

Supporting Information

Copper-catalyzed reactions of α,β -unsaturated *N*-tosylhydrazones with diaryliodonium salts to construct *N*-arylpiperazines and diaryl sulfones

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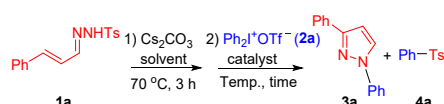
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1. General experiment information

All reactions were carried out in dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Solvents used in the reactions were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded respectively at 400MHz and 100MHz (600MHz and 150MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) down field from TMS with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz and refer to apparent peak multiplications. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on Bruker Daltonics micrOTOF-Q II spectrometer in ESI mode. Melting points were recorded using Reichert melting point apparatus and temperatures were uncorrected. All the reagents were obtained from commercial supplier and used as received, without further purification unless otherwise noted.

2. Optimization of reaction and control experiments

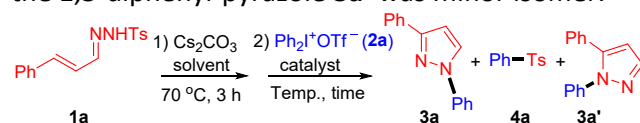
Table 1. Optimization of reaction conditions. ^[a]

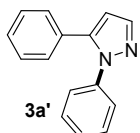
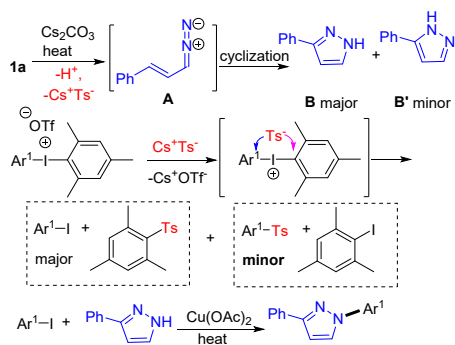


entry	catalyst	solvent	Temp. (°C)/ time (h)	3a	4a
1	-	DCE	70/1	<	9
2	Cu(OTf) ₂	DCE	70/1	2	9
3	CuI	DCE	70/1	3	9
4	Cu(BF ₄)(CN) ₄	DCE	70/1	1	9
5	Cu(OAc) ₂	DCE	70/1	4	9
6	Cu(OAc) ₂	Dioxane	70/1	4	9
7	Cu(OAc) ₂	CH ₃ CN	70/1	3	9
8 ^{c,d}	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMF	70/1	7	9
9 ^{c,d}	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMSO	70/1	6	9
10 ^{c,d}	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMF	110/12	8	9
11 ^{c,d}	Cu(OAc) ₂	DMF	130/24	9	9

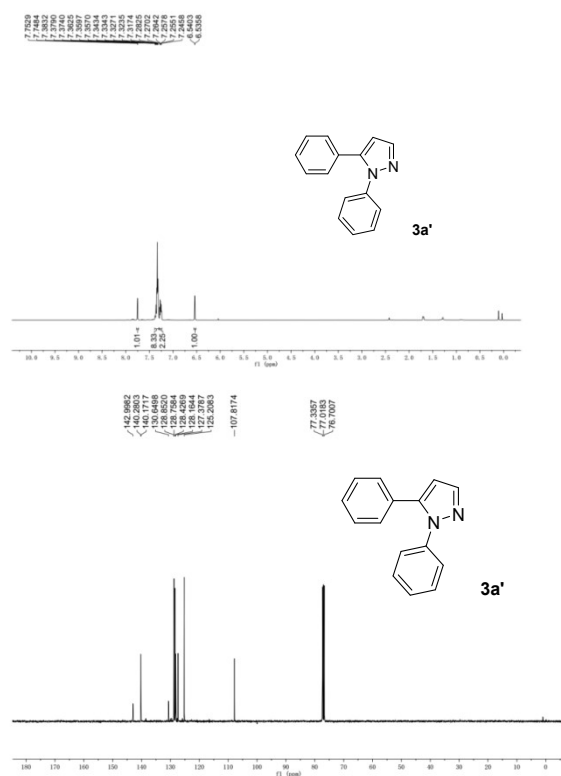
[a] Reaction conditions: α , β -unsaturated *N*-tosylhydrazone **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 1 mL of solvent at 70 °C for 3 hours. And then, diaryliodonium salt **2a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and copper catalyst (0.005 mmol, 5 mmol%) were added, reacting at 70 °C, 110 °C and 130 °C for 12 hours or 24 hours. [b] Isolated yield. [c] The regioselectivity of **3a/3a'** >20:1. [d] Determined by ^1H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

the 1,5-diphenyl-pyrazole **3a'** was minor isomer.

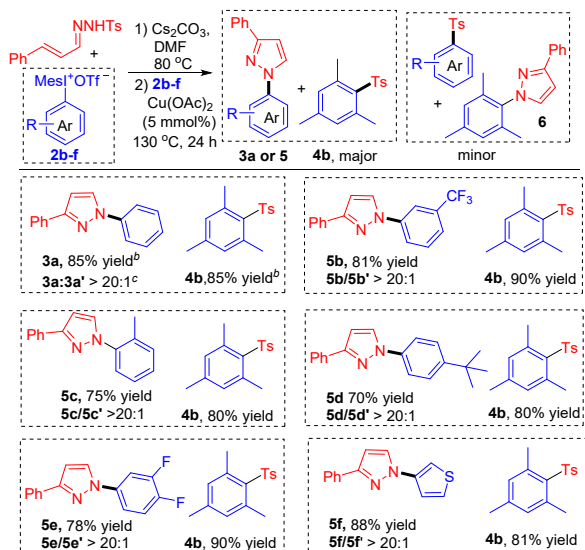




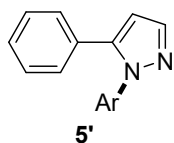
1,5-diphenyl-pyrazole (3a') $R_f = 0.60$ (EA/PE = 1:10), oil, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.00, 140.28, 140.17, 130.65, 128.85, 128.76, 128.43, 128.16, 127.38, 125.21, 107.82. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 221.1079, found: 221.1083.



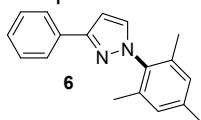
Scheme 2. Substrate Scope of unsymmetrical diaryliodonium salts (for detail)



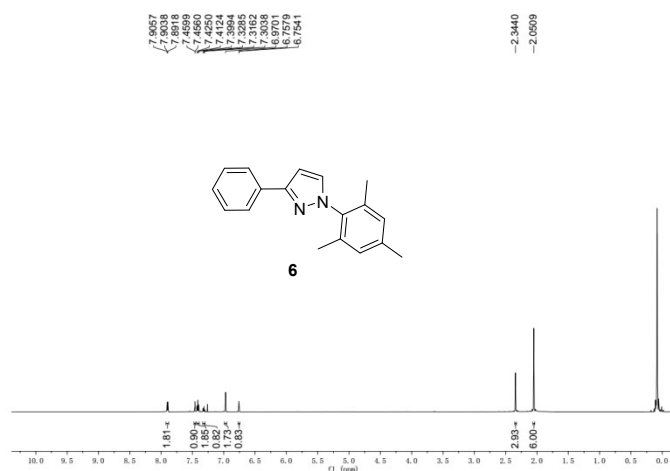
The structure of 5'

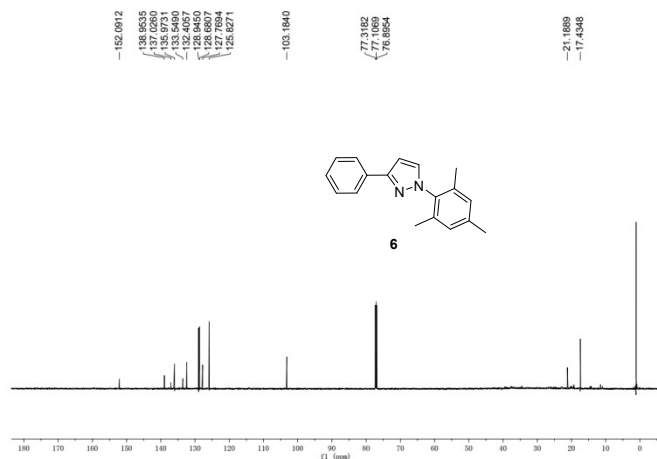


Compound 6 was a minor product

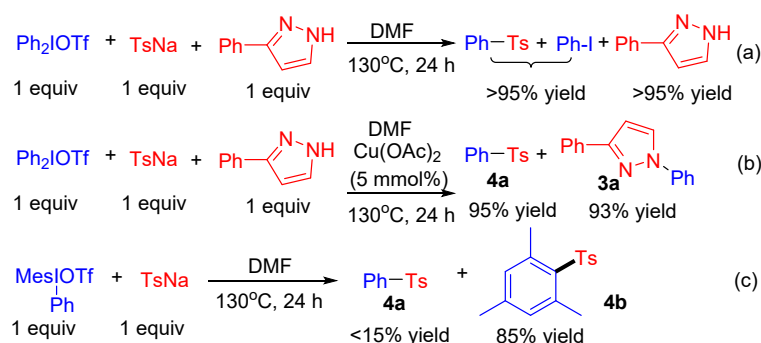


1-mesityl-3-phenylpyrazole (6) $R_f = 0.65$ (EA/PE = 1:10), white solid, ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.77 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*D*) δ 152.09, 138.95, 137.03, 135.97, 133.55, 132.41, 128.95, 128.68, 127.77, 125.83, 103.18, 21.19, 17.43. HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₈N₂ [M+H]⁺: 263.1548, found: 263.1539.





Scheme 3. Control Experiments

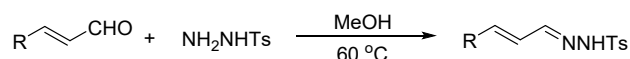


In Scheme 3 (a), it demonstrates that the nucleophilicity of *p*-toluenesulfonyl anion (Ts⁻) is stronger than that of 3-phenyl-pyrazole.

In Scheme 3 (b), While adding Cu(OAc)₂ as catalyst, it provided biphenyl sulfide in 95% yield, and *N*-arylpyrazole in 93% yield. It shows that Cu(OAc)₂ catalyzed the coupling reaction of iodobenzene with 3-phenylpyrazole,

In Scheme 3 (c), it demonstrates that the bond cleavage of *l*-mesityl is faster than that of *l*-phenyl in the mesityl phenyliodonium salts because the intermediate Ar⁺ formed *in situ* from 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl are more stable than phenyl ion.

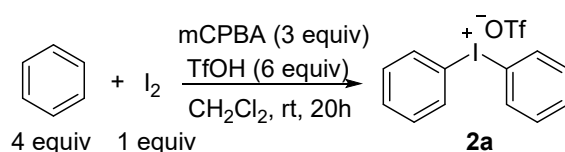
3. Synthesis of α,β -unsaturated tosylhydrazones¹



α,β -unsaturated aldehydes (5 mmol) was dropped to a solution of pure 4-methylbenzenesulfonylhydrazide (5 mmol) in methanol (5 mL). The mixture was stirred and heated to 60 °C until the α,β -unsaturated aldehydes was completely dissolved. After approximately 0.5-3 hour the crude products was obtained as precipitates. The precipitate was washed by using petroleum ether and dried in *vacuo* to afford the pure products. The reaction provides the α,β -unsaturated tosylhydrazones in about 70-99% yields.

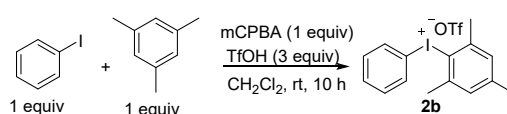
4. Synthesis of diphenyliodonium triflate reagents²

4.1 Synthesis of Di(phenyl)iodonium Triflate (**2a**)



Iodine (2 mmol), benzene (8 mmol), and MCPBA (8 mmol) were dissolved in 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂. Then, TfOH (12 mmol) was added to the mixture and the solution was stirred at 40 °C for 15 min. After the solvents were evaporated in vacuo, the residue was submitted to flash chromatography to give **2a** as solid in 65% yield.

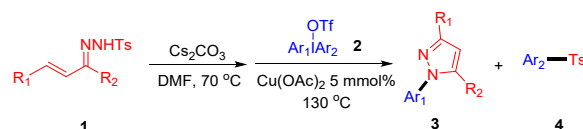
4.2 Synthesis of unsymmetrical arylphenyliodonium salts Triflate (**2b**) by in Situ Anion Exchange



Iodobenzene (2.5mmol), mCPBA10 (2.5 mmol), and 2,4,6-trimethylphen (2.5 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (10 mL). Then, TfOH (2.5 mmol) was added to the solution and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 10 h and the solution was concentrated in vacuo. Et₂O (1 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 10 min to precipitate. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with Et₂O, and dried to give salt **2b** in 90%.

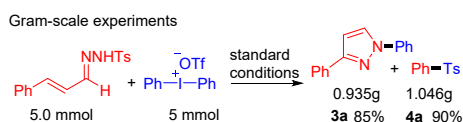
5. General Procedure for the domino reaction and gram scale reaction

5.1 General Procedure for the domino reaction



α , β -unsaturated *N*-tosylhydrazones **1** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (0.15 mmol) and DMF (1 mL) were added to a tube. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 2-3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. And then, the di(phenyl)iodonium triflate (**2a**, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv) and Cu(OAc)₂ (0.005 mmol, 0.05 equiv) were added to this tube. The mixture was heated at 130 °C in a preheated oil bath for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with 5 mL water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatograph on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as the eluent) to afford the target products **3** and **4**.

5.2 General Procedure for the gram scale reaction

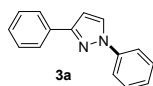


α , β -unsaturated *N*-tosylhydrazones **1a** (5 mmol, 1 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (7.5 mmol) and DMF (10 mL) were added to a tube. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. And then, the di(phenyl)iodonium triflate (**2a**, 5 mmol, 1 equiv) and Cu(OAc)₂ (0.25 mmol, 0.05 equiv) were added to this tube. The mixture was heated at 130 °C in a preheated oil bath for 30 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with 50 mL water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatograph on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as the eluent) to afford the target products **3a** and **4a**.

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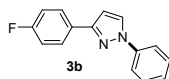
7. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR data of compounds



1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrazole (3a) $R_f = 0.70$ (EA/PE = 1:10), yield 92%, white solid. m.p.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H).

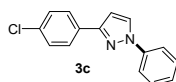
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.94, 140.26, 133.15, 129.40, 128.64, 128.00, 127.96, 126.31, 125.84, 119.05, 105.01. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₂N₂ [M+H]⁺: 221.1079, found: 221.1082.



3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3b) $R_f = 0.75$ (EA/PE = 1:10), yield 91%, white solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.85 (d, $J = 246.7$ Hz), 152.11, 140.22, 129.54, 128.21, 127.64, 127.58, 126.51, 119.11, 115.67 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 104.92.

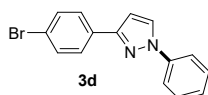
HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₁FN₂ [M+H]⁺: 239.0985, found: 239.0987.



