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Access to 2-Naphthols via Ru(II)-Catalyzed C-H Annulation of Nitrones with α -Diazo Sulfonyl Ketones

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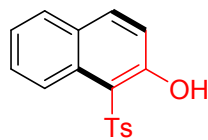
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I. General Remarks

All chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and were used as received unless otherwise noted. All reactions were carried out using Schlenk techniques or in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. NMR spectra were recorded on a 600 MHz NMR spectrometer in the solvent indicated. The chemical shift is given in dimensionless δ values and is frequency referenced relative to TMS in ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. HRMS data were obtained on a Thermo Scientific LTQ Orbitrap Discovery spectrometer (Bremen, Germany). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (300-400 mesh) using ethyl acetate/hexanes. Aryl nitrones¹ and α -diazo sulfonyl ketones² were prepared according to literature reports.

II. Experimental Procedures and Characterizations

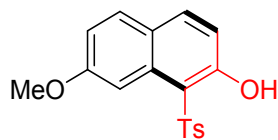
A mixture of aryl nitronone (**1**, 0.3 mmol), α -diazo sulfonyl ketone (**2**, 0.2 mmol), $[\text{Ru}(p\text{-cymene})\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5.0 mol %), AgNTf_2 (20.0 mol %), AgPF_6 (20.0 mol %), PivOH (2.0 equiv), and DCE (2.0 mL) were charged into a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred under N_2 at 120 °C for 16 h. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA (25:1) to afford the product **3**.



1-Tosyl-naphthalen-2-ol (**3aa**)

3aa was obtained according to the general procedure in 79% yield (47.1 mg), white solid, mp = 123.6-125.3 °C, R_f = 0.25 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.14 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.9, 144.8, 139.4, 137.5, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 126.8, 124.5, 123.2, 120.4, 112.3, 21.7. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$: 299.0736, found 299.0736.

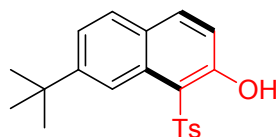


7-Methoxy-1-tosyl-naphthalen-2-ol (**3ba**)

3ba was obtained according to the general procedure in 66% yield (43.1 mg), white solid, mp = 90.8-91.8 °C, R_f = 0.25 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.09 (s, 1H), 7.84 - 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.66 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.8, 159.5, 144.8, 139.2, 137.2, 131.4, 130.6, 129.9,

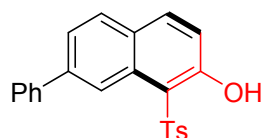
126.8, 124.0, 117.5, 116.3, 111.3, 103.3, 55.5, 21.8. HRMS: m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{18}H_{16}NaO_4S^+$: 351.0662, found 351.0659.



7-(*tert*-Butyl)-1-tosylnaphthalen-2-ol (**3ca**)

3ca was obtained according to the general procedure in 74% yield (52.5 mg), white solid, mp = 154.5-155.3 °C, R_f = 0.30 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

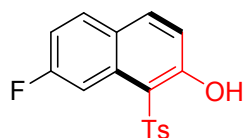
1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 11.15 (s, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.9, 151.7, 144.7, 139.4, 137.0, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 127.0, 126.9, 123.0, 119.5, 119.1, 112.2, 35.6, 31.3, 21.7. HRMS: m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{22}NaO_3S^+$: 377.1182, found 377.1177.



7-Phenyl-1-tosylnaphthalen-2-ol (**3da**)

3da was obtained according to the general procedure in 67% yield (50.4 mg), yellow solid, mp = 160.0-161.5 °C, R_f = 0.25 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 11.18 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.2, 144.9, 141.4, 140.9, 139.4, 137.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 124.1, 121.5, 120.3, 112.5, 21.7. HRMS: m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{23}H_{18}NaO_3S^+$: 397.0869, found 397.0863.

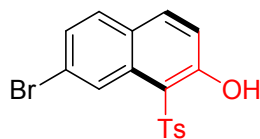


7-Fluoro-1-tosylnaphthalen-2-ol (**3ea**)

3ea was obtained according to the general procedure in 51% yield (32.3 mg), yellow solid, mp = 159.5-160.4 °C, R_f = 0.25 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 11.14 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, J = 12.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 162.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 248.4 Hz), 159.7, 145.1, 138.9, 137.2, 131.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 10.0 Hz), 131.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 10.6 Hz), 130.1, 126.8, 125.8, 119.6 (d, J_{C-F} =

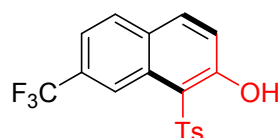
2.7 Hz), 114.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 24.9$ Hz), 112.3, 108.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 25.8$ Hz), 21.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -108.2. HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 339.0462, found 339.0461.



7-Bromo-1-tosyl-naphthalen-2-ol (**3fa**)

3fa was obtained according to the general procedure in 60% yield (45.1 mg), yellow solid, mp = 166.7-168.6 °C, $R_f = 0.25$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

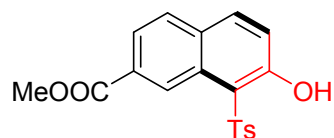
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.16 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.3, 145.2, 138.8, 137.2, 130.8, 130.5, 130.1, 128.0, 127.3, 126.9, 125.7, 123.8, 120.8, 112.0, 21.8. HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 398.9661, found 398.9656.



1-Tosyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ga**)

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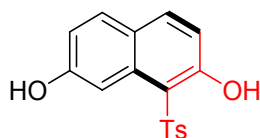
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.22 (s, 1H), 8.76 – 8.70 (m, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.4, 145.4, 138.8, 136.9, 130.2, 130.1, 130.0, 128.9, 127.0, 124.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 272.9$ Hz), 122.8, 120.9 (q, $J_{C-F} = 4.6$ Hz), 120.4 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.3$ Hz), 113.8, 100.2, 21.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.6. HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 389.0430, found 389.0422.



Methyl 7-hydroxy-8-tosyl-2-naphthoate (**3ha**)

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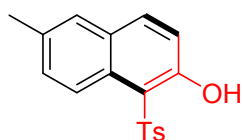
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.20 (s, 1H), 9.15 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.89 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 159.0, 145.1, 139.0, 136.9, 131.1, 130.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.9, 127.2, 125.8, 124.3, 122.8, 113.8, 52.6, 21.8. HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_5\text{S}^+$: 379.0611, found 379.0601.



1-Tosyl-naphthalene-2,7-diol (**3ia**)

3ia was obtained according to the general procedure in 56% yield (35.4 mg), white solid, mp = 194.9-195.8 °C, R_f = 0.10 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

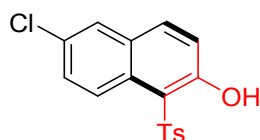
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.04 (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.81 (m, 4H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.6, 156.6, 144.9, 138.9, 137.5, 131.5, 131.3, 130.1, 126.7, 124.0, 117.4, 115.8, 110.8, 106.7, 21.7. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}^+$: 337.0505, found 337.0498.



6-Methyl-1-tosyl-naphthalen-2-ol (**3ja**)

3ja was obtained according to the general procedure in 64% yield (40.2 mg), yellow solid, mp = 126.0-127.7 °C, R_f = 0.30 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

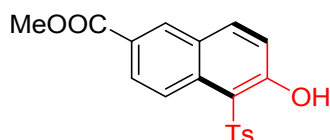
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.03 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2, 144.7, 139.4, 137.0, 134.1, 130.9, 130.0, 129.2, 128.4, 127.6, 126.7, 123.0, 120.2, 112.2, 21.7, 21.1. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 335.0712, found 335.0705.



6-Chloro-1-tosyl-naphthalen-2-ol (**3ka**)

3ka was obtained according to the general procedure in 66% yield (44.1 mg), white solid, mp = 142.0-143.6 °C, R_f = 0.30 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

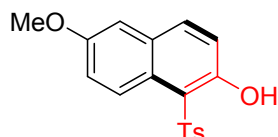
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.11 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 9.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8, 145.1, 139.0, 136.4, 130.4, 130.1, 129.8, 129.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.7, 124.8, 121.7, 112.7, 21.8. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClNaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 355.0166, found 355.0160.



Methyl 6-hydroxy-5-tosyl-2-naphthoate (**3la**)

3ma was obtained according to the general procedure in 81% yield (71.2 mg), white solid, mp = 154.2-155.7 °C, $R_f = 0.10$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

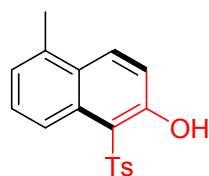
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.31 (s, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (m, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 160.4, 145.1, 138.9, 138.4, 132.3, 131.7, 130.1, 128.4, 128.1, 126.8, 126.1, 123.3, 121.3, 112.8, 52.4, 21.7. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_5\text{S}^+$: 379.0611, found 379.0604.



6-Methoxy-1-tosyl-2-naphthalen-2-ol (**3ma**)

3ka was obtained according to the general procedure in 80% (20:1) yield (52.6 mg), white solid, mp = 131.1-133.2 °C, $R_f = 0.25$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

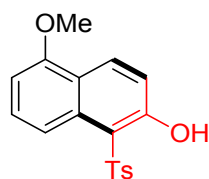
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5-Methyl-1-tosyl-2-naphthalen-2-ol (**3na**)

3na was obtained according to the general procedure in 74% yield (46.4 mg), yellow solid, mp = 160.2-161.4 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

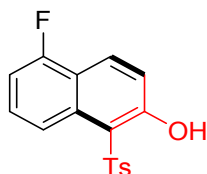
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.16 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5, 144.7, 139.4, 135.6, 133.5, 130.0, 129.9, 128.6, 127.9, 126.7, 125.7, 121.5, 119.9, 112.7, 21.7, 19.9. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 335.0712, found 335.0704.



5-Methoxy-1-tosyl-2-naphthalen-2-ol (**3oa**)

30a was obtained according to the general procedure in 90% yield (59.0 mg), white solid, mp = 142.2-143.0 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

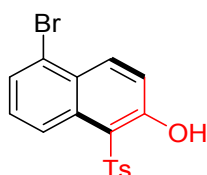
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.14 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.1, 156.0, 144.5, 139.2, 131.4, 130.9, 129.8, 129.3, 126.6, 120.5, 118.9, 115.3, 111.9, 103.2, 55.6, 21.6. HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}^+$: 351.0662, found 351.0658.



5-Fluoro-1-tosyl-naphthalen-2-ol (**3pa**)

3pa was obtained according to the general procedure in 53% yield (33.4 mg), white solid, mp = 146.1-146.6 °C, $R_f = 0.25$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

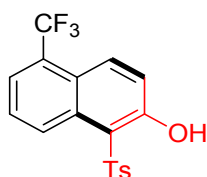
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.21 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.5, 159.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 253.0$ Hz), 145.0, 139.1, 131.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.5$ Hz), 130.1, 129.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.3$ Hz), 129.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.1$ Hz), 126.8, 120.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.1$ Hz), 119.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 16.7$ Hz), 119.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.3$ Hz), 112.5, 108.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 19.7$ Hz), 21.8. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -120.8. HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 339.0462, found 339.0454.



5-Bromo-1-tosyl-naphthalen-2-ol (**3qa**)

3qa was obtained according to the general procedure in 76% yield (57.4 mg), white solid, mp = 158.0-158.8 °C, $R_f = 0.25$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

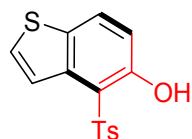
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.23 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2, 145.0, 139.1, 136.4, 131.2, 130.1, 129.1, 128.8, 127.2, 126.7, 124.0, 122.9, 121.8, 112.6, 21.8. HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 398.9661, found 398.9648.



1-Tosyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ra**)

3ra was obtained according to the general procedure in 63% yield (46.4 mg), white solid, mp = 98.0-99.2 °C, R_f = 0.30 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

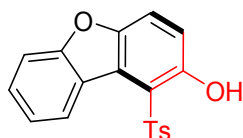
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.25 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.9, 145.2, 139.0, 133.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.0 Hz), 130.8, 130.2, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 42.2 Hz), 126.8, 124.7, 124.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 274.1 Hz), 123.01 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 6.1 Hz), 122.3, 113.4, 21.8. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -58.8. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 389.0430, found 389.0424.



4-Tosylbenzo[*b*]thiophen-5-ol (**3sa**)

3sa was obtained according to the general procedure in 22% yield (13.2 mg), yellow solid, mp = 179.3-179.9 °C, R_f = 0.25 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

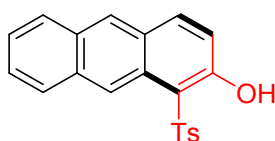
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.21 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.0, 145.0, 139.0, 136.3, 133.3, 130.8, 130.1, 129.9, 126.7, 122.8, 117.1, 115.1, 21.8. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}_2^+$: 327.0120, found 327.0116.



1-Tosyldibenzo[*b,d*]furan-2-ol (**3ta**)

3ta was obtained according to the general procedure in 23% yield (15.7 mg), white solid, mp = 163.5-164.0 °C, R_f = 0.25 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

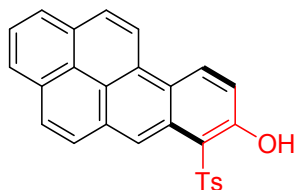
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.32 (s, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.4, 154.8, 150.3, 145.1, 138.8, 130.1, 128.5, 126.2, 125.8, 123.2, 121.8, 121.4, 120.1, 119.1, 114.2, 111.8, 21.8. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}^+$: 361.0505, found 361.0509.



1-Tosylanthracen-2-ol (**3ua**)

3ua was obtained according to the general procedure in 61% yield (42.8 mg), yellow solid, mp = 136.2-137.0 °C, $R_f = 0.25$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

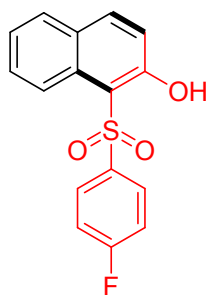
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.38 (s, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.88 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.6, 144.8, 139.2, 138.2, 133.1, 130.1, 129.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.8, 126.4, 125.8, 122.0, 120.9, 109.9, 21.7. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 371.0712, found 371.0708.



7-Tosylbenzo[ppr]tetraphen-8-ol (**3va**)

3va was obtained according to the general procedure in 62% yield (52.4 mg), yellow solid, mp = 222.1-222.9 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5/1).

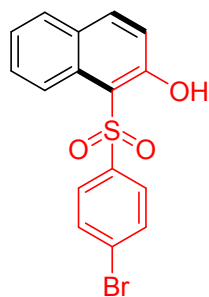
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 11.42 (s, 1H), 9.67 (s, 1H), 9.41 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 9.09 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 8.06 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 157.9, 144.0, 140.2, 132.2, 130.9, 130.6, 130.3, 129.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 126.9, 126.6, 126.2, 125.8, 123.7, 122.3, 120.9, 119.3, 119.3, 115.2, 21.1. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$: 423.1049, found 423.1049.



1-((4-Fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ab**)

3ab was obtained according to the general procedure in 76% yield (46.0 mg), white solid, mp = 118.4-119.2 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

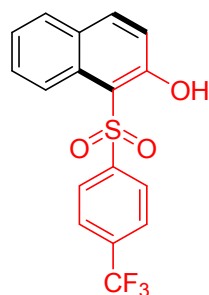
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.05 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.94 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 256.6$ Hz), 159.0, 138.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.4$ Hz), 137.9, 129.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 31.4$ Hz), 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 124.7, 122.9, 120.4, 116.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.7$ Hz), 111.8. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.3. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 325.0305, found 325.0302.



1-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ac**)

3ac was obtained according to the general procedure in 72% yield (52.5 mg), white solid, mp = 157.0-157.6 °C, R_f = 0.25 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

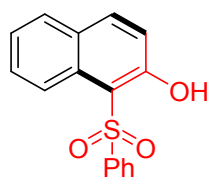
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.02 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2, 141.2, 138.0, 132.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.91, 128.90, 128.2, 124.7, 122.9, 120.3, 111.4. HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 384.9504, found 384.9506.



1-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ad**)

3ad was obtained according to the general procedure in 69% yield (48.5 mg), white solid, mp = 151.8-152.3 °C, R_f = 0.30 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.99 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.5, 145.7, 138.4, 135.3 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 33.1 Hz), 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 127.2, 126.6 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.8 Hz), 124.8, 123.1 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 273.1 Hz), 122.8, 120.4, 110.9. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.3. HRMS: m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 375.0273, found 375.0272.

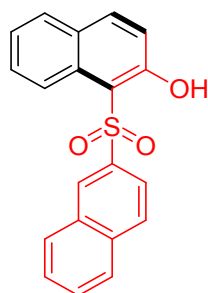


1-(Phenylsulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ae**)

3ae was obtained according to the general procedure in 65% yield (36.8 mg), yellow solid, mp = 123.9-

125.2 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

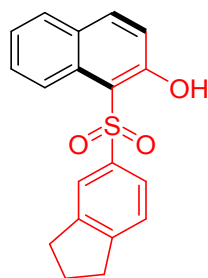
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.12 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.93 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.1, 142.2, 137.7, 133.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.9, 126.7, 124.5, 123.1, 120.3, 111.9. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 307.0399, found 307.0397.



1-(Naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3af**)

3af was obtained according to the general procedure in 76% yield (50.5 mg), white solid, mp = 164.7–165.1 °C, $R_f = 0.25$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.22 (s, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.1, 138.9, 137.8, 135.3, 132.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 124.5, 123.1, 121.6, 120.4, 111.9. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 357.0556, found 357.0551.

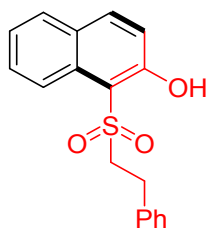


1-((2,3-Dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)sulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ag**)

3ag was obtained according to the general procedure in 74% yield (48.1 mg), white solid, mp = 143.4–144.0 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.18 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.87 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 2.01 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 151.2, 145.9, 140.0, 137.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 125.03, 125.00, 124.4, 123.2, 122.5, 120.3, 112.5, 33.0, 32.7, 25.4. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for

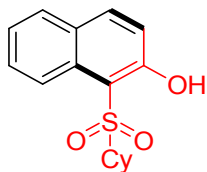
$C_{19}H_{16}NaO_3S^+$: 347.0712, found 347.0706.



1-(Phenethylsulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ah**)

3ah was obtained according to the general procedure in 72% yield (44.9 mg), white solid, mp = 91.9–92.6 °C, R_f = 0.30 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

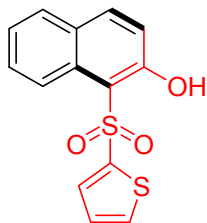
1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.85 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 3.66 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.09 – 3.05 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.2, 137.7, 136.9, 130.0, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.1, 124.7, 122.7, 120.3, 110.2, 57.5, 28.6. HRMS: m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{18}H_{16}NaO_3S^+$: 335.0712, found 335.0705.



1-(Cyclohexylsulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ai**)

3ai was obtained according to the general procedure in 65% yield (37.9 mg), yellow solid, mp = 91.4–92.3 °C, R_f = 0.30 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.85 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.612 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.67 – 1.63 (m, 3H), 1.25 – 1.18 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.8, 137.4, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 124.5, 123.2, 120.1, 109.0, 63.82, 63.80, 25.2, 25.1. HRMS: m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{16}H_{18}NaO_3S^+$: 313.0869, found 313.0864.

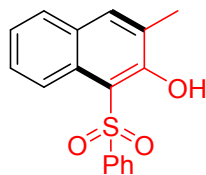


1-(Thiophen-2-ylsulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3aj**)

3aj was obtained according to the general procedure in 73% yield (42.6 mg), white solid, mp = 135.3–136.5 °C, R_f = 0.25 (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1).

1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.87 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 –

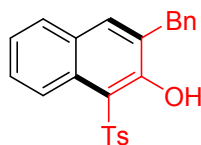
7.77 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2, 143.6, 137.9, 133.5, 133.0, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 127.7, 124.7, 123.2, 120.4, 113.4. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}_2^+$: 312.9964, found 312.9958.



3-Methyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)naphthalen-2-ol (**3ak**)

3ak was obtained according to the general procedure in 66% yield (39.2 mg), white solid, mp = 141.6–142.4 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1)

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.41 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5, 142.4, 136.9, 133.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.5, 128.48, 128.44, 127.9, 126.6, 124.4, 122.9, 111.2, 17.2. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 321.0556, found 321.0552.

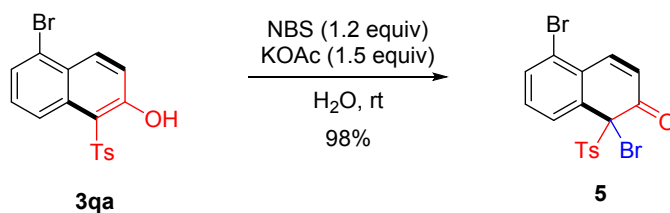


3-Benzyl-1-tosyl-naphthalen-2-ol (**3al**)

3al was obtained according to the general procedure in 45% yield (34.9 mg), white solid, mp = 166.7–167.2 °C, $R_f = 0.30$ (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 15/1)

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.50 (s, 1H), 8.29 (dd, $J = 8.7, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.58 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.7, 144.7, 139.5, 139.4, 136.8, 132.0, 130.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.66, 128.4, 128.1, 126.7, 126.5, 124.4, 122.9, 112.0, 36.5, 21.7. HRMS: m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}^+$: 411.1025, found 411.1034.

III. Derivatization Reaction

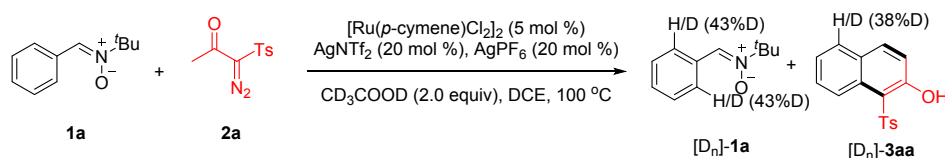


To a 15 mL tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with **3qa** (37.7 mg, 0.1 mmol), NBS (21.4 mg, 0.12 mmol), and KOAc (14.7 mg, 0.15 mmol) in 1.0 mL H_2O . Then the mixture

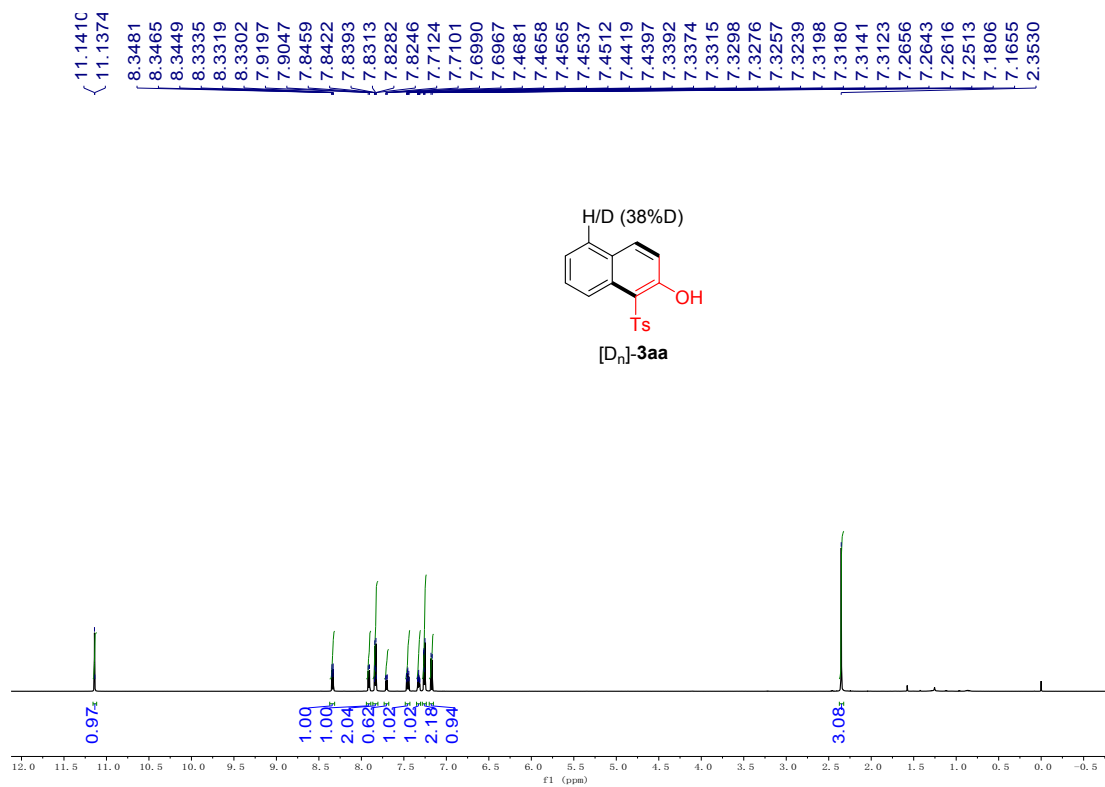
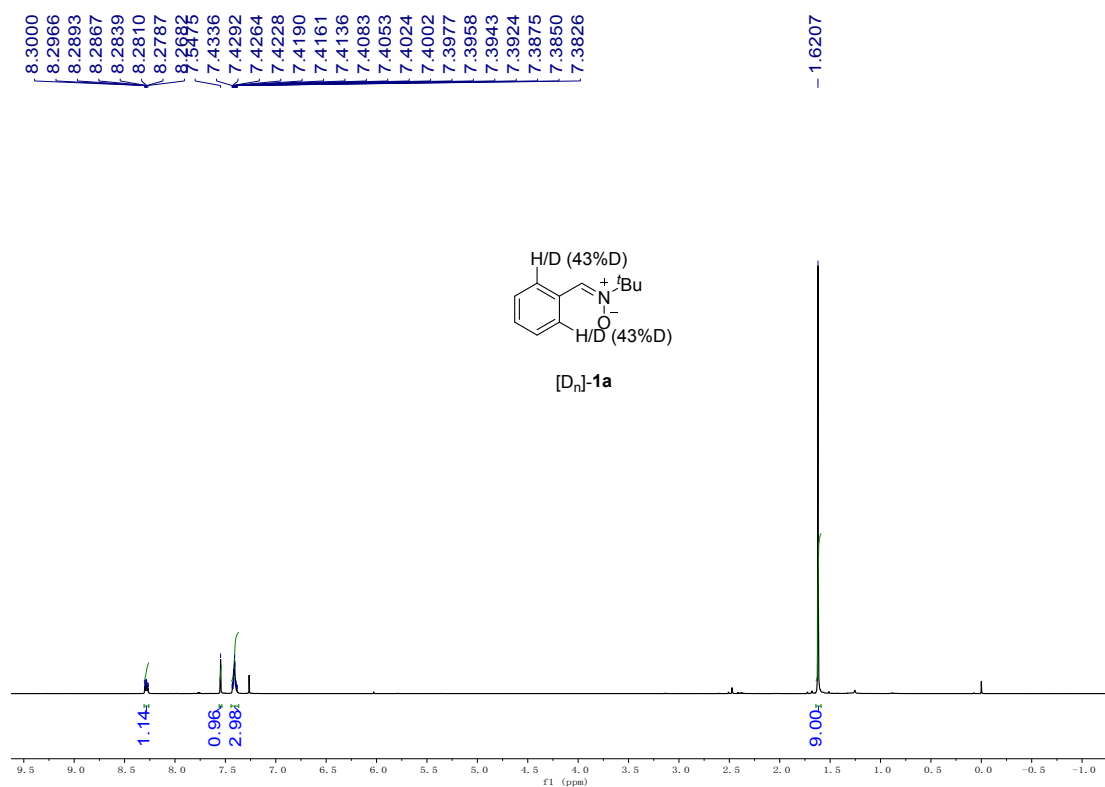
was stirred at room temperature for the desired time (monitored by TLC). After the reaction, the resulting mixture was extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, after which the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (20:1) as the eluent to afford the desired product **5** as brown solid in 98% yield (44.5 mg), mp = 82.3–84.1 °C. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.6, 146.9, 143.7, 135.4, 135.0, 134.2, 132.0, 131.1, 130.4, 129.2, 126.7, 125.7, 124.9, 81.1, 22.0. HRMS: *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₁₃Br₂O₃S⁺: 454.8947, found 454.8947.

