

Highly Dispersed Ruthenium Capsulated in UiO-66-NH₂ for Borrowing Hydrogen Mediated N-Alkylation Reactions

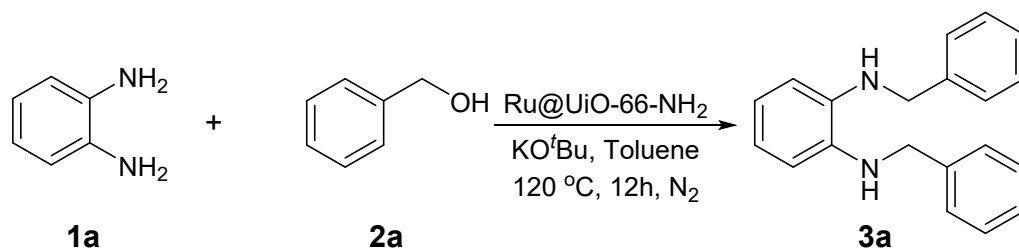
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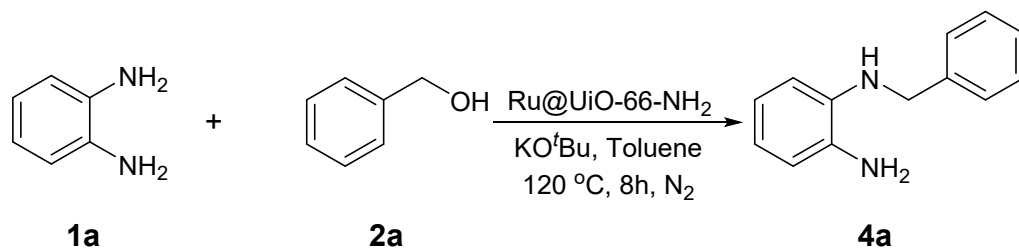
1. General Methods and materials:

All the reactions dealing with air and/or moisture-sensitive reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen using oven/flame-dried glassware and standard syringe/septa techniques. Unless otherwise noted, all commercial reagents and solvents were obtained from the commercial provider and used without further purification. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 400 or 101 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported relative to internal tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$ ppm) or CDCl₃ ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm) for ¹H NMR and CDCl₃ ($\delta = 77.0$ ppm) for ¹³C NMR. Flash column chromatography was performed on 230-430 mesh silica gel. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed with precoated glass baked plates (250 μ) and visualized by fluorescence and by charring after treatment with potassium permanganate stain. TEM was recorded on a transmission electron microscope (JEM-2100, JEOL, Japan), operating at 200 kV. TEM-EDS was performed on an Avio 200 Transmission Electron Microscope. XPS data were recorded with electron energy analyzer (ESCALAB 250Xi, Thermo Fisher Co, USA). Inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) analysis for Ru loading amount was determined by a Jarrell-Ash 1100 ICP-AES spectrometer.

2. Catalytic reactions

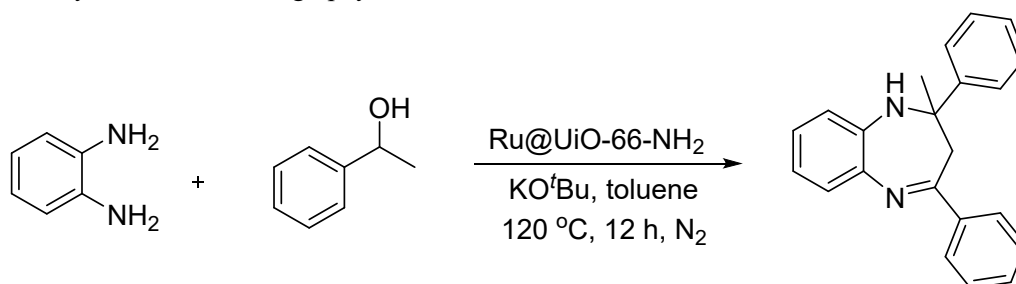


The mixture of 1,2-Phenylenediamine **1a** (1 mmol) and Benzyl alcohol **2a** (2 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.



The mixture of 1,2-Phenylenediamine **1a** (4 mmol) and Benzyl alcohol **2a** (1 mmol), potassium tert-

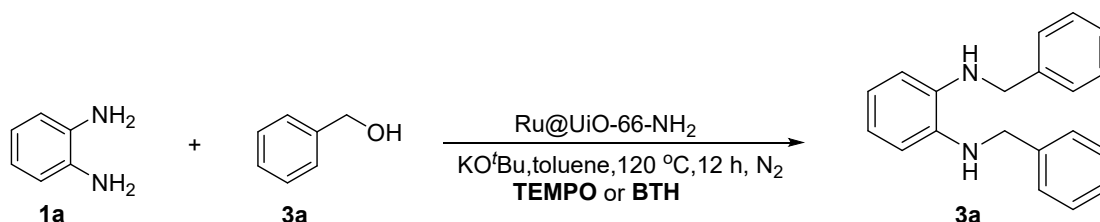
butoxide (0.5 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 8 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.



The mixture of 1,2-Phenylenediamine **1a** (1 mmol) and 1-phenylethanol (2 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (1 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.

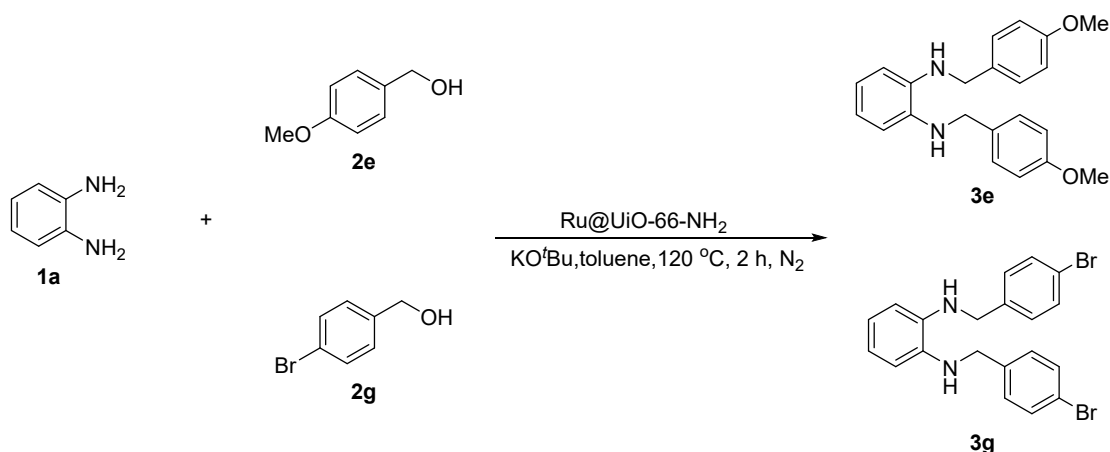
3. Mechanism study

3.1 Radical trapping experiment



The mixture of 1,2-Phenylenediamine **1a** (1 mmol) and Benzyl alcohol **2a** (2 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), TEMPO or BTH (1 mmol) and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.

3.2 The effect of different substituents



The mixture of 1,2-Phenylenediamine **1a** (1 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzyl alcohol **2e** (2 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 2 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.

The mixture of 1,2-Phenylenediamine **1a** (1 mmol) and 4-bromobenzyl alcohol **2g** (2 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120

°C for 2 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.

3.3 Control experiments

1. The mixture of benzyl alcohol **2a** (2 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.
2. The mixture of 1,2-Phenylenediamine **1a** (1 mmol) and benzaldehyde **2a'** (2 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.
3. The mixture of *N*¹, *N*²-(1,2-phenylene)-bis(1-phenylmethanimine) **6a** (1 mmol) and benzyl alcohol **2a** (2 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.
4. The mixture of 2-(benzylideneamino)-aniline **5a** (1 mmol) and benzyl alcohol **2a** (2 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.
5. The mixture of 2-(benzylideneamino)-aniline **5a** (4 mmol) and benzyl alcohol **2a** (1 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), and Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ were reacted in toluene (3 mL) at 120 °C for 12 h under N₂. After the temperature was cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was further purified by column chromatography.

4. Reusability of the catalyst

To a 25 mL reaction tube was added the catalyst Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ (30 mg), KO^tBu (0.5 mmol), **1a** (1 mmol), **2a** (2 mmol). The mixture was heated at 120 °C for 12 h under N₂. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the catalyst was separated by centrifugation with ethyl acetate, washed with carrene, dried in a vacuum, and reused for the next time.

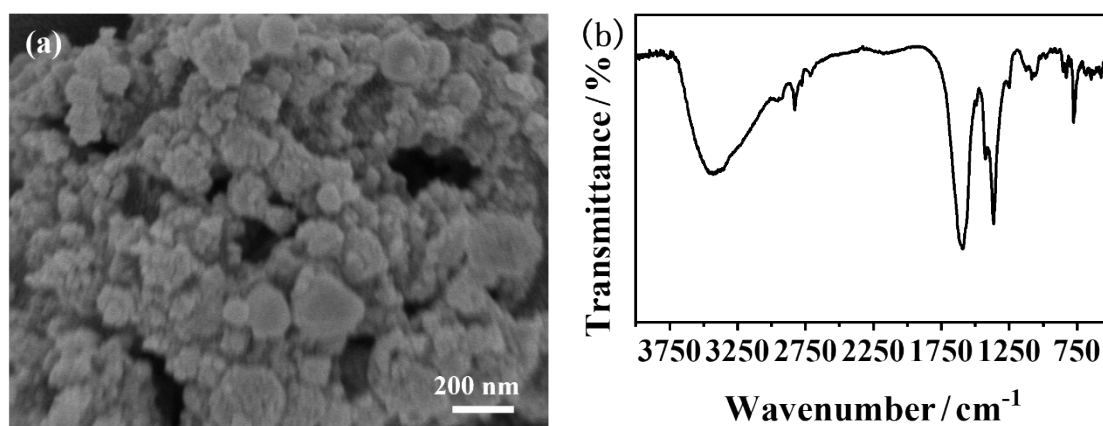
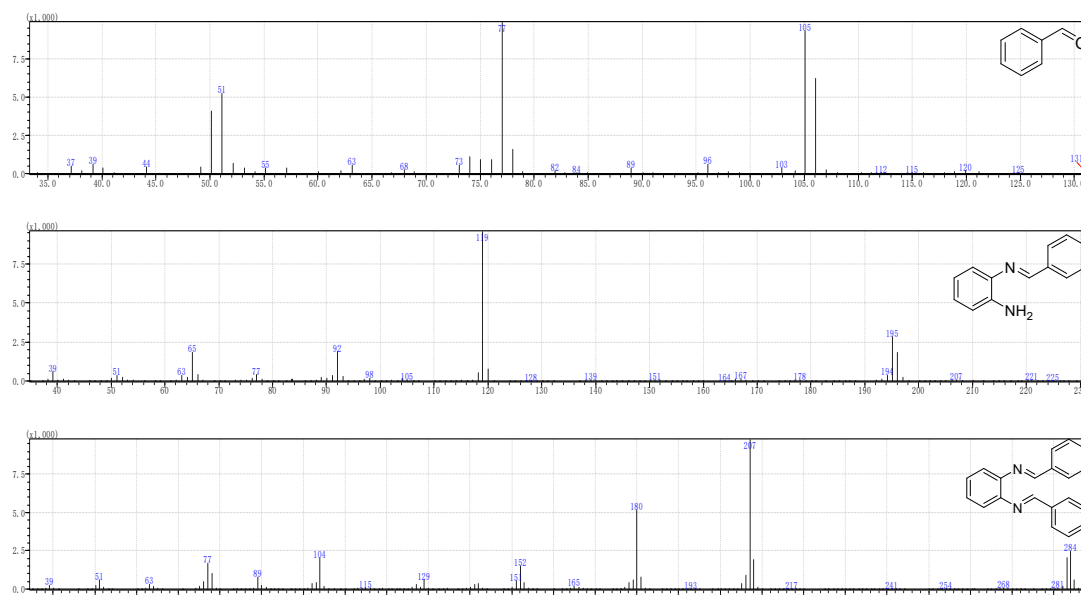


Fig. S1 (a) SEM image and (b) FT-IR spectra of recycled Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ with KO^tBu.

5. GC-MS

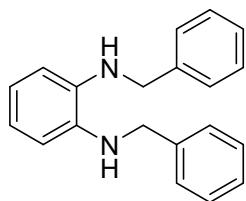
The mixture of 1,2-Phenylenediamine **1a** (1 mmol) and Benzyl alcohol **2a** (2 mmol), Potassium tert-butoxide (0.5 mmol), Ru@UiO-66-NH₂ (30 mg) were combined in toluene (2 mL) at 120 °C for 0.5 h under N₂. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered with diatomite,

diluted with methanol and analyzed by GC-MS.



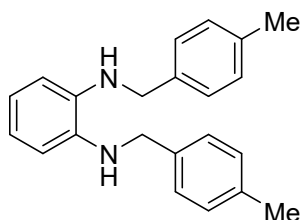
6. Analytical data of the obtained compounds

(1) *N*¹,*N*²-dibenzylbenzene-1,2-diamine(3a)¹



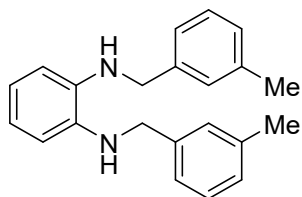
Yellow oil (239.0 mg, 0.83 mmol, 83%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 8H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (s, 4H), 3.70 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.59, 137.31, 128.80, 128.01, 127.44, 119.62, 112.15, 48.96.

(2) *N*¹,*N*²-bis(4-methylbenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3b)¹



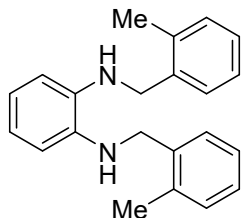
Yellow oil (265.4 mg, 0.84 mmol, 84%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 8H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (s, 4H), 3.70 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.59, 137.31, 128.80, 128.01, 127.44, 119.62, 112.15, 48.96.

(3) *N*¹,*N*²-bis(3-methylbenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3c)²



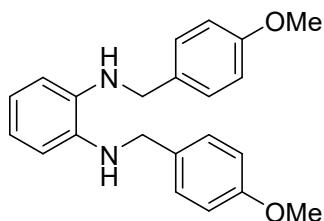
Yellow oil (224.3 mg, 0.71 mmol, 71%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.77 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.31 (s, 4H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.49, 138.42, 137.35, 128.84, 128.68, 128.21, 125.10, 119.51, 111.94, 48.97, 21.64.

(4) N^1, N^2 -bis(2-methylbenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3d)²



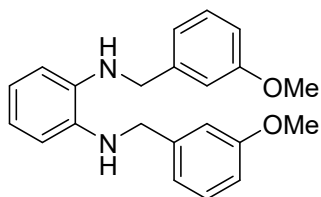
Yellow oil (214.9 mg, 0.68 mmol, 68%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.28 (s, 4H), 3.47 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.38, 137.16, 136.82, 130.57, 128.73, 127.63, 126.30, 119.49, 111.77, 46.93, 19.14.

(5) N^1, N^2 -bis(4-methoxybenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3e)¹



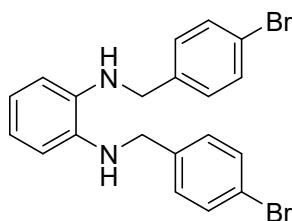
Yellow oil (285.3mg, 0.82 mmol, 82%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 4H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 4H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 5.7, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.76 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.26 (s, 4H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 3.58 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.97, 137.28, 131.53, 129.30, 119.46, 114.10, 111.88, 55.44, 48.36.

(6) N^1, N^2 -bis(3-methoxybenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3f)



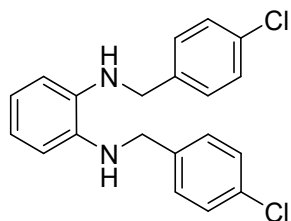
Yellow solid (261 mg, 0.75 mmol, 75%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.97 (m, 4H), 6.90 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 6.75 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.33 (s, 4H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 3.72 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.97, 141.28, 137.24, 129.80, 120.24, 119.59, 113.59, 112.71, 112.08, 55.35, 48.91.

(7) N^1, N^2 -bis(4-bromobenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3g)³



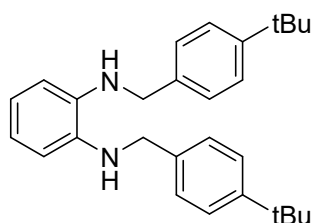
Yellow oil (325.6 mg, 0.73 mmol, 73%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.28

– 7.23 (m, 4H), 6.79 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.27 (s, 4H), 3.65 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.49, 136.94, 131.81, 129.52, 121.15, 119.83, 112.37, 48.24.
(8) N^1, N^2 -bis(4-chlorobenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3h)³



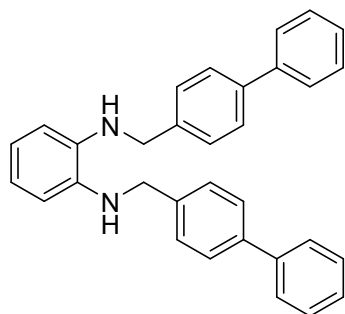
Yellow oil (267.7 mg, 0.75 mmol, 75%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32 (s, 8H), 6.81 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.67 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.30 (s, 4H), 3.66 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.95, 136.95, 133.07, 129.20, 128.88, 119.79, 112.27, 48.18.

(9) N^1, N^2 -bis(4-(tert-butyl)benzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3i)



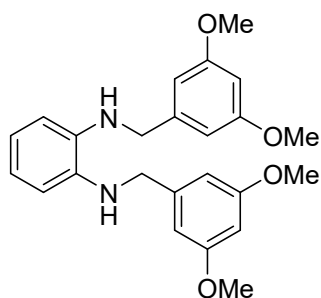
Yellow solid (348 mg, 0.87 mmol, 87%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.84 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.33 (s, 4H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.40, 137.39, 136.53, 127.98, 125.72, 119.50, 111.88, 48.64, 34.71, 31.60.

(10) N^1, N^2 -bis([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3j)



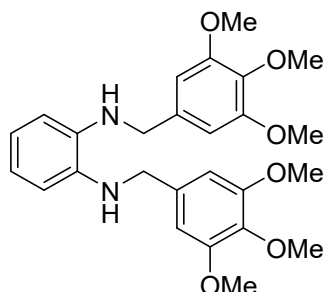
Yellow solid (277.2 mg, 0.63 mmol, 63%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 8H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 8H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.78 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 4.37 (s, 4H), 3.71 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.95, 140.36, 138.55, 137.23, 128.90, 128.40, 127.49, 127.38, 127.20, 119.61, 112.12, 48.60.

(11) N^1, N^2 -bis(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3k)



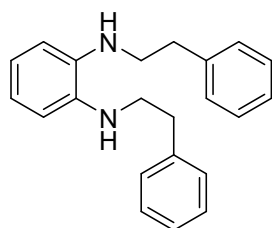
Yellow solid (350.9 mg, 0.86 mmol, 86%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.79 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.70 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 4H), 6.38 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.25 (s, 4H), 3.77 (s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.09, 142.09, 137.18, 119.61, 112.13, 105.81, 99.12, 55.44, 49.11.

(12) N^1, N^2 -bis(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3l)



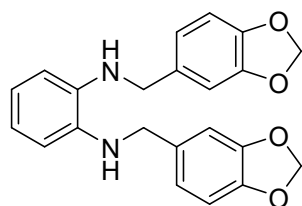
Yellow solid (248.0 mg, 0.53 mmol, 53%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.82 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.62 (s, 4H), 4.23 (s, 4H), 3.83 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 18H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.48, 137.19, 137.14, 135.22, 119.81, 112.30, 104.88, 61.01, 56.21, 49.54.

(13) N^1, N^2 -diphenethylbenzene-1,2-diamine(3m)⁴



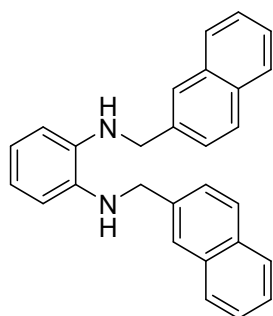
Yellow oil (212.2 mg, 0.68 mmol, 68%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.27 (td, $J = 6.9, 1.6$ Hz, 6H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.35 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.95 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.67, 137.34, 128.94, 128.74, 126.57, 119.42, 112.00, 45.63, 35.99.

(14) N^1, N^2 -bis(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3n)



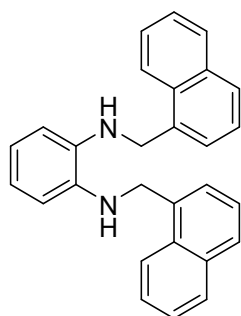
Yellow solid (302.4 mg, 0.80 mmol, 80%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.89 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 – 6.76 (m, 6H), 6.71 (dd, $J = 5.7, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.94 (s, 4H), 4.21 (s, 4H), 3.56 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.96, 146.89, 137.12, 133.39, 121.07, 119.58, 112.11, 108.52, 108.39, 101.10, 48.74.

(15) N^1, N^2 -bis(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3o)⁵



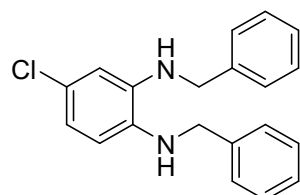
Yellow solid (287.1 mg, 0.74 mmol, 74%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 8H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 6.85 – 6.77 (m, 4H), 4.50 (s, 4H), 3.79 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.35, 137.05, 133.60, 132.91, 128.46, 127.90, 127.83, 126.38, 126.26, 126.23, 125.86, 119.69, 112.34, 49.15.

(16) *N'*,*N*'-bis(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)benzene-1,2-diamine(3p)



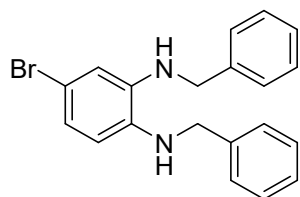
Yellow solid (248.3 mg, 0.64 mmol, 64%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 6H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 8.2, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 4H), 4.71 (s, 4H), 3.69 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.33, 134.53, 133.91, 131.83, 128.80, 128.23, 126.33, 126.26, 125.86, 125.59, 123.77, 119.66, 112.08, 46.86.

(17) *N'*,*N*'-dibenzyl-4-chlorobenzene-1,2-diamine(3q)⁶



Yellow oil (258.0 mg, 0.80 mmol, 80%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 8H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 4H), 3.68 (s, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.02, 138.76, 138.64, 135.36, 128.86, 128.80, 128.02, 127.93, 127.65, 127.54, 124.89, 118.57, 113.02, 111.76, 48.94, 48.71.

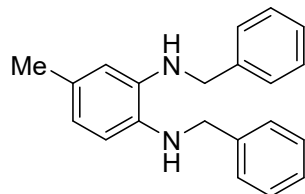
(18) *N'*,*N*'-dibenzyl-4-bromobenzene-1,2-diamine(3r)



Yellow oil (238.5 mg, 0.65 mmol, 65%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 (ddd, $J = 7.9, 3.8, 1.9$ Hz, 8H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.87 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 4H), 3.64 (s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.97, 138.76,

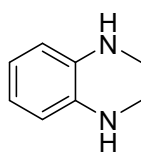
138.73, 135.96, 128.86, 128.80, 128.07, 127.88, 127.66, 127.53, 121.69, 114.51, 113.35, 112.13, 48.81, 48.76.

(19) *N*¹,*N*²-dibenzyl-4-methylbenzene-1,2-diamine(3s)⁶



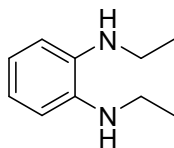
Yellow oil (244.6 mg, 0.81 mmol, 81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.34 (m, 10H), 6.76 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 4H), 3.66 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.82, 139.72, 137.87, 134.62, 129.38, 128.85, 128.80, 128.11, 128.05, 127.48, 127.42, 119.46, 112.84, 112.77, 49.30, 48.95, 21.40.

(20) *N*¹,*N*²-dimethylbenzene-1,2-diamine (3t)¹



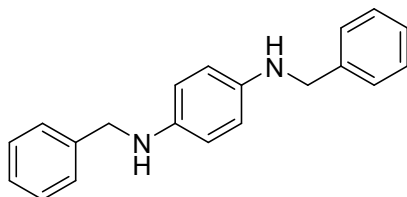
Black solid (34.1 mg, 0.25 mmol, 25%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.84 (ddd, *J* = 5.8, 3.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (ddd, *J* = 5.6, 3.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.44, 119.17, 110.58, 31.15.

(21) *N*¹,*N*²-diethylbenzene-1,2-diamine (3u)¹



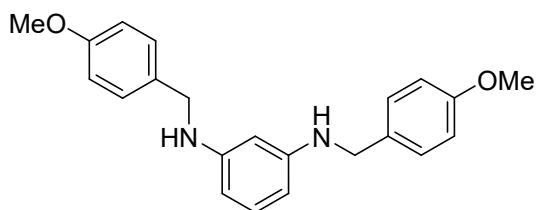
Black solid (52.5 mg, 0.32 mmol, 32%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.80 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 3.17 – 3.12 (m, 4H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.44, 119.11, 111.47, 38.92, 15.16.

(22) *N*¹,*N*⁴-dibenzylbenzene-1,4-diamine (3v)¹



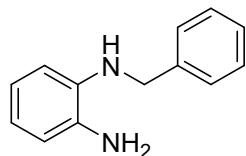
Yellow solid (252.6 mg, 0.89 mmol, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 4H), 4.27 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.88, 140.09, 128.67, 127.74, 127.21, 114.80, 49.63.

(23) *N*¹,*N*³-bis(4-methoxybenzyl)benzene-1,3-diamine (3w)¹



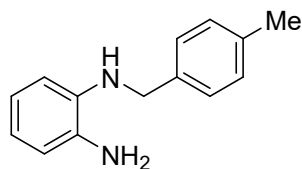
Yellow solid (289.2 mg, 0.83 mmol, 83%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 4H), 6.06 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.92 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.20 (s, 4H), 3.80 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.88, 149.53, 131.77, 130.11, 128.93, 114.08, 103.11, 97.30, 55.40, 47.91.

(24) *N'*-benzylbenzene-1,2-diamine (4a)⁷



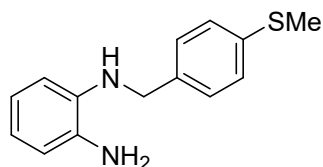
Brown oil (180.2 mg, 0.91 mmol, 91%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.79 (ddd, $J = 7.7, 6.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.56 (m, 3H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.52, 137.75, 134.28, 128.68, 127.87, 127.33, 120.80, 118.93, 116.63, 112.13, 48.72.

(25) *N'*-(4-methylbenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4b)⁷



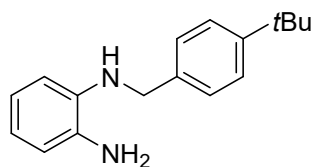
Brown oil (195.0 mg, 0.92 mmol, 92%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.69 (tdd, $J = 7.8, 7.3, 1.9$ Hz, 3H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.84, 136.93, 136.45, 134.23, 129.33, 127.83, 120.76, 118.81, 116.53, 112.04, 48.46, 21.16.

(26) *N'*-(4-(methylthio)benzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4c)



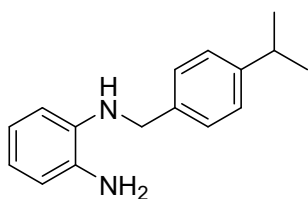
Brown oil (178.1 mg, 0.73 mmol, 73%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.79 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (ddd, $J = 13.4, 7.5, 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.65 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.50, 137.26, 136.35, 134.24, 128.33, 127.04, 120.77, 119.02, 116.65, 112.20, 48.23, 16.08.

(27) *N'*-(4-(*tert*-butyl)benzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4d)



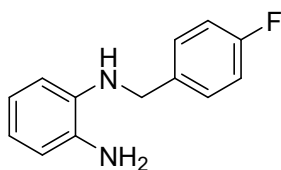
Brown oil (238.8 mg, 0.94 mmol, 94%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (ddd, $J = 8.6, 6.5, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.66 (m, 3H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.30, 137.88, 136.44, 134.25, 127.70, 125.57, 120.76, 118.83, 116.53, 112.01, 48.40, 34.56, 31.45.

(28) *N'*-(4-isopropylbenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4e)



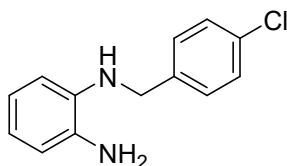
Brown oil (220.8 mg, 0.92 mmol, 92%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.79 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 5.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.89 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.06, 137.87, 136.85, 134.29, 128.00, 126.74, 120.77, 118.86, 116.55, 112.05, 48.52, 33.91, 24.13.