3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3c) $R_f = 0.72$ (EA/PE = 1:5), yield 88%, white solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H).

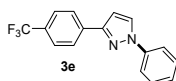
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*D*) δ 151.87, 140.17, 133.82, 131.73, 129.56, 128.92, 128.27, 127.16, 126.61, 119.16, 105.07. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₁ClN₂ [M+H]⁺: 225.0689, found: 255.0693.



3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3d) $R_f = 0.6$ (EA/PE = 1:5), yield 86%, white solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H).

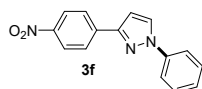
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*D*) δ 151.88, 140.16, 132.19, 131.86, 129.56, 128.26, 127.46, 126.62, 122.03, 119.15, 105.06. HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₁BrN₂ [M+H]⁺: 299.0184, found: 299.0188.



1-phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrazole (3e) $R_f = 0.68$ (EA/PE = 1:5), yield 83%, white solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H).

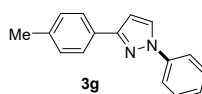
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*D*) δ 151.50, 140.10, 136.64, 129.83 (d, $J = 32.4$ Hz), 129.60, 128.43, 126.82, 126.01, 125.71 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 124.39 (d, $J = 271.8$ Hz), 119.25, 105.48. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 289.0953, found: 289.0950.



3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3f) $R_f = 0.30$ (EA/PE = 1:10), yield 95%, yellow solid.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.32 – 8.26 (m, 2H), 8.10 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 8.04 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 1H).

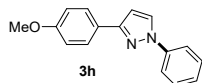
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*D*) δ 150.60, 147.35, 139.94, 139.47, 129.65, 128.74, 127.12, 126.30, 124.21, 119.35, 105.98. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 266.0930, found: 266.0935.



1-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrazole (3g) $R_f = 0.51$ (EA/PE = 1:20), yield 93%, white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.86 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.67 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

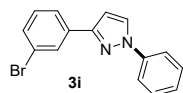
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3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3h) $R_f = 0.55$ (EA/PE = 1:5), yield 85%, white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 8.6$, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.71 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

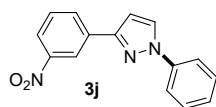
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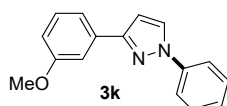
3-(3-bromophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole (3i) $R_f = 0.68$ (EA/PE = 1:5), yield 85%, white solid. ^1H

NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dt, $J = 7.7$, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.33 (t, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*D*) δ 151.48, 140.12, 135.29, 130.96, 130.29, 129.57,

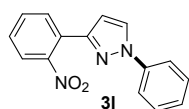
128.86, 128.29, 126.69, 124.45, 122.96, 119.19, 105.24. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 299.0184, found: 299.0188.



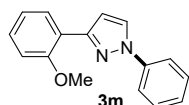
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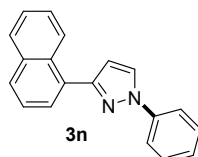
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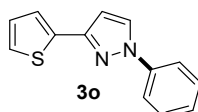
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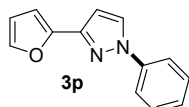
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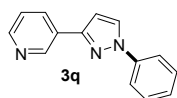
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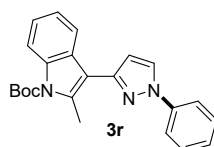
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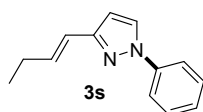
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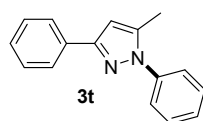
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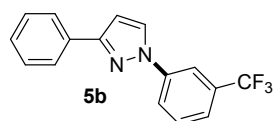
tert-butyl 2-methyl-3-(1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (3r) $R_f = 0.80$ (EA/PE = 1:3), yield 84%, white solid, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.18 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.84 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 6.72 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*D*) δ 150.86, 147.32, 140.32, 136.04, 135.65, 129.51, 128.92, 127.12, 126.28, 123.81, 123.01, 119.85, 118.93, 115.34, 113.27, 108.39, 83.96, 28.40, 15.39. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 374.1869, found: 374.1872.



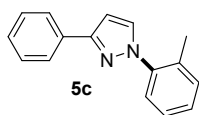
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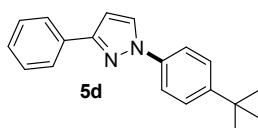
5-methyl-1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrazole (3t) $R_f = 0.63$ (EA/PE = 1:10), yield 65%, yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 (tt, $J = 6.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 2.39 (d, $J = 0.6$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.53, 140.15, 139.98, 133.37, 129.09, 128.56, 127.75, 127.61, 125.73, 125.00, 104.38, 12.59. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 235.1235, found: 235.1233.



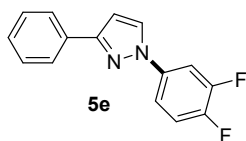
3-phenyl-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-pyrazole (5b) $R_f = 0.55$ (EA/PE = 1:10), yield 81%, oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 8.03 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.98 – 7.90 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*D*) δ 153.66, 140.57, 132.74, 132.09 (d, $J = 32.4$ Hz) 130.13, 129.90 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 128.81, 128.44, 128.03, 125.99, 122.81 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 121.79, 115.85 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 105.89. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 289.0953, found: 289.0958.



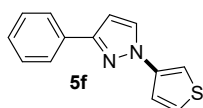
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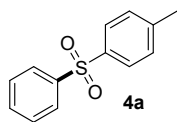
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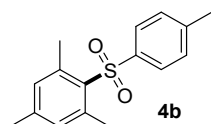
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3-phenyl-1-(thiophen-3-yl)-1H-pyrazole (5f) $R_f = 0.55$ (EA/PE = 1:10), yield 88%, white solid, $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (151 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*D*) δ 152.62, 139.97, 133.06, 128.85, 128.74, 128.12, 126.51, 125.92, 120.40, 110.68, 104.54. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 226.0565, found: 226.0569.



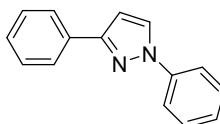
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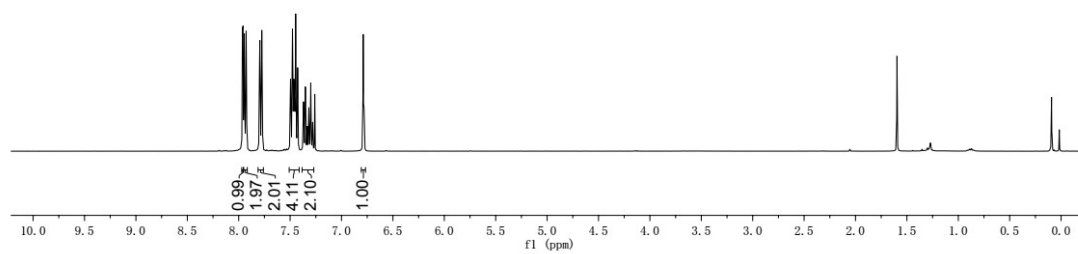
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8. NMR spectra for compounds

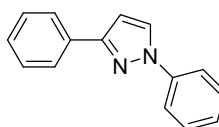
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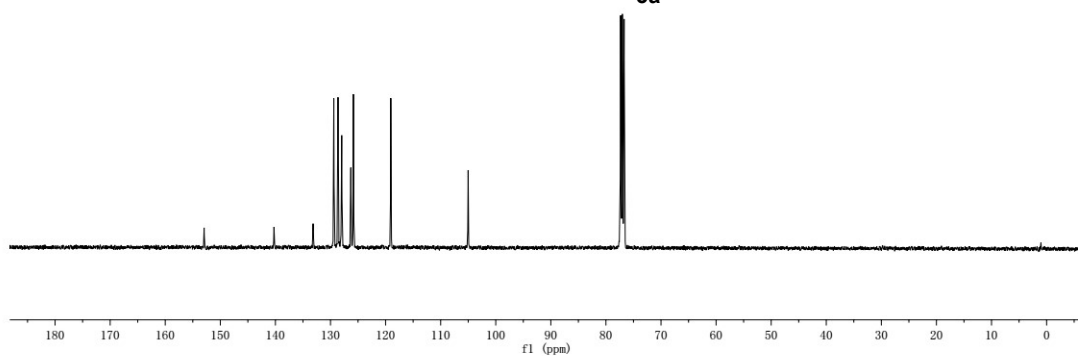
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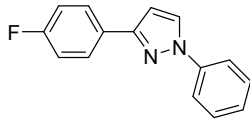
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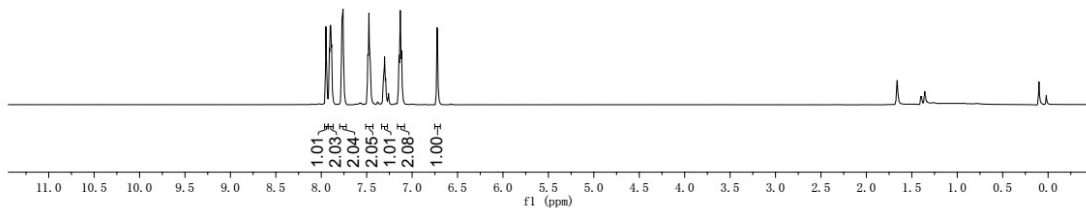
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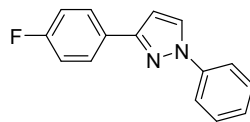
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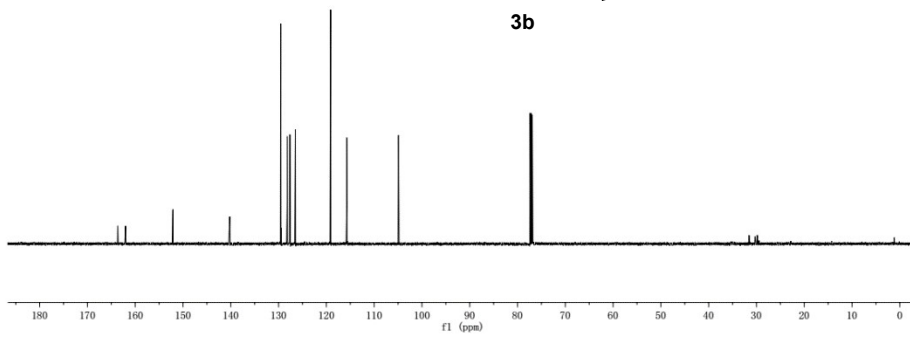
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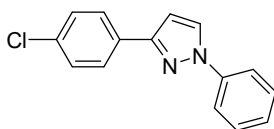
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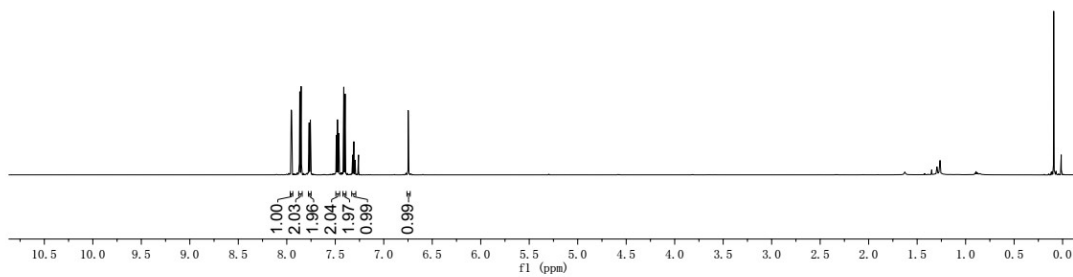
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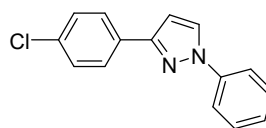
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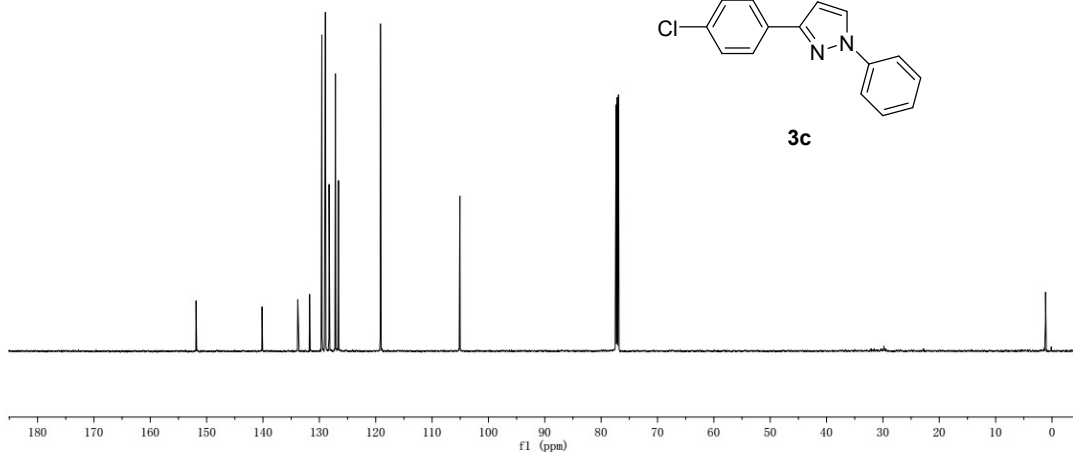
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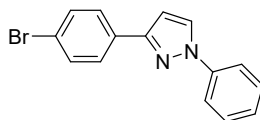
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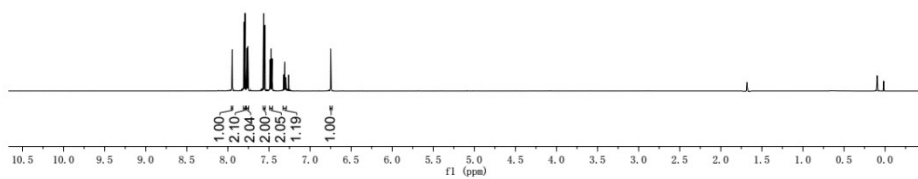
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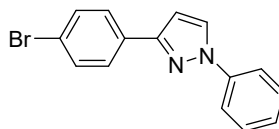


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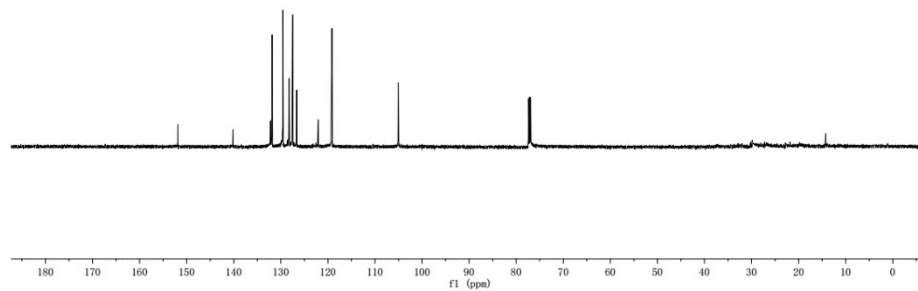


