

PIDA-mediated Intramolecular Oxidative C-N Bond Formation for the Direct Synthesis of Quinoxalines from Enaminones

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1. General information:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial materials and solvents were used directly without further purification. Melting points were determined in open glass capillaries and were uncorrected. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometers, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 100 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0$ ppm) in CDCl₃ and DMSO-d₆ as an internal standard at room temperature. ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained by using the same NMR spectrometers and were calibrated with CDCl₃ ($\delta = 77.0$ ppm) and DMSO-d₆ ($\delta = 39.5$ ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were equipped with an ESI source and a TOF detector. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (70-230 mesh ASTM) using the reported eluents. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on 4×15 cm plates with a layer thickness of 0.2 mm (silica gel 60 F₂₅₄). The *N*-(2-acetaminophenyl)enaminones **1** were prepared according to the literatures.¹⁻²

2. General Procedure for the Preparation of Quinoxalines **2**

A mixture of *N*-(2-acetaminophenyl) enaminones **1** (0.2 mmol), PIDA (71 mg, 0.22 mmol), PhCOOH (25 mg, 0.2 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was stirred at 80 °C under air atmosphere for 12 h (monitored by TLC). After evaporation of toluene, H₂O was added and the resultant was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined EtOAc extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Then solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by chromatography (silica gel, 10 % EtOAc in PE) to give **2**.

3. Chemical transformations of product **2a**:

The compounds **3a** and **4a** were prepared according to the literatures.³ A

suspension of **2a** (62 mg, 0.2 mmol) in EtOH (2 mL) was heated at 50 °C, then KBH₄ was added (23 mg, 0.4 mmol). This mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 3 h (monitored by TLC). After evaporation of EtOH, H₂O was added and the resultant was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined EtOAc extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Then solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by chromatography (silica gel, 10 % EtOAc in PE) to give **3a**.

A suspension of **2a** (62 mg, 0.2 mmol) in EtOH (2 mL) was heated at 50 °C, then KBH₄ was added (23 mg, 0.4 mmol). This mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 3 h (monitored by TLC). After evaporation of EtOH, concentrated H₂SO₄ (0.5 mL) was added and stirred at 0 °C for 5 h (monitored by TLC). Then the solution was poured slowly in water at 0 °C. The final mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×10 mL). The combined CH₂Cl₂ extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Then solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by chromatography (silica gel, 6 % EtOAc in PE) to give **4a**.

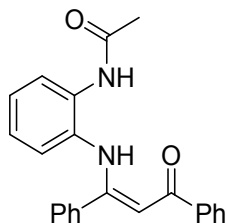
4. Preparation of 1-(2-Benzoyl-3-phenylquinoxalin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one **5a**

A mixture of *N*-(2-acetaminophenyl) enaminones **1a** (178 mg, 0.5 mmol), PIDA (177 mg, 0.55mmol), PhCOOH (61 mg, 0.5 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was stirred at 80 °C under air atmosphere for 2 h. After evaporation of toluene, H₂O was added and the resultant was extracted with EtOAc (3×15 mL). The combined EtOAc extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Then solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by chromatography (silica gel, 10 % EtOAc in PE) to give **5a**.

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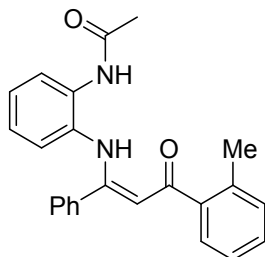
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5. Characterization of the products



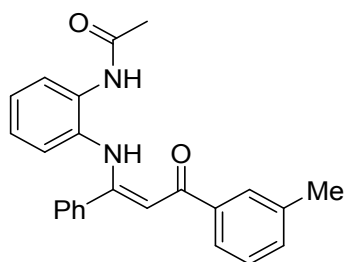
(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((3-oxo-1,3-diphenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)acetamide (**1a**)

289 mg, 80 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 177-179 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.64 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.91 (dd, $J = 18.2, 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 7.44 (dt, $J = 24.8, 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.35 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.1, 169.1, 162.8, 139.6, 135.2, 131.6, 131.4, 131.2, 129.8, 128.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.2, 125.9, 125.5, 124.5, 123.4, 97.7, 24.3. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 357.1598, found 357.1598.



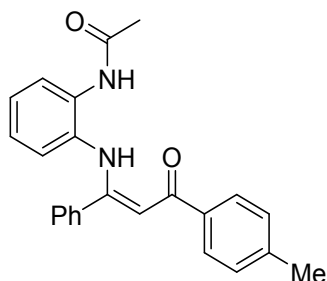
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281 mg, 76 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 188-189 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.55 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.13 (m, 8H), 7.01 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.0, 169.1, 162.1, 141.1, 136.0, 135.0, 131.6, 131.3, 131.1, 129.8, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 125.7, 125.5, 125.4, 124.7, 123.8, 101.5, 24.2, 20.4. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 371.1754, found 371.1755.



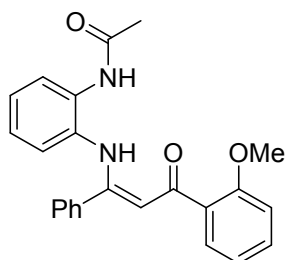
(Z)-*N*-(2-((3-oxo-1-phenyl-3-(*m*-tolyl)prop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)acetamide (**1c**)

278 mg, 75 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 170-171 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.64 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 7H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 169.0, 162.7, 139.6, 138.1, 135.3, 132.3, 131.6, 131.1, 129.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 125.9, 125.6, 124.4, 124.4, 123.3, 97.8, 24.4, 21.4. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₂O₂ (M + H)⁺ 371.1754, found 371.1754.



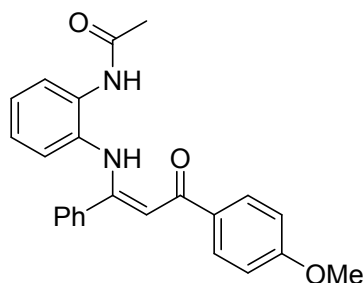
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307 mg, 83 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 151-153 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.59 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.0, 169.1, 162.4, 142.0, 136.9, 135.3, 131.6, 131.1, 129.7, 129.1, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 125.8, 125.4, 124.3, 123.3, 97.7, 24.3, 21.4. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₂O₂ (M + H)⁺ 371.1754, found 371.1752.



(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)-acetamide (**1e**)

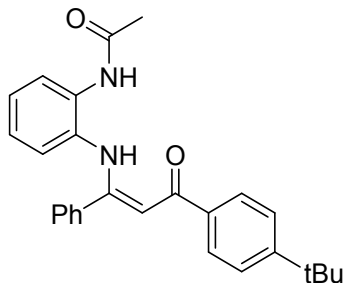
250 mg, 65 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 220-222 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.22 (s, 1H), 9.87 (s, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.32 (m, 7H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 189.7, 169.4, 159.9, 157.5, 136.2, 134.9, 132.5, 131.5, 130.4, 130.2, 130.1, 129.0, 128.5, 126.6, 125.7, 125.5, 124.8, 120.9, 112.6, 103.0, 56.2, 23.6. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₂O₃ (M + H)⁺ 387.1703, found 387.1703.



(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)-acetamide (**1f**)

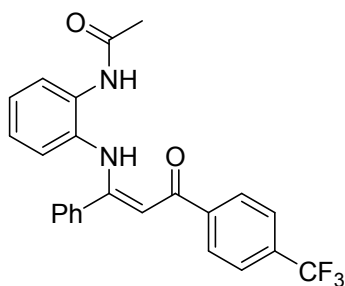
273 mg, 71 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 172-173 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.54 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.37 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.2, 169.0, 162.4, 162.2, 135.4, 132.2, 131.7, 131.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.4, 128.0, 125.9,

125.4, 124.3, 123.1, 113.6, 97.5, 55.3, 24.4. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{24}H_{23}N_2O_3$ ($M + H$)⁺ 387.1703, found 387.1703.



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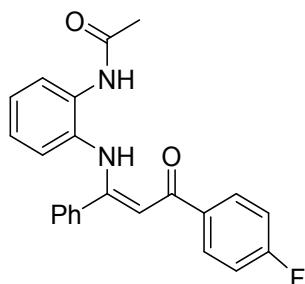
306 mg, 74 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 238-240 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.60 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.2, 168.8, 162.6, 155.2, 136.8, 135.4, 131.9, 131.0, 129.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.2, 126.1, 125.7, 125.4, 124.4, 123.0, 97.8, 34.9, 31.2, 31.2, 31.2, 24.5. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{27}H_{29}N_2O_2$ ($M + H$)⁺ 413.2224, found 413.2224.



(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((3-oxo-1-phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)acetamide (**1h**)

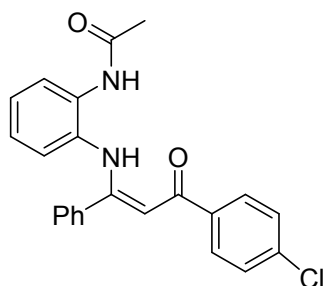
295 mg, 70 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 200-201 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.55 (s, 1H), 9.93 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

DMSO- d_6) δ 183.5, 165.9, 159.2, 139.7, 132.3, 131.0, 128.5, 128.1 (q, $J = 31.8$ Hz), 126.9, 125.5, 125.2, 125.0, 123.0, 122.5, 122.4 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 122.3, 122.0, 121.0 (q, $J = 272.9$ Hz), 93.8, 20.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ -61.3. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 425.1471, found 425.1471.



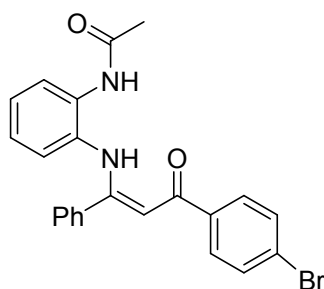
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(1i)

318 mg, 85 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 154-156 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.60 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.00 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.07 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.5, 169.1, 164.8 (d, $J = 252.2$ Hz), 162.9, 135.8 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 135.1, 131.5, 131.3, 129.9, 129.6 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 128.4, 127.9, 125.9, 125.6, 124.6, 123.6, 115.3 (d, $J = 21.7$ Hz), 97.2, 24.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -108.1; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 375.1503, found 375.1503.



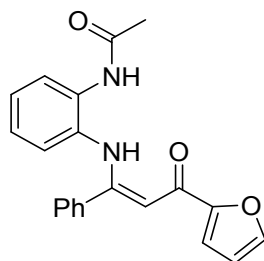
(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)acetamide
(1j)

311 mg, 80 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 186-187 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.64 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.88 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.42 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.6, 169.0, 163.2, 137.9, 137.7, 135.0, 131.6, 131.0, 130.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 126.0, 125.8, 124.6, 123.5, 97.2, 24.3. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀ClN₂O₂ (M + H)⁺ 391.1208, found 391.1208.



(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxo-1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)acetamide (**1k**)

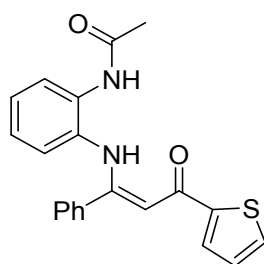
326 mg, 75 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 199-201 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.45 (s, 1H), 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 187.4, 169.4, 162.2, 138.7, 135.9, 134.6, 132.0, 131.8, 130.3, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 126.5, 125.8, 125.8, 125.7, 125.2, 97.1, 23.6. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀BrN₂O₂ (M + H)⁺ 435.0703, found 435.0705.



(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((3-(furan-2-yl)-3-oxo-1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)acetamide (**1l**)

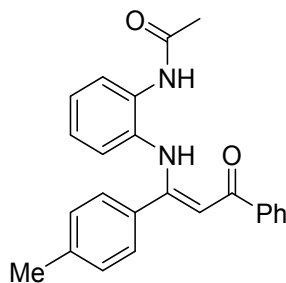
252 mg, 73 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 208-210 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

δ 12.08 (s, 1H), 9.89 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.00 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, $J = 3.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 174.6, 165.9, 157.8, 150.5, 143.0, 132.4, 131.3, 128.2, 126.8, 125.5, 125.0, 123.0, 122.2, 122.2, 121.5, 111.6, 109.3, 93.8, 20.1. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 347.1390, found 347.1390.



(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((3-oxo-1-phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)acetamide
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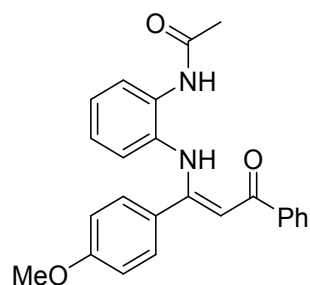
250 mg, 69 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 196-198 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.25 (s, 1H), 8.06 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.03 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.9, 169.0, 162.5, 146.3, 135.1, 131.7, 131.4, 131.1, 130.0, 129.0, 128.5, 128.0, 128.0, 126.0, 125.7, 124.5, 123.2, 97.6, 24.4. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 363.1162, found 363.1162.



(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((3-oxo-3-phenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)prop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)acetamide (**1n**)

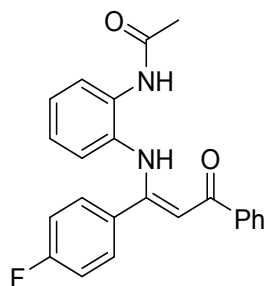
311 mg, 84 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 174-175 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

12.64 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.00 – 7.89 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 6.79 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.0, 169.0, 163.1, 140.2, 139.6, 132.3, 131.8, 131.4, 131.1, 129.2, 128.4, 127.9, 127.2, 126.0, 125.6, 124.4, 123.1, 97.5, 24.4, 21.3. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$)⁺ 371.1754, found 371.1754.



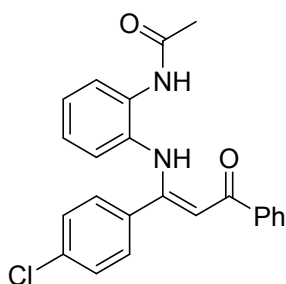
(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)-acetamide (**1o**)

294 mg, 76 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 211-212 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 12.43 (s, 1H), 9.86 (s, 1H), 8.06 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.47 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 185.0, 165.9, 158.0, 157.4, 136.4, 131.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.9, 125.4, 124.5, 124.1, 123.0, 122.3, 122.2, 121.4, 110.9, 93.6, 52.2, 20.2. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$)⁺ 387.1703, found 387.1702.



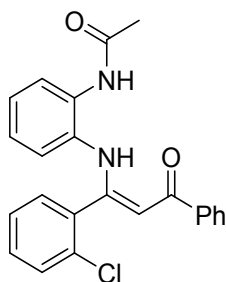
(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)-acetamide (**1p**)

307 mg, 82 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 186-188 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.60 (s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dt, *J* = 27.2, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.1, 169.2, 163.3 (d, *J* = 250.9 Hz), 161.5, 139.5, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.2 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 128.4, 127.2, 125.8, 125.6, 124.7, 123.8, 115.5 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 97.6, 24.1; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.8; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀FN₂O₂ (M + H)⁺ 375.1503, found 375.1503.



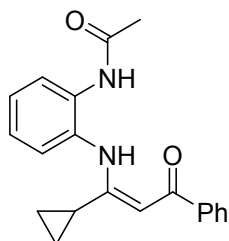
(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)-acetamide (**1q**)

326 mg, 84 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 185-187 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.57 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.2, 169.2, 161.2, 139.4, 135.9, 133.6, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.2, 125.8, 125.6, 124.8, 123.8, 97.7, 24.2. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀ClN₂O₂ (M + H)⁺ 391.1208, found 391.1207.

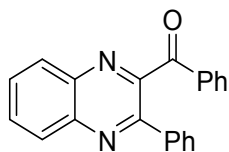


(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)-acetamide (**1r**)

300 mg, 77 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 226-228 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.64 (s, 1H), 9.83 (s, 1H), 8.04 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 185.1, 166.1, 155.0, 136.0, 131.6, 131.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 125.5, 124.4, 124.1, 123.7, 122.6, 121.8, 120.1, 93.9, 20.0. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀ClN₂O₂ (M + H)⁺ 391.1208, found 391.1208.

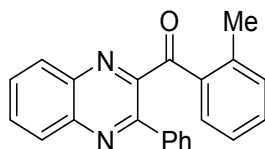


(*Z*)-*N*-(2-((1-cyclopropyl-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)amino)phenyl)acetamide (**1s**)
 205 mg, 64 % yield; Yellow solid; mp: 157-158 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.04 (s, 1H), 9.67 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.72 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.11 – 0.76 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 184.2, 165.8, 164.8, 136.8, 130.0, 129.5, 127.8, 125.2, 123.9, 123.4, 123.1, 122.9, 122.7, 84.1, 20.1, 10.1, 6.7. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₁N₂O₂ (M + H)⁺ 321.1598, found 321.1598.



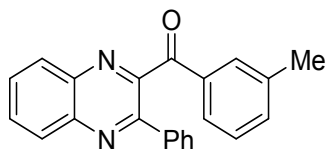
phenyl(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)methanone (2a)

55.9 mg, 90 % yield; White solid; mp: 154-155 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dt, *J* = 23.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.9, 152.7, 151.2, 142.1, 139.6, 137.2, 135.5, 134.0, 131.4, 130.5, 130.4, 129.6, 129.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.6. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₅N₂O (M + H)⁺ 311.1179, found 311.1177.



(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)(*o*-tolyl)methanone (2b)

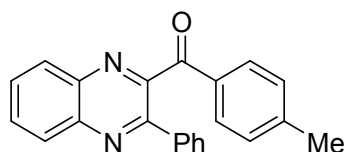
44.7 mg, 69 % yield; Pale yellow solid; mp: 170-172 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 152.8, 152.4, 142.0, 141.3, 139.8, 137.5, 134.8, 132.8, 132.8, 132.3, 131.3, 130.4, 129.5, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 125.5, 21.8. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇N₂O (M + H)⁺ 325.1335, found 325.1335.



(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)(*m*-tolyl)methanone (2c)

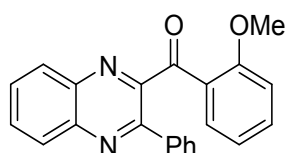
43.6 mg, 67 % yield; White solid; mp: 132-134 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

8.27 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.80 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 2.41 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.1, 152.7, 151.4, 142.0, 139.6, 138.5, 137.2, 135.5, 134.9, 131.3, 130.7, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 21.2. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 325.1335, found 325.1338.



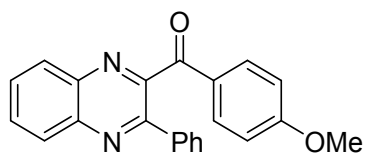
(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (**2d**)

53.9 mg, 83 % yield; White solid; mp: 137-138 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.6, 152.7, 151.5, 145.2, 142.0, 139.6, 137.3, 133.1, 131.2, 130.6, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 21.8. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 325.1335, found 325.1334.



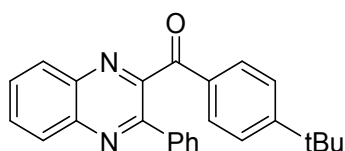
(2-methoxyphenyl)(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)methanone (**2e**)

60.0 mg, 88 % yield; White solid; mp: 145-147 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (dd, $J = 8.3, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, $J = 8.2, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.9, 159.4, 153.9, 152.0, 141.8, 139.7, 137.6, 135.4, 131.6, 130.6, 129.9, 129.3, 129.3, 129.3, 129.3, 128.5, 126.0, 121.1, 112.0, 55.6. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 341.1285, found 341.1285.



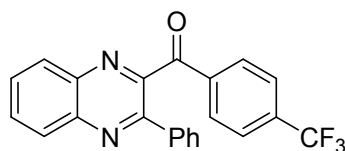
(4-methoxyphenyl)(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)methanone (**2f**)

63.0 mg, 93 % yield; White solid; mp: 132-133 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.88 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.5, 164.3, 152.7, 151.6, 142.0, 139.6, 137.3, 132.9, 131.2, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.6, 114.0, 55.5. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₇N₂O₂ (M + H)⁺ 341.1285, found 341.1286.



(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)methanone (**2g**)

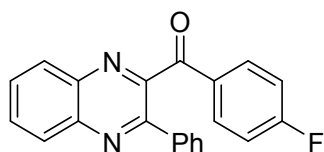
45.9 mg, 63 % yield; White solid; mp: 151-152 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.76 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.5, 158.0, 152.9, 151.4, 142.0, 139.5, 137.3, 133.0, 131.3, 130.6, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 125.7, 35.3, 31.0, 31.0, 31.0. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₃N₂O (M + H)⁺ 367.1805, found 367.1804.



(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (**2h**)

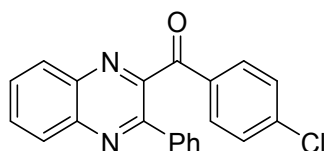
44.1 mg, 58 % yield; White solid; mp: 148-149 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.18 – 8.14 (m, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.94 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 3H); ¹³C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.8, 153.0, 150.2, 142.3, 139.5, 138.3, 137.1, 135.1 (q, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 131.8, 130.8, 130.7, 129.8, 129.5, 129.5, 129.1, 128.8, 125.7 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 123.5 (q, $J = 272.9$ Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.2; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₂H₁₄F₃N₂O (M + H)⁺ 379.1053, found 379.1052.



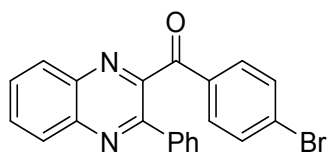
(4-fluorophenyl)(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)methanone (**2i**)

43.9 mg, 67 % yield; White solid; mp: 165-166 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (dd, $J = 8.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.85 (dtd, $J = 15.1, 7.1, 1.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.3, 166.3 (d, $J = 257.1$ Hz), 152.8, 150.8, 142.1, 139.5, 137.2, 133.2 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 132.0 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.5, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 116.0 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.9; HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₄FN₂O (M + H)⁺ 329.1085, found 329.1079.



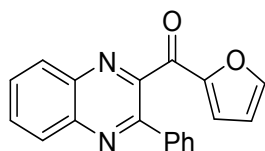
(4-chlorophenyl)(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)methanone (**2j**)

50.1 mg, 73 % yield; White solid; mp: 161-163 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.27 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 – 8.00 (m, 3H), 7.99 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 189.6, 149.2, 147.6, 138.5, 136.6, 135.8, 133.9, 130.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.1, 126.6, 126.2, 126.1, 126.1, 125.9, 125.6. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₄ClN₂O (M + H)⁺ 345.0789, found 345.0786.



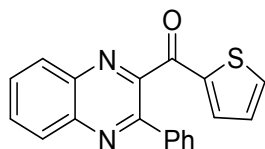
(4-bromophenyl)(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)methanone (**2k**)

41.0 mg, 53 % yield; White solid; mp:167-168 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.79 (m, 4H), 7.73 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.9, 152.8, 150.6, 142.2, 139.6, 137.1, 134.4, 132.1, 131.9, 131.6, 130.6, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 389.0284, found 389.0284.



furan-2-yl(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)methanone (**2l**)

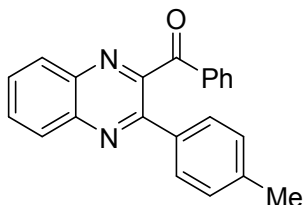
25.1 mg, 42 % yield; Brown solid; mp: 153-154 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (dd, $J = 15.3, 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 6.5, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, $J = 3.4, 1.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.2, 152.8, 151.7, 149.8, 148.3, 142.3, 139.7, 137.2, 131.7, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 122.4, 112.8. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 301.0972, found 301.0968.



(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (**2m**)

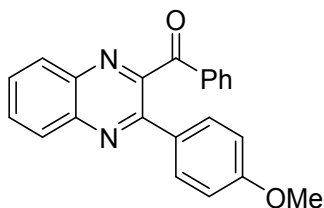
27.0 mg, 43 % yield; White solid; mp: 137-139 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (dd, $J = 13.6, 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.92 – 7.76 (m, 4H), 7.73 (dd, $J = 6.2, 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.8,

152.8, 150.2, 142.5, 142.3, 139.4, 137.4, 136.4, 136.2, 131.6, 130.5, 129.6, 129.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{13}N_2OS$ ($M + H$)⁺ 317.0743, found 317.0743.



phenyl(3-(*p*-tolyl)quinoxalin-2-yl)methanone (**2n**)

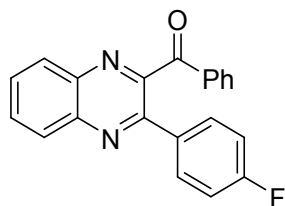
28.6 mg, 44 % yield; White solid; mp: 186-188 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.82 (dtd, $J = 16.5, 7.0, 1.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.1, 152.7, 151.2, 142.1, 139.7, 139.5, 135.6, 134.4, 134.0, 131.3, 130.5, 130.2, 129.4, 129.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 21.3. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{17}N_2O$ ($M + H$)⁺ 325.1335, found 325.1333.



(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)quinoxalin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**2o**)

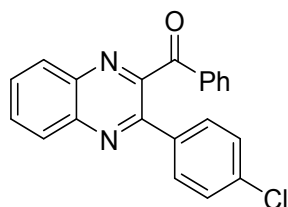
41.5 mg, 61 % yield; Pale yellow solid; mp: 144-145 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.82 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.3, 160.9, 152.2, 151.2, 142.2, 139.4, 135.6, 134.1, 131.3, 130.6, 130.5, 130.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 114.3, 55.3. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{17}N_2O_2$ ($M +$

H)⁺ 341.1285, found 341.1286.



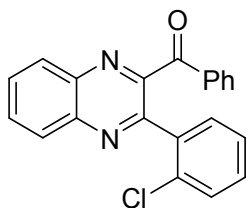
(3-(4-fluorophenyl)quinoxalin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**2p**)

46.2 mg, 70 % yield; White solid; mp: 97-98 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (dt, *J* = 15.1, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.9, 163.6 (d, *J* = 250.3 Hz), 151.6, 151.0, 142.0, 139.6, 135.4, 134.2, 133.4 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 131.5, 131.1 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 130.6, 130.5, 129.4, 129.4, 128.8, 115.9 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -111.1; HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₄FN₂O (M + H)⁺ 329.1085, found 329.1085.



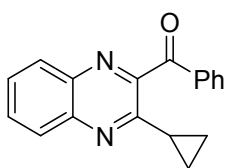
(3-(4-chlorophenyl)quinoxalin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**2q**)

48.7 mg, 71 % yield; White solid; mp: 170-172 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.90 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.8, 151.5, 150.9, 142.0, 139.6, 135.9, 135.7, 135.4, 134.2, 131.6, 130.6, 130.5, 130.4, 129.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₄ClN₂O (M + H)⁺ 345.0789, found 345.0791.



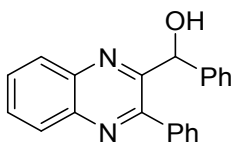
(3-(2-chlorophenyl)quinoxalin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**2r**)

42.8 mg, 62 % yield; White solid; mp: 128-129 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.94 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.29 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.3, 152.2, 150.4, 141.8, 139.6, 136.9, 135.0, 133.6, 132.1, 131.7, 131.4, 131.0, 130.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.4, 129.4, 128.2, 127.2. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₄ClN₂O (M + H)⁺ 345.0789, found 345.0788.



(3-cyclopropylquinoxalin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**2s**)

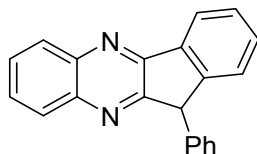
19.3 mg, 35 % yield; White solid; mp: 74-75 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.95 (m, 3H), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.34 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 1.03 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 156.6, 151.0, 142.4, 139.0, 135.8, 134.2, 130.9, 130.7, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 14.5, 11.8. HRMS *m/z* (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₂O (M + H)⁺ 275.1179, found 275.1178.



phenyl(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)methanol (**3a**)

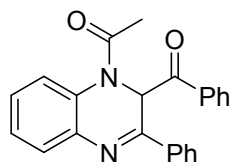
52.9 mg, 85% yield; White solid; mp: 147-148 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

8.33 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.92 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.13 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.4, 154.2, 141.6, 141.2, 139.6, 137.6, 130.4, 130.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 72.9. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 313.1335, found 313.1335.



11-phenyl-11*H*-indeno[1,2-*b*]quinoxaline (**4a**)

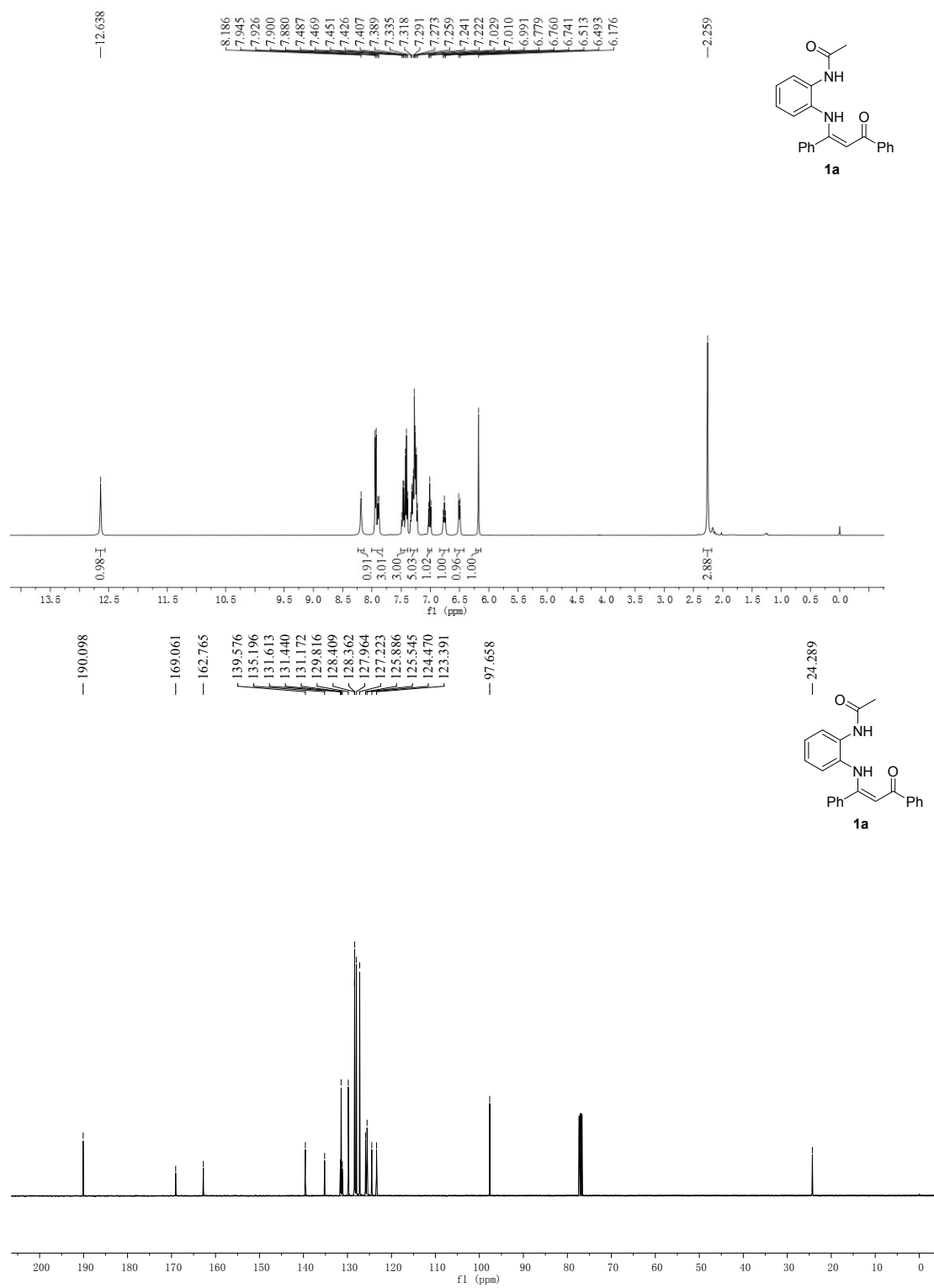
31.1 mg, 53 % yield; Light brown solid; mp: 169-170 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.4, 154.4, 148.2, 142.4, 141.7, 139.2, 137.4, 131.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 126.2, 122.5, 52.6. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 295.1230, found 295.1232.

