

## Visible Light Photoredox Catalyzed Thiophosphate Synthesis Using Methylene Blue as Promoter

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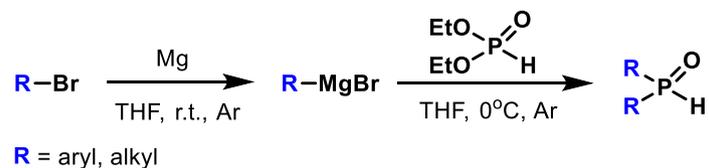
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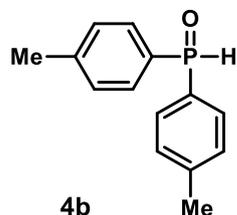
## 1 Preparation of Substrates

### 1) Preparation of the phosphine oxides

The secondary phosphines were prepared by a procedure analogous to the one reported by Gessner et al. in 2014.<sup>1</sup>

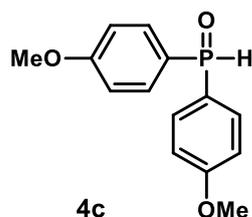


### Di-p-tolylphosphine oxide (4b)



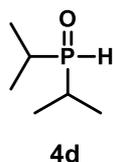
1.3g, 39% yield. colourless solid, m.p. 98-99°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 478.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 6H). The data matched the reported.<sup>2</sup>

### Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide (4c)



2.8g, 85% yield. colourless solid, m.p. 146-148°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 481.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 4H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 4H), 3.83 (s, 6H). The data matched the reported.<sup>2</sup>

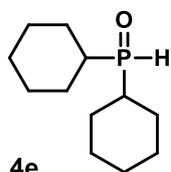
### Diisopropylphosphine oxide (4d)



1.7g, 65% yield. colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 6.36 (d, *J* = 8.1

Hz, 2H), 2.06-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.249-1.19 (m, 12H). The data matched the reported.<sup>3</sup>

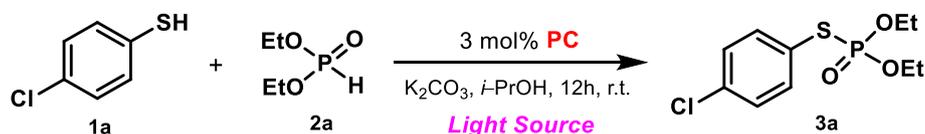
### Dicyclohexylphosphine oxide (4e)



2.8g, 80% yield. colourless solid, m.p. 71-73°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 6.29 (d, *J* = 434.3 Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.21 (m, 22H). The data matched the reported.<sup>4</sup>

## 2 Photoredox Dehydrogenative Coupling Reaction

### 2.1 Optimization of the Photocatalyst and Light Source



A dry tube equipped with a stirring bar was charged with 4-chlorothiophenol (**1a**) (72.3 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and diethyl phosphonate (**2a**) (207.15 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), the photocatalyst (PC) (3.0 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.0 equiv.). The solvent *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) were added, the tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred under irradiation for 24 hour in front of the appropriate light source. H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and EtOAc (4 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 2 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. Triphenylphosphine (65.6 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL) were added and the mixture was analysed by <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy to determine the NMR yield.

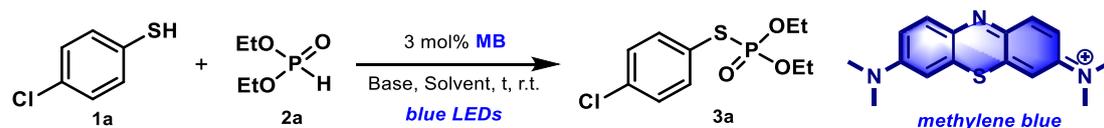
Entry	Photocatalyst	Light Source	$\lambda$ (nm)	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
<b>1</b>	<b>PC 1</b>	<b>blue LEDs</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>95</b>
2	PC 2	blue LEDs	455	75
3	PC 3	blue LEDs	455	51
4	PC 4	blue LEDs	455	33
5	PC 5	blue LEDs	455	40
6	PC 6	blue LEDs	455	35
7	PC 7	blue LEDs	455	50
8	PC 8	blue LEDs	455	n.r.
9	PC 9	blue LEDs	455	80
10 <sup>[b]</sup>	PC 1	green LEDs	530	n.r.
11 <sup>[b]</sup>	PC 1	white LEDs	/	20
12 <sup>[c]</sup>	PC 1	UV	310	n.r.
13 <sup>[d]</sup>	PC 1	none	/	n.r.
14	none	blue LED	455	n.r.

