

Supporting Information

Direct Access to Acylated Azobenzenes via Pd-Catalyzed C–H Functionalization and Further Transformation into Indazole Backbone

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1. General considerations

All ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz Bruker FT-NMR spectrometers (400 MHz or 100 MHz, respectively). All chemical shifts are given as δ value (ppm) with reference to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; q, quartet. The coupling constants, J , are reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectroscopy data of the product were collected on a Waters Micromass GCT instrument. Azobenzenes were prepared from arylamines, using CuBr as catalyst (Zhang, C.; Jiao N. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2010**, 49, 6174). The chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers either from Aldrich, USA or Shanghai Chemical Company, China. All the solvents were dried and freshly distilled prior to use. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 100–200 mesh silica gels, SiO_2 .

2. Typical procedure for the acylation of azobenzenes

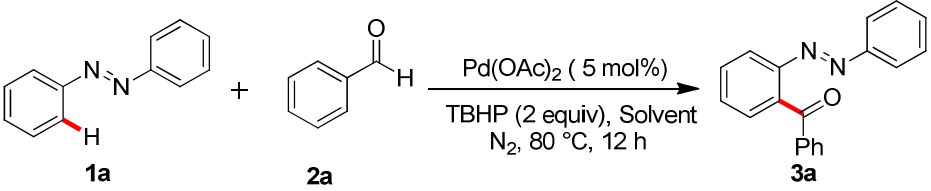
A 10 mL of reaction tube was charged with azobenzene (**1a**, 36.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), benzaldehyde (**2a**, 23.3 mg, 0.22 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.3 mg, 0.01 mmol), TBHP (40 μL , 0.40 mmol, dried over 4 Å MS prior to use) and anhydrous 1, 2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL) under N_2 atmosphere. The reaction vessel was placed in an oil bath. After the reaction was carried out at 80 °C for 12 h, it was cooled to room temperature, extracted with EtOAc (2×5 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to yield the crude product, which was further purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:20, v/v), affording the desired product **3a** as a red solid (44.6 mg, 78%).

3. Typical procedure for the synthesis of indazole derivatives

A 5 mL of reaction tube was charged with zinc dust (26.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), NH₄Cl (32.1 mg, 0.60 mmol), **3a** (57.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) and CH₃OH (0.50 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min. After red color was completely disappeared, the resulting slurry was diluted with water and filtrated. The filter liquor was then extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:5, v/v), affording the desired product **4a** as a white solid (53.0 mg, 99%).

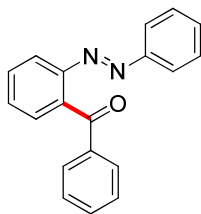
4. Effect of solvent on the acylation reaction

Table S1 Effect of the solvent on the acylation reaction of azobenzene (**1a**) with benzaldehyde (**2a**)^a

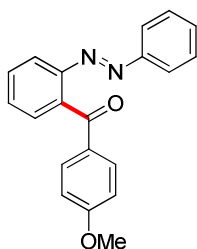
		
Entry	Solvent	Yield [%] ^b
1	benzene	65
2	toluene	72
3	DMF	17
4	DMSO	25
5	DCE	78
6	dioxane	56
7	THF	52
8	diglyme	0

^a Reaction conditions: azobenzene (**1a**, 0.20 mmol), benzaldehyde (**2a**, 0.22 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), TBHP (0.40 mmol, dried over 4Å MS prior to use), solvent (1.0 mL), 80 °C, sealed tube, N₂, 12 h. ^b Isolated yields.

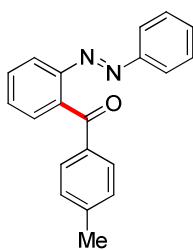
5. Characterization data for the products



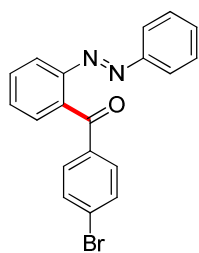
3a:^[1] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.01, 152.03, 150.36, 138.46, 136.90, 132.68, 131.28, 130.79, 130.74, 129.36, 128.84, 128.74, 128.28, 122.83, 119.99.



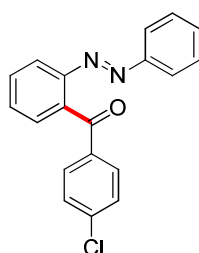
3b: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 6.8 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.50 (m, 5H), 7.37–7.34 (m, 3H), 6.86 (dd, J = 6.8 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.1, 163.39, 152.19, 150.18, 137.79, 131.90, 131.47, 131.25, 130.76, 130.40, 128.89, 128.52, 122.94, 119.32, 113.59, 55.43. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 317.1290, Found: 317.1289.



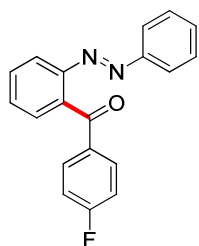
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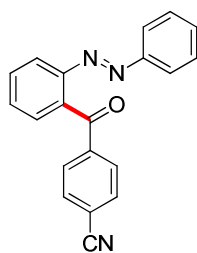
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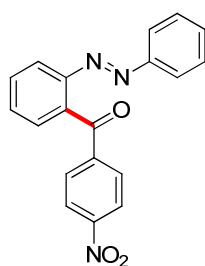
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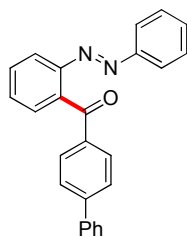
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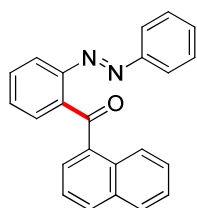
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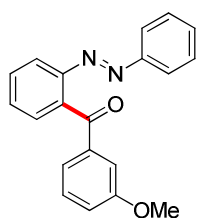
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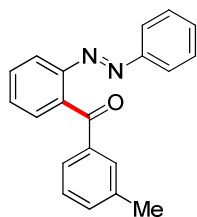
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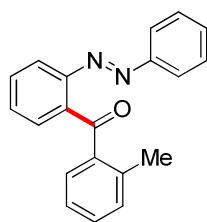
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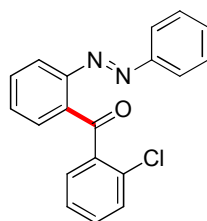
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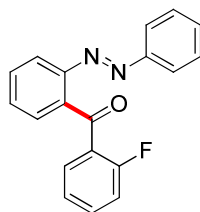
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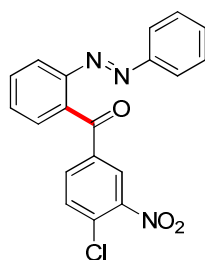
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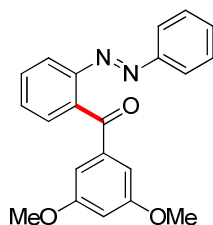
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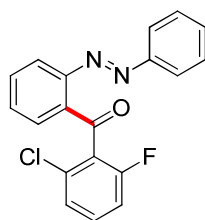
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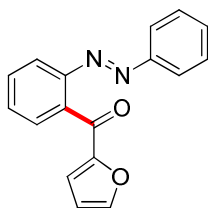
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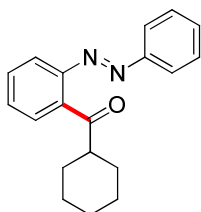
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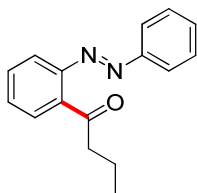
3r: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.01 (dd, $J = 7.2$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.69–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.34 (m, 5H), 7.17–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.93–6.89 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.21, 159.54 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 250.8$ Hz), 152.37, 151.70, 151.69, 135.73, 133.67, 131.86 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.2$ Hz), 131.58, 130.78, 130.72, 130.69, 130.62, 130.53, 130.32, 128.77, 125.71 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.4$ Hz), 123.29, 116.40, 114.44 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.7$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClFN}_2\text{O}$: 339.0700, Found: 339.0697.



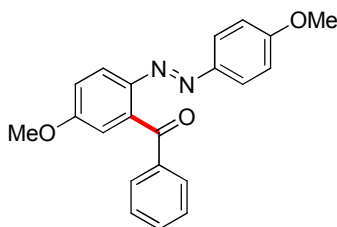
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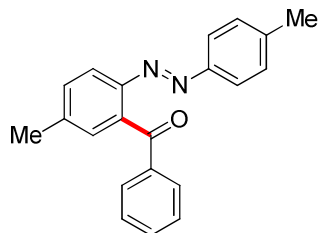
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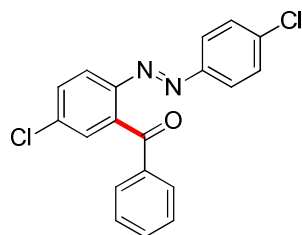
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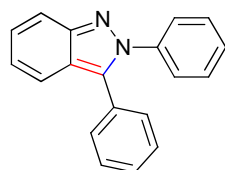
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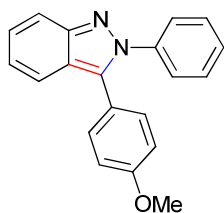
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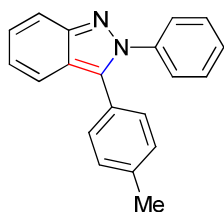
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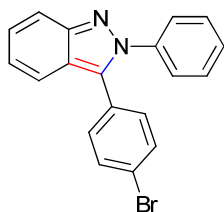
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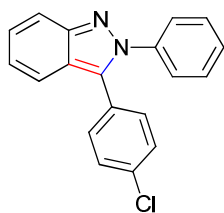
4b^[2]: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.88 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 159.50, 148.87, 140.24, 135.27, 130.85, 128.86, 128.05, 126.84, 125.91, 122.11, 122.06, 121.51, 120.52, 117.58, 114.20, 55.16.



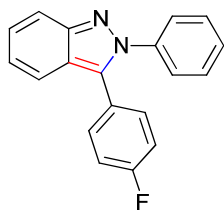
4c^[2]: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 148.91, 140.26, 138.16, 135.44, 129.42, 129.39, 128.82, 128.04, 126.86, 126.82, 125.91, 122.20, 121.61, 120.52, 117.61, 21.19.



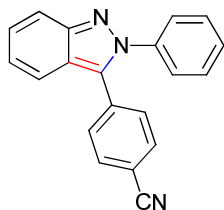
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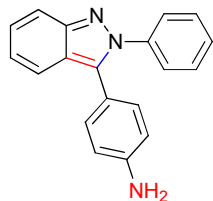
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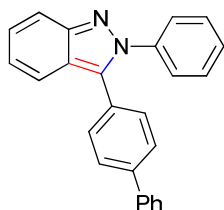
4f: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.31 (m, 8H), 7.17–7.07 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 162.45 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 247.8 Hz), 148.85, 139.94, 134.21, 131.35 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.1 Hz), 128.96, 128.27, 126.94, 125.89, 122.57, 121.62 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 0.4 Hz), 120.09, 117.73, 115.88 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2$: 289.1141, Found: 289.1143.



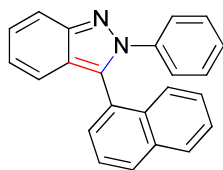
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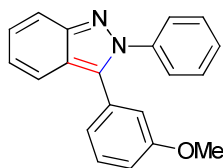
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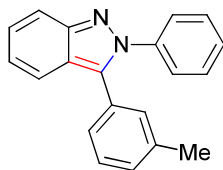
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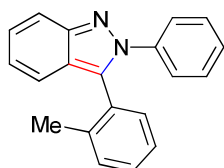
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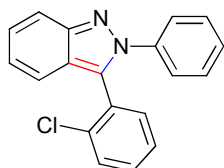
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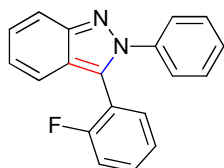
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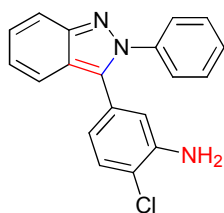
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4n: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.41 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.27 (m, 7H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 148.69, 140.19, 134.48, 132.60, 132.52, 130.40, 130.10, 129.34, 128.82, 128.04, 126.86, 124.94, 122.64, 122.39, 120.43, 117.77. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₄ClN₂: 305.0846, Found: 305.0849.

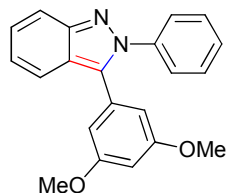


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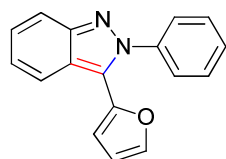


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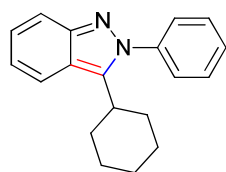
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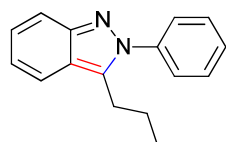
4q: 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 4H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.87 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 148.99, 148.81, 140.23, 135.24, 128.81, 128.03, 126.78, 125.92, 122.24, 122.15, 121.31, 120.39, 117.58, 112.60, 111.20, 55.70, 55.55. HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$) Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{19}N_2O_2$: 331.1447, Found: 331.1445.



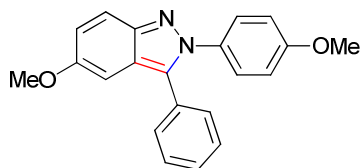
4s: 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.46 (m, 6H), 7.37–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 148.77, 144.73, 142.84, 140.42, 129.14, 129.10, 127.06, 126.97, 126.14, 122.82, 121.15, 120.75, 117.56, 111.30, 109.51. HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$) Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{13}N_2O$: 261.1028, Found: 261.1023.



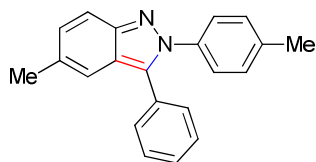
4t: 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 7.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.46 (m, 5H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.06–7.03 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.94 (m, 1H), 2.04–1.91 (m, 4H), 1.87–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.24 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz): δ 148.84, 141.11, 140.18, 129.11, 128.94, 126.41, 126.28, 121.21, 120.49, 119.47, 117.80, 37.26, 32.55, 26.54, 25.84. HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$) Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{21}N_2$: 277.1705, Found: 277.1708.



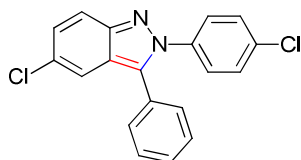
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4v^[3]: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.70 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.31 (m, 7H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91–6.86 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 159.13, 155.76, 145.59, 134.16, 133.42, 130.35, 129.50, 128.73, 127.92, 126.97, 121.76, 121.38, 119.05, 114.03, 96.31, 55.43, 55.38.

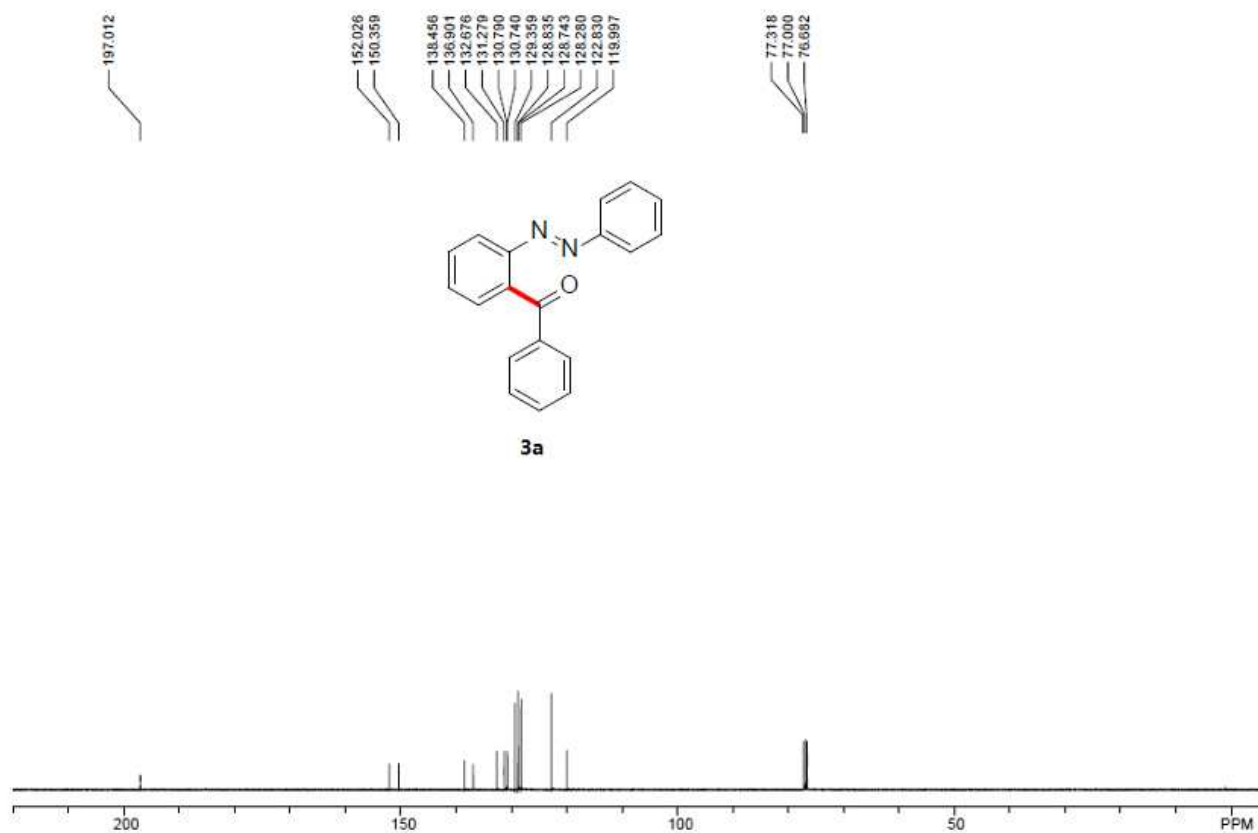
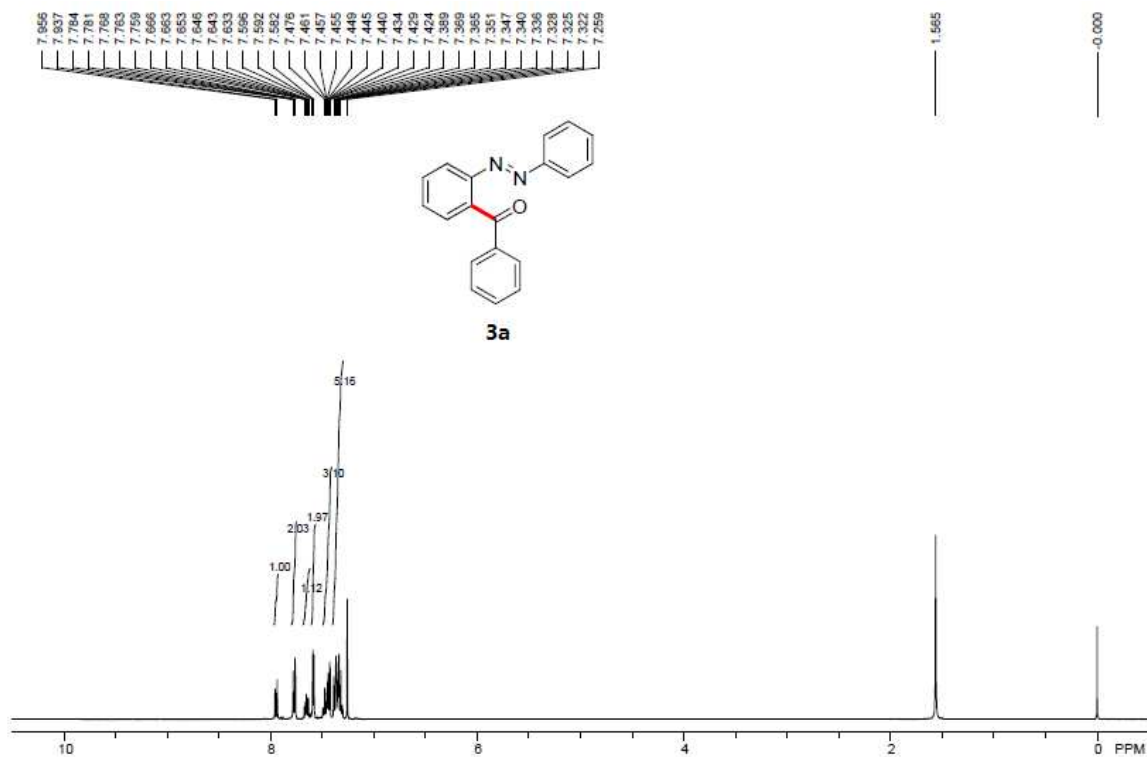


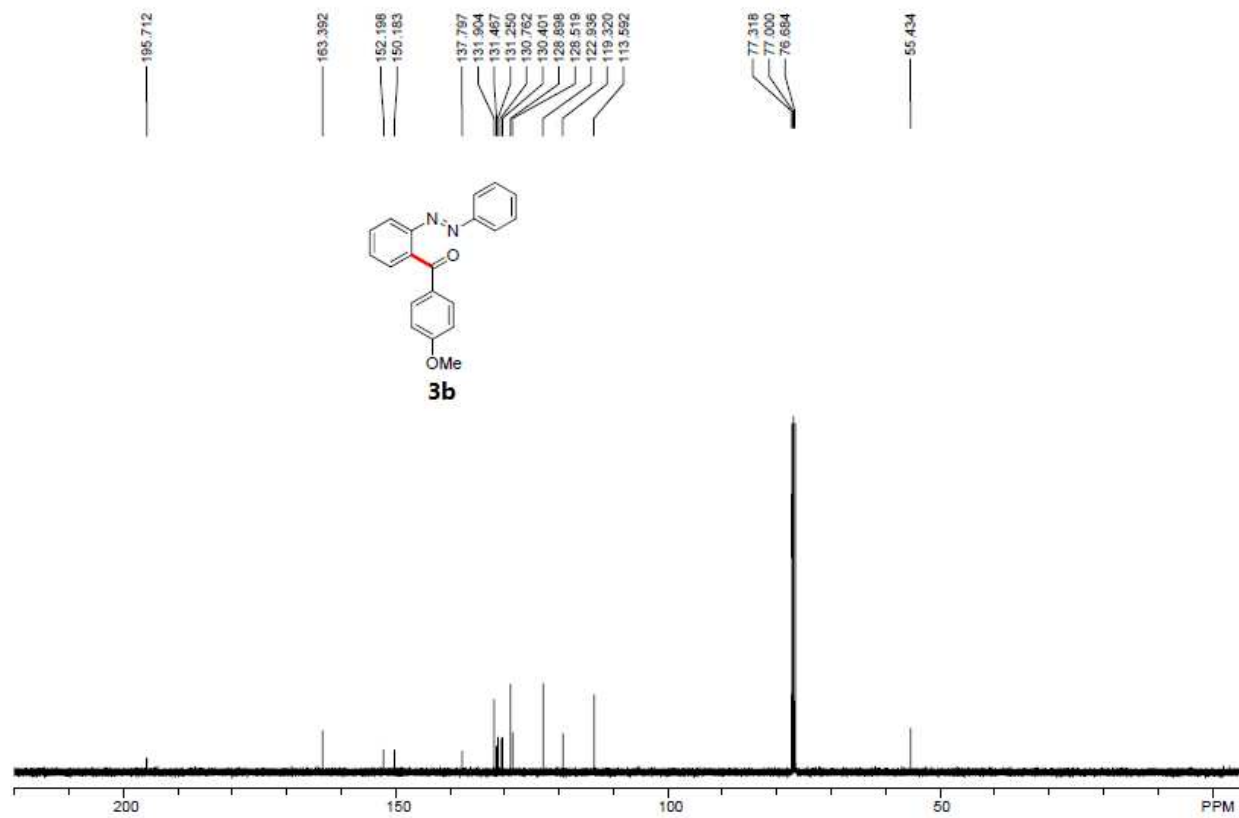
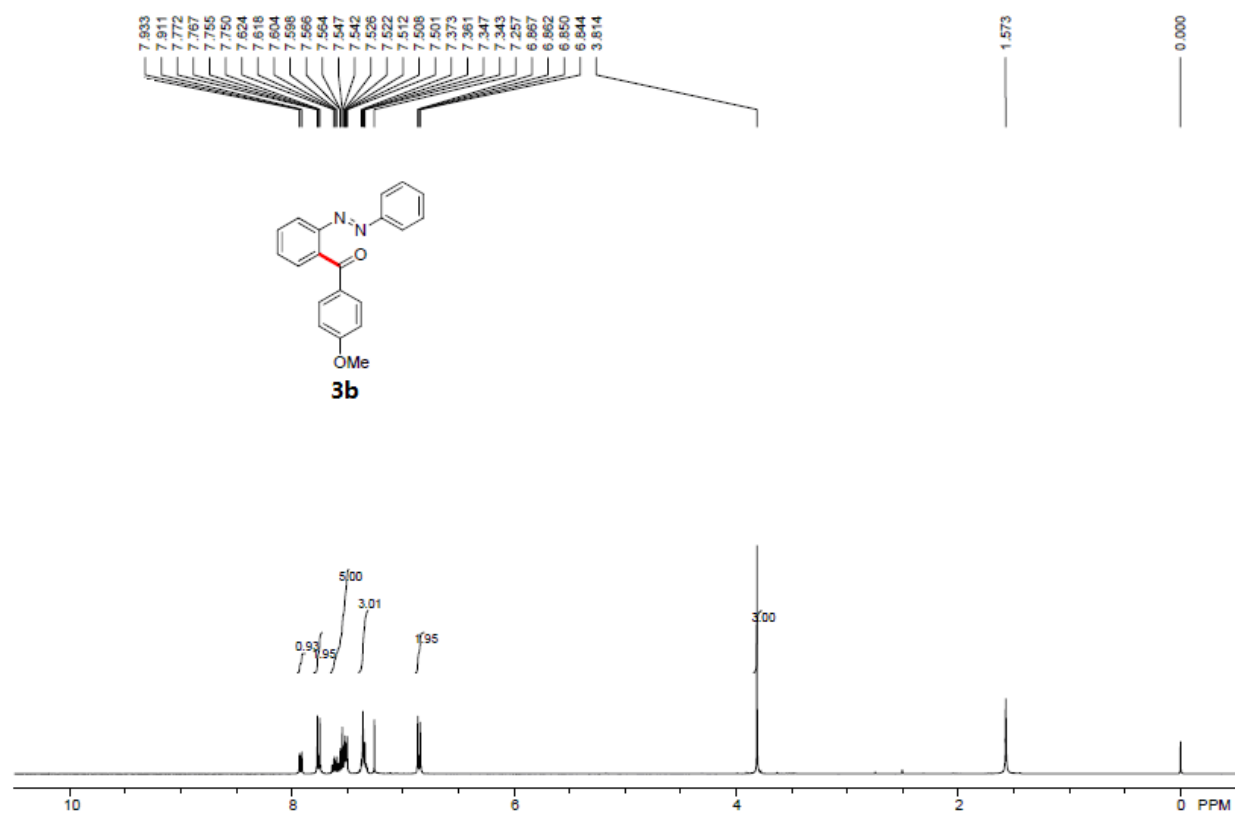
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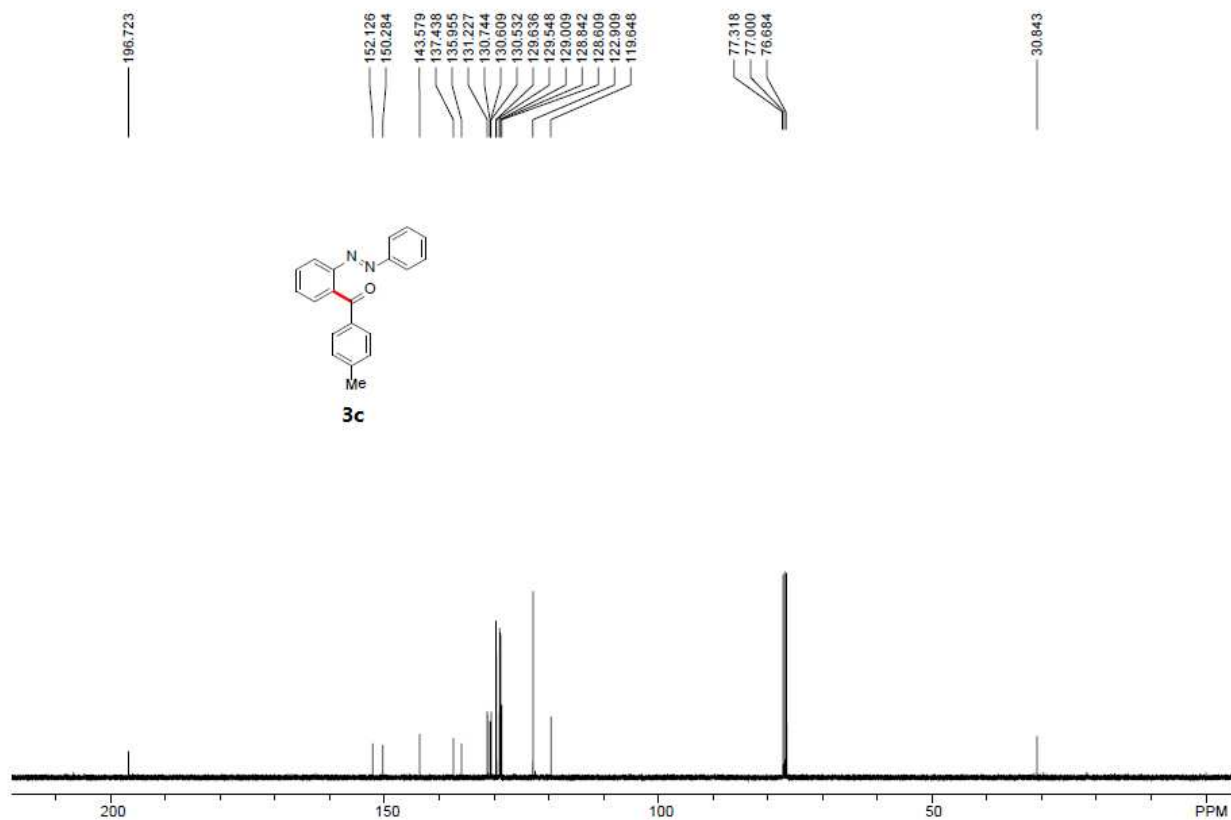
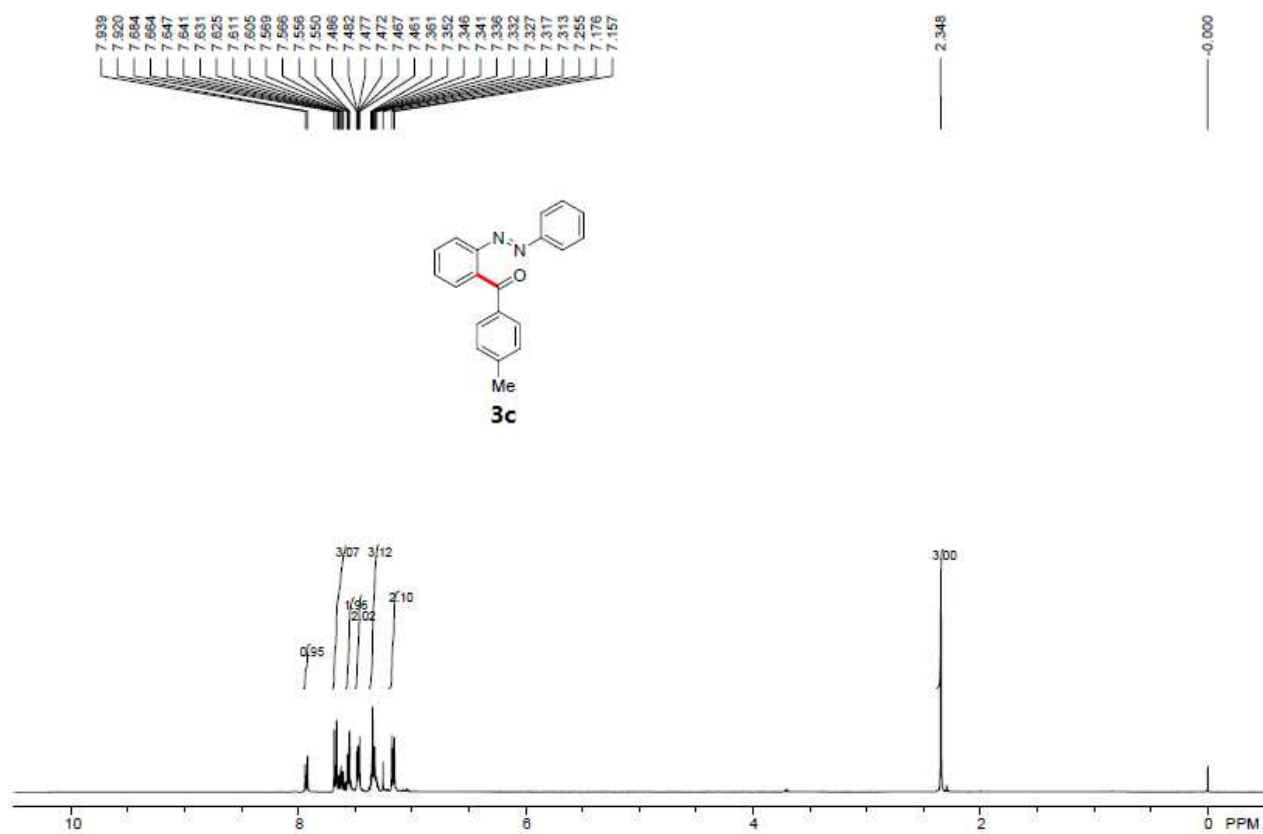


