

## Supporting Information

### The synthesis and structure of an amazing and stable carbonized material Cu-PC@OFM and catalytic applications in water with mechanism explorations

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## 1. General Experiments.

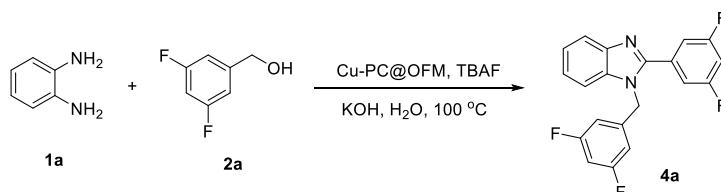
All the obtained products were characterized  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (400 or 100 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm,  $\delta$ ) downfield from tetramethylsilane. Proton coupling patterns are described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), multiplet (m); TLC was performed using commercially prepared 100-400 mesh silica gel plates (GF254), and visualization was effected at 254 nm; All the reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

## 2. Details of experimental procedures.

### 2.1. Synthesis of Cu-PC@OFM

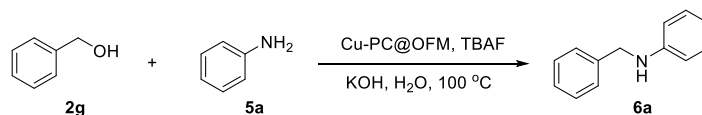
Cu-MOF-199 was synthesized to the procedure reported previously using trimesic acid as a modulator. Thereafter, the mixed solution was filtered, washed, and dried to obtain blue crystals. Afterward, the obtained solid was then placed in a muffle furnace and purged with nitrogen, raised to 400 °C at the rate of 1 °C/min, and reacted for 5 hours. Thereafter, the temperature was lowered to room temperature to obtain dark brown solid powder.

### 2.2. Typical procedure for the synthesis of 4a



In a 25ml Schlenk tube, benzene-1,2-diamine **1a** (1 mmol), KOH (1.5 mmol), Cu-PC@OFM (10mg), TBAF (0.15 mmol) and (3,5-difluorophenyl)methanol **2a** (2.6 mmol) were added followed by H<sub>2</sub>O (4mL), and then the reaction mixture was heated at 100°C for 48h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether=1:20, v/v) to give 1-benzyl-2-aryl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole **4a**.

### 2.3. Typical procedure for the synthesis of 6a



In a 25ml Schlenk tube, phenylmethanol **2g** (1.2 mmol), KOH (1.0 mmol), Cu-PC@OFM (10mg), TBAF (0.15 mmol) and aniline **5a** (1.0 mmol) were added followed by H<sub>2</sub>O (4mL), and then the reaction mixture was heated at 110°C for 48h. After the reaction was completed, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether=1:60, v/v) to give N-benzyl compound **6a**.

### 2.4. The original data of Leaching of the metal-catalysts experiments

### The test data

Sample number	The sample quality $m_0$ (g)	Constant volume $V_0$ (mL)	Test element	The concentration of elements in the solution $C_0$ (mg/L)	Dilution multiple	Element concentration of digestion solution / original sample solution $C_1$ (mg/L)	Element content of sample C (mg/kg)	Element content of sample W(%)
1	0.9229	10	Cu	0.7238	1	0.7238	7.84	0.0008%

### 2.5. Hot filtration test for the reaction of phenylenediamine and benzyl alcohols

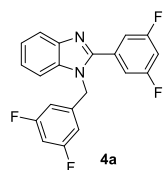
Entry	Catalyst	Time(h)	Yield
1	With catalyst	12	53
2	After filtration	24	53

Conditions: **1a** (1 mmol), **2a** (2.6 mmol), Cu-PC@OFM (10 mg), KOH (1.0 equiv.), TBAF (15 mol%), H<sub>2</sub>O (4 mL), 100 °C.

### 3. Characterization Data

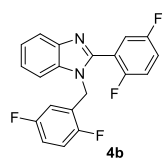
#### 3.1 Characterization Data for 4a-4o

##### 4a: 1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole



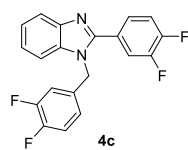
Yield: 82%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.88(d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.38-7.29(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.19(m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.97-6.91(m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.79-6.73(m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.60(d, *J*=5.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.43(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 164.83 (d, JCF = 12.7 Hz), 164.25 (d, JCF = 12.8 Hz), 162.34 (d, JCF = 12.7 Hz), 161.76 (d, JCF = 12.8 Hz), 151.23, 142.90, 139.86, 135.84, 132.69, 124.08, 123.43, 120.53, 112.37, 112.10, 110.14, 109.06, 108.79, 105.59, 103.73, 47.63.

##### 4b: 1-(2,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole



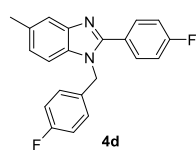
Yield: 67%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.87(d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.36(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.37-7.30(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.28-7.24(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.21-7.16(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.03-6.97(m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.94-6.88(m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.49-6.45(m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.36(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 159.91 (dd, JCF = 6.1, 2.3 Hz), 157.23 (dd, JCF = 14.9, 2.5 Hz), 157.48 (dd, JCF = 7.3, 2.2 Hz), 154.81 (dd, JCF = 12.0, 2.6 Hz), 147.91, 143.23, 135.12, 123.82, 123.07, 120.47, 117.48, 117.32, 116.73, 116.57, 116.20, 116.05, 115.03, 114.80, 110.33, 42.14.

##### 4c: 1-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole



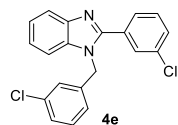
Yield: 85%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.89(d, *J*=4.8 Hz Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.55-7.50(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.38-7.34(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.33-7.29(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.24-7.21(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.93-6.88(m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.80(d, *J*=12.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.39(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 152.89 (d, JCF = 12.4 Hz), 152.12 (d, JCF=12.4 Hz), 150.36 (d, JCF = 12.5 Hz), 149.56 (d, JCF = 13.1 Hz), 148.69, 142.61, 135.63, 125.52, 123.91, 123.42, 121.87, 120.22, 118.72, 118.54, 118.30, 118.11, 117.93, 115.03, 110.21, 47.37.

##### 4d: 1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole



Yield: 87%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.72 (d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.63-7.58(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.14-7.08(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.06(s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 5.32(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.45(d, *J*=20.0Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 164.75 (d, JCF = 2.9 Hz), 162.27 (d, JCF = 2.8 Hz), 160.87, 152.43, 143.29, 141.07, 136.06, 133.21, 132.43, 131.00, 127.47, 126.20, 124.35, 119.42, 116.02, 115.85, 115.64, 109.97, 47.50, 21.66.

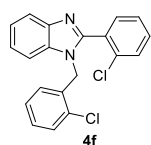
##### 4e: 1-(3-chlorobenzyl)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole



Yield: 80%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.88(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.72-7.71(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.50-7.45(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.39(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.36-7.32(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.30-7.26(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.24-7.21(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.11(s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.94-6.92(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.40(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 152.46, 143.06, 138.17, 135.91, 135.17, 134.94, 131.64, 130.45,

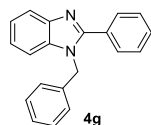
130.11, 130.02, 129.48, 128.25, 127.02, 126.19, 124.05, 123.61, 123.07, 120.29, 110.29, 47.86.

**4f: 1-(2-chlorobenzyl)-2-(2-chlorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole**



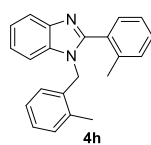
Yield: 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.89(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.51(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.46-7.41(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.34-7.29(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.28-7.25(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22(s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.20-7.15(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.07-7.04(m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.64-6.62(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.36(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 151.47, 143.03, 134.78, 134.33, 133.26, 132.35, 132.10, 131.37, 129.87, 129.65, 129.55, 128.94, 127.73, 127.07, 126.91, 123.34, 122.68, 120.34, 110.48, 45.67.

**4g: 1-benzyl-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole**



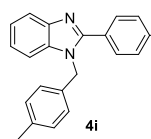
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**4h: 1-(2-methylbenzyl)-2-(o-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole**



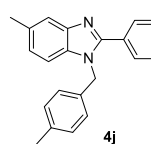
Yield: 72%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.87(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.32(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.28-7.24(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.21-7.18(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.16-7.13(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10-7.07(m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.99-6.95(m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.63-6.61(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 5.15(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.22(s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.11(s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 153.65, 142.92, 138.10, 134.85, 134.59, 133.81, 130.34, 130.14, 129.62, 129.57, 127.29, 126.10, 125.81, 125.38, 122.59, 122.10, 119.78, 110.31, 45.52, 19.56, 18.78.

**4i: 1-(4-methylbenzyl)-2-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole**

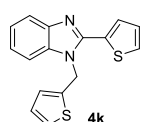


Yield: 72%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.85(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.58(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.29-7.25(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.24(s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.17(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.11-7.09(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.98-6.96(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 5.36(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.37(s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.30(s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 154.15, 143.03, 139.85, 137.26, 135.96, 133.32, 129.53, 129.28, 129.02, 127.06, 125.76, 122.68, 122.39, 119.65, 110.37, 48.01, 21.25, 20.91.

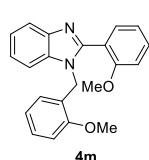
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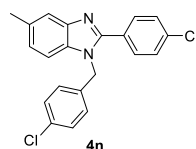
Yield: 86%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.56-7.54(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.18-7.15(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.08-7.03(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.00-6.96(m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.93-6.90(m, 3H, Ar-H), 5.26(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.40(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.32(s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.26(d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 153.87, 153.50, 143.28, 141.08, 139.48, 139.42, 136.94, 136.15, 133.97, 133.36, 132.45, 131.76, 129.36, 129.05, 128.75, 127.12, 125.50, 123.83, 119.31, 119.04, 109.99, 109.72, 47.64, 21.49, 21.04, 20.72.

**4k: 2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole**

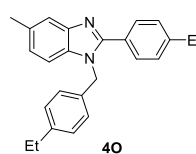
Yield: 74%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ(ppm) 7.82(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.74-7.68(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.40(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.31-7.24(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.04(d, *J*=4.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.97-6.95(m, 1H, Ar-H), 5.94(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ(ppm) 146.71, 142.36, 139.27, 135.78, 132.01, 129.60, 128.33, 127.81, 126.99, 126.01, 125.89, 122.86, 122.52, 118.90, 110.74, 43.00.

**4m: 1-(2-methoxybenzyl)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole**

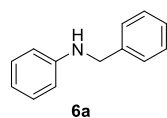
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**4n: 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole**

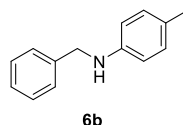
Yield: 89%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.74-7.60(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.56-7.54(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.38(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.28-7.26(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.14-7.03(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.00-6.96(m, 3H, Ar-H), 5.32(s, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.48-2.40(m, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 152.55, 152.18, 143.26, 141.07, 136.08, 134.67, 133.90, 133.57, 133.41, 132.57, 130.17, 129.18, 128.90, 128.38, 127.06, 124.77, 124.49, 119.49, 109.92, 47.46, 21.69.

**4o: 1-(4-ethylbenzyl)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)-5-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole**

Yield: 83%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 7.73(d, *J*=8.0Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.61-7.58(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.22(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.14-7.08(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.01-6.97(m, 3H, Ar-H), 5.34(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.69-2.59(m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.39(s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25-1.17(m, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ(ppm) 154.11, 153.74, 145.90, 143.49, 143.42, 141.22, 136.31, 134.11, 133.76, 132.64, 131.97, 129.03, 128.34, 128.04, 127.45, 125.74, 123.98, 119.48, 119.20, 110.16, 47.90, 28.31, 21.67, 15.17.

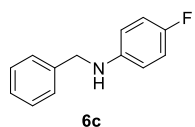
**3.2 Characterization Data for 6a-6o****N-benzylaniline (6a)**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.37-7.31 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 4.32 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) 148.10, 139.38, 129.23, 128.60, 127.47, 127.19, 117.51, 112.79, 48.26.

**N-benzyl-4-methylaniline (6b)**

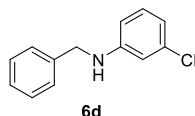
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ (ppm) 7.37-7.22 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.57-6.54 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 4.30 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.89 (s, 1H, NH), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) 145.88, 139.61, 129.71, 128.56, 127.45, 127.11, 126.70, 112.94, 48.58, 20.36.

**N-benzyl-4-fluoroaniline (6c)**



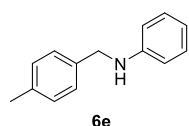
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**N-benzyl-3-chloroaniline (6d)**



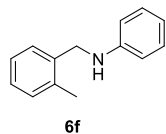
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**N-(4-methylbenzyl)aniline (6e)**



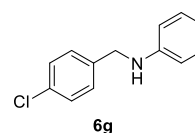
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**N-(2-methylbenzyl)aniline (6f)**



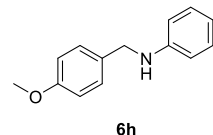
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**N-(4-chlorobenzyl)aniline (6g)**



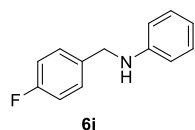
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**N-(4-methoxybenzyl)aniline (6h)**



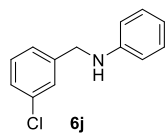
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**N-(4-fluorobenzyl)aniline (6i)**



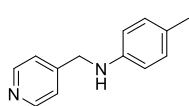
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**N-(3-chlorobenzyl)aniline (6j)**



$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.41 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.81 (d,  $J=7.4\text{Hz}$ , 1H, Ar-H), 6.50 (d,  $J=8.6\text{Hz}$ , 2H, Ar-H), 4.20(s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.12(s, NH);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) 147.81, 147.78, 134.56, 129.80, 129.34, 127.50, 127.42, 125.44, 117.92, 112.90, 47.82.

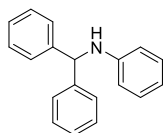
**4-methyl-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)aniline (6k)**



6k

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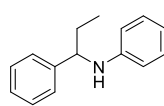
**N-benzhydrylaniline (6l)**



6l

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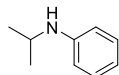
**N-(1-phenylpropyl)aniline (6m)**



6m

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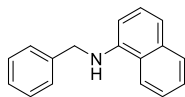
**N-isopropylaniline (6n)**



6n

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**N-benzyl-naphthalen-1-amine (6o)**

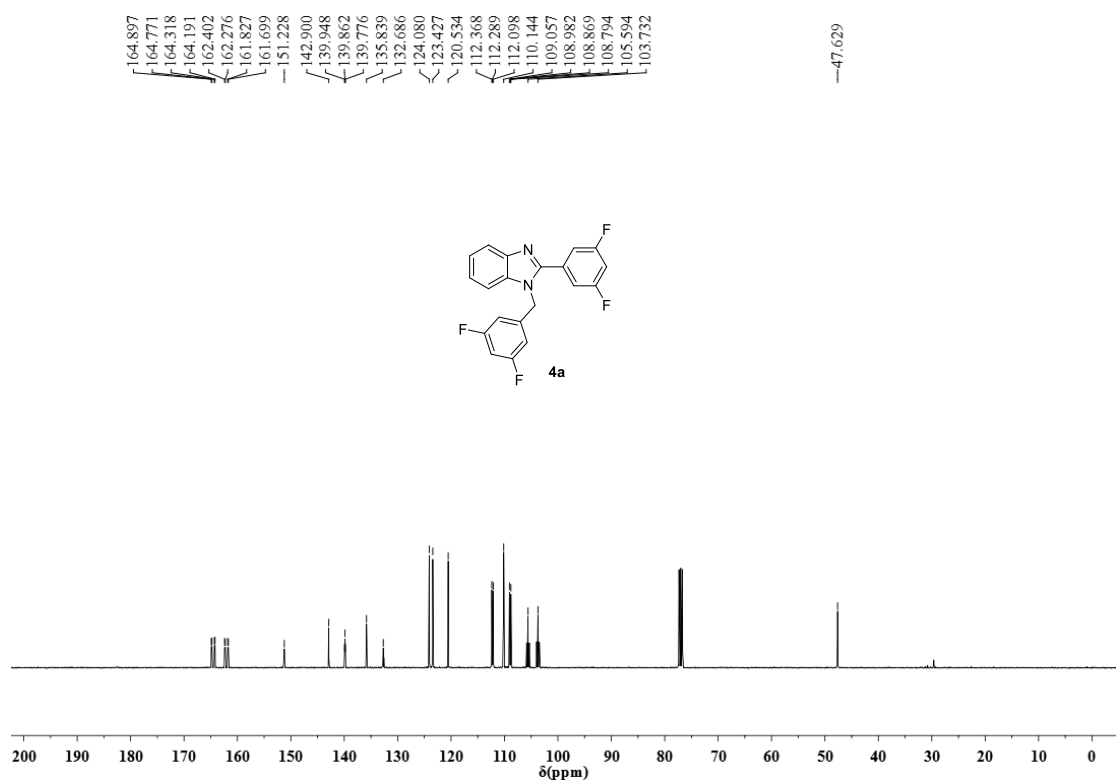
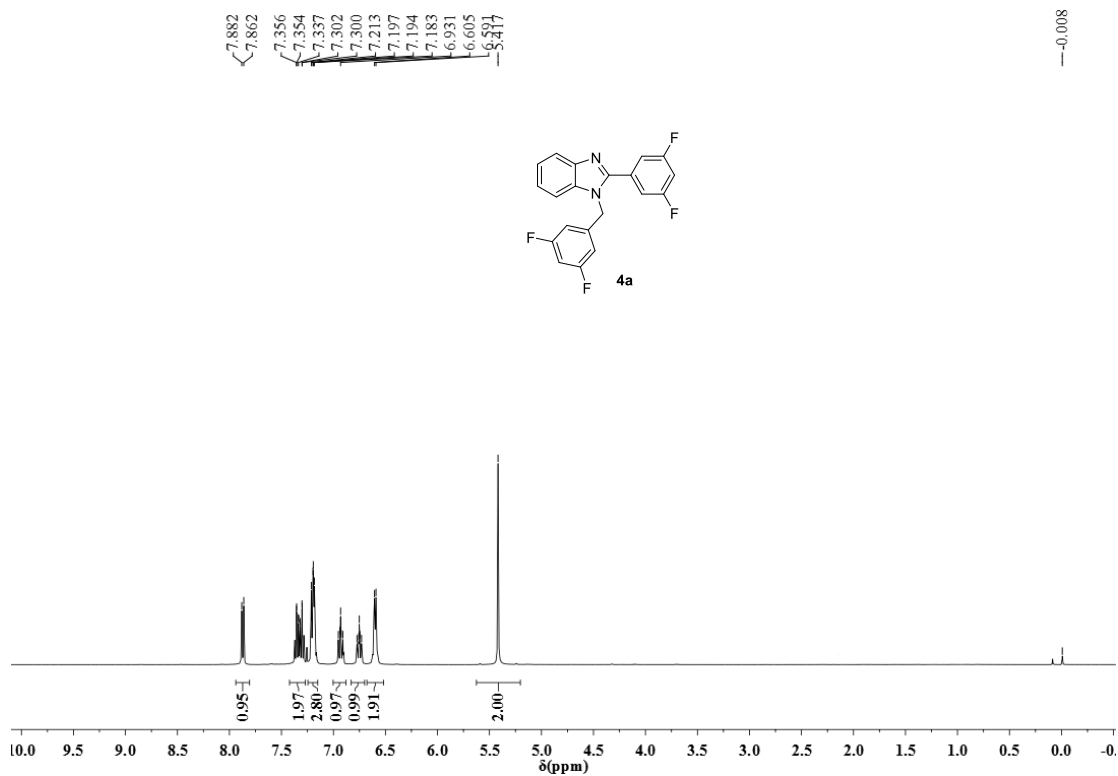