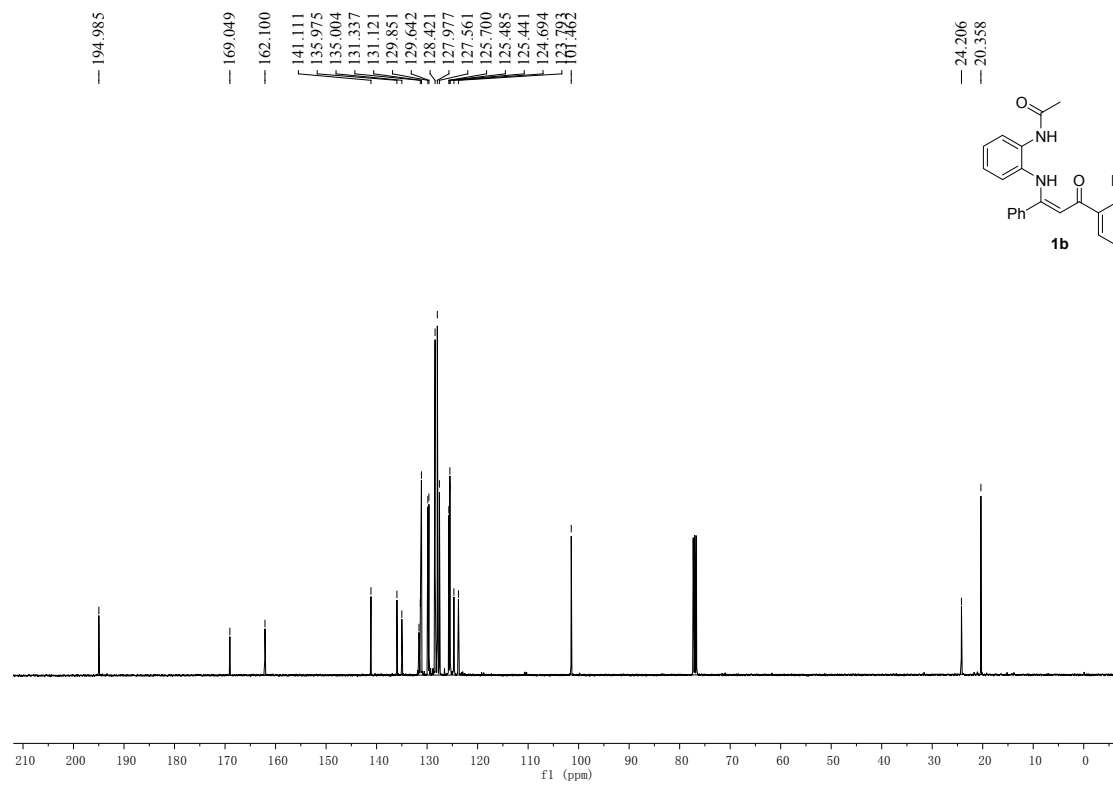
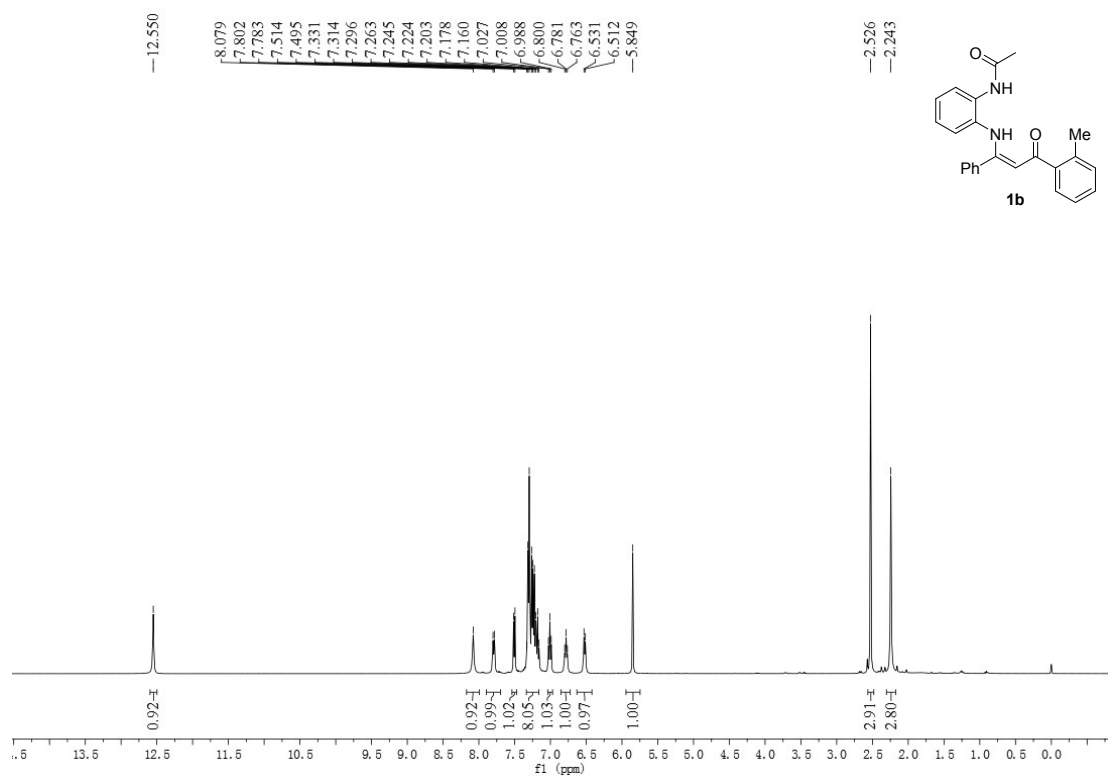


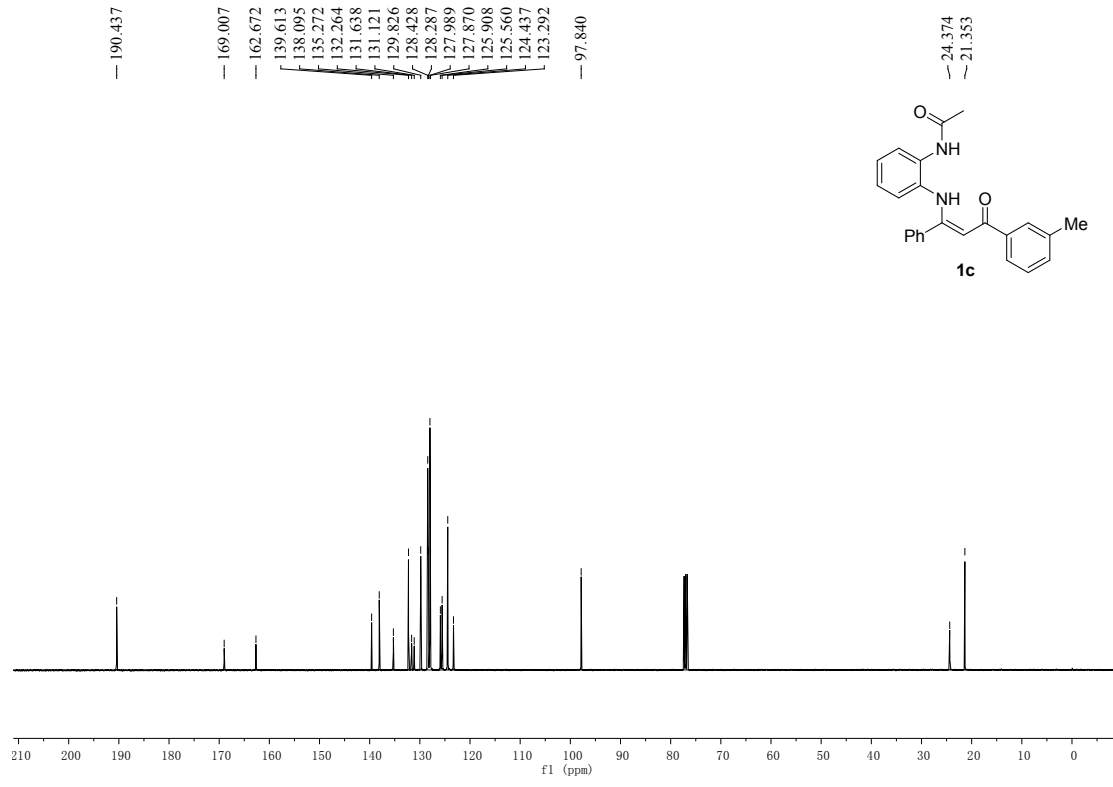
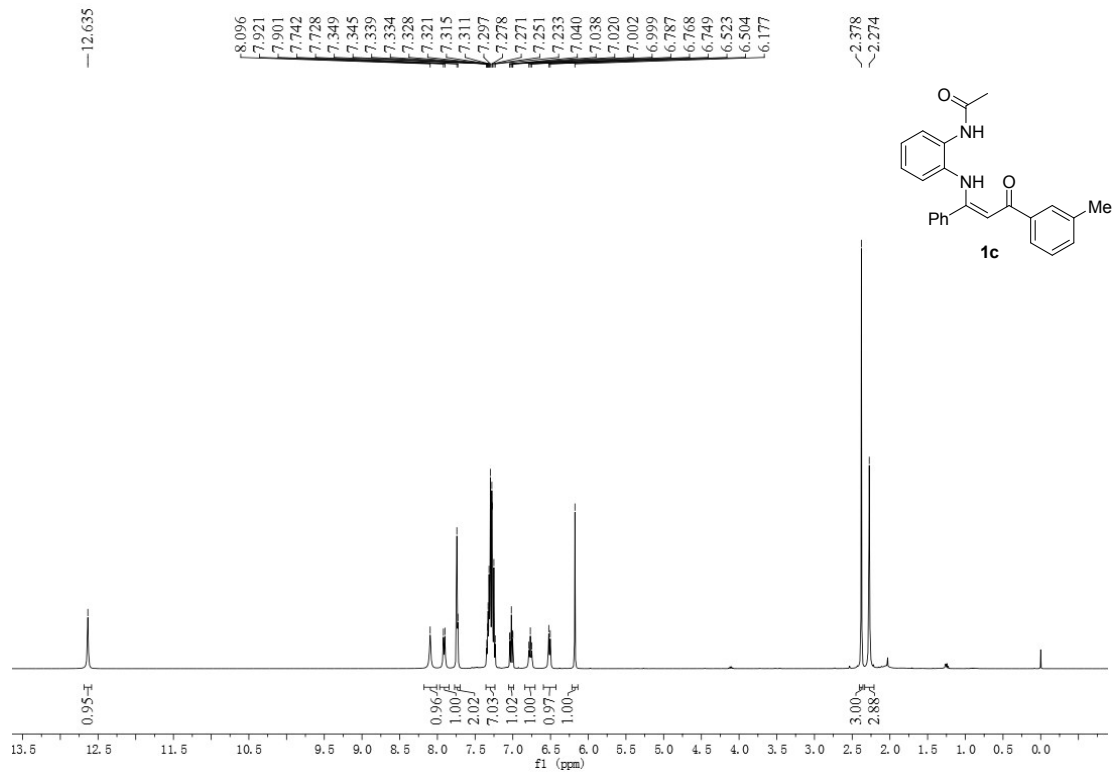
1-(2-benzoyl-3-phenylquinoxalin-1(2*H*)-yl)ethan-1-one (**5a**)

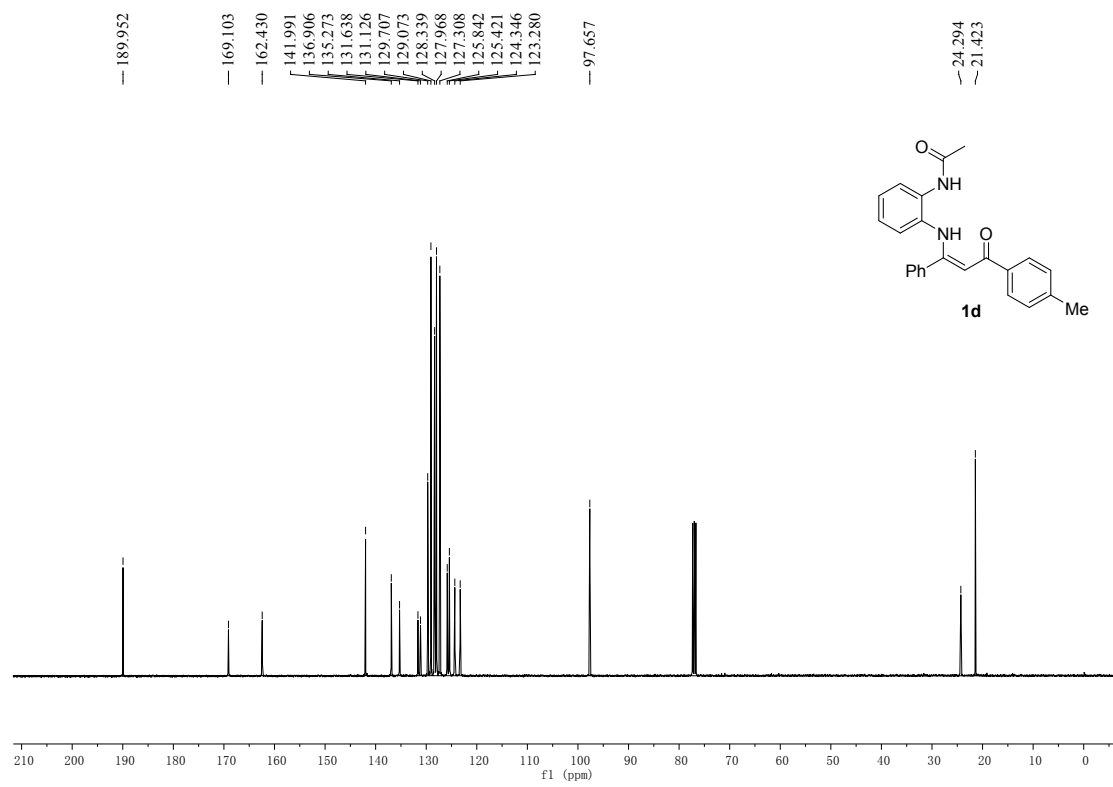
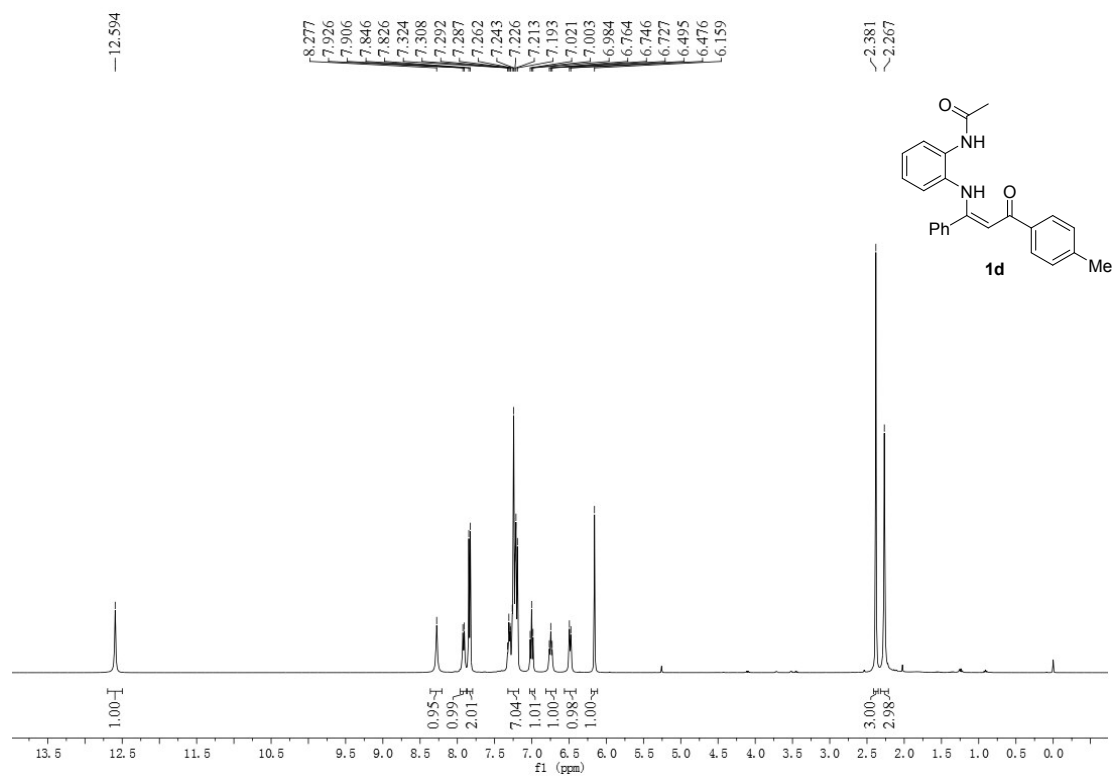
56.6 mg, 32% yield; Yellow solid; mp: 56-58 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.31 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.3, 169.8, 164.3, 139.9, 136.5, 134.2, 133.8, 131.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 127.9, 127.3, 127.3, 127.2, 126.8, 123.7, 53.6, 21.9. HRMS m/z (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$ 355.1441, found 355.1440.

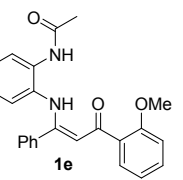
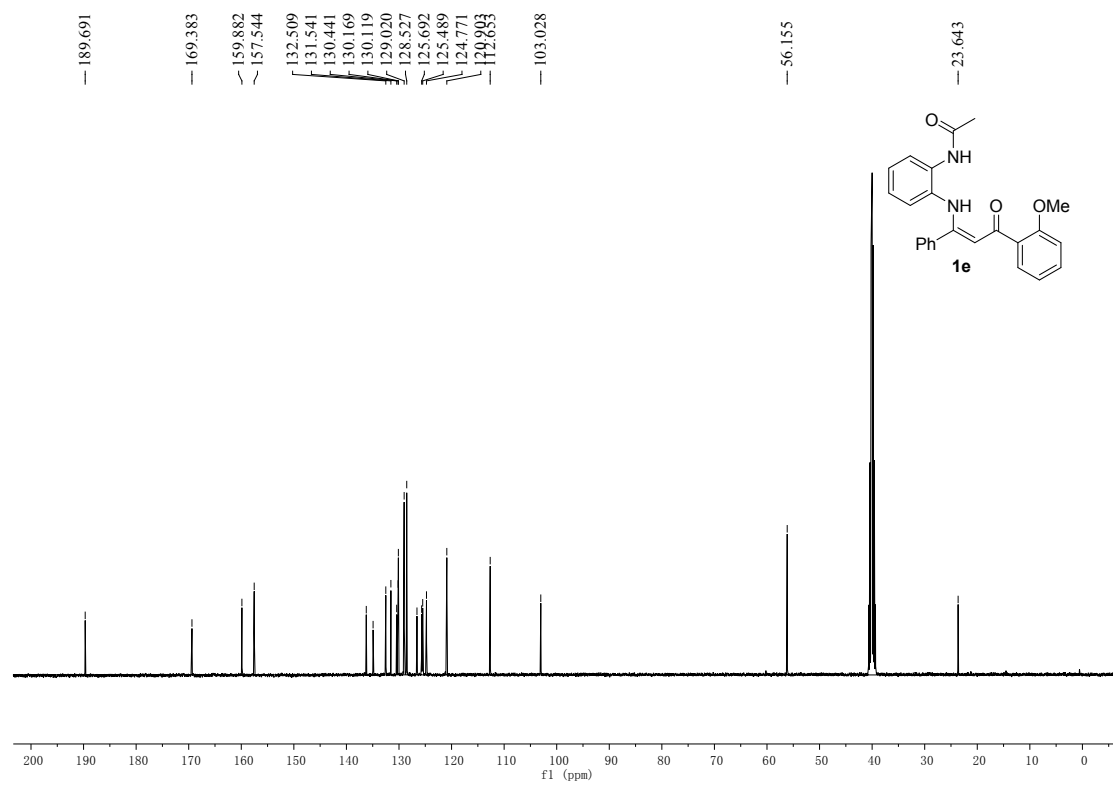
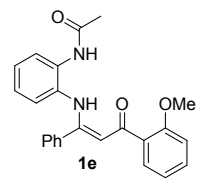
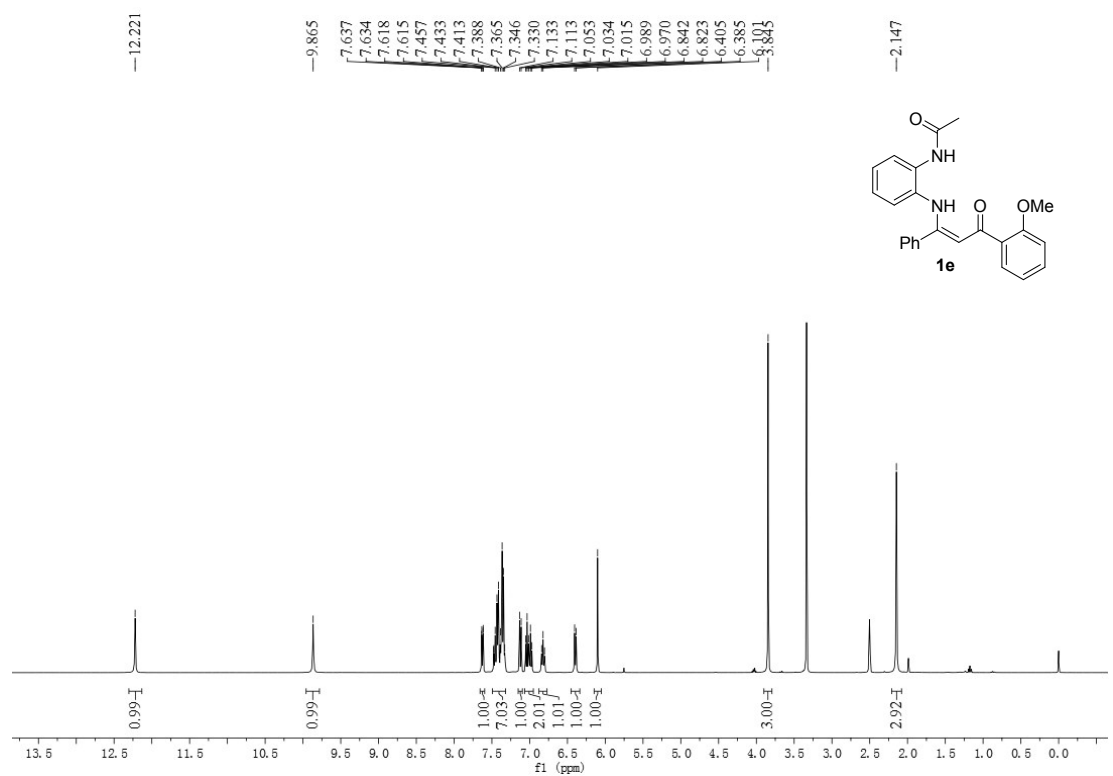
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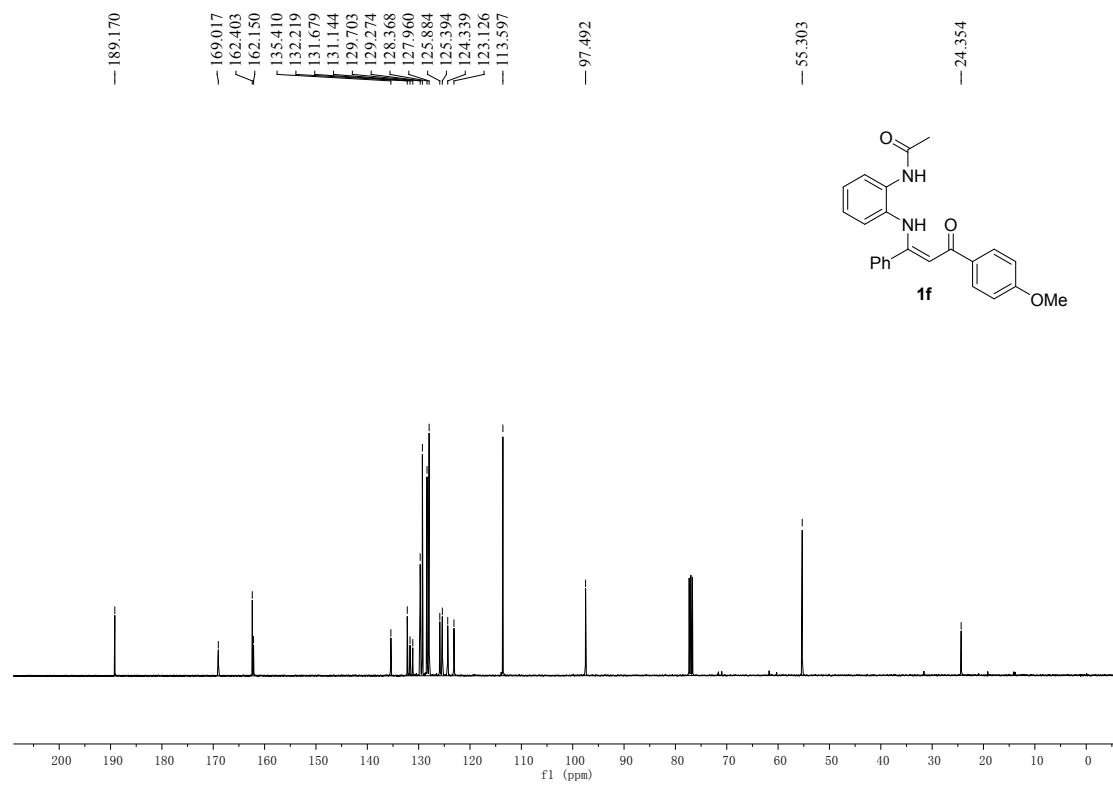
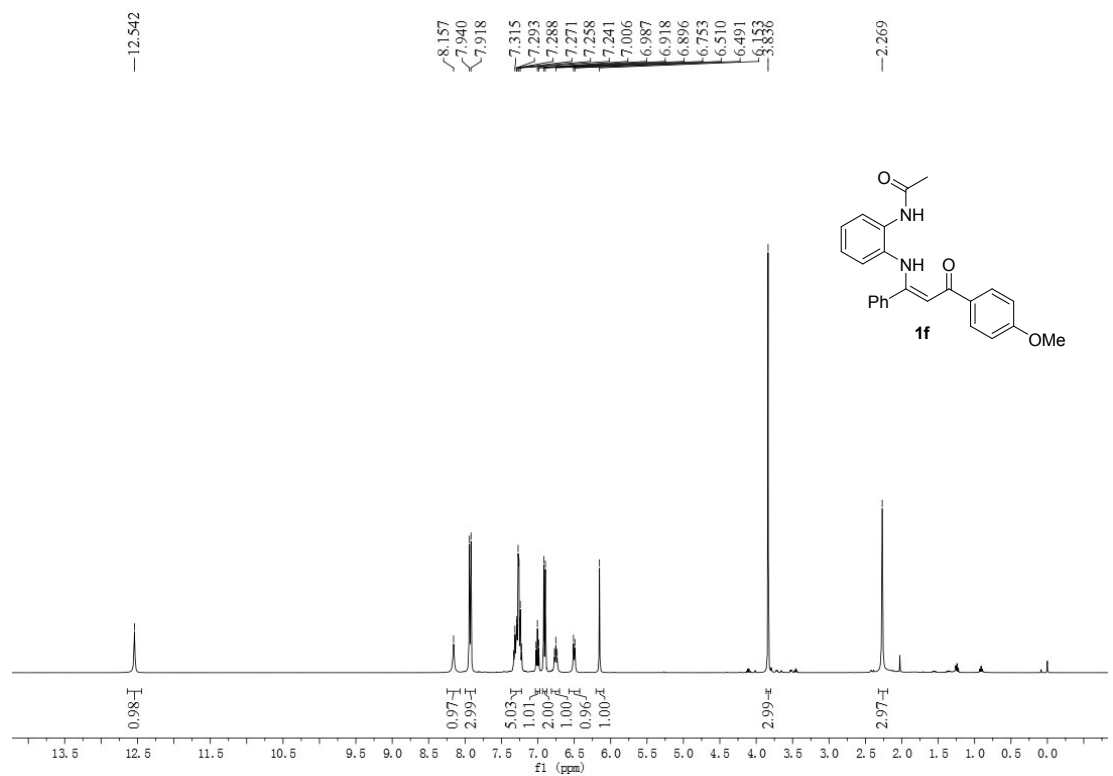


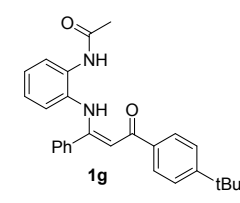
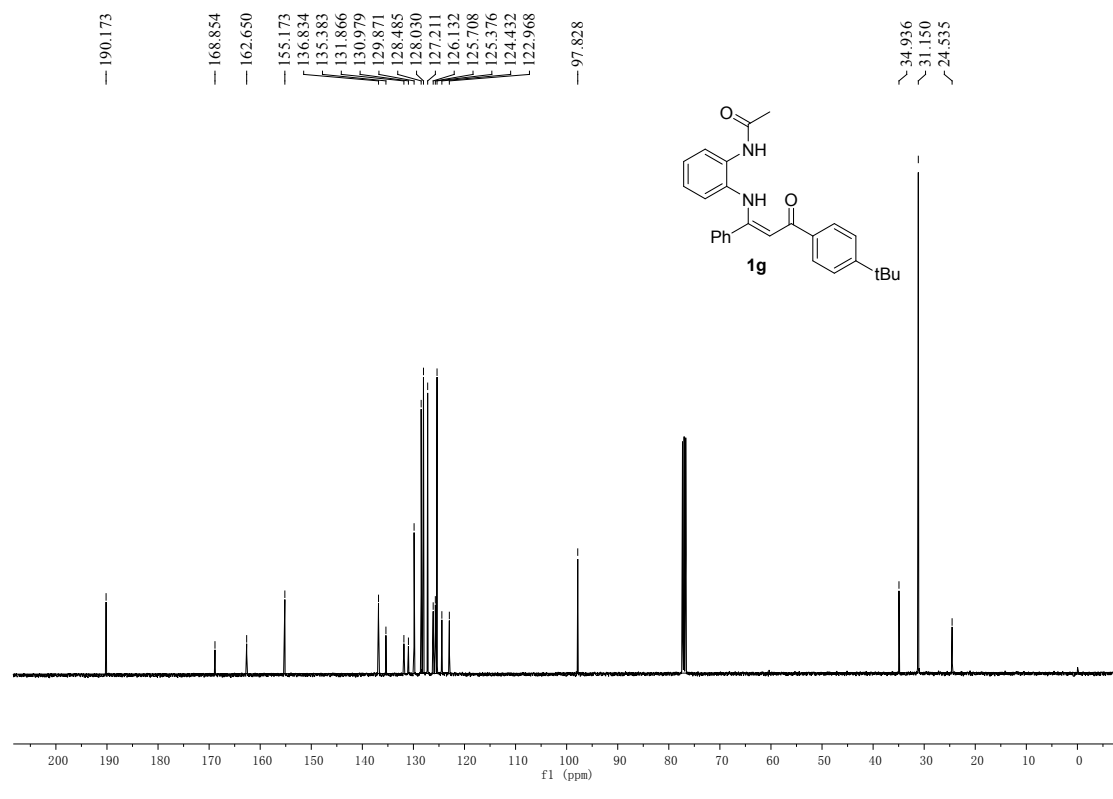
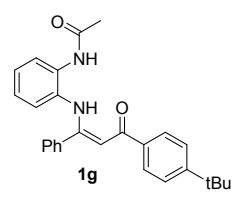
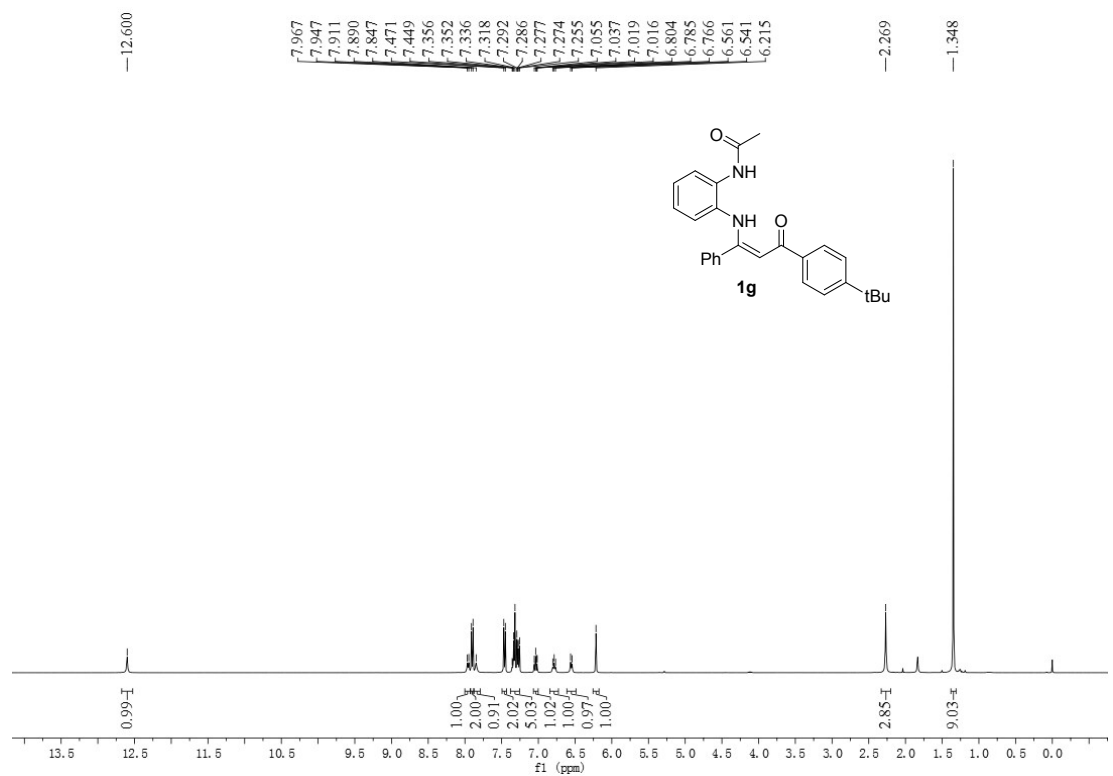


