

Supporting Information

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1. General Information

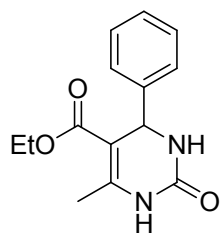
Reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used as received unless mentioned otherwise. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using silica gel. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker EQUINX55 (400 MHz for ^1H ; 101 MHz for ^{13}C) spectrometer by using DMSO- d_6 as a solvent. For ^1H NMR, tetramethylsilane (TMS) served as internal standard ($\delta = 0$) and ^1H NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield of tetramethylsilane and referenced to residual solvent peak (DMSO- d_6 at 2.5 ppm and 3.33 ppm) unless otherwise noted. The data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet and m = multiplet), and coupling constant in Hz. For ^{13}C NMR, DMSO- d_6 was used as internal standard ($\delta = 39.52$) and spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling.

ESI-MS and ESI-MS/MS measurements were performed in the positive-ion mode (m/z 50–2500 range) on an MAXIS instrument from Bruker. This instrument has a hybrid quadrupole/ion mobility/orthogonal acceleration time-of-flight (oa-TOF) geometry and was used in the TOF V+ mode. All samples were dissolved in methanol and were directly infused into the ESI source at a flow rate of 4.0L/min after 1 min at 180 °C. ESI source conditions were as follows: capillary voltage 4.0 kV, nebulizer 0.4 bar, scan begin 100 m/z , scan end 1300 m/z , collision cell RF 200.0 Vpp, end plate offset -500V.

2. General Procedure for Synthesis of 3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-ones

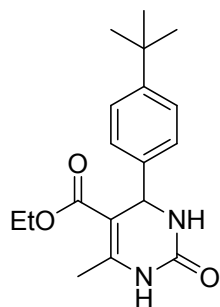
A representative example for preparation of 4i is as following: a mixture of p-Bromo Benzaldehyde (185 g, 1 mmol), 1,3-dicarbonyl compound (128 μ L ,1 mmol), urea (0.120 g, 2 mmol), and Cp_2TiCl_2 (0.0248 g, 10 mol % to all of the reactants) was charged into a 50 mL pressure flask with a magnetic stirring bar. EtOH (4 mL) was subsequent added by syringe. Then the reaction system was placed in an oil-bath (70 °C) with magnetic stirring. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was carried out via Silica gel flask column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether: EtOAc = 1:1) to give the desired product 4i 304.2 mg as white solid. Yield: 90%.

3. Experimental and Characterization Data



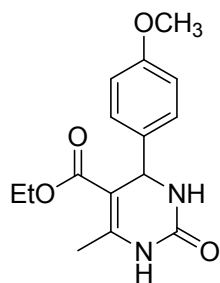
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.19 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 5.15 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.4, 152.3, 148.4, 144.9, 128.4, 127.3, 126.3, 99.4, 59.3, 54.1, 17.8, 14.1.



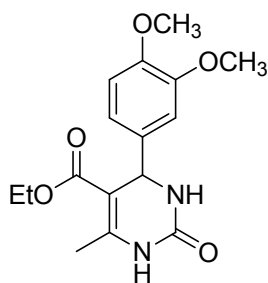
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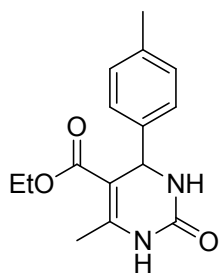
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.19 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.13 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.5, 158.6, 152.4, 148.1, 137.1, 127.5, 113.8, 99.7, 59.2, 55.1, 53.5, 17.8, 14.1.



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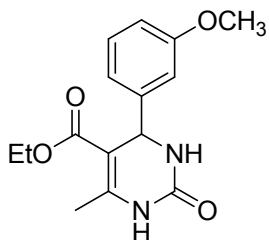
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.72 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 6H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.5, 152.4, 148.6, 148.2 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz), 137.4, 118.0, 111.8, 110.6, 99.5, 59.3, 55.5 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 53.6, 17.8, 14.2.



5-Ethoxycarbonyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-6-methyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one(4e,82%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 4H), 5.12 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 6H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.4, 152.2, 148.2,

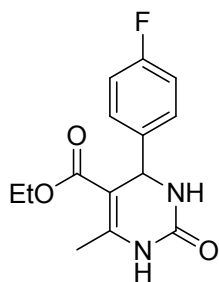
142.0, 136.4, 128.9, 126.2, 99.4, 59.2, 53.7, 20.7, 17.8, 14.1.



5-Ethoxycarbonyl-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one(4f,67%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 5.15 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ

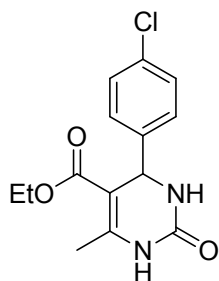
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4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-ethoxycarbonyl-6-methyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one(4g,87%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.23 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 5.16 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.93 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.3,

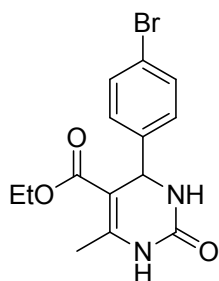
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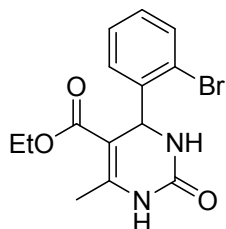
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DMSO) δ 165.3, 152.2, 148.8, 143.9, 132.0, 128.4 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 99.0, 59.4, 53.6, 17.9, 14.1.



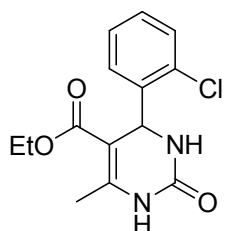
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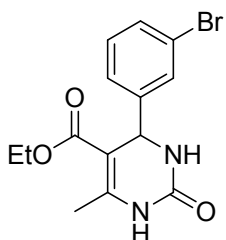
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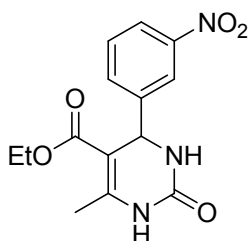
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 2H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 0.99 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.0, 151.5, 149.3, 143.4, 132.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 122.4, 98.5, 59.1, 54.1, 17.7, 14.0.



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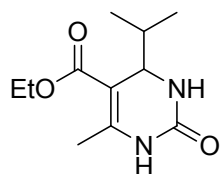
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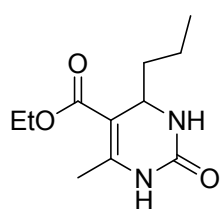
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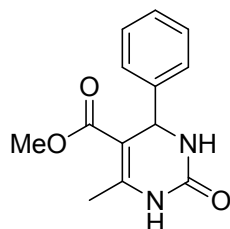
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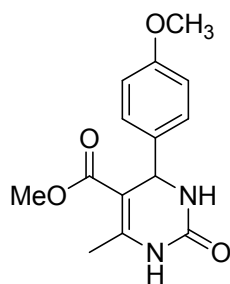
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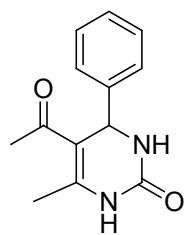
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5-Methoxycarbonyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one(4q,90%)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.12 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.9, 158.5, 152.3, 148.4, 136.9, 127.4, 113.8, 99.4, 55.1, 53.3, 50.8, 17.9.



