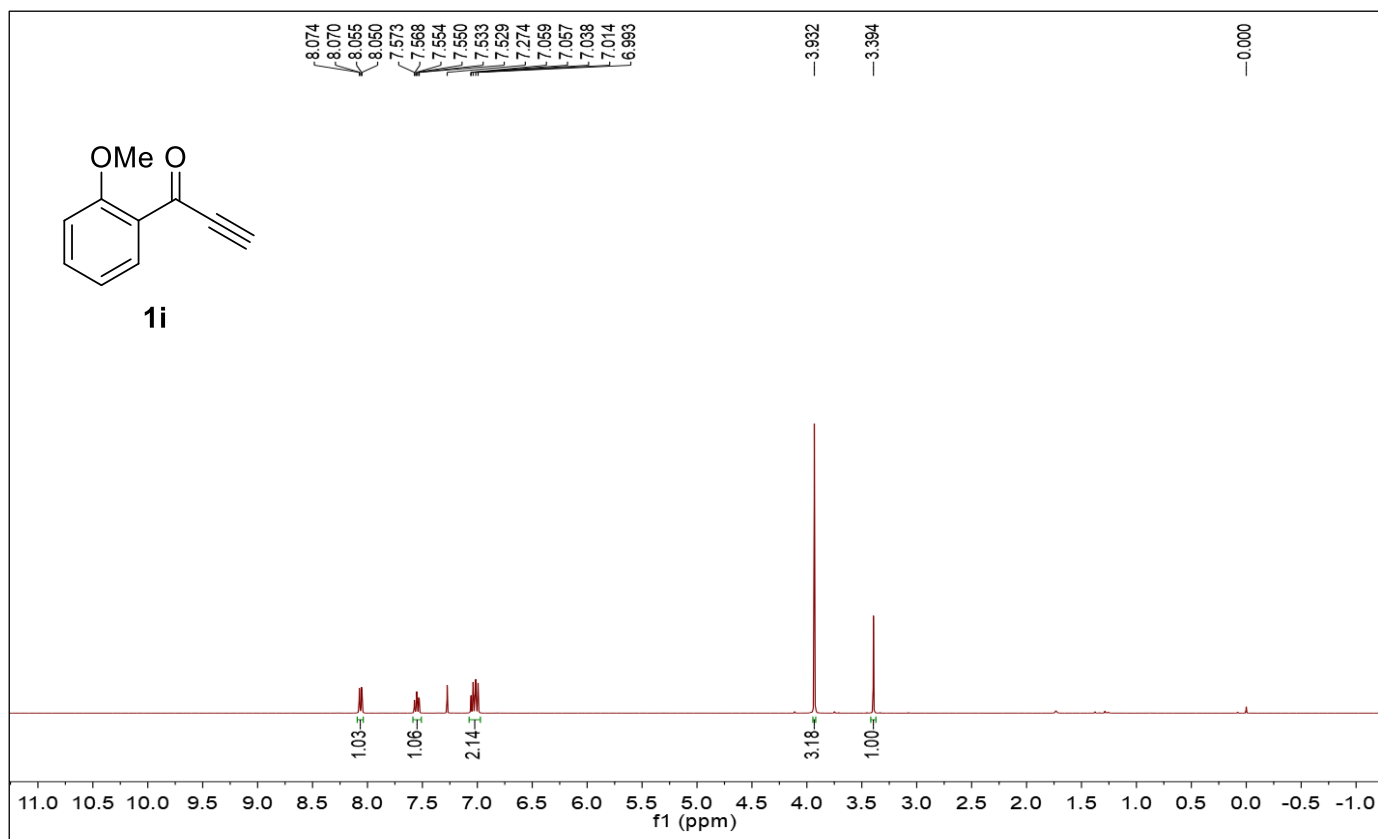


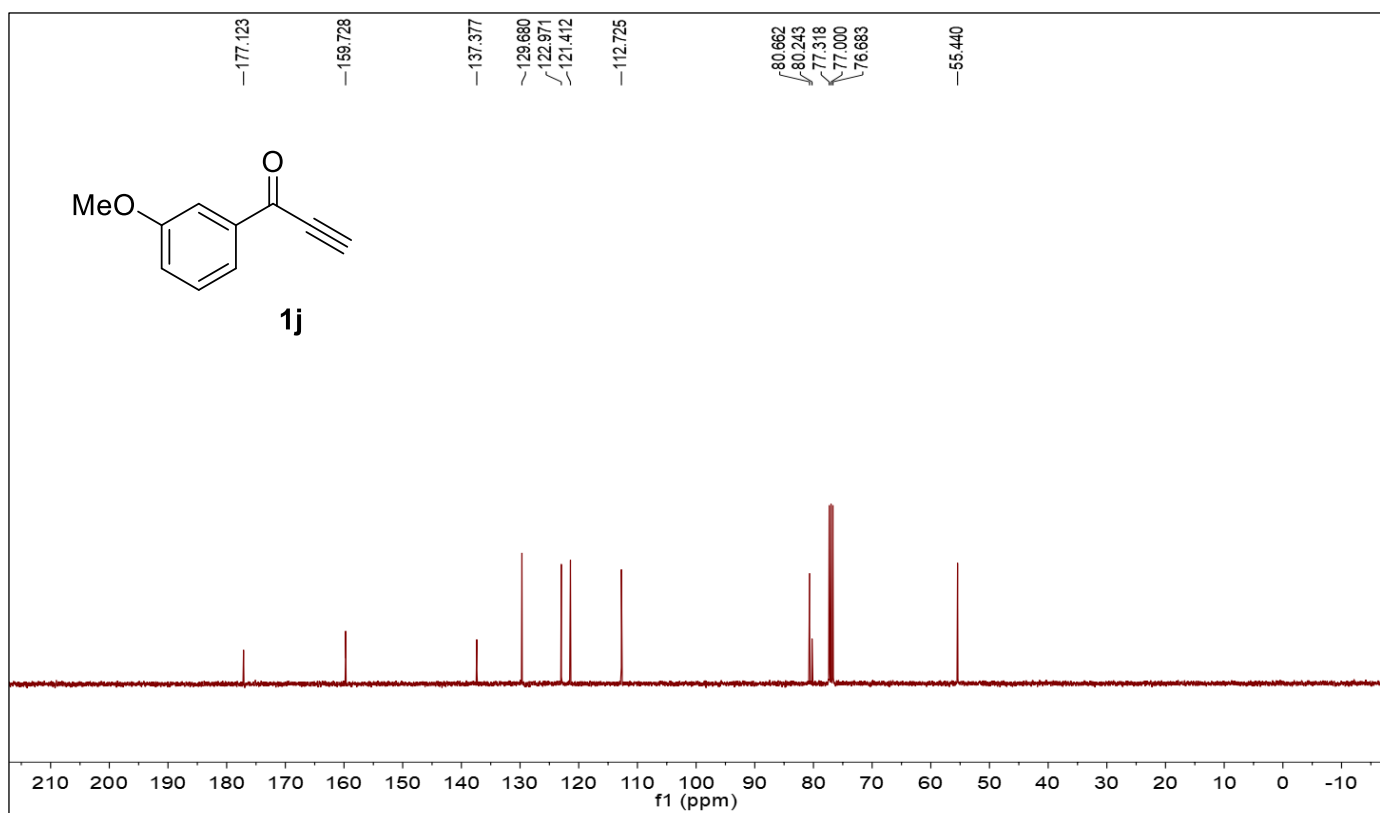
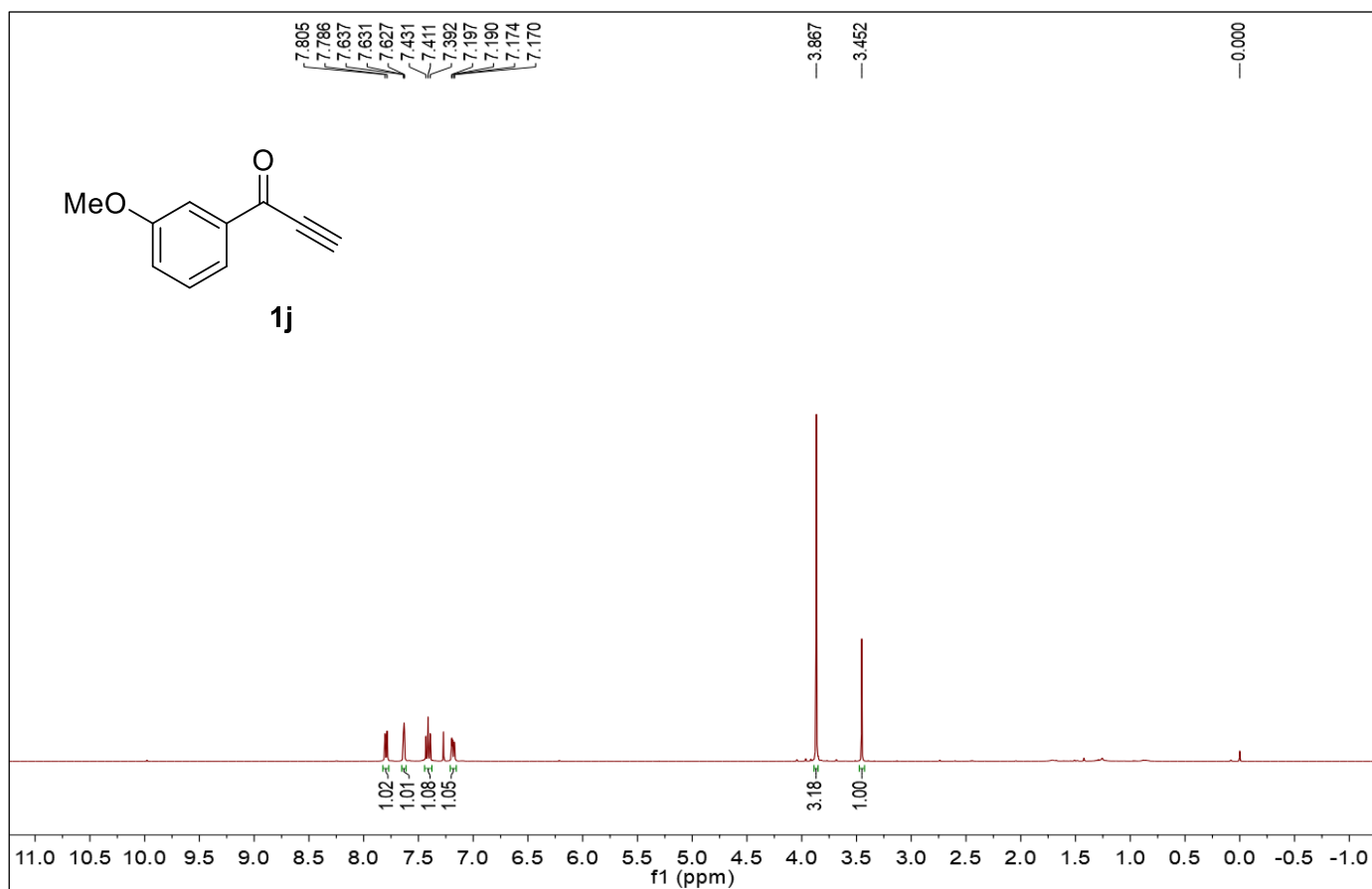


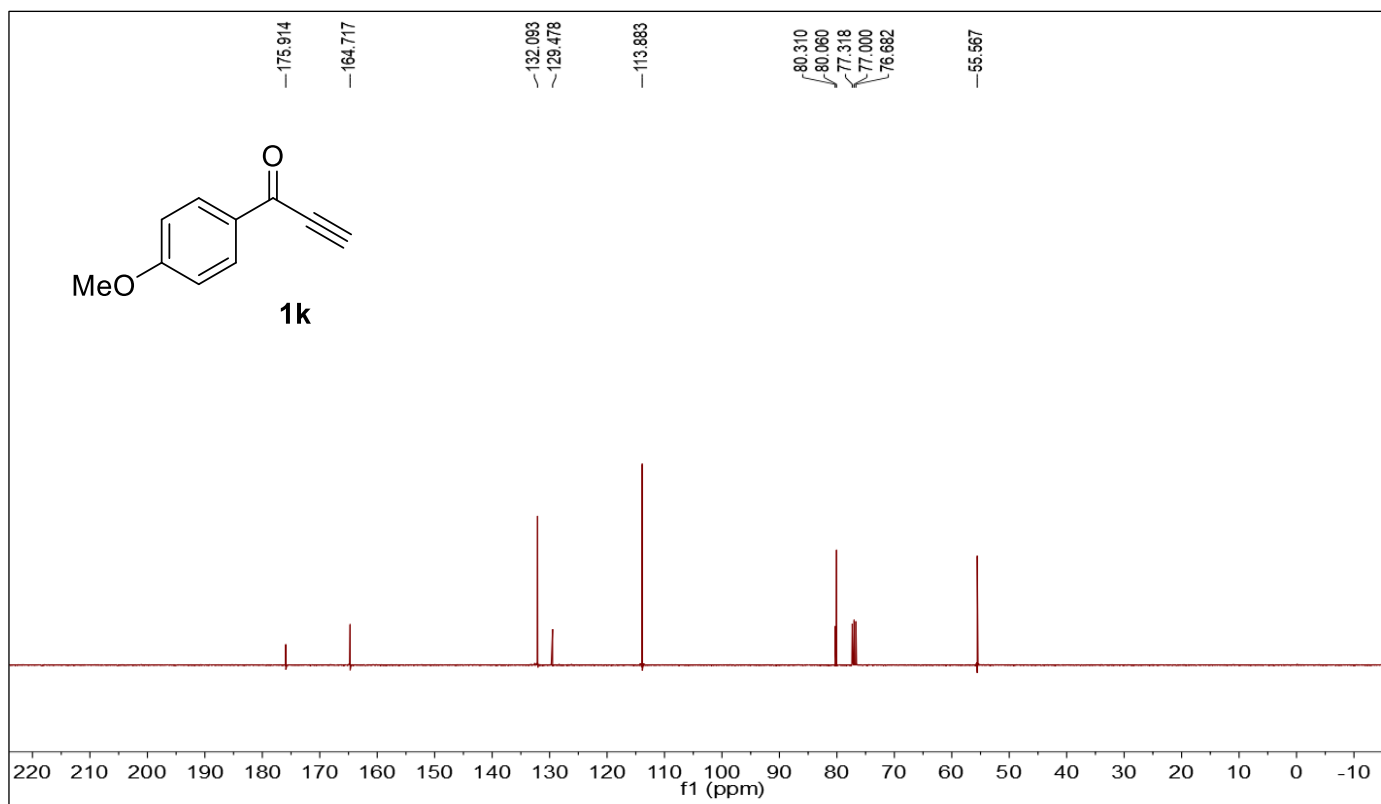
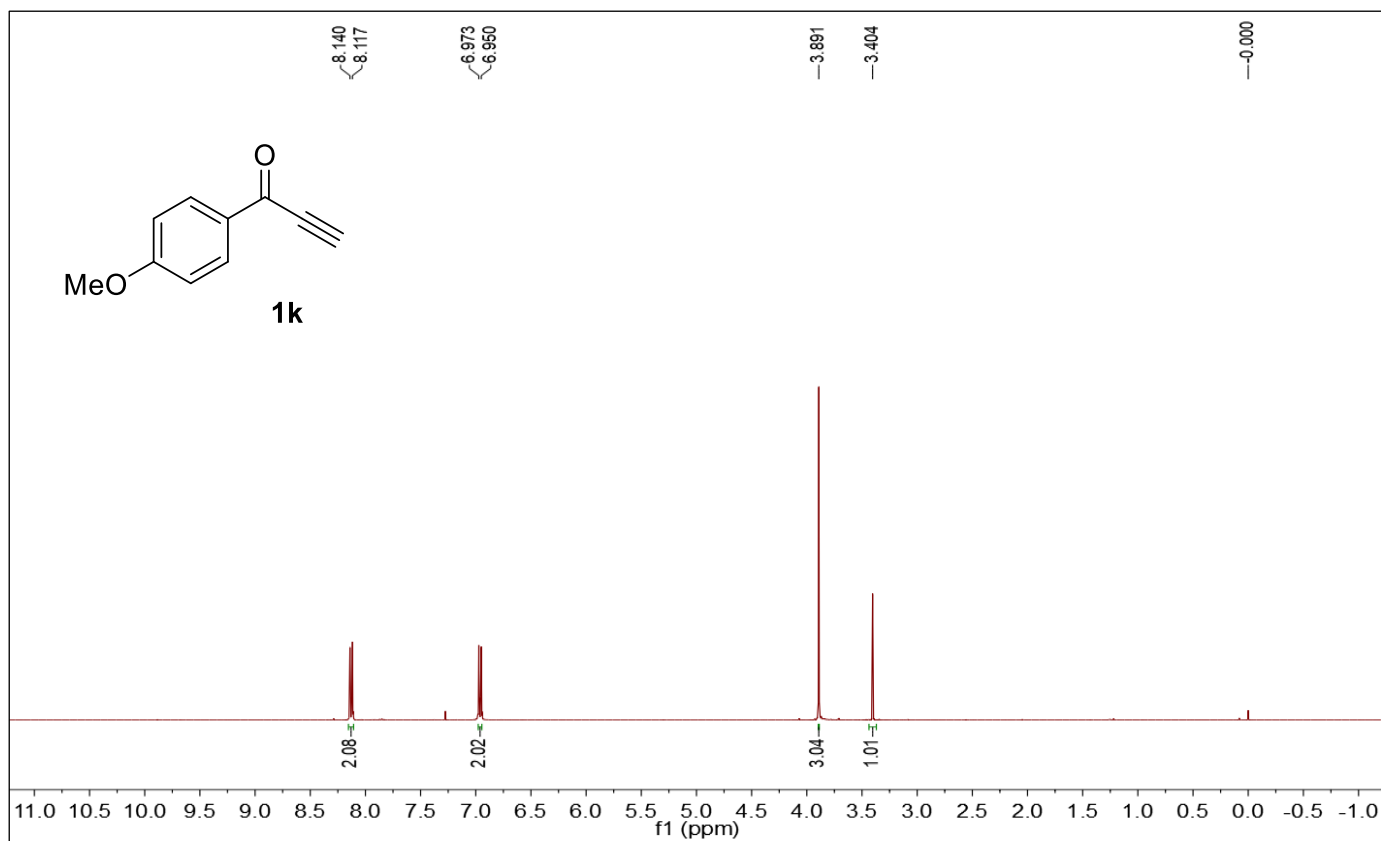


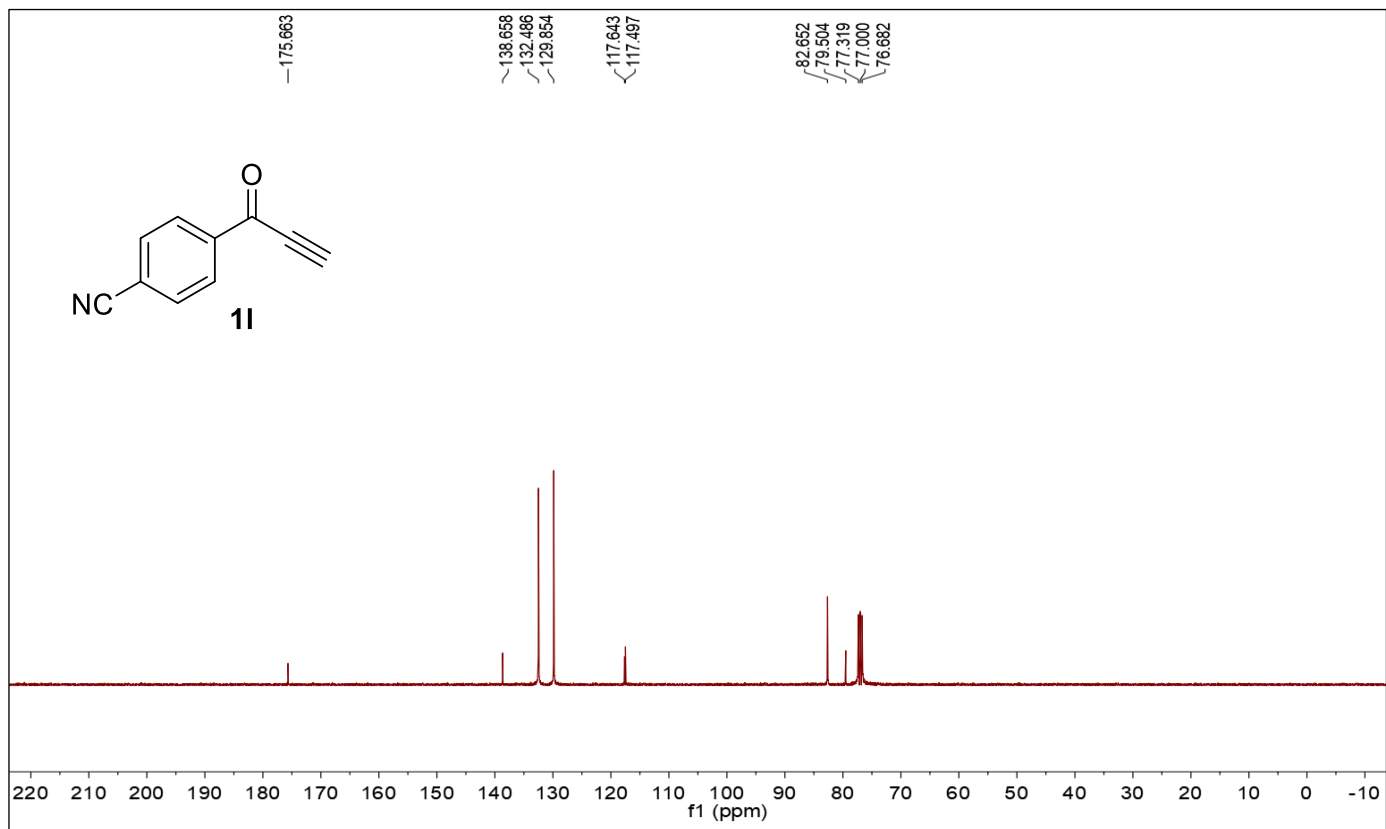
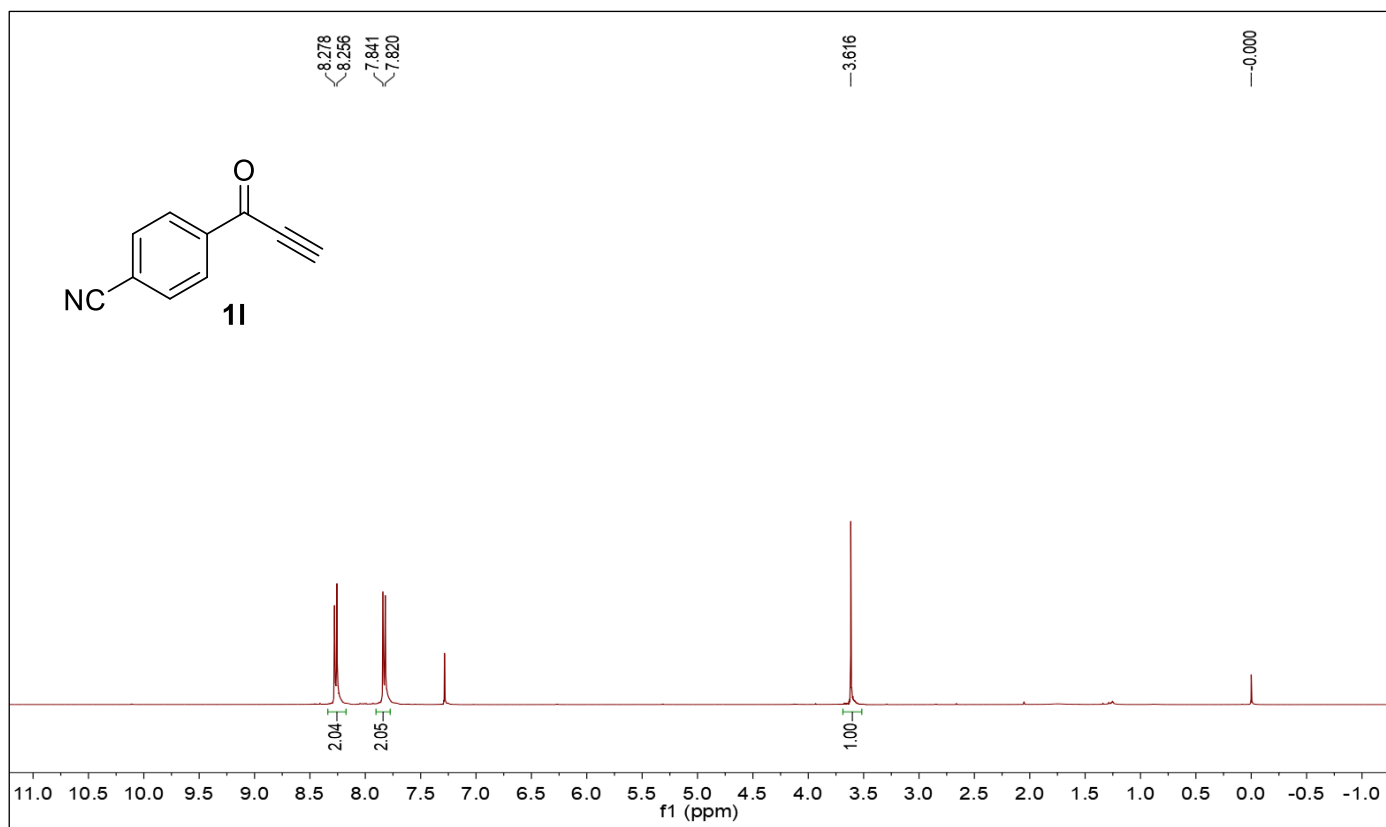


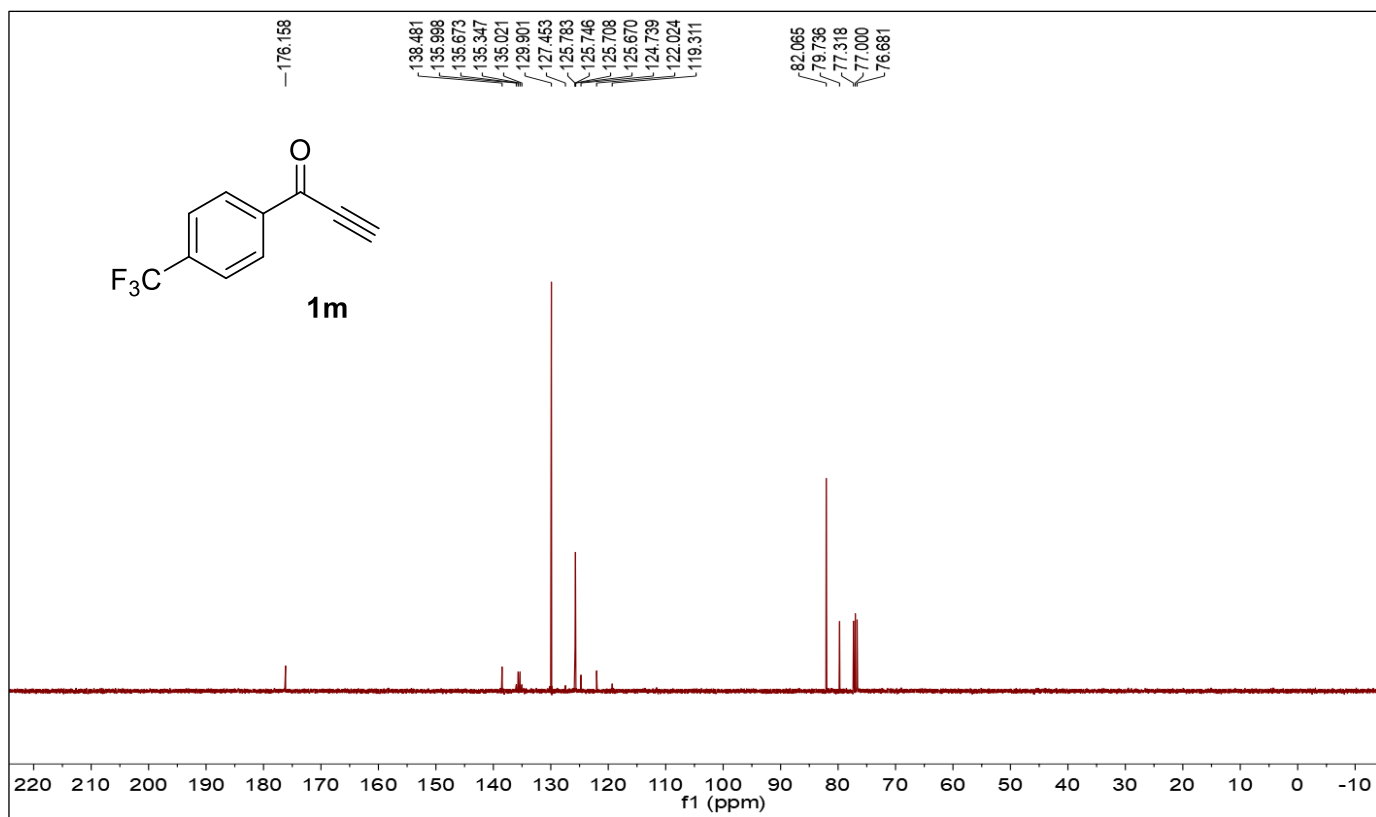
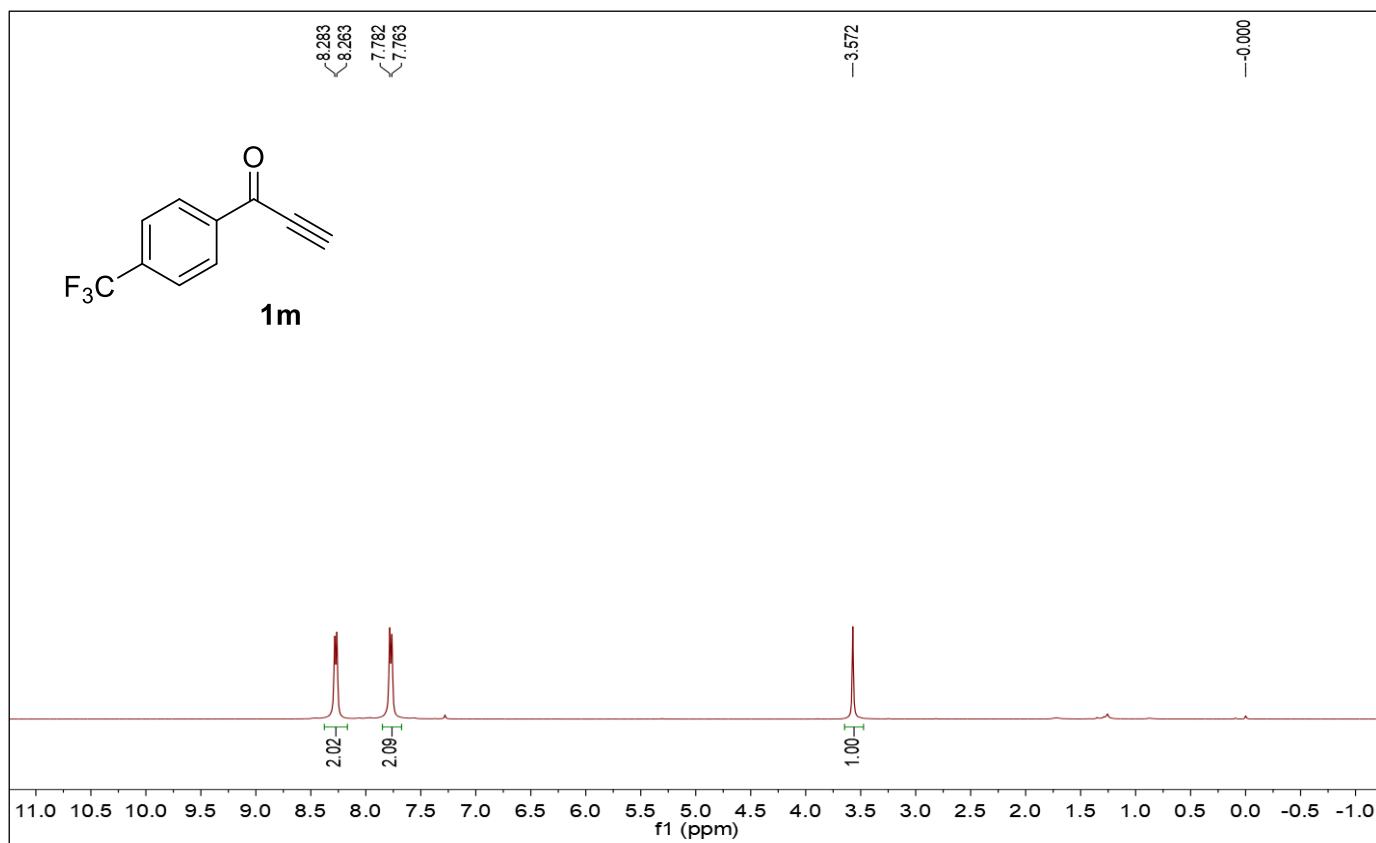


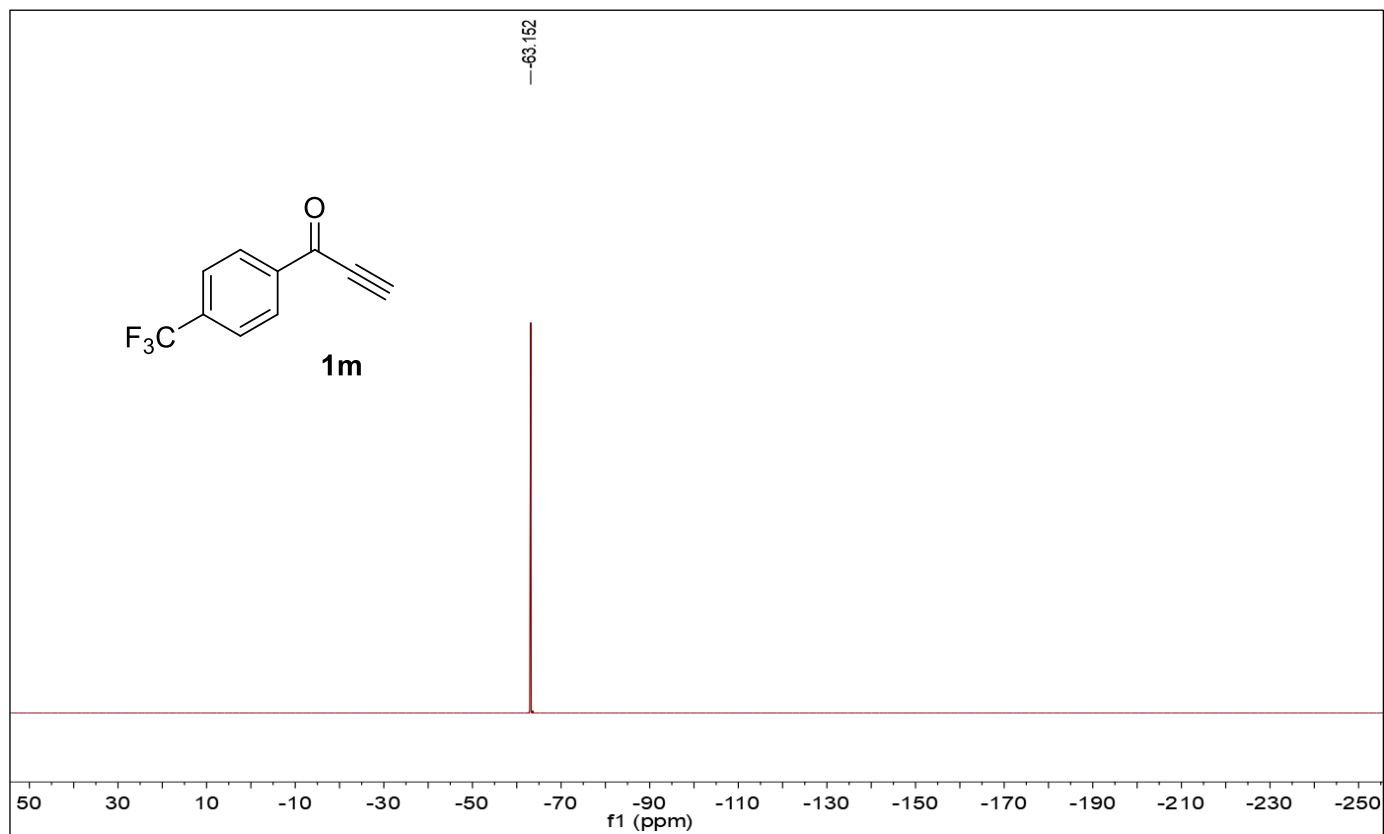


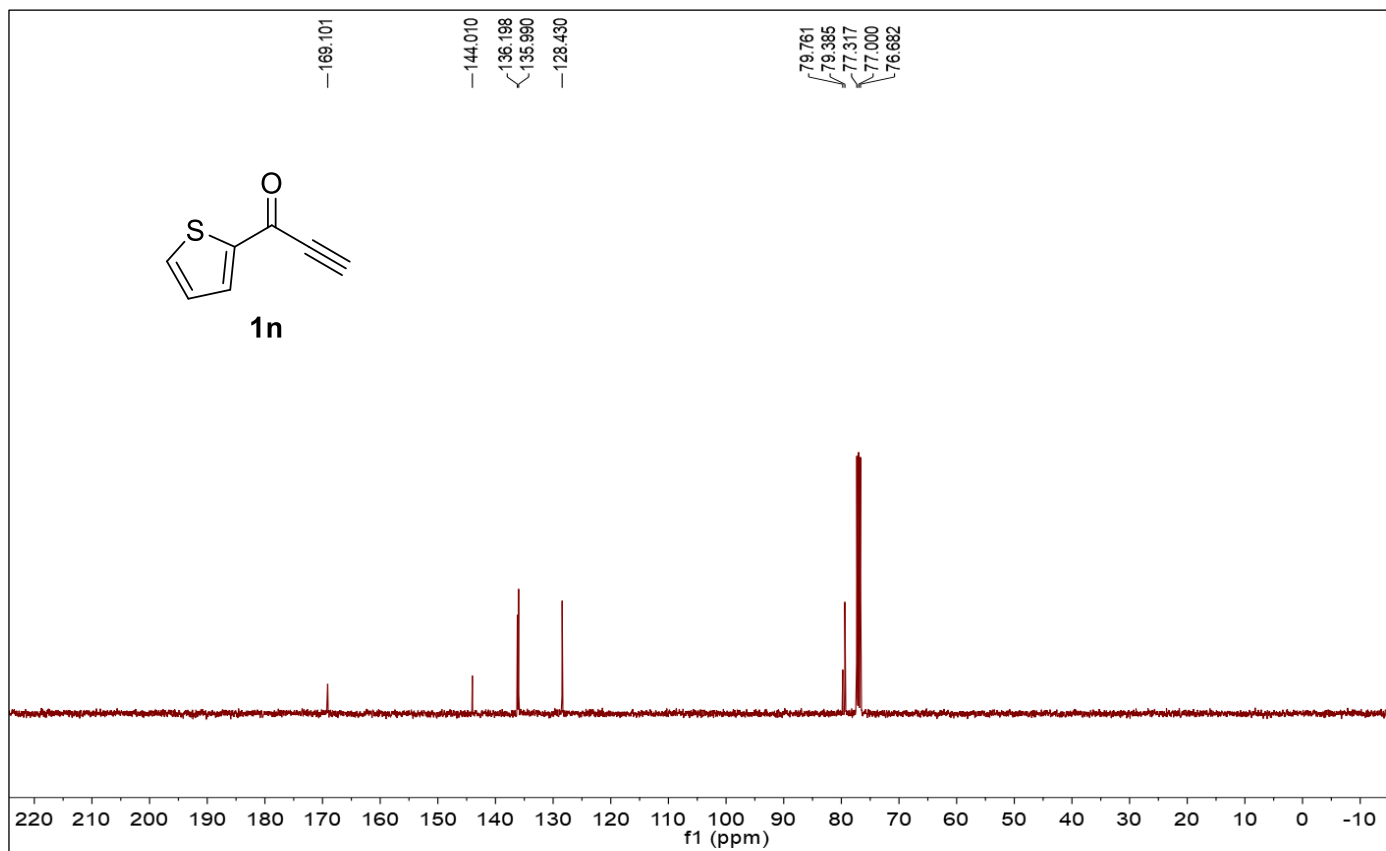
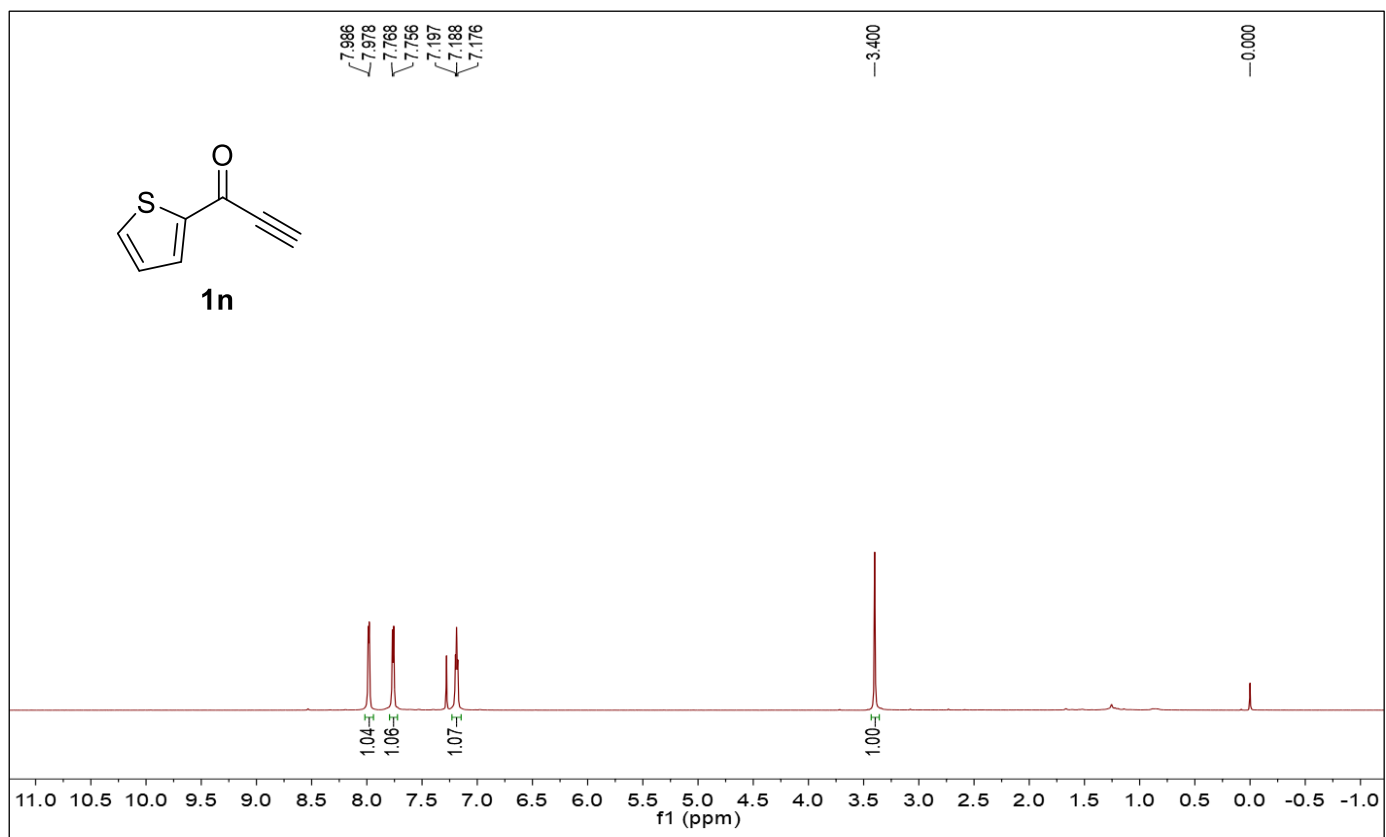


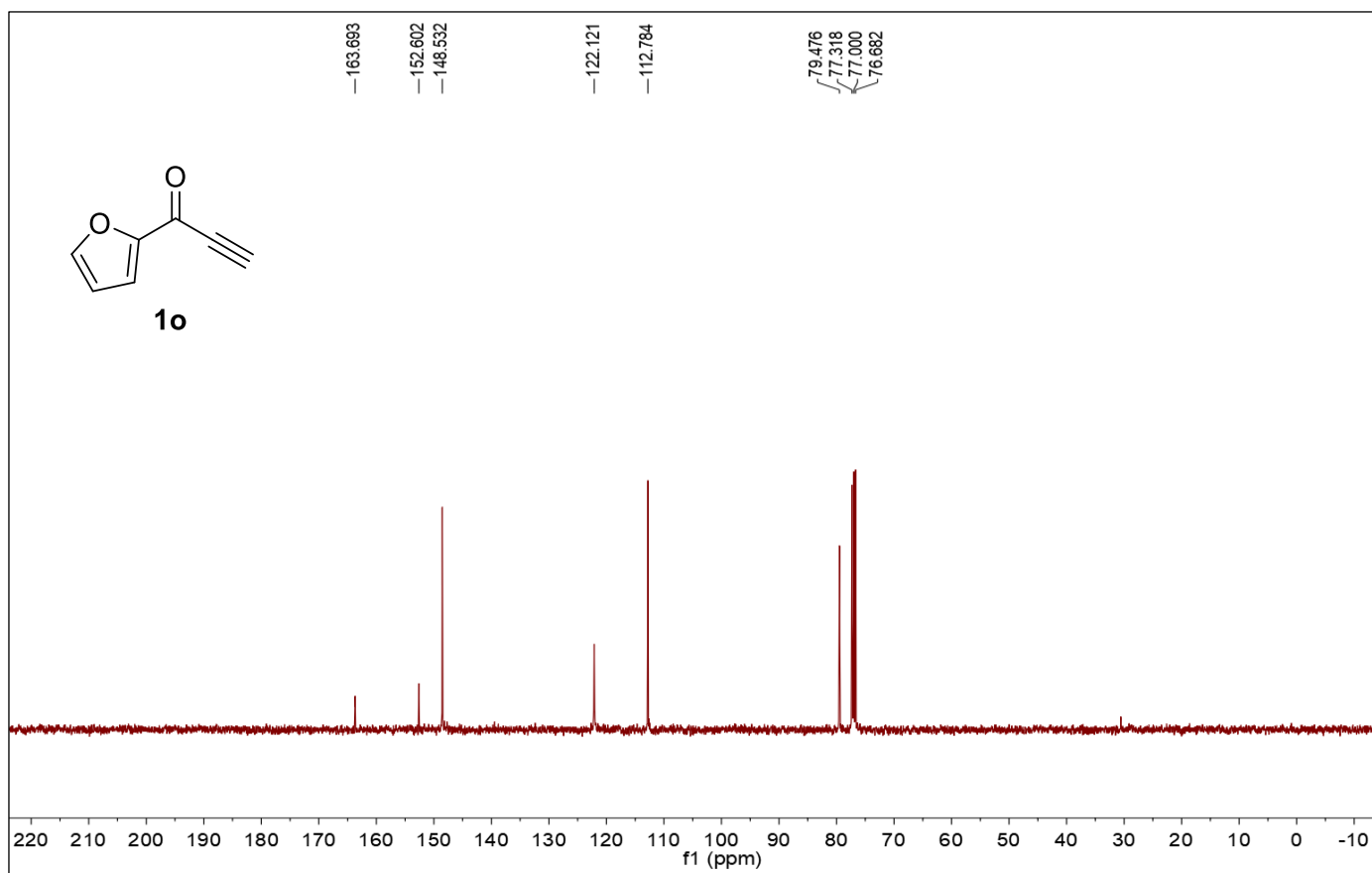
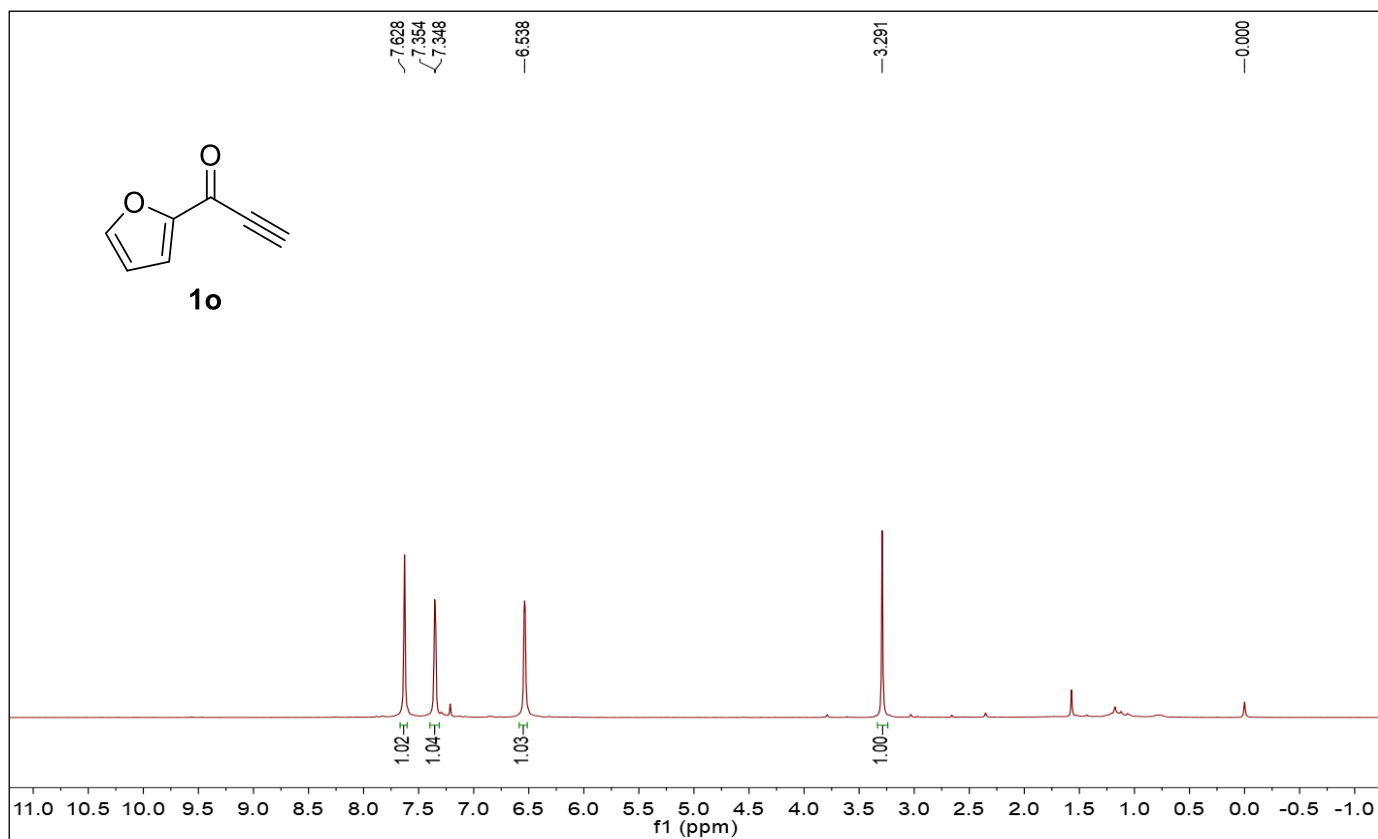


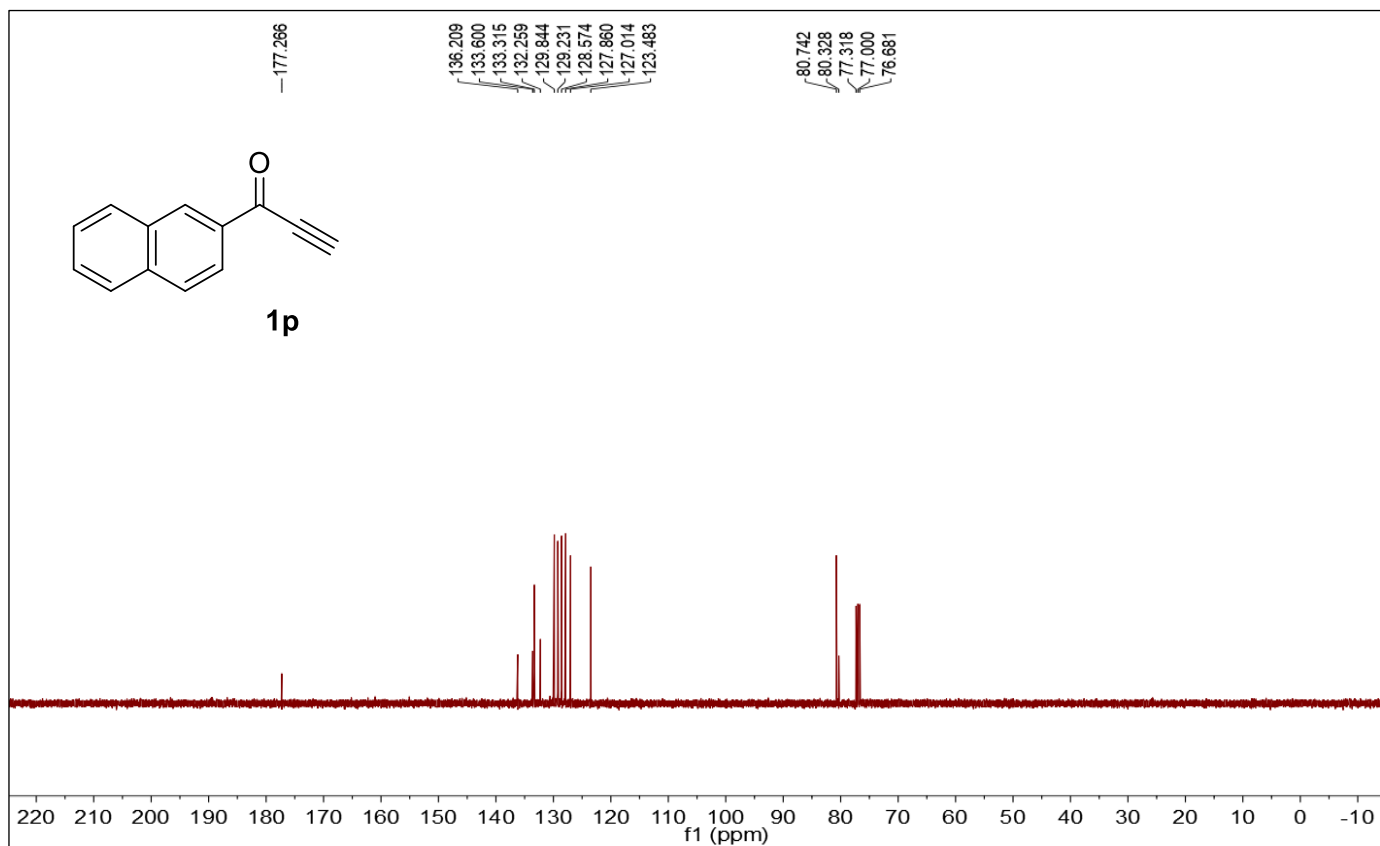
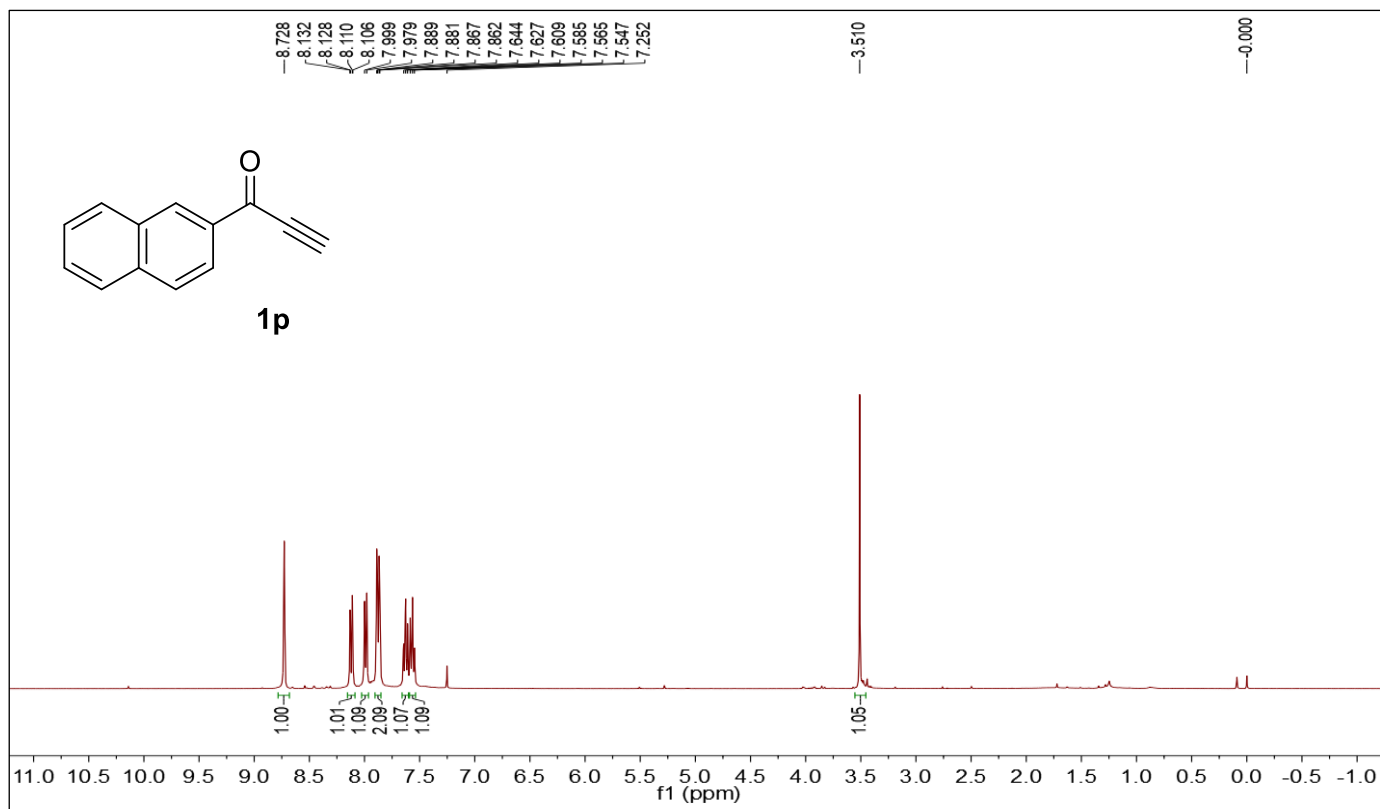


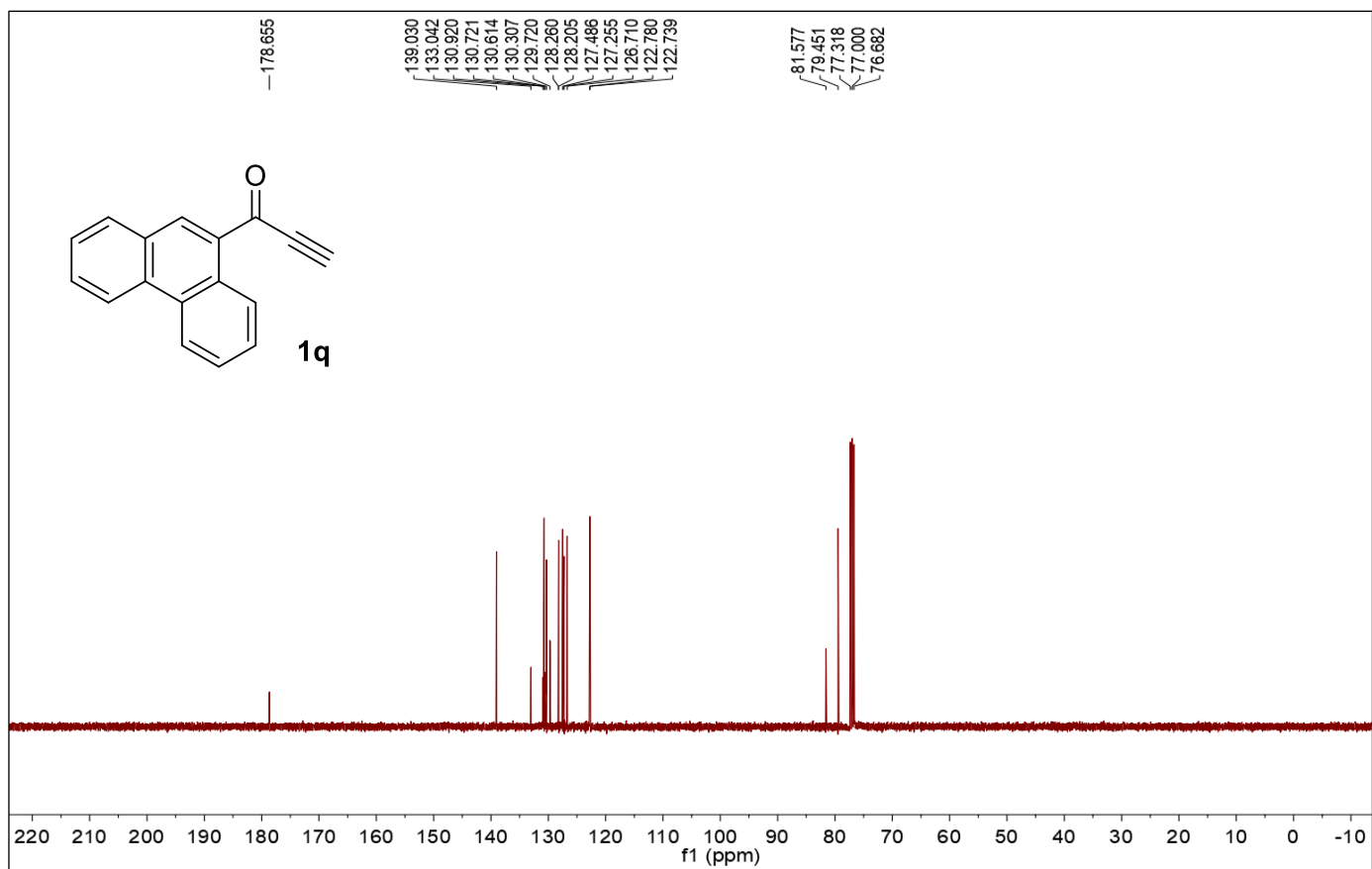
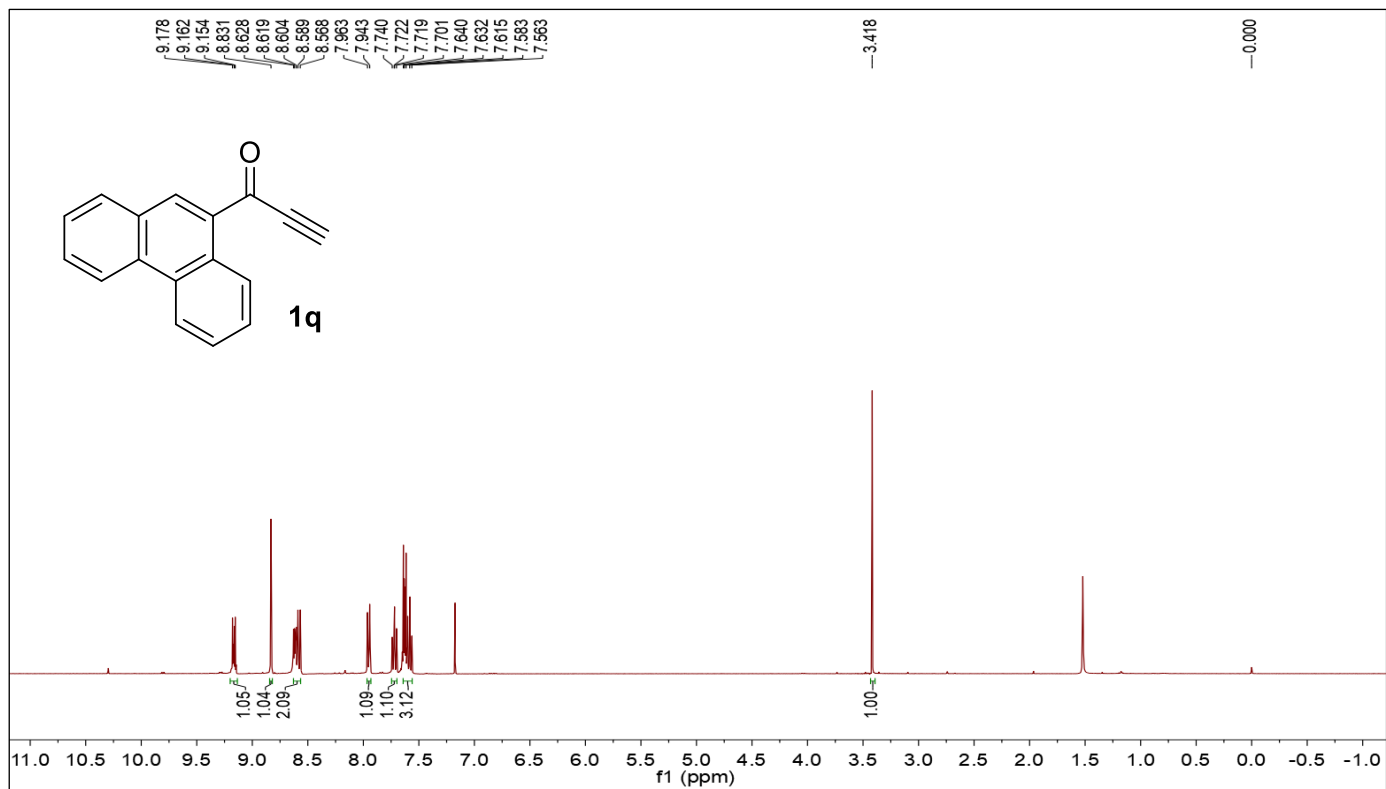


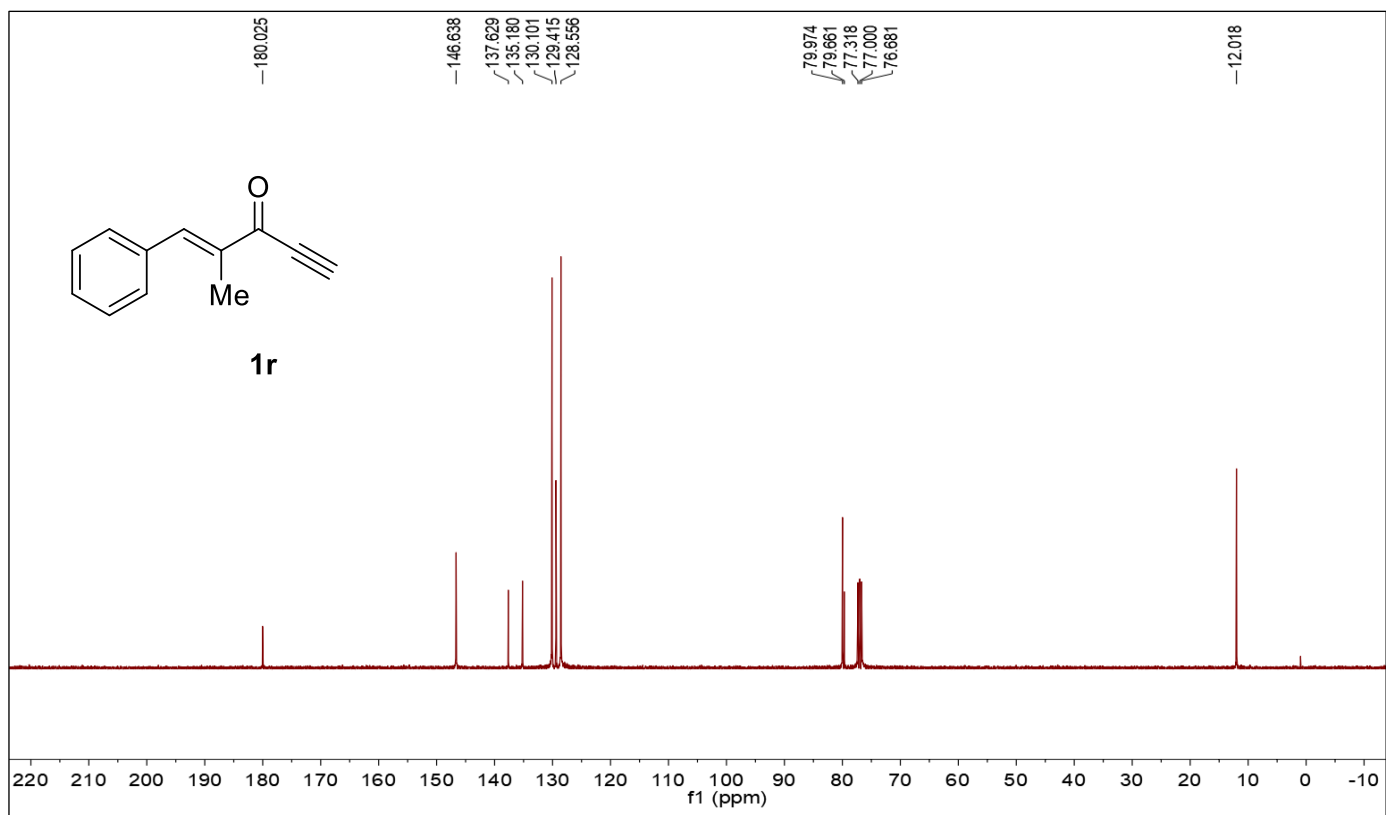
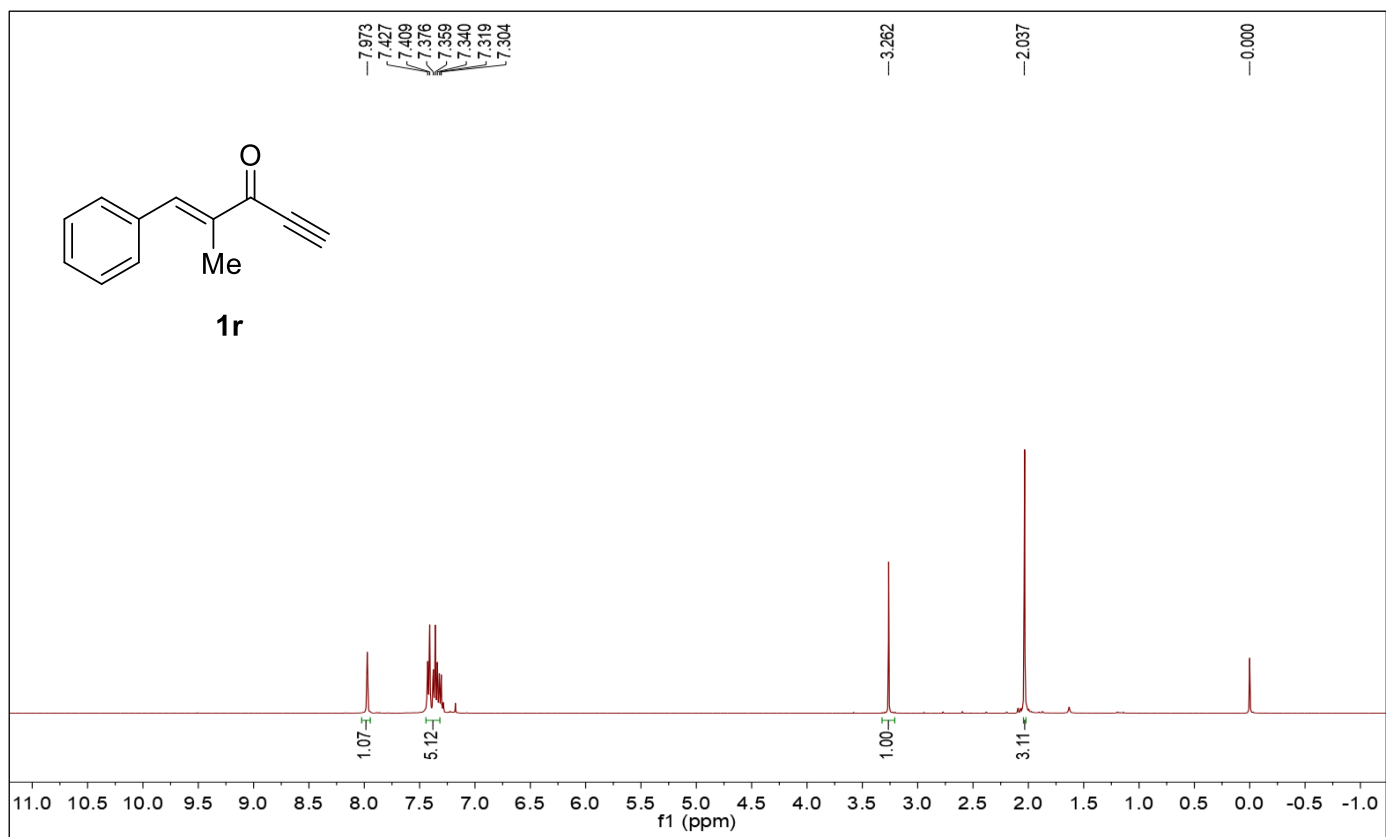