(29) *N*'-(4-fluorobenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4f)⁷



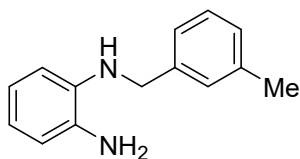
Yellow oil (179.3 mg, 0.83 mmol, 83%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.79 (td, *J* = 7.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.11 (d, *J* = 245.0 Hz), 137.54, 135.14 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 134.25, 129.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 120.79, 119.06, 116.70, 115.43 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 112.13, 47.96.

(30) *N*'-(4-chlorobenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4g)⁸



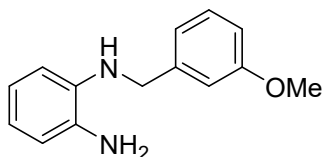
Brown oil (177.2 mg, 0.85 mmol, 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (s, 4H), 6.74 – 6.45 (m, 4H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.05, 137.47, 134.25, 132.95, 129.03, 128.77, 120.84, 119.13, 116.78, 112.17, 47.94.

(31) *N*'-(3-methylbenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4h)⁷



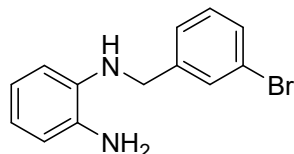
Brown oil (188.7 mg, 0.89 mmol, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (ddd, *J* = 7.1, 5.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.63 (m, 3H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.47, 138.32, 137.87, 134.26, 128.66, 128.60, 128.11, 124.96, 120.81, 118.87, 116.59, 112.07, 48.77, 21.51.

(32) *N*'-(3-methoxybenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4i)⁹



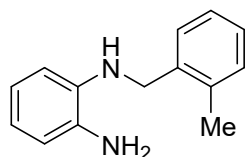
Brown oil (205.2 mg, 0.90 mmol, 90%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.63 (tt, *J* = 8.5, 6.7 Hz, 3H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.04, 141.39, 137.78, 134.39, 129.77, 120.80, 120.17, 118.97, 116.67, 113.58, 112.73, 112.17, 55.33, 48.72.

(33) *N*'-(3-bromobenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4j)⁹



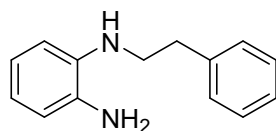
Brown oil (223.5 mg, 0.81 mmol, 81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dt, *J* = 8.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.10, 137.43, 134.32, 130.69, 130.40, 130.26, 126.28, 122.81, 120.88, 119.21, 116.85, 112.20, 48.07.

(34) *N*'-(2-methylbenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4k)⁷



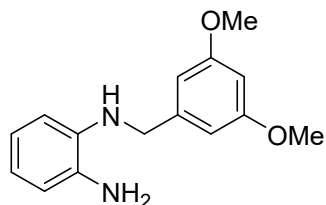
Brown oil (182.3 mg, 0.86 mmol, 86%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.82 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.68 – 6.60 (m, 3H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.98, 137.35, 136.66, 134.36, 130.57, 128.61, 127.59, 126.33, 120.86, 118.90, 116.63, 111.97, 46.74, 19.10.

(35) *N*'-phenethylbenzene-1,2-diamine (4l)¹⁰



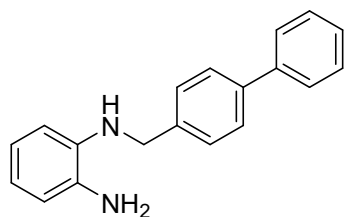
Brown oil (186.6 mg, 0.88 mmol, 88%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 6.84 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.70 – 6.59 (m, 3H), 3.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.62, 137.64, 134.47, 128.88, 128.71, 126.52, 120.78, 118.82, 116.64, 112.06, 45.50, 35.89.

(36) *N*'-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4m)



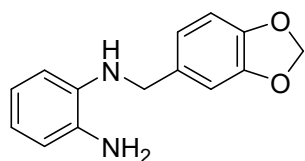
Brown oil (221.9 mg, 0.86 mmol, 86%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.77 (td, *J* = 7.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.07, 142.02, 137.68, 134.22, 120.78, 118.93, 116.61, 112.14, 105.73, 99.16, 55.36, 48.91.

(37) *N*'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4n)¹¹



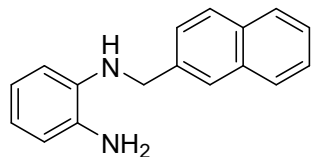
Brown oil (230.2 mg, 0.84 mmol, 84%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.84 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.77 – 6.66 (m, 3H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.90, 140.28, 138.54, 137.74, 134.23, 128.79, 128.20, 127.37, 127.27, 127.09, 120.80, 118.92, 116.63, 112.10, 48.37.

(38) *N'*-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4o)



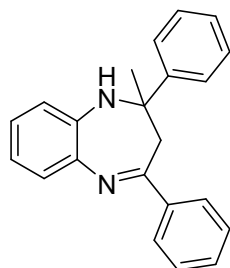
Brown oil (210.5 mg, 0.87 mmol, 87%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.86 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.73 (m, 3H), 6.70 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 6.64 – 6.61 (m, 1H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.93, 146.81, 137.65, 134.30, 133.45, 120.93, 120.75, 118.95, 116.61, 112.11, 108.39, 108.34, 101.05, 48.50.

(39) *N'*-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)benzene-1,2-diamine (4p)



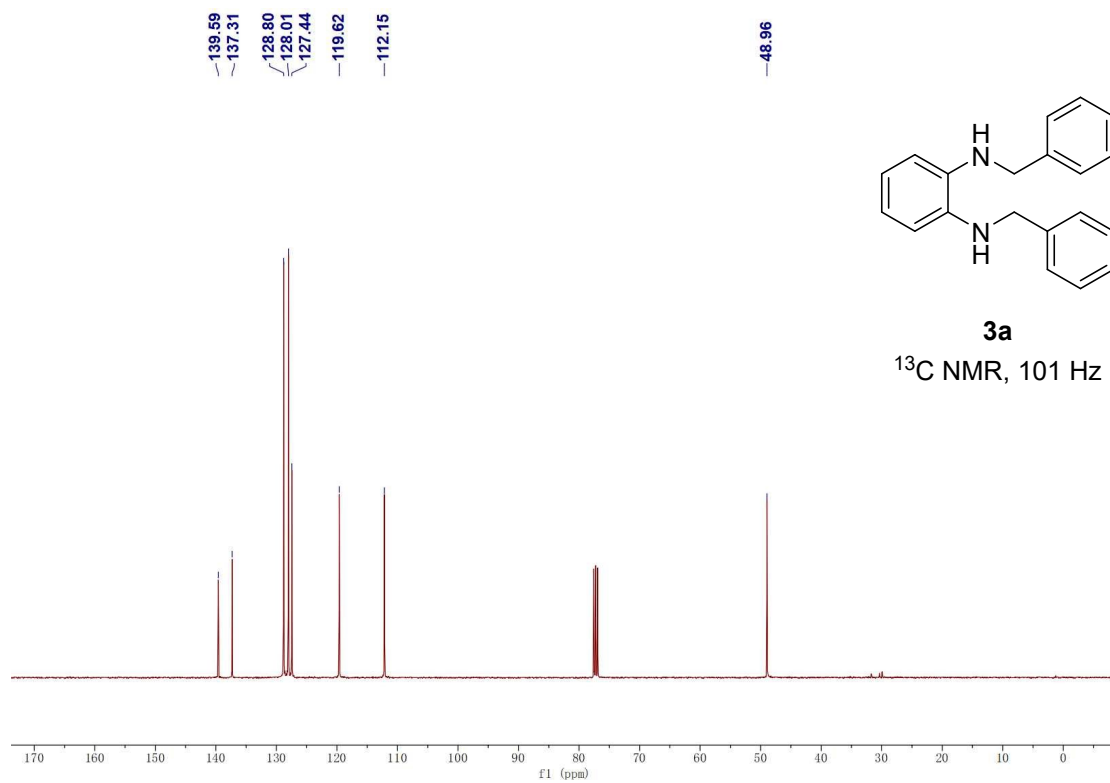
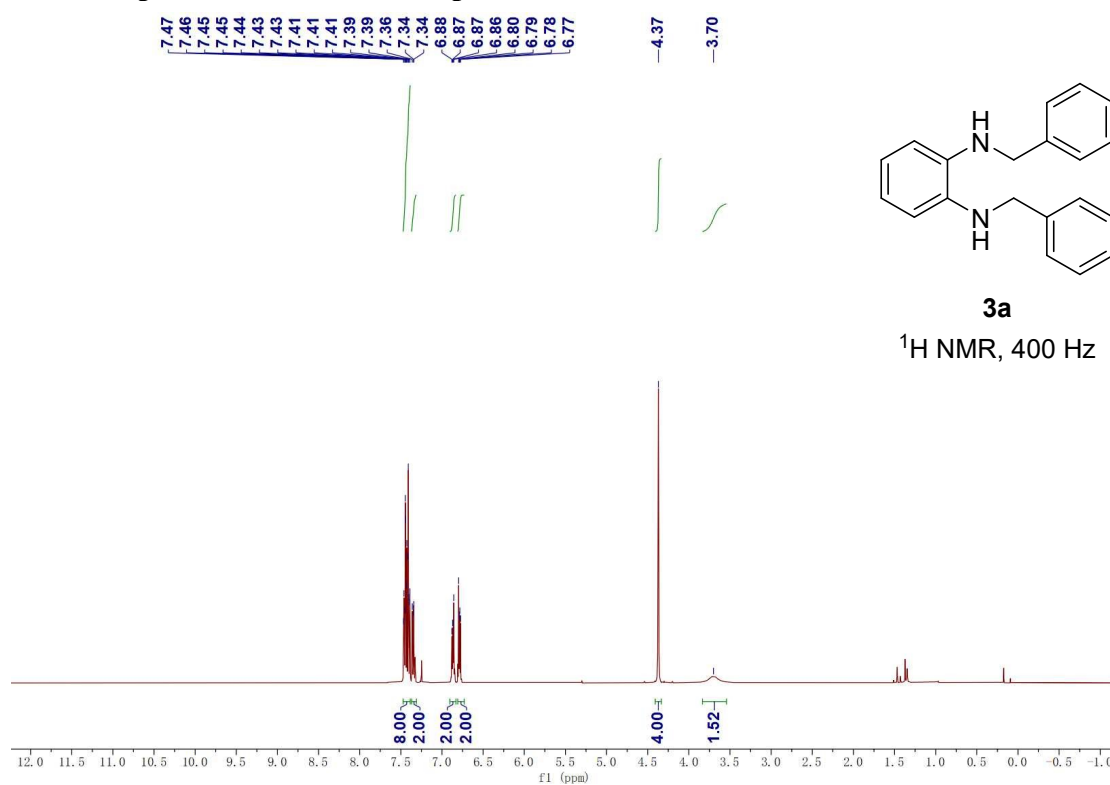
Brown oil (188.5 mg, 0.76 mmol, 76%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 6.79 (ddd, $J = 8.1, 6.7, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 – 6.67 (m, 3H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.77, 136.98, 134.26, 133.55, 132.85, 128.36, 127.82, 127.75, 126.23, 126.18, 126.09, 125.78, 120.85, 118.97, 116.69, 112.22, 48.87.

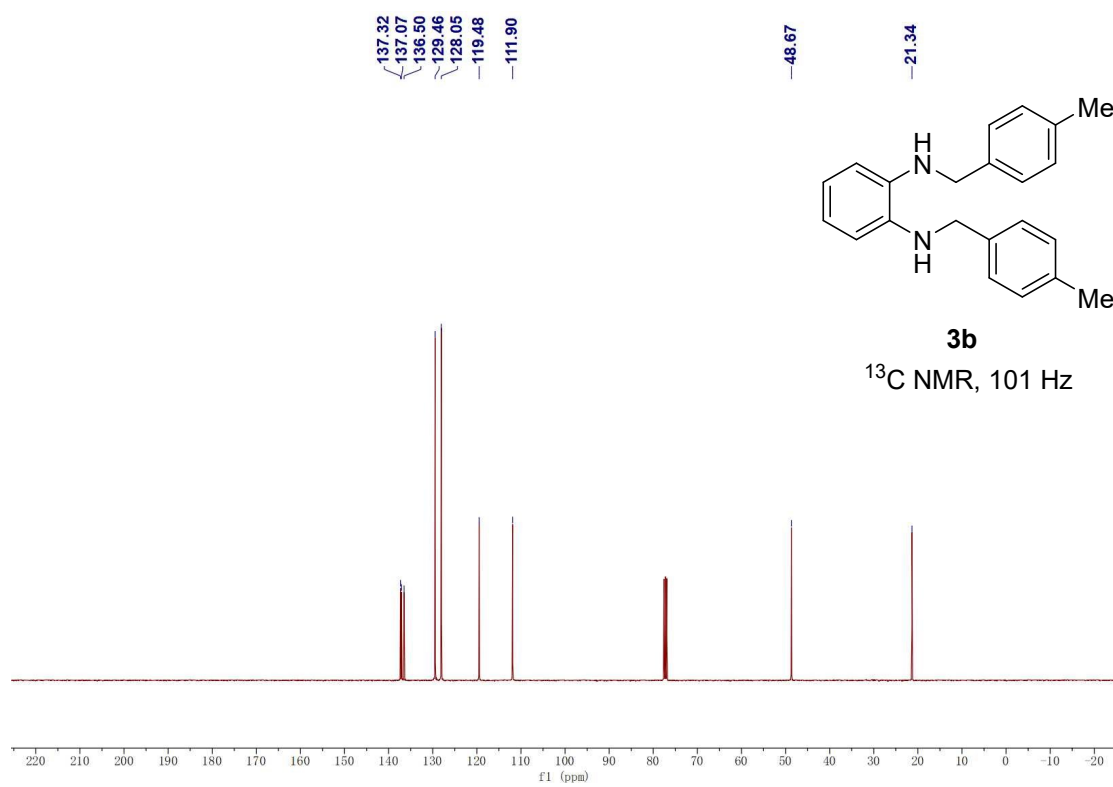
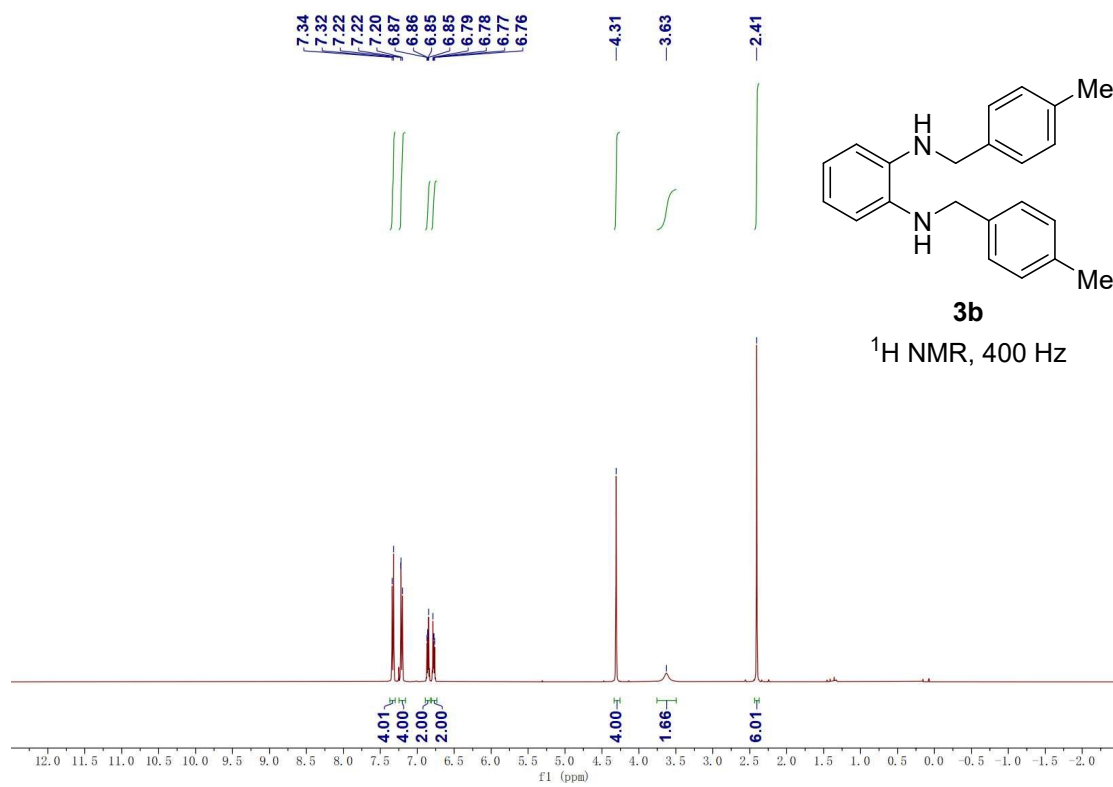
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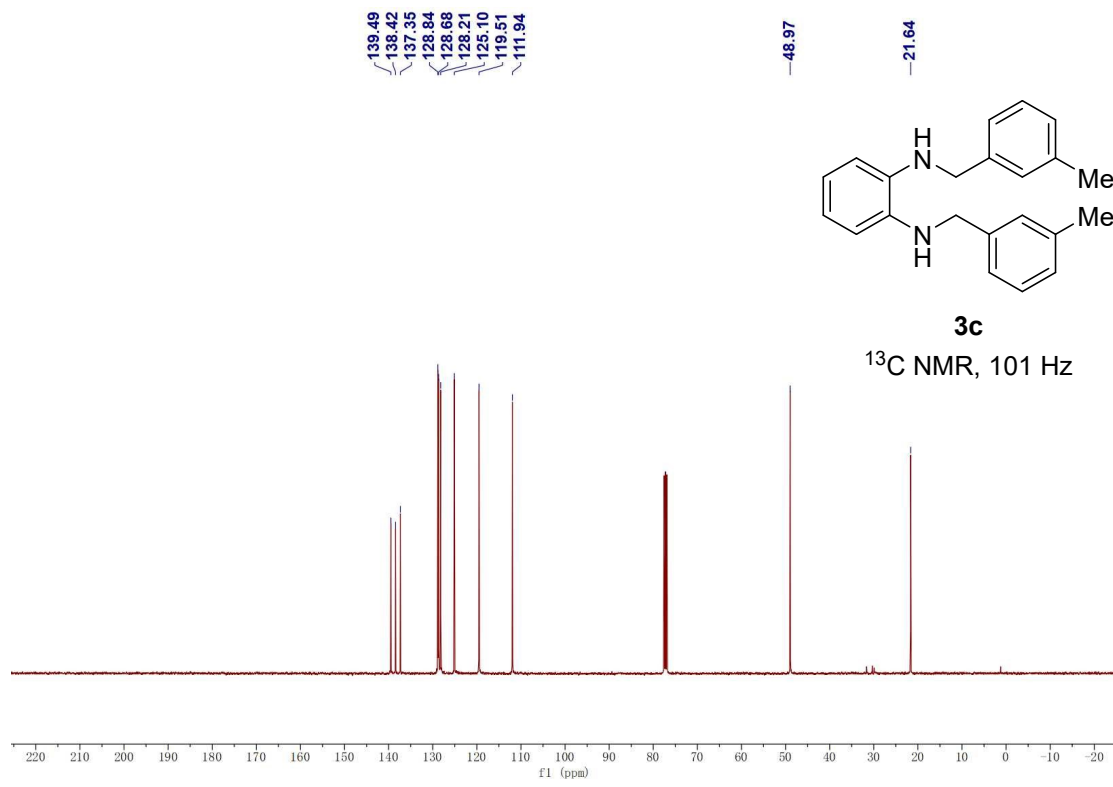
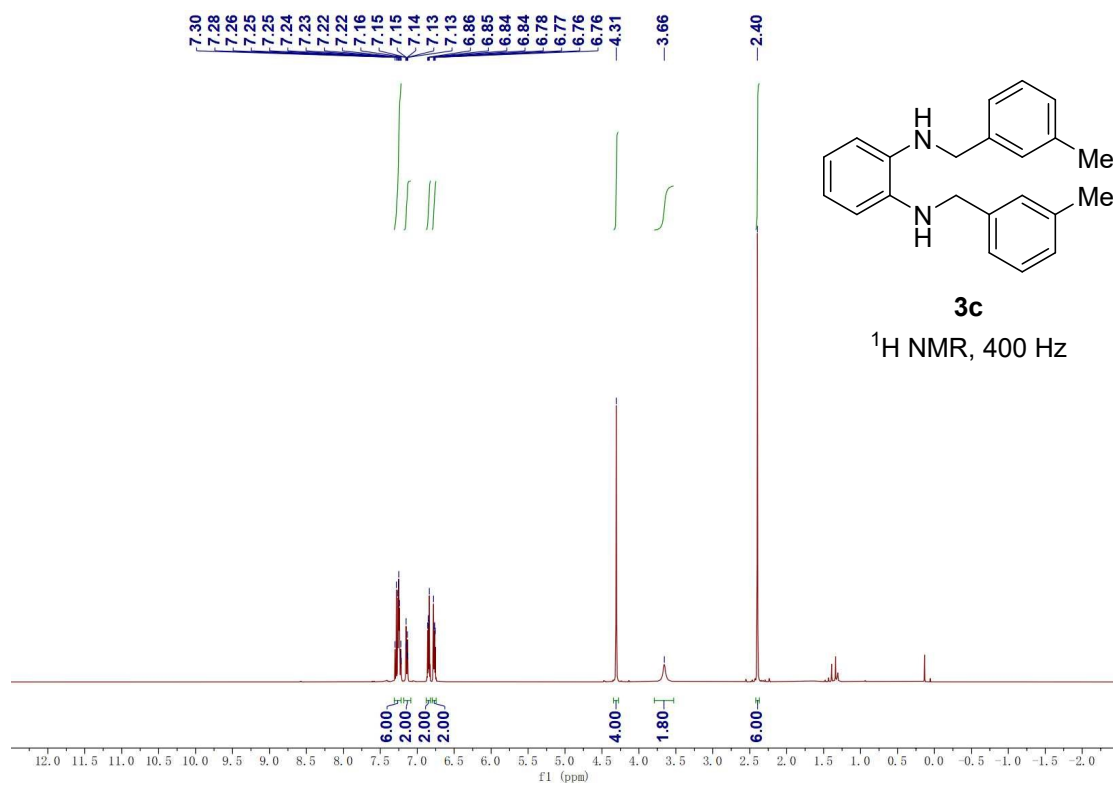


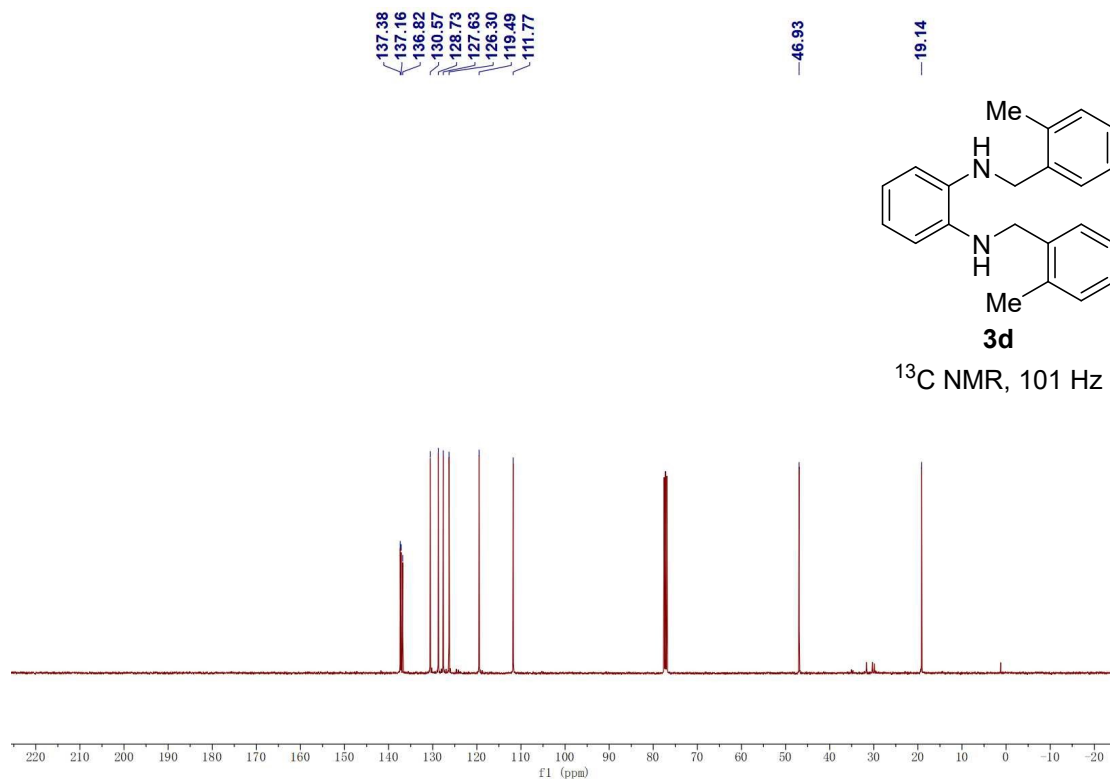
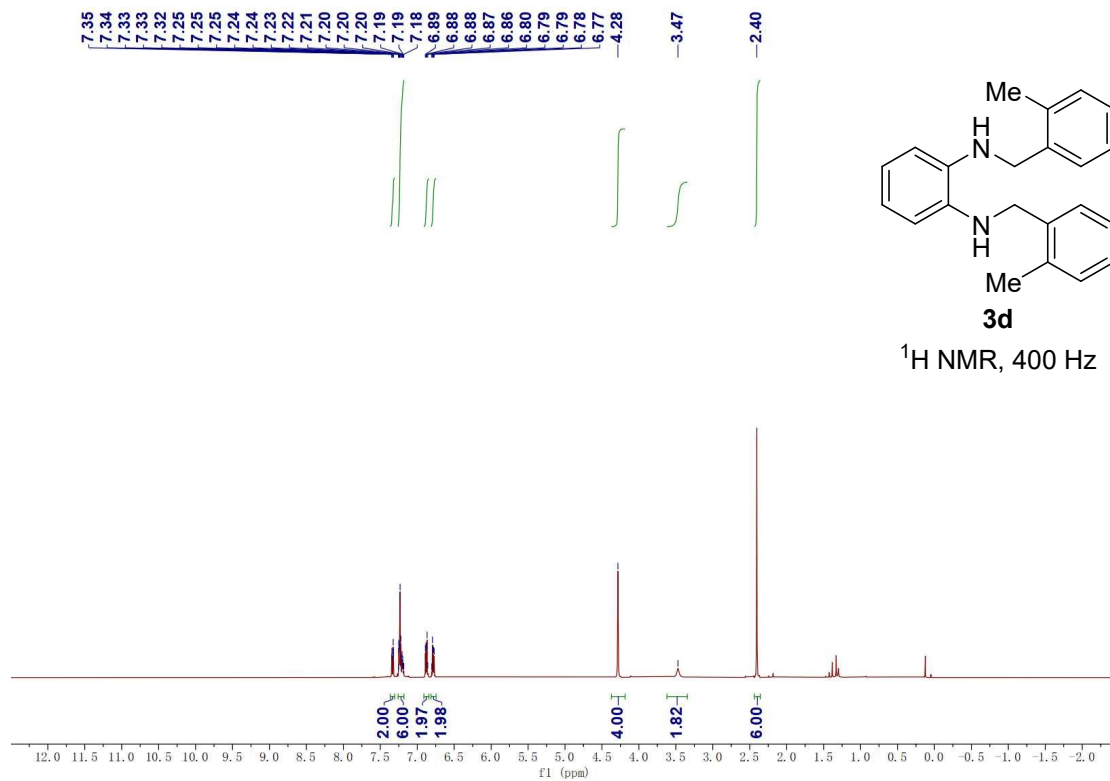
Yellow solid (224.9 mg, 0.72 mmol, 72%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (tt, $J = 7.4, 1.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.32 – 7.15 (m, 7H), 7.06 (ddd, $J = 8.2, 7.2, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 3.14 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.84, 147.71, 140.17, 139.67, 138.18, 129.86, 128.72, 128.68, 128.42, 128.14, 127.18, 126.46, 125.54, 121.77, 121.53, 73.83, 43.18, 29.98.