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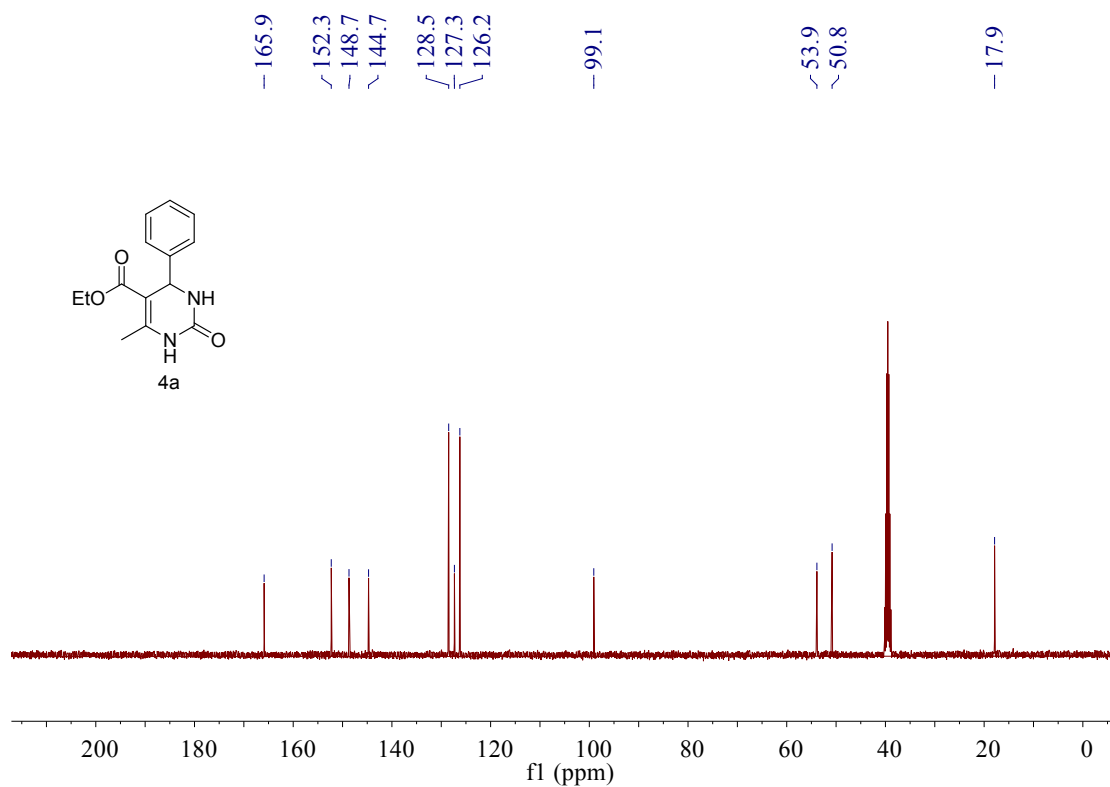
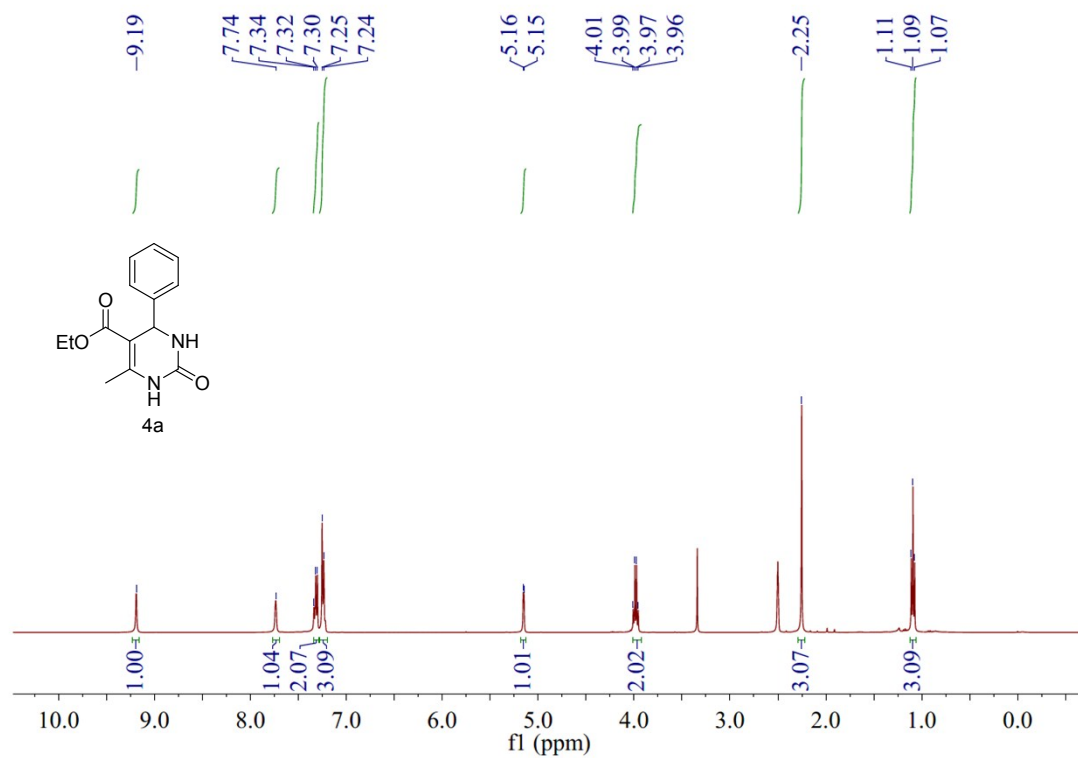
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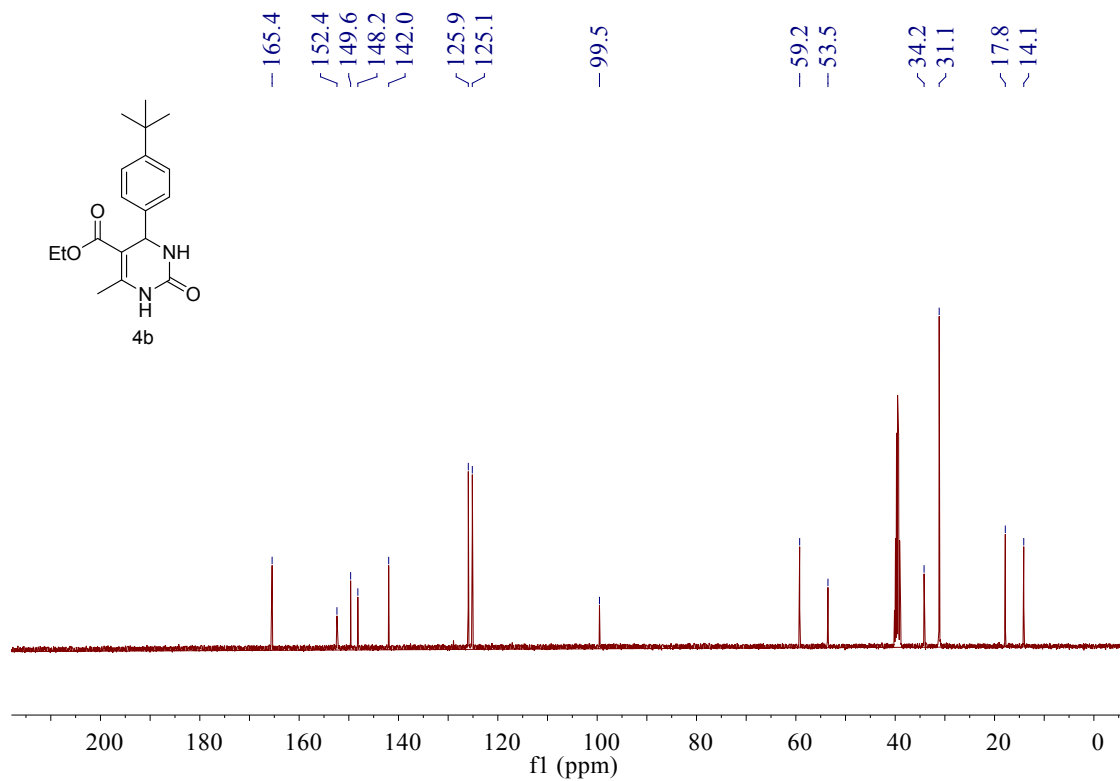
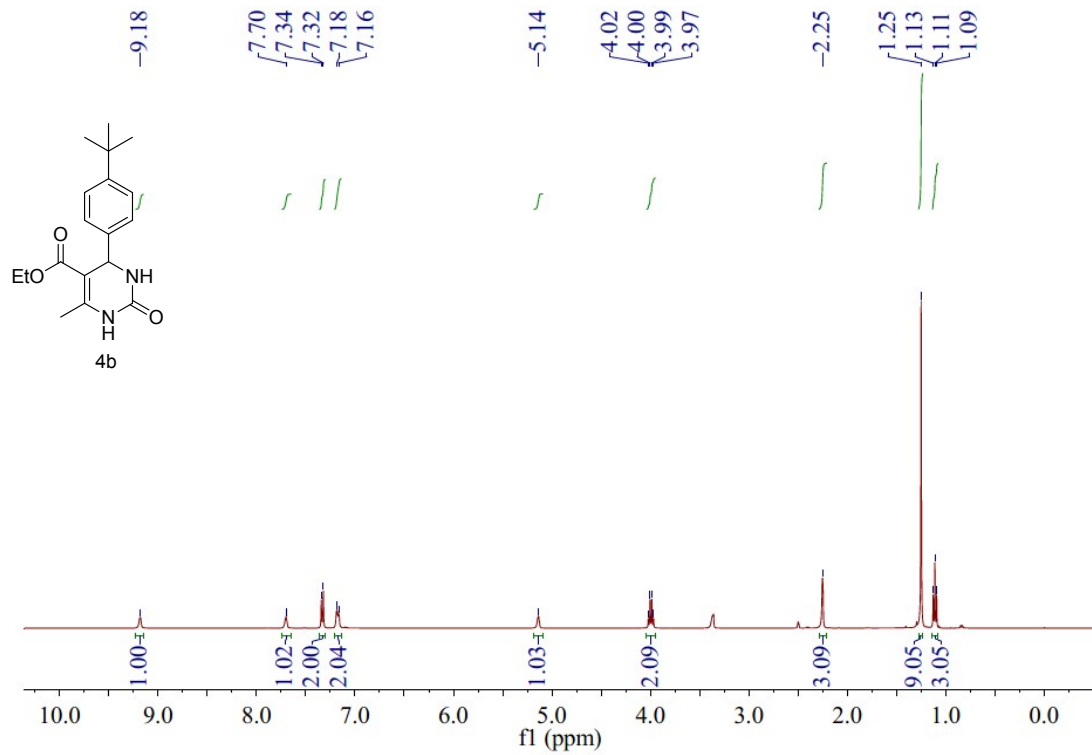
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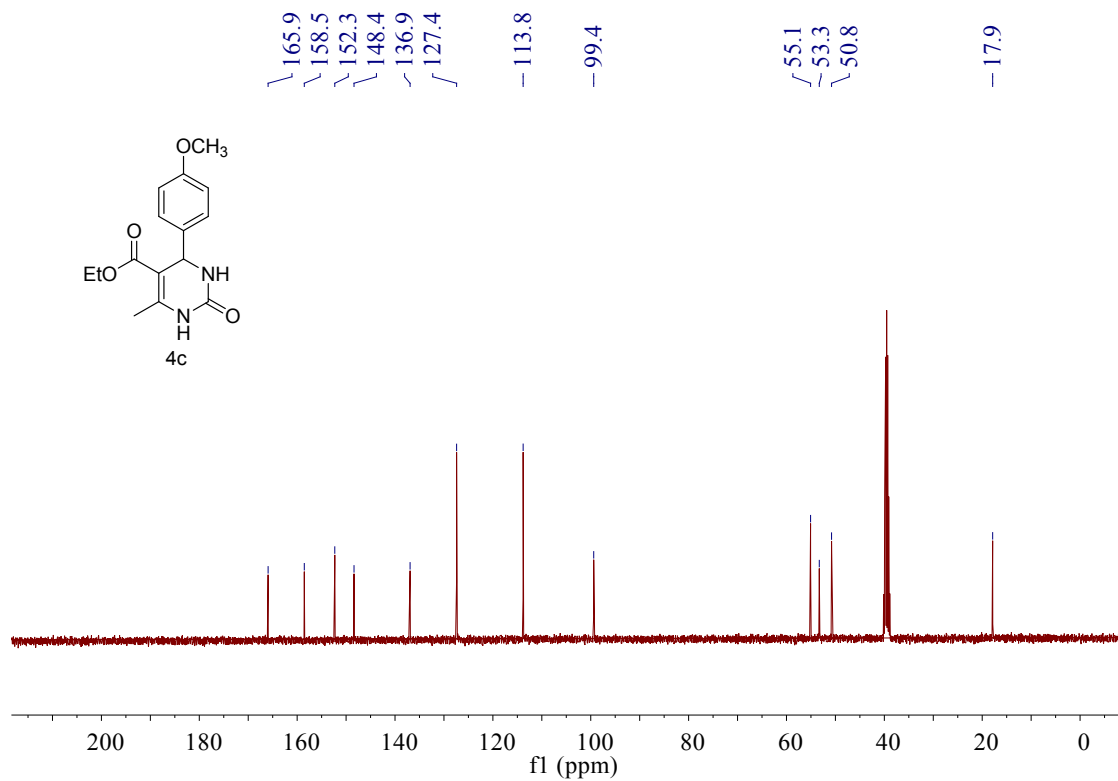
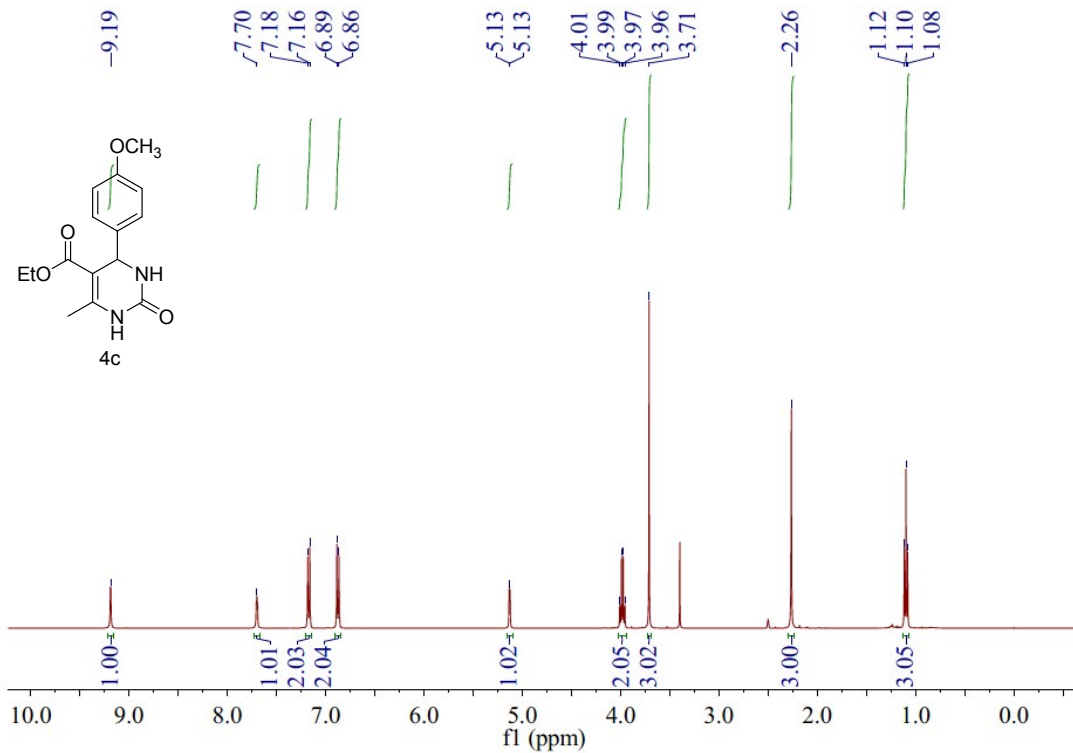
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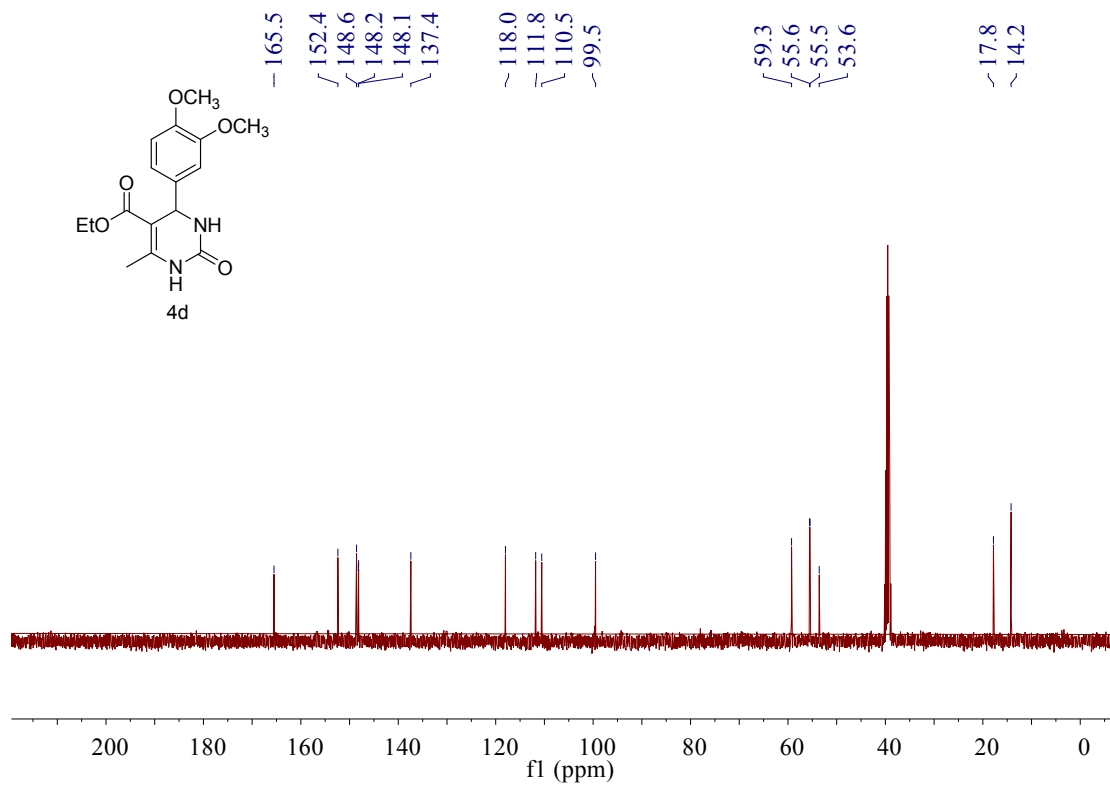
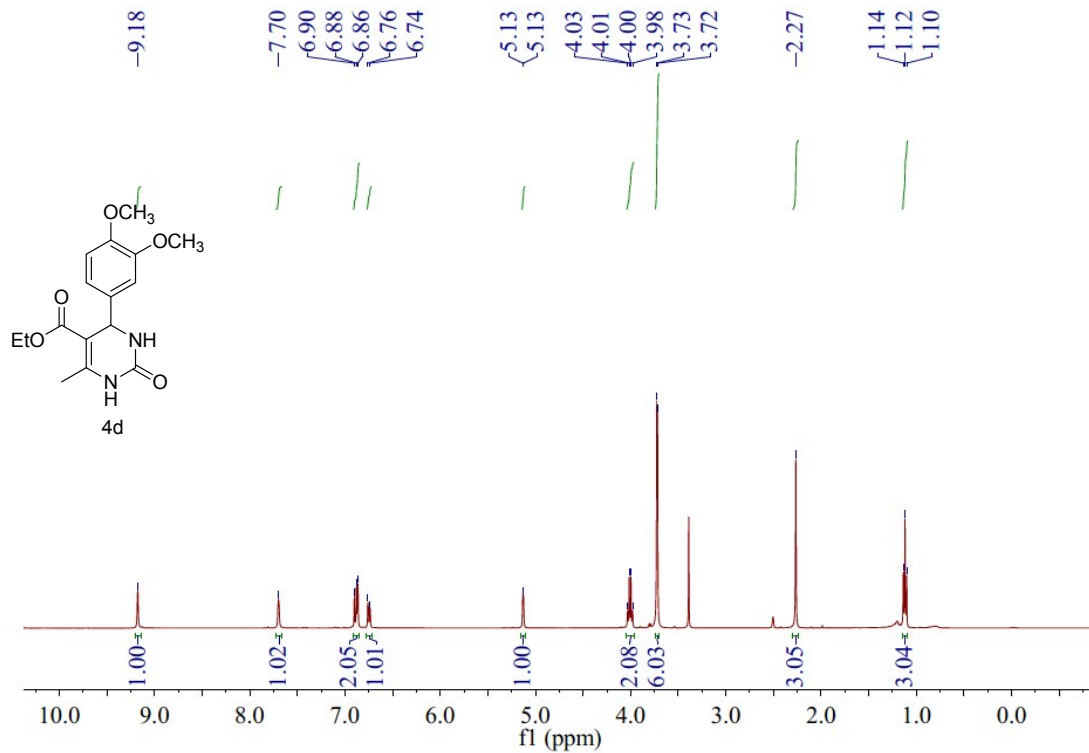
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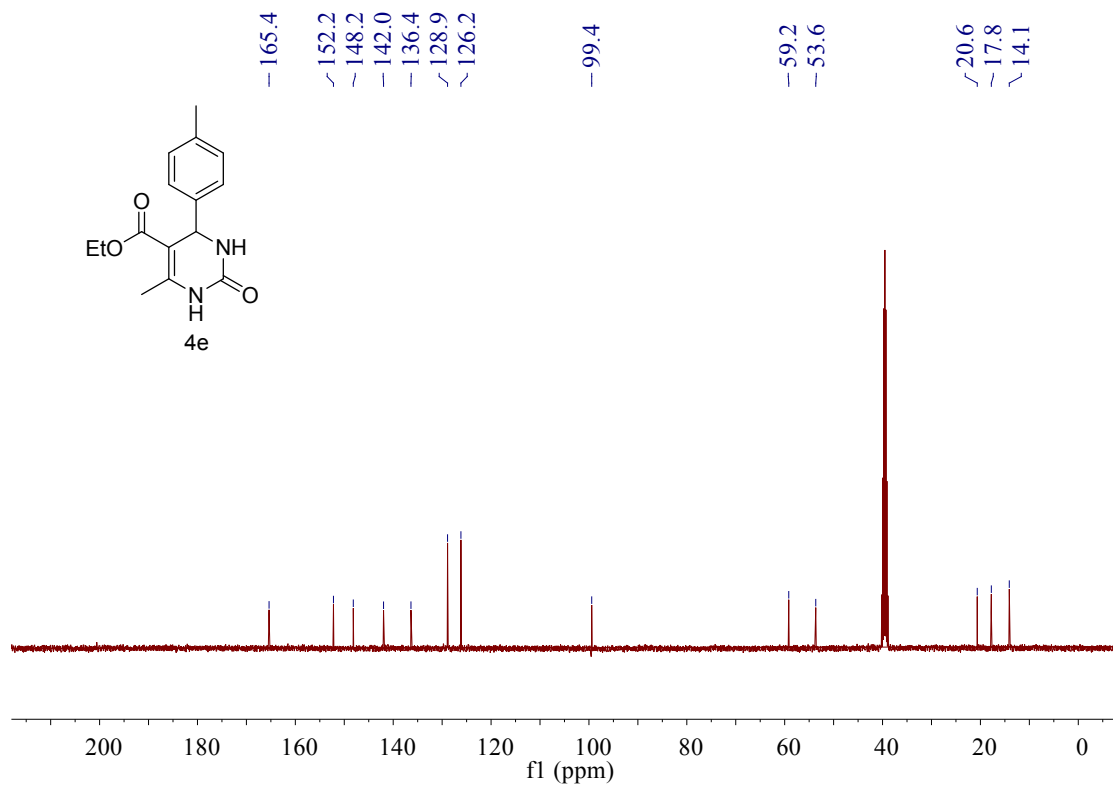
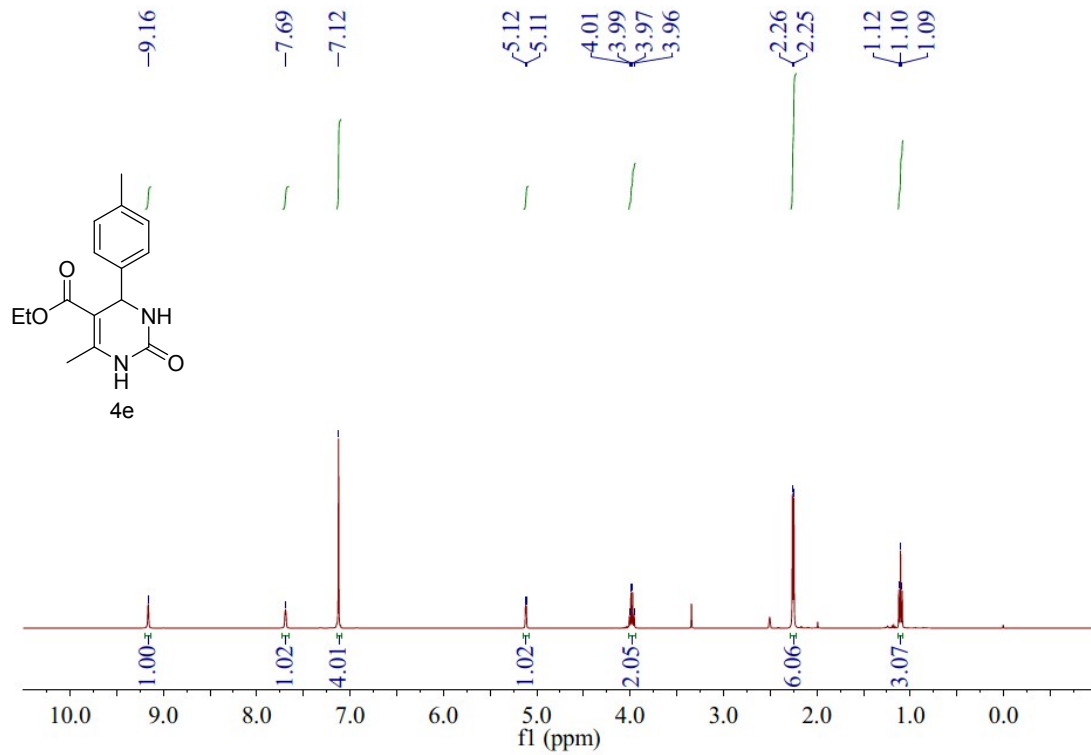
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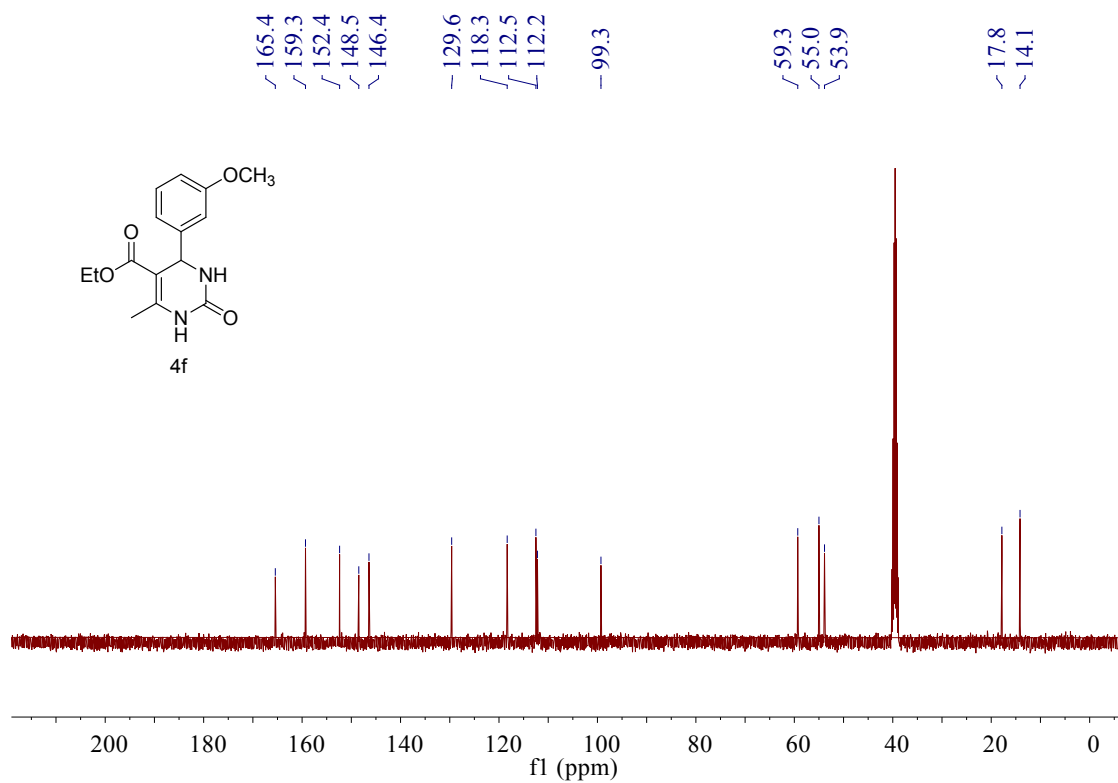
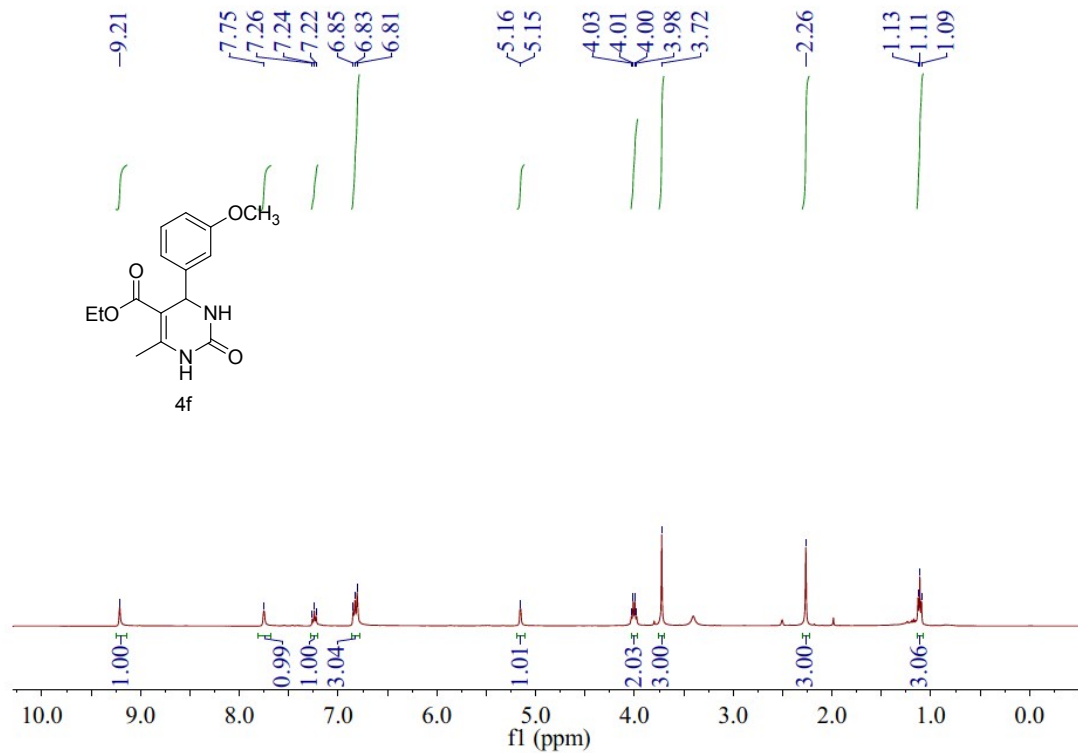