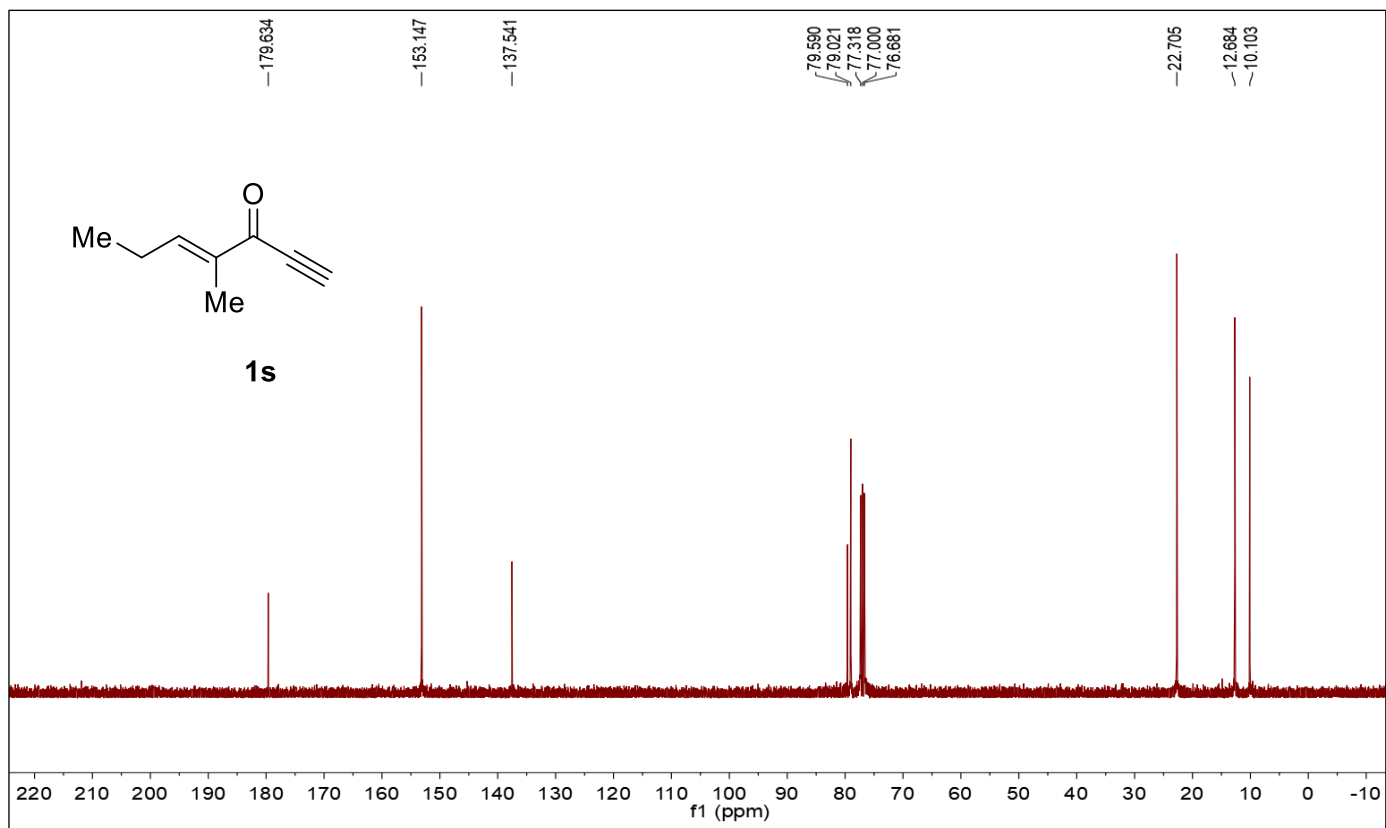
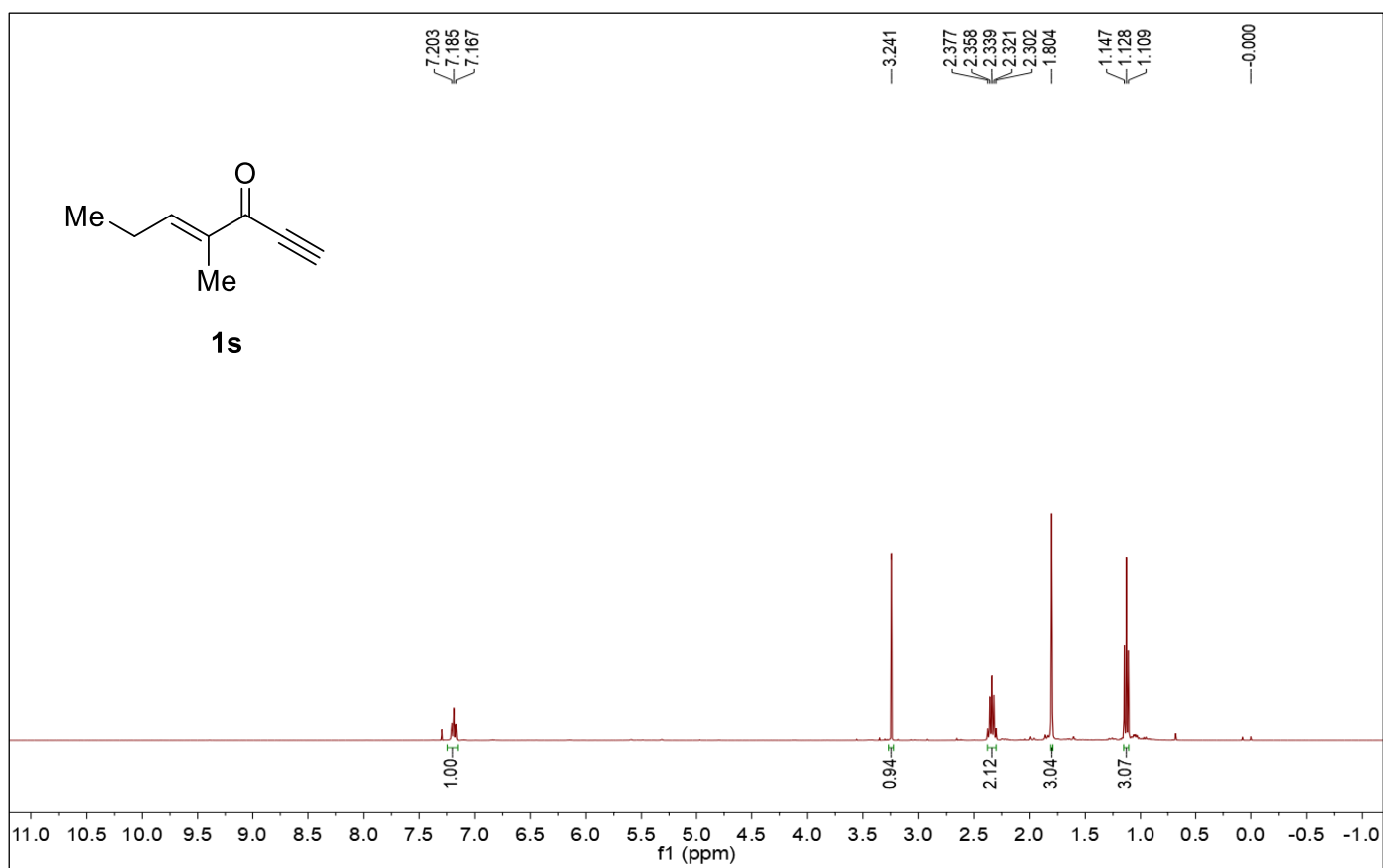


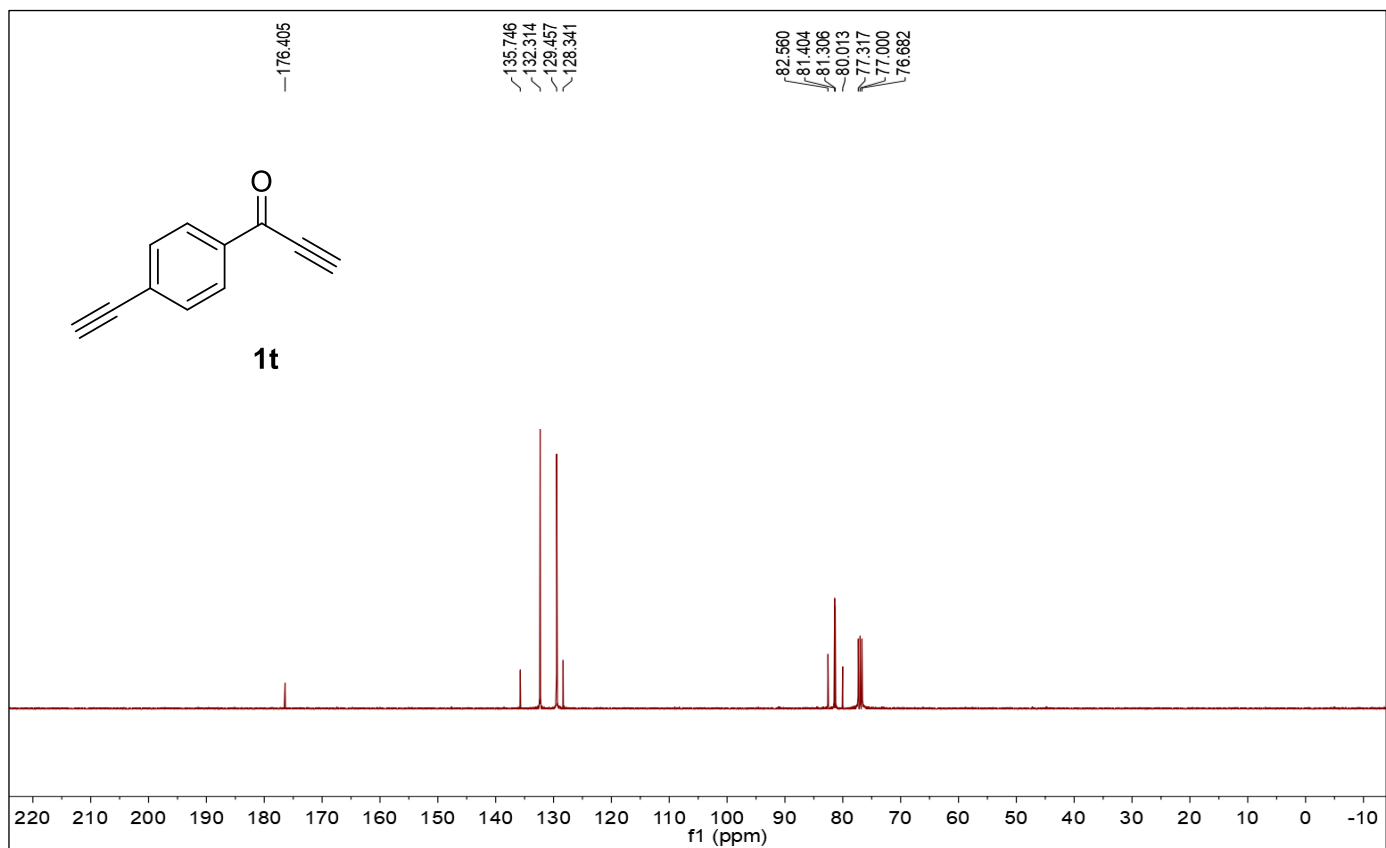
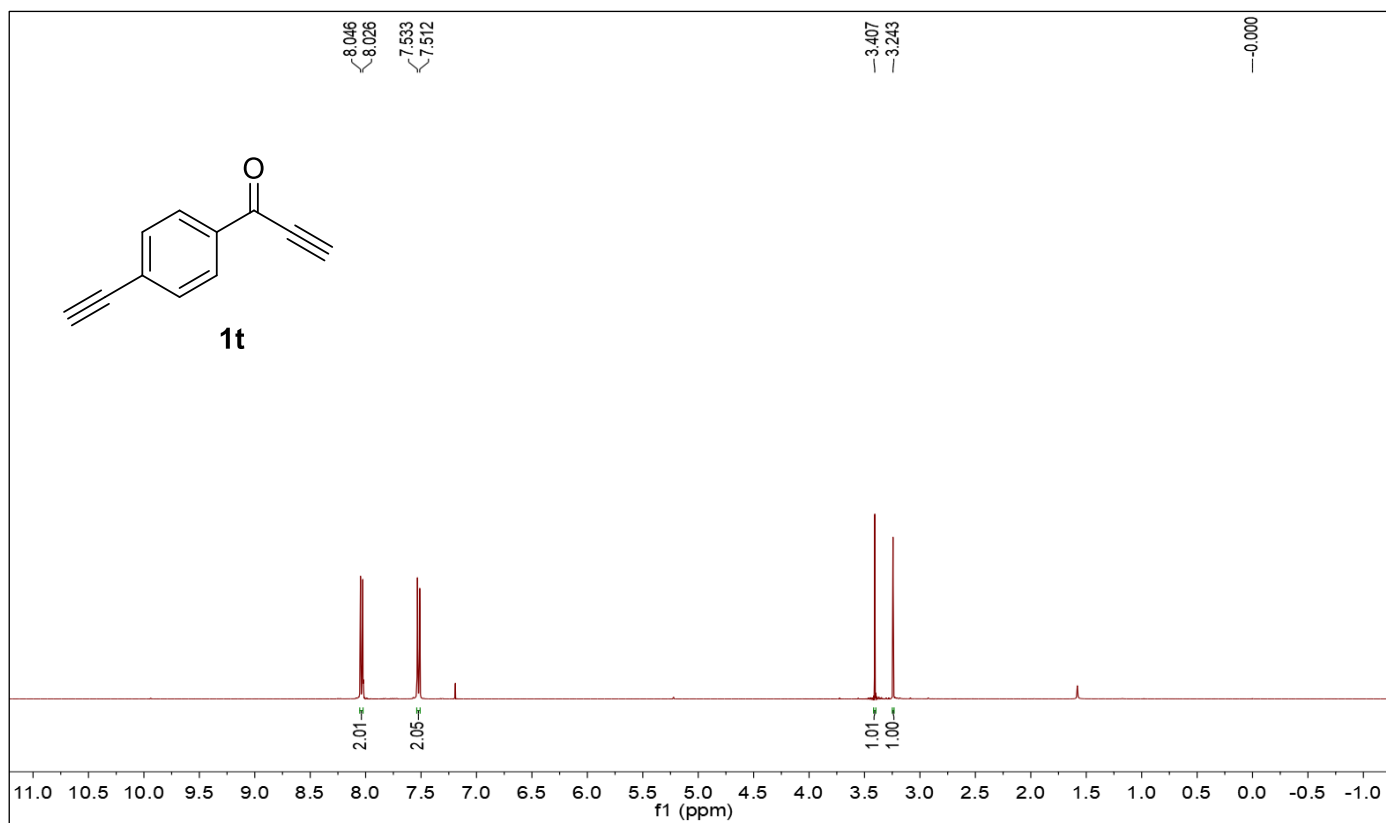


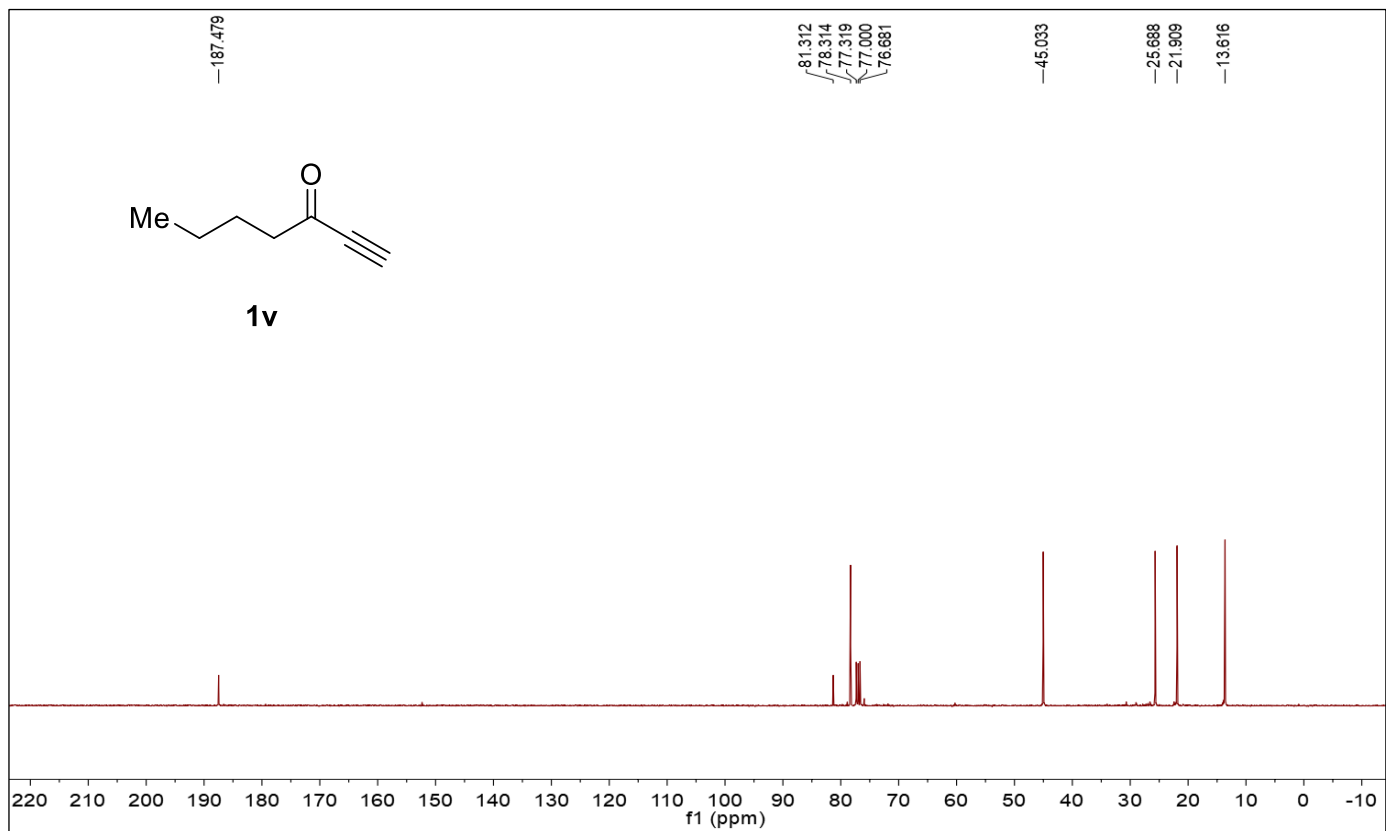
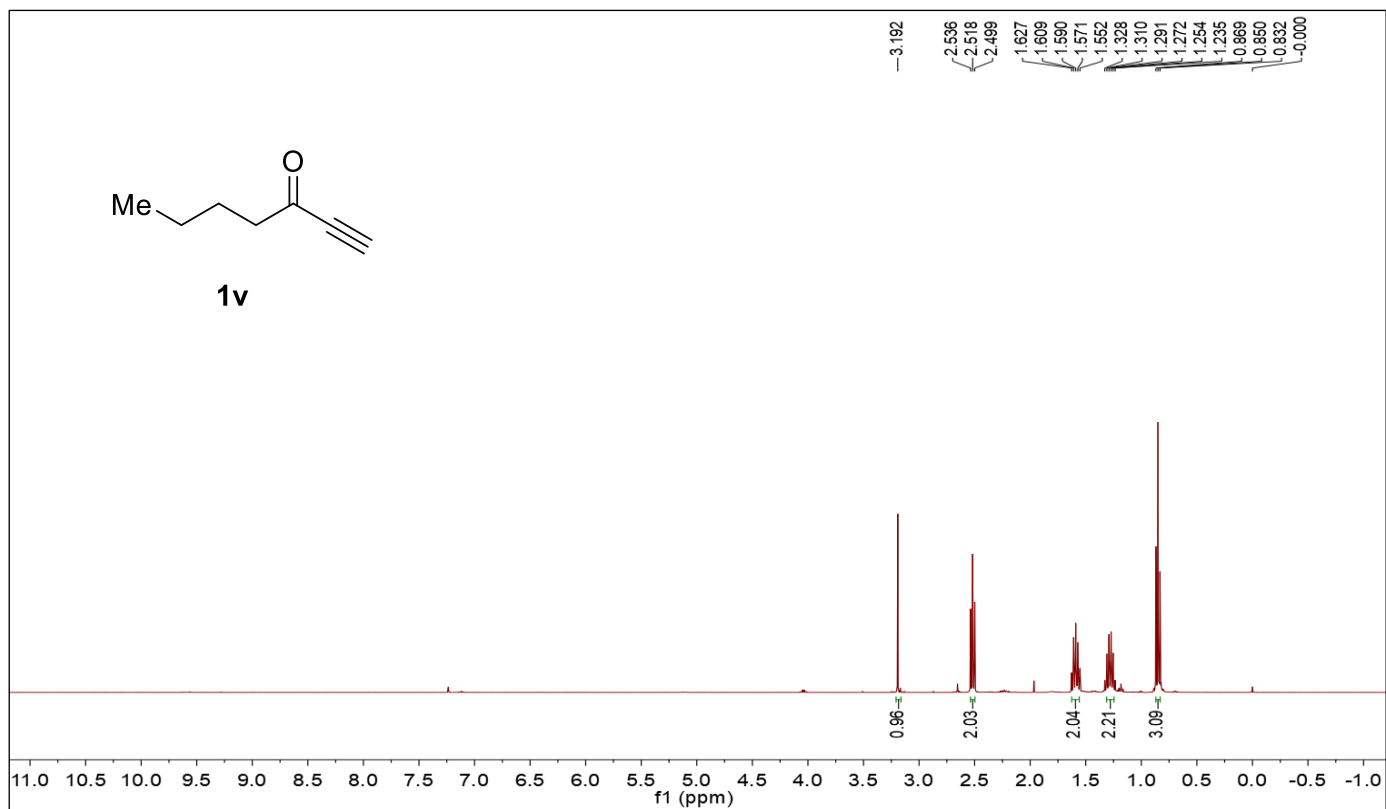


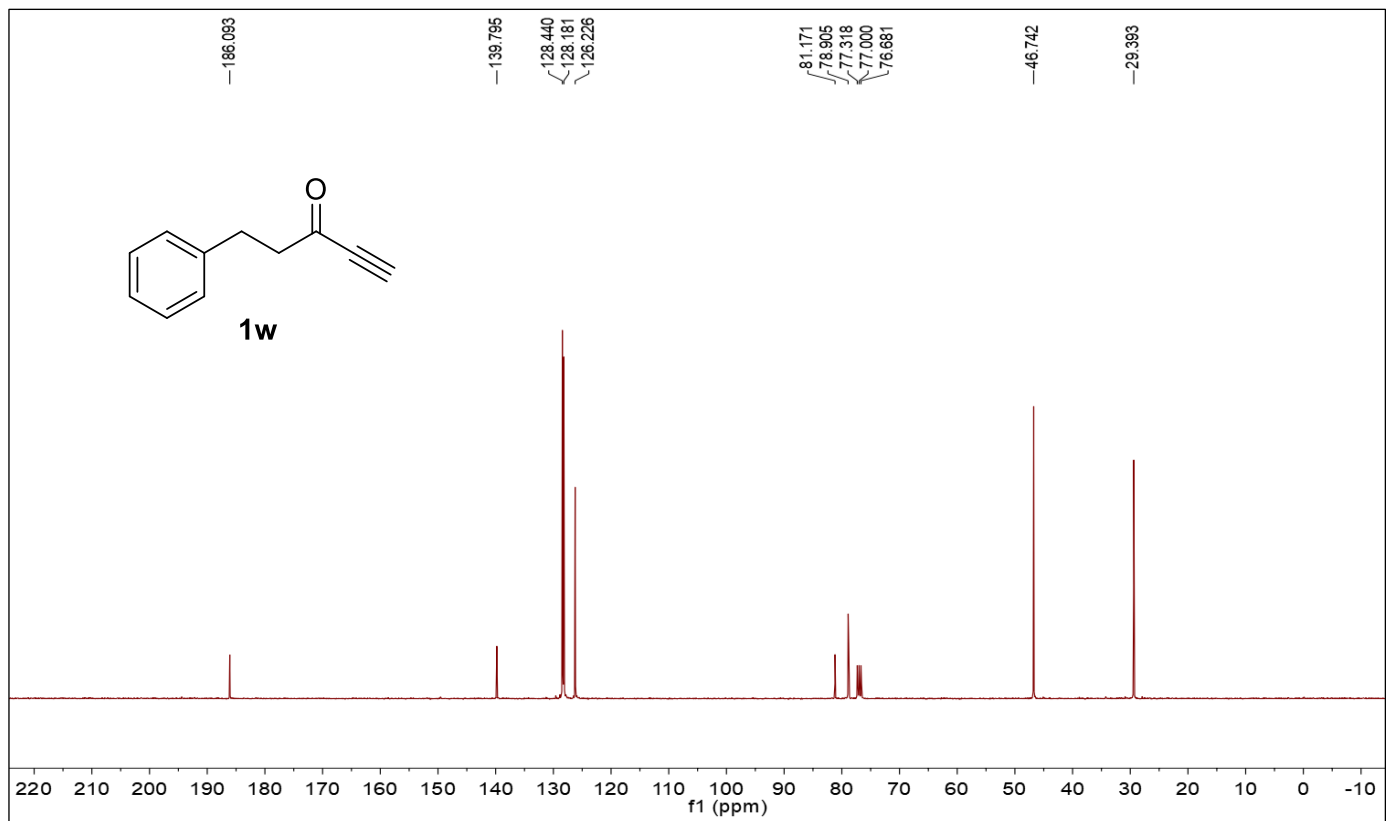
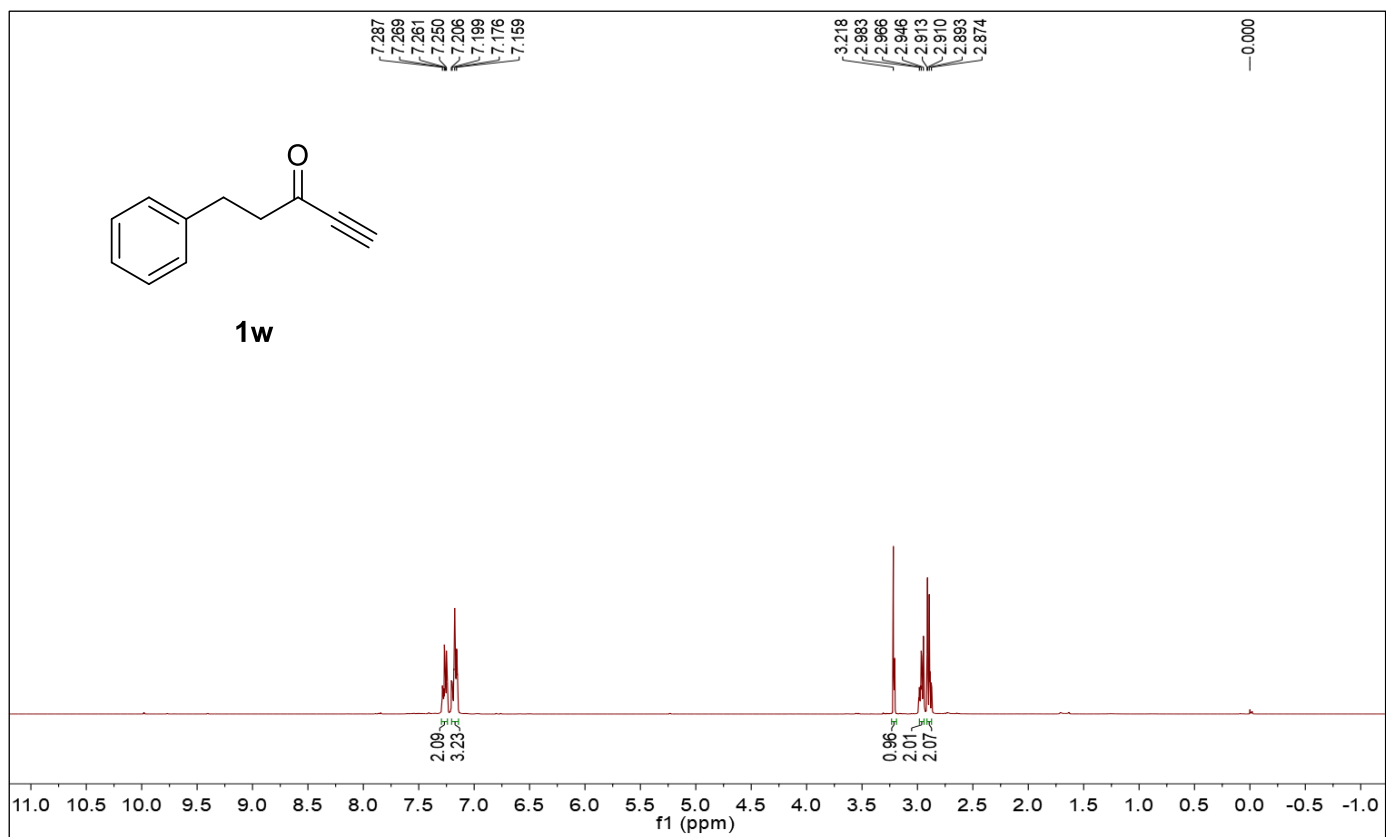


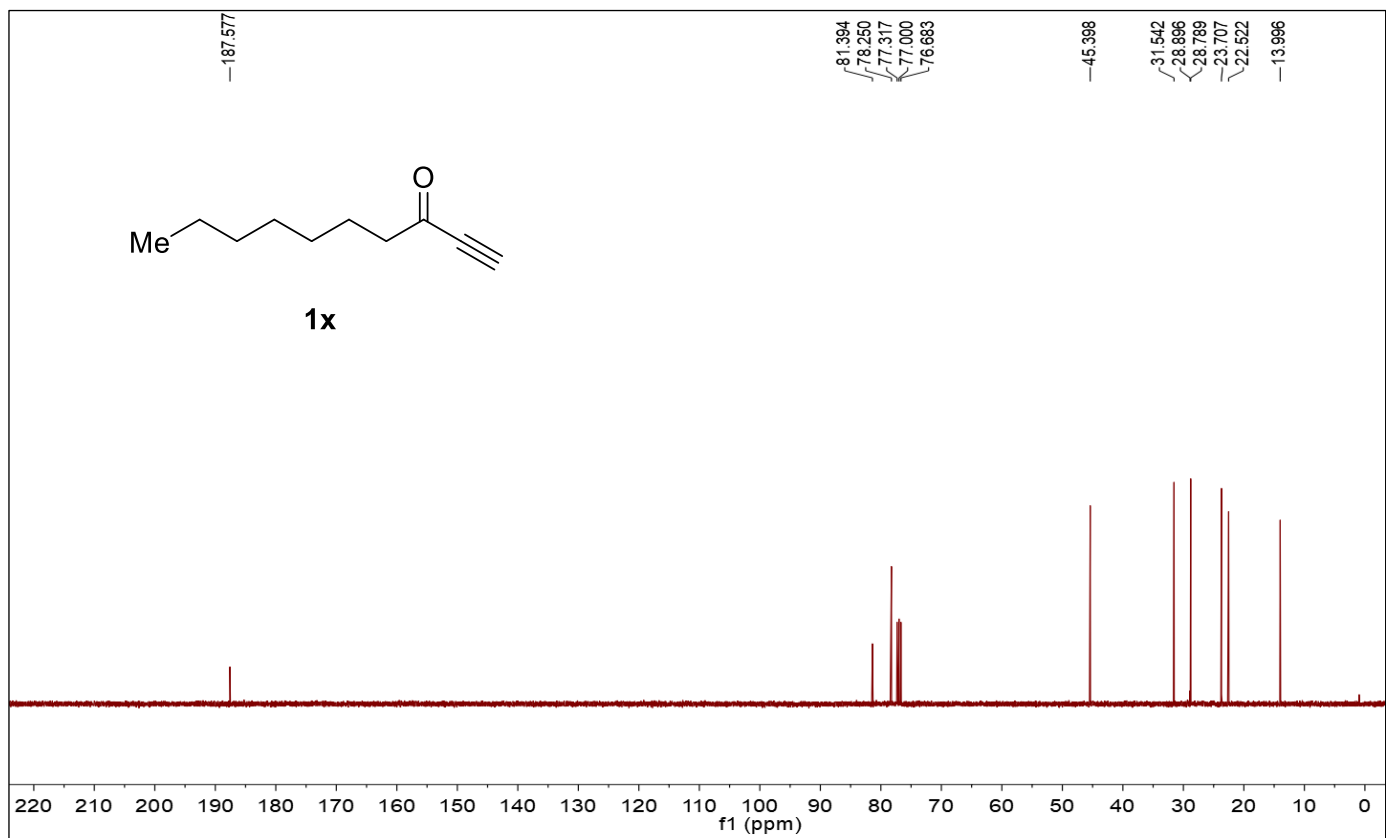
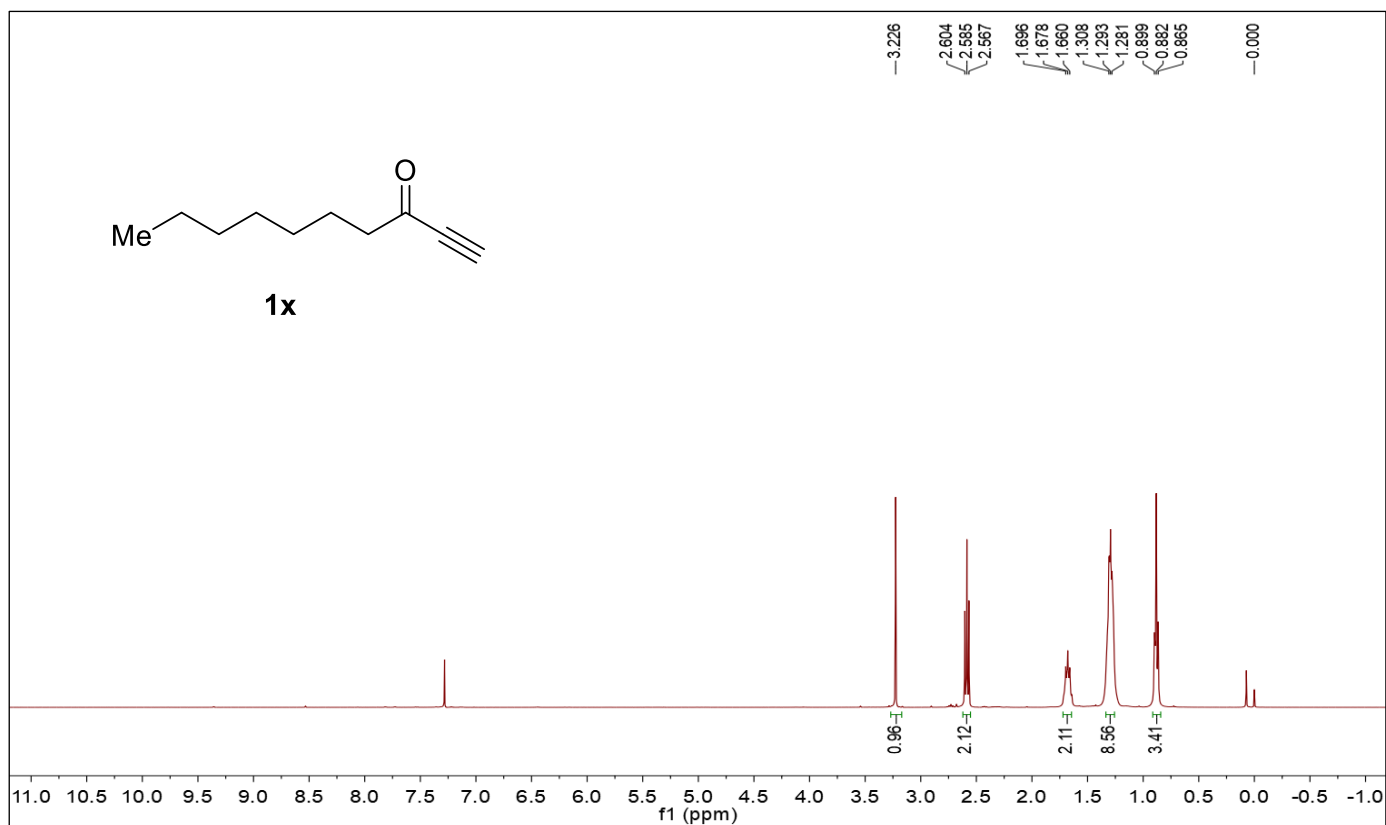


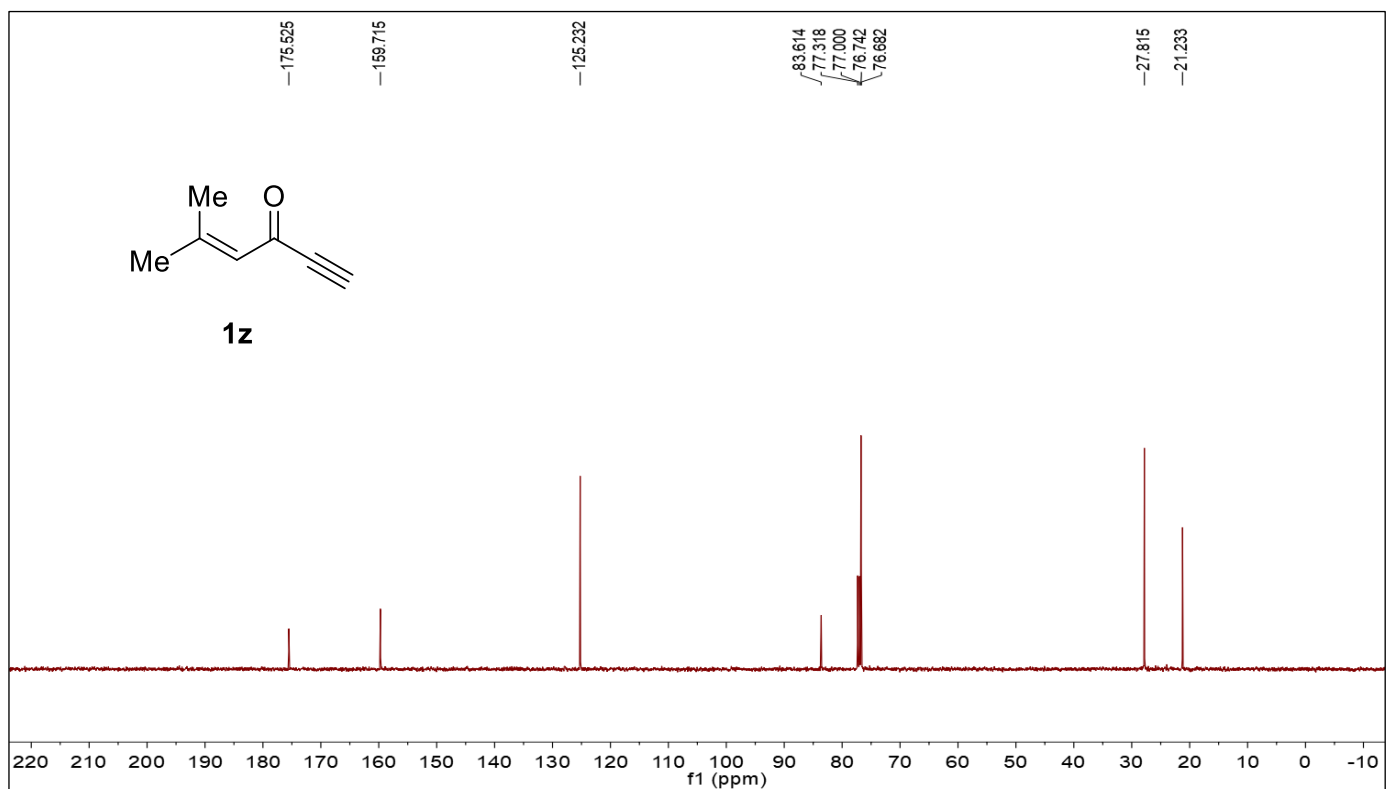
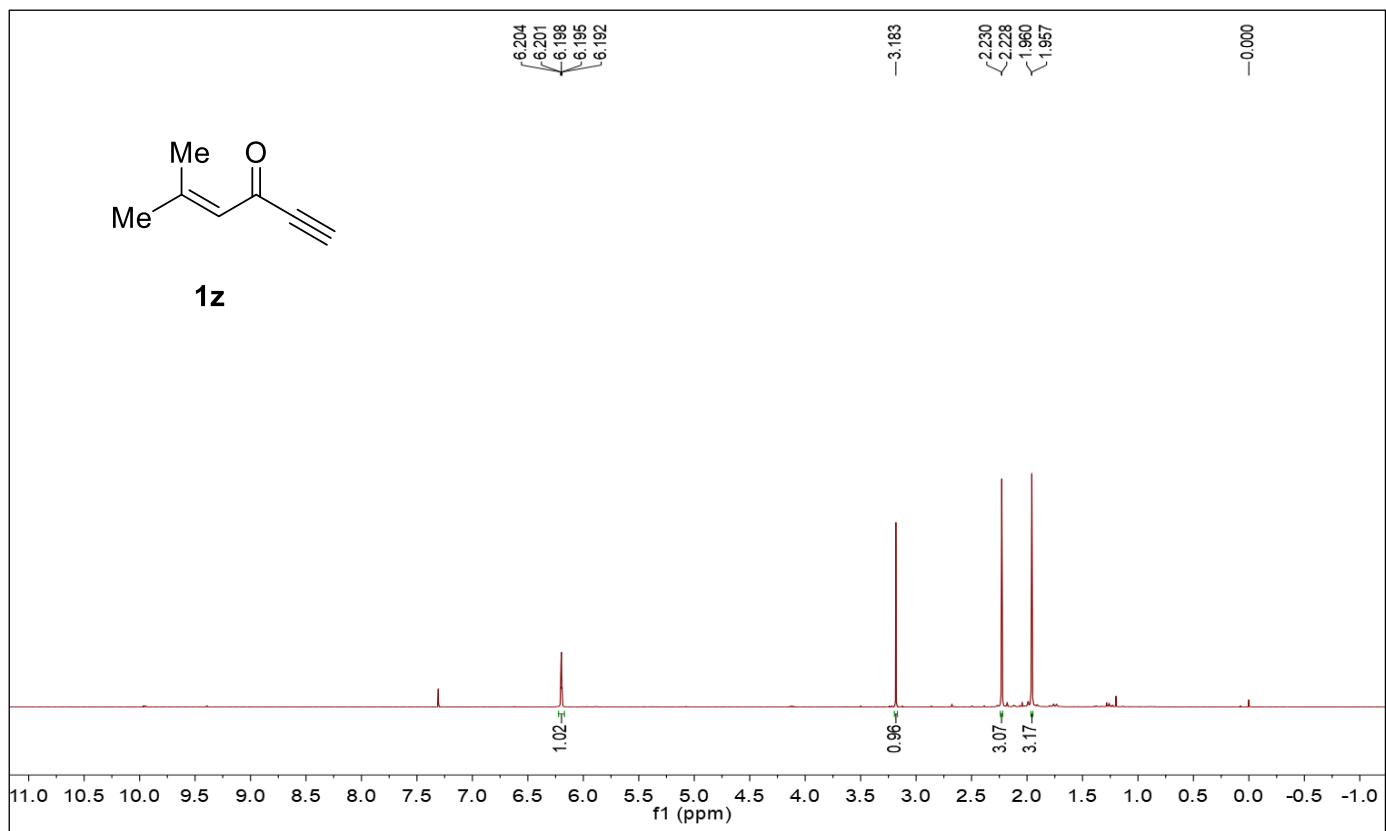




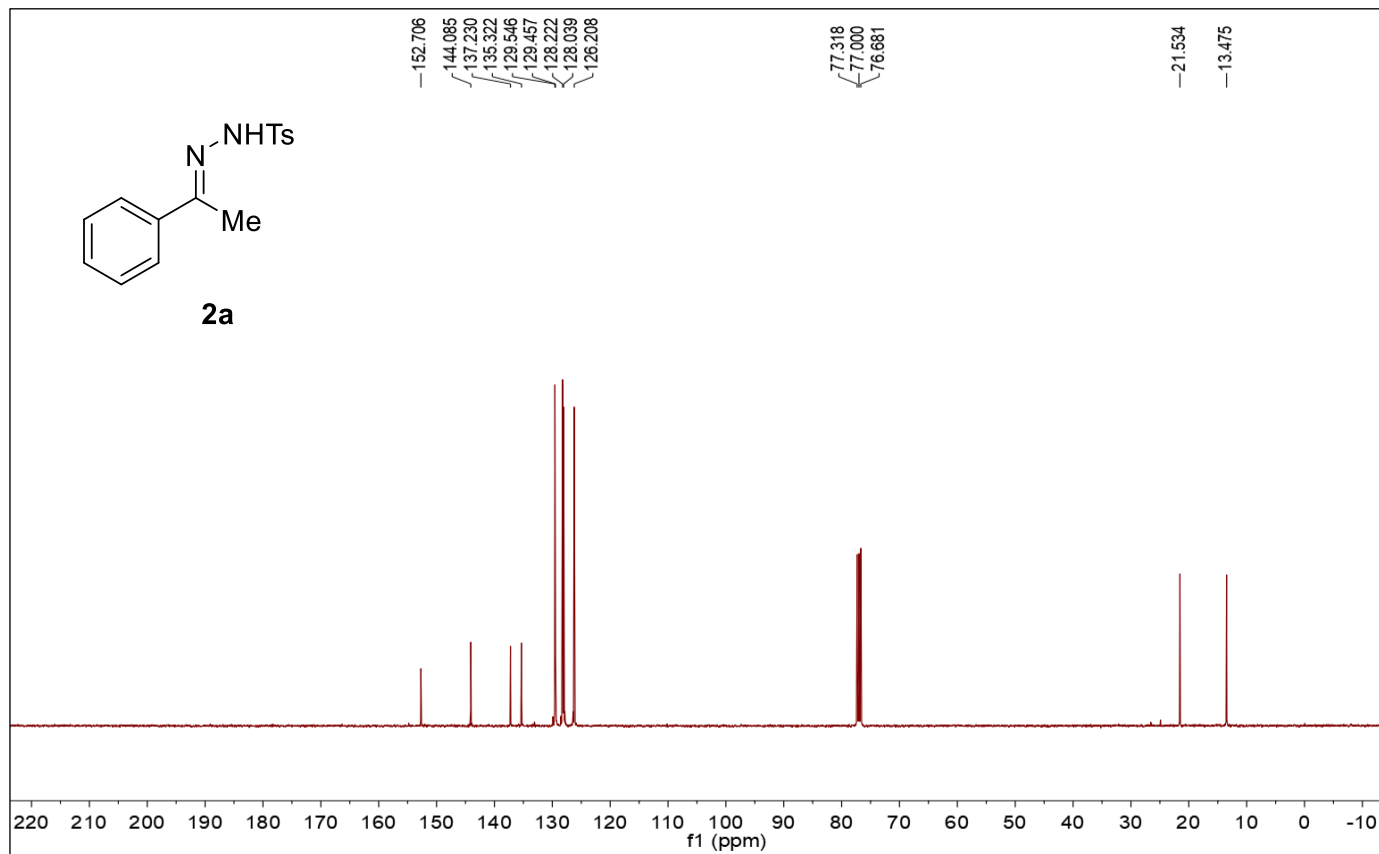
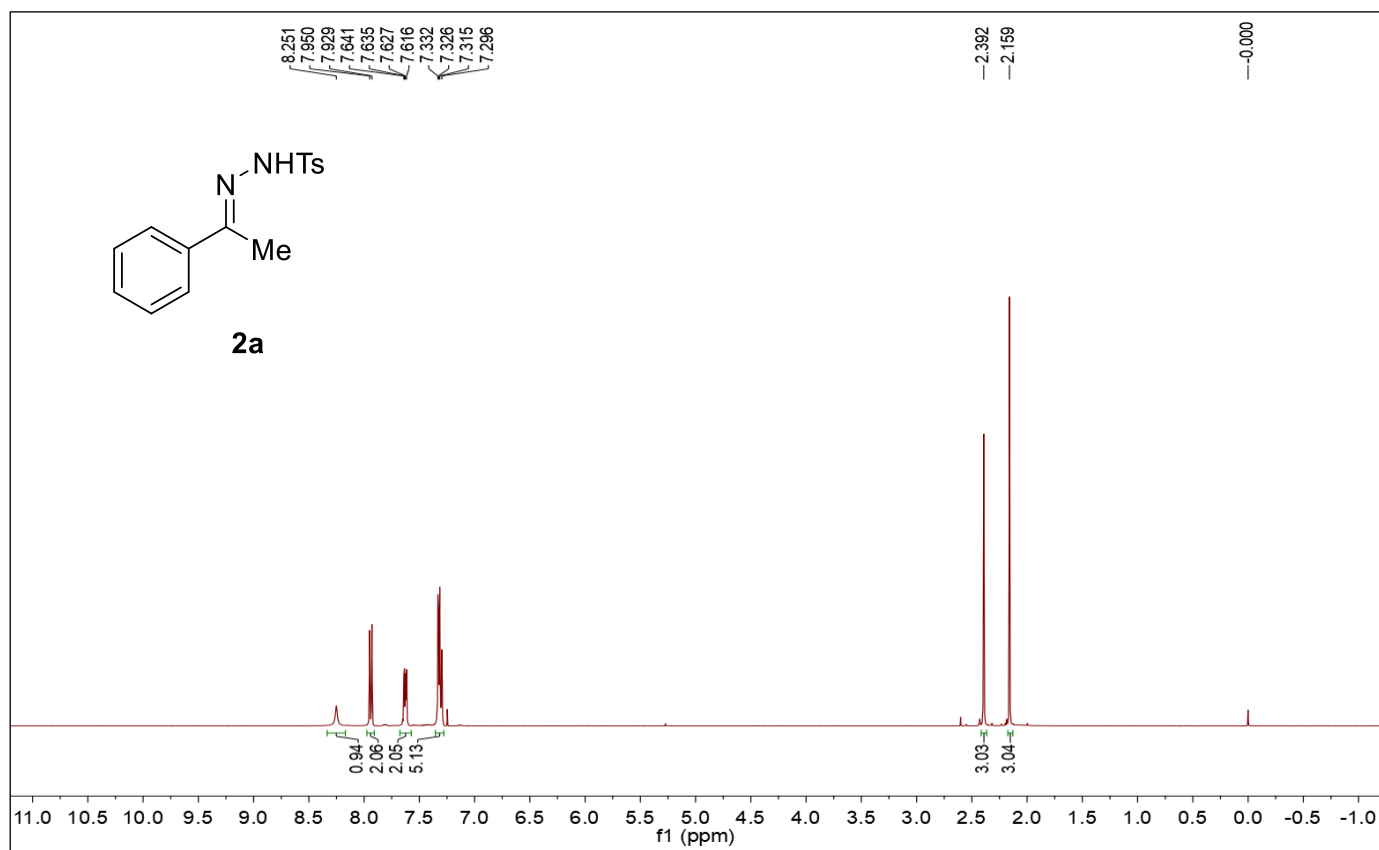


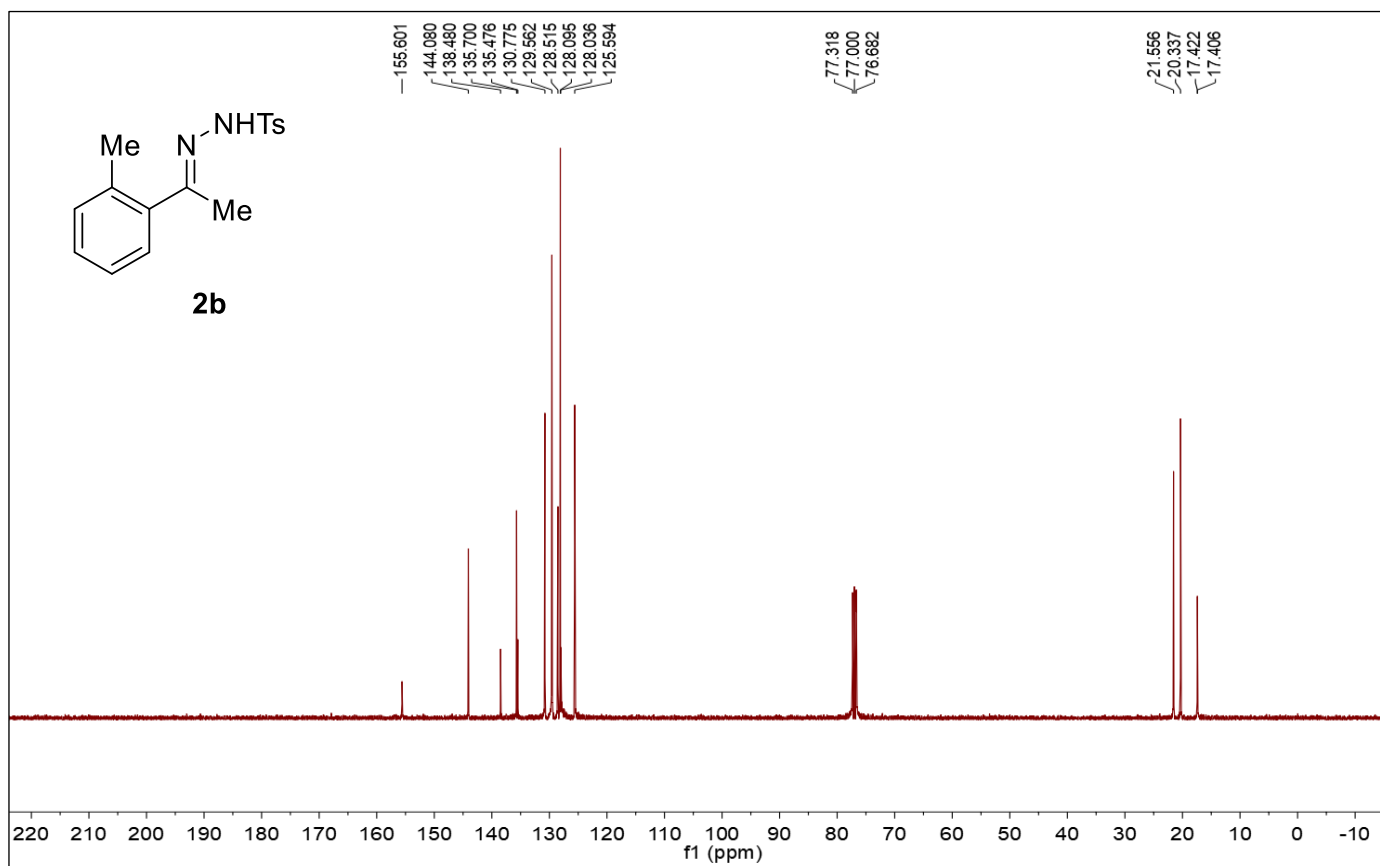
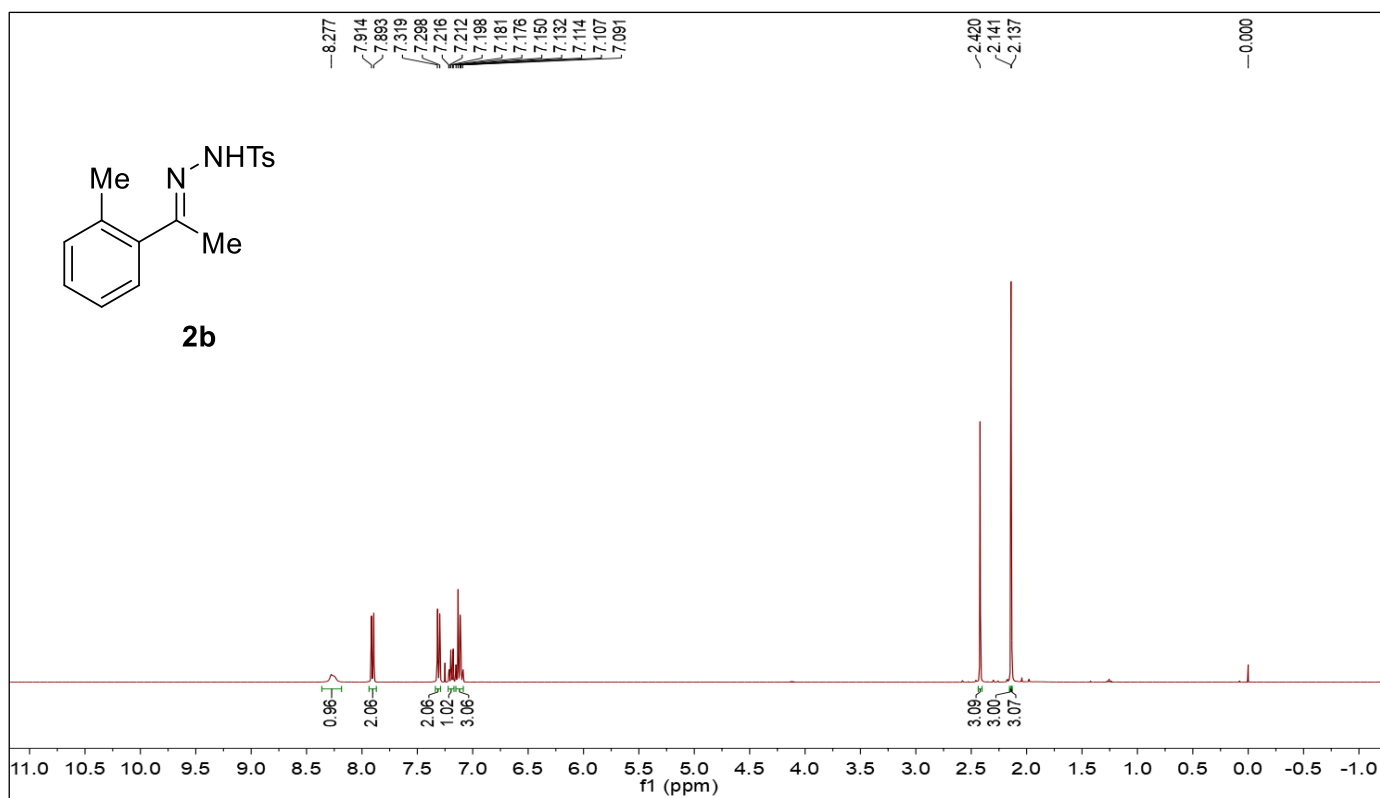


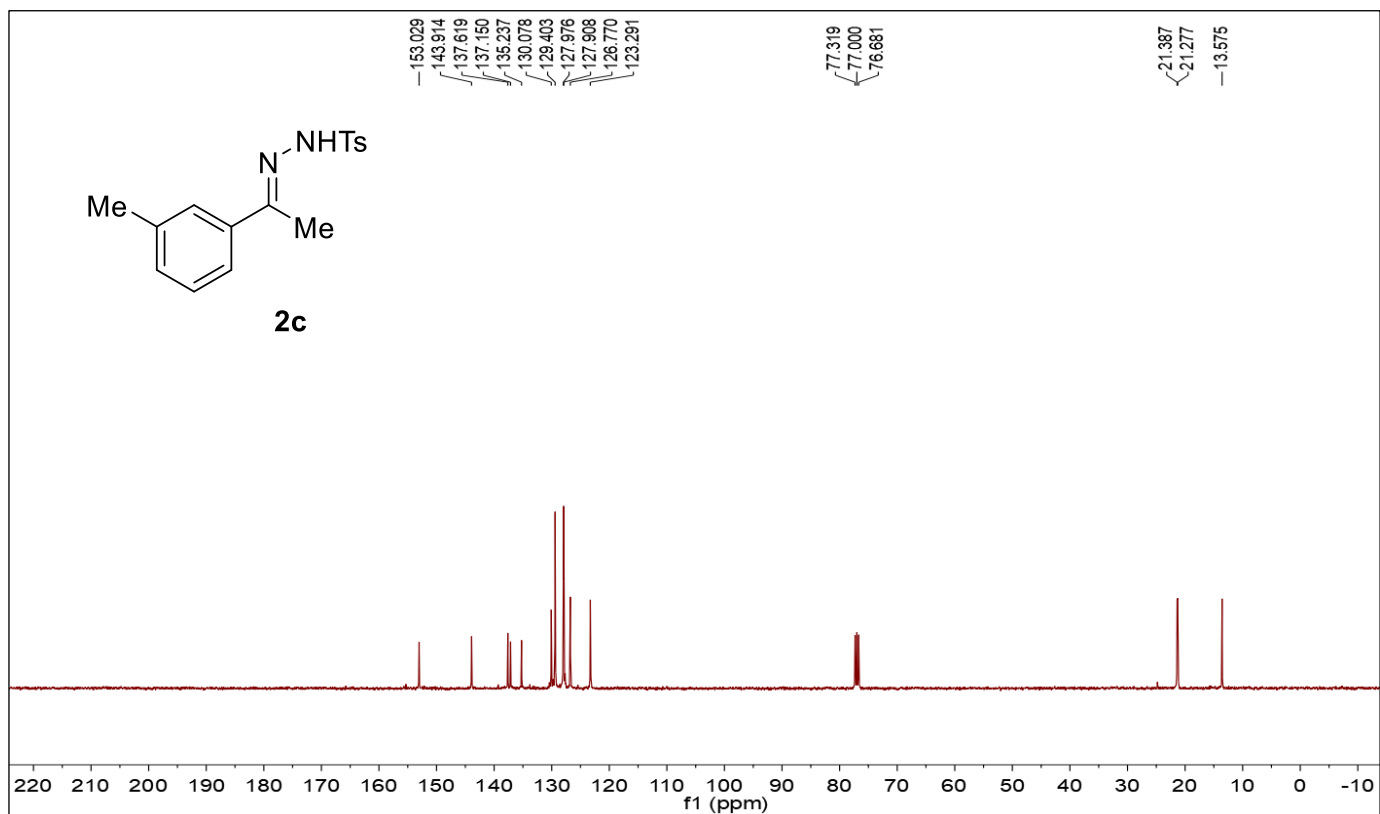
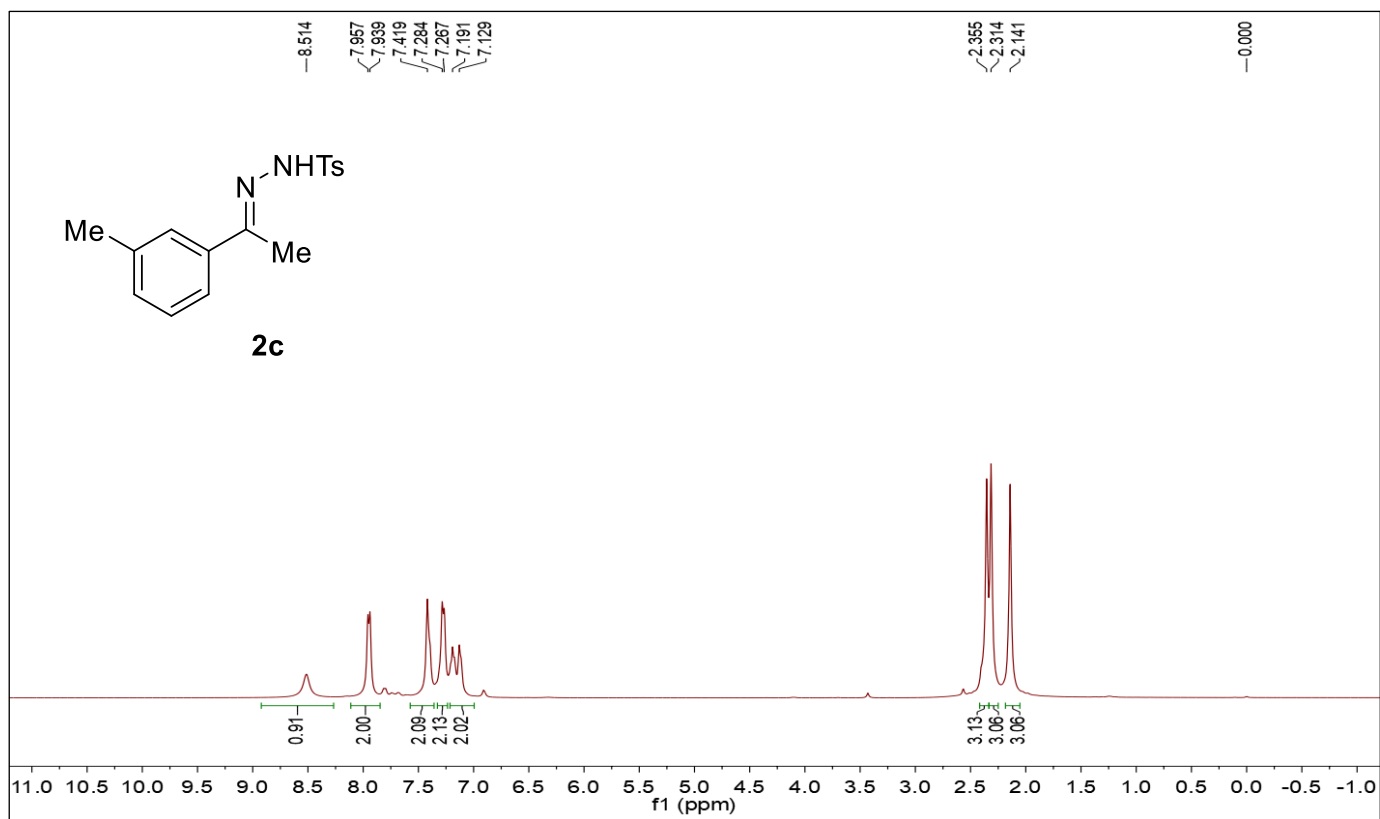


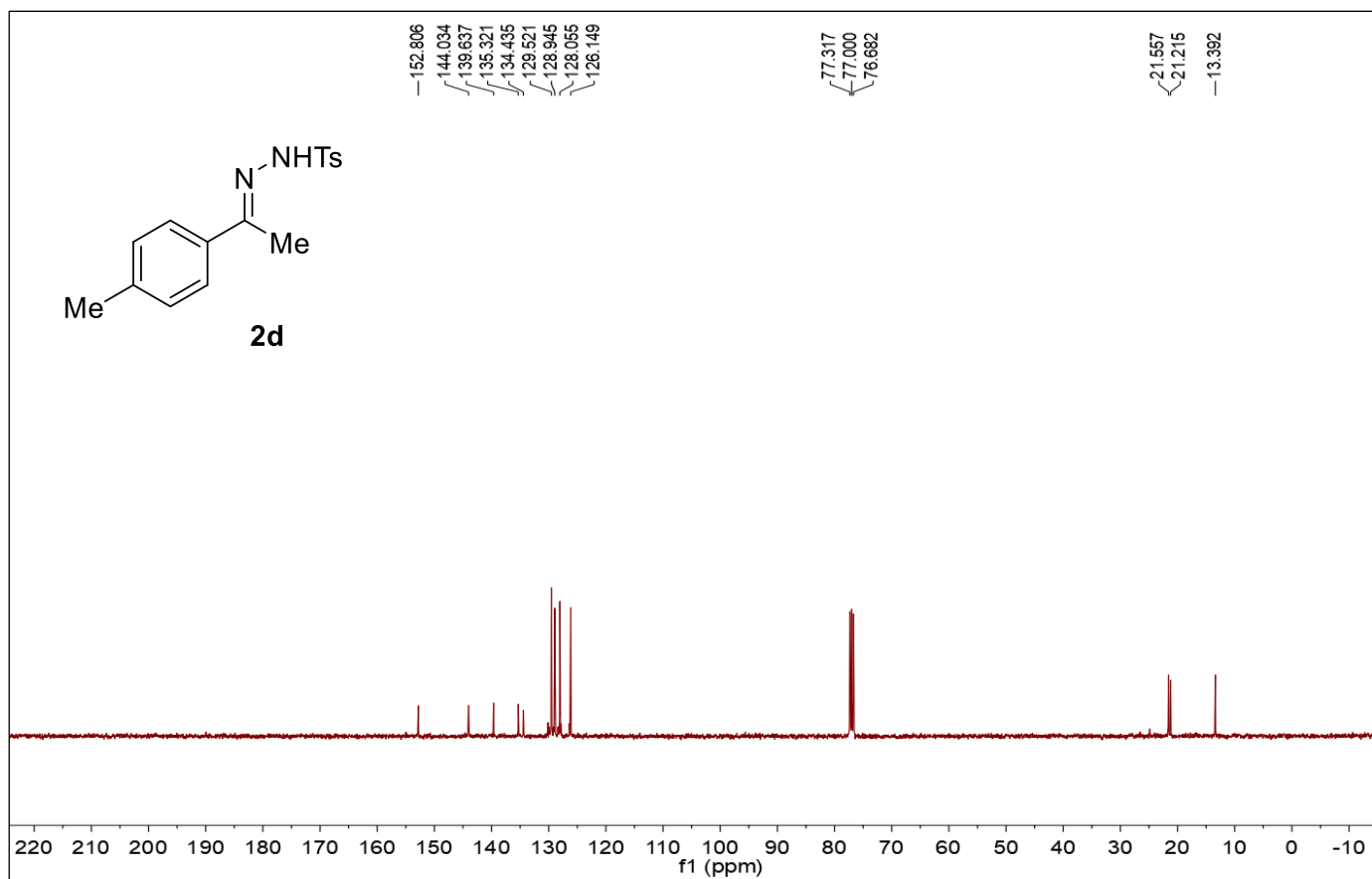
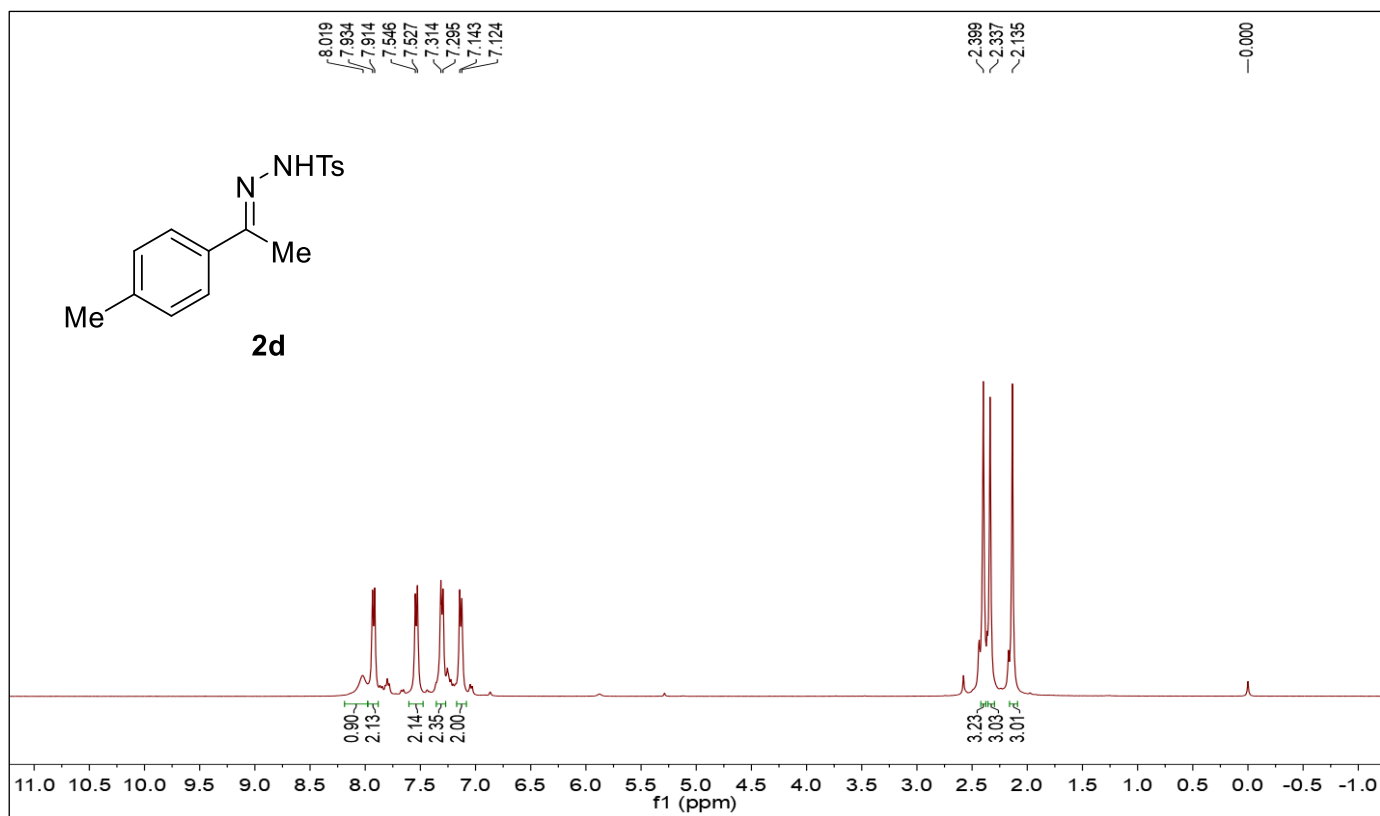