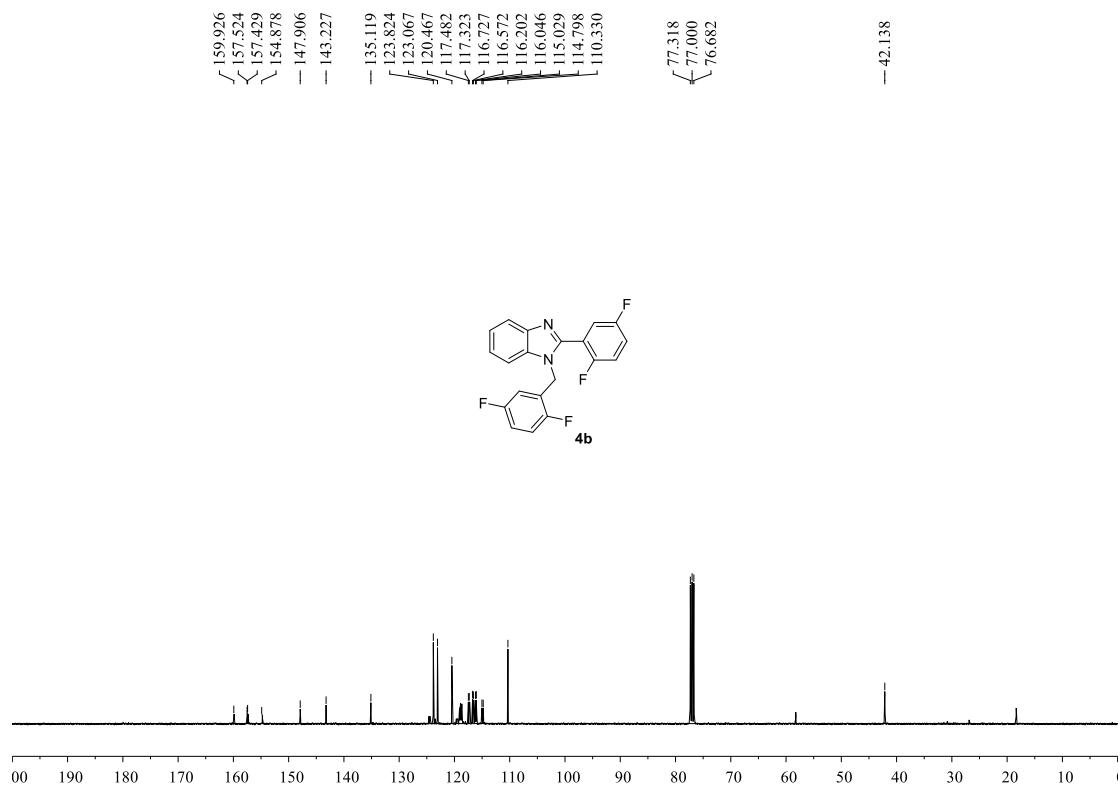
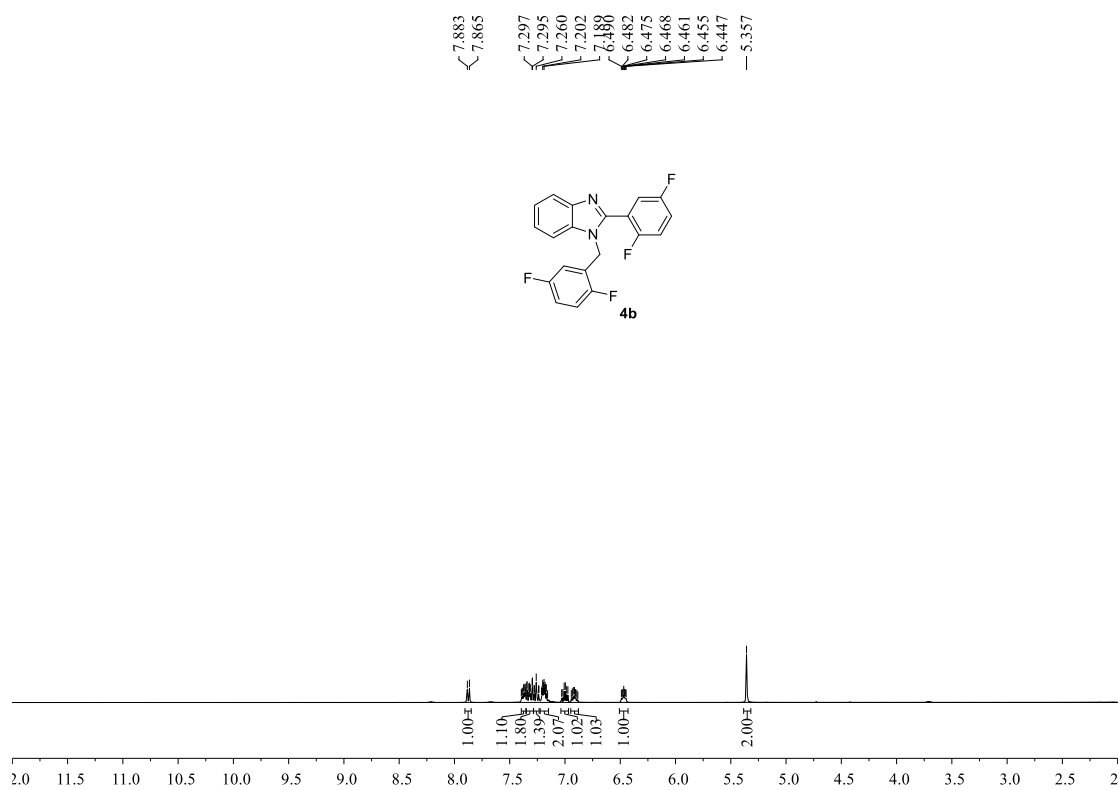
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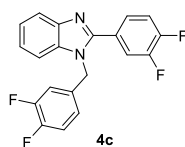
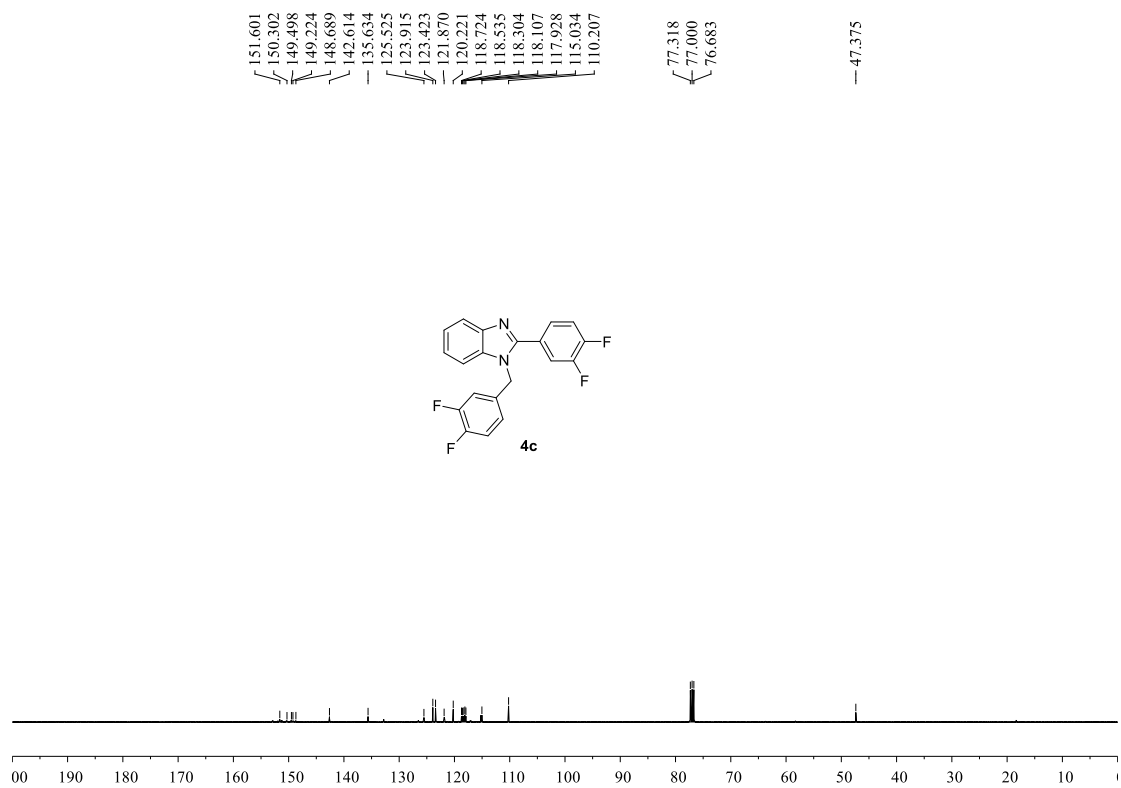
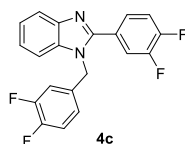
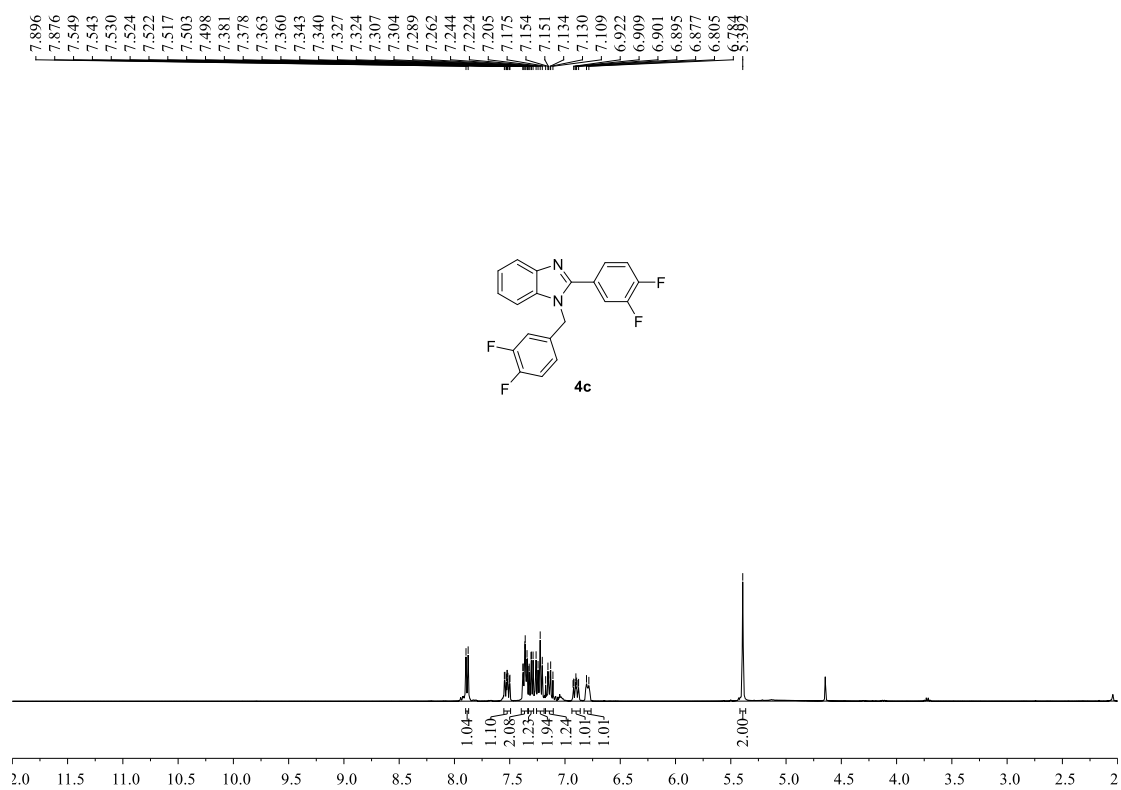
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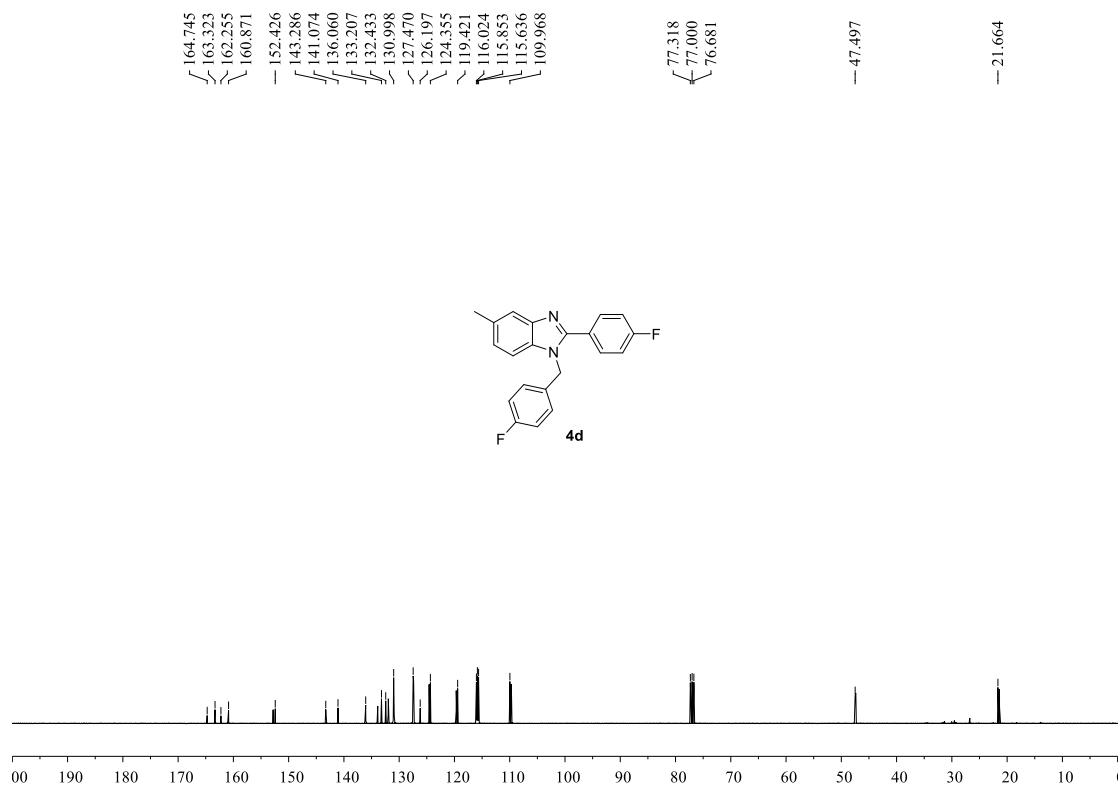
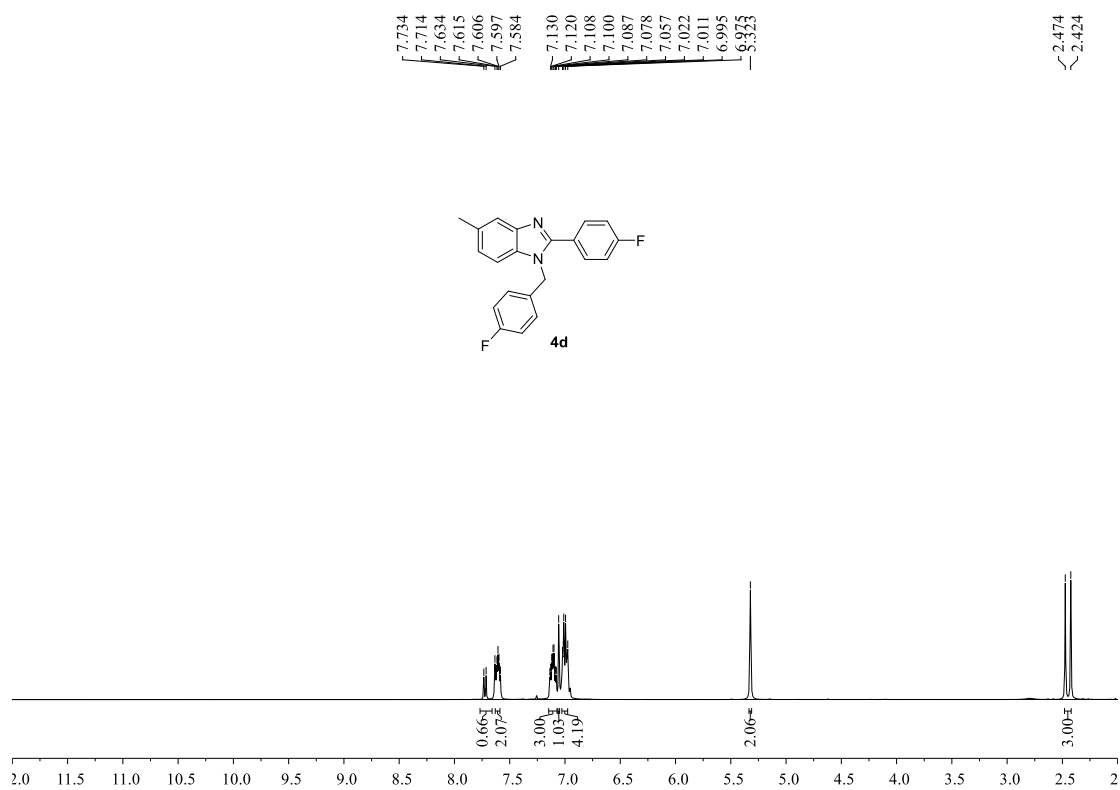


