

# ***Rhodium(III)-Catalyzed Selective C-H Acetoxylation and Hydroxylation Reactions***

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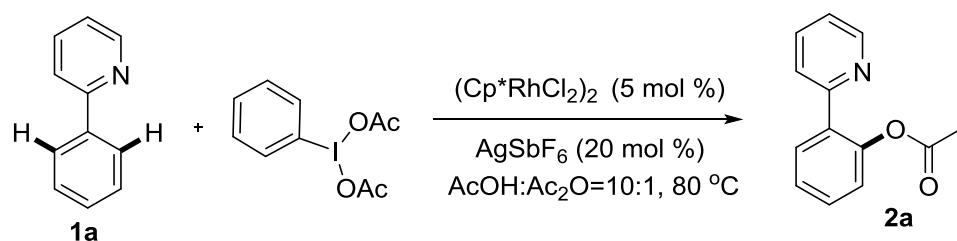
### General methods:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 or 300 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125, 100 MHz) spectra were determined with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from internal TMS ( $\delta$ ). All coupling constants ( $J$  values) were reported in hertz (Hz). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded using the EI method with a double focusing magnetic mass analyzer. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography or LC-MS analysis. Column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh).

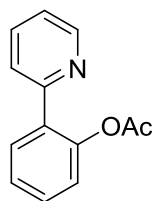
### Materials:

All reagents were purchased from *adamas-beta* in China and used without further purification, unless otherwise indicated.  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2^{\text{S1}}$  was prepared according to the previously reported synthetic methods.

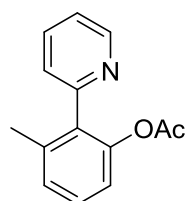
### General procedure for the synthesis of 2 (taking 2a as an example):



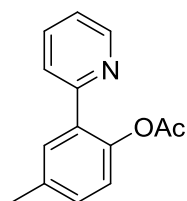
**1a** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (20 mol %),  $\text{AcOH}$  (2 mL) and  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (0.2 mL) were added to a test tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h. After that, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA (5:1) to afford the title compound **2a**.



Compound **2a** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 83% yield (35.4 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.70 (ddd,  $J = 4.9, 1.8, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dt,  $J = 7.9, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 7.5, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.57, 155.97, 149.72, 148.21, 136.47, 133.23, 130.95, 129.88, 126.52, 123.81, 123.35, 122.36, 21.09; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$  213.0790, found 213.0793.

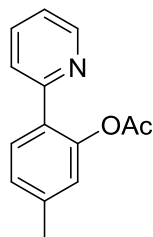


Compound **2b** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 71% yield (32.3 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.71 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.26, 156.61, 150.28, 149.11, 138.91, 136.73, 134.34, 129.58, 128.74, 125.46, 122.82, 120.69, 21.28, 20.62; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$  227.0946, found 227.0949.

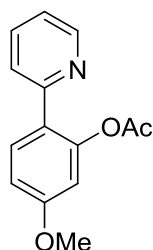


Compound **2c** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 77% yield (35 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.70 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.37, 156.55, 150.26, 146.54, 136.95, 136.81,

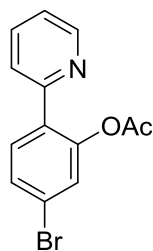
133.36, 131.97, 131.06, 124.35, 123.59, 122.86, 21.67, 21.62; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{13}NO_2$   $[M]^+$  227.0946, found 227.0941.



Compound **2d** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 80% yield (36.4 mg),  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  169.57, 155.84, 149.47, 147.88, 140.19, 136.25, 130.52, 130.15, 127.25, 123.67, 123.46, 121.95, 21.14, 20.98; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{13}NO_2$   $[M]^+$  227.0946, found 227.0944.

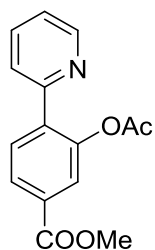


Compound **2e** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 61% yield (29.7 mg),  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.66 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.90 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  169.48, 160.81, 155.84, 149.62, 149.15, 136.37, 131.61, 125.78, 123.36, 121.82, 112.51, 108.90, 55.70, 21.16; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $C_{14}H_{13}NO_3$   $[M]^+$  243.0895, found 243.0893.

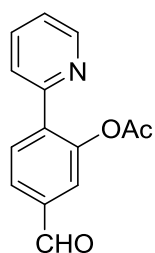


Compound **2f** was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid in 72% yield (42 mg),  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.69 (d,  $J$  = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,

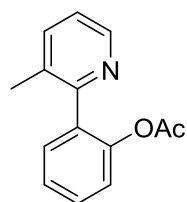
$J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.10, 155.00, 149.86, 148.62, 136.55, 132.34, 132.04, 129.76, 126.74, 123.60, 122.78, 122.61, 21.01; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNO}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$  290.9895, found 290.9894.



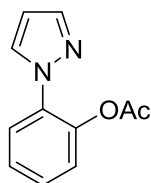
Compound **2g** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 74% yield (40.1 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.73 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.31, 166.09, 154.96, 149.92, 148.12, 137.51, 136.59, 131.62, 131.08, 127.54, 124.83, 123.89, 122.94, 52.53, 21.05; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}]^+$  271.0845, found 271.0849.



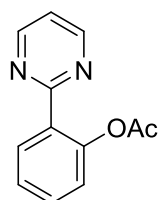
Compound **2h** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 71% yield (34.3 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.05 (s, 1H), 8.73 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 2.19 (s,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.98, 169.18, 154.68, 150.01, 148.81, 138.90, 137.54, 136.64, 131.84, 127.54, 124.46, 123.97, 123.15, 21.03; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M}]^+$  241.0739, found 241.0733.



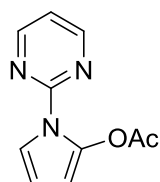
Compound **2i** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 70% yield (31.8 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.50 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.12 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.05, 155.68, 148.28, 146.83, 138.06, 133.64, 132.35, 130.61, 129.40, 126.04, 122.86, 122.63, 20.76, 19.21; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$  227.0946, found 227.0948.



Compound **2j** was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid in 65% yield (26.2 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.83 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.88, 143.43, 141.15, 133.25, 130.28, 128.50, 126.93, 125.80, 124.11, 107.13, 20.89; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$  202.0742, found 202.0741.

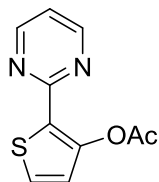


Compound **2k** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 75% yield (32.1 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.81 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.24, 164.02, 157.10, 149.50, 131.76, 131.52, 130.62, 126.44, 124.05, 119.18, 21.29; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$  214.0742, found 214.0746.

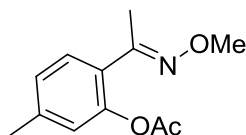


Compound **2l** was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid in 64% yield (26 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.69 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J =$

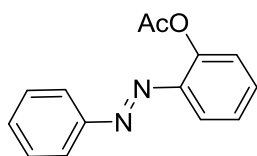
6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.09, 167.39, 158.47, 156.02, 143.22, 129.92, 117.18, 82.43, 20.93; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$  203.0695, found 203.0694.



Compound **2m** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 54% yield (23.8 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.70 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.26, 160.59, 156.95, 147.40, 127.93, 127.53, 124.40, 118.34, 21.10; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  220.0306, found 220.0307.

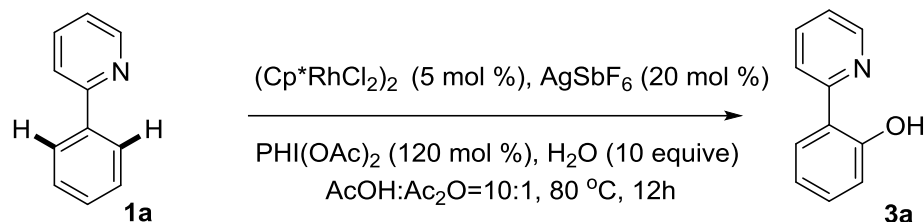


Compound **2n** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 56% yield (24.8 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.29, 155.26, 149.66, 142.10, 131.06, 129.20, 128.79, 125.61, 63.76, 23.00, 16.88; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M}]^+$  221.1052, found 221.1056.

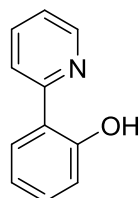


Compound **2o** was obtained as a red amorphous solid in 70% yield (33.6 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.84 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.35 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 7.4, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.72, 152.94, 149.07, 144.07, 132.19, 131.48, 129.22, 126.70, 123.45, 123.11, 117.77, 20.88; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$  240.0899, found 240.0894.

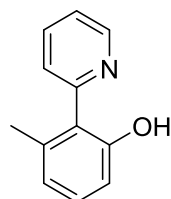
**General procedure for the synthesis of 3 (taking 3a as an example):**



**1a** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (20 mol %),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (2 mmol, 10 equiv),  $\text{AcOH}$  (2 mL) and  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (0.2 mL) were added to a test tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h. After that, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA (5:1) to afford the title compound **3a**.



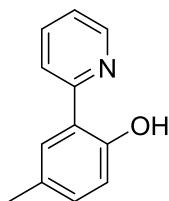
Compound **3a** was obtained as a yellow oil in 82% yield (28.1 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.51 (ddd,  $J = 5.0, 1.8, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.04 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.88 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.04, 157.88, 145.82, 137.81, 131.53, 126.12, 121.52, 119.08, 118.79, 118.66; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  171.0684, found 171.0685.



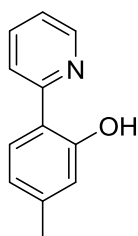
Compound **3b** was obtained as a yellow oil in 76% yield (28.2 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.63 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.84 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.62, 157.24, 147.39, 137.13, 136.36, 130.14, 125.85, 122.97, 122.38, 121.73, 115.38, 22.59;



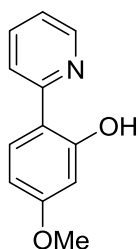
HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}NO$   $[M]^+$  185.0841, found 185.0839.



Compound **3c** was obtained as a yellow oil in 70% yield (25.9 mg),  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.10 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  158.37, 158.11, 146.32, 138.05, 132.72, 128.07, 126.68, 121.75, 119.39, 118.77, 21.15; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}NO$   $[M]^+$  185.0841, found 185.0844.

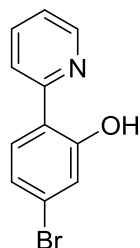


Compound **3d** was obtained as a yellow oil in 85% yield (31.5 mg),  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.34 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  160.06, 158.15, 145.93, 142.25, 137.77, 126.05, 121.19, 120.05, 119.03, 118.84, 116.37, 21.56; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}NO$   $[M]^+$  185.0841, found 185.0845.

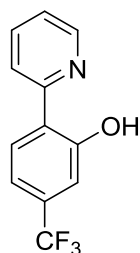


Compound **3e** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 65% yield (26.2 mg),  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.71 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.80 (s, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.17(m, 1H), 6.58 – 6.47 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  164.25, 163.81, 159.79, 147.46, 139.51, 129.02, 122.42, 120.14, 113.95, 108.51, 104.03, 57.23; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}NO_2$   $[M]^+$  201.0790, found

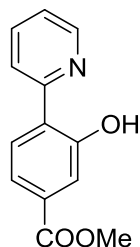
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Compound **3f** was obtained as a yellow amorphous solid in 85% yield (42.5 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.65 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.9$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.97, 157.23, 145.97, 138.12, 127.26, 125.04, 122.09, 121.99, 121.79, 119.14, 117.88; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{BrNO}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  248.9789, found 248.9791.

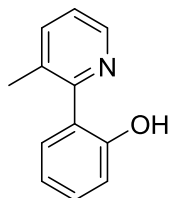


Compound **3g** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 76% yield (36.4 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.61 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.09, 156.62, 146.05, 138.16, 133.14 (q,  $J = 32.5$  Hz), 126.61, 123.74 (d,  $J = 272.4$  Hz), 122.54, 121.50, 119.59, 115.85 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 115.07 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz); HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  239.0558, found 239.0556.

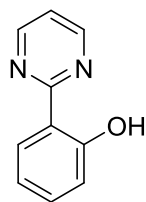


Compound **3h** was obtained as a white amorphous solid in 83% yield (38.1 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.42 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 13.3, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s,

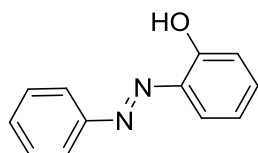
3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.71, 159.82, 156.87, 146.08, 138.06, 132.56, 126.11, 122.52, 122.47, 119.92, 119.81, 119.57, 52.27; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3$   $[\text{M}]^+$  229.0739, found 229.0741.



Compound **3i** was obtained as a yellow oil in 80% yield (29.6 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.40 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd,  $J$  = 22.4, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.41, 147.68, 141.33, 139.19, 131.53, 129.64, 128.85, 128.62, 122.78, 20.77; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  185.0841, found 185.0845.

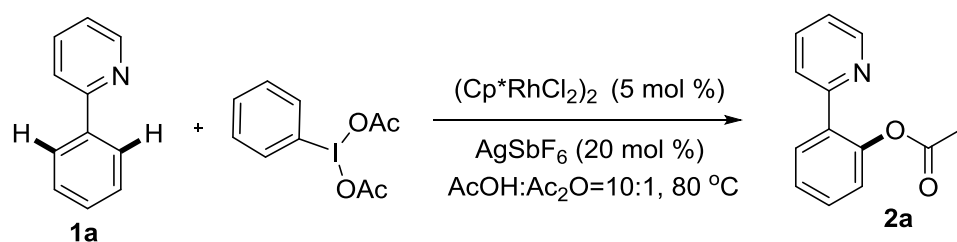


Compound **3j** was obtained as a yellow oil in 75% yield (25.8 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.06 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d,  $J$  = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 8.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t,  $J$  = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.97, 161.32, 156.82, 134.10, 129.85, 119.86, 119.41, 119.02, 118.73; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  172.0637, found 172.0633.



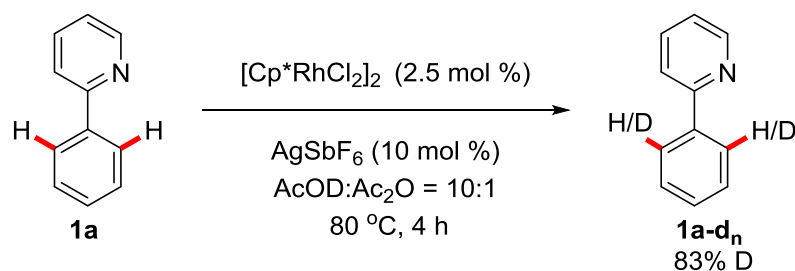
Compound **3k** was obtained as a red amorphous solid in 71% yield (28.2 mg),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.95 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.38 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.03 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.78, 150.54, 137.37, 133.31, 133.28, 131.20, 129.39, 122.27, 119.96, 118.22; HRMS (EI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}$   $[\text{M}]^+$  198.0793, found 198.0796.

### Scale-up of the reaction.

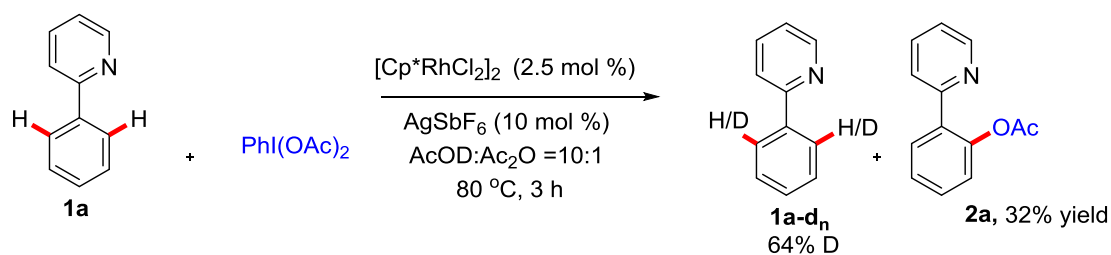
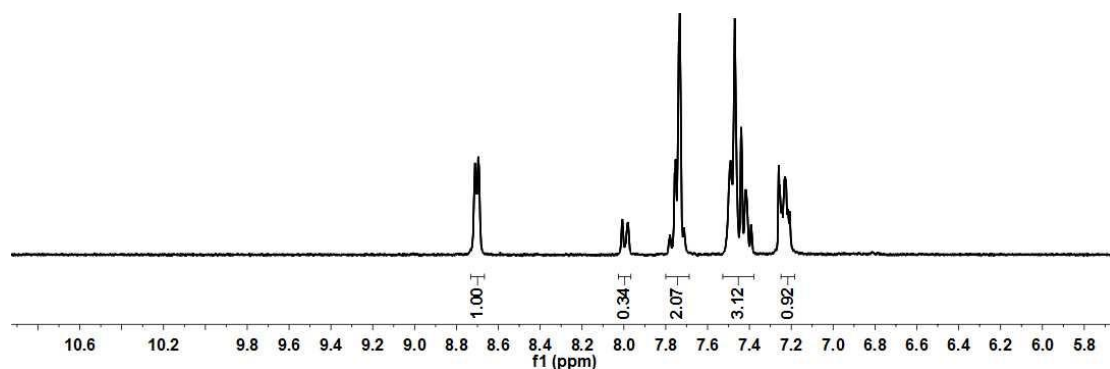


**1a** (5 mmol, 775 mg),  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  (6 mmol, 1.2 equiv, 1930 mg),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (5 mol %, 154 mg),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (20 mol %, 343mg),  $\text{AcOH}$  (50 mL) and  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (5 mL) were added to a 150 mL round-bottom flask. The reaction mixture was refluxed at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h. After that, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA (5:1) to afford the title compound **2a** 872 mg (yield 81.8%).

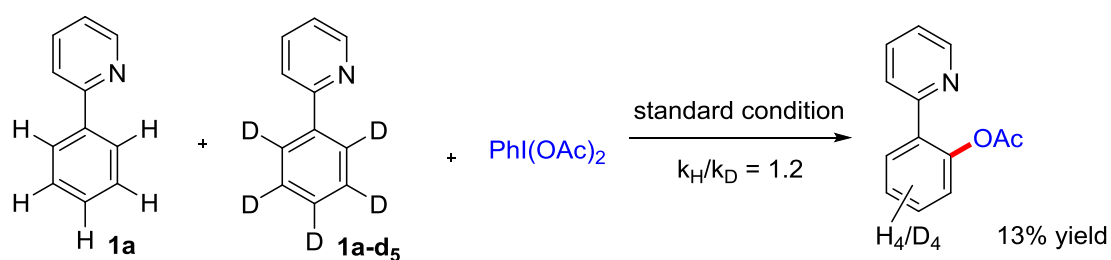
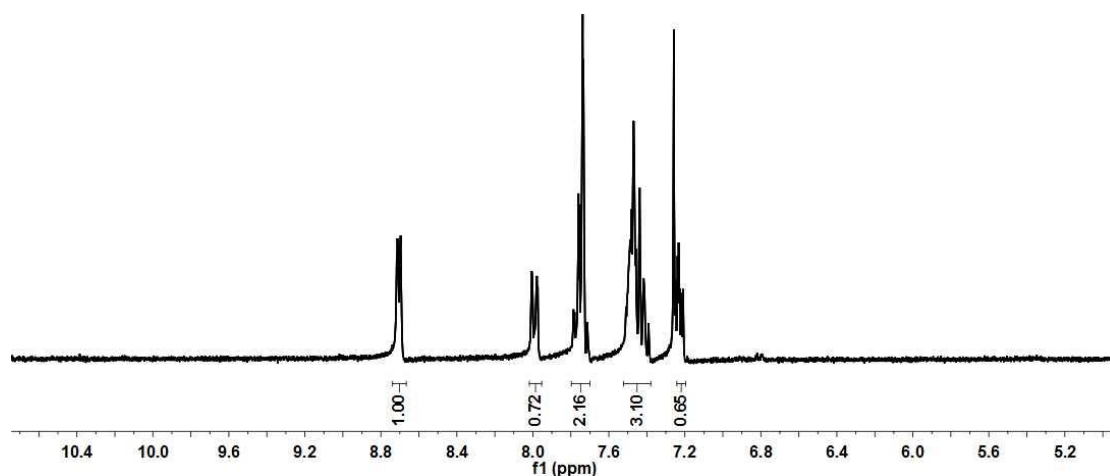
### Mechanistic study



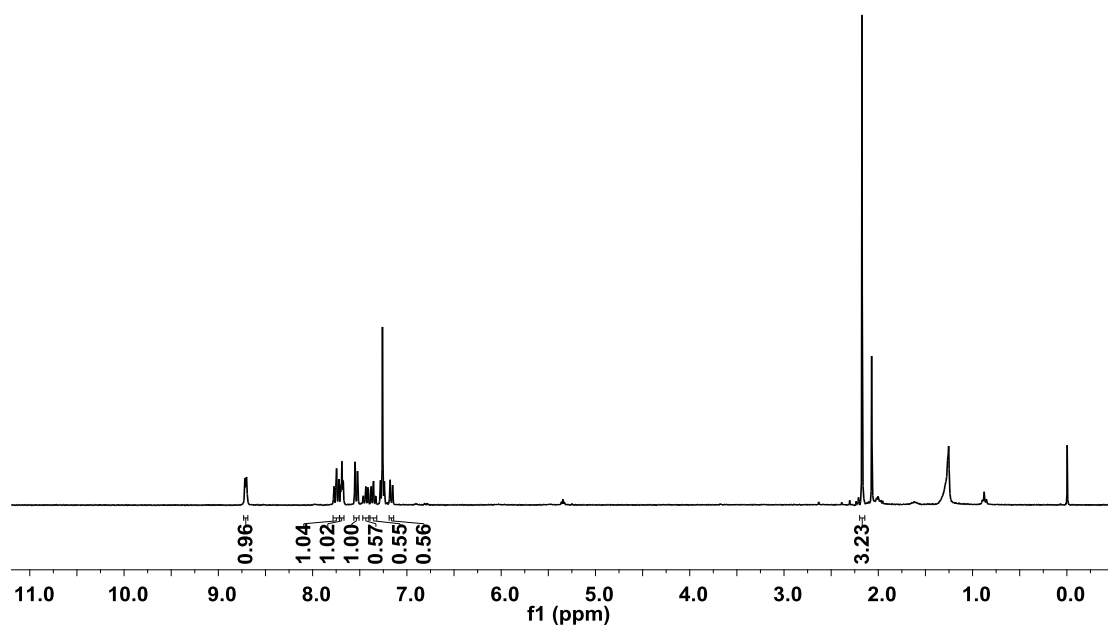
A mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (10 mol %), were dissolved in Acetic acid- $\text{d}_1$ : $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (10:1) (2 mL) in a pressure tube. The reaction mixtures was stirred at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for overnight. The solvent was rapidly removed under reduced pressure and the residues of the reaction was purified by silica gel chromatography using EA/PE to afford the mixture of **1a** : **1a-d<sub>n</sub>** .



