

*Supporting Information*

**Diastereo-, and enantioselective copper-catalyzed  
decarboxylative ring-opening [3+2] annulation of tertiary  
propargylic carbamates through regioselective  $\alpha$ -attack of  
 $\gamma$ -butenolides**

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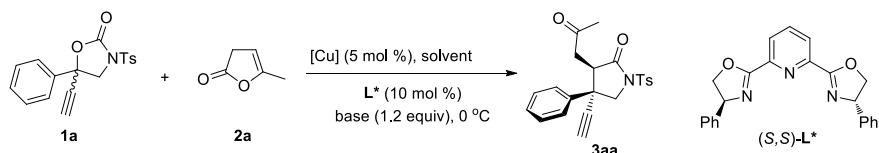
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## I. General Information

All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. Solvents were purified by standard procedure before use. Commercial reagents were used without further purification. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 200-300. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl<sub>3</sub> =  $\delta$  7.26). Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 101 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for carbon are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the carbon resonances of the solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub> =  $\delta$  77.0). Enantiomeric ratios were determined by chiral HPLC with *n*-hexane and *i*-PrOH as solvents.  $\gamma$ -Substituted butenolides **2b-2k** were prepared according to the known methods.<sup>1</sup>

## II. Details for Condition Optimization

Table S1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>[a]</sup>

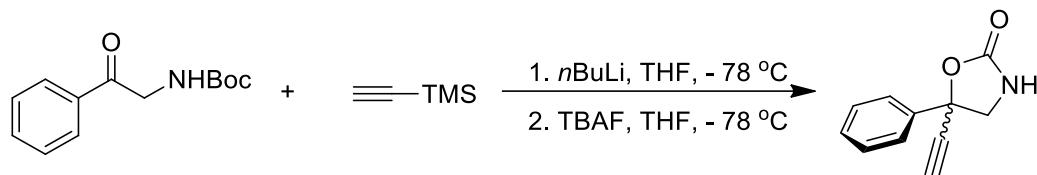


Entry	[Cu]	Solvent (mL)	Base	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	ee (%) <sup>[c]</sup>	dr <sup>[d]</sup>
1	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	MeOH (3)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	55	91	10:1
2	CuOTf <sub>2</sub> ·1/2C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	MeOH (3)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	64	67	14:1
3	CuI	MeOH (3)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	45	93	20:1
4	Cu(MeCN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	MeOH (3)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	51	94	15:1
5	<b>Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub></b>	MeOH (3)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	65	94	10:1
6	Cu(MeCN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	MeOH (3)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	33	87.5	8:1
7 <sup>[e]</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (3)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	5 <	-	-
8 <sup>[e]</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (2.9)/MeOH (0.1)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	5 <	-	-
9	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (2)/MeOH (1)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	25	95	12:1
10	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	<b>DCM (1)/MeOH (2)</b>	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	79	95	15:1
11 <sup>[e]</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	THF	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	5 <	-	-
12	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	THF (1)/MeOH (2)	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	65	95	15:1
13 <sup>[f]</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	Toluene	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	5 <	-	-
14	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (1)/MeOH (2)	Et <sub>3</sub> N	50	96	8:1
15	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (1)/MeOH (2)	<i>i</i> PrNMe <sub>2</sub>	26	-	-
16 <sup>[f]</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (1)/MeOH (2)	DBU	5 <	-	-
17 <sup>[f]</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (1)/MeOH (2)	DABCO	5 <	-	-
18 <sup>[f]</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (1)/MeOH (2)	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	5 <	-	-
19 <sup>[f]</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (1)/MeOH (2)		5 <	-	-

20	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (1)/MeOH (2)	<i>n</i> Pr <sub>3</sub> N	52	94	12:1
21	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (1)/MeOH (2)	<i>Cy</i> <sub>2</sub> N <i>Me</i>	85	96	14:1
22	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCM (1)/MeOH (2)	<i>Cy</i> N <i>Me</i> <sub>2</sub>	30	88	5:1

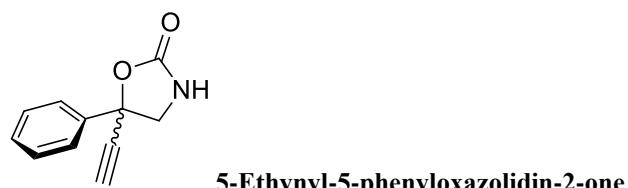
[a] **1a** (68.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** (58.9 mg, 0.6 mmol), [Cu] (5 mol %), **L\*** (10 mol %), and base (0.24 mmol), were stirred in solvent (3 mL) at 0 °C for 12 h. [b] Isolated yield of the target product and its diastereoisomer. [c] Enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [d] Diastereoselectivity was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. [e] Enthynyl oxazolidinone was recovered in more than 80% yield. [f] Enthynyl oxazolidinone was decomposed and no major product was obtained.

### III. General Procedure for Preparation of Enthynyl Oxazolidinones

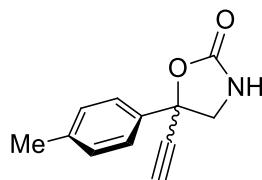


Enthynyl oxazolidinones were prepared according to the methods reported in the literature with some modifications.<sup>2</sup> Trimethylsilylacetylene (2.95 g, 30 mmol) was dissolved into 50 mL THF and cooled to 0 °C, then *n*-BuLi (30 mmol, 2.5 M in Hexane, 12 mL) was added and stirred at this temperature for 1 h under argon atmosphere. The mixture was then cooled to -78 °C, and *tert*-butyl (2-oxo-2-phenylethyl) carbamate (10 mmol) in 10 mL THF was added. The mixture was allowed to stir at this temperature for further 10 min before warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. A saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined extracts were dried by Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent removed under vacuum. The crude product was used next step directly without further purification.

The crude product was dissolved in THF (30 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 10 mL) was added and stirred 1 h at this temperature before quenched with saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL), and the organic mixture was dried by Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The concentrate was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 2:1) to give the product as white solid.

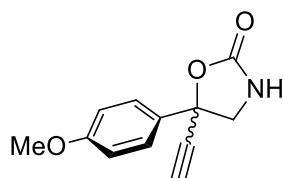


White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 2:1, 1.40 g, yield: 75%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.54 – 6.25 (m, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.6, 139.1, 129.1, 128.8, 124.9, 81.9, 78.3, 76.6, 55.6. HRMS calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 188.0706, found: 188.0704.



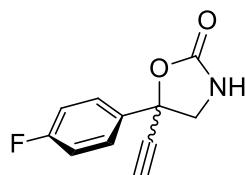
**5-Ethynyl-5-(p-tolyl)oxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 2:1, 1.20 g, yield: 60%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (brs, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.8, 139.1, 136.2, 129.4, 124.9, 122.9, 82.0, 78.3, 76.4, 55.6, 21.1. HRMS calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 202.0863, found: 202.0860.



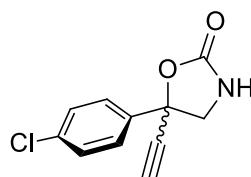
**5-Ethynyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazolidin-2-one**

Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 1:1, 1.17g, yield: 54%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (brs, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 – 3.65 (m, 4H), 2.73 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 158.6, 131.0, 126.6, 114.0, 82.0, 78.3, 76.5, 55.6, 55.3. HRMS calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 218.0812, found: 218.0809.



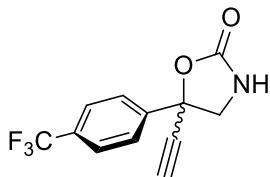
**5-Ethynyl-5-(4-fluorophenyl)oxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 2:1, 1.46 g, yield: 71%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (brs, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 248.8 Hz), 158.6, 134.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.1 Hz), 127.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.5 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.0 Hz), 81.6, 77.8, 76.9, 55.6. HRMS calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 206.0612, found: 206.0609.



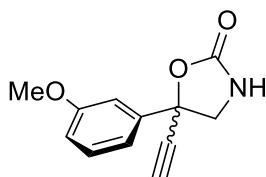
**5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-ethynylloxazolidin-2-one**

Yellow solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 2:1, 1.95 g, yield: 88%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (brs, 1H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.2, 137.7, 135.2, 129.0, 126.5, 81.4, 77.7, 77.0, 55.5. HRMS calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 222.0316, found: 222.0315..



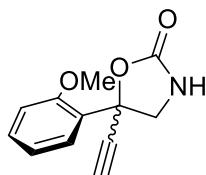
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Brown oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 2:1, 2.17 g, yield: 85%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (brs, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.4, 143.1, 131.30 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.7 Hz), 125.84 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 125.4, 123.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 272.3 Hz), 81.2, 77.6, 77.2, 55.4. HRMS calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 256.0580, found: 256.0575.



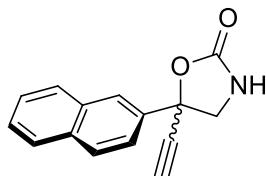
**5-Ethynyl-5-(3-methoxyphenyl)oxazolidin-2-one**

Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 1:1, 1.37 g, yield: 63%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (brs, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.8, 158.5, 140.7, 130.0, 117.0, 114.5, 110.7, 81.9, 78.1, 76.4, 55.6, 55.4. HRMS calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 218.0812, found: 218.0809.



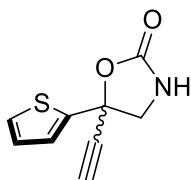
**5-Ethynyl-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)oxazolidin-2-one**

Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 1:1, 0.89 g, yield: 41%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.19 (brs, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.82 (m, 4H), 2.71 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.3, 156.0, 130.3, 127.3, 126.2, 120.6, 111.6, 82.3, 76.8, 74.4, 55.7, 53.9. HRMS calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 218.0812, found: 218.0808.



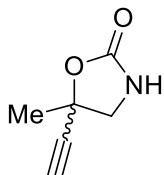
**5-Ethynyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)oxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 2:1, 1.66 g, yield: 70%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) δ 8.00 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.90 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 4.02 (brs, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) δ 158.1, 137.8, 133.8, 133.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 124.8, 123.7, 83.7, 80.1, 78.1, 55.3. HRMS calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 238.0863, found: 238.0858.



**5-Ethynyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)oxazolidin-2-one**

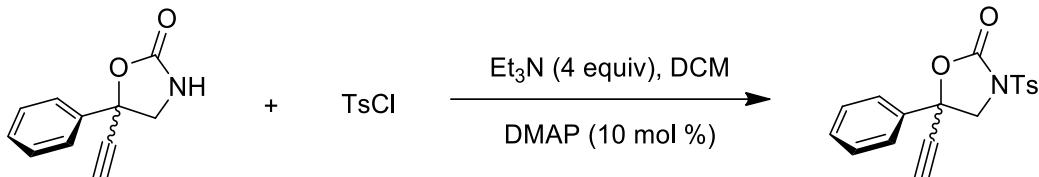
Yellow solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 3:1, 0.81 g, yield: 42%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.84 (brs, 1H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.0, 142.0, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 81.0, 76.4, 75.5, 55.6. HRMS calc. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 194.0270, found: 194.0269.



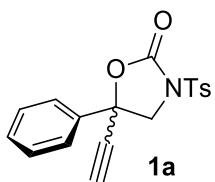
**5-Ethynyl-5-methyloxazolidin-2-one**

Yellow solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 1:1, 1.14 g, yield: 91%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.51 (brs, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 1H), 1.74 – 1.73 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.7, 82.7, 74.6, 74.3, 53.3, 27.4. HRMS calc. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 126.0550, found: 126.0549.

#### IV. General Procedure for Preparation of Ts-Protected Enthynyl Oxazolidinones

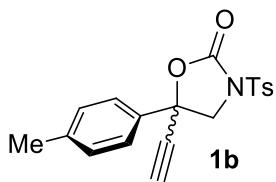


The entynyl oxazolidinones (2 mmol), DMAP (24.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and TsCl (572 mg, 3 mmol) were dissolved in DCM (5 mL). The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C, and Et<sub>3</sub>N (810 mg, 8 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred 2 hours before quenched with saturated solution of NaCl (5 mL). The mixture was extracted with DCM (2×10 mL) and the organic mixture was dried by Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The concentrate was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 5:1) to give the product as white solid.



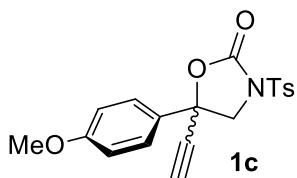
**1a 5-Ethynyl-5-phenyl-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 615 mg, yield: 90%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.3, 146.0, 137.1, 133.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.0, 128.3, 124.9, 80.2, 77.8, 76.1, 58.4, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 342.0795, found: 342.0788.



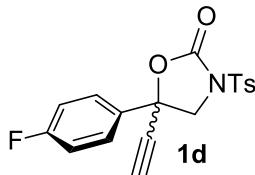
**5-Ethynyl-5-(p-tolyl)-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 647 mg, yield: 91%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.4, 145.9, 139.8, 134.1, 133.8, 129.9, 129.6, 128.3, 124.9, 80.3, 77.7, 76.2, 58.4, 21.7, 21.1. HRMS calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 356.0951, found: 356.0945.



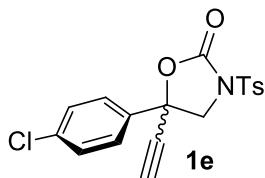
**5-Ethynyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 3:1, 706 mg, yield: 95%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.5, 150.3, 145.9, 133.7, 129.9, 128.6, 128.1, 126.6, 114.2, 80.1, 77.9, 76.2, 58.3, 55.3, 21.6. HRMS calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0900, found: 372.0893.



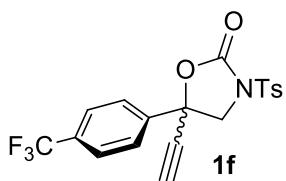
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Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 467 mg, yield: 65%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 250.0 Hz), 150.2, 146.1, 133.7, 133.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 130.0, 128.3, 127.13 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.7 Hz), 116.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.1 Hz), 79.9, 78.1, 75.7, 58.4, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.0700, found: 360.0693.



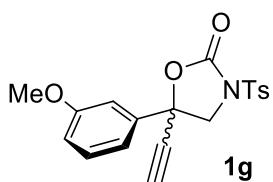
**5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-ethynyl-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 579 mg, yield: 77%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 6.8 Hz, 6H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.1, 146.1, 135.7, 135.7, 133.6, 129.9, 129.2, 128.2, 126.4, 79.7, 78.3, 75.6, 58.2, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 376.0405, found: 376.0399.



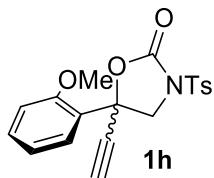
**5-Ethynyl-3-tosyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)oxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 598 mg, yield: 73%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.0, 146.2, 141.1, 133.5, 131.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.9 Hz), 130.0, 128.2, 126.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 125.4, 123.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 281.7 Hz), 79.5, 78.5, 75.4, 58.1, 21.6. HRMS calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 410.0668, found: 410.0661.



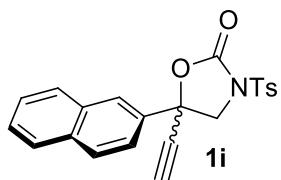
**5-Ethynyl-5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 3:1, 557 mg, yield: 75%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.9, 150.3, 146.0, 138.7, 133.7, 130.2, 129.9, 128.3, 116.9, 115.0, 110.6, 80.2, 77.7, 76.0, 58.4, 55.4, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0900, found: 372.0894.



**5-Ethynyl-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

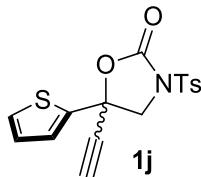
White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 3:1, 579 mg, yield: 78%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.4, 150.6, 145.7, 134.3, 131.3, 129.8, 128.4, 127.4, 124.8, 120.6, 111.7, 80.4, 77.1, 75.0, 56.8, 55.4, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0900, found: 372.0894.



**5-Ethynyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

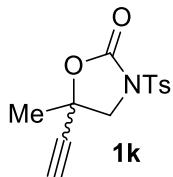
White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 689 mg, yield: 88%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 – 7.80 (m, 6H), 7.55 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.4, 146.0, 134.2, 133.7, 133.3, 132.5, 129.9, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0, 124.5, 121.7, 80.1, 78.1, 76.2, 58.3, 21.6. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 392.0951, found: 392.0945.



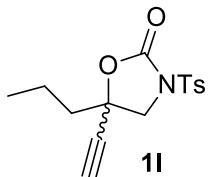
**5-Ethynyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

Brown oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 500 mg, yield: 72%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd,  $J$  = 4.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.7, 146.1, 139.8, 133.7, 130.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 79.4, 77.7, 73.4, 58.3, 21.7. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 348.0359, found: 348.0351.



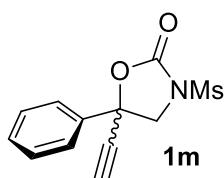
**5-Ethynyl-5-methyl-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 4:1, 531 mg, yield: 95%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.3, 145.9, 133.7, 129.9, 128.3, 80.8, 75.8, 72.6, 56.3, 26.8, 21.7. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 280.0638, found: 280.0632.



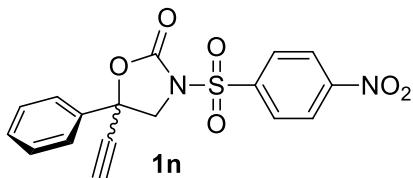
**5-Ethynyl-5-propyl-3-tosyloxazolidin-2-one**

White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 4:1, 584 mg, yield: 95%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.3, 145.9, 133.8, 129.9, 128.2, 80.1, 76.5, 75.7, 55.4, 41.5, 21.7, 17.0, 13.6. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 308.0951, found: 308.0954.



**5-Ethynyl-3-(methylsulfonyl)-5-phenyloxazolidin-2-one**

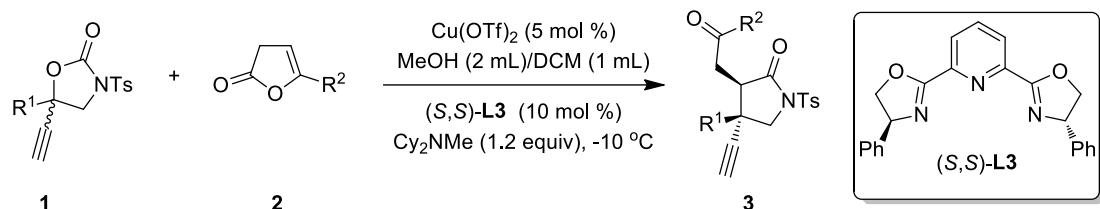
White solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 3:1, 377 mg, yield: 71%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 4.47 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.3, 136.9, 129.9, 129.2, 124.9, 80.1, 78.1, 76.9, 57.7, 40.4. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 266.0482, found: 266.0477.



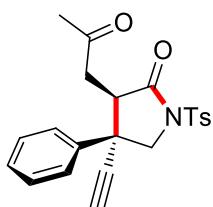
**5-Ethynyl-3-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-5-phenyloxazolidin-2-one**

Yellow solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 492 mg, yield: 66%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.43 – 8.39 (m, 2H), 8.27 – 8.24 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 4.54 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.2, 150.0, 142.1, 136.6, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 124.9, 124.5, 79.8, 78.3, 76.9, 58.5. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 373.0489, found: 373.0488.

**V. General Procedure for Preparation of Optical Active Pyrrolidinone**



General procedure for the synthesis of optical active pyrrolidinone:  $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$  (3.6 mg, 0.010 mmol) and **L3** (*S,S*) (7.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) were stirred at 60 °C in 1 mL of anhydrous methanol under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to -10 °C and a solution of ethynyl oxazolidinones (**1**, 0.2 mmol) and  $\gamma$ -substituted butenolides (**2**, 0.6 mmol) and  $\text{Cy}_2\text{NMe}$  (46.9 mg, 0.24 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous DCM and MeOH (1:1, 2 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated in vaccum. The concentrate was then purified by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 10:1 to 5:1) to afford the pyrrolidinone (**3**), and chemical yields are total of the diastereomers.

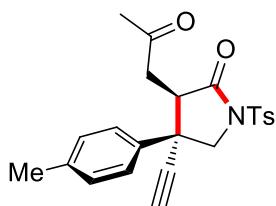
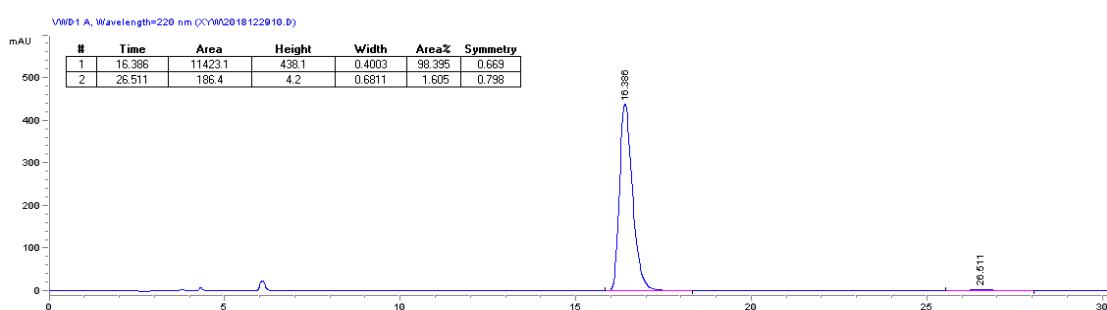
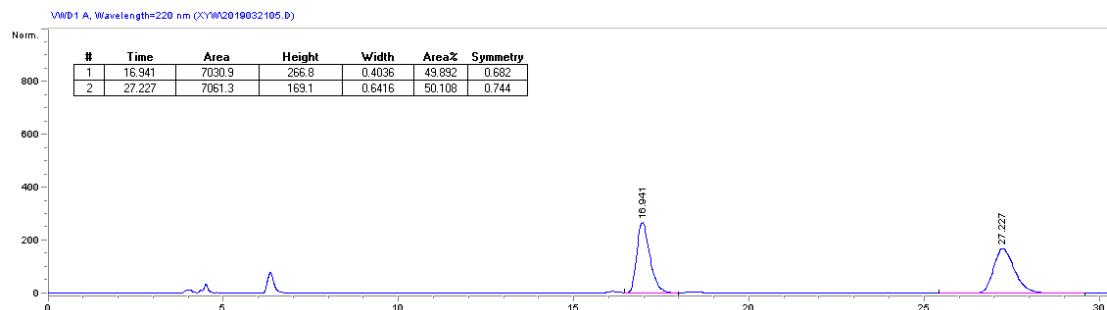


**3aa**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxopropyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

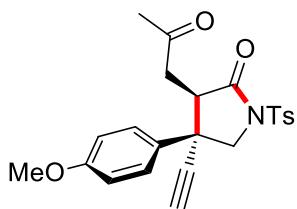
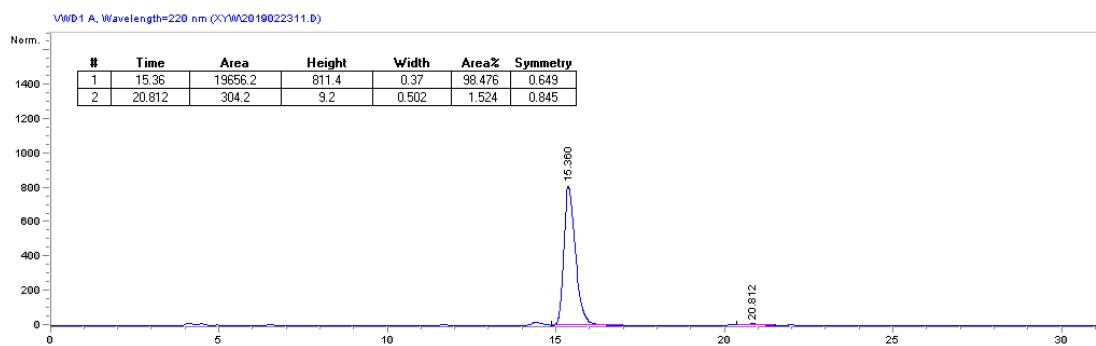
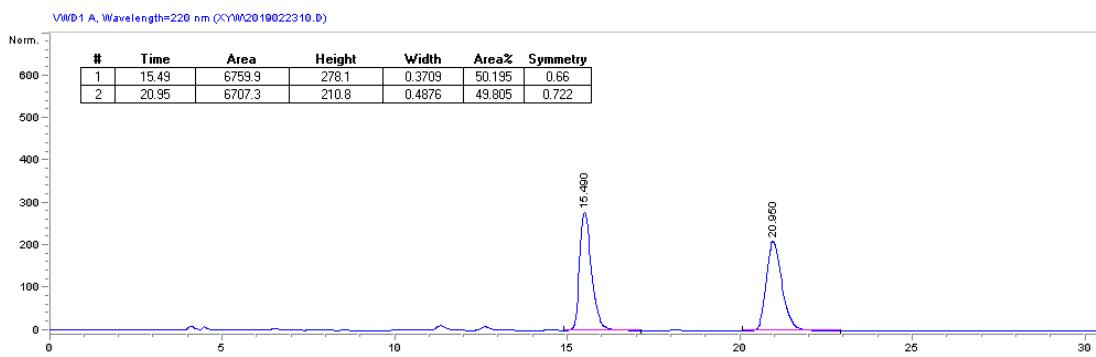
Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 71.1 mg, 90% yield,  $\text{dr} > 25:1$ . 97% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C):  $t_R$  (major) = 16.4 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 26.5 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -24.1$  ( $c$  = 1.0,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 4.27 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 1H).

= 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.34 (dd,  $J$  = 17.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (dd,  $J$  = 17.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  204.2, 171.7, 145.6, 137.9, 134.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 126.0, 83.7, 74.3, 57.8, 50.5, 42.7, 39.2, 30.1, 21.6. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 396.1264, found: 396.1259.



**3ba** (3R,4S)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxopropyl)-4-(p-tolyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one

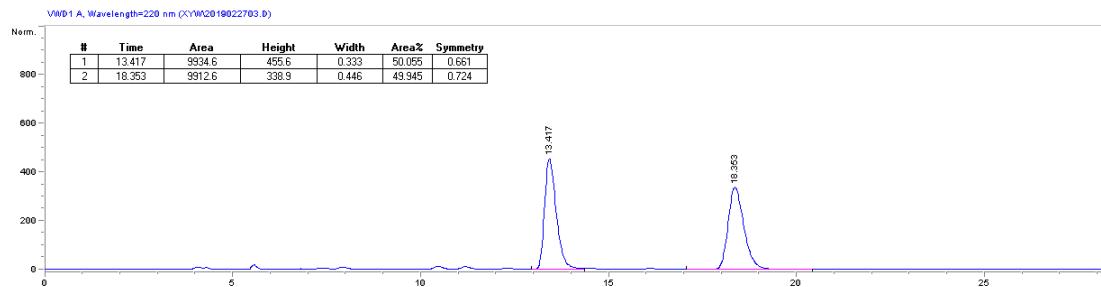
Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 66.7 mg, 81% yield, dr = 20:1. 97% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C):  $t_R$  (major) = 15.4 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 20.8 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -35.3$  ( $c$  = 1.0,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.41 (dd,  $J$  = 17.9, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.08 (dd,  $J$  = 17.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  204.3, 171.9, 145.5, 138.0, 134.9, 134.5, 129.8, 129.5, 128.1, 125.9, 83.9, 74.1, 58.0, 50.5, 42.4, 39.2, 30.1, 21.7, 20.8. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 410.1421, found: 410.1414.

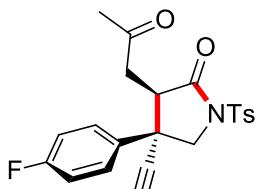
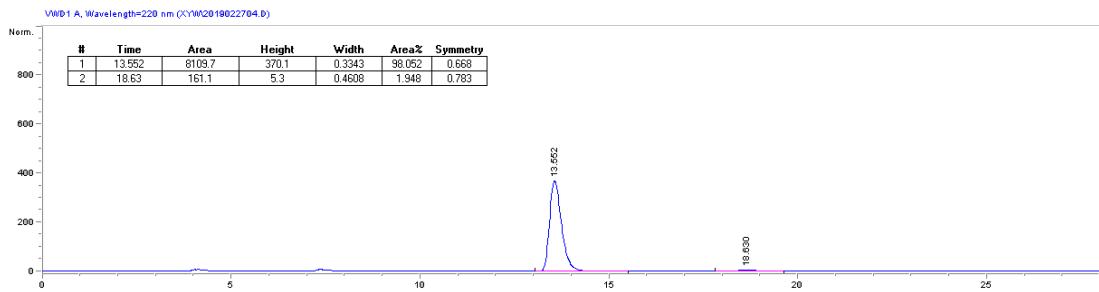


**3ca**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxopropyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 68.6 mg, yield: 81%, dr = 14:1. 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 13.6 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 18.6 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -32.3 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.75 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.76 (m, 4H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 2.47 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.4, 171.9, 159.2, 145.6, 134.5, 129.8, 129.8, 128.1, 127.3, 114.1, 84.0, 74.1, 58.0, 55.2, 50.6, 42.2, 39.2, 30.2, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 426.1370, found: 426.1362.

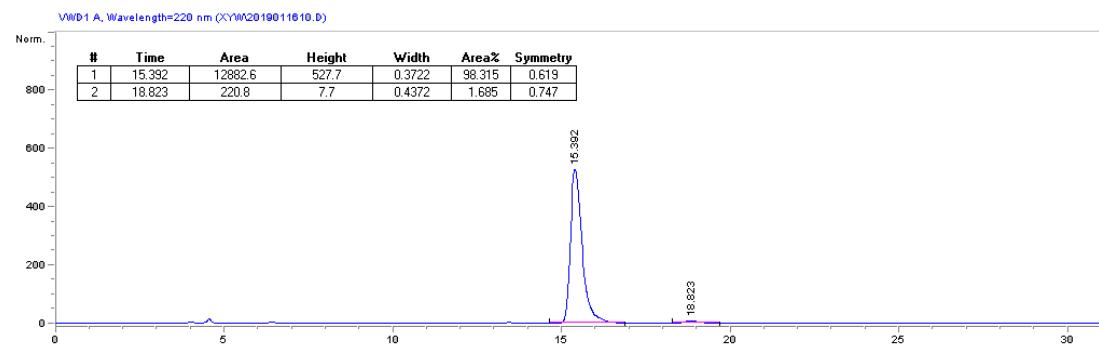
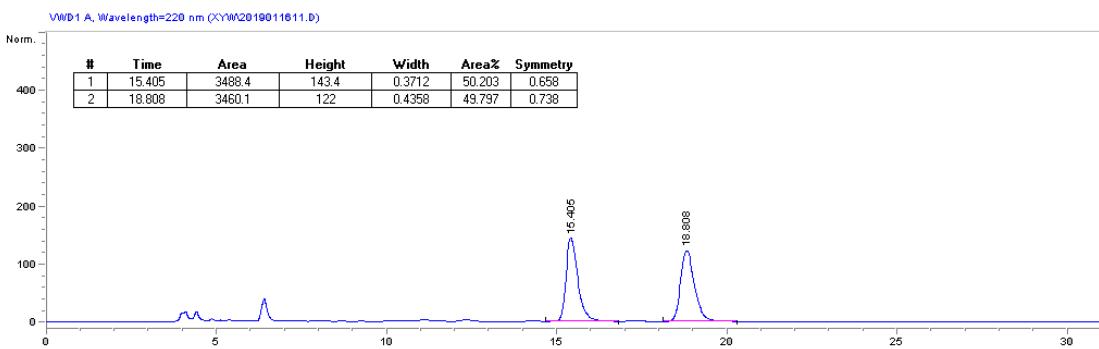


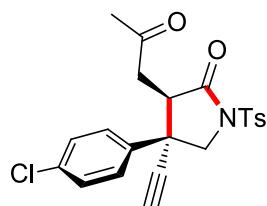


**3da**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(2-oxopropyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 65.2 mg, 79% yield, dr = 14:1. 97% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 15.4 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 18.8 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -26.9 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 2.49 – 2.38 (m, 4H), 2.11 – 2.01 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.0, 171.6, 162.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 248.7 Hz), 145.7, 134.4, 133.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 129.8, 128.1, 128.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.1 Hz), 115.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.5 Hz), 83.5, 74.7, 57.9, 50.5, 42.3, 39.1, 30.1, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 414.1170, found: 414.1162.

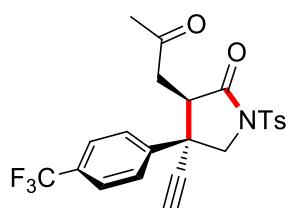
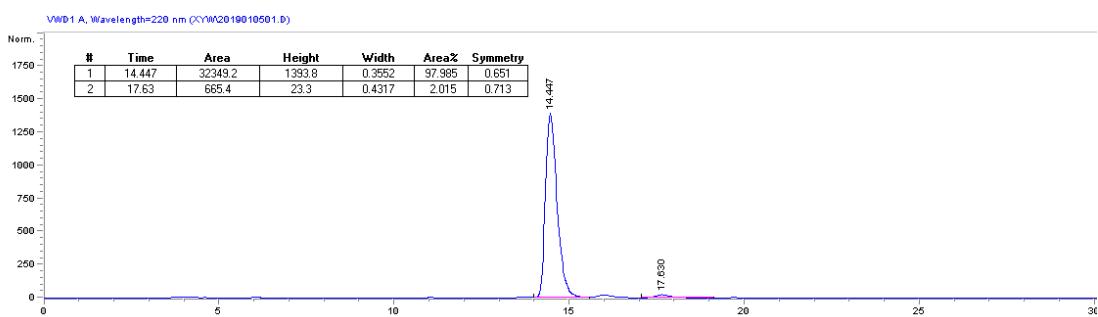
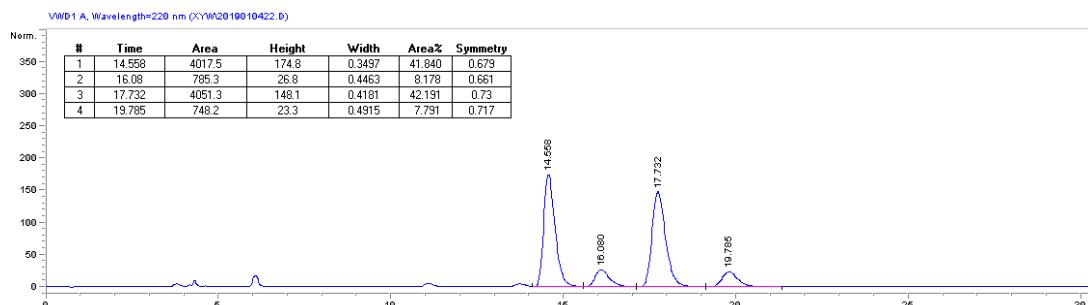




**3ea**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-ethynyl-3-(2-oxopropyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

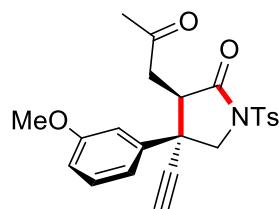
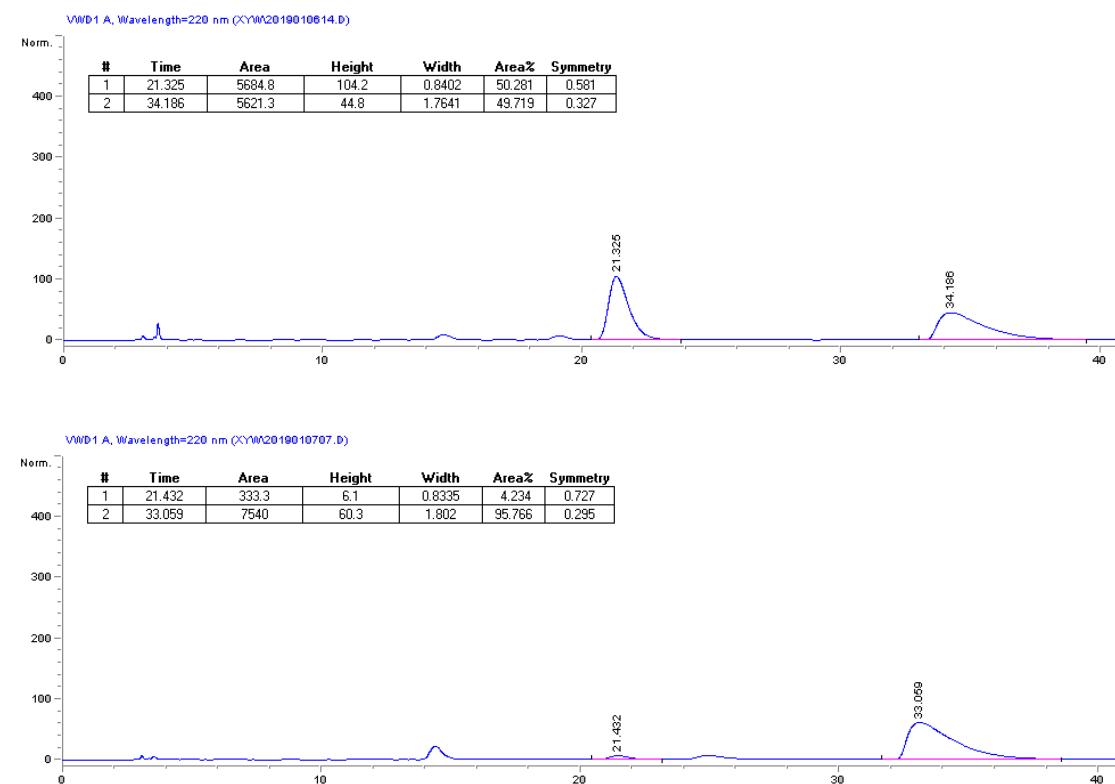
Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 64.2 mg, 75% yield, dr = 25:1. 96% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 14.4 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 17.6 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -40.0 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 4.14 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 1H), 2.33 – 2.26 (m, 4H), 1.96 – 1.90 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.0, 171.5, 145.8, 136.5, 134.4, 134.3, 129.8, 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 83.2, 74.8, 57.8, 50.3, 42.5, 39.1, 30.1, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 430.0874, found: 430.0869.



**3fa**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxopropyl)-1-tosyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrrolidin-2-one**

Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 72.7 mg, 78% yield, dr = 5:1 (The diastereomers cannot be fully separated, and only the major isomer was shown in follows). 91.5% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 1.0 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 21.4 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 33.1 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = 29.2 (*c* = 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 – 2.43 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.5, 171.2, 145.5, 140.6, 134.8, 130.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.8 Hz), 129.7, 128.3, 127.1, 126.0 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 123.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 272.2 Hz), 81.6, 76.0, 58.7, 48.5, 46.6, 39.7, 30.2, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 464.1138, found: 464.1132.

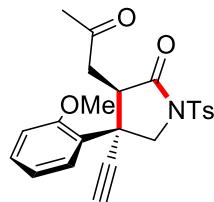
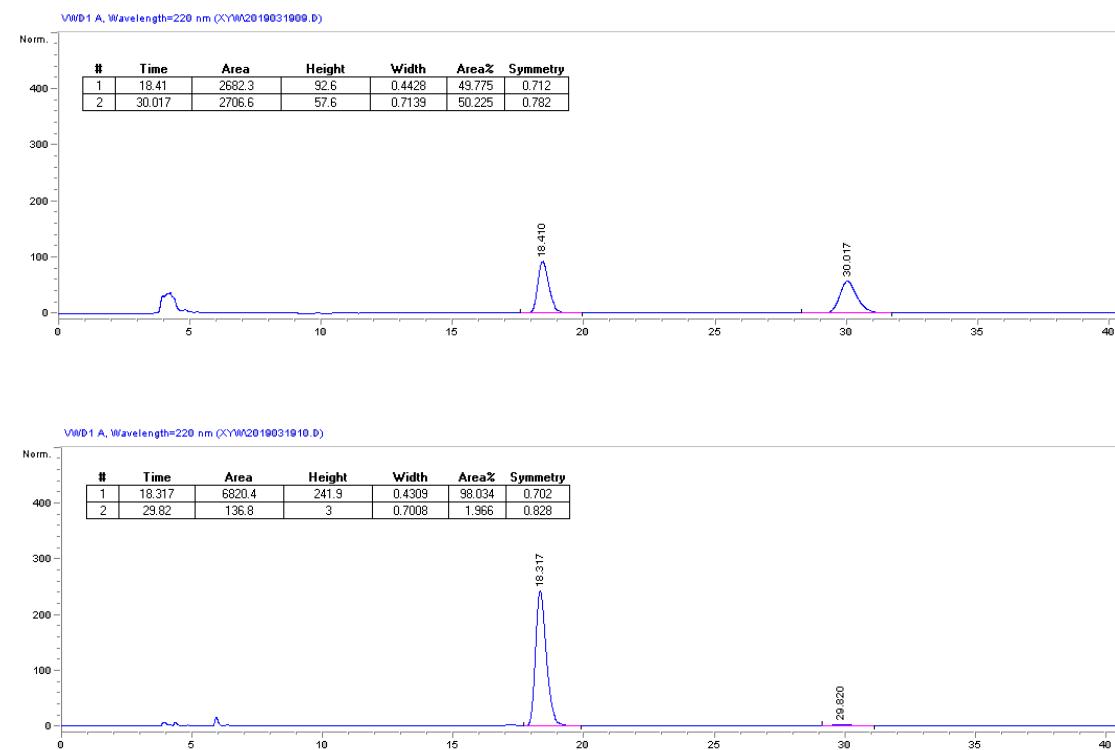


**3ga**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxopropyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 4:1, 57.3 mg, yield: 67%, dr = 20:1. 96% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 18.3 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 29.8 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -28.3 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 1H), 2.45 – 2.39 (m, 4H),

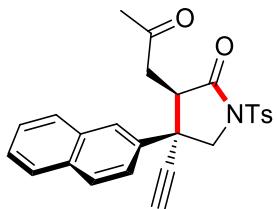
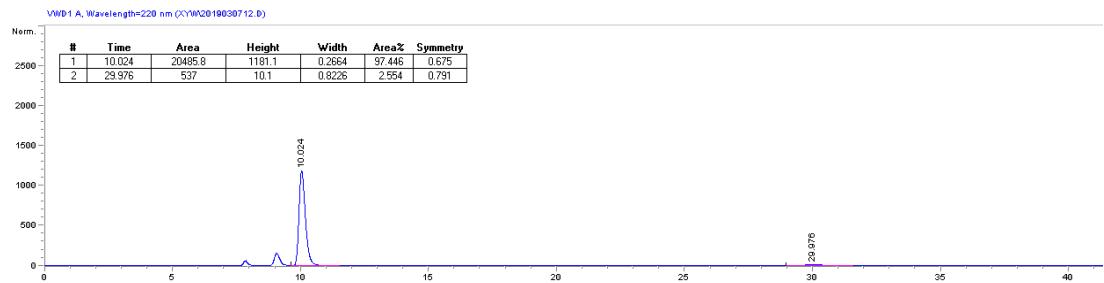
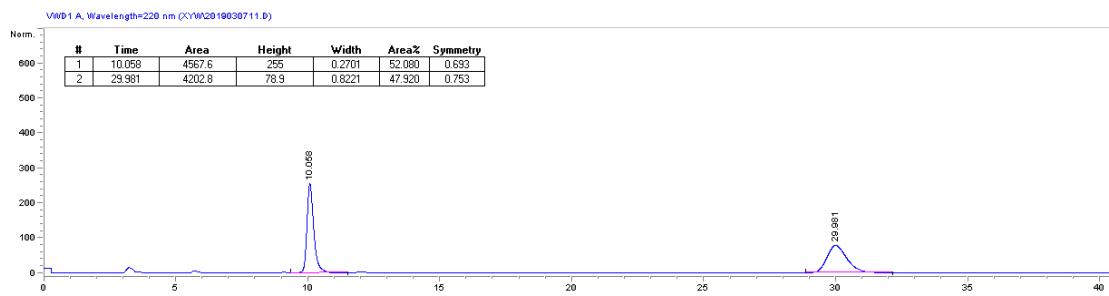
2.09 (dd,  $J = 17.9, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  204.4, 171.8, 159.9, 145.7, 139.6, 134.6, 130.1, 129.9, 128.2, 118.0, 113.5, 112.5, 83.8, 74.5, 57.9, 55.2, 50.6, 42.8, 39.3, 30.2, 21.8. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 426.1370, found: 426.1361.



**3ha**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxopropyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

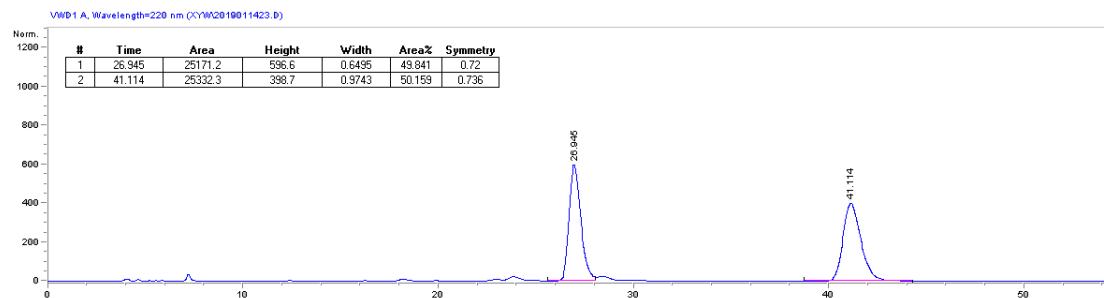
Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 4:1, 51.4 mg, yield: 60%, dr = 3:1(The diastereomers cannot be fully separated, and only the major isomer was shown in follows). 95% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, 1.0 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C):  $t_R$  (major) = 10.0 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 30.0 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5.7$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.95 (td,  $J = 7.6, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.68 (s, 1H), 2.55 (dd,  $J = 17.9, 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.01 (dd,  $J = 17.9, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  204.7, 172.6, 156.4, 145.1, 135.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.6, 128.5, 126.1, 120.8, 110.8, 86.8, 74.3, 58.5, 54.3, 49.3, 40.9, 39.9, 29.9, 21.6. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 426.1370, found: 426.1361.

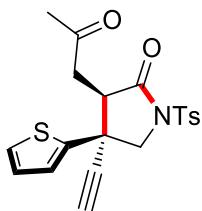
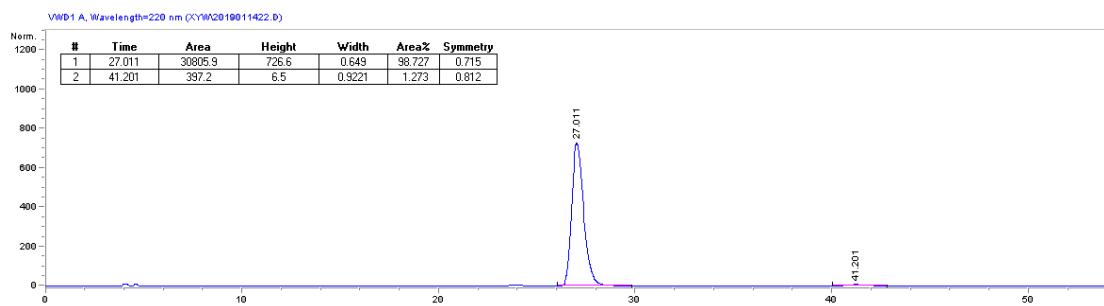


**3ia**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(2-oxopropyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 67.7 mg, 76% yield, dr = 14:1. 97.5% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 27.0 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 41.2 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -26.5 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 4.43 – 4.36 (m, 2H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 1H), 2.50 – 2.43 (m, 4H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.2, 171.8, 145.6, 135.2, 134.5, 132.8, 132.6, 129.8, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.7, 126.6, 125.3, 123.5, 83.7, 74.6, 58.0, 50.4, 42.9, 39.2, 30.1, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 446.1421, found: 446.1414.