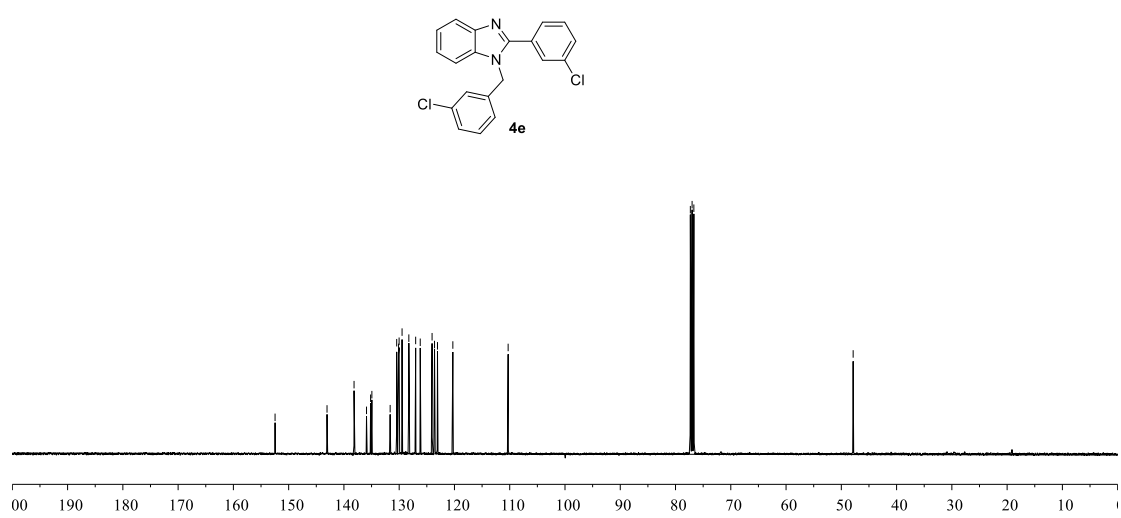
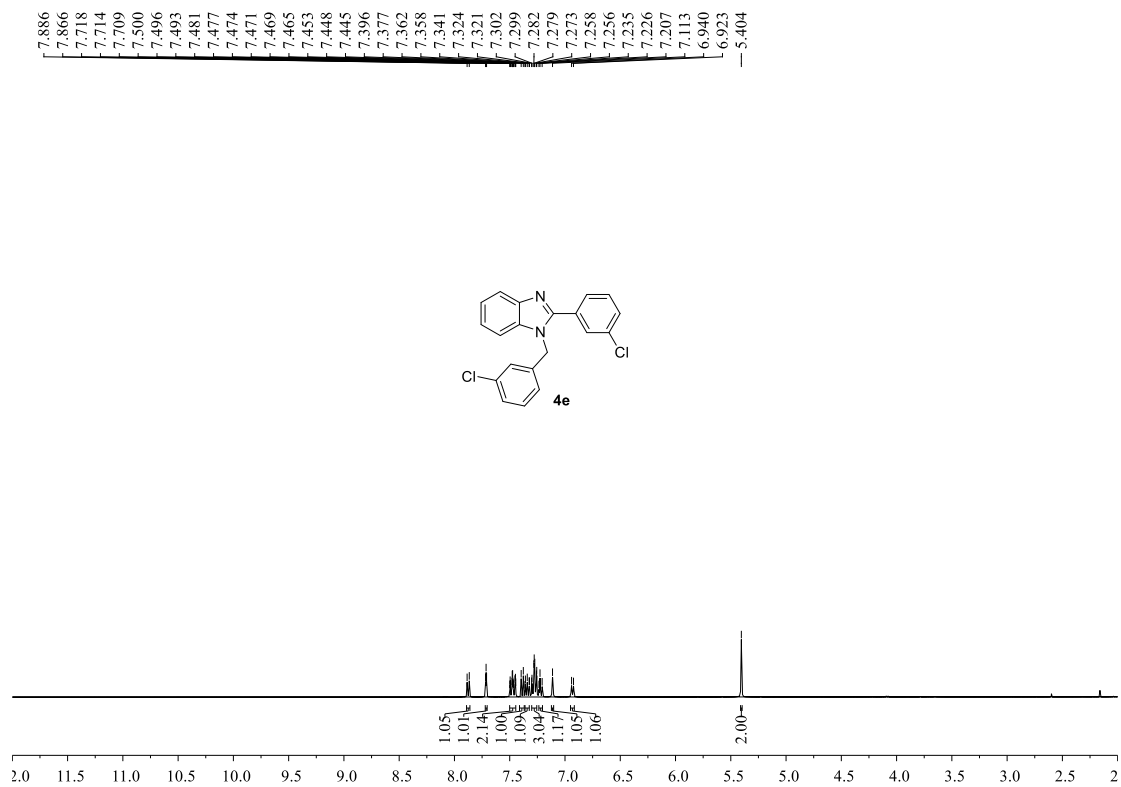
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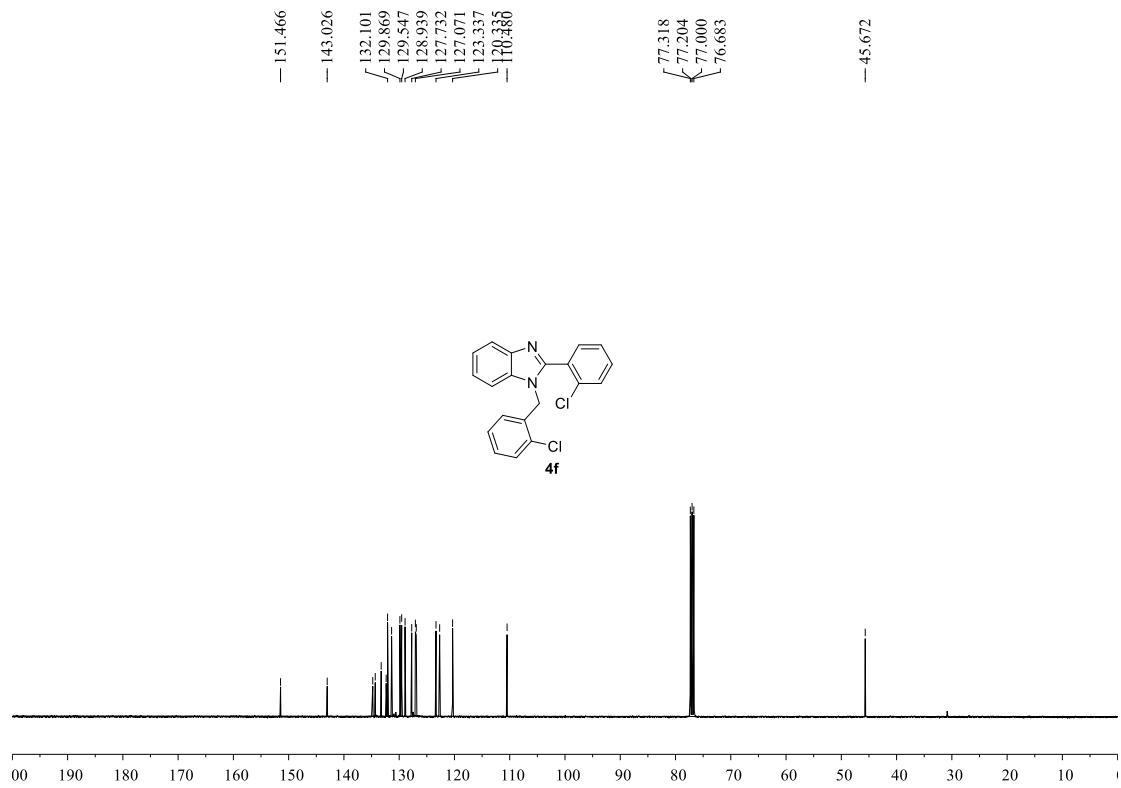
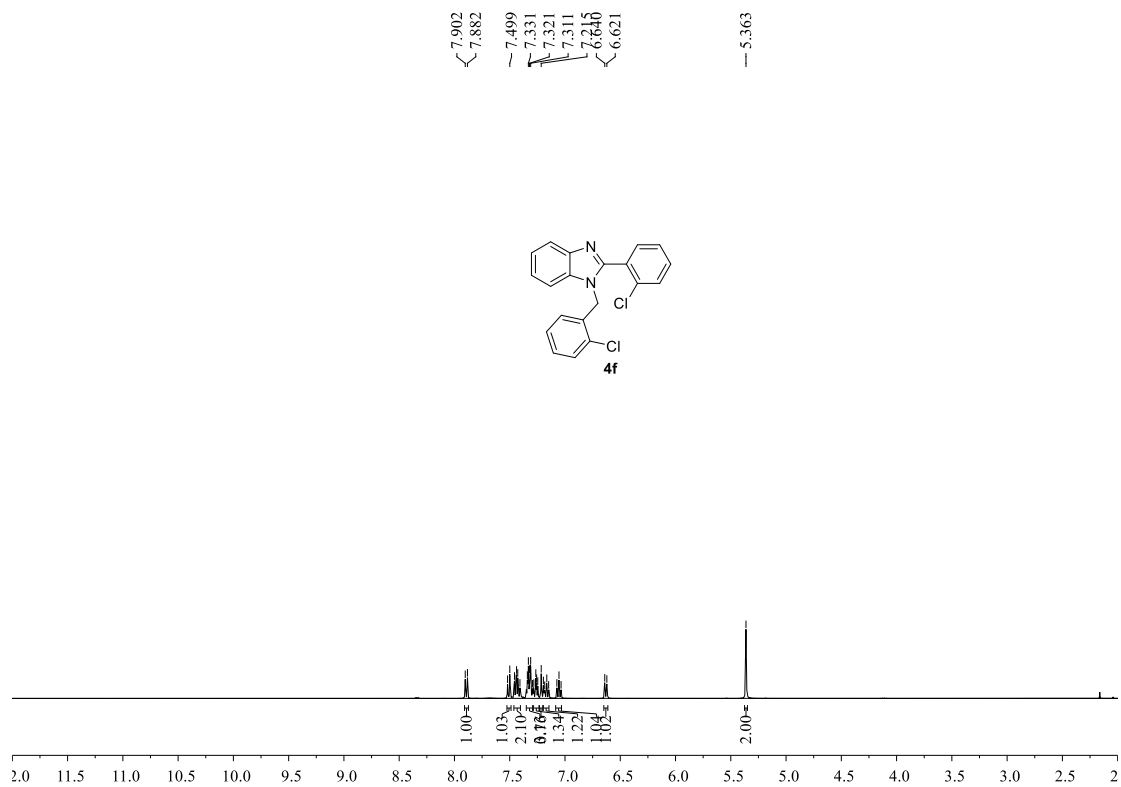


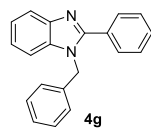
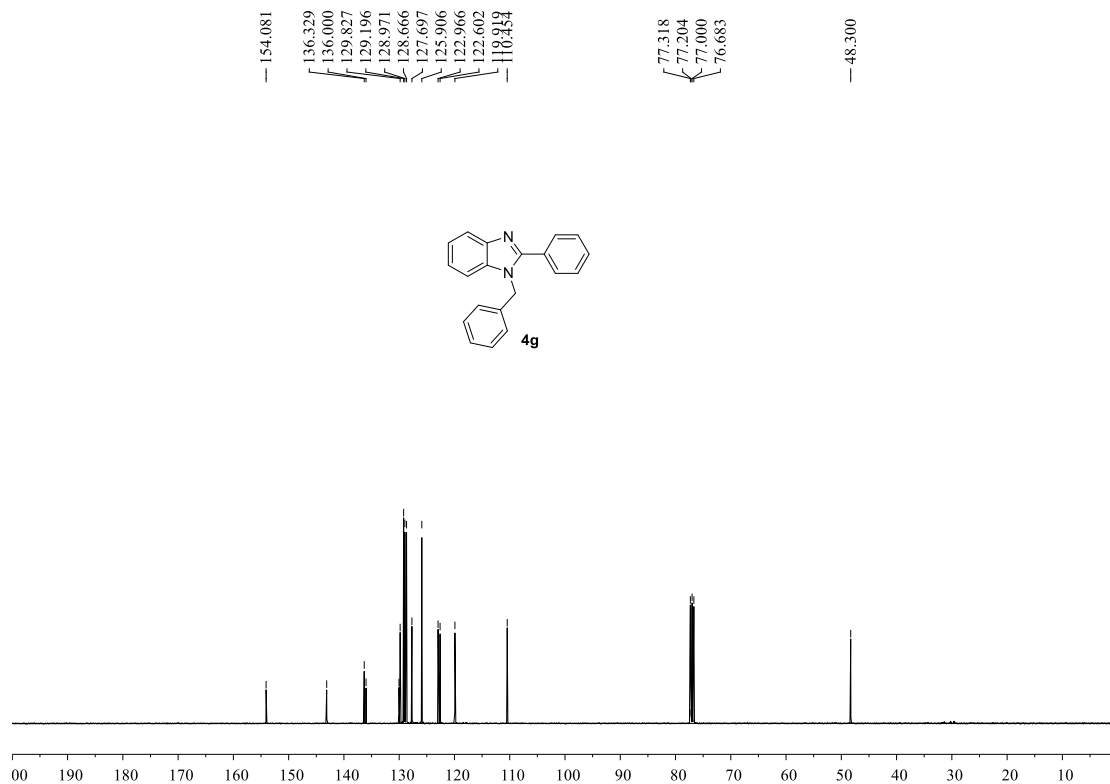
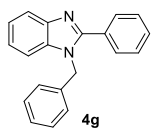
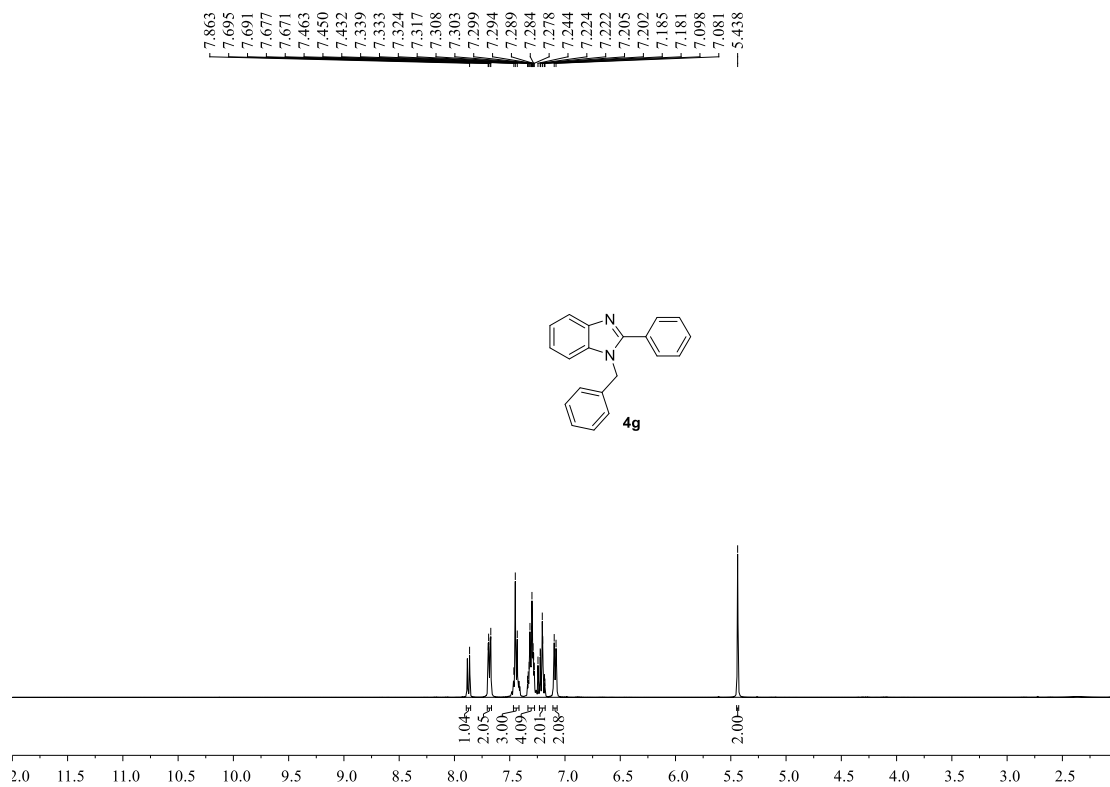


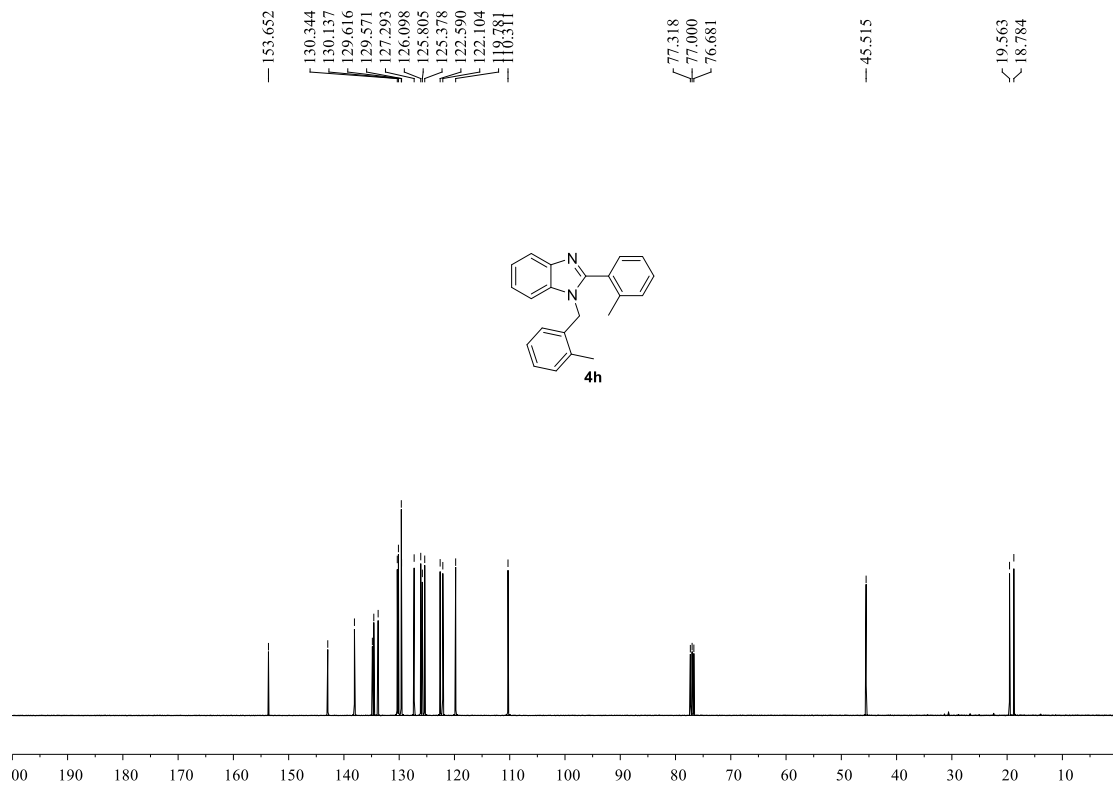
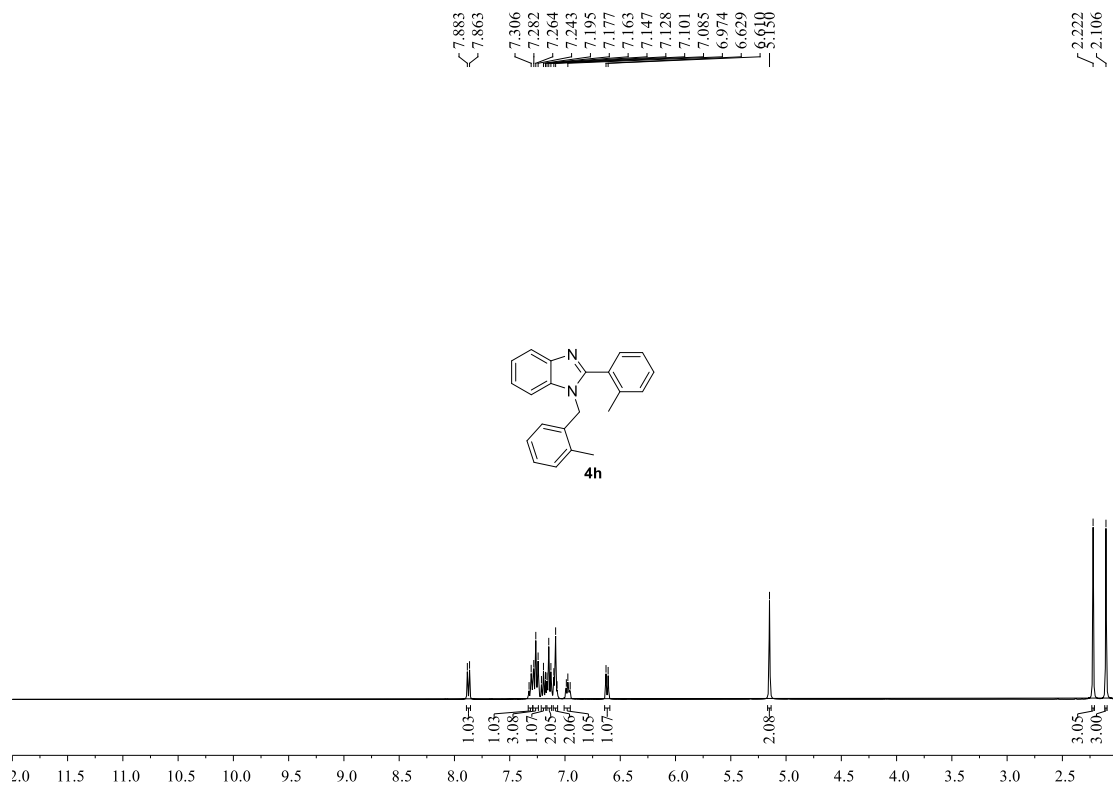