<sup>a</sup><sup>31</sup>P NMR yield using triphenylphosphine as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup>The reaction mixture was irradiated with 15 W green LEDs or 15 W white LEDs. <sup>c</sup>The reaction mixture in a common glass flask was irradiated with 1000 W UV light ( $\lambda = 310$  nm). <sup>d</sup>The reaction was in dark. PC = photocatalyst, LED = light-emitting diode, n.r. = no reaction.

## 2.2 Picture of Reaction Set-Up



### 2.3 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

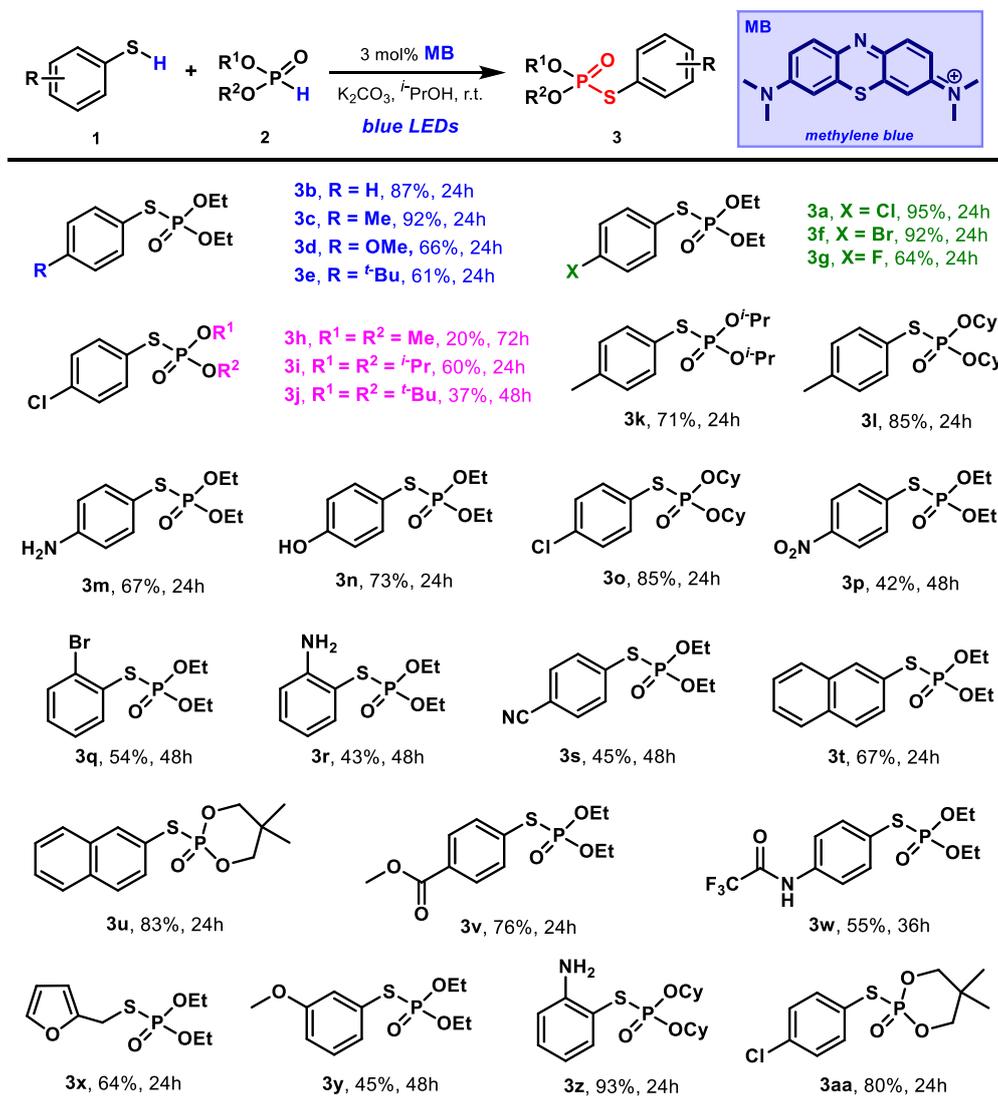


A dry tube equipped with a stirring bar was charged with 4-chlorothiophenol (**1a**) (72.3 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and diethyl phosphonate (**2a**) (207.15 mg, 1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), the methylene blue (MB) (3.0 mol%) and the base (1.0 equiv.). The solvent (1.0 mL) were added, the tube was sealed and the mixture was stirred under irradiation for 12-48 hours in front of the appropriate light source. H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and EtOAc (4 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2×2 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated.

