Supporting Information

Gold-Catalyzed Ring-Expansion of Enyne-Lactone: Generation and Transformation of 2-Oxoninonium

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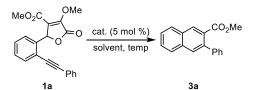
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1.Experimental procedures and spectroscopic data

1.1 General information

All reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere of dry N₂ in Schlenk tube. ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 (400 MHz for ¹H; 100 MHz for ¹³C; 376 MHz for ¹⁹F), ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal standard TMS at δ 0.0 and ¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFCl₃ as external standard. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (*J*) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Infrared (IR) spectra are recorded on a Nicolet 210 spectrophotometer and were recorded in potassium bromide (KBr) pellet. Mass spectra (MS) were obtained using ESI, DART mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a hot stage apparatus. All reagents were used as received from commercial sources, unless specified otherwise, or prepared as described in the literature.

1.2 Optimization of Reaction Conditions^a

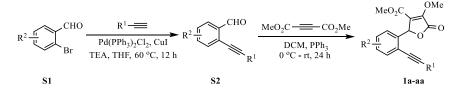


entry	cat.	additive	solvent	temp (°C)	3a (%) ^b
1	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgNTf ₂	DCE	80	trace
2	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgOTf	DCE	80	34
3	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgBF ₄	DCE	80	40
4	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	58
5^d	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF6	DCE	80	74 ^c
6 ^e	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	trace
7^d	IPrAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	28
8^d	SIPrAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	19
9^d	IMesAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	11
10^d	SIMesAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	14
11^d	(p-F-Ph)3PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	trace
12^{d}	(p-OMe-Ph) ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	trace
13^{d}	JohnPhosAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	10
14^d	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	CH_2Cl_2	80	55
15^{d}	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	THF	80	<5
16^{d}	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	CH ₃ CN	80	n.d.
17^{d}	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	toluene	80	<5
18^{d}	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	40	47
19^{d}	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	60	63
20^d	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	DCE	100	46
21^d	-	AgSbF ₆	DCE	80	<10
22^d	-	-	DCE	80	n.r.

^{*a*} The reactions were carried out employing **1a** (0.2 mmol) as substrates in the presence of Ph₃PAuCl (5 mol %) and AgSbF₆ (5 mol %) in DCE (2 mL) at 80 °C for 12 h in a sealed reaction tube under N₂ atmosphere. ^{*b*} The yield was determined by ¹H NMR using 1-methyl-4-nitrobenzene as an internal standard. ^{*c*} Isolated yield. ^{*d*} 1.0 equiv H₂O. ^{*e*} 100 mg 4 Å MS.

1.3 Preparation of substrates

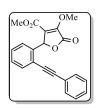
1.3.1 General procedure for 1a - 1aa



Step 1: Procedure for the synthesis of **S2** was identical to the literature.¹

Step 2: To a magnetically stirred solution of **S2** (1.0 equiv) in dry DCM was added triphenylphosphine (1.2 equiv) at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirred for 5 min, the DCM solution of dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was finished, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **1a-aa**.²

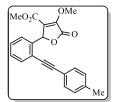
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1a)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 450 mg, yield = 53% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.5, 148.9, 135.5, 133.5, 131.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 123.5, 122.8, 121.8, 95.3, 86.4, 78.4, 60.3, 52.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3065, 3014, 2954, 2857, 2362, 2215, 1780, 1716, 1658, 1497, 1447, 1387, 1304,

1233, 1163, 1114, 990, 913, 824, 763, 691, 622, 548, 490; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{21}H_{16}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 371.0890, found 371.0892.

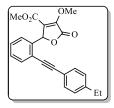
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(2-(p-tolylethynyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1b)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 96-97 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 265 mg, yield = 32% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 161.6, 148.9, 139.1, 135.4, 133.4, 131.7, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 127.6, 123.8, 121.9, 119.8, 95.6, 85.8, 78.4, 60.3, 52.2, 21.7;

 $\label{eq:kbr} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{IR} \ (\mbox{KBr},\mbox{cm}^{-1}) \ 2954, \ 2362, \ 1776, \ 1717, \ 1657, \ 1512, \ 1448, \ 1386, \ 1303, \ 1229, \ 1163, \ 1114, \ 991, \ 819, \ 763, \ 500; \ \mbox{HRMS} \ (\mbox{ESI}) \ \mbox{Calcd for } C_{22} H_{18} NaO_5 \ (\mbox{M+Na})^+ \ 385.1046, \ found \ 385.1048. \end{array}$

Methyl 2-(2-((4-ethylphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1c)

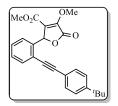


Yellow solid, m.p. = 91-92 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 305 mg, yield = 38% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.67 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 161.5, 148.9, 145.4, 135.4, 133.4, 131.8, 129.4, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 123.8, 121.9, 120.0,

95.6, 85.8, 78.4, 60.4, 52.2, 29.0, 15.5; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2962, 2864, 2362, 2214, 1779, 1717, 1657, 1512,

1449, 1386, 1304, 1228, 1163, 1114, 990, 833, 763, 555, 495; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 399.1203, found 399.1208.

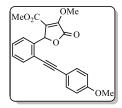
Methyl 2-(2-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1d)



White solid, m.p. = 134-135 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 385 mg, yield = 50% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 161.6, 152.2, 148.9, 135.4, 133.4, 131.5, 129.4, 128.6, 127.5, 125.6, 123.9, 121.9, 119.8, 95.5, 85.8, 78.4, 60.4, 52.2,

35.0, 31.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3117, 3014, 2947, 2826, 2362, 2308, 2247, 2180, 1779, 1672, 1583, 1421, 1336, 1278, 1189, 1125, 992, 949, 893, 831, 777, 725, 635, 579; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₄NaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 427.1516, found 427.1514.

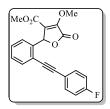
Methyl 4-methoxy-2-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1e)



White solid, m.p. = 109-110 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 280 mg, yield = 35% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 161.6, 160.1, 148.9, 135.2, 133.4, 133.3, 129.4, 128.4, 127.7, 123.9, 121.8, 114.9, 114.2,

95.4, 85.2, 78.6, 60.3, 55.5, 52.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3118, 3011, 2949, 2834, 2362, 2250, 2174, 1780, 1718, 1659, 1602, 1512, 1462, 1382, 1290, 1245, 1181, 1116, 990, 893, 832, 775, 727, 634, 542; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}NaO_6$ (M+Na)⁺ 401.0996, found 401.0999.

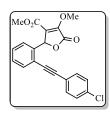
Methyl 2-(2-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1f)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), 317 mg, $R_f = 0.3$, yield = 39% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 162.8 (d, *J* = 250.0 Hz), 161.5, 149.0, 135.4, 133.7 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 133.6, 129.5, 128.8, 127.9, 123.3, 121.7, 118.9 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 94.2, 86.1, 78.5, 60.3,

52.2; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.1; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3067, 2957, 2856, 2363, 2216, 1778, 1718, 1658, 1597, 1509, 1449, 1387, 1303, 1229, 1160, 1113, 991, 837, 764, 499; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆FO₅ (M+H)⁺ 367.0976, found 367.0981.

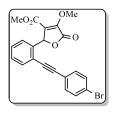
Methyl 2-(2-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1g)



White solid, m.p. = 86-87 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 210 mg, yield = 26% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.5, 149.0, 135.5, 134.9, 133.6, 133.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 127.9, 123.2, 121.7, 121.3, 94.1, 87.4, 78.5, 60.4, 52.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3114, 3012, 2947, 2887, 2826,

2361, 2306, 2247, 2180, 1788, 1663, 1583, 1497, 1423, 1336, 1278, 1188, 1130, 992, 942, 893, 830, 777, 726, 634, 581; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{21}H_{15}ClNaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 405.0500, found 405.0495.

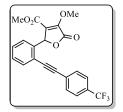
Methyl 2-(2-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1h)



Pale green viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3, 210 \text{ mg}, \text{ yield} = 28\% (2 \text{ steps}); {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.58 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 166.9, 161.5, 149.0, 135.5, 133.6, 133.2, 131.8, 129.5, 129.0, 127.9, 123.2, 123.1, 121.8, 121.7, 94.2, 87.5, 78.5, 60.4, 52.2; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3067, 2953,$

1775, 1714, 1657, 1493, 1443, 1380, 1363, 1303, 1231, 1161, 1115, 1066, 997, 824, 763, 672, 627, 578, 483; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅BrNaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 448.9995, found 448.9991.

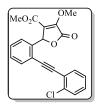
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3carboxylate (1i)



White solid, m.p. = 119-120 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.2$, 222 mg, yield = 29% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 5H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.5, 149.0, 135.7, 133.8, 132.0, 130.5 (q, J = 32.5 Hz), 129.6, 129.3, 128.0, 126.6, 125.5 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 270.7 Hz), 122.7, 121.7, 93.7, 88.7, 78.5, 60.4,

52.2; ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) *δ* -62.9; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3390, 3116, 3013, 2947, 2826, 2363, 2305, 2247, 2181, 1779, 1721, 1660, 1606, 1573, 1420, 1326, 1235, 1121, 1062, 993, 893, 839, 776, 725, 636, 583; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₁₅F₃NaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 439.0764, found 439.0757.

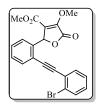
Methyl 2-(2-((2-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1j)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 260 mg, yield = 33% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 4.30 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.4, 148.8, 136.1, 136.0, 133.4, 133.3, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 126.9, 126.7, 123.5, 122.8, 121.9, 91.7, 91.5, 77.9, 60.4, 52.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3117, 3013, 2949, 2826,

2362, 2308, 2247, 2181, 1779, 1718, 1659, 1583, 1493, 1431, 1383, 1235, 1118, 1053, 991, 894, 829, 772, 717; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅ClNaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 405.0500, found 405.0503.

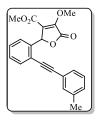
Methyl 2-(2-((2-bromophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1k)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 402 mg, yield = 54% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 4.28 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 161.3, 148.7, 136.0, 133.4, 133.3, 132.5, 129.9, 129.4, 129.1, 127.2, 126.9, 125.6, 125.0, 123.4, 121.9, 93.5, 90.8, 77.9, 60.4, 52.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2952, 2359, 1772, 1716, 1652, 1447, 1380, 1302, 1234, 1161,

1119, 987, 873, 754, 626, 484; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{21}H_{15}BrNaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 448.9995, found 448.9997.

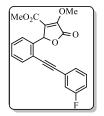
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(2-(m-tolylethynyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (11)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 74-75 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 336 mg, yield = 41% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 4.28 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.5, 148.8, 138.2, 135.4, 133.4, 132.2, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 123.7, 122.6, 121.8, 95.4, 86.0, 78.3, 60.3, 52.1, 21.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹)

3115, 3015, 2950, 2362, 2307, 2247, 2183, 1783, 1717, 1659, 1597, 1494, 1384, 1237, 1117, 991, 897, 832, 778, 631; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 385.1046, found 385.1051.

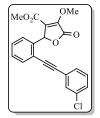
Methyl 2-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1m)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.3, 360 mg, yield = 44% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 162.5 (d, *J* = 245.3 Hz), 161.5, 148.9, 135.7, 133.6, 130.1 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 129.5, 129.1, 127.8, 127.7 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 124.6 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 123.0, 121.7, 118.5 (d, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 116.1 (d, *J*

= 21.1 Hz), 93.9 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 87.3, 78.4, 60.3, 52.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.7; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3119, 3012, 2950, 2362, 2305, 2247, 2181, 1779, 1718, 1658, 1576, 1493, 1431, 1384, 1235, 1119, 991, 942, 871, 831, 777, 725, 633; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅FNaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 389.0796, found 389.0798.

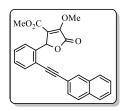
Methyl 2-(2-((3-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1n)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 380 mg, yield = 40% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 161.5, 148.9, 135.7, 134.4, 133.6, 131.5, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 127.7, 124.5, 122.9, 121.7, 93.7, 87.5, 78.4, 60.3, 52.2. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3117, 3013, 2949, 2362,

2307, 2247, 2181, 1780, 1718, 1659, 1592, 1235, 1118, 992, 891, 834, 777, 724, 581; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{21}H_{15}CINaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 405.0500, found 405.0504.

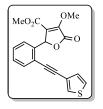
Methyl 4-methoxy-2-(2-(naphthalen-2-ylethynyl)phenyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (10)



Brownness viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 150 mg, yield = 20% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.5, 148.9, 135.6, 133.6, 133.1, 133.0, 131.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 126.8, 123.6, 121.9,

120.1, 95.7, 86.7, 78.4, 60.3, 52.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3117, 3012, 2949, 2826, 2361, 2320, 2247, 2181, 1777, 1717, 1658, 1594, 1502, 1430, 1336, 1234, 1118, 992, 898, 824, 775, 730, 635, 580; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{25}H_{18}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 421.1046, found 421.1048.

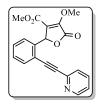
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(2-(thiophen-3-ylethynyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1p)



Brownness viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 195 mg, yield = 23% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 4.23 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 161.5, 149.0, 135.3, 133.5, 129.9, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.0, 125.6, 123.3, 121.8, 121.7, 90.6, 85.9, 78.7, 60.3, 52.2; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3109, 2953, 2357, 1775, 1717, 1658, 1448, 1386, 1301, 1225, 1119,

990, 768, 624; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄NaO₅S (M+Na)⁺ 377.0454, found 377.0449.

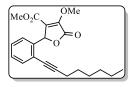
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(2-(pyridin-2-ylethynyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1q)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.2, 160 mg, yield = 24% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.4, 150.3, 149.0, 143.1, 136.4, 136.2, 133.9, 129.5, 129.4, 127.6, 127.3, 123.3, 122.8, 121.8, 94.2, 86.0, 78.1, 60.5, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹)

3390, 3118, 3011, 2949, 2362, 2320, 2247, 2180, 1777, 1718, 1658, 1580, 1465, 1425, 1337, 1235, 1118, 991, 893, 830, 777, 726, 633, 580; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{20}H_{15}NNaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 372.0842, found 372.0845.

Methyl 4-methoxy-2-(2-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1r)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 166 mg, yield = 20% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.28 (m, 4H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz,

3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 161.6, 148.9, 135.3, 133.4, 129.3, 127.9, 127.1, 124.7, 121.9, 96.8, 78.4, 77.8, 60.4, 52.2, 31.5, 28.8, 28.7, 22.7, 19.8, 14.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3116, 3014, 2888, 2827, 2362, 2319, 2246, 2181, 1789, 1681, 1582, 1474, 1421, 1336, 1278, 1188, 1132, 992, 942, 893, 831, 778, 725, 635, 580; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₄NaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 379.1516, found 379.1521.

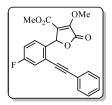
Methyl 2-(2-ethynylphenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1s)



Brownness solid, m.p. = 101-102 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 180 mg, yield = 18% (3 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 161.4, 148.8, 136.4, 133.8, 129.4, 129.3, 127.1, 122.5, 121.6, 83.1, 80.7, 77.8, 60.4, 52.1; **IR** (KBr,

cm⁻¹) 3291, 3260, 3014, 2956, 2858, 1786, 1715, 1657, 1446, 1388, 1306, 1237, 1165, 1114, 989, 909, 769, 665, 621, 548; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₂NaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 295.0577, found 295.0576.

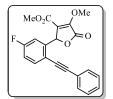
Methyl 2-(4-fluoro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1t)



White solid, m.p. = 102-103 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 390 mg, yield = 48% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 162.7 (d, J = 248.4 Hz), 161.4, 149.0, 131.9, 131.6 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 129.6 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 129.2, 128.6, 125.6 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 122.3,

121.5, 120.1 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 116.2 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 96.2, 85.2 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 77.8, 60.3, 52.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -111.6; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3077, 3011, 2953, 2362, 2251, 2164, 1784, 1716, 1658, 1605, 1579, 1500, 1439, 1385, 1306, 1237, 1117, 992, 877, 827, 768, 692, 550; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅FNaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 389.0796, found 389.0794.

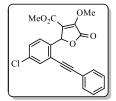
Methyl 2-(5-fluoro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1u)



White solid, m.p. = 100-101 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 257 mg, yield = 31% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.92 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 162.4 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 161.4, 149.1, 138.2 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 135.3 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 131.8, 128.9, 128.6, 122.7, 121.3, 119.8 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 117.0 (d, J = 21.8

Hz), 114.8 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 95.0 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 85.4, 77.8, 60.4, 52.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 109.5; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3116, 3013, 2949, 2362, 2306, 2247, 2180, 1780, 1718, 1658, 1599, 1502, 1429, 1337, 1236, 1115, 994, 943, 889, 829, 773, 633, 580; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅FNaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 389.0796, found 389.0796.

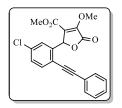
Methyl 2-(4-chloro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1v)



White solid, m.p. = 138-139 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 360 mg, yield = 45% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 161.4, 149.1, 135.4, 134.1, 133.2, 131.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 125.2, 122.3, 121.4, 96.5, 85.1, 77.8, 60.4, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3118, 3013,

2949, 2361, 2308, 2247, 2180, 1779, 1718, 1658, 1594, 1496, 1435, 1386, 1234, 1115, 992, 896, 828, 773, 634, 582; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅ClNaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 405.0500, found 405.0502.

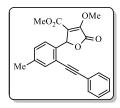
Methyl 2-(5-chloro-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1w)



White solid, m.p. = 125-126 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 390 mg, yield = 49% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 161.3, 149.1, 137.4, 134.7, 134.6, 131.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.6, 127.8, 122.5, 122.2, 121.3, 96.2, 85.4, 77.7, 60.4, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3116, 3013, 2949, 2362, 2247, 2179,

1780, 1718, 1658, 1588, 1496, 1385, 1336, 1235, 1116, 993, 895, 828, 773, 635, 579; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{21}H_{15}ClNaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 405.0500, found 405.0500.

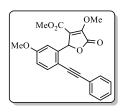
Methyl 4-methoxy-2-(4-methyl-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1x)



White solid, m.p. = 133-134 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 180 mg, yield = 22% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 4.23 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 161.6, 148.8, 139.5, 133.9, 132.6, 131.8, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 123.4, 122.9, 121.9, 94.8, 86.6, 78.4,

60.3, 52.2, 21.1; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3116, 3014, 2947, 2826, 2362, 2307, 2247, 2181, 1776, 1719, 1660, 1596, 1503, 1423, 1337, 1121, 991, 942, 893, 829, 776, 726, 635, 581; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 385.1046, found 385.1048.

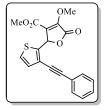
Methyl 4-methoxy-2-(5-methoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1y)



White solid, m.p. = 116-117 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 240 mg, yield = 30% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 4.24 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.5, 159.8, 148.8, 137.1, 134.8, 131.6, 128.5, 123.2, 121.8, 115.7, 115.0, 113.3, 93.7, 86.4, 78.3, 60.3, 55.6, 52.2;

IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3117, 3012, 2948, 2831, 2362, 2308, 2247, 2180, 1778, 1718, 1659, 1603, 1505, 1429, 1336, 1286, 1234, 1116, 991, 941, 892, 828, 773, 634, 581; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₆ (M+Na)⁺ 401.0996, found 401.0991.

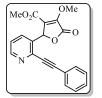
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(3-(phenylethynyl)thiophen-2-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1z)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 74-75 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 220 mg, yield = 26% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 161.3, 148.9, 139.1, 131.7, 130.8, 128.8, 128.5, 126.1, 123.6, 122.7, 121.1,

94.4, 82.4, 73.9, 60.5, 52.4; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3113, 3012, 2950, 2362, 2247, 2181, 1781, 1718, 1658, 1595, 1435, 1383, 1290, 1237, 1149, 1110, 987, 895, 847, 771, 640, 579; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{19}H_{14}NaO_5S$ (M+Na)⁺ 377.0454, found 377.0455.

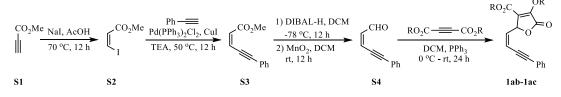
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(2-(phenylethynyl)pyridin-3-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1aa)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.2, 235 mg, yield = 28% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 161.2, 150.9, 149.2, 143.1, 135.3, 132.3, 132.2, 129.6, 128.6,

123.0, 121.8, 120.9, 94.8, 86.0, 60.5, 52.4; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3116, 3011, 2948, 2362, 2318, 2246, 2179, 1780, 1718, 1658, 1571, 1494, 1434, 1336, 1237, 1117, 992, 893, 828, 774, 720, 635, 579; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{20}H_{15}NNaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 372.0842, found 372.0846.

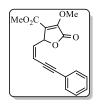
1.3.2 General procedure for 1ab – 1ac



Step 1-3: Procedure for the synthesis of S4 was identical to the literature.³

Step 4: To a magnetically stirred solution of **S4** (1.0 equiv) in dry DCM was added triphenylphosphine (1.2 equiv) at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirred for 5 min, the DCM solution of dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was finished, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **1ab**–**1ac**.² (Note that the substrate **1** with electron-withdrawing group on the aryl couldn't obtain through this method.)

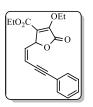
Methyl (Z)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(4-phenylbut-1-en-3-yn-1-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1ab)



Brownness viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4, 250 \text{ mg}$, yield = 26% (4 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 6.08 (dd, J = 9.8, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (dd, J = 10.6, 9.0Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 161.5, 148.5, 134.2, 131.7, 128.9, 128.5, 122.7, 121.2, 116.6, 97.5, 84.3, 75.6, 60.3, 52.3; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2956, 2854, 2194, 1770, 1714, 1655, 1618, 1442, 1384, 1301, 1237,

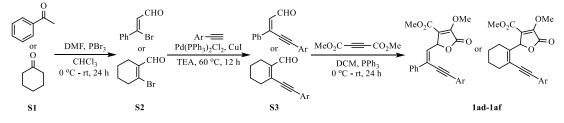
1114, 988, 912, 751, 686, 530; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 321.0733, found 321.0728.

Ethyl (Z)-4-ethoxy-5-oxo-2-(4-phenylbut-1-en-3-yn-1-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1ac)



Brownness viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4, 450 \text{ mg}$, yield = 43% (4 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 6.09 (dd, J = 11.6, 10.0 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (dd, J = 10.6, 9.2Hz, 1H), 4.73 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.64 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 4.29 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, J =7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 161.2, 148.1, 134.5, 131.7, 128.9, 128.6, 122.7, 121.8, 116.6, 97.5, 84.5, 75.7, 69.0, 61.5, 15.5, 14.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2953, 2923, 2844, 2362, 2332, 1772, 1718, 1685, 1653, 1559, 1541, 1456, 1384, 1260, 1209, 1177, 1104, 1031, 862, 750, 690, 668, 550, 534, 510, 491, 484, 470, 450, 444, 432, 418; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{19}H_{18}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 349.1046, found 349.1041.