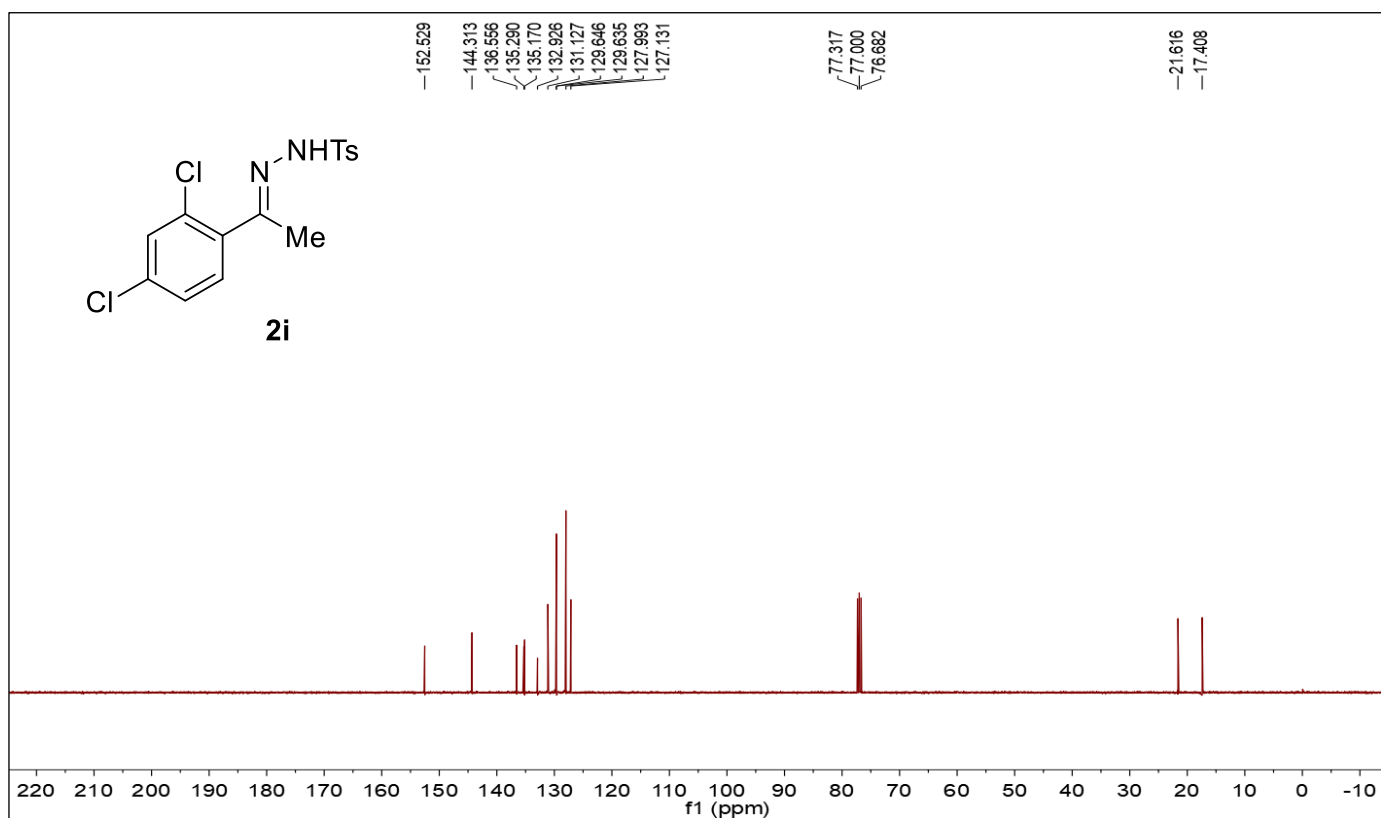
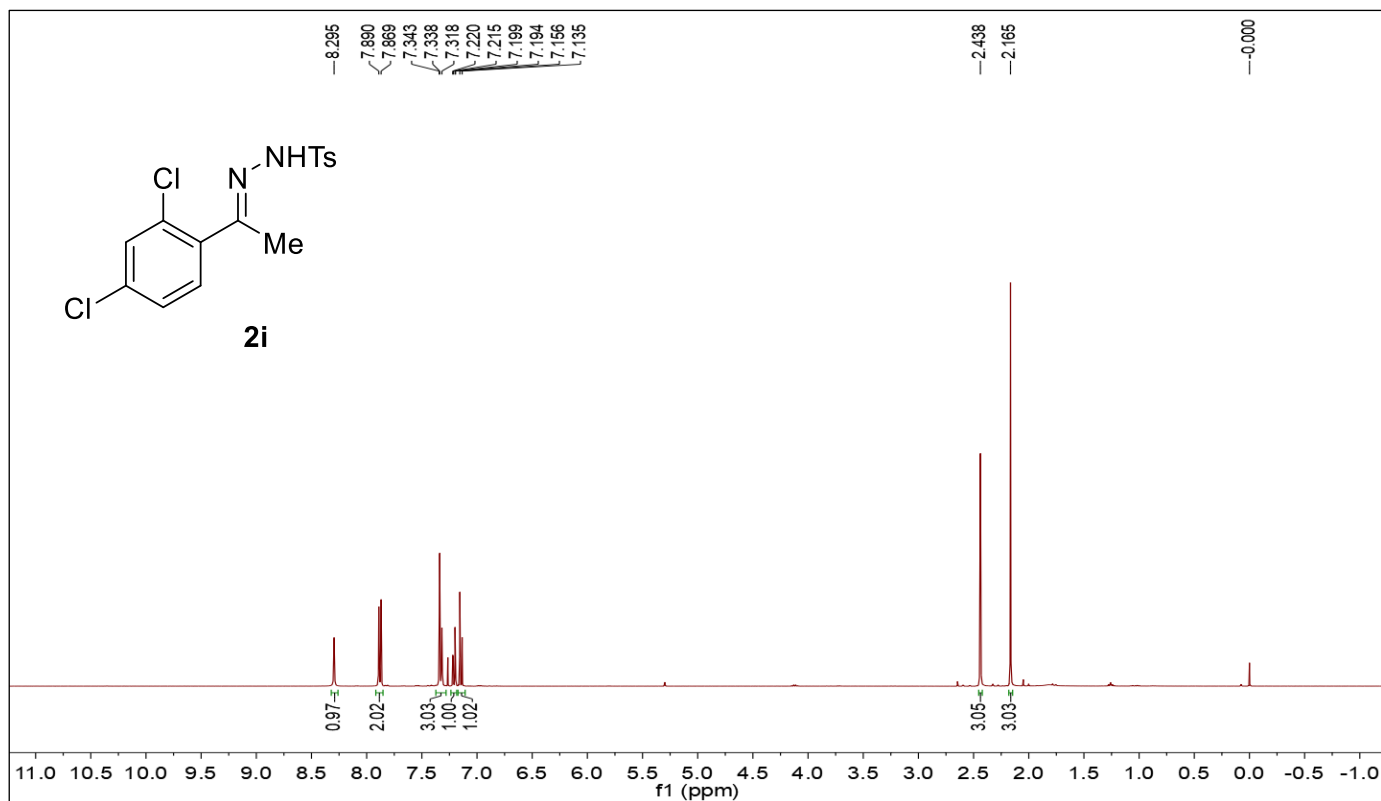
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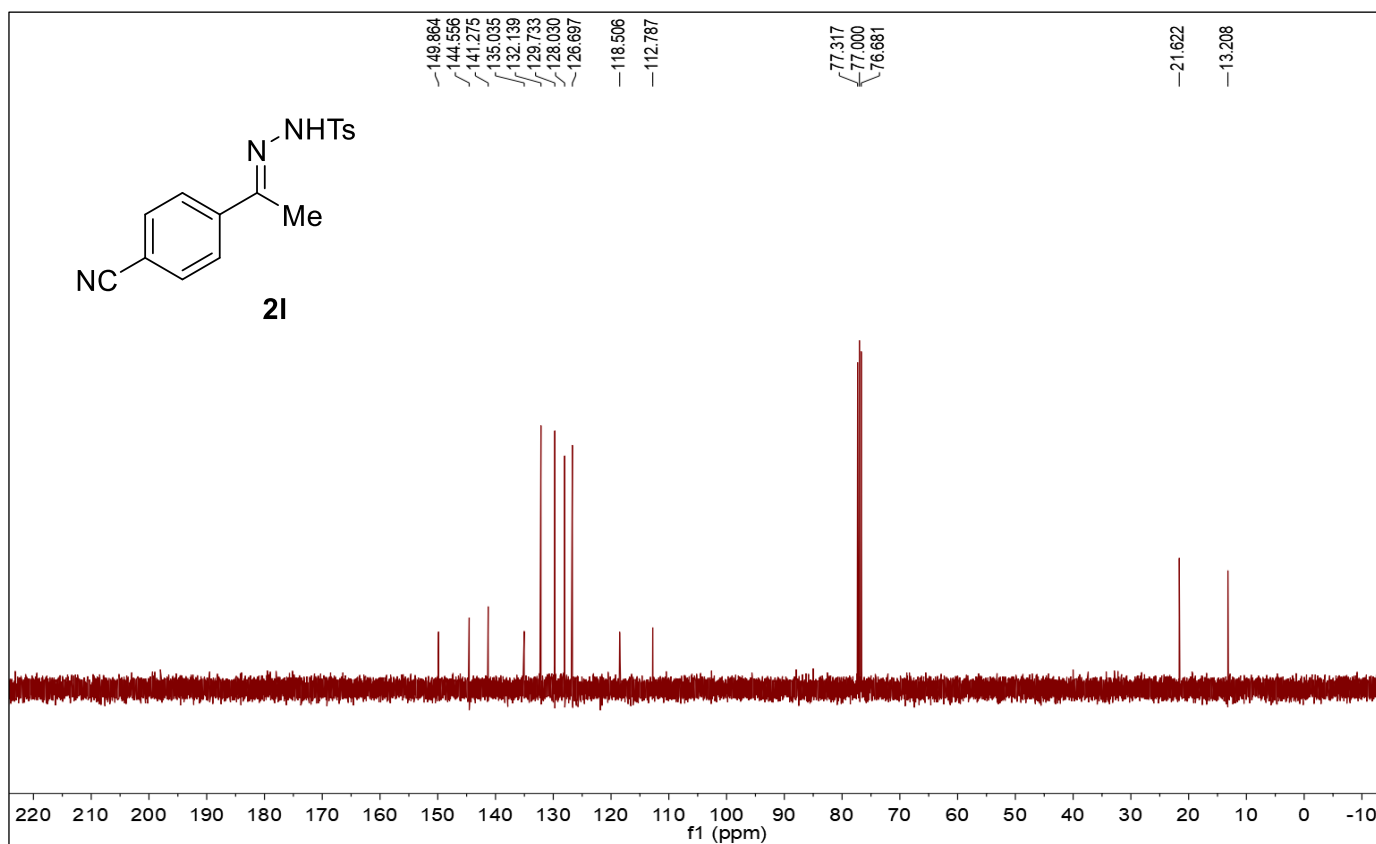
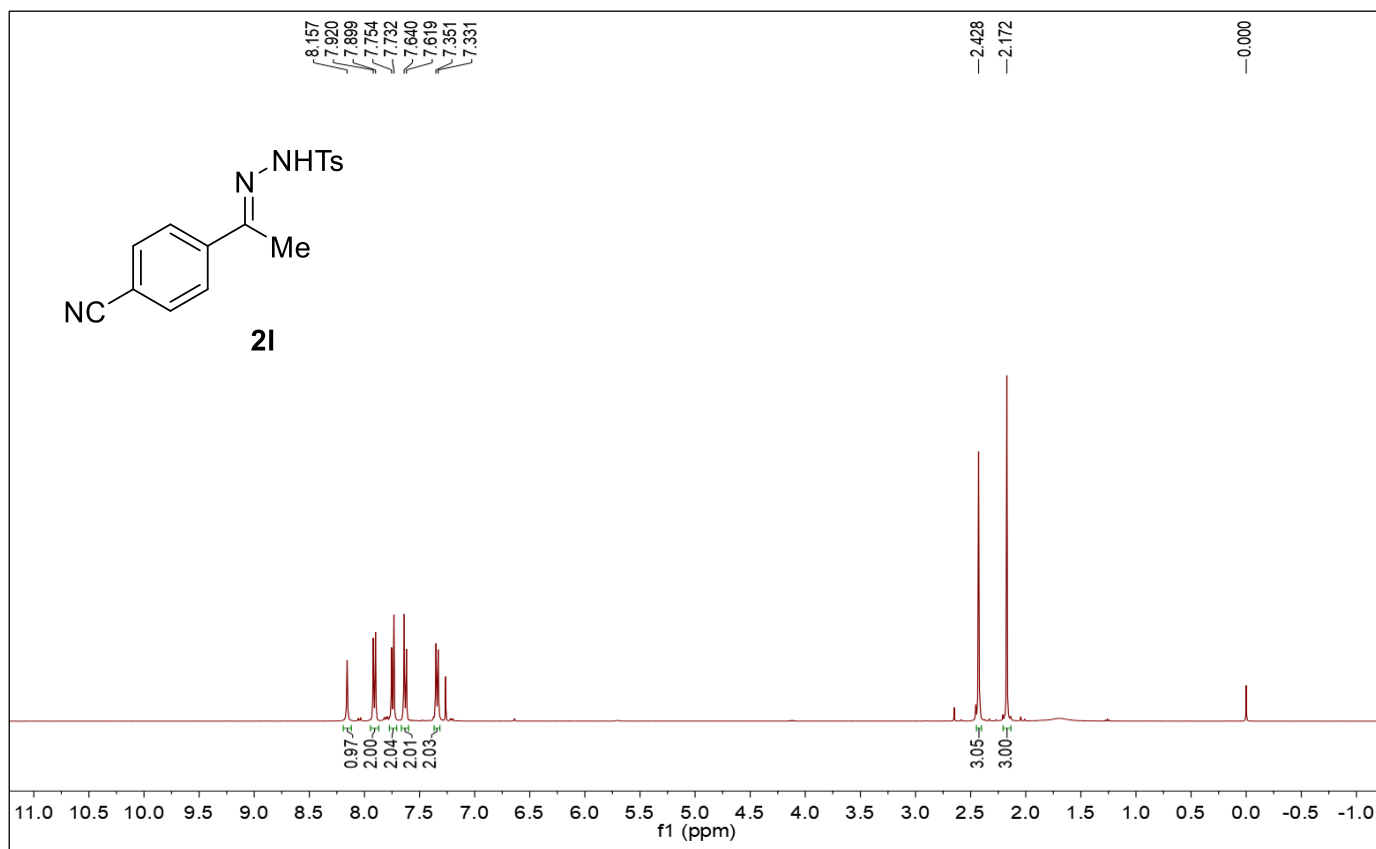


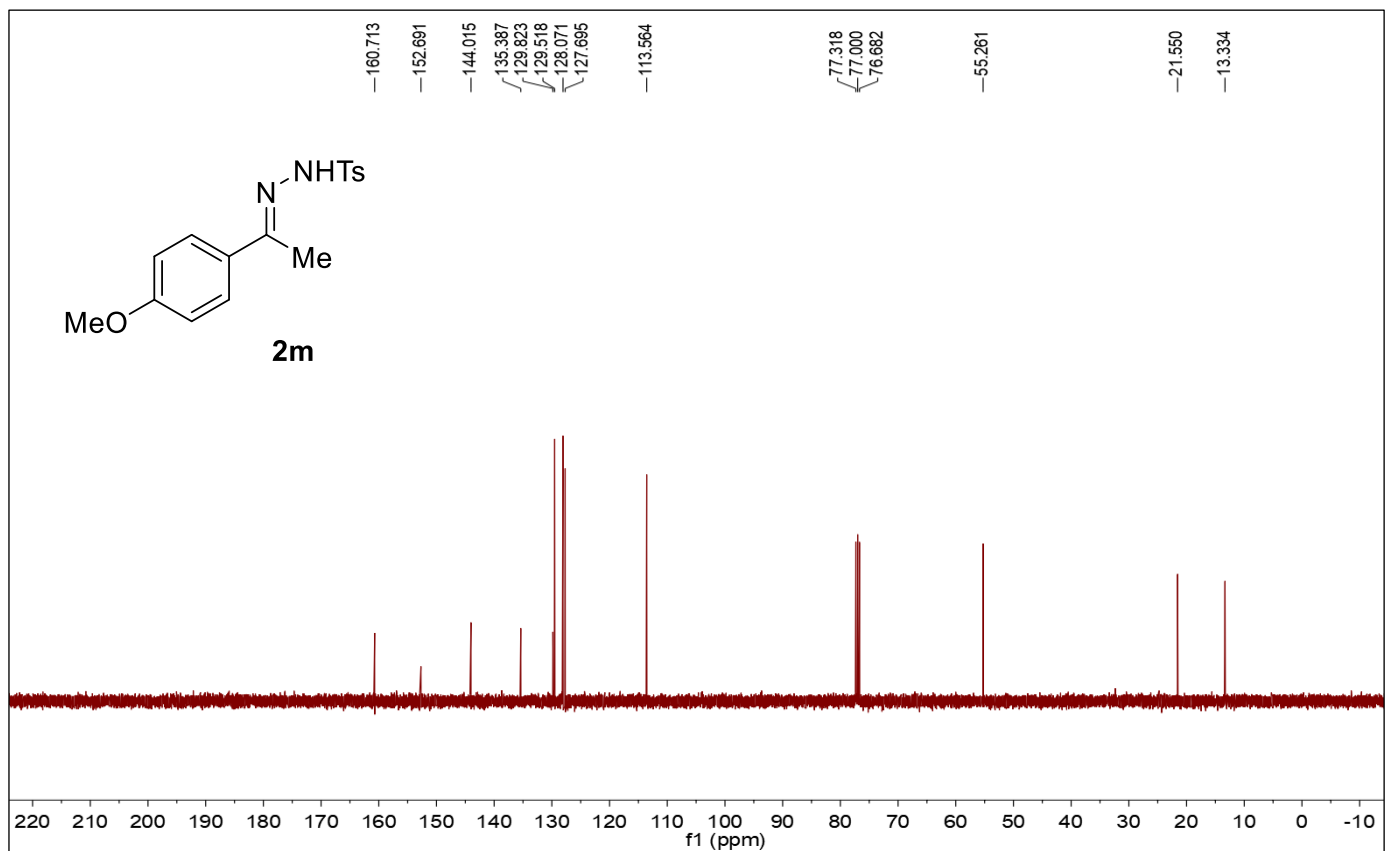
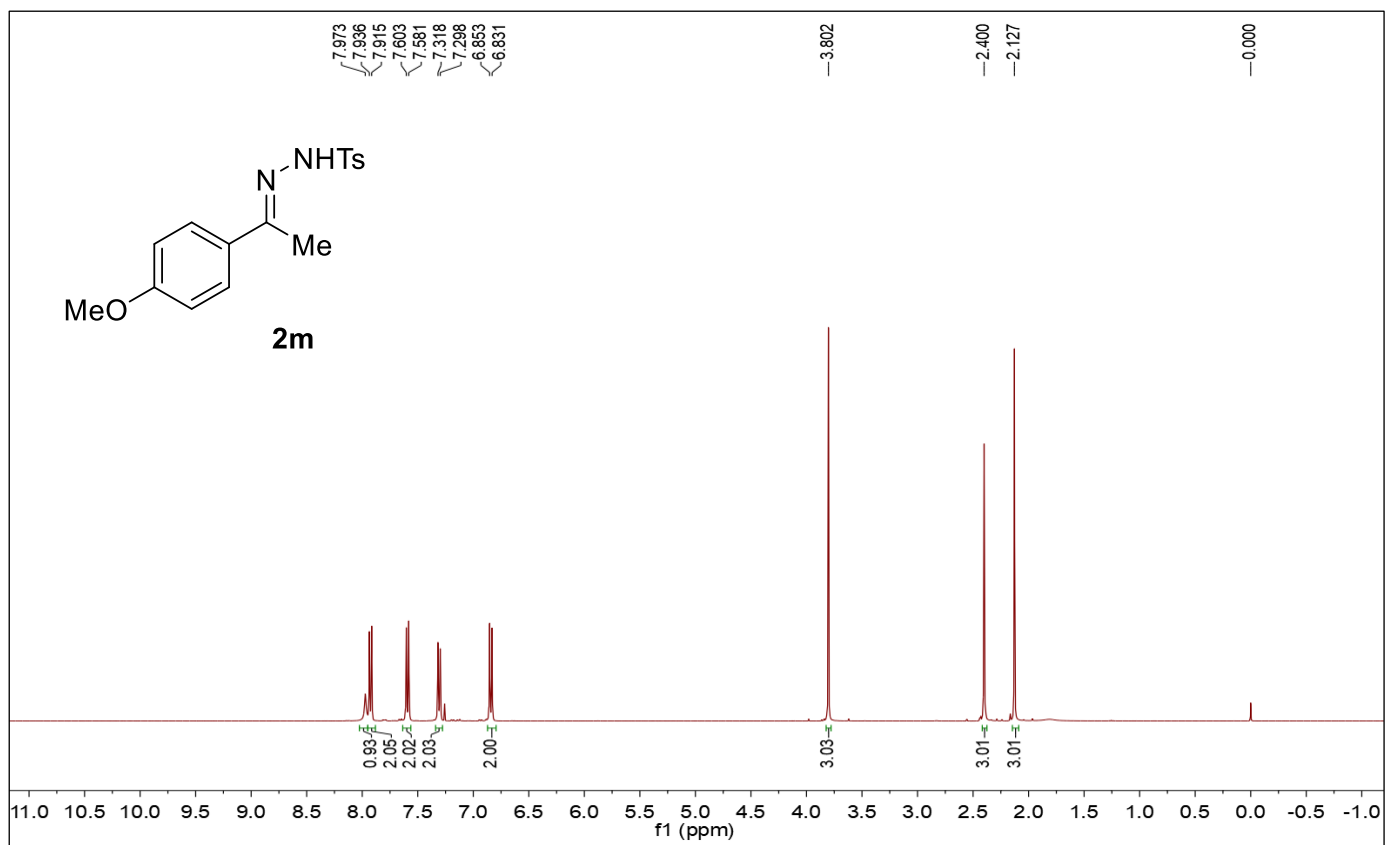


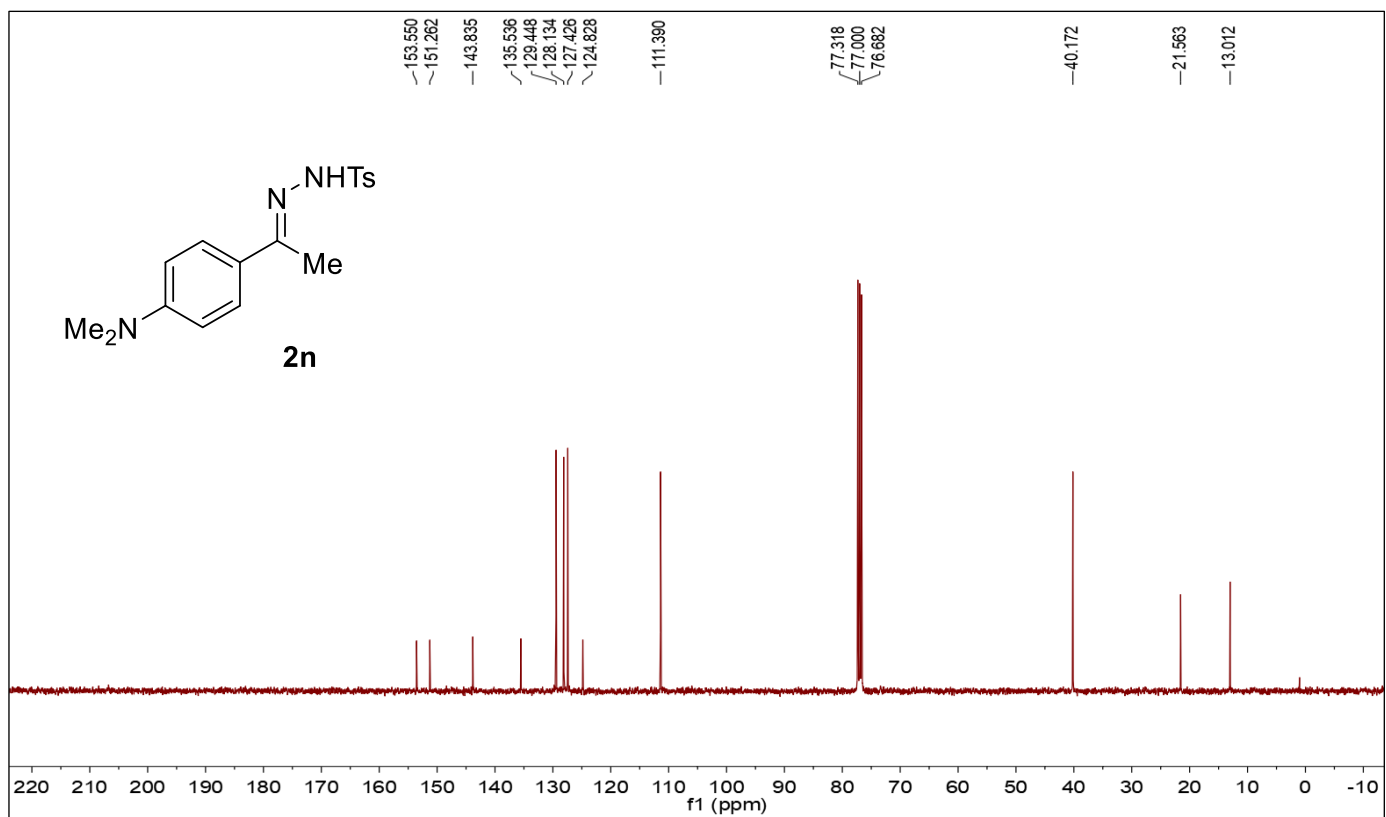
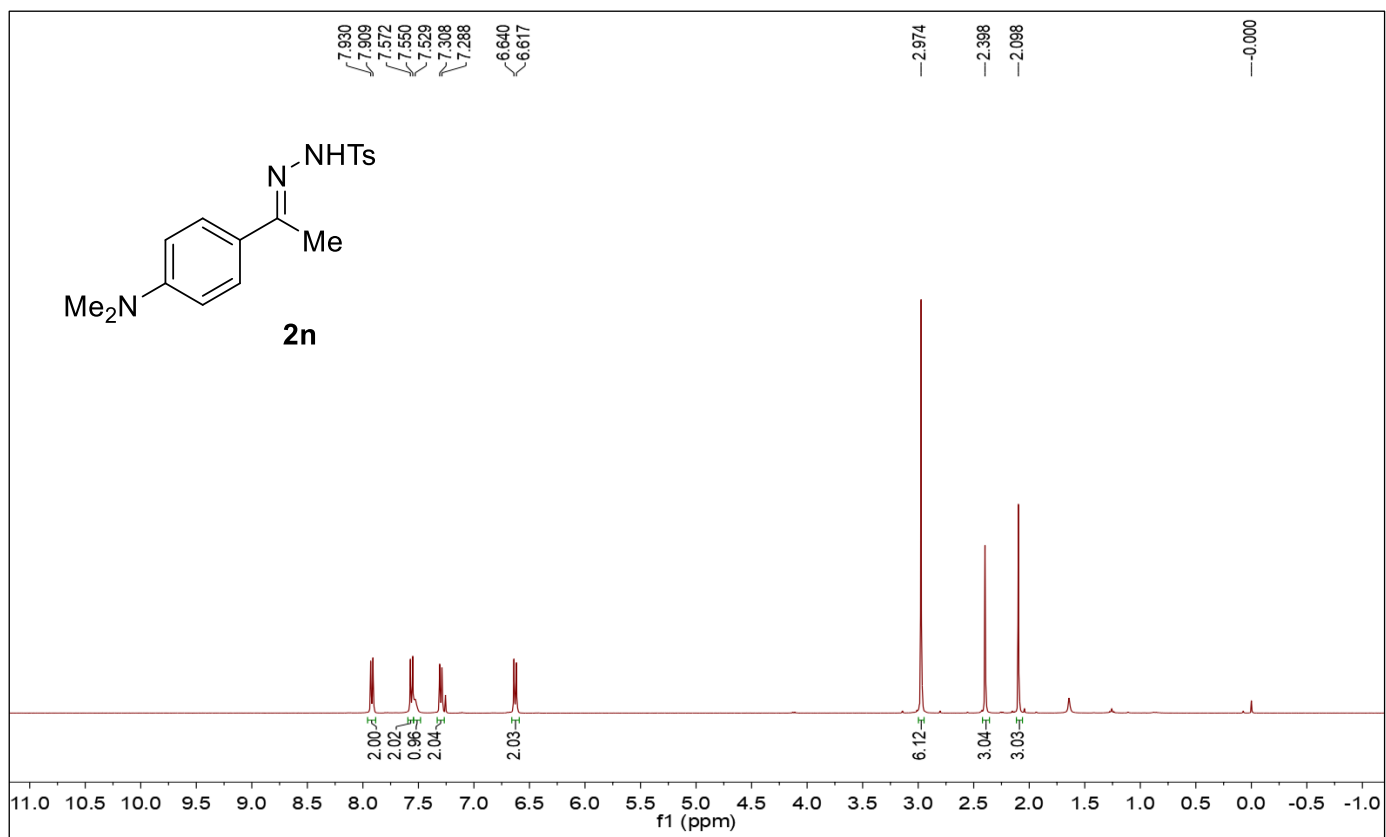


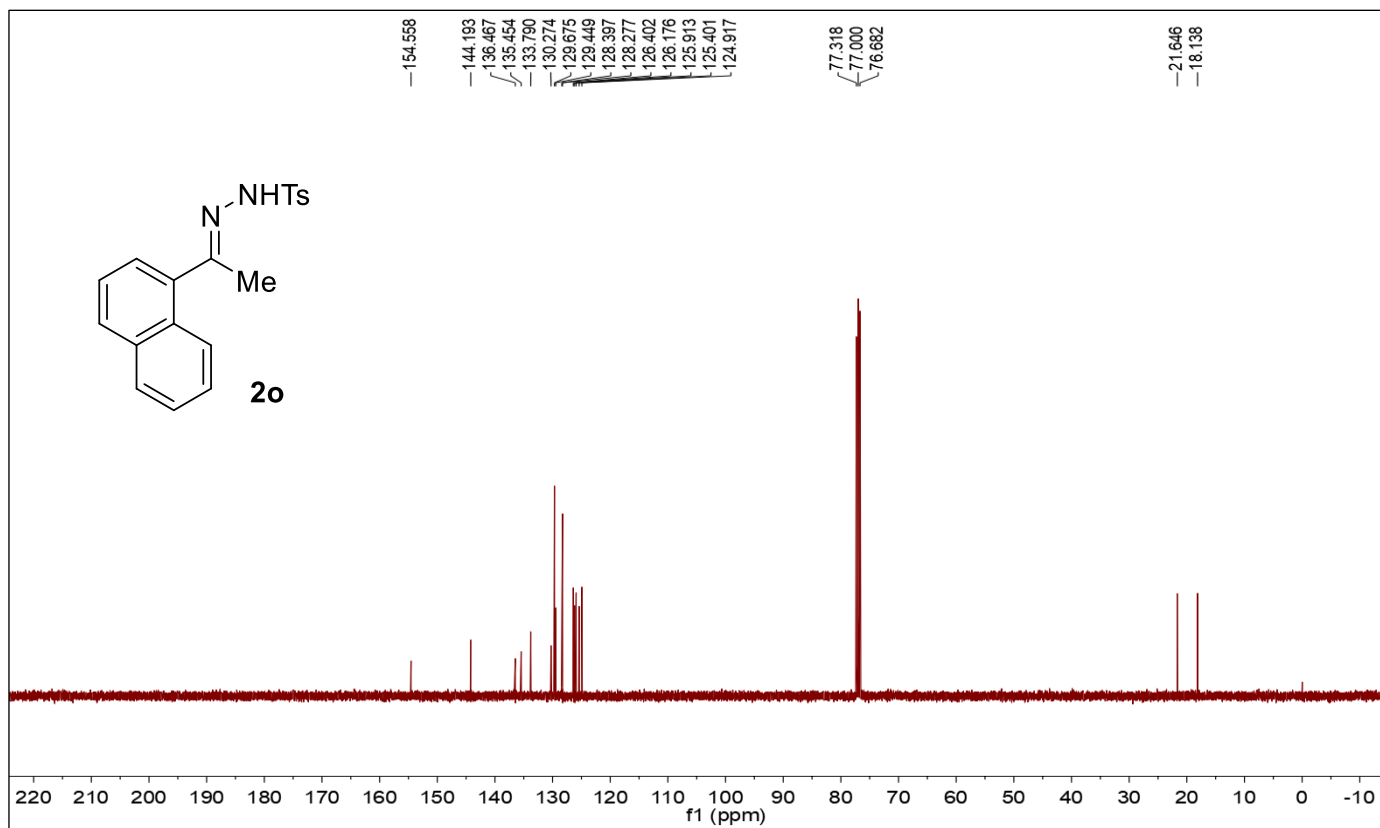
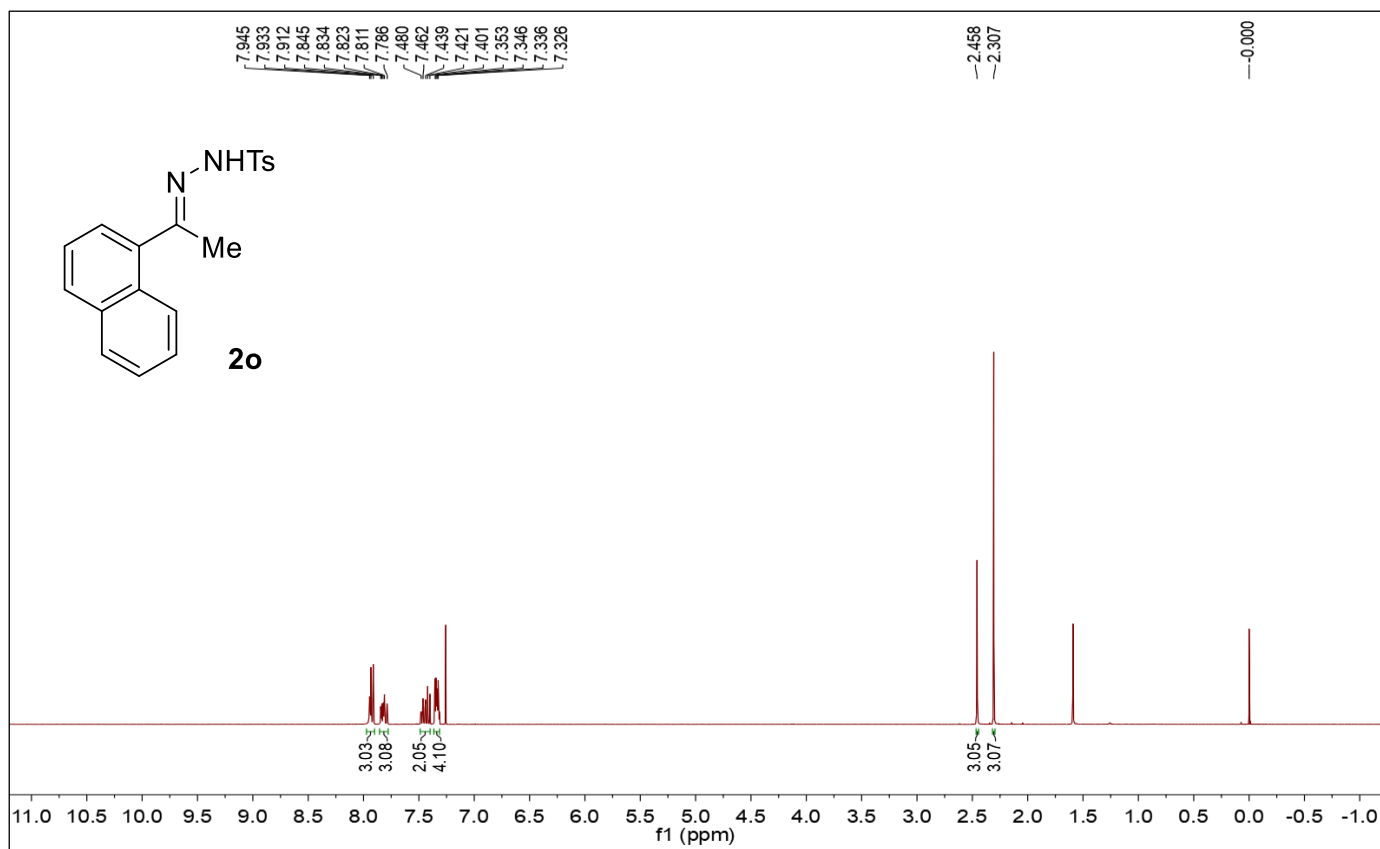


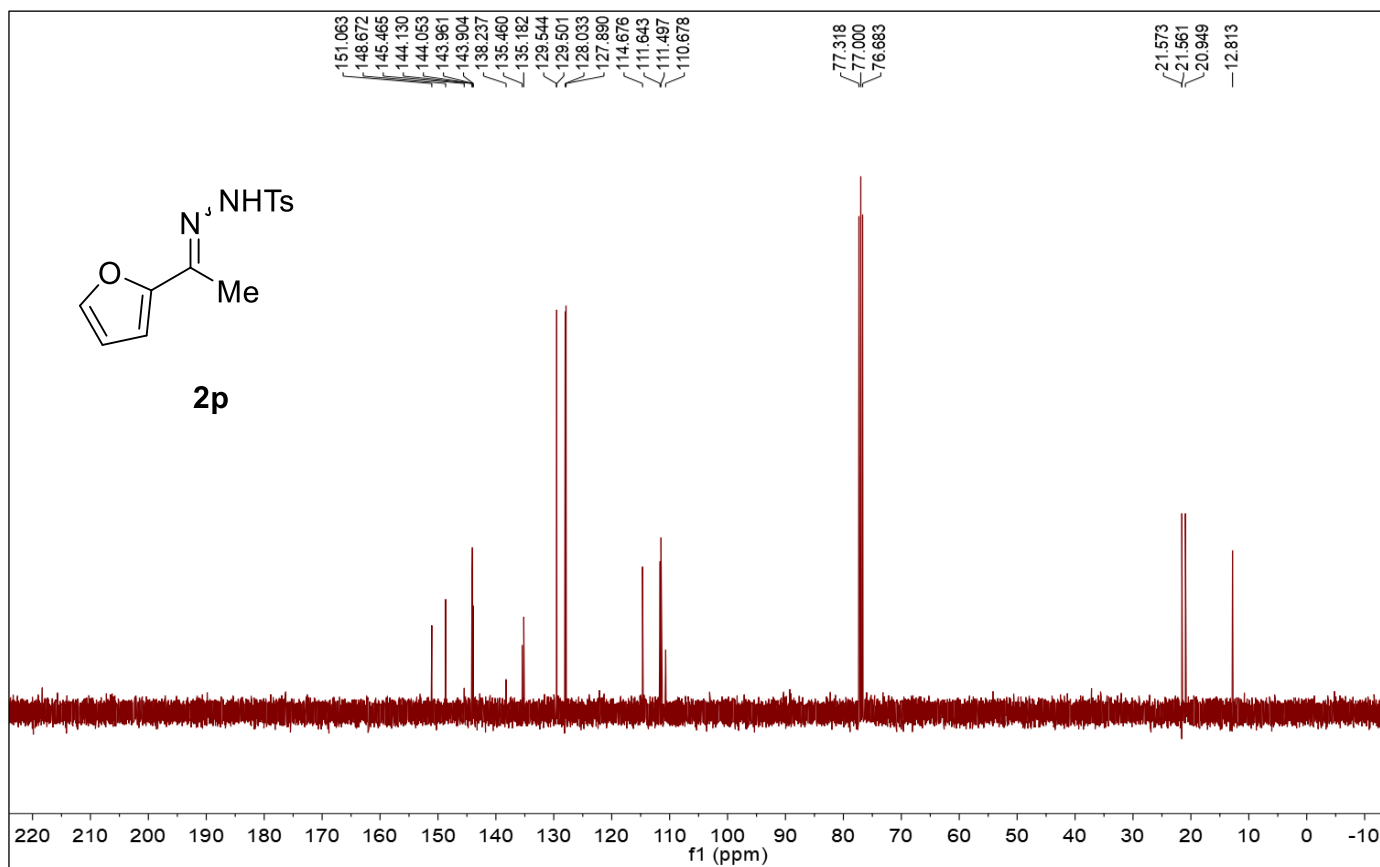
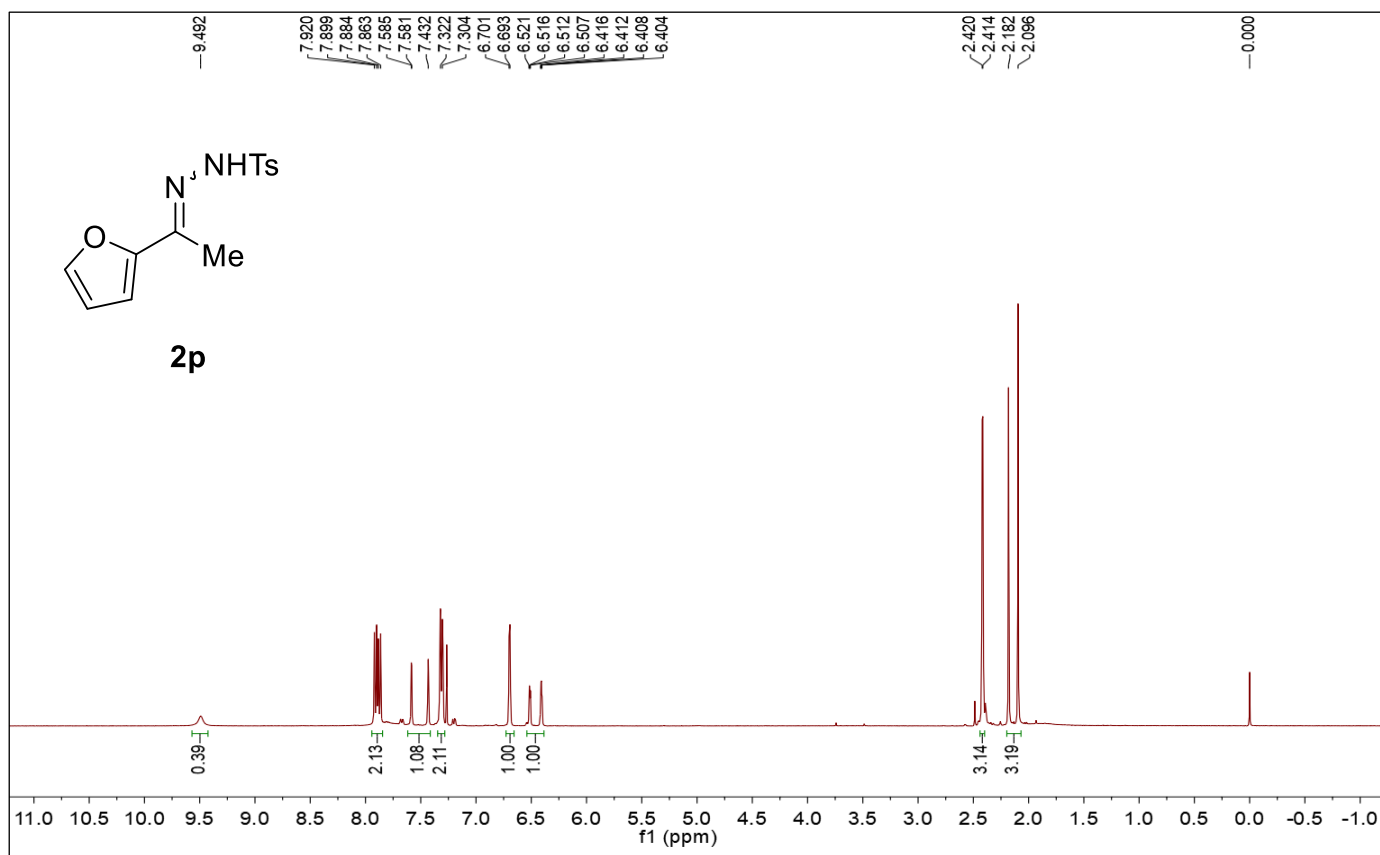


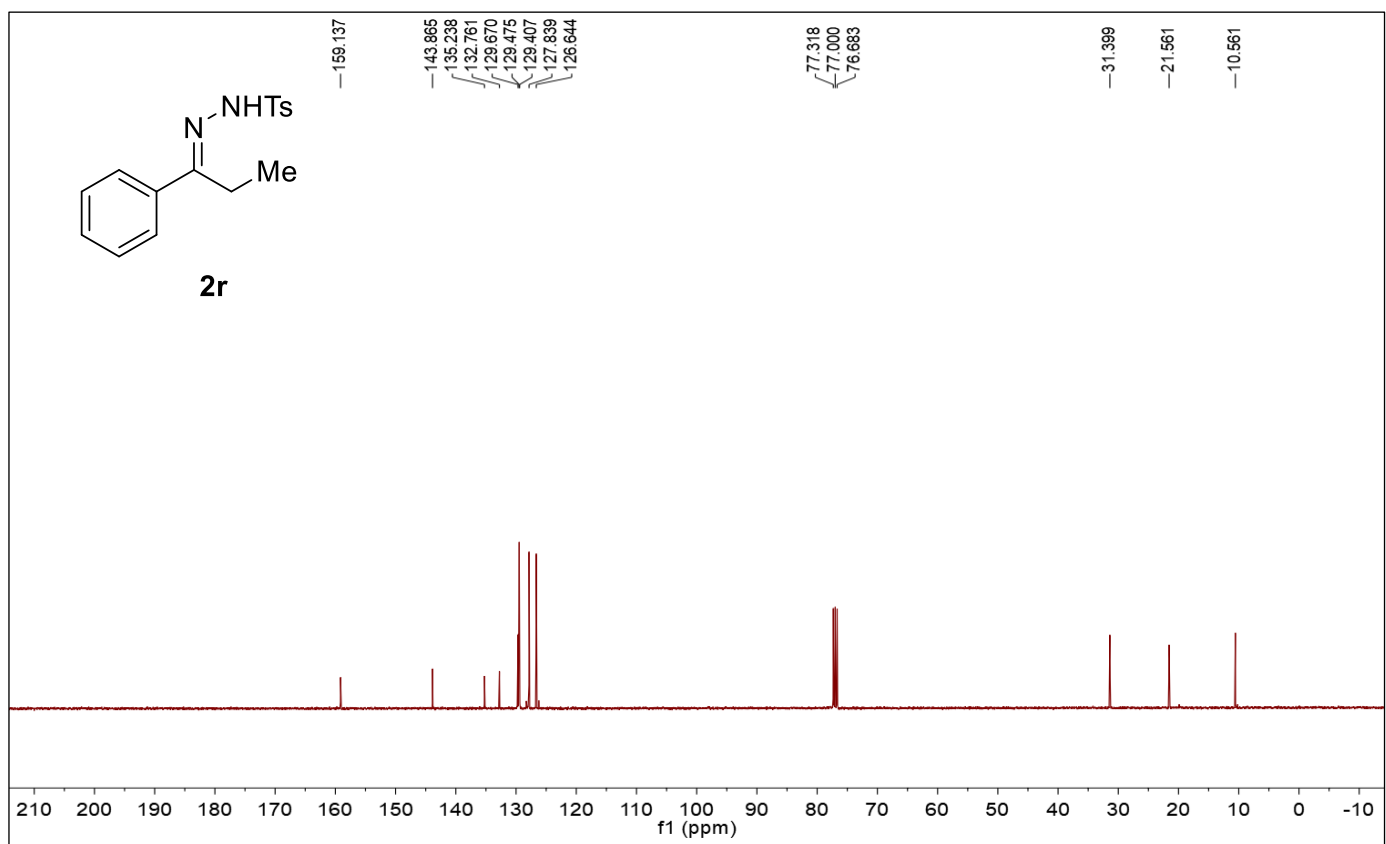
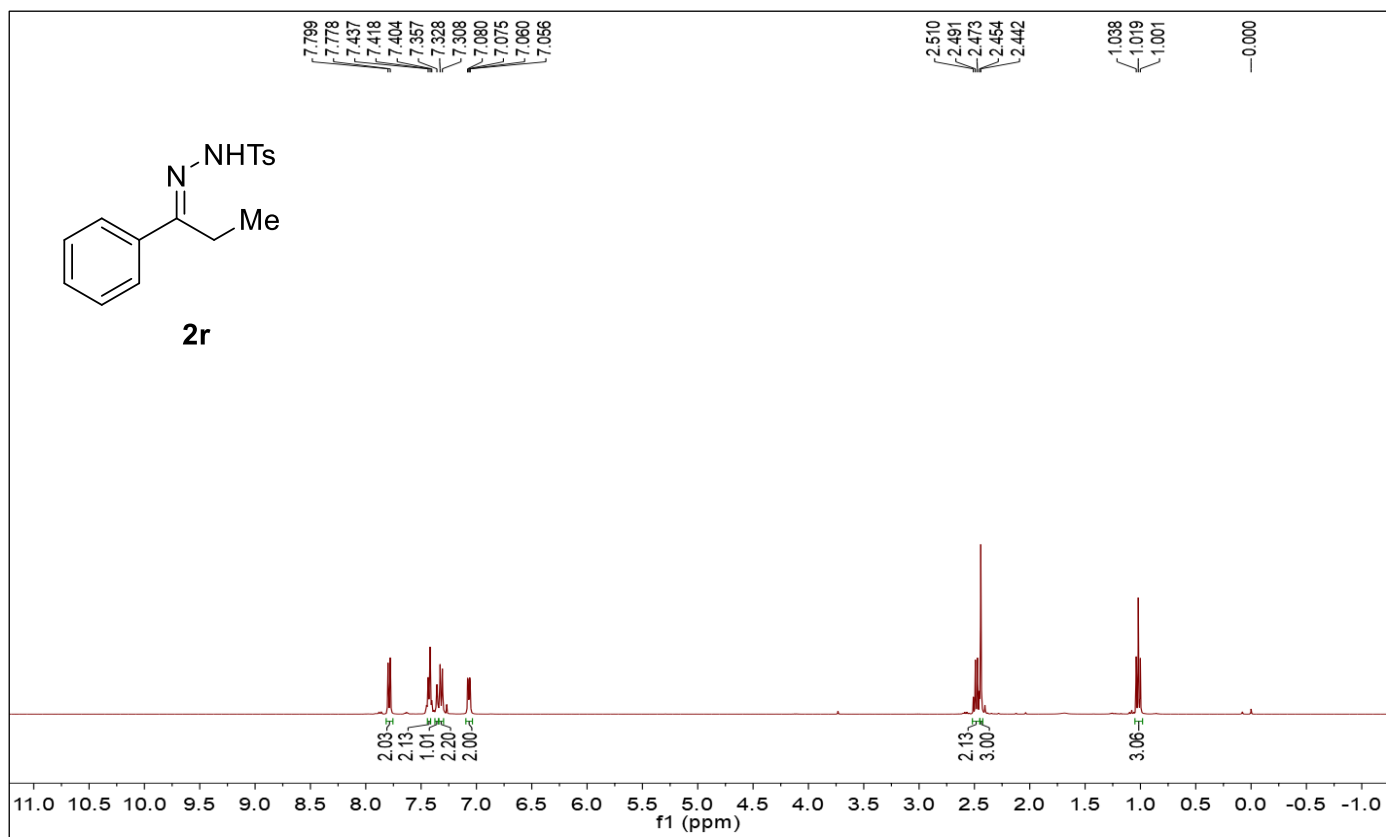


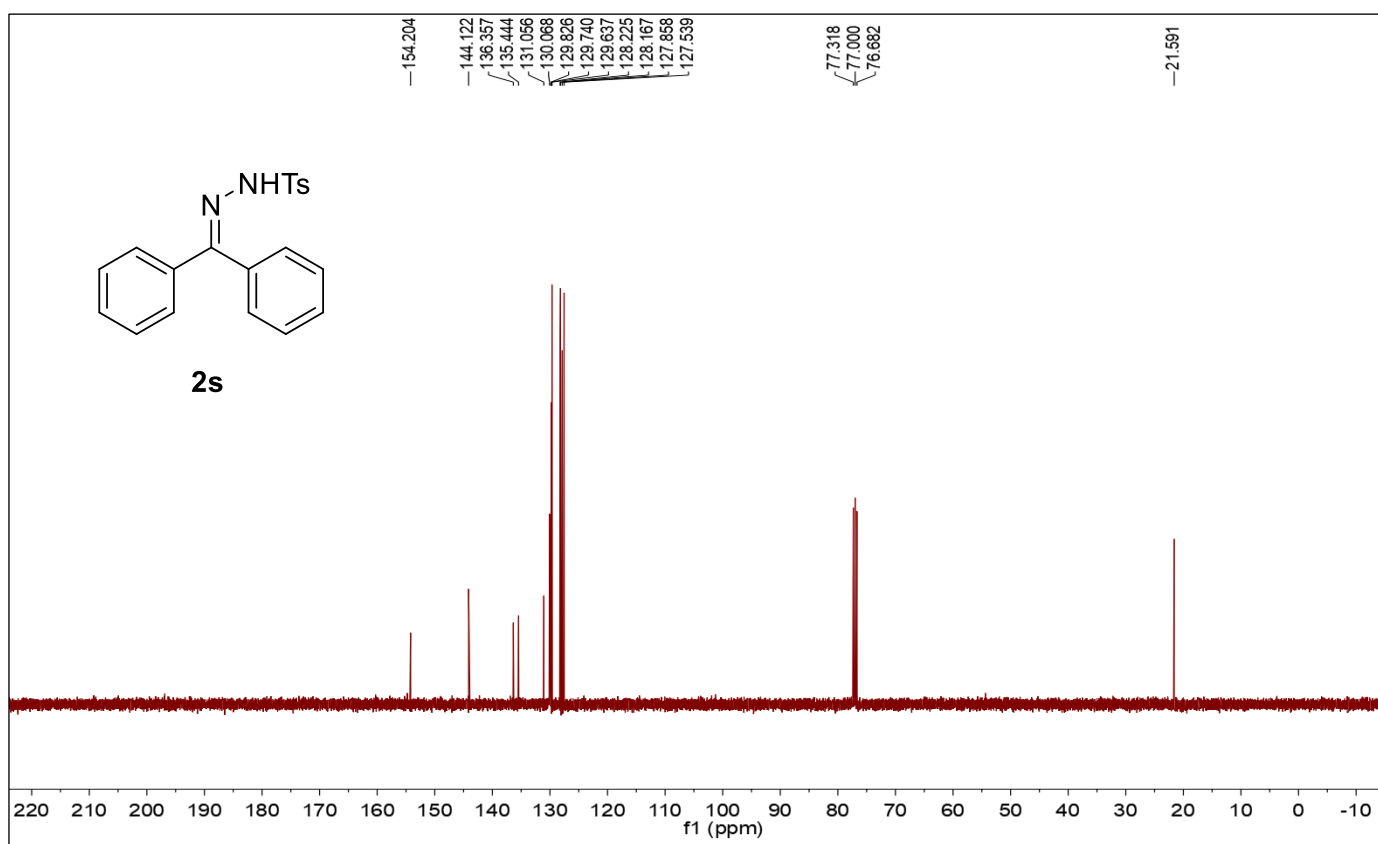
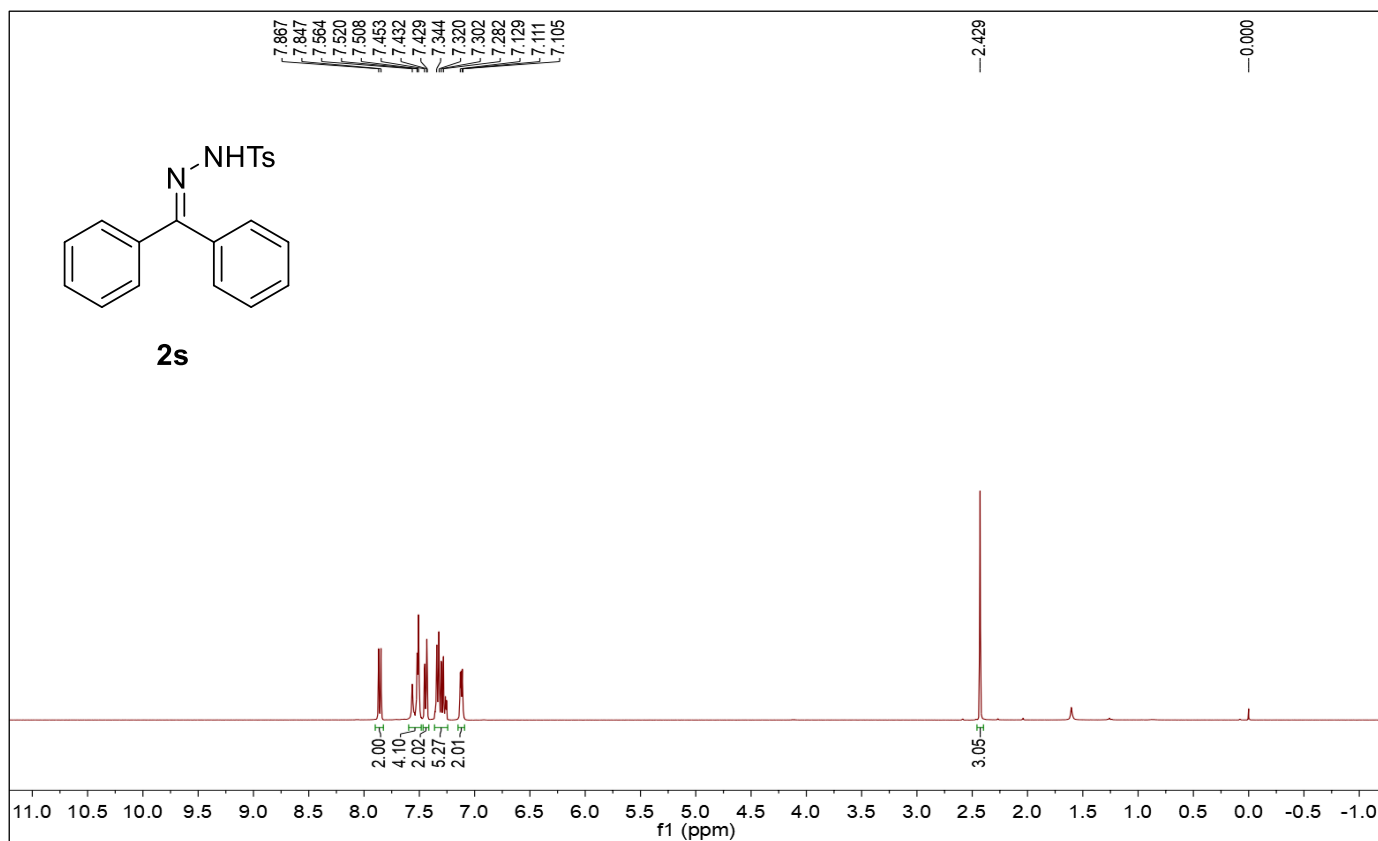


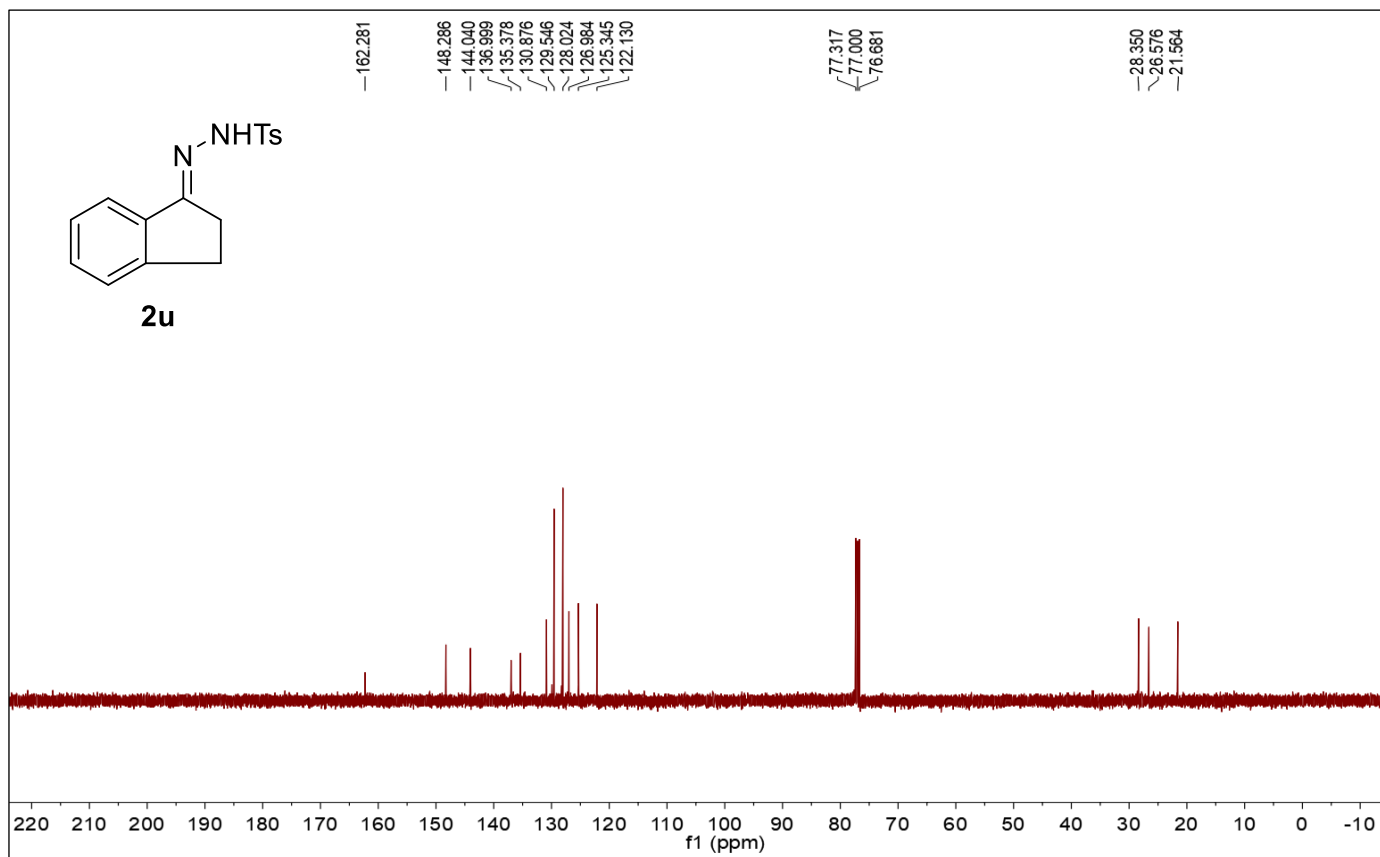
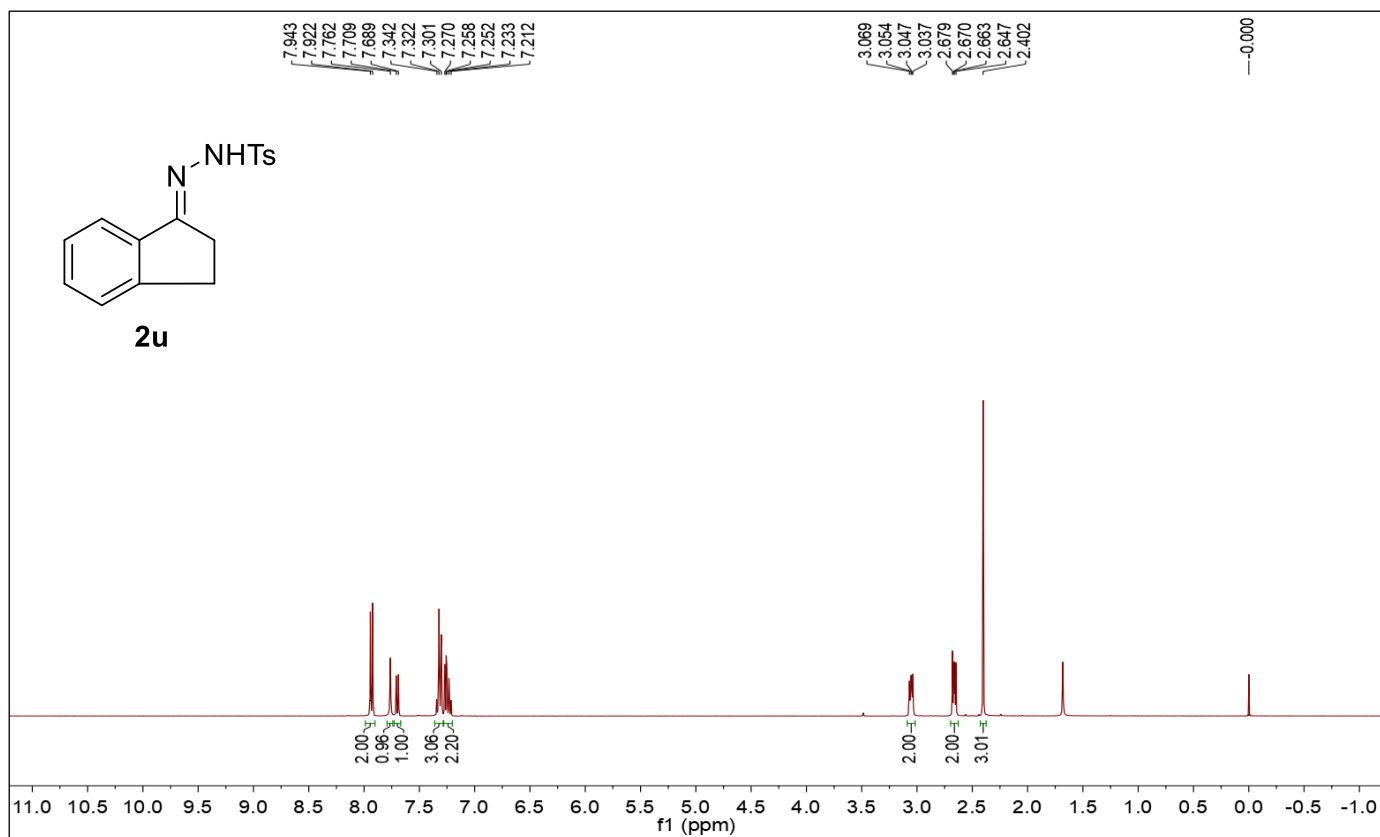


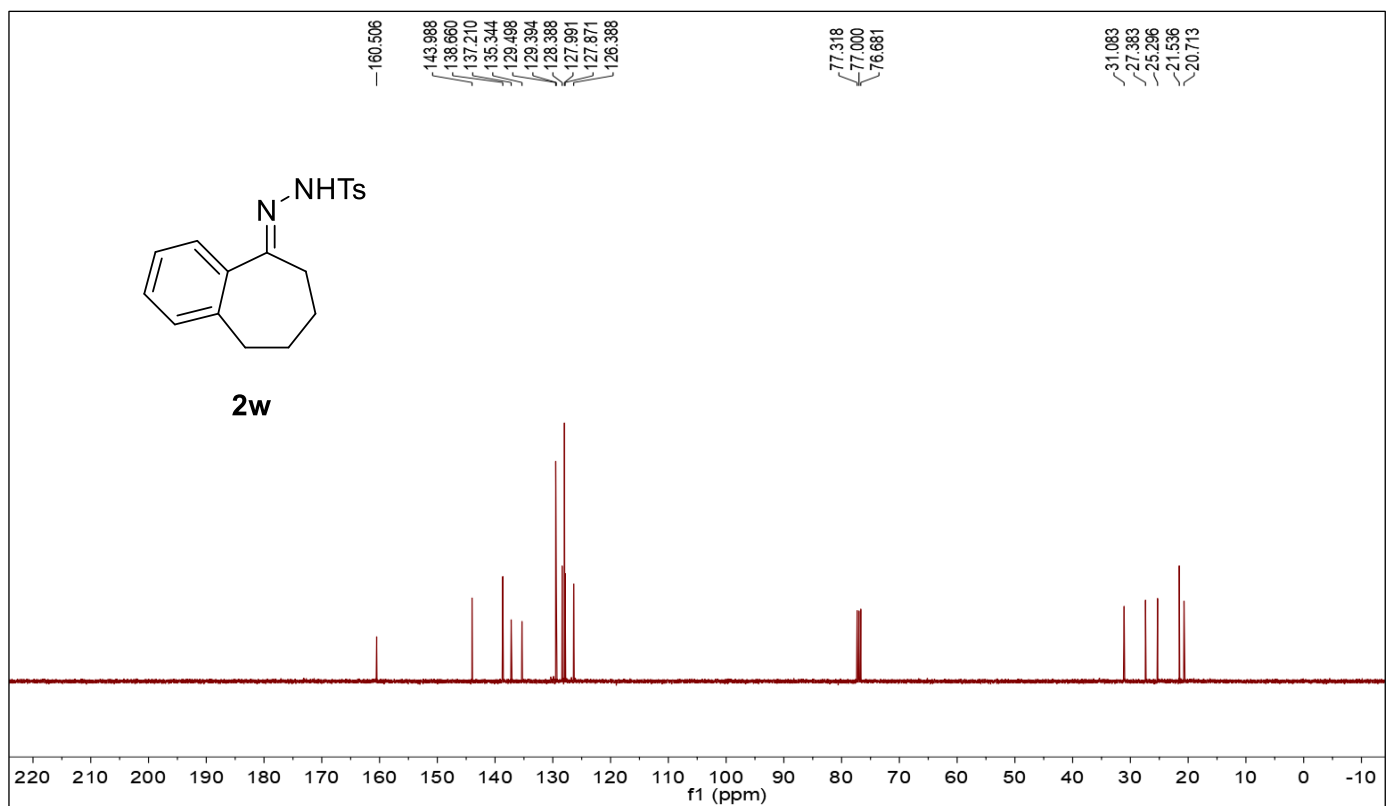
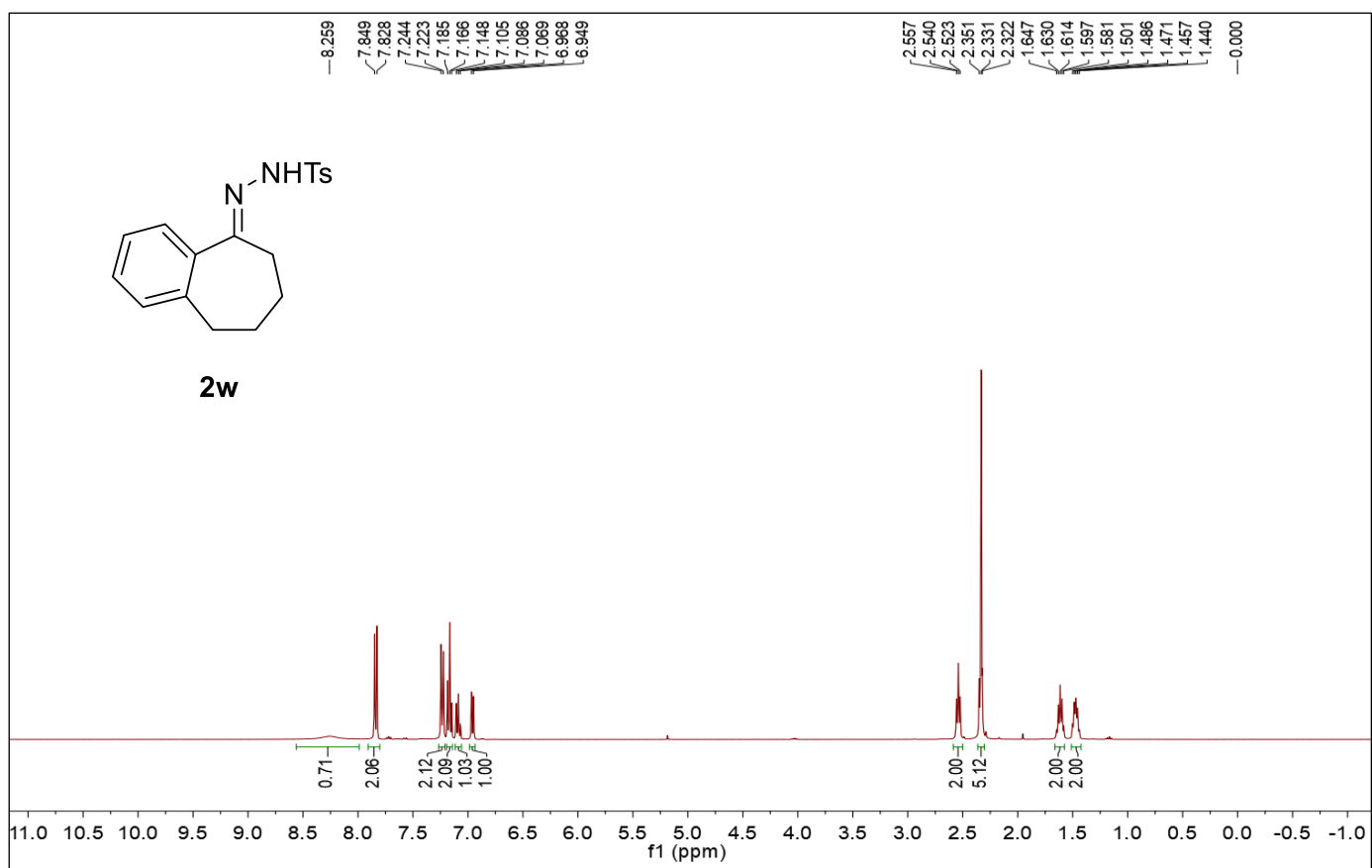




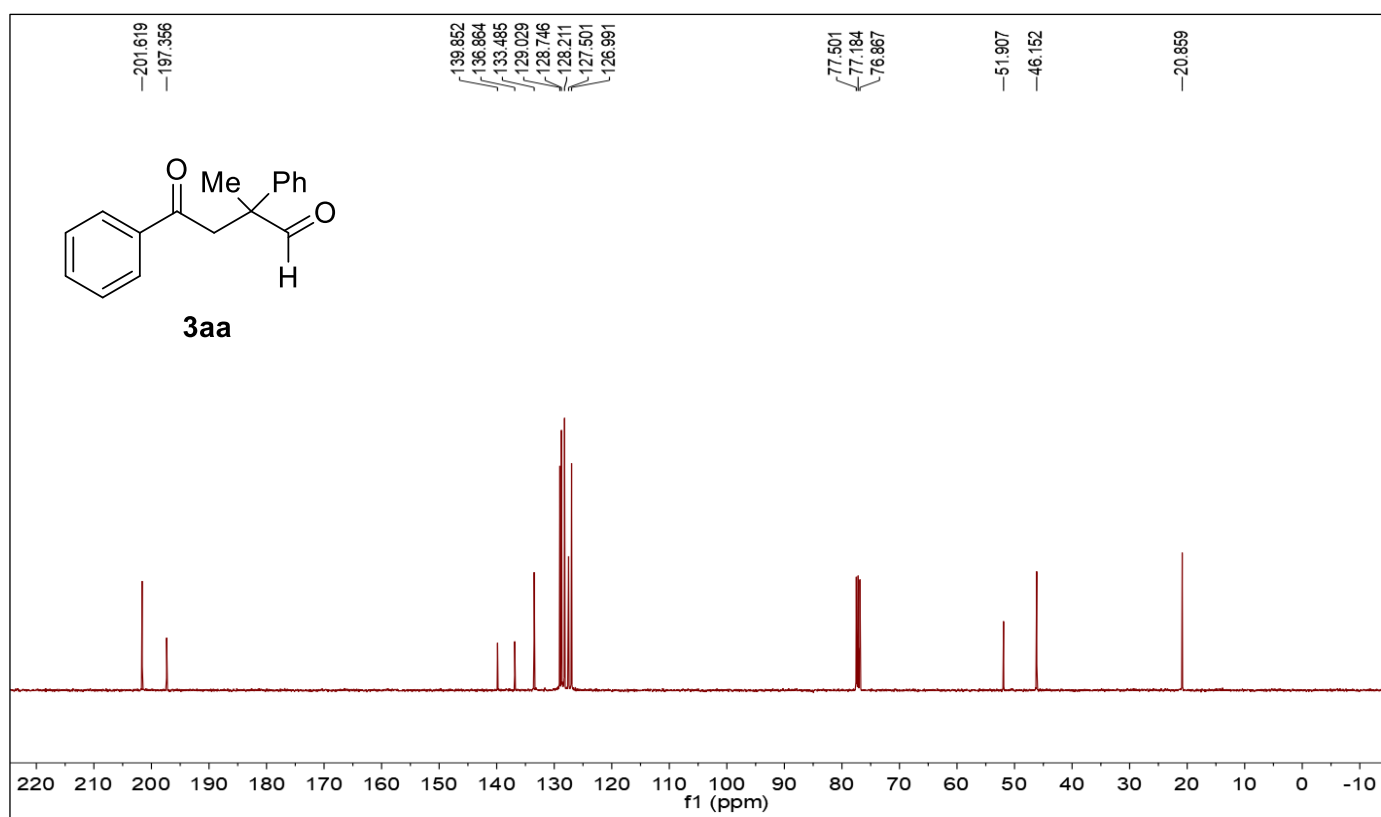
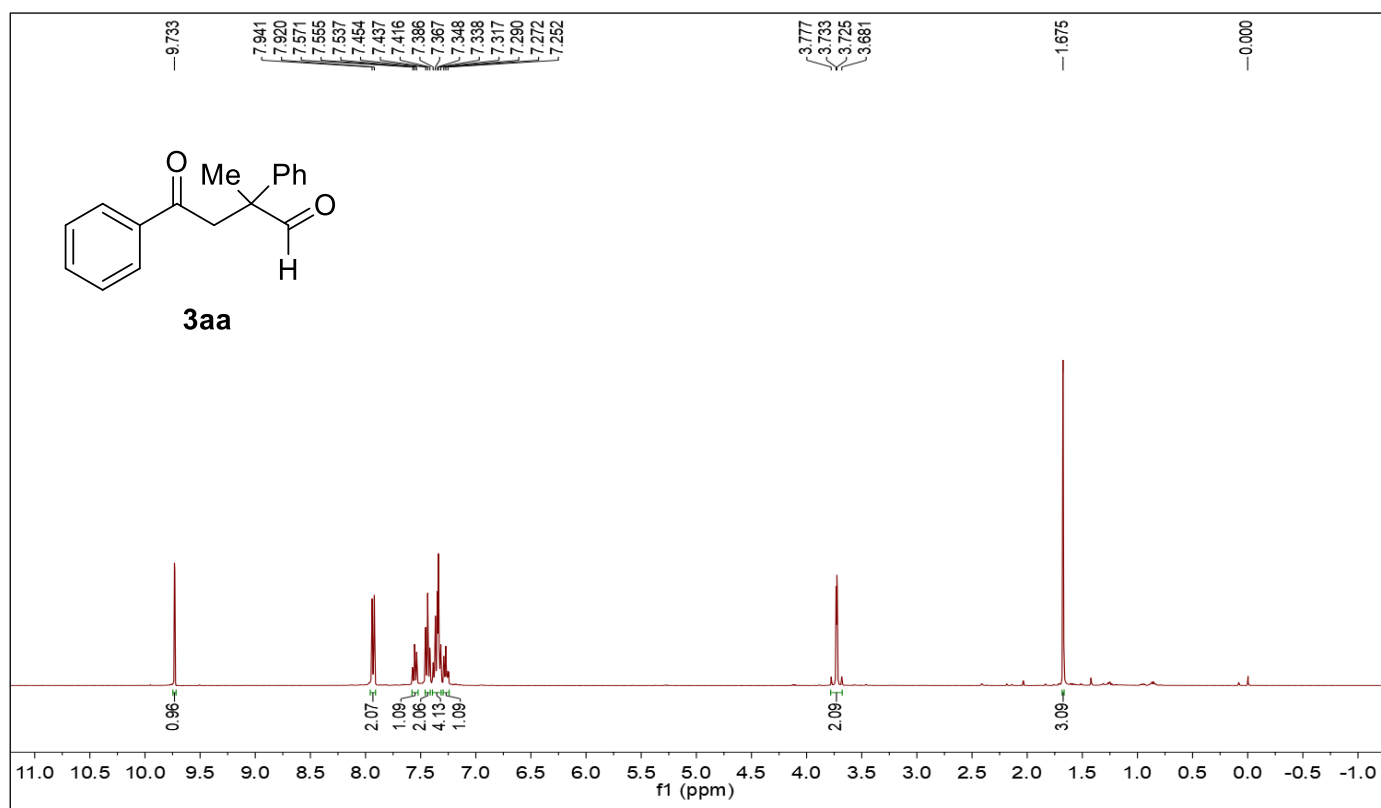