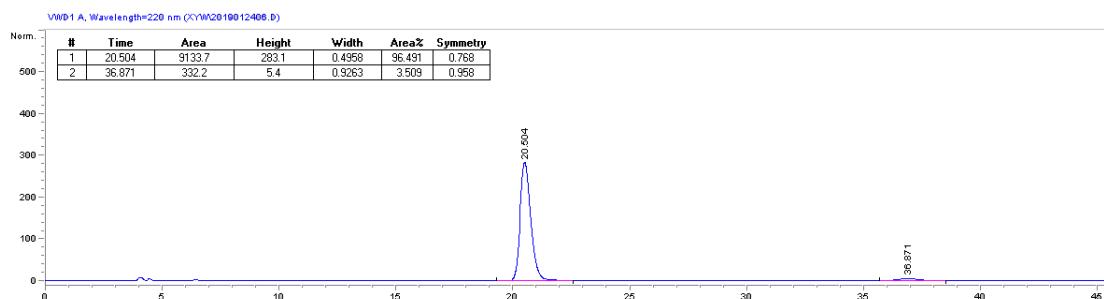
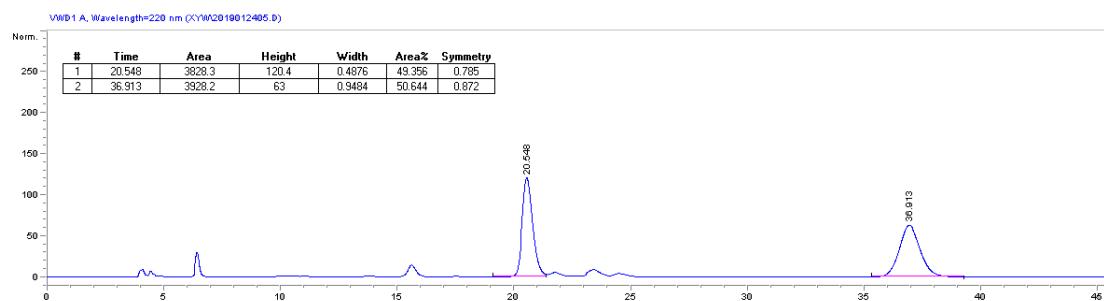


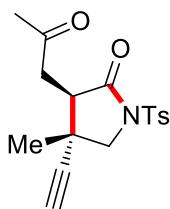


**3ja**

**(3*R*,4*R*)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxopropyl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Brown oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 56.4 mg, yield: 70%, dr = 20:1. 93% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 20.5 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 36.9 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -47.3 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 1H), 2.52 – 2.44 (m, 4H), 2.19 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.3, 171.1, 145.6, 141.2, 134.5, 129.7, 128.2, 126.9, 125.7, 125.3, 82.2, 74.2, 58.2, 51.1, 41.2, 38.8, 30.2, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.0828, found: 402.0822.

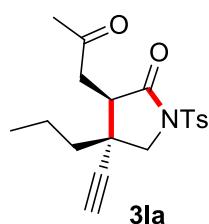
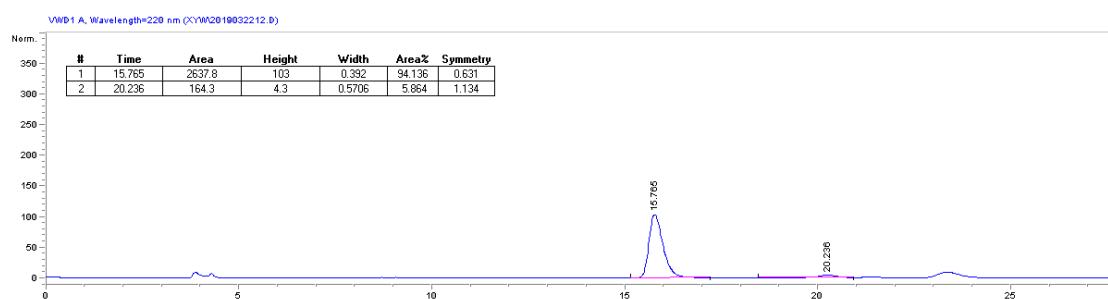
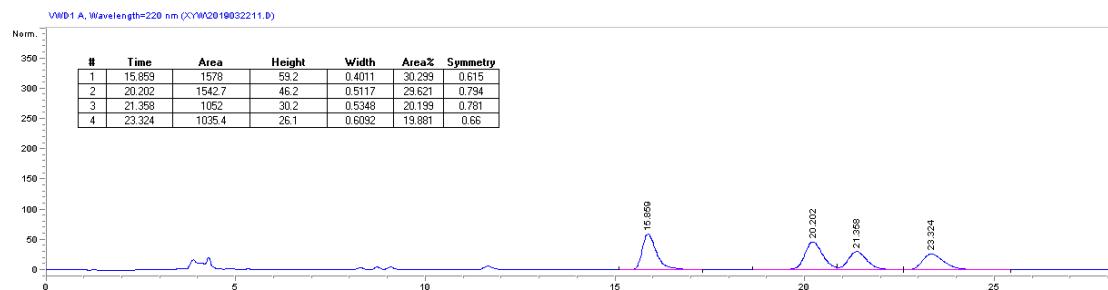




**3ka**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-4-methyl-3-(2-oxopropyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

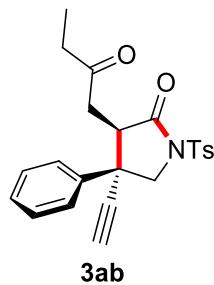
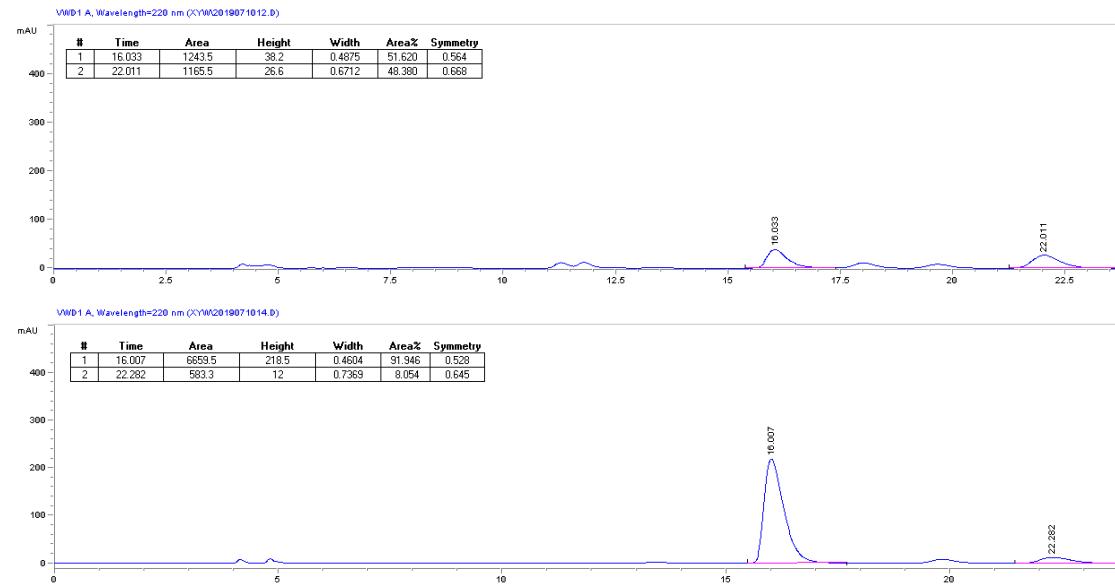
Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 4:1, 30.9 mg, yield: 46%, dr = 5:1(The diastereomers cannot be fully separated, and only the major isomer was shown in follows). 88% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 15.8 min, *t<sub>R</sub>* (minor) = 20.2 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -21.0$  (*c* = 0.5,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.39 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 1H), 2.24 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  204.6, 171.5, 145.5, 134.8, 129.9, 128.0, 84.1, 72.1, 57.0, 49.3, 37.6, 34.7, 30.5, 21.7, 21.1. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 334.1108, found: 334.1098.



**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxopropyl)-4-propyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

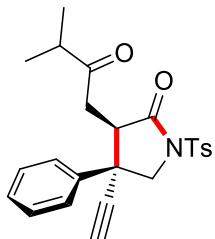
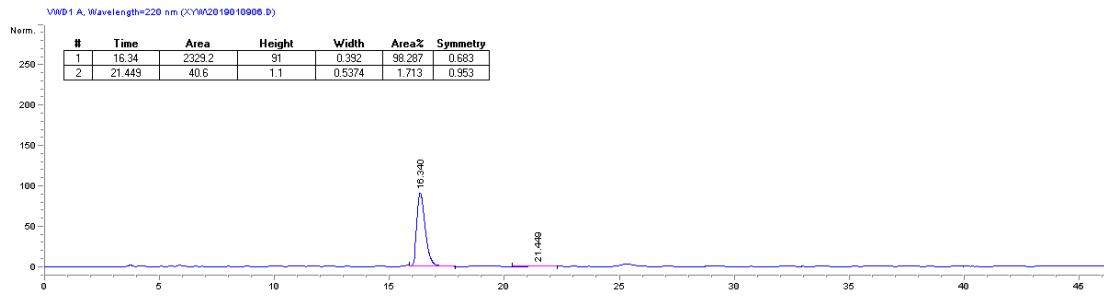
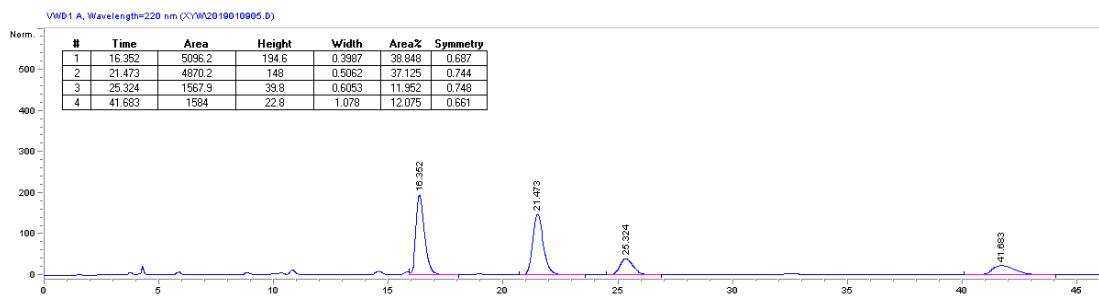
Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 4:1, 30.4 mg, yield: 42%, dr = 5:1(The diastereomers cannot be fully separated, and only the major isomer was shown in follows). 84% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm,

40 °C):  $t_R$  (major) = 16.0 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 22.3 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -18.0$  ( $c = 0.5$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.03 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 4.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd,  $J = 17.1, 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.55 – 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.27 – 1.25 (m, 1H), 1.08 – 1.03 (m, 1H), 0.95 – 0.91 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  204.6, 171.8, 145.4, 134.8, 129.8, 127.9, 83.3, 72.6, 53.4, 49.9, 39.1, 37.3, 34.3, 30.5, 21.7, 18.1, 14.0. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 362.1421, found: 362.1425.



**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxobutyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

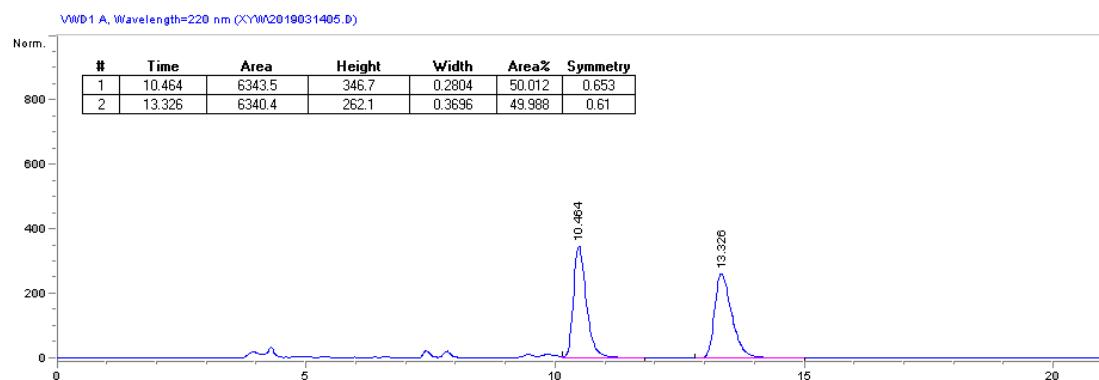
Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 58.5 mg, yield: 71%, dr > 25:1. 97% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C):  $t_R$  (major) = 16.3 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 21.4 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -23.3$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.93 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.37 (d,  $J = 10.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.89 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.43 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.26 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.07 (dd,  $J = 17.6, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  207.0, 171.9, 145.6, 138.0, 134.5, 129.8, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 126.1, 83.8, 74.3, 57.9, 50.6, 42.7, 38.1, 36.2, 21.7, 7.5. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 410.1421, found: 410.1412.

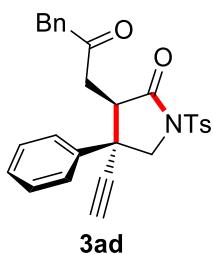
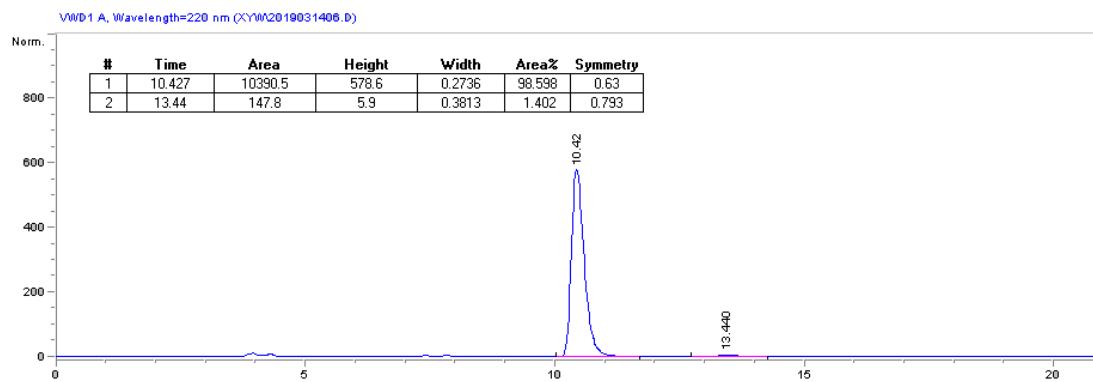


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**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-3-(3-methyl-2-oxobutyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

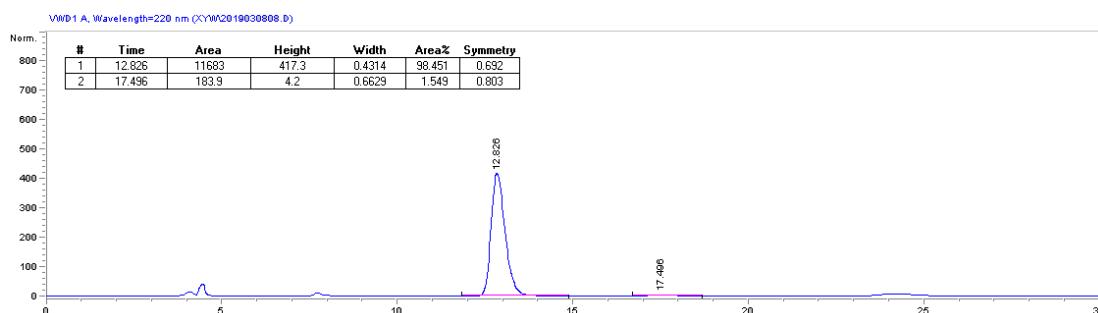
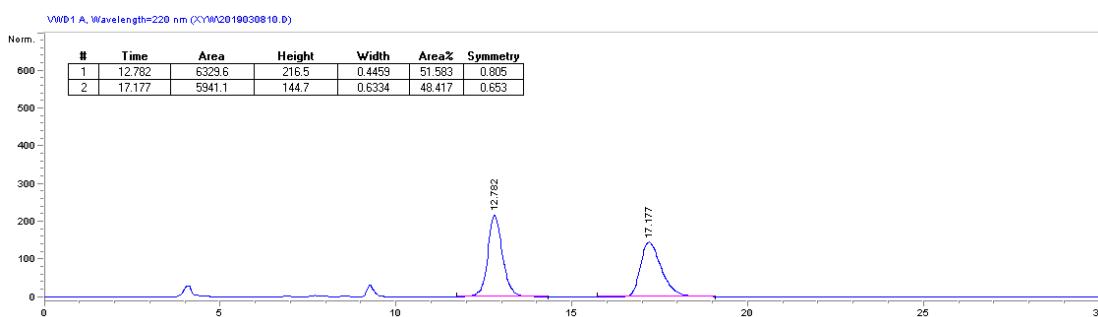
Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 63.9 mg, yield: 75%, dr > 25:1. 97% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 15.8 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 20.2 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -18.7 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H), 2.45 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.35 – 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.04 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 210.0, 171.9, 145.5, 138.0, 134.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 126.1, 83.9, 74.2, 57.9, 50.3, 42.7, 40.8, 36.4, 21.6, 18.0, 17.9. HRMS calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 424.1577, found: 424.1568.

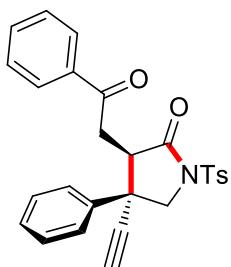




**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Colorless oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 54.1 mg, yield: 57%, dr = 12:1. 97% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 12.8 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 17.5 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -15.9 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 1H), 2.41 – 2.35 (m, 4H), 2.03 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.0, 171.7, 145.6, 137.7, 134.5, 133.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.1, 83.8, 74.3, 57.8, 50.6, 49.9, 42.6, 38.0, 21.7. HRMS calc. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 472.1577, found: 472.1568.

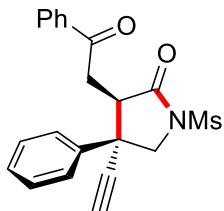
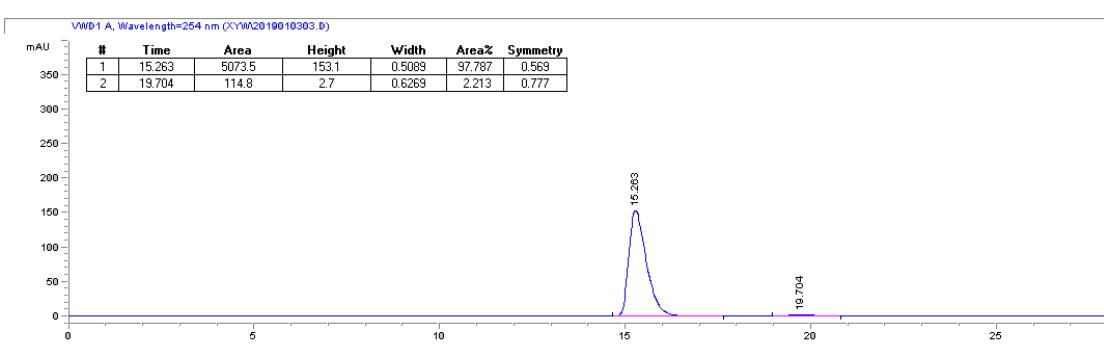
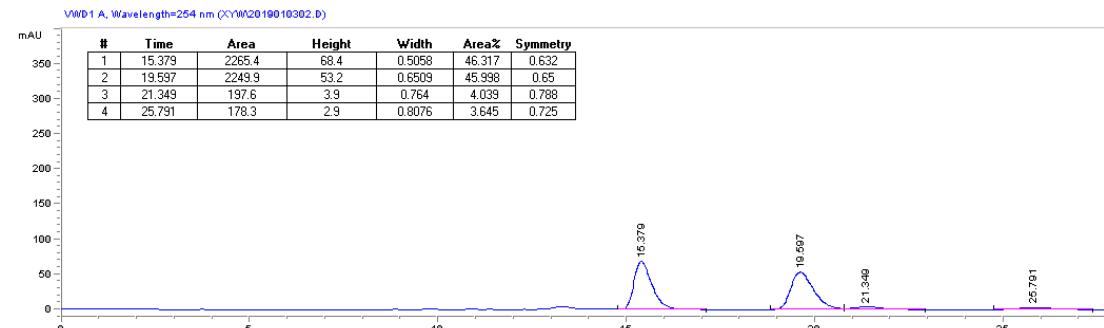




**3ae**

**(3R,4S)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

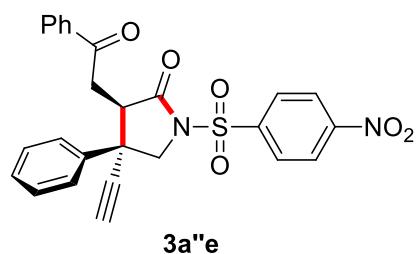
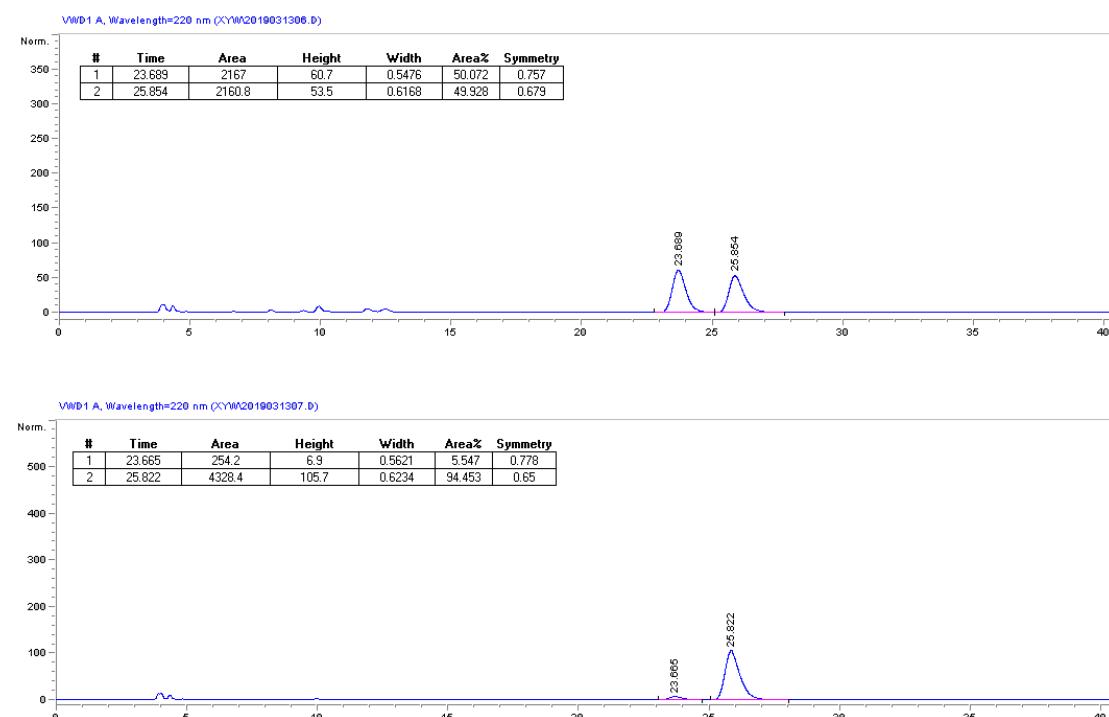
Red oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 82.8 mg, yield: 90%, dr = 13:1. 95.5% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 15.3 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 19.7 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -29.7 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.09 (m, 9H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.7, 171.9, 145.5, 138.0, 136.1, 134.5, 133.2, 129.7, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.1, 83.8, 74.4, 57.9, 50.4, 42.9, 34.7, 21.6. HRMS calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 458.1421, found: 458.1411.



**3a'e**

**(3R,4S)-4-Ethynyl-1-(methylsulfonyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenylpyrrolidin-2-one**

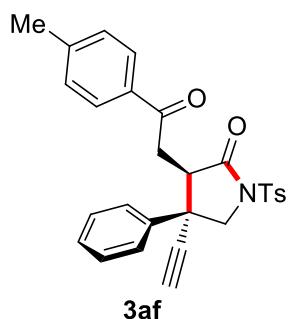
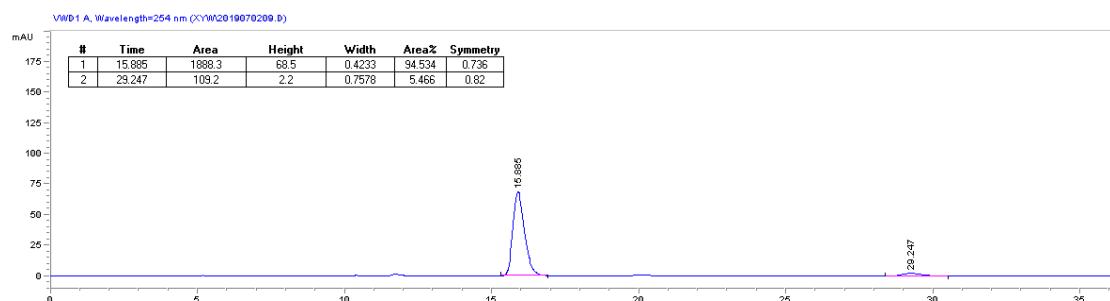
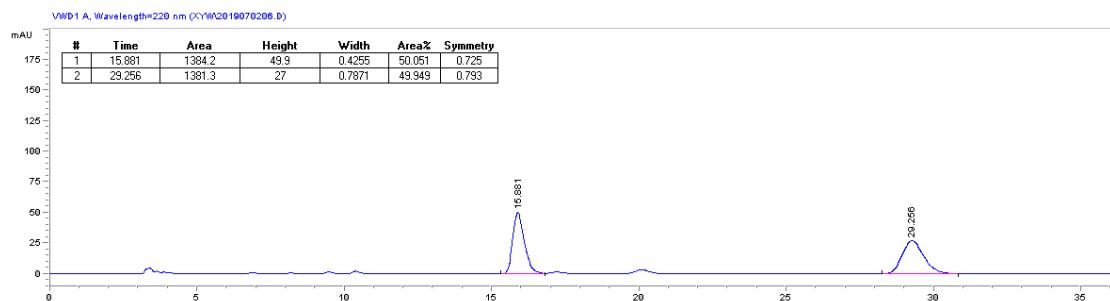
Red oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 74.3 mg, yield: 97%, dr = 10:1. 89% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 23.7 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 25.8 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -6.6 (*c* = 2.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.44 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.1, 173.3, 137.6, 136.0, 133.3, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 126.3, 84.4, 74.0, 56.9, 50.8, 43.1, 40.5, 35.1. HRMS calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 382.1108, found: 382.1102.



**(3R,4S)-4-Ethynyl-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-4-phenylpyrrolidin-2-one**

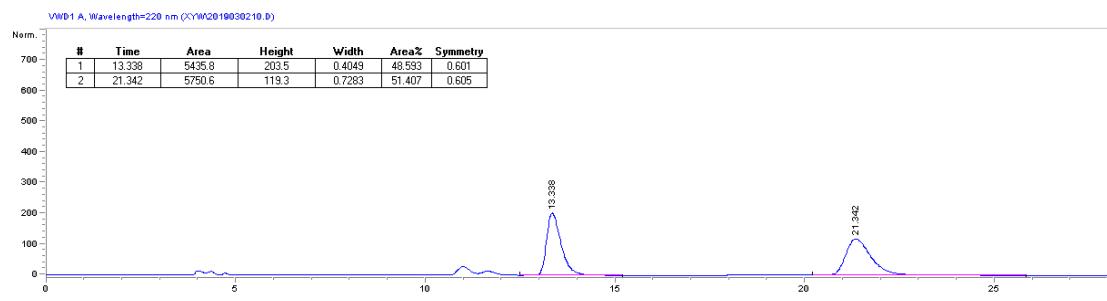
Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 87.0 mg, yield: 89%, dr = 12:1. 89% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60/40, 1.0 ml/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 15.9 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 29.2 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -26.8 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.6, 172.4, 151.0, 142.8, 137.5, 135.9, 133.4, 129.8, 129.1,

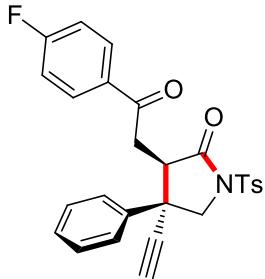
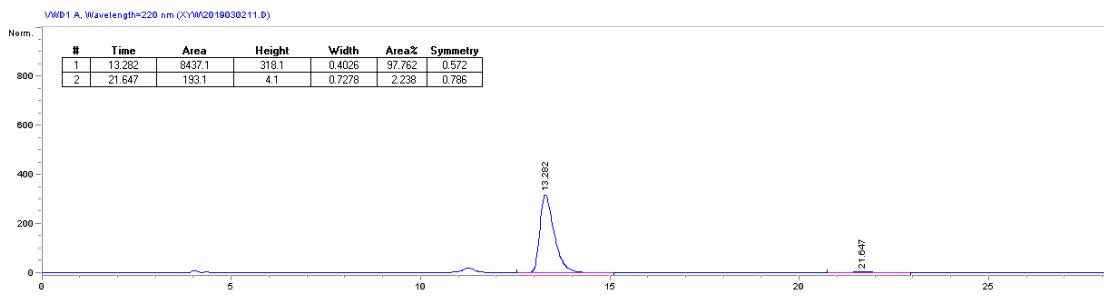
128.5, 128.0, 126.2, 124.3, 83.8, 74.5, 58.1, 50.3, 43.4, 34.9 (one signal missing due to overlap).  
HRMS calc. for  $C_{26}H_{21}N_2O_6S$   $[M+H]^+$ : 489.1115, found: 489.1114.



**(3R,4S)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxo-2-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 78.0 mg, yield: 83%, dr = 13:1. 95.5% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C):  $t_R$  (major) = 13.3 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 21.6 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -27.3$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.96 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.42 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.14 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd,  $J = 18.0, 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.59 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  195.3, 171.9, 145.5, 144.0, 138.0, 134.5, 133.6, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2 (two signals overlapped), 128.1, 126.2, 83.9, 74.3, 57.9, 50.4, 43.0, 34.6, 21.6, 21.5. HRMS calc. for  $C_{28}H_{25}NO_4S$   $[M+H]^+$ : 472.1577, found: 472.1565.

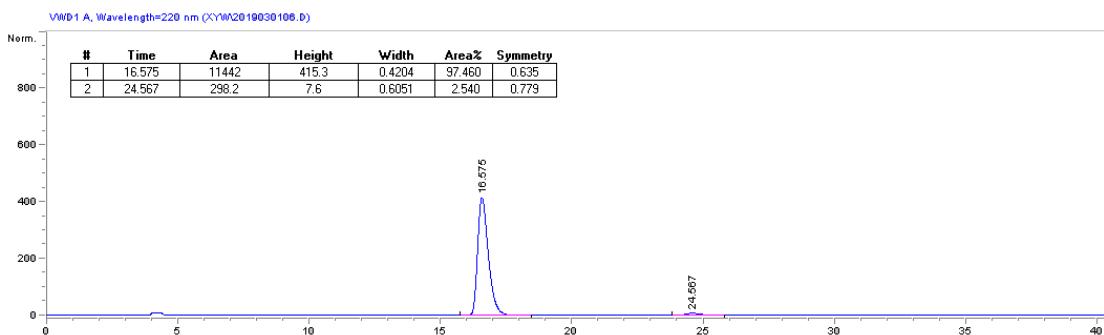
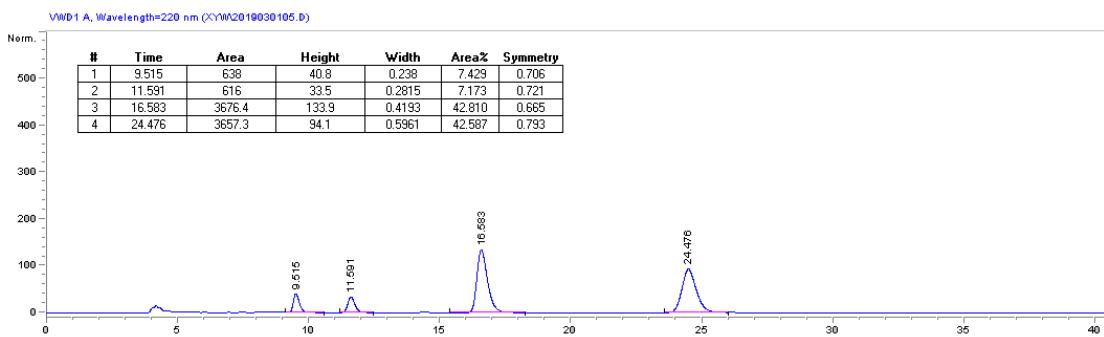


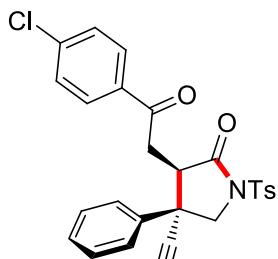


**3ag**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Yellow oil, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 90.4 mg, yield: 95%, dr = 12:1. 95% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 16.6 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 24.6 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -31.5 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 194.2, 171.8, 165.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 255.2 Hz), 145.6, 137.9, 134.5, 132.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 130.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.4 Hz), 129.8, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 126.1, 115.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.9 Hz), 83.8, 74.4, 57.9, 50.4, 42.9, 34.6, 21.6. HRMS calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 476.1326, found: 476.1316.

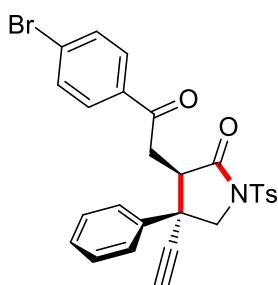
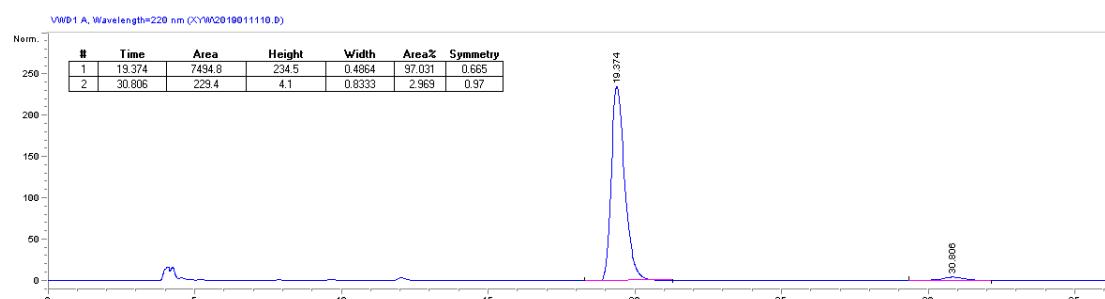
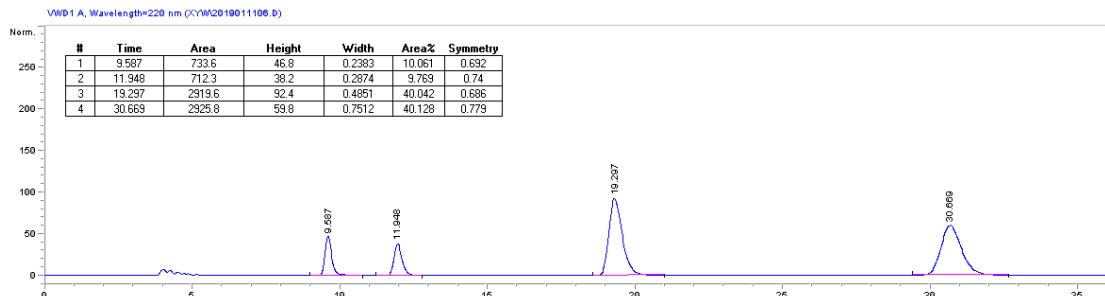




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**(3*R*,4*S*)-3-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-ethynyl-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

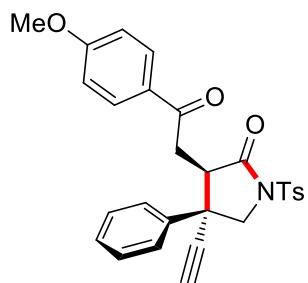
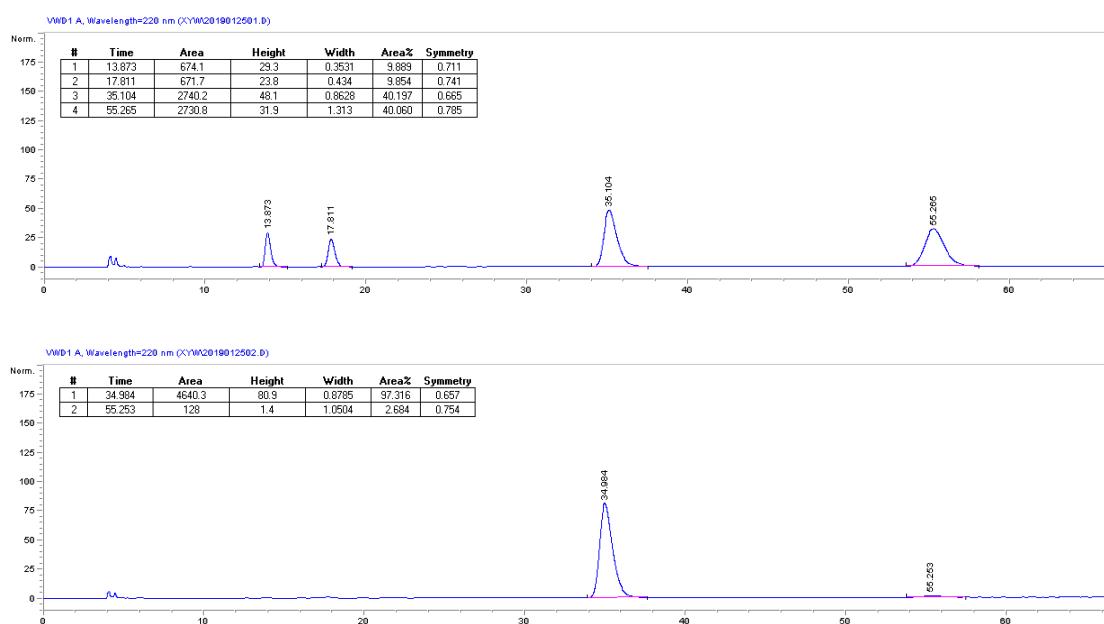
Yellow solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 93.6 mg, yield: 95%, dr = 13:1. 94% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 19.4 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 30.8 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -32.4 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 194.6, 171.7, 145.6, 139.6, 137.9, 134.5, 134.4, 129.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 126.1, 83.8, 74.4, 57.9, 50.4, 42.9, 34.7, 21.6. HRMS calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 492.1031, found: 492.1024.



**3ai**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-3-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-ethynyl-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Red solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 8:1, 98.1 mg, yield: 92%, dr = 10:1. 95% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 35.0 min, *t<sub>R</sub>* (minor) = 55.3 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -35.7$  (*c* = 1.0,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.8, 171.7, 145.6, 137.9, 134.8, 134.5, 131.7, 129.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.1, 83.8, 74.4, 57.9, 50.4, 42.9, 34.7, 21.6. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_4\text{S}$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 536.0526, found: 536.0519.

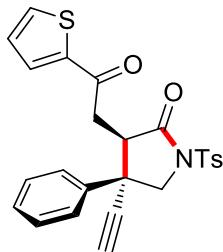
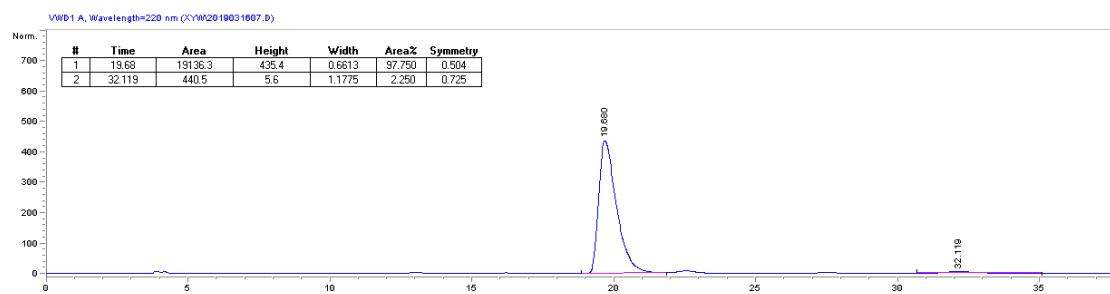
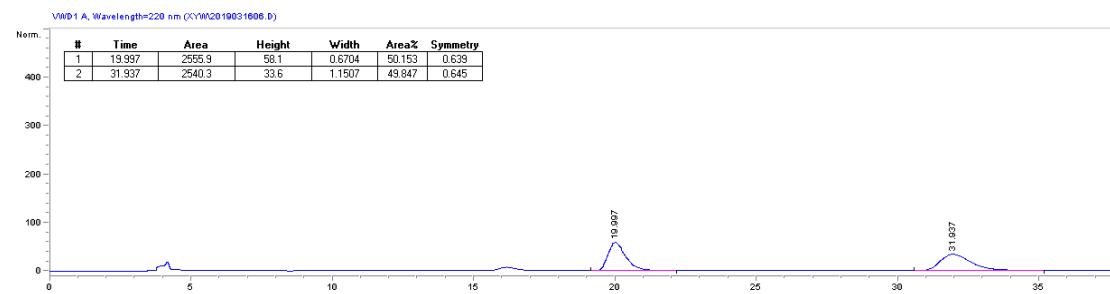


**3aj**

**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Red solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 5:1, 88.5 mg, yield: 91%, dr = 13:1. 95.5% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 19.7 min, *t<sub>R</sub>* (minor) = 32.1 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -20.6$  (*c* = 0.5,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.1, 172.0, 163.5, 145.5, 138.0, 134.5, 130.2, 129.7, 129.1,

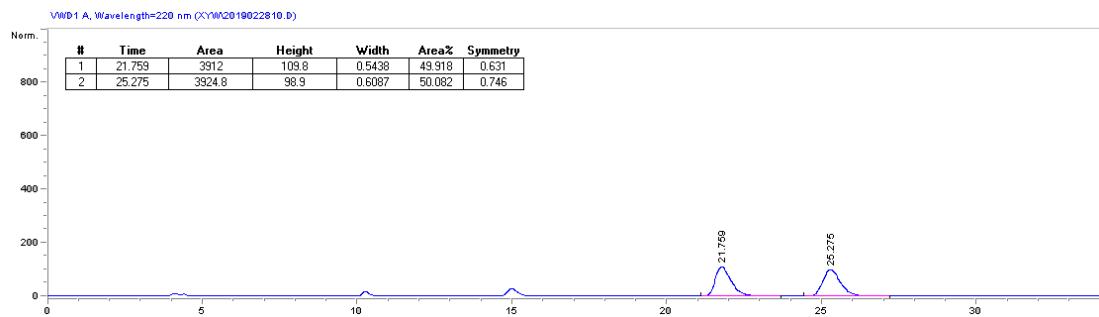
128.9, 128.1, 126.2, 113.5, 83.9, 74.3, 57.9, 55.3, 50.4, 43.0, 34.3, 21.6. HRMS calc. for  $C_{28}H_{25}NO_5S$   $[M+H]^+$ : 488.1526, found: 488.1516.

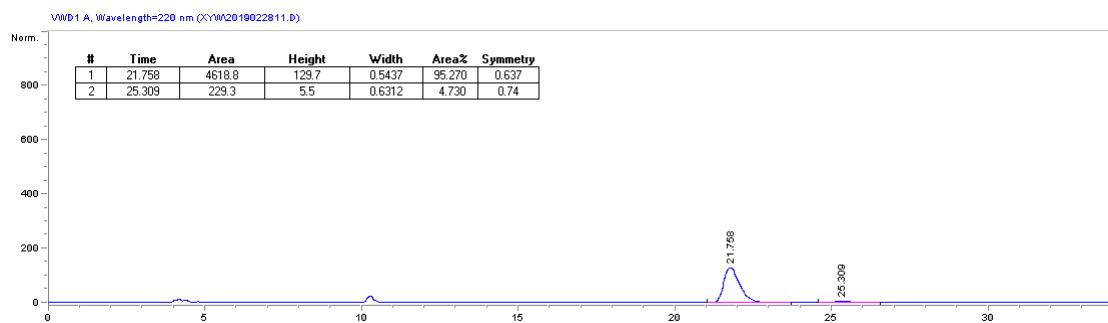


**3ak**

**(3R,4S)-4-Ethynyl-3-(2-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

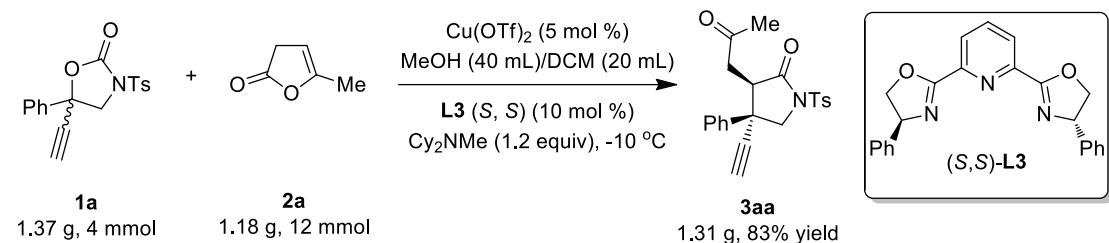
Red solid, purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA 10:1, 76.6 mg, yield: 83%, dr = 13:1. 90.5% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 75/25, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C):  $t_R$  (major) = 21.8 min,  $t_R$  (minor) = 25.3 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -33.2$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd,  $J = 4.9, 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.01 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d,  $J = 10.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.07 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd,  $J = 17.5, 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  188.5, 171.6, 145.6, 143.1, 137.8, 134.5, 134.0, 132.1, 129.8, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.1, 83.7, 74.5, 57.8, 50.5, 42.8, 35.2, 21.6. HRMS calc. for  $C_{25}H_{21}NO_4S_2$   $[M+H]^+$ : 464.0985, found: 464.0976.



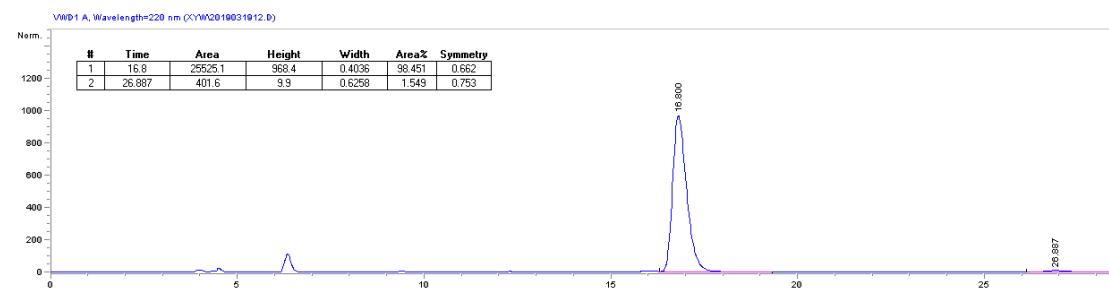


## VI. Gram-Scale Preparation and Transformations

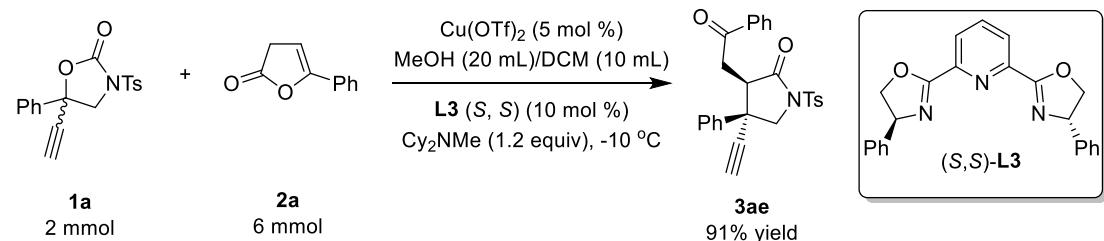
### (a) Gram-Scale Preparation of **3aa**



$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$  (72.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and **L3** (*S, S*) (47.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) were stirred at 60 °C in 20 mL of anhydrous methanol under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to -10 °C and a solution of enthynyl oxazolidinones (**1a**, 1.37 g, 4 mmol) and  $\gamma$ -substituted butenolides (**2a**, 1.18 g, 12 mmol) and  $\text{Cy}_2\text{NMe}$  (0.94 g, 4.8 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous DCM and MeOH (1:1, 40 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 72 h, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated in vaccum. The concentrate was then purified by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 10:1 to 5:1) to afford the pyrrolidinone (**3aa**), yield: 83%, *dr* = 13:1. 97% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 16.8 min, *t<sub>R</sub>* (minor) = 26.9 min.