1.3.3 General procedure for 1ad - 1af



Step 1: Procedure for the synthesis of **S2** was identical to the literature.⁴

Step 2: Procedure for the synthesis of S3 was identical to the literature.¹

Step 3: To a magnetically stirred solution of S3 (1.0 equiv) in dry DCM was added triphenylphosphine (1.2 equiv) at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirred for 5 min, the DCM solution of dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was finished, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product 1ad–1af.² (Note that the substrate 1 with electron-withdrawing group on the aryl couldn't obtain through this method.)

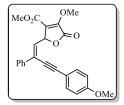
Methyl (Z)-2-(2,4-diphenylbut-1-en-3-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1ad)



Brownness viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4, 250 \text{ mg}$, yield = 31% (3 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 6.33 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 161.6, 148.5, 136.6, 131.8, 130.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 126.7, 122.6,

121.4, 98.5, 85.0, 77.0, 60.4, 52.4; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2951, 1767, 1711, 1655, 1490, 1445, 1386, 1299, 1229, 1203, 1175, 1123, 1032, 988, 756, 691, 524, 491, 470, 457, 444, 431, 424, 418, 411; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 397.1046, found 397.1049.

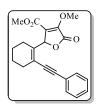
Methyl (Z)-4-methoxy-2-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylbut-1-en-3-yn-1-yl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydro-furan-3-carboxylate (1ae)



Brownness viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 235 mg, yield = 30% (3 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 161.6, 160.3, 148.4, 136.8, 133.3, 130.9, 129.1, 128.6, 127.2, 126.7, 121.5, 114.6, 114.2, 98.7, 83.9, 77.0,

60.3, 55.4, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2954, 2840, 1770, 1722, 1657, 1601, 1569, 1510, 1496, 1449, 1388, 1291, 1249, 1231, 1205, 1173, 1128, 1108, 1029, 992, 961, 909, 834, 765, 695, 630, 536, 509; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NaO₆ (M+Na)⁺ 427.1152, found 427.1156.

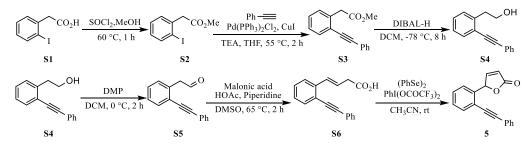
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(2-(phenylethynyl)cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1af)



White solid, m.p. = 100-101 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 246 mg, yield = 29% (3 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 4.22 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.36 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.59 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.8, 148.4, 136.3, 131.5, 129.9, 128.5, 124.1, 123.3, 121.4, 94.7, 87.7, 79.3, 60.1, 52.3, 30.8, 22.7, 22.1, 21.8; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2940, 2354, 1731,

1653, 1446, 1378, 1242, 1163, 1049, 987, 912, 873, 741, 635; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{21}H_{20}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 375.1203, found 375.1206.

1.3.4 General procedure for 5



Step 1: To a solution of 2-iodophenylacetic acid **S1** (2.62 g, 10 mmol) in MeOH was added SOCl₂ (0.8 mL, 12 mmol) at room temperature and then the mixture was heated to 60 $^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with water. The reaction solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was extracted with EtOAc, washed with sat. NaHCO₃ and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduce pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica (PE/EA = 20/1) to give **S2** (2.308 g, 84%) as a colorless oil.

Step 2: To a magnetically stirred solution of **S2** (2.308 g, 8.36 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF was added $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (117 mg, 0.167 mmol, 0.02 equiv) and CuI (16 mg, 0.084 mmol, 0.01 equiv) under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirred for 5 min, the phenylacetylene (1.2 g, 12.5 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and NEt₃ were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 2 h. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered by short silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 20/1) as the eluent to afford **S3** (2.083 g, 99%).

Step 3: Procedure for the synthesis of S4 was identical to the literature.³

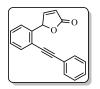
Step 4: A suspension of Dess-Martin Periodinane (6 g, 14.3 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DCM was cooled to 0 °C. To this was added **S4** (1.589 g, 7.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and the reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature under N₂ atmosphere until TLC showed no remaining starting material. The reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and diluted with DCM. Organic phase was washed with 1 X sat. NaS₂O₃, 1 X sat. NaHCO₃, 1 X sat. NaCl. Organic phase was then dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvent removed under removed pressure, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica (PE/EA = 10/1) to afford **S5** (1 g, 64%).

Step 5: A solution of malonic acid (1.05 g, 10 mmol, 2.2 equiv) in DMSO (20 mL) was treated with a solution of AcOH (5 μ L, 5.5 mg, 0.092 mmol, 0.02 equiv) and piperidine (9 μ L, 7.8 mg, 0.092 mmol, 0.02 equiv) in DMSO (1 mL). The reaction solution was warmed to 65 °C and freshly distilled **S5** (1 g, 4.59 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise within 2 min. After the addition ended, the reaction mixture

was stirred for further 1.5 h at 65–70 °C. The solution was cooled to room temperature, taken up in H₂O (25 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (1 X 20 mL and 3 X 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 5% aqueous KHSO₄ and brine (20 mL each), dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated to dryness. The solid residue was recrystallized from toluene/n-hexane (10:1 v/v) to give **S6** as pale yellow crystals (757 mg, 63%).⁵

Step 6: To a solution of diphenyl diselenide (5 mol %, 45 mg, 0.14 mmol) in acetonitrile (15 mL) was added the β , γ -unsaturated acid **S5** (757 mg, 2.88 mmol, 1.0 equiv), followed by bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodobenzene (1.36 g, 3.16 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and the mixture stirred under argon at room temperature until TLC showed no remaining starting material. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 10/1) as the eluent to afford the cyclisation products **5** as brown yellow viscous oil (355 mg, 47%).⁶

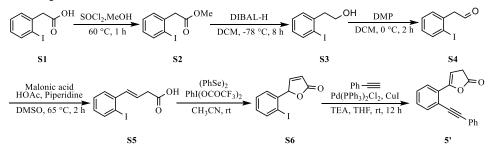
5-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)furan-2(5H)-one (5)



Brown yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 355 mg, yield = 14% (6 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (dd, J = 5.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.20 (dd, J = 5.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4, 156.0, 136.0, 132.7, 131.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 125.2,

122.5, 121.5, 120.7, 95.9, 85.9, 82.8; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3840, 3750, 3651, 3062, 2924, 2216, 1790, 1760, 1599, 1572, 1493, 1444, 1276, 1156, 1102, 1079, 1031, 969, 895, 856, 841, 809, 758, 691, 617, 472; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for $C_{18}H_{13}O_2$ (M+H)⁺ 261.0910, found 261.0909.

1.3.5 General procedure for 5'



Step 1: To a solution of 2-iodophenylacetic acid **S1** (1.31 g, 5 mmol) in MeOH was added SOCl₂ (0.4 mL, 6 mmol) at room temperature and then the mixture was heated to 60 $^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with water. The reaction solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was extracted with EtOAc, washed with sat. NaHCO₃ and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduce pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica (PE/EA = 20/1) to give **S2** (1.18 g, 85%) as a colorless oil.

Step 2: Procedure for the synthesis of S3 was identical to the literature.³

Step 3: A suspension of Dess-Martin Periodinane (2.5 g, 6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DCM was cooled to 0 °C. To this was added **S3** (720 mg, 2.9 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and the reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature under N_2 atmosphere until TLC showed no remaining starting material. The reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and diluted with DCM. Organic phase was washed with 1 X sat. NaS₂O₃, 1 X sat. NaHCO₃, 1 X sat. NaCl. Organic phase was then dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvent

removed under removed pressure, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica (PE/EA = 10/1) to afford **S4** (532 mg, 75%).

Step 4: A solution of malonic acid (494 mg, 4.75 mmol, 2.2 equiv) in DMSO (20 mL) was treated with a solution of AcOH (2.6 mg, 0.046 mmol, 0.02 equiv) and piperidine (3.7 mg, 0.046 mmol, 0.02 equiv) in DMSO (1 mL). The reaction solution was warmed to 65 $\,^{\circ}$ C and freshly distilled **S4** (532 mg, 2.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise within 2 min. After the addition ended, the reaction mixture was stirred for further 1.5 h at 65–70 $\,^{\circ}$ C. The solution was cooled to room temperature, taken up in H₂O (10 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (1 X 20 mL and 3 X 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 5% aqueous KHSO₄ and brine (20 mL each), dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated to dryness. The solid residue was recrystallized from toluene/n-hexane (10:1 v/v) to give **S5** as pale yellow crystals (467 mg, 75%).⁵

Step 5: To a solution of diphenyl diselenide (5 mol %, 26 mg, 0.08 mmol) in acetonitrile (15 mL) was added the β , γ -unsaturated acid **S5** (467 mg, 1.62 mmol, 1.0 equiv), followed by bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodobenzene (767 mg, 1.78 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and the mixture stirred under argon at room temperature until TLC showed no remaining starting material. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 10/1) as the eluent to afford the cyclisation products **S6** as brown yellow viscous oil (300 mg, 65%).⁶

Step 6: To a magnetically stirred solution of **S6** (300 mg, 1.05 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF was added $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (22 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.03 equiv) and CuI (10 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.05 equiv) under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirred for 5 min, the phenylacetylene (118 mg, 1.15 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and NEt₃ were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered by short silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 20/1) as the eluent to afford **S3** (150 mg, 55%).

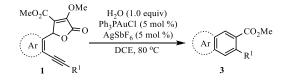
5-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)furan-2(3H)-one (5')



Brown viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 150 mg, yield = 11% (6 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 6.60 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.6, 152.2, 134.1, 131.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 126.8, 123.0, 120.1, 103.2, 95.2,

88.7, 35.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3852, 3742, 3681, 2922, 2214, 1779, 1758, 1569, 1506, 1432, 1266, 1166, 1092, 1028, 951, 858, 815, 752, 686, 592; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{18}H_{12}NaO_2$ (M+Na)⁺ 283.0730, found 283.0735.

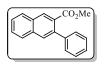
1.4 General procedure for the synthesis of 3a - 3aa



In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added Ph₃PAuCl (5 mol %) and

AgSbF₆ (5 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 2 mL), and then the substrates **1** (0.2 mmol) and H₂O (0.2 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). After that, the mixture was filtered by short silica, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product **3**.

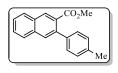
Methyl 3-phenyl-2-naphthoate (3a)



Pale yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6$, 38 mg, yield = 74%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 141.6,

138.9, 134.5, 131.7, 131.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.3, 126.9, 52.2. Spectral data of product **3a** was consistent with data reported in the literature.⁷

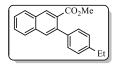
Methyl 3-(p-tolyl)-2-naphthoate (3b)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6, 37 \text{ mg}$, yield = 67%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 138.9, 138.6, 136.9, 134.6, 131.6, 131.0, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 126.8, 52.2, 21.4; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3390, 3119, 3014, 2946, 2361, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1726, 1586, 1422, 1335, 1278, 1208, 1136, 1088, 992, 944, 894, 829, 779, 728, 581, 475; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₆NaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 299.1043, found 299.1047.

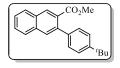
Methyl 3-(4-ethylphenyl)-2-naphthoate (3c)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), R_f = 0.6, 37 mg, yield = 64%; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.72 (q, *J* = 7.6

Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 143.2, 138.9, 138.8, 134.6, 131.6, 131.0, 129.8, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 52.2, 28.7, 15.6; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3389, 3117, 3013, 2827, 2362, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1728, 1680, 1584, 1420, 1335, 1277, 1191, 1135, 992, 943, 894, 833, 779, 728, 581, 465; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 313.1199, found 313.1200.

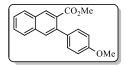
Methyl 3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-naphthoate (3d)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6, 42 \text{ mg}$, yield = 66%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR

 $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta$ 169.4, 150.1, 138.8, 138.5, 134.6, 131.6, 130.9, 129.9, 129.4, 128.7, 128.3, 128.3, 127.9, 126.7, 125.1, 52.2, 34.7, 31.6; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3124, 3017, 2955, 2362, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1727, 1587, 1422, 1334, 1277, 1210, 1133, 1084, 992, 944, 895, 836, 781, 736, 584, 476; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₂₂NaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 341.1512, found 341.1516.

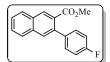
Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate (3e)



Orange viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.7$, 36 mg, yield = 62%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.94 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR

 $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta$ 169.3, 159.1, 138.5, 134.6, 133.9, 131.5, 130.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 126.7, 113.7, 55.4, 52.2. Spectral data of product **3e** was consistent with data reported in the literature.⁸

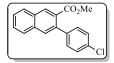
Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-naphthoate (3f)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6, 35 \text{ mg}, \text{ yield} = 63\%; {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 8.42 (s, 1\text{H}), 7.95 (d, J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.78 (s, 1\text{H}), 7.62 - 7.53 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.39 - 7.34 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.15 - 7.09 (m, 2\text{H}), 3.72 (s, 3\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta$

168.8, 162.4 (d, J = 246.1 Hz), 137.9, 137.6 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 134.5, 131.7, 131.4, 130.2 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.0, 115.1 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 52.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ - 115.7. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3120, 3006, 2947, 2832, 2362, 2319, 2247, 2180, 1726, 1598, 1510, 1424, 1335, 1271, 1217, 1138, 1088, 994, 946, 896, 837, 739, 582, 476; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃FNaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 303.0792, found 303.0791.

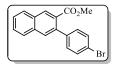
Methyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-naphthoate (3g)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6, 35 \text{ mg}$, yield = 60%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 140.2, 137.8, 134.5, 133.4, 131.8, 131.5, 130.0, 129.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.1, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3116, 3013, 2945, 2828, 2362, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1725, 1586, 1491, 1422, 1335, 1278, 1207, 1137, 1090, 993, 943, 894, 833, 780, 731, 637, 581, 473; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃ClNaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 319.0496, found 319.0494.

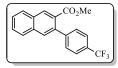
Methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-naphthoate (3h)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6, 43 \text{ mg}$, yield = 64%; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.62 - 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7,

140.6, 137.8, 134.5, 131.8, 131.6, 131.3, 130.4, 129.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 127.9, 127.1, 121.5, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2992, 1765, 1717, 1485, 1376, 1243, 1055, 912, 833, 743, 639, 473; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{18}H_{13}BrNaO_2$ (M+Na)⁺ 362.9991, found 362.9997.

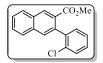
Methyl 3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-naphthoate (3i)



Light yellow solid, m.p. = 83-84 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6$, 33 mg, yield = 51%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz,

2H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 145.5, 145.4, 137.7, 134.5, 131.9, 131.8, 130.2, 129.3 (d, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 129.1, 128.8 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 125.0 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.5 (q, *J* = 270.4 Hz), 52.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2952, 2358, 1777, 1717, 1620, 1448, 1325, 1279, 1223, 1165, 1123, 1063, 1020, 953, 906, 846, 747, 608, 476; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₃F₃NaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 353.0760, found 353.0756.

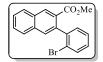
Methyl 3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-naphthoate (3j)



Light yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6$, 36 mg, yield = 61%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 167.5, 140.9, 136.8, 134.7, 133.3, 132.1, 131.6, 130.7, 130.5, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.2, 126.7, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3390, 3116, 3012, 2827, 2362, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1681, 1582, 1420, 1335, 1277, 1189, 1135, 1051, 992, 942, 894, 831, 779, 726, 581, 462; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃ClNaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 319.0496, found 319.0497.

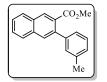
Methyl 3-(2-bromophenyl)-2-naphthoate (3k)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 85-86 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6, 43 \text{ mg}$, yield = 64%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.29 - 7.24 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 142.9, 138.4, 134.6, 132.1, 132.0, 131.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 127.1, 123.5, 52.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2919, 2854, 1765, 1715, 1636, 1550, 1460, 1270, 1205, 1132, 1089, 901, 752, 680, 588; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃BrNaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 362.9991, found 362.9988.

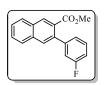
Methyl 3-(m-tolyl)-2-naphthoate (3l)



Brownness viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6, 36 \text{ mg}, \text{ yield} = 66\%; {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 8.38 (s, 1\text{H}), 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.87 (d, J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.82 (s, 1\text{H}), 7.61 - 7.52 (m, 2\text{H}), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.25 (s, 1\text{H}), 7.19 (d, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 3.71 (s, 3\text{H}), 2.43 (s, 3\text{H});$ ${}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 169.3, 141.5, 139.0, 137.8, 134.5, 131.7, 130.9,$

129.8, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 126.8, 125.8, 52.2, 21.6; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3116, 3014, 2946, 2362, 2323, 2247, 2181, 1726, 1588, 1422, 1334, 1277, 1196, 1135, 1088, 992, 944, 893, 840, 781, 736, 637, 582, 477; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{19}H_{16}NaO_2$ (M+Na)⁺ 299.1043, found 299.1046.

Methyl 3-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-naphthoate (3m)

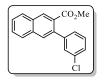


Light yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6$, 29 mg, yield = 52%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 162.7 (d, J = 245.8 Hz), 143.9 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 137.7 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 134.5,

131.9, 131.5, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.2, 124.5 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 115.7 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 114.1 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 52.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.8; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3118, 3013,

2947, 2362, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1727, 1582, 1471, 1422, 1335, 1278, 1135, 994, 943, 895, 858, 780, 730, 635, 581, 467; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃FNaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 303.0792, found 303.0788.

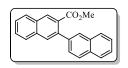
Methyl 3-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-naphthoate (3n)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), R_f = 0.6, 33 mg, yield = 56%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 143.3, 137.4, 134.3, 133.9, 131.7, 131.4, 129.9, 129.1, 128.6,

128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 52.1. **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3390, 3118, 3012, 2947, 2362, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1726, 1592, 1475, 1420, 1334, 1278, 1212, 1137, 1089, 997, 944, 892, 831, 782, 582, 477; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{18}H_{13}CINaO_2$ (M+Na)⁺ 319.0496, found 319.0493.

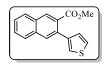
Methyl [2,2'-binaphthalene]-3-carboxylate (30)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.7, 40 \text{ mg}$, yield = 65%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.87 (m, 6H), 7.64 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 139.3, 138.9, 134.6, 133.5, 132.6, 131.8,

131.4, 130.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.3, 126.1, 52.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3748, 2993, 2916, 2362, 1768, 1719, 1374, 1244, 1131, 1084, 1050, 912, 744, 477; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{22}H_{16}NaO_2$ (M+Na)⁺ 335.1043, found 335.1040.

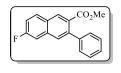
Methyl 3-(thiophen-3-yl)-2-naphthoate (3p)



Brown yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6$, 34 mg, yield = 63%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 4.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.3

Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 141.8, 134.5, 133.4, 131.8, 130.9, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 126.9, 125.1, 122.2, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2919, 2359, 1714, 1525, 1446, 1362, 1267, 1205, 1130, 1081, 1008, 850, 752, 678, 474; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂NaO₂S (M+Na)⁺ 291.0450, found 291.0446.

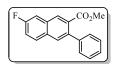
Methyl 6-fluoro-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate (3t)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 75-76 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6$, 37 mg, yield = 66%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 162.3 (d, J =

249.5 Hz), 141.3, 140.1, 135.6 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 0.7 Hz), 129.2 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 128.7, 128.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 117.4 (d, J = 25.6 Hz), 111.1 (d, J = 20.8 Hz), 52.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.8; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3118, 3017, 2948, 2362, 2323, 2247, 2181, 1726, 1575, 1498, 1422, 1277, 1197, 1144, 1089, 992, 899, 847, 778, 705, 580, 475; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃FNaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 303.0792, found 303.0791.

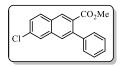
Methyl 7-fluoro-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate (3u)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 84-85 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6$, 38 mg, yield = 67%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.86 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 9.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 161.1 (d,

J = 247.9 Hz), 141.3, 138.3 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 132.5 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 131.5, 130.5, 130.4 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 130.1 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 129.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.4, 118.8 (d, J = 25.5 Hz), 111.7 (d, J = 20.8 Hz), 52.3; ¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.1; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3390, 3117, 3015, 2945, 2362, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1728, 1598, 1496, 1423, 1337, 1275, 1140, 1087, 992, 943, 897, 775, 706, 581, 476; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃FNaO₂ (M+Na)⁺ 303.0792, found 303.0787.

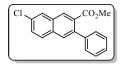
Methyl 6-chloro-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate (3v)



Light yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6$, 36 mg, yield = 63%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

168.8, 141.2, 140.2, 135.1, 134.3, 130.9, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.5, 126.7, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3116, 3015, 2946, 2361, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1726, 1584, 1421, 1340, 1276, 1137, 1085, 993, 945, 899, 829, 775, 705, 579, 472; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{18}H_{13}CINaO_2$ (M+Na)⁺319.0496, found 319.0493.

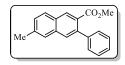
Methyl 7-chloro-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate (3w)



Light yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6$, 37 mg, yield = 65%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 141.2,

139.3, 132.7, 132.7, 132.3, 130.5, 130.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.5, 127.3, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3117, 3015, 2946, 2362, 2323, 2247, 2181, 1727, 1586, 1484, 1426, 1337, 1272, 1211, 1139, 1090, 992, 899, 824, 775, 707, 581, 473; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{18}H_{13}CINaO_2$ (M+Na)⁺ 319.0496, found 319.0492.

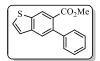
Methyl 7-methoxy-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate (3x)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.6, 38 \text{ mg}, \text{ yield} = 70\%; {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 8.37 (s, 1\text{H}), 7.84$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.46 - 7.35 (m, 6H), 3.69 (s, 3H),2.55 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 169.2, 141.8, 139.1, 138.5, 134.8,$

131.0, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.2, 126.9, 52.1, 22.1; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3390, 3117, 3017, 2947, 2362, 2322, 2247, 2181, 1725, 1589, 1494, 1426, 1330, 1275, 1192, 1143, 1091, 993, 901, 834, 776, 736, 703, 580, 477; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{19}H_{16}NaO_2$ (M+Na)⁺ 299.1043, found 299.1047.

Methyl 5-phenylbenzo[b]thiophene-6-carboxylate (3z)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), R_f = 0.6, 16 mg, yield = 30%; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 141.9, 141.9, 139.0, 138.3, 130.5, 128.7, 128.1, 127.2, 127.1, 125.7,

124.9, 123.9, 52.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3114, 3013, 2828, 2362, 2323, 2247, 2181, 1728, 1681, 1588, 1421, 1333, 1279, 1242, 1187, 1127, 991, 942, 893, 831, 778, 724, 581; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{16}H_{12}NaO_2S$ (M+Na)⁺ 291.0450, found 291.0448.