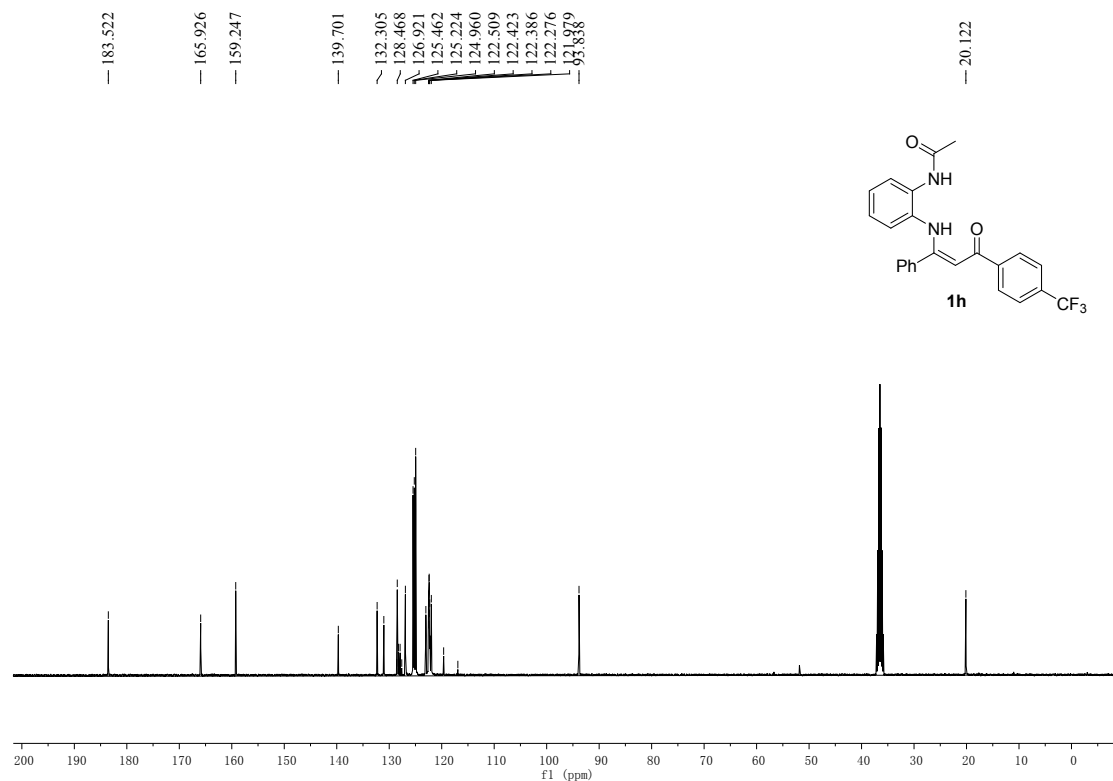
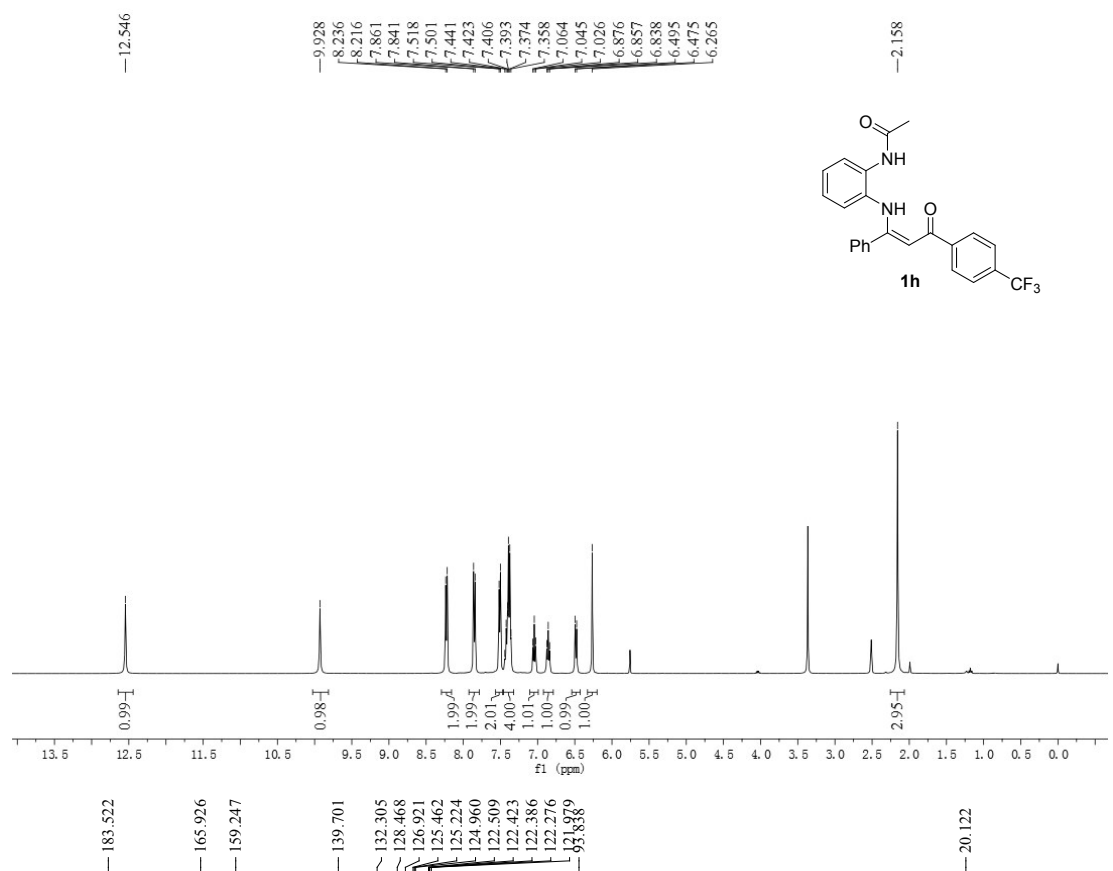


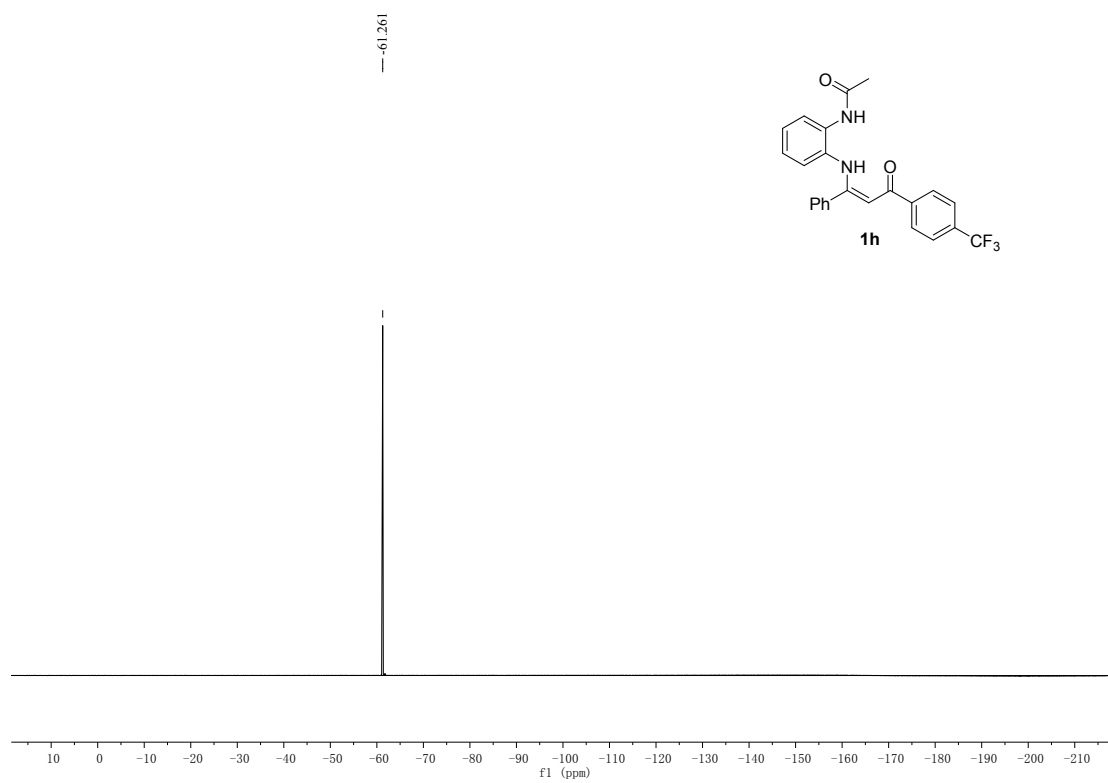


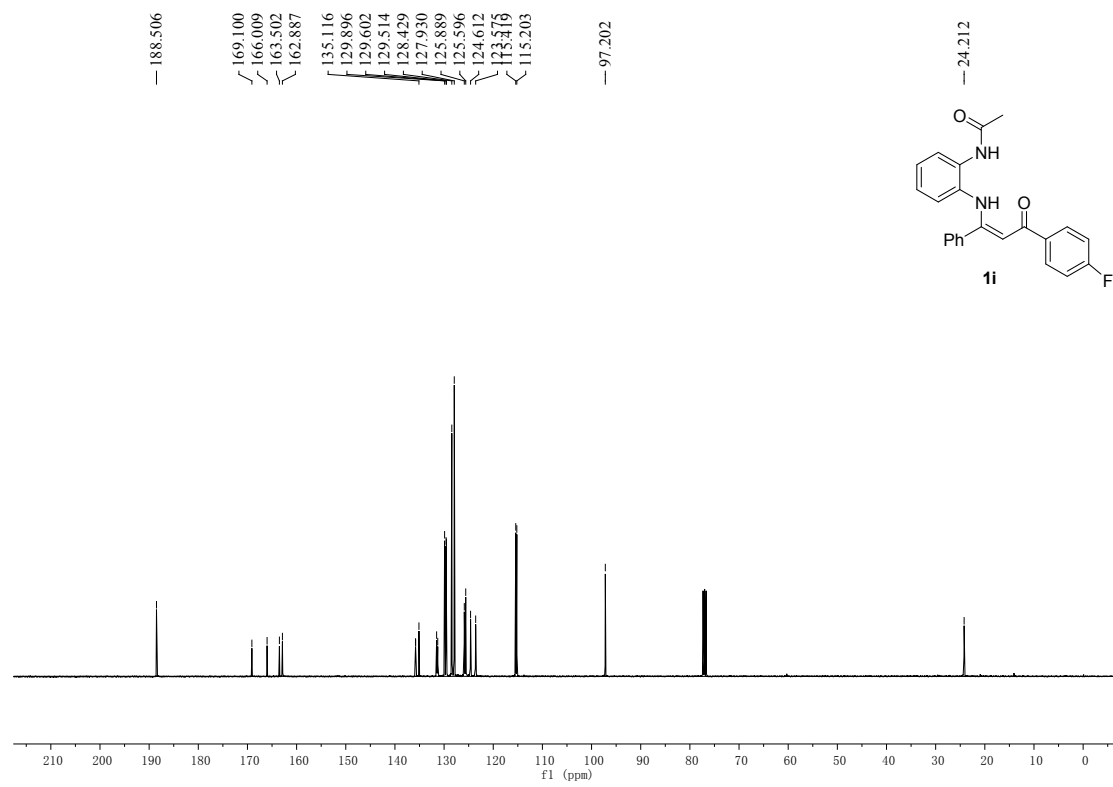
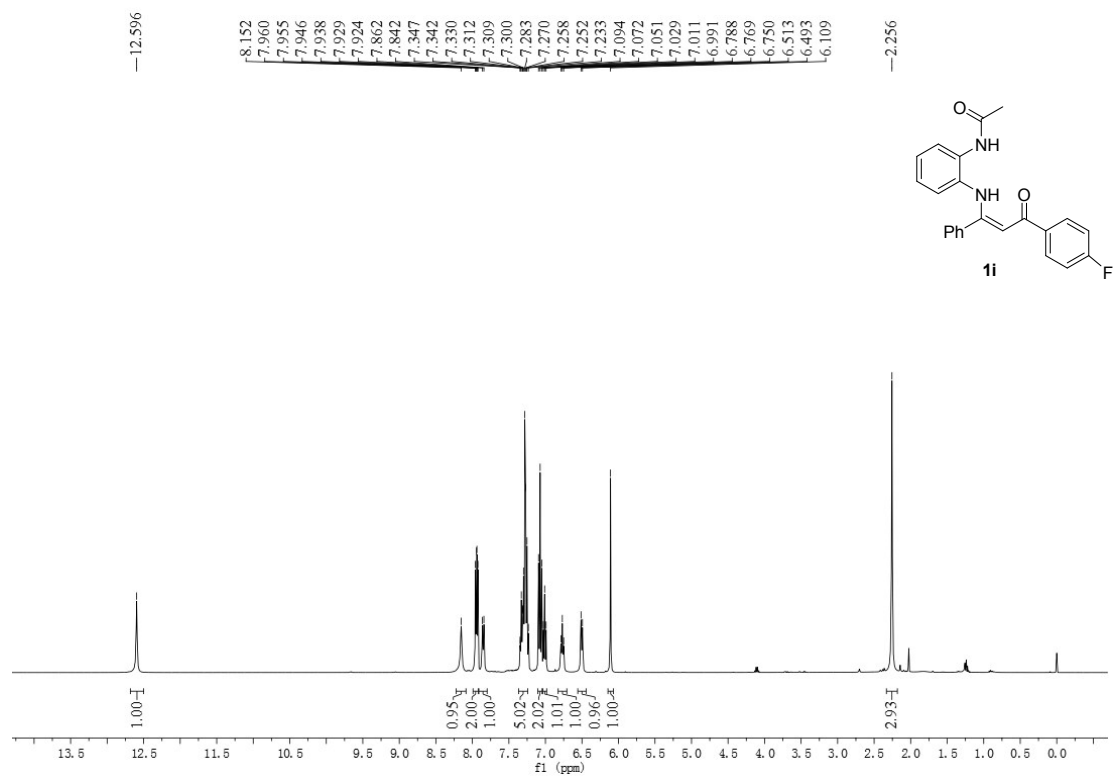


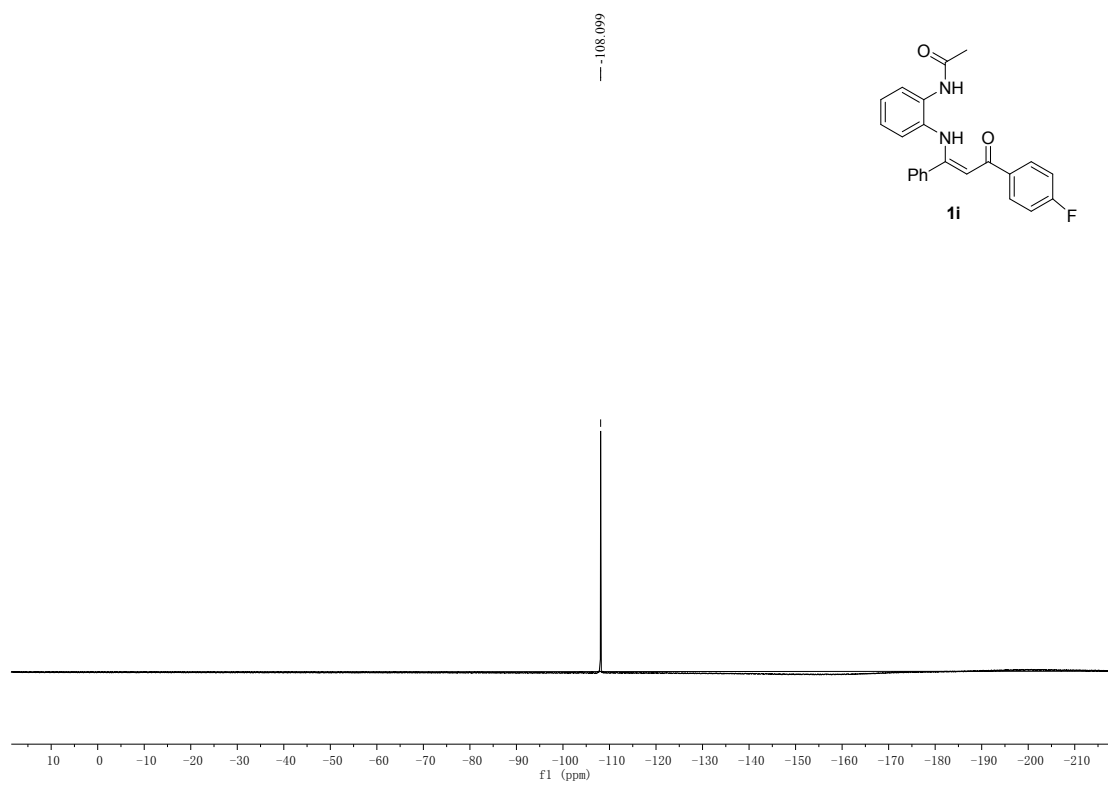


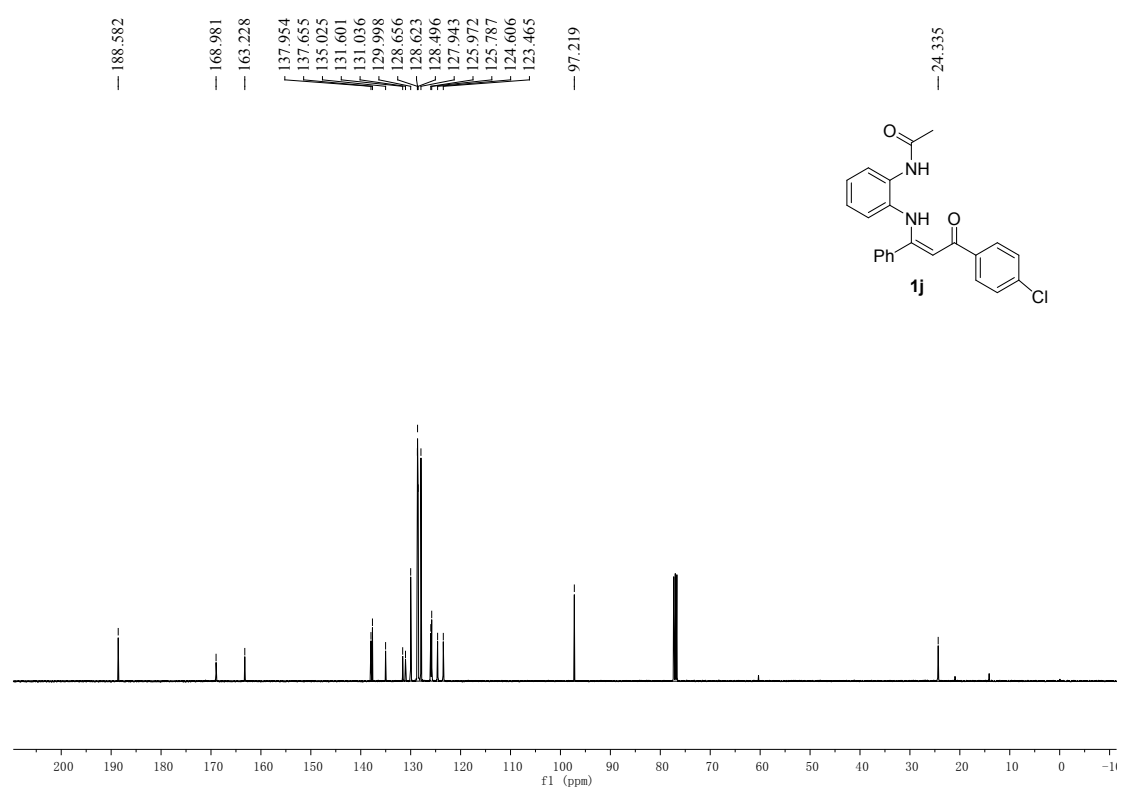
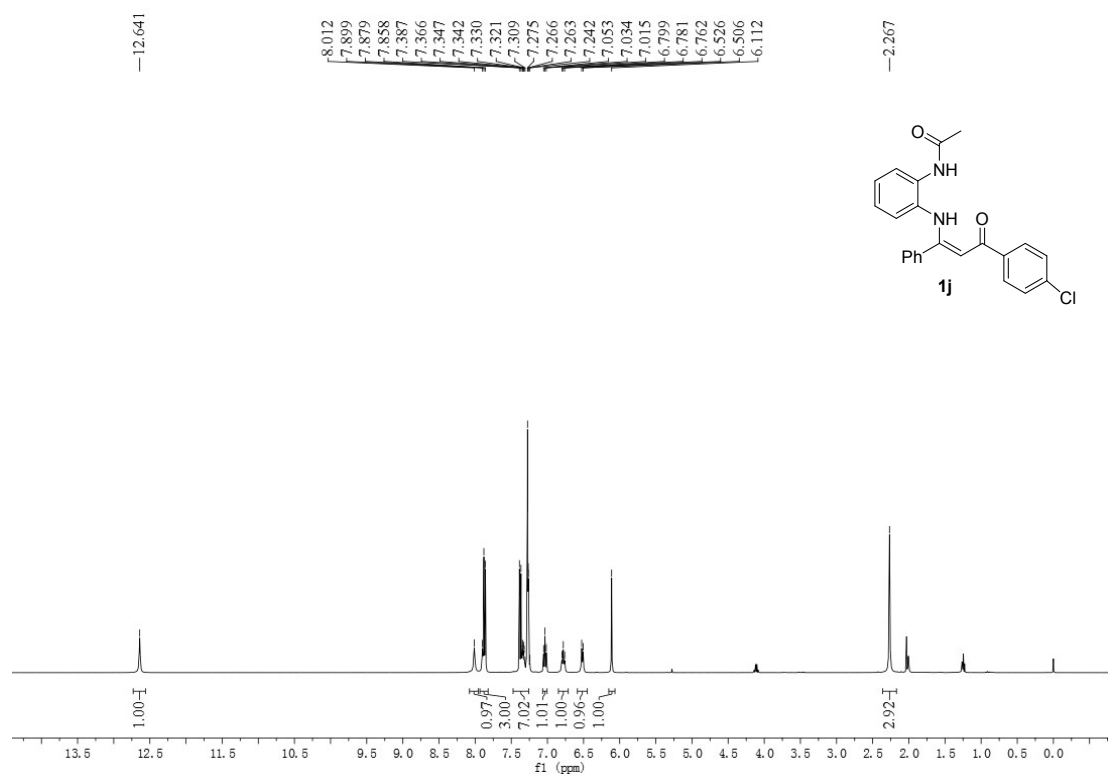


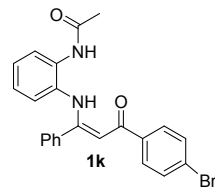
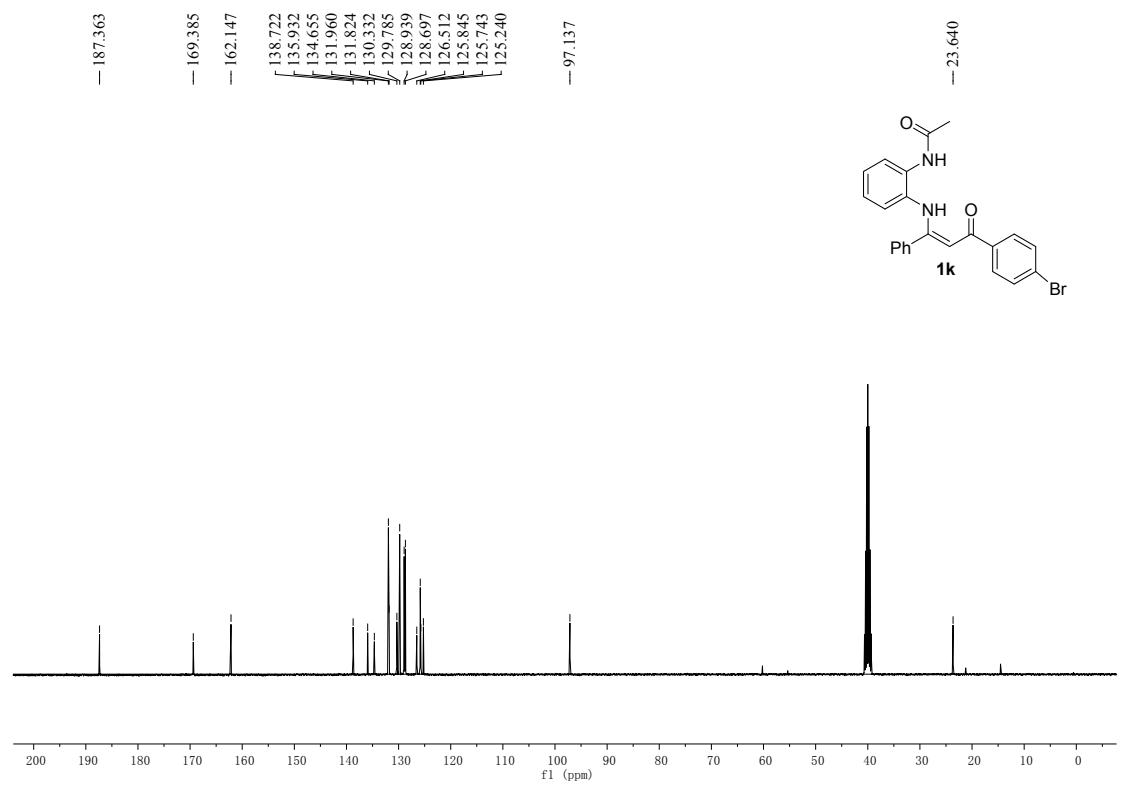
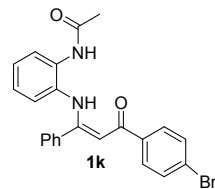
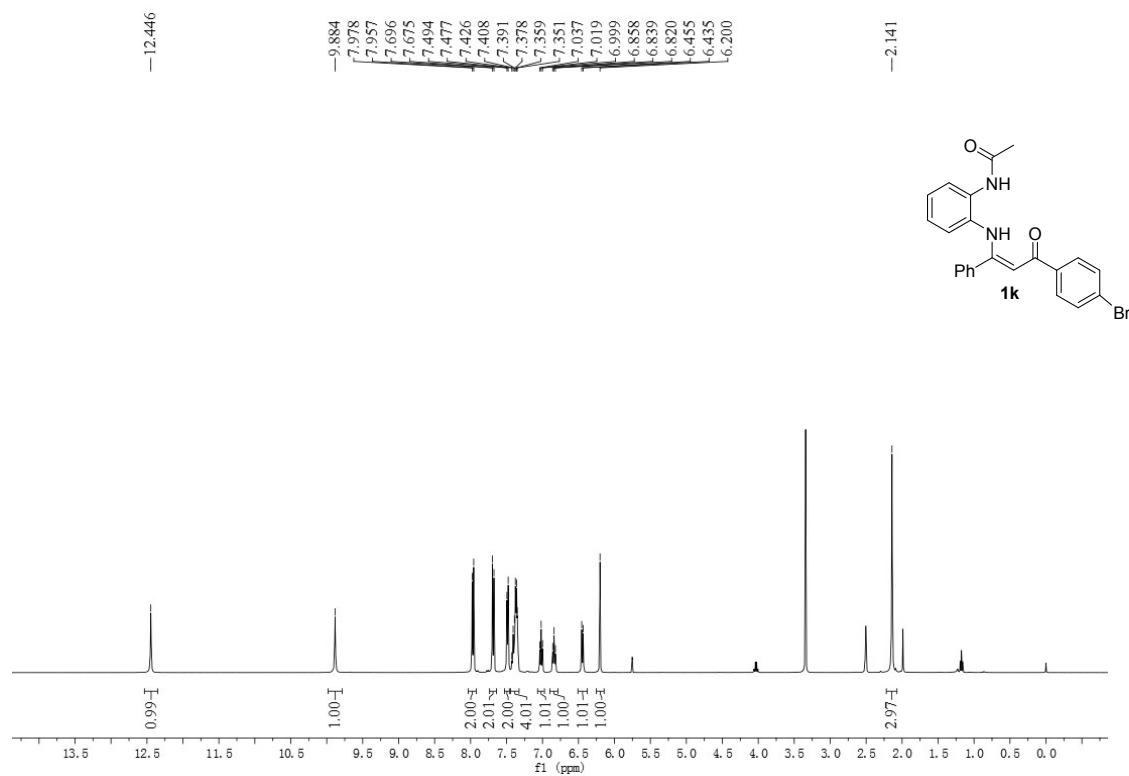