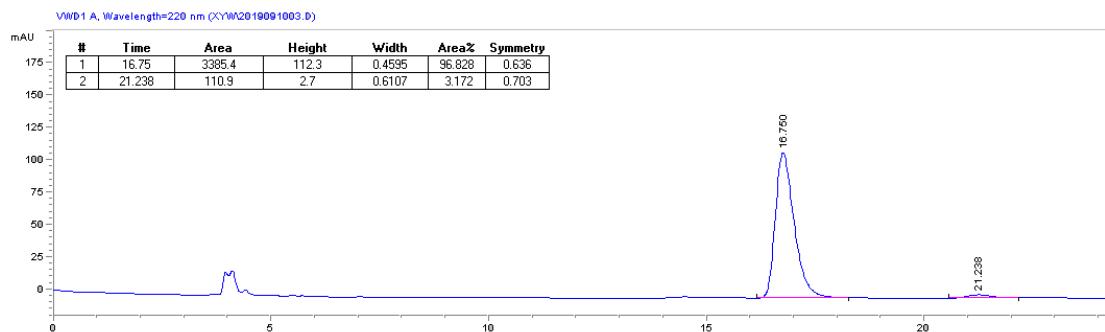


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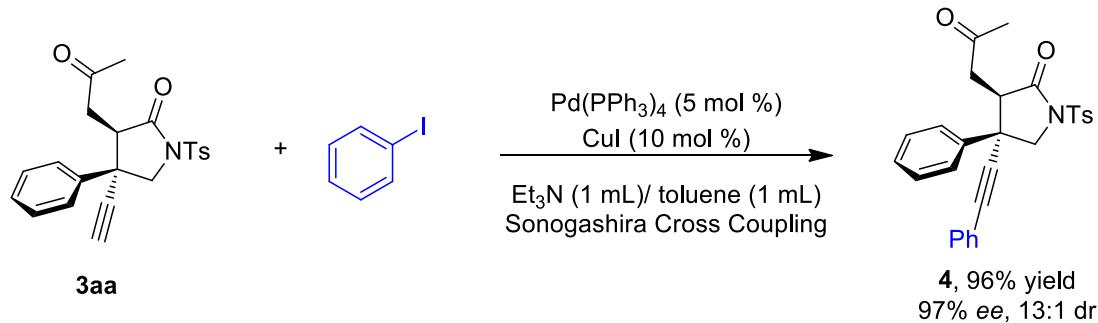


$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$  (36.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **L3** (*S, S*) (74.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) were stirred at 60 °C in 10 mL of anhydrous methanol under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to -10 °C and a

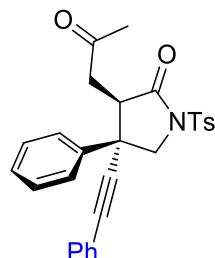
solution of ethynyl oxazolidinones (**1a**, 683 mg, 2 mmol) and  $\gamma$ -substituted butenolides (**2a**, 961 mg, 6 mmol) and Cy<sub>2</sub>NMe (469 mg, 2.4 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous DCM and MeOH (1:1, 20 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated in vacum. The concentrate was then purified by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 10:1 to 5:1) to afford the pyrrolidinone (**3ae**), yield: 91%, dr = 13:1. 94% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 16.8 min, *t<sub>R</sub>* (minor) = 21.2 min.



(c) Sonogashira Coupling Reaction



**3aa** (79.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), iodobenzene (49.0 mg, 0.24 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (23.1 mg, 0.02 mmol), CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.0 mL) and toluene (1.0 mL) were added to a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> condition for overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to get the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the pure product **4**, yield: 96%.

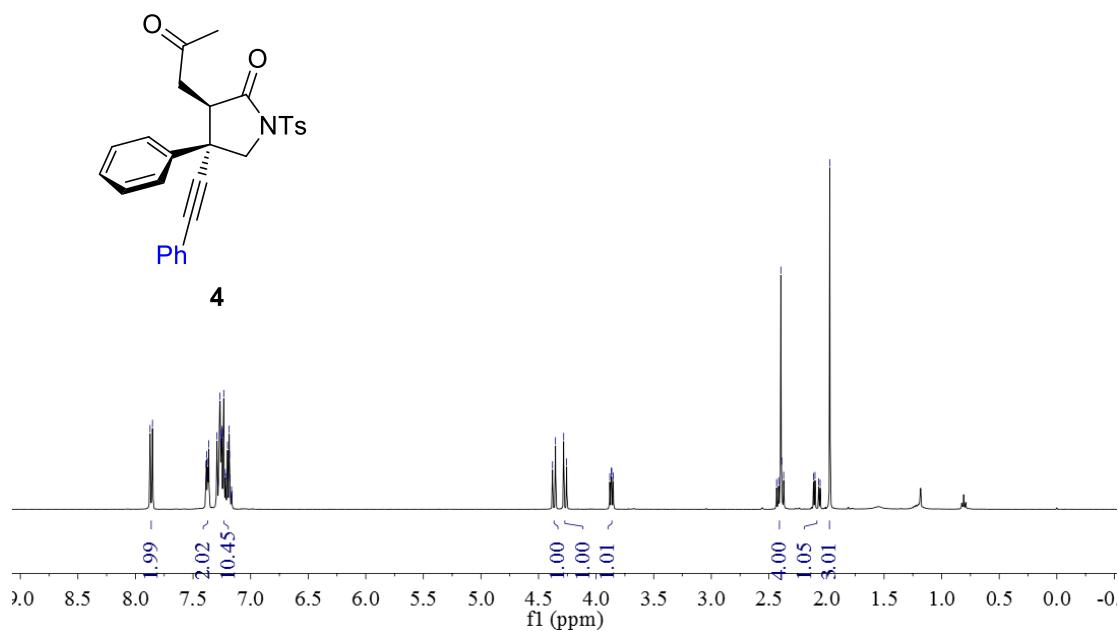
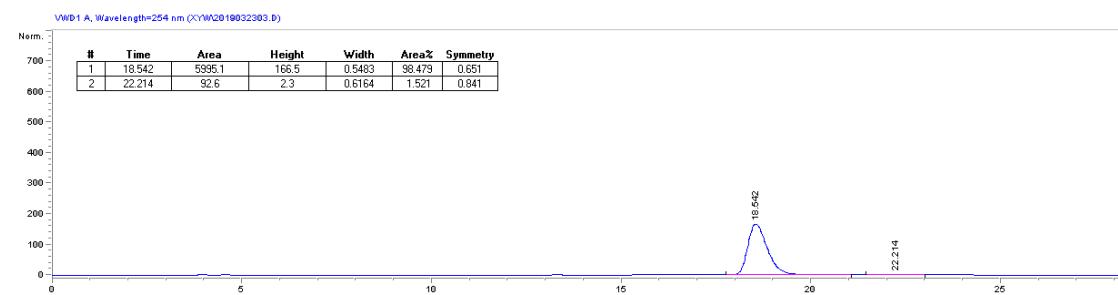
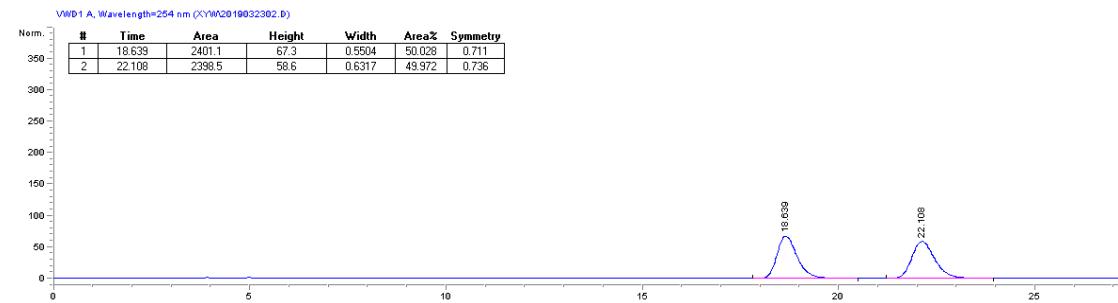


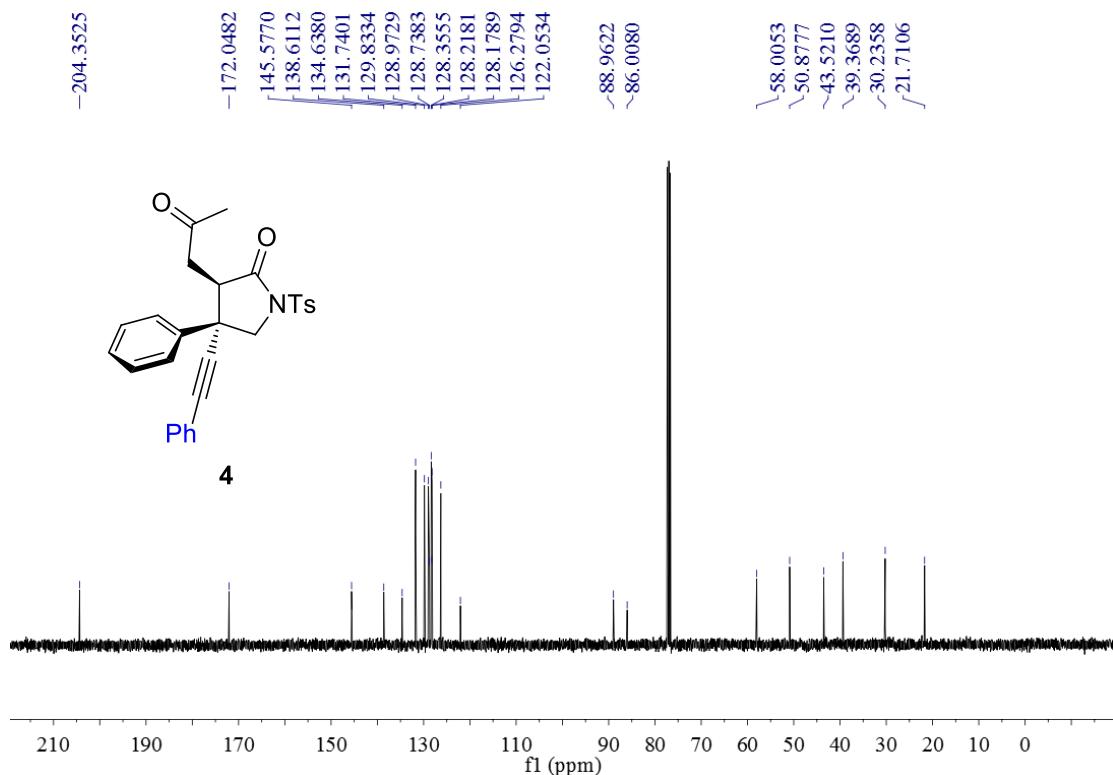
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**(3*R*,4*R*)-3-(2-Oxopropyl)-4-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

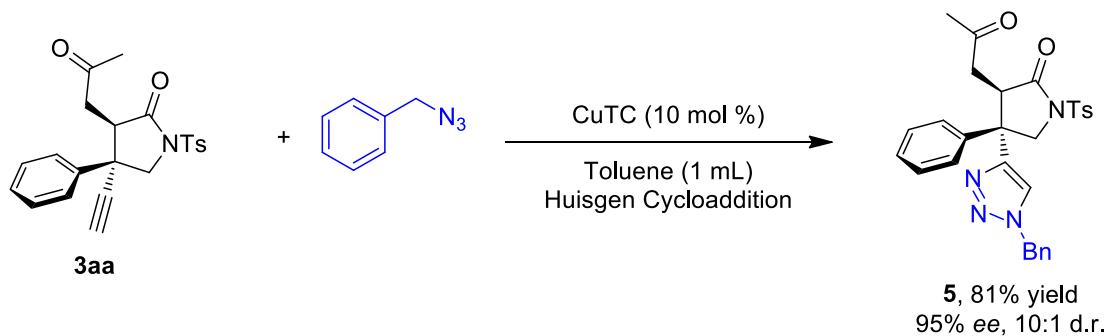
Colorless oil, 90.4 mg, yield: 96%, dr = 13:1. 97% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 18.5 min, *t<sub>R</sub>* (minor) = 22.2 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = 14.4 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m,

2H), 7.29 – 7.16 (m, 10H), 4.37 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd,  $J$  = 6.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.08 (dd,  $J$  = 17.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  204.4, 172.1, 145.6, 138.6, 134.6, 131.7, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.22, 128.18, 126.3, 122.1, 89.0, 86.0, 58.0, 50.9, 43.5, 39.4, 30.2, 21.7. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 472.1577, found: 472.1568.

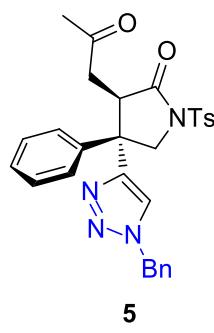




(d) Copper-Catalyzed Huisgen Cycloaddition Reaction

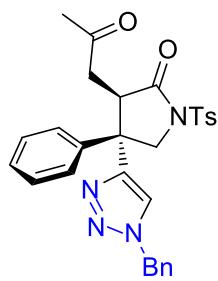
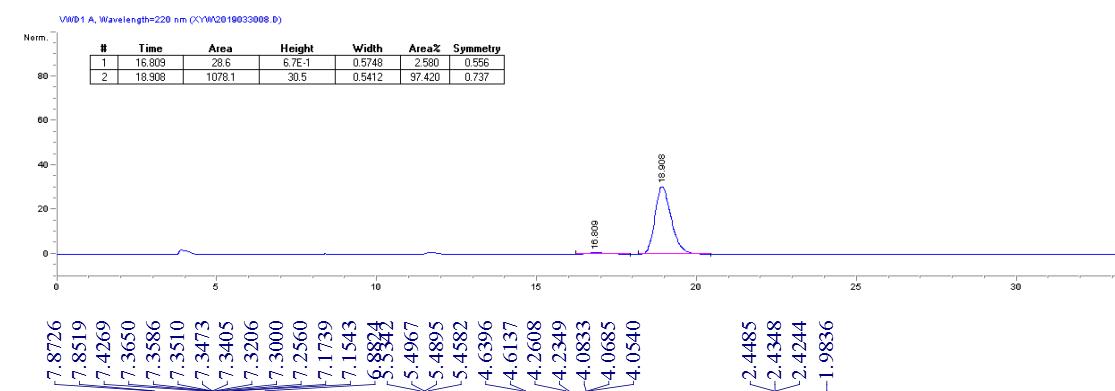
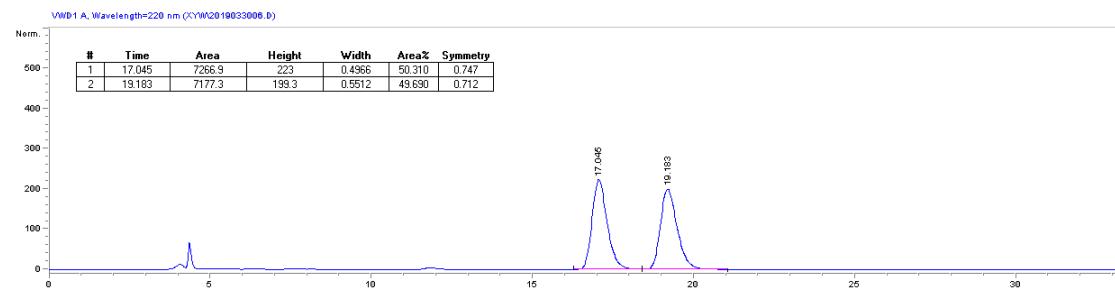


**3aa** (79.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), azides (49.0 mg, 0.24 mmol), CuTC (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol) and toluene (1 mL) were added to a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> condition for 2h. The reaction was quenched by saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution, extracted with DCM, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the pure product **5**, yield: 81%.

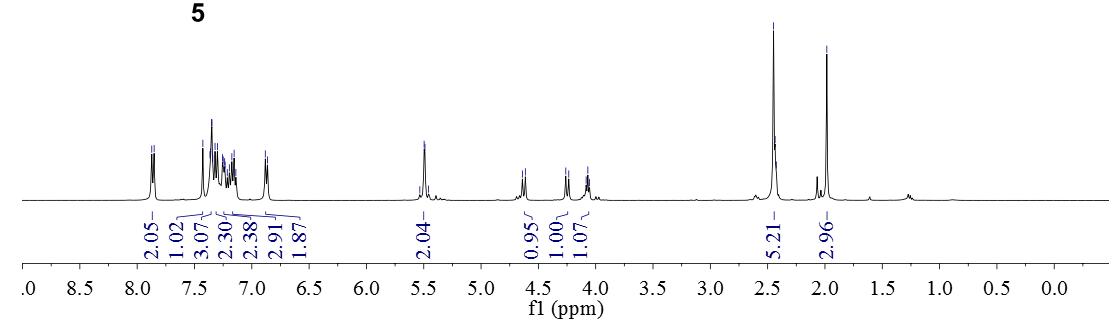


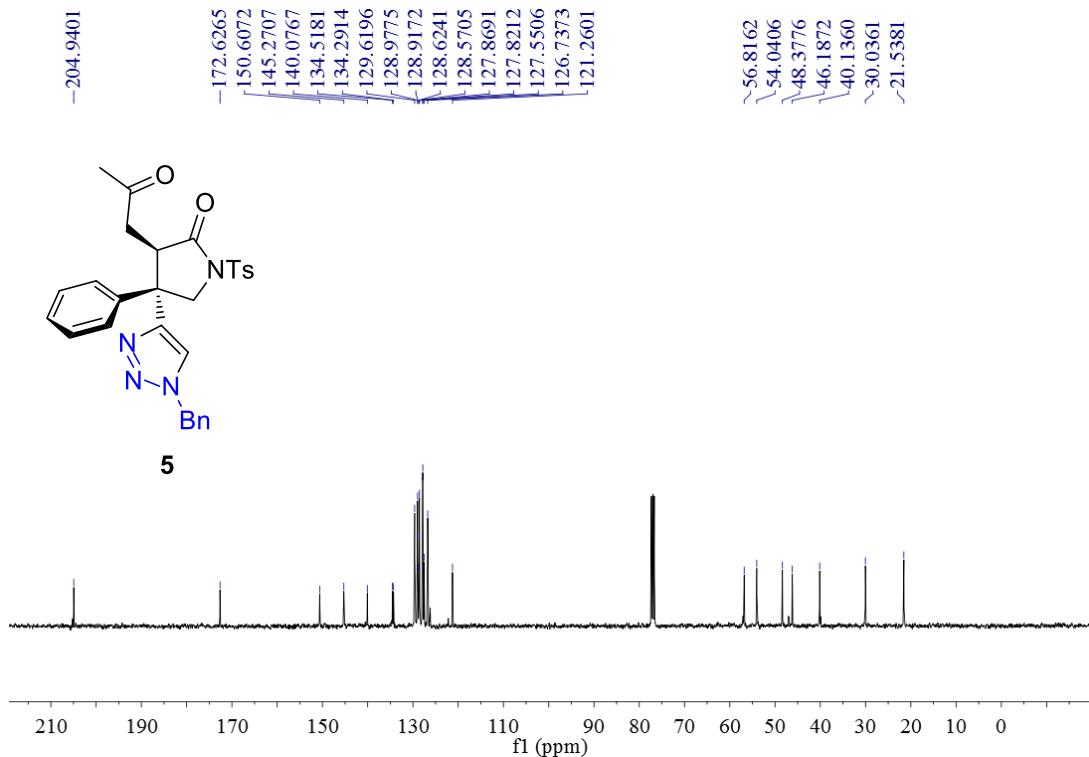
**(3*R*,4*S*)-4-(1-Benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)-3-(2-oxopropyl)-4-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

Colorless oil, 85.8 mg, yield: 81%, dr = 10:1. 95% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60/40, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 16.8 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 18.9 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = 24.7 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.53 – 5.46 (m, 2H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 – 2.42 (m, 5H), 1.98 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 204.9, 172.6, 150.6, 145.3, 140.1, 134.5, 134.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.7, 121.3, 56.8, 54.0, 48.4, 46.2, 40.1, 30.0, 21.5. HRMS calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 529.1904, found: 529.1892.

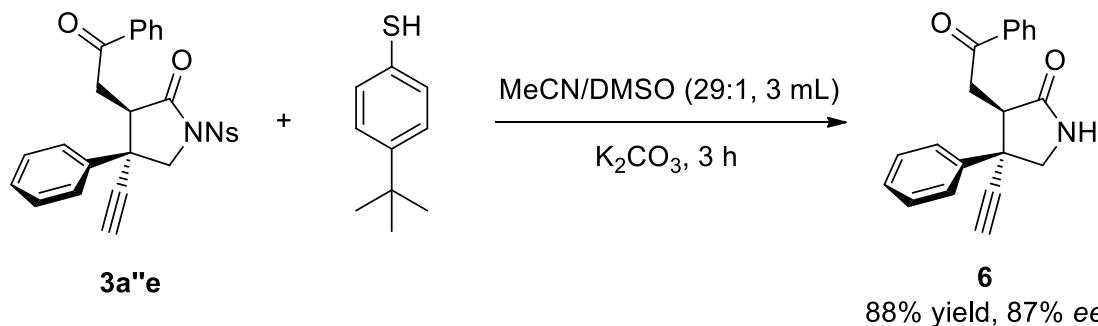


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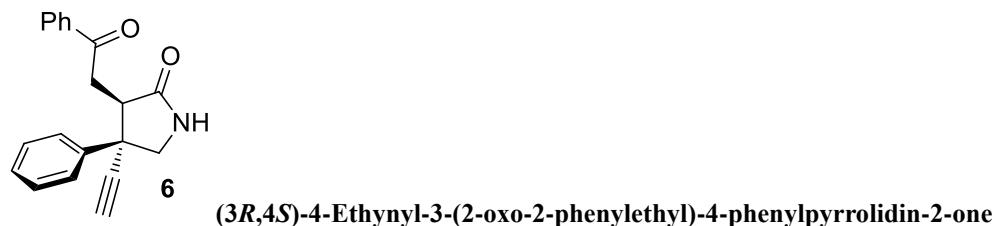




(e) Removal of protecting group

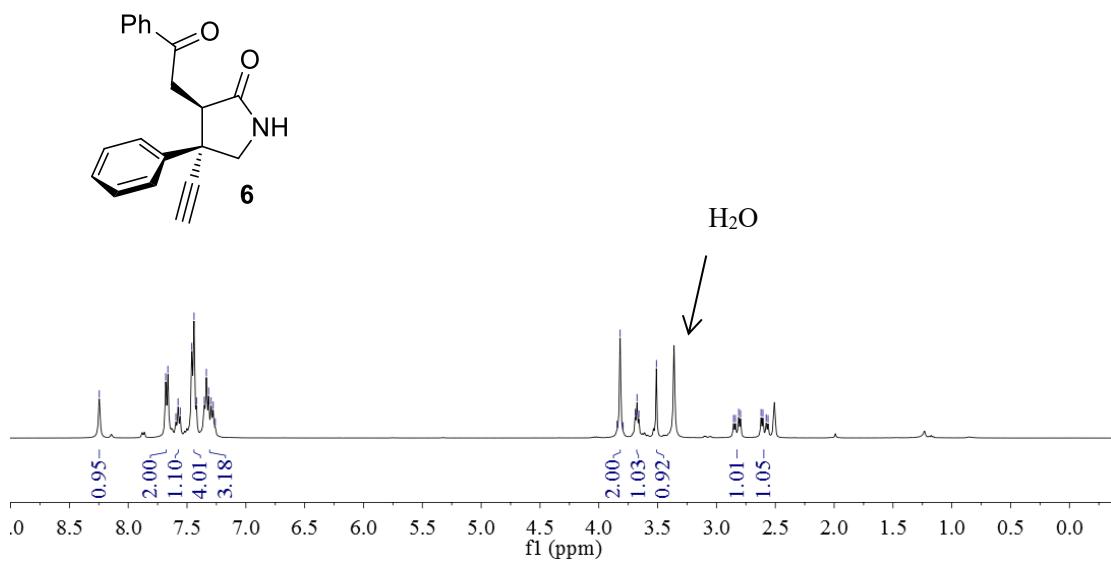
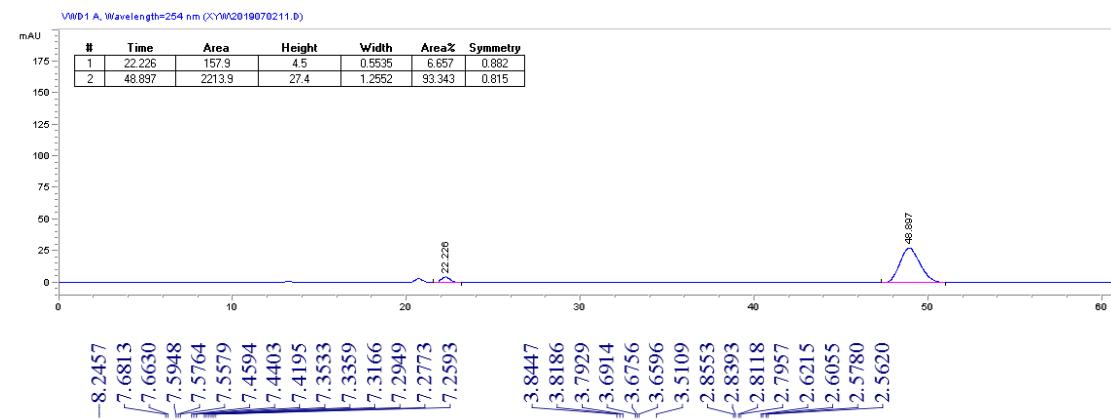
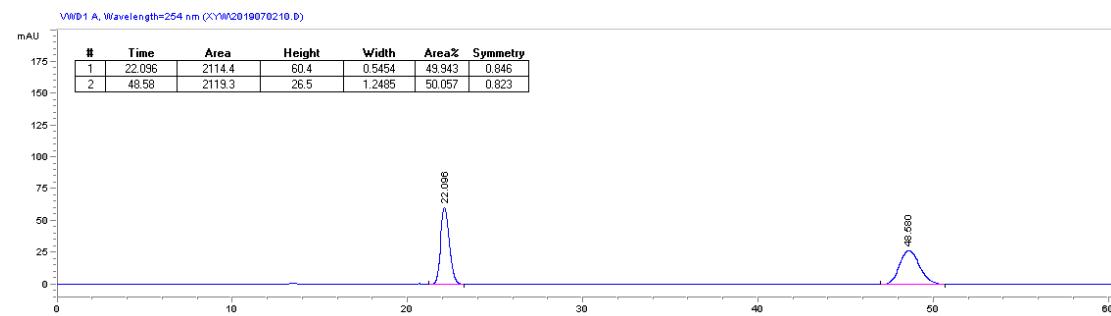


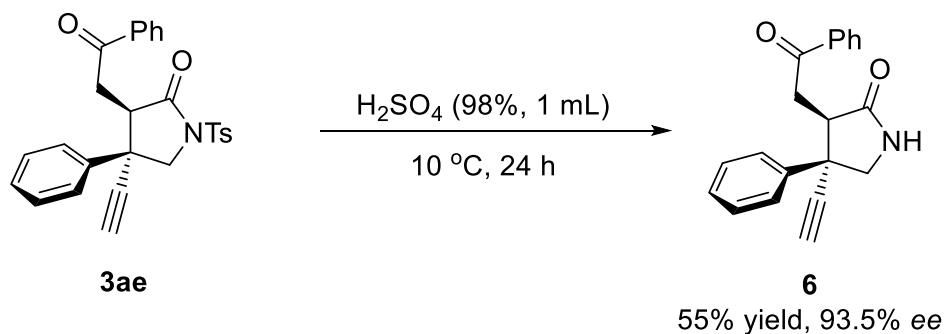
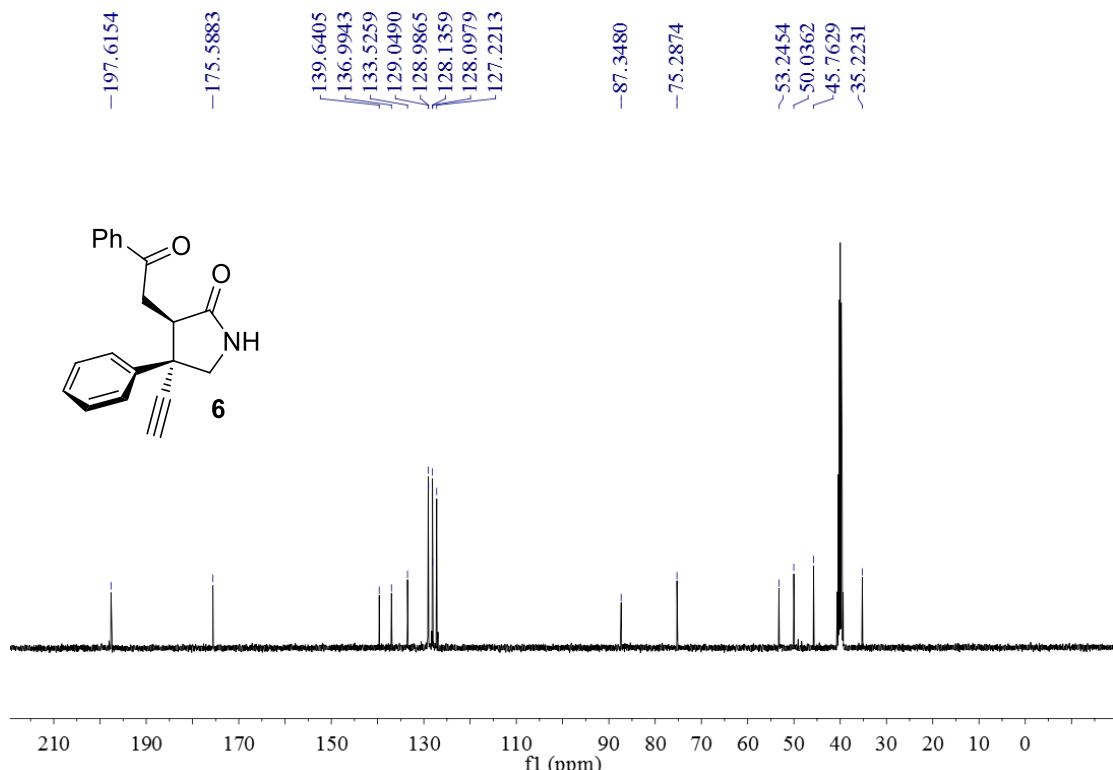
**3a''e** (48.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), 4-(*tert*-butyl)benzenethiol (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.3 mg, 0.4 mmol) and MeCN/DMSO (29:1, 3 mL) were added to a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred under air condition for 3 h. The reaction was quenched by saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution, extracted with EtOAc, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the pure product **6**, yield: 88%.



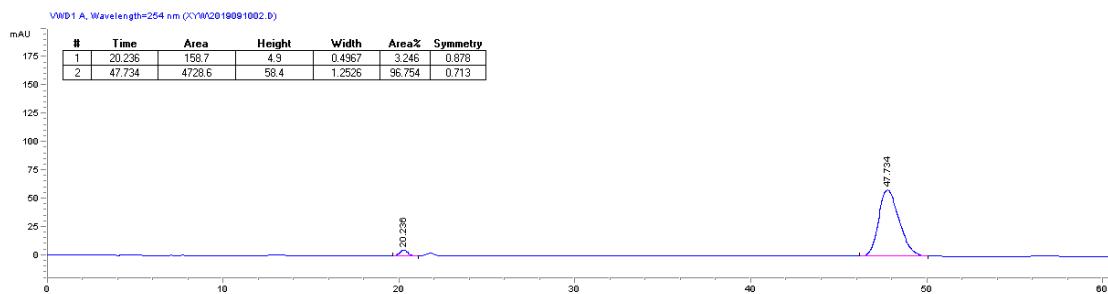
White solid, 26.7 mg, yield: 88%, dr = 12:1. 87% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60/40, 0.8 ml/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): *t*<sub>R</sub> (minor) = 22.2 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> (major) = 48.9 min. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -18.3 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) δ 8.25 (brs, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 3.84 – 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 1H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(101 MHz,  $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$  197.6, 175.6, 139.6, 137.0, 133.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.2, 87.4, 75.3, 53.3, 50.0, 45.8, 35.2. HRMS calc. for  $C_{20}H_{19}N_2O$  [M+H] $^+$ : 304.1332, found: 304.1330.



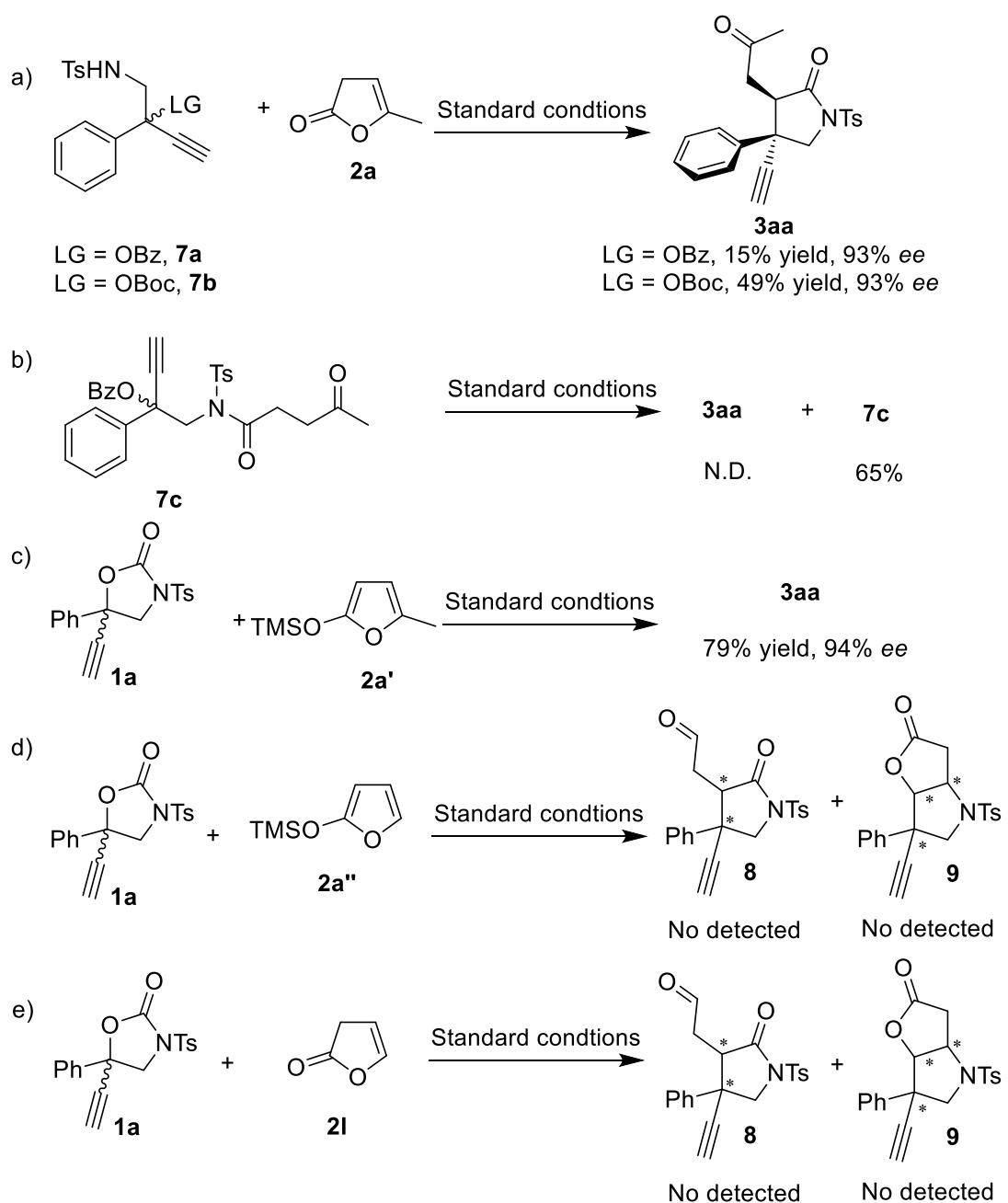


**3ae** (45.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (1 mL) were added to a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 10 °C for 24 h. Then the solution was added dropwise into  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  with stirring, and ice–water was added to the solution. The aqueous layer was made alkaline by addition of  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$  and was then extracted with EA. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the pure product **6**, yield: 55%, dr = 13:1. 93.5% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak IC-H *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 60/40, 0.8 ml/min, 254 nm, 40 °C):  $t_R$  (minor) = 20.2 min,  $t_R$  (major) = 47.7 min.

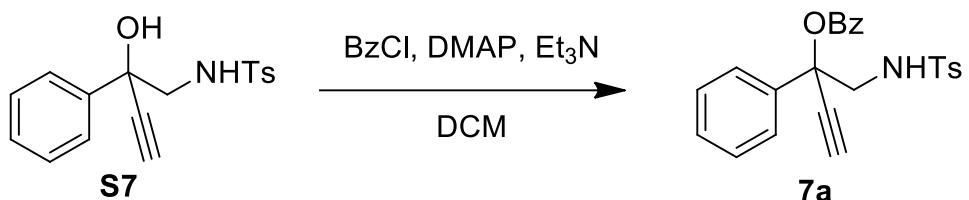


## VII. Mechanistic Studies

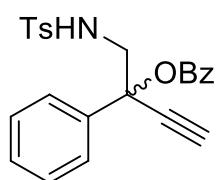
We have conducted preliminary mechanistic studies by performing some control experiments. First, linear propargylic esters **7a** and **7b** were prepared and submitted to the coupling with **1a** under standard conditions, giving the desirable cycloadducts. Although both the yield and enantioselectivity not so satisfactory, the result suggested that the reaction should proceed through the decarboxylative ring-opening of **1a** to form the copper allenylidene complex zwitterionic pairs B, following by the attack of **2a**. The treatment of **7c** under standard conditions was not afforded target product **3aa**, suggesting that the ammonolysis should be intramolecular. Siloxyfuran (**2a'**) was also a suitable participant, although a decreased yield of **3aa** was achieved. Surprisingly, the expected pyrrolidinone (**8**) was not observed under the standard conditions using **2a''** or **2l** as the coupling reagent, and Michael adduct (**9**) was also not observed.



(a) Synthesis of Linear Propargylic Esters<sup>3</sup>



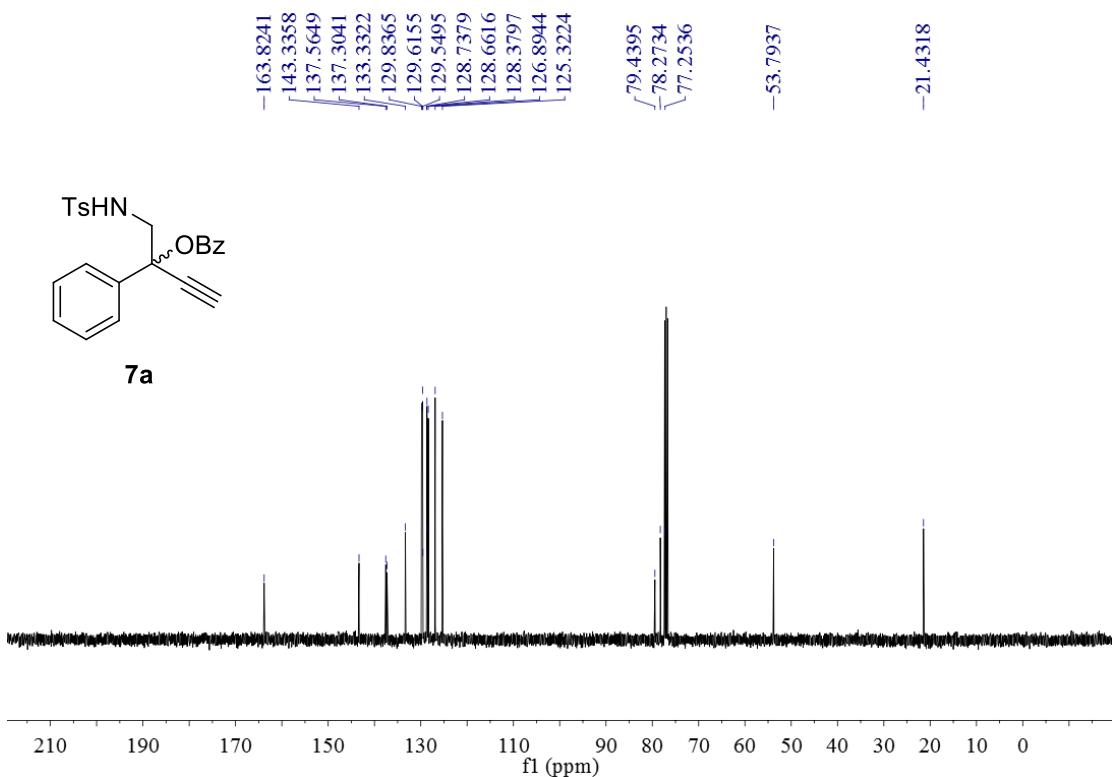
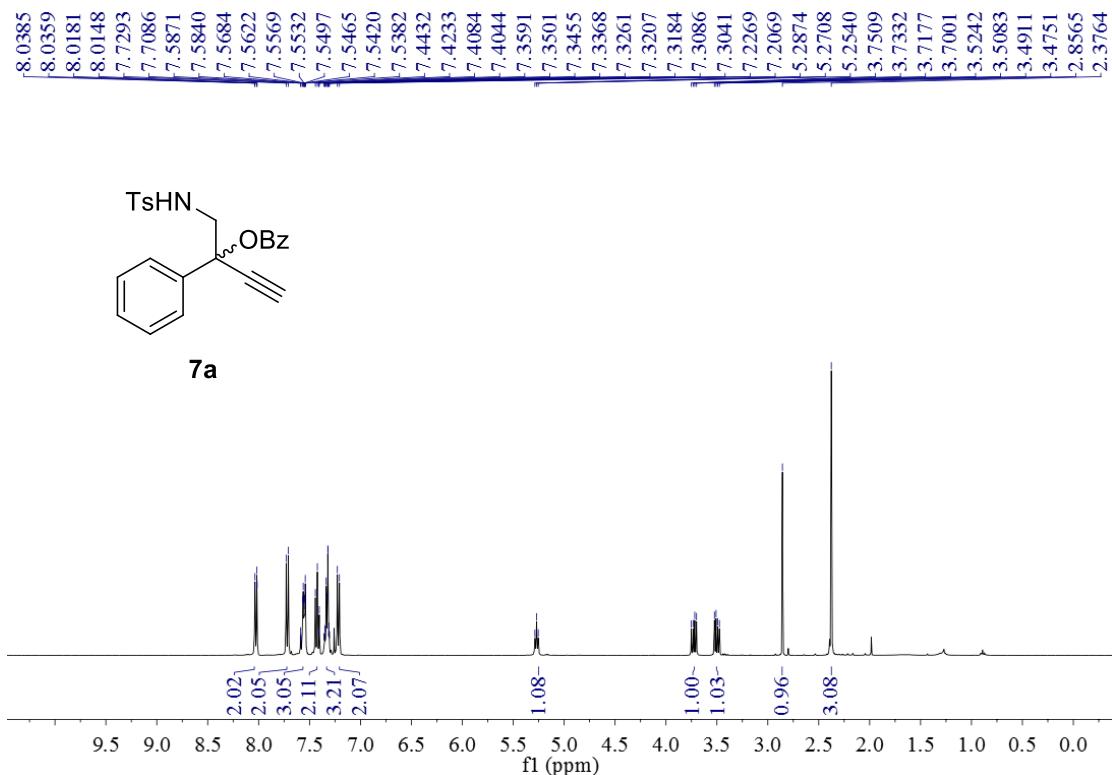
To a solution of amino alcohol **S7** (631 mg, 2 mmol) and DMAP (24.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) at 0 °C was added BzCl (351 mg, 2.5 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (304 mg, 3 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 hours. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE:EtOAc = 7:1) to give the desired product **7a**.

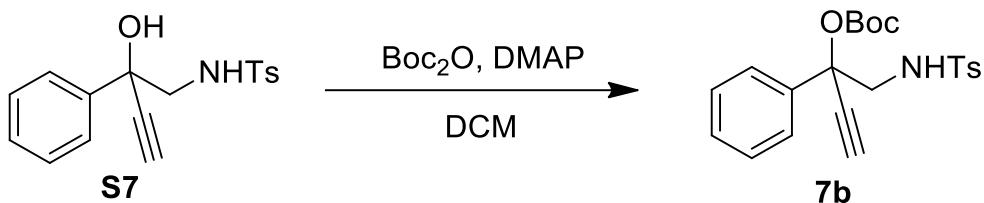


**7a**

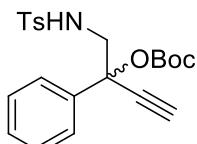
**1-(4-Methylphenylsulfonamido)-2-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl benzoate**

White solid, 210 mg, yield: 25%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.27 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.8, 143.3, 137.6, 137.3, 133.3, 129.8, 129.6, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 126.9, 125.3, 79.4, 78.3, 77.3, 53.8, 21.4. HRMS calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 418.1119, found: 418.1114.





To a solution of amino alcohol **S7** (631 mg, 2 mmol) and DMAP (24.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL) at 0 °C was added  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$  (873 mg, 4 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 hours. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE:EtOAc = 7:1) to give the desired product **7b**.