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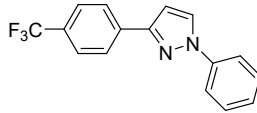
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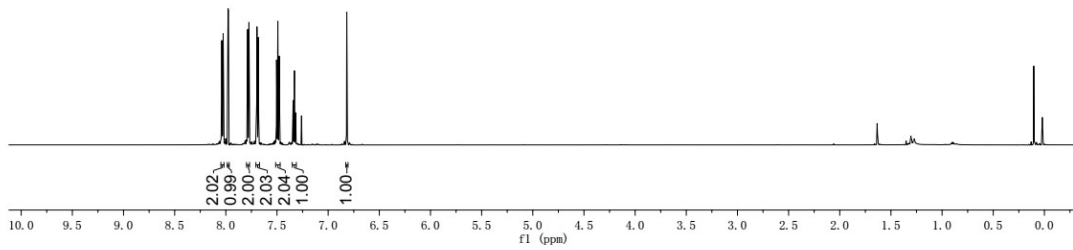
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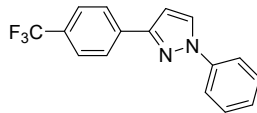


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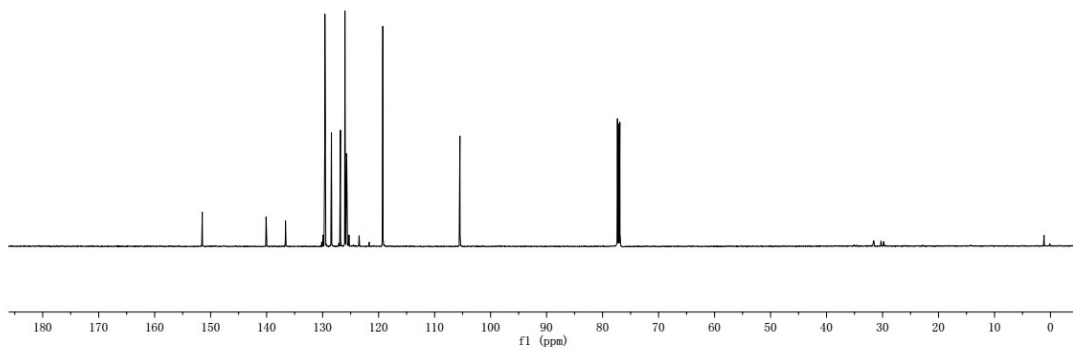


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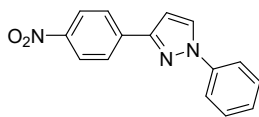
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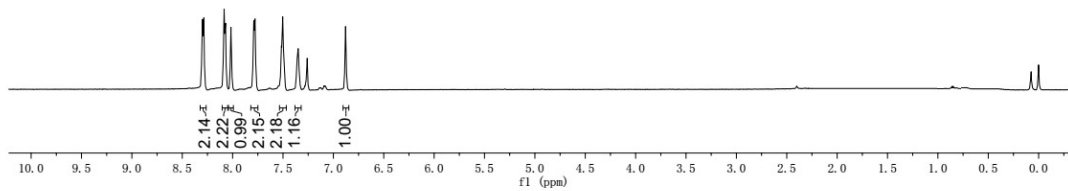
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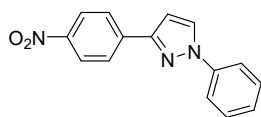
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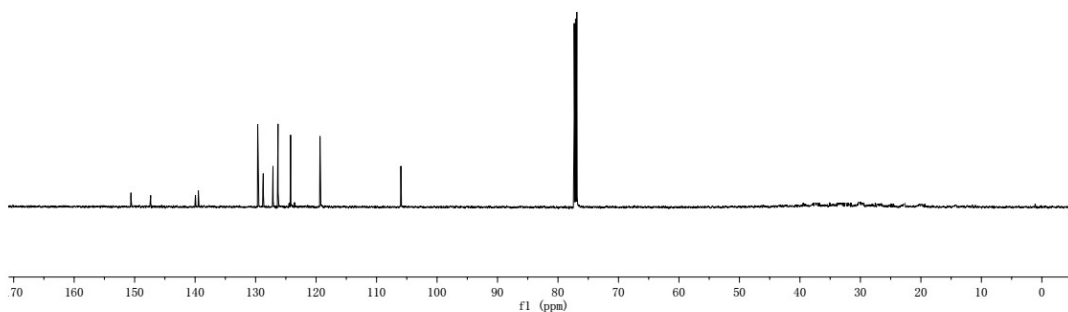
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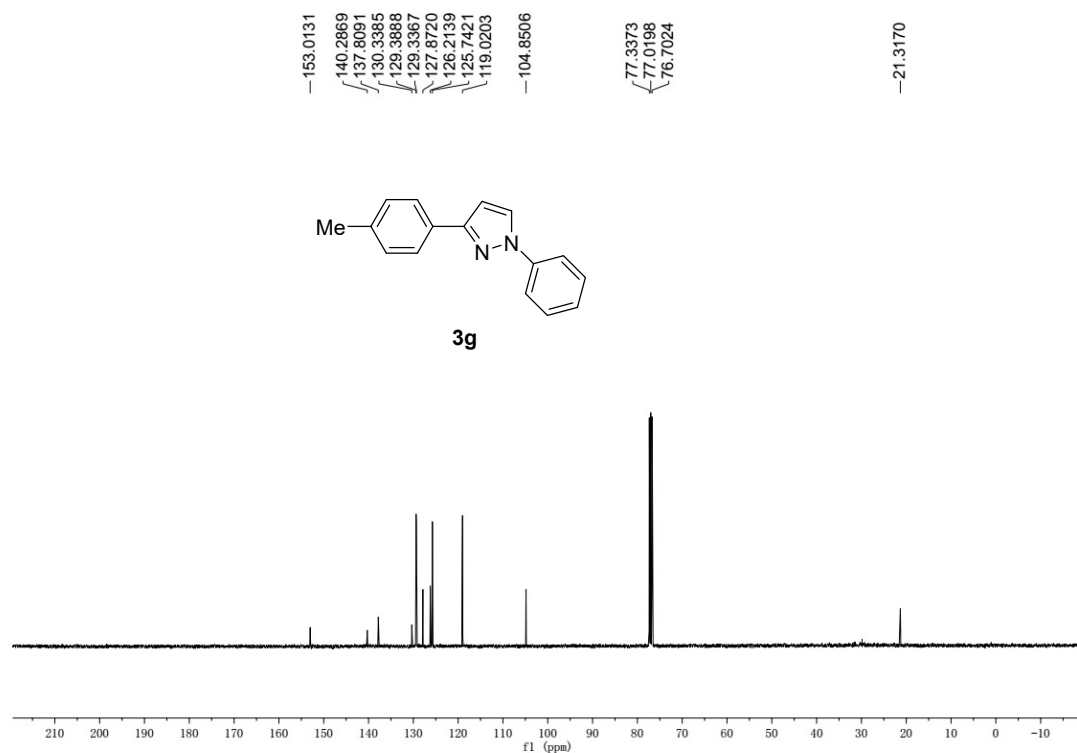
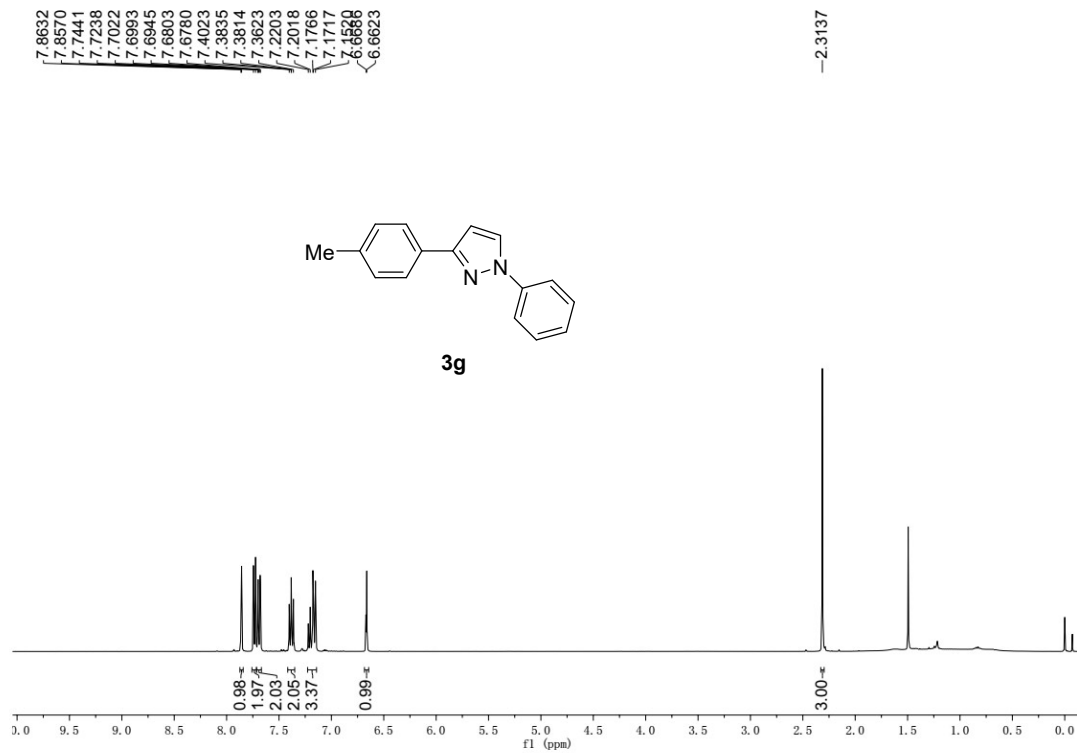


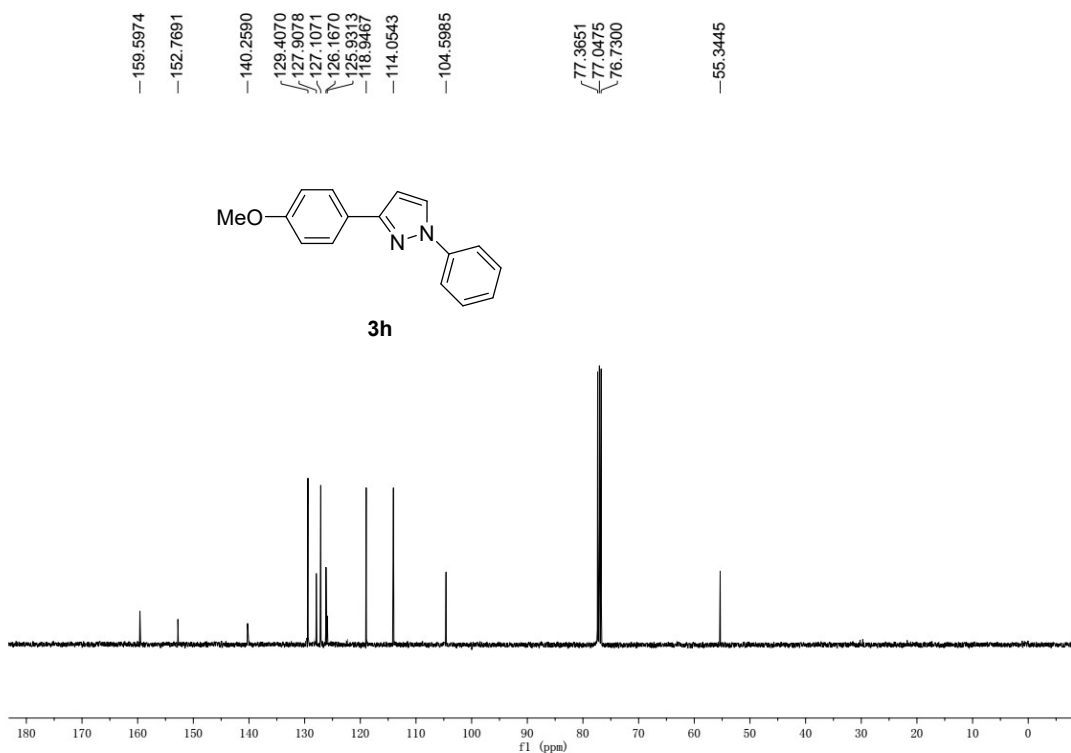
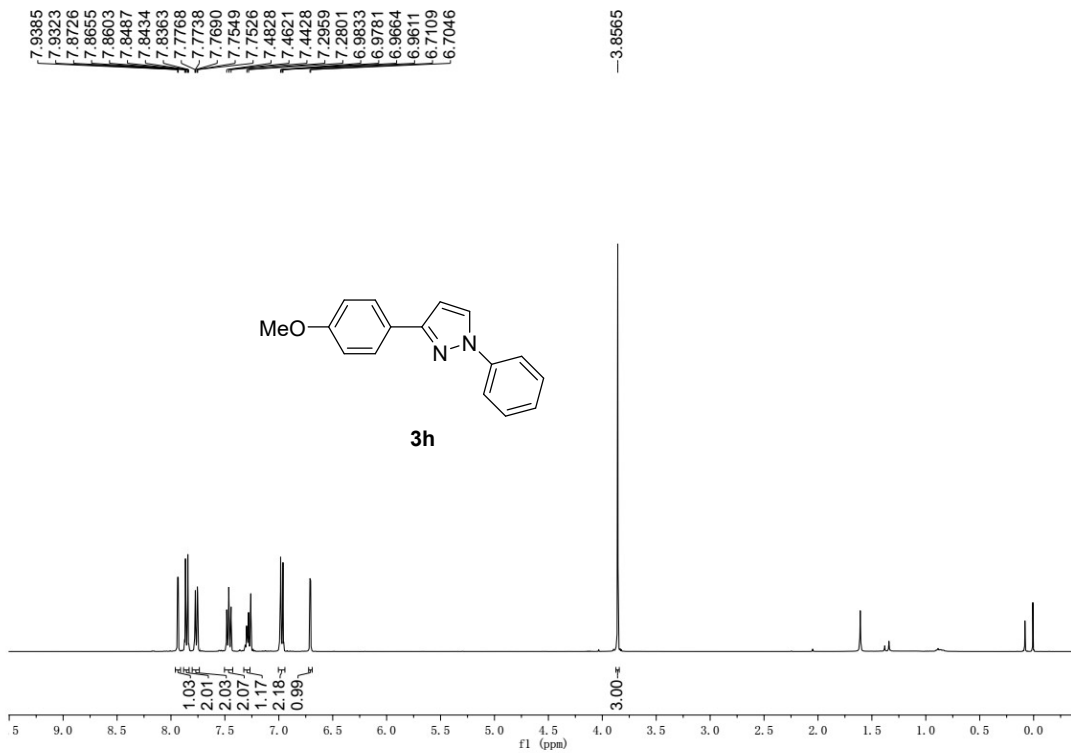
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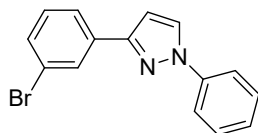
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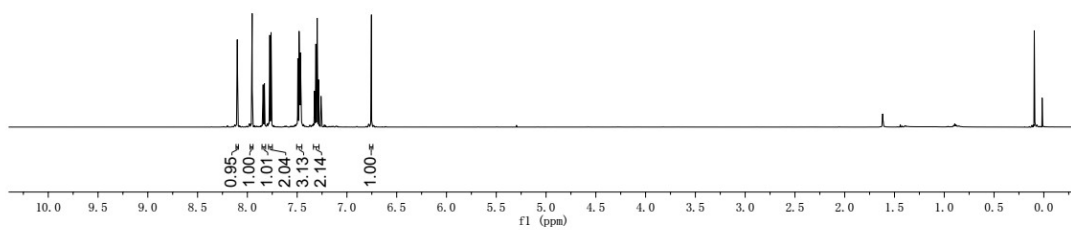