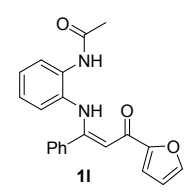
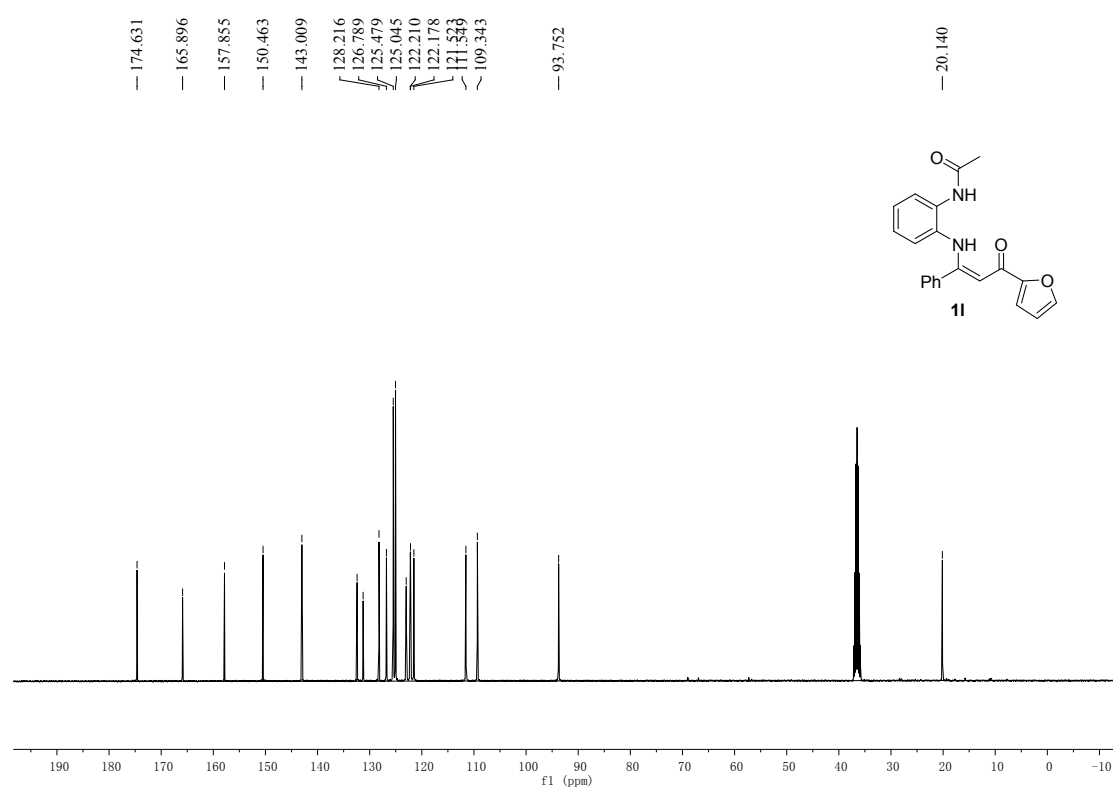
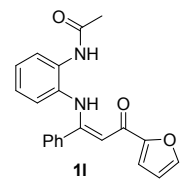
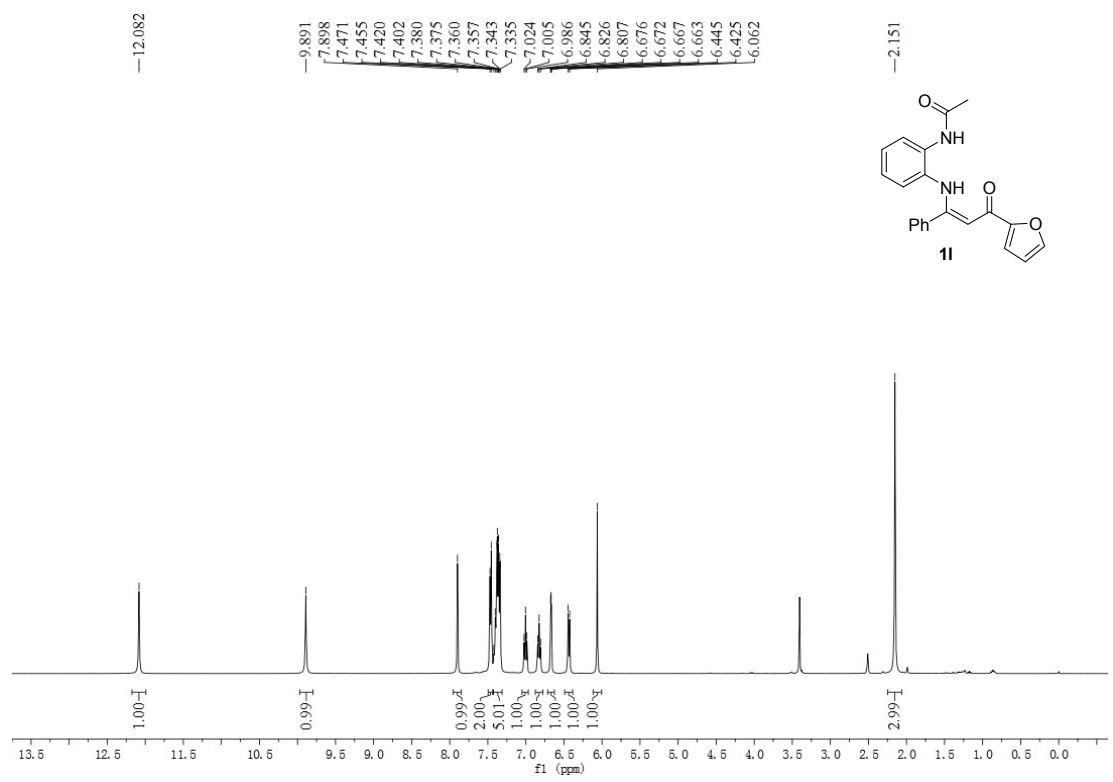


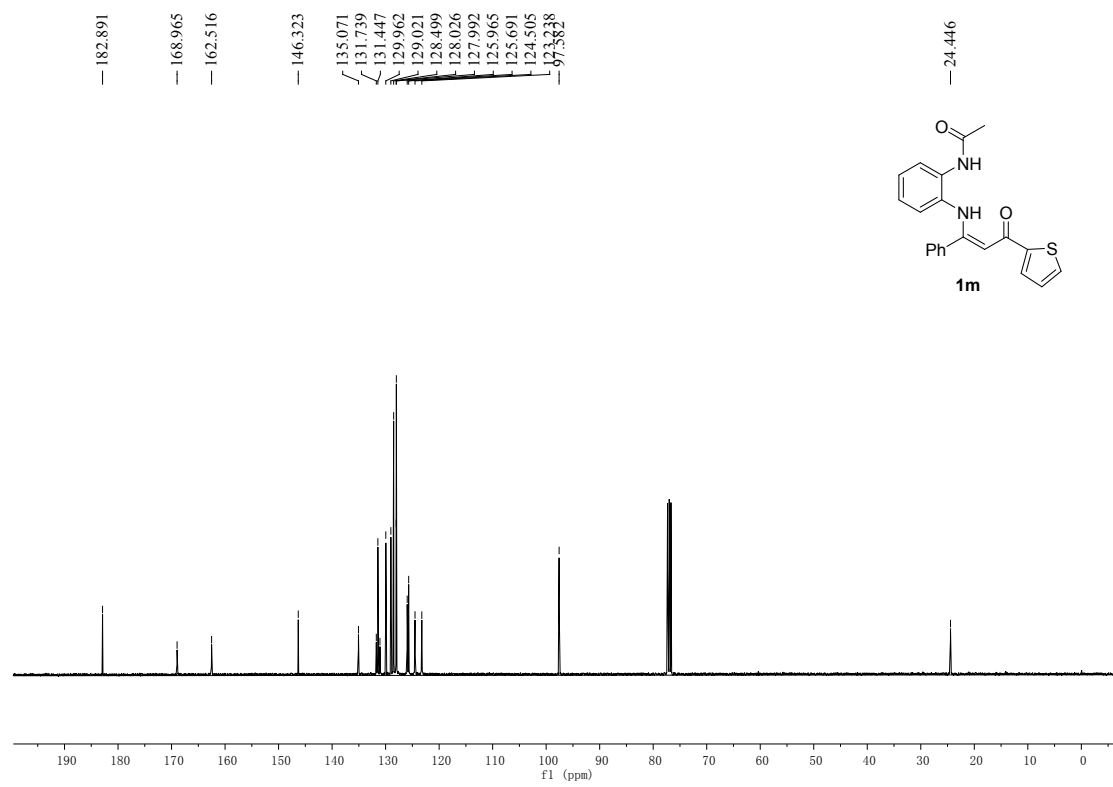
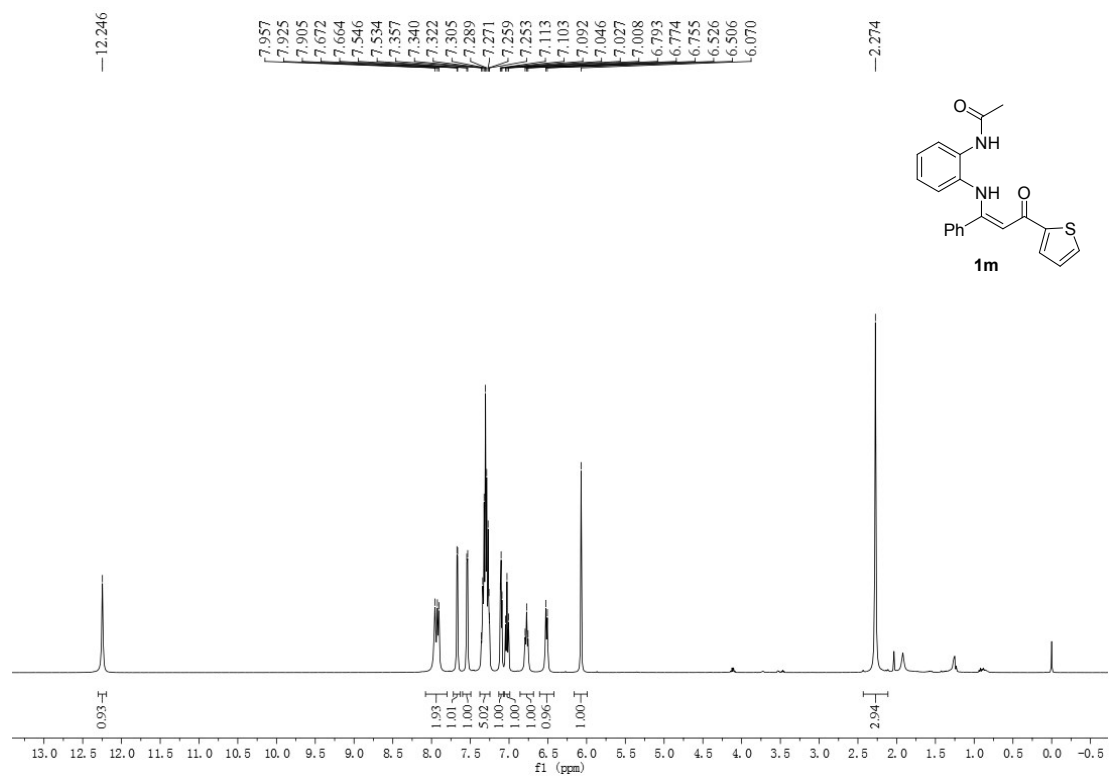


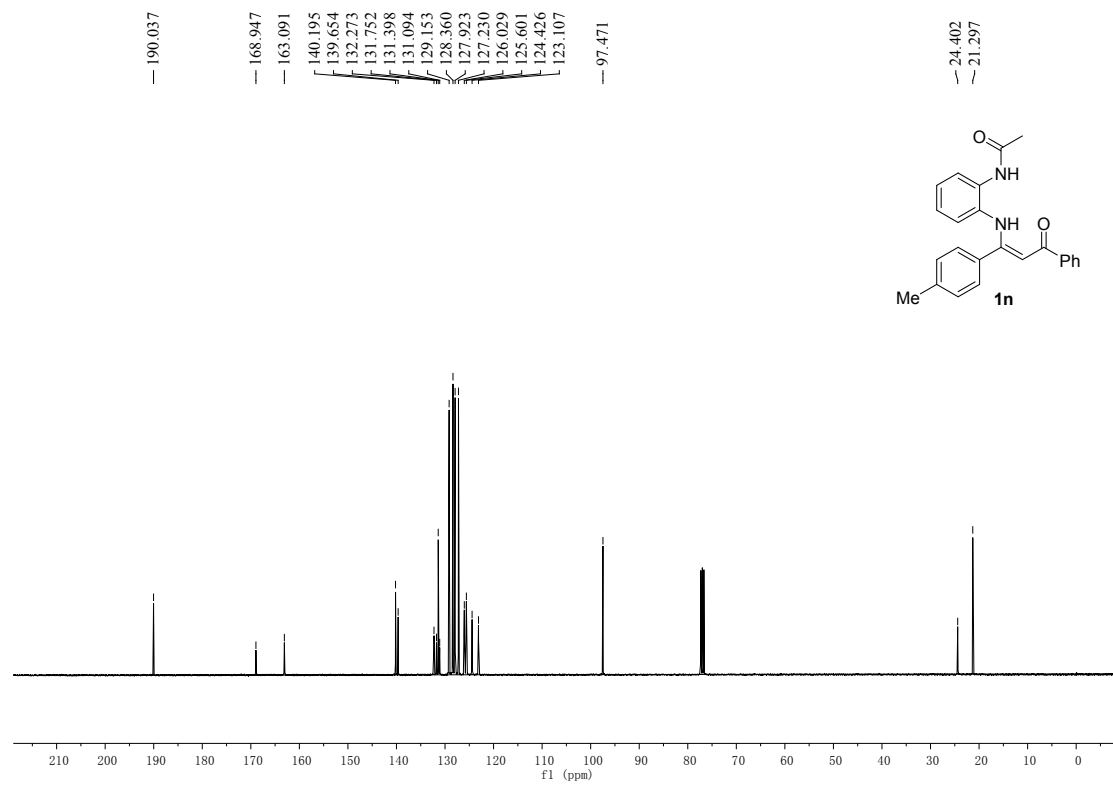
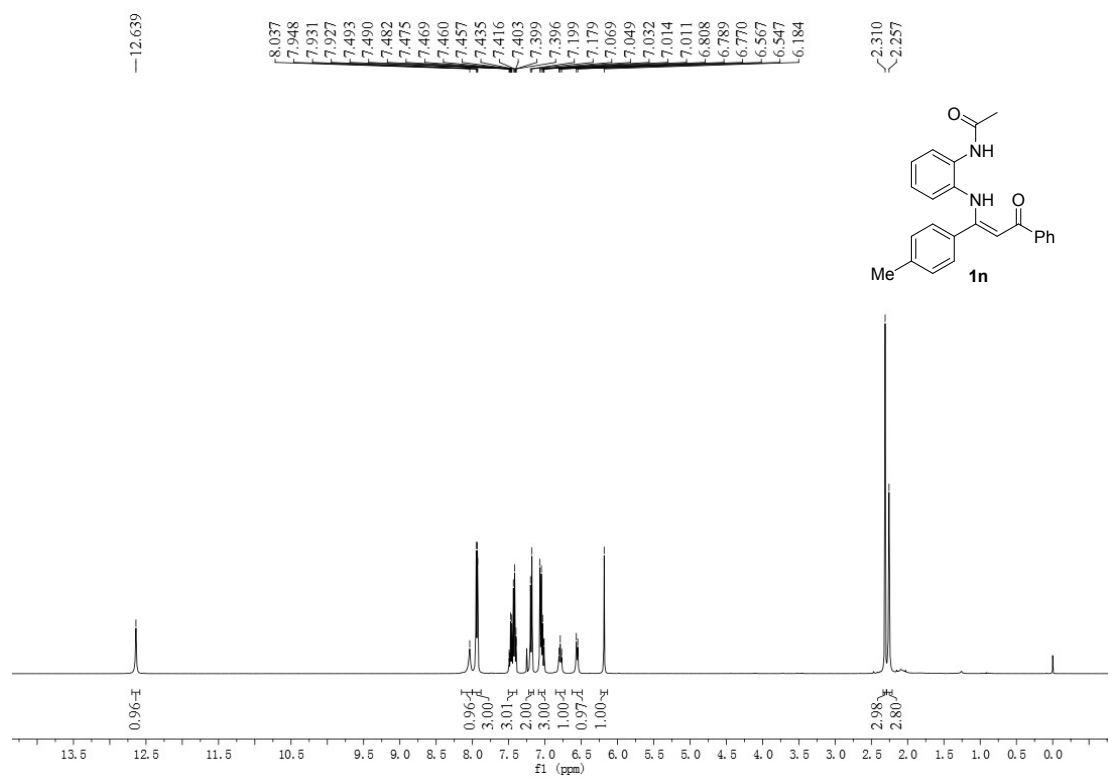


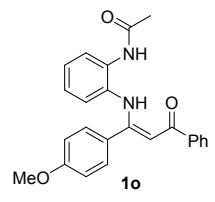
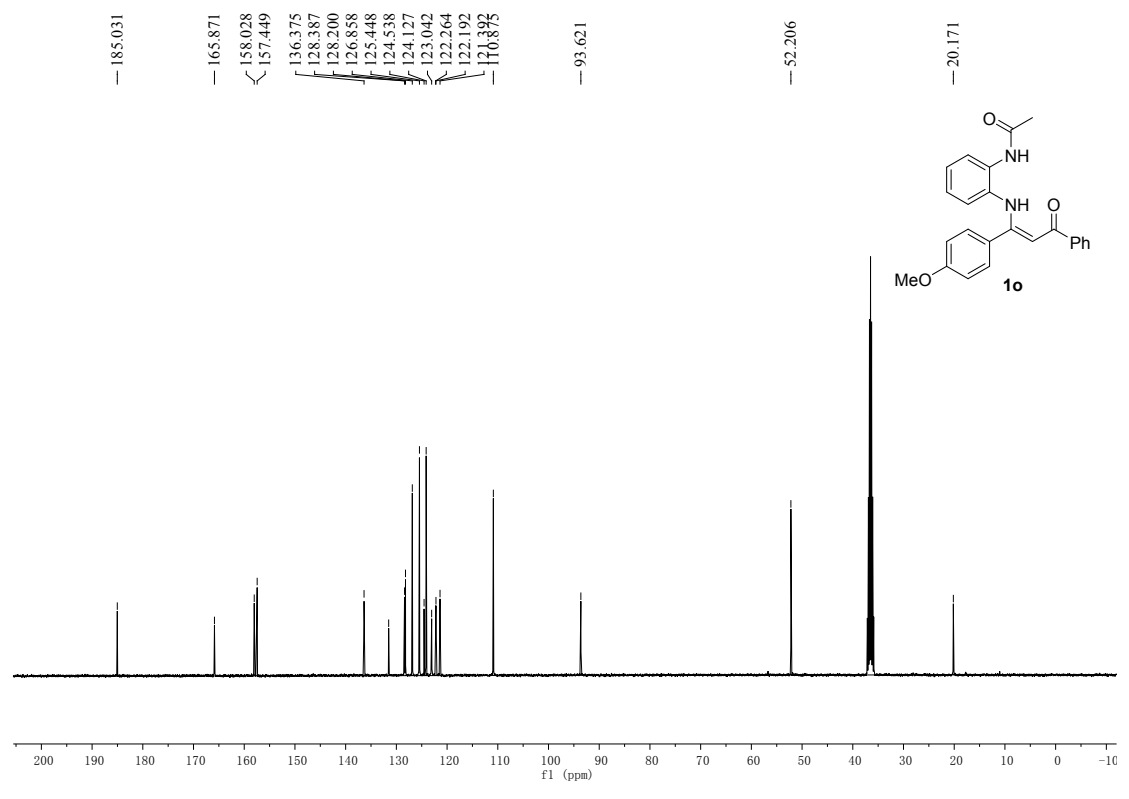
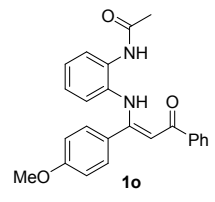
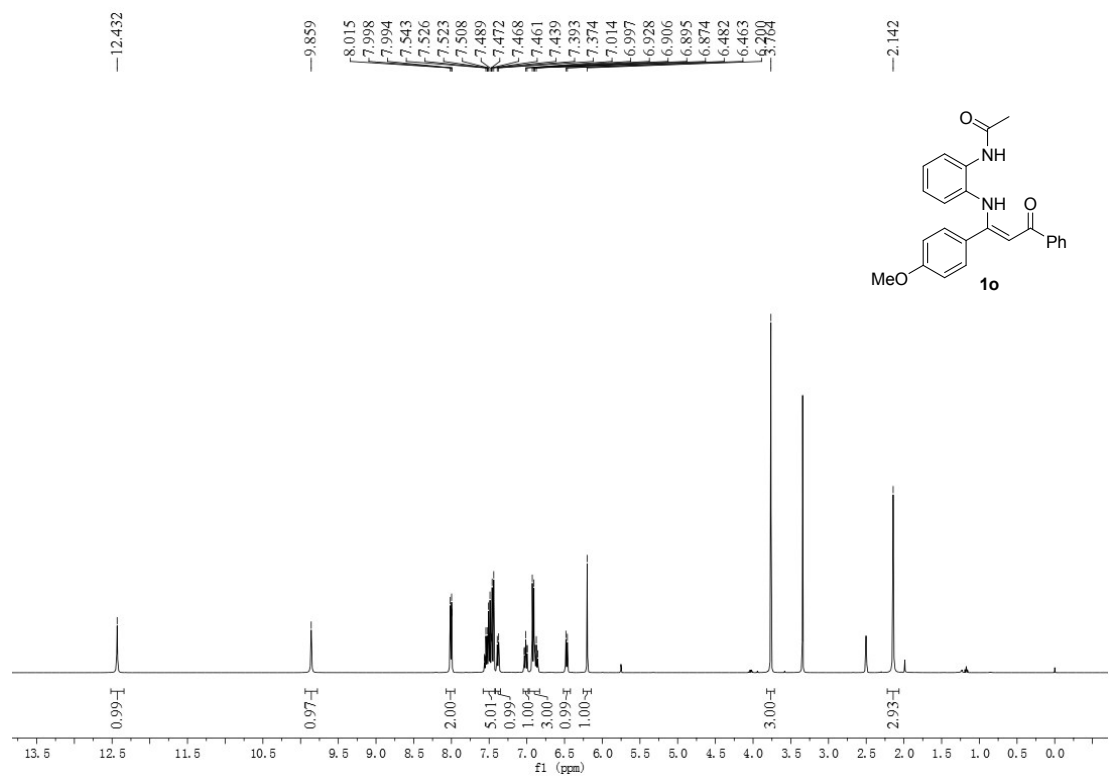


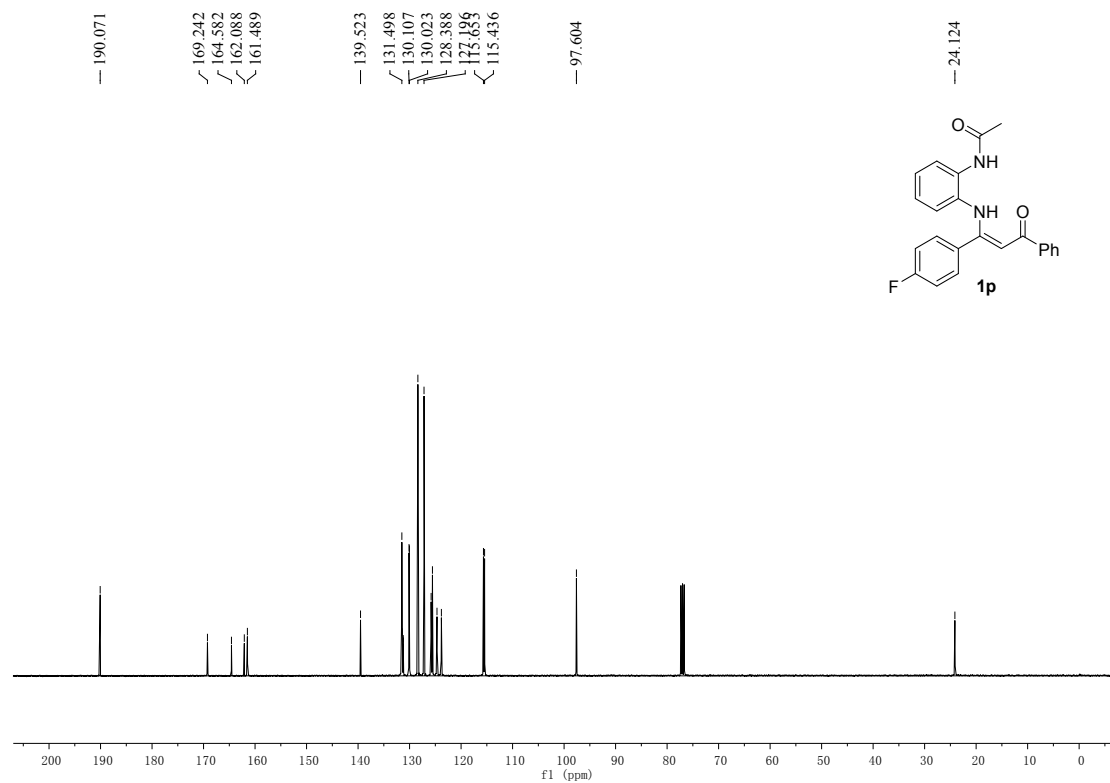
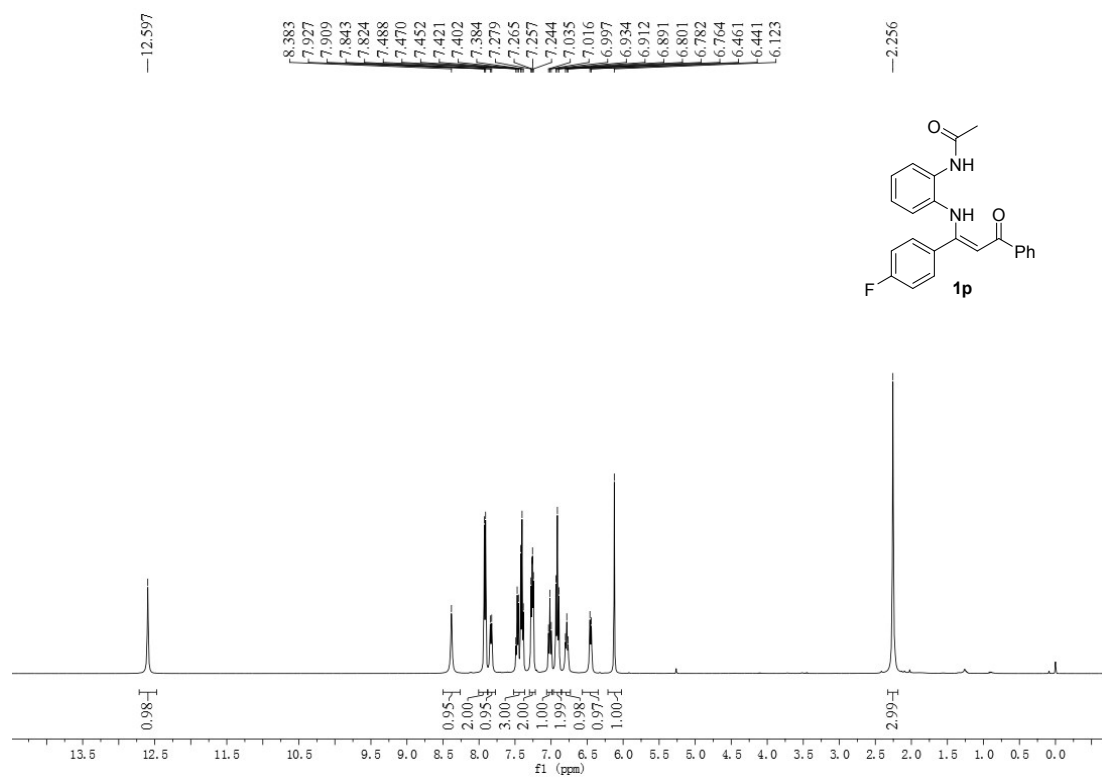




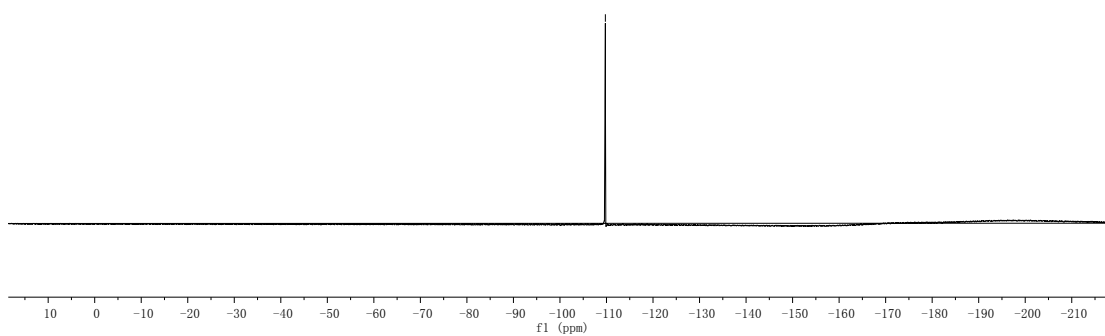
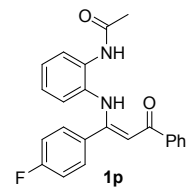


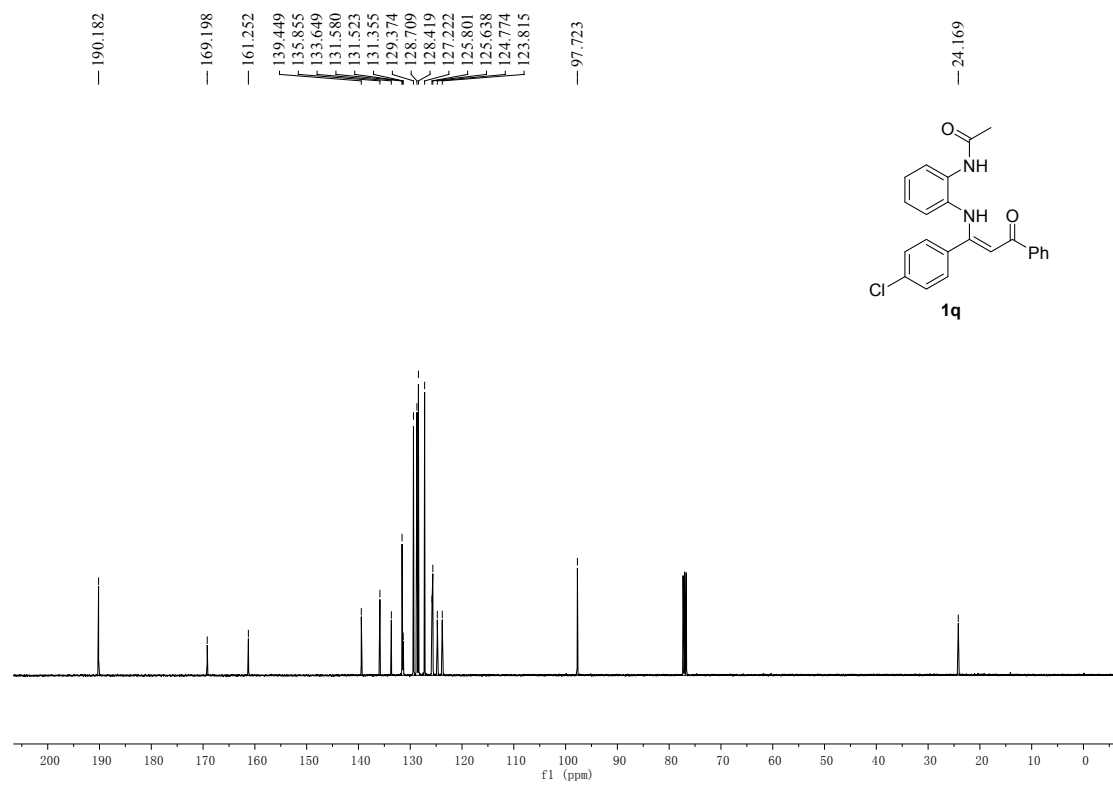
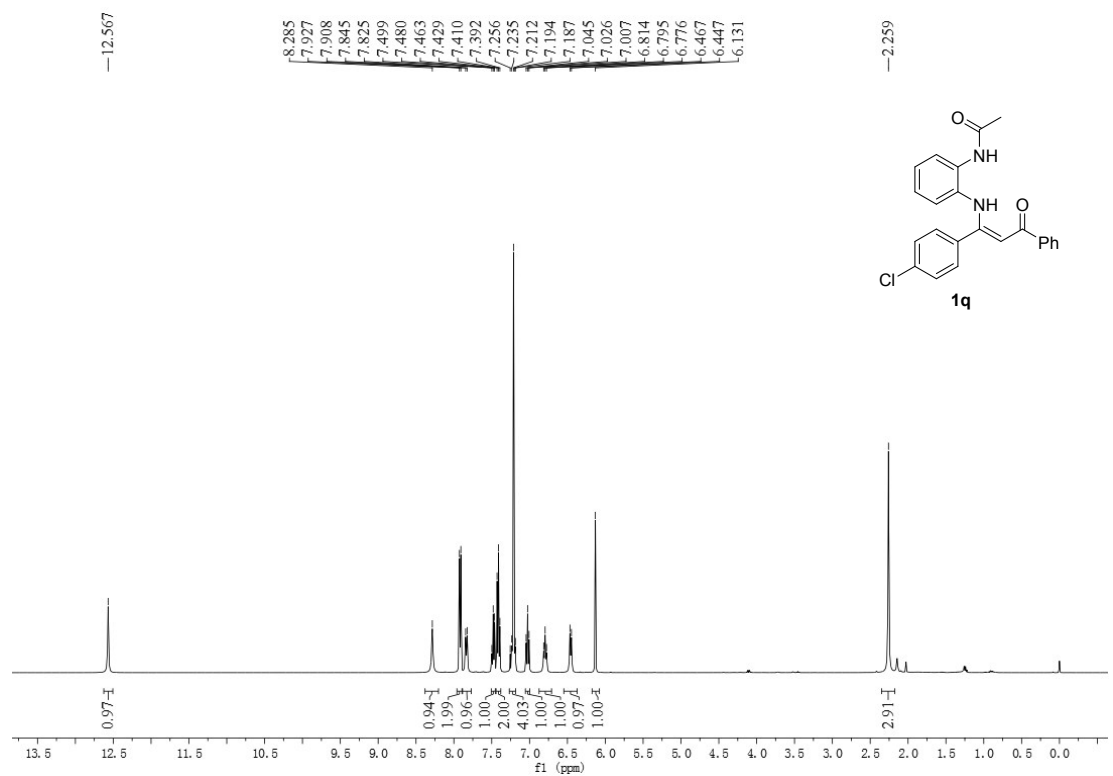


