

Supporting information

N,N'-dimethylurea as an efficient ligand for the synthesis of pharma-relevant motifs through Chan-Lam cross-coupling strategy

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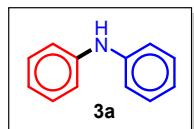
1. General information

All the chemicals used for the reactions were procured commercially and used without further purification. The progress of the reaction was monitored through thin layer chromatography on Merck Kieselgel Silica gel 60F₂₅₄ plates using short wave UV light ($\lambda=254$ nm). The products were purified by column chromatography using Silica gel (60-120 mesh). The identification of the purified products was done by NMR spectroscopy. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz JEOL NMR spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H and 100 MHz for ¹³C spectroscopy). Chemical shifts for both ¹H (δ_H) and ¹³C (δ_C) NMR are assigned in parts per million (ppm) using TMS (0 ppm) as the internal reference and CDCl₃ and DMSO-d₆ as solvent (CDCl₃: δ_H = 7.25 ppm and δ_C = 77.1 ppm; DMSO-d₆: δ_H = 2.5 ppm, DMSO-d₆ absorbed water = 3.3 ppm and δ_C = 40.0 ppm). The multiplicities of the signals are assigned as: s= singlet, d= doublet, t= triplet, q= quartet, m= multiplet and br= broad. Raw NMR data was processed using MestReNova software. Single crystal X-ray diffractions were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX-II CCD diffractometer using Mo K α ($\lambda=0.71073$ Å) radiation.

2. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral analysis of the *N*-aryl derivatives.

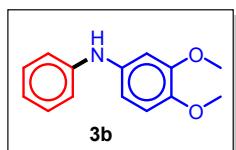
¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral analysis of *N*-arylamines (3)

Diphenylamine (3a)¹



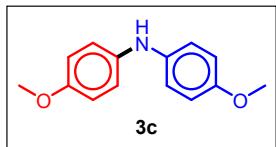
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3,4-Dimethoxy-N-phenylamine (3b)²



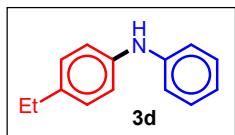
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Bis-(4-methoxyphenyl)amine (3c)³



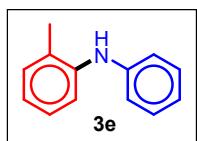
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4-Ethyl-N-phenylamine (**3d**) ⁴



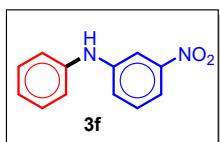
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2-Methyl-N-phenylamine (**3e**) ⁵



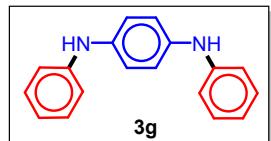
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3-Nitro-N-phenylamine (**3f**) ¹



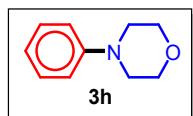
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*N*¹,*N*⁴-diphenylbenzene-1,4-diamine (**3g**) ⁶



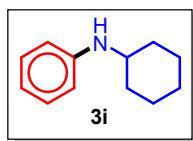
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4-phenylmorpholine (**3h**) ¹



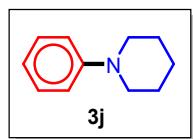
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N-cyclohexylamine (**3i**) ⁷



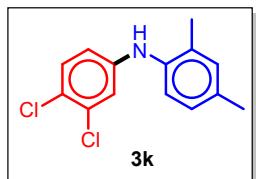
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1-Phenylpiperidine (**3j**) ⁸



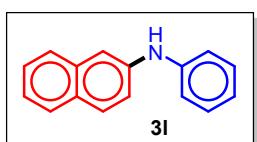
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N-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,4-dimethylaniline (**3k**)



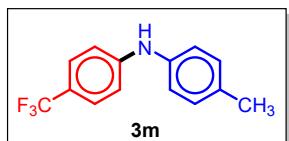
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N-phenylnaphthalen-2-amine (**3l**) ⁹



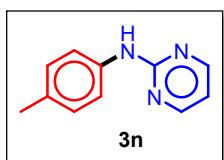
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N-methyl-*N*-(4-trifluoromethyl)phenyl)aniline (**3m**) ¹⁰



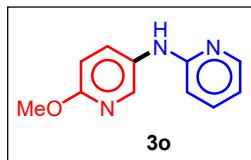
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N-(*p*-tolyl)pyrimidin-2-amine (**3n**) ¹¹



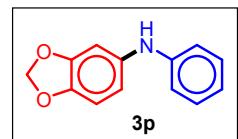
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N-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)pyridine-2-amine (**3o**)



Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **A**; obtained as a yellow oil, Yield: (82 mg, 55%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_H (ppm) 3.76 (s, 3H), 6.64-6.67 (m, 1H), 6.71 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.87 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_C (ppm) 53.4, 110.1, 110.5, 110.9, 114.4, 127.7, 131.4, 132.8, 133.0, 137.1, 137.7, 147.6, 149.0, 156.4, 157.3, 158.6

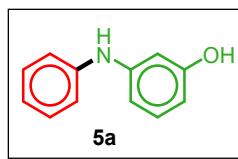
N-phenylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-amine (**3p**)⁹



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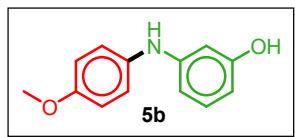
^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectral analysis of 3-arylamino phenols (**5**)

3-(Phenylamino)phenol (**5a**)¹²



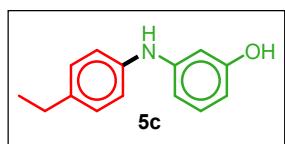
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3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)amino)phenol (**5b**)¹³



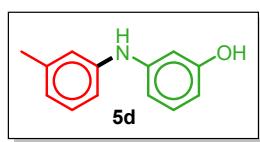
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3-((4-Ethylphenyl)amino)phenol (5c**)**



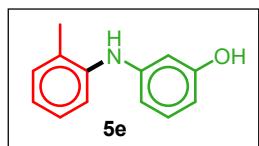
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3-(*m*-tolylamino)phenol (5d**)**



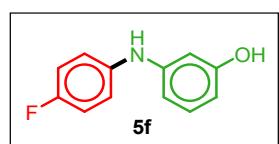
Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **B**; obtained as a yellow solid, Yield: (108 mg, 73%); mp 79-80 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_{*H*} (ppm) 2.20 (s, 3H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (br s, 1H), 9.16 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_{*C*} (ppm) 21.7, 103.9, 107.4, 108.3, 114.7, 118.2, 120.9, 129.4, 130.3, 138.7, 143.9, 145.2, 158.7

3-(*o*-tolylamino)phenol (5e**)¹²**



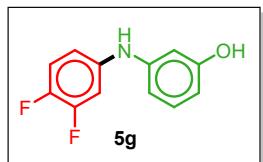
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3-((4-Fluorophenyl)amino)phenol (5f**)¹¹**



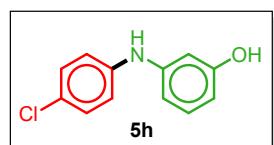
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3-((3,4-Difluorophenyl)amino)phenol (5g**)¹³**



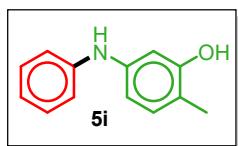
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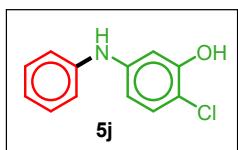
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2-Methyl-5-(phenylamino)phenol (**5i**) ¹⁴



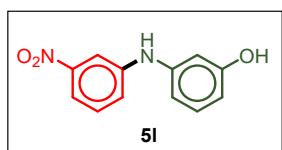
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2-Chloro-5-(phenylamino)phenol (**5j**) ¹³



Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **B**; obtained as a brown solid, Yield: (132 mg, 80%); mp 91-92 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 6.50 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.85 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 2H), 8.17 (br s, 1H), 9.92 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 104.5, 109.0, 110.1, 117.9, 120.5, 129.6, 130.4, 143.4, 143.9, 153.9

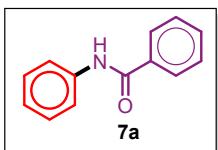
3-((3-Nitrophenyl)amino)phenol (5I**)¹²**



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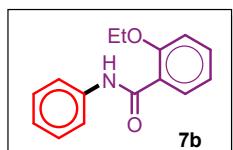
¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral analysis of *N*-arylamides (7**)**

***N*-phenylbenzamide (**7a**)¹⁵**



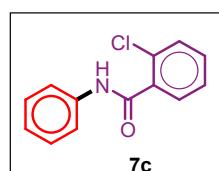
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2-Ethoxy-*N*-phenylbenzamide (7b**)¹⁶**



Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **C**; obtained as a colourless solid, Yield: (115 mg, 64%); mp 71-72 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 1.36 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (q, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.70 (m, 3H), 10.10 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 15.0, 64.8, 113.4, 119.9, 121.0, 123.9, 124.8, 129.3, 130.5, 132.8, 139.5, 156.4, 164.6

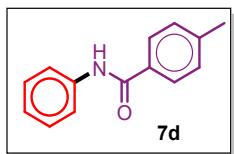
2-Chloro-*N*-phenylbenzamide (7c**)¹⁷**



Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **C**; obtained as a white solid, Yield: (111 mg, 64%); mp 113-115 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 7.05-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 10.47 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

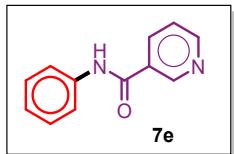
DMSO-*d*₆): δ_c (ppm) 120.0, 124.3, 127.8, 129.3, 130.2, 130.4, 131.5, 137.5, 139.4, 165.4

4-Methyl-*N*-phenylbenzamide (7d**)¹**



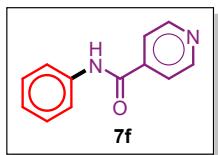
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***N*-phenylnicotinamide (**7e**)¹⁸**



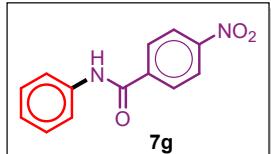
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***N*-phenylisonicotinamide (**7f**)¹⁹**



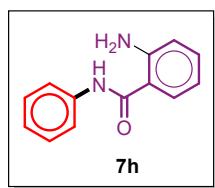
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4-Nitro-*N*-phenylbenzamide (7g**)¹⁵**



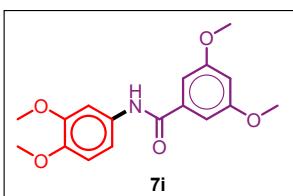
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2-Amino-*N*-phenylbenzamide (7h**)²⁰**



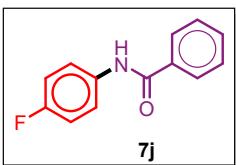
Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **C**; obtained as a colourless solid, Yield: (116 mg, 73%); mp 131-132 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 6.31 (s, 2H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 9.98 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 115.1, 115.7, 116.8, 121.0, 123.8, 128.9, 129.1, 132.5, 139.7, 150.1, 168.3

***N*-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3,5-dimethoxybenzamide (**7i**)²¹**



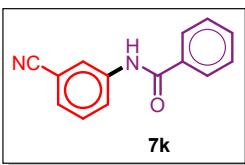
Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **C**; obtained as a light purple solid, Yield: (142 mg, 60%); mp 188-189 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 10.02 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 55.8, 55.9, 56.2, 103.6, 106.0, 106.1, 112.3, 112.9, 133.0, 137.5, 145.7, 148.9, 160.8, 165.0

***N*-(4-fluorophenyl)benzamide (**7j**)²²**



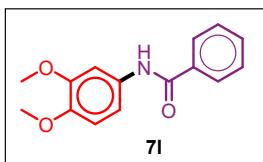
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***N*-(3-cyanophenyl)benzamide (**7k**)²³**



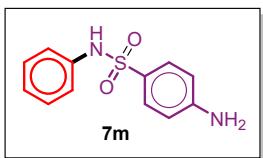
Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **C**; obtained as a colourless solid, Yield: (113 mg, 68%); mp 135-136 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 7.55 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 10.56 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 111.9, 119.2, 123.4, 125.3, 127.6, 128.2, 128.9, 129.3, 130.6, 132.4, 134.8, 140.4, 166.4

N-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)benzamide (**7l**)²²



Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **C**; obtained as a colourless solid, Yield: (158 mg, 82%); mp 179-180 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 10.11 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 55.8, 56.2, 106.0, 112.4, 112.8, 127.9, 128.8, 131.8, 133.2, 135.5, 145.6, 148.9, 165.5

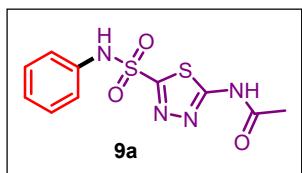
4-Amino-*N*-phenylbenzenesulfonamide (**7m**)²⁴



Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **C**; obtained as a dark-red solid, Yield: (149 mg, 80%); mp 197-198 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 5.94 (br s, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 9.83 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 113.0, 119.9, 123.7, 124.9, 129.1, 129.4, 129.8, 138.9, 153.2

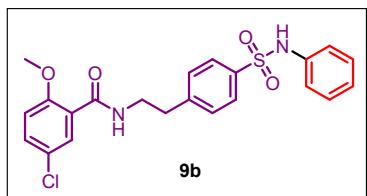
¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral analysis of **9a** and **9b**

N-(5-(*N*-phenylsulfamoyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)acetamide (**9a**)



Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **C**; obtained as a colourless solid, Yield: (157 mg, 70%); mp 288-289 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H (ppm) 2.21 (s, 3H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 11.17 (s, 1H), 13.07 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C (ppm) 22.7, 121.5, 125.6, 129.8, 136.7, 161.0, 162.1, 170.0; HRMS-ESI *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₀N₄O₃S₂, 298.0194; found, 299.0275

5-Chloro-2-methoxy-N-(4-(N-phenylsulfamoyl)phenethyl)benzamide (9b**)**



Synthesized as per the general experimental procedure **C**; obtained as a light orange oil, Yield: (166 mg, 50%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_H (ppm); 2.93-2.96 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.69-3.74 (m, 2H), 6.83 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 8 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (br s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ_C (ppm) 35.4, 40.5, 56.1, 112.9, 121.5, 122.6, 125.3, 126.7, 127.5, 129.3, 129.5, 131.9, 132.4, 136.5, 137.5, 144.9, 155.9, 164.1; HRMS-ESI m/z : [M+H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$, 444.0911; found, 445.1014