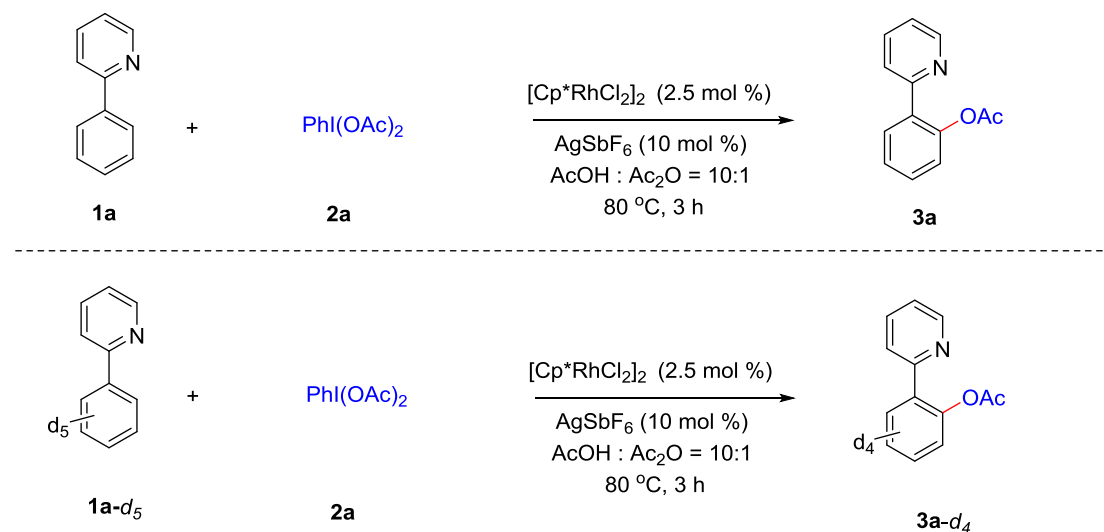
A mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.24 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (10 mol %), were dissolved in  $\text{AcOD}:\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  (10:1) (2 mL) in a pressure tube, The reaction mixtures was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h. The solvent was rapidly removed under reduced pressure and the residues of the reaction was purified by silica gel chromatography using EA/PE to re-isolate **1a**.



An equimolar mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol, 31 mg), **1a-d<sub>5</sub>** (0.2 mmol, 32 mg), PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mmol, 64mg), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol %), were dissolved in Acetic acid:Ac<sub>2</sub>O (10:1) (2 mL) in a pressure tube,. The reaction mixtures were stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. The solvent was rapidly removed under reduced pressure and the residue of the reaction was purified by silica gel chromatography using EA/PE to afford the products. KIE value ( $k_\text{H}/k_\text{D} = 1.2$ ) was determined on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

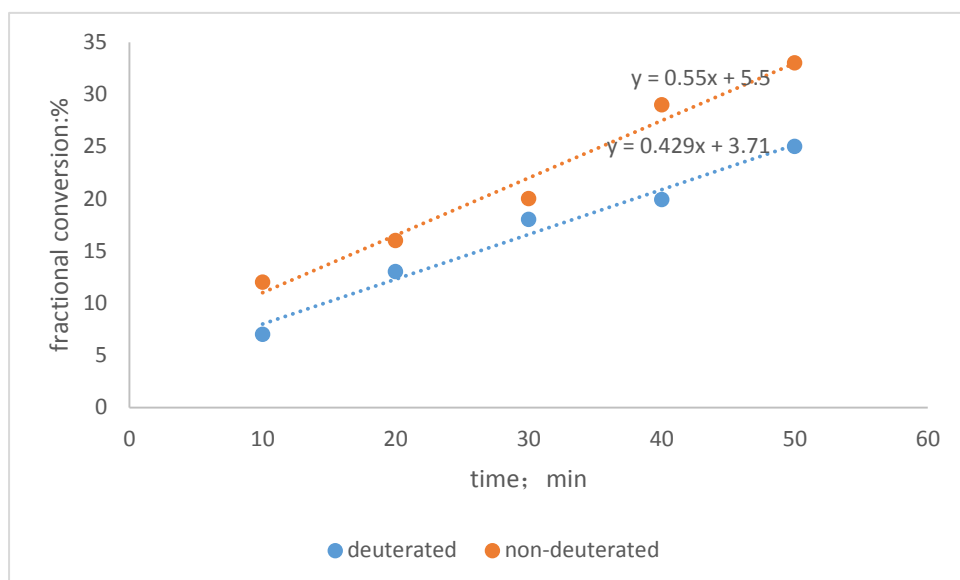


### Kinetic Isotope Effect Experiments



A mixture of **1a** (0.2 mmol, 31 mg) or **1a-d<sub>5</sub>** (0.2 mmol, 32 mg),  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.2 mmol, 64mg),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (10 mol %), were dissolved in  $\text{AcOH}:\text{Ac}_2\text{O}(10:1)$  (2 mL) in a pressure tube,. The resulting mixture was stirred at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  for designated time (10 min, 20 min, 30 min, 40 min, and 50 min). The solution was concentrated and submitted to HPLC to provide the following yield.

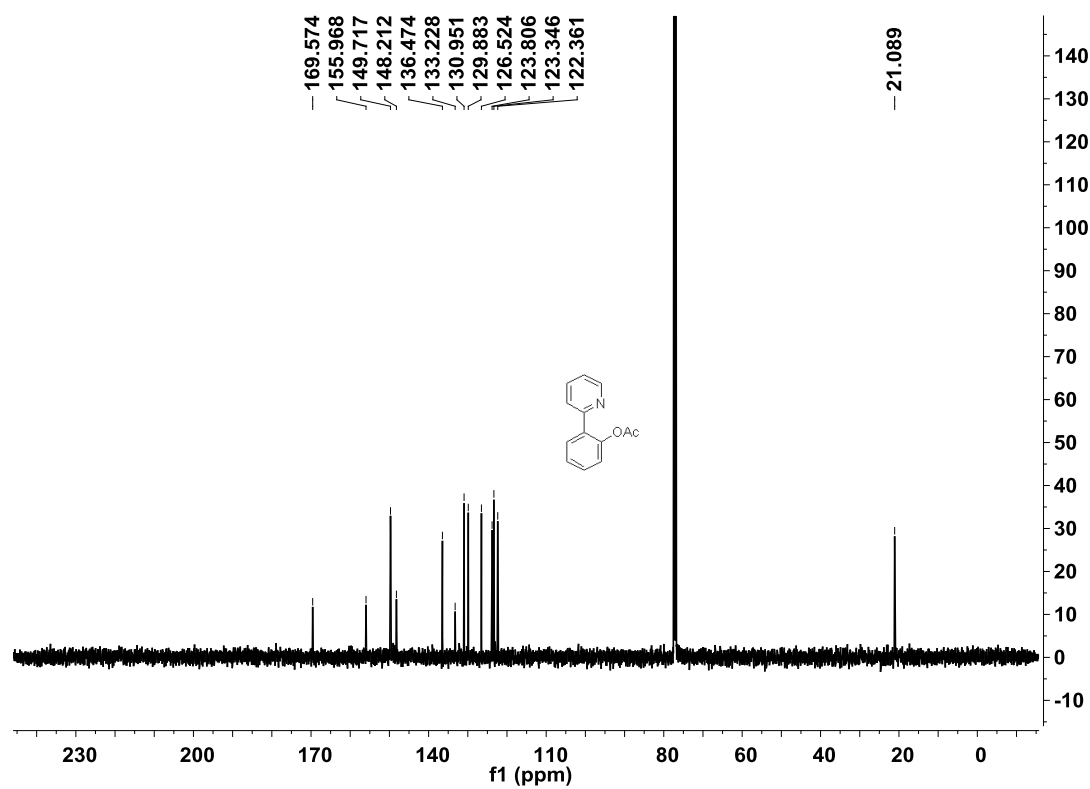
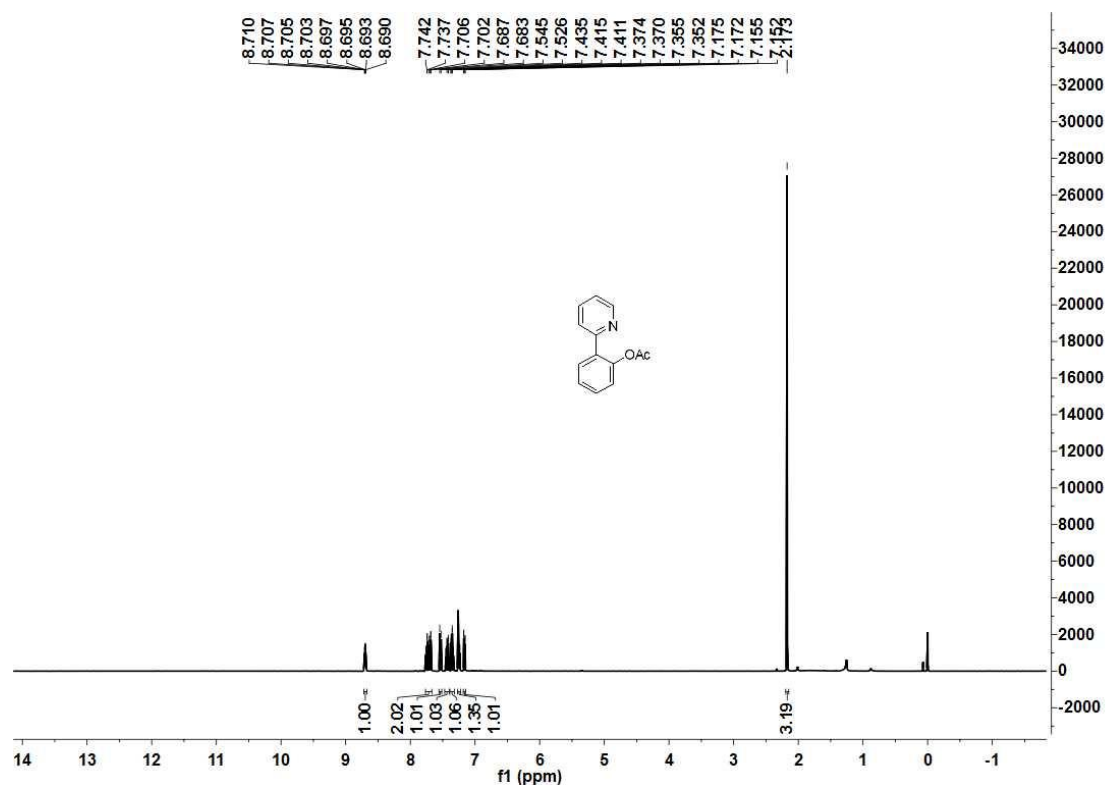
Time (min)	10	20	30	40	50
<b>3a</b> (%)	12	16	20	29	33
<b>3a-d<sub>4</sub></b> (%)	7	13	18	20	25



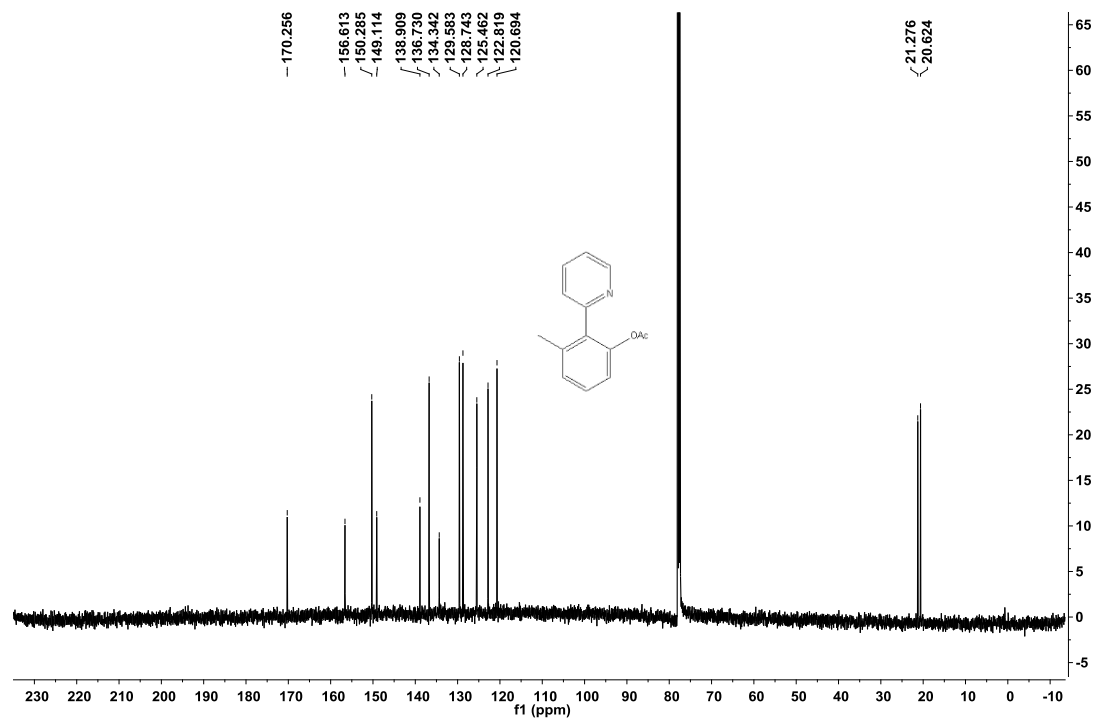
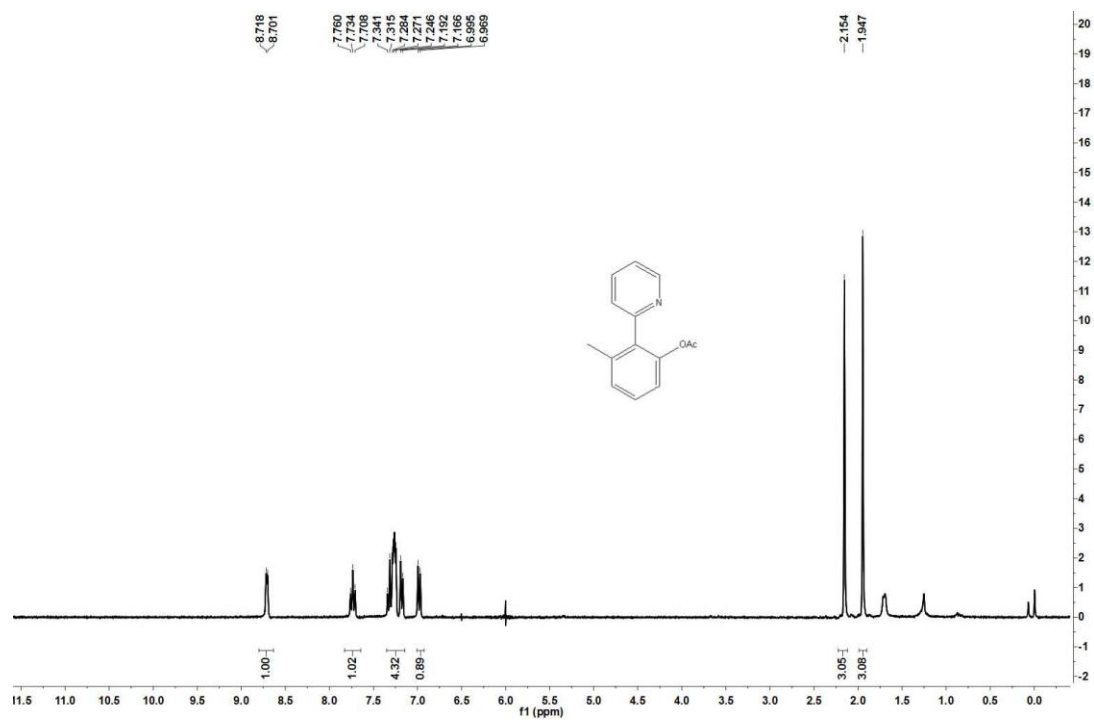
$$\text{KIE} = 0.55/0.429 = 1.28$$