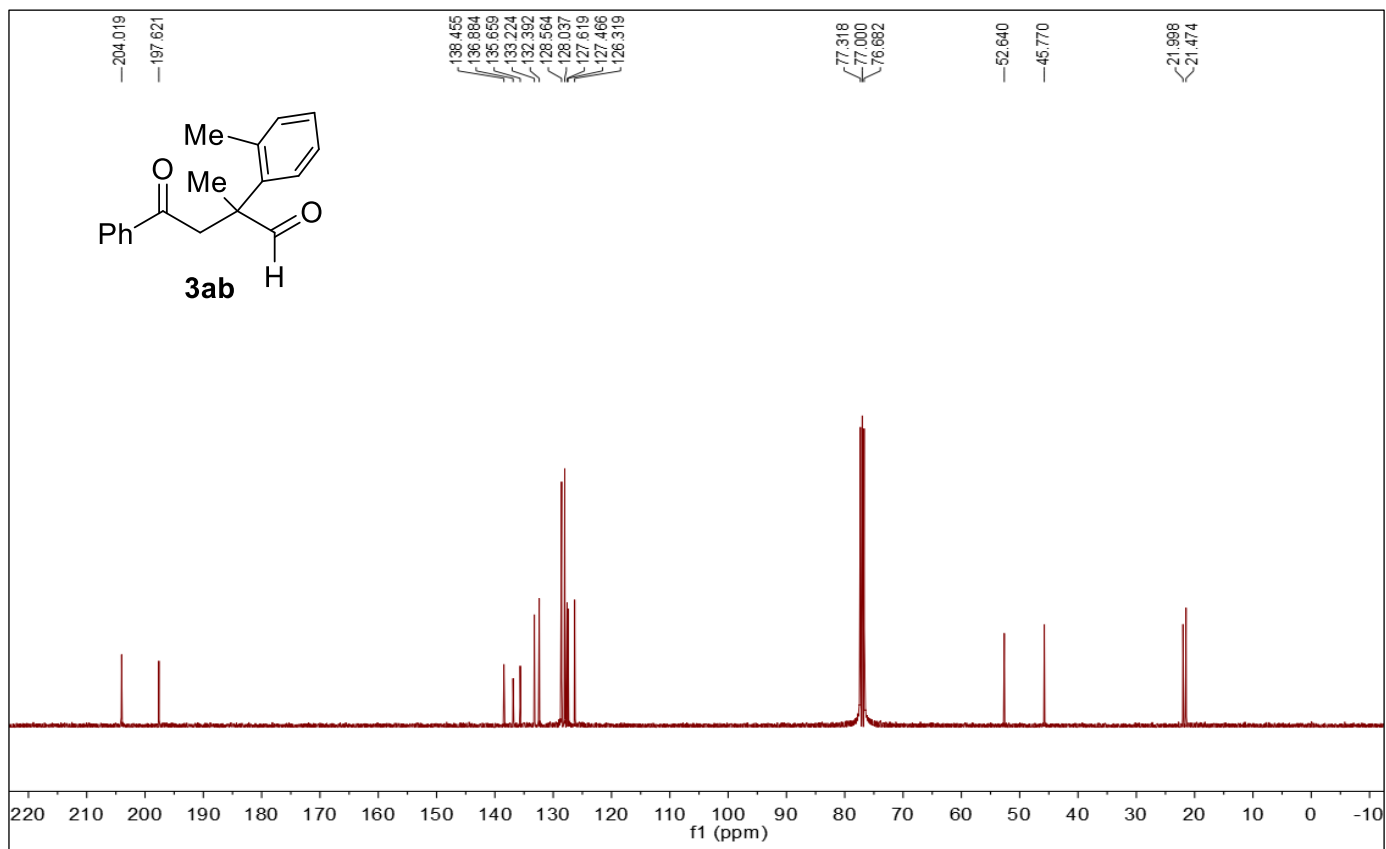
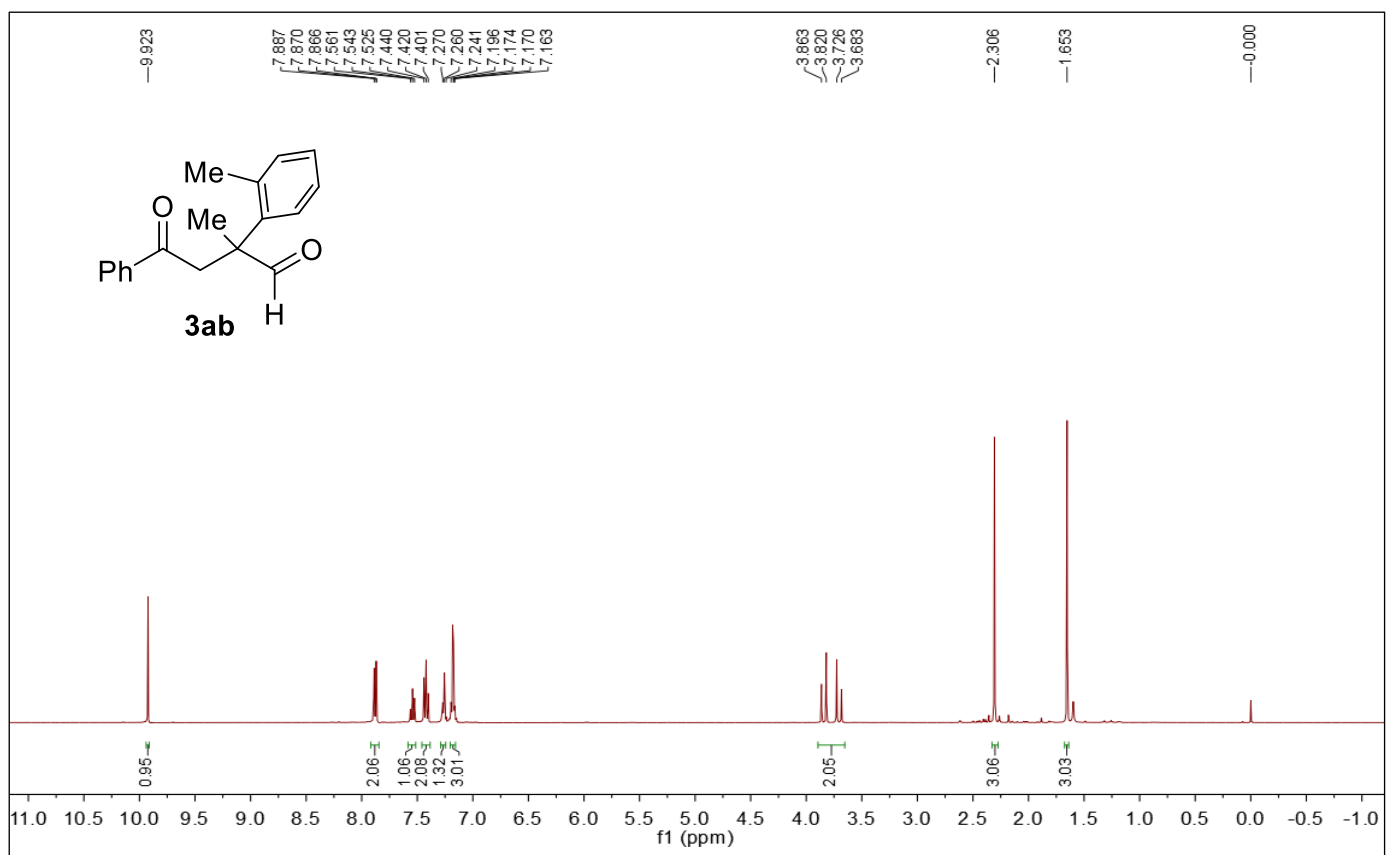


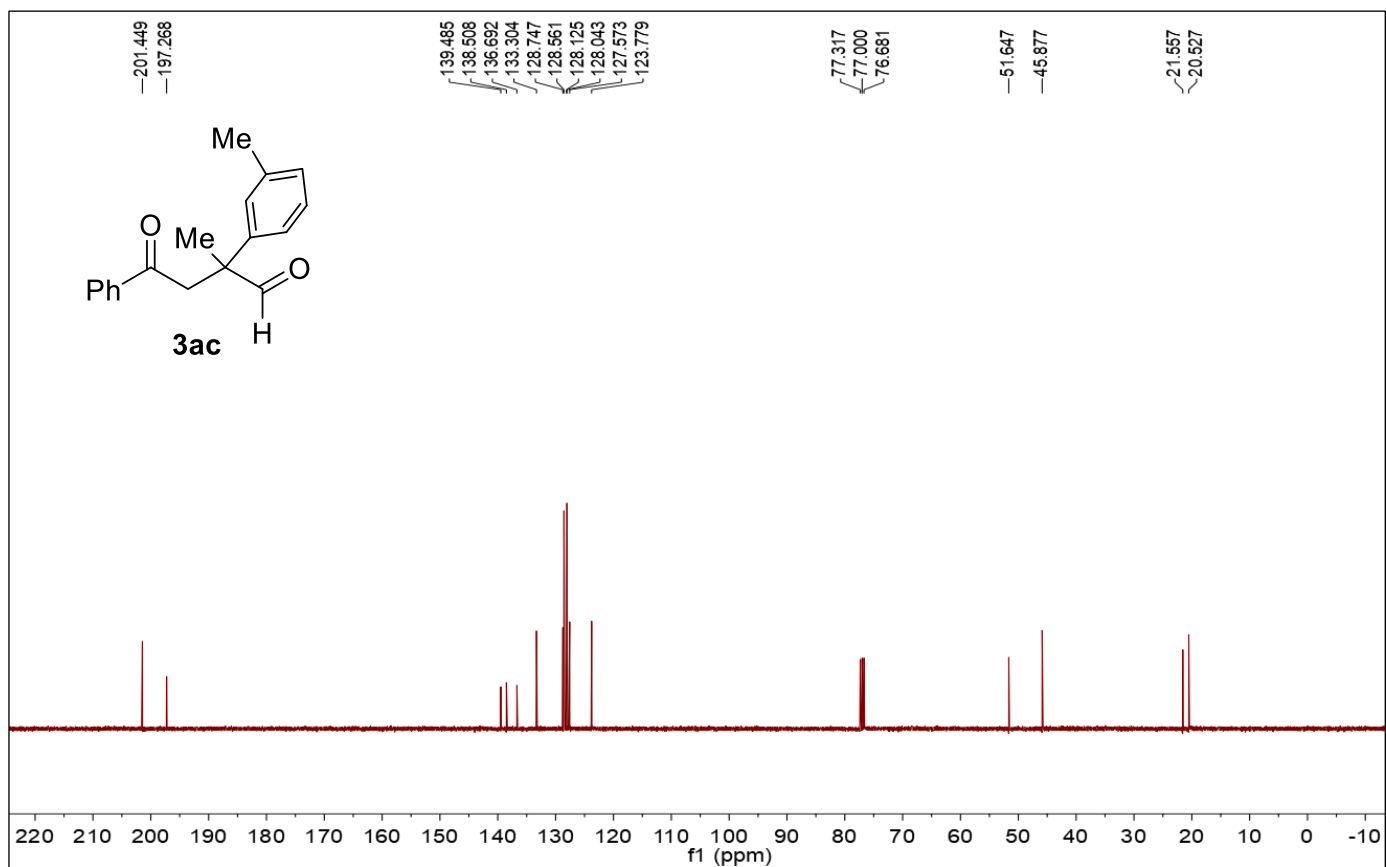
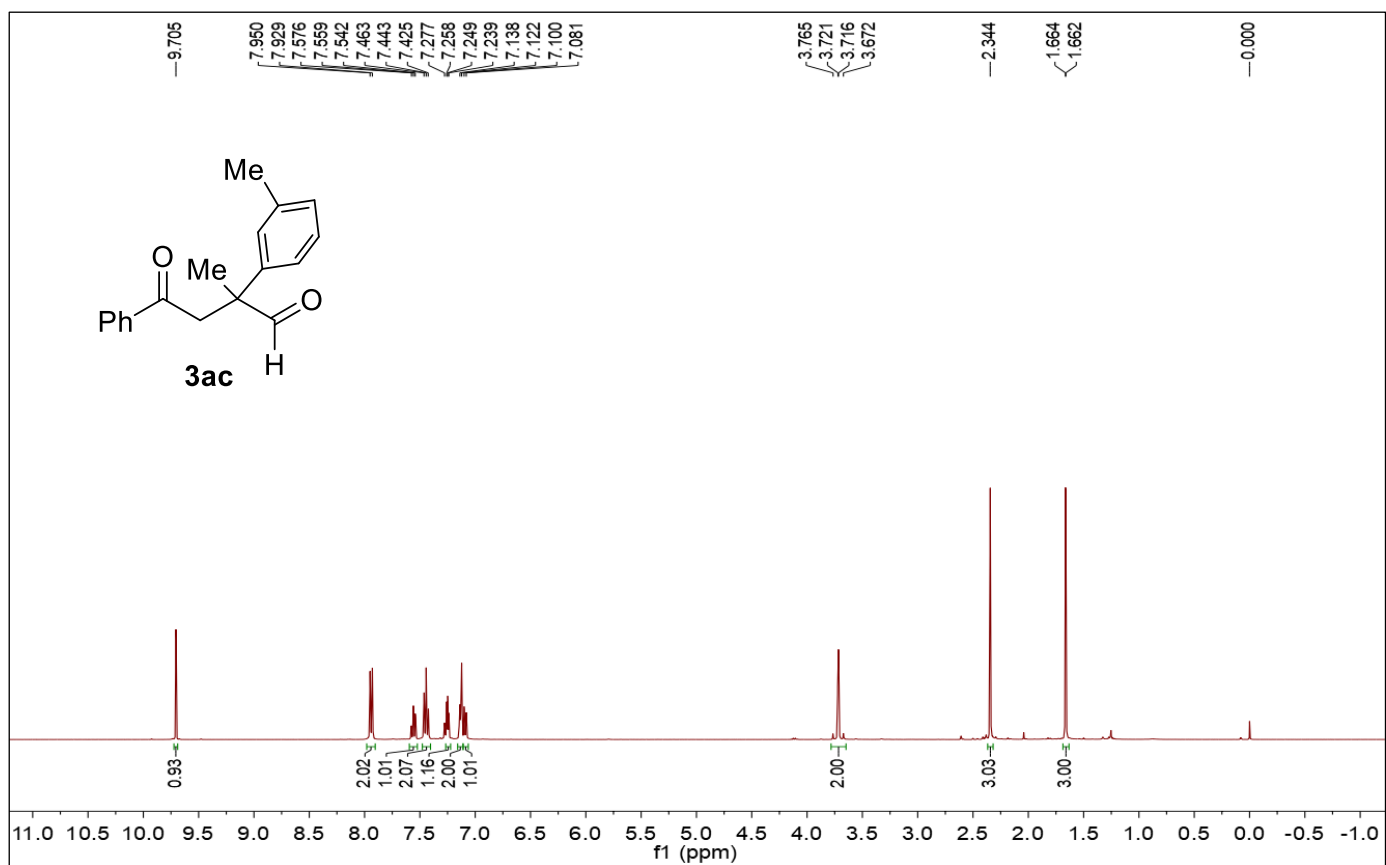


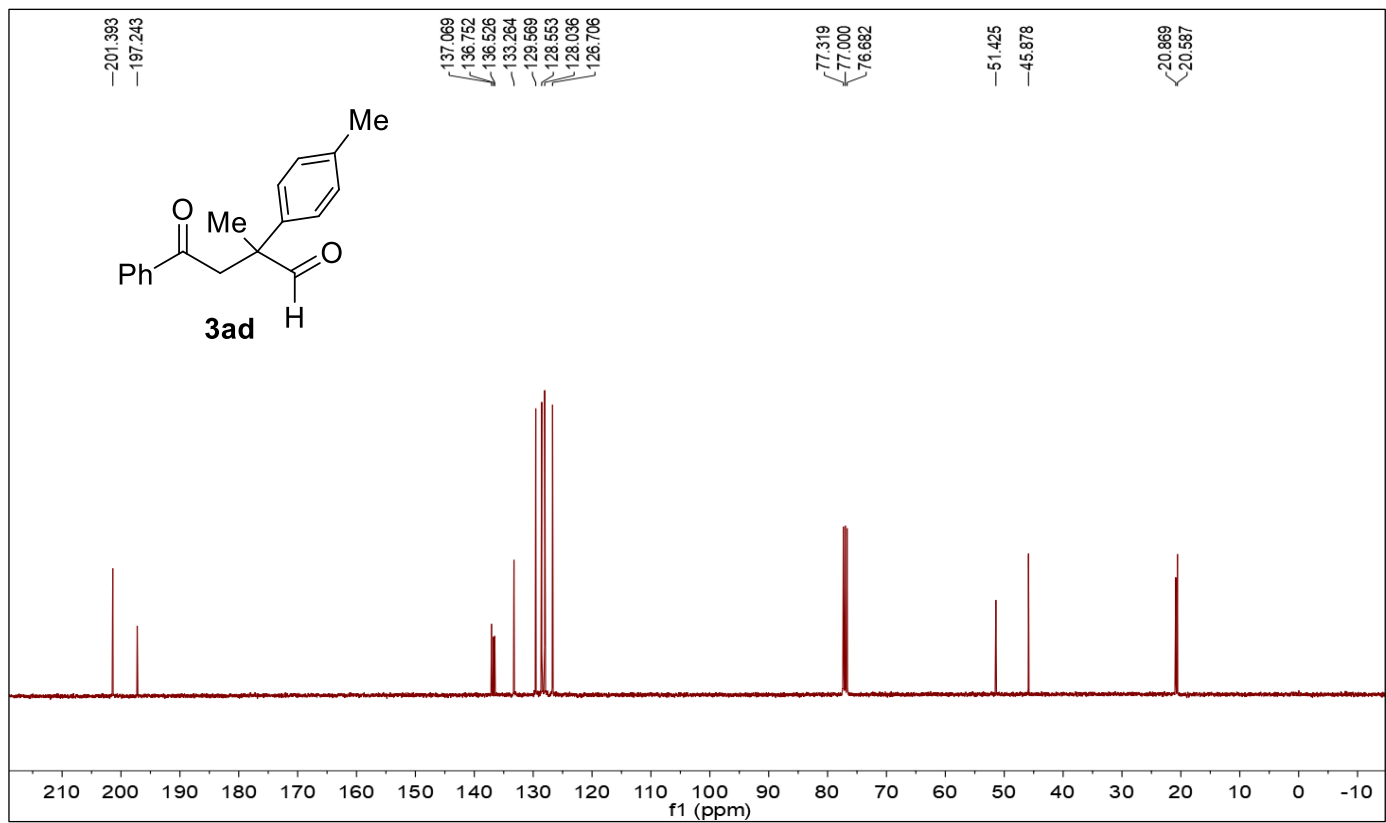
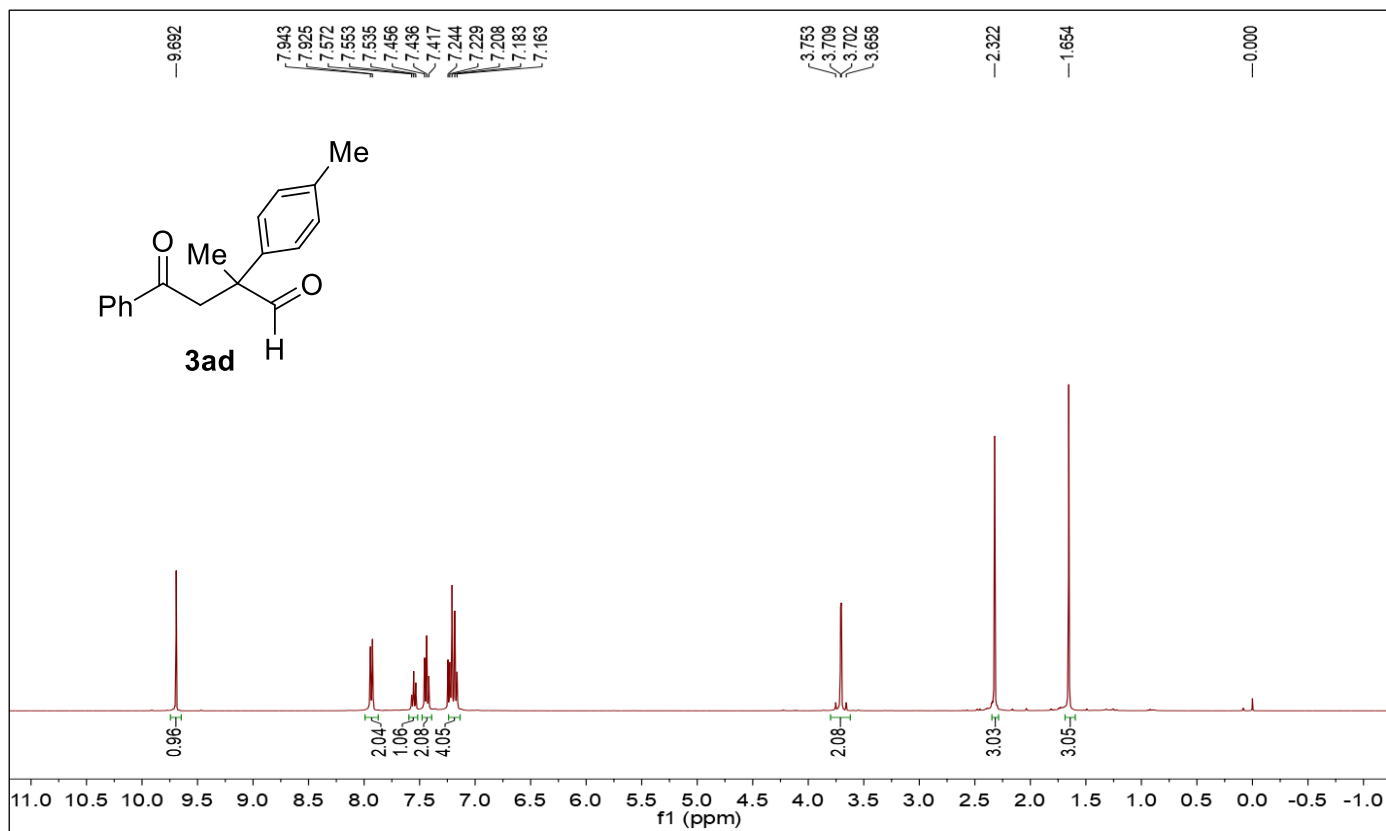


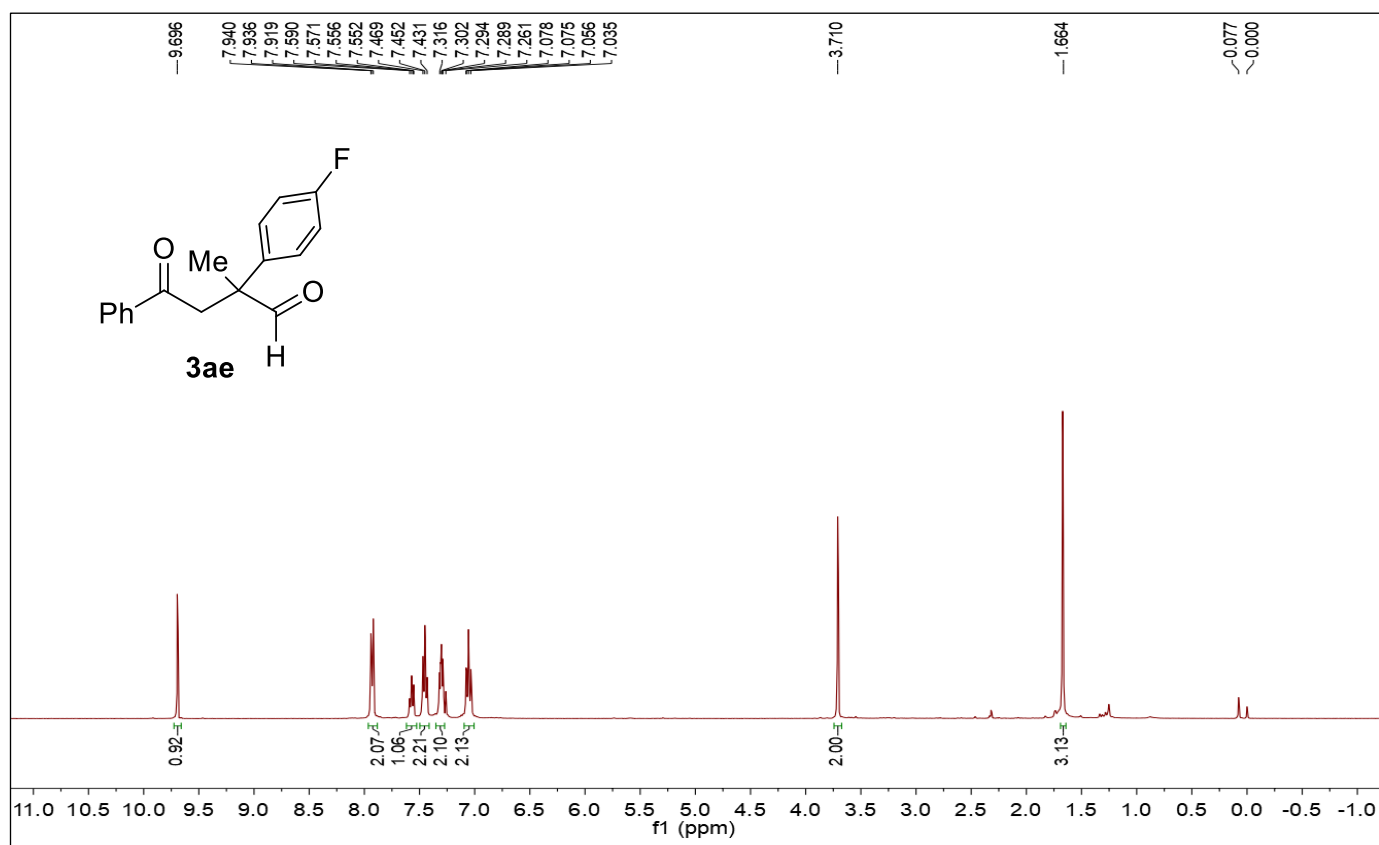
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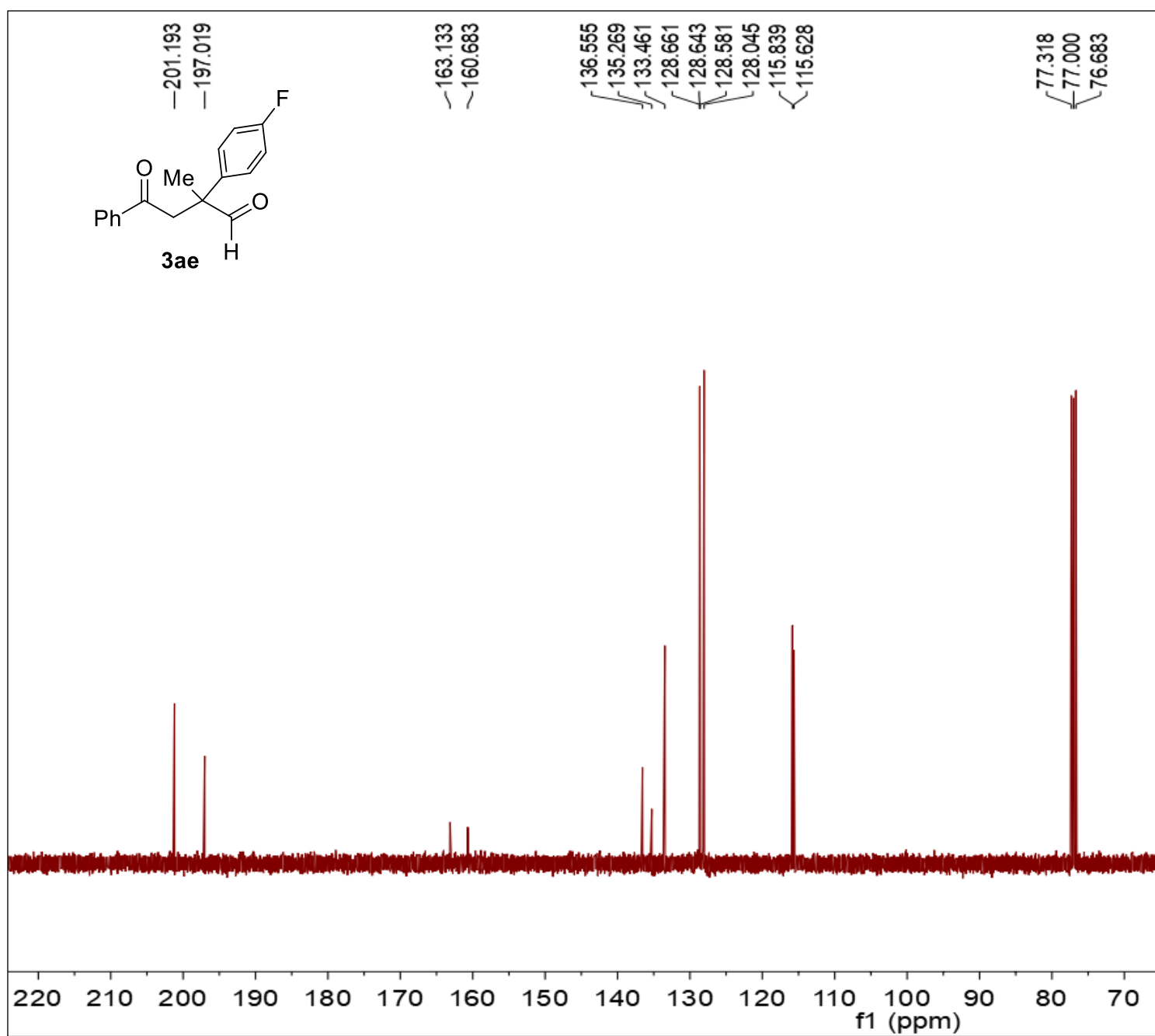


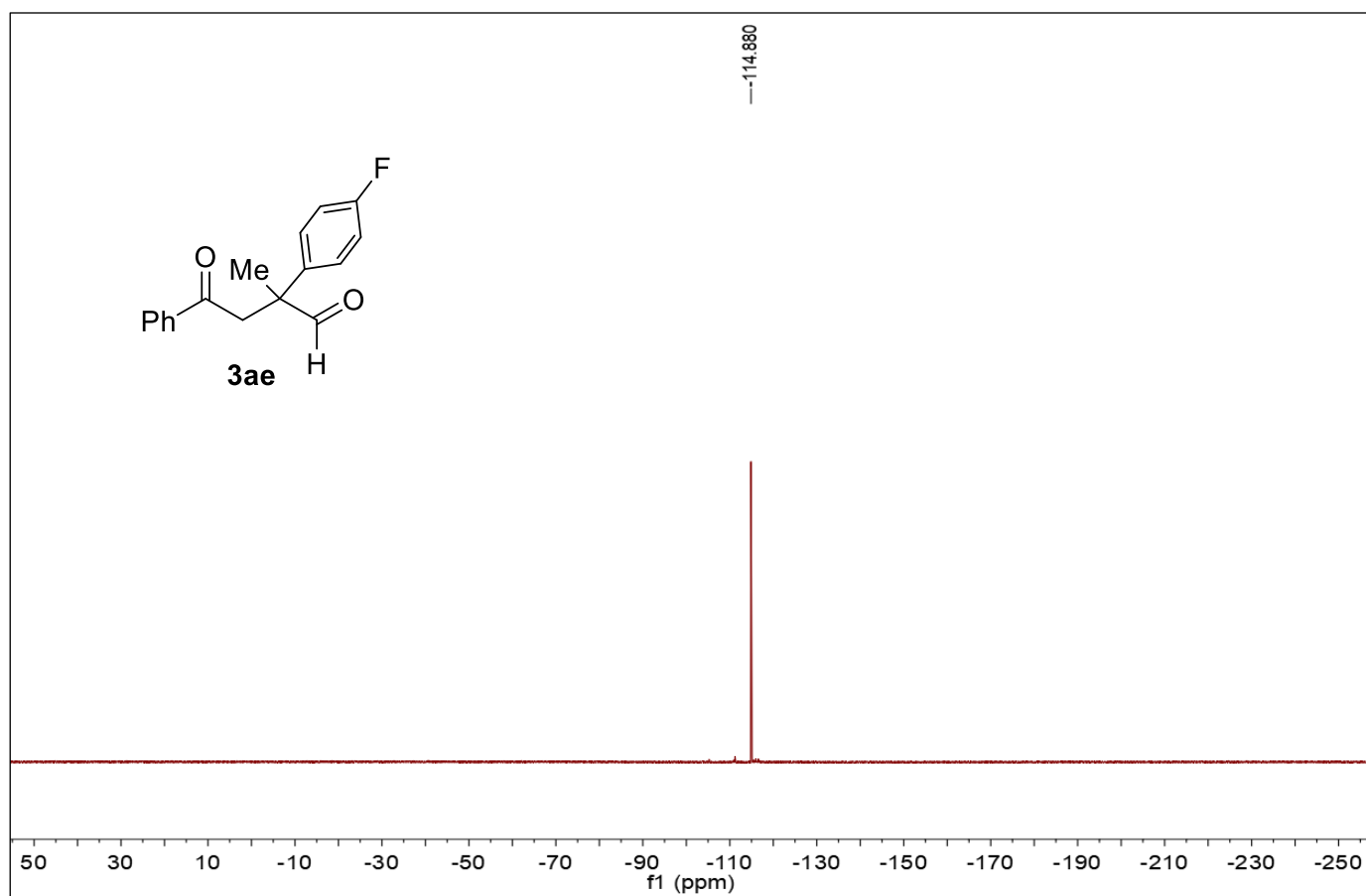


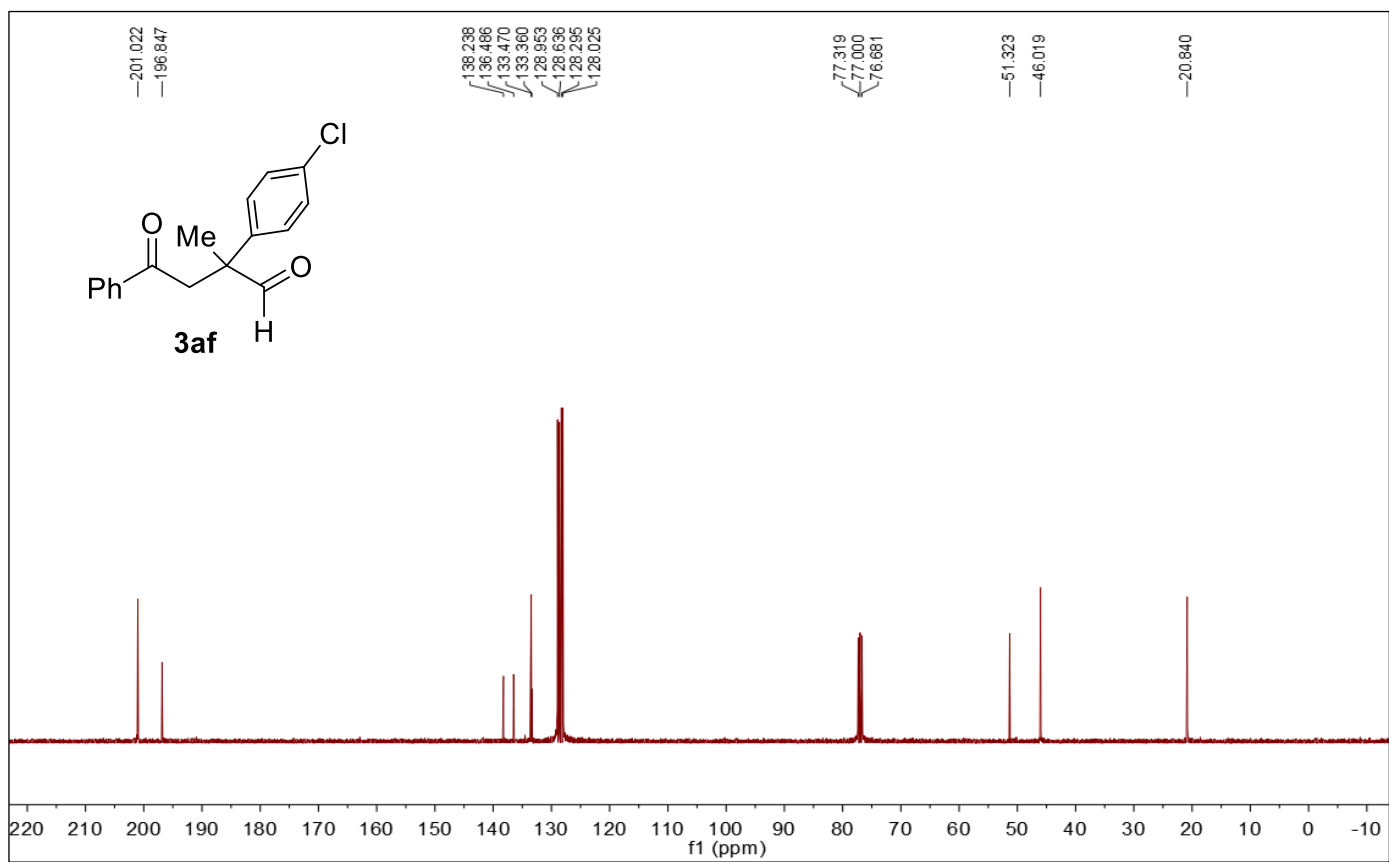
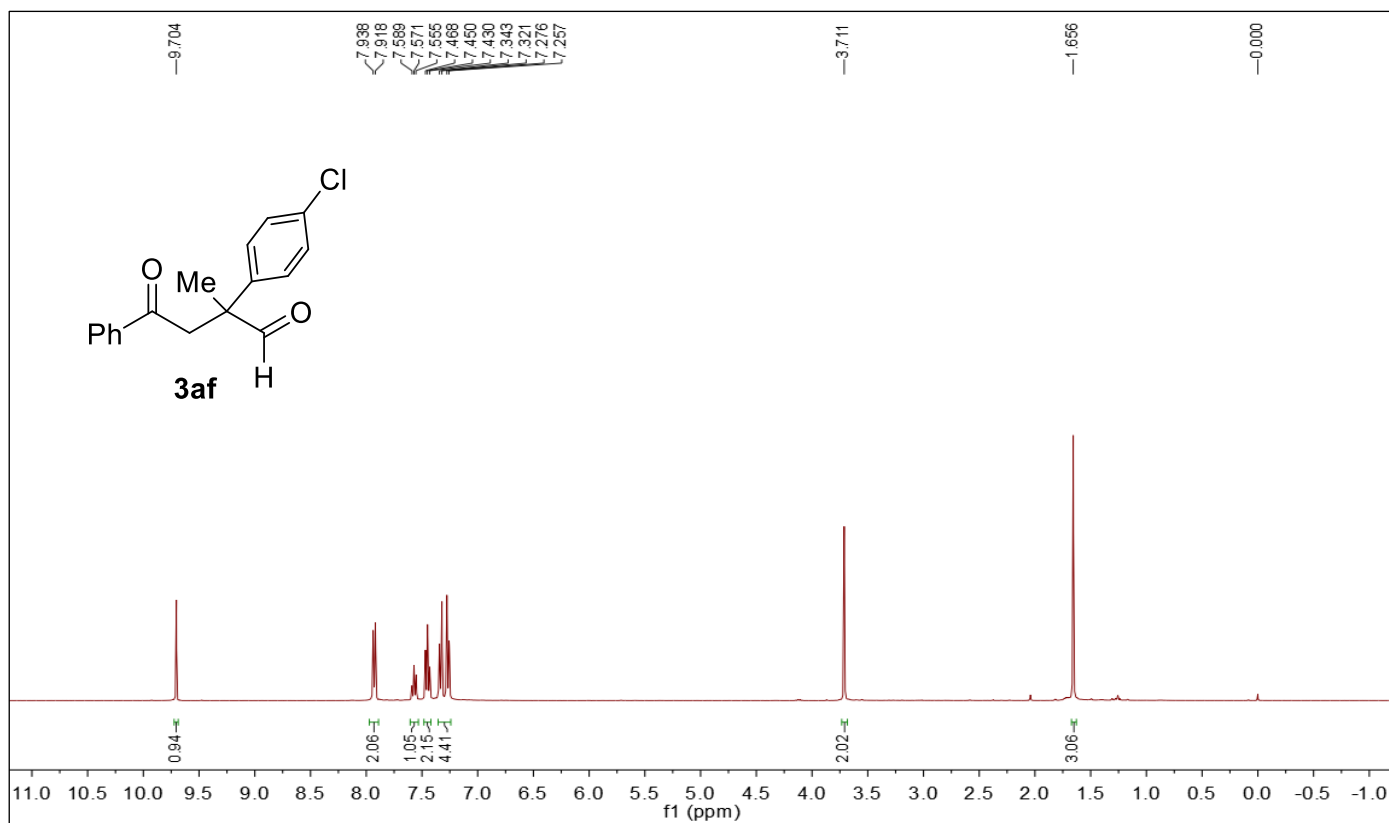


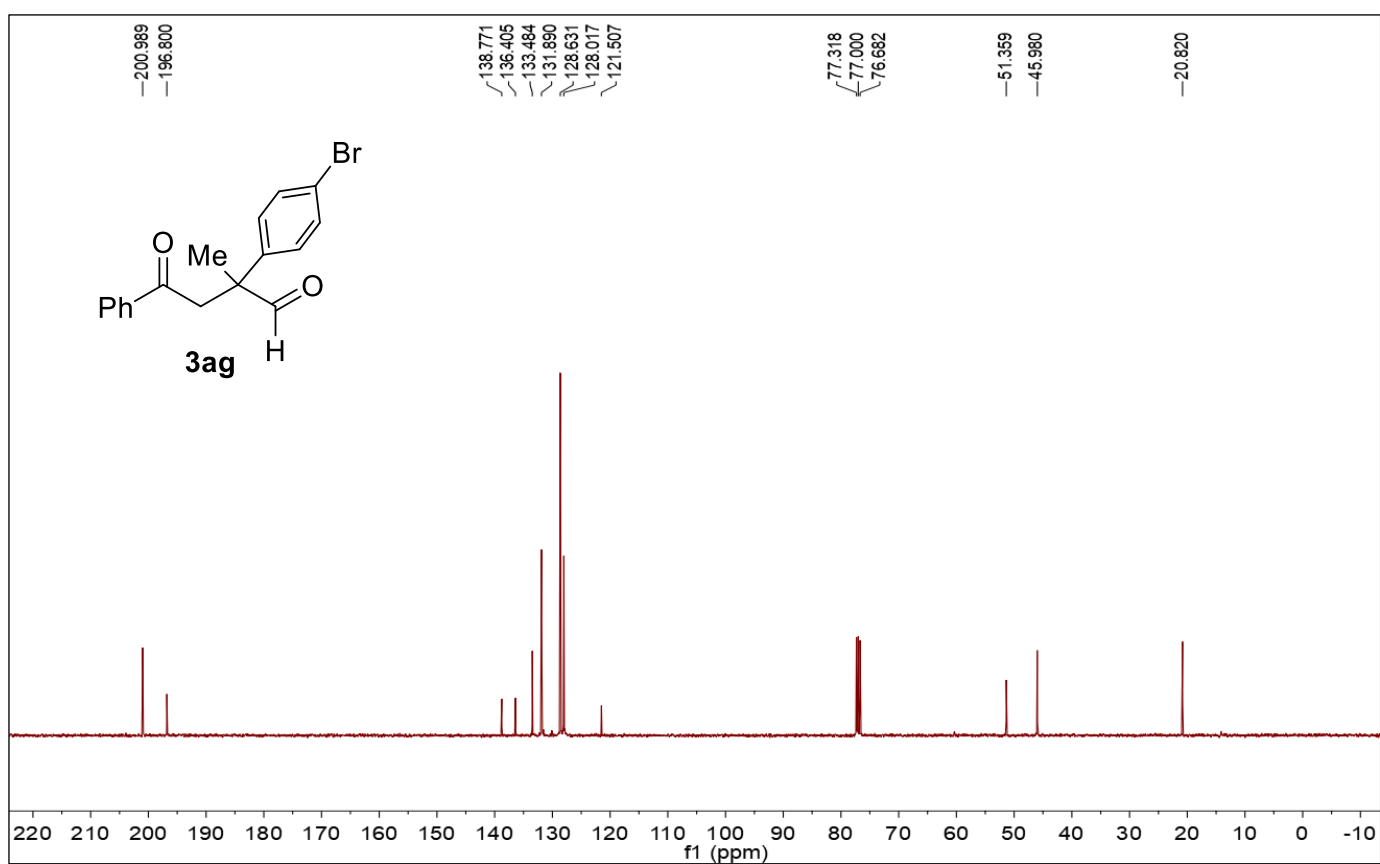
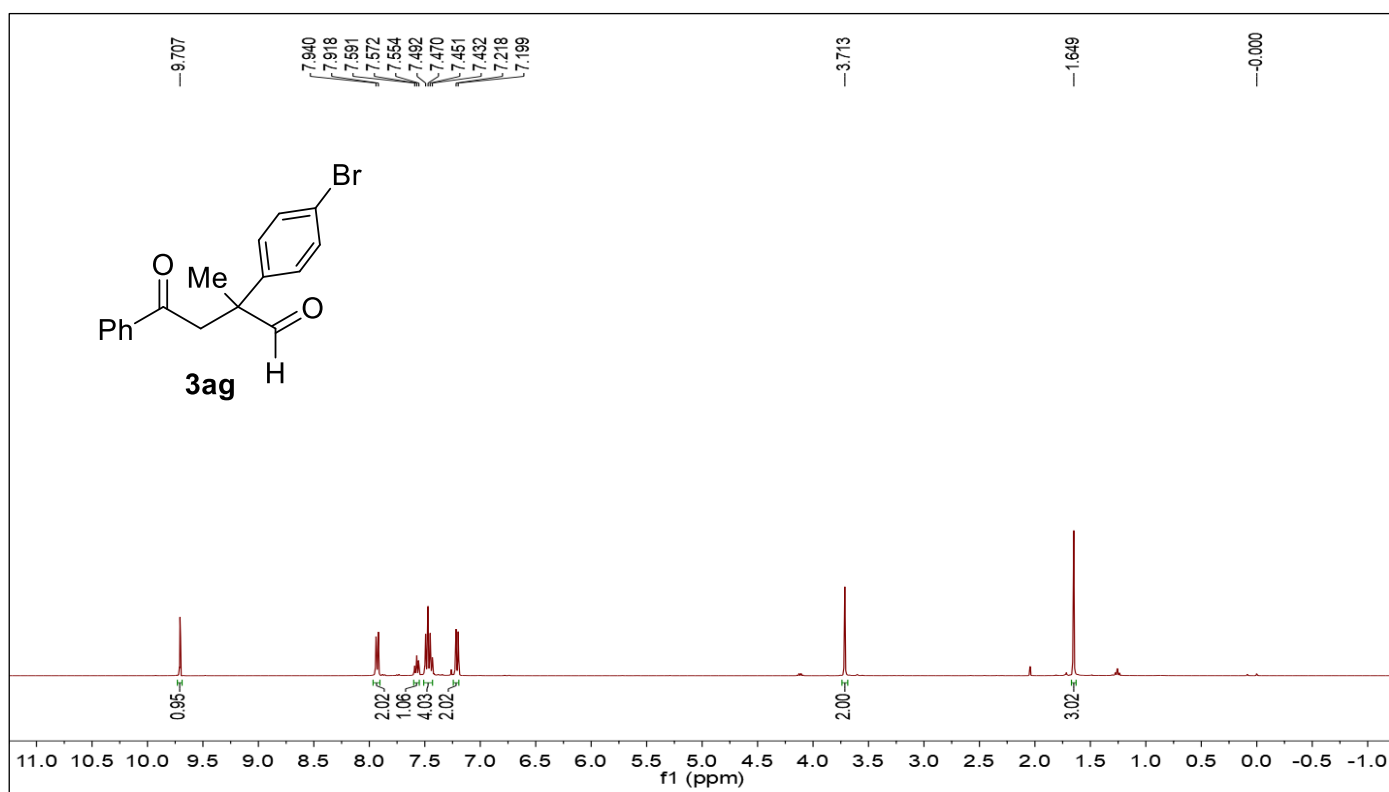


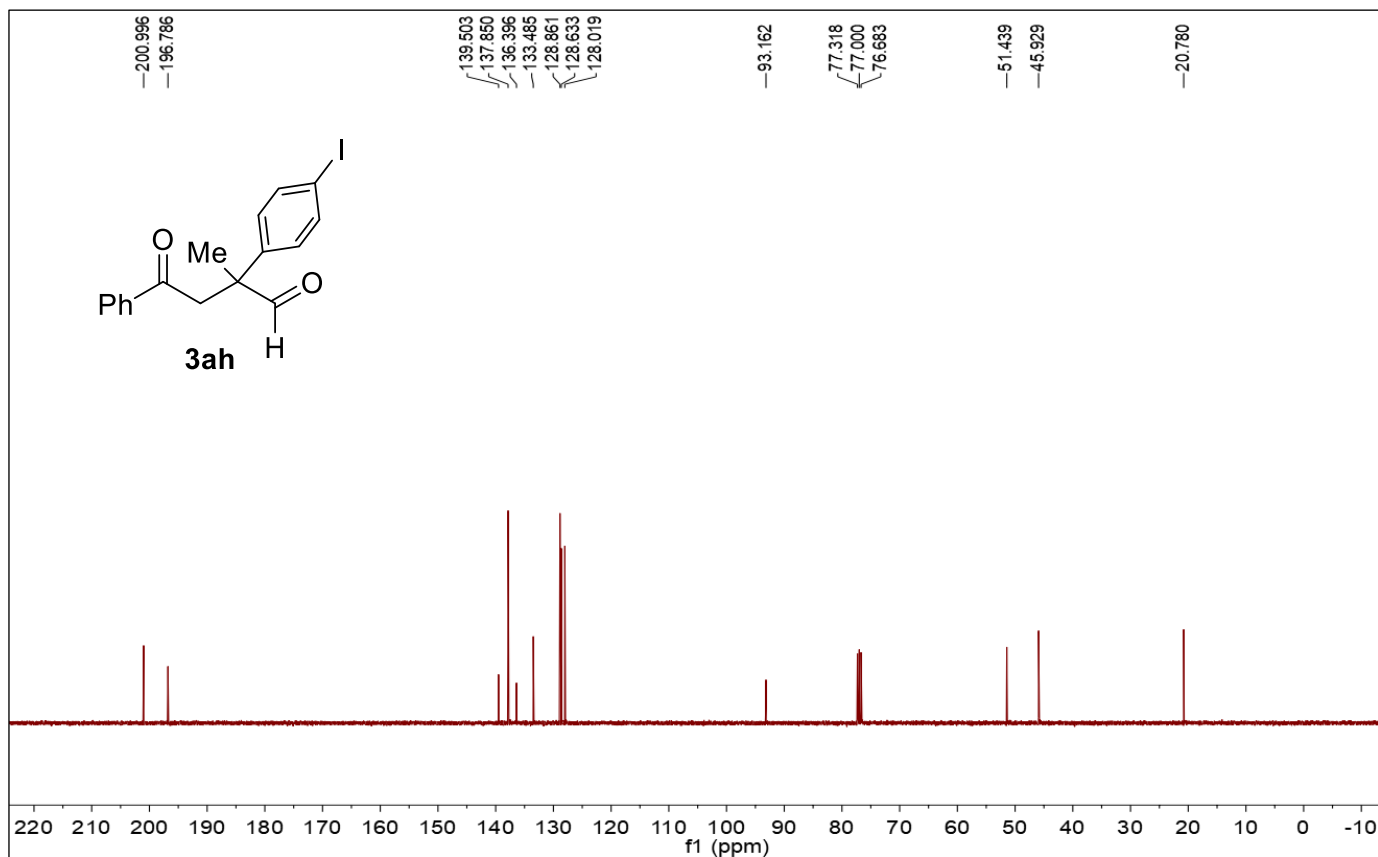
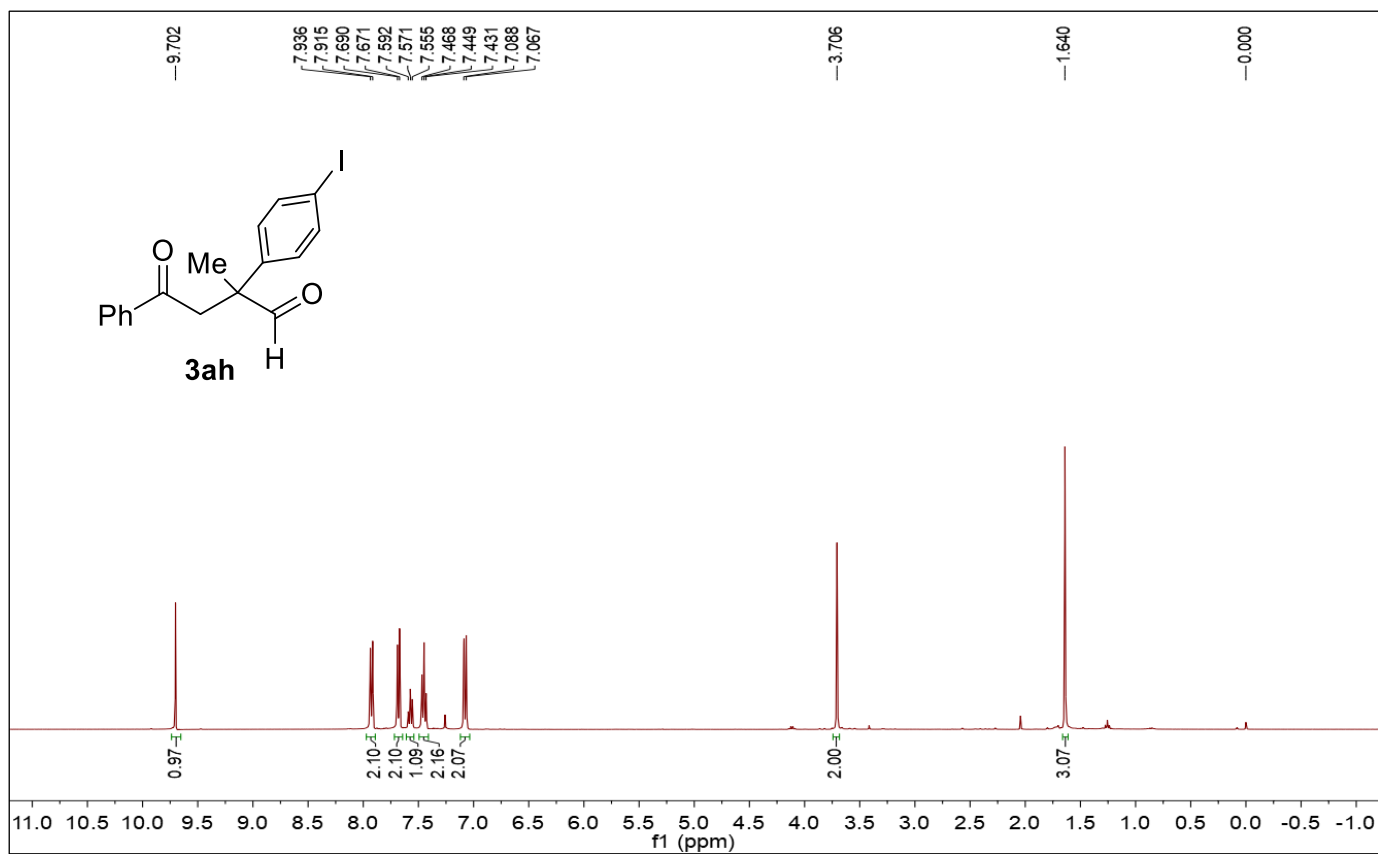


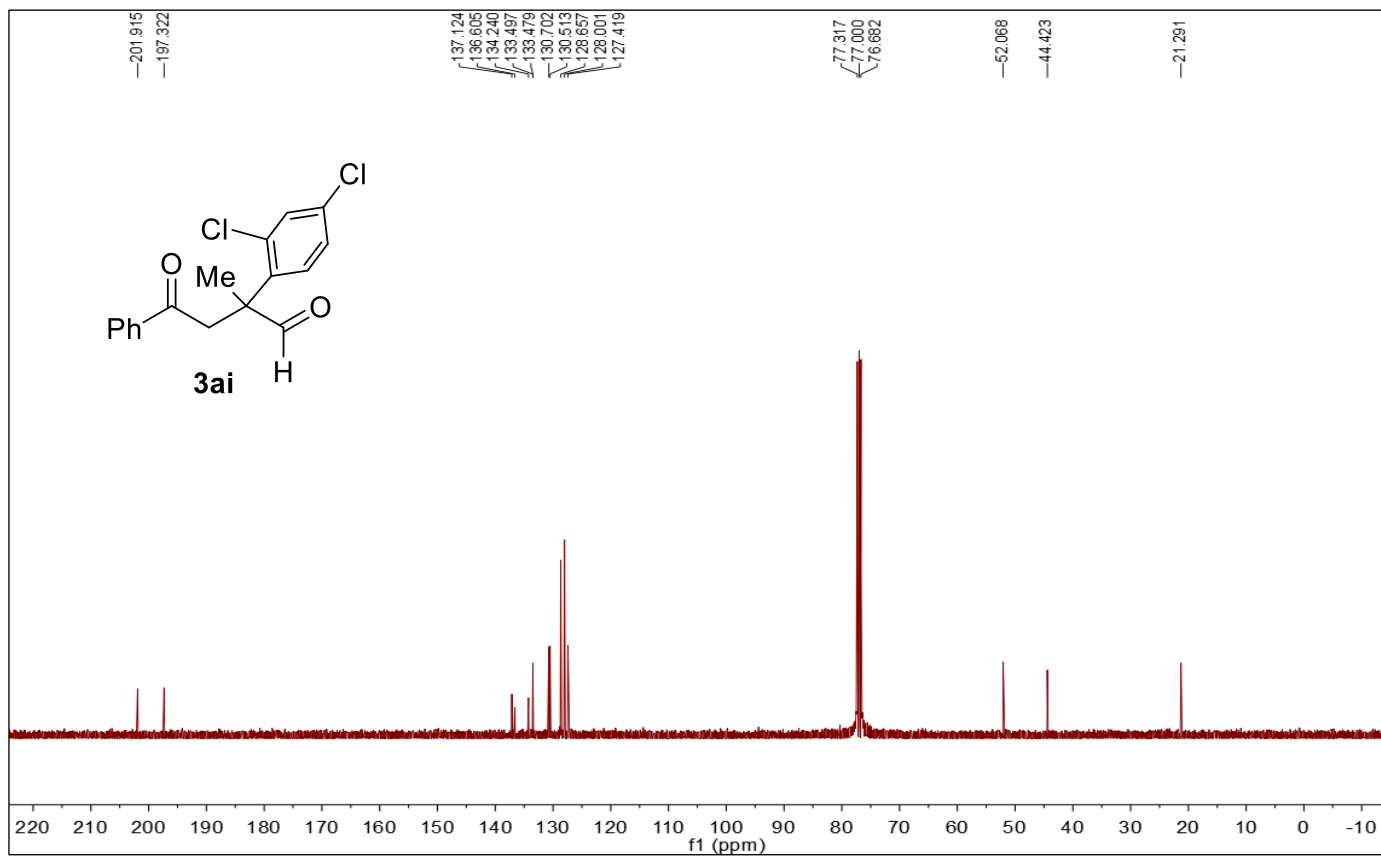
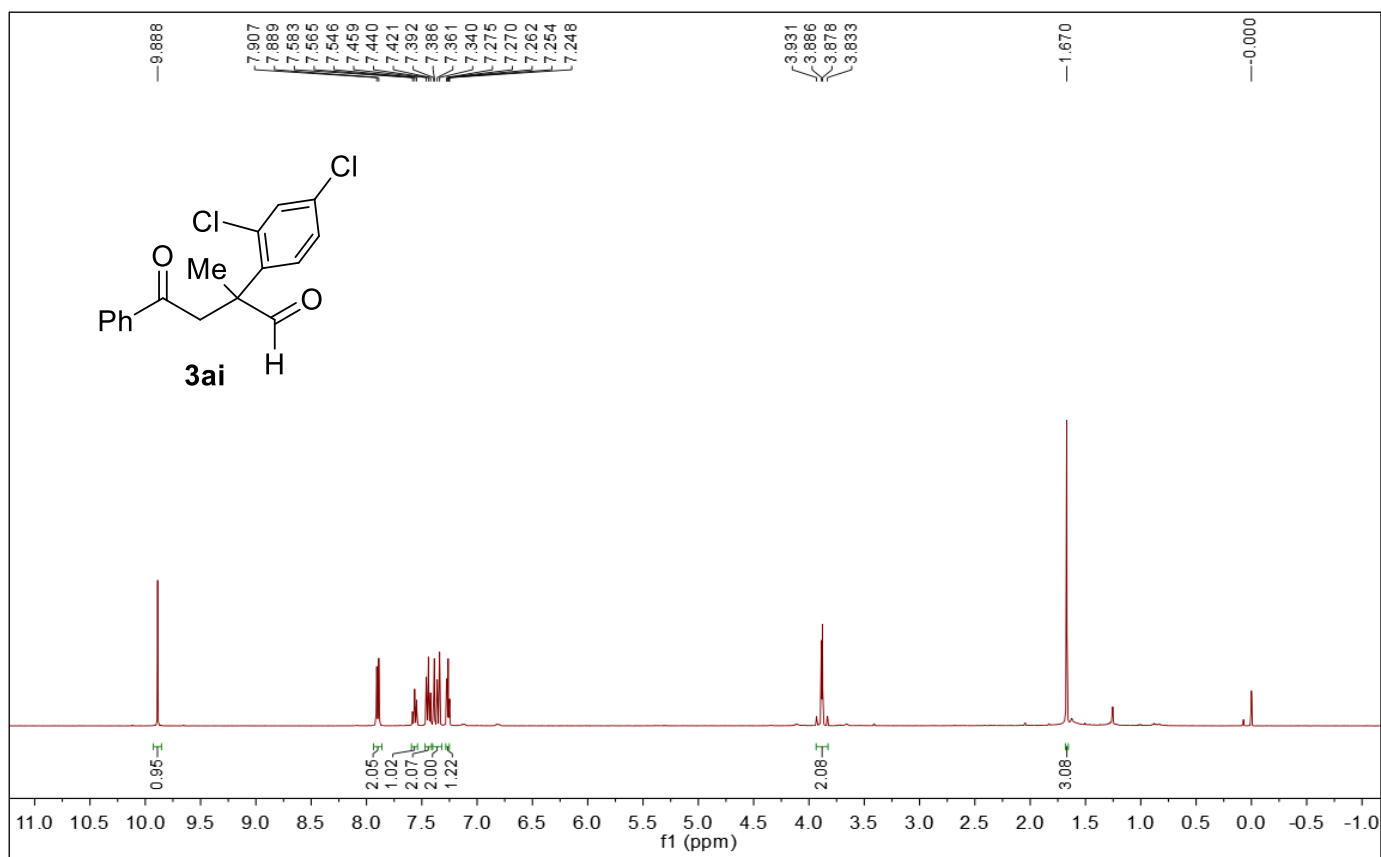


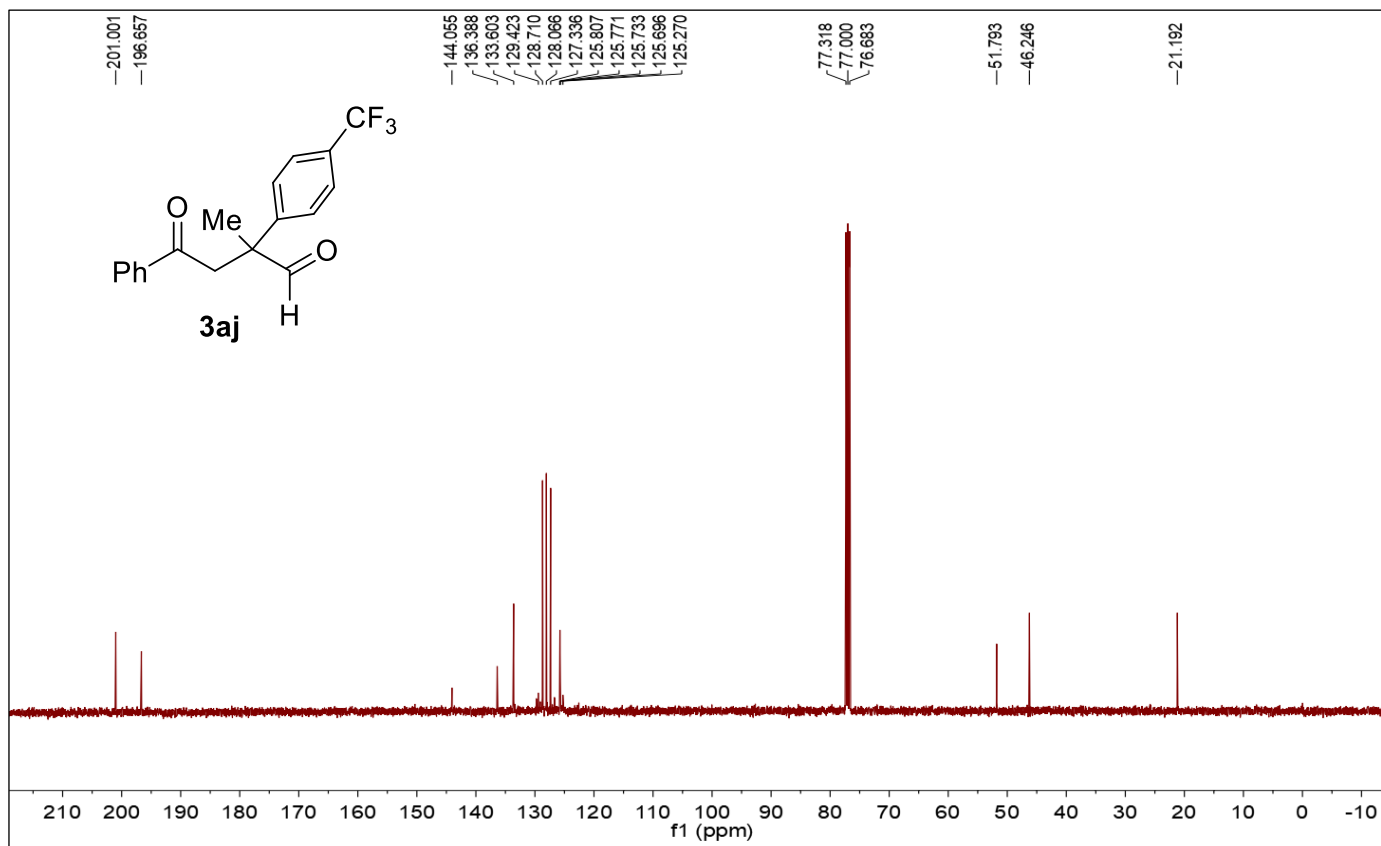
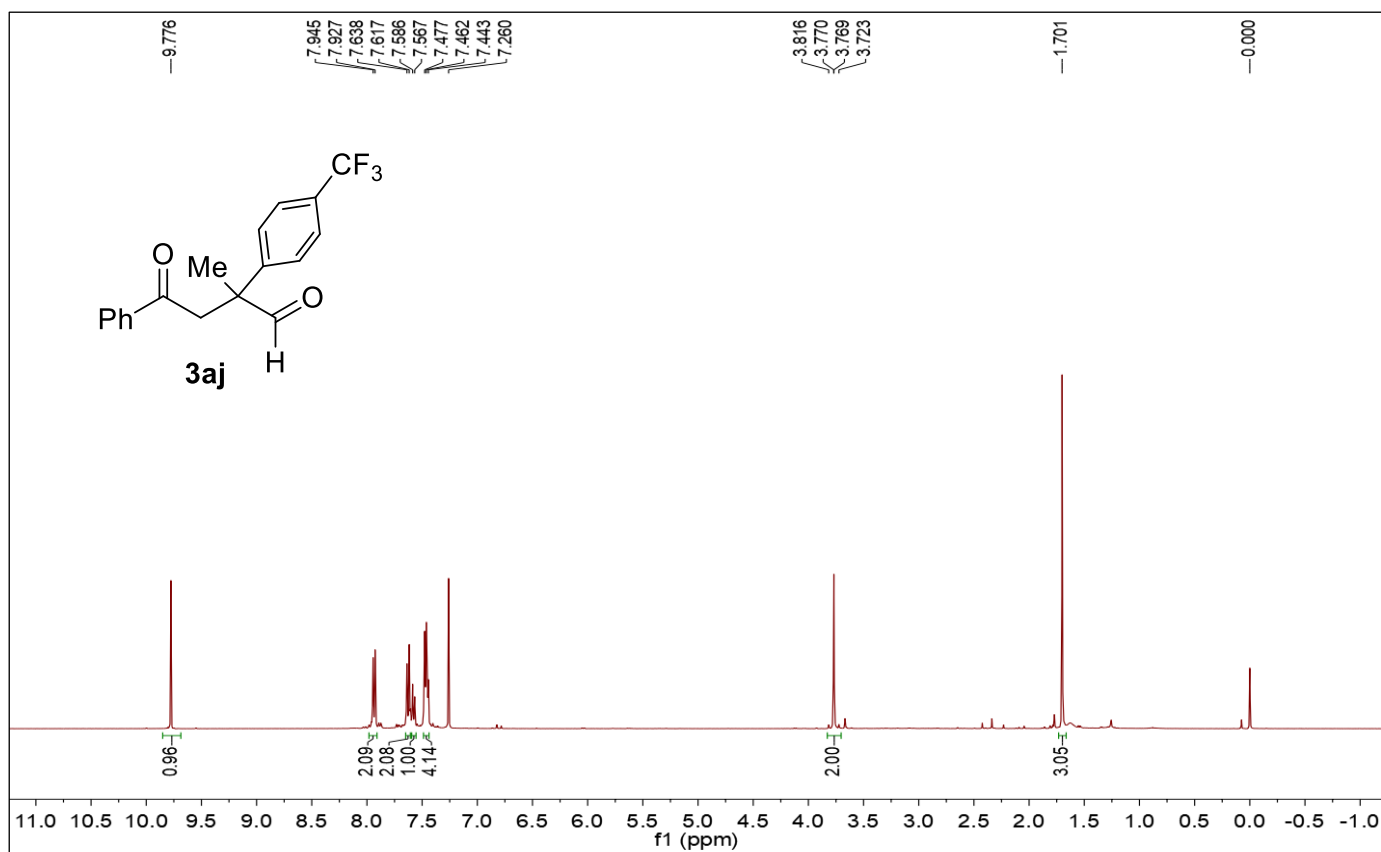


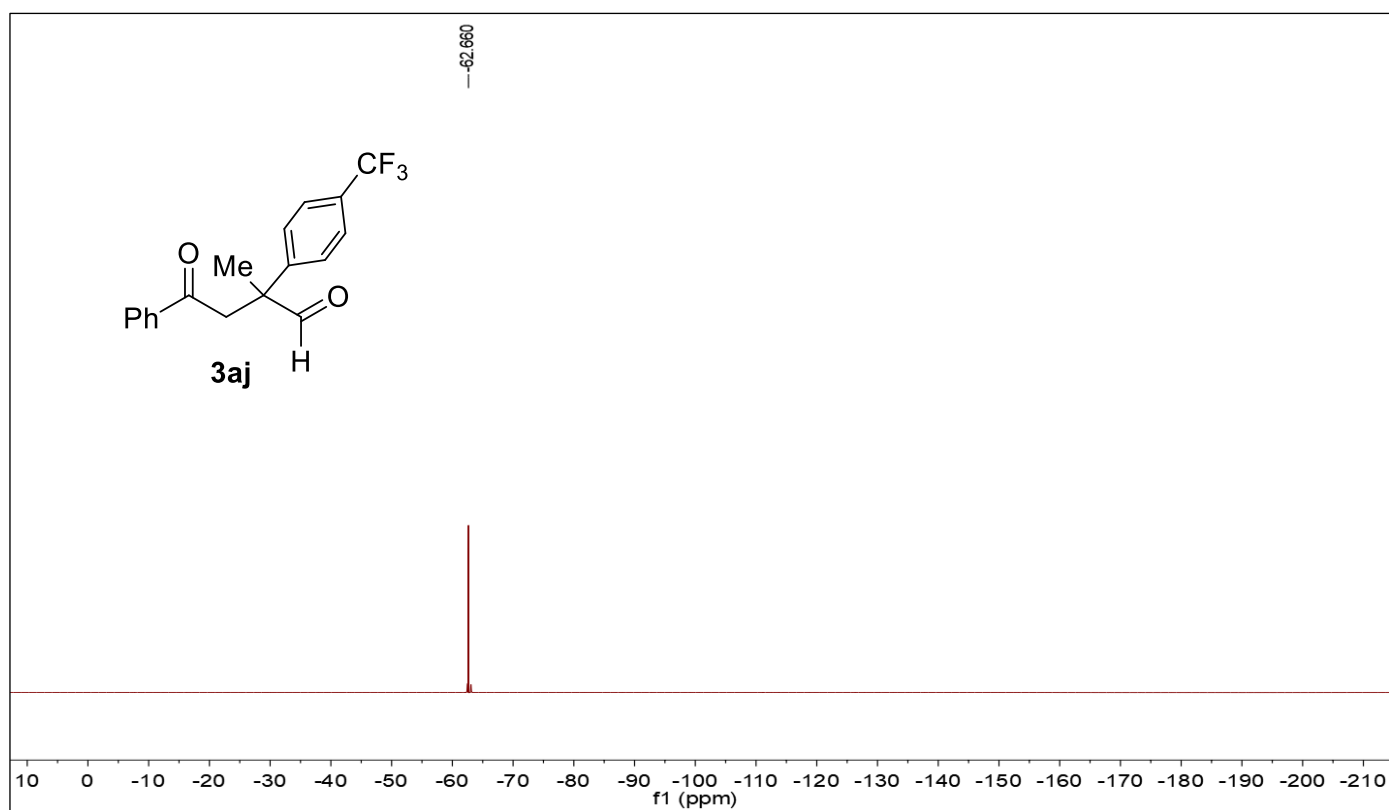


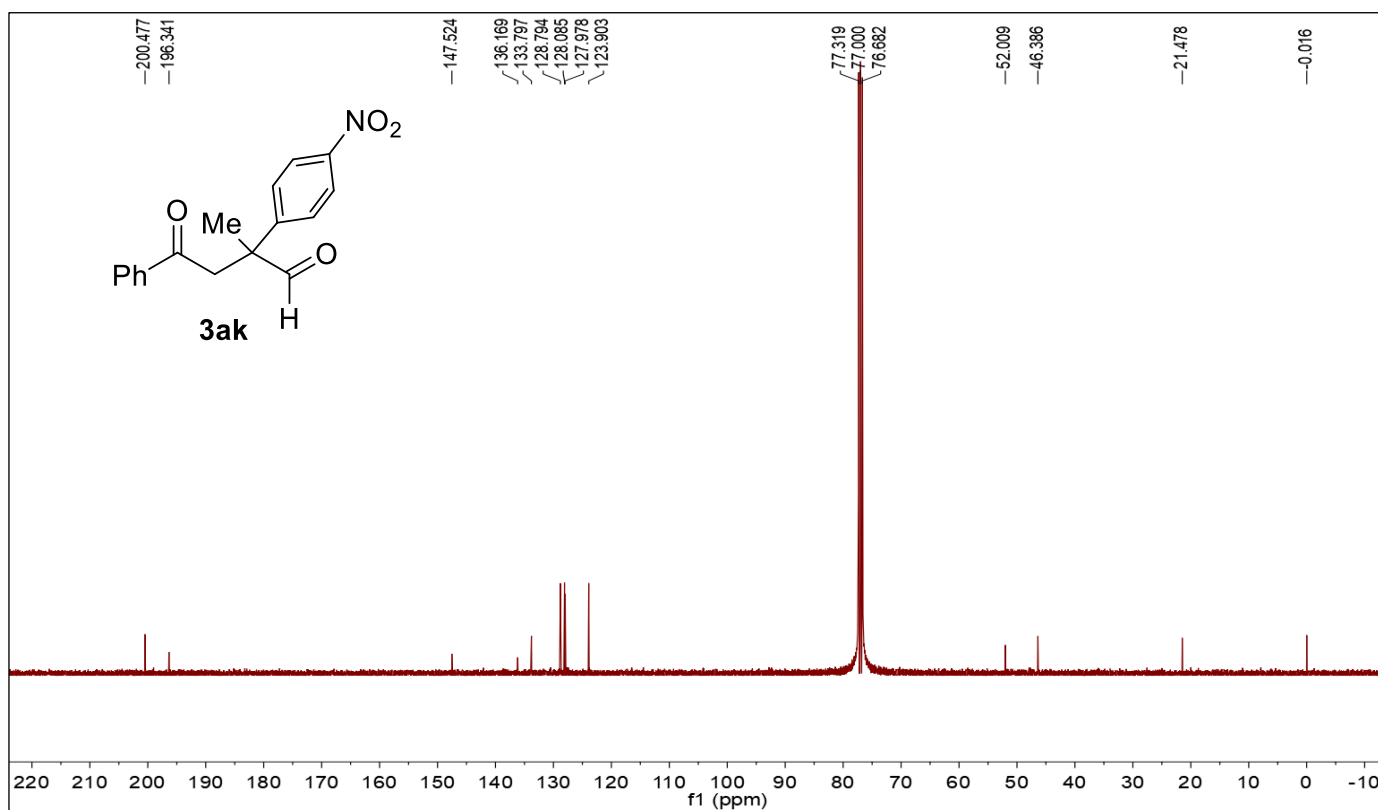
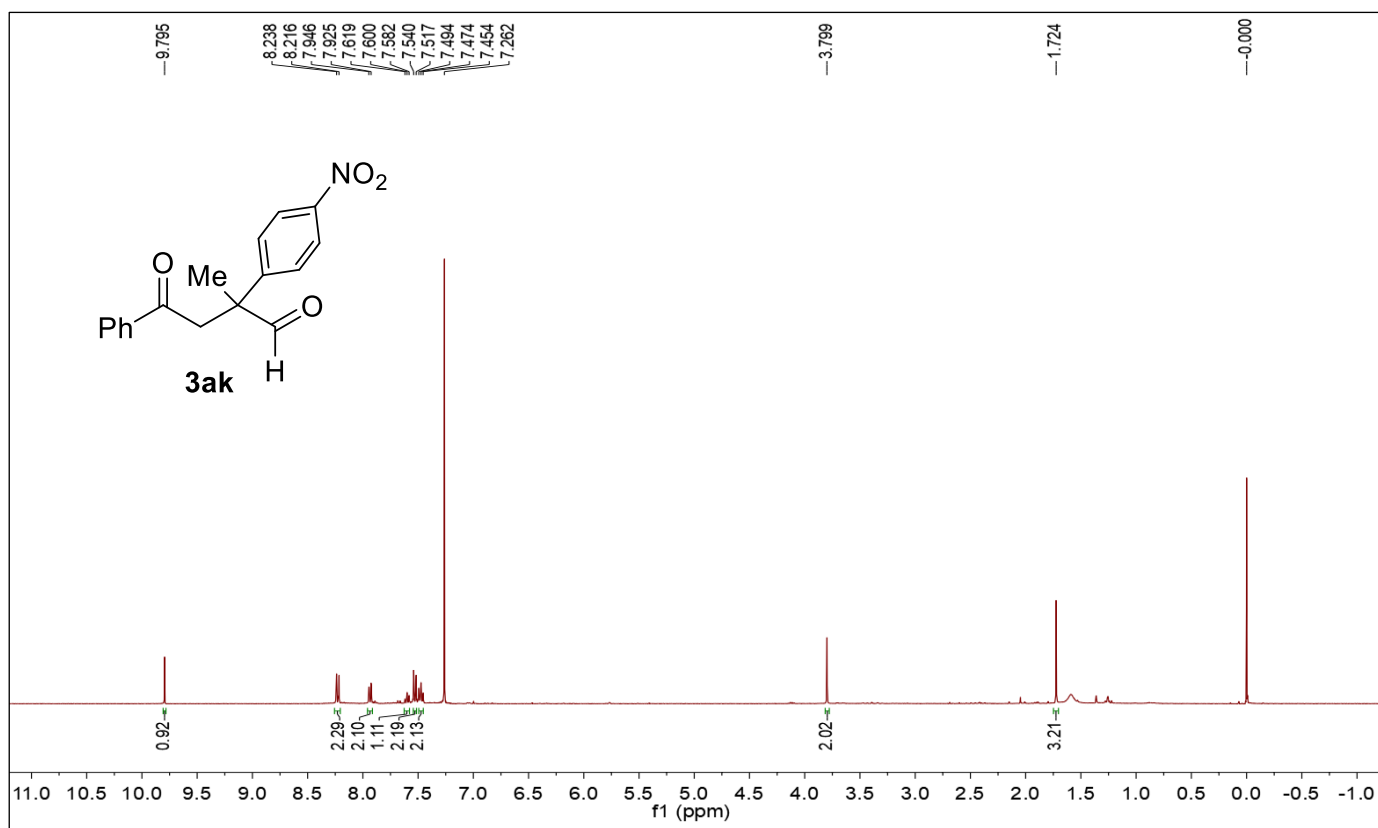