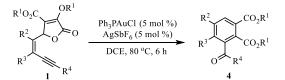
Methyl 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxoacetyl)-5-phenylbenzo[b]thiophene-6-carboxylate (3z')



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), R_f = 0.4, 20 mg, yield = 37%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.79 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

195.6, 167.7, 166.9, 141.5, 139.2, 137.0, 134.9, 133.9, 132.2, 129.9, 128.8, 128.8, 126.2, 125.9, 123.3, 52.9, 52.7; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3109, 3011, 2947, 2362, 2323, 2247, 2181, 1730, 1672, 1587, 1424, 1335, 1279, 1138, 994, 943, 894, 835, 777, 725, 660, 581; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{19}H_{14}NaO_5S$ (M+Na)⁺ 377.0454, found 377.0455.

1.5 General procedure for the synthesis of 4a – 4e



In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added Ph_3PAuCl (5 mol %) and $AgSbF_6$ (5 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 2 mL), and then the substrates **1** (0.2 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). After that, the mixture was filtered by short silica, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product **4**.

Dimethyl 3-benzoylphthalate (4a)



White solid, m.p. = 125-126 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 36 mg, yield = 65%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.66 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

195.6, 167.9, 166.3, 138.6, 136.7, 134.6, 133.6, 132.6, 132.1, 130.7, 130.2, 129.5, 128.6, 52.9, 52.8; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2950, 1729, 1665, 1583, 1441, 1364, 1263, 1146, 1108, 1064, 945, 914, 755, 693, 649, 571; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 321.0733, found 321.0730.

Diethyl 3-benzoylphthalate (4b)



White solid, m.p. = 128-129 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 42 mg, yield = 69%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz,

3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7, 167.3, 166.2, 138.9, 136.7, 134.4, 133.6, 132.1, 131.9, 131.3, 130.2, 129.4, 128.6, 62.1, 62.0, 14.2, 13.7; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2918, 1724, 1668, 1596, 1579, 1447, 1387, 1366, 1262, 1207, 1145, 1109, 1065, 1018, 976, 871, 763, 720, 701, 650, 457, 444, 431, 418; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 349.1046, found 349.1043.

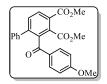
Dimethyl 2-benzoyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,4-dicarboxylate (4c)



White solid, m.p. = 133-134 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 47 mg, yield = 67%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 7H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.1,

168.0, 166.3, 144.5, 138.5, 138.5, 137.2, 134.3, 133.2, 131.4, 130.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 52.9, 52.8; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2952, 1730, 1669, 1588, 1498, 1449, 1433, 1398, 1306, 1243, 1196, 1154, 1131, 1067, 1000, 941, 914, 837, 798, 763, 745, 699, 649, 523, 457, 418; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}NaO_5$ (M+Na)⁺ 397.1046, found 397.1042.

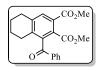
Dimethyl 2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,4-dicarboxylate (4d)



Light yellow solid, m.p. = 135-136 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), $R_f = 0.5$, 47 mg, yield = 70%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.4, 168.1, 166.3, 163.7, 144.3, 138.7, 138.6,

134.2, 132.0, 131.4, 130.7, 130.4, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 113.6, 55.5, 52.9, 52.8; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2952, 2921, 2847, 1795, 1727, 1657, 1594, 1574, 1542, 1508, 1433, 1397, 1305, 1250, 1196, 1180, 1158, 1130, 1067, 1026, 964, 939, 912, 834, 811, 787, 699, 648, 556, 522, 455, 418; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $C_{24}H_{20}NaO_6$ (M+Na)⁺ 427.1152, found 427.1155.

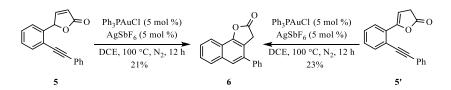
Dimethyl 1-benzoyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-2,3-dicarboxylate (4e)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 32 mg, yield = 54%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.87 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.81 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.67

(m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 167.6, 167.3, 140.9, 139.8, 138.6, 137.0, 133.8, 131.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 52.7, 52.5, 29.9, 27.3, 22.5, 22.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2936, 2358, 1730, 1673, 1568, 1444, 1272, 1232, 1146, 1060, 914, 749, 695; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 375.1203, found 375.1202.

1.6 General procedure for the synthesis of 6



In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added Ph_3PAuCl (5 mol %) and $AgSbF_6$ (5 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 2 mL), and then the substrates **5** or **5**' (0.2 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). After that, the mixture was filtered by short silica, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product **6**.

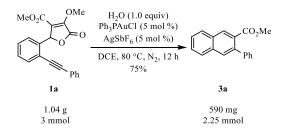
4-phenylnaphtho[1,2-b]furan-2(3H)-one (6)



Pale yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), R_f = 0.6, 10 mg, yield = 21%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 8.01 (m, 1H), 7.93 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 6H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 150.7, 139.3, 135.8, 134.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1,

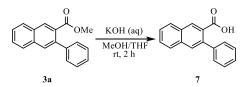
127.3, 126.9, 123.3, 121.2, 119.2, 116.5, 34.4; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3839, 3821, 3802, 3749, 3649, 3616, 3309, 2923, 2851, 1805, 1717, 1700, 1650, 1557, 1540, 1521, 1493, 1457, 1370, 1341, 1236, 1186, 1123, 1054, 907, 829, 748, 699; **HRMS** (DART) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃O₂ (M+H)⁺ 261.0910, found 261.0910.

1.7 Gram-scale reaction



1.8 General procedure for derivatization reaction of 3a

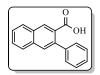
1.8.1 Procedure for the synthesis of 7.



In a 25 mL flask with a magnetic bar was added MeOH (1.2 mL), THF (1 mL), and then the **3a** (1 mmol) and Potassium hydroxide saturated solution (1 mL) were added respectively. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). After that,

added 1 M aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid to neutralize the solution until the PH < 3. And then, the mixture was filtered by Buchner funnel and the residue was washed with methanol (10 ml \times 3), oven dry the residue to afford the carboxylic acid product **7** (246 mg, 99%) as a white solid.

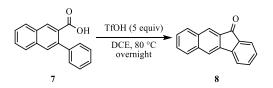
3-phenyl-2-naphthoic acid (7)



¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4, 141.4, 139.3, 134.9, 132.6, 131.6, 130.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0. Spectral data of product **7** was consistent with data reported in

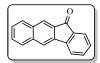
the literature.9

1.8.2 Procedure for the synthesis of 8.



In a 25 ml Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added DCE (1 mL), and then the 3-phenyl-2-naphthoic acid 7 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (1 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were added respectively. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). After that, the solution was allowed to warm up to room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ (aq), the separated aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate, and the combined organic layers was washed saturated sodium chloride solution then dried over Na₂SO₄. The mixture was filtered and concentrated, the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the pure product **8** (44.6 mg, 97%).

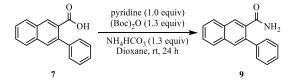
11H-benzo[b]fluoren-11-one (8)



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.0, 144.8, 138.3, 136.9, 136.1, 134.9, 133.6, 132.7, 130.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 126.9,

125.6, 124.4, 121.0, 119.1. Spectral data of product 8 was consistent with data reported in the literature.¹⁰

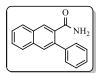
1.8.3 Procedure for the synthesis of 9.



In a 25 ml Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar, to a mixture of 3-phenyl-2-naphthoic acid 7 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in dioxane (2 mL) was added pyridine (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv). After stirring at room temperature for 15 min, ammonium hydrogen carbonate (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added. Then, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After that,

the reaction mixture was diluted with water and the resulting precipitate was collected, washed with water, dried and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using dichlormethane and methanol (DCM/MeOH = 20/1) as the eluent to afford the pure product **9** (40 mg, 81%).

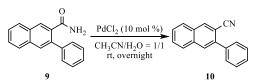
3-phenyl-2-naphthamide (9)



¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3, 140.4, 137.0, 134.1, 132.6, 132.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9. Spectral data of

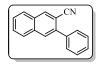
product 9 was consistent with data reported in the literature.¹¹

1.8.4 Procedure for the synthesis of 10.



In a 25 ml Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar, **9** (0.2 mmol) in a mixture of $H_2O/CH_3CN = 1:1$ (2 mL) was treated with PdCl₂ (0.02 mmol) at room temperature for overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with diethyl ether. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residual was separated on a silica gel column using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1) as the eluent to give **10** (39 mg, 85%) as a white solid.

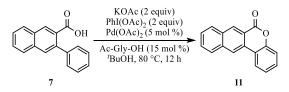
3-phenyl-2-naphthonitrile (10)



¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.86 (m, 3H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.8, 138.4, 136.0, 134.9, 131.3, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 119.0, 109.6. Spectral data of product **10** was consistent with

data reported in the literature.12

1.8.5 Procedure for the synthesis of 11.



In a 25 ml Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar, 2.0 ml 'BuOH was added to a mixture of 3-phenyl-2naphthoic acid 7 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), N-acetylglycin (0.03 mmol, 15 mol %), KOAc (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), $PhI(OAc)_2$ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) under air. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was con centrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the pure product **11** (37 mg, 75%).

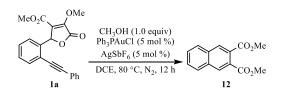
6H-naphtho[2,3-c]chromen-6-one (11)



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.21 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 11.9, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4, 150.8, 136.2, 132.8, 132.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 129.5, 128.0, 127.1, 124.6, 122.8, 120.6, 119.2, 118.3,

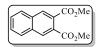
117.9. Spectral data of product 11 was consistent with data reported in the literature.¹³

1.9 The reaction of 1a with methanol to form 12



In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added Ph_3PAuCl (5 mol %) and $AgSbF_6$ (5 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 2 mL), and then the substrates **1a** (0.2 mmol) and CH₃OH (0.2 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). After that, the mixture was filtered by short silica, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product **12** as a colorless oil (32 mg, yield = 65%), accompanied with the release of methyl benzoate.

Dimethyl naphthalene-2,3-dicarboxylate (12)



Colorless oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 10/1), $R_f = 0.5$, 32 mg, yield = 65%; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (s, 2H), 7.96 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 133.6,

130.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 52.8. Spectral data of product 12 was consistent with data reported in the literature.¹⁴

Methyl benzoate



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 133.0, 130.3, 129.7, 128.5, 52.2. Spectral data of product **12** was consistent with data reported in the

literature.15

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3. X-ray diffraction analysis

3.1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 1e

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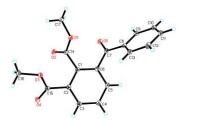
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3.2 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3u

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Formula weight	280.28			
Temperature	100.00(10) K			
Crystal system	Monoclinic			
Space group	$P2_1/c$			
Unit cell dimensions	a = 16.1365(6) Å	$\alpha = 90$ °.		
	b = 7.3743(3) Å	$\beta = 103.140(4)$ °.		
	c = 11.6885(5) Å	$\gamma = 90$ °.		
Volume	1354.46(9) Å ³			
Z	4			
ρ calc	1.374 g/cm ³			
μ	0.807 mm ⁻¹			
F(000)	584.0			
Crystal size	0.2 x 0.16 x 0.14 mm ³			
Radiation	Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54184$)			
2Θ range for data collection	11.262 to 146.96 $^\circ$			
Index ranges	$-11 \le h \le 19, -8 \le k \le 8, -14 \le l \le 14$			
Reflections collected	4809			
Independent reflections	2639 [$R_{int} = 0.0255$, $R_{sigma} = 0$	2639 [$R_{int} = 0.0255$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0300$]		
Data / restraints / parameters	2639 / 0 / 191			
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.077			
Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0525, $wR2 = 0.1456$			
Final R indexes [all data]	R1 = 0.0553, $wR2 = 0.1499$			
Largest diff. peak/hole	0.27/-0.43 e.Å ⁻³			

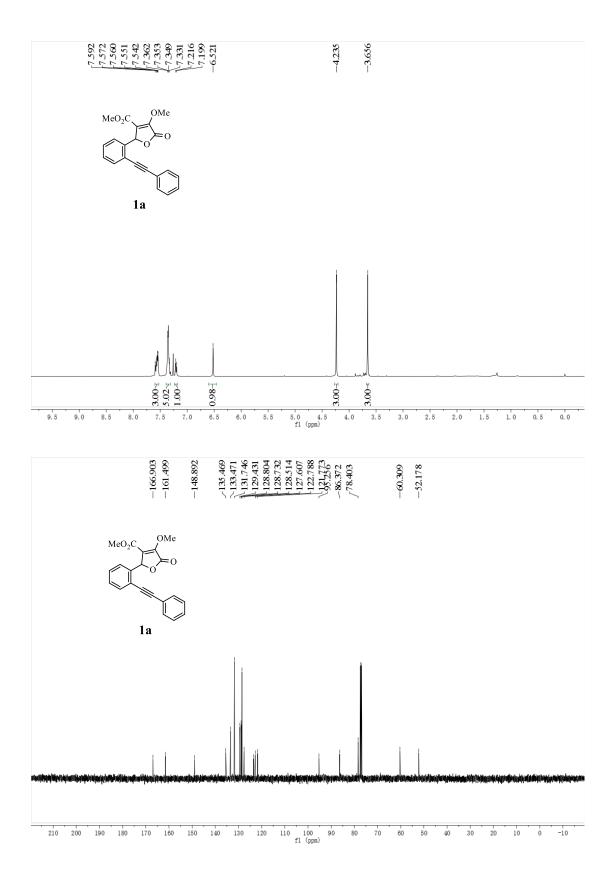
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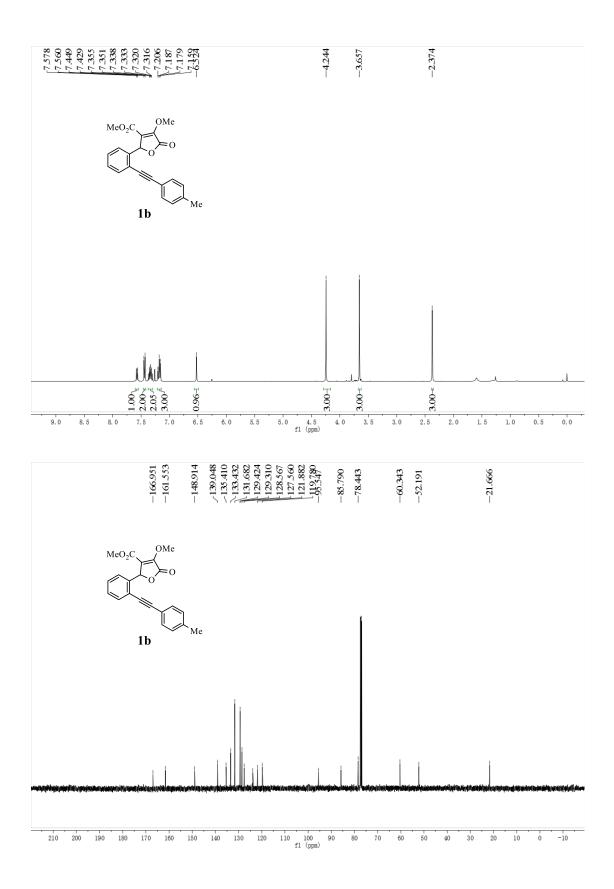


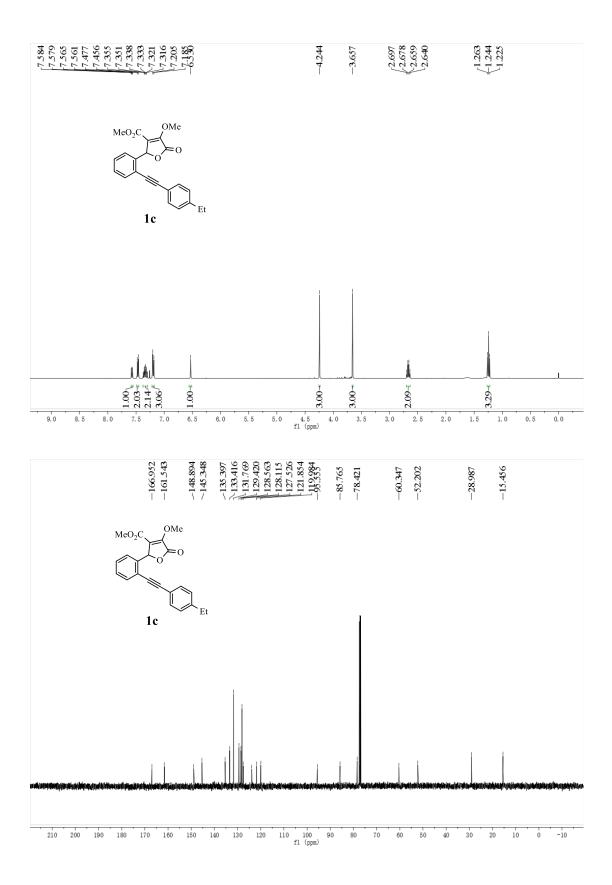
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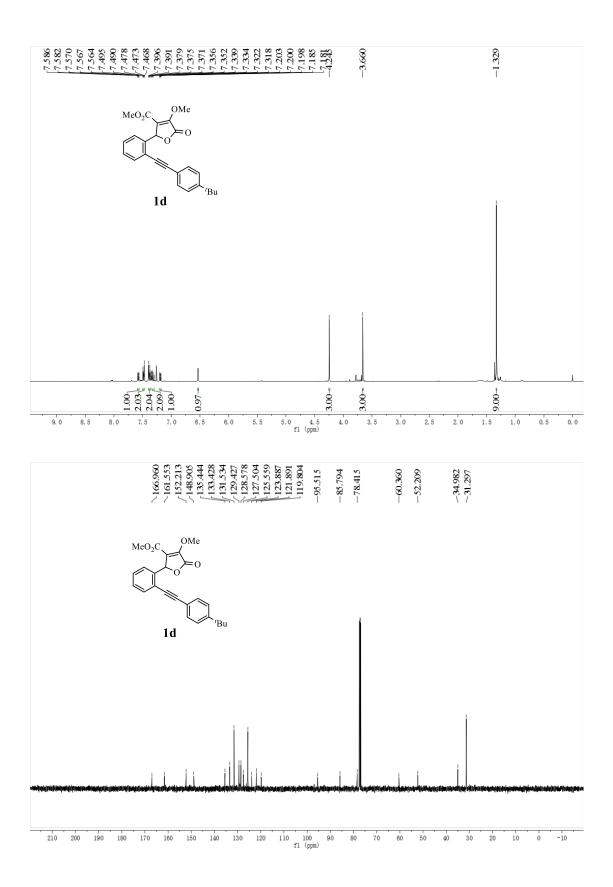
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Empirical formula	$C_{17}H_{14}O_5$		
Formula weight	298.28		
Temperature	100.00(10) K		
Crystal system	Orthorhombic		
Space group	P212121		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.36160(10) Å	$\alpha=90~^{\circ}$	
	b = 8.77830(10) Å	$\beta = 90^{\circ}$	
	c = 19.3853(3) Å	$\gamma=90~^\circ$	
Volume	1422.89(3) Å ³		
Z	4		
ρ calc	1.392 g/cm ³		
μ	0.860 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	624.0		
Crystal size	0.3 x 0.2 x 0.2 mm ³		
Radiation	Cu Ka ($\lambda = 1.54184$)		
2Θ range for data collection	9.124 to 147.318 °		
Index ranges	$-9 \le h \le 9, 10 \le k \le 10, 23 \le l \le 23$		
Reflections collected	3695		
Independent reflections	2325 [$R_{int} = 0.0153$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0196$]		
Data / restraints / parameters	2325 / 0 / 202		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.152		
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] R1 = 0.0294, wR2 = 0.0801			
Final R indexes [all data]	R1 = 0.0298, $wR2 = 0.0804$		
Largest diff. peak/hole	0.26/-0.19 e.Å ⁻³		
Flack parameter	0.14(10)		

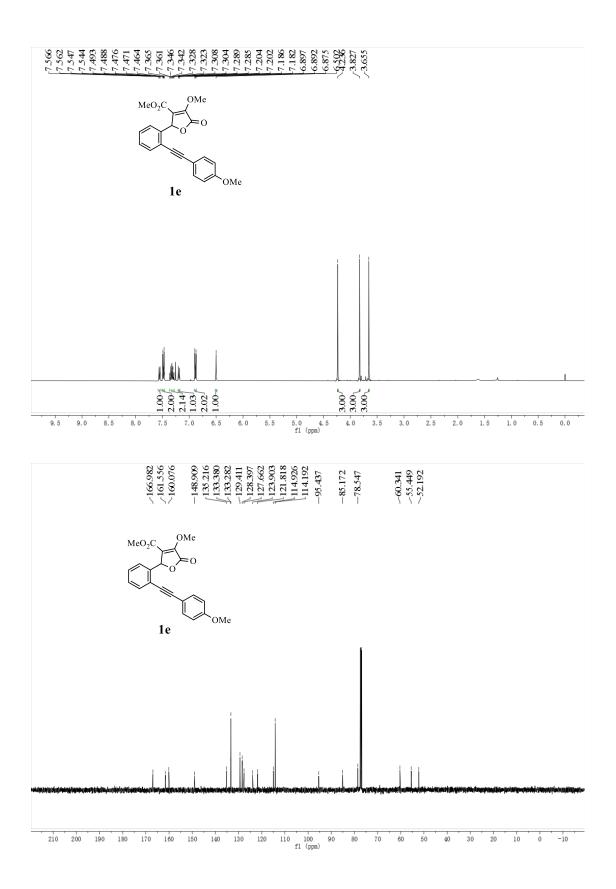
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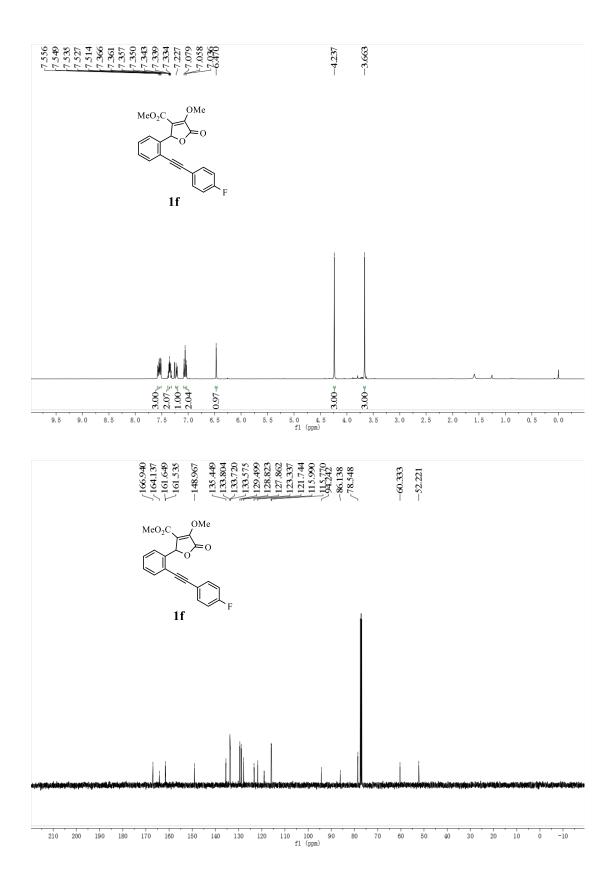