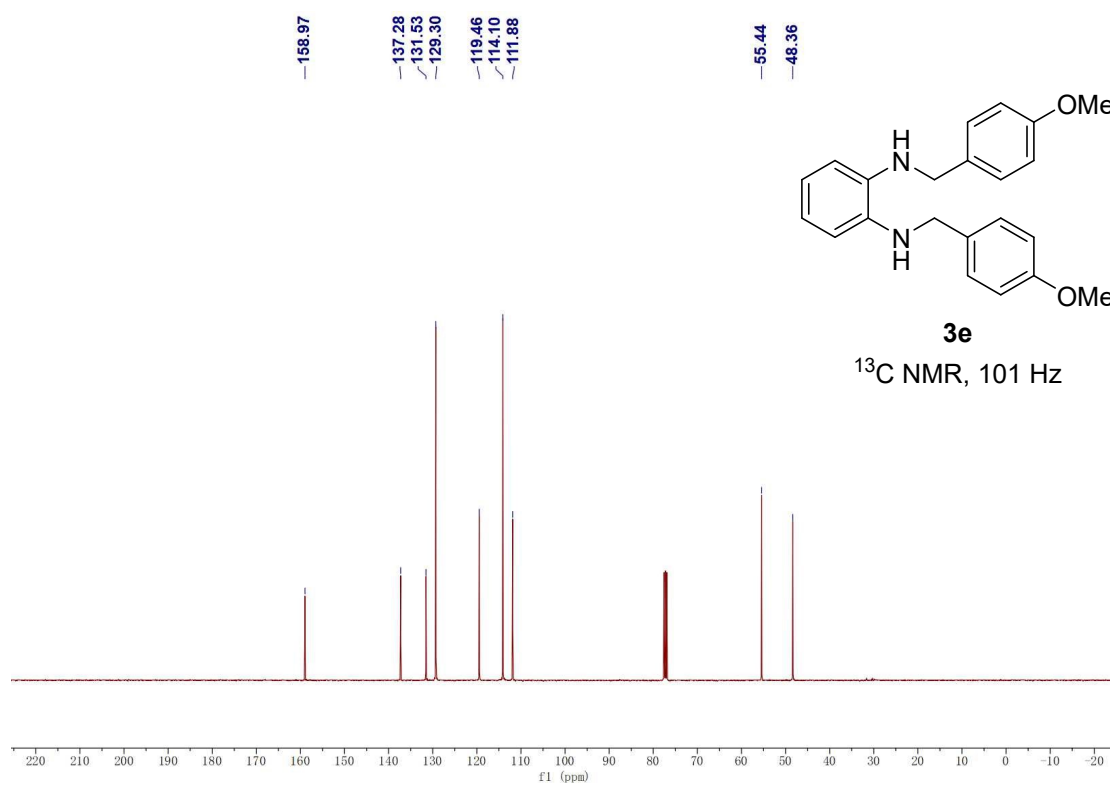
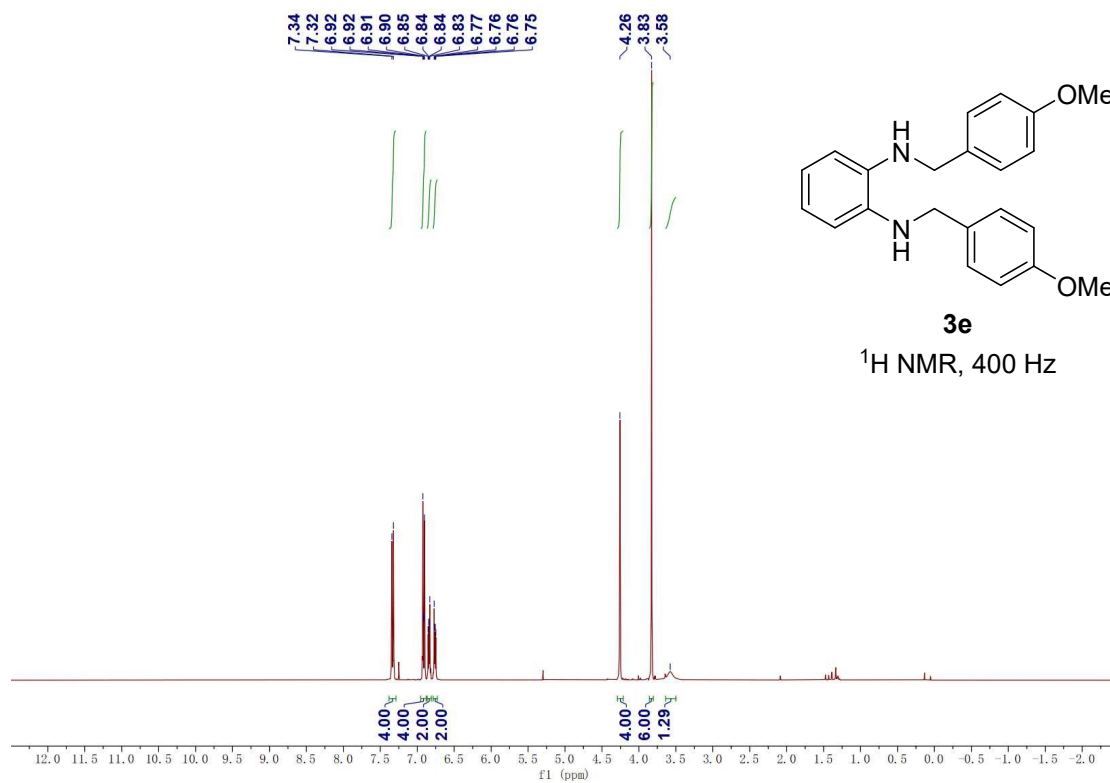
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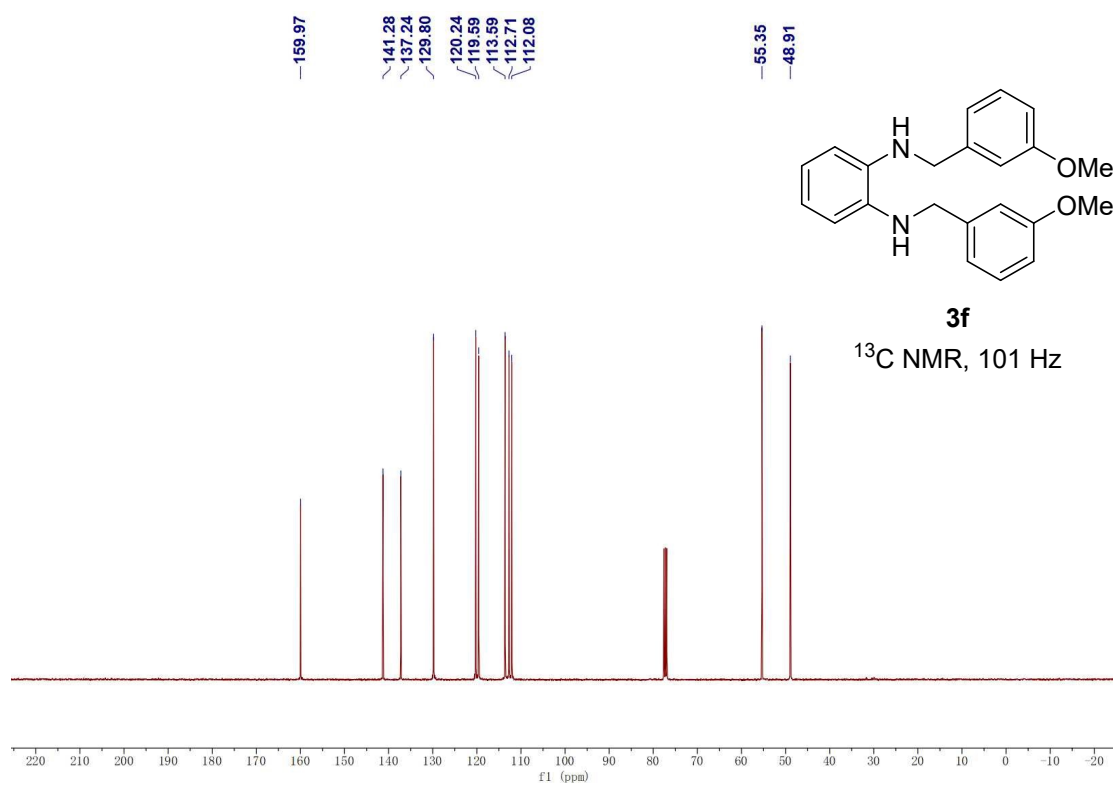
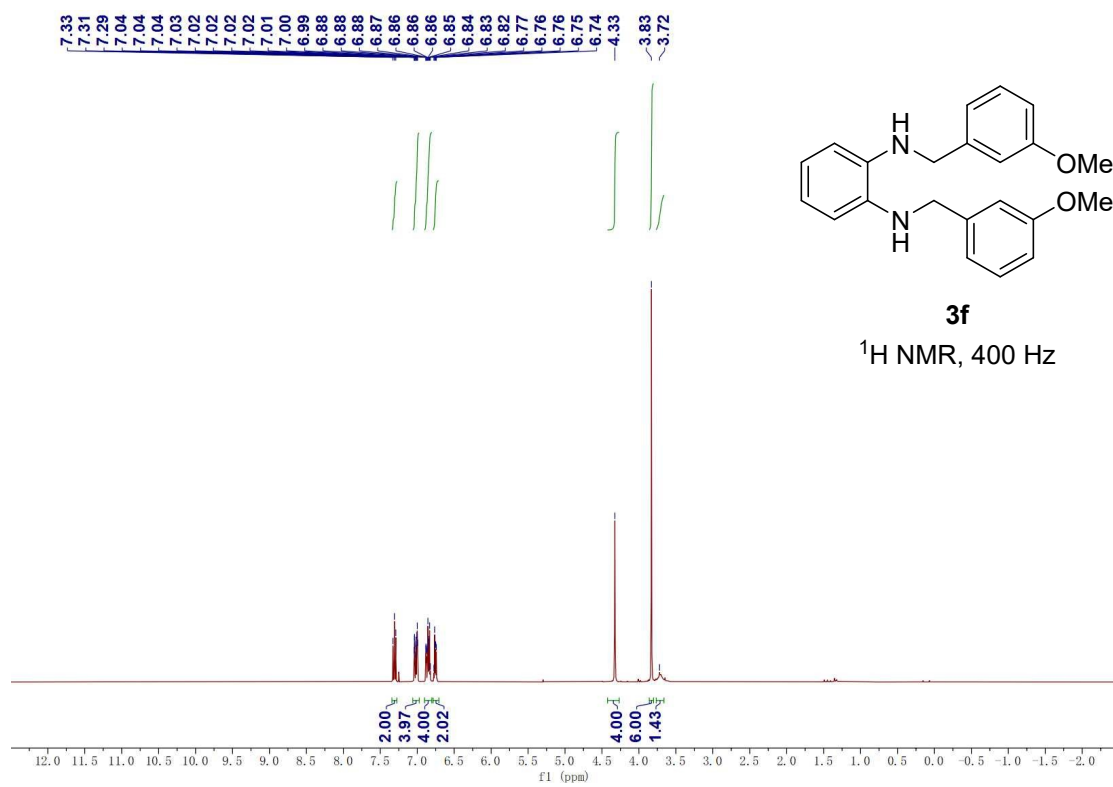


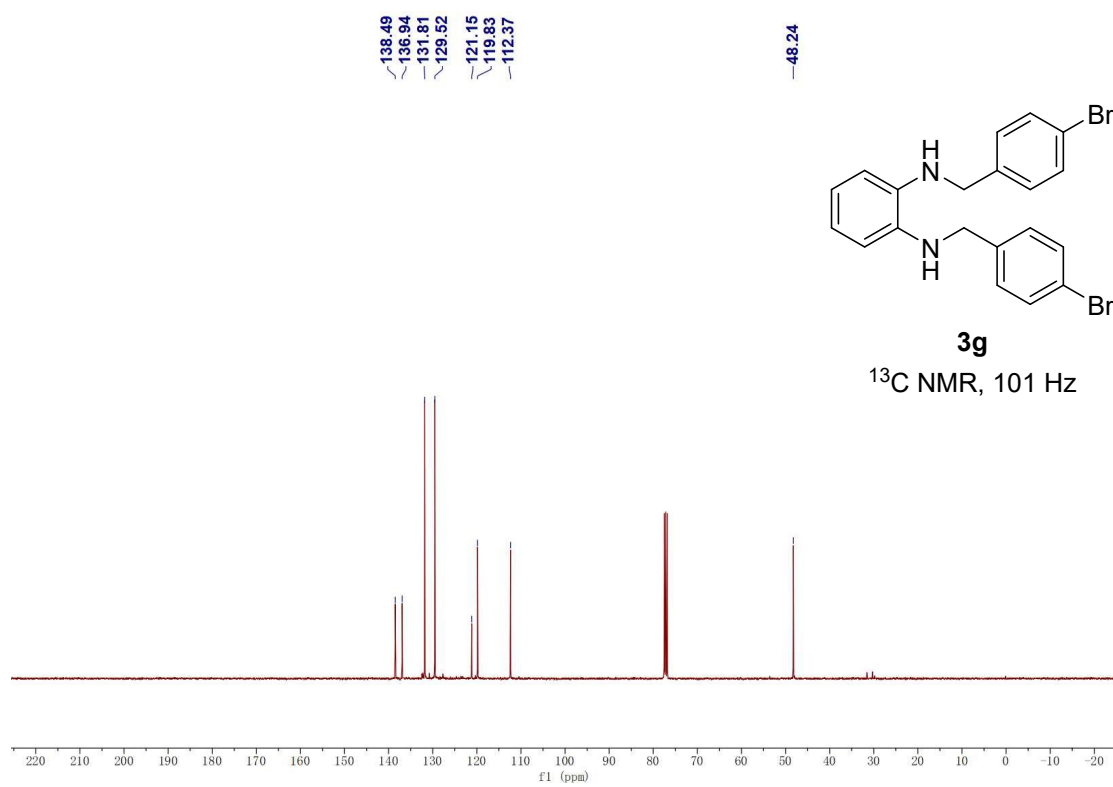
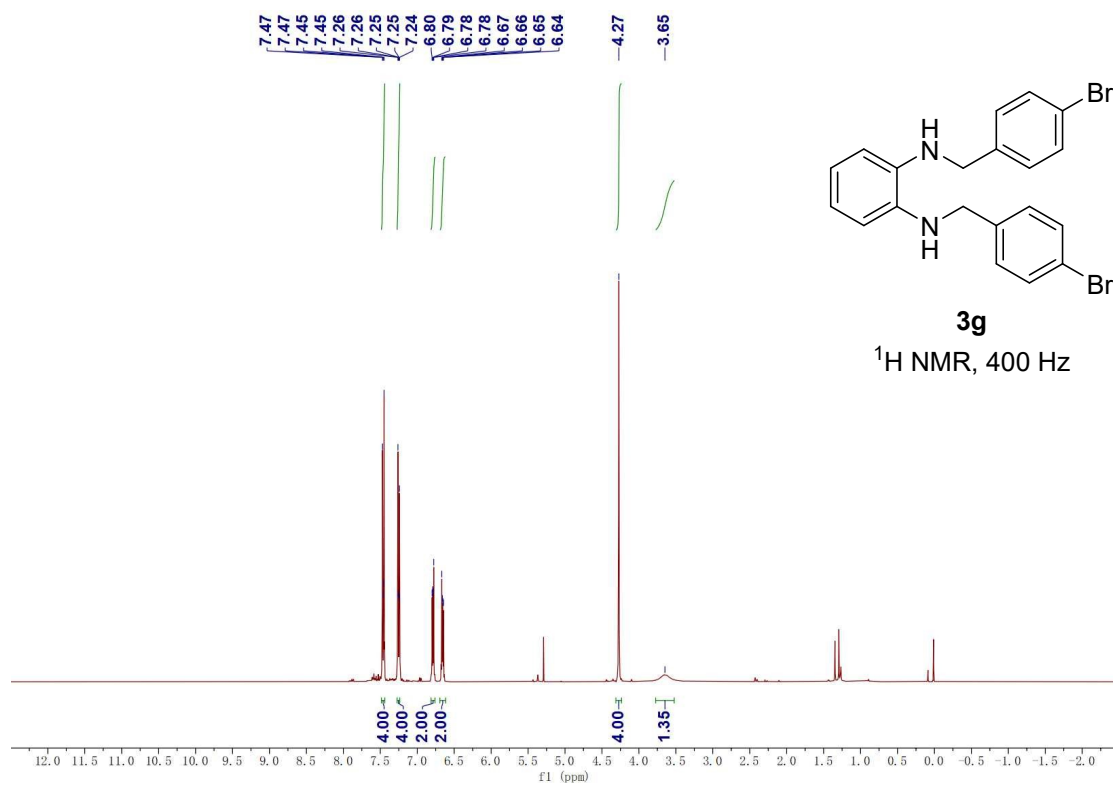


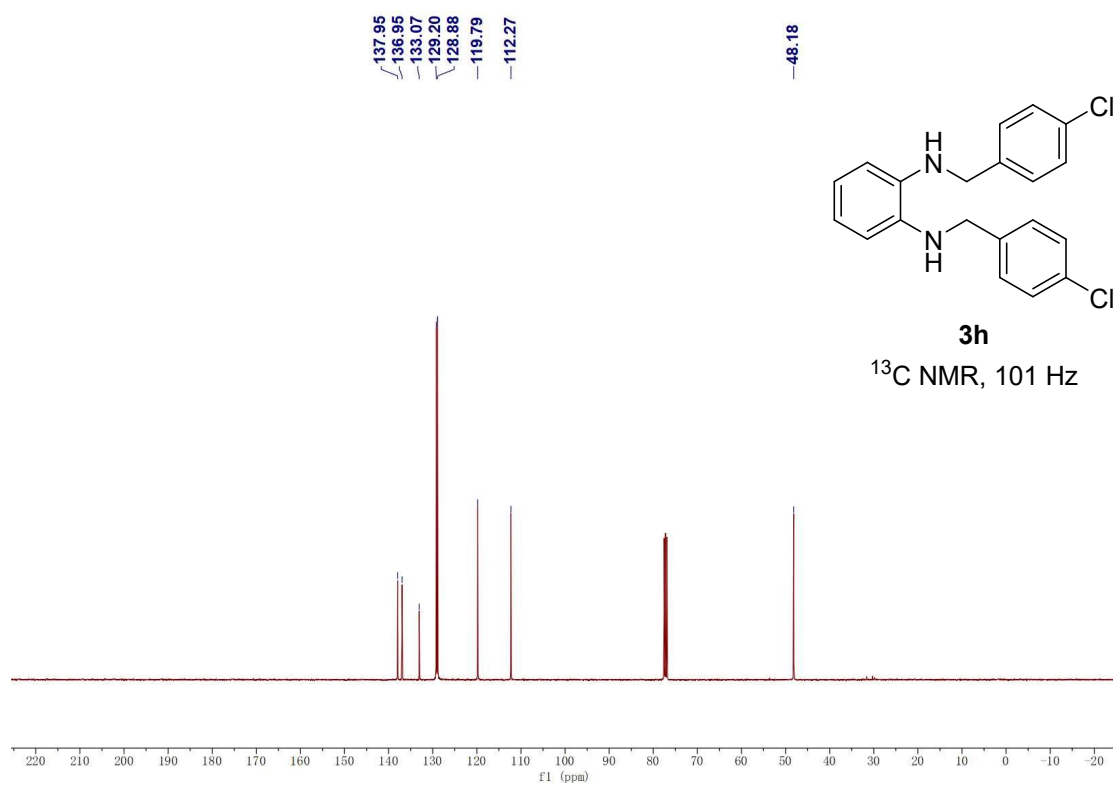
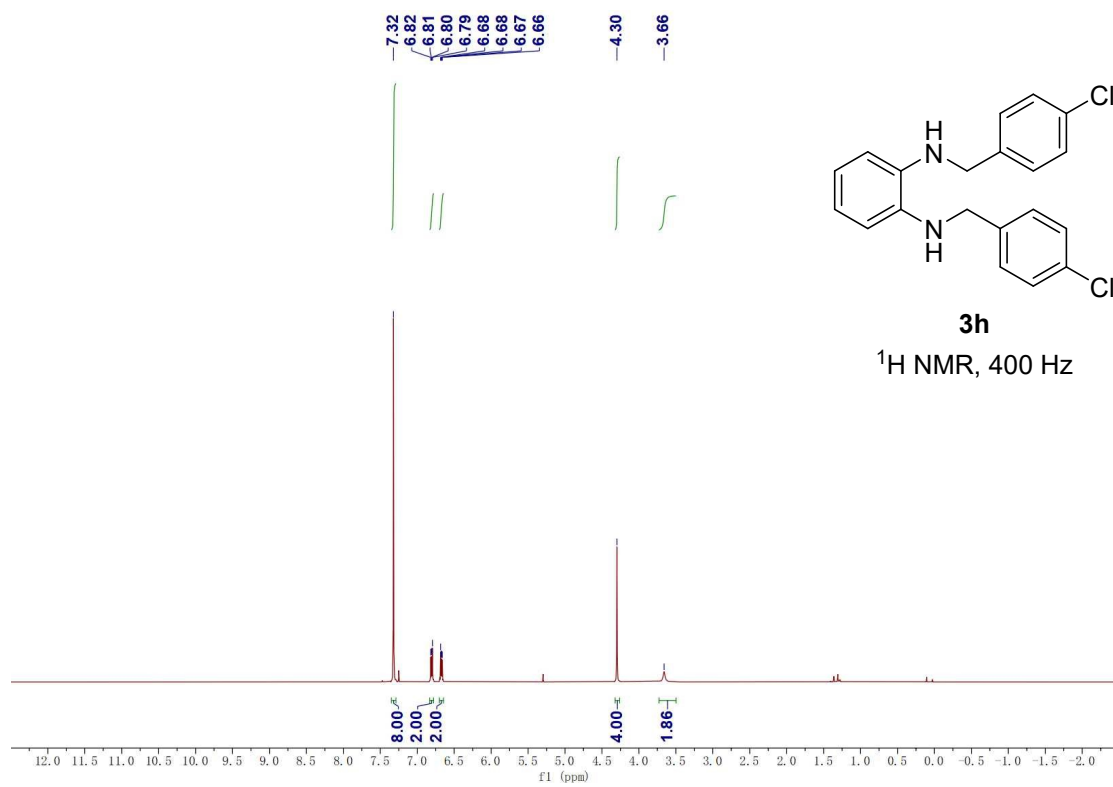


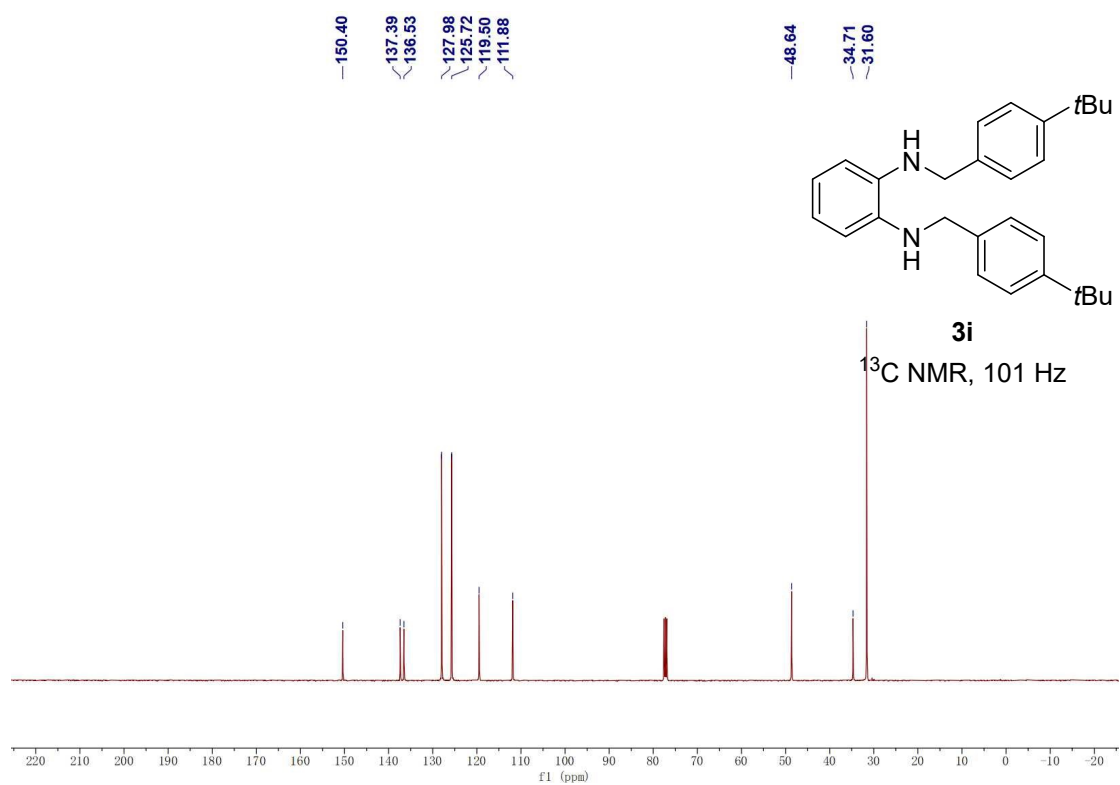
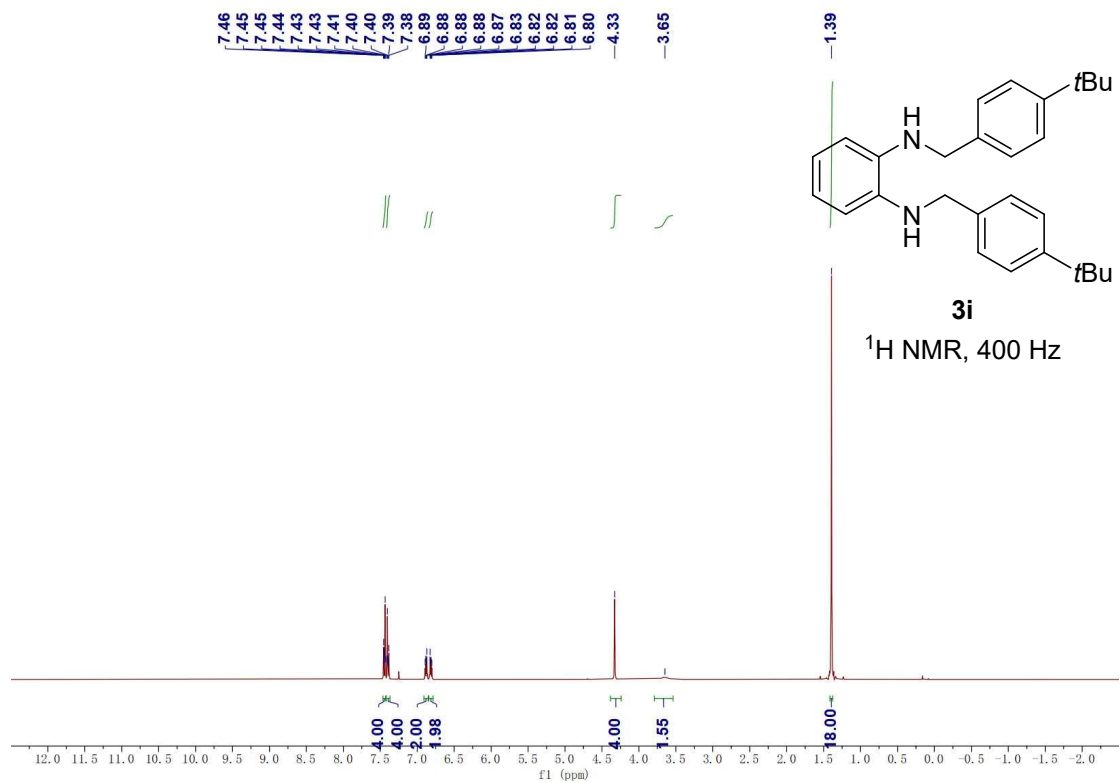