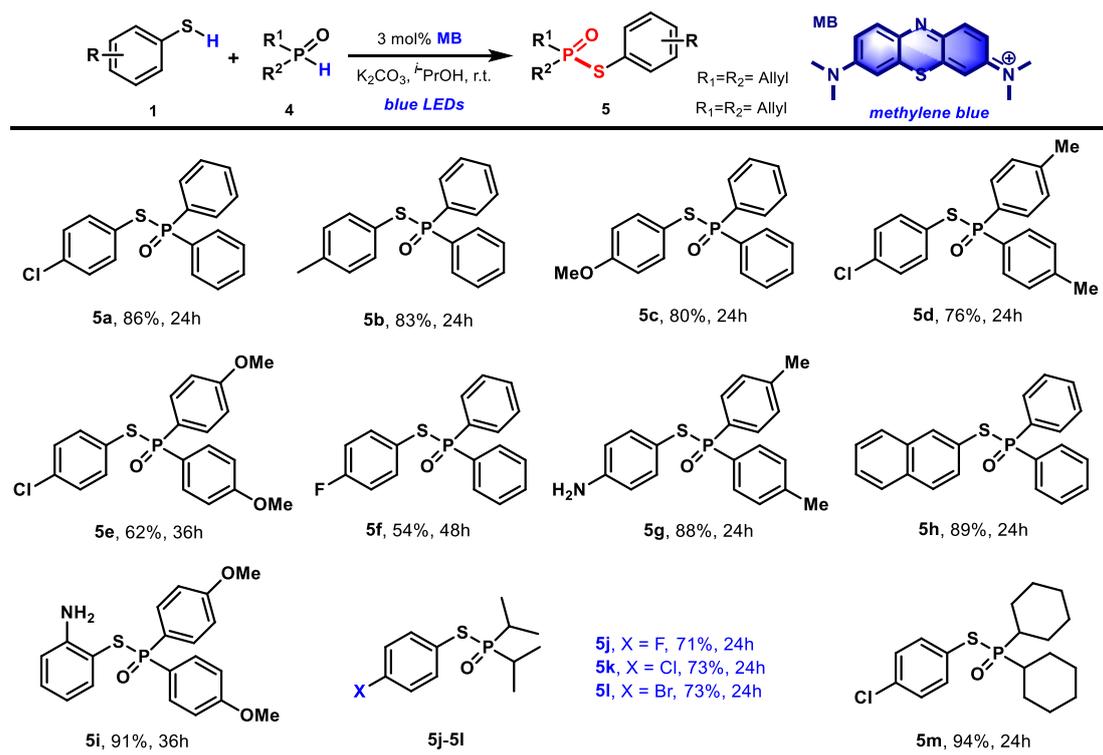
Entry	Base (equiv)	Solvent	t (h)	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
1	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -PrOH	12	60
2	<b>K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub></b>	<b><i>i</i>-PrOH</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>95</b>
3	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -PrOH	48	90
4	KOAc	<i>i</i> -PrOH	24	89
5	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -PrOH	24	49
6	KHCO <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -PrOH	24	80
7	CsOAc	<i>i</i> -PrOH	24	28
8	<i>t</i> -BuOK	<i>i</i> -PrOH	36	15
9	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -PrOH	48	N.R.
10	Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -PrOH	36	trace
11	DBU	<i>i</i> -PrOH	36	trace
12	TMEDA	<i>i</i> -PrOH	48	N.R.
13	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MeCN	24	61
14	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -PrOH: MeCN (4:1)	24	91
15	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	NMP	24	40
16	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	48	N.R.
17	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMA	24	35
18	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MeOH	36	trace
19	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Dioxane	24	53

## 2.4 Substrate Scope.

### 2.4.1 Substrate Scope A:

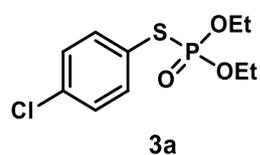


### 2.4.2 Substrate Scope B:



### 2.4.3 The Characterization Data of the Products

#### *S*-(4-chlorophenyl) *O, O*-diethyl phosphorothioate (**3a**)<sup>5</sup>

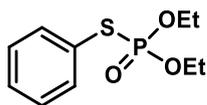


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 133.3 mg (95%) of **3a** as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 7.50-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.24-4.12 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 135.8 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 135.5 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 125.2 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 64.3 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 16.1 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 22.1.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 302.9987, found: 302.9987.