IV. Mechanistic Studies

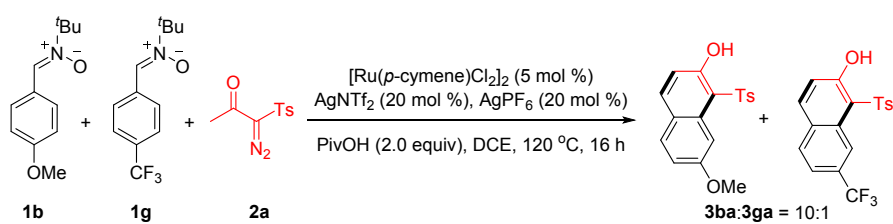
(a) H/D Exchange Experiment



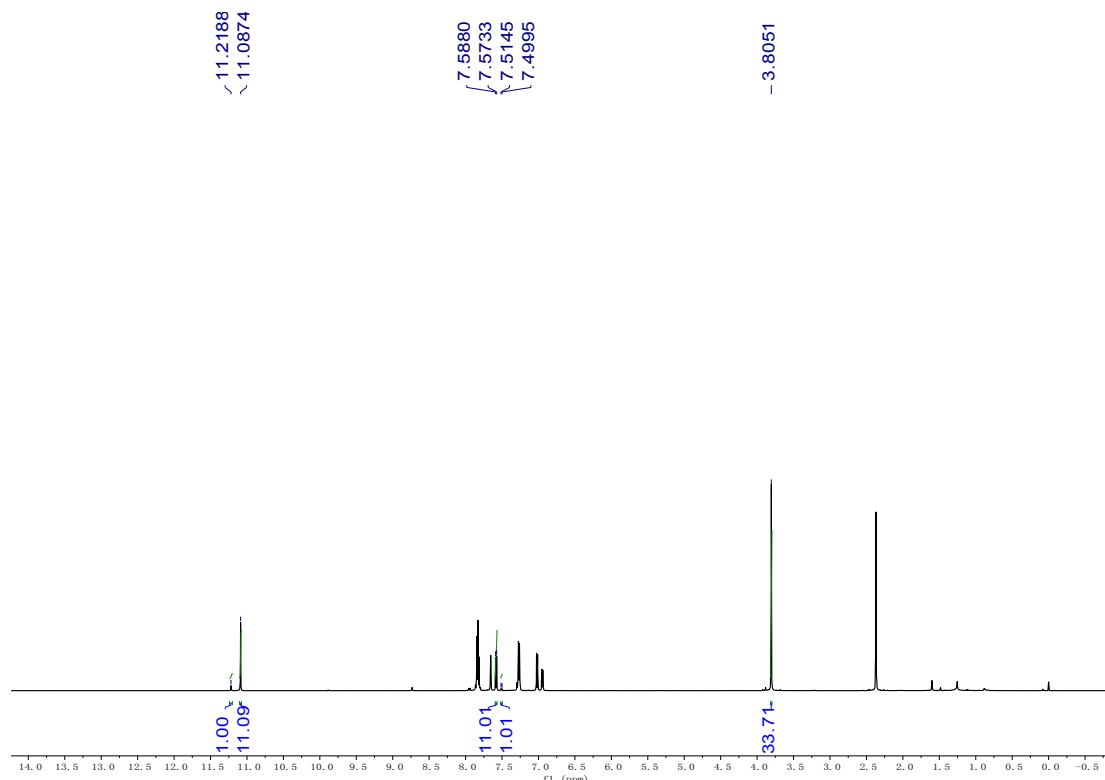
Aryl nitronium ion (**1**, 0.3 mmol), α -diazo sulfonamide (**2**, 0.2 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (5 mol %), AgNTf₂ (20 mol %), AgPF₆ (20 mol %), and CD₃COOD (2.0 equiv) were dissolved in DCE in a pressure tube under N₂ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. After that, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA to afford the recovered **1a** and the product **3aa**, which was characterized by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The *ortho* positions of the recovered **1a** and the product **3aa** were deuterated (43% D, and 38% D respectively).



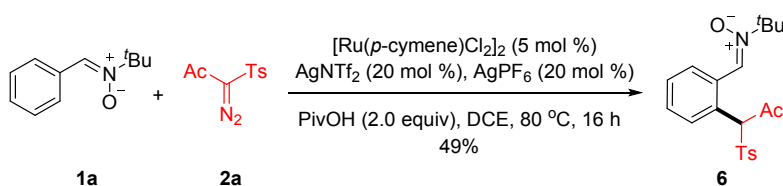
(b) The intermolecular competition experiment



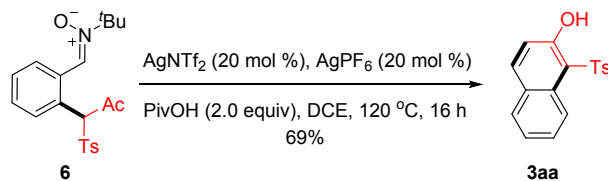
An equimolar mixture of aryl nitron **1b** (0.1 mmol) and **1g** (0.1 mmol), α -diazo sulfonyl ketone (**2**, 0.2 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (5 mol %), AgNTf₂ (20 mol %), AgPF₆ (20 mol %), PivOH (2.0 equiv), and DCE (2 mL) were charged into a pressure tube under N₂. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h. The solvent was rapidly removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA to afford the mixed product. The yield ratio (**3ba**/**3ga** = 11:1) was determined on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis.



(c) Isolation of Intermediate **6** and Control Experiments

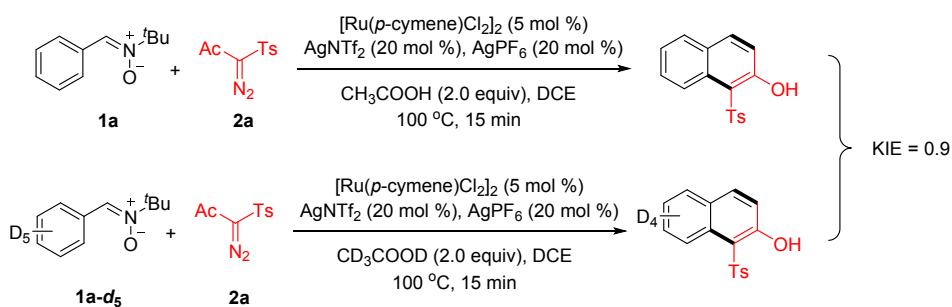


Aryl nitron **1a** (0.3 mmol), diazo sulfonylketone **2a** (0.2 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (5 mol %), AgNTf₂ (20 mol %), AgPF₆ (20 mol %), PivOH (2.0 equiv), and DCE (2 mL) were charged into a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred under N₂ at 80 °C for 16 h. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA (2:1) to afford the product **6** in 49% yield (38.1 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.3, 145.0, 134.3, 132.5, 130.8, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 127.9, 78.1, 71.2, 31.7, 28.2, 21.8. HRMS: *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₁H₂₆NO₄S⁺: 388.1577, found 388.1576.

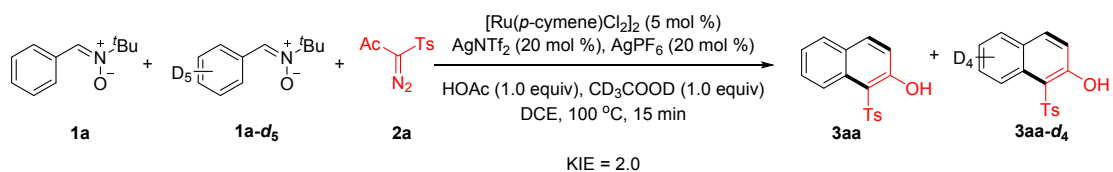
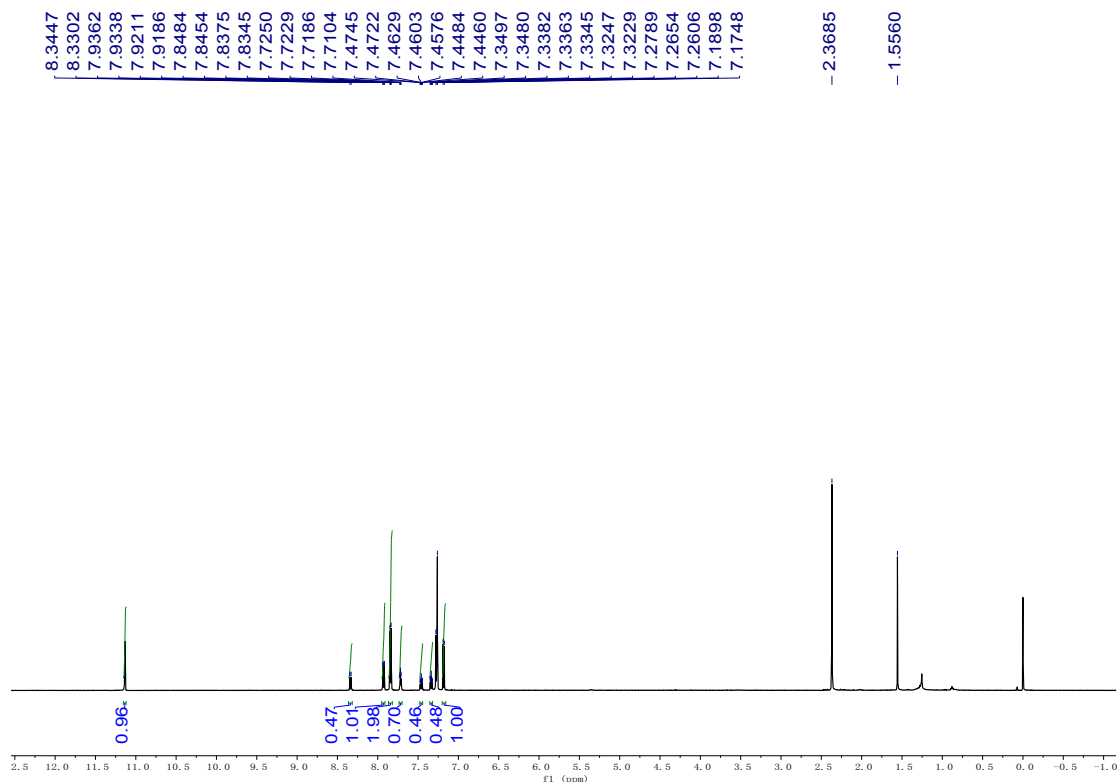


Intermediate **6** (0.14 mmol), AgNTf₂ (20 mol %), AgPF₆ (20 mol %), PivOH (2.0 equiv), and DCE (1.4 mL) were charged into a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred under N₂ at 120 °C for 16 h. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA (2:1) to afford the product **3aa** in 69% yield (28.8 mg). What's more, the intermediate **6** could be converted to the final product **3aa** without Ru(II) catalyst.

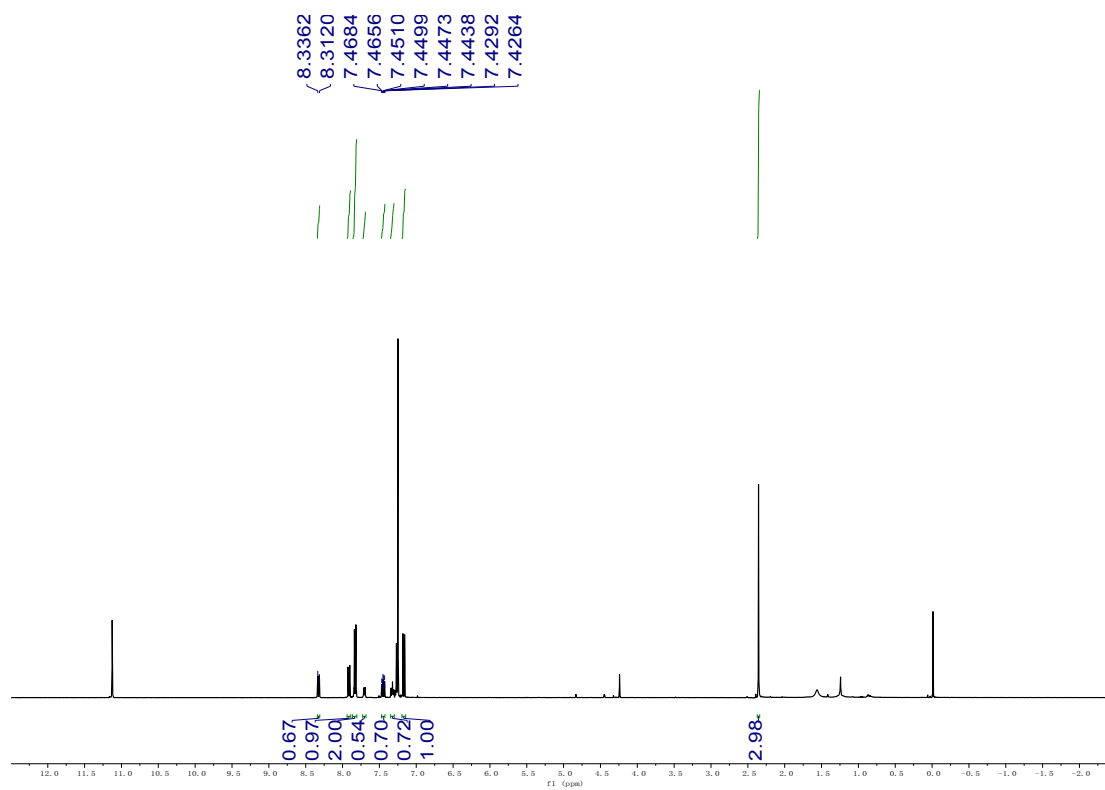
(d) **KIE Study**



Aryl nitronium **1a** (0.15 mmol), diazo sulfonylketone **2a** (0.1 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (5 mol %), AgNTf₂ (20 mol %), AgPF₆ (20 mol %), and CH₃COOH (2.0 equiv) were dissolved in DCE (1 mL) in a pressure tube under N₂ atmosphere, while the other pressure tube was changed with **1a-d₅** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (5 mol %), AgNTf₂ (20 mol %), AgPF₆ (20 mol %), and CD₃COOD (2.0 equiv) in DCE (1 mL) under N₂ atmosphere. The two reaction mixtures were stirred side by side in an oil bath preheated at 100 °C for 15 min. The two reaction tubes were chilled in an ice bath and the resulting mixtures in the two tubes were rapidly combined. The solvent was rapidly removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using EA/PE to afford the crude products. The KIE value was determined to be $k_H/k_D = 0.9$ on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis.



Aryl nitron **1a** (0.2 mmol), **1a-d₅** (0.2 mmol), diazo sulfonylketone **2a** (0.2 mmol), [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl₂]₂ (5 mol %), AgNTf₂ (20 mol %), AgPF₆ (20 mol %), and CH₃COOH (1.0 equiv), and CD₃COOD (1.0 equiv) were dissolved in DCE (2 mL) in a pressure tube under N₂ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 15 min. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the resulting residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using EA/PE to afford the crude products. The KIE value was determined to be $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 2.0$ on the basis of ¹H NMR analysis.

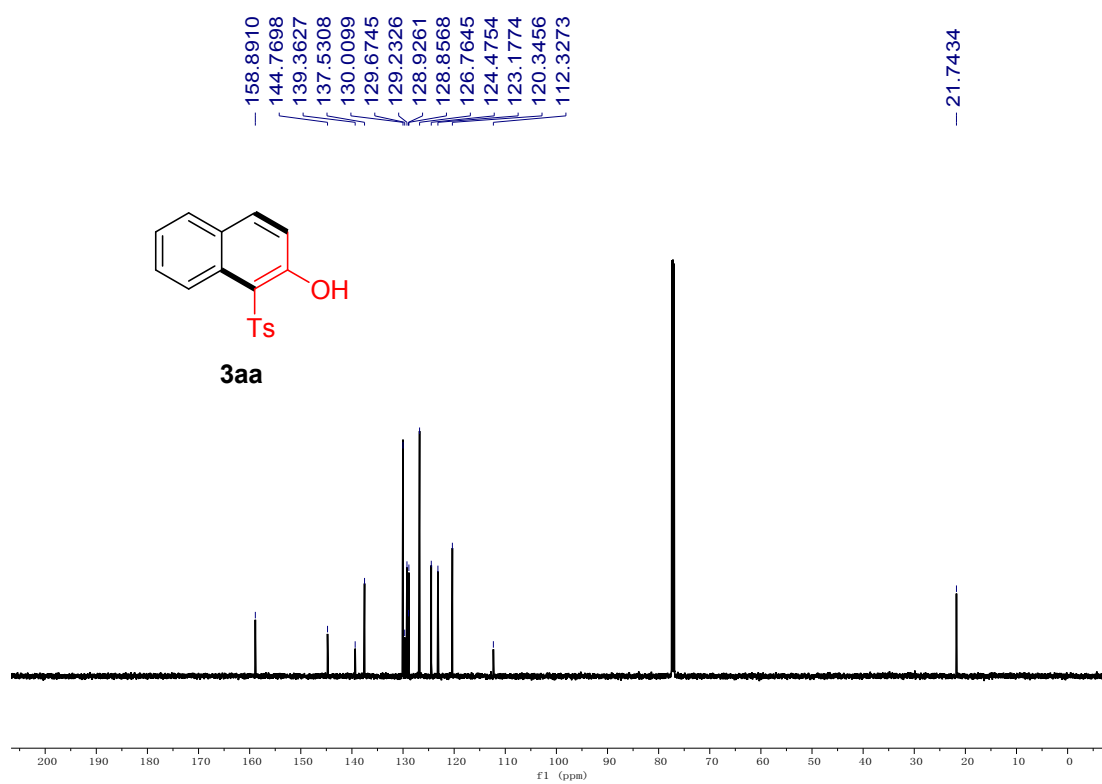
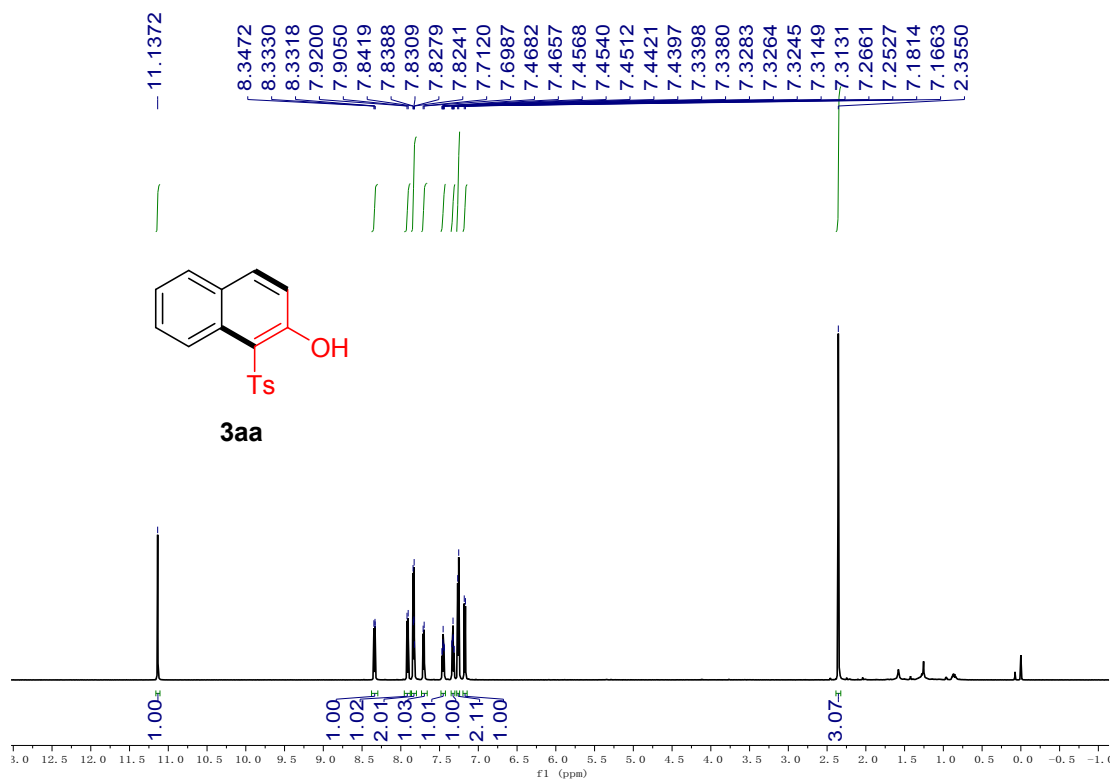


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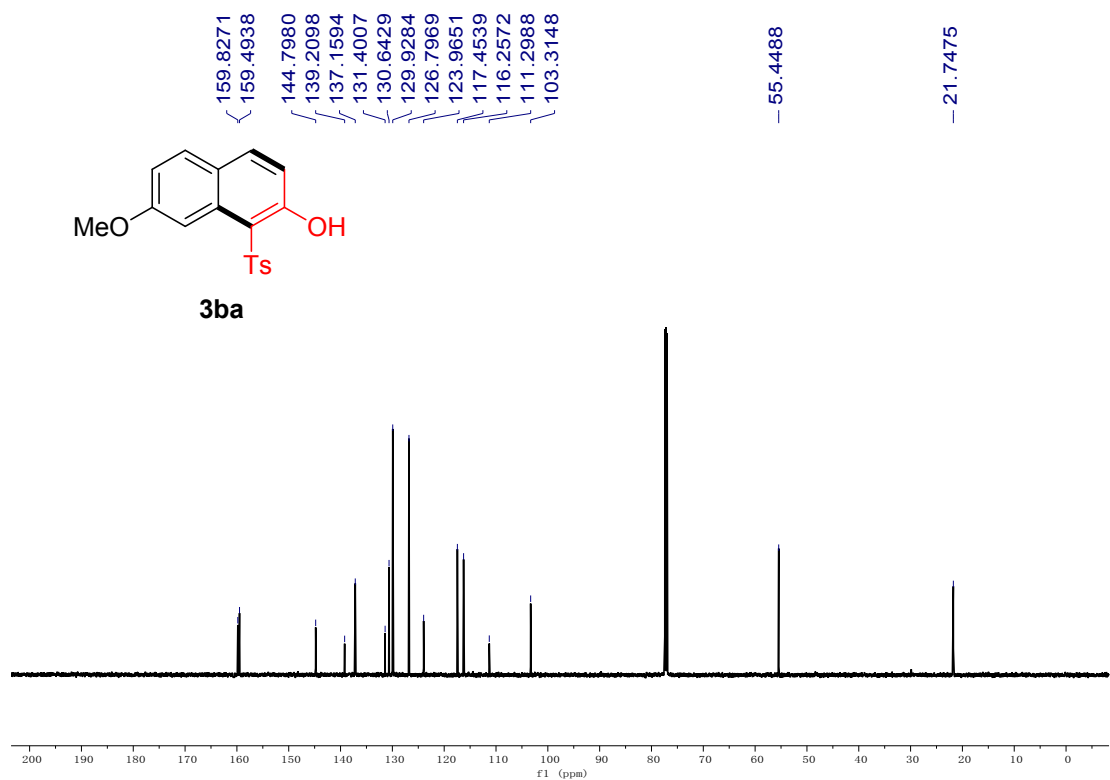
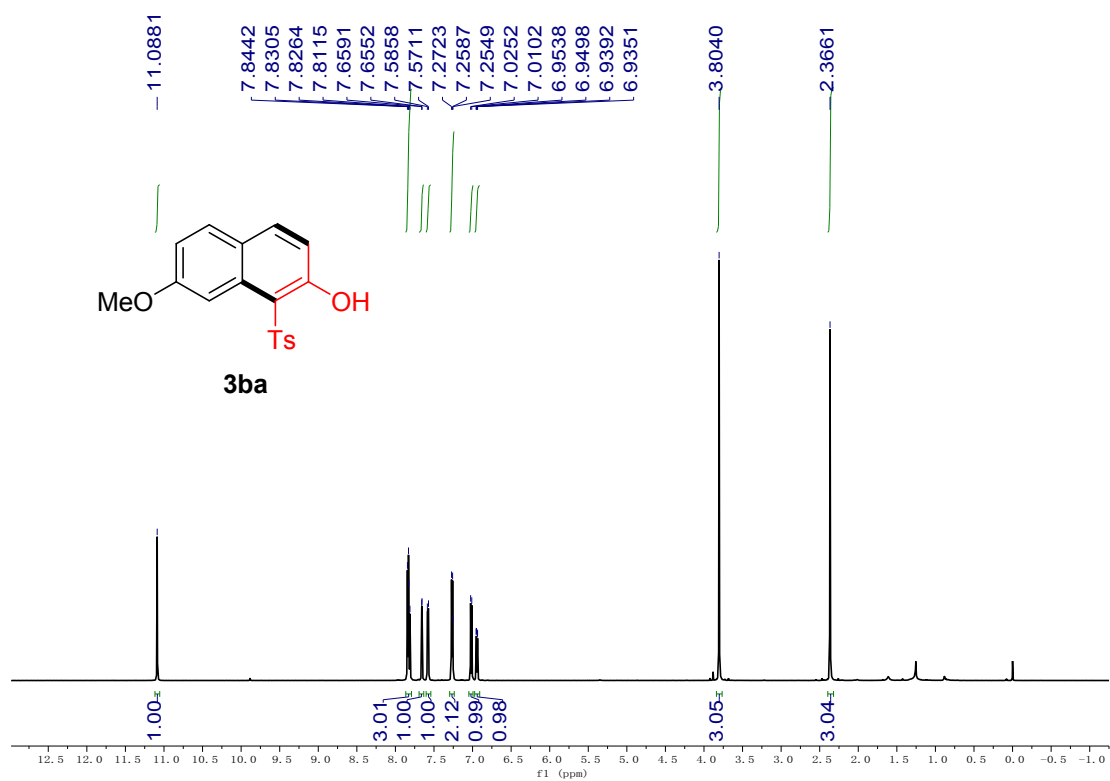
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VI. NMR Spectra