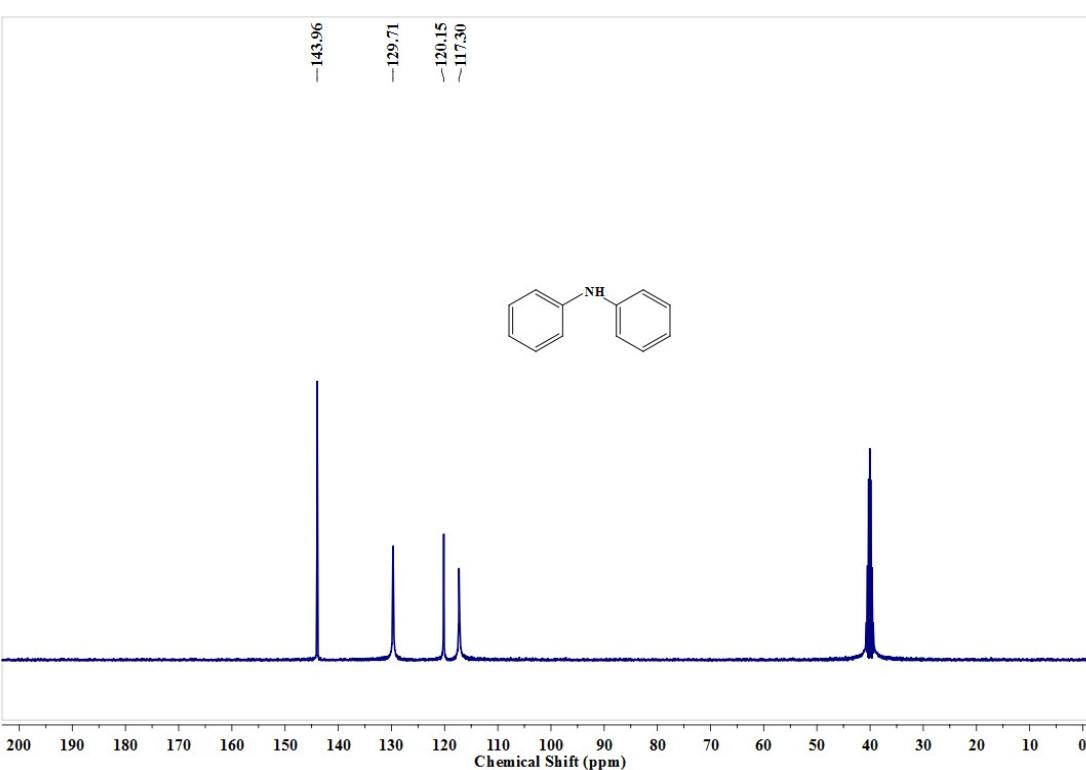
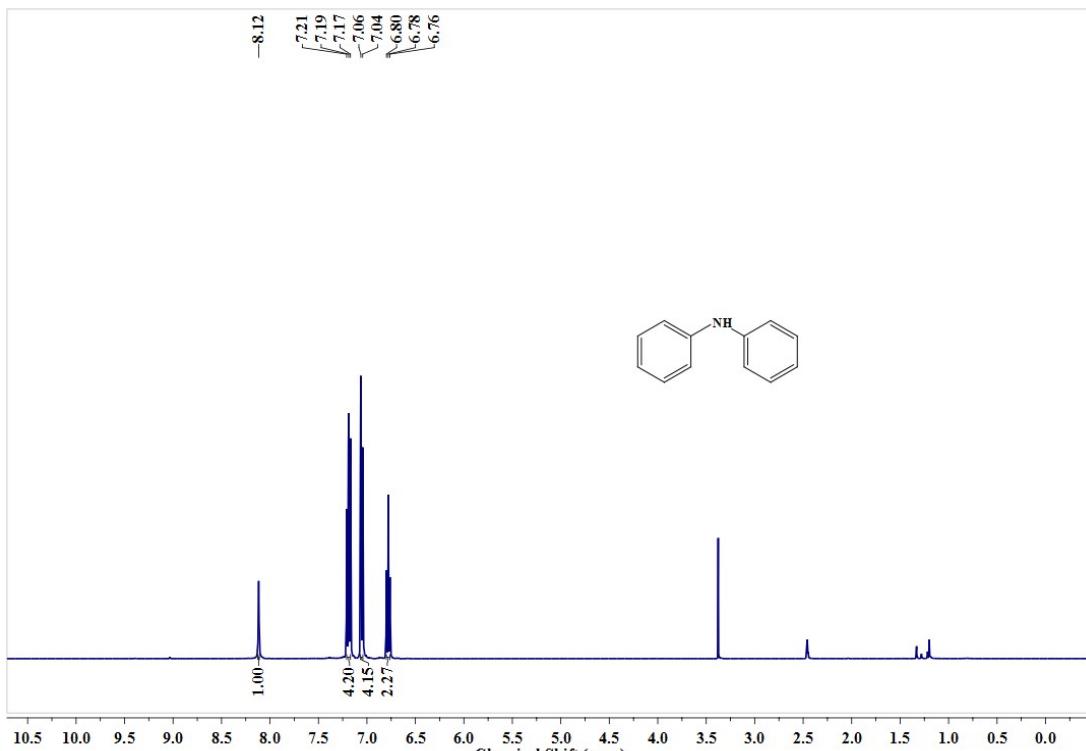
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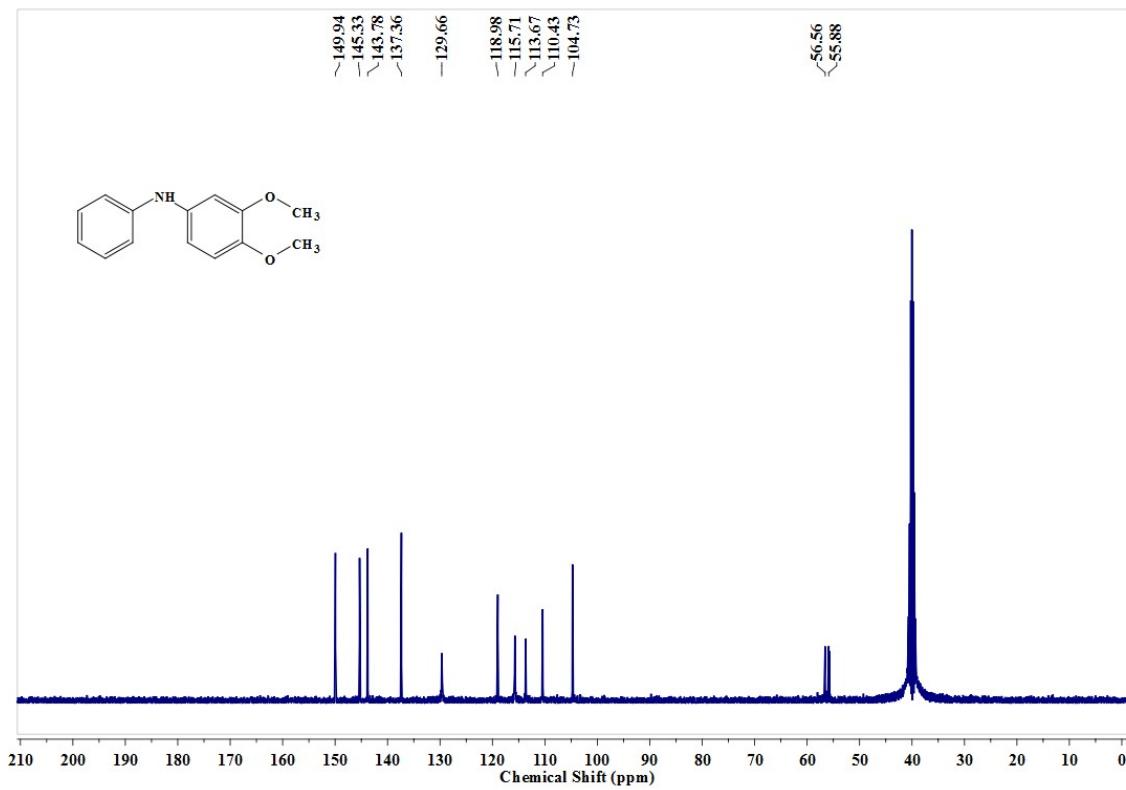
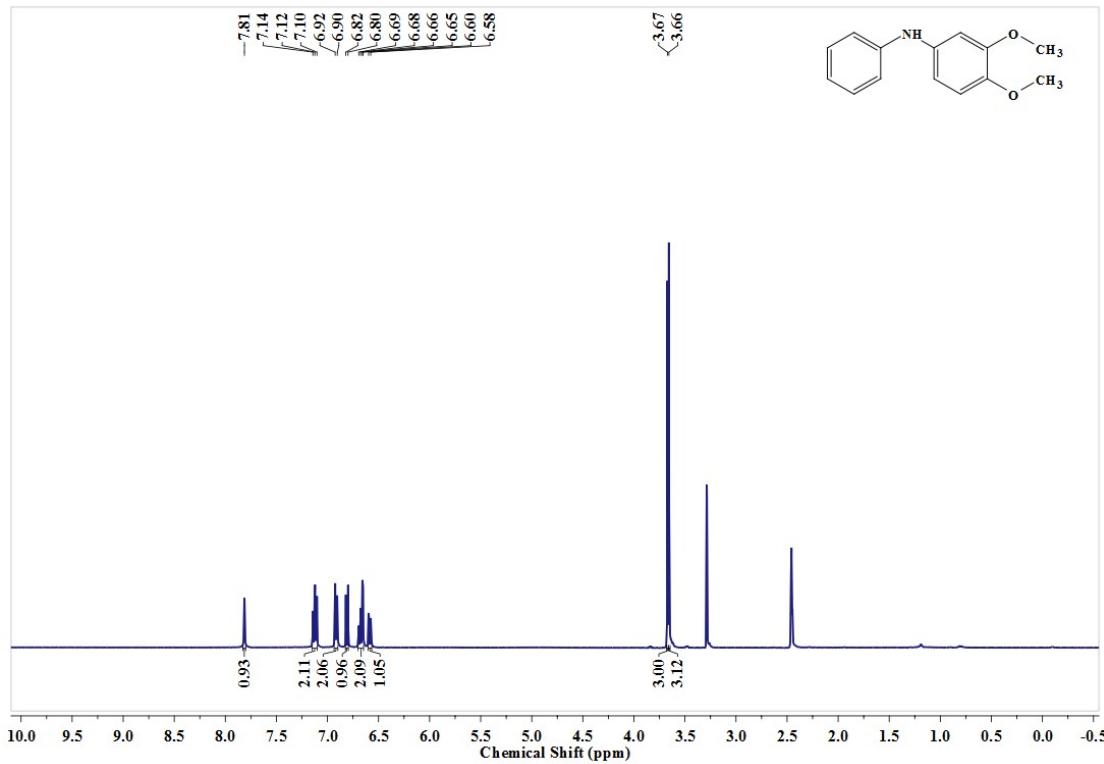
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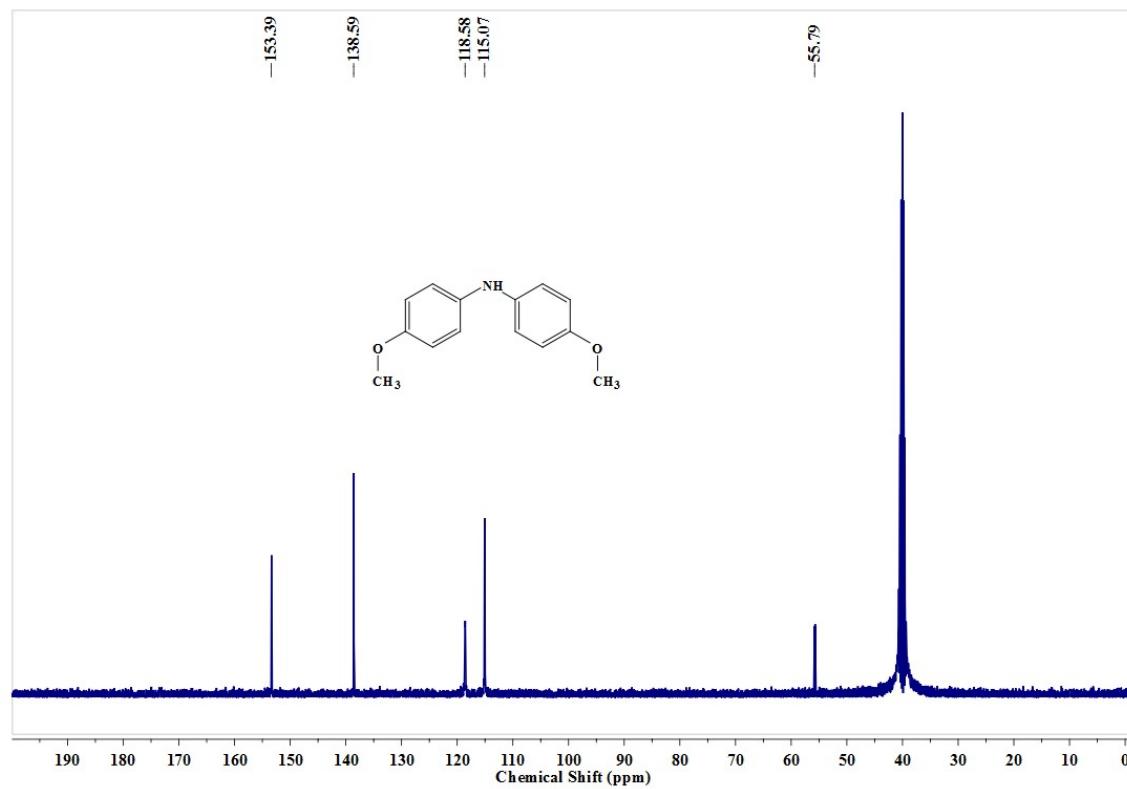
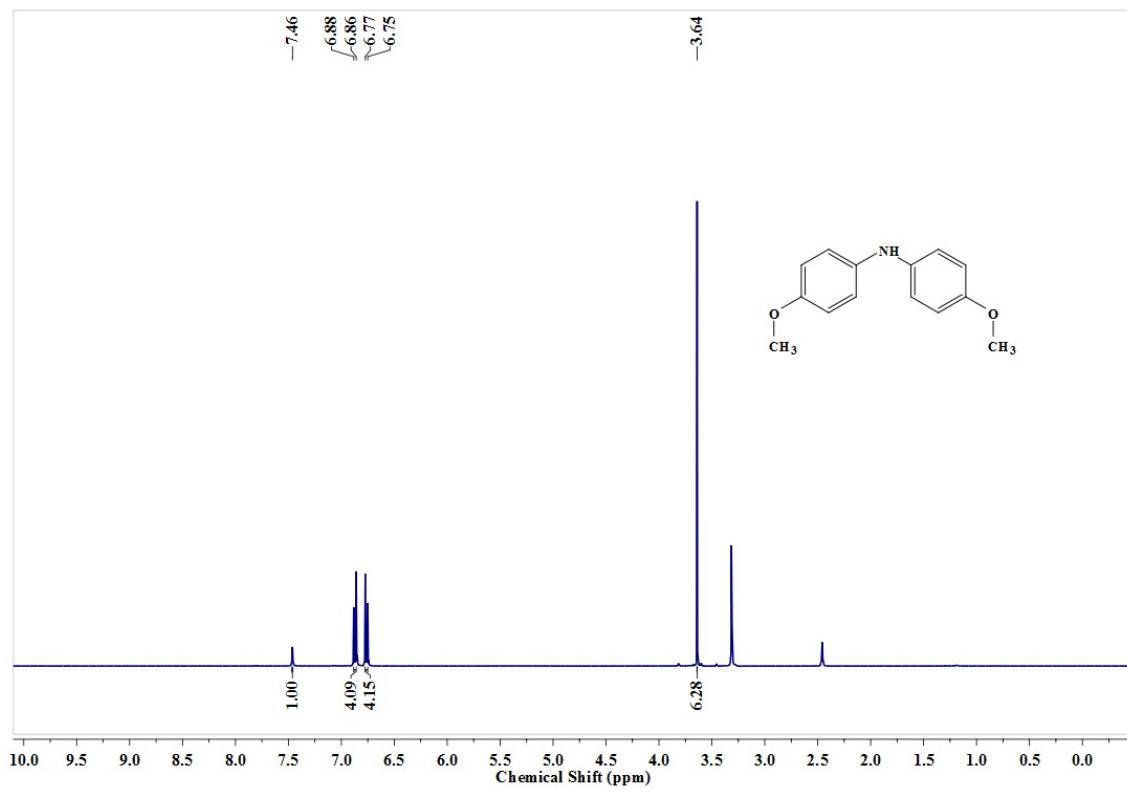
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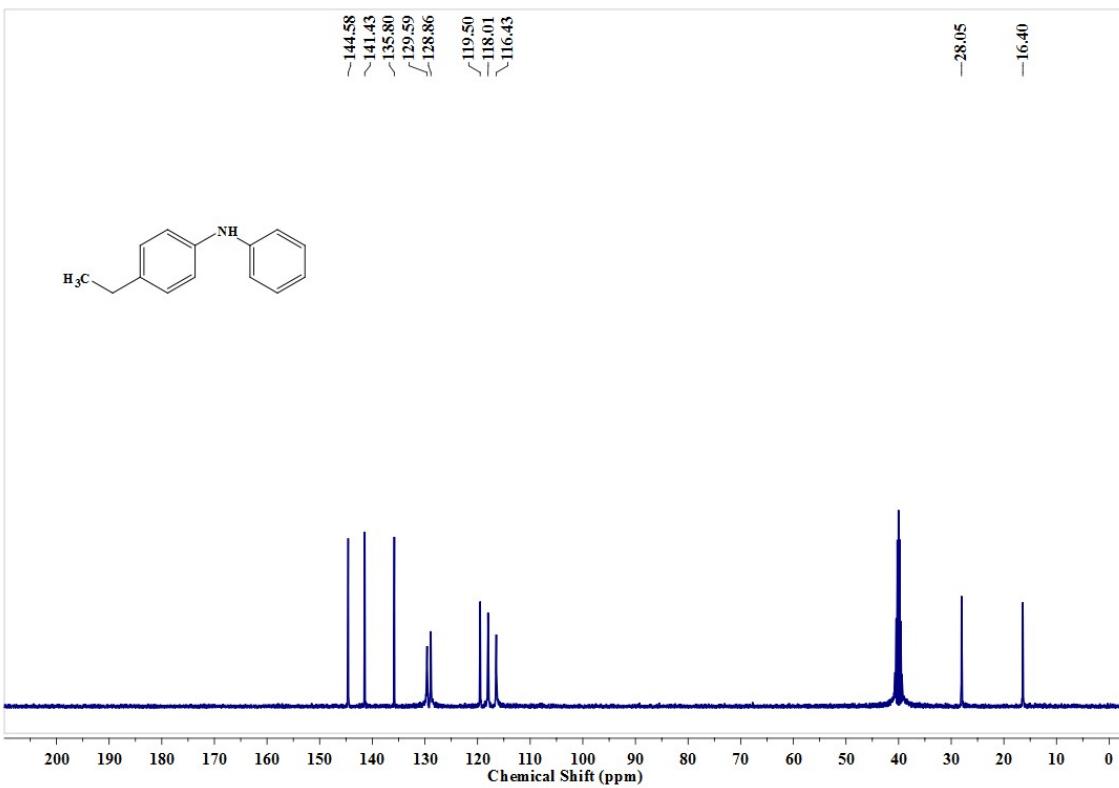
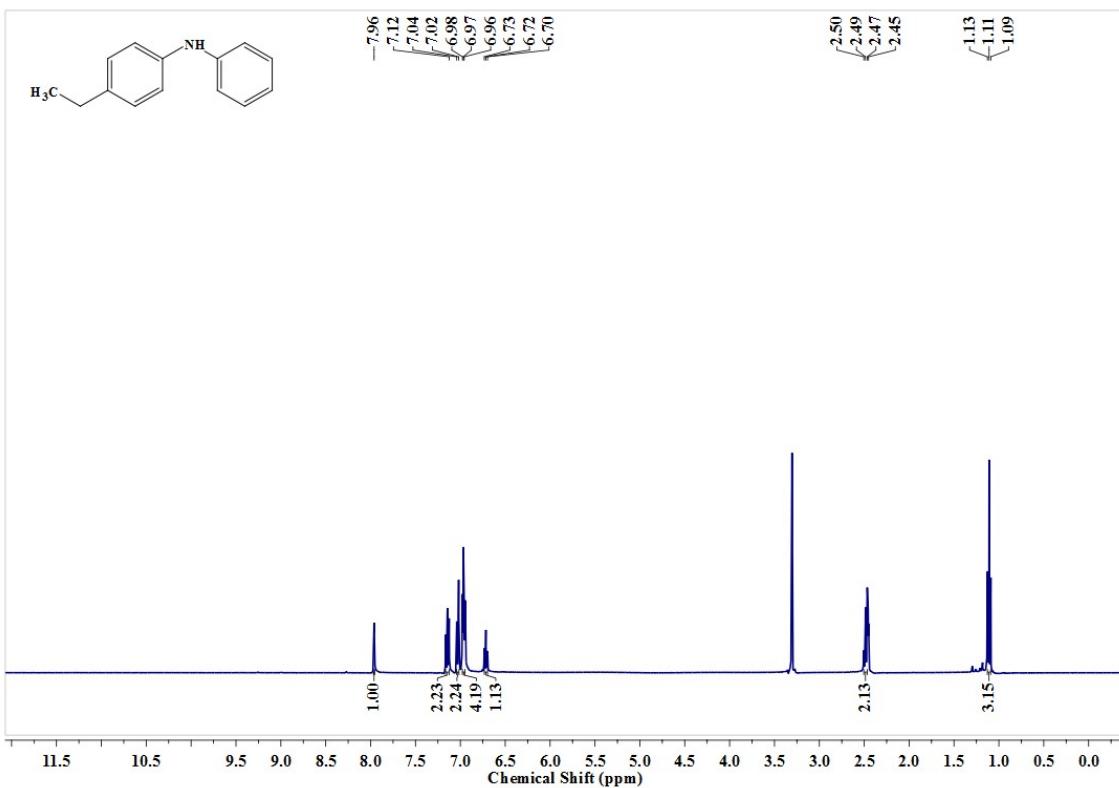
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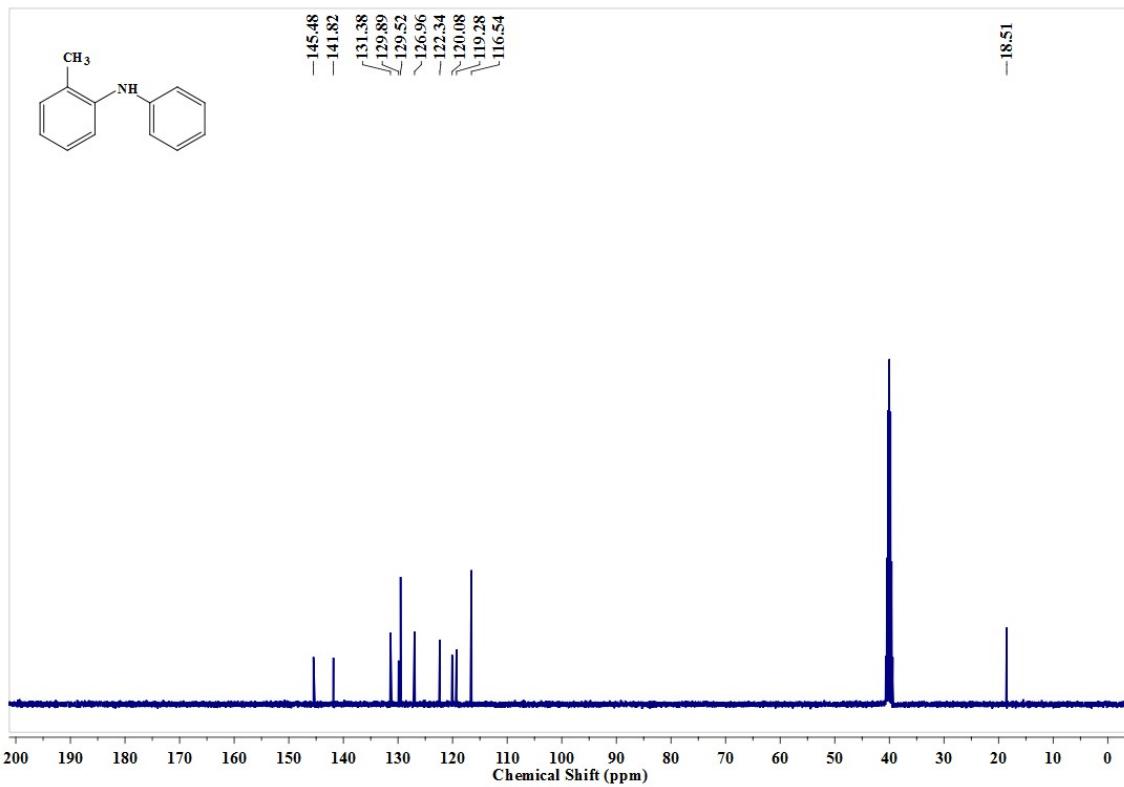
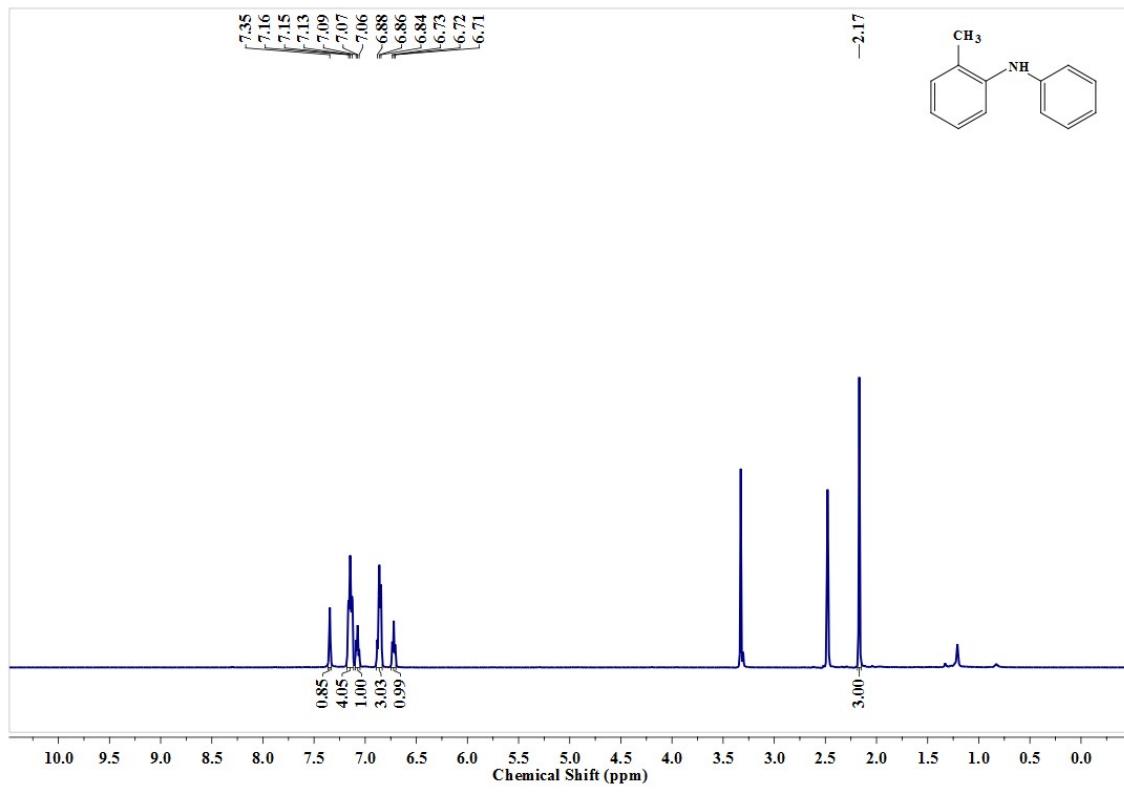
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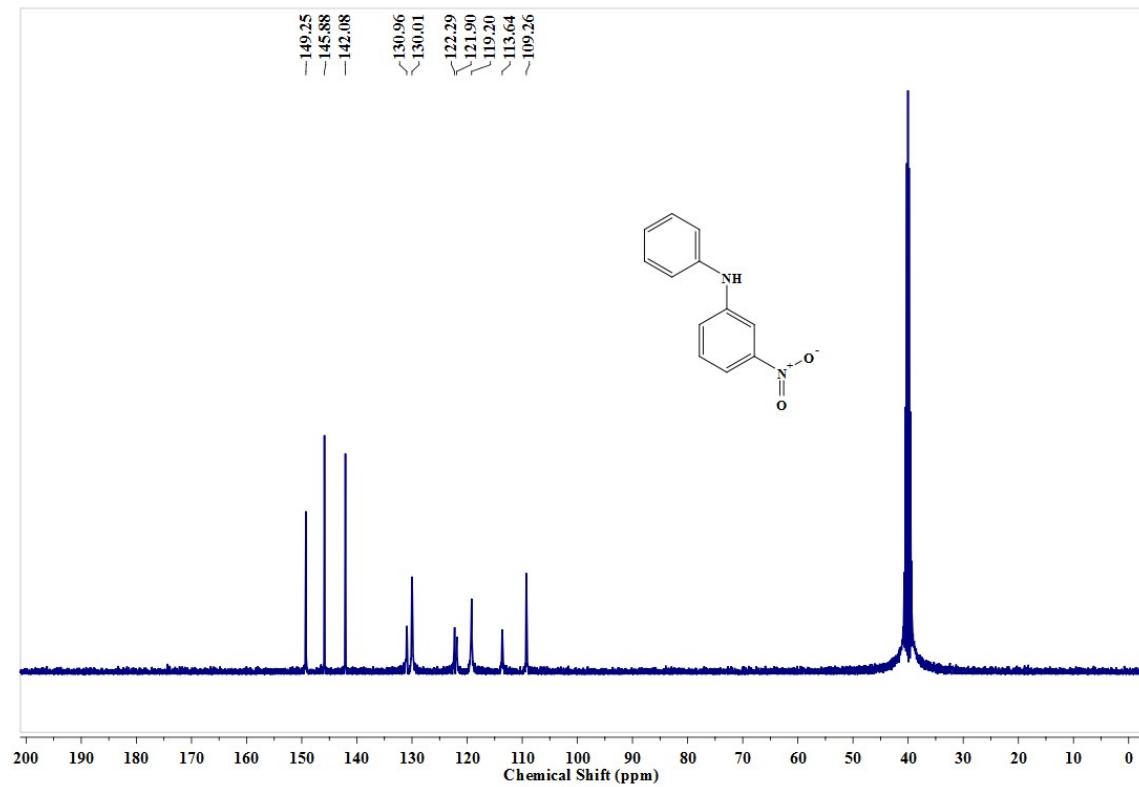
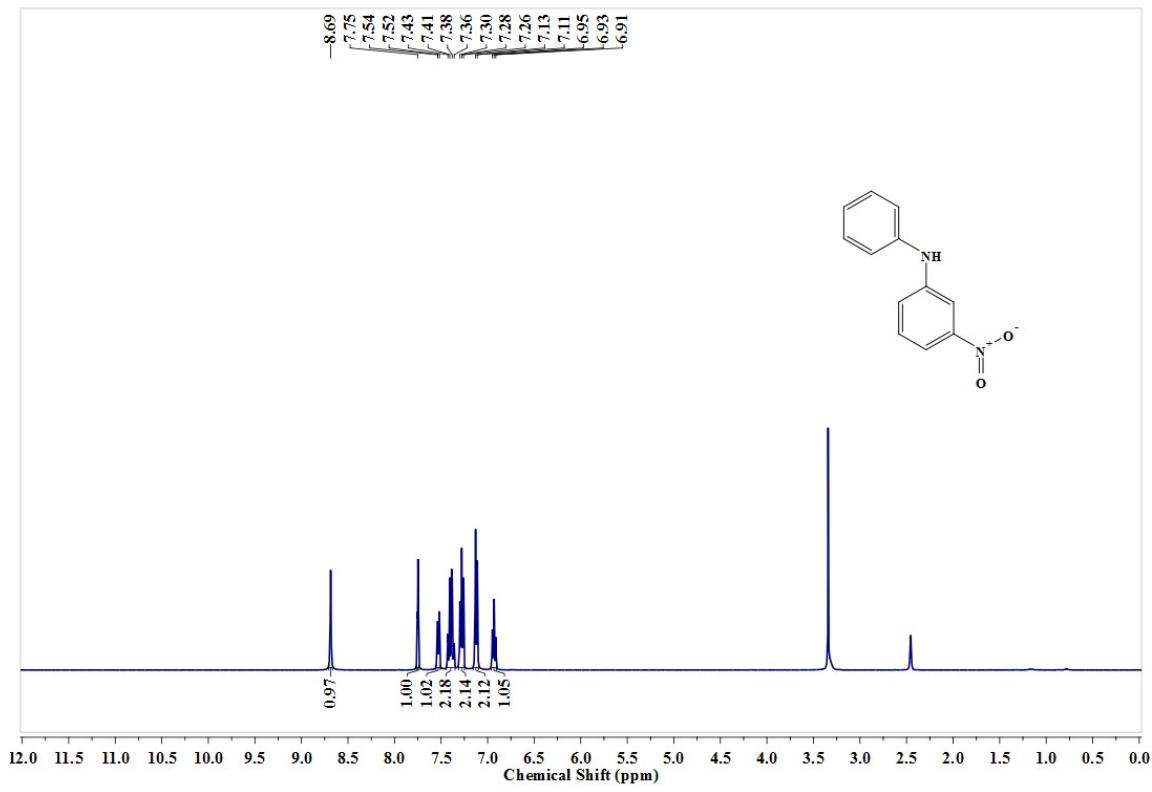


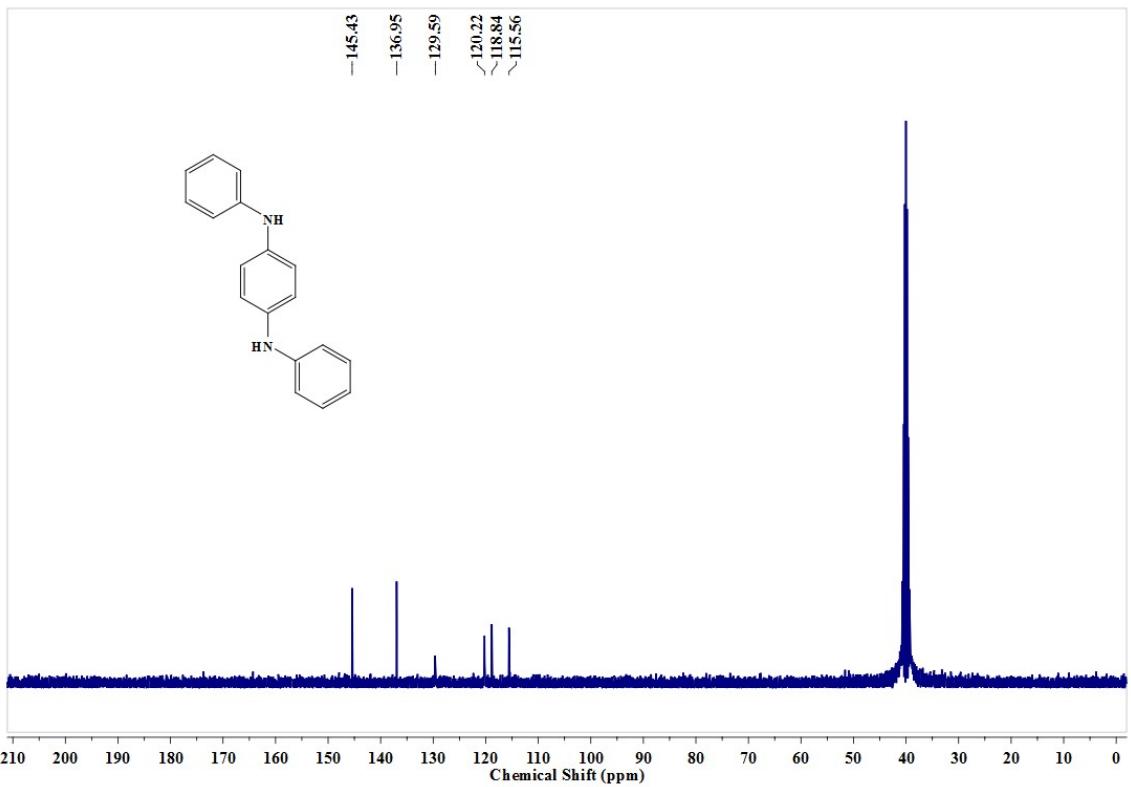
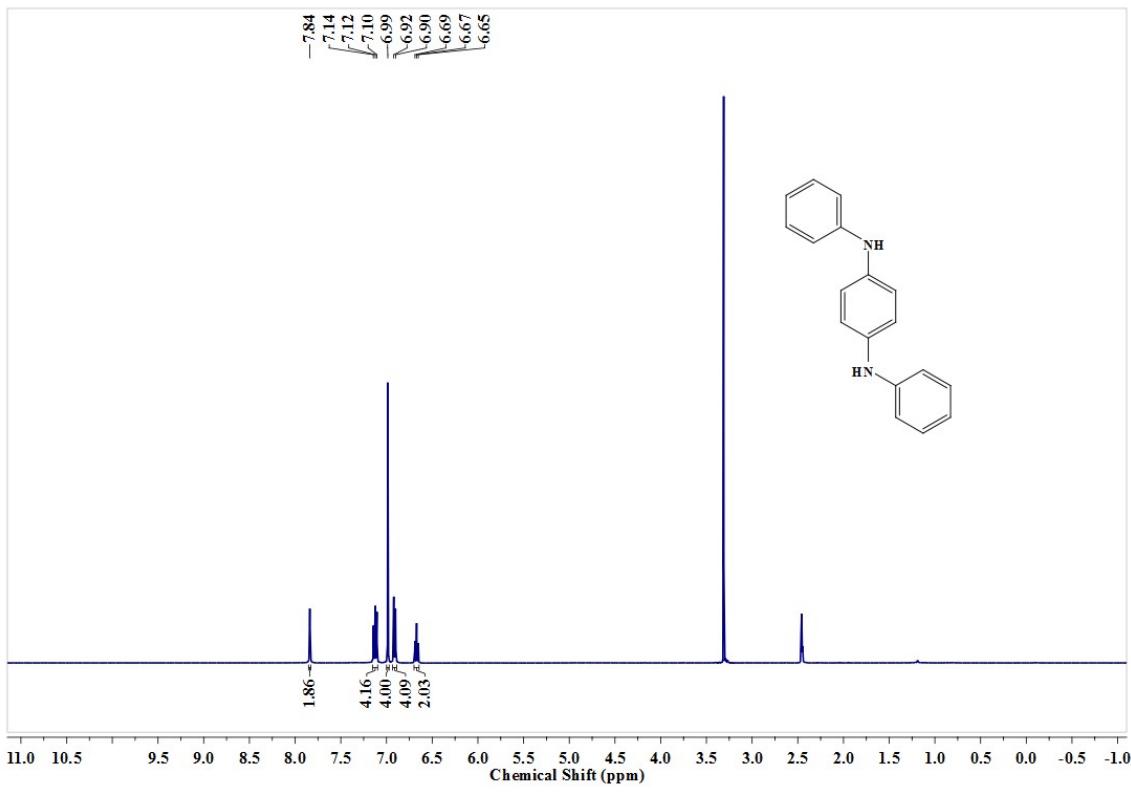


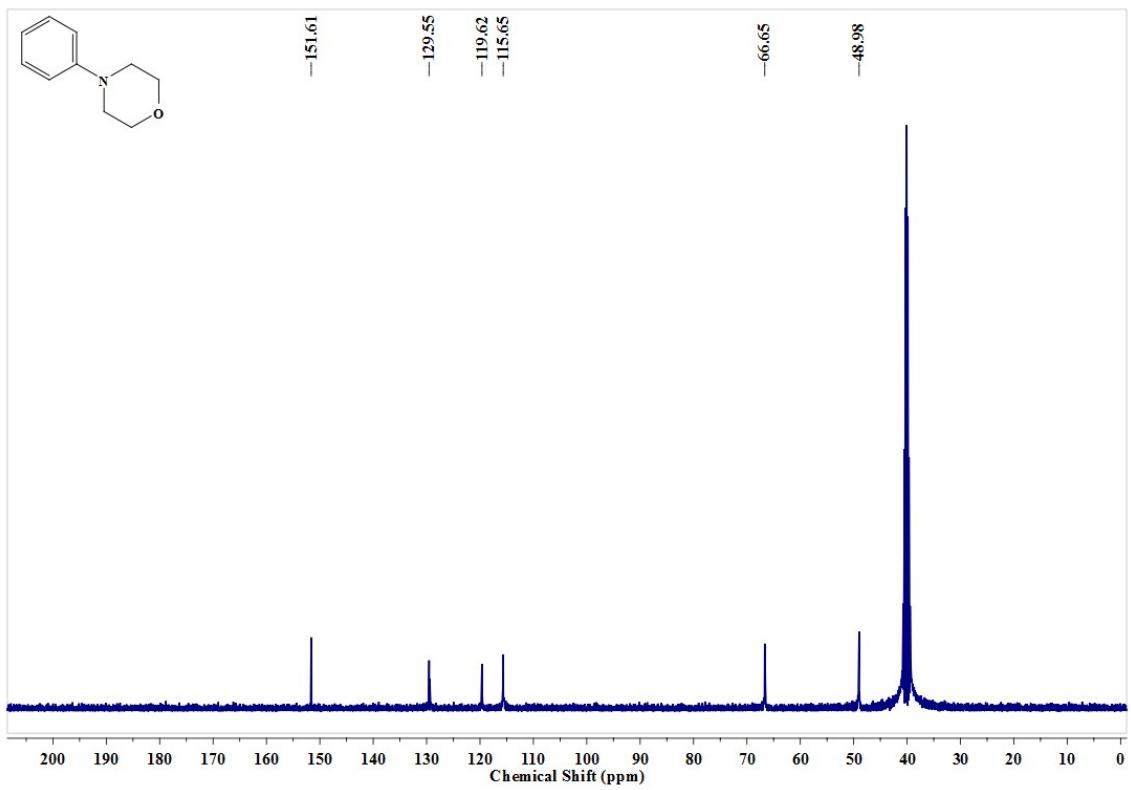
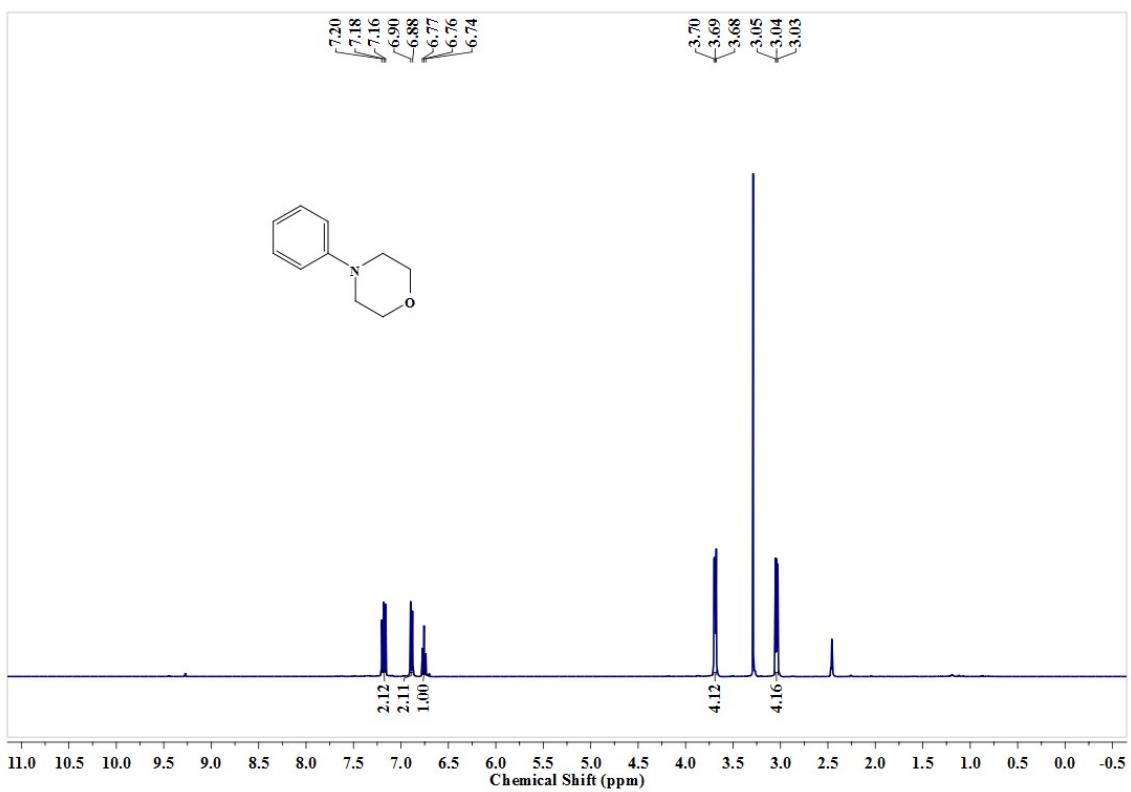


