

Pd-Catalyzed Heck-type Cascade Reaction with *N*-Tosylhydrazones: An Efficient Way to Alkenes Via *in-situ* Generated Alkylpalladium

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Supporting Information

General Information. All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere in oven or flame-dried glassware, unless the reaction procedure states otherwise. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium-benzophenone in a continuous still under an atmosphere of N₂. Dichloromethane and acetonitrile were distilled from calcium hydride in a still under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Room temperature reactions were carried out between 20-25 °C. Flash column chromatography was performed using 40-63 μm silica gel as the stationary phase. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-400 FT spectrometer using solvent residue as an internal reference (7.26 and 77.00 ppm for CDCl₃, respectively). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a LC-TOF spectrometer (Micromass).

Table S1. Reaction Condition Optimization^a

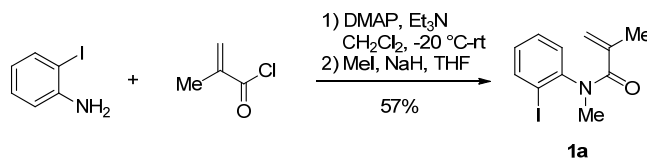
Entry	Ligand (mol %)	Solvent	Time	Yield (%) ^b
1	TFP (15)	PhMe	3 h	73
2	TFP (15)	DMF	1.5 h	76
3	TFP (15)	THF	2 h	95 ^c
4	TFP (15)	CH ₃ CN	1 h	98
5	PPh ₃ (15)	CH ₃ CN	1 h	98
6	PPh ₃ (10)	CH ₃ CN	1 h	94
7	<i>rac</i> -BINAP (7.5)	CH ₃ CN	5 h	37
8	dppe (7.5)	CH ₃ CN	5 h	31
9 ^d	PPh ₃ (3)	CH ₃ CN	20 min	93
10 ^e	PPh ₃ (15)	CH ₃ CN	1 h	NR
11	-	CH ₃ CN	1 h	^f

^a The reactions were conducted in 0.15-0.20 mmol scale with 2 equiv of **2a**, 3.0 equiv of LiOt-Bu

in the presence of 5 mol % Pd(OAc)₂ and phosphine. ^b Isolated yields. ^c The isolated product was contaminated with small amount of uncharacterized compound. ^d 1 mol % of Pd(OAc)₂ was used and the reaction was conducted at 80 °C. ^e The reaction was conducted in the absence of Pd catalyst. ^f A complicated mixture was detected.

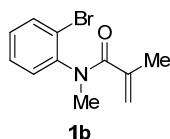
Typical Procedures for the preparation of **1**:^{1,2}

Preparation of **1a**:

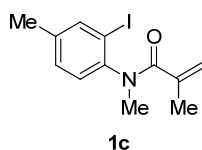


Methacryloyl chloride (0.12 ml, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added to a mixture of 2-iodoaniline (0.219 g, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq), DMAP (6.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 5 mol %), Et₃N (0.28 ml, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 ml) at -20 °C dropwise. After stirring at -20 °C for 30 min and room temperature overnight, the mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration, the obtained crude amide was used in next step without purification.

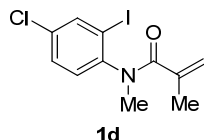
NaH (80 mg, 60% in mineral oil, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added to a solution of the above crude amide in THF (4.0 ml) at 0 °C in portions. After stirring for 20 min at 0 °C MeI (0.19 ml, 3.0 mmol, 3.0 eq) added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for another 2 h. The reaction was quenched with water and the resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate twice. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford the desired amide **1a** (0.173 g, 57%).² Solid, 71-72 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.07-6.91 (m, 1 H), 5.05 (s, 1 H), 4.98 (s, 1 H), 3.24 (s, 3 H), 1.82 (s, 3 H).



1b^{1,3} (R_f = 0.2, PE:EA = 10:1) (1.87 g, 74%) was prepared following the typical procedure in 10.0 mmol scale. Solid, 49-51 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 1 H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 2 H), 5.00 (s, 1 H), 4.96 (s, 1 H), 3.24 (s, 3 H), 1.81 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.9, 143.5, 140.0, 133.7, 129.8, 129.1, 128.4, 122.8, 118.6, 36.3, 20.2.

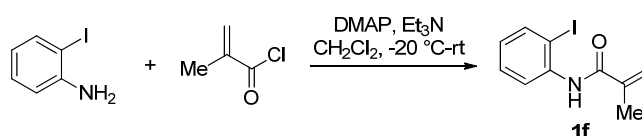


1c ($R_f = 0.3$, PE:EA = 5:1) (2.05 g, 65%) was prepared following the typical procedure in 10.0 mmol scale. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (s, 1 H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 5.06 (s, 1 H), 4.97 (s, 1 H), 3.21 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 1.82 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.8, 144.2, 140.5, 140.2, 139.5, 130.1, 128.7, 118.7, 98.8, 36.8, 20.6, 20.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{ONI}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 316.0193, found 316.0184.



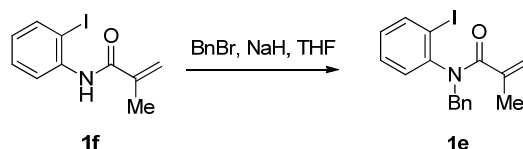
1d ($R_f = 0.3$, PE:EA = 5:1) (1.92 g, 67%) was prepared following the typical procedure in 8.5 mmol scale. Solid, 60-61 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.86 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.03 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.21 (s, 3 H), 1.83 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.6, 145.7, 139.9, 139.5, 133.9, 129.7, 129.6, 119.3, 99.3, 36.8, 20.5. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{ON}^{35}\text{ClI}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 335.9647, found 335.9643.

Preparation of **1f**:⁴



Under a nitrogen atmosphere methacryloyl chloride (2.3 ml, 24.0 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added to a solution of 2-iodoaniline (4.38 g, 20.0 mmol, 1.0 eq), DMAP (0.122 g, 1.0 mmol, 5 mol %), Et_3N (5.6 ml, 40.0 mmol, 2.0 eq) in CH_2Cl_2 (40.0 ml) at -20 °C dropwise. After stirring at -20 °C for 30 min and room temperature overnight, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO_3 . The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 twice, and the combined organic layer washed with brine, and dried over Na_2SO_4 . After filtration and concentration, the residue was purified by column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) on silica gel to afford **1f** (3.10 g, 10.8 mmol, 54%). Solid, 47-48 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes).

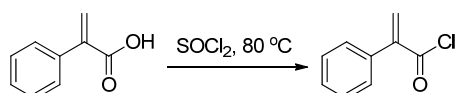
Preparation of **1e**



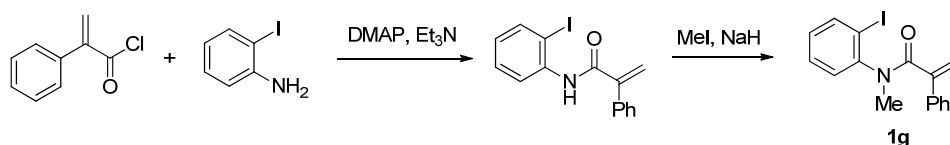
NaH (30 mg, 60% in mineral oil, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added in portions to a solution of **1f** (0.144 g, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 eq) in THF (2.0 ml) at 0 °C. After stirring for 20 min, BnBr (70 μl , 0.60 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with water and THF was removed by evaporation. The residue was extracted with ethyl acetate twice, and the organic phase was washed with brine, dried

over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) on silica gel to afford **1e** (0.175 g, 93%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.37-7.09 (m, 6 H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.68 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.04 (s, 1 H), 4.97 (s, 1 H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.85 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.4, 144.5, 140.2, 140.1, 136.8, 131.3, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 118.7, 100.0, 51.8, 20.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₇ONi [M⁺+H] 378.0349, found 378.0346.

Preparation of **1g**:



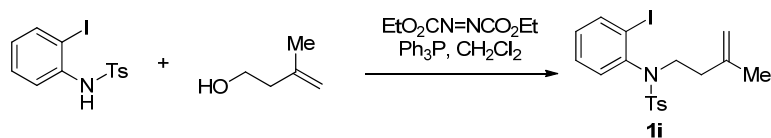
Thionyl chloride (0.15.0 ml, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added to 2-phenylacrylic acid (0.178 g, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 eq) at 80 °C dropwise. The reaction was maintain at 80 °C for about 30 min and then cooled to room temperature. The excess thionyl chloride was removed under vacuum and the resulting crude acid chloride used in next step directly.



The above acid chloride in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 ml) was added to a solution of 2-iodoaniline (0.219 g, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq), DMAP (6.0 mg, 0.05 mmol, 5 mol %), Et₃N (0.28 ml, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 ml) at -20 °C dropwise. After stirring at -20 °C for 30 min and room temperature overnight, the mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃, extracted with CH₂Cl₂ twice. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration, the resulting crude amide was used in next step without further purification.

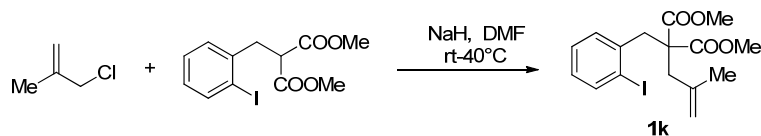
NaH (80 mg, 60% in mineral oil, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added to a solution of the above crude amide in THF (5.0 ml) at 0 °C for portions. After stirring for 20 min at 0 °C MeI (0.19 ml, 3.0 mmol, 3.0 eq) added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for another 2 h. After quenched with water, the residue was extracted with ethyl acetate twice. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated, and purified by column chromatography (10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) on silica gel to afford **1g** (0.151 g, 42%). A mixture of rotamers were observed and the followings are selected peaks: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 3 H), 7.17-7.09 (m, 2 H), 7.08-6.97 (m, 1 H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.61 (s, 1 H), 5.33 (s, 1 H), 3.28 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.1, 145.5, 145.2, 144.8, 139.9, 139.7, 136.8, 135.1, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 126.0, 117.3, 114.8, 99.1, 98.0, 39.3, 36.2. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₅ONi [M⁺+H] 364.0193, found 364.0183.

Preparation of 1i:



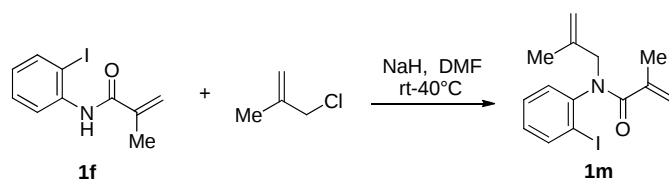
A solution of diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD) (0.15 ml, 0.98 mmol, 1.3 eq) in CH_2Cl_2 (3.0 mL) was added slowly to a mixture of 3-methylbut-3-en-1-ol (100 μl , 0.98 mmol, 1.3 eq), PPh_3 (0.171 g, 0.98 mmol, 1.3 eq), *N*-tosyl-2-iodoaniline (0.280 g, 0.75 mmol, 1.0 eq) in CH_2Cl_2 (3.0 mL) at 0 °C. The resulted solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc twice. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford compound **1i** (0.330 g, 0.75 mmol, 99%). Solid, 63-66 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.39-7.22 (m, 3 H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (s, 1 H), 4.61 (s, 1 H), 3.85-3.68 (m, 1 H), 3.60-3.43 (m, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 2.40-2.25 (m, 1 H), 2.22-2.06 (m, 1 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.6, 142.1, 141.5, 140.5, 136.2, 130.6, 129.9, 129.5, 128.7, 128.1, 111.9, 103.1, 50.3, 36.3, 22.6, 21.6. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{NIS}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 442.0332, found 442.0326.

Preparation of 1k:



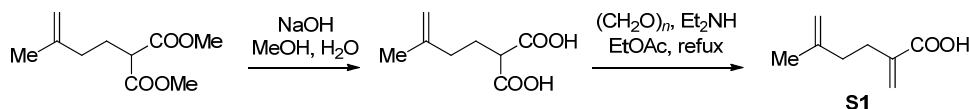
NaH (0.120 g, 60% in mineral oil, 3.0 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added to a solution of dimethyl 2-(2-iodobenzyl)malonate⁵ (0.52 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (4.0 ml) in portions. After stirring at rt for 30 min 3-chloro-2-methylprop-1-ene (0.18 ml, 1.8 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to heat to 40 °C for 3 h. After cooling to rt the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl , and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate twice. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford **1k** (0.40 g, 60%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.34-7.19 (m, 2 H), 6.88 (td, J = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.89 (s, 1 H), 4.74 (s, 1 H), 3.65 (s, 6 H), 3.52 (s, 2 H), 2.80 (s, 2 H), 1.70 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.4, 140.7, 139.9, 139.7, 130.0, 128.4, 128.0, 115.2, 102.7, 58.3, 52.5, 42.9, 42.0, 23.5. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{I}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 403.0401, found 403.0396.

Preparation of 1m:



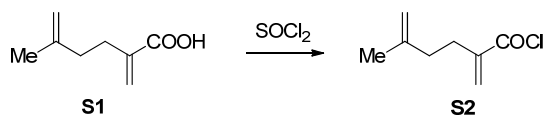
NaH (60 mg, 60% in mineral oil, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added to a solution of **1f** (0.287 g, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (2.0 ml) in portions and stirred at room temperature for 30 min before 3-chloro-2-methylprop-1-ene (0.12.0 ml, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was heated to 40 °C for 3 h. After cooling down the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl , and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate twice. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) on silica gel to afford **1m** (0.284 g, 0.83 mmol, 83%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.13–4.94 (m, 3 H), 4.85 (s, 1 H), 4.71 (s, 1 H), 3.49 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.86 (s, 3 H), 1.80 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.2, 144.9, 140.4, 140.3, 140.2, 130.8, 129.2, 128.7, 118.7, 113.9, 99.9, 54.1, 20.7. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{ONI}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 342.0349, found 342.0343.

Preparation of **1n**:

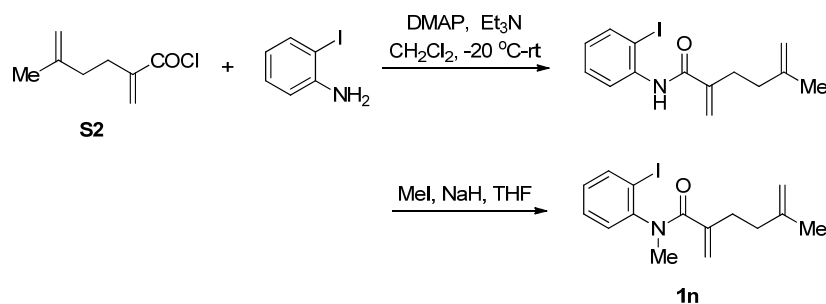


A solution of NaOH (1.0 M, 3.0 ml, 3.0 mmol, 1.5 eq) was added to a mixture of dimethyl 2-(3-methylbut-3-enyl)malonate (0.40 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 eq) in MeOH (5.0 ml) and was stirred at reflux for 1 h. After cooling to room temperature the mixture was acidified by 4.0 M HCl (pH ~ 3.0) and extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated.

Diethylamine (0.24 ml, 2.3 mmol, 1.15 eq) was added to a mixture of above diacid in EtOAc (2.0 ml) at 0 °C followed by polyformaldehyde (84 mg, 2.8 mmol, 1.4 eq), and the mixture was heated at reflux for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was acidified by 2.0 M HCl (pH ~ 3.0). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times, and the combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) on silica gel to afford **S1**⁶ (0.221 g, 1.56 mmol, 79%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.32 (s, 1 H), 5.67 (s, 1 H), 4.74 (s, 1 H), 4.70 (s, 1 H), 2.46 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.21 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.6, 144.7, 139.6, 127.3, 110.6, 36.5, 29.7, 22.4. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 141.0910, found 141.0906.



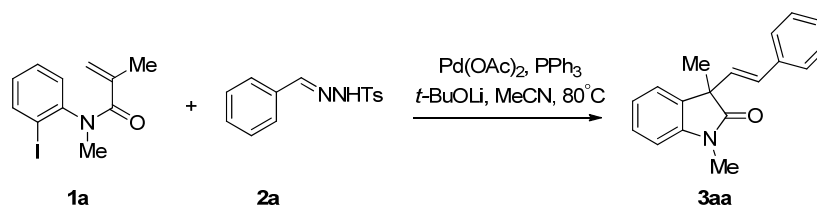
Thionyl chloride (0.18 ml, 2.5 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added to **S1** (0.21 g, 1.5 mmol, 1.2 eq) at 80 °C dropwise and the reaction was maintained at 80 °C for 30 min. After cooling to room temperature, the excess thionyl chloride was removed under vacuum and the resulting acid chloride **S2** was used in next step directly.



The above acid chloride **S2** in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 ml) was added to a mixture of 2-iodoaniline (0.273 g, 1.25 mmol, 1.0 eq), DMAP (7.6 mg, 0.0625 mmol, 5 mol %), Et₃N (0.35 ml, 2.5 mmol, 2.0 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 ml) at -20 °C dropwise. After stirring at -20 °C for 30 min and room temperature overnight, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ twice. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration, the residue was used in next step without purification.

NaH (0.100 g, 60% in mineral oil, 2.5 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added to a solution of the above crude amide in THF (5.0 ml) at 0 °C for portions. After stirring for 20 min at 0 °C MeI (0.23 ml, 3.75 mmol, 3.0 eq) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for another 2 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl, and extracted with EtOAc twice. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) on silica gel to afford **1n** (0.199 g, 45%). A mixture of rotamers were observed in ¹H NMR spectra in CDCl₃ at room temperature. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.15 (s, 1 H), 5.00 (s, 1 H), 4.69 (s, 1 H), 4.63 (s, 1 H), 3.25 (s, 3 H), 2.40-2.20 (m, 2 H), 2.20-2.00 (m, 2 H), 1.69 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.6, 146.8, 144.9, 144.2, 140.2, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 117.7, 110.1, 99.1, 36.9, 35.7, 31.7, 22.6. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₉ONI [M⁺+H] 356.0506, found 356.0503.

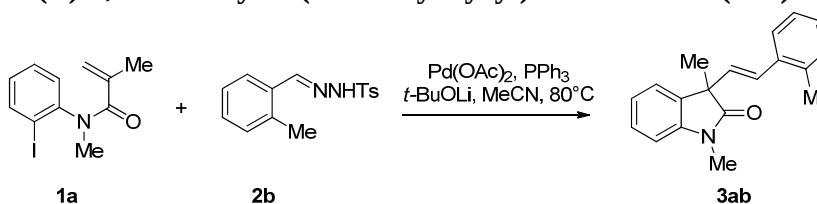
Synthesis of (*E*)-1,3-dimethyl-3-styrylindolin-2-one (**3aa**):



Typical Procedure for Pd(OAc)₂-catalyzed cross-coupling of **1** and *N*-tosyl hydrazones **2**: A mixture of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2b** (0.110 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN was stirred at 80 °C for 50 min. After complete consumption of starting material **1a**, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc twice, and the combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford **3aa** (52.3 mg, 99%).⁷ Solid, 119-122 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.28 (m, 3 H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3 H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 1 H), 7.11 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.22 (s, 3 H), 1.58 (s, 3 H).

Procedure for the 5 mmol scale reaction: A mixture of **1a** (1.51 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (2.74 g, 10.0 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (56 mg, 0.25 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (1.20 g, 15.0 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (0.197 g, 0.75 mmol, 15 mol %) in 75.0 mL of CH₃CN was stirred at 80 °C for 30 min. After complete consumption of **1a**, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and MeCN was removed by evaporation. The residue was extracted with ethyl acetate twice and the combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica (10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford **3aa** (1.26 g, 96%).

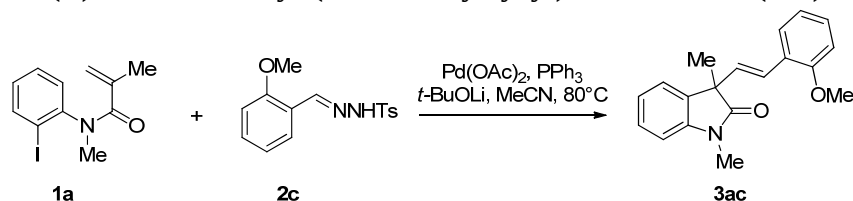
Synthesis of (*E*)-1,3-dimethyl-3-(2'-methylstyryl)indolin-2-one (**3ab**):



The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2b** (0.115 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 30 min afforded **3ab** (R_f = 0.4, PE:EA = 10:1) (55.0 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.34 (m, 1 H), 7.34-7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.16-7.05 (m, 4 H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.22 (s, 3 H), 2.24 (s, 3 H), 1.59 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.7, 142.9, 135.6, 135.4, 132.9, 131.1, 130.1, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 126.0, 125.6, 123.8, 122.5, 108.3, 50.9, 26.3, 23.2, 19.6.