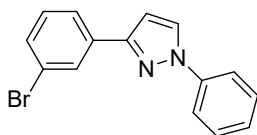
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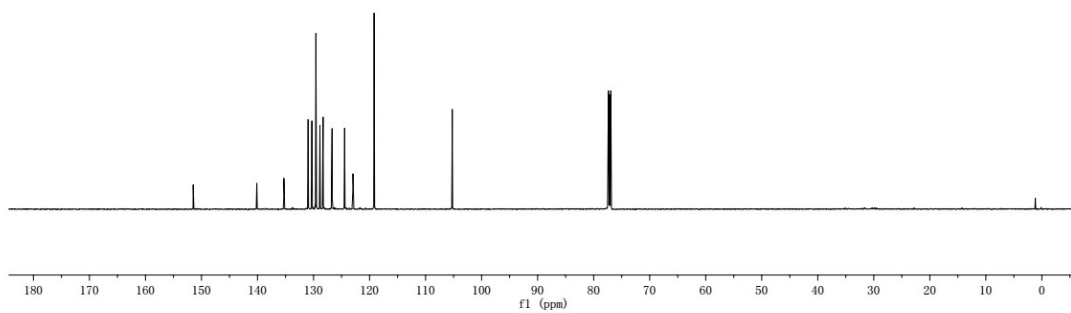
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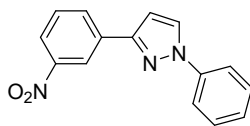
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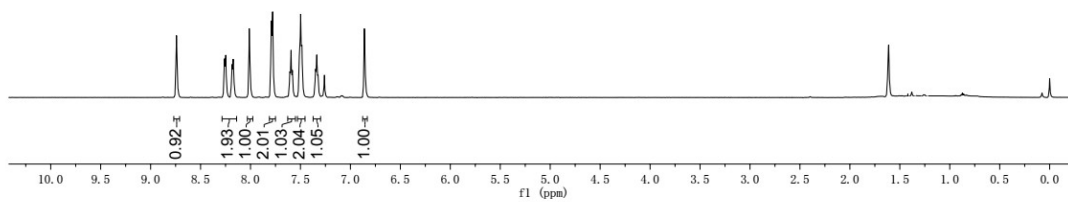
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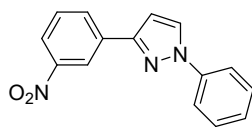
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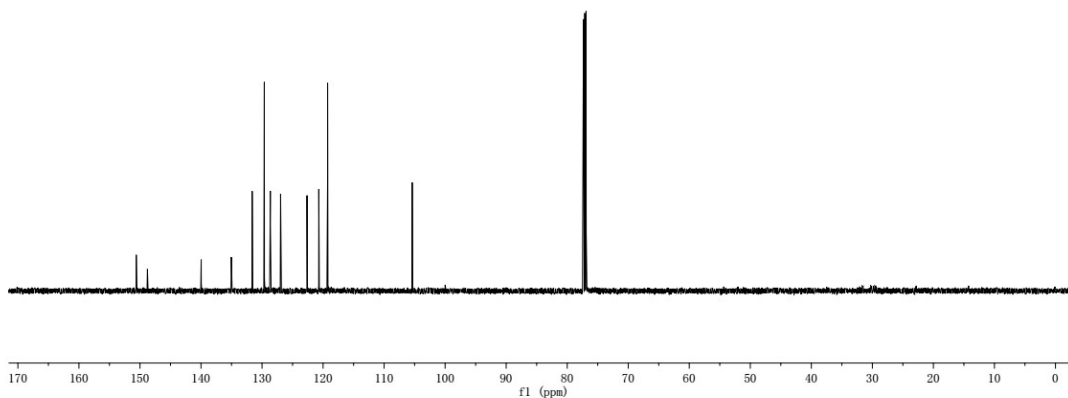
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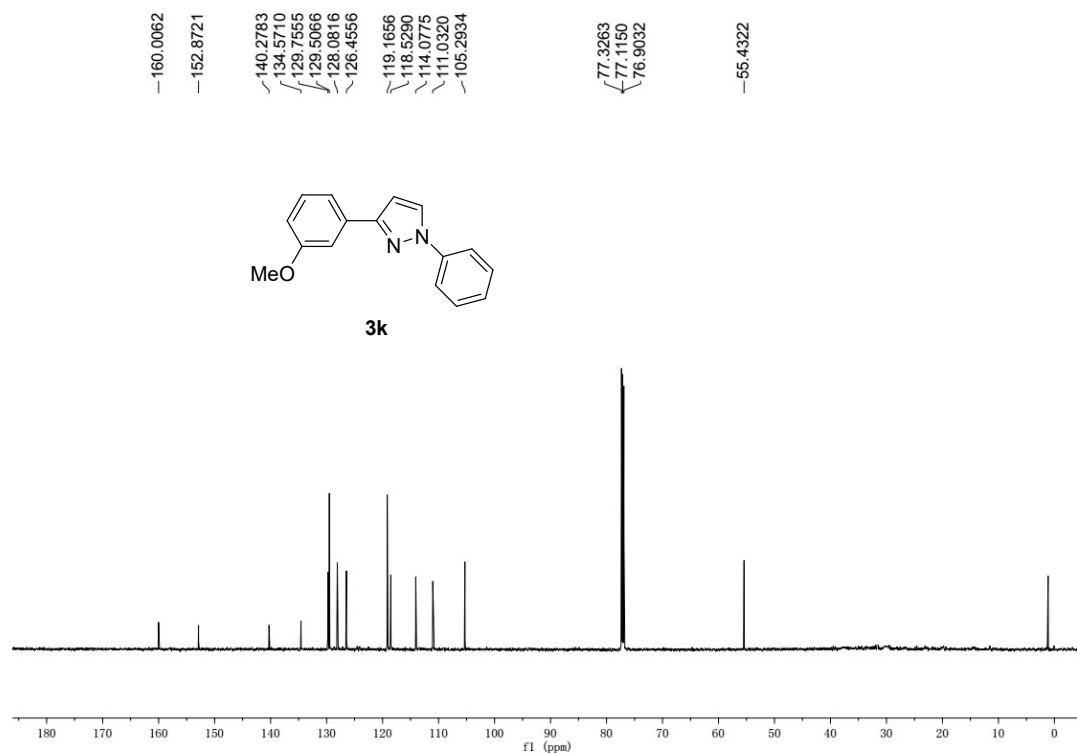
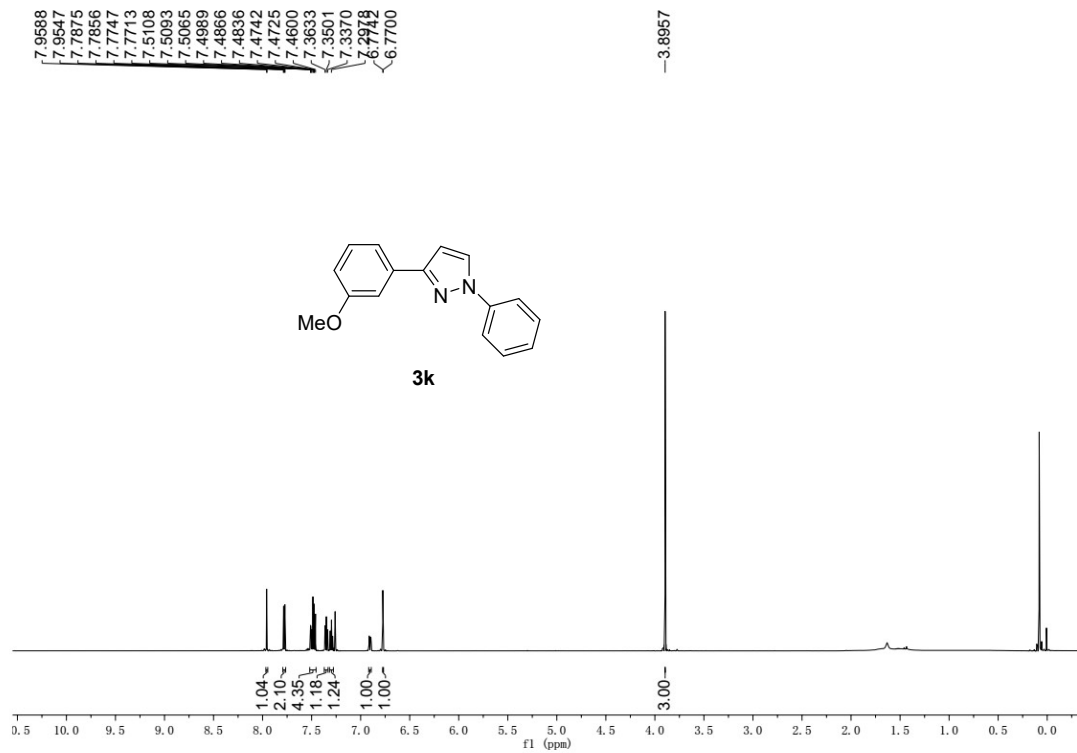


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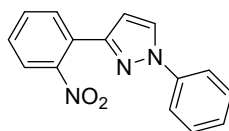


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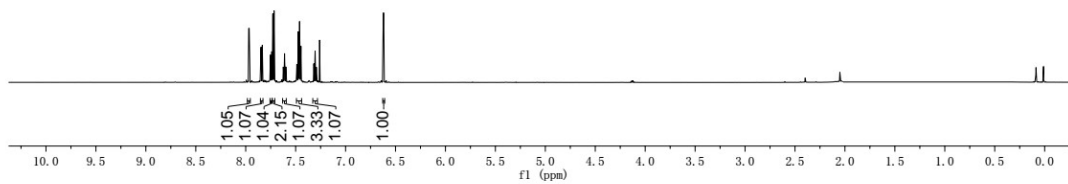