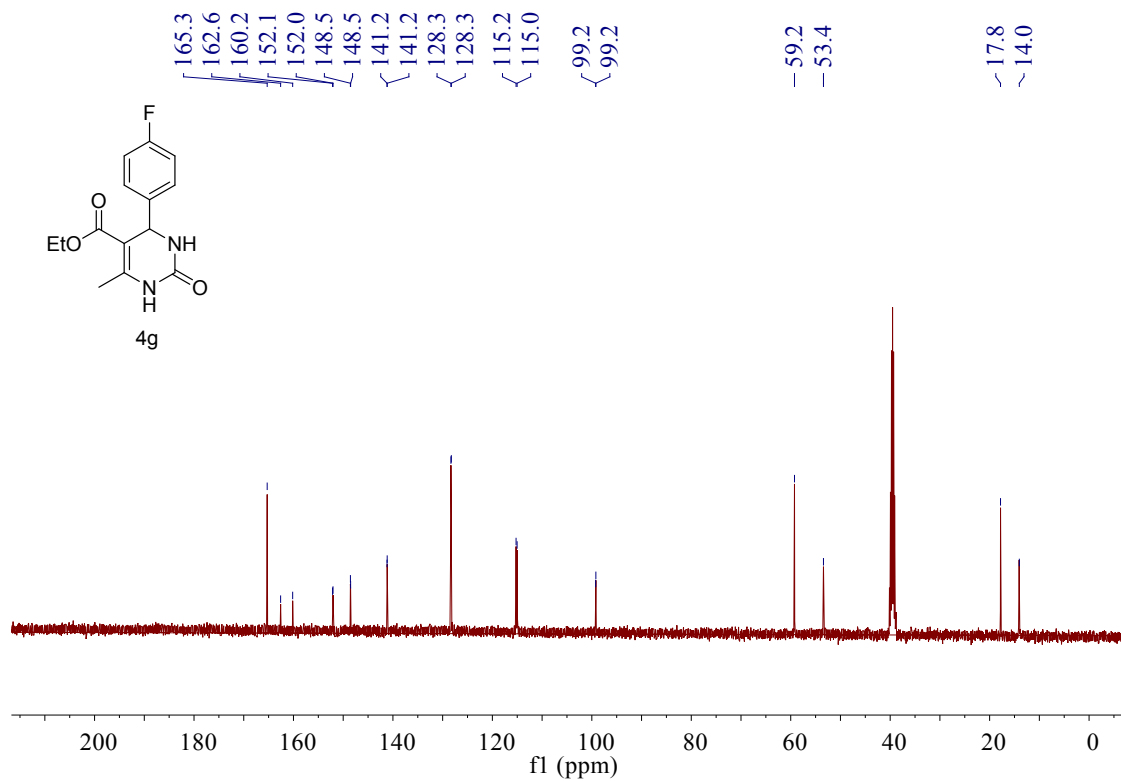
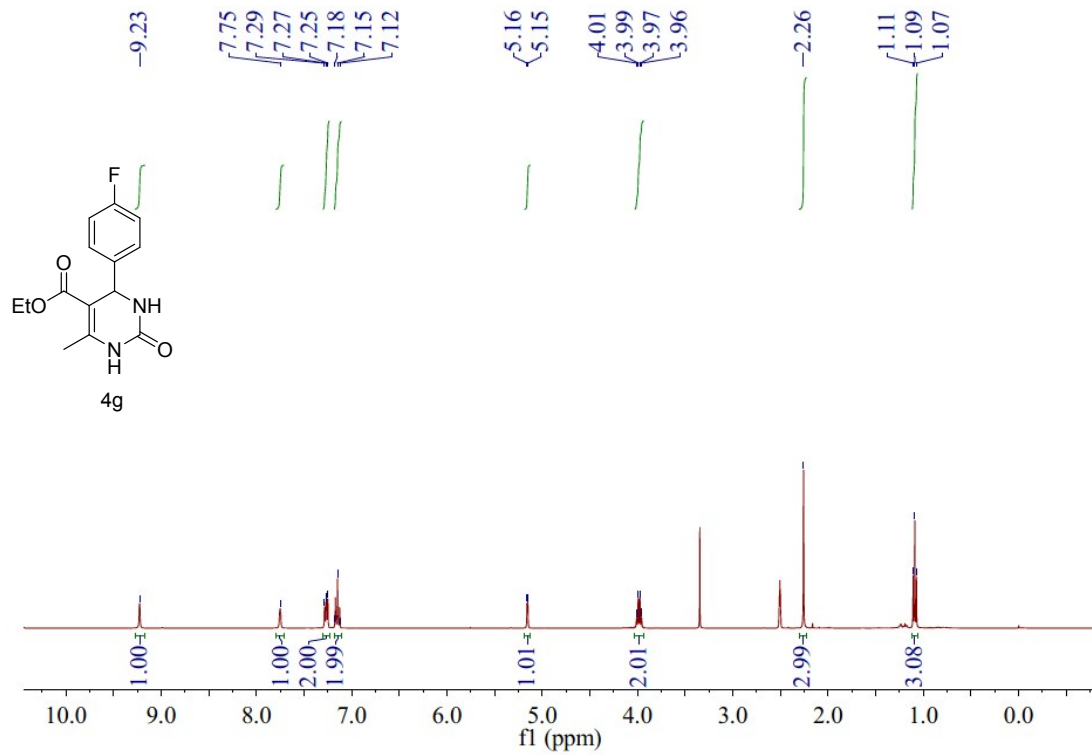