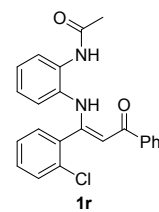
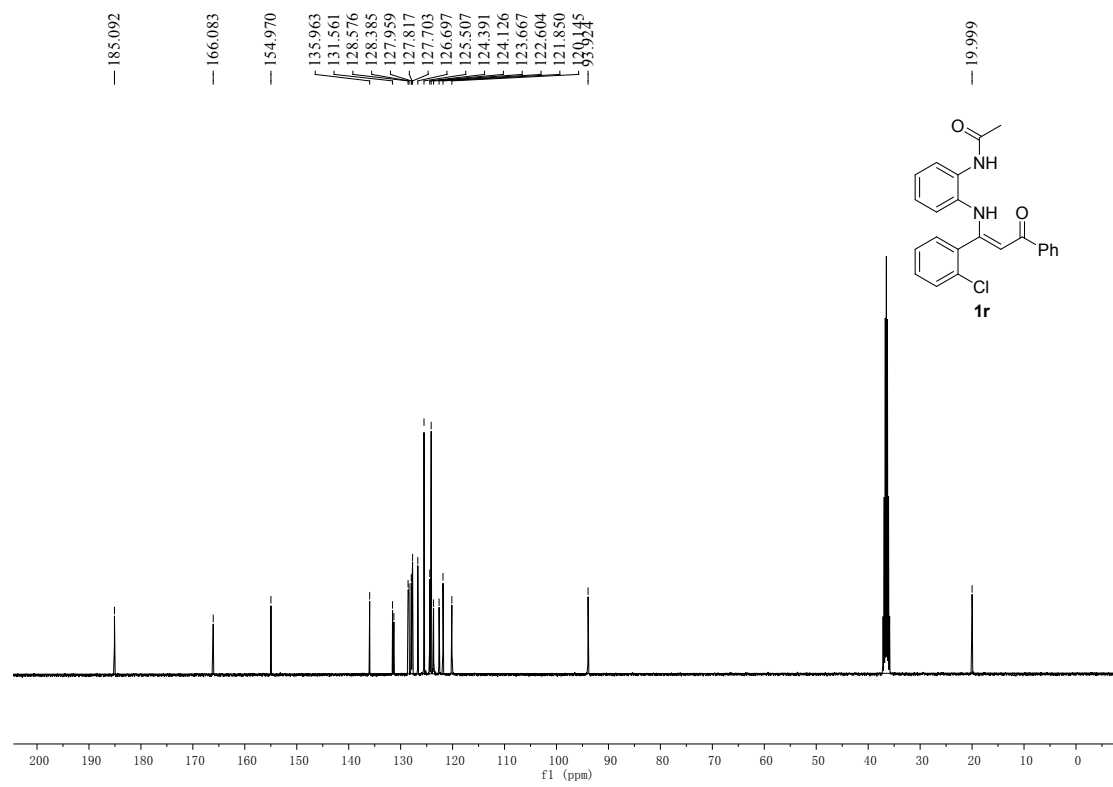
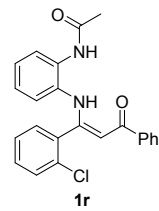
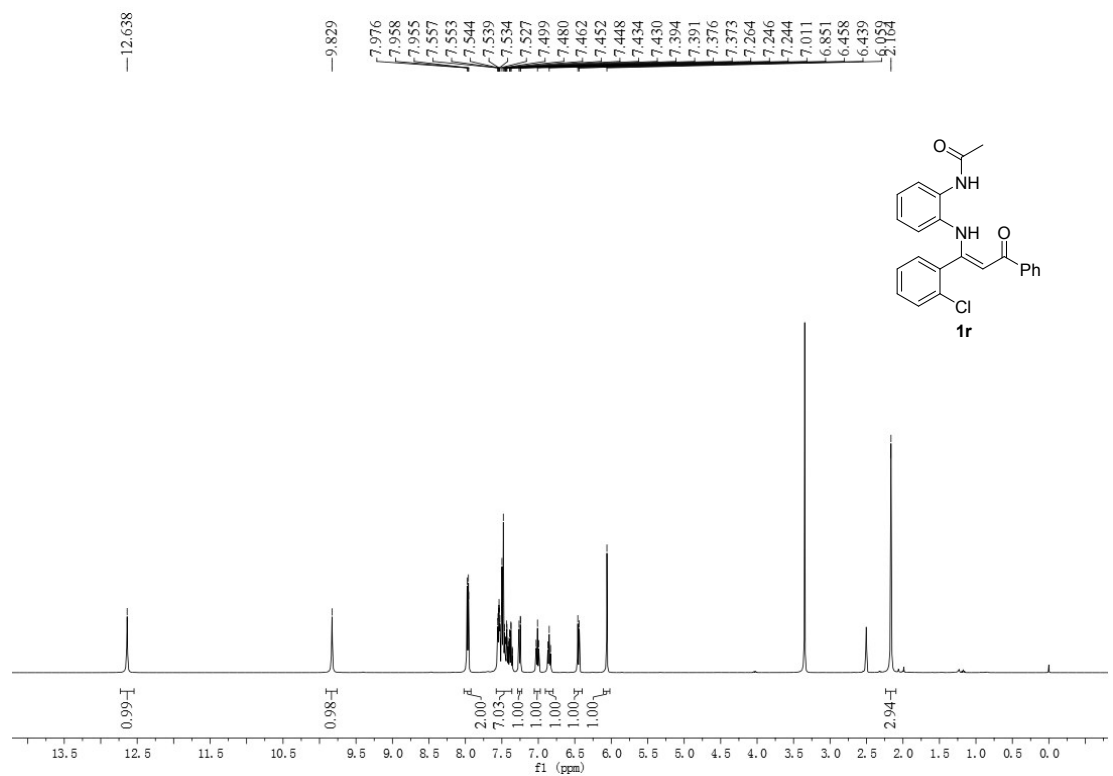


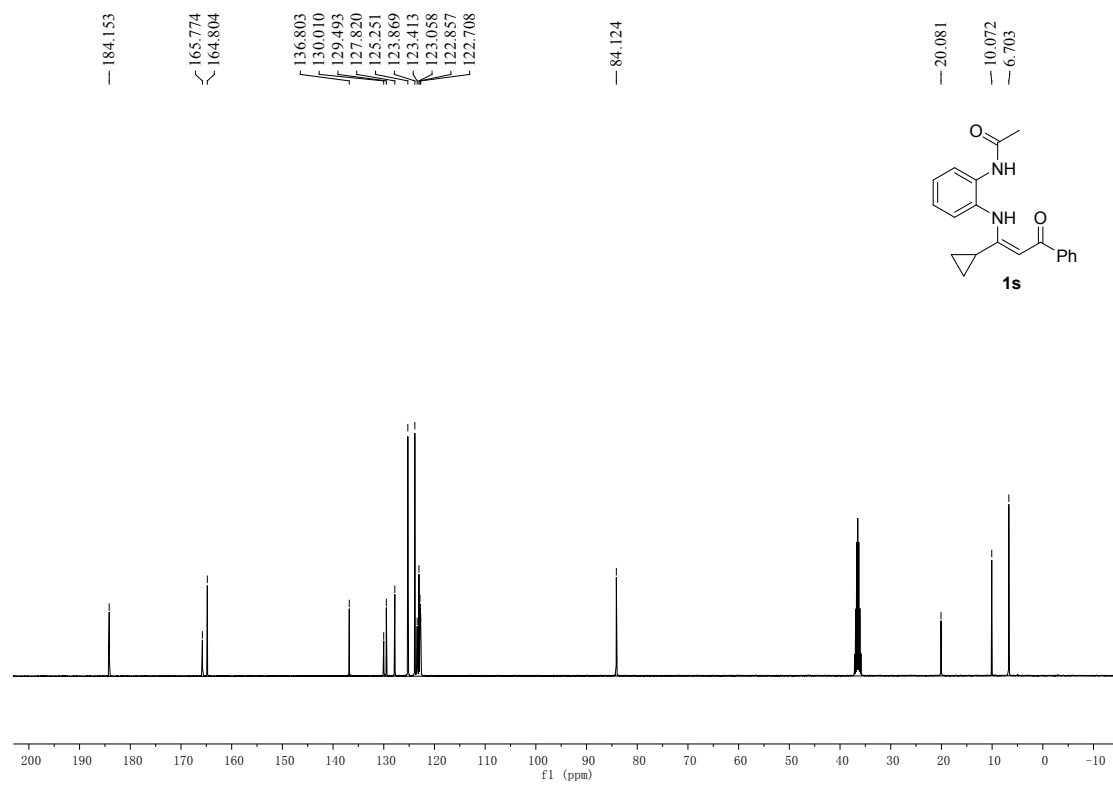
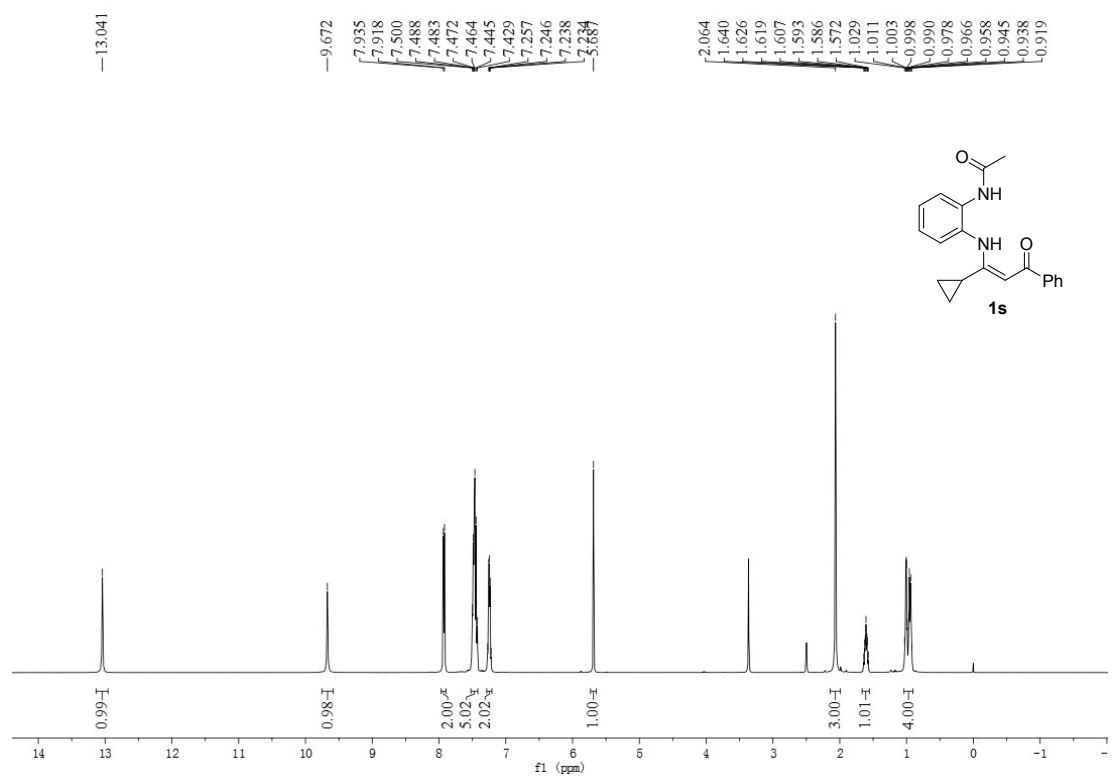


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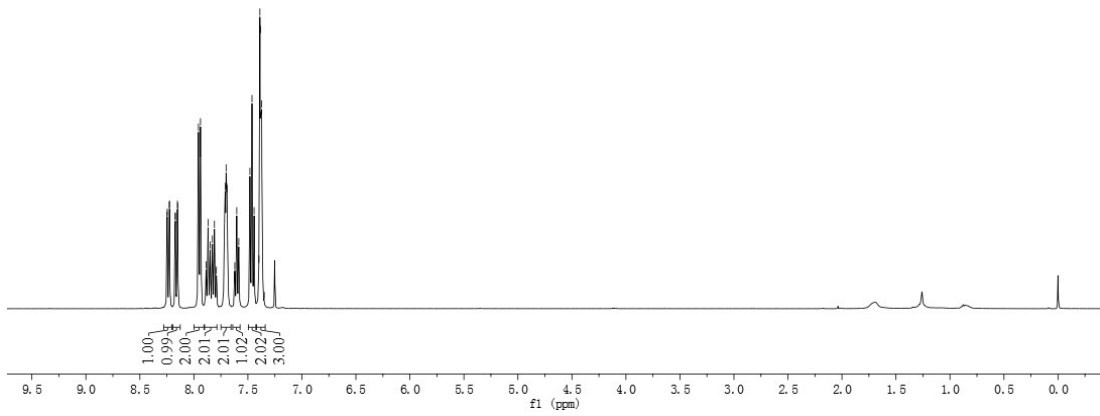
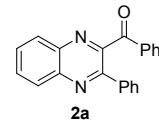






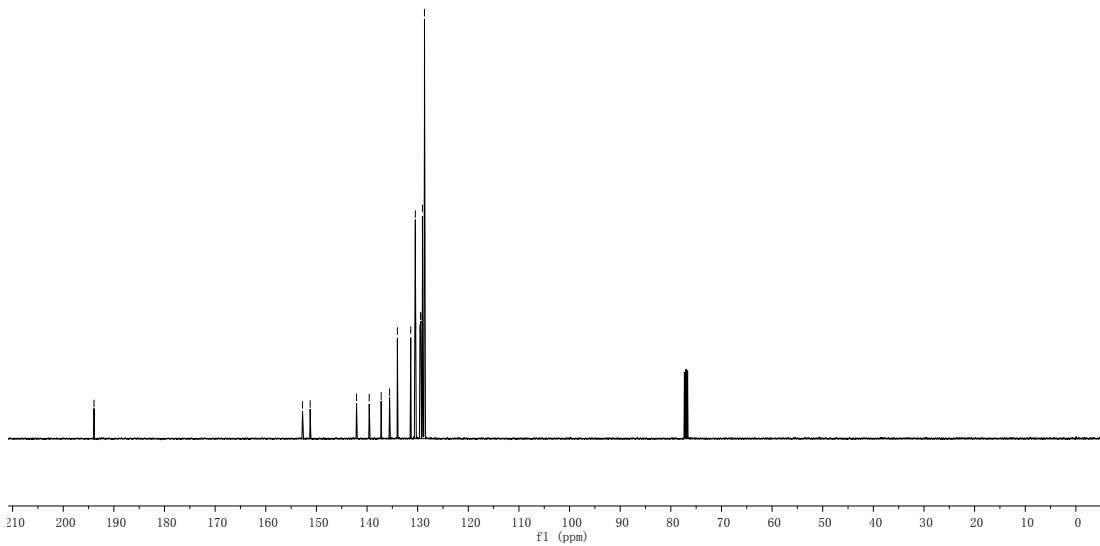
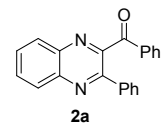


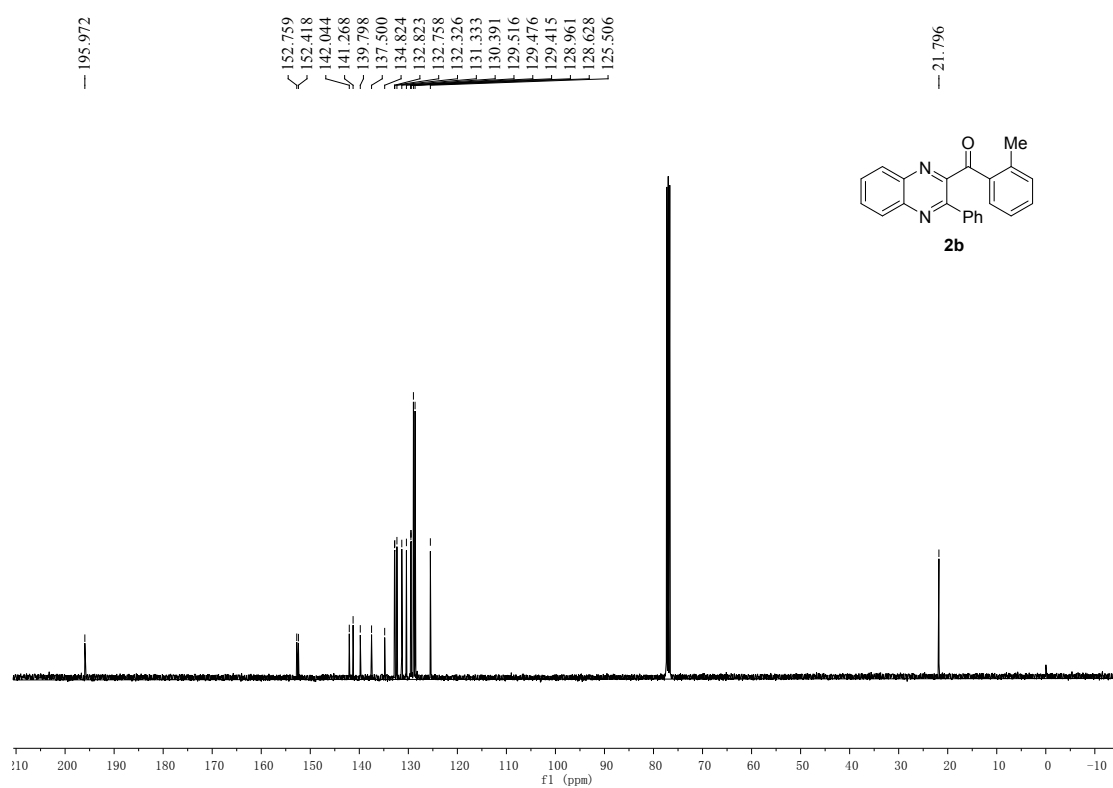
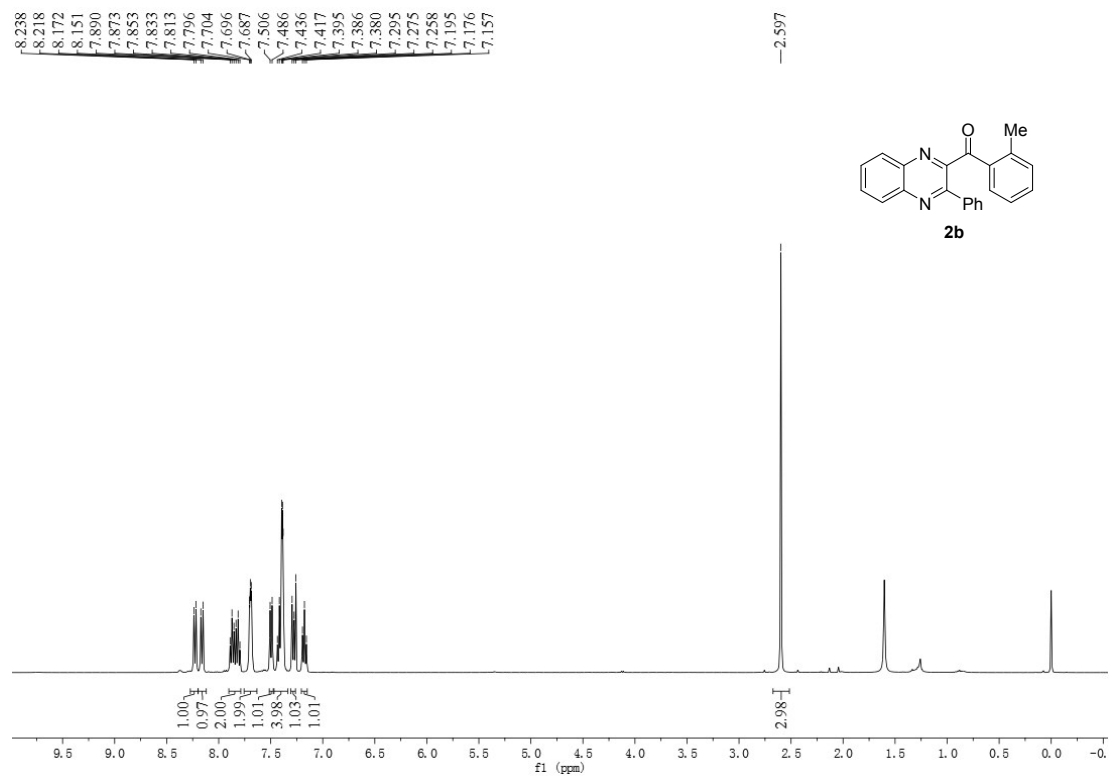
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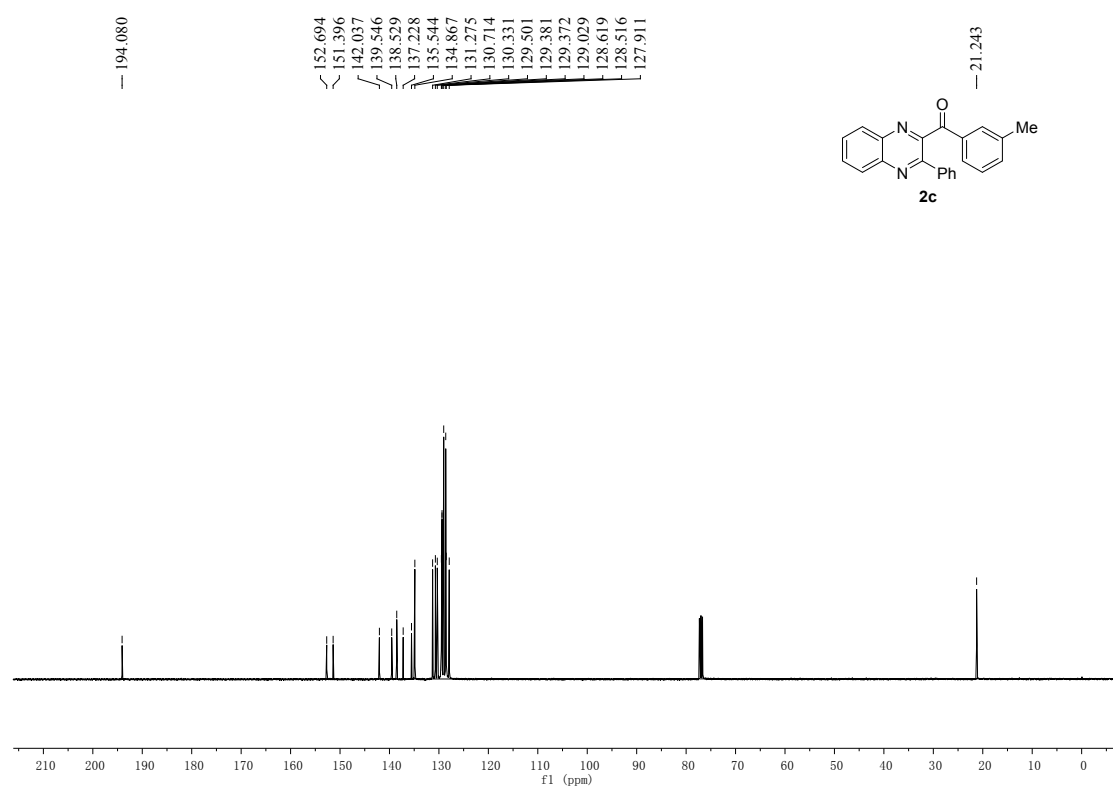
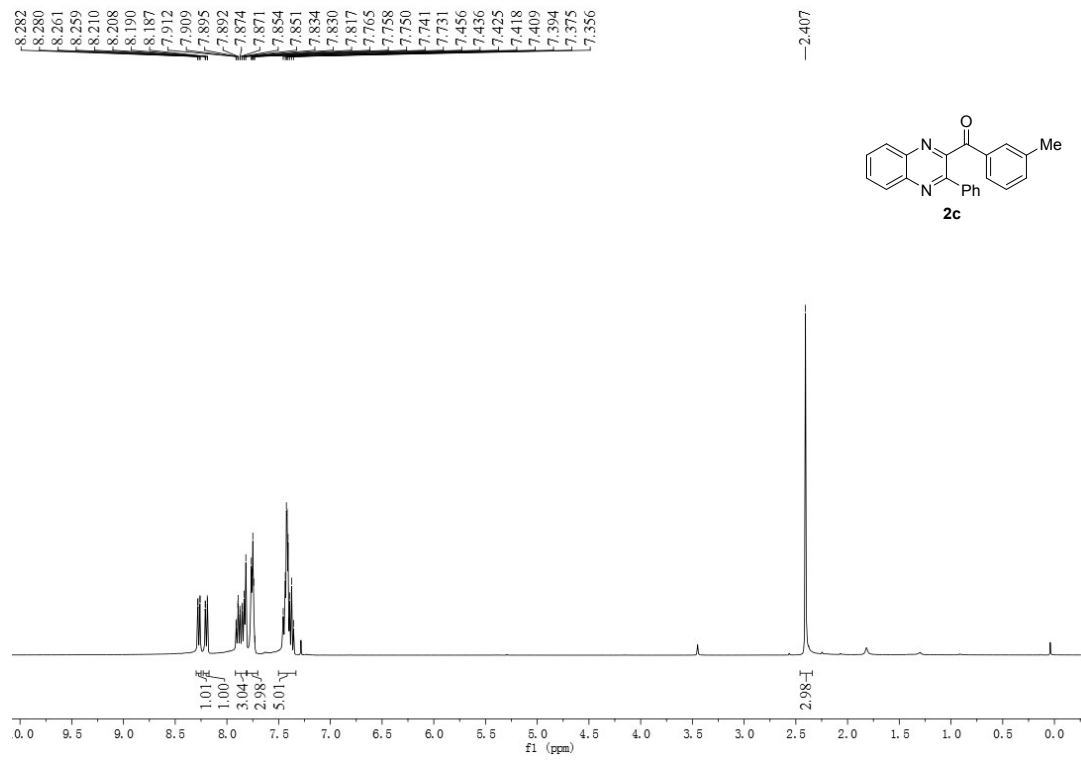