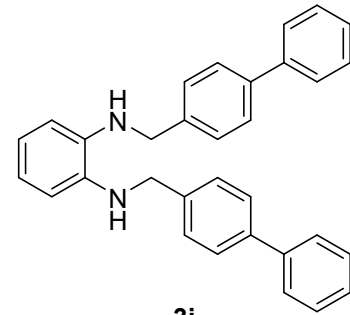
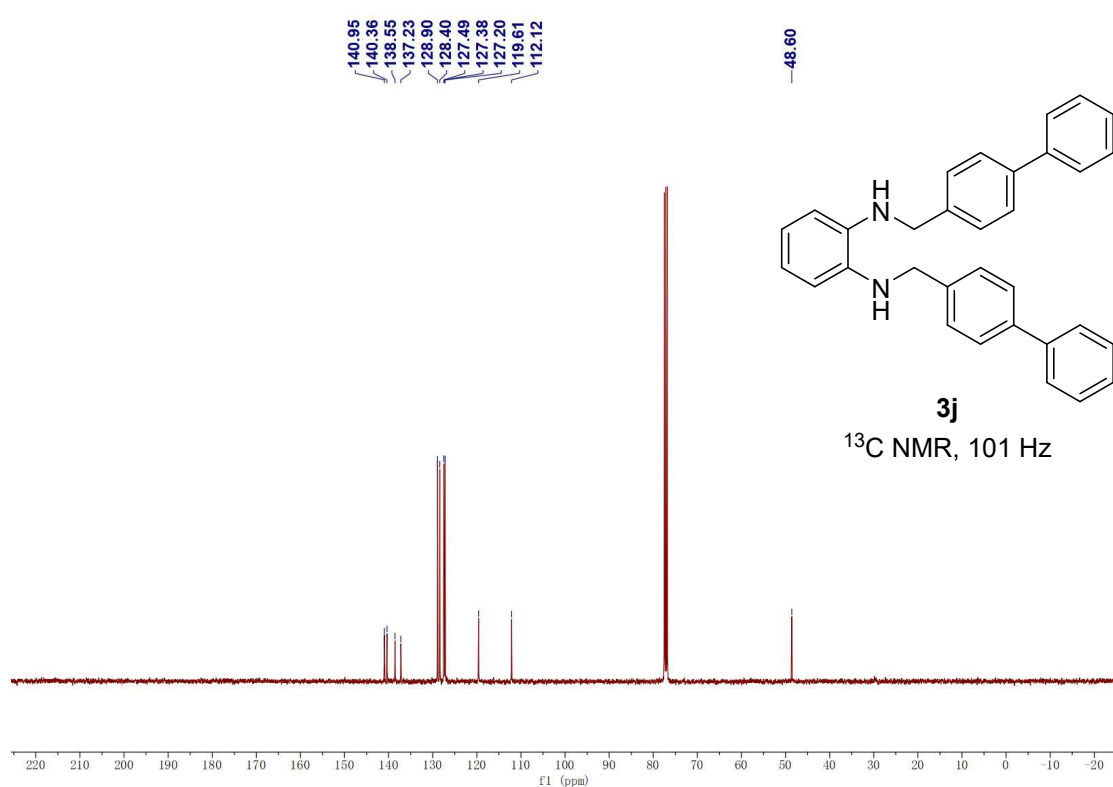
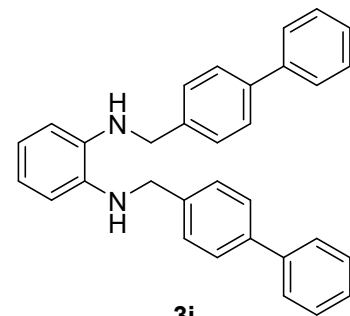
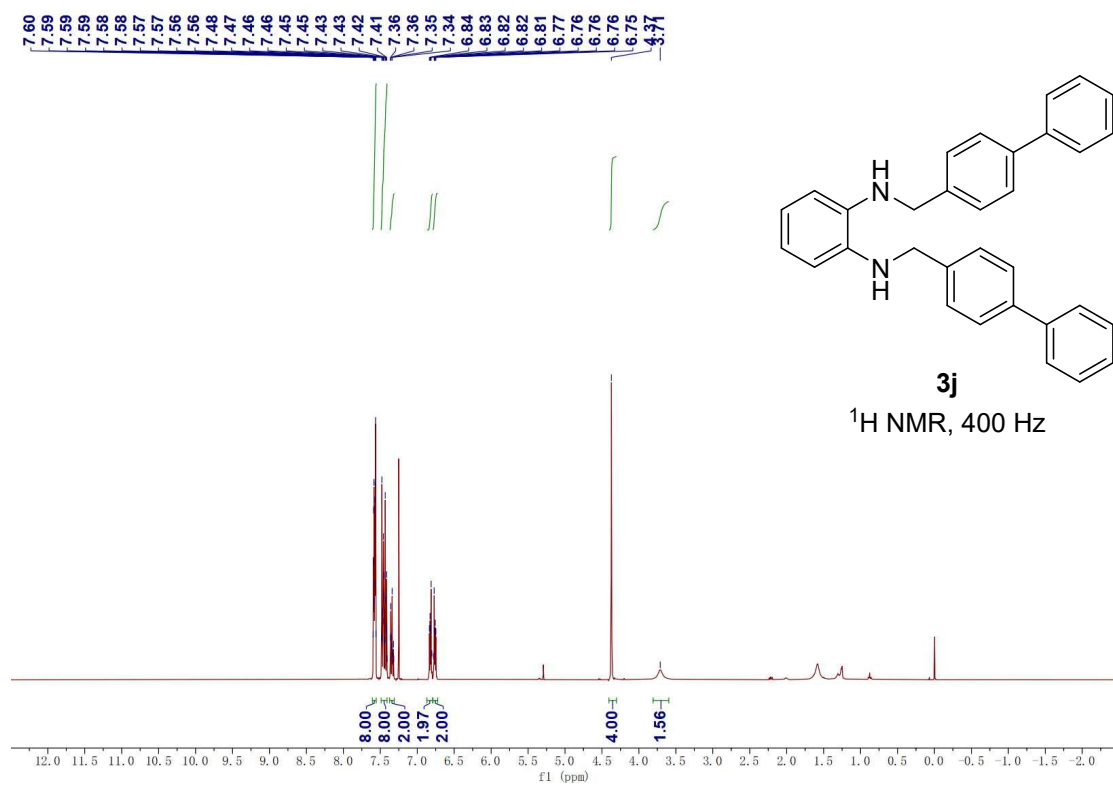


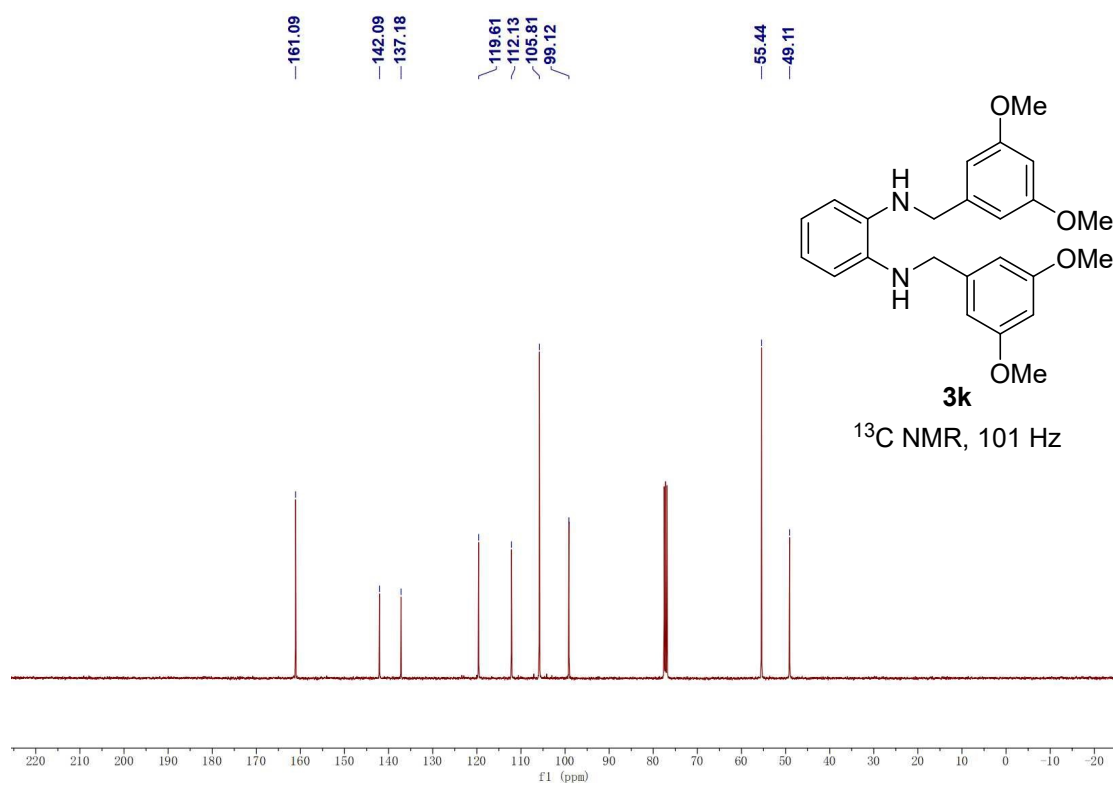
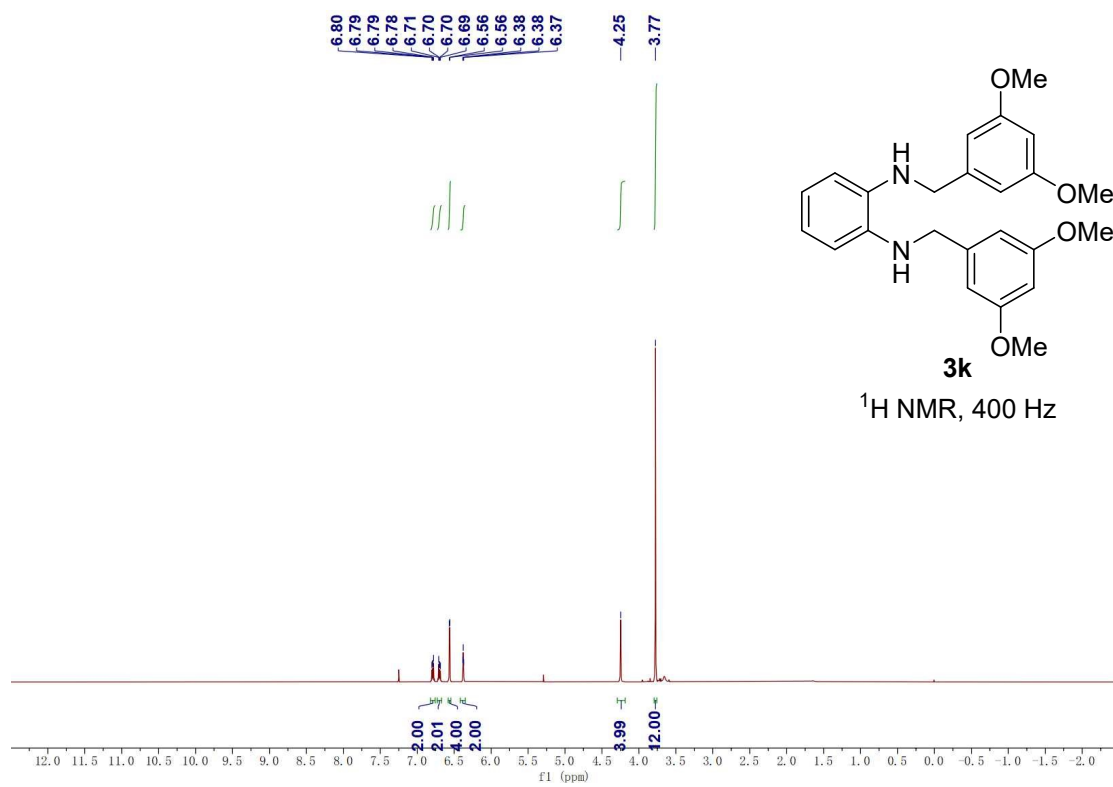


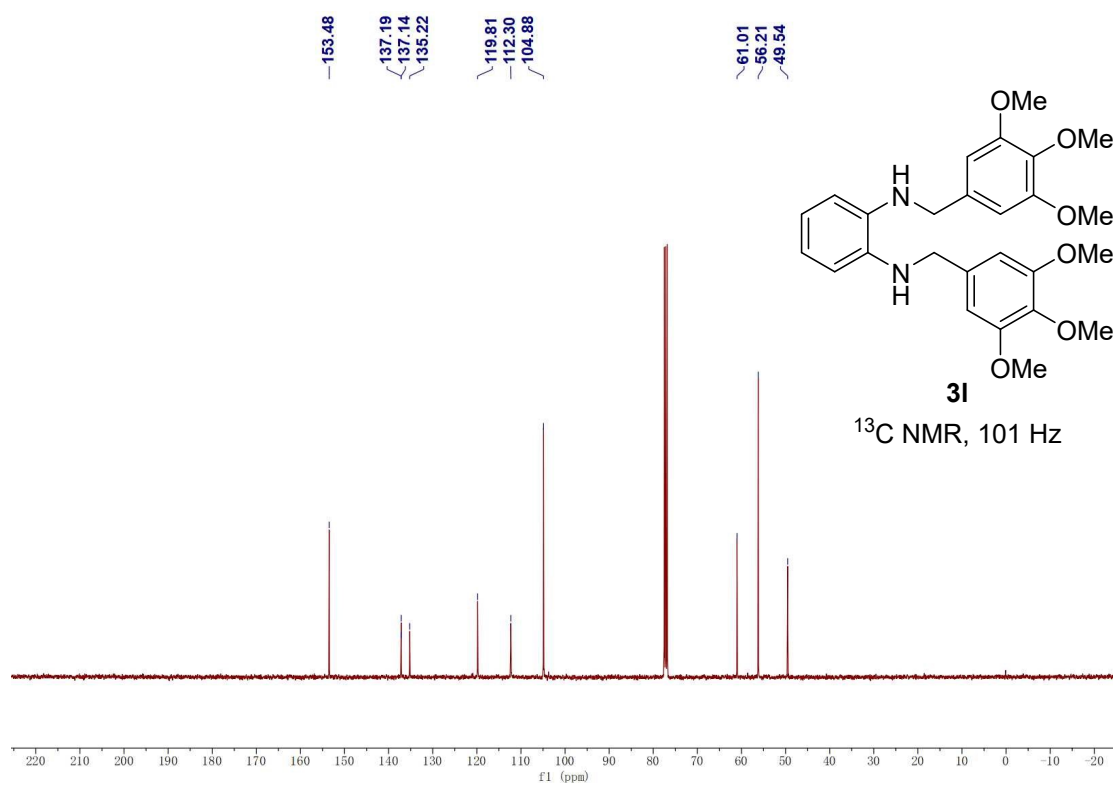
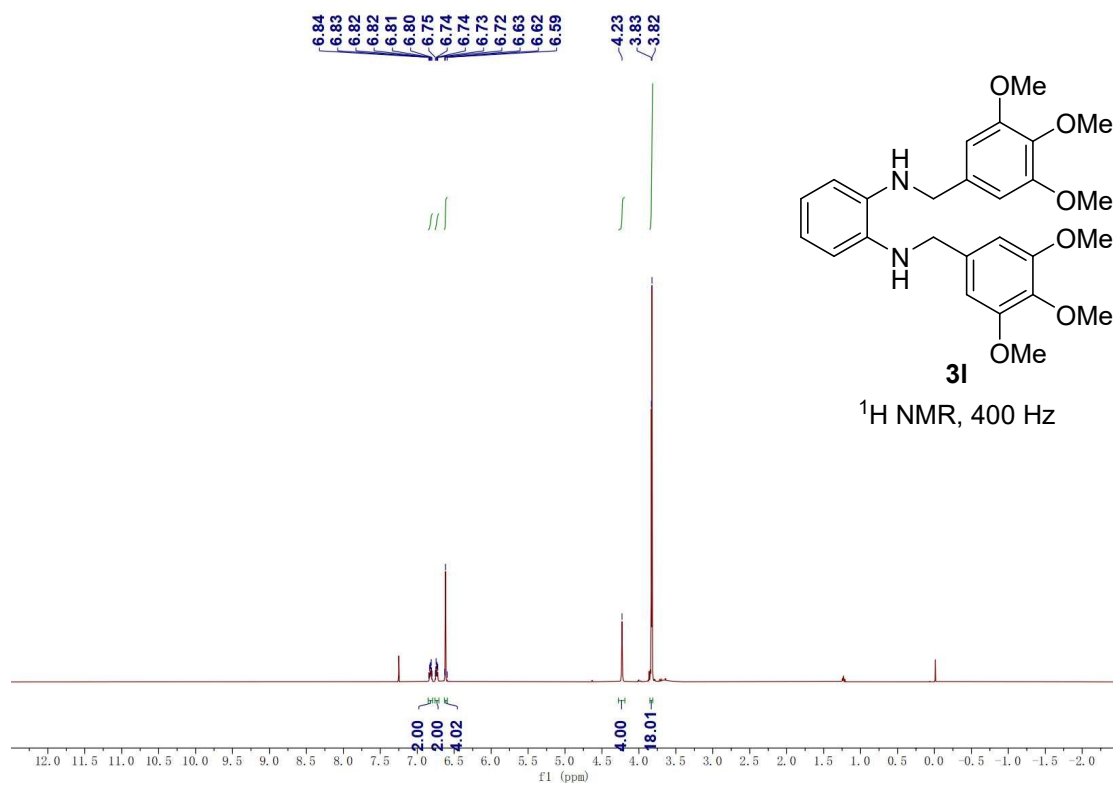




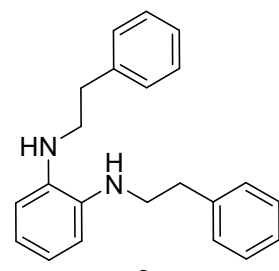






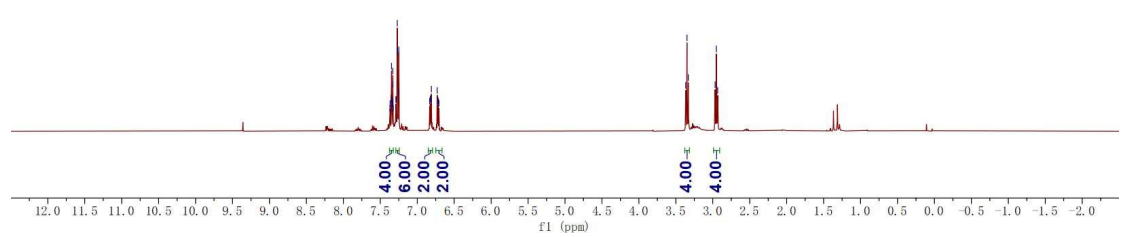


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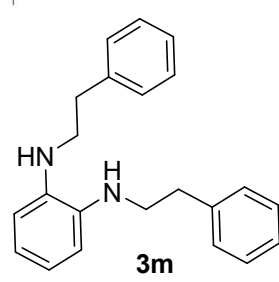
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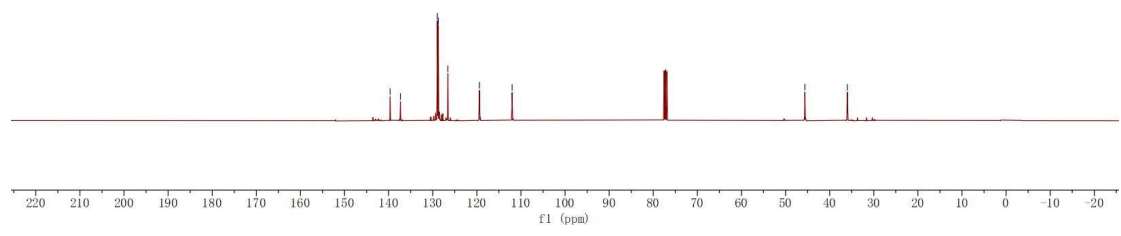
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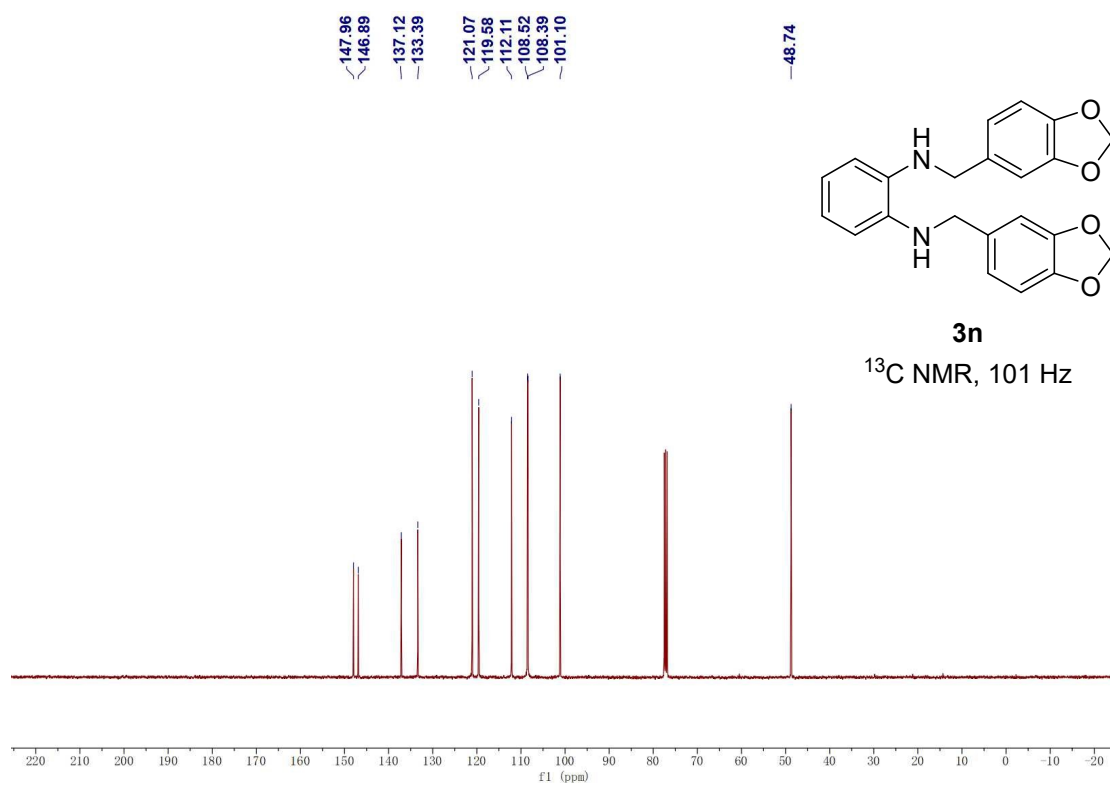
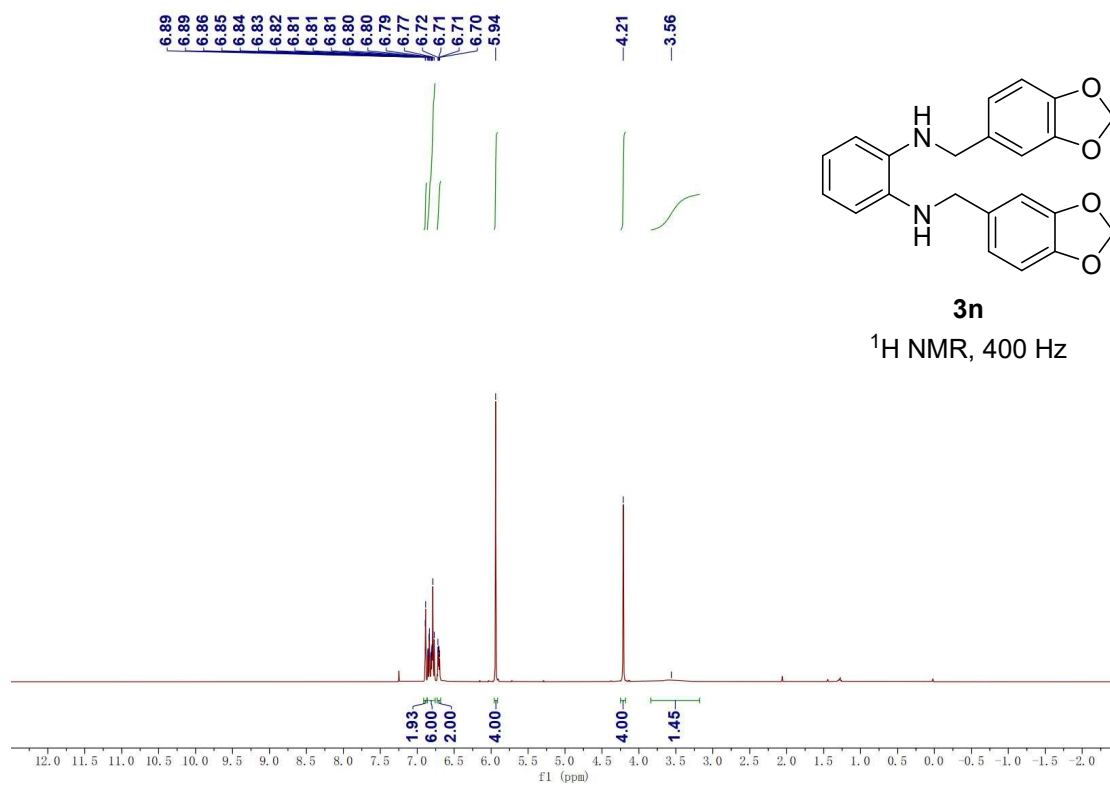
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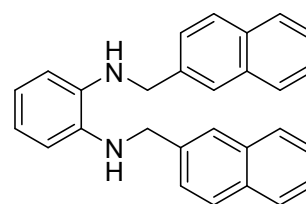
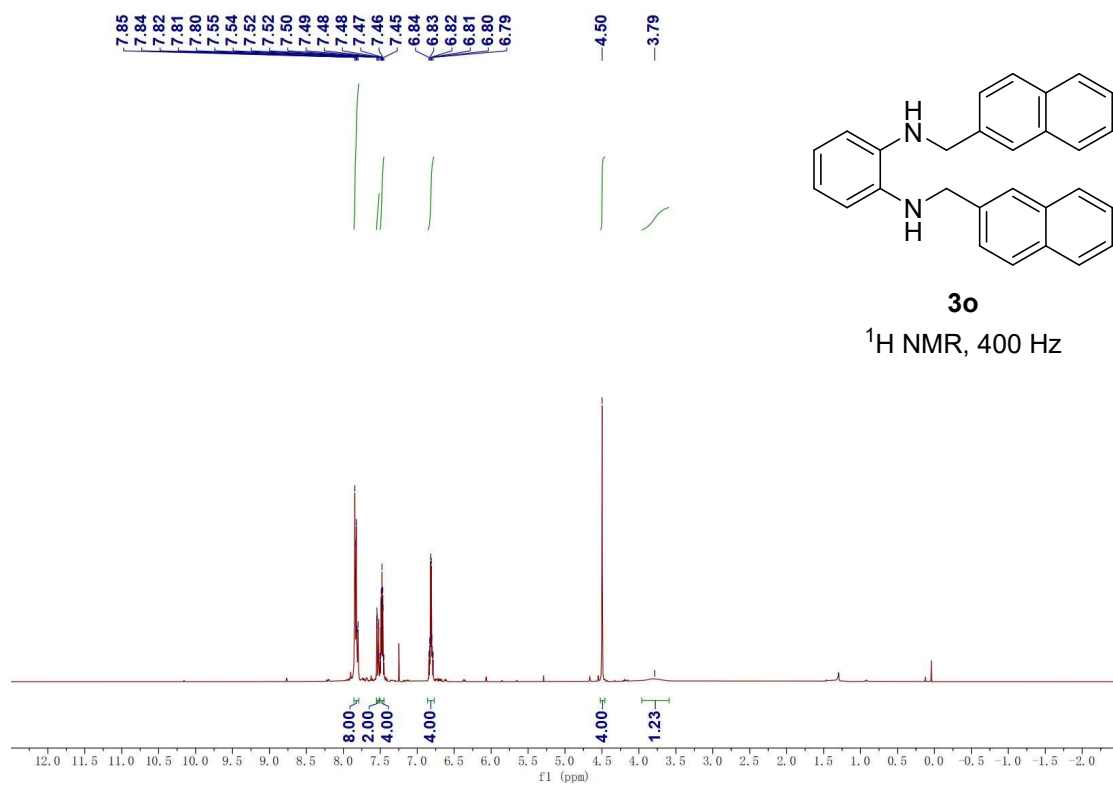


