

Supporting Information

Unmasked Acyl Anion Equivalent from Acid Chloride with Indium: Reversed-Polarity Synthesis of Unsymmetric Aryl Aryl and Alkenyl Aryl Ketone through Palladium-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reaction

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Experimental Section

General: Reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under a nitrogen atmosphere. Indium and Pd_2dba_3 were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and were used as received. Commercial available reagents were used without purification. NMP was dried by distilling the benzene-water azeotrope from an NMP-benzene mixture. THF was purified by distillation from sodium-benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen. DMSO was purified by distillation from CaH_2 under nitrogen. DMF was purified by distillation from CaH_2 under nitrogen. All reaction mixtures were stirred magnetically and were monitored by thin-layer chromatography using silica gel pre-coated glass plates, which were visualized with UV light and then, developed using either iodine or a solution of anisaldehyde. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (230-400 mesh). ^1H NMR (400 MHz), ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz), spectra were recorded on NMR spectrometer. Deuterated chloroform was used as the solvent, and chemical shift values (δ) are reported in parts per million relative to the residual signals of this solvent (δ 7.26 for ^1H and δ 77.0 for ^{13}C). Infrared spectra were recorded on FT-IR spectrometer as either a thin film pressed between two sodium chloride plates or as a solid suspended in a potassium bromide disk. Mass spectra were obtained from the KBSI on high resolution mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined in open capillary tube using Electrothermal 9100 apparatus.

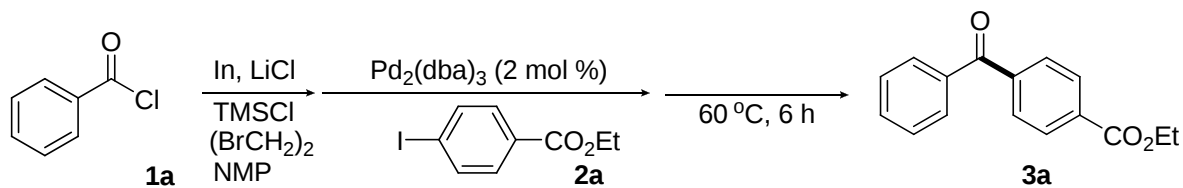
Additional Data for Optimization of Reaction Conditions

Table 1. Optimization of Solvent^a

Reaction scheme: $\text{1a} \xrightarrow[\text{TMSCl (BrCH}_2)_2]{\text{In, LiCl}} \xrightarrow[\text{cat. Pd (2 mol \%)}]{\text{2a}} \text{3a}$

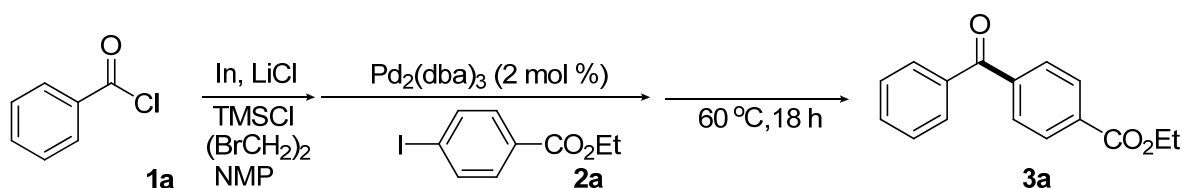
entry	cat.	solvent	T ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	t (h)	yield (%)
1	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ / SPhos	THF	70	18	21 (18) ^b (18) ^c
2	$\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$	THF:NMP (2:1)	70	12	67 (16) ^b (16) ^c
3	$\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$	THF:DMF (2:1)	25	12	41 (8) ^b (36) ^c
4	$\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$	THF:DMSO (2:1)	25	12	45 (25) ^b (16) ^c
5	$\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$	DMF	90	5	31 (27) ^b
6	$\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$	DMSO	90	12	0
7	$\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$	NMP	25	3	86

^a **1a** (1.5 equiv) and **2a** (1 equiv) were used in the presence of In (3 equiv), LiCl (3 equiv), TMSCl (6 mol %), and $(\text{BrCH}_2)_2$ (15 mol %). ^b Numbers in parenthesis are isolated yield of 4,4'-diethoxycarbonyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**4**). ^c Benzil (**3m**).

Table 2. Optimization of Ligand^a

entry	ligand (mol %)	yield (%) ^b
1	Xantphos (8)	0
2	DPEphos (8)	0 (48)
3	PPh ₃ (16)	0 (44)
4	PCy ₃ (16)	56
5	P(Biphenyl)Cy ₂ (16)	53
6	P(furyl) ₃ (16)	20 (12)
7	P(<i>o</i> -tolyl) ₃ (16)	0

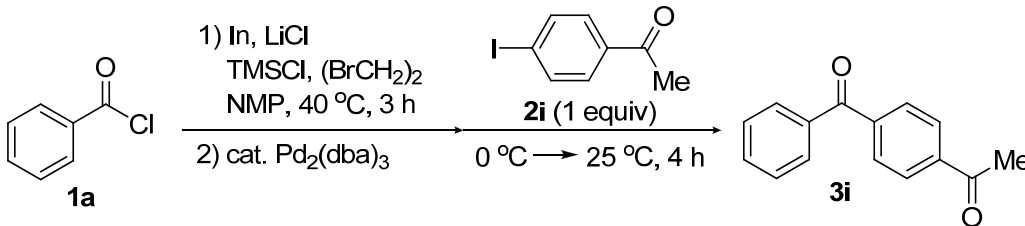
^a **1a** (1.5 equiv) and **2a** (1 equiv) were used in the presence of In (3 equiv), LiCl (3 equiv), TMSCl (6 mol %), and (BrCH₂)₂ (15 mol %) in NMP (1 mL). ^b Numbers in parenthesis are isolated yield of 4,4'-diethoxycarbonyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**4**).

Table 3. Optimization of Additive^a

entry	additive (equiv)	yield (%) ^b
1	-	0 (55)
2	LiCl (1)	53 (15)
3	LiCl (2)	30 (13)
4	LiCl (3)	86
5	LiCl (4)	61 (33)
6	LiBr (3)	64 (21)
7	LiI (3)	68 (19)
8	KBr (3)	0
9	KI (3)	0

^a **1a** (1.5 equiv) and **2a** (1 equiv) were used in the presence of In (3 equiv) TMSCl (6 mol %), and (CH₂Br)₂ (15 mol %) in NMP (1 mL). ^b Numbers in parenthesis are isolated yield of 4,4'-diethoxycarbonyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**4**).

Table 4. Control Experiment Using Benzoyl Chloride

						
entry	1a (equiv)	In (equiv)	LiCl (equiv)	TMSCl (mol %)	(BrCH ₂) ₂ (mol %)	yield (%) ^a
1	2.0	3.0	3.0	-	15	39 (26)
2	2.0	3.0	3.0	6	-	42 (19)
3	2.0	3.0	3.0	-	-	37 (22)

^a Numbers in parenthesis are isolated yield of 4,4'-dimethoxycarbonyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**4**).

General procedure for indium insertion : First, LiCl must be dried as follows: LiCl was placed in a nitrogen-flushed flask and dried for additionally 5-10 min with a heat gun under high vacuum. NMP (1 mL) was added to In (104.0 mg, 0.9 mmol) and LiCl (38.0 mg, 0.9 mmol) in test tube and then, TMSCl (2.0 mg, 15 mol %) and 1,2-dibromoethane (8.5 mg, 6 mol %) were successively added at 25 °C.

Preparation of acylindium from benzoyl chloride (1a) : Benzoyl chloride **1a** (84.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added to above mixture at 25 °C and then, it was stirred at 40 °C for 3 h, producing acylindium reagent.

Preparation of acylindium from *m*-methylbenzoyl chloride (1b) : *m*-Methylbenzoyl chloride **1b** (93.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added to above mixture at 25 °C and then, it was stirred at 40 °C for 3 h, producing acylindium reagent.

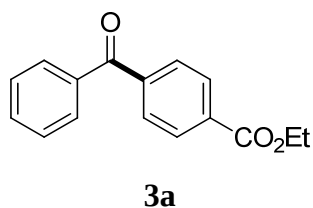
Preparation of acylindium from *tert*-butylbenzoyl chloride (1c) : *tert*-Butylbenzoyl chloride **1b** (118.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added to above mixture at 25 °C and then, it was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h, producing acylindium reagent.

Preparation of acylindium from *p*-methoxybenzoyl chloride (1d) : *p*-Methoxybenzoyl chloride **1d** (102.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added to above mixture at 25 °C and then, it was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h, producing acylindium reagent.

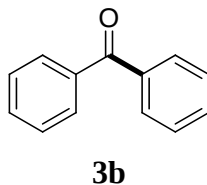
Preparation of acylindium from *p*-chlorobenzoyl chloride (1e) : *p*-Chlorobenzoyl chloride **1e** (105.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added to above mixture at 25 °C and then, it was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h, producing acylindium reagent.

General procedure for cross-coupling reaction of acylindium reagent generated in situ from benzoyl chloride with ethyl 4-iodobenzoate (Table 1-3) : Above pre-prepared organoindium reagent in NMP was carefully transferred to solution of $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (2 mol %) in NMP (0.3 mL) using syringe at 0 °C. After ethyl 4-iodobenzoate (82.8 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added, the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C. After the completion of the reaction (checked by TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with NH_4Cl (2 mL) and water (2 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Silica gel fresh column chromatography (ethyl acetate:hexane = 1:10) gave ethyl 4-benzoylbenzoate (65.6 mg, 0.26 mmol, 86%) as white solid.

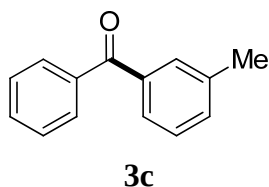
Ethyl 4-benzoylbenzoate (3a)¹ : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:20); Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (dt, J = 8.22 Hz, 1.73 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dt, J = 8.34 Hz, 1.72 Hz, 2H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 4.42 (q, J = 7.12 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.12 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ = 196.1, 165.8, 141.2, 136.9, 133.5, 132.9, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4, 128.4, 61.4, 14.3; IR (film): 1729, 1714, 1660, 1597, 1447, 1367, 1276, 1104, 1020, 768 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$: 254.0943; found : 254.0943



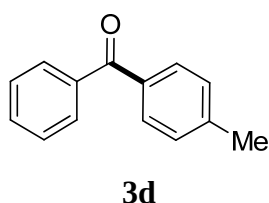
Benzophenone (3b)² : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:15); White solid. Melting point: 48-50 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99-7.96 (m, 4H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.5, 134.9, 132.9, 129.9, 129.0; IR (film): 1681, 1671, 1595, 1449, 1211, 1175, 873, 684 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$: 182.0732; found : 183.0732



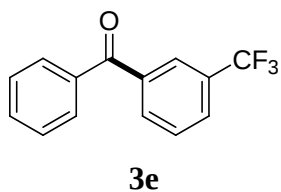
3-Methylbenzophenone (3c)³ : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:15); Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.0, 138.1, 137.7, 137.6, 133.1, 132.3, 130.4, 130.0, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 21.3; IR (film): 3060, 2923, 1660, 1598, 1447, 1316, 1280, 1178, 719 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$: 196.0888; found : 196.0888



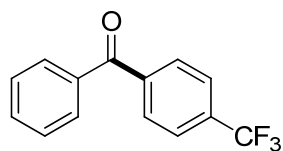
4-Methylbenzophenone (3d)³ : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:30); Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.72 (dt, J = 8.17 Hz, 1.72 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.5, 143.2, 137.9, 134.8, 132.1, 130.3, 129.9, 128.9, 128.2, 21.6; IR (film): 3058, 2921, 1657, 1605, 1446, 1314, 1277, 1177, 922, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$: 196.0888; found : 196.0890



3-Trifluoromethylbenzophenone (3e)⁴ : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:30); White solid. Melting point: 51-53 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.76 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.81-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 195.2, 138.3, 136.7, 133.1, 133.0, 131.0 (q, J = 32.9 Hz), 130.0, 128.9, 128.85 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 128.6, 126.7 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.7 (q, J = 272.5 Hz); IR (film): 1665, 1336, 1267, 1127, 1073, 713, 692, 659 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}$: 250.0605; found : 250.0604