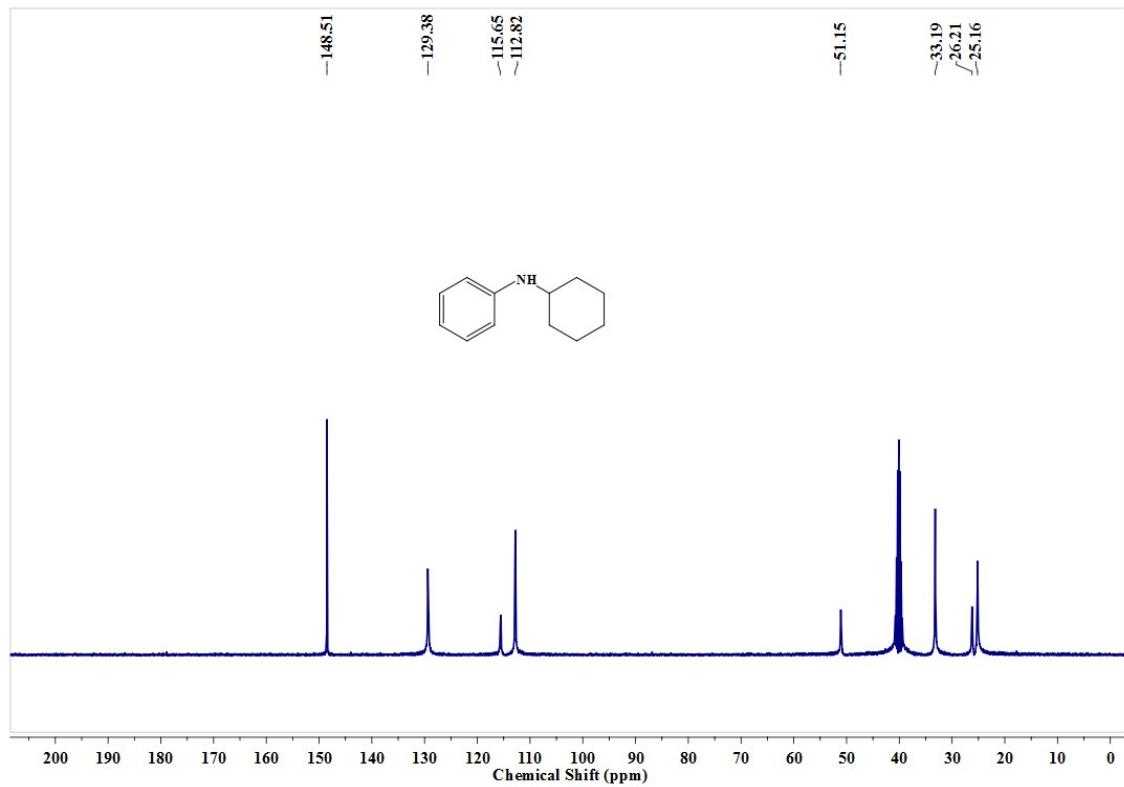
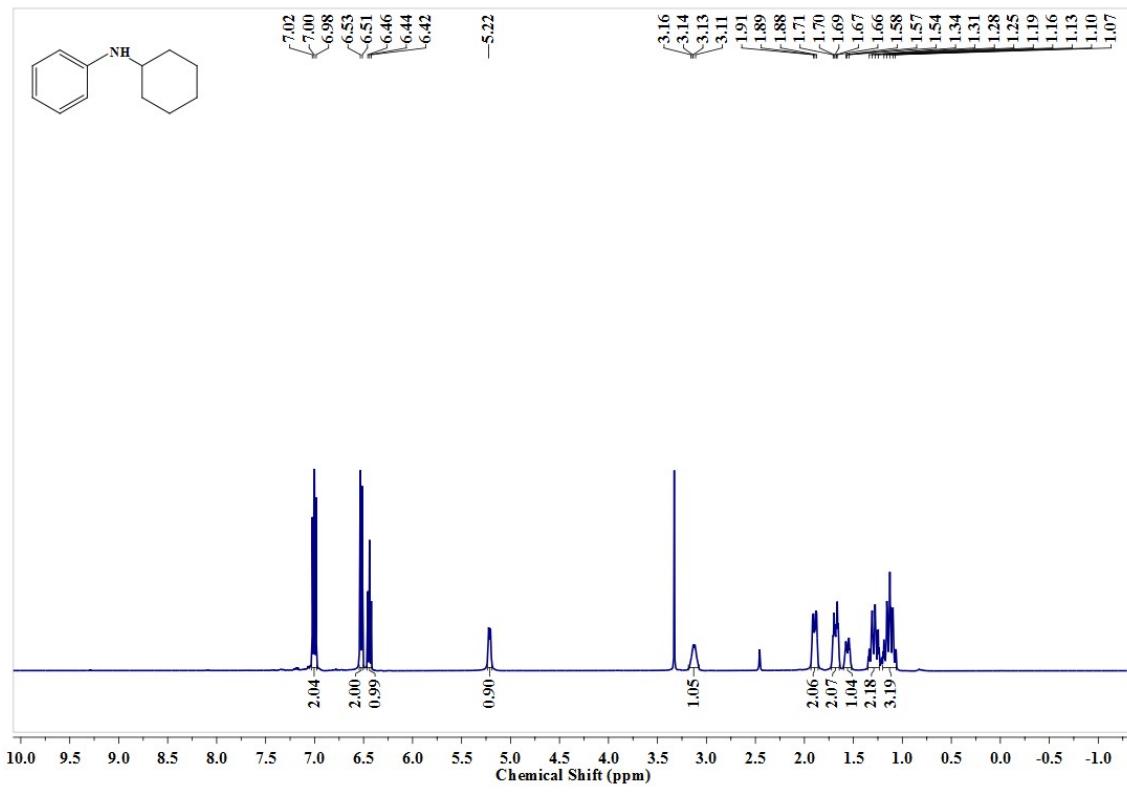


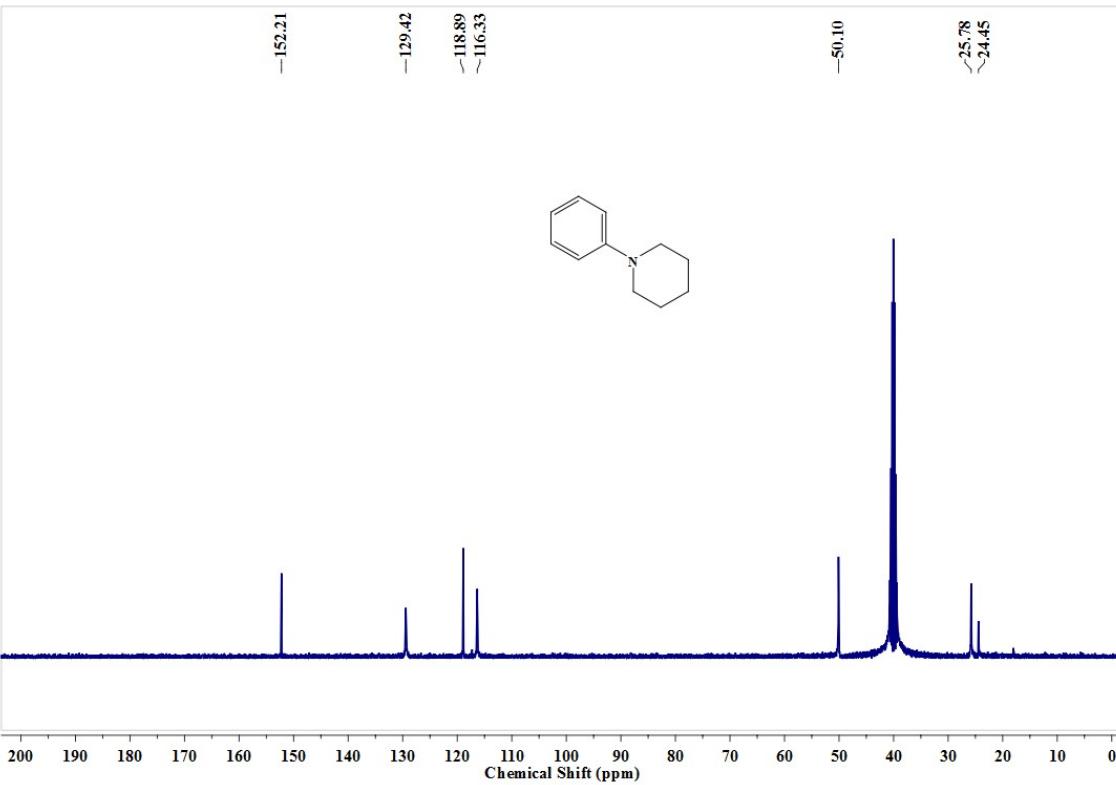
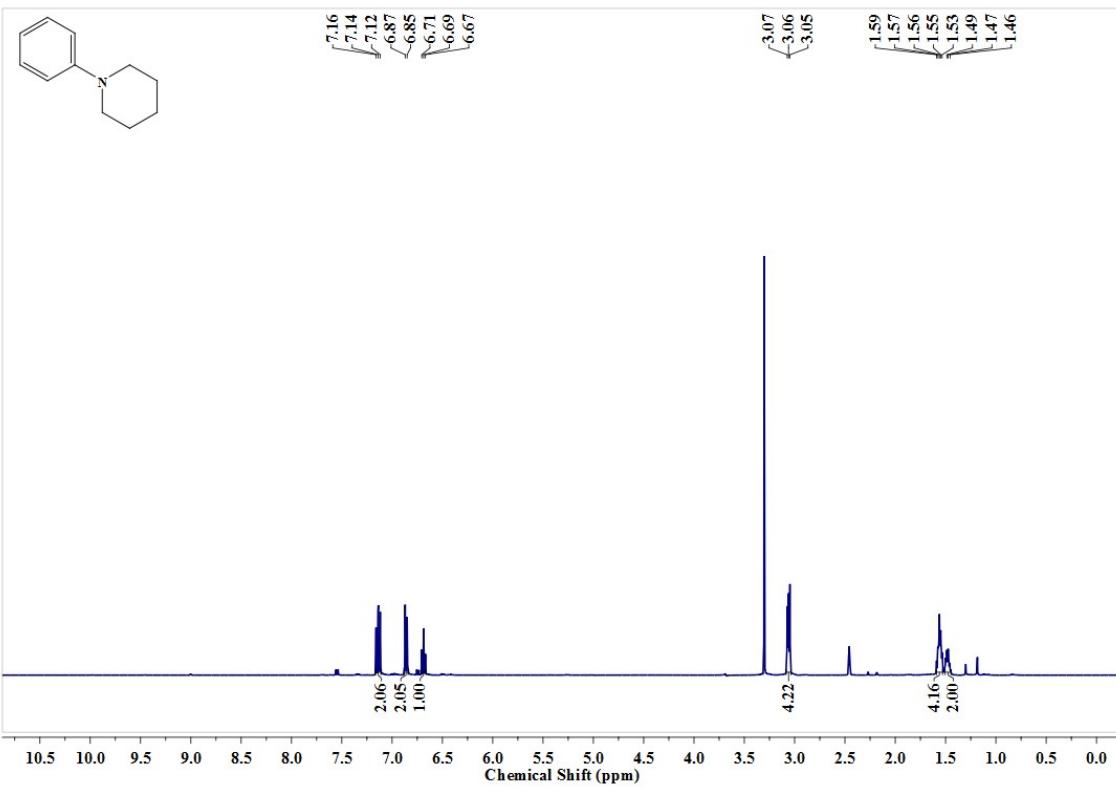


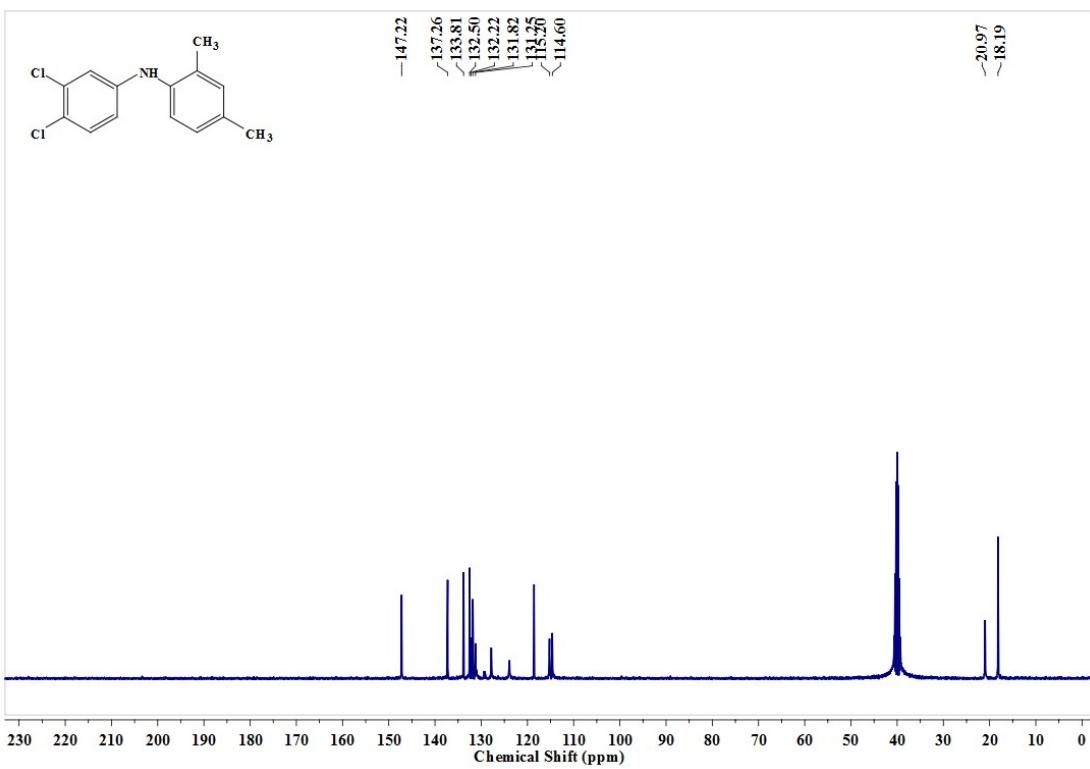
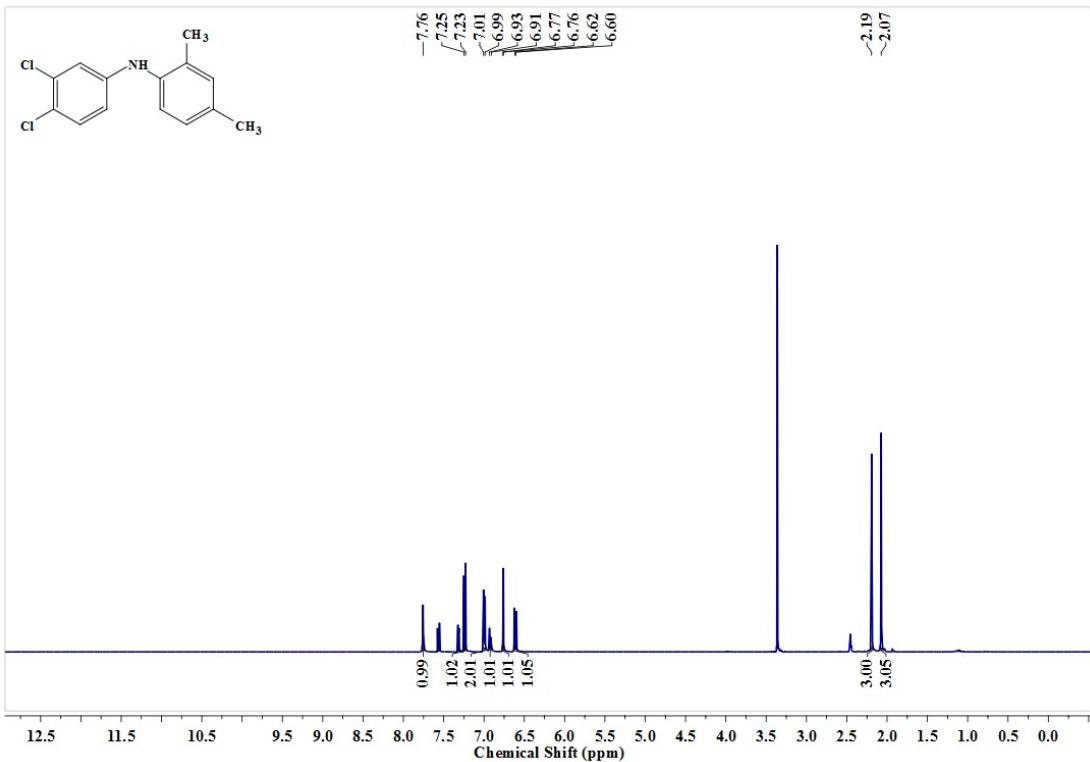


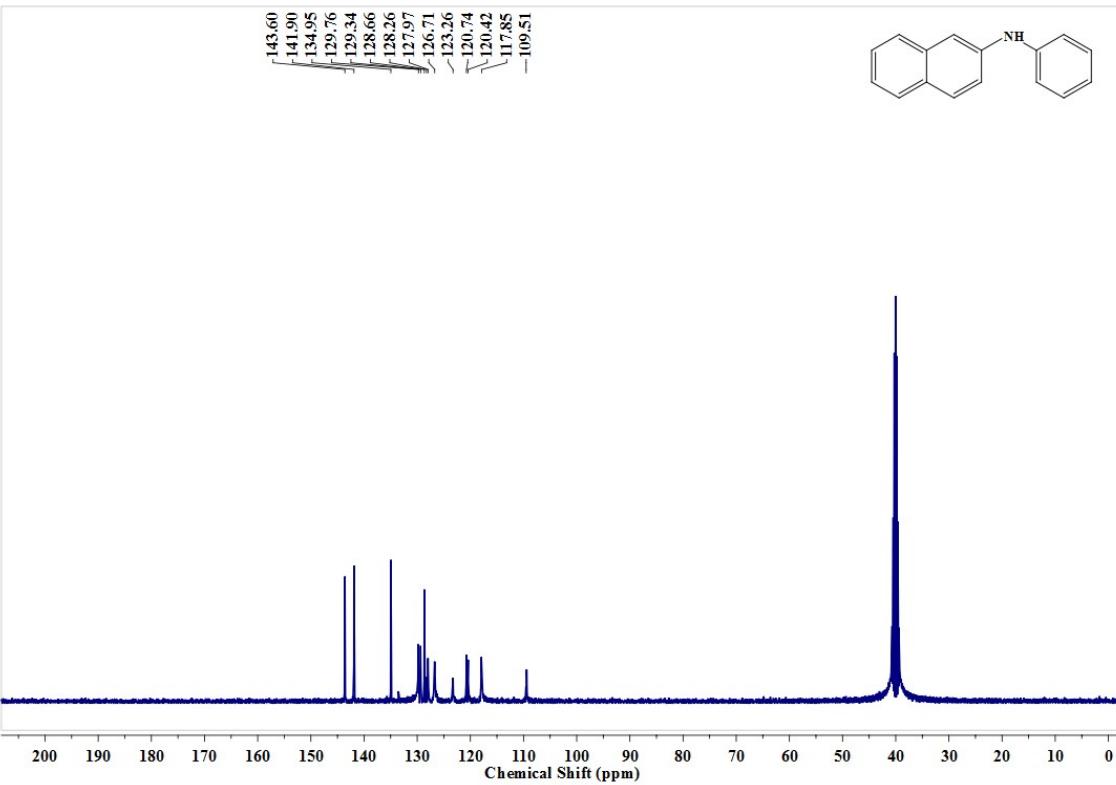
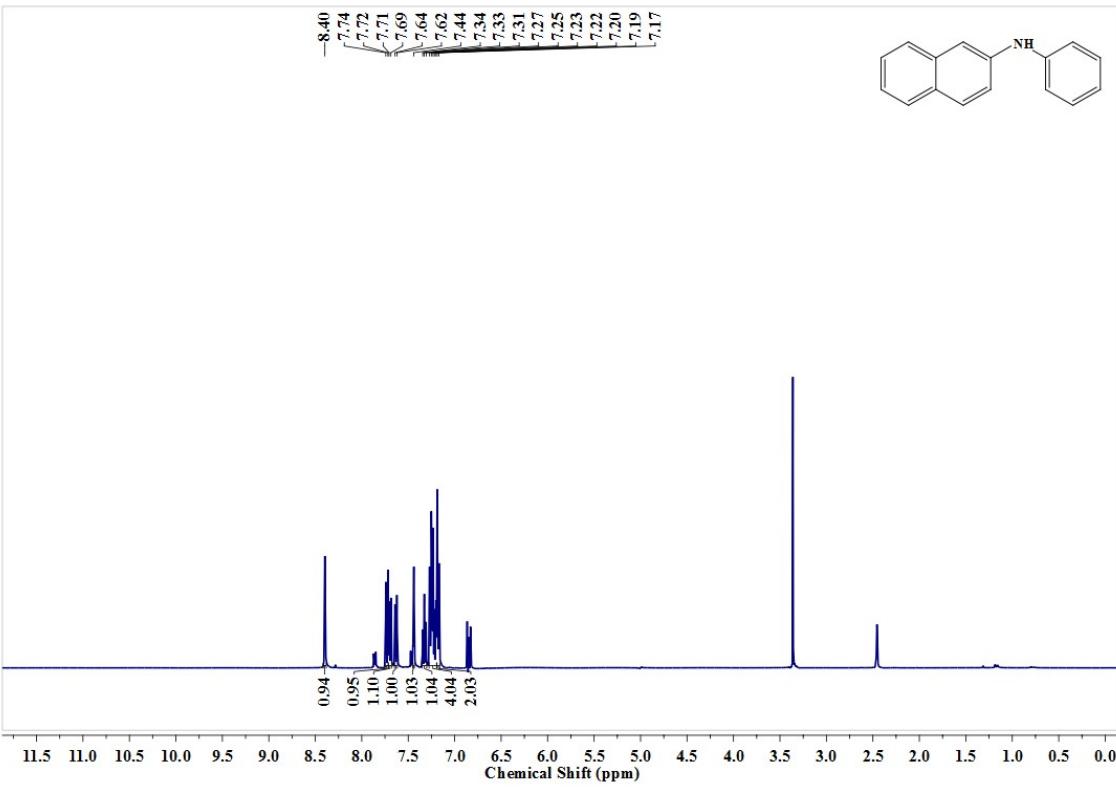


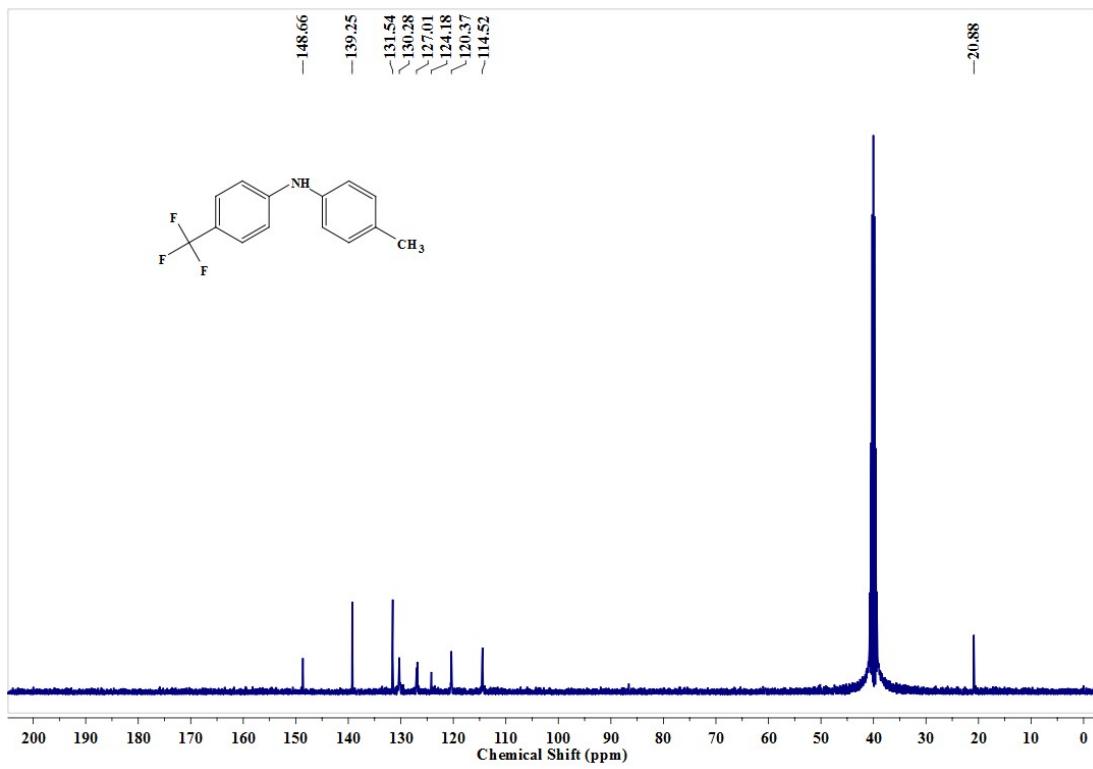
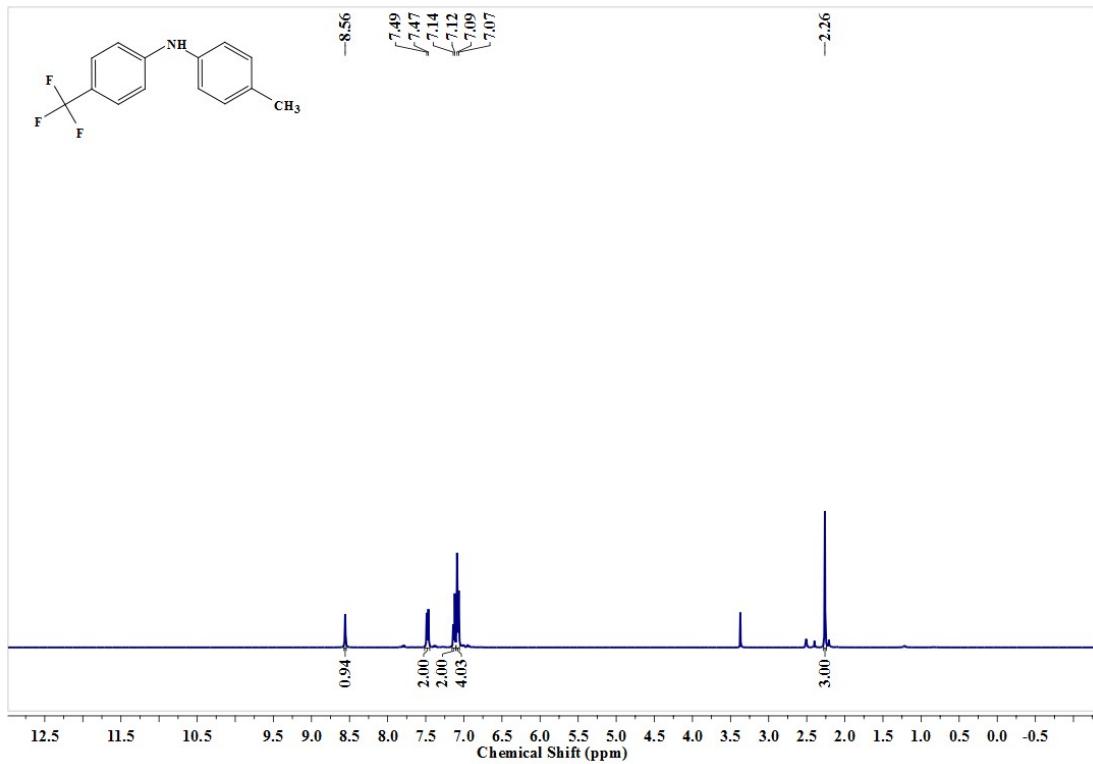