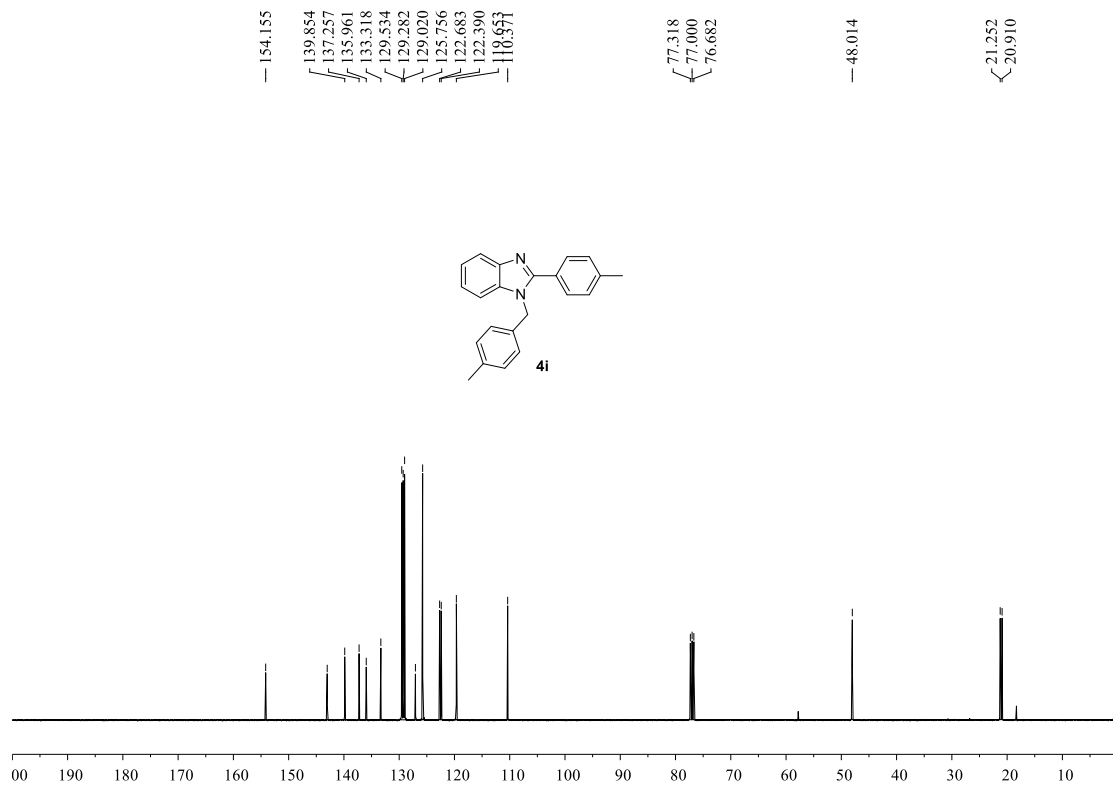
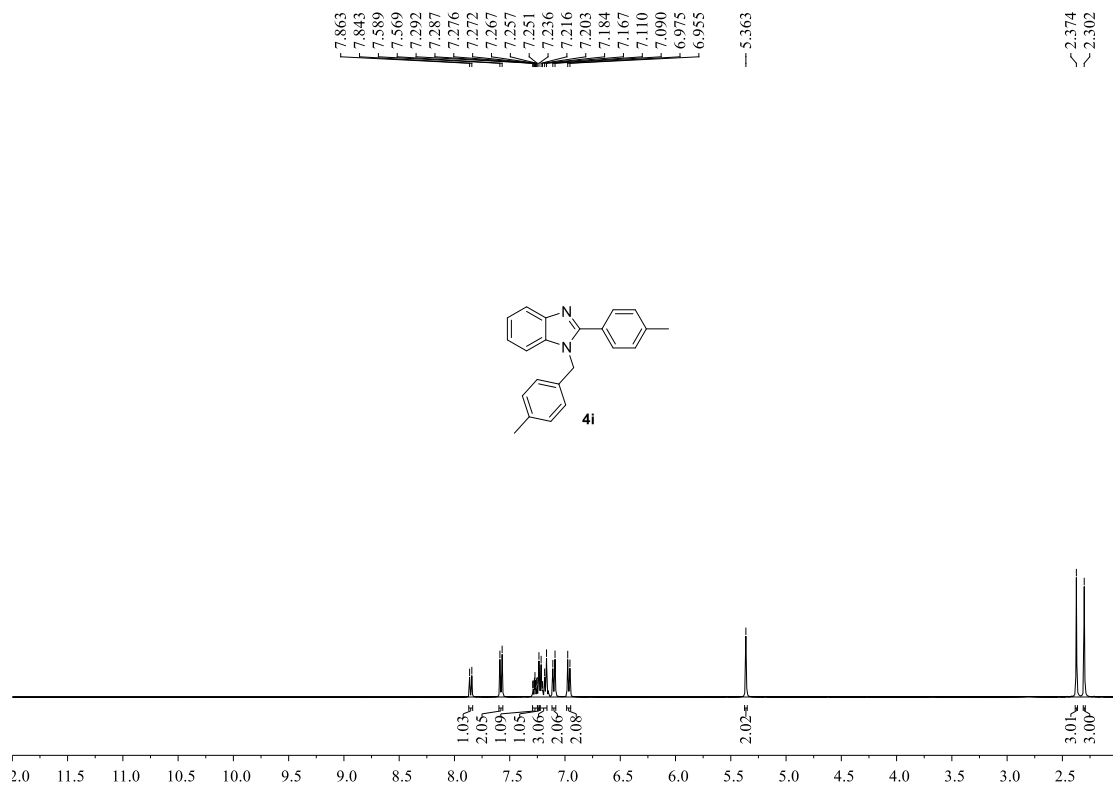


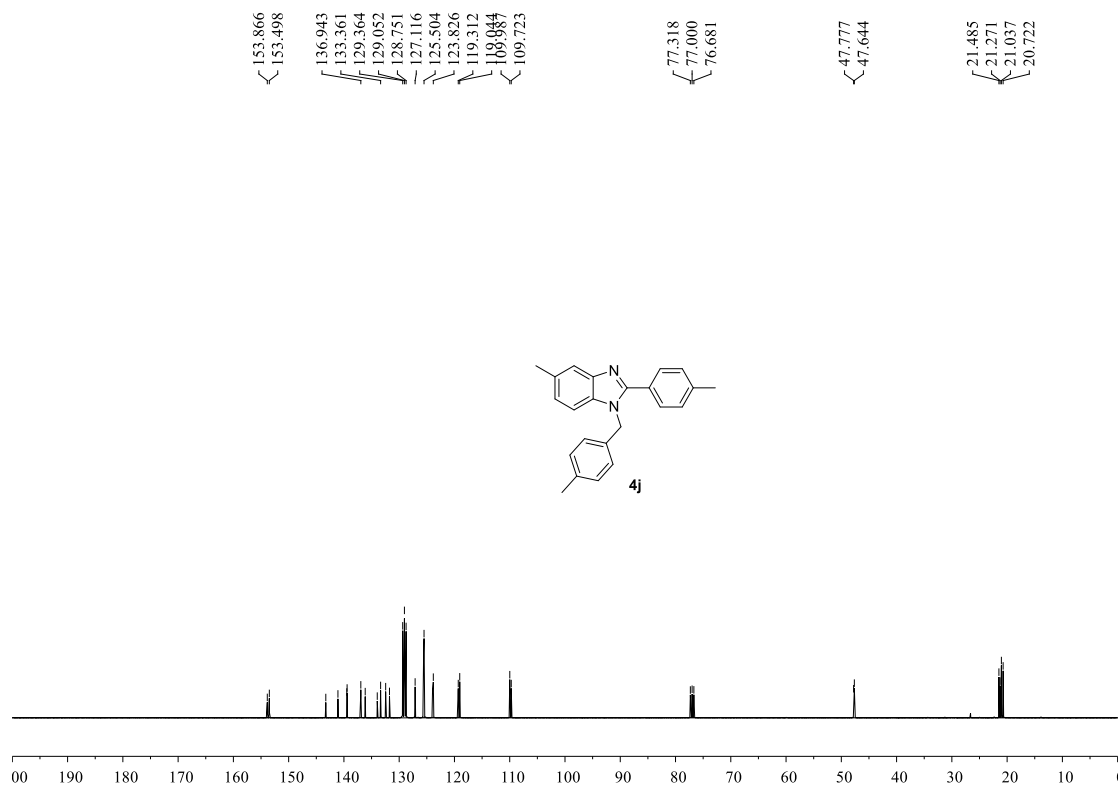
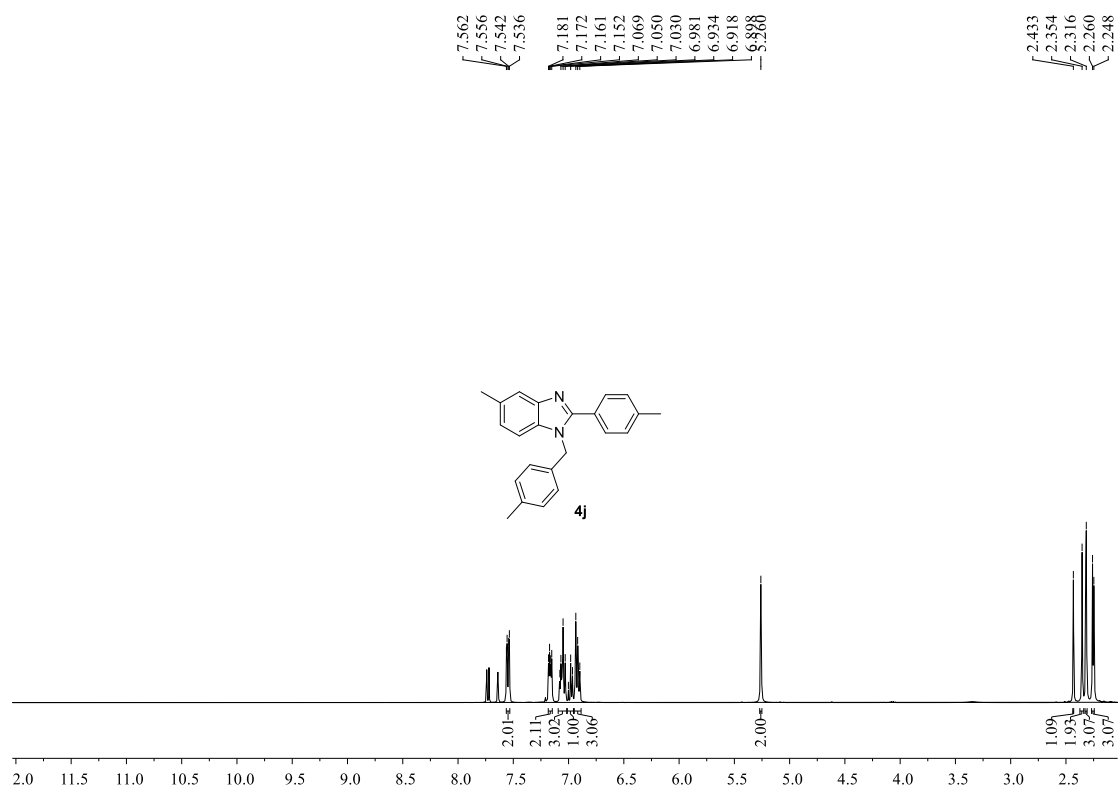


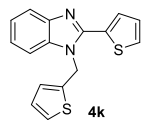
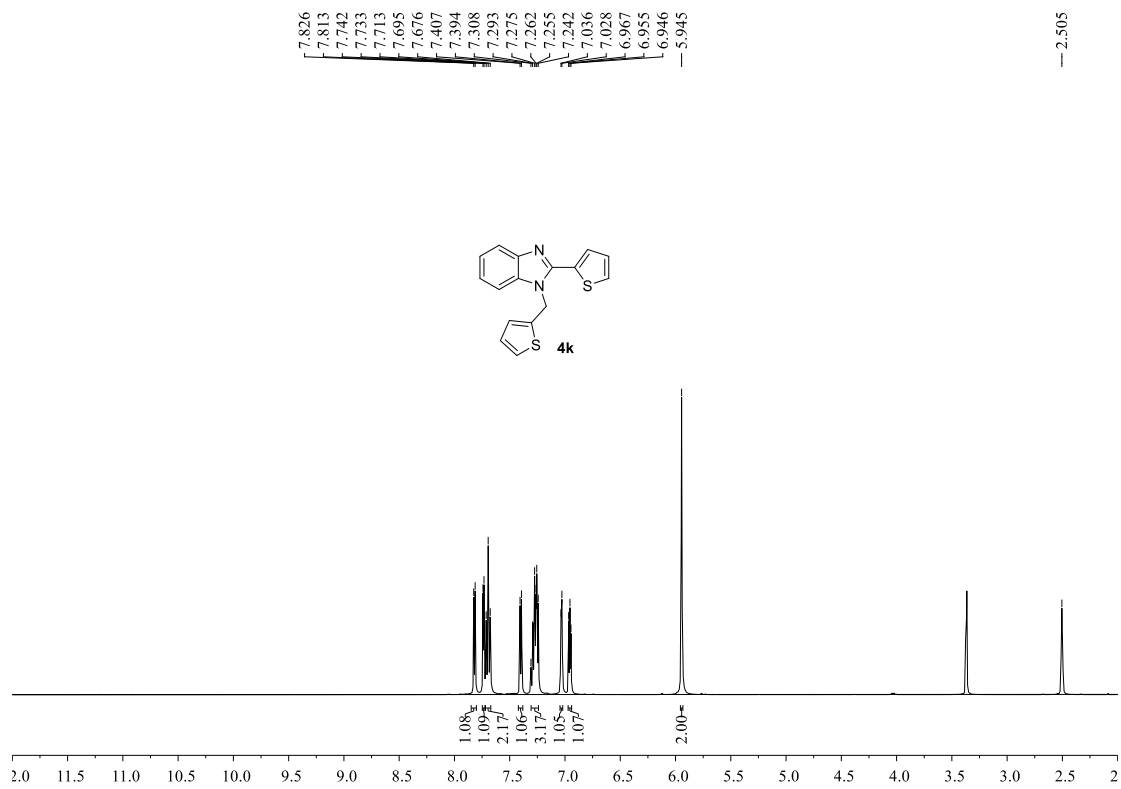




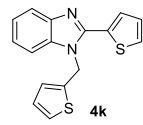
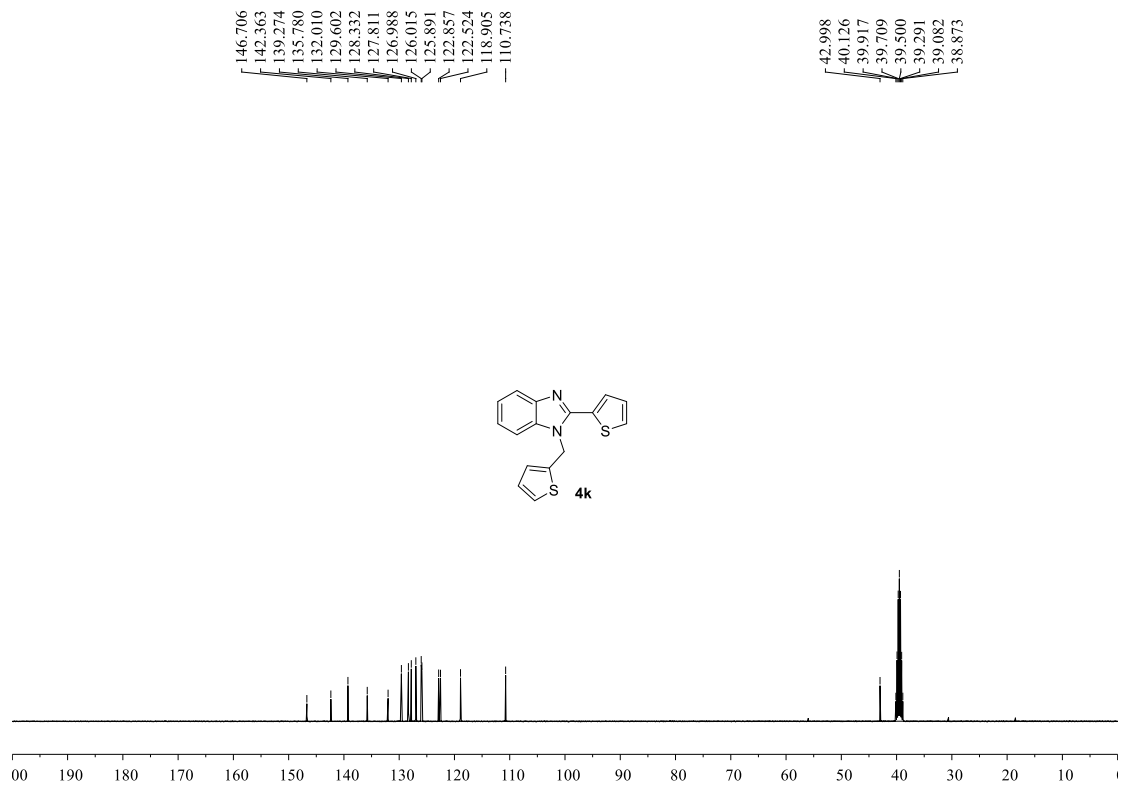