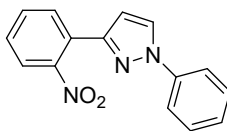
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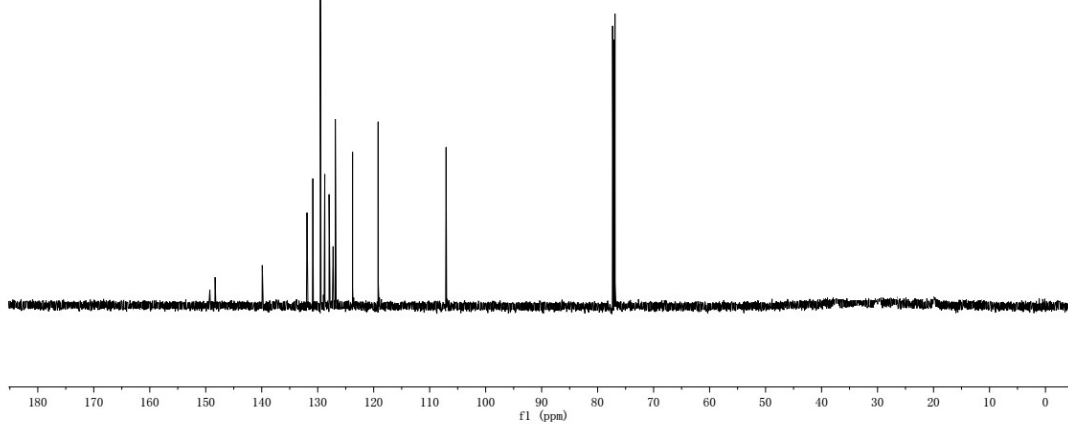
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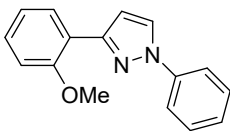
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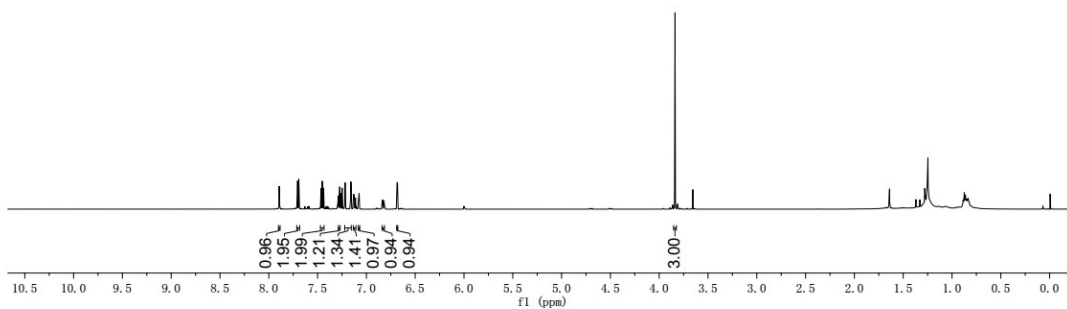
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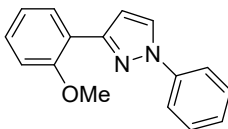
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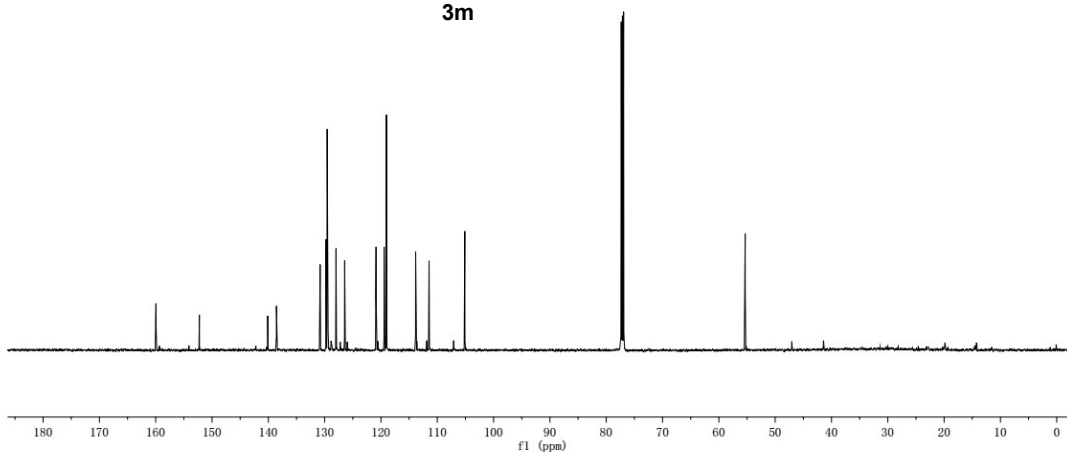
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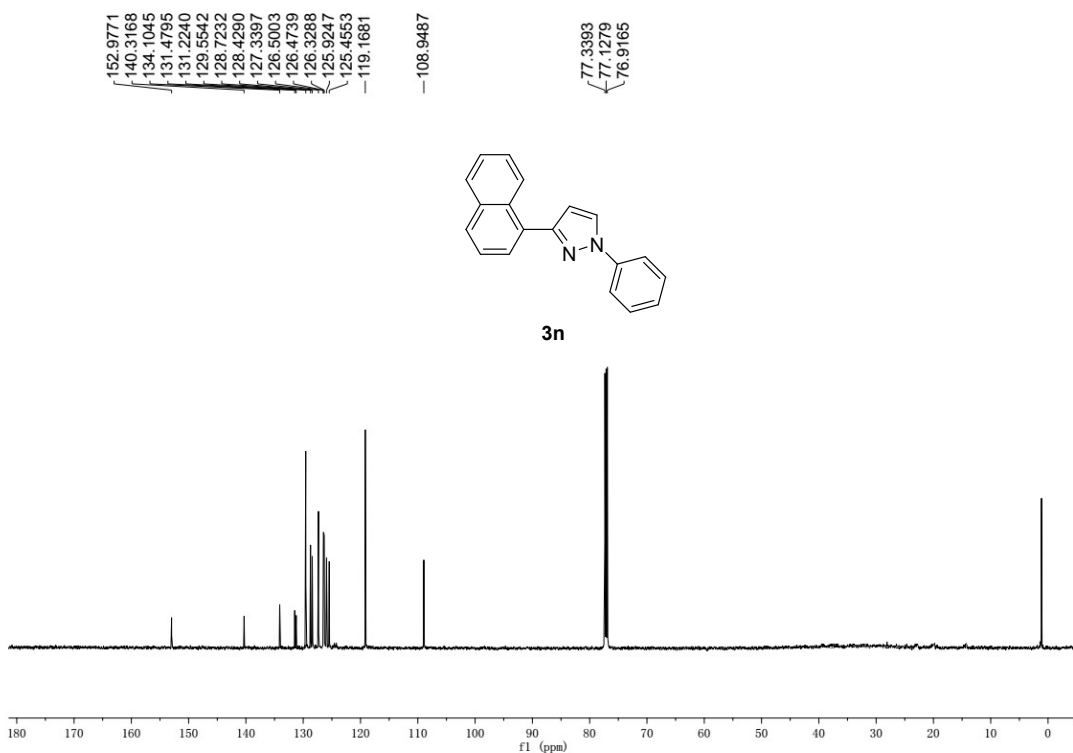
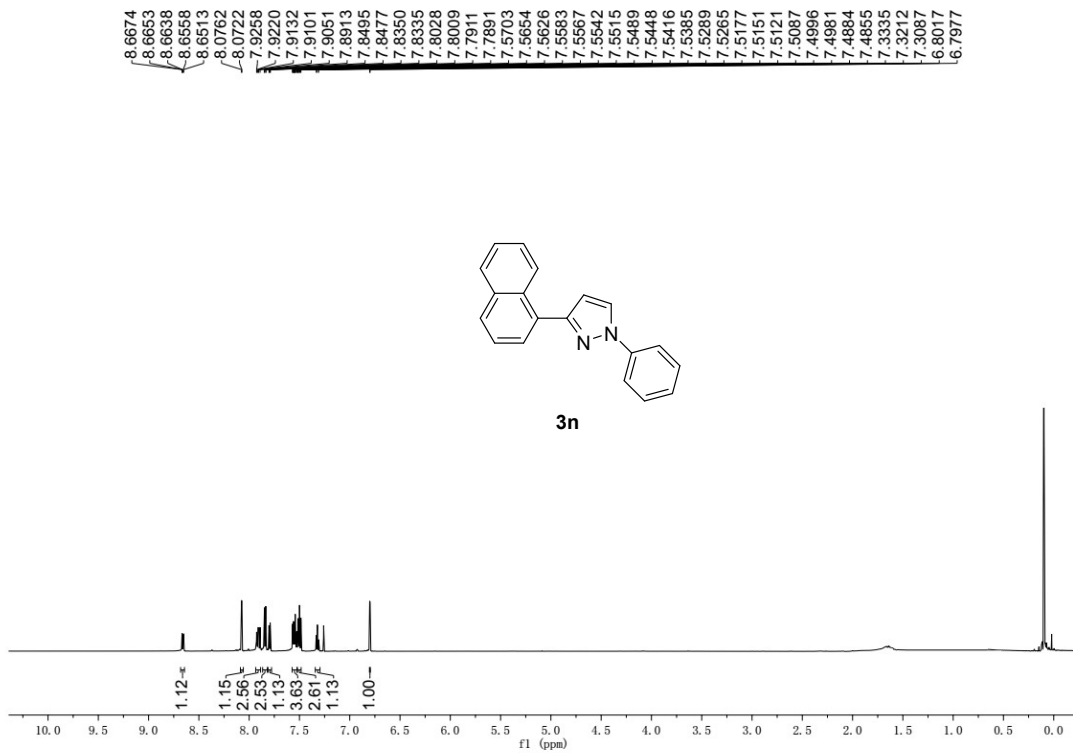


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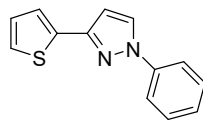


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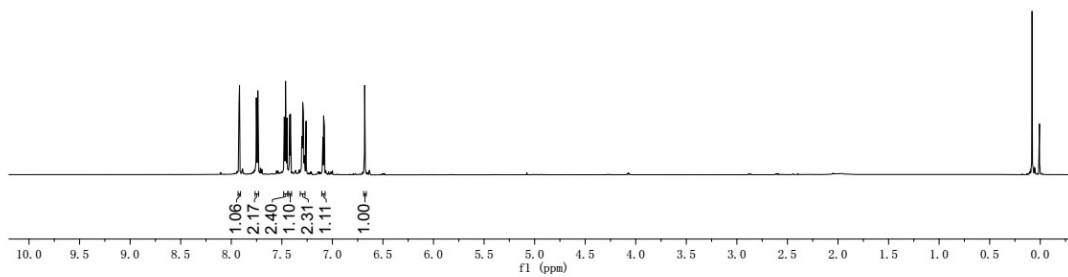




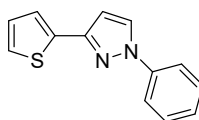
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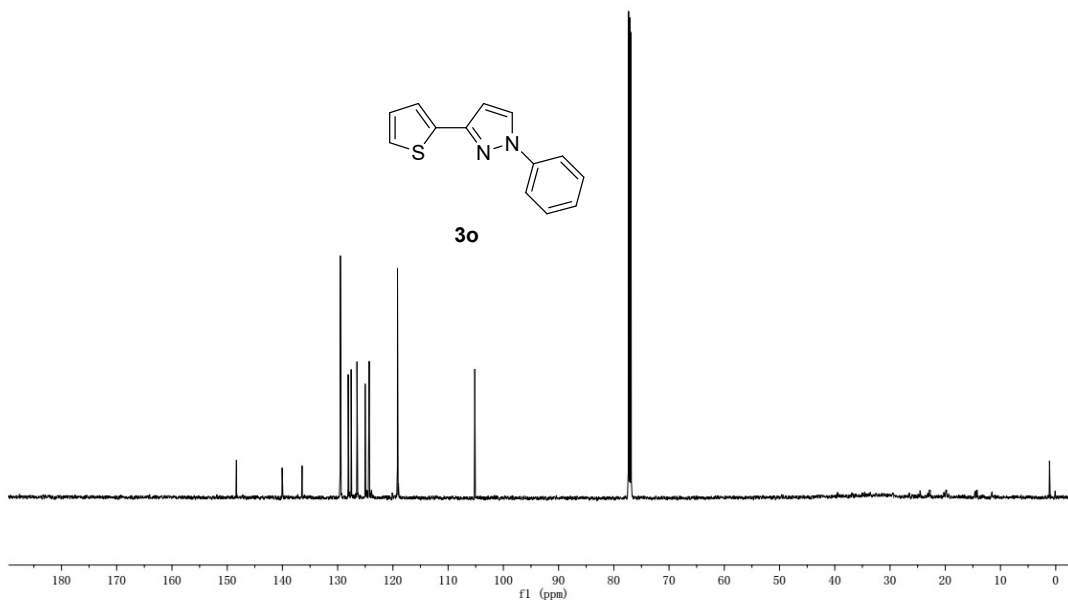
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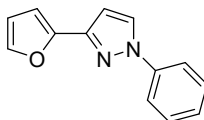
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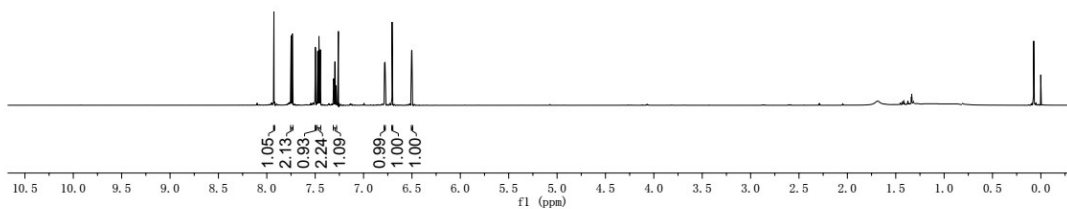
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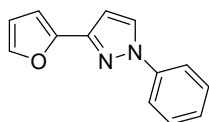
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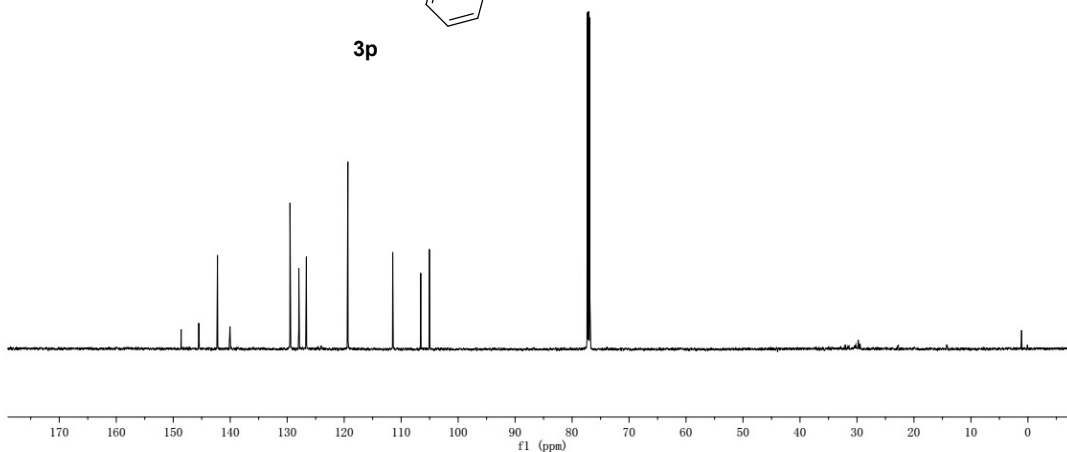
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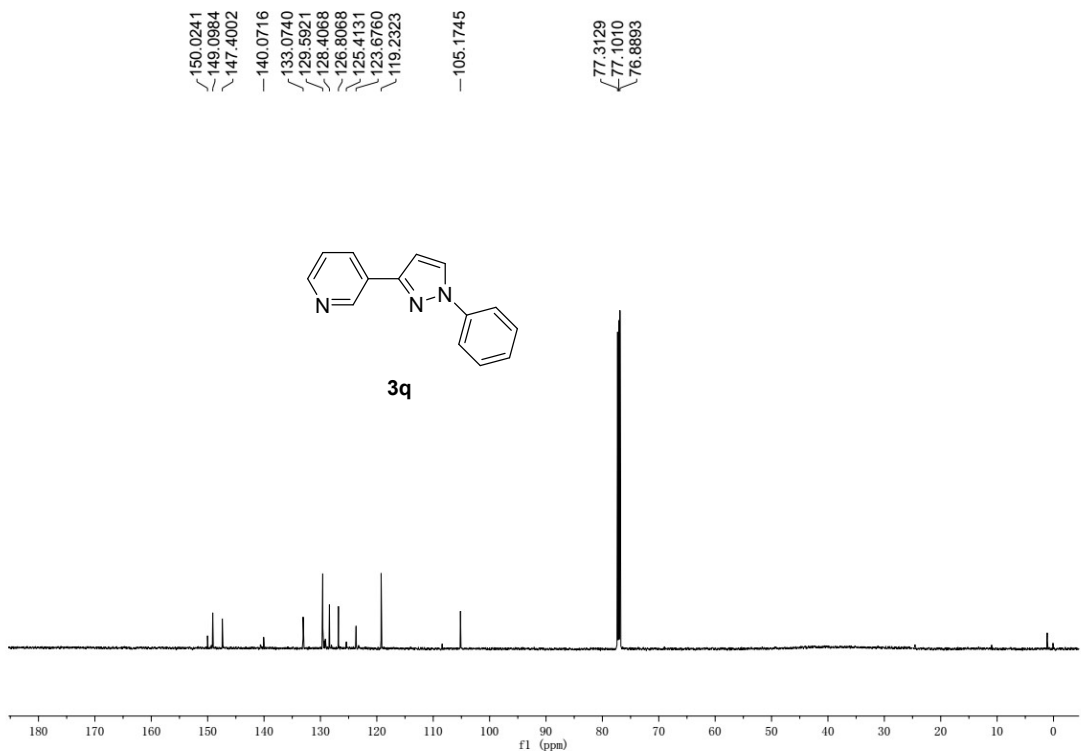
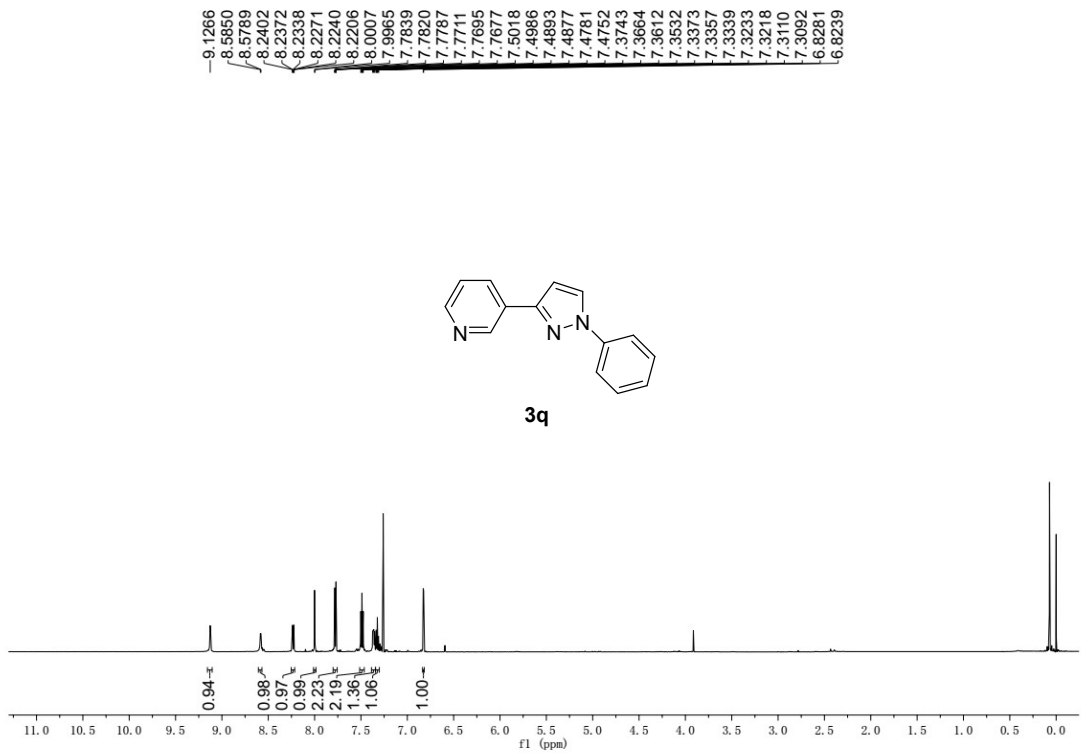


