

Supporting Information

Water-promoted catalytic hydrodecarboxylation of conjugated carboxylic acids under open air conditions at room temperature

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1. General Information

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out in anhydrous solvent and commercially available reagents were used as received. 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]-7-Undecene (DBU, 98%) and *N,N'*-Carbonyldiimidazole (CDI, 98%) were purchased from Adamas and used as received. Anhydrous THF and MTBE were distilled from sodium and benzophenone, CH₃CN, CCl₄, EA and acetone were distilled from CaH₂. Dichloromethane (DCM) (Water ≤ 50 ppm (by K.F.), 99.9%, SafeDry, with molecular sieves, Safeseal), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) (Water ≤ 50 ppm (by K.F.), 99.8%, SafeDry, with molecular sieves, Safeseal), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) (Water ≤ 50 ppm (by K.F.), 99.7%, SafeDry, with molecular sieves, Safeseal), 1,4-dioxane (Water ≤ 50 ppm (by K.F.), 99.8%, SafeDry, with molecular sieves, Safeseal), were all purchased from Adamas. NMR spectra were obtained in CDCl₃ or DMSO-d₆ using TMS as the internal standard at 400 (for ¹H NMR) or 100 MHz (for ¹³C NMR), respectively. ¹H NMR spectra: J-values are reported in Hz. HRMS (m/z) were recorded on Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive. Flash column chromatography was performed using Huanghai silica gel (300-400). The 2-Hydroxy-benzaldehydes were synthesized from the corresponding Phenols and Paraformaldehyde according to the literatures.¹ Coumarin-3-carboxylic acids **1** were synthesized according to the literatures.² The α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acids (**3a-3c**) were synthesized according to the literatures.³ 4-Methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid **5a** was synthesized according to the literatures.⁴

2. Experimental Section

General procedure for the hydrodecarboxylation of conjugated carboxylic acids (**1**, **3**)

Conjugated carboxylic acids (**1**, **3**) (0.3 mmol), CDI (0.36 mmol) were successively added into a 10 ml reaction tube, then dry anisole (2 ml) and water (16 μl) were added with stirring. The mixture was stirred in open air for 5 min and then DABCO (0.06 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was continuously stirred at rt. After completion, the products (**2**, **4**) were obtained by flash column chromatography on a short packed silica gel column eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (3:1).

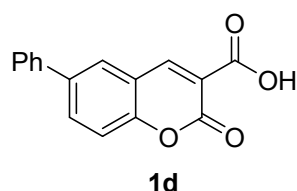
A typical procedure for the preparation of coumarin-3-carboxylic anhydride 6a.

Under standard conditions, coumarin-3-carboxylic acids **1a** (0.3 mmol), CDI (0.36 mmol) were successively added into a 10 ml reaction tube, then dry anisole (2 ml) and water (16 μ l) were added with stirring, the mixture was stirred in open air for 5 min. The precipitates were formed and collected by filtration and wash with anisole to give the product **6a** (88.5mg, 98% yield).

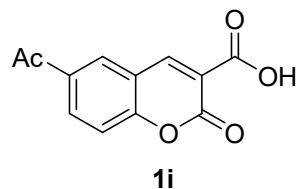
Deuterization experiment of the hydrodecarboxylation of coumarin-3-carboxylic acid

Under N₂ atmosphere, coumarin-3-carboxylic acids **1a** (0.3 mmol), CDI (0.36 mmol) were successively added into a 10 ml reaction tube, then dry anisole (2 ml) and D₂O (16 μ l) were added with stirring. The mixture was stirred in open air for 5 min and then DABCO (0.06 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was continuously stirred at rt. After completion, the products **2a'** was obtained by flash column chromatography on a short packed silica gel column eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (3:1).

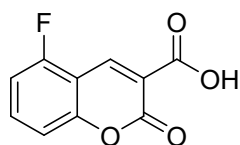
3. The data of the products 1d, 1i, 1o, 2, 4, 6a, 2a'



2-oxo-6-phenyl-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid 1d: yellow solid, mp 208-209 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.5, 157.1, 154.3, 148.7, 138.8, 137.1, 132.9, 129.6, 128.3, 127.2, 119.3, 118.8, 117.1. HRMS (FTMS-ESI): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₁O₄⁺: 267.0657; found: 267.0648.

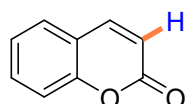


6-acetyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid 1i: white solid, mp 253-254 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.37 (s, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 196.7, 164.2, 157.7, 156.5, 148.6, 133.8, 133.7, 131.6, 119.7, 118.3, 117.1, 27.2. HRMS (FTMS-ESI): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₉O₅⁺: 233.0450; found: 233.0443.



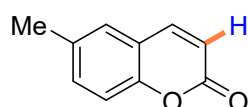
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5-fluoro-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid 1o: white solid, mp 177-178 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.44 (s, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.75 (dd, $J = 15.2, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.0, 159.0 (d, $J = 254$ Hz), 156.2, 155.3 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 140.6 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 135.6 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz), 119.3, 113.0 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 111.1 (d, $J = 19.4$ Hz), 108.4 (d, $J = 19.0$ Hz). HRMS (FTMS-ESI): $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{FO}_4^+$: 209.0250; found: 209.0242.



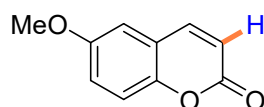
2a

2H-chromen-2-one 2a⁵: white solid, 99%, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.43 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.8, 154.1, 143.4, 131.9, 127.9, 124.4, 118.9, 116.9, 116.7.



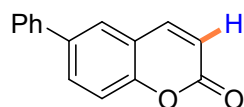
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6-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one 2b⁵: white solid, 96%, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.0, 152.2, 143.4, 134.1, 132.8, 127.7, 118.6, 116.5, 20.7.



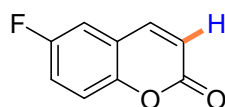
2c

6-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one 2c⁵: white solid, 99%, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.0, 156.1, 148.5, 143.2, 119.5, 119.2, 117.9, 117.1, 110.0, 55.9.



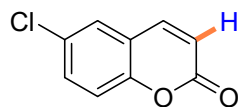
2d

6-phenyl-2H-chromen-2-one 2d⁷: white solid, 90%, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.7, 153.4, 143.5, 139.4, 137.8, 130.7, 129.1, 127.8, 127.1, 126.1, 119.1, 117.3, 117.0.



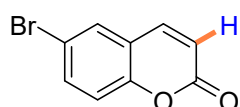
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6-fluoro-2H-chromen-2-one 2e⁸: white solid, 86%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 152.4, 142.2, 131.8, 129.7, 127.2, 119.8, 118.3, 117.8.



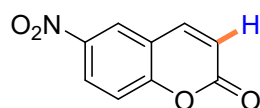
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6-chloro-2H-chromen-2-one 2f⁶: white solid, 98%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 152.4, 142.3, 131.7, 129.7, 127.2, 119.8, 118.3, 117.8.



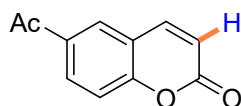
2g

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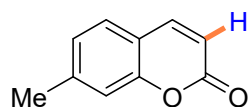
2h

6-nitro-2H-chromen-2-one 2h⁵: pale yellow solid, 63%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 152.9, 142.1, 134.6, 130.2, 120.3, 118.7, 117.9, 117.0.



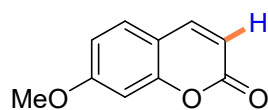
2i

6-acetyl-2H-chromen-2-one 2i⁵: white solid, 99%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (s, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 159.8, 156.9, 143.2, 133.5, 131.7, 128.6, 118.6, 117.6, 117.3, 26.6.



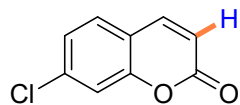
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7-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one 2j⁷: white solid, 96%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 154.2, 143.4, 143.1, 127.5, 125.6, 117.1, 116.5, 115.4, 21.8.



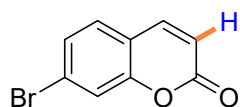
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7-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one 2k⁶: white solid, 89%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 161.2, 155.9, 143.5, 128.8, 113.1, 112.6, 112.5, 100.9, 55.8.



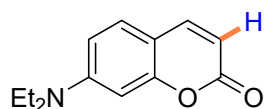
2l

7-chloro-2H-chromen-2-one 2l⁶: white solid, 78%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 152.5, 142.2, 131.8, 129.7, 127.1, 119.8, 118.4, 117.9.



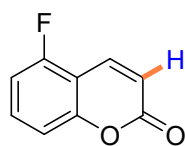
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7-bromo-2H-chromen-2-one 2m⁶: white solid, 74%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 153.0, 142.1, 134.6, 130.2, 120.3, 118.7, 117.9, 117.0.



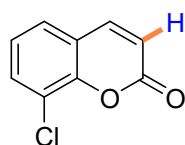
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7-(diethylamino)-2H-chromen-2-one 2n⁹: red solid, 83%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3, 156.8, 150.7, 143.7, 128.8, 109.2, 108.7, 108.3, 97.5, 44.8, 12.4.



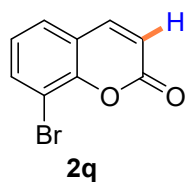
2o

5-fluoro-2H-chromen-2-one 2o⁶: white solid, 99%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 157.3, 154.7 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 136.3 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 132.2 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 116.8 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 112.7 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 110.3 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 109.0 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz).

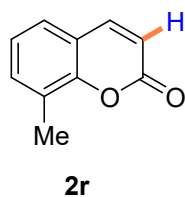


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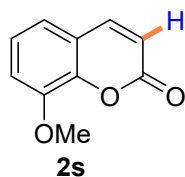
8-chloro-2H-chromen-2-one 2p⁶: white solid, 90%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 149.8, 143.1, 132.3, 126.4, 124.7, 121.8, 120.1, 117.4.



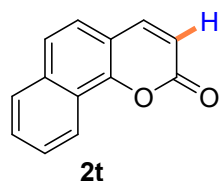
8-bromo-2H-chromen-2-one 2q⁶: white solid, 98%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 150.8, 143.2, 135.4, 127.2, 125.2, 120.1, 117.3, 110.4.



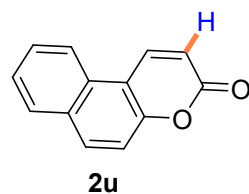
8-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one 2r⁷: white solid, 75%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 152.4, 143.9, 133.2, 126.3, 125.6, 124.0, 118.6, 116.3, 15.4.



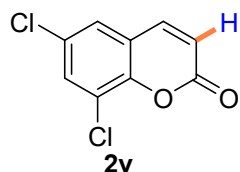
8-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one 2s⁶: white solid, 93%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 147.2, 143.71, 143.67, 124.3, 119.5, 119.3, 116.8, 113.8, 56.2.



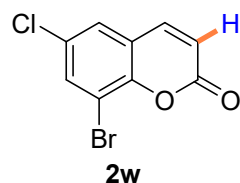
2H-benzo[h]chromen-2-one 2t⁵: white solid, 97%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 – 8.43 (m, 1H), 7.89 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 6.5 Hz, 3H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 151.3, 144.2, 134.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.2, 124.4, 123.6, 123.0, 122.2, 115.9, 114.2.



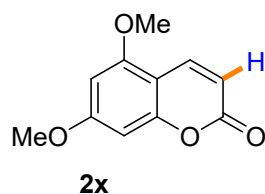
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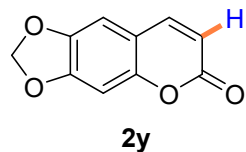
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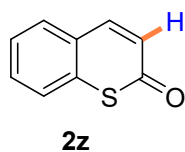
6-bromo-8-chloro-2H-chromen-2-one 2w: white solid, 99%, mp 169-170 °C, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.0, 149.5, 142.1, 134.7, 129.9, 126.5, 120.6, 118.5, 111.2. HRMS (FTMS-ESI): [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₅BrClO₂⁺: 258.9156; found: 258.9153.



5,7-dimethoxy-2H-chromen-2-one 2x¹⁰: white solid, 80%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 161.5, 157.0, 156.8, 138.7, 110.9, 104.0, 94.8, 92.8, 55.9, 55.8.

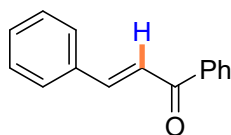


6H-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]chromen-6-one 2y¹⁰: white solid, 99%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 151.29, 151.26, 144.9, 143.5, 113.4, 112.7, 105.0, 102.4, 98.4.



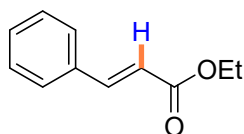
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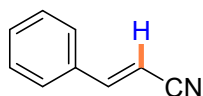
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(E)-chalcone 4a¹²: pale yellow, 63%, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.55 (dd, $J = 16.5, 10.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.6, 144.9, 138.3, 134.9, 132.8, 130.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.53, 128.48, 122.1



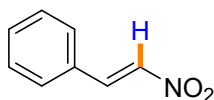
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ethyl cinnamate 4b¹²: colorless liquid, 70%, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 6.47 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.0, 144.6, 134.5, 130.2, 128.9, 128.1, 118.3, 60.5, 14.3.



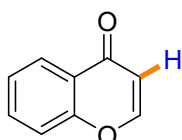
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cinnamionitrile 4c¹³: colorless liquid, 76%, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 5.90 (d, $J = 16.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.6, 133.6, 131.3, 129.2, 127.4, 118.2, 96.4.



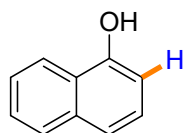
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(2-nitrovinyl)benzene 4d¹⁵: yellow solid, 83%, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (d, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.1, 137.1, 132.2, 130.1, 129.4, 129.2.



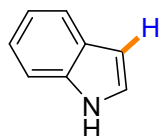
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4H-chromen-4-one 4e¹⁴: yellow solid, 90%, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.6, 156.6, 155.3, 133.8, 125.8, 125.3, 124.9, 118.2, 113.0.



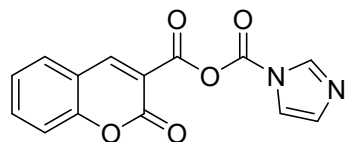
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naphthalen-1-ol 4f¹⁶: off-white solid, 80%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.99 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.59 (dt, *J* = 13.1, 7.0 Hz, 3H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.3, 134.9, 127.8, 126.6, 126.0, 125.5, 124.5, 121.6, 121.0, 109.0.



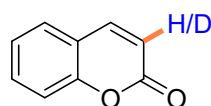
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1H-indole 4g¹⁷: pink solid, 30%, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.8, 127.9, 124.2, 122.1, 120.8, 119.9, 111.1, 102.6.



6a

1H-imidazole-1-carboxylic 2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic 6a, mp 89-90 °C (decomposed), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 165.2, 157.8, 154.6, 146.6, 135.2, 134.1, 130.2, 125.2, 121.5, 121.4, 118.7, 116.5. MS (ITMS-ESI): [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₈N₂NaO₅⁺: 307.0; found: 307.0.



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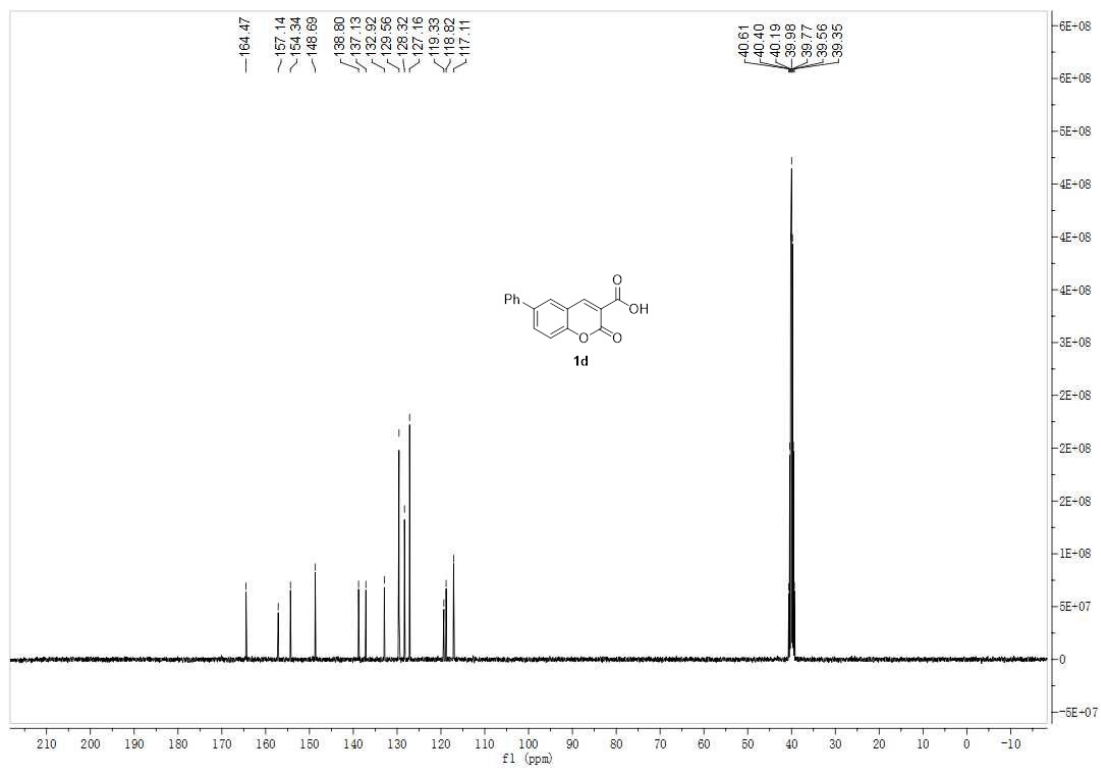
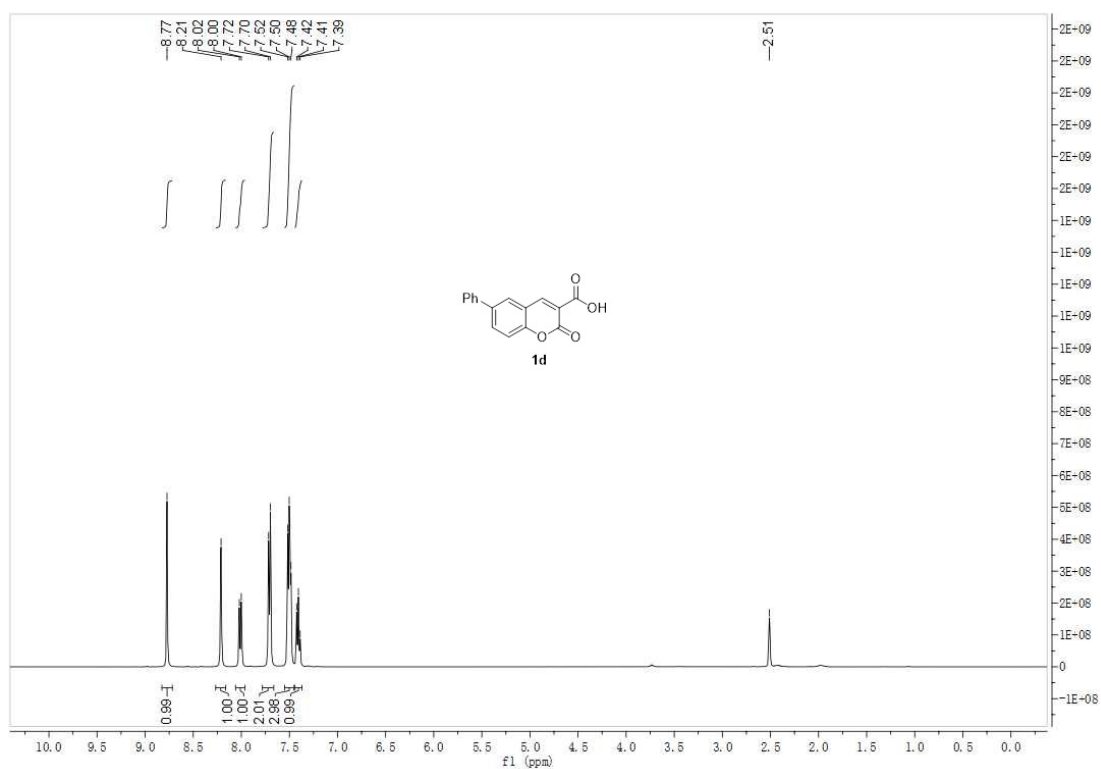
2a', ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 0.47H).