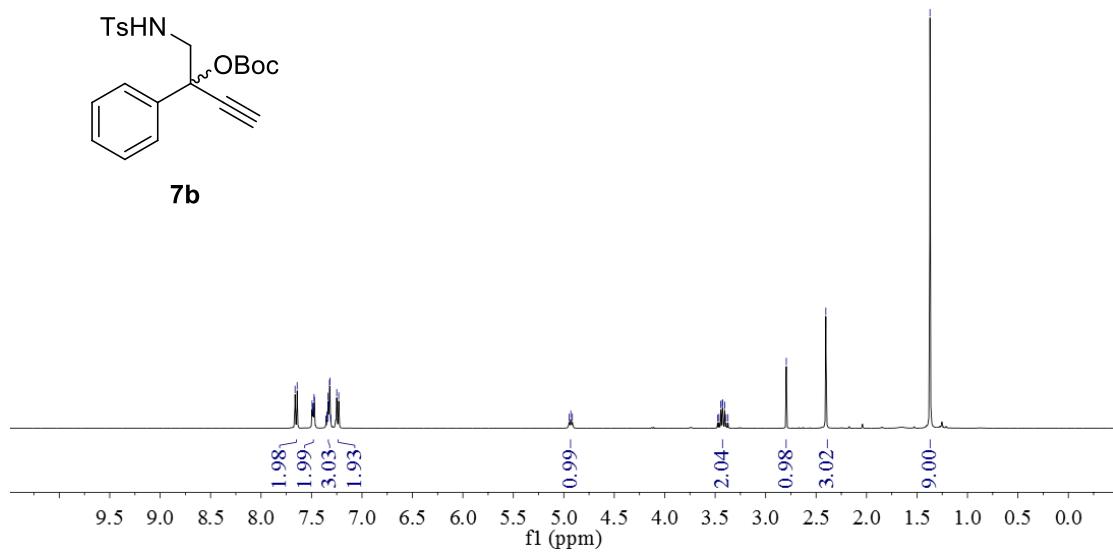
**7b**

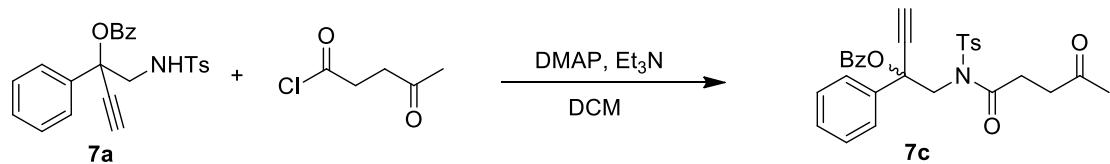
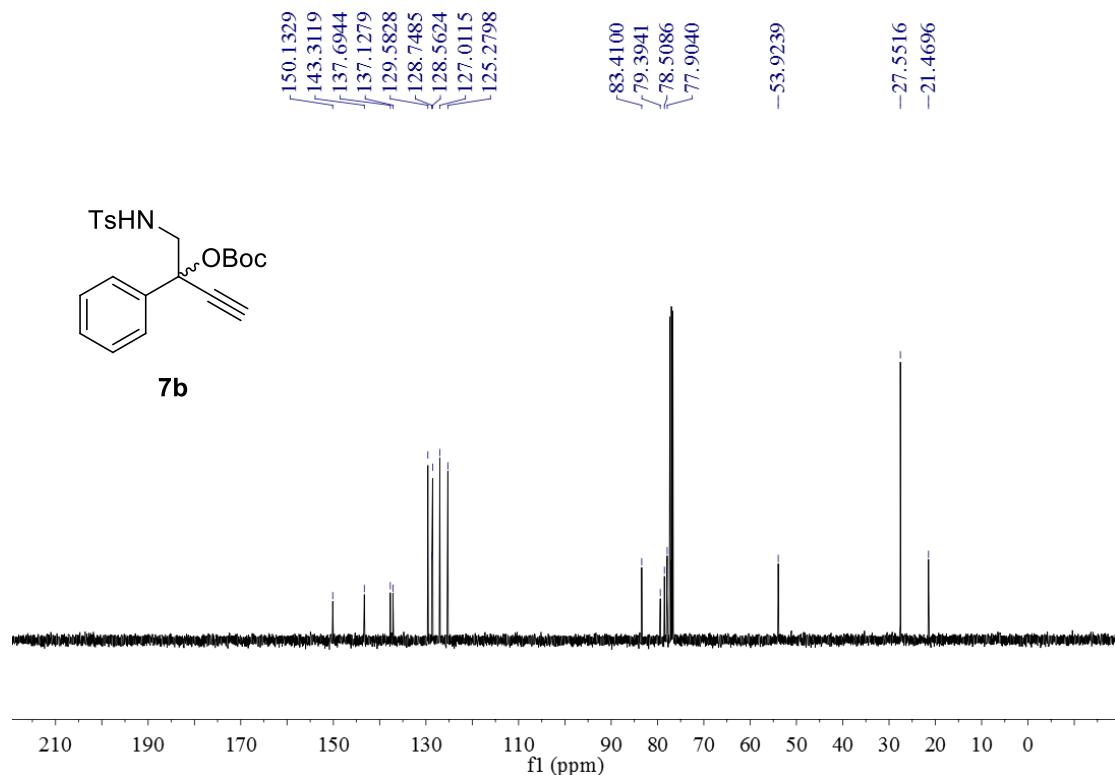
**tert-Butyl (1-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)-2-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl) carbonate**

White solid, 125 mg, yield: 15%.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.93 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.48 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 2.80 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.1, 143.3, 137.7, 137.1, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 127.0, 125.3, 83.4, 79.4, 78.5, 77.9, 53.9, 27.6, 21.5. HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 414.1381, found: 414.1375.



**7b**

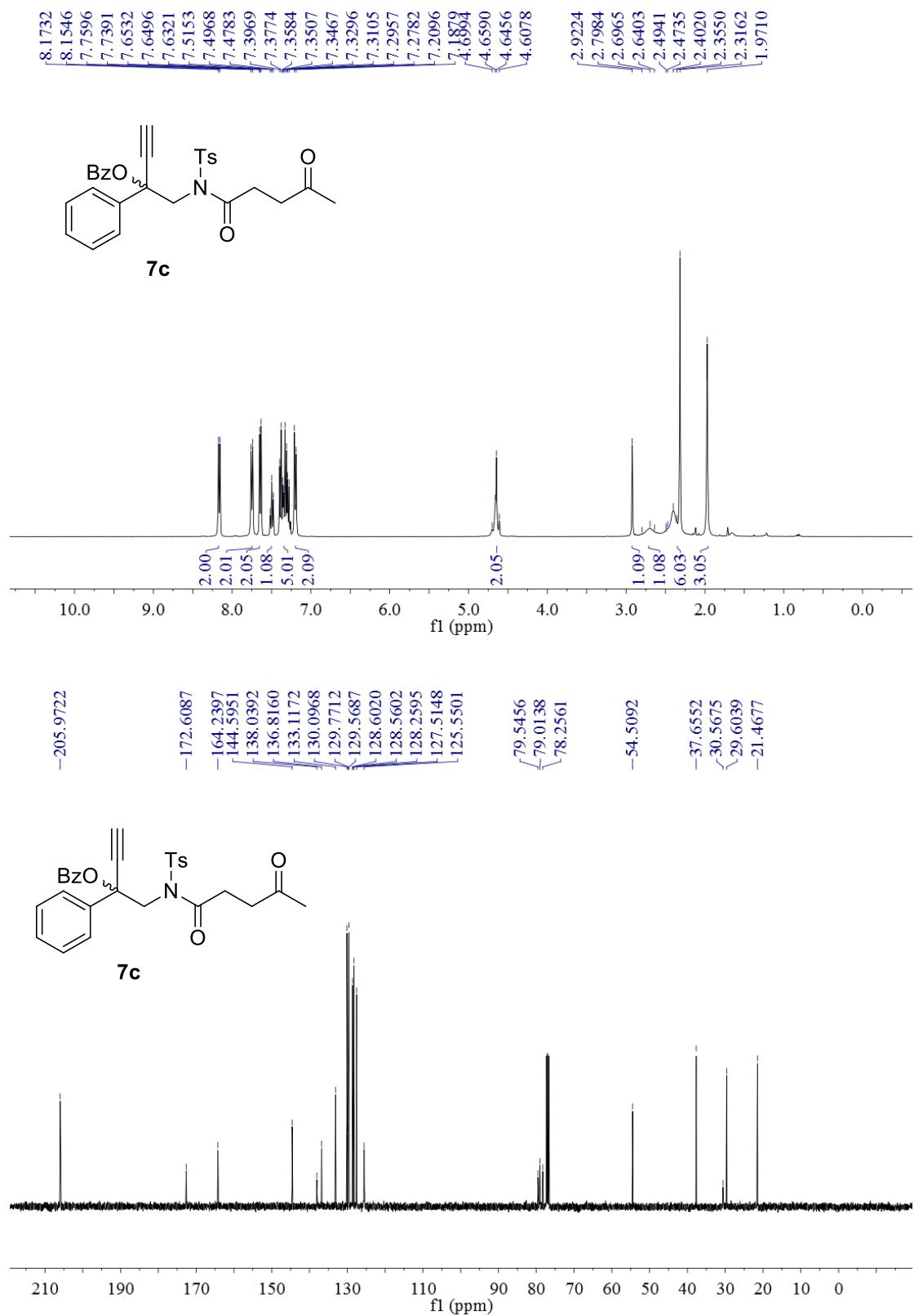




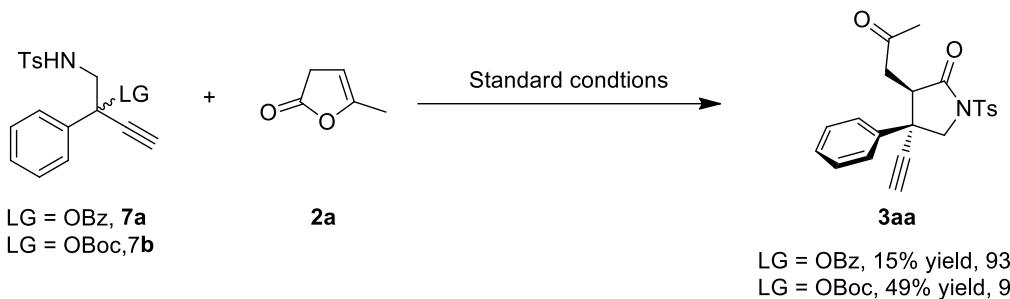
To a solution of propargylic ester **7a** (210 mg, 0.5 mmol) and DMAP (6.1 mg, 0.05 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at 0 °C was added 4-oxopentanoyl chloride (87.5 mg, 0.65 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (75.9 mg, 0.75 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 hours. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the desired product **7c**.



Colorless oil, 176 mg, yield: 68%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.70 – 4.61 (m, 2H), 2.92 (s, 1H), 2.80 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.49 – 2.32 (m, 6H), 1.97 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 206.0, 172.6, 164.2, 144.6, 138.0, 136.8, 133.1, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 128.6, 128.3, 127.5, 125.6, 79.6, 79.0, 78.3, 54.5, 37.7, 30.6, 29.6, 21.5. HRMS calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 535.1897, found: 535.1889.

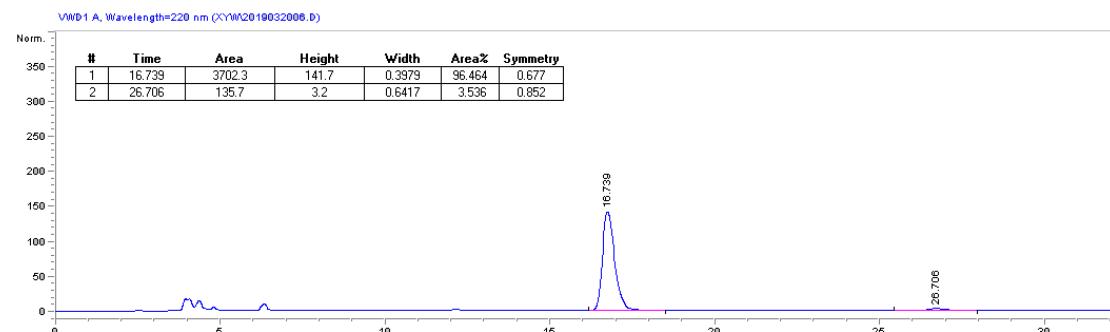


(b) Transformation of Linear Propargylic Esters

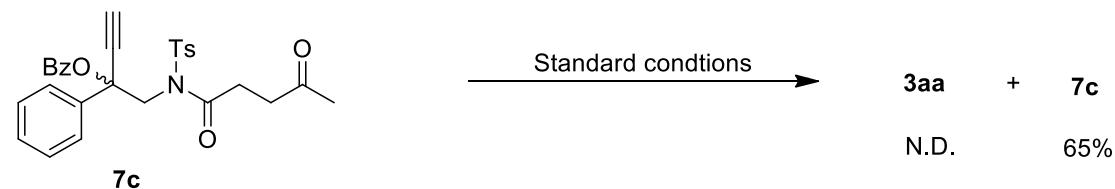
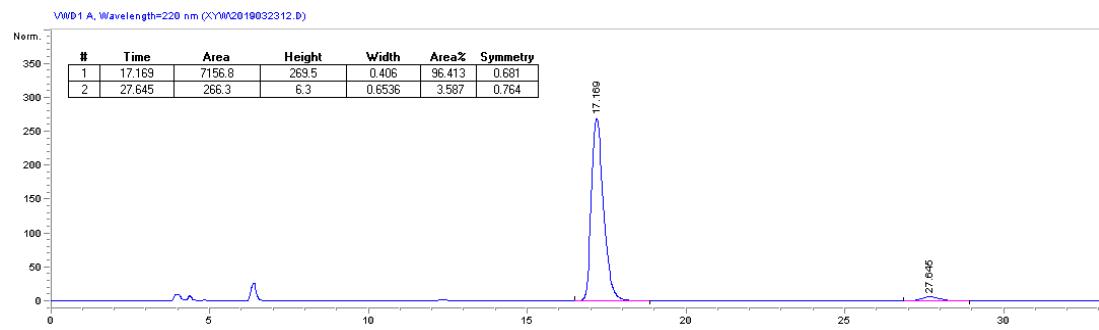


**Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub>** (3.6 mg, 0.010 mmol) and **L3** (*S, S*) (7.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) were stirred at 60 °C in 1 mL of anhydrous methanol under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to -10 °C and a solution of **7a** or **7b** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (58.9 mg, 0.6 mmol) and Cy<sub>2</sub>NMe (46.9 mg, 0.24 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous DCM and MeOH (1:1, 2 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated in vaccum. The concentrate was then purified by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 10:1 to 5:1) to afford the pyrrolidinone (**3aa**).

When LG = OBz, 11.9 mg, 15% yield of **3aa**. 93% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 16.7 min, *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 26.7 min.

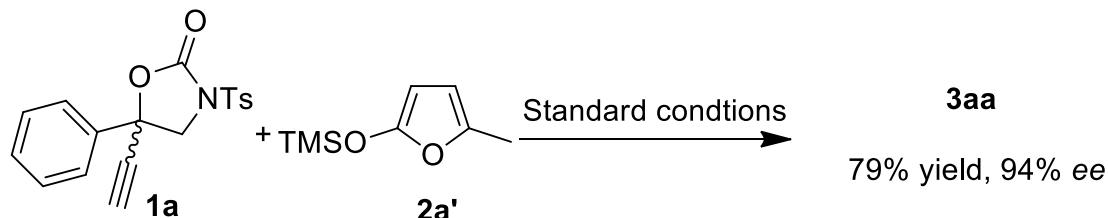


When LG = OBoc, 38.8 mg, 49% yield of **3aa**. 93% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C): *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 17.2 min, *t<sub>R</sub>* (major) = 27.6 min.



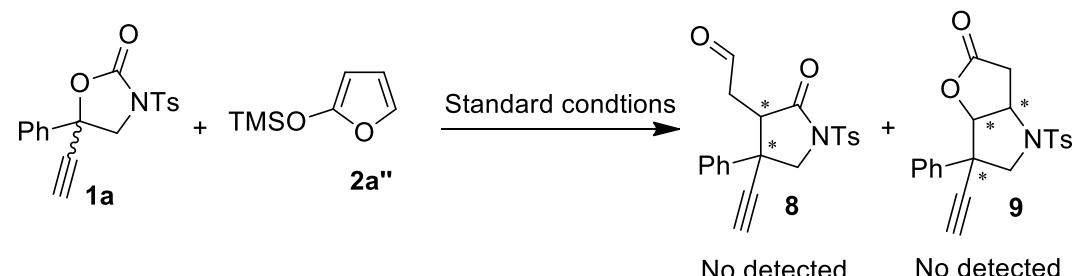
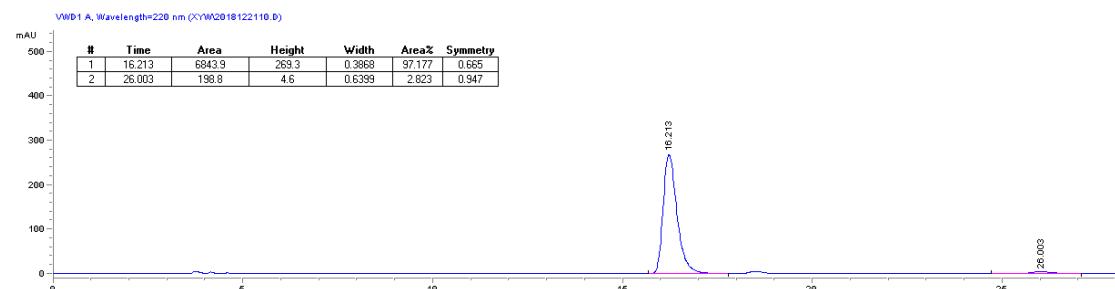
$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$  (3.6 mg, 0.010 mmol) and **L3** (*S, S*) (7.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) were stirred at 60 °C in 1 mL of anhydrous methanol under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to -10 °C and a solution of **7c** (103.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) and  $\text{Cy}_2\text{NMe}$  (46.9 mg, 0.24 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous DCM and MeOH (1:1, 2 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated in vaccum. The concentrate was then purified by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 8:1) to recover **6c**.

(c) Siloxyfuran as the Coupling Reagent



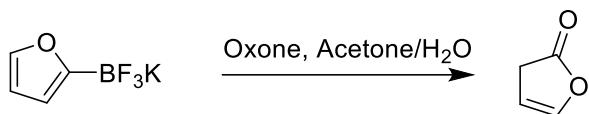
$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$  (3.6 mg, 0.010 mmol) and **L3** (*S, S*) (7.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) were stirred at 60 °C in 1 mL of anhydrous methanol under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to -10 °C and a solution of **1a** (68.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a'** (102.2 mg, 0.6 mmol) and  $\text{Cy}_2\text{NMe}$  (46.9 mg, 0.24 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous DCM and MeOH (1:1, 2 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite, and concentrated in vaccum. The concentrate was then purified by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 10:1 to 5:1) to afford the pyrrolidinone (**3aa**).

94% *ee* was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 ml/min, 220 nm, 40 °C):  $t_R$  (major) = 16.2 min,  $t_R$  (major) = 26.0 min.

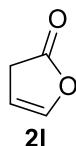


$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$  (3.6 mg, 0.010 mmol) and **L3** (*S, S*) (7.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) were stirred at 60 °C in 1 mL of anhydrous methanol under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to -10 °C and a solution of **1a** (68.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a''** (93.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) and  $\text{Cy}_2\text{NMe}$  (46.9 mg, 0.24 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous DCM and MeOH (1:1, 2 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 24 h, and a complex mixture was observed by TLC.

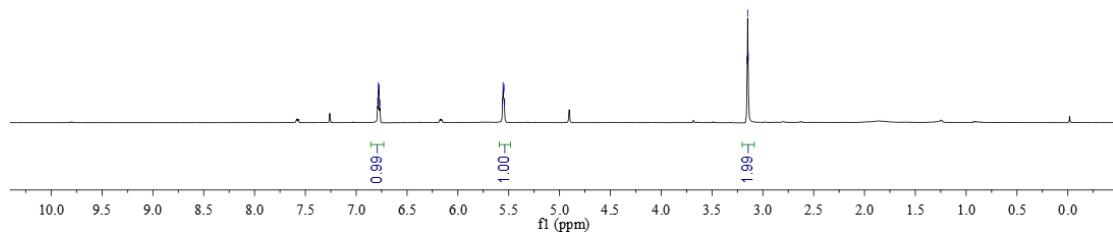
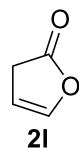
(d) Synthesis of furan-2(3H)-one<sup>4</sup>

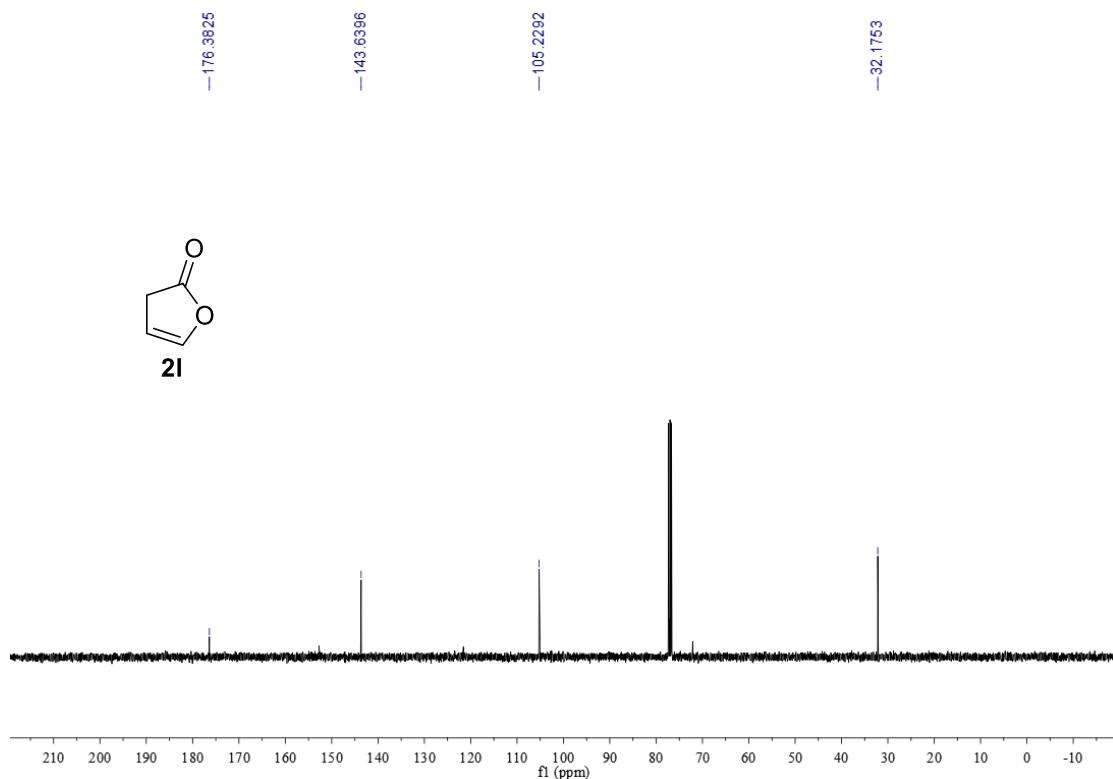


To a 50 mL round-bottom flask containing a mixture of potassium furan-2-yltrifluoroborate (174 mg, 1.0 mmol) and acetone (5 mL, 0.2 M) was added Oxone (5 mL of a 0.2 M solution in H<sub>2</sub>O, 1 equiv) in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until <sup>11</sup>B NMR indicated completion of the reaction (~2 min). To the crude mixture was added H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and aqueous HCl (0.1 M, 3 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, concentrated, and dried in vacuo. The crude extract was filtered through a small plug of silica topped with charcoal, with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent, to afford the desired pure product in 98% yield (0.1 g) as yellow oil.

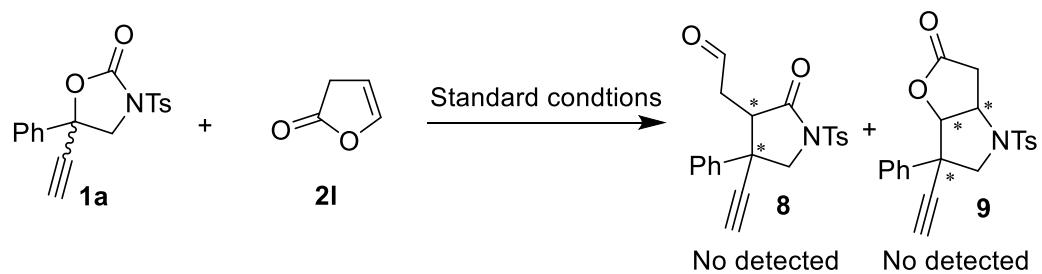


Yellow oil, 98% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.78 (dt, *J* = 3.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (dt, *J* = 3.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 176.4, 143.6, 105.2, 32.2.



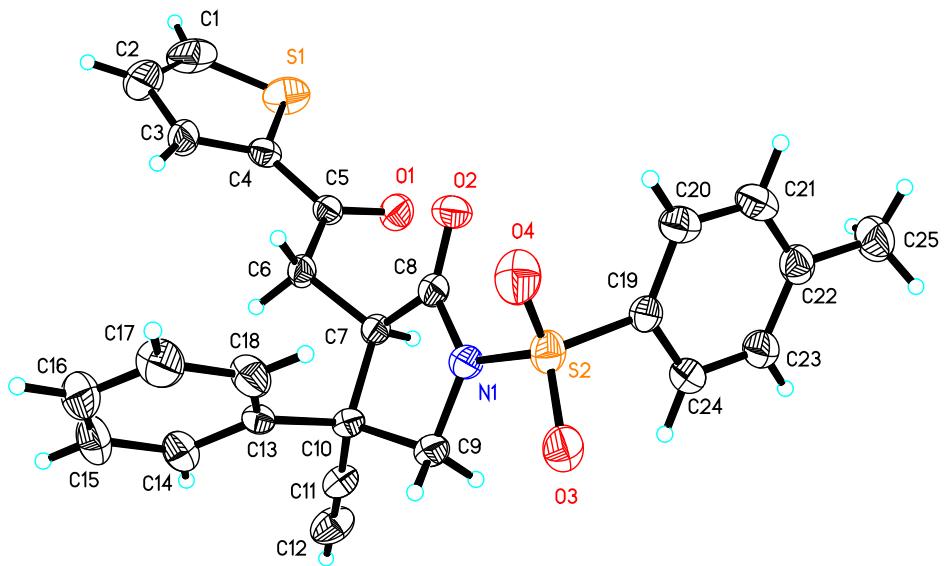


(e) Furan-2(3H)-one as the Coupling Reagent



$\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$  (3.6 mg, 0.010 mmol) and **L3** (*S, S*) (7.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) were stirred at 60 °C in 1 mL of anhydrous methanol under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to -10 °C and a solution of **1a** (68.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2l** (50.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) and  $\text{Cy}_2\text{NMe}$  (46.9 mg, 0.24 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous DCM and MeOH (1:1, 2 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 24 h, and a complex mixture was observed by TLC.

### VIII. X-ray Data for Compounds 3ak



**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for 3ak

CCDC number	1906833		
Empirical formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>		
Formula weight	463.55		
Temperature	293(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Orthorhombic		
Space group	P 21 21 21		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.3448(3) Å	α= 90°.	
	b = 13.4995(4) Å	β= 90°.	
	c = 16.1640(5) Å	γ = 90°.	
Volume	2257.30(12) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.364 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.268 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	968		
Crystal size	0.190 x 0.160 x 0.140 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	2.480 to 26.000°.		
Index ranges	-12<=h<=11, -16<=k<=13, -19<=l<=19		
Reflections collected	11335		
Independent reflections	4398 [R(int) = 0.0253]		

Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.2 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6070
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	4398 / 0 / 291
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.046
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0356, wR2 = 0.0834
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0433, wR2 = 0.0899
Absolute structure parameter	0.03(3)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.148 and -0.168 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

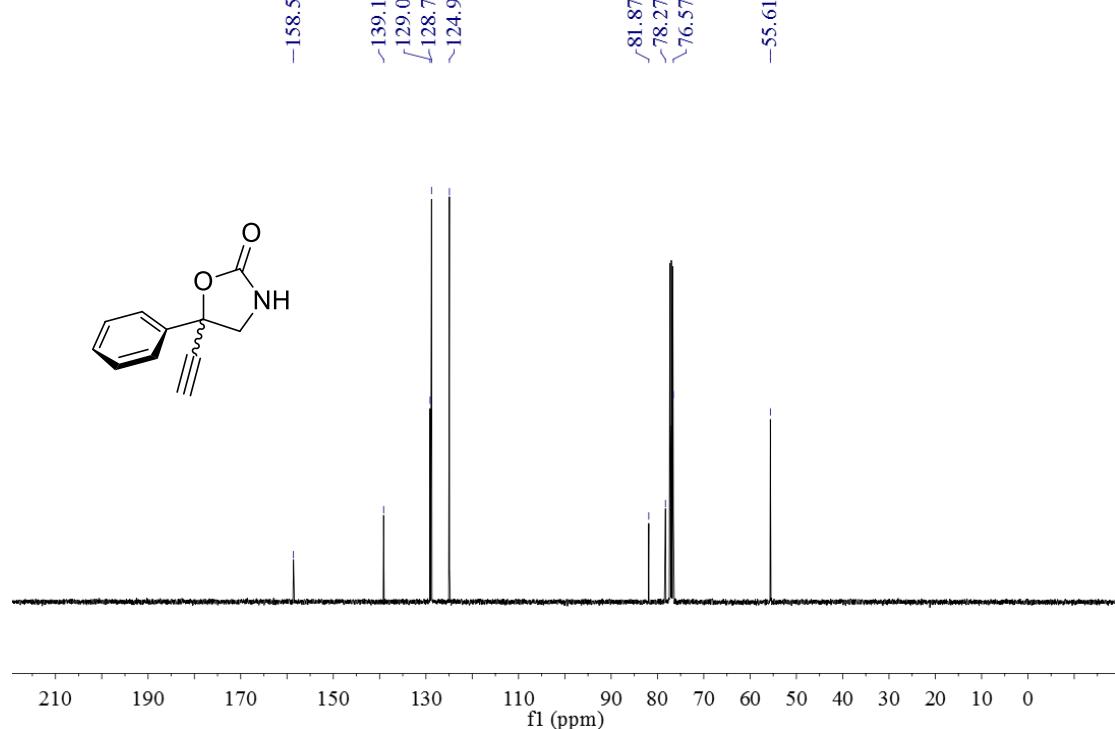
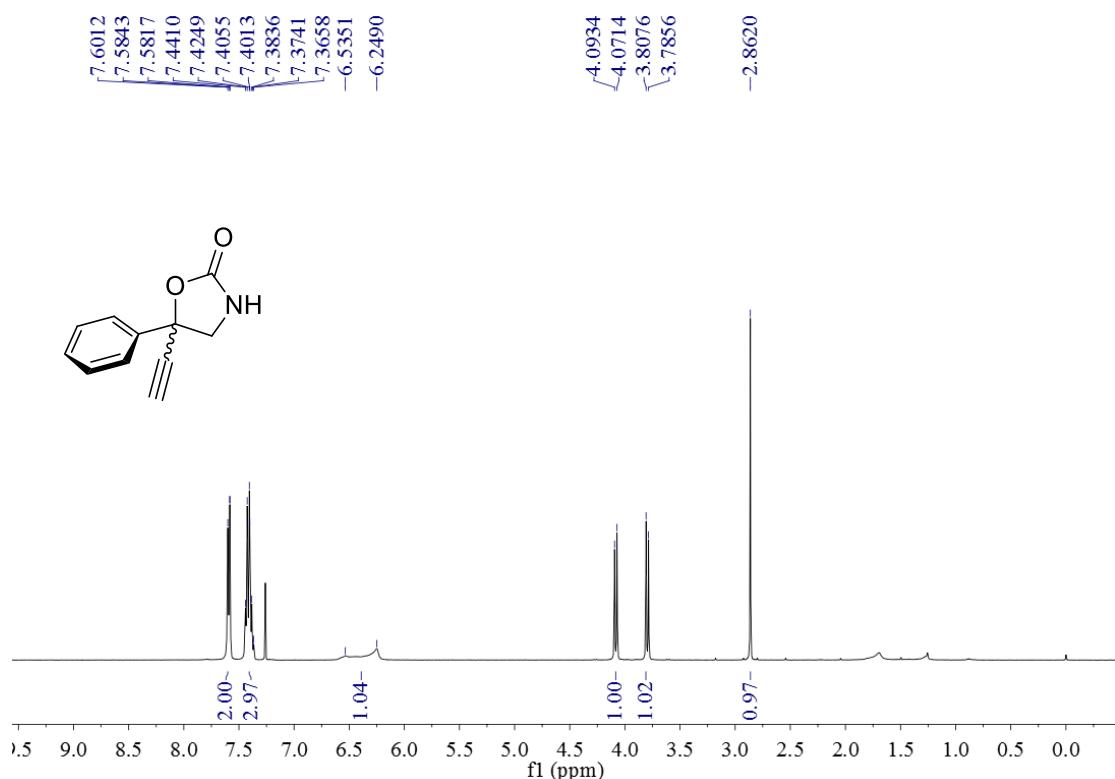
**Table S3.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **3ak**.U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U^{ij}$  tensor.

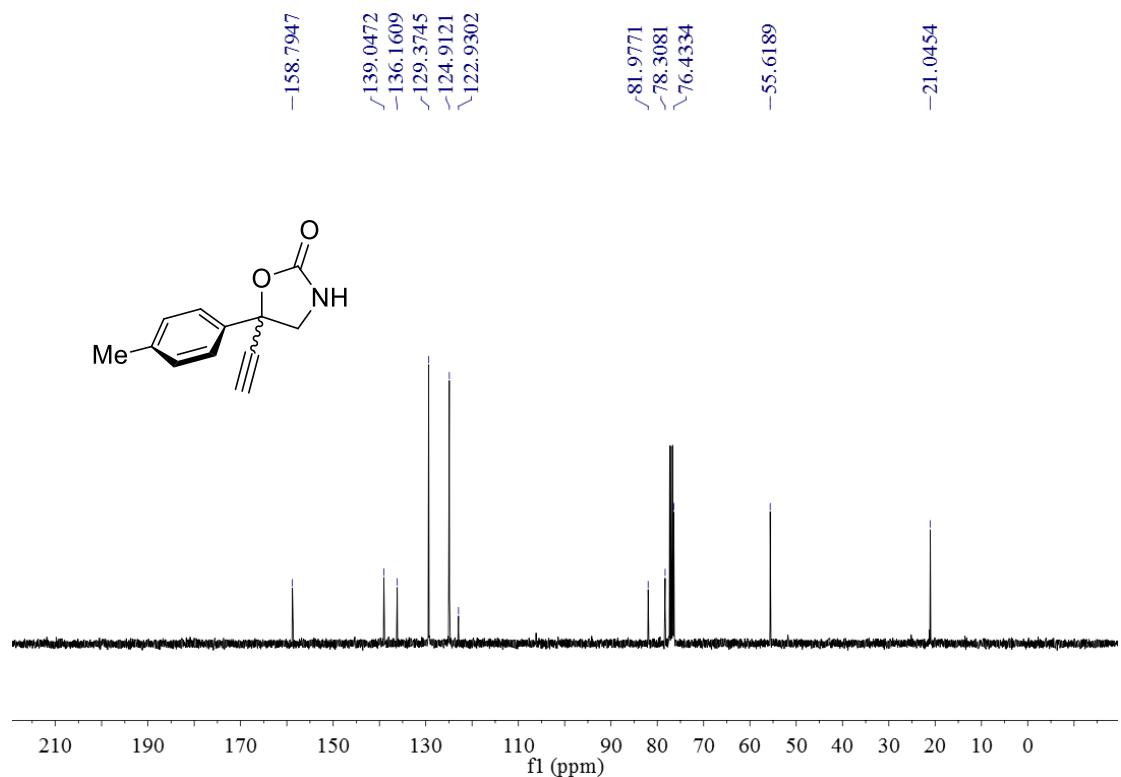
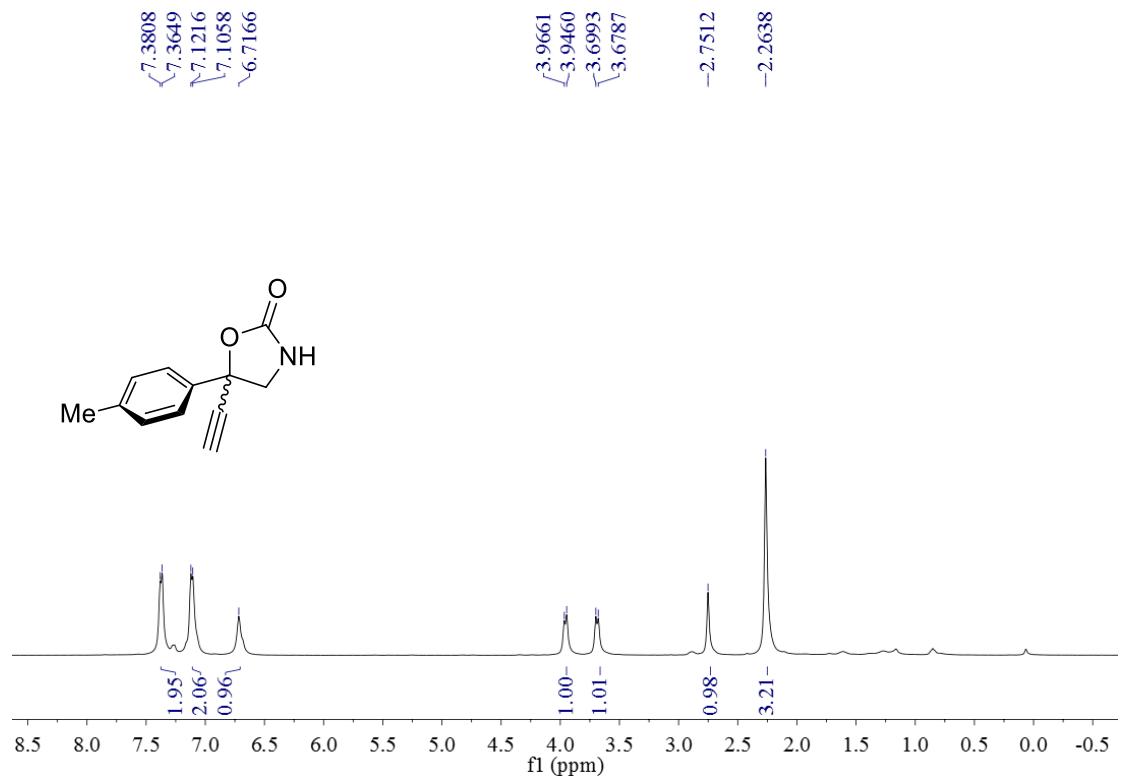
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S(2)	4066(1)	2729(1)	5909(1)	52(1)
O(1)	9340(2)	4438(2)	6364(1)	62(1)
O(2)	6274(2)	3726(2)	6827(1)	64(1)
O(3)	3259(2)	2596(2)	5204(2)	66(1)
O(4)	3519(2)	3034(2)	6676(2)	76(1)
N(1)	5135(2)	3591(2)	5614(2)	49(1)
C(1)	10929(4)	6967(3)	7810(2)	86(1)
C(2)	9821(5)	7450(3)	7690(2)	87(1)
C(3)	8918(4)	6906(2)	7215(2)	60(1)
C(4)	9396(3)	5997(2)	6987(2)	44(1)
C(5)	8808(2)	5230(2)	6479(2)	40(1)
C(6)	7534(2)	5481(2)	6075(2)	43(1)
C(7)	6934(3)	4628(2)	5593(2)	40(1)
C(8)	6116(3)	3944(2)	6116(2)	45(1)
C(9)	5179(3)	3983(2)	4769(2)	49(1)
C(10)	6032(3)	4924(2)	4860(2)	41(1)
C(11)	6786(3)	5080(2)	4103(2)	50(1)
C(12)	7402(3)	5229(3)	3502(2)	68(1)
C(13)	5242(2)	5859(2)	5080(2)	40(1)
C(14)	5533(3)	6755(2)	4716(2)	56(1)
C(15)	4939(3)	7619(3)	4973(3)	72(1)
C(16)	4036(4)	7597(3)	5578(2)	77(1)
C(17)	3695(4)	6709(3)	5932(2)	78(1)
C(18)	4296(3)	5842(3)	5681(2)	60(1)
C(19)	4995(3)	1665(2)	6064(2)	45(1)
C(20)	5201(3)	1296(2)	6846(2)	58(1)
C(21)	5882(3)	424(3)	6933(2)	62(1)
C(22)	6385(3)	-78(2)	6261(2)	56(1)
C(23)	6192(3)	326(2)	5487(2)	61(1)
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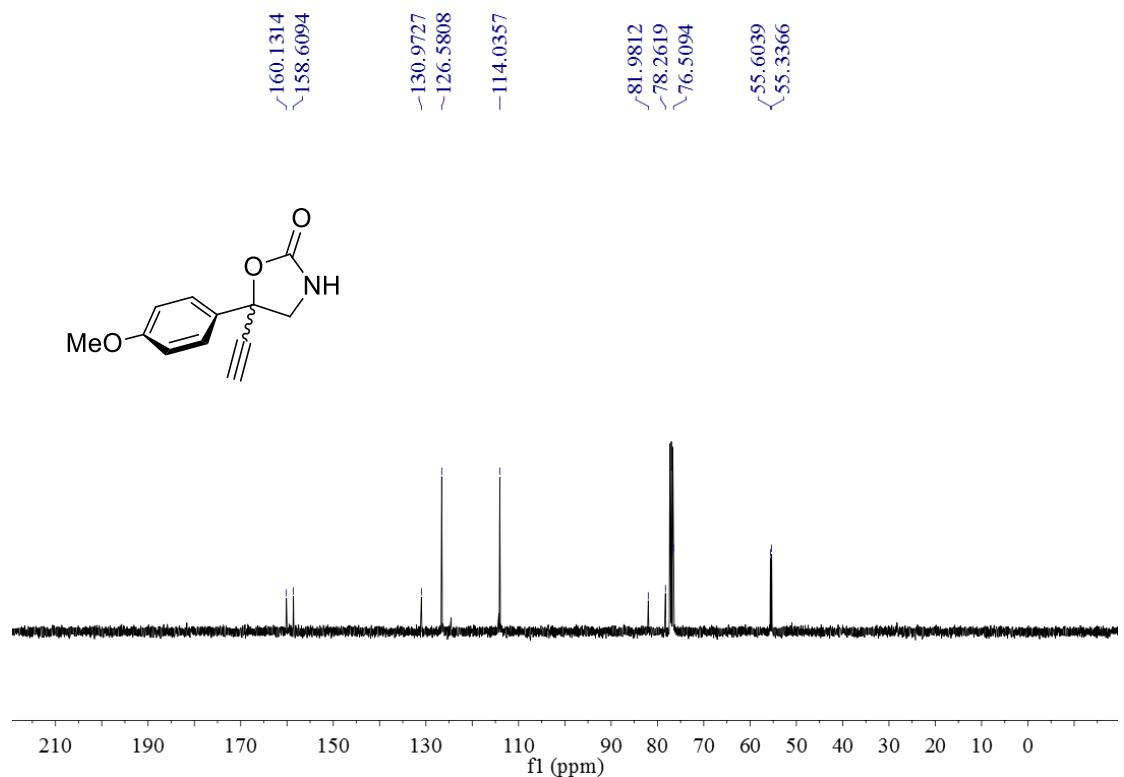
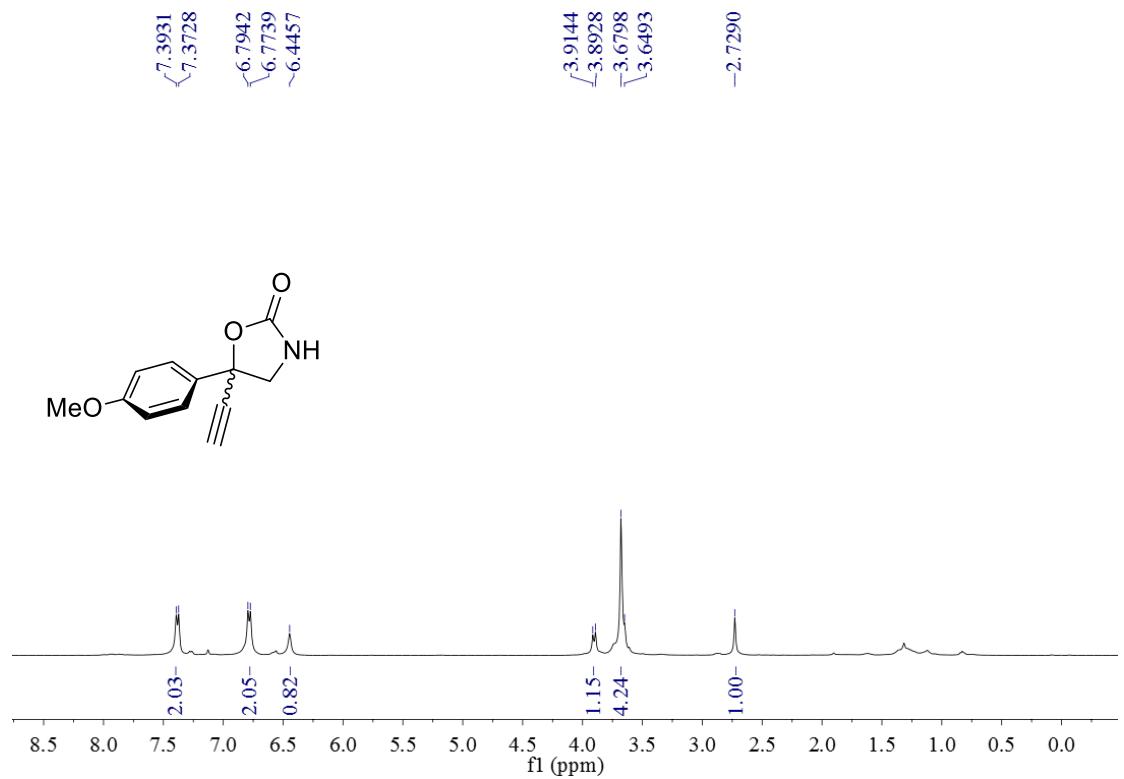
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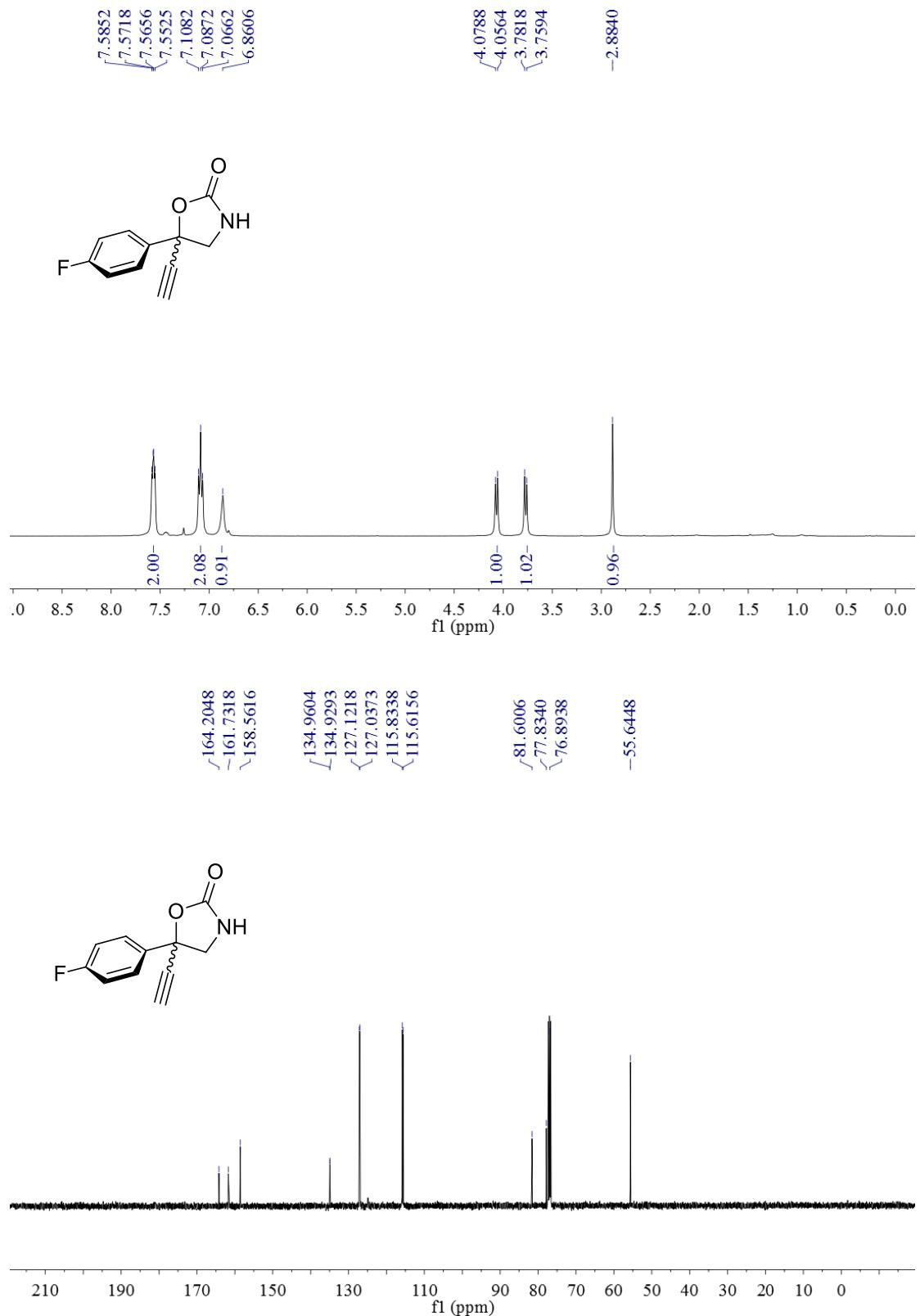
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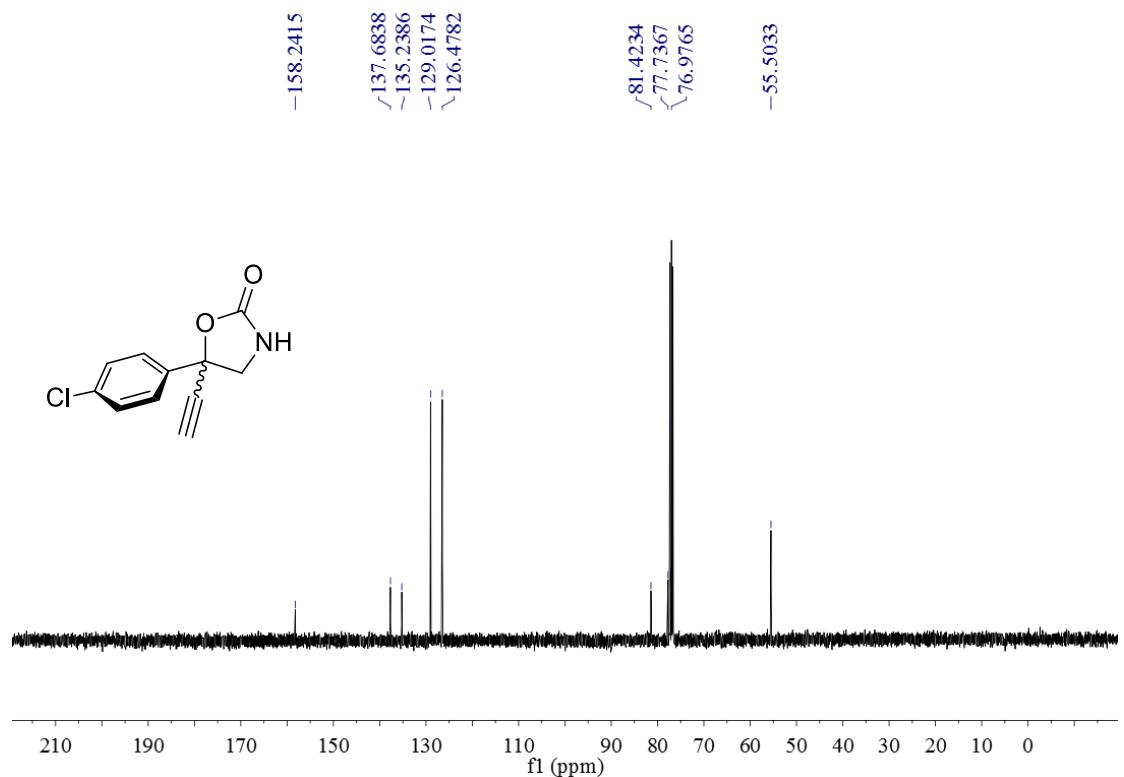
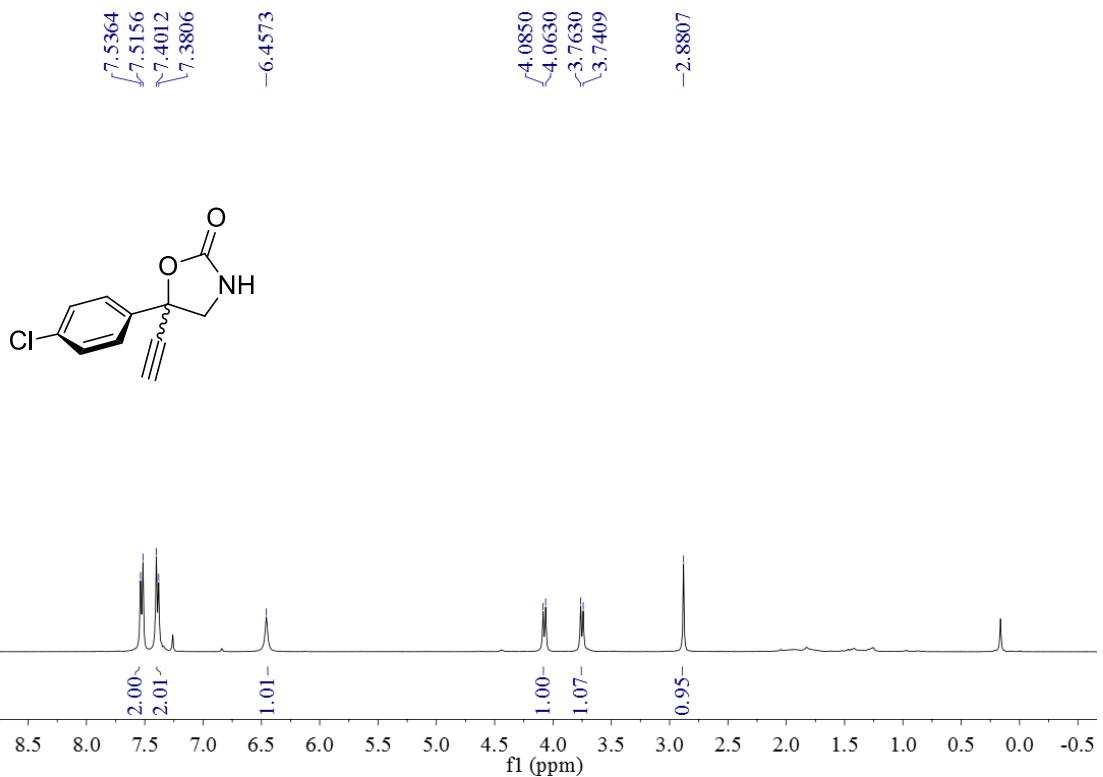
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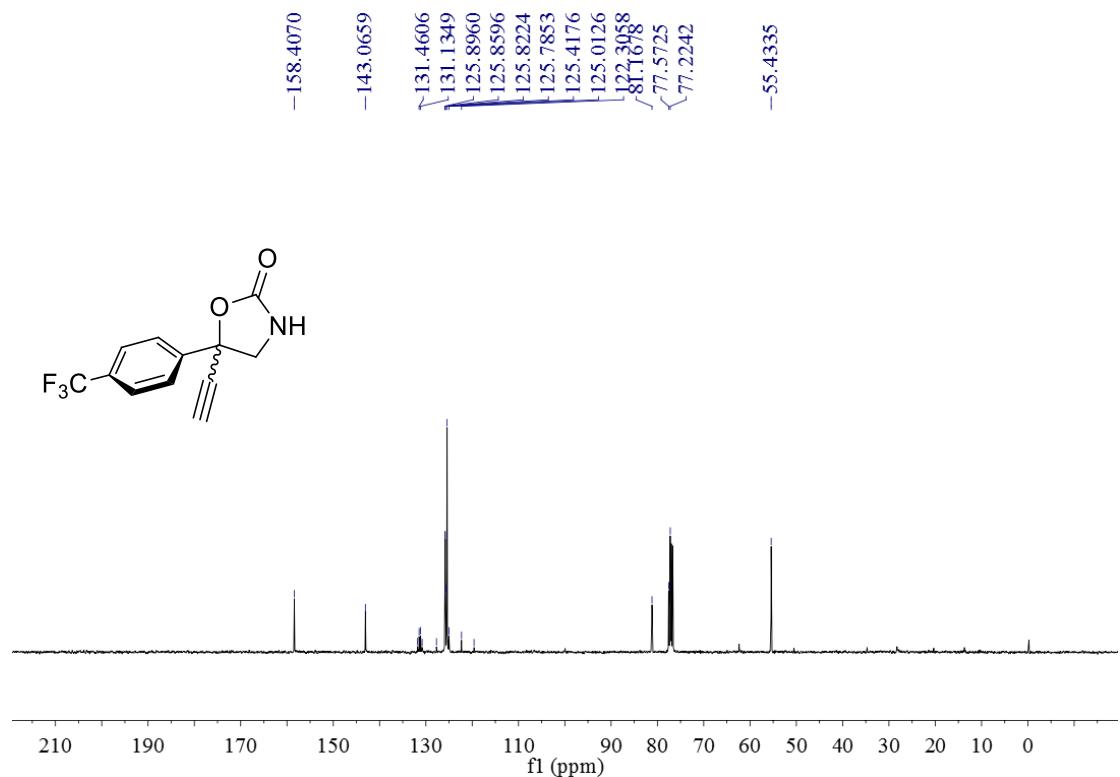
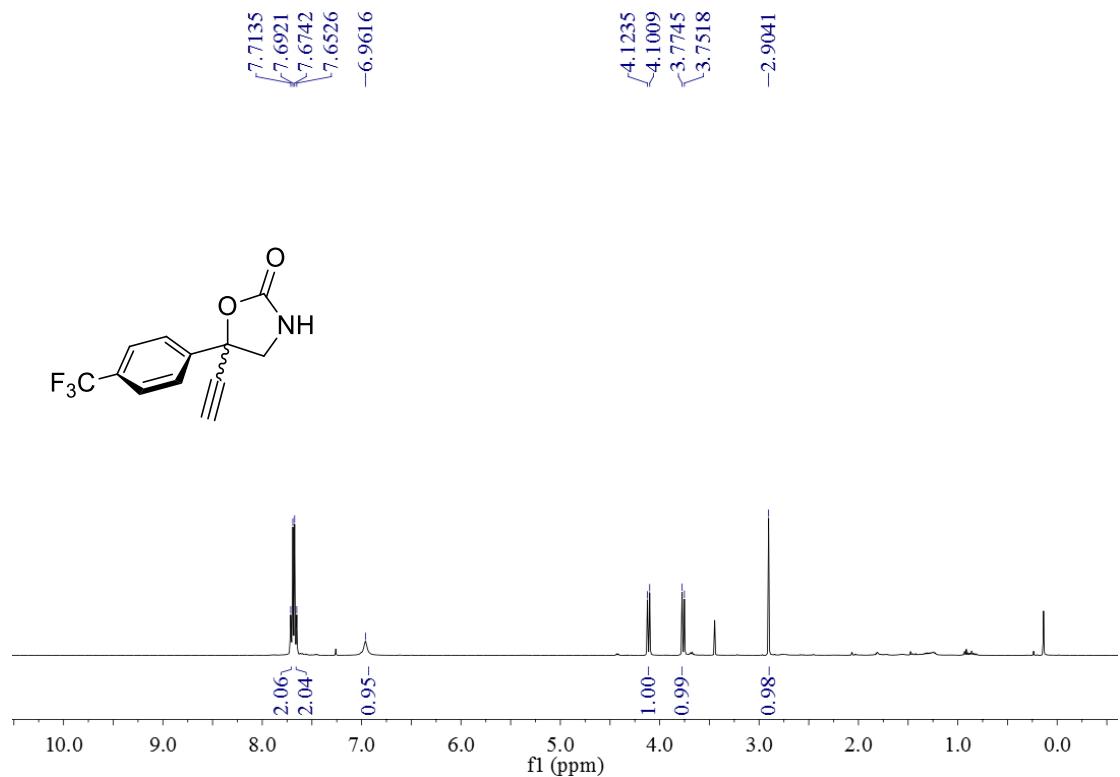