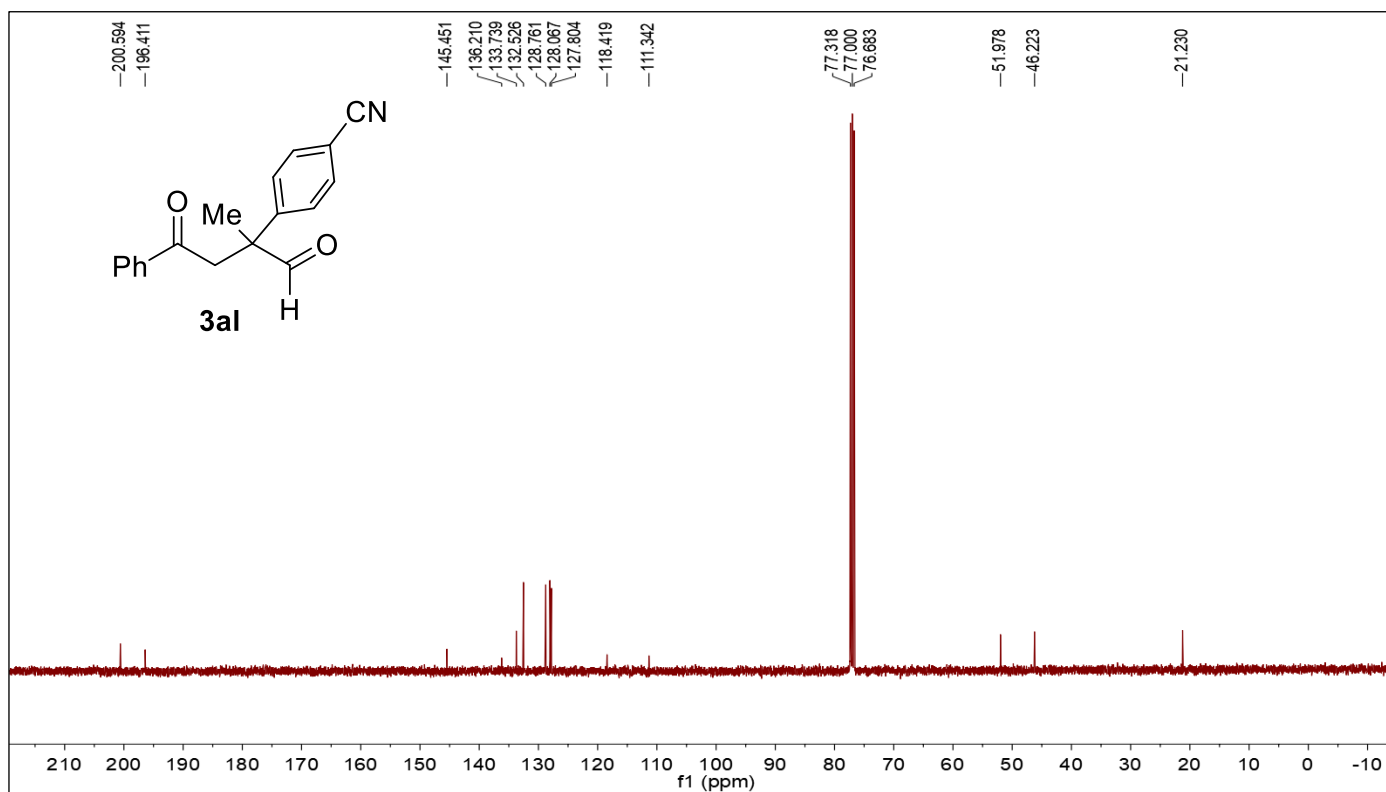
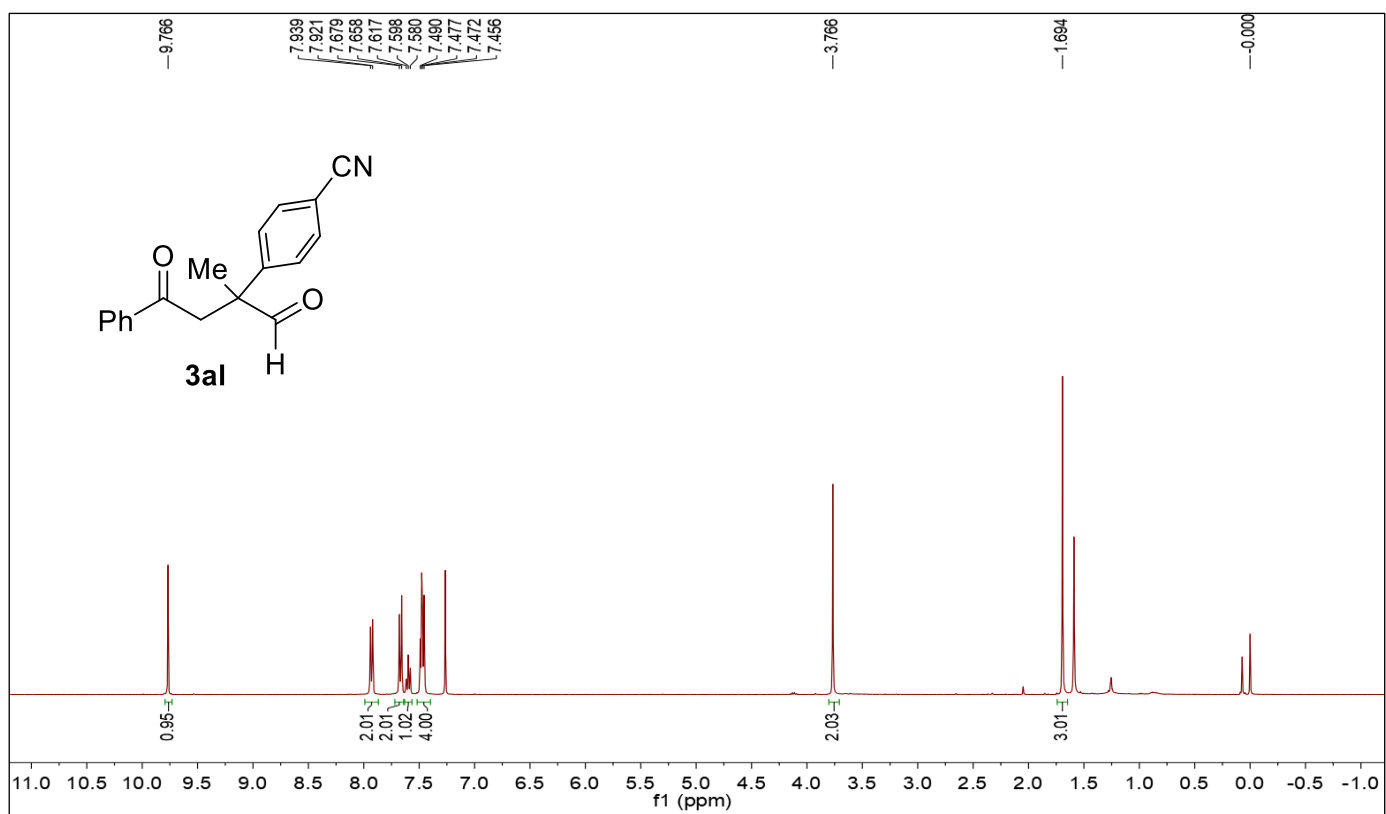


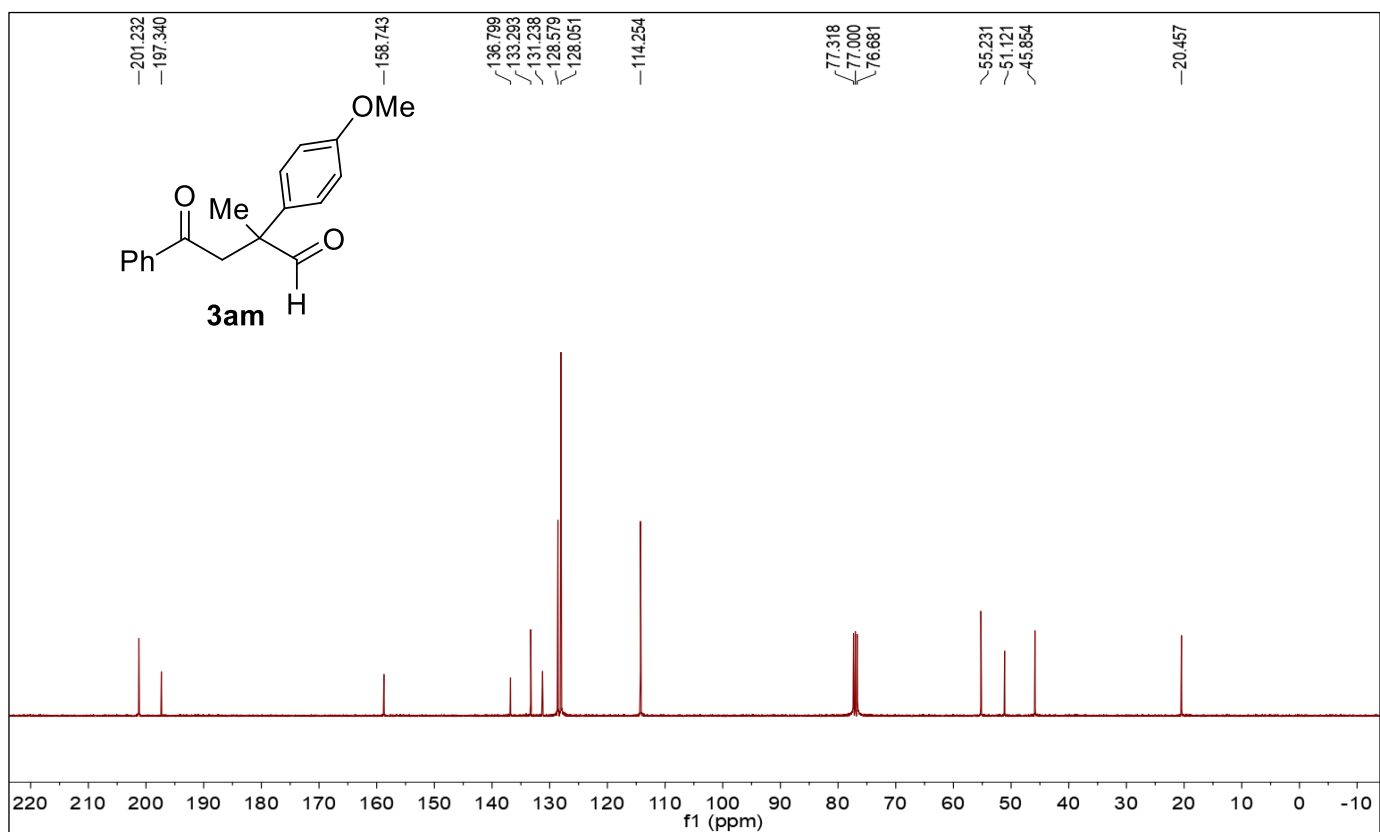
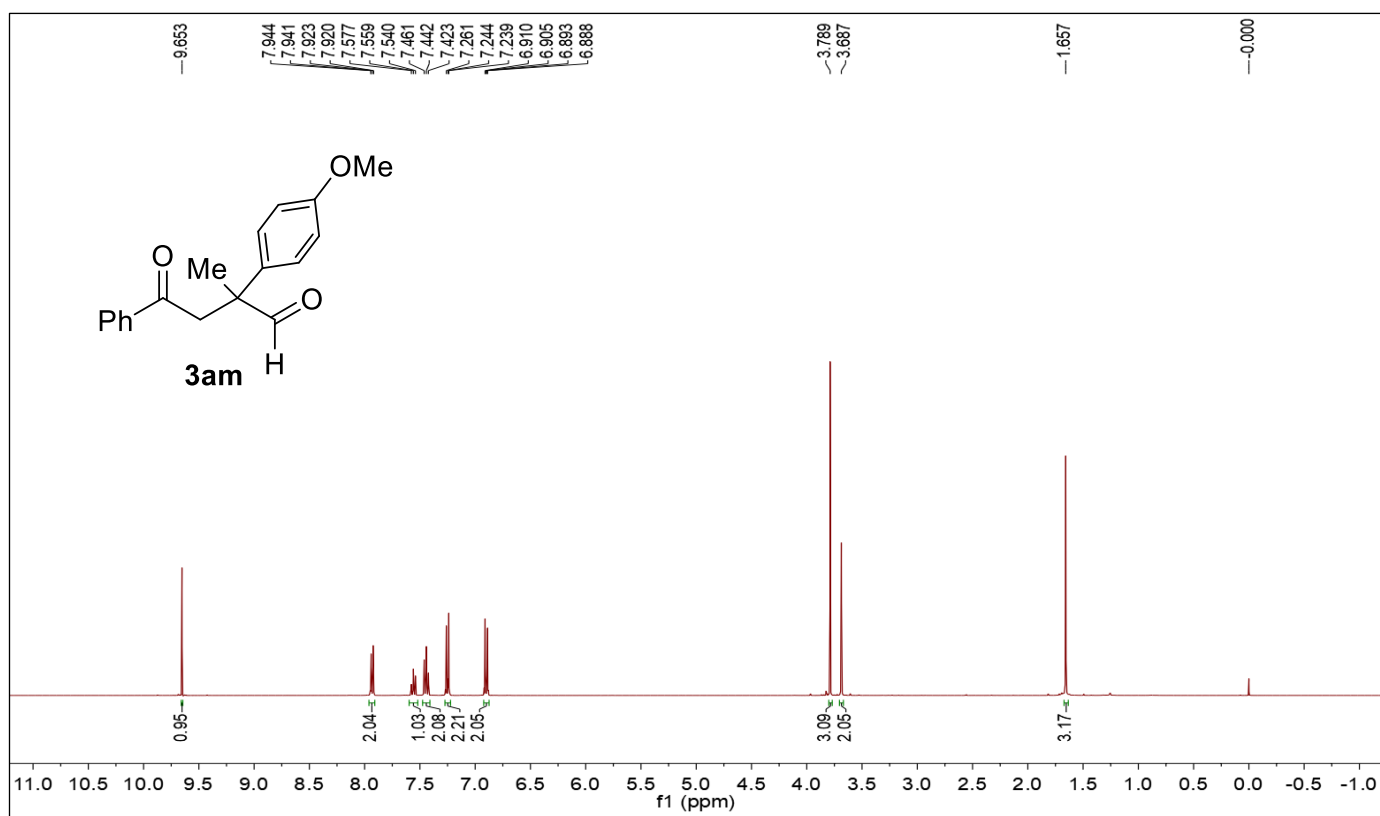


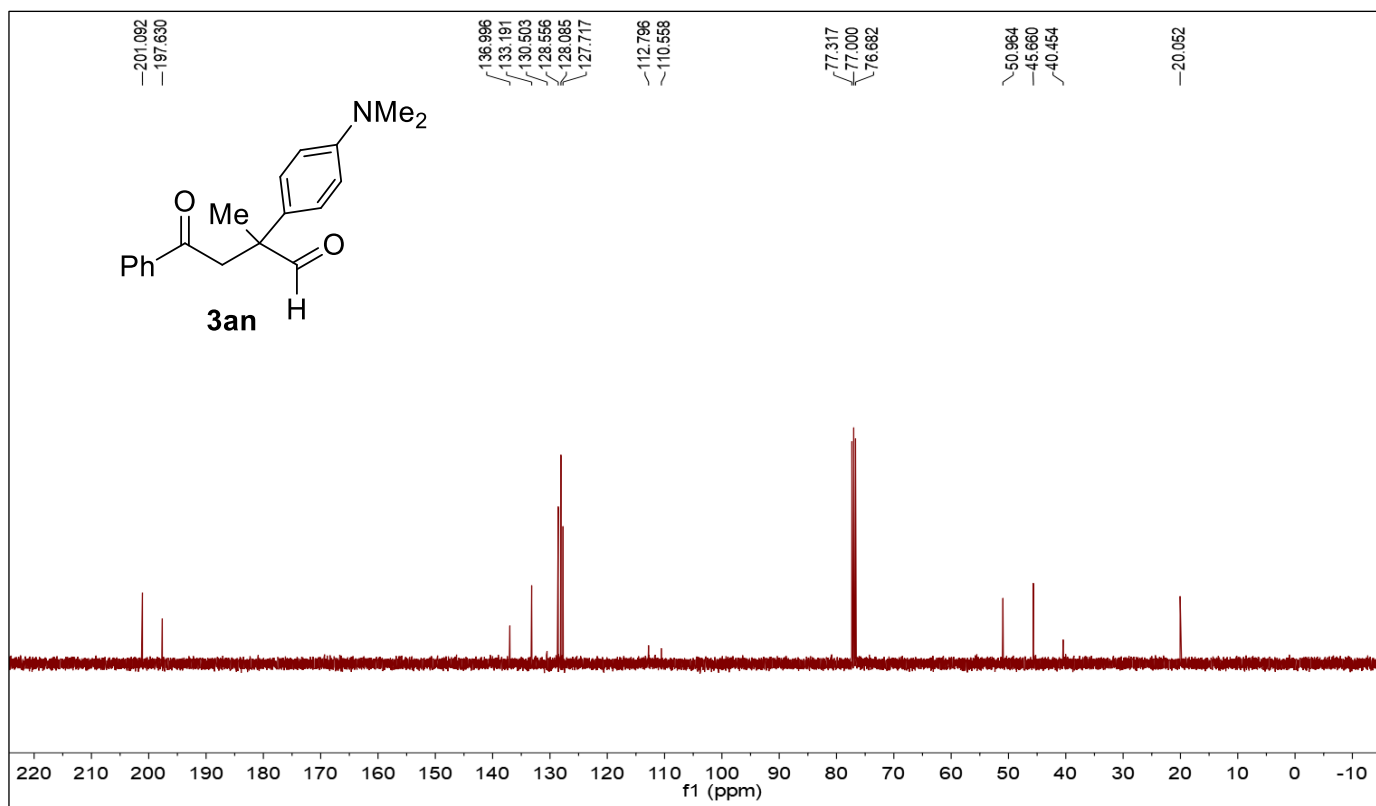
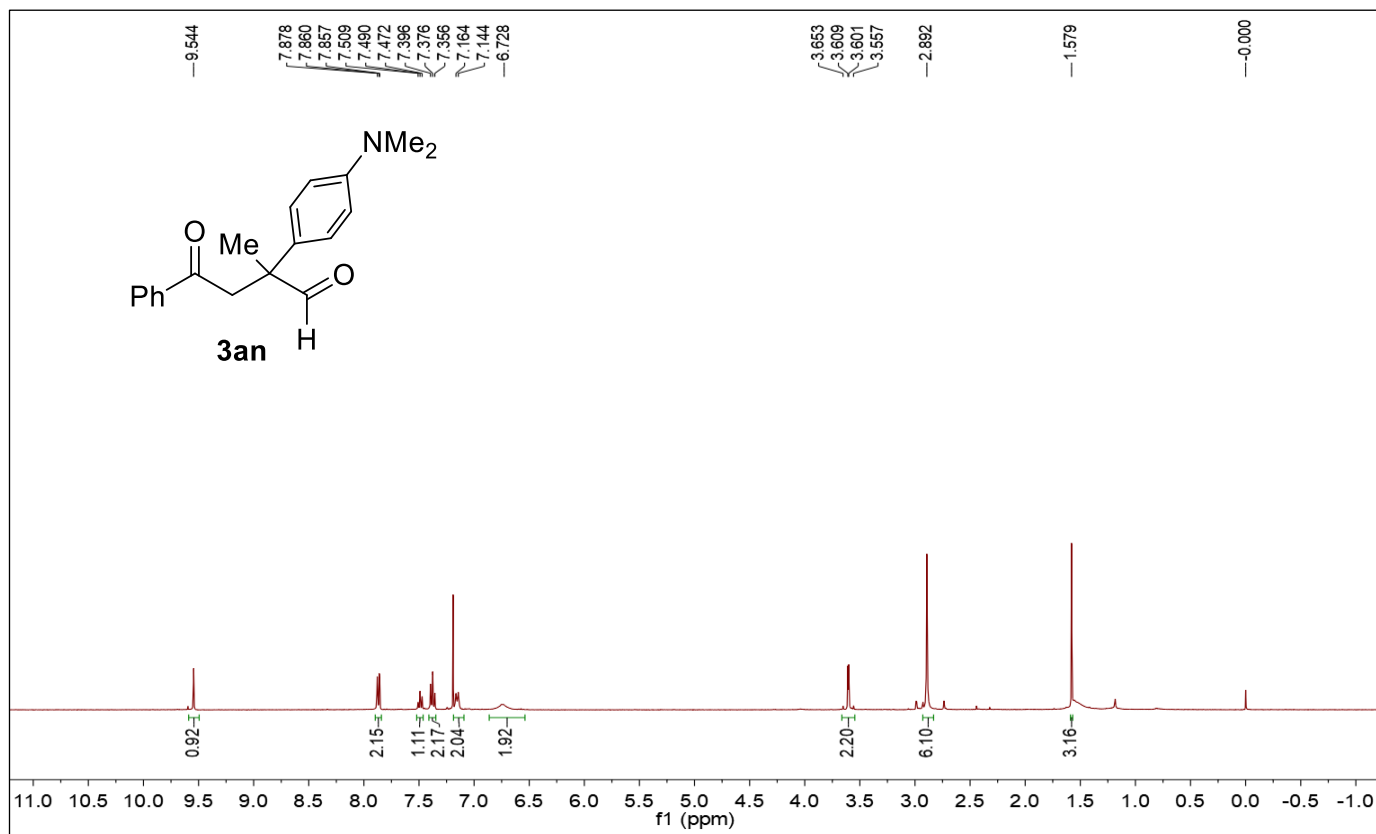


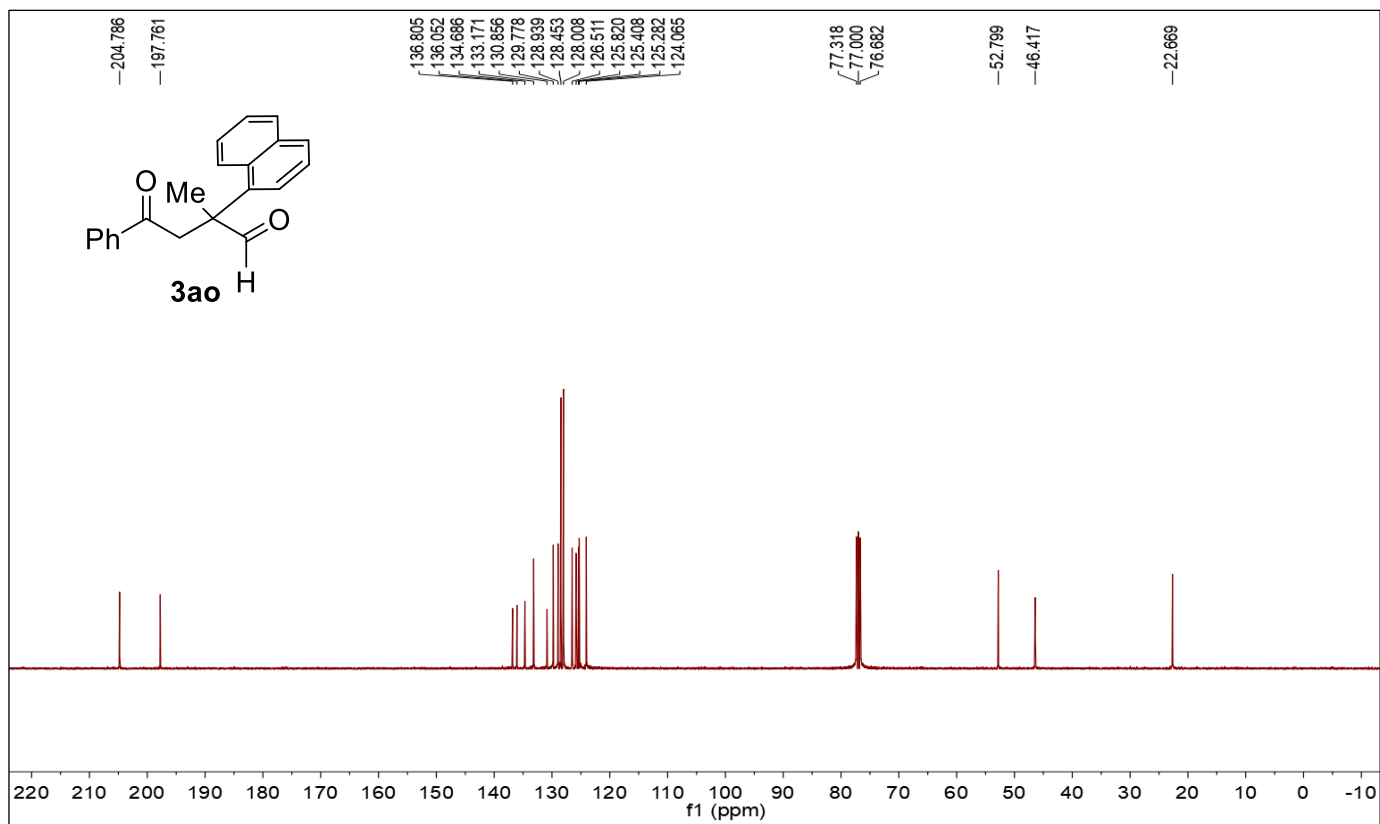
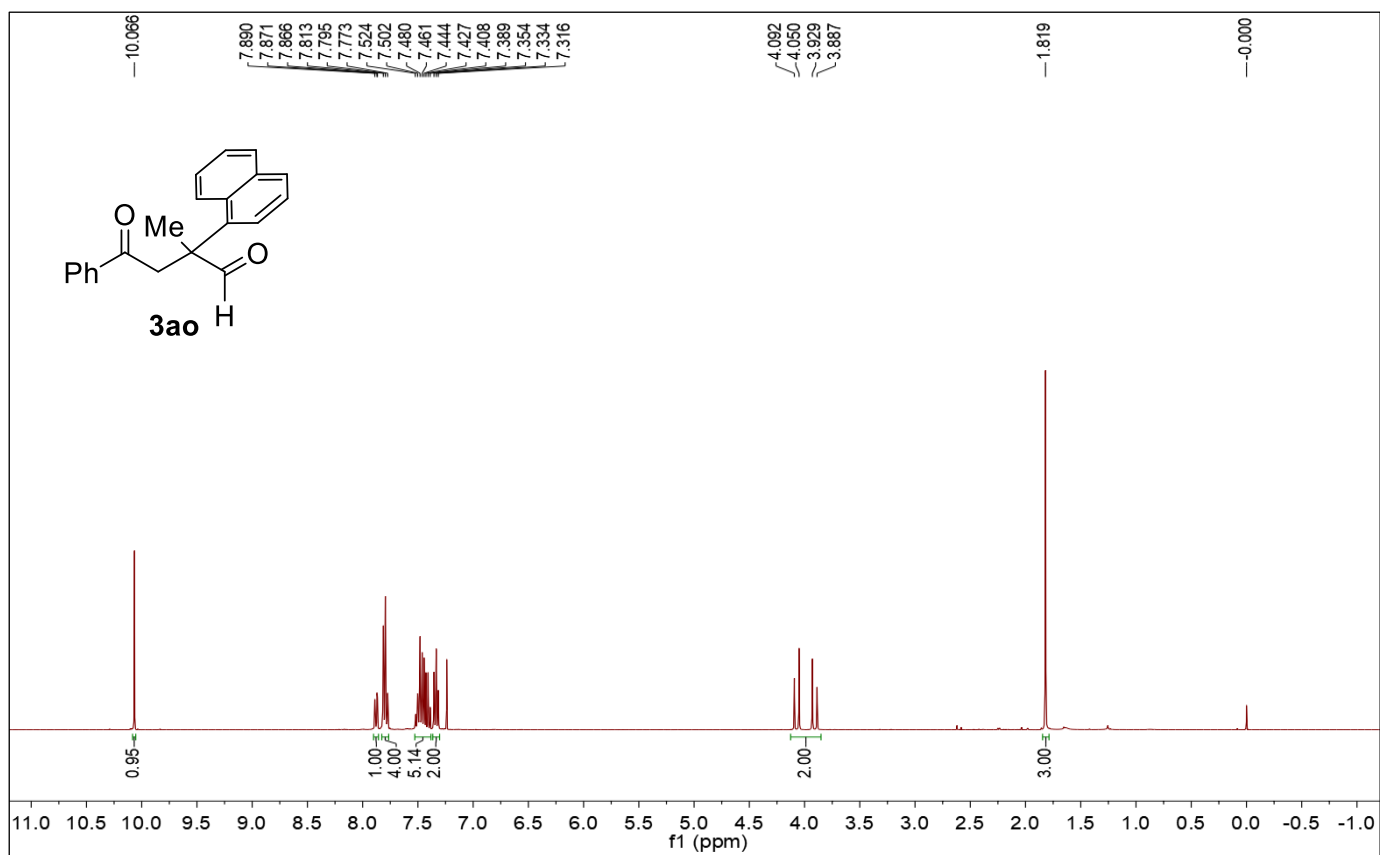


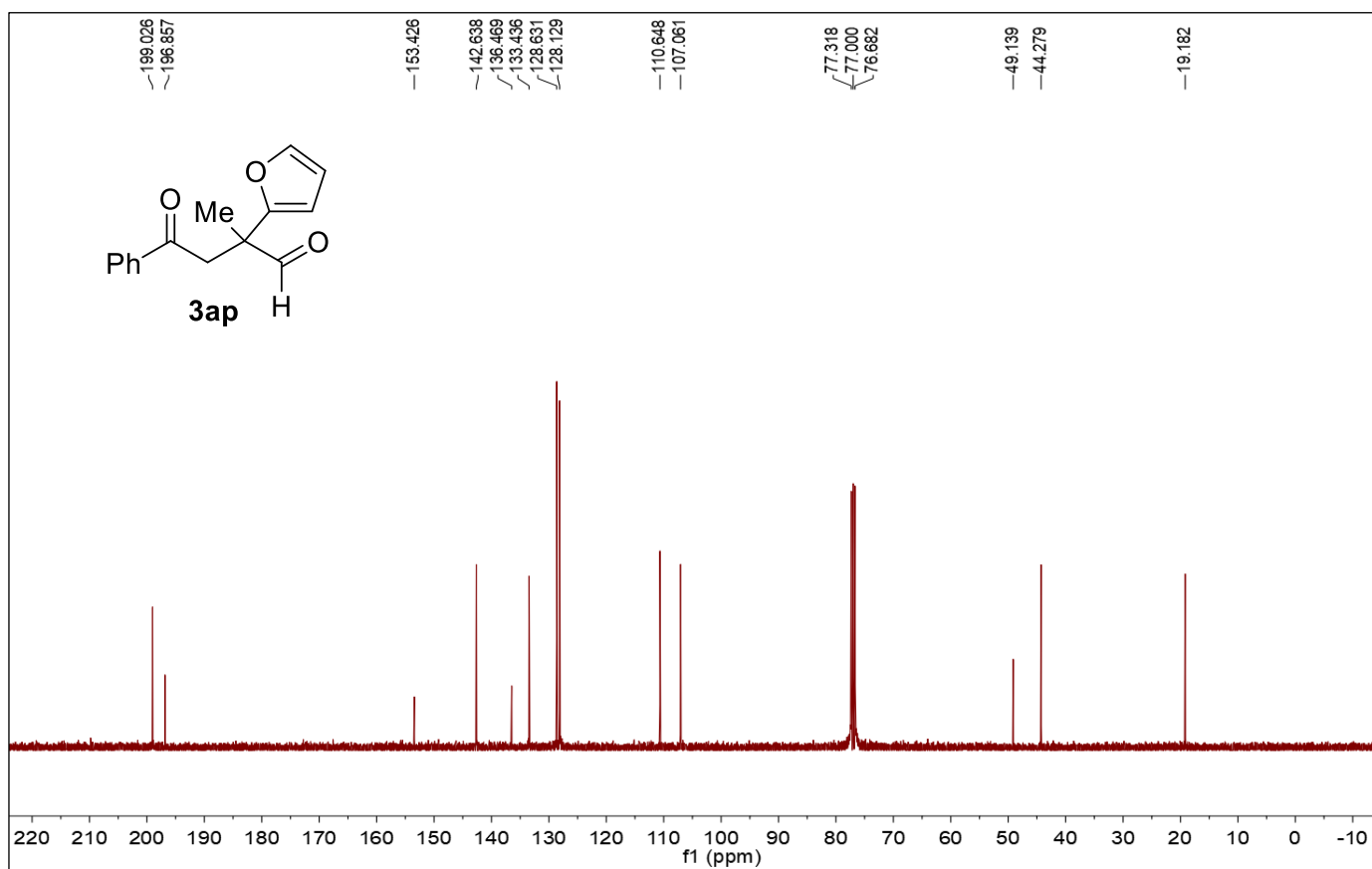
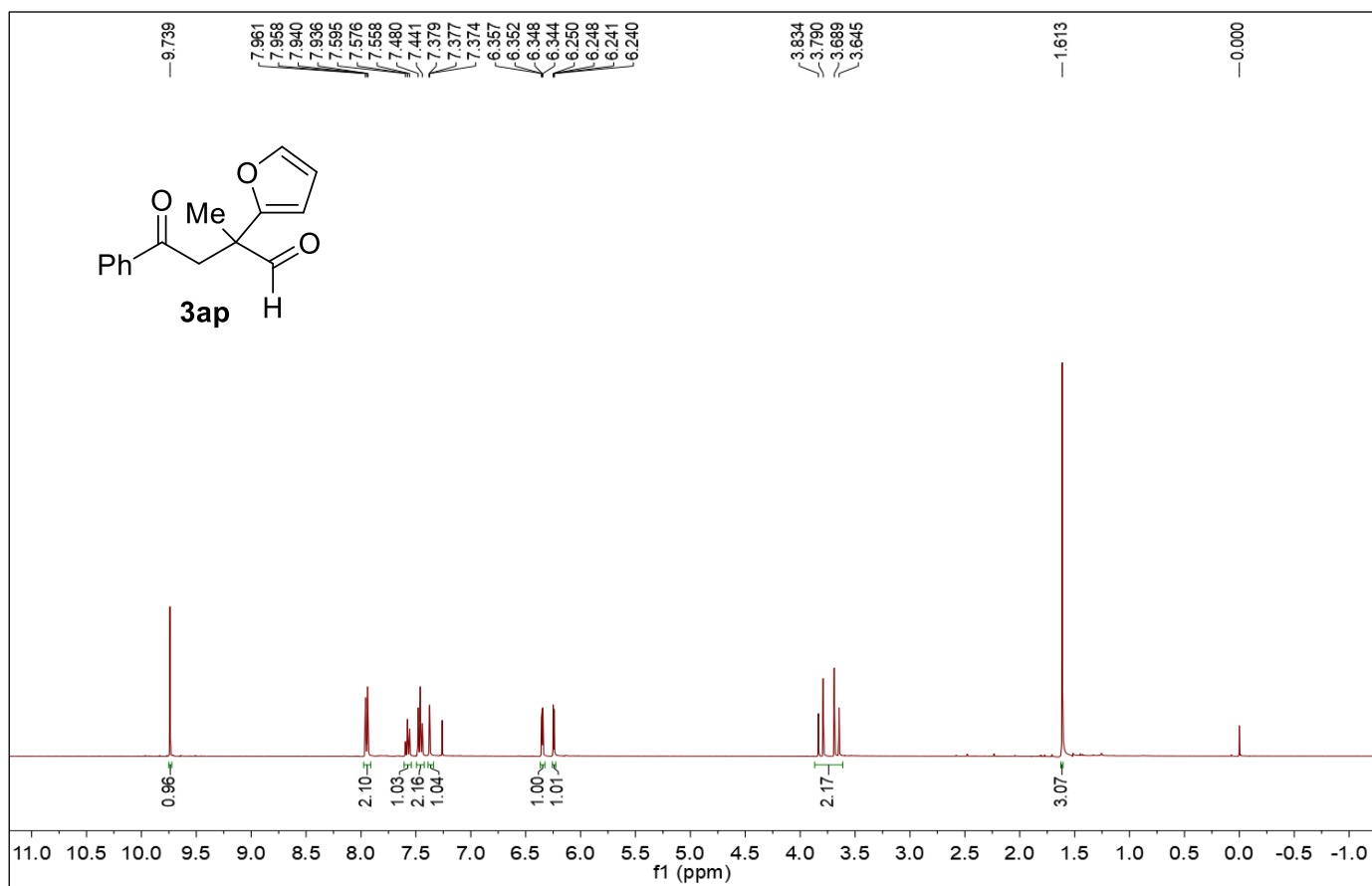


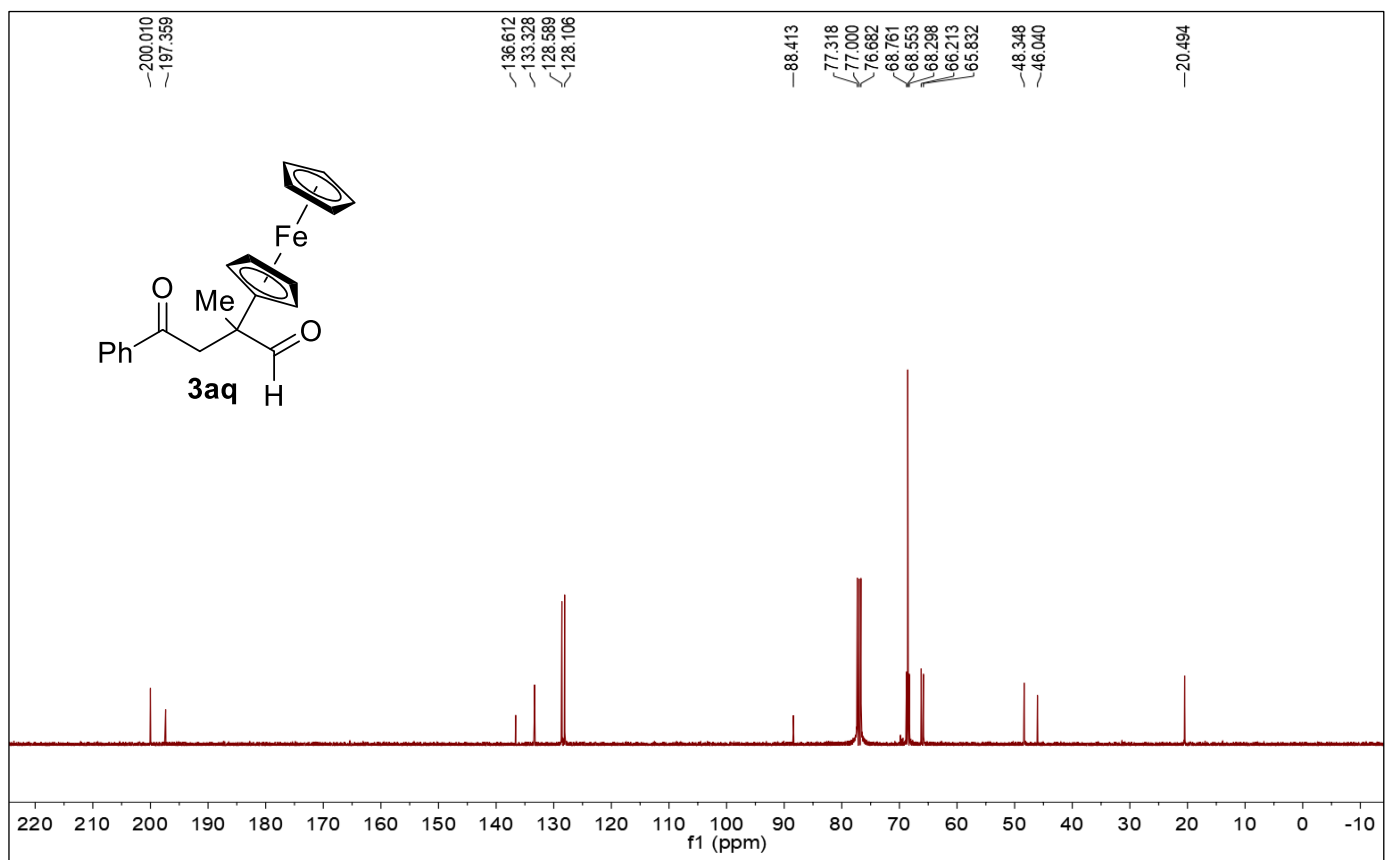
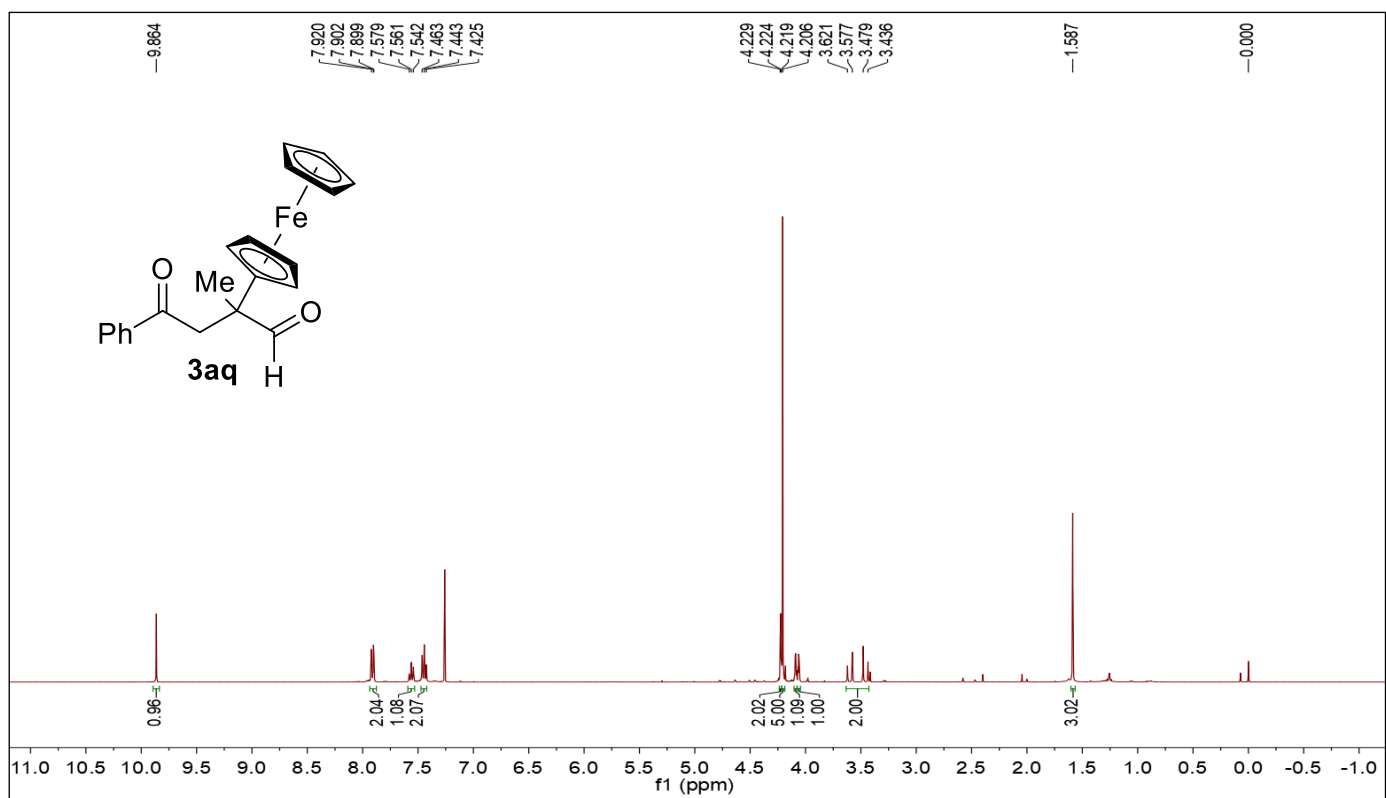


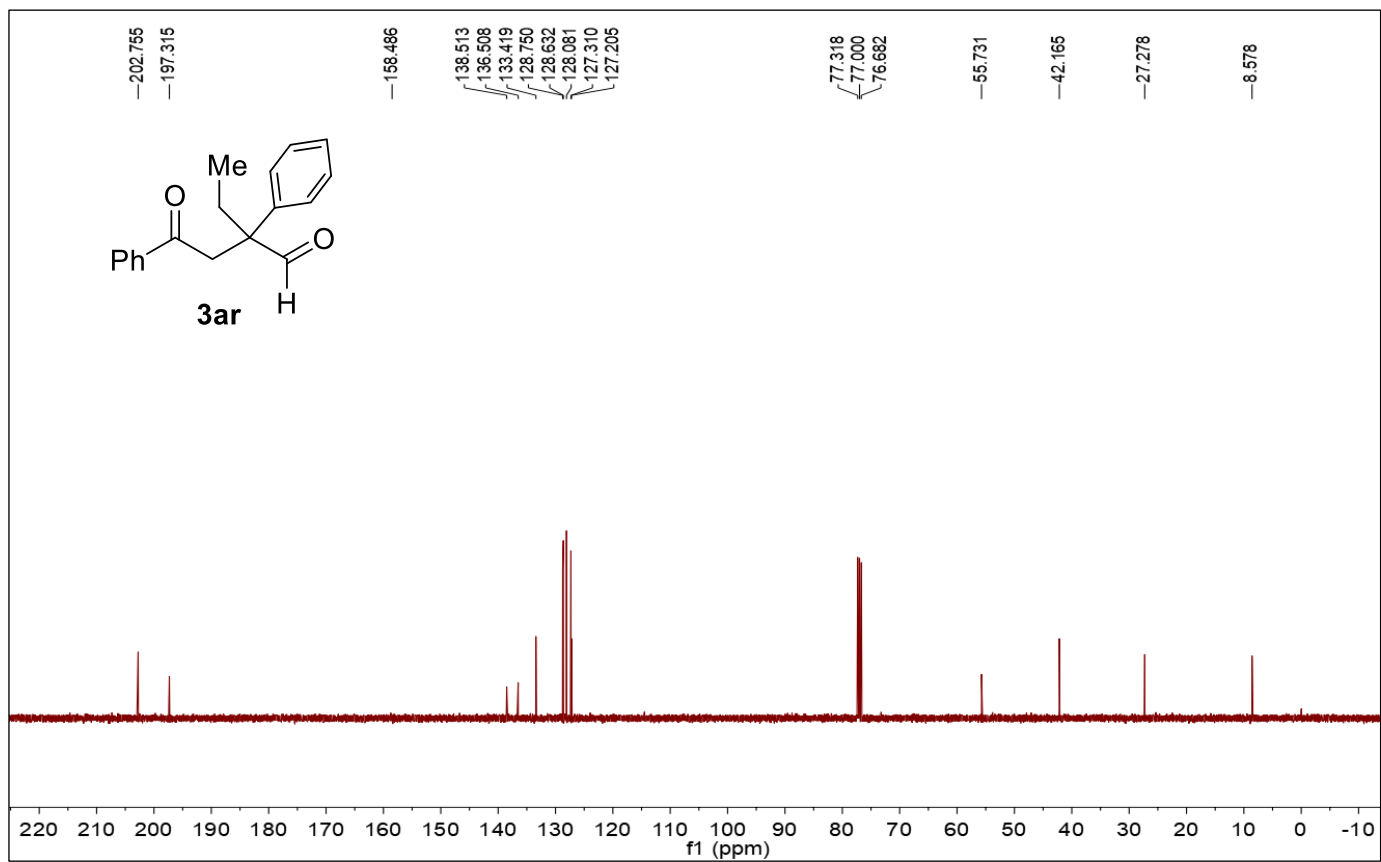
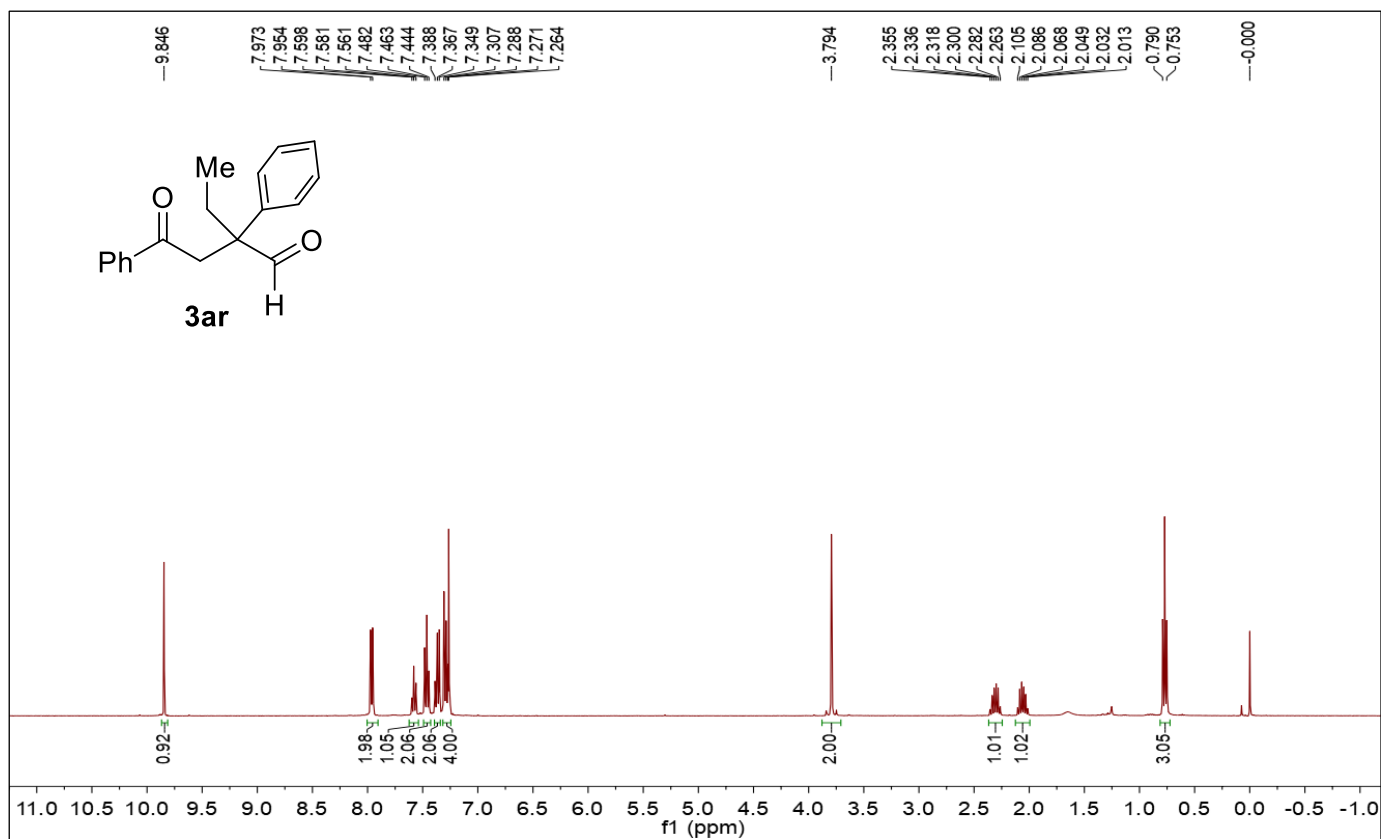


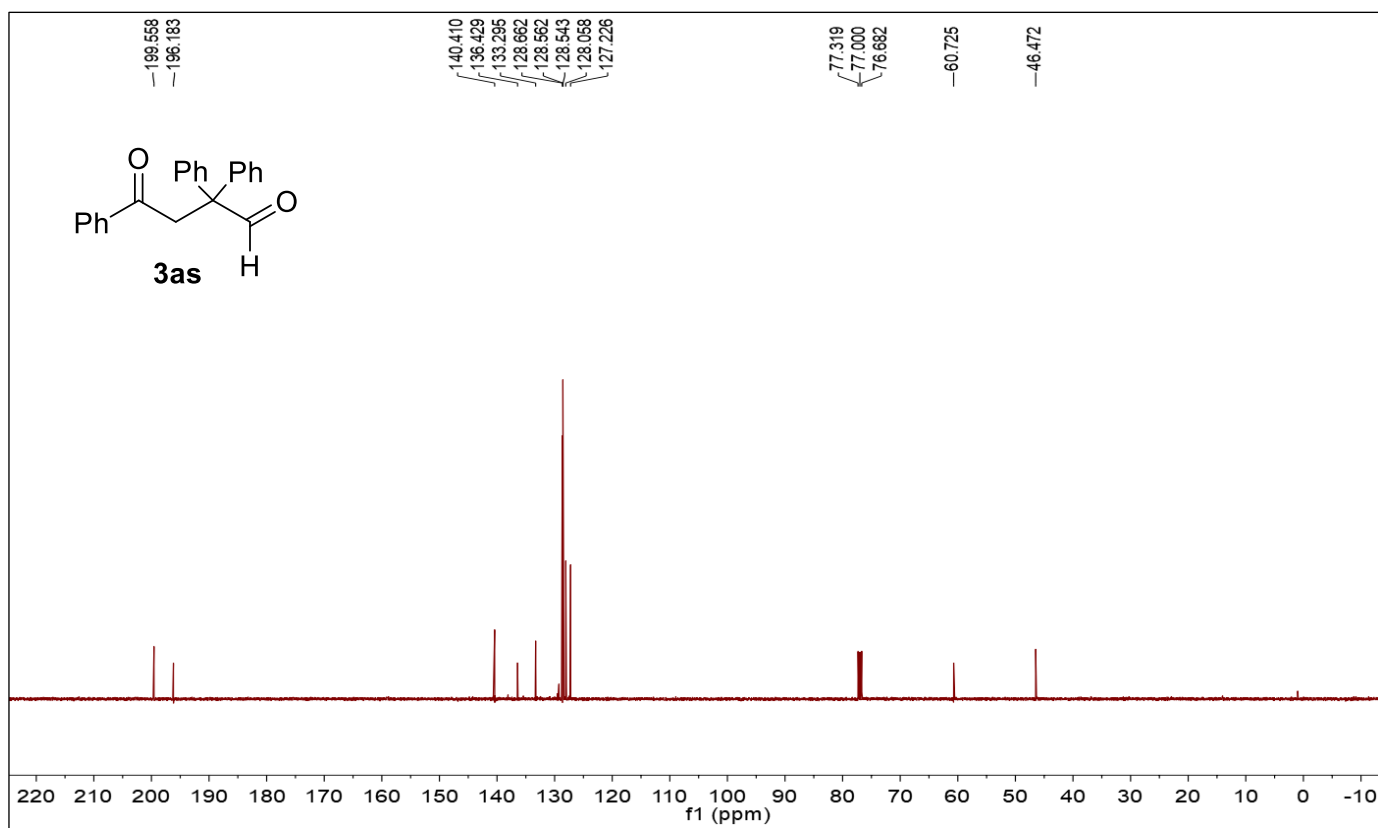
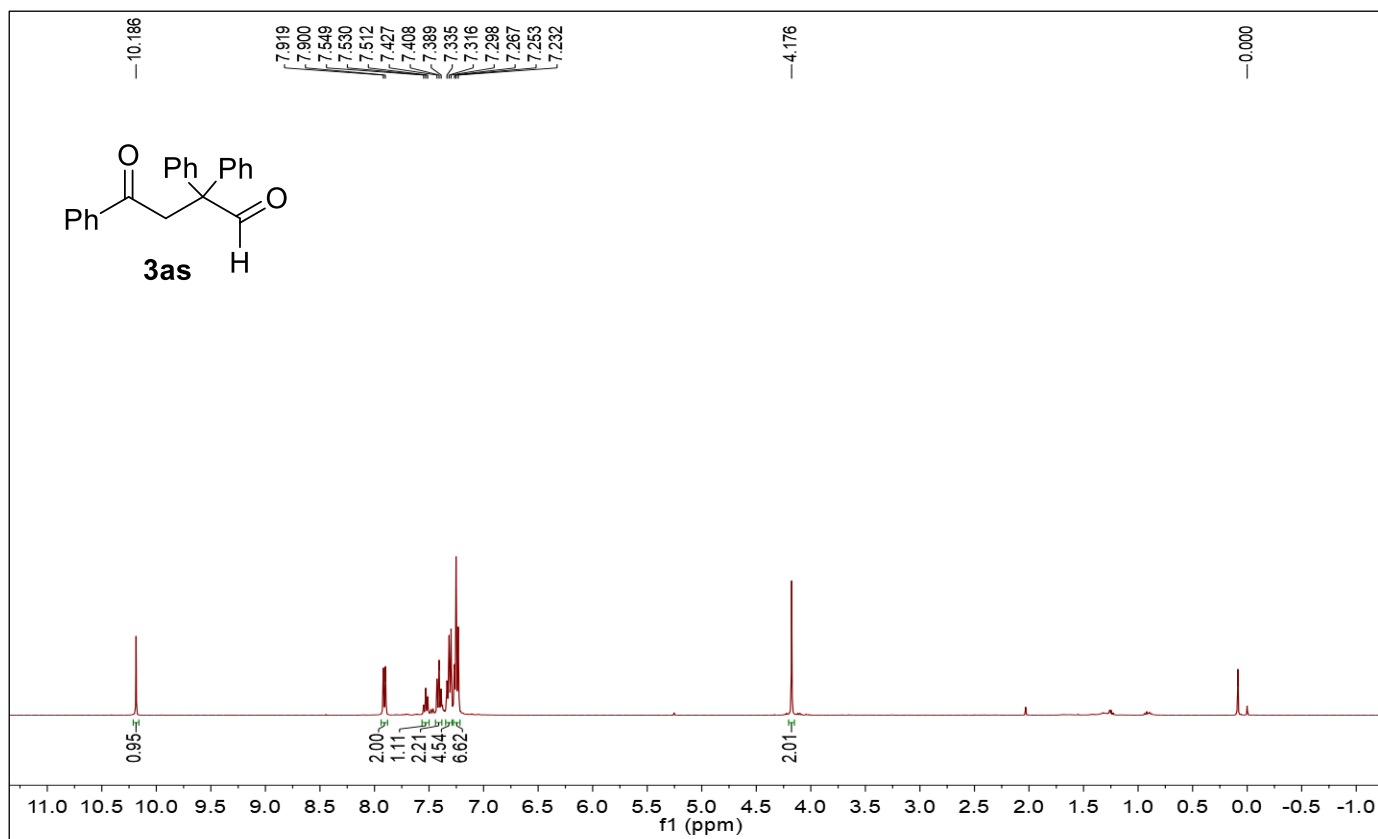


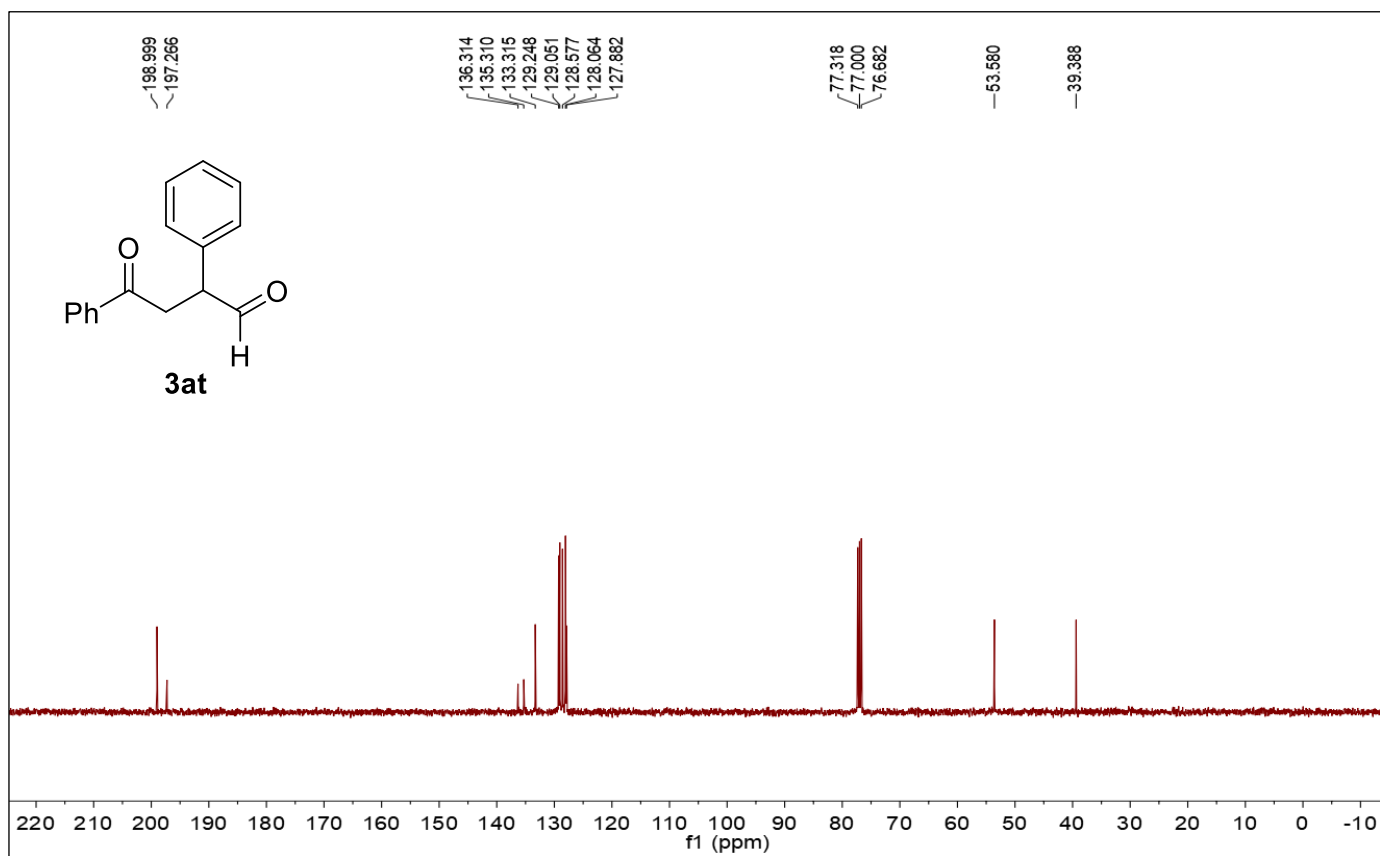
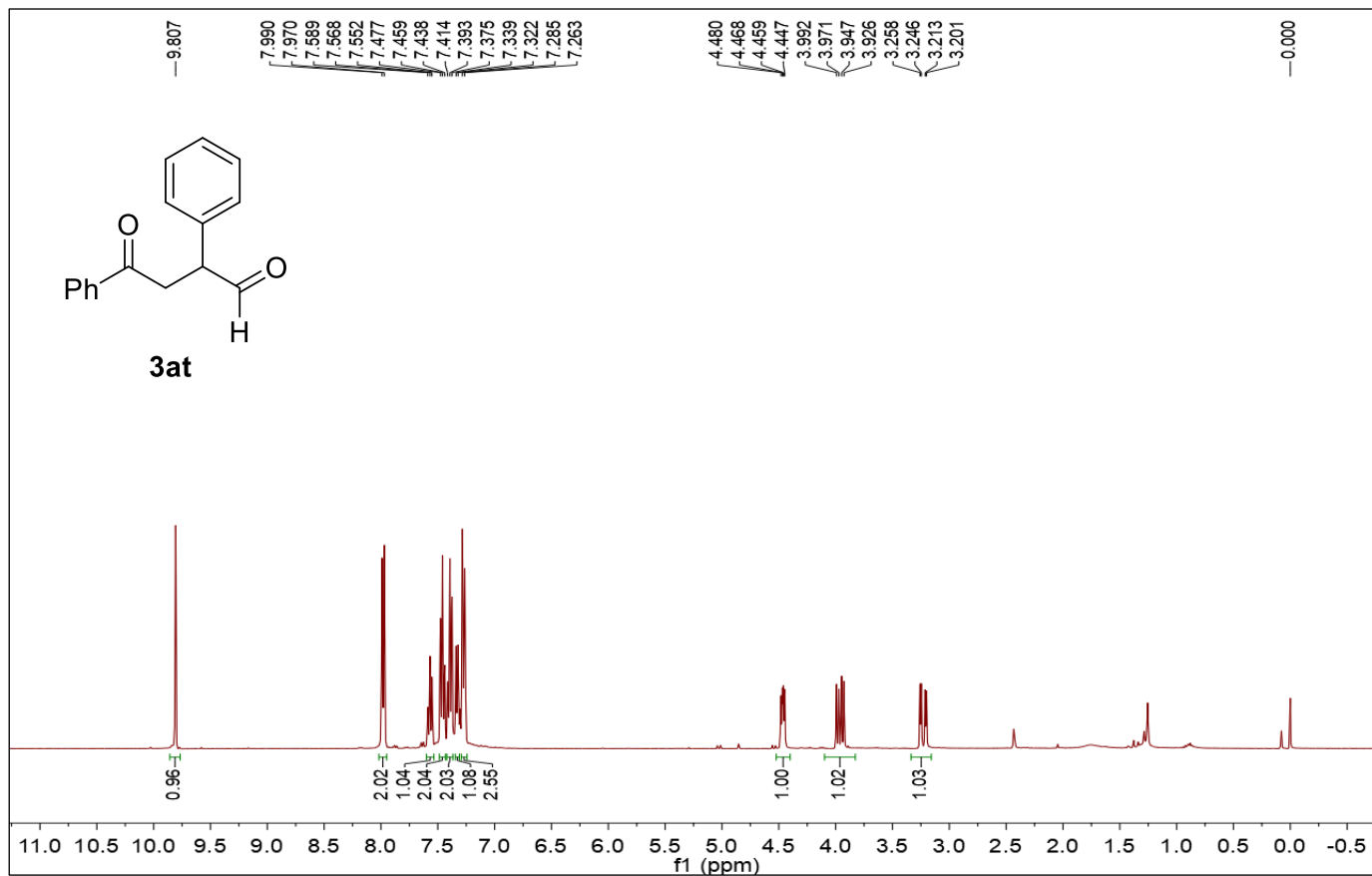


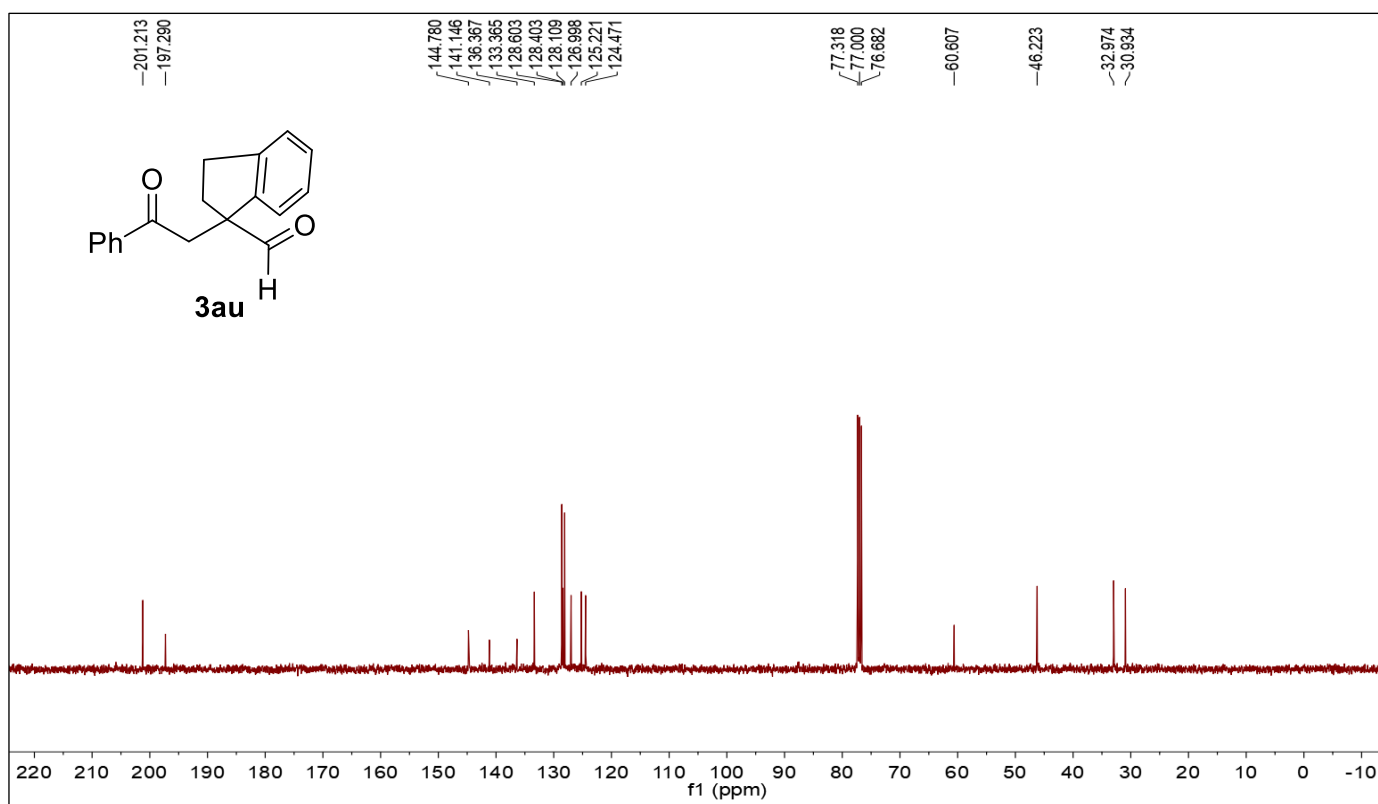
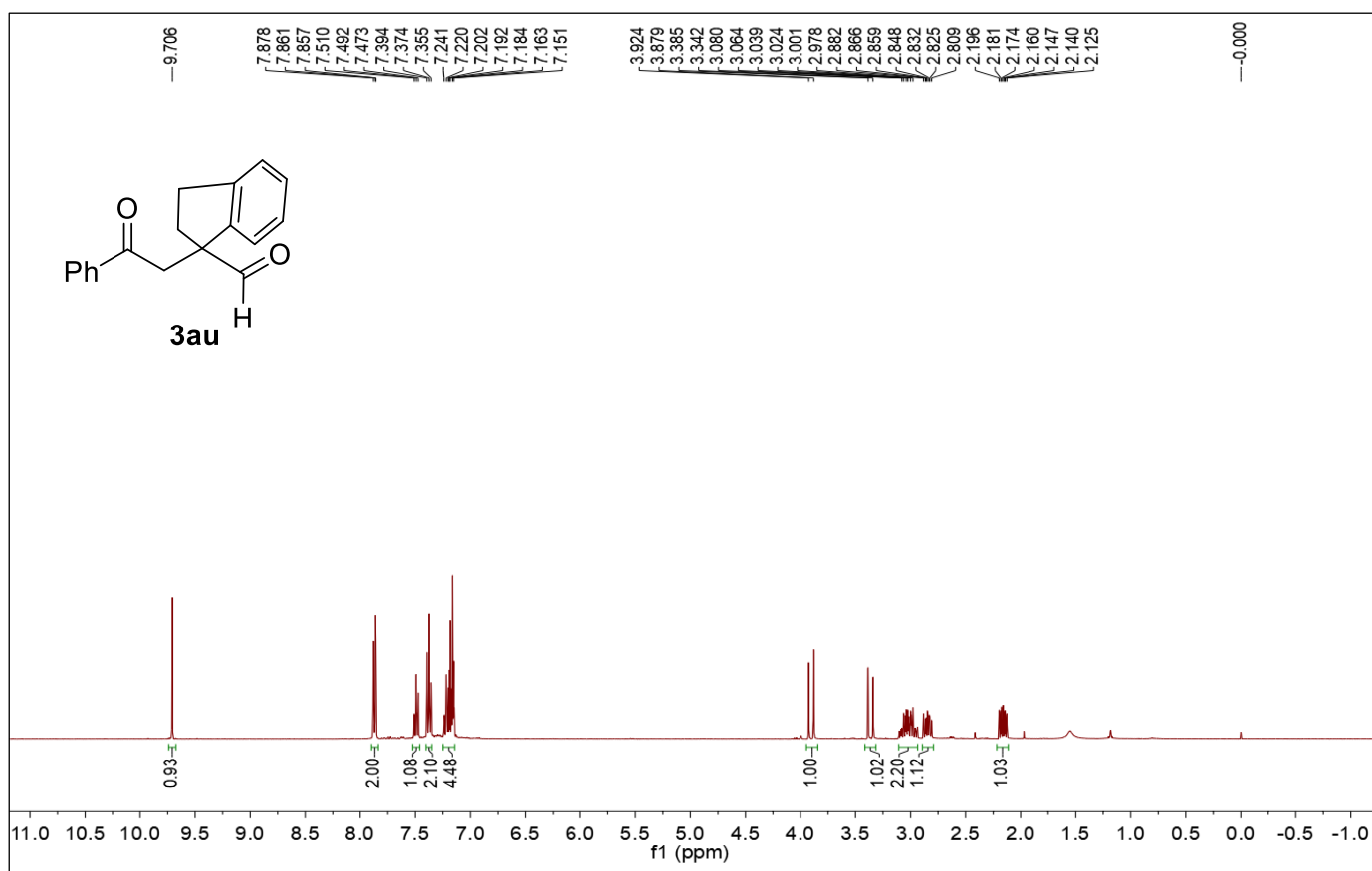