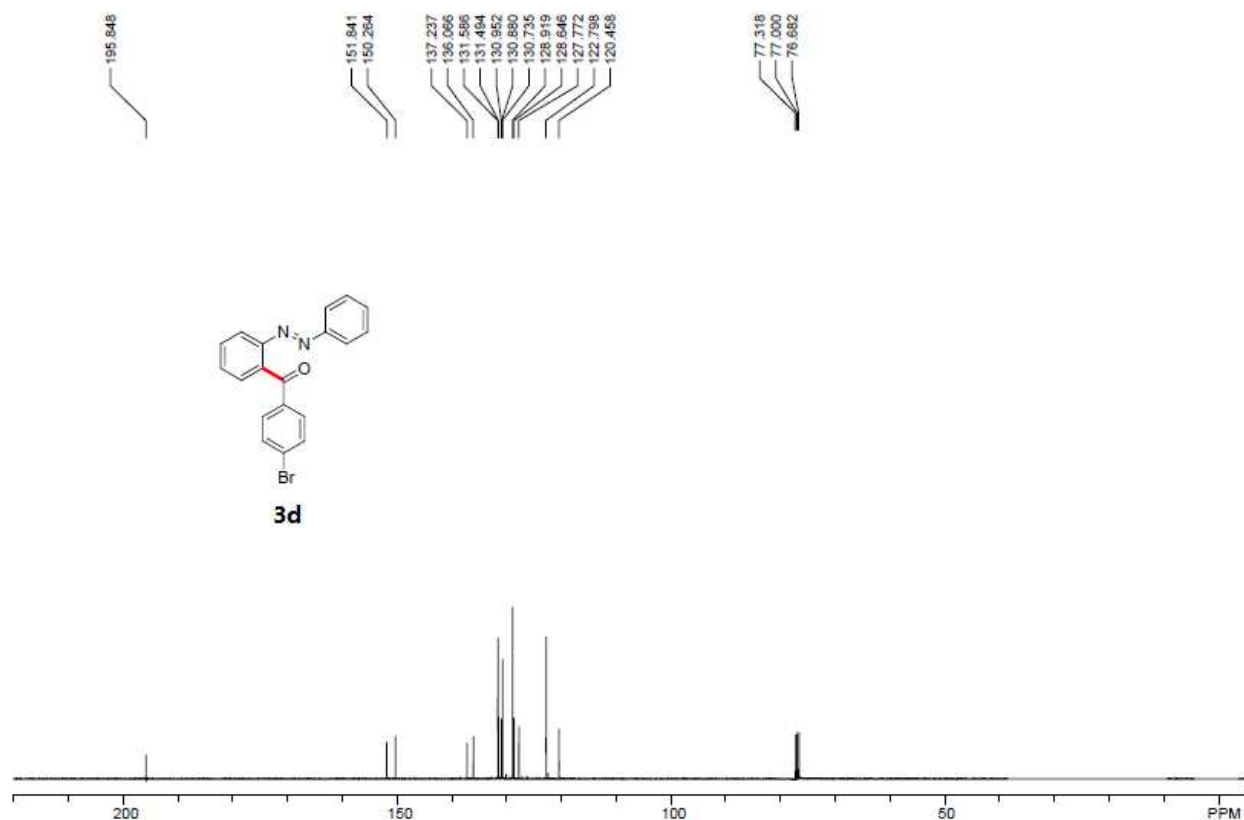
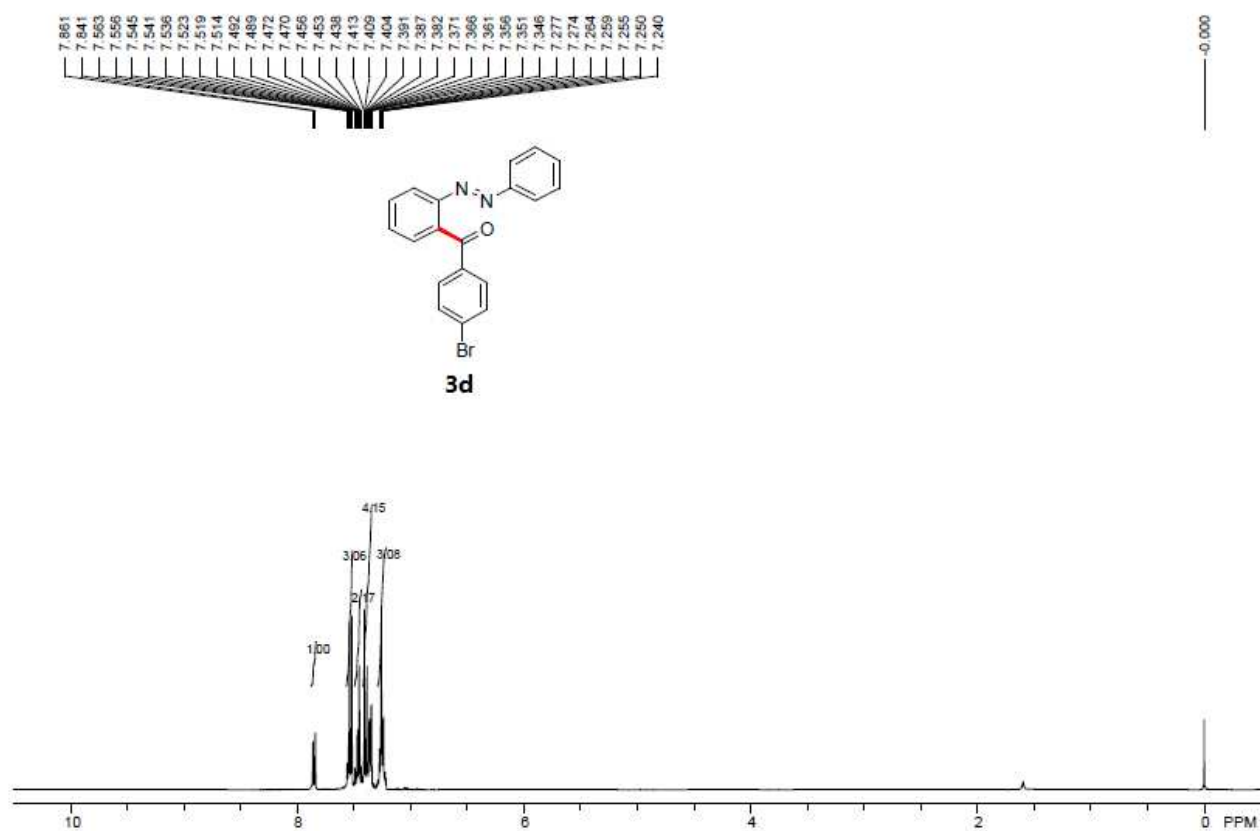
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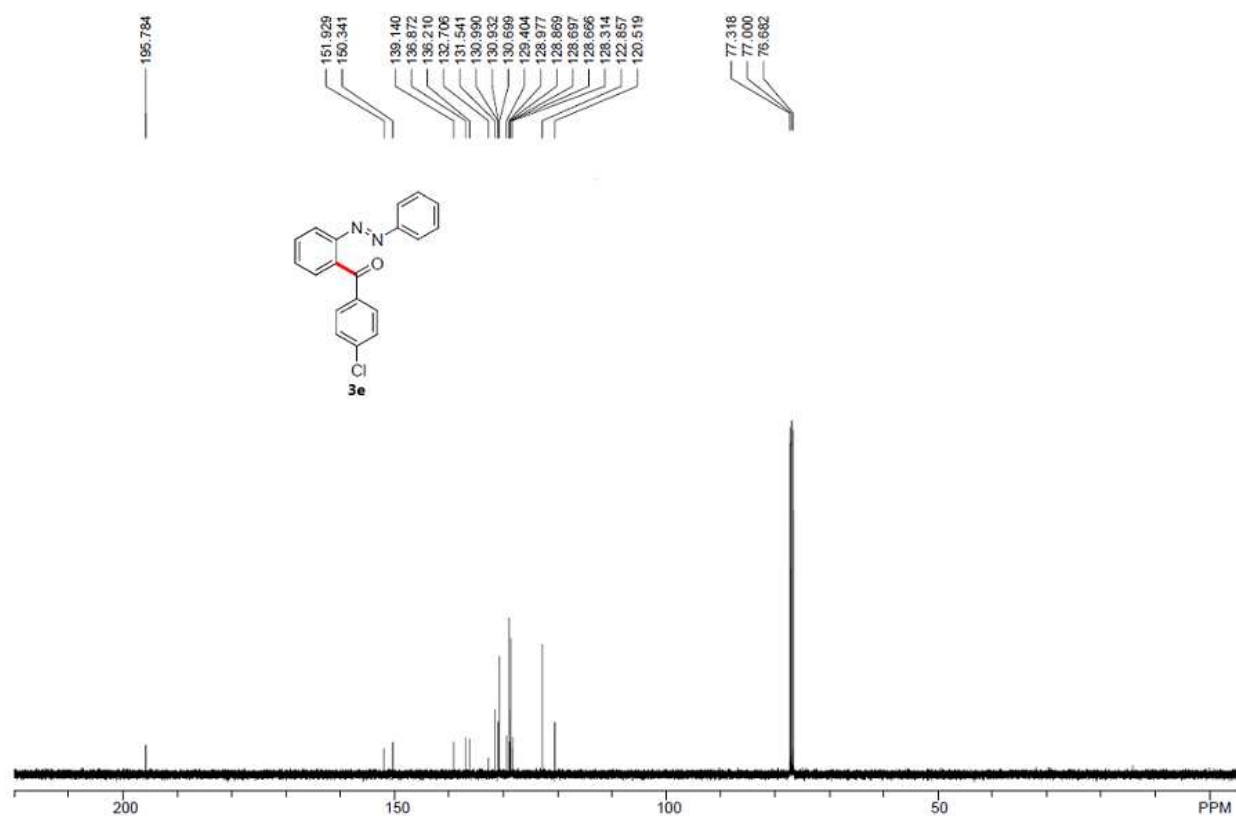
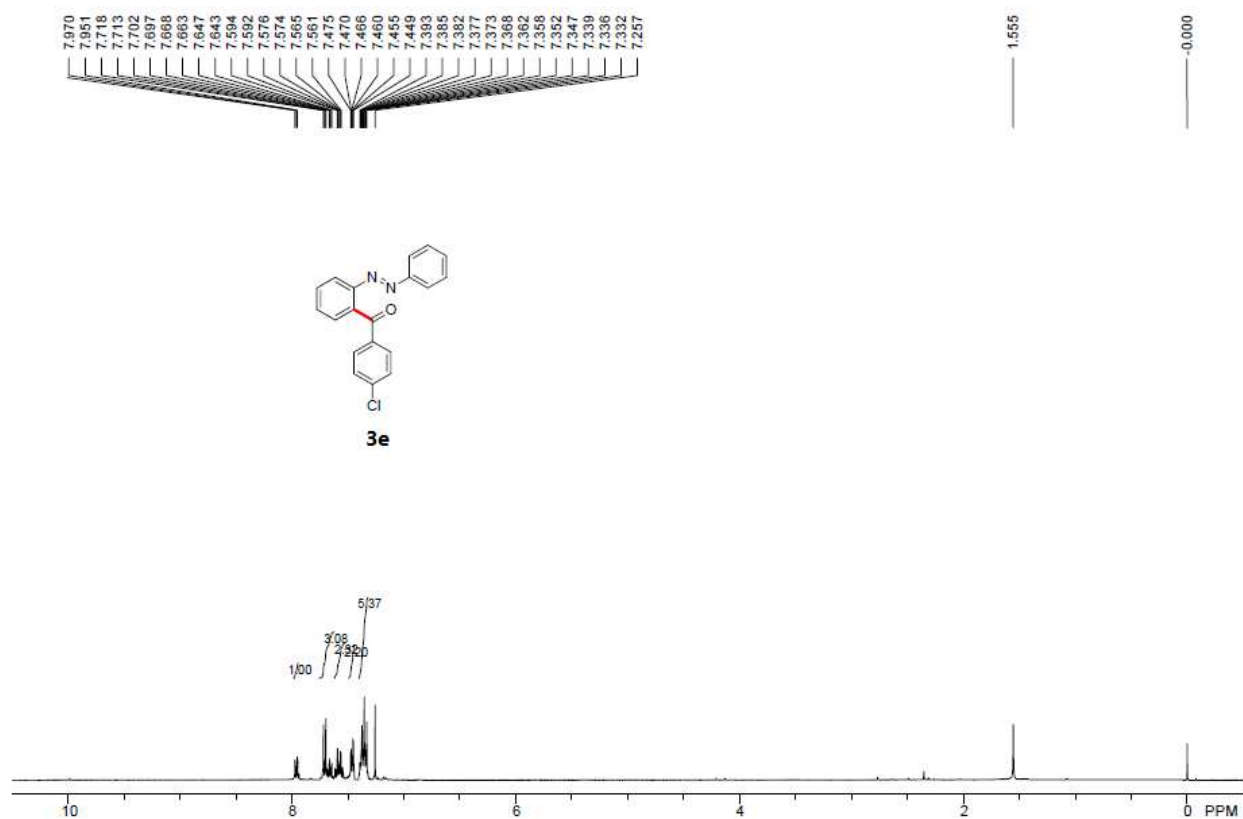
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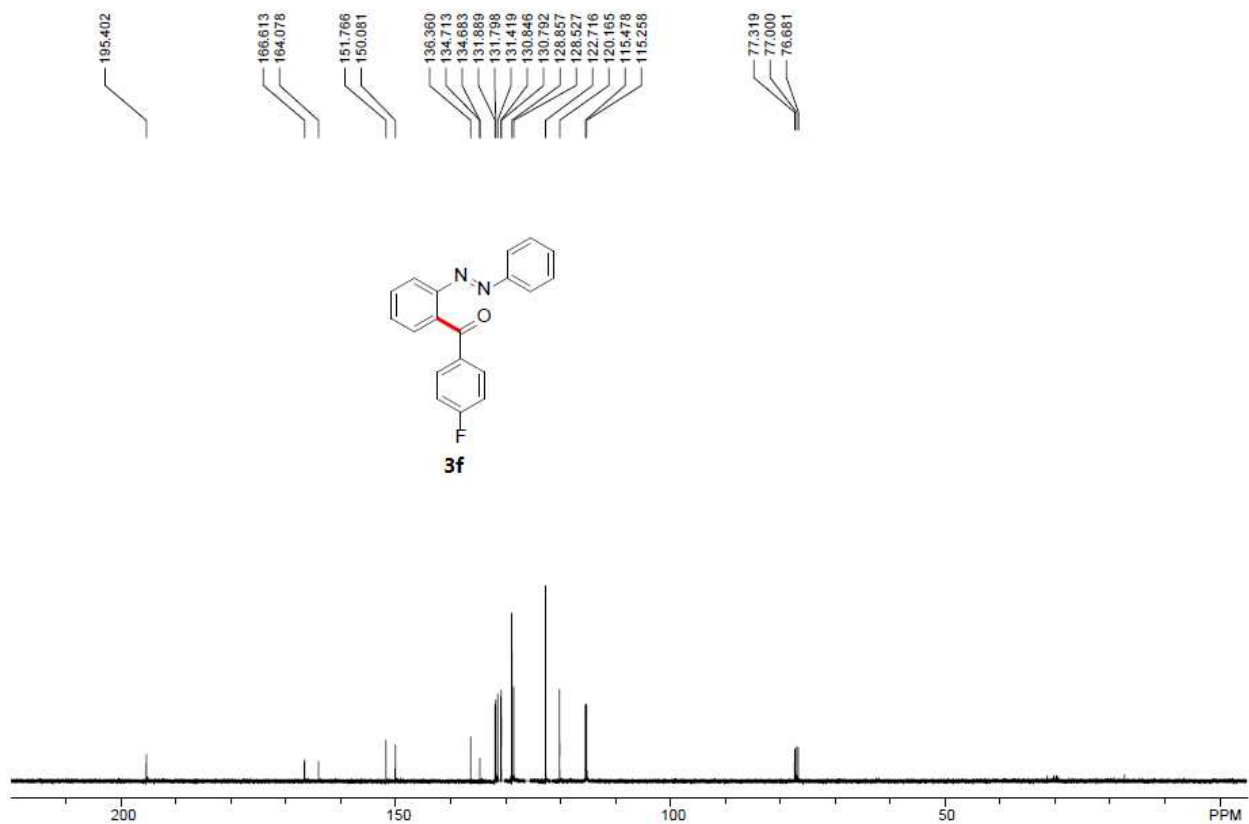
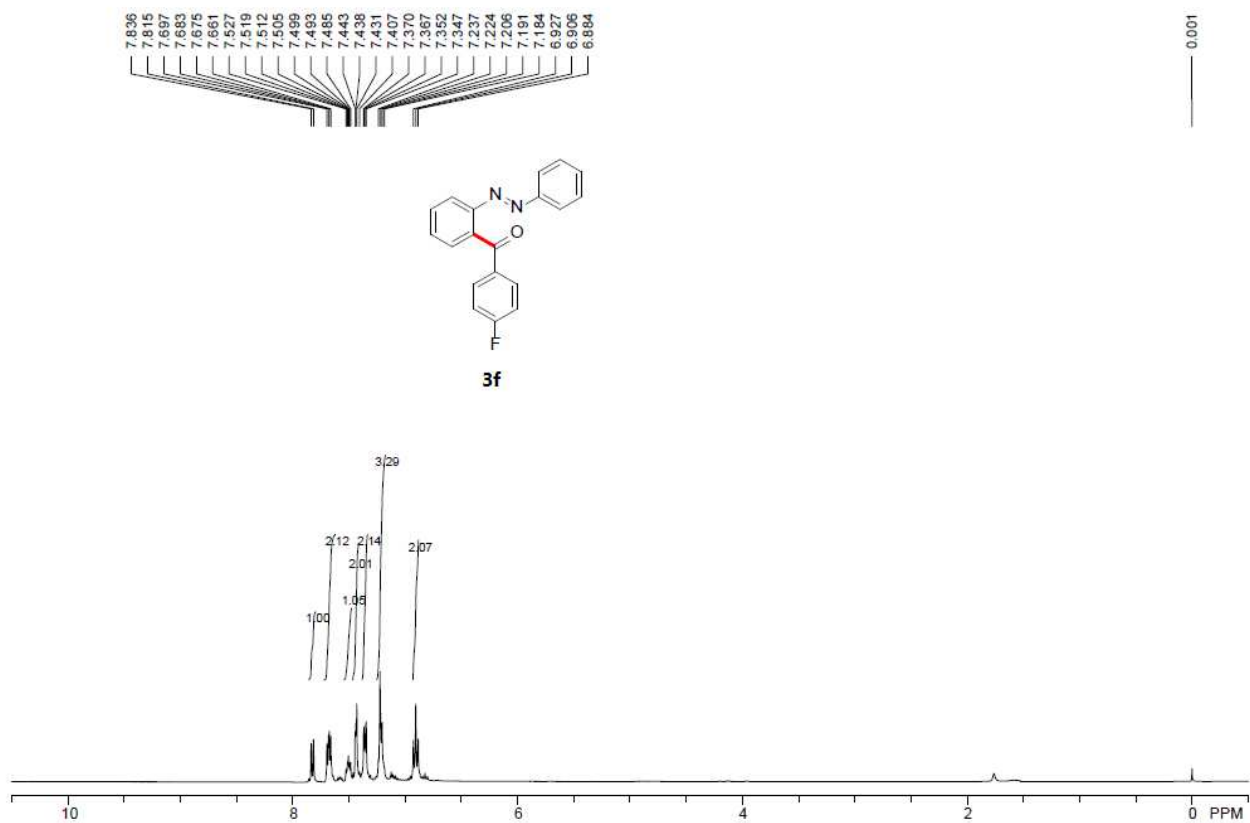


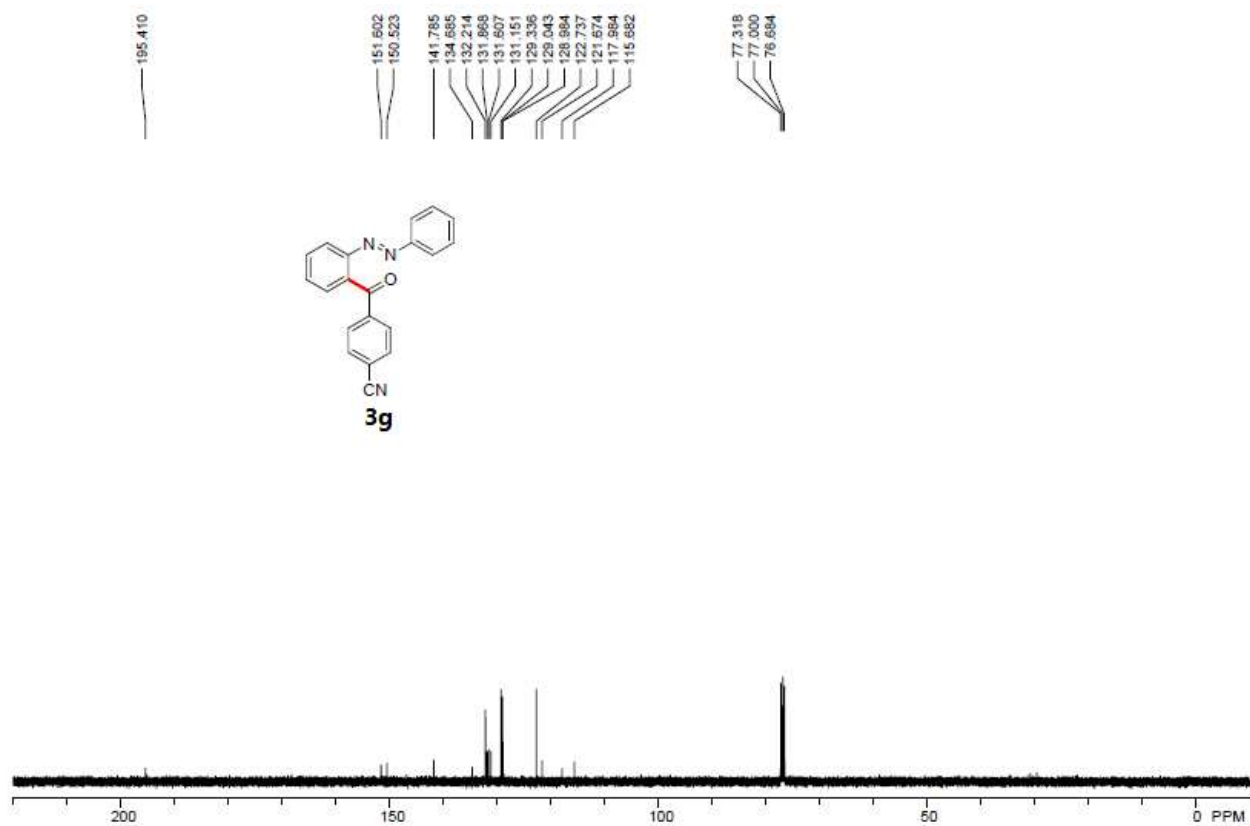
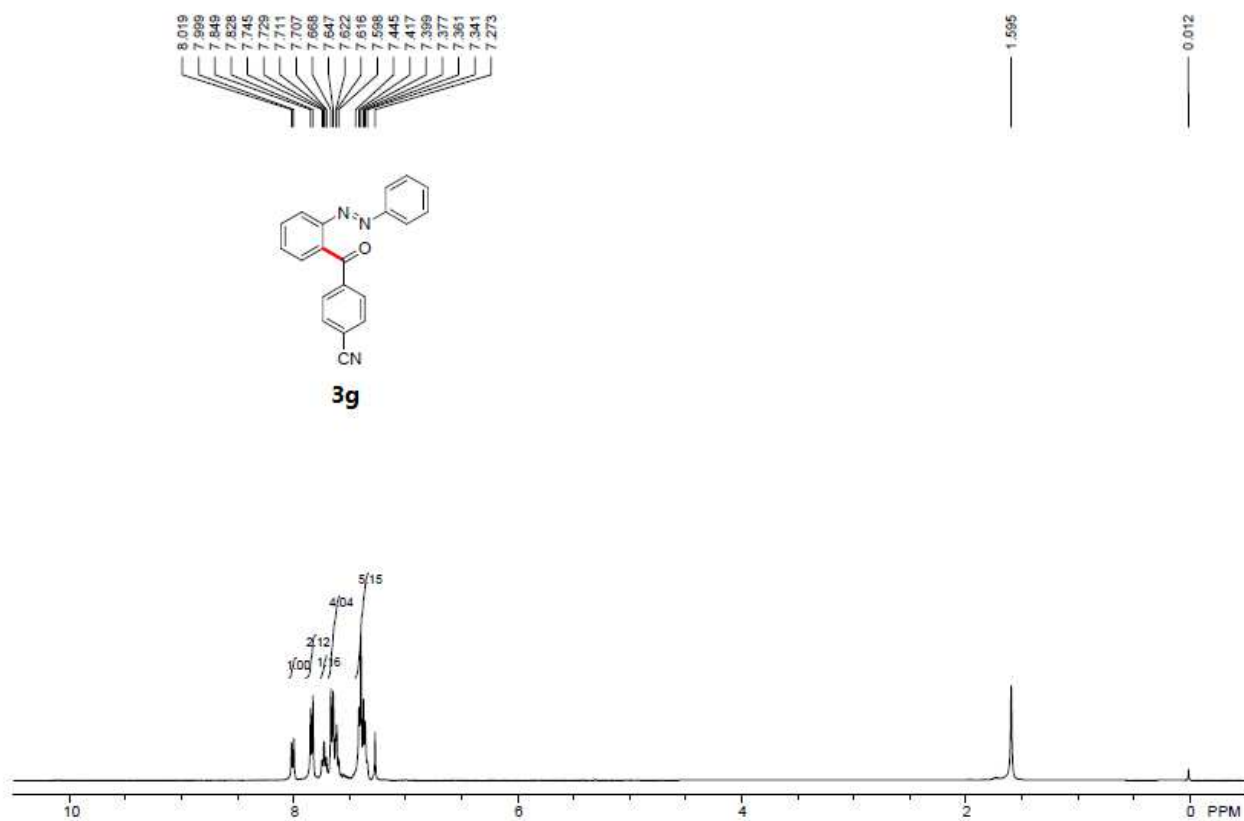


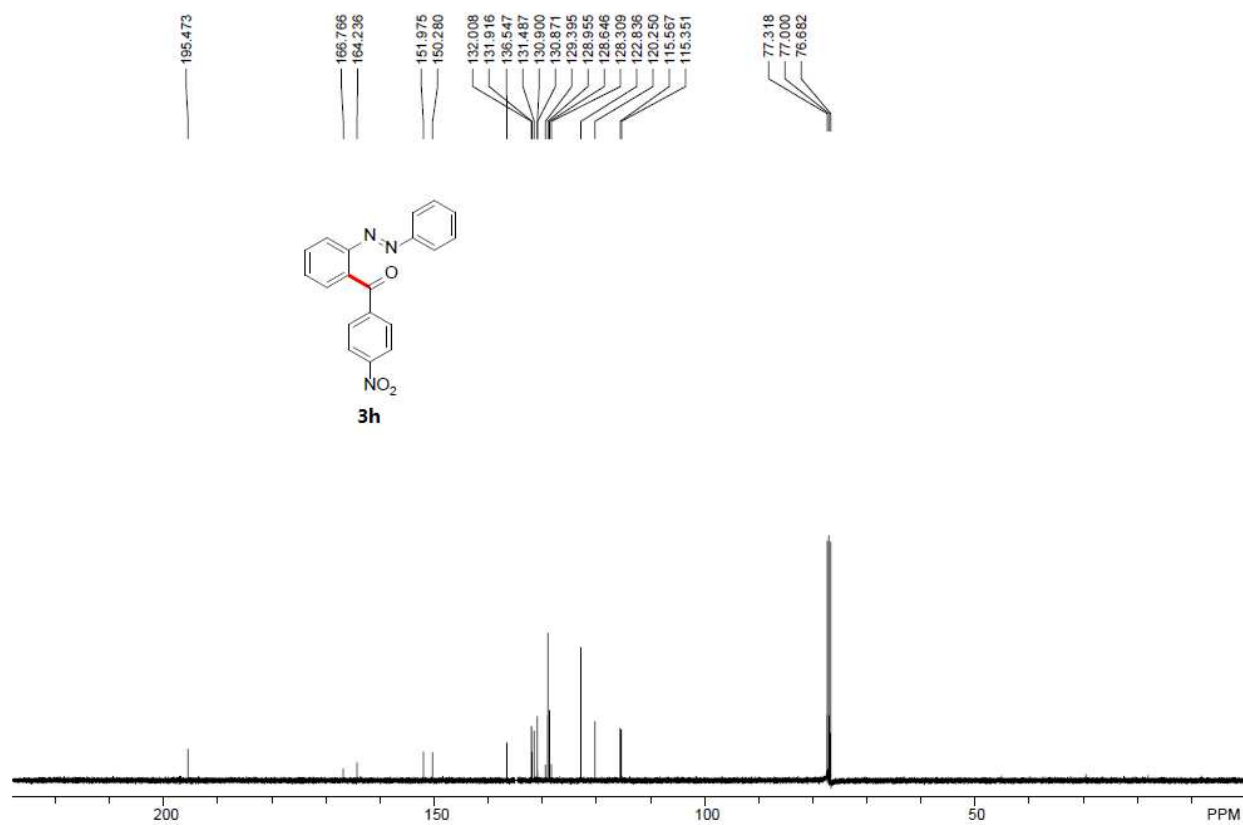
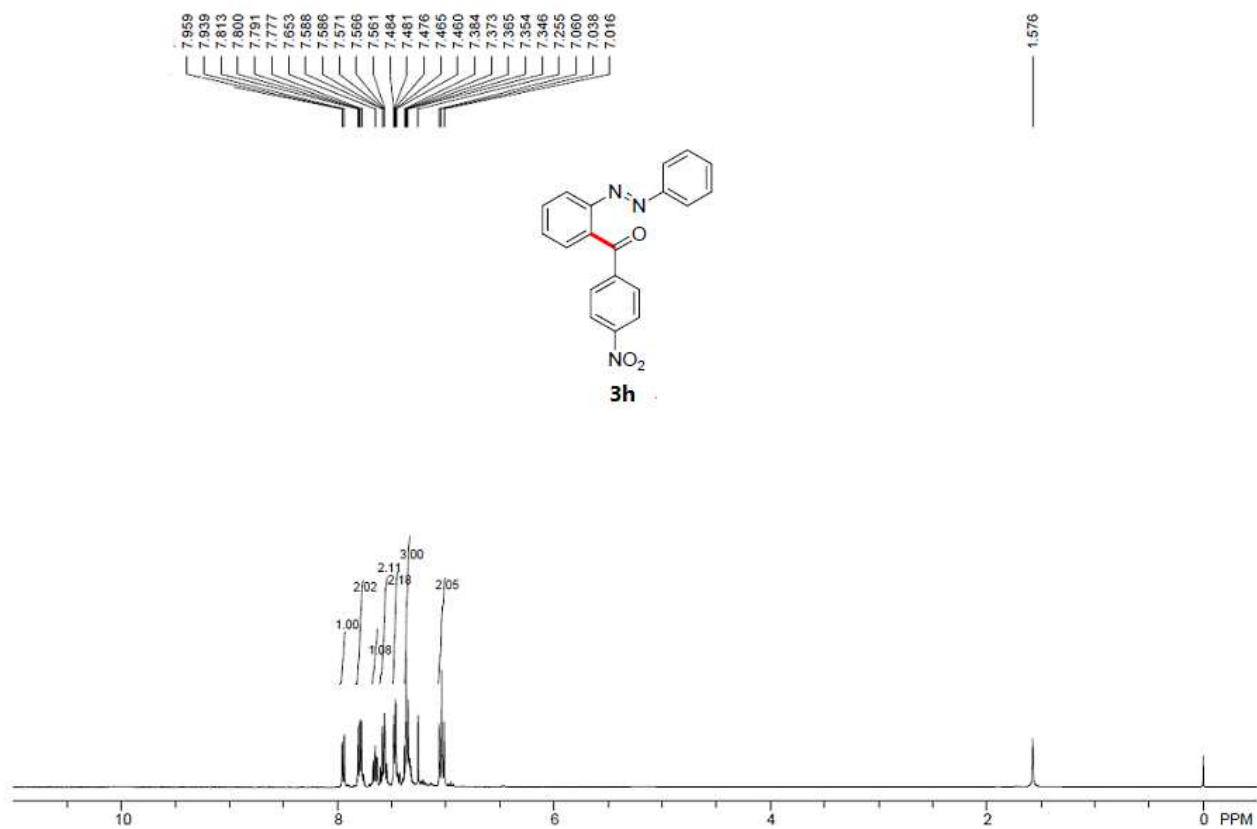


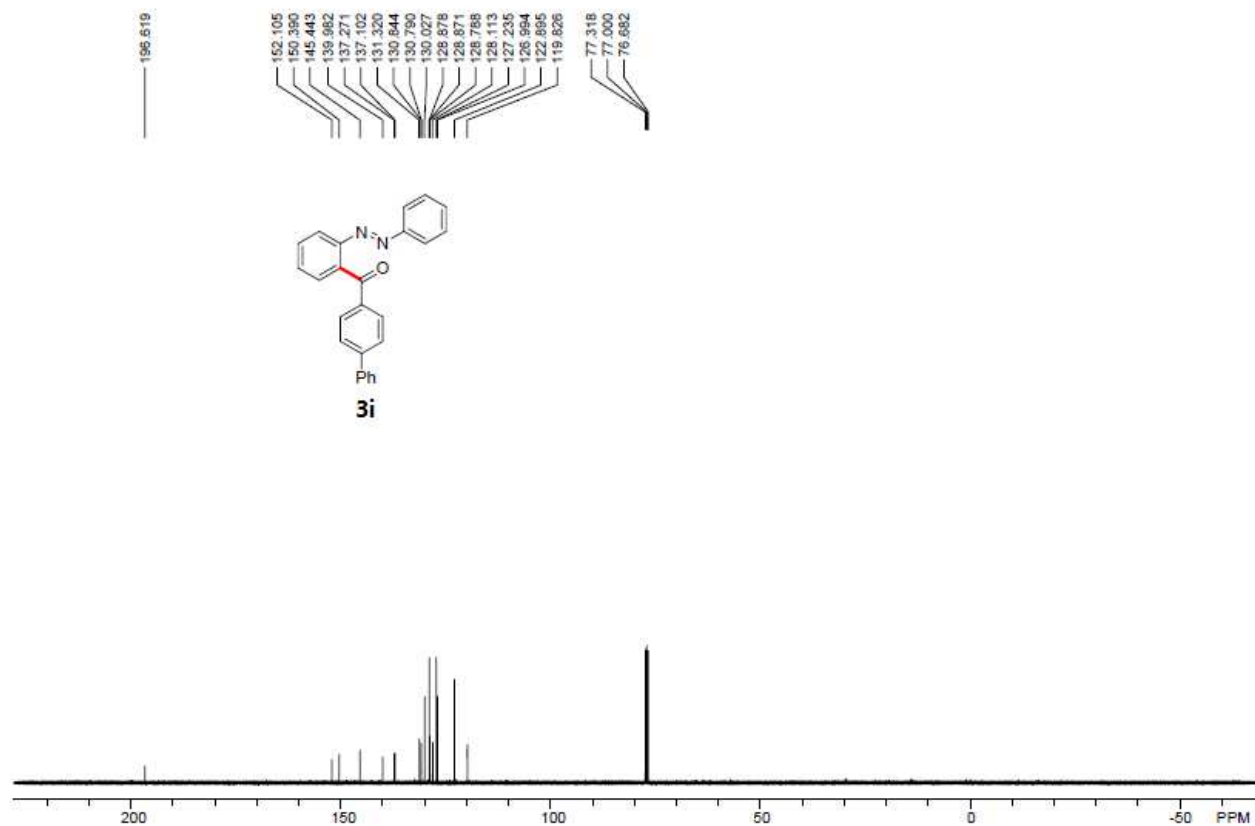
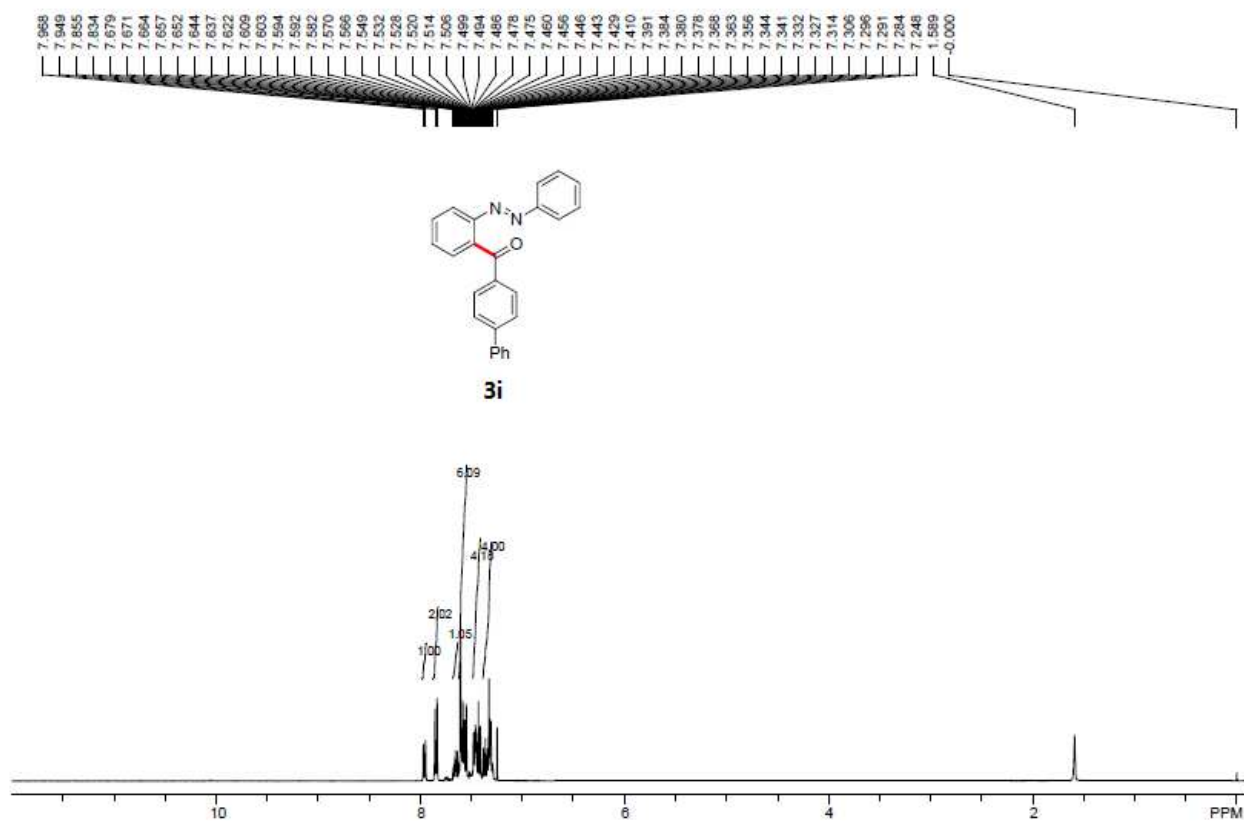