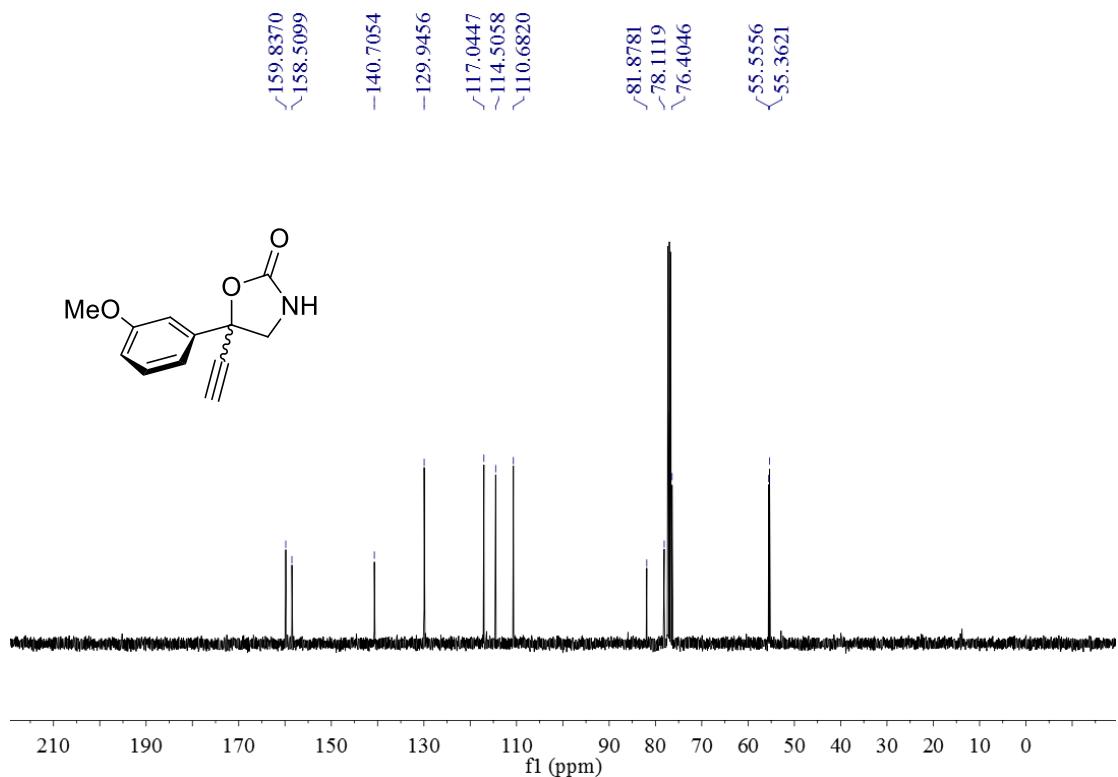
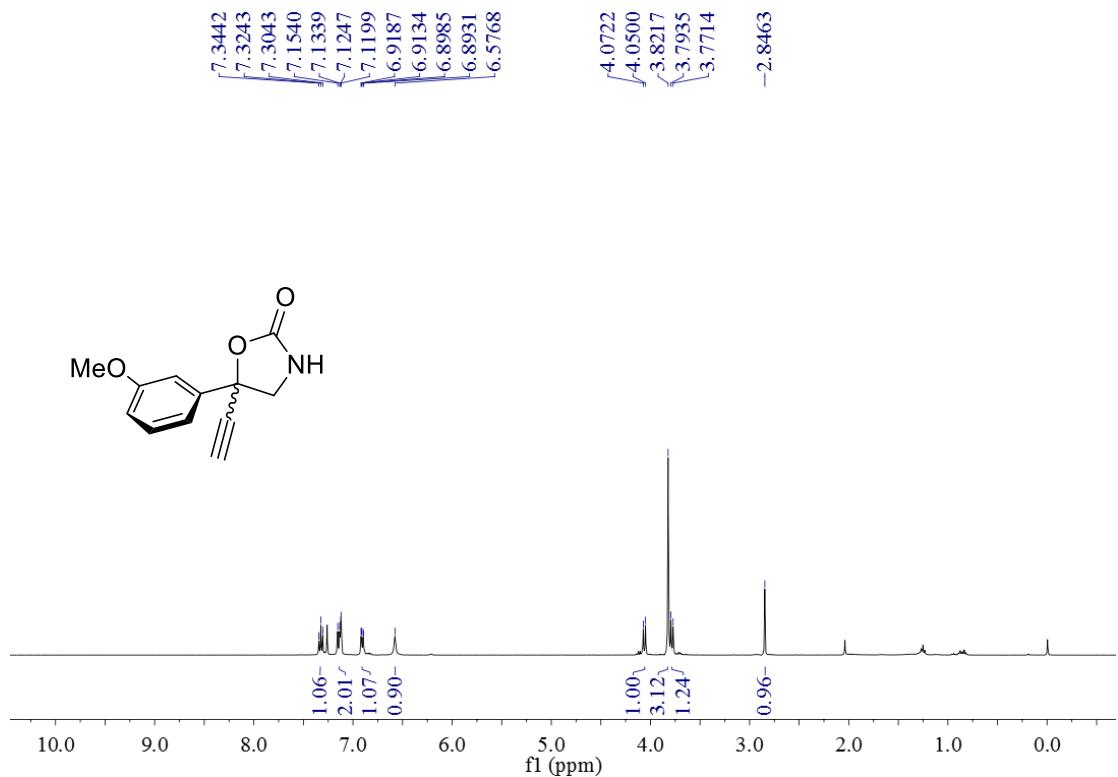


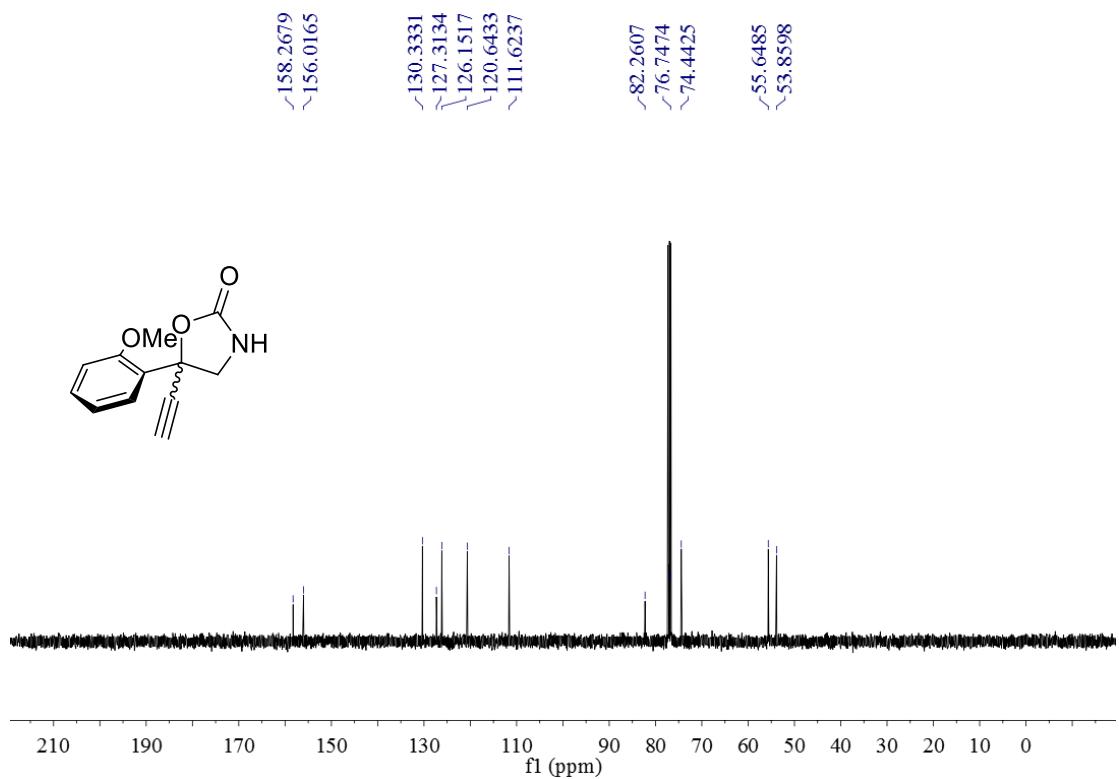
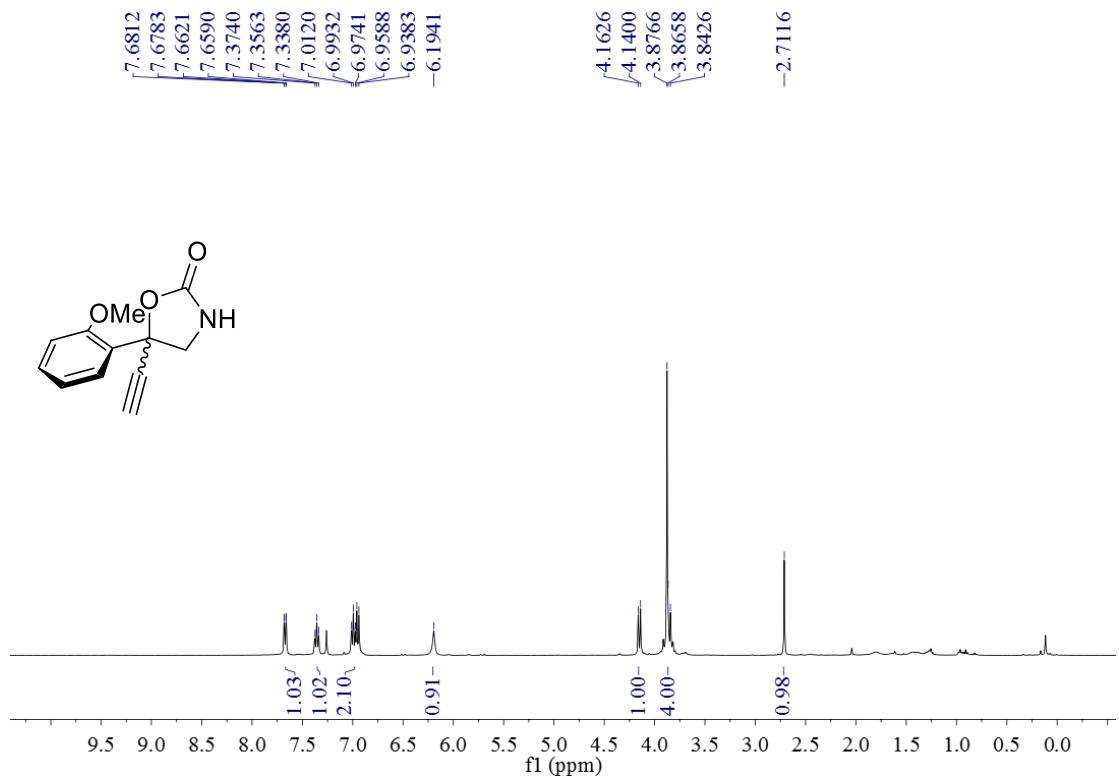


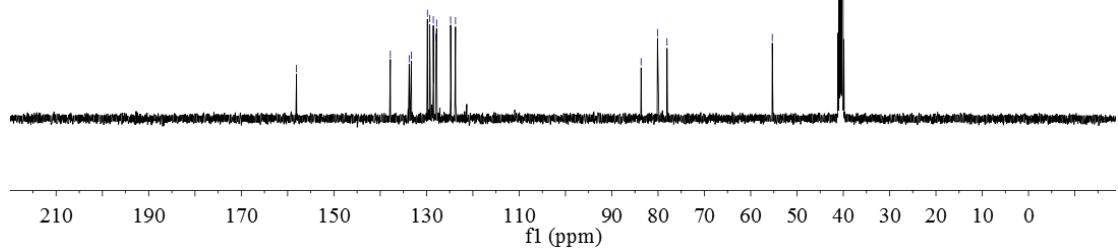
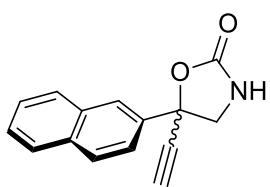
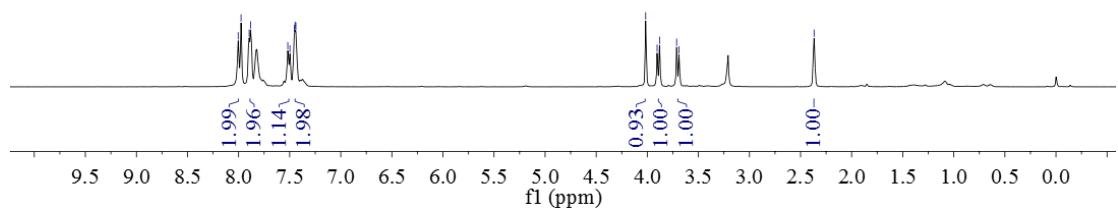
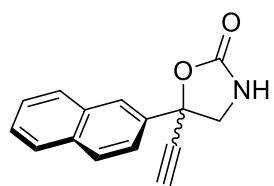








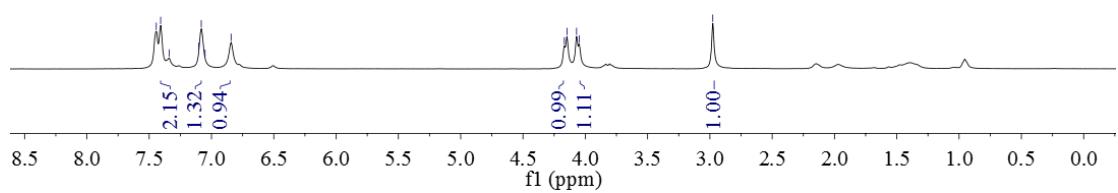
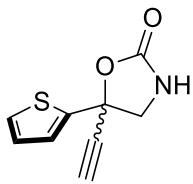




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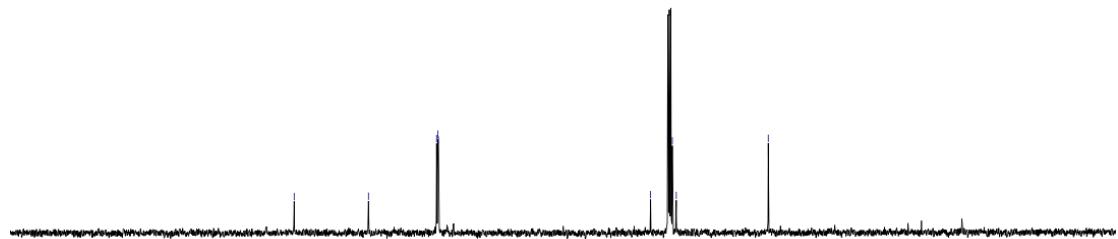
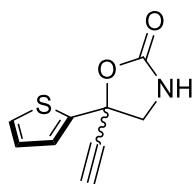
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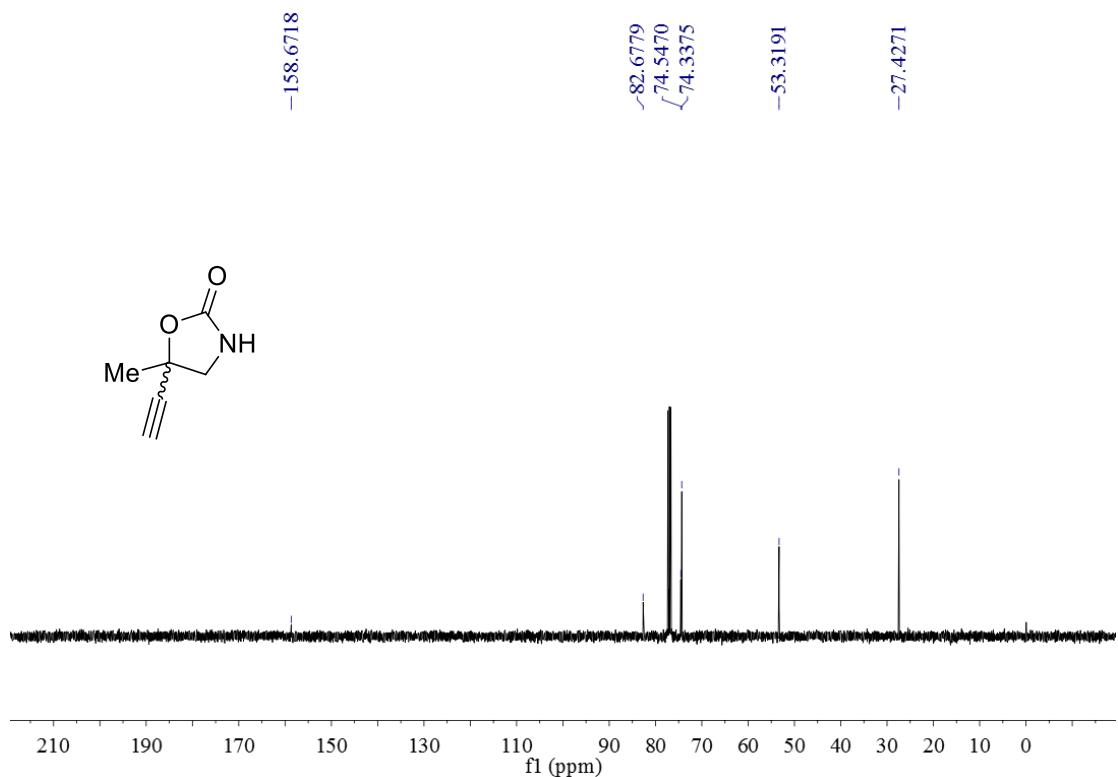
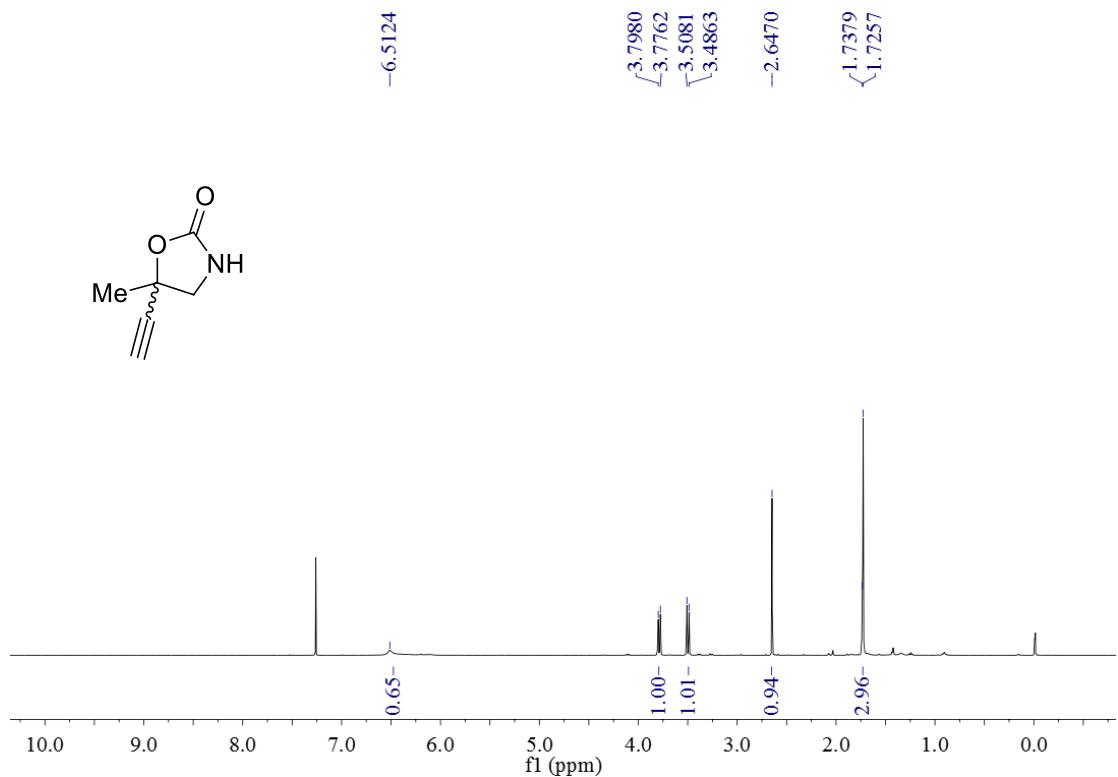
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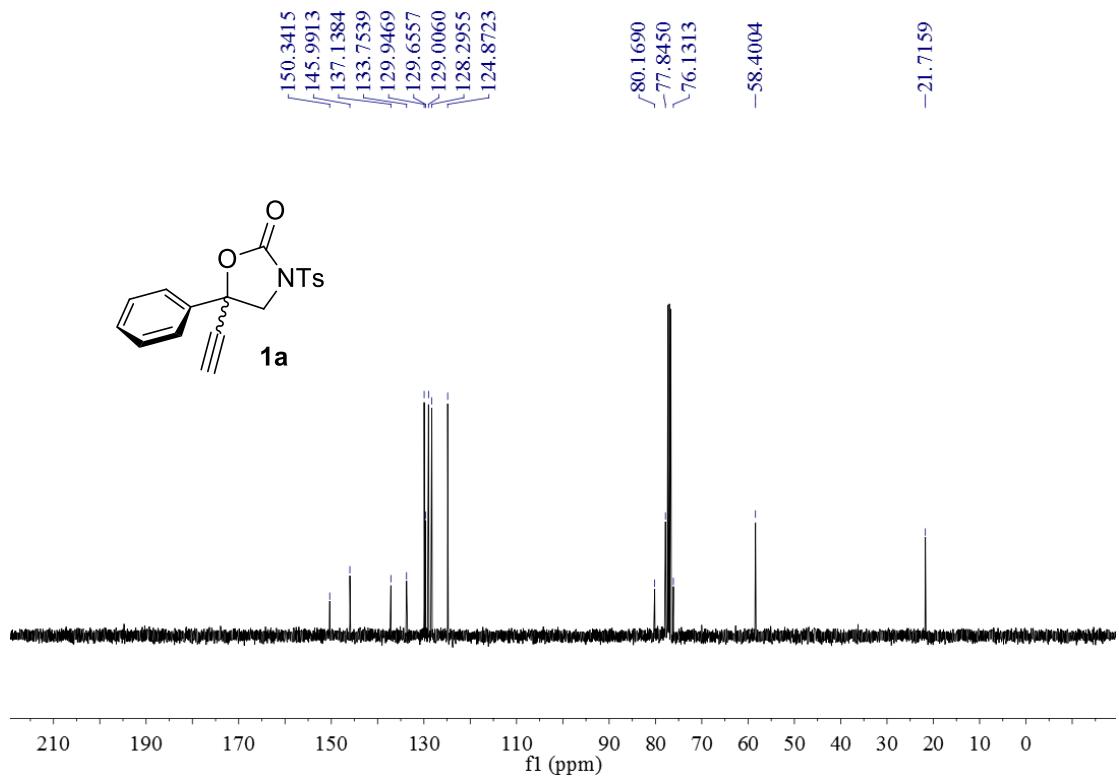
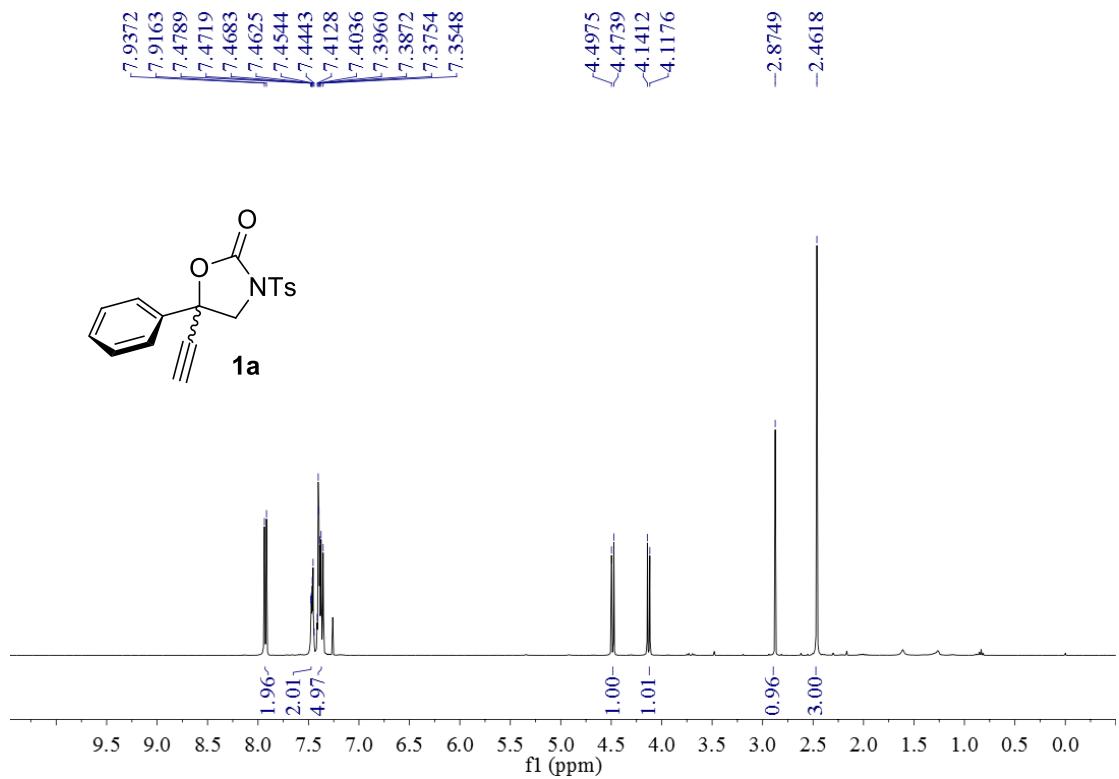
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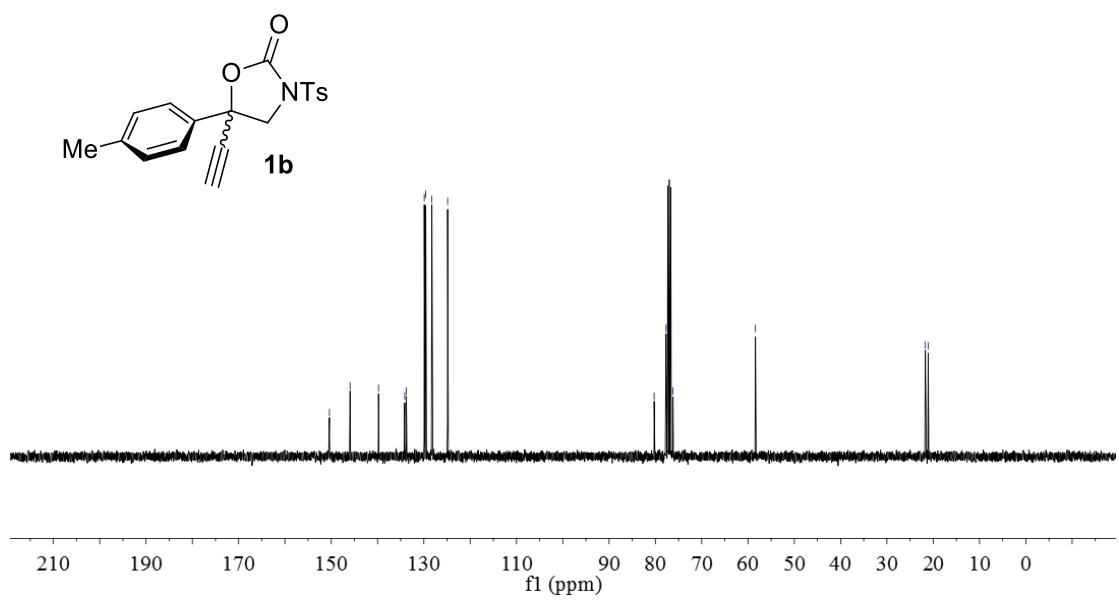
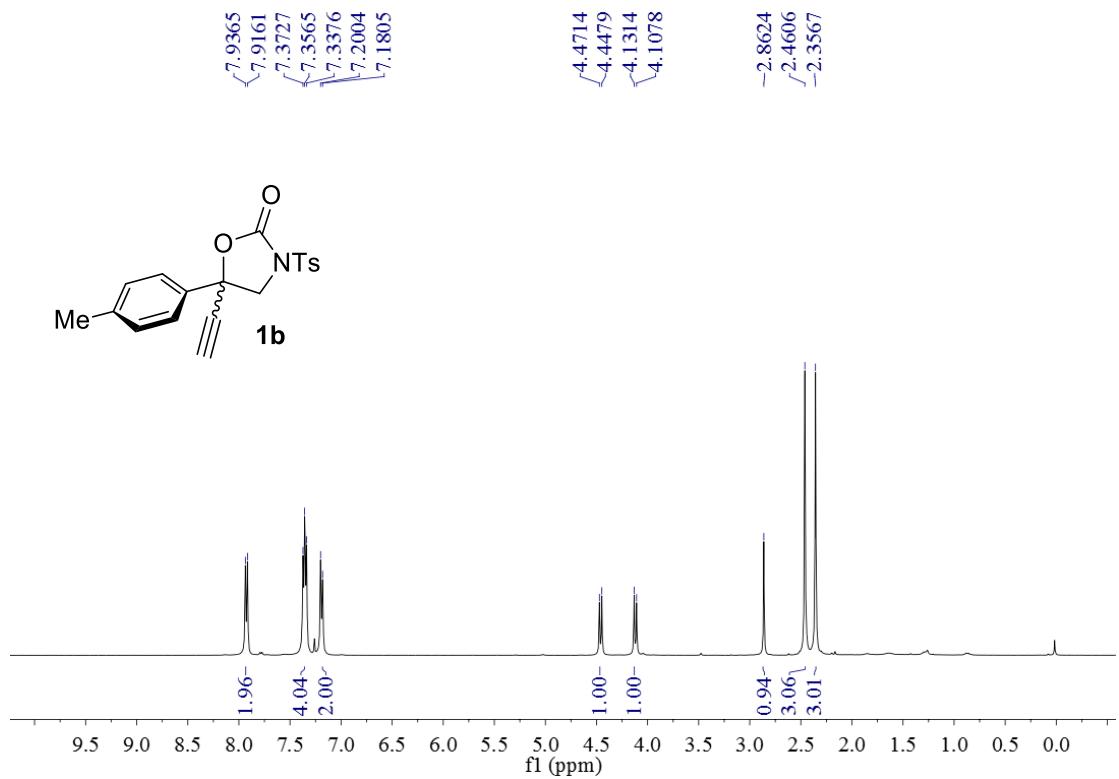
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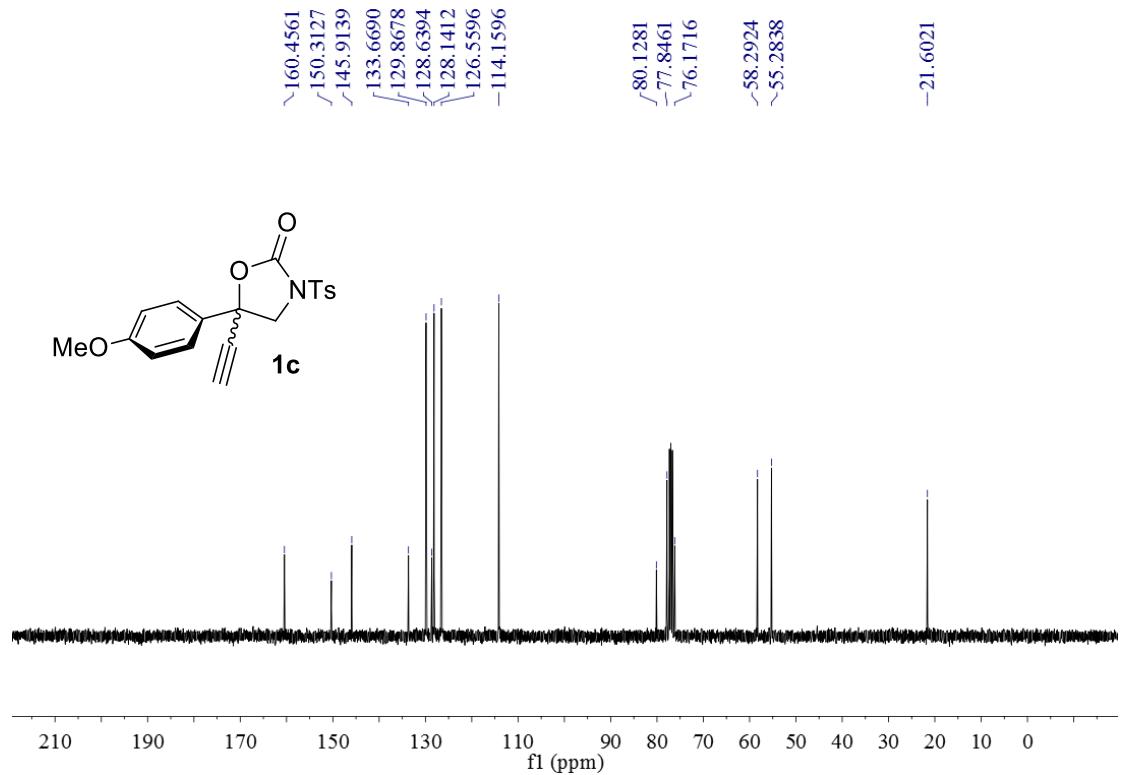
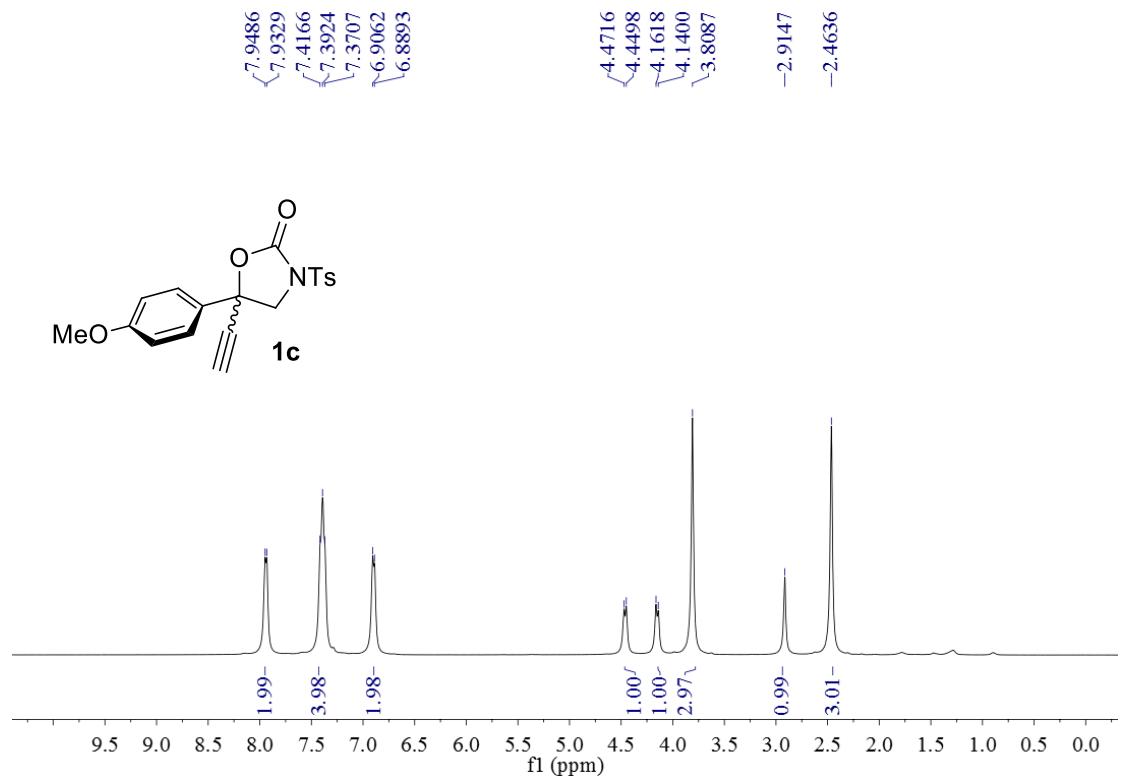