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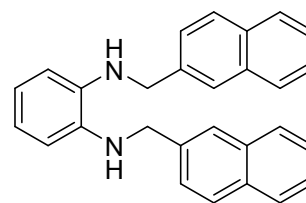
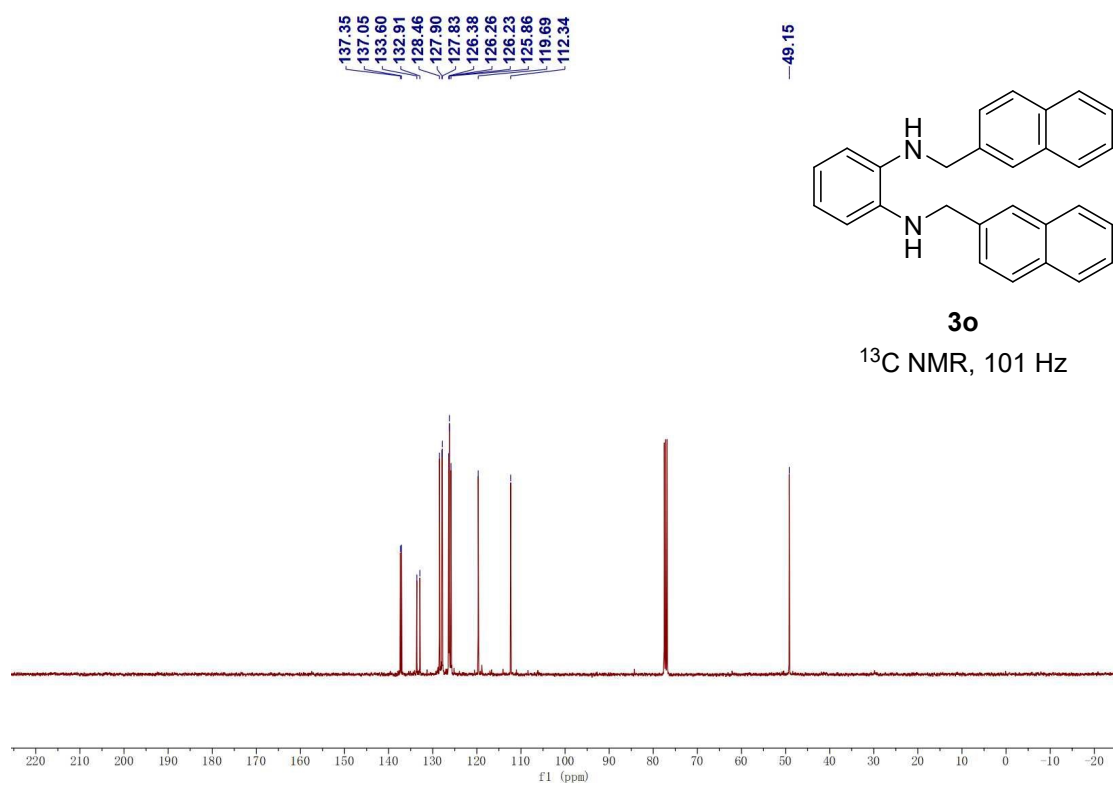






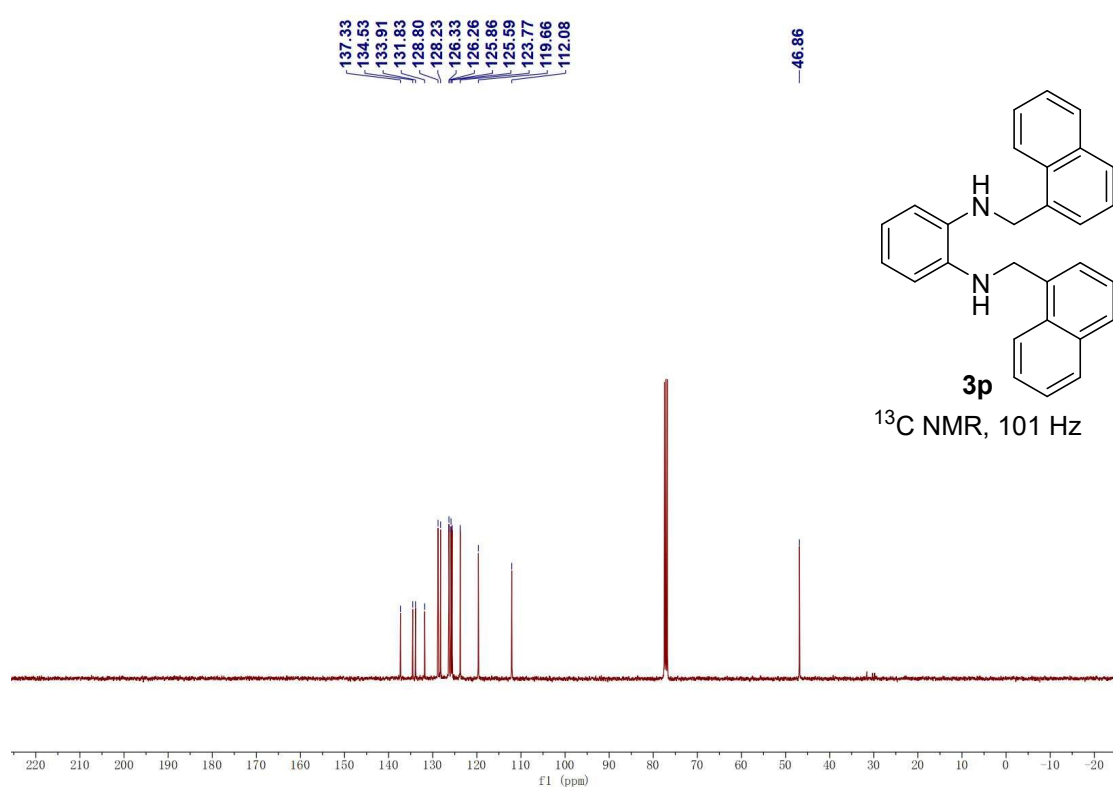
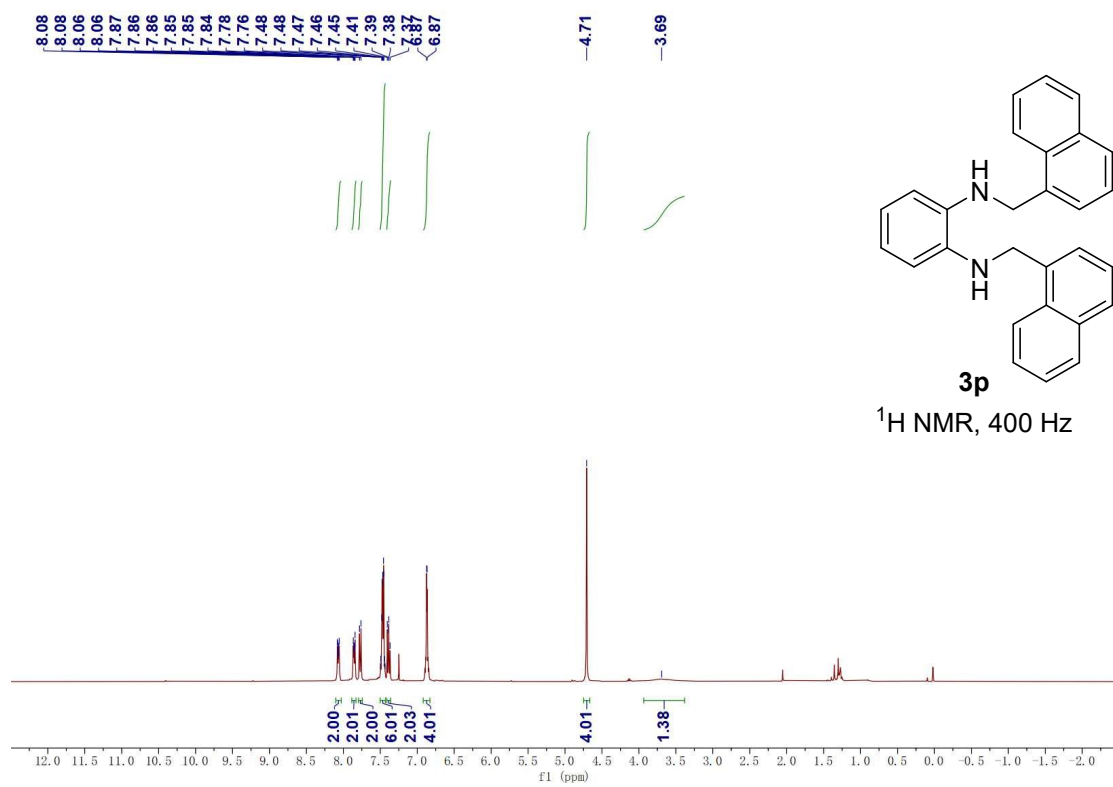
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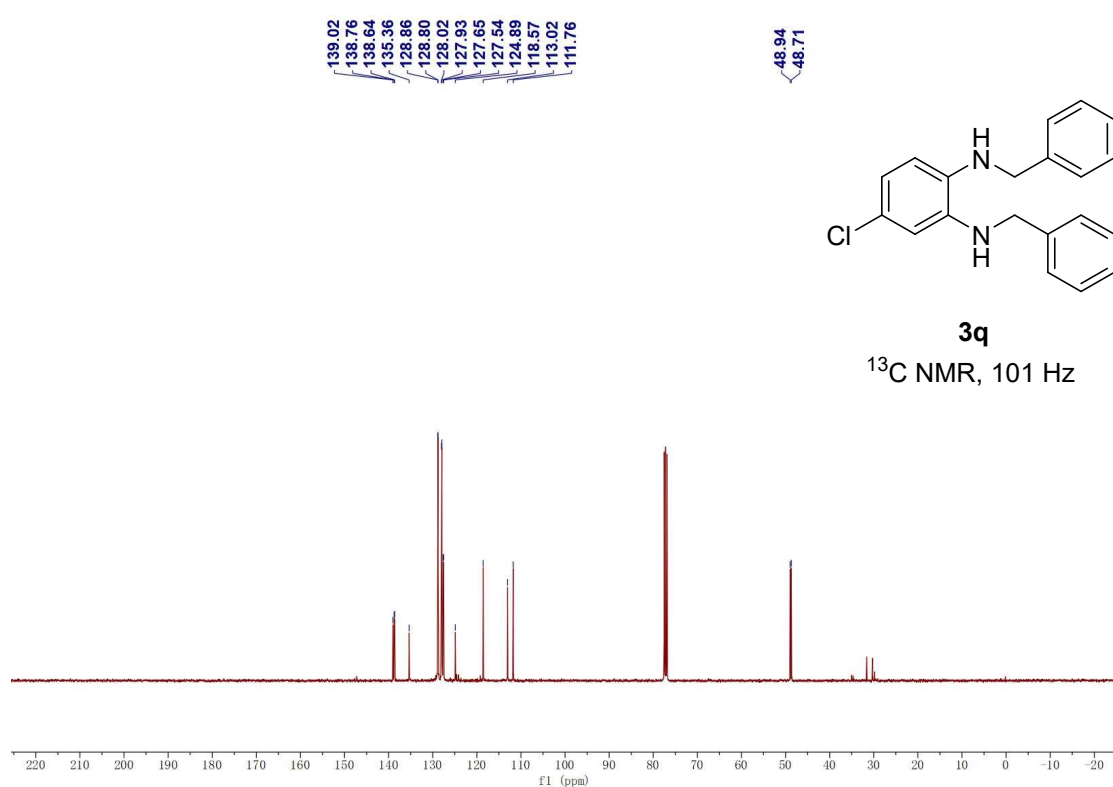
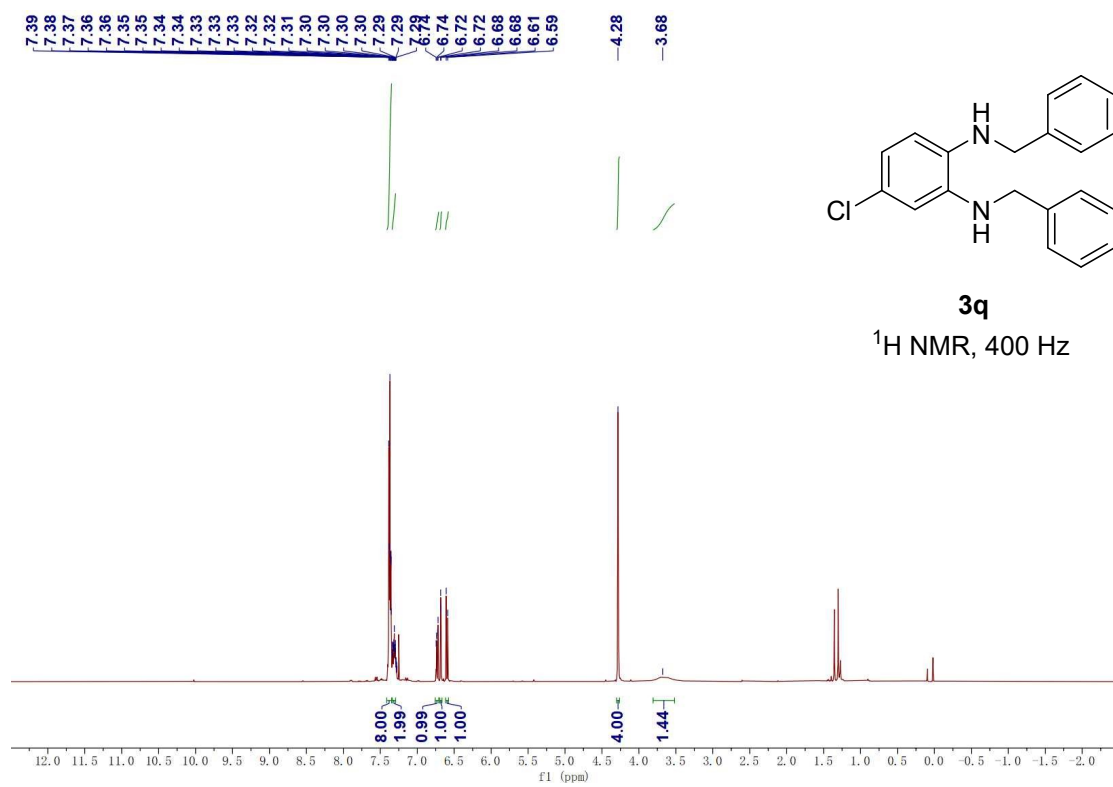
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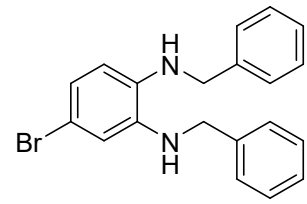
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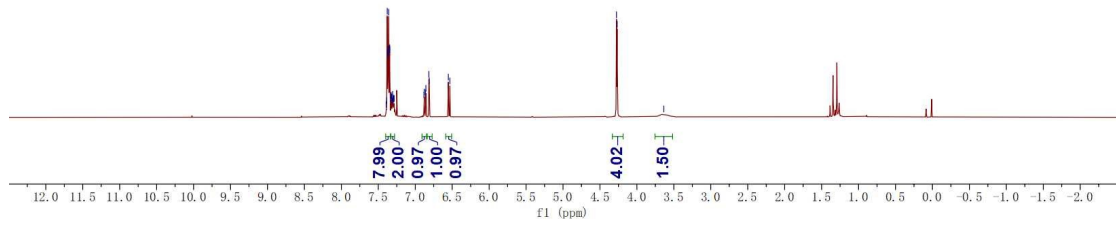


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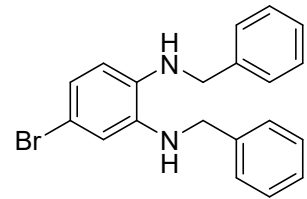
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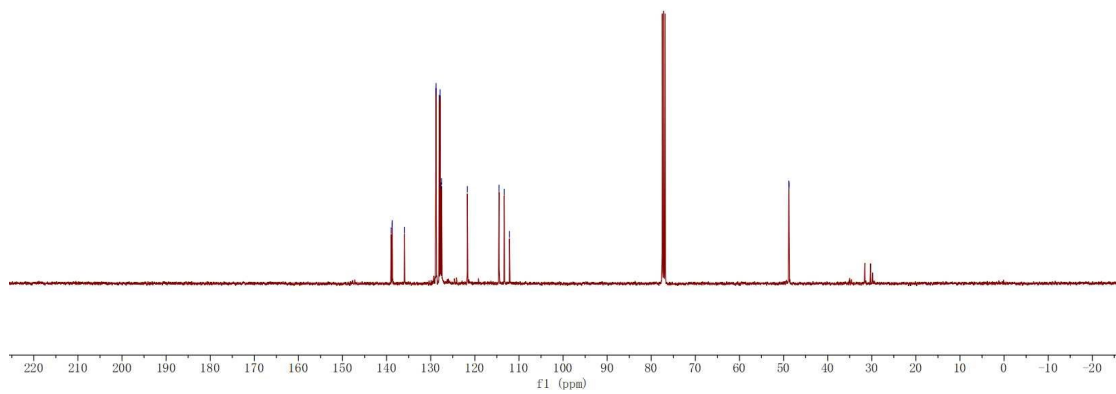
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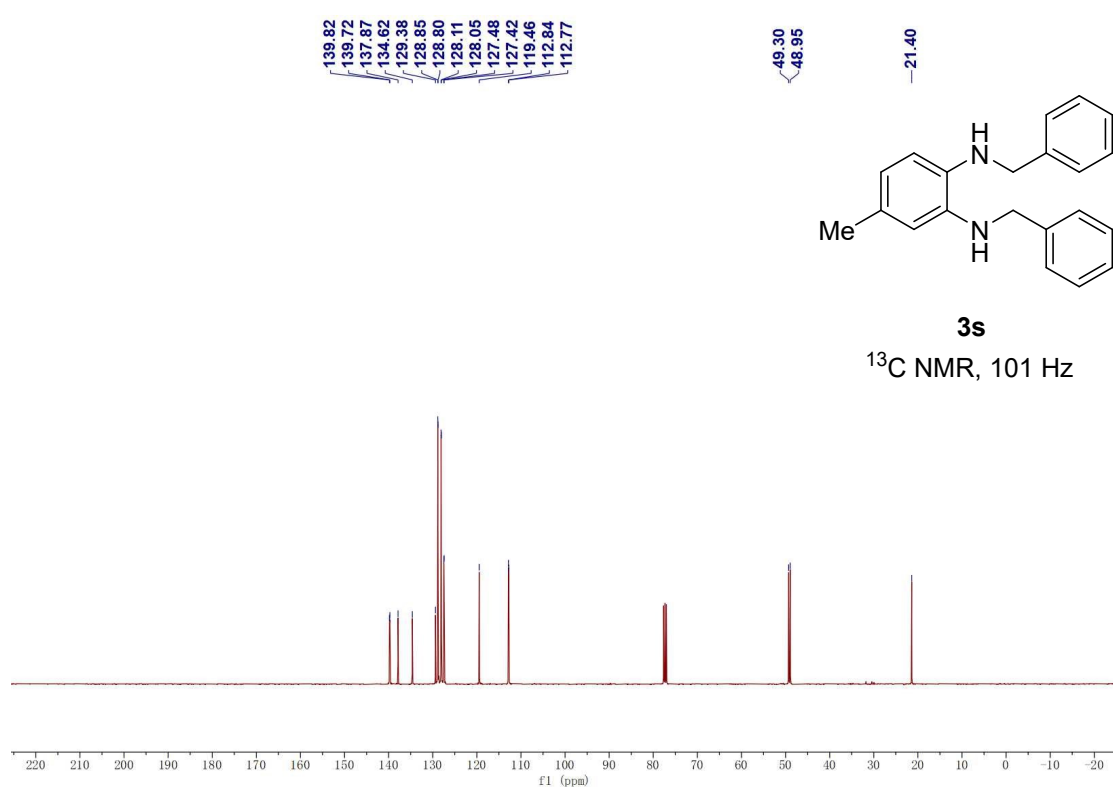
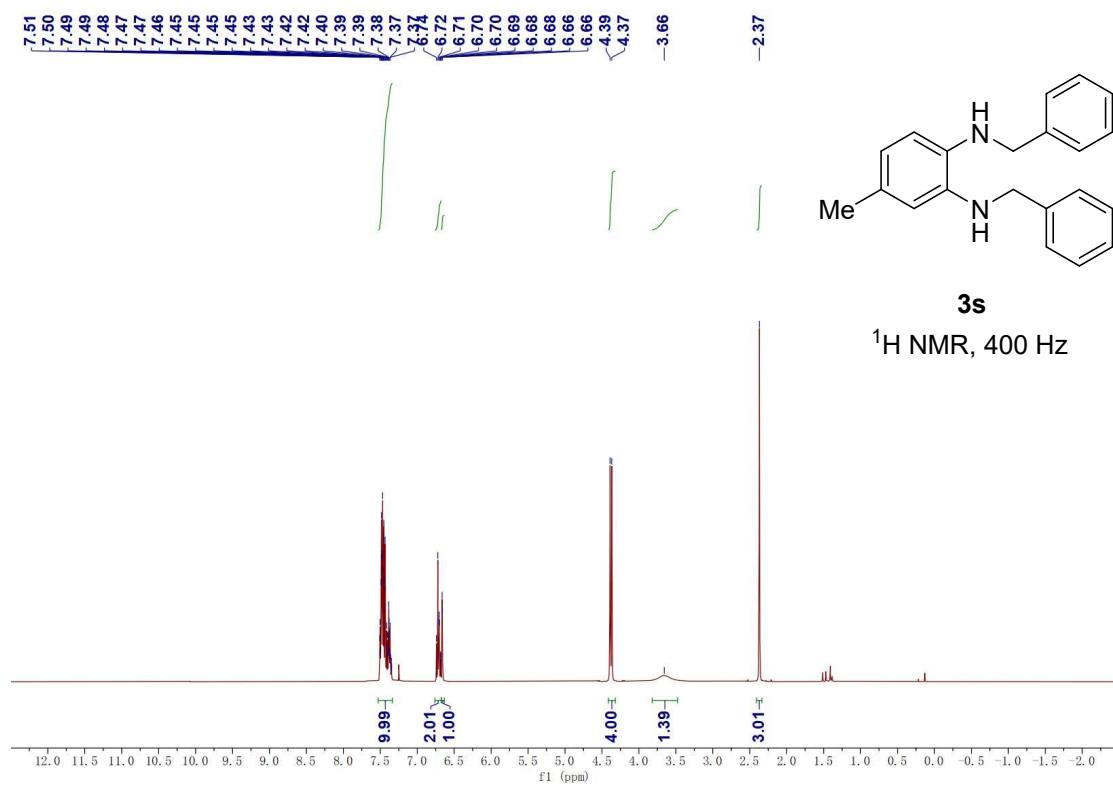
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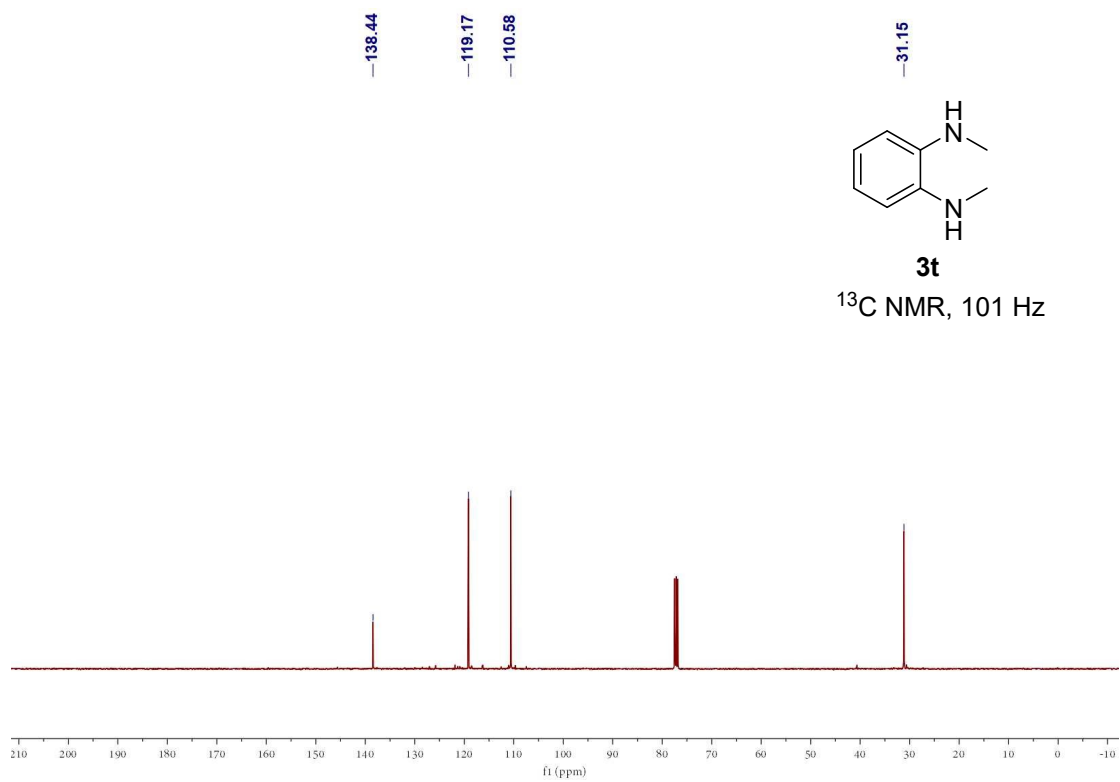
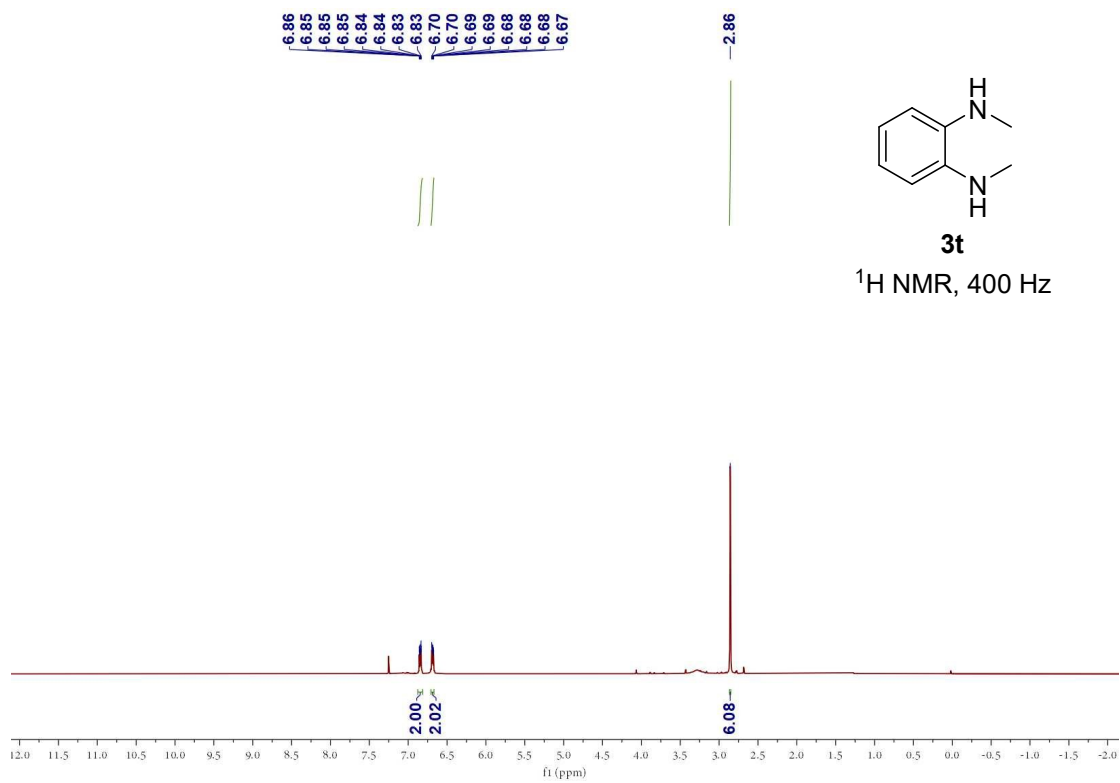