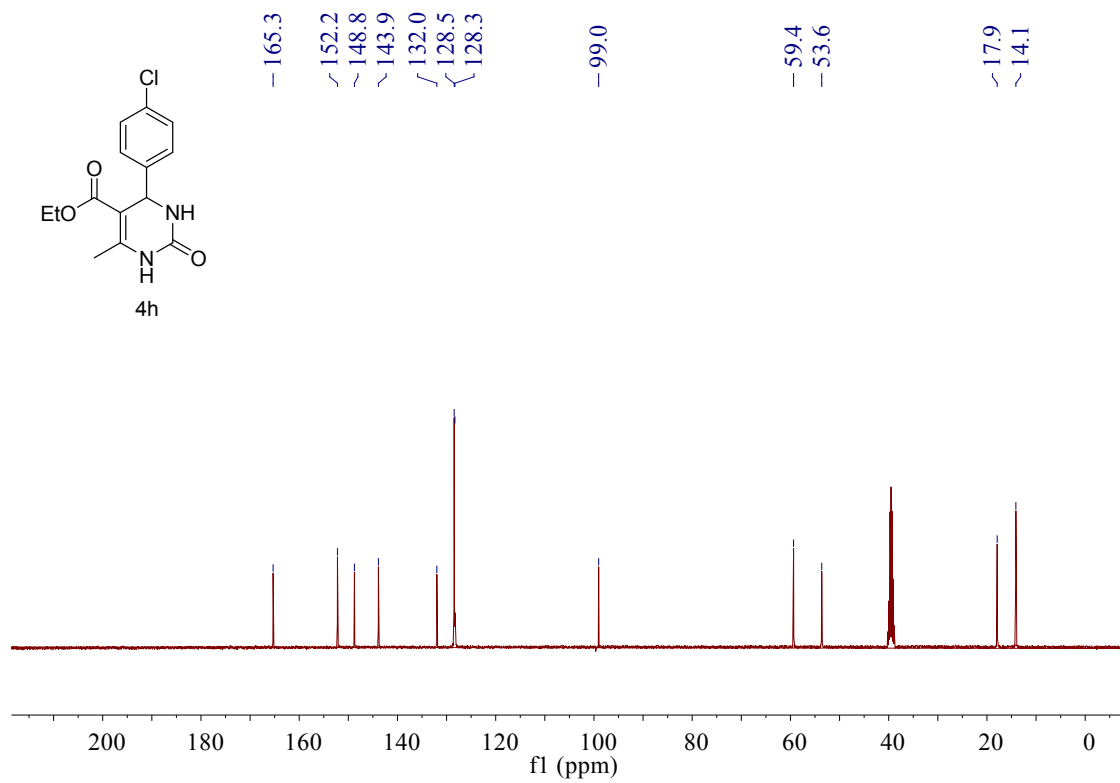
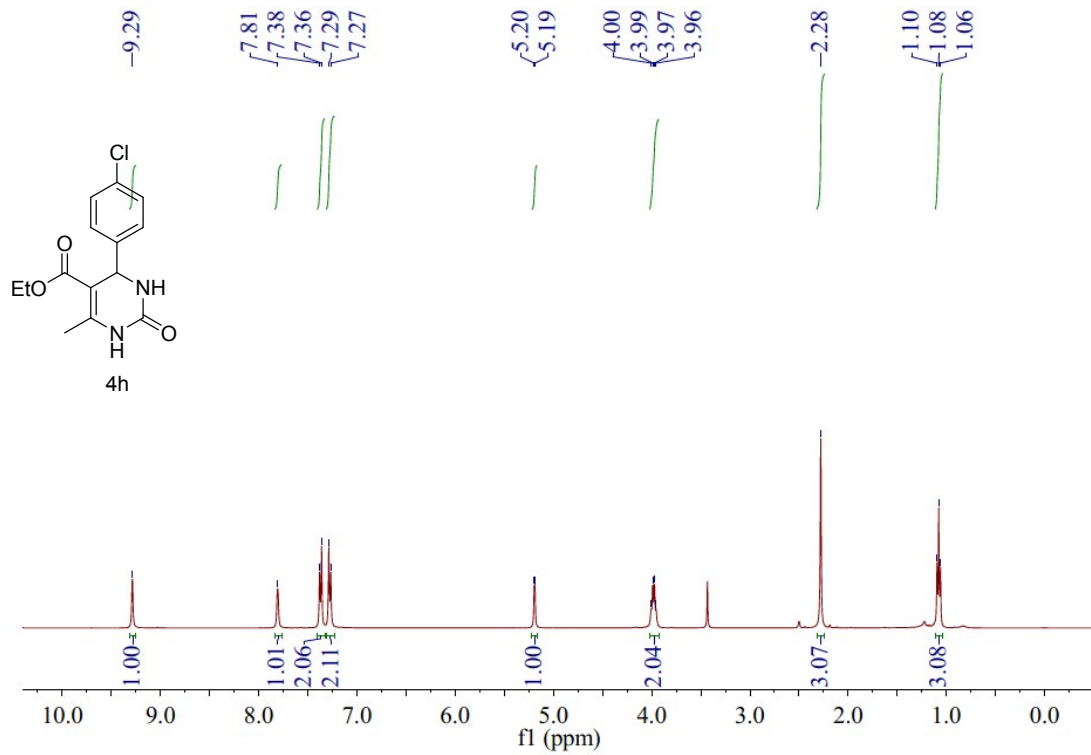


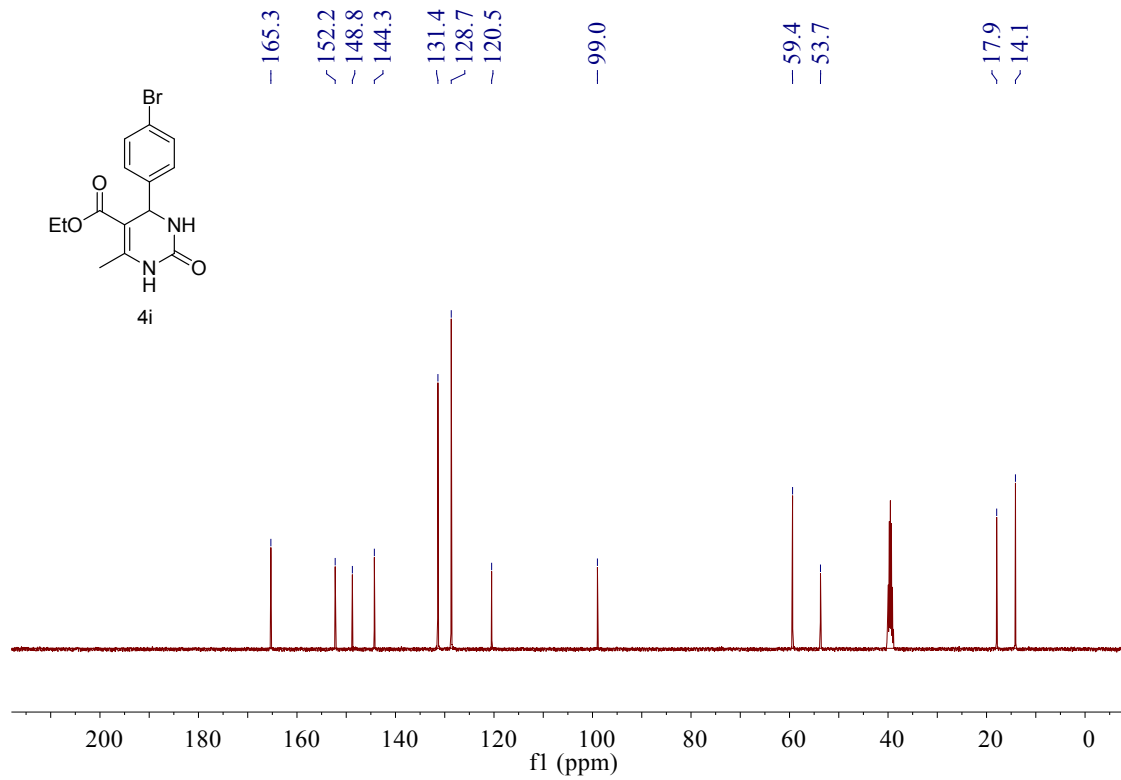
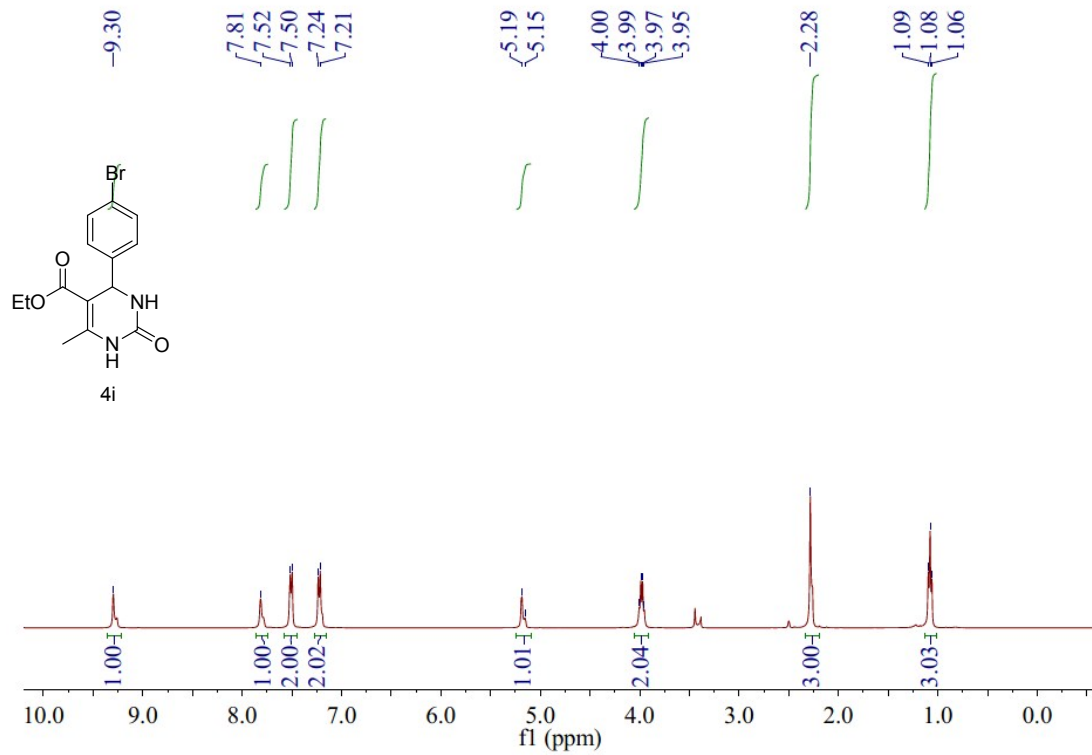