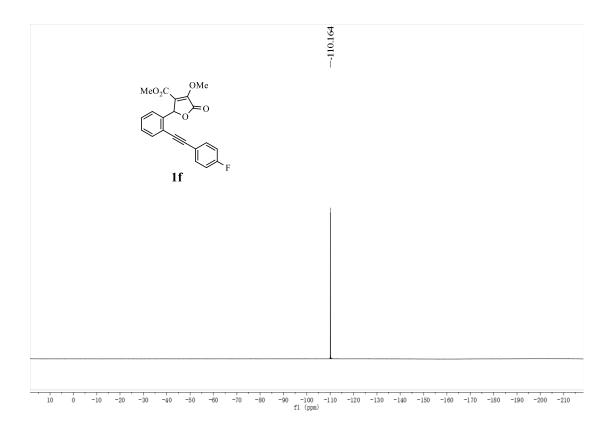


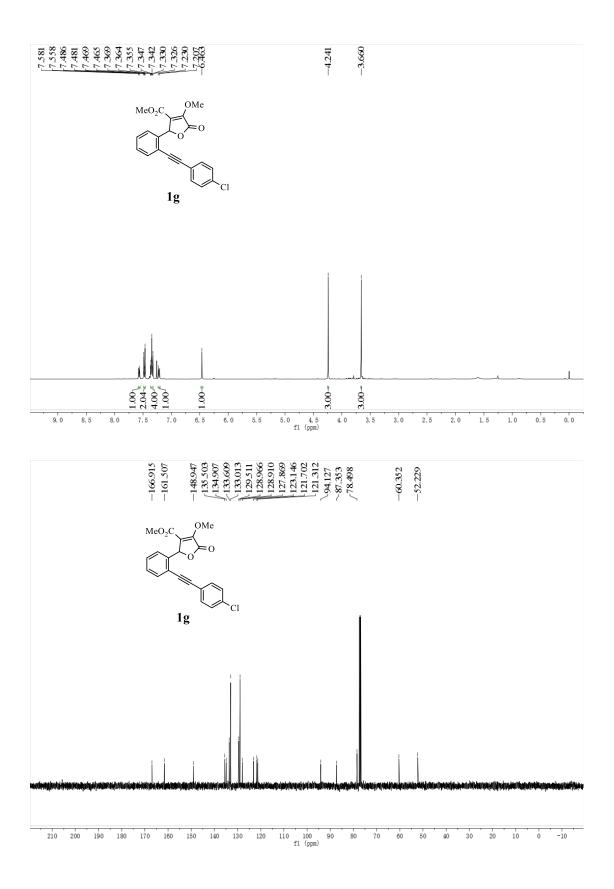


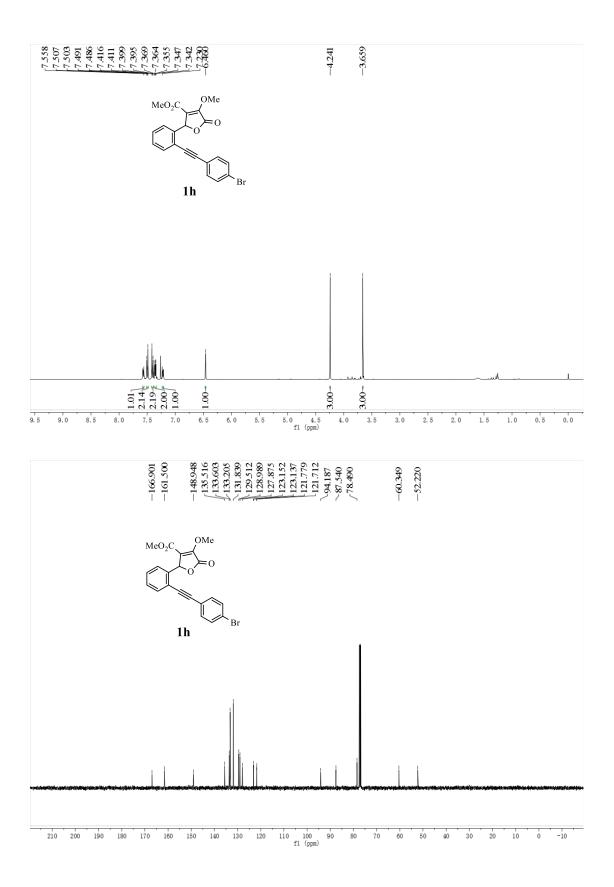


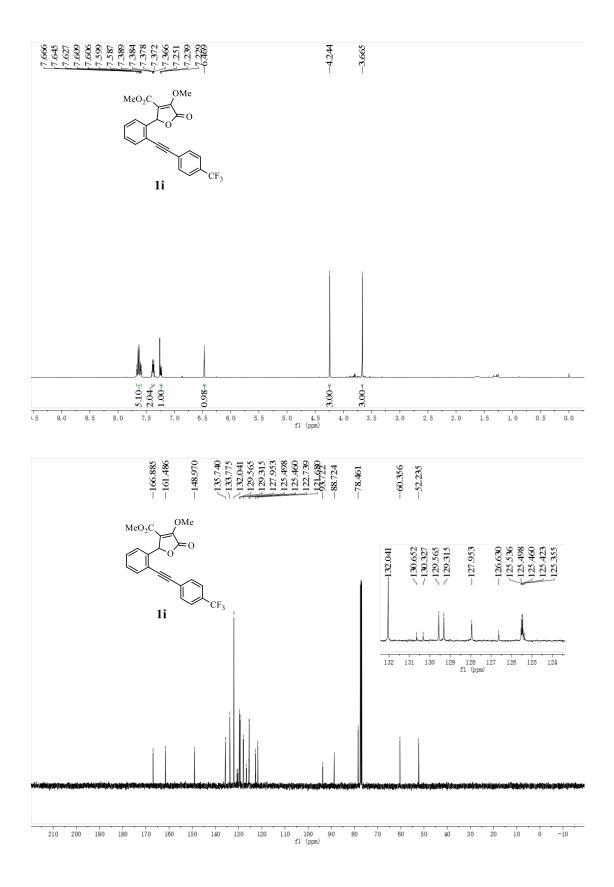
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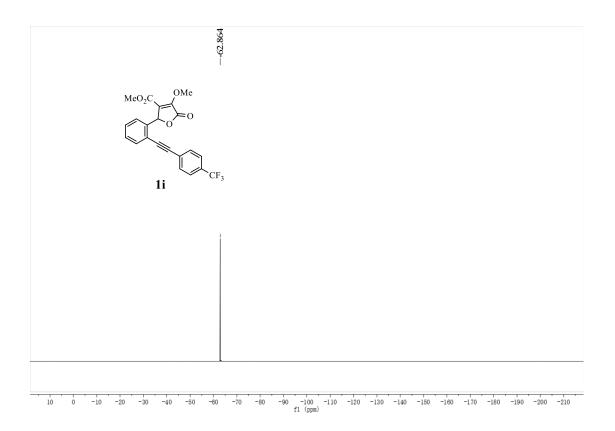