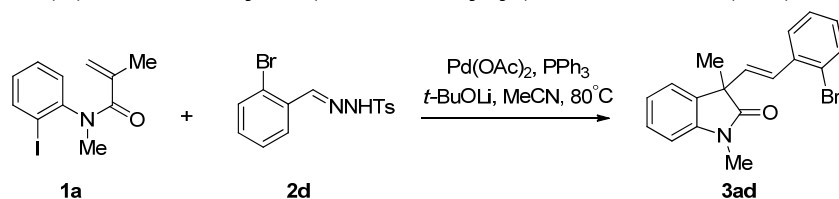
HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀ON [M⁺+H] 278.1539, found 278.1533.

Synthesis of (E)-3-1,3-dimethyl-(2'-methoxystyryl)indolin-2-one (3ac):



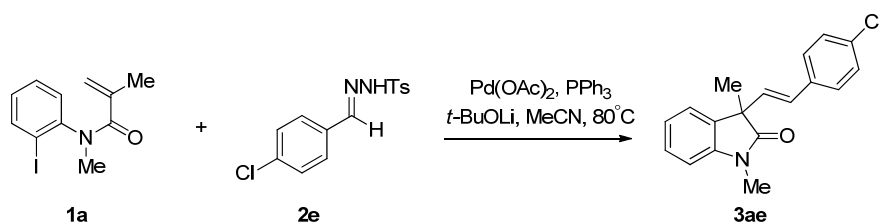
The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2c** (0.122 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 1 h afforded **3ac** (R_f = 0.4, PE:Acetone = 4:1) (58.1 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 1 H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.92-6.84 (m, 2 H), 6.85-6.77 (m, 2 H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.24 (s, 3 H), 1.61 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.9, 156.6, 142.9, 133.2, 130.1, 128.6, 128.0, 126.9, 125.5, 124.9, 124.0, 122.5, 120.5, 110.7, 108.2, 55.3, 51.0, 26.3, 23.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀O₂N [M⁺+H] 294.1489, found 294.1491.

Synthesis of (E)-1,3-dimethyl-3-(2'-bromostyryl)indolin-2-one (3ad):



The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2d** (0.141 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 50 min afforded **3ad** (R_f = 0.6, PE:EA = 5:1) (61.3 mg, 90%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53-7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 1 H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.24 (s, 3 H), 1.62 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.4, 143.0, 136.4, 132.74, 132.66, 132.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 127.4, 127.1, 124.1, 123.8, 122.7, 108.4, 50.9, 26.4, 23.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇ONBr⁷⁹ [M⁺+H] 342.0488, found 342.0491.

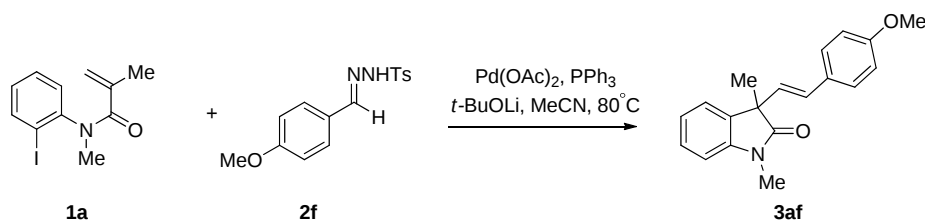
Synthesis of (E)-1,3-dimethyl-3-(4'-chlorostyryl)indolin-2-one (3ae):



The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2e** (0.124 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq),

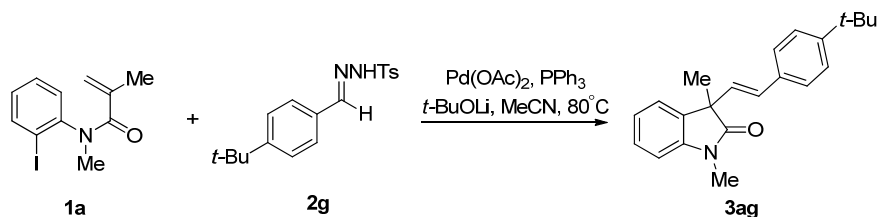
Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 50 min afforded **3ae** (R_f = 0.6, PE:EA = 5:1) (53.4 mg, 87%). Solid, 92-95 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.21-7.12 (m, 5 H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.15 (s, 3 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.5, 142.9, 135.0, 133.2, 132.6, 130.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.6, 123.9, 122.6, 108.4, 50.6, 26.4, 23.0. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇ONCl³⁵ [M⁺+H] 298.0993, found 298.0986.

Synthesis of (*E*)-1,3-dimethyl-3-(4'-methoxystyryl)indolin-2-one (**3af**):



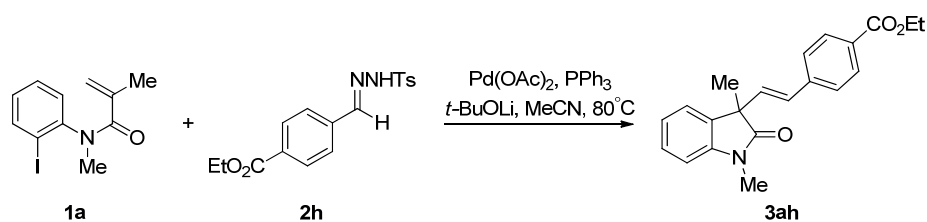
The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2f** (0.122 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 1 h afforded **3af** (R_f = 0.4, PE:Acetone = 4:1) (58.2 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 3 H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 3.22 (s, 3 H), 1.57 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.9, 159.2, 143.0, 133.0, 129.4, 129.3, 128.1, 127.6, 124.0, 122.6, 113.8, 108.3, 55.2, 50.6, 26.3, 23.1. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₀O₂N [M⁺+H] 294.1489, found 294.1487.

Synthesis of (*E*)-1,3-dimethyl-3-(4'-tert-butylstyryl)indolin-2-one (**3ag**):



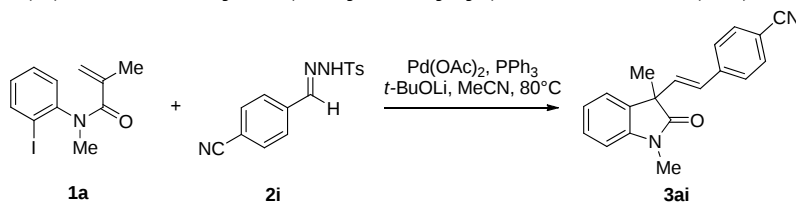
The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2g** (0.132 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 30 min afforded **3ag** (R_f = 0.7, PE:EA = 5:1) (62.0 mg, 97%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34-7.21 (m, 6 H), 7.11 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.21 (s, 3 H), 1.57 (s, 3 H), 1.28 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.7, 150.7, 142.9, 133.7, 132.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.0, 126.1, 125.3, 123.9, 122.5, 108.2, 50.6, 34.4, 31.2, 26.3, 23.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₆ON [M⁺+H] 320.2009, found 320.2004.

Synthesis of (E)-1,3-dimethyl-3-(4'-ethoxycarbonylstyryl)indolin-2-one (3ah):



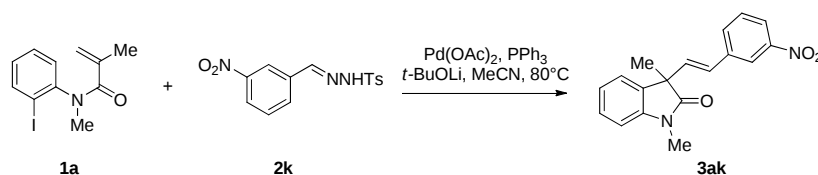
The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2h** (0.139 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq) Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 40 min afforded **3ah** (R_f = 0.4, PE:EA = 5:1) (65.0 mg, 97%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.40-7.25 (m, 4 H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.23 (s, 3 H), 1.60 (s, 3 H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.2 (C), 166.2 (C), 142.9 (C), 140.9 (C), 132.4 [CH=CH], 129.7 [CH(Ar)], 129.3 (C), 129.2 [CH=CH], 128.3 [CH(Ar)], 126.2 [CH(Ar)], 123.8 [CH(Ar)], 122.6 [CH(Ar)], 108.4 [CH(Ar)], 60.8 (CH₂), 50.7 (C), 26.3 (NCH₃), 23.0 (CCH₃), 14.2 (OCH₂CH₃) (one quaternary carbon was missing or overlapped with others). HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₂O₃N [M⁺+H] 336.1594, found 336.1589.

Synthesis of (E)-1,3-dimethyl-3-(4'-cyanostyryl)indolin-2-one (3ai):



The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2i** (0.120 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 50 min afforded **3ai** (R_f = 0.2, PE:EA = 5:1) (40.1 mg, 70%). Solid, 115-118 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.34 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.45 (s, 2 H), 3.24 (s, 3 H), 1.60 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.0, 142.9, 141.0, 133.8, 132.2, 132.1, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 123.8, 122.8, 118.8, 110.8, 108.5, 50.7, 26.4, 22.9. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₇ON₂ [M⁺+H] 289.1335, found 289.1331.

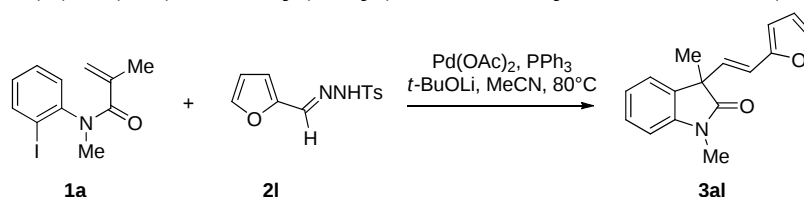
Synthesis of (E)-1,3-dimethyl-3-(3'-nitrostyryl)indolin-2-one (3ak):



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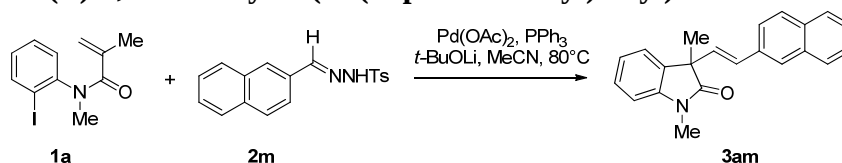
Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 1 h afforded **3ak** (R_f = 0.4, PE:EA = 10:1) (58.1 mg, 95%). Solid, 162-164 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (s, 1 H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (td *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.25 (s, 3 H), 1.61 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.1, 148.4, 142.9, 138.3, 133.2, 132.24, 132.20, 129.3, 128.4, 128.0, 123.8, 122.8, 122.2, 121.0, 108.5, 50.7, 26.4, 22.9. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇O₃N₂ [M⁺+H] 309.1234, found 309.1227.

Synthesis of (E)-3-(2'-(furan-2-yl)vinyl)-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (**3al**):



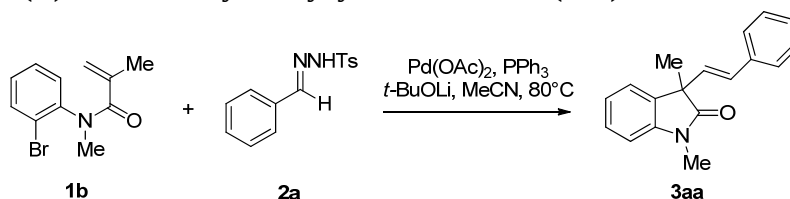
The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2l** (0.106 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 50 min afforded **3al** (R_f = 0.5, PE:EA = 5:1) (45.0 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27-7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1 H), 7.04 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.26-6.14 (m, 3 H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.15 (s, 3 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.5, 152.2, 142.9, 141.9, 132.7, 128.4, 128.2, 123.8, 122.7, 118.7, 111.2, 108.3, 108.2, 50.4, 26.4, 23.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₂N [M⁺+H] 254.1176, found 254.1171.

Synthesis of (E)-1,3-dimethyl-3-(2'-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)indolin-2-one (**3am**):



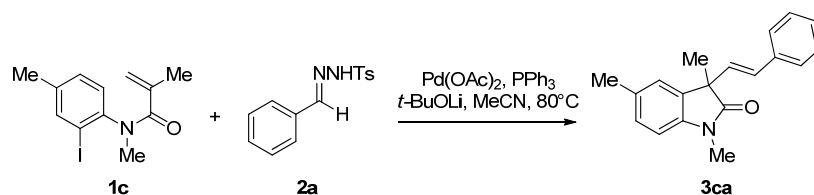
The reaction of **1a** (60.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2m** (0.130 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 1 h afforded **3am** (R_f = 0.6, PE:EA = 10:1) (45.2 mg, 72%). Solid, 111-112 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.72 (m, 3 H), 7.69 (s, 1 H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (s, 3 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.7, 143.0, 134.0, 133.4, 132.9, 132.8, 130.2, 130.1, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.6, 126.5, 126.1, 125.8, 124.0, 123.5, 122.6, 108.4, 50.8, 26.4, 23.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₀ON [M⁺+H] 314.1539, found 314.1538.

Synthesis of (*E*)-1,3-dimethyl-3-styrylindolin-2-one (**3aa**):



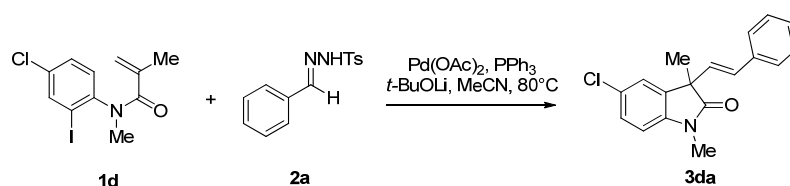
A mixture of **1b** (50.8 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (0.110 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh_3 (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH_3CN was stirred at 80°C for 1 h afforded **3aa** (51.5 mg, 98%).

Synthesis of (*E*)-1,3,5-trimethyl-3-styrylindolin-2-one (**3ca**):



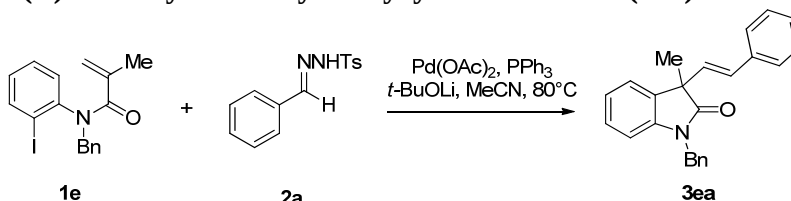
The reaction of **1c** (63.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (0.110 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh_3 (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH_3CN at 80°C for 30 min afforded **3ca** ($R_f = 0.4$, $\text{PE:EA} = 10:1$) (54.9 mg, 99%). Solid, $83\text{--}85^\circ\text{C}$ (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.25 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.10 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.06–6.98 (m, 2 H), 6.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.36 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1 H), 6.23 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.12 (s, 3 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 1.49 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 178.6, 140.5, 136.5, 132.9, 132.1, 129.90, 129.87, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 126.4, 124.7, 108.0, 50.7, 26.3, 23.0, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{ON}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 278.1539, found 278.1537.

Synthesis of (*E*)-1,3-dimethyl-5-chloro-3-styrylindolin-2-one (**3da**):



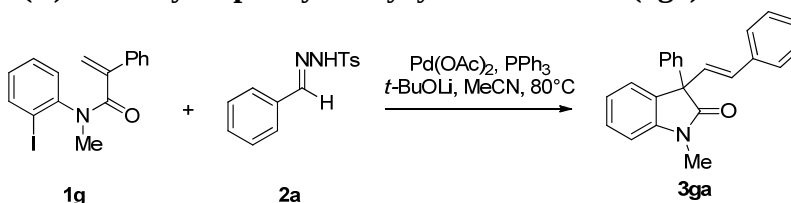
The reaction of **1d** (67.1 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (0.110 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh_3 (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH_3CN at 80°C for 50 min afforded **3da** ($R_f = 0.4$, $\text{PE:EA} = 5:1$) (58.3 mg, 98%). Solid, $96\text{--}98^\circ\text{C}$ (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.34–7.08 (m, 7 H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.21 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (s, 3 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 178.2, 141.6, 136.3, 134.6, 130.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 126.6, 124.5, 109.4, 50.9, 26.6, 23.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{ON}^{35}\text{Cl}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 298.0993, found 298.0989.

Synthesis of (*E*)-1-benzyl-3-methyl-3-styrylindolin-2-one (**3ea**):



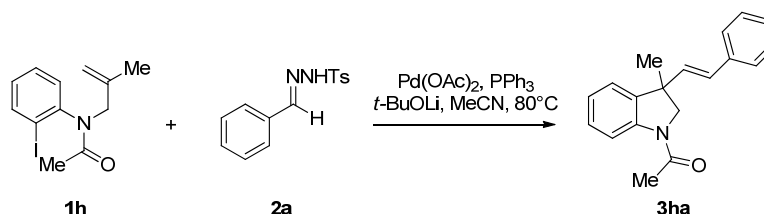
The reaction of **1e** (75.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (0.110 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 40 min afforded **3ea** (R_f = 0.7, PE:EA = 10:1) (67.4 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.32-7.15 (m, 10 H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.8, 142.0, 136.5, 135.8, 132.8, 130.2, 129.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 126.5, 124.0, 122.6, 109.4, 50.7, 43.6, 23.3. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₂ON [M⁺+H] 340.1696, found 340.1689.

Synthesis of (*E*)-1-methyl-3-phenyl-3-styrylindolin-2-one (**3ga**):



The reaction of **1g** (72.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (0.110 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 30 min afforded **3ga** (R_f = 0.5, PE:EA = 5:1) (63.3 mg, 97%). Solid, 128-130 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43-7.20 (m, 12 H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.30 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 176.7, 143.2, 140.1, 136.4, 131.6, 131.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 126.6, 125.5, 122.8, 108.6, 59.6, 26.6. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀ON [M⁺+H] 326.1539, found 326.1538.

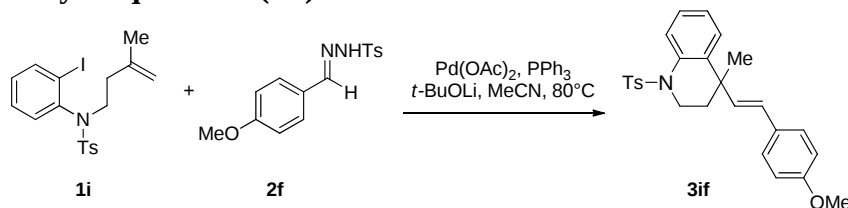
Synthesis of (*E*)-1-acetyl-3-methyl-3-styrylindoline (**3ha**):



The reaction of **1h** (47.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (82.2 mg, 0.30 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (1.7 mg, 0.0075 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (36.0 mg, 0.45 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (5.8 mg, 0.0225 mmol, 15 mol %) in 2.5 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 1.5 h afforded **3ha** (R_f = 0.5, PE:EA = 3:1) (27.0 mg, 65%). A mixture of rotamers were

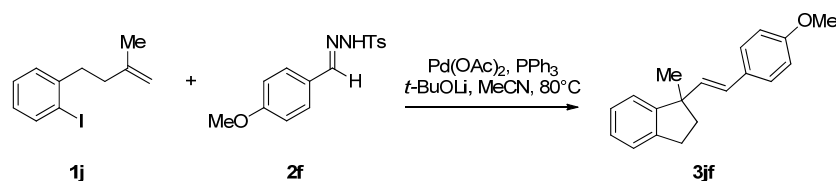
observed, and the following are selected peaks. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.25 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.40-7.21 (m, 6 H), 7.16-7.05 (m, 2 H), 6.39 (s, 2 H), 4.05 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1 H), 2.25 (s, 3 H), 1.58 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.6, 141.9, 137.8, 136.6, 134.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 126.3, 123.9, 123.4, 117.1, 62.8, 46.0, 25.8, 24.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{ON}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 278.1539, found 278.1541.

Synthesis of (E)-4-(4'-methoxystyryl)-4-methyl-N-tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (3if):



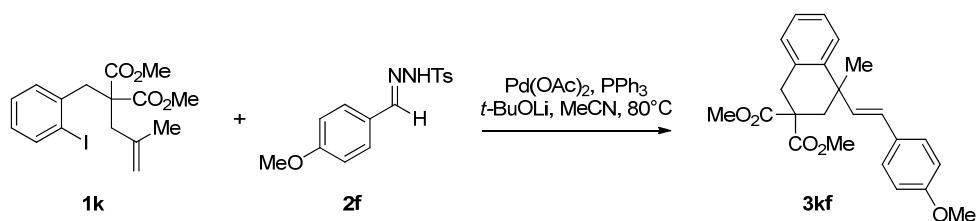
The reaction of **1i** (88.3 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2f** (0.122 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh_3 (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH_3CN at 80 °C for 1.5 h afforded **3if** ($R_f = 0.2$, PE:EA = 20:1) (66.7 mg, 77%). Solid, 131-132 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.29-7.05 (m, 7 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 5.89 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1 H), 5.68 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.98-3.82 (m, 2 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 1.64-1.54 (m, 1 H), 1.53-1.40 (m, 1 H), 1.26 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.9, 143.6, 136.8, 136.7, 136.1, 135.5, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 126.7, 125.0, 124.6, 113.9, 55.3, 43.6, 38.8, 34.5, 28.5, 21.5. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3\text{NS}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 434.1784, found 434.1780.