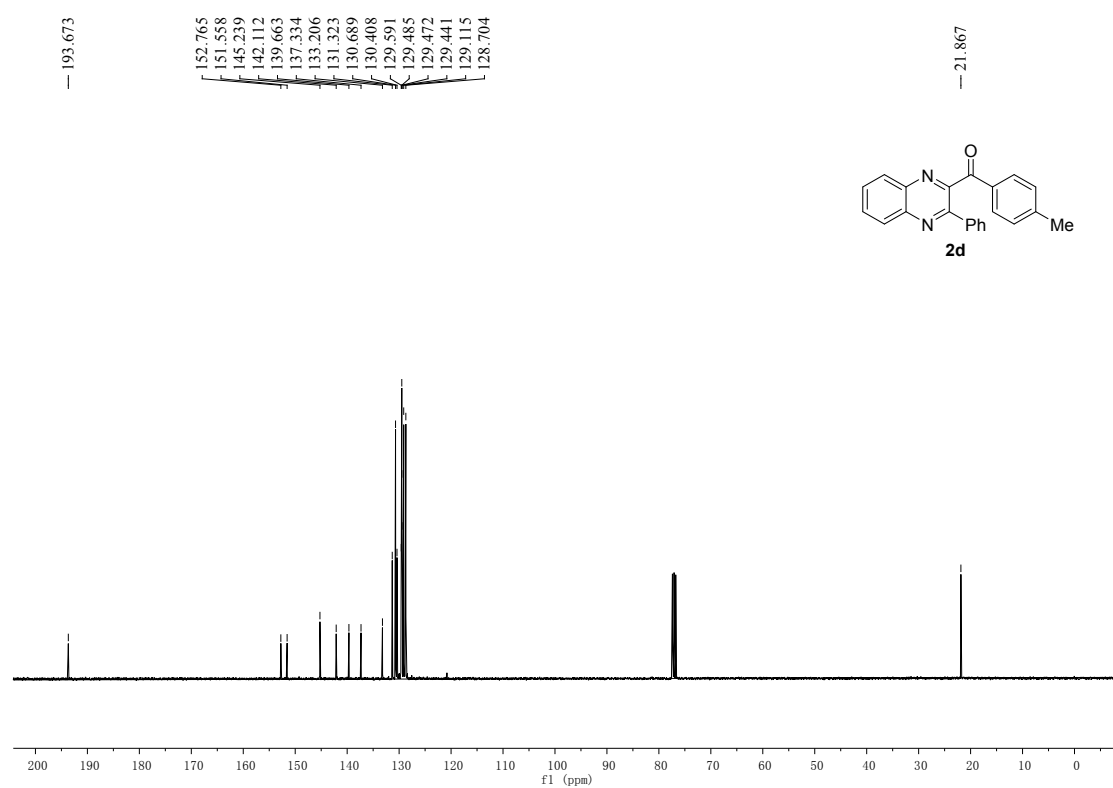
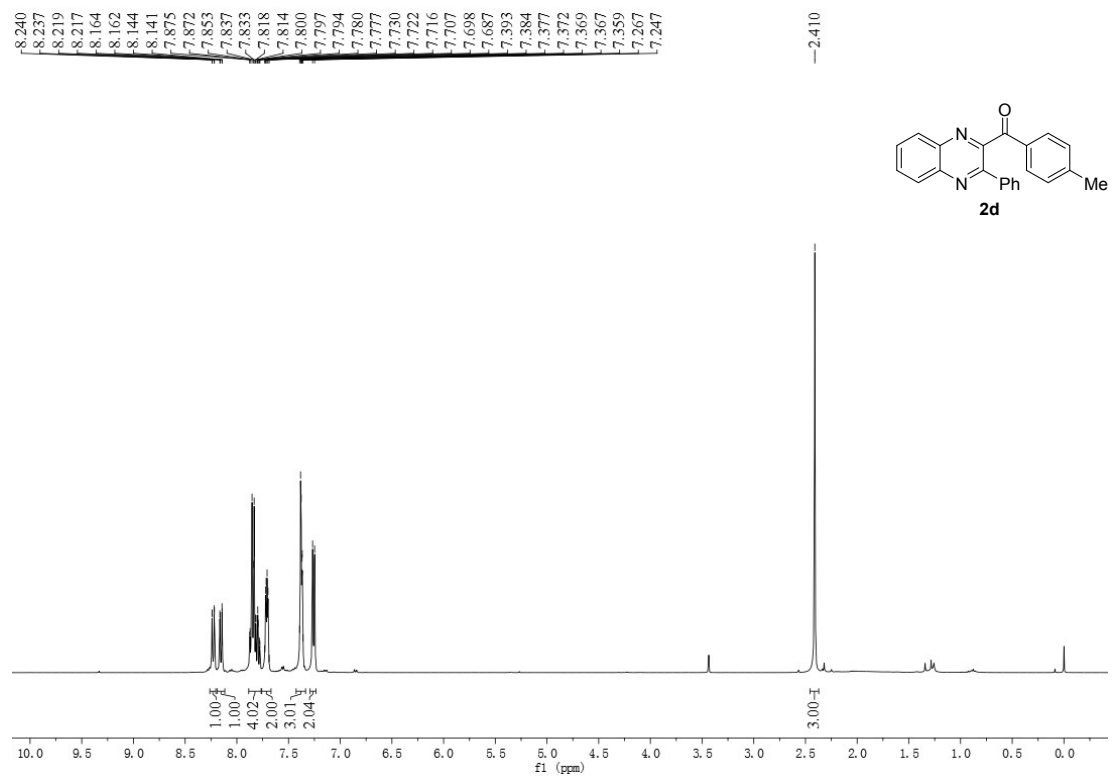
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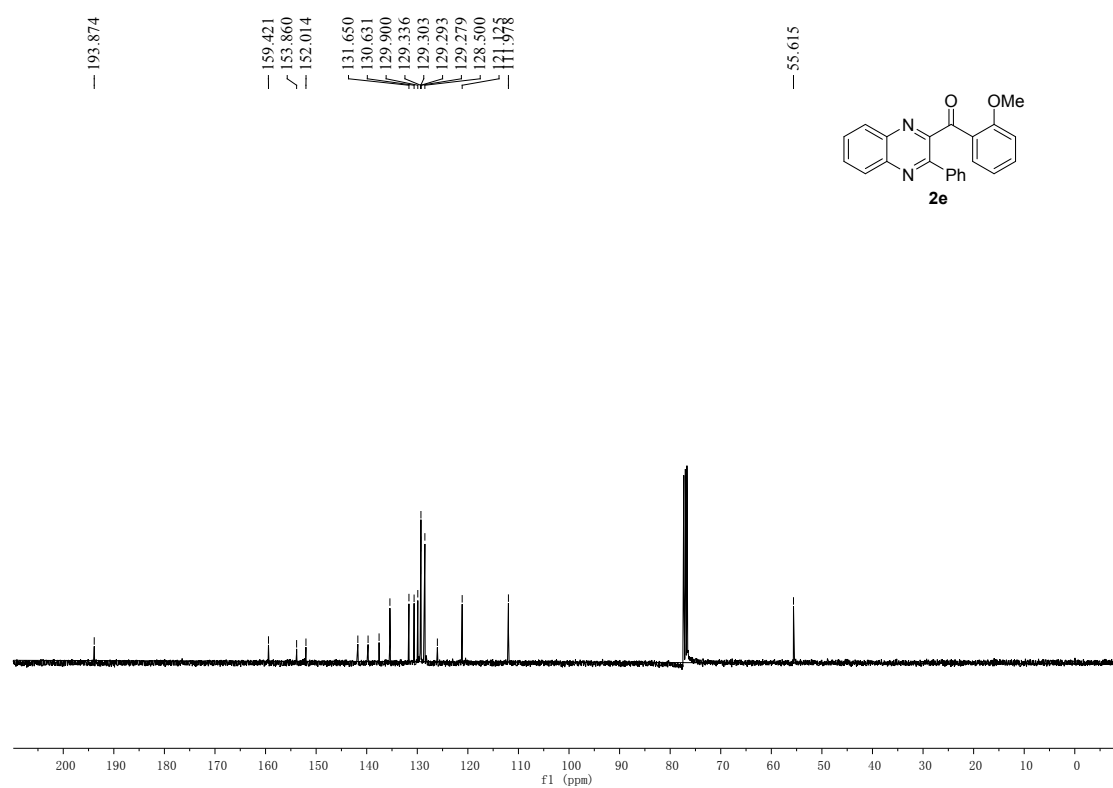
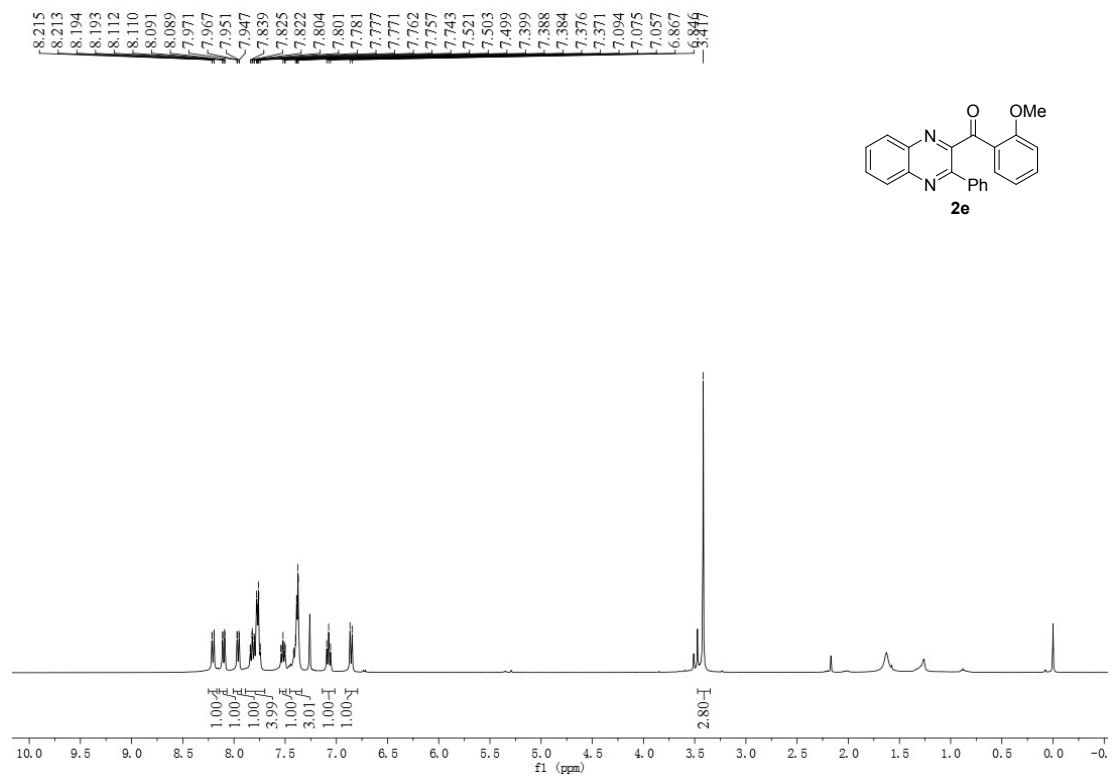
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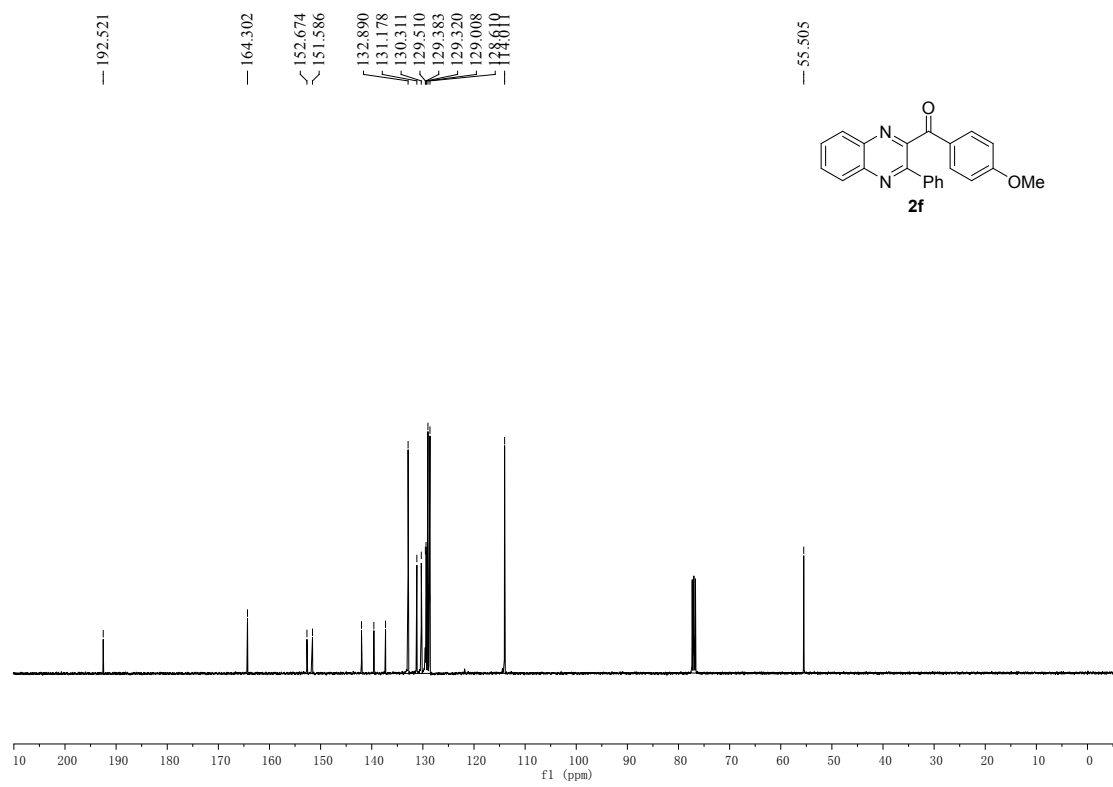
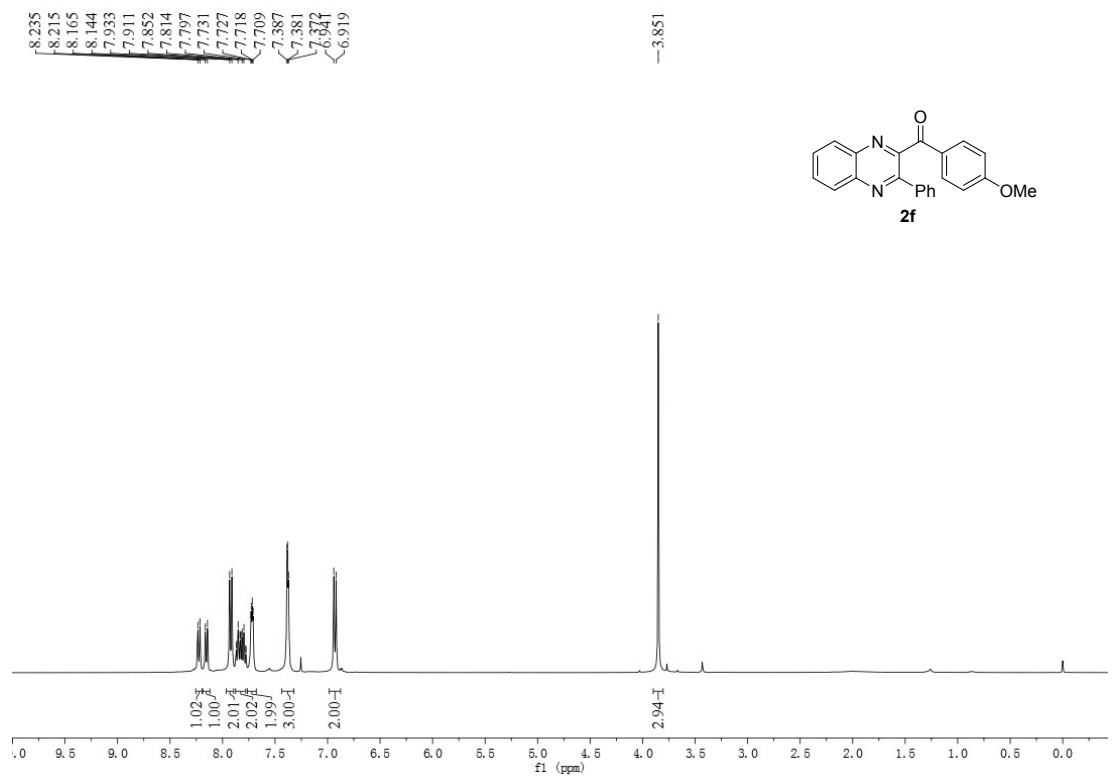


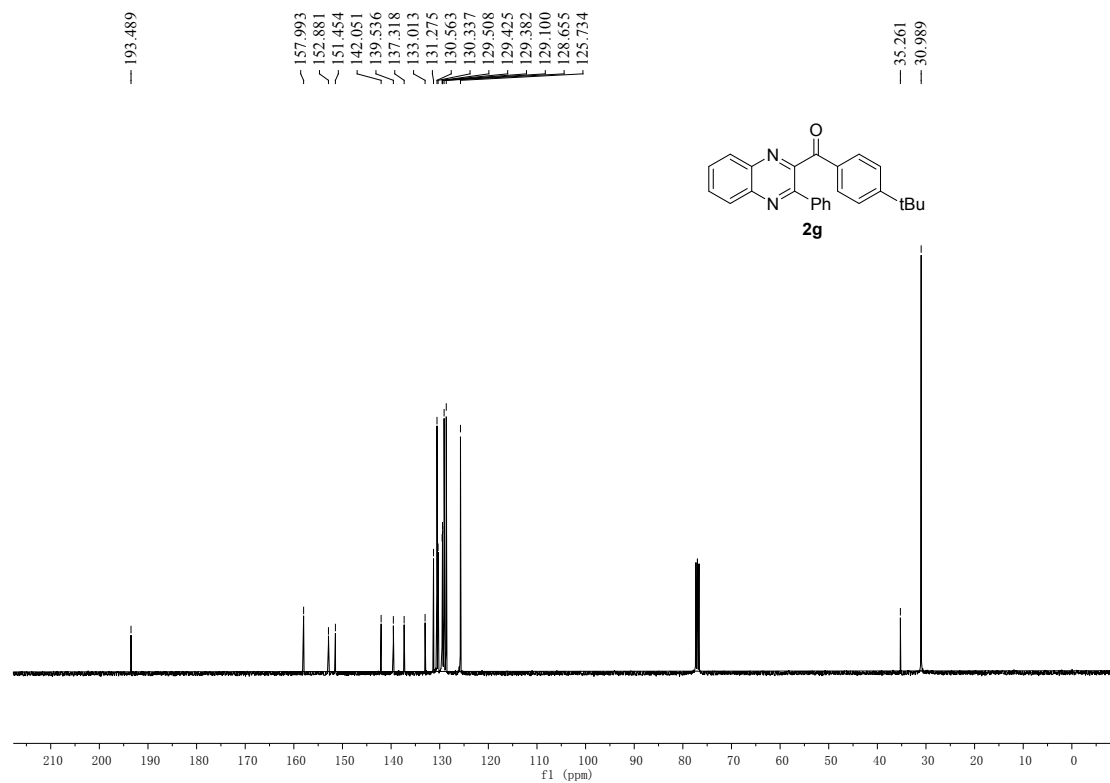
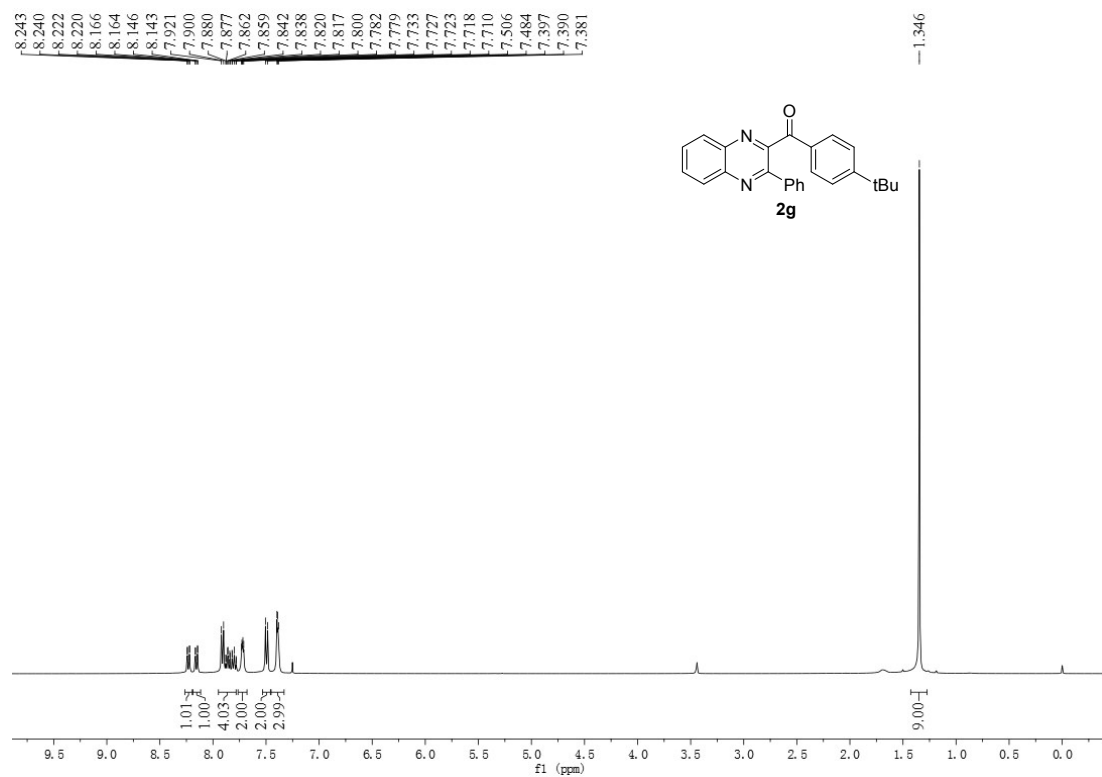




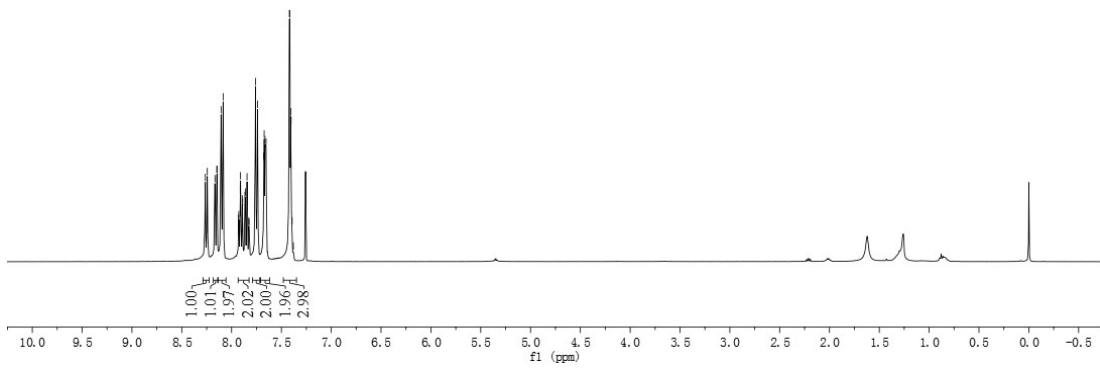
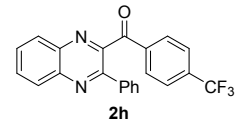




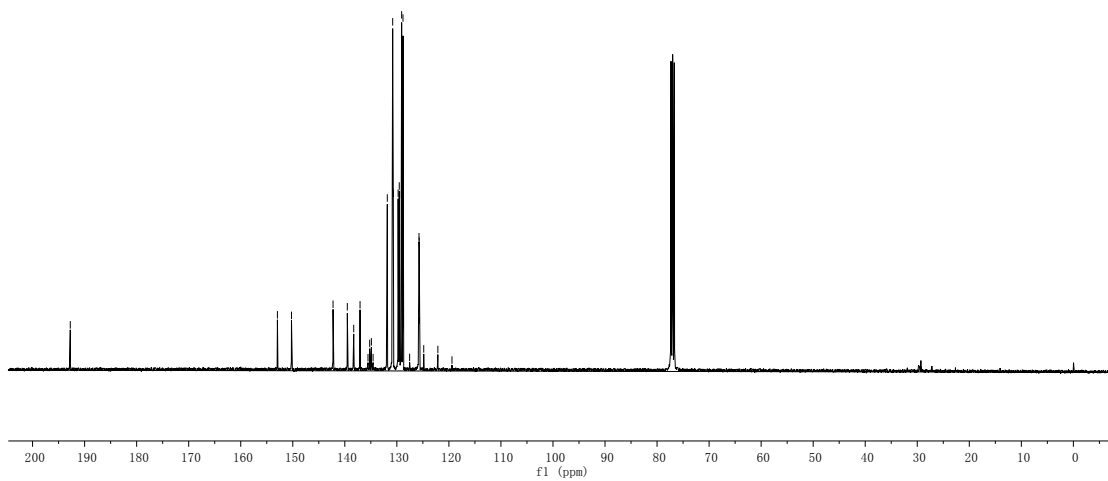
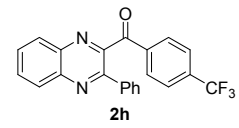




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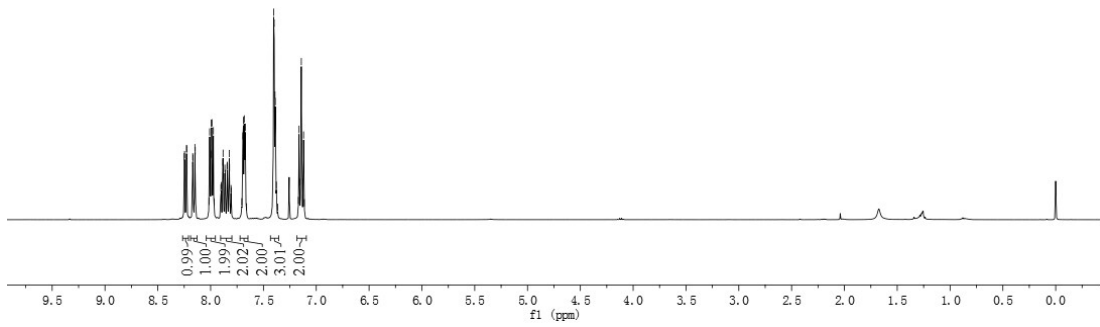
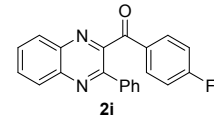


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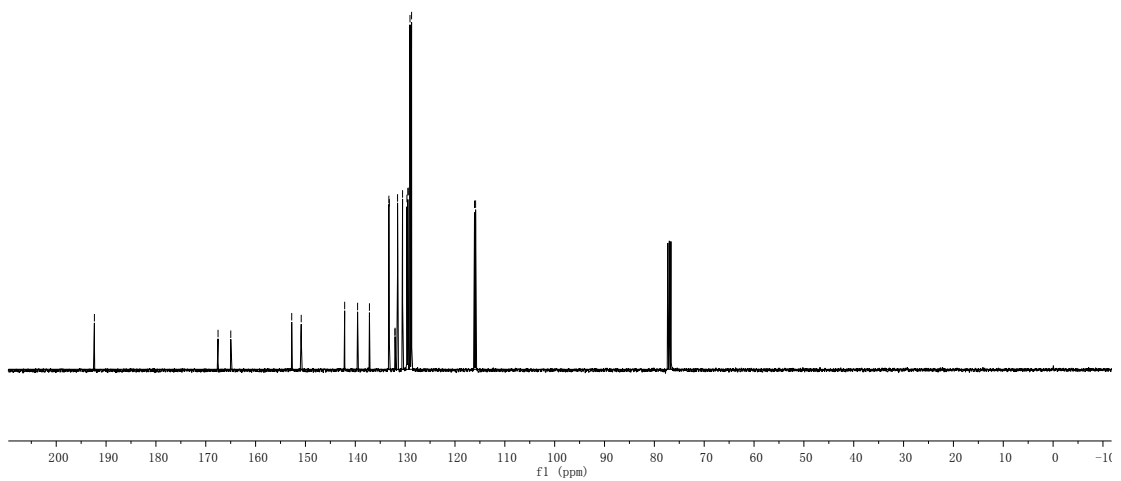
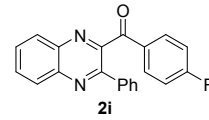


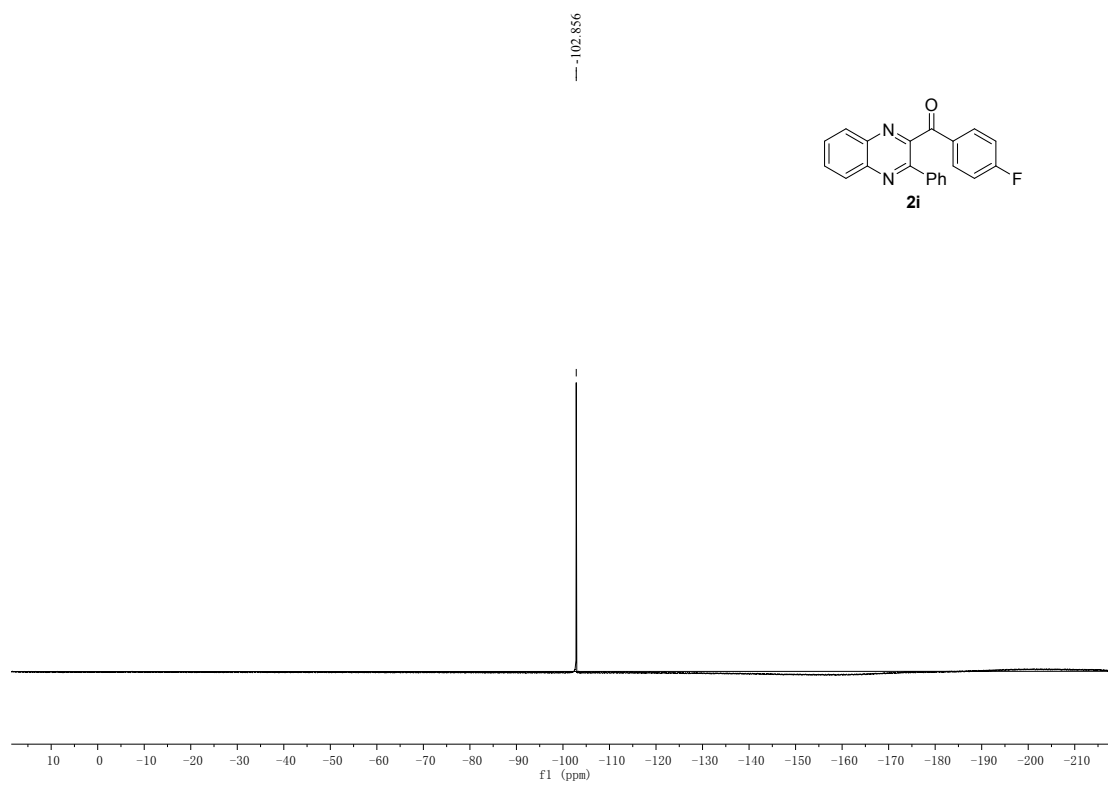


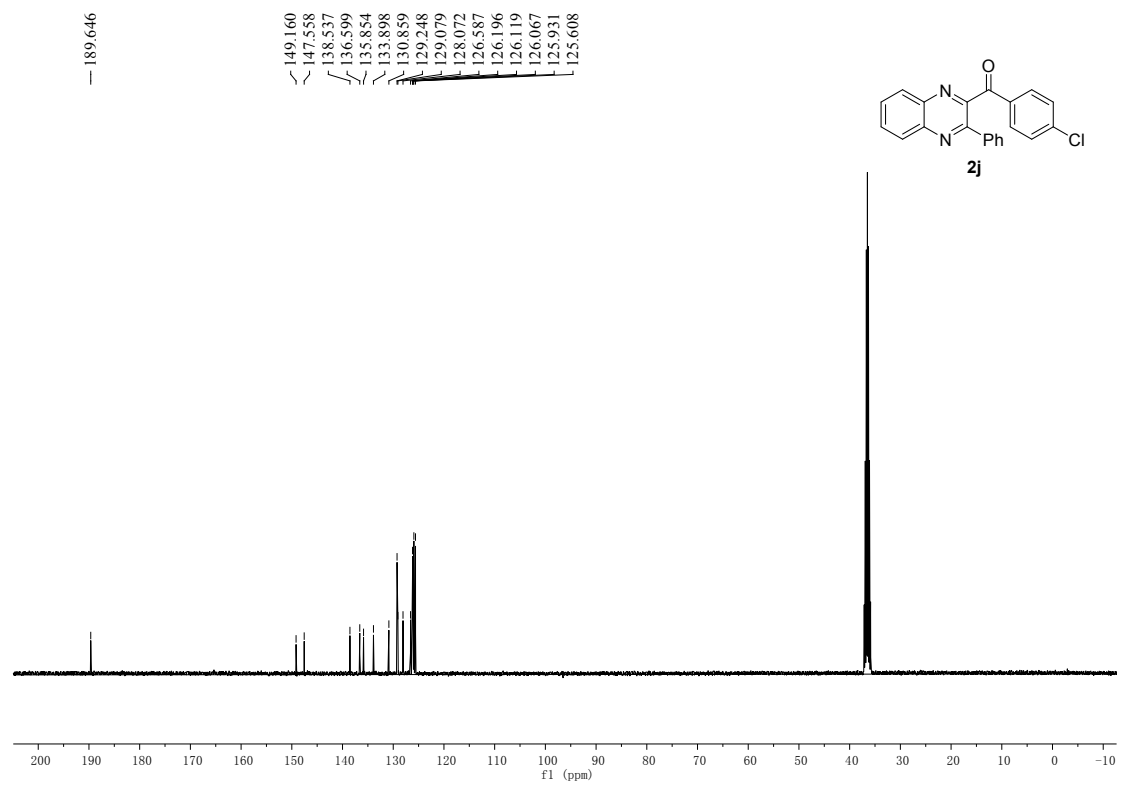
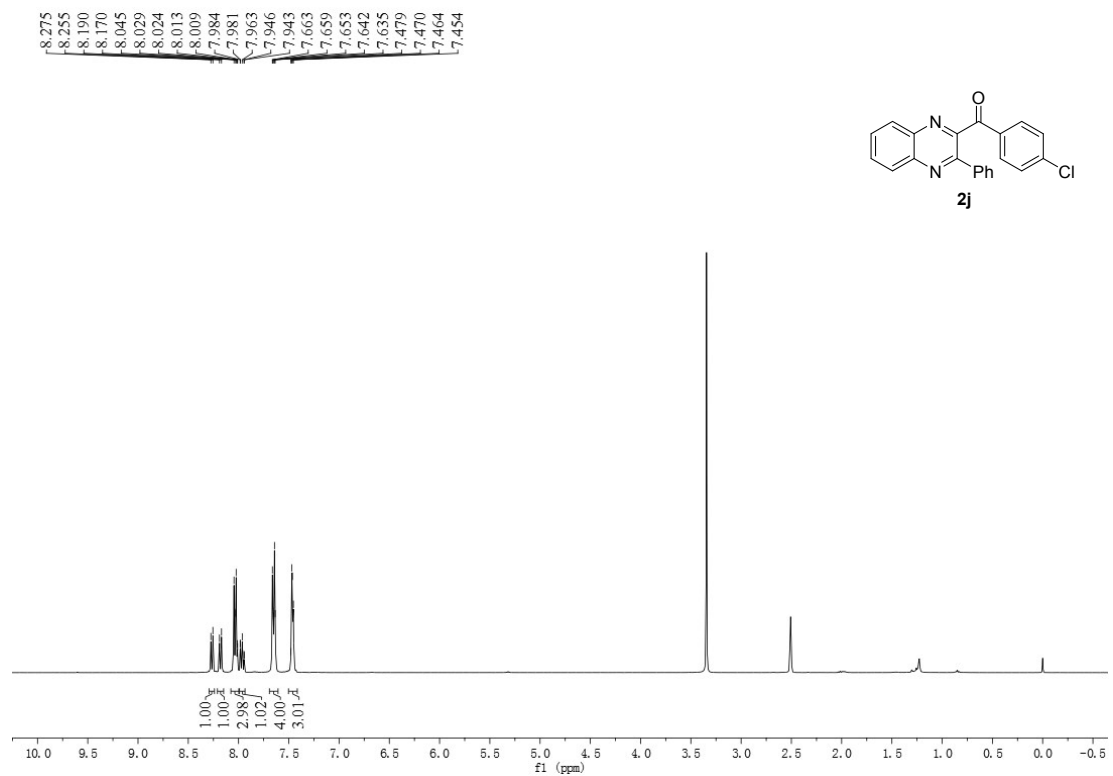
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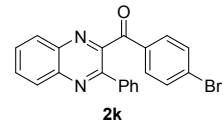
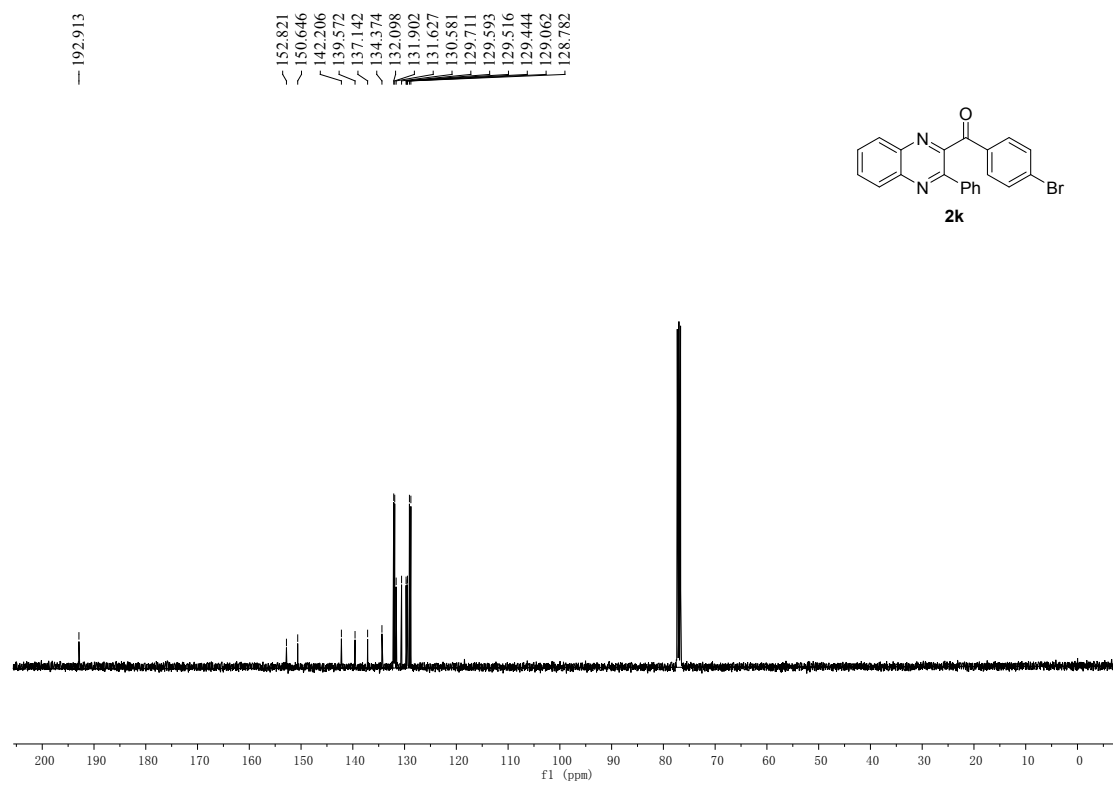
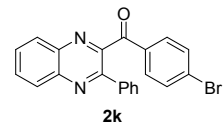
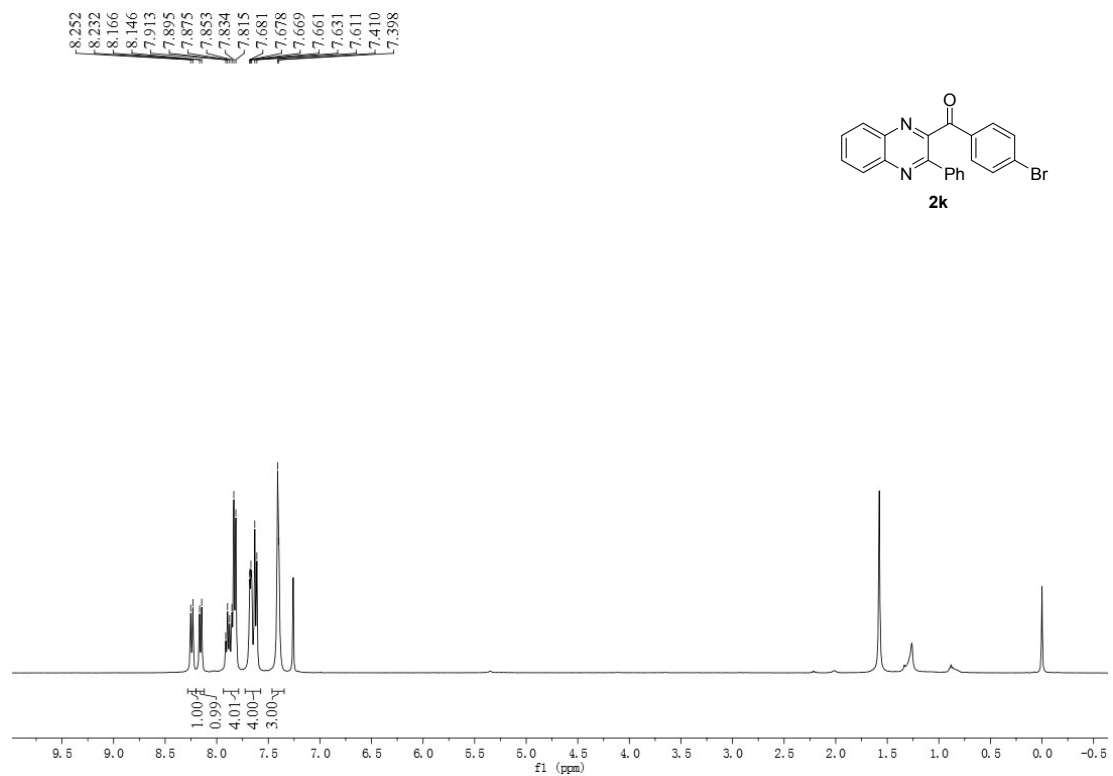