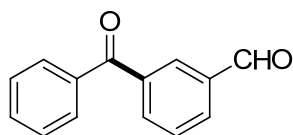


4-Trifluoromethylbenzophenone (3f)³ : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:30); White solid. Melting point: 107-110 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, J = 8.00, 2H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.03, 2H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 195.6, 140.7, 136.7, 133.7 (q, J = 32.8 Hz), 133.1, 130.15, 130.1, 128.5, 125.4 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.6 (q, J = 271.1 Hz); IR (film): 1650, 1576, 1447, 1407, 1335, 1168, 1115, 857, 695 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}$: 250.0605; found : 250.0602



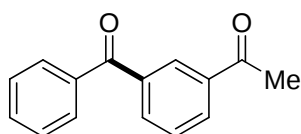
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3-Benzoylbenzaldehyde (3g)⁵ : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:15); Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 8.28 (t, J = 1.46 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dt, J = 7.64 Hz, 1.44 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dt, J = 7.70 Hz, 1.49 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.66 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 195.5, 191.4, 138.5, 136.8, 136.3, 135.4, 133.0, 132.6, 131.3, 130.0, 129.2, 128.5; IR (film): 1700, 1659, 1596, 1447, 1278, 1200, 972, 712 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$: 210.0681; found : 210.0683



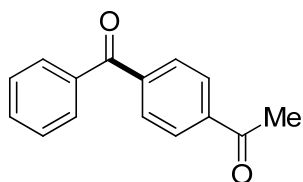
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3-Acetobenzophenone (3h)⁴ : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:5); Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (t, J = 1.54 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dt, J = 7.83 Hz, 1.46 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dt, J = 7.66 Hz, 1.45 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 197.3, 195.8, 138.0, 137.1, 137.0, 134.2, 132.9, 131.7, 130.0, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 26.7; IR (film): 1692, 1661, 1597, 1578, 1447, 1425, 1358, 1240, 968, 719 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$: 224.0837, found : 224.0841



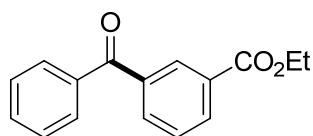
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4-Acetobenzophenone (3i)⁶ : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:7); White solid. Melting point: 83-85 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (dt, J = 8.26 Hz, 1.75 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (dt, J = 8.26 Hz, 1.75 Hz, 2H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 197.5, 195.9, 141.3, 139.5, 136.9, 133.0, 130.1, 130.0, 128.4, 128.1, 26.9; IR (film): 1687, 1660, 1596, 1578, 1402, 1357, 1316, 1276, 925, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$: 224.0837; found : 224.0837



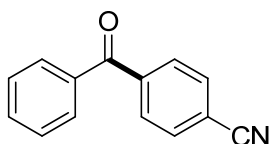
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Ethyl 3-benzoylbenzoate (3j)⁷ : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:15); Pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (t, J = 1.70 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dt, J = 7.75 Hz, 1.49 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dt, J = 7.72 Hz, 1.50 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 2H), 4.40 (q, J = 7.16 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.21 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) δ 195.8, 165.8, 137.9, 137.0, 133.9, 133.1, 132.8, 130.9, 130.0, 128.4, 61.3, 14.3; IR (film): 2358, 1719, 1661, 1600, 1247, 1103, 798, 711 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₃ : 254.0943; found : 254.0943



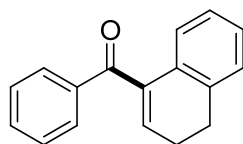
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4-Benzoylbenzonitrile (3k)⁷ : R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:15); Pale yellow solid. Melting point: 110-113 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89-8.86 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) δ 195.0, 141.2, 136.3, 133.3, 132.1, 130.2, 130.0, 128.6, 118.0, 115.6; IR (film): 2228, 1697, 1649, 1596, 1447, 1279, 1251, 1112, 857, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for C₁₄H₉NO : 207.0684; found : 207.0685



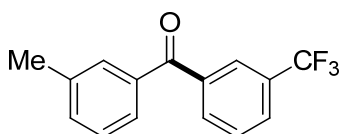
3k

3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (3l) : R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:20); Pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.49 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (t, J = 8.01 Hz, 2H), 2.52-2.47 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) δ 197.1, 138.8, 138.0, 136.5, 135.8, 132.9, 132.0, 130.0, 128.4, 127.85, 127.8, 126.7, 125.8, 27.6, 23.3; IR (film): 2359, 1665, 1603, 1434, 1335, 1205, 1168, 1073 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₄O : 234.1045; found : 234.1045



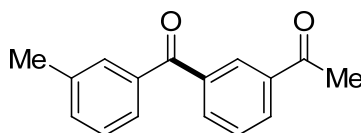
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3'-Methyl-3-trifluoromethylbenzophenone (3m) : $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc: hexane = 1:50); Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 7.84$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.84$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.44$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 195.4, 138.5, 138.4, 136.8, 133.8, 133.1, 131.0 (q, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 130.4, 128.8, 128.7 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 128.3, 127.3, 126.7 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 123.7 (q, $J = 272.6$ Hz), 21.3; IR (film): 3064, 2925, 1721, 1666, 1434, 1335, 1275, 1204, 1168, 1130, 798, 742 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{O}$: 264.0762; found : 264.0762



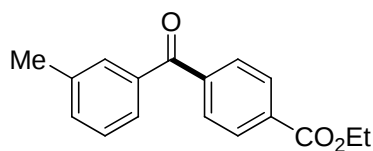
3m

3-(3-Methylbenzoyl)acetophenone (3n) : $R_f = 0.3$ (EtOAc: hexane = 1:10); Pale yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36 (td, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (ddd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dt, $J = 7.66$ Hz, 1.45 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 197.3, 196.1, 138.4, 138.2, 137.1, 137.0, 134.2, 133.6, 131.6, 130.4, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.3, 26.7, 21.3; IR (film): 3062, 2922, 1688, 1660, 1597, 1424, 1305, 1254, 798, 739 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$: 238.0994; found : 238.0994



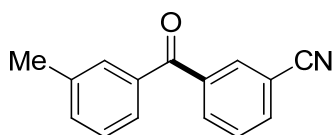
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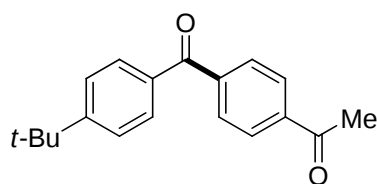
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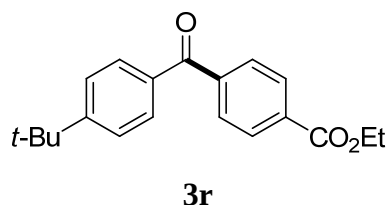
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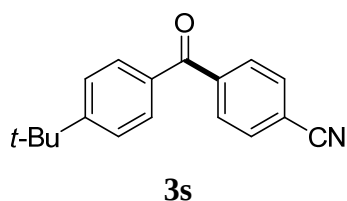


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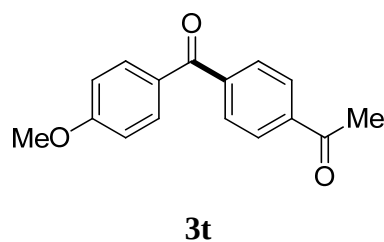
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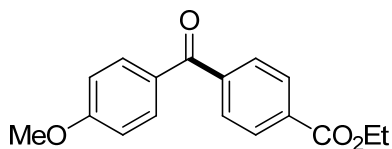
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1-(4-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)phenyl)ethanone (3t)⁸ : R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc: hexane = 1:10); White solid. Melting point: 110-112 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84-7.77 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 197.6, 194.7, 163.7, 142.2, 139.3, 132.6, 129.7, 129.5, 128.1, 113.8, 55.6, 26.9; IR (film): 2460, 1684, 1644, 1600, 1508, 1261, 1025 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$: 254.0943; found : 254.0943

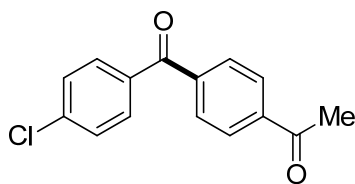


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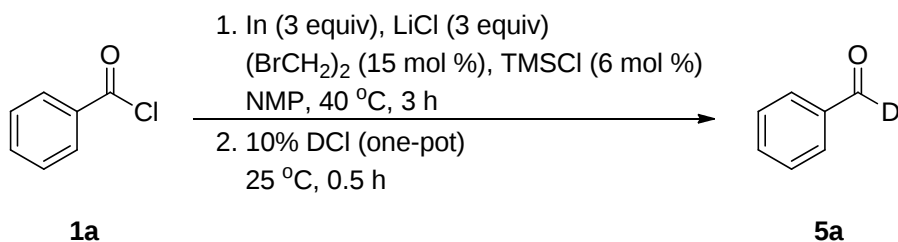
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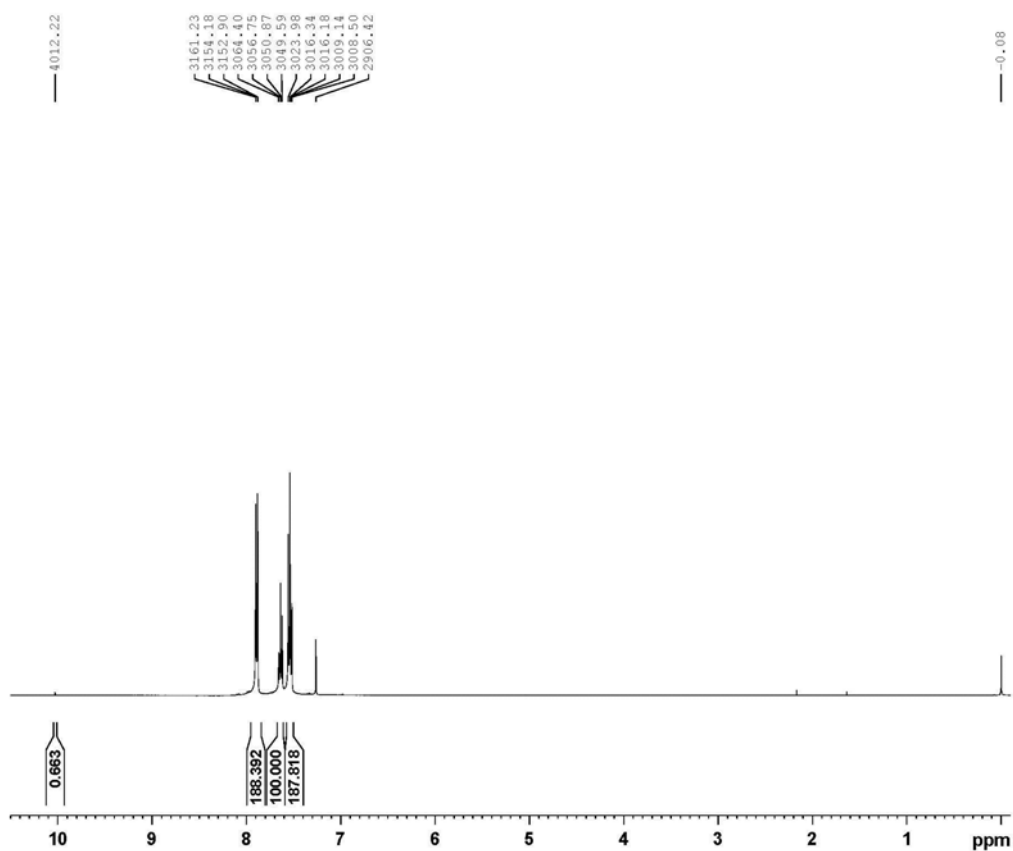
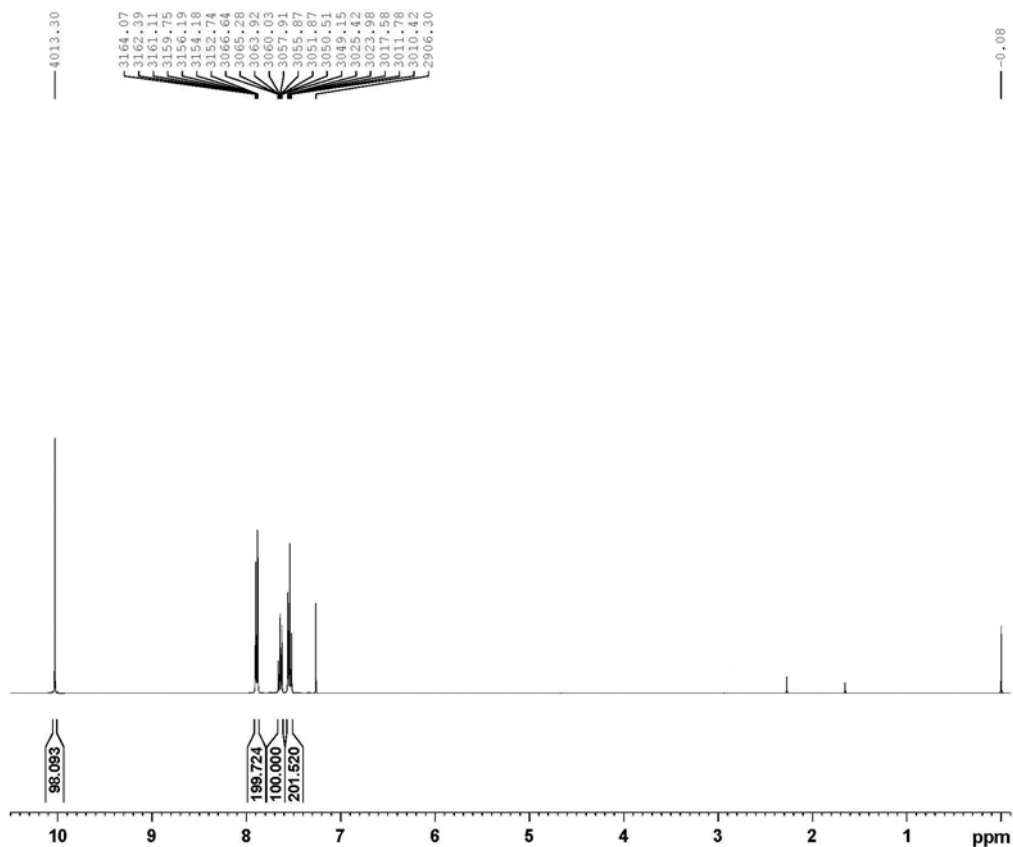
Experiments with isotopically-labeled substrates