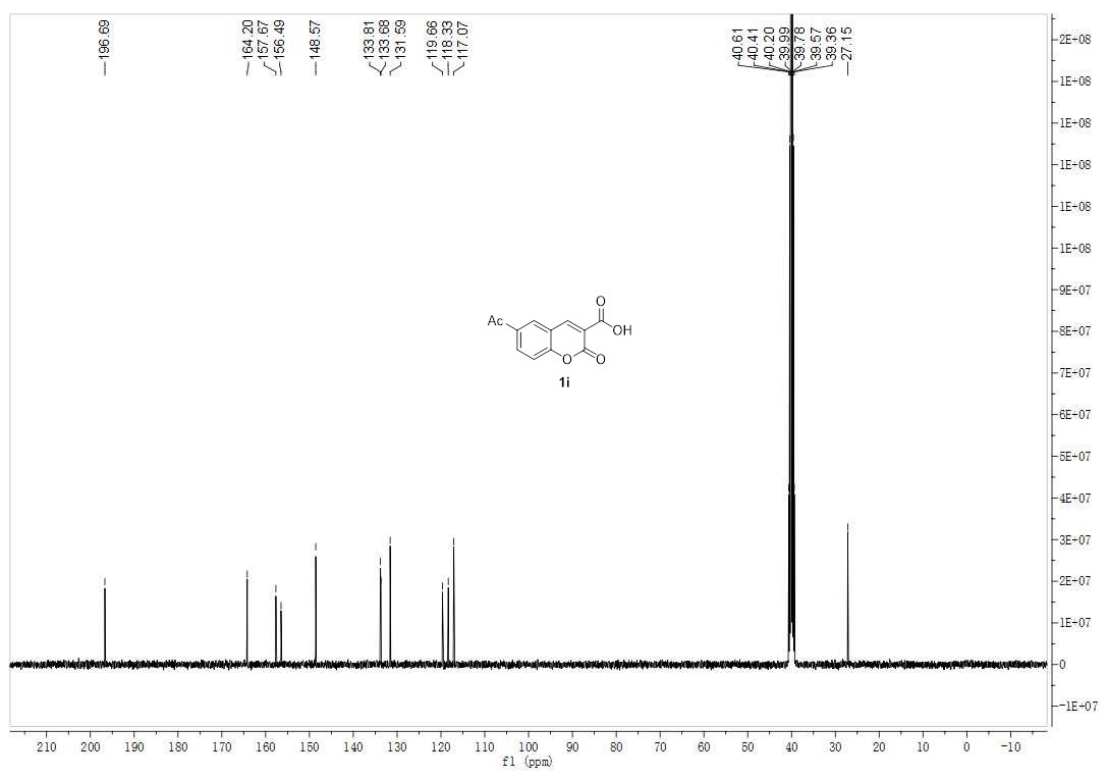
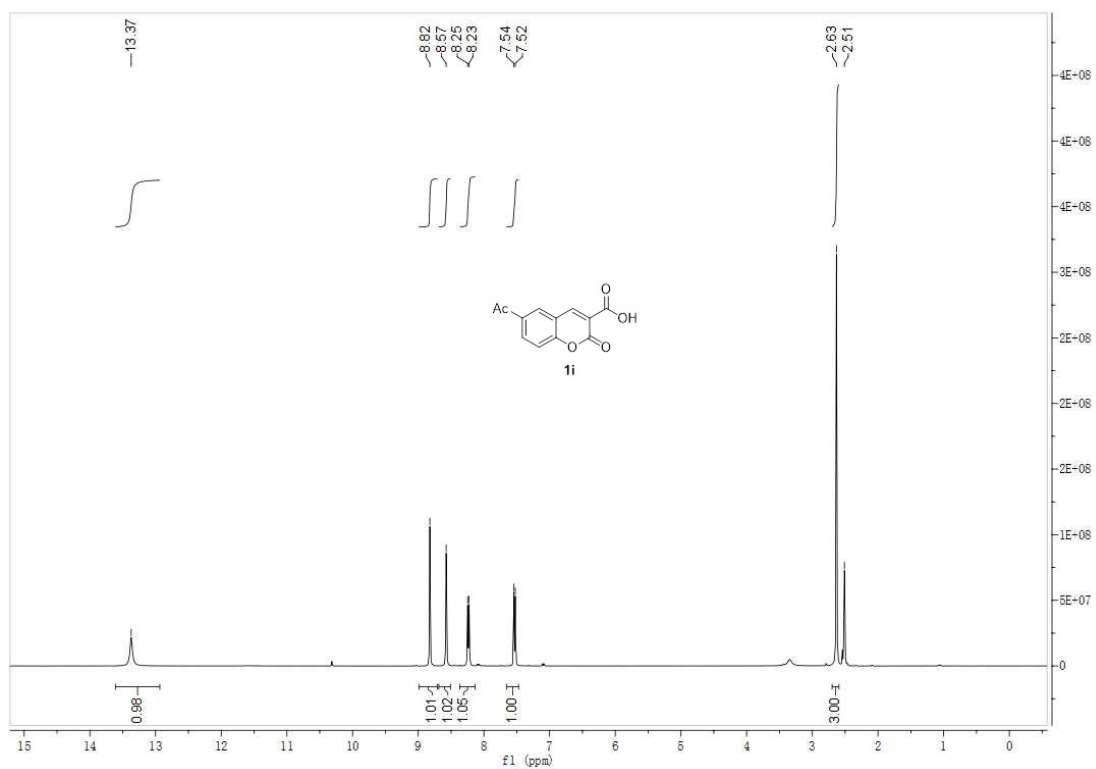
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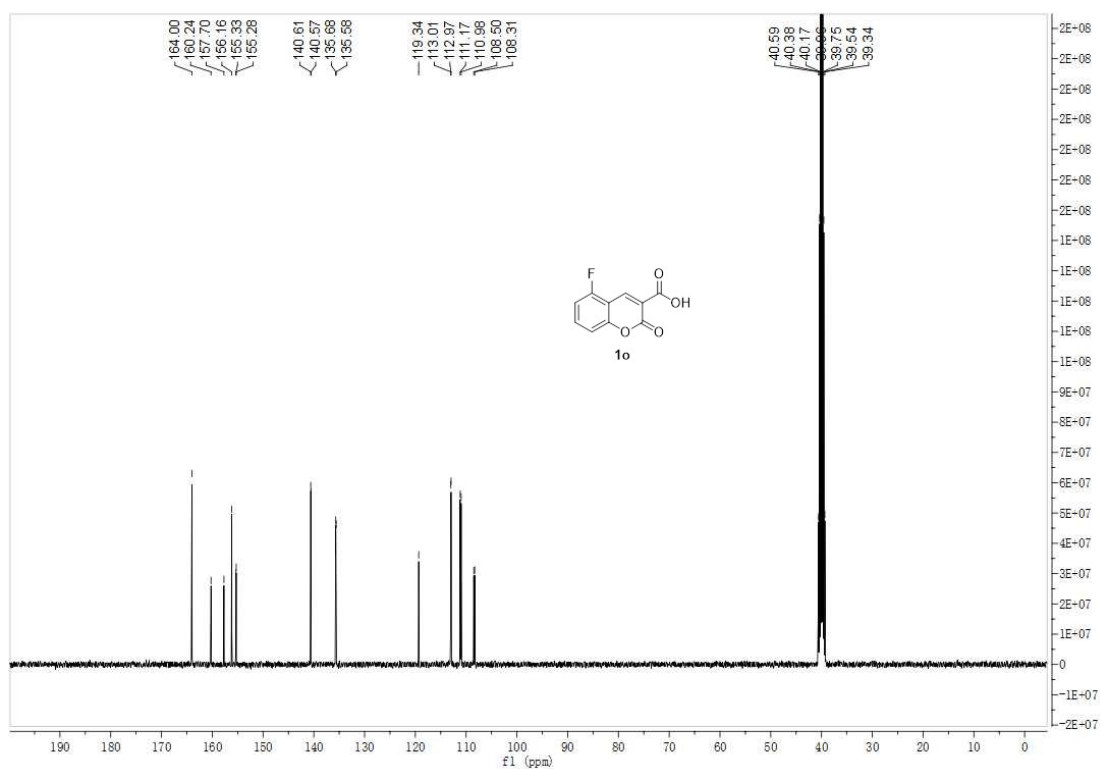
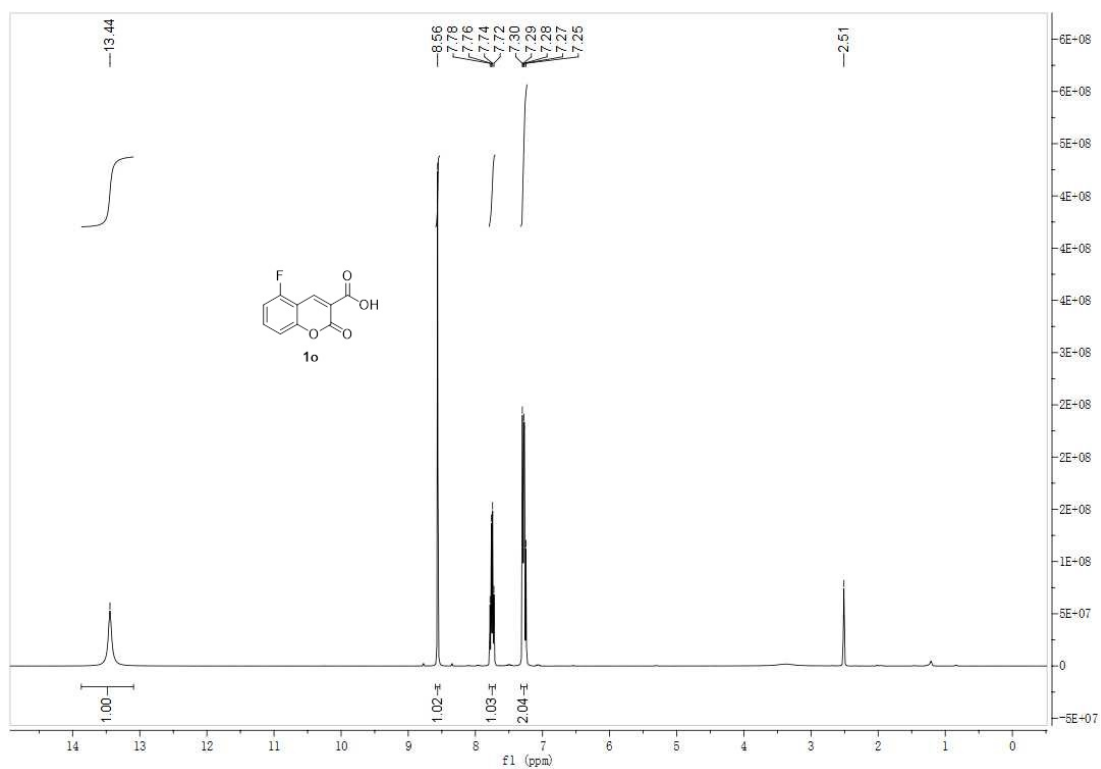
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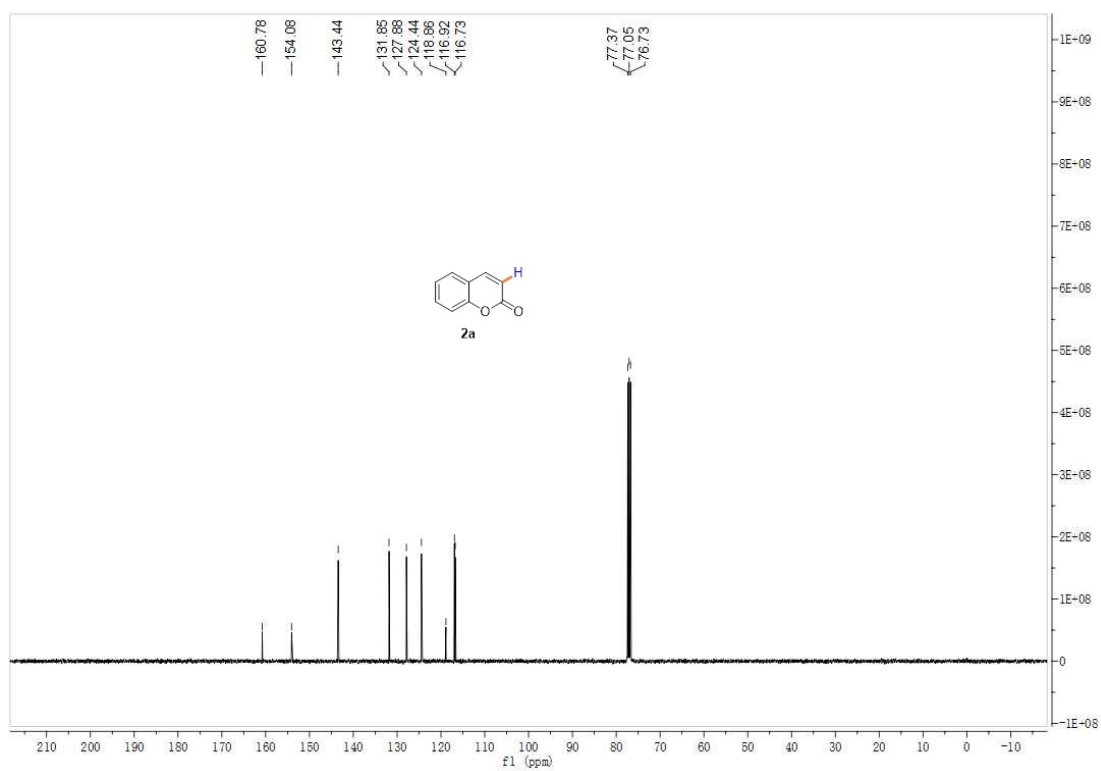
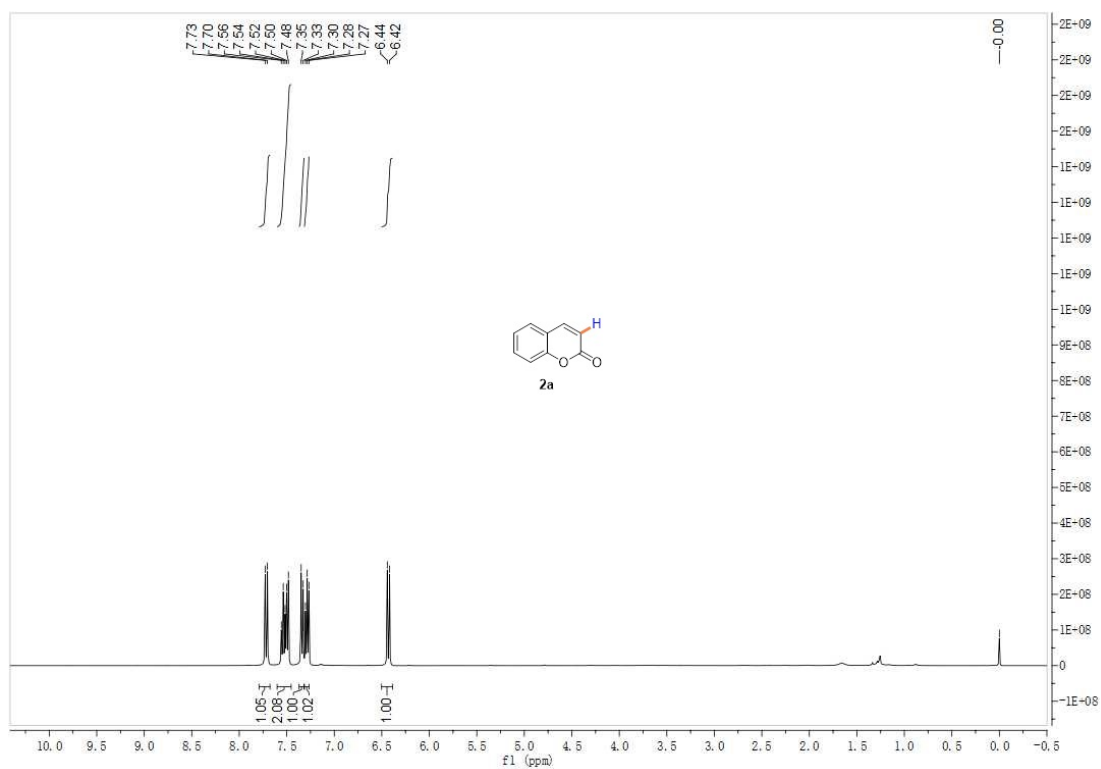
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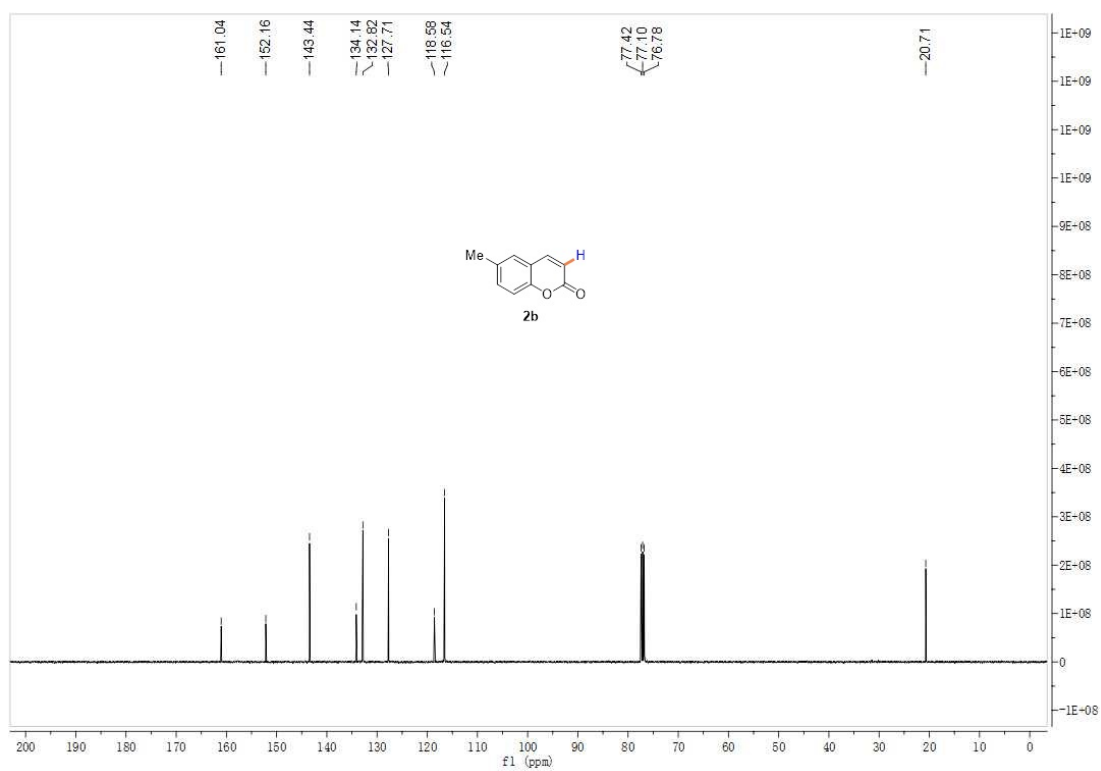
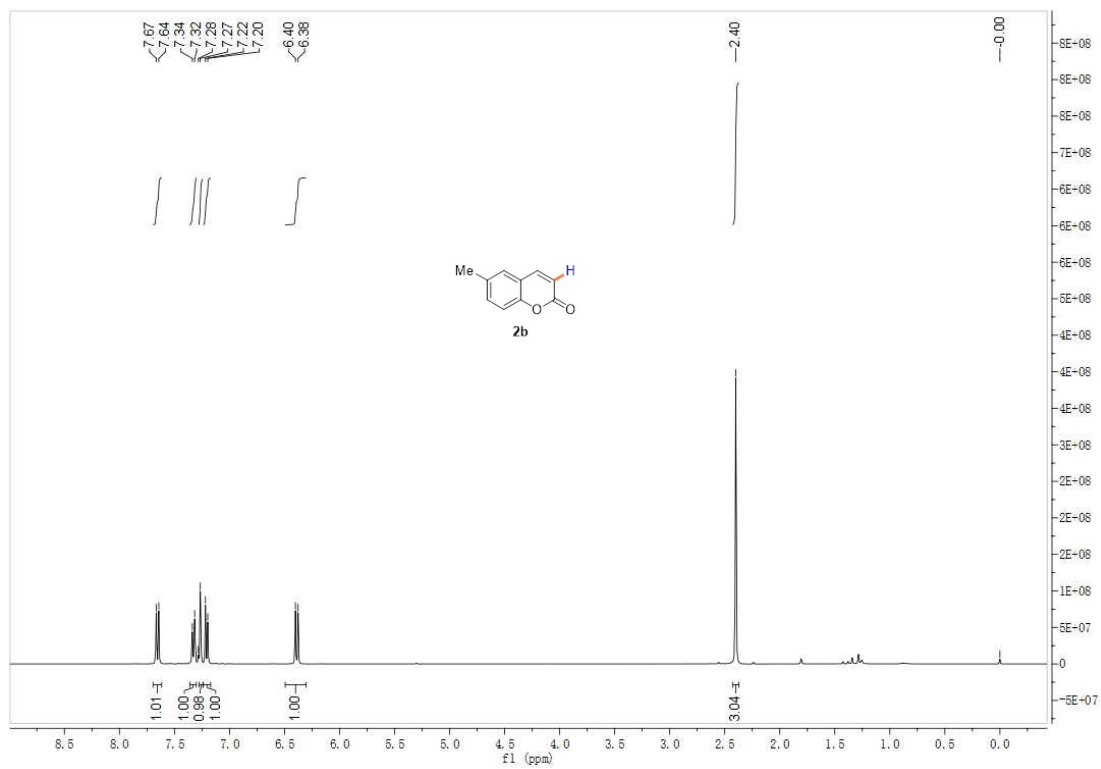
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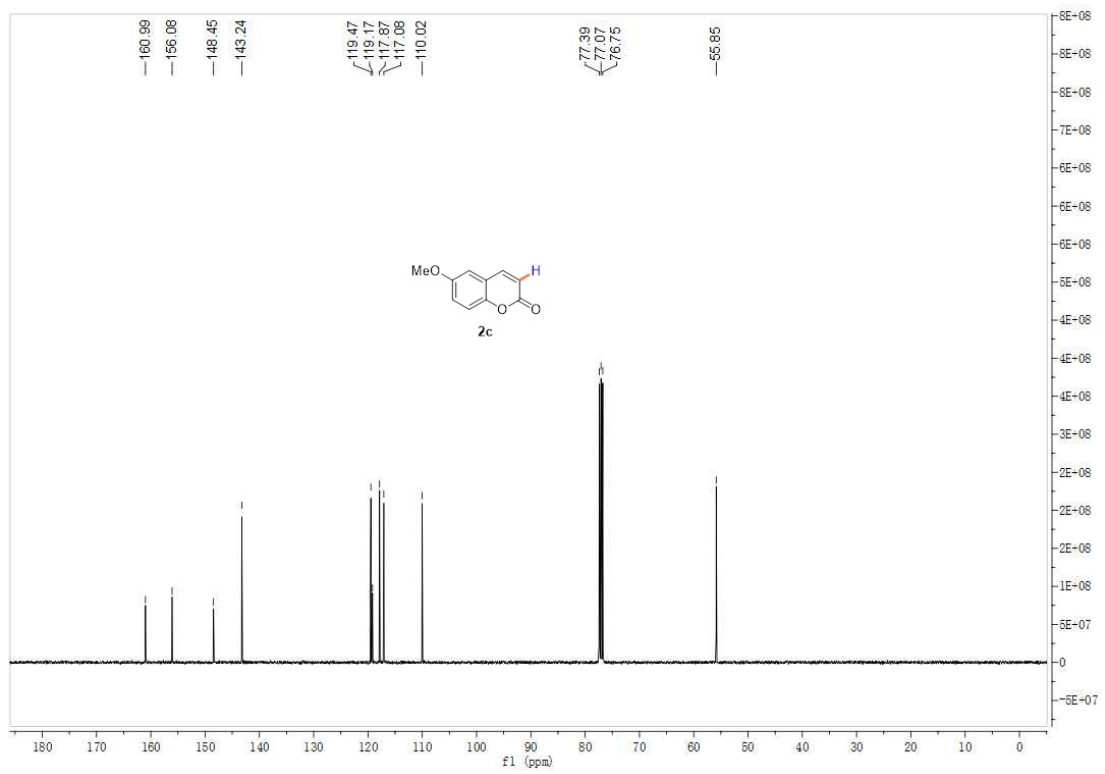
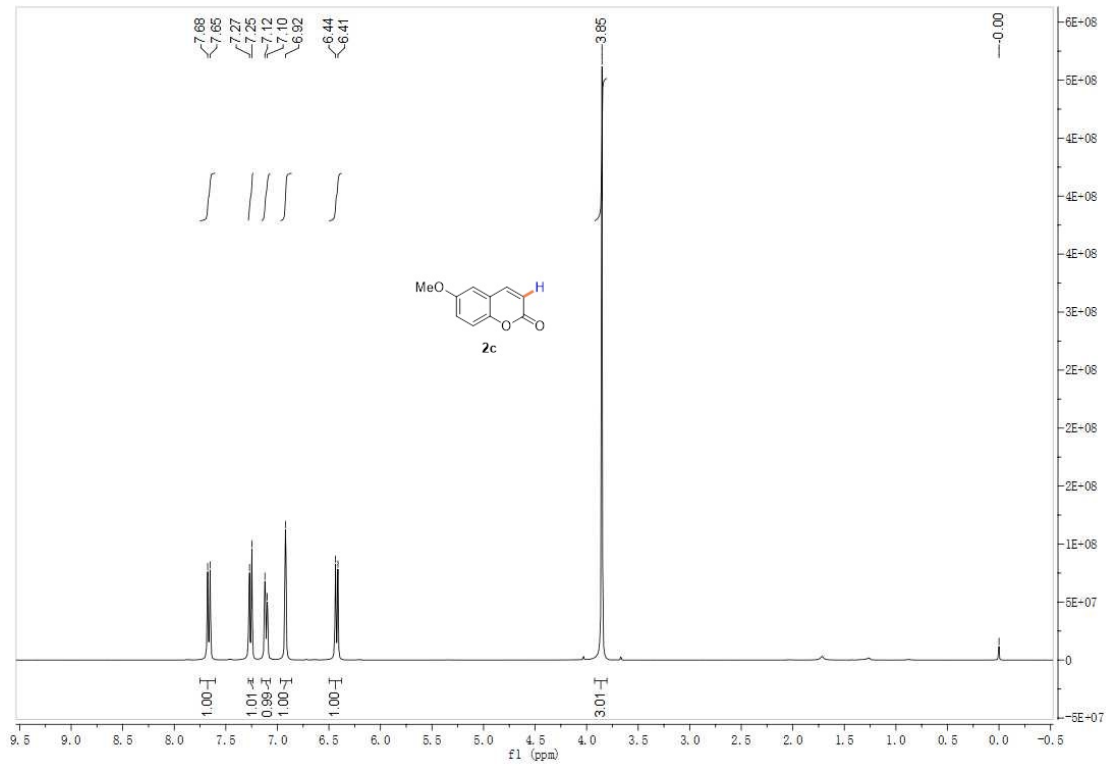


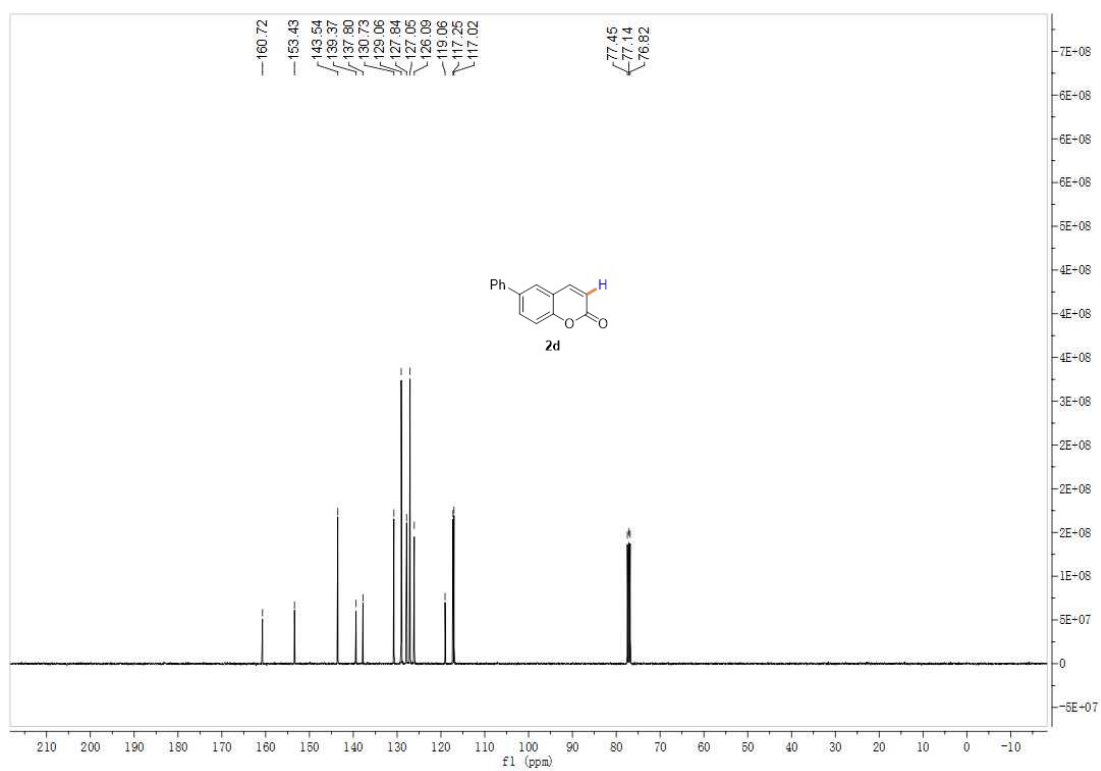
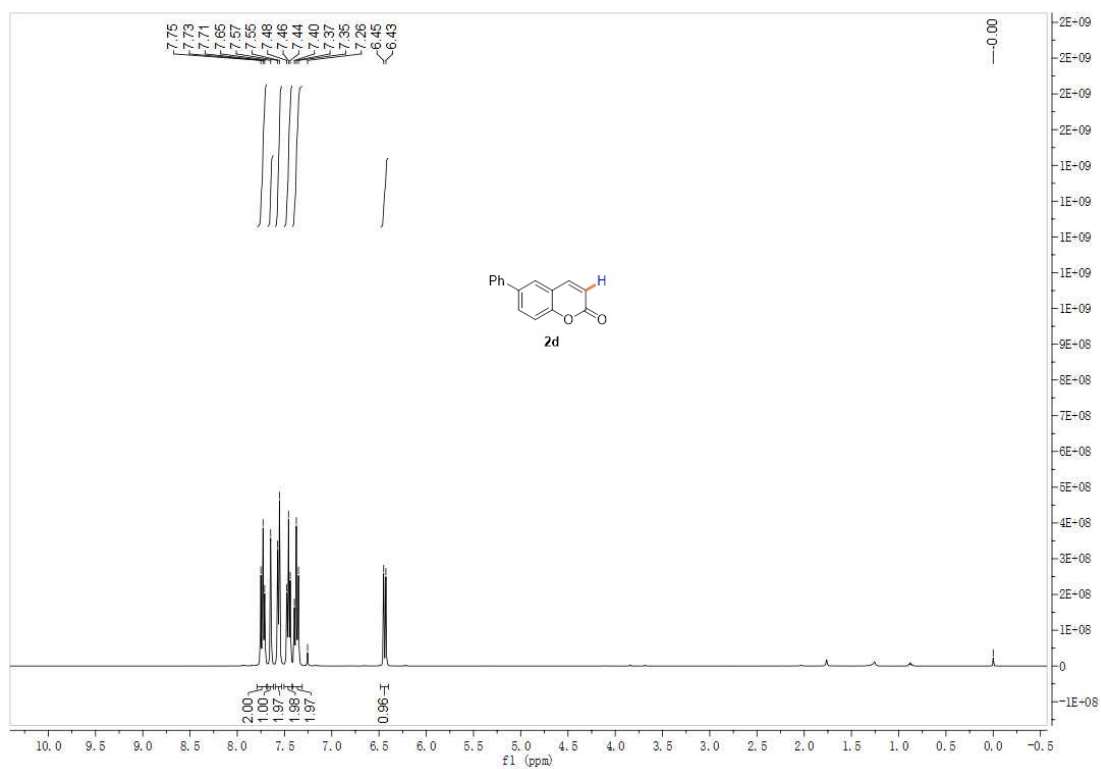


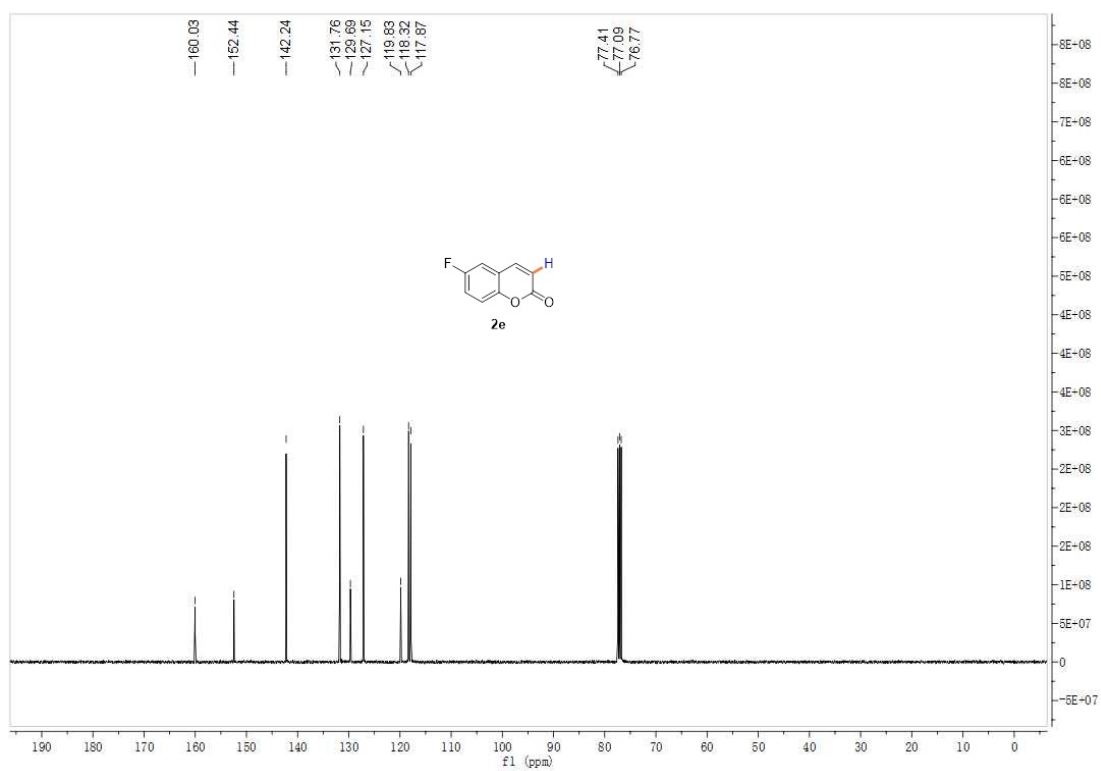
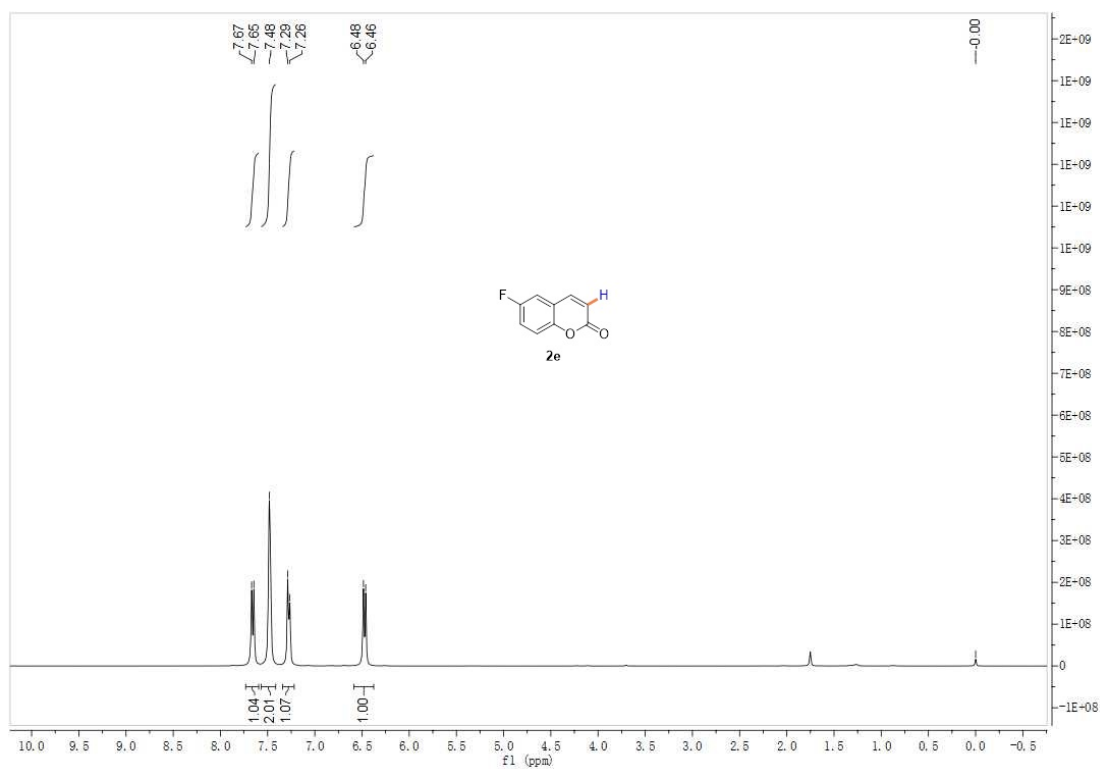