#### *O, O*-diethyl *S*-phenyl phosphorothioate (**3b**)<sup>6</sup>

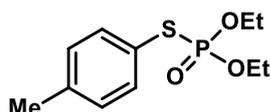


**3b**

Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of benzenethiol **1b** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 107.1 mg (87%) of **3b** as yellow oil.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  7.58-7.56 (m, 2 H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 3H), 4.25-4.14 (m, 4 H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (150 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  134.6 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 129.4 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz), 129.0 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 126.6 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 64.1 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 16.1 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz).  $^{31}P$  NMR (162 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  22.9.

HR-MS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{10}H_{15}O_3PS$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 269.0377, found: 269.0382.

#### *O, O*-diethyl *S*-(*p*-tolyl) phosphorothioate (**3c**)<sup>5</sup>



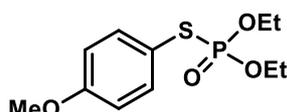
**3c**

Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-methylbenzenethiol **1c** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 119.7 mg (92%) of **3c** as colorless oil.

$^1H$  NMR (600 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  7.44-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.23-4.14 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  139.3 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 134.6 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 64.0 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 21.2, 16.1 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz).  $^{31}P$  NMR (162 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  23.3.

HR-MS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{11}H_{17}O_3PS$   $[M+Na]^+$ : 283.0534, found: 283.0531.

#### *O, O*-diethyl *S*-(4-methoxyphenyl) phosphorothioate (**3d**)<sup>7</sup>



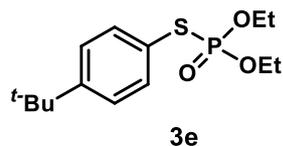
**3d**

Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-methoxybenzenethiol **1d** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 91.1 mg (66%) of **3d** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.24-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 160.4 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 136.3 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 116.6 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 114.9 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 63.9 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 55.3, 16.0 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 23.5.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 299.0483, found: 299.0479.

#### *S*-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl) *O*, *O*-diethyl phosphorothioate (**3e**)<sup>5</sup>

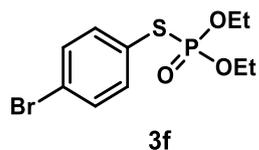


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-(*tert*-butyl)benzenethiol **1e** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 92.2 mg (61%) of **3e** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.26-4.14 (m, 4H), 1.31-1.29 (m, 15H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 152.3 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 134.3 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 126.4 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 122.8 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 63.9 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 34.6, 31.1, 16.0 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 23.3.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 325.1003, found: 325.1002.

#### *S*-(4-bromophenyl) *O*, *O*-diethyl phosphorothioate (**3f**)<sup>7</sup>

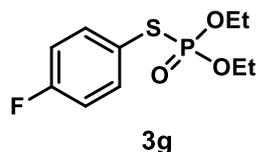


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-bromobenzenethiol **1f** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 149.7 mg (92%) of **3f** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.48-7.42 (m, 4H), 4.24-4.14 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 136.1 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 132.6 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 126.0 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 123.7 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 64.4 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 16.1 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 21.9.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 346.9482, found: 346.9480.

### *O, O*-diethyl *S*-(4-fluorophenyl) phosphorothioate (**3g**)<sup>5</sup>

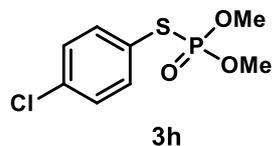


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-fluorobenzenethiol **1g** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 84.5 mg (64%) of **3g** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.58-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.26-4.10 (m, 4H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 163.3 (dd, *J* = 248.3 Hz, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 136.7 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 121.7 (dd, *J* = 7.1 Hz, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 116.6 (dd, *J* = 22.0 Hz, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 64.2 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 16.1 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 22.6 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz).

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 287.0283, found: 287.0287.