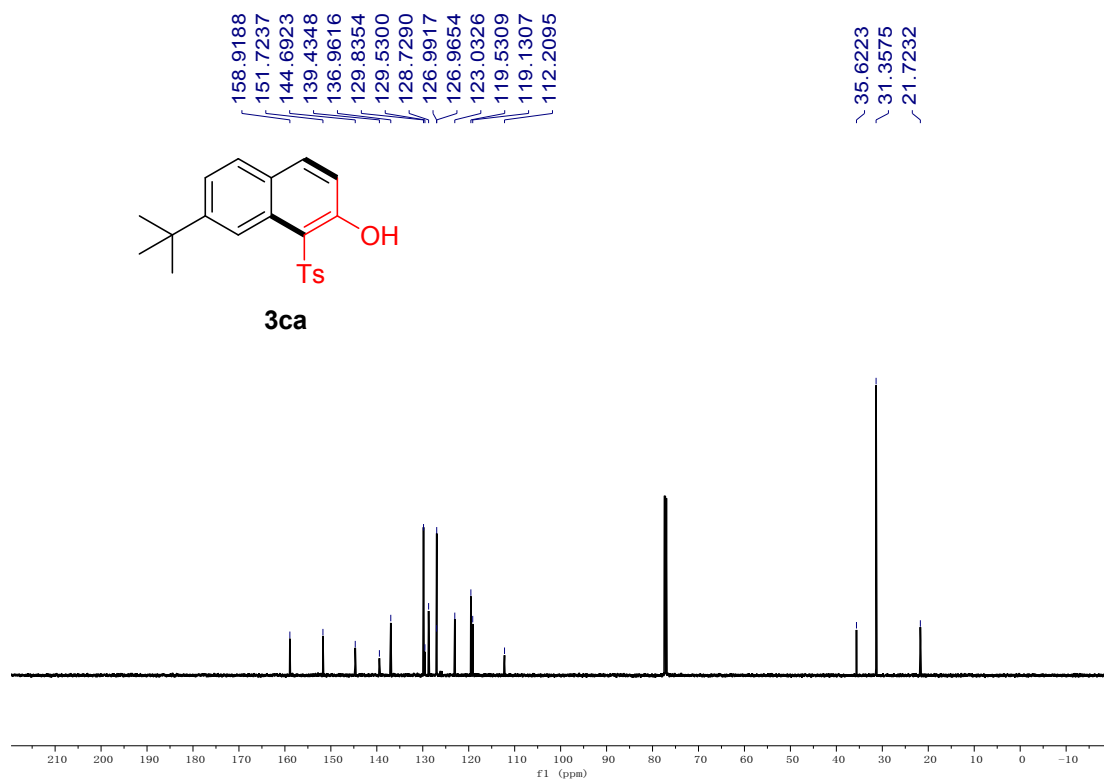
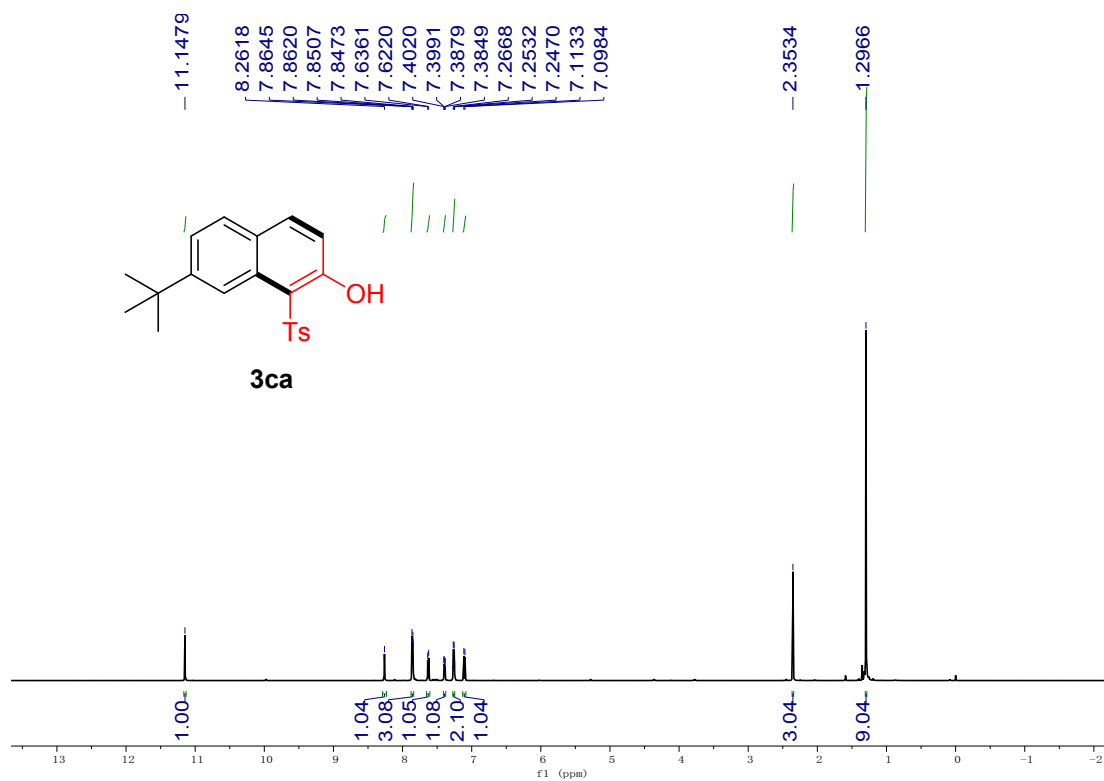
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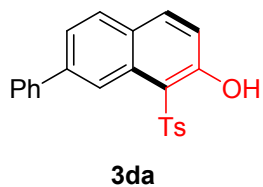
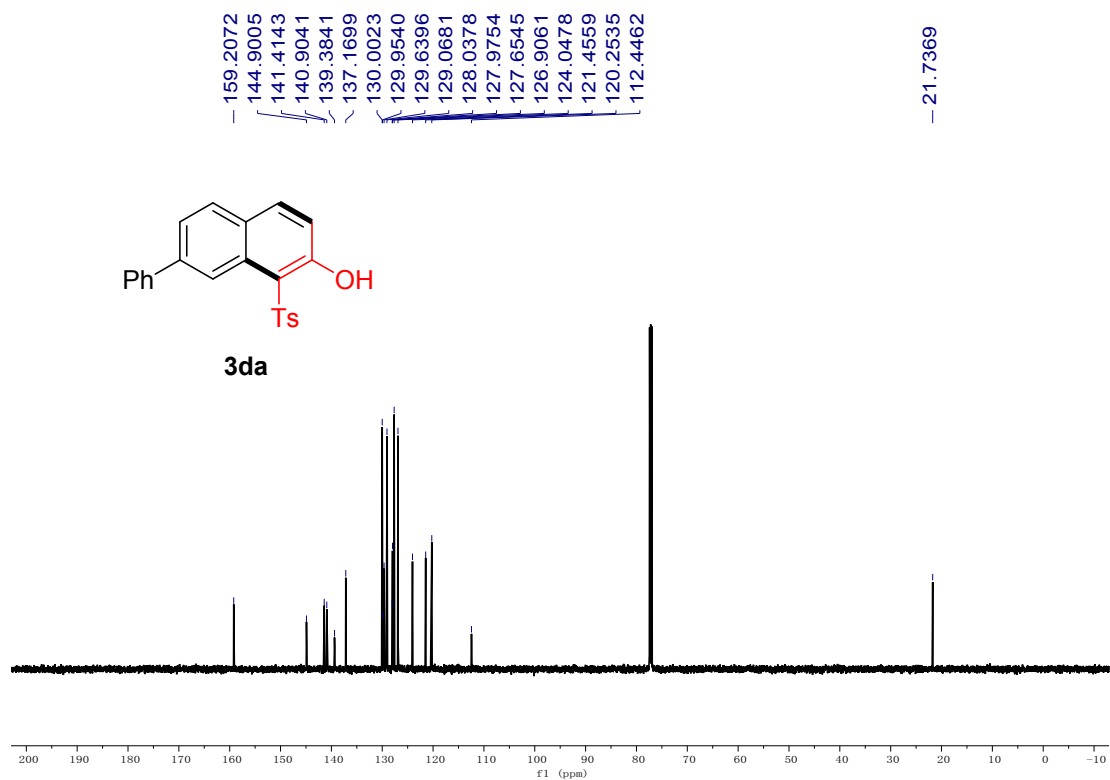
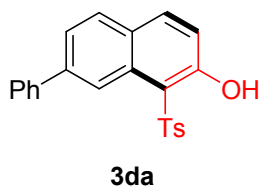
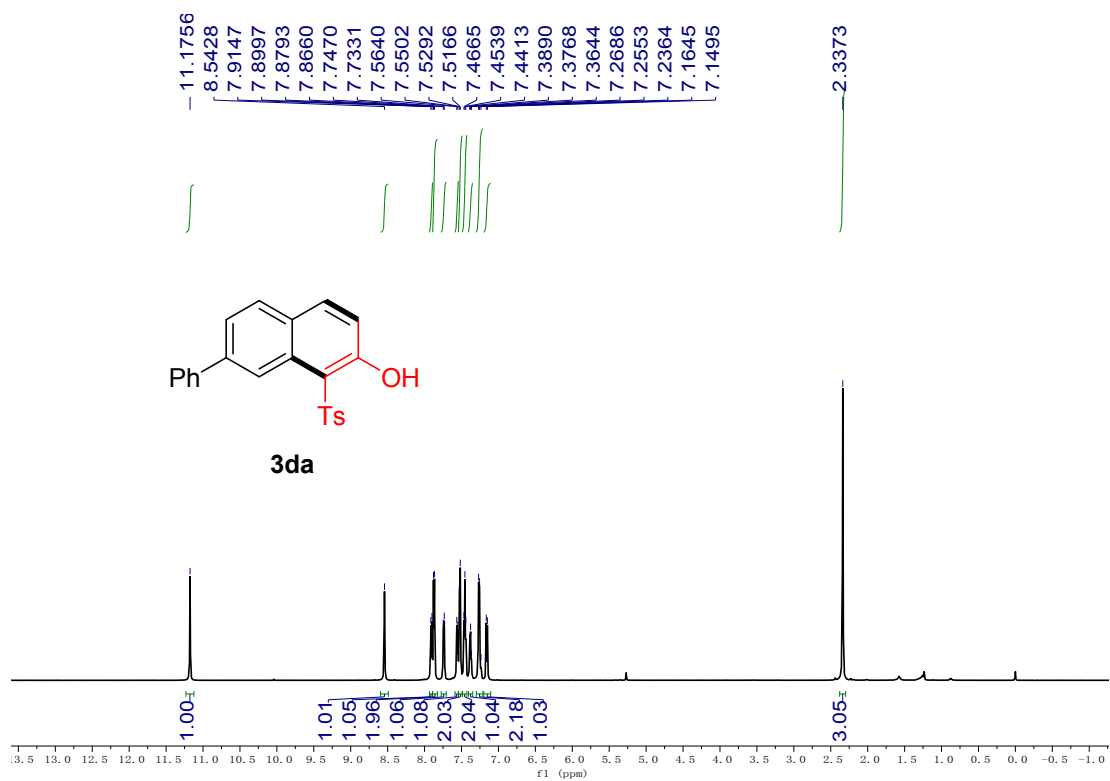
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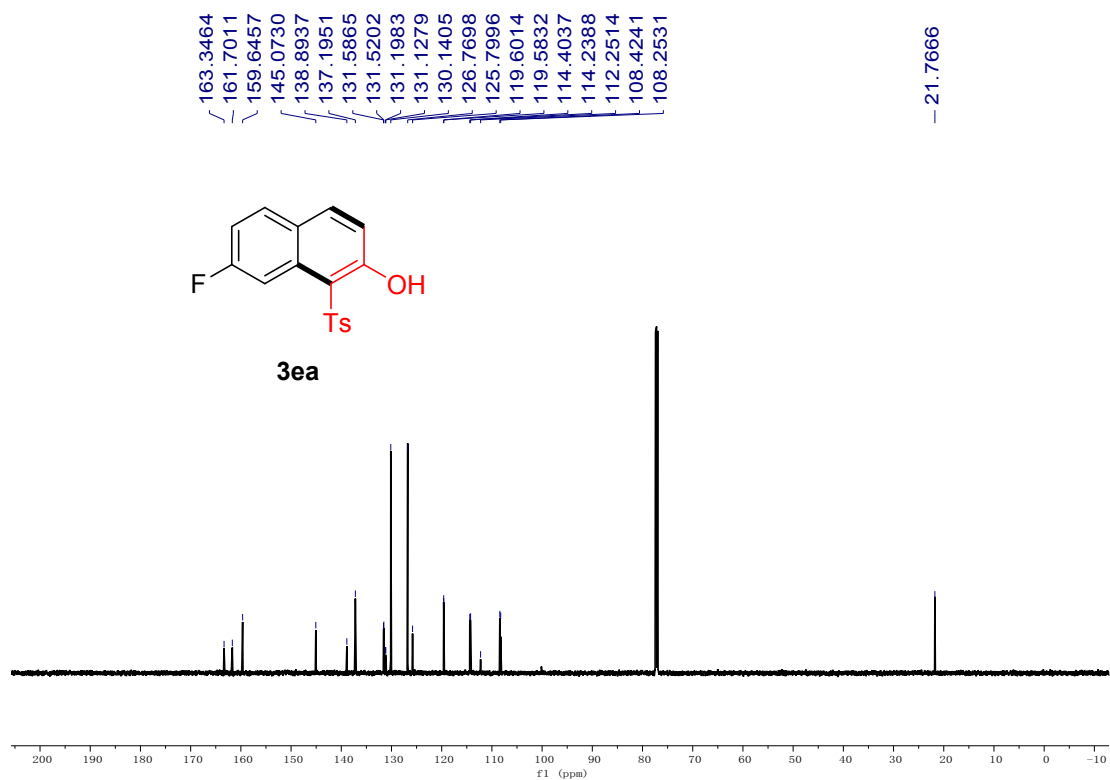
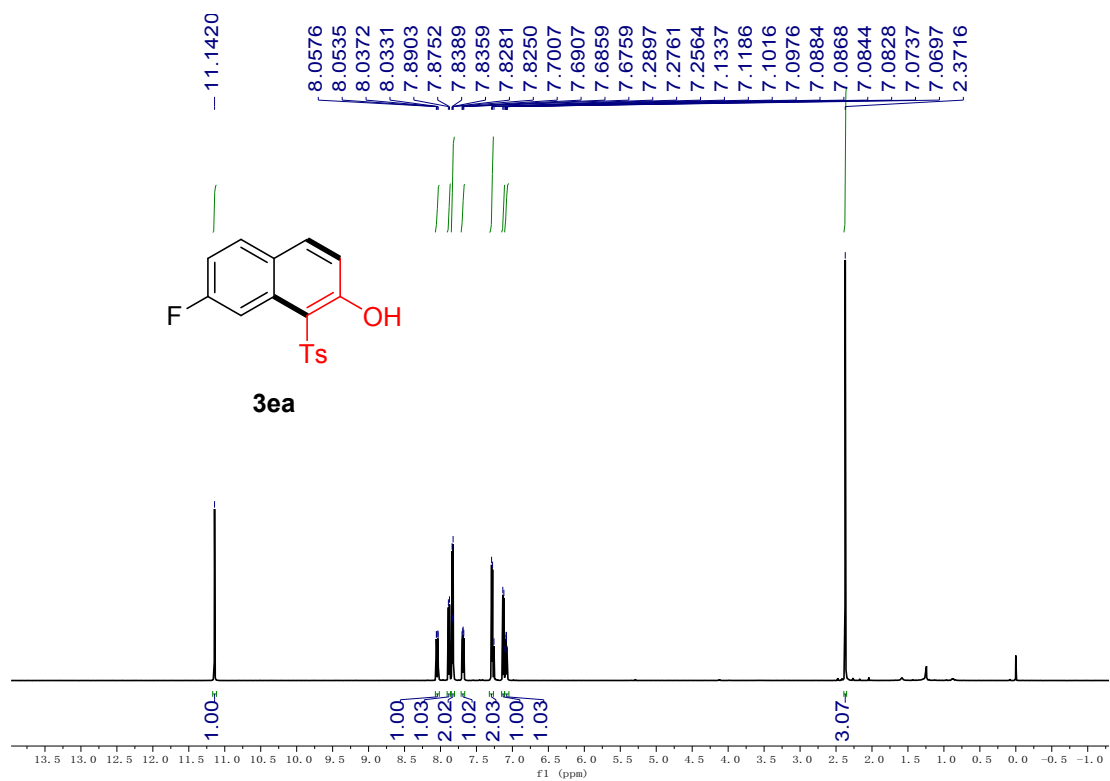
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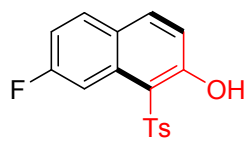
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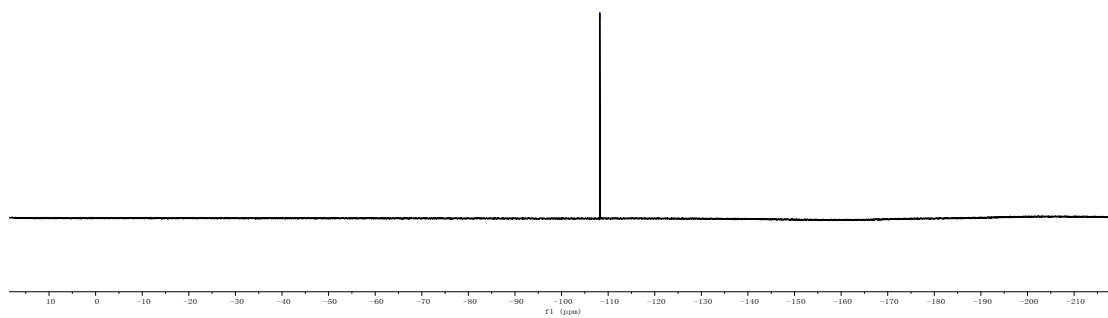
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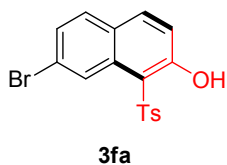
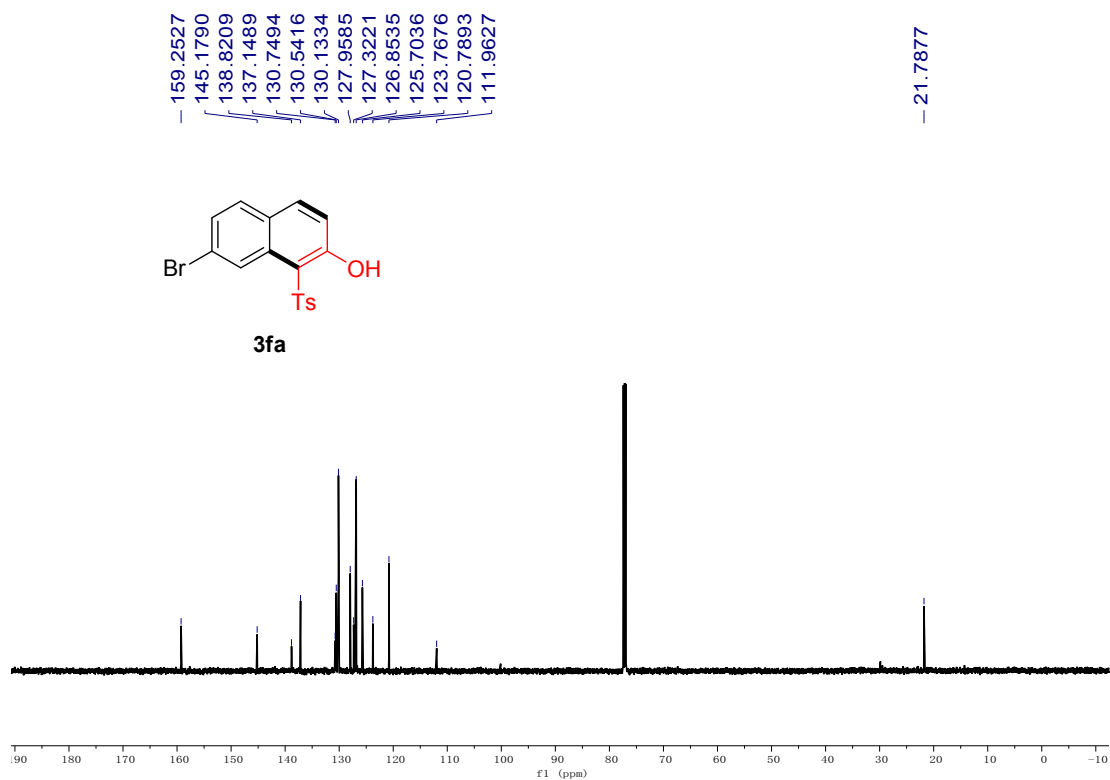
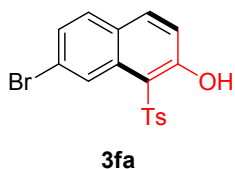
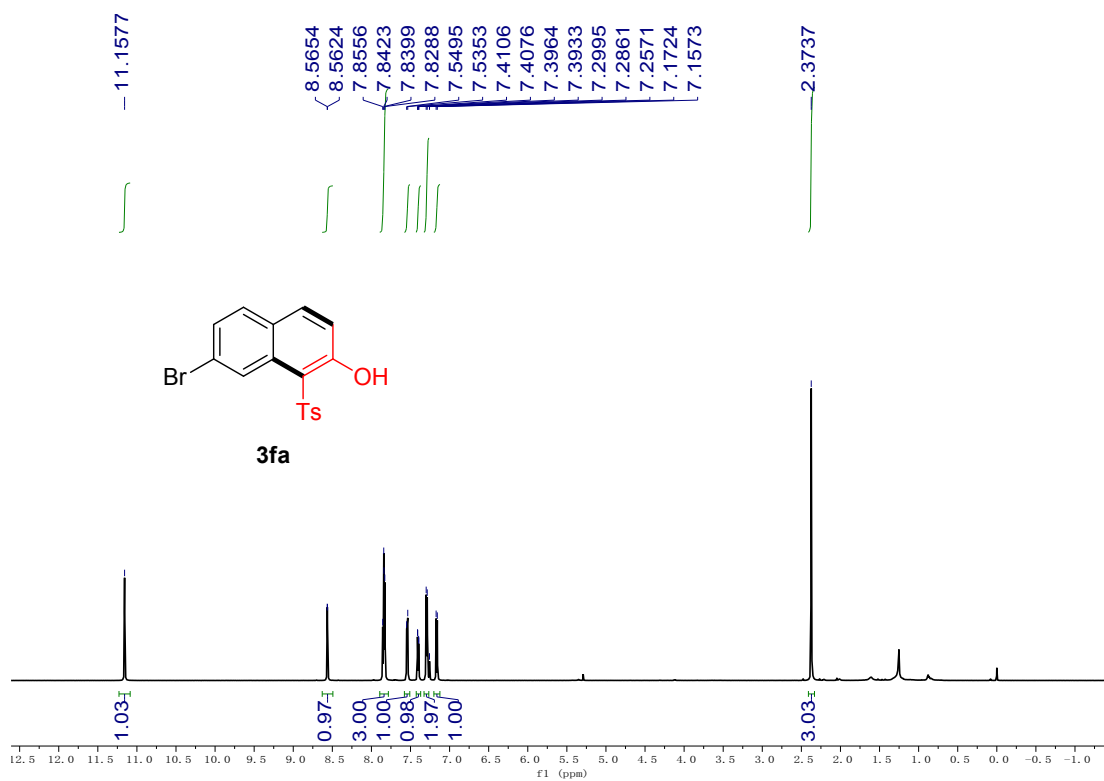
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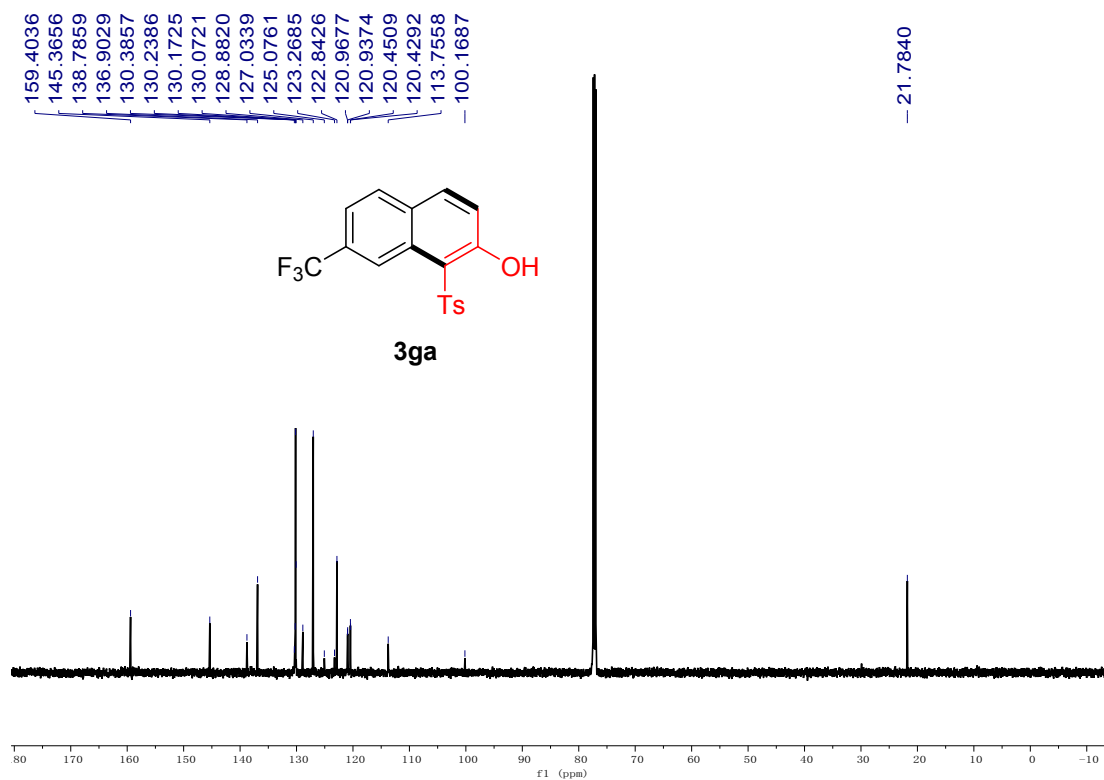
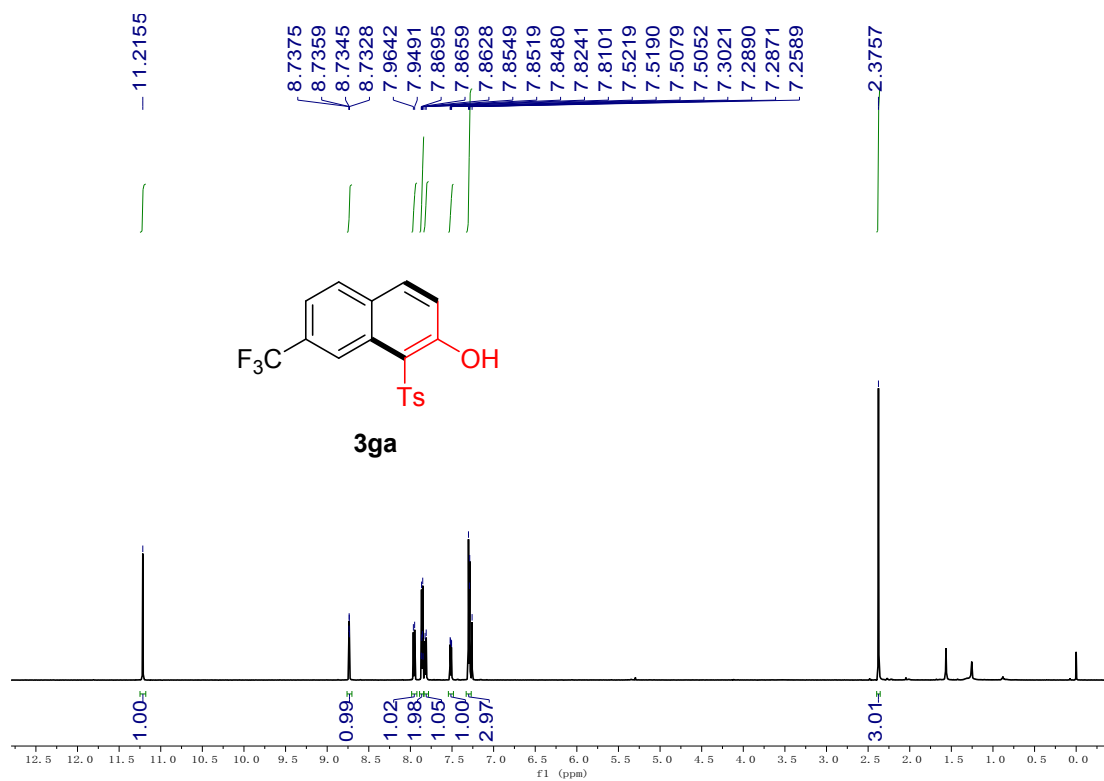
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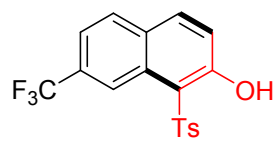
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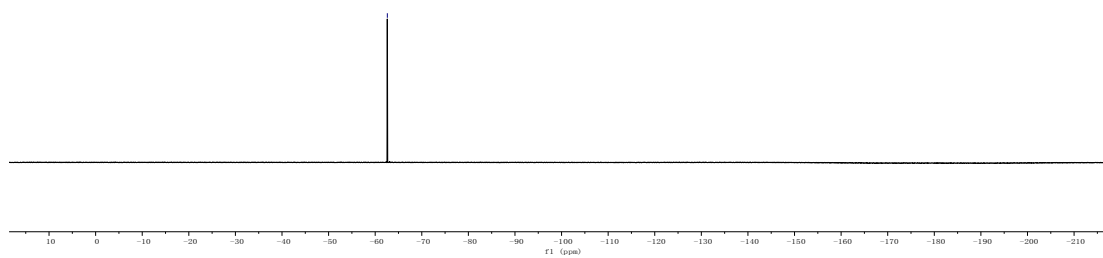
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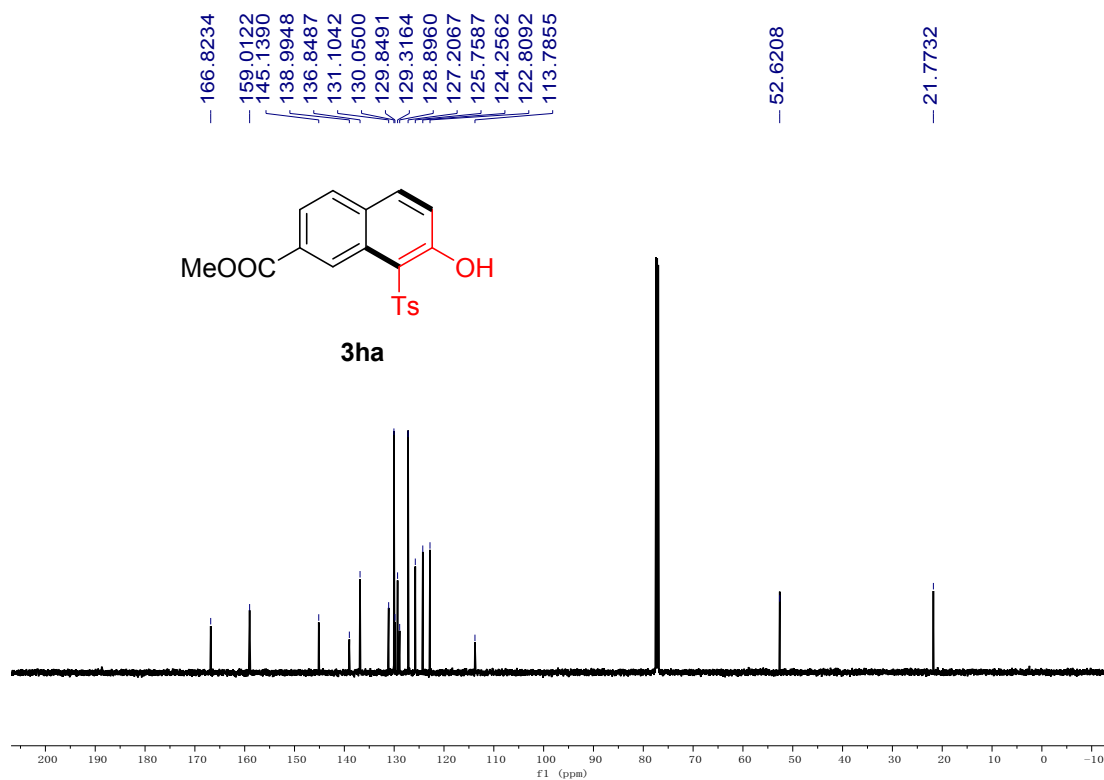
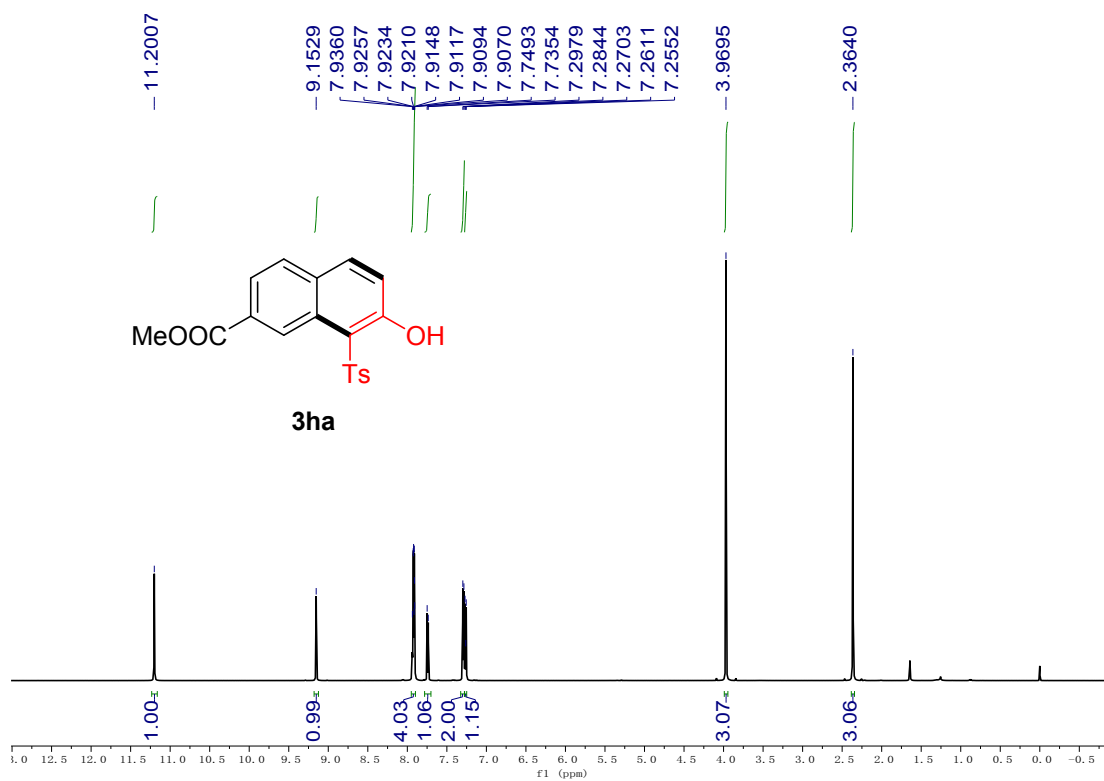
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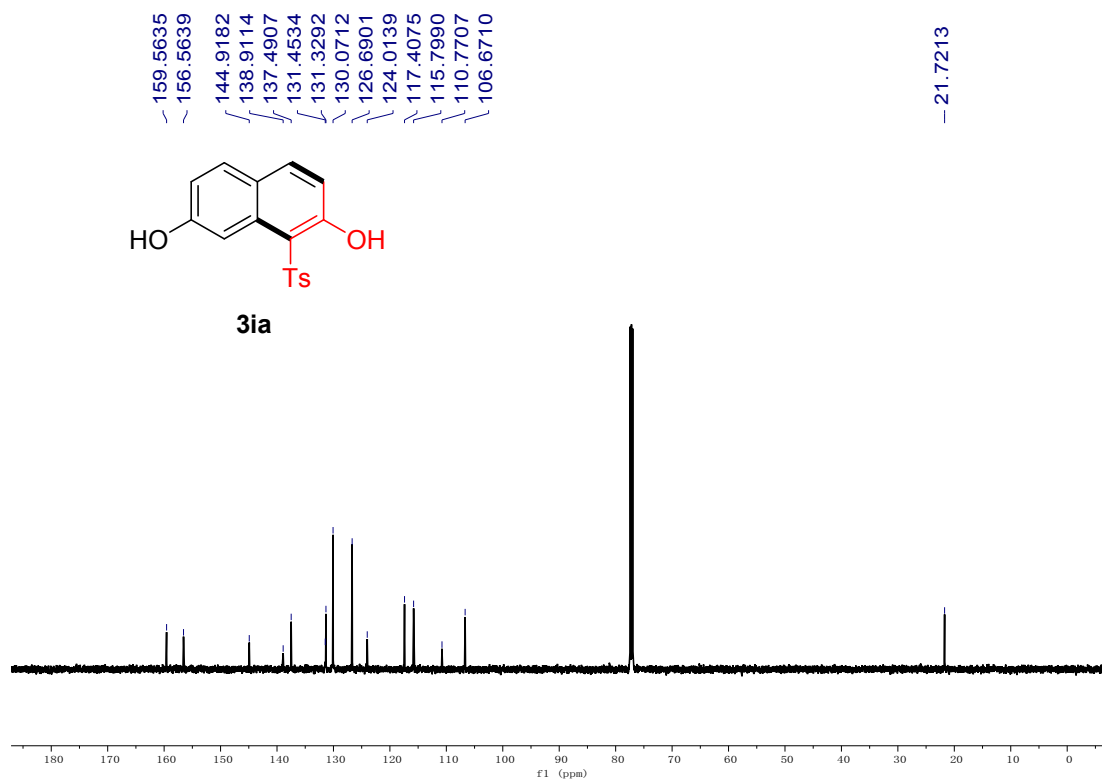
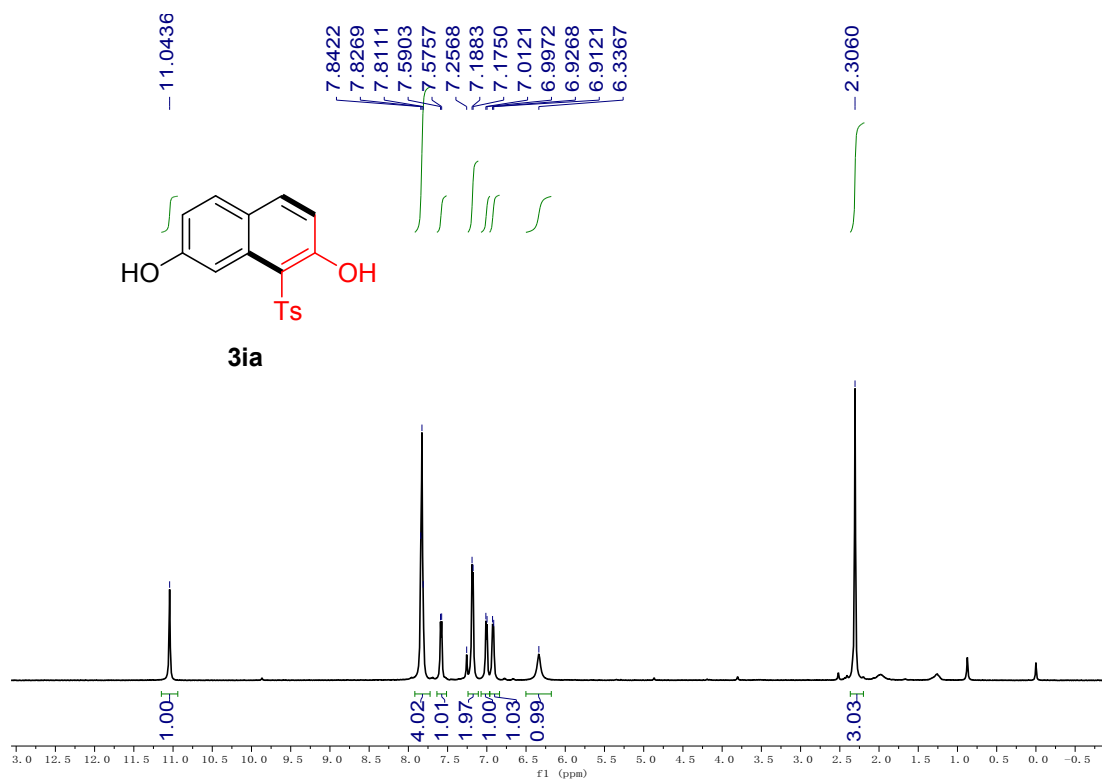
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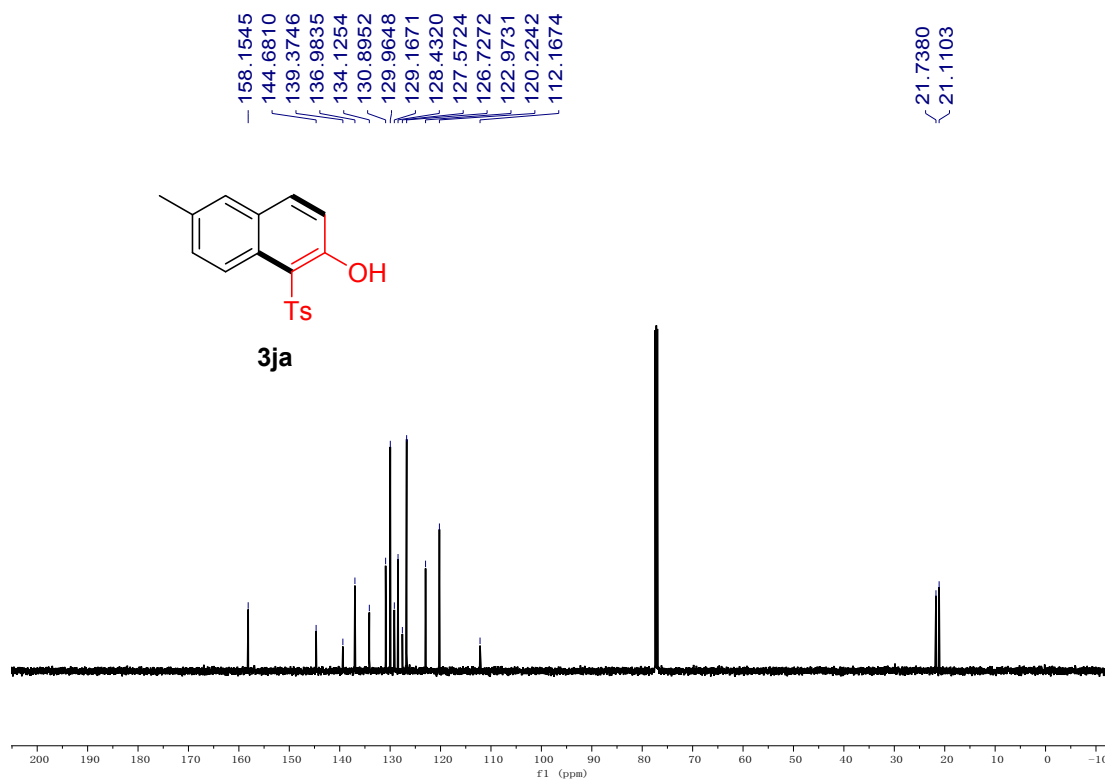