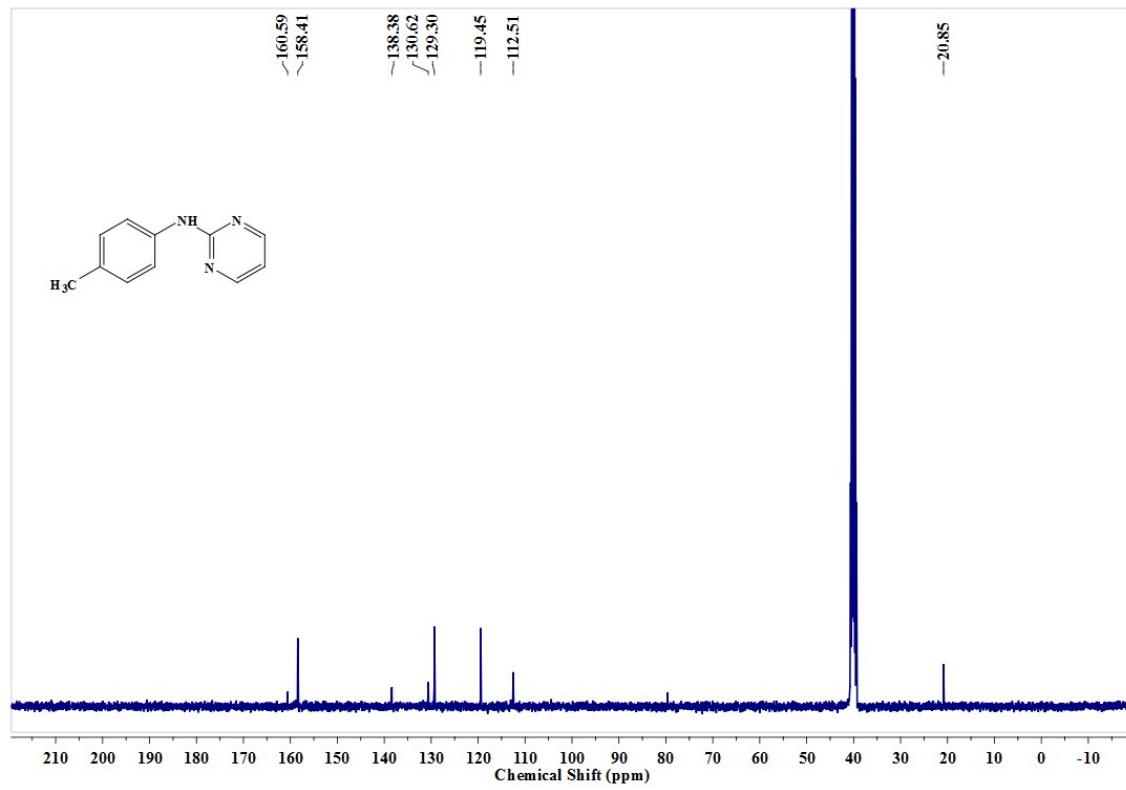
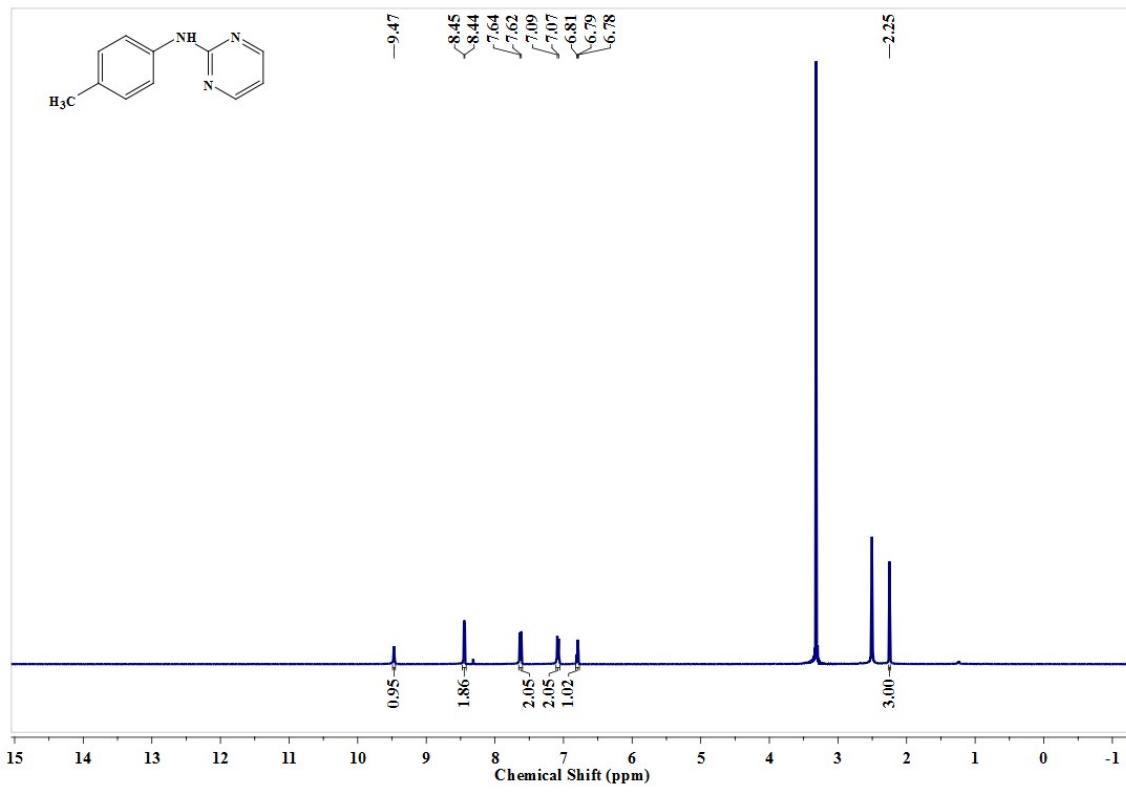


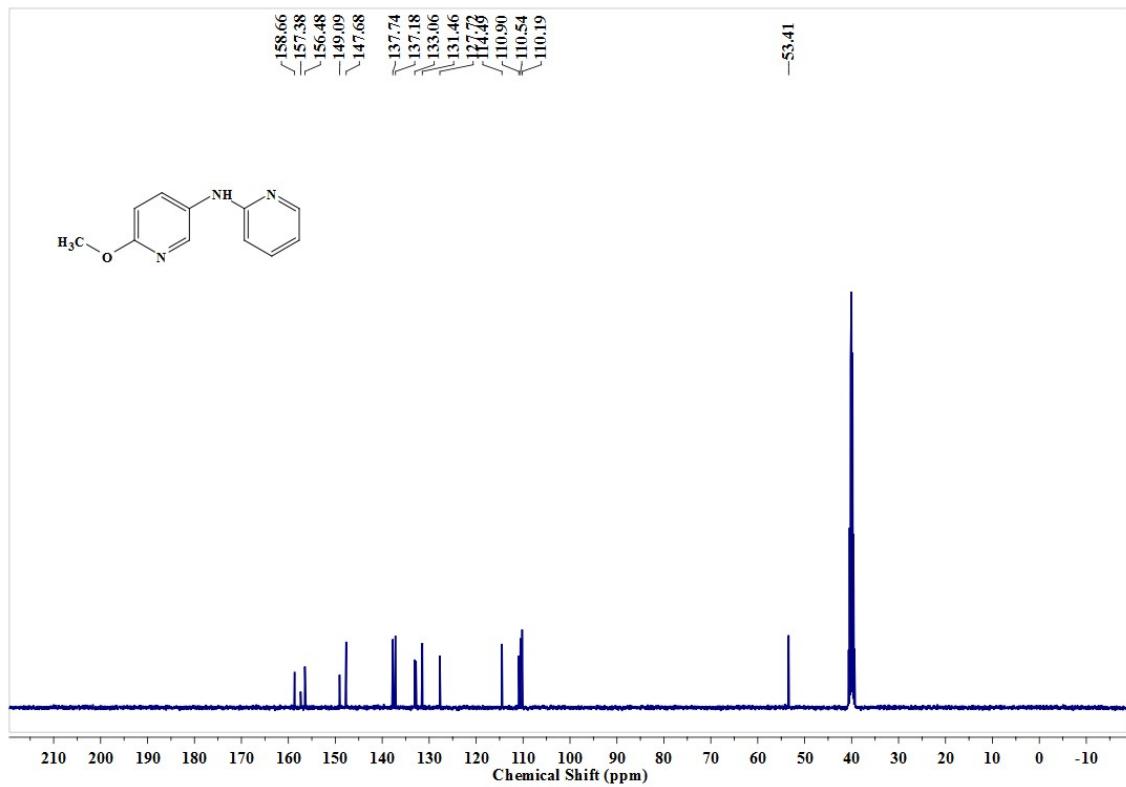
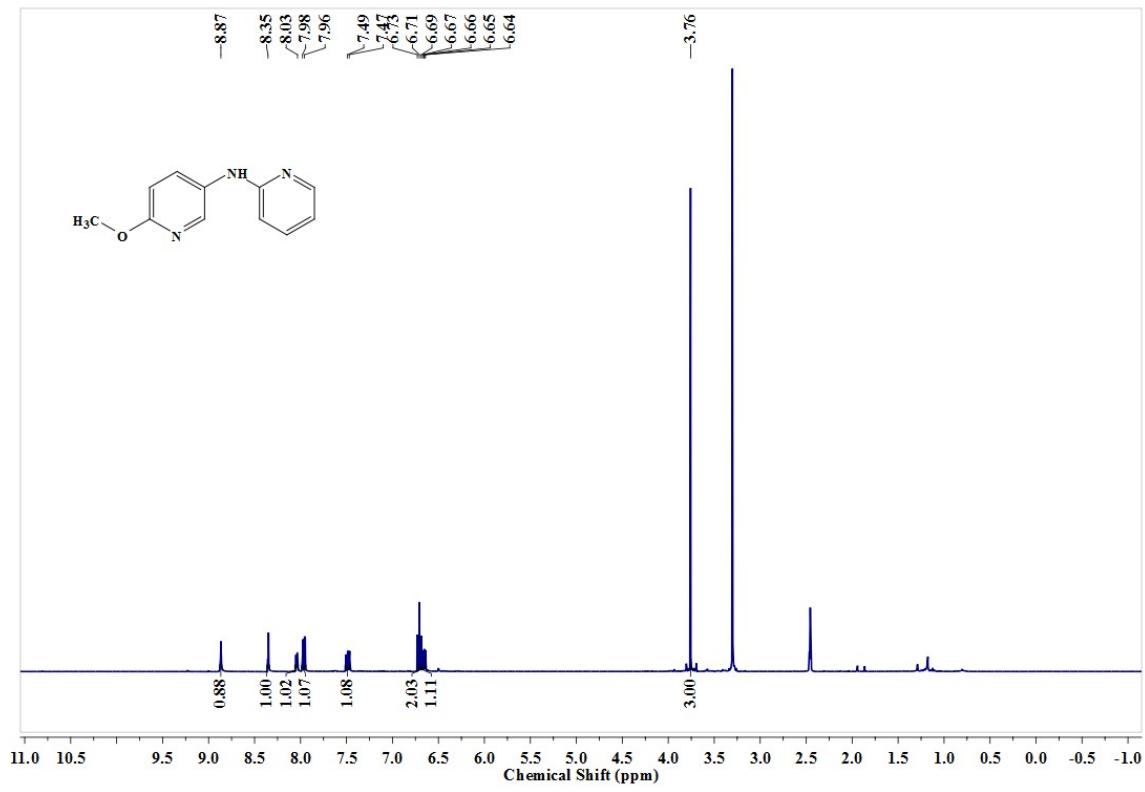


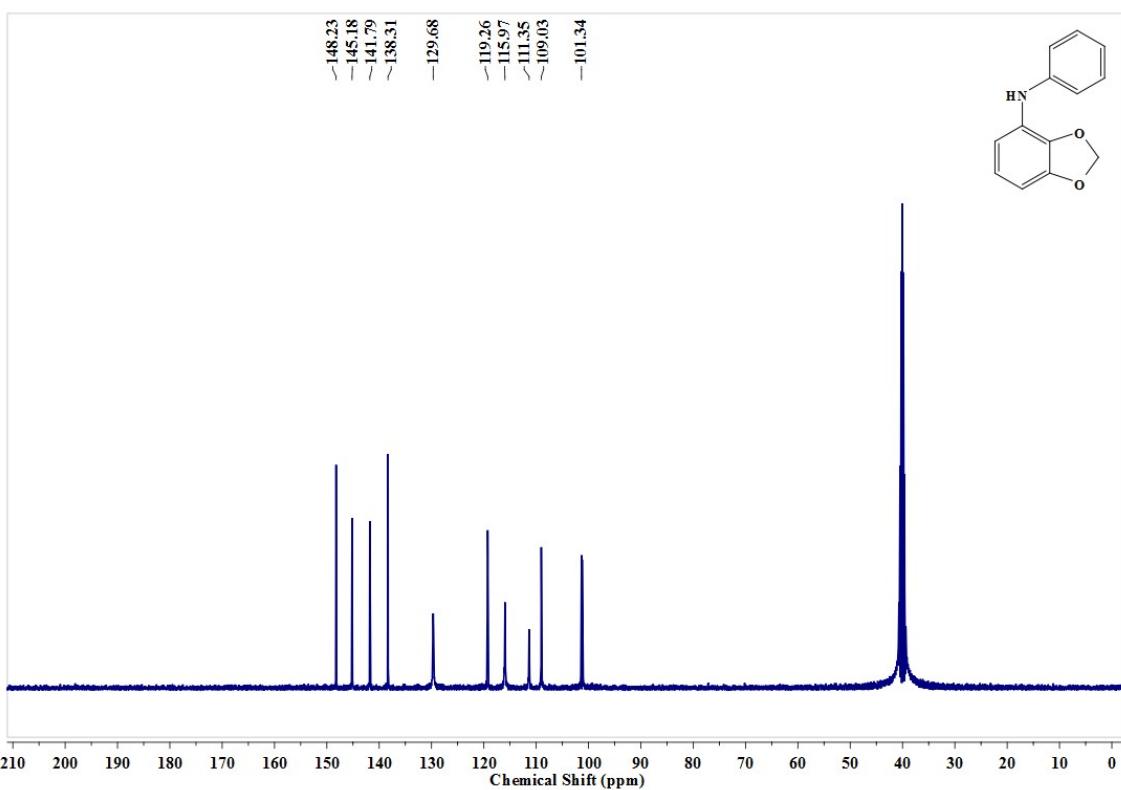
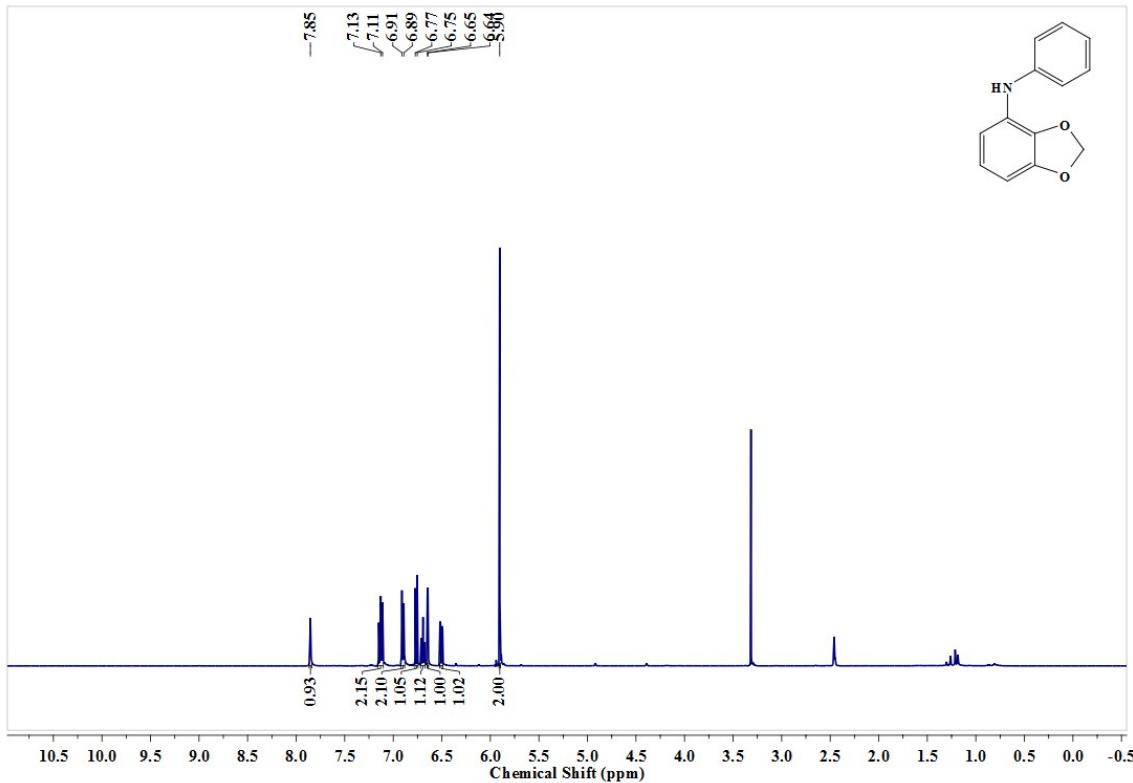




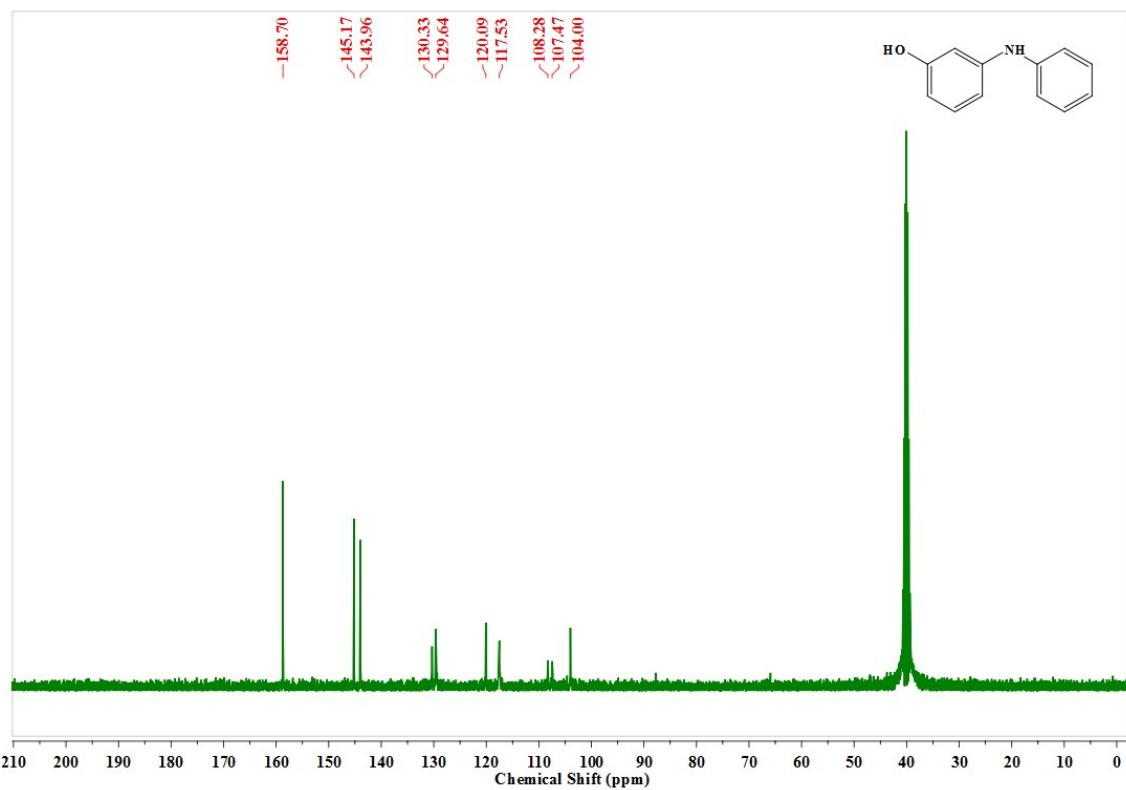
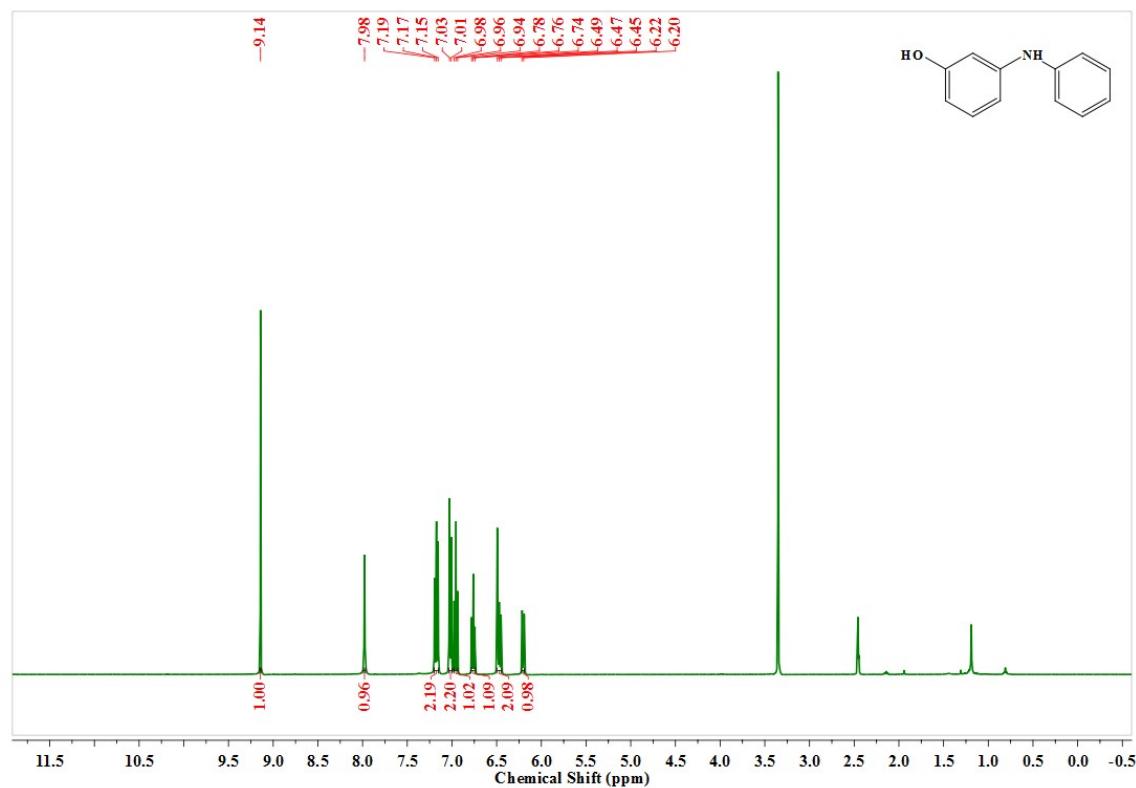


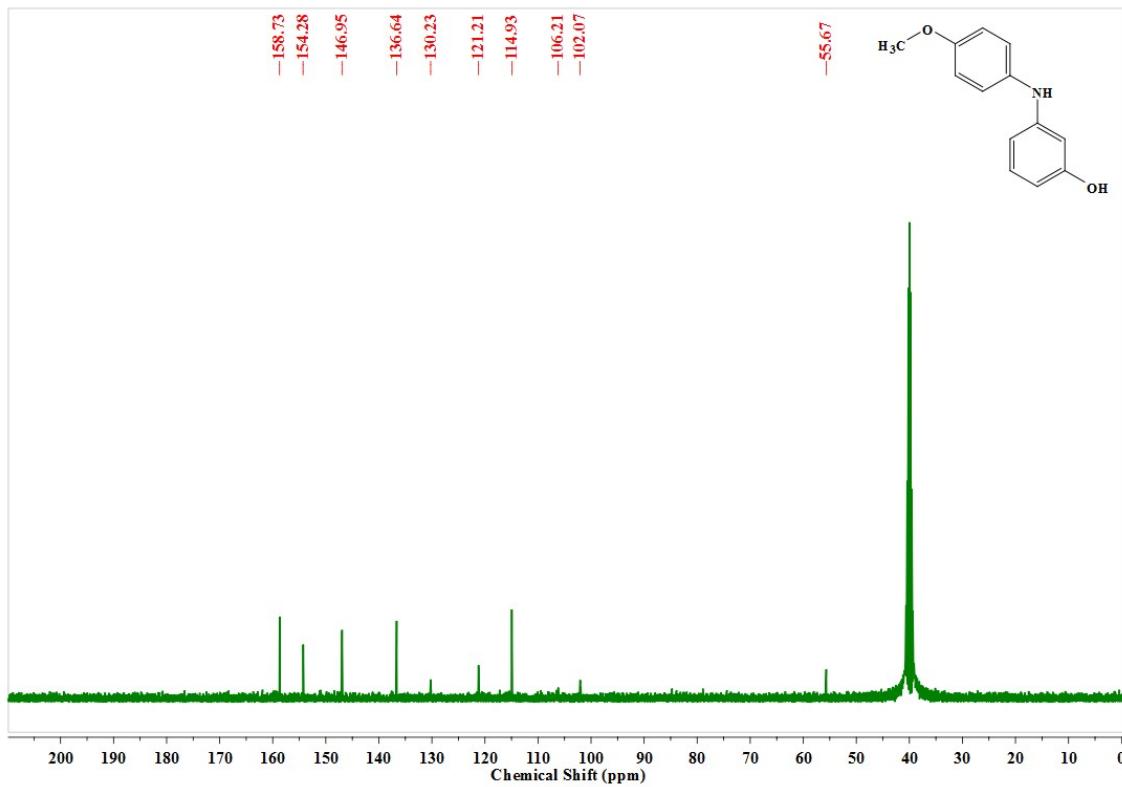
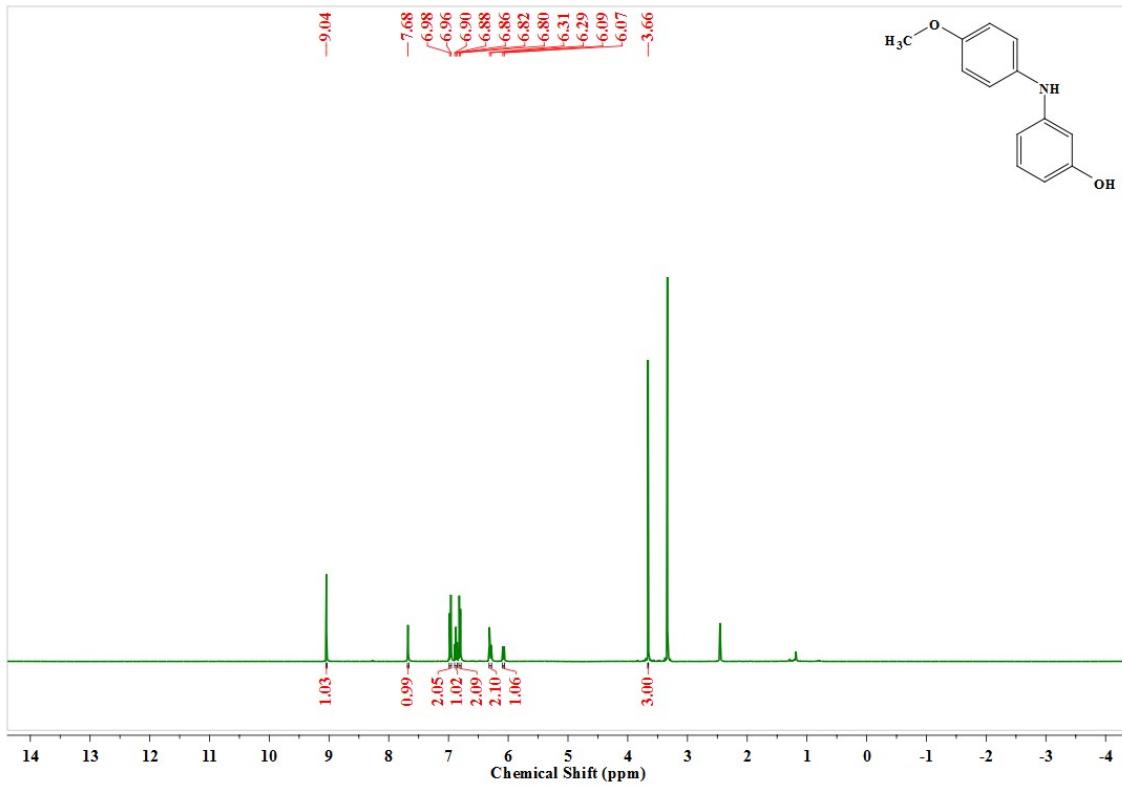


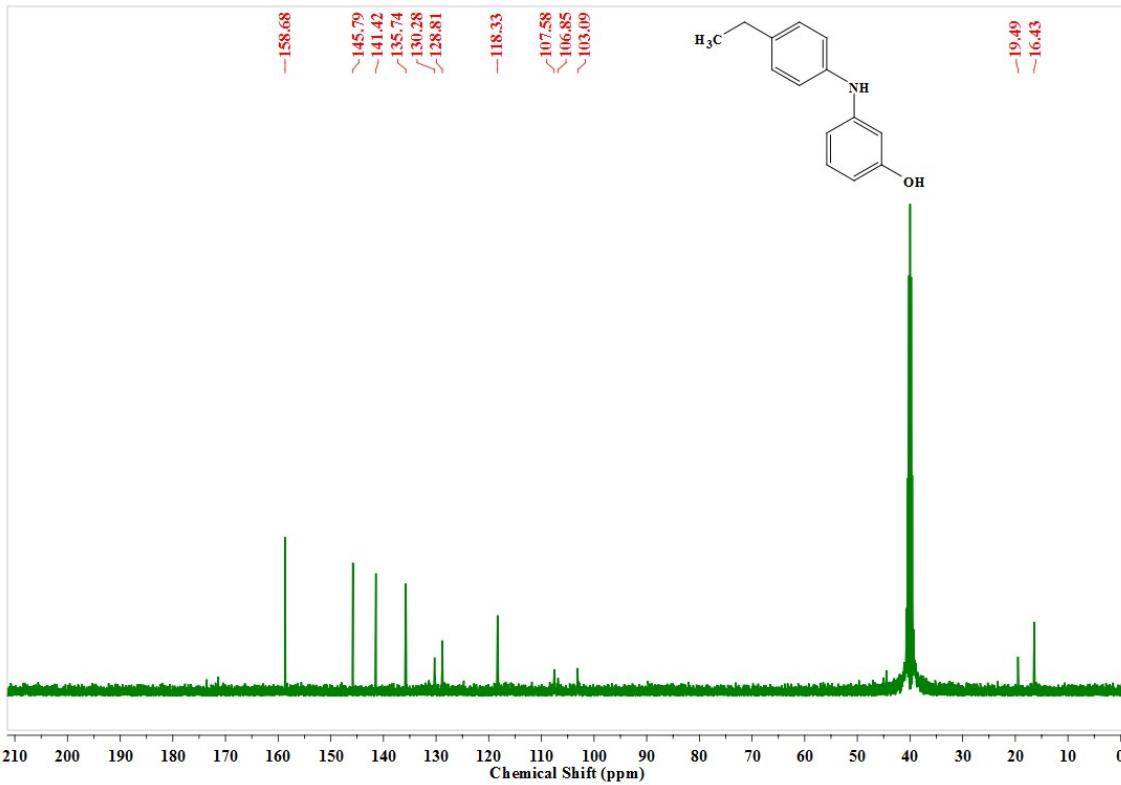
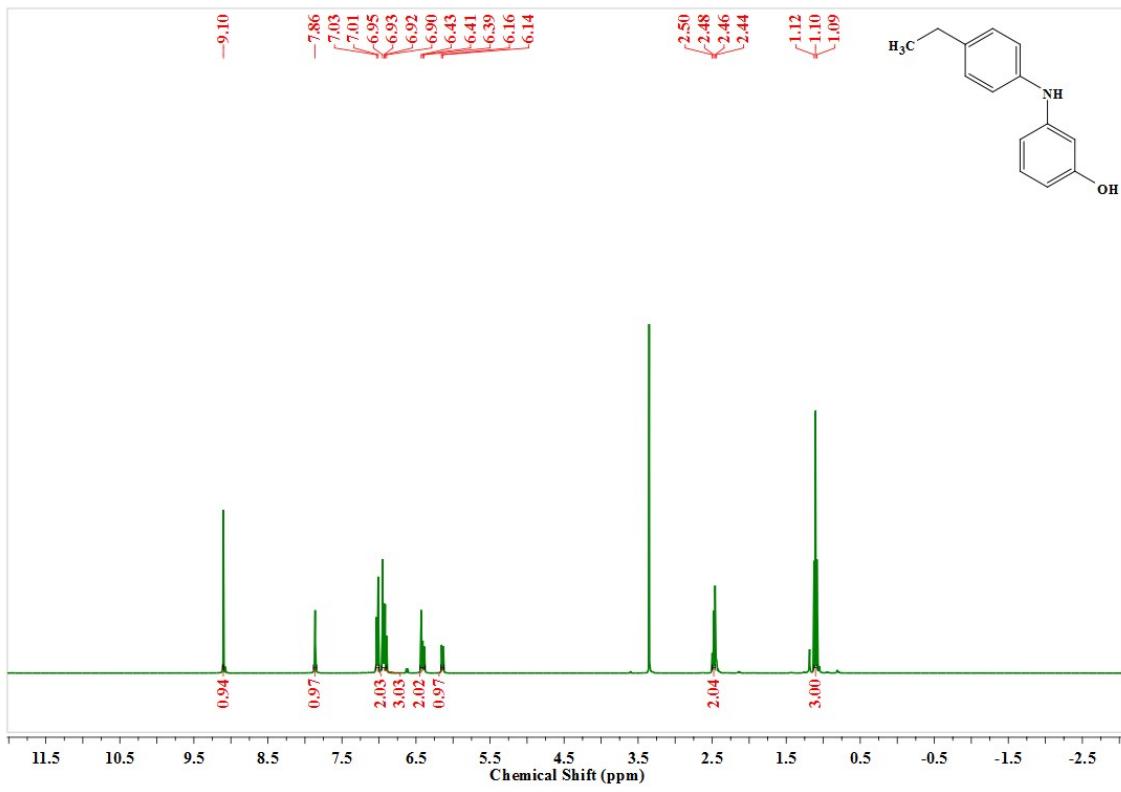