(E)-1-(4'-methoxystyryl)-1-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (3jf):



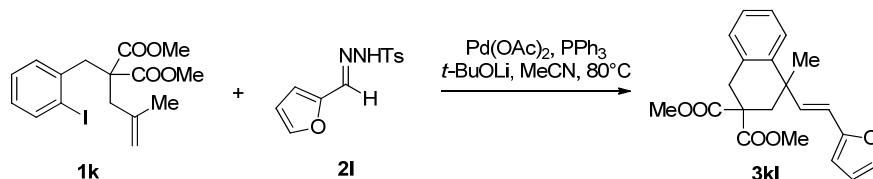
The reaction of **1j** (54.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2f** (0.122 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh_3 (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH_3CN at 80 °C for 70 min afforded **3jf** ($R_f = 0.6$, PE:EA = 40:1) (51.2 mg, 97%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.30-7.09 (m, 6 H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.25 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.16 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 2.91 (dd, $J = 7.2, 6.8$ Hz, 2 H), 2.28-2.11 (m, 1 H), 2.08-1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.43 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.7, 149.9, 143.3, 136.2, 130.4, 127.2, 126.6, 126.4, 125.9, 124.6, 123.5, 113.9, 55.2, 49.8, 40.9, 30.2, 25.7. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 265.1587, found 265.1579.

Synthesis of (E)-1-(4-methoxystyryl)-1-methyl-3,3-di(methoxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (3kf):



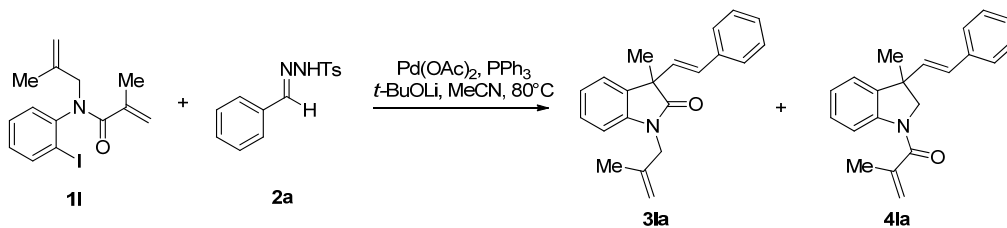
The reaction of **1k** (80.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2f** (0.122 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 30 min afforded **3kf** (R_f = 0.2, PE:EA = 20:1) (53.7 mg, 68%). Solid, 115-118 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33-7.14 (m, 6 H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.73 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.36 (s, 3 H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.50 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.4, 171.0, 158.8, 139.7, 137.1, 133.6, 130.0, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.5, 126.2, 113.8, 55.2, 52.7, 52.6, 52.1, 41.4, 40.0, 35.1, 30.2. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₇O₅ [M⁺+H] 395.1853, found 395.1845.

Synthesis of (*E*)-1-(2'-(furan-2-yl)vinyl)-1-methyl-3,3-di(methoxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (**3kl**):



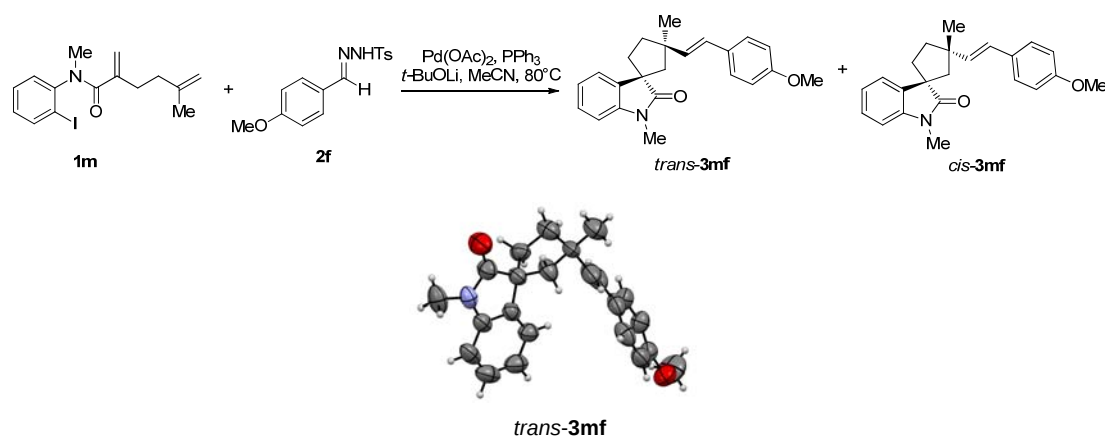
The reaction of **1k** (80.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2l** (0.106 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 50 min afforded **3kl** (R_f = 0.3, PE:EA = 20:1) (42.9 mg, 61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30-7.14 (m, 5 H), 6.28 (s, 1 H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.37 (s, 3 H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.60 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1 H), 1.48 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.3, 170.8, 152.7, 141.4, 139.0, 137.8, 133.7, 129.0, 128.0, 126.7, 126.3, 117.5, 111.2, 107.3, 52.7, 52.13, 52.06, 41.2, 40.0, 35.2, 30.1. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₃O₅ [M⁺+H] 355.1540, found 355.1539.

Synthesis of (*E*)-3-methyl-1-(2'-methylallyl)-3-styrylindolin-2-one (**3la**) and (**4la**):



The reaction of **1l** (68.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2a** (0.110 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 1 h afforded **3la** (R_f = 0.70, PE:EA = 10:1) (42.7 mg, 78%) and **4la** (R_f = 0.67, PE:EA = 10:1) (6.1 mg, 10%) (**3la**:**4la** = 91:9 by crude ¹H NMR analysis). **3la**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36-7.23 (m, 6 H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.90 (s, 1 H), 4.82 (s, 1 H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.71 (s, 3 H), 1.61 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.5, 142.2, 139.0, 136.5, 129.99, 129.97, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 126.4, 123.9, 122.5, 112.3, 109.4, 50.6, 45.6, 23.3, 19.8. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₂ON [M⁺+H] 304.1696, found 304.1694; **4la**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.19 (m, 7 H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.41-6.30 (m, 2 H), 5.34 (s, 1 H), 5.27 (s, 1 H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.05 (s, 3 H), 1.53 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.8, 141.6, 136.7, 134.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 126.3, 124.3, 123.6, 29.7, 25.1, 22.7, 19.9. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₂ON [M⁺+H] 304.1696, found 304.1692.

Synthesis of compounds (*trans*-**3mf**) and (*cis*-**3mf**):



The reaction of **1m** (71.0 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), **2f** (0.122 g, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 eq), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), LiOt-Bu (48.0 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 eq) and PPh₃ (7.9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 15 mol %) in 3.0 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 50 min afforded *trans*-**3mf** (R_f = 0.40, PE:EA = 10:1) (31.3 mg, 45%) and *cis*-**3mf** (R_f = 0.35, PE:EA = 10:1) (25.1 mg, 36%).

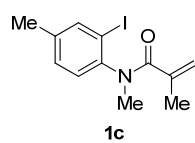
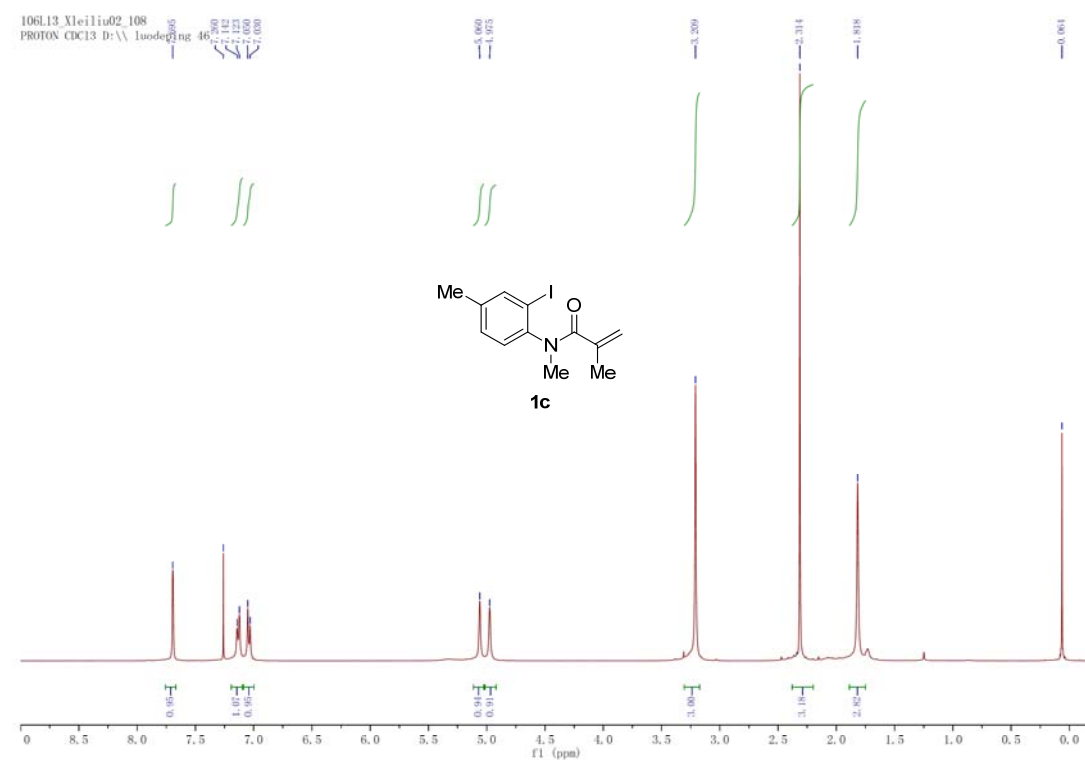
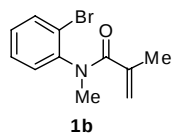
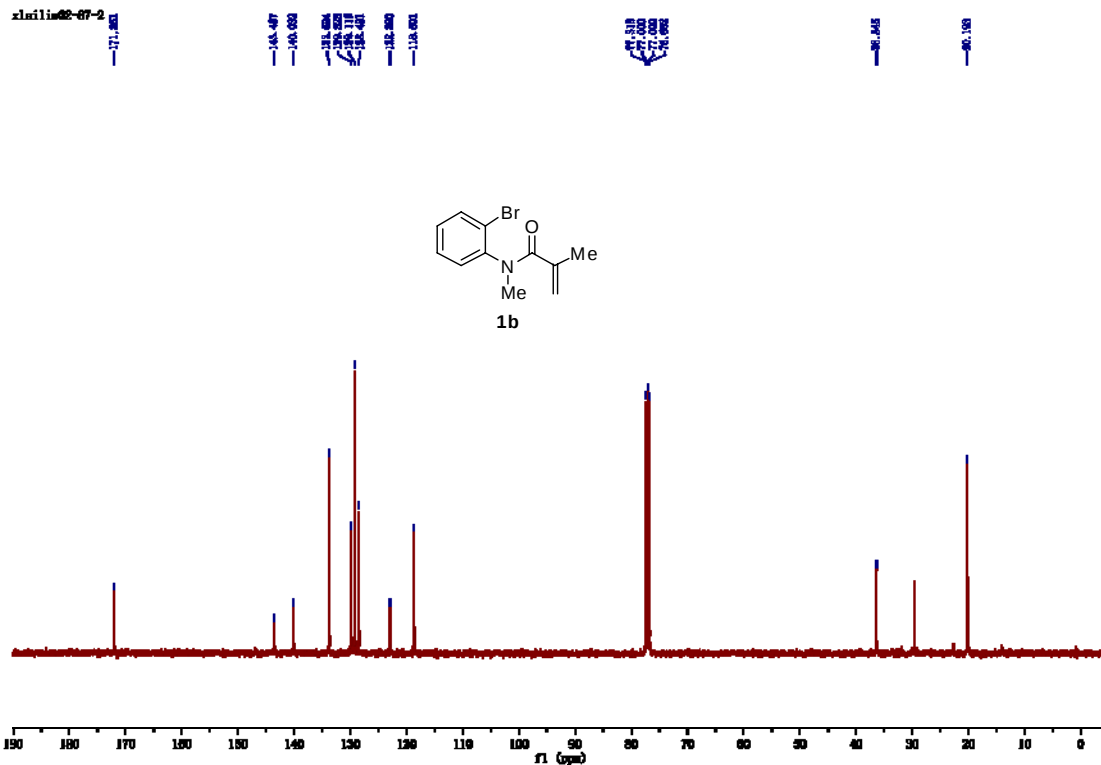
Trans-3mf: Solid, 97-99 °C (ethyl acetate/hexanes). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.21-7.11 (m, 2 H), 6.97-6.89 (m, 1 H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.76 (s, 3 H), 3.13 (s, 3 H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 1 H), 2.17-2.06 (m, 2 H), 2.06-1.85 (m, 3 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.1, 158.9, 142.9, 137.6, 137.2, 130.4, 127.4, 127.2, 125.7, 122.7, 114.3, 114.0, 107.7, 55.3, 54.3, 50.5, 46.4, 40.5, 38.5, 26.9, 26.3. HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₆O₂N [M⁺+H] 348.1958, found 348.1954. CCDC 938635 contains the supplementary crystallographic data of *trans*-**3mf**. These data can be obtained free of charge from Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

Cis-3mf: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 1 H), 7.08 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.81 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 6.50 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.43 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.21 (s, 3 H), 2.40 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.37-2.20 (m, 2 H), 2.14-1.99 (m, 1 H), 1.91-1.77 (m, 2 H), 1.47 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 182.3, 158.7, 143.1, 137.5, 136.5, 130.6, 127.5, 127.2, 125.2, 122.6, 122.4, 113.9, 107.7, 55.3, 54.4, 50.5, 45.8, 41.3, 38.6, 26.2, 26.1. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2\text{N}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$] 348.1958, found 348.1952.

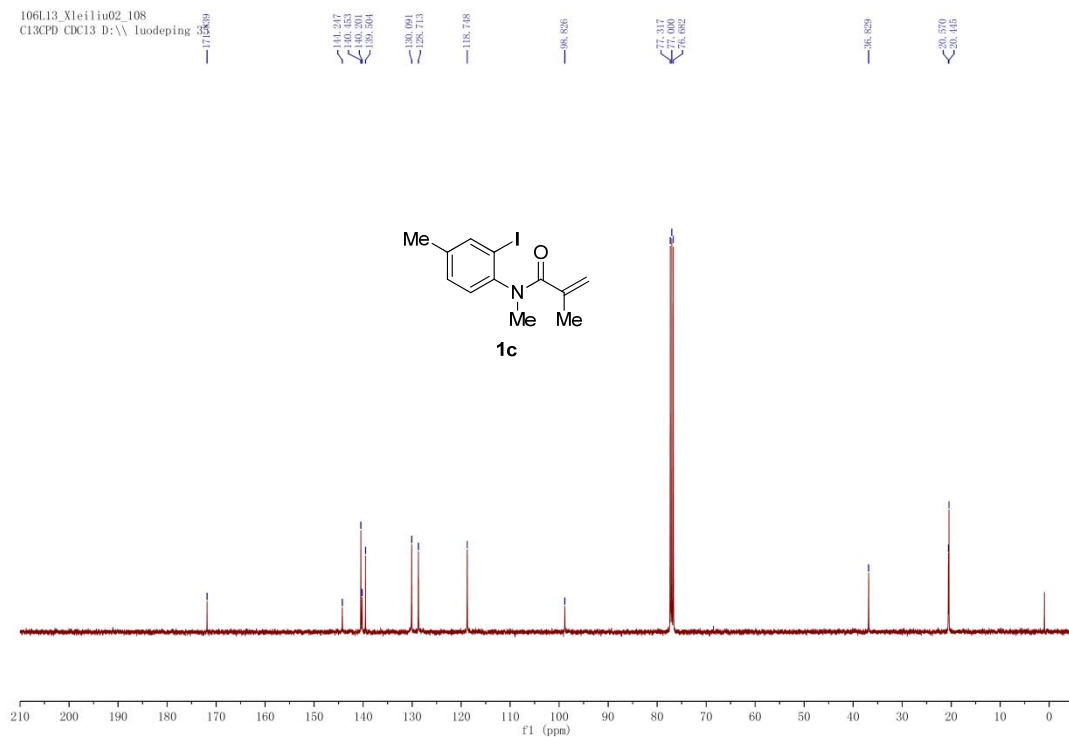
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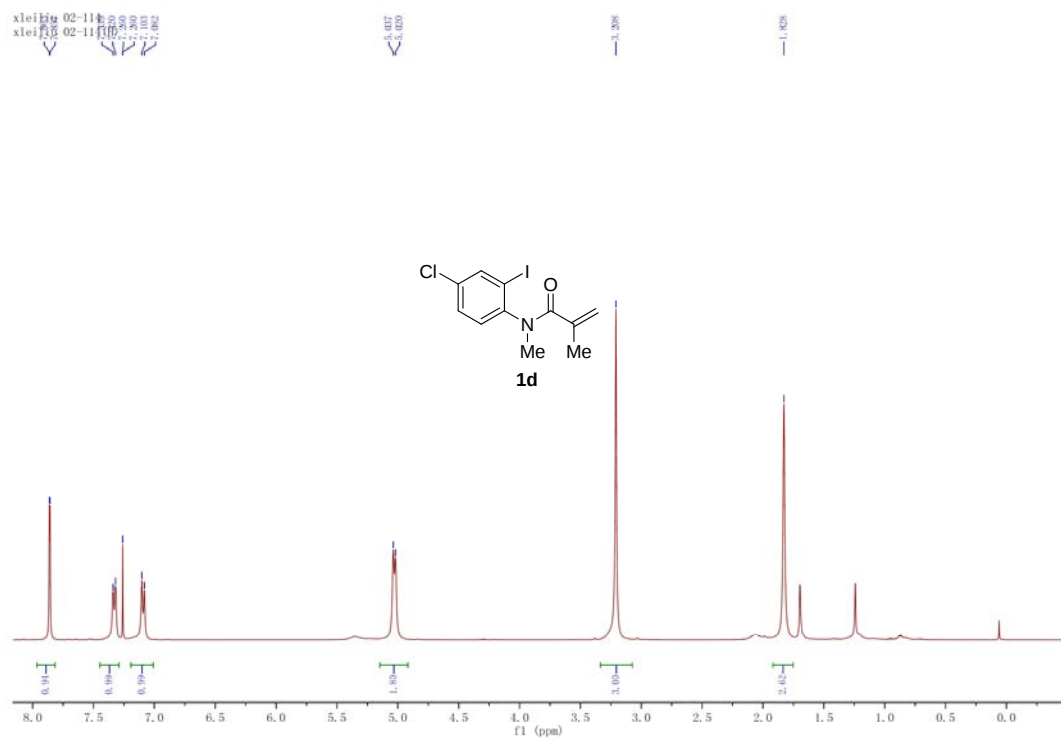
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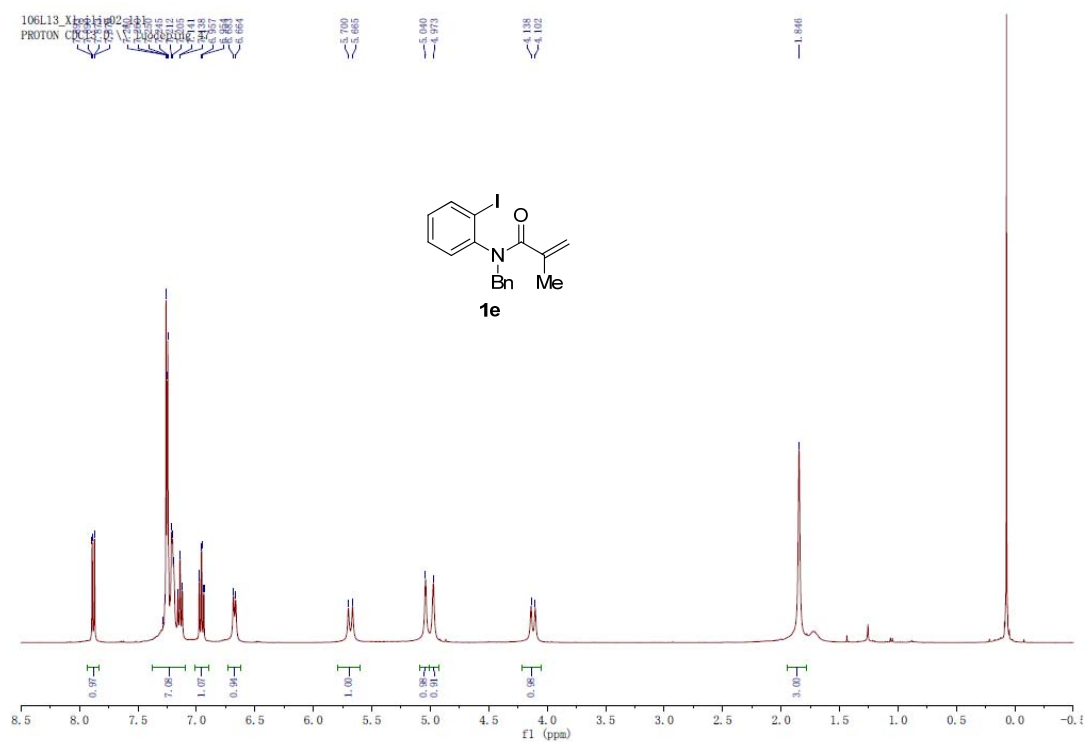
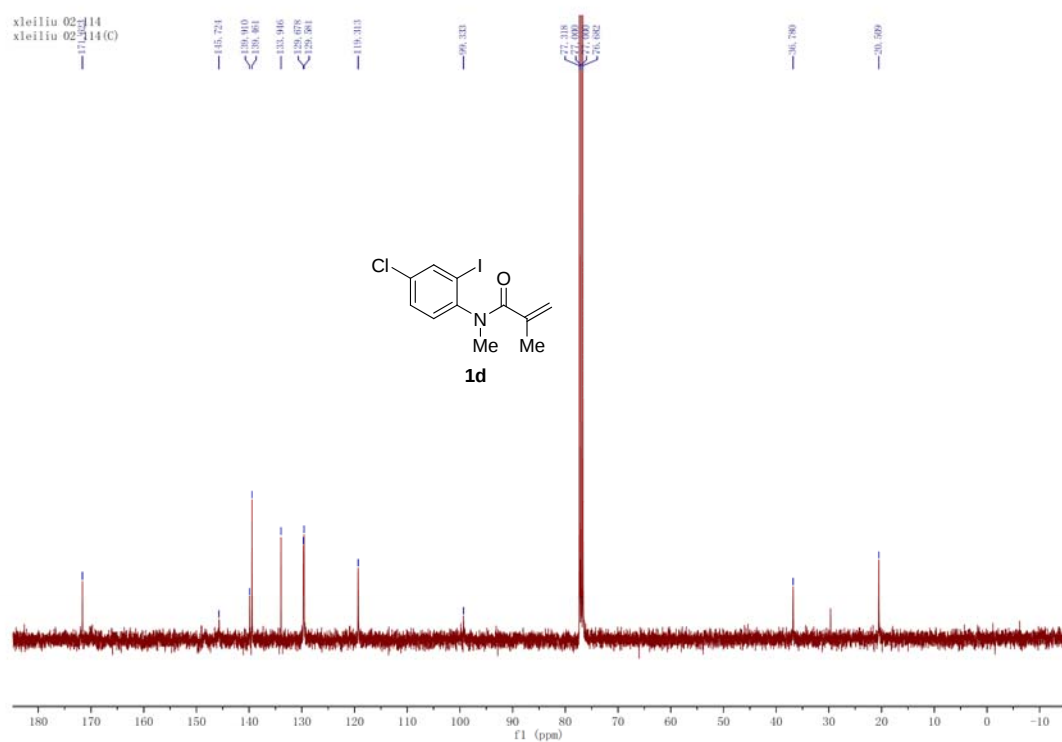