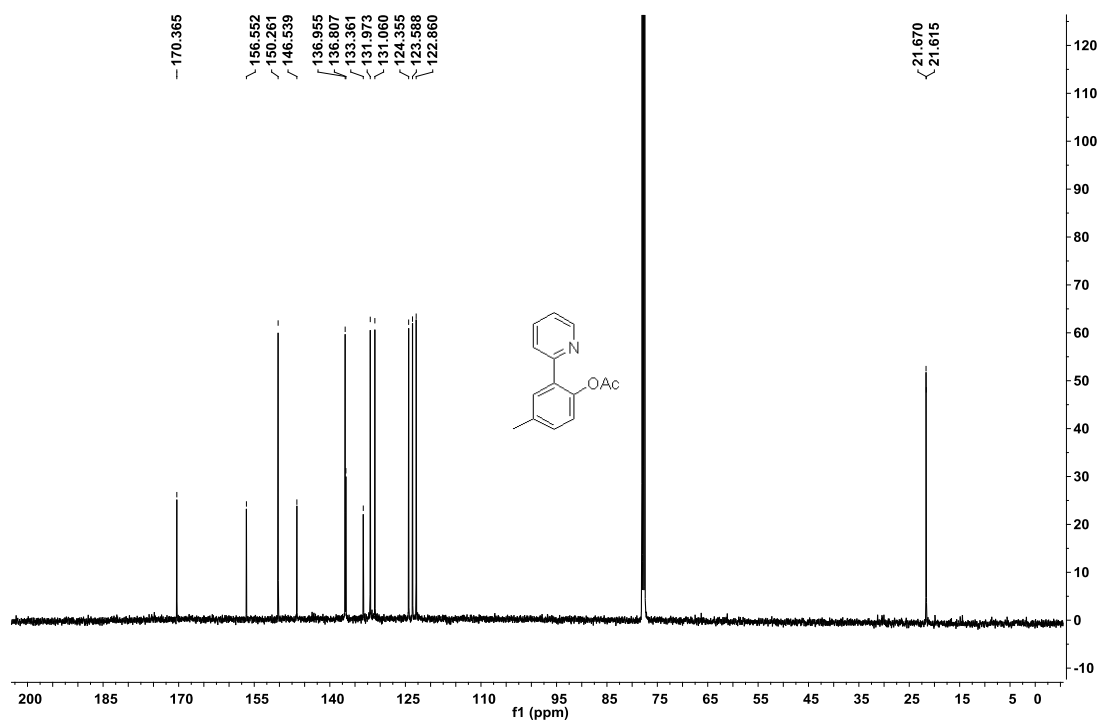
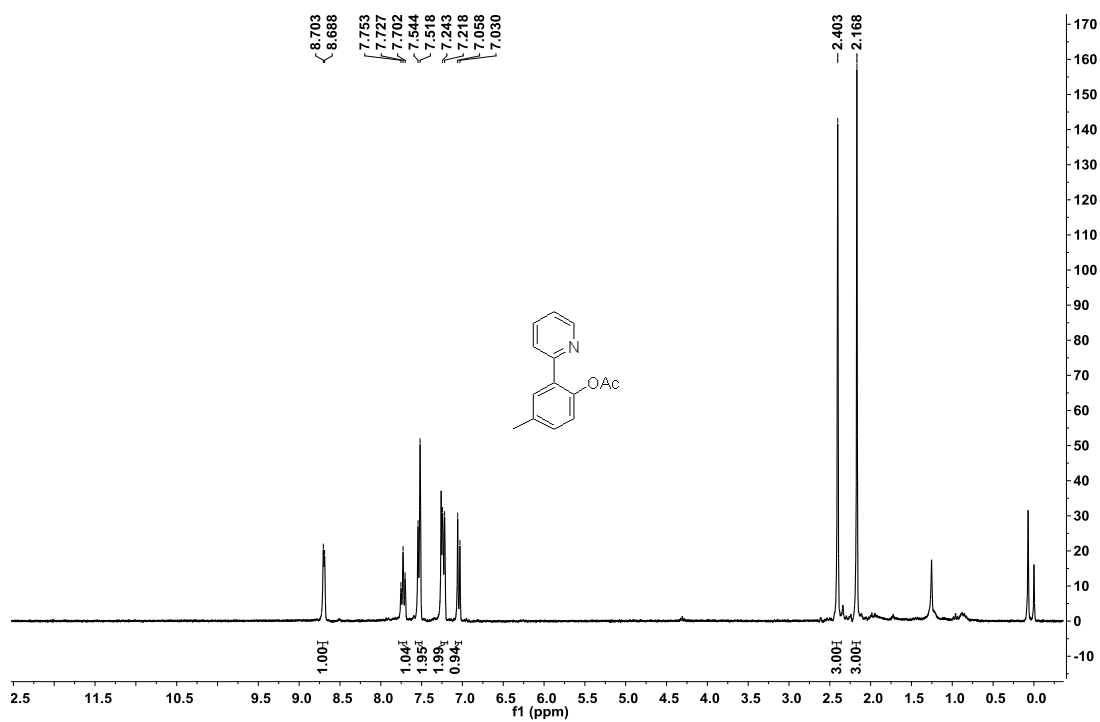
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Compound **2a**



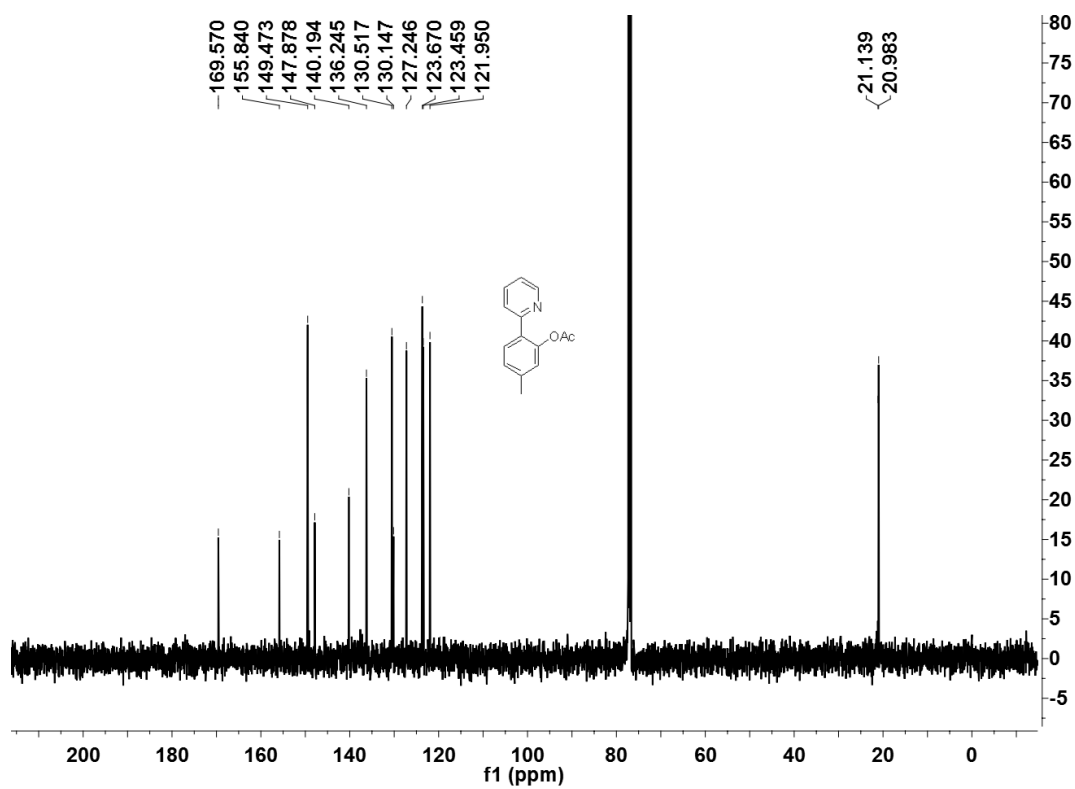
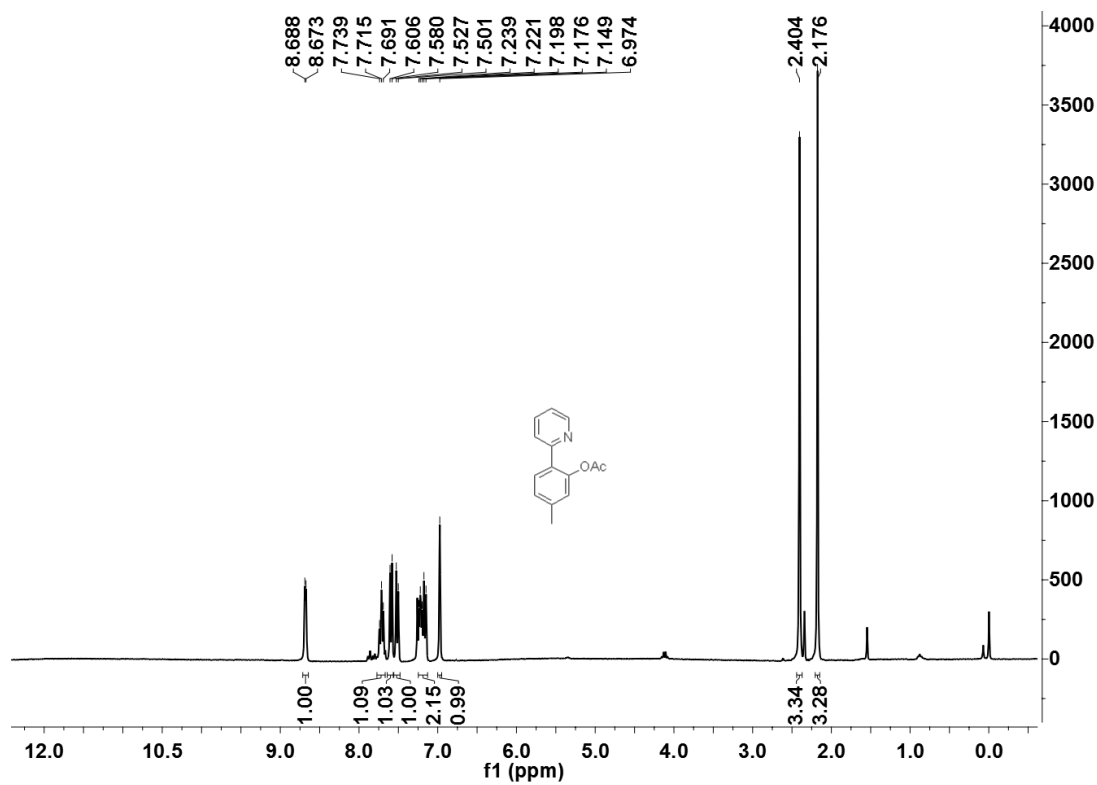
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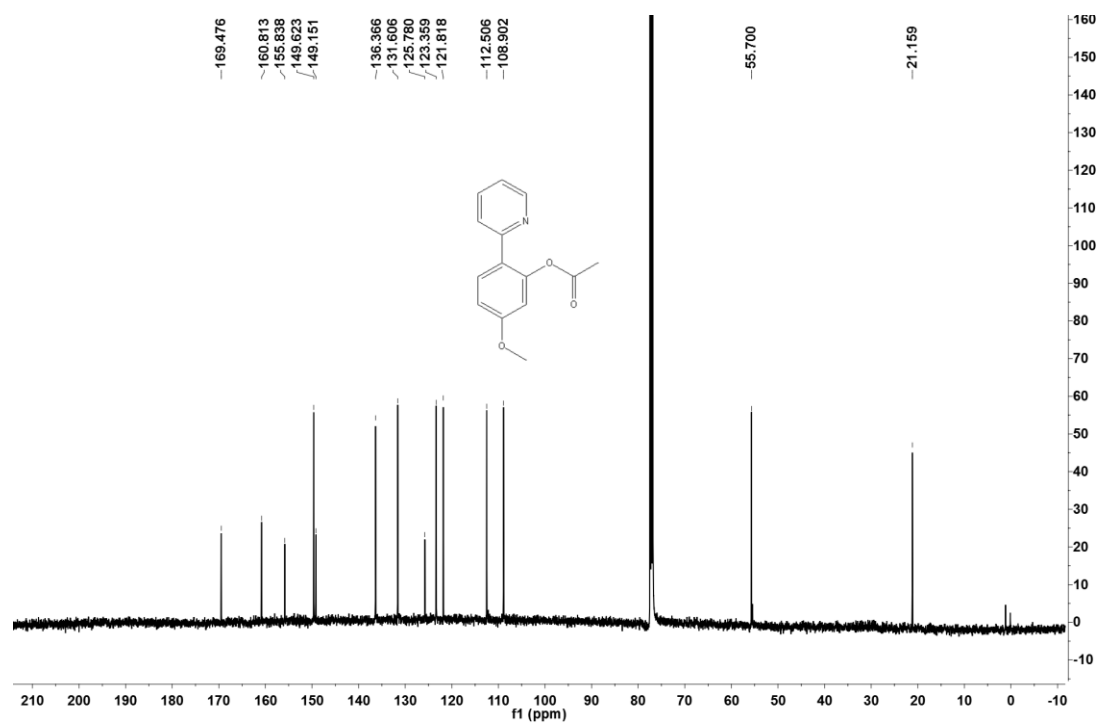
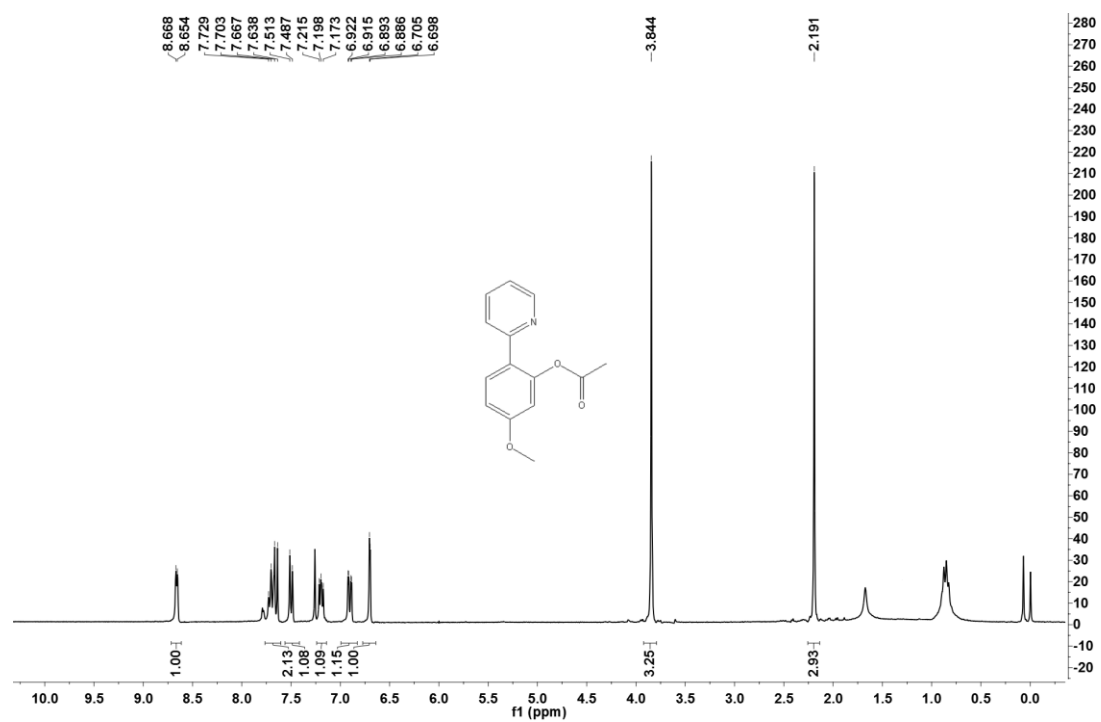
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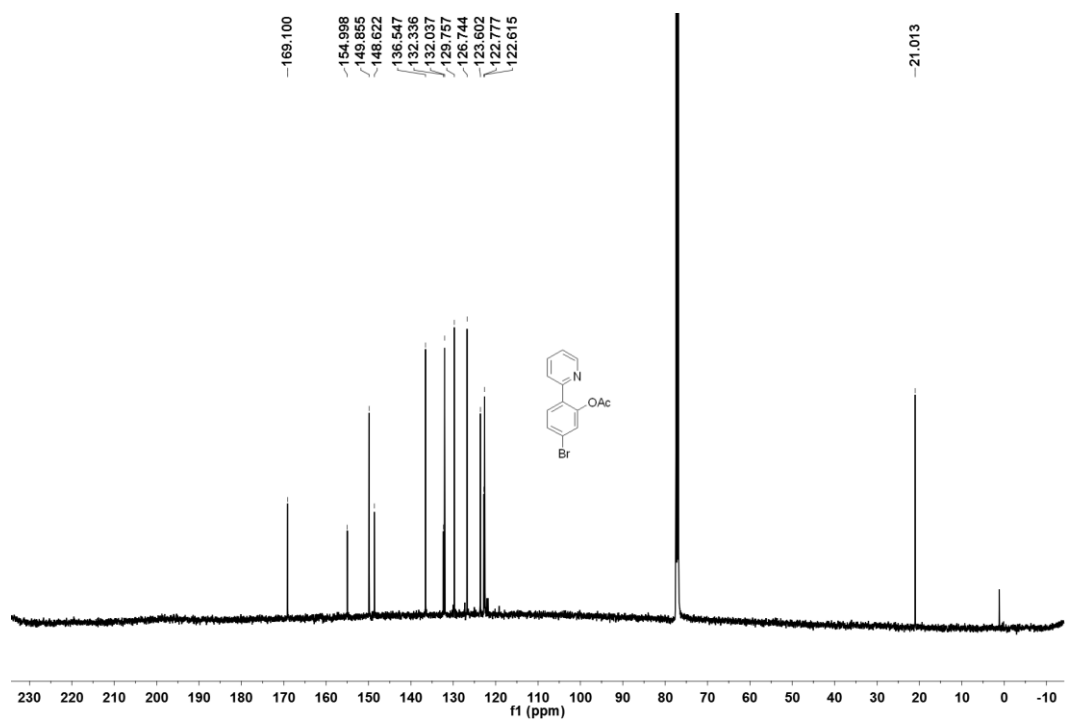
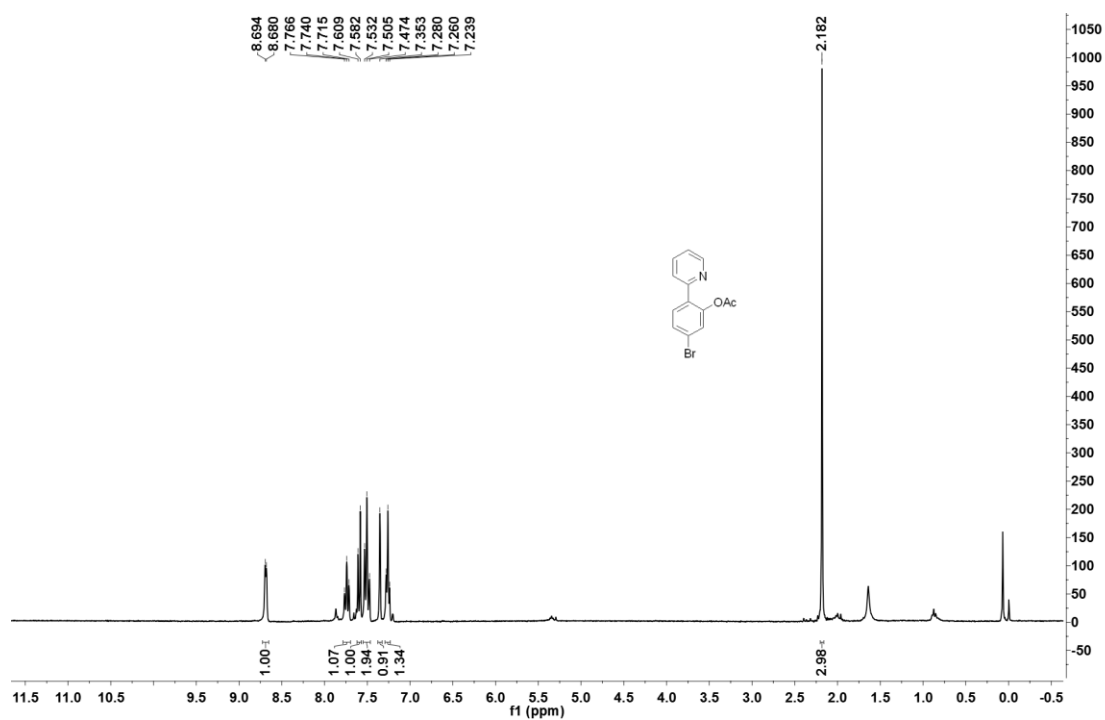
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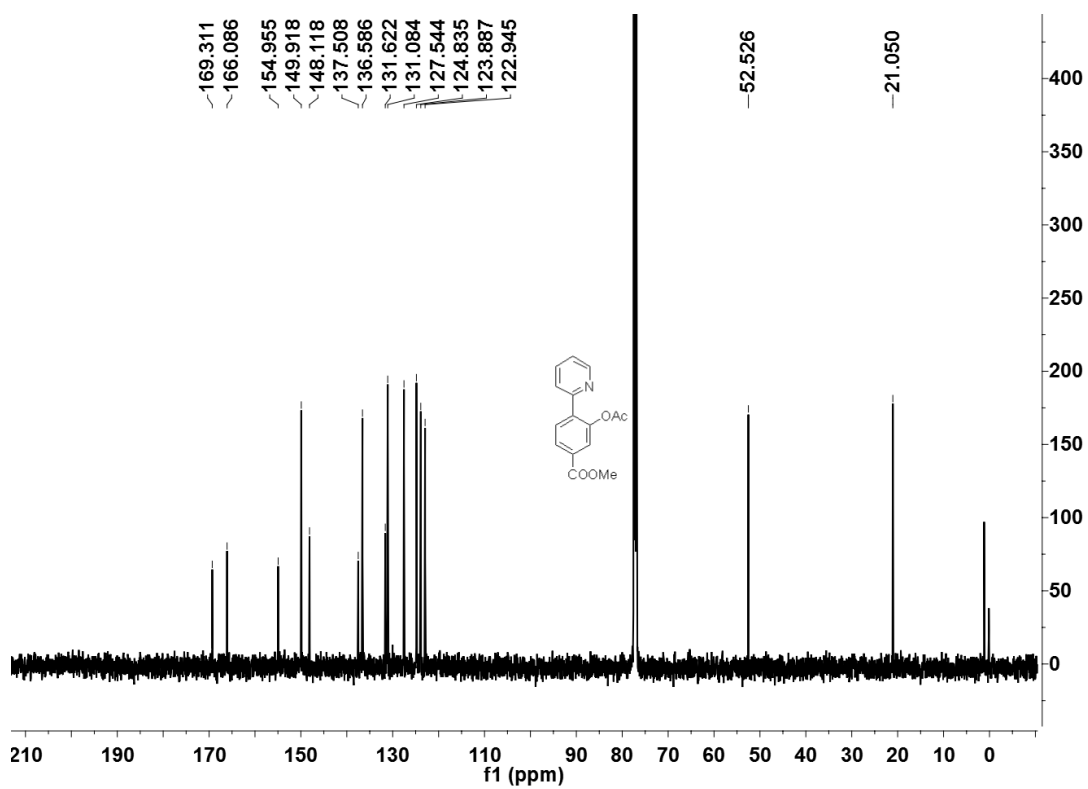
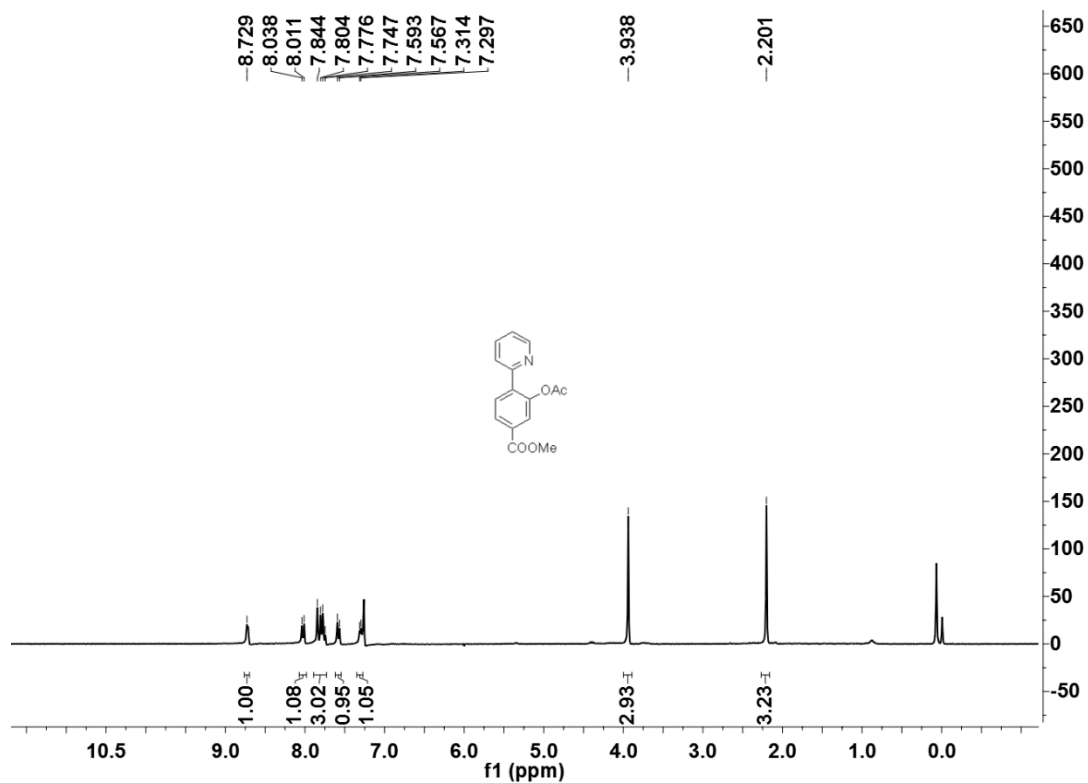
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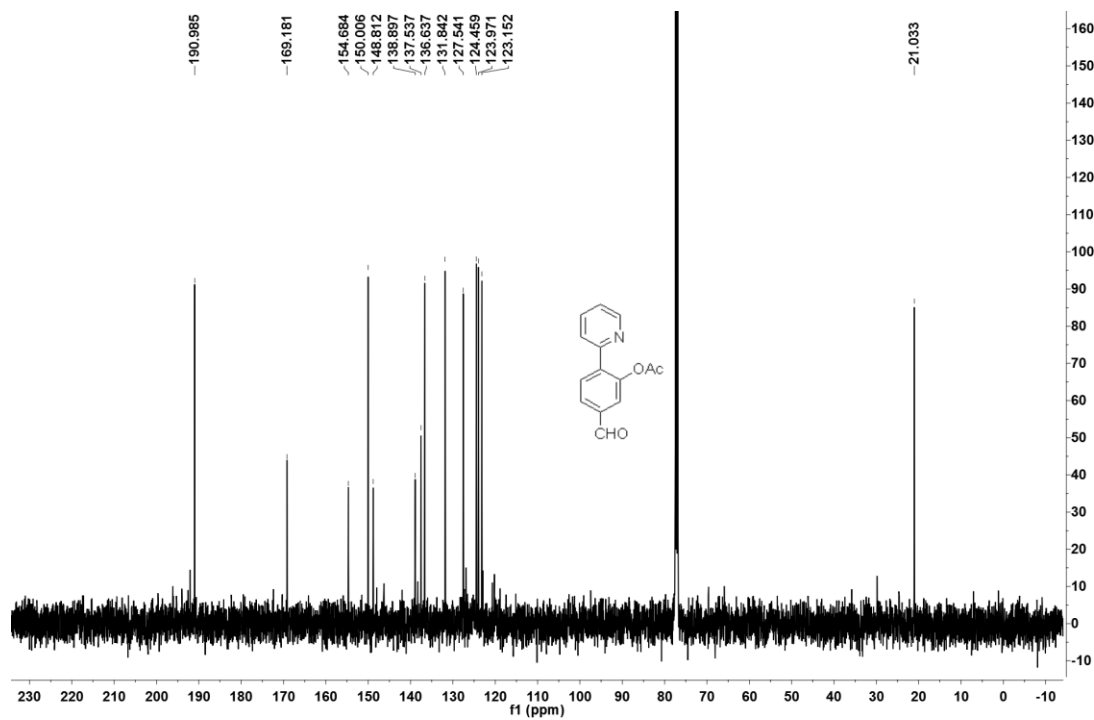
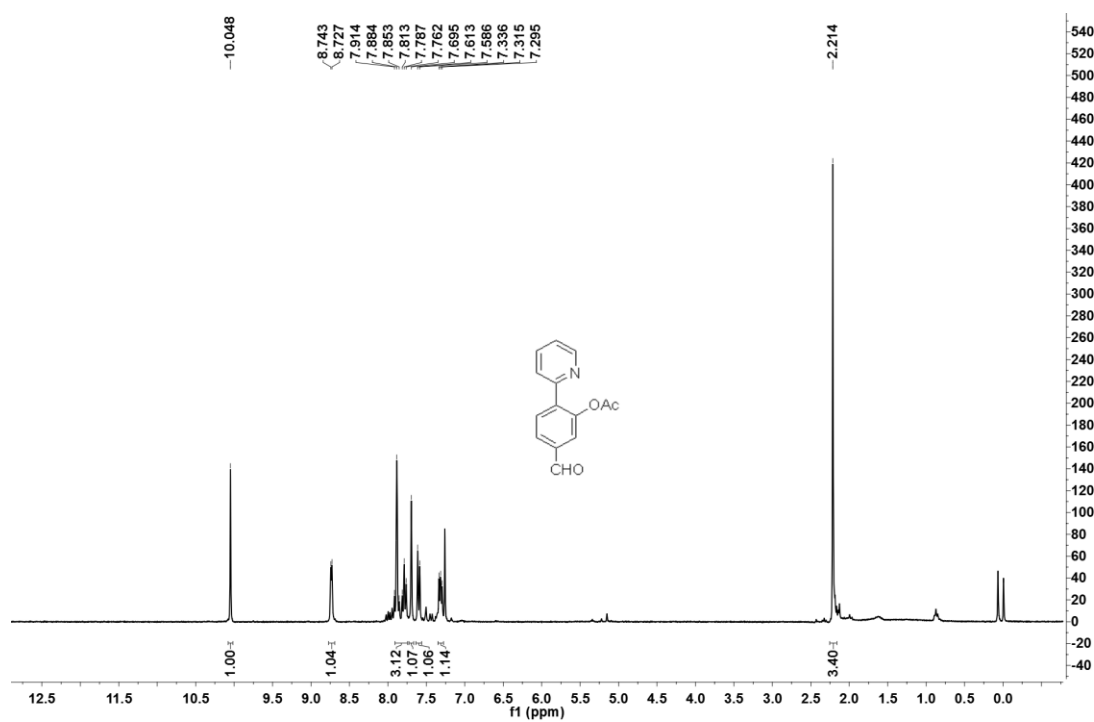
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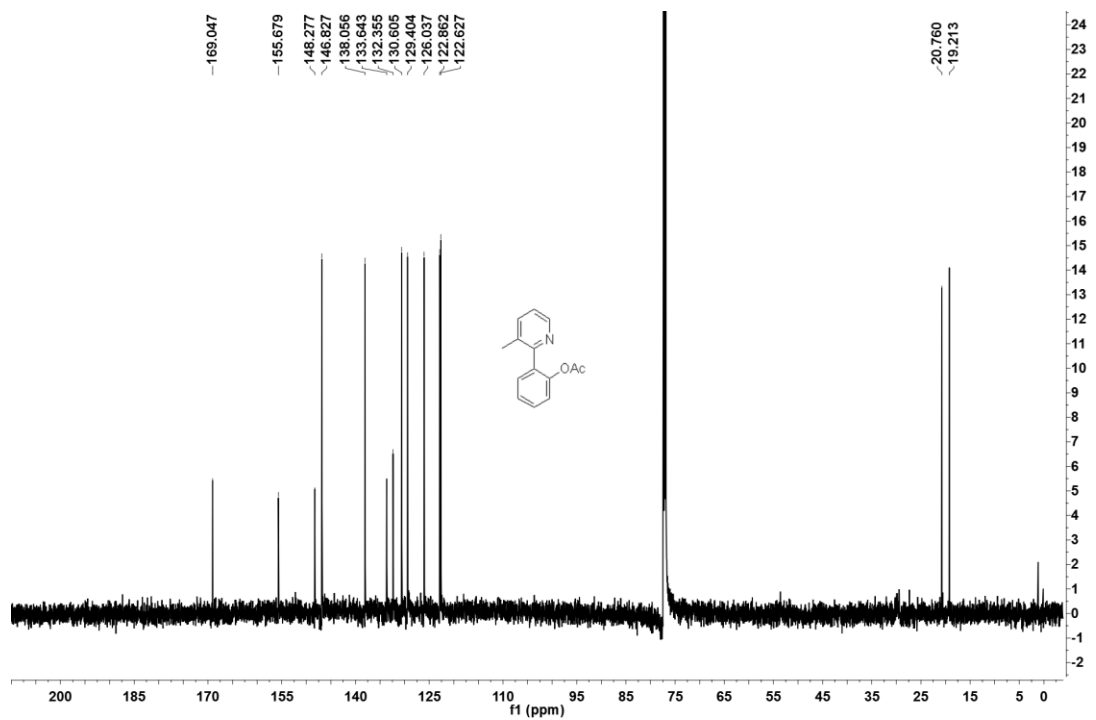
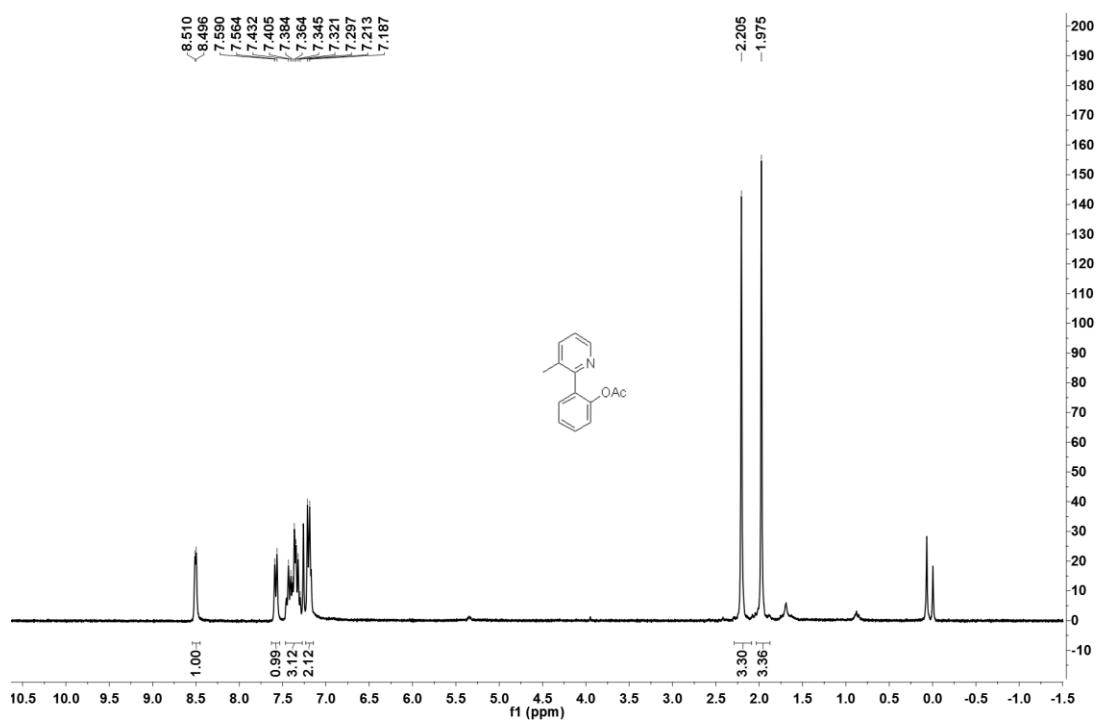