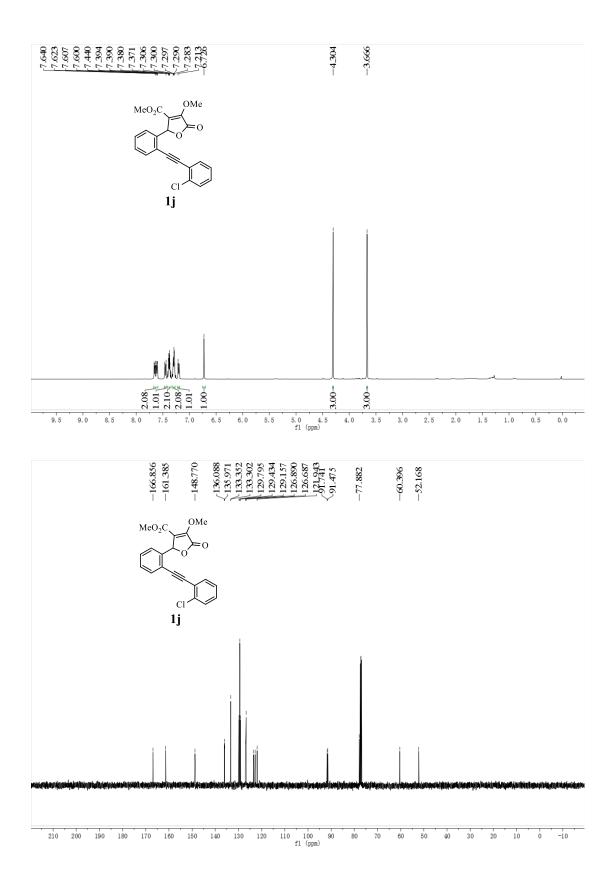


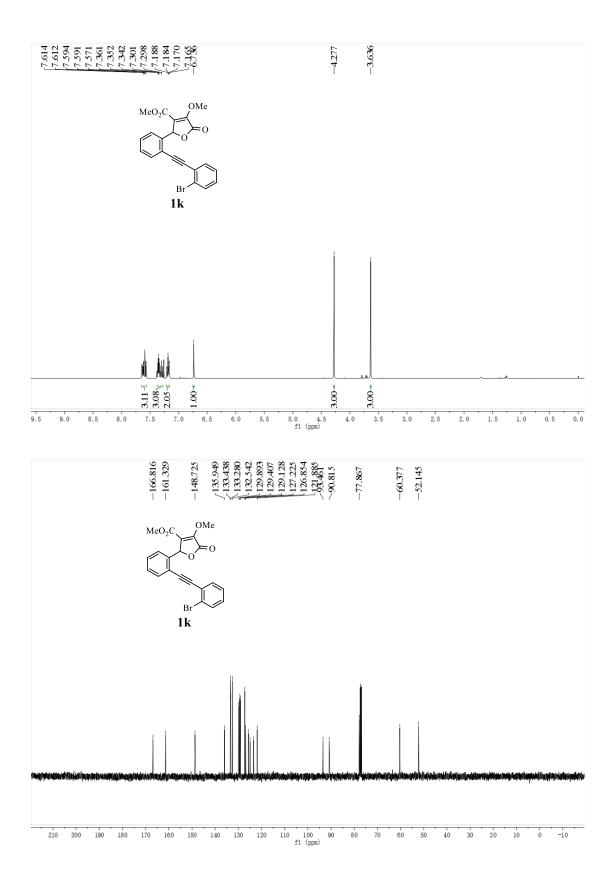


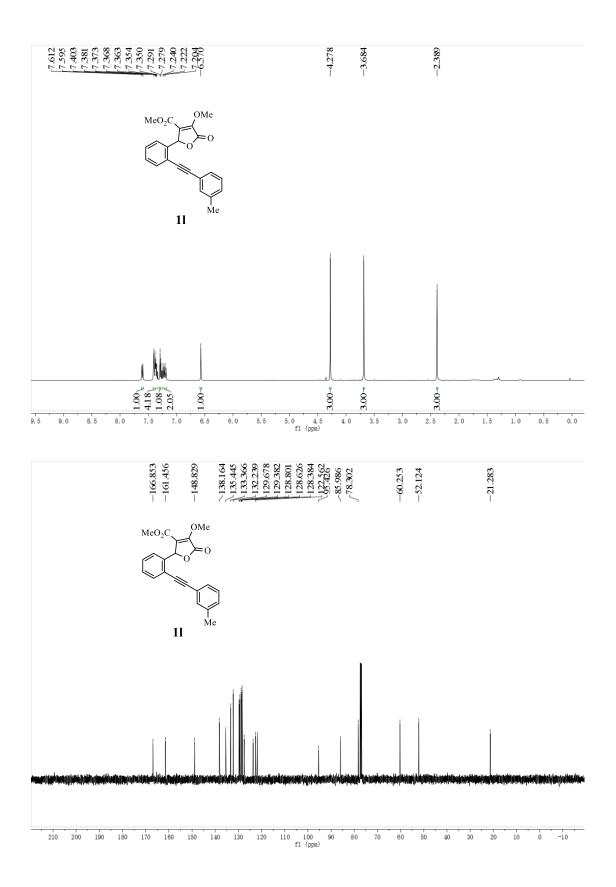


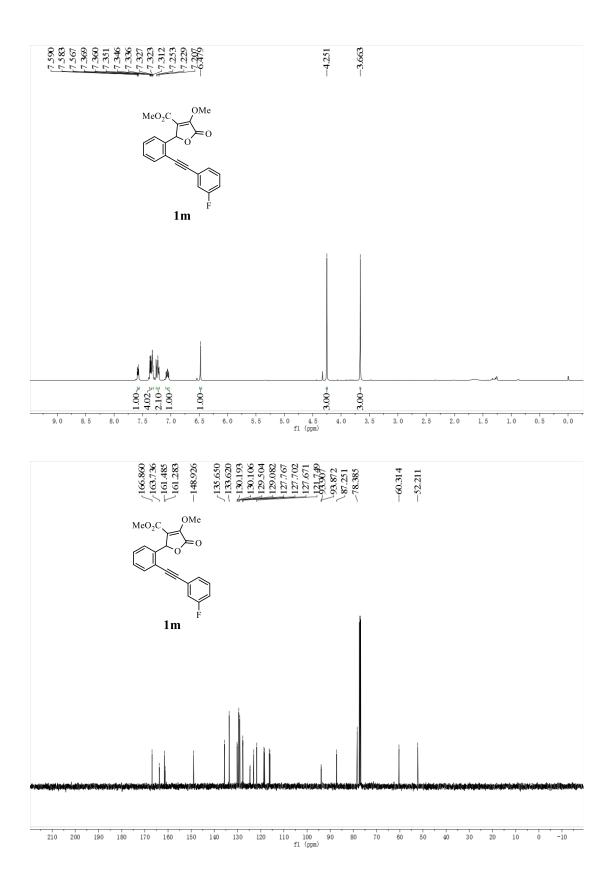


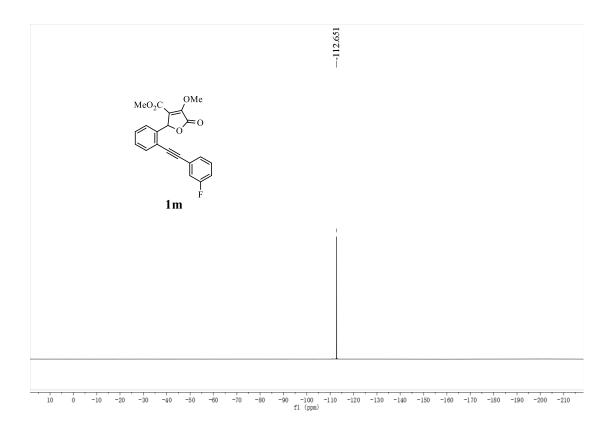


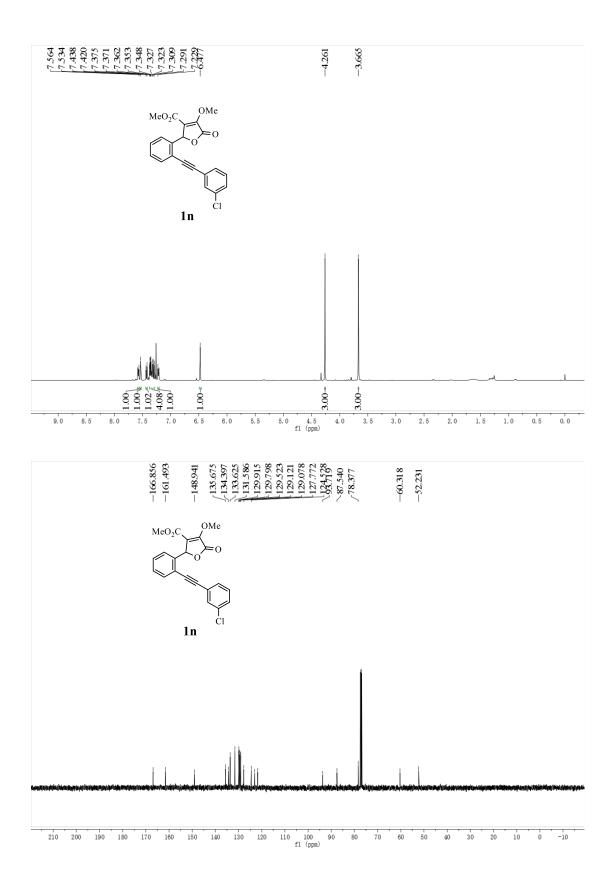


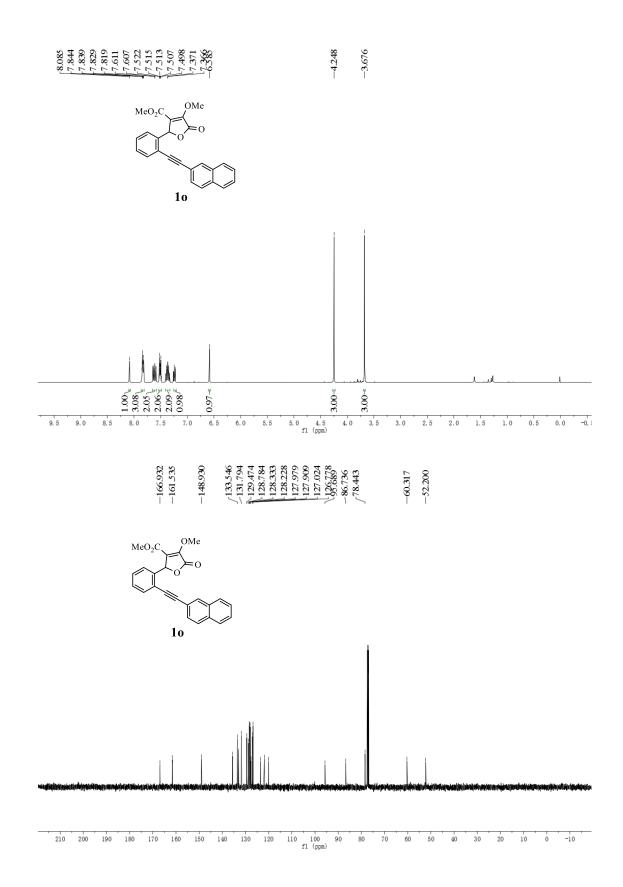


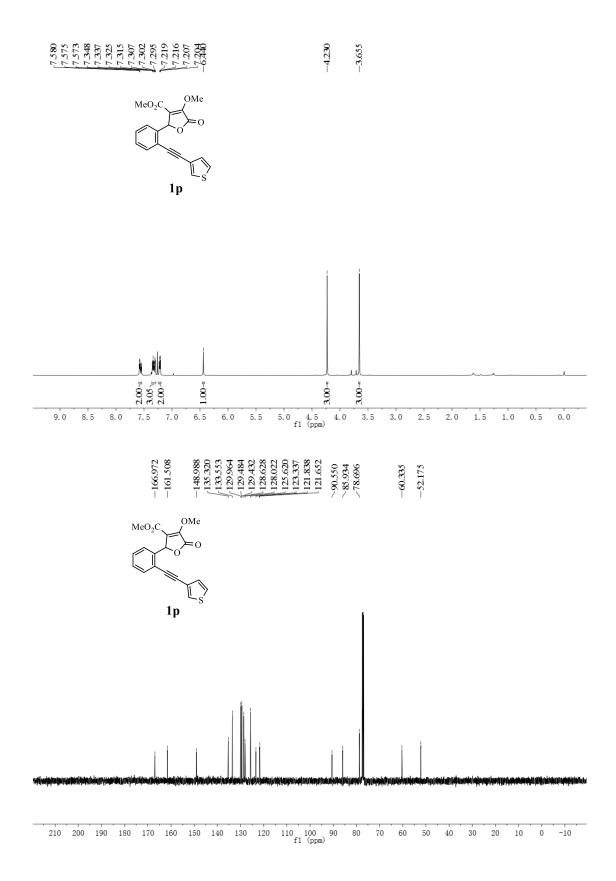


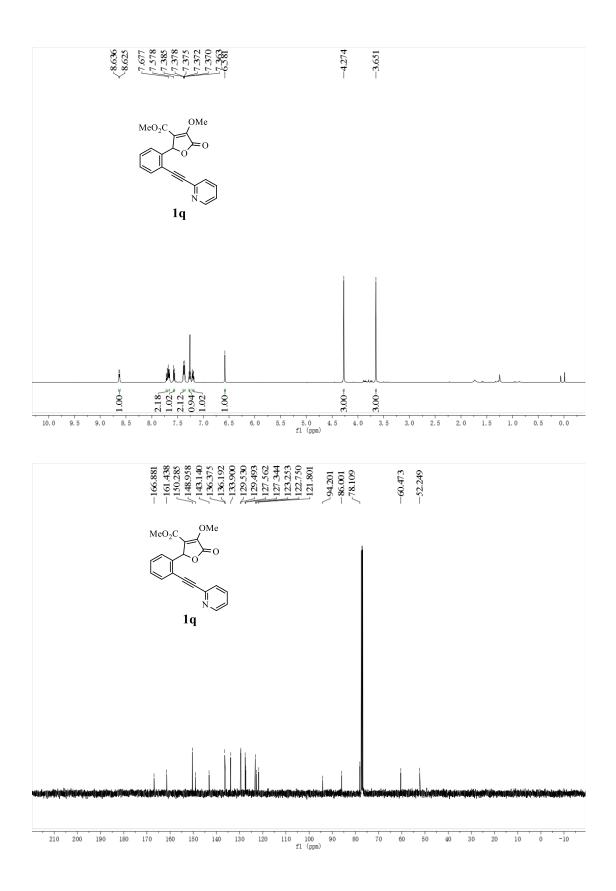






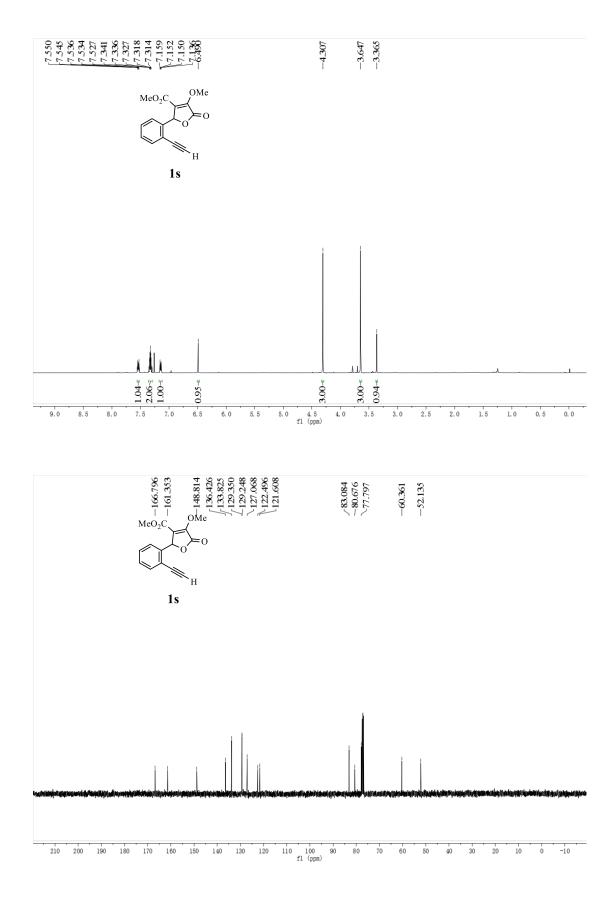


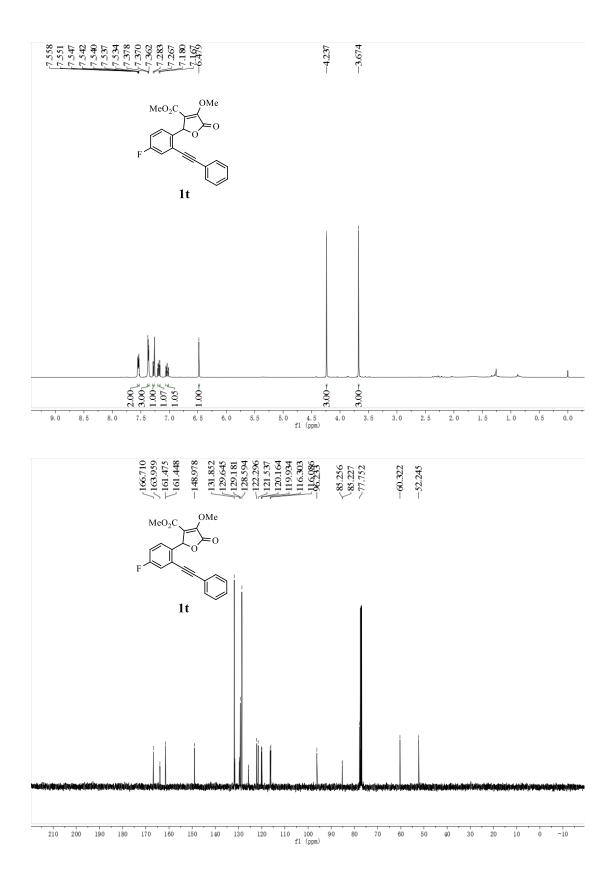


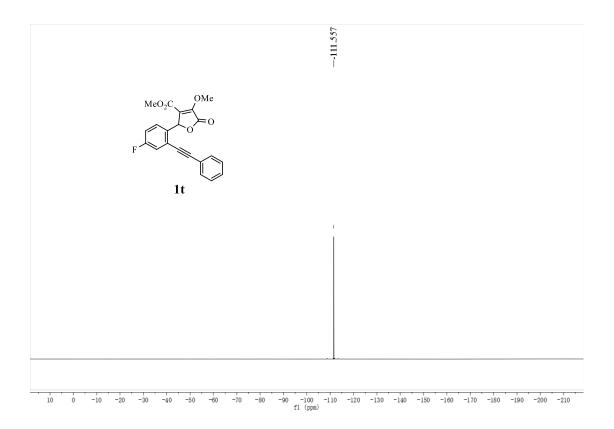


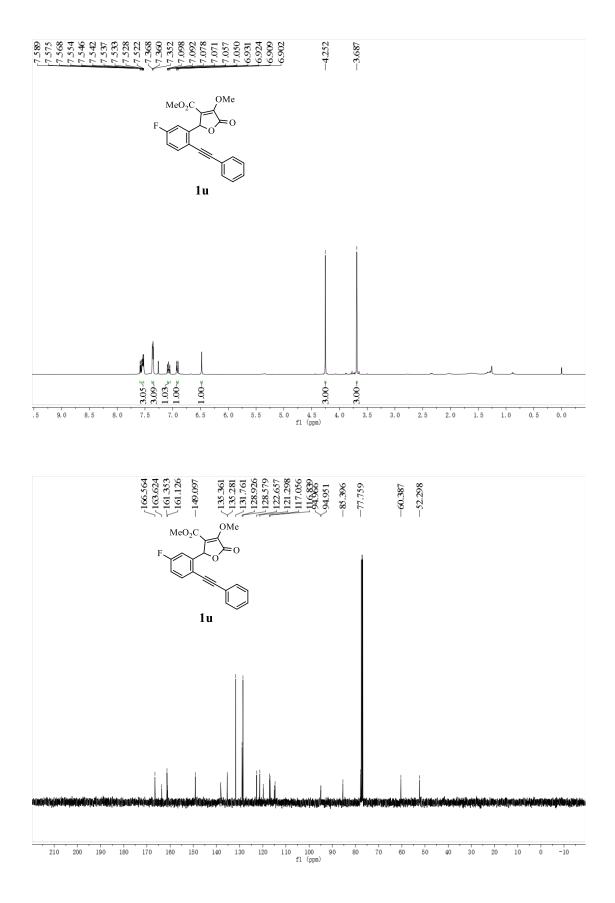


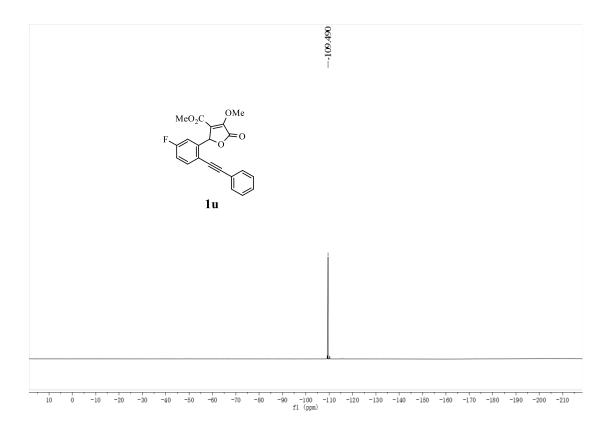
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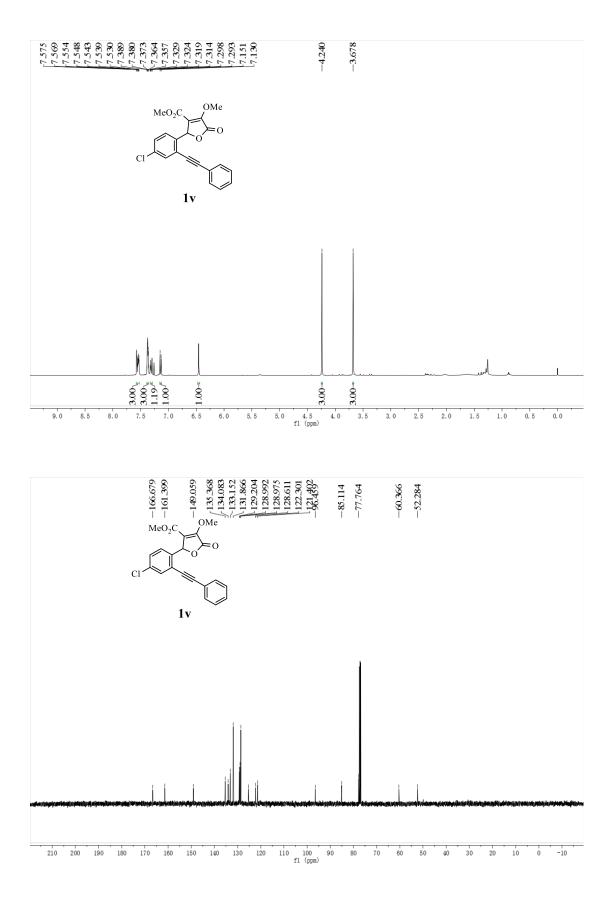


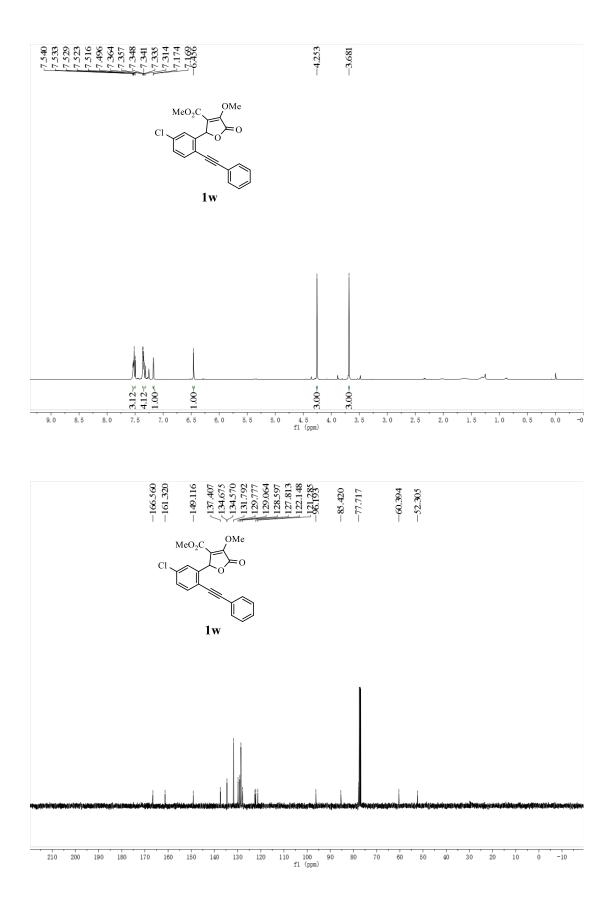


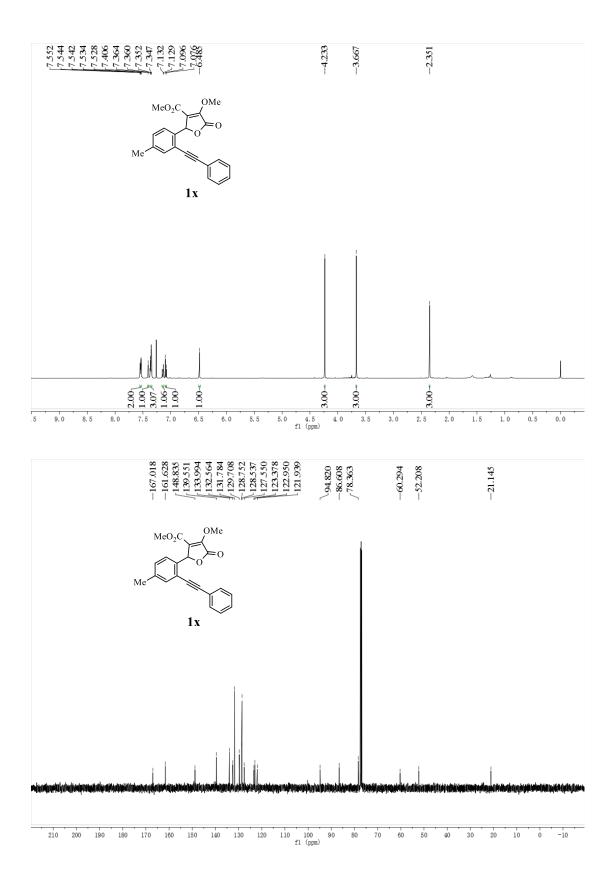


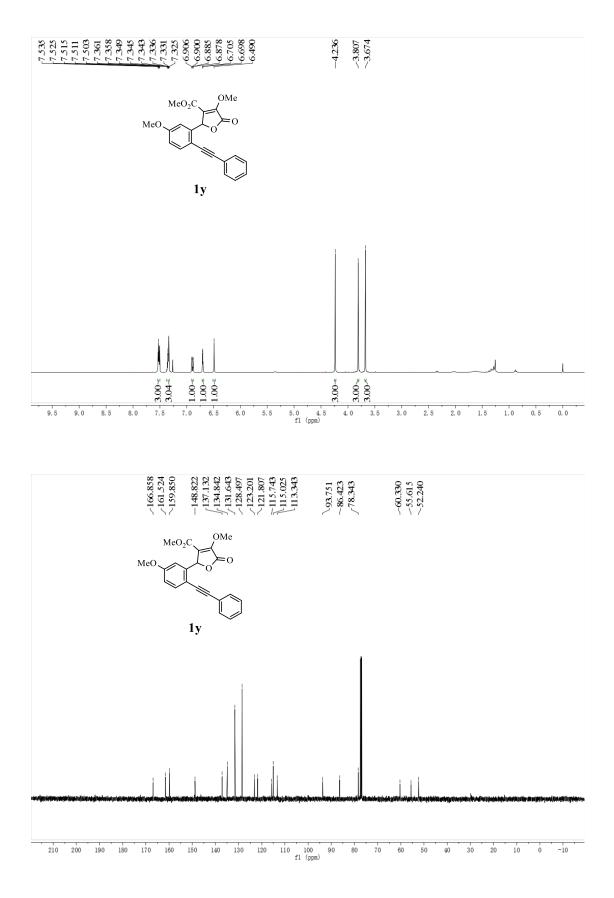


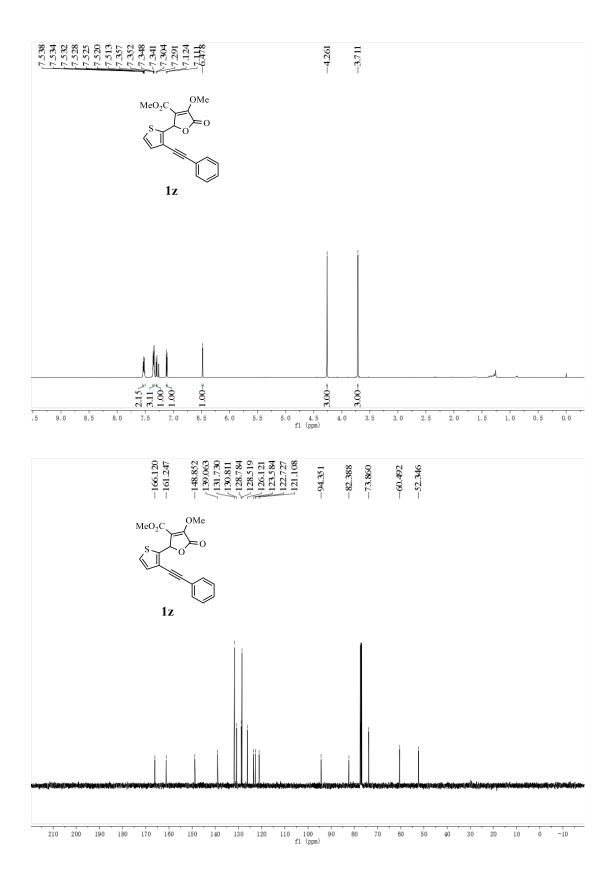


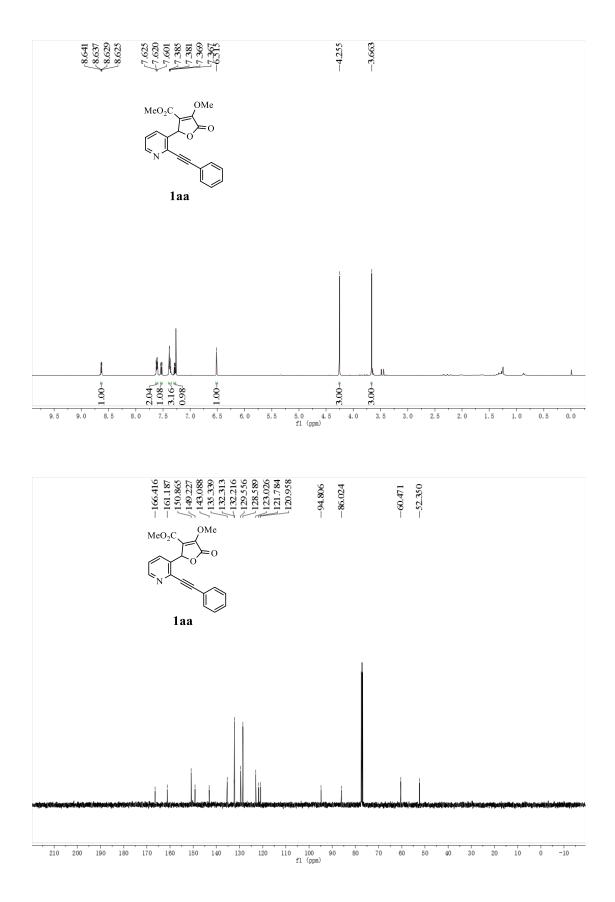




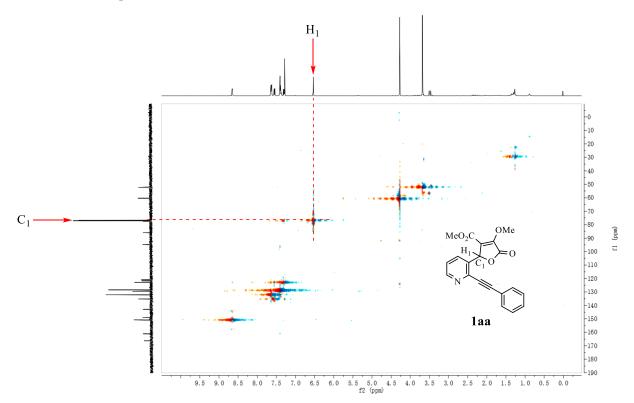


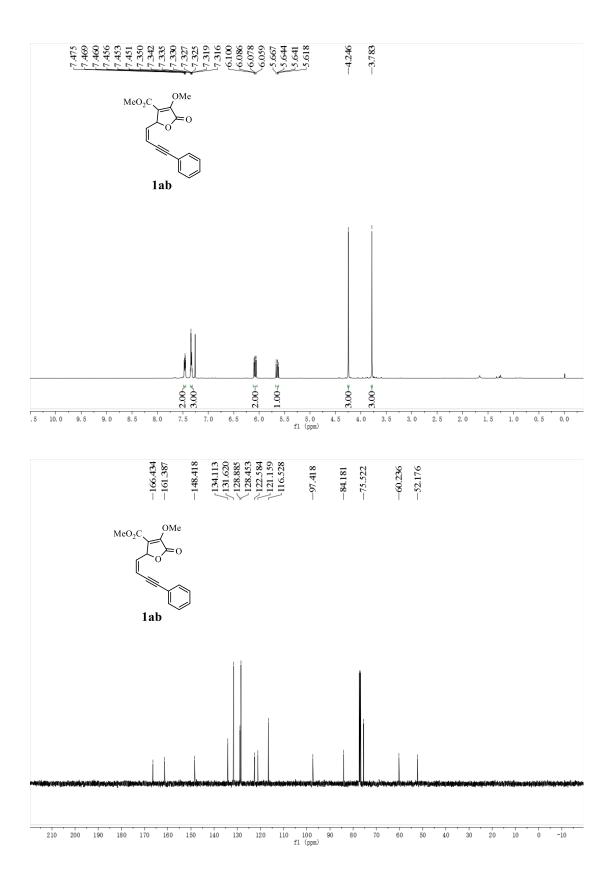




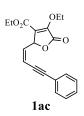


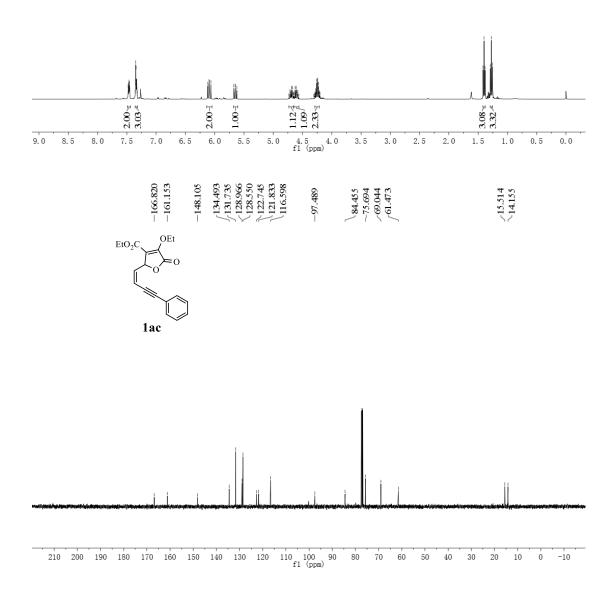
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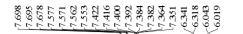




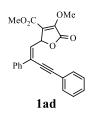
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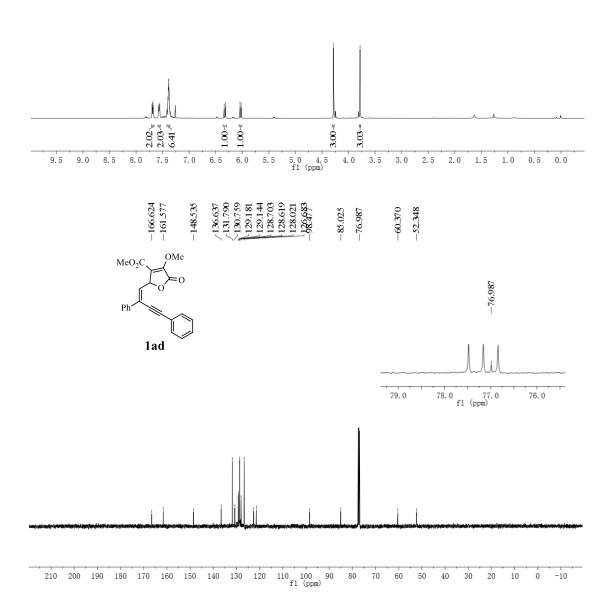