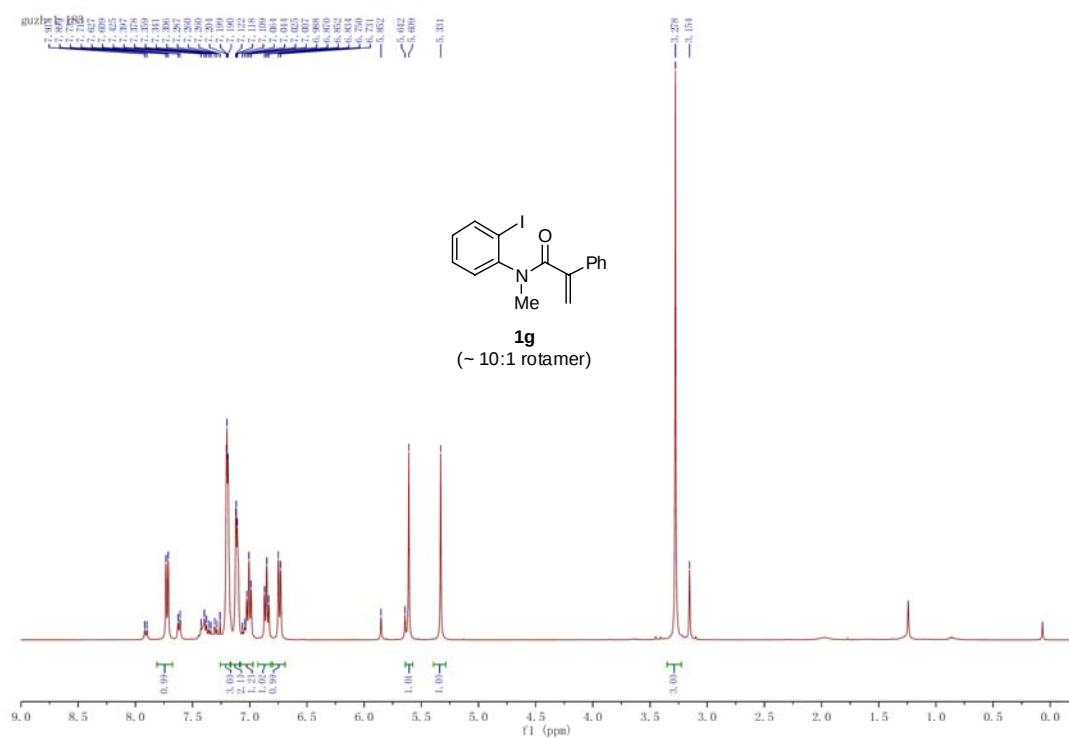
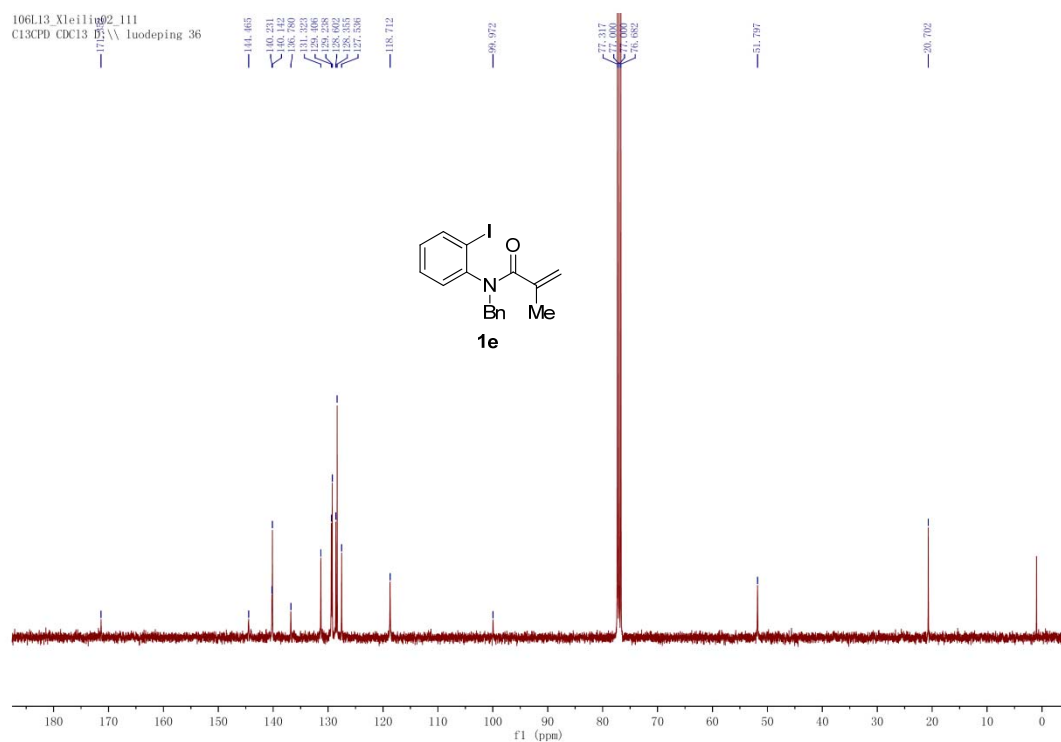
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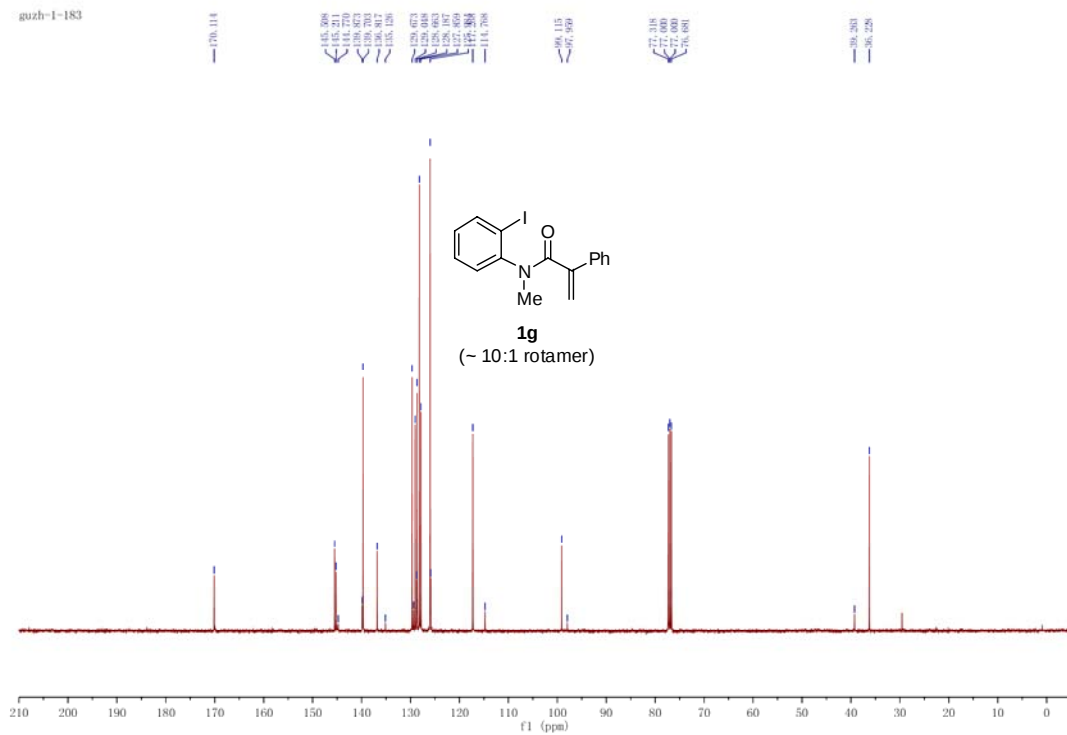
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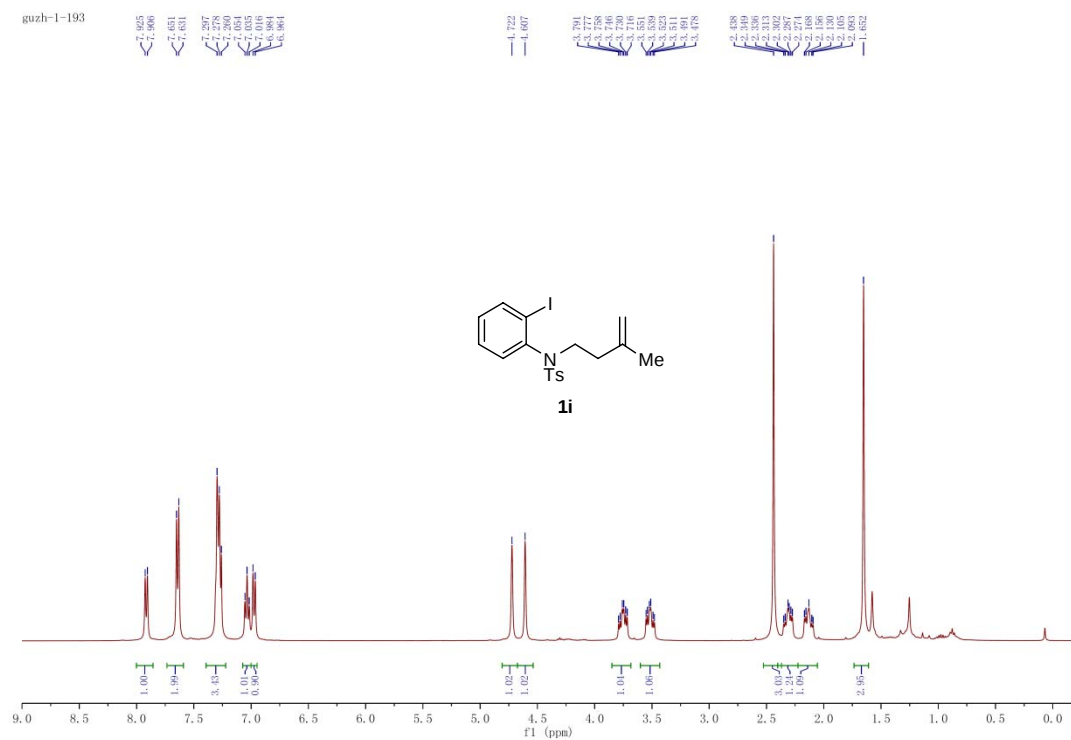