The general procedure was followed using indium powder (104.0 mg, 0.9 mmol), LiCl (38.0 mg, 0.9 mmol), TMSCl (6 mol %), 1,2-dibromoethane (15 mol %) in NMP (1 mL). Benzoyl chloride **1a** (84.0 mg, 0.6 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 3 h and provided the indium reagent. Then, 10% DCl was added. The resulting mixture was stirred under N₂ at 25 °C for 0.5 h. After the completion of the reaction (checked by TLC), the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Silica gel fresh column chromatography (ethyl acetate:hexane = 1:10) gave benzaldehyde-*d*₁ (64.2 mg, 60%) as colorless oil. R_f = 0.3 (EtOAc:hexane = 1:3); Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.02 (s, 0.01H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.0 (t, J = 26.7 Hz), 136.3 (t, J = 3.54 Hz), 134.4, 129.7, 129.0; IR (film): 3061, 2942, 2242, 1843 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI): m/z calcd for C₇H₅DO : 107.0481; found : 107.0480

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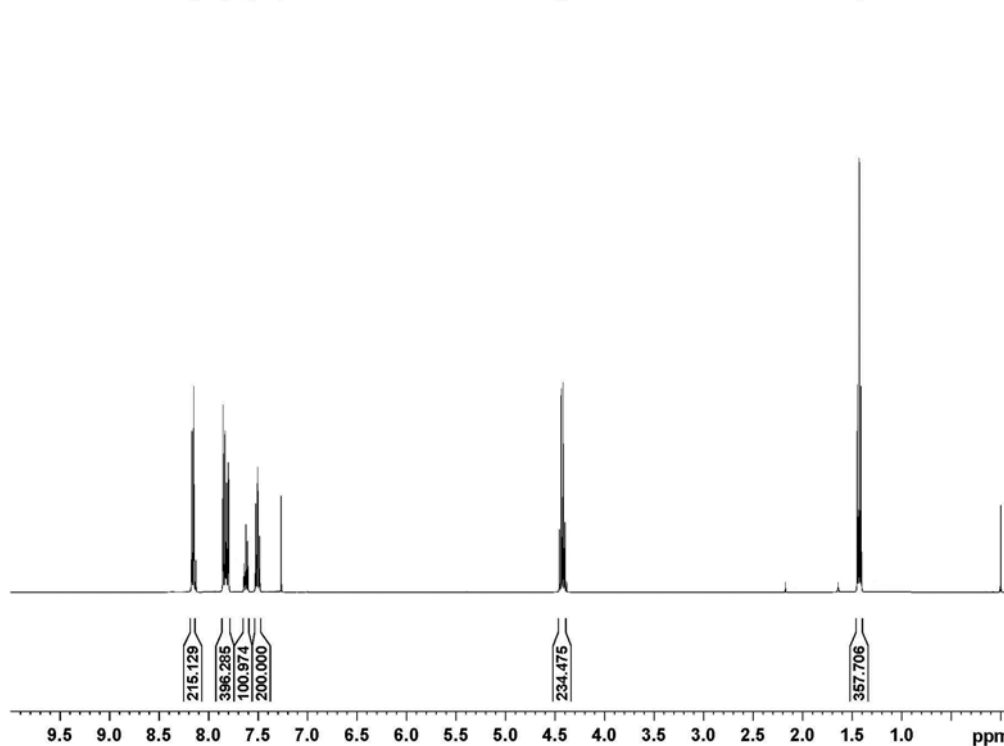
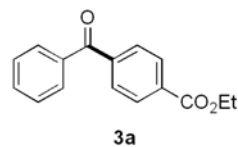
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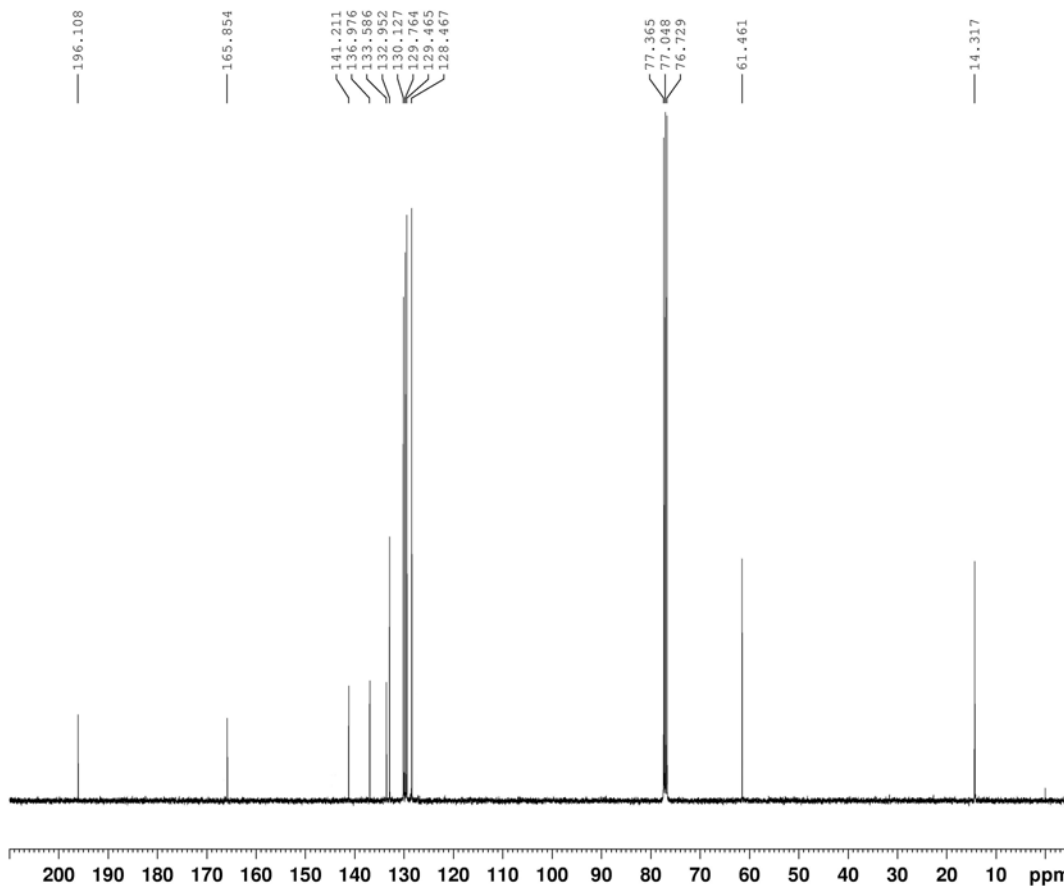
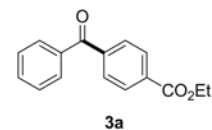
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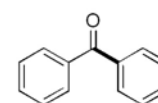
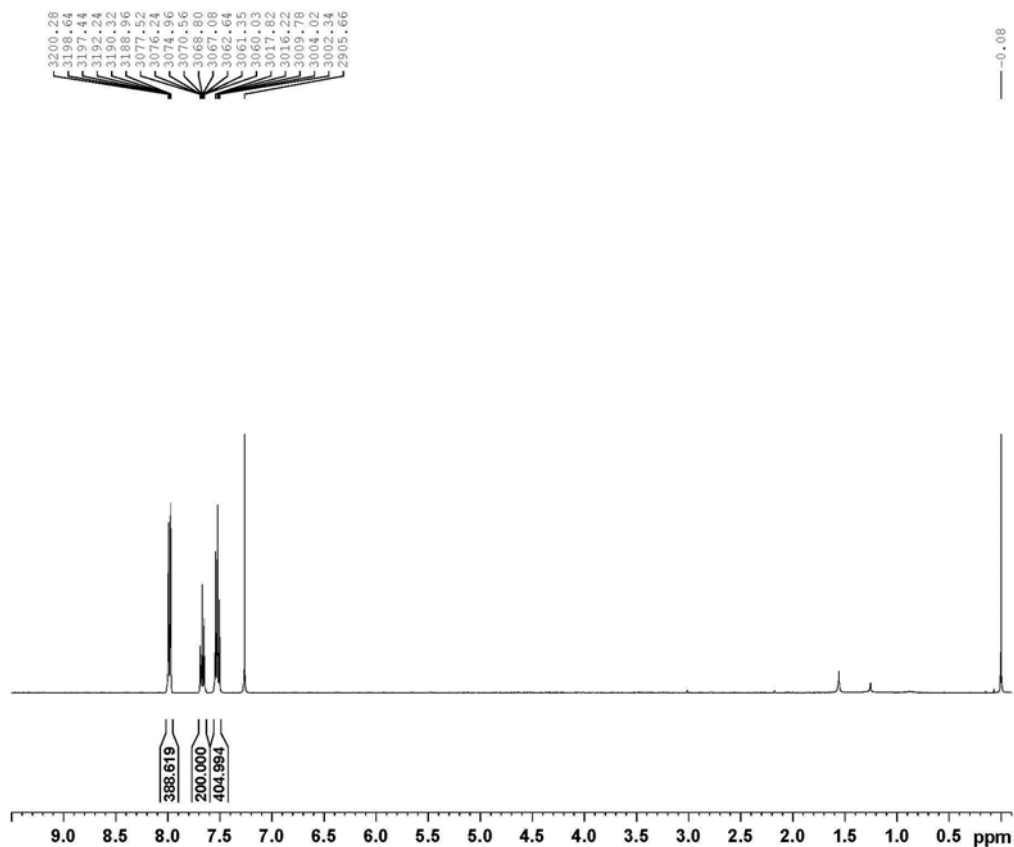
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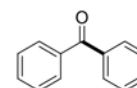
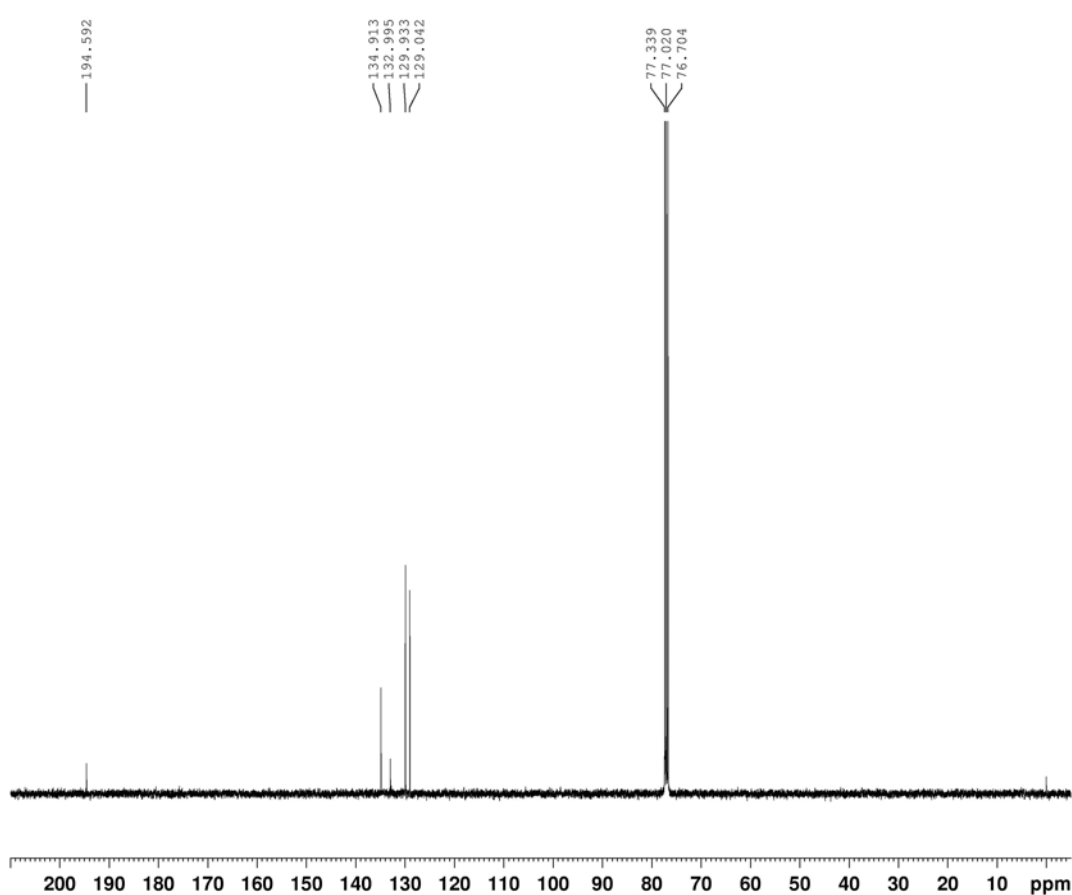
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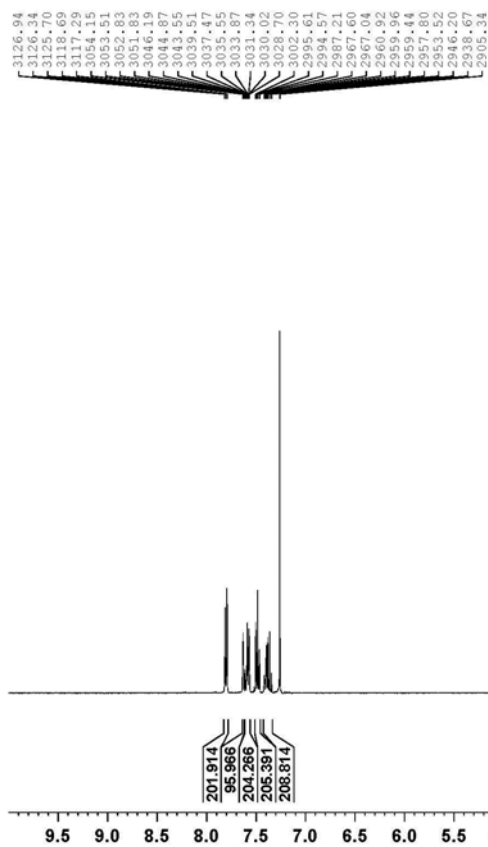