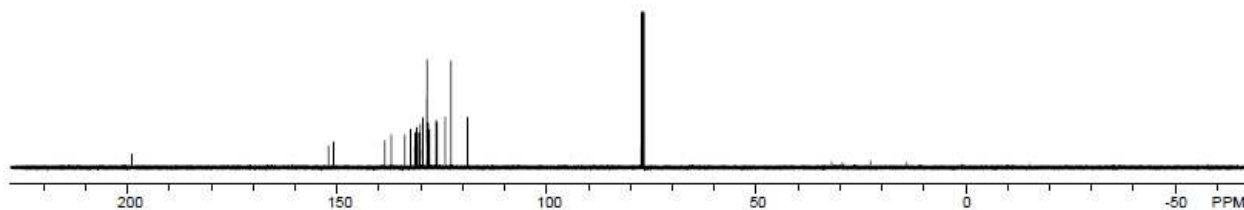
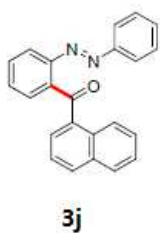
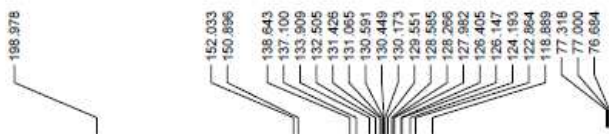
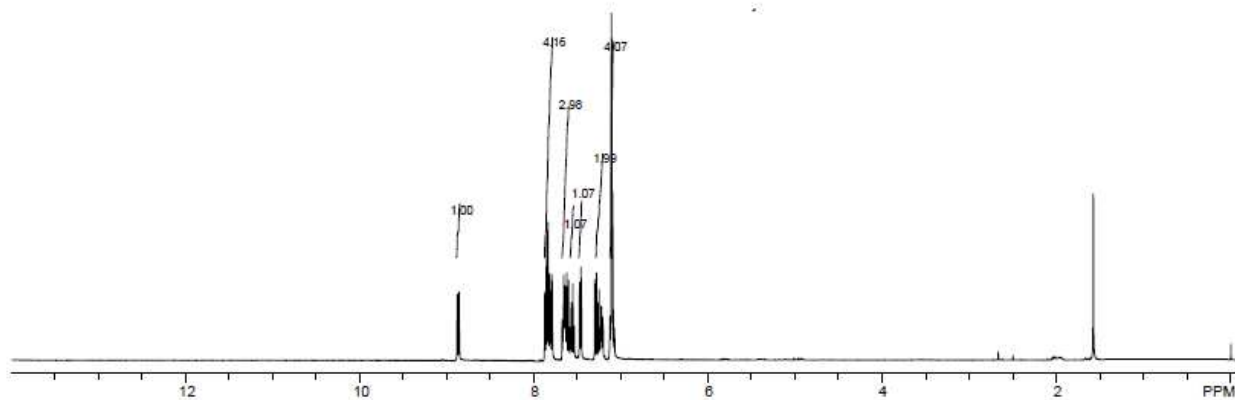
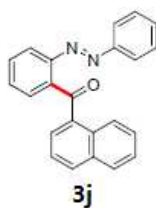
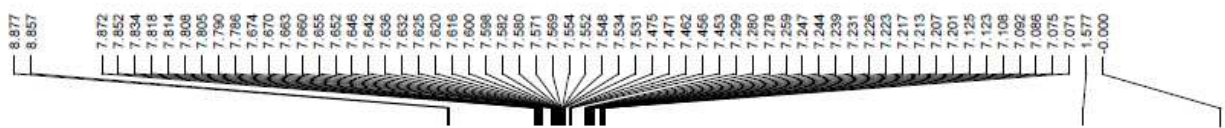


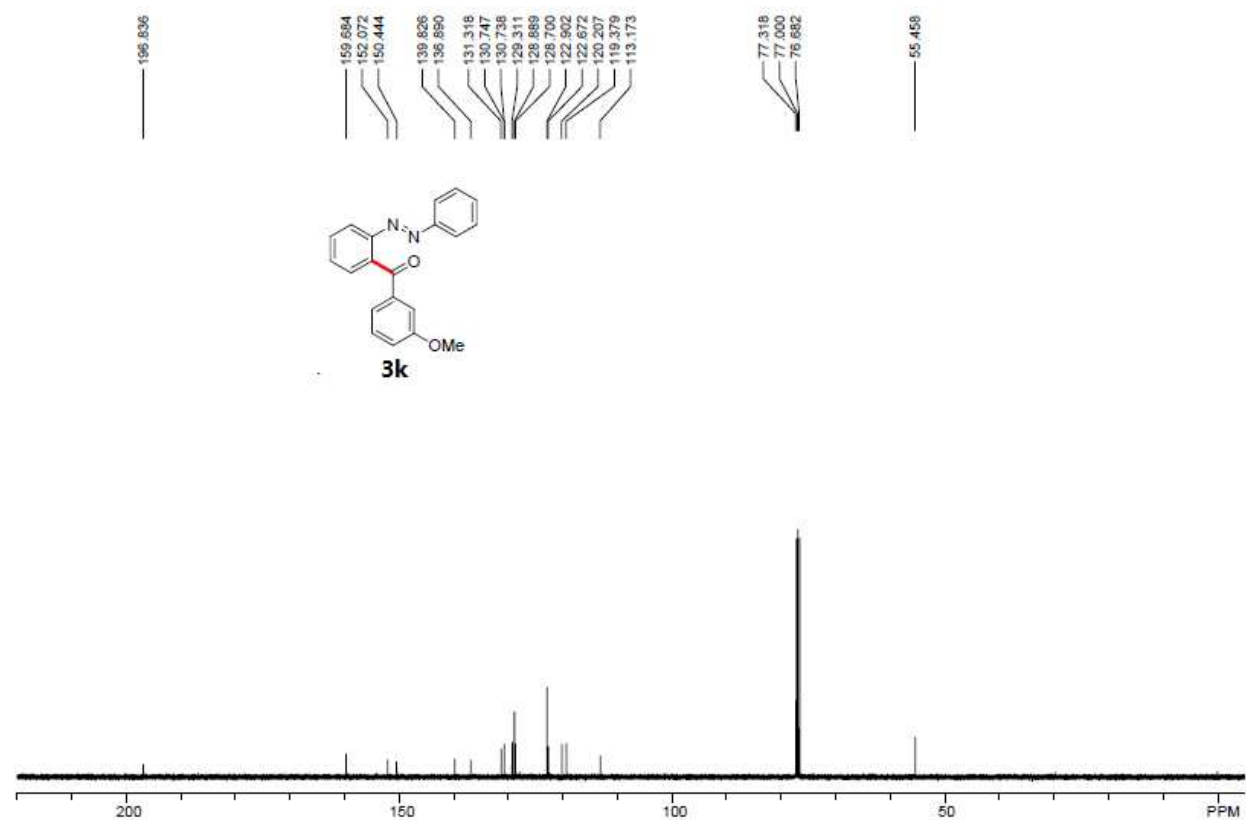
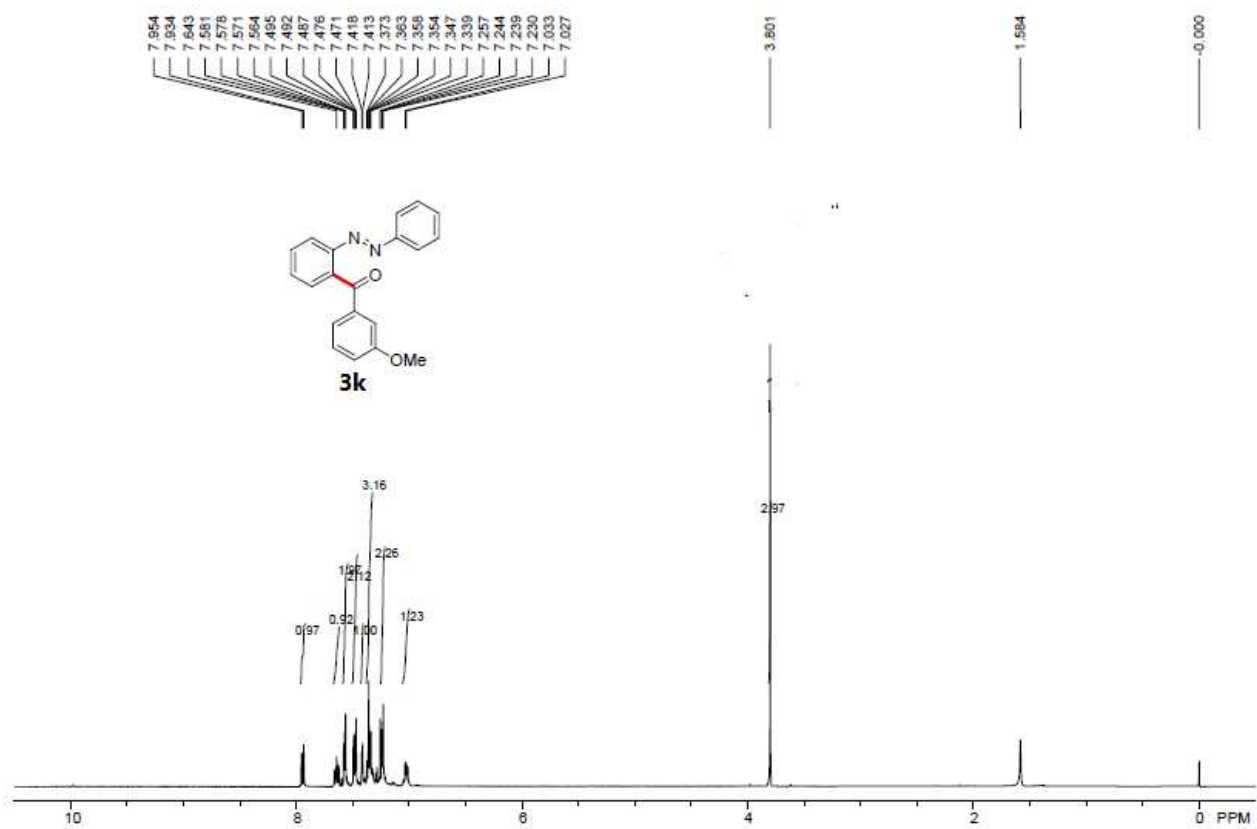


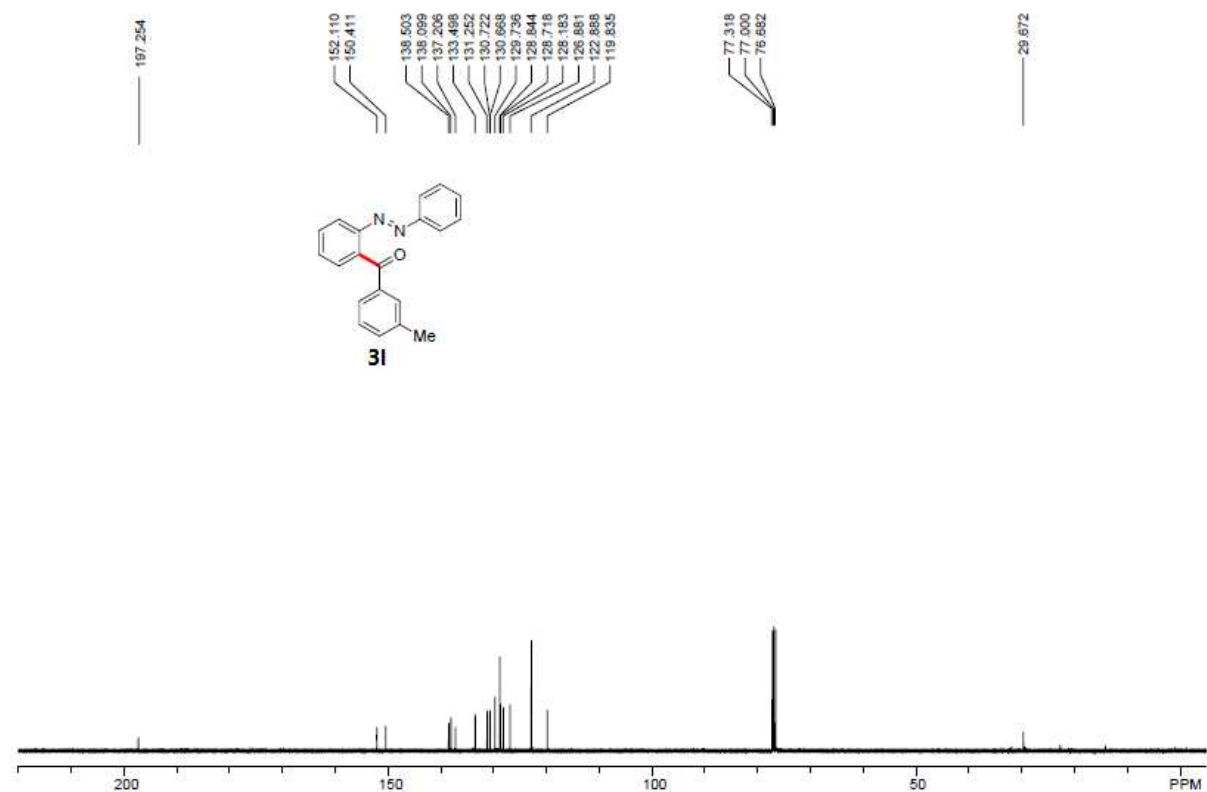
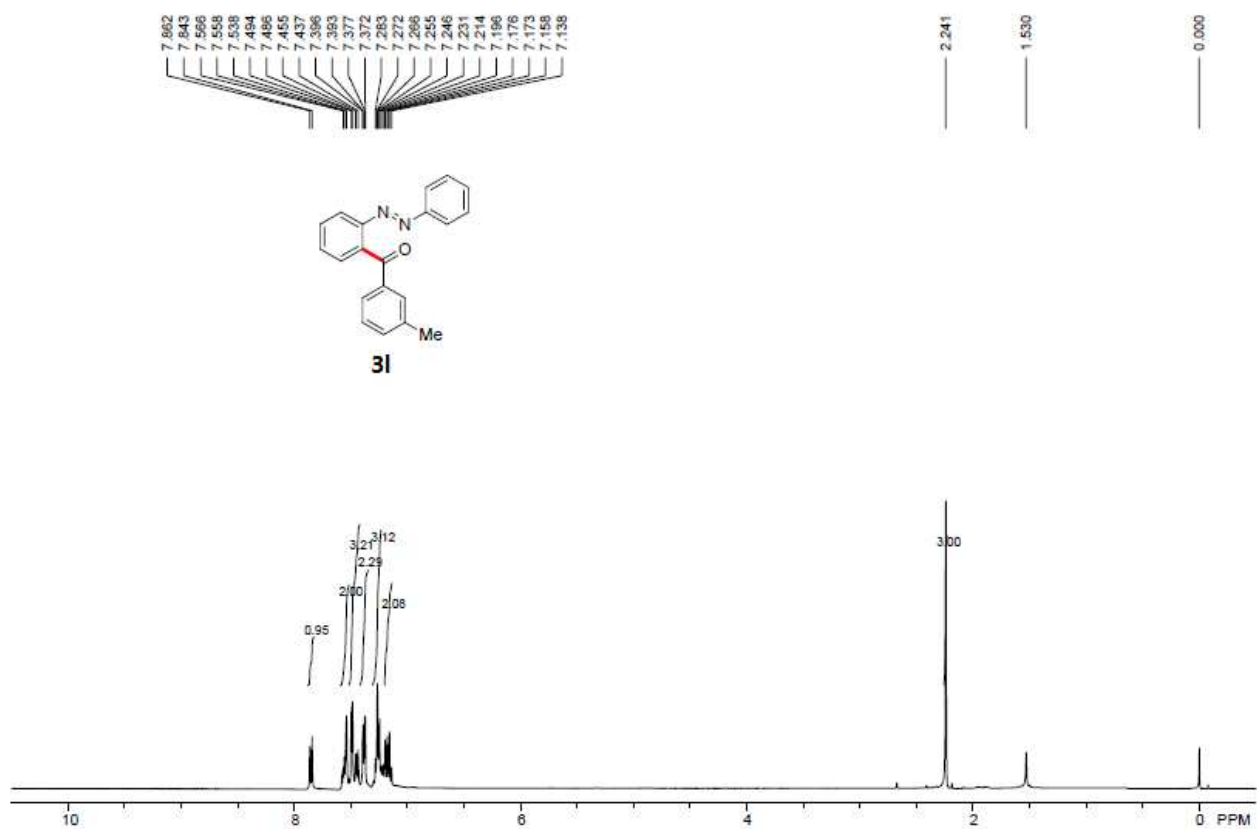


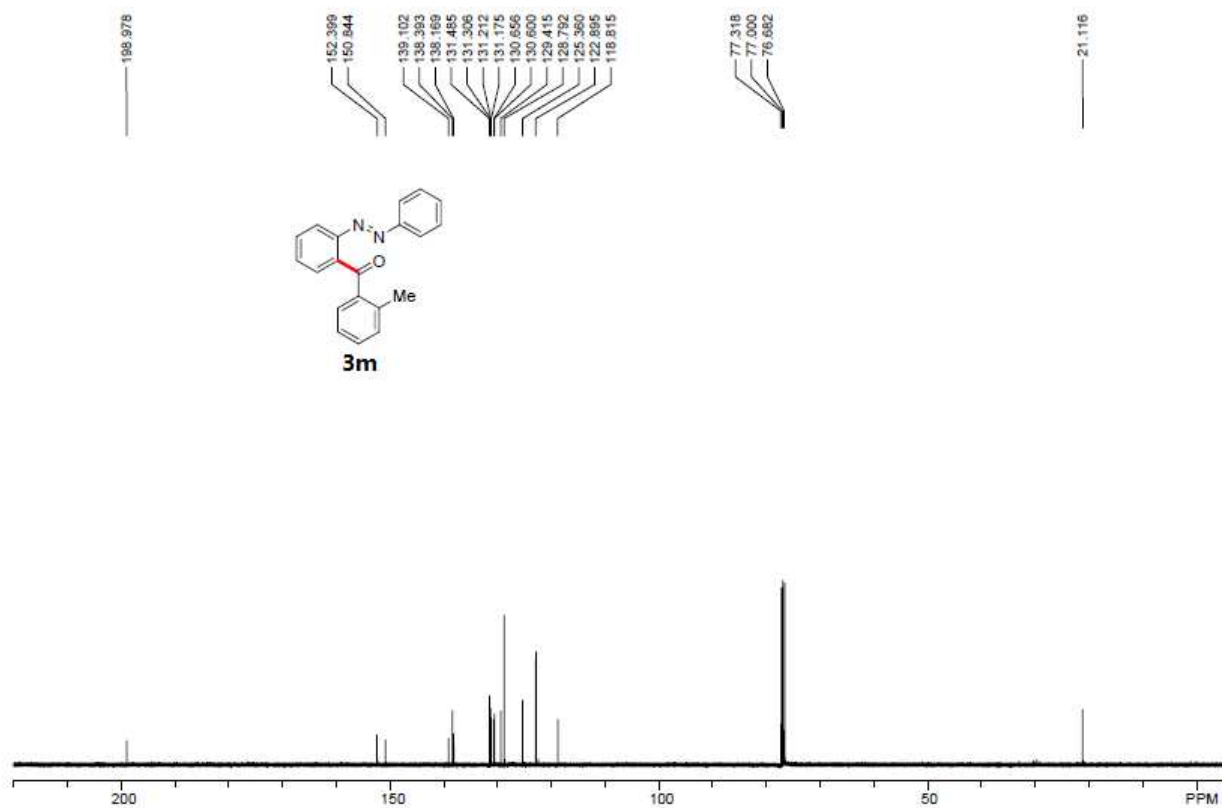
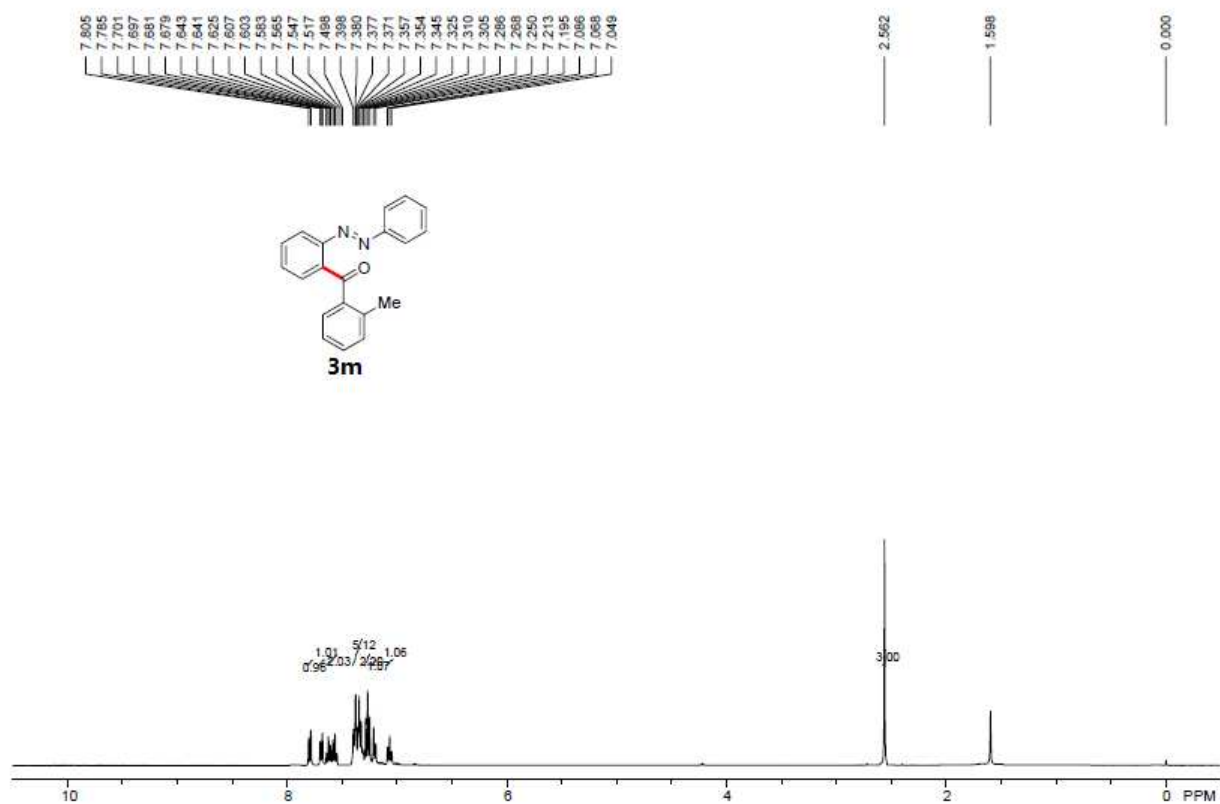


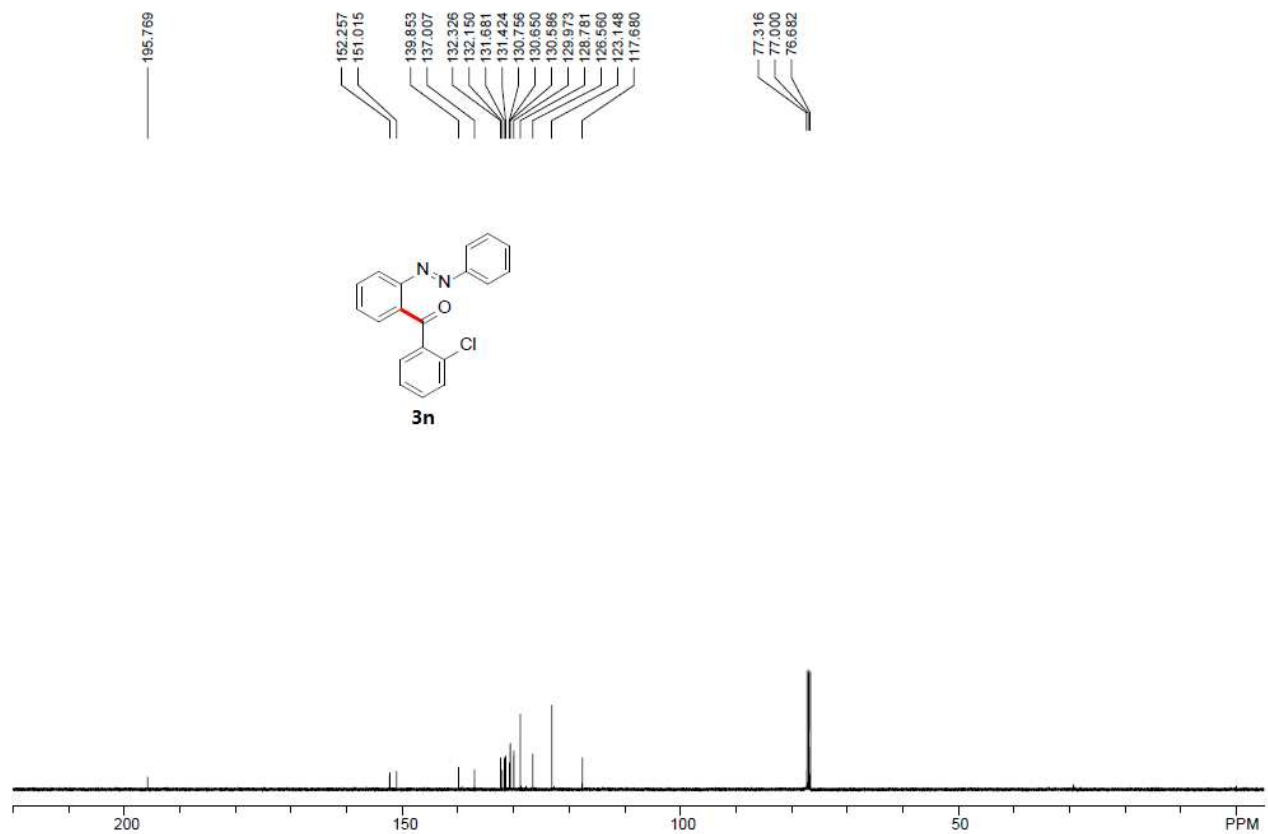
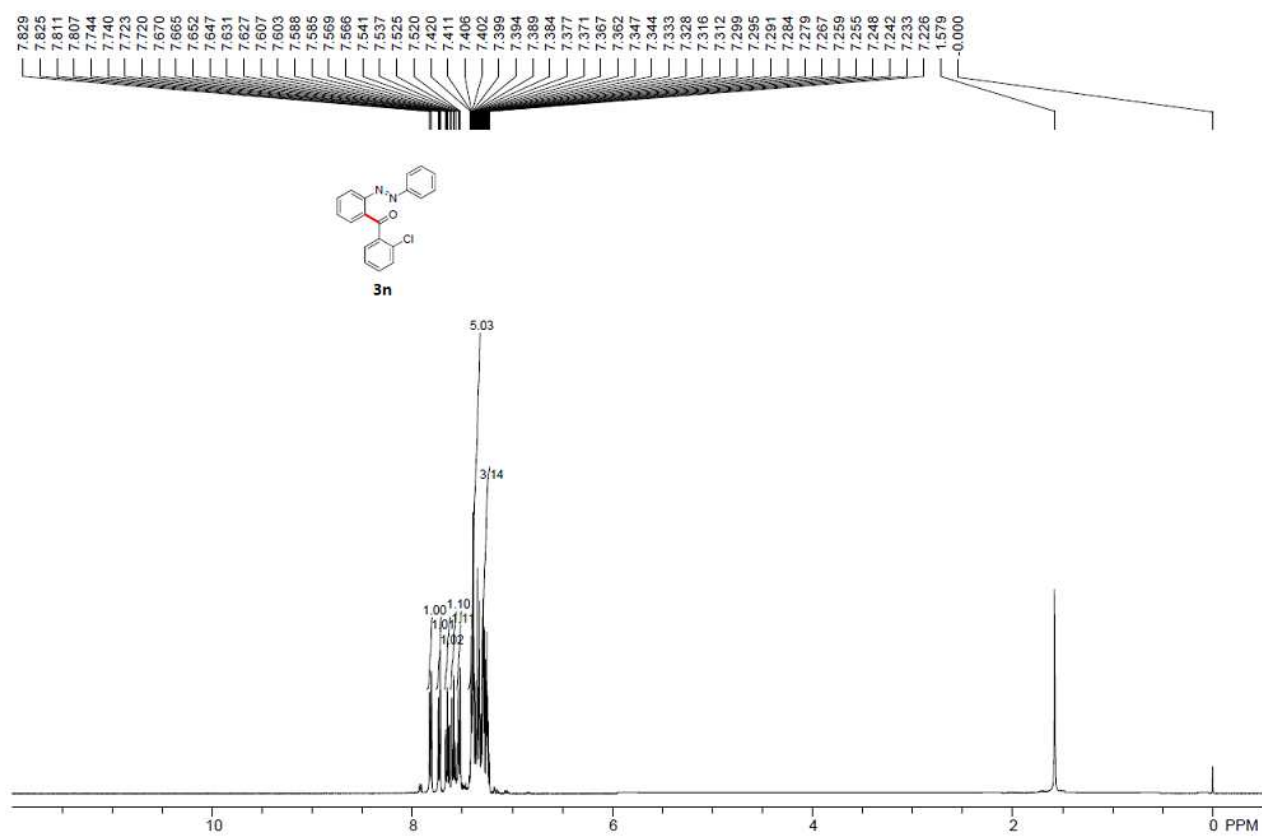


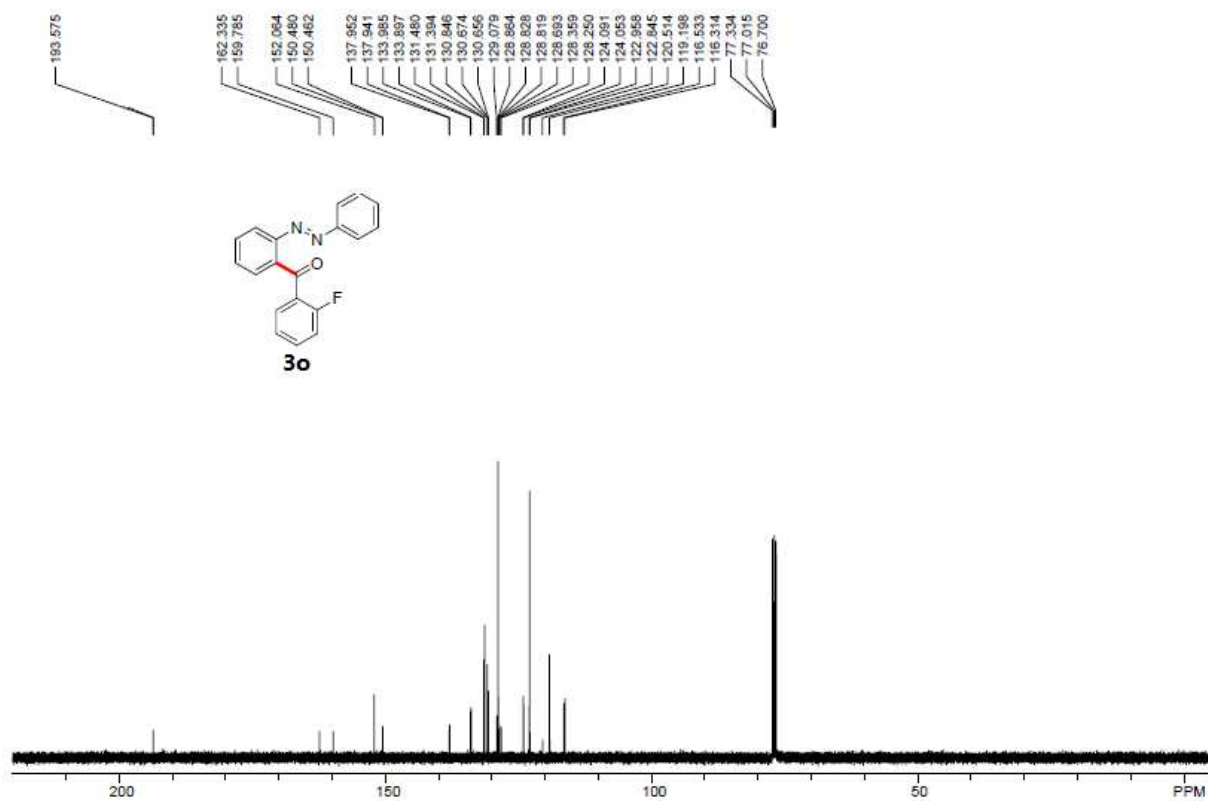
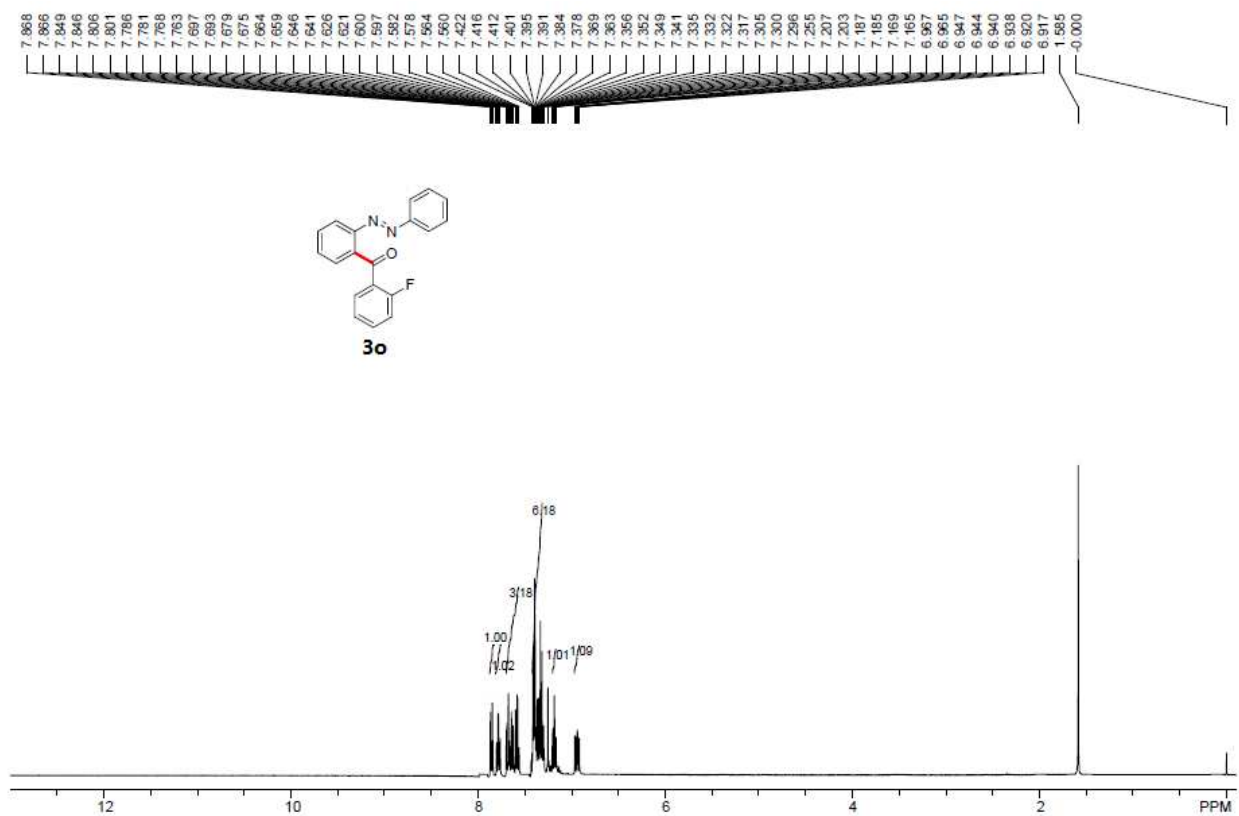