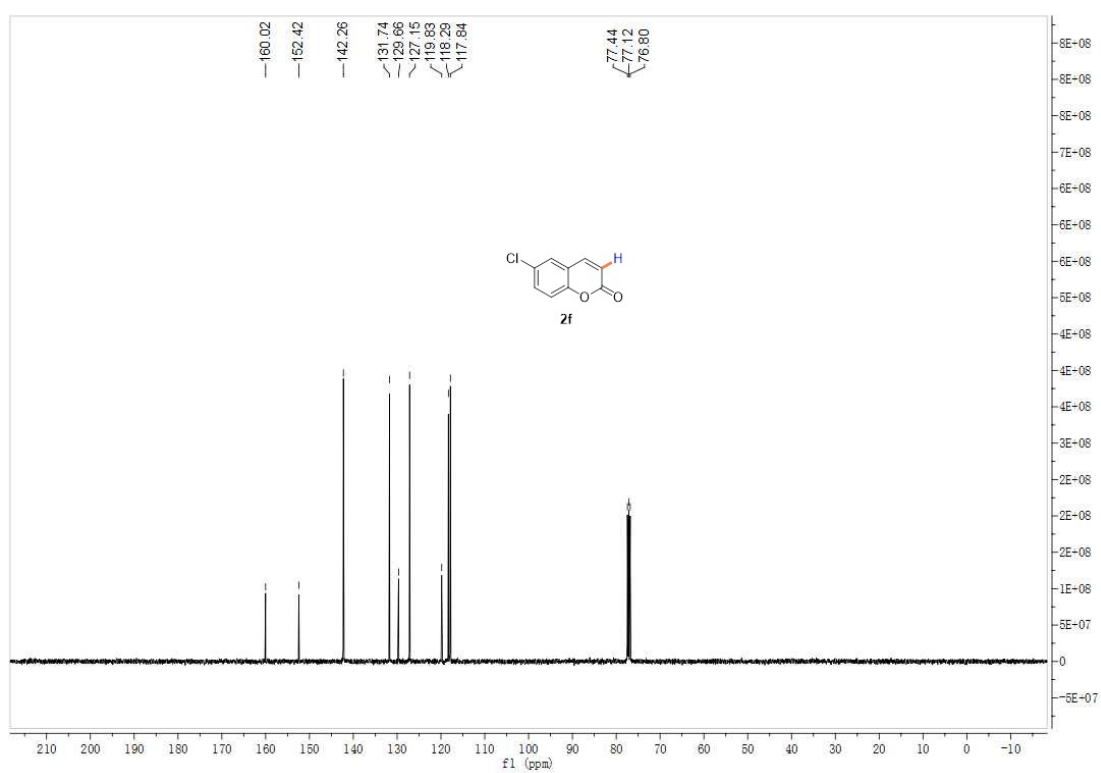
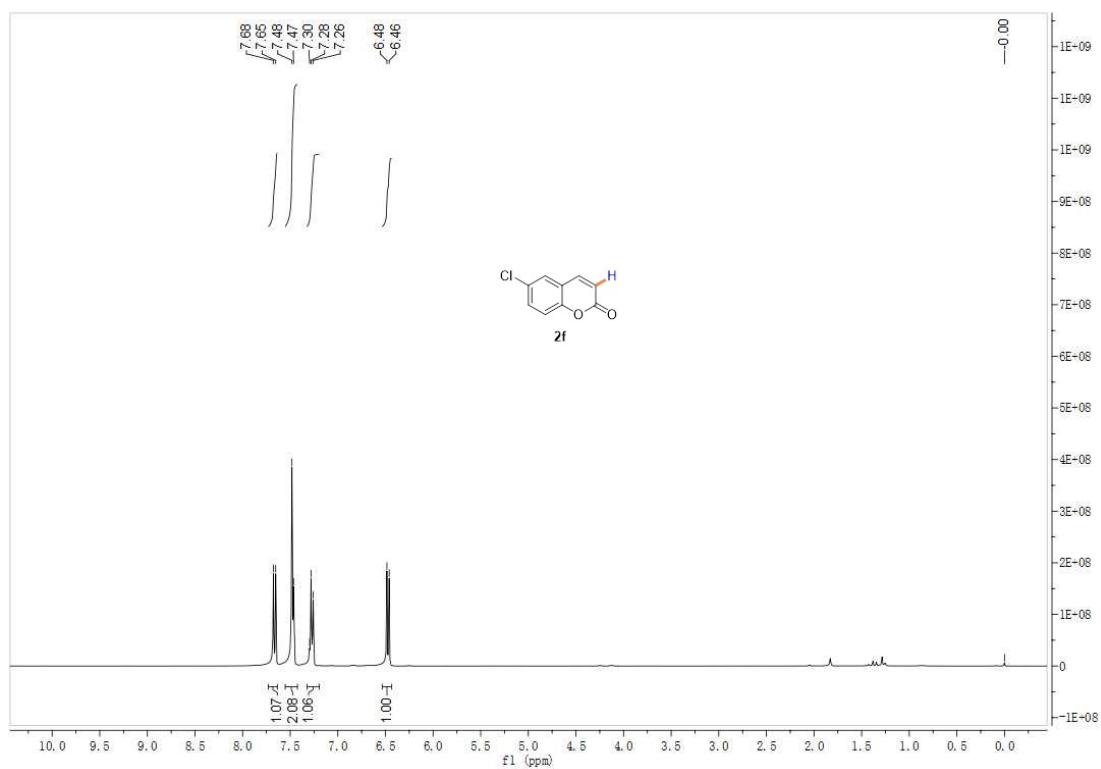


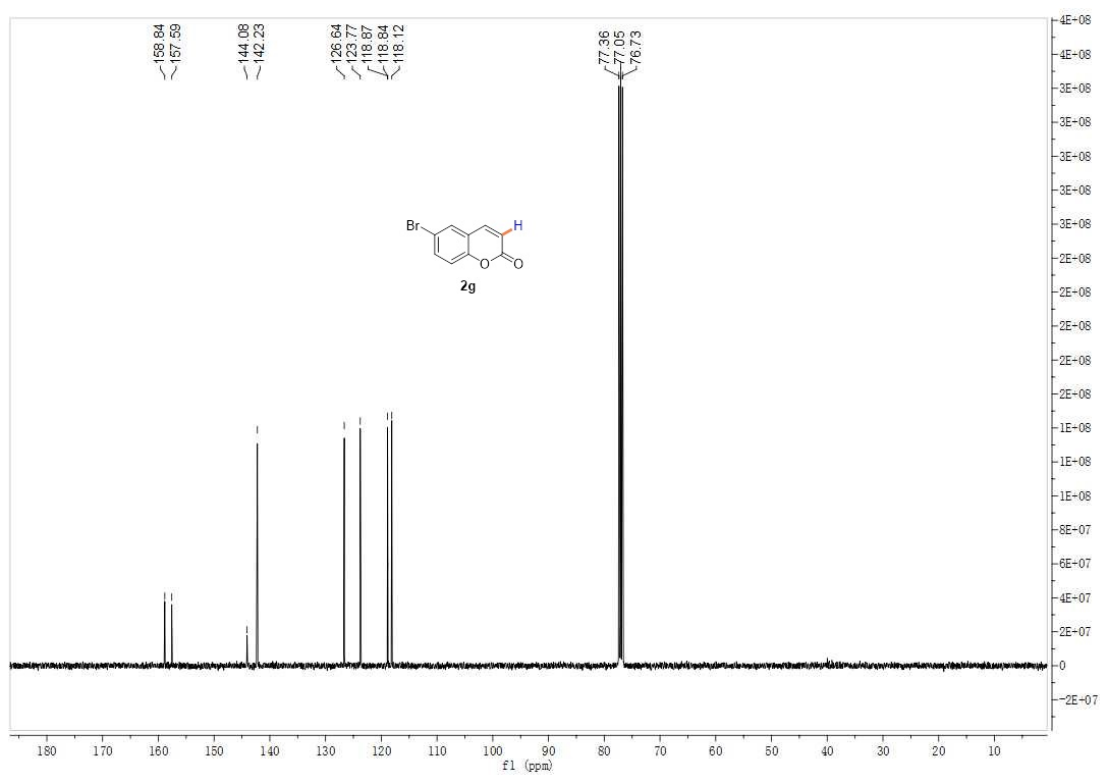
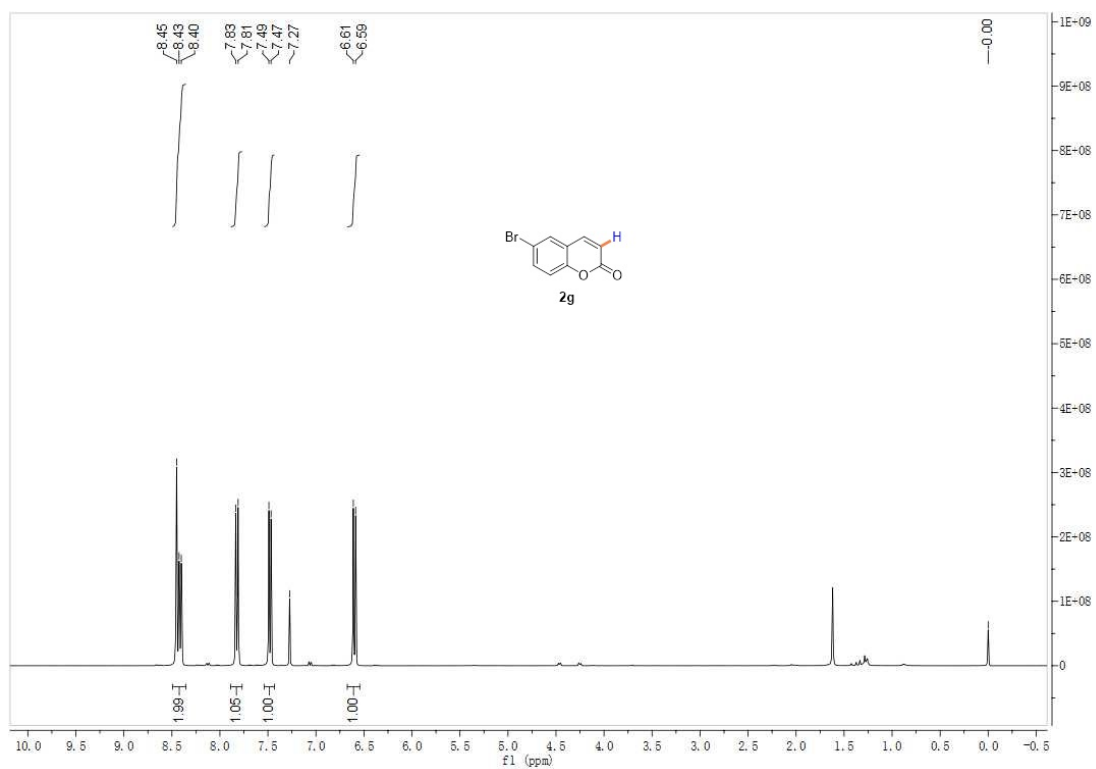


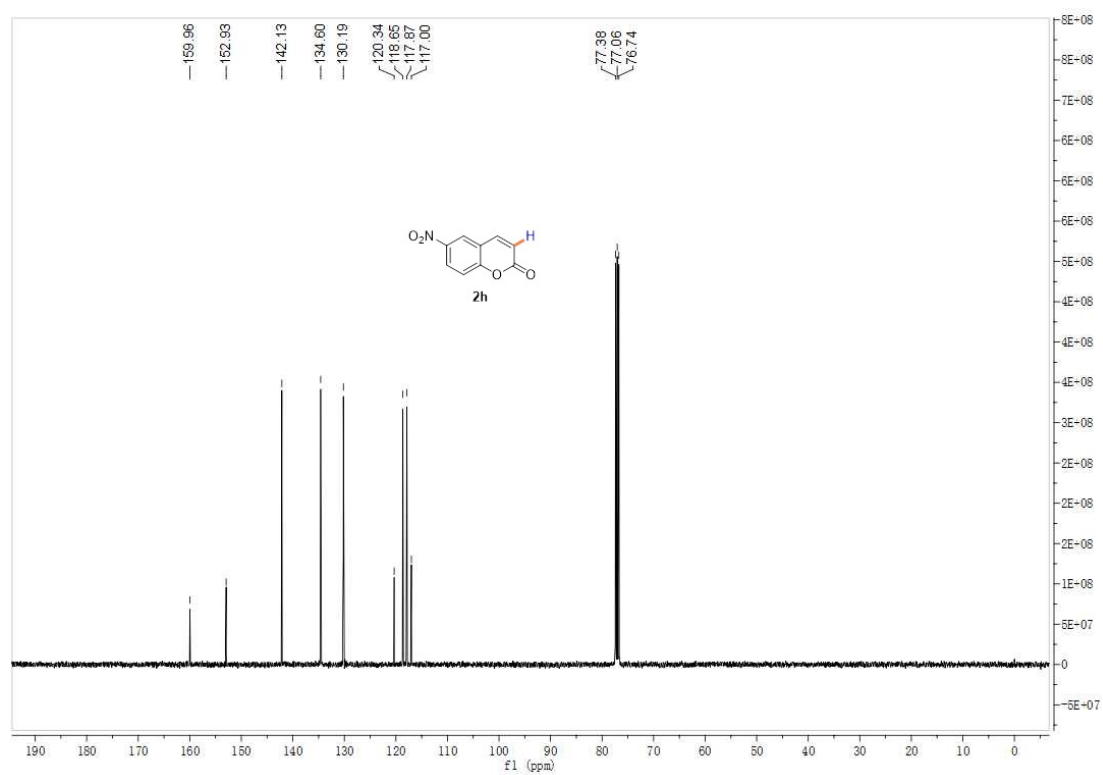
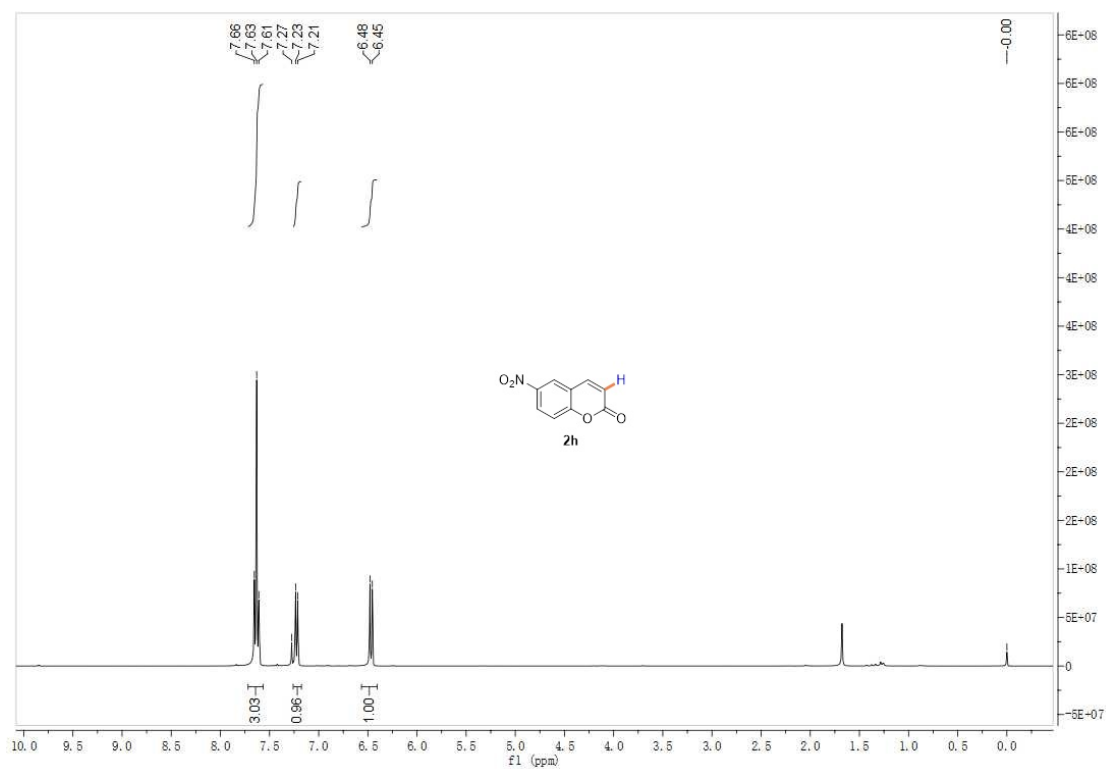


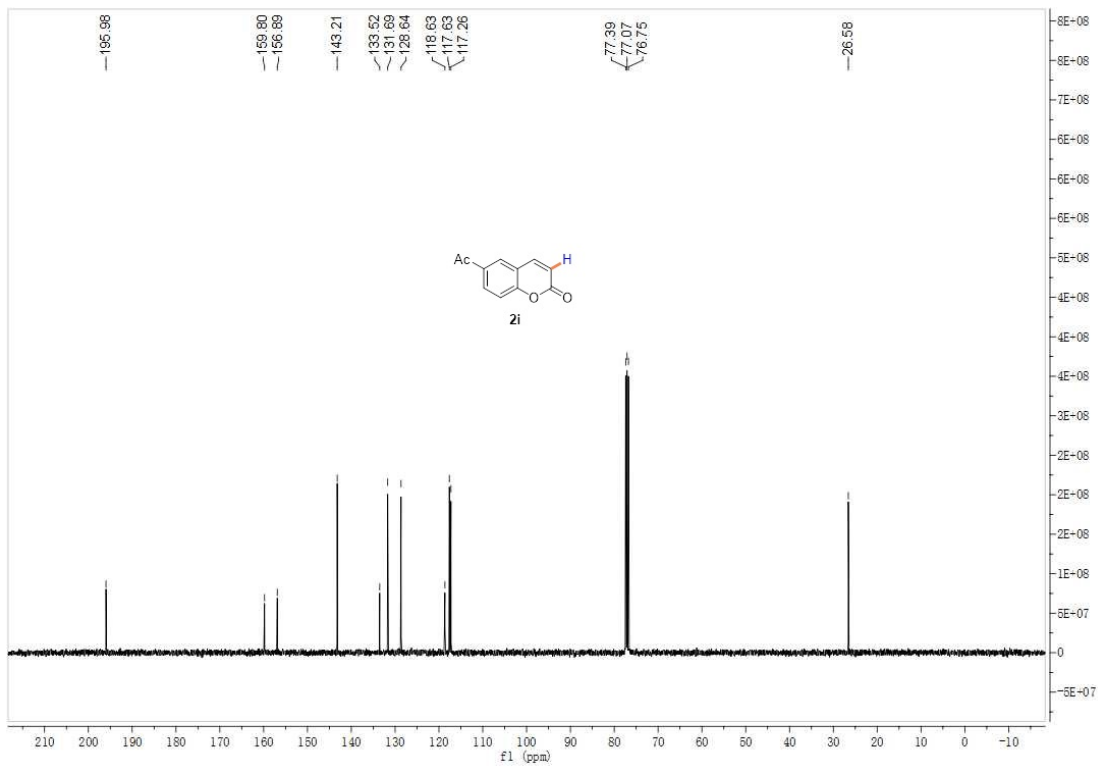
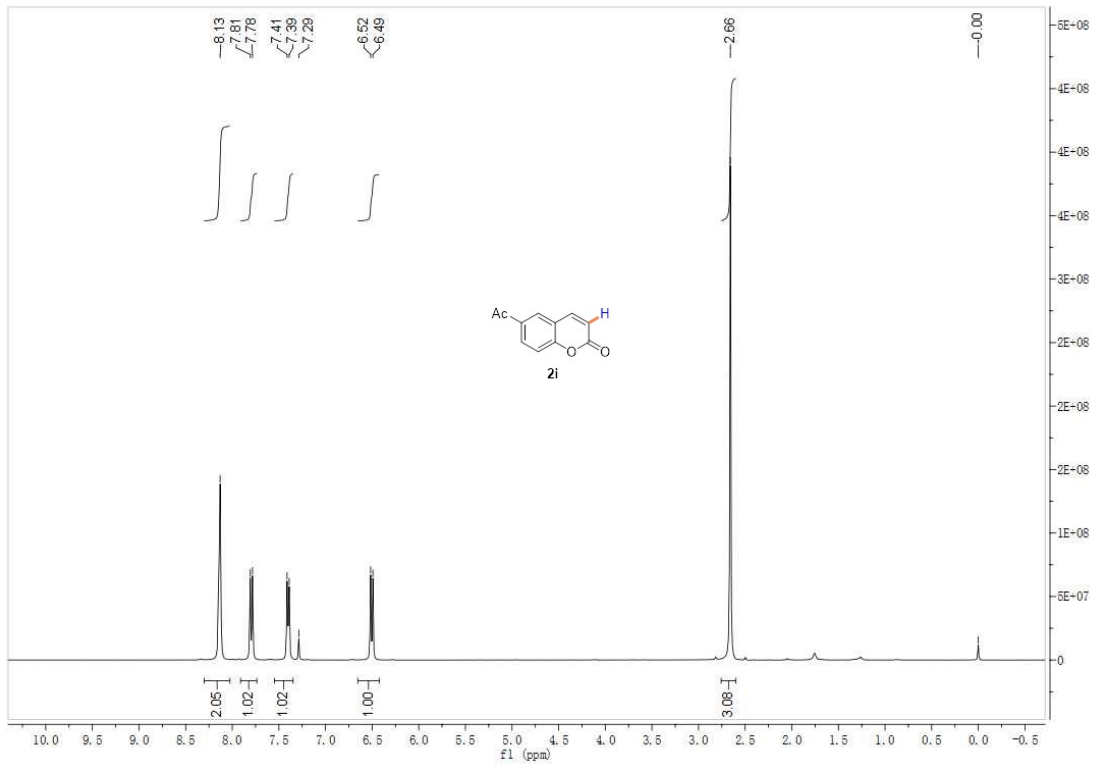


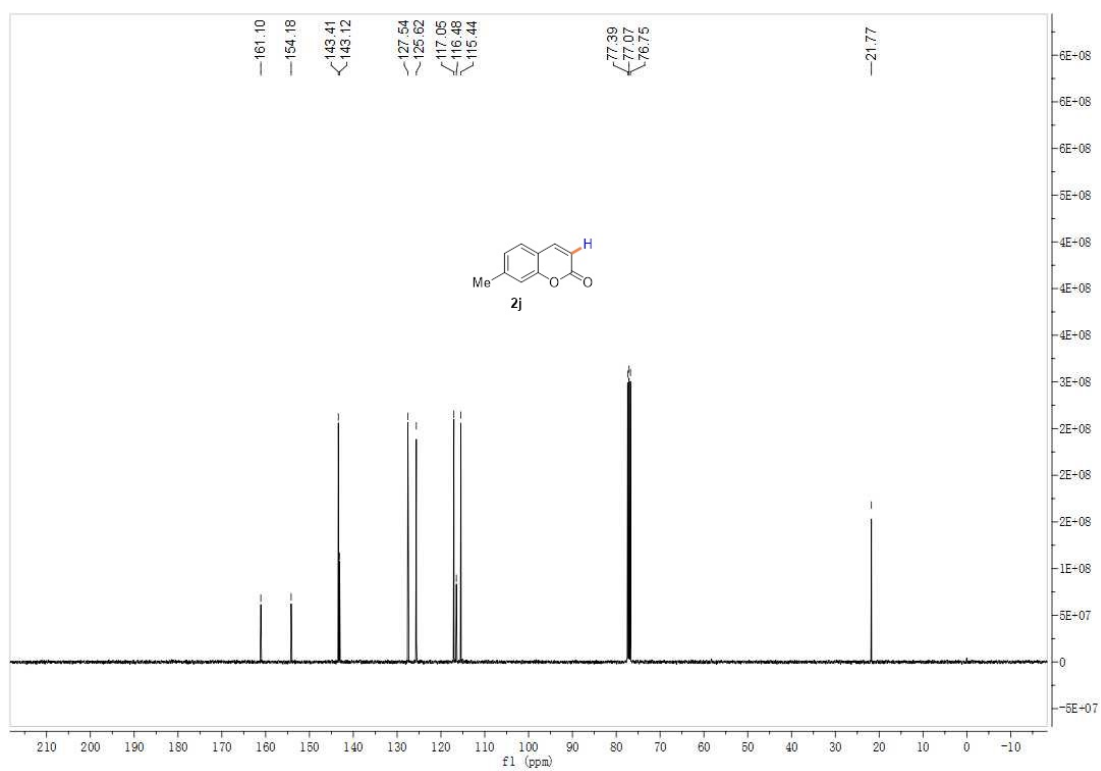
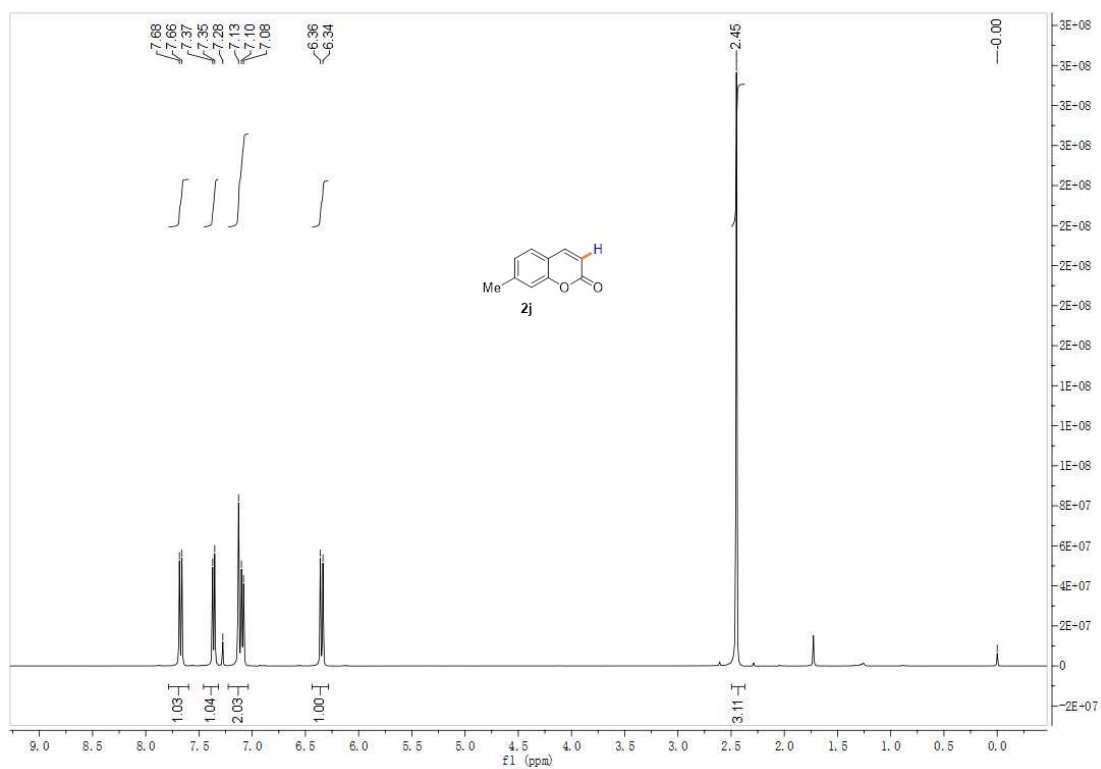