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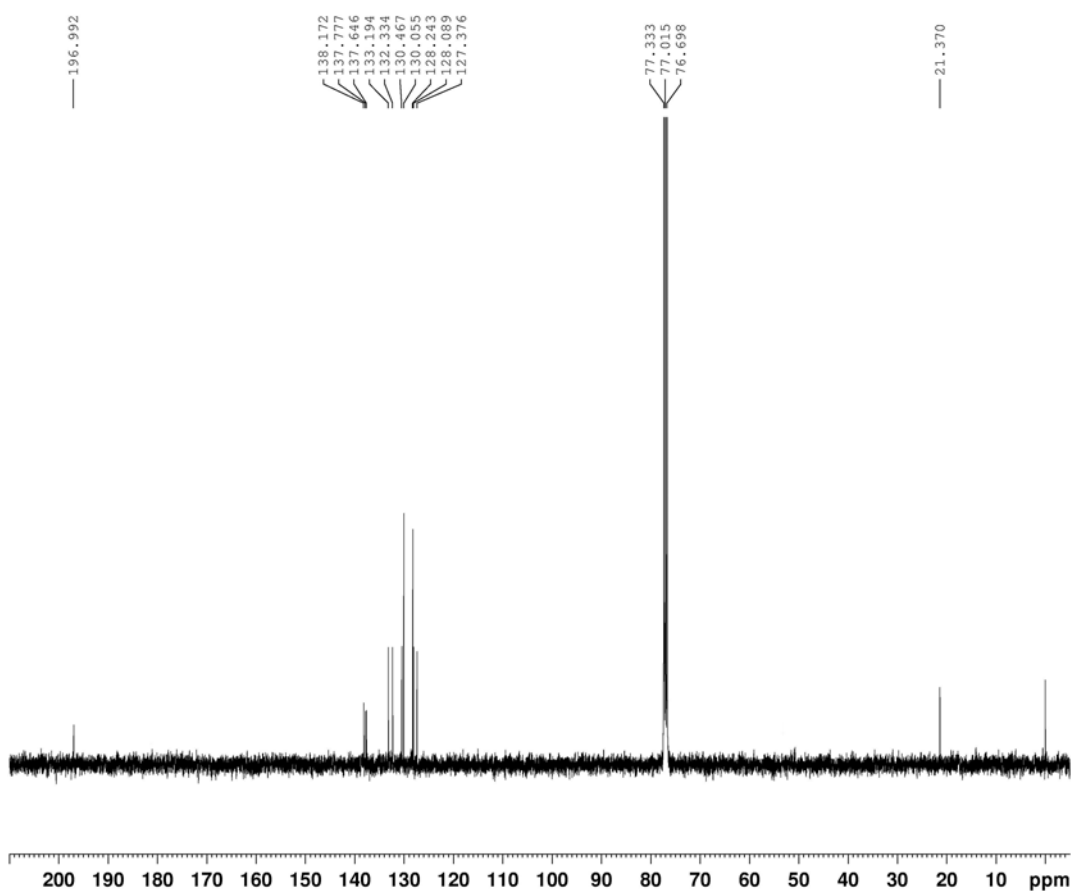
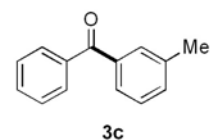


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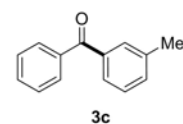
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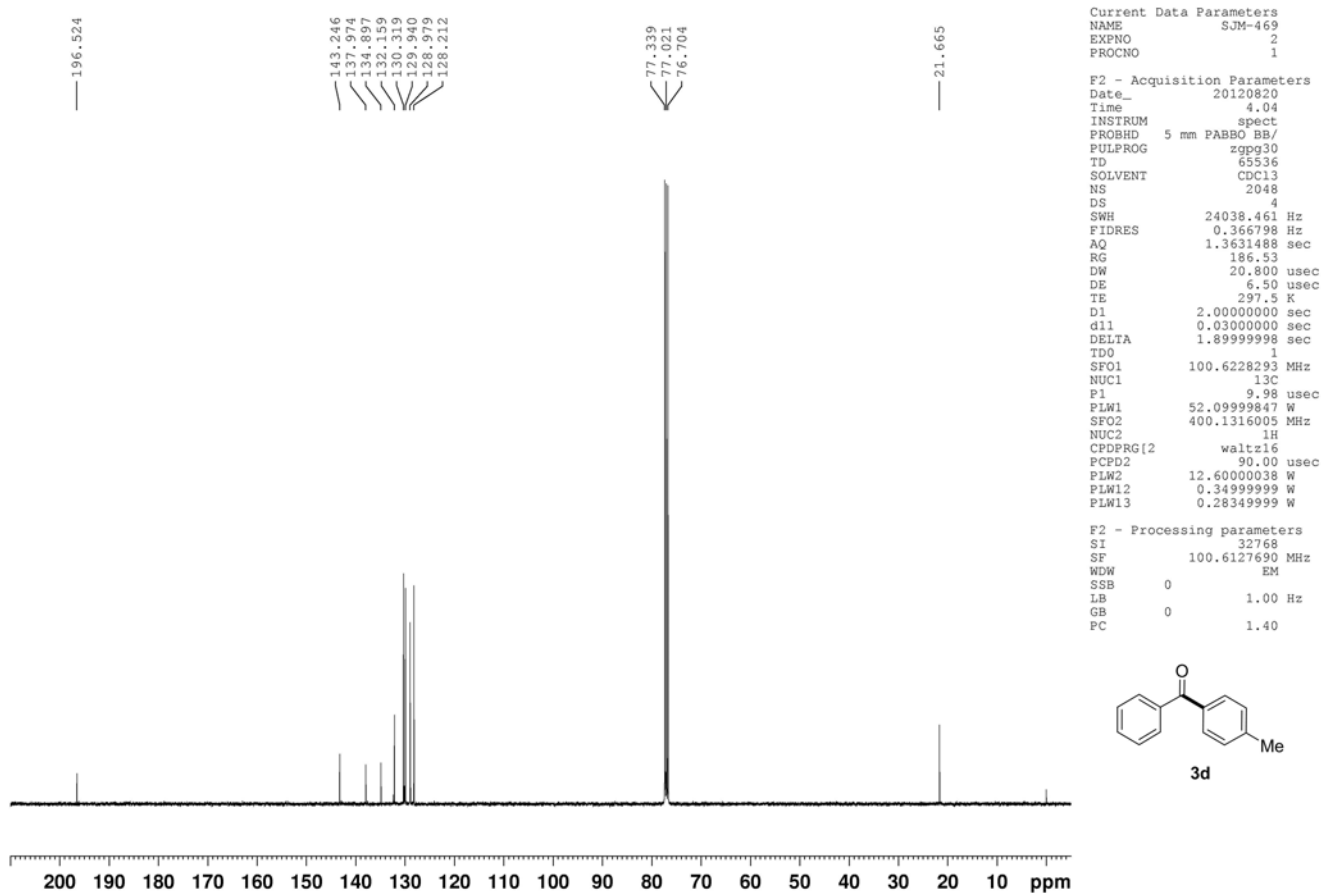
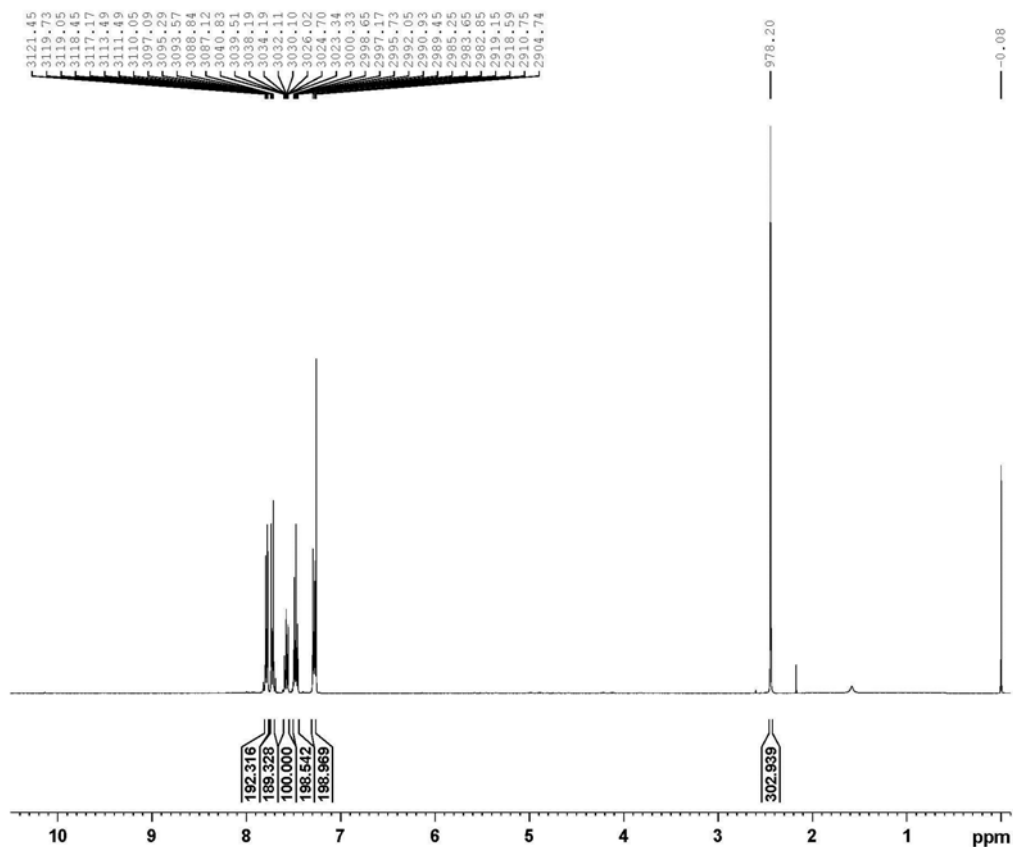