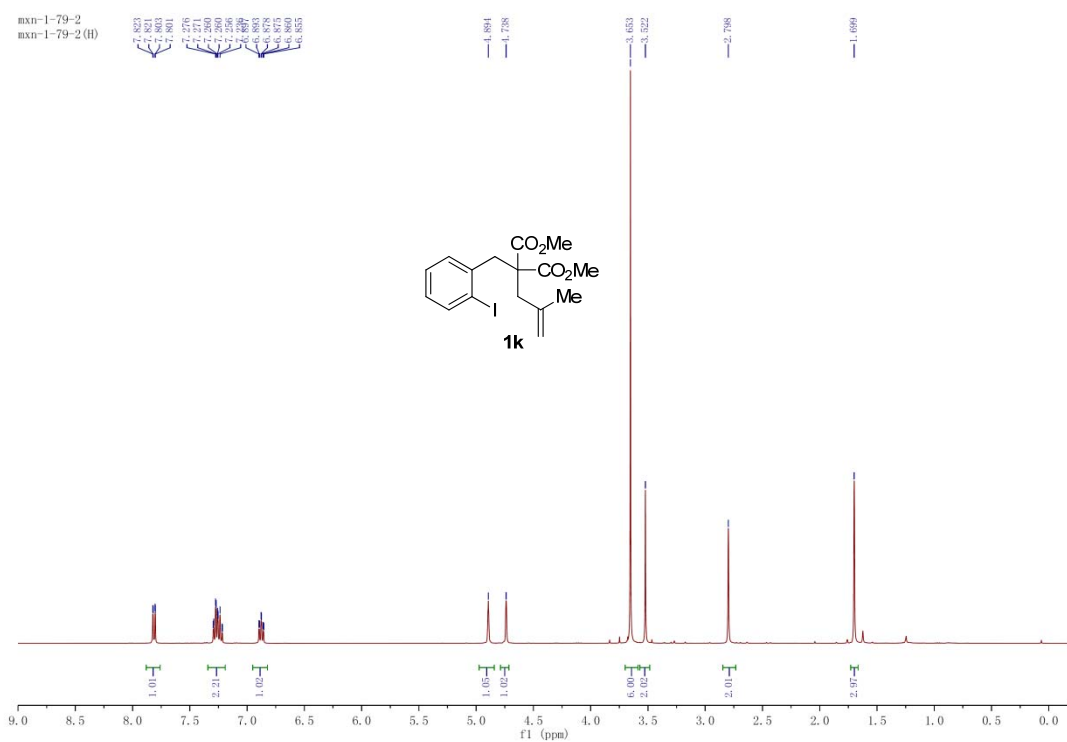
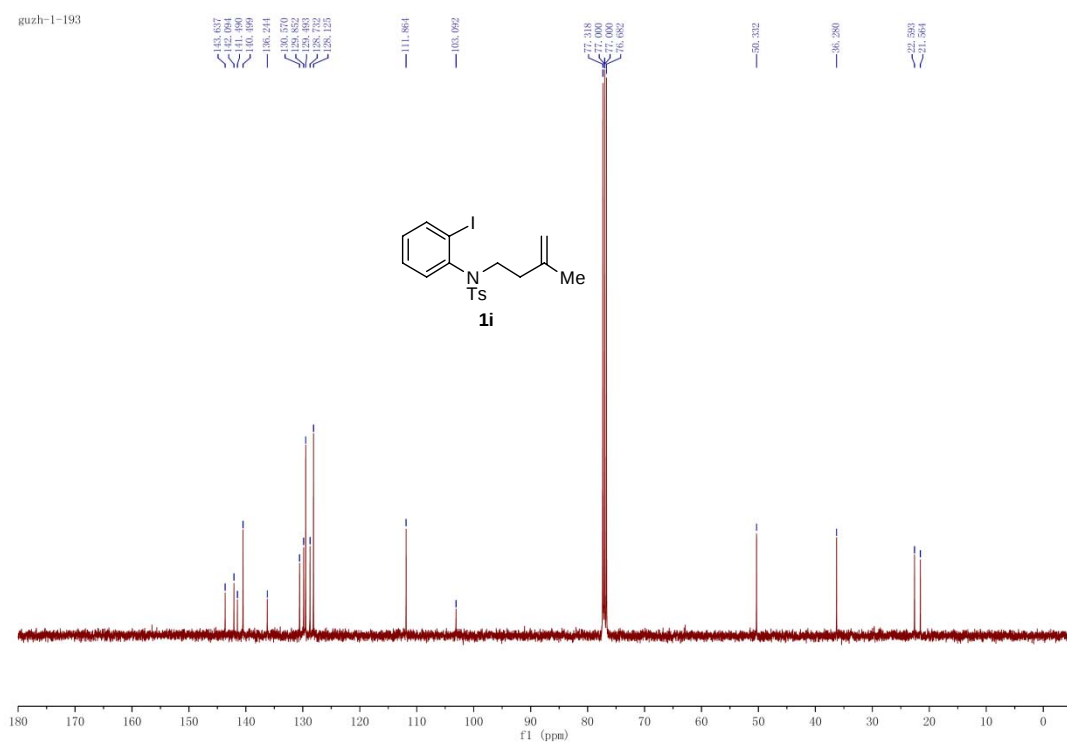
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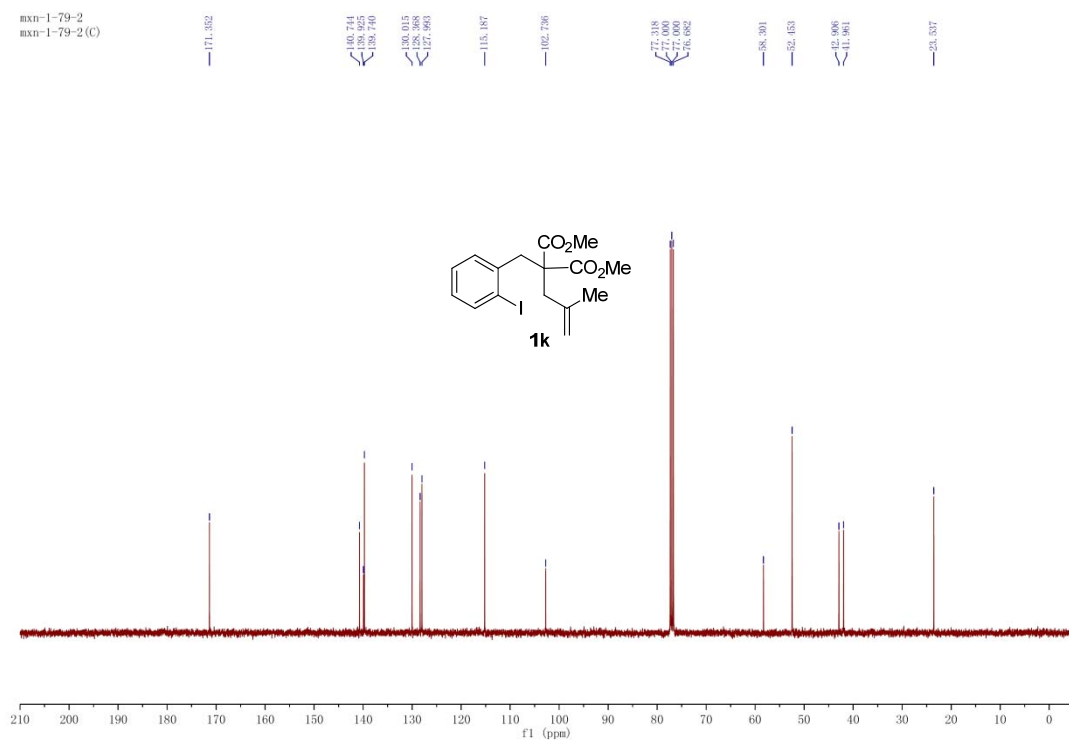
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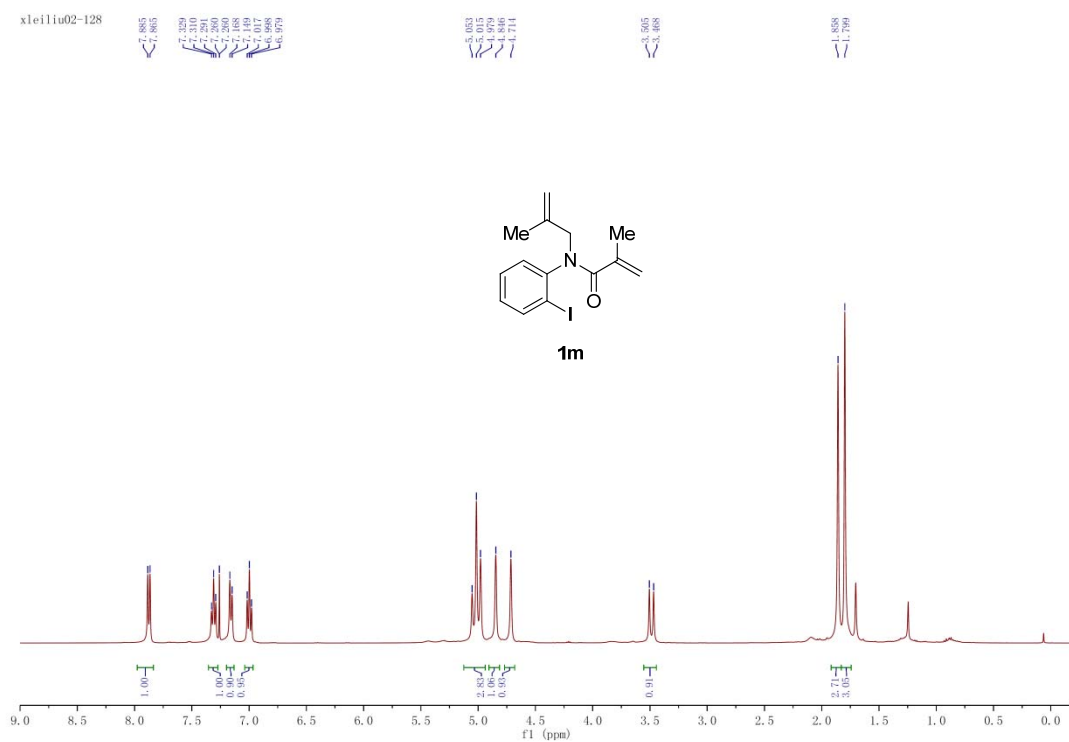
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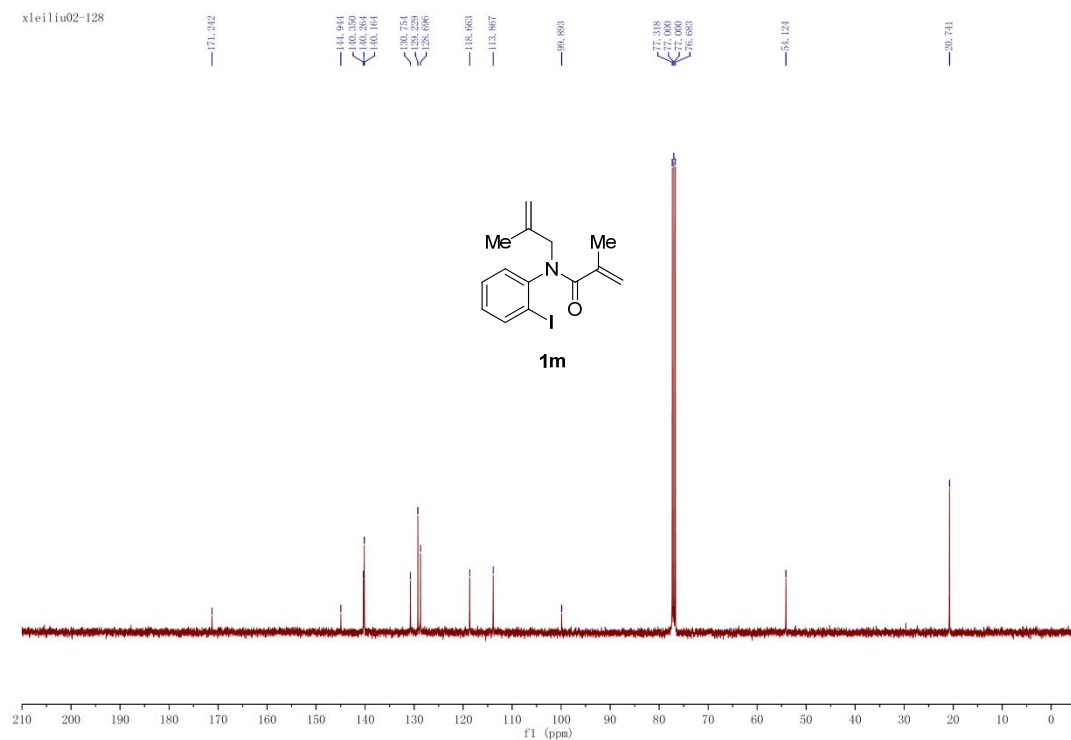
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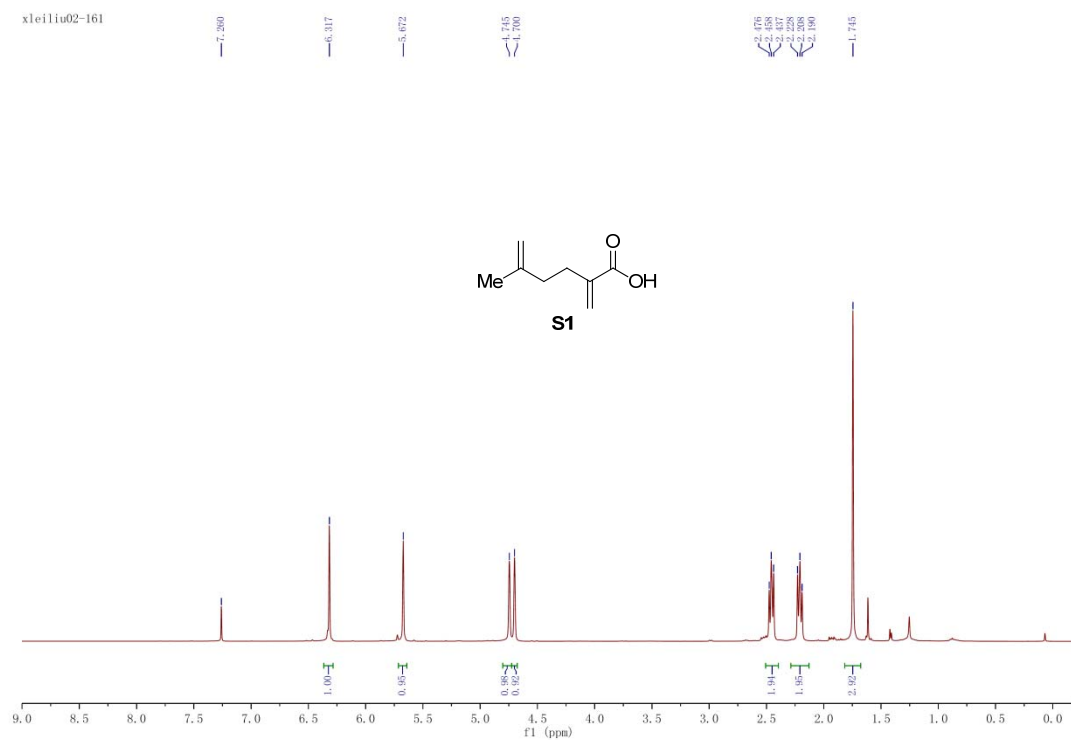
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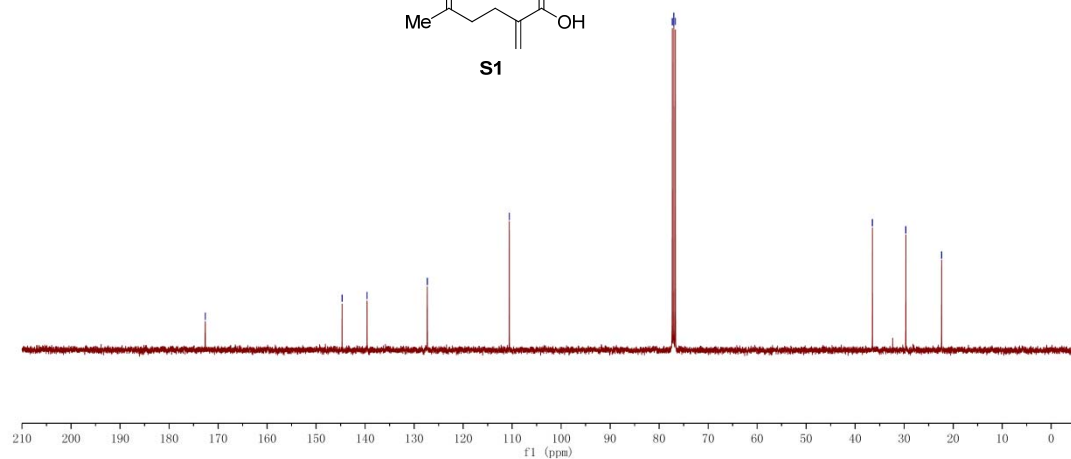
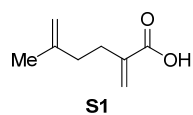
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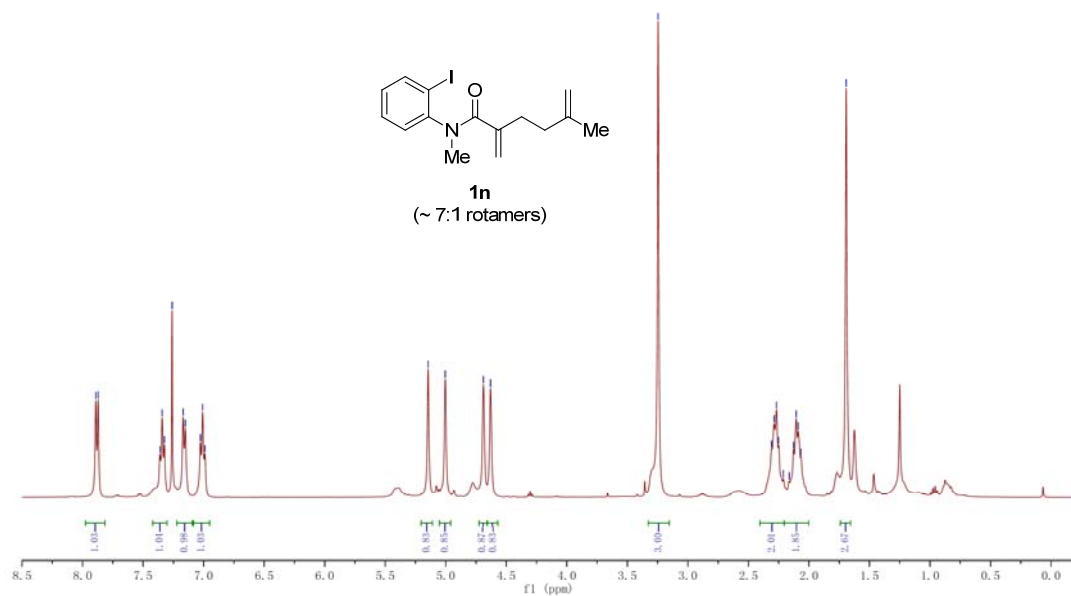
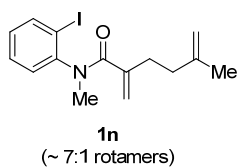
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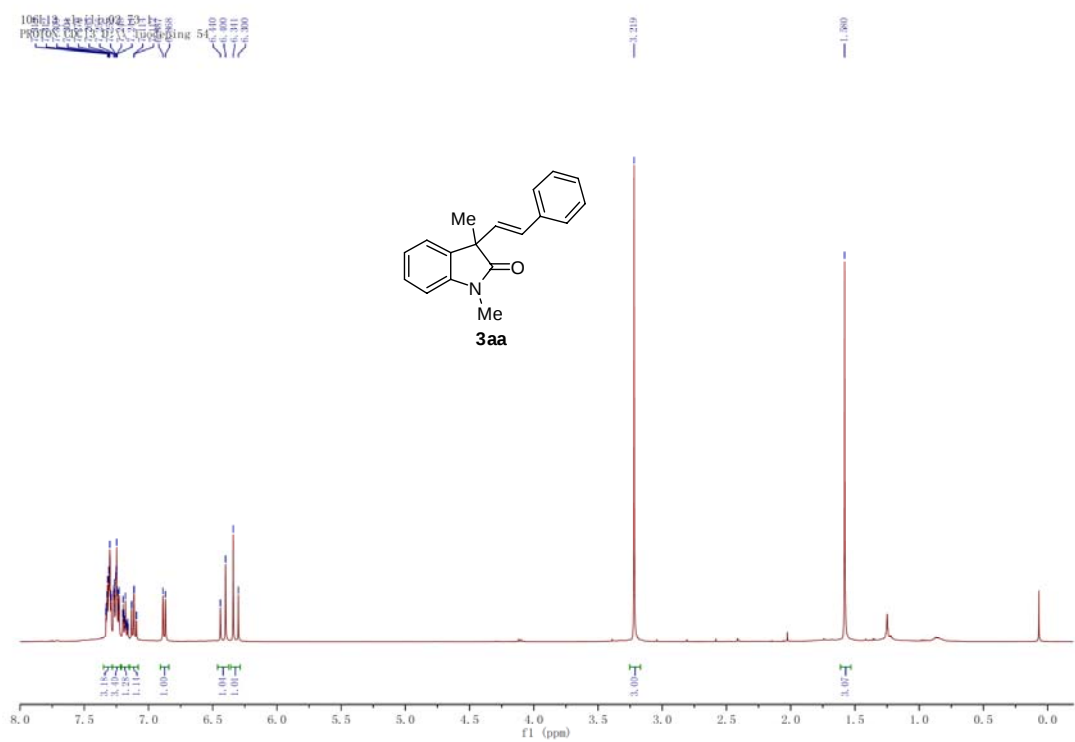
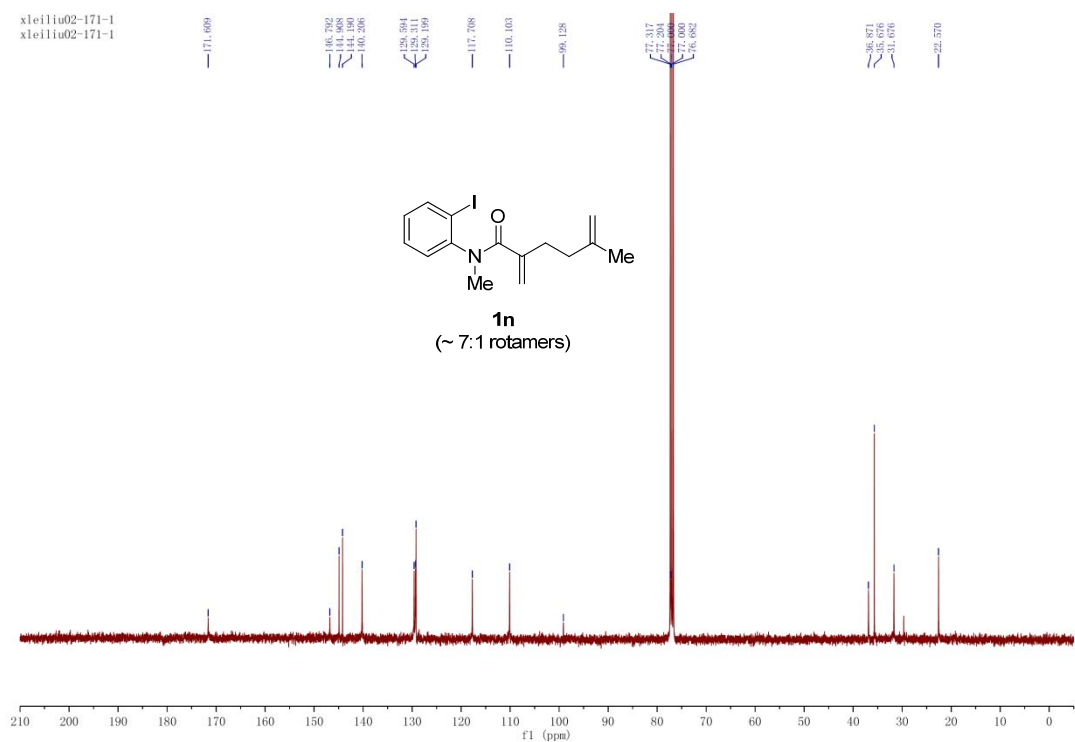
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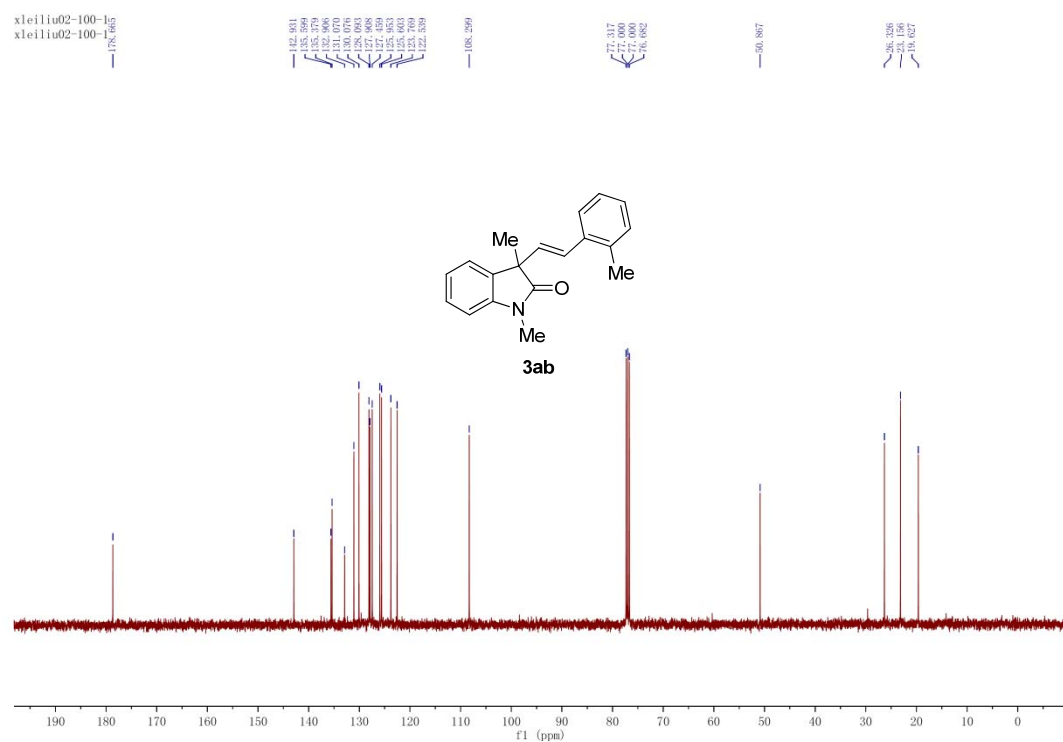
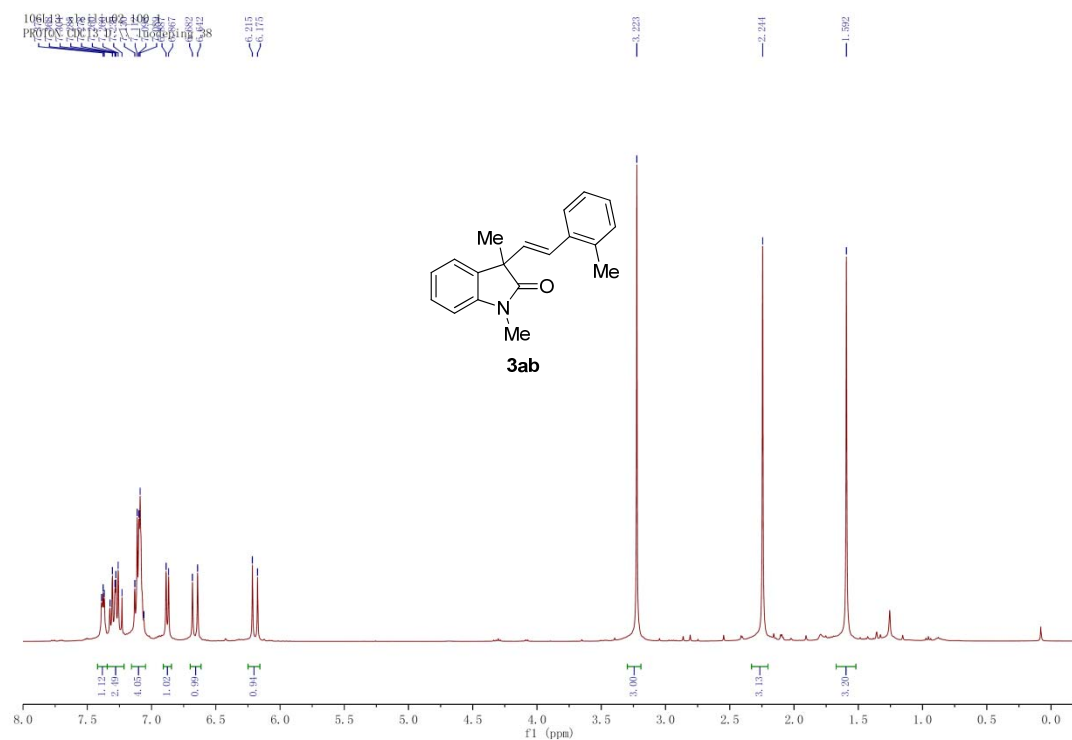
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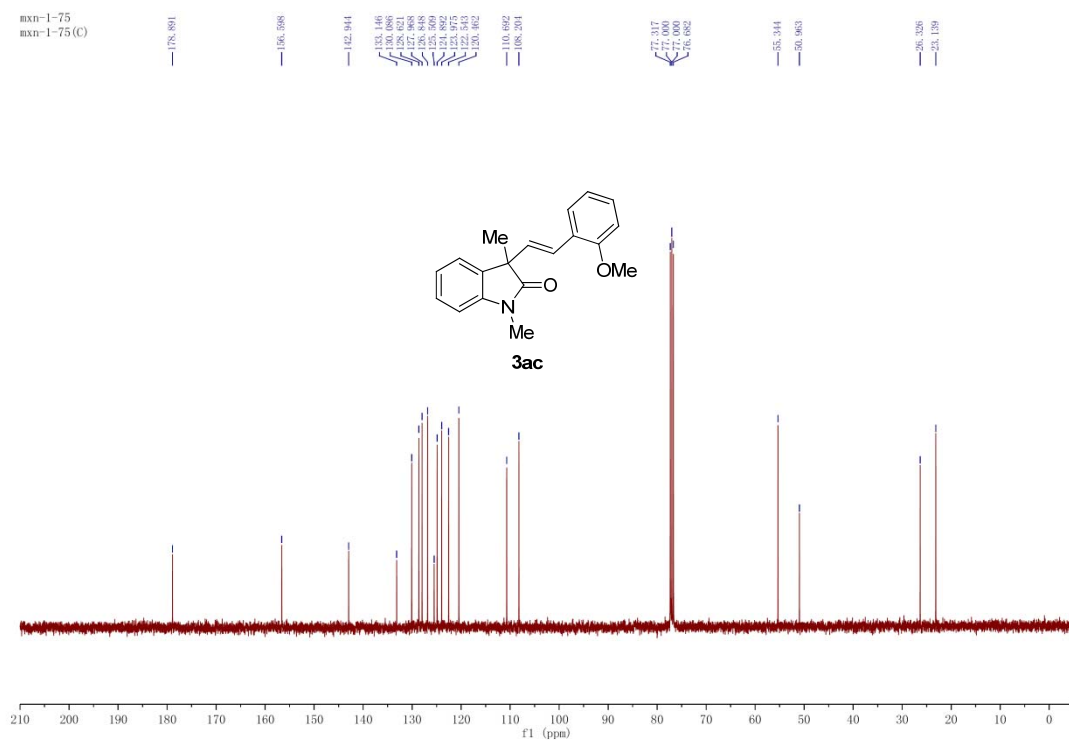
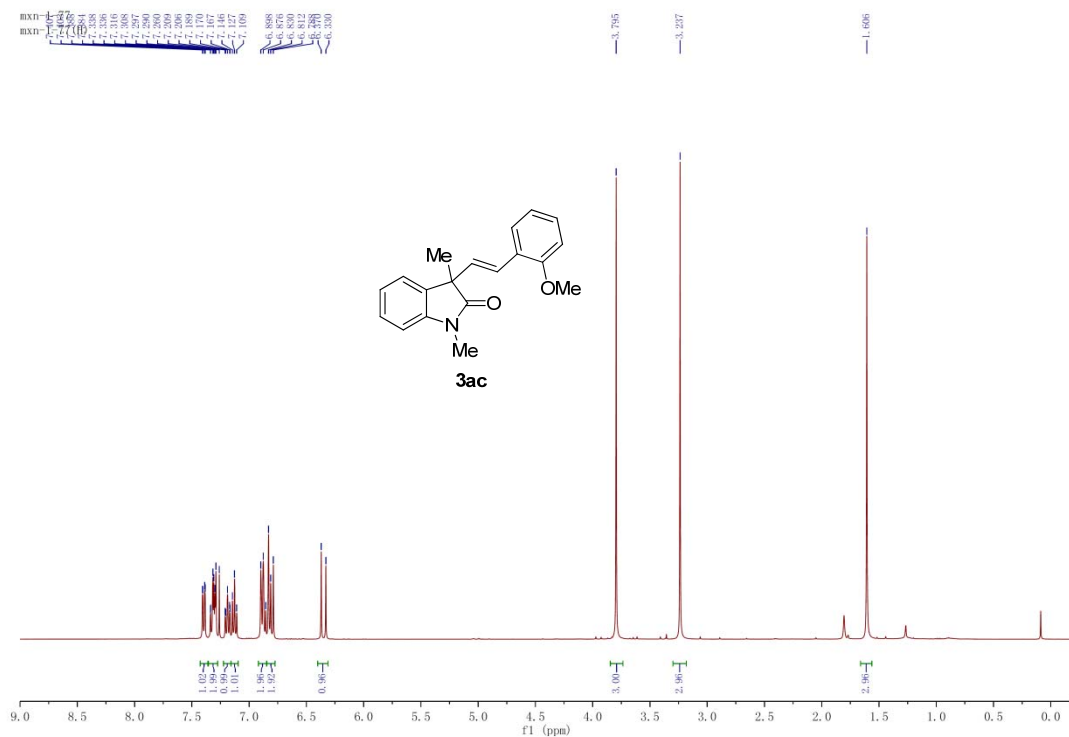
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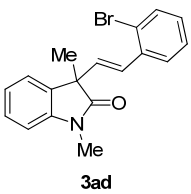
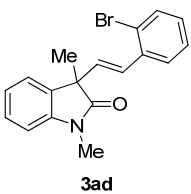
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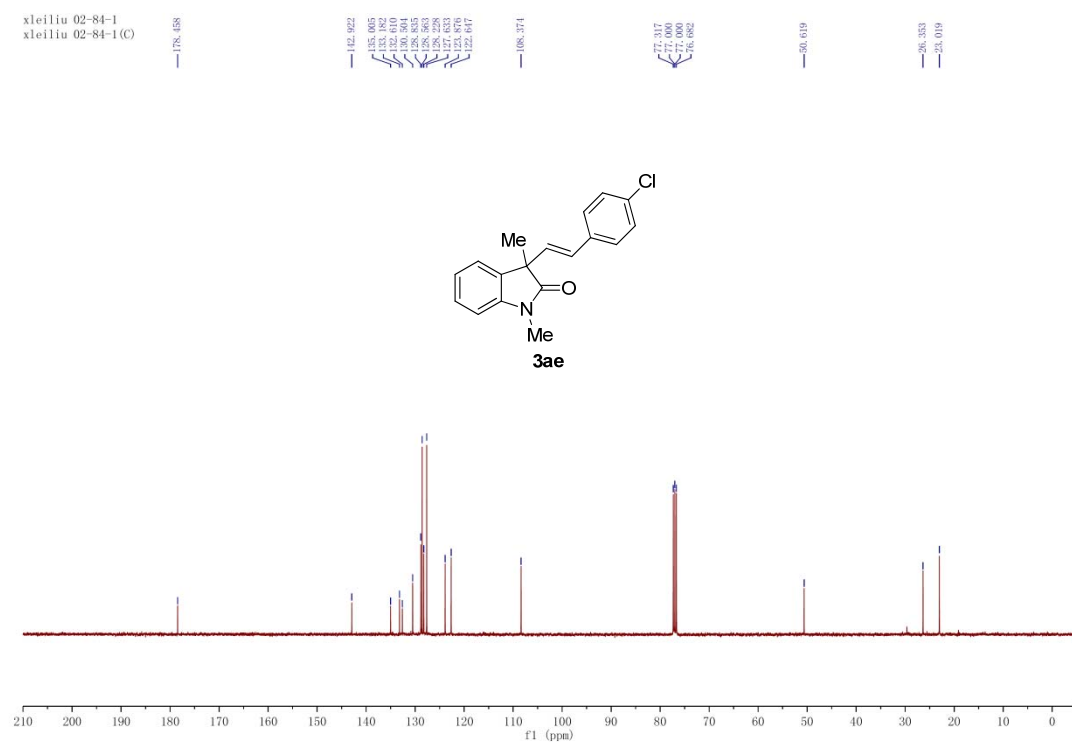
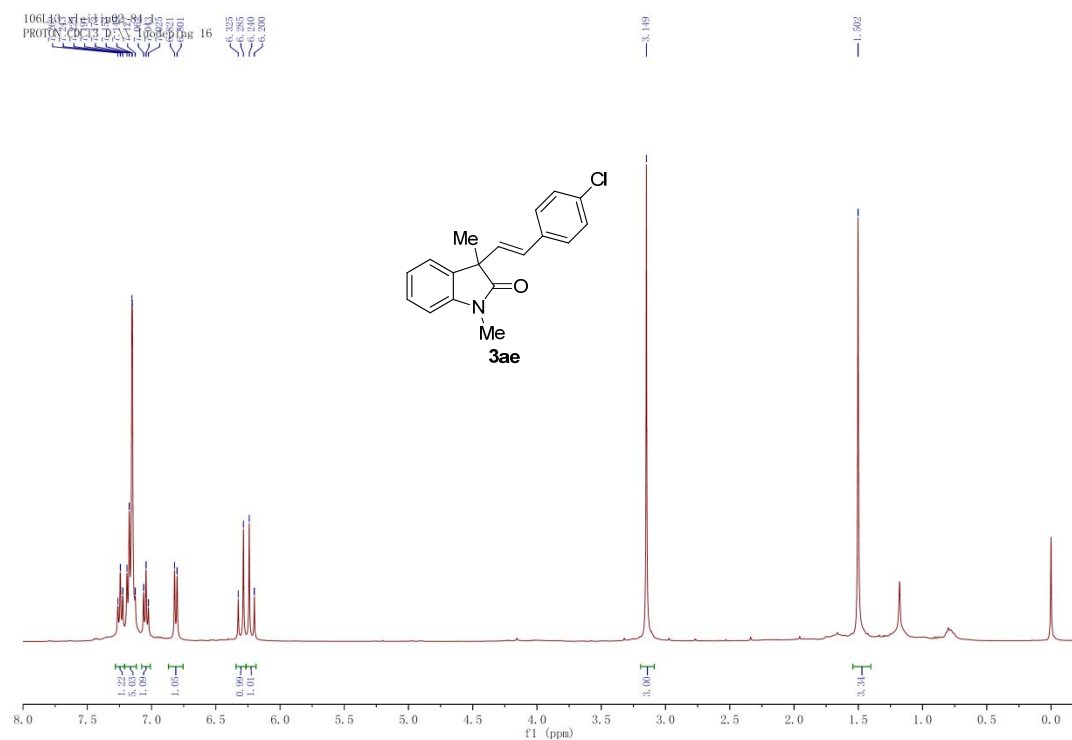