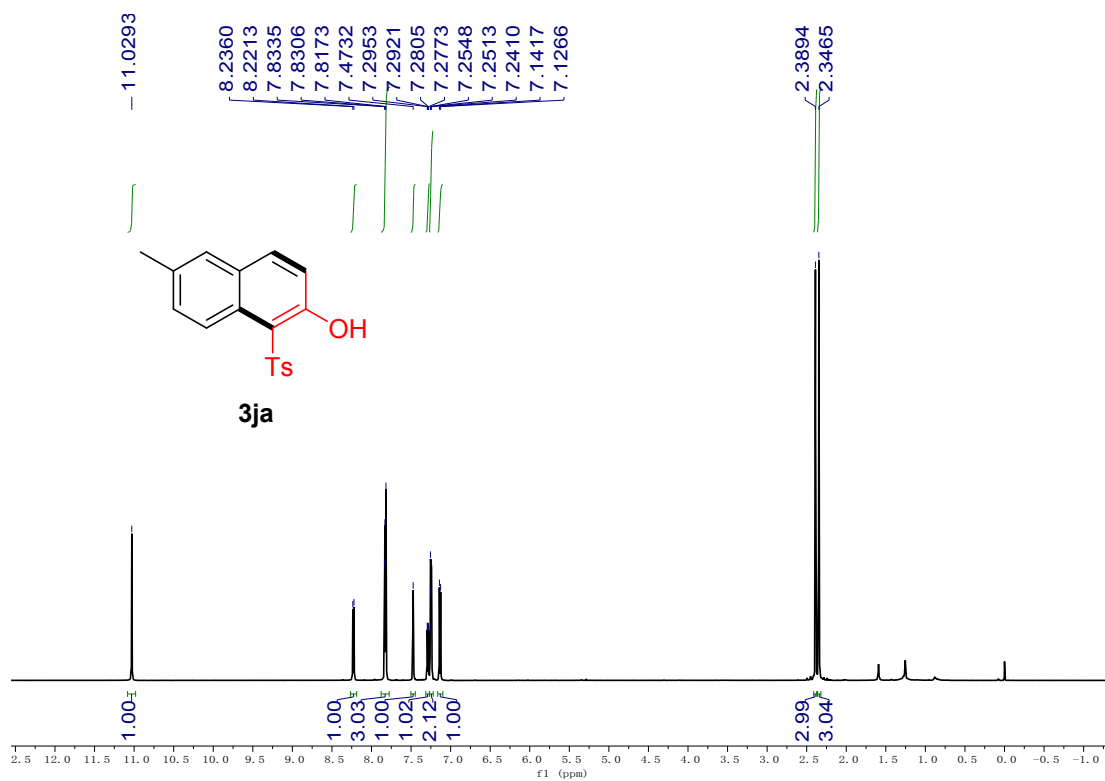
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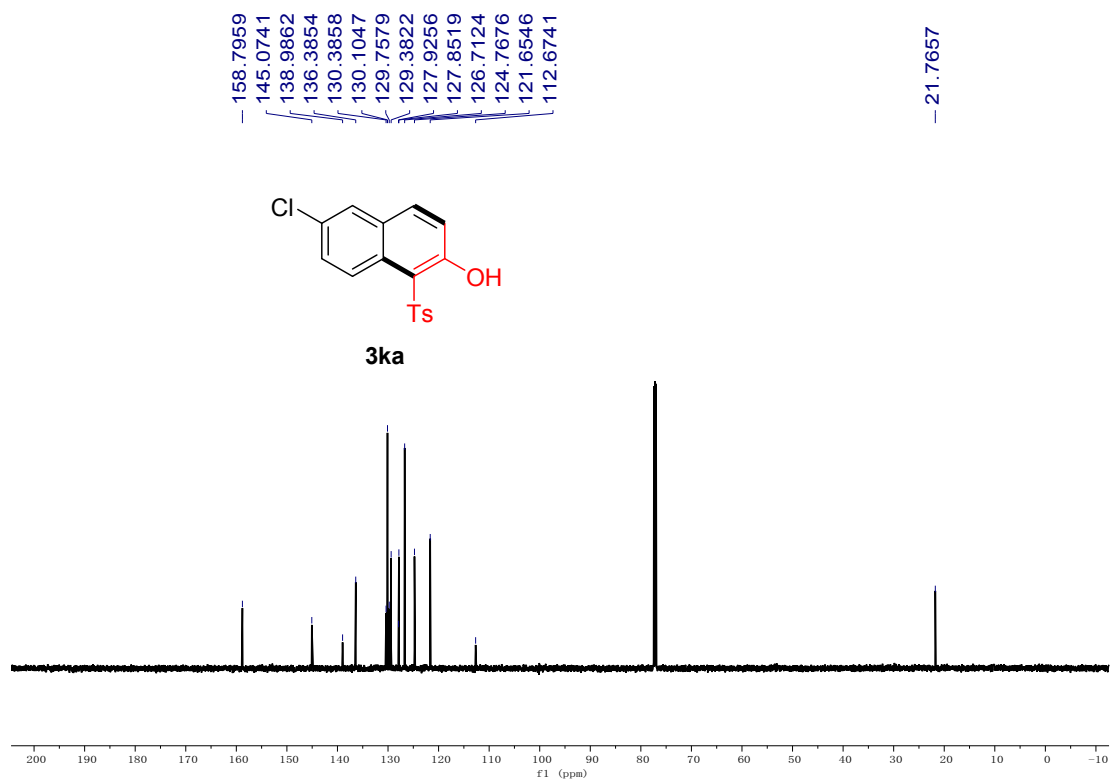
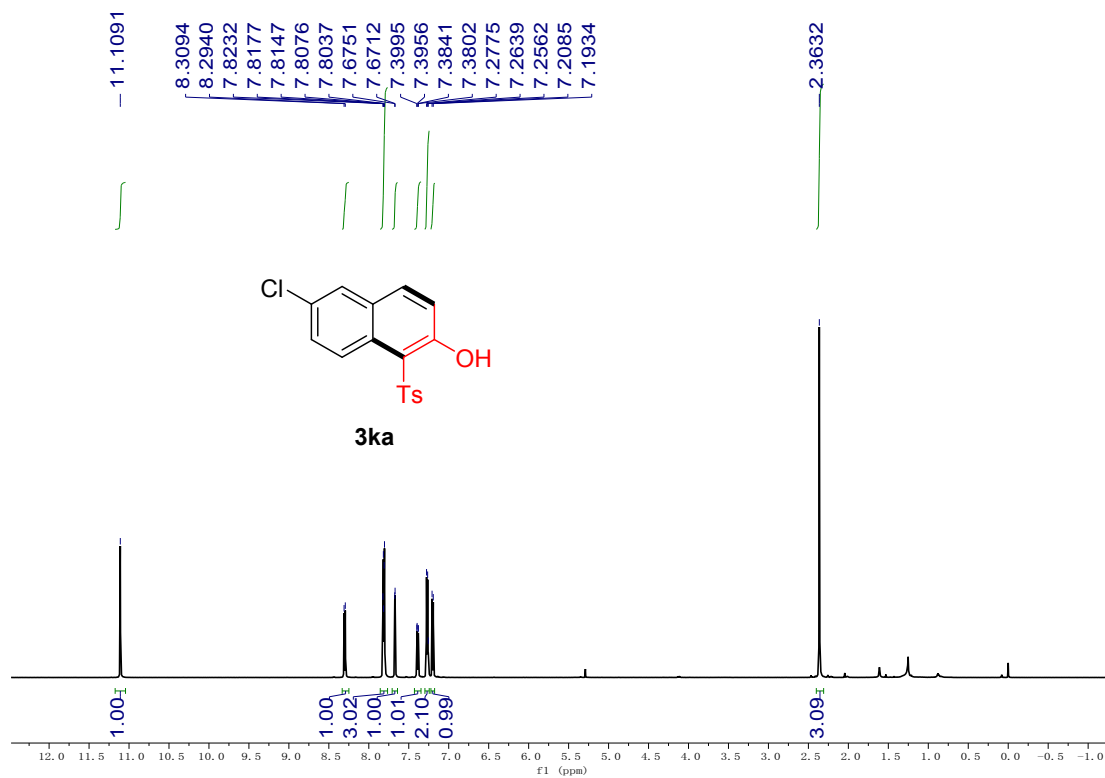
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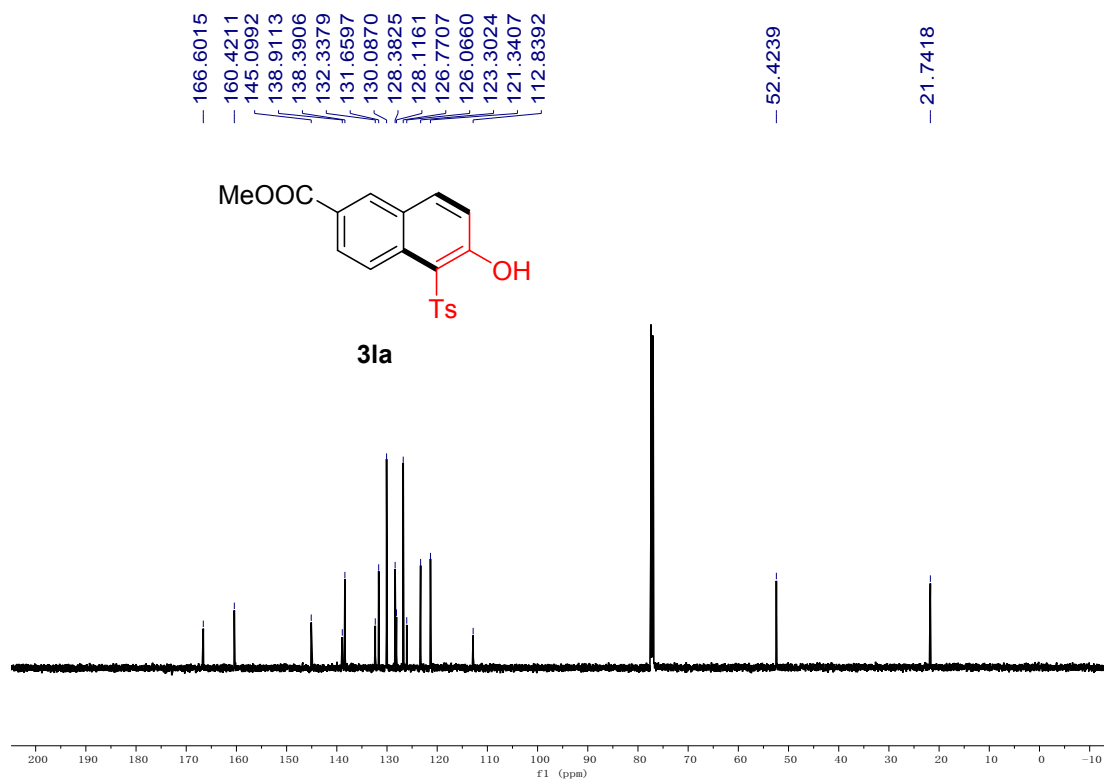
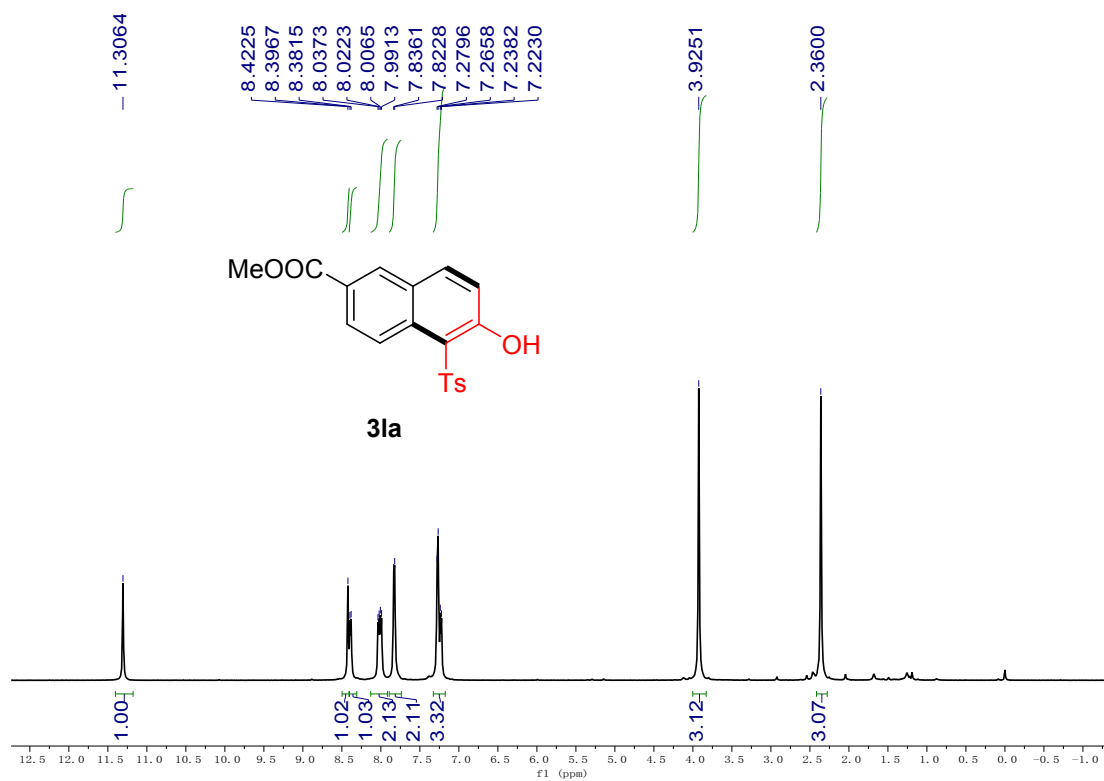
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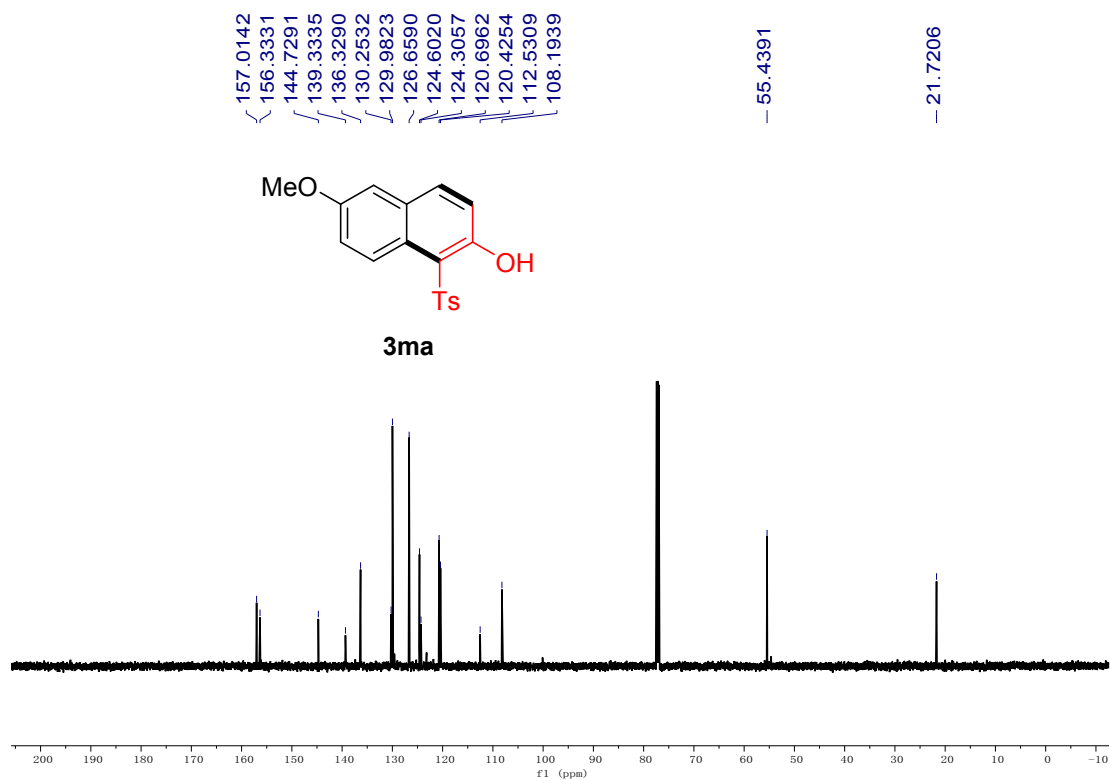
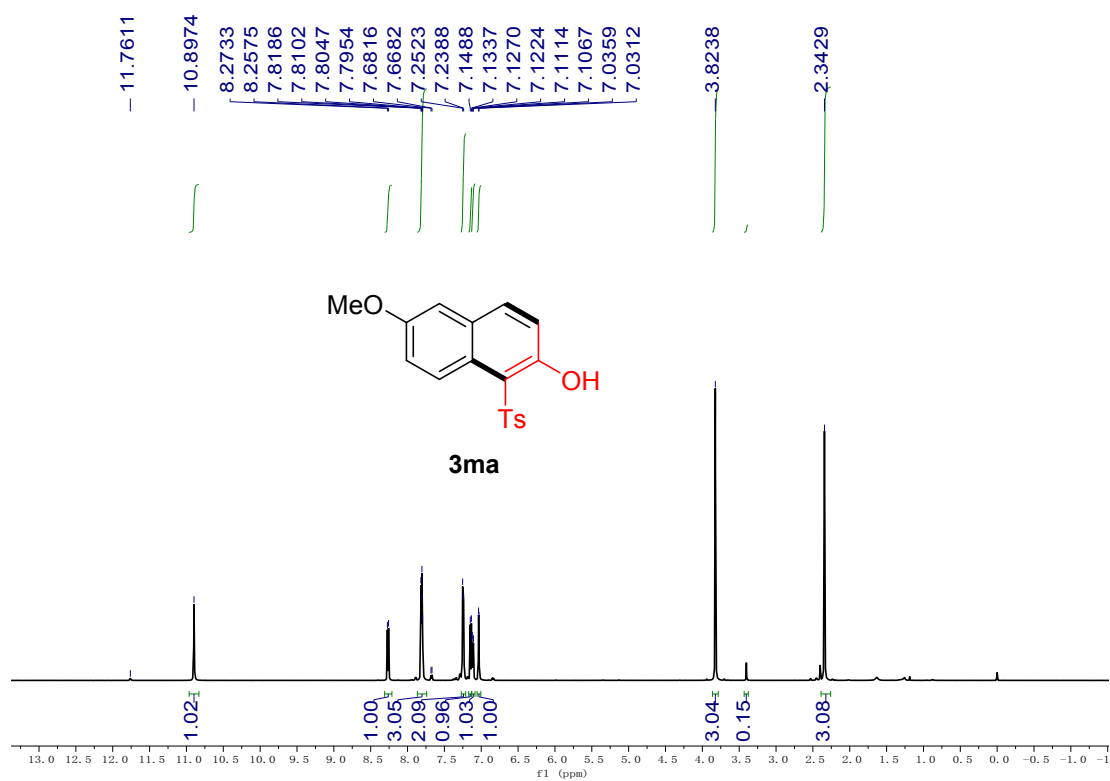
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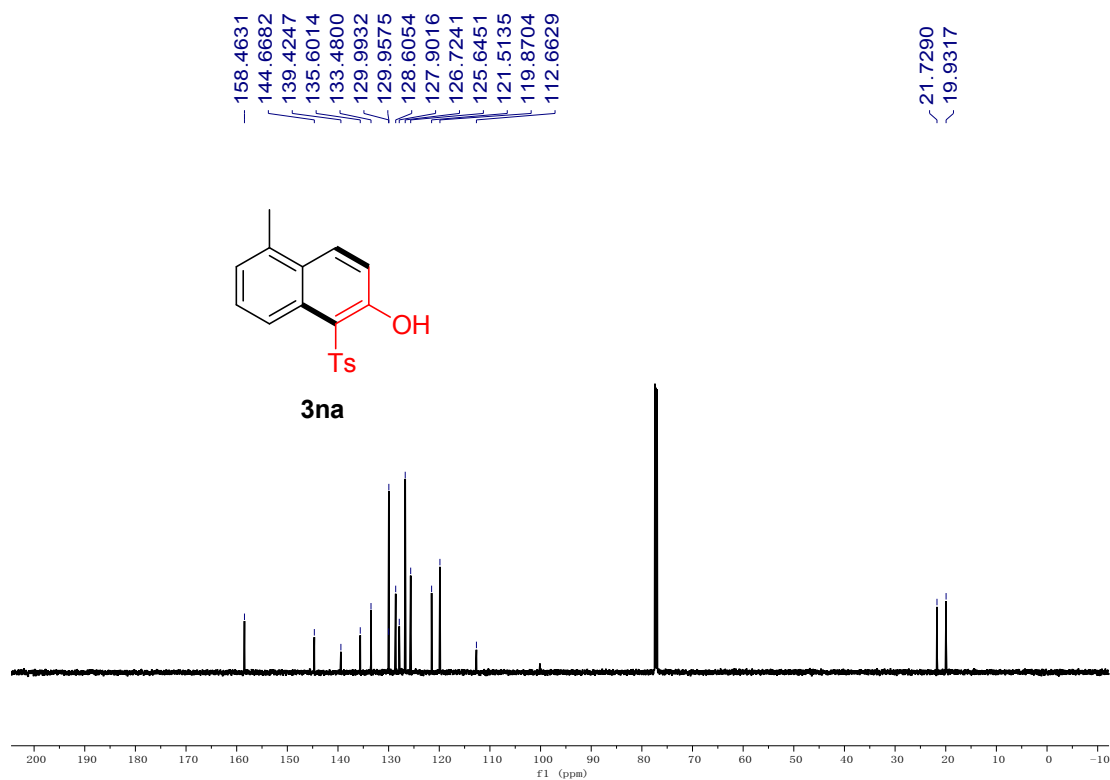
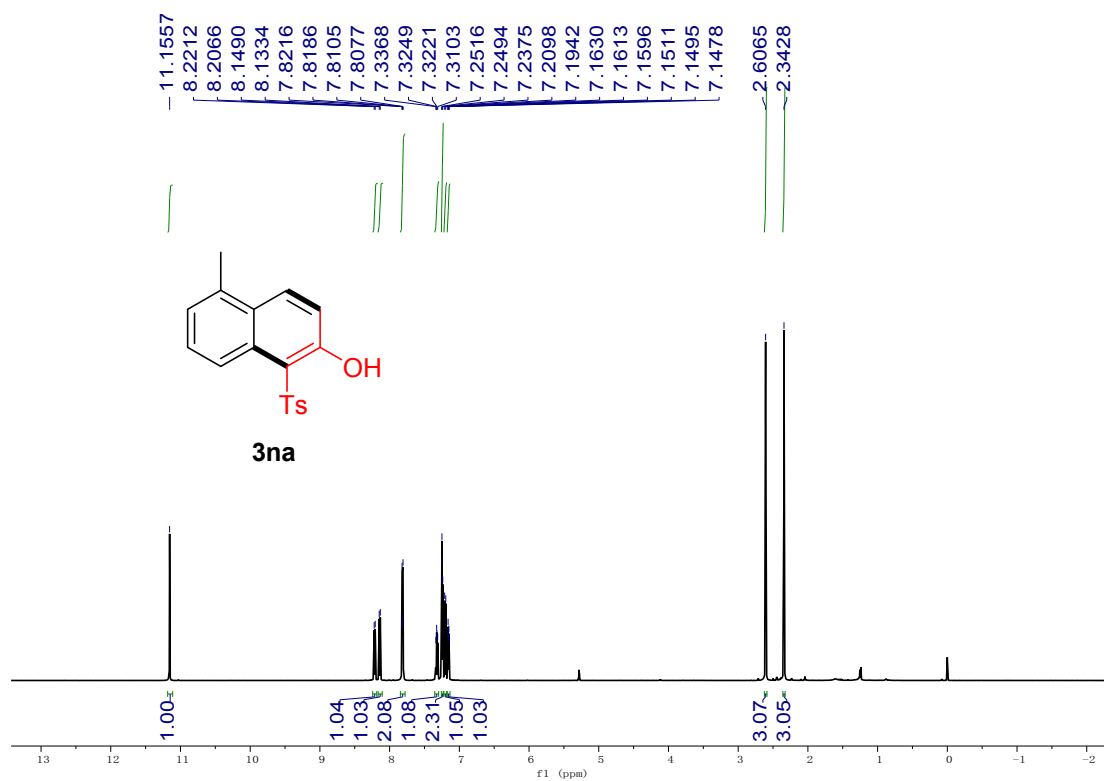
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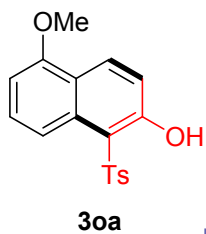
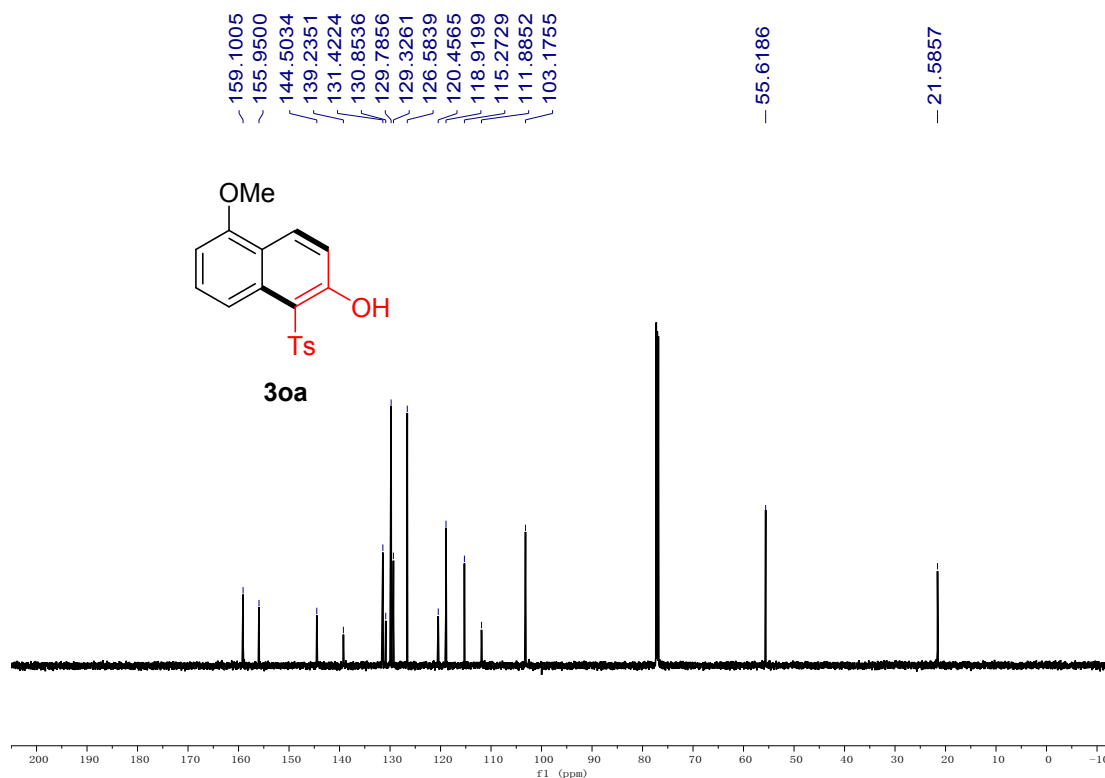
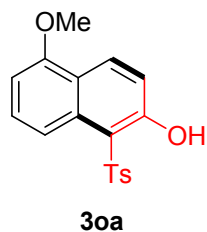
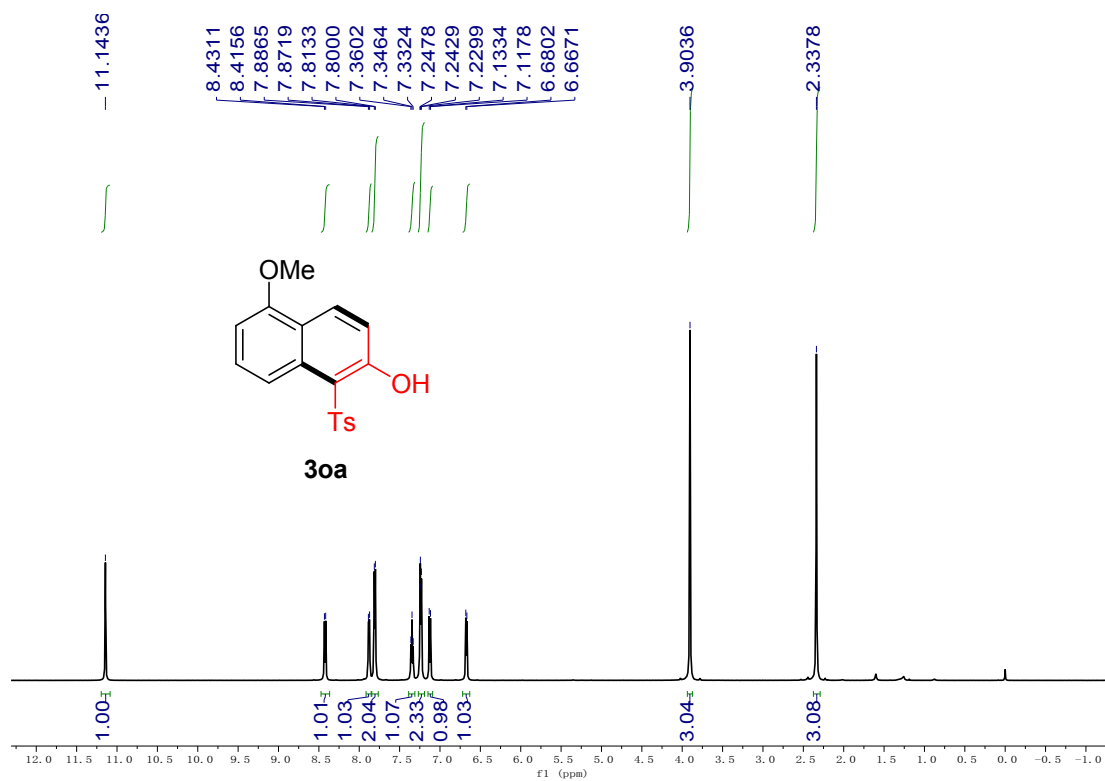
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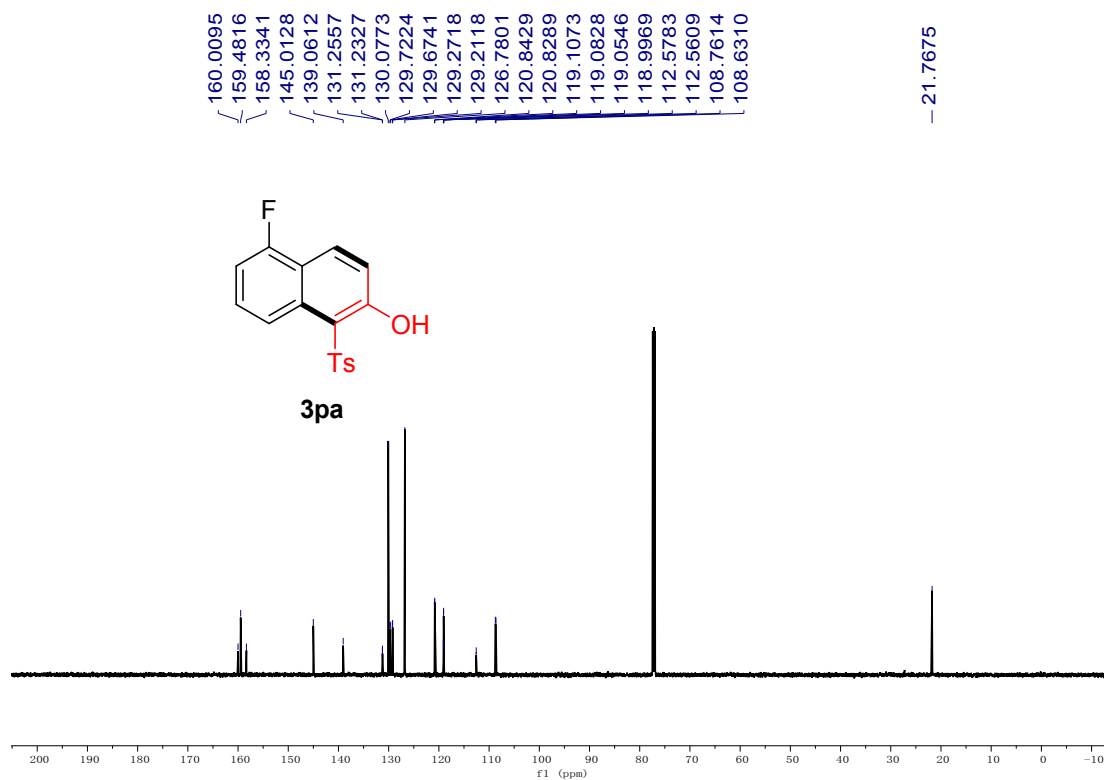
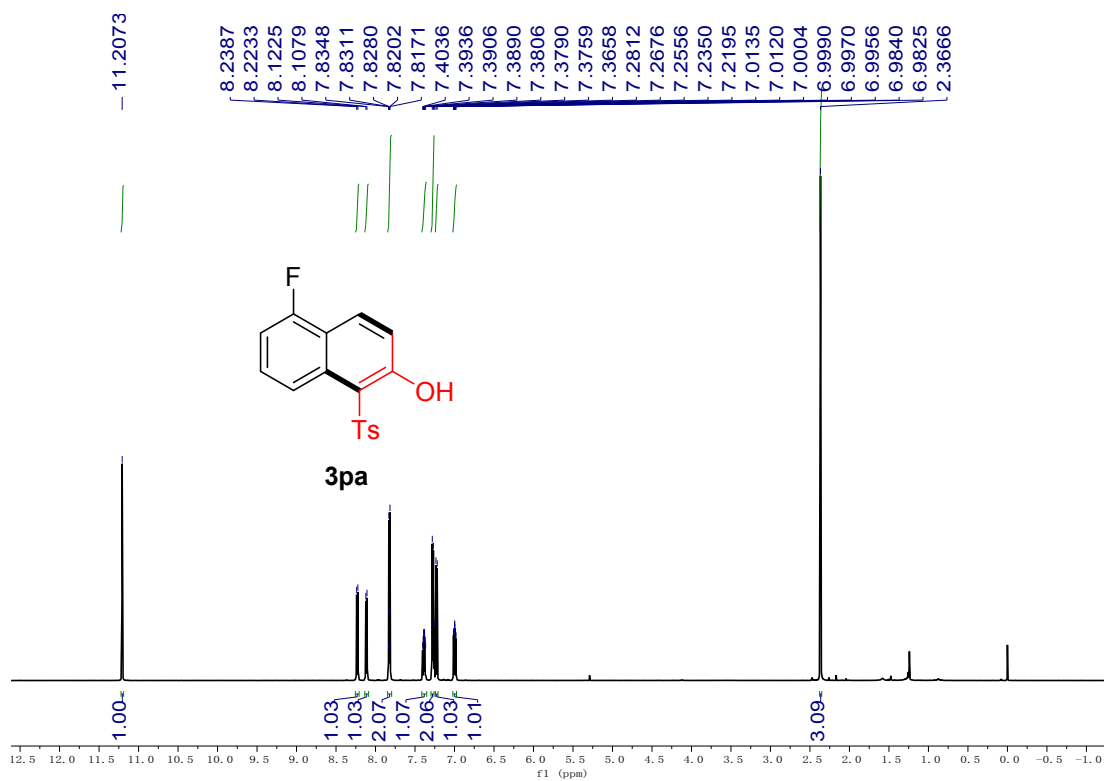
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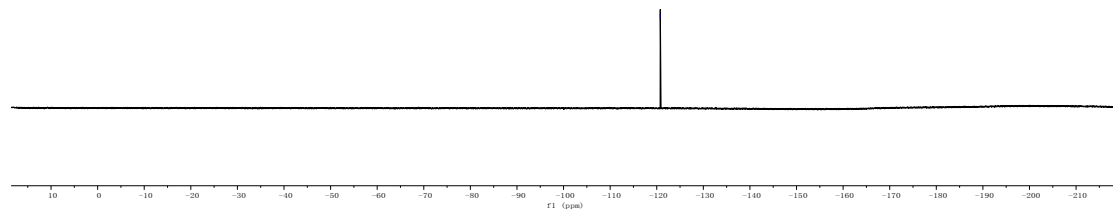
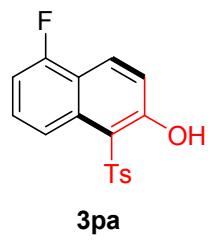
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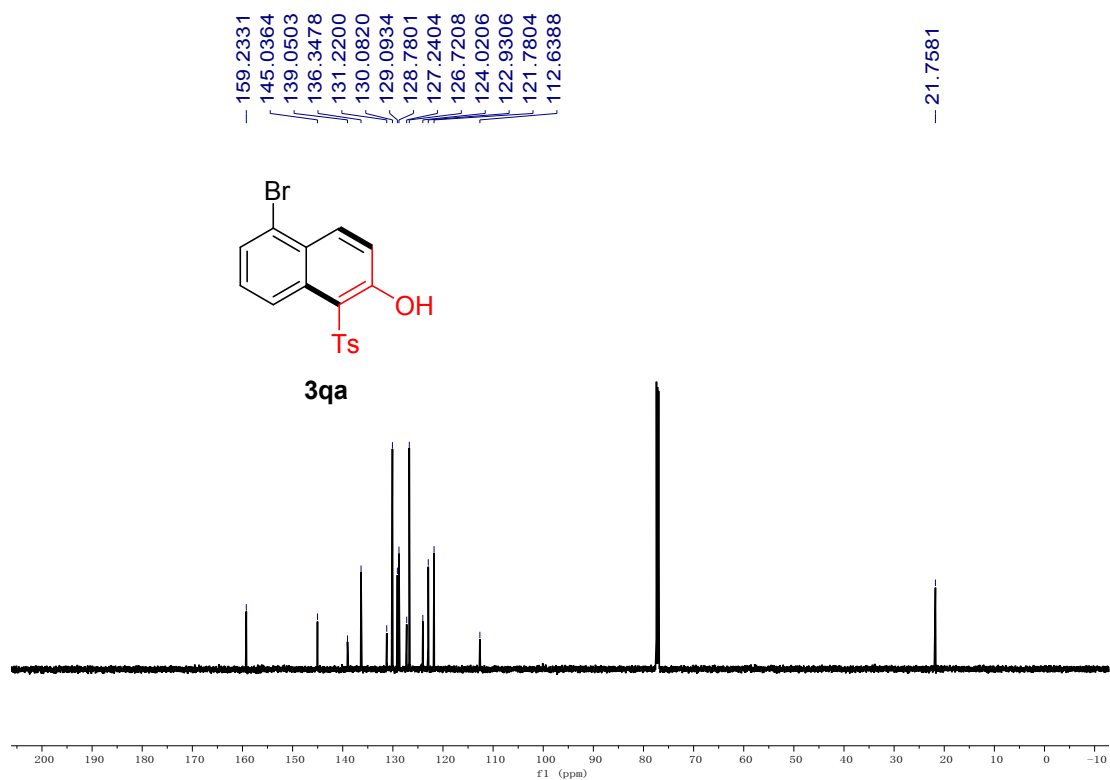
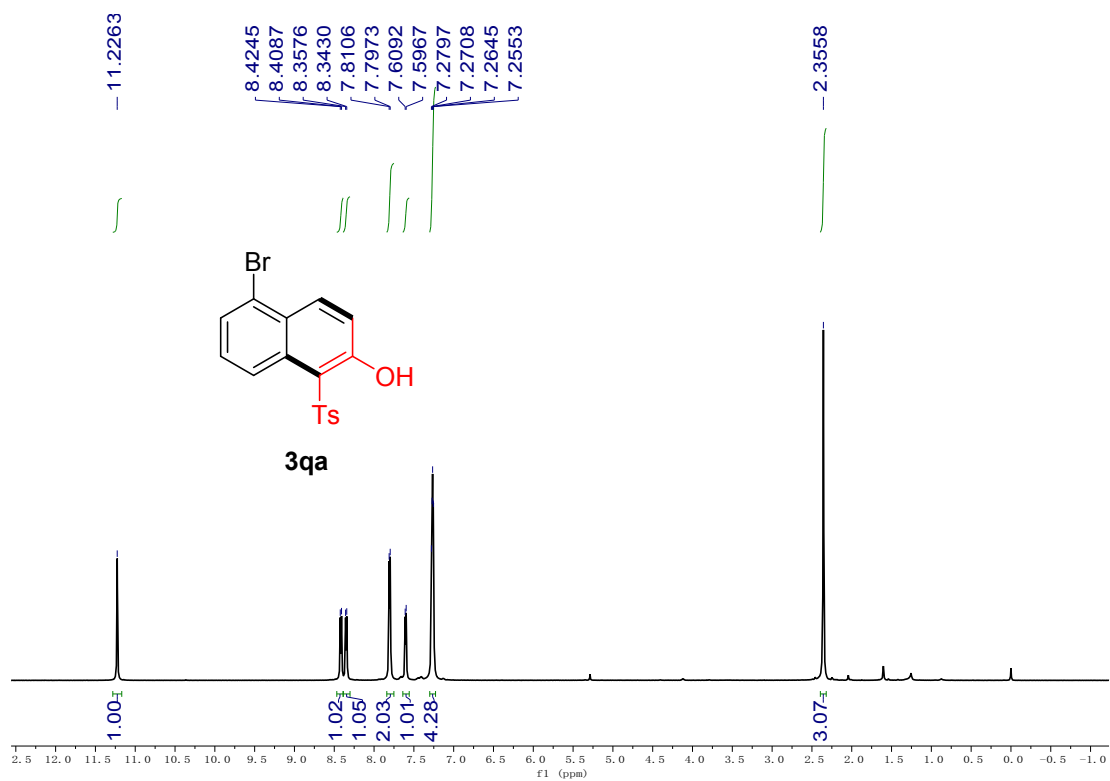
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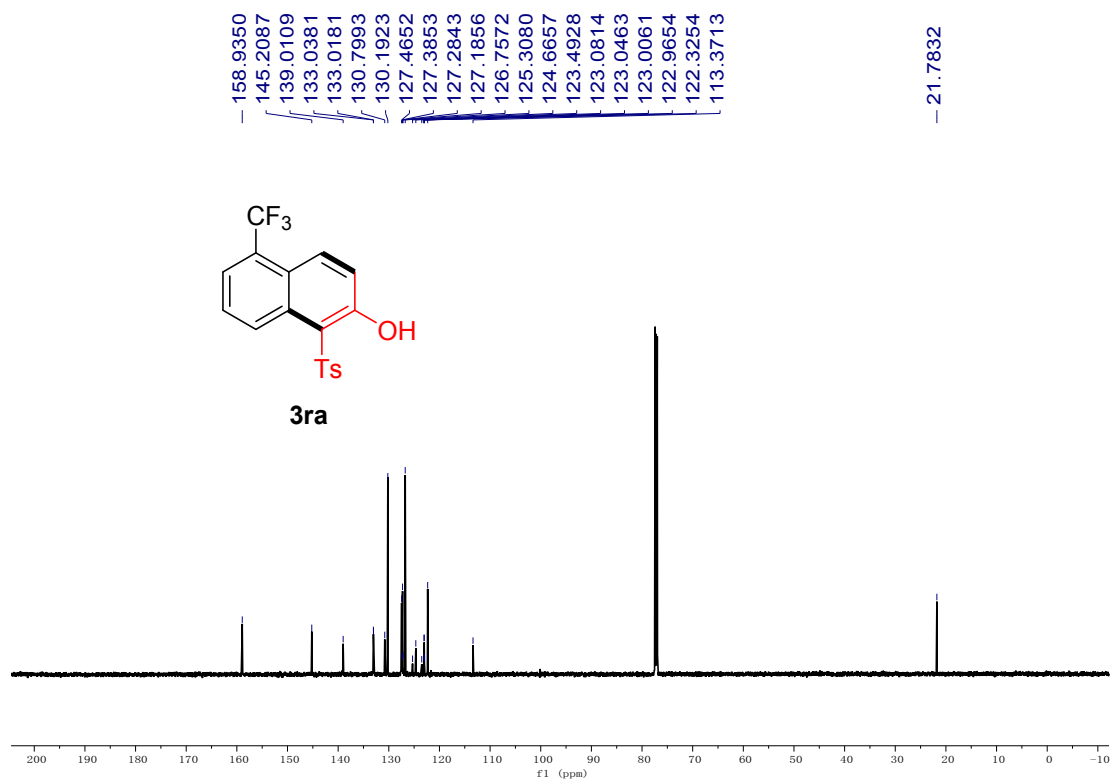
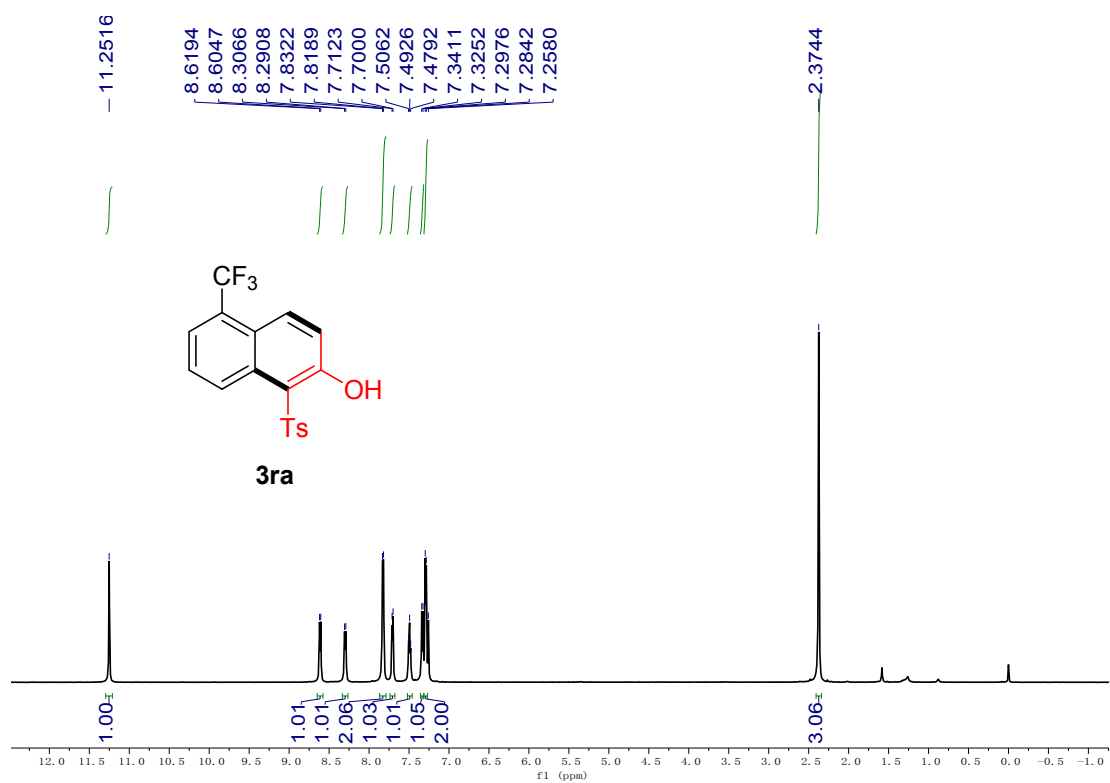
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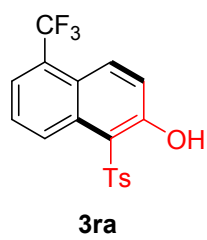