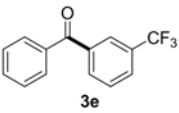
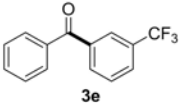
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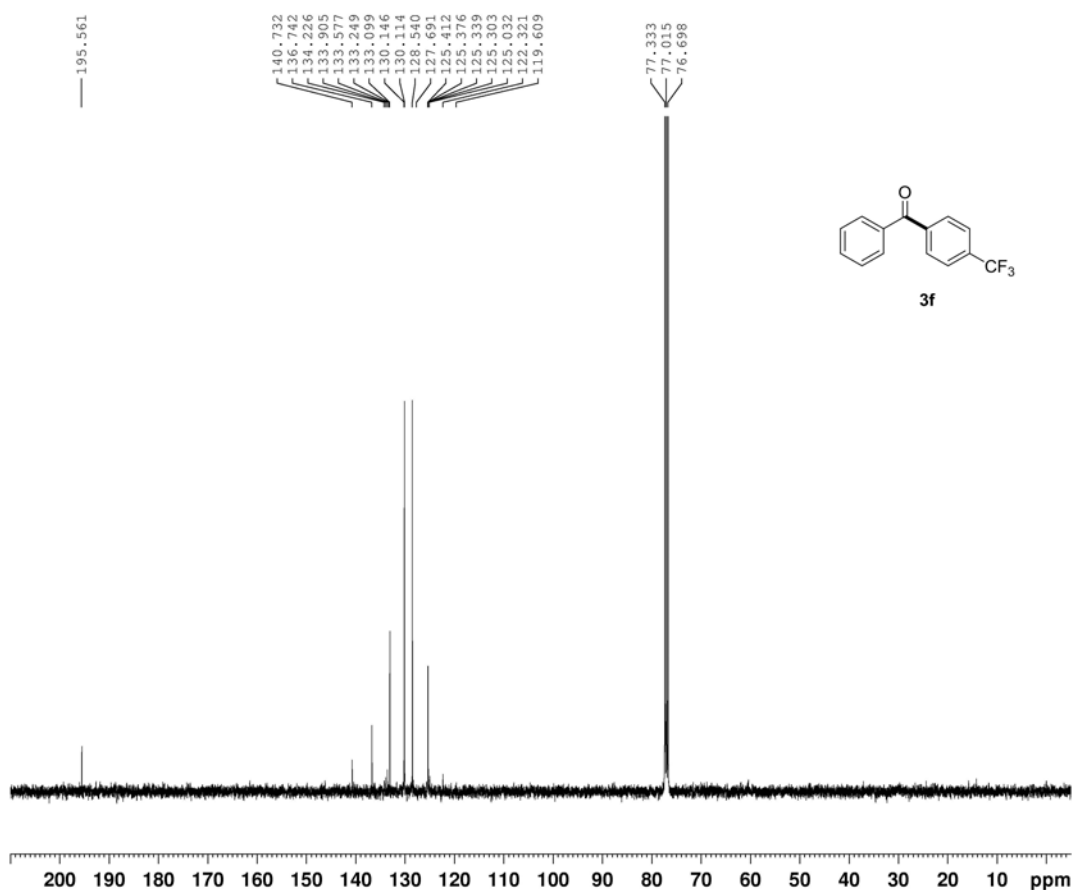
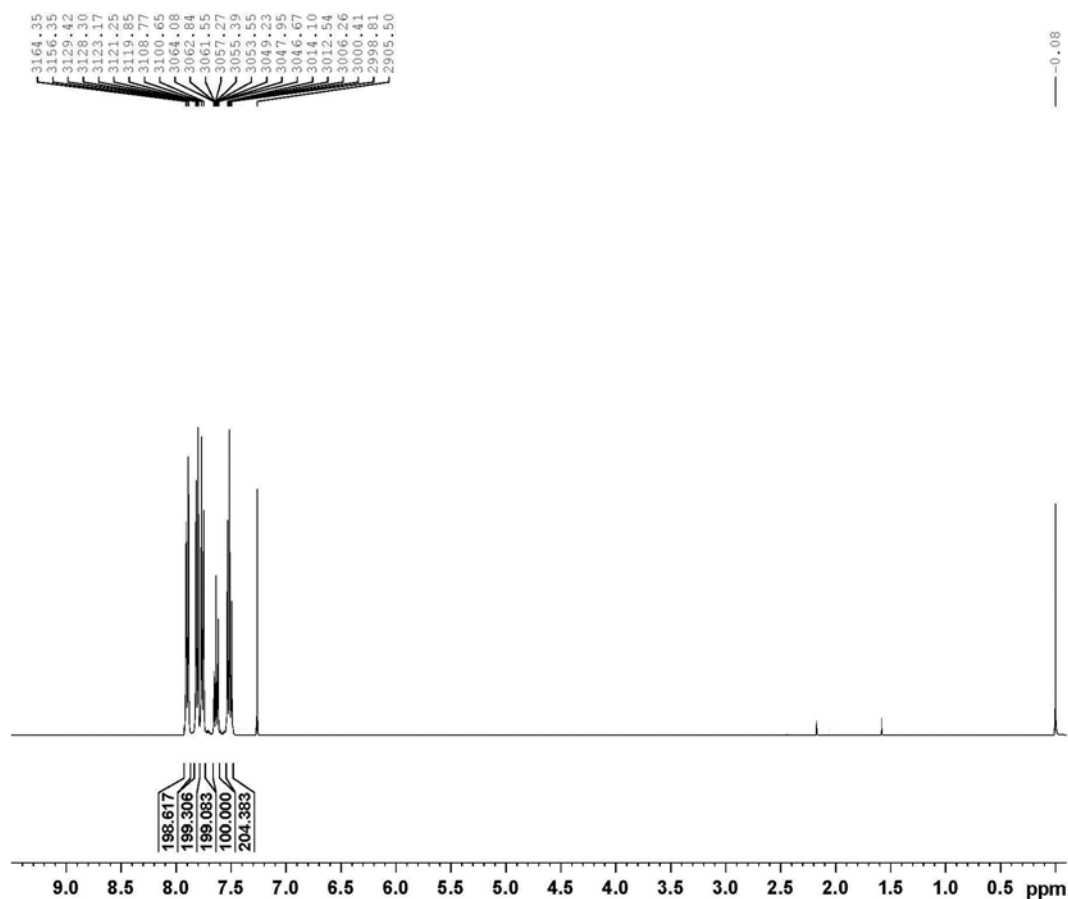