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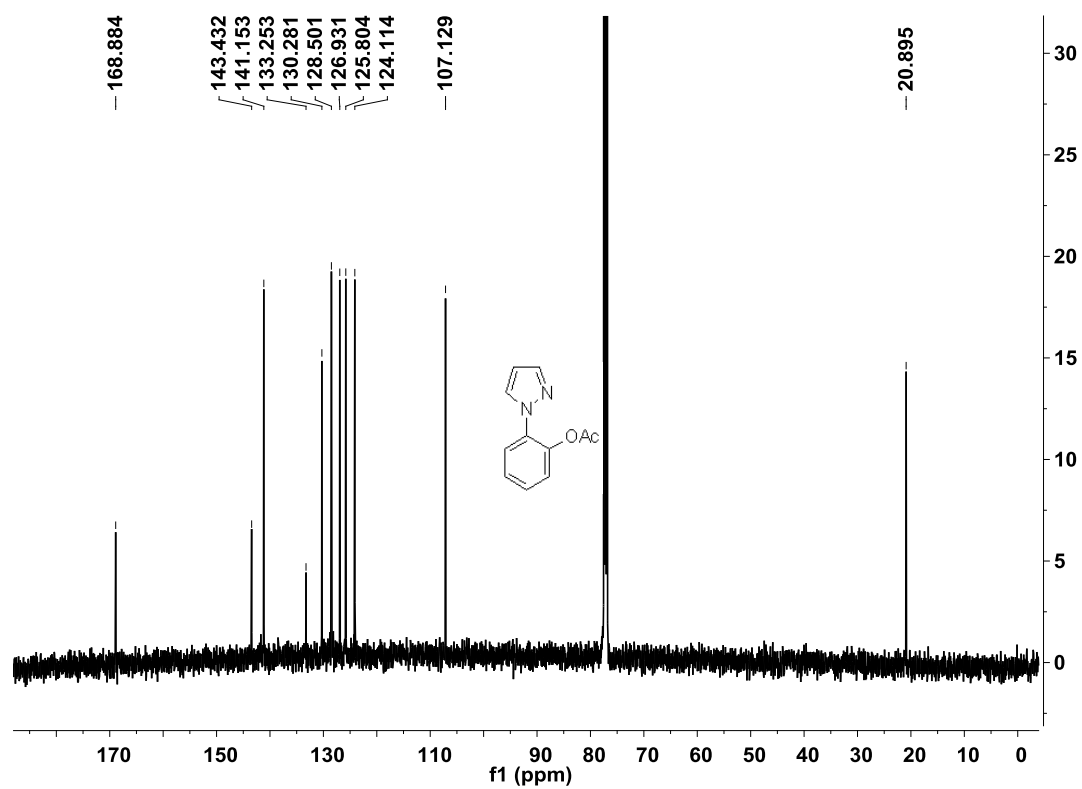
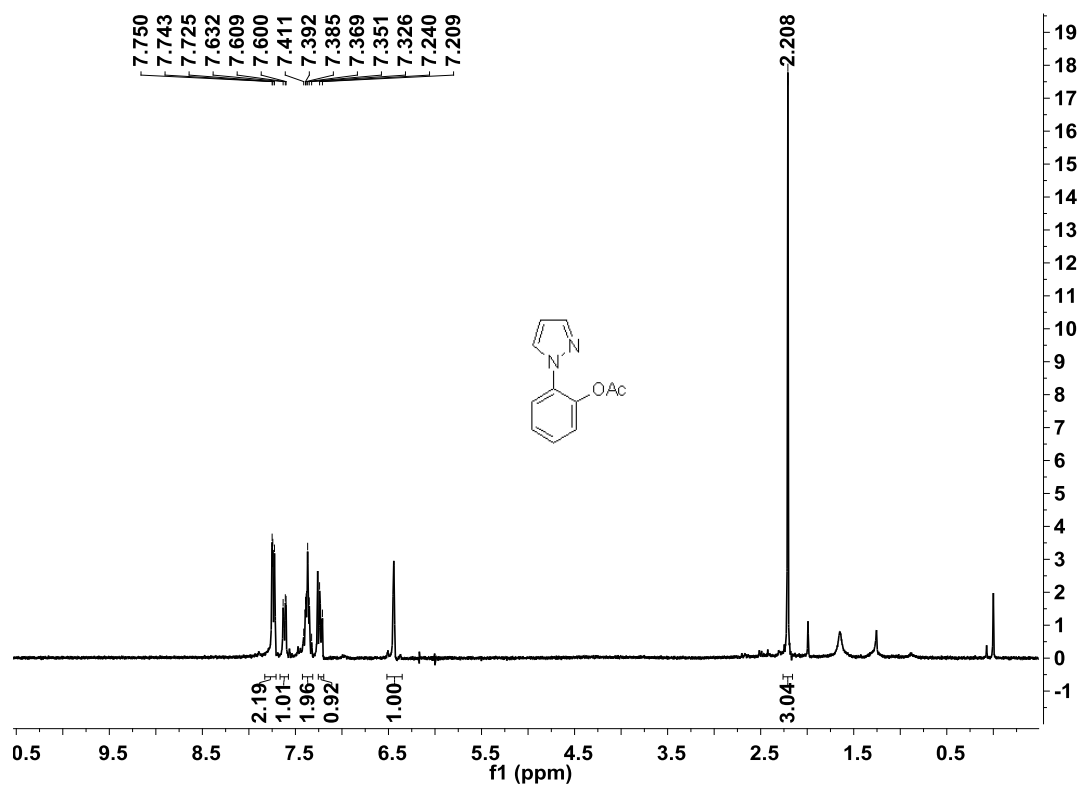