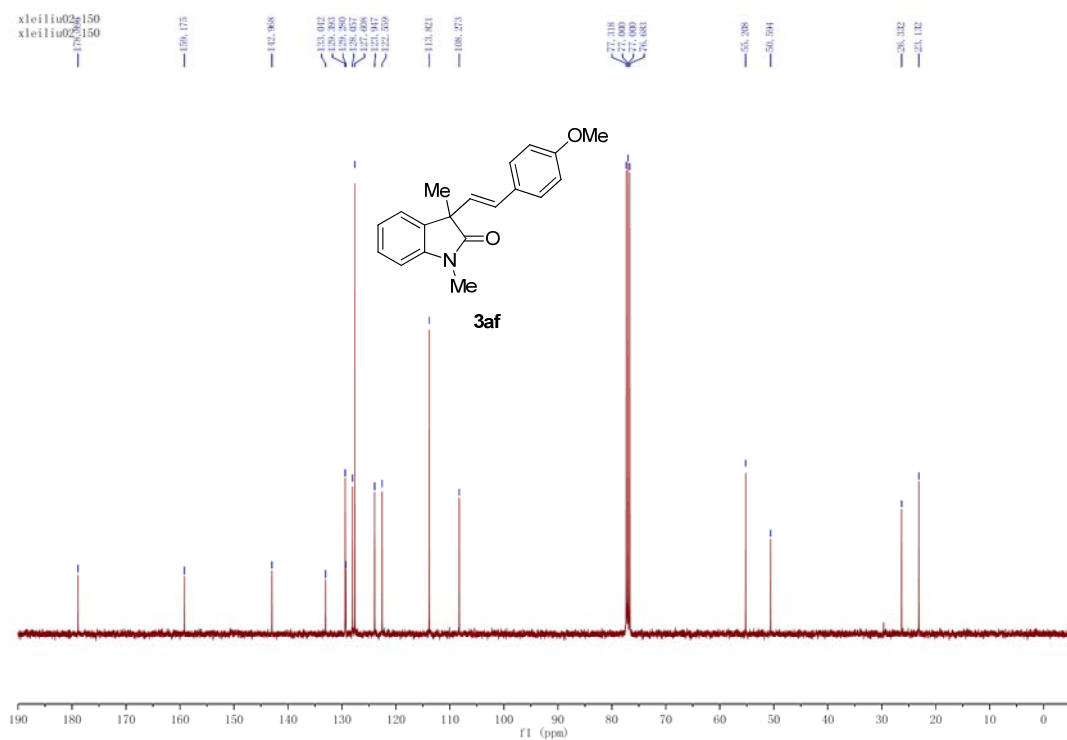
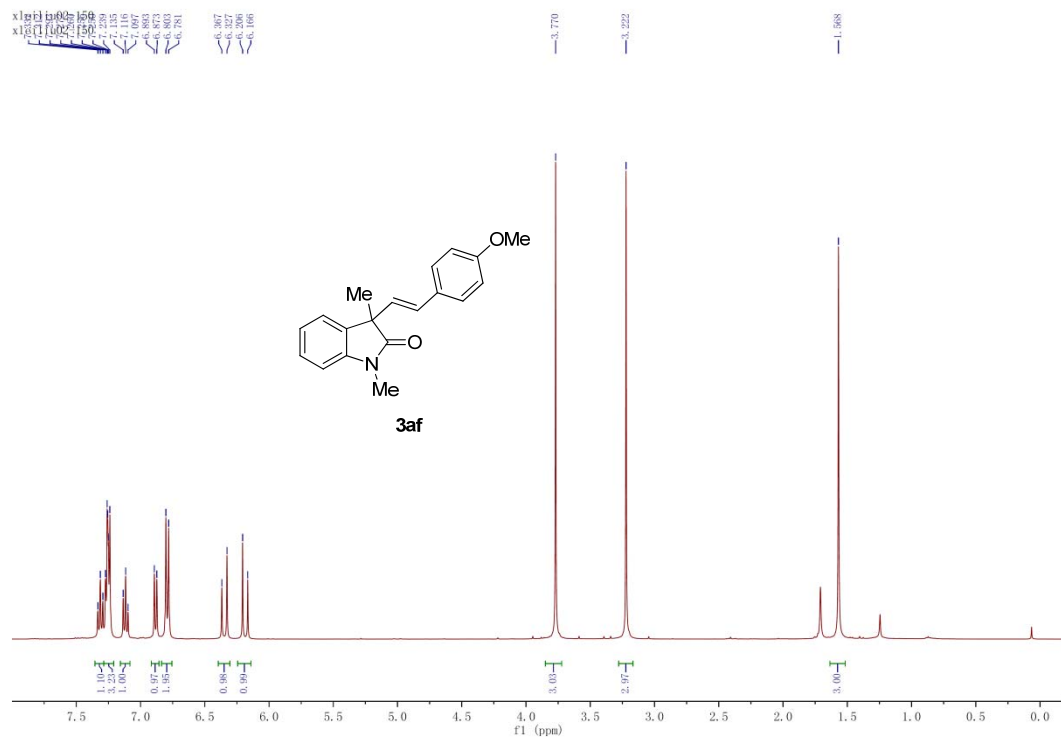


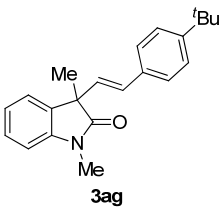
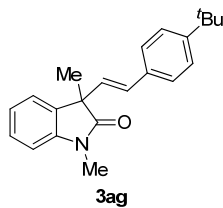


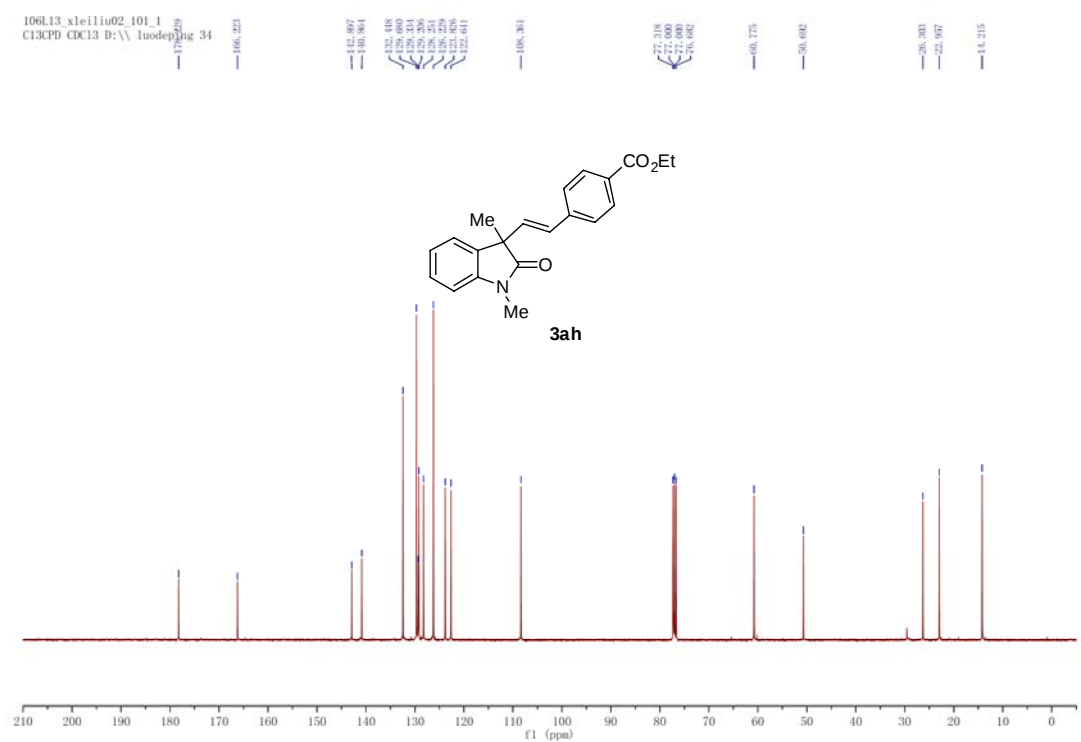
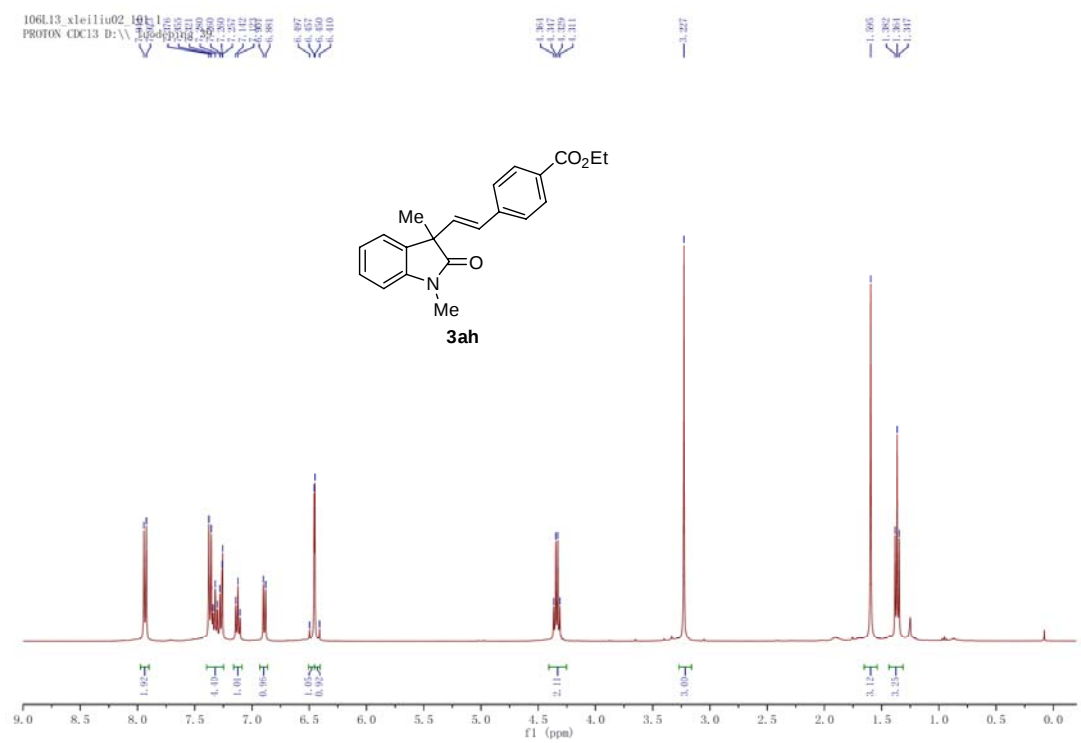