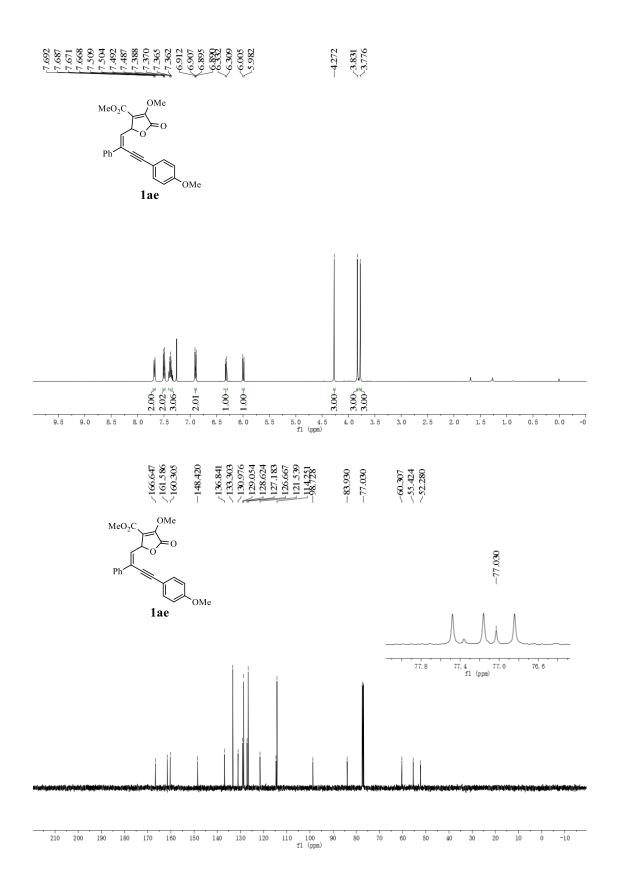


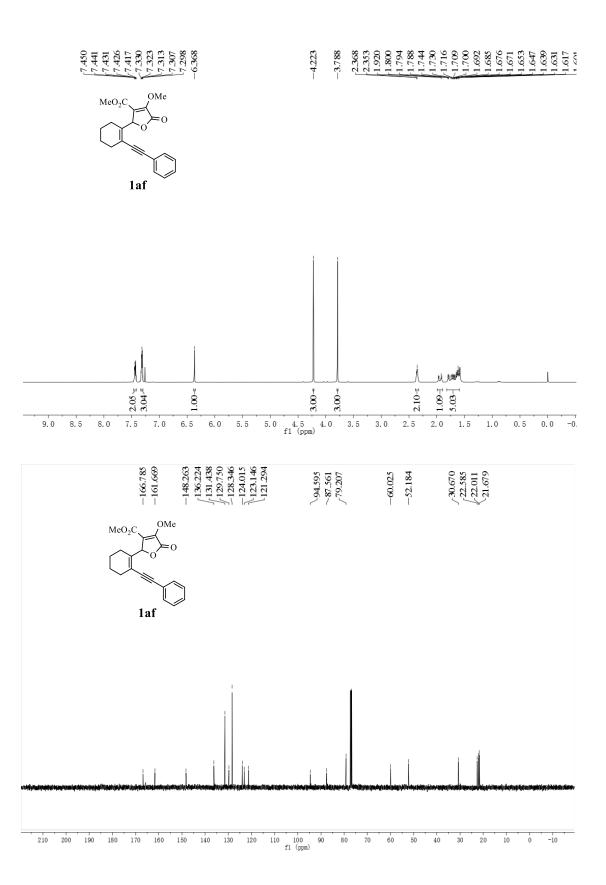


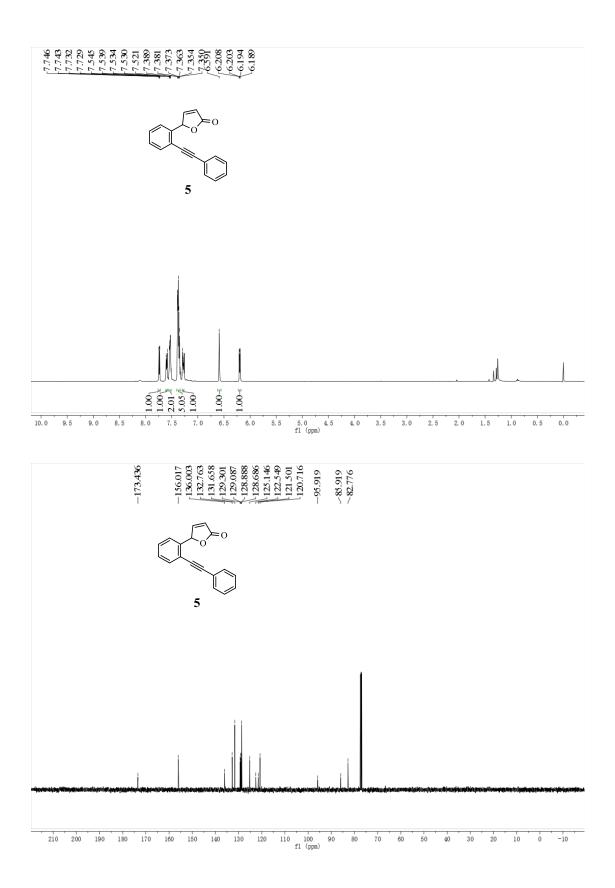
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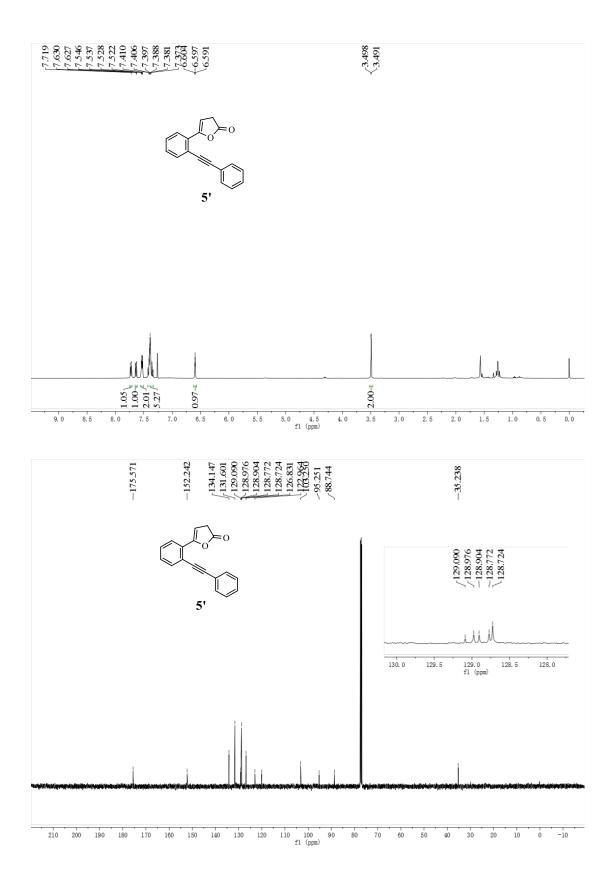