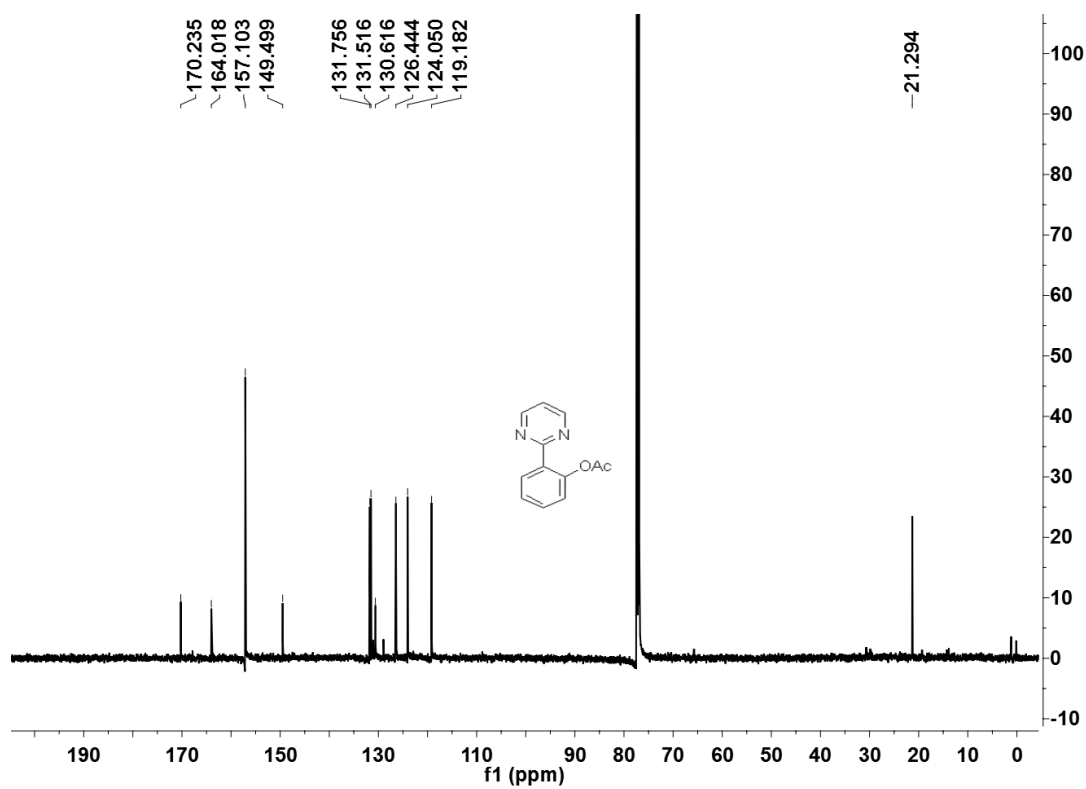
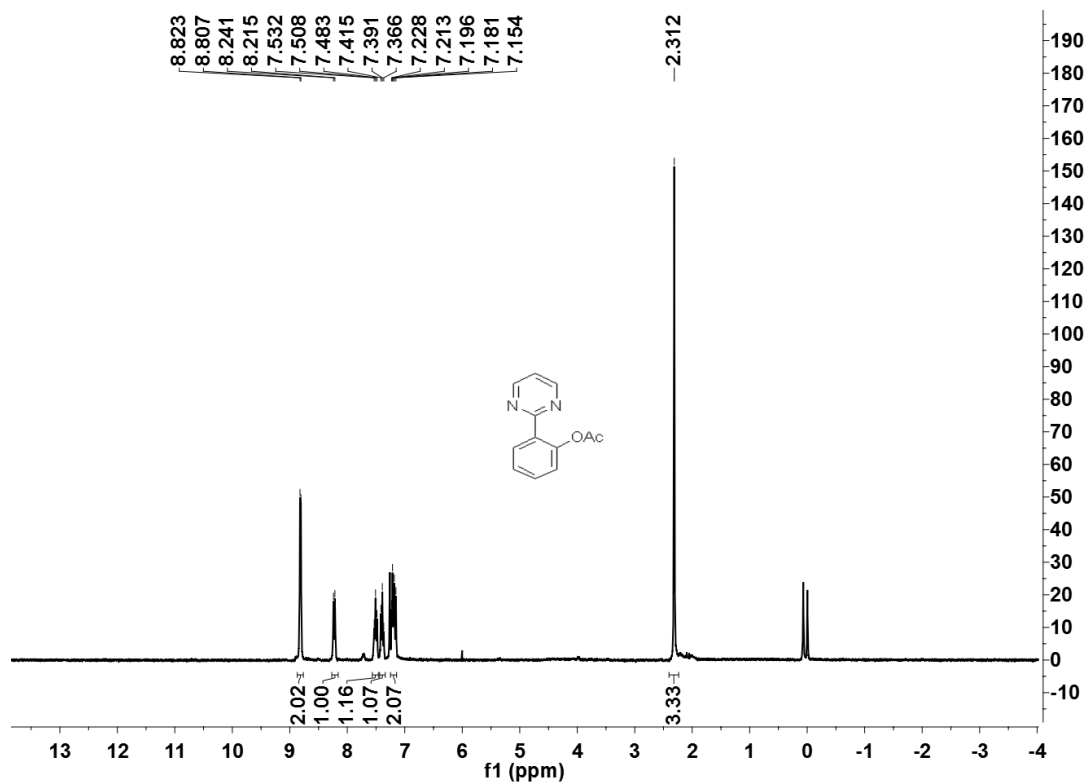
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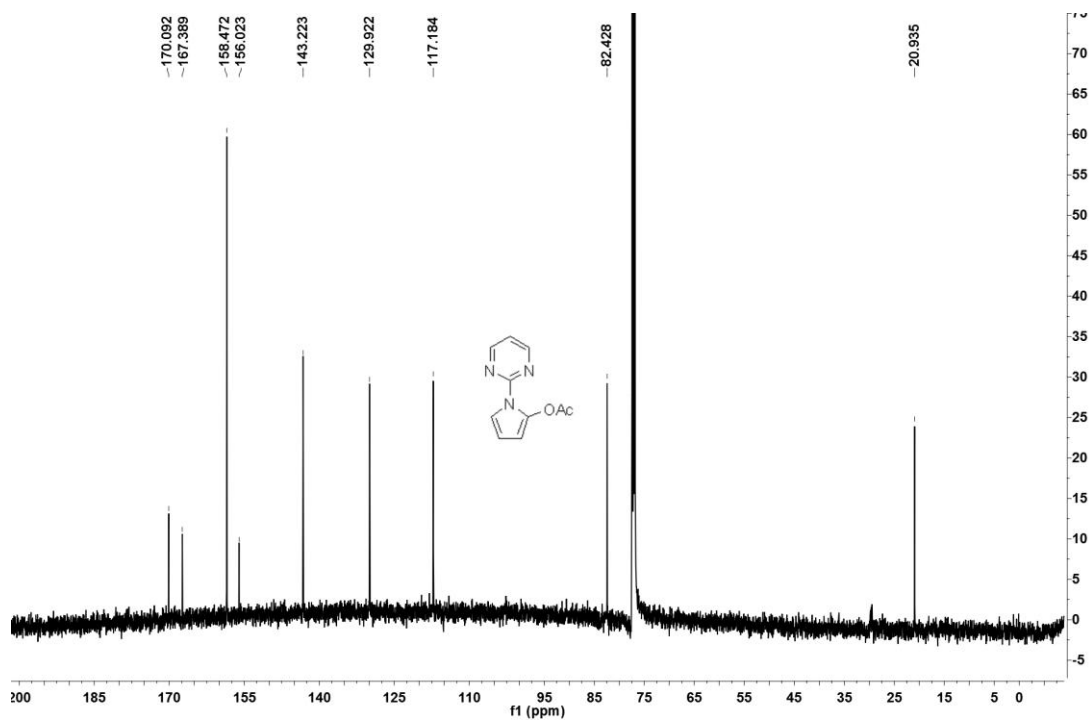
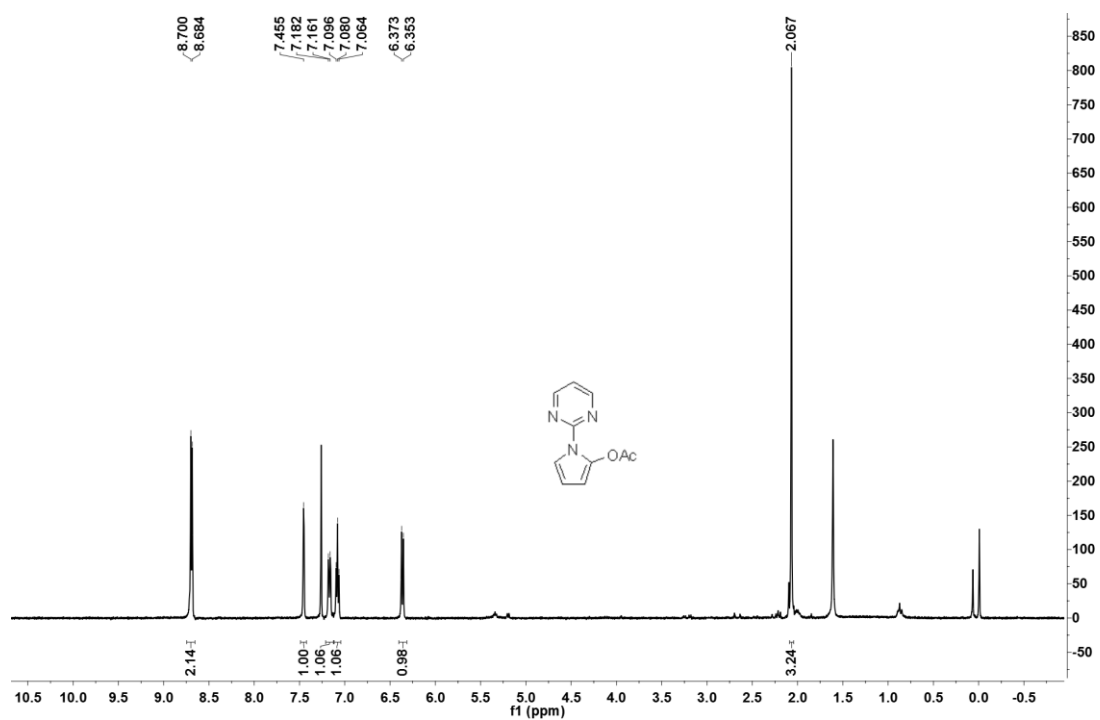
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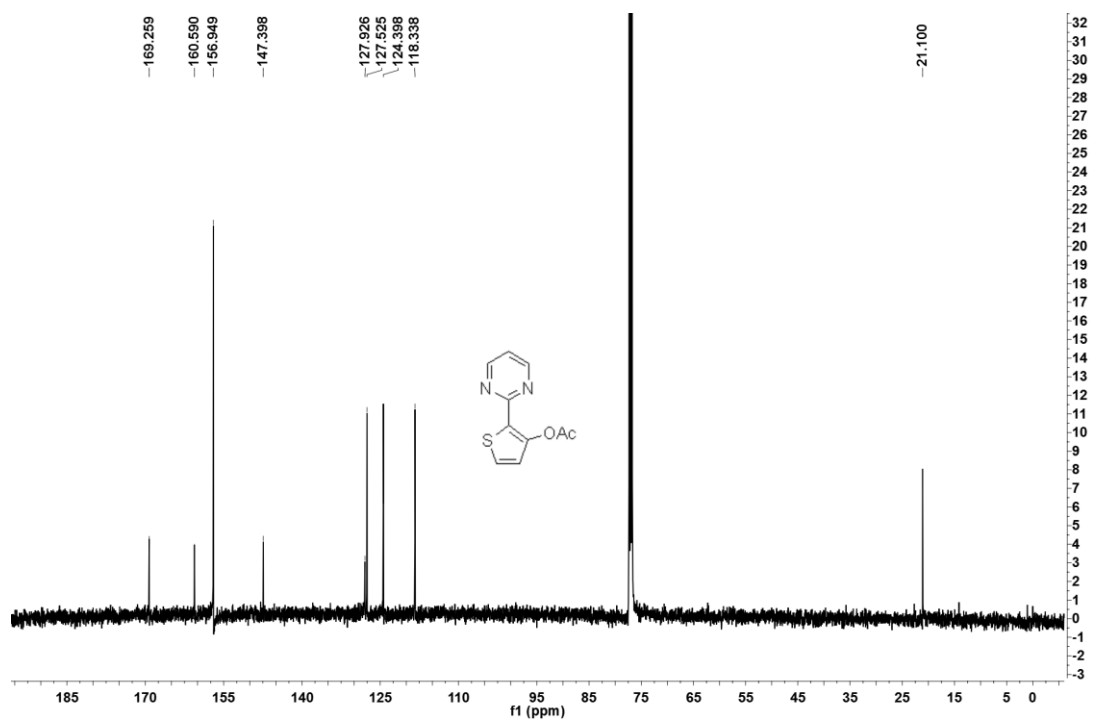
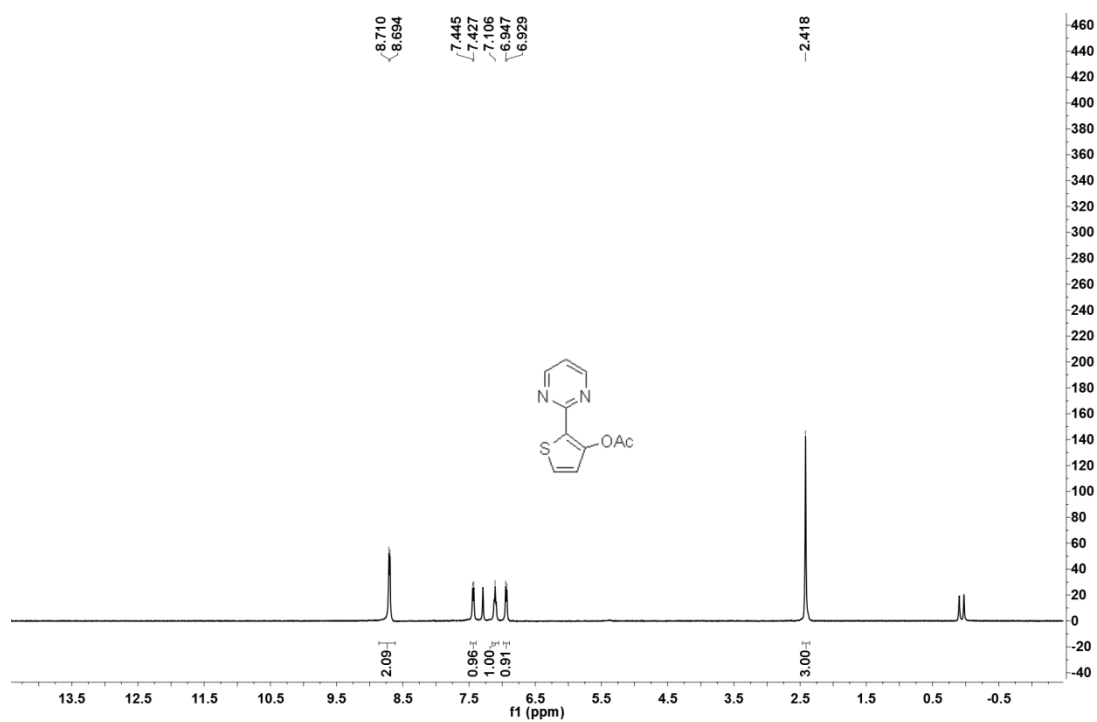
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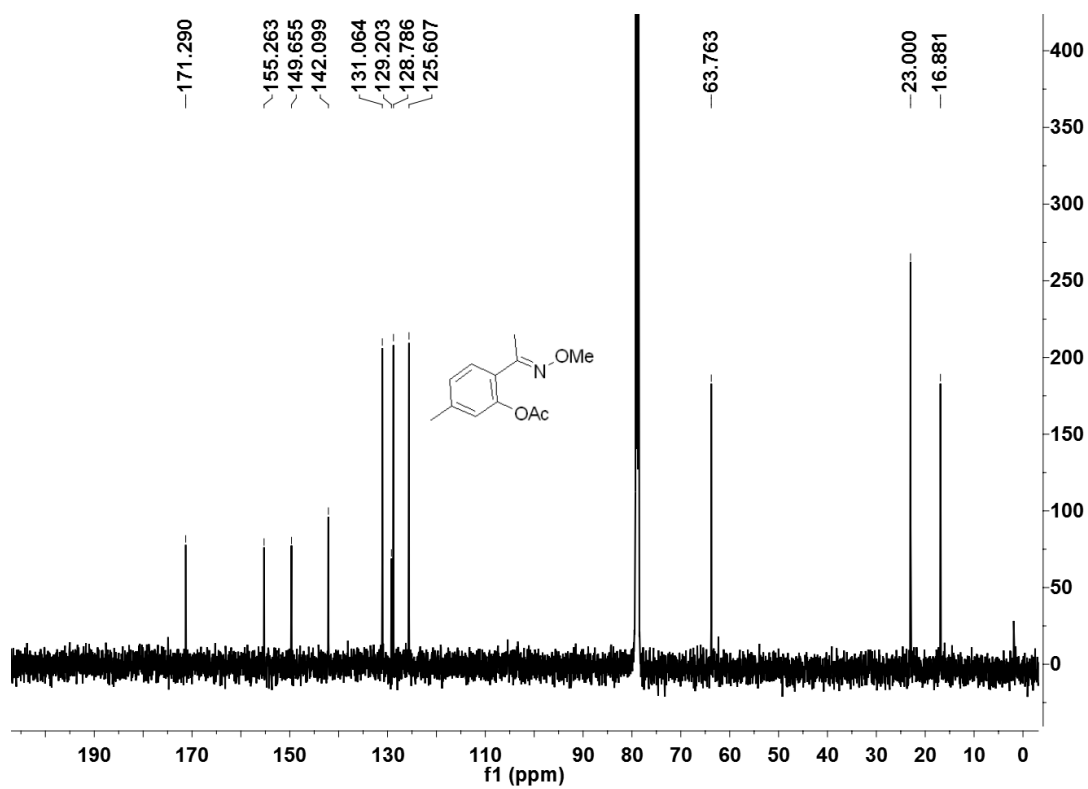
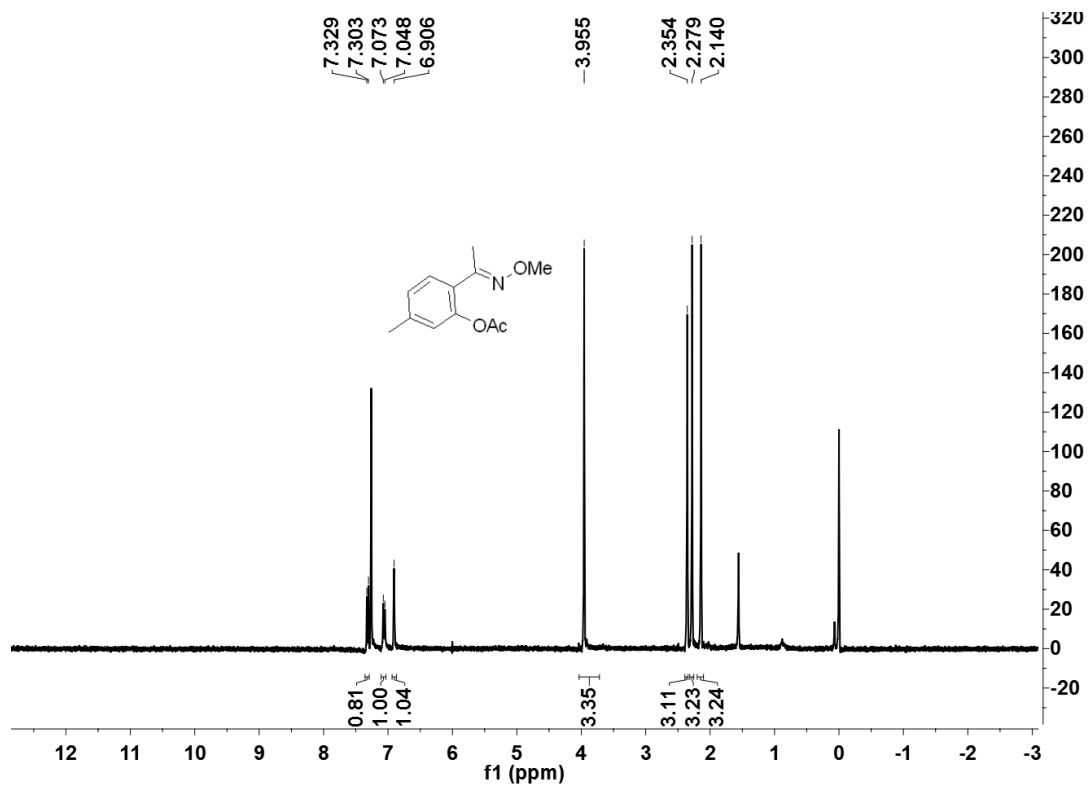
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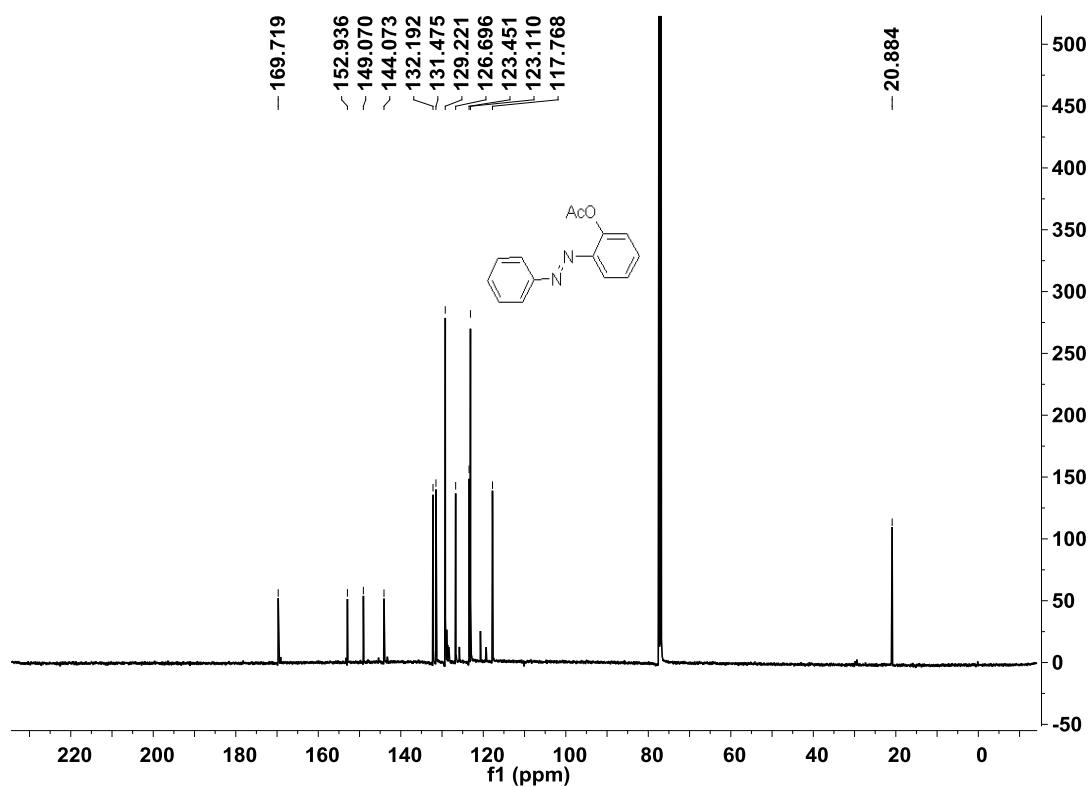
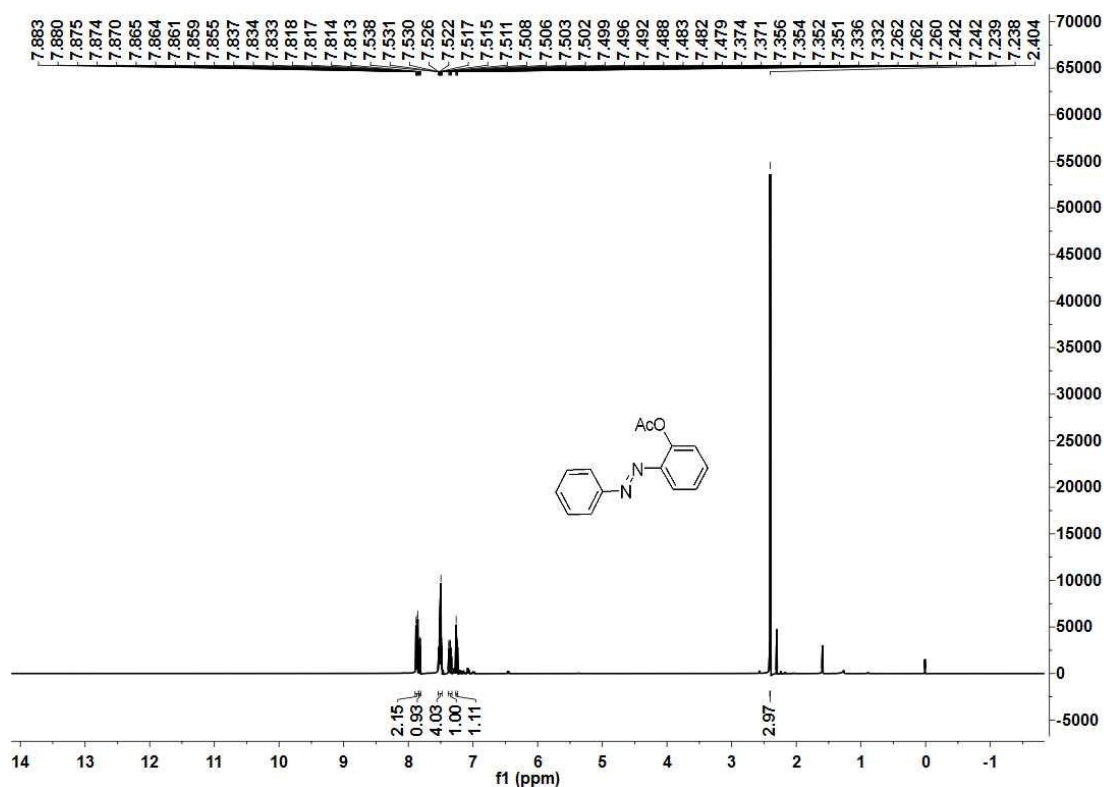
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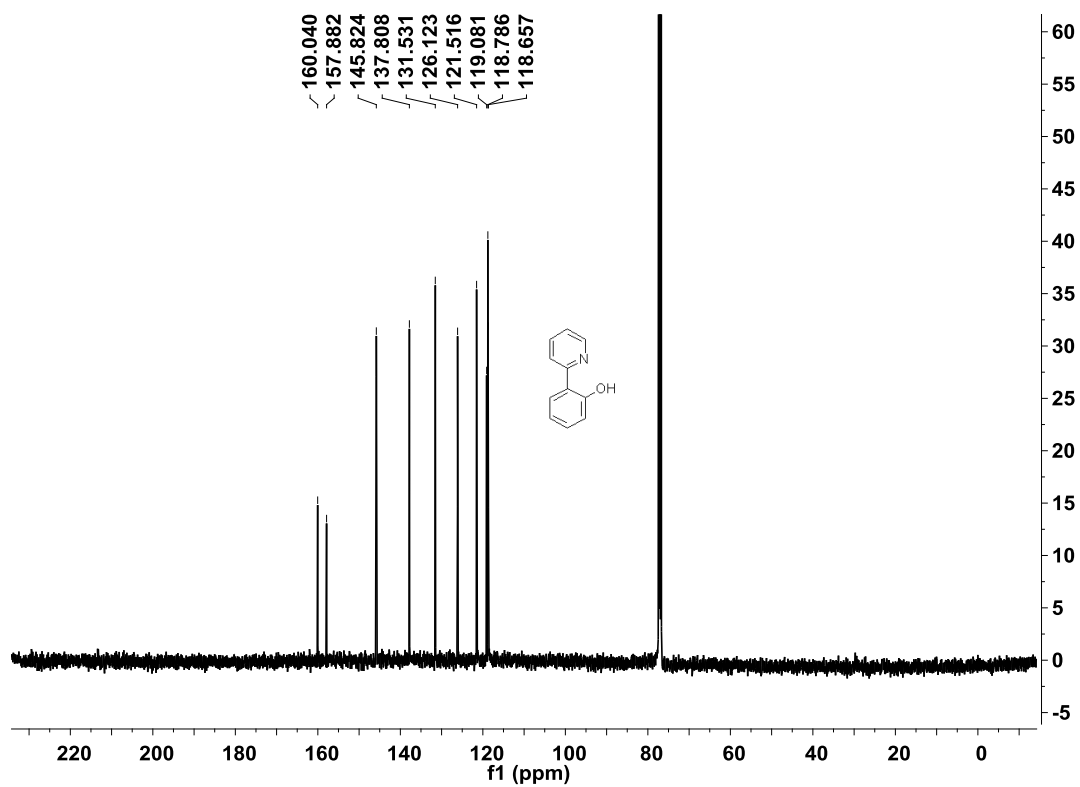
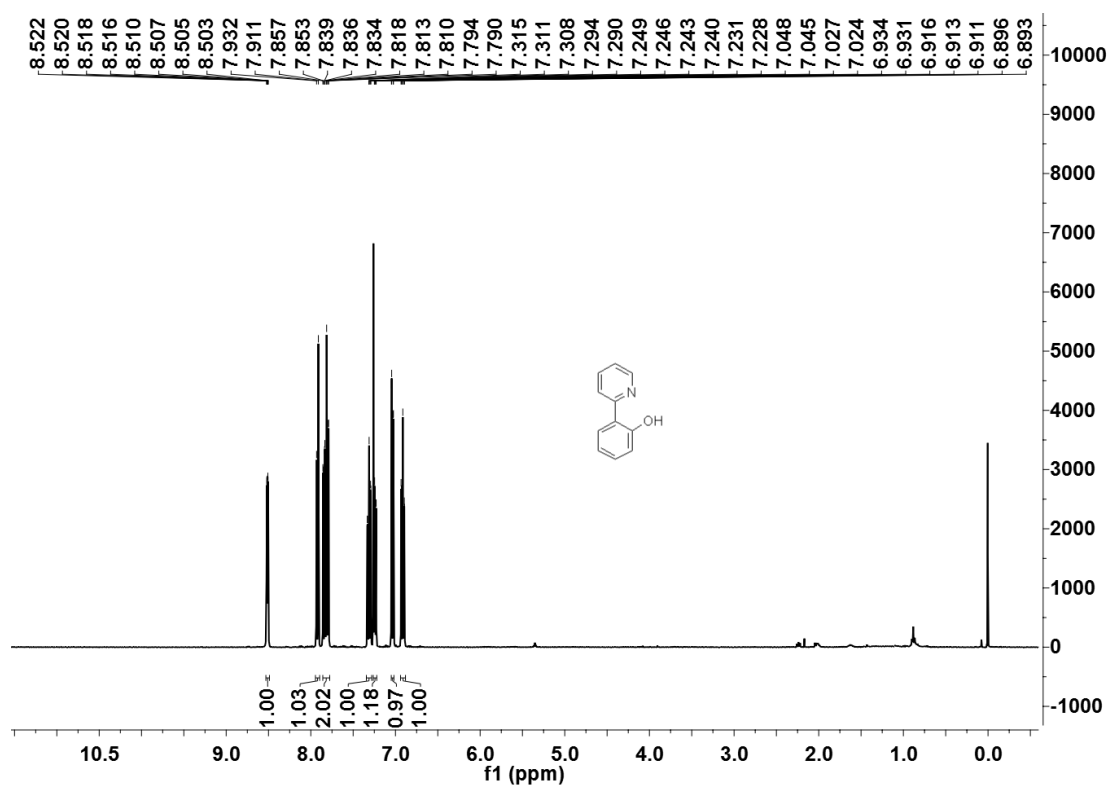
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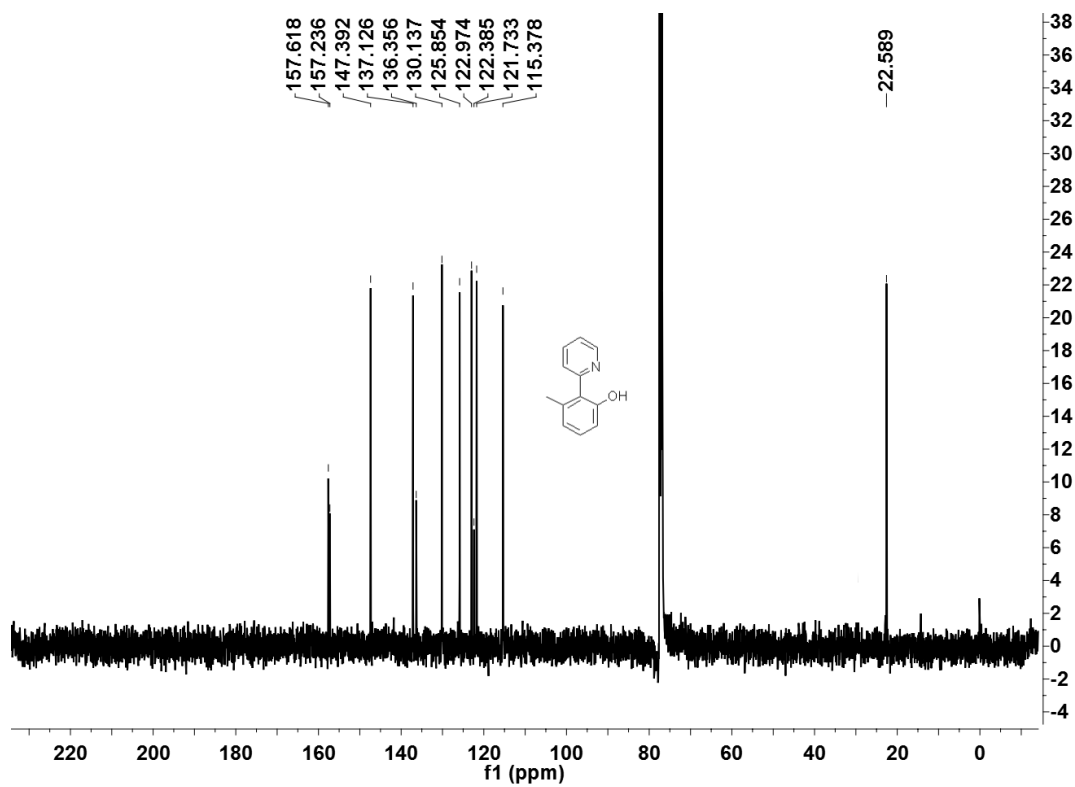
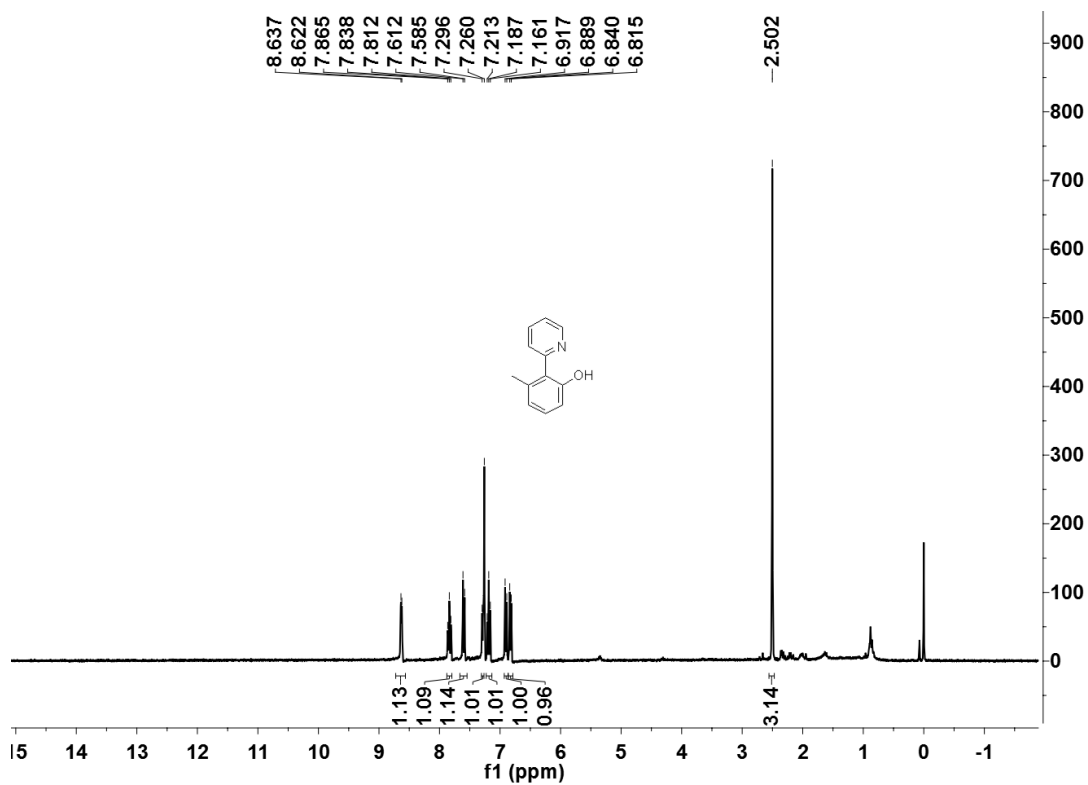