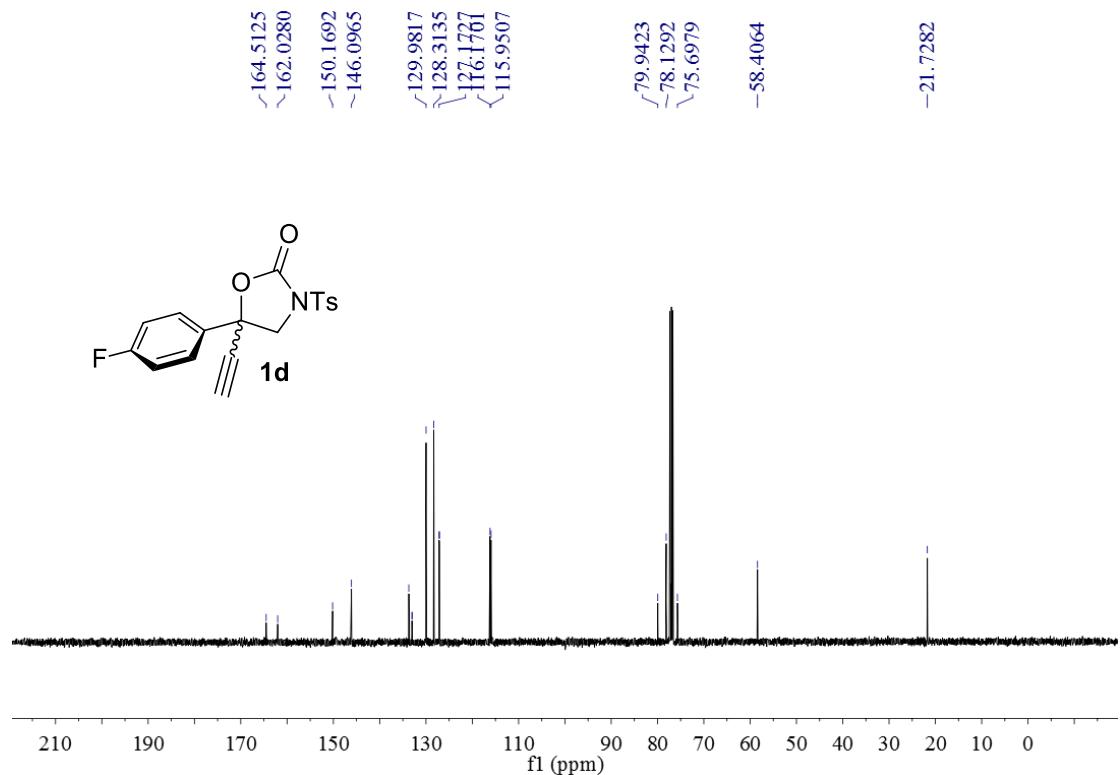
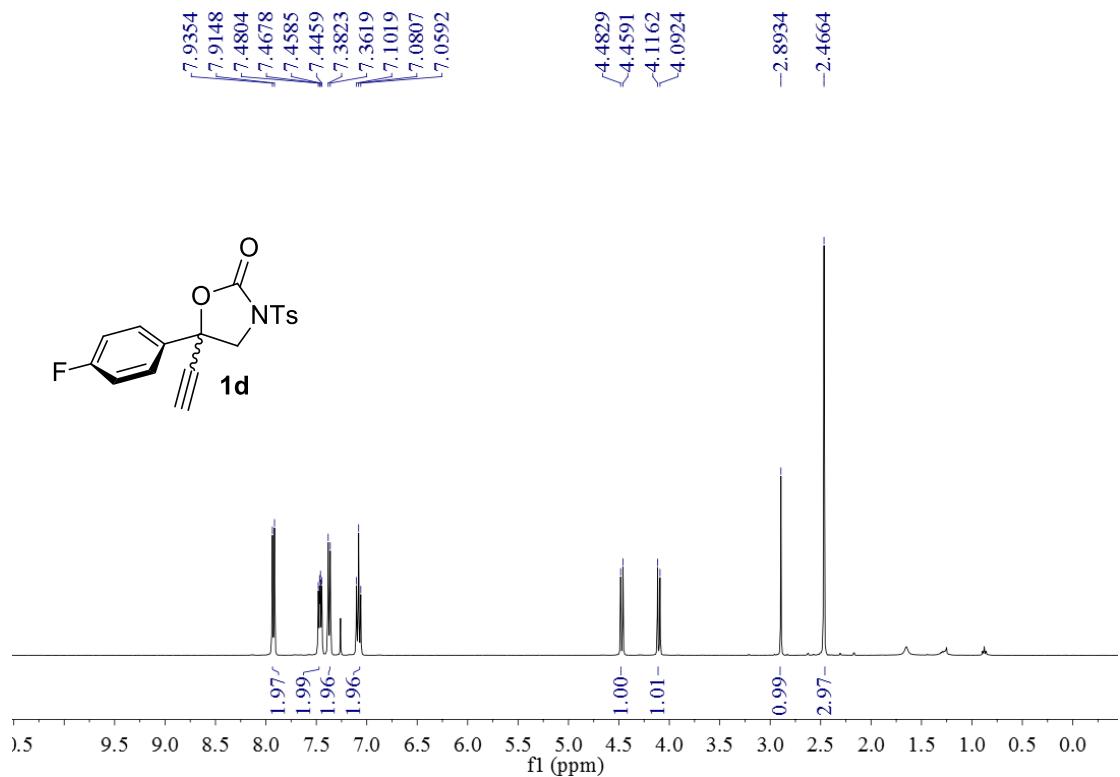
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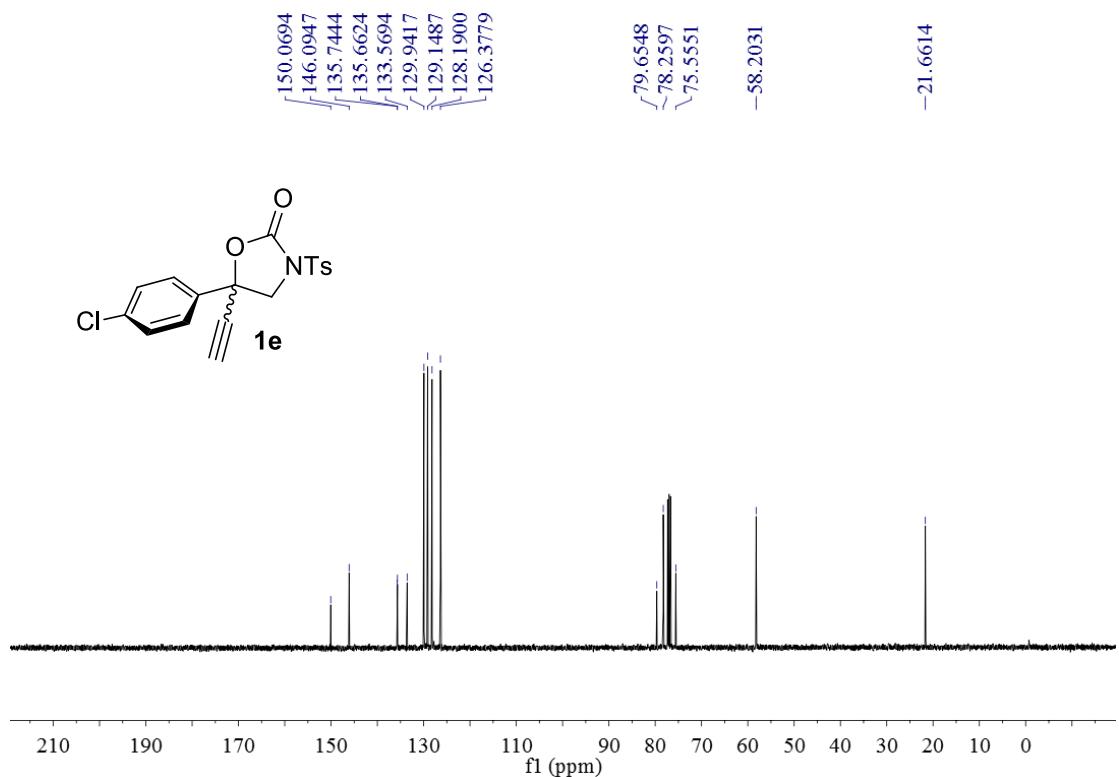
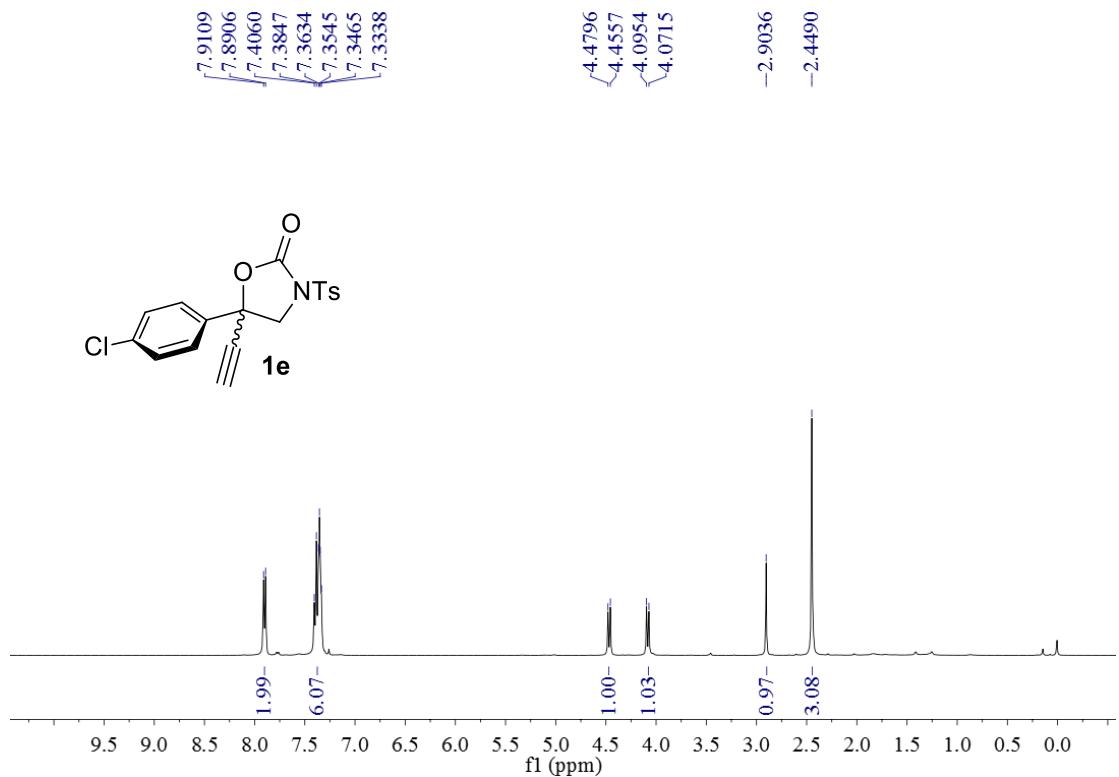


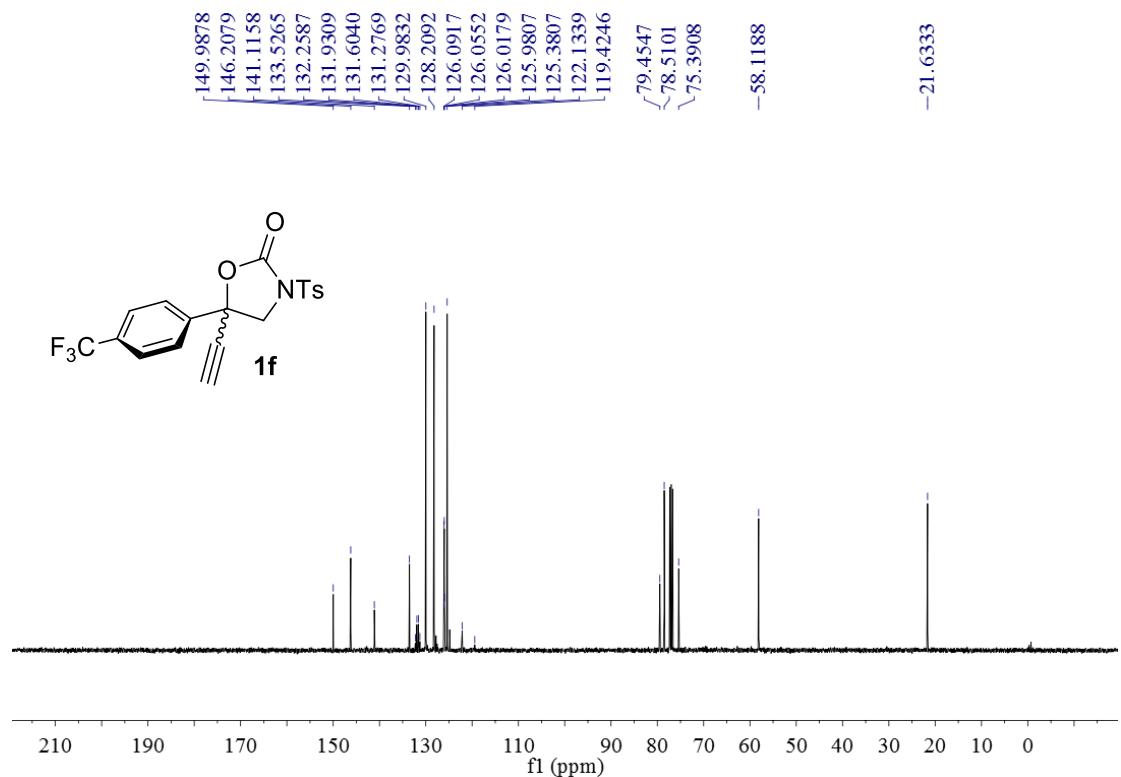
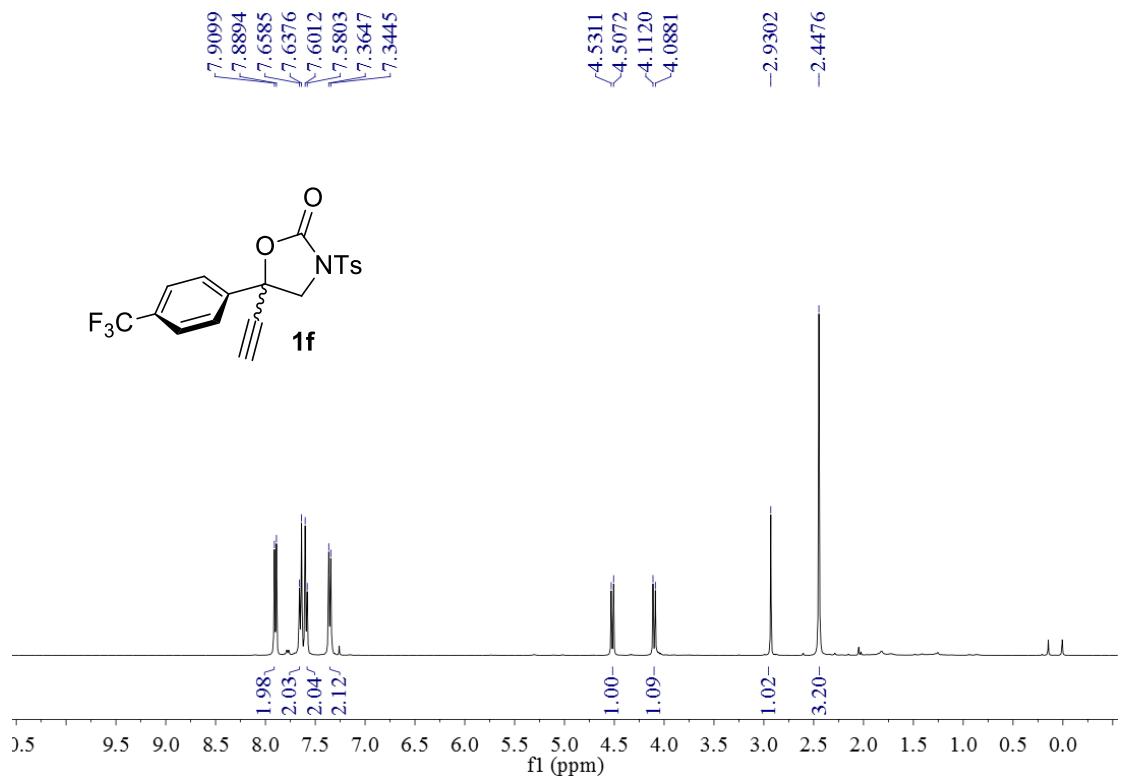


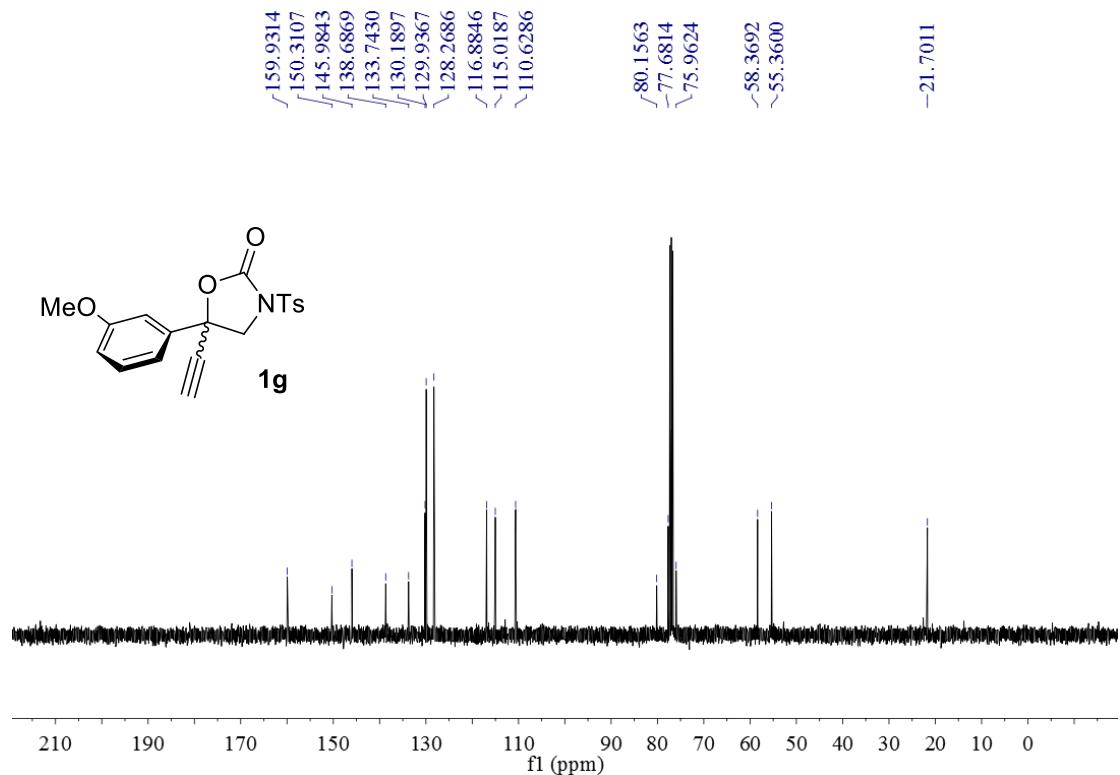
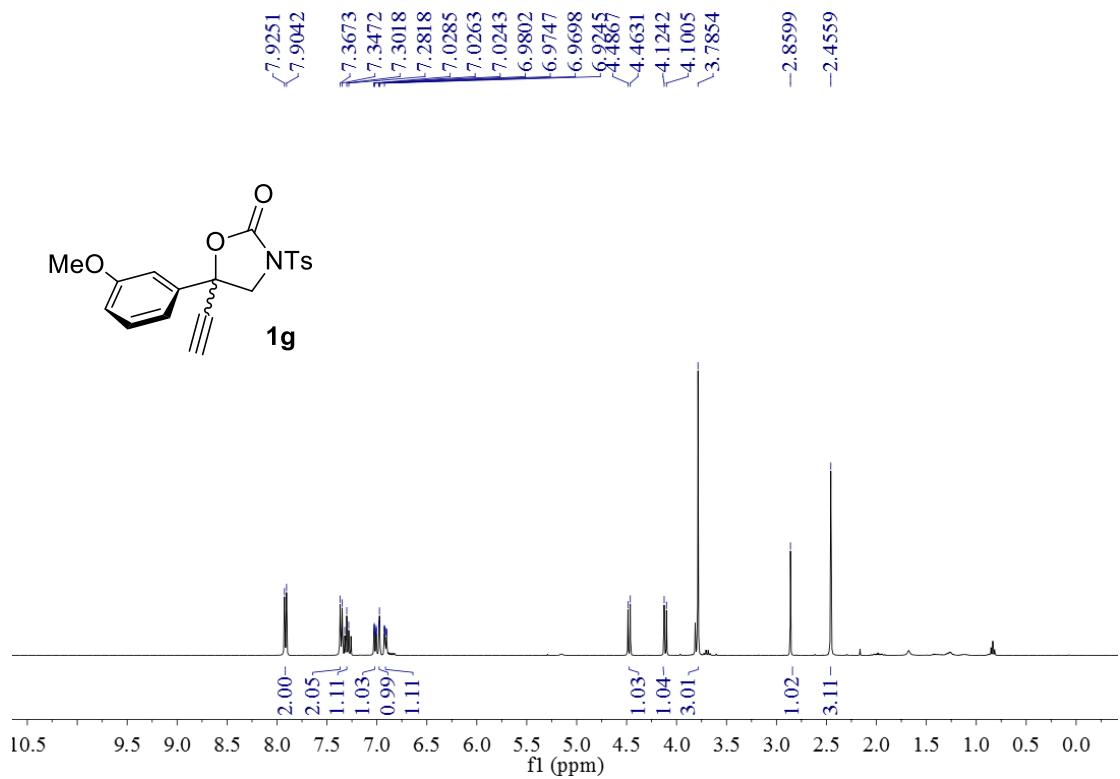


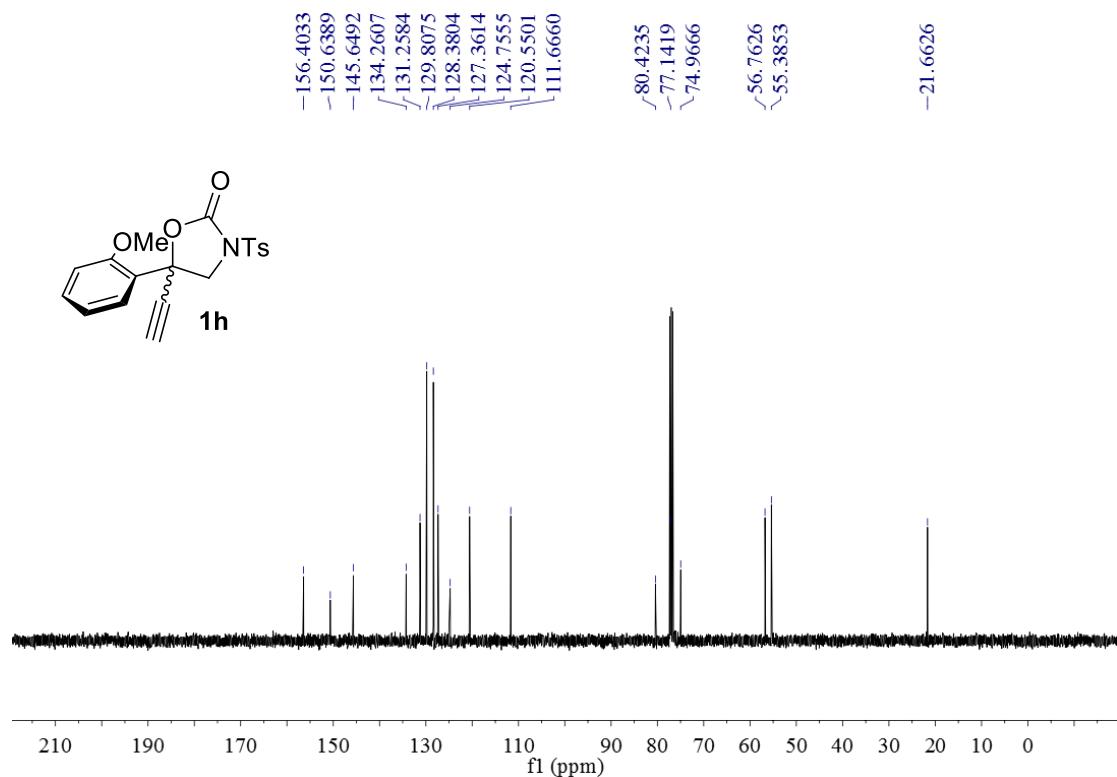
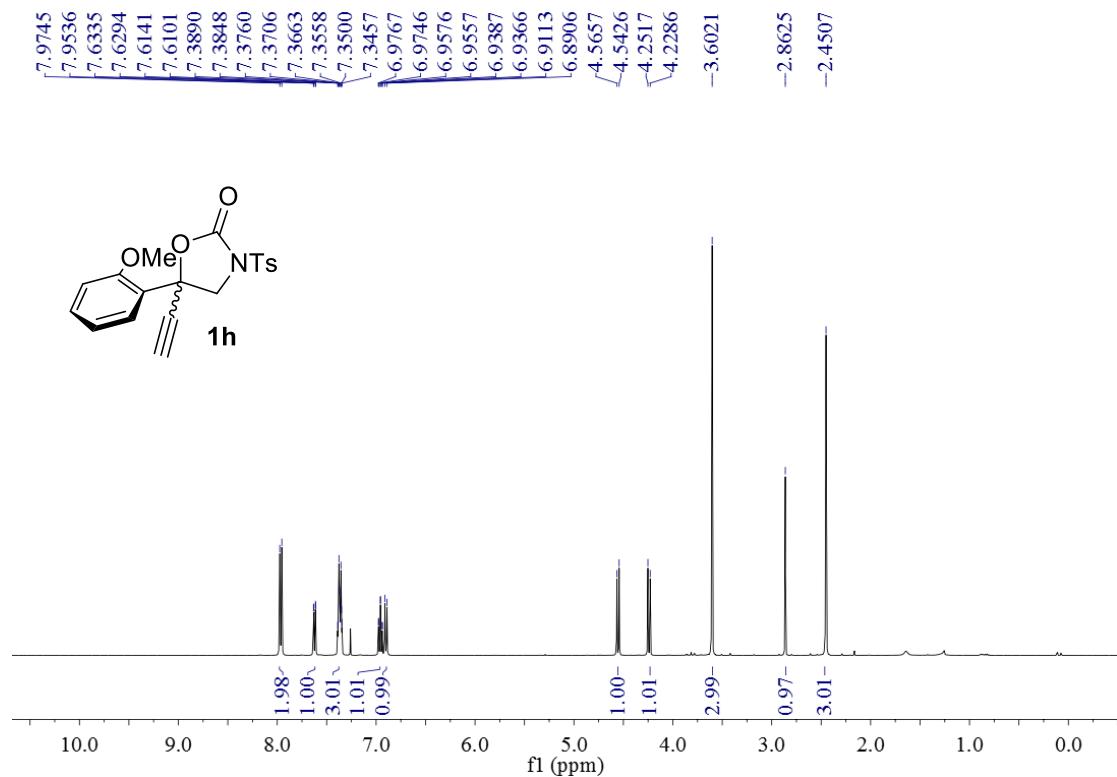


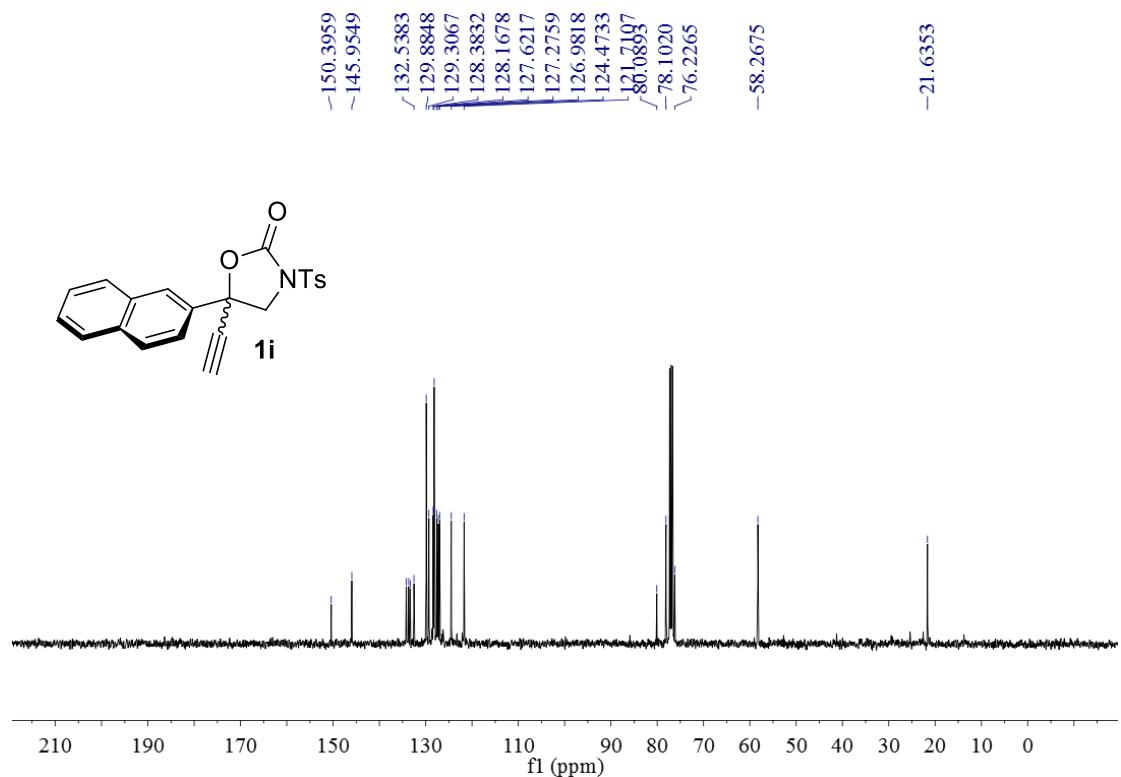
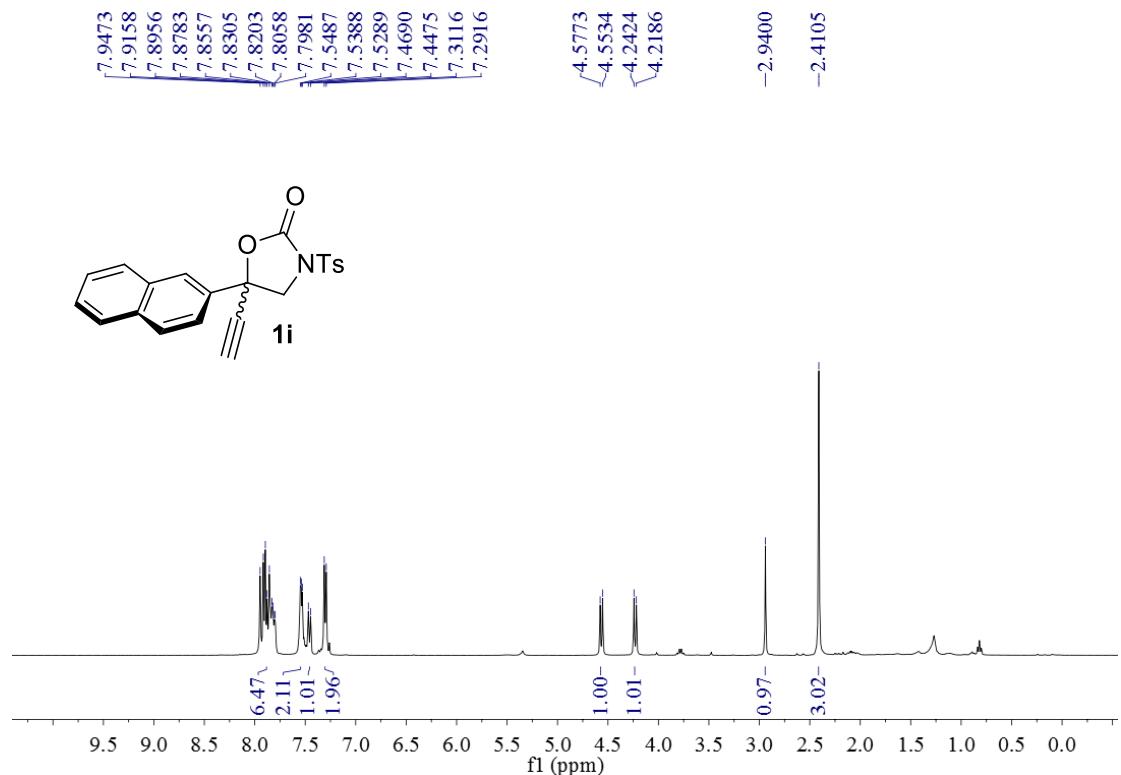


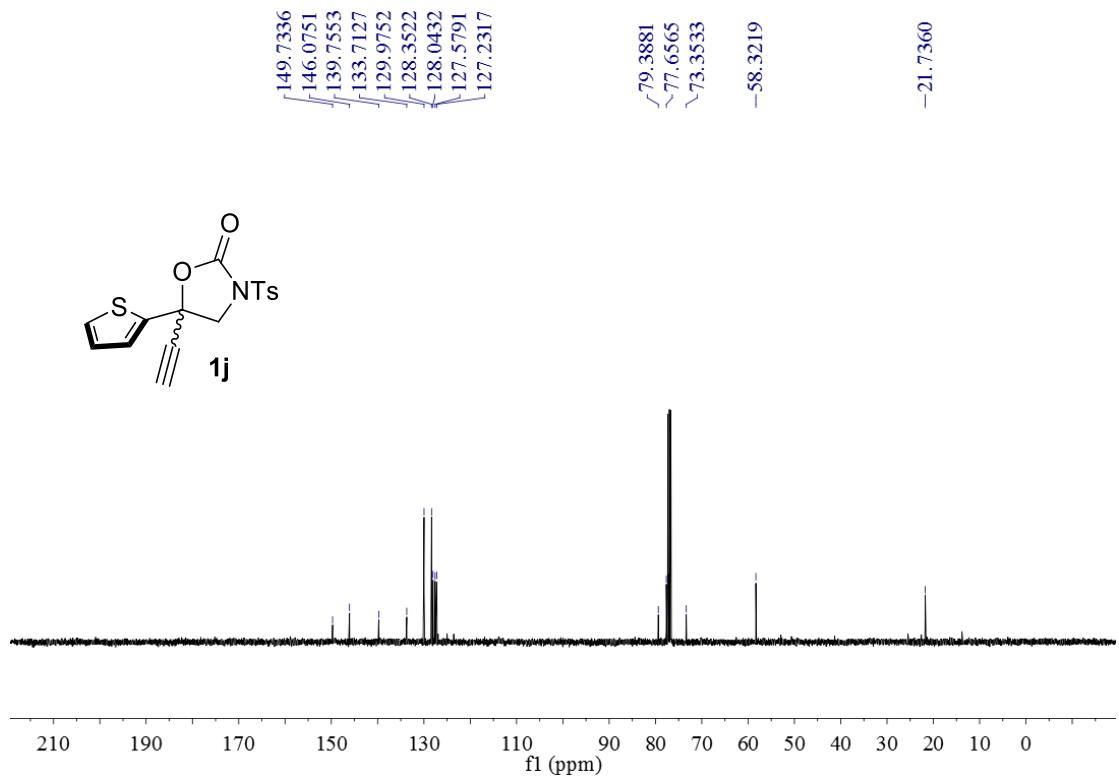
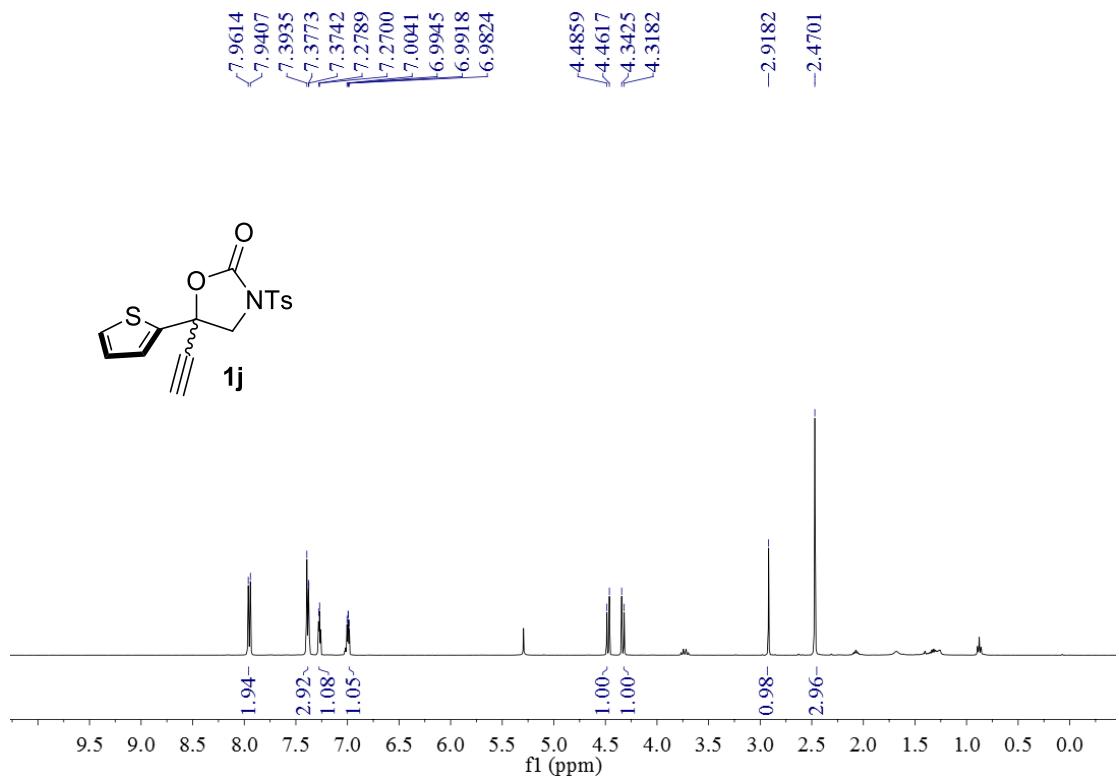


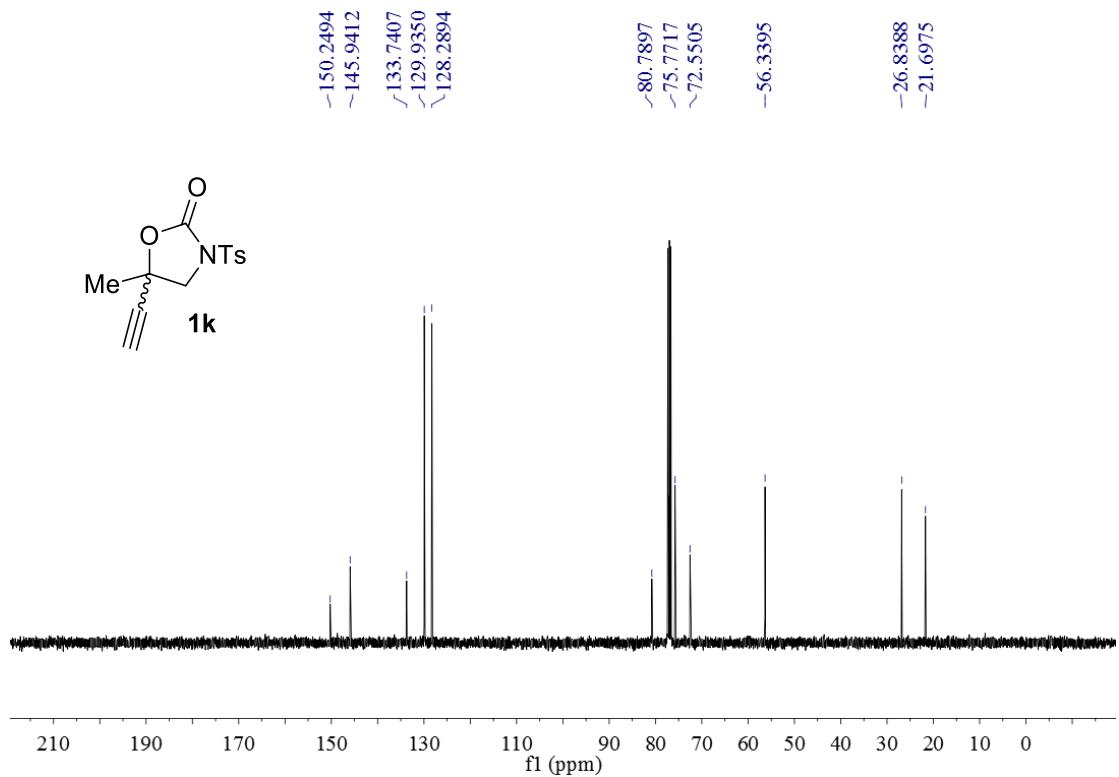
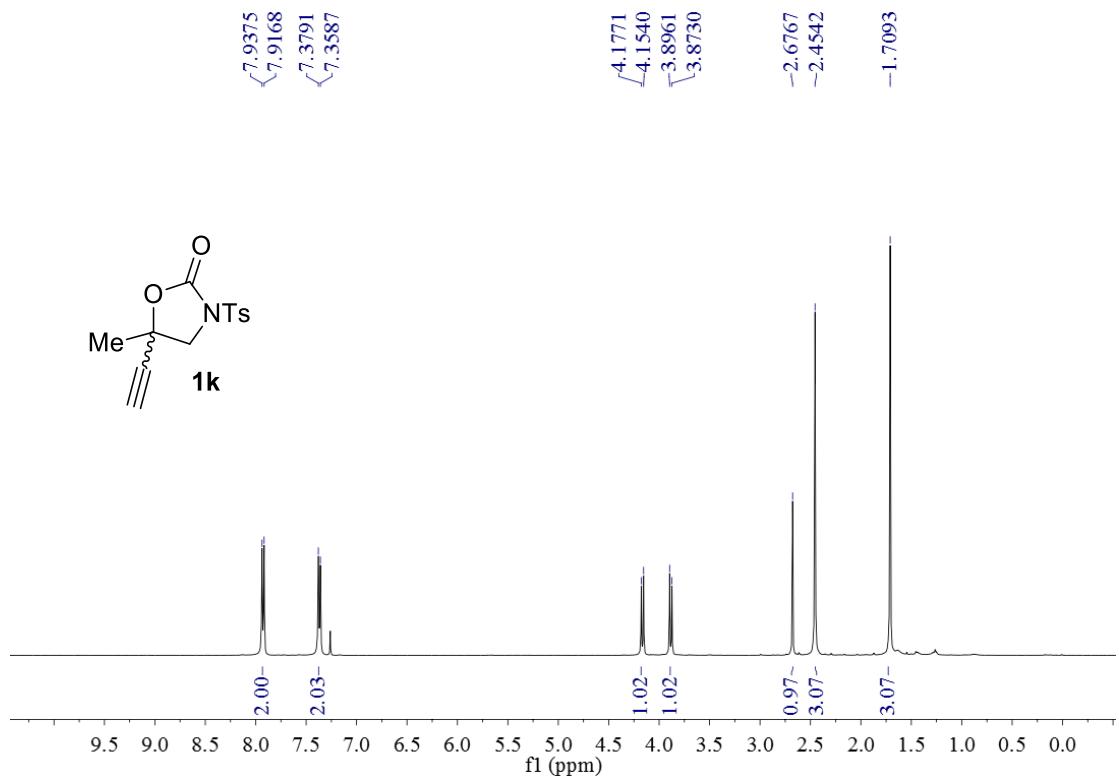


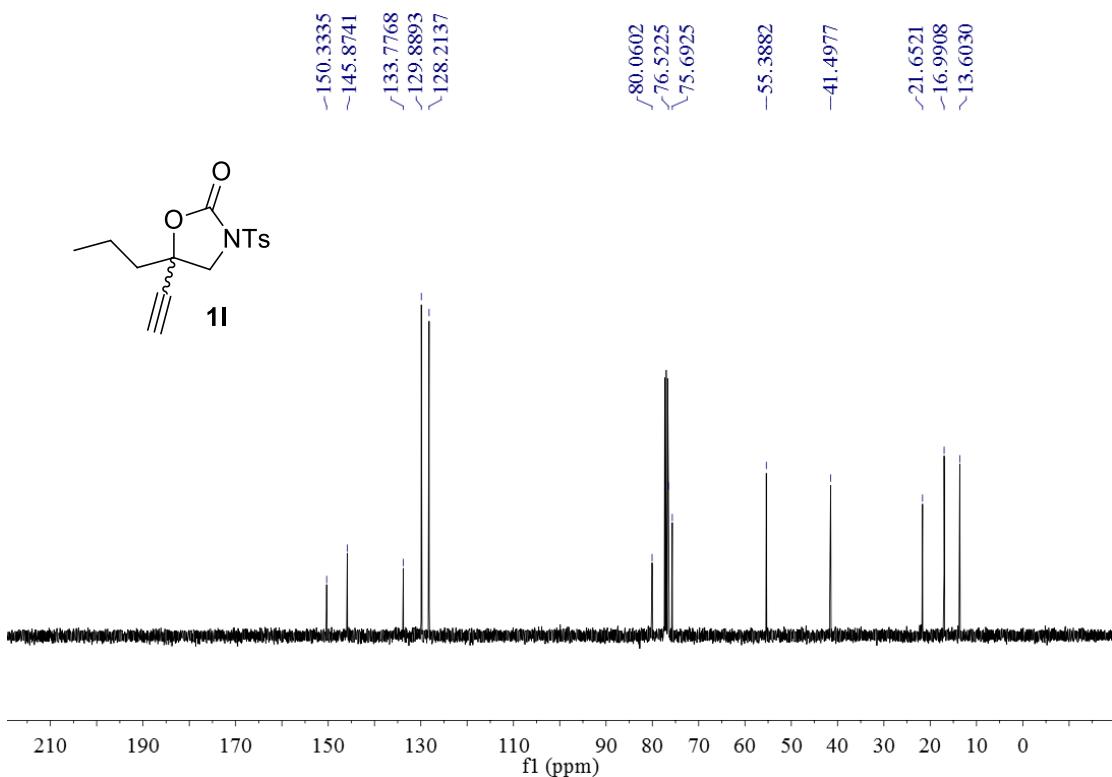
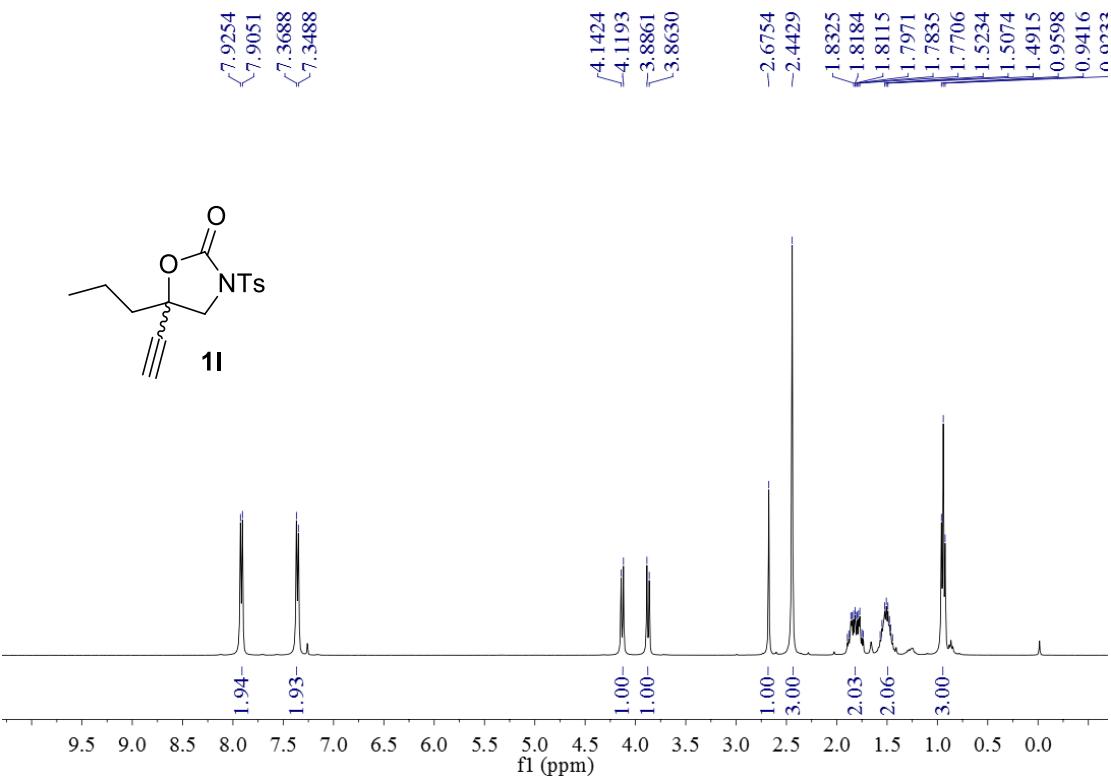