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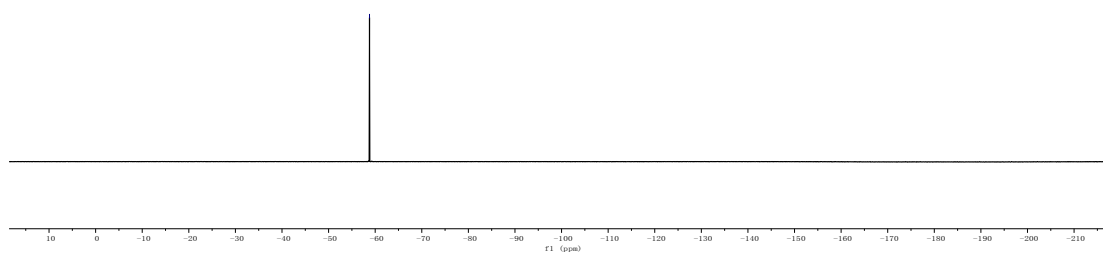


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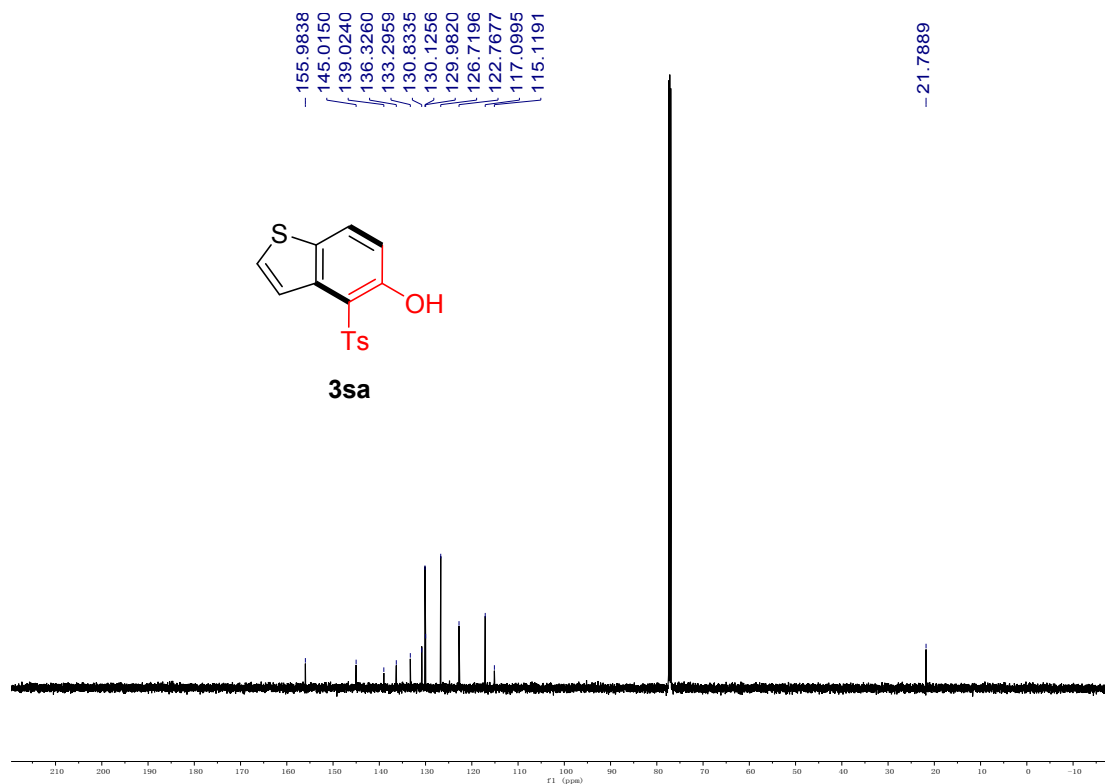
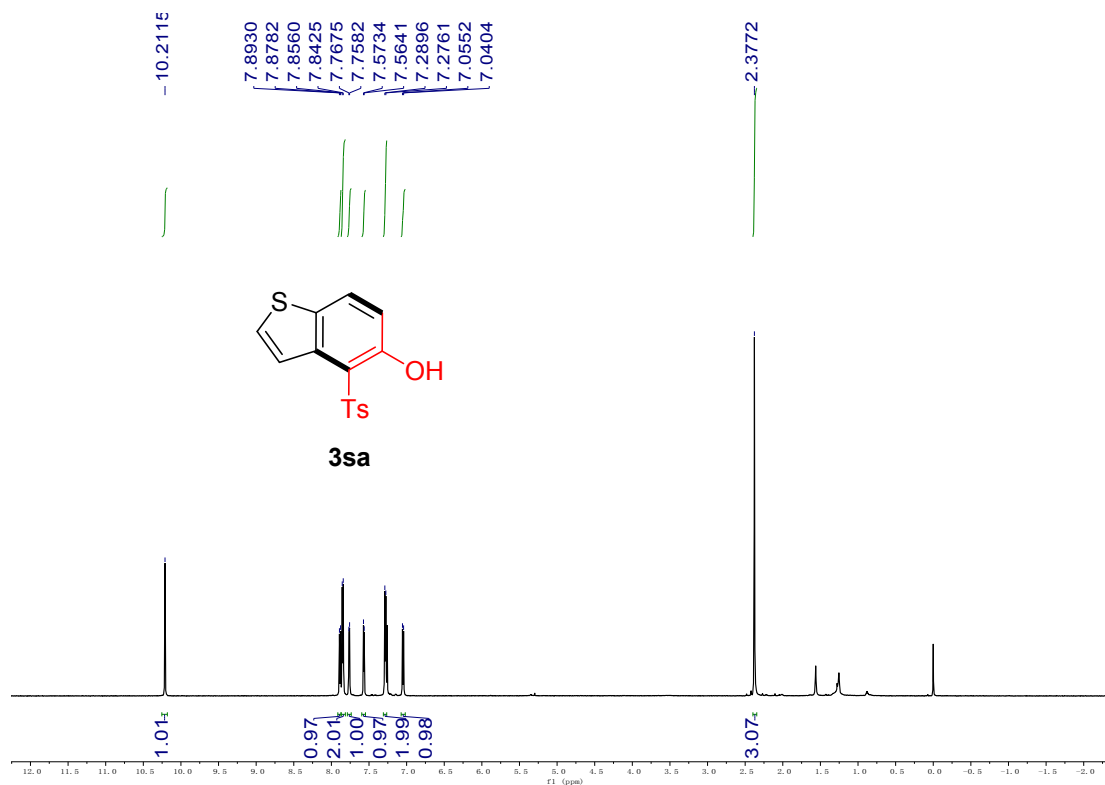