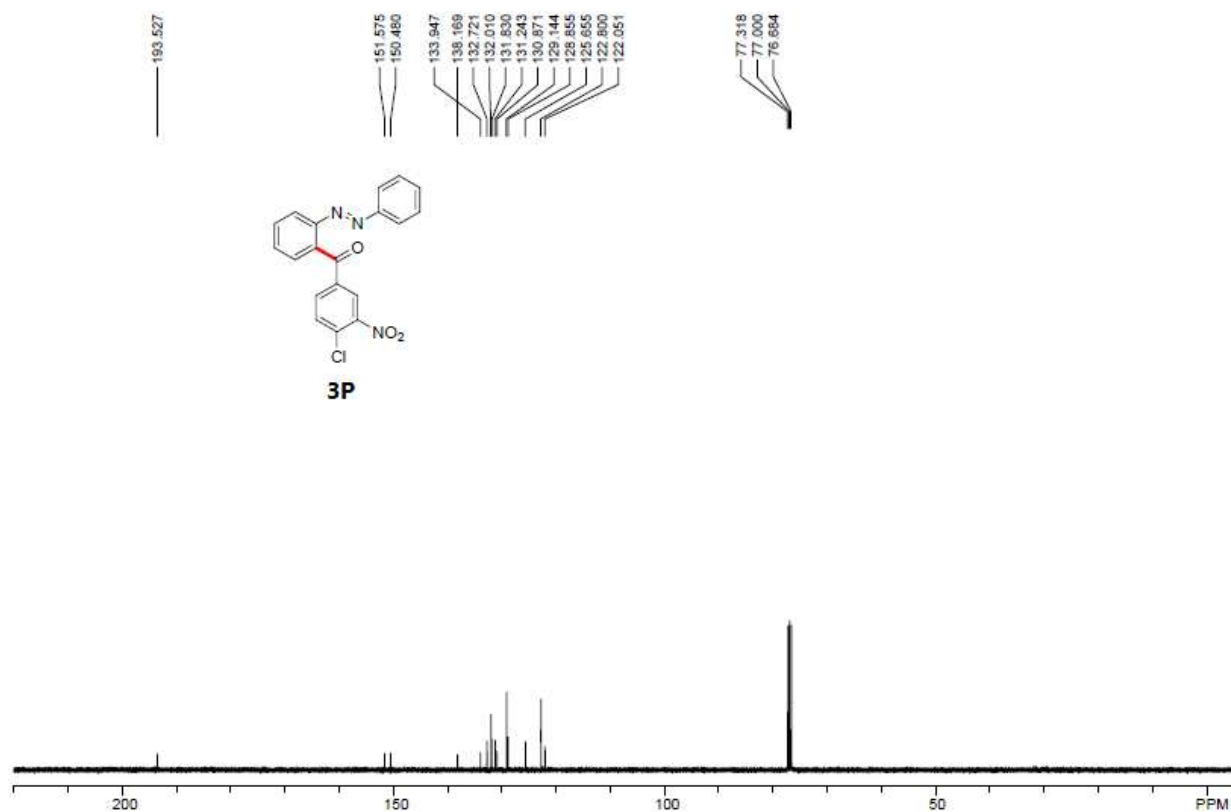
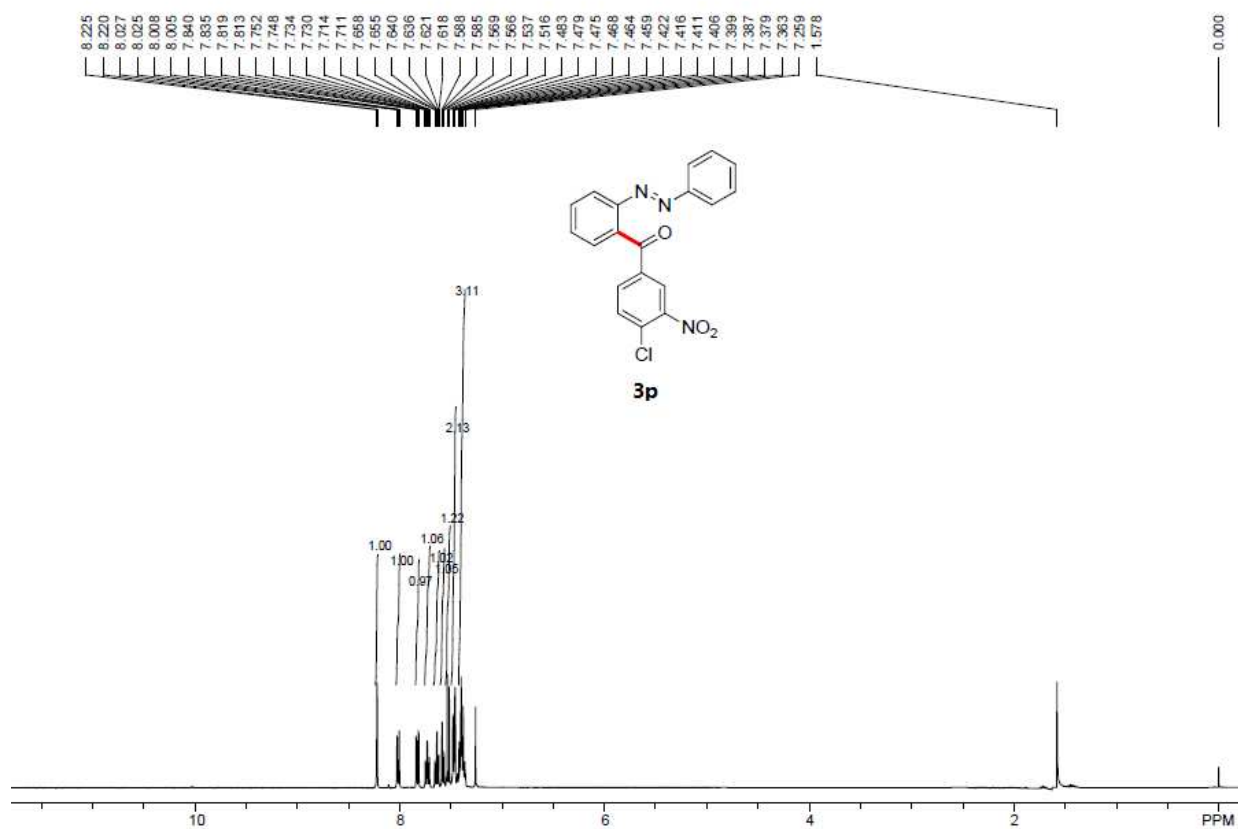


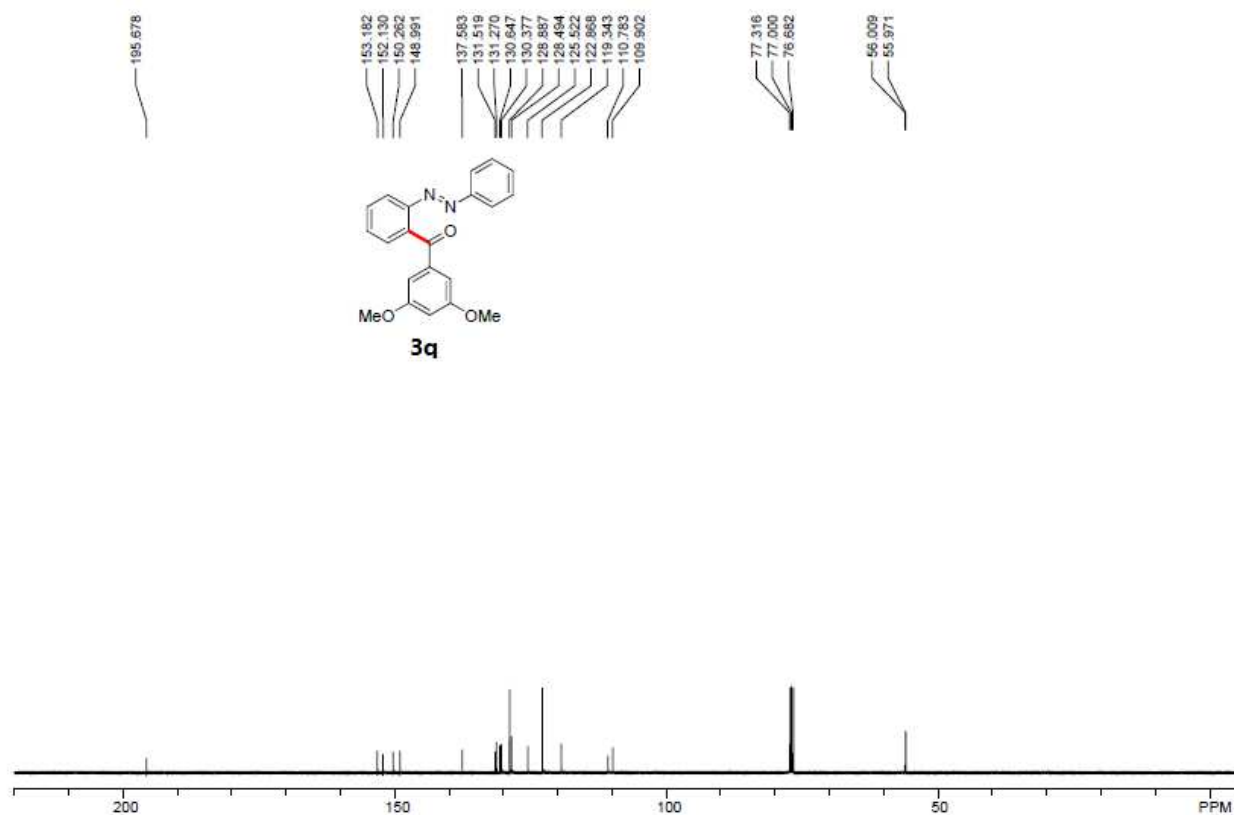
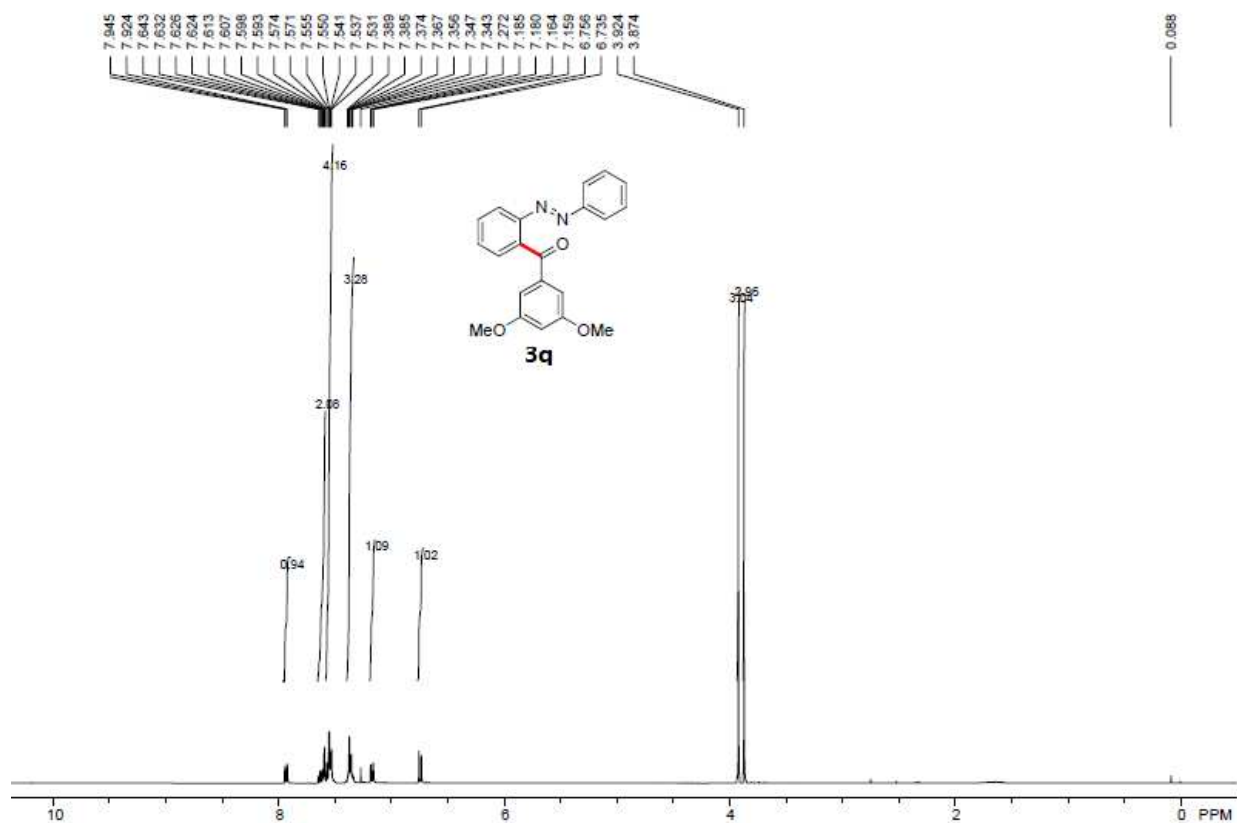


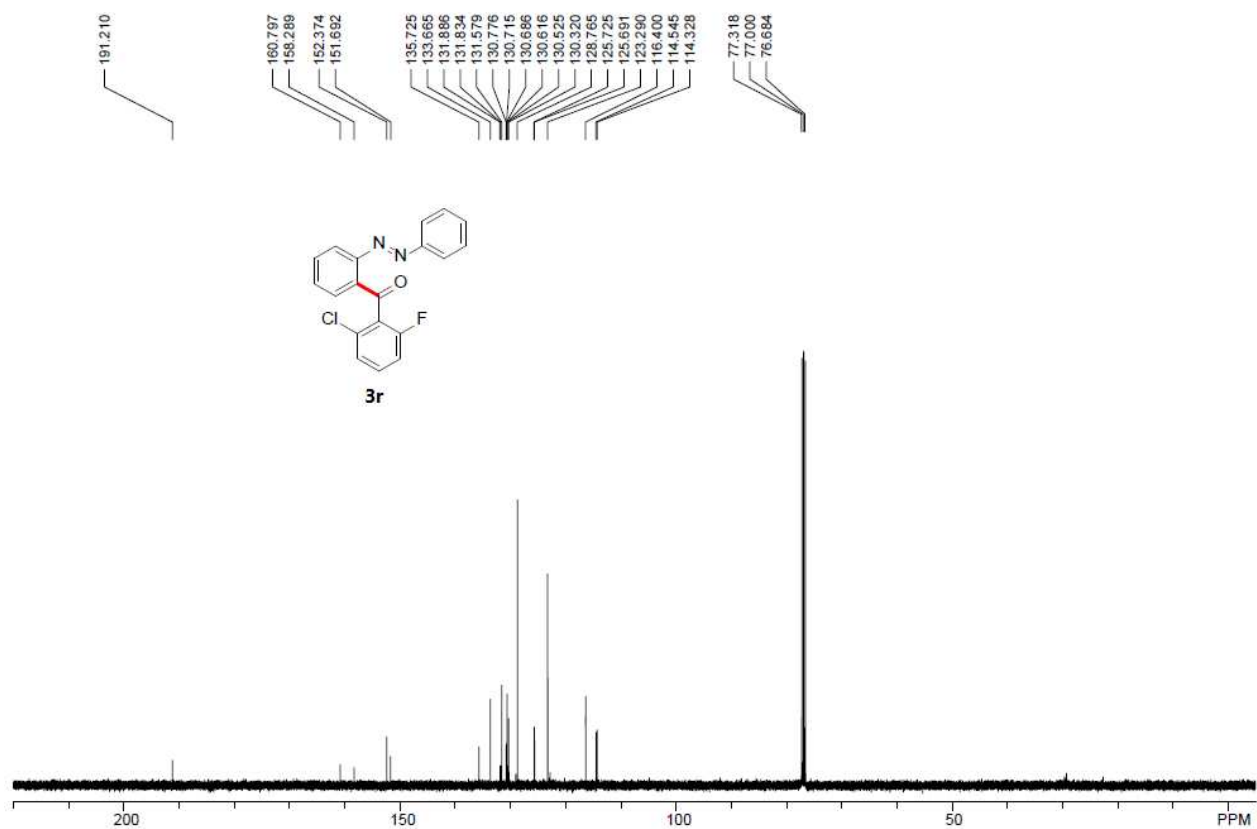
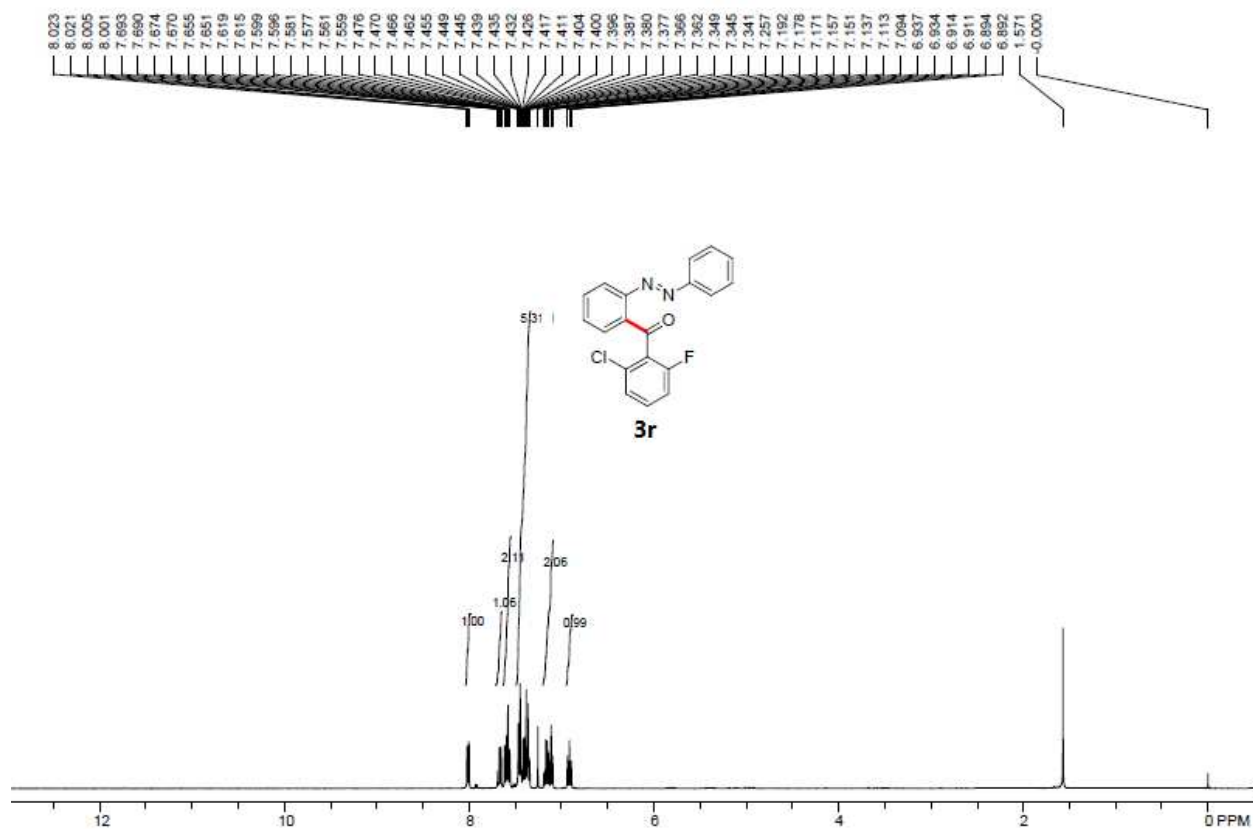


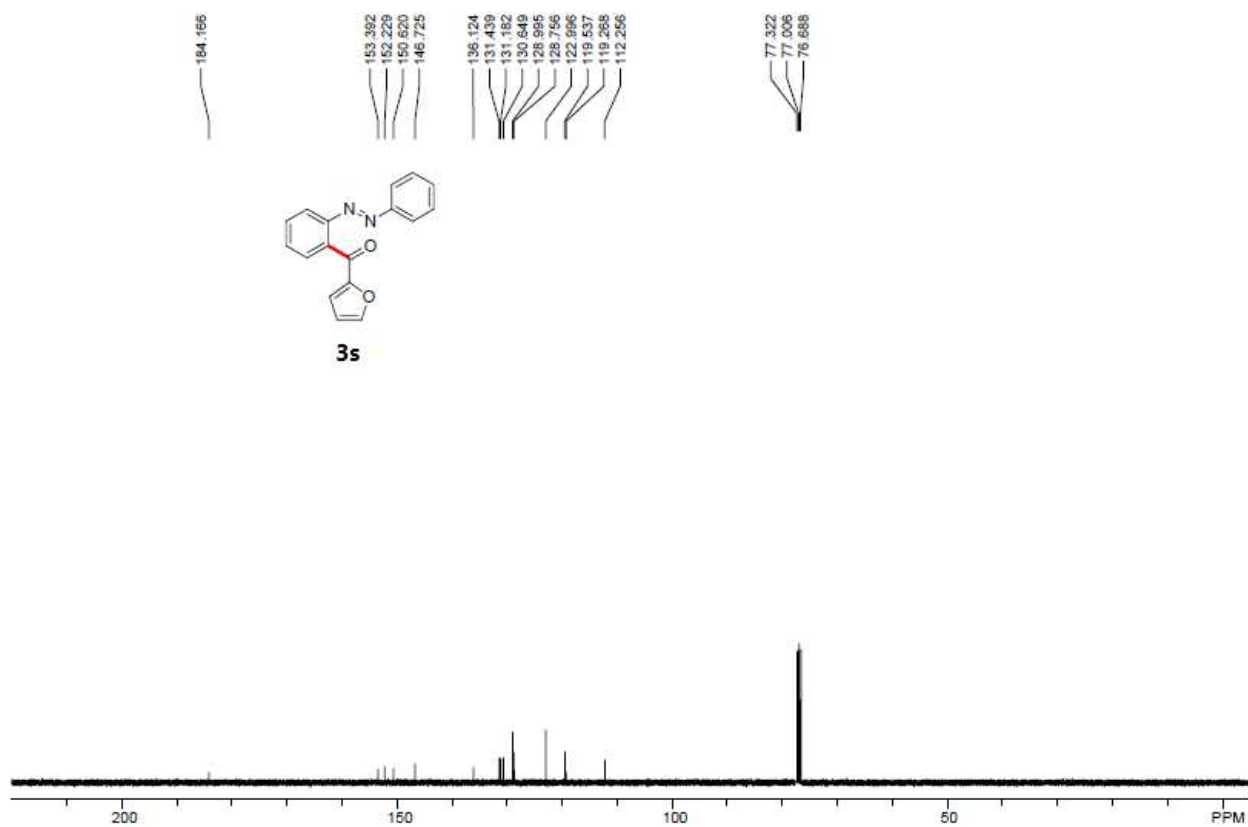
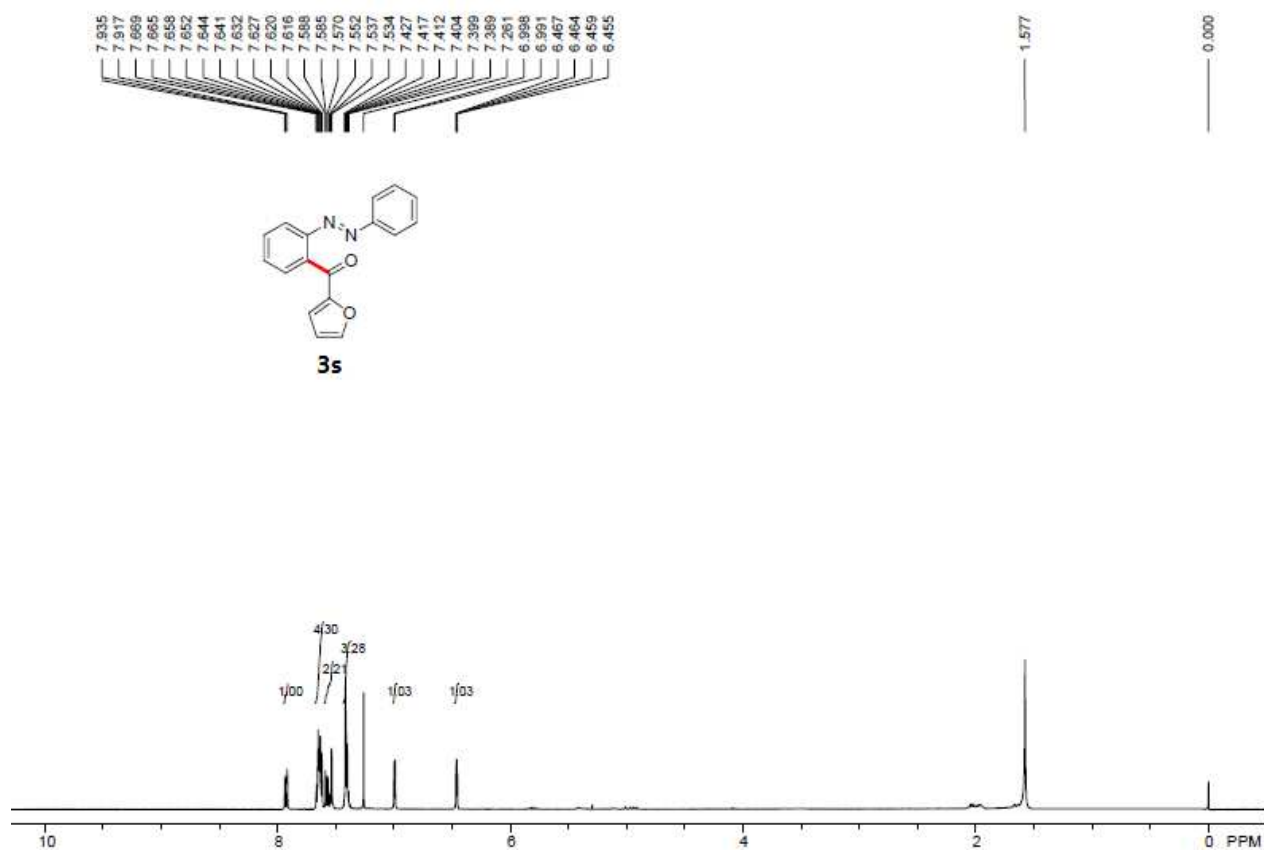


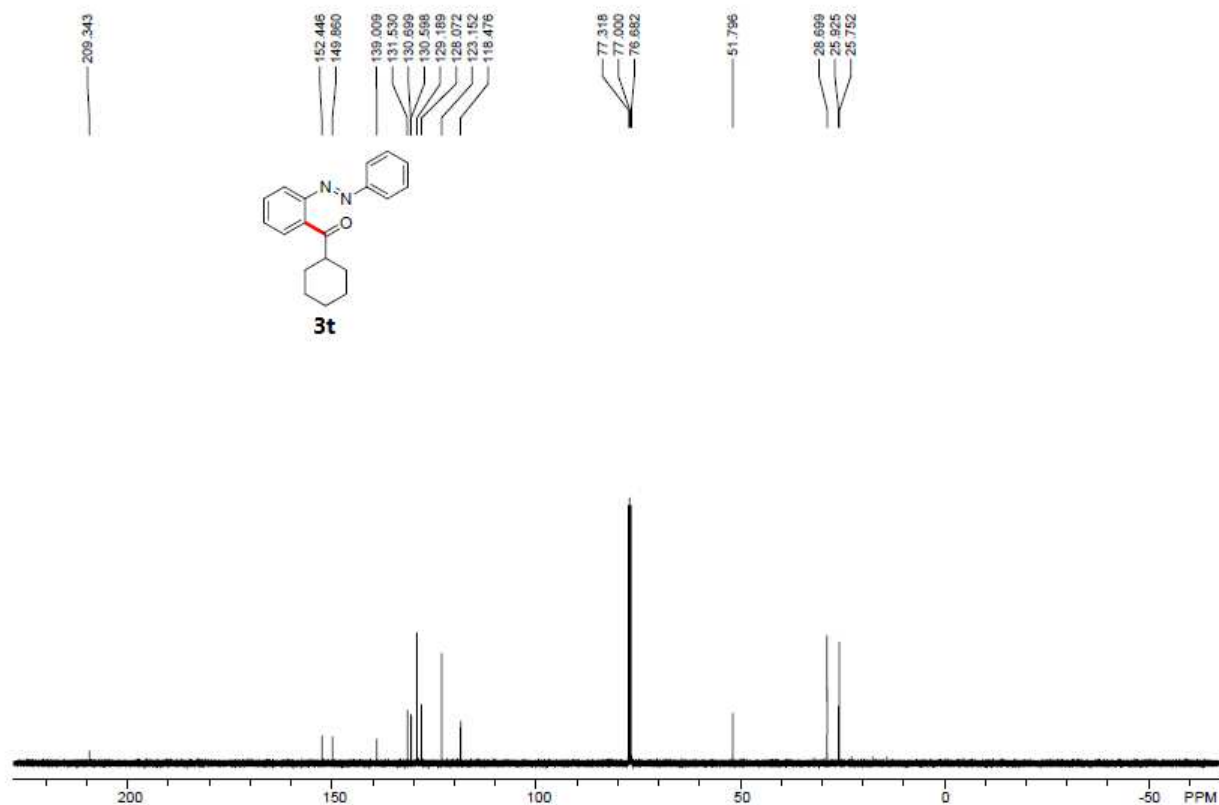
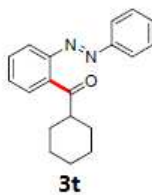
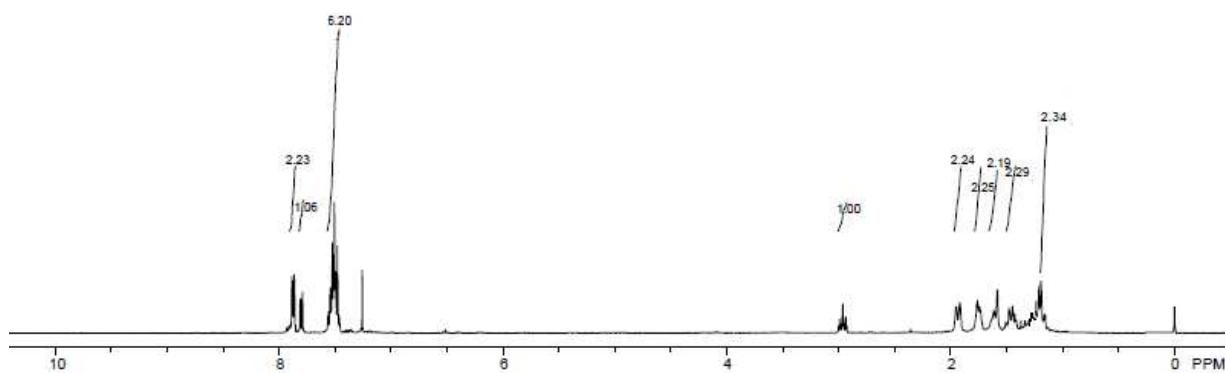
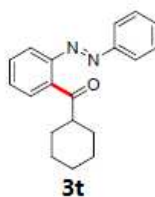
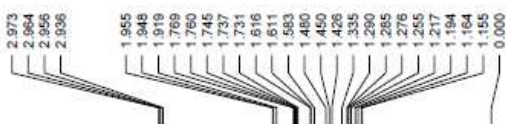


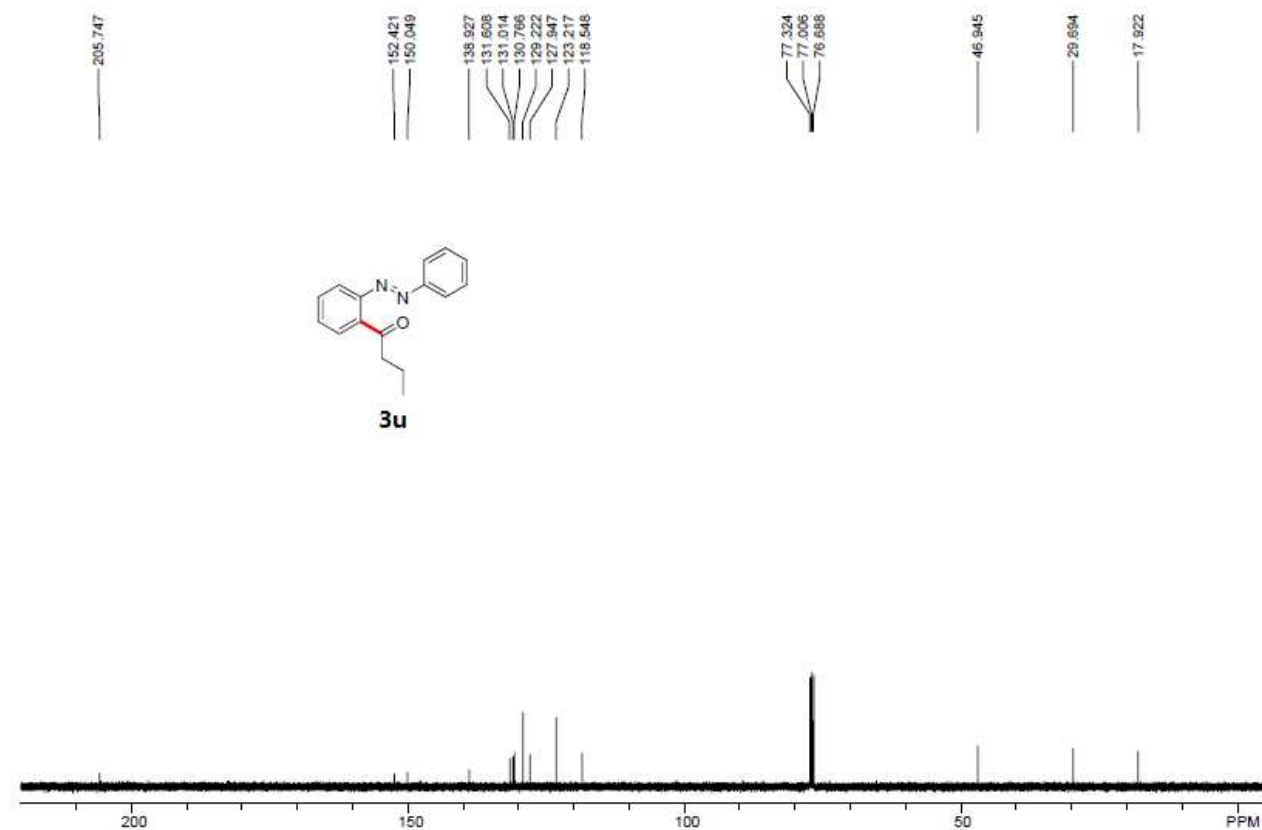
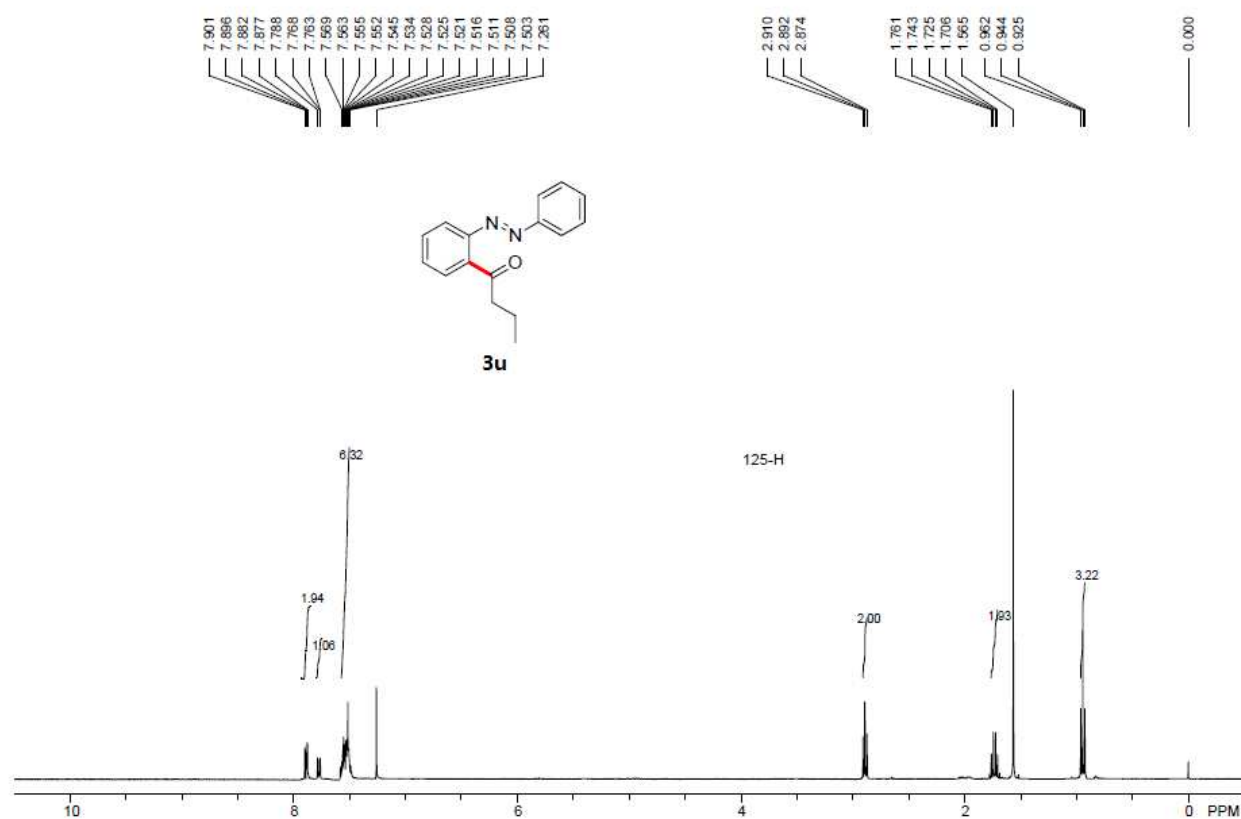