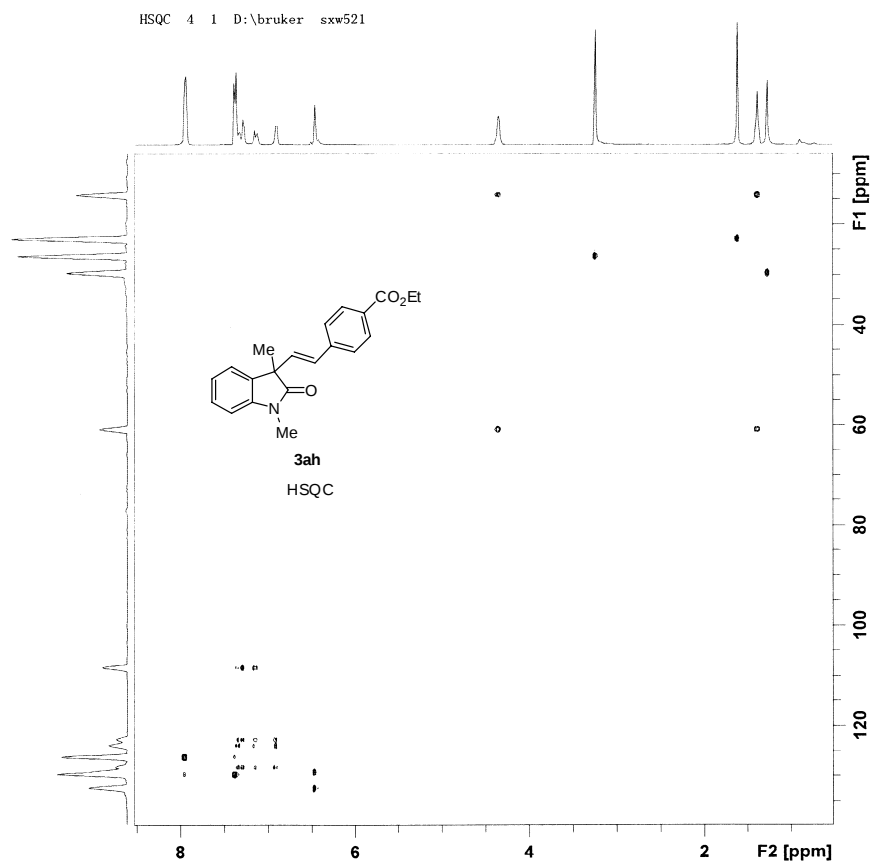
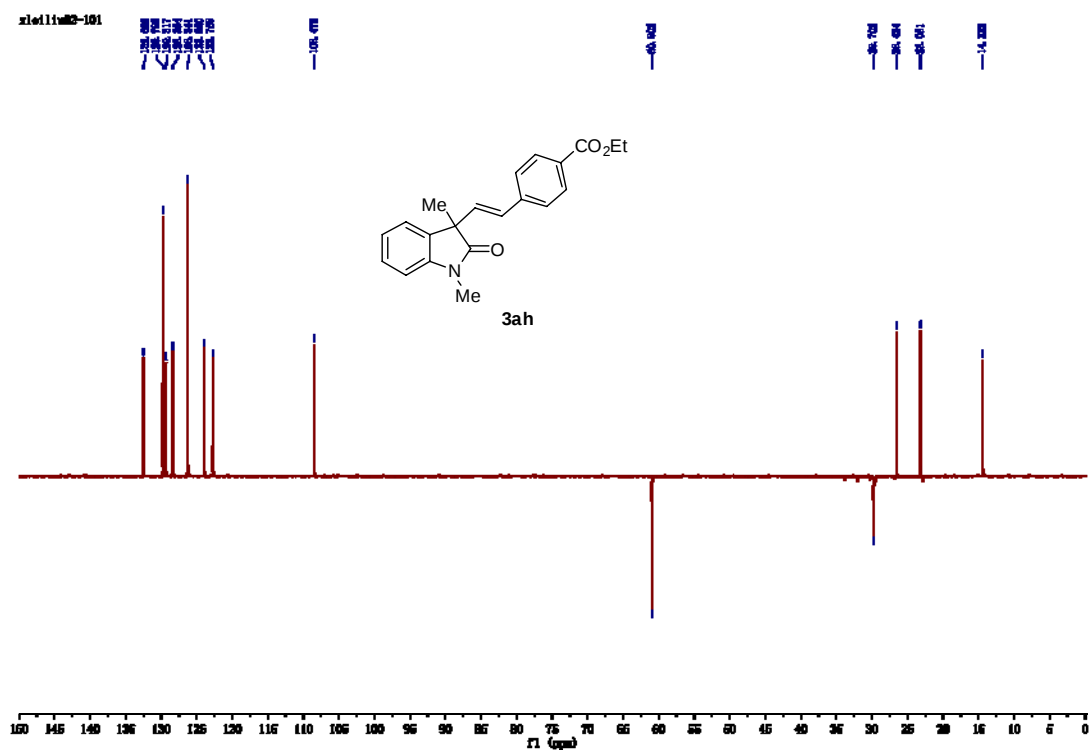


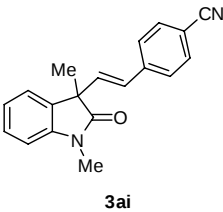
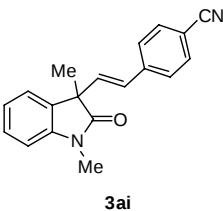


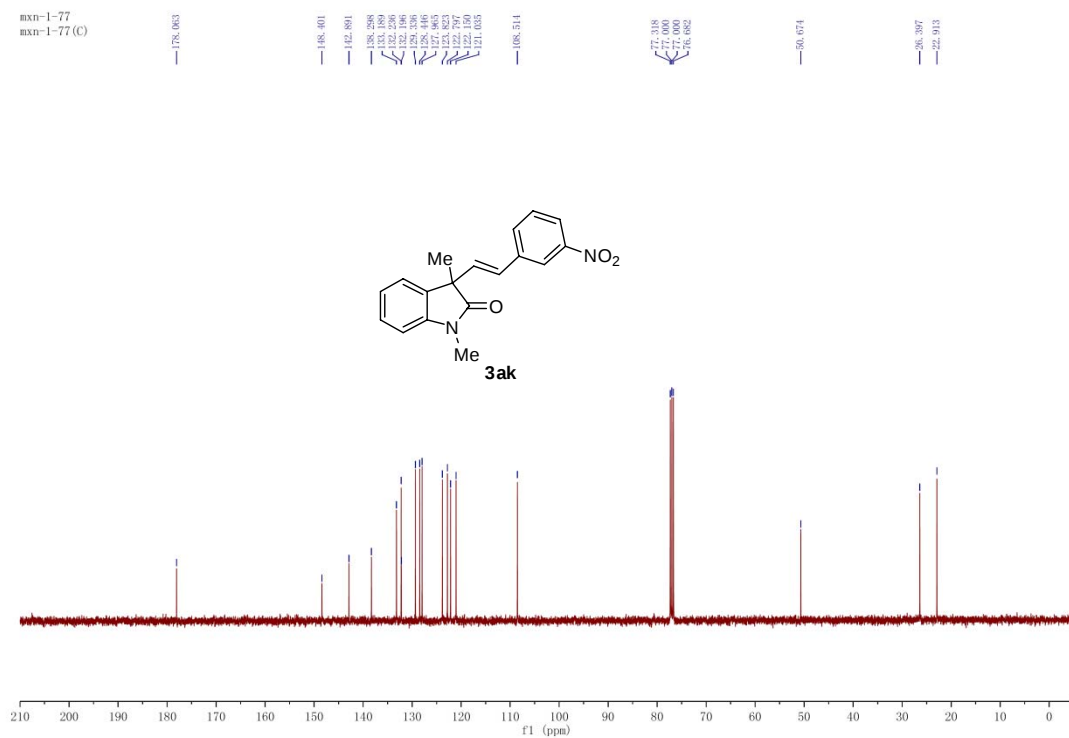
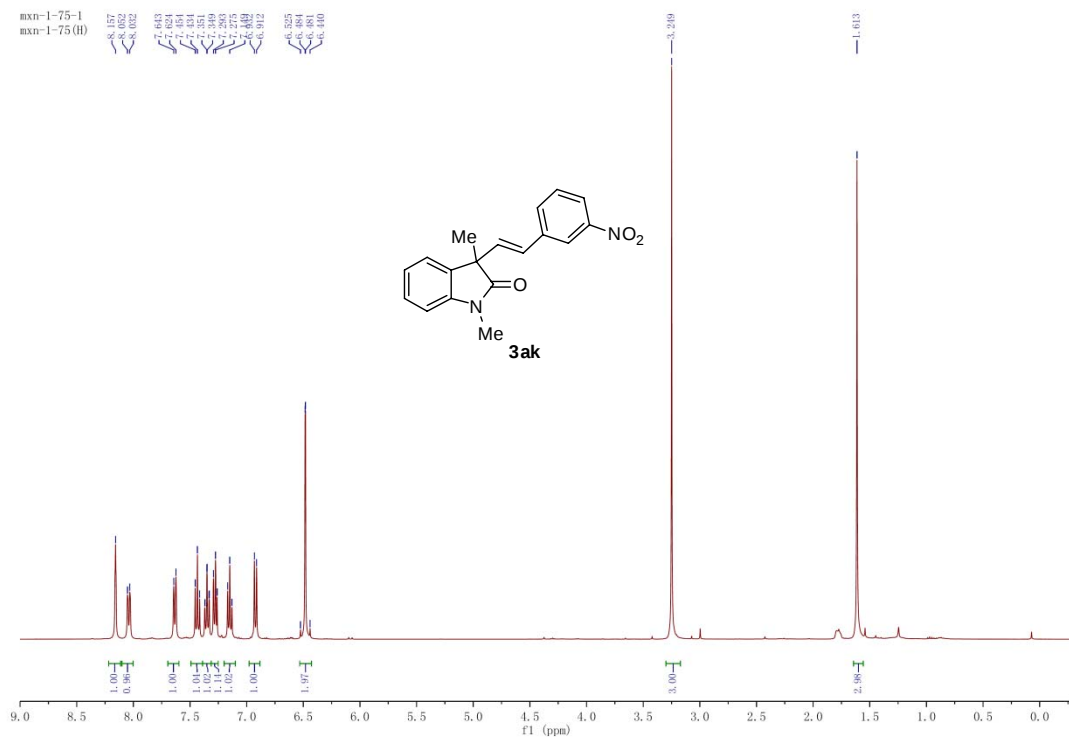


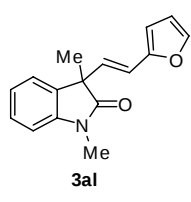
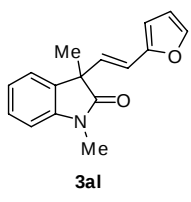


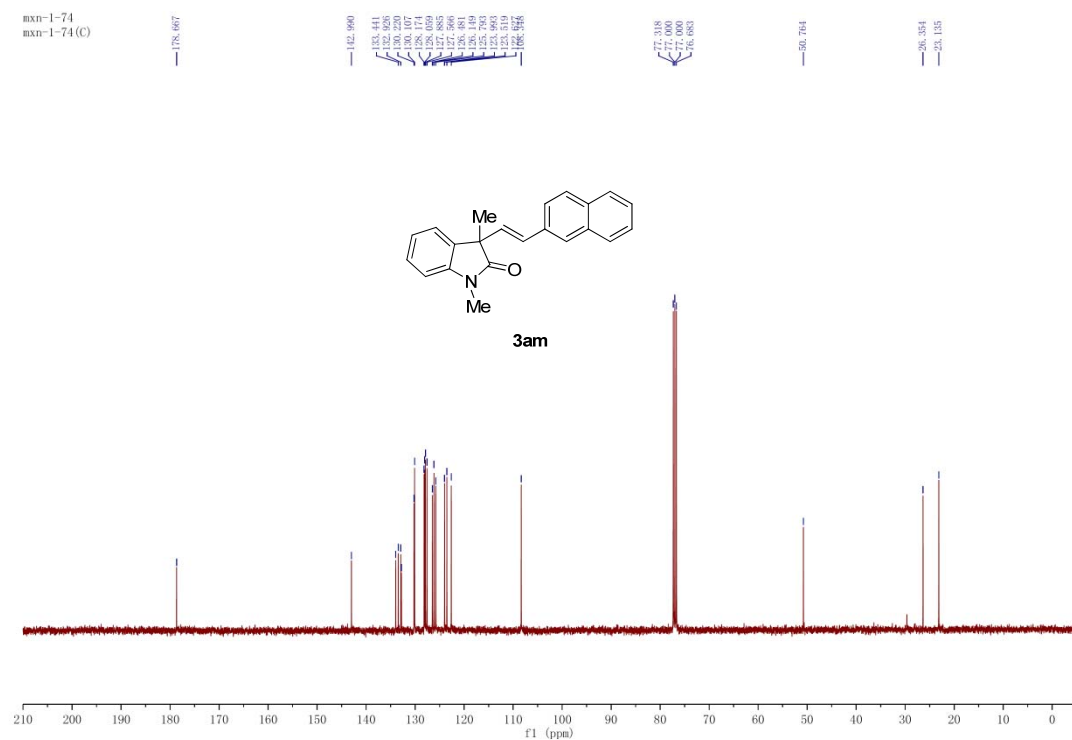
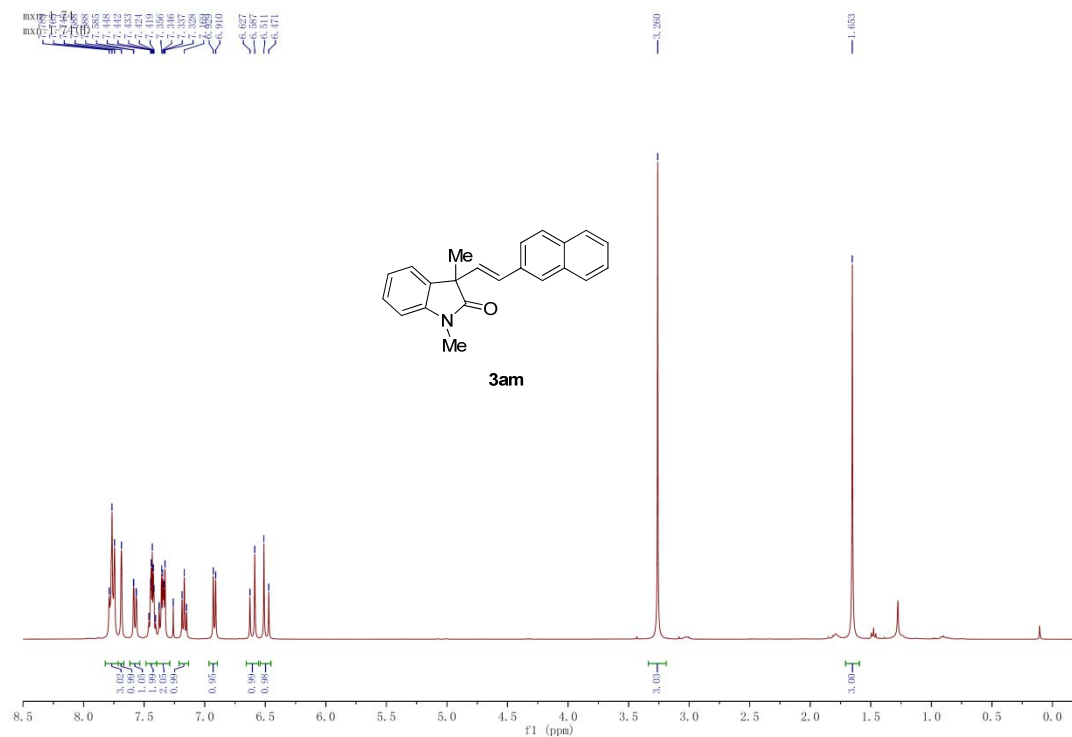


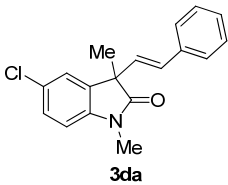
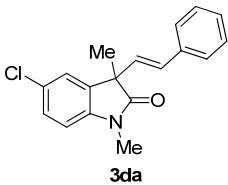


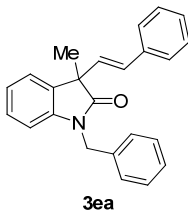
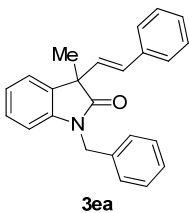


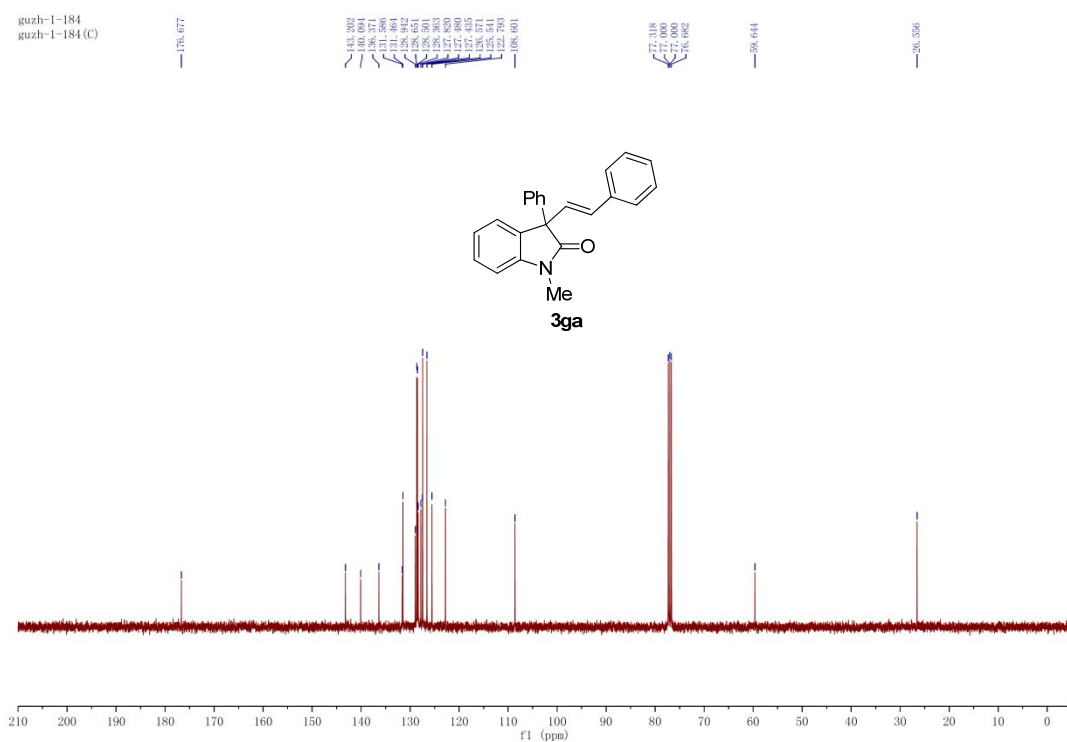
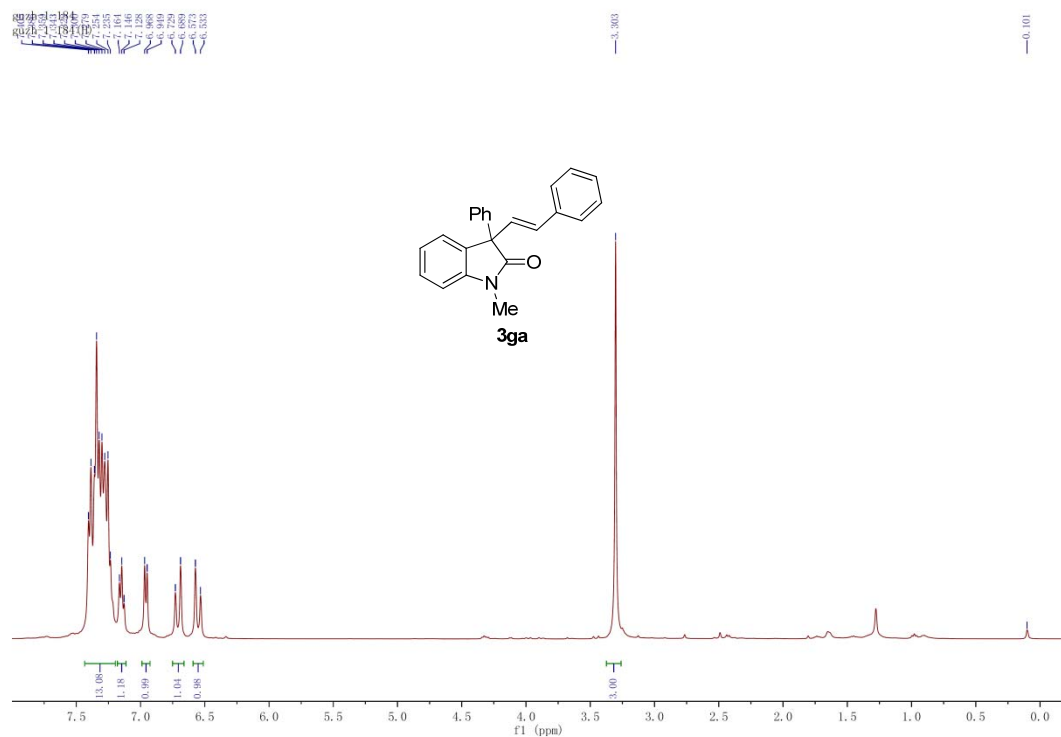