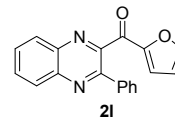
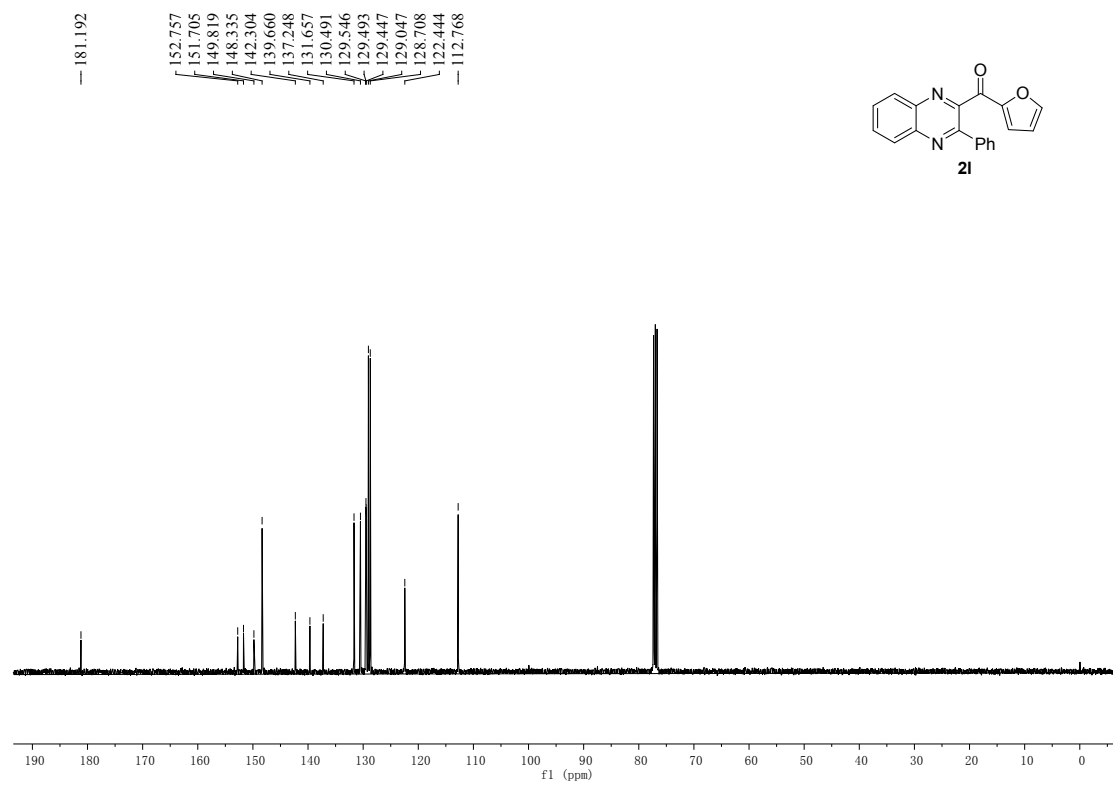
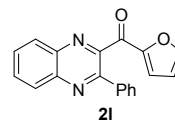
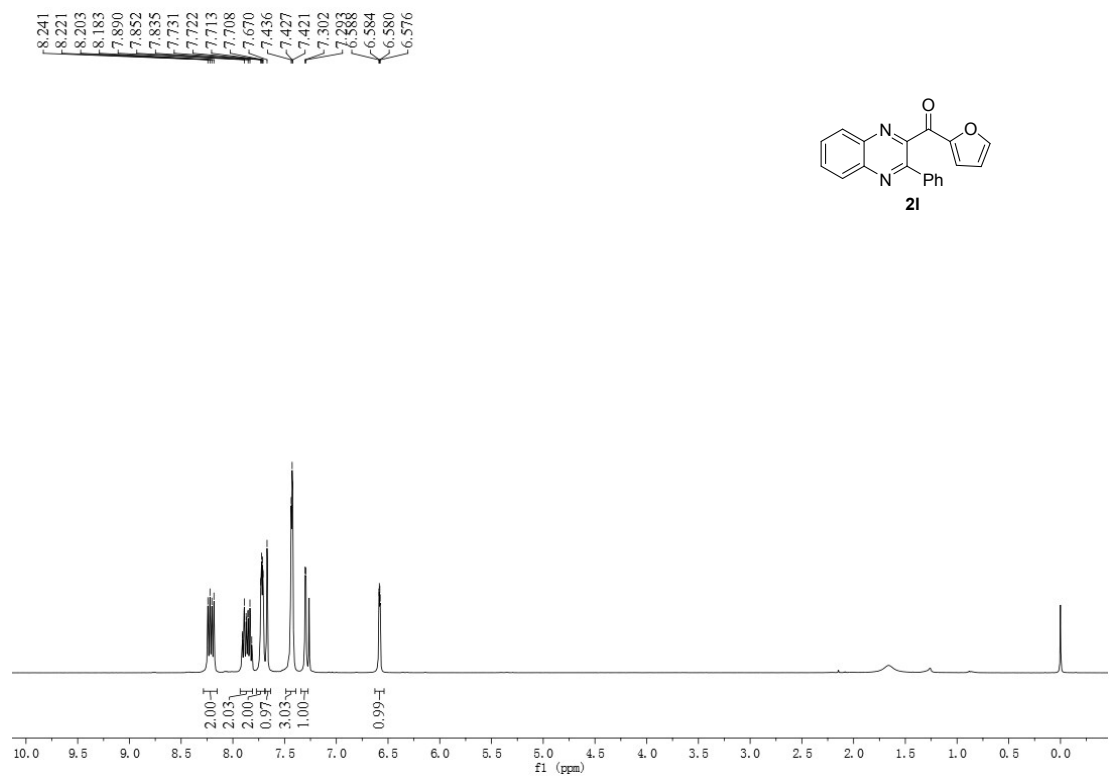
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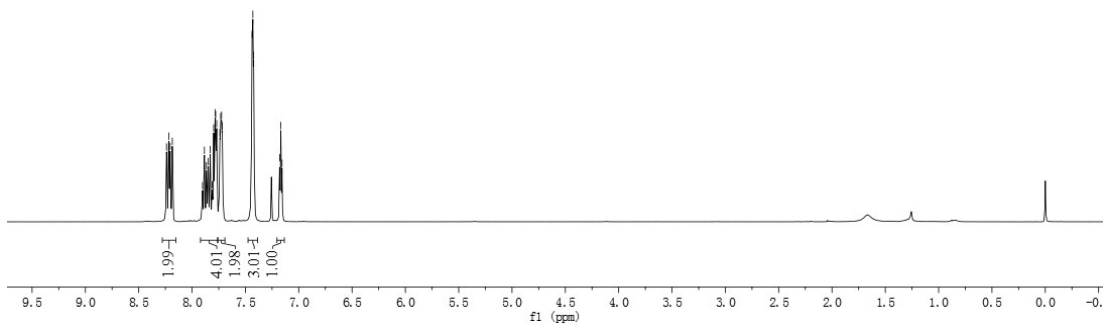
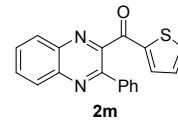




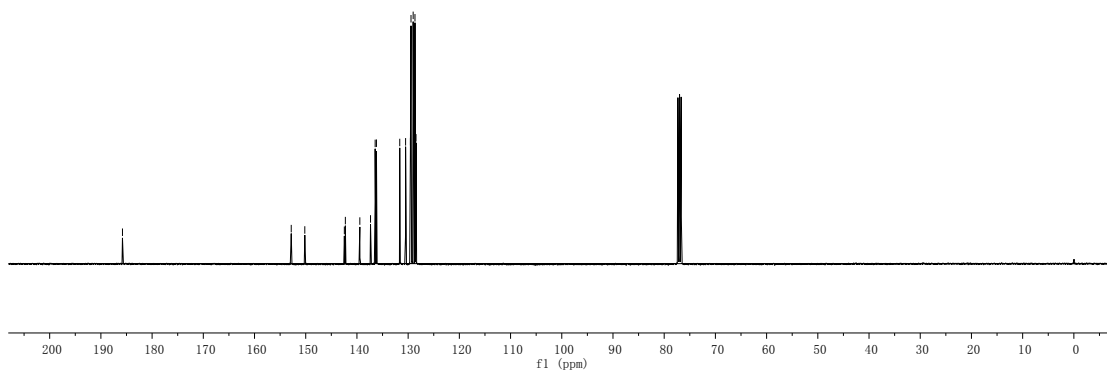
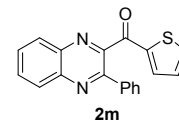


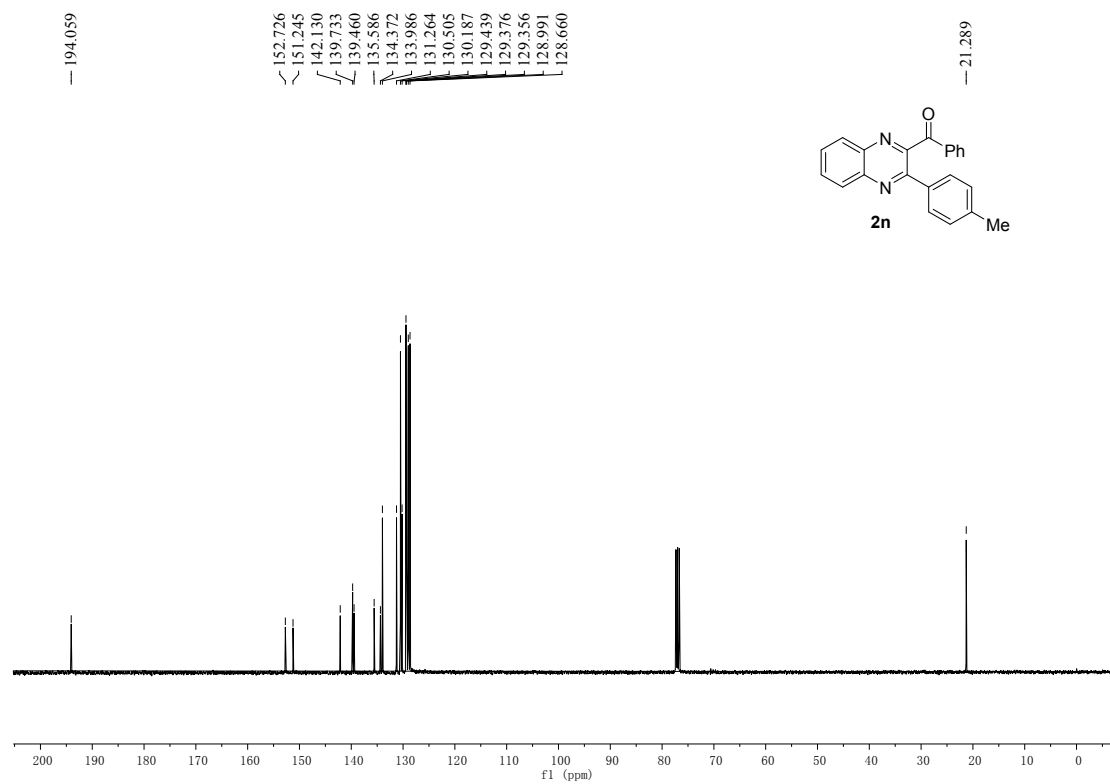
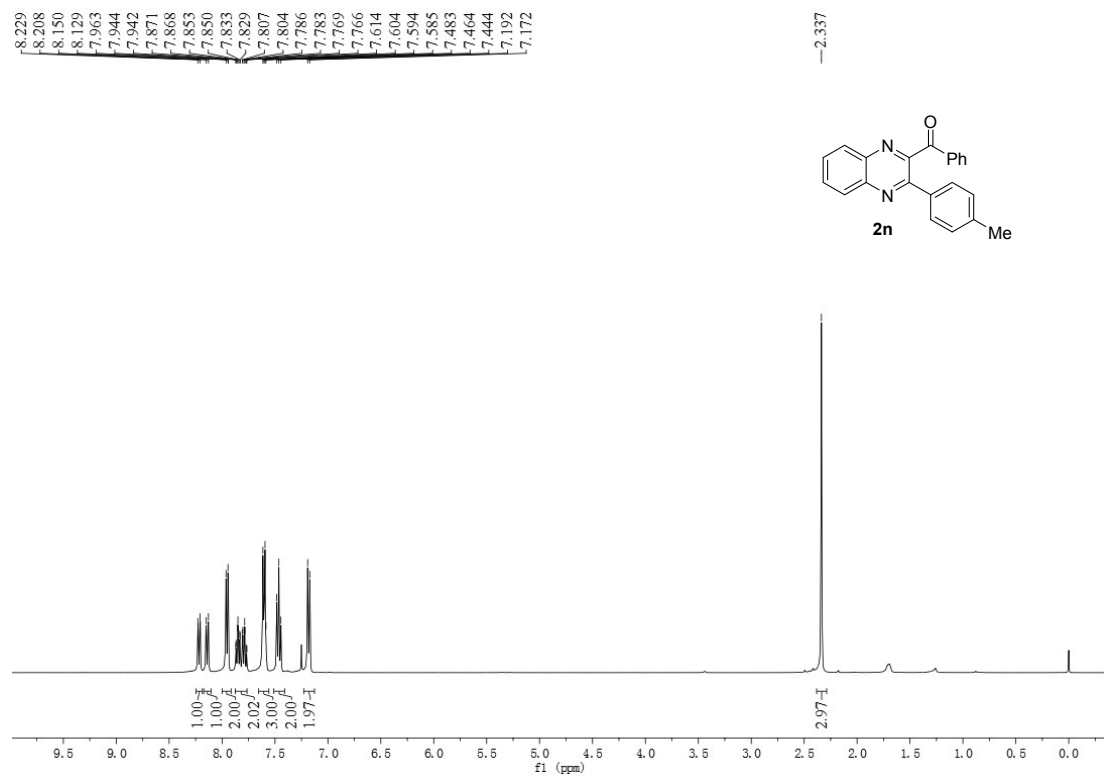


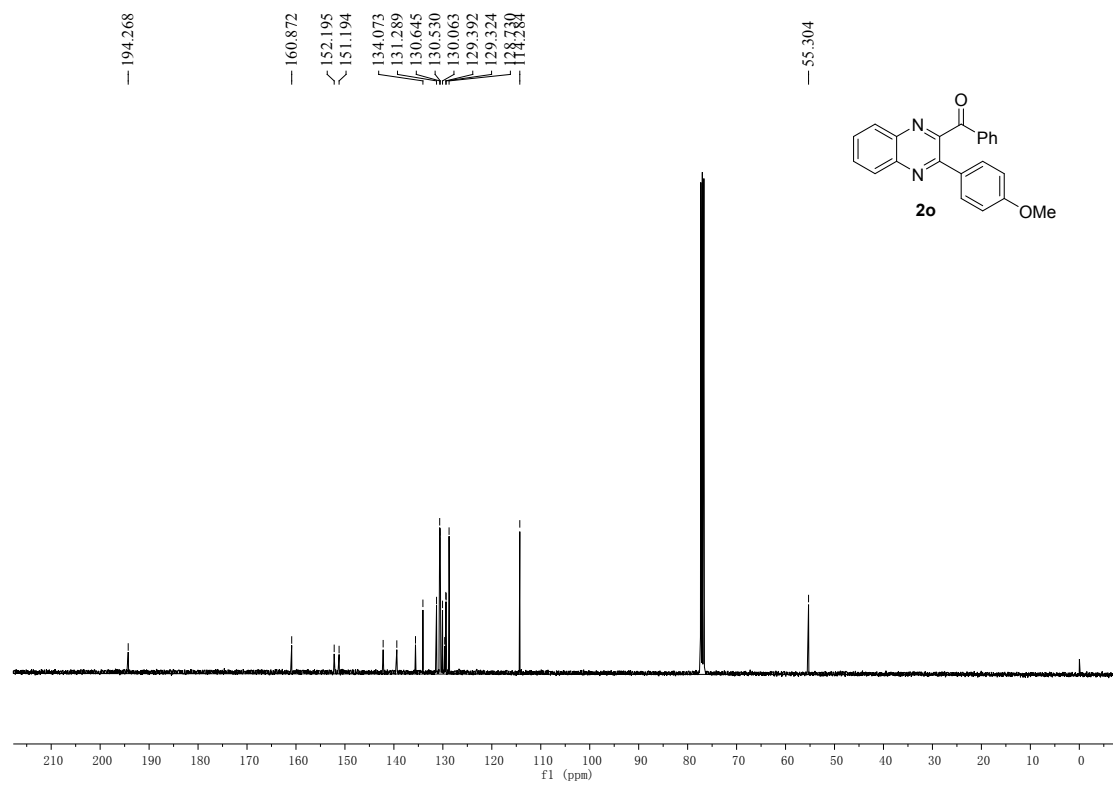
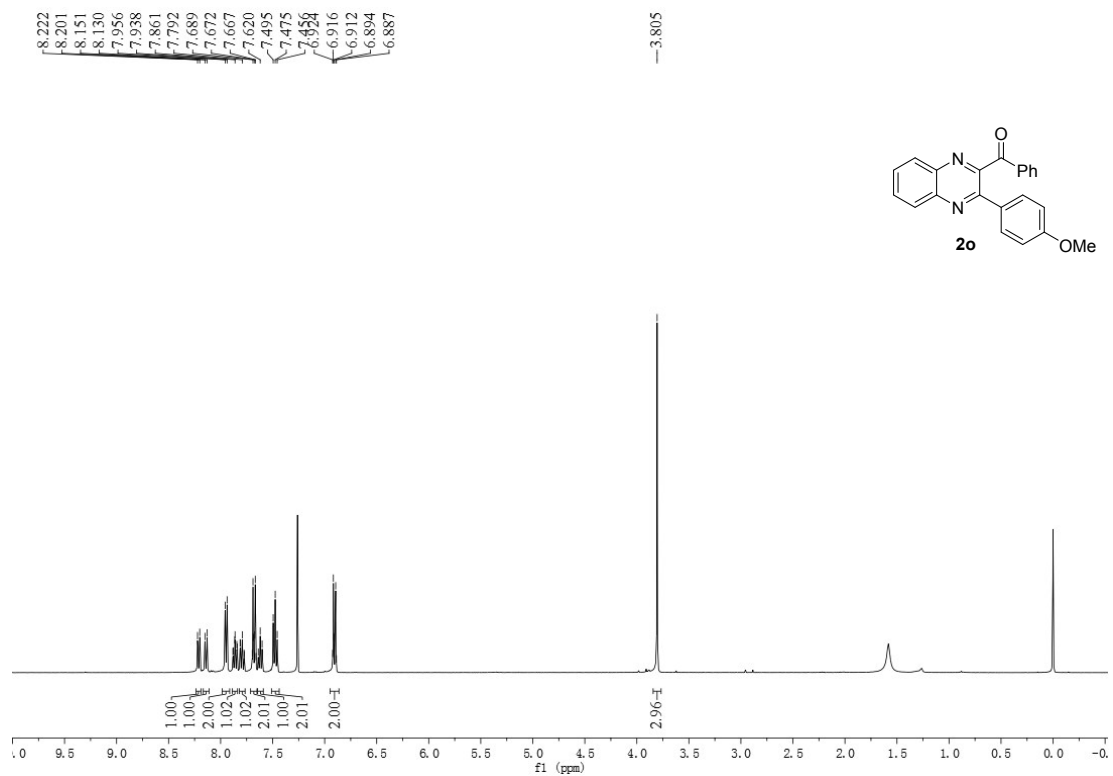
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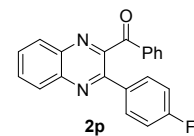
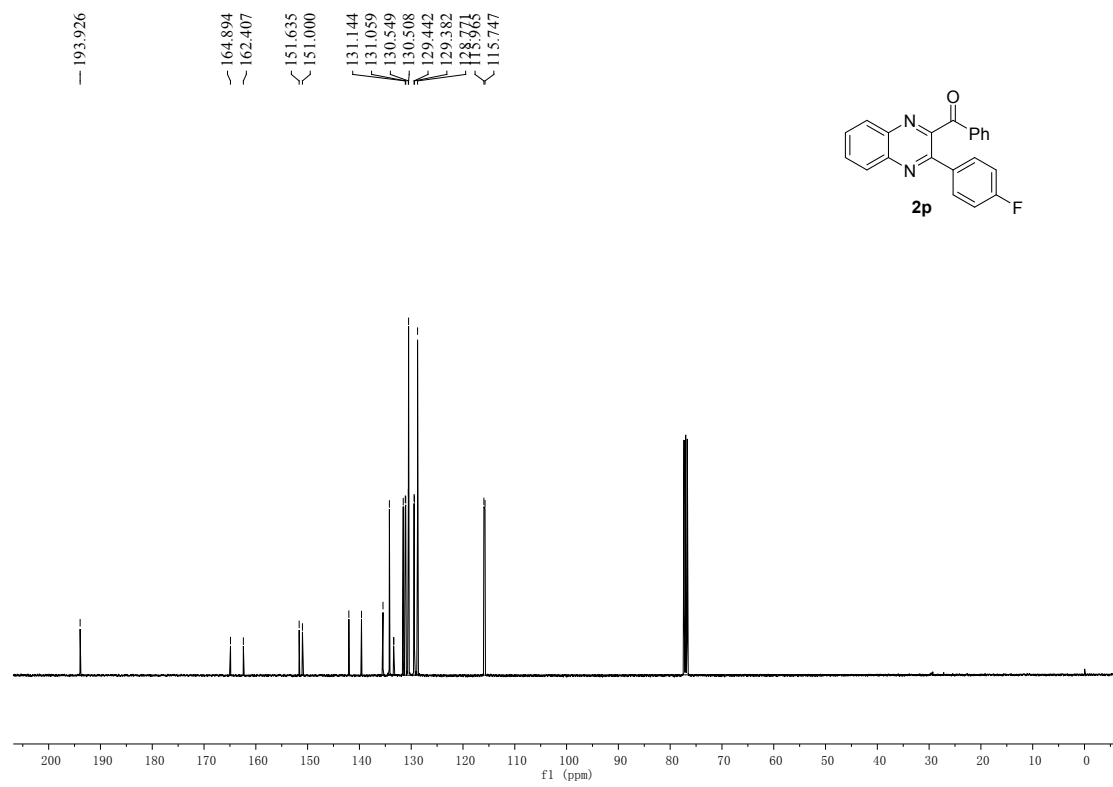
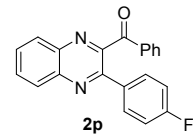
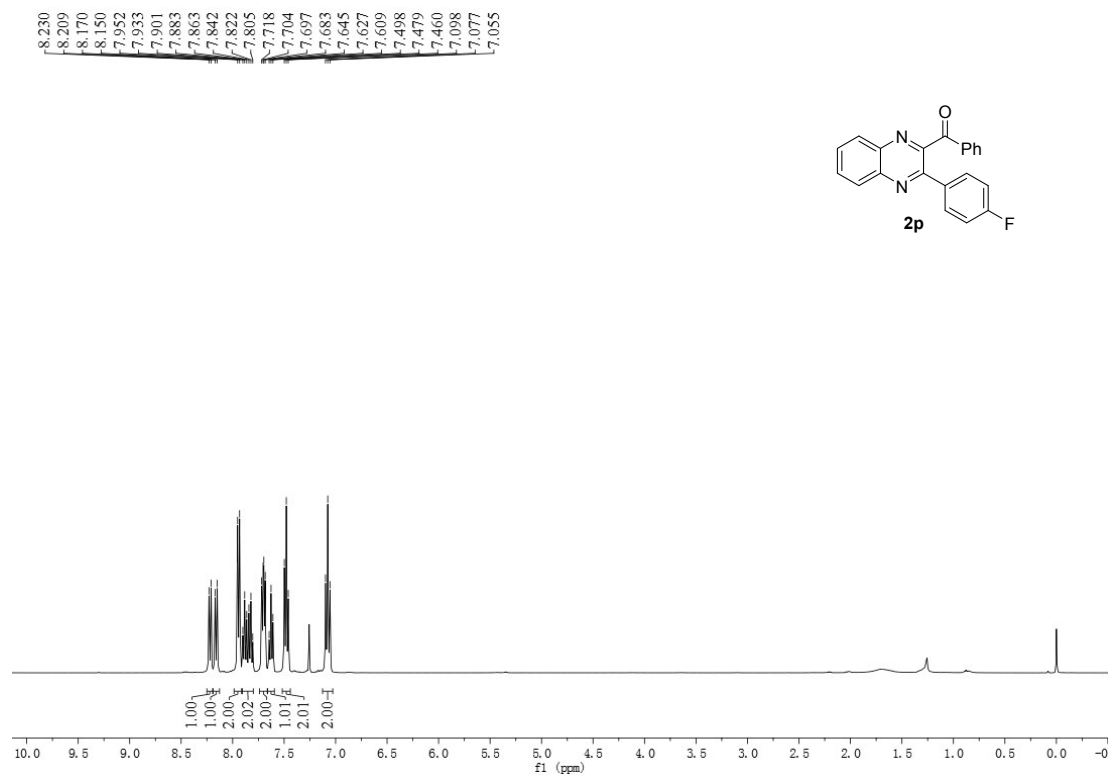


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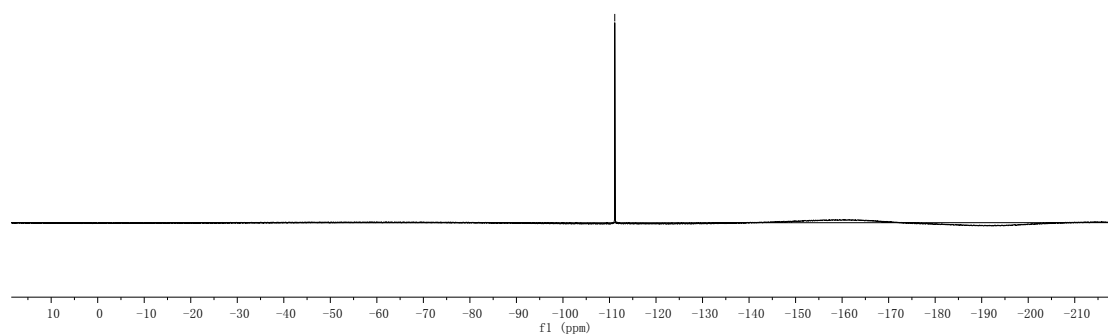
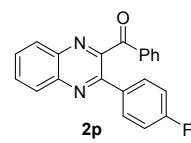




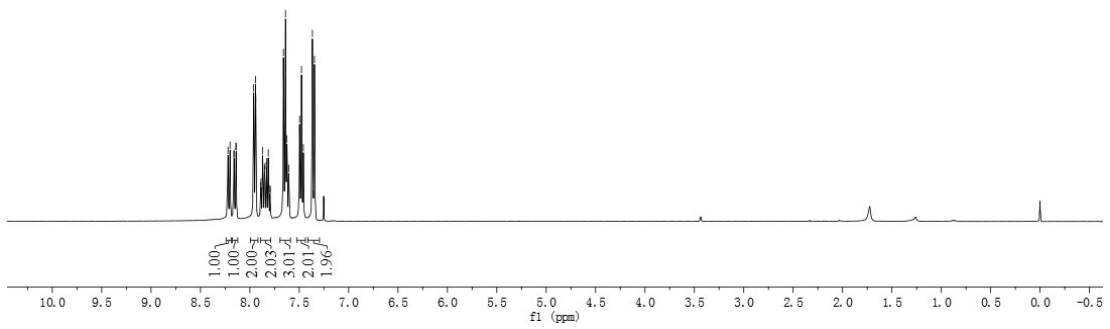
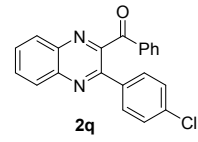