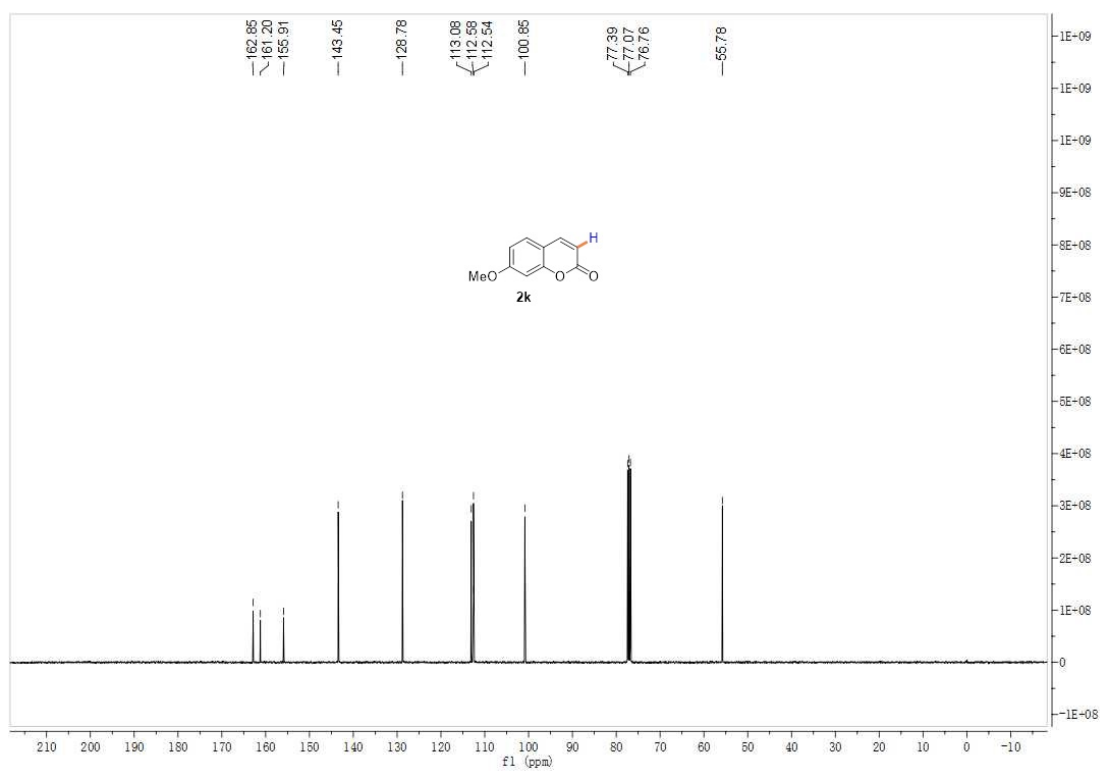
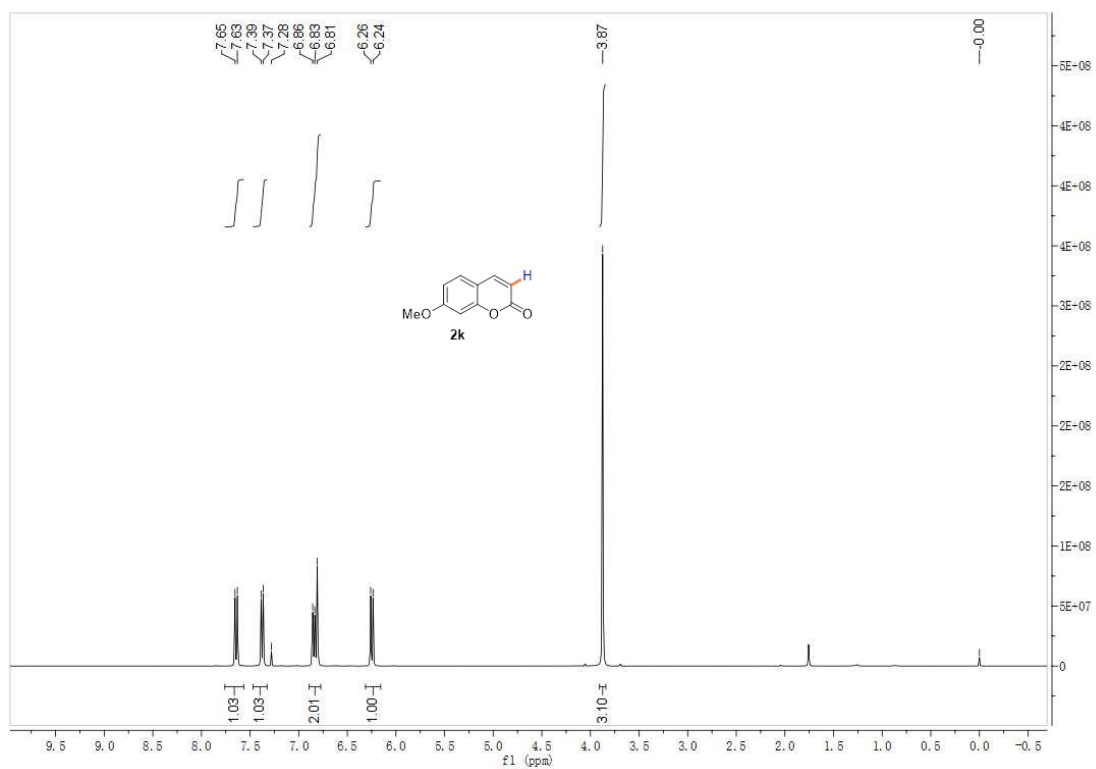


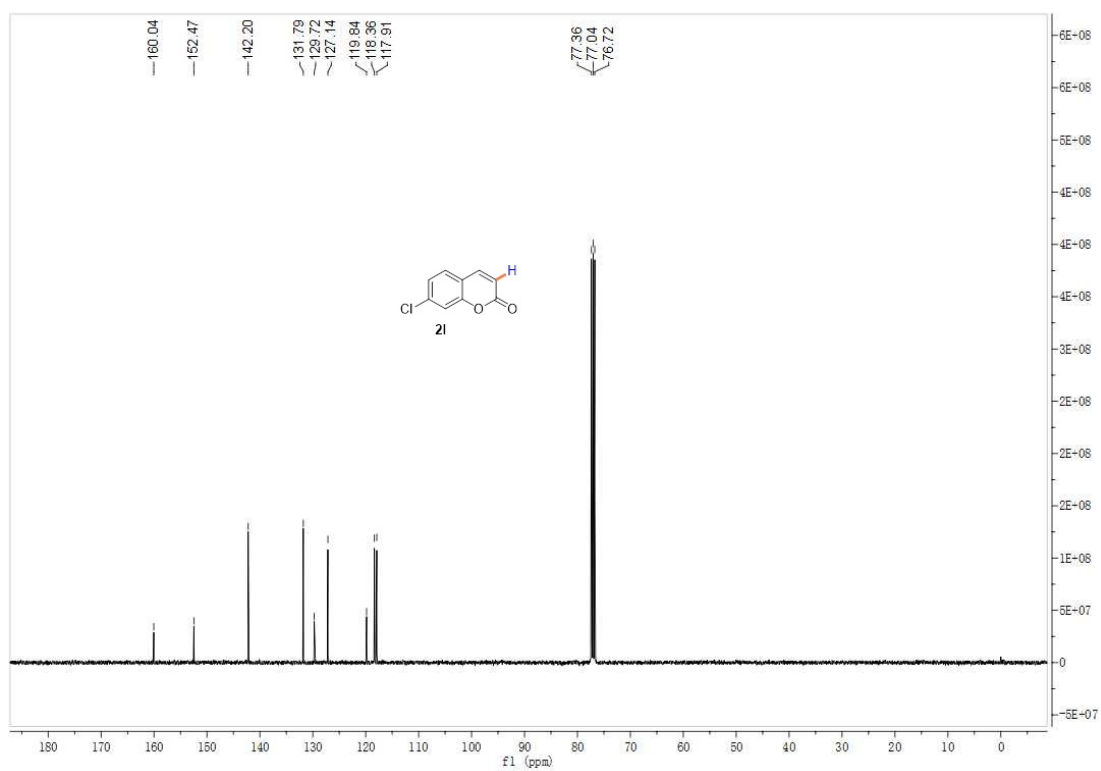
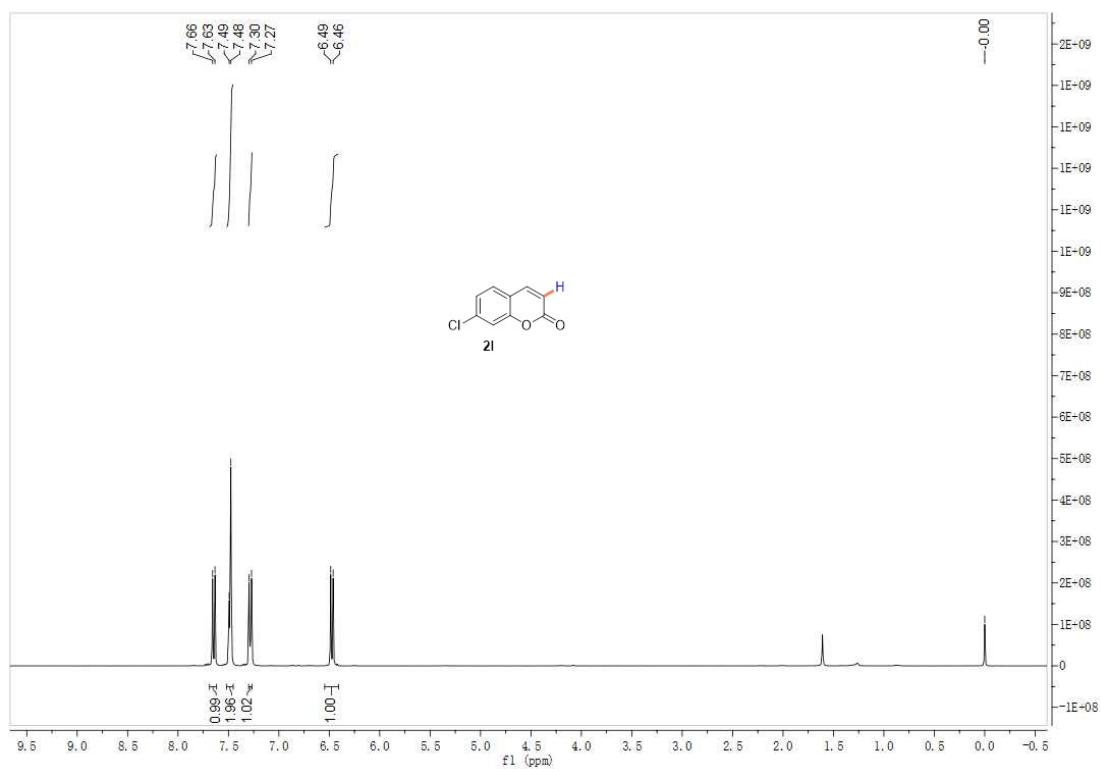


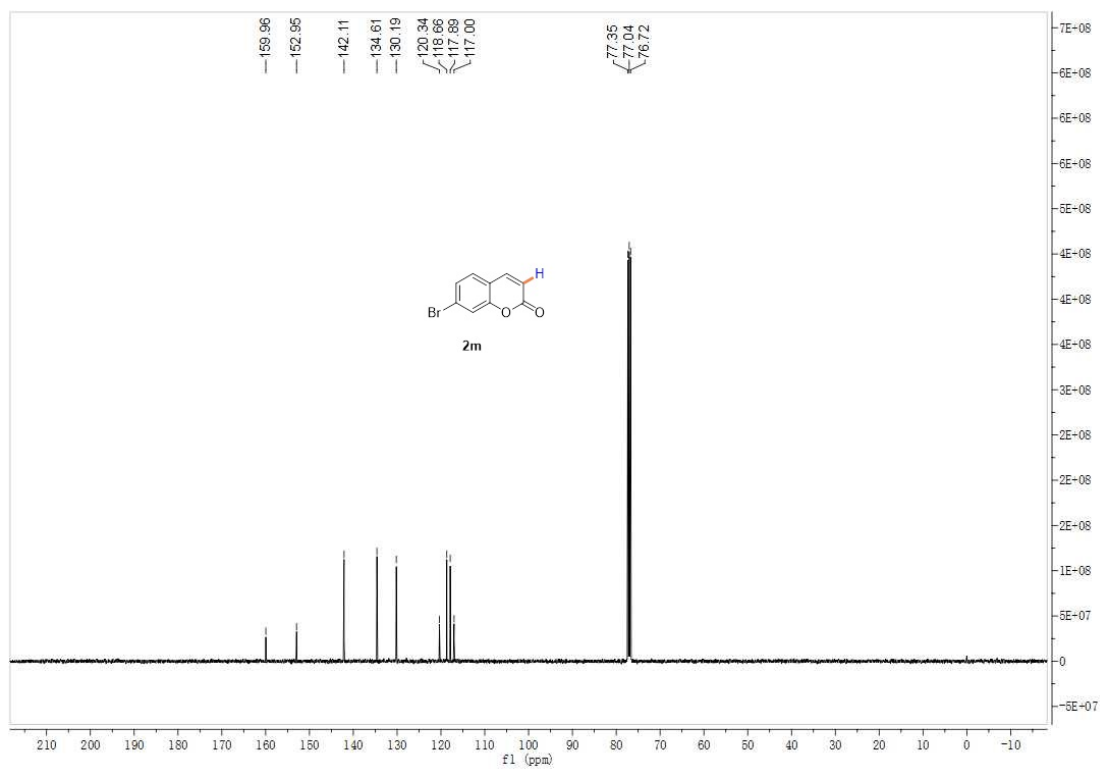
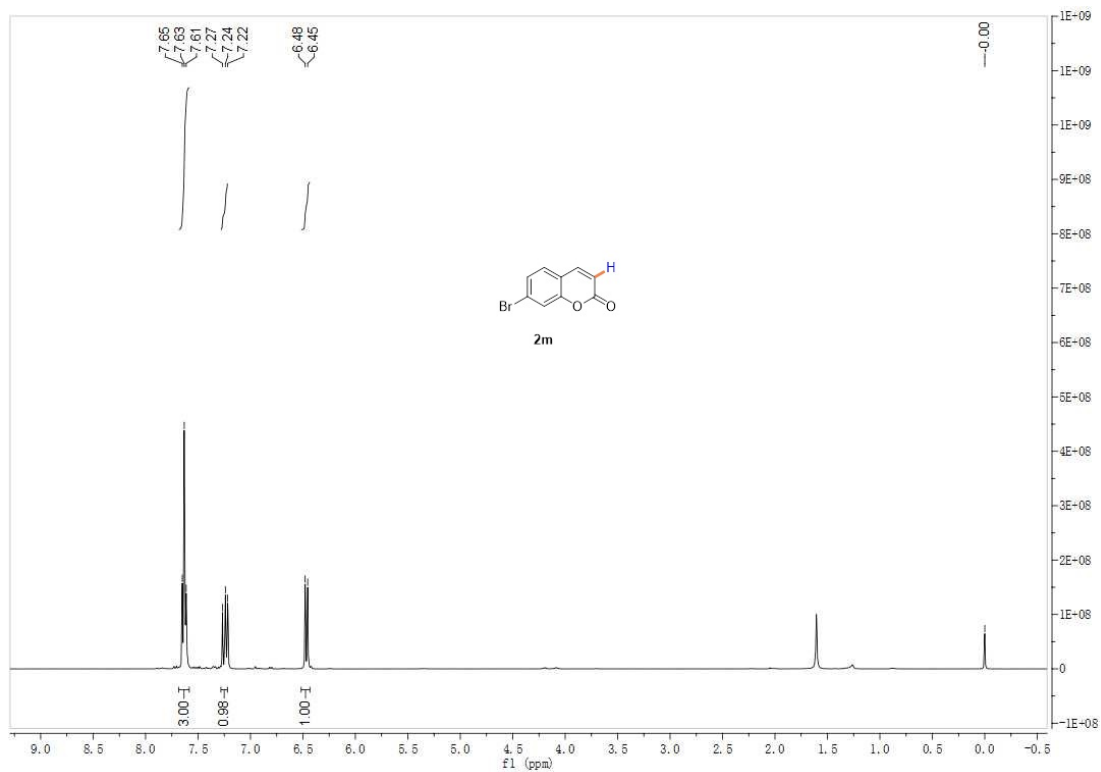


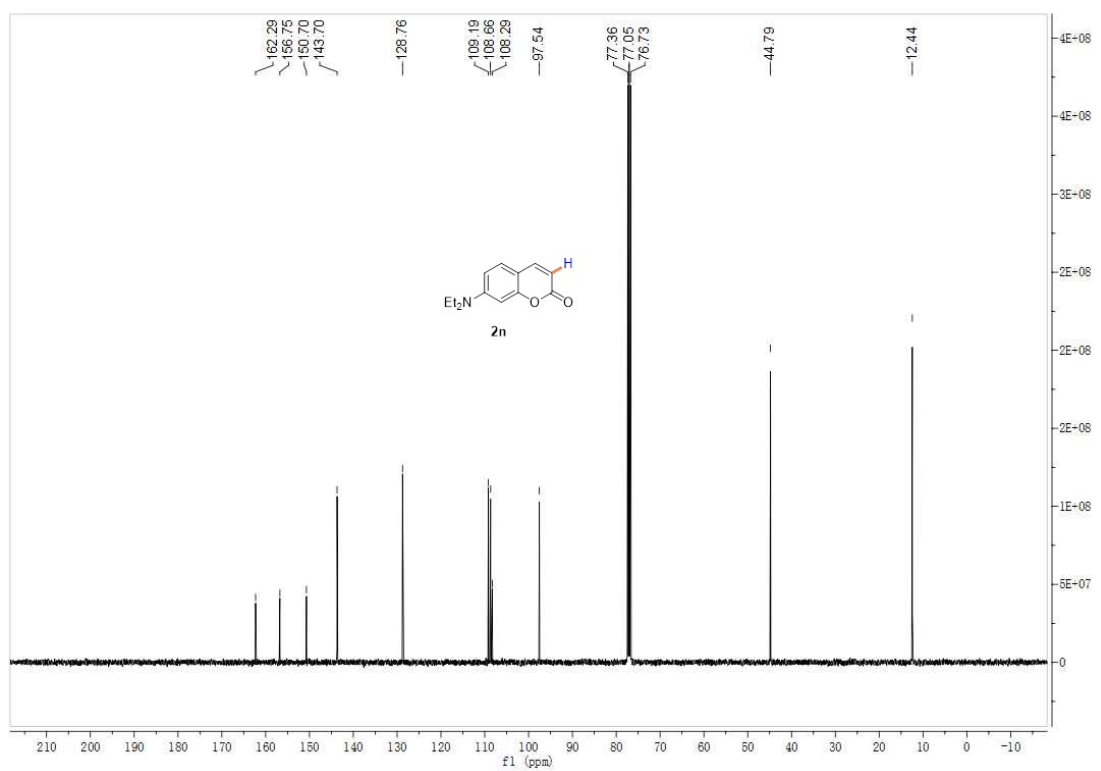
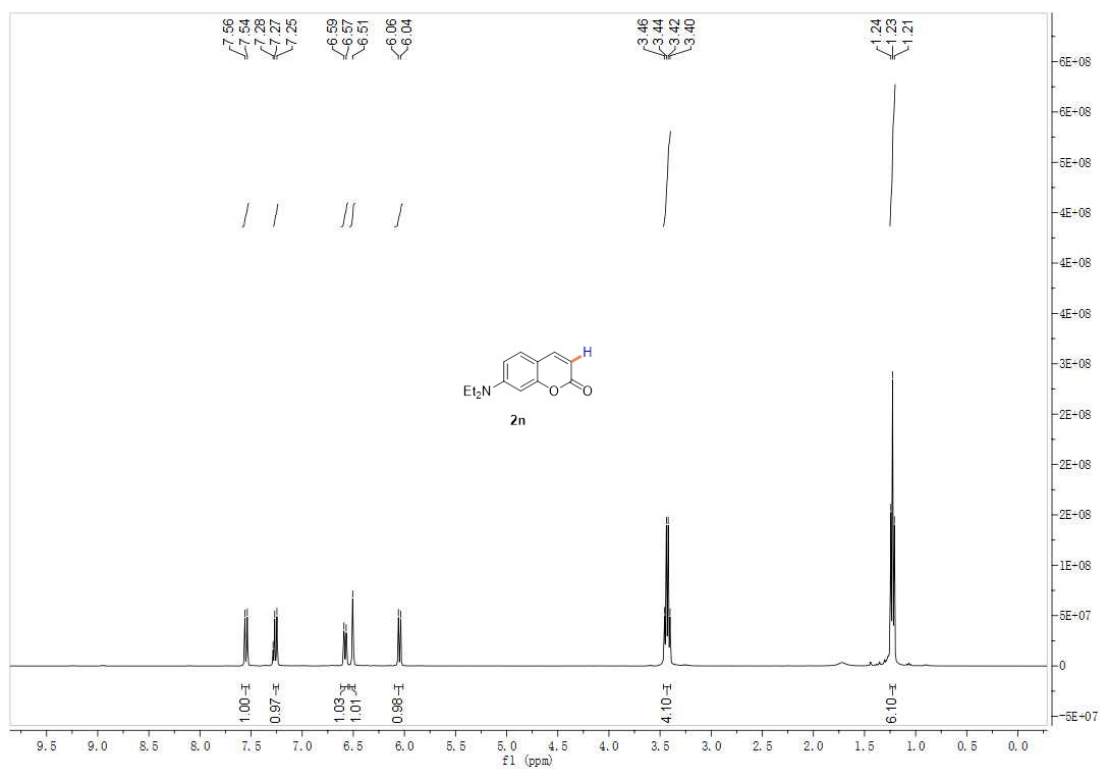


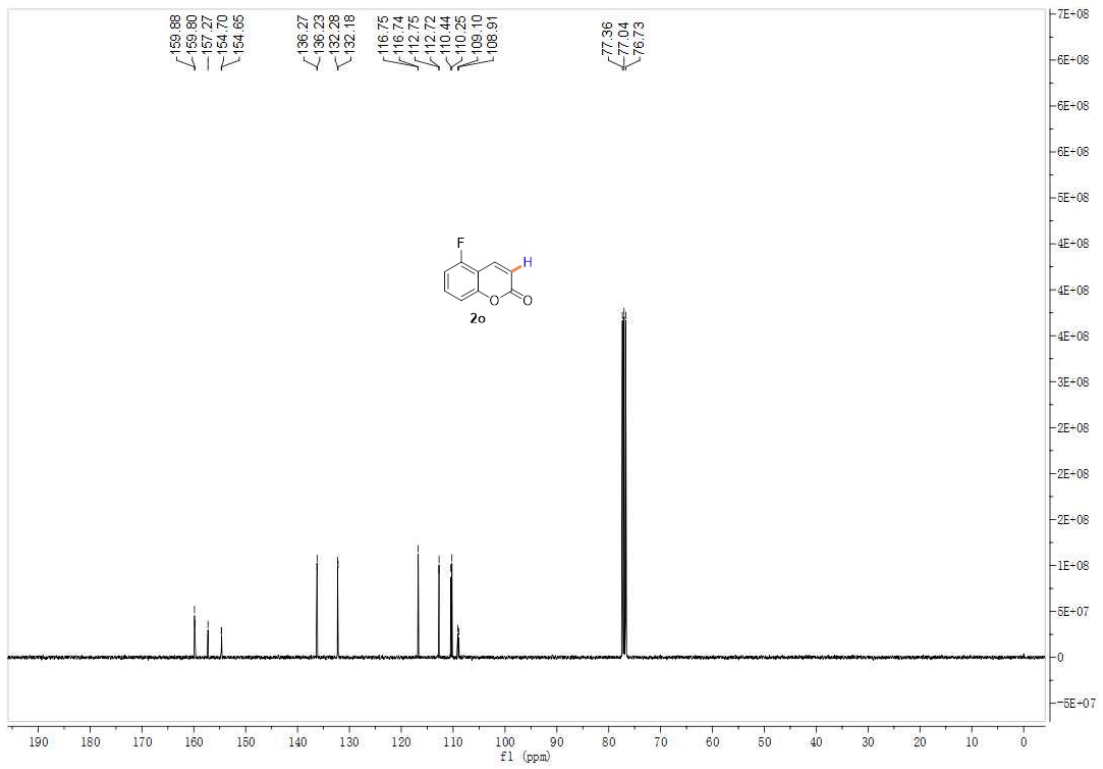
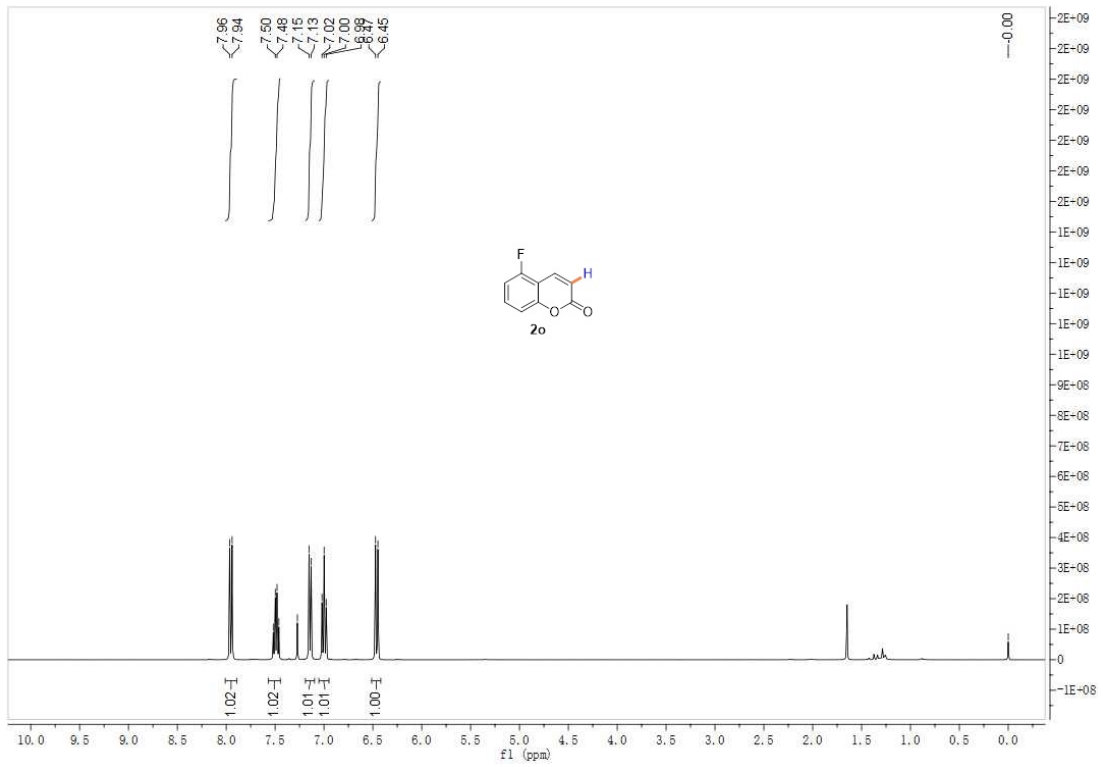