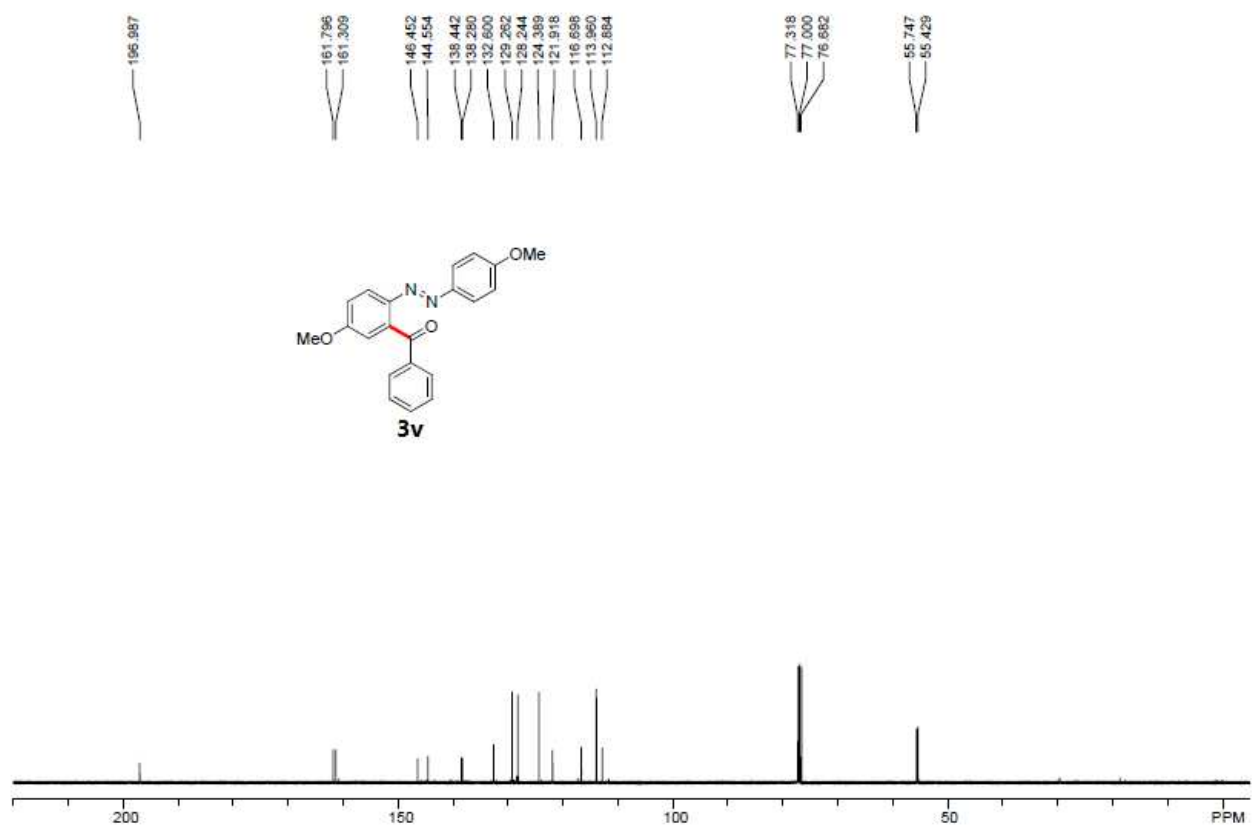
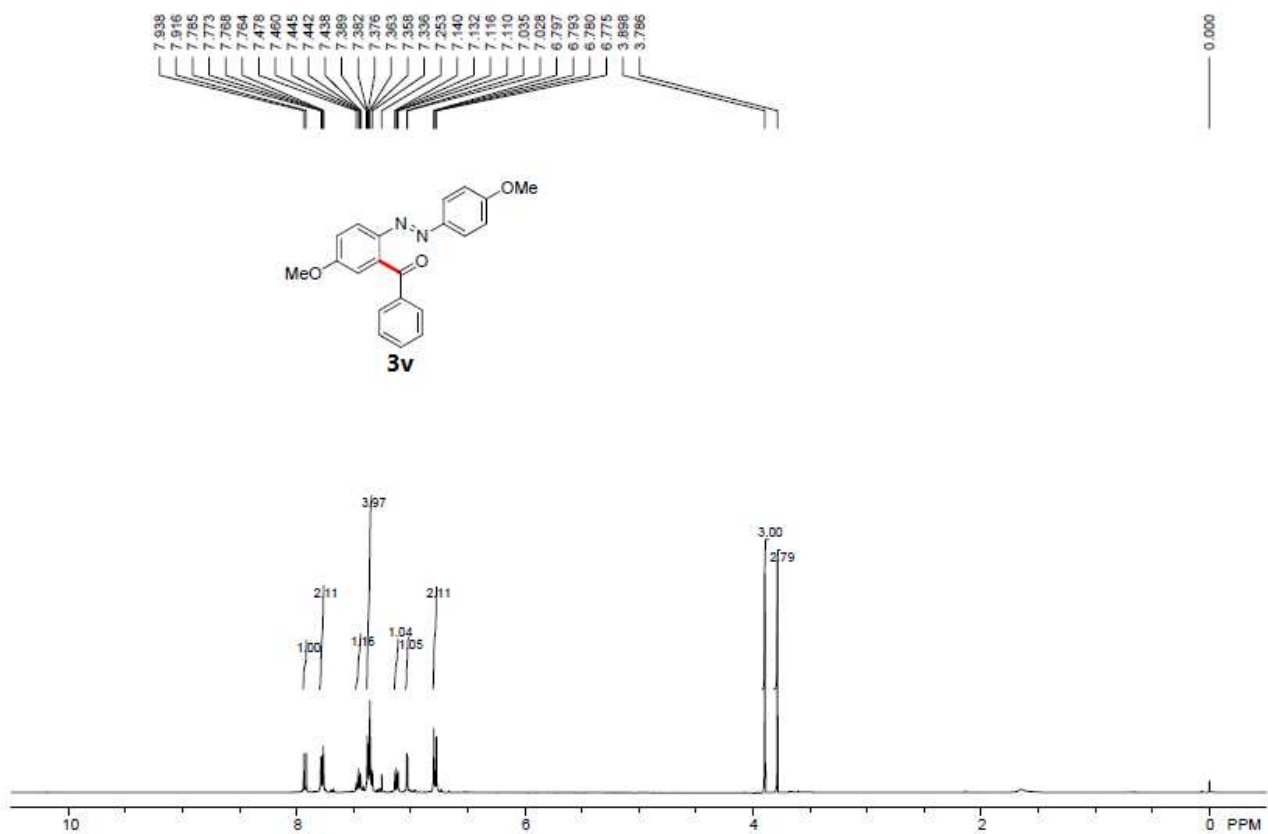


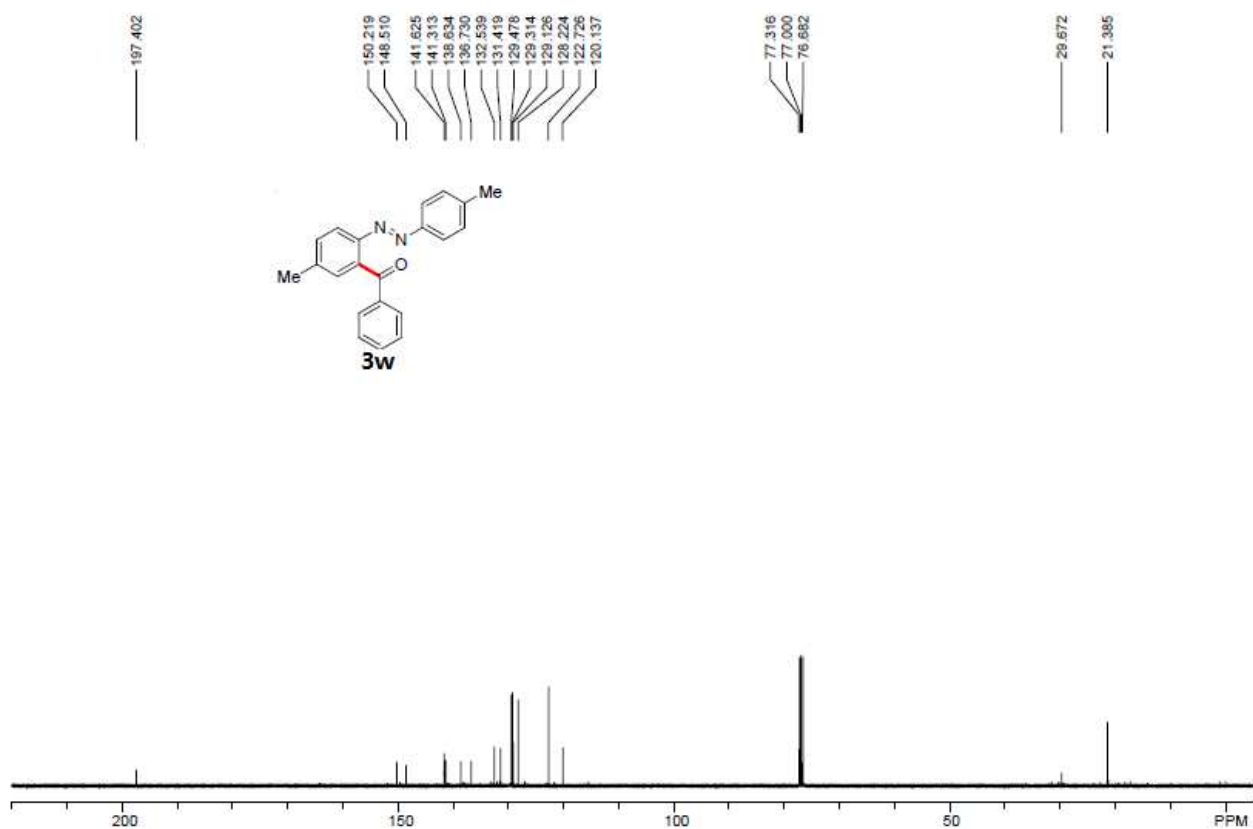
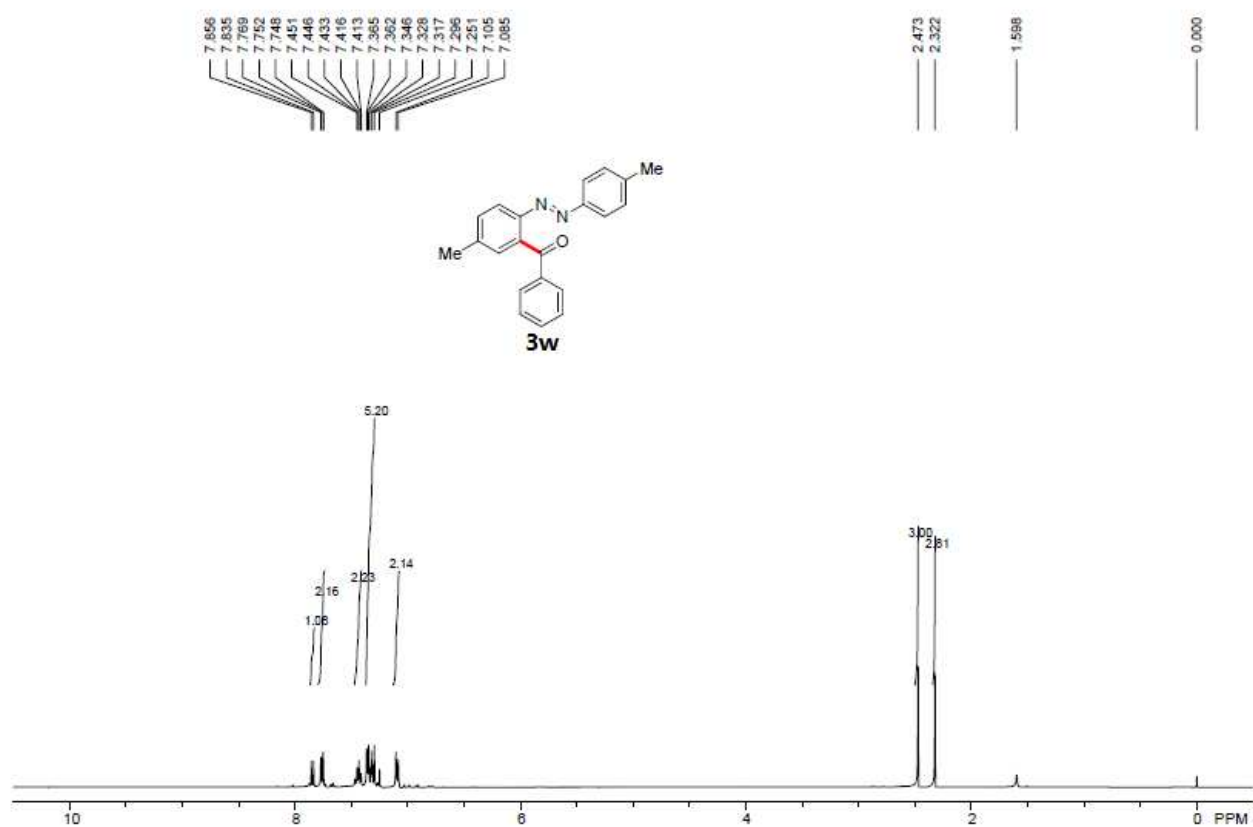


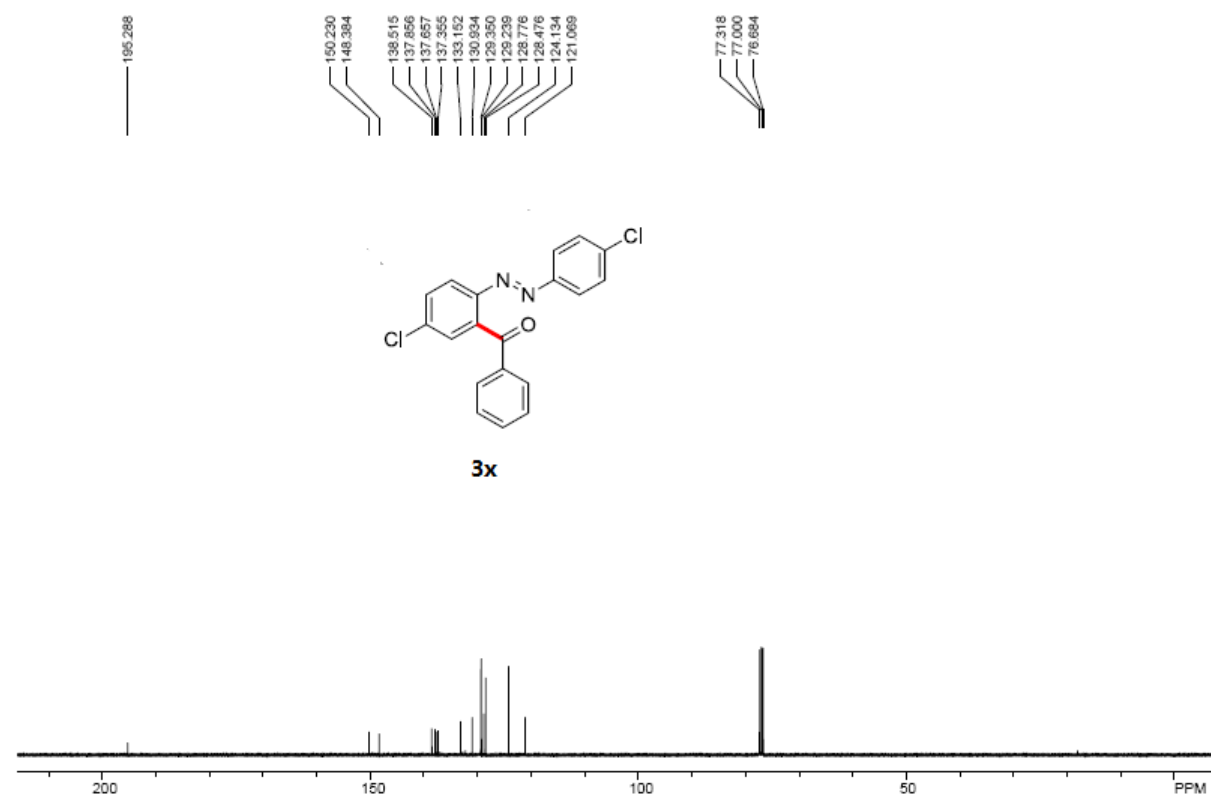
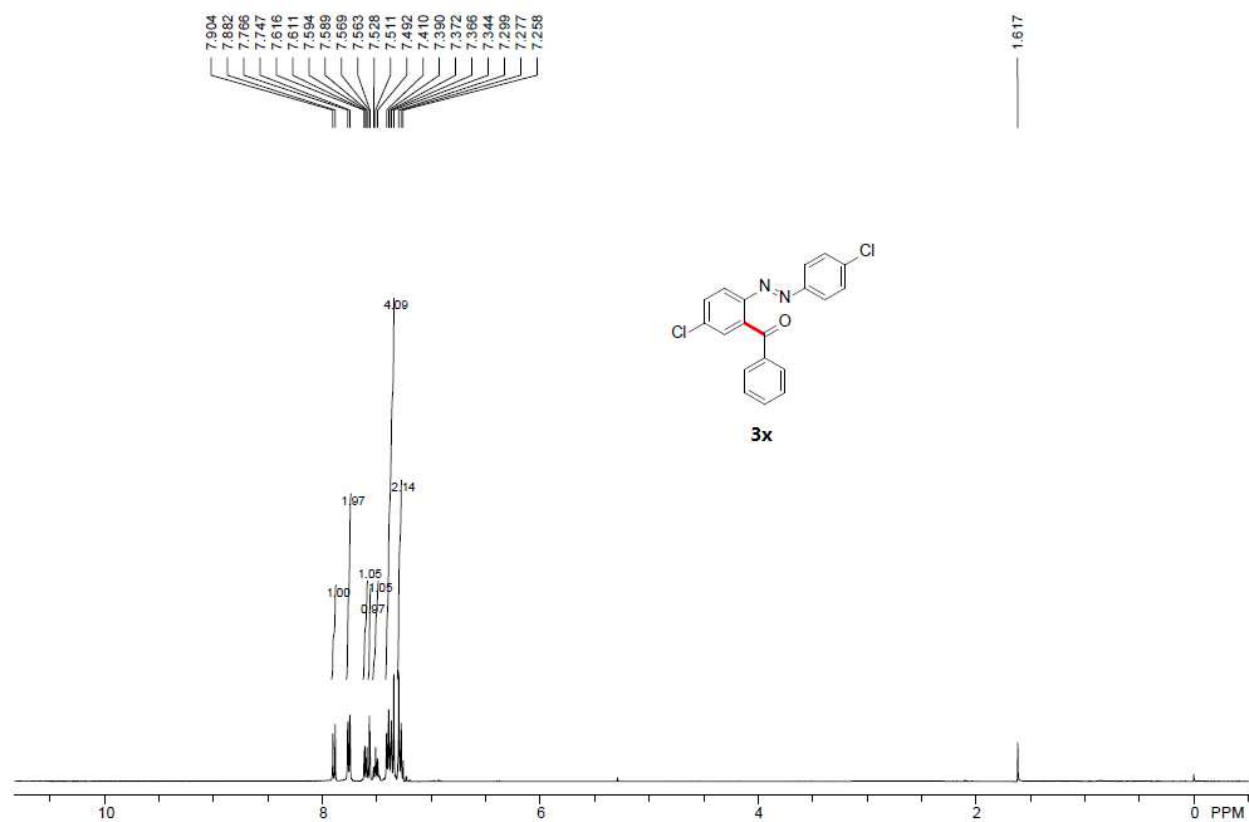


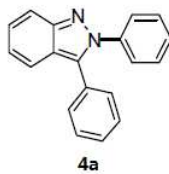
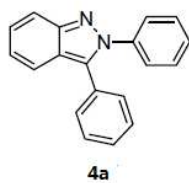


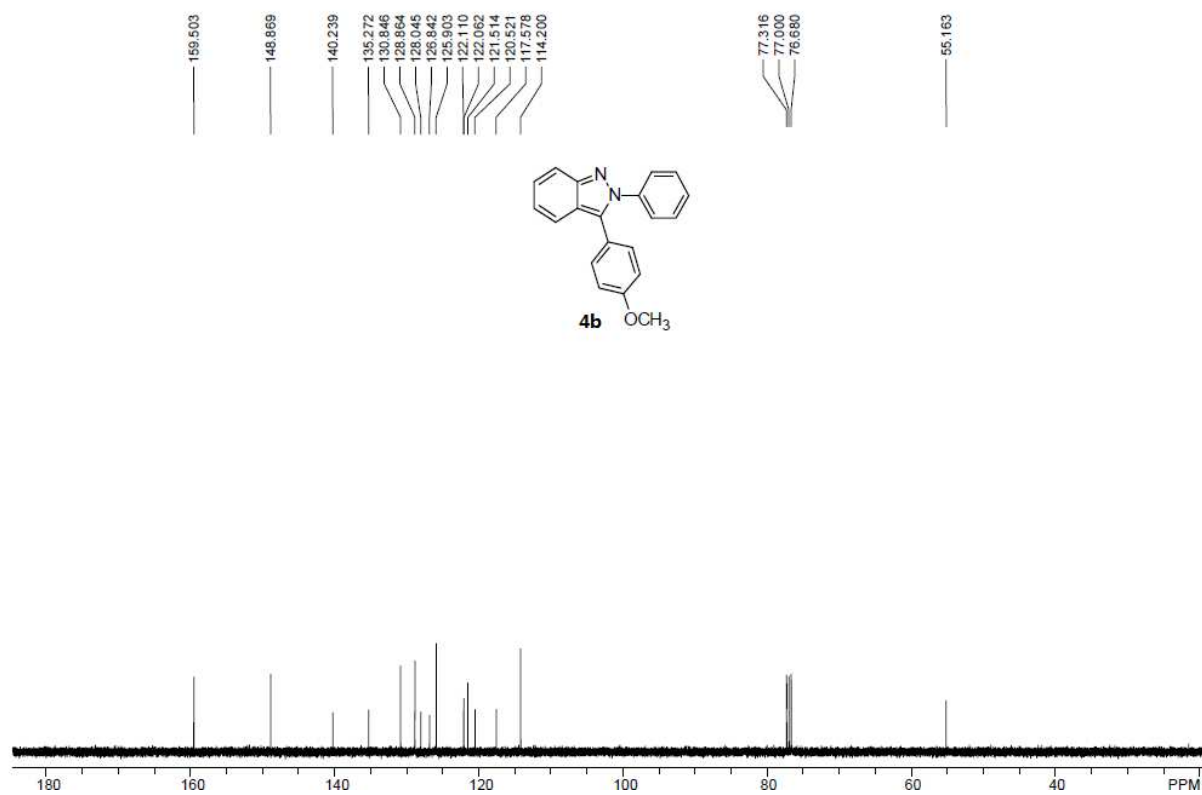
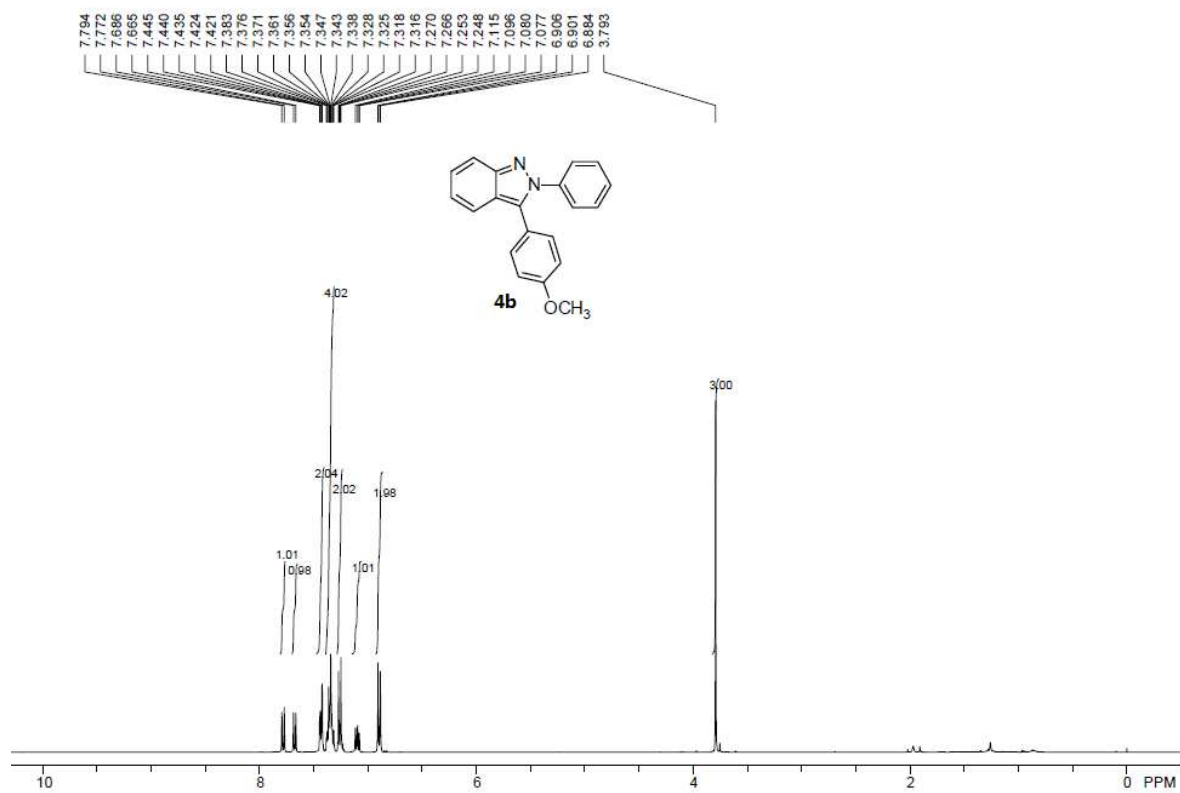


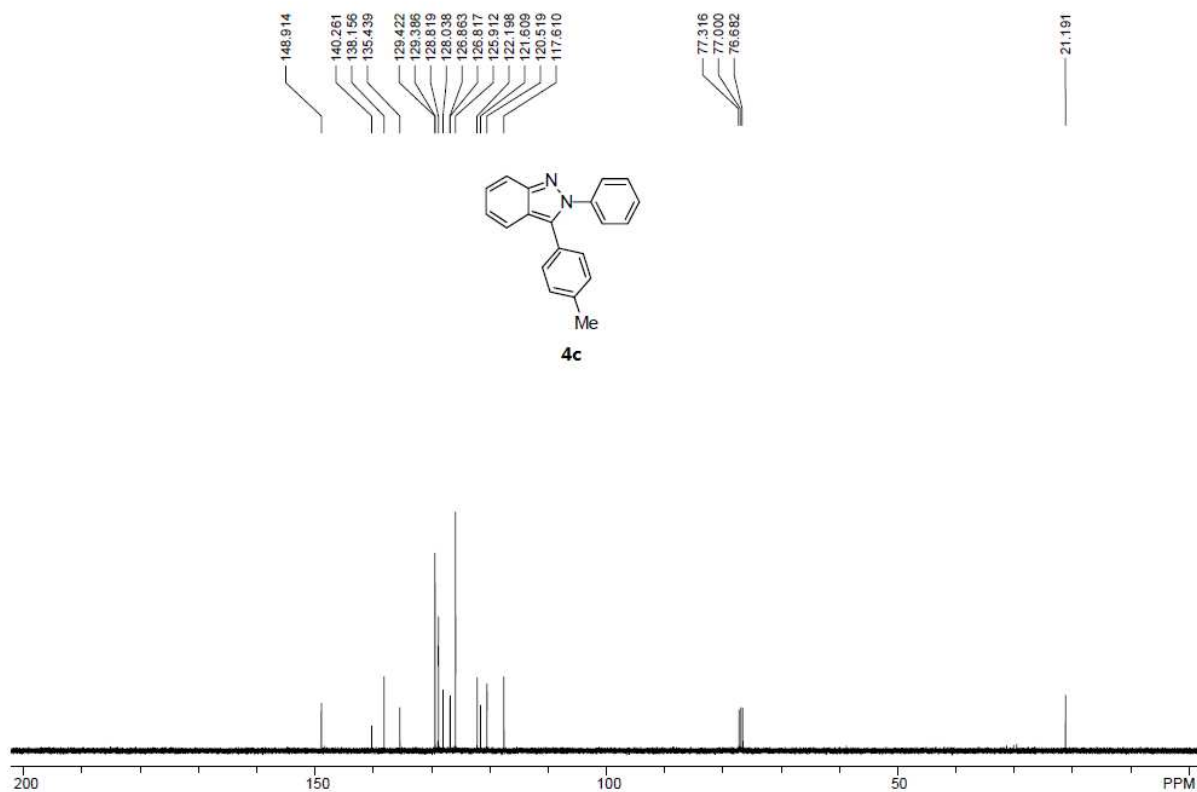
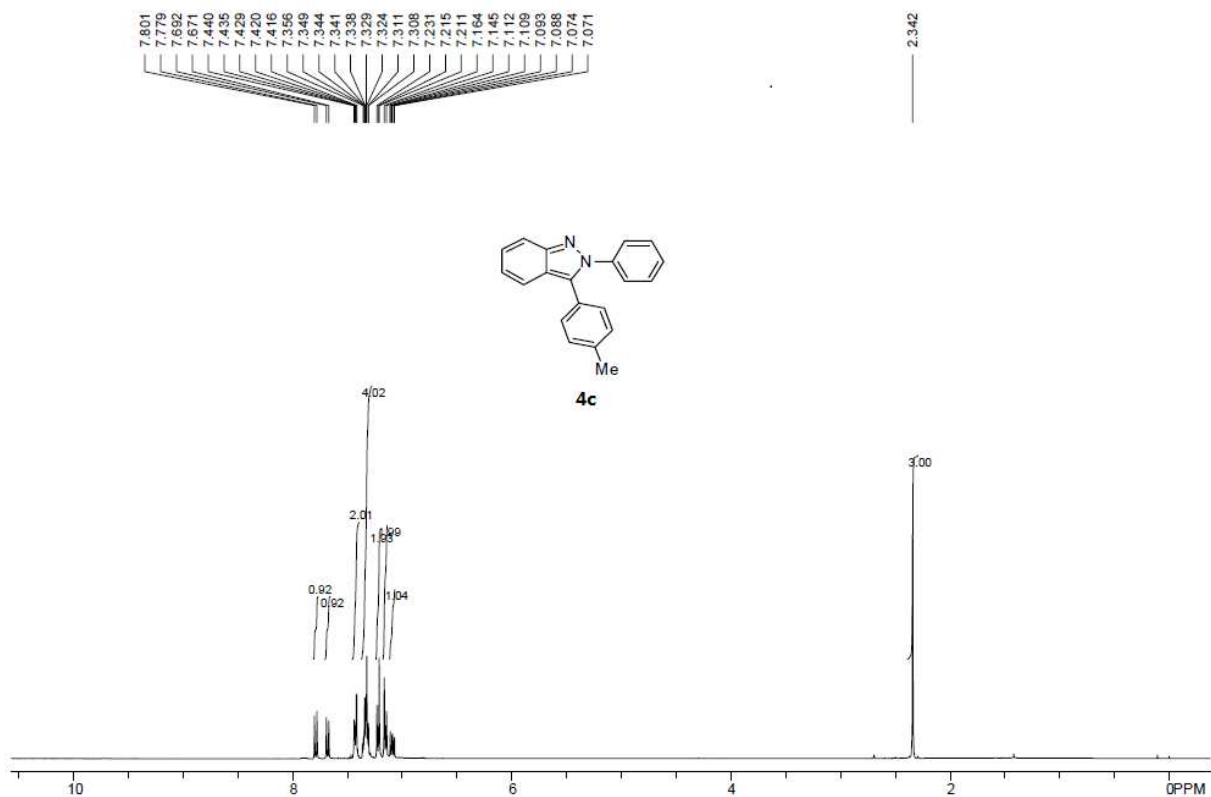