### *S*-(4-chlorophenyl) *O, O*-dimethyl phosphorothioate (**3h**)<sup>8</sup>

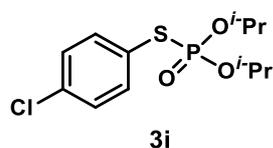


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5 mmol), dimethyl phosphonate **2b** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 72h, afforded 25.2 mg (20%) of **3h** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 135.7 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 135.6 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 124.5 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 54.3 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 25.4.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 274.9674, found: 274.9673.

### *S*-(4-chlorophenyl) *O, O*-diisopropyl phosphorothioate (**3i**)<sup>7</sup>



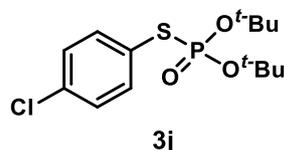
Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5

mmol), diisopropyl phosphonate **2c** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 92.6 mg (60%) of **3i** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.81-4.71 (m, 2H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 135.4 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 135.1 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 125.9 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 73.5 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 23.8 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 23.5 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 19.6.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 331.0300, found: 331.0301.

### ***O, O*-di-*tert*-butyl *S*-(4-chlorophenyl) phosphorothioate (**3j**)**

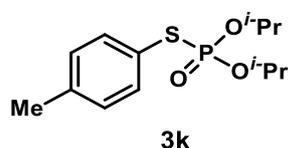


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5 mmol), di-*tert*-butyl phosphonate **2d** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 48h, afforded 62.3 mg (37%) of **3j** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (s, 18H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 135.7 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 134.8 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 129.0 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 127.4 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 85.4 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 30.1 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 12.1.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 359.0613, found: 359.0608.

### ***O, O*-diisopropyl *S*-(*p*-tolyl) phosphorothioate (**3k**)<sup>9</sup>**



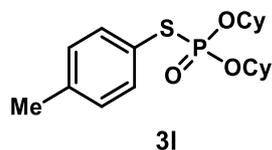
Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-methylbenzenethiol **1c** (0.5 mmol), diisopropyl phosphonate **2c** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 102.3 mg (71%) of **3k** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.79-4.73 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.30 (dd, *J* = 39.3 Hz, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 12H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 138.8 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 134.3 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 129.9

(d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz), 123.5 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 73.2 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz), 23.8 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz), 23.5 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 21.2.  **$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  20.8.

**HR-MS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{PS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 311.0847, found: 311.0854.

### *O, O*-dicyclohexyl *S*-(*p*-tolyl) phosphorothioate (**3l**)

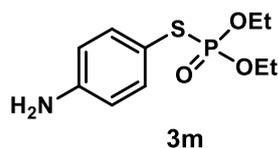


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-methylbenzenethiol **1c** (0.5 mmol), dicyclohexyl phosphonate **2e** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.5 mmol) in  $i\text{-PrOH}$  (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 156.6 mg (85%) of **3l** as colorless oil.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 4.52-4.43 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.93-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.73-1.67 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.42 (m, 6H), 1.36-1.18 (m, 6H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  138.8 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 134.4 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz), 130.0 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz), 123.7 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 77.9 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 33.4 (dd,  $J = 30.0$  Hz,  $J = 4.3$  Hz), 25.1, 23.6 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz), 21.2.  **$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  20.8.

**HR-MS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_3\text{PS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 391.1473, found: 391.1475.

### *S*-(4-aminophenyl) *O, O*-diethyl phosphorothioate (**3m**)<sup>7</sup>

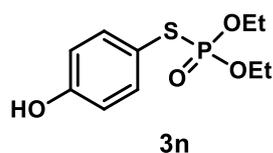


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-aminobenzenethiol **1m** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.5 mmol) in  $i\text{-PrOH}$  (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 87.5 mg (67%) of **3m** as colorless oil.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  7.30 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.22-4.11 (m, 4H), 3.76 (br s, 2H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  147.7 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz), 136.4 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 115.8 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz), 113.0 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 63.9 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz).  **$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  23.8.

**HR-MS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{PS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 284.0486, found: 284.0504.

### *O, O*-diethyl *S*-(4-hydroxyphenyl) phosphorothioate (**3n**)<sup>7</sup>

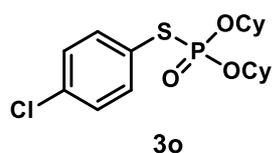


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-mercaptophenol **1n** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 95.7 mg (73%) of **3n** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.27-4.13 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 158.6 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 136.8 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 117.2 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 113.2 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 64.7 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 16.2 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 25.1.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>4</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 285.0326, found: 285.0327.