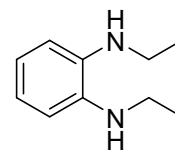
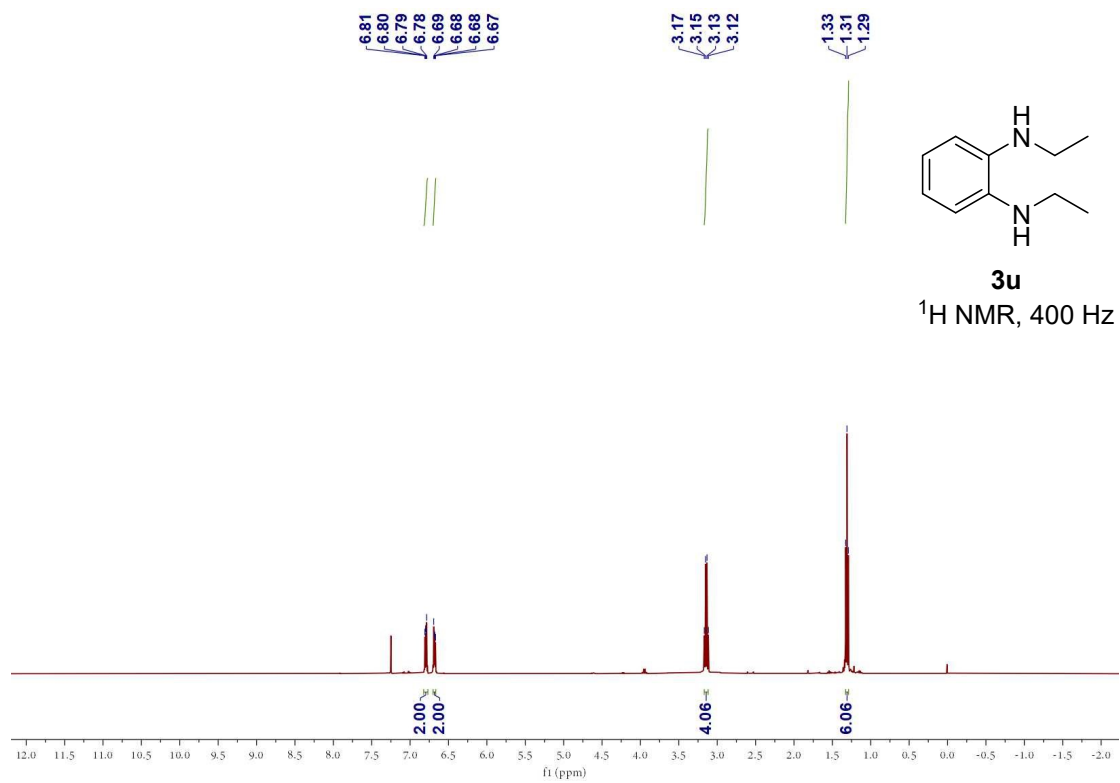
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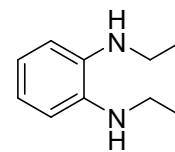
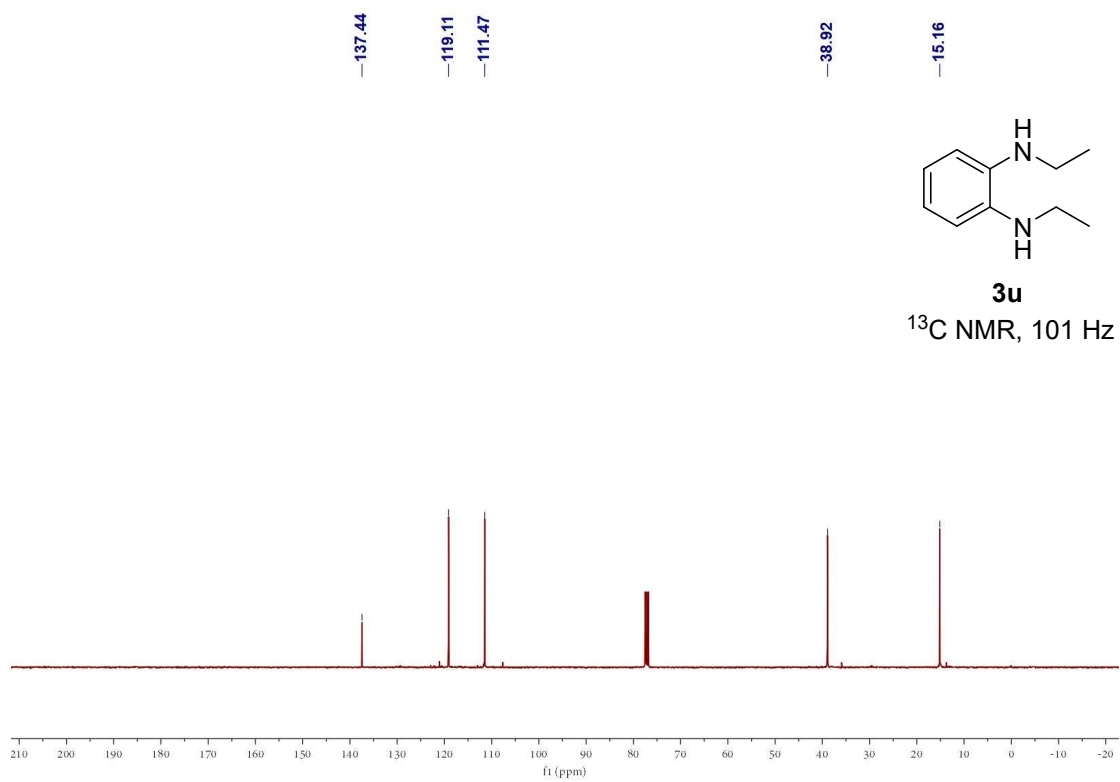




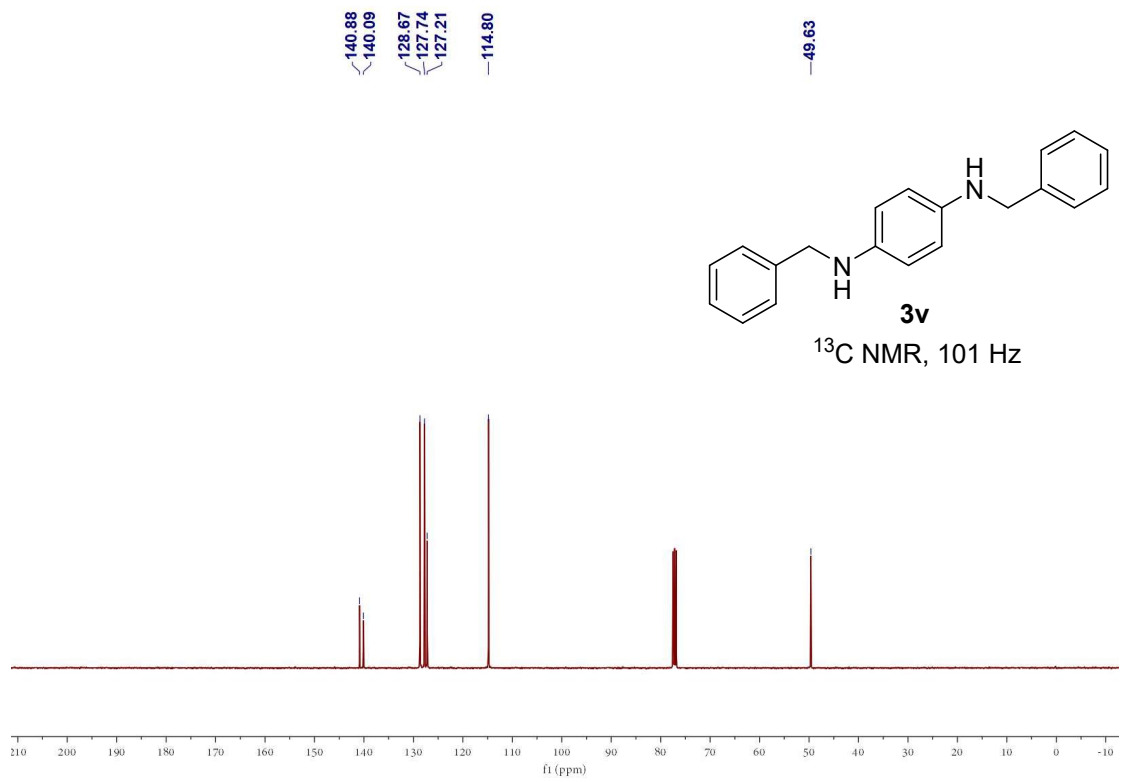
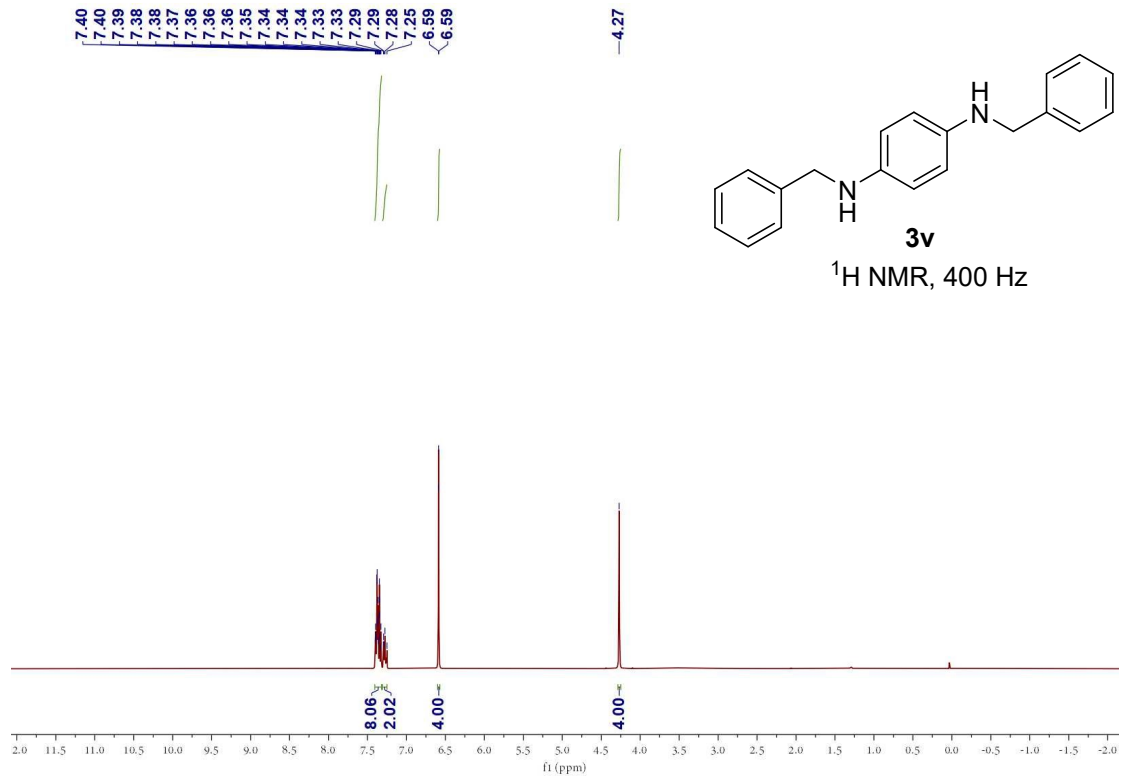


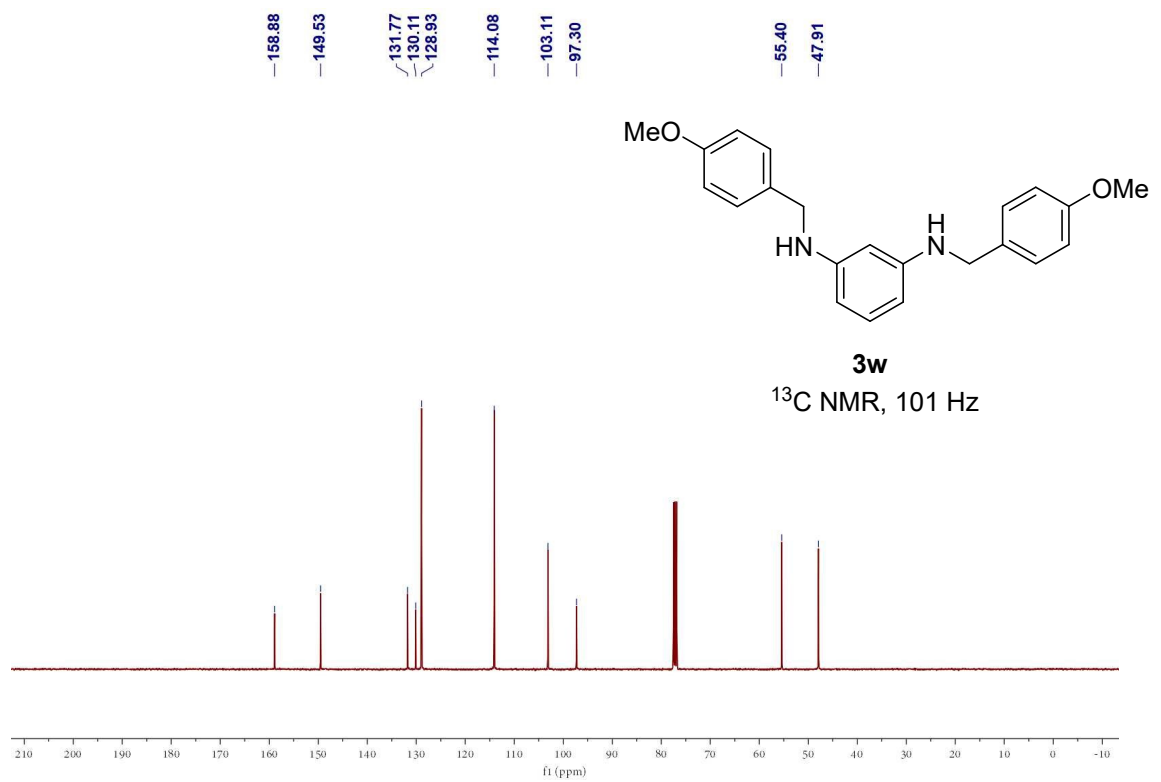
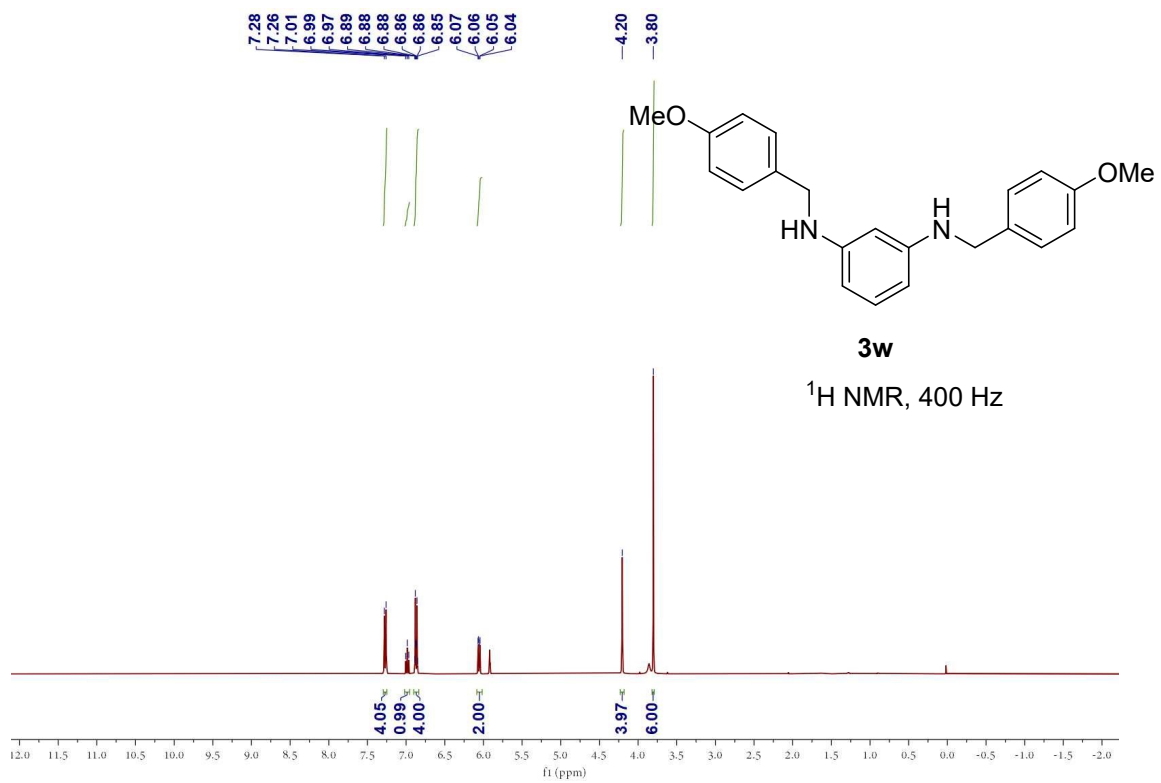


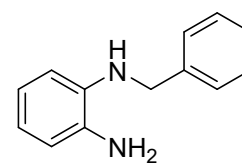
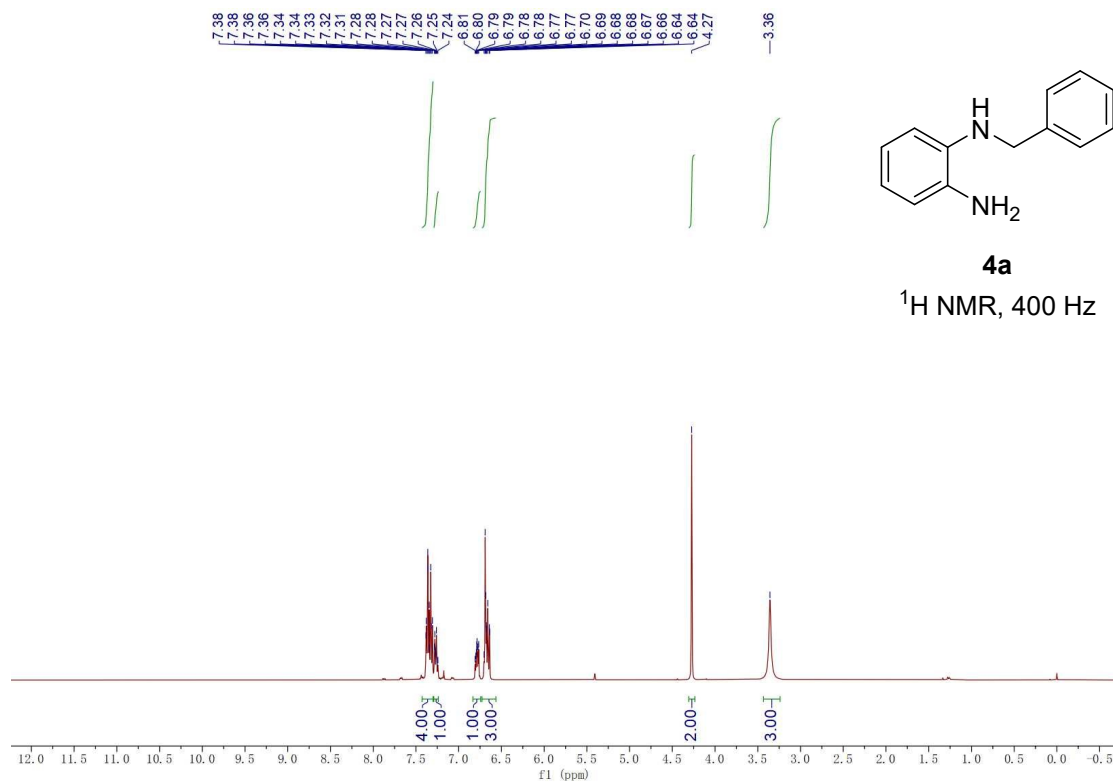
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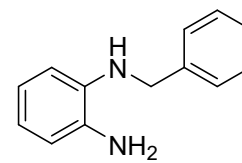
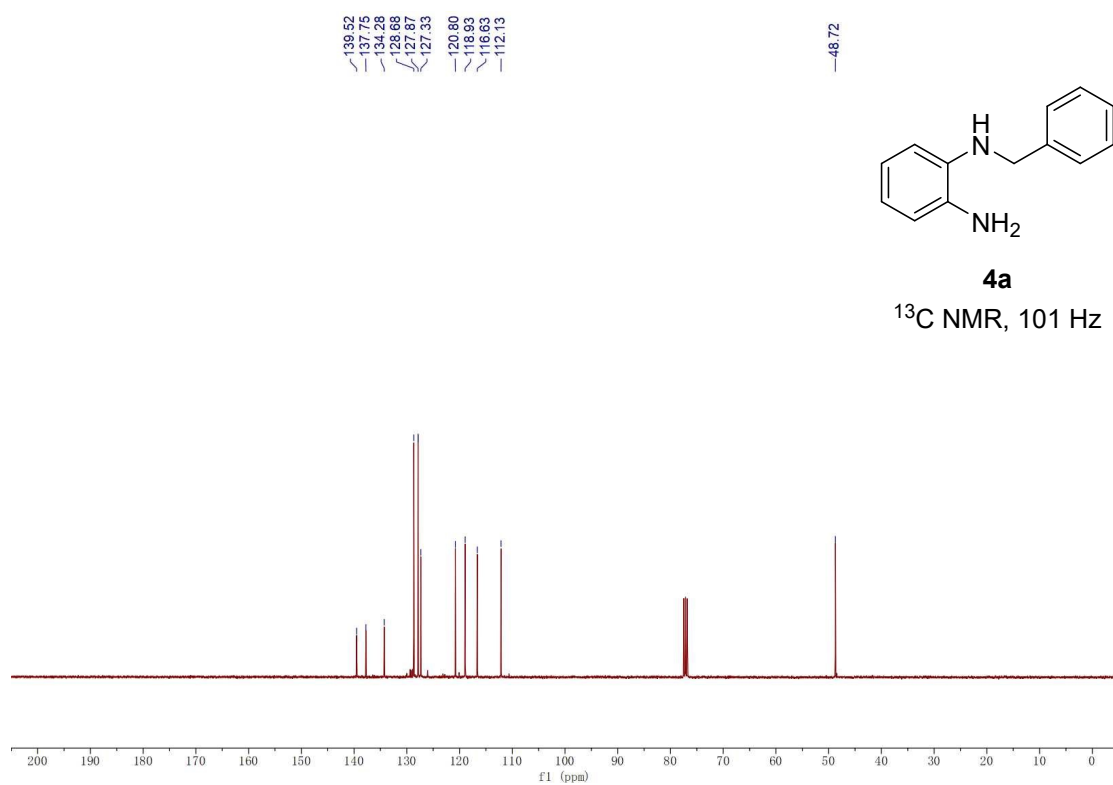