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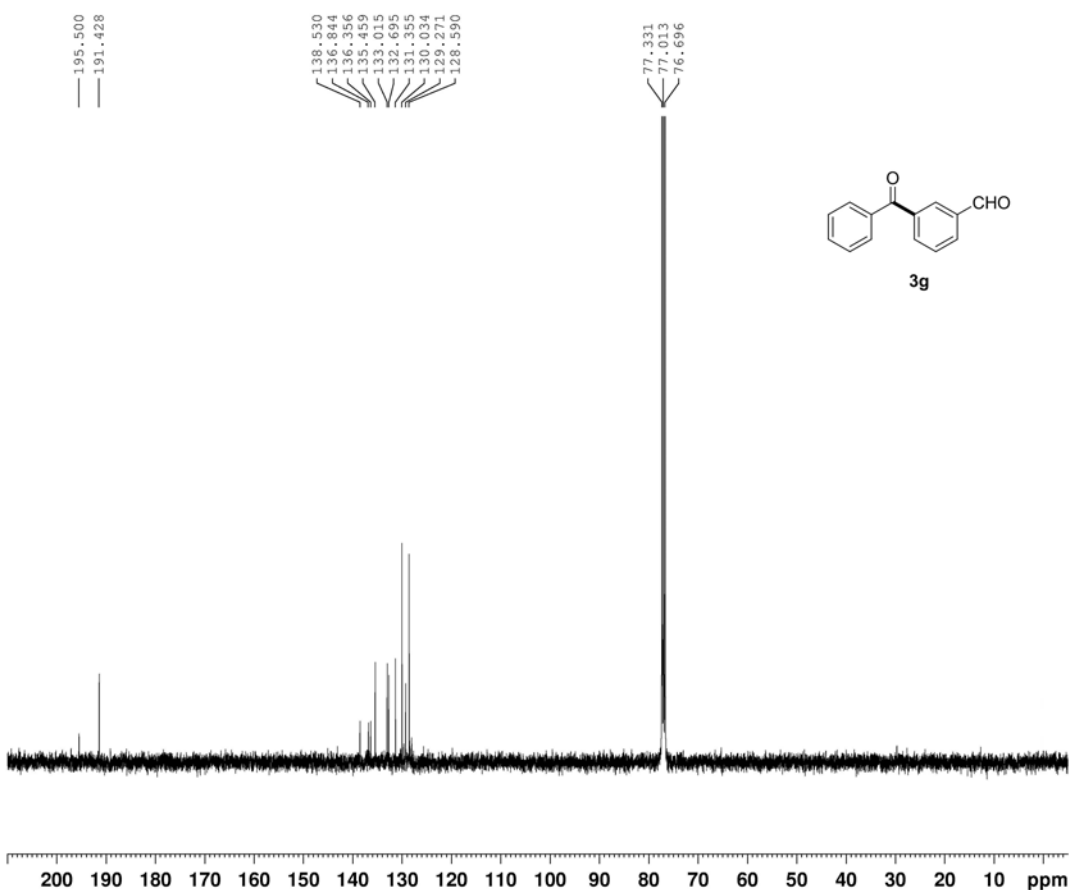
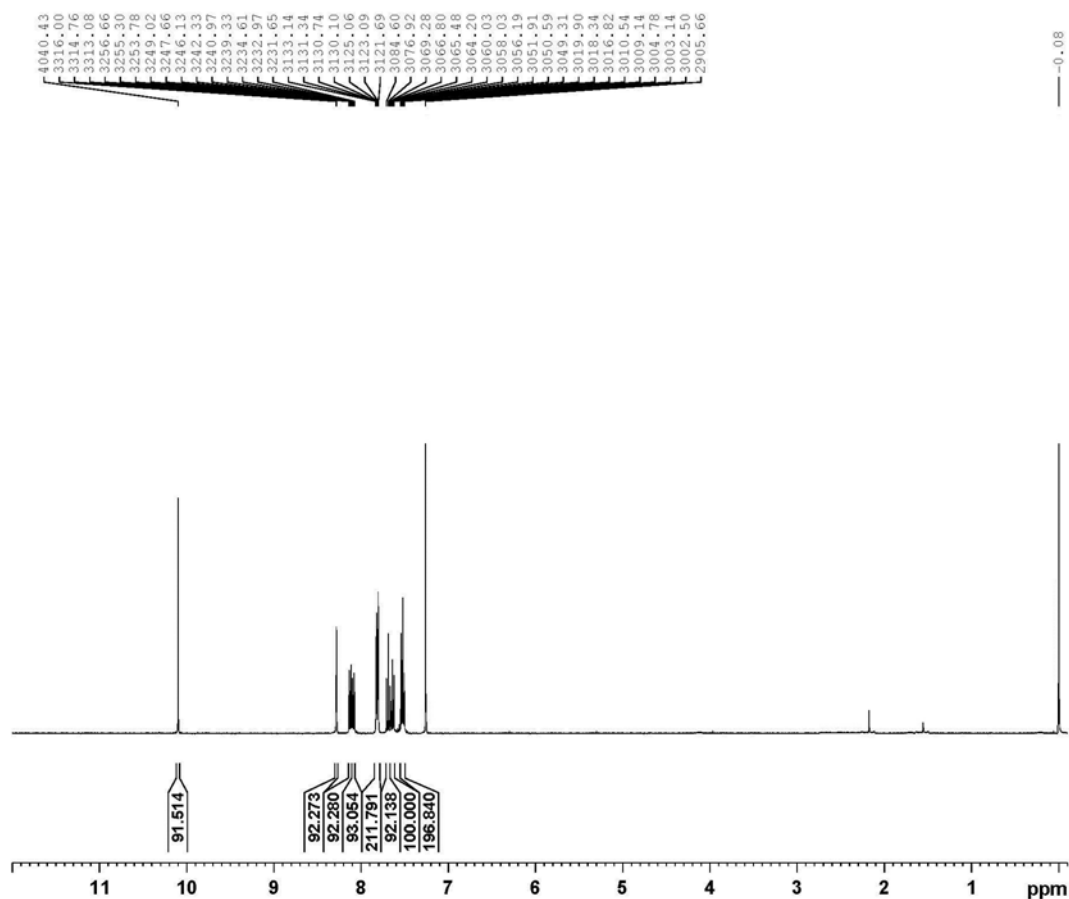
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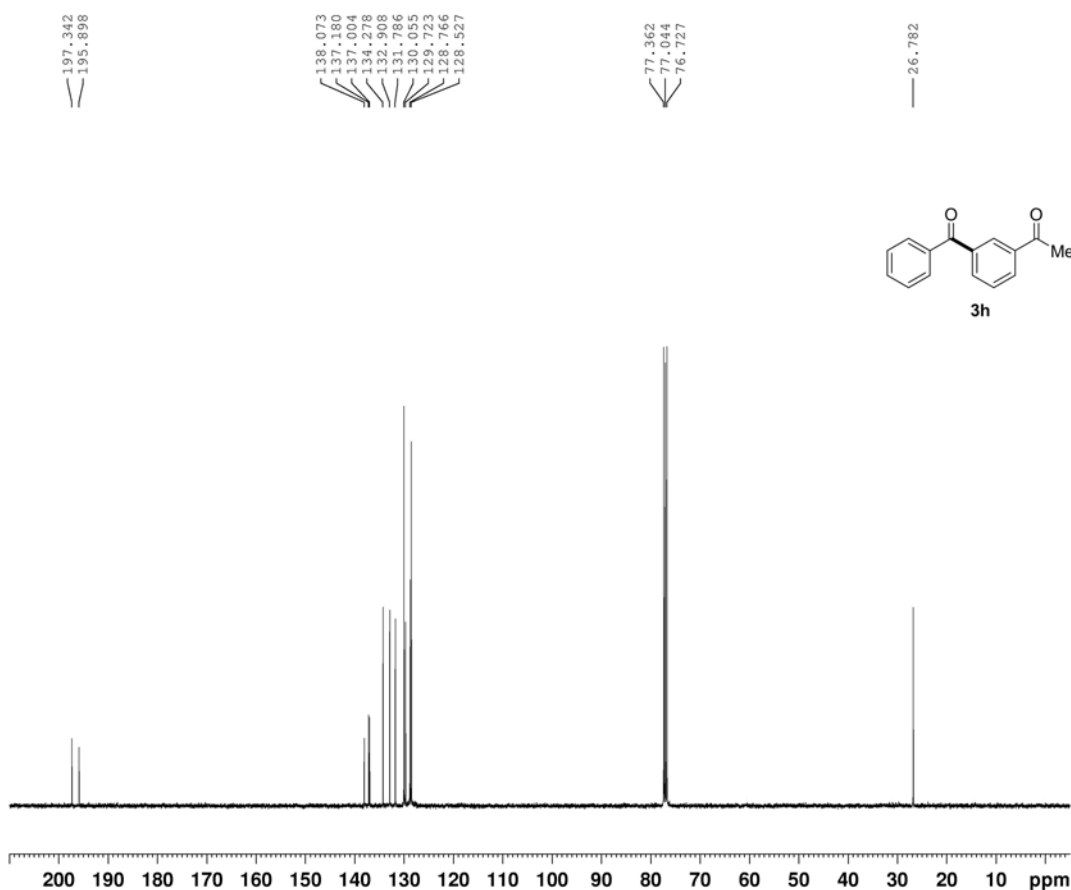
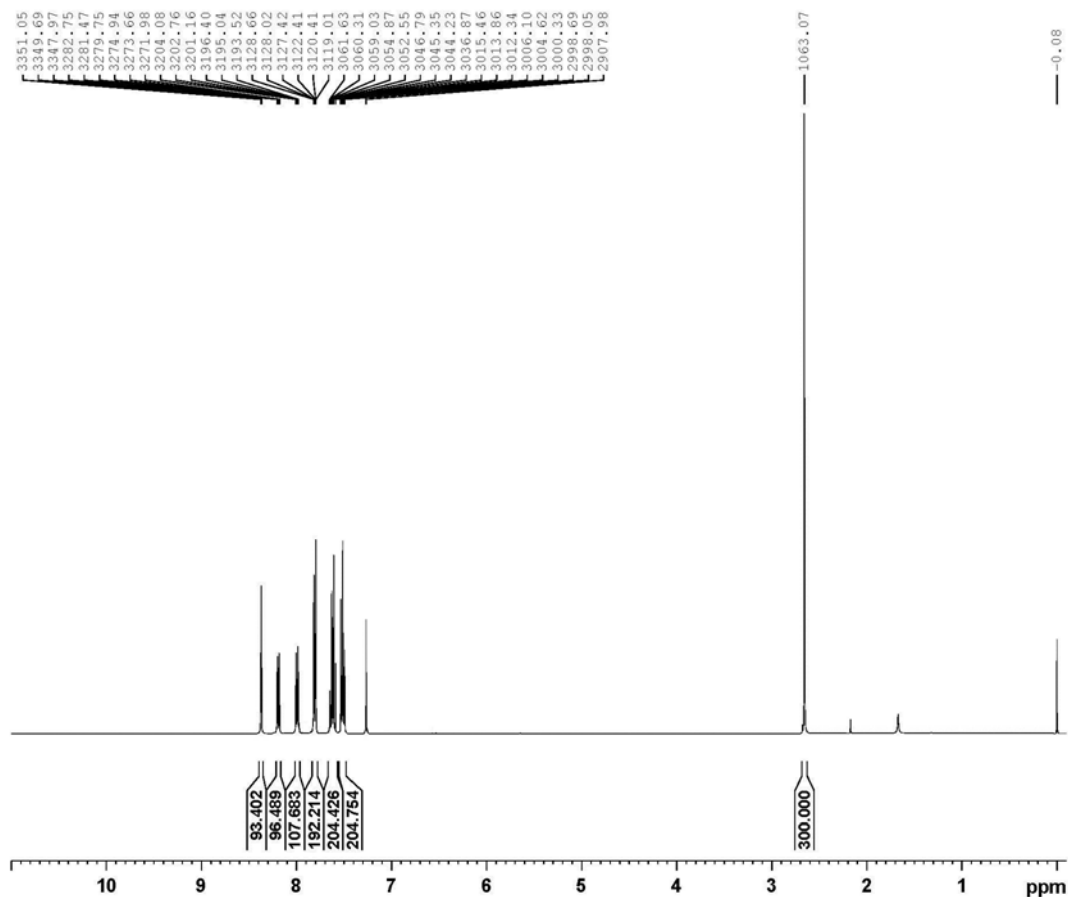