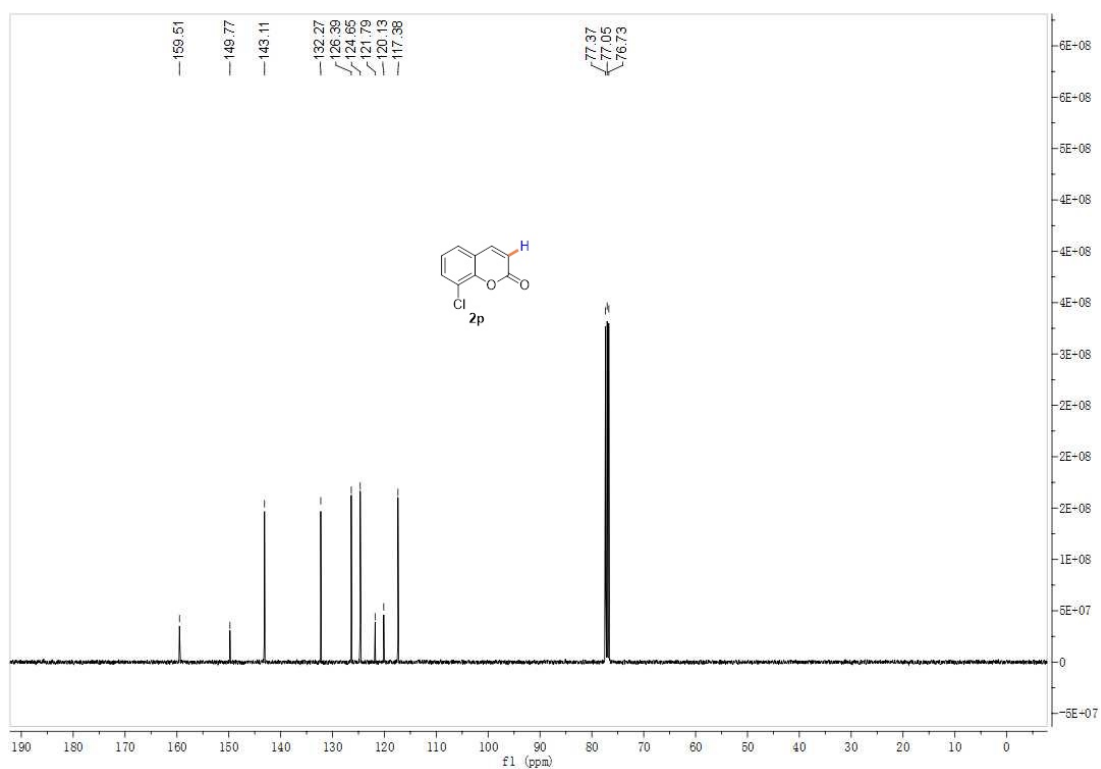
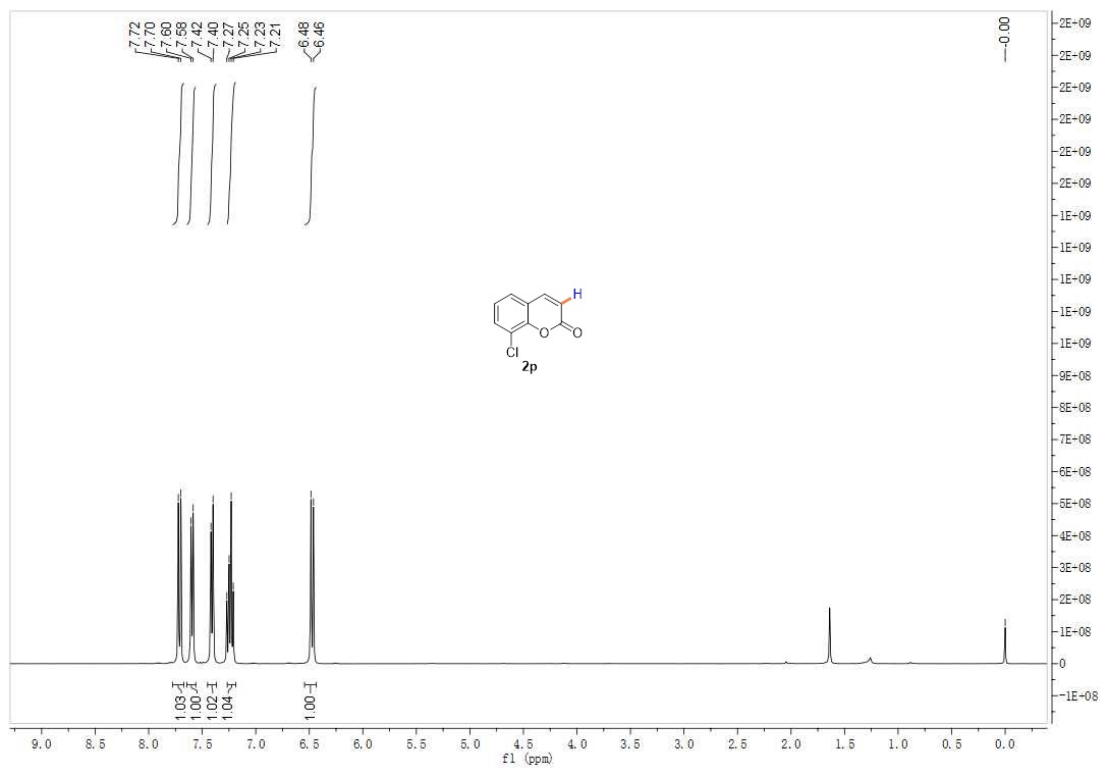


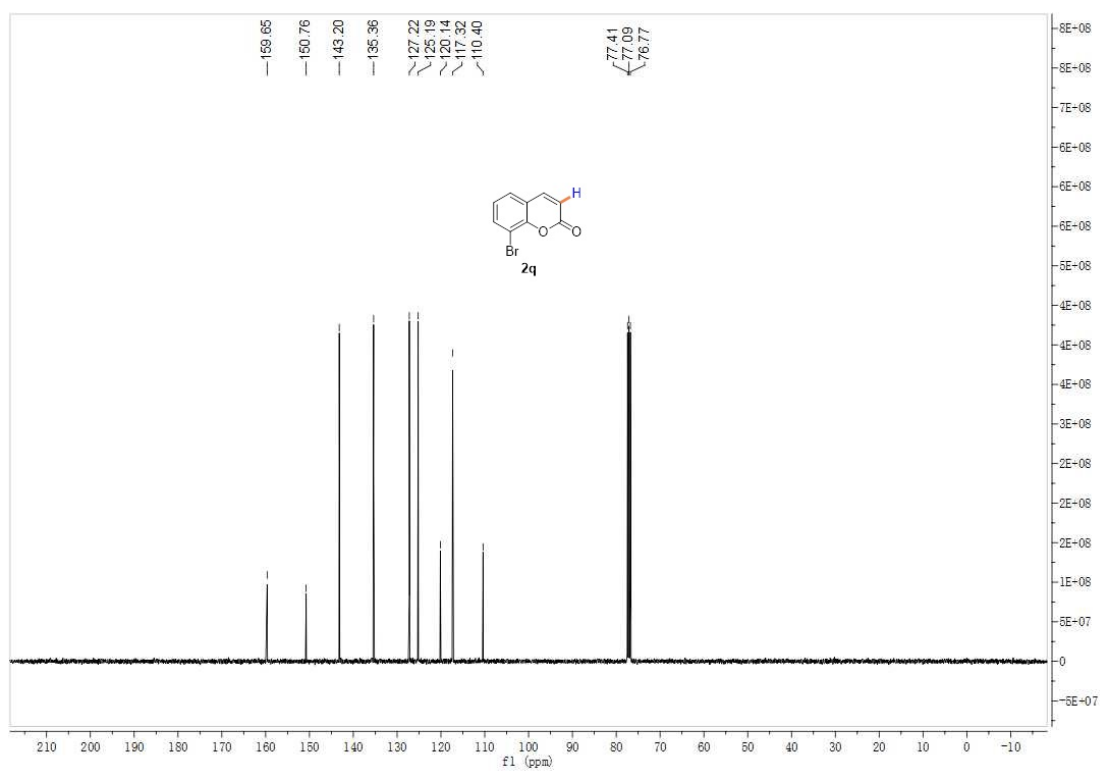
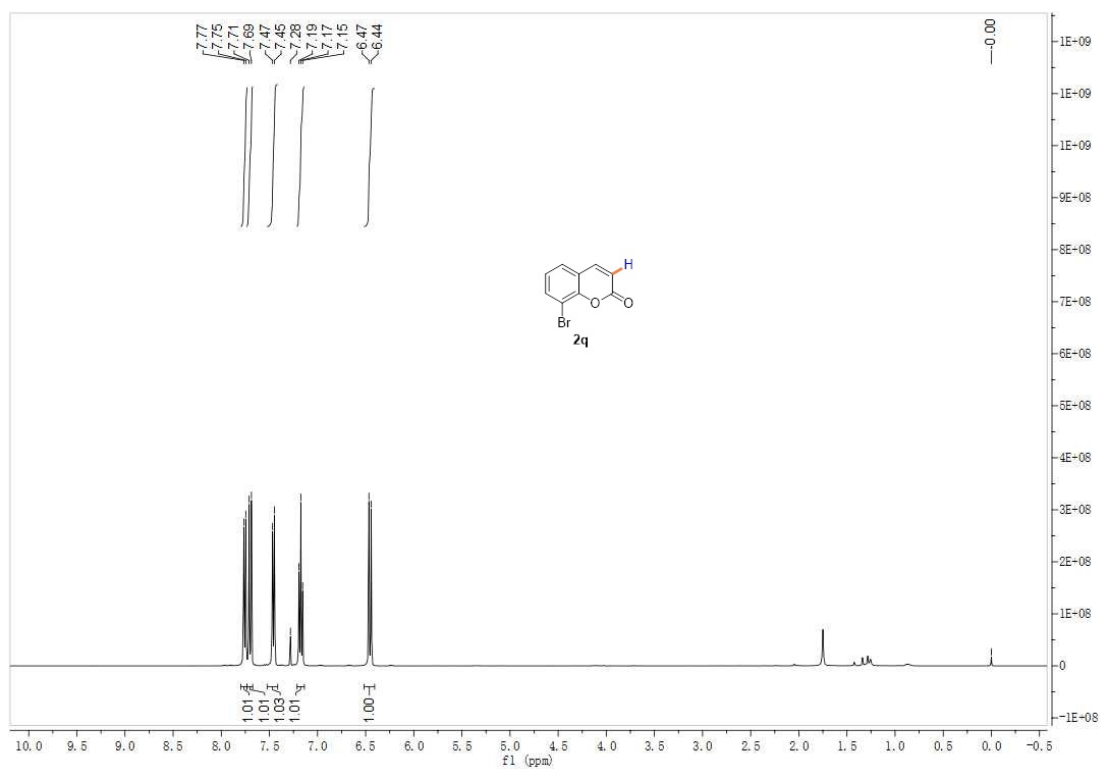


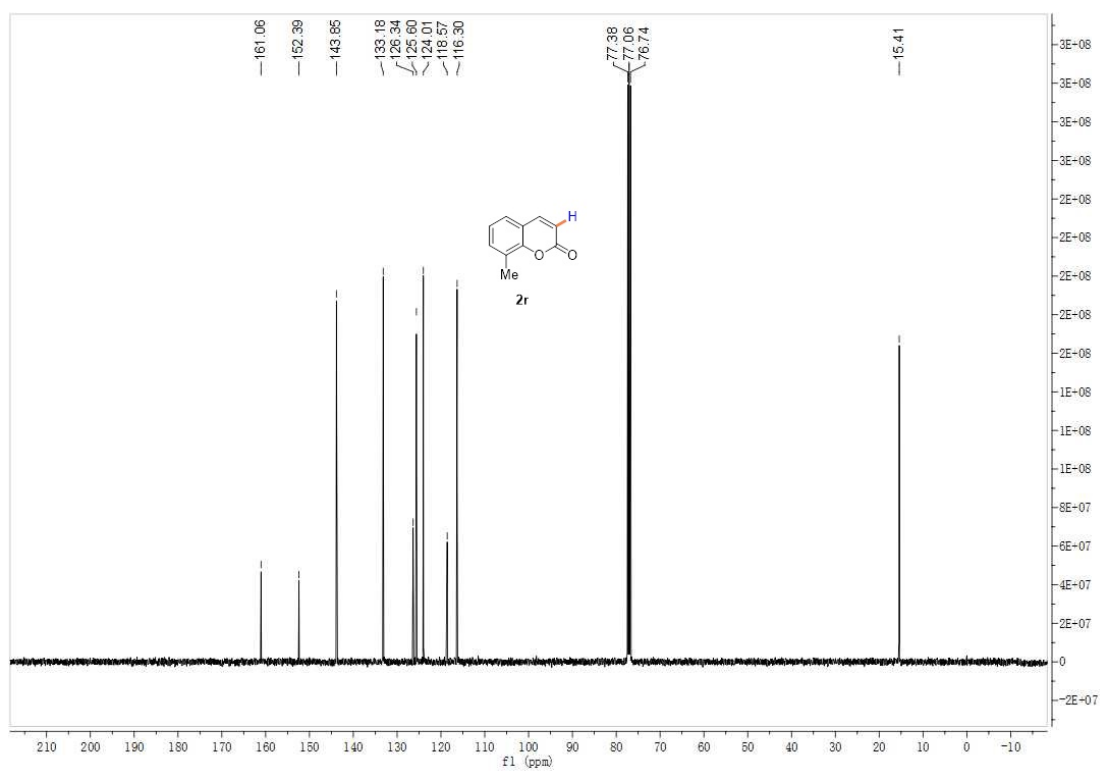
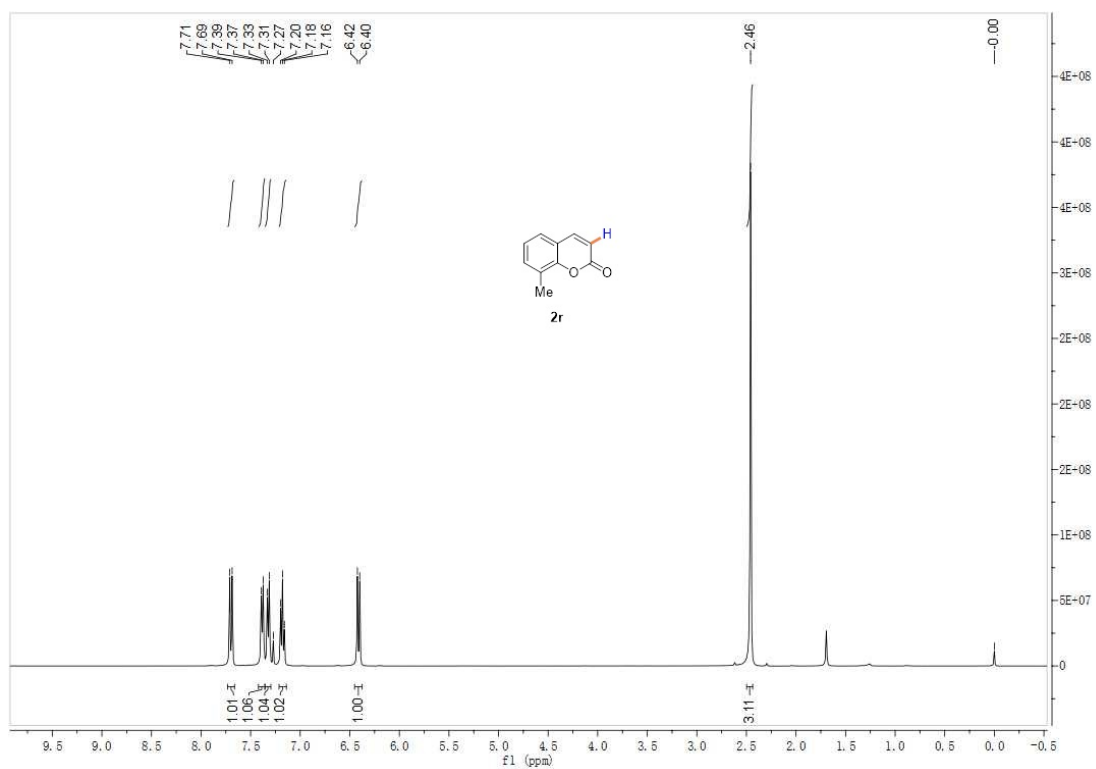


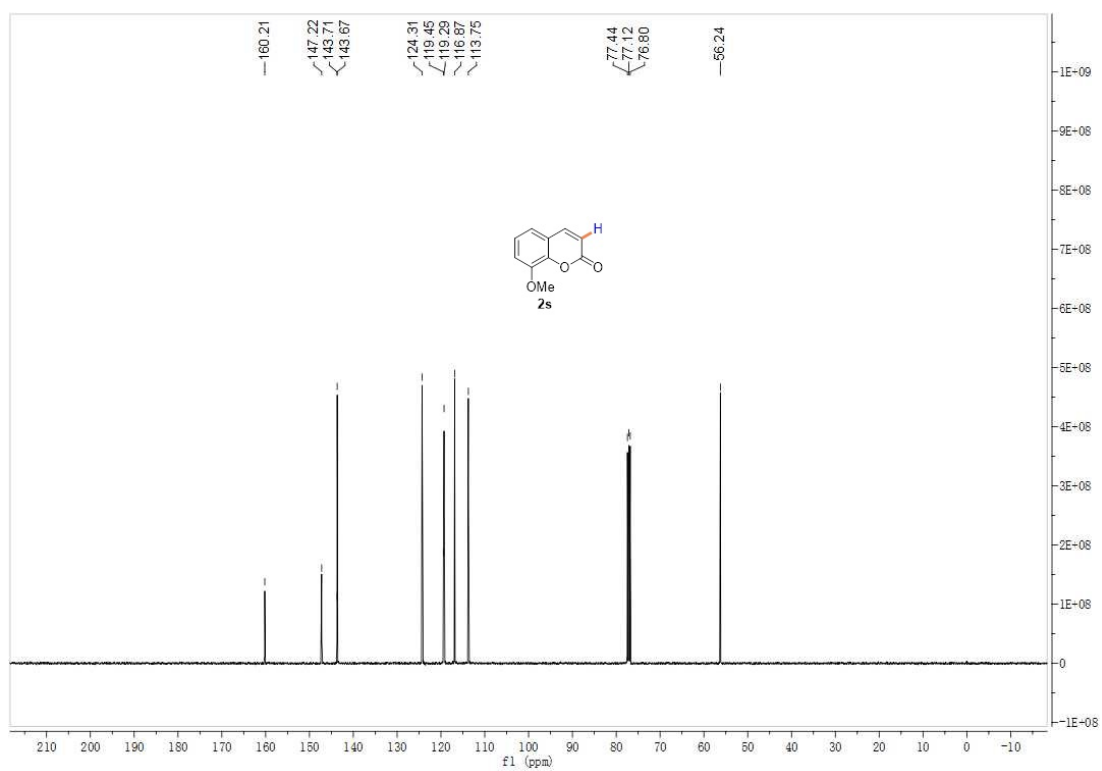
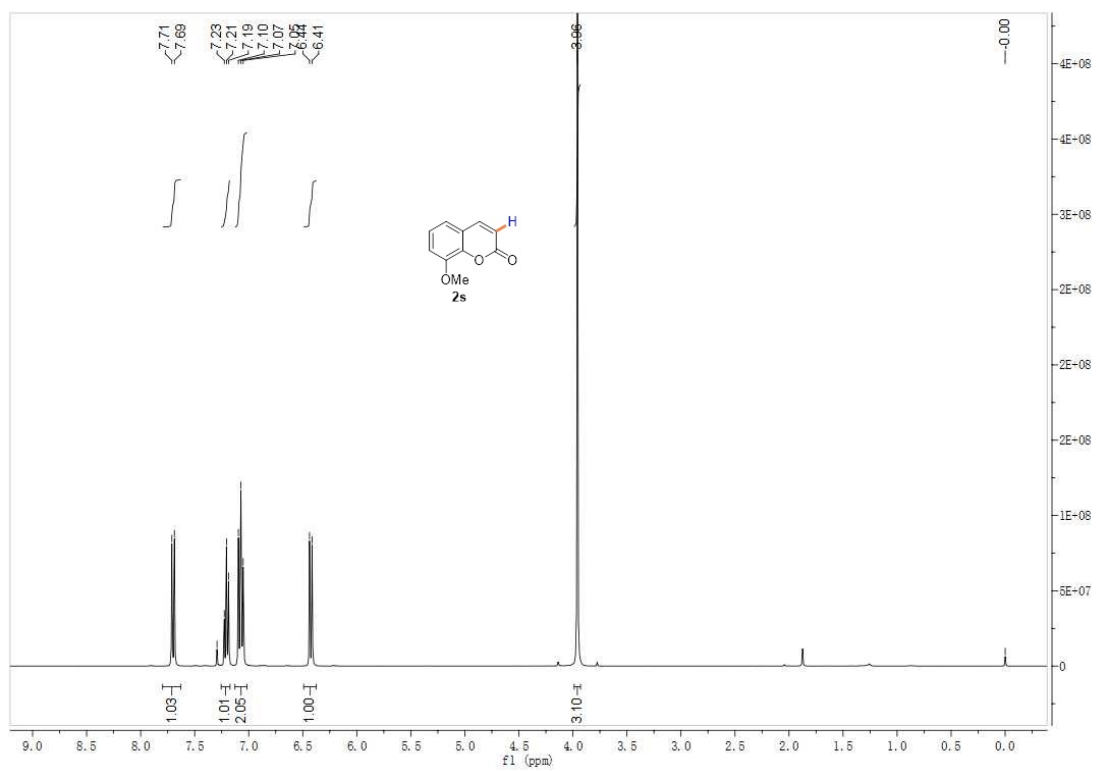


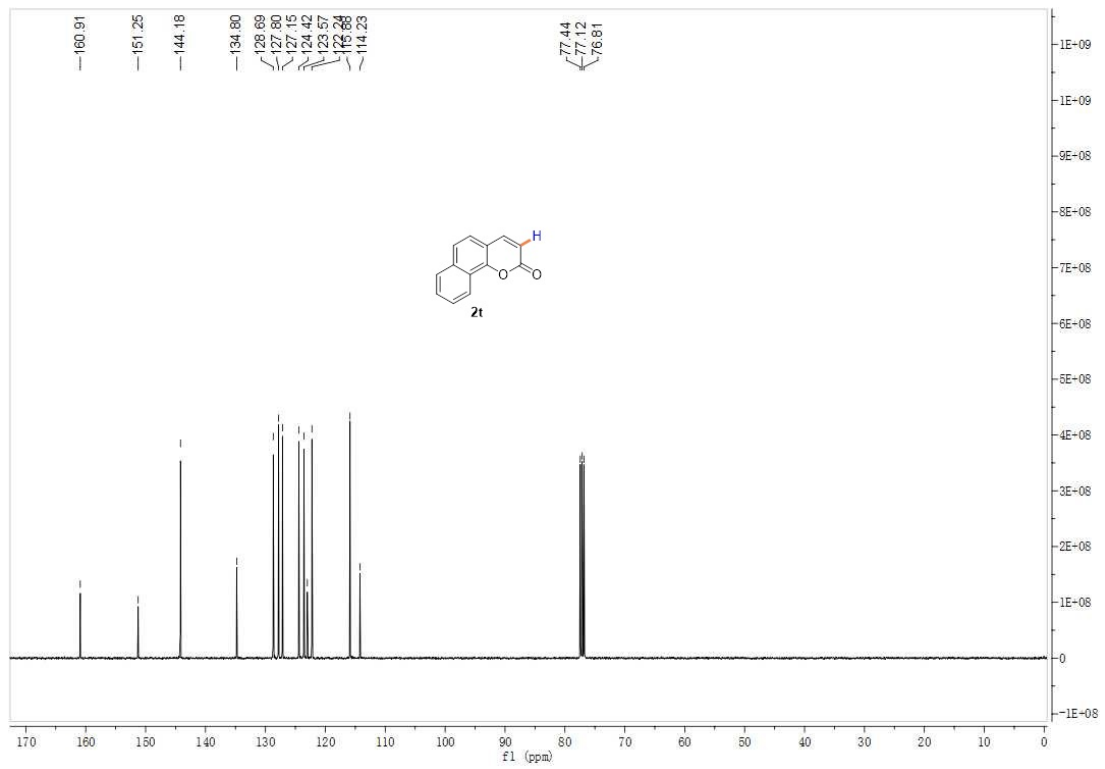
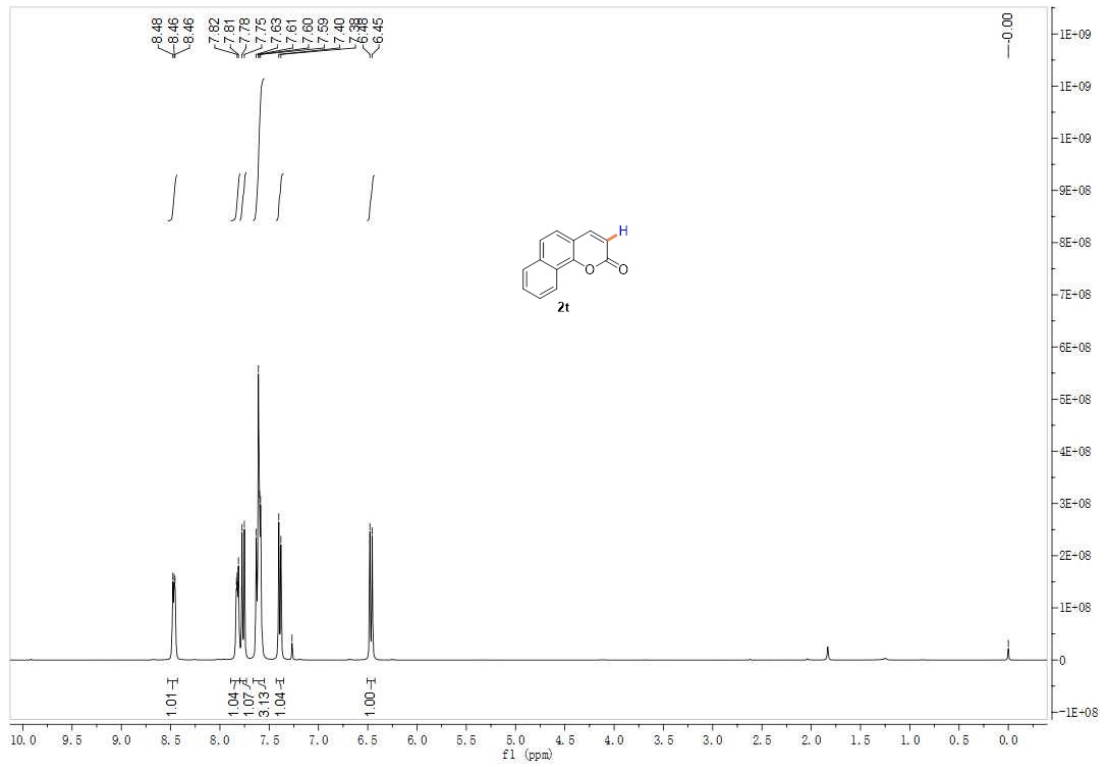