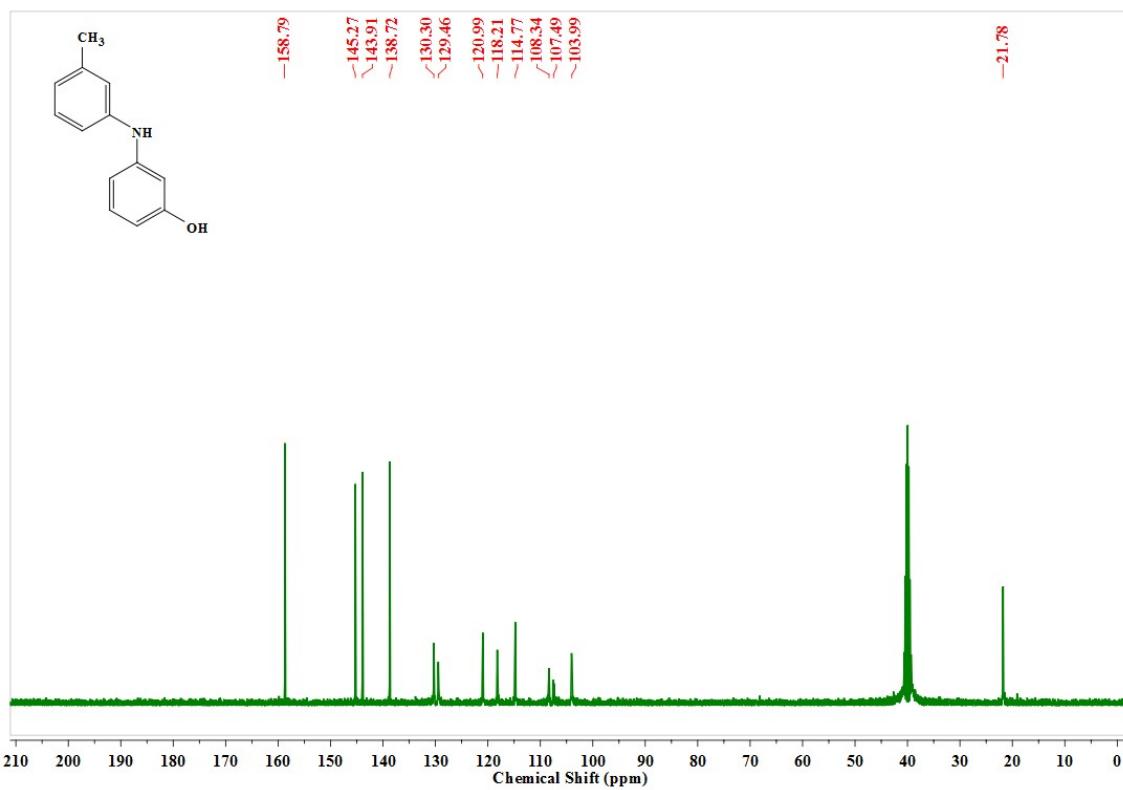
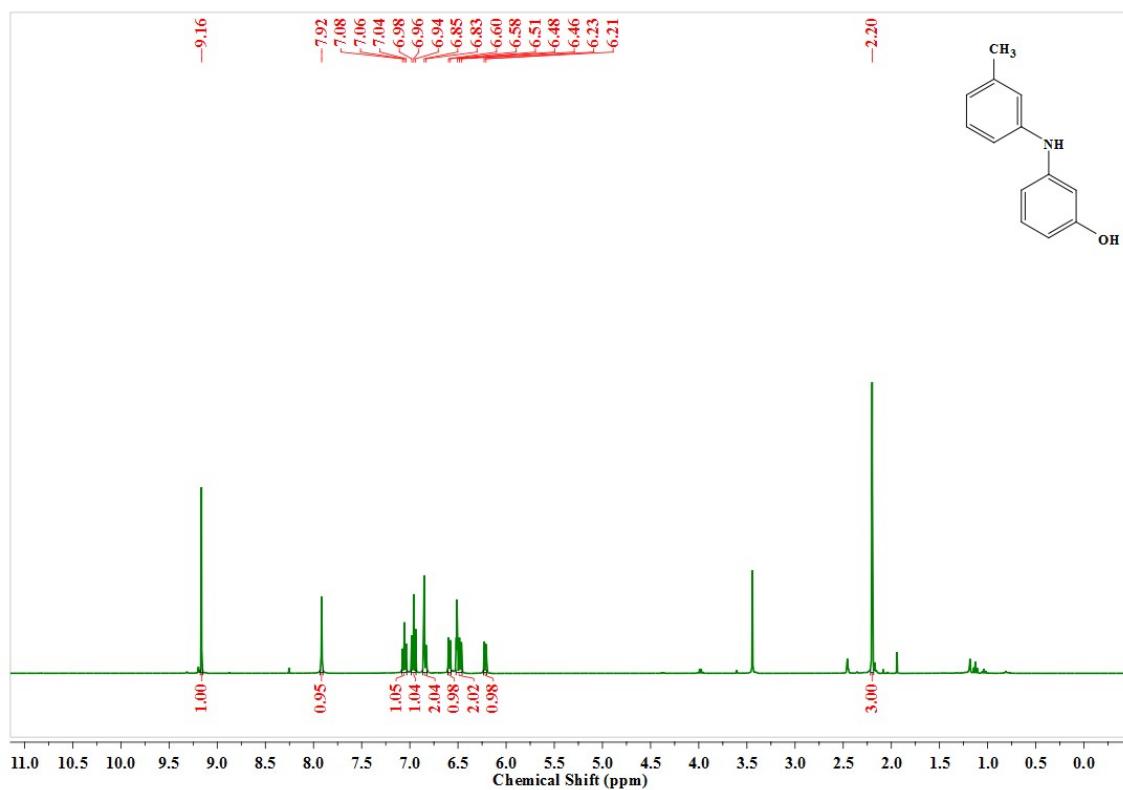


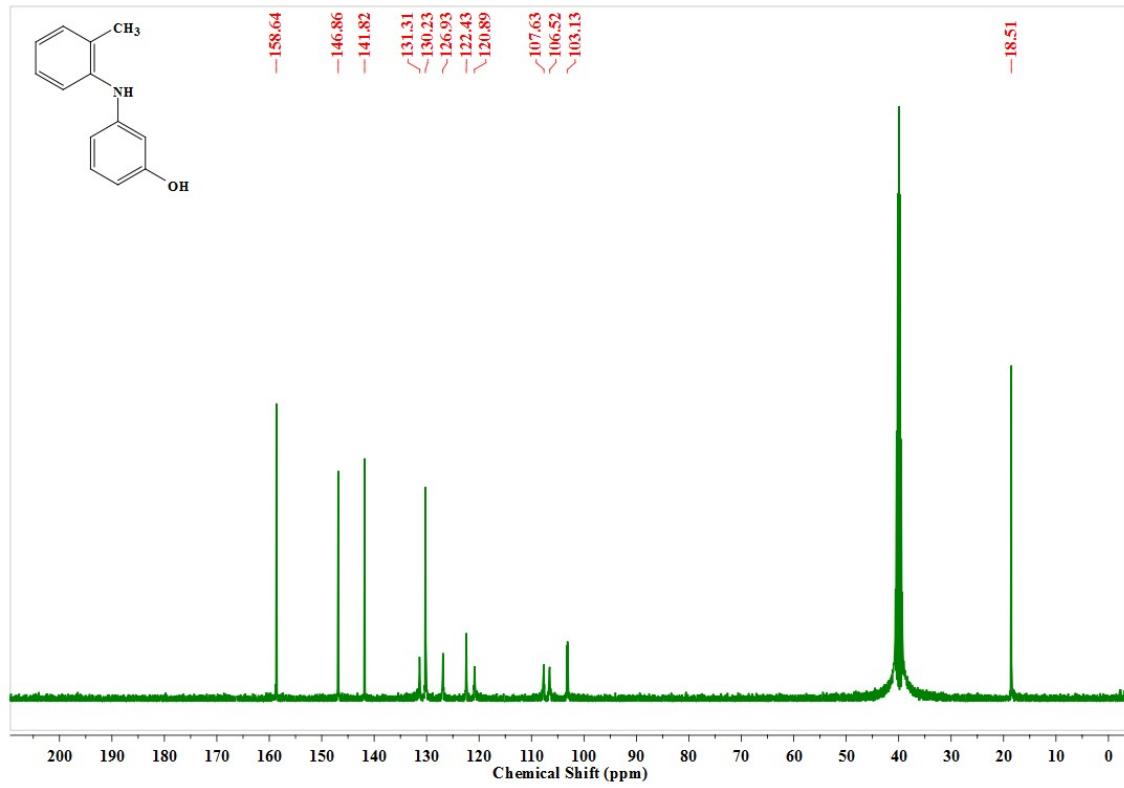
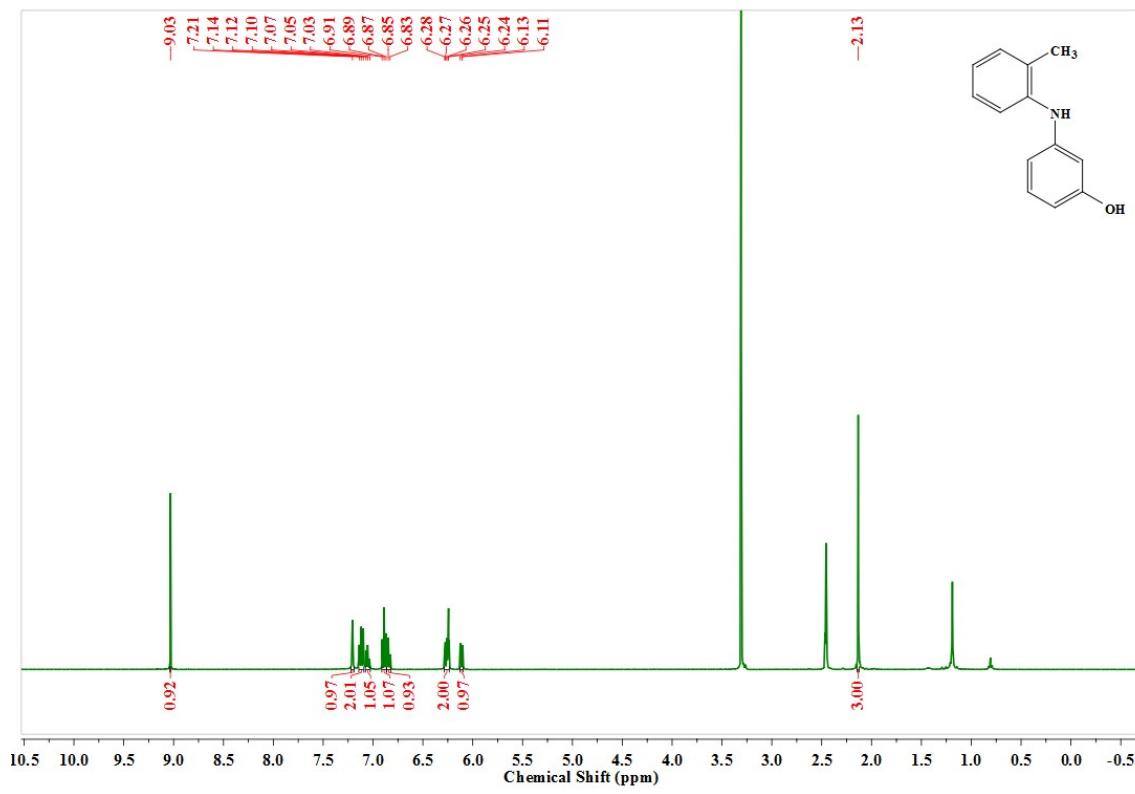
4.2 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of 3-arylaminophenols (**5**)

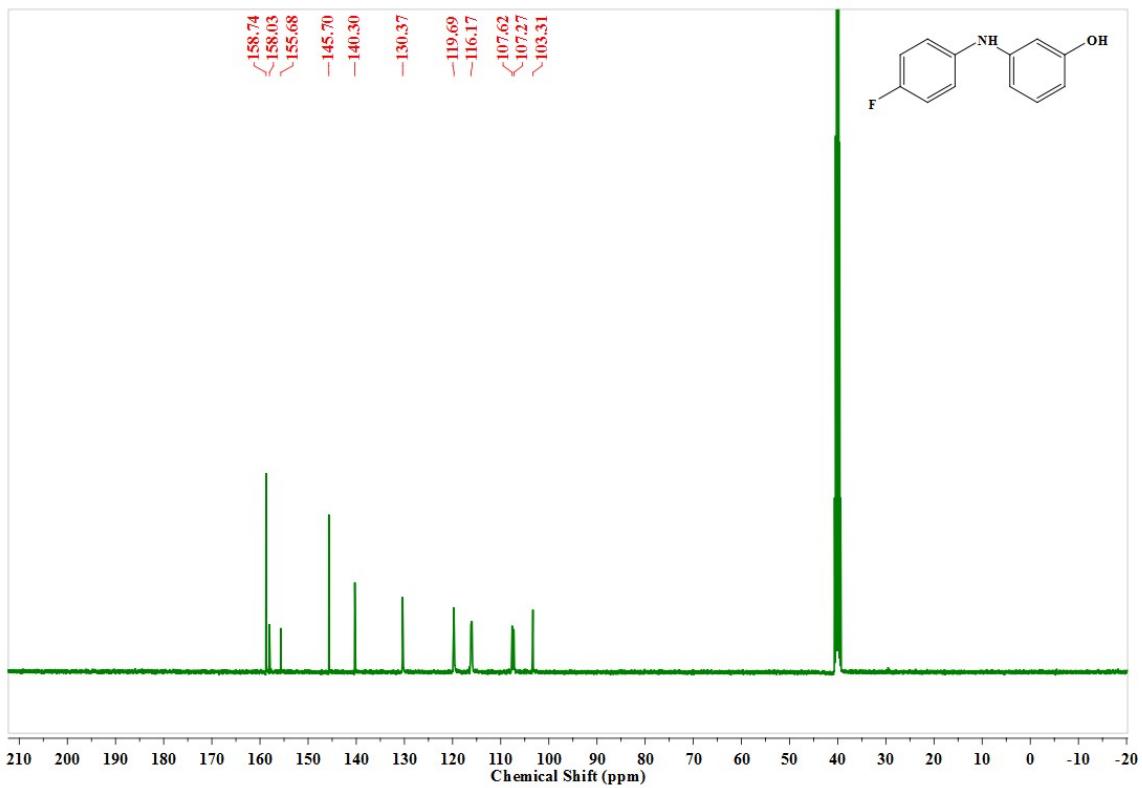
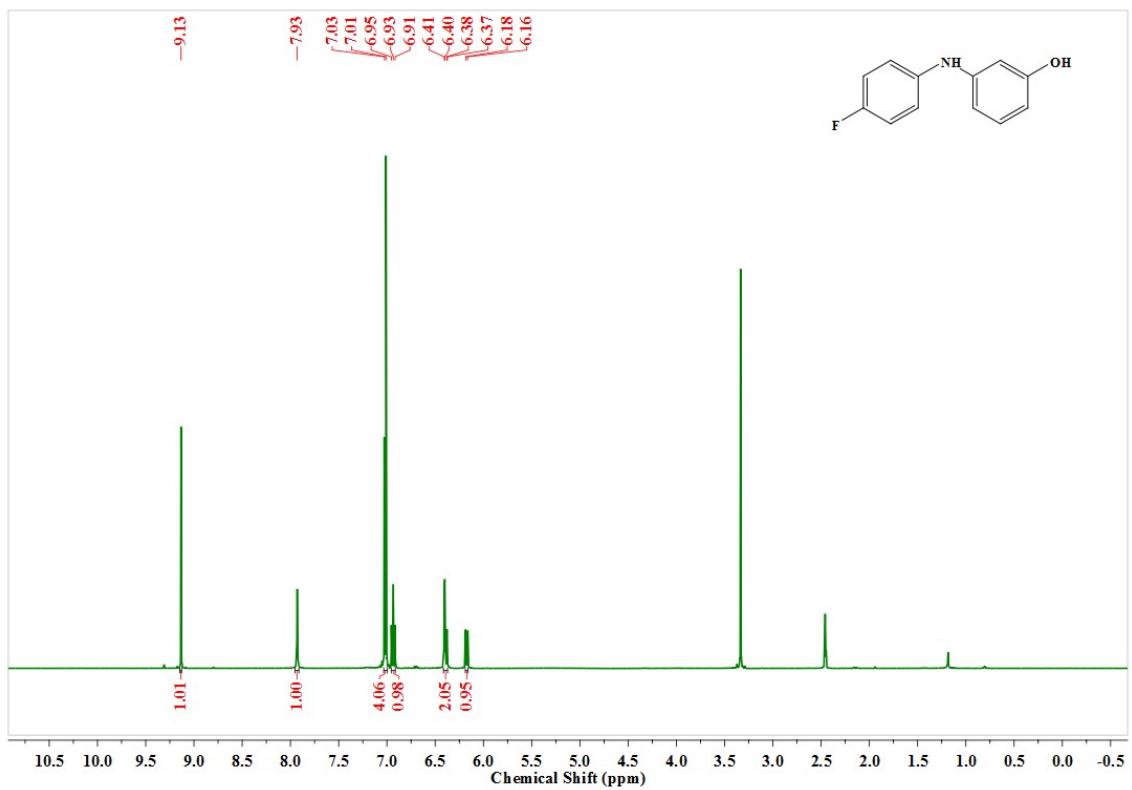


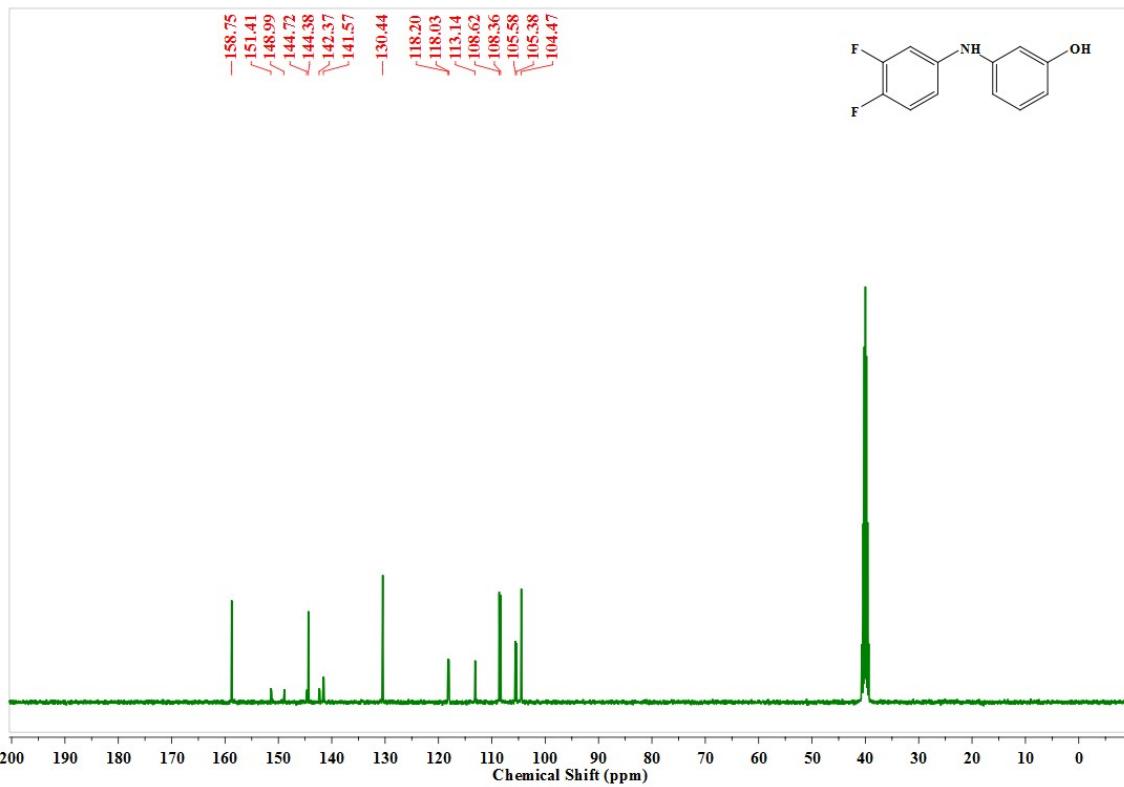
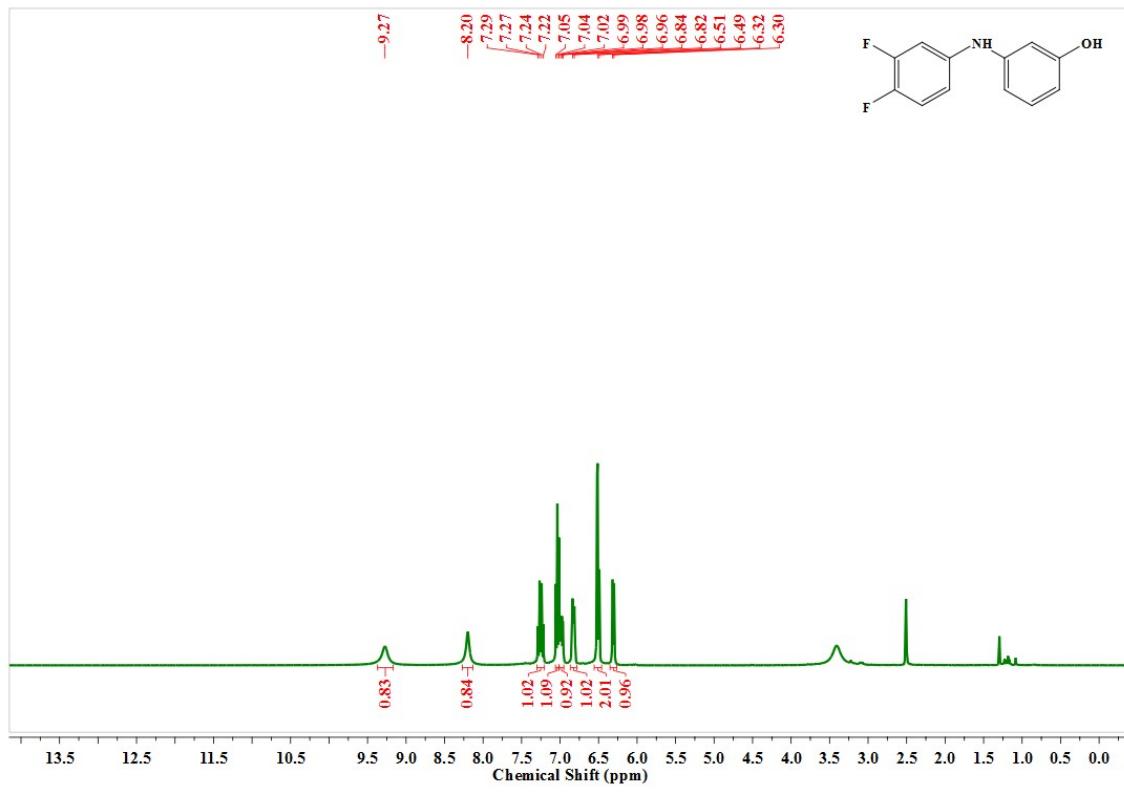


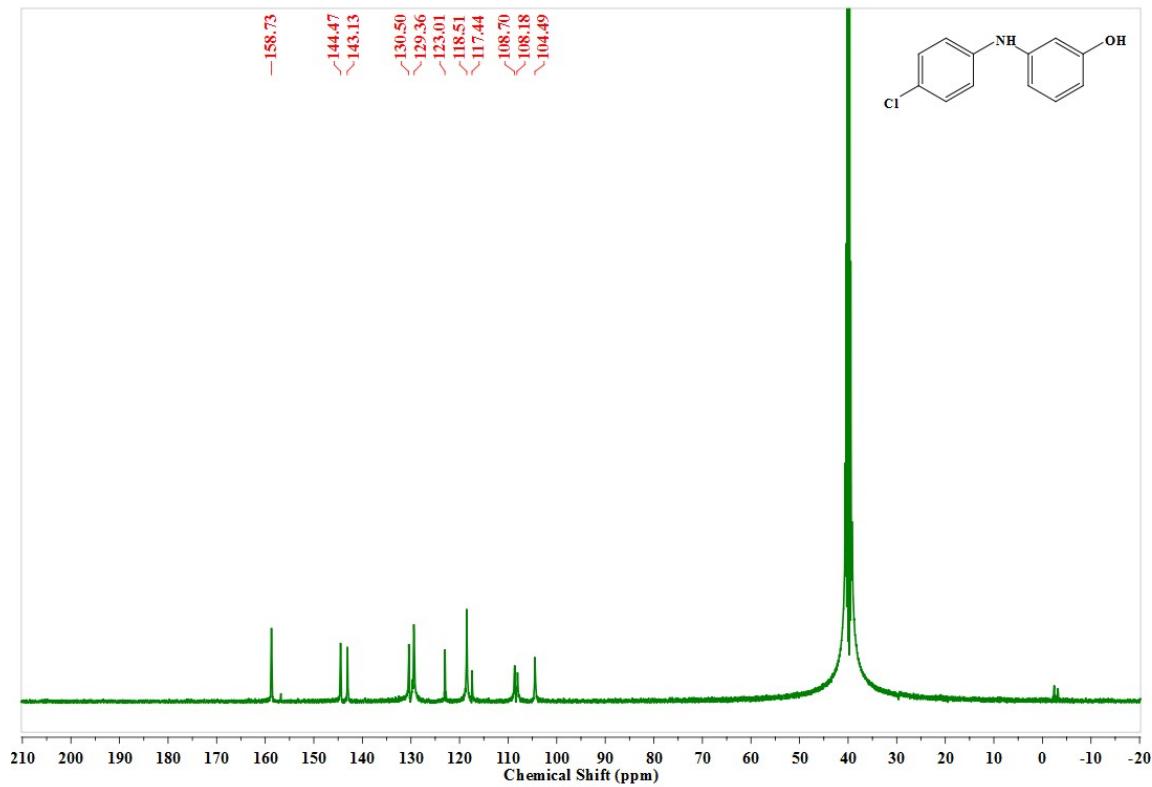
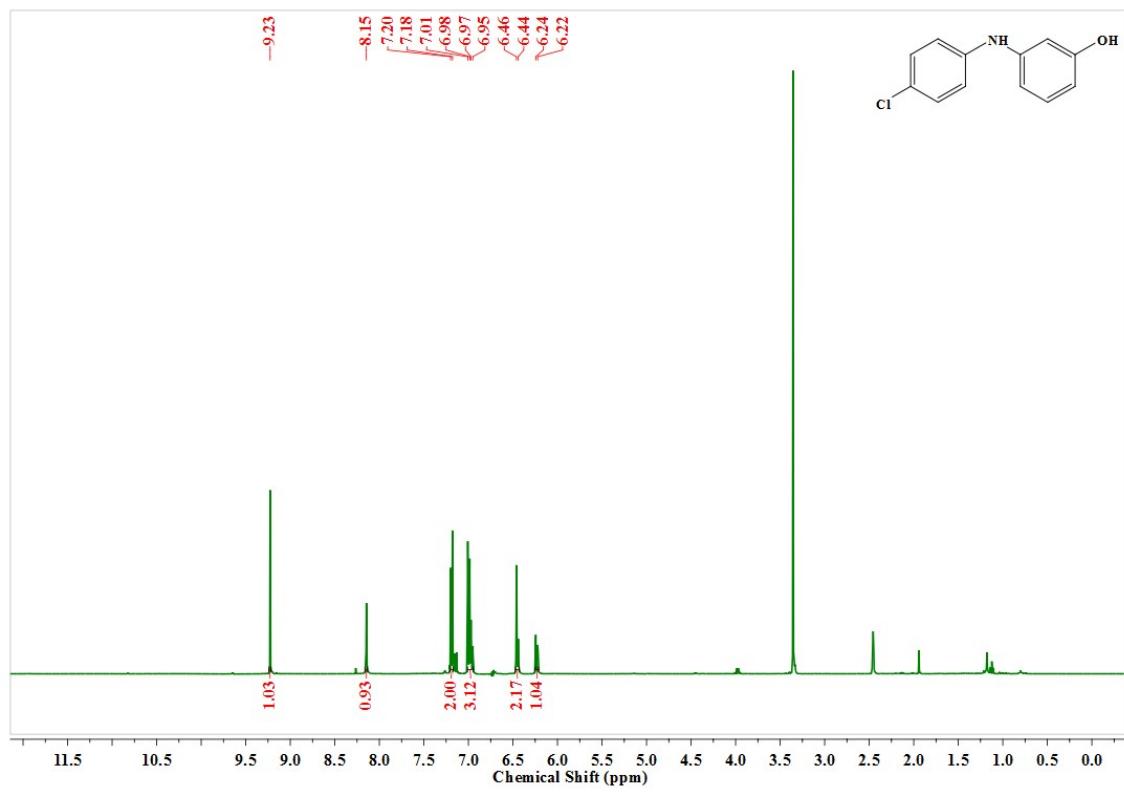