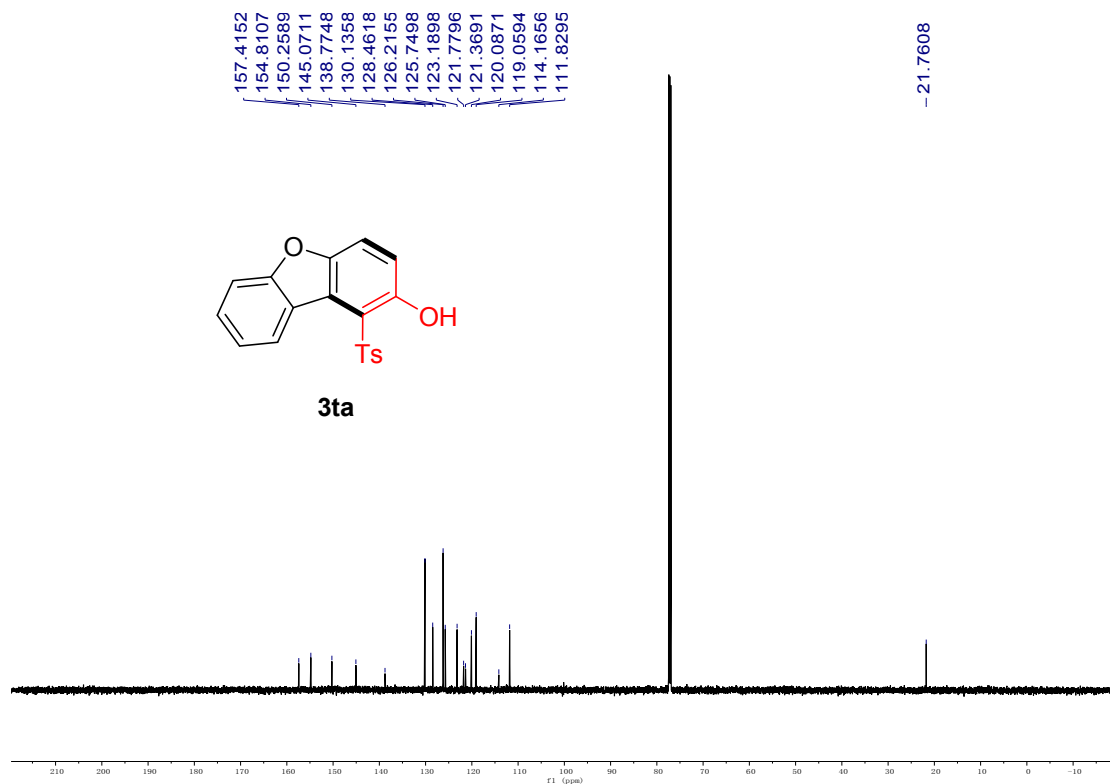
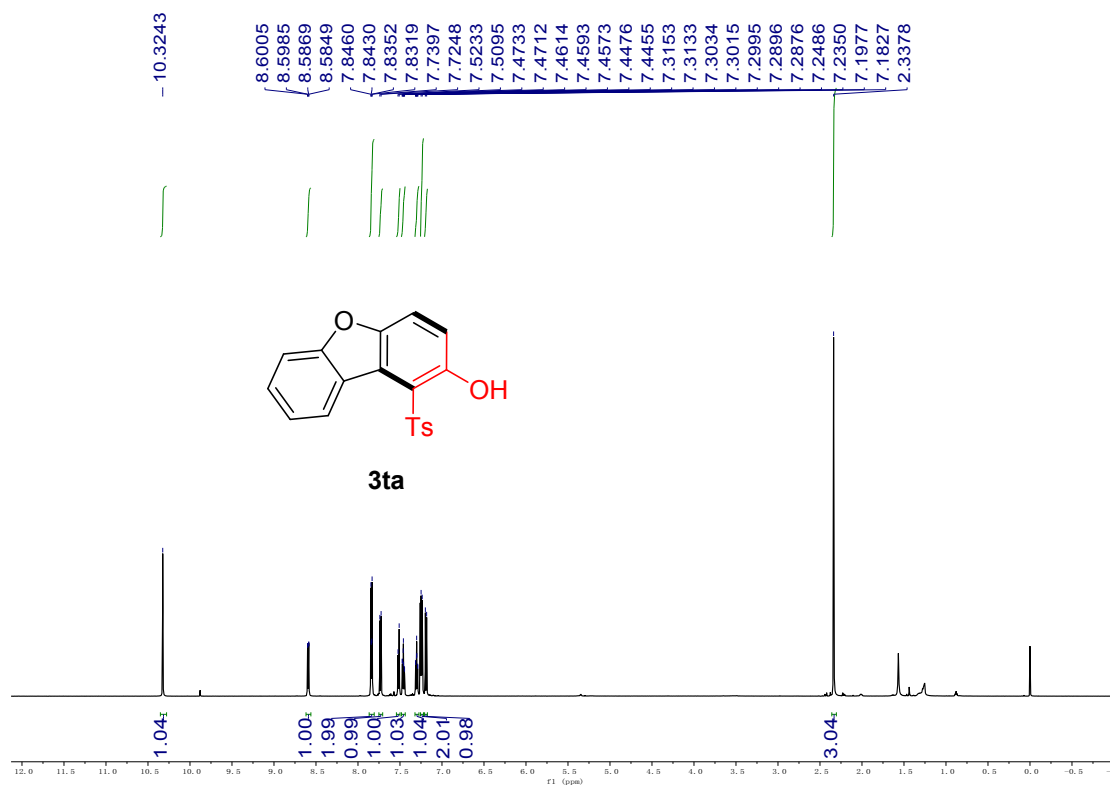
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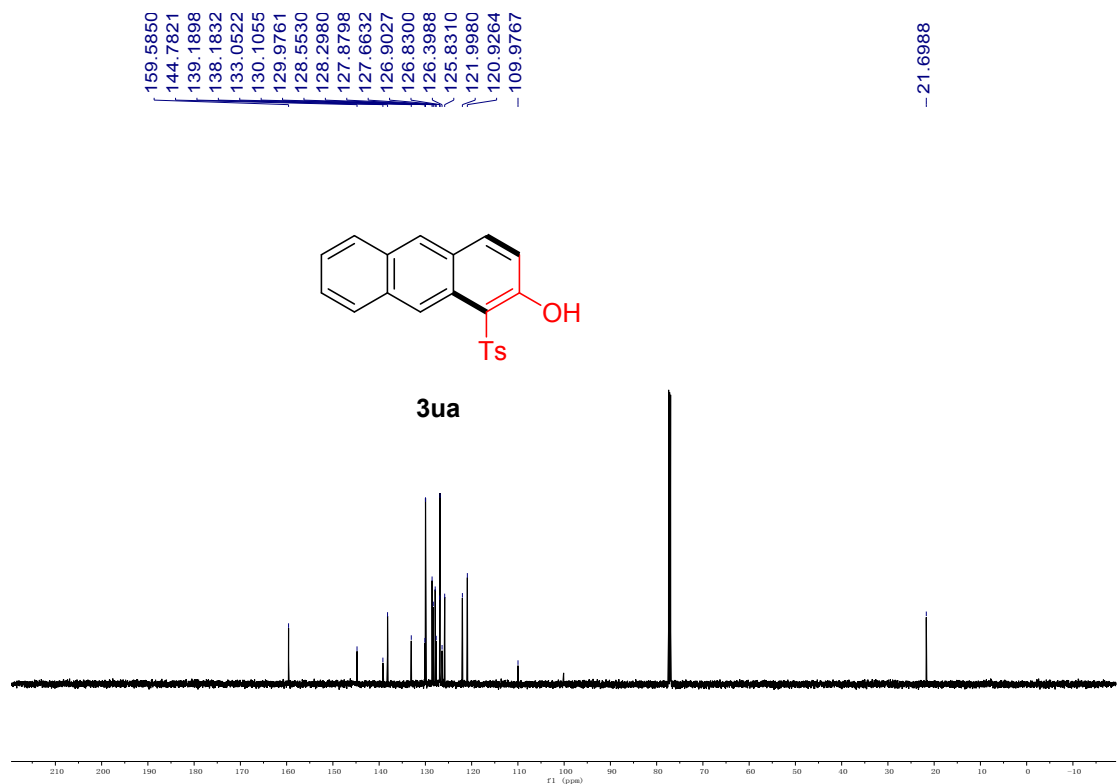
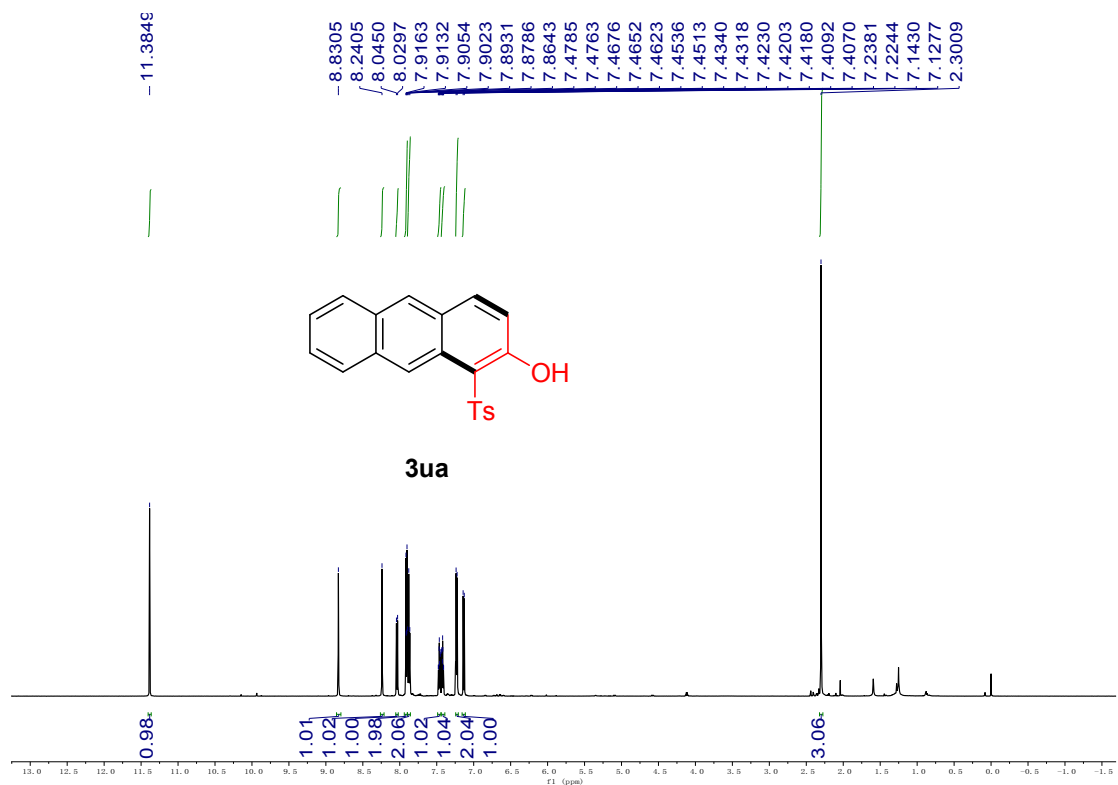
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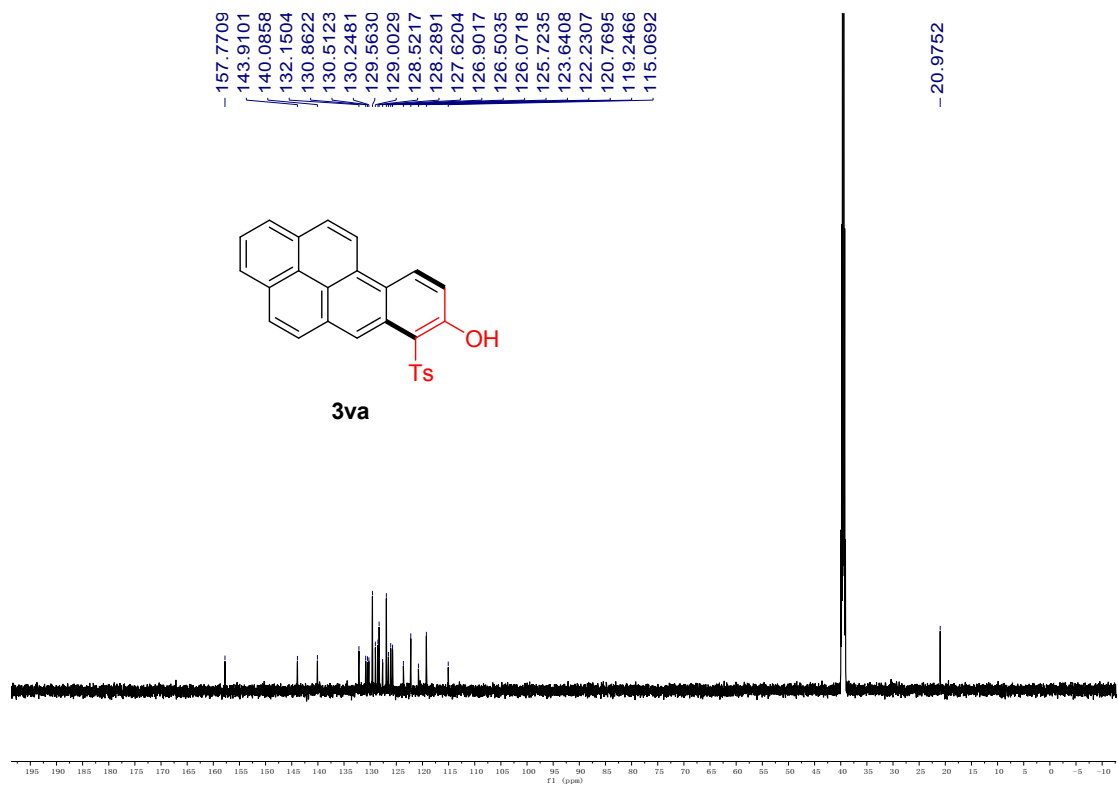
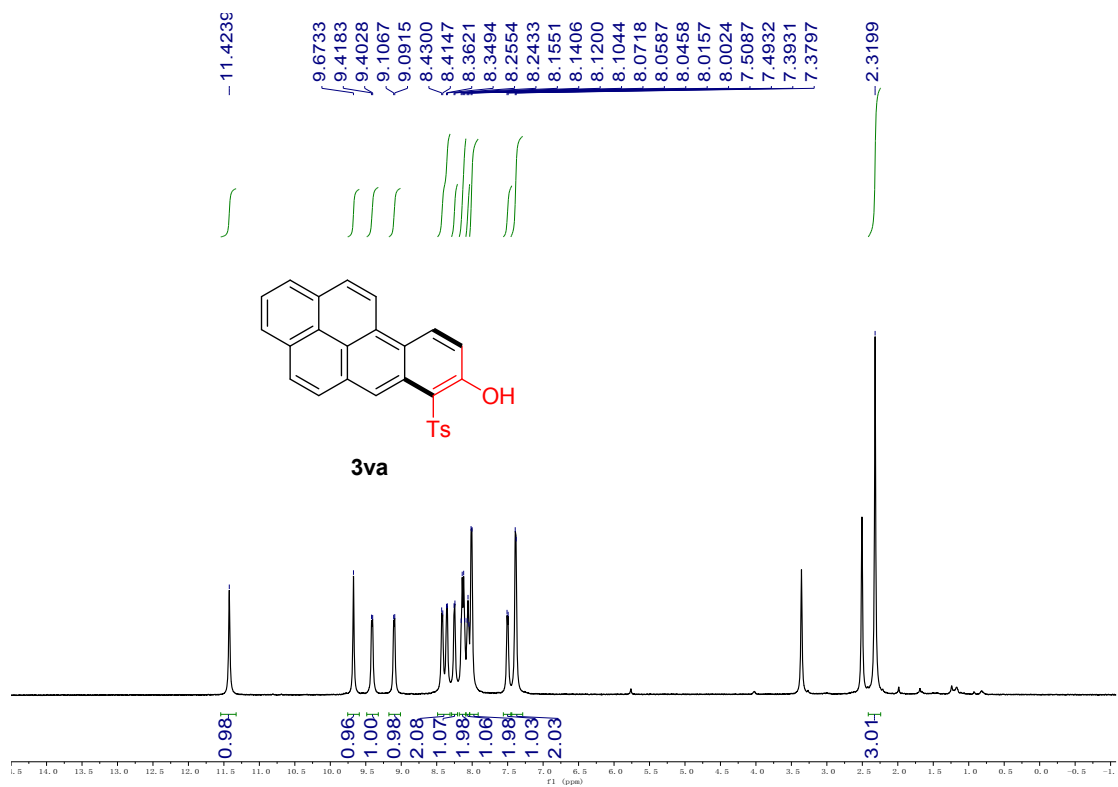
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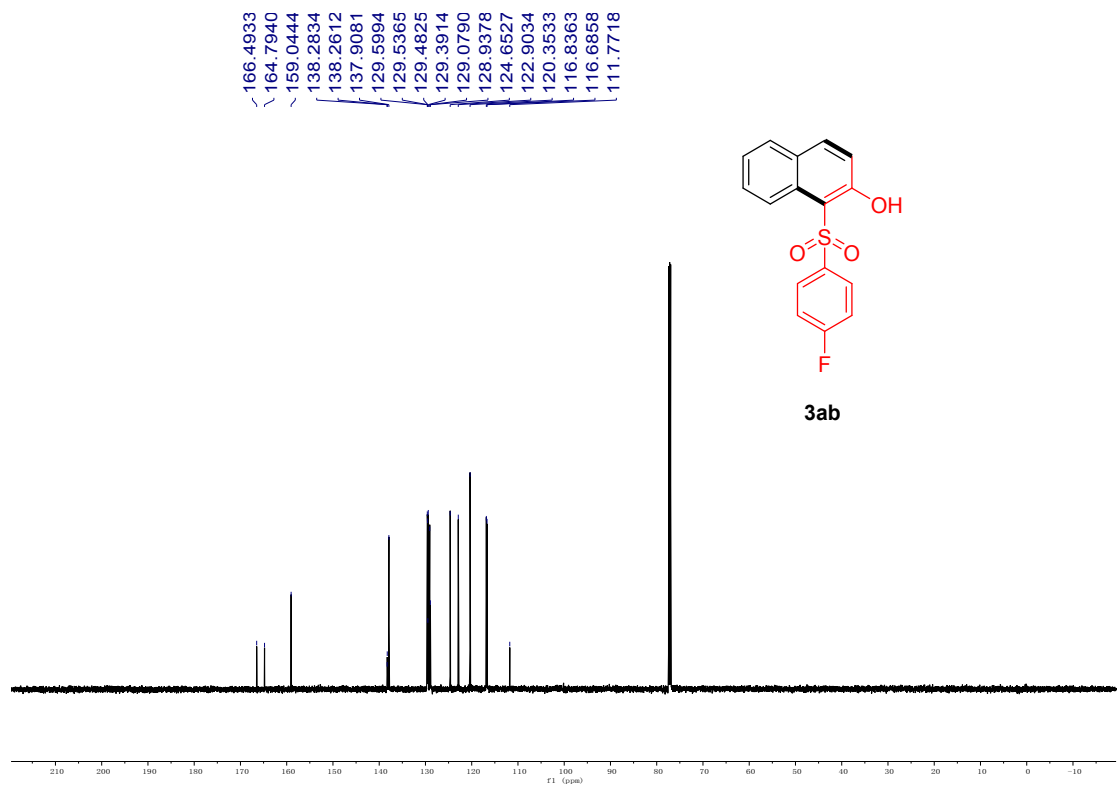
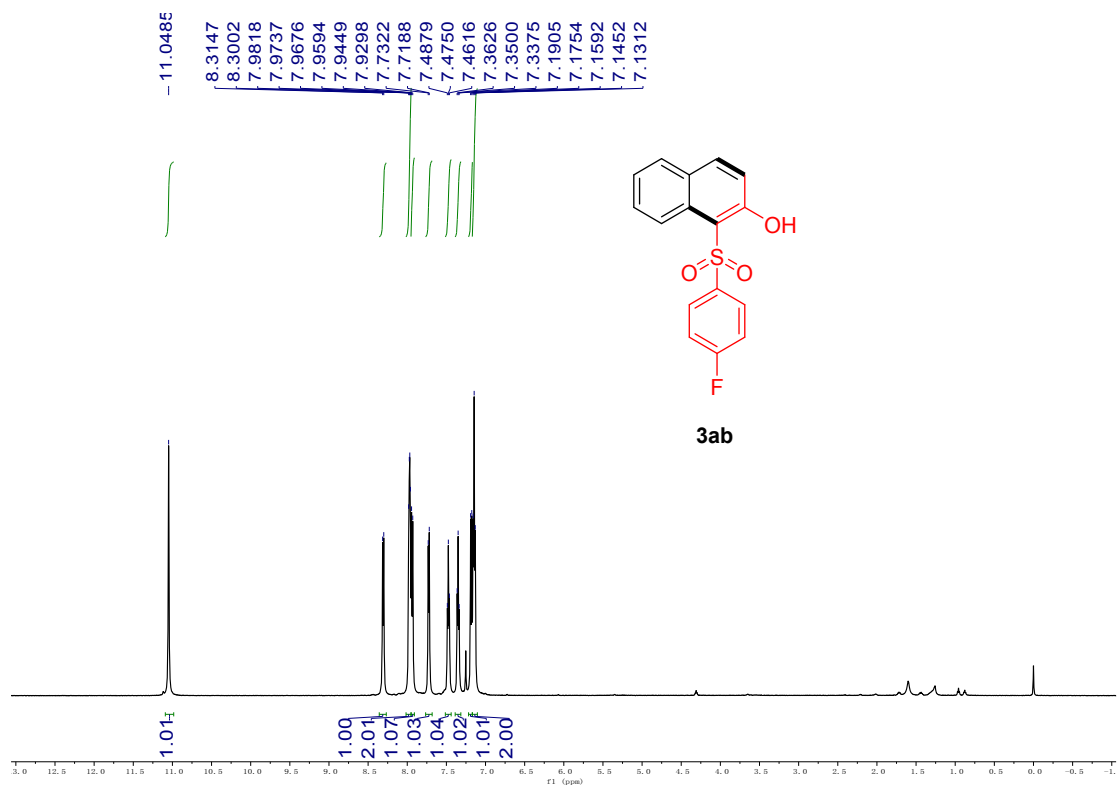
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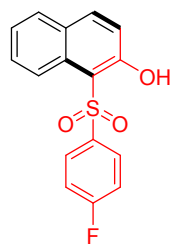
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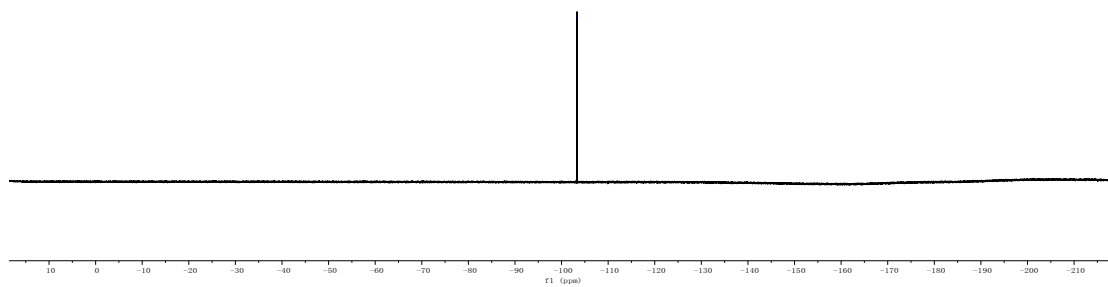
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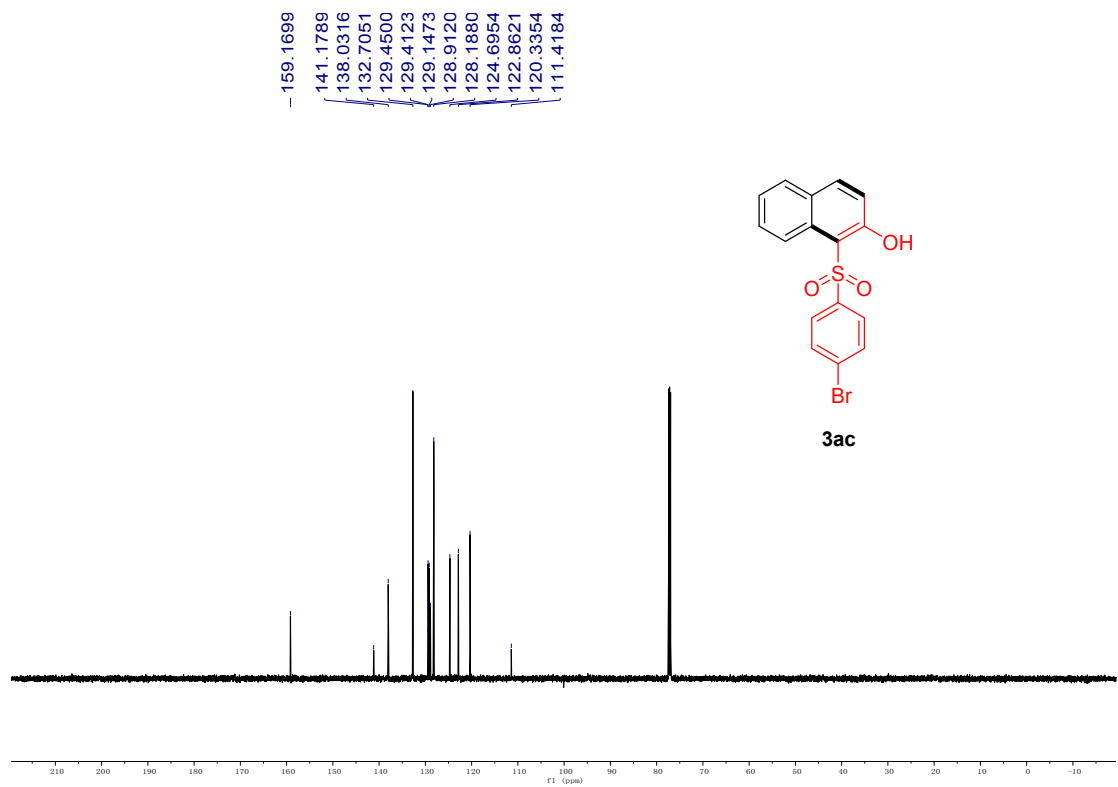
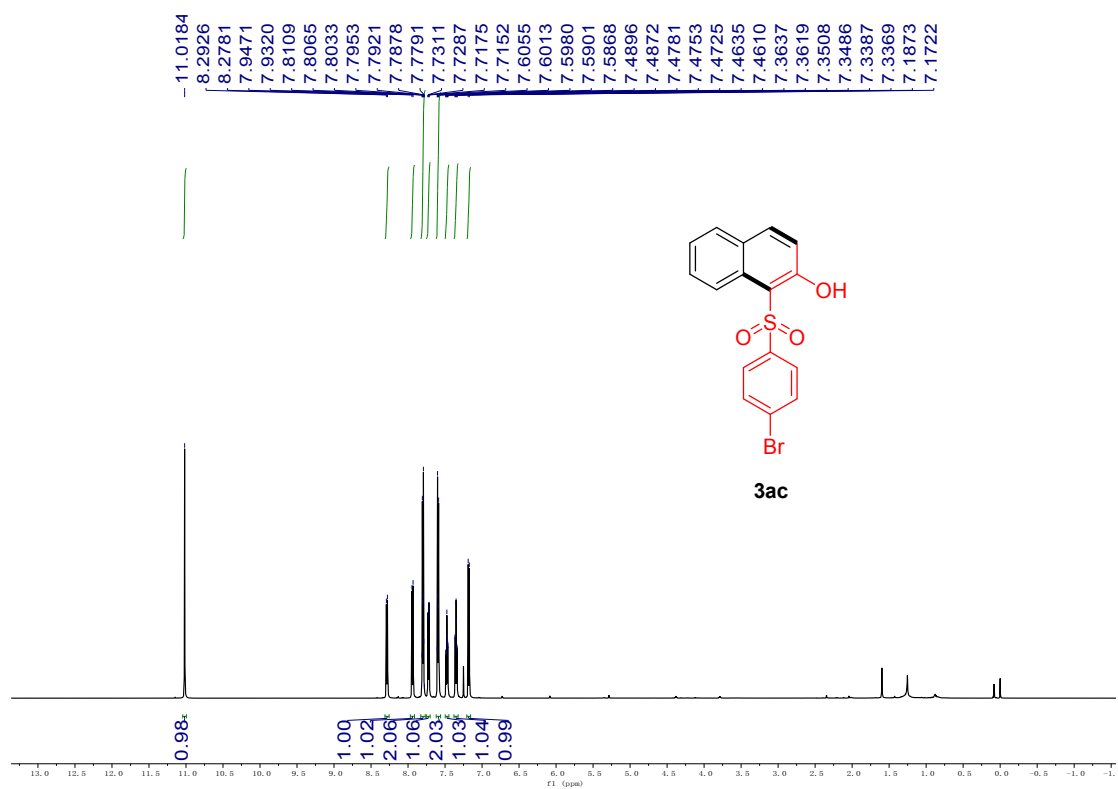
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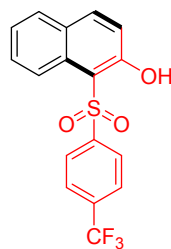
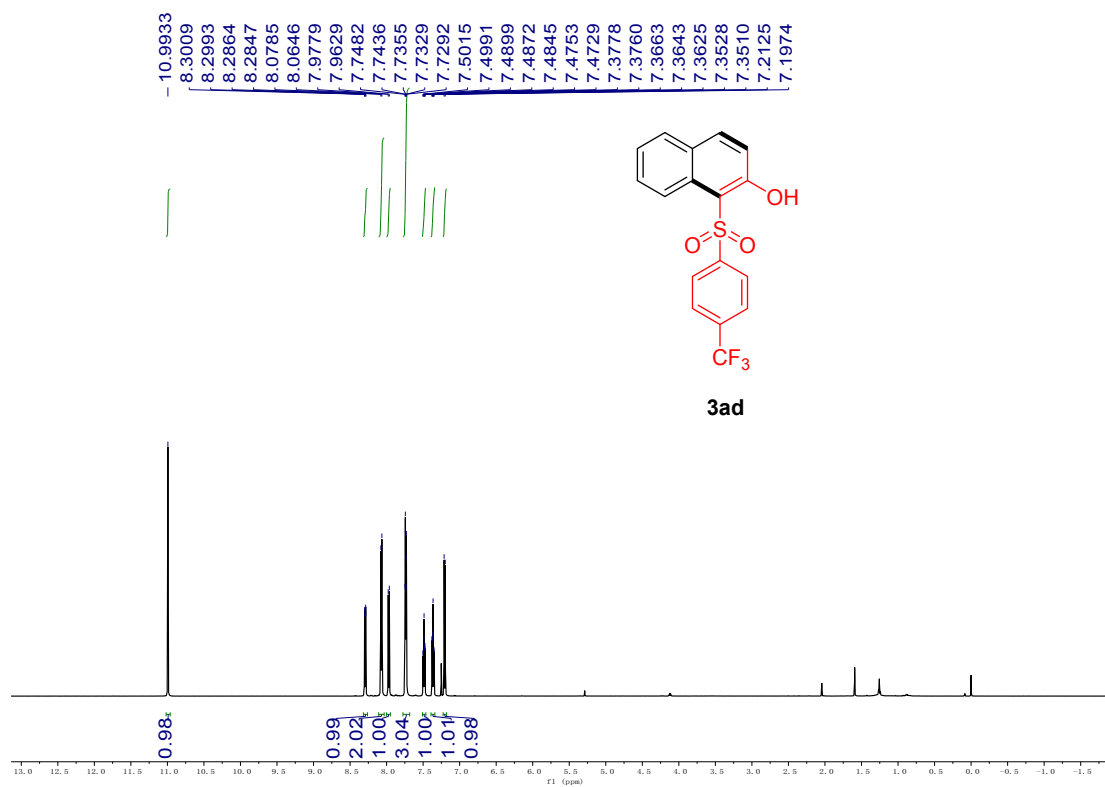
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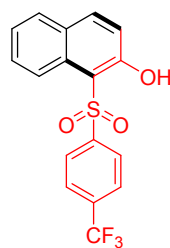
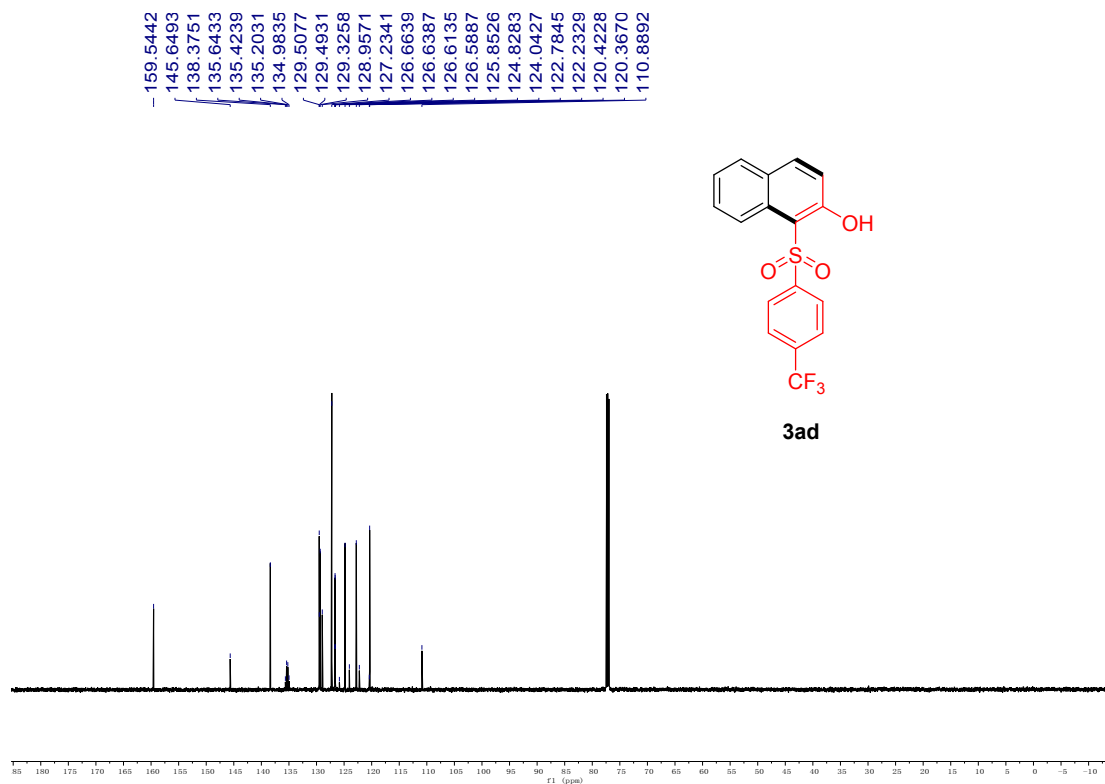
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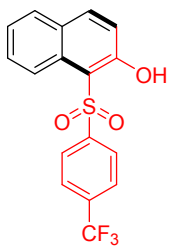