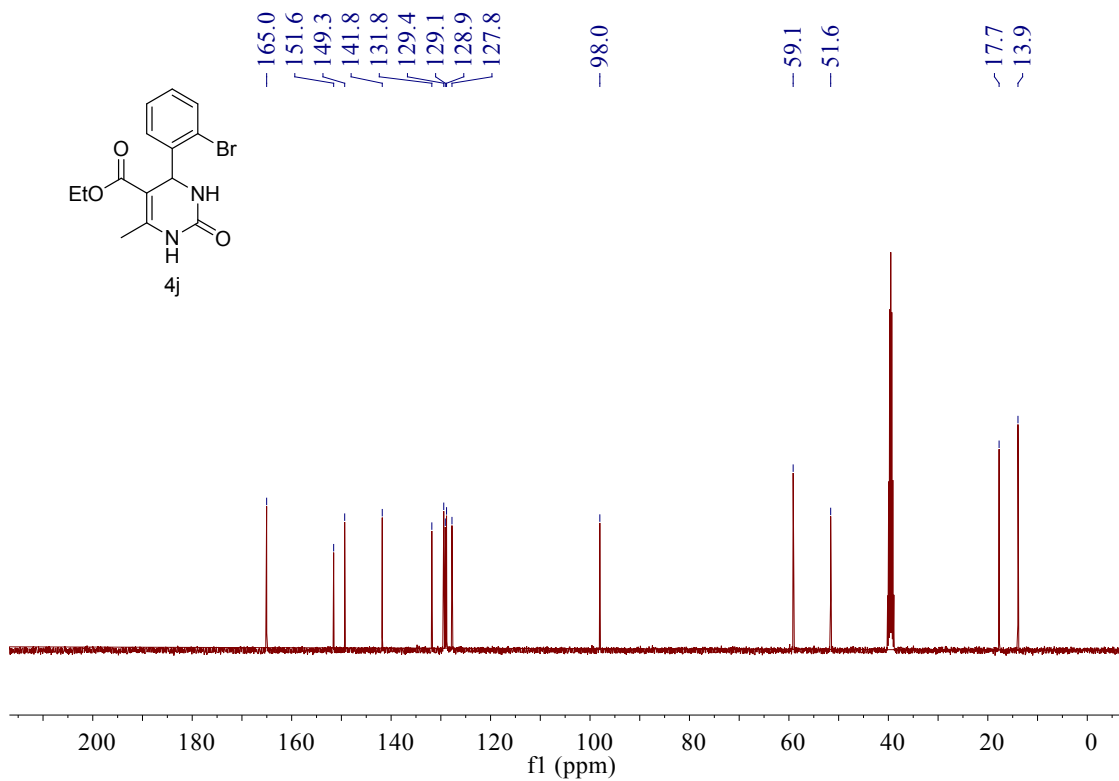
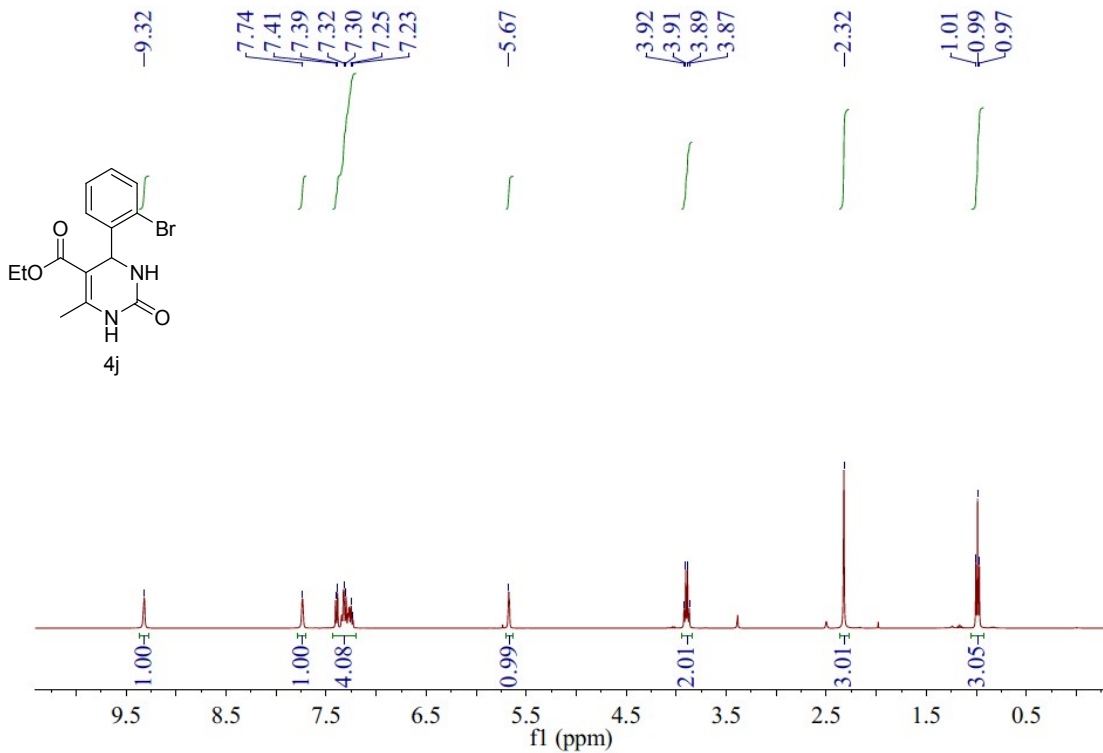


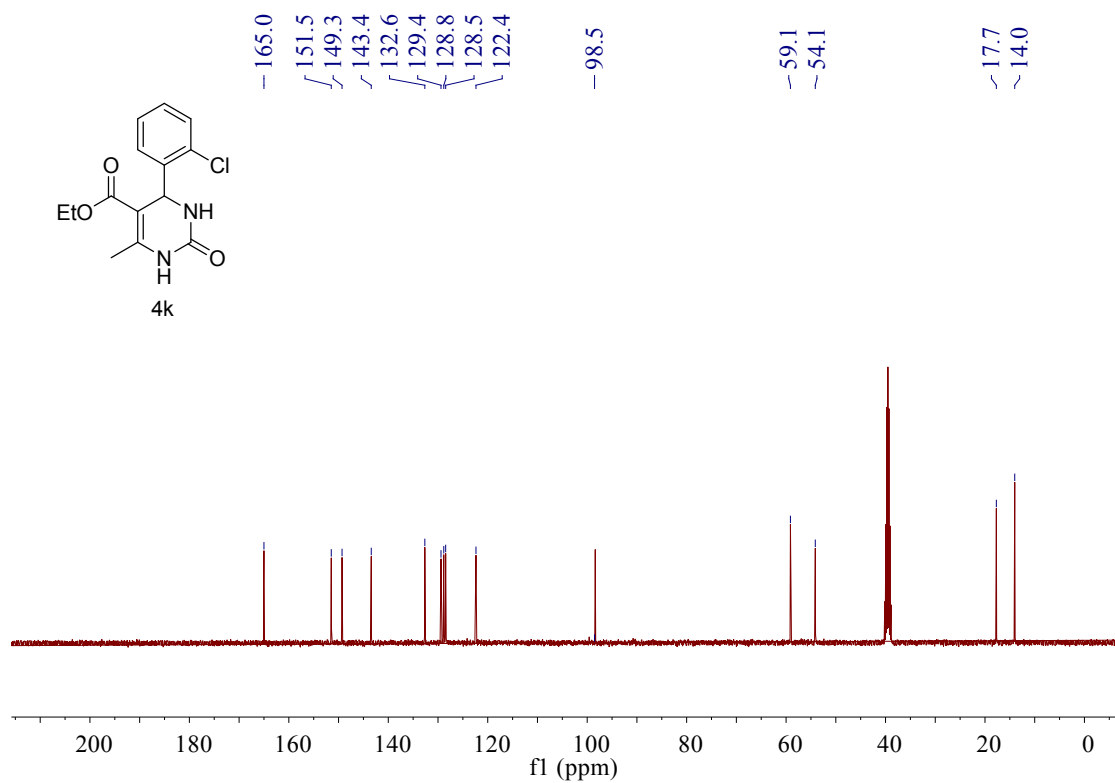
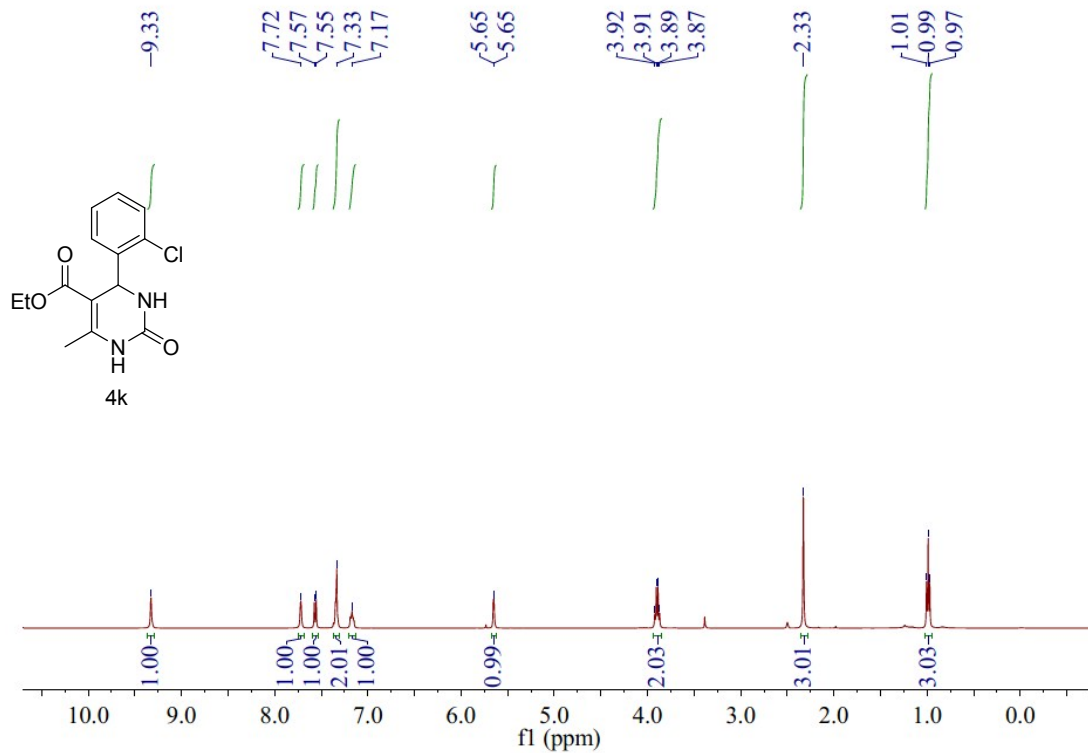


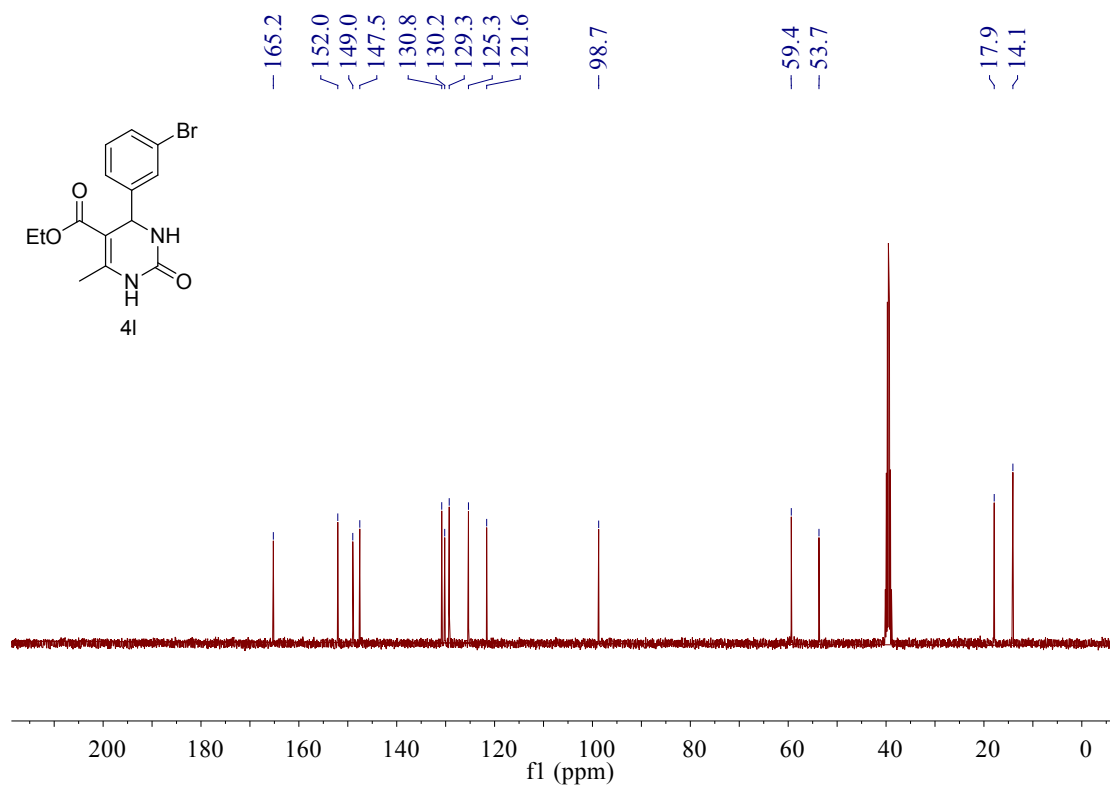
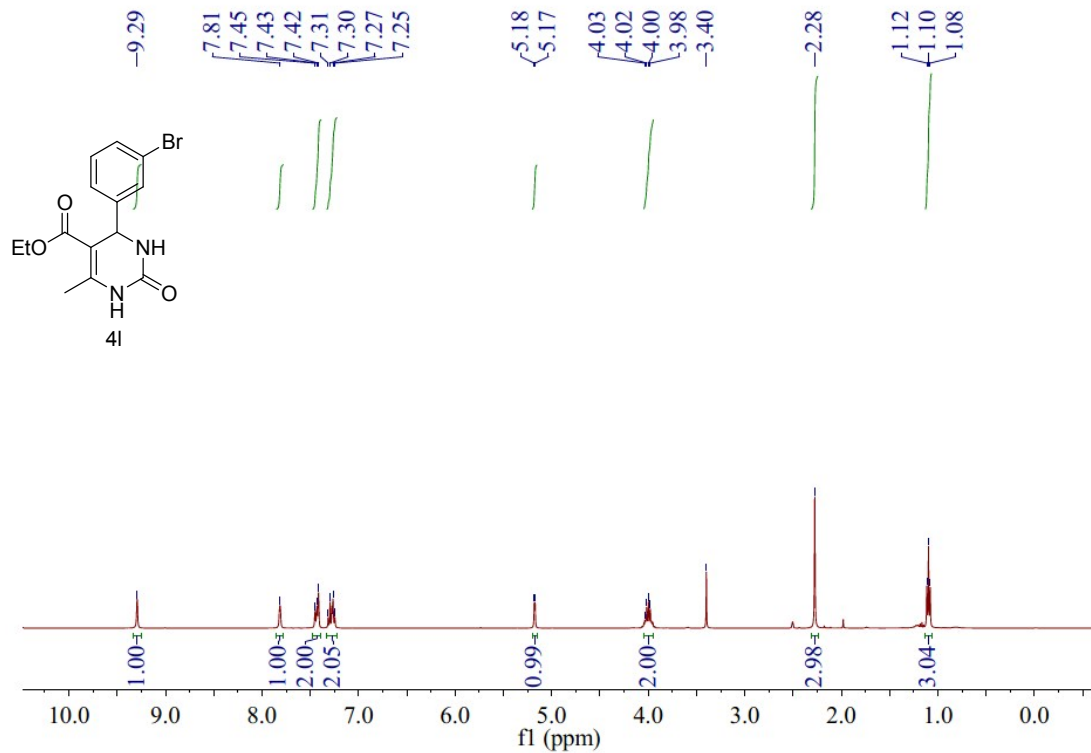