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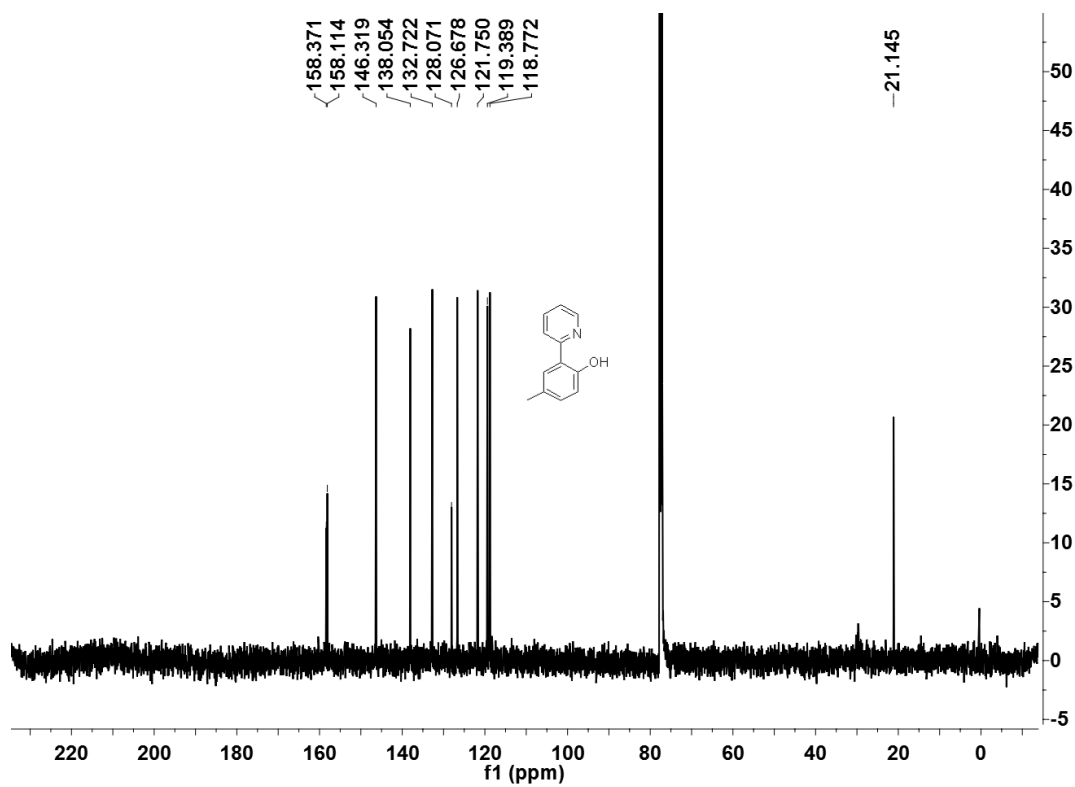
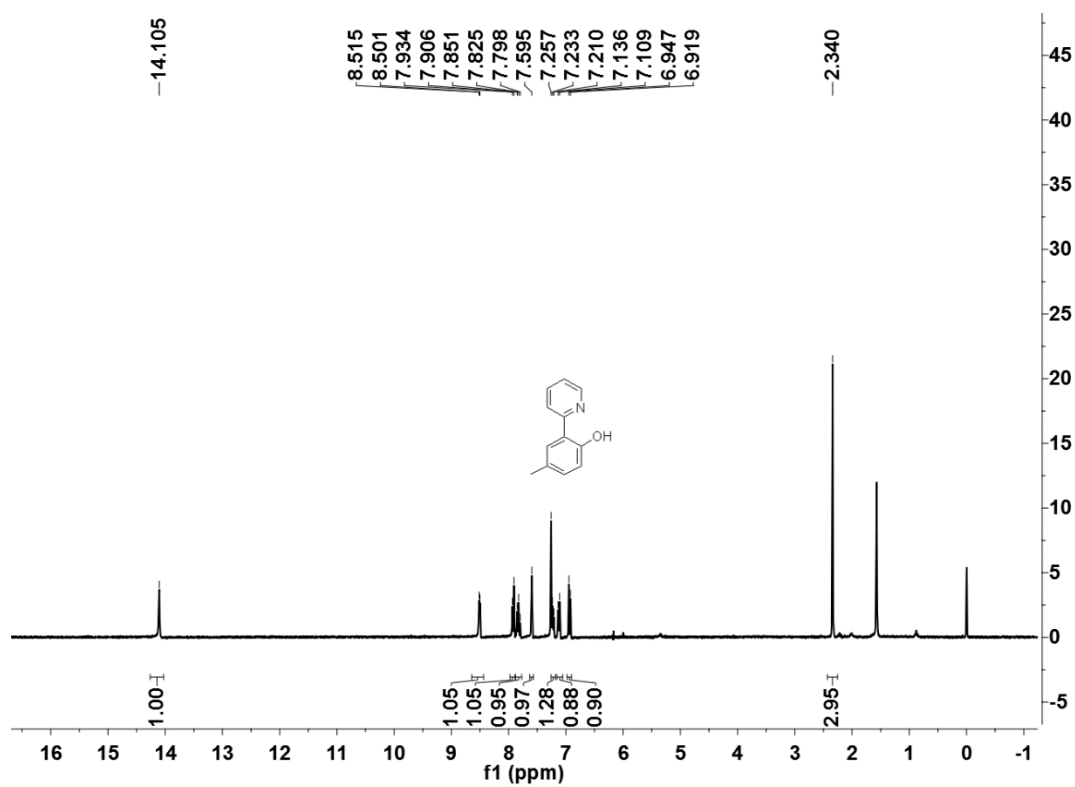