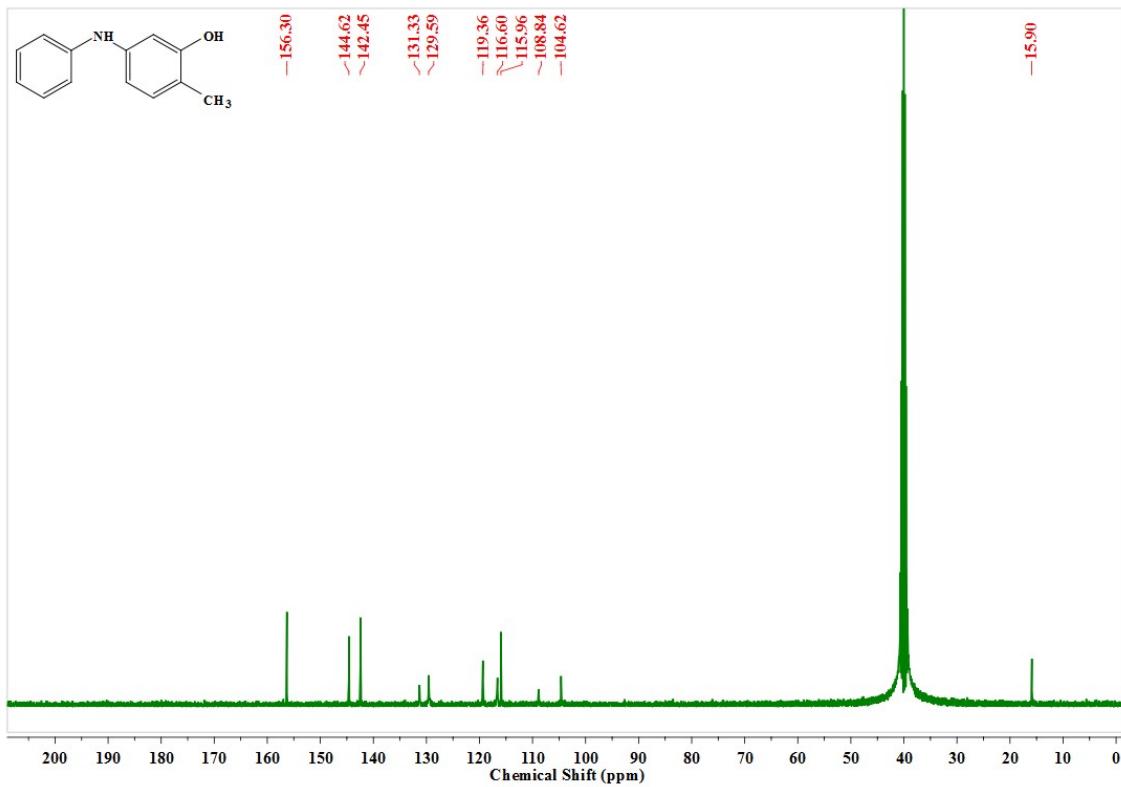
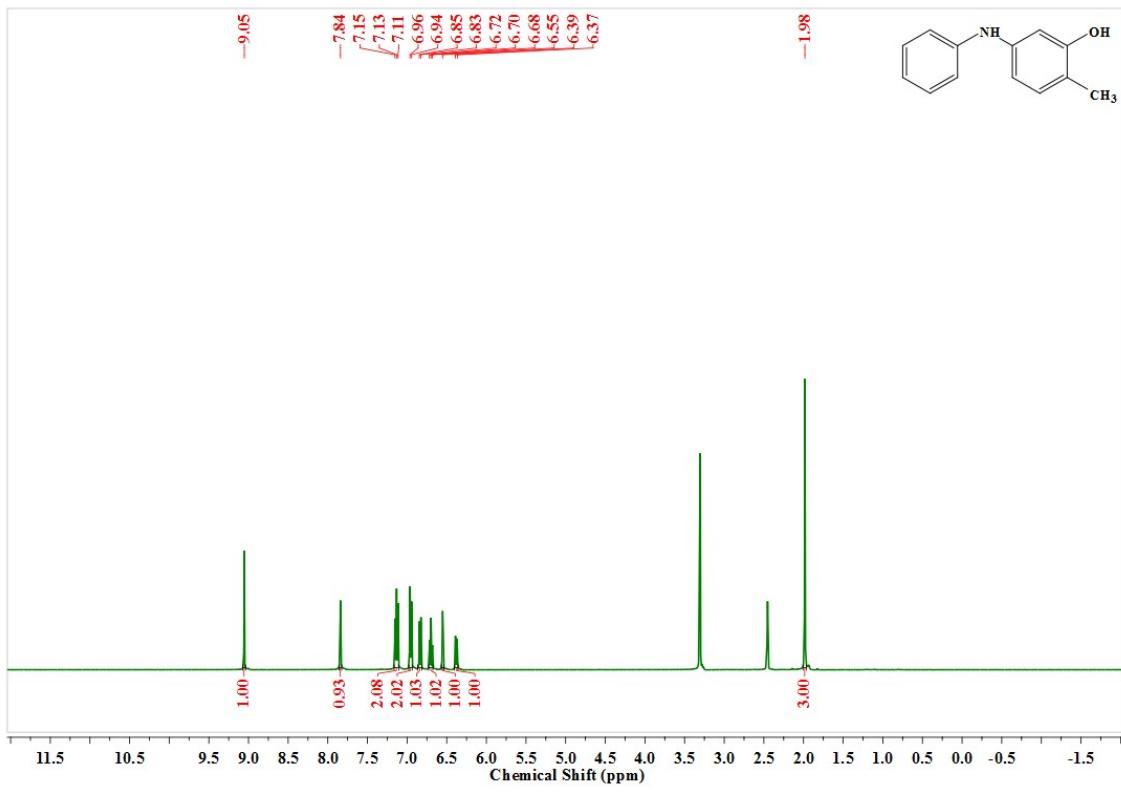


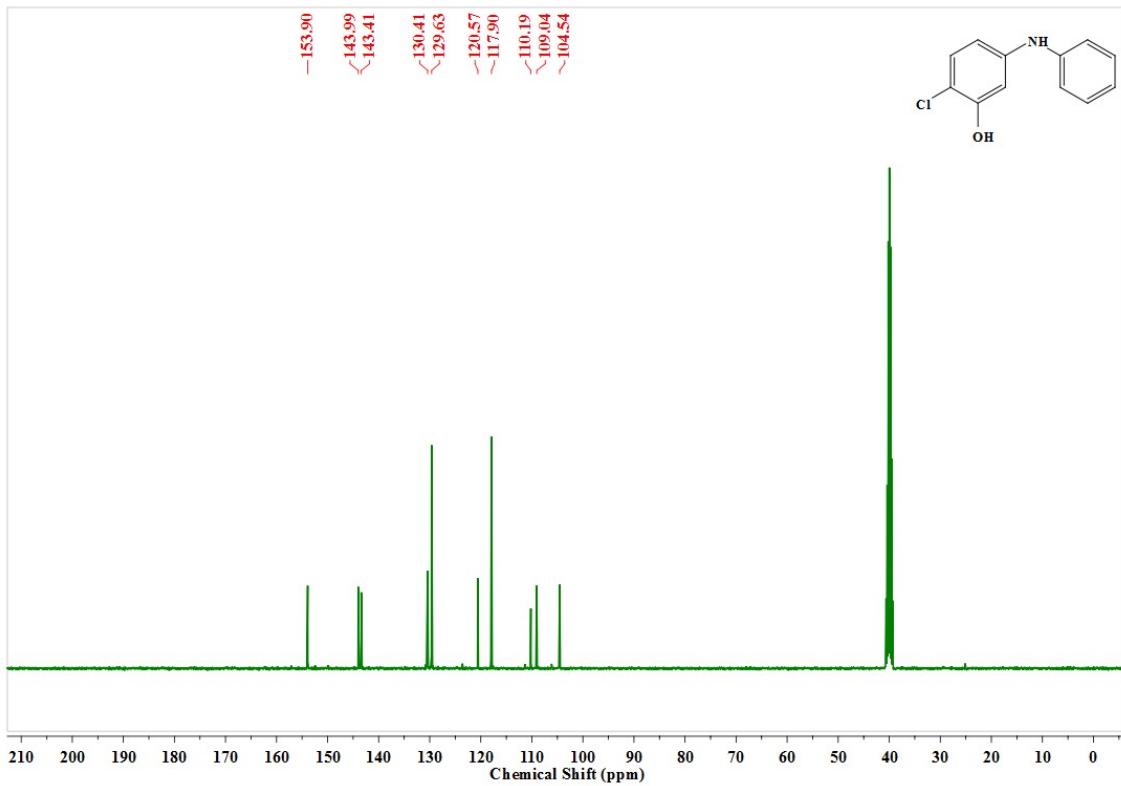
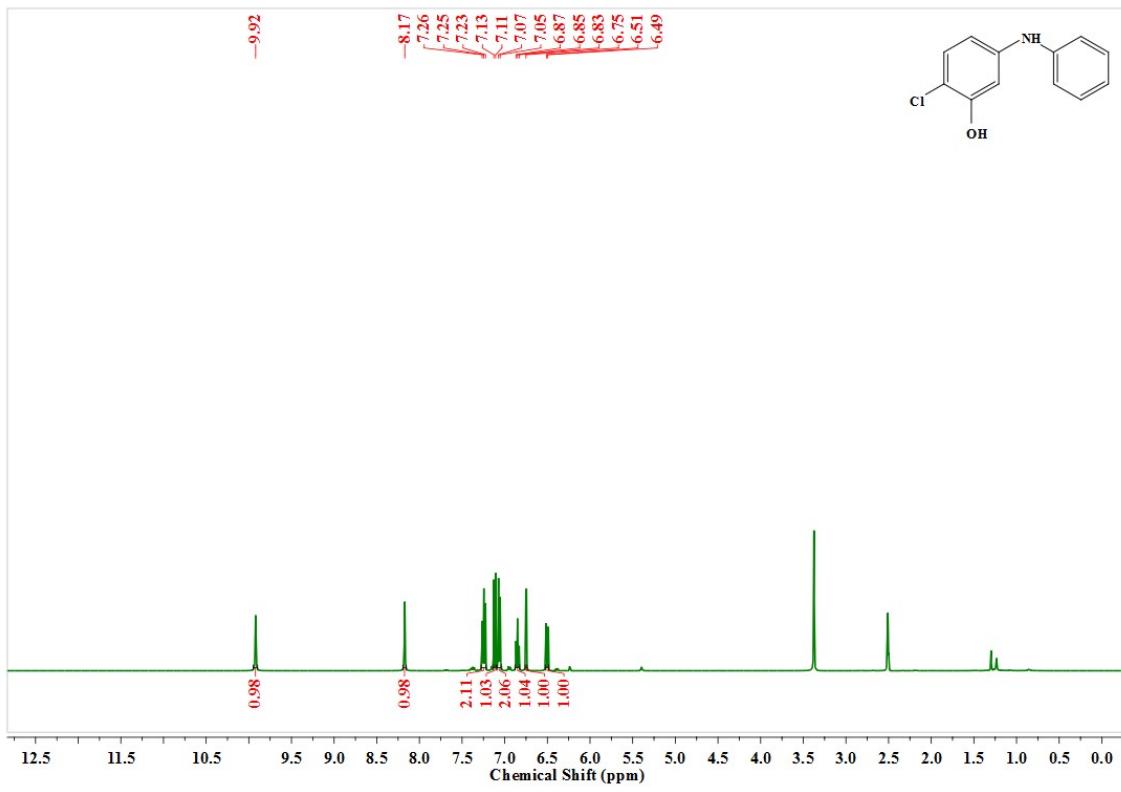


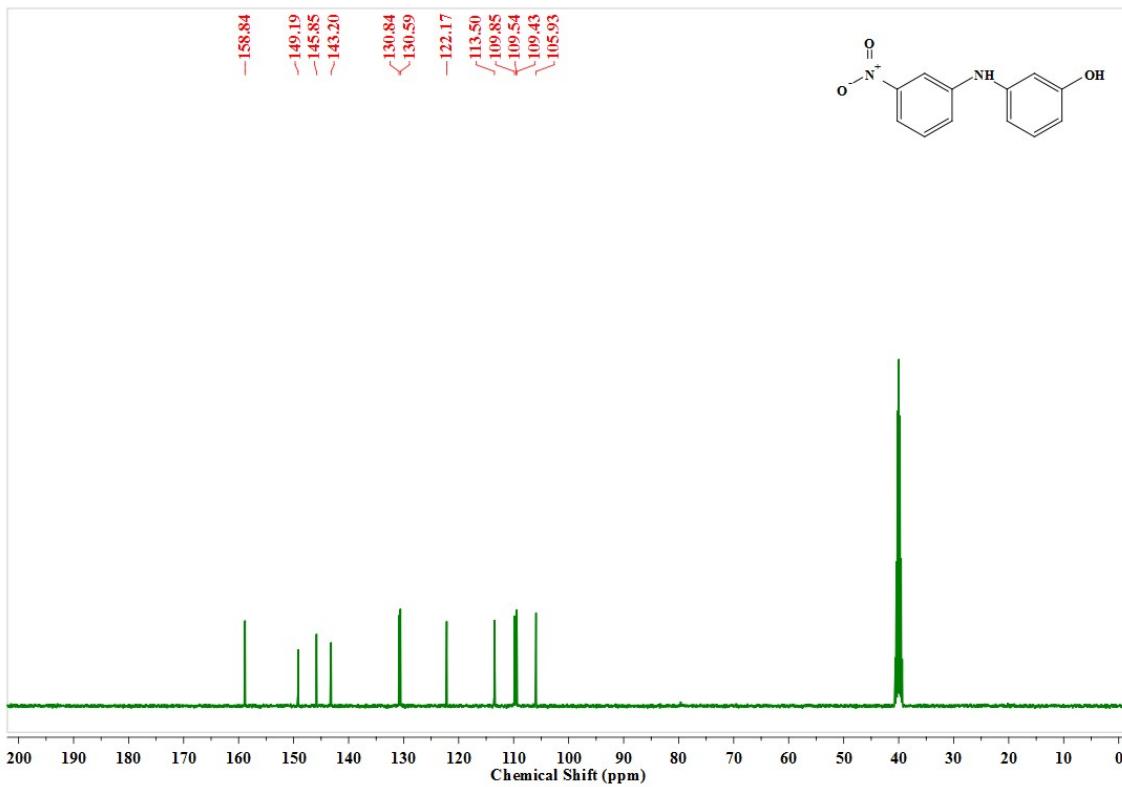
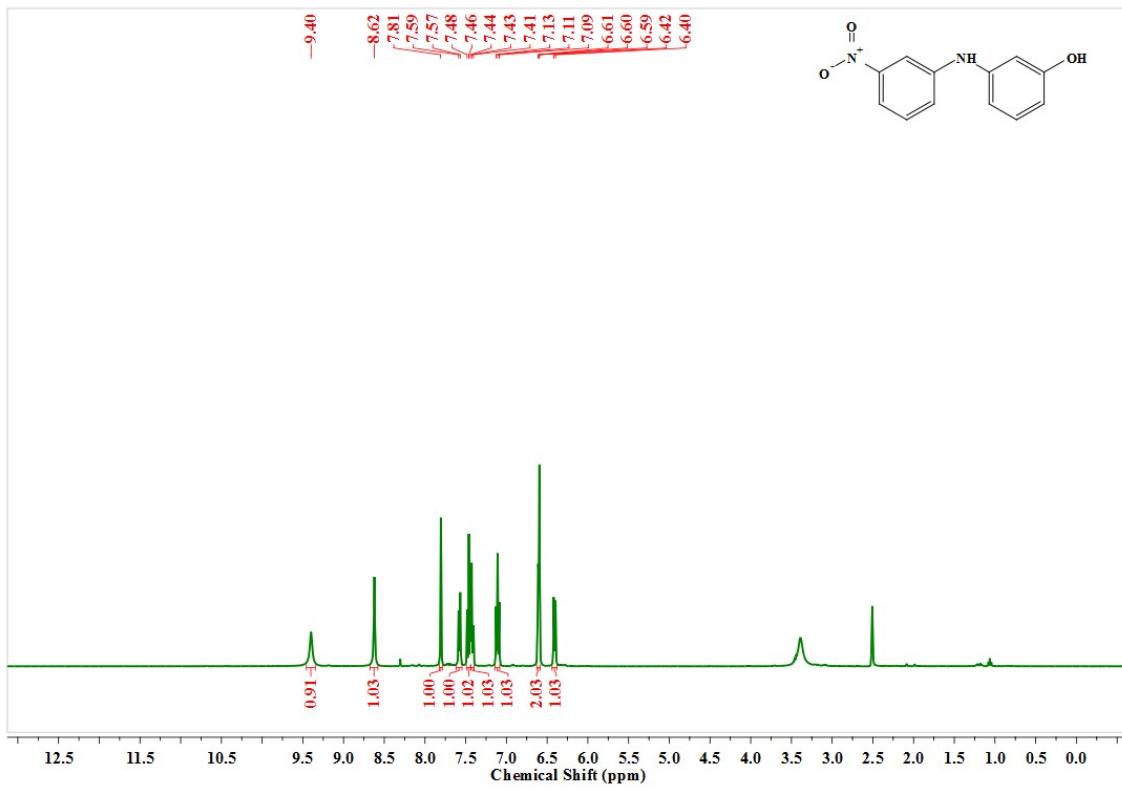




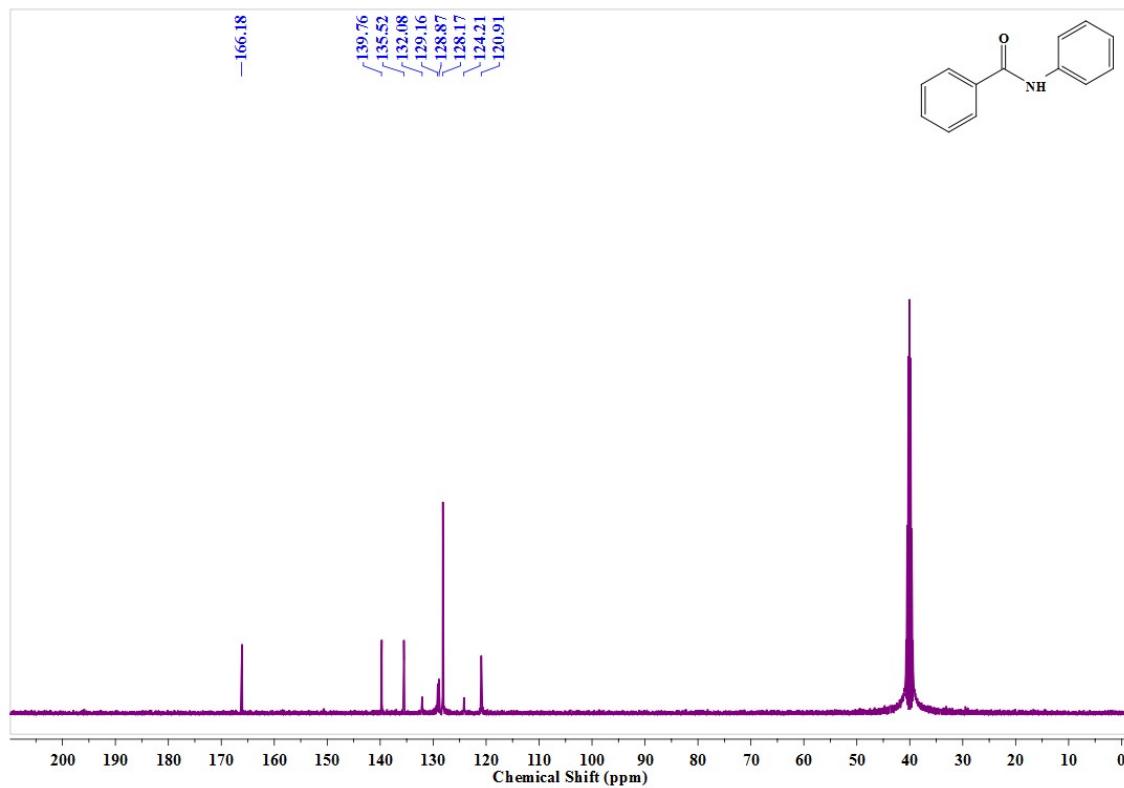
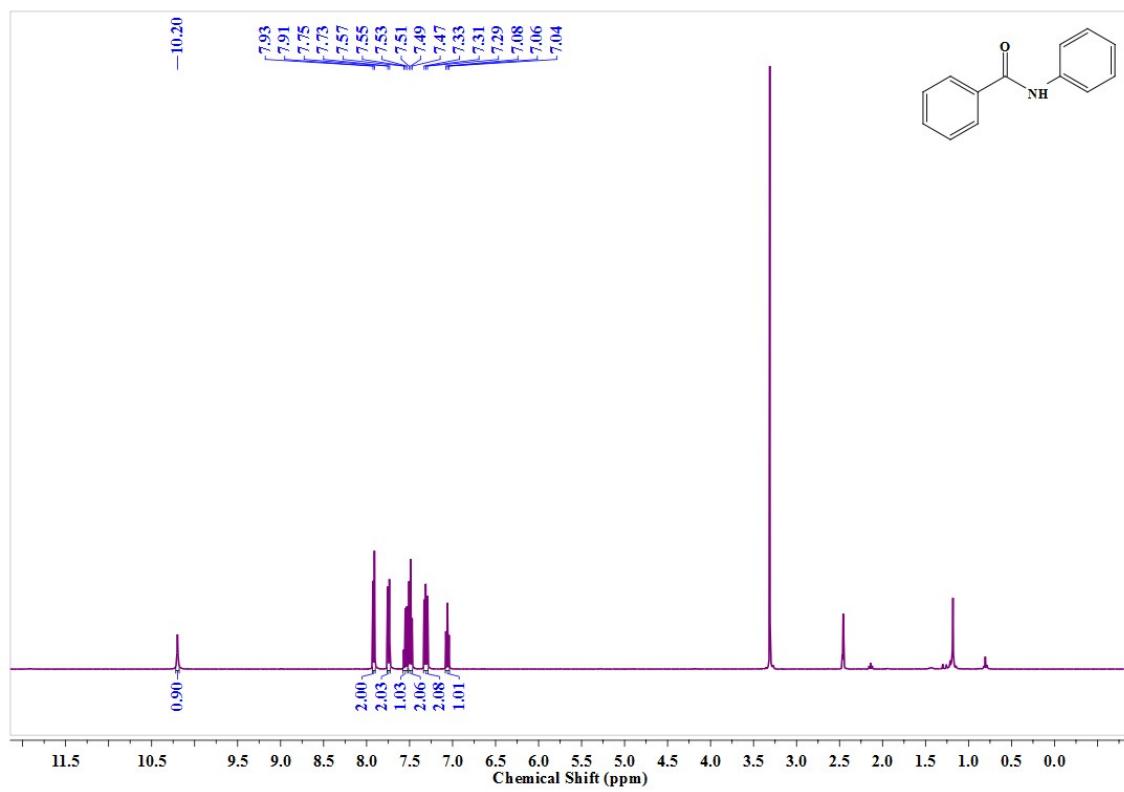


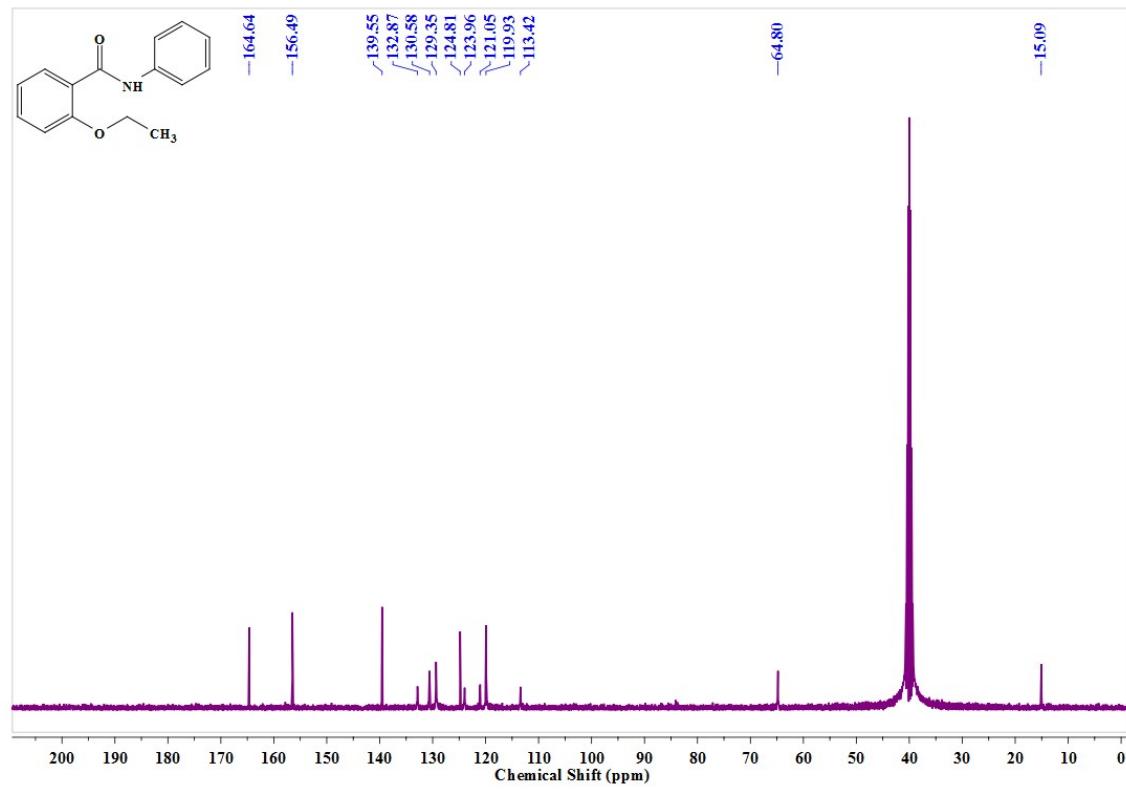
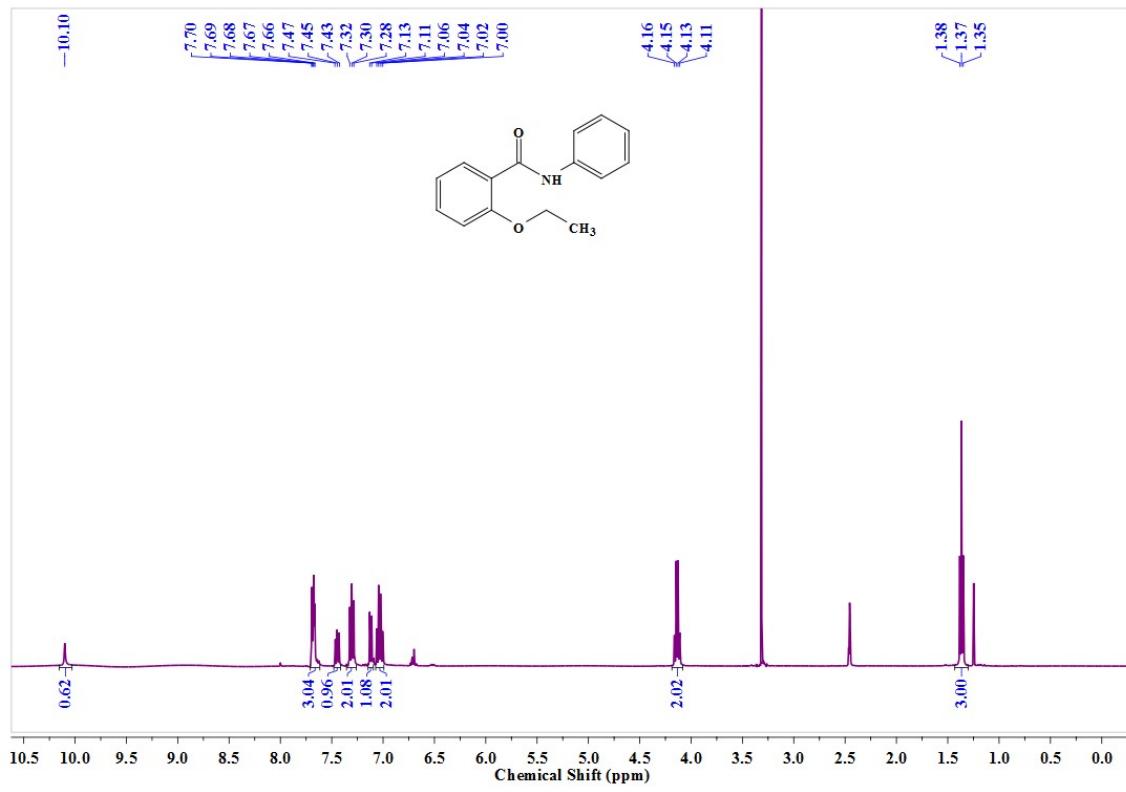