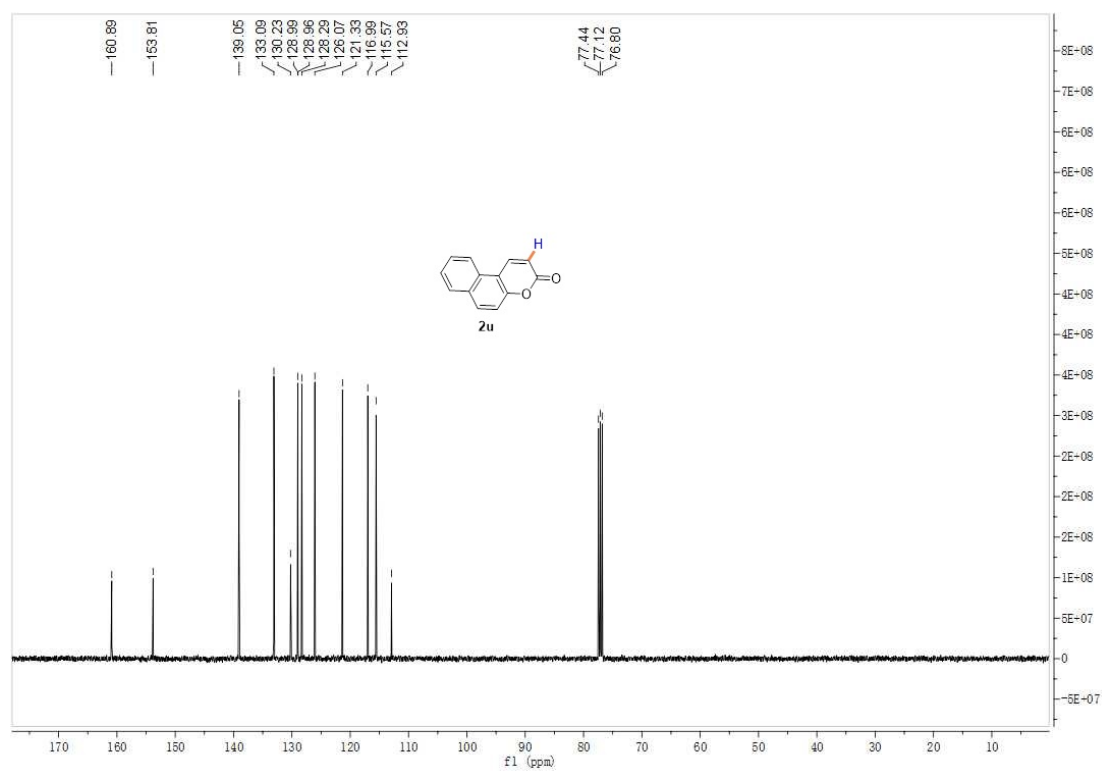
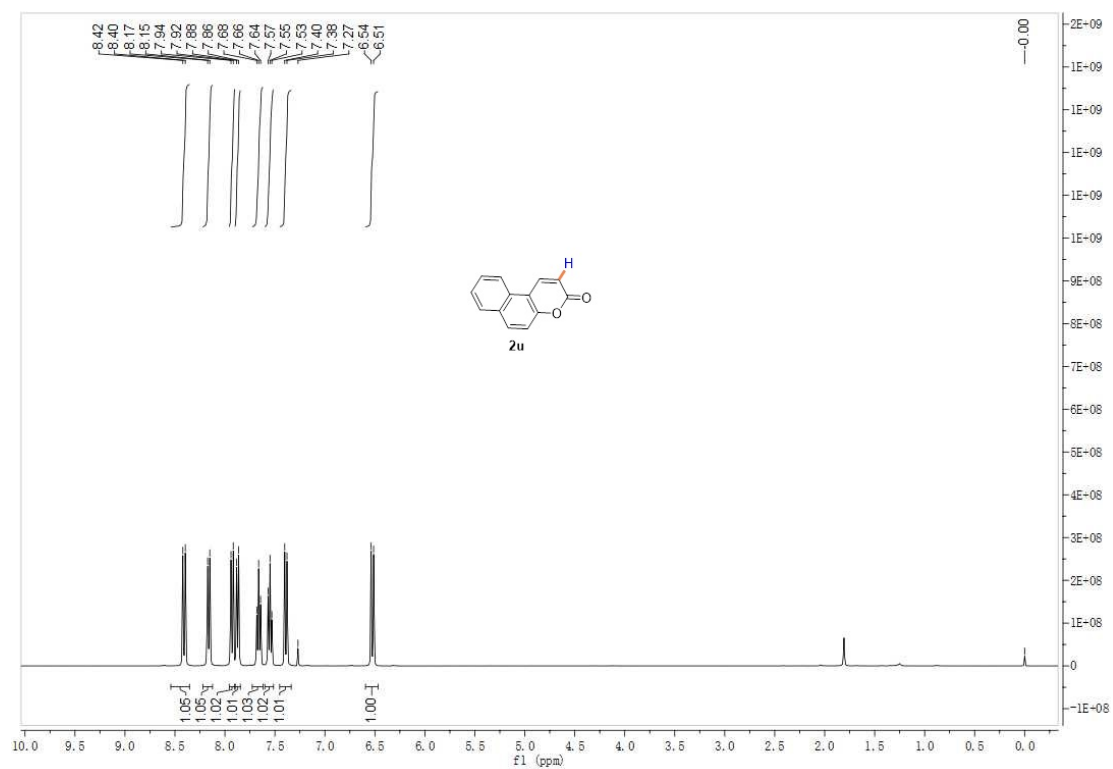


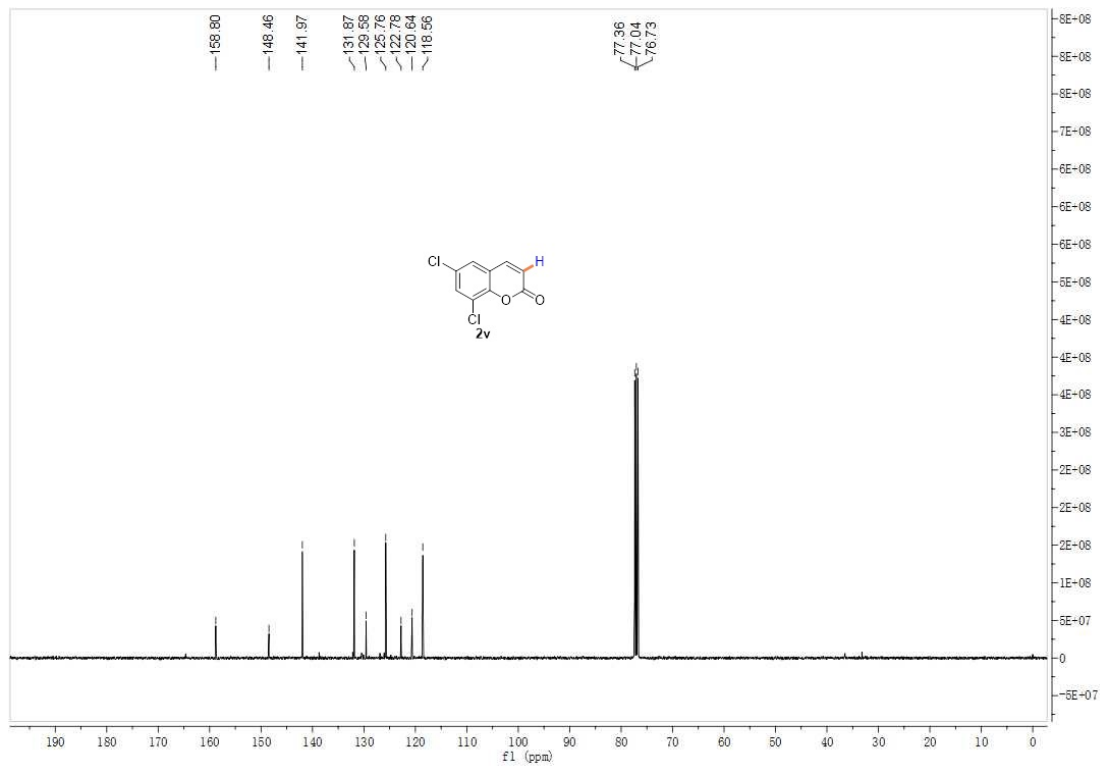
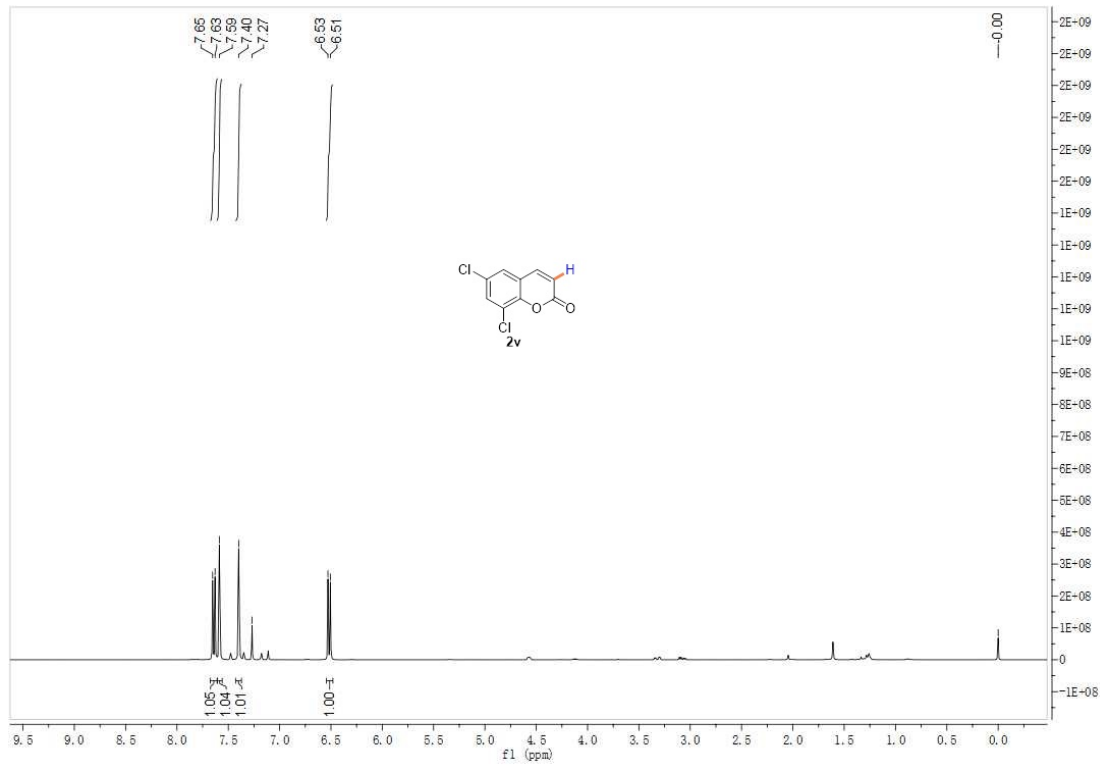


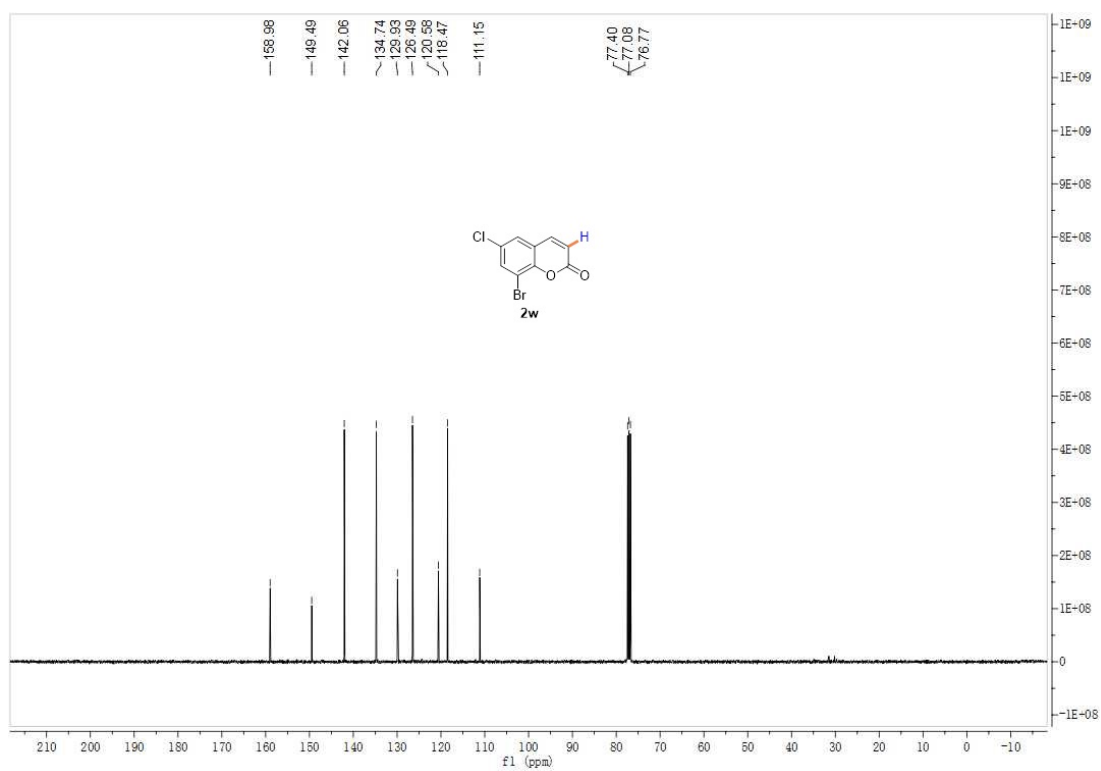
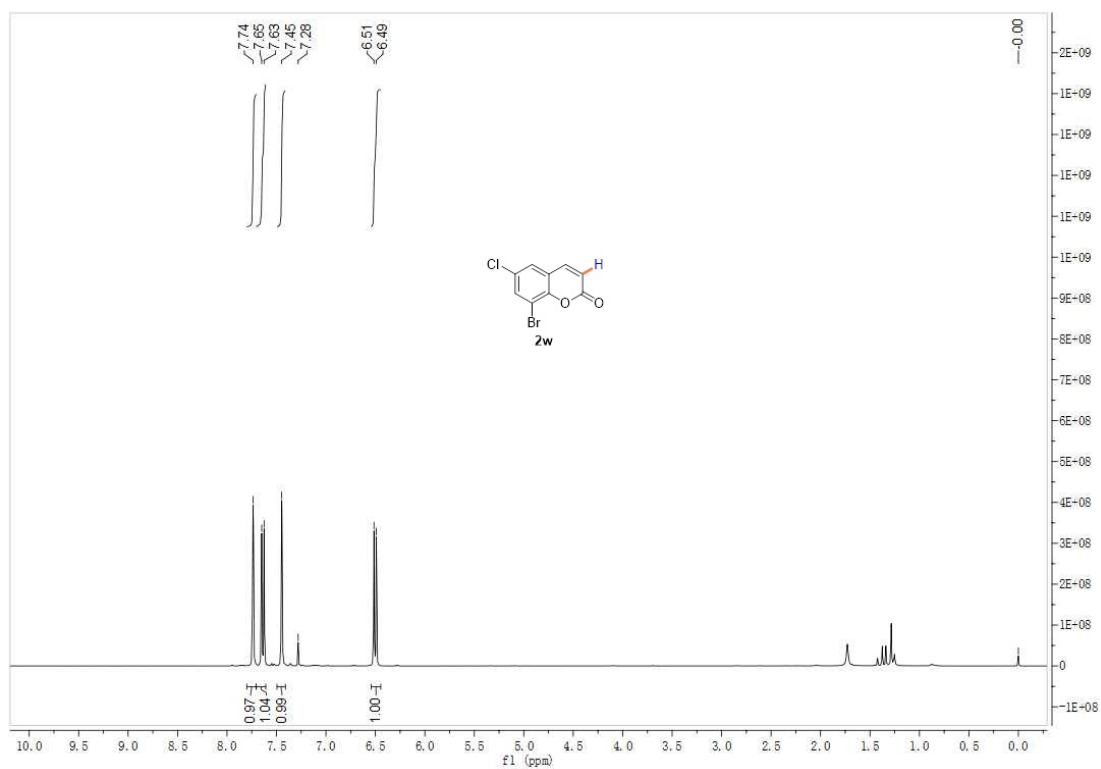


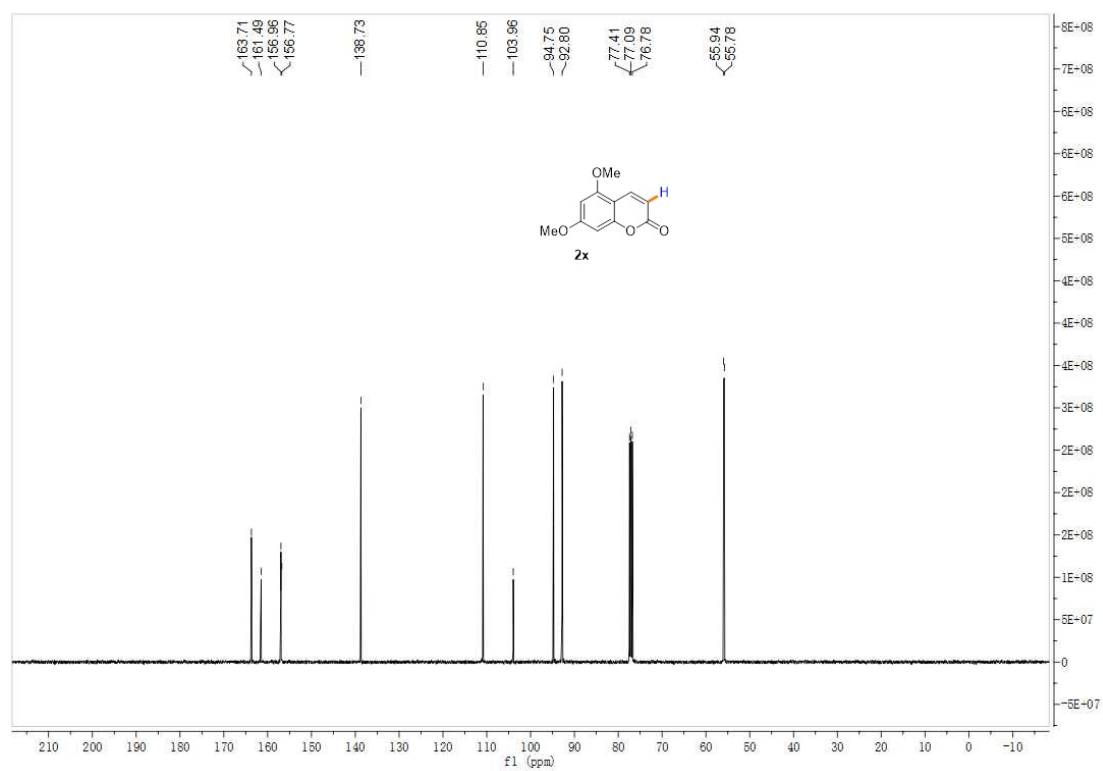
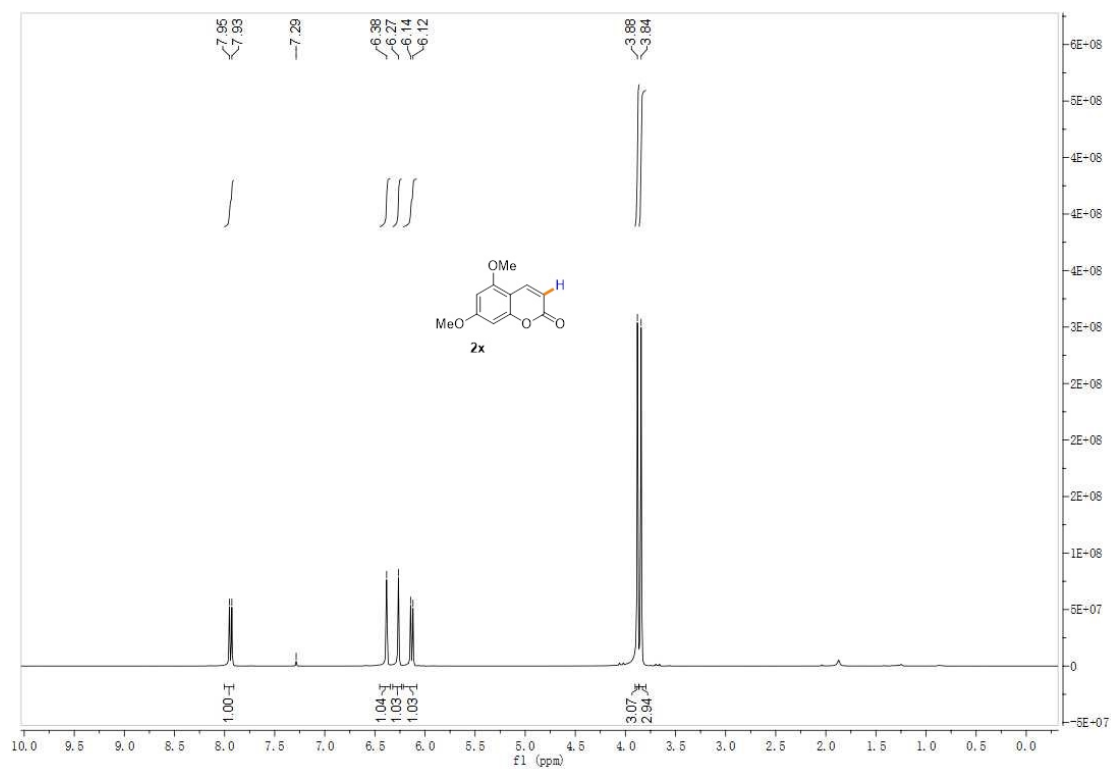


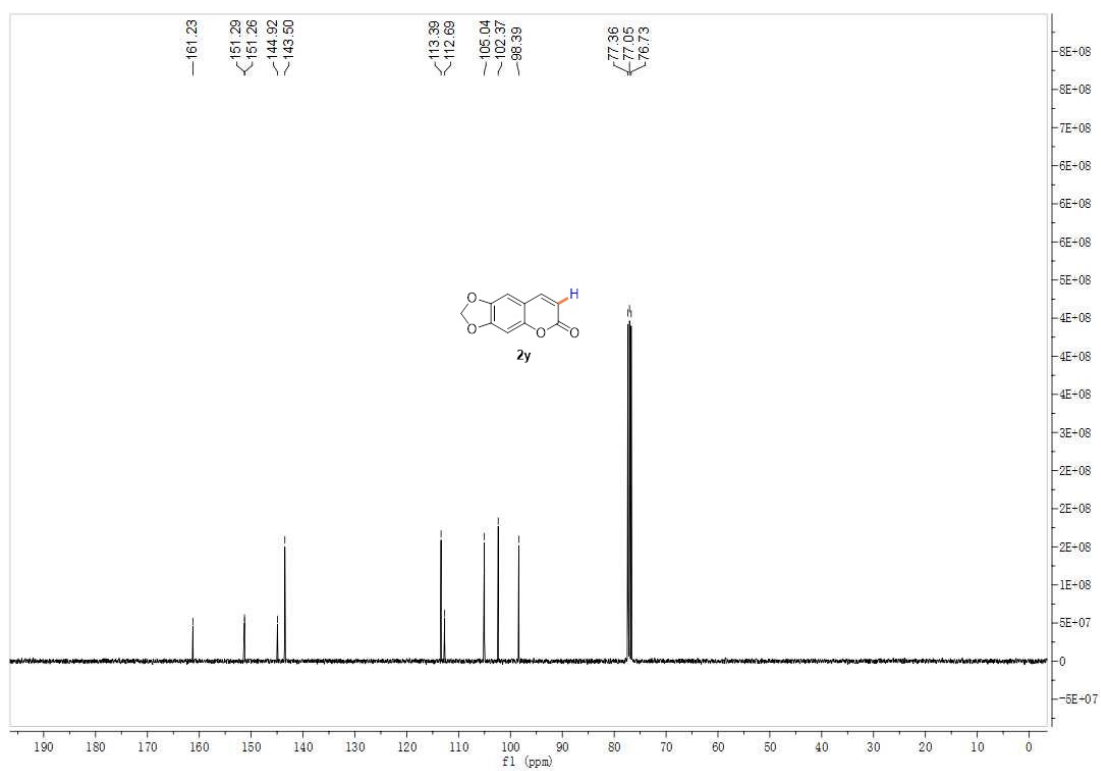
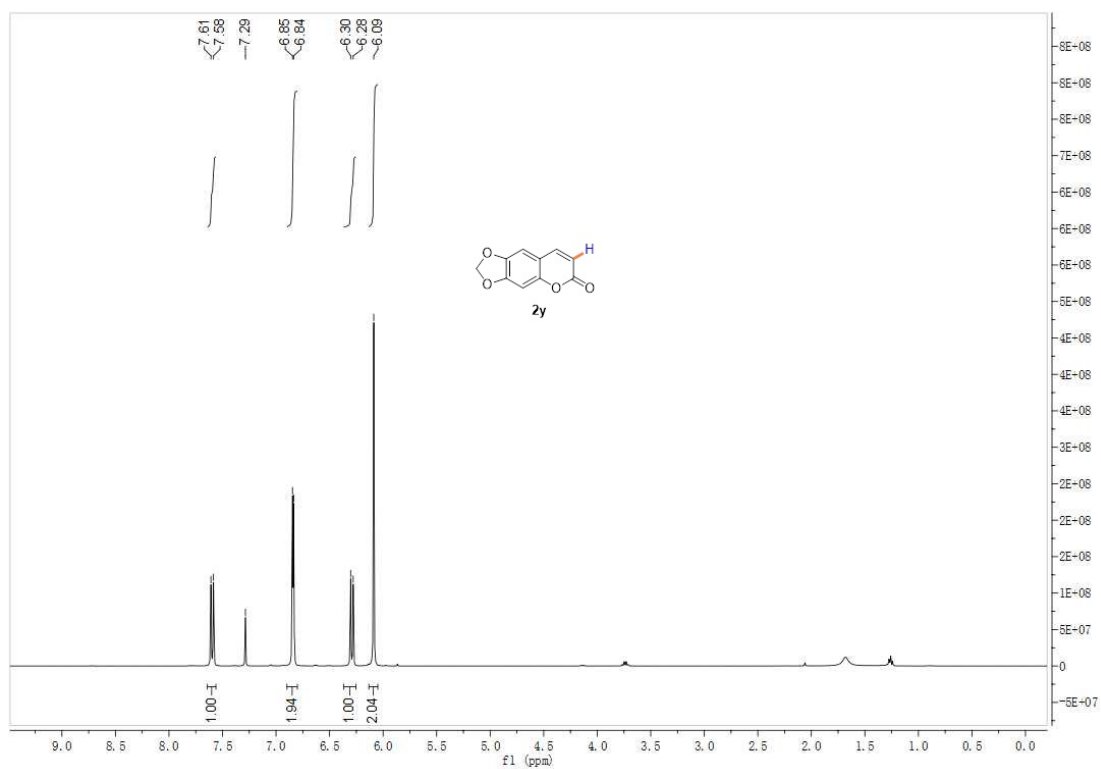


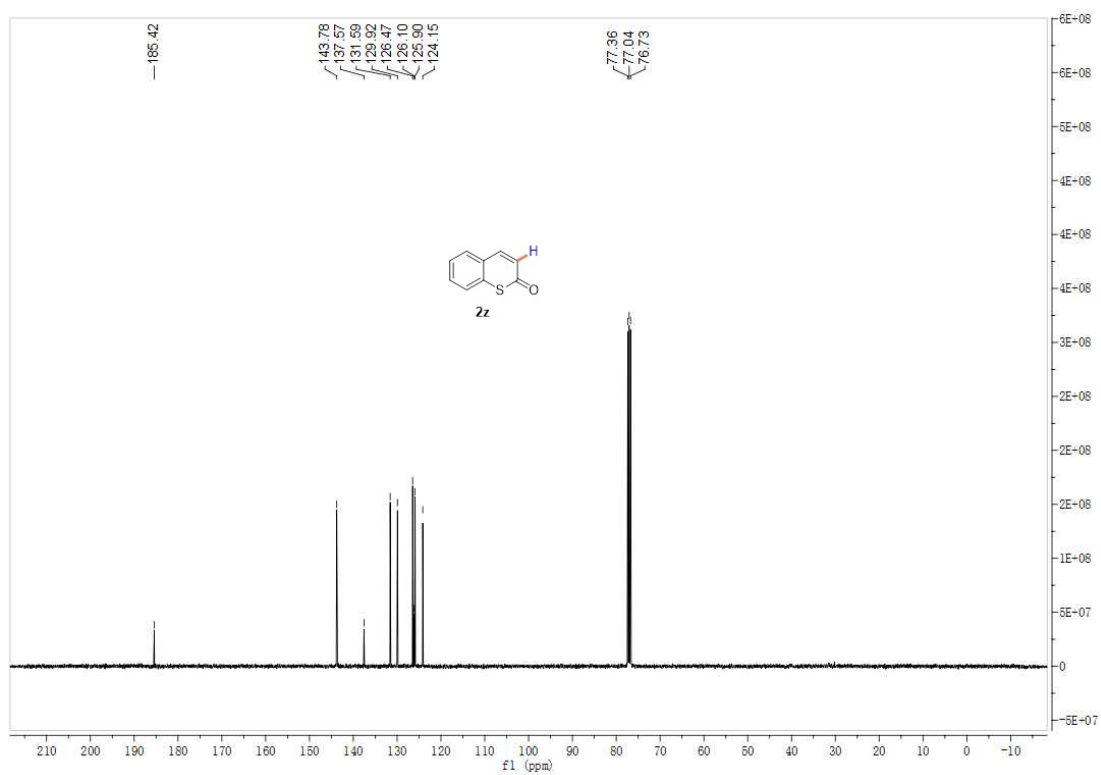
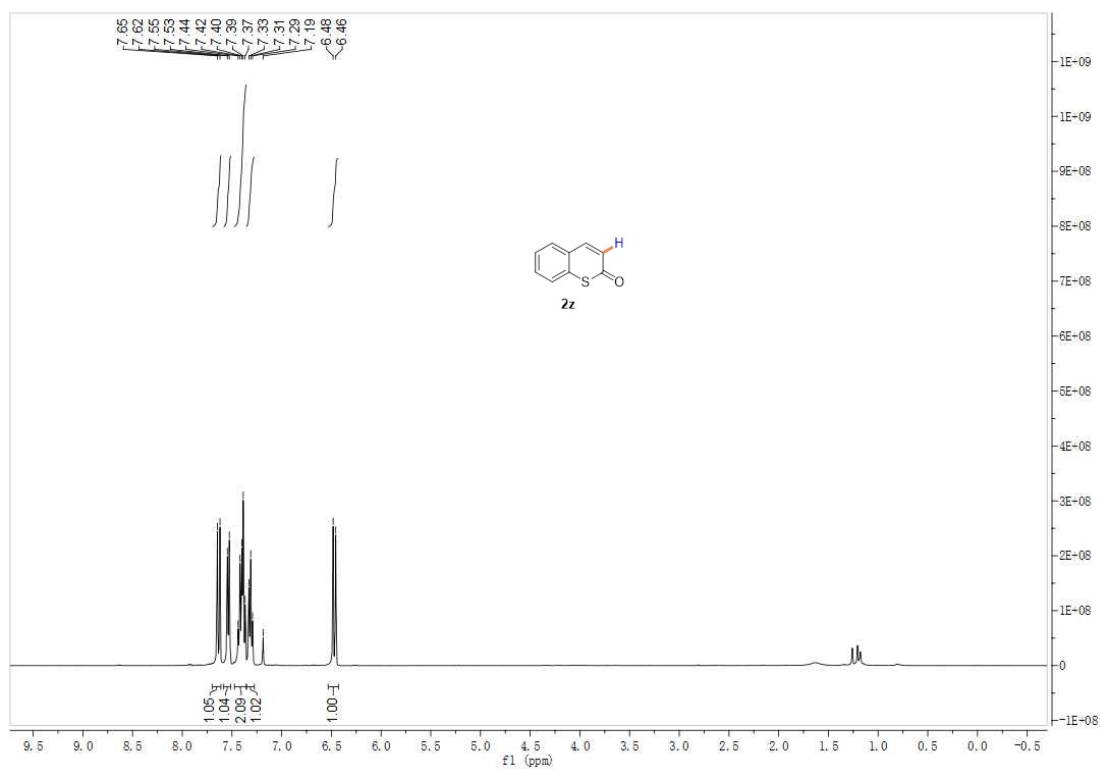