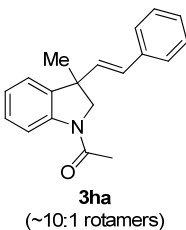
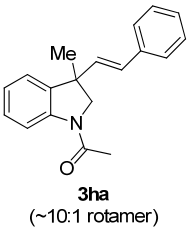


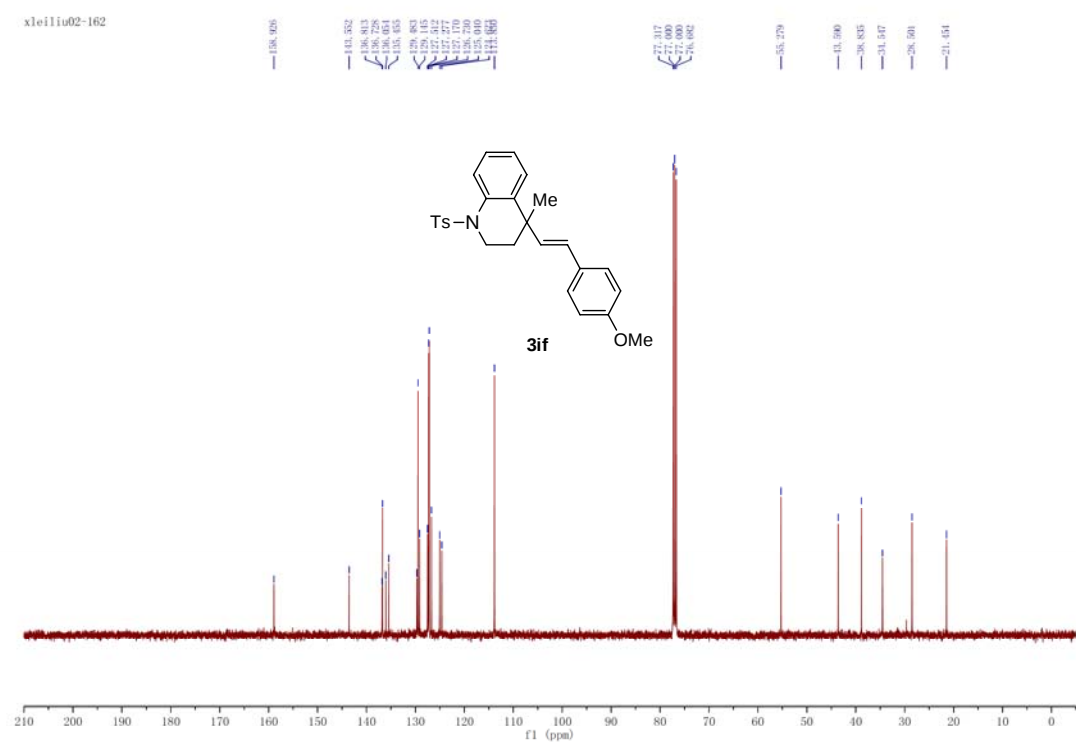
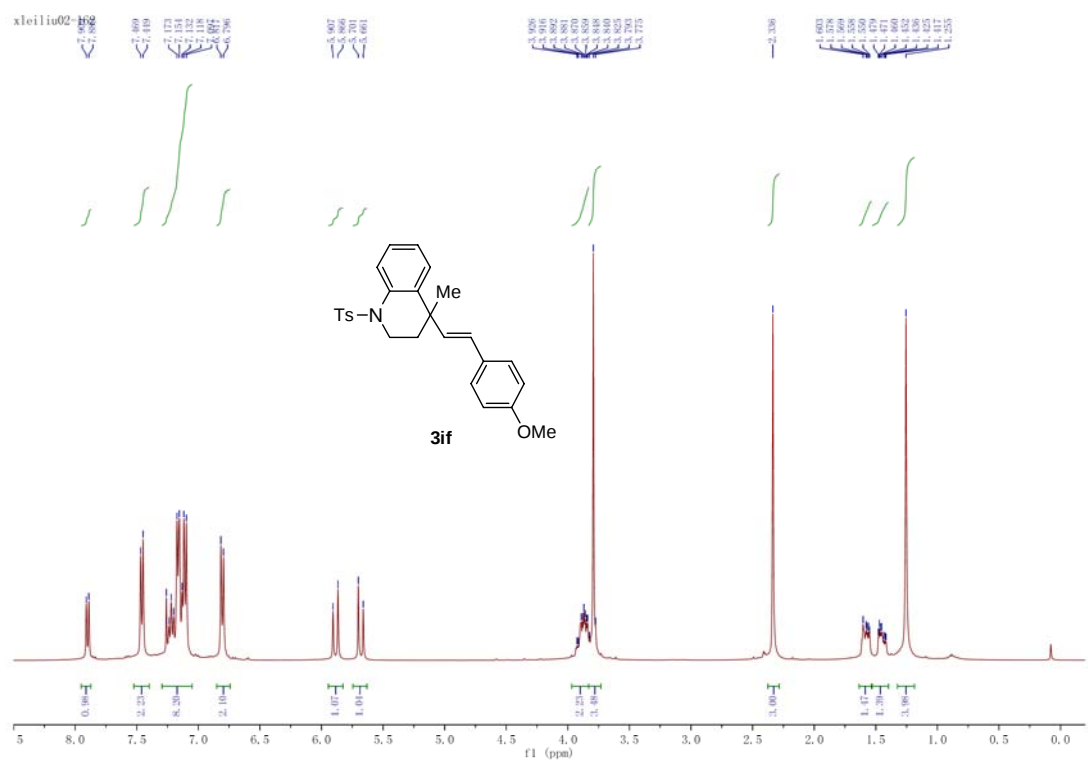


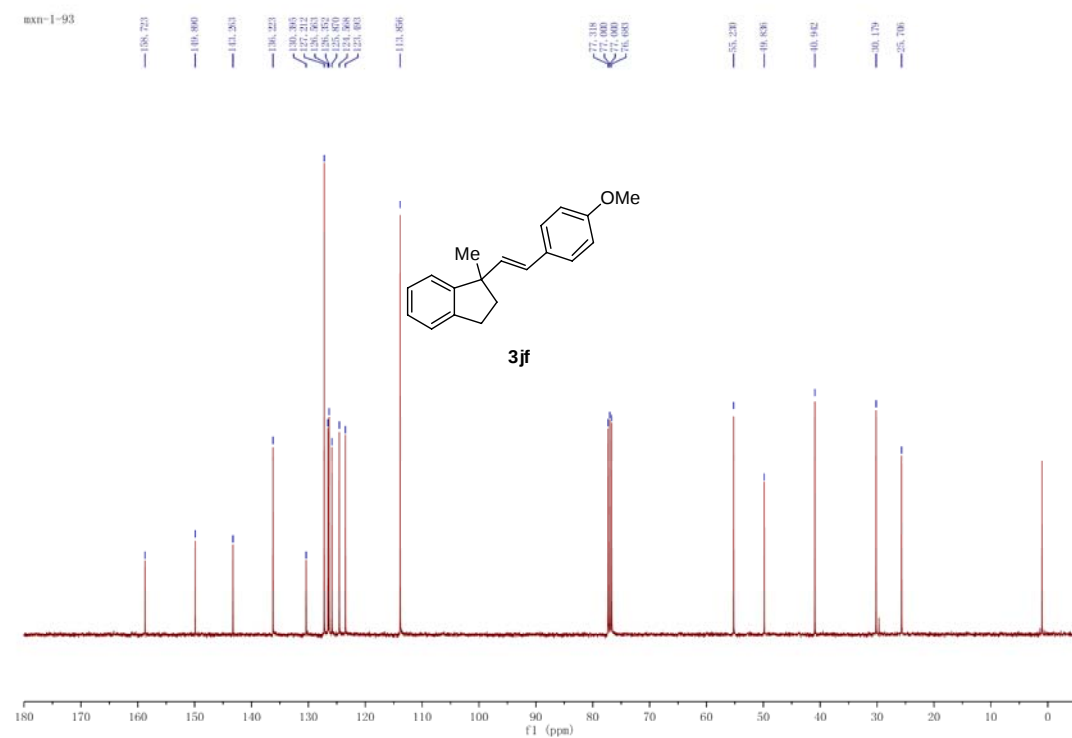
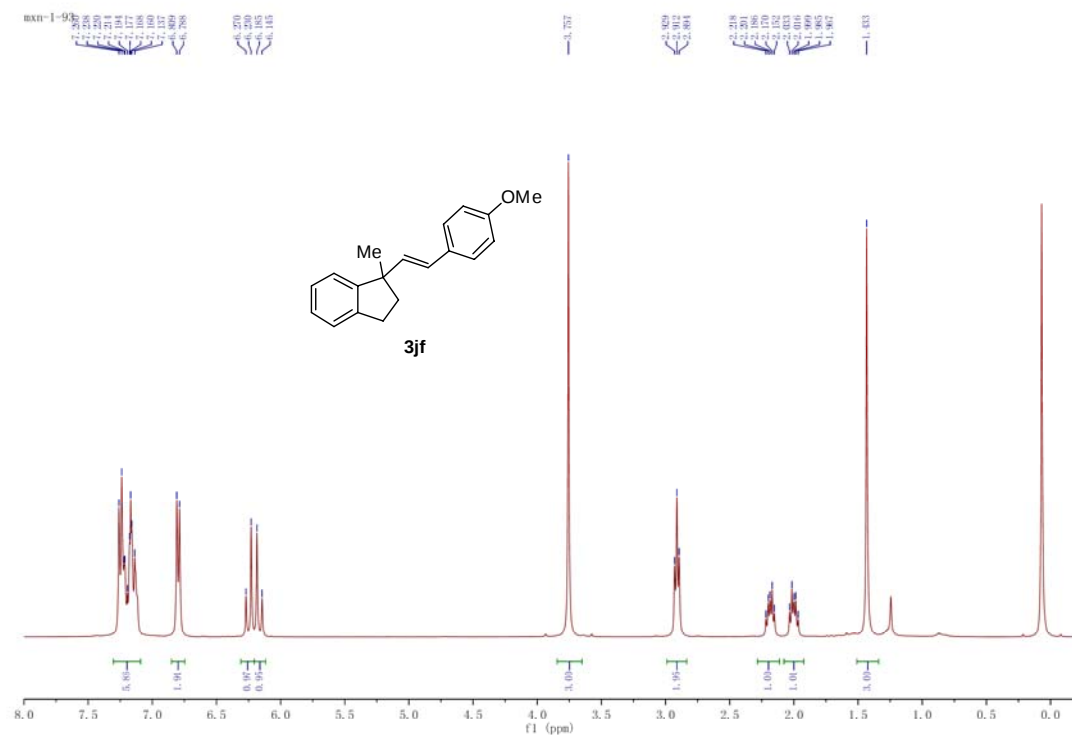


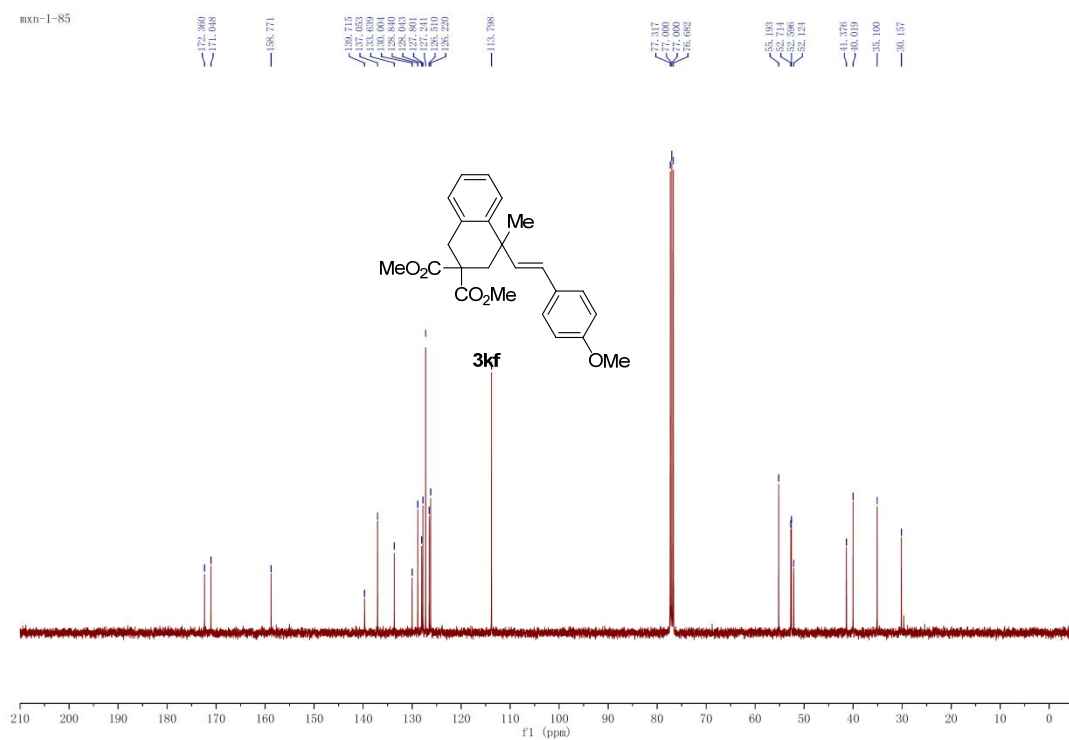
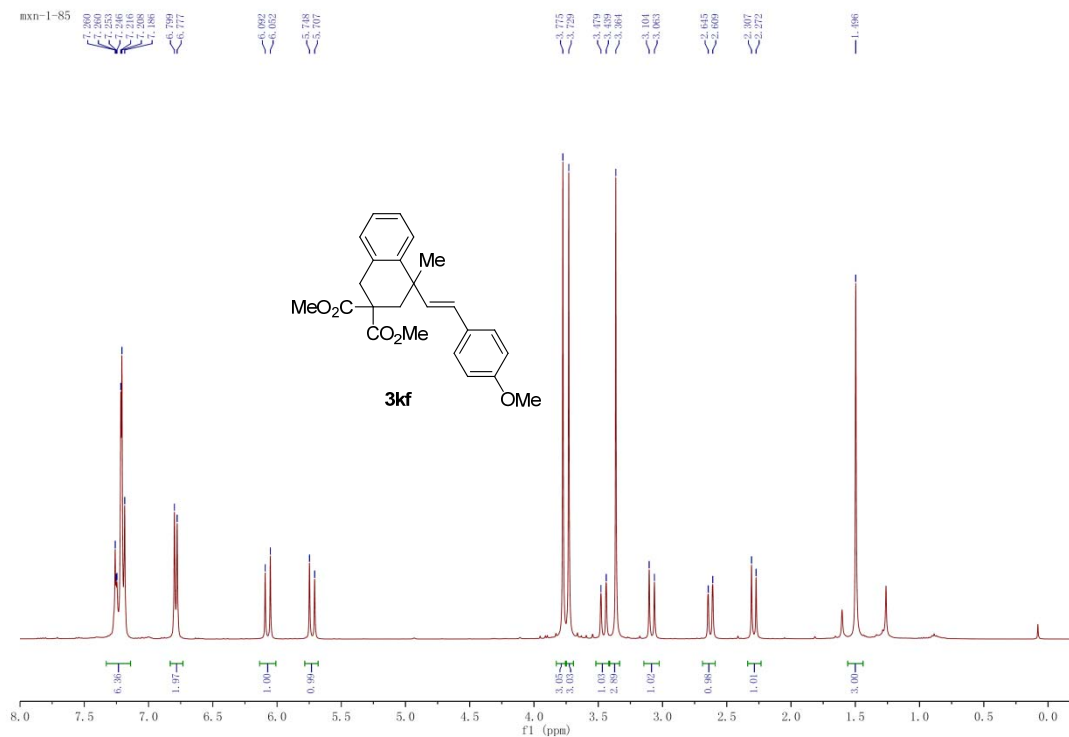




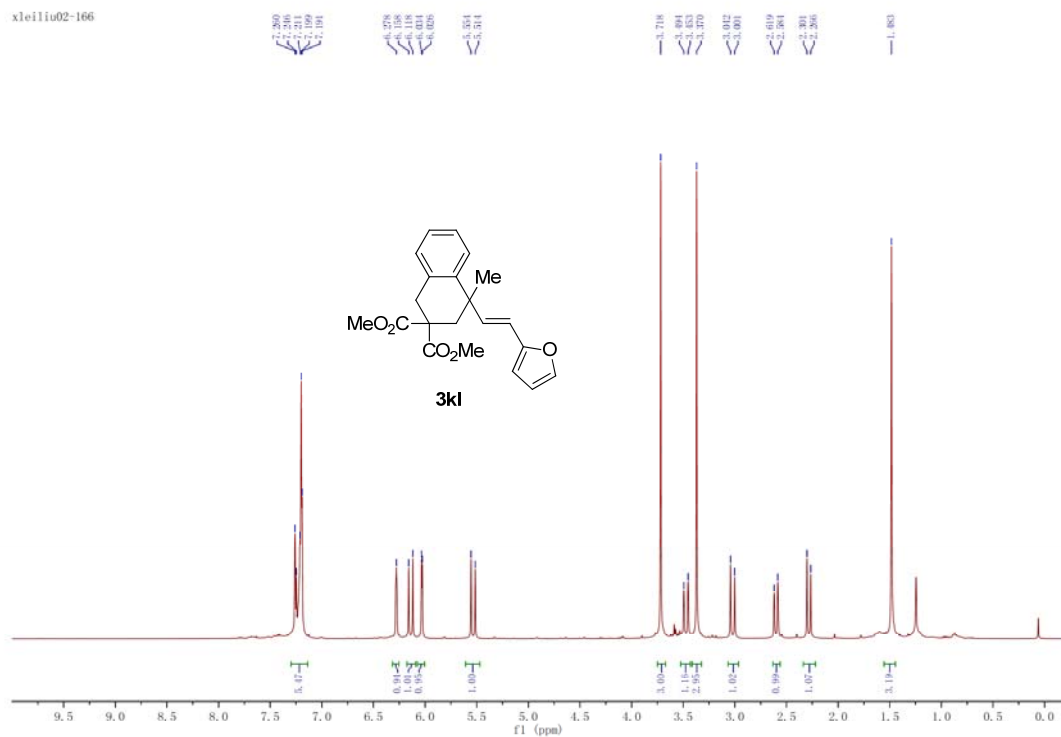








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