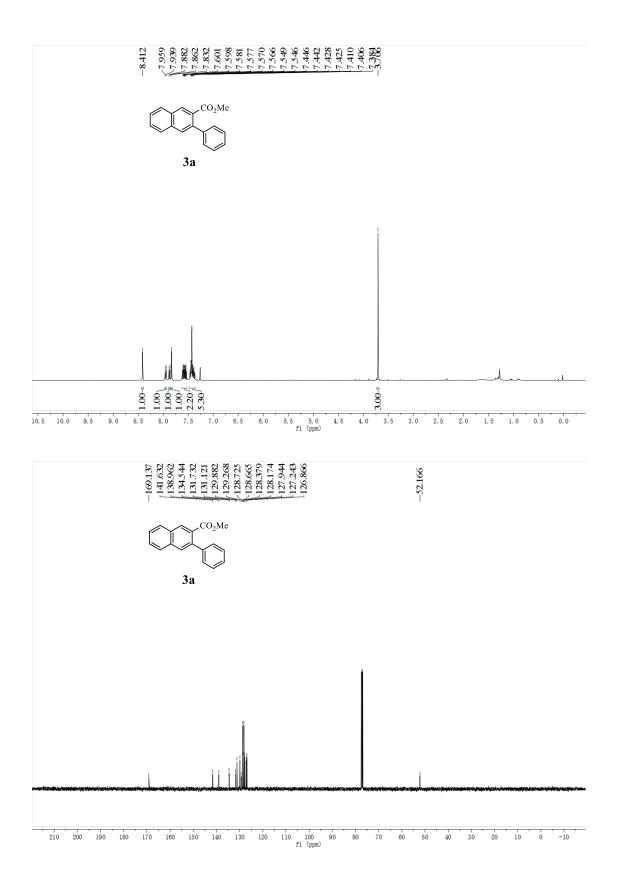


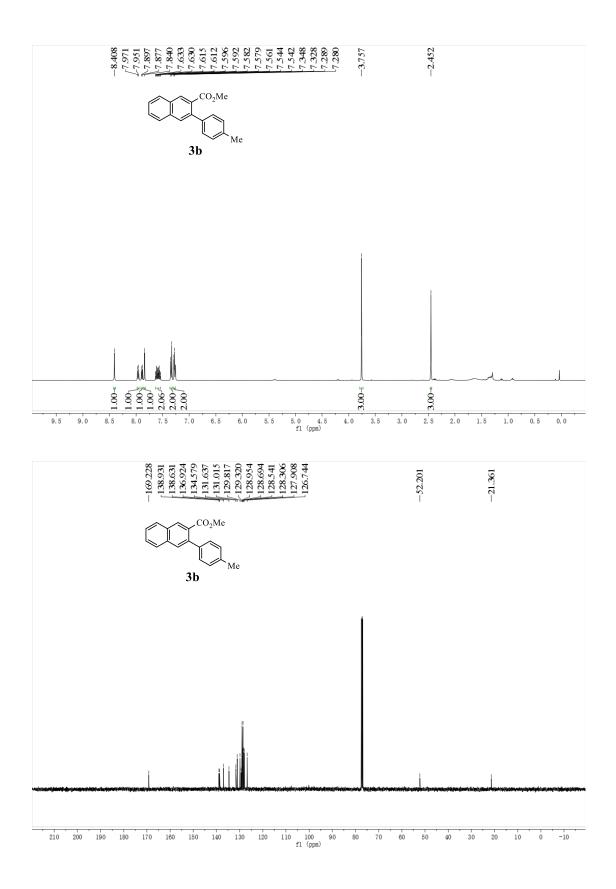


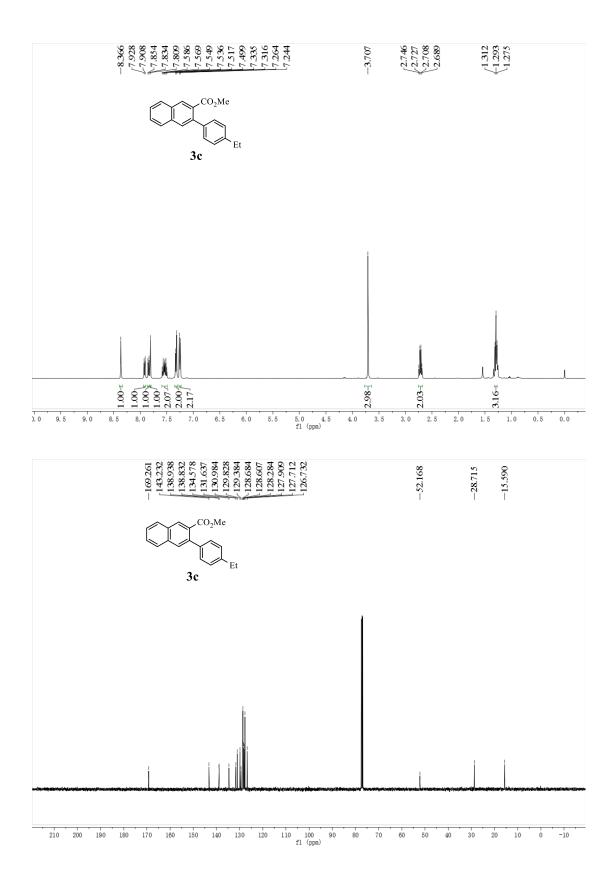


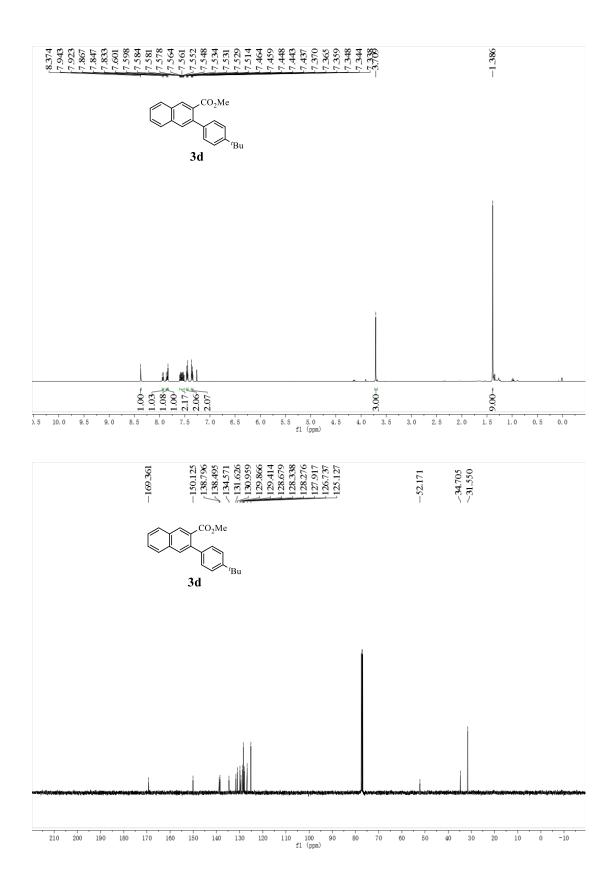


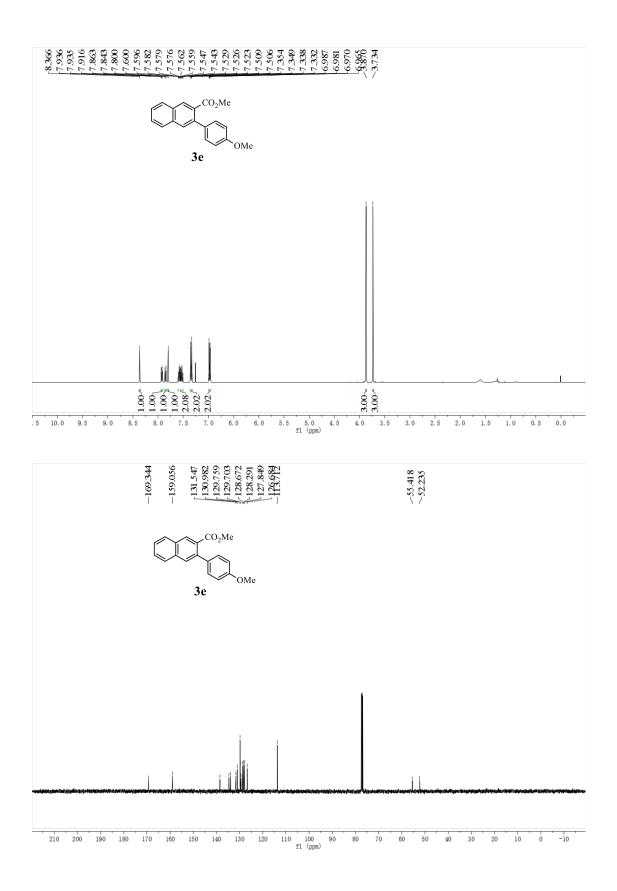


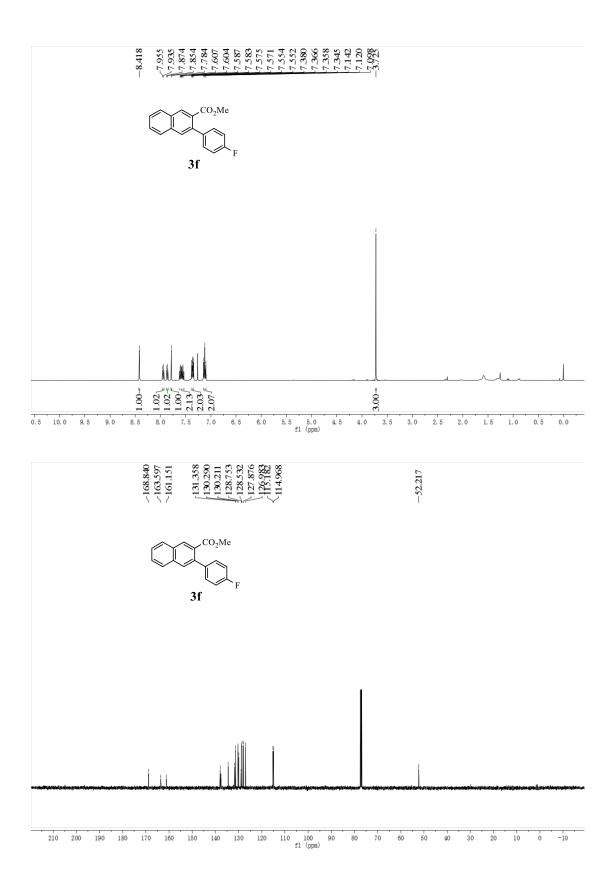


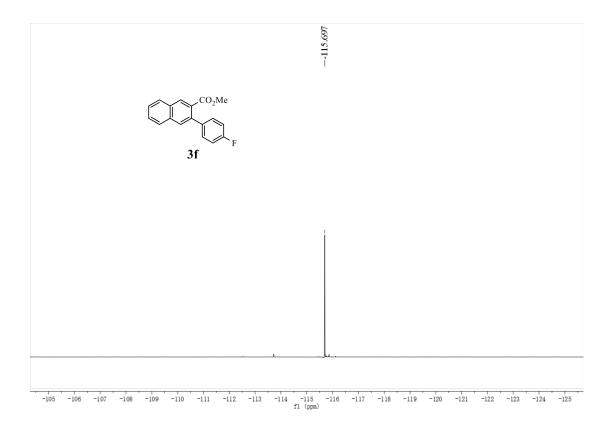


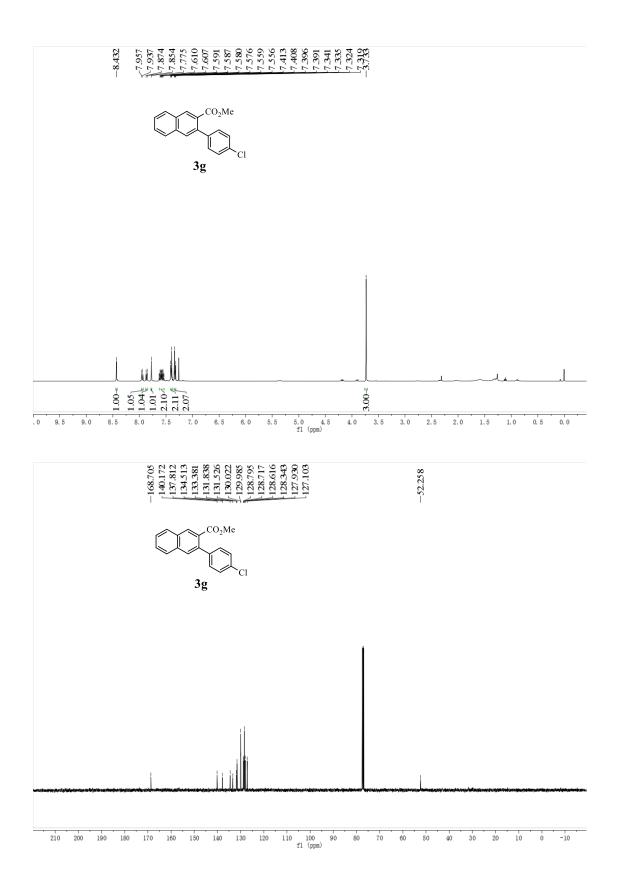


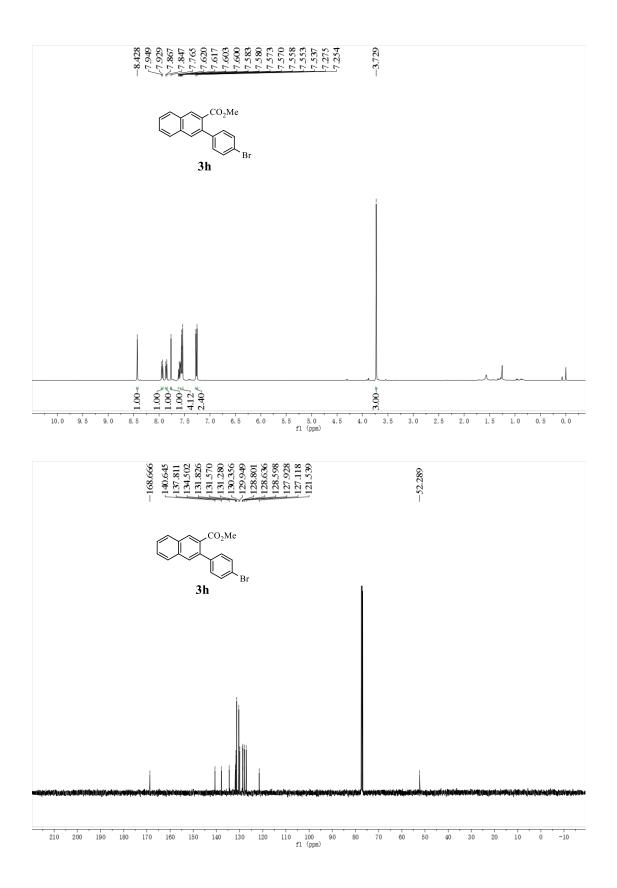


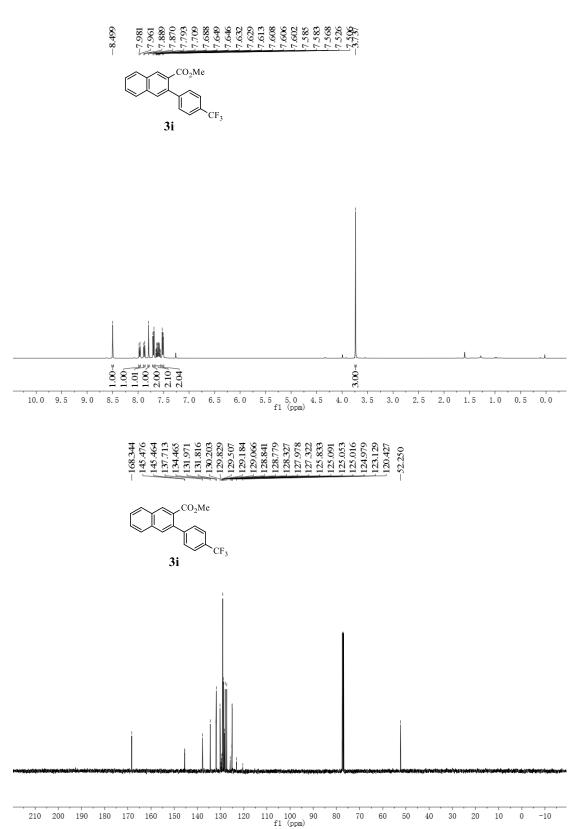




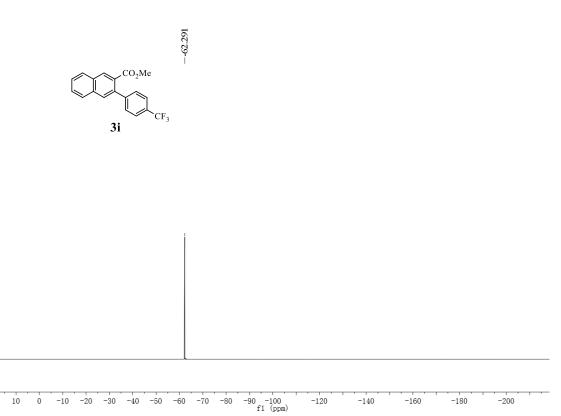




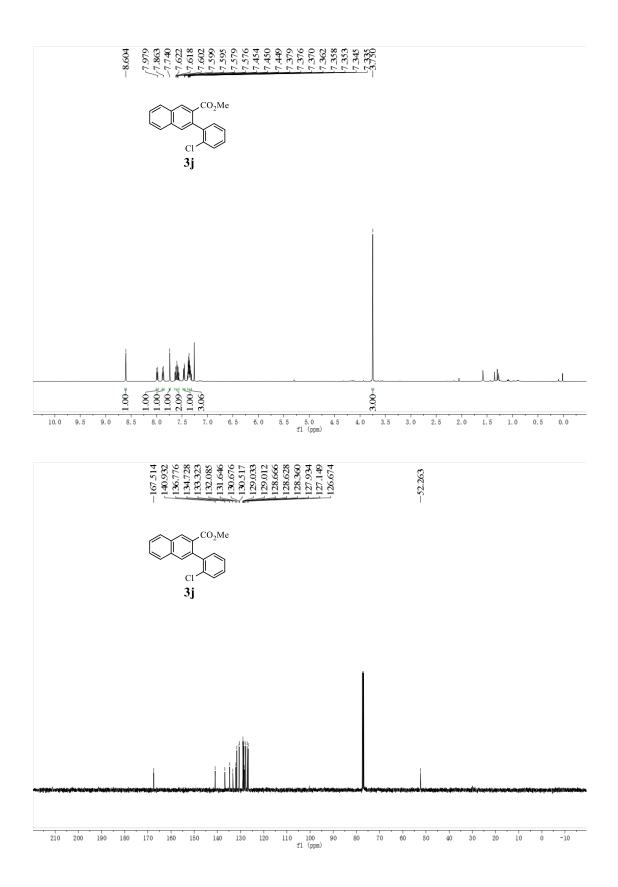


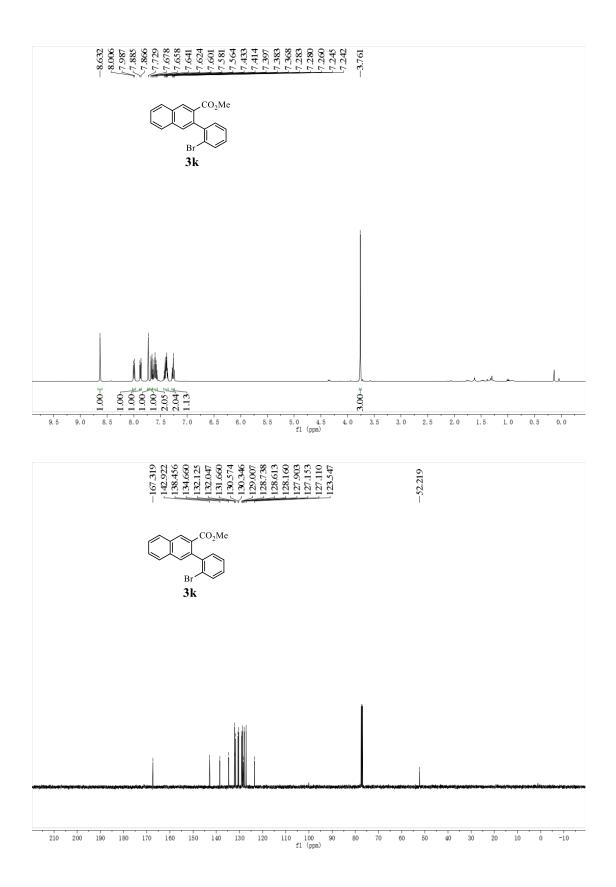


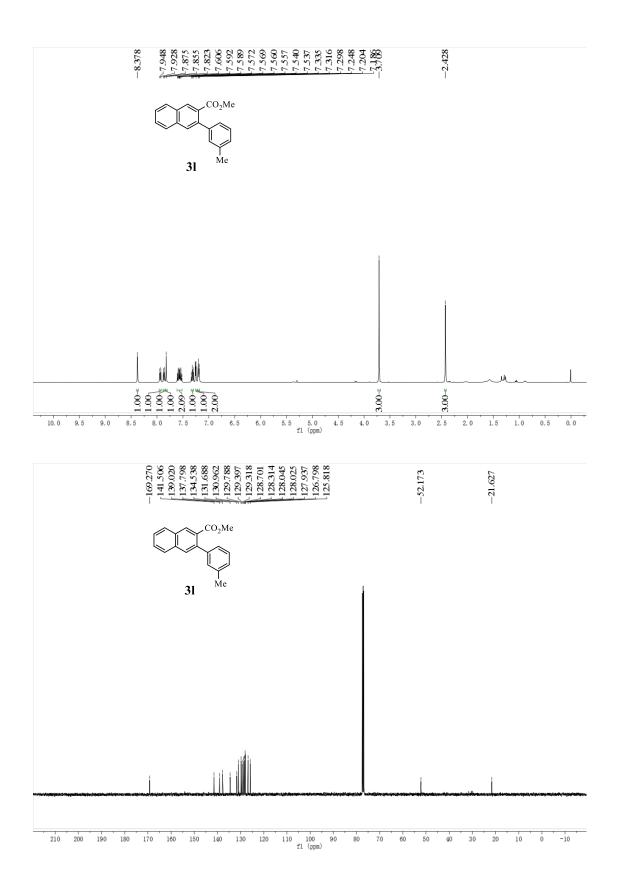
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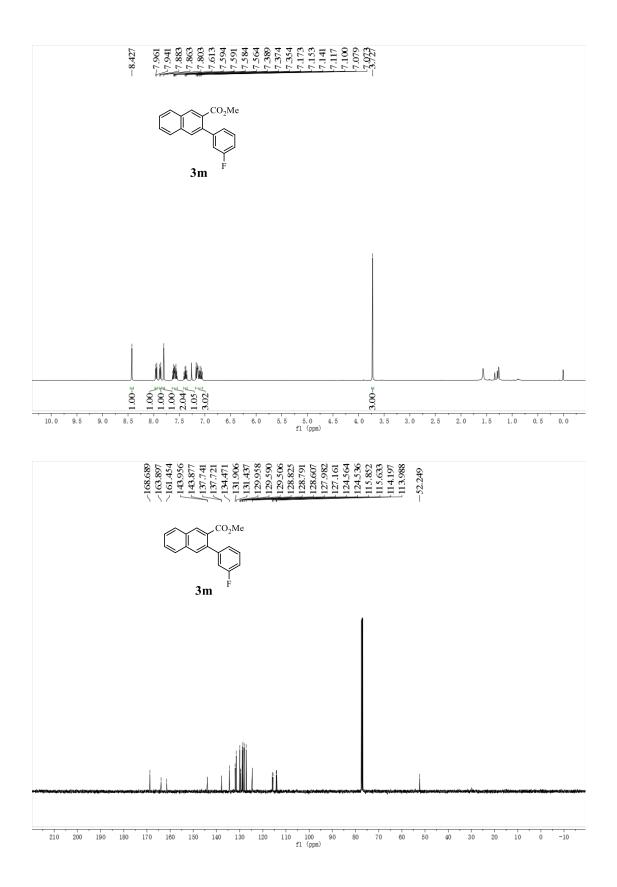


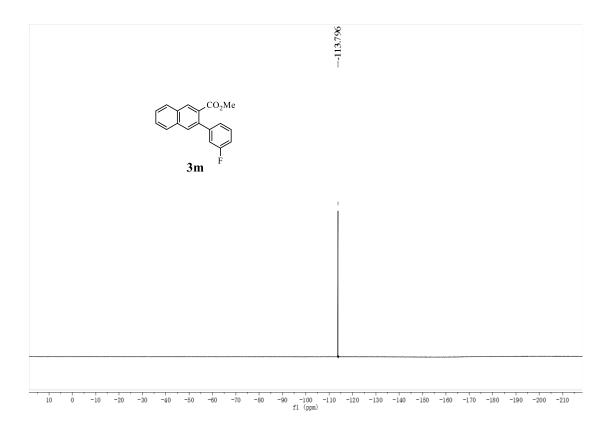
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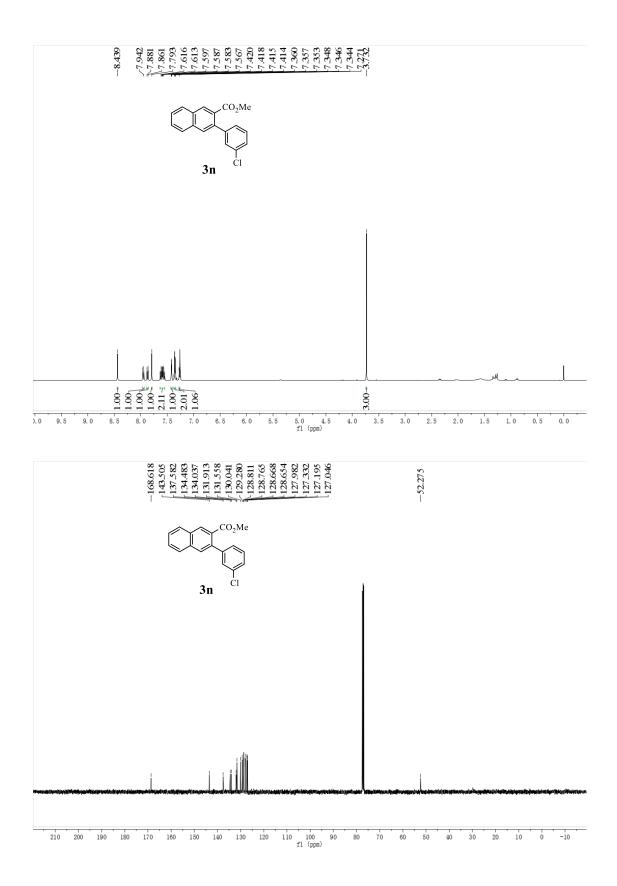