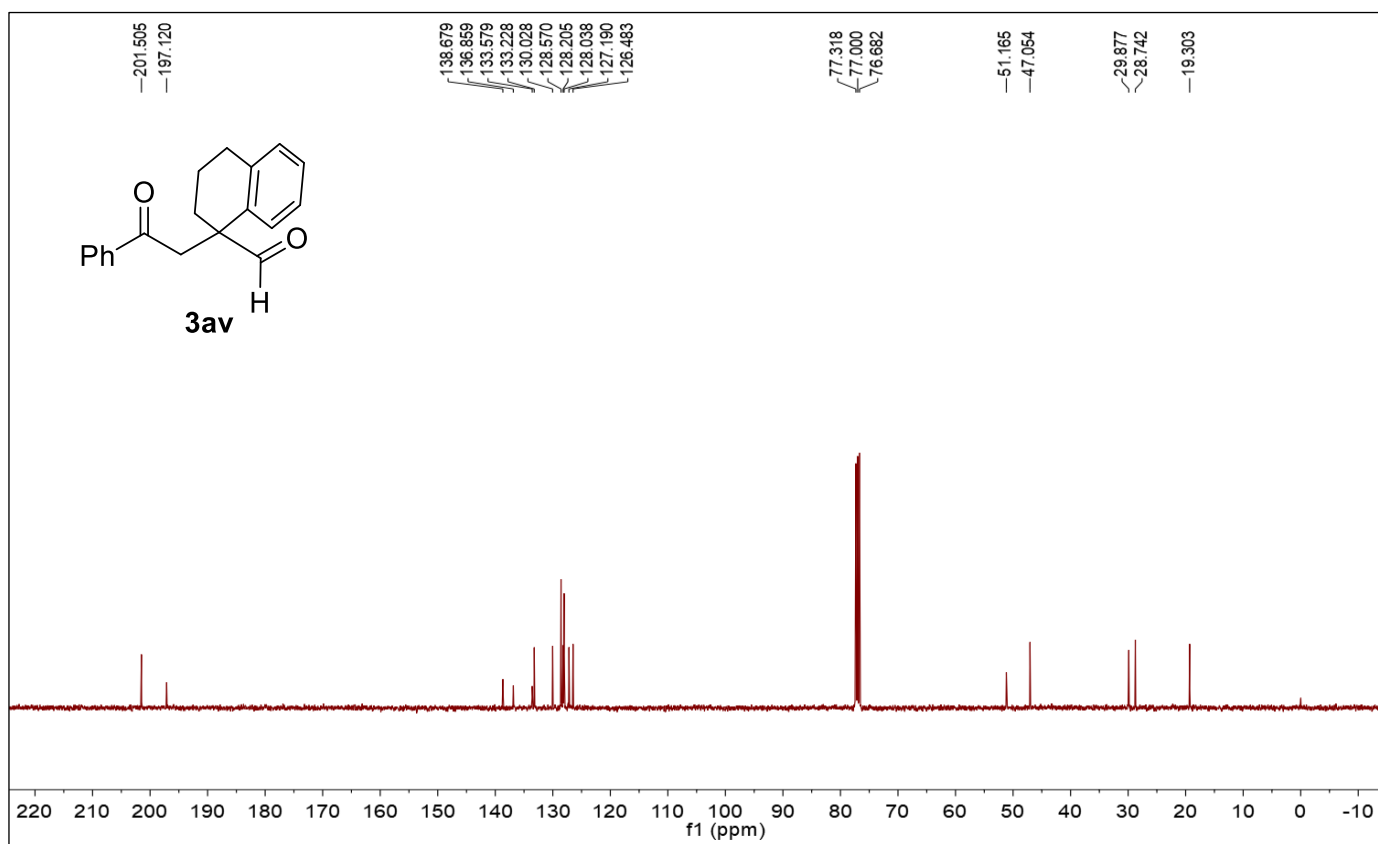
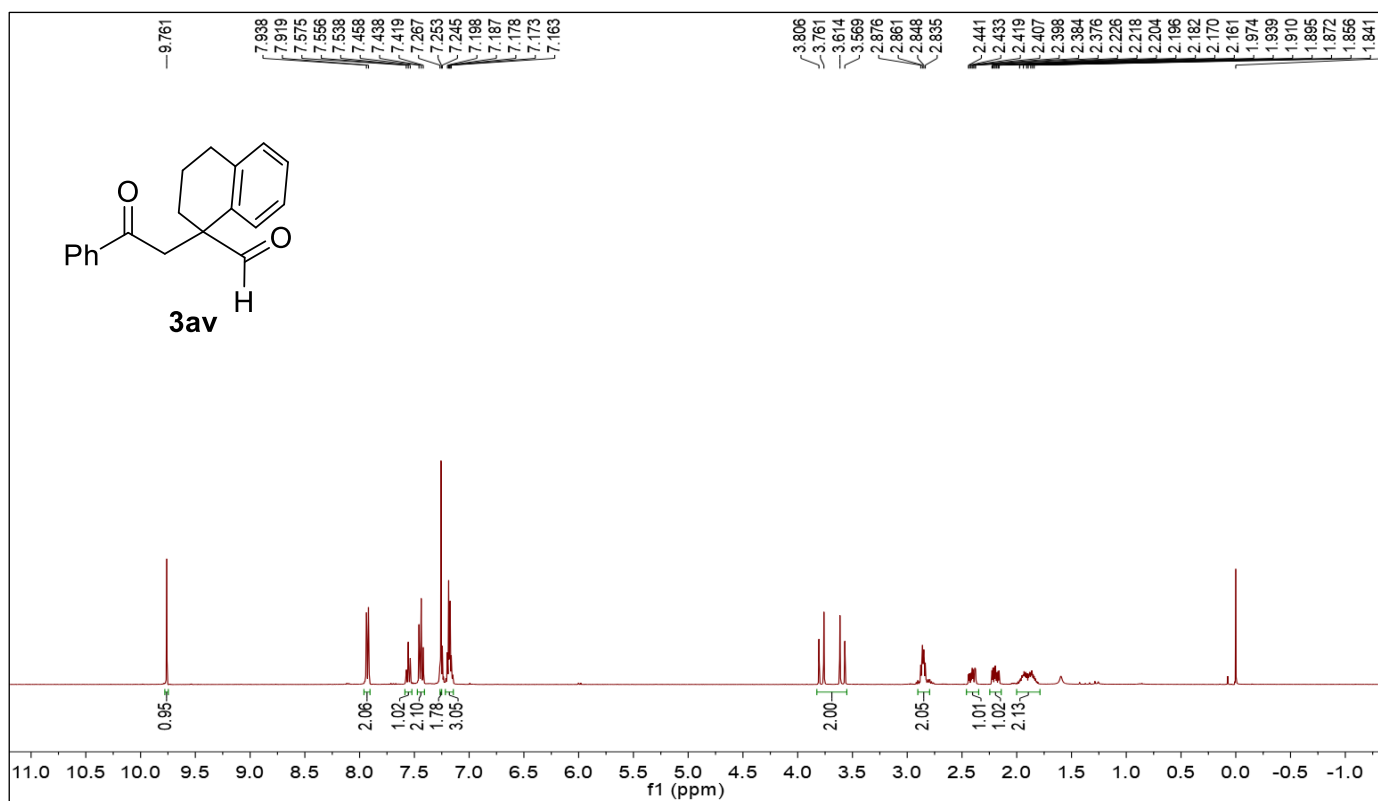


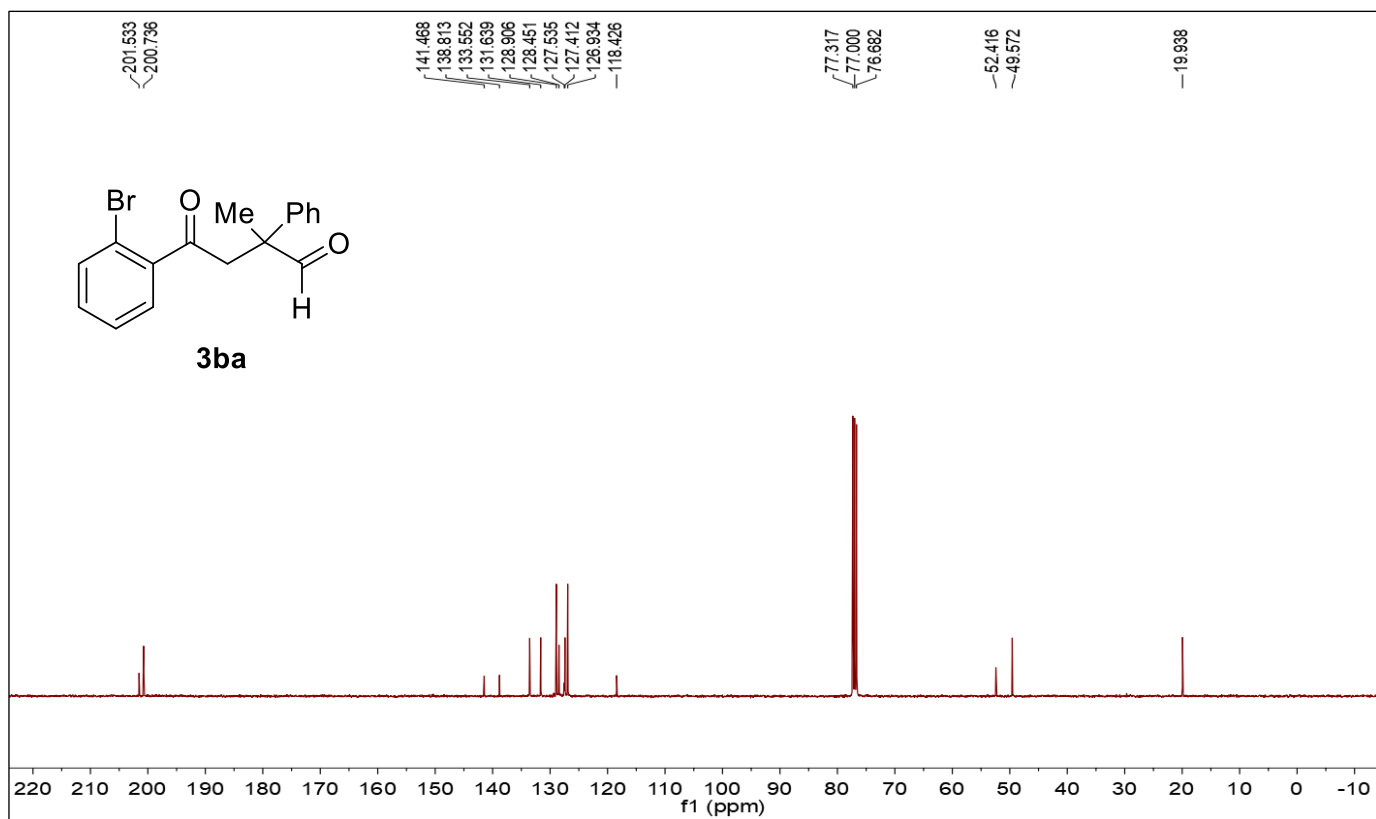
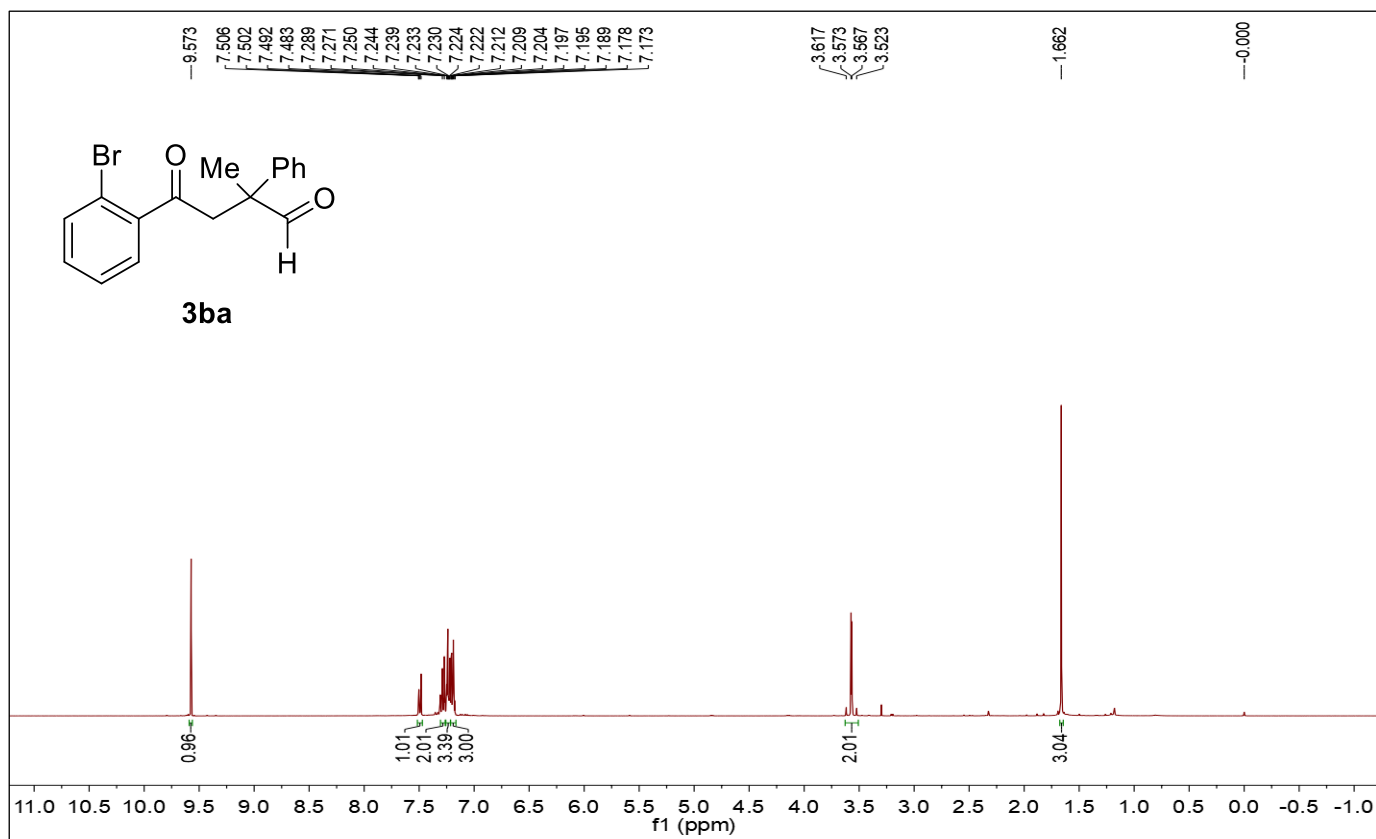


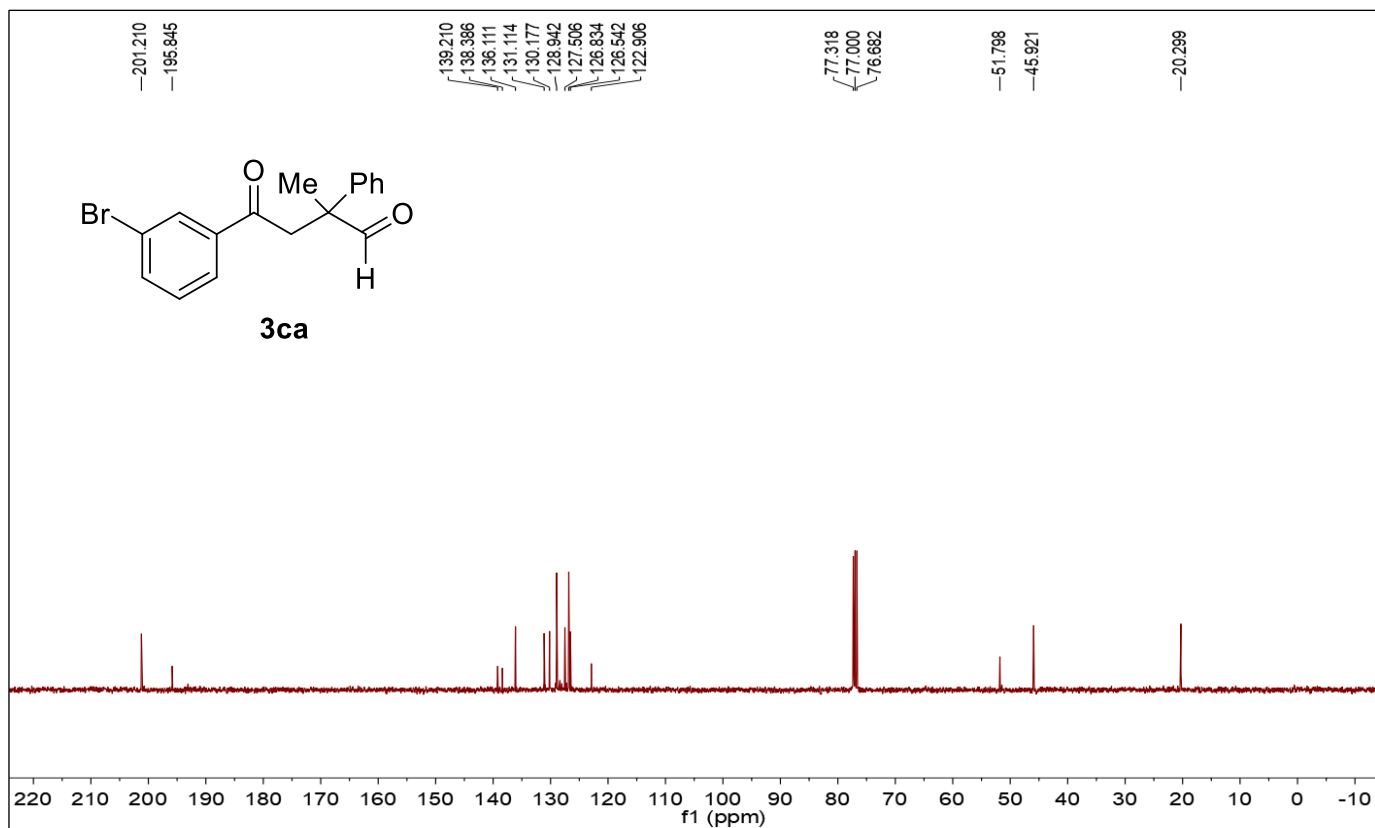
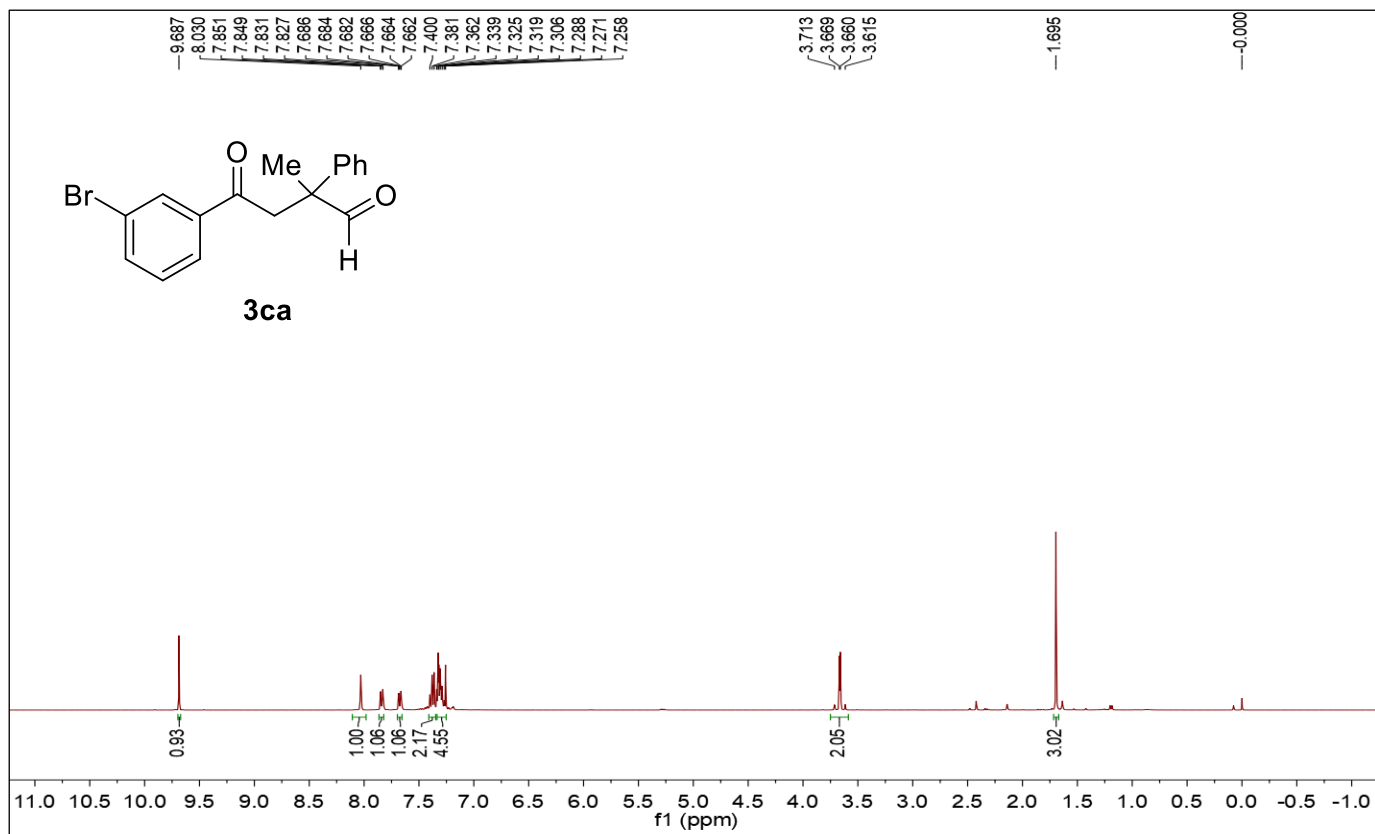


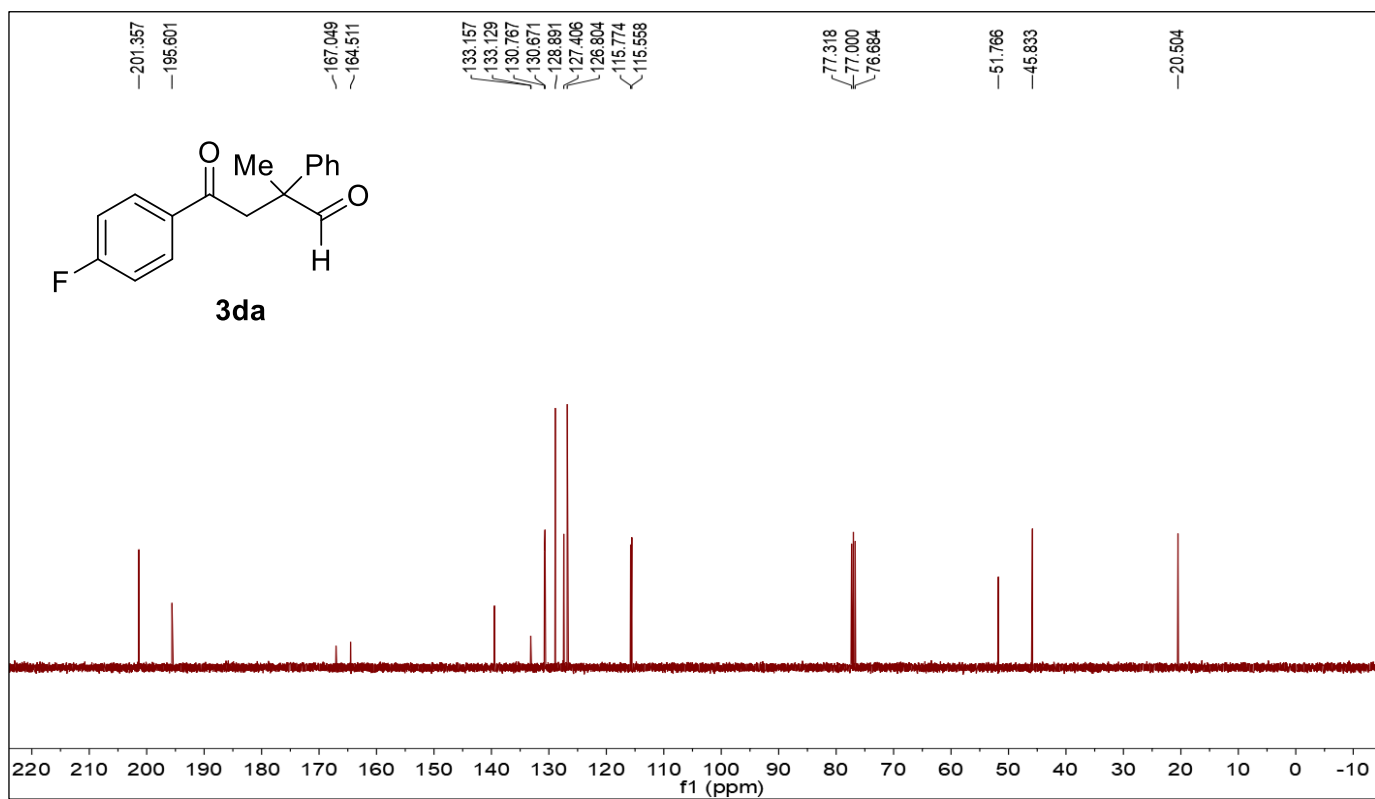
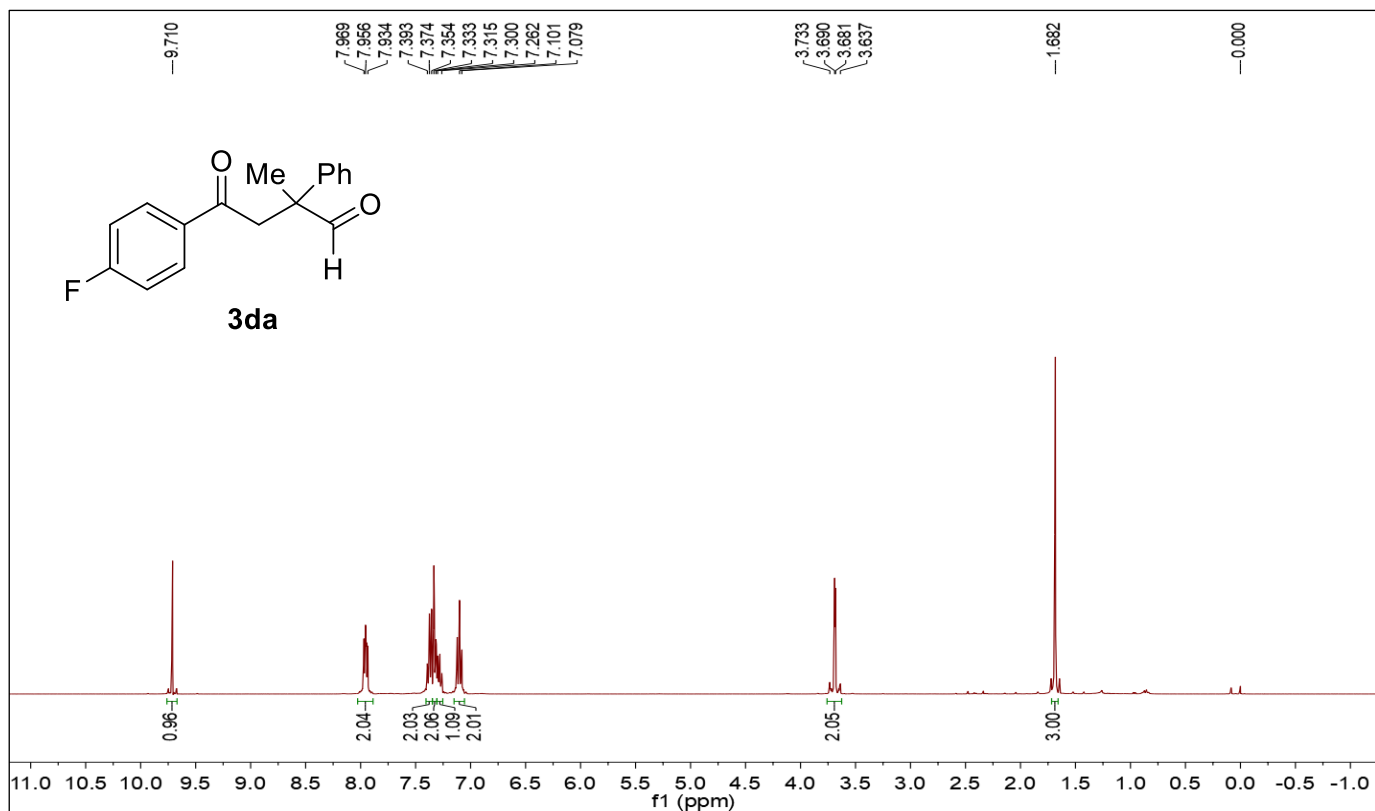


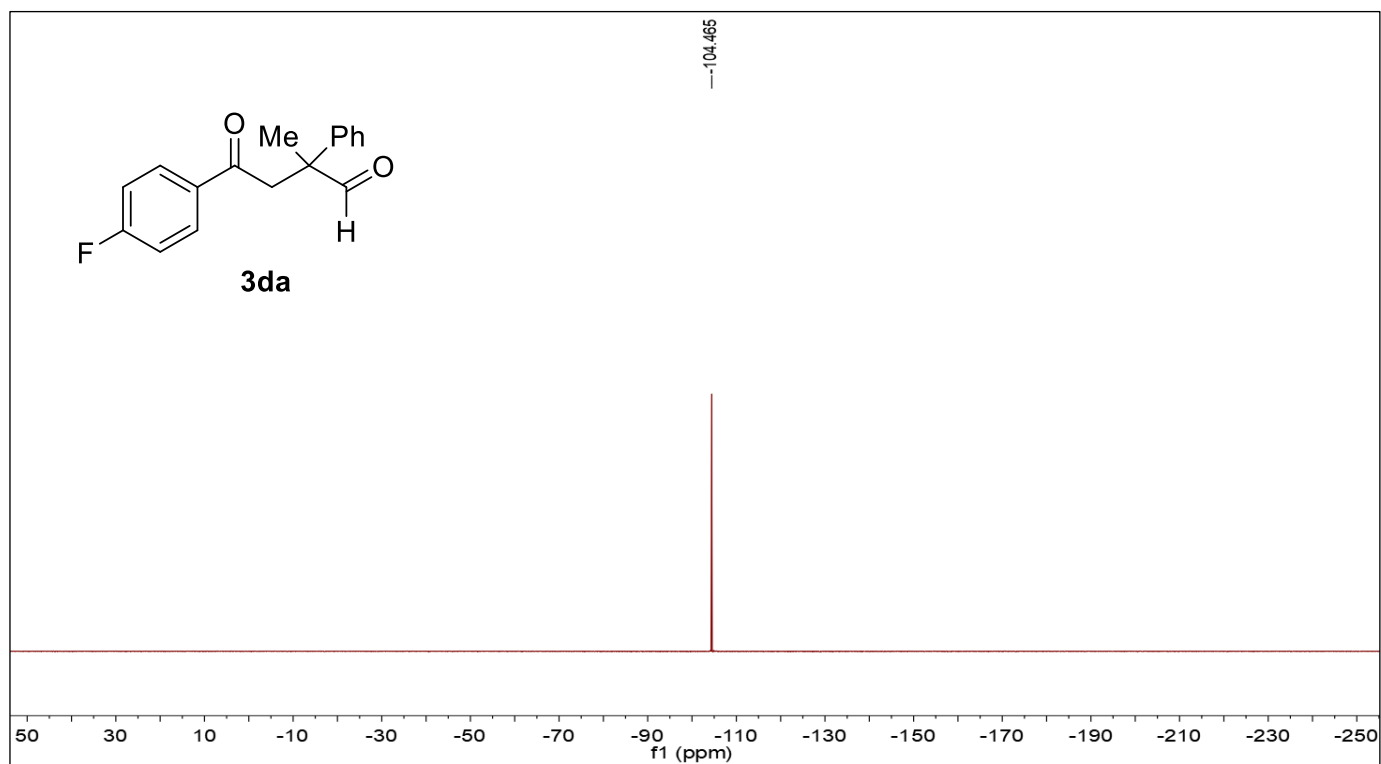


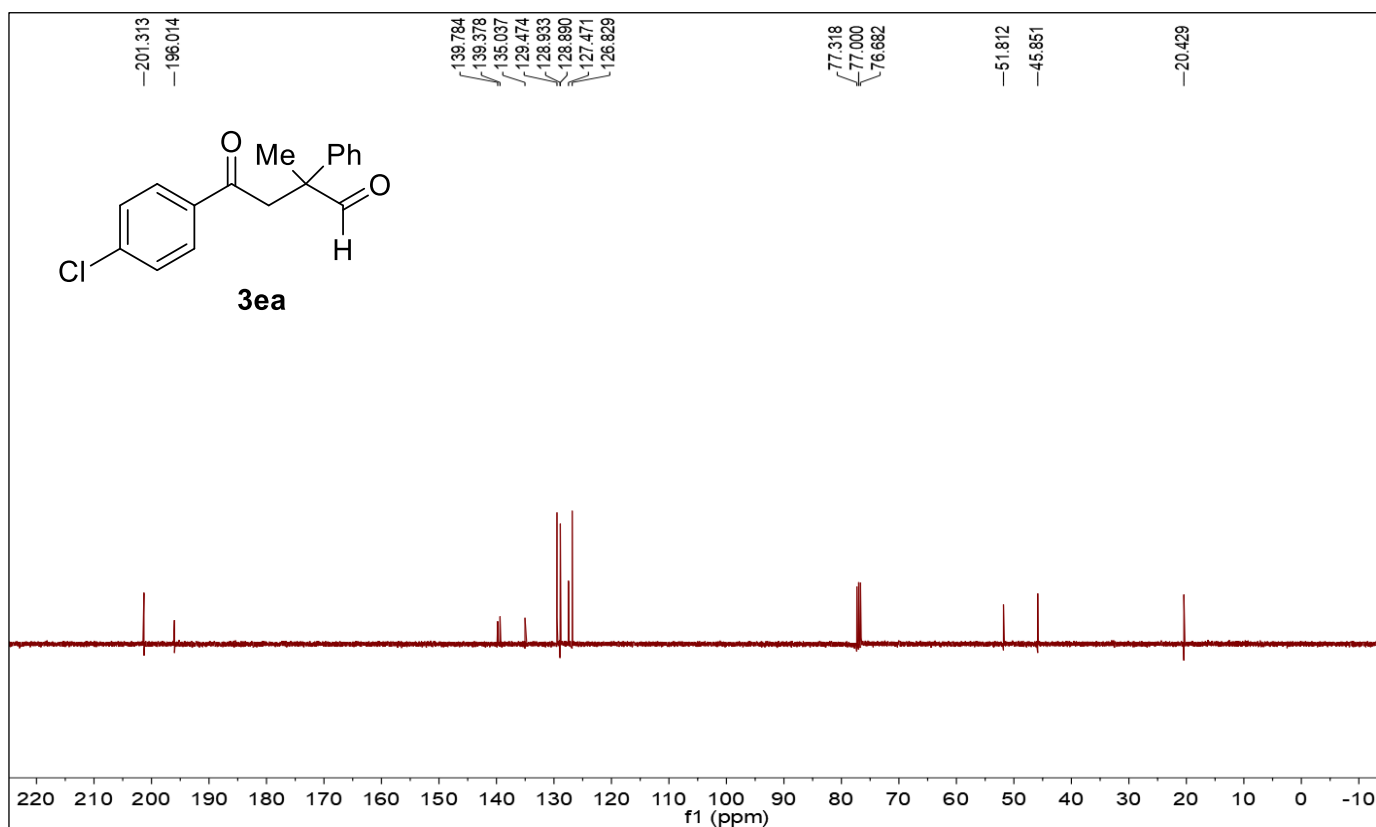
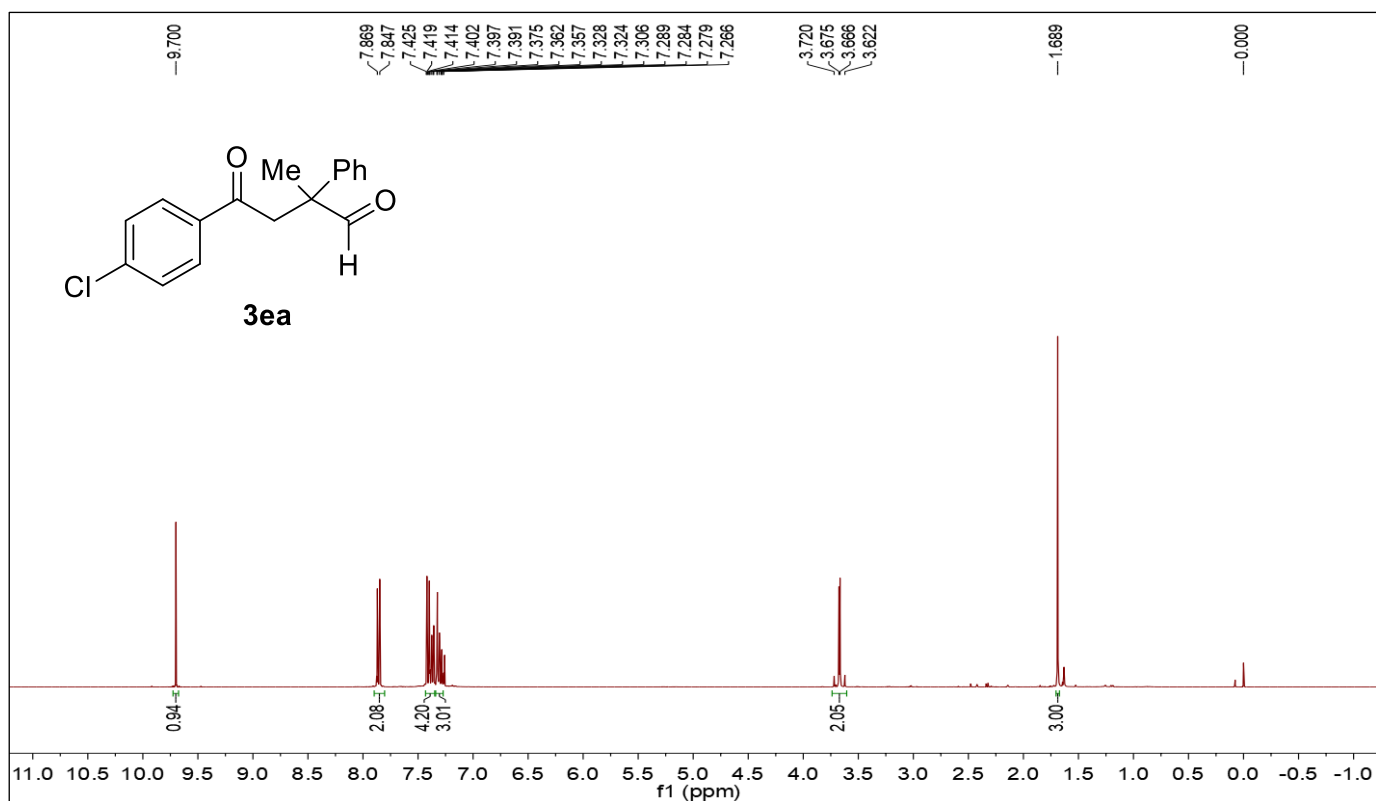


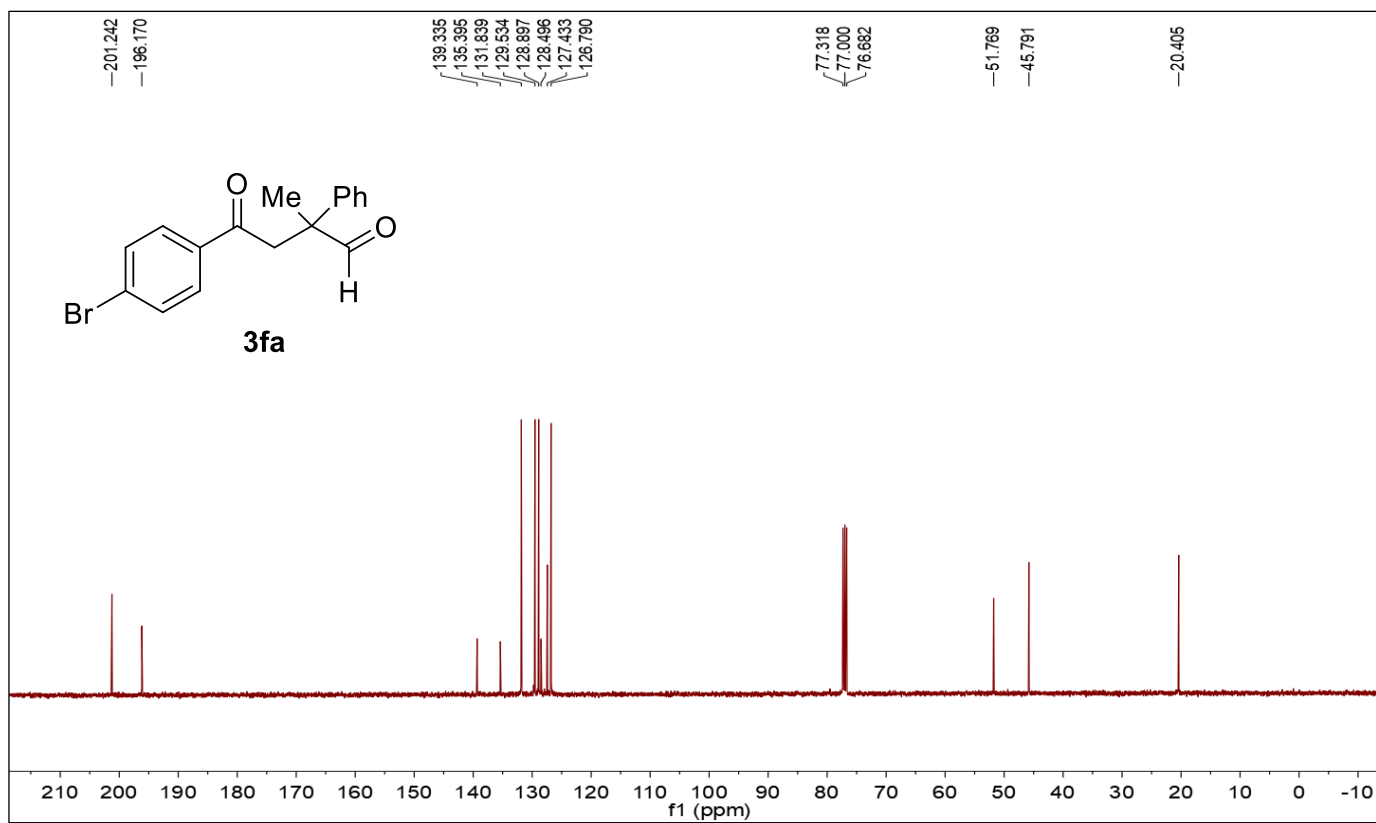
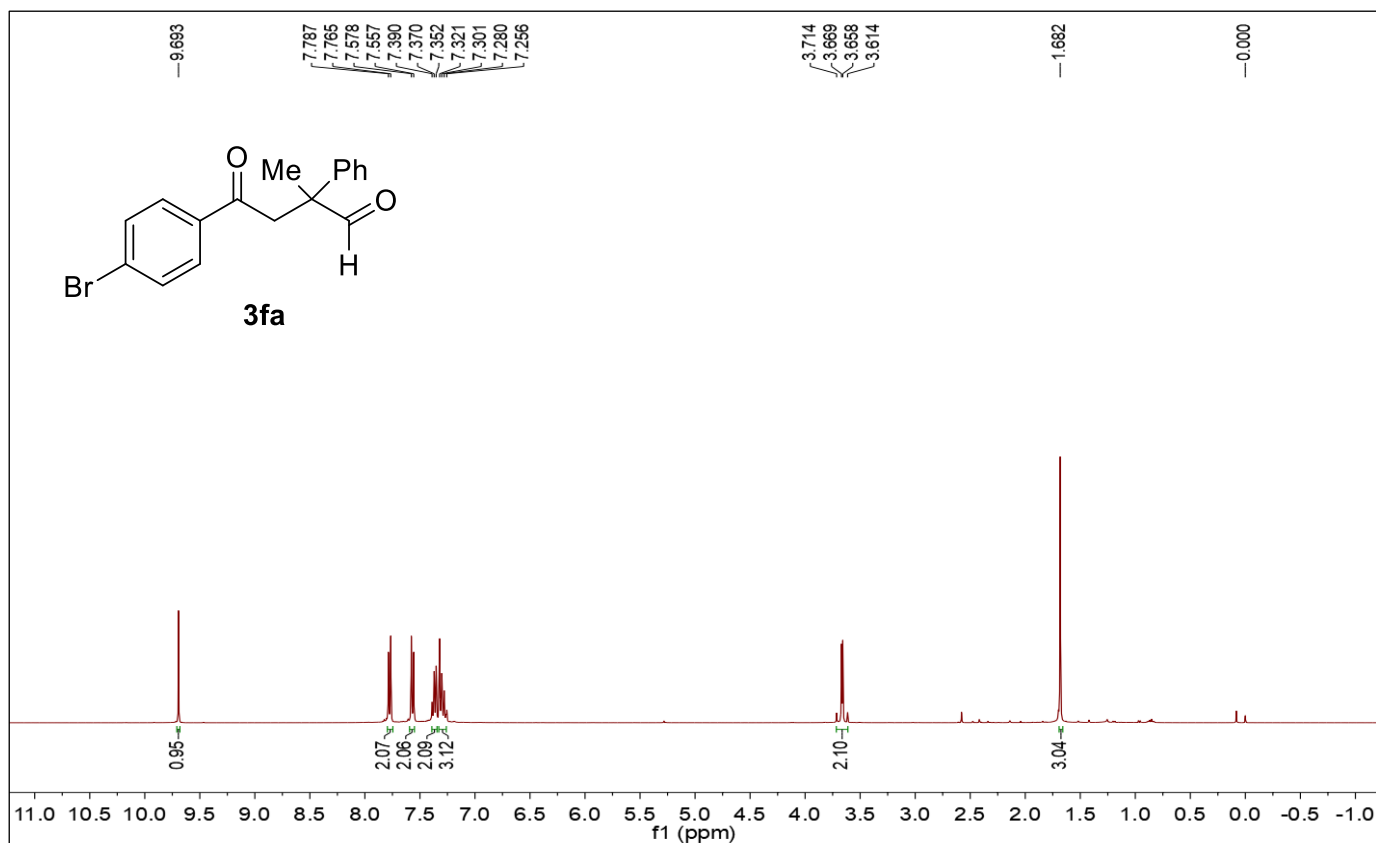


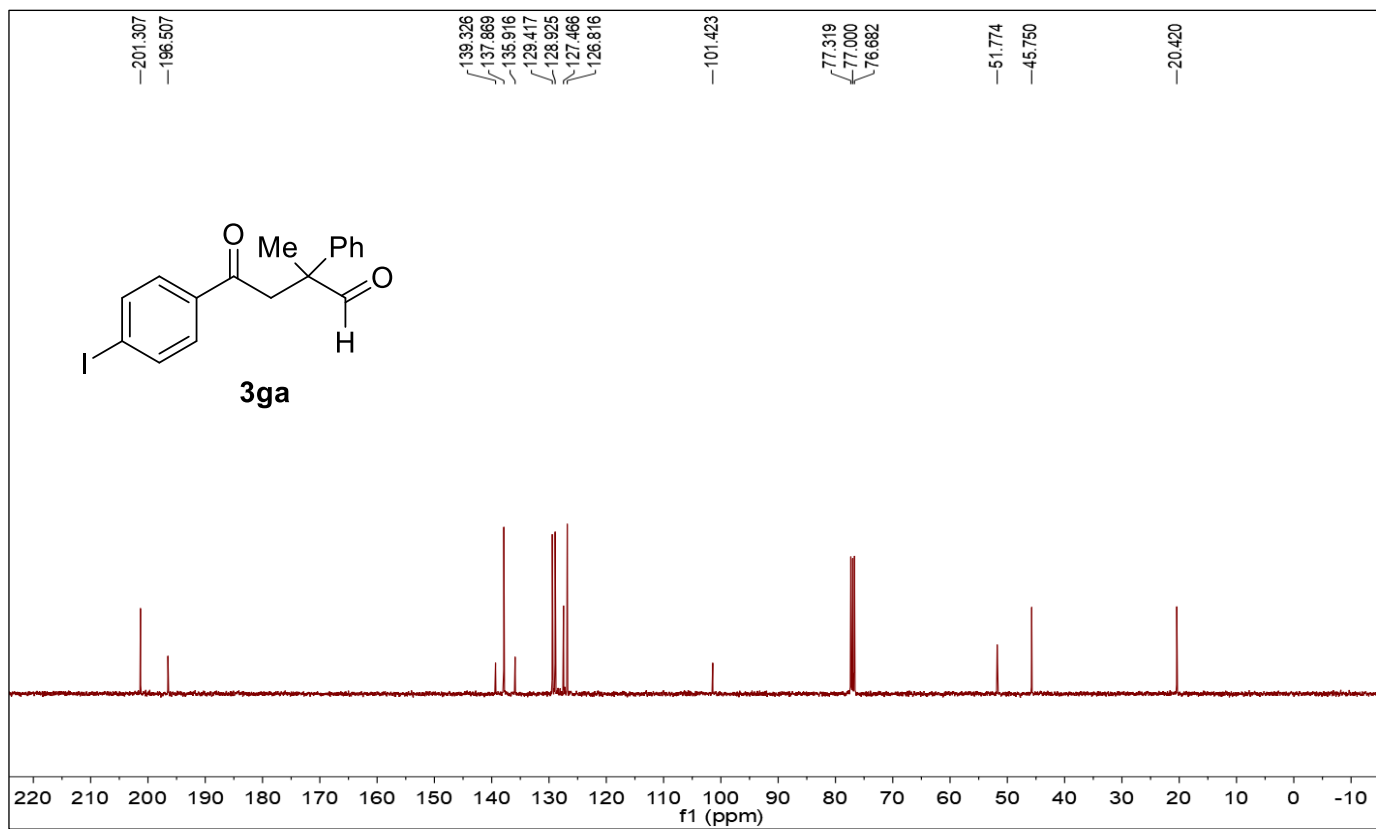
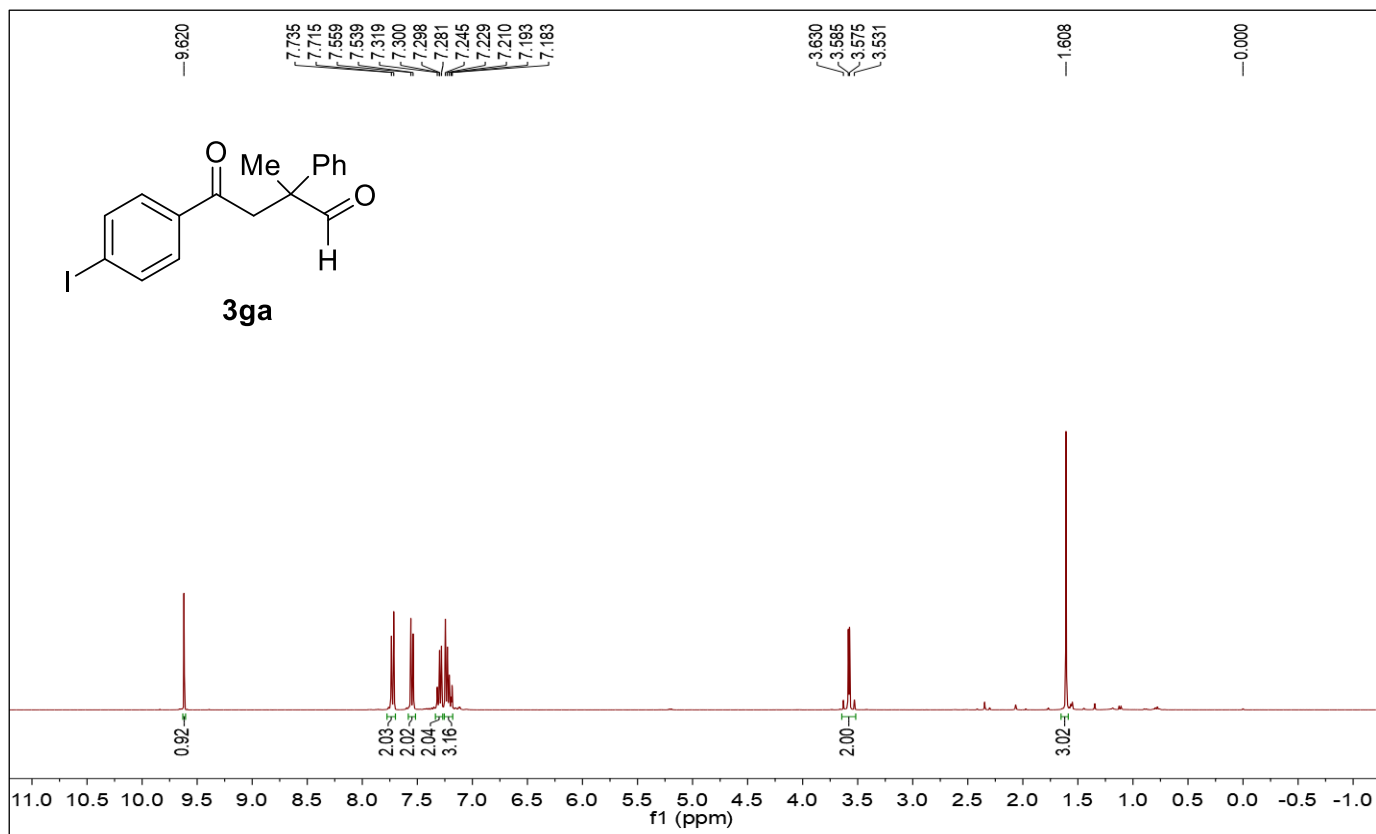


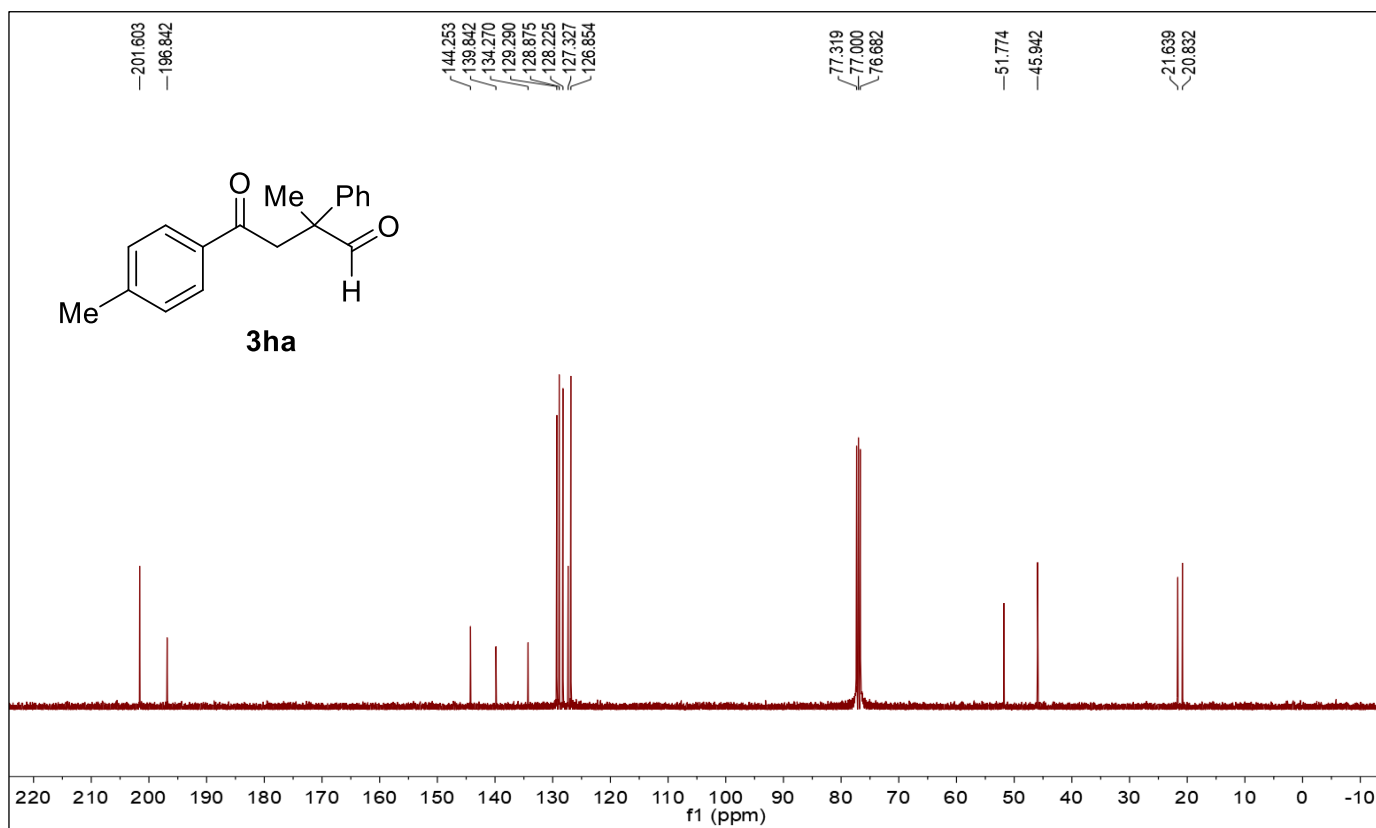
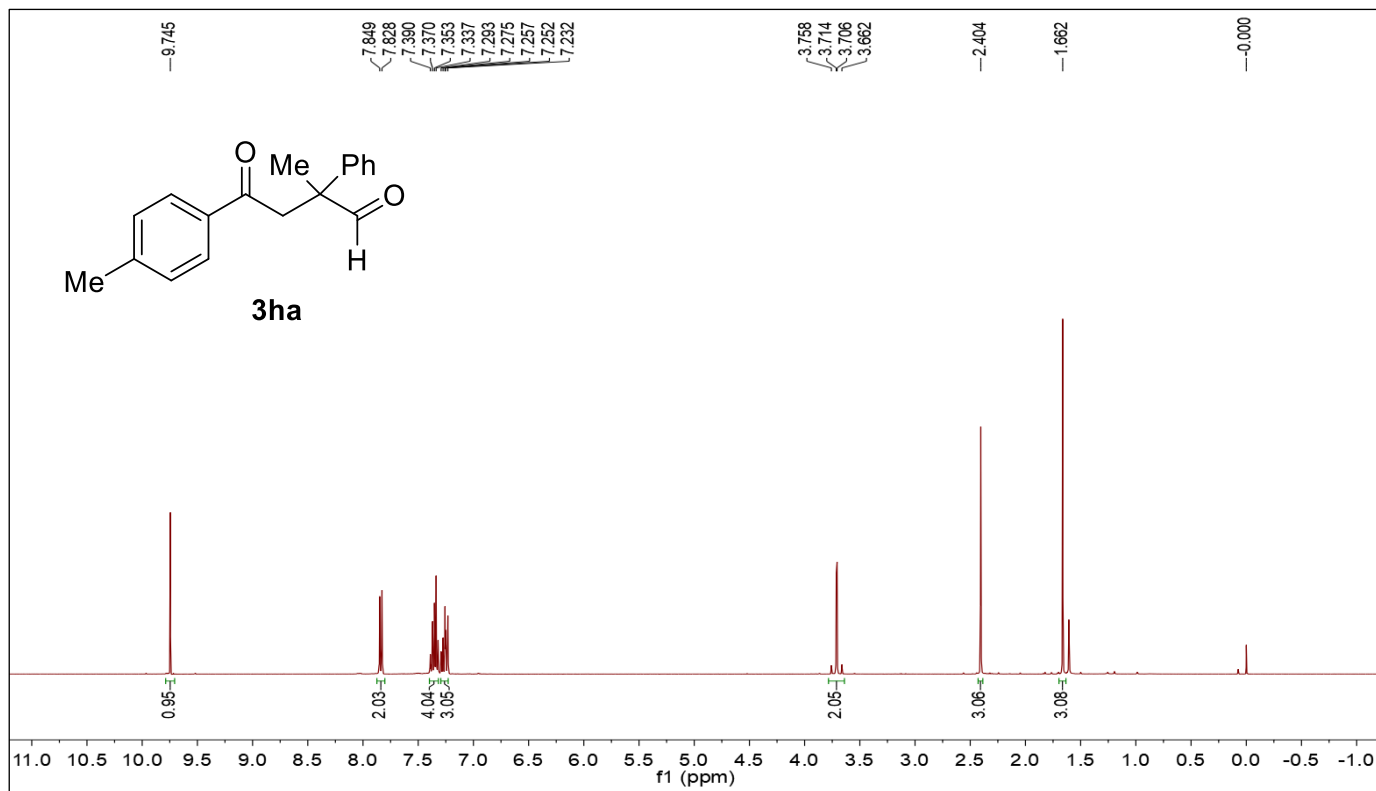


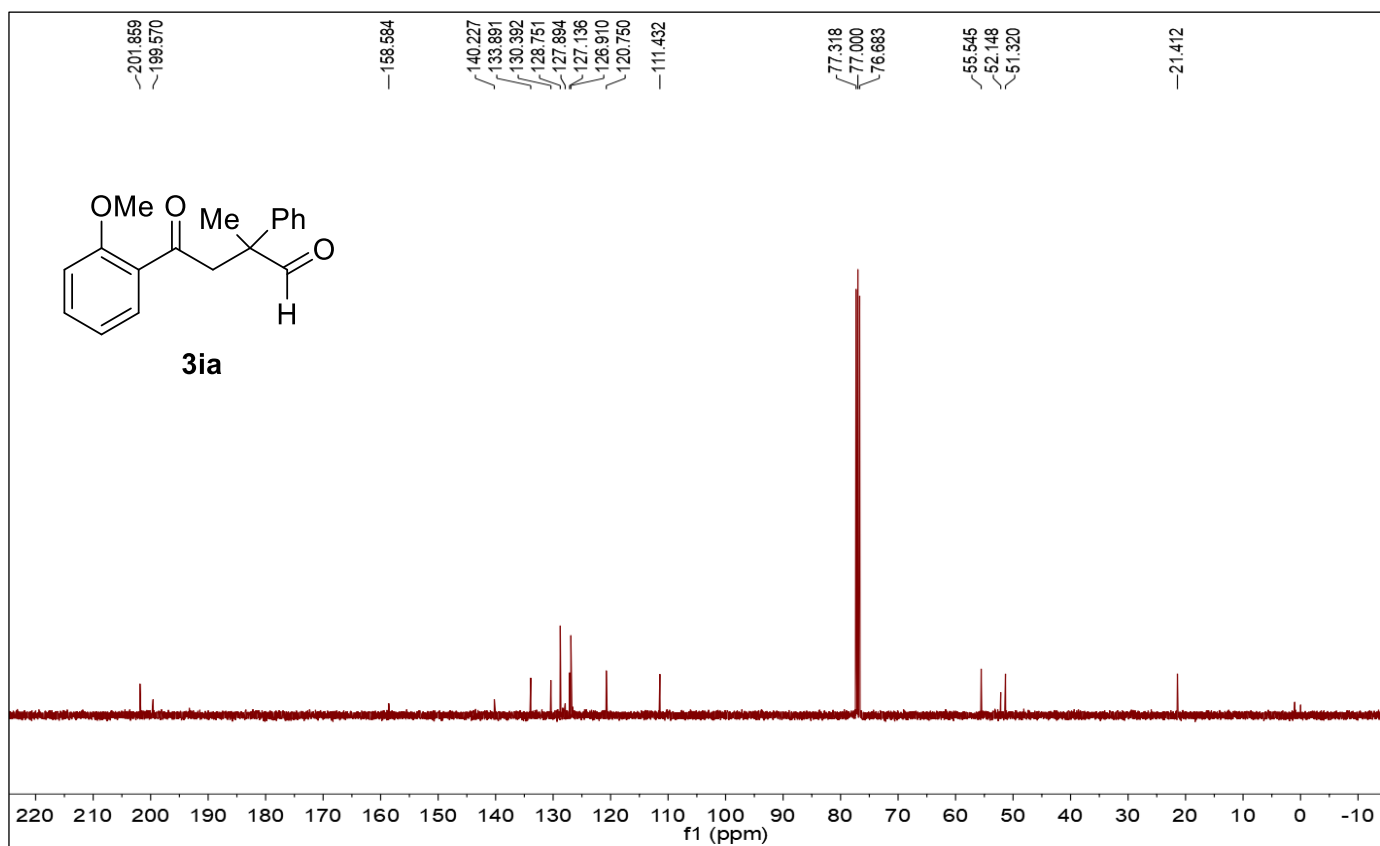
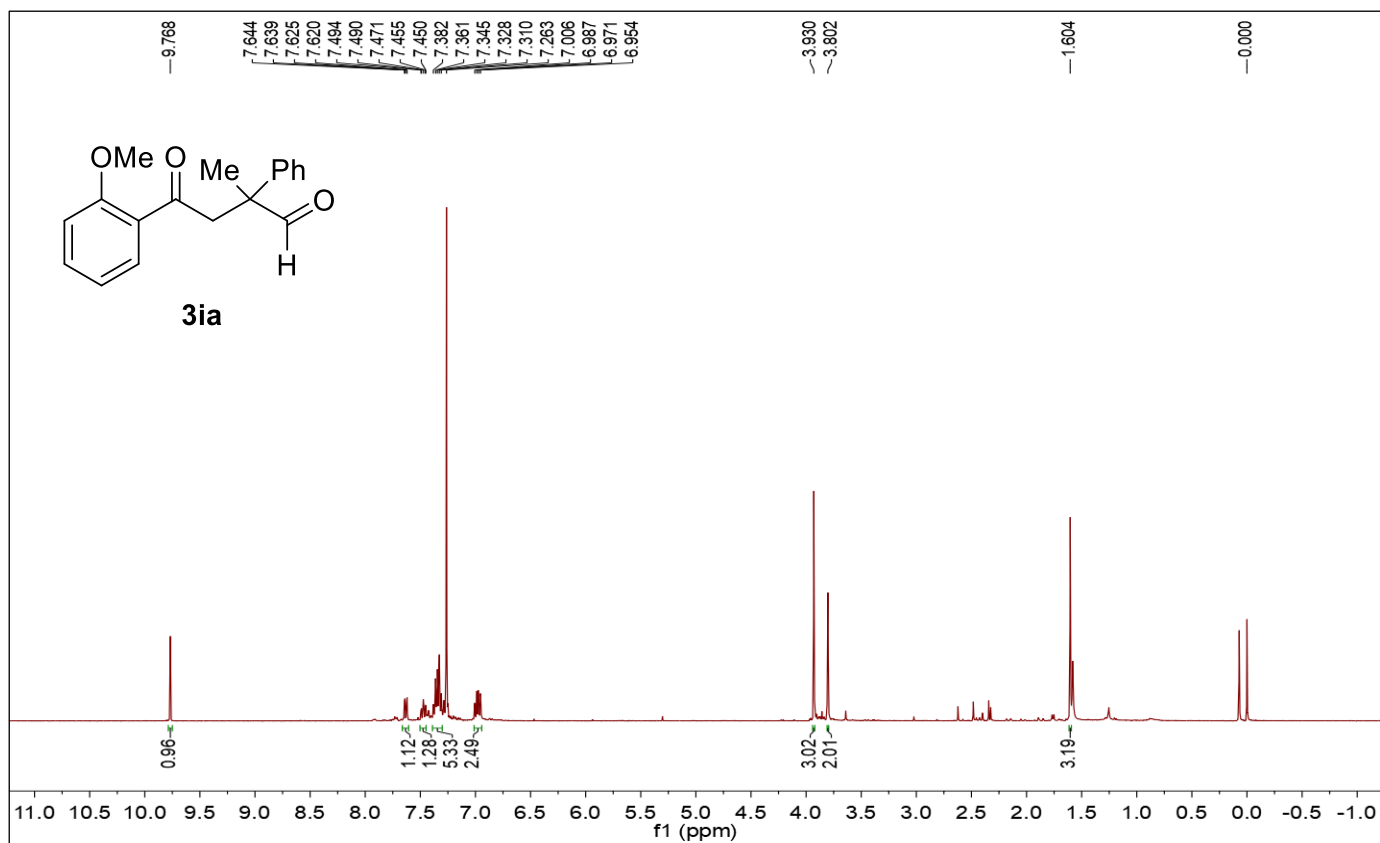


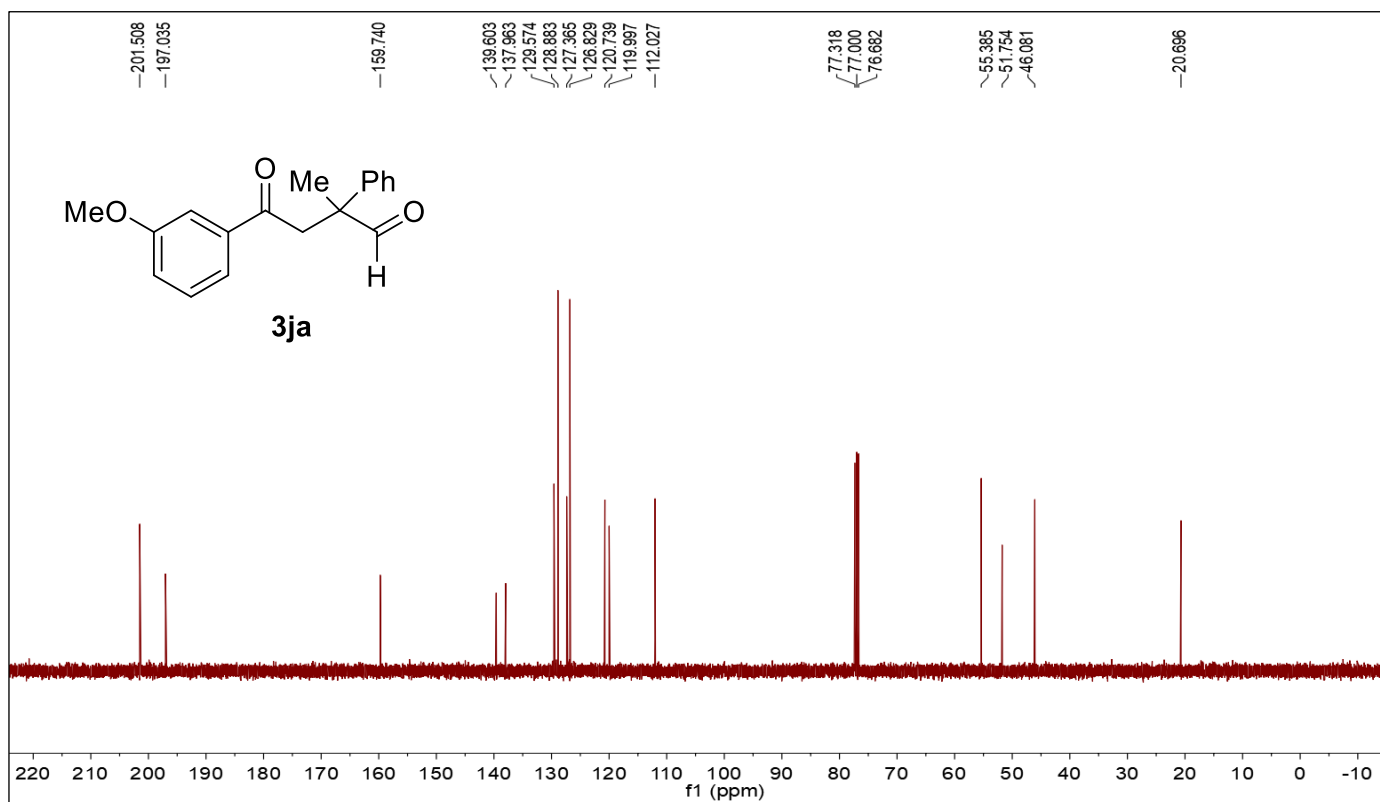
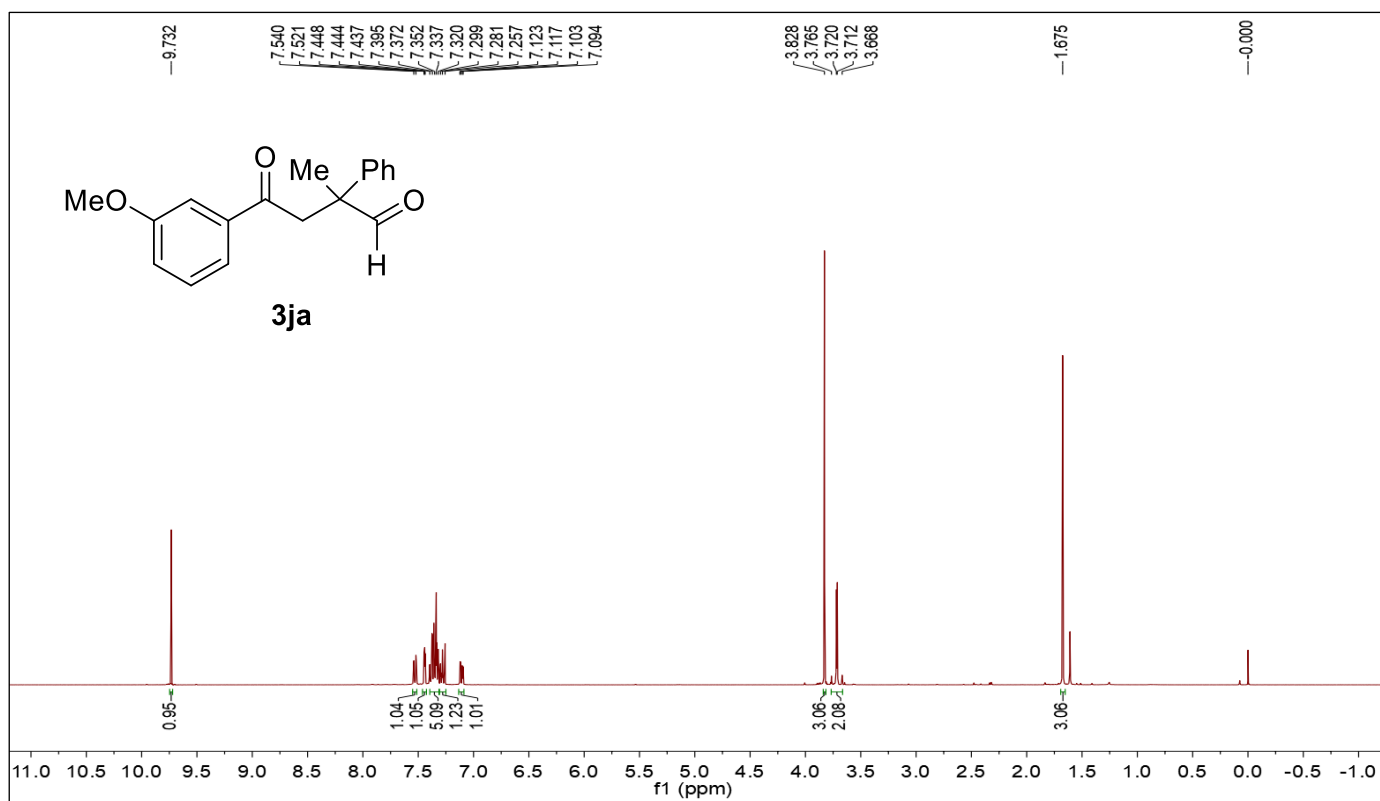