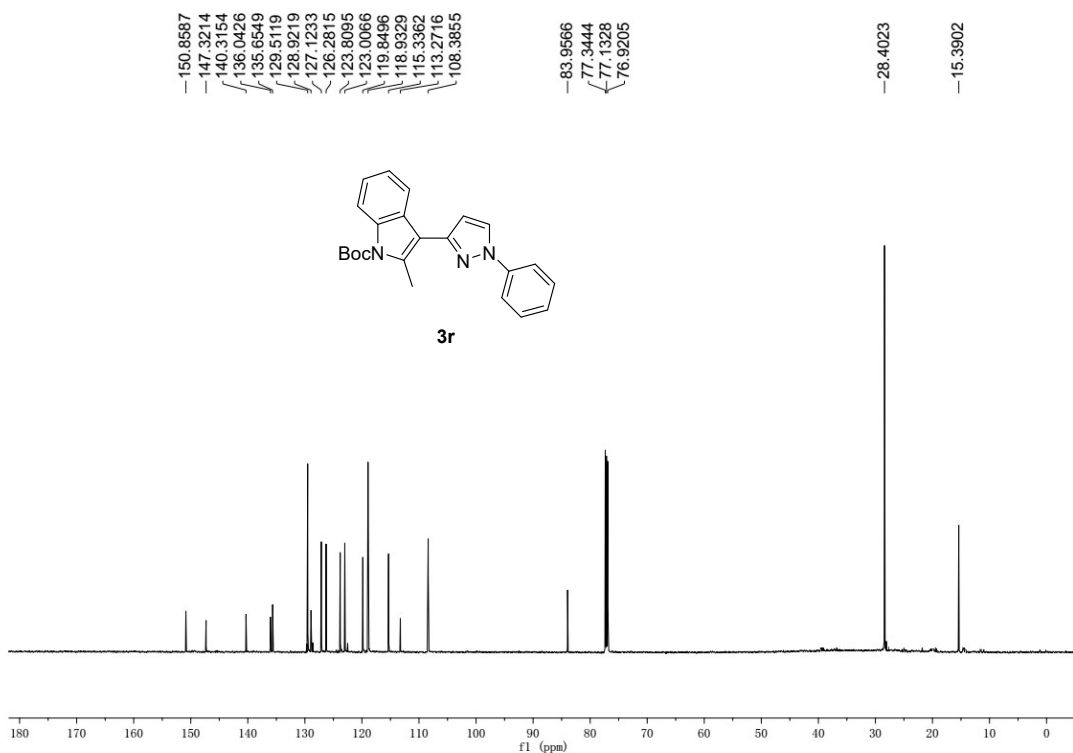
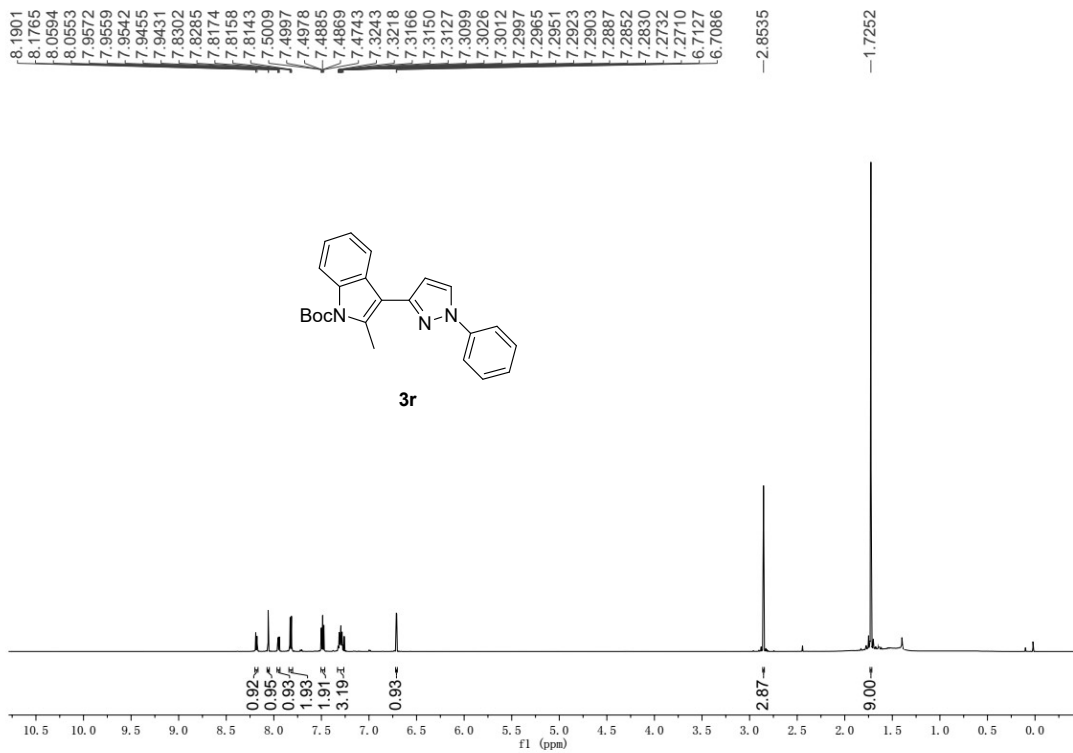
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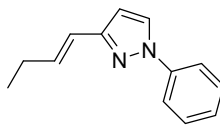
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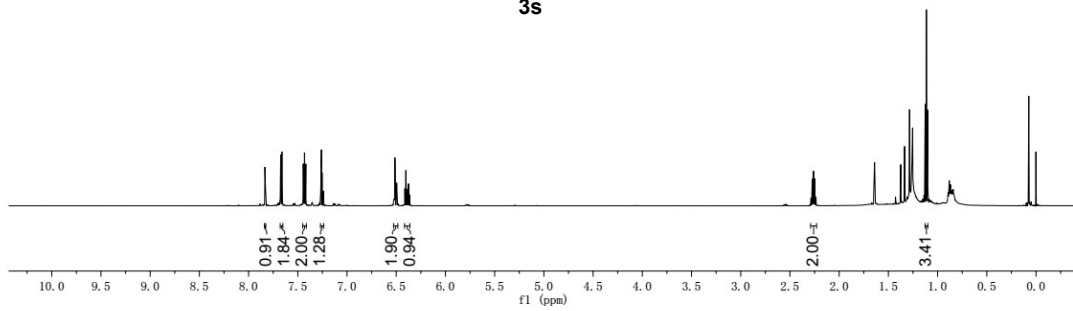




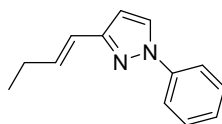
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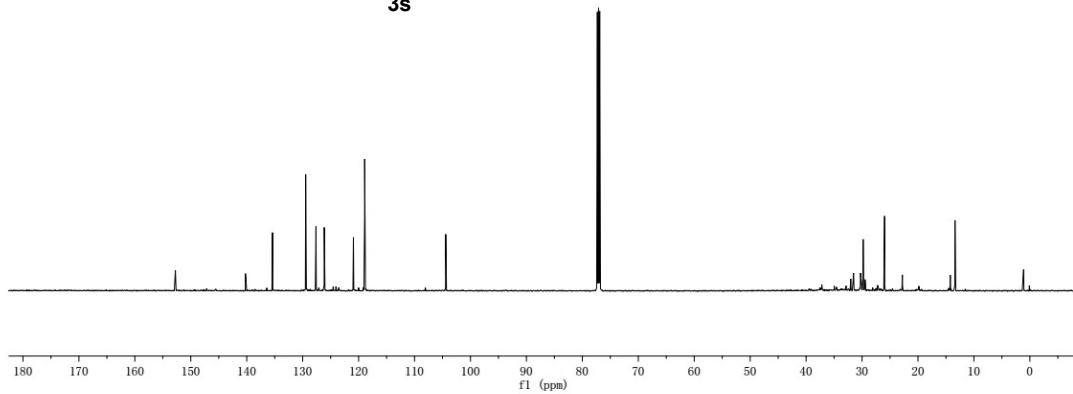
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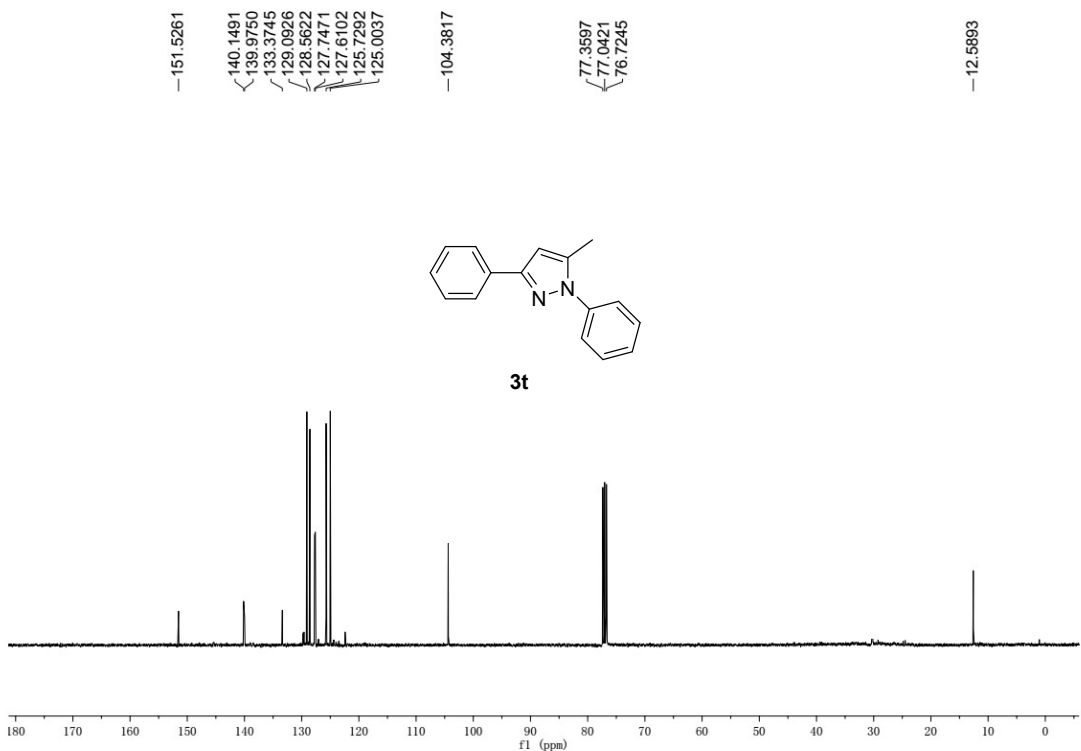
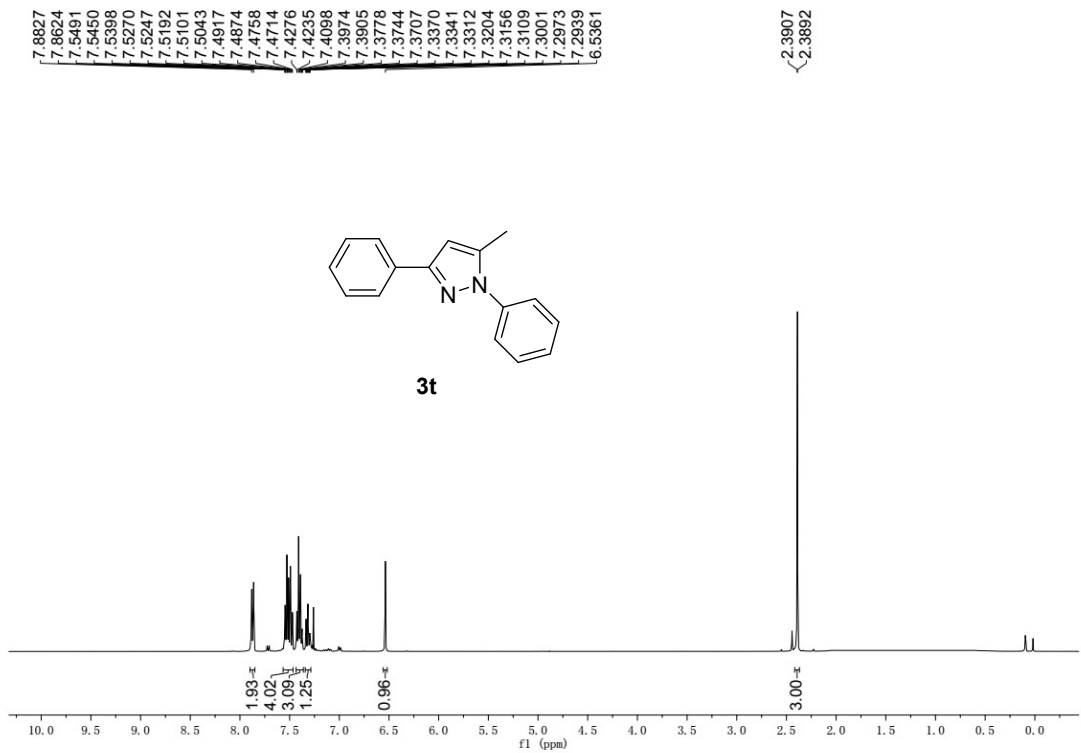