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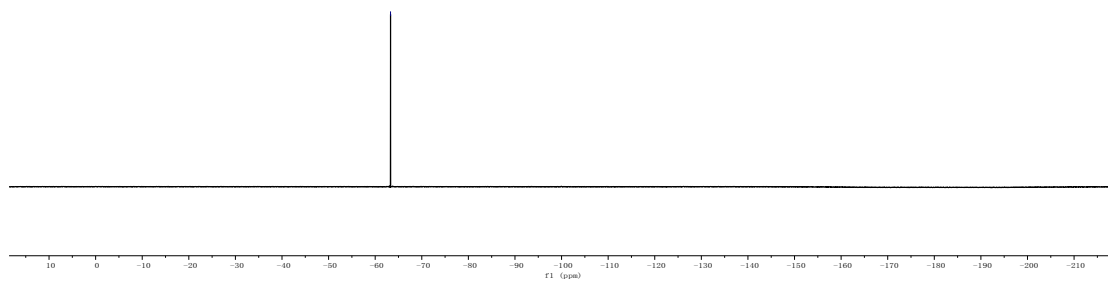


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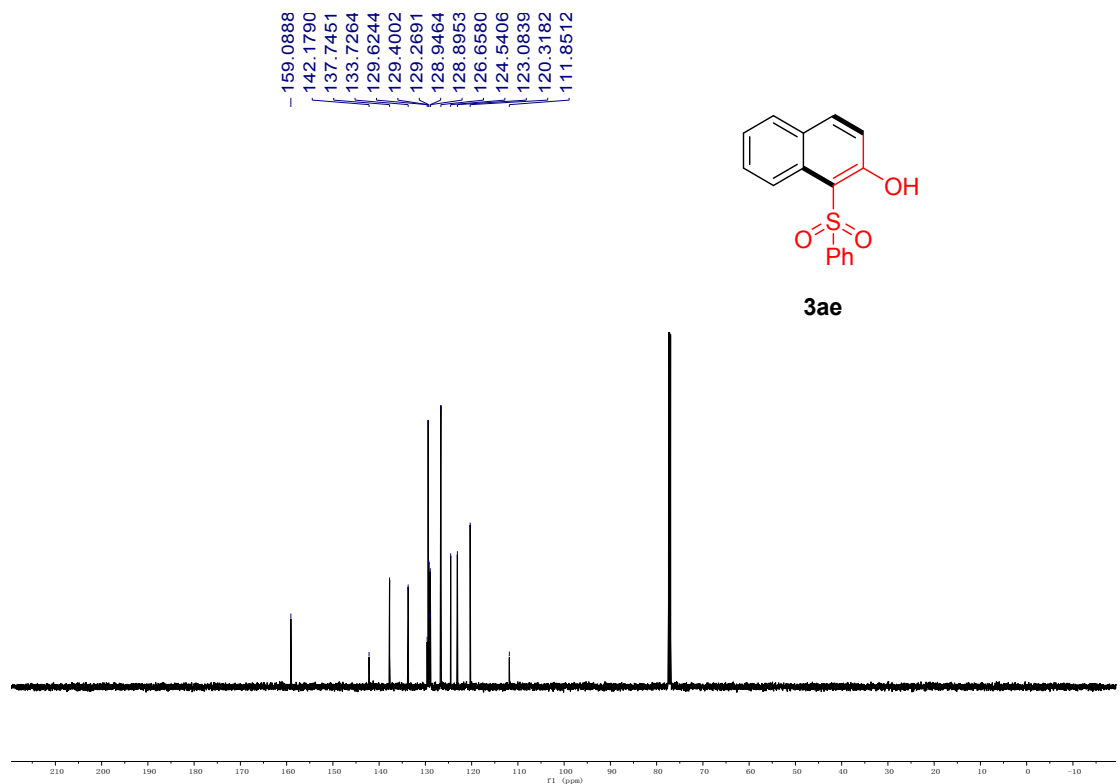
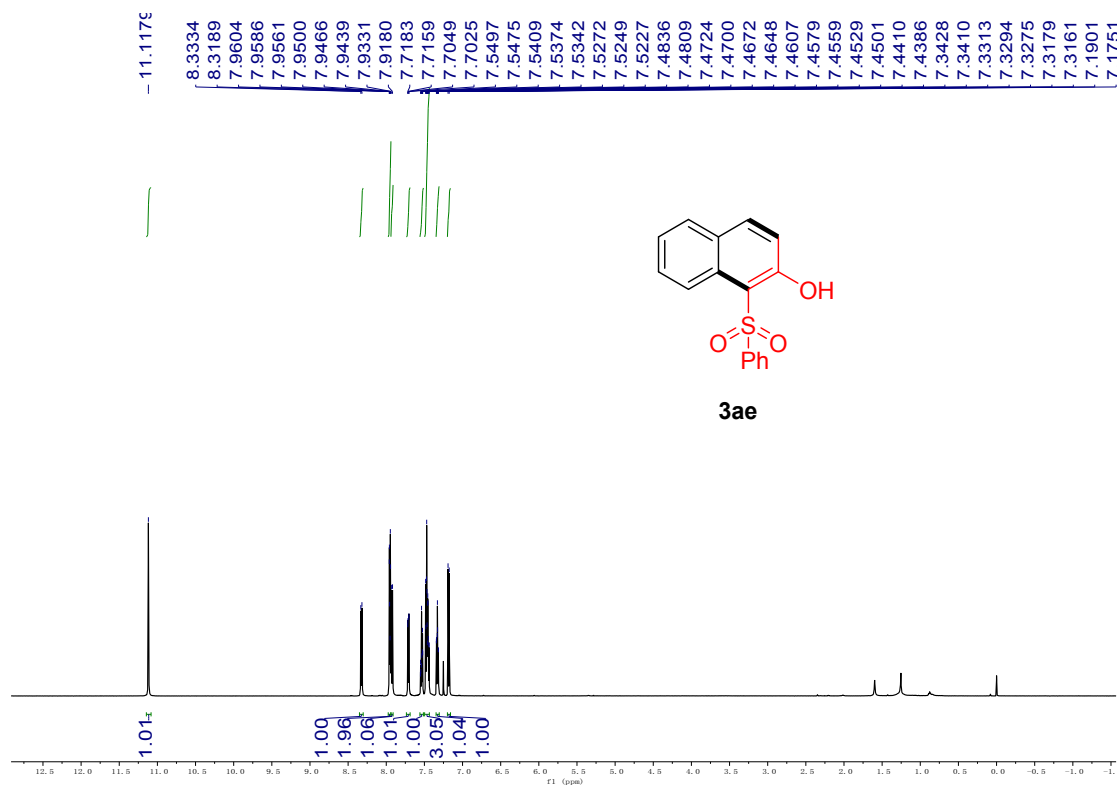
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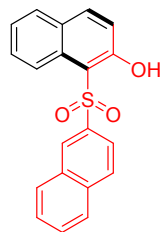
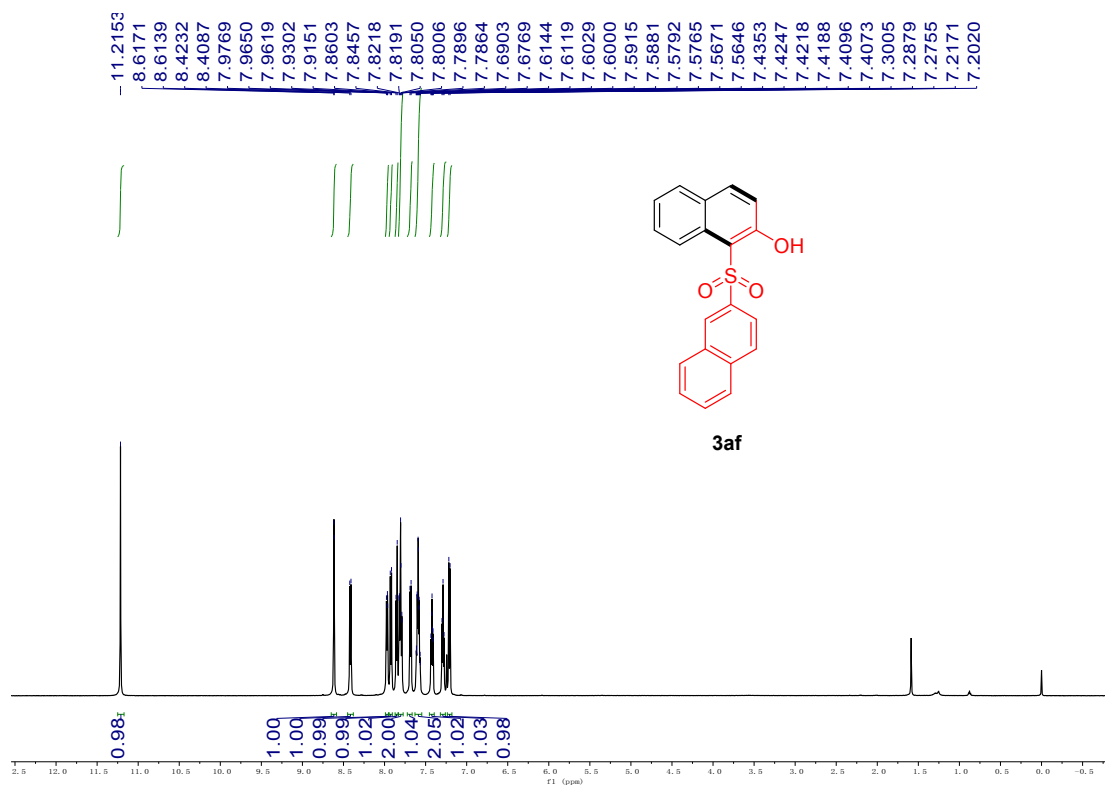
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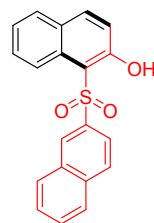
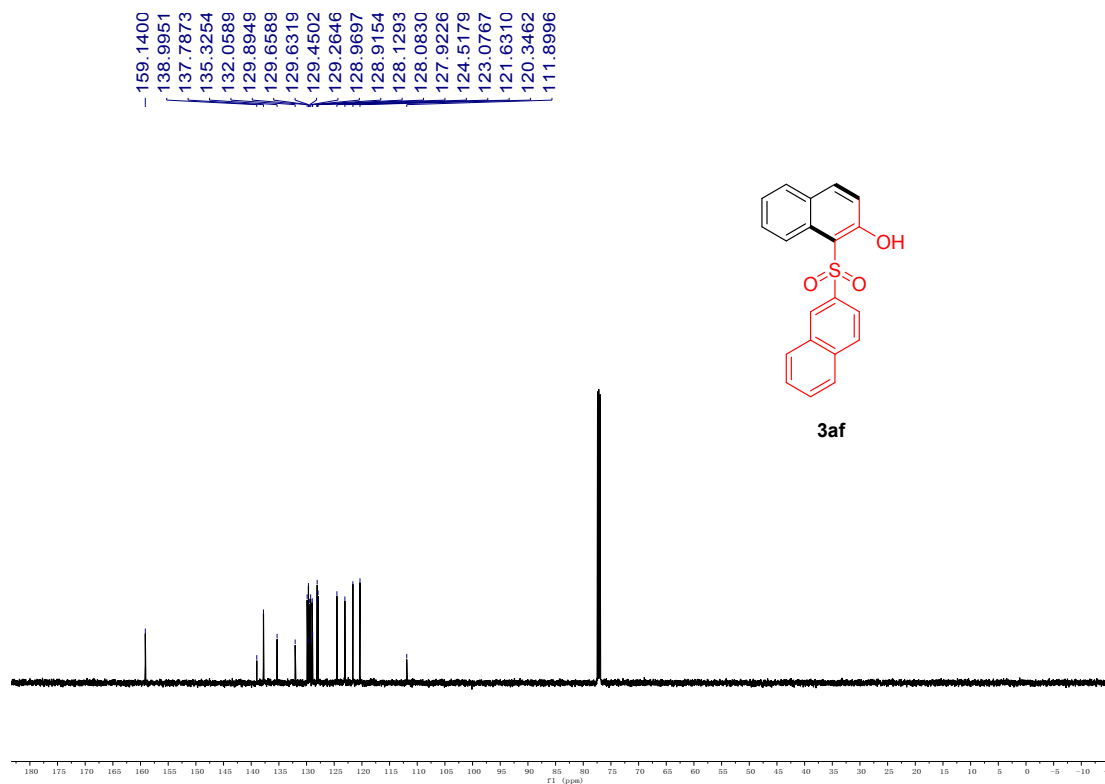
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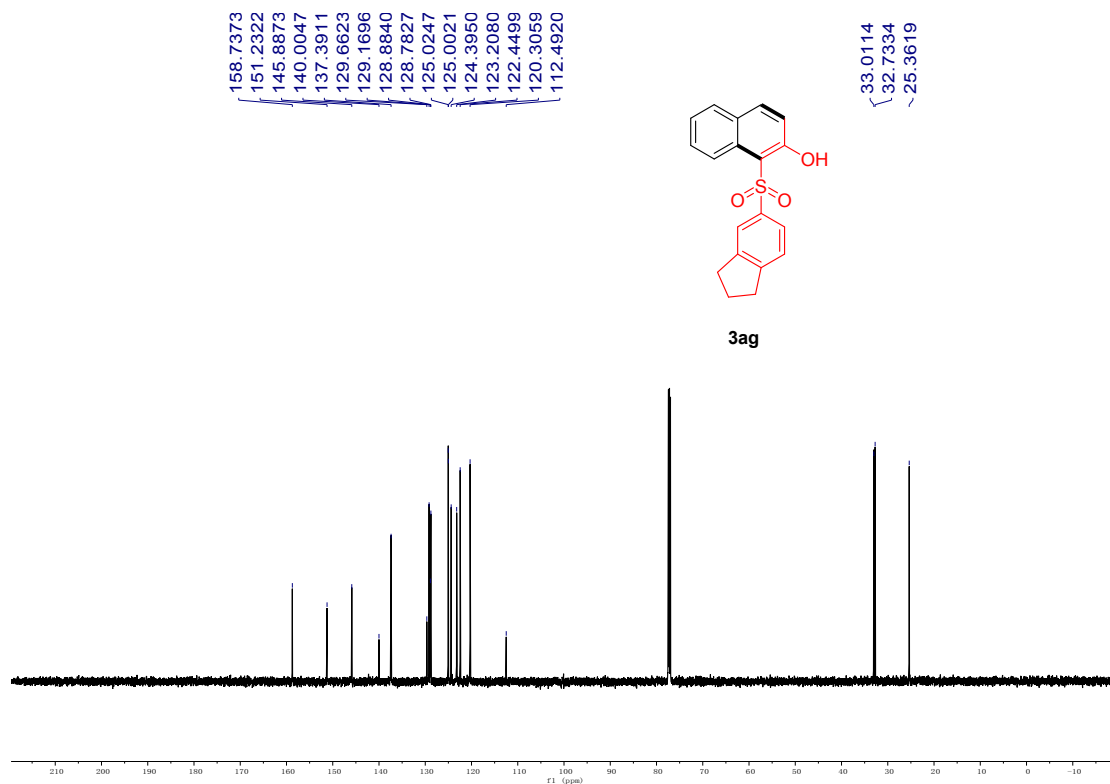
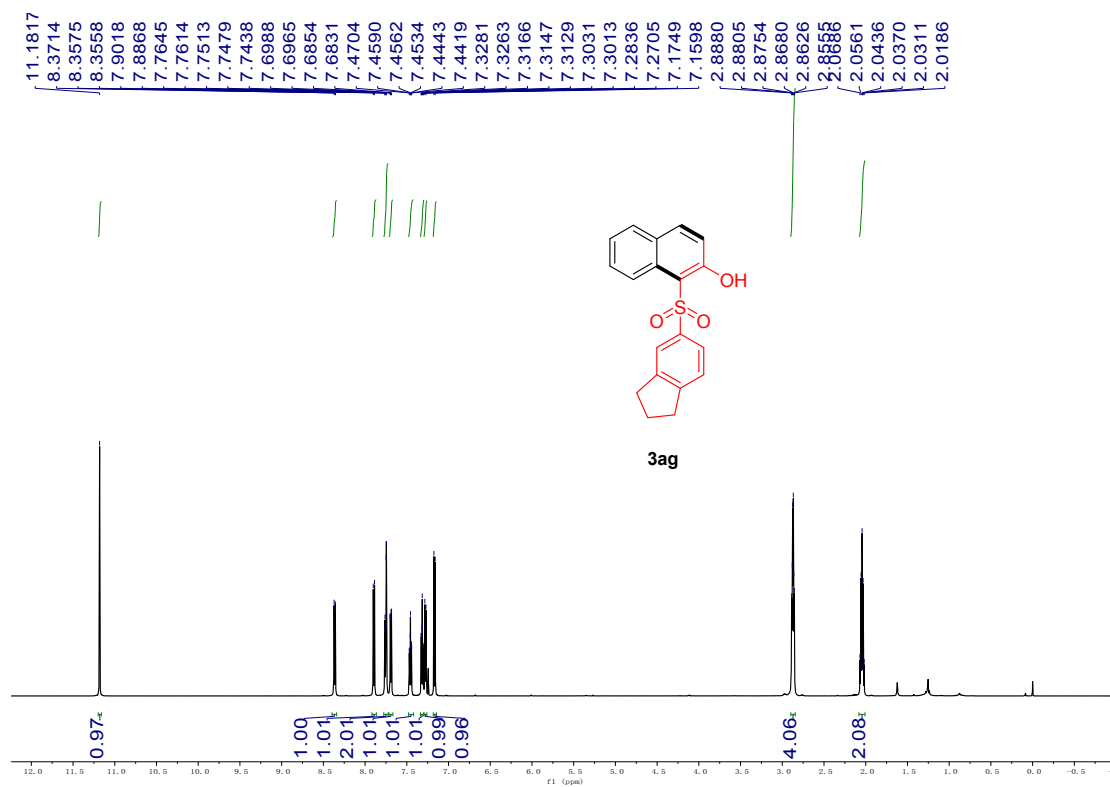


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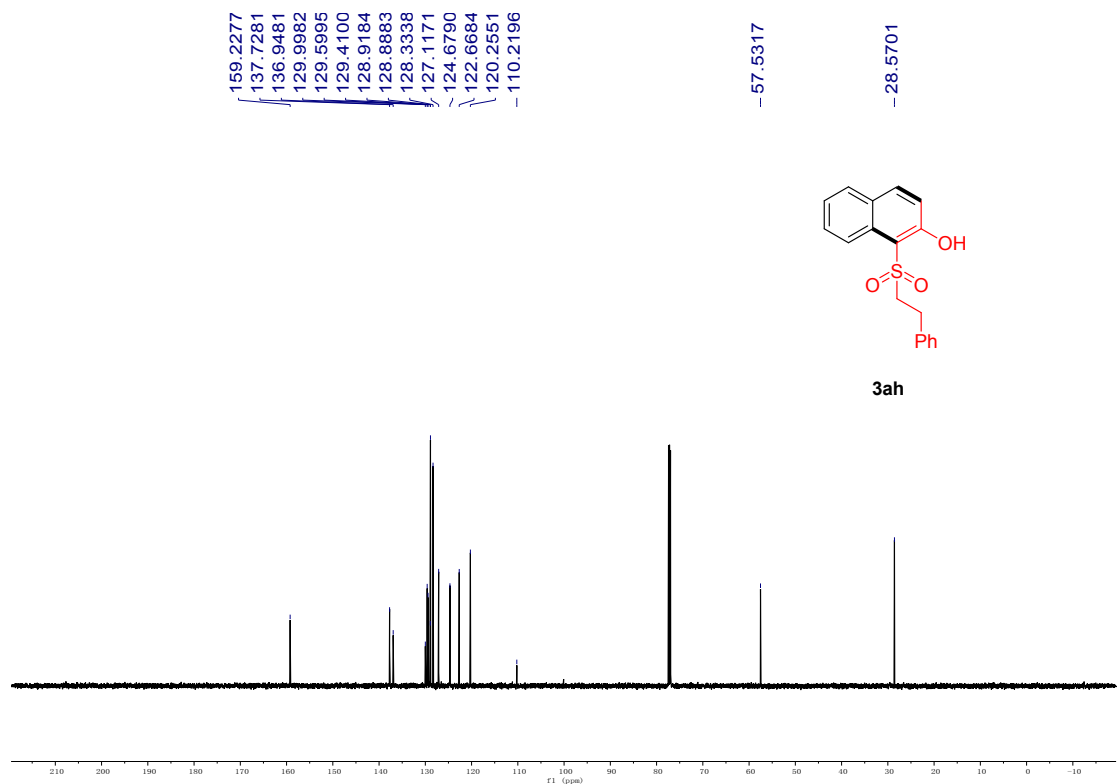
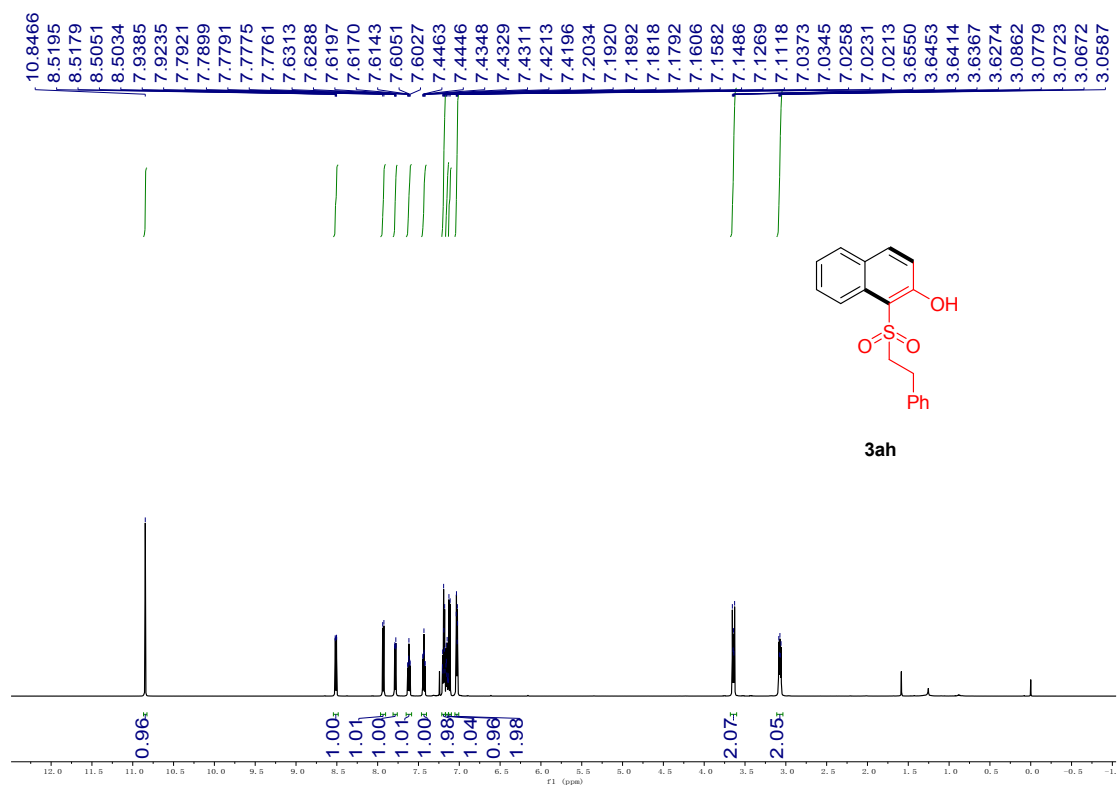