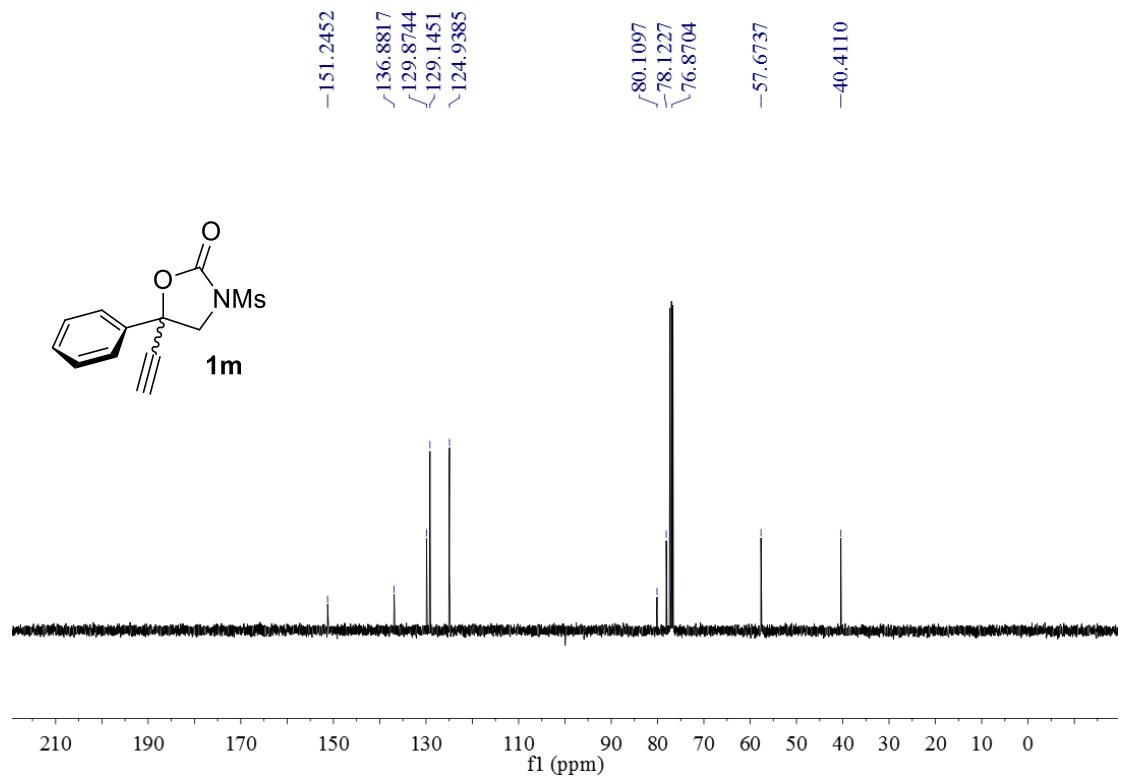
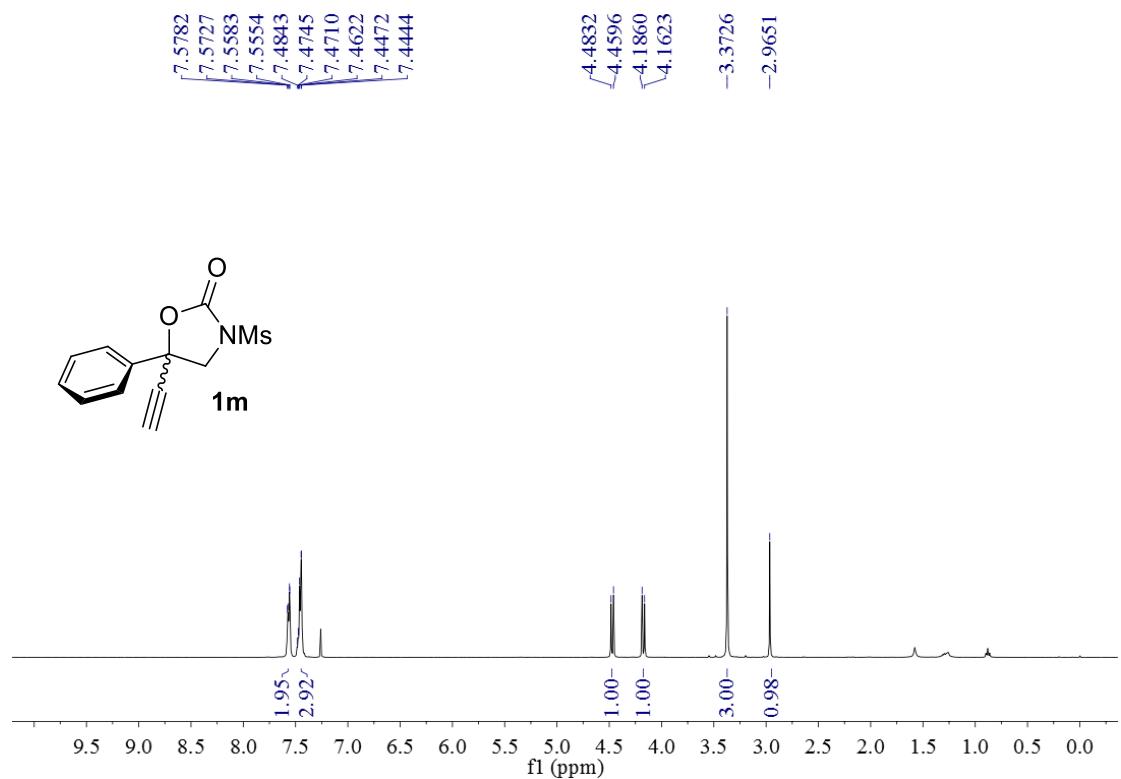


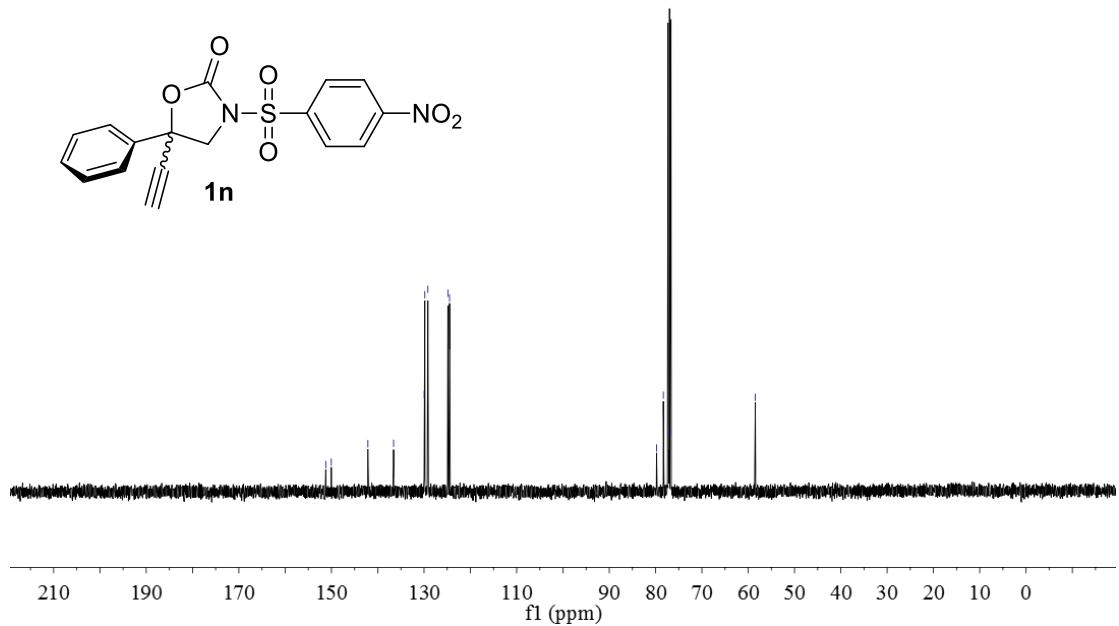
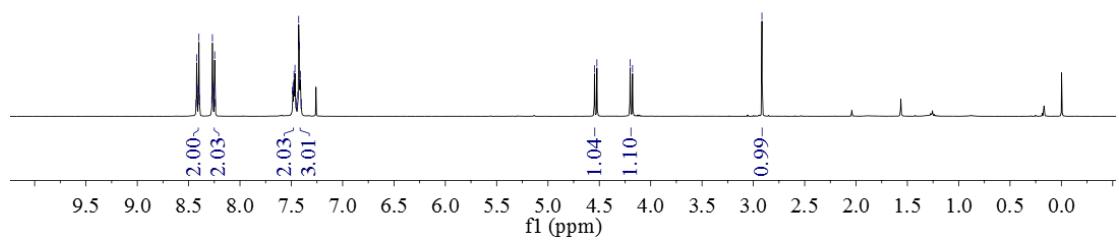


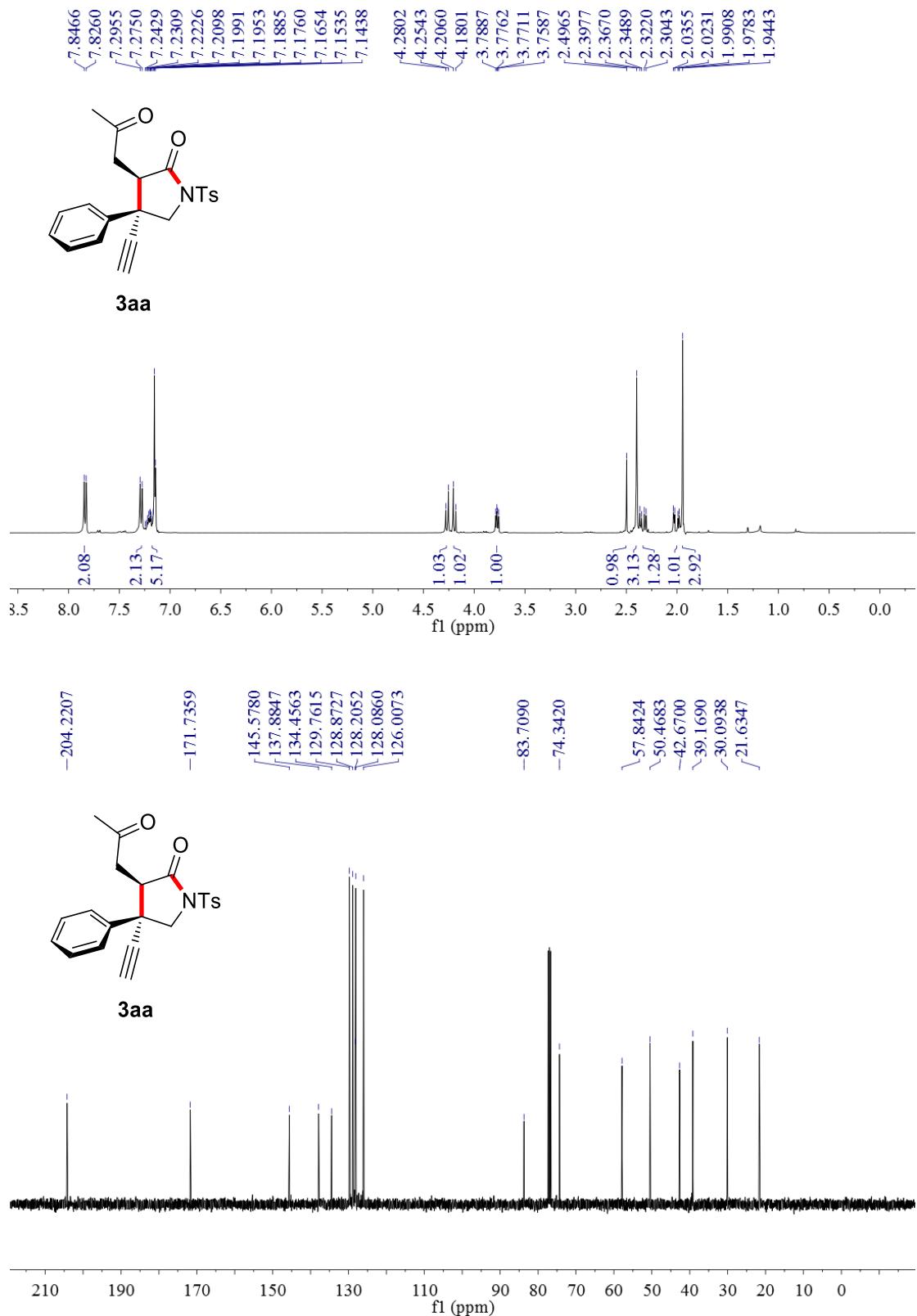


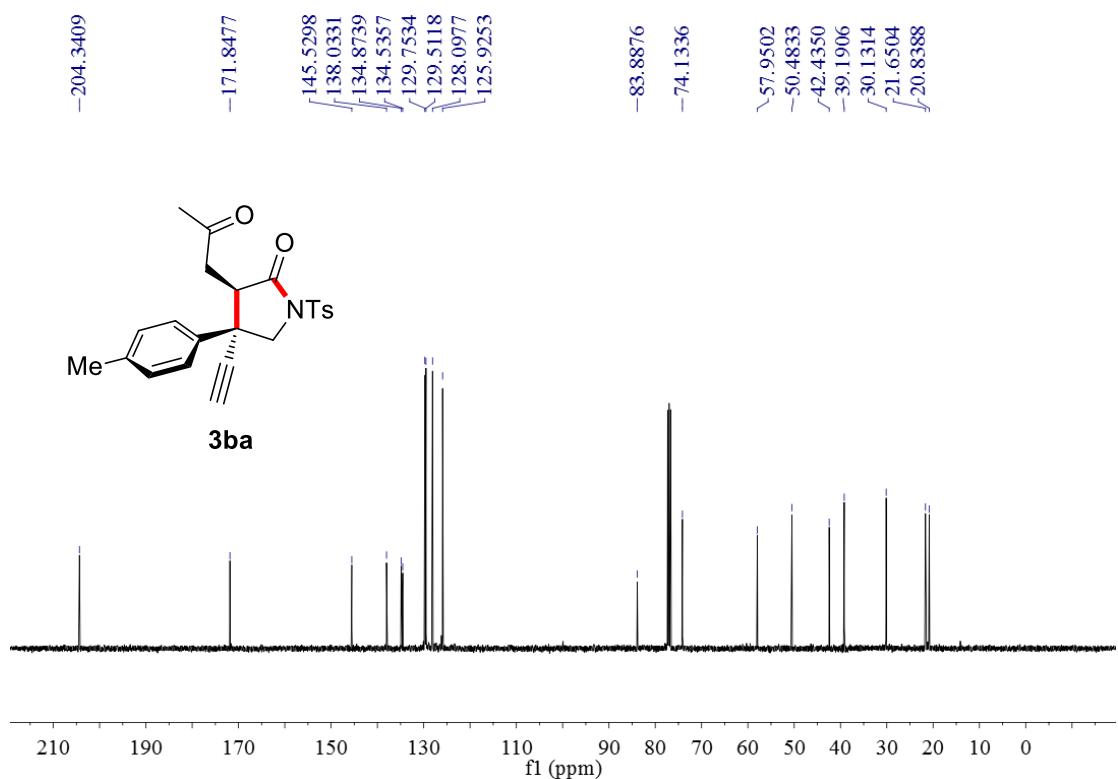
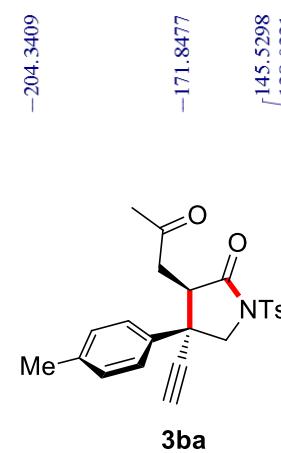
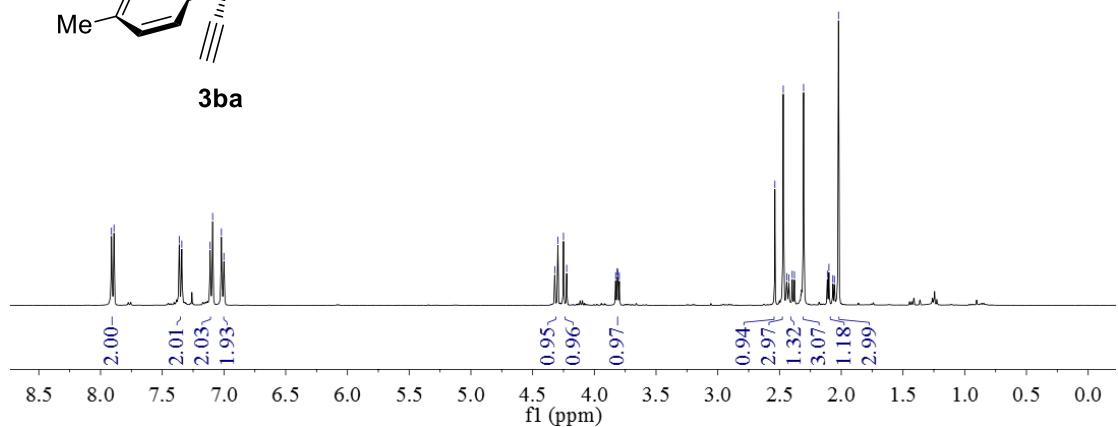
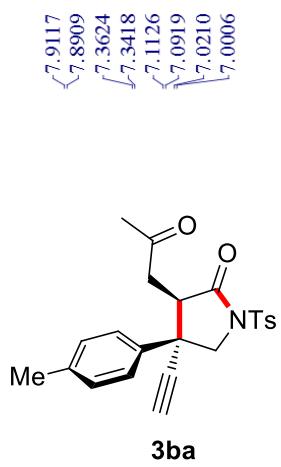


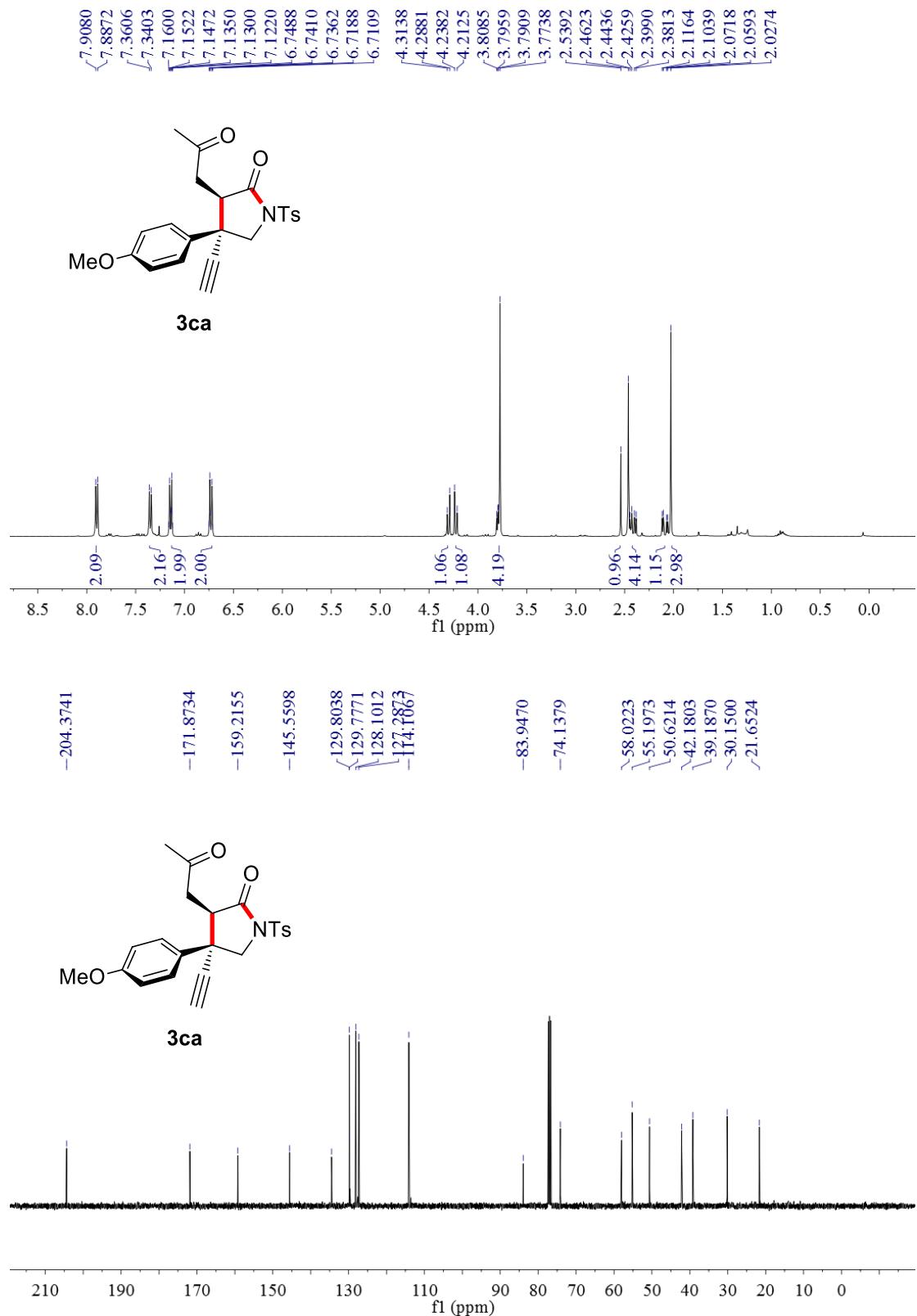


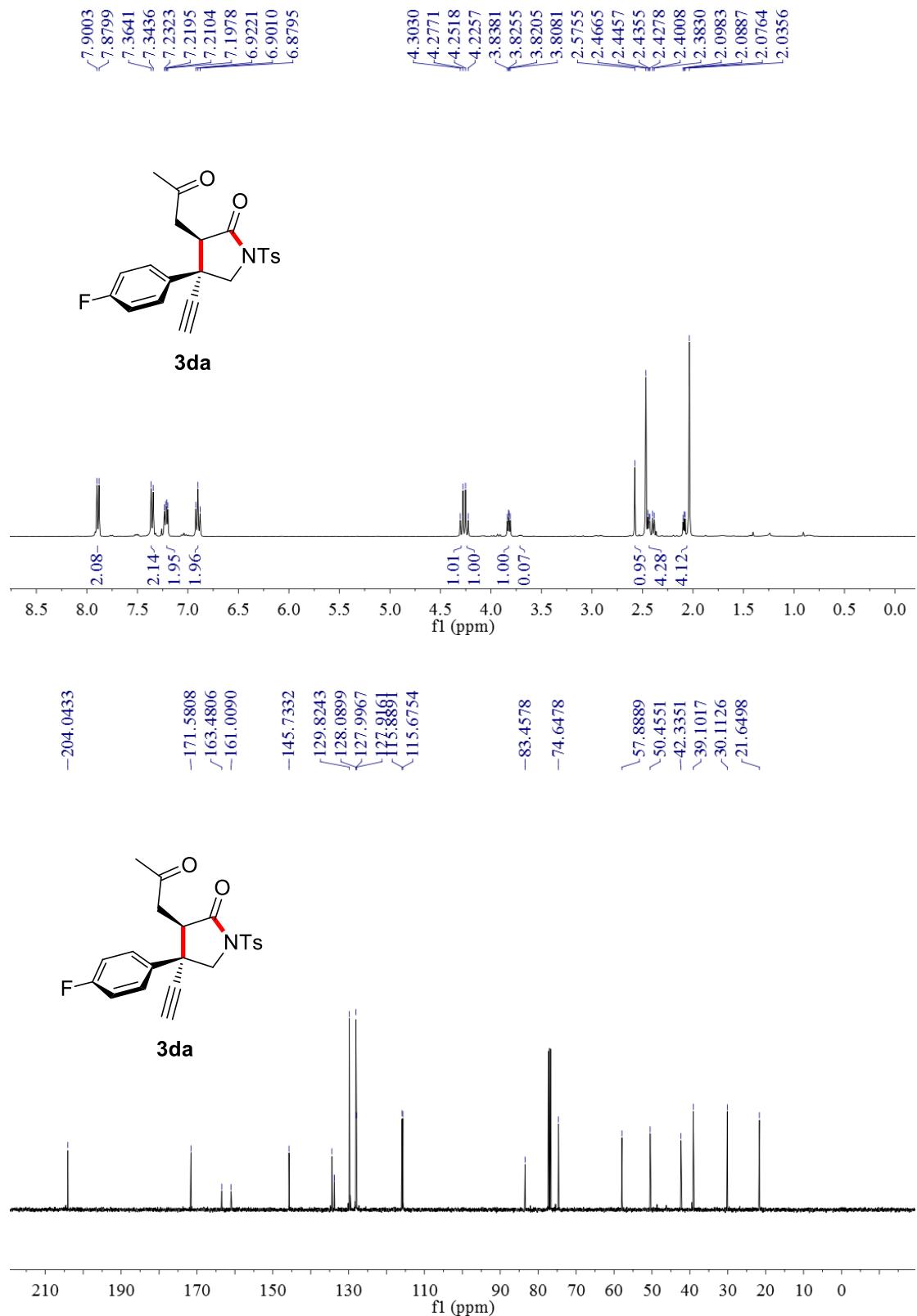


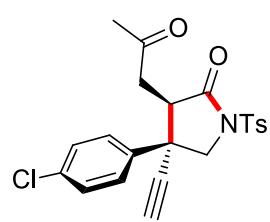
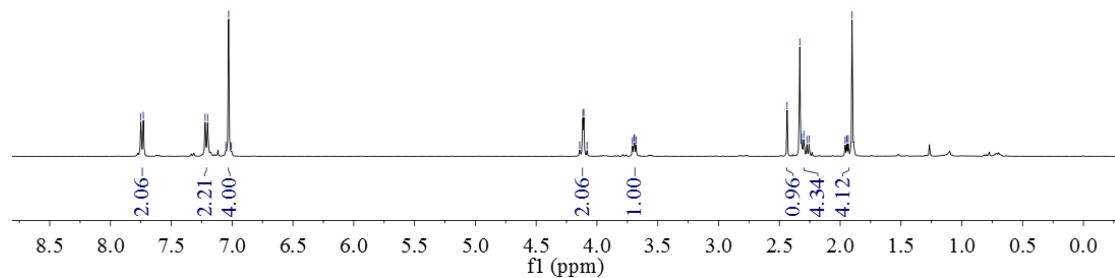




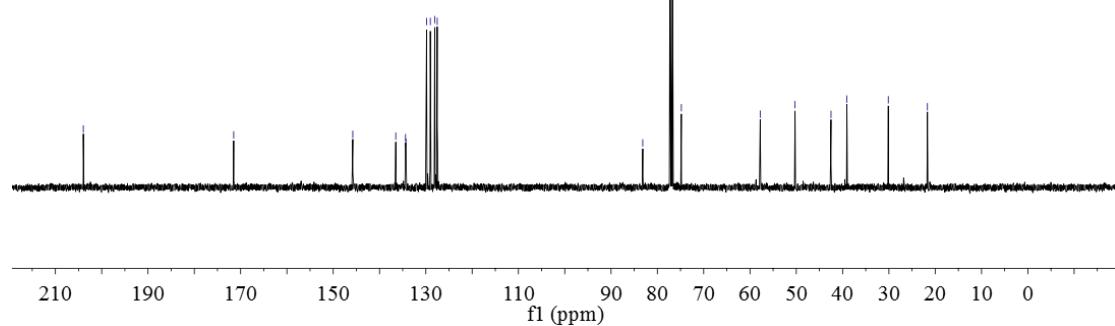


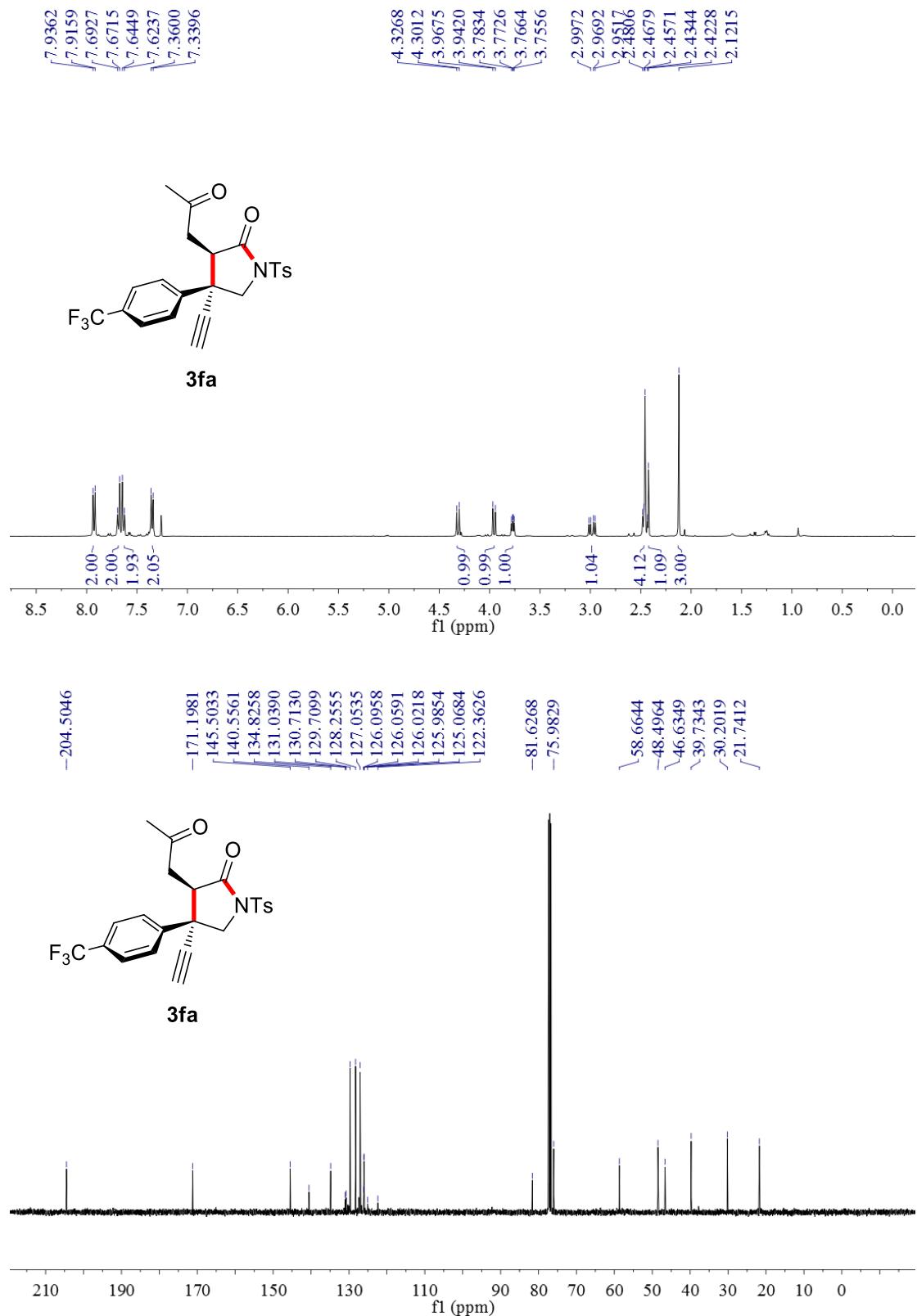


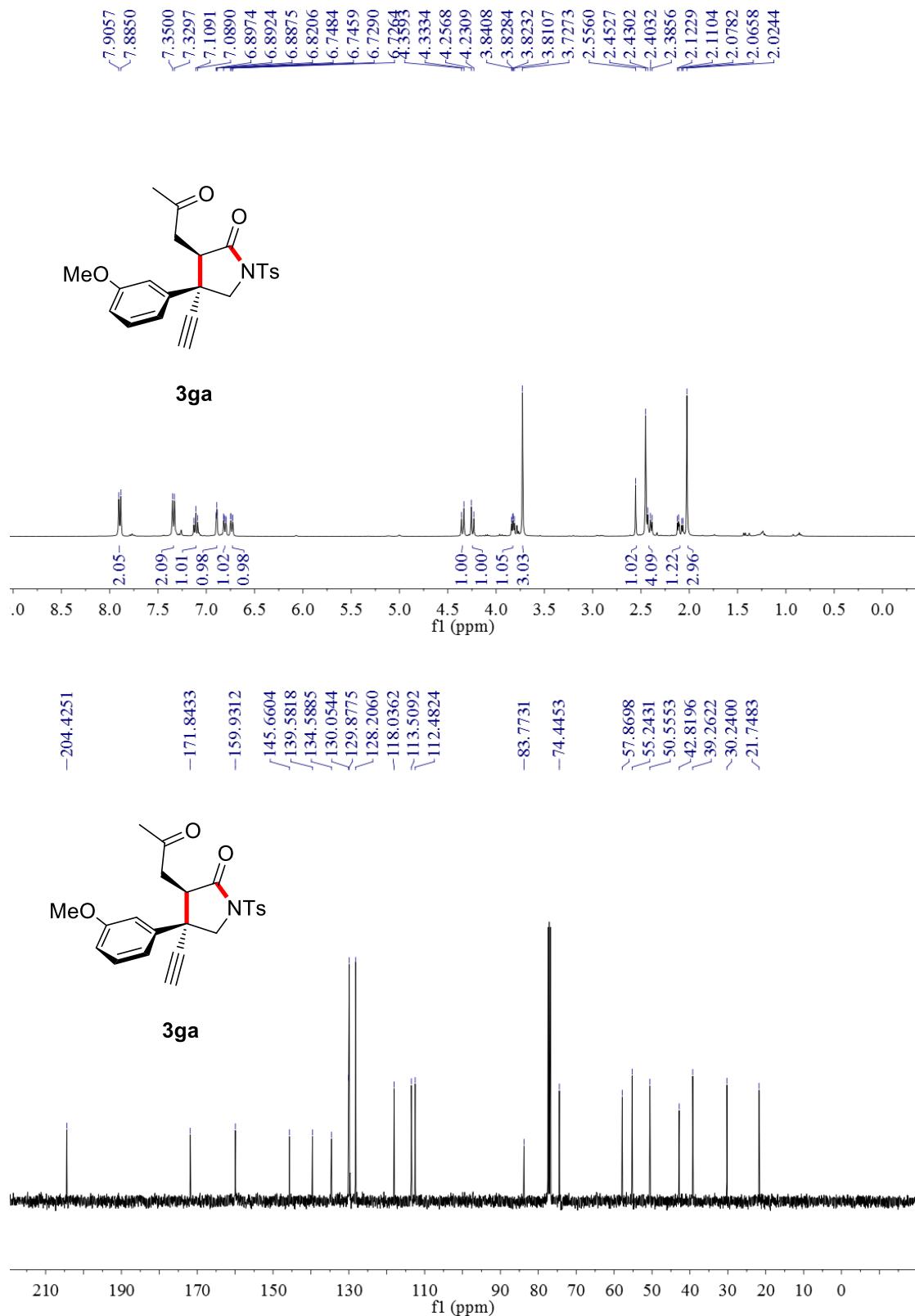


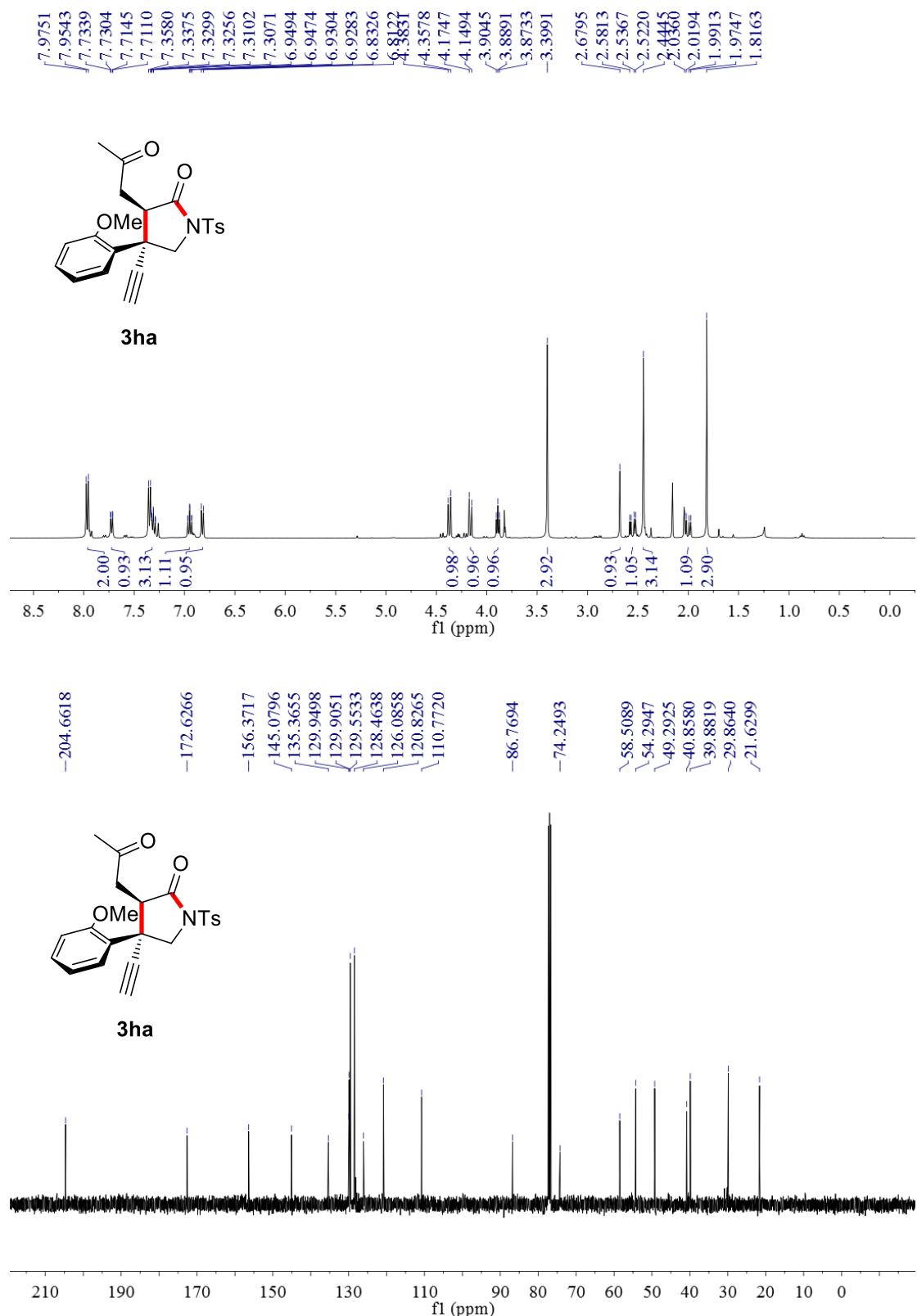


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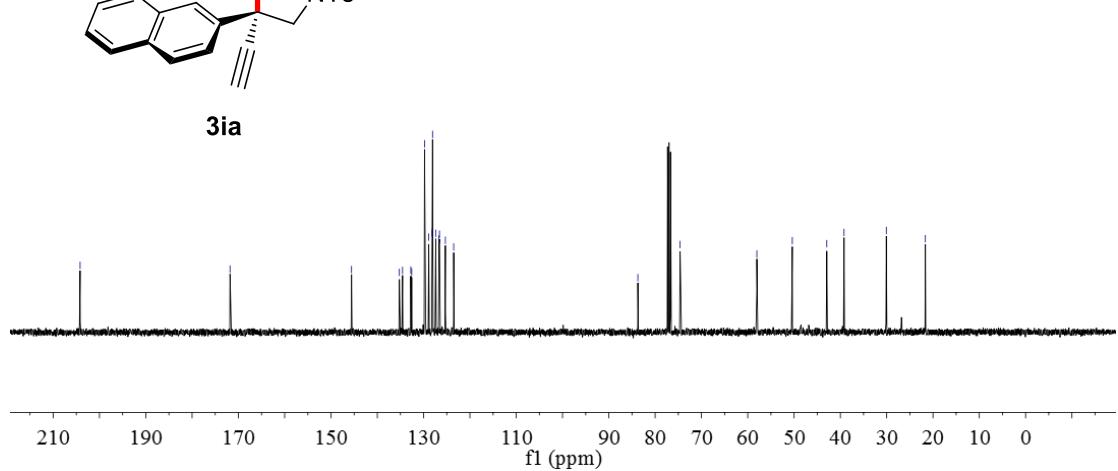
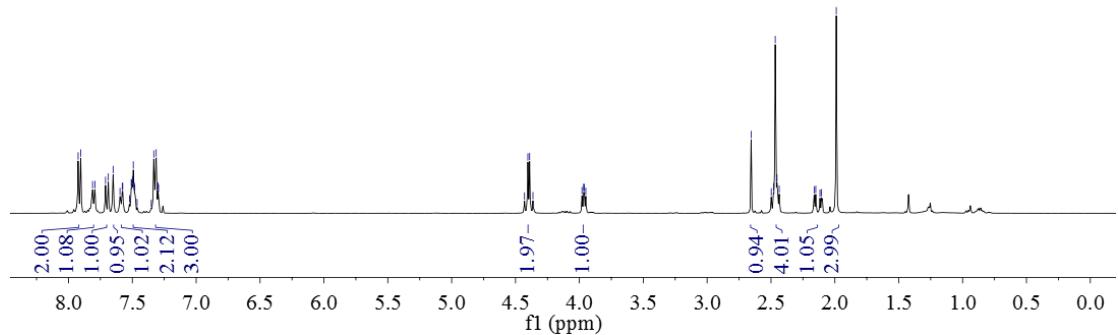


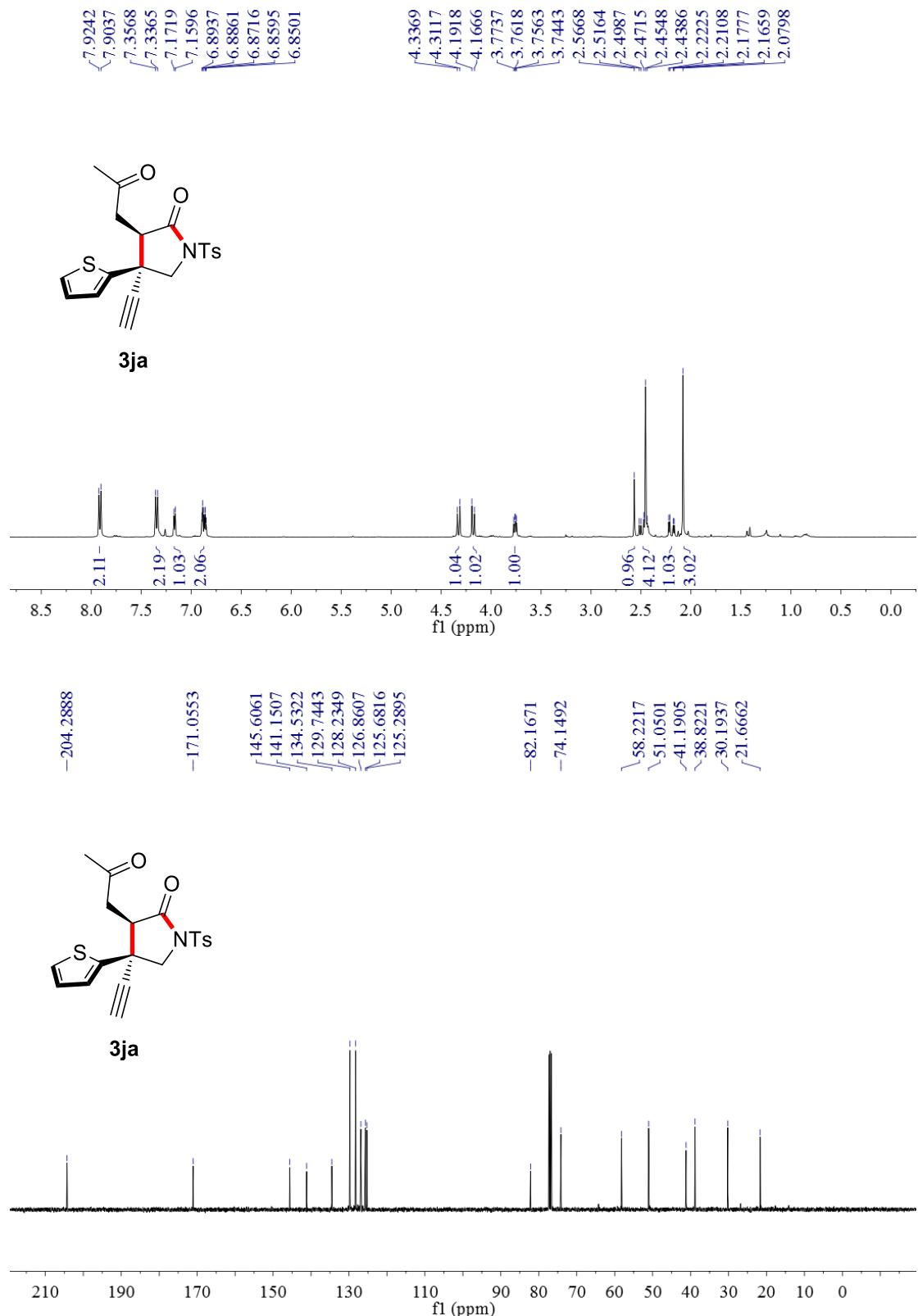






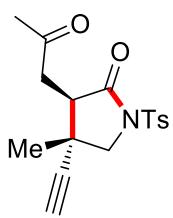
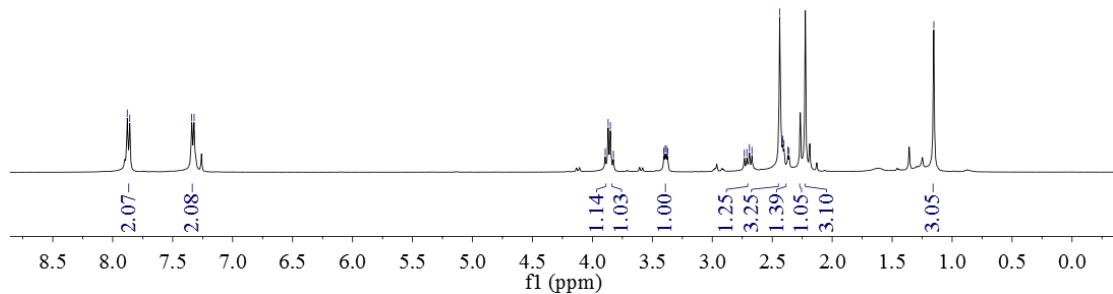
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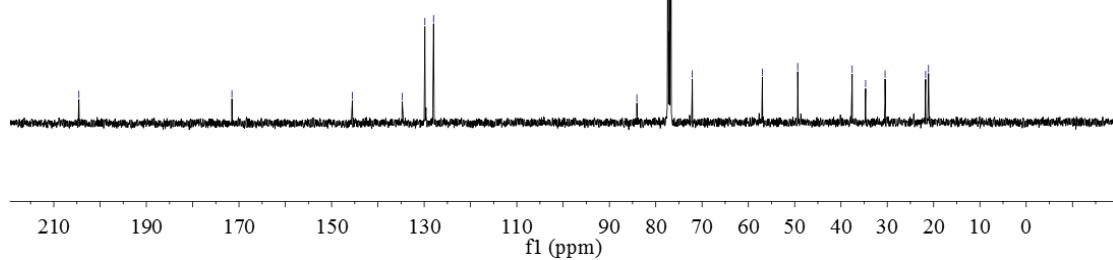