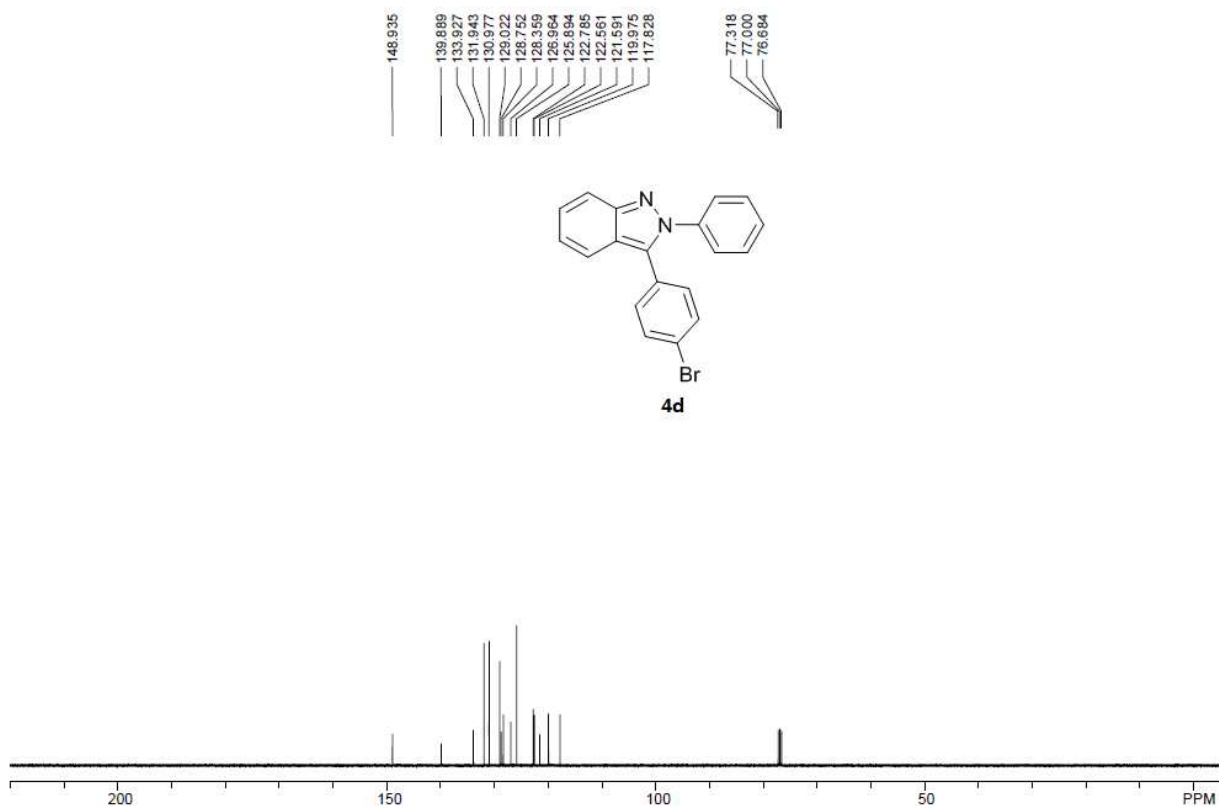
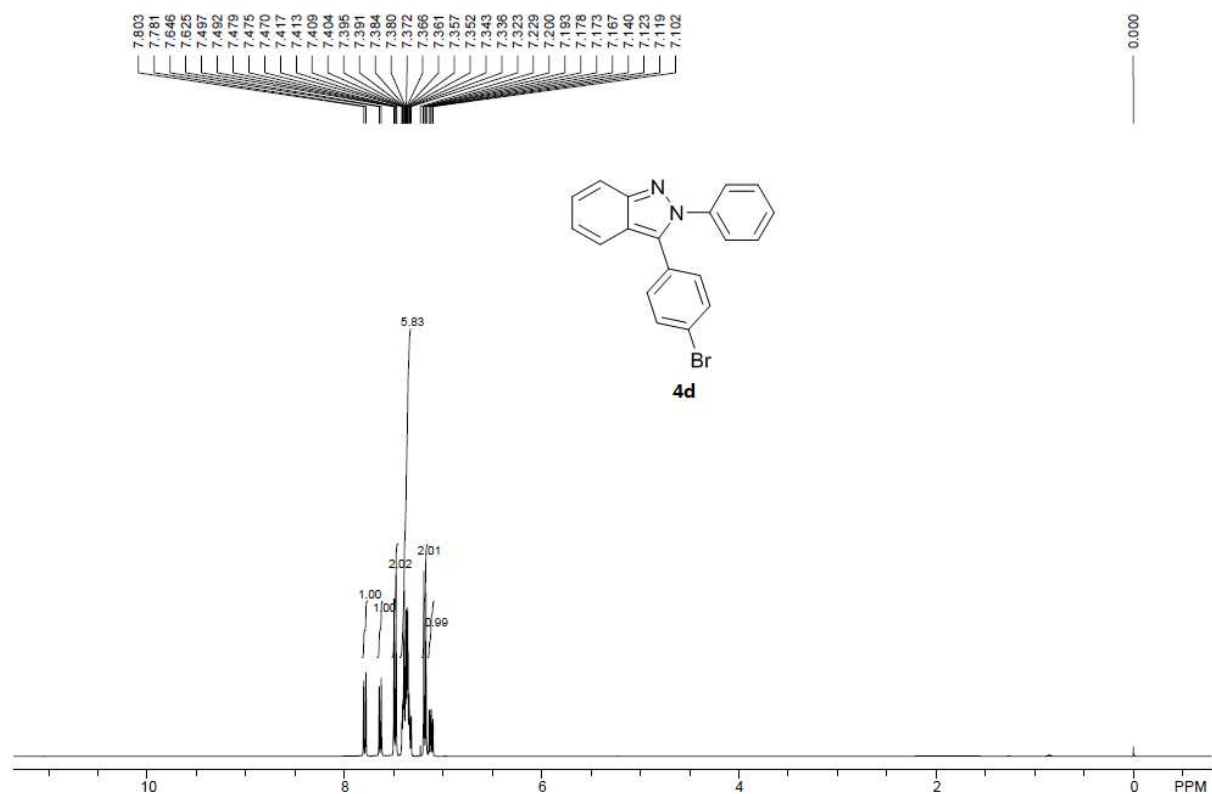


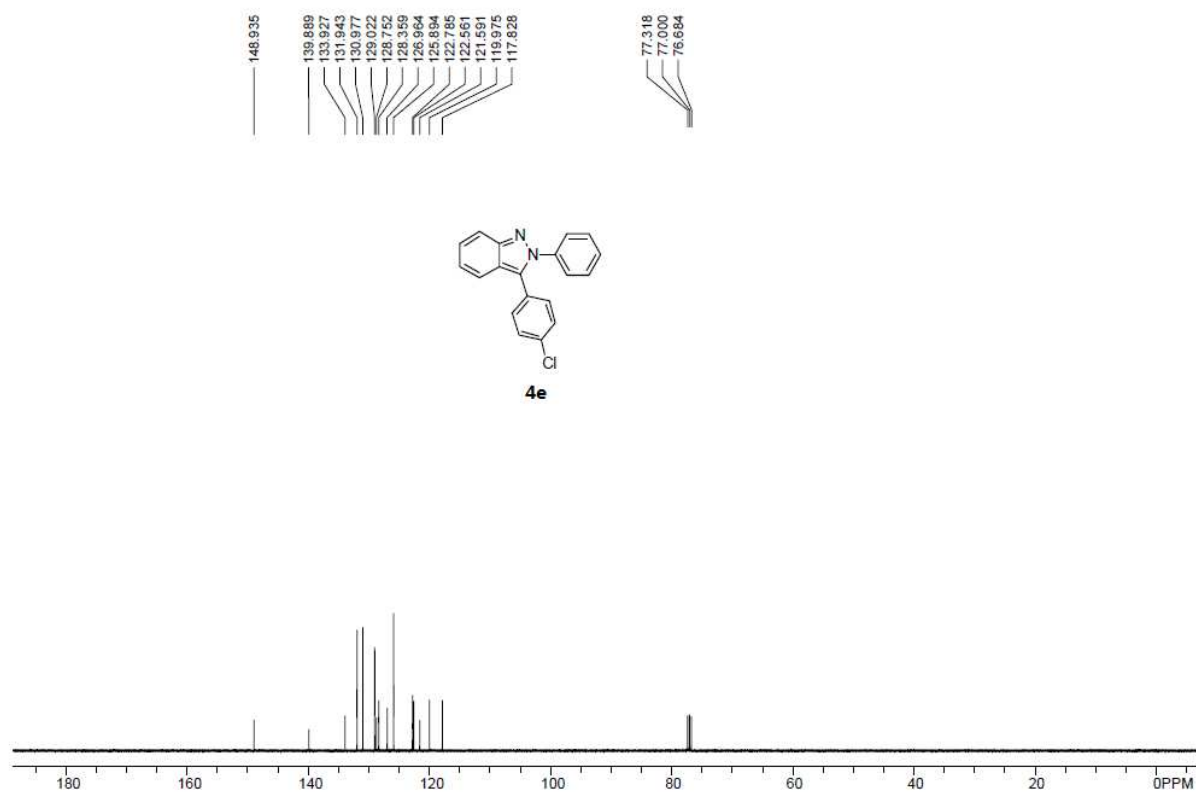
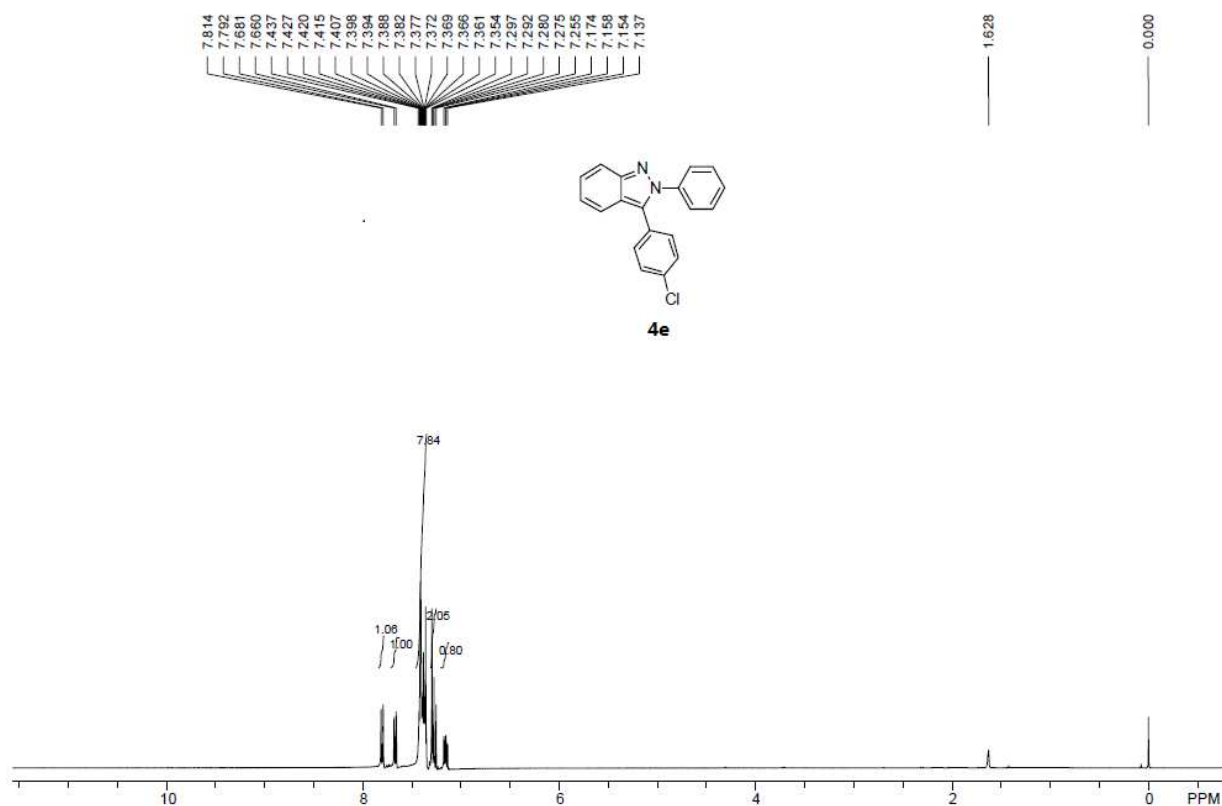


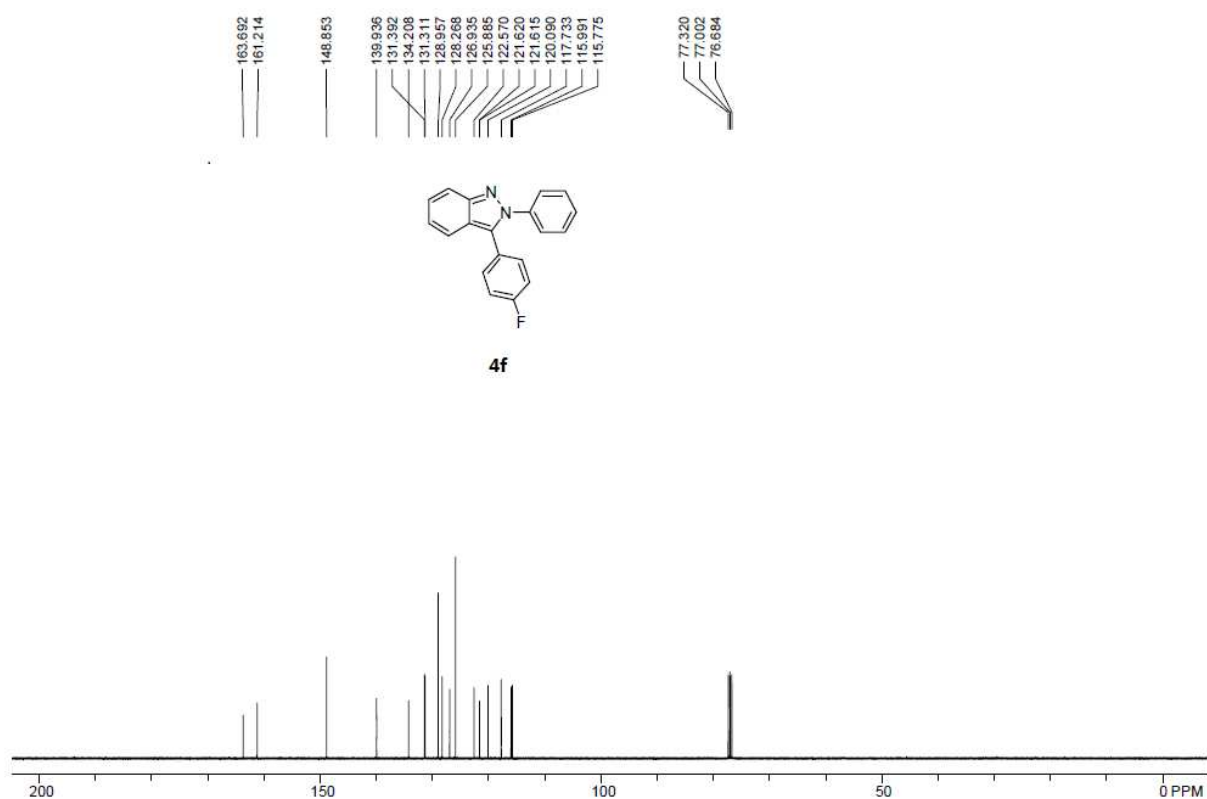
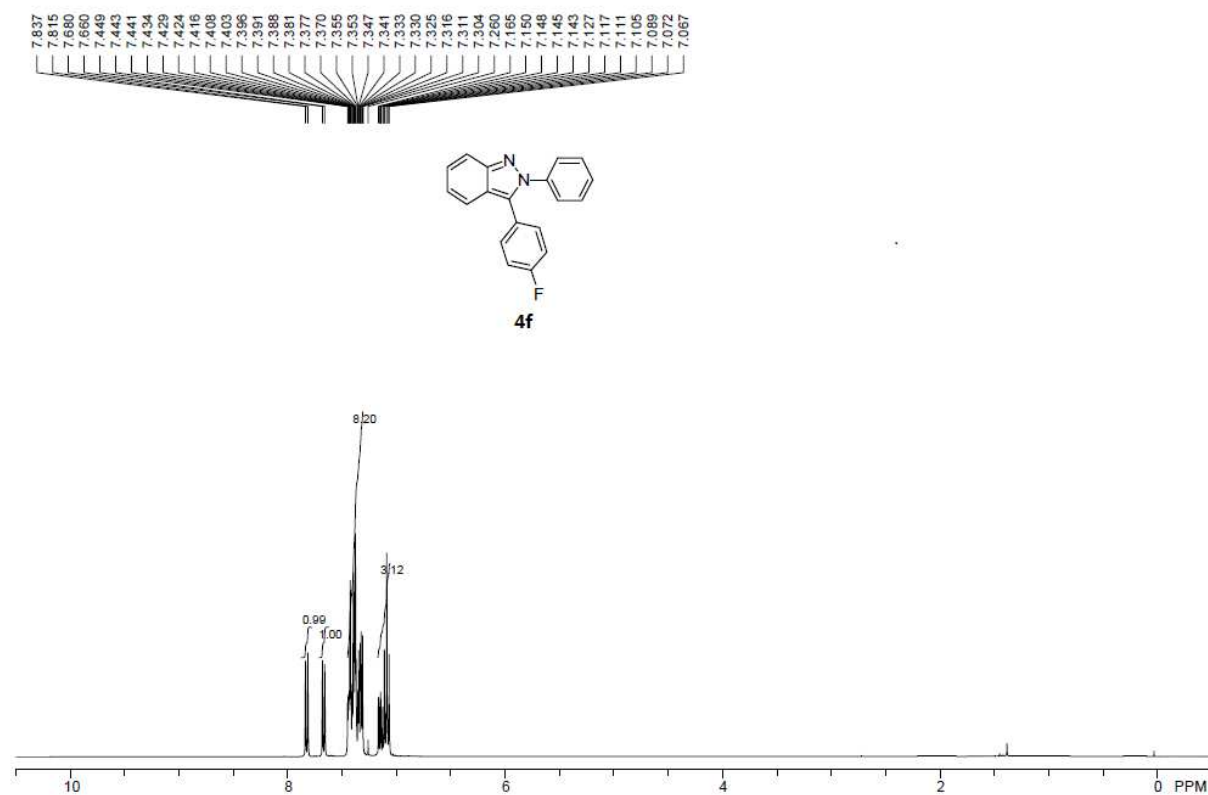


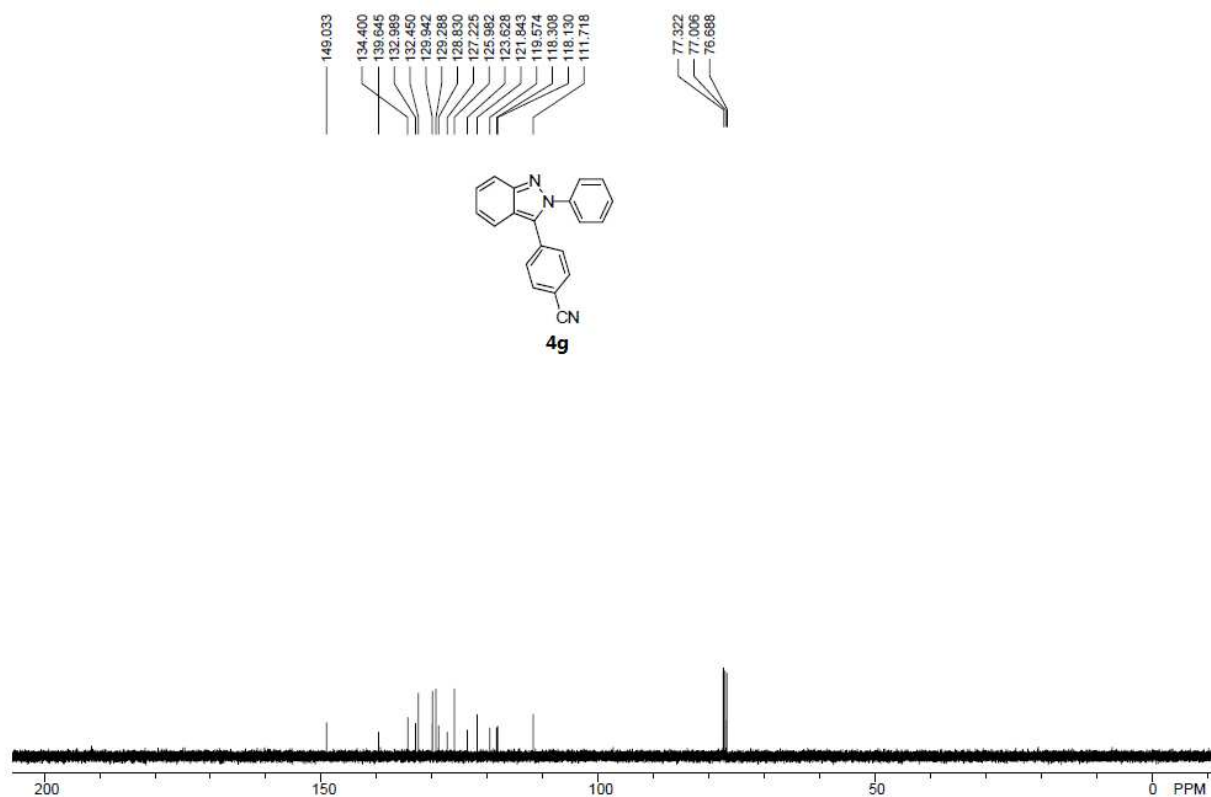
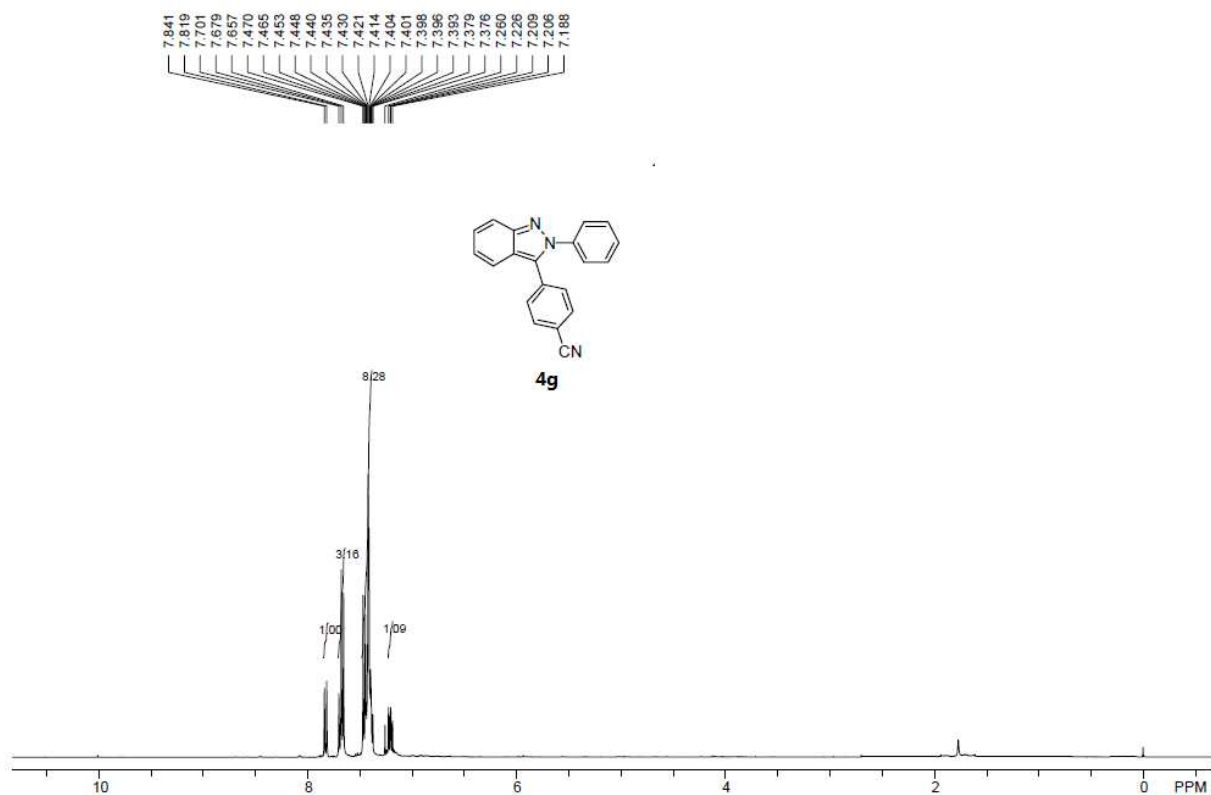


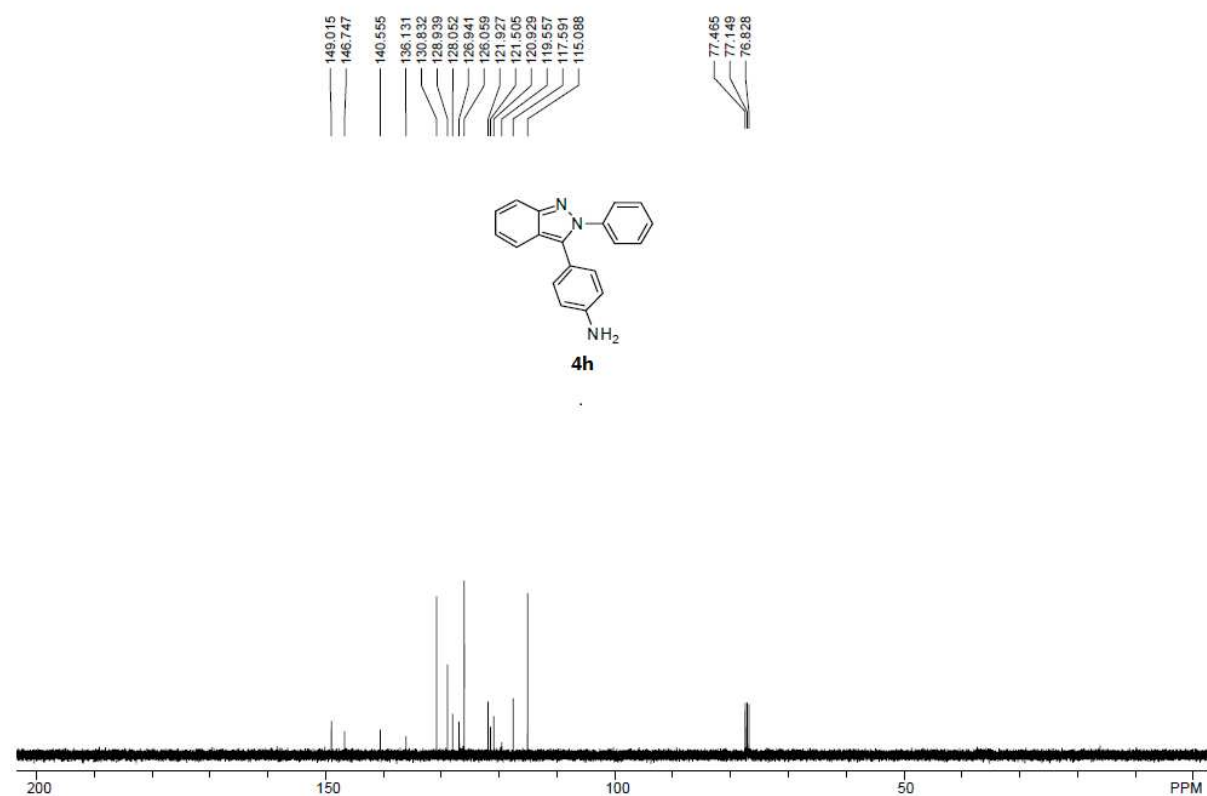
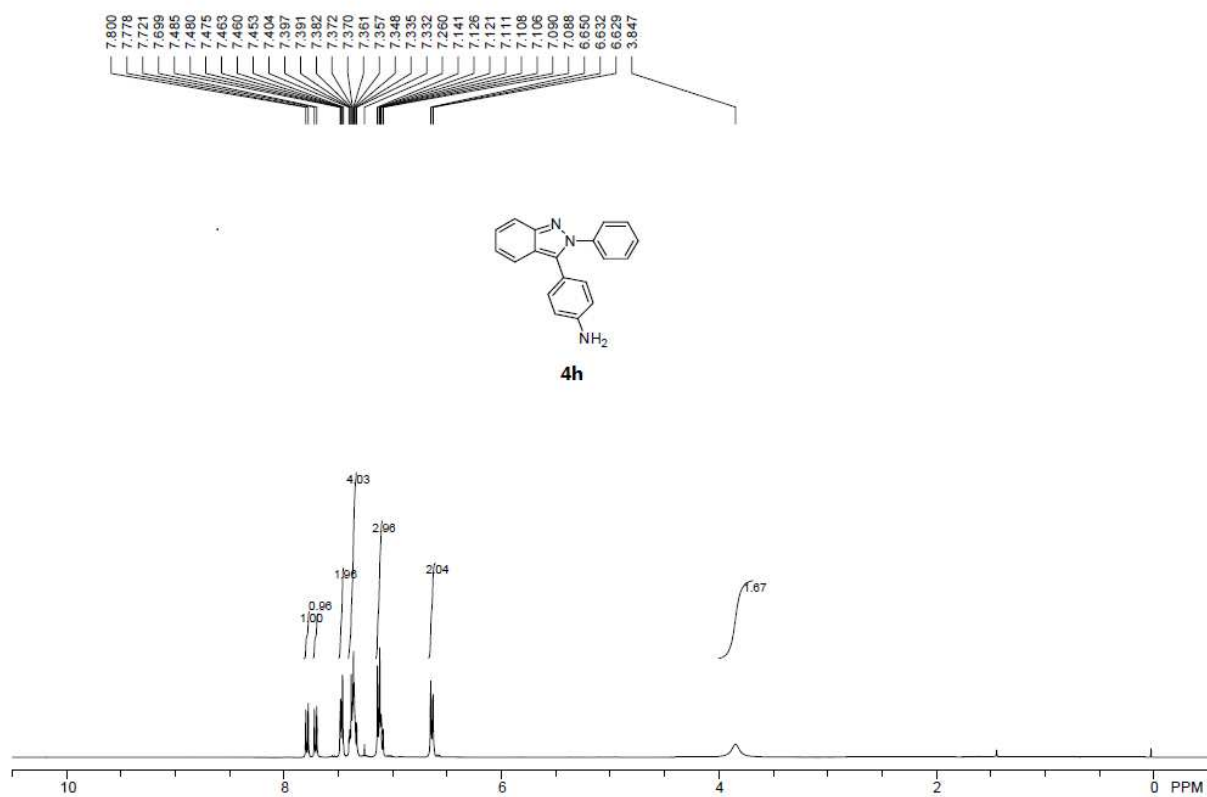


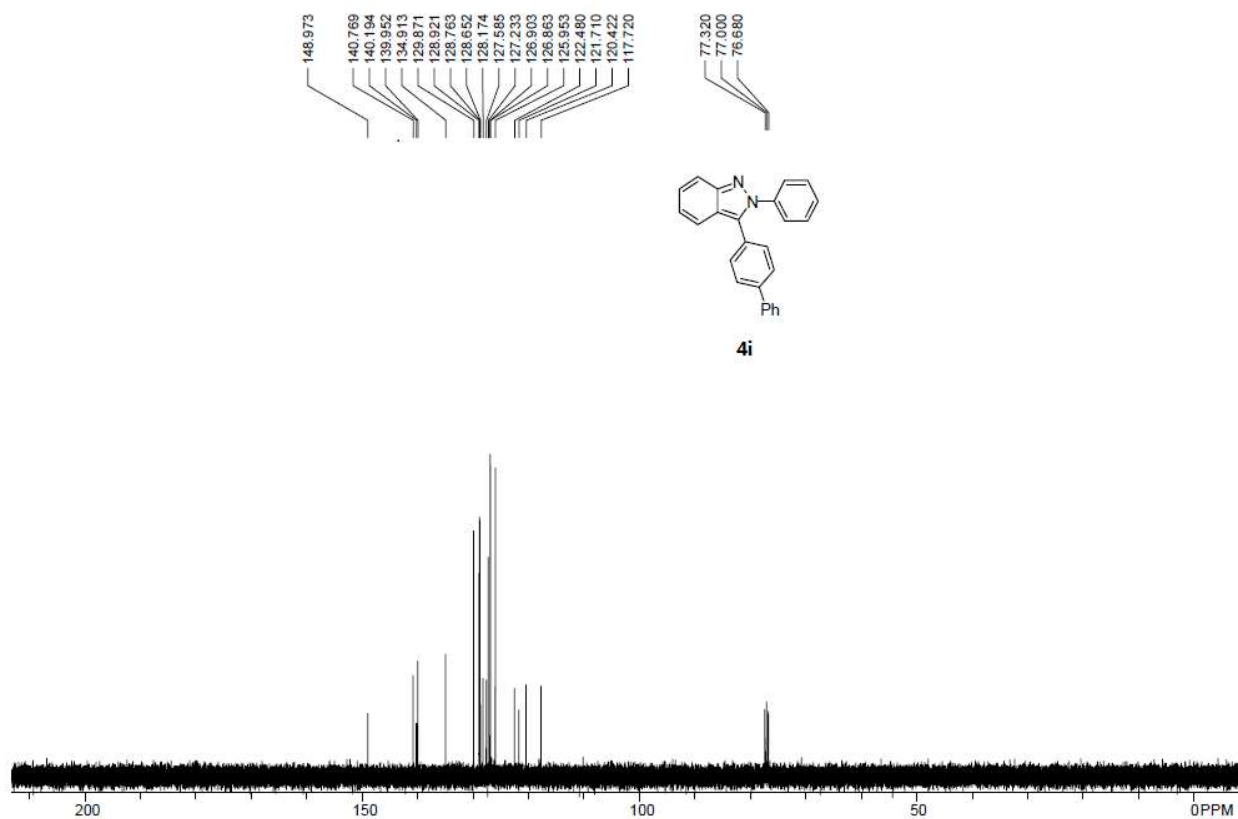
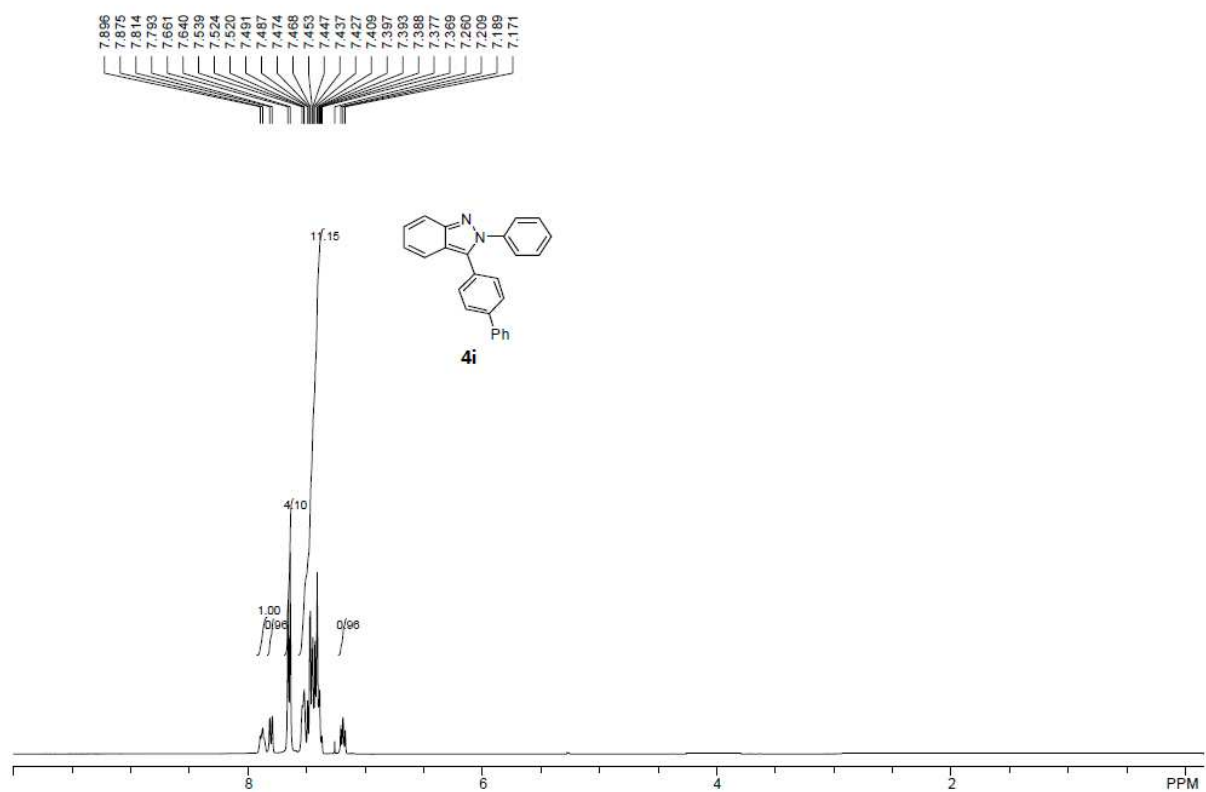