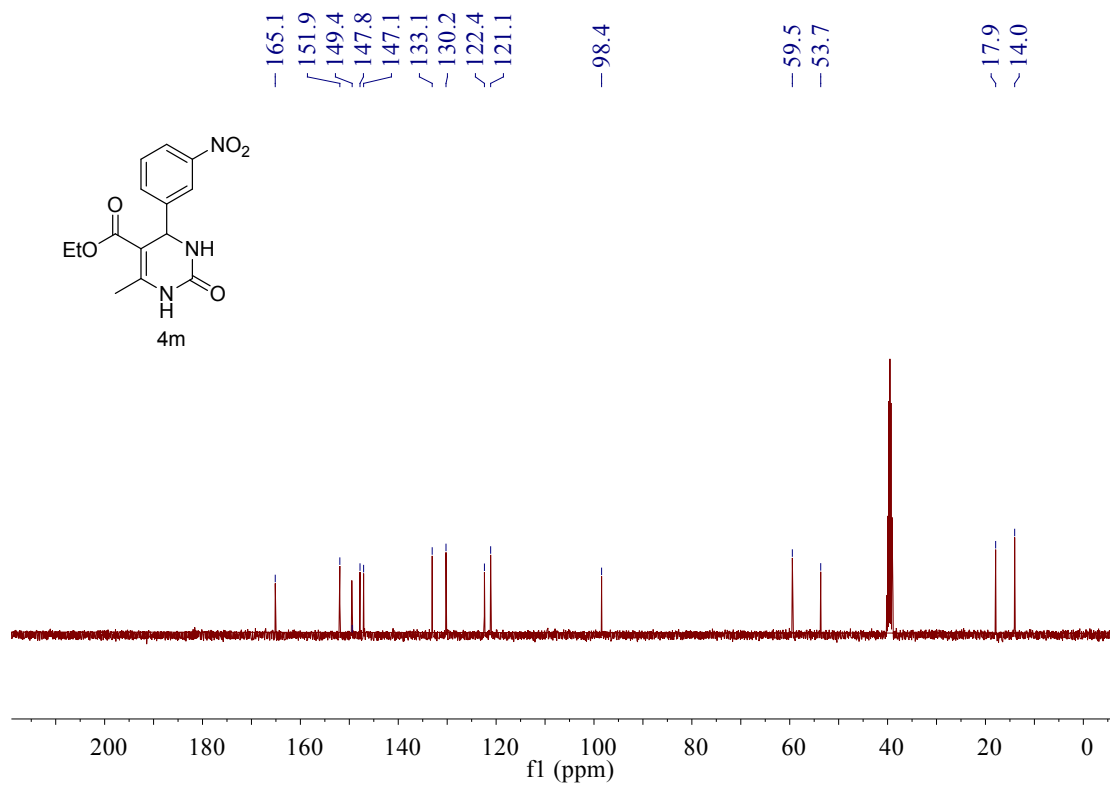
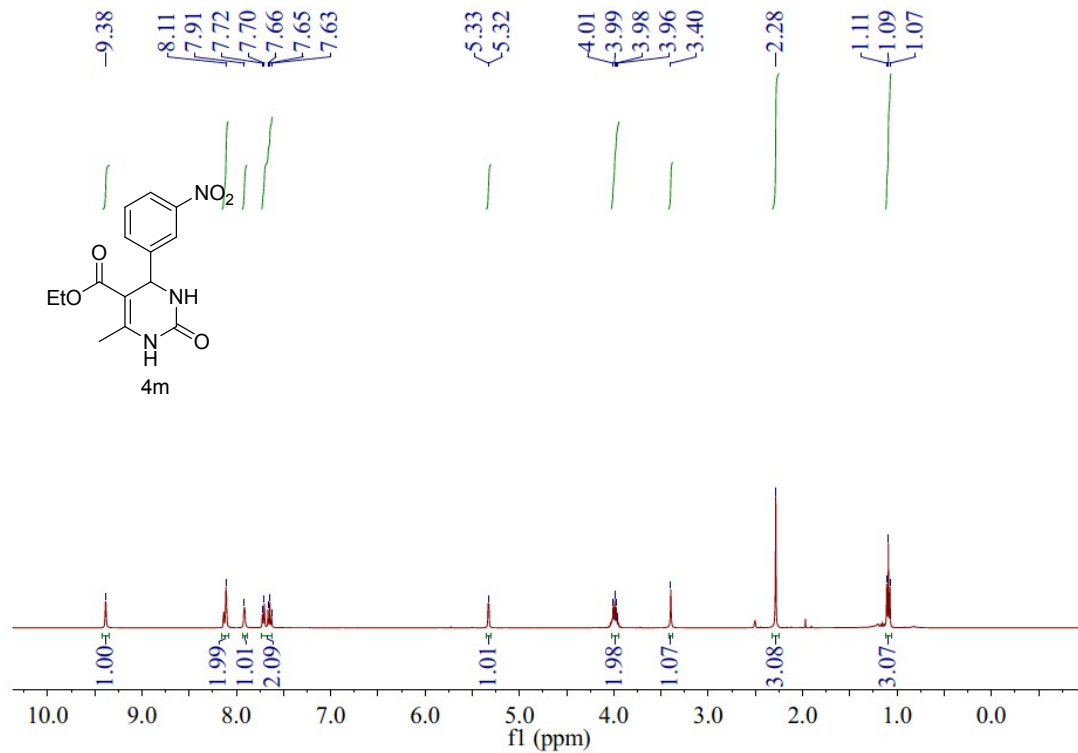


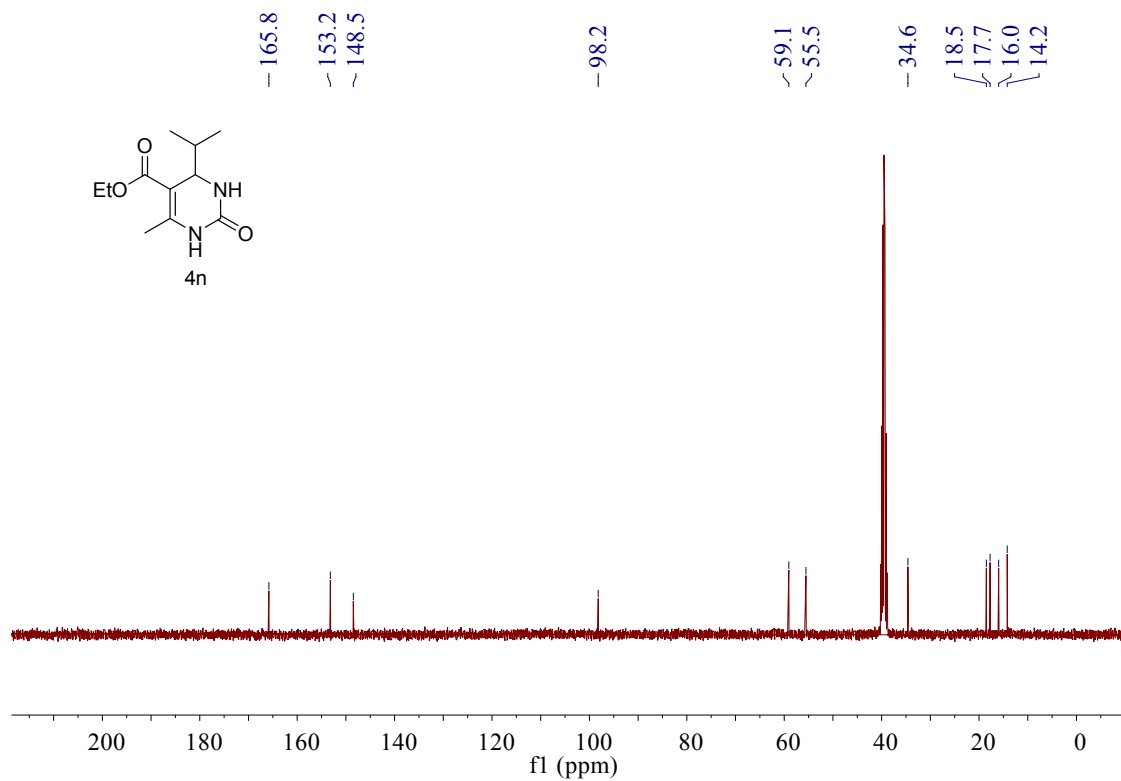
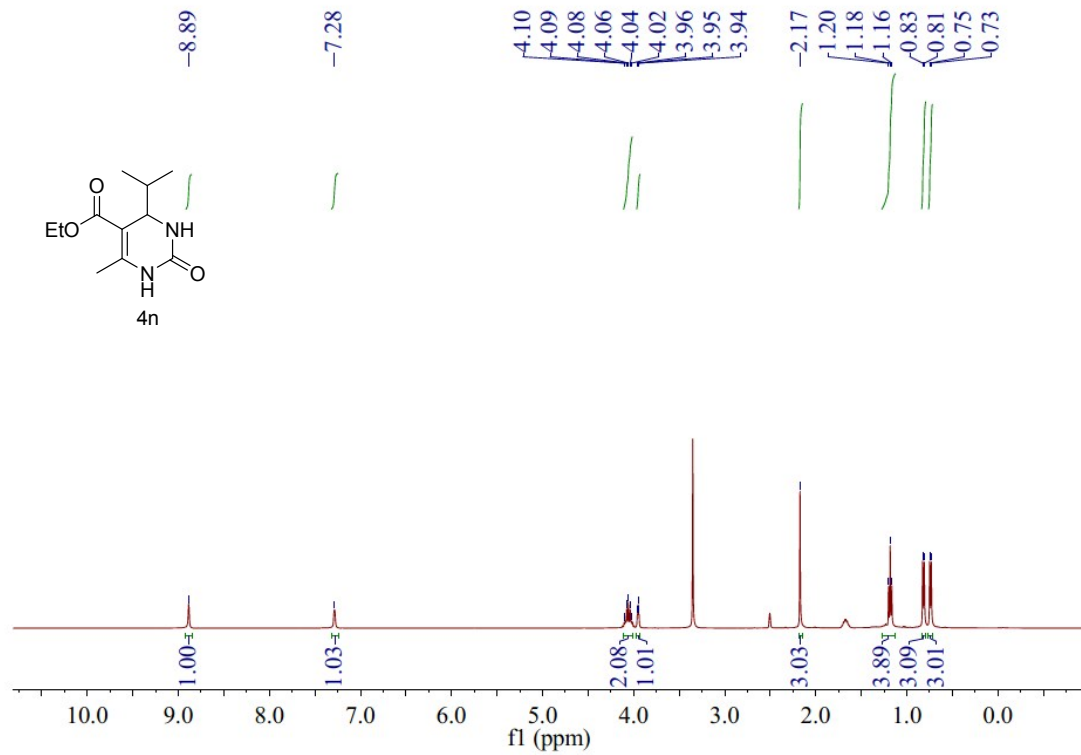