### *S*-(4-chlorophenyl) *O, O*-dicyclohexyl phosphorothioate (**3o**)

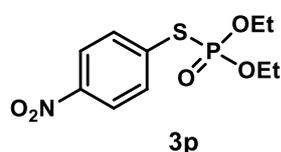


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5 mmol), dicyclohexyl phosphonate **2e** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 165.2 mg (85%) of **3o** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (m, 2H), 1.93-1.82 (m, 4H), 1.72-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.54-1.47 (m, 6H), 1.32-1.22 (m, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 135.4 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 135.0 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 126.0 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 78.2 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 33.3 (dd, *J* = 27.4 Hz, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 25.0, 23.4 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 19.6.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 411.0926, found: 411.0929.

### *O, O*-diethyl *S*-(4-nitrophenyl) phosphorothioate (**3p**)<sup>7</sup>

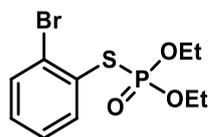


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-nitrobenzenethiol **1p** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 48h, afforded 61.1 mg (42%) of **3p** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.32-4.16 (m, 4H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 147.8 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 136.2 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 134.1 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 124.1 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 64.7 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 16.0 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 20.1.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 314.0228, found: 314.0246.

### S-(2-bromophenyl) O, O-diethyl phosphorothioate (**3q**)



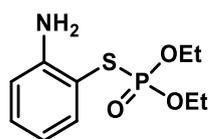
**3q**

Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 2-bromobenzenethiol **1q** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 48h, afforded 87.7 mg (54%) of **3q** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28-4.17 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 136.5 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 133.6 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 130.3 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 128.7 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 128.2 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 64.5 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 16.1 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 21.2.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 346.9482, found: 346.9481.

### S-(2-aminophenyl) O, O-diethyl phosphorothioate (**3r**)<sup>10</sup>



**3r**

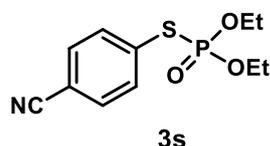
Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 2-aminobenzenethiol **1r** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in

*i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 48h, afforded 56.1 mg (43%) of **3r** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.58-3.79 (br s, 2H), 4.21-4.12 (m, 4H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 149.4 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 137.3 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 118.6 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 115.8 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 108.0 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 64.4 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 16.0 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 22.8.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 284.0486, found: 284.0486.

### *S*-(4-cyanophenyl) *O*, *O*-diethyl phosphorothioate (**3s**)<sup>6</sup>

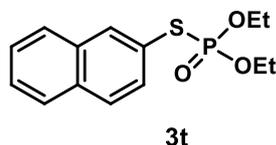


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of methyl 4-mercaptobenzonitrile **1s** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 48h, afforded 61.0 mg (45%) of **3s** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.26-4.13 (m, 4H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 134.3 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 134.0 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 118.1 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 112.5 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 64.7 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 16.1 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 20.4.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 294.0330, found: 294.0333.

### *O*, *O*-diethyl *S*-(naphthalen-2-yl) phosphorothioate (**3t**)<sup>5</sup>



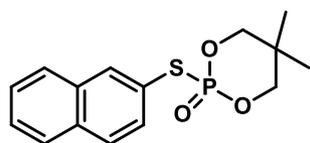
Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of naphthalene-2-thiol **1t** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 99.2 mg (67%) of **3t** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.47 (m, 2H), 4.29-4.15 (m, 4H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR**

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  134.3 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 133.5 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz), 133.0 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz), 130.9 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 128.9 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz), 127.7 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz), 127.6 (d,  $J$  = 0.9 Hz), 127.0 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz), 126.7 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz), 123.7 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 64.1 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz), 16.0 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  22.8.

HR-MS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 319.0534, found: 319.0535.

### 5,5-dimethyl-2-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinane 2-oxide (3u)



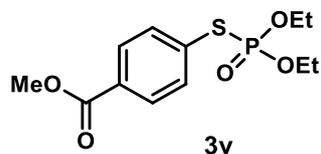
3u

Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of naphthalene-2-thiol **1t** (0.5 mmol), 5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinane 2-oxide **2f** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 127.9 mg (83%) of **3u** as white solid, m.p. 100-102°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.15 (s, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 4.26-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.99-3.89 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  134.6 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz), 133.7 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz), 133.72 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 130.9 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 129.3 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz), 127.83 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz), 127.81 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz), 127.2 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz), 126.8 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz), 122.1 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 78.4 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz), 32.6 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz), 21.2 (d,  $J$  = 241.0 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  14.6.