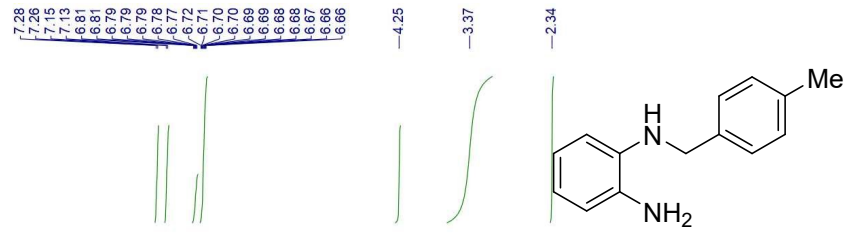
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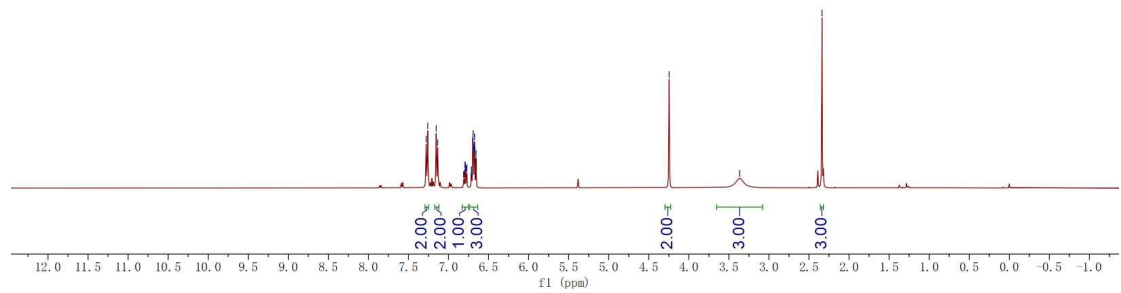
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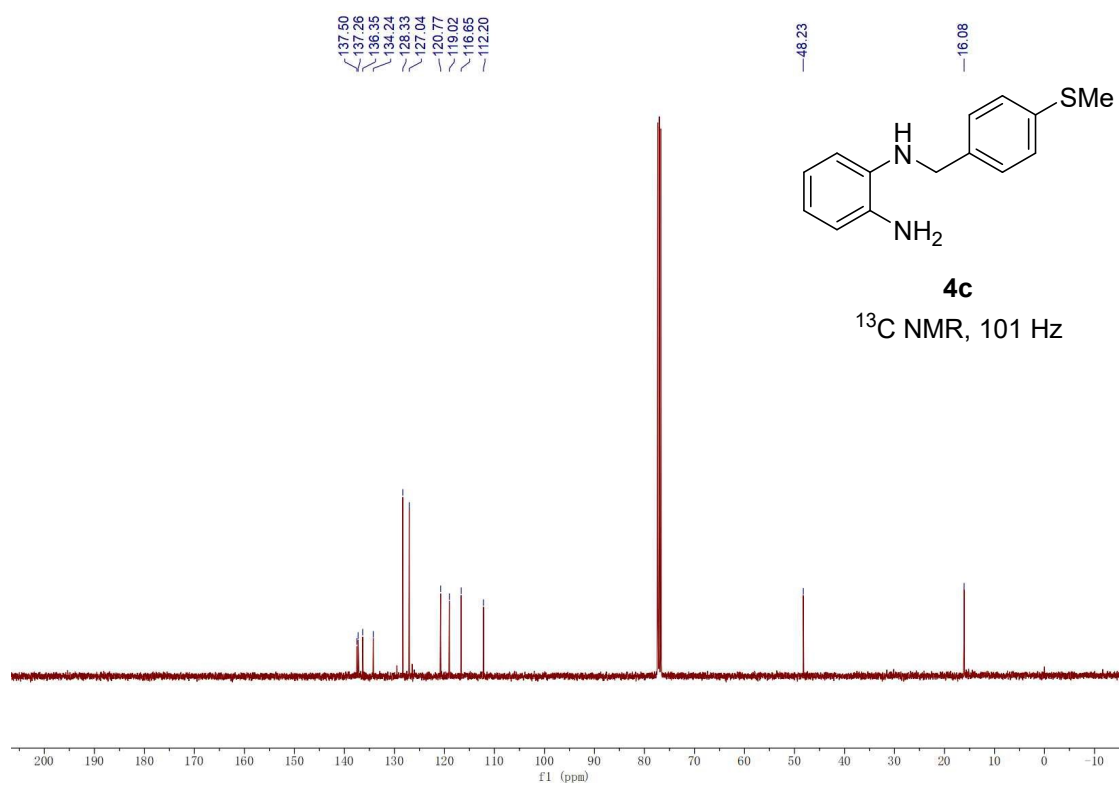
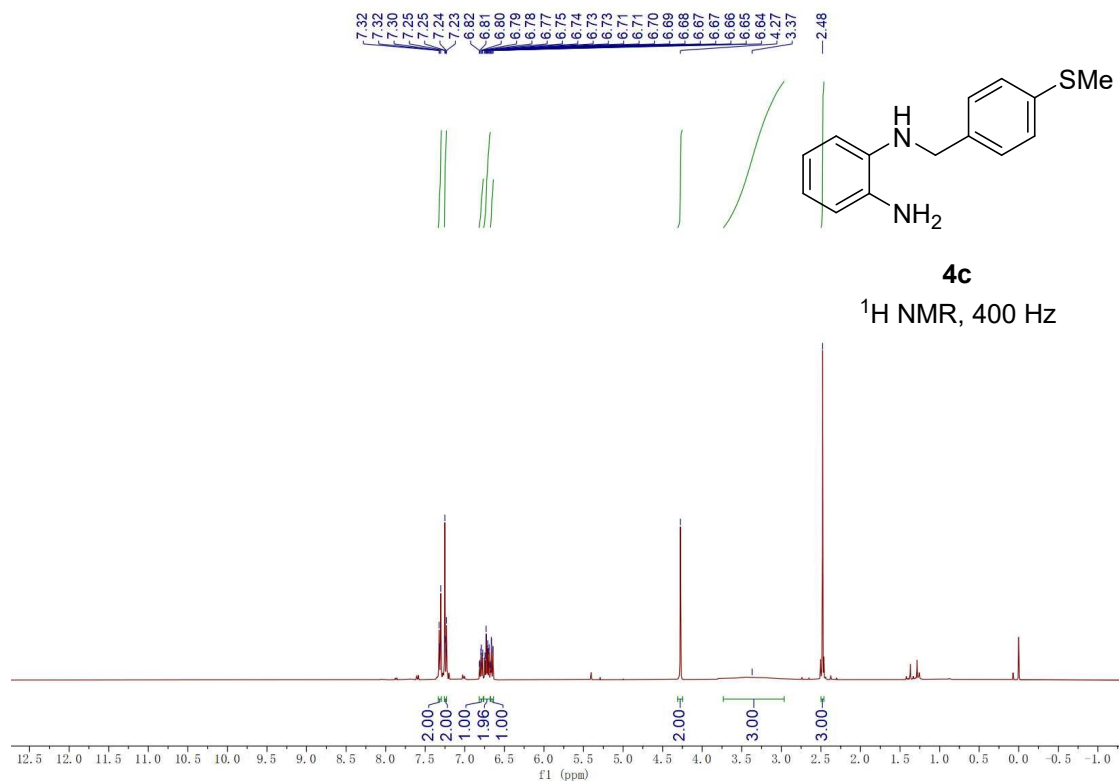
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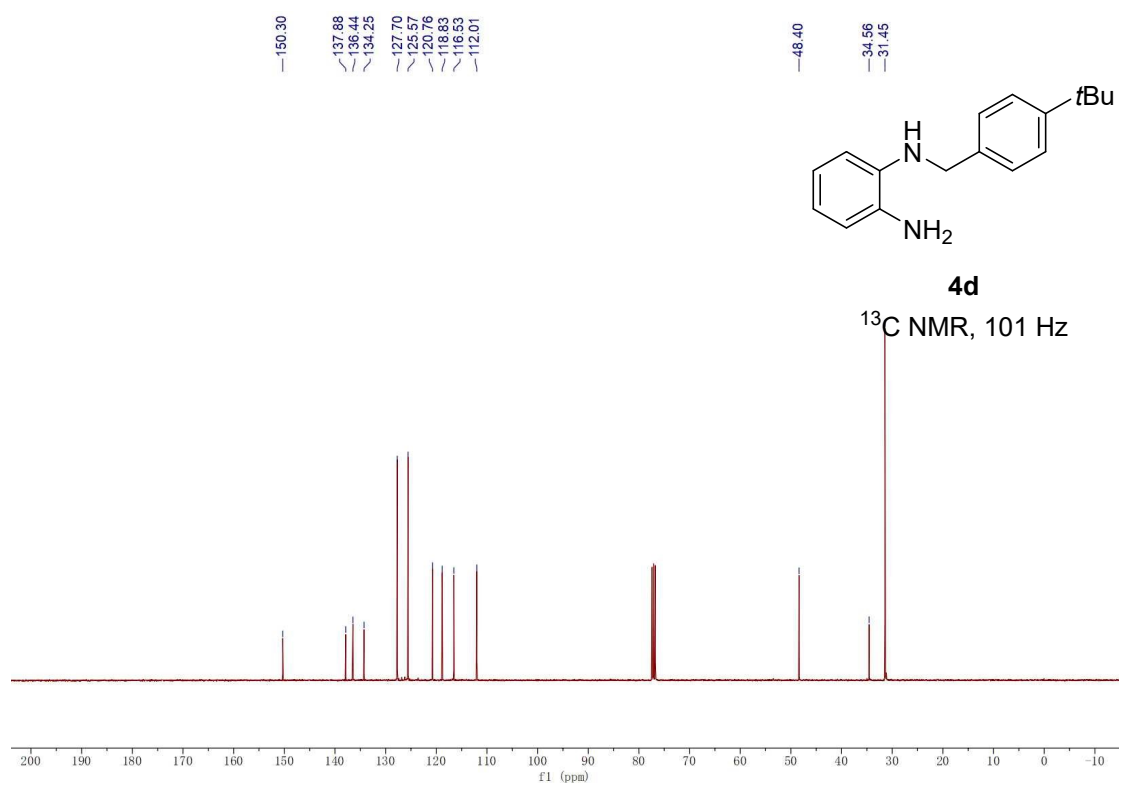
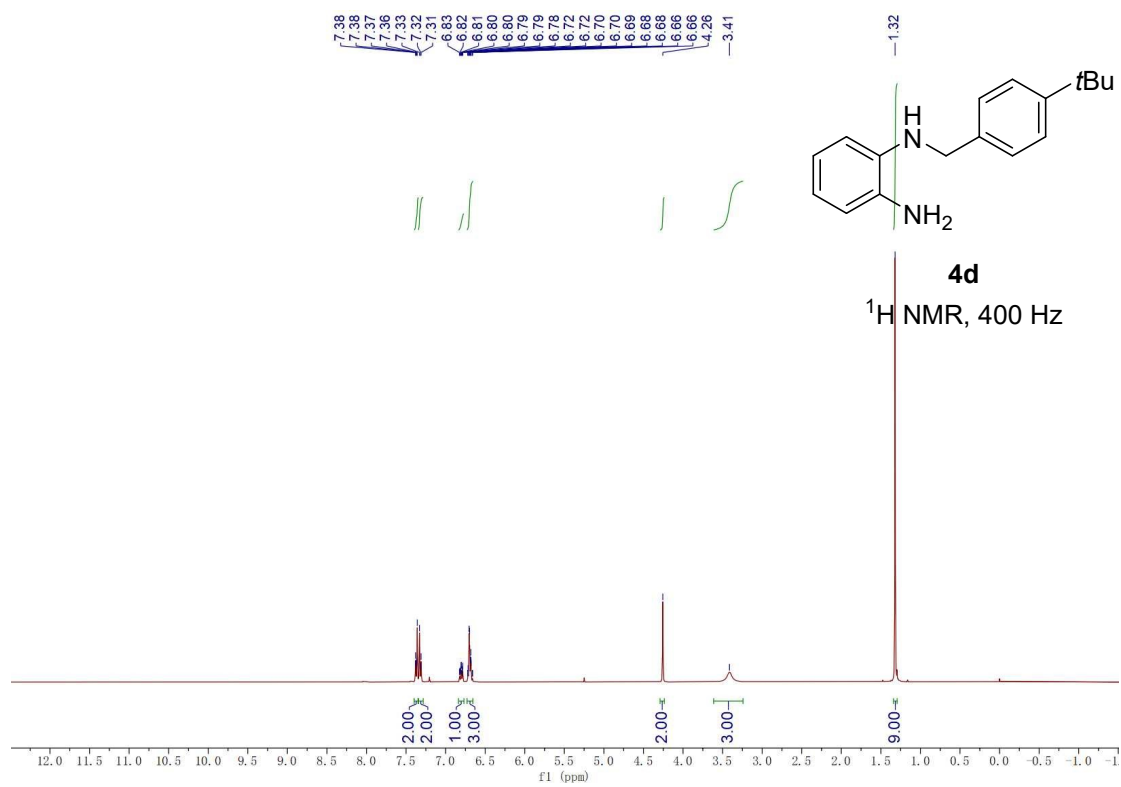
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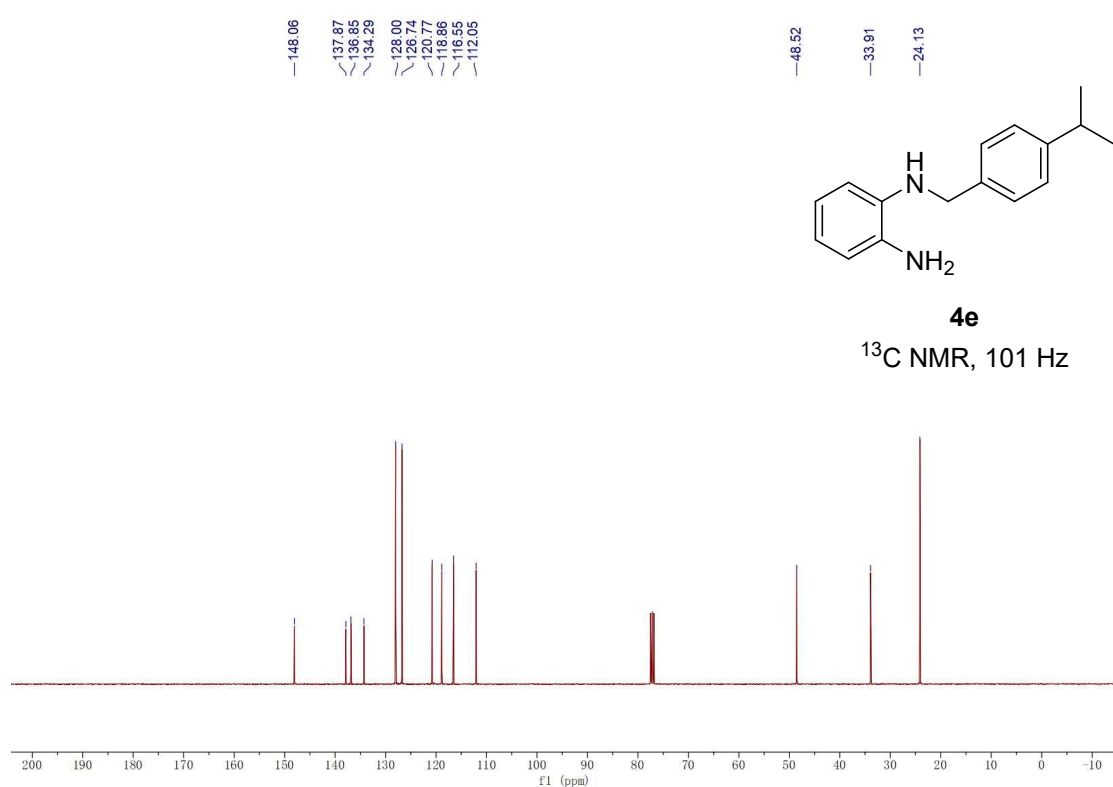
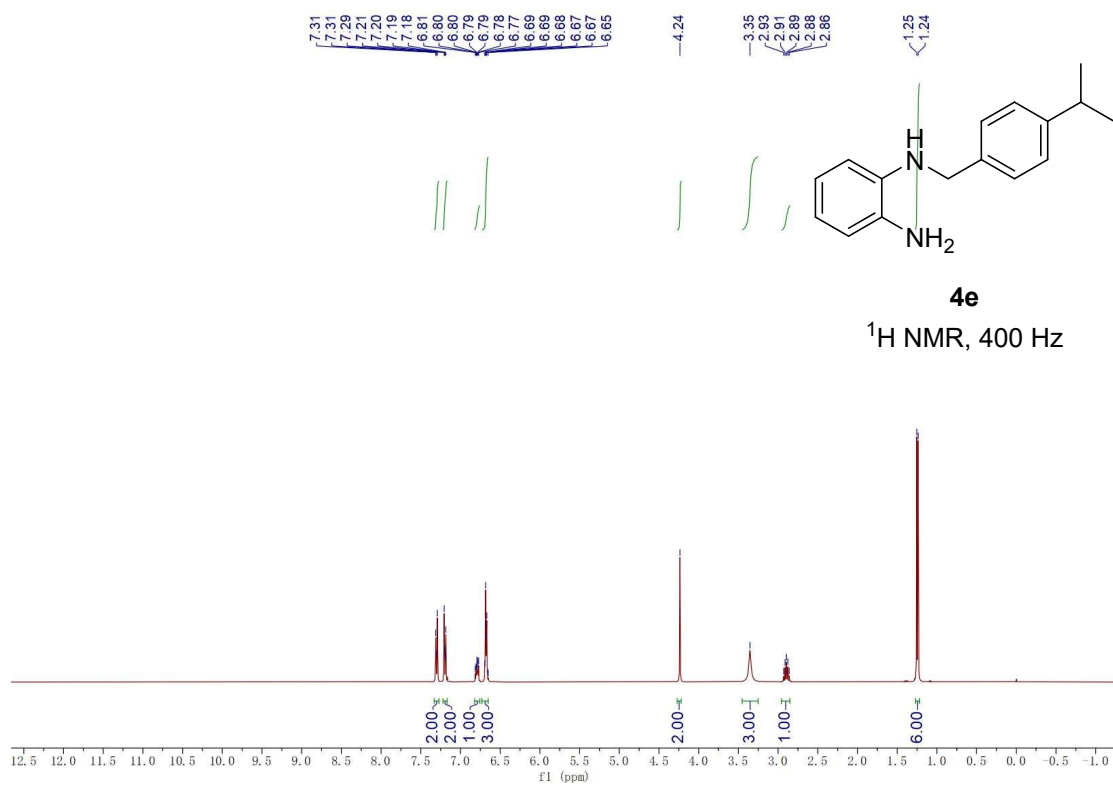


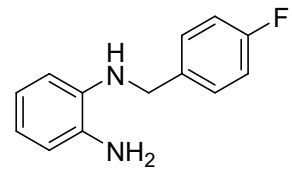
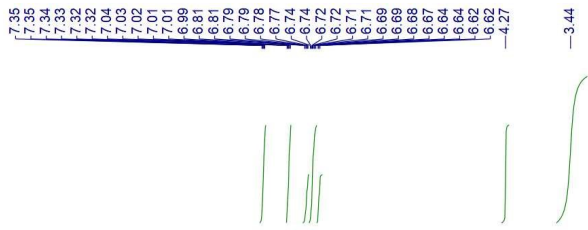
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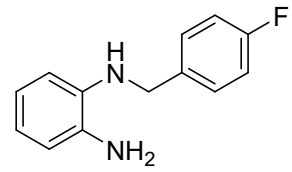
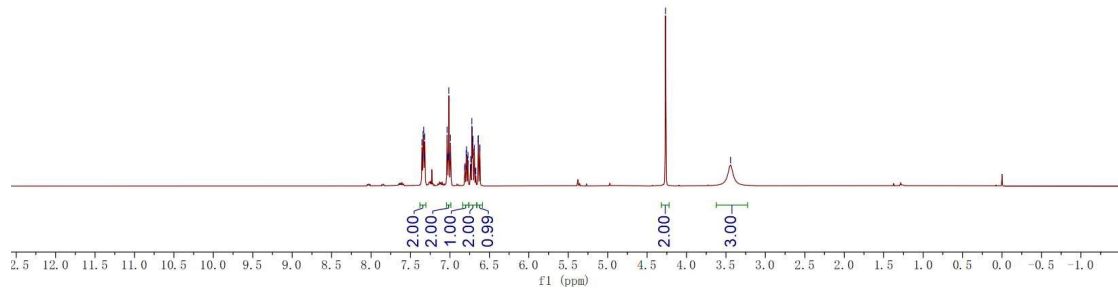






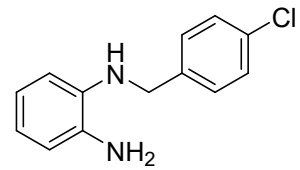
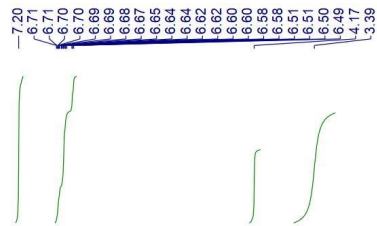
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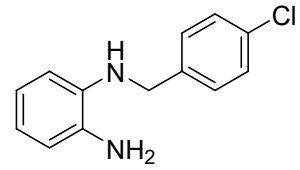
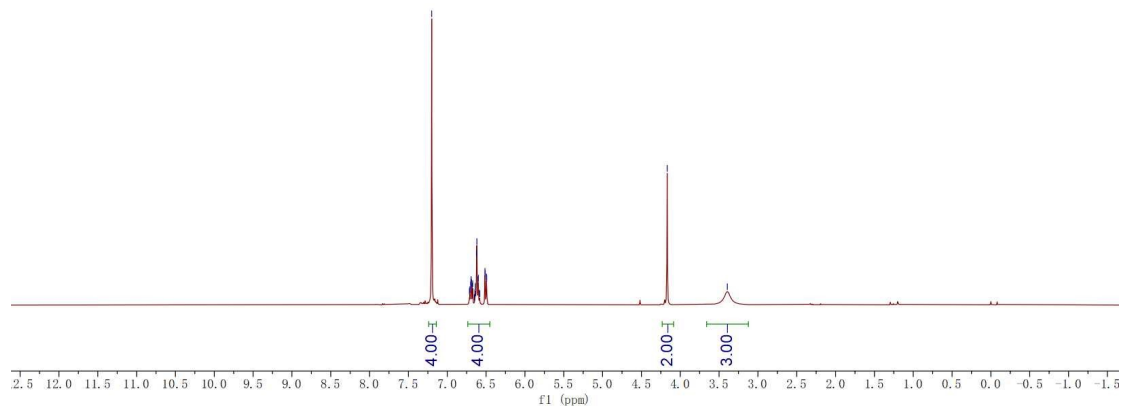
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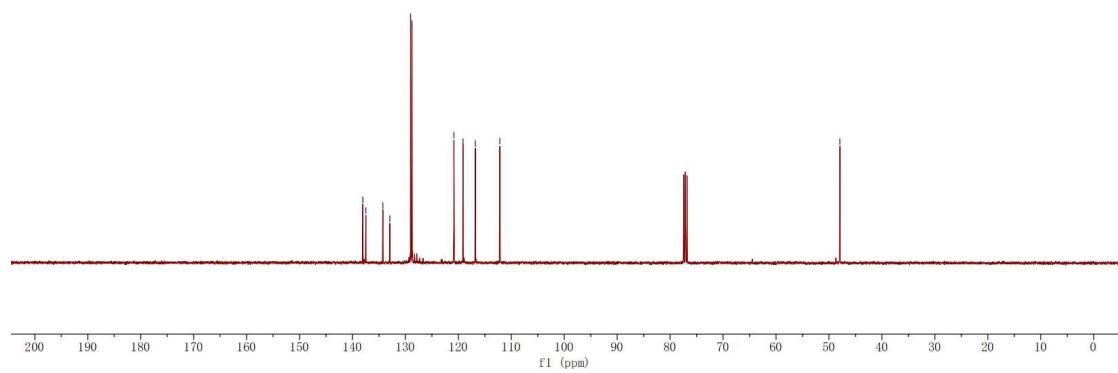
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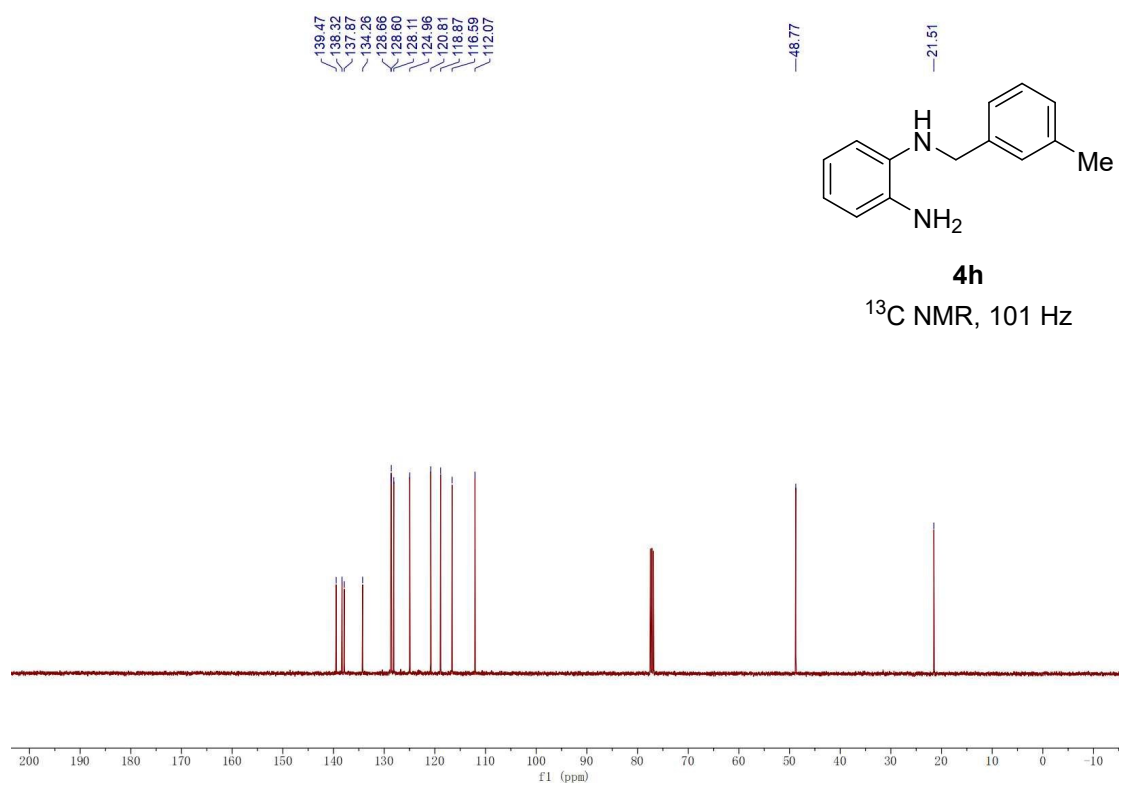
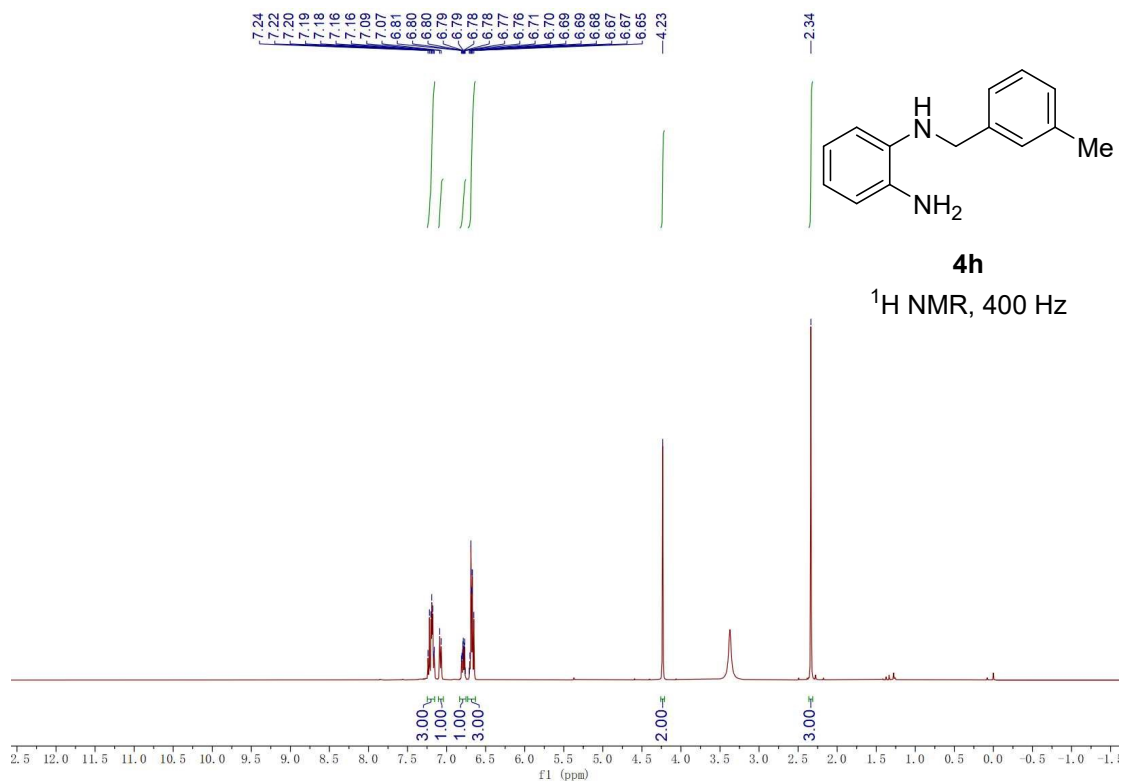
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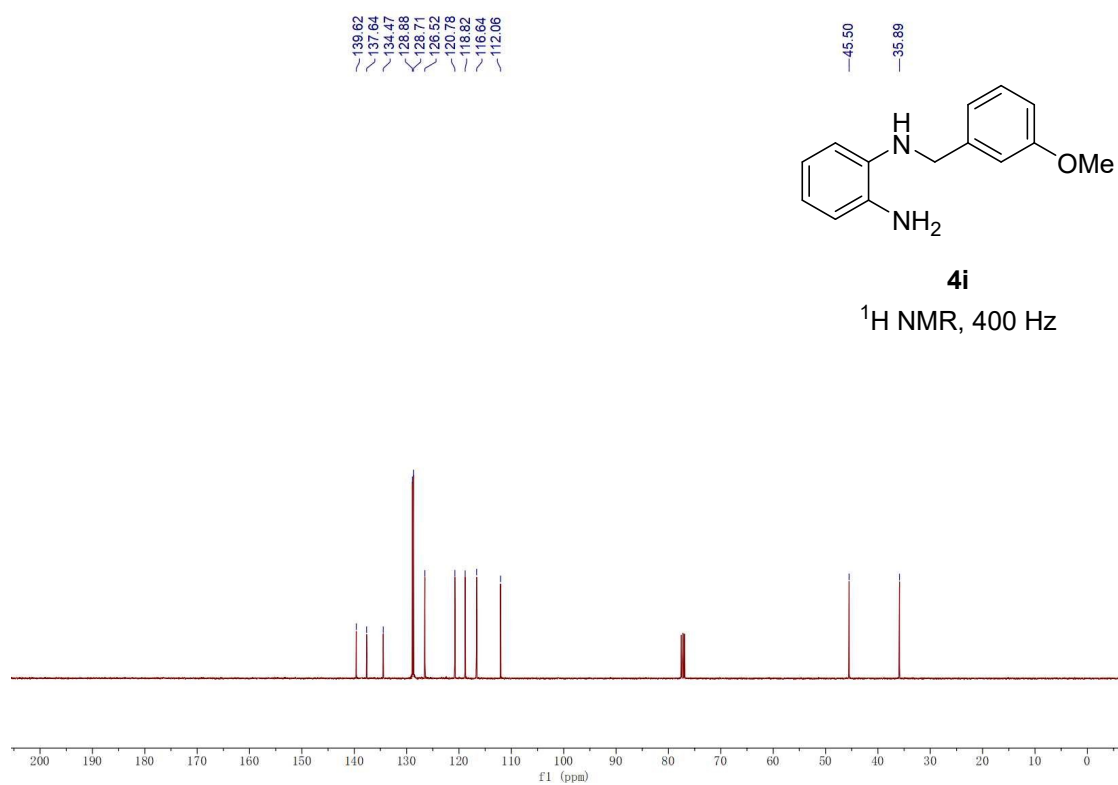
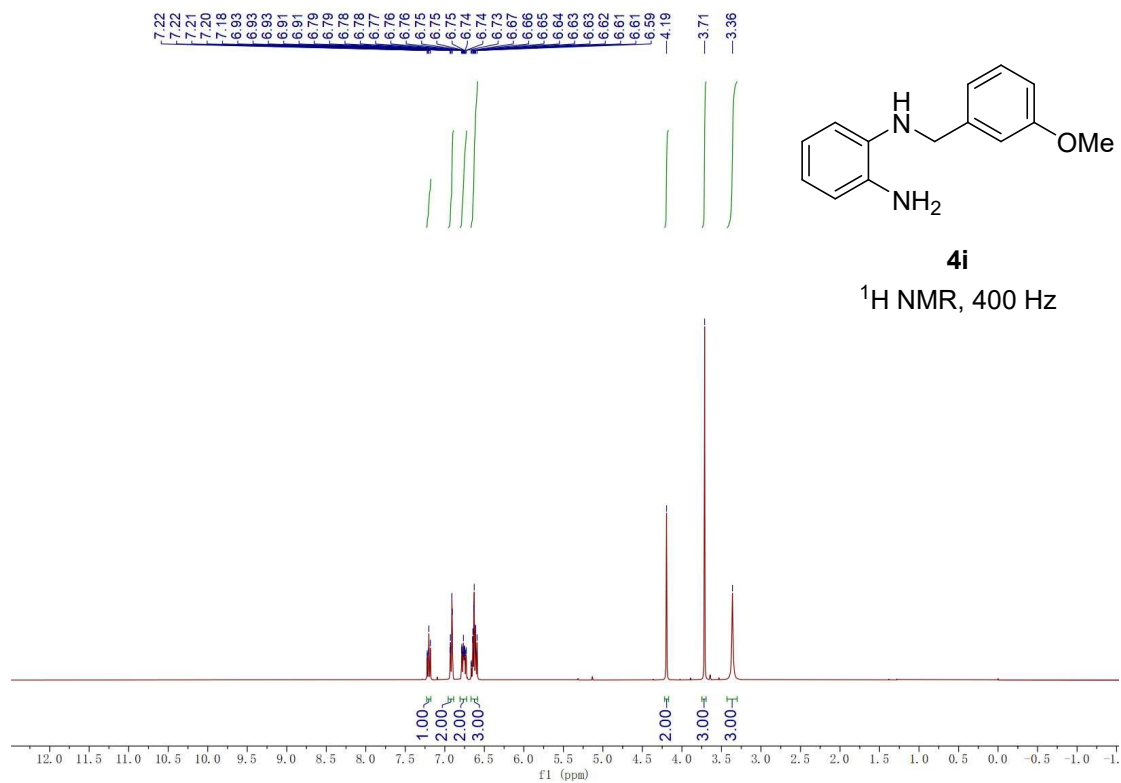


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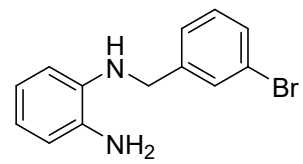