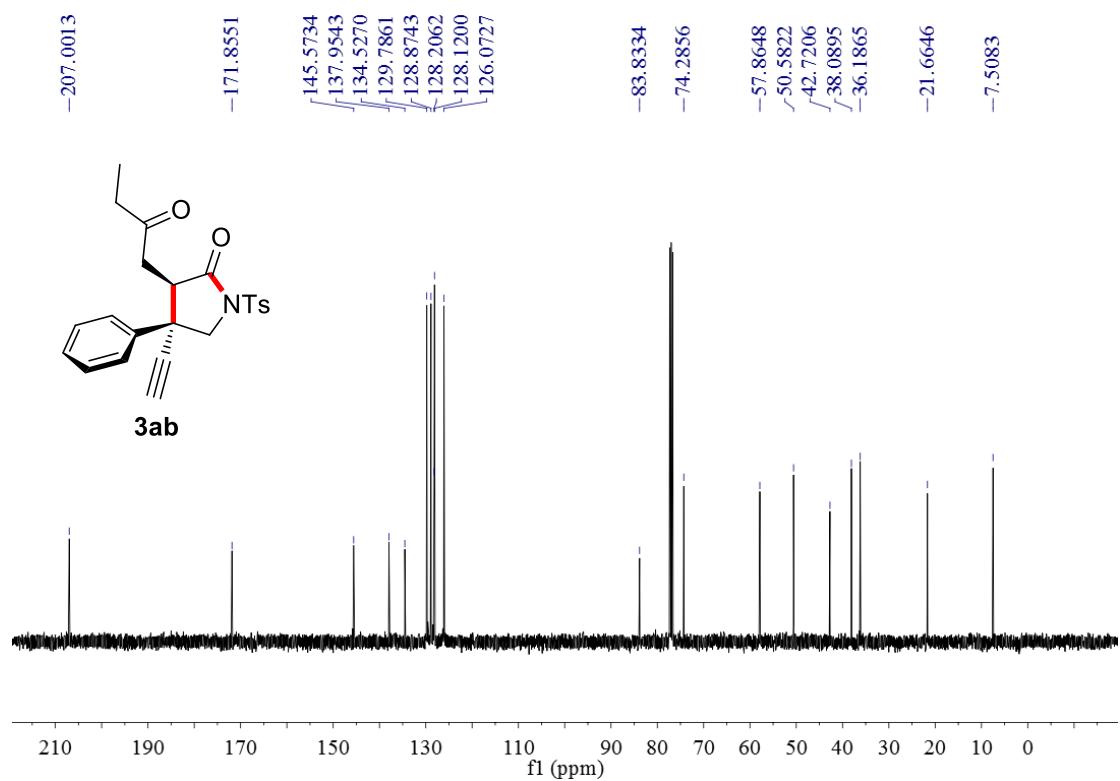
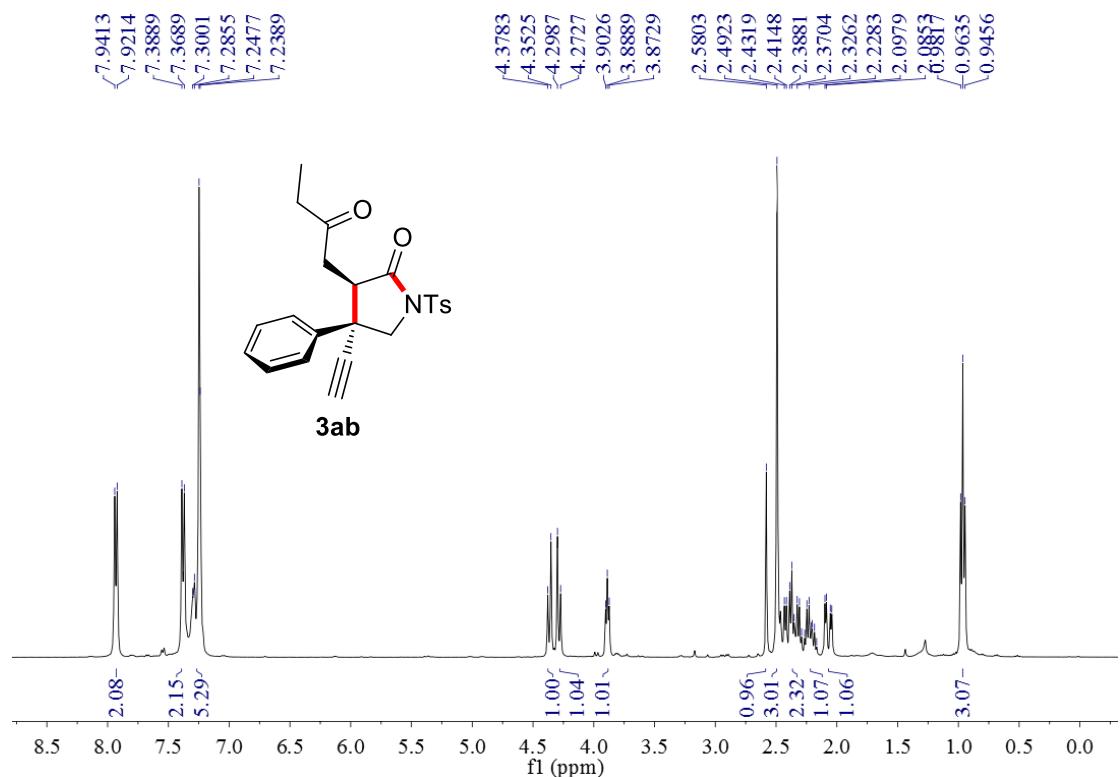


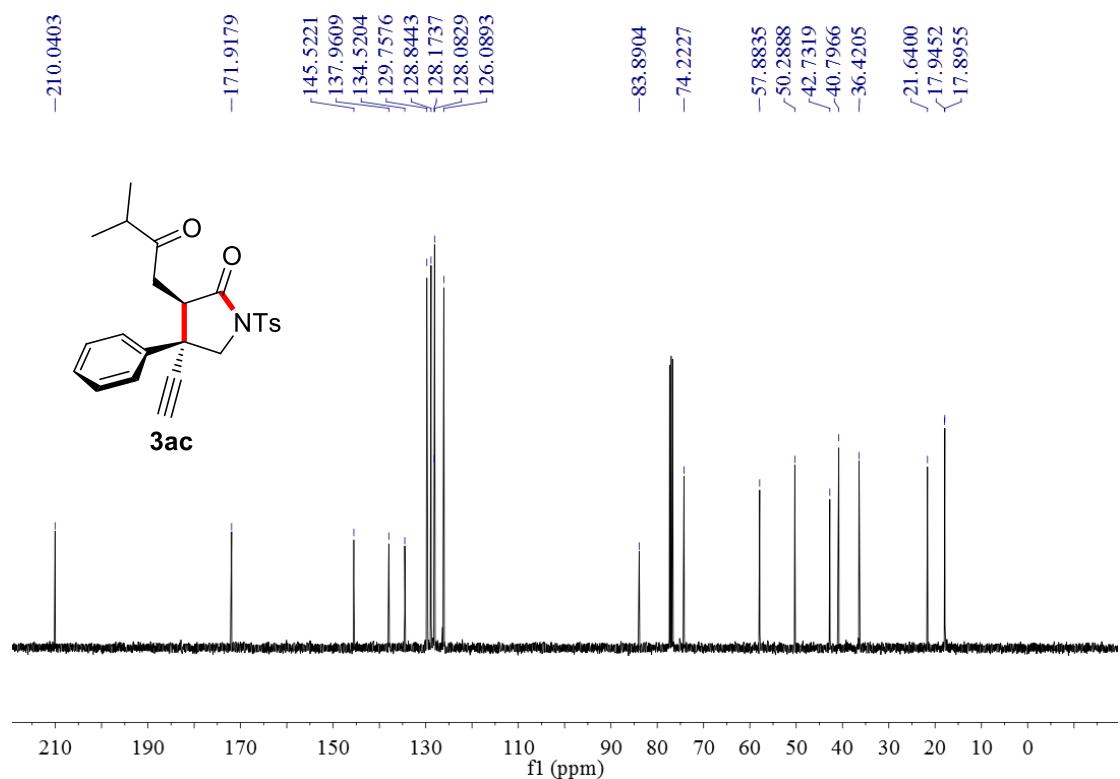
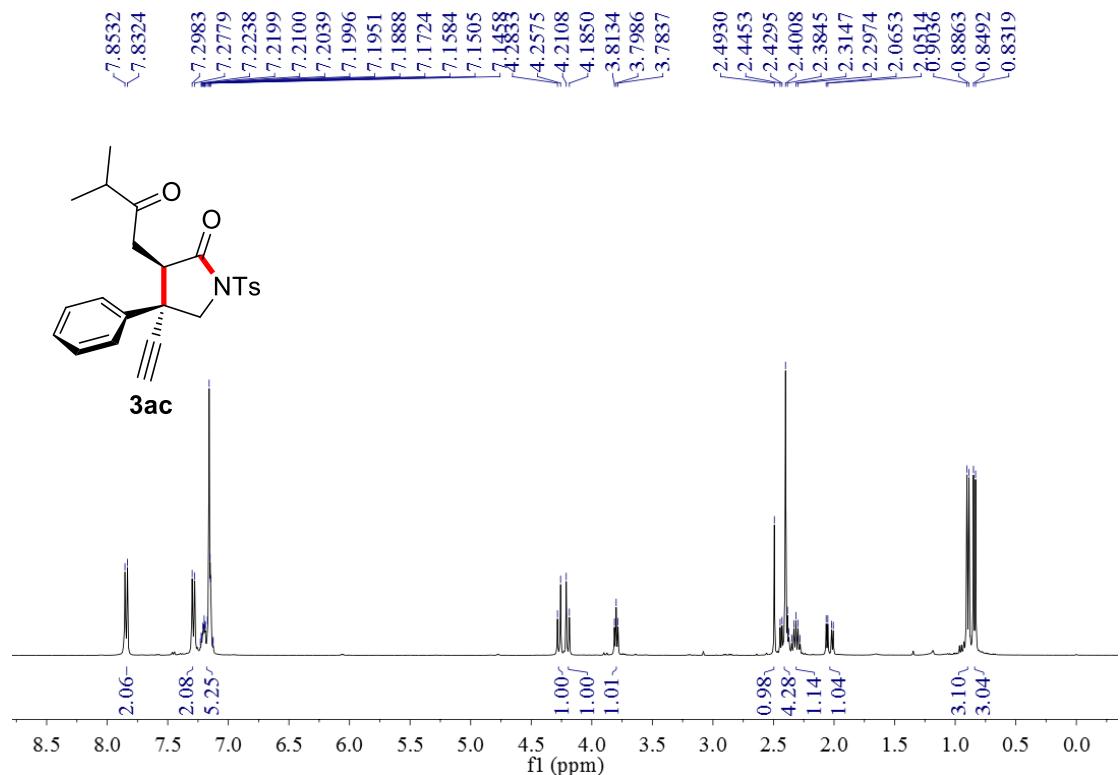
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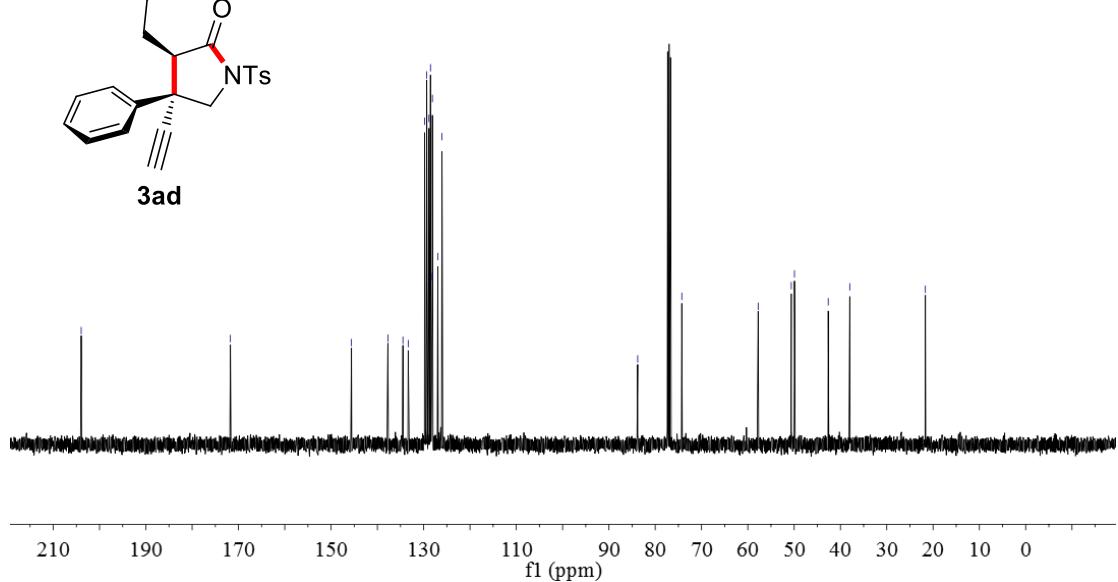
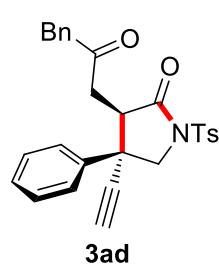
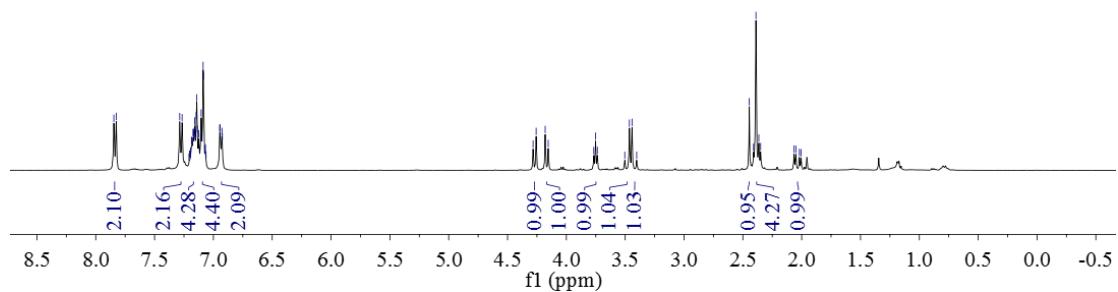
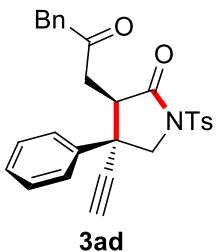


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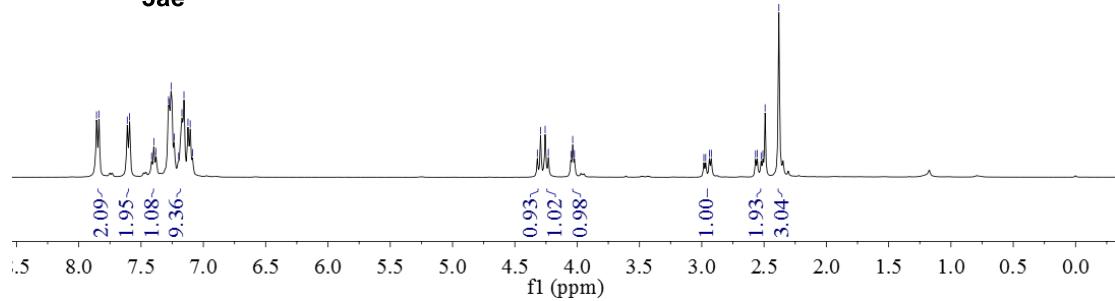




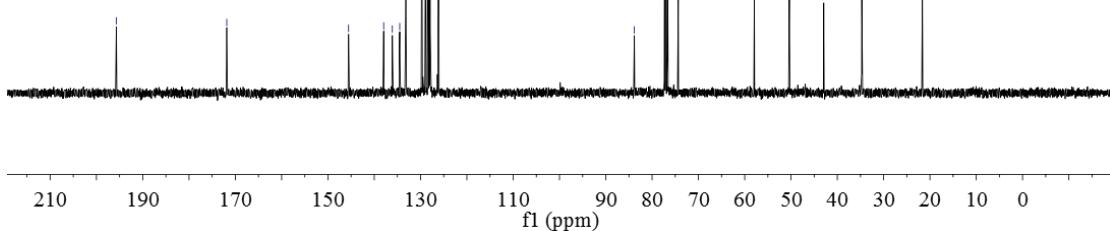




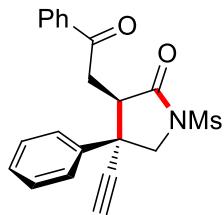
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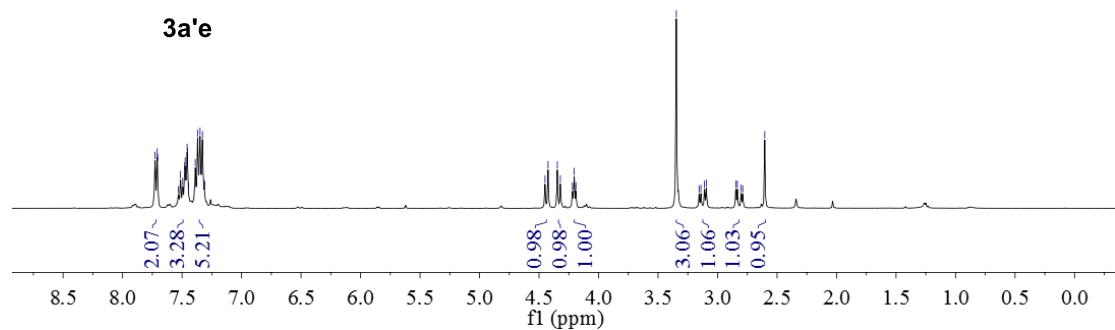
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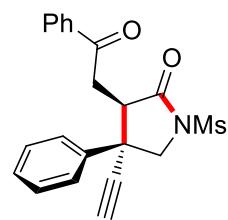
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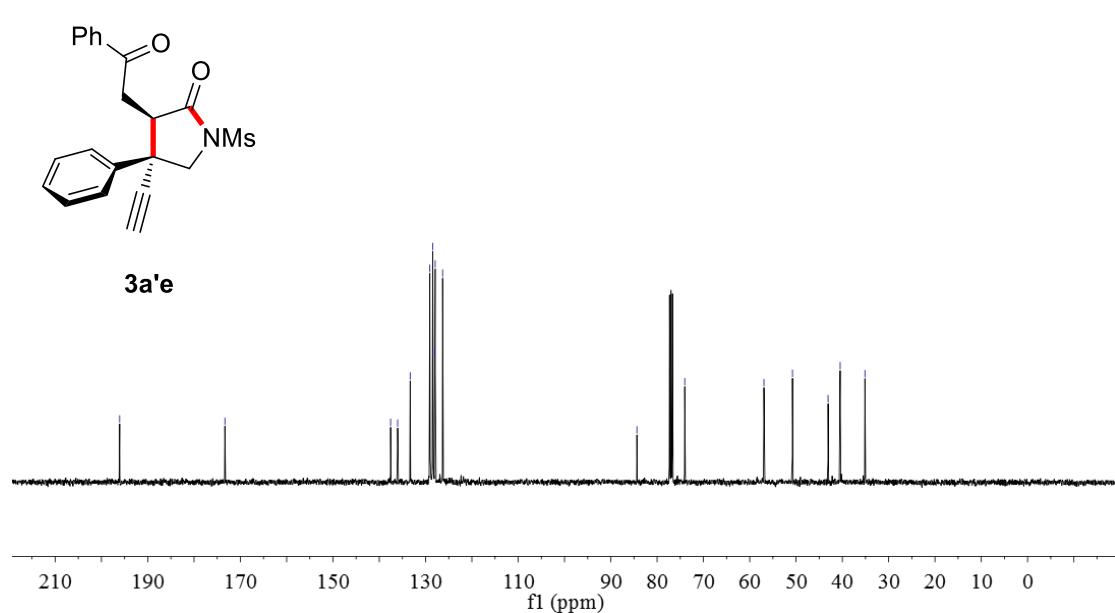
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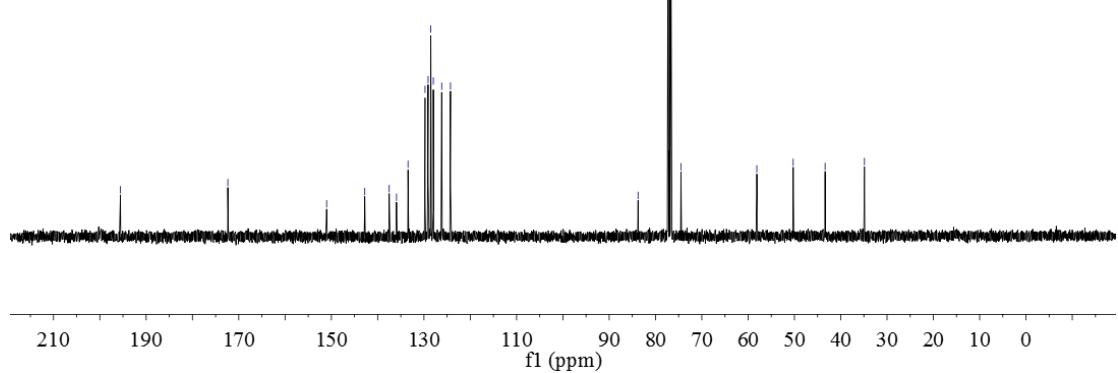
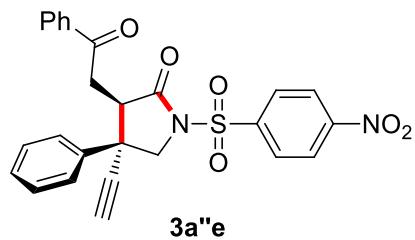
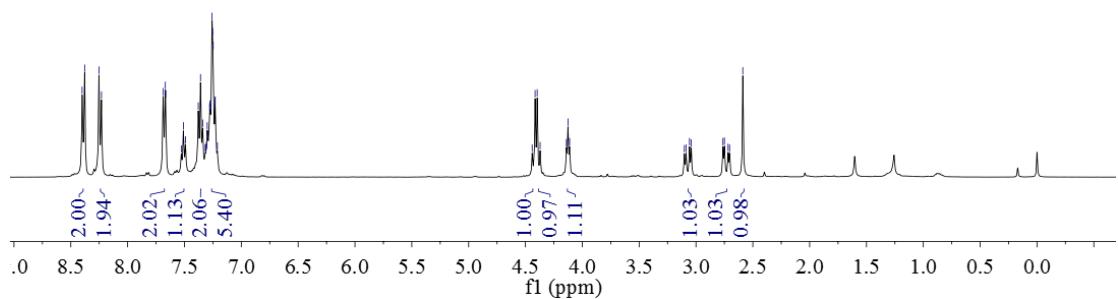
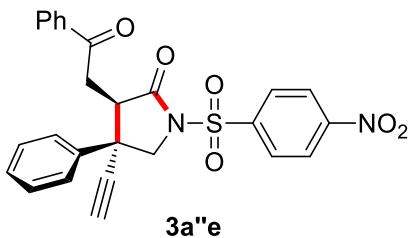


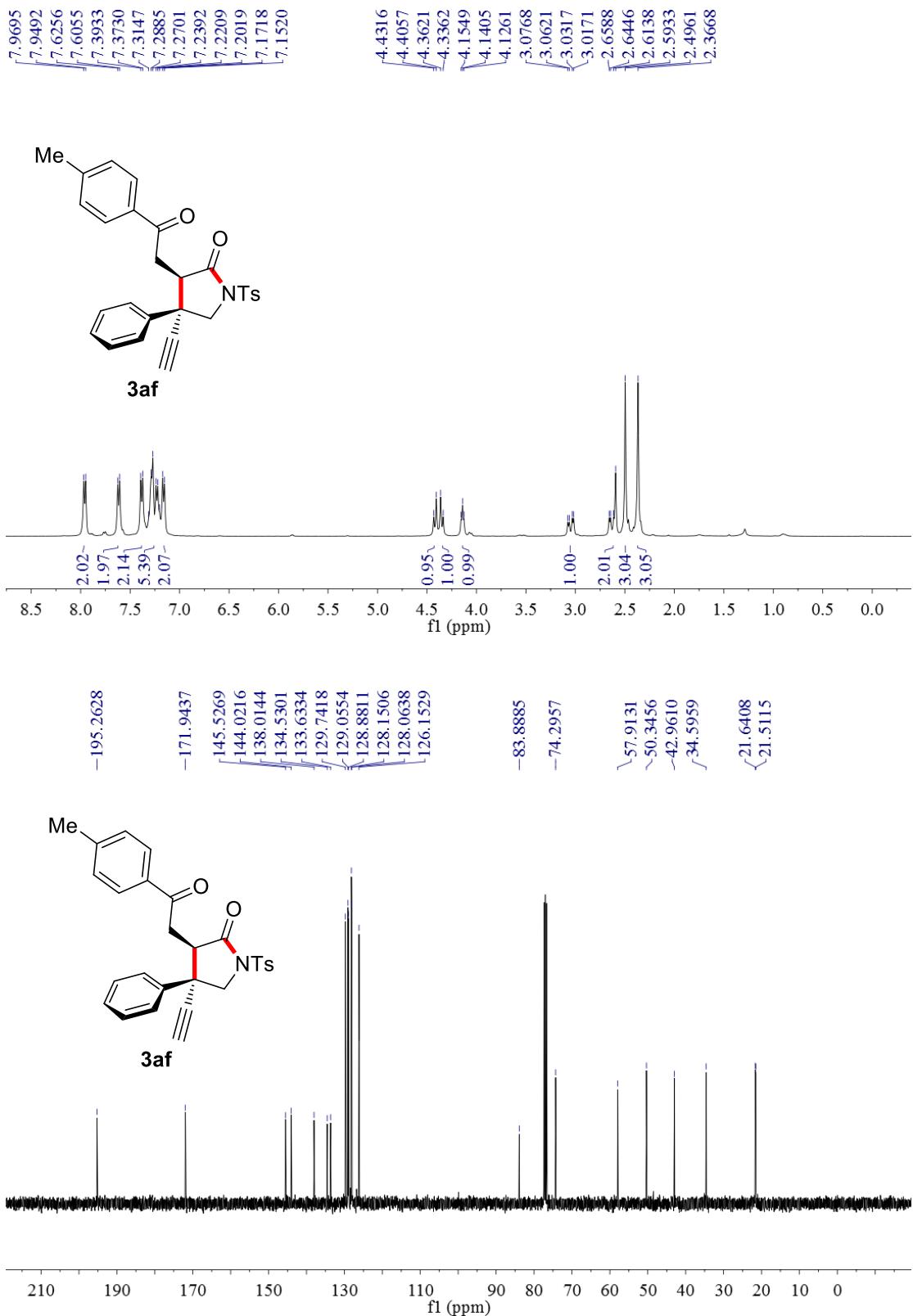
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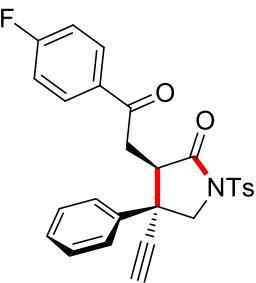


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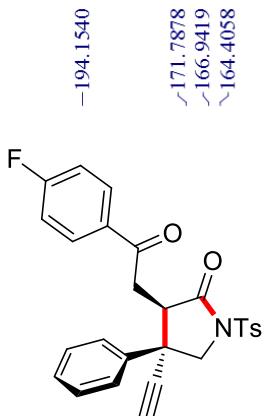
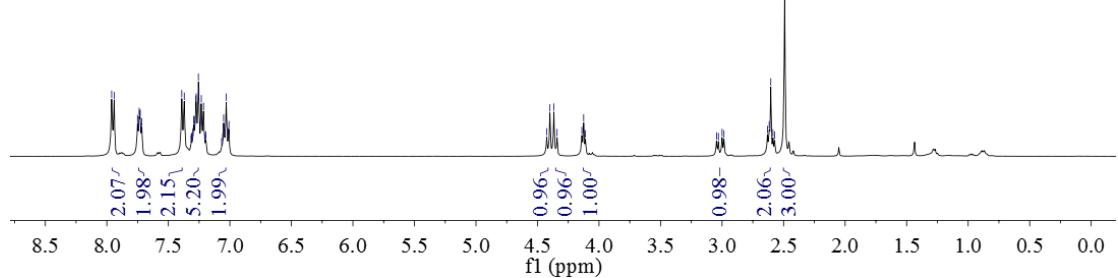




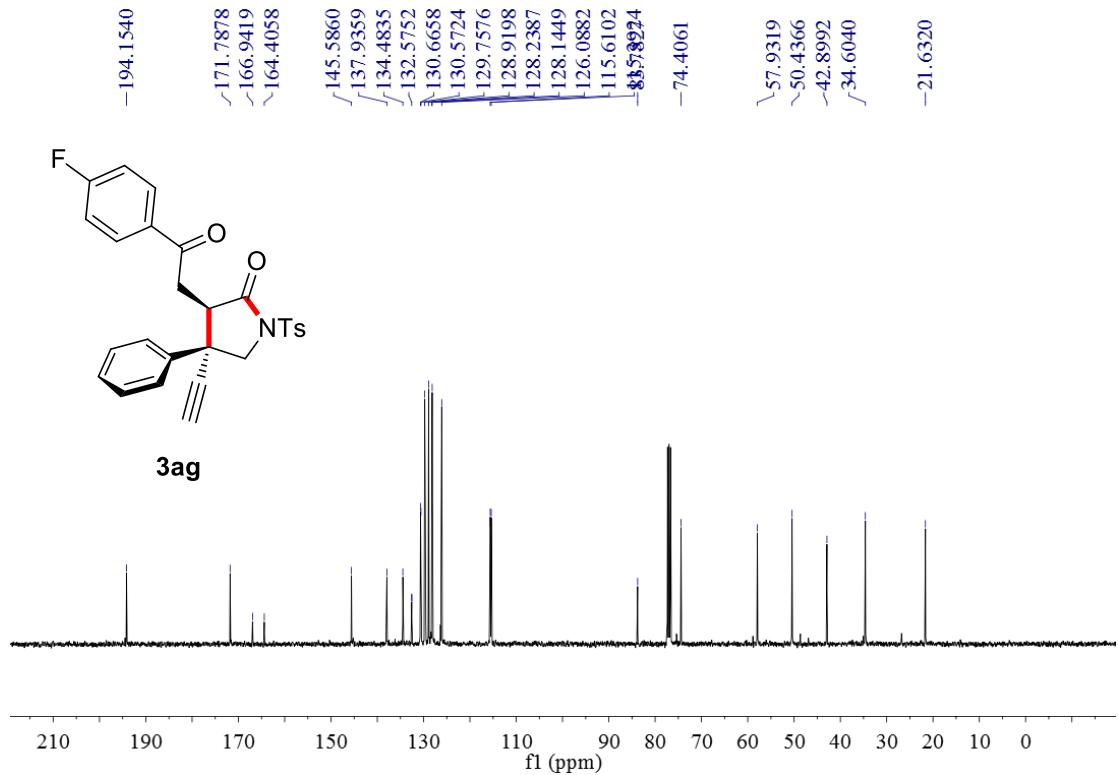


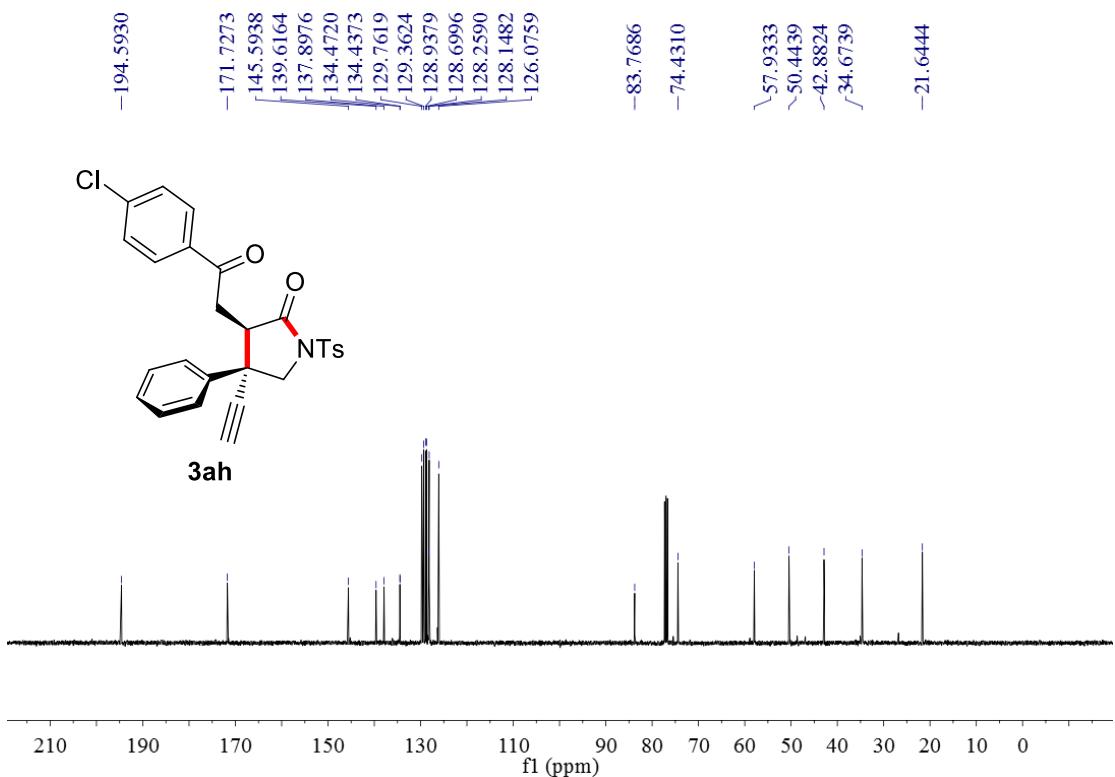
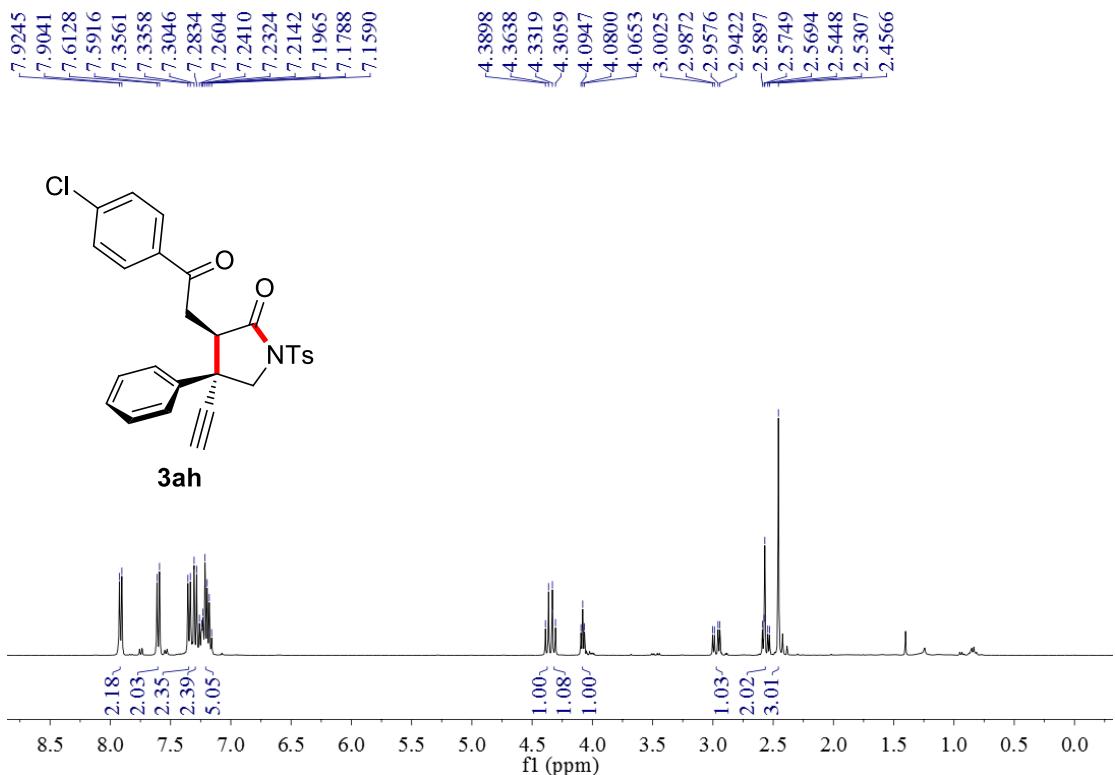


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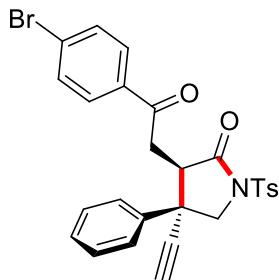


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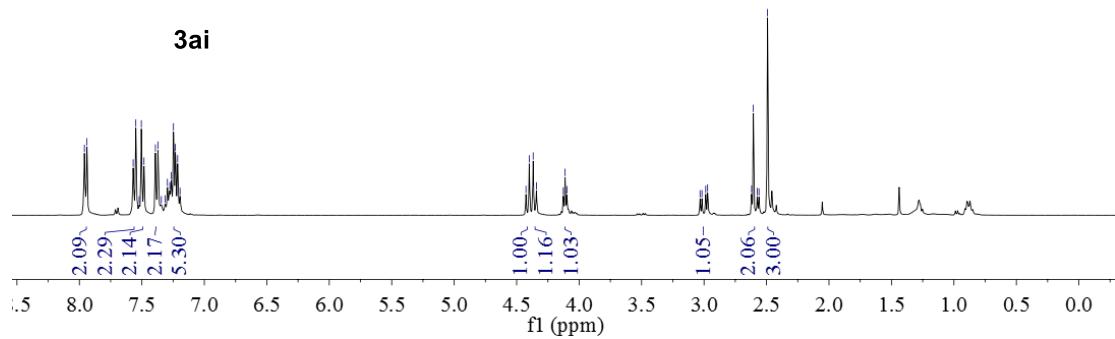




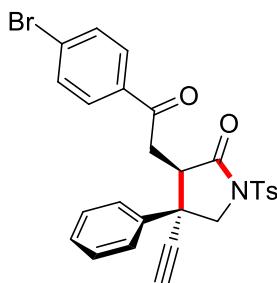
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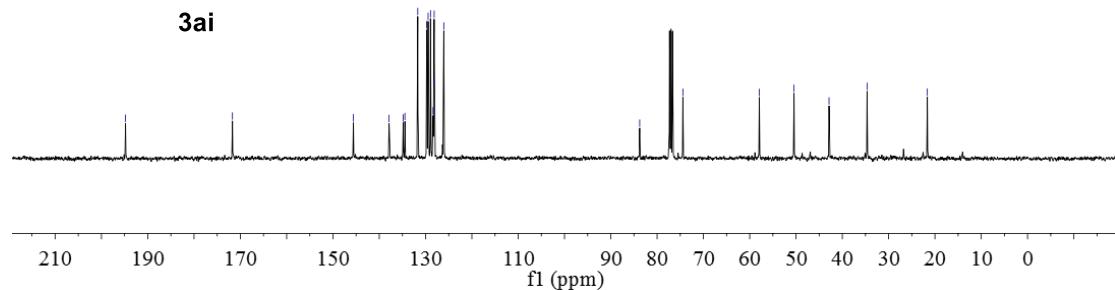
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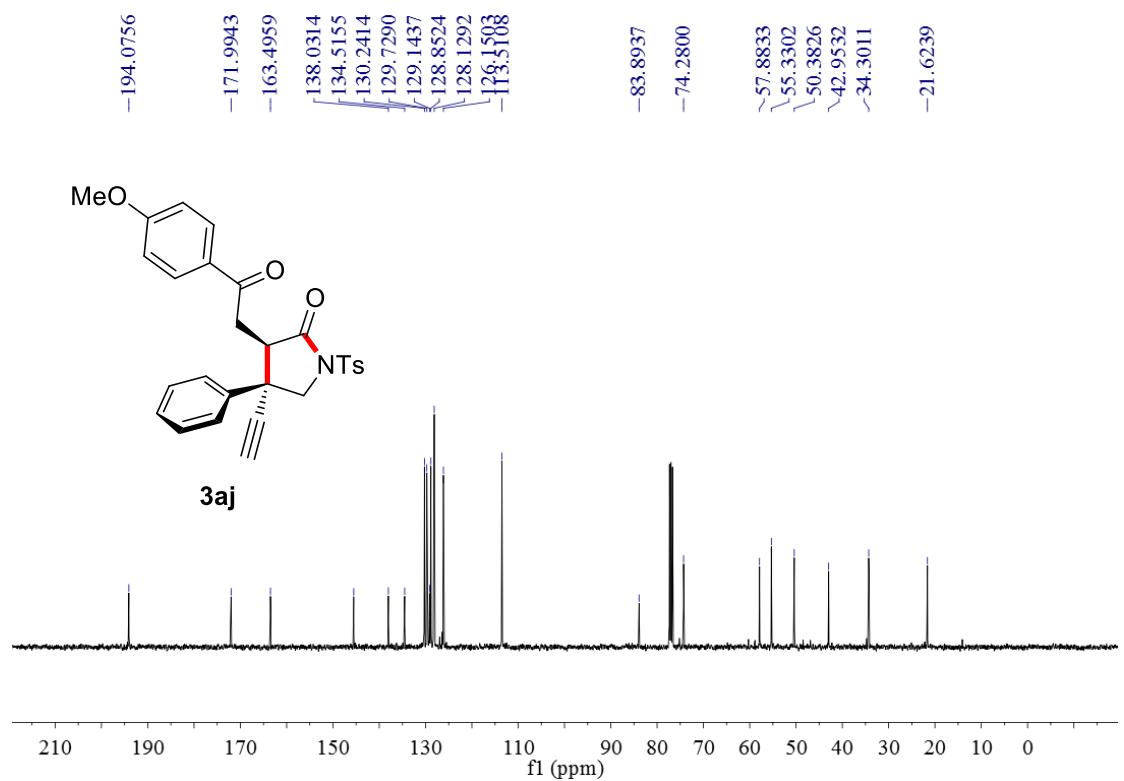
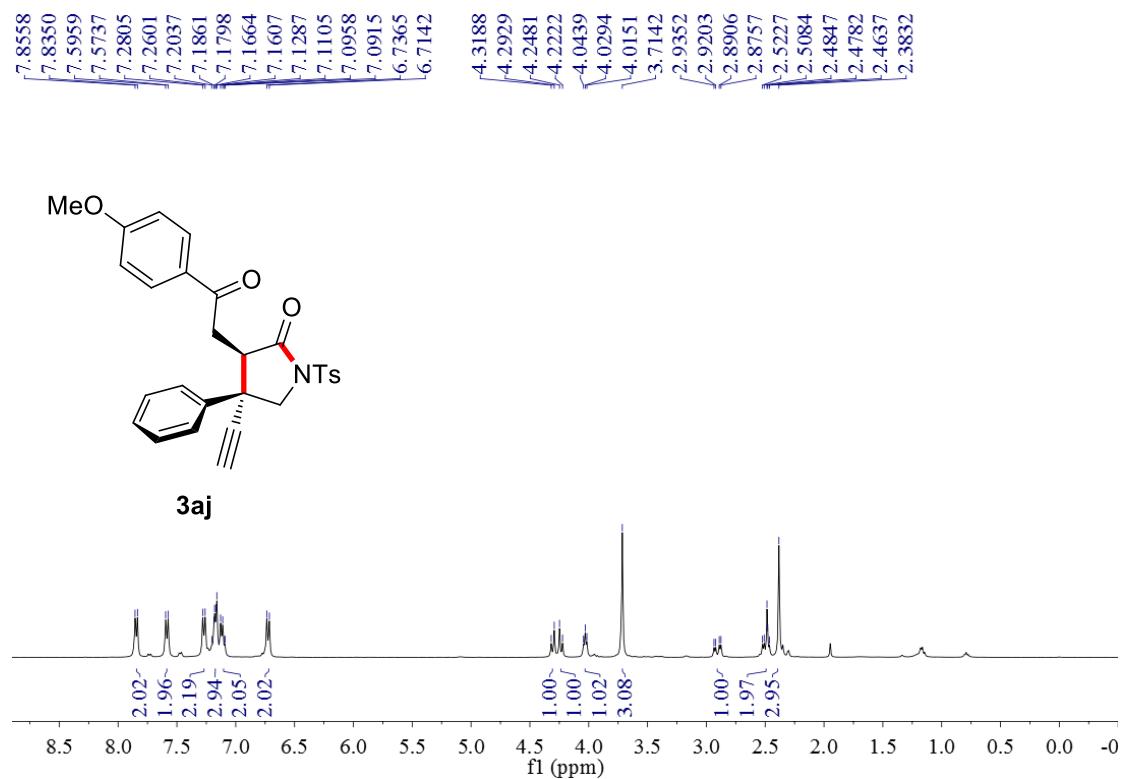


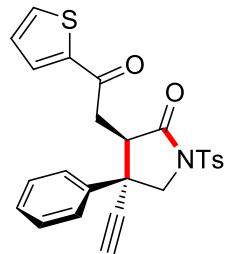
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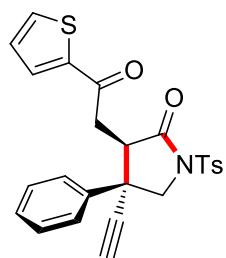
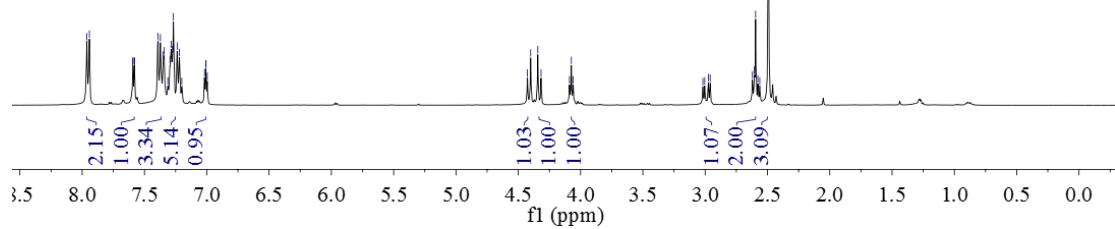
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