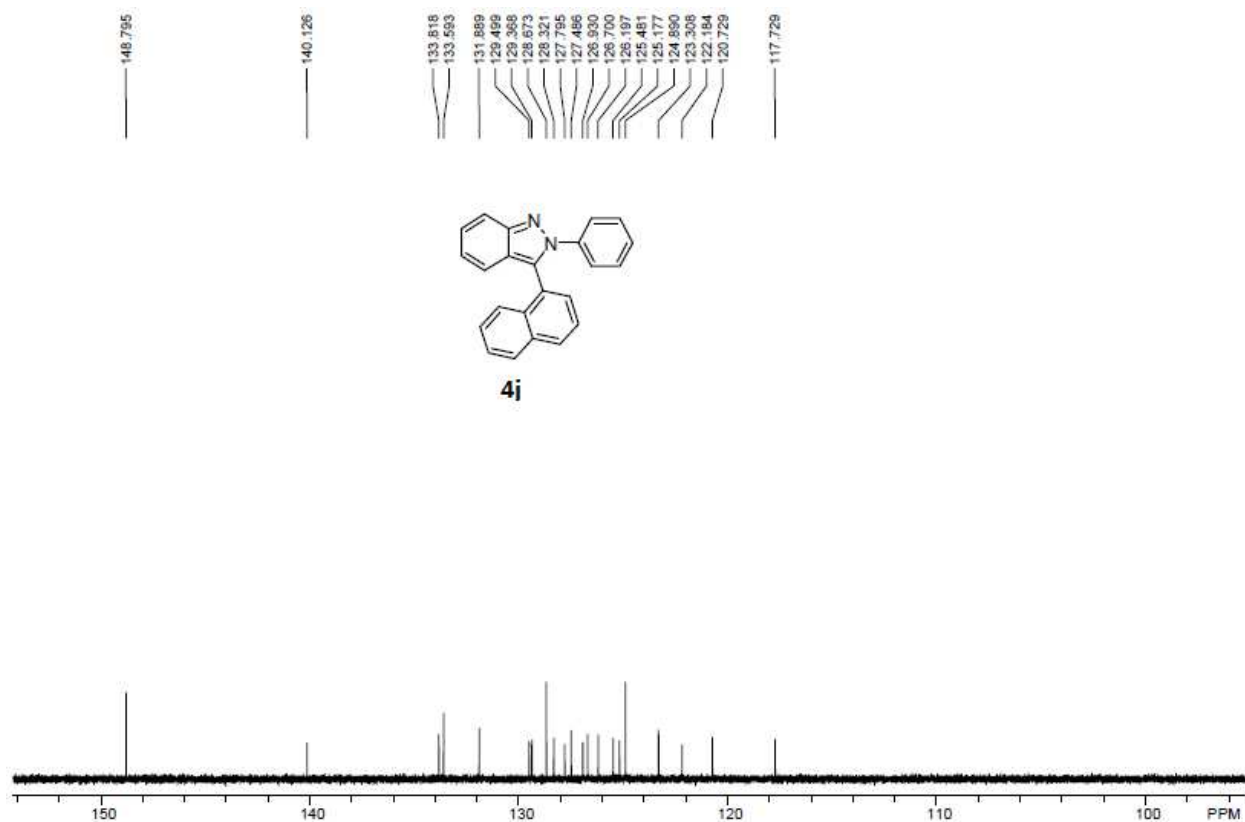
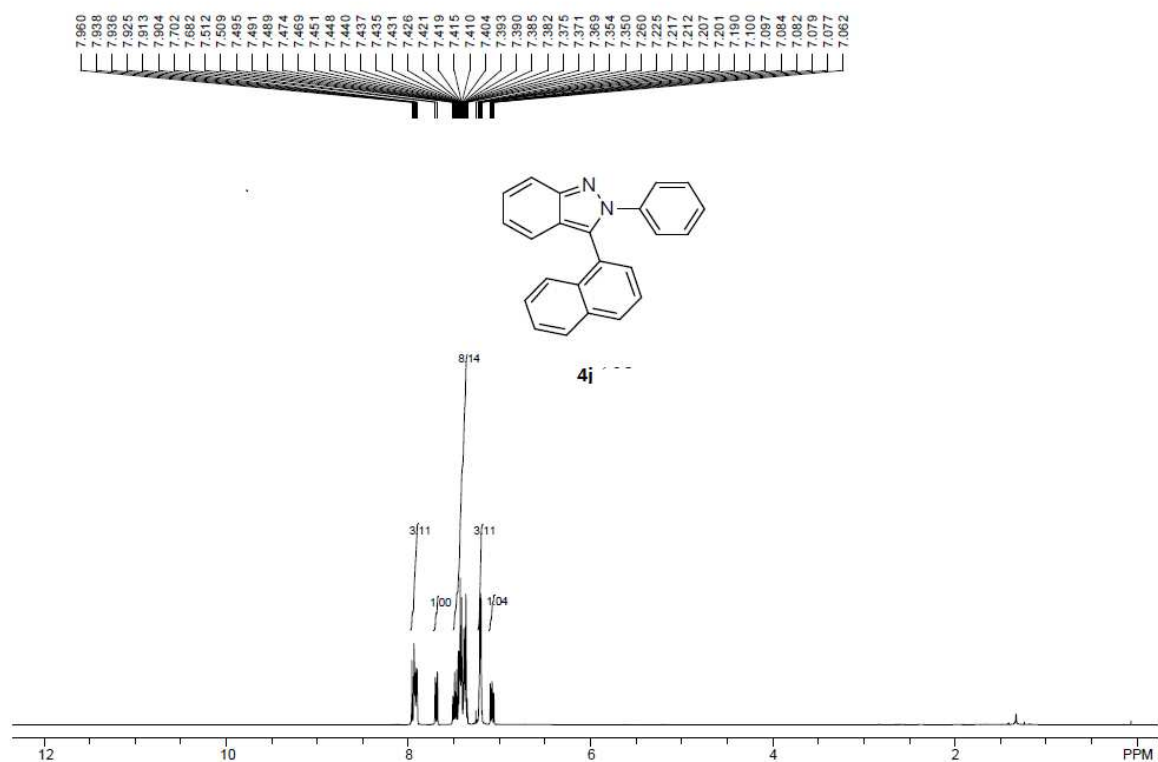


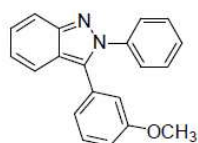
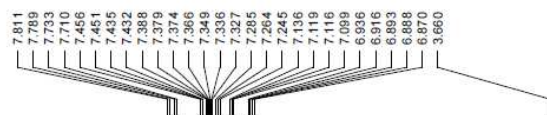




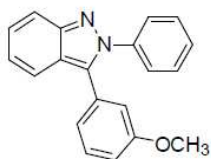
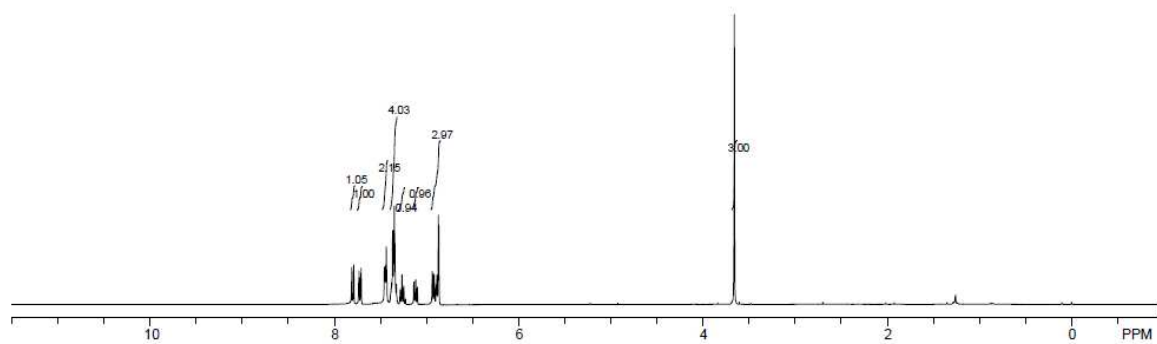




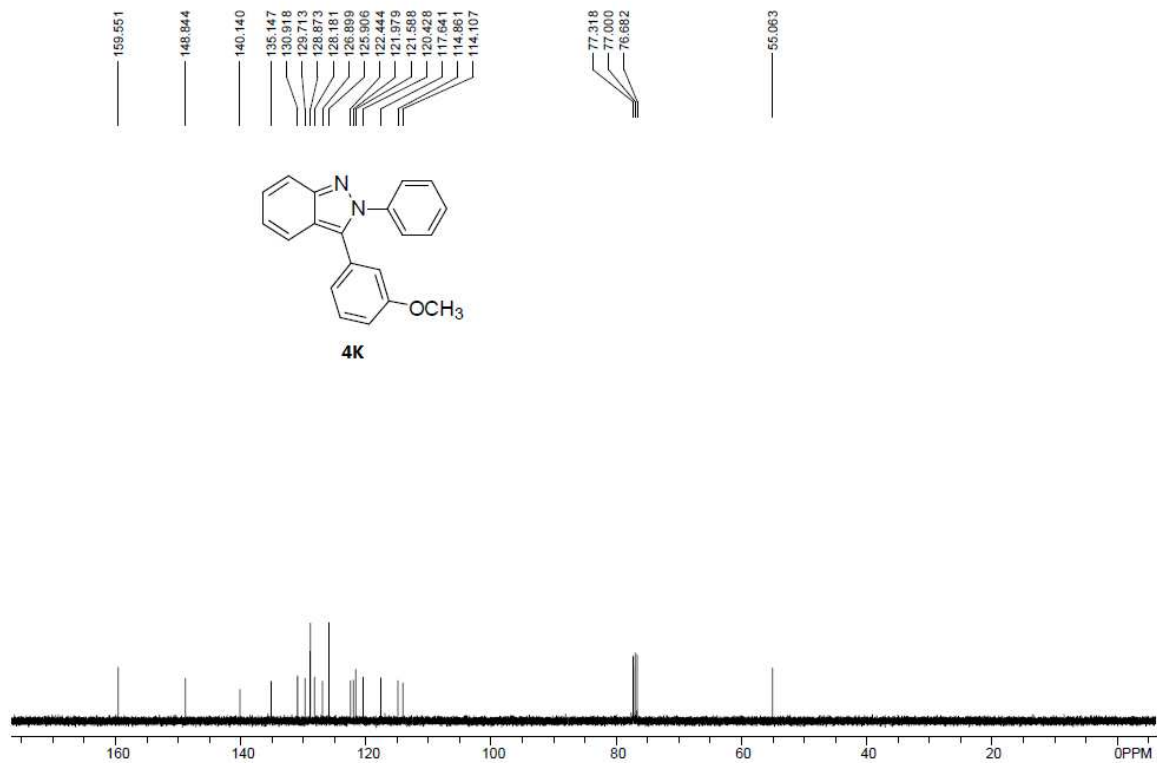


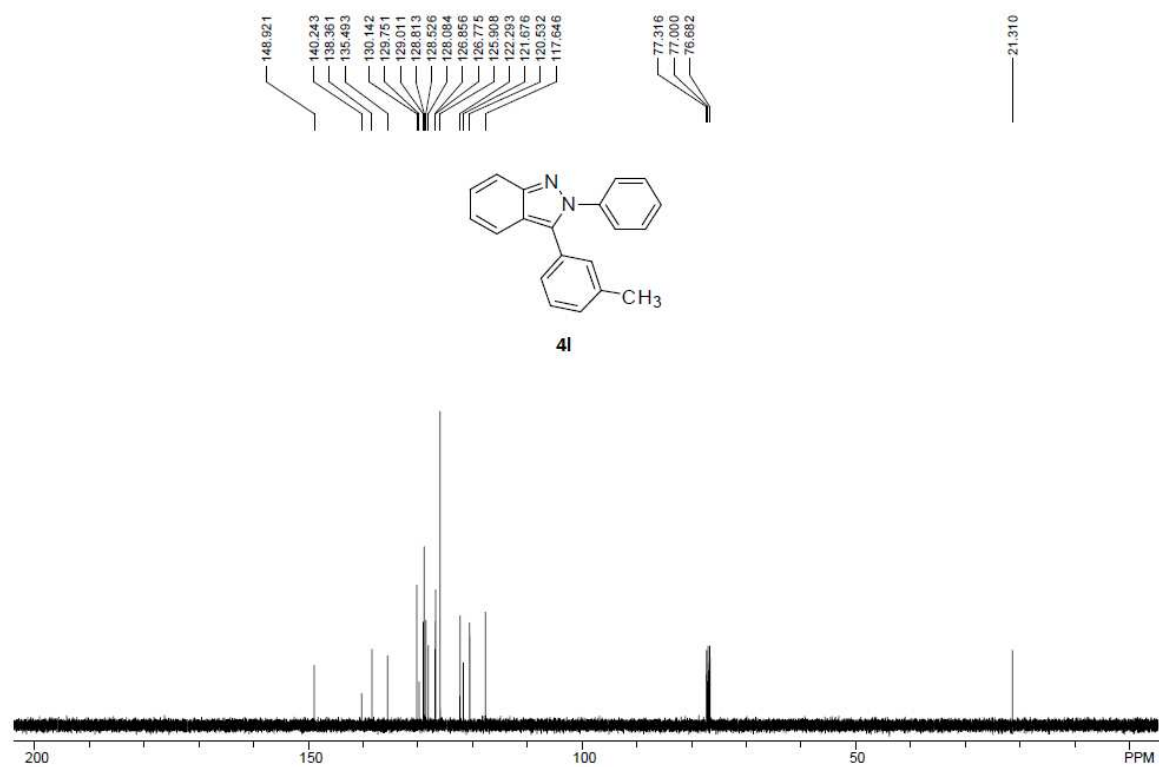
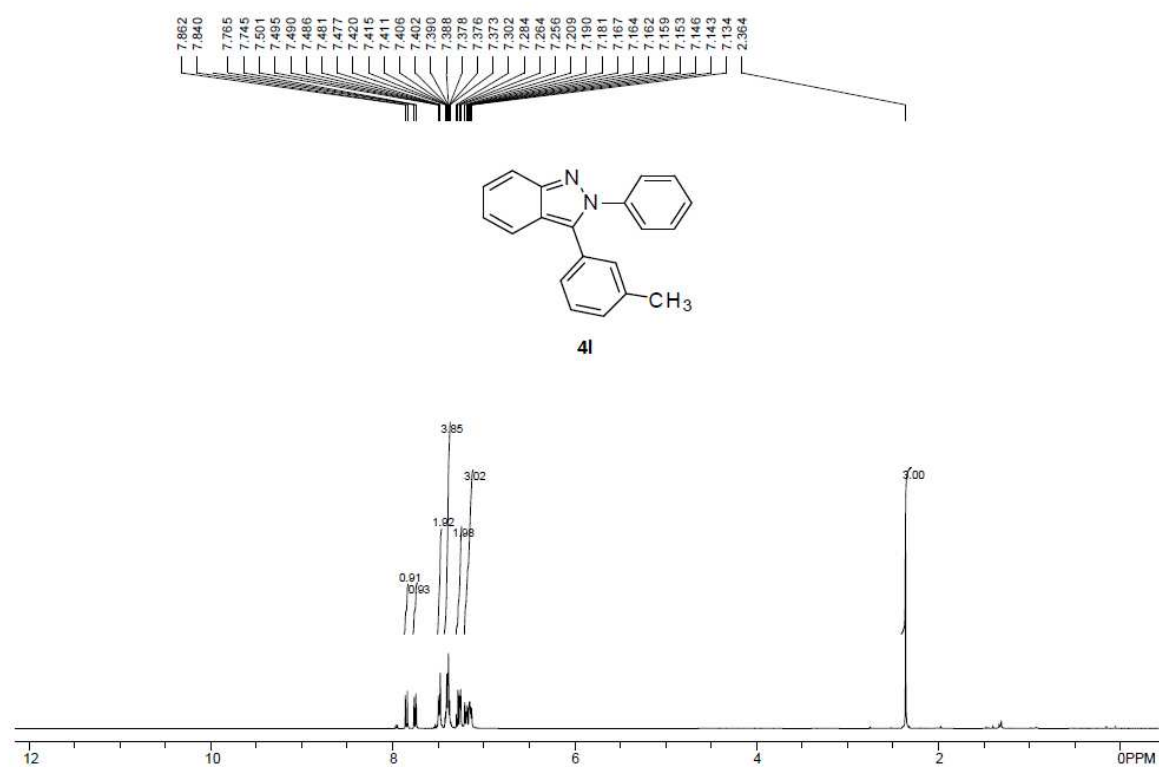


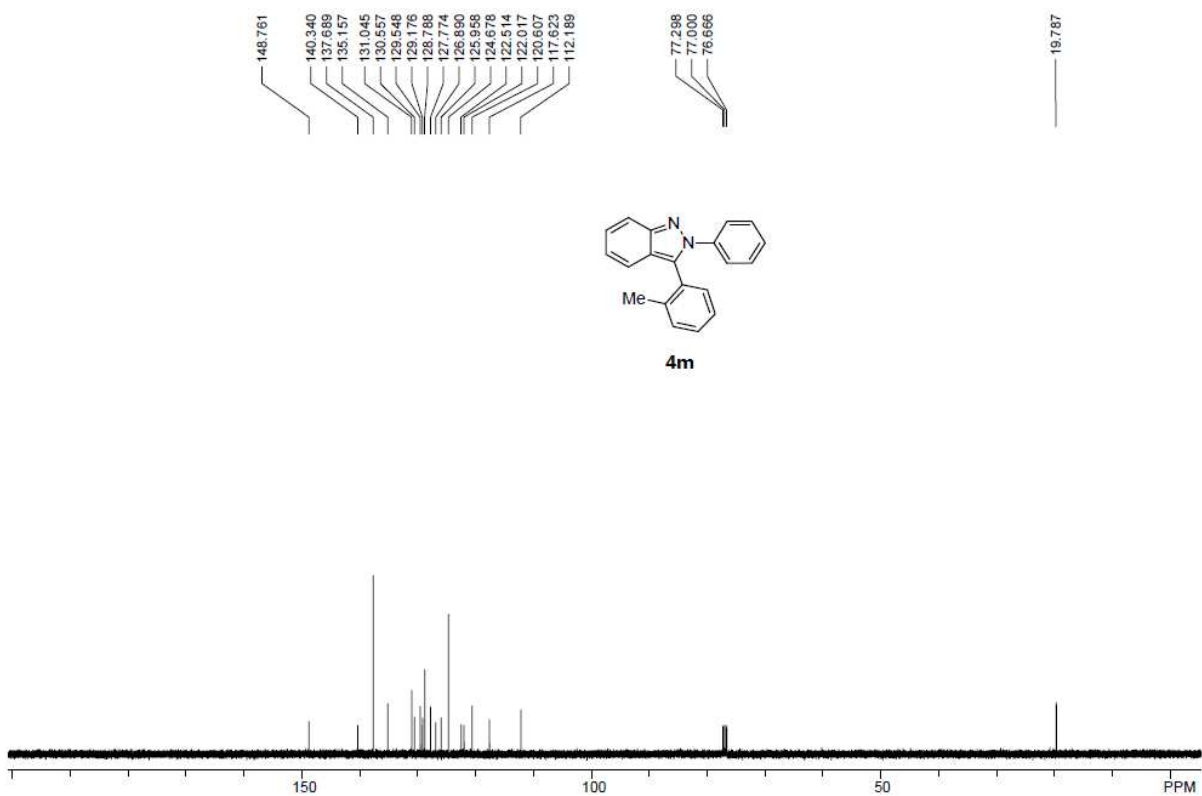
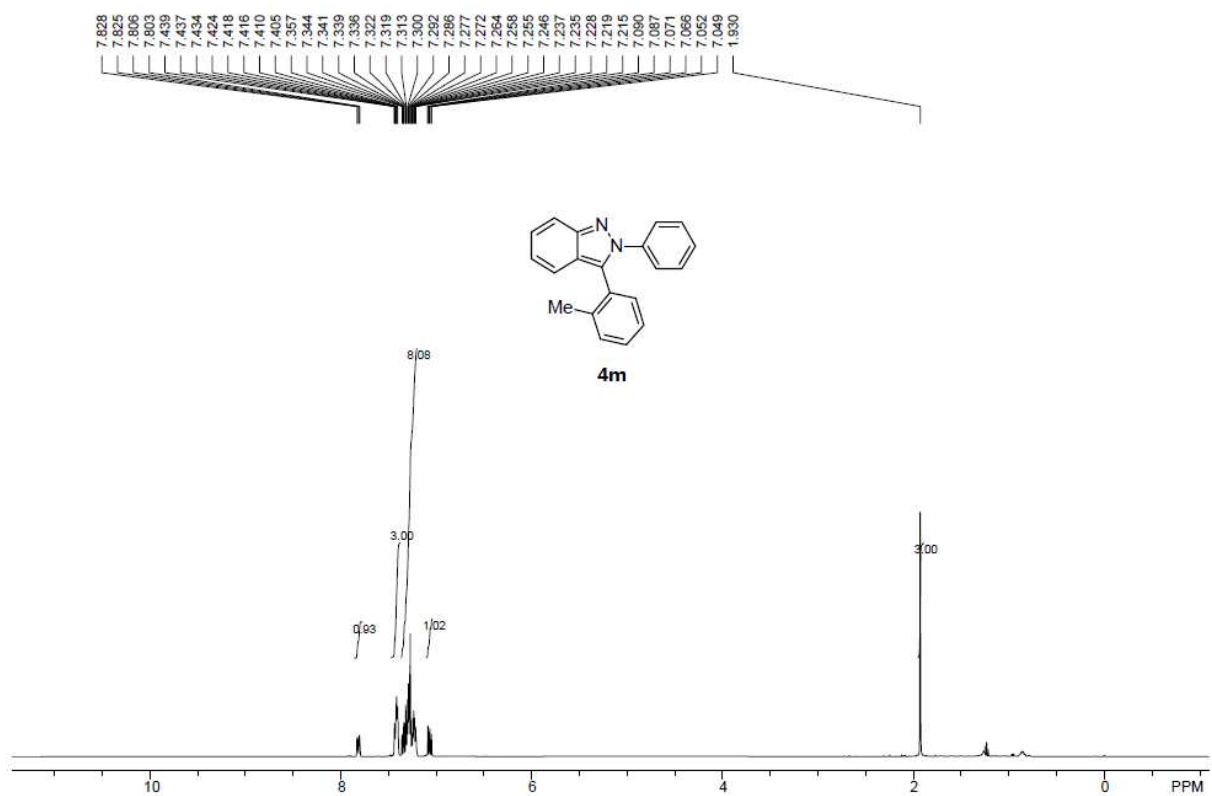
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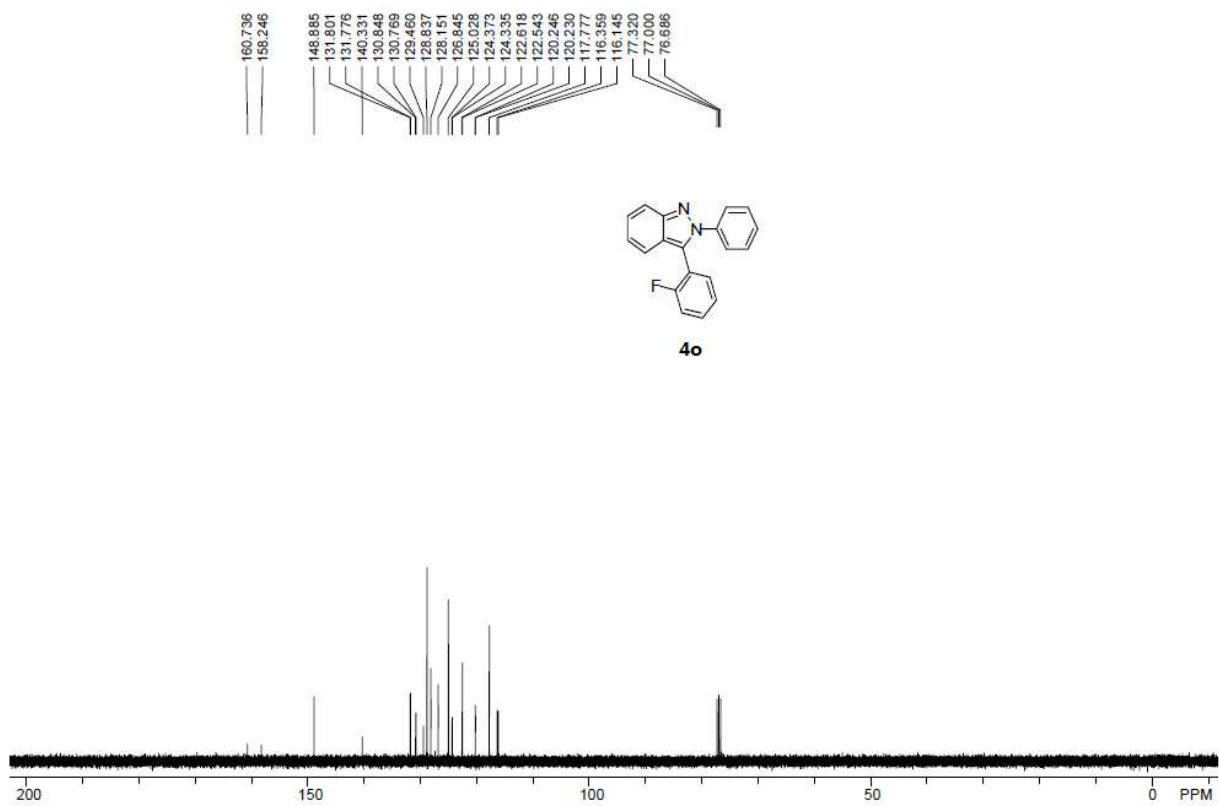
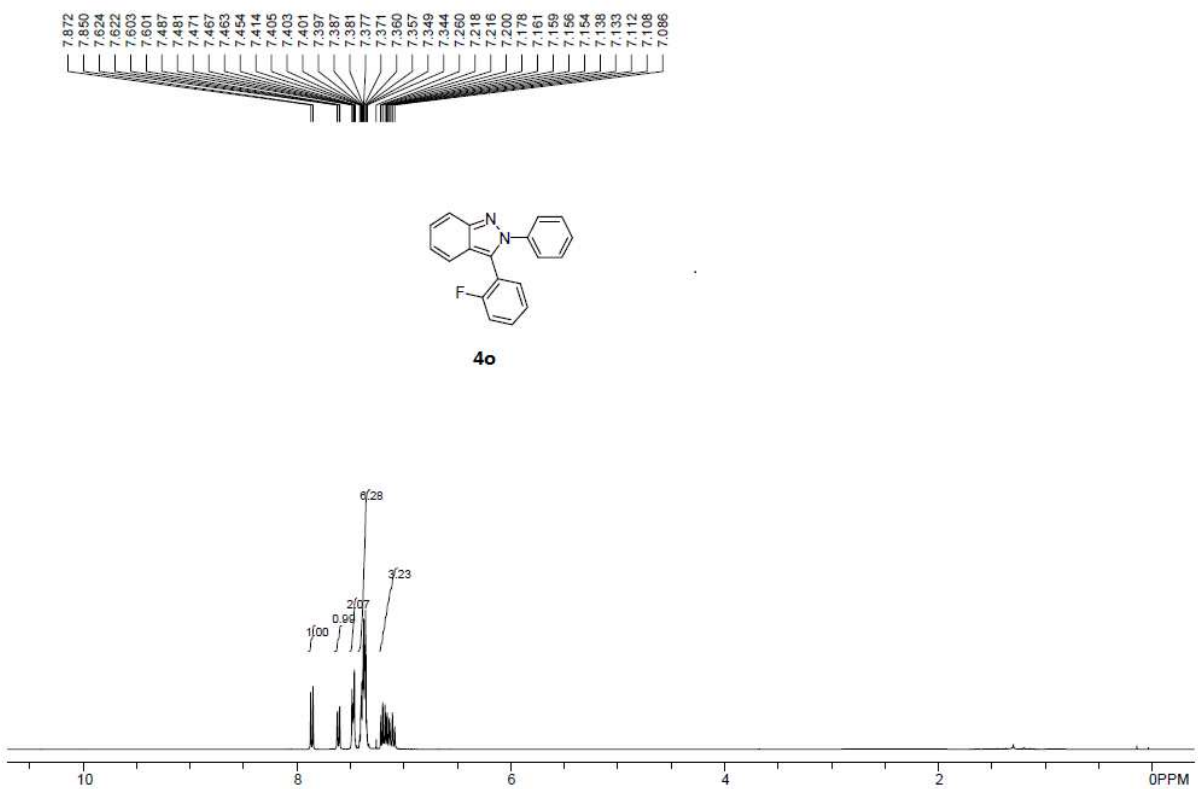
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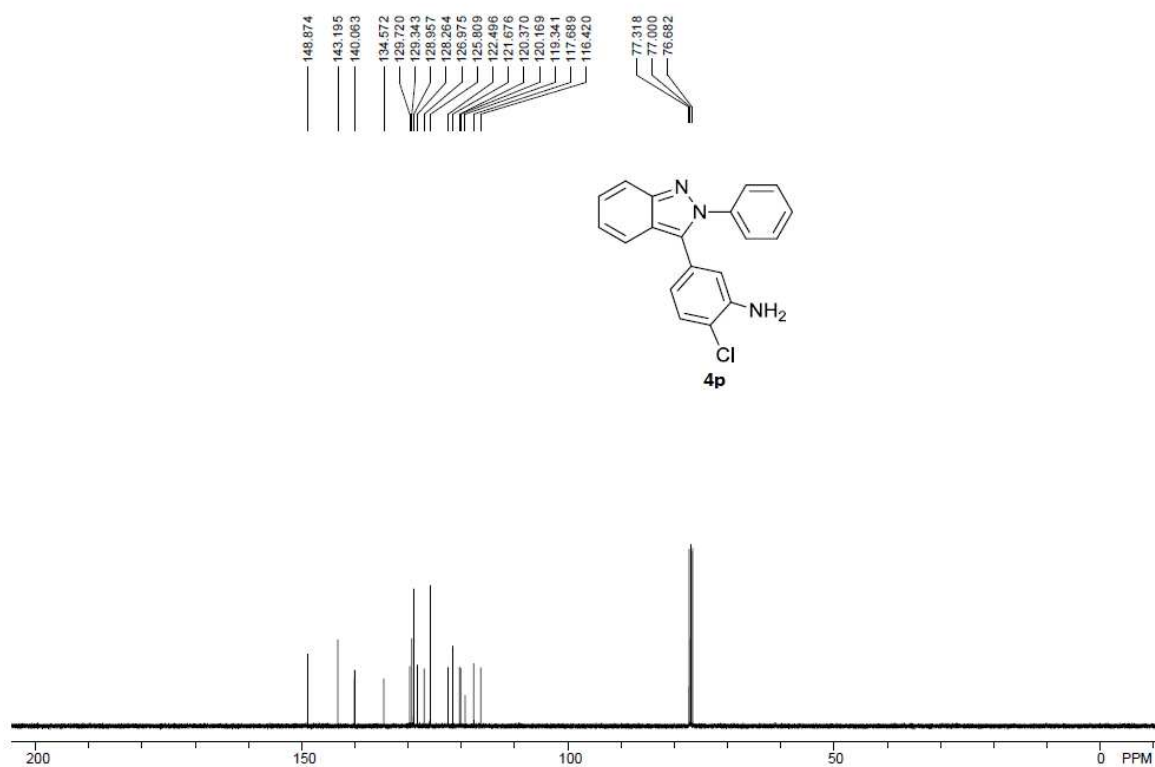
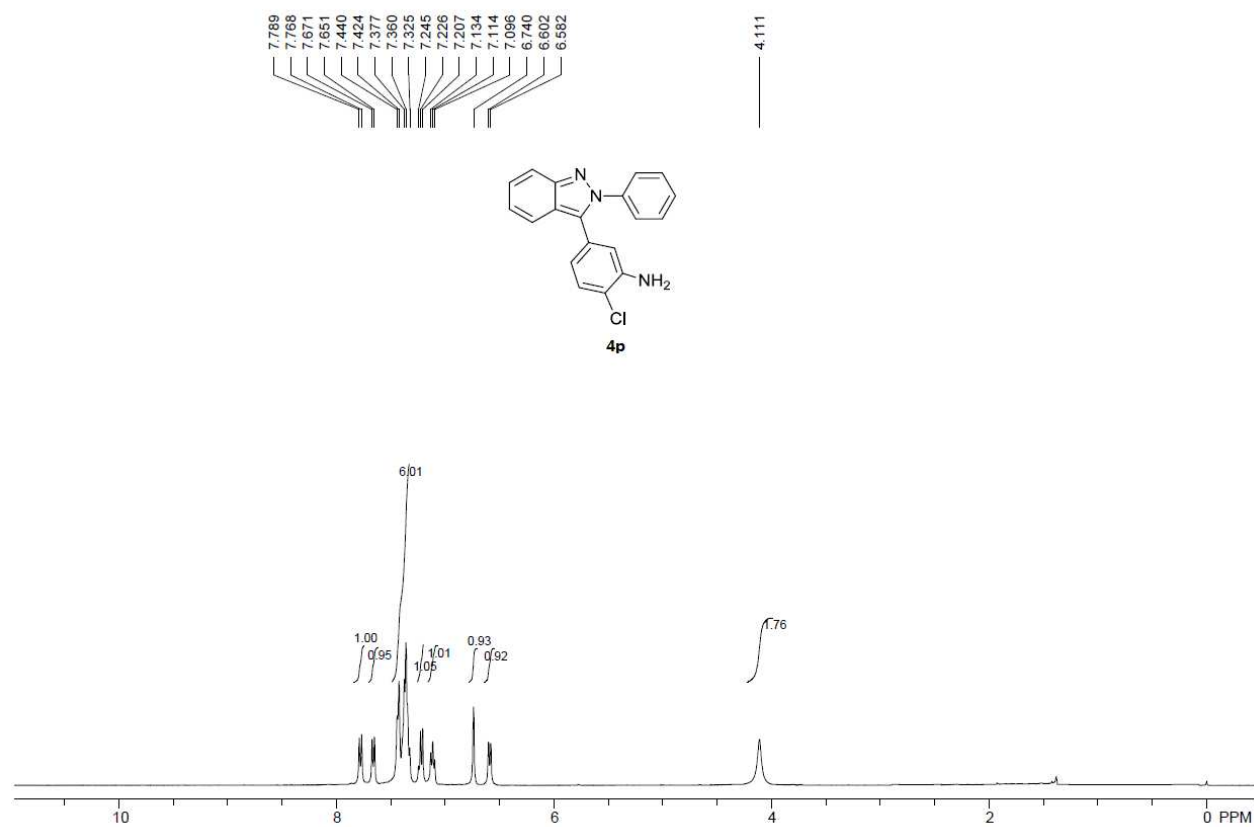