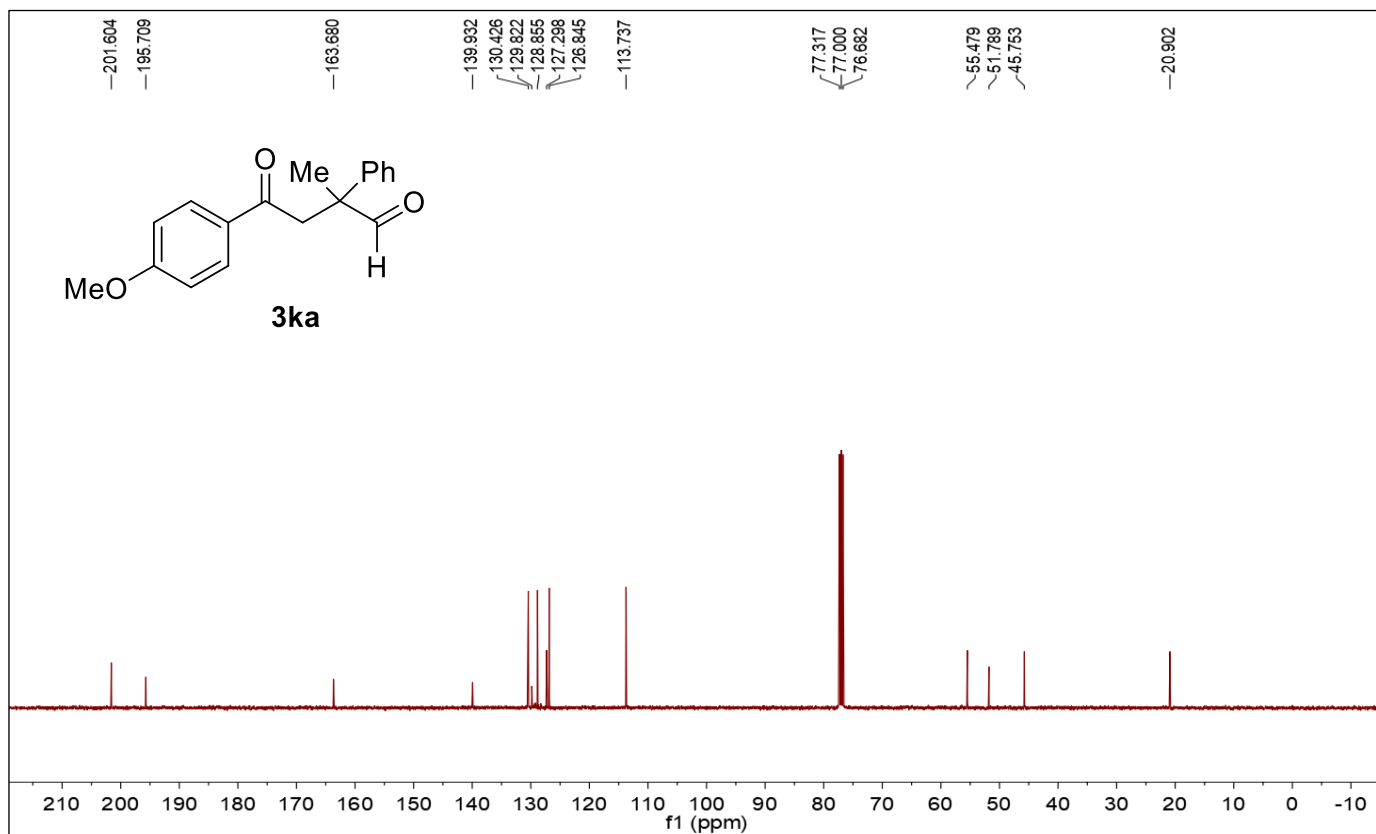
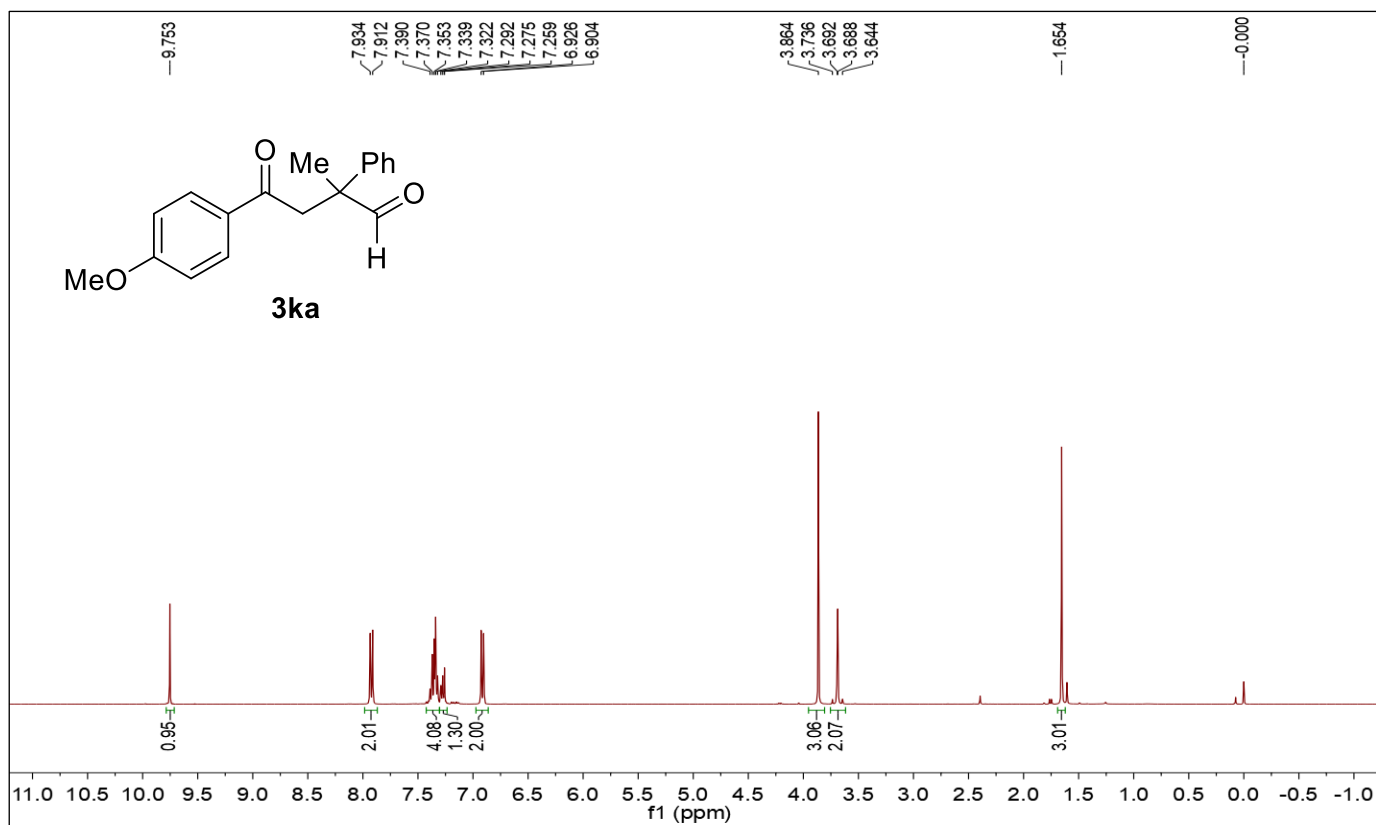


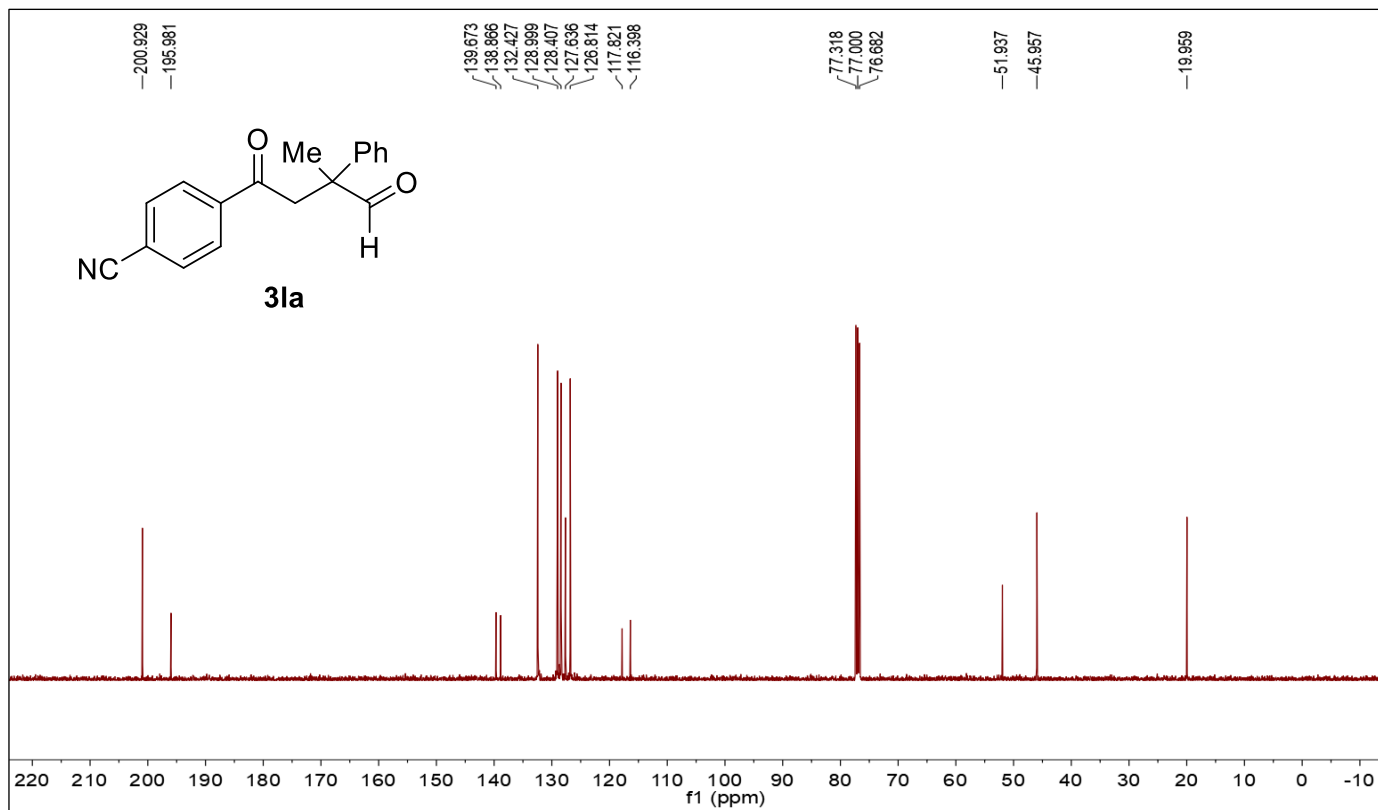
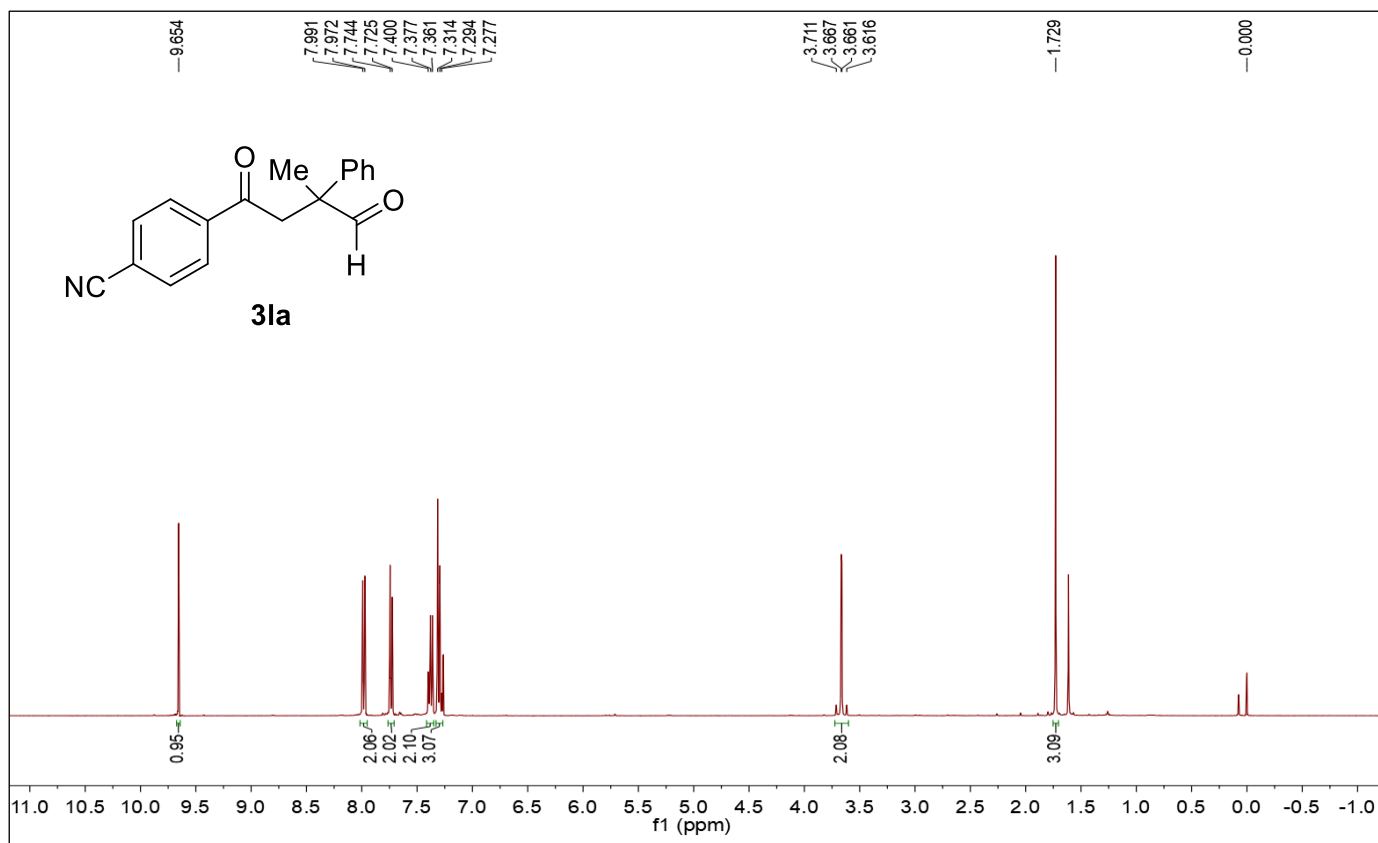


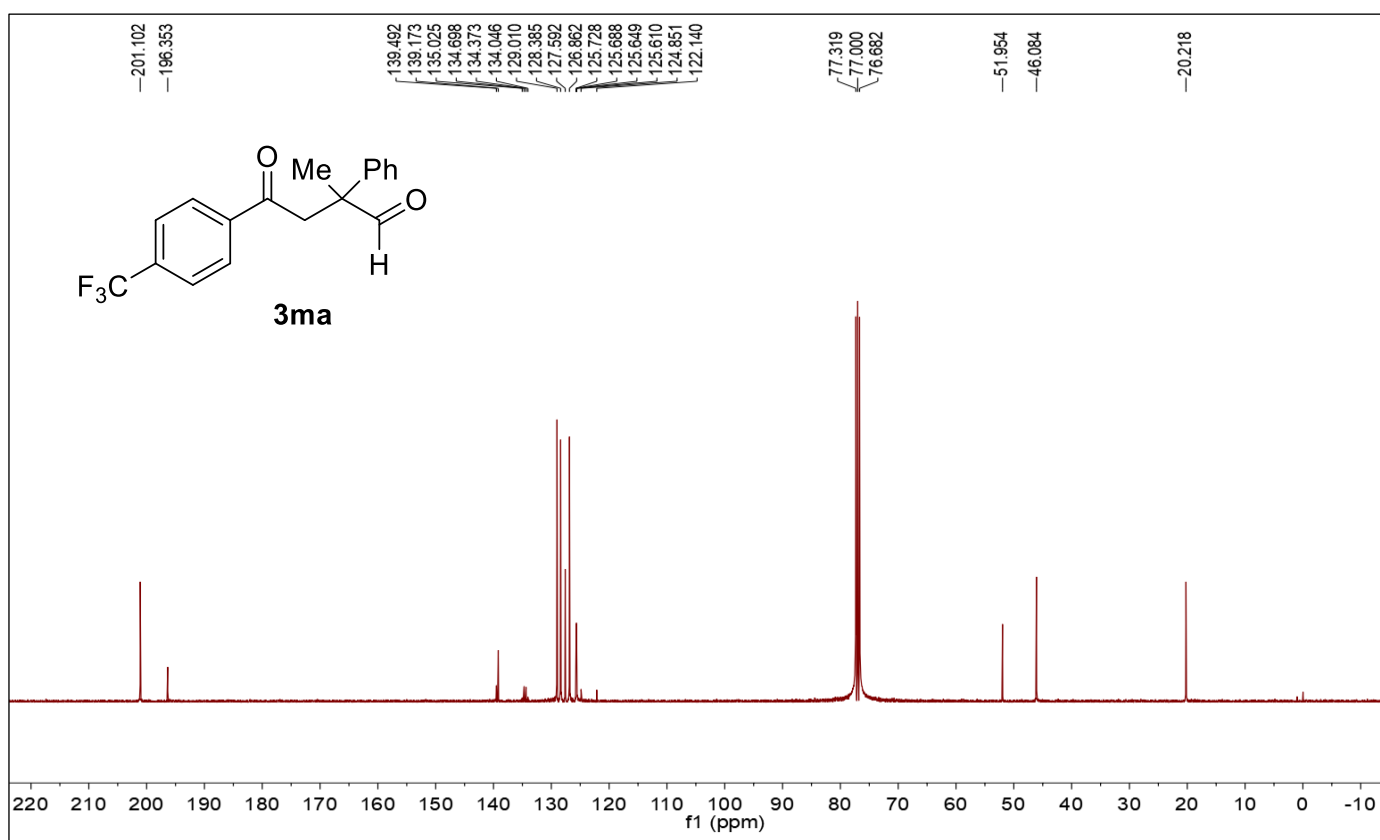
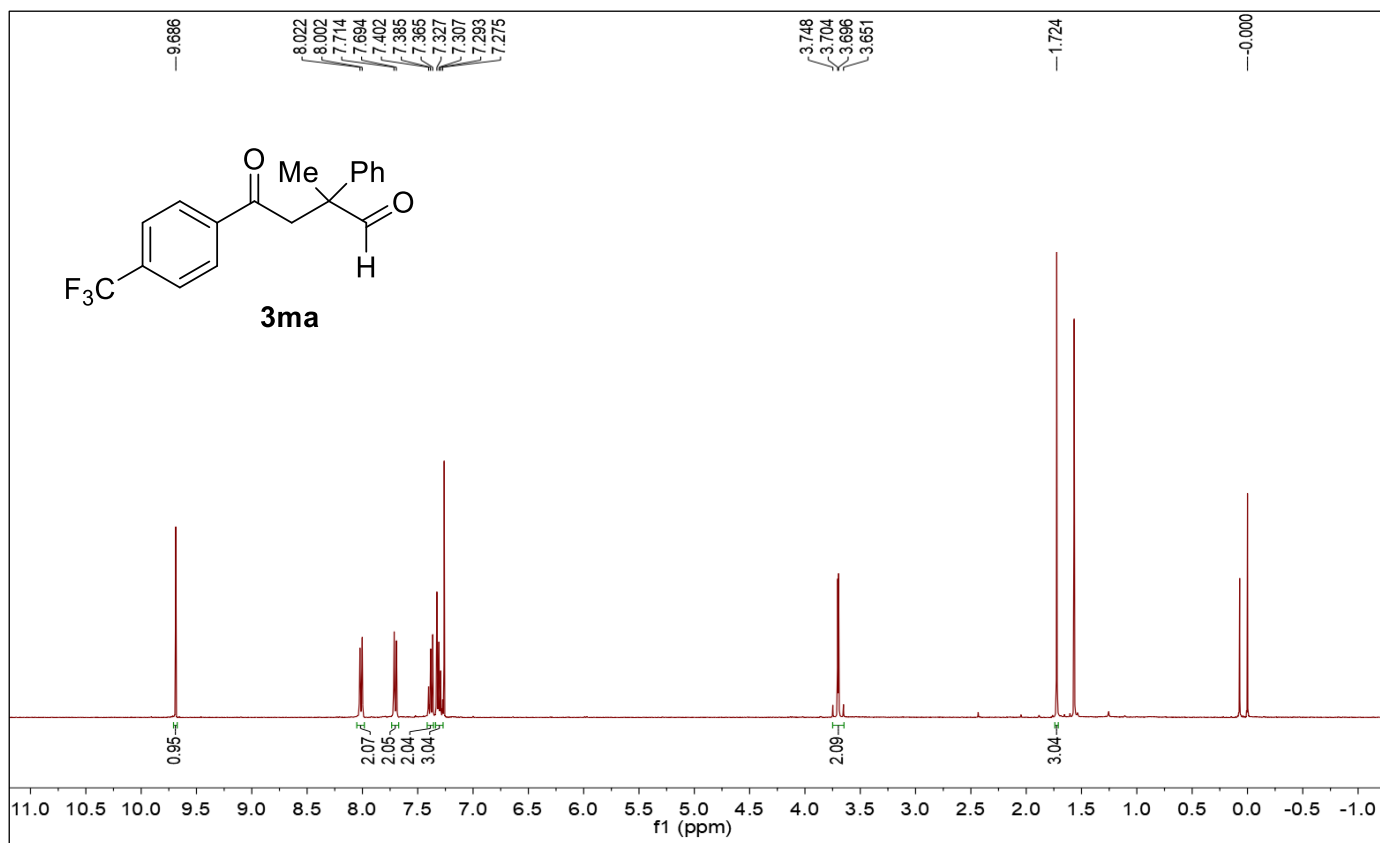


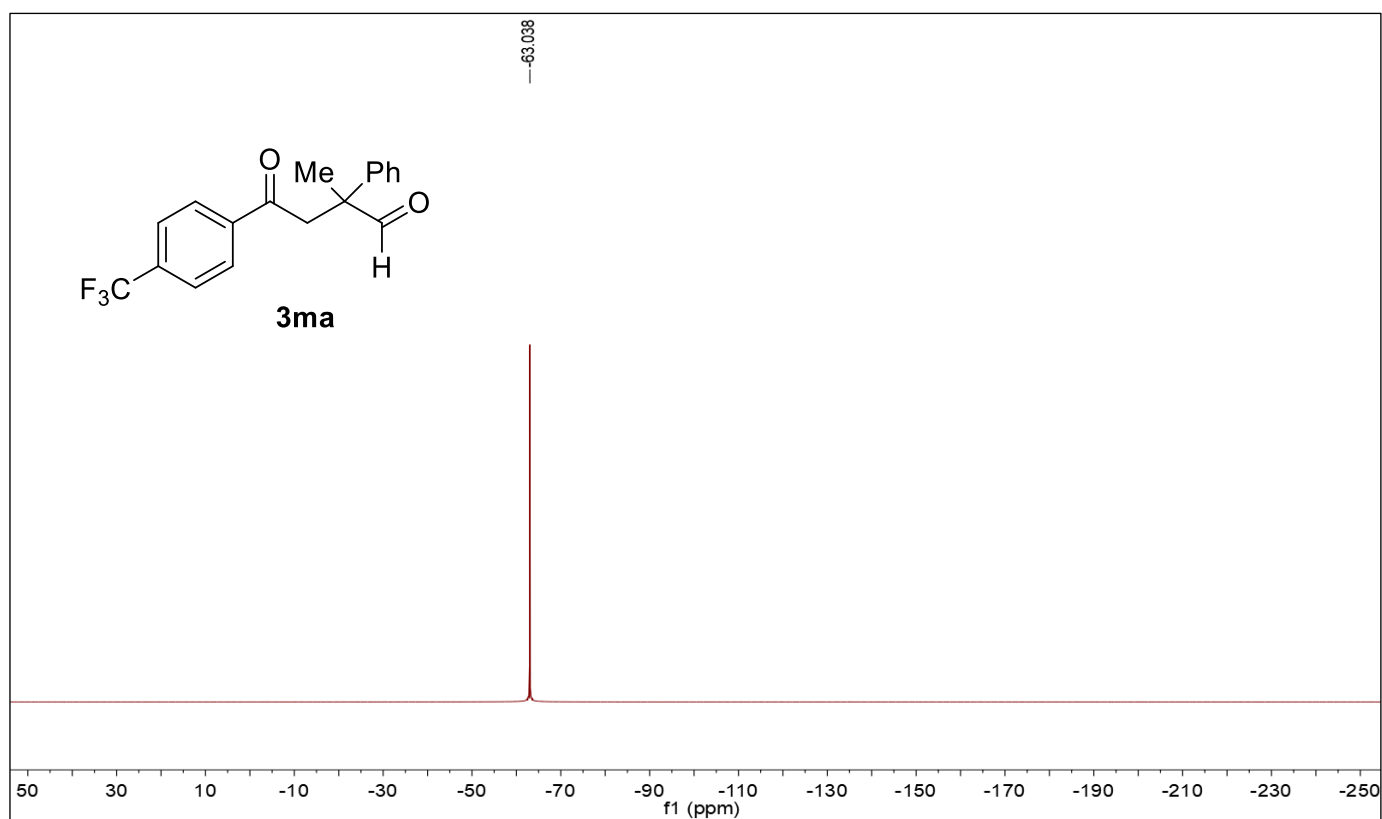


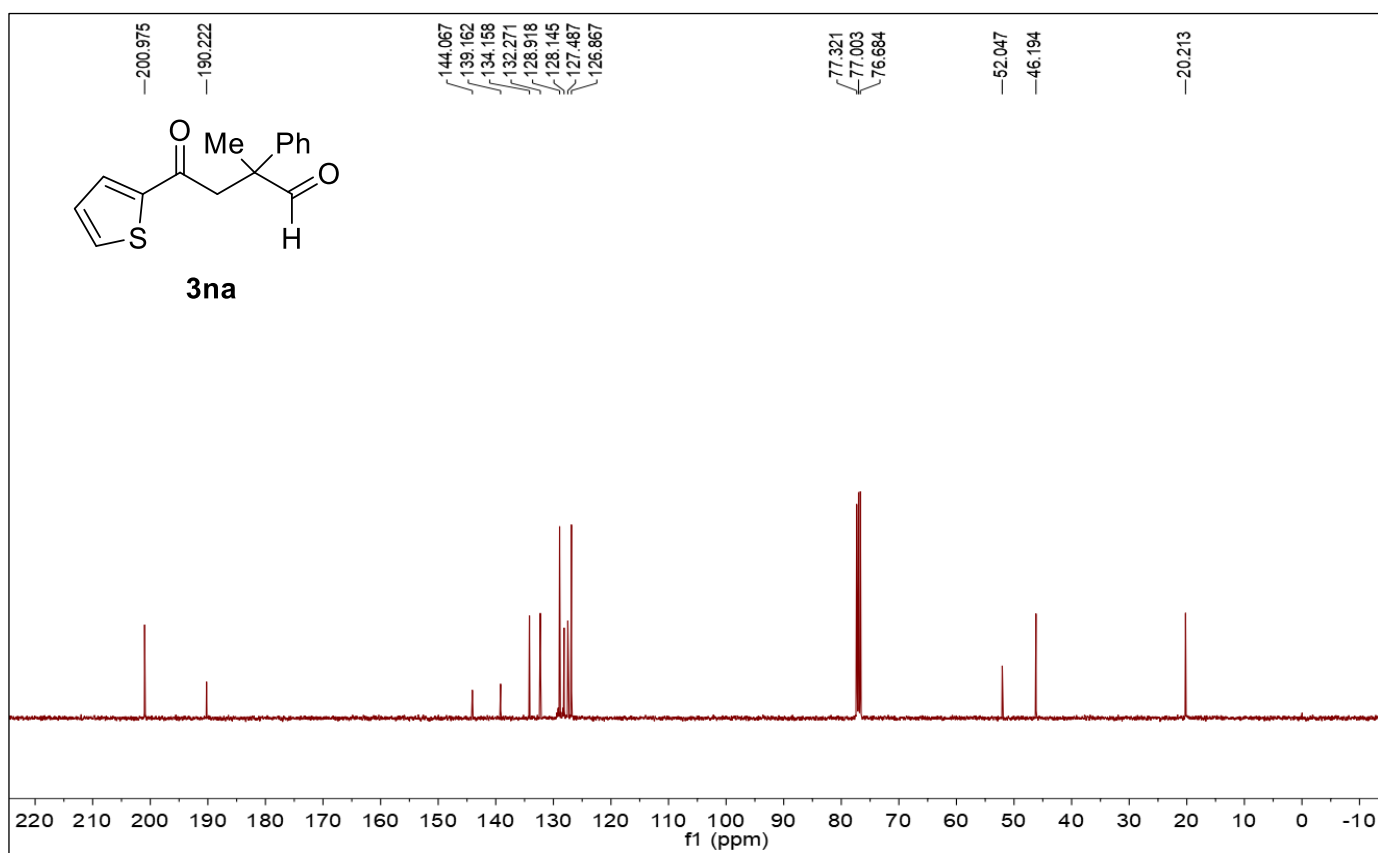
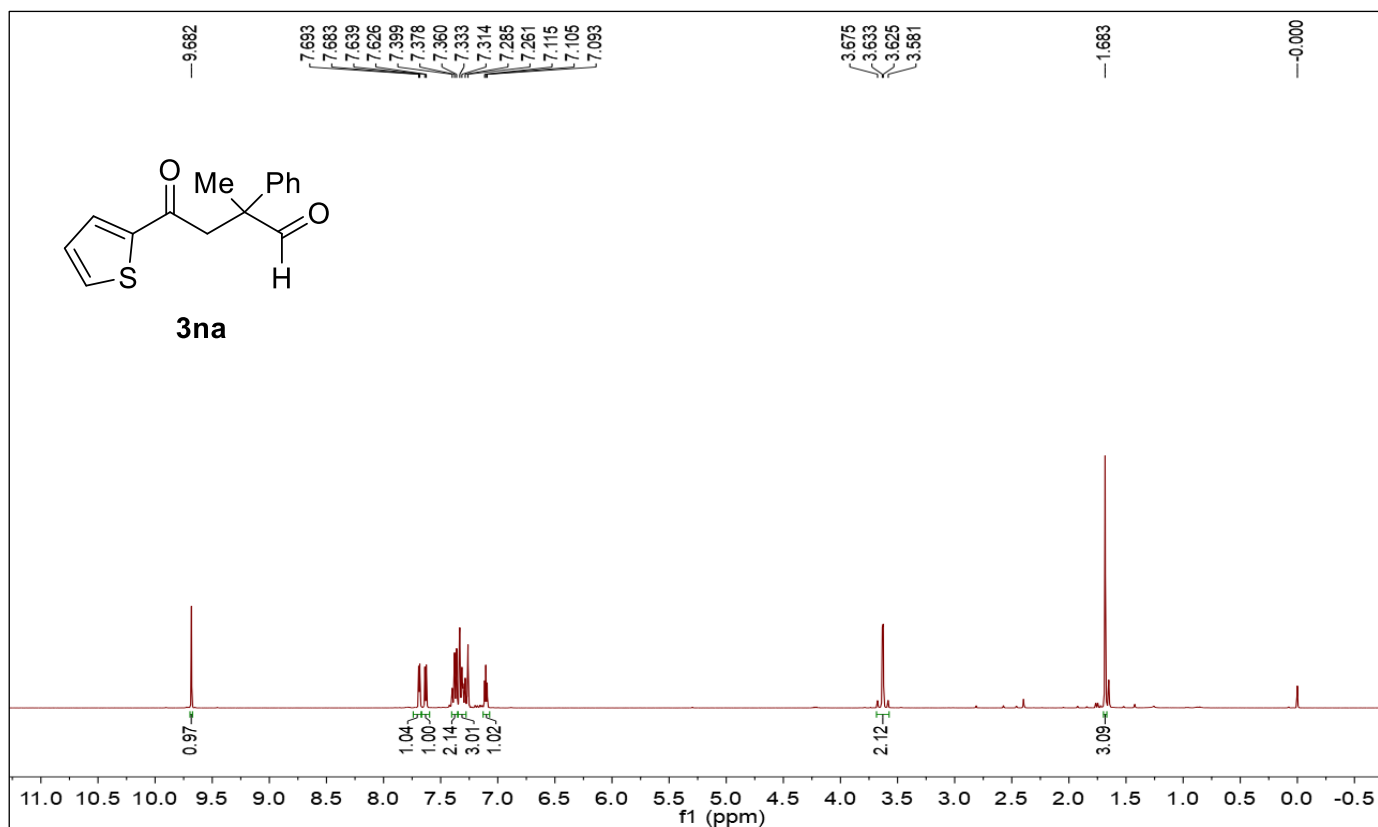


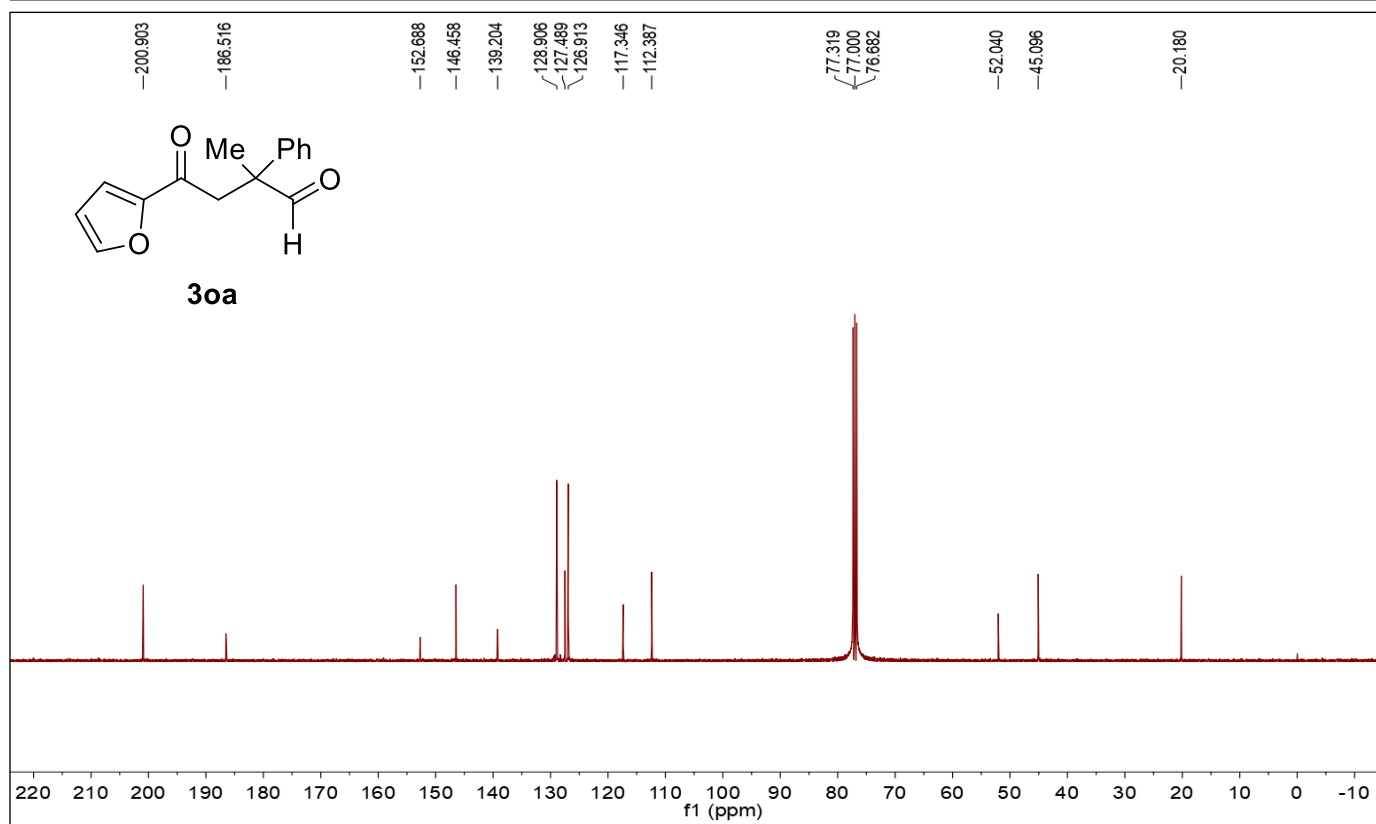
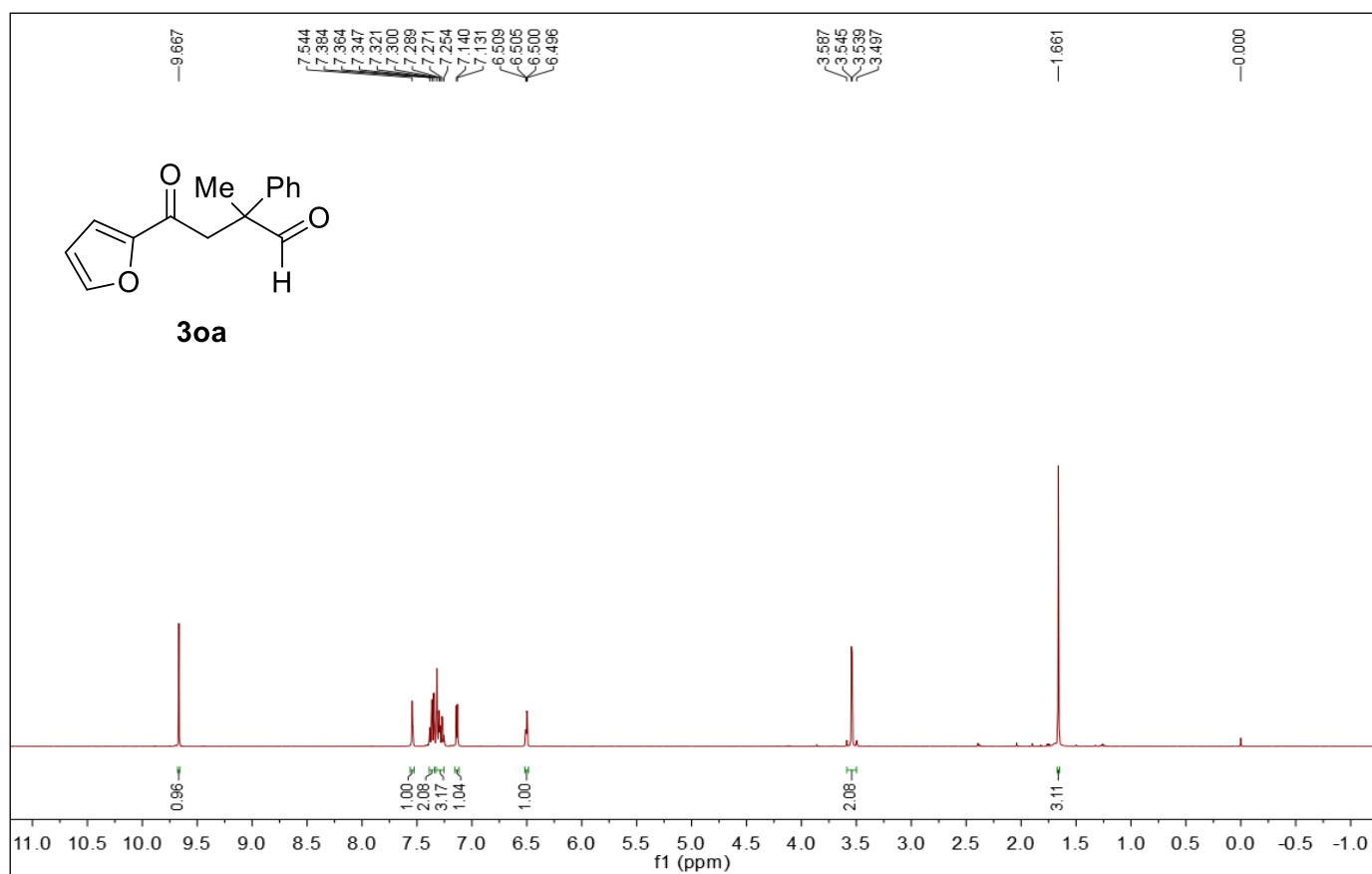


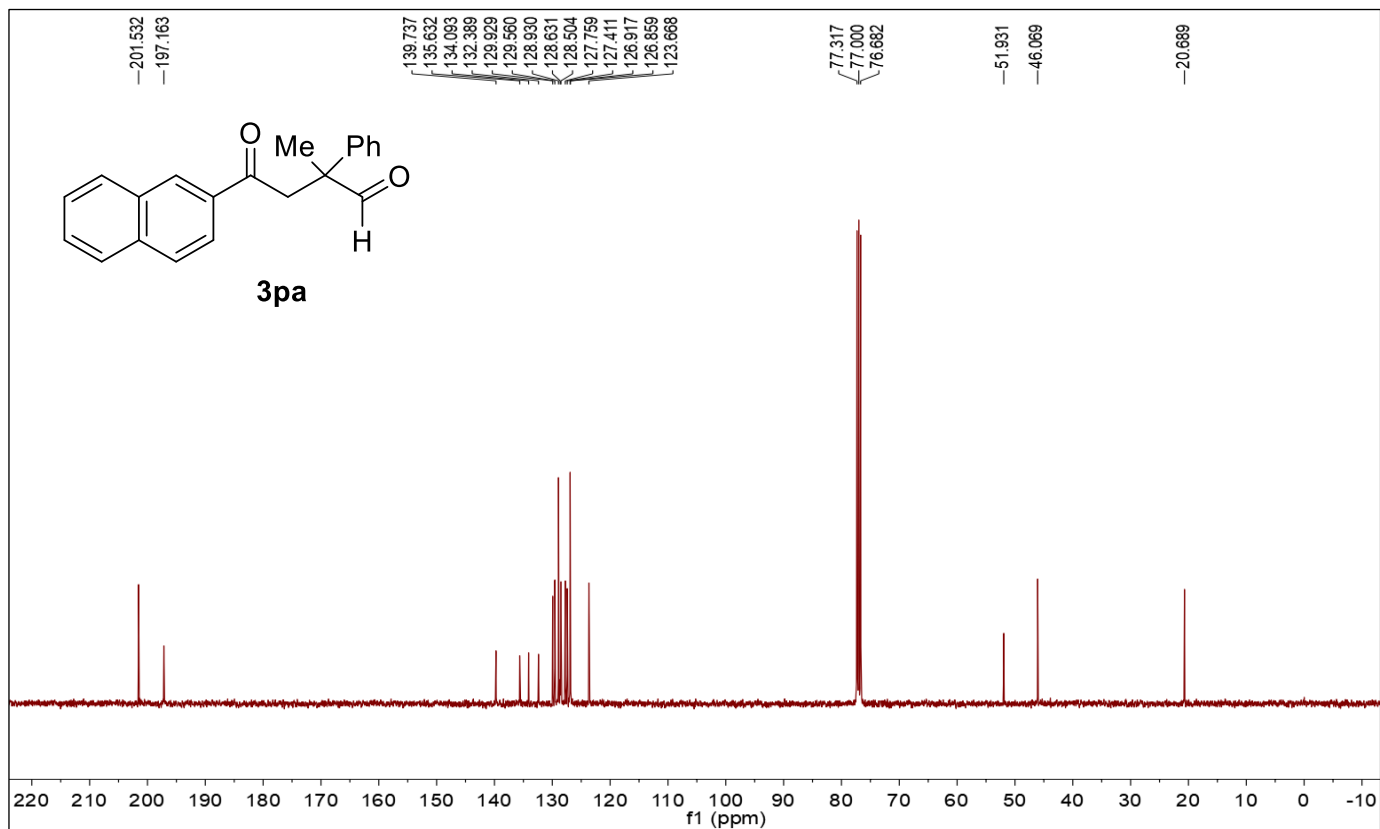
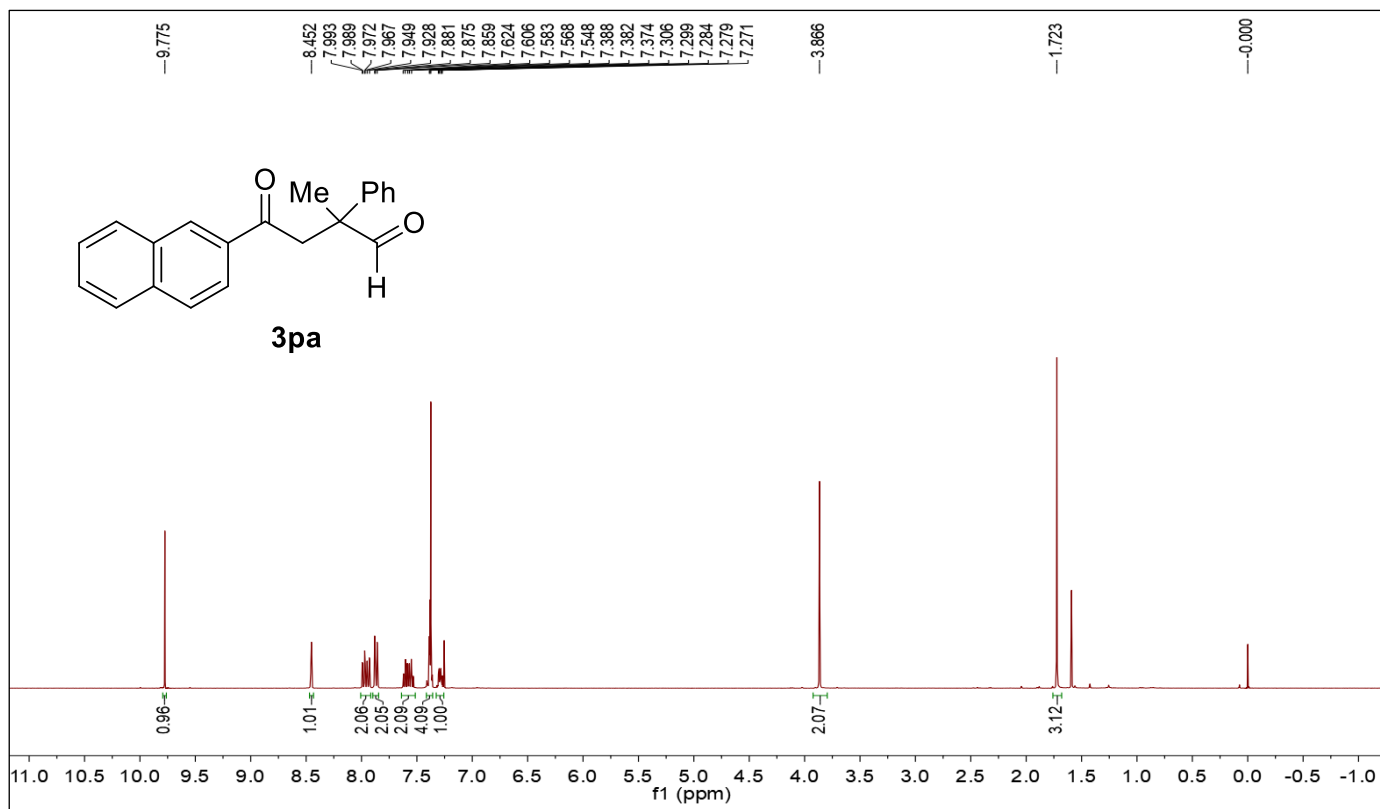


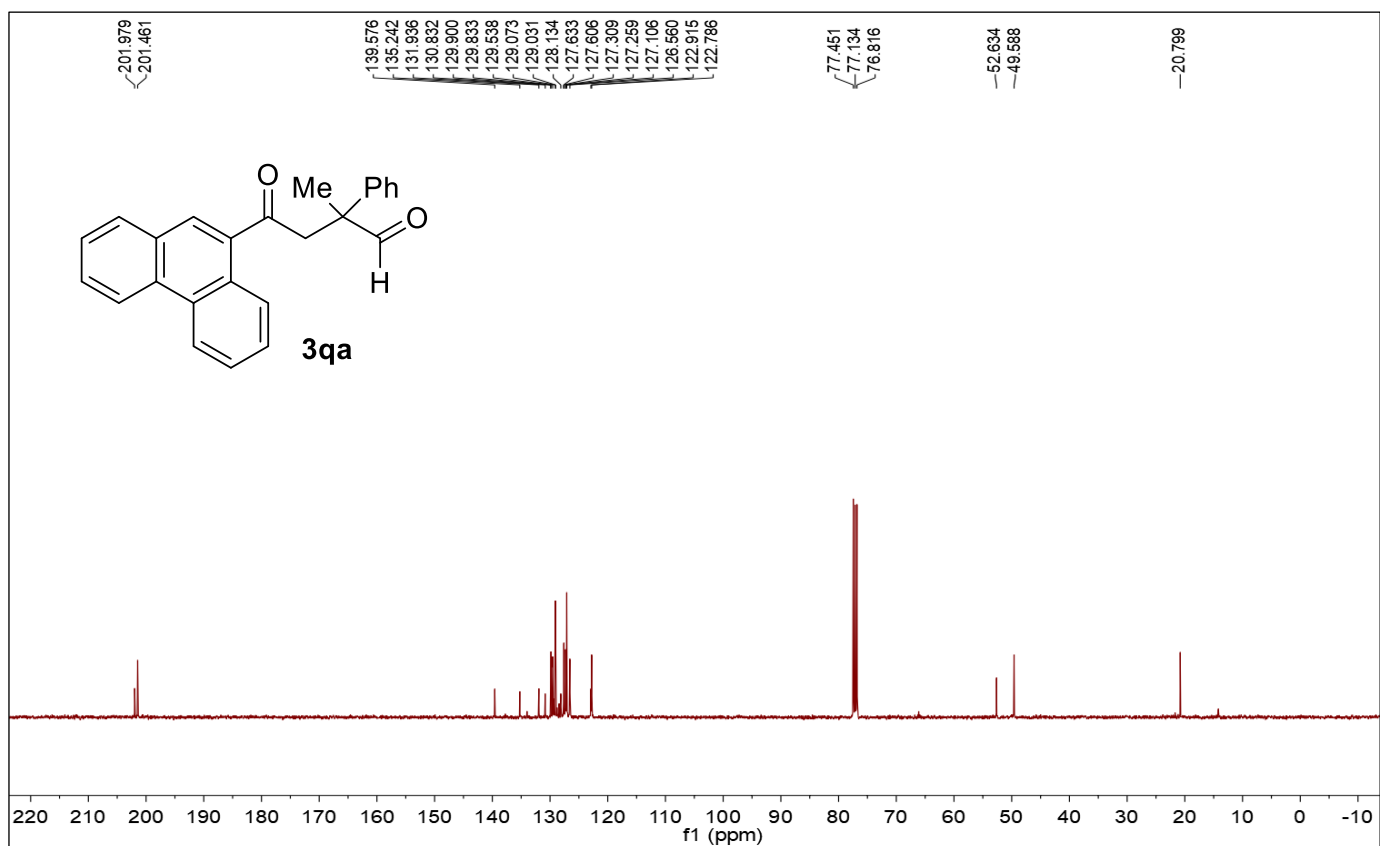
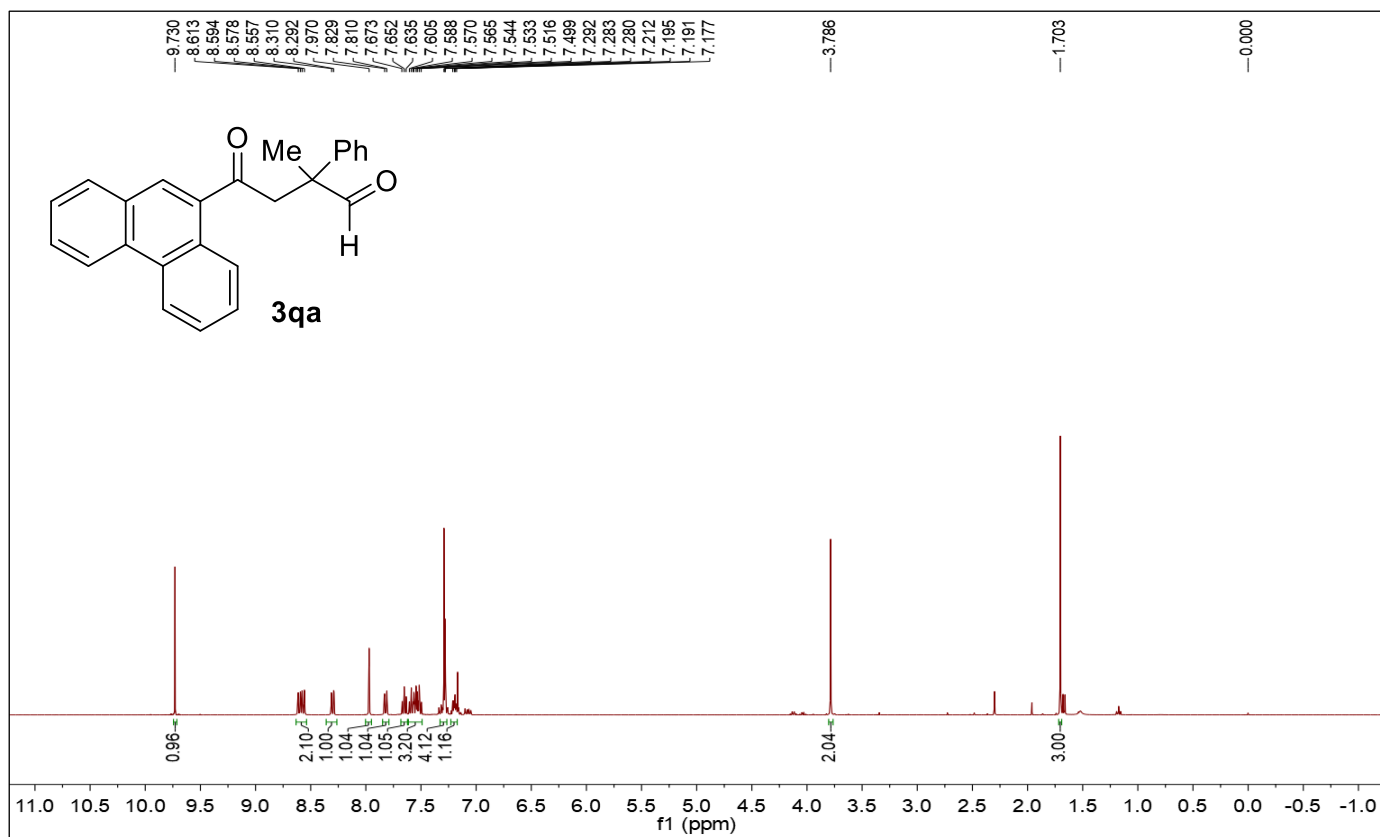


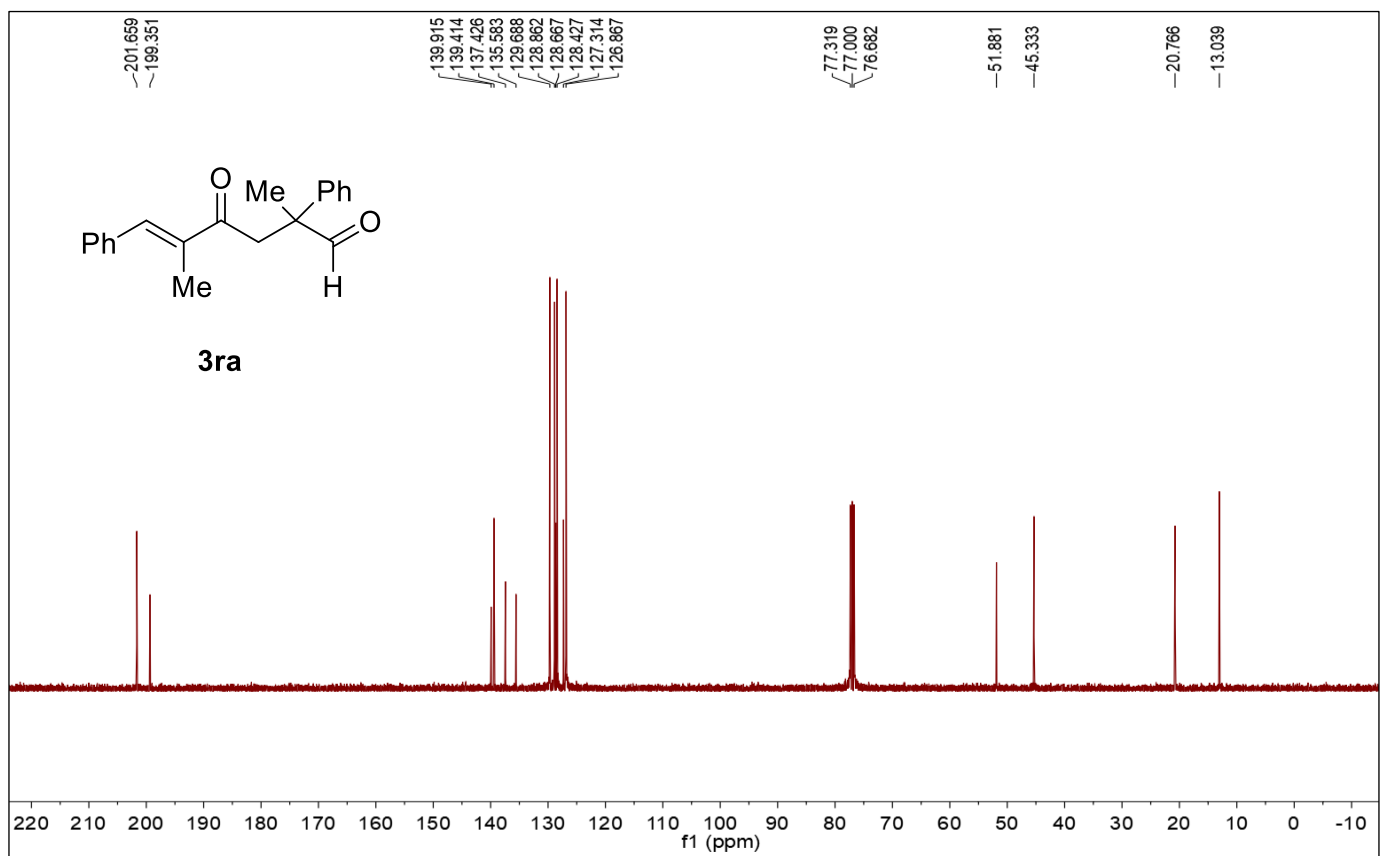
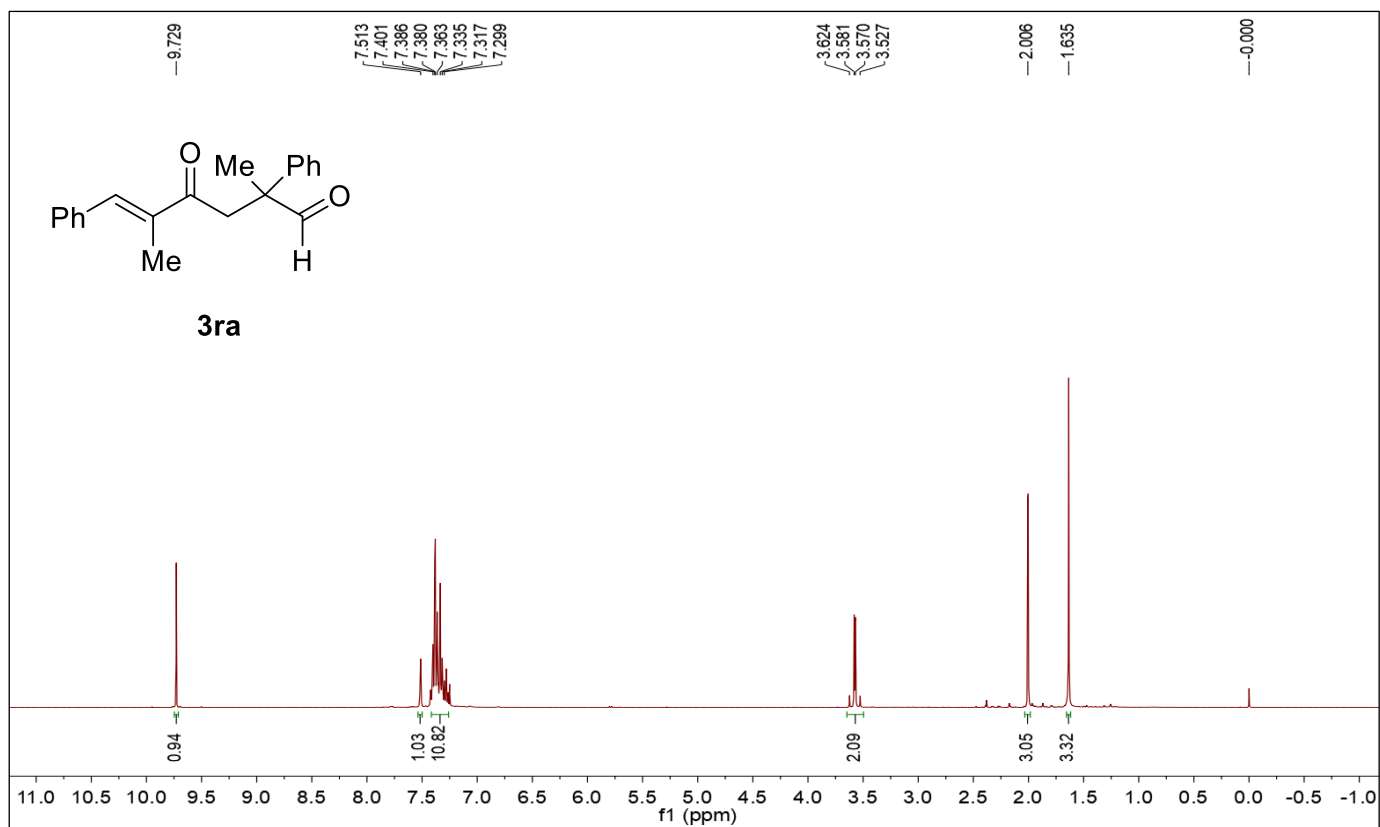


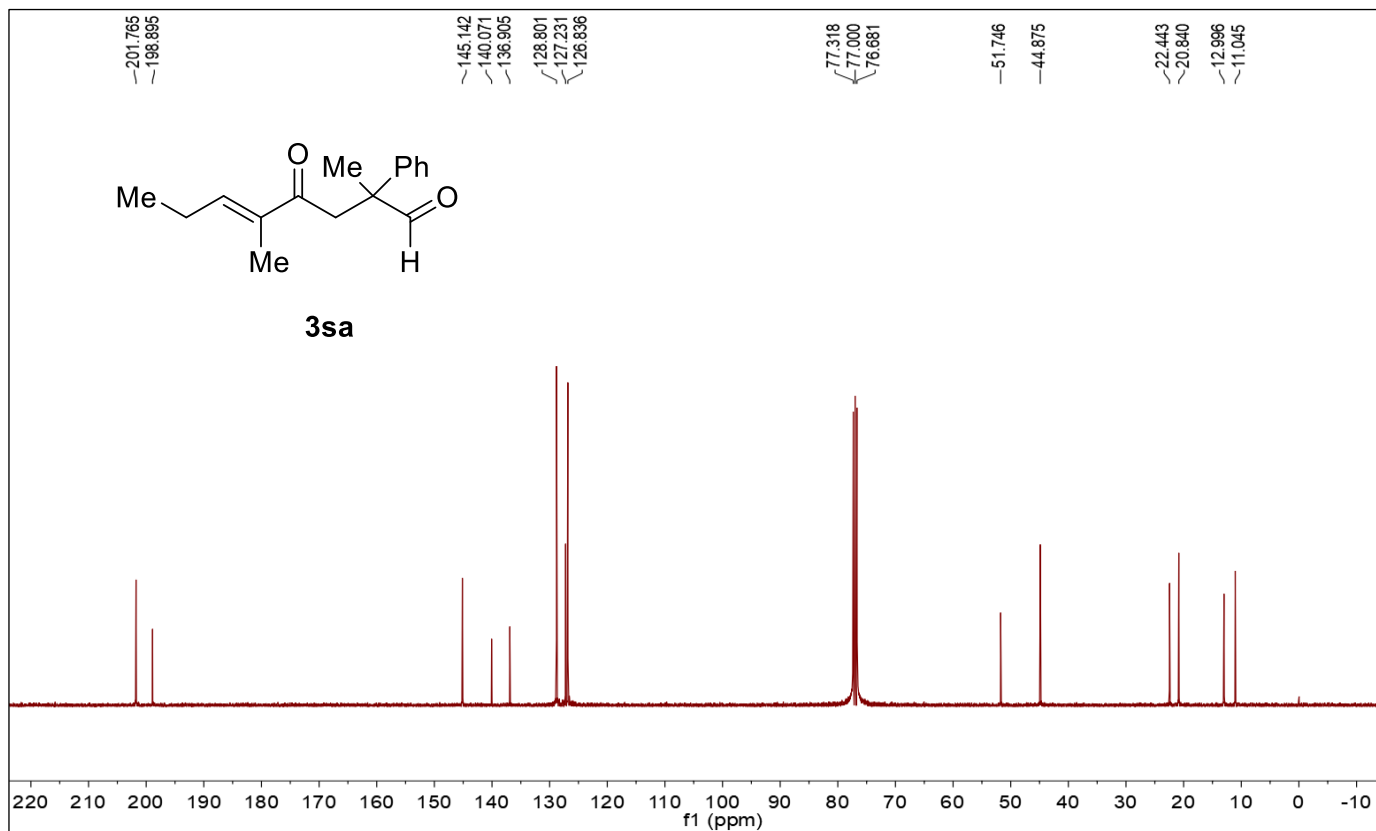
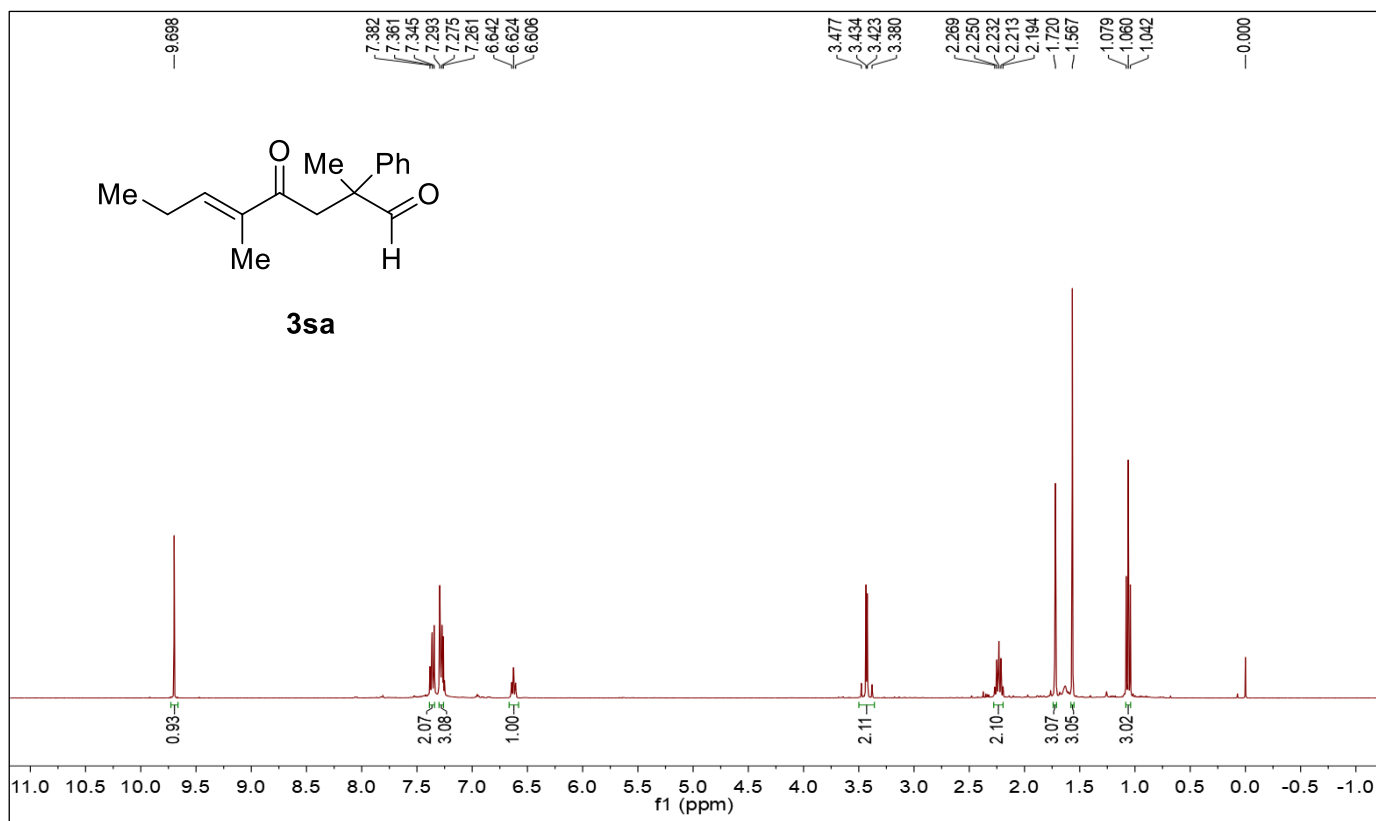


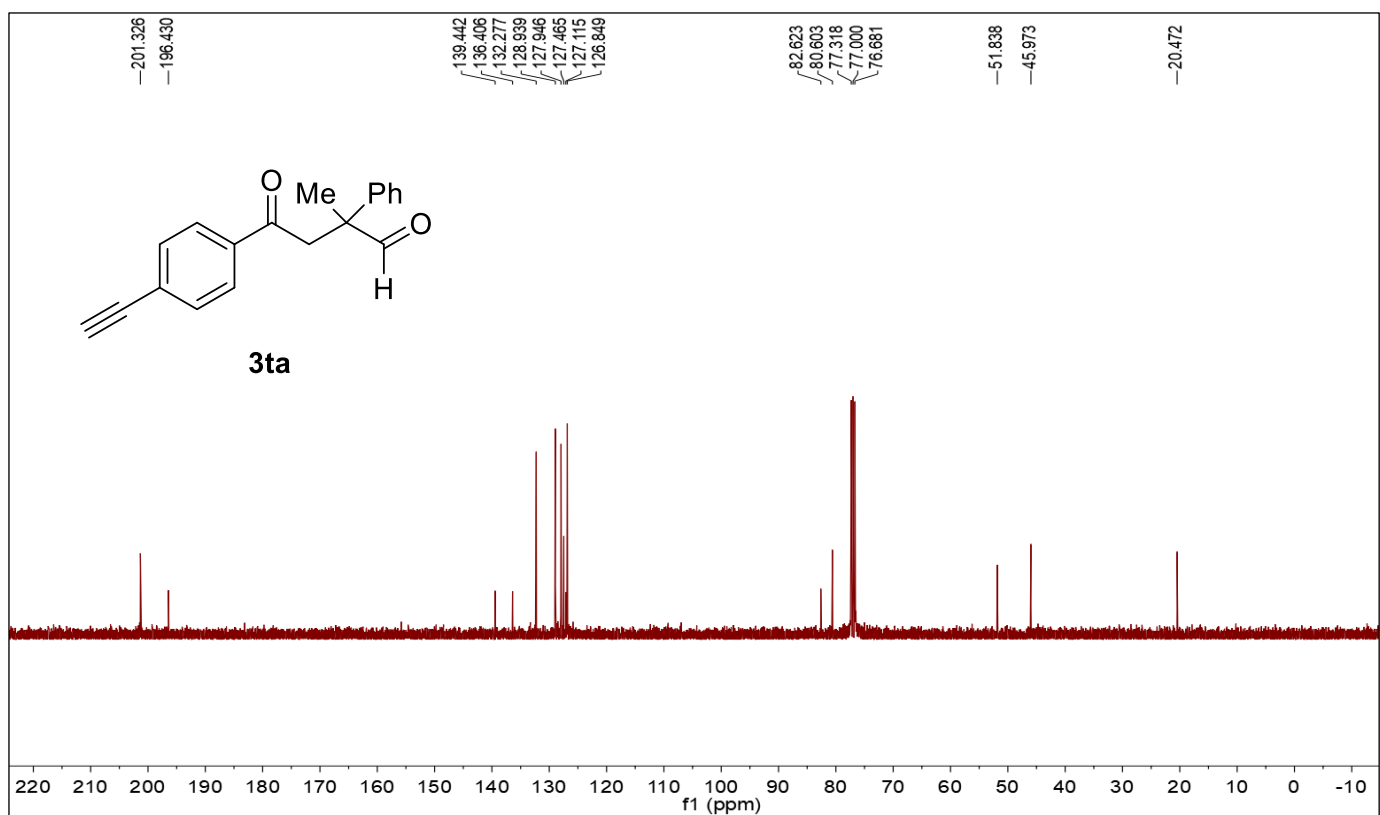
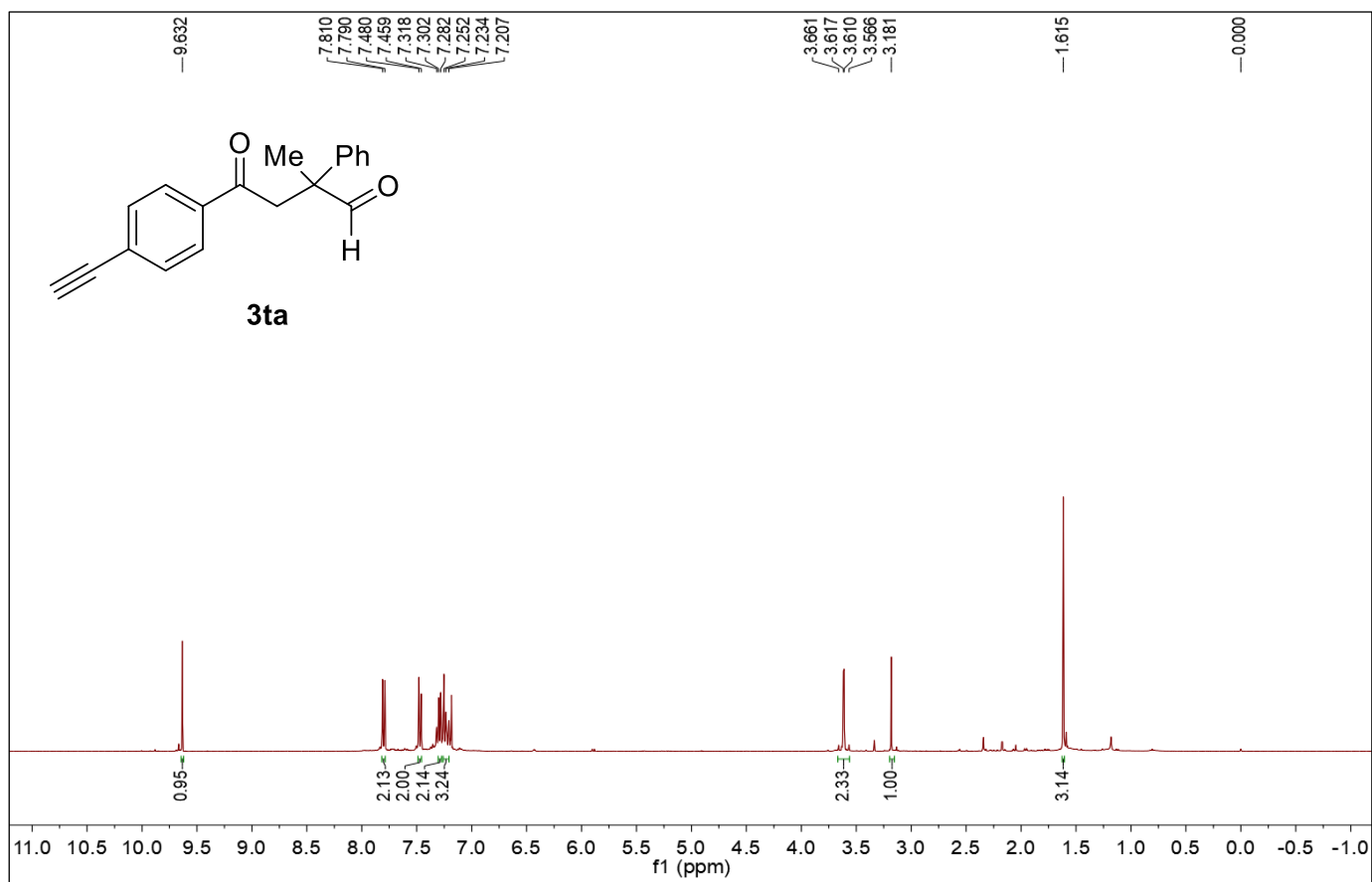