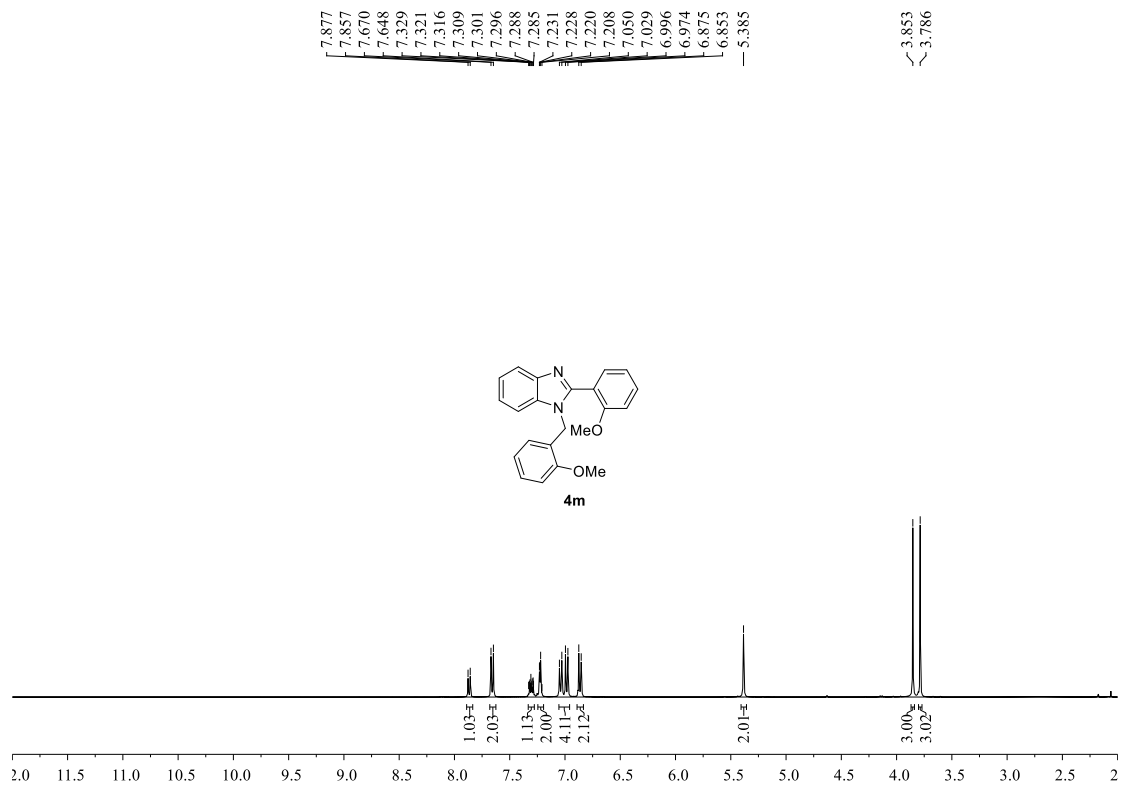
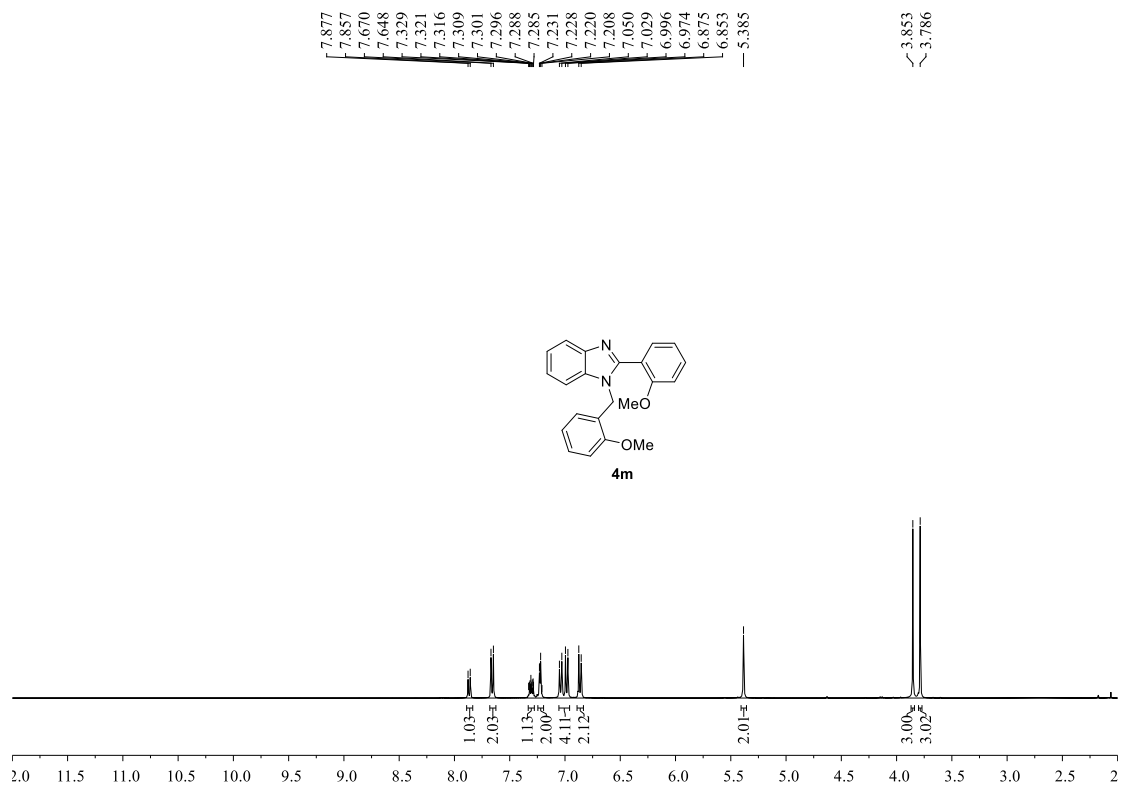


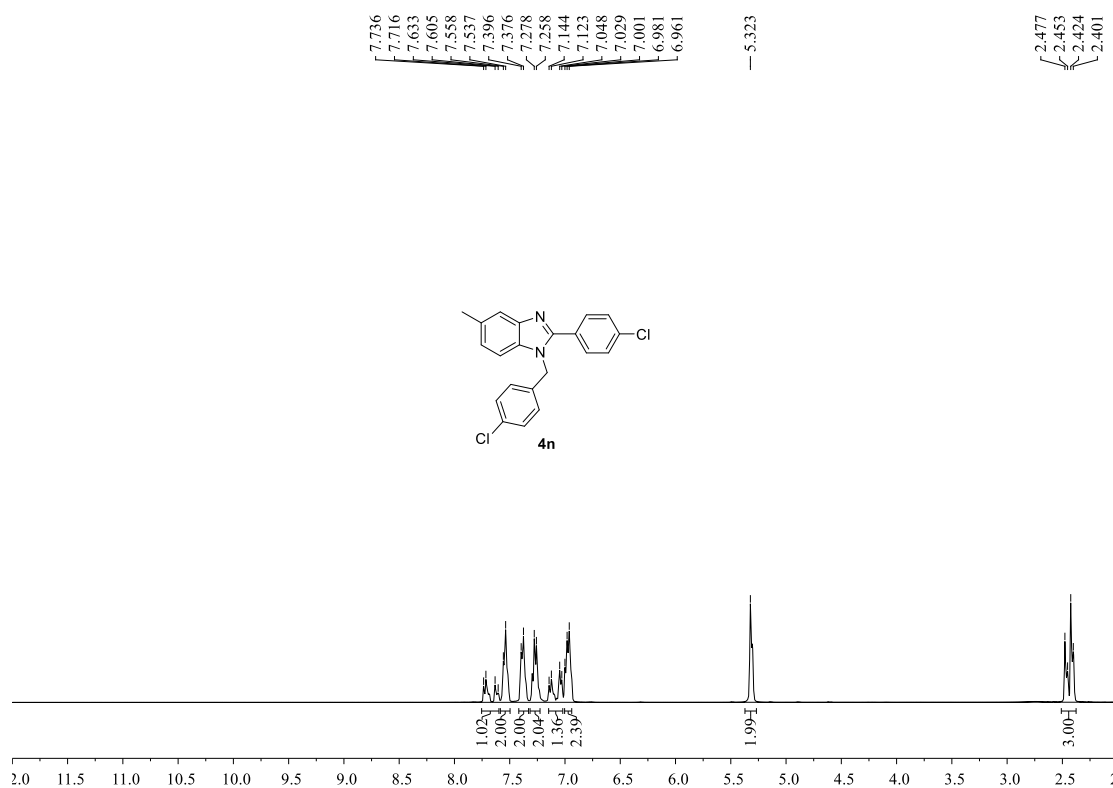
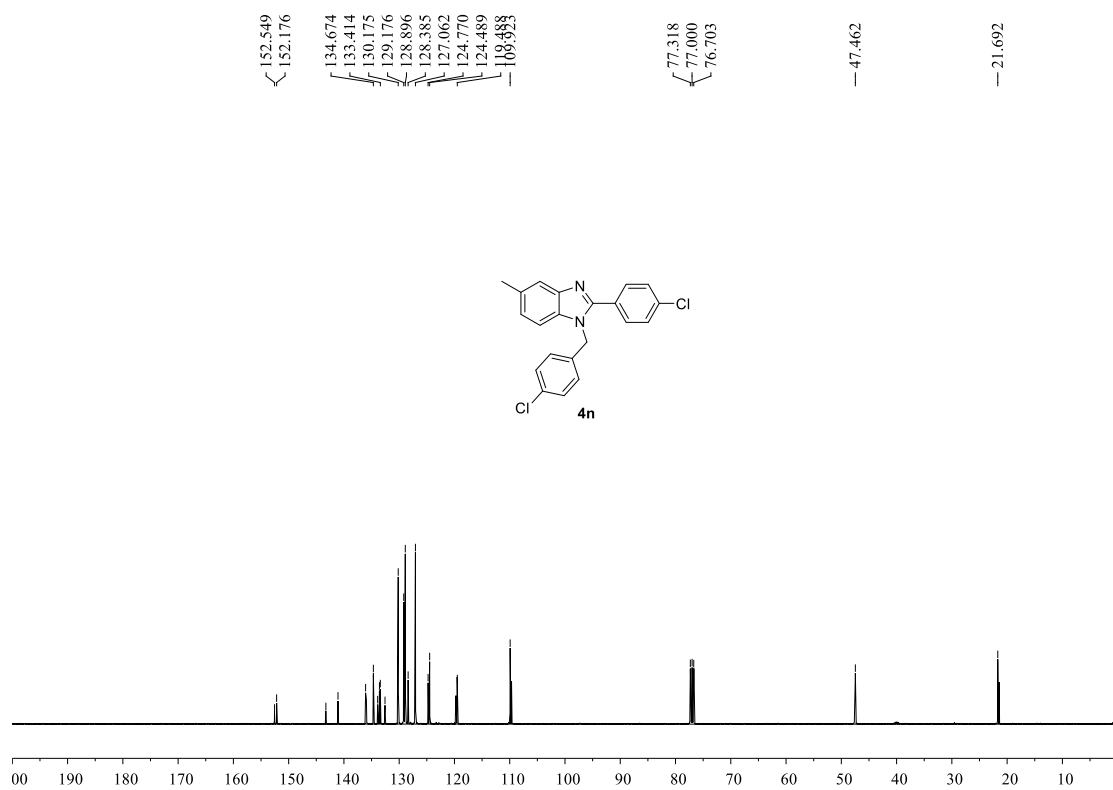


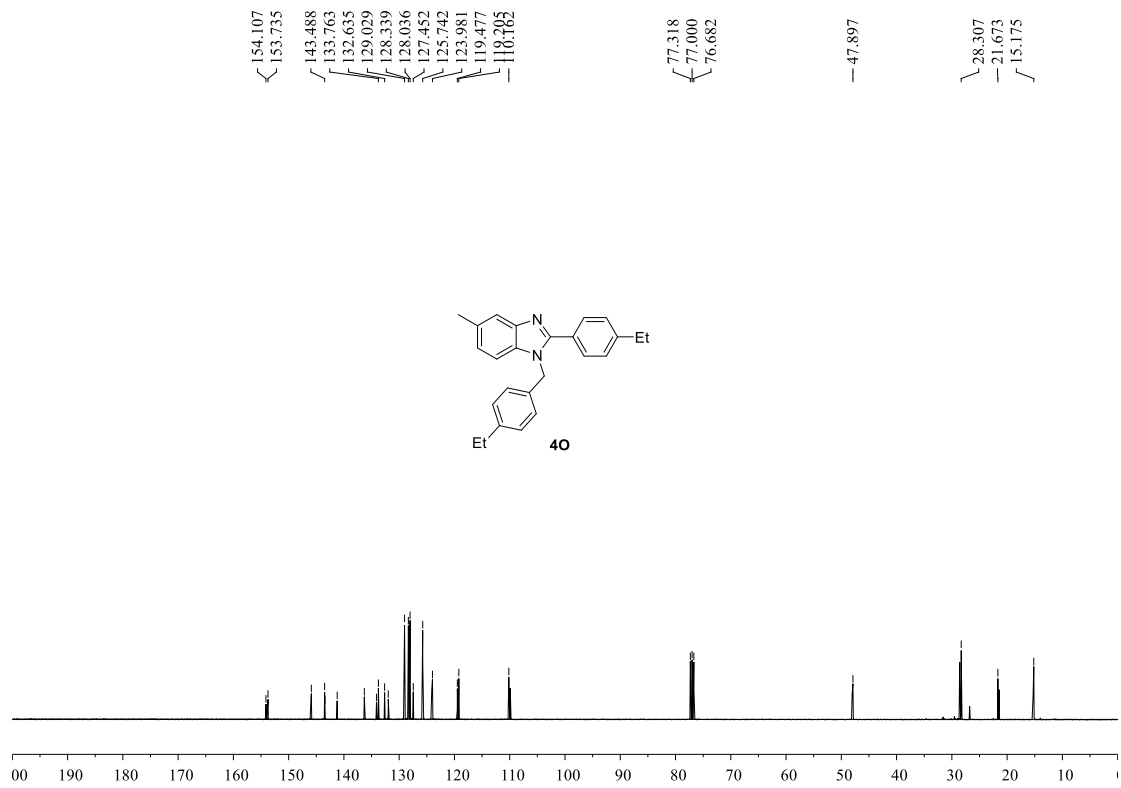
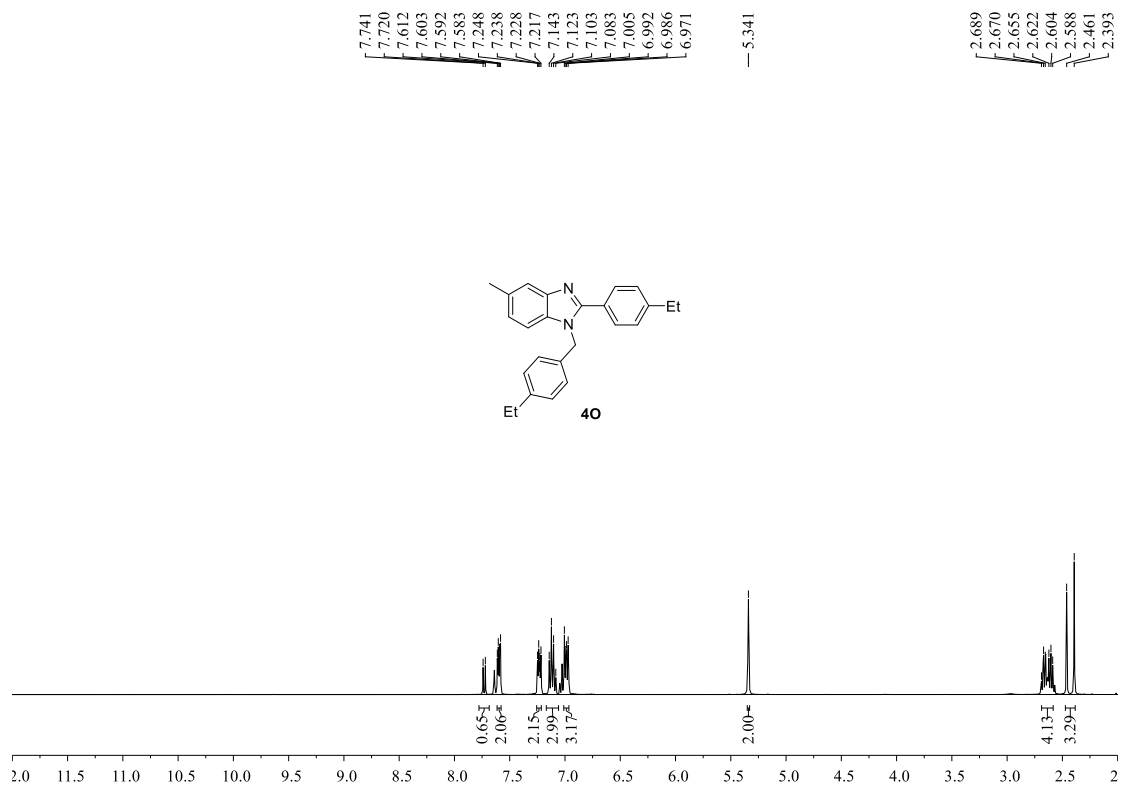