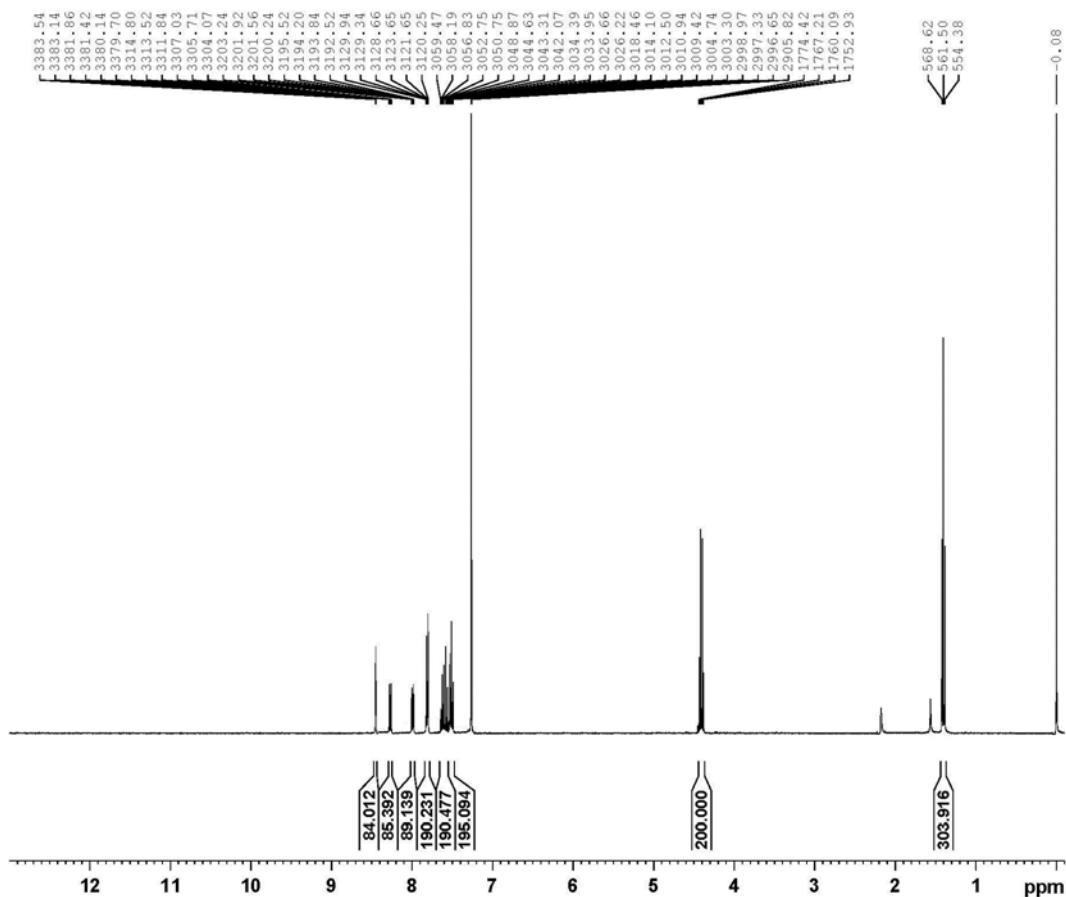






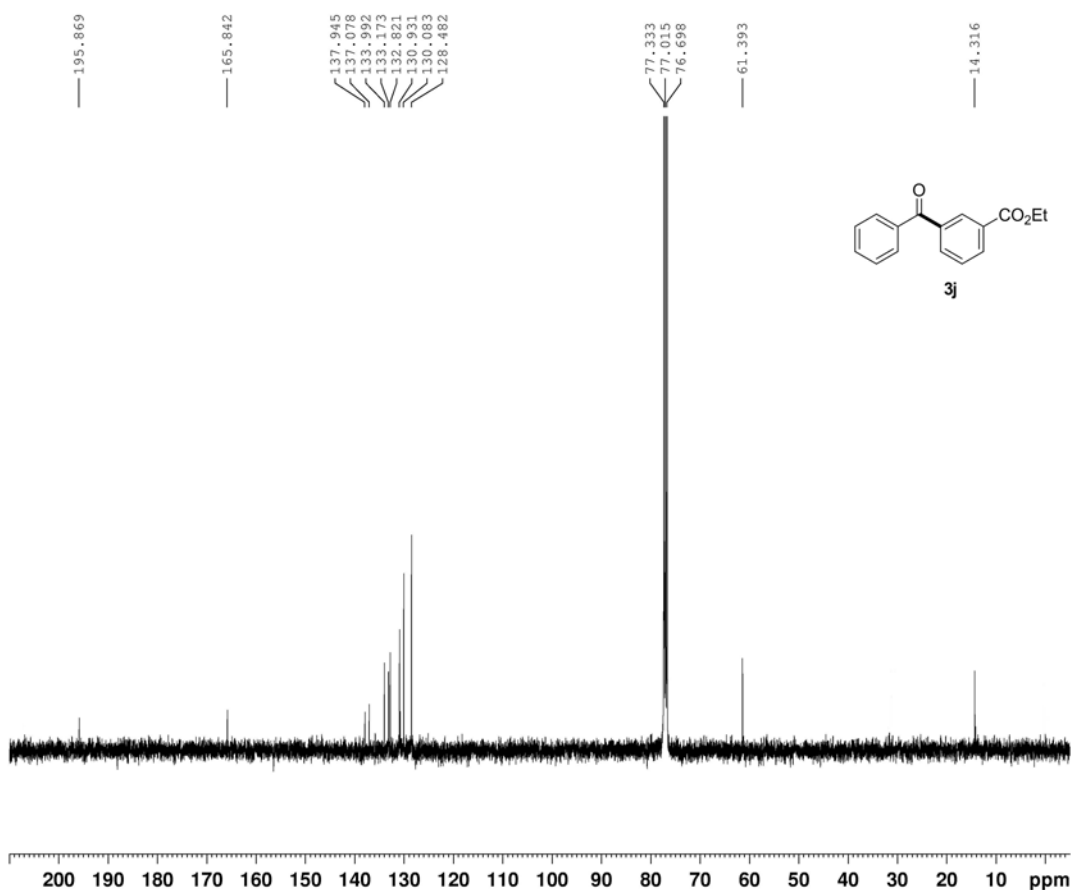
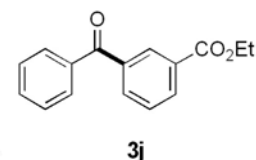






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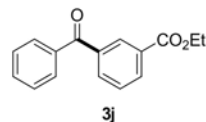
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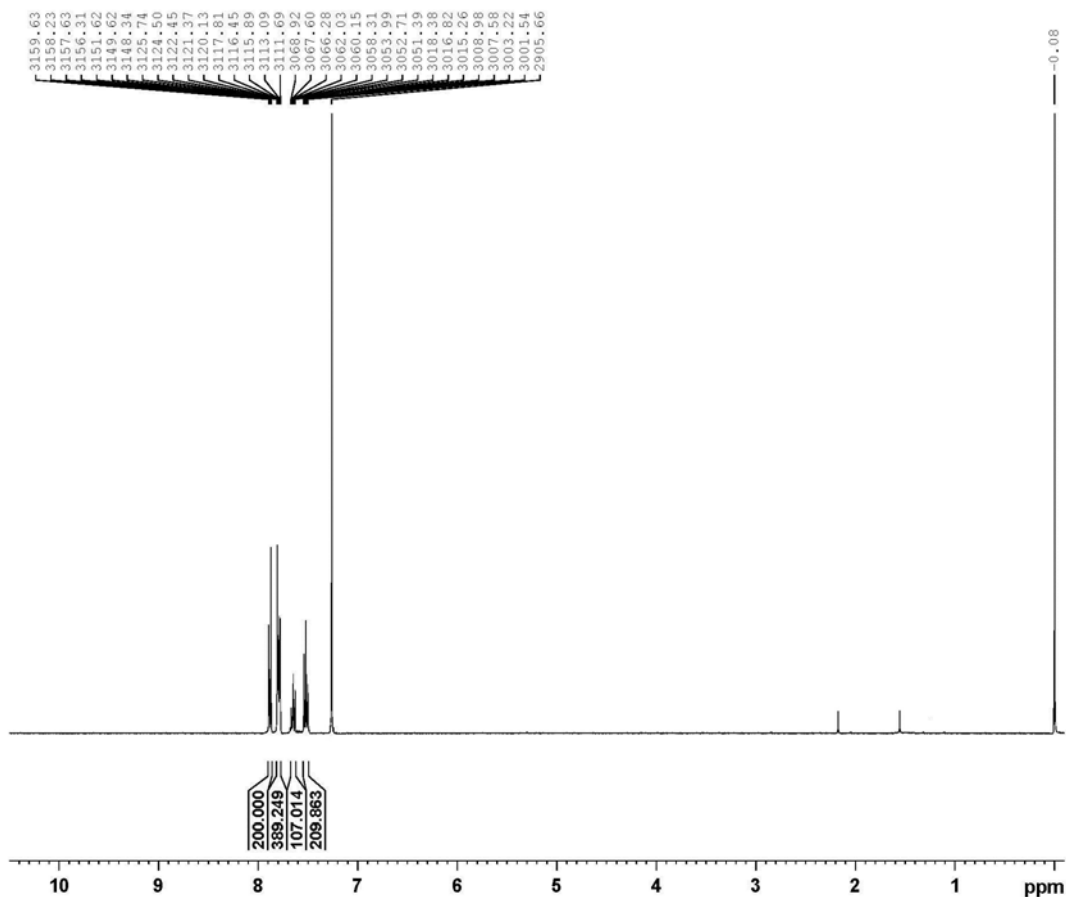


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NS 3072
DS 4
SWH 24038.461 Hz
FIDRES 0.365798 Hz
AQ 1.3631488 sec
RG 186.53
DW 20.800 usec
DE 6.50 usec
TE 296.9 K
D1 2.00000000 sec
d11 0.03000000 sec
DELTA 1.89999998 sec
TDO 1
SFO1 100.6228293 MHz
NUC1 13C
P1 9.98 usec
PLW1 52.09999847 W
SFO2 400.1316005 MHz
NUC2 1H
CPDPRG2 waltz16
PCPD2 90.00 usec
PLW2 12.60000038 W
PLW12 0.34999999 W
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WDW EM
SSB 0
LB 1.00 Hz
GB 0
PC 1.40



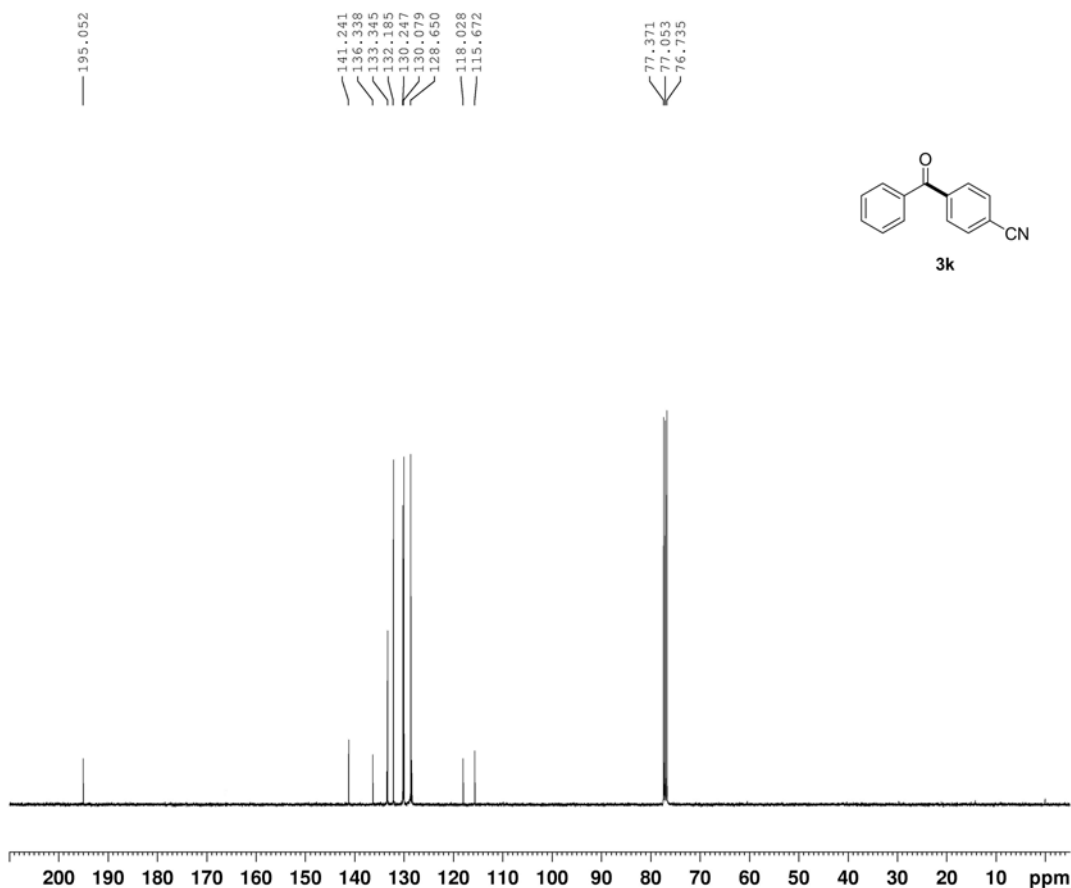
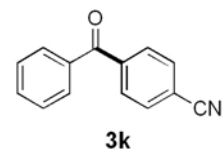


Current Data Parameters
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EXPNO 1
PROCNO 1