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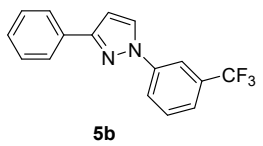
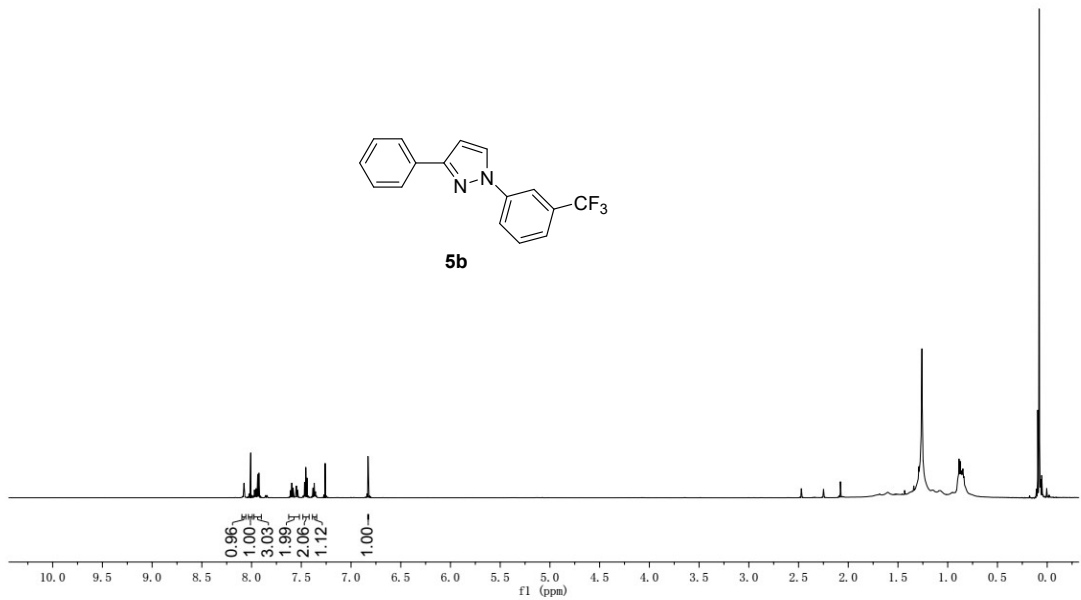


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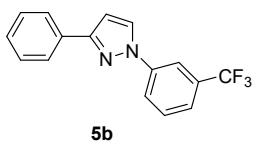
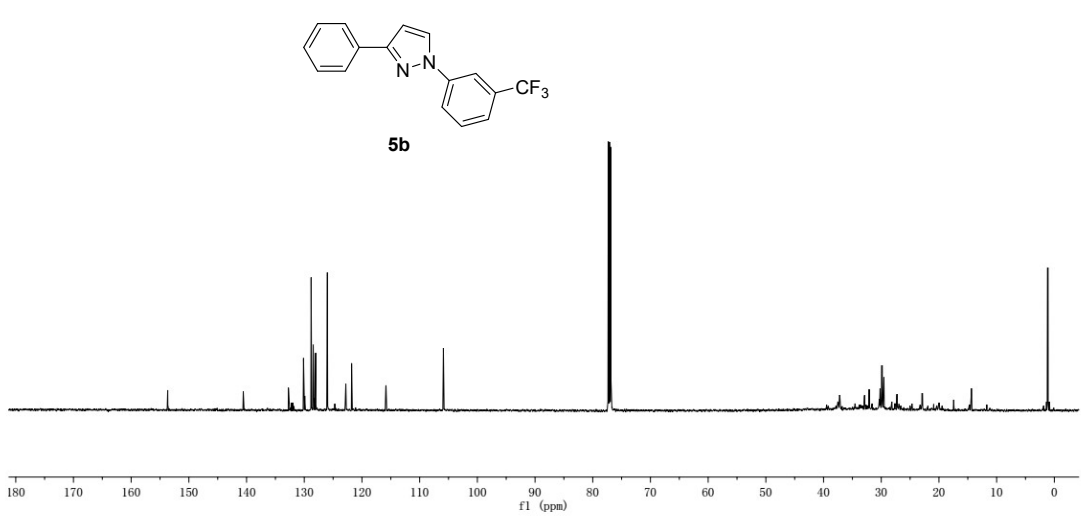


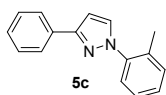
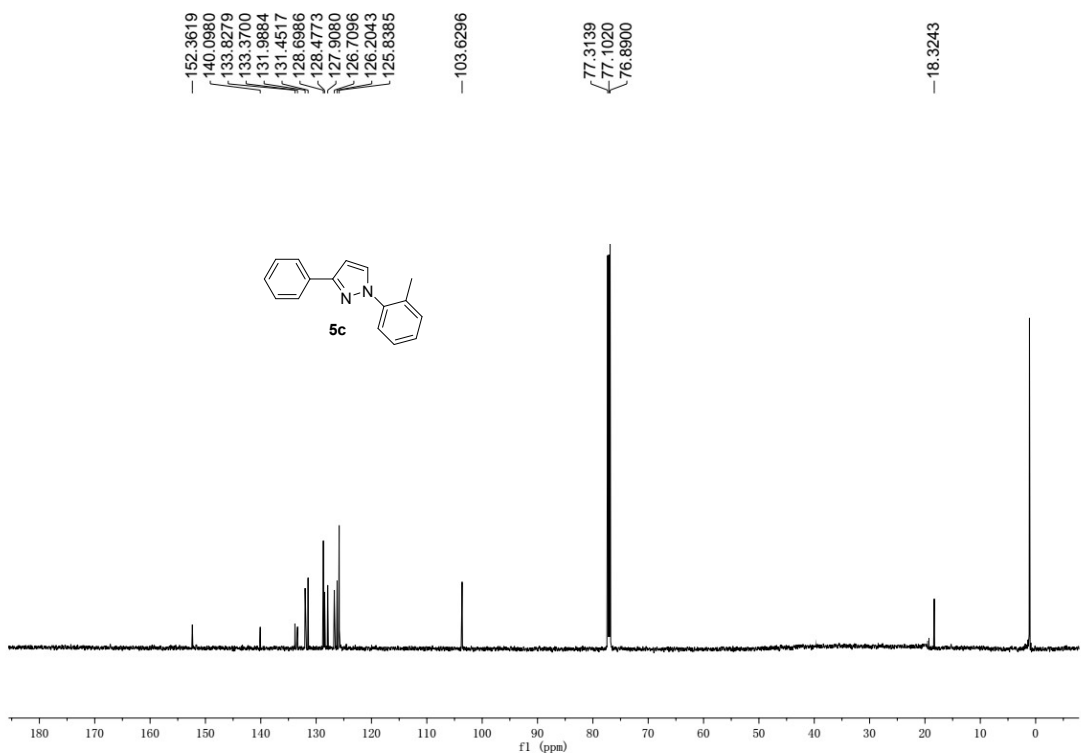
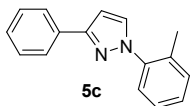
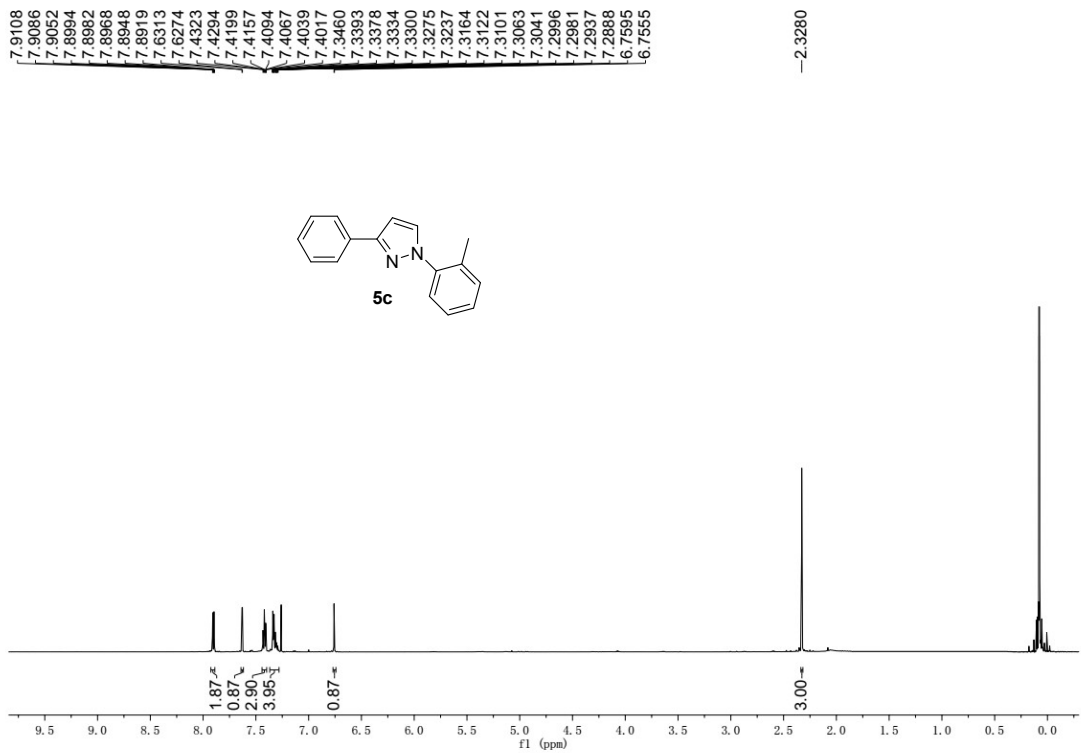


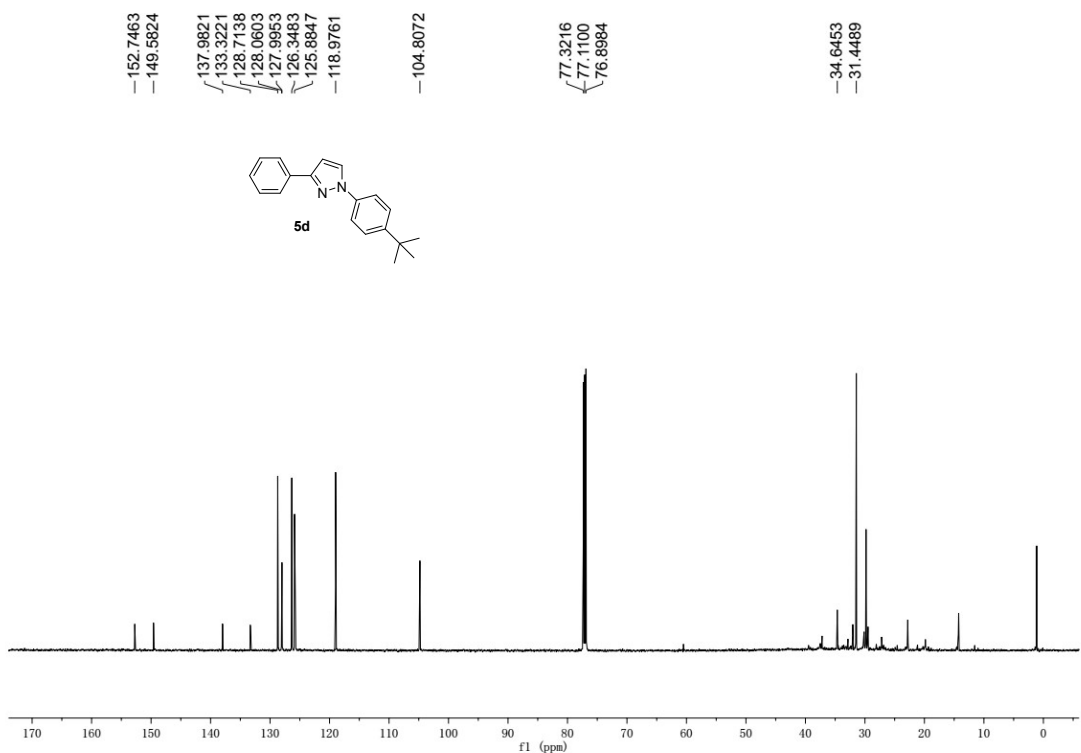
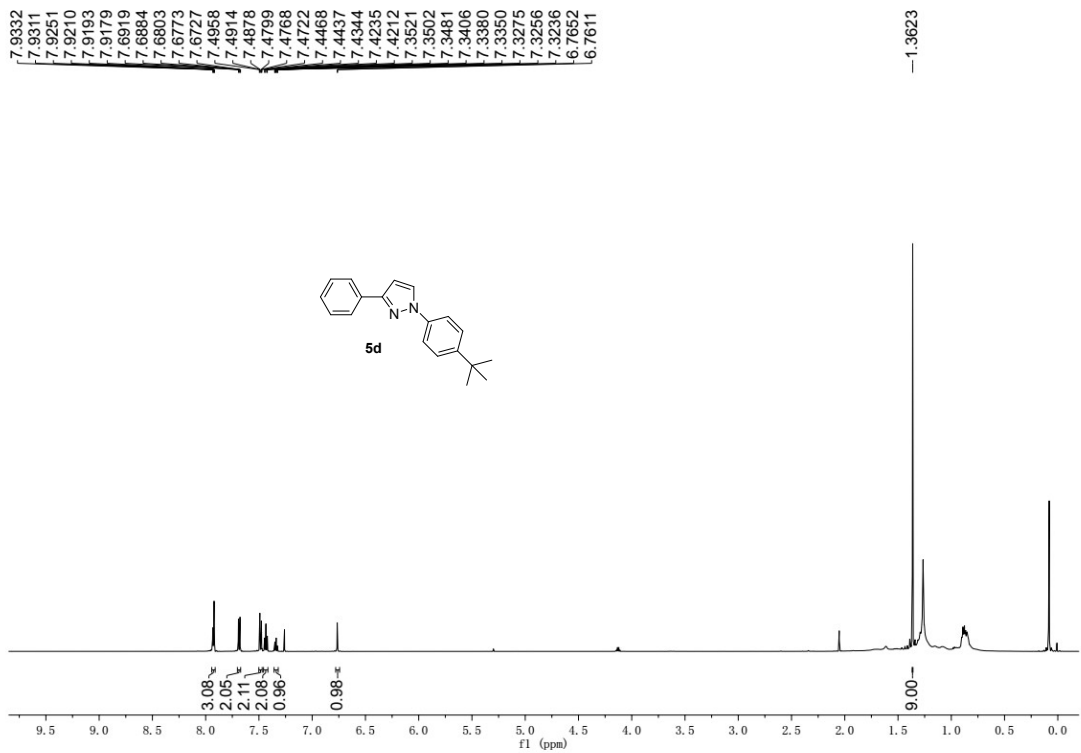
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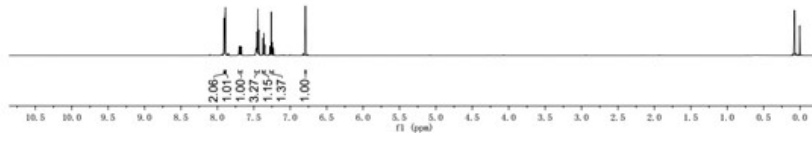
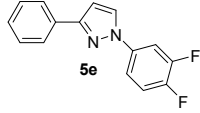
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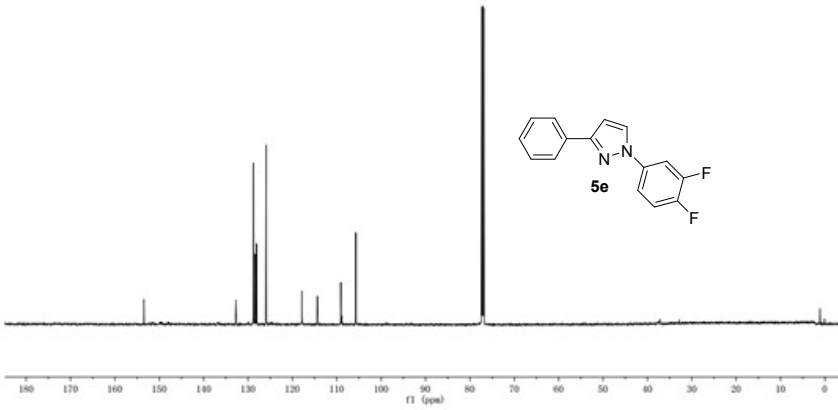