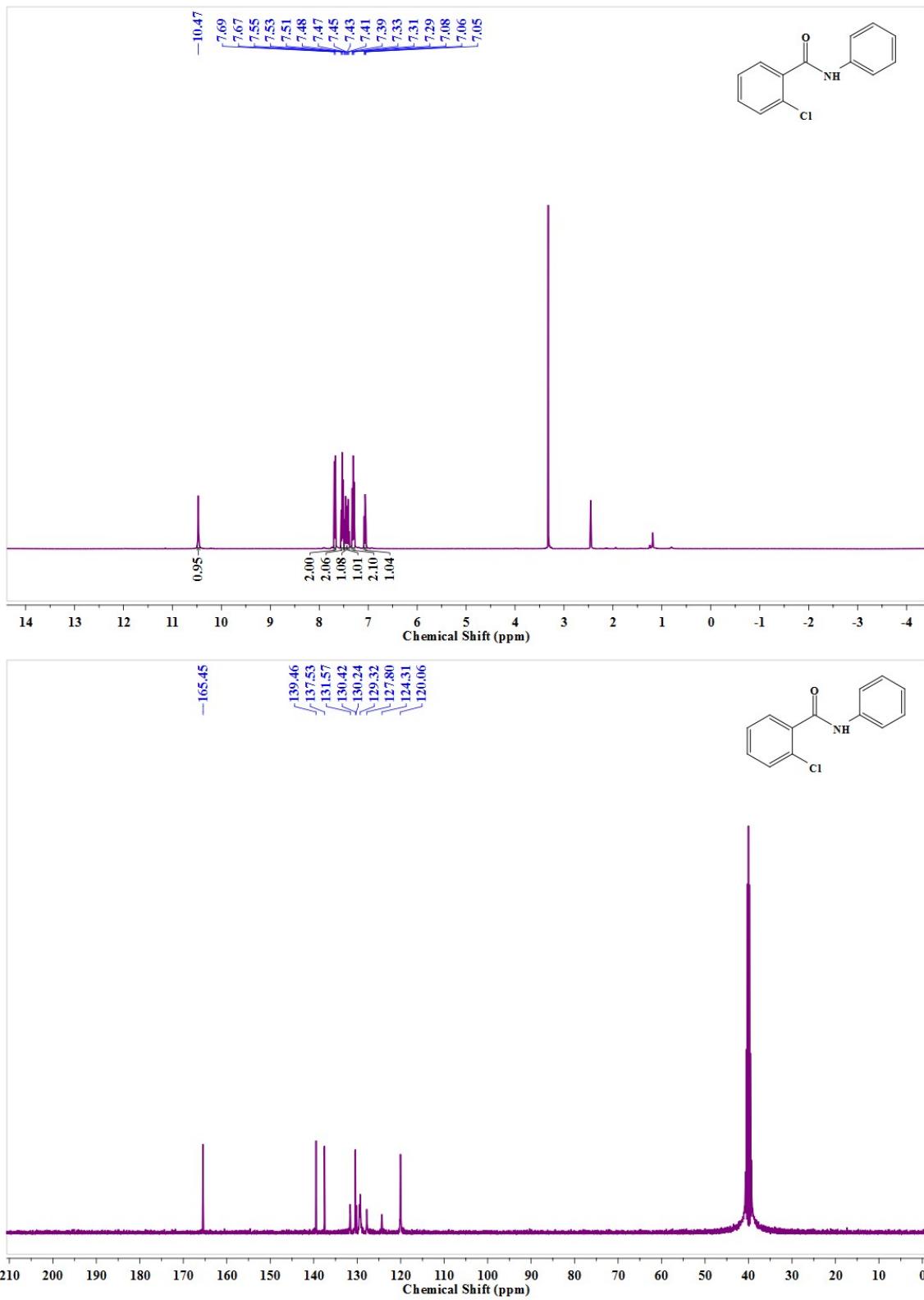


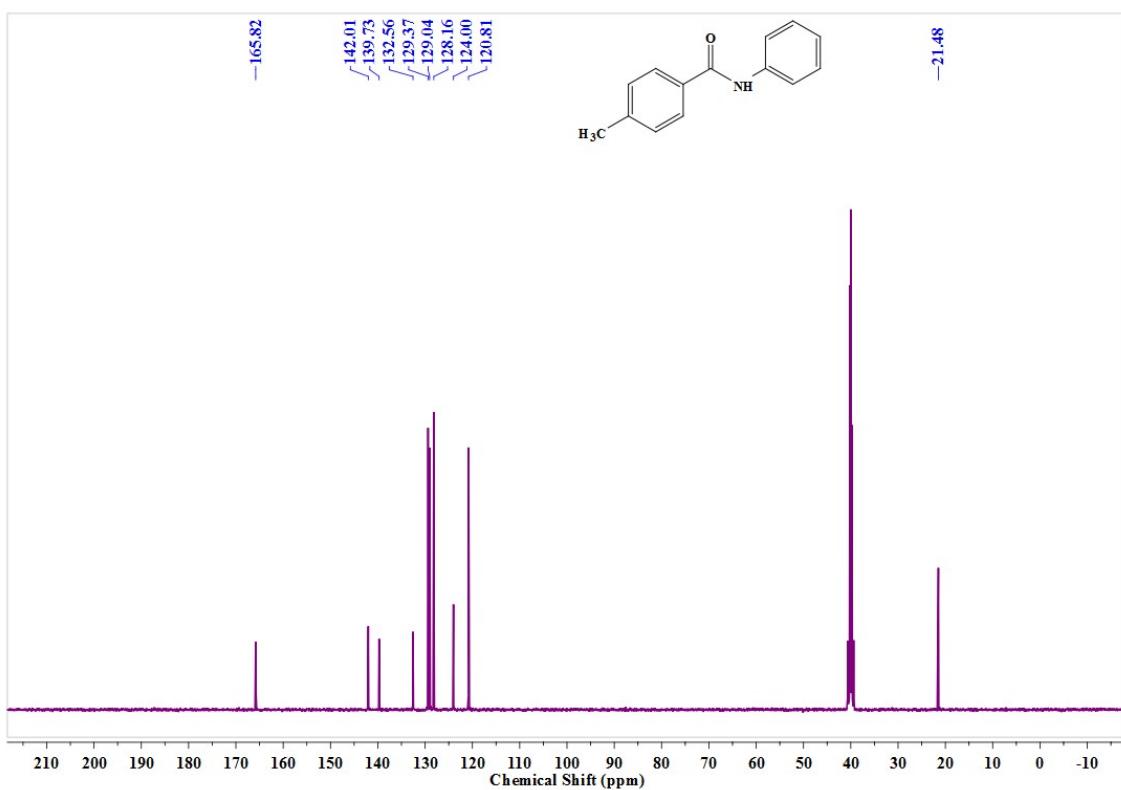
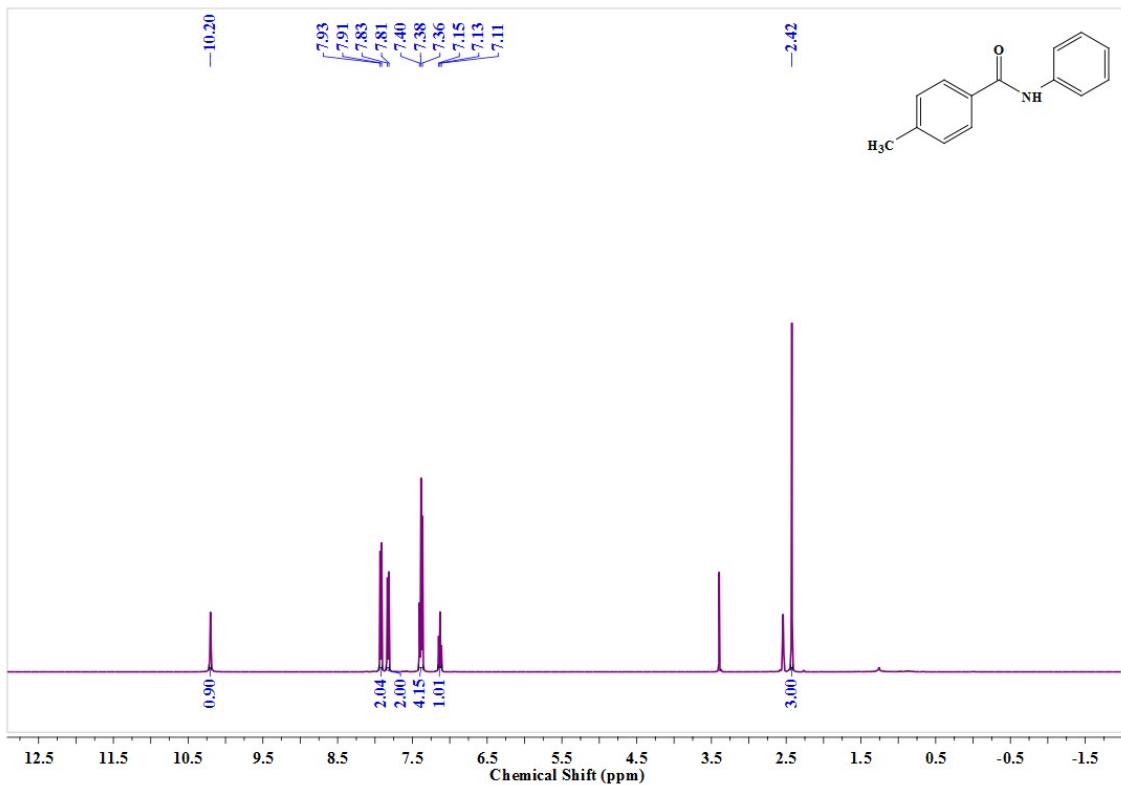


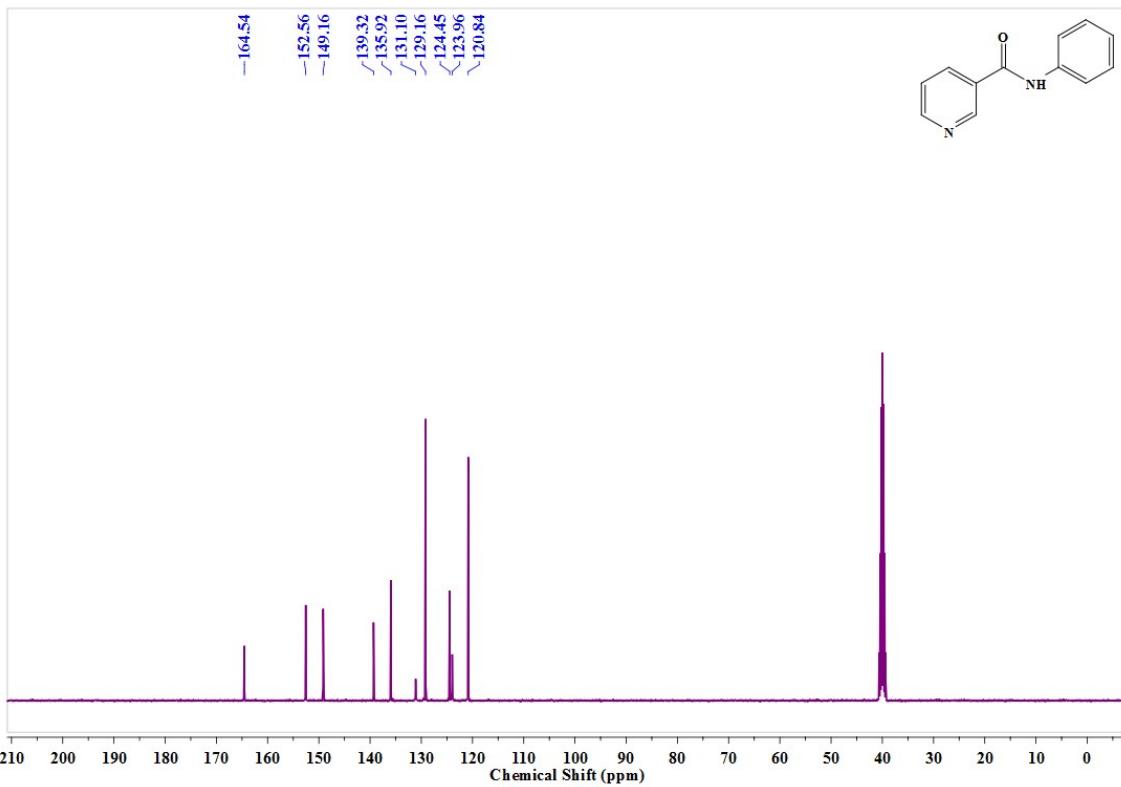
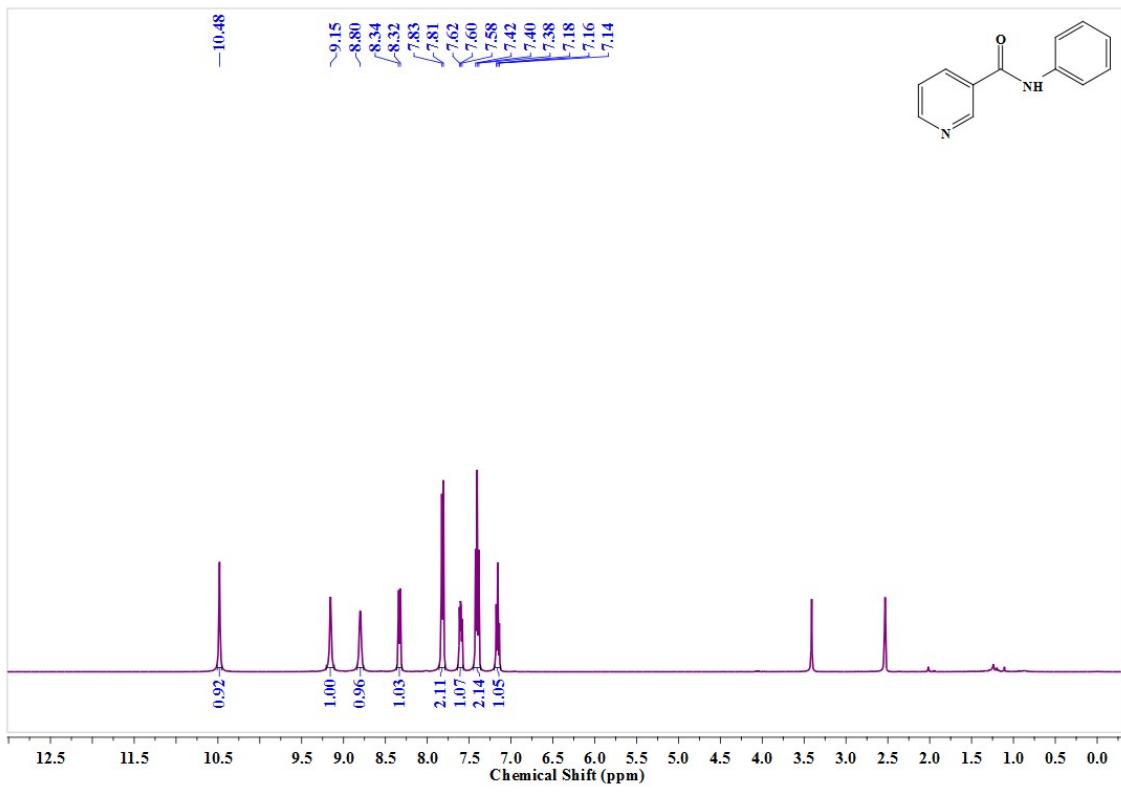
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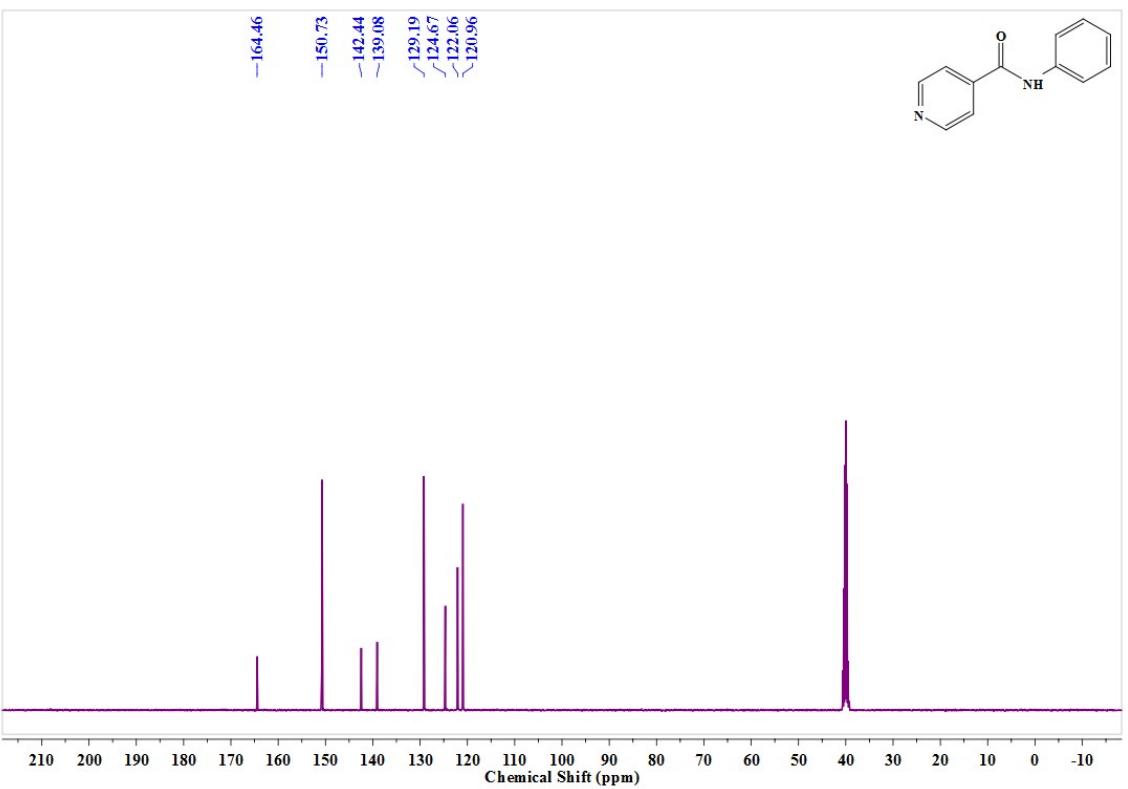
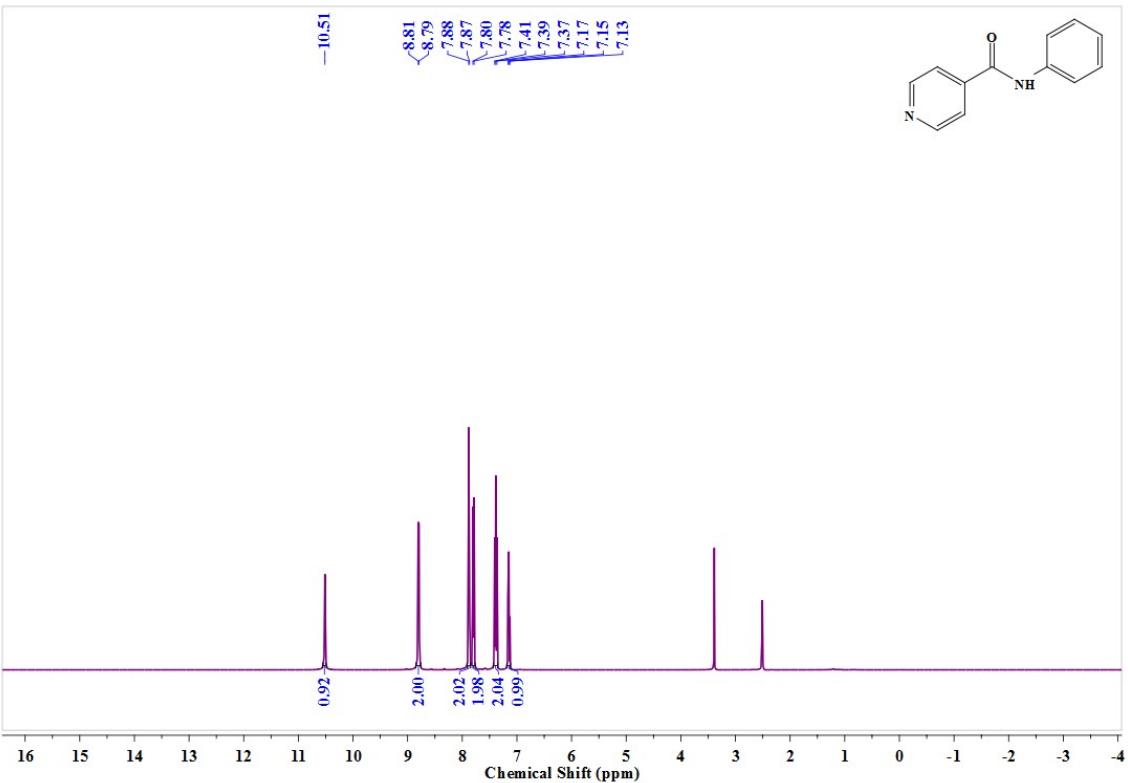


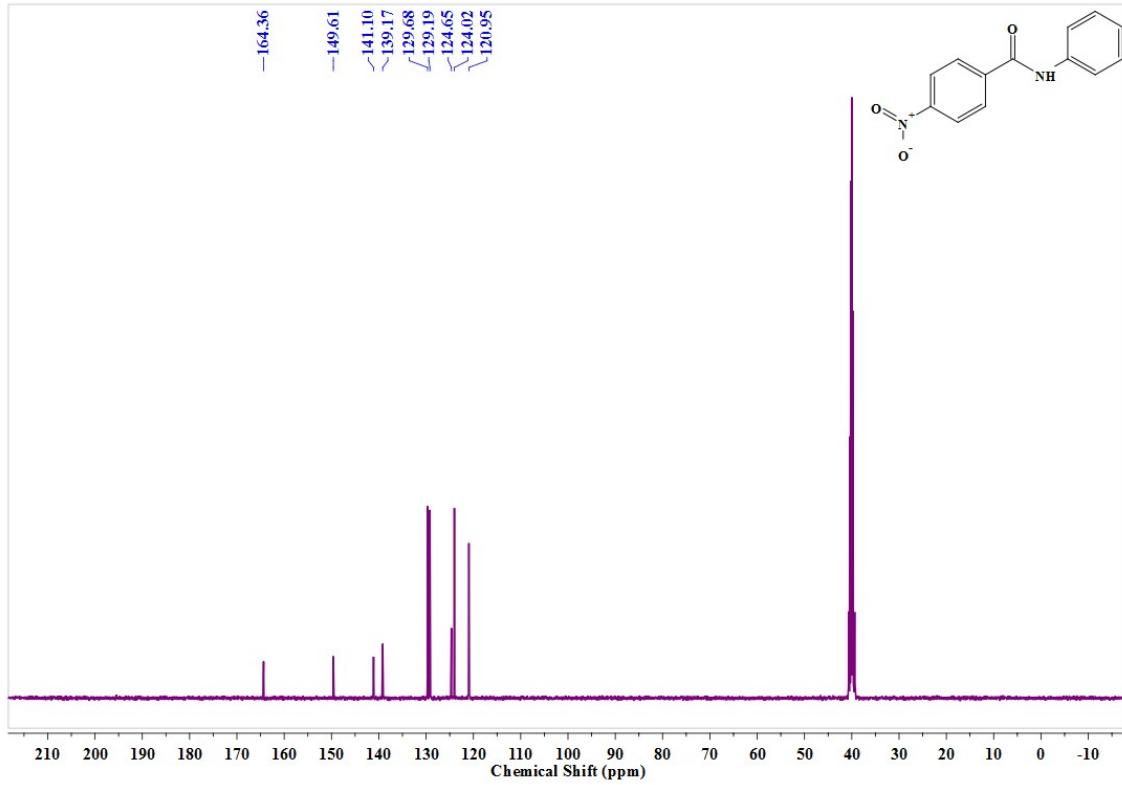
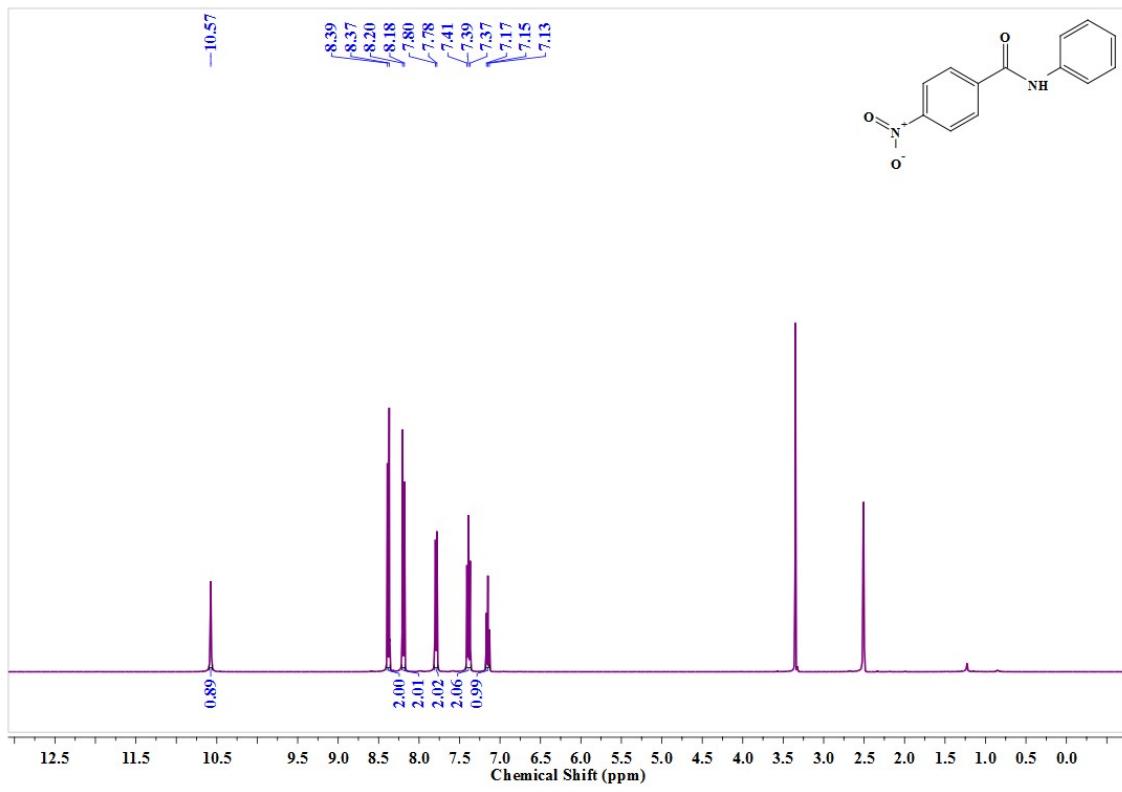


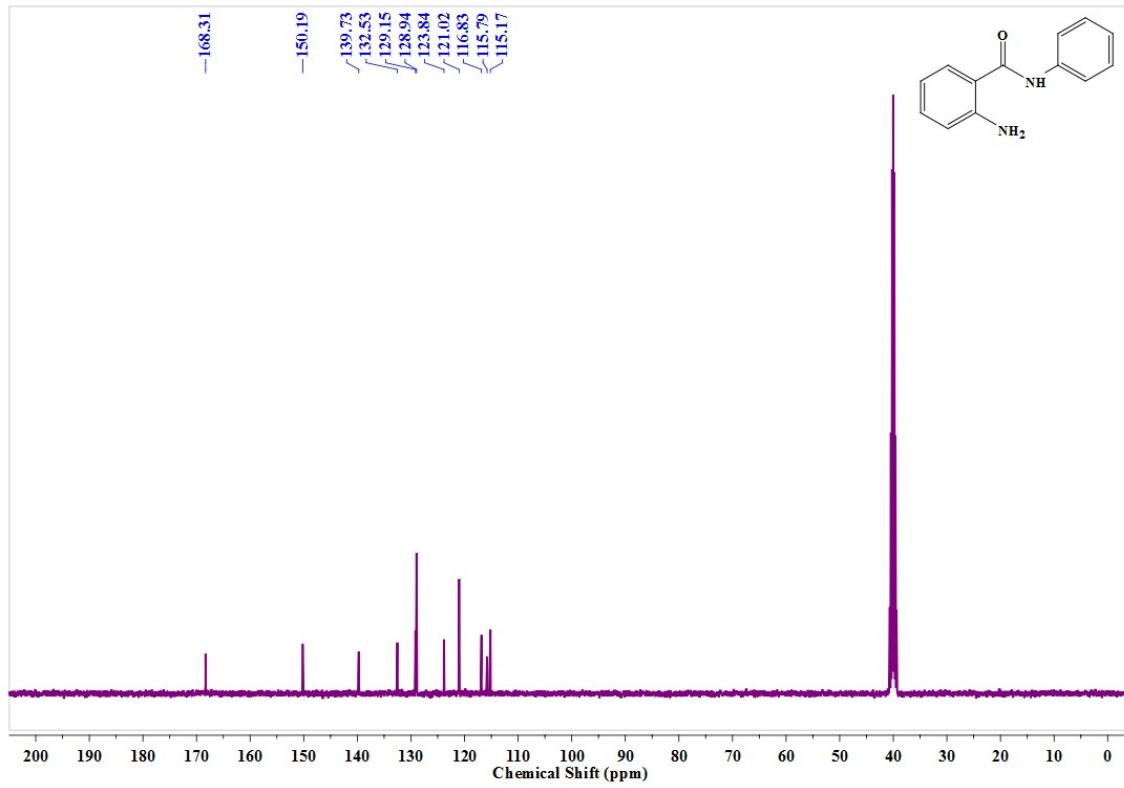
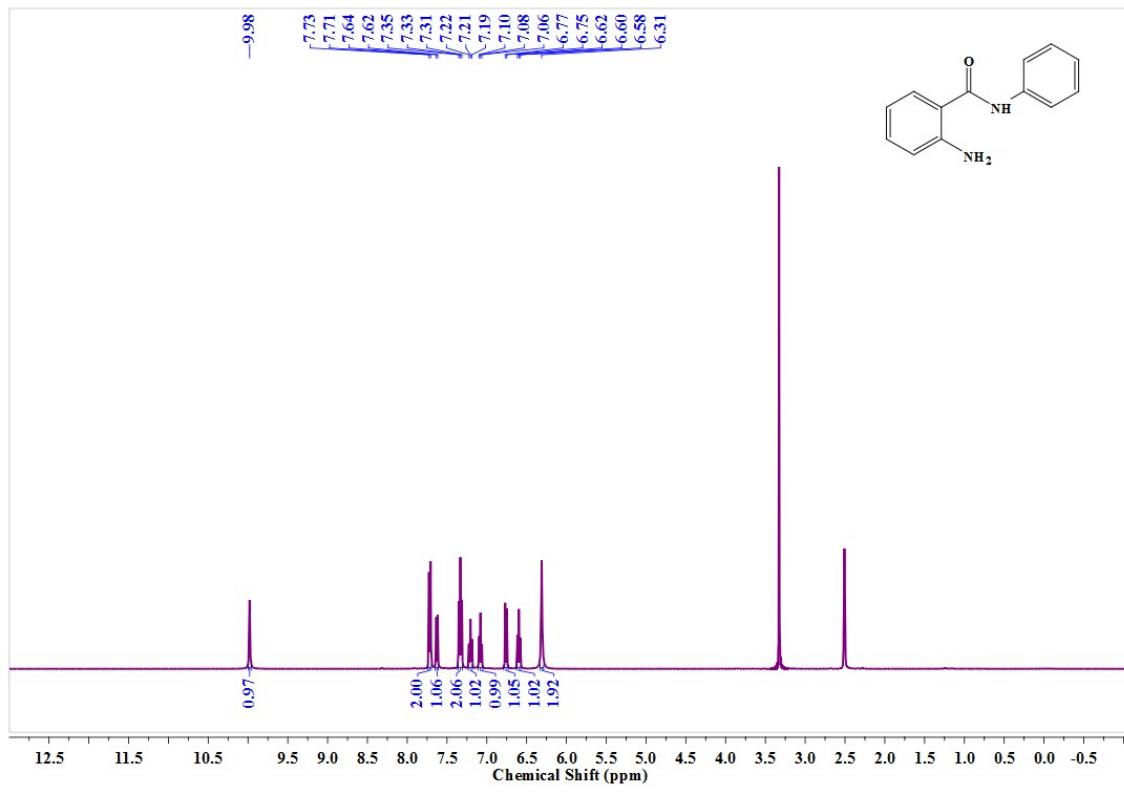