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PULPROG zg30
TD 65536
SOLVENT CDCl3
NS 16
DS 2
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FIDRES 0.125483 Hz
AQ 3.9845889 sec
RG 186.53
DW 60.800 usec
DE 6.50 usec
TE 296.1 K
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===== CHANNEL f1 =====
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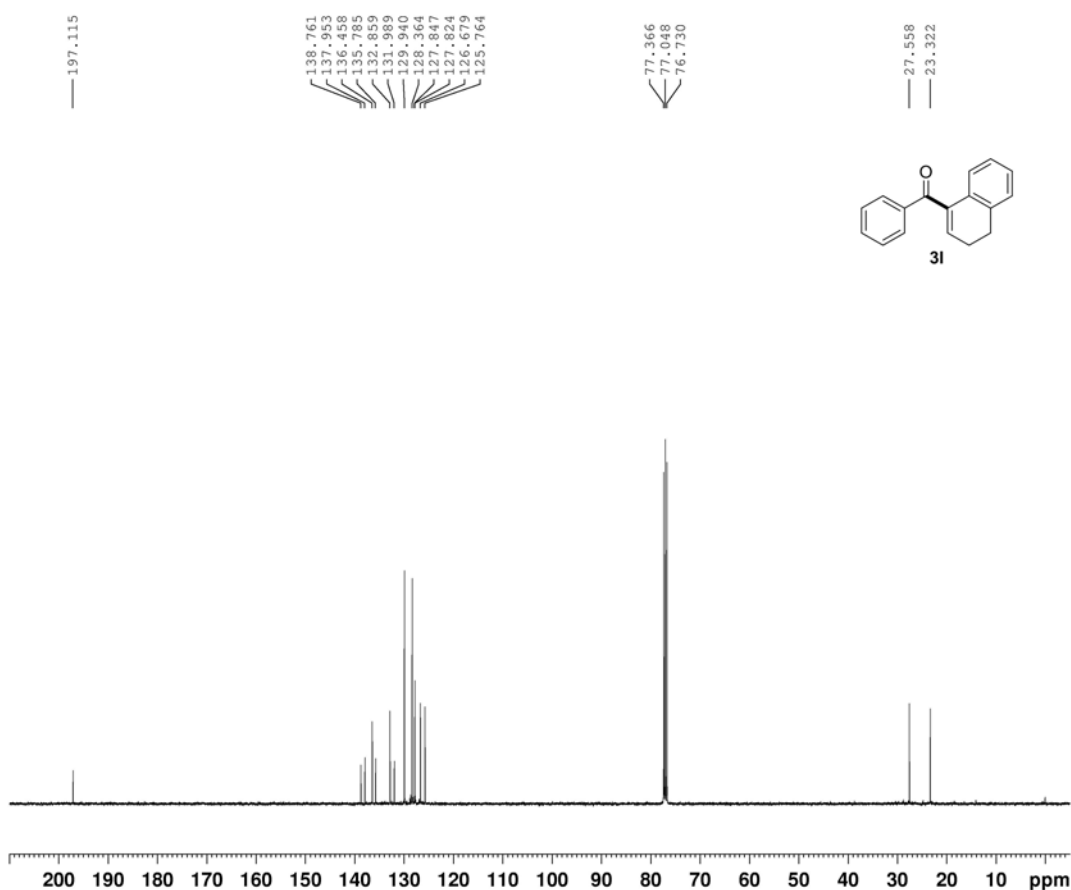
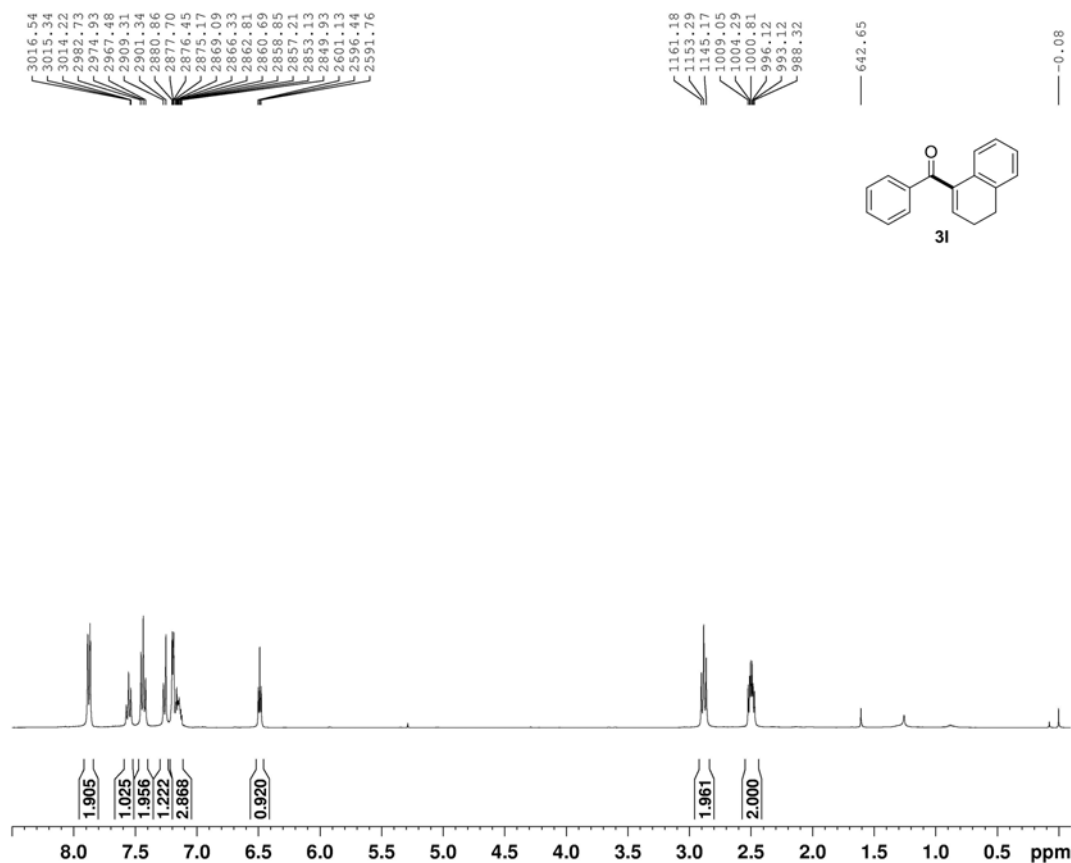
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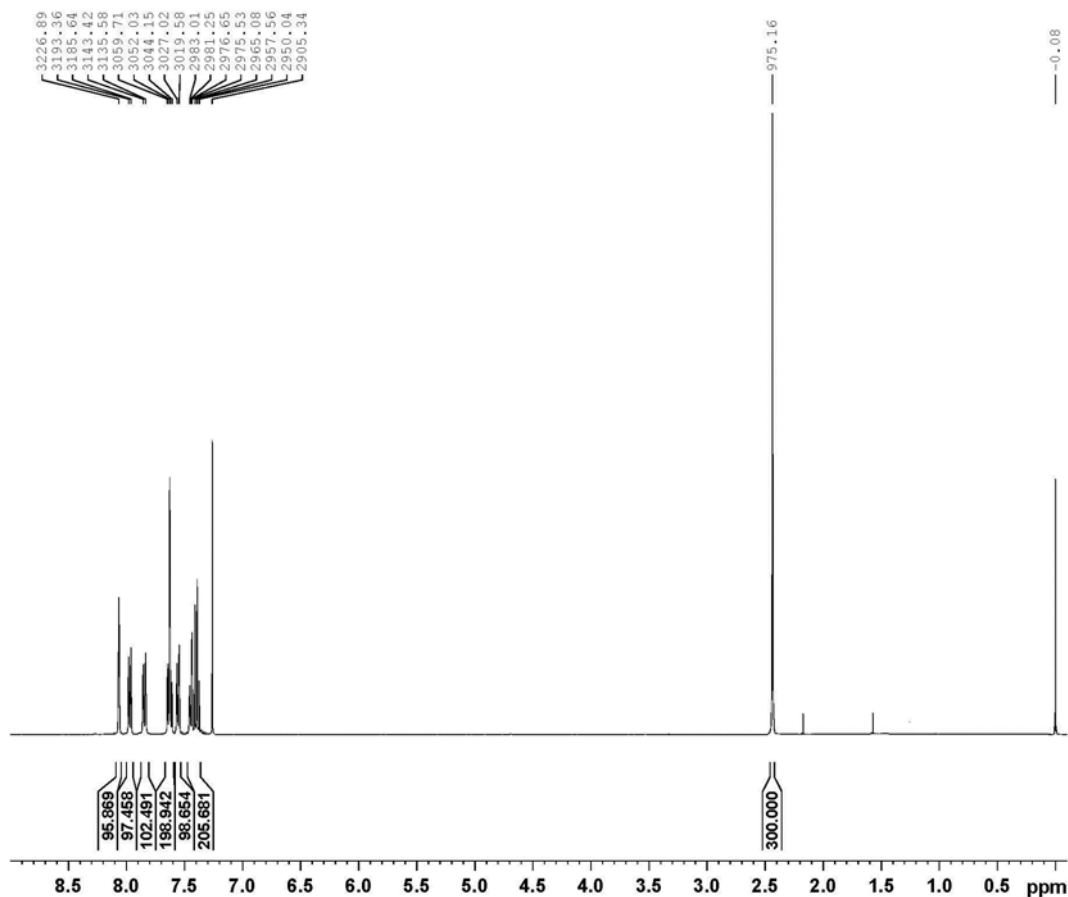


Current Data Parameters
NAME SUM-468
EXPNO 1
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PULPROG zgpg30
TD 65536
SOLVENT CDCl3
NS 1024
DS 4
SWH 24038.461 Hz
FIDRES 0.365798 Hz
AQ 1.3631488 sec
RG 186.53
DW 20.800 usec
DE 6.50 usec
TE 296.8 K
D1 2.00000000 sec
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TDO 1
SFO1 100.6228293 MHz
NUC1 13C
P1 9.98 usec
PLW1 52.09999847 W
SFO2 400.1316005 MHz
NUC2 1H
CPDPRG2 waltz16
PCPD2 90.00 usec
PLW2 12.60000038 W
PLW12 0.34999999 W
PLW13 0.28349999 W

F2 - Processing parameters
SI 32768
SF 100.6127690 MHz
WDW EM
SSB 0
LB 1.00 Hz
GB 0
PC 1.40



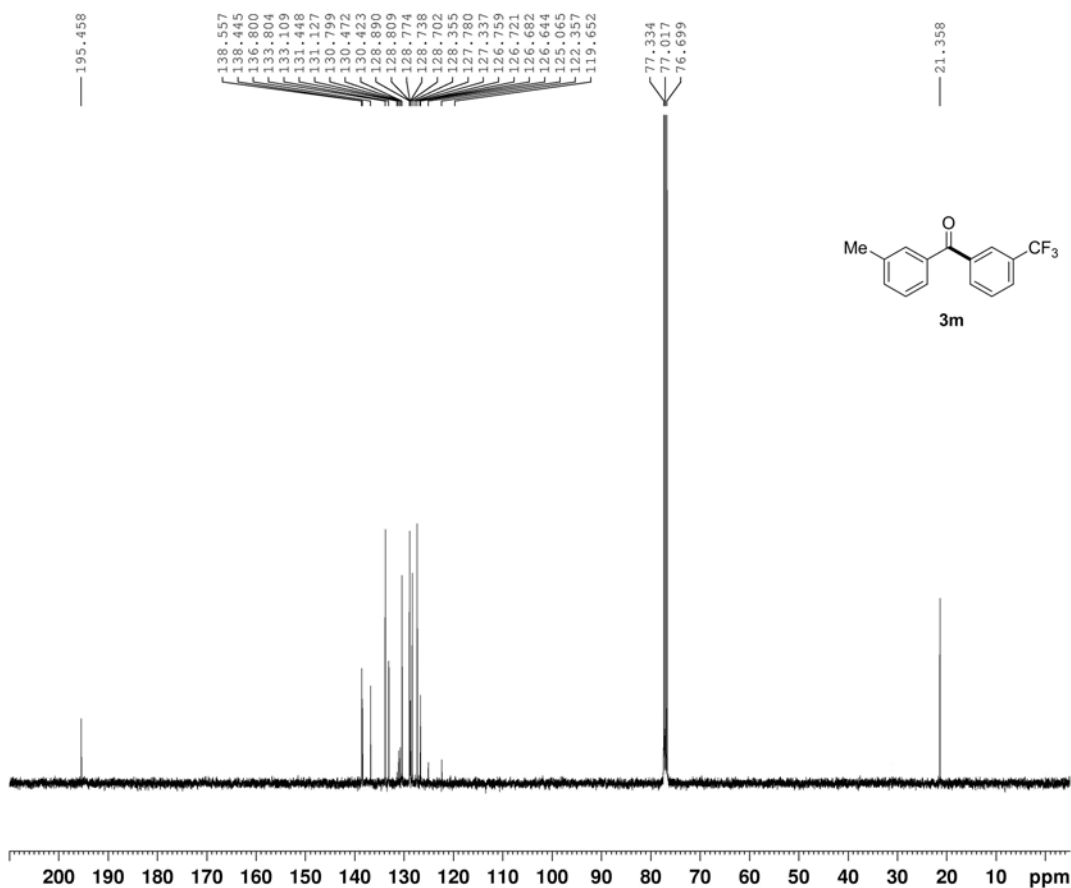
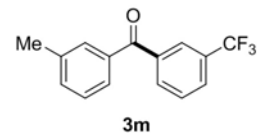


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 NAME SJM-486
 EXPNO 1
 PROCNO 1

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 PULPROG zg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT CDCl3
 NS 16
 DS 2
 SWH 8223.685 Hz
 FIDRES 0.125483 Hz
 AQ 3.9845889 sec
 RG 127.32
 DW 60.800 usec
 DE 6.50 usec
 TE 296.1 K
 D1 1.00000000 sec
 TDO 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
 NUC1 1H
 P1 15.00 usec
 PLW1 12.60000038 W
 SFO1 400.1324710 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 65536
 SF 400.1300094 MHz
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 PC 1.00



Current Data Parameters
 NAME SJM-486
 EXPNO 2
 PROCNO 1

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 PULPROG zgpg30
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 SOLVENT CDCl3
 NS 1024
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 FIDRES 0.365798 Hz
 AQ 1.3631488 sec
 RG 186.53
 DW 20.800 usec
 DE 6.50 usec
 TE 297.6 K
 D1 2.00000000 sec
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 DELTA 1.89999999 sec
 TDO 1
 SFO1 100.6228293 MHz
 NUC1 13C
 P1 9.98 usec
 PLW1 52.09999847 W
 SFO2 400.1316005 MHz
 NUC2 1H
 CPDPRG2 waltz16
 PCPD2 90.00 usec
 PLW2 12.60000038 W
 PLW12 0.34999999 W
 PLW13 0.28349999 W

F2 - Processing parameters
 SI 32768
 SF 100.6127690 MHz
 WDW EM
 SSB 0
 LB 1.00 Hz
 GB 0
 PC 1.40