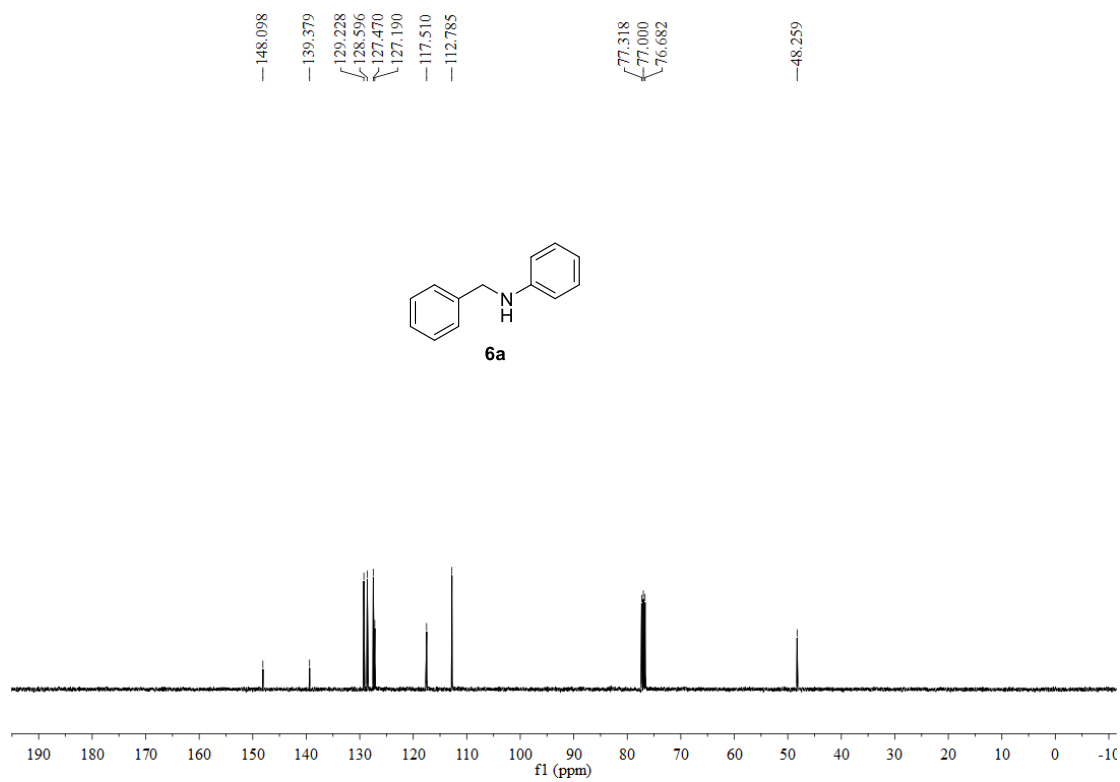
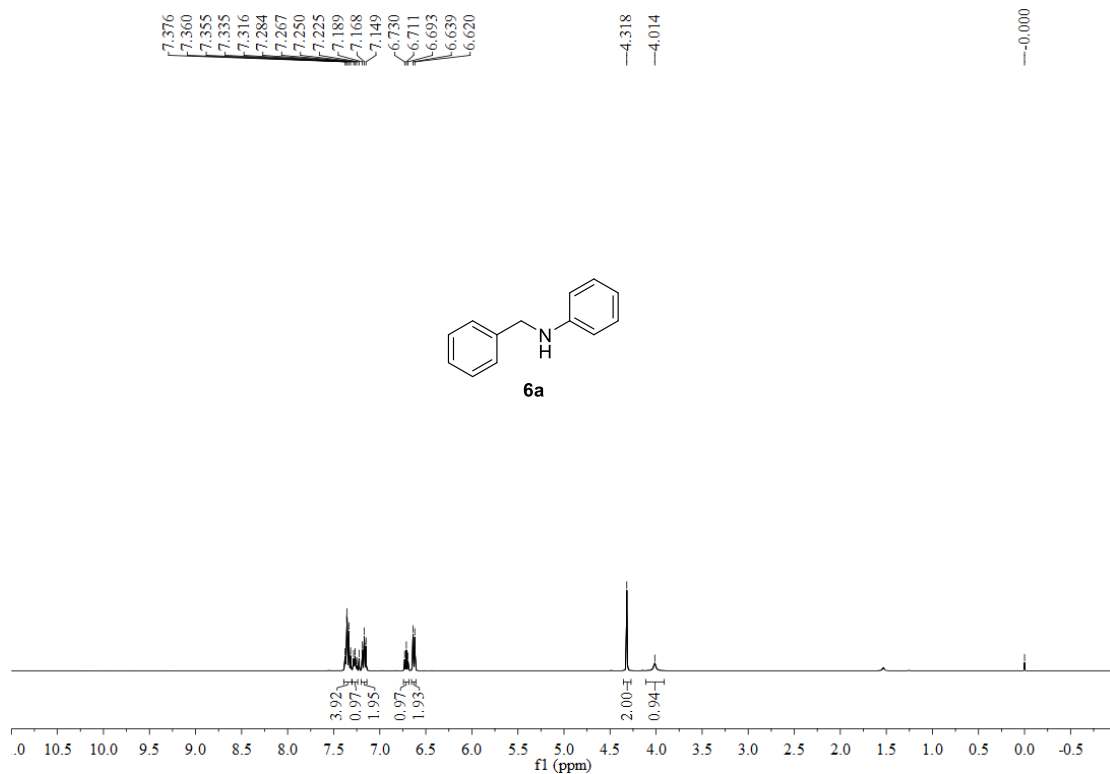
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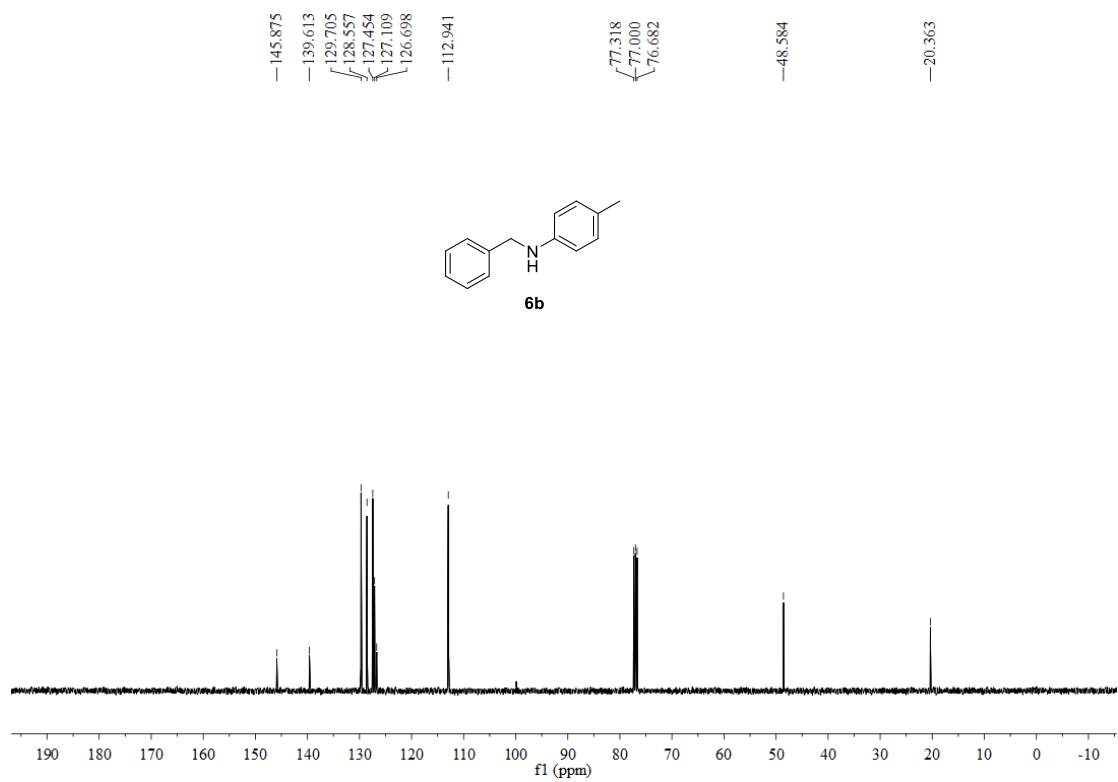
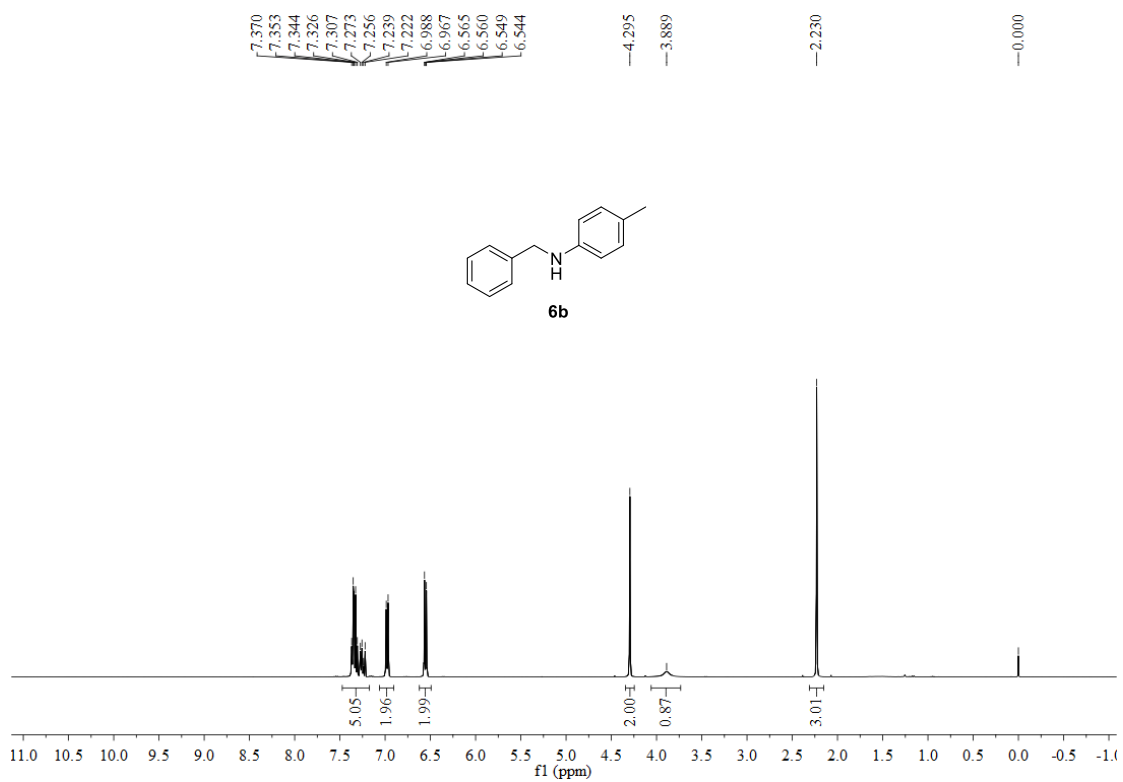




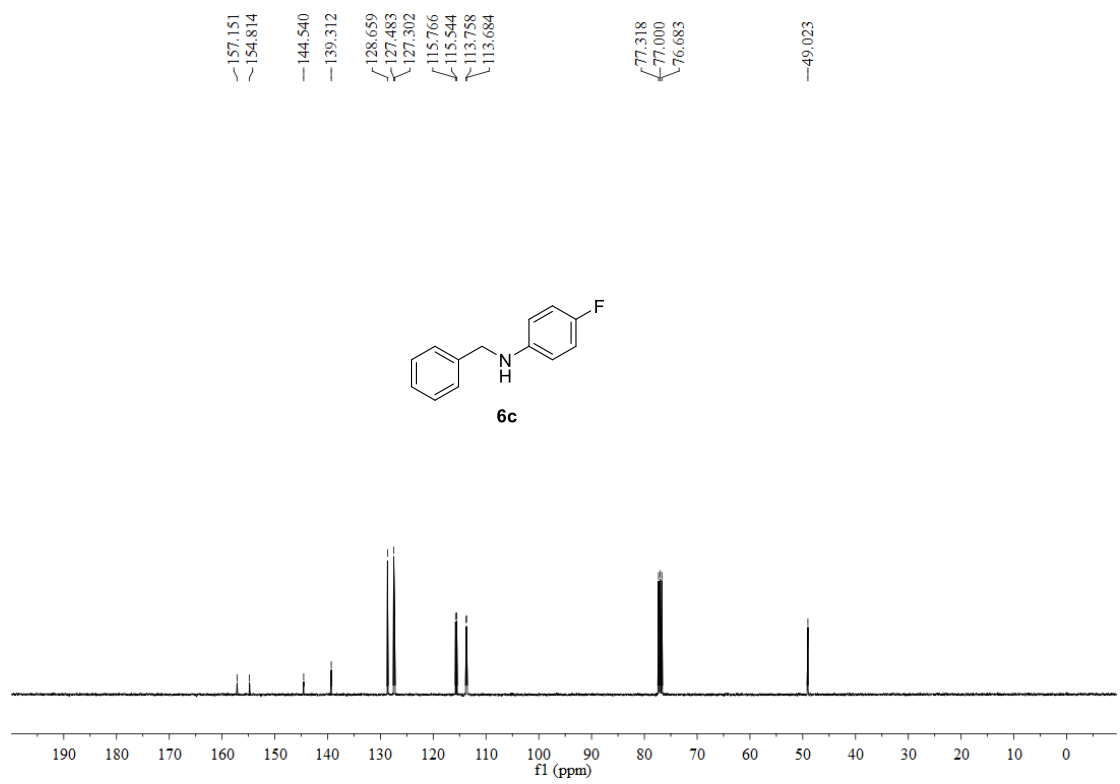
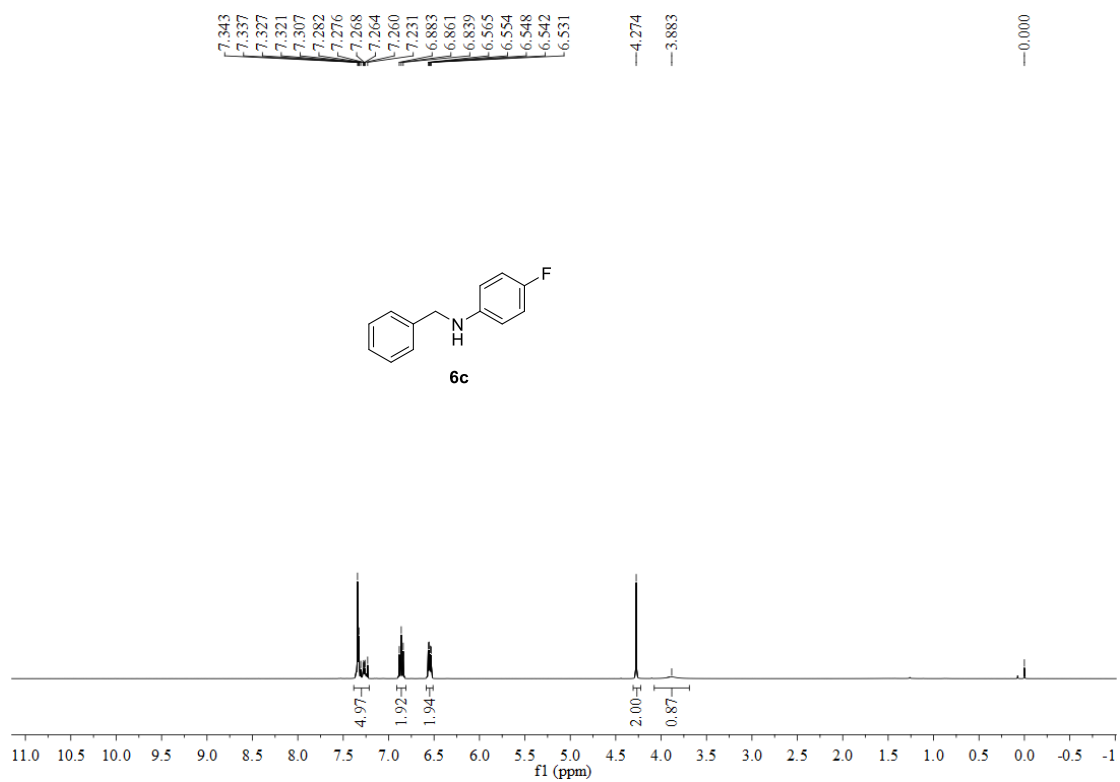


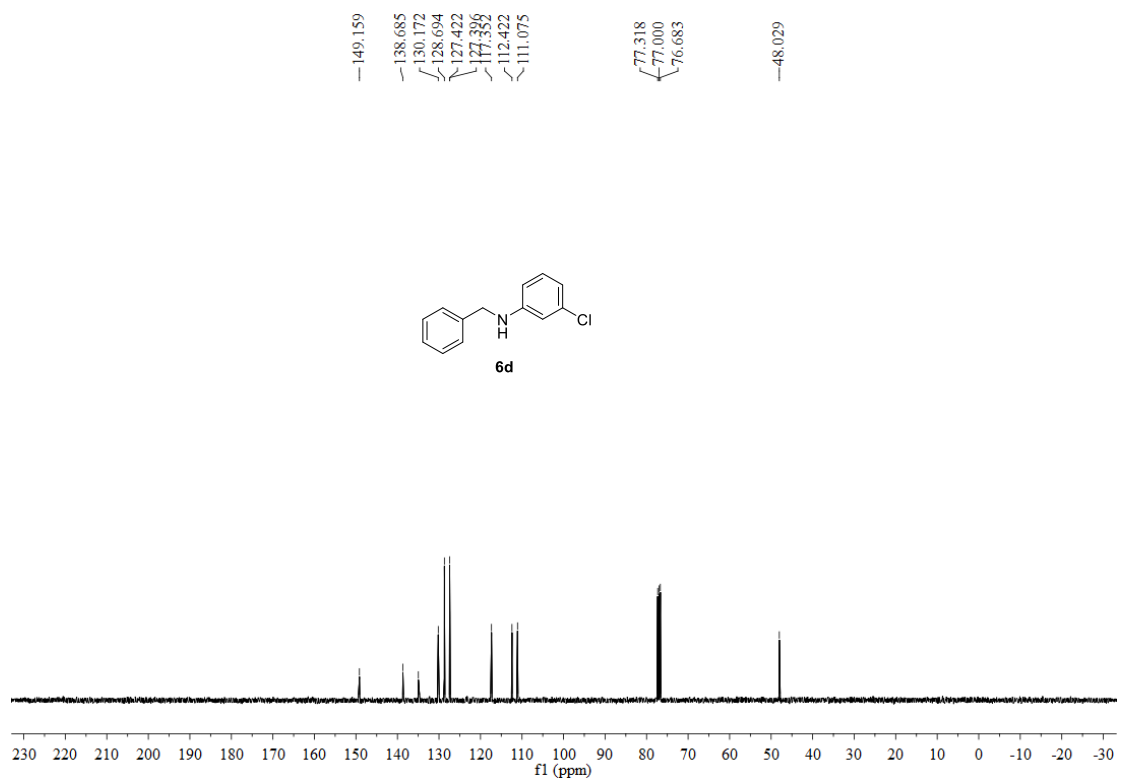
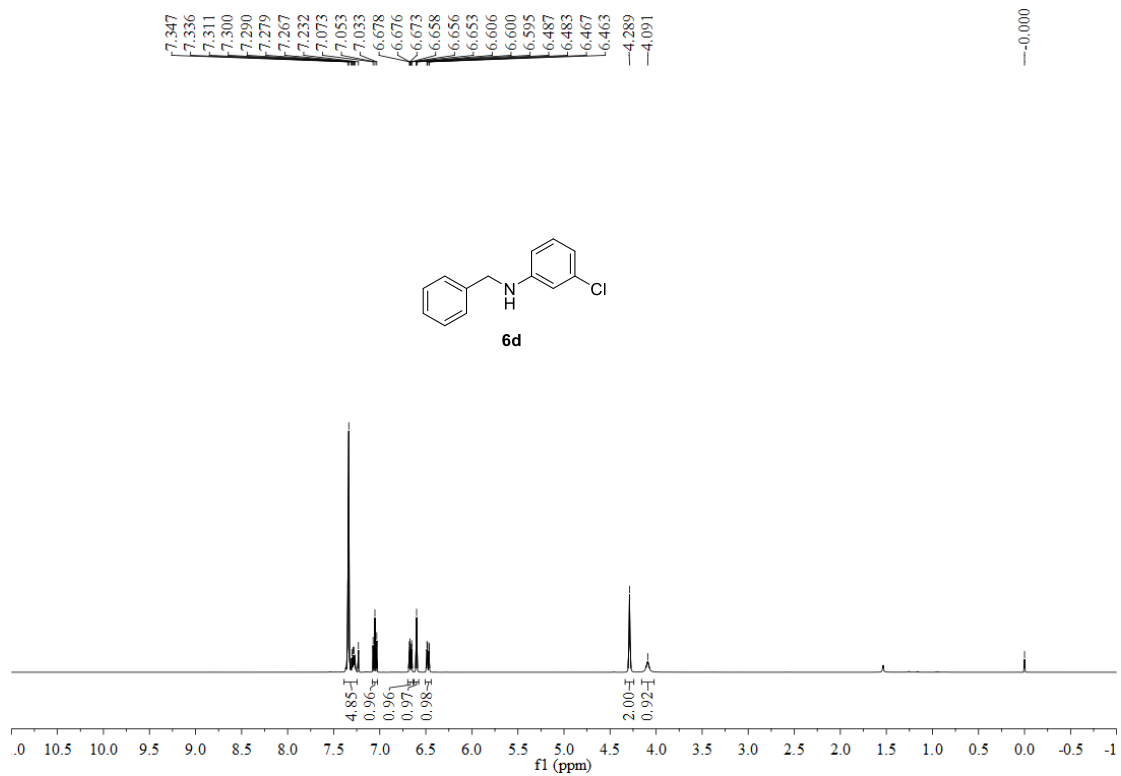


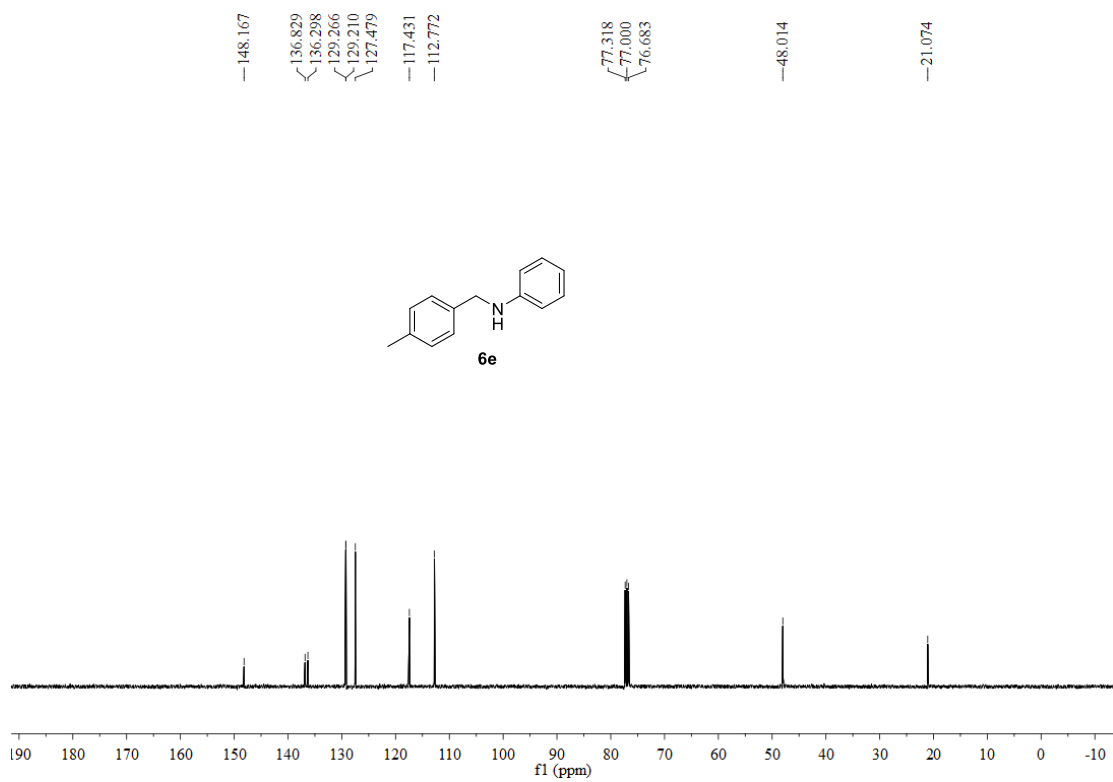
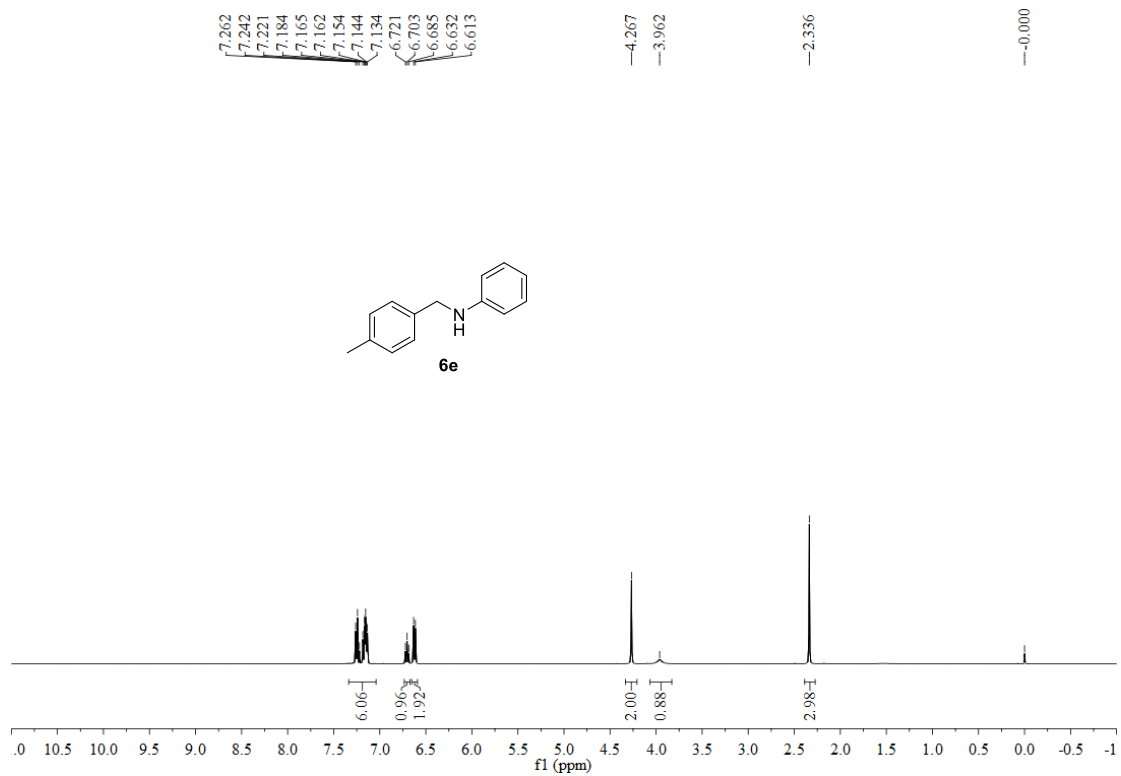