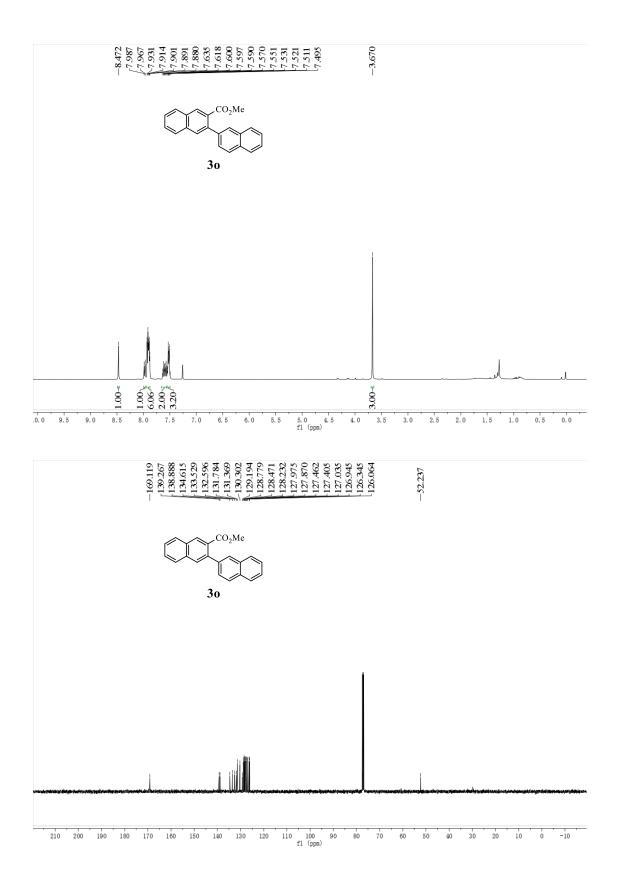


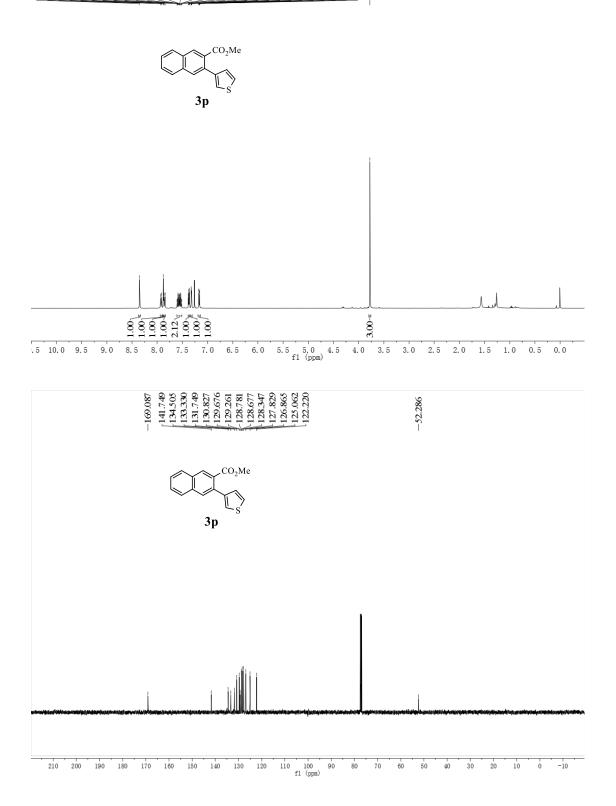


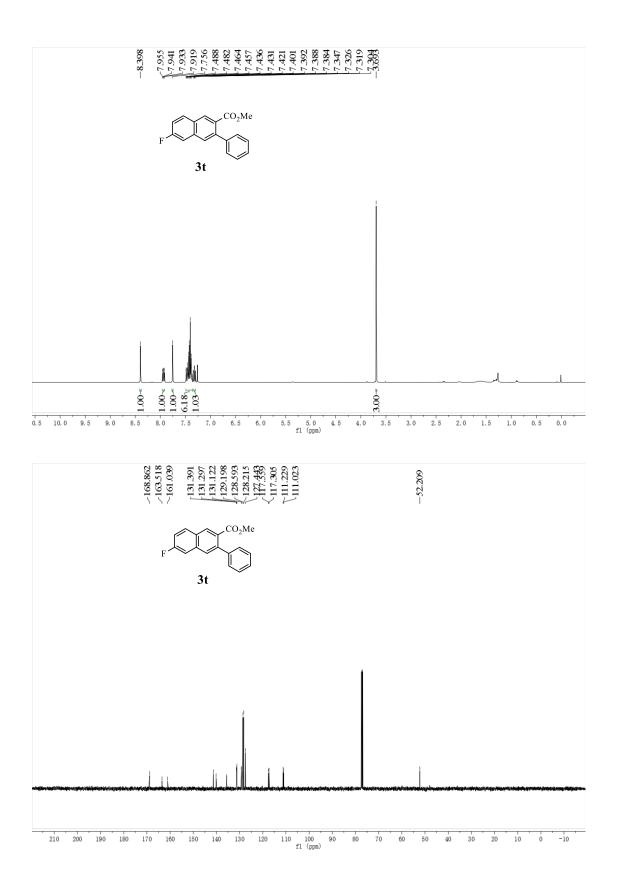


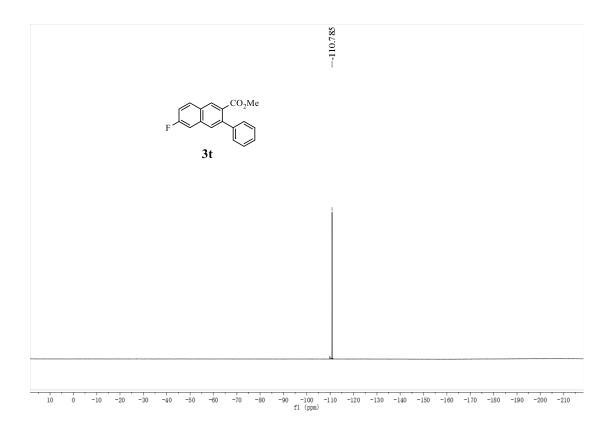


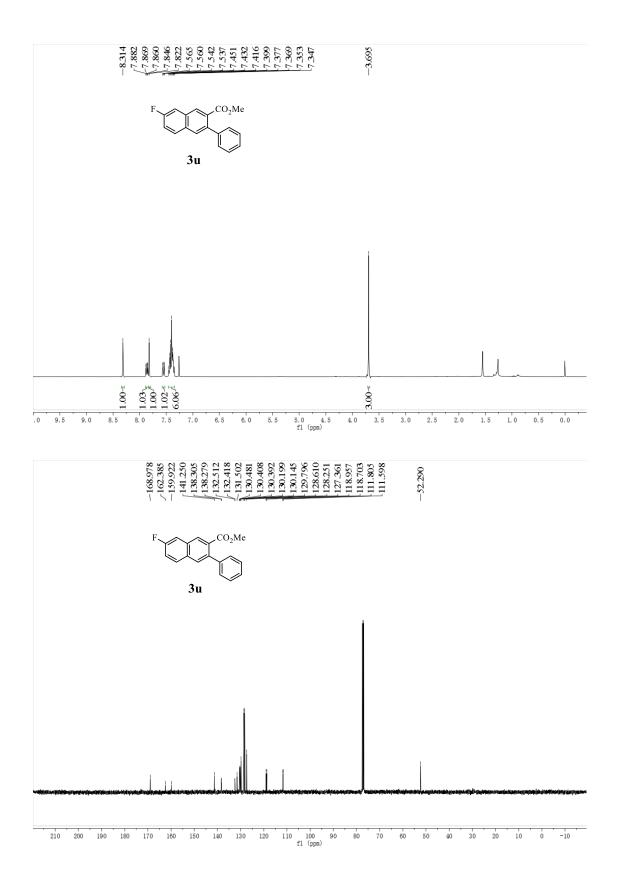


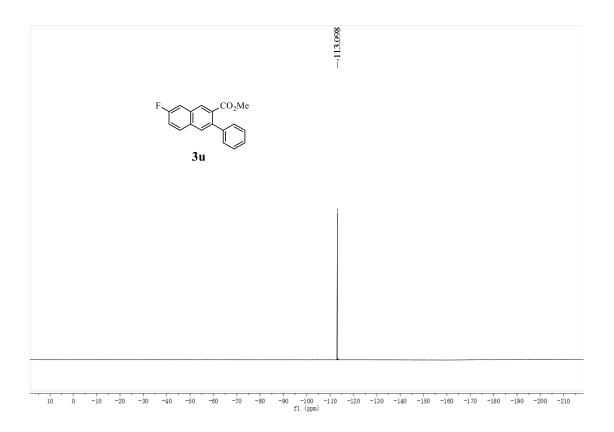


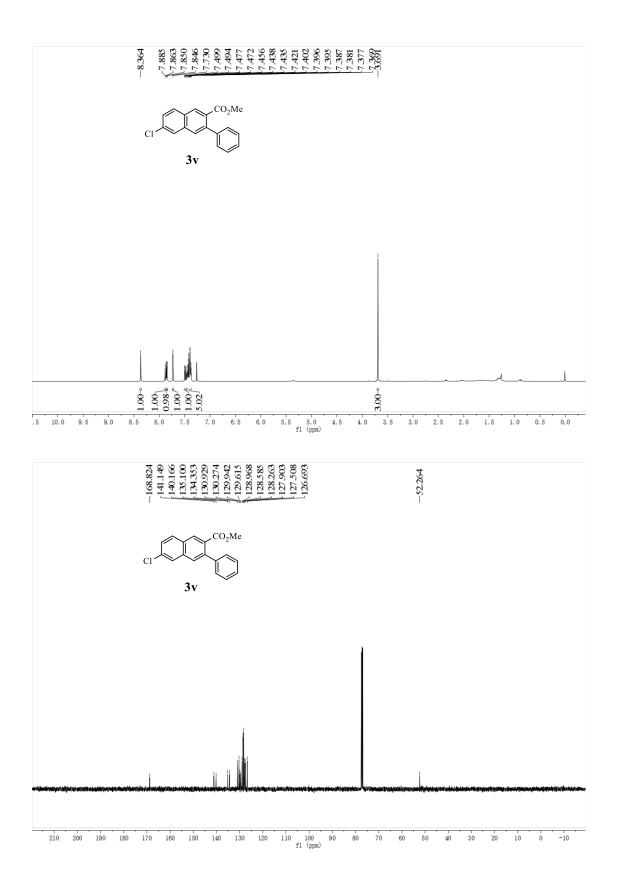


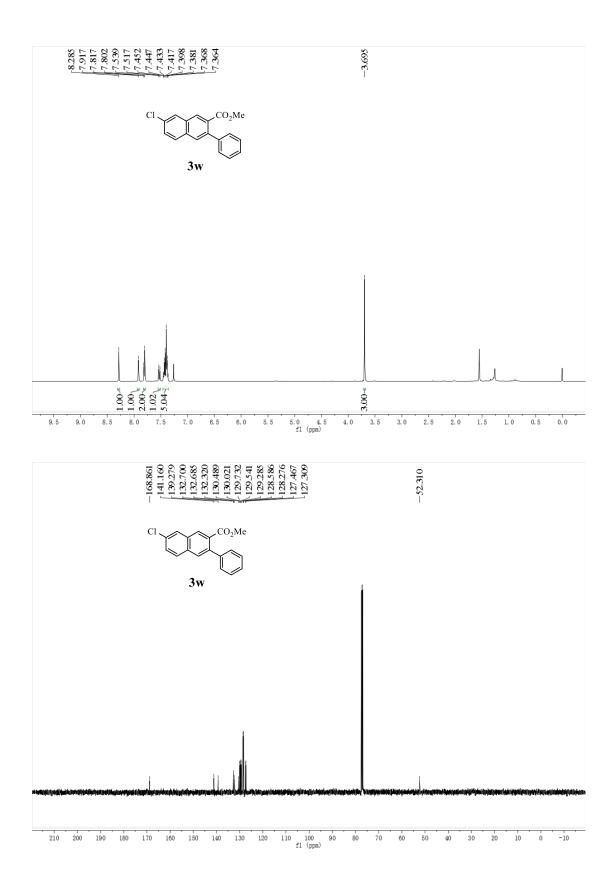


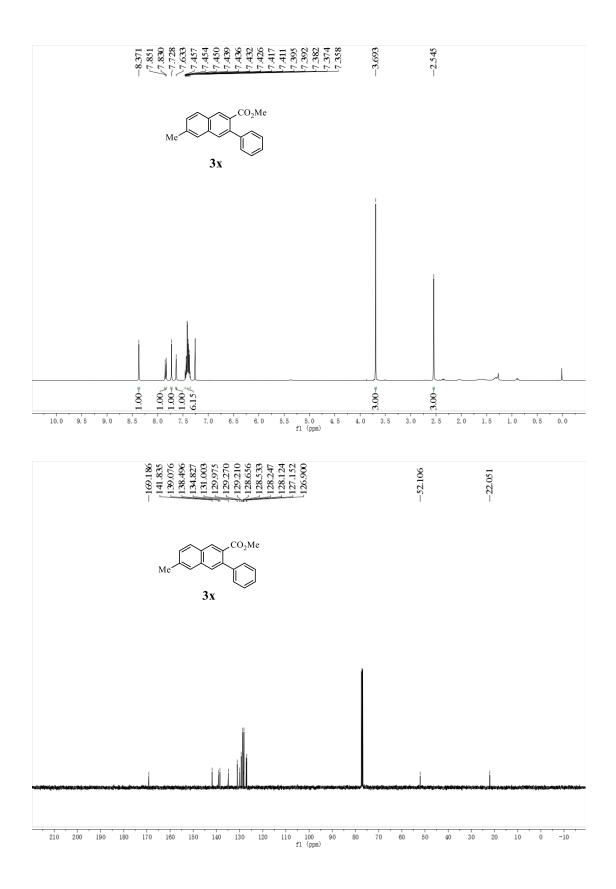


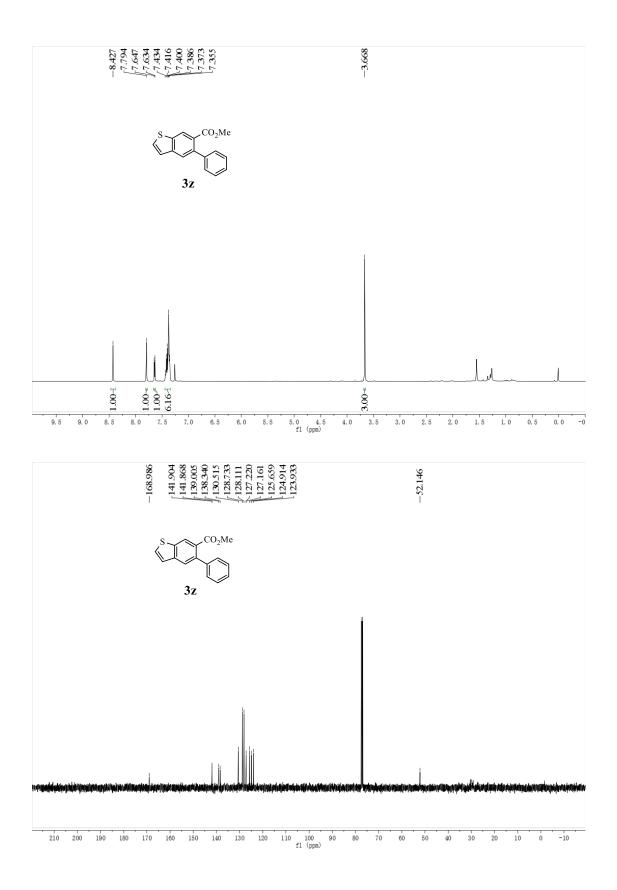


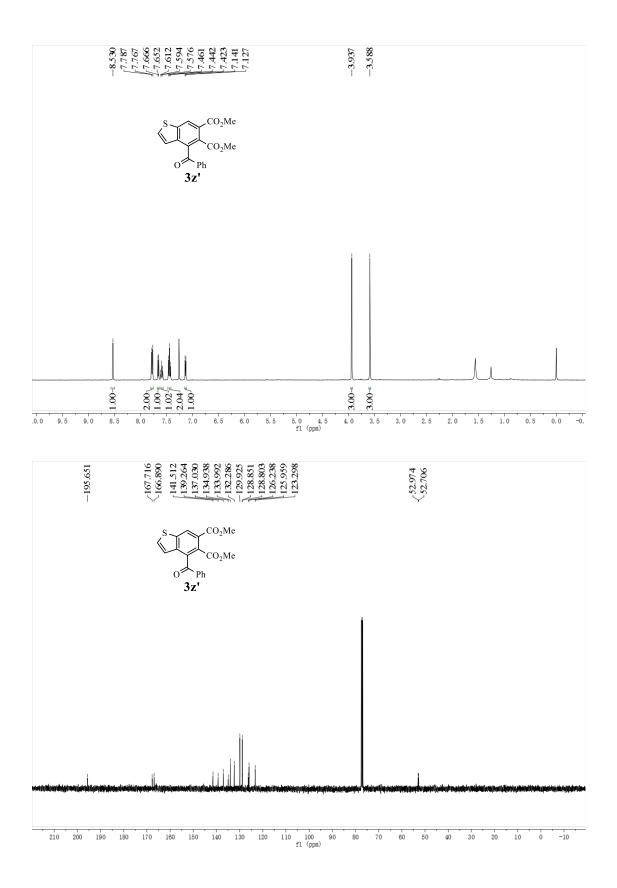


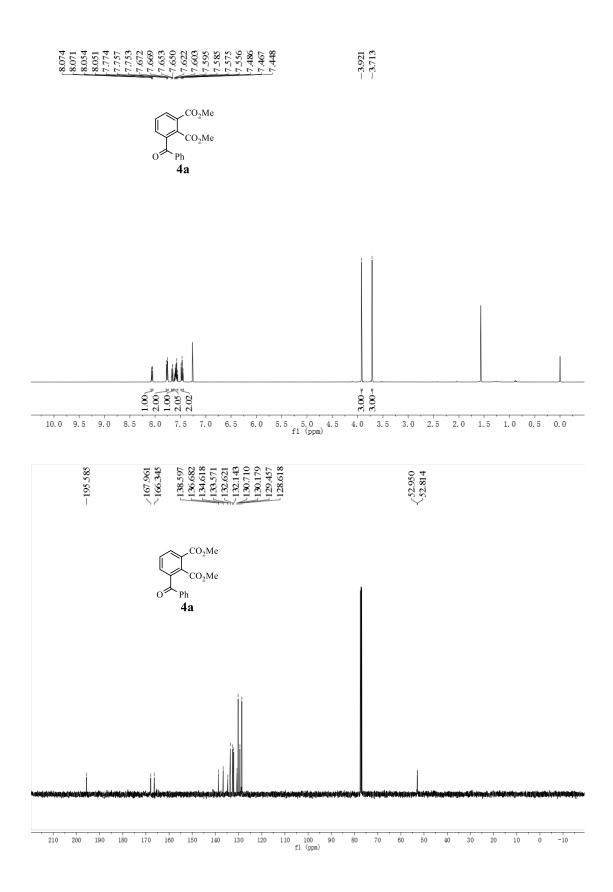




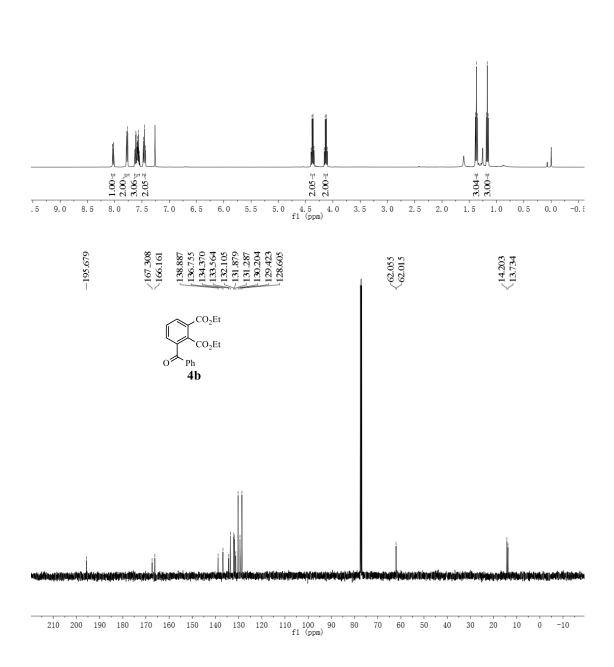


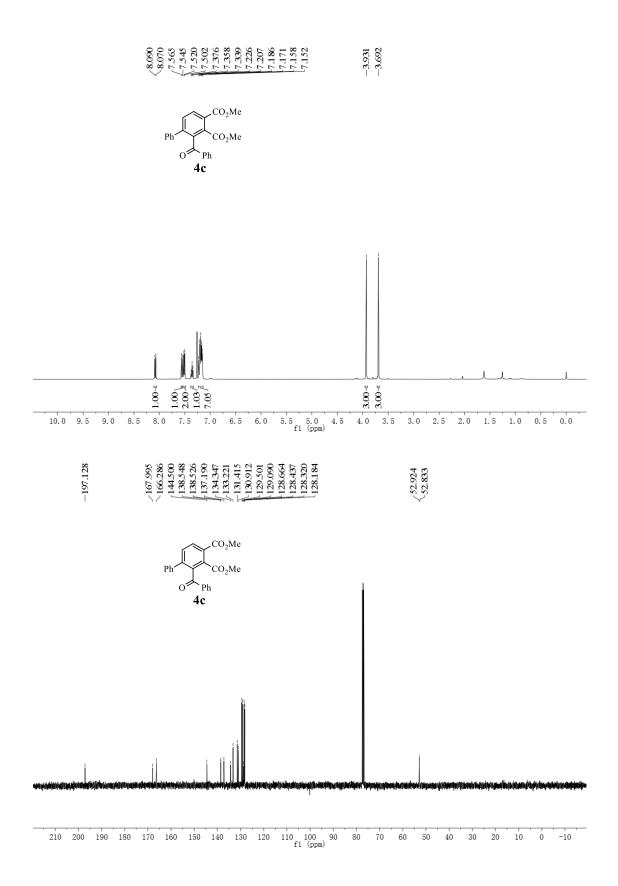


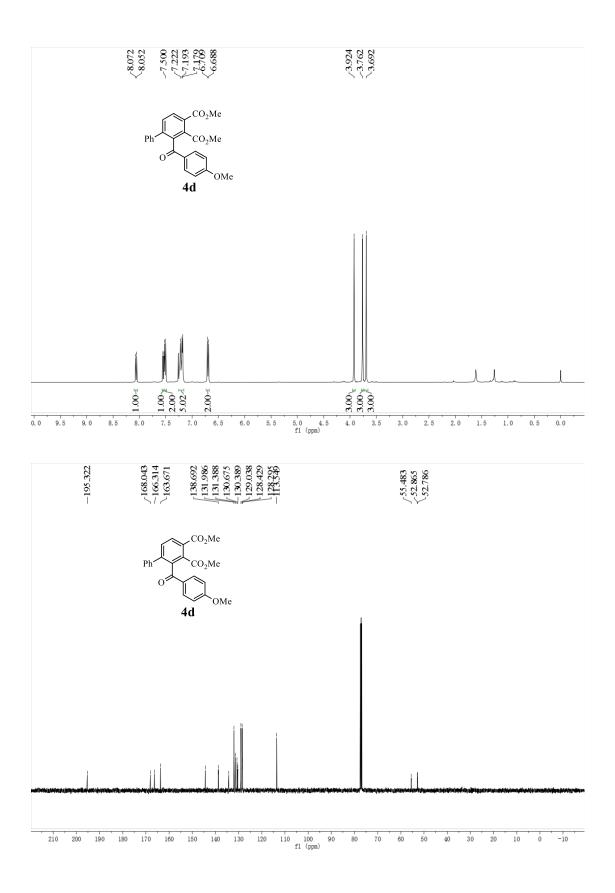


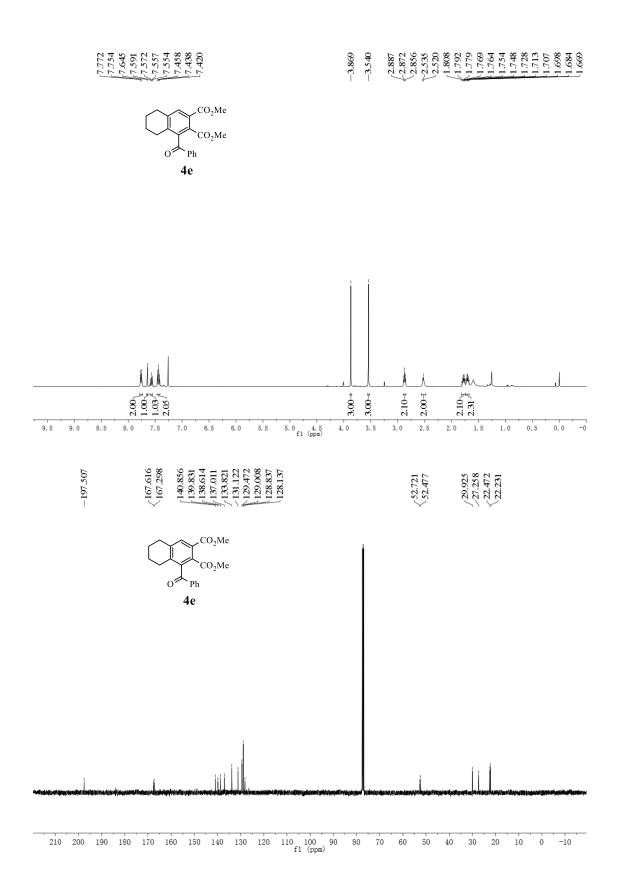


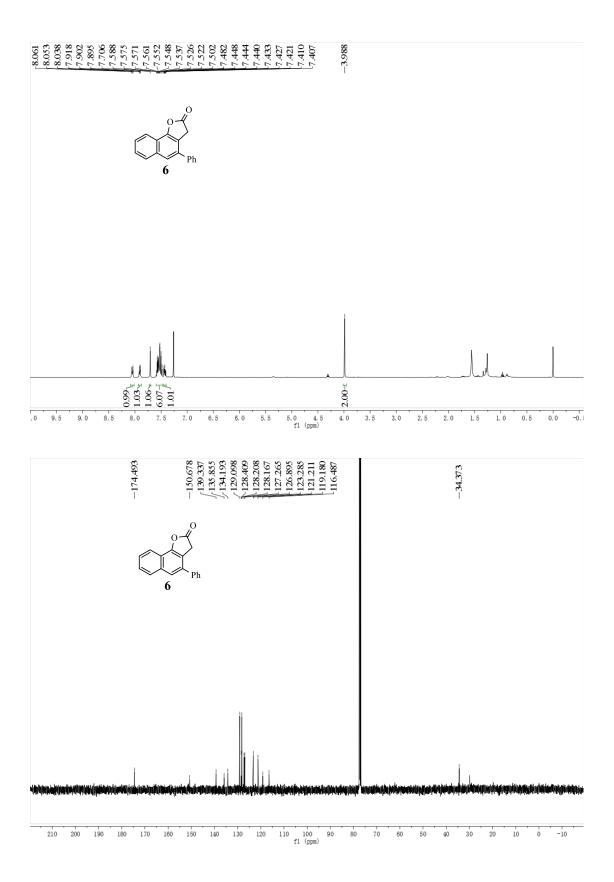


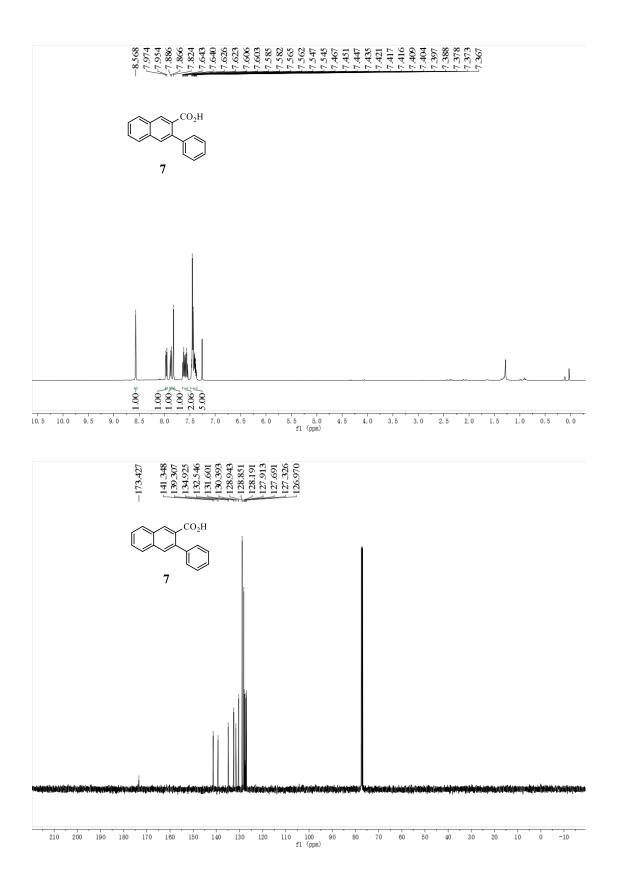


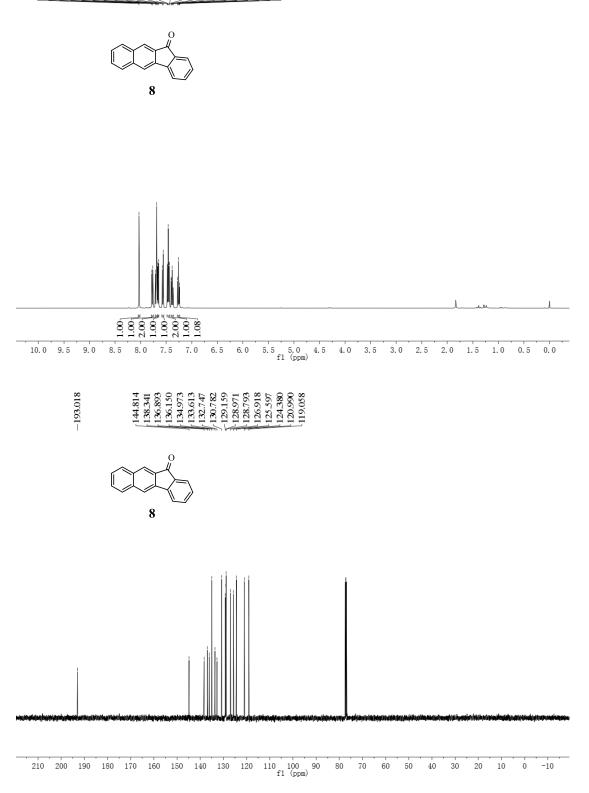






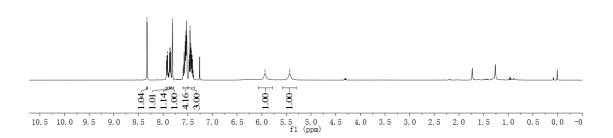




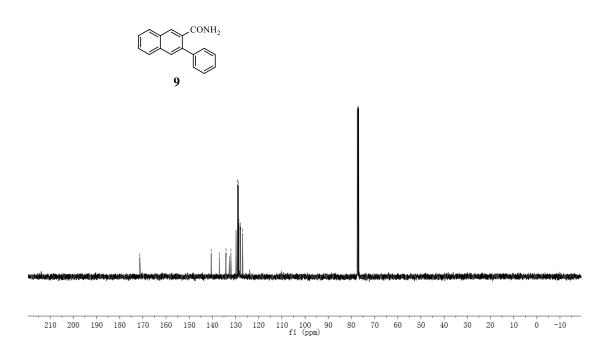




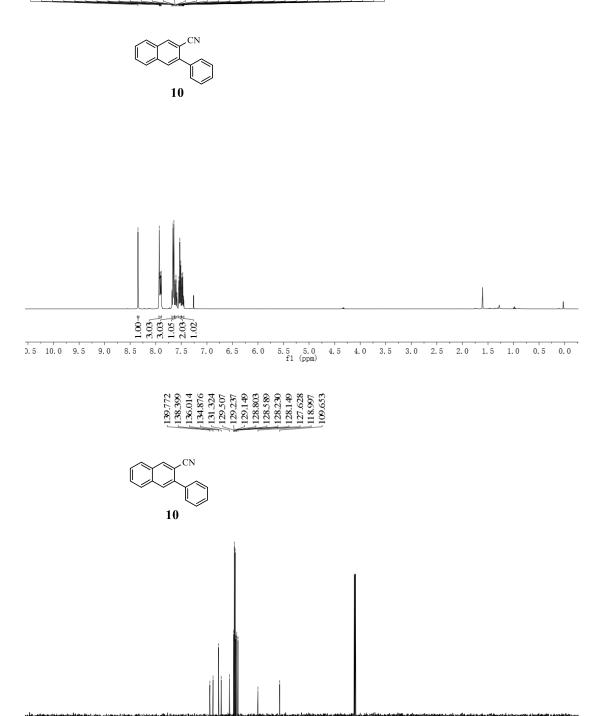


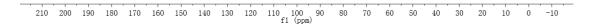


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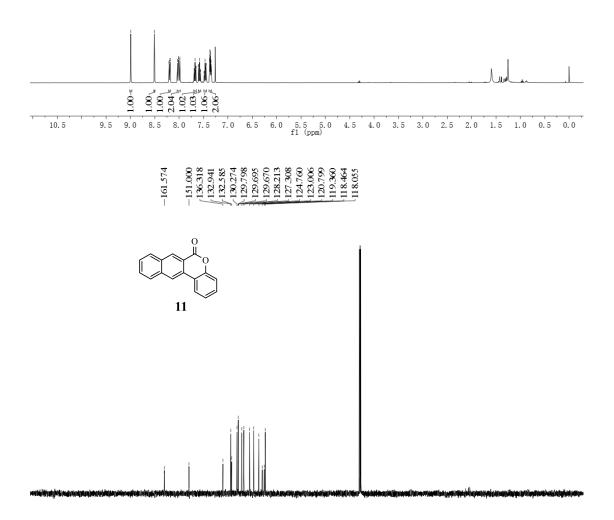


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