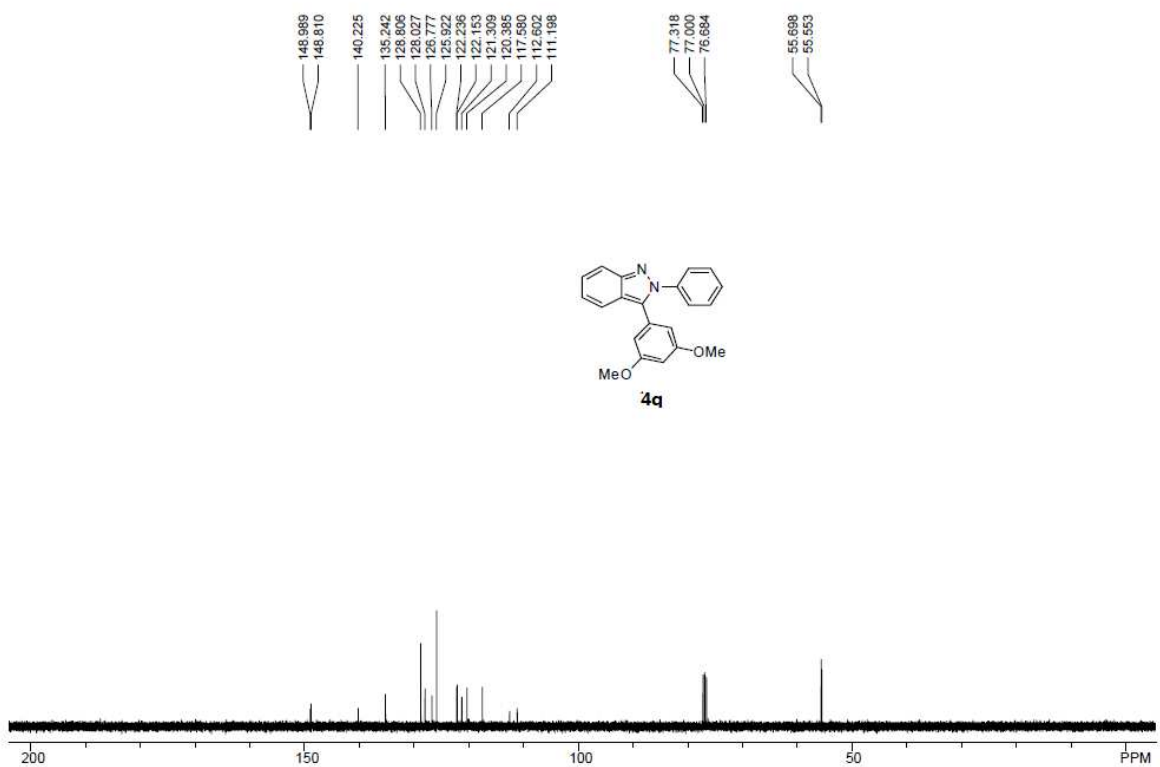
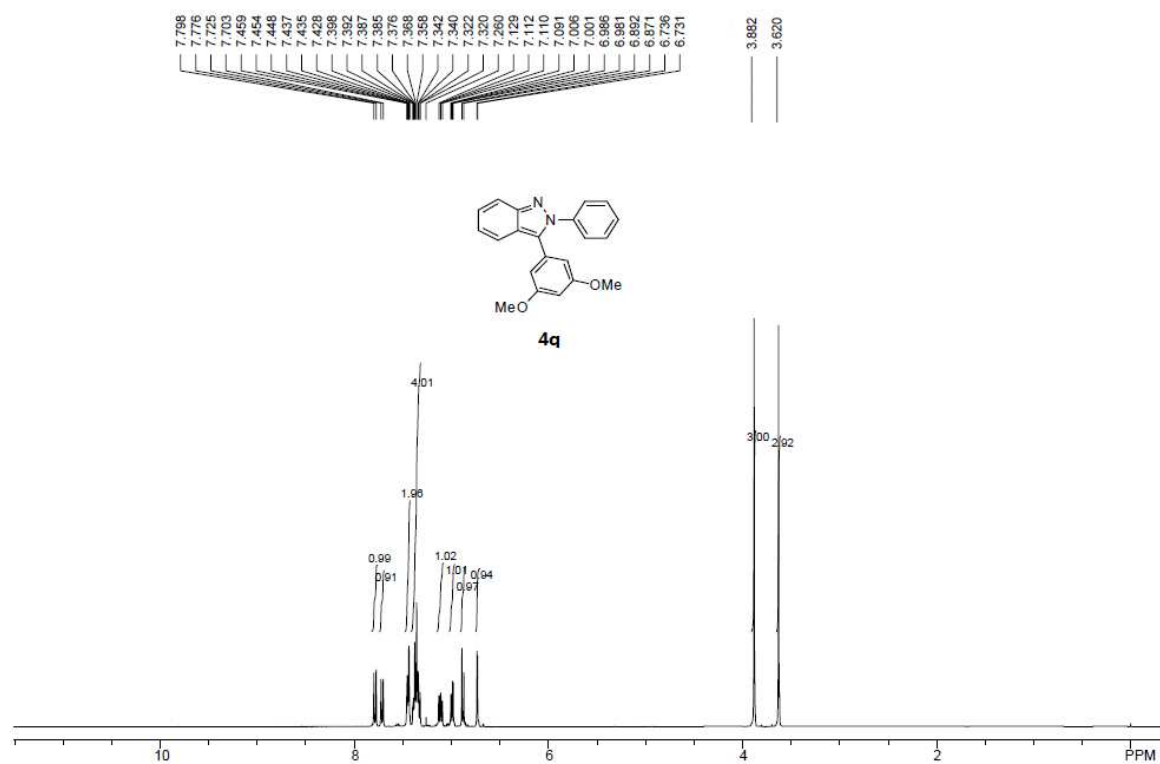


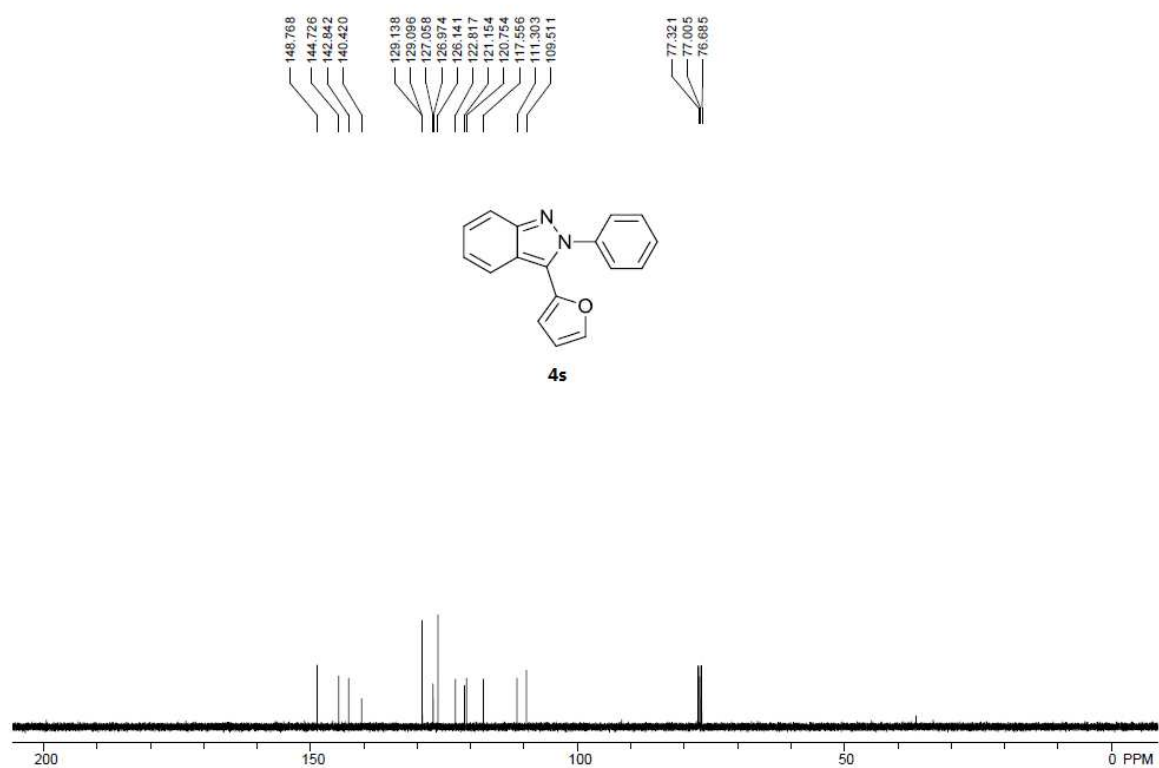
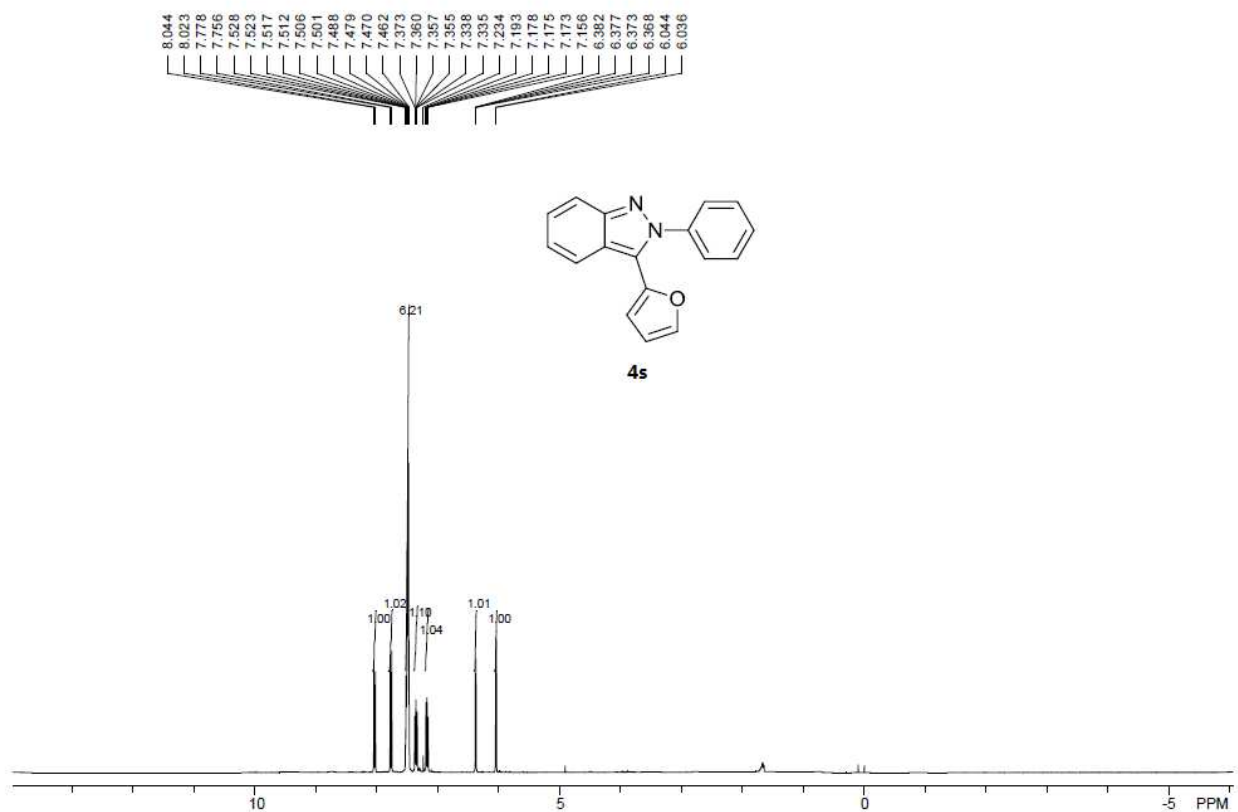


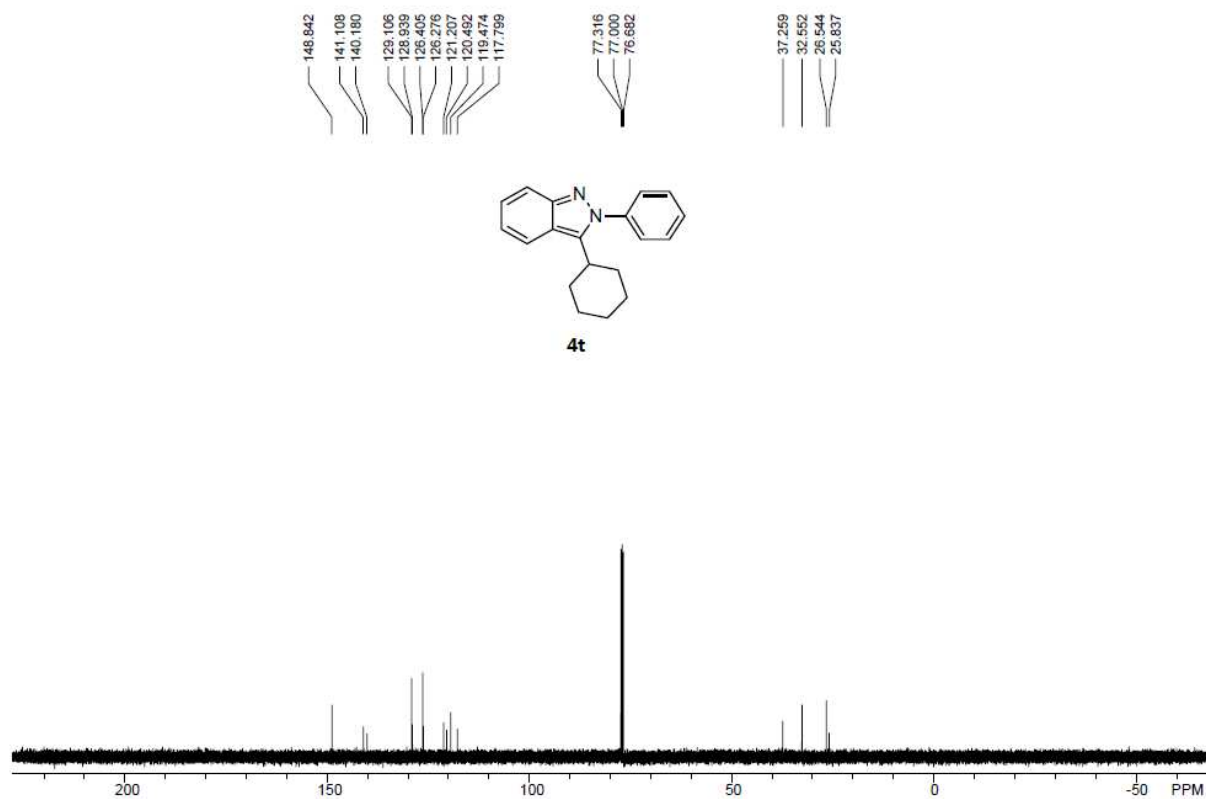
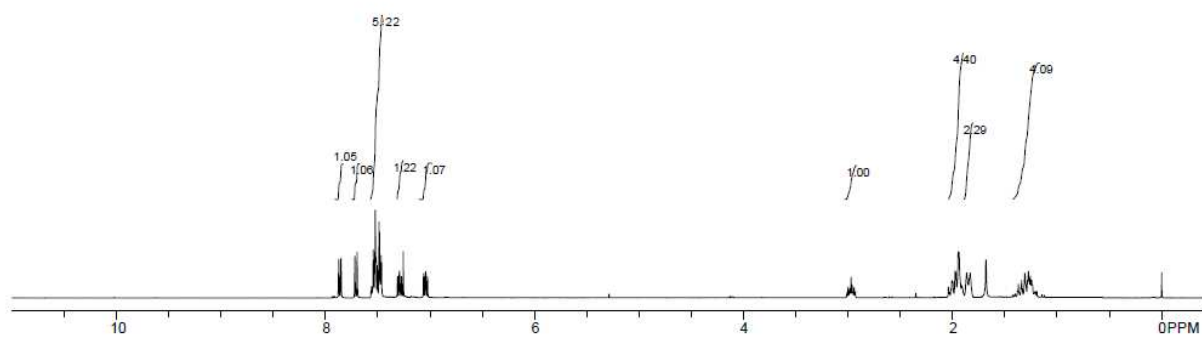
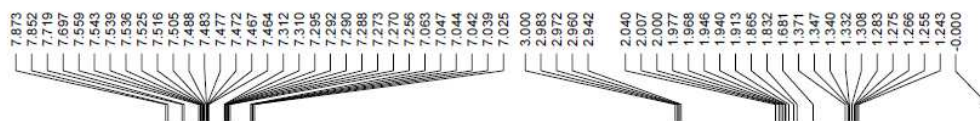


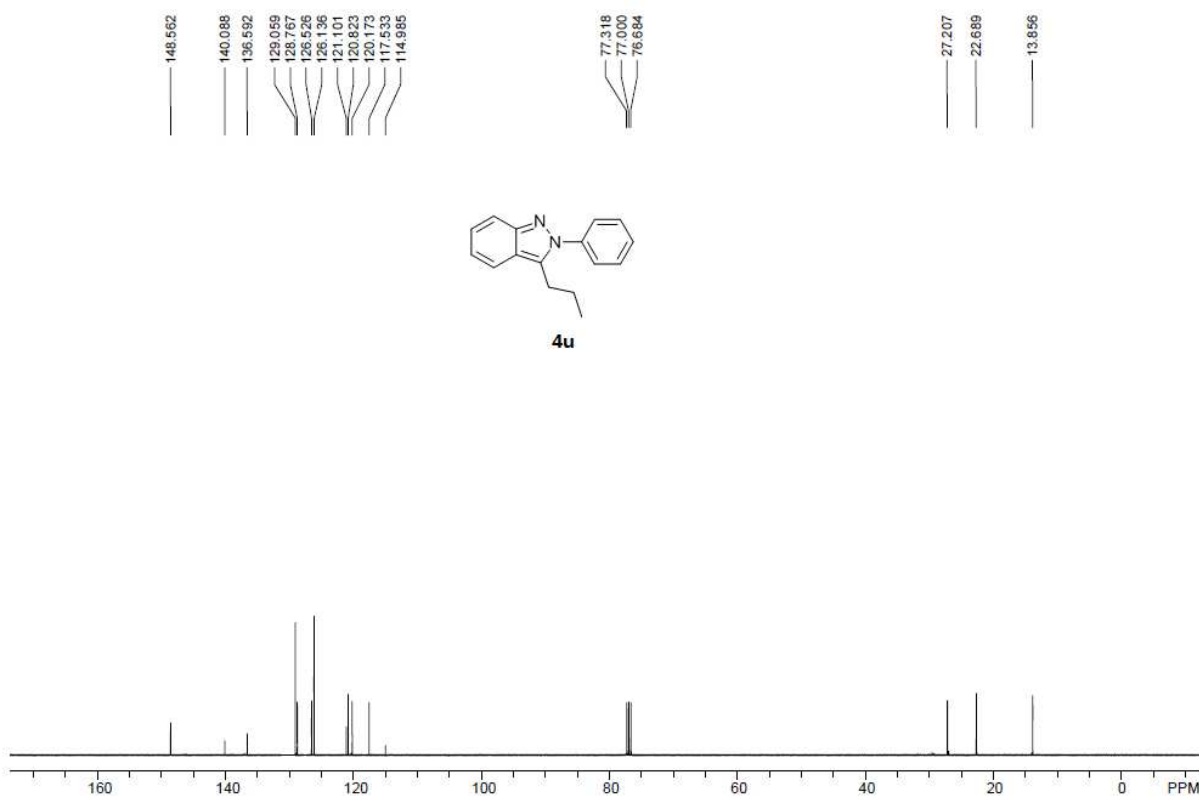
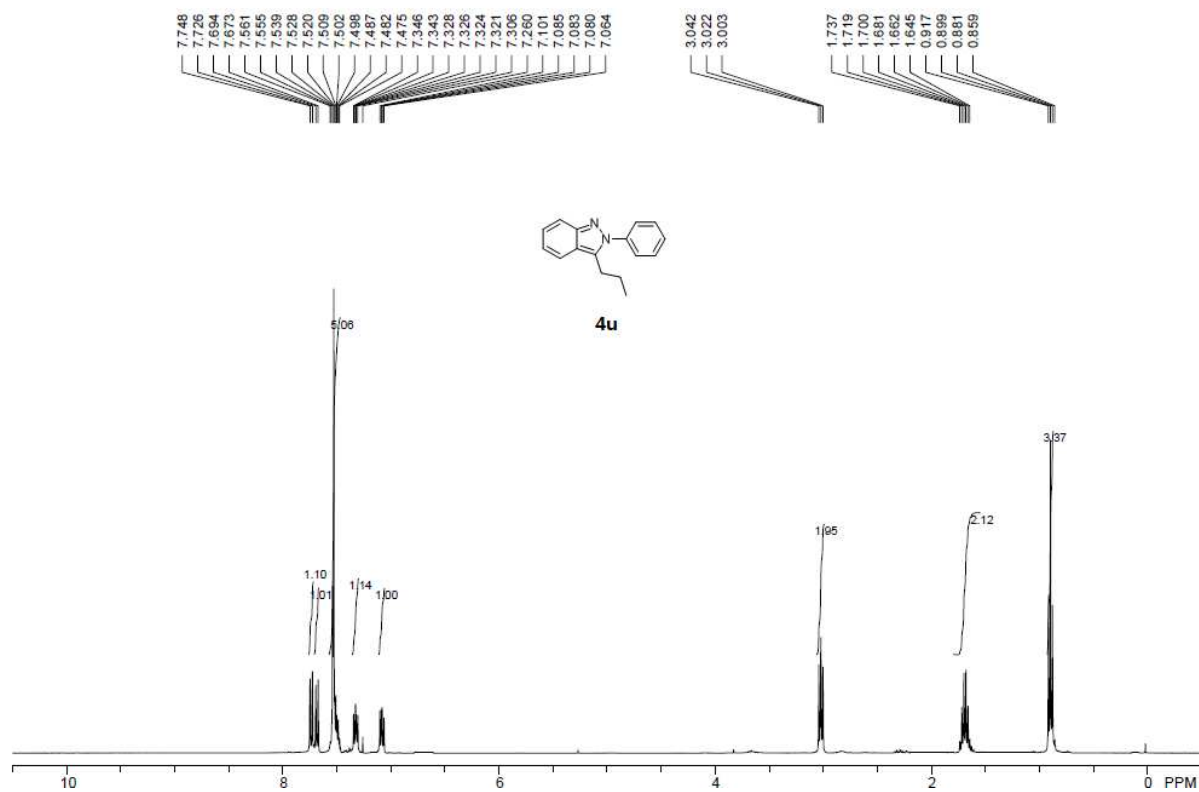


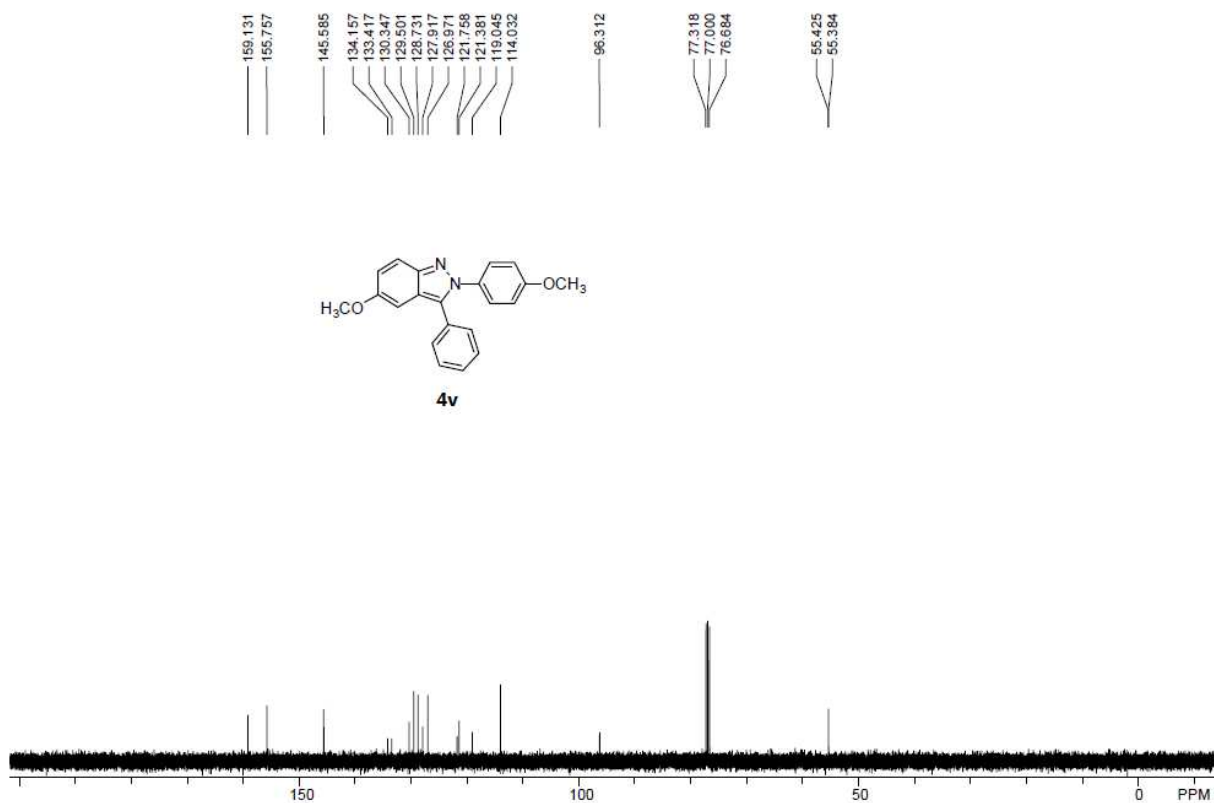
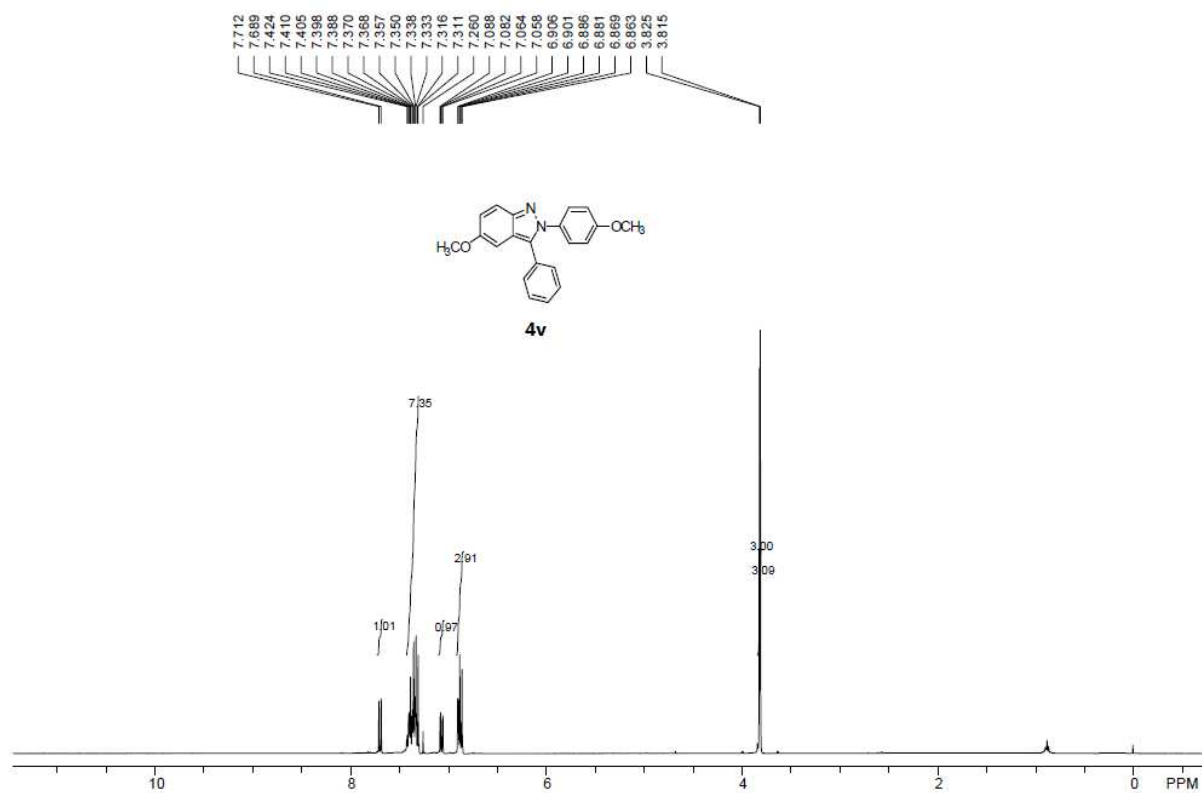


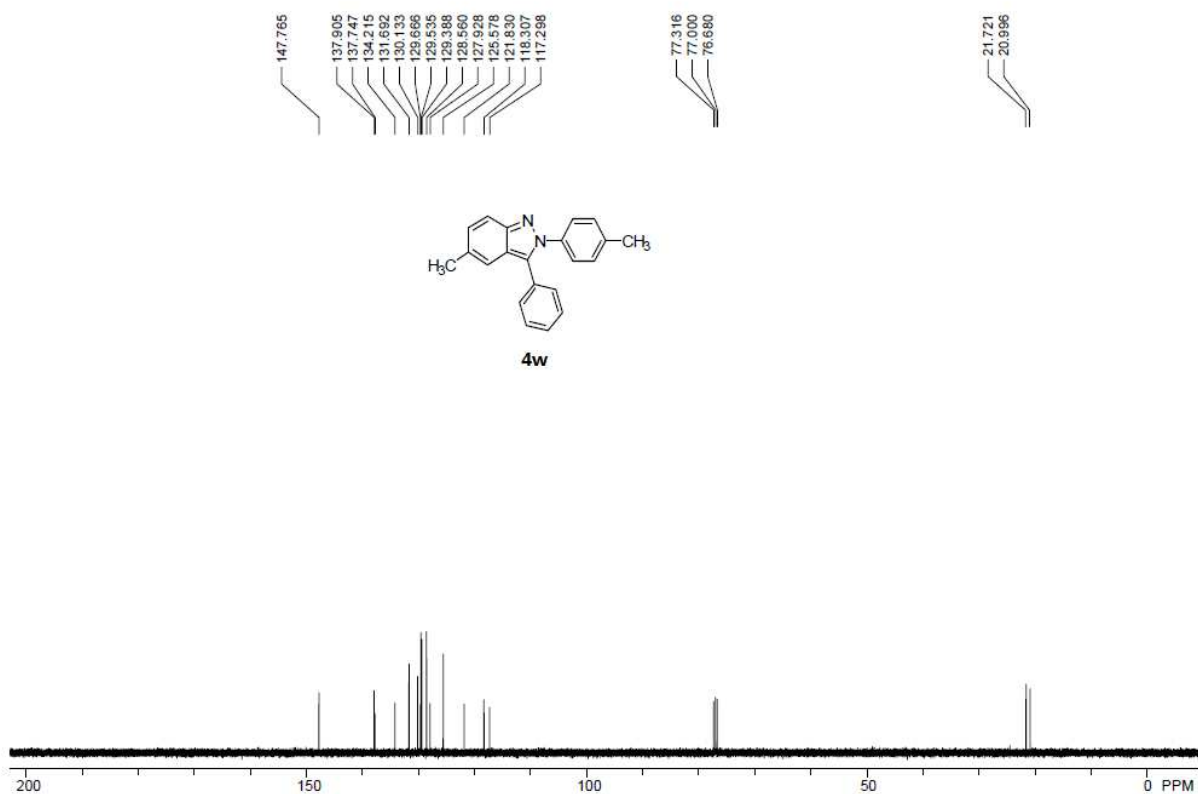
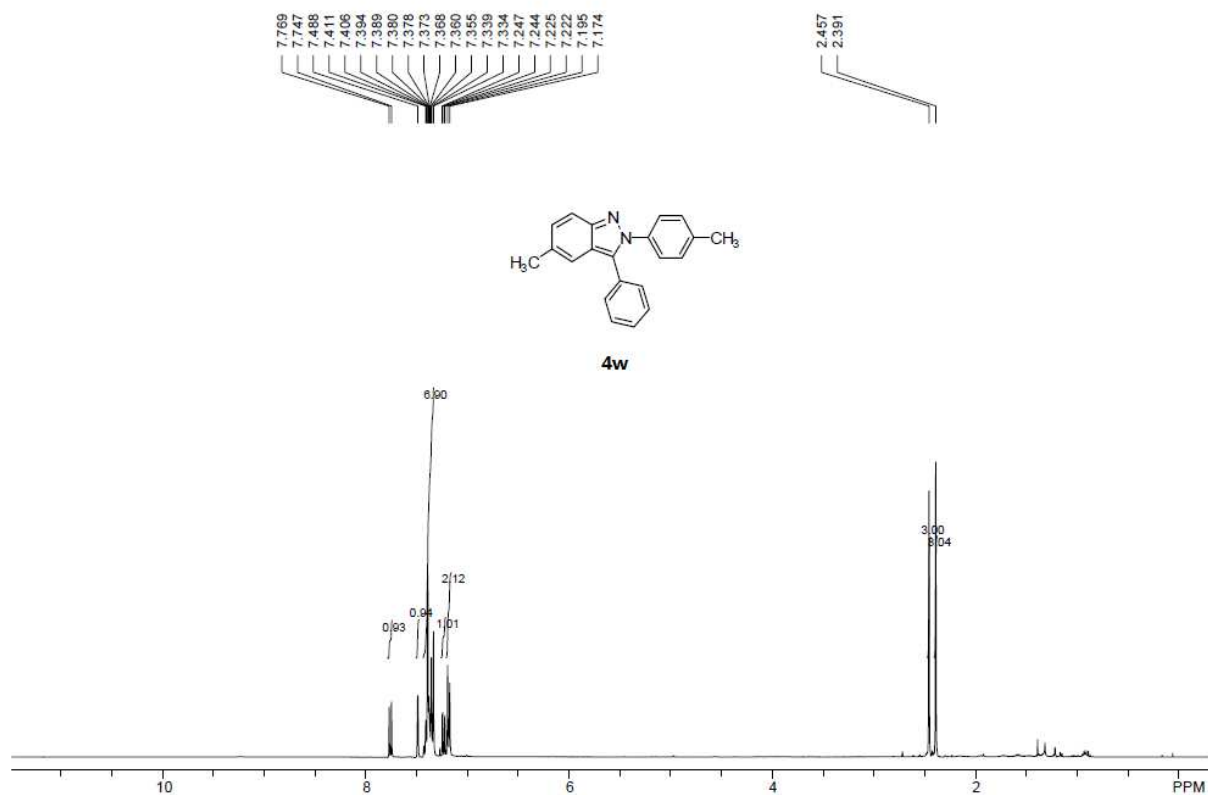


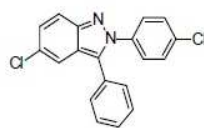
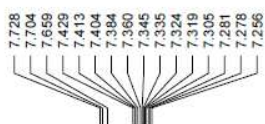




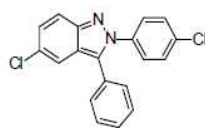
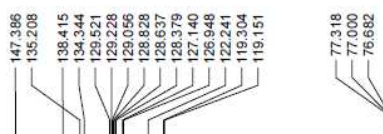
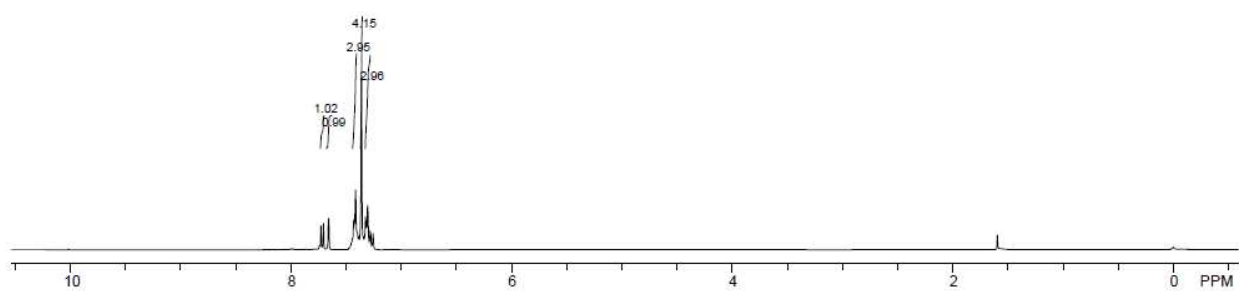




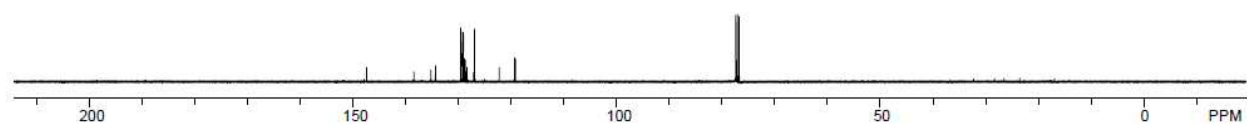




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