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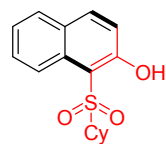
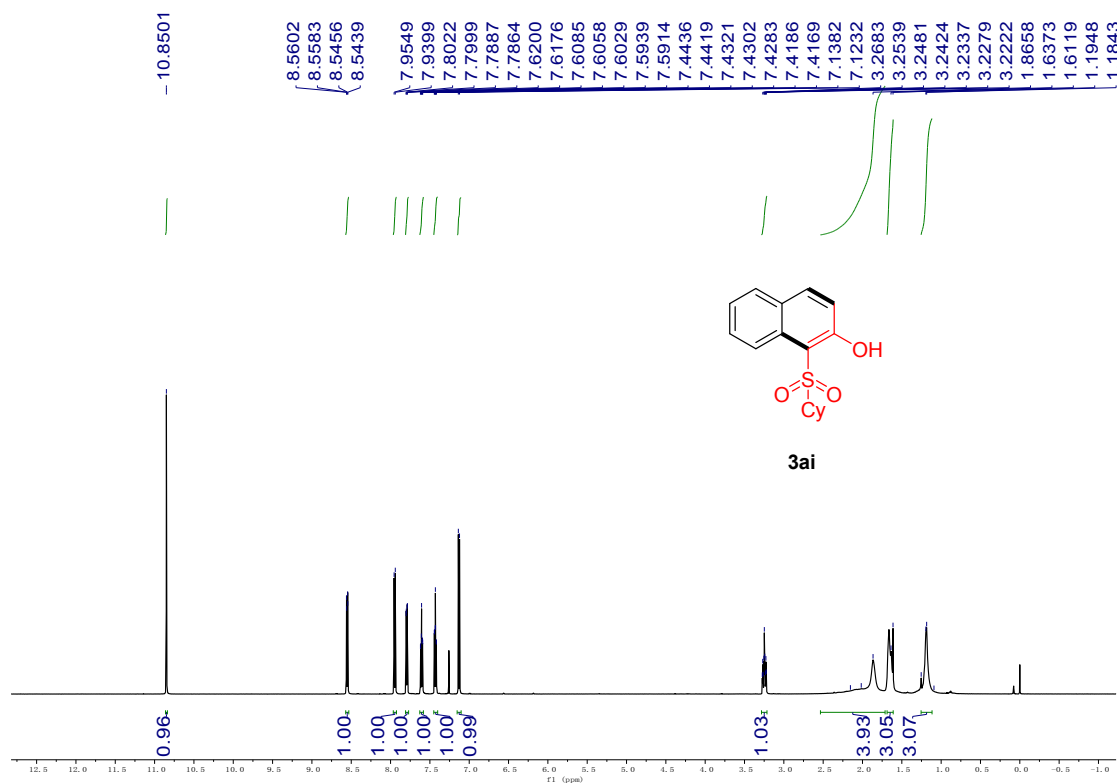
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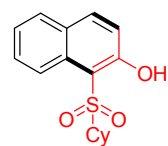
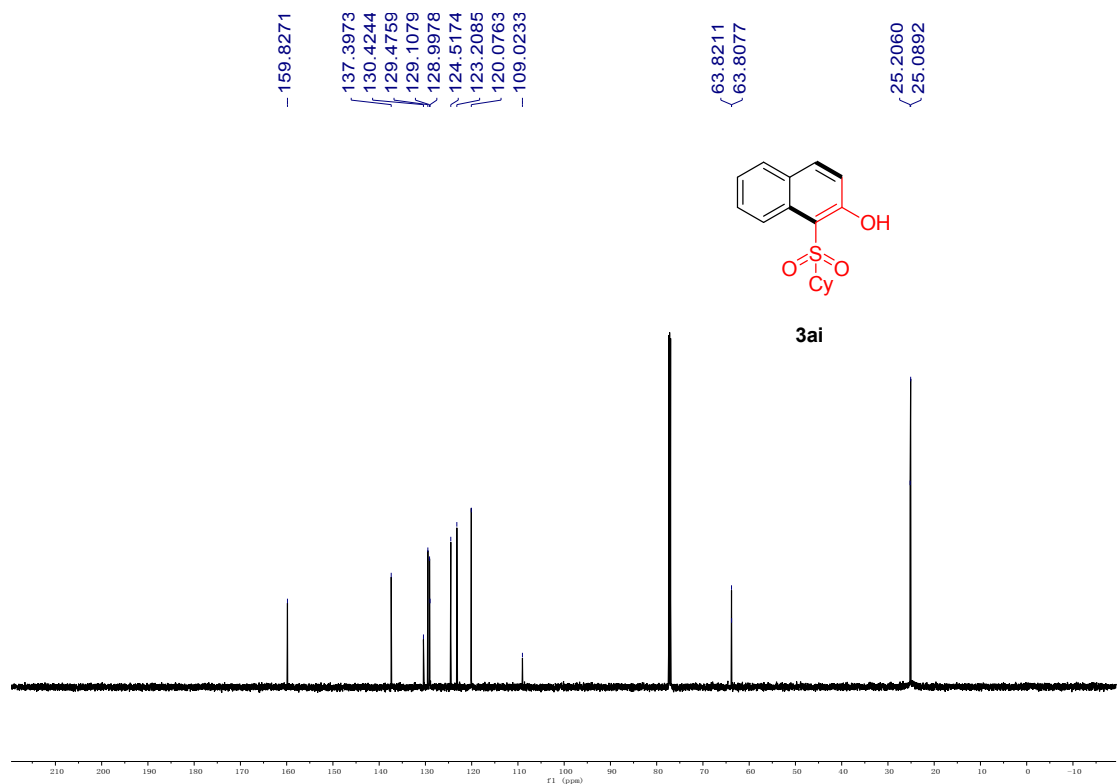
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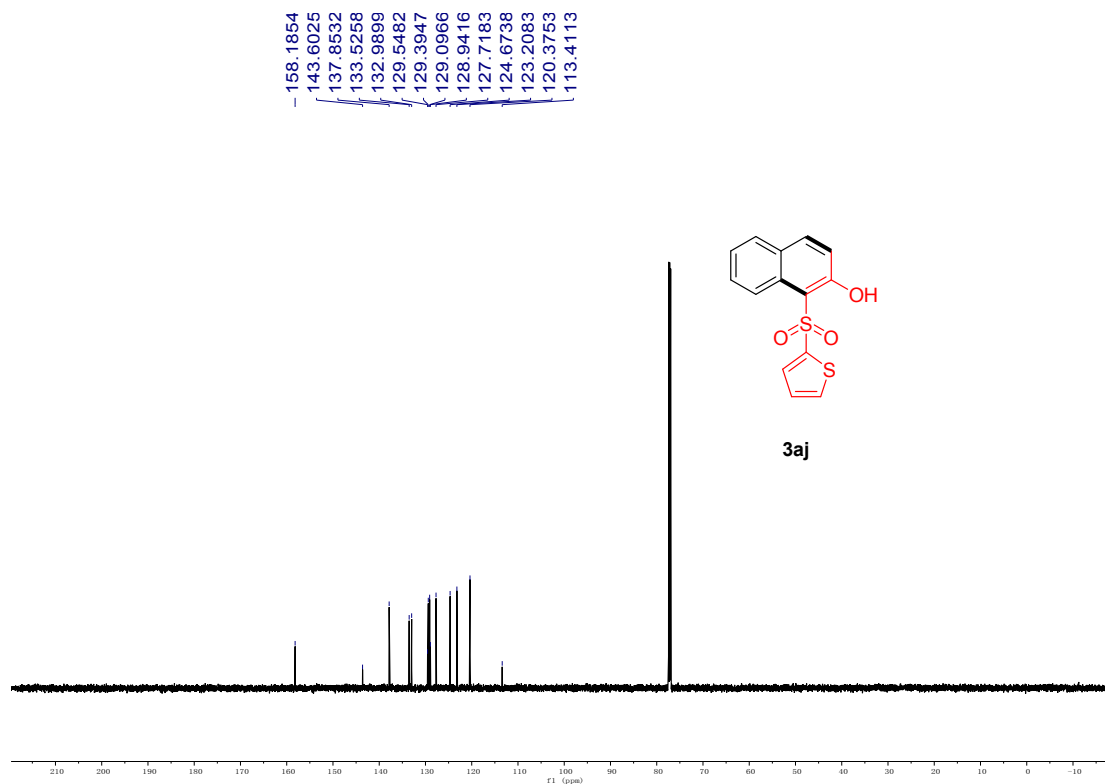
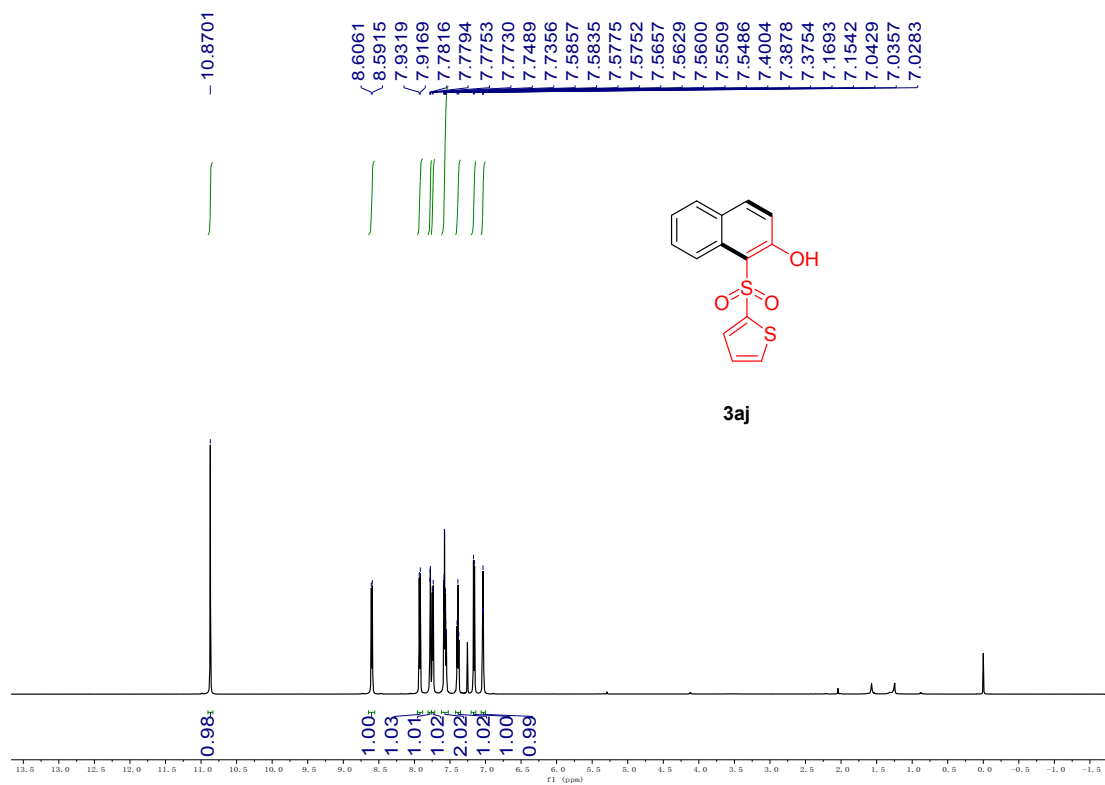


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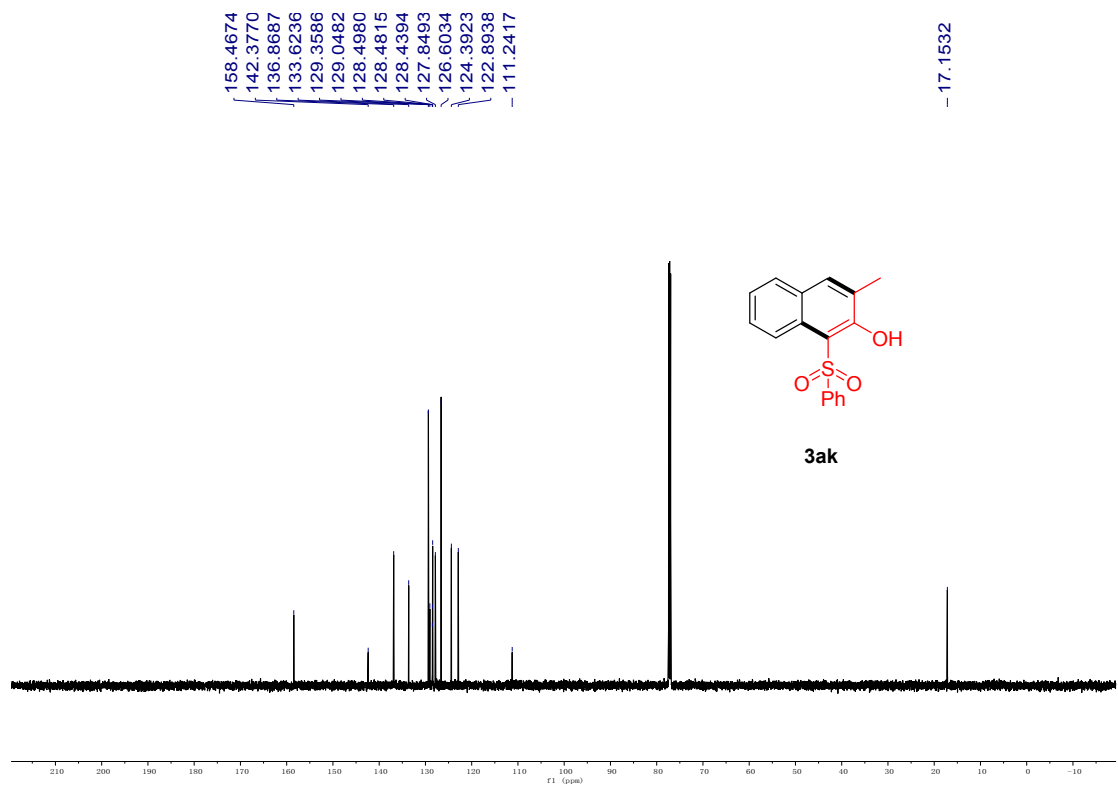
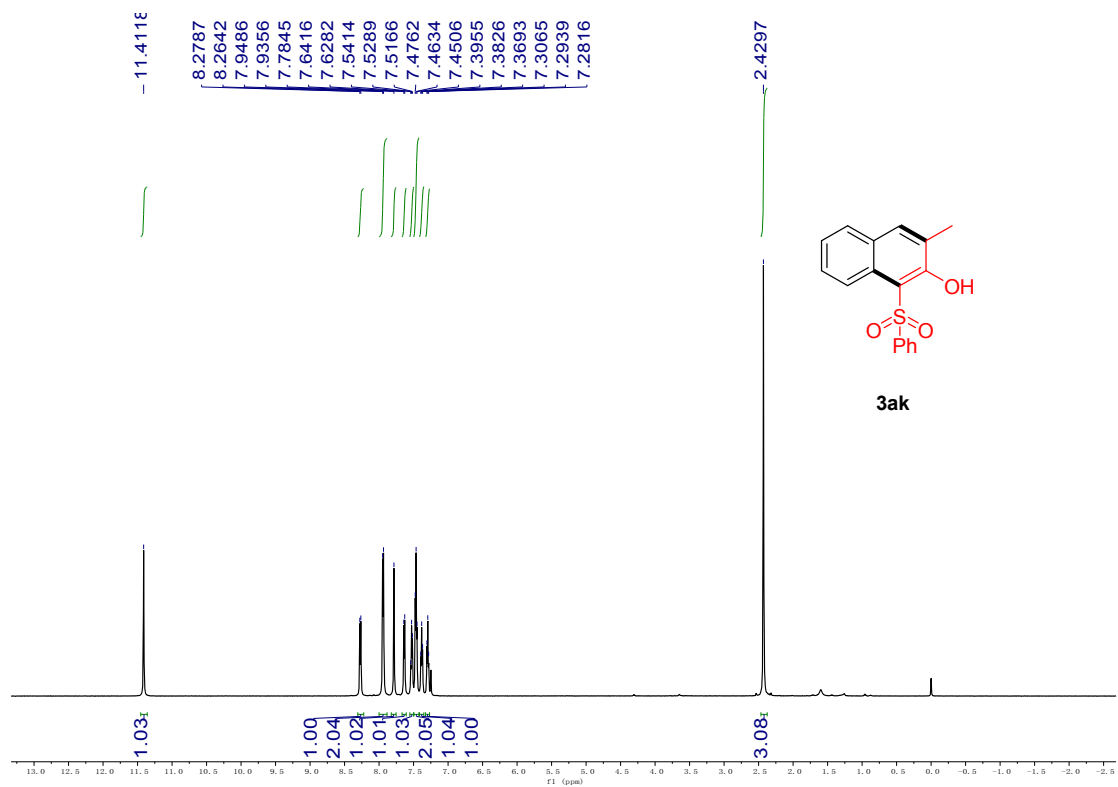


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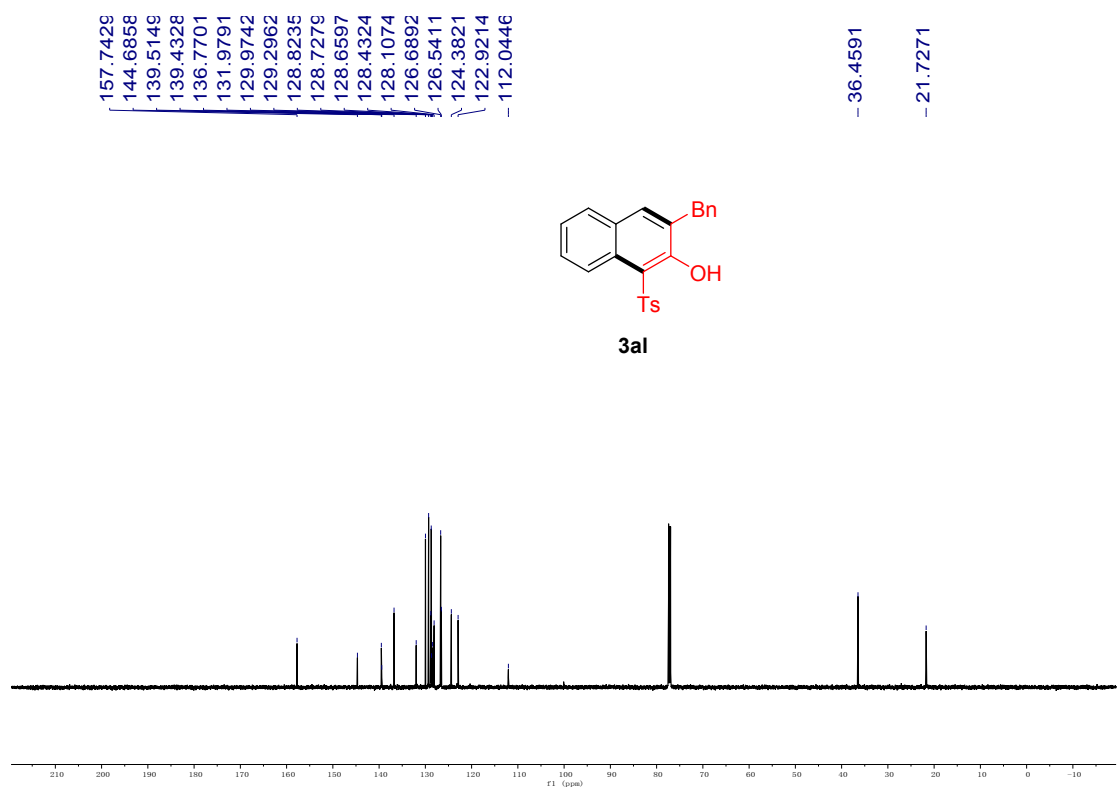
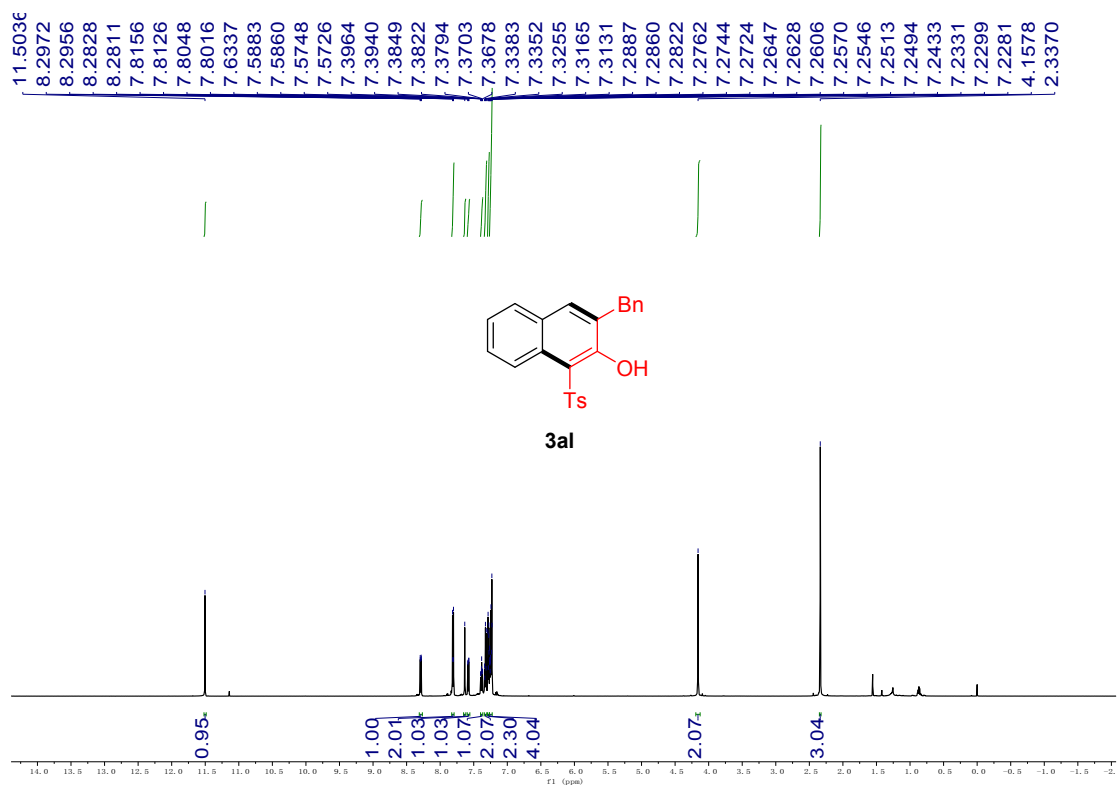
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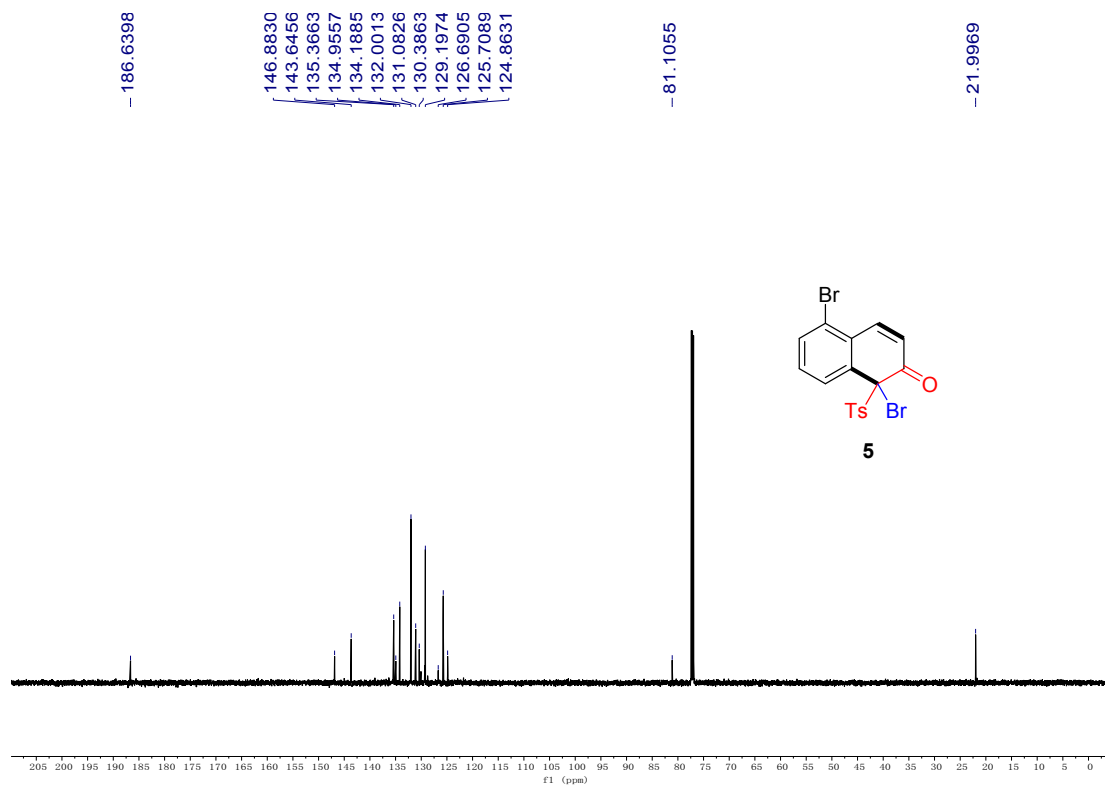
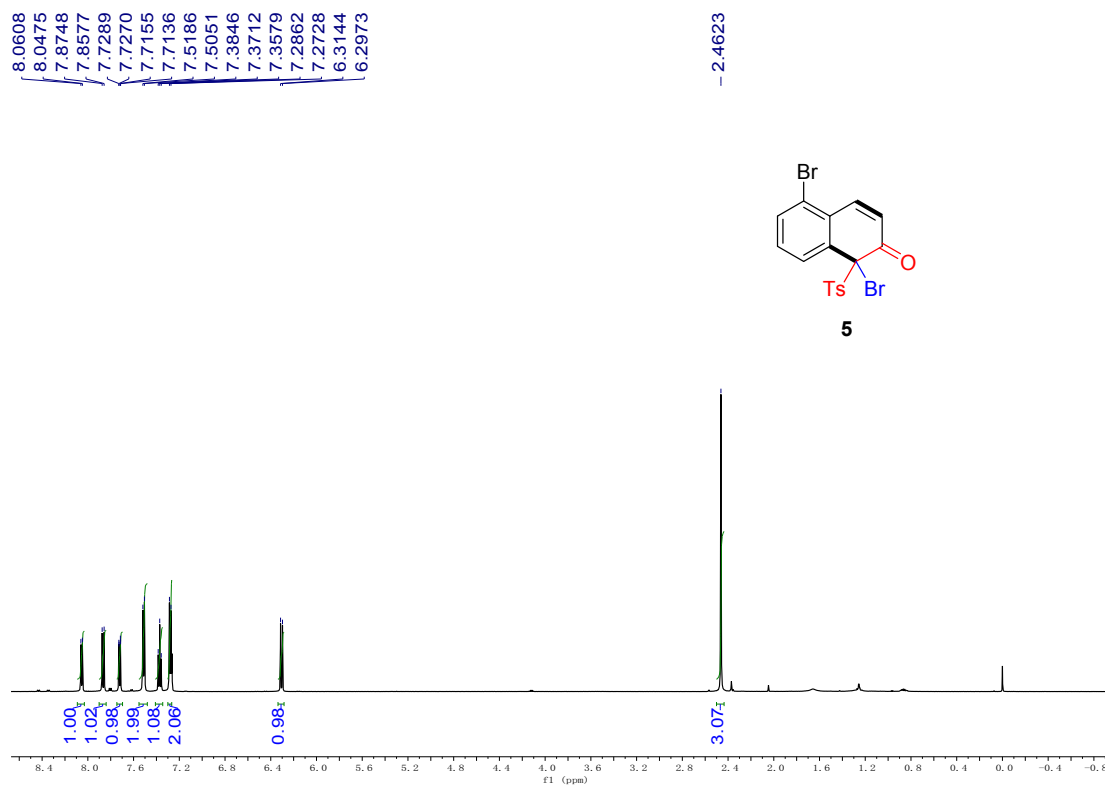
¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound **3ak**



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound **3al**



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound **5**



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra for compound **6**