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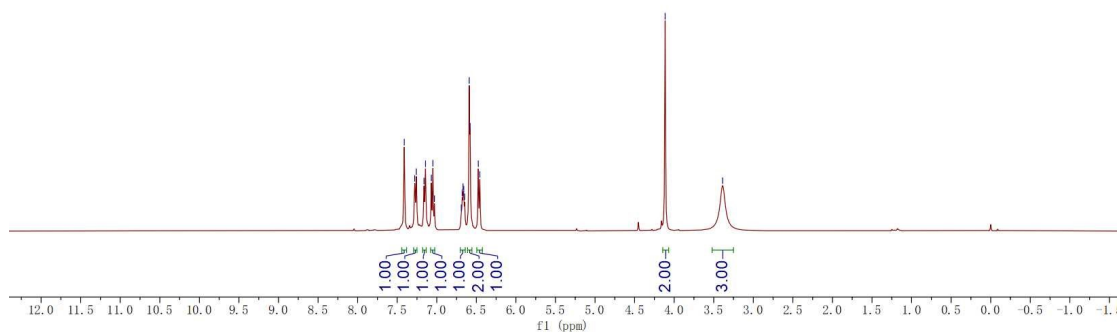
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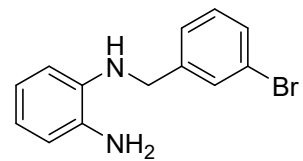
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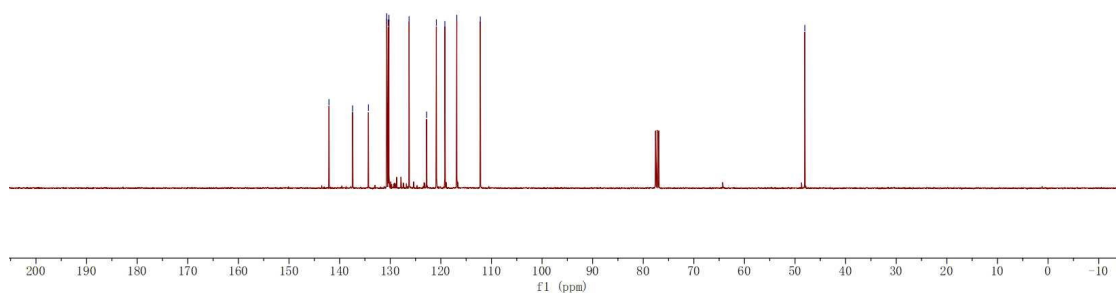
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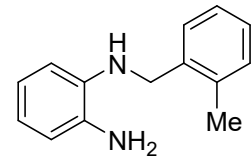


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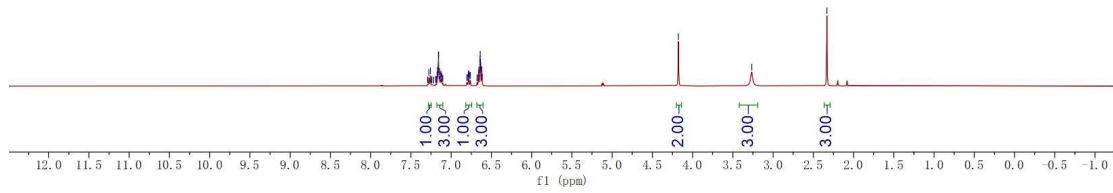


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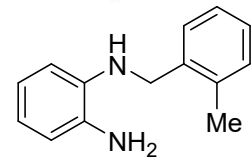
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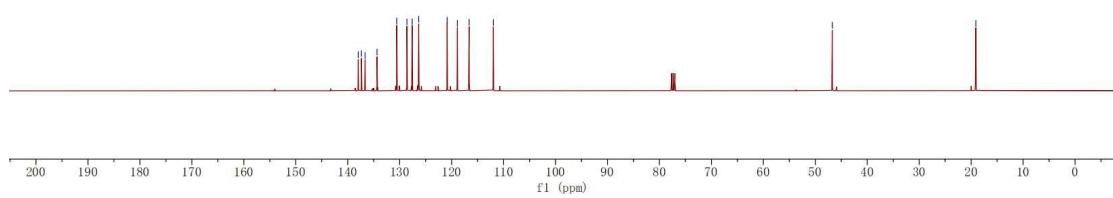
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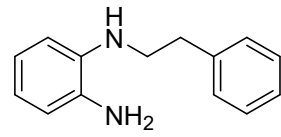
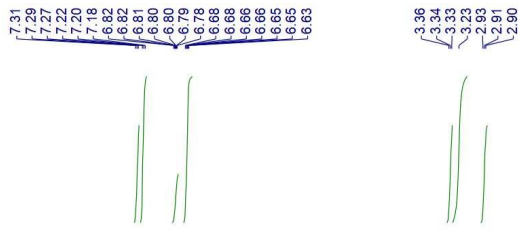
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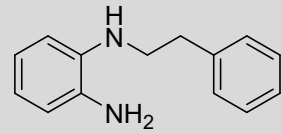
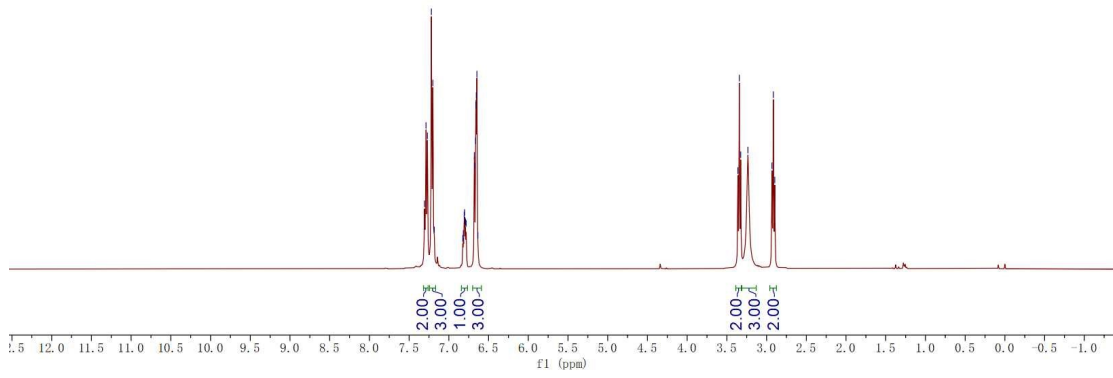
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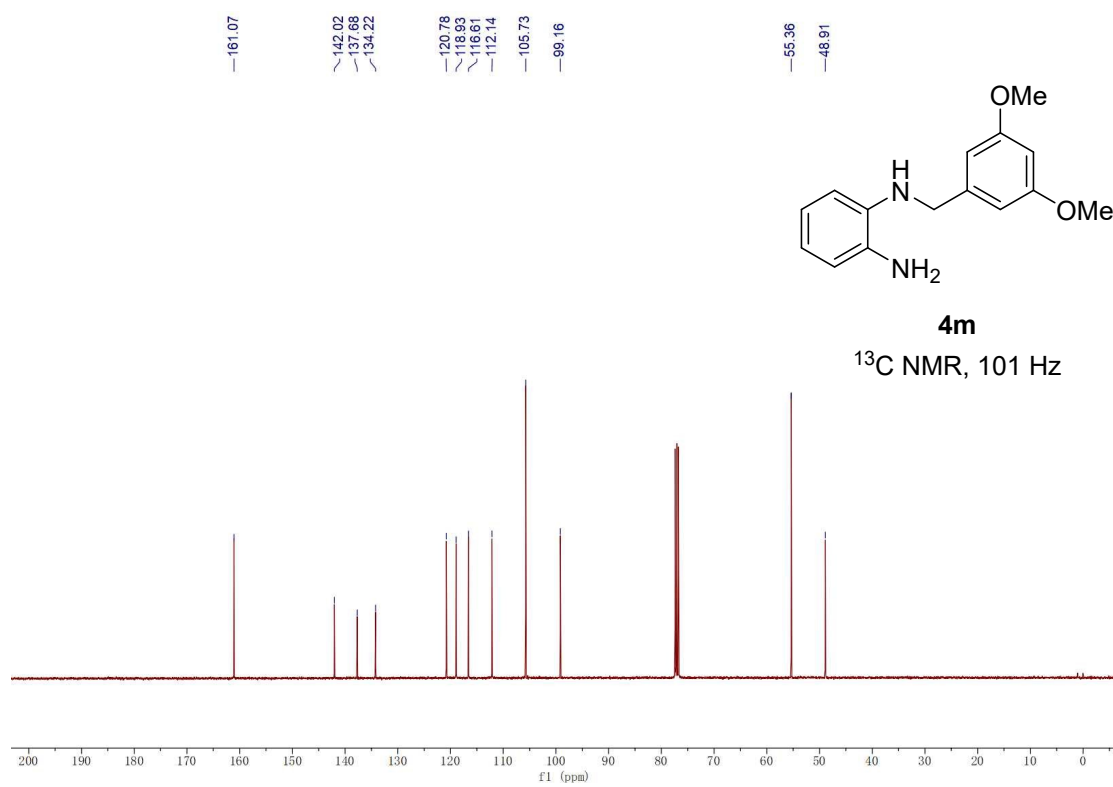
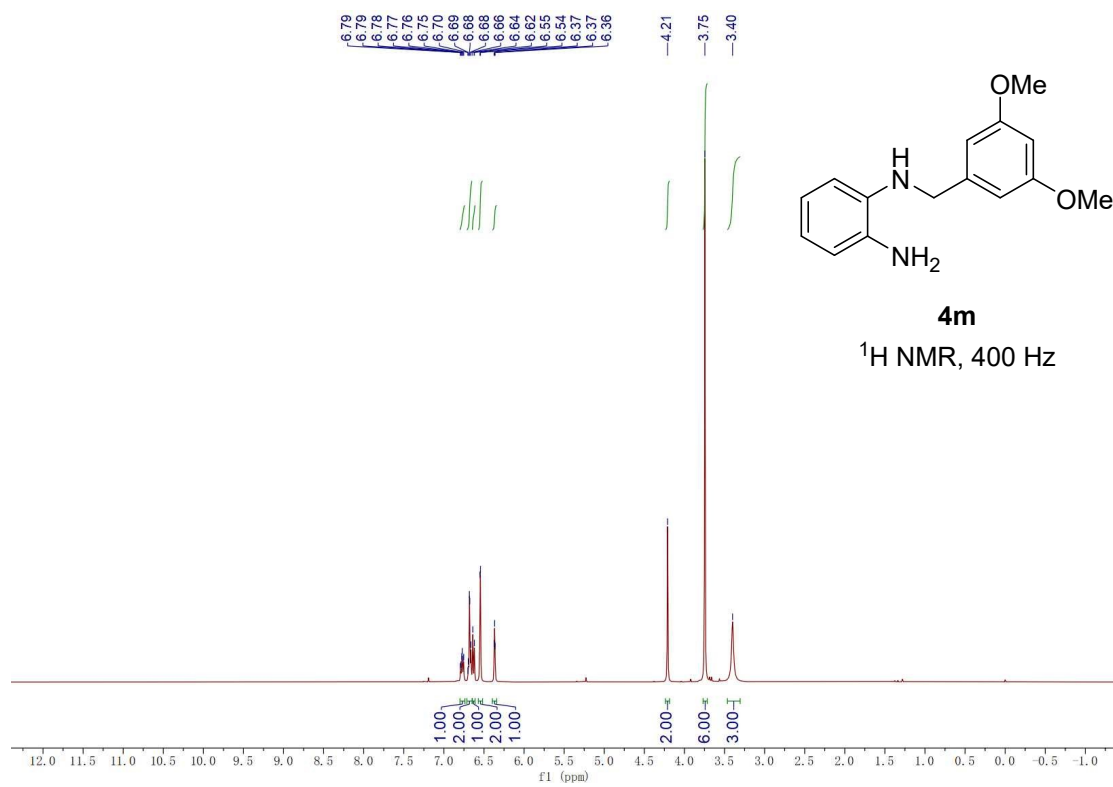
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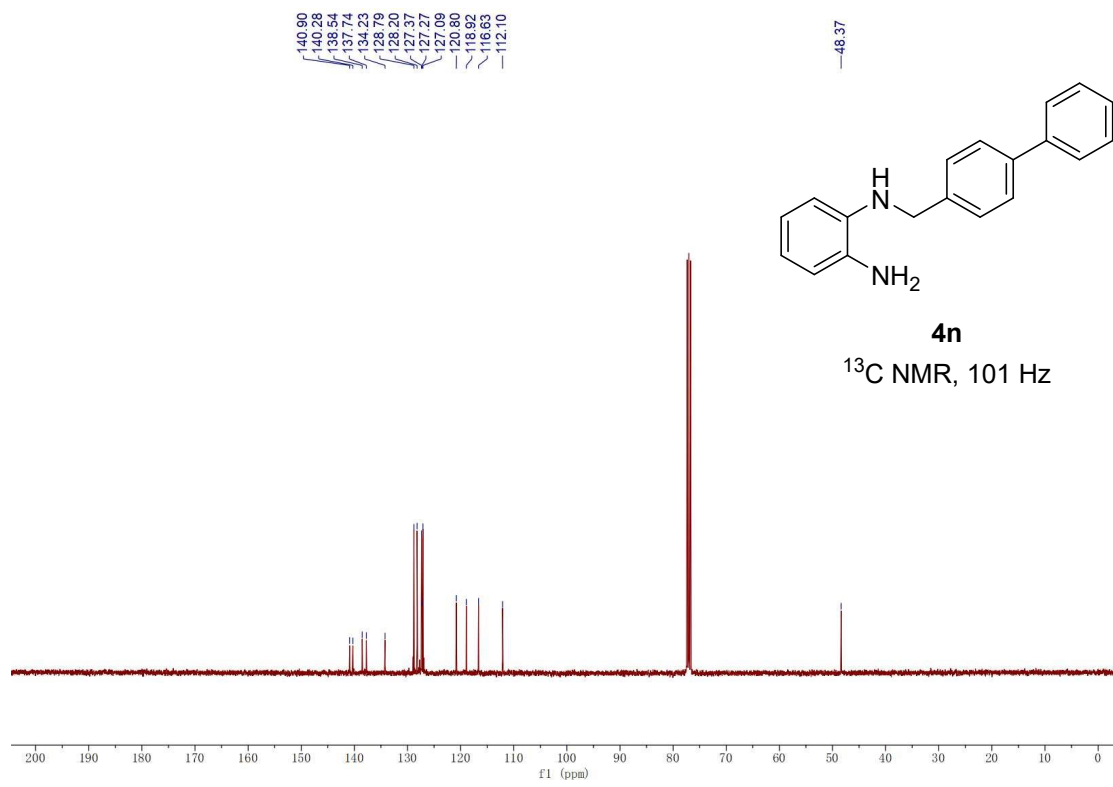
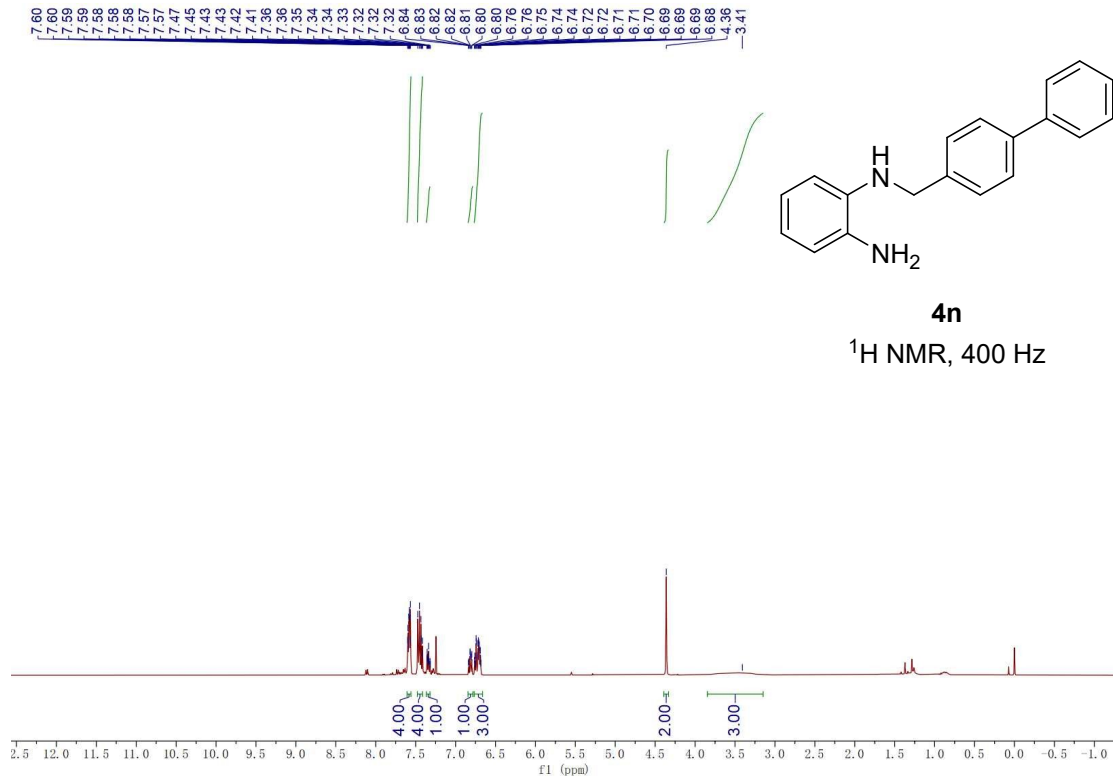
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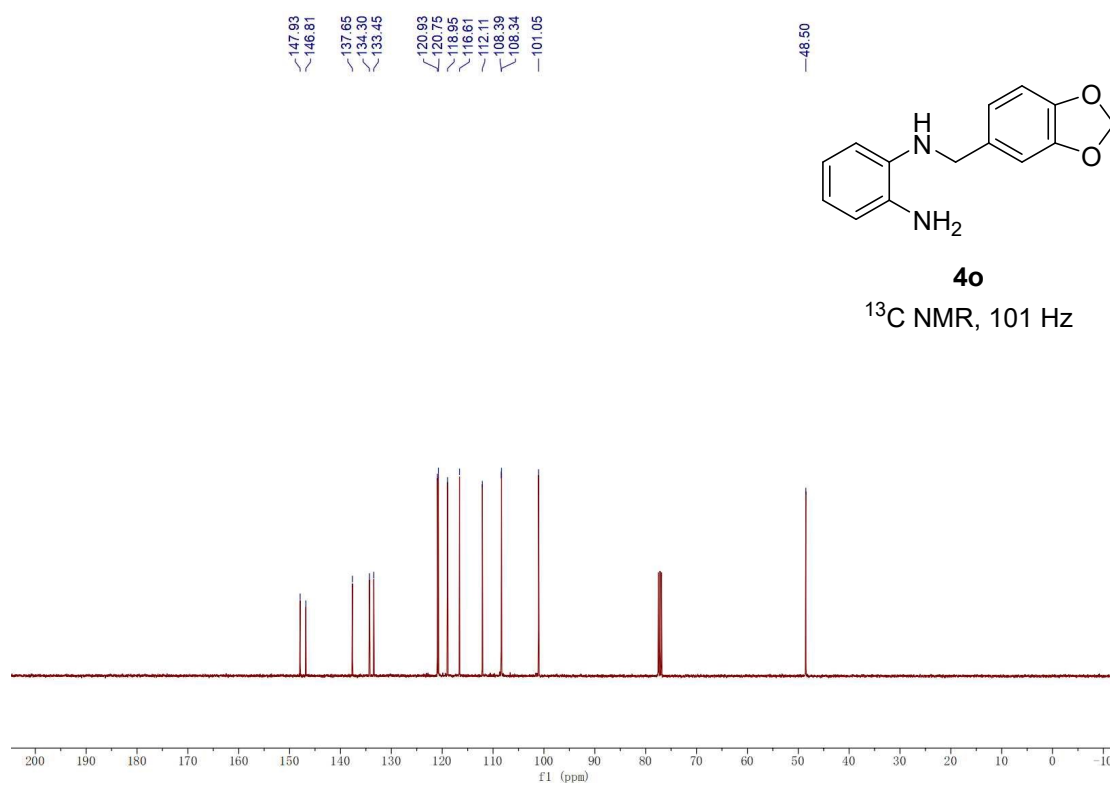
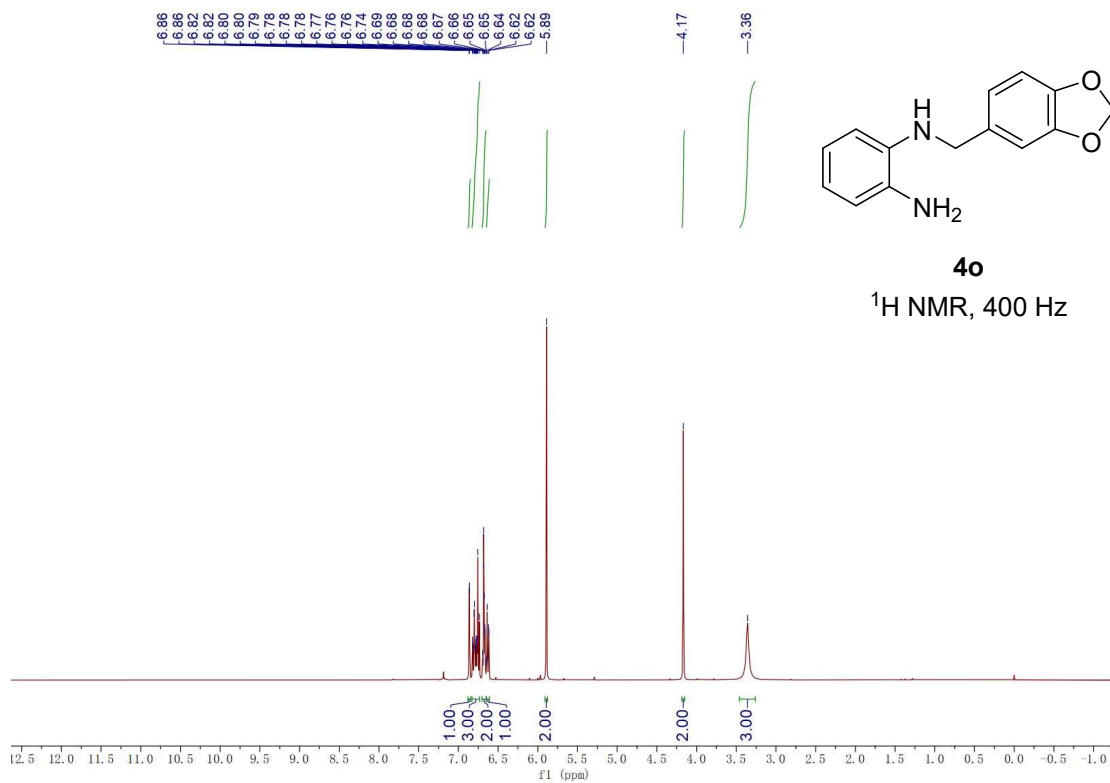


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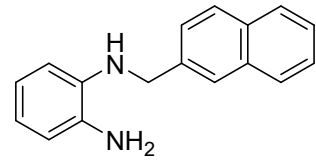
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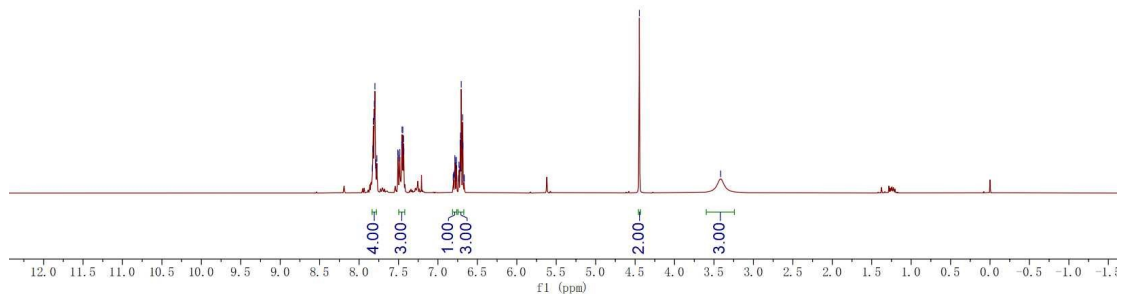


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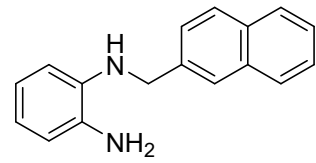
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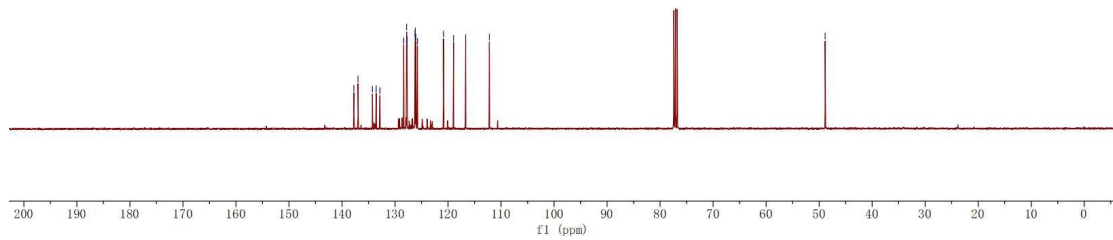
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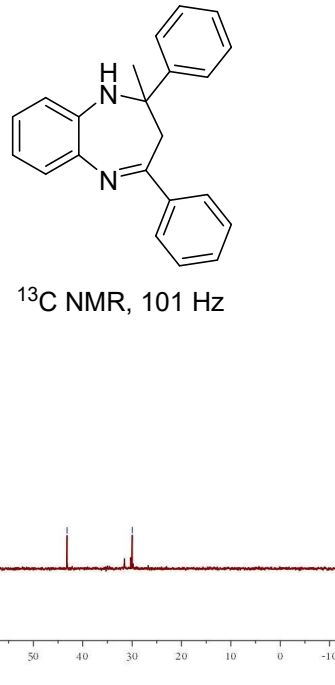
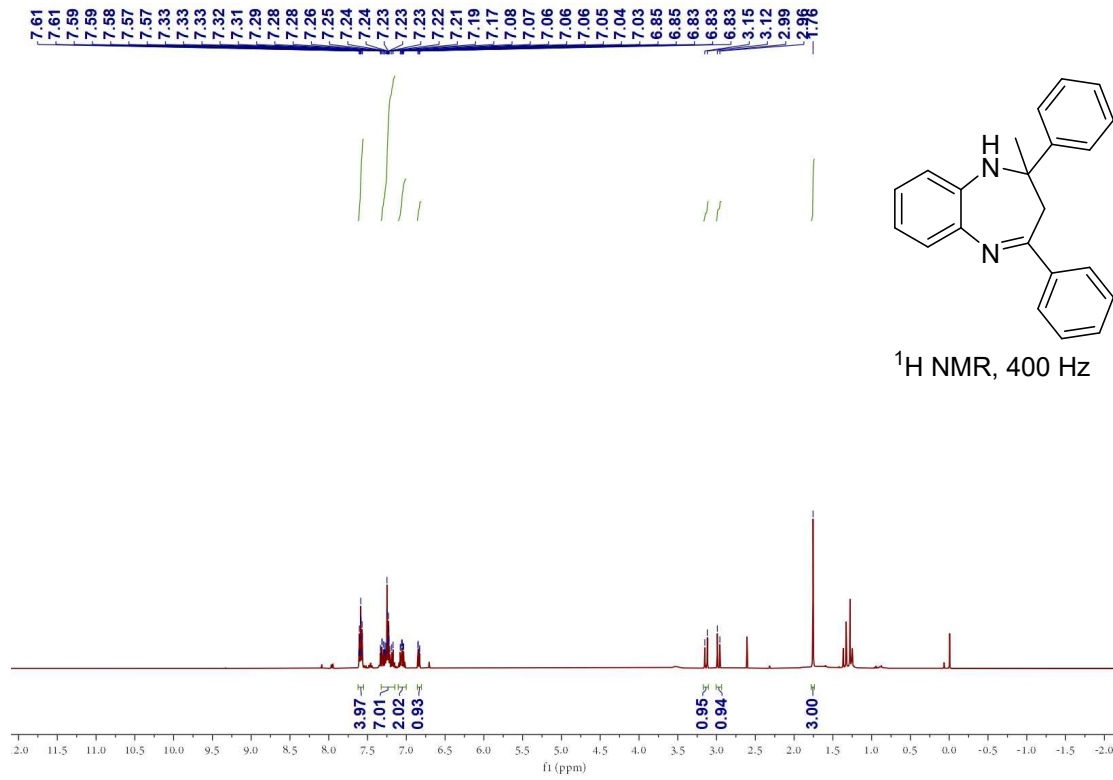
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