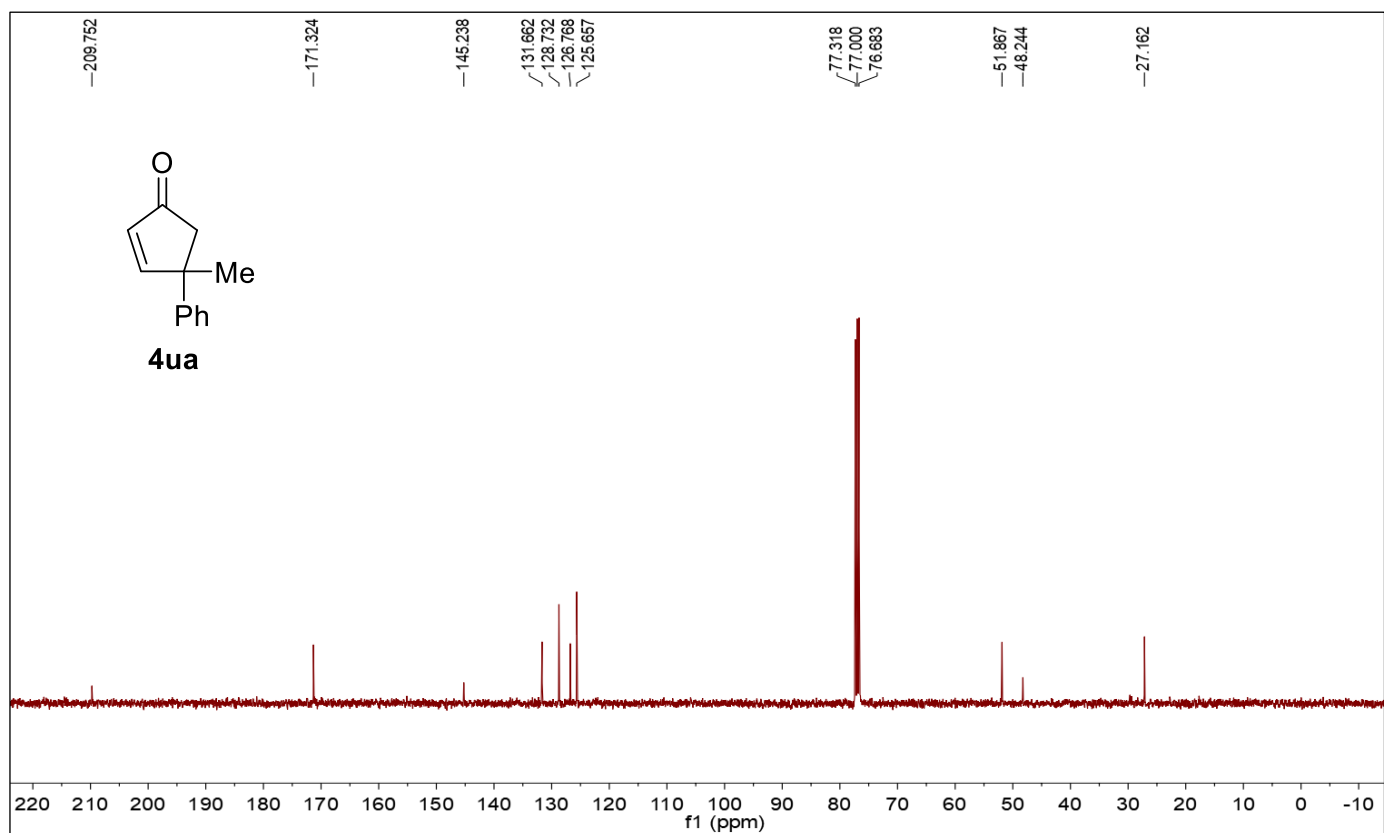
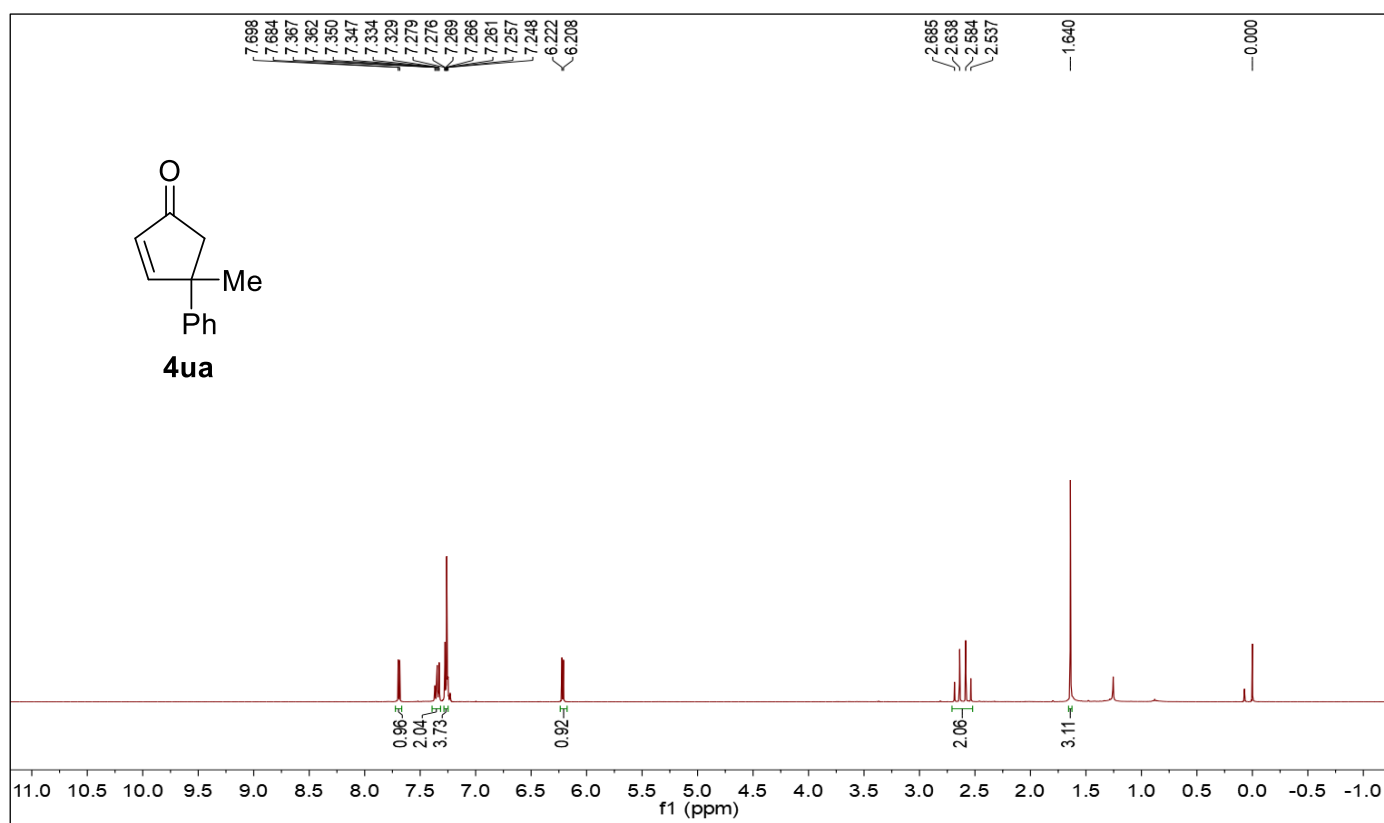


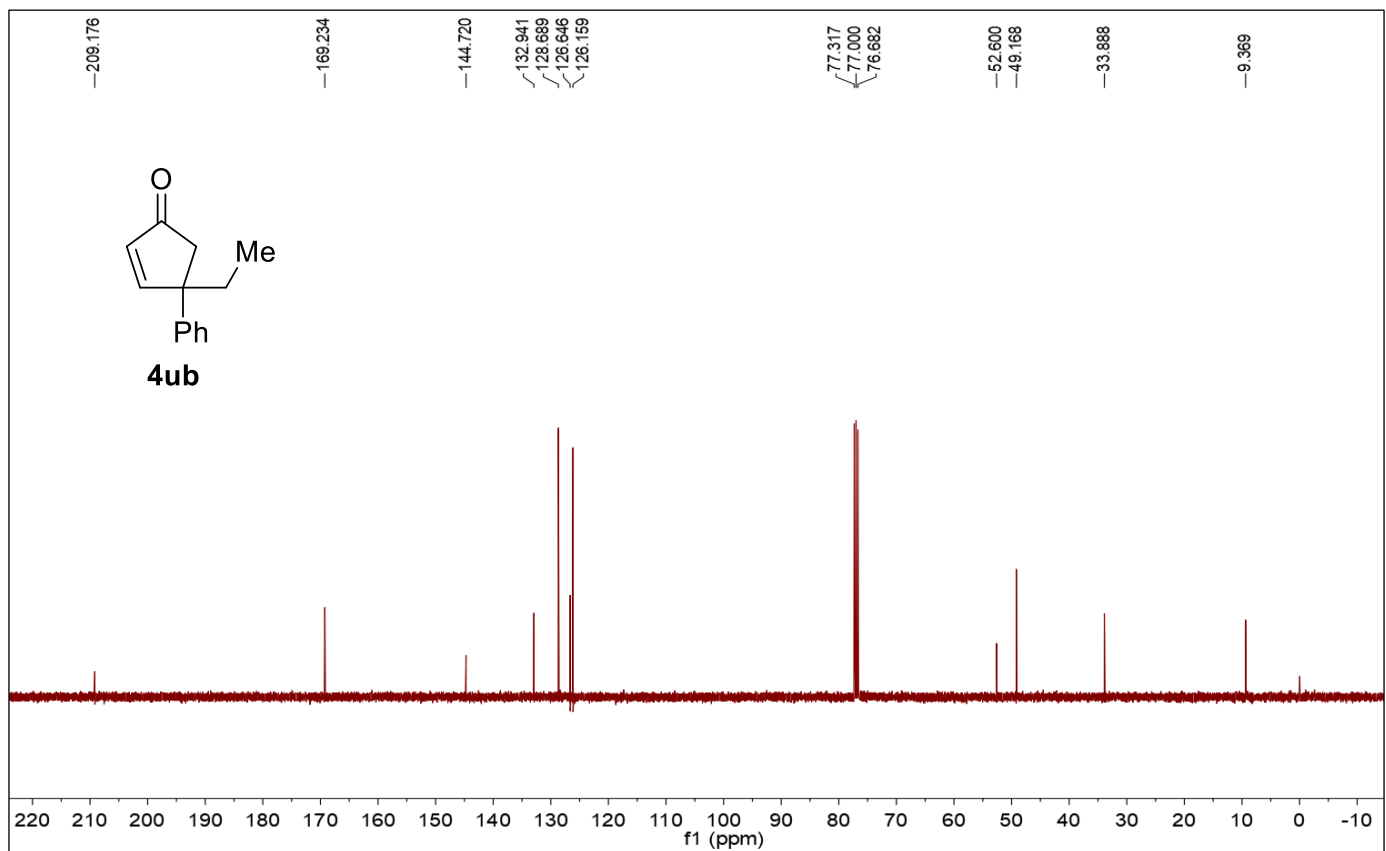
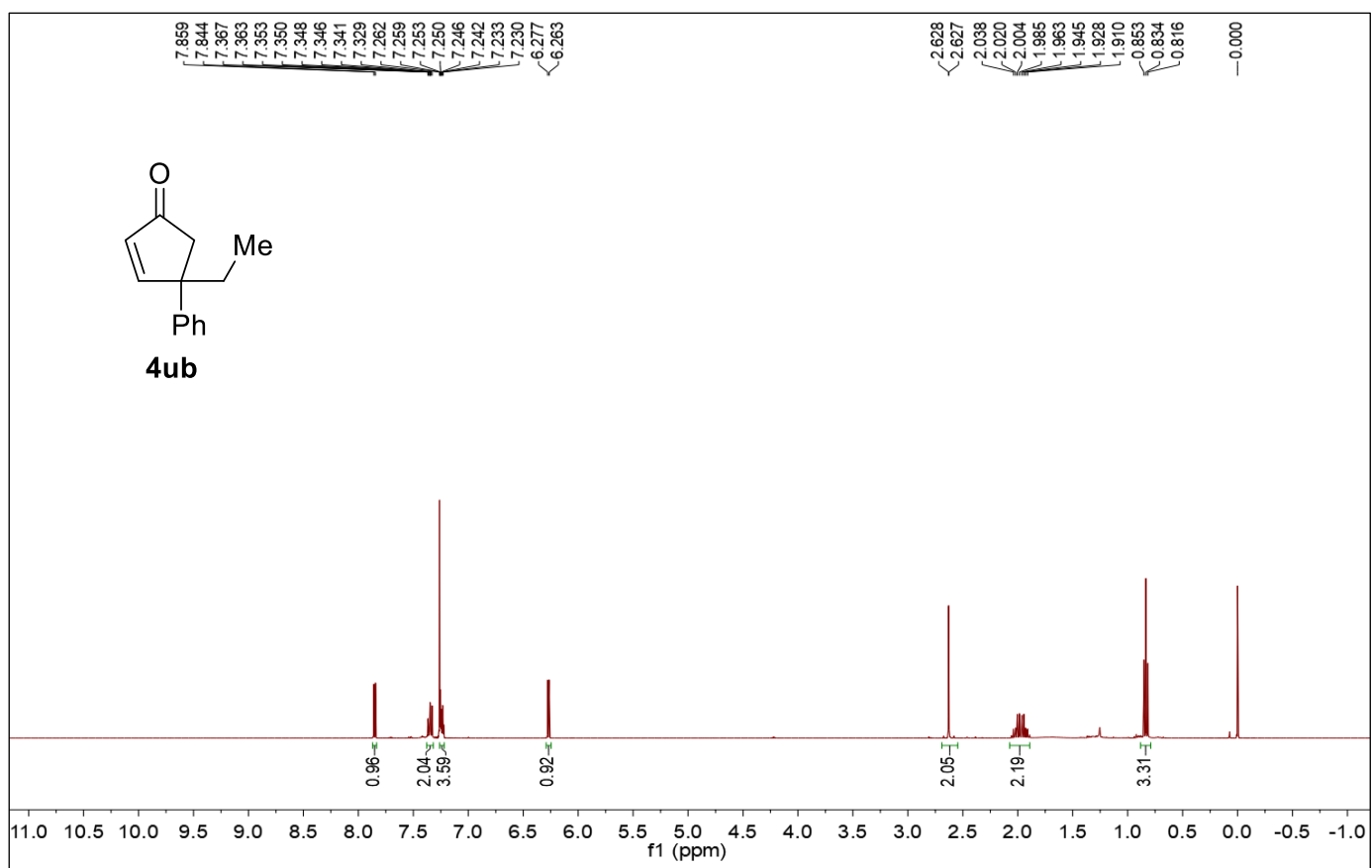


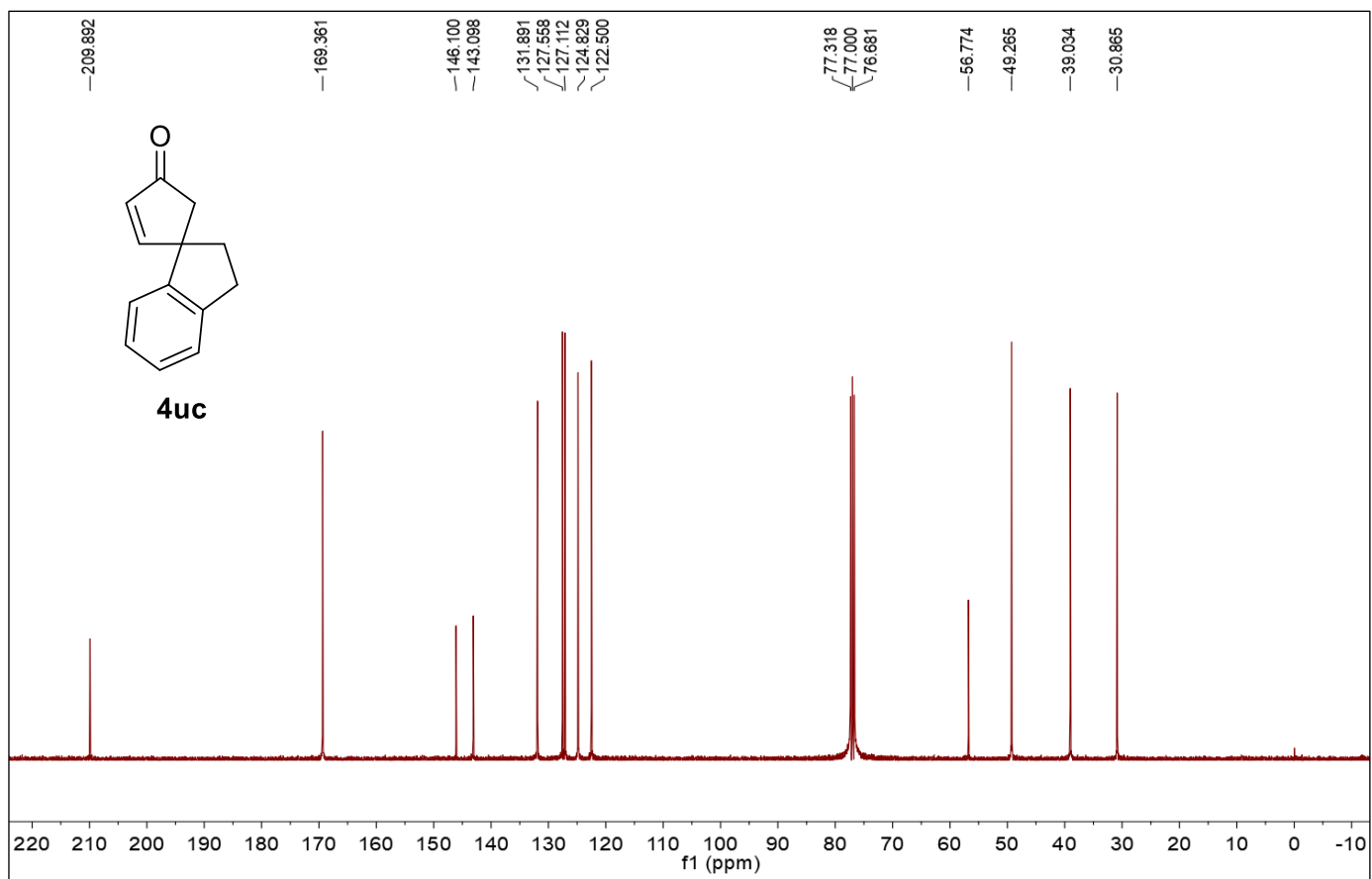
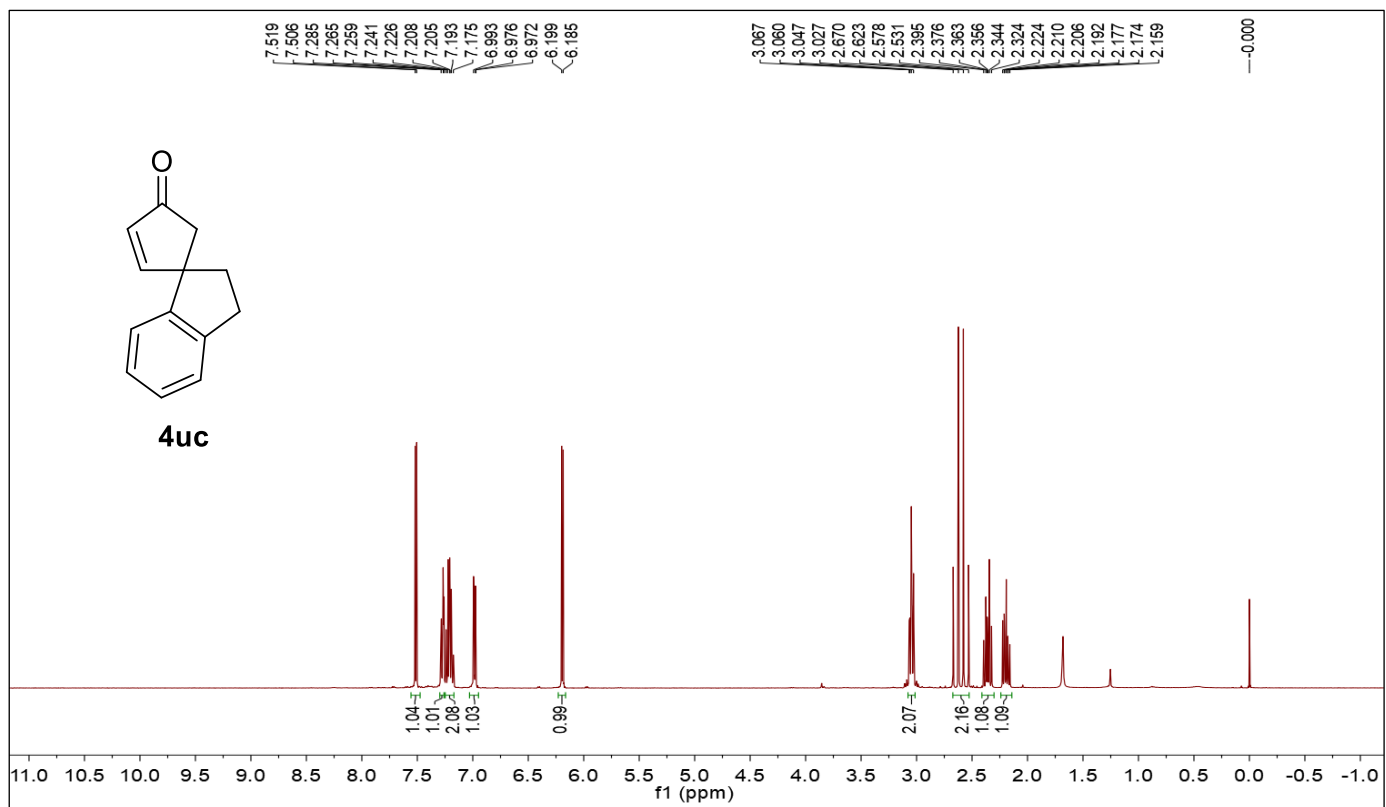


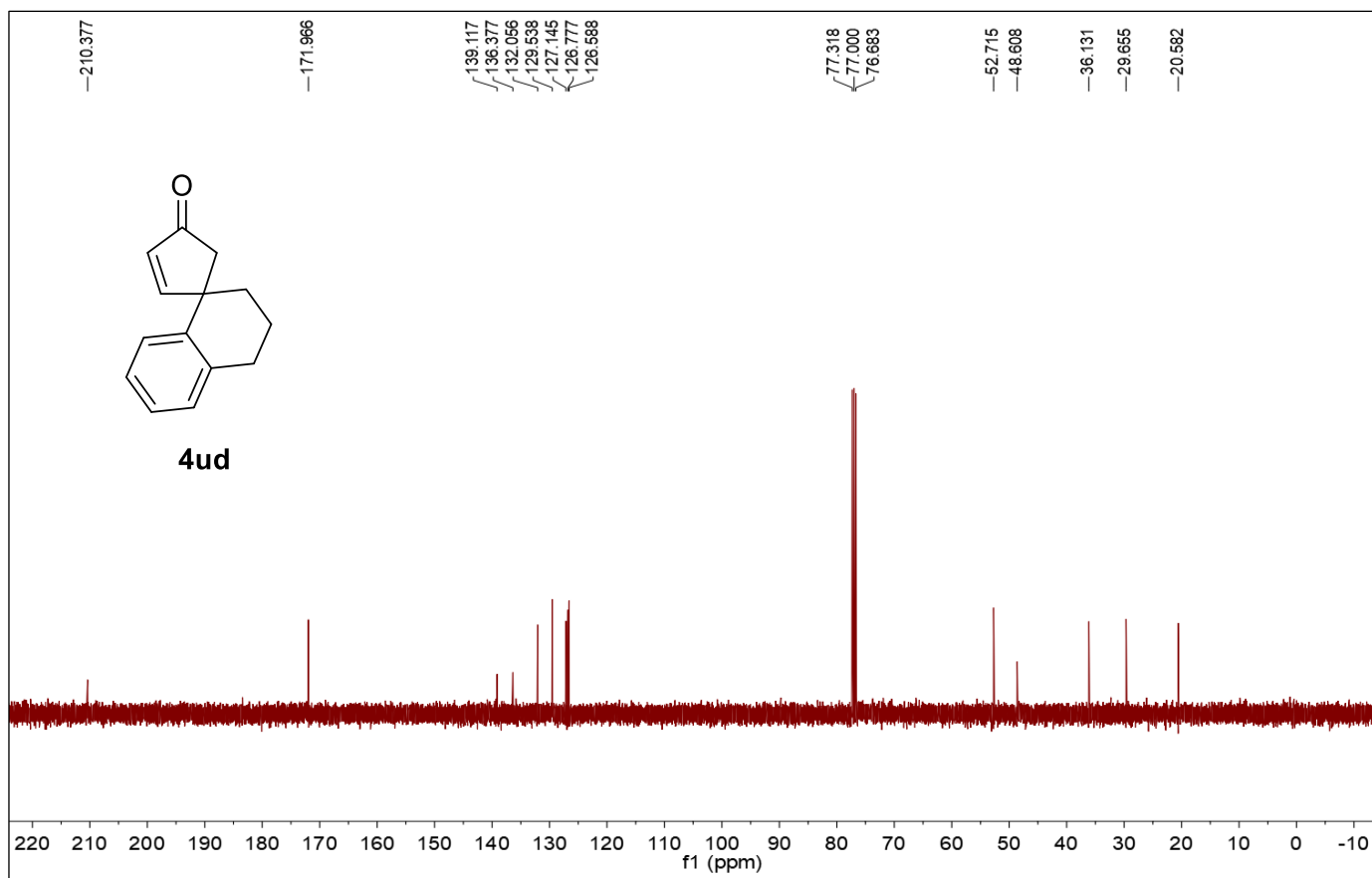
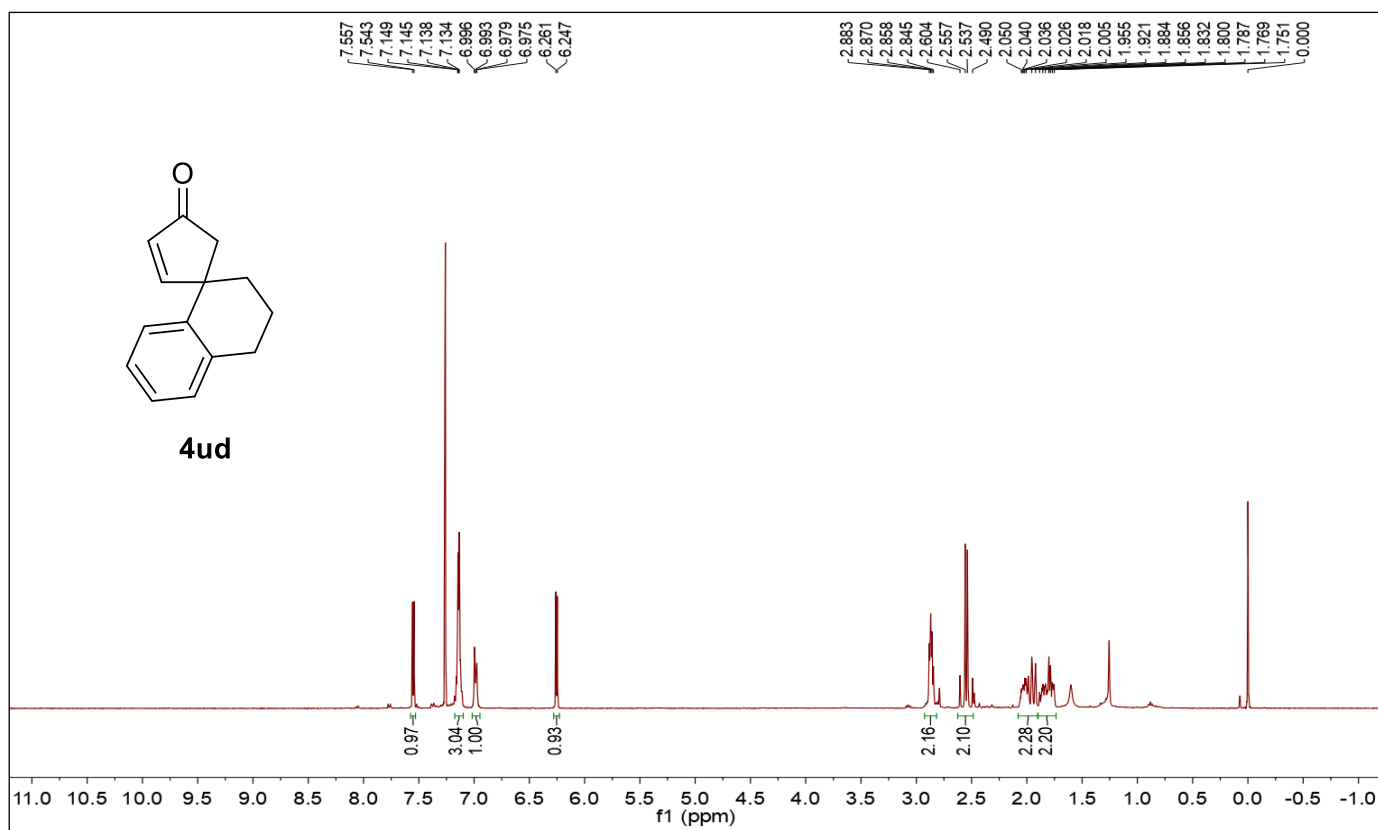


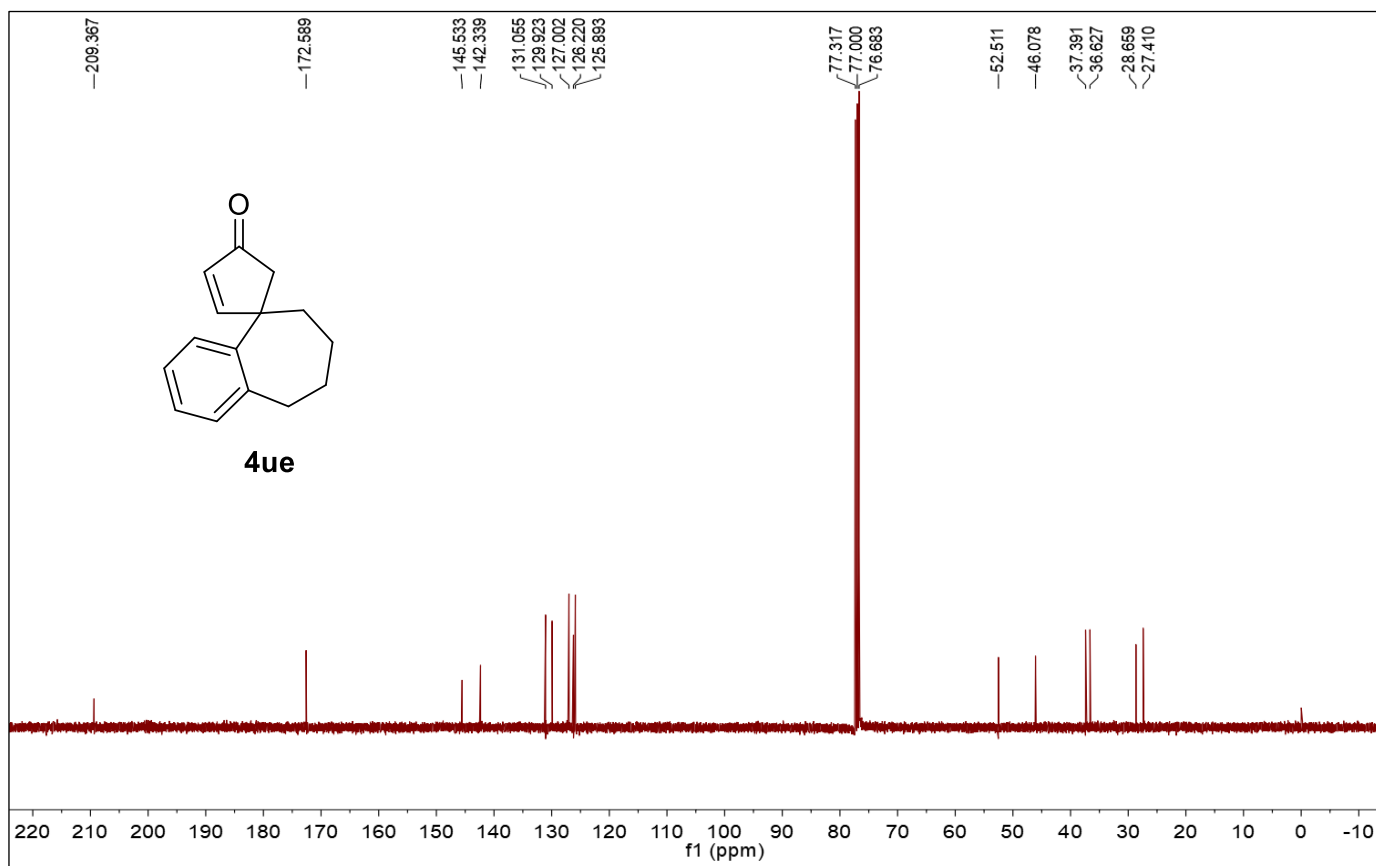
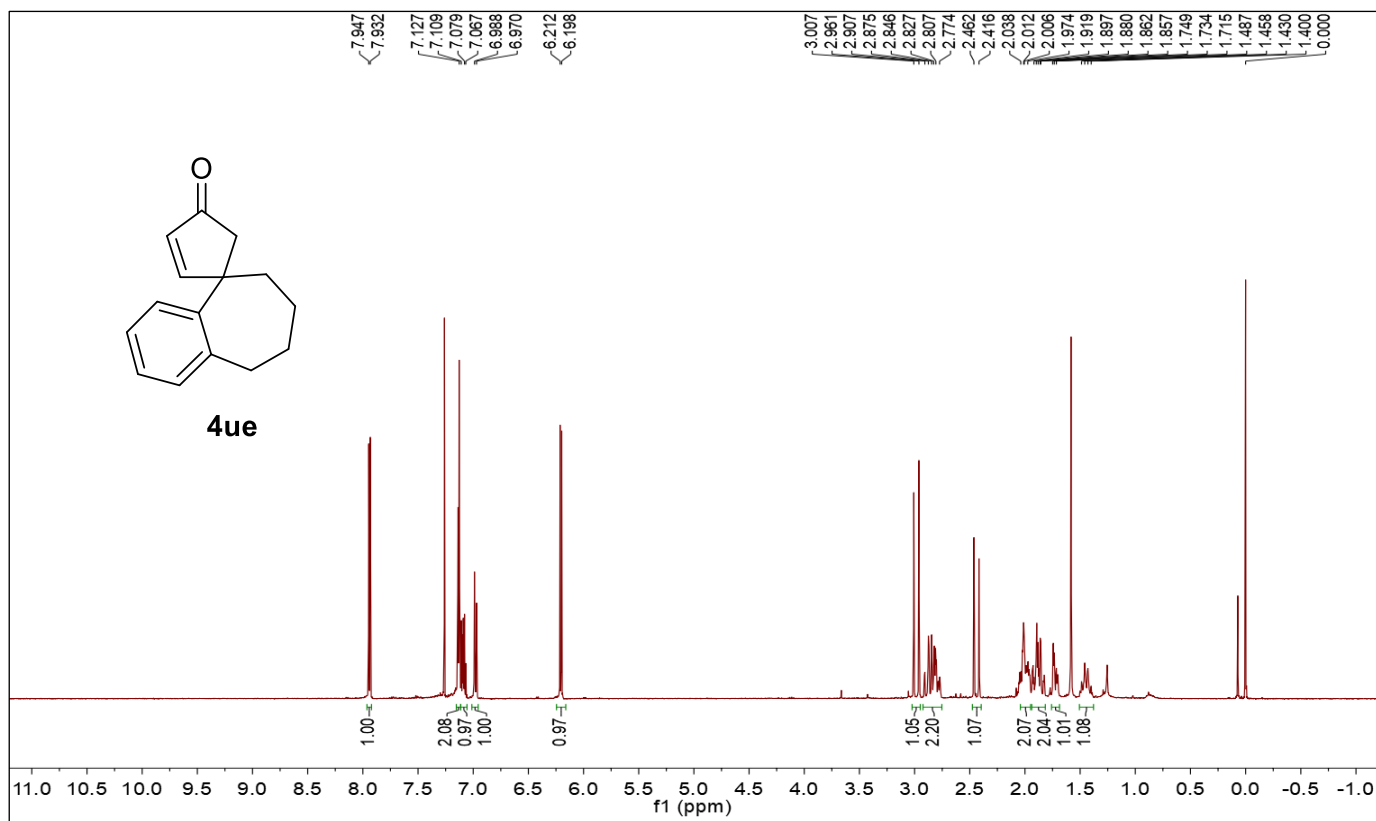
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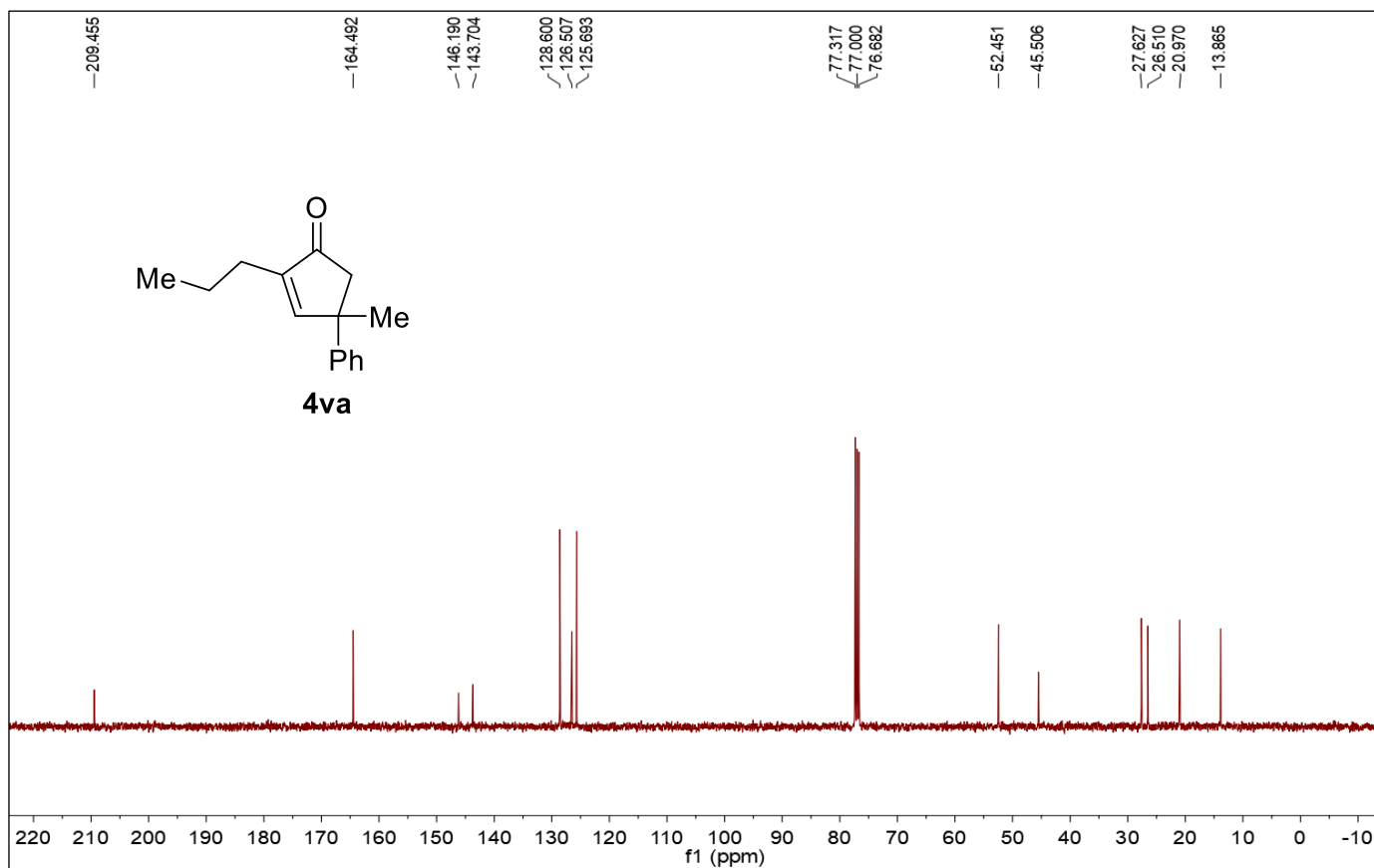
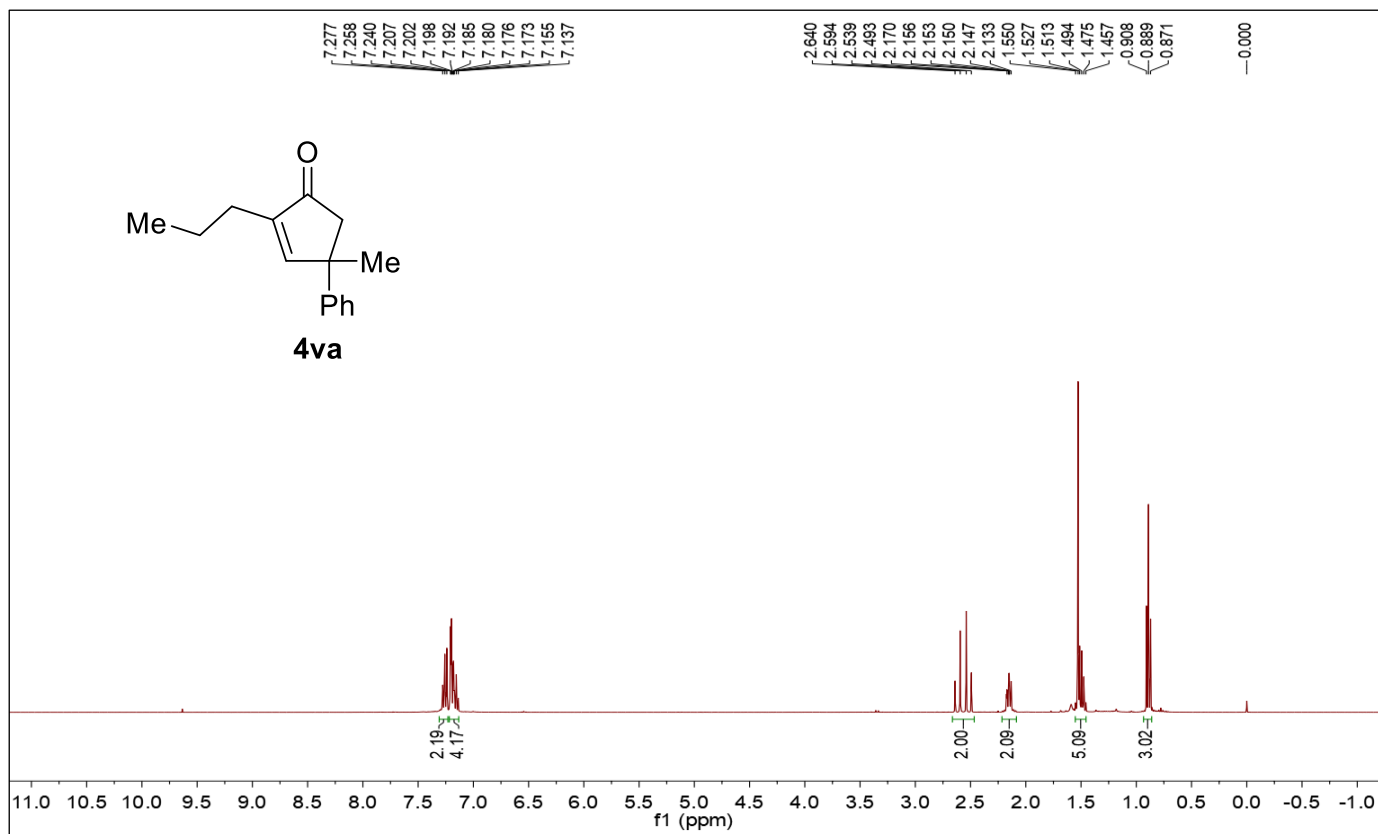


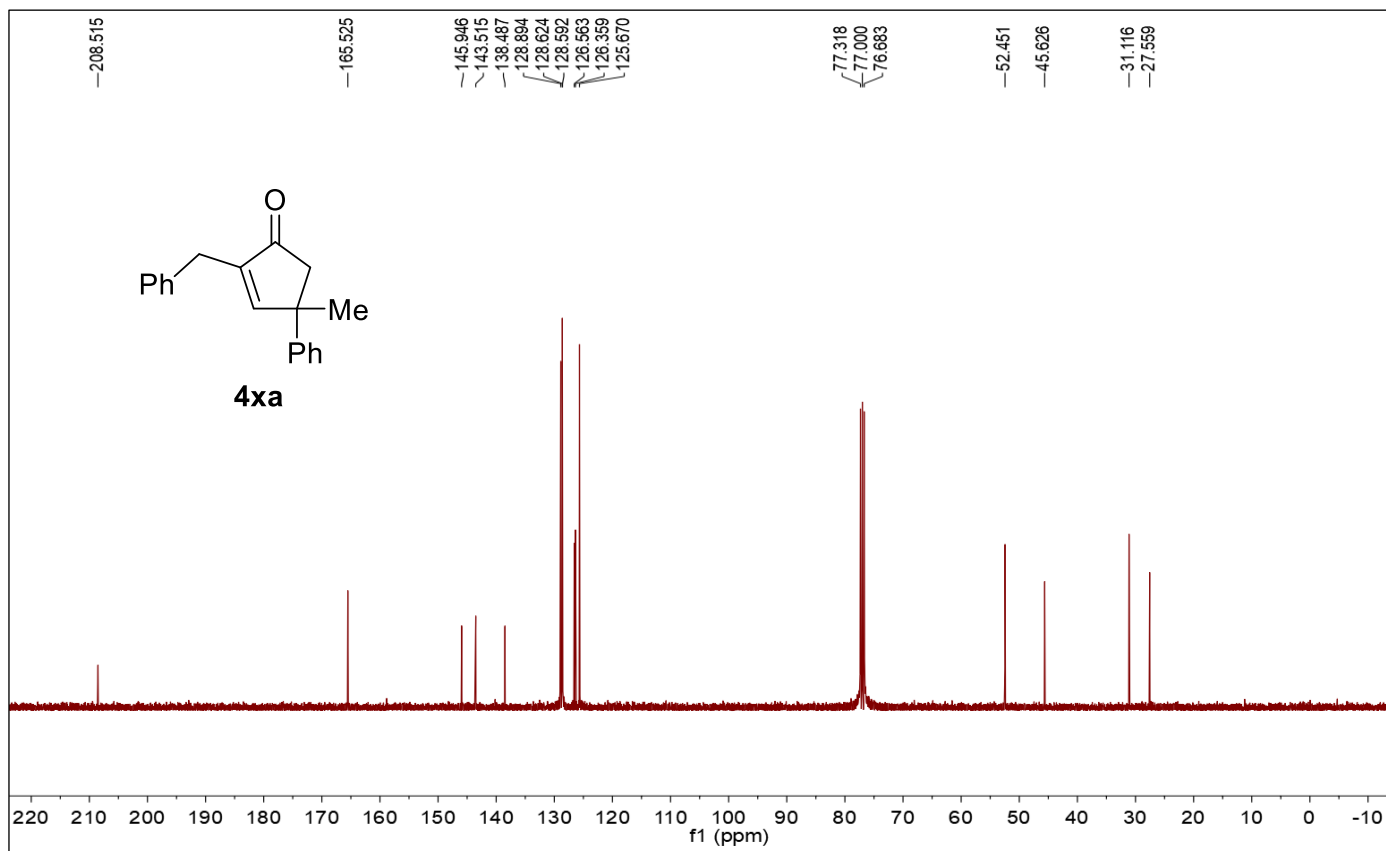
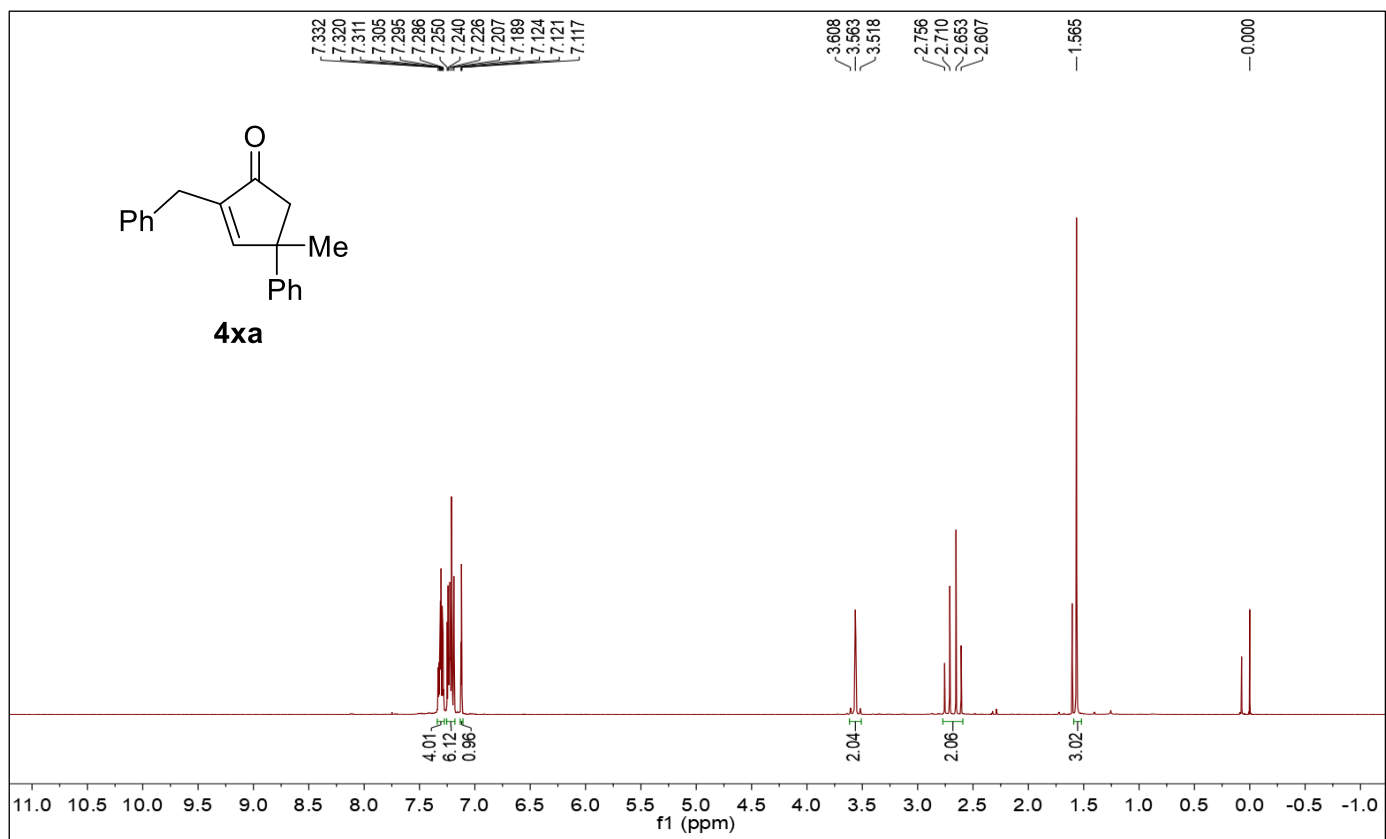


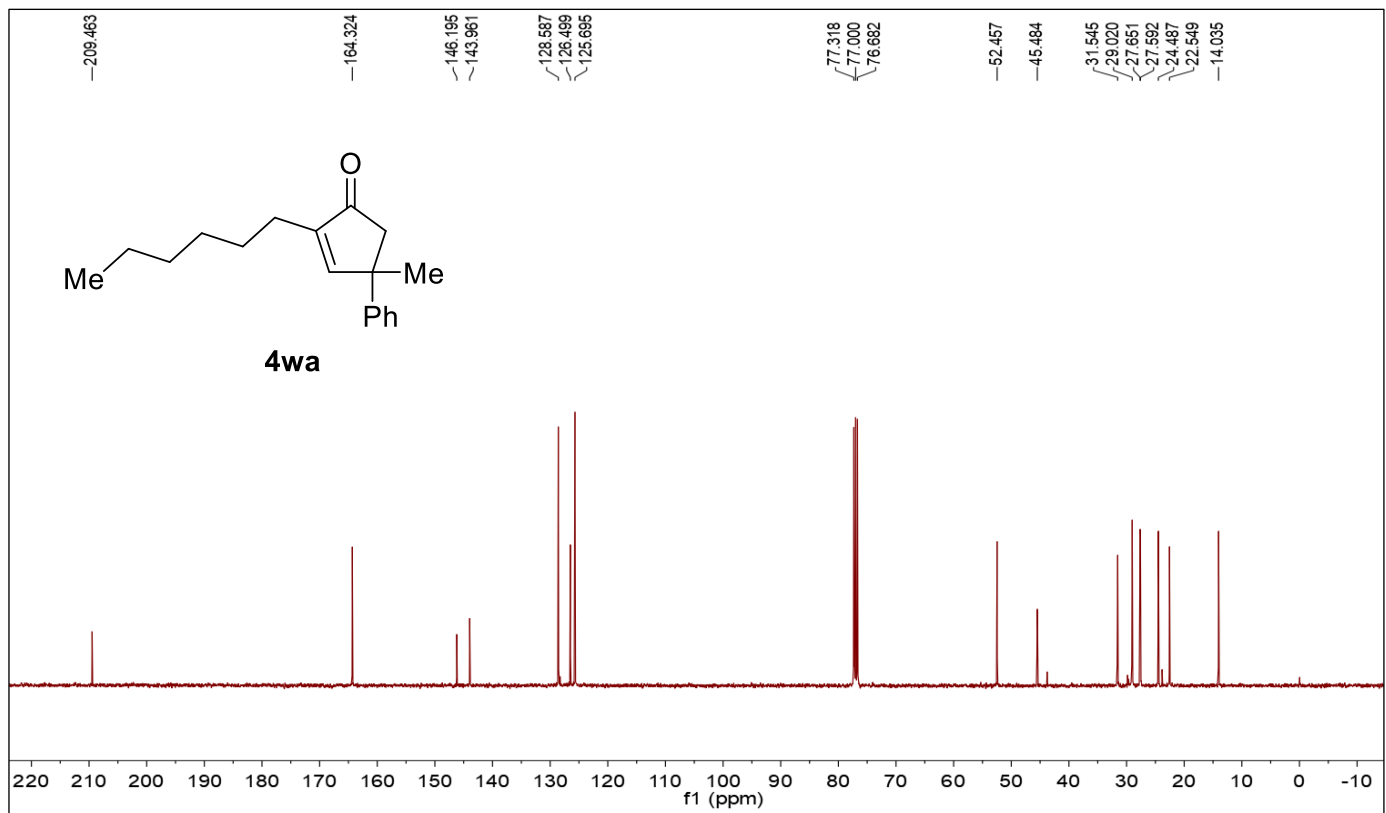
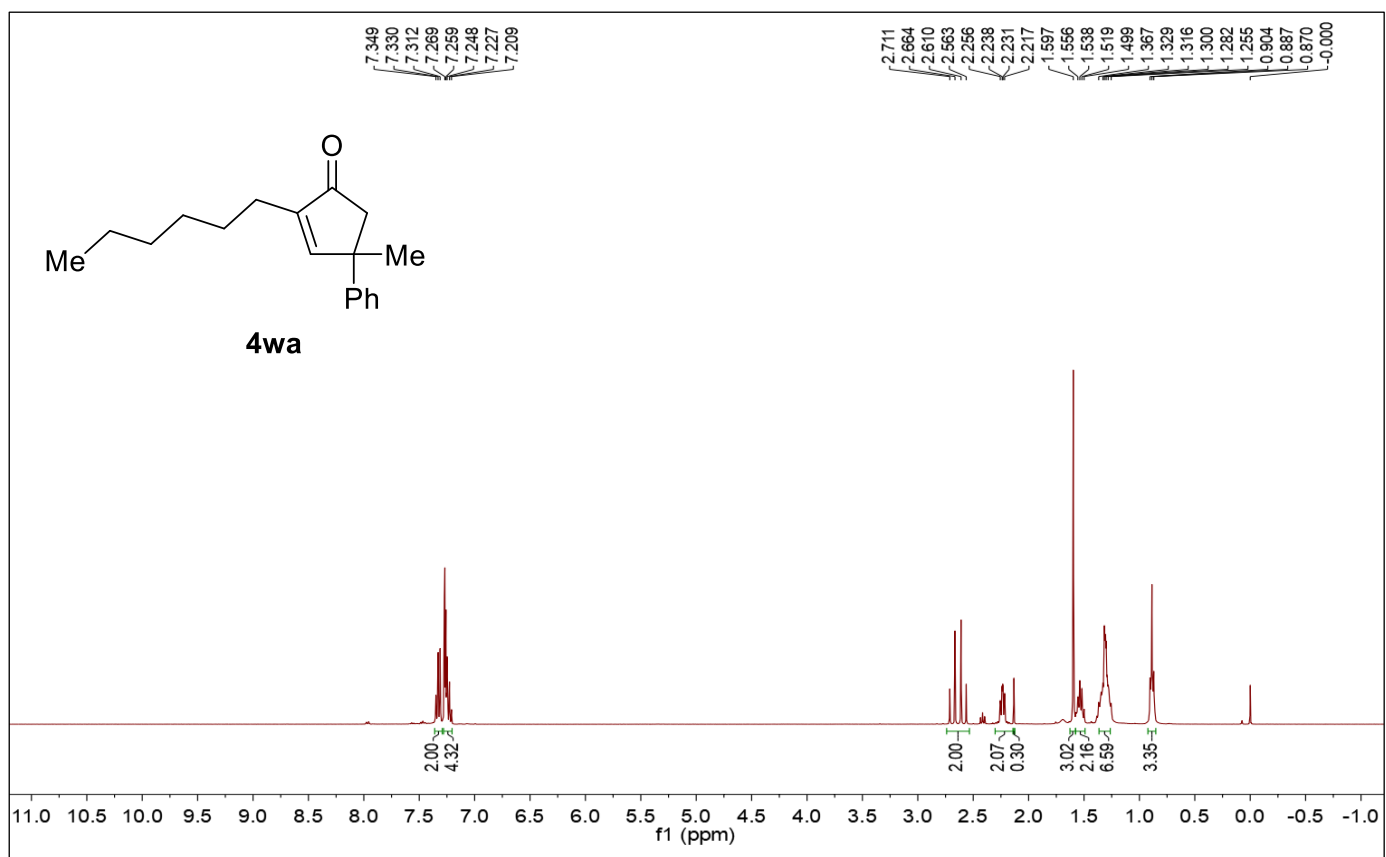


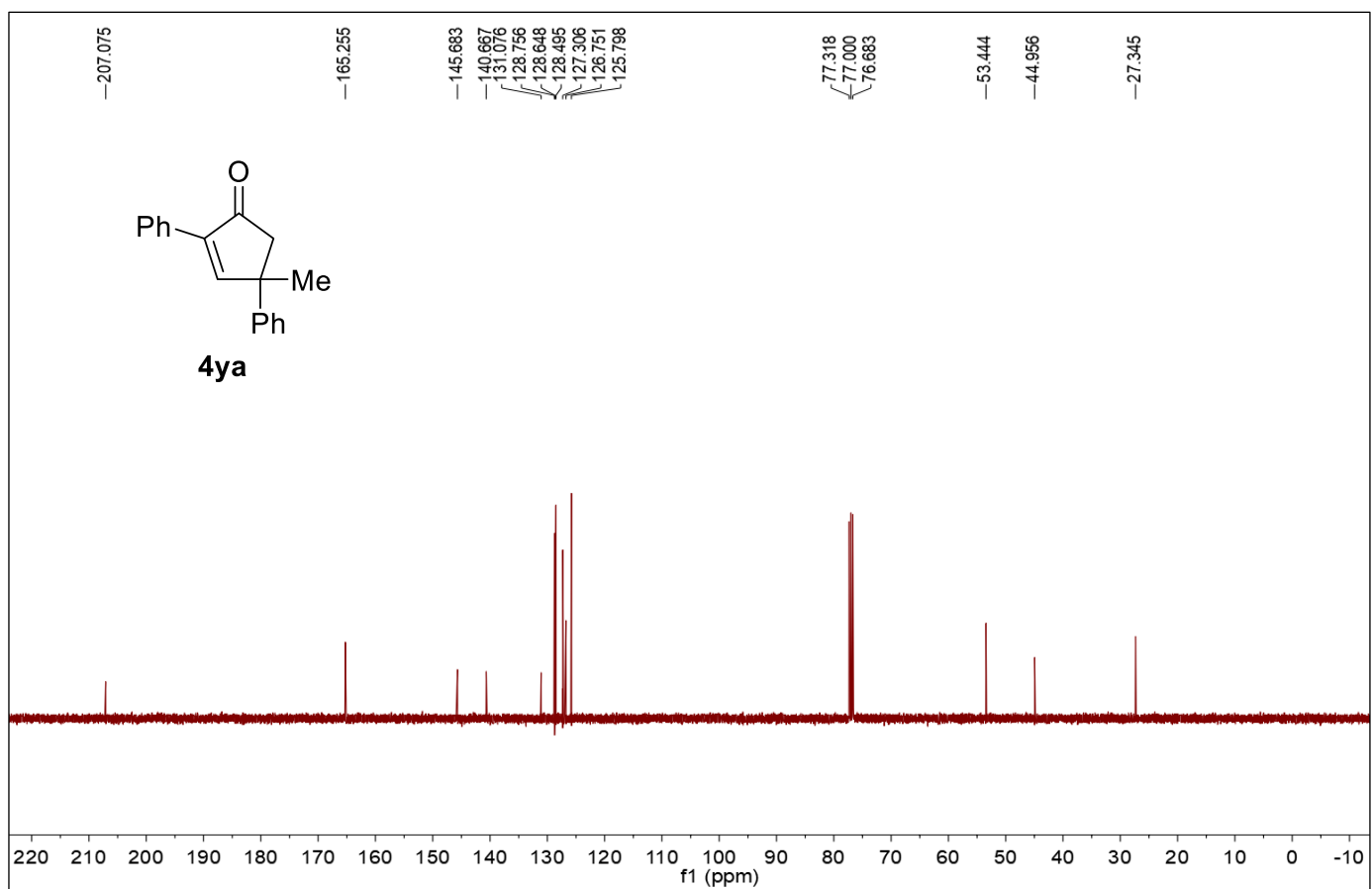
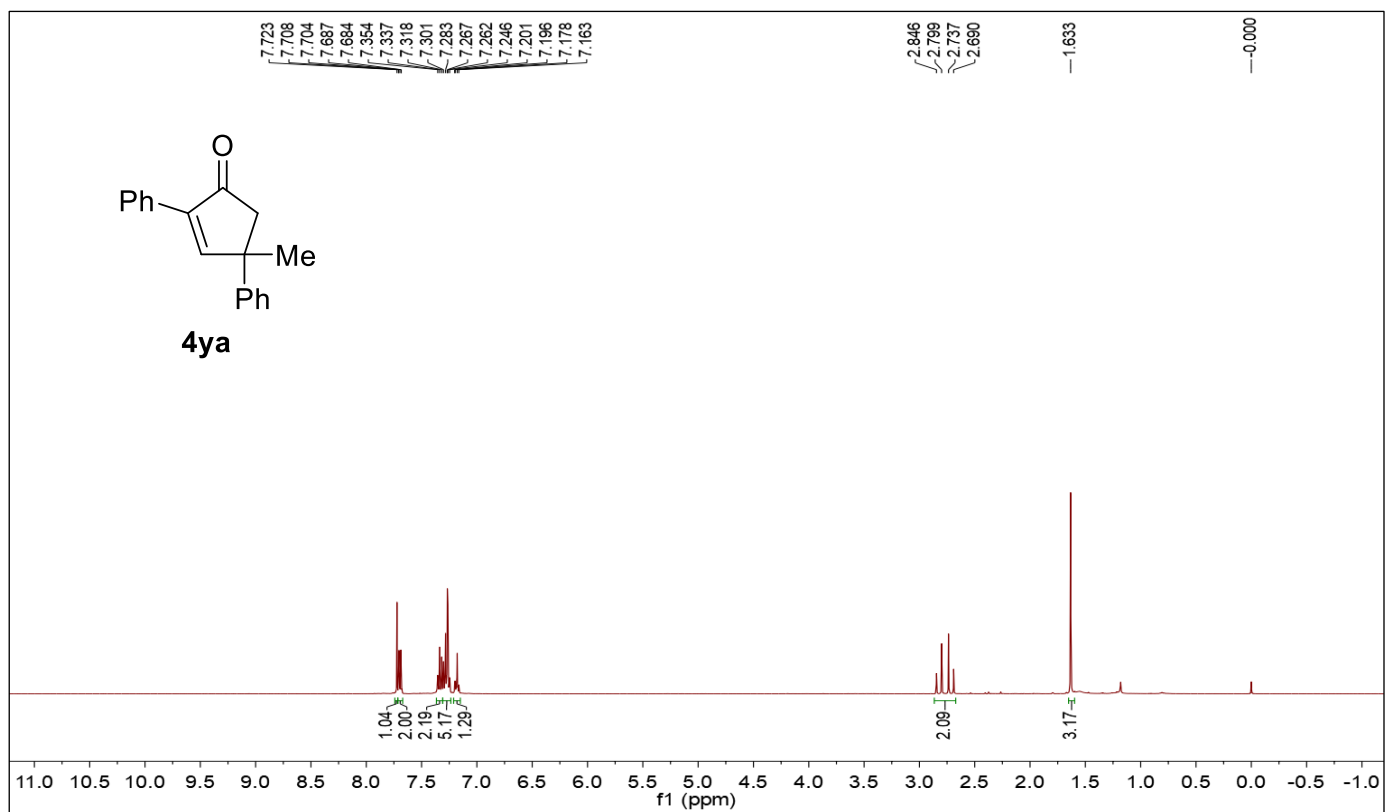


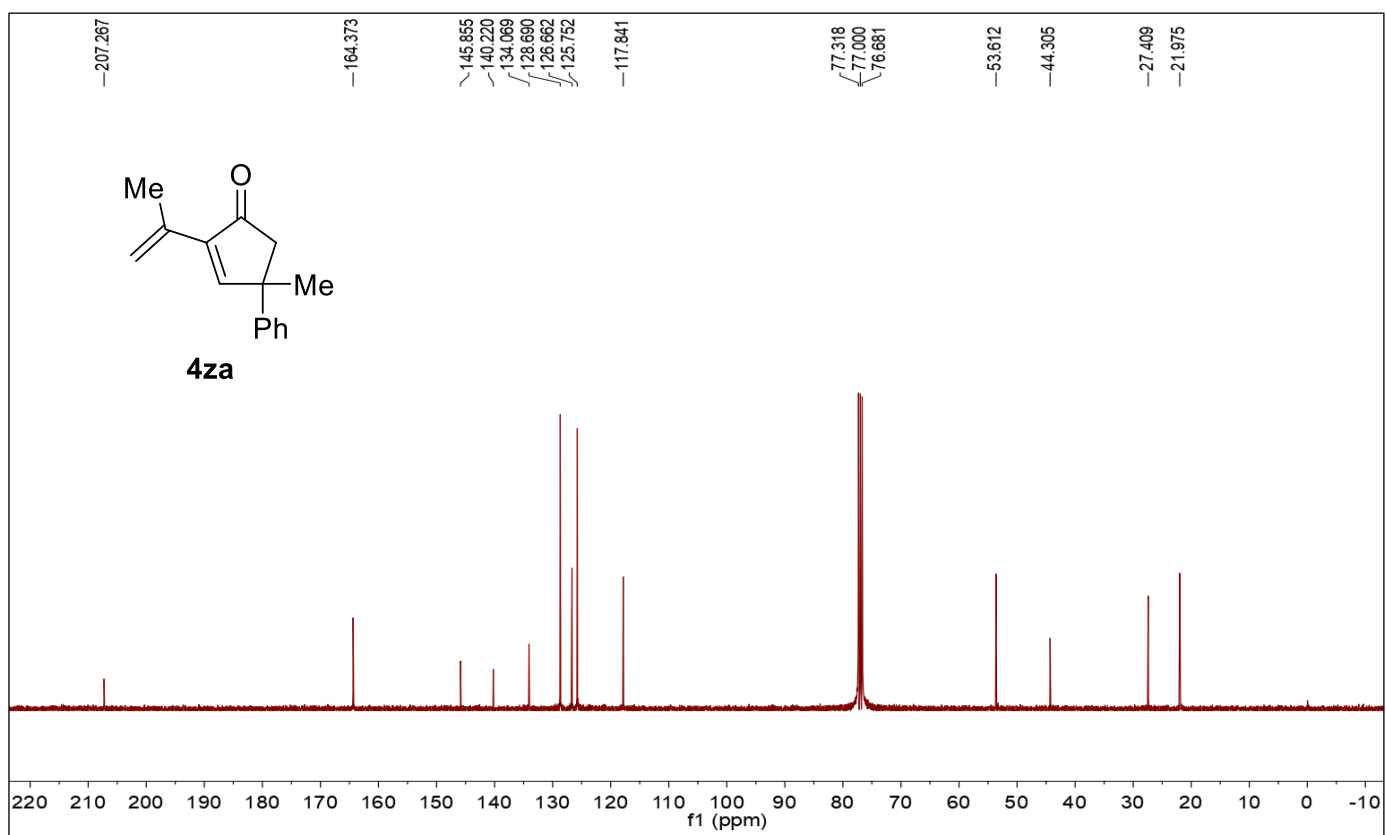
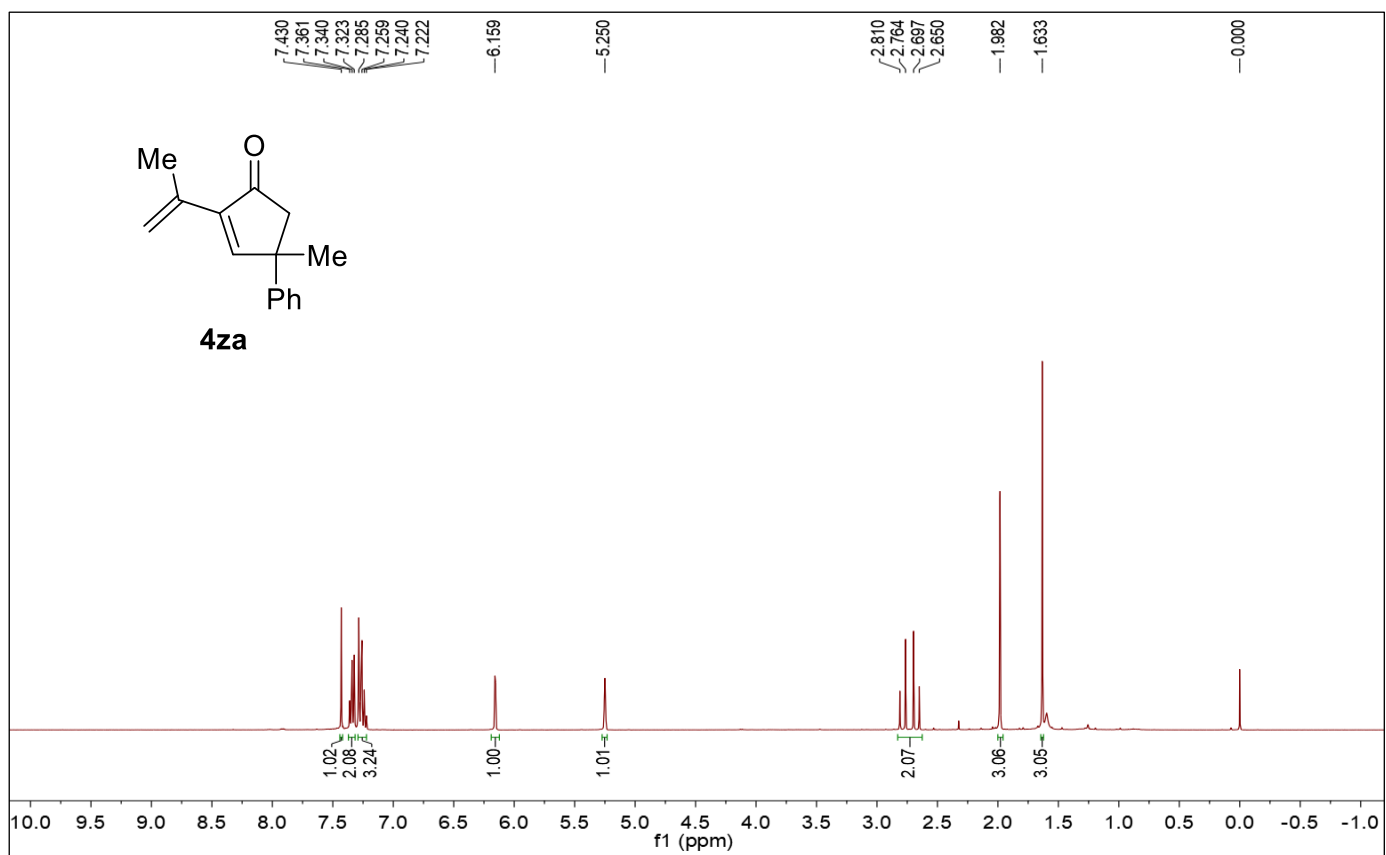












^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of mechanistic investigations