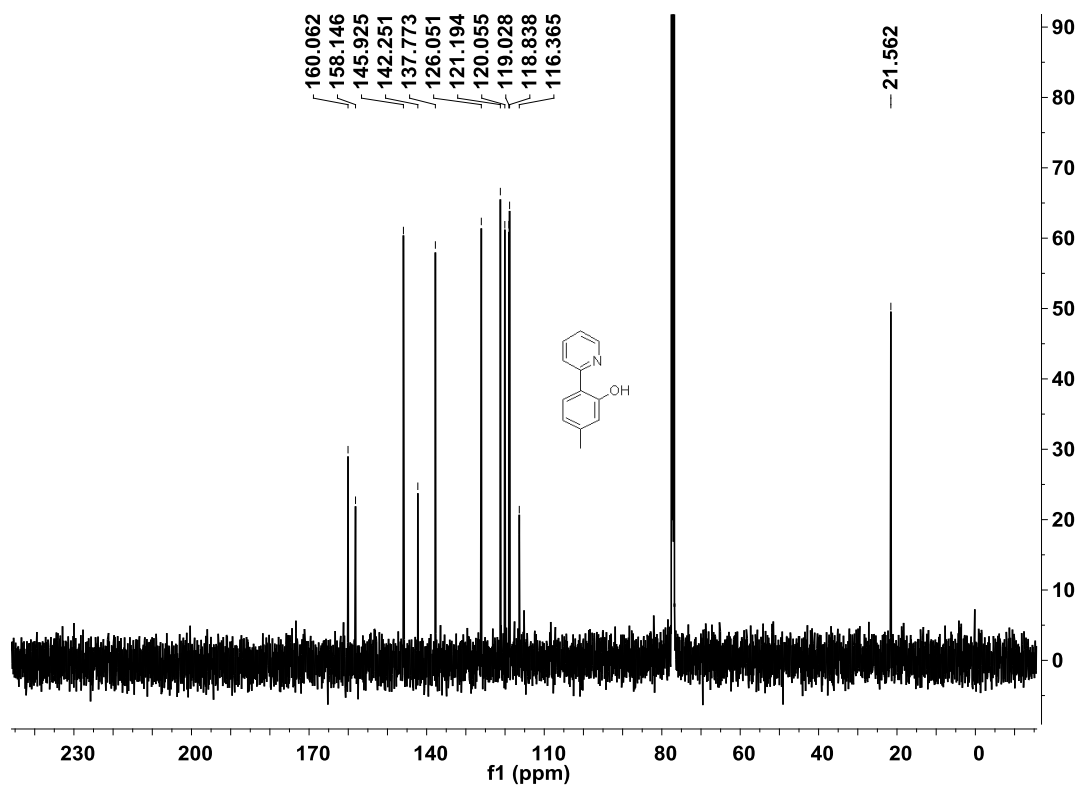
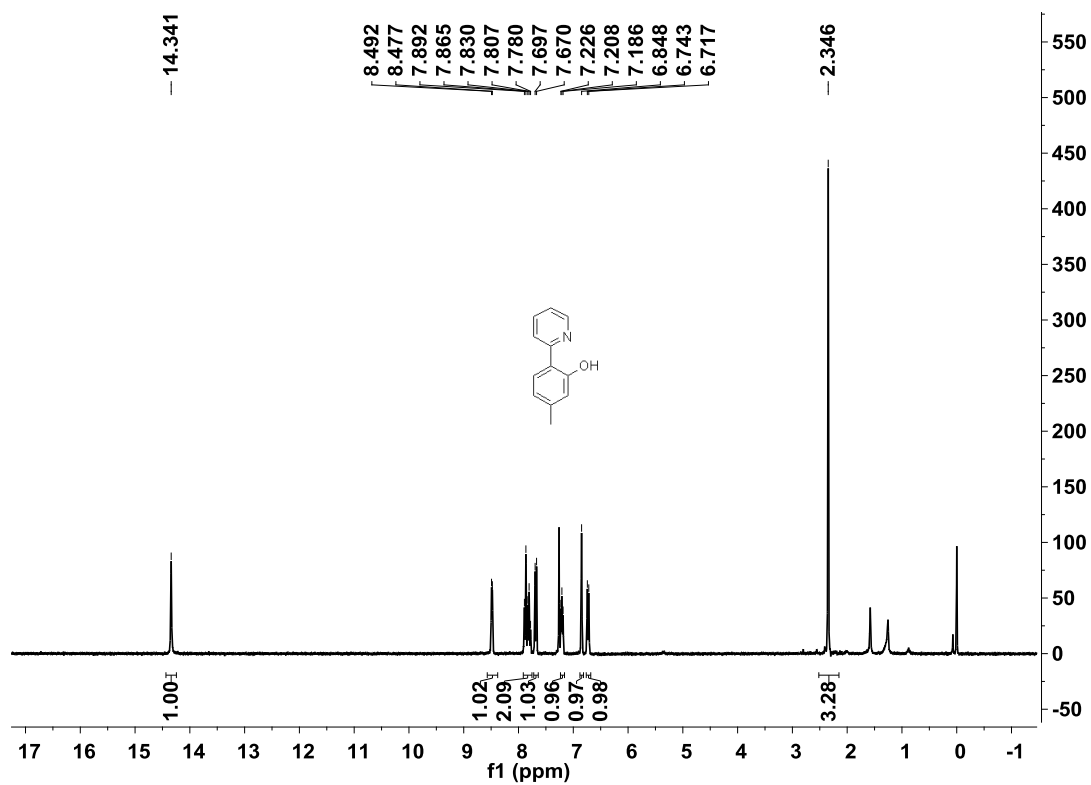
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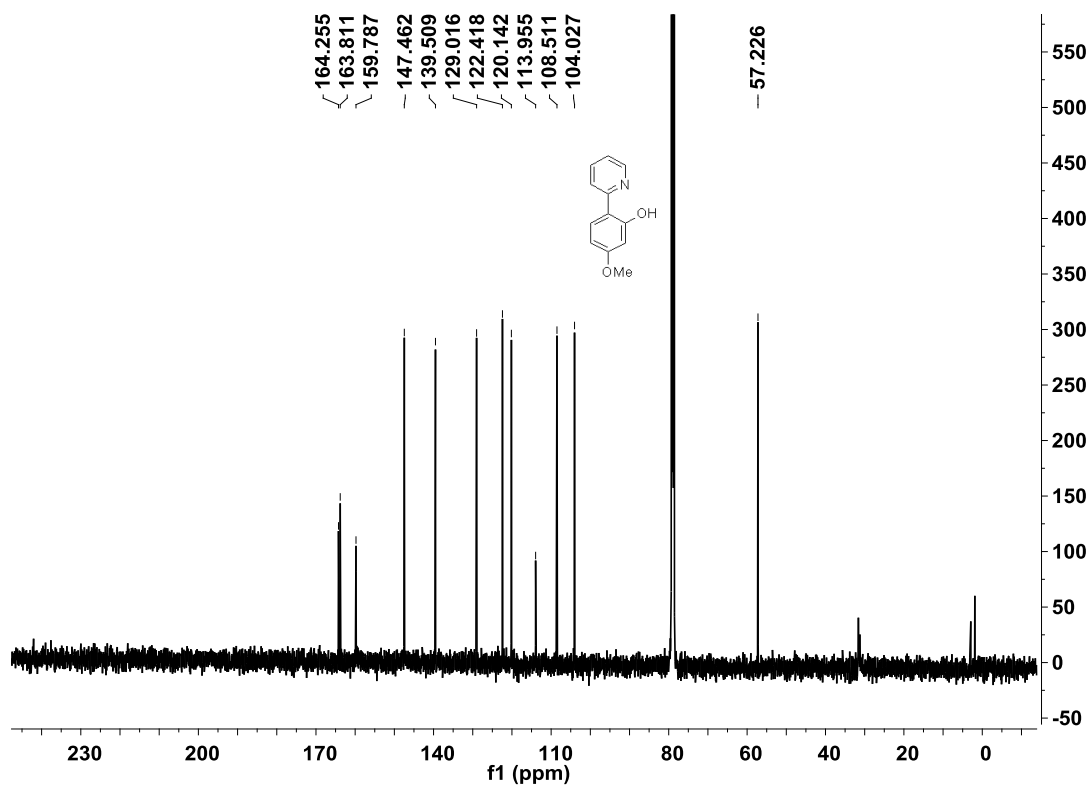
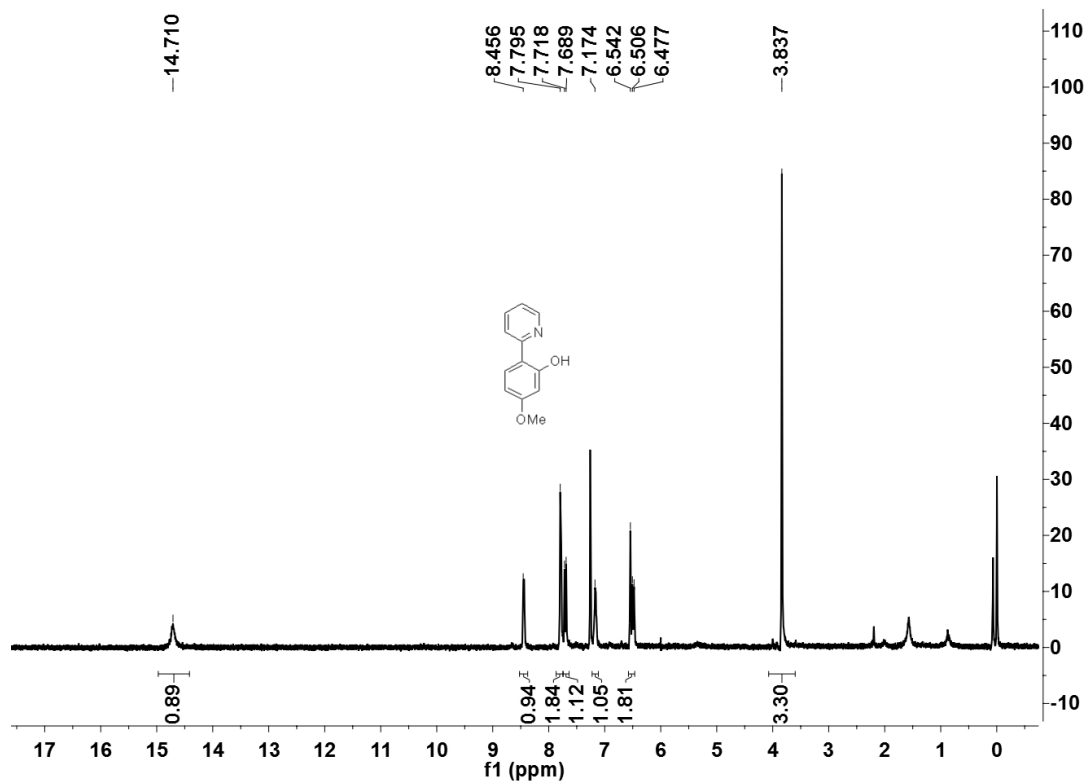
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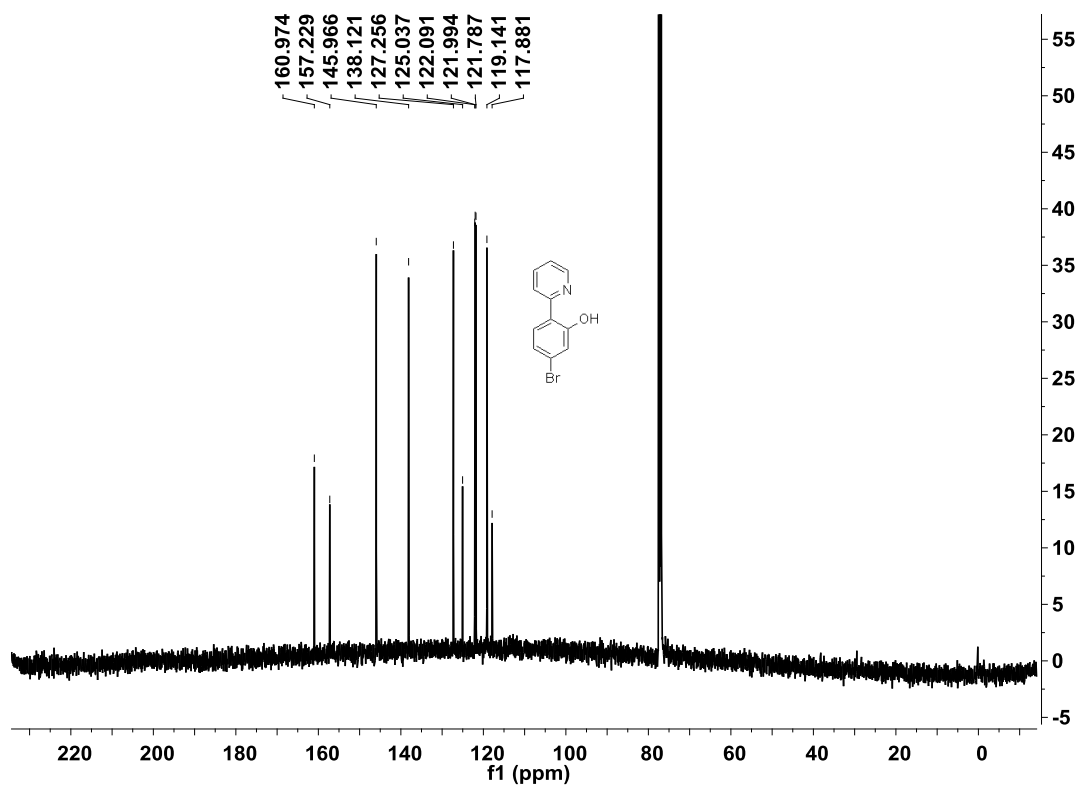
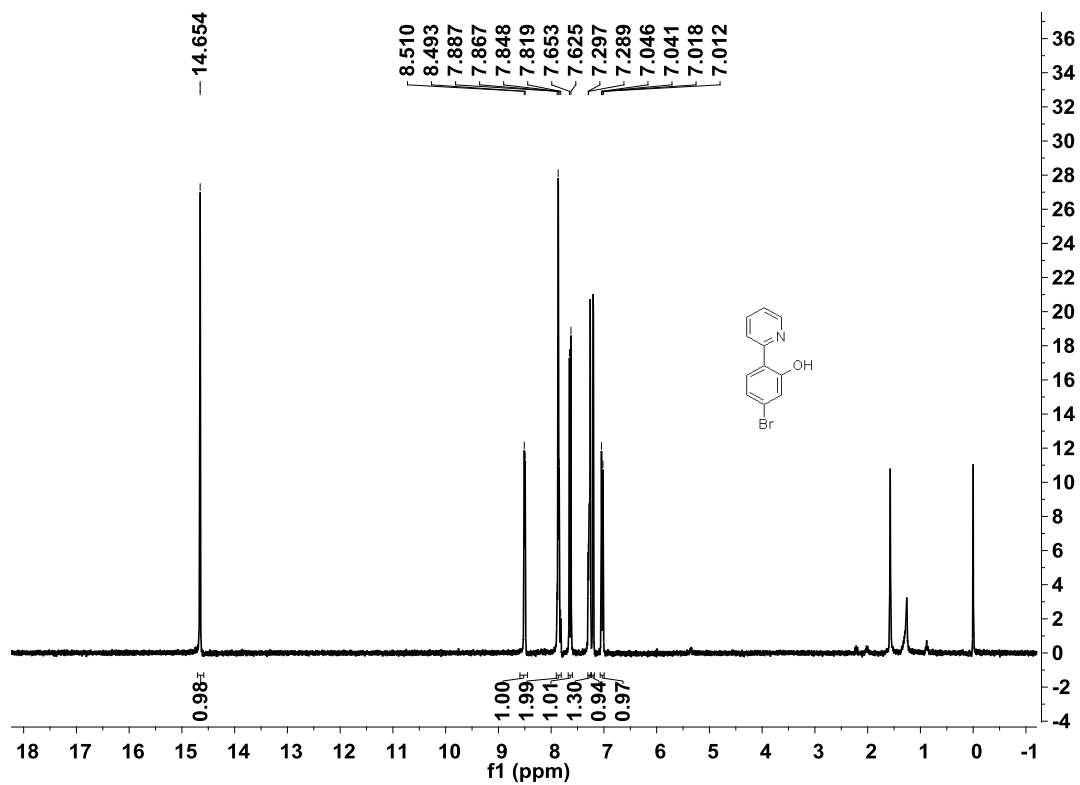
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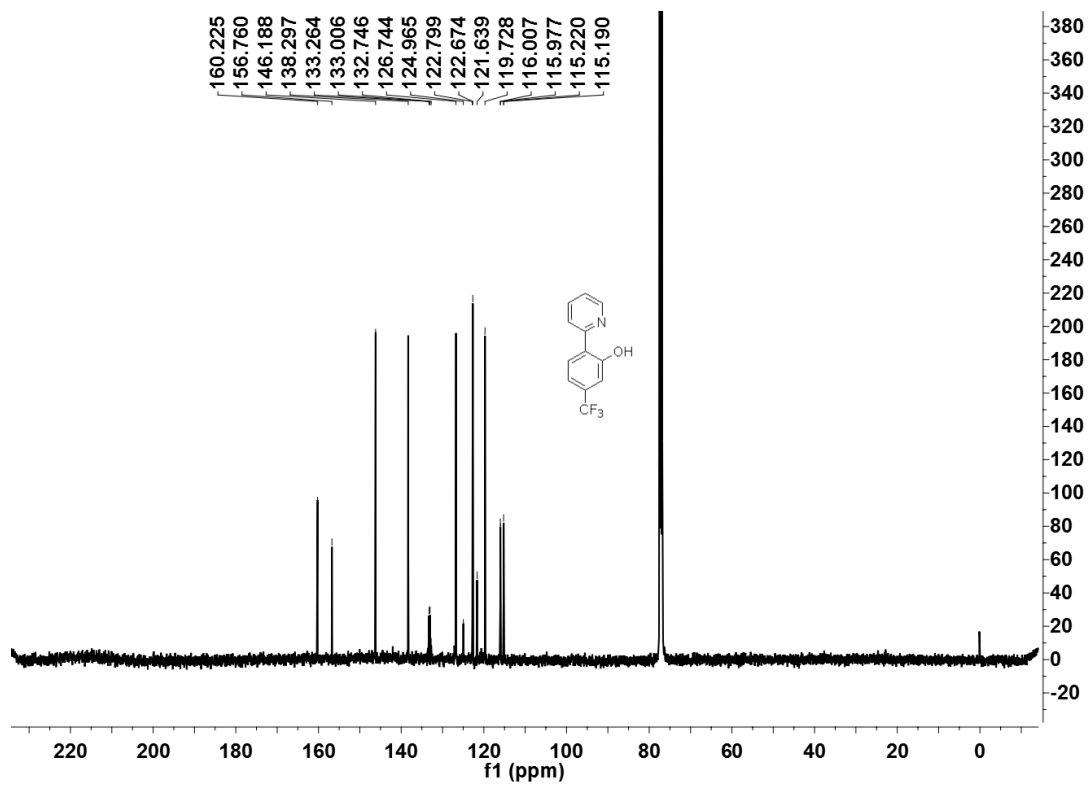
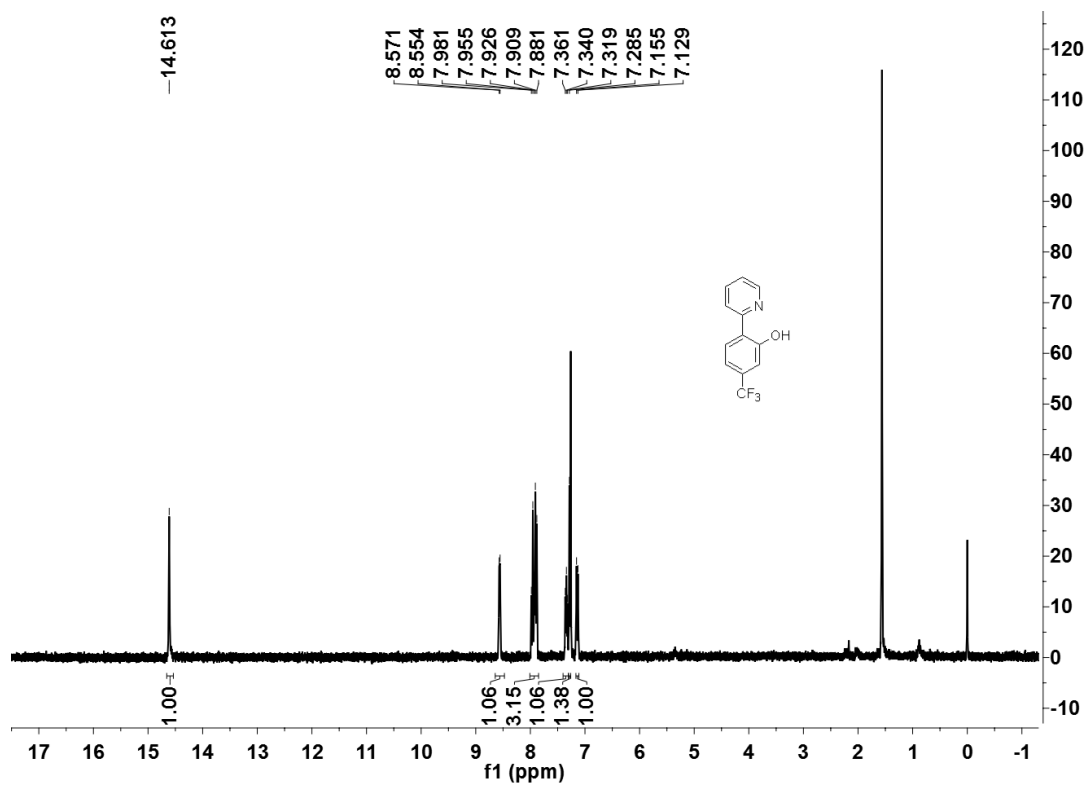
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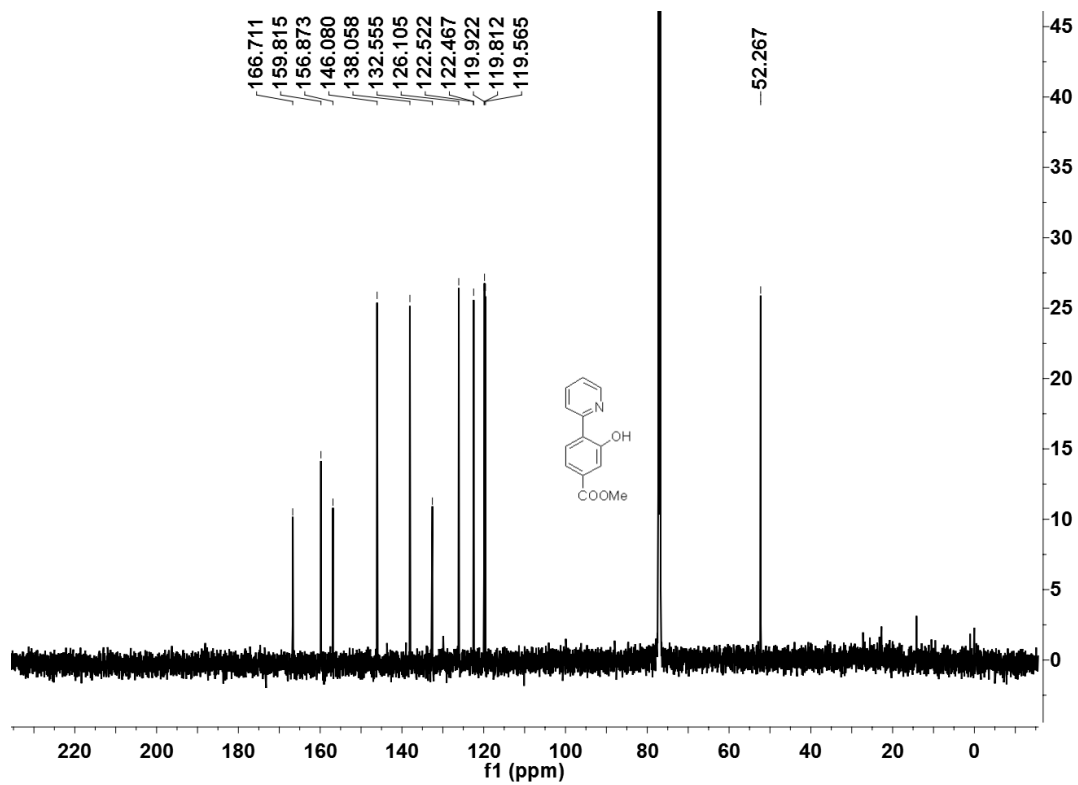
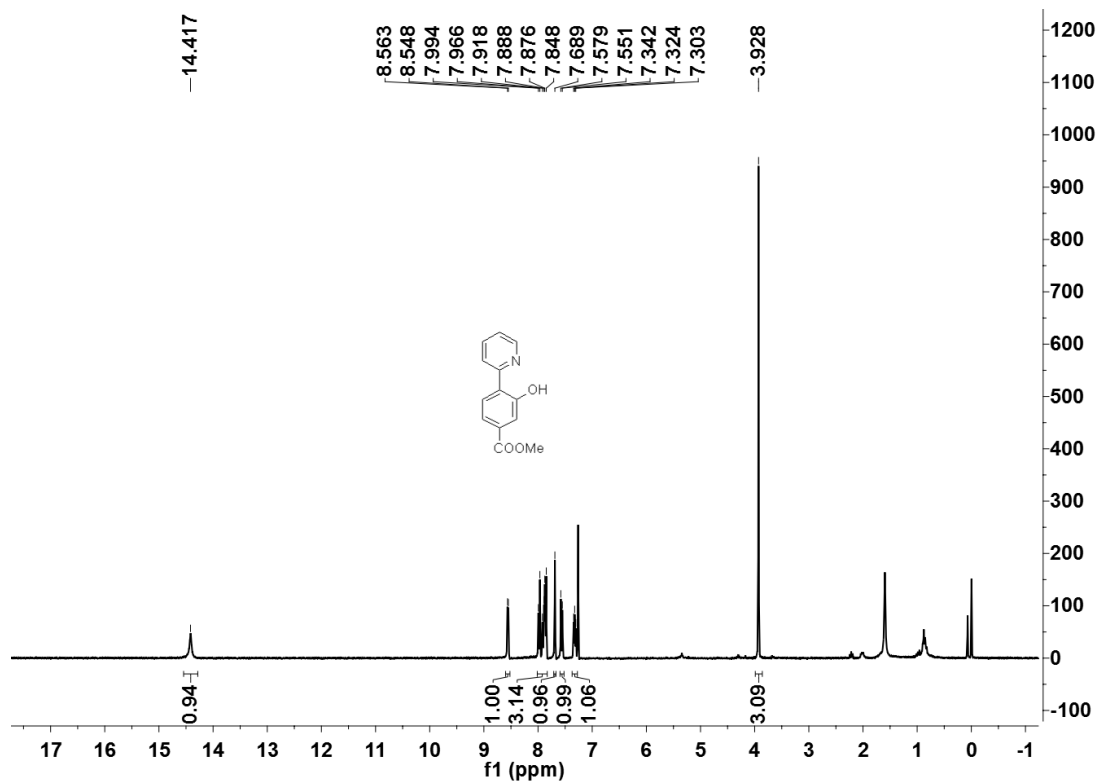
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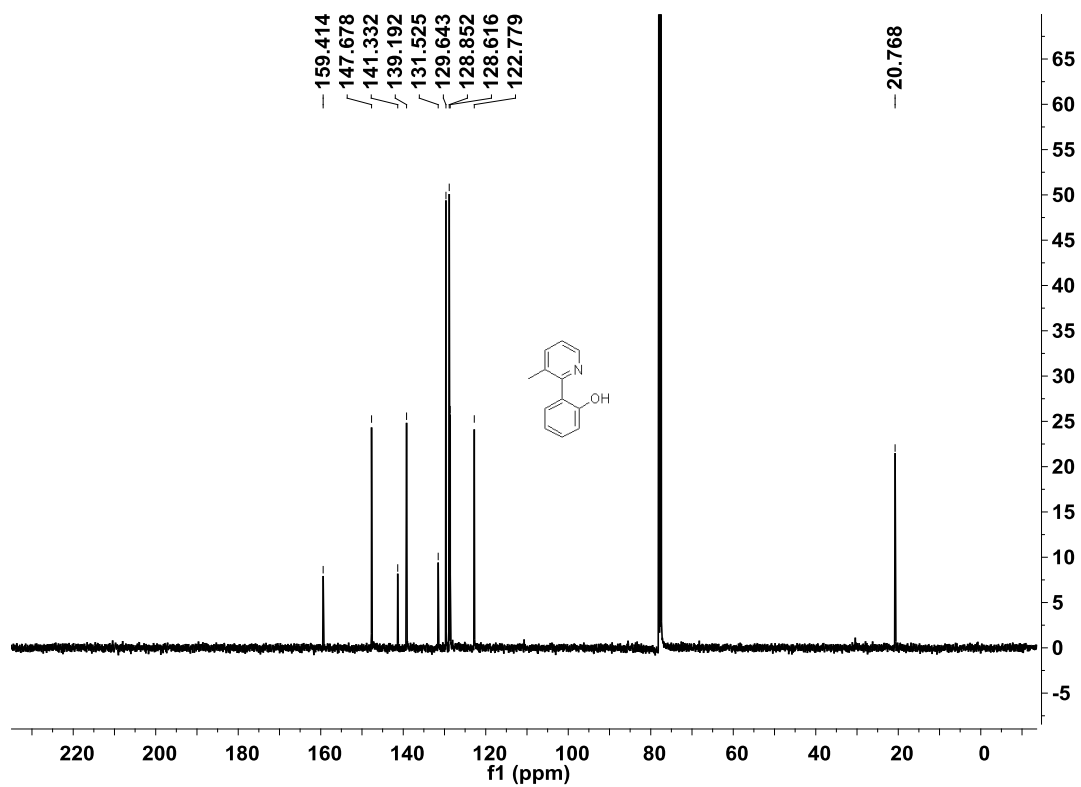
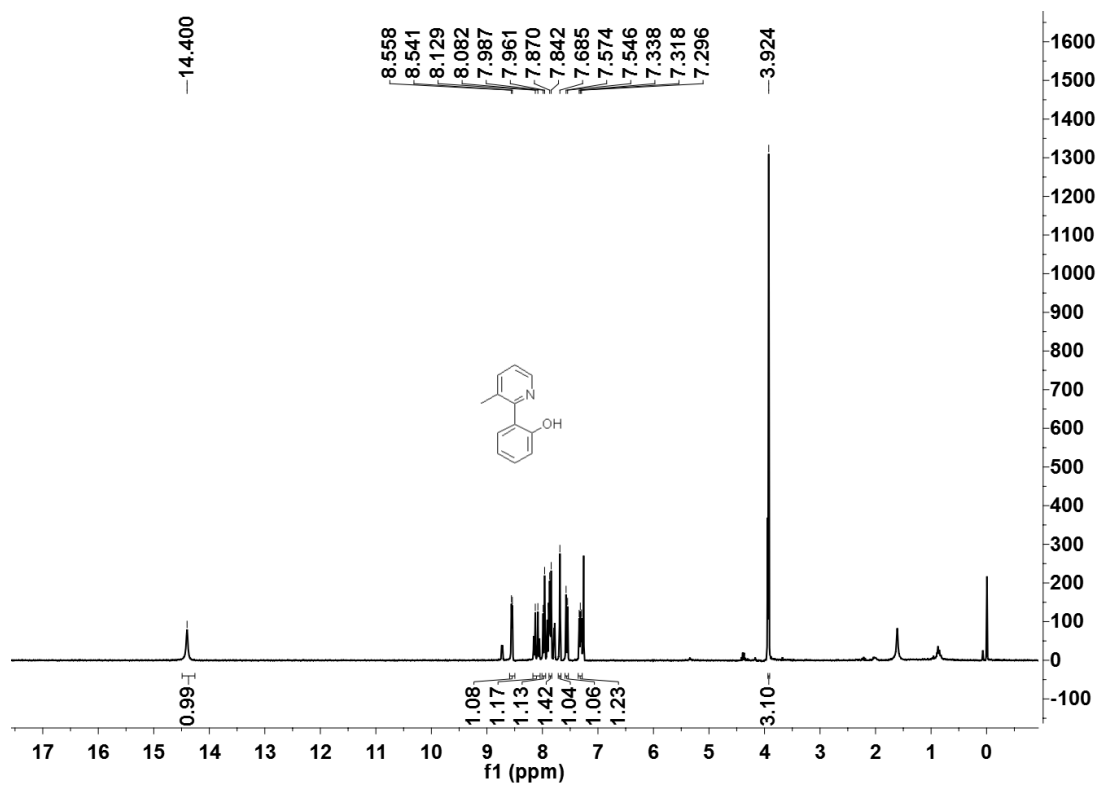
Compound **3g**