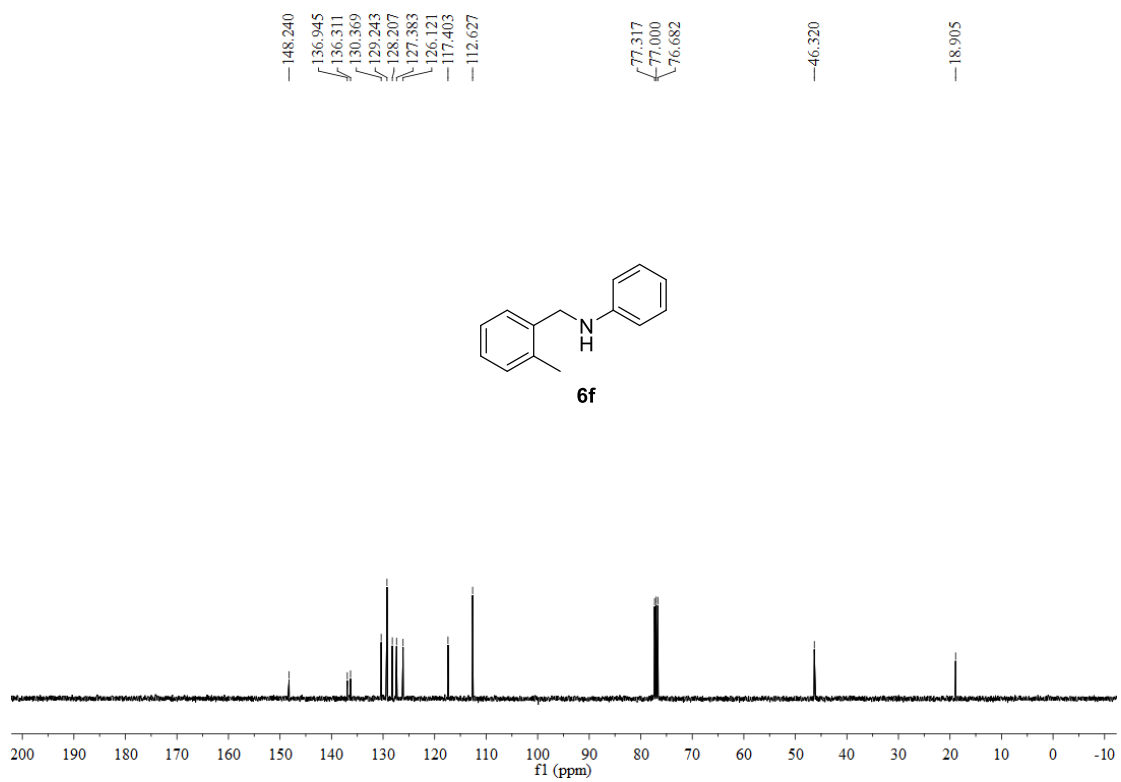
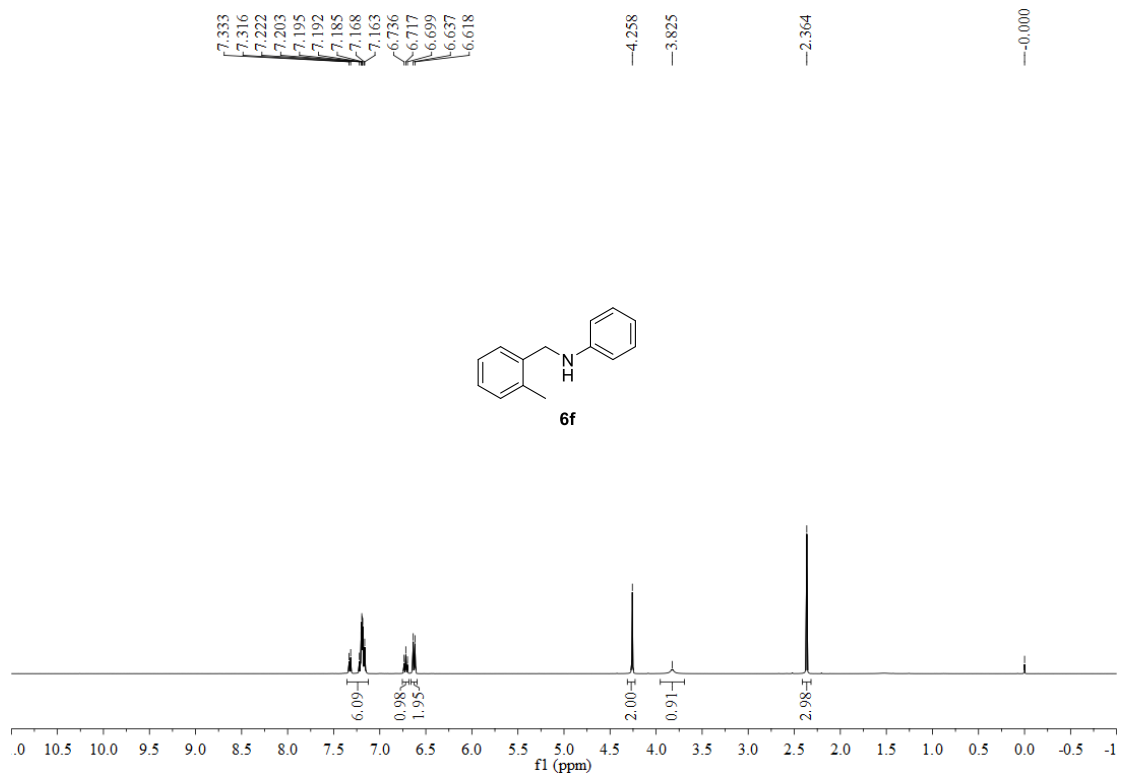








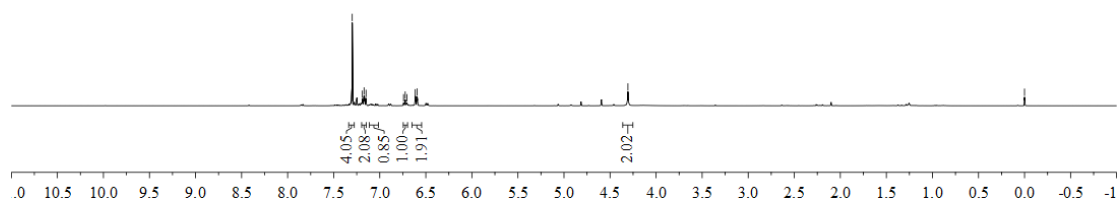
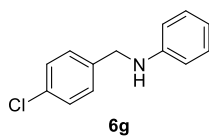




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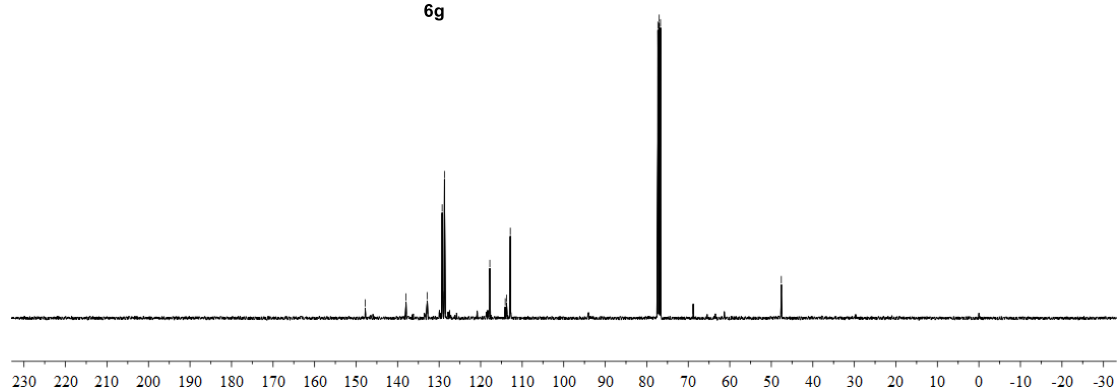
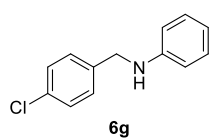
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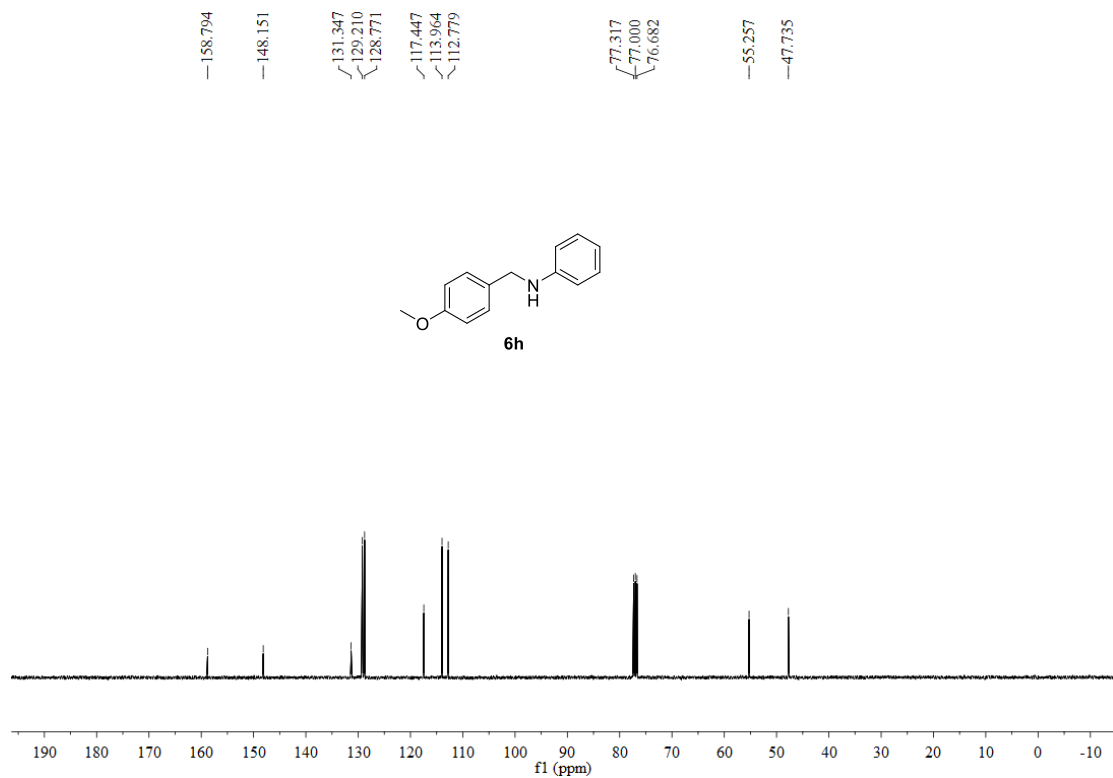
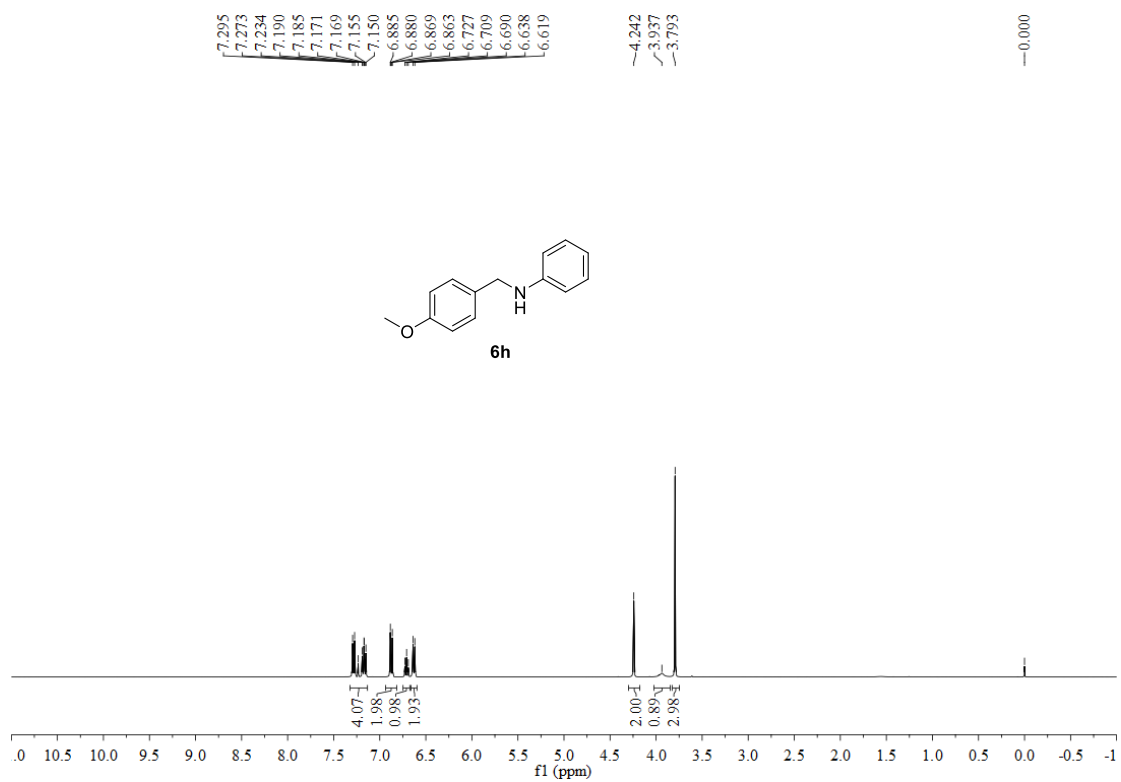