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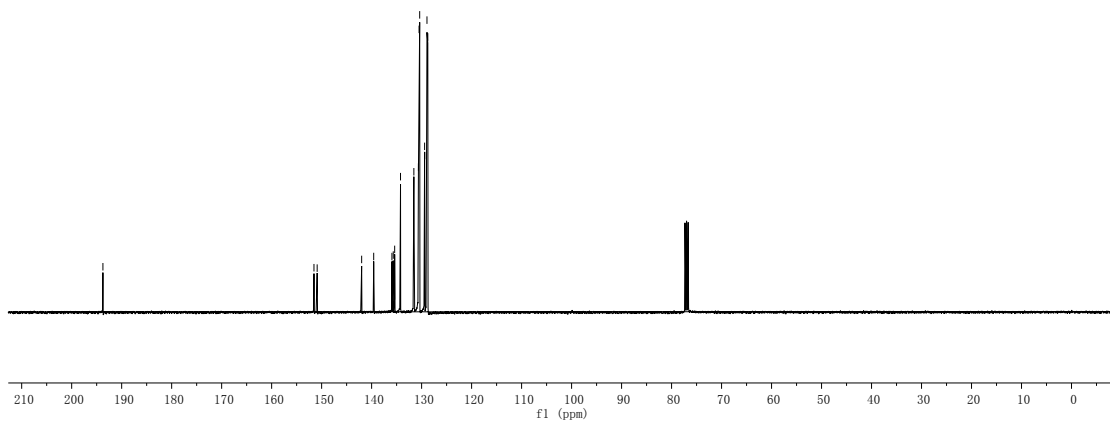
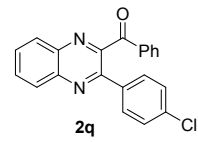


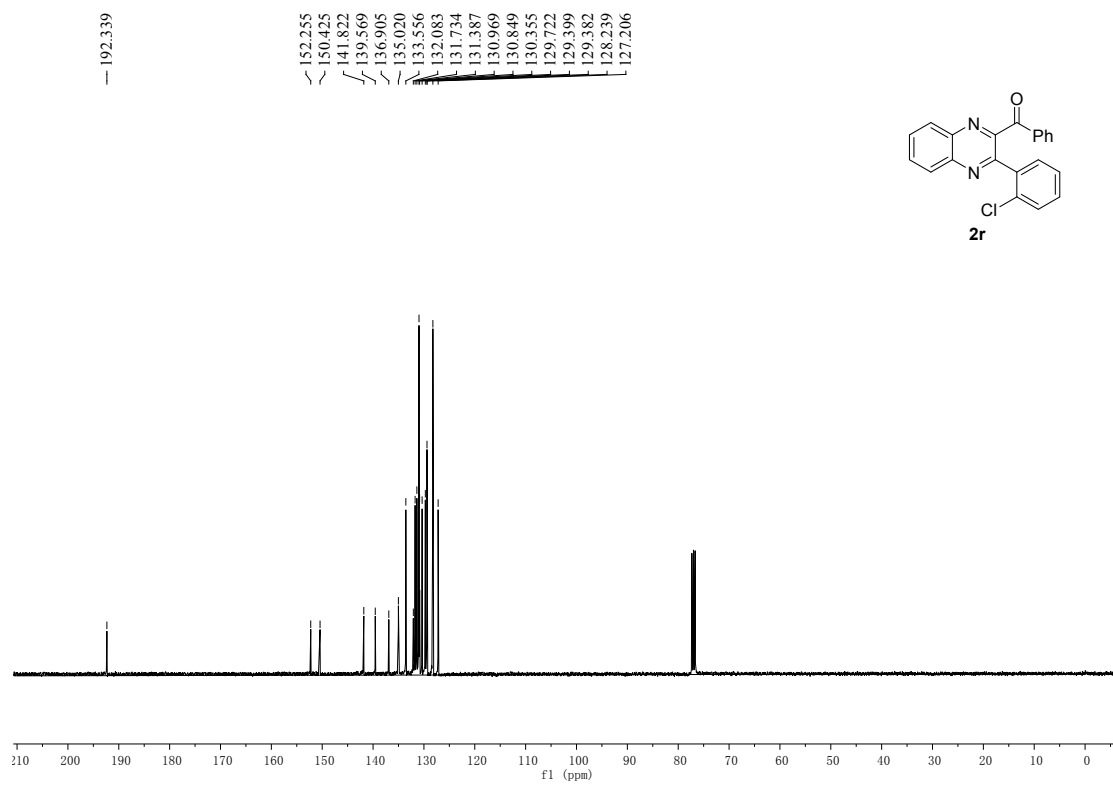
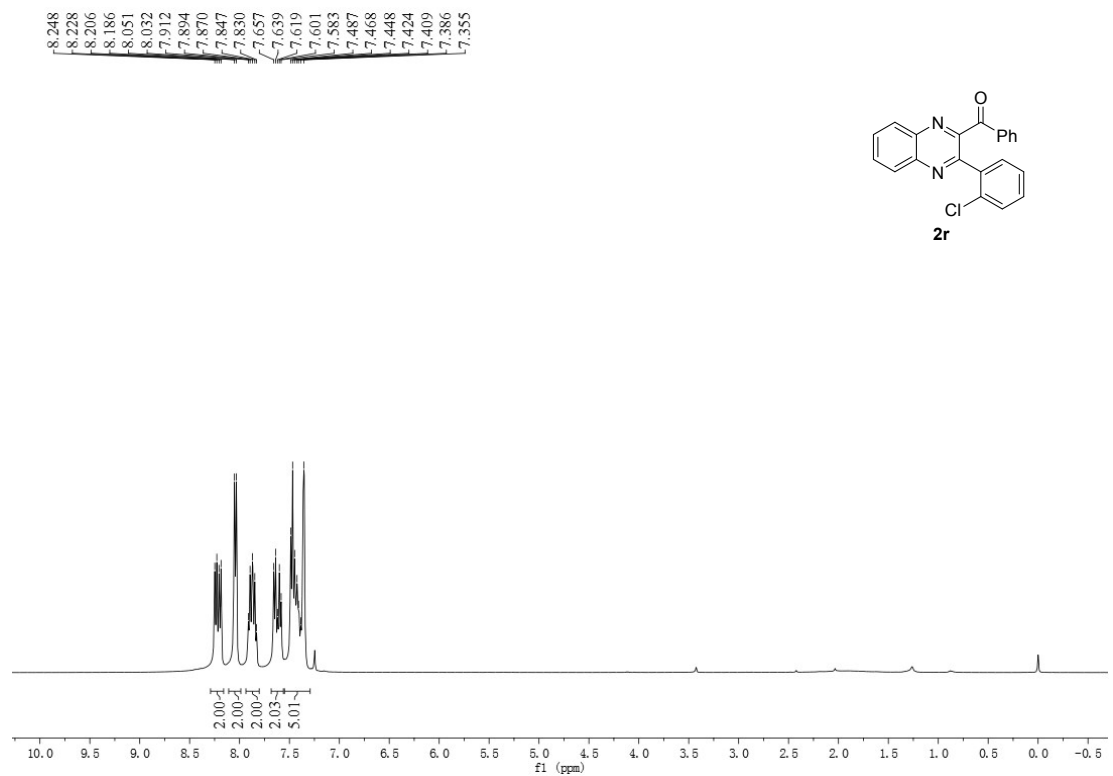
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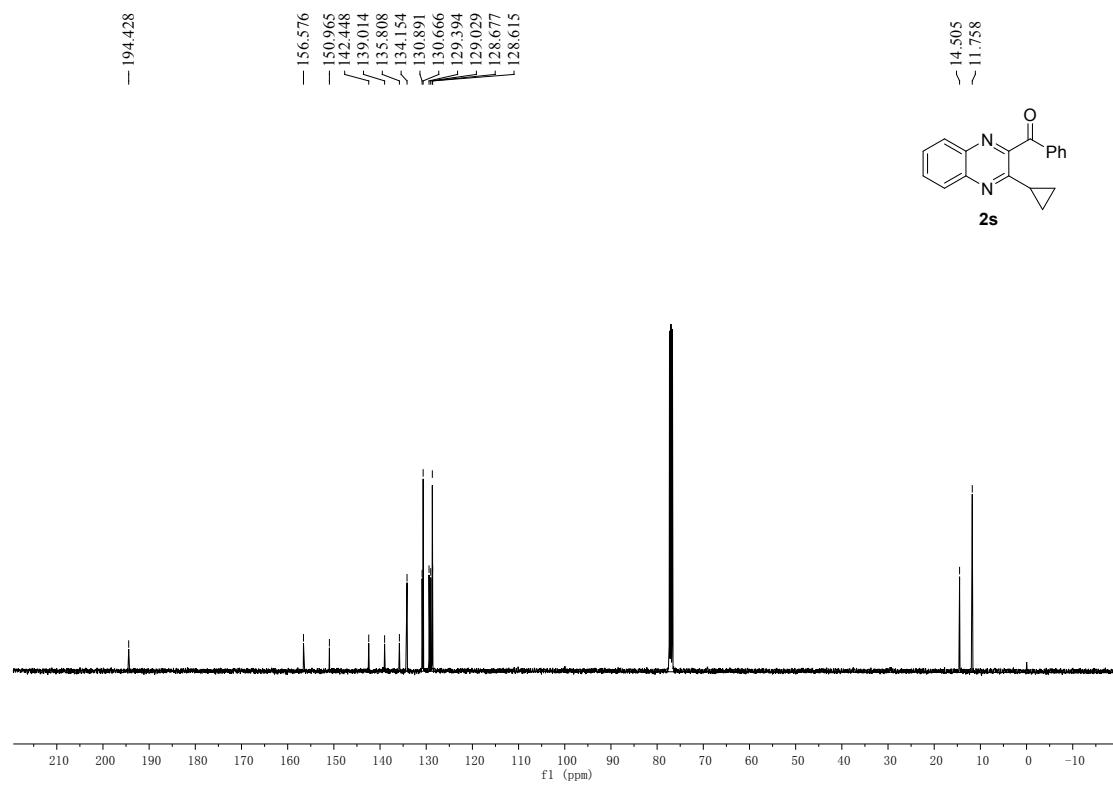
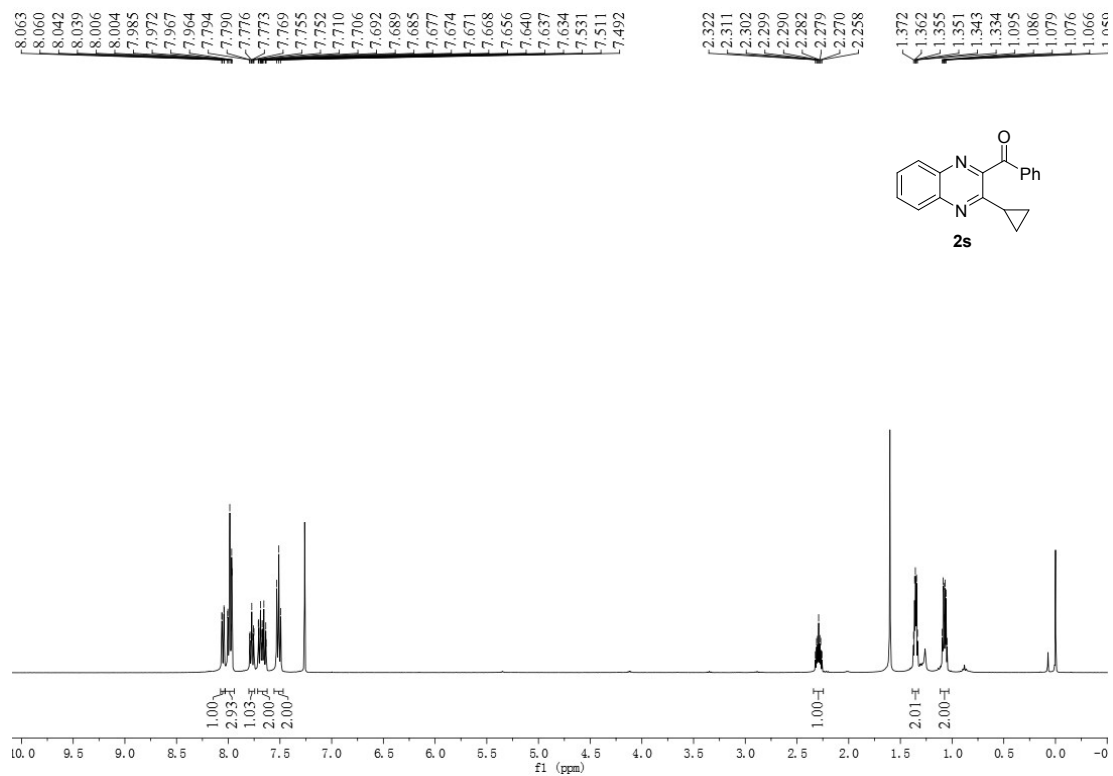


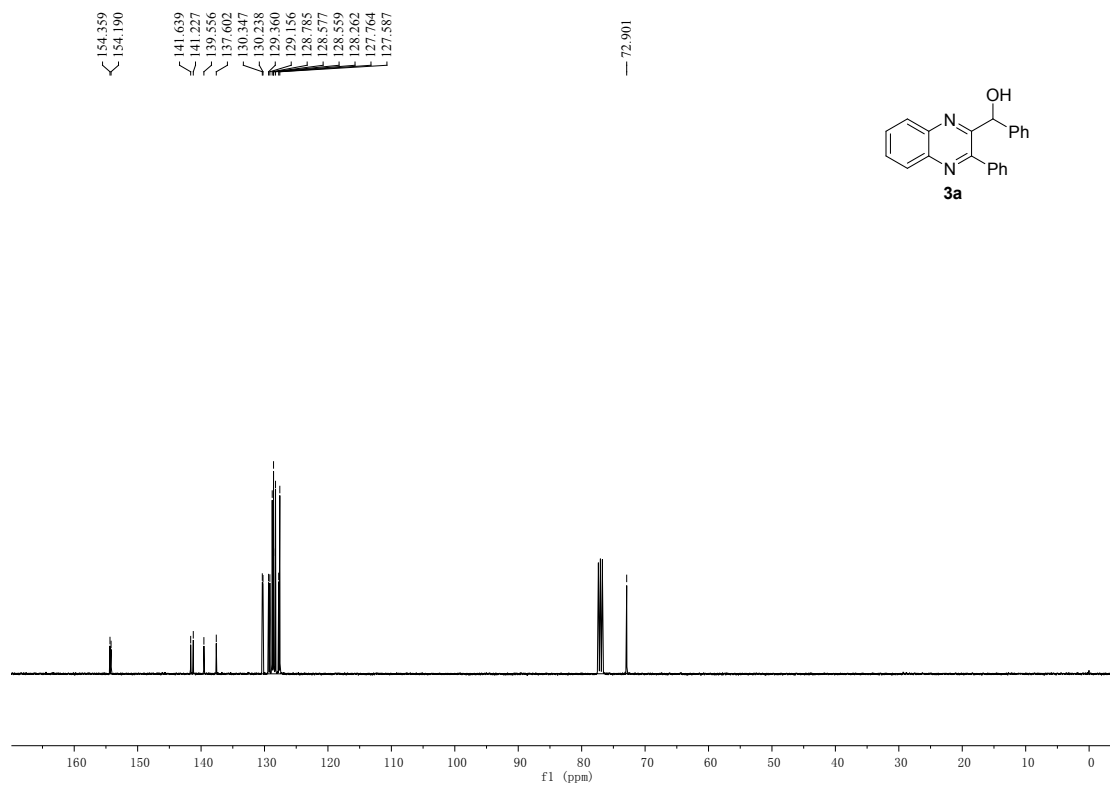
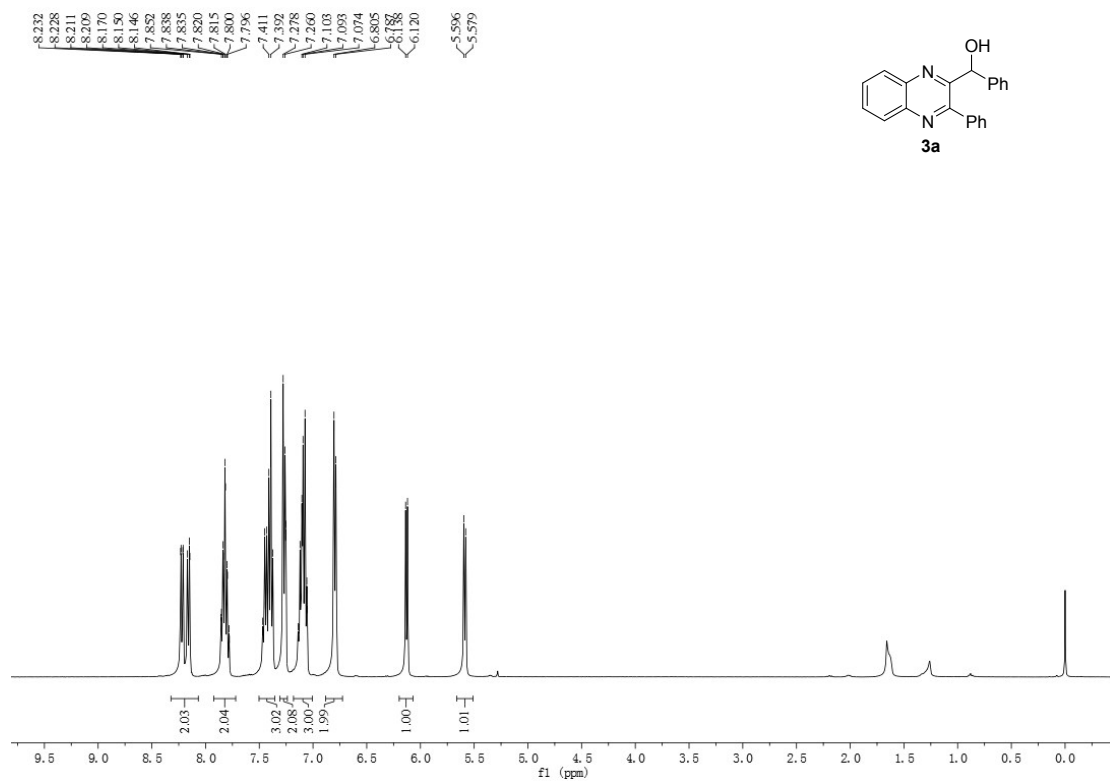
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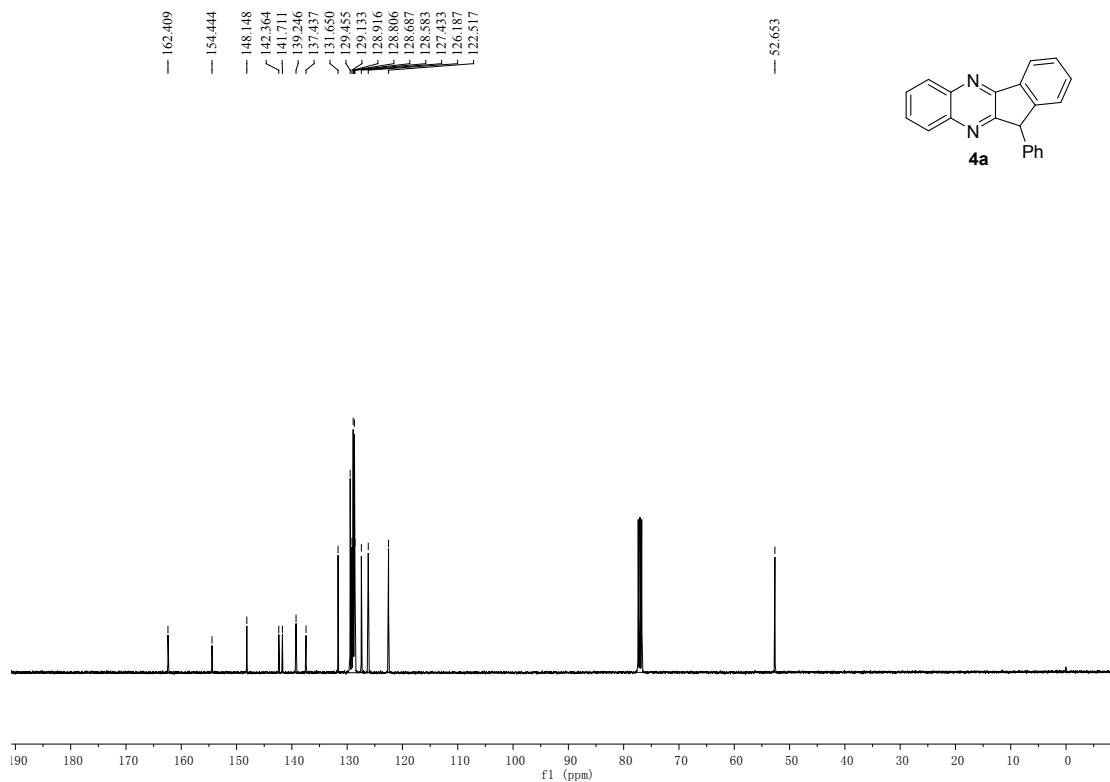
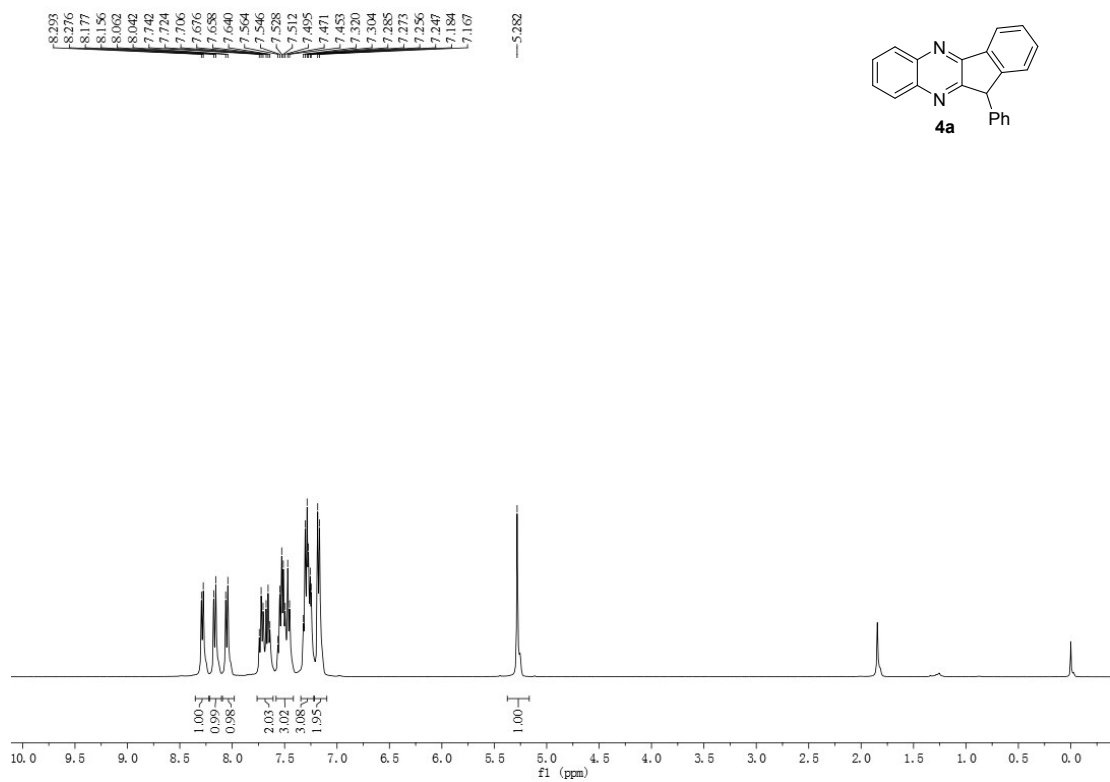
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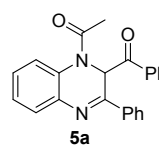
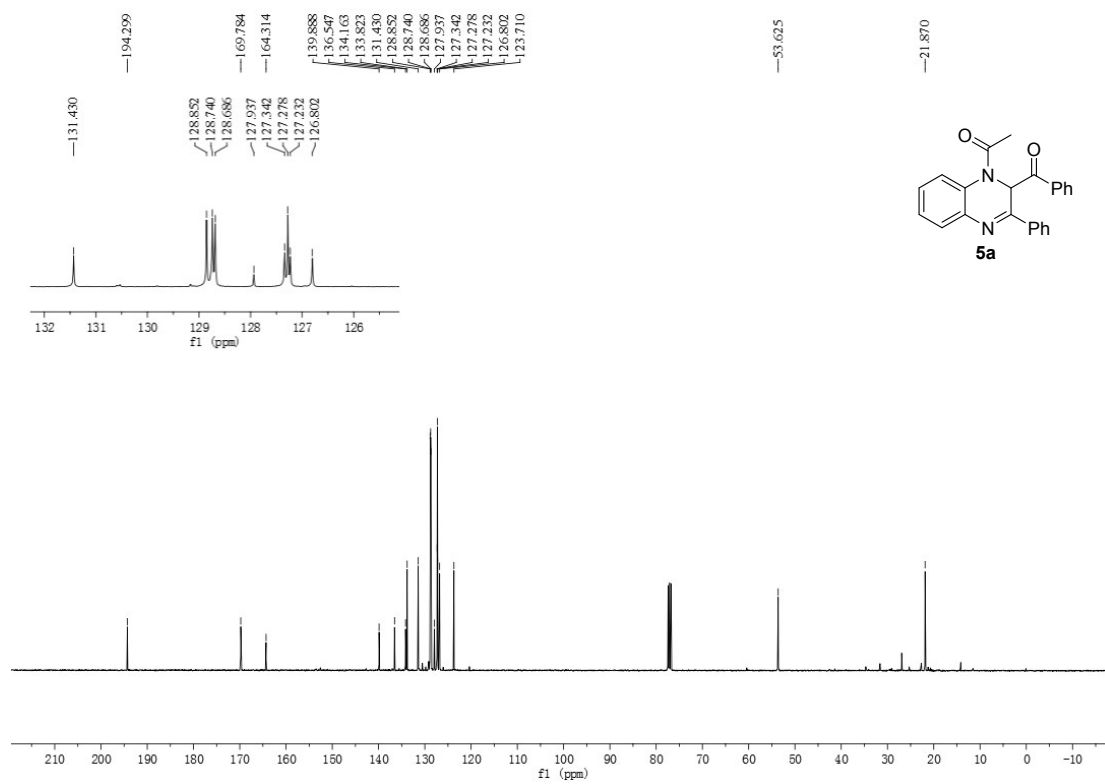
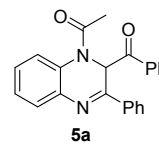
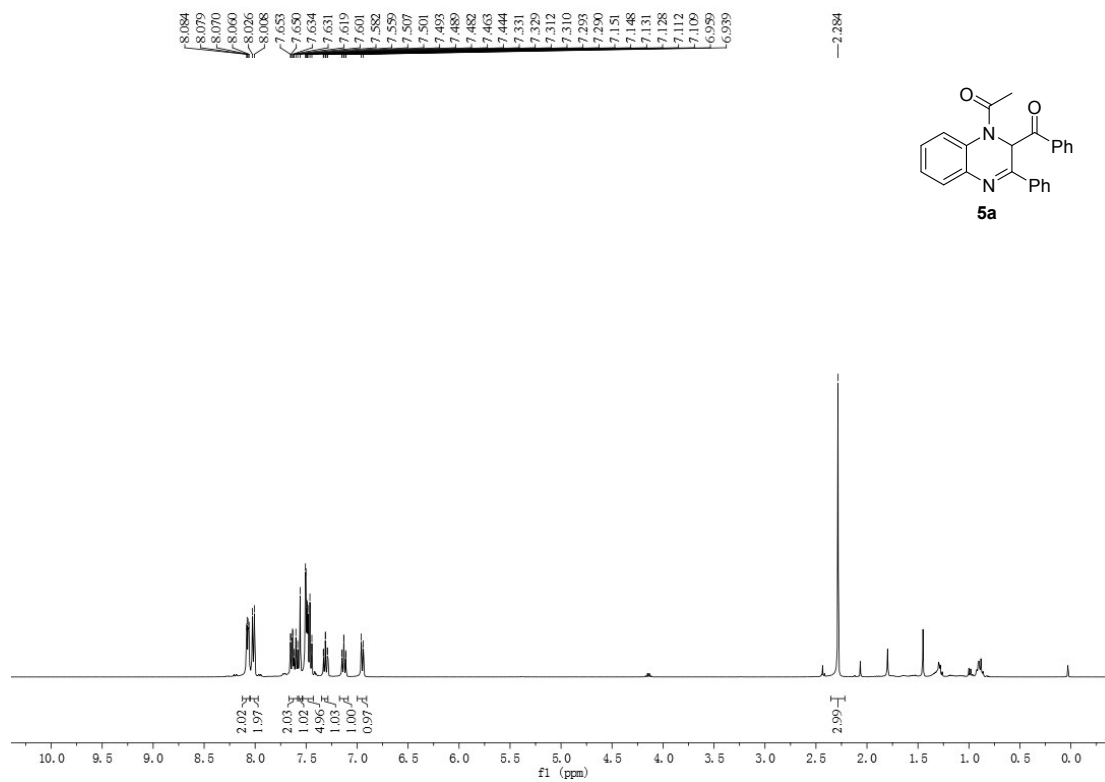












7. HRMS spectrum of intermediate C

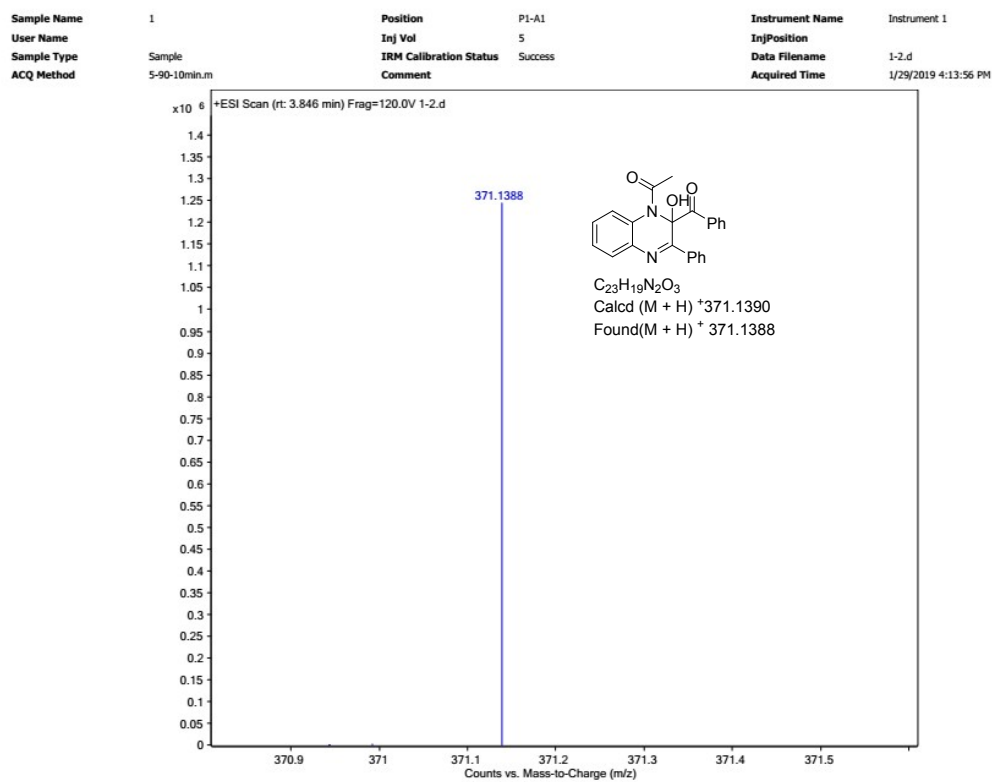


Figure S1 HRMS spectrum of 1-(2-benzoyl-2-hydroxy-3-phenylquinoxalin-1(2H)-yl)ethan-1-one