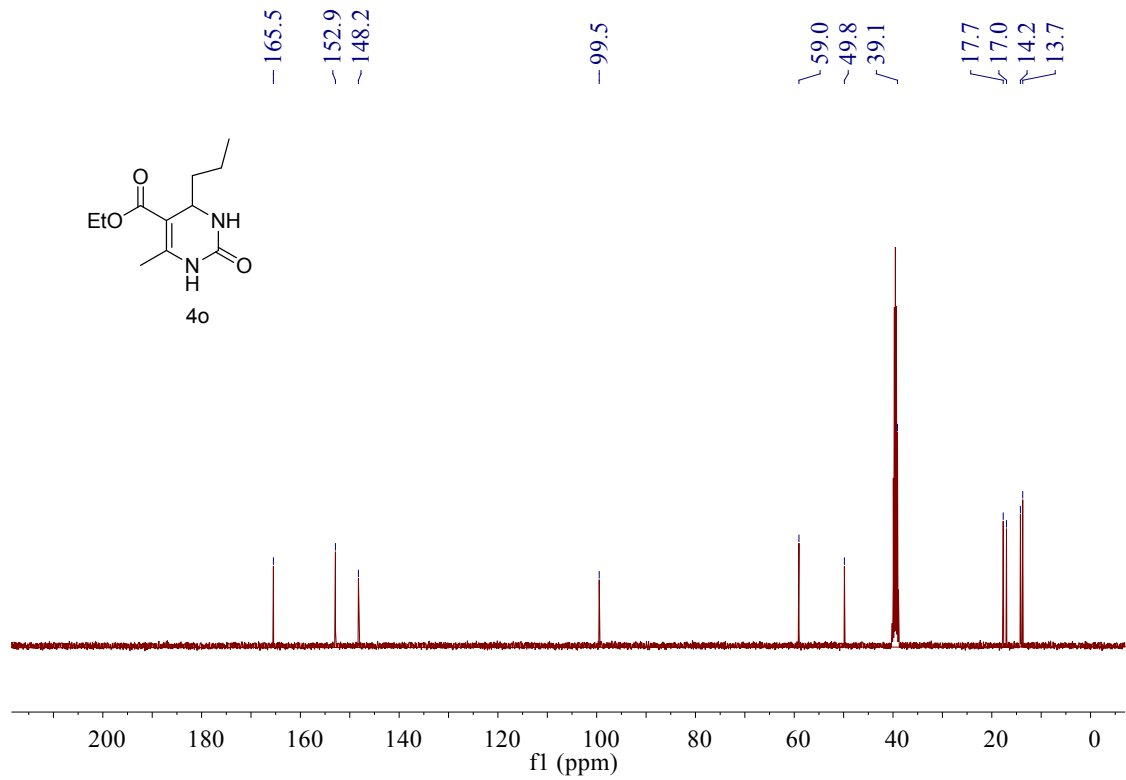
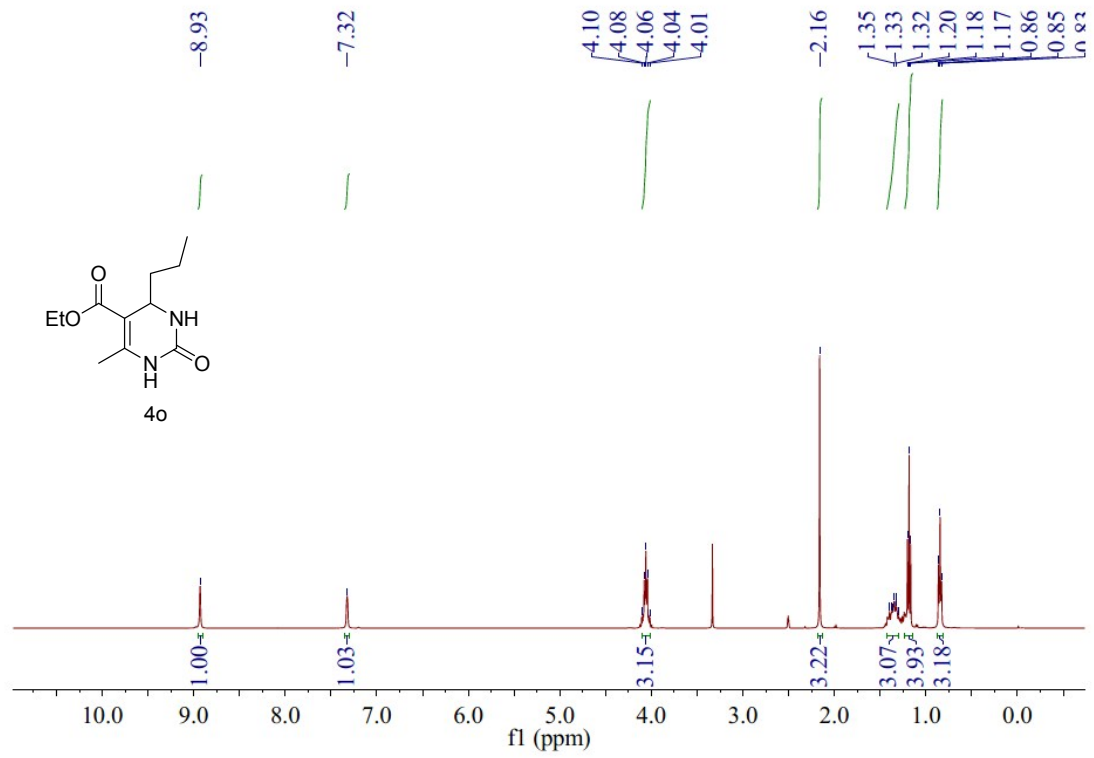


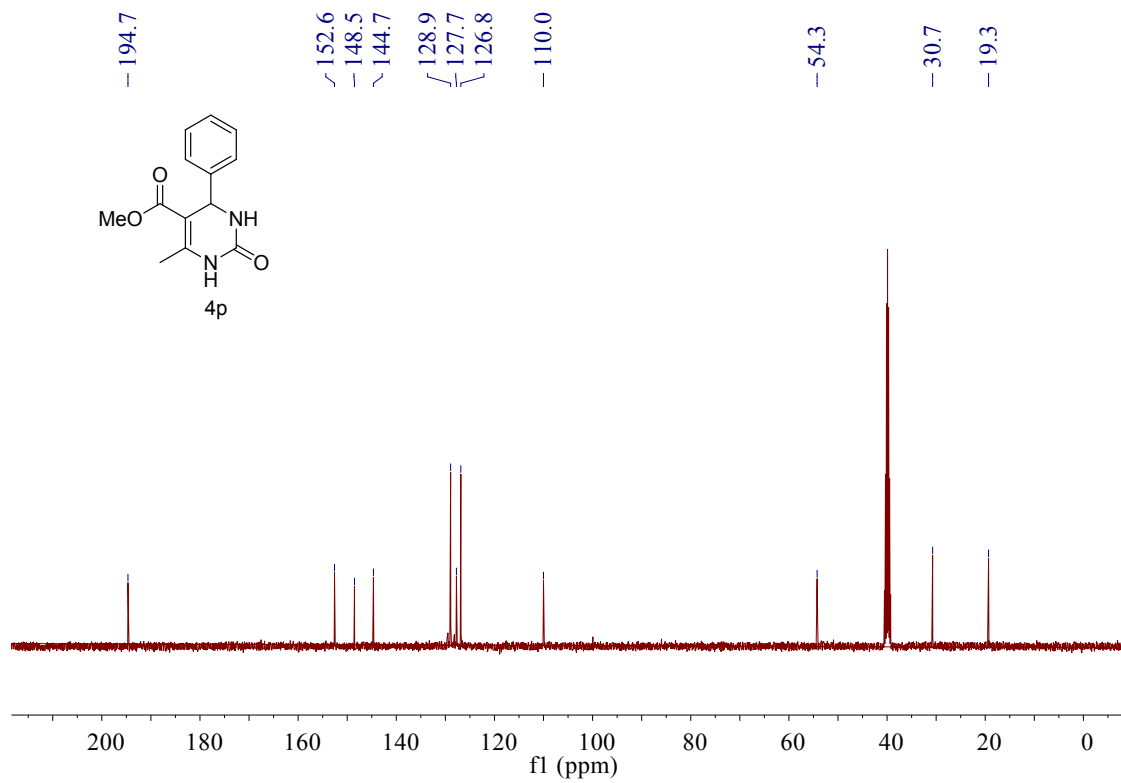
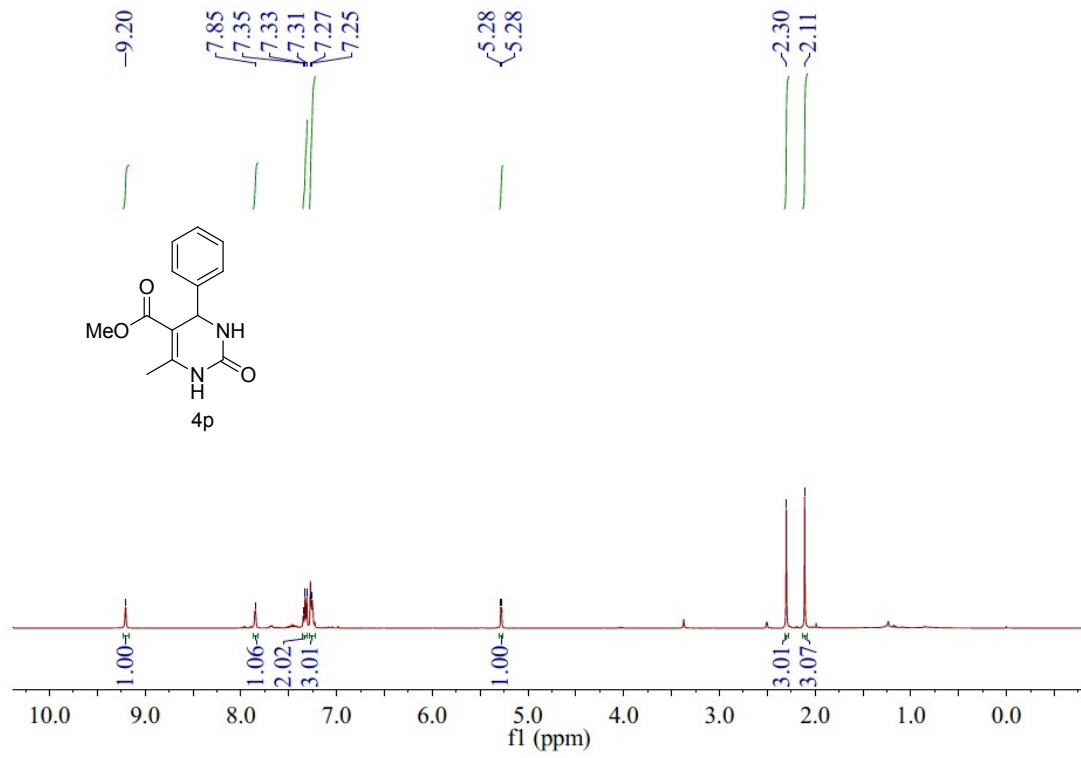


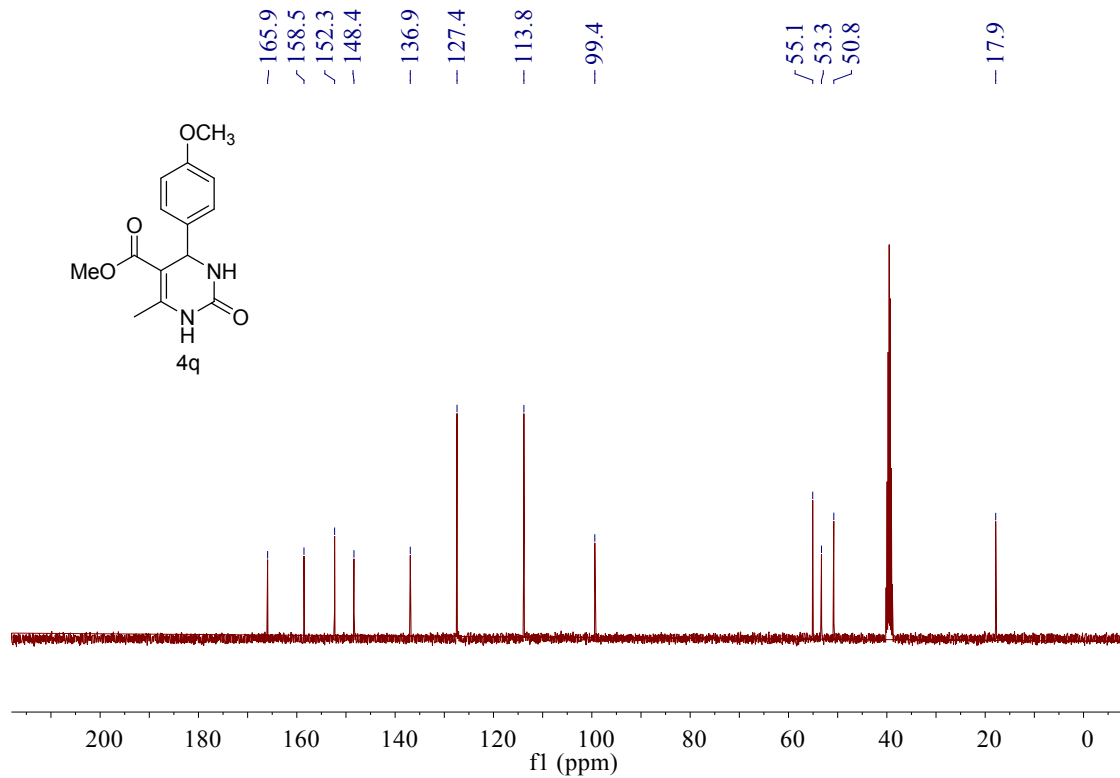
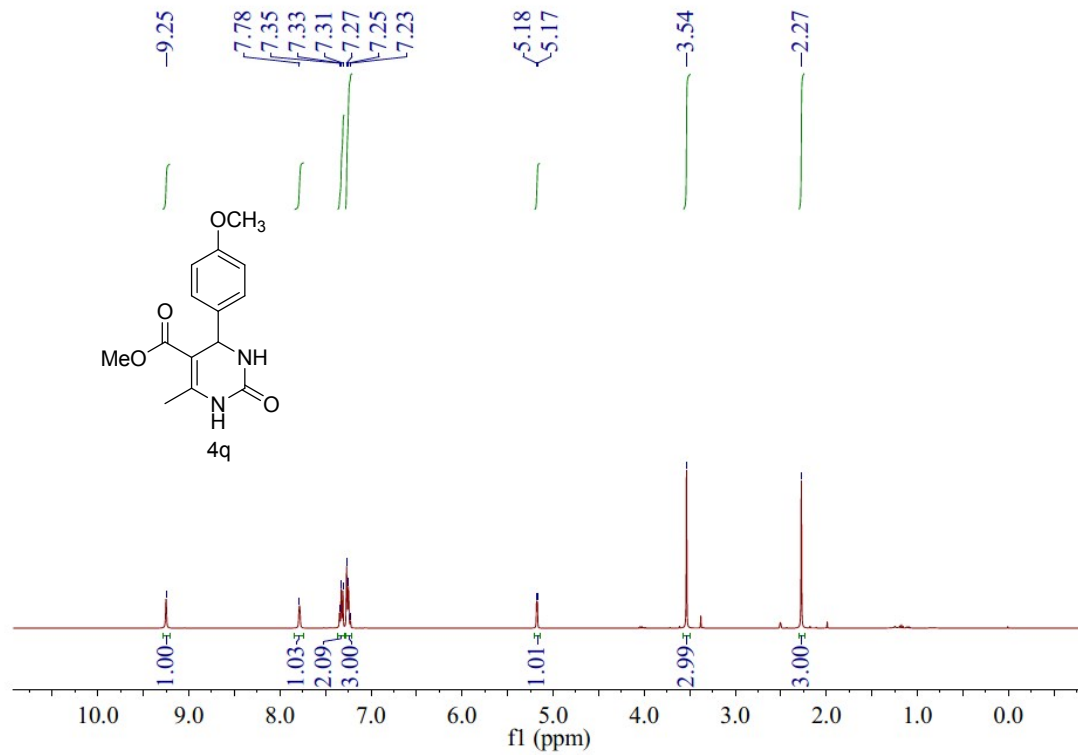