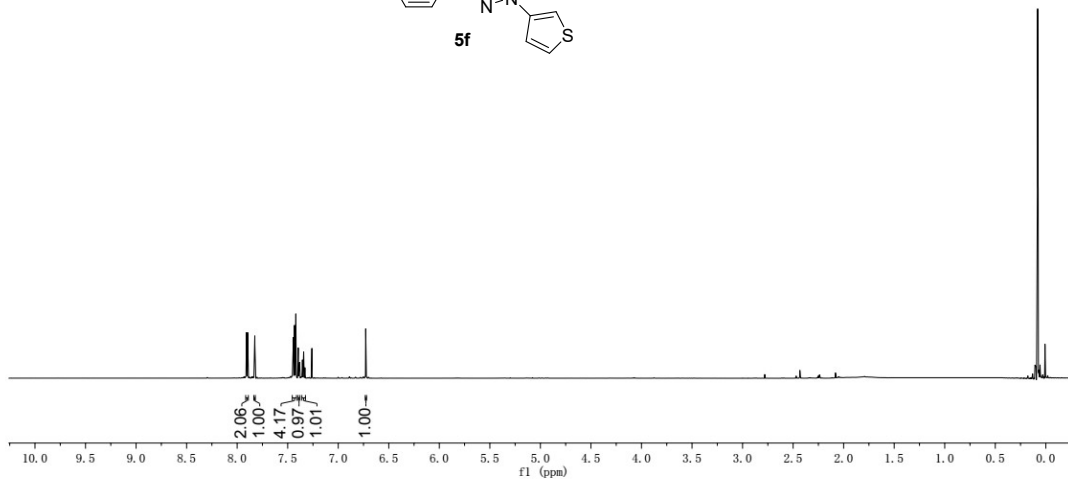
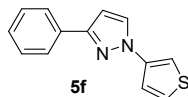
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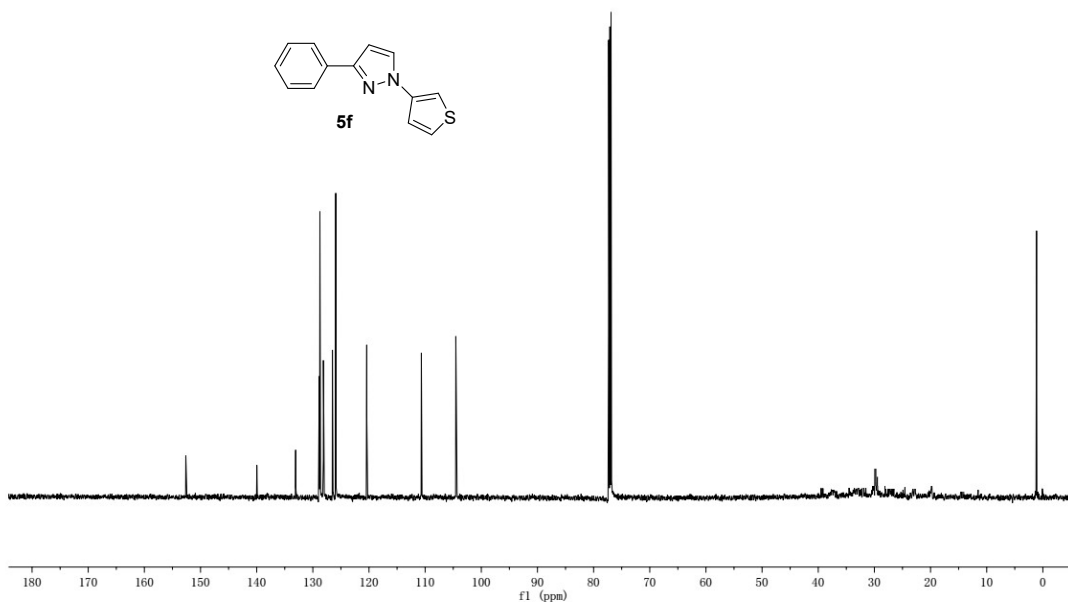
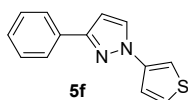
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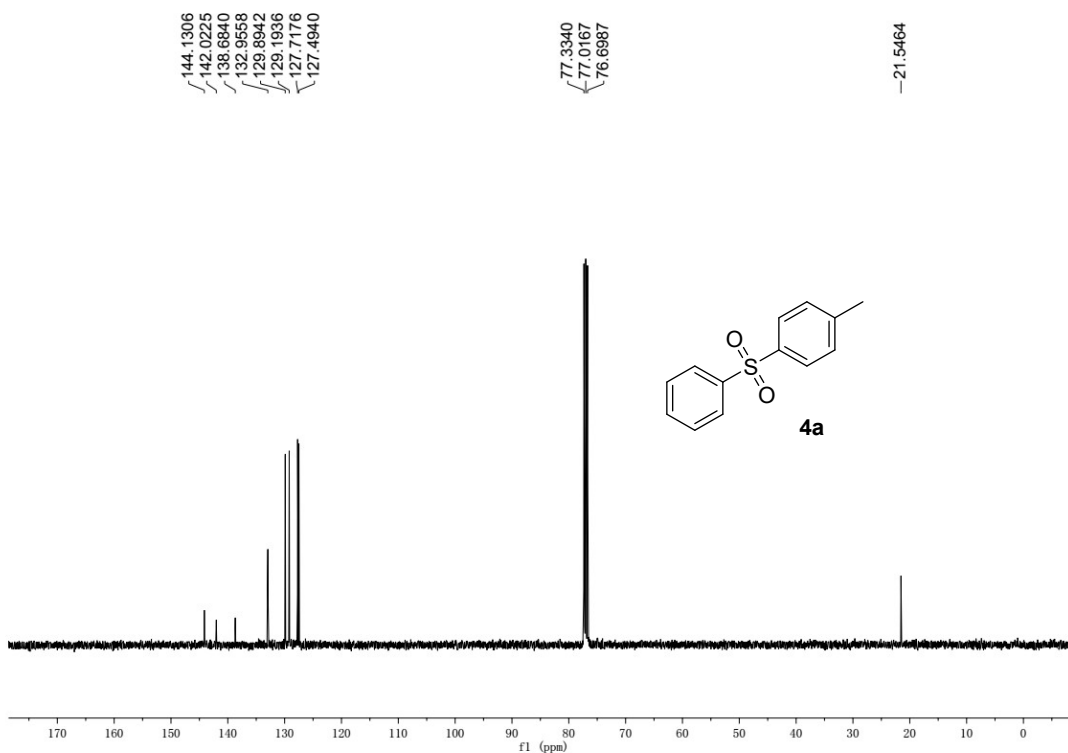
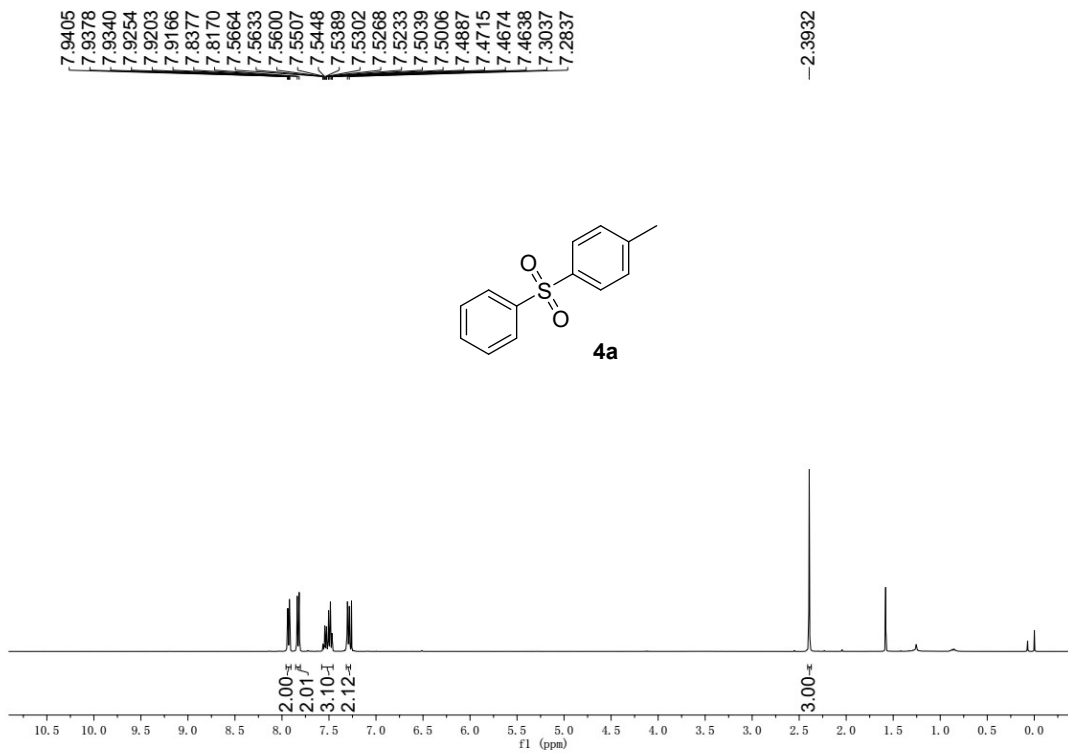


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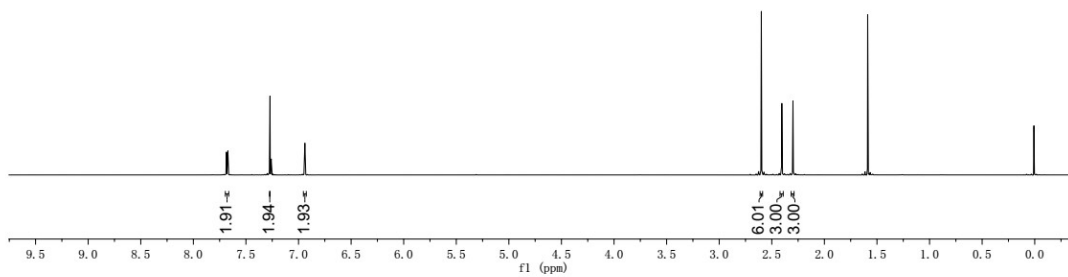
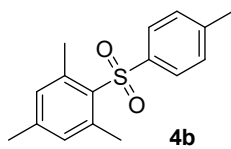
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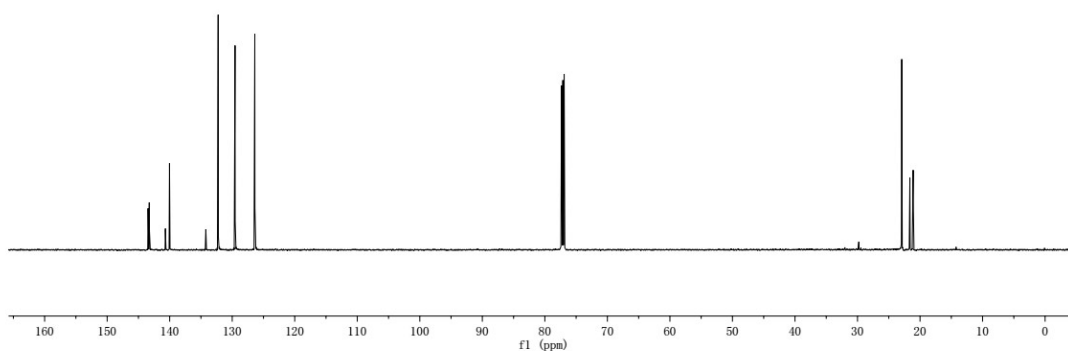
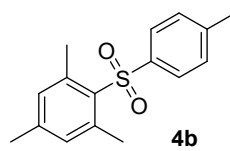
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9. X-Ray Structure of 3i

Compound **3i** (CCDC 1899449) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

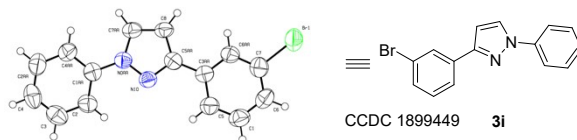


Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound **3i**

Identification code	3i
Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ BrN ₂
Formula weight	299.17
Temperature/K	292.95(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
a/Å	5.5406(3)
b/Å	8.3315(5)
c/Å	27.8631(12)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1286.21(12)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.545
μ/mm ⁻¹	4.199
F(000)	600.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.7 × 0.6 × 0.1
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	11.084 to 145.704
Index ranges	-4 ≤ h ≤ 6, -9 ≤ k ≤ 10, -34 ≤ l ≤ 34
Reflections collected	7593
Independent reflections	2447 [R _{int} = 0.0656, R _{sigma} = 0.0467]
Data/restraints/parameters	2447/0/163
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.083
Final R indexes [I > 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0804, wR ₂ = 0.2372
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0917, wR ₂ = 0.2596
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.18/-1.18
Flack parameter	-0.01(4)

10. X-Ray Structure of 4b

Compound **4b** (CCDC 1910849) contains the supplementary crystallo-graphic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

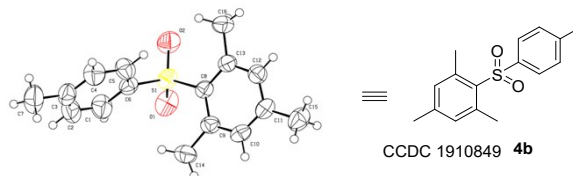


Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound **4b**

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Formula weight	274.36
Temperature/K	295.13(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	8.1266(3)
b/Å	24.3656(8)
c/Å	7.7718(2)
α/°	90
β/°	110.298(4)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1443.33(9)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.263
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.948
F(000)	584.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.7 × 0.3 × 0.1
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	7.256 to 145.726
Index ranges	-9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -29 ≤ k ≤ 29, -6 ≤ l ≤ 9
Reflections collected	8456
Independent reflections	2802 [R _{int} = 0.0314, R _{sigma} = 0.0274]
Data/restraints/parameters	2802/0/176
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.048
Final R indexes [I >= 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0556, wR ₂ = 0.1556
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0645, wR ₂ = 0.1680
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.39/-0.32