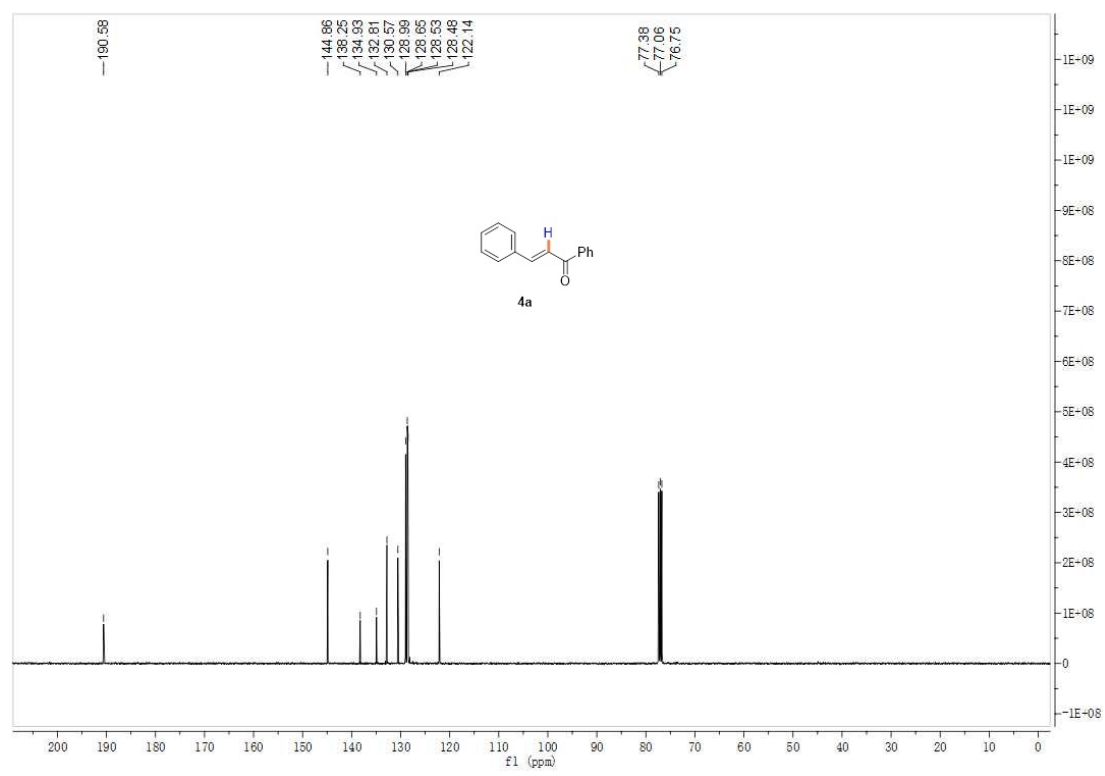
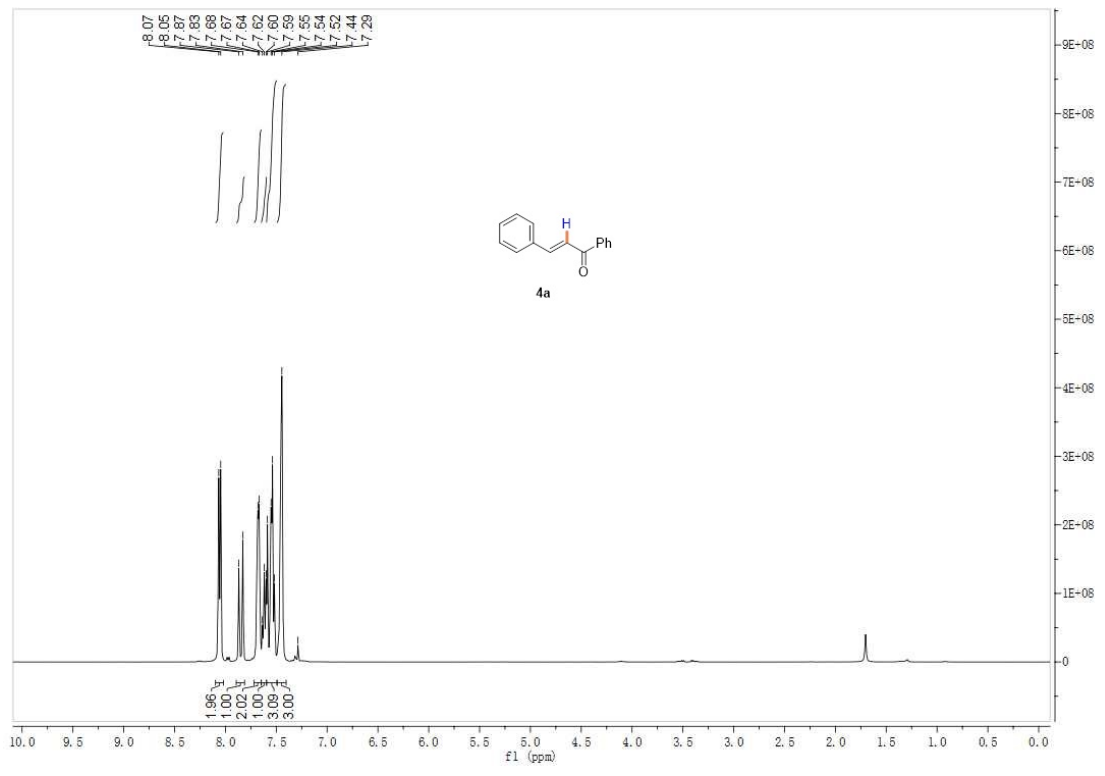


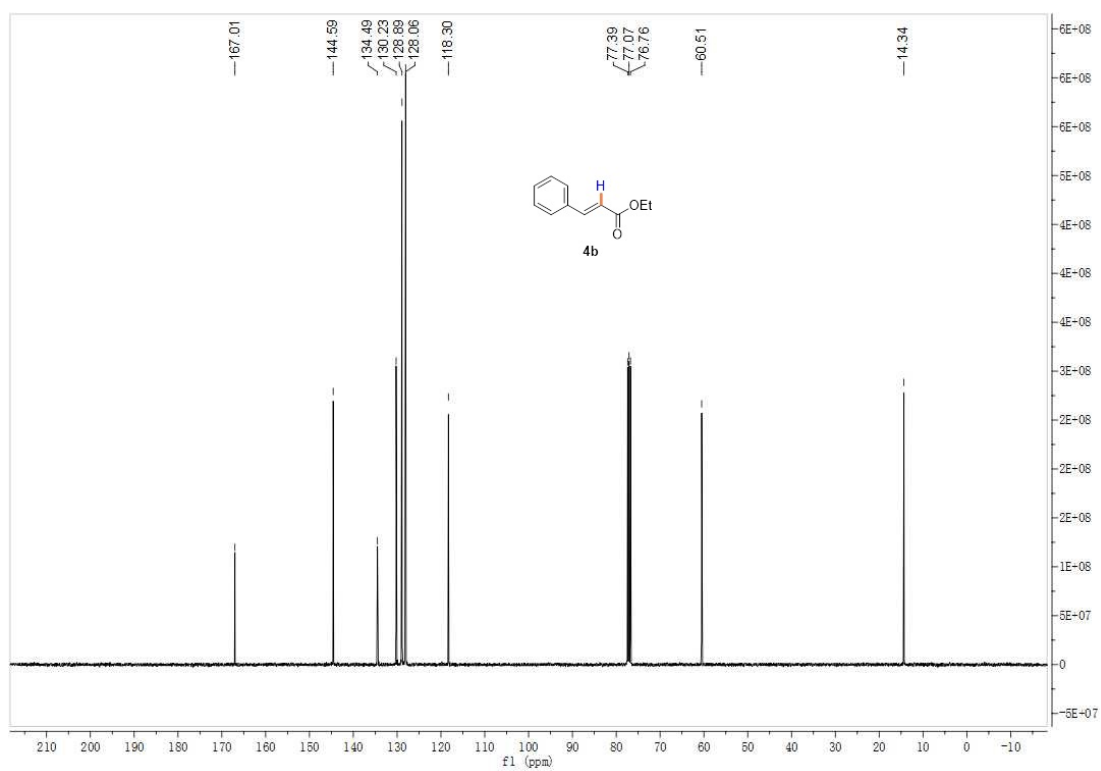
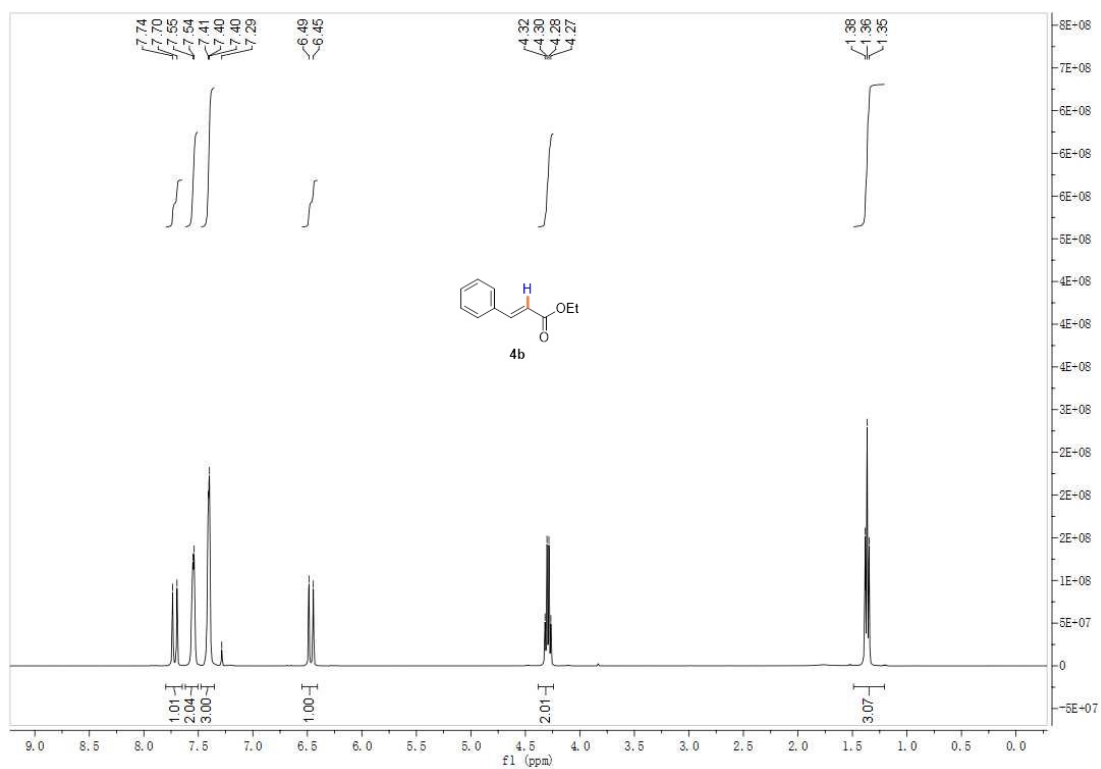


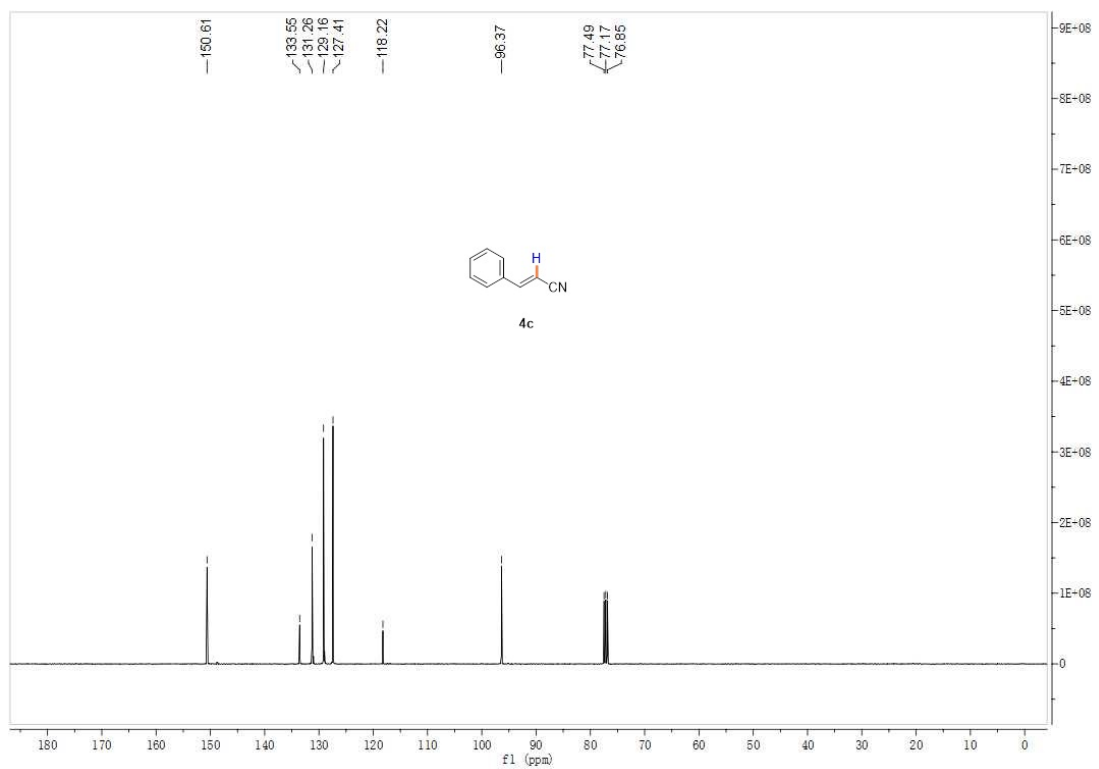
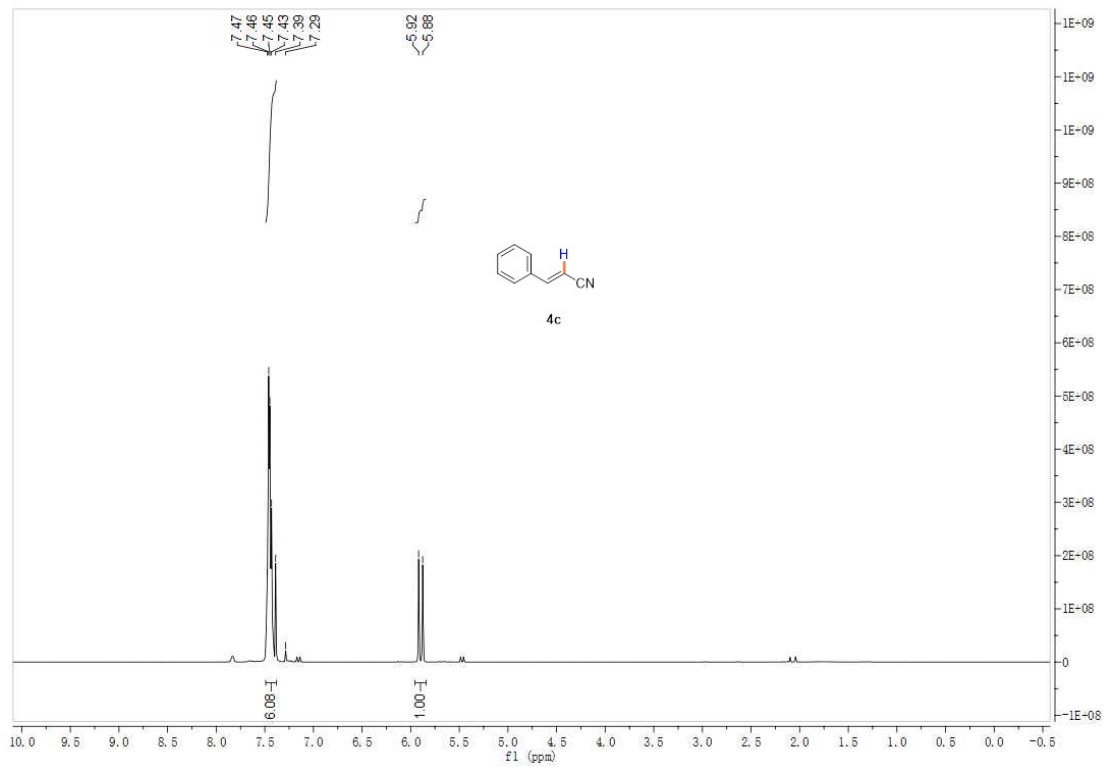


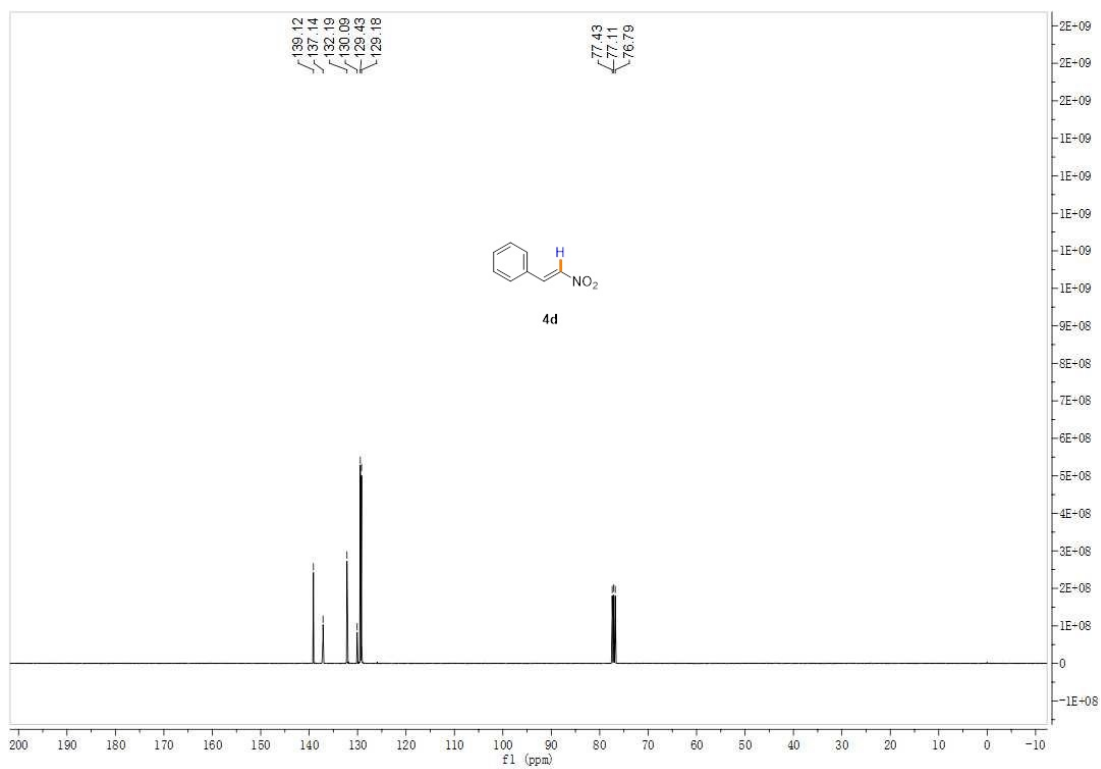
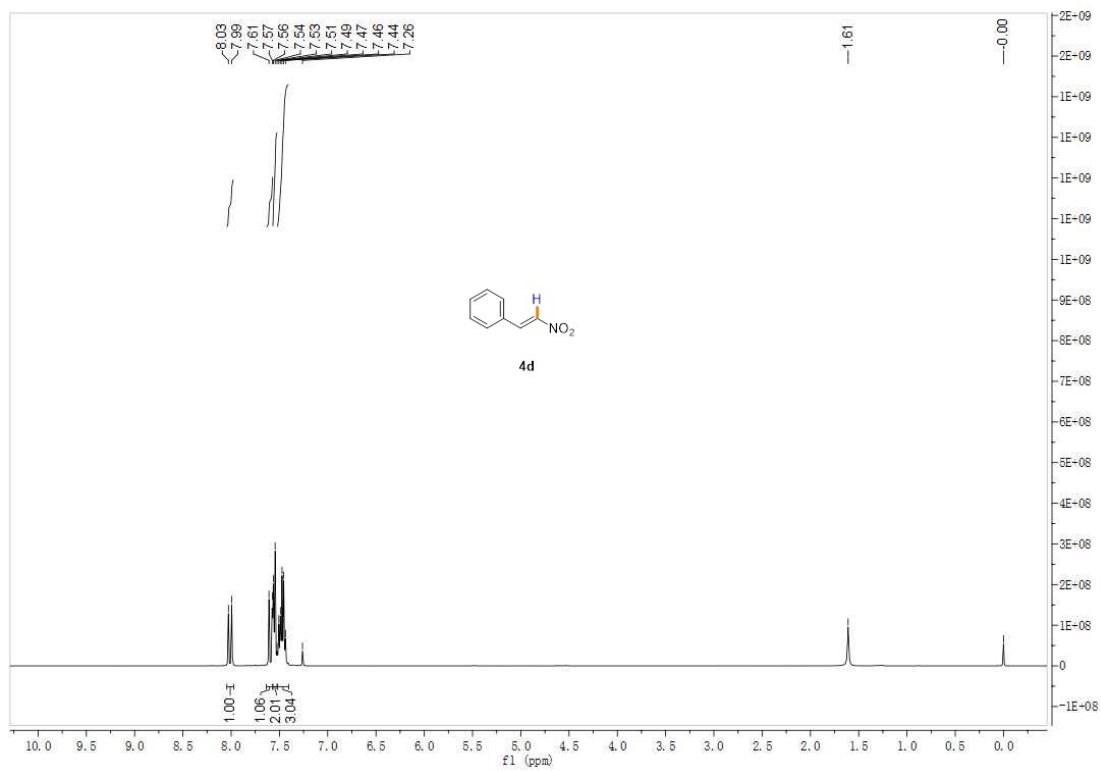


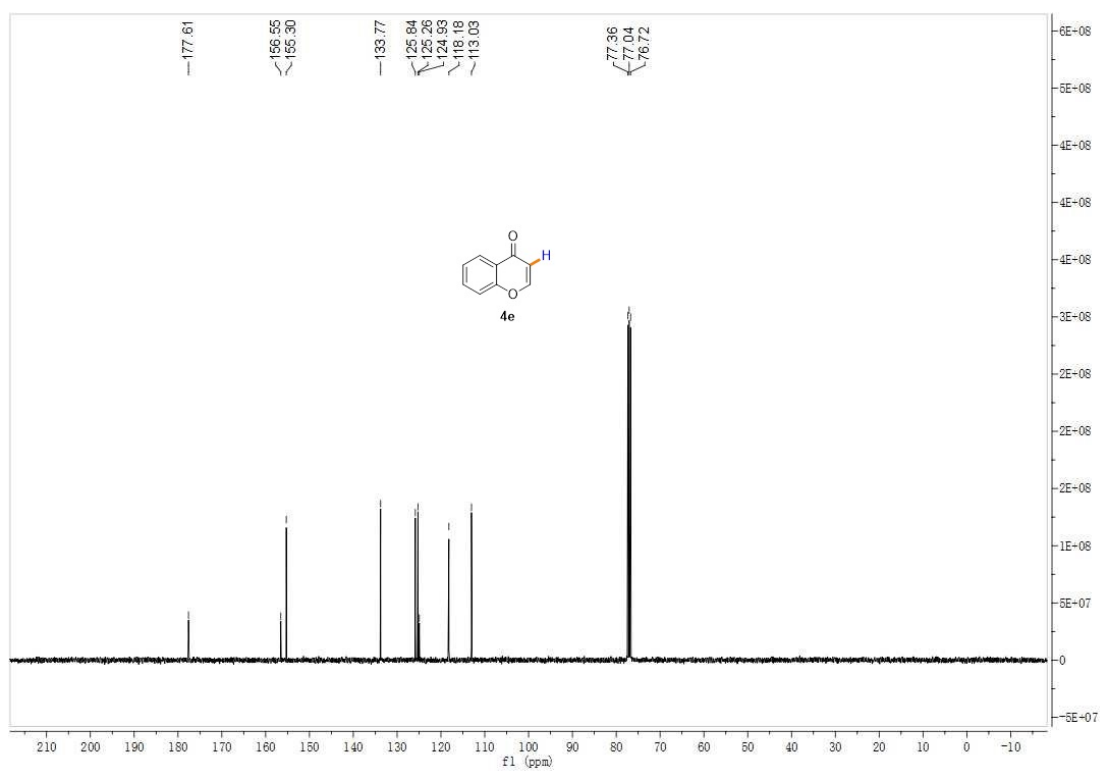
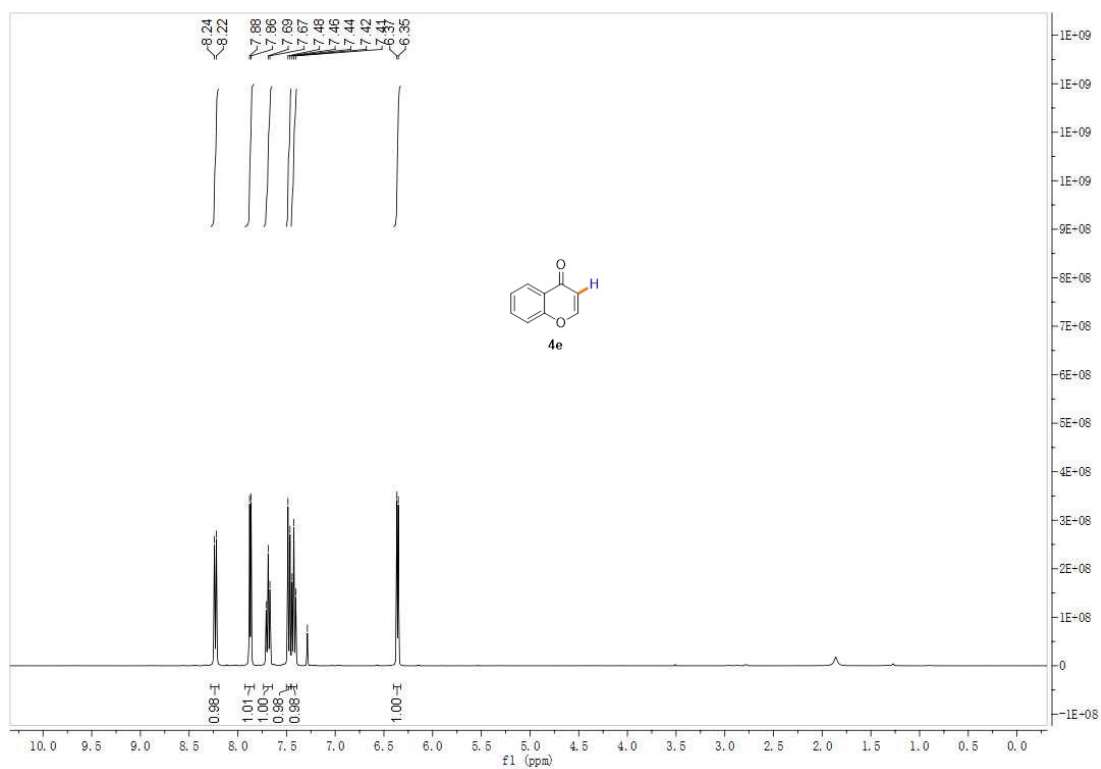