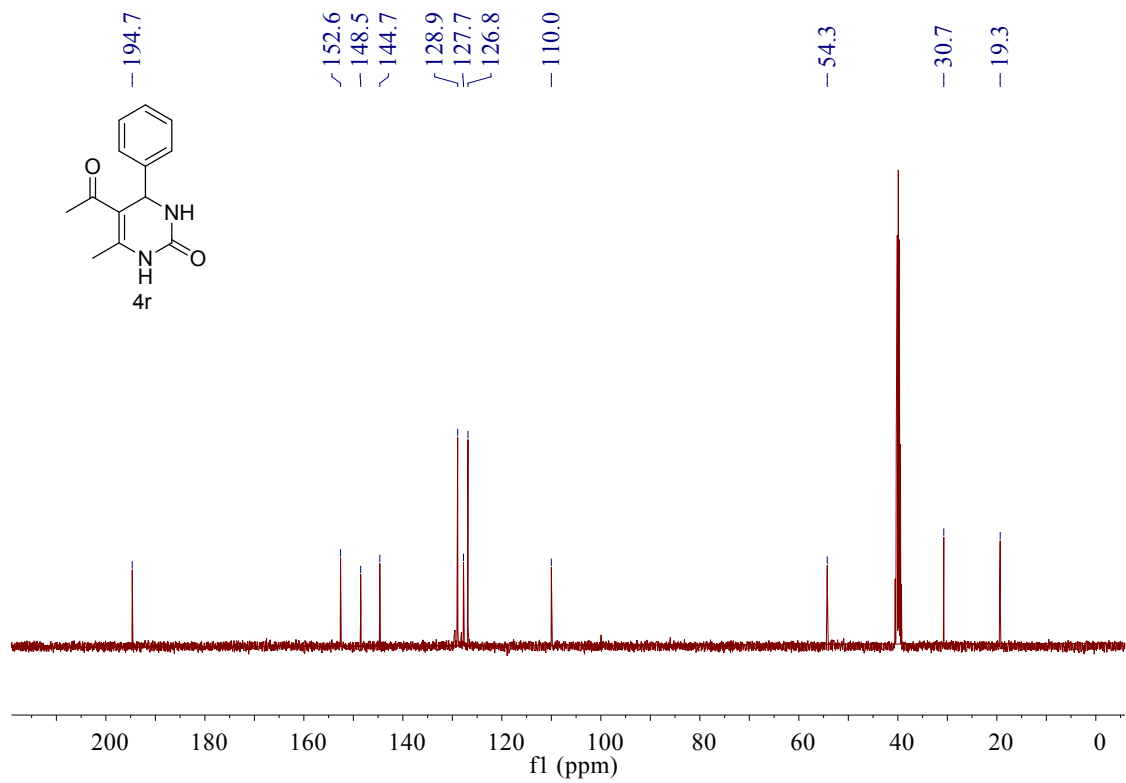
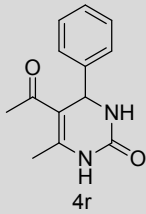












5. HR-ESI-MS studies for proposed mechanism.

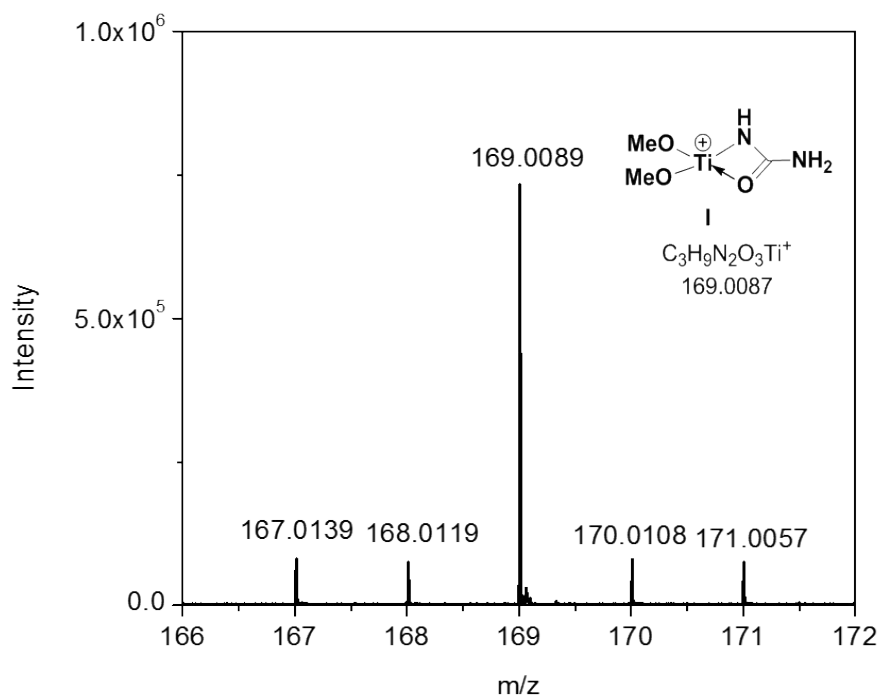


Figure S5-1. ESI(+)-MS spectra of intermediate I mode.

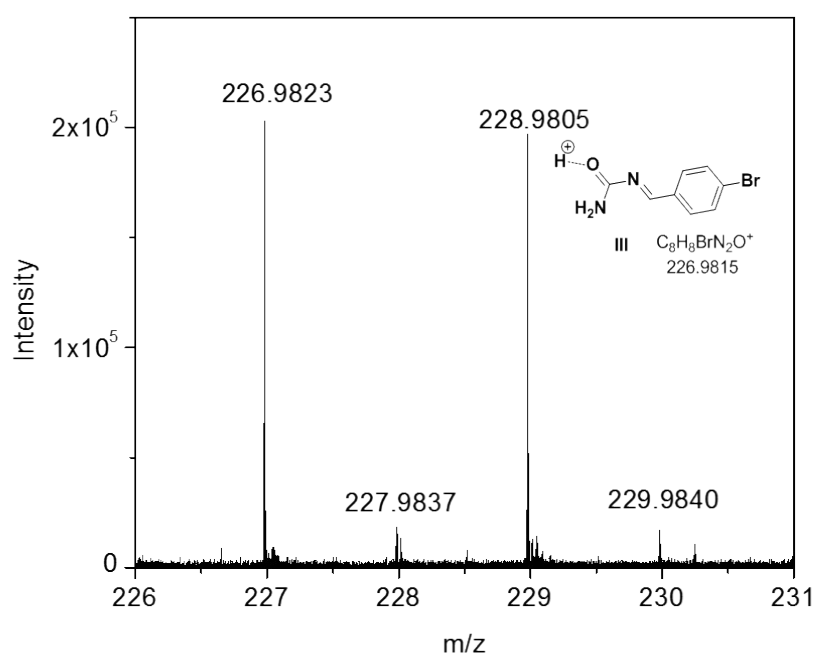


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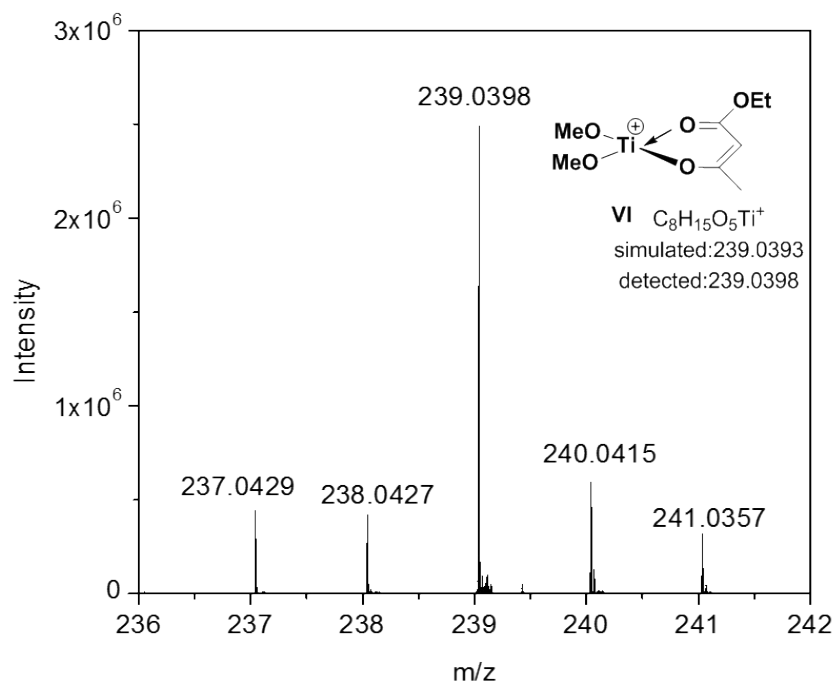


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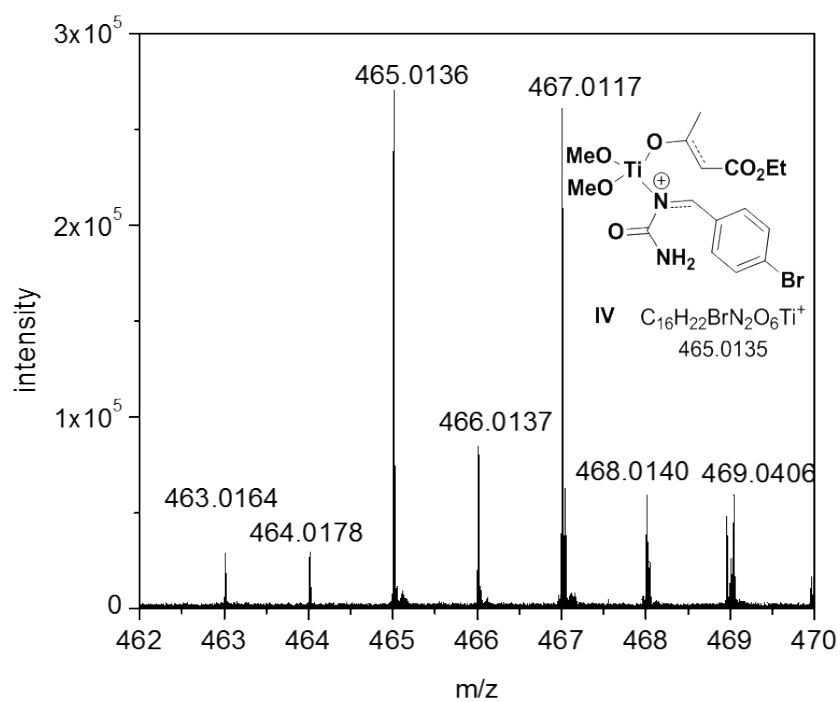


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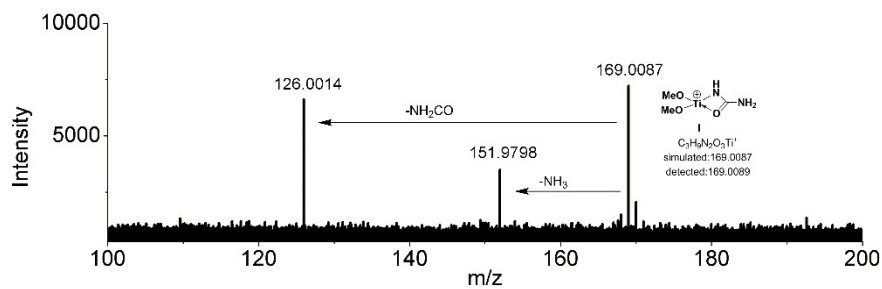


Figure S5-5. MS/MS spectrum and the fragment structures of intermediate I under positive ion mode.

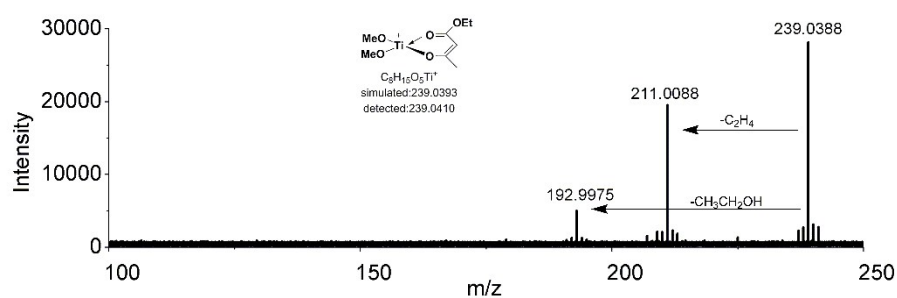


Figure S5-6. MS/MS spectrum and the fragment structures of intermediate VI under positive ion mode.

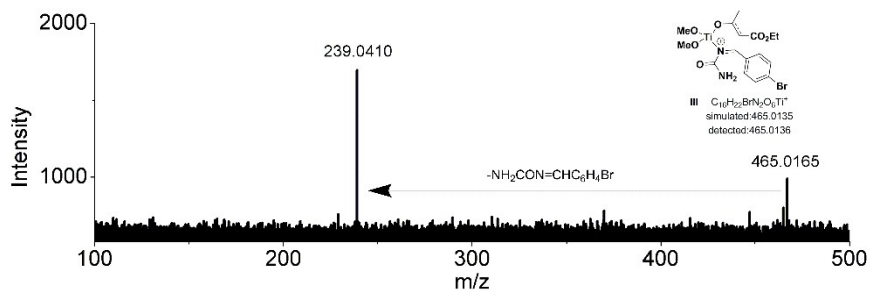


Figure S5-7. MS/MS spectrum and the fragment structures of intermediate III under positive ion mode.

6. ^{13}C NMR Spectra studies for proposed mechanism