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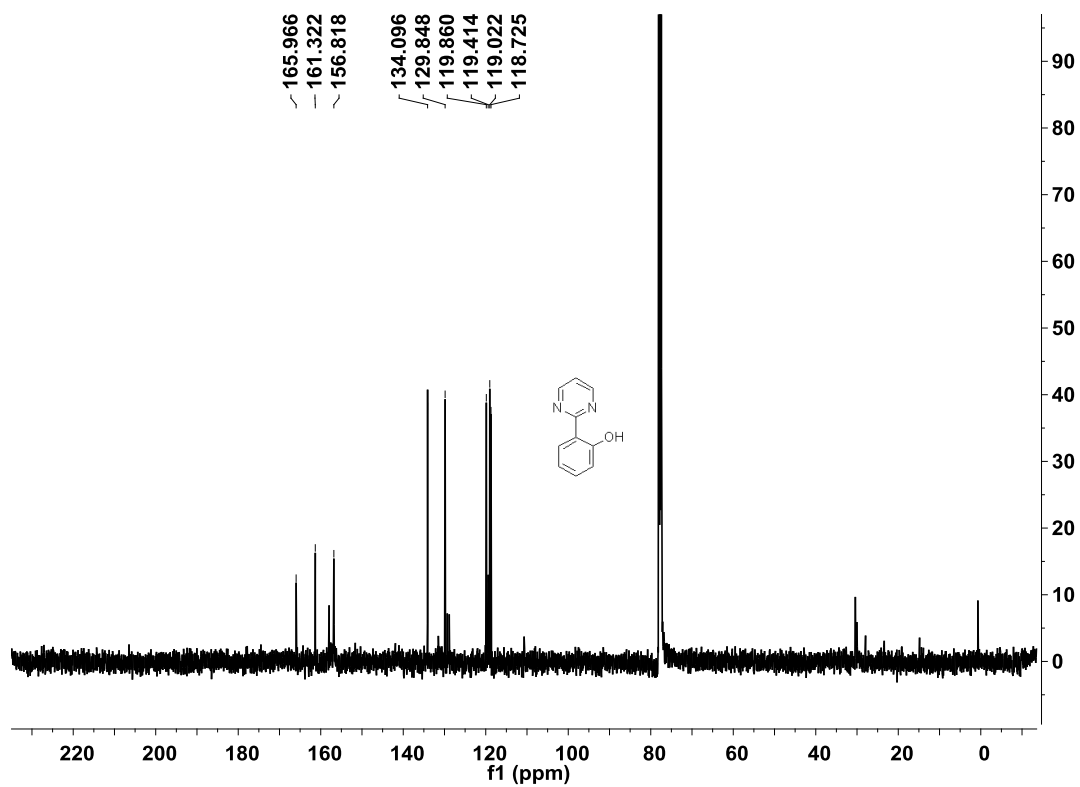
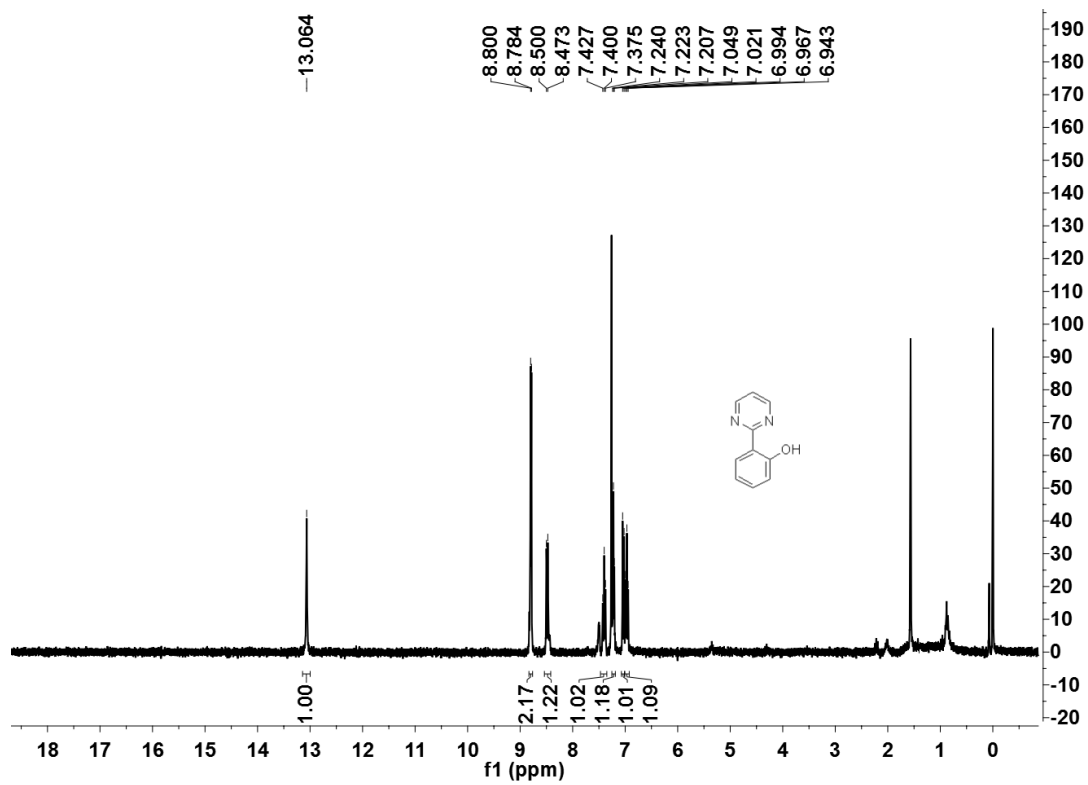


Compound **3i**





Compound **3j**



Compound **3k**