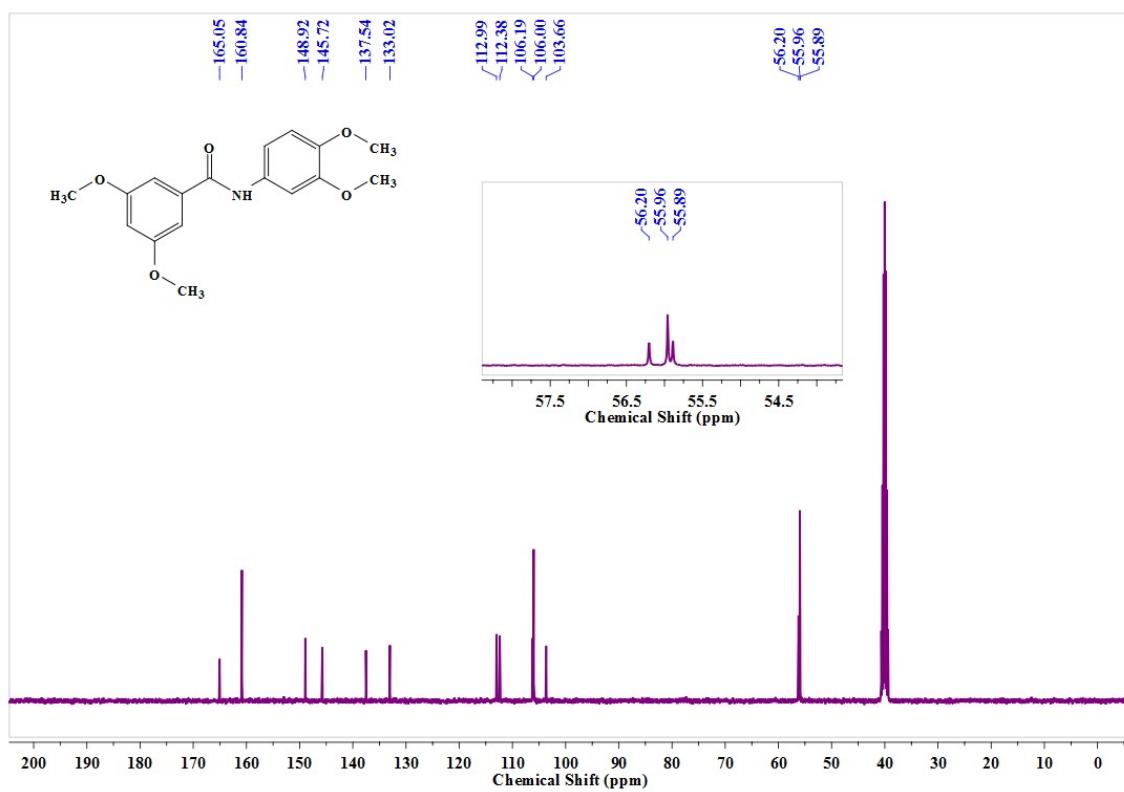
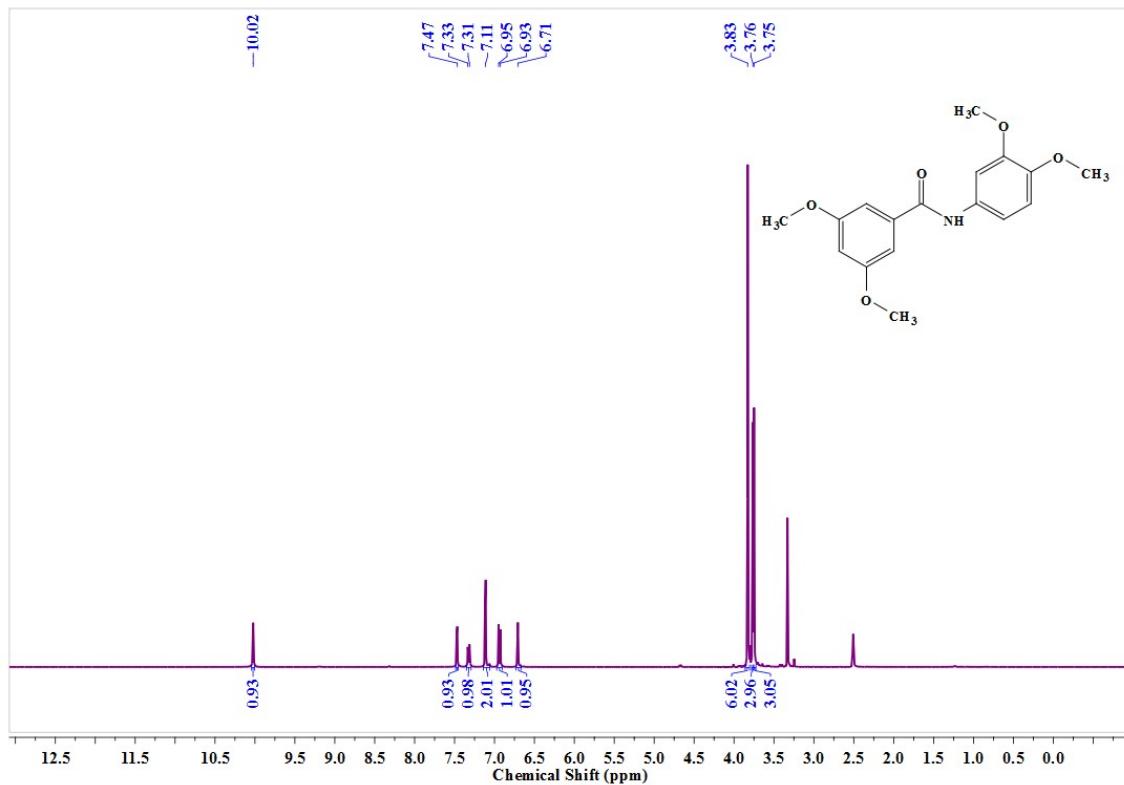


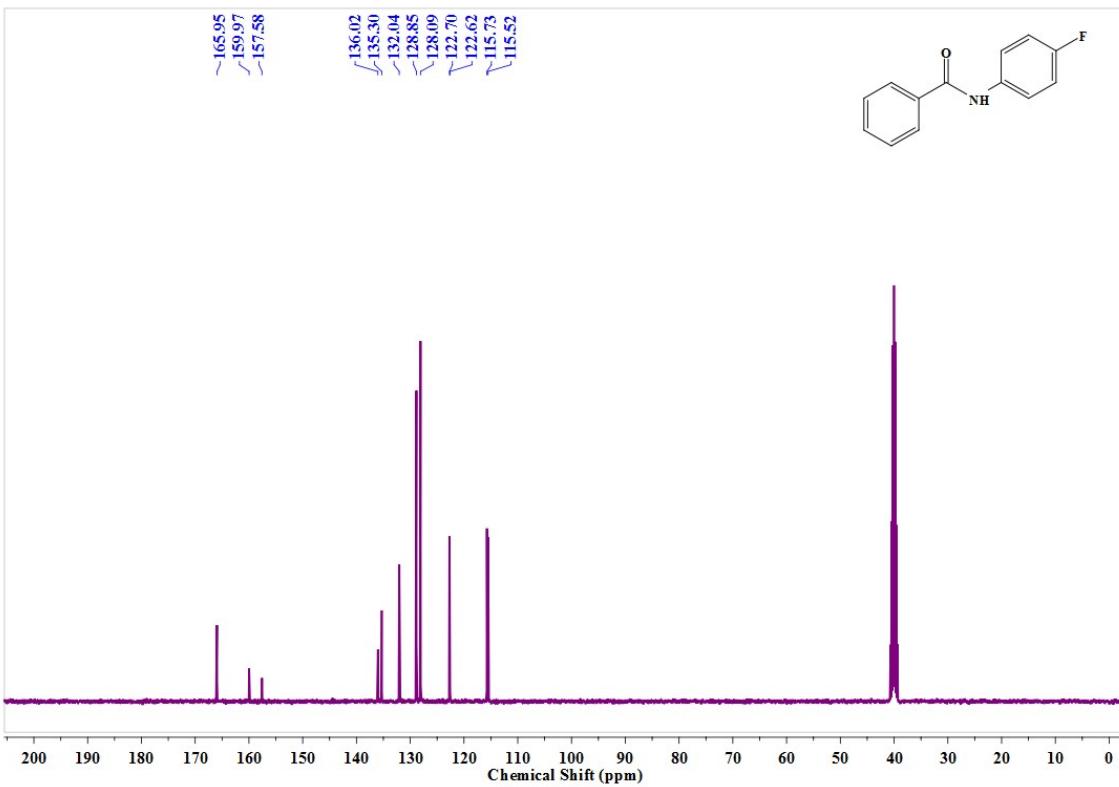
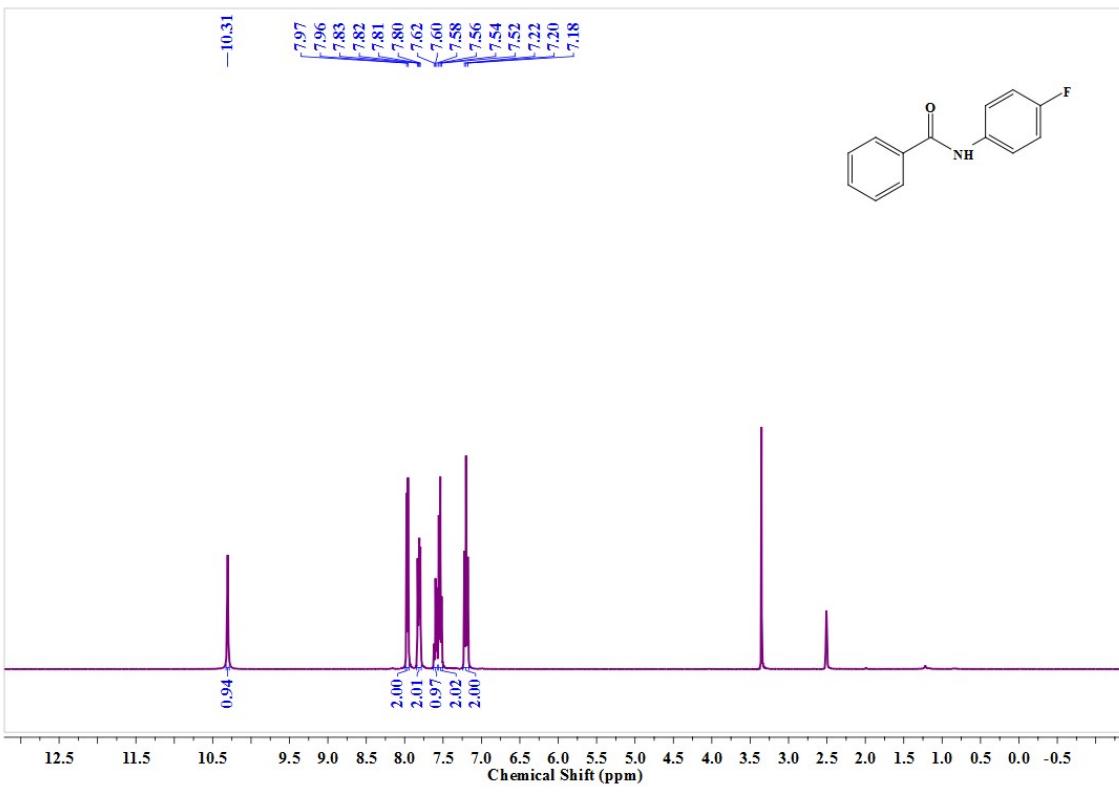


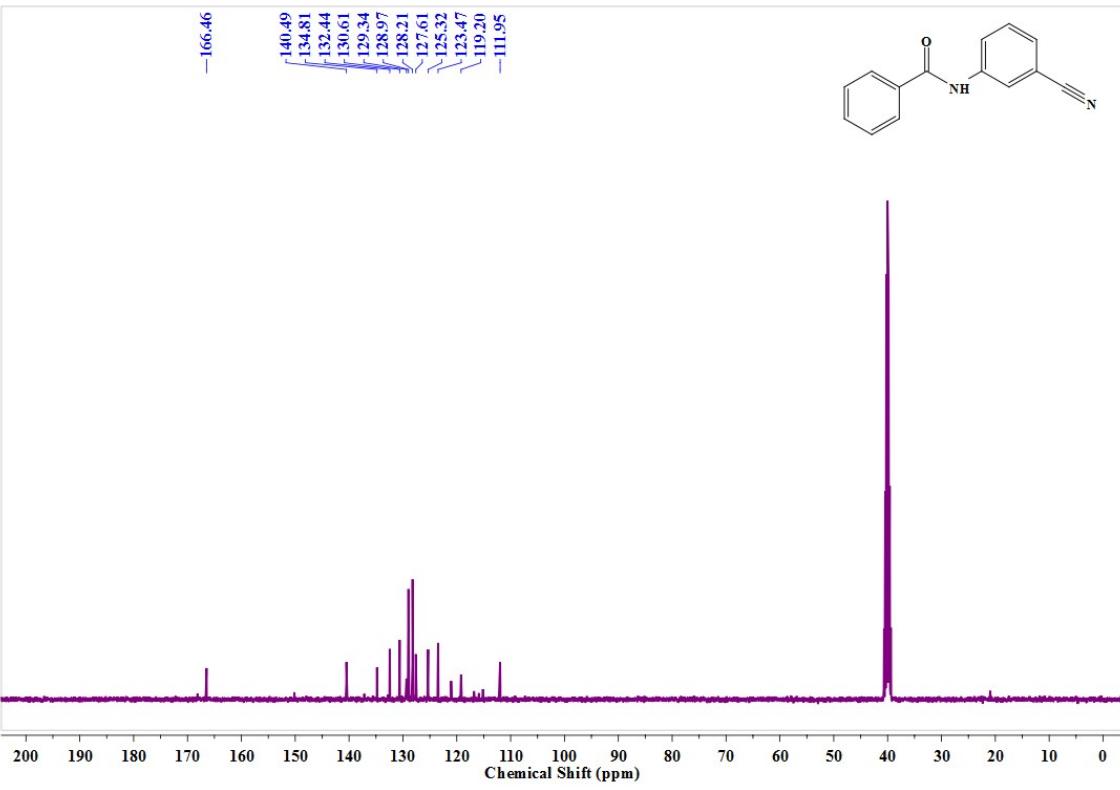
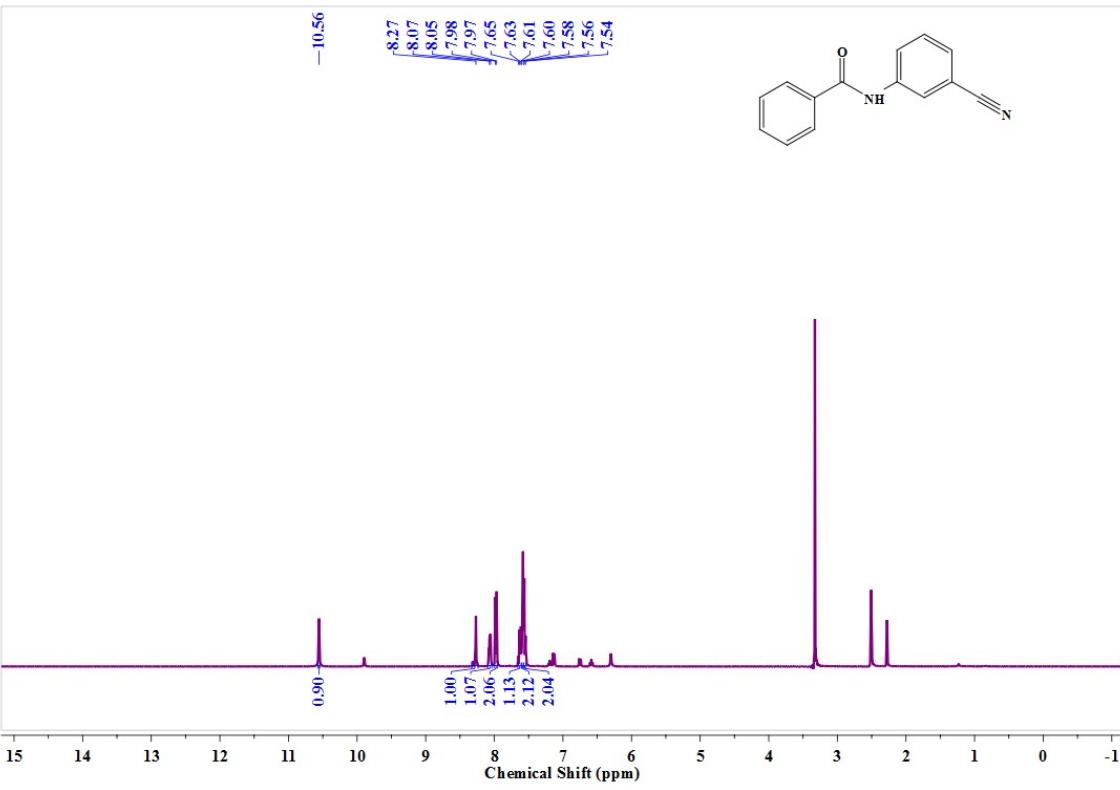


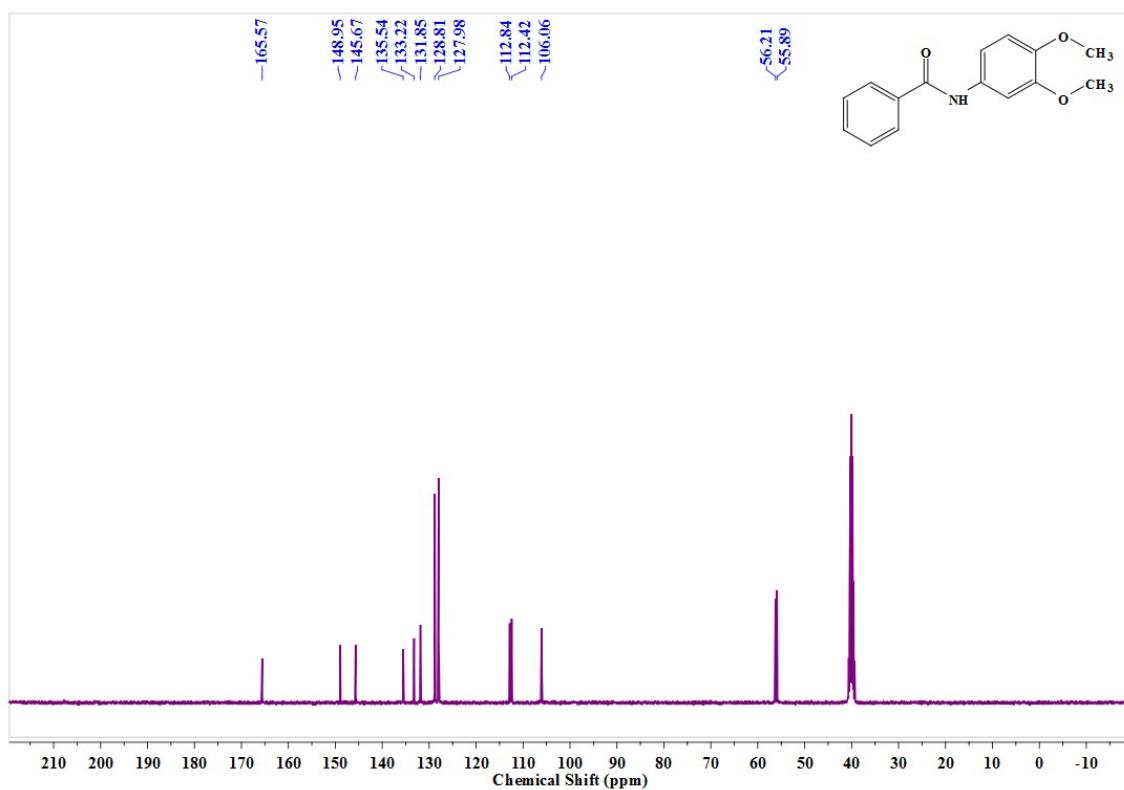
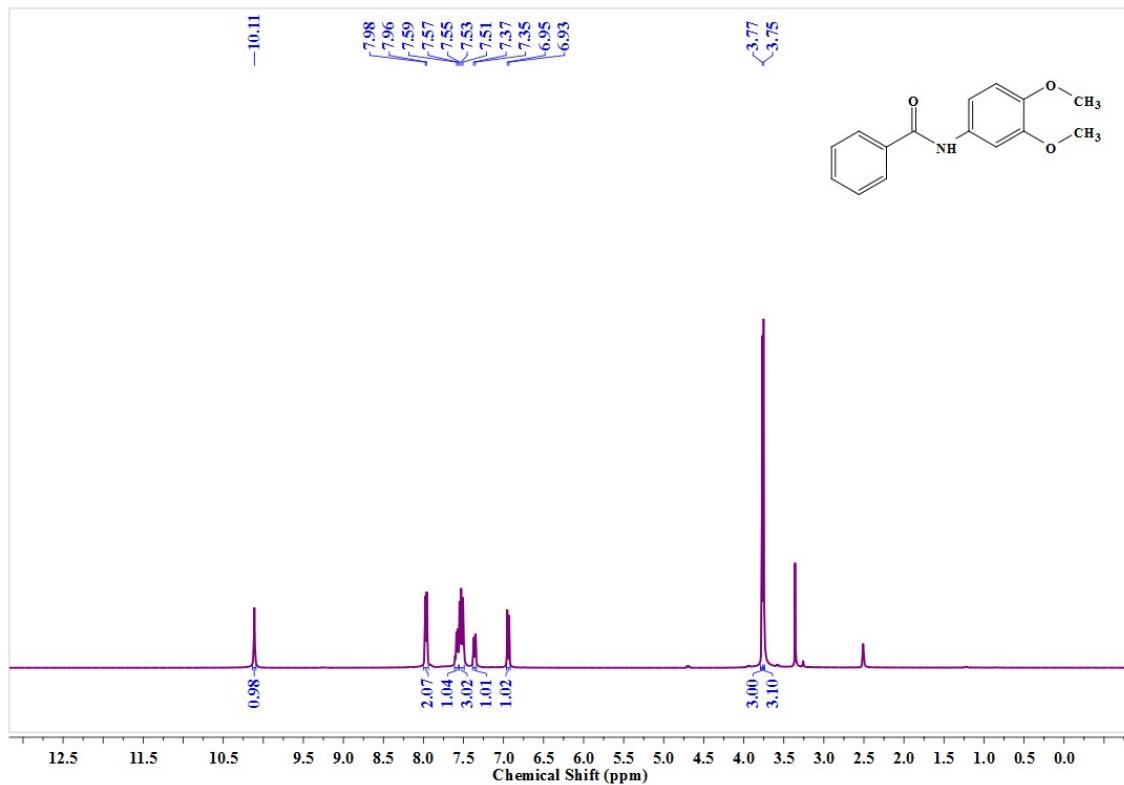


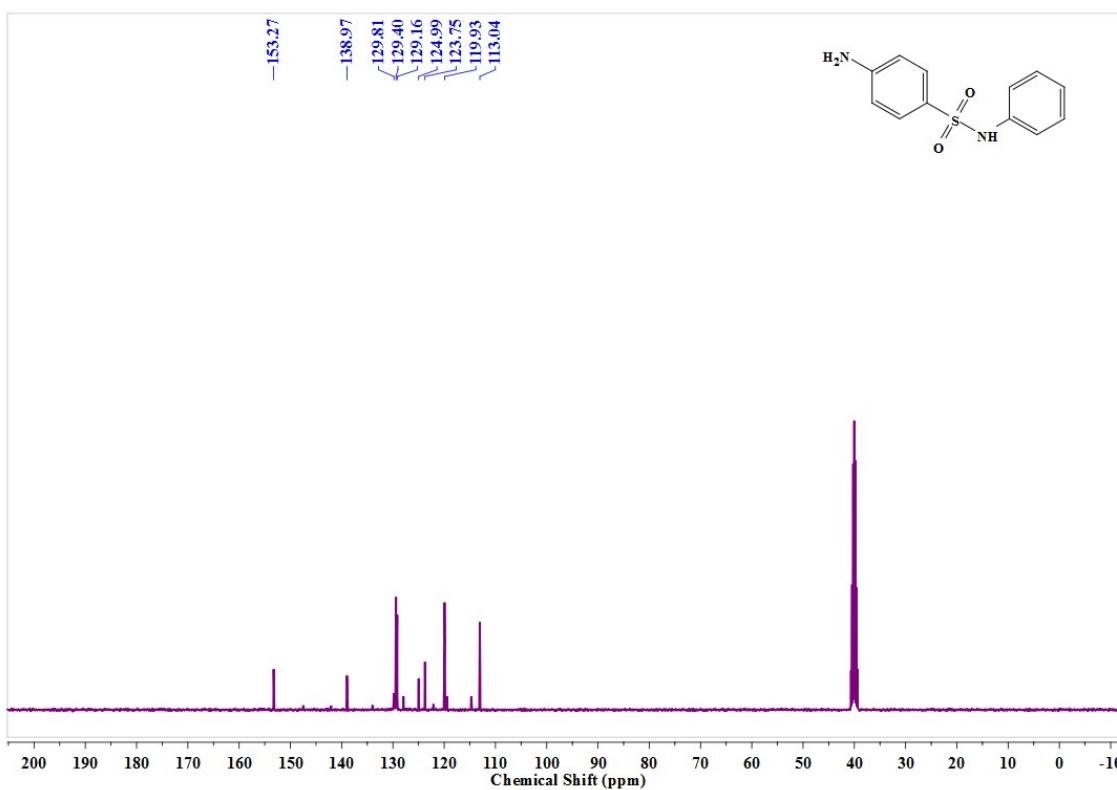
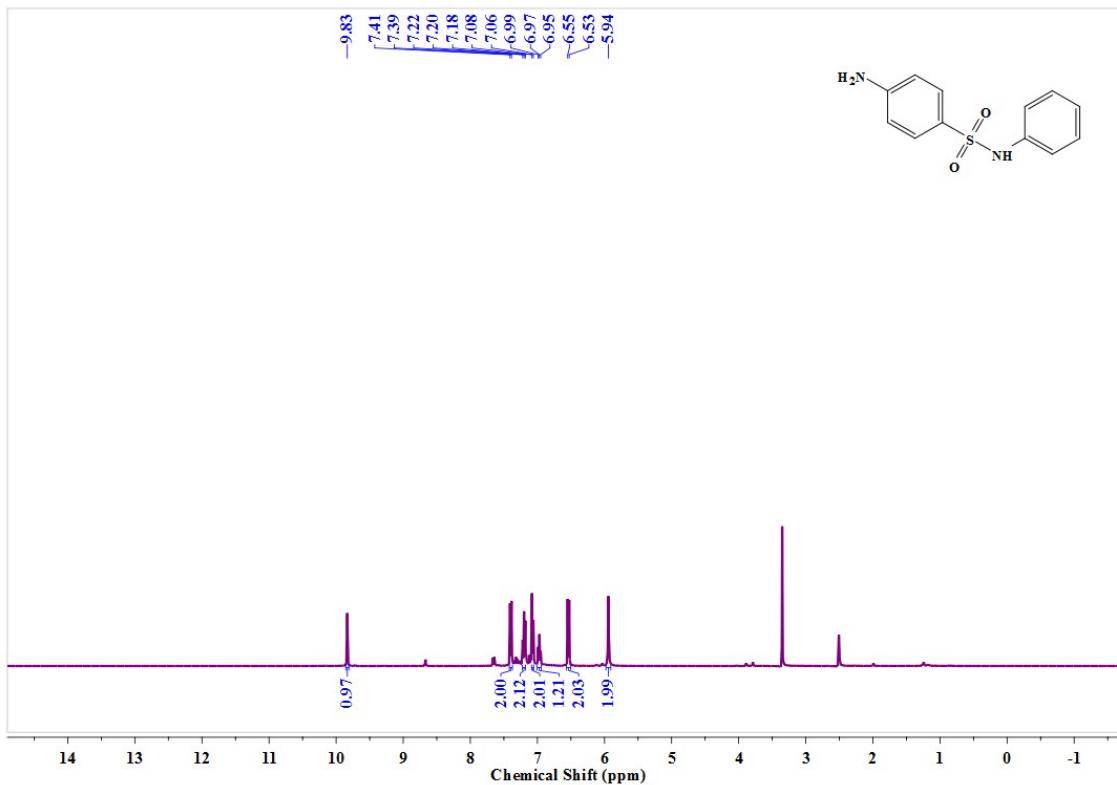












4.4 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of **9a** and **9b**