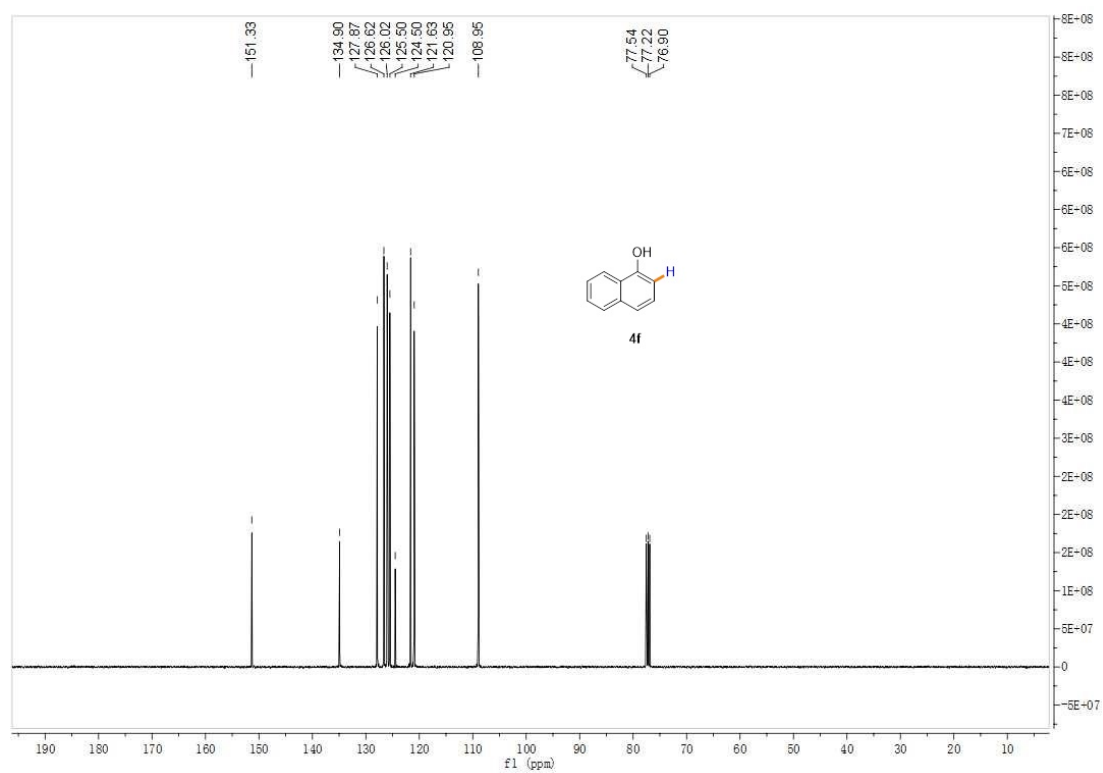
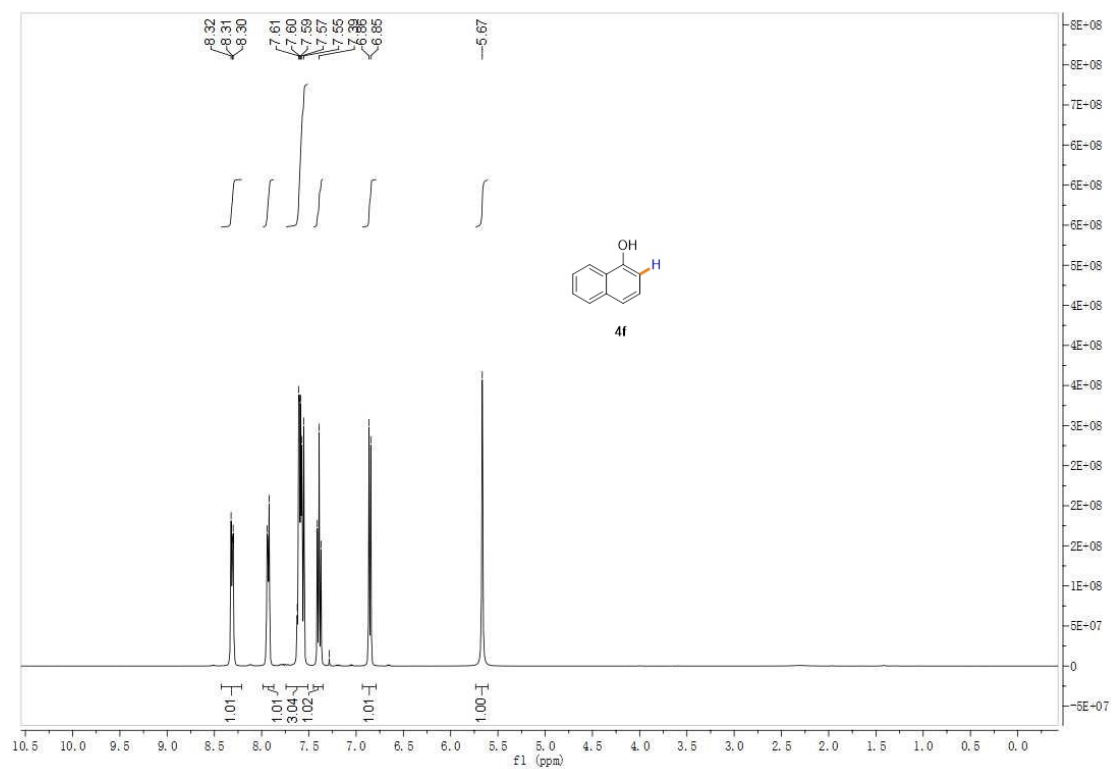


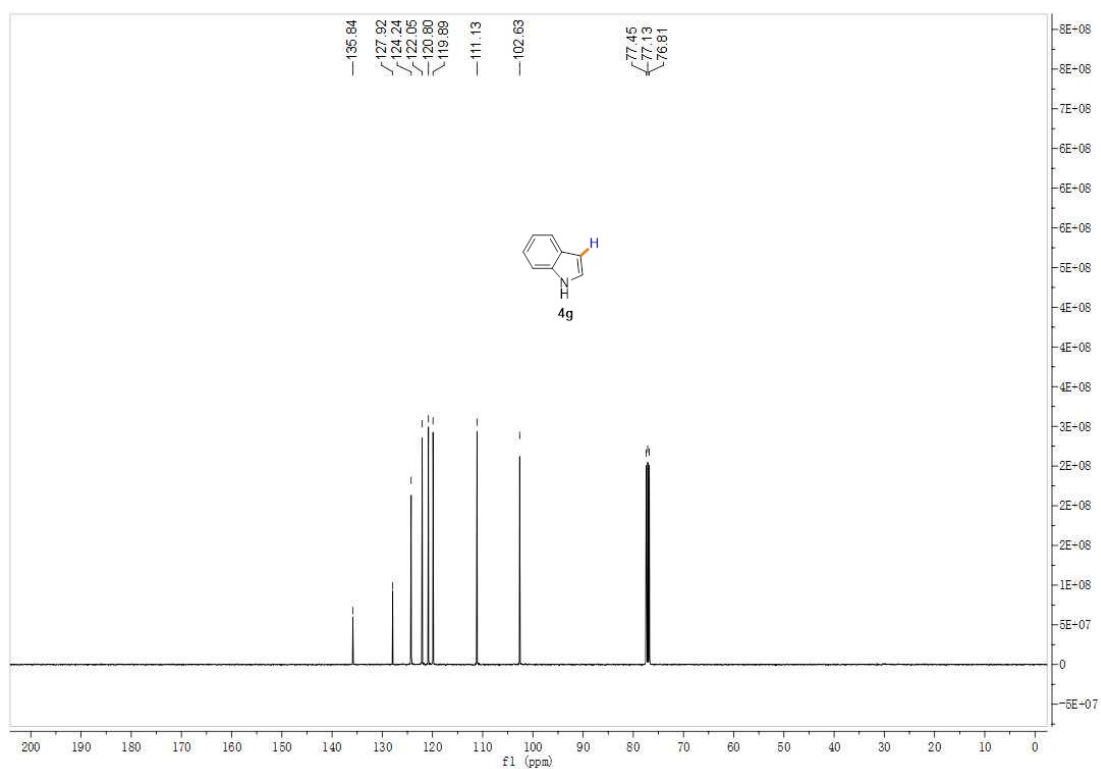
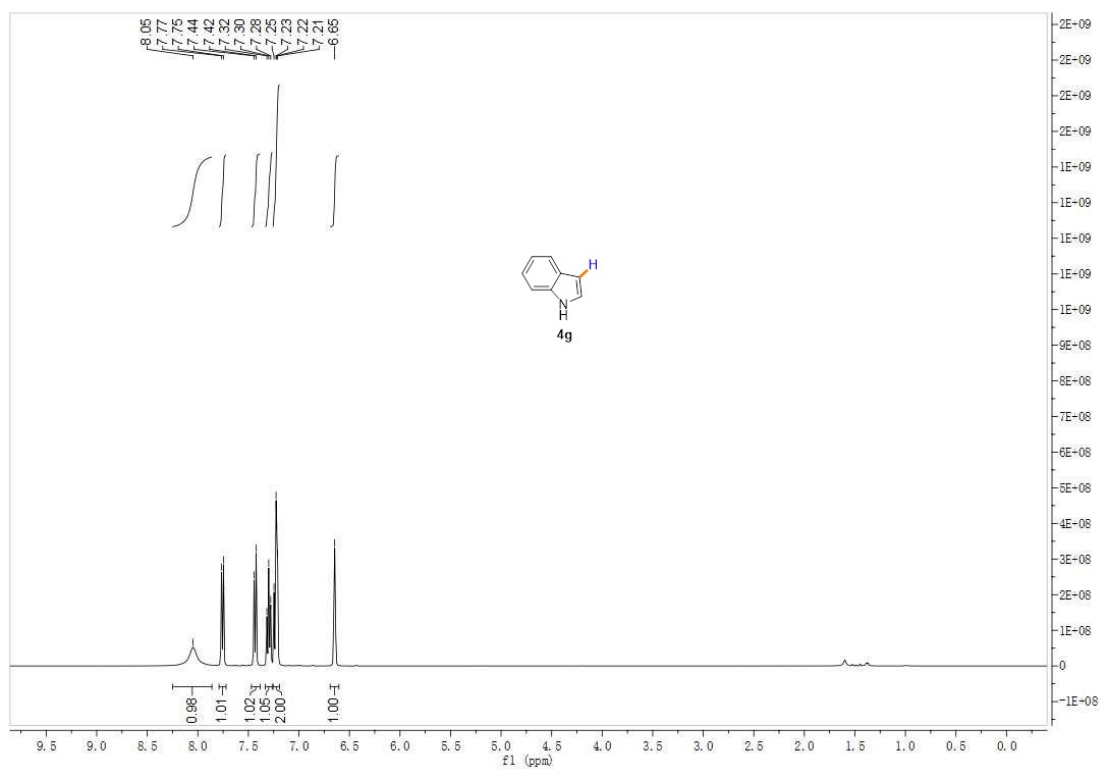


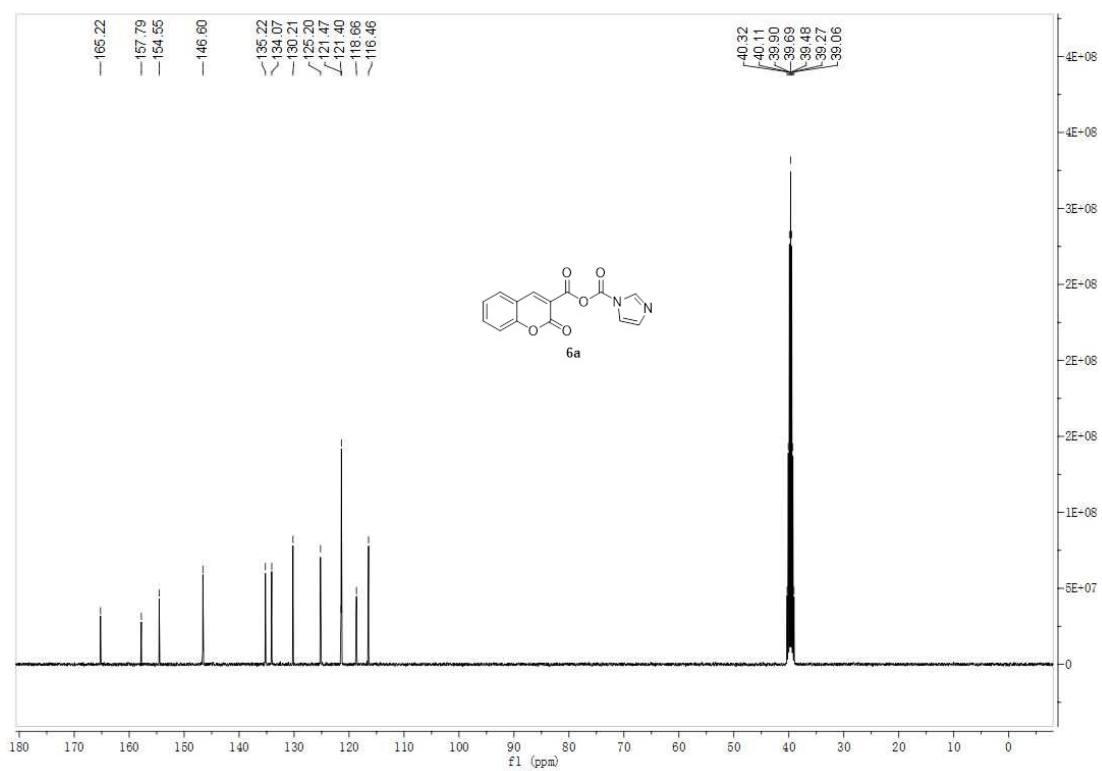
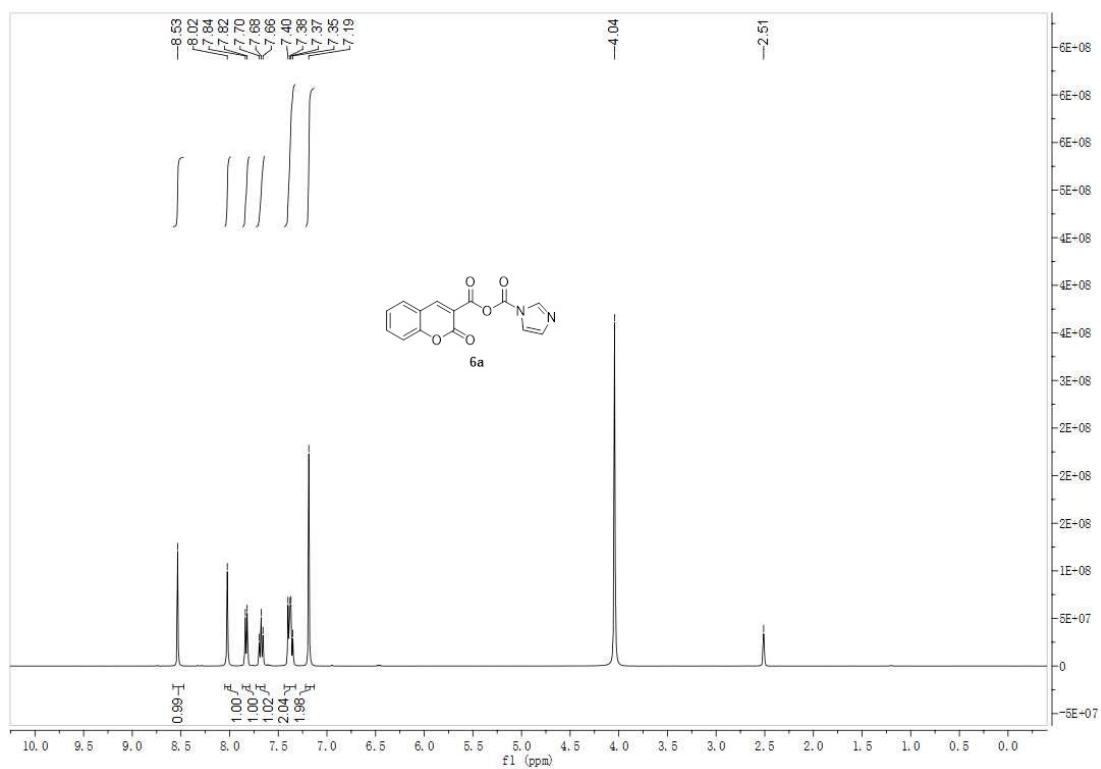


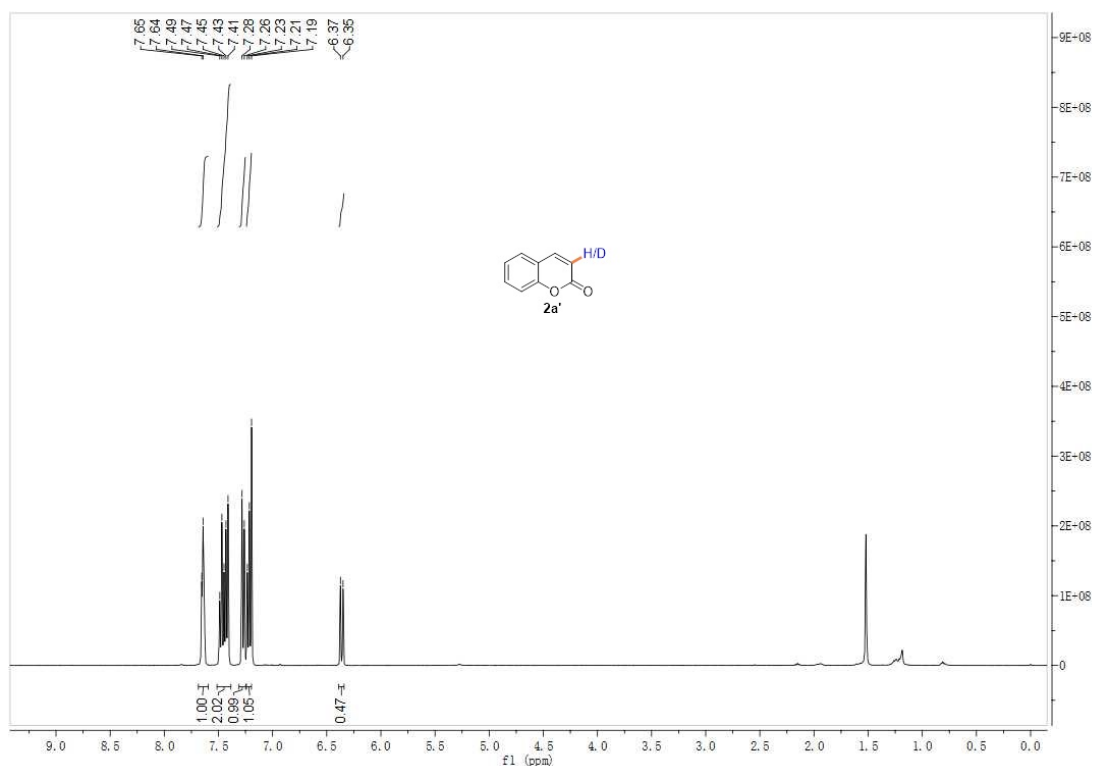




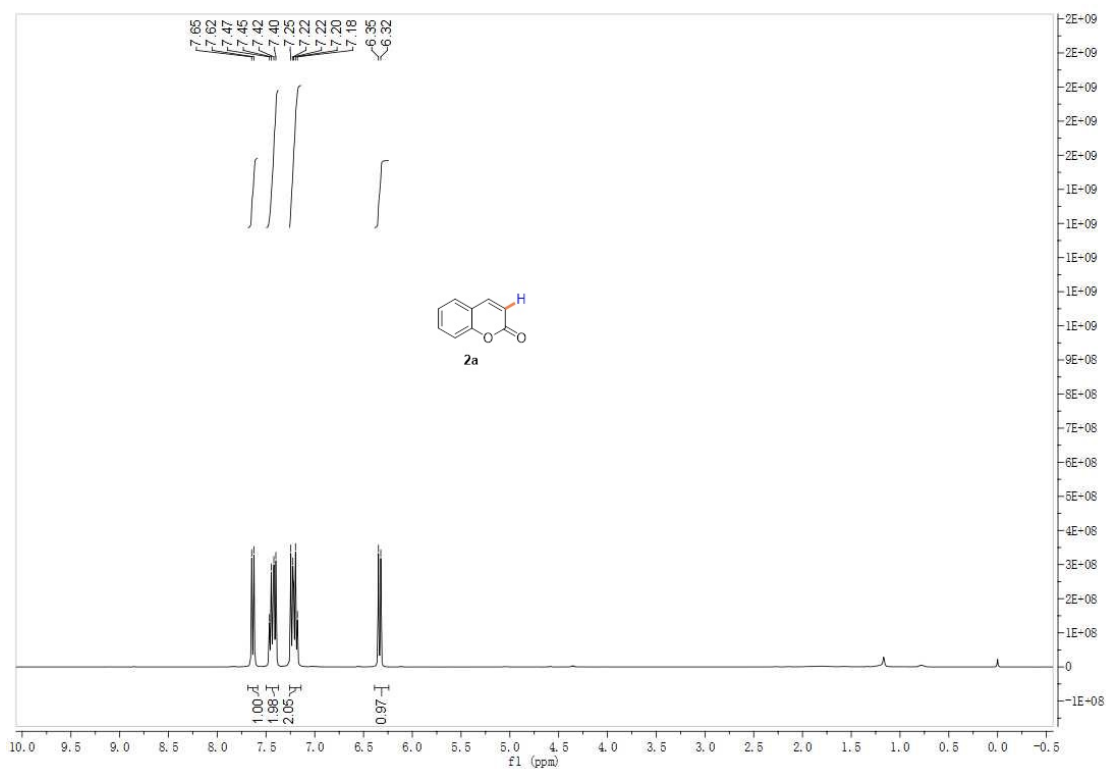




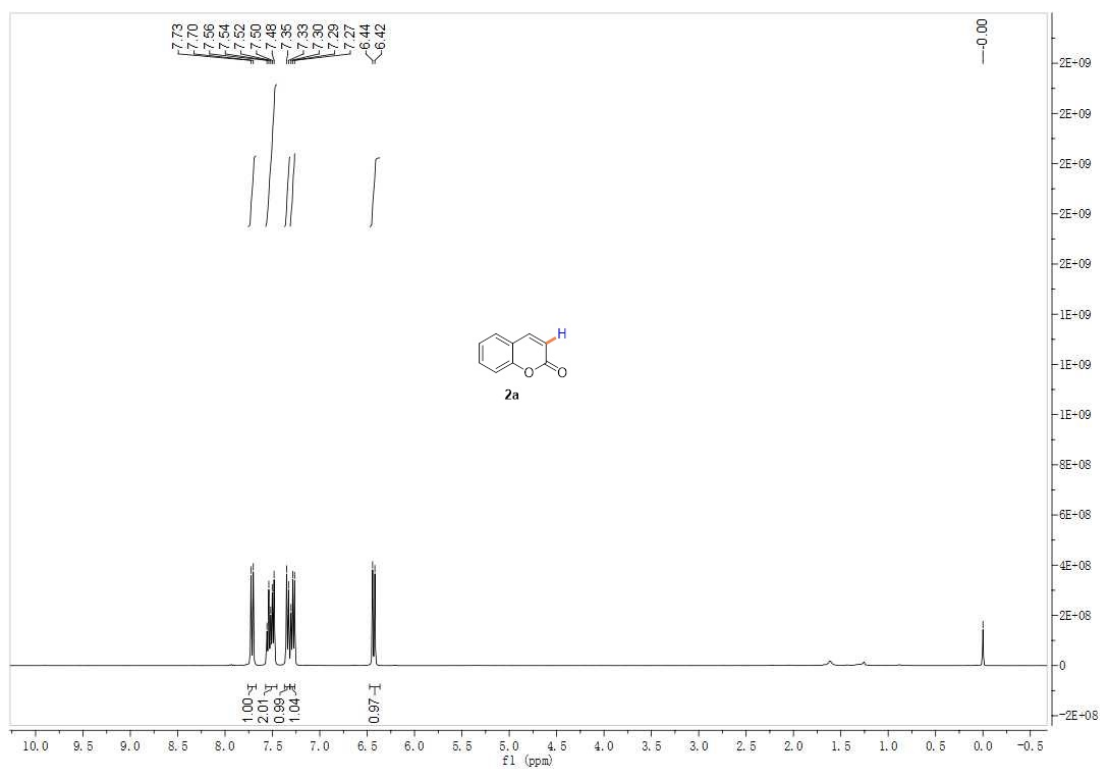




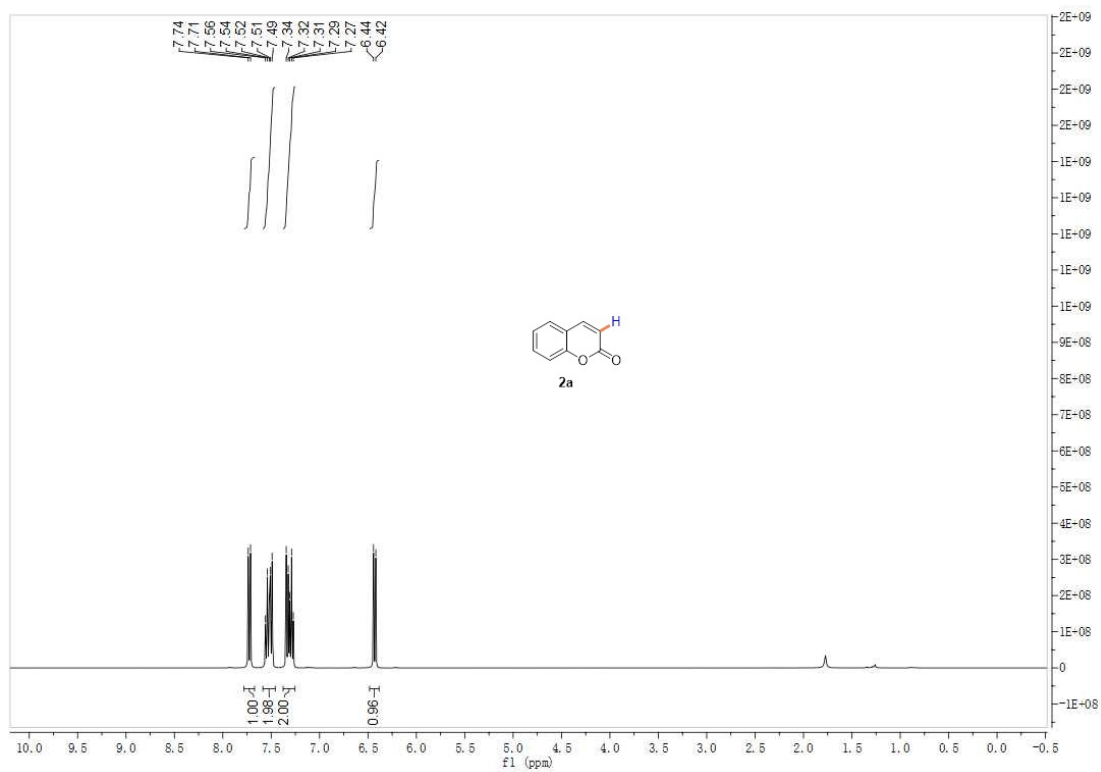
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(Isolated from the experiment carried out in the presence of TEMPO as a radical scavenger)



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