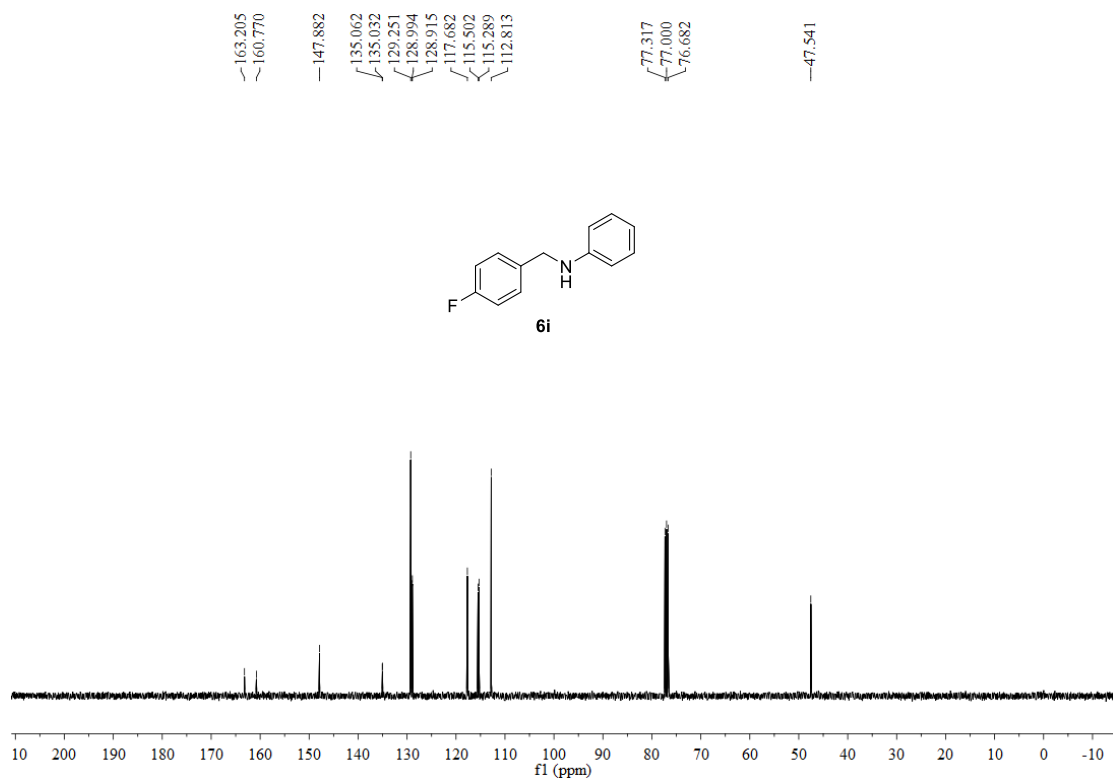
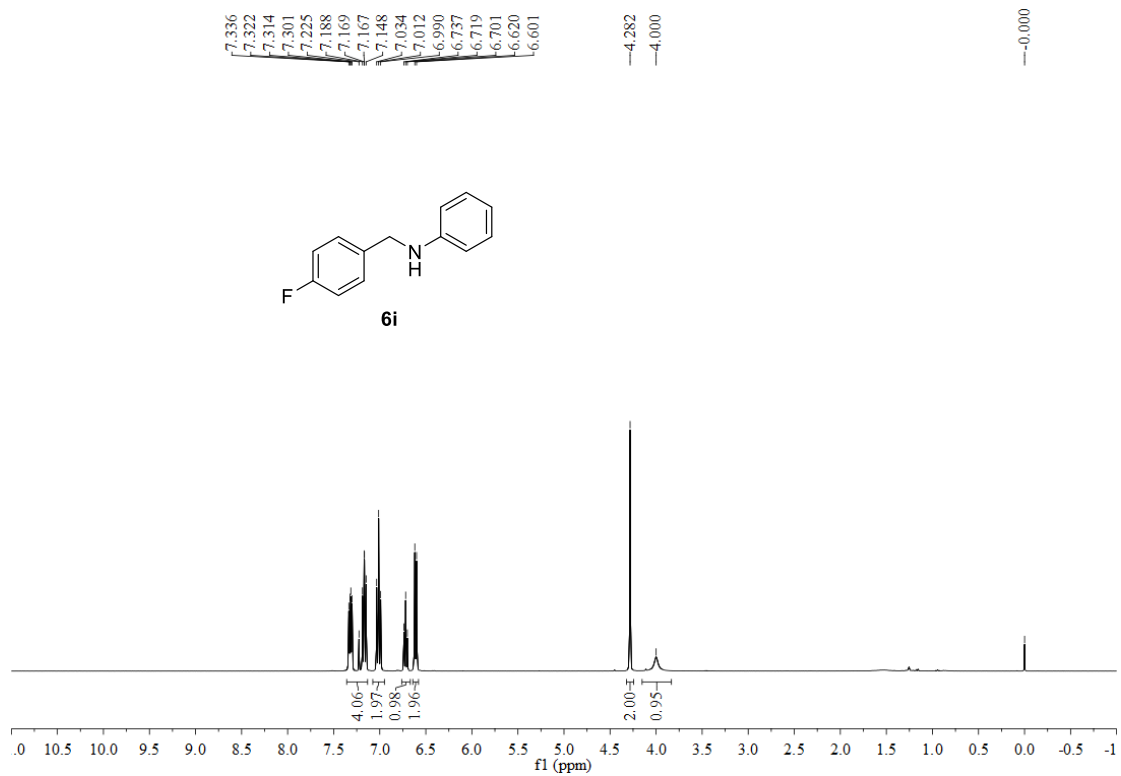
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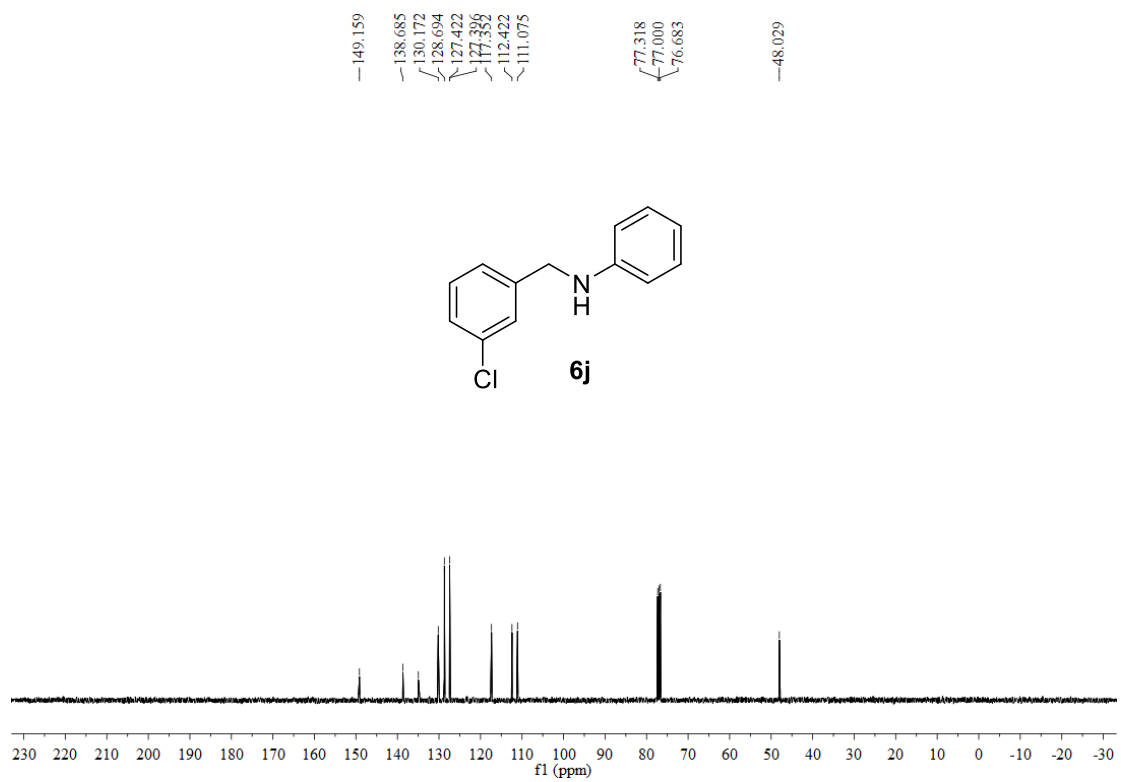
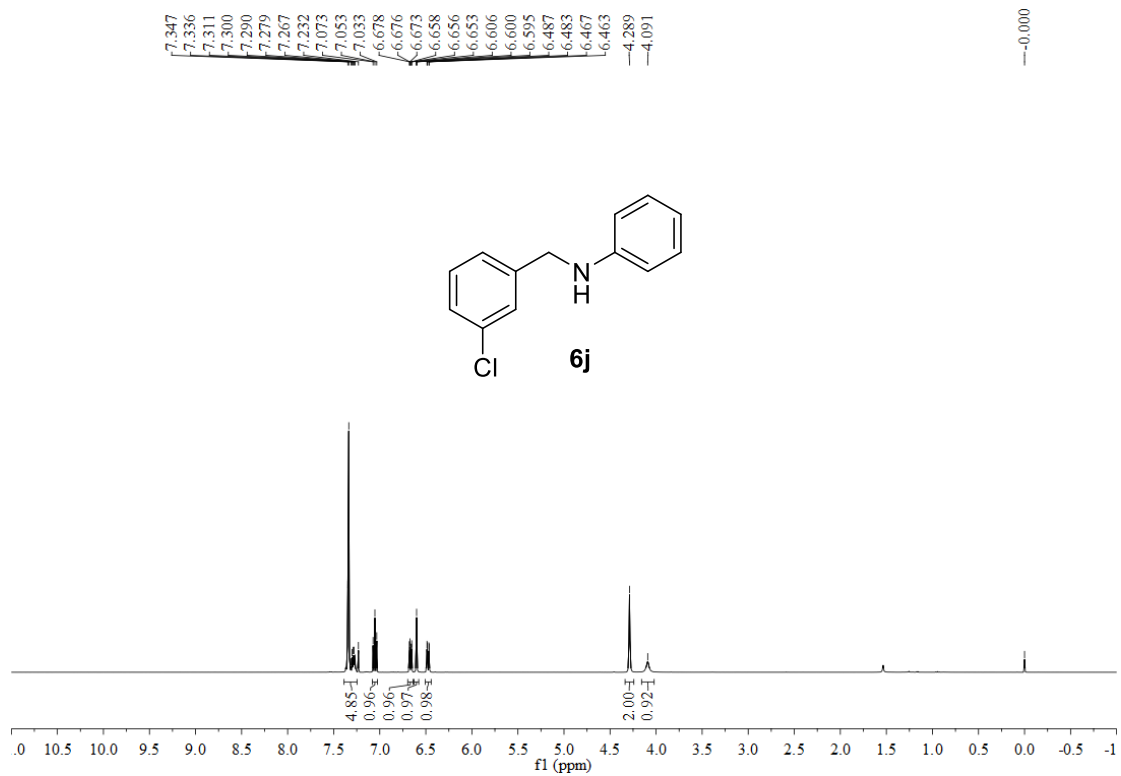
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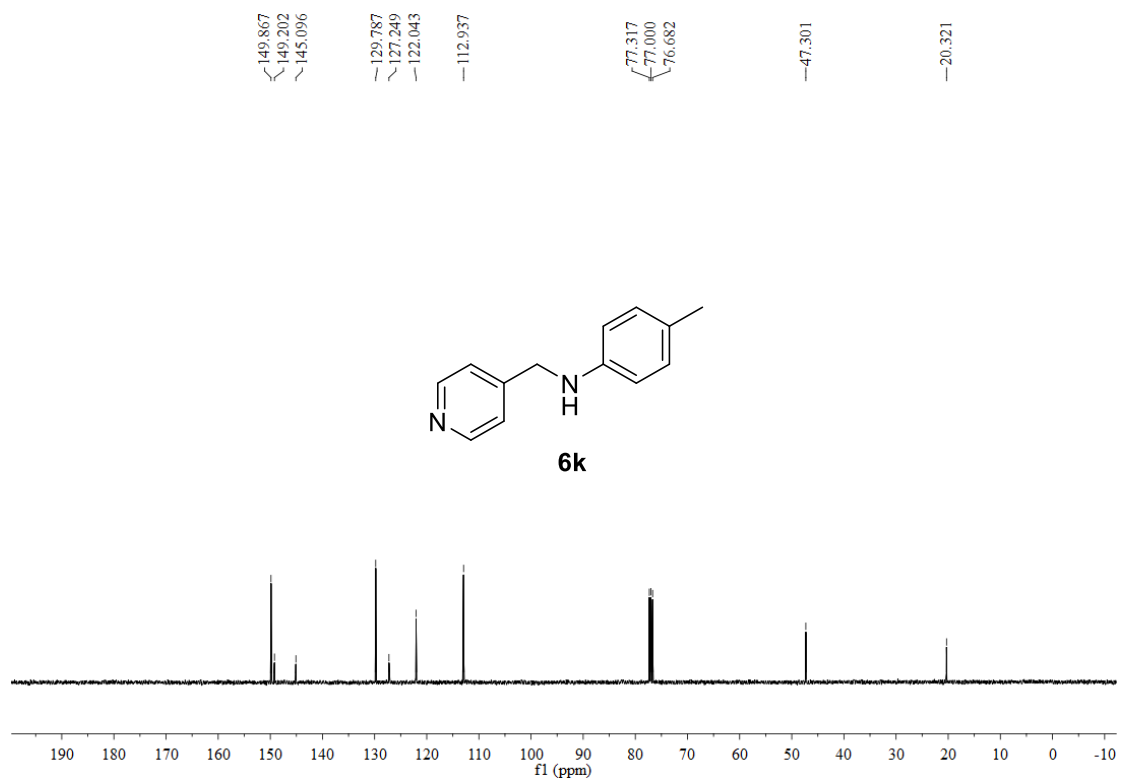
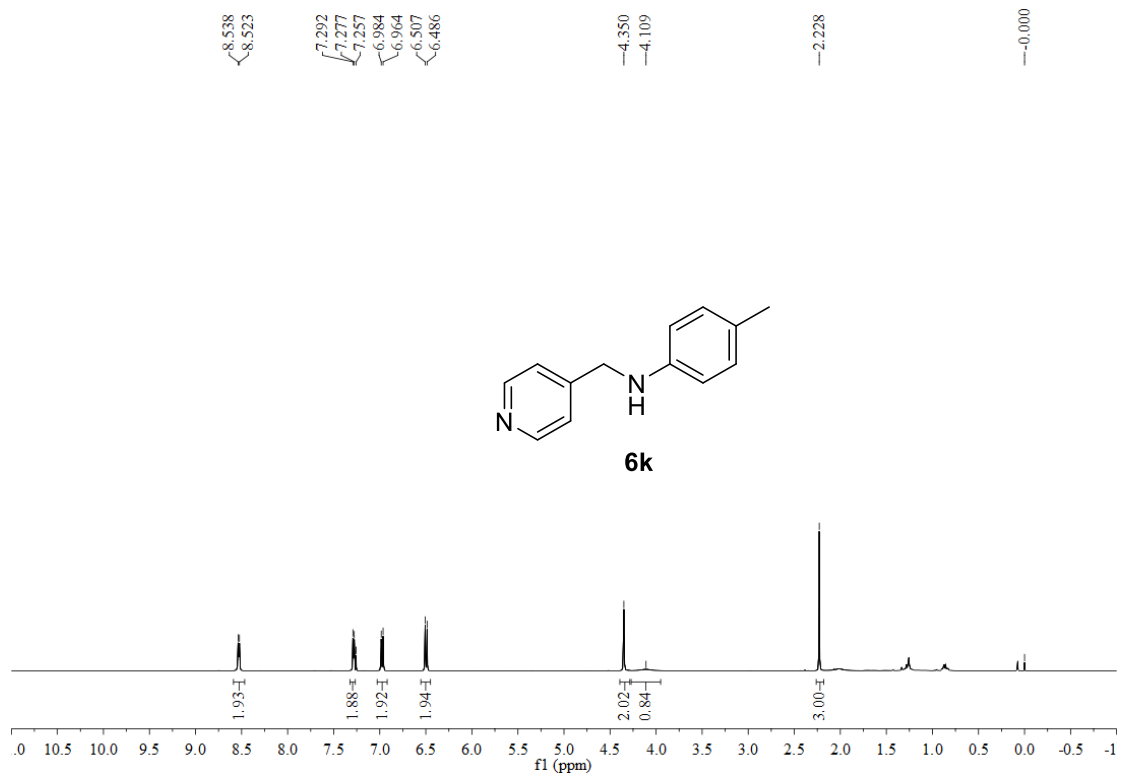


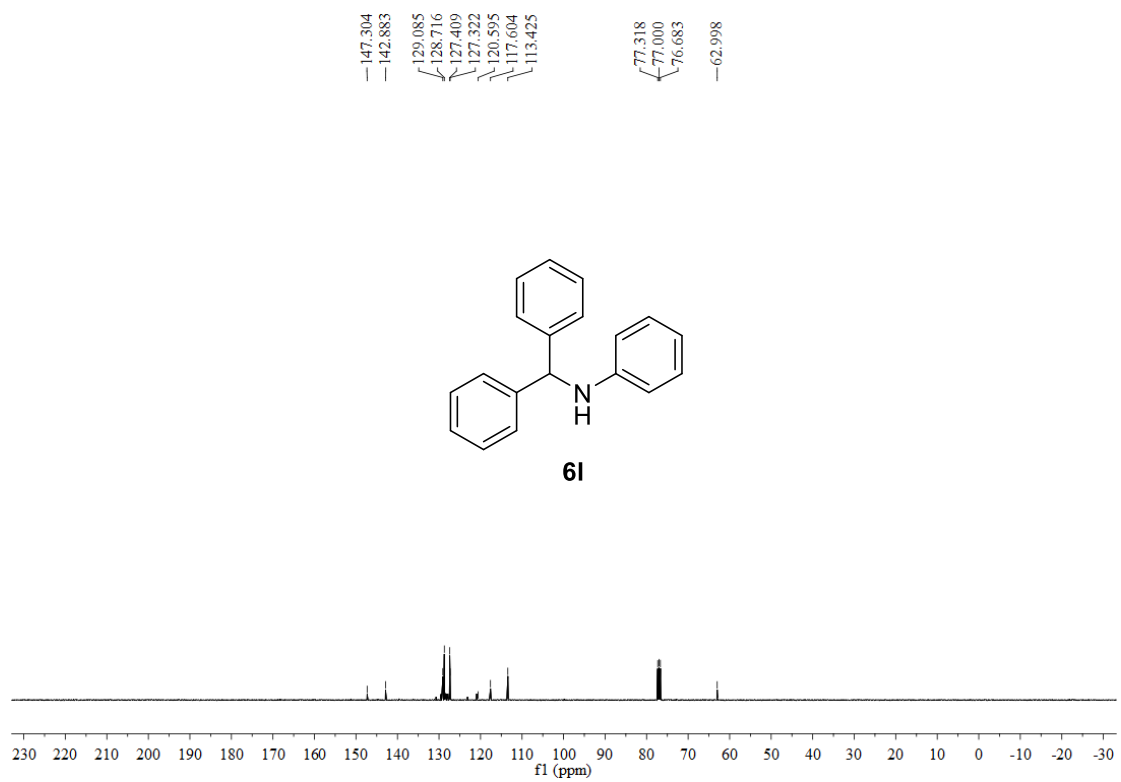
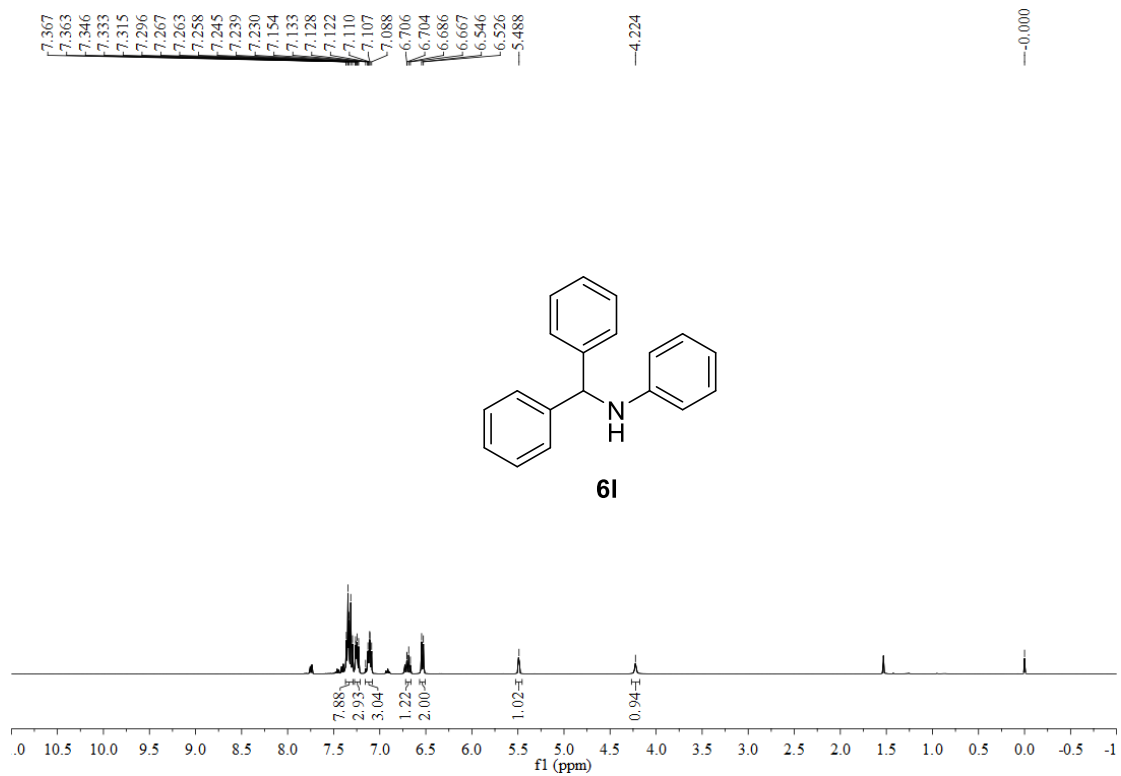










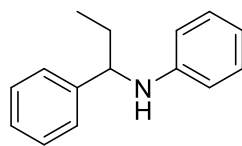


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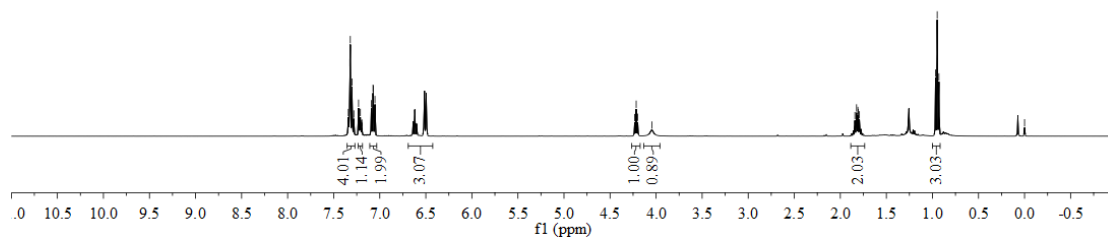
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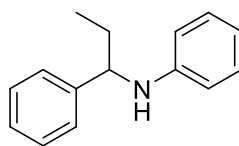
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