HR-MS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 331.3215, found: 331.0550.

### Methyl 4-((diethoxyphosphoryl)thio)benzoate (3v)<sup>6</sup>



3v

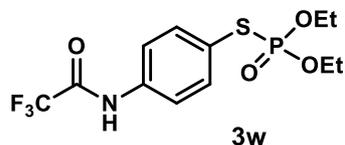
Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of methyl 4-mercaptobenzoate **1v** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 115.6 mg (76%) of **3v** as colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  8.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 4.24-4.16 (m, 4H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  166.4 (s), 133.8 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz), 133.0 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz), 64.4 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz), 52.4 (s), 16.1 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz). <sup>31</sup>P

**NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):**  $\delta$  21.3.

**HR-MS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>5</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 327.0432, found: 327.0435.

***O, O*-diethyl S-(4-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)phenyl) phosphorothioate (3w)**

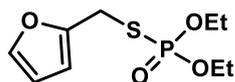


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 2,2,2-trifluoro-*N*-(4-mercaptophenyl)acetamide **1w** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 36h, afforded 98.2 mg (55%) of **3w** as yellow oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):**  $\delta$  9.97 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.28-4.11 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.31 (m, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):**  $\delta$  155.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 137.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 135.5 (d,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz), 122.1 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 121.7 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz), 117.5.9 (d,  $J$  = 286.3 Hz), 64.7 (dd,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 16.2 (dd,  $J$  = 30.1 Hz,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):**  $\delta$  22.7.

**HR-MS(ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 380.0309, found: 380.0319.

***O, O*-diethyl S-(furan-2-ylmethyl) phosphorothioate (3x)<sup>7</sup>**

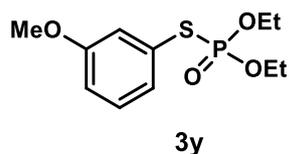


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of furan-2-ylmethanethiol **1x** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 80.0 mg (64%) of **3x** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):**  $\delta$  7.37 (s, 1H), 6.36-6.25 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.04 (m, 6H), 1.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):**  $\delta$  150.2 (d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz), 142.5, 110.6, 108.4, 63.6 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz), 27.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 15.9 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):**  $\delta$  26.2.

**HR-MS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>4</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 273.0326, found: 273.0325.

***O, O*-diethyl S-(3-methoxyphenyl) phosphorothioate (3y)<sup>7</sup>**

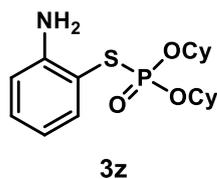


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 3-methoxybenzenethiol **1y** (0.5 mmol), diethyl phosphonate **2a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 48h, afforded 62.1 mg (45%) of **3y** as colorless oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.15 (m, 4H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 159.9 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 127.6 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 126.7 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 119.7 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 115.1 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 64.2 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 55.4, 16.1 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 22.7.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 299.0483, found: 299.0483.

#### ***S*-(2-aminophenyl) *O*, *O*-dicyclohexyl phosphorothioate (**3z**)**

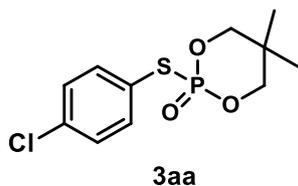


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 2-aminobenzenethiol **1r** (0.5 mmol), dicyclohexyl phosphonate **2e** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 171.7 mg (93%) of **3z** as pale yellow solid, m.p. 90-92°C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (br s, 2H), 4.52-4.42 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.76-1.61 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.46 (m, 6H), 1.35-1.18 (m, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 148.6 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 137.6 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 119.5 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 116.8 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 110.0 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 78.5 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 33.4 (dd, *J* = 31.1 Hz, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 25.1, 23.6 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 20.9.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 392.1425, found: 392.1430.

#### **2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinane 2-oxide (**3aa**)**

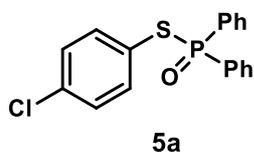


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5 mmol), 5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaphosphinane 2-oxide **2f** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 117.0 mg (80%) of **3aa** as white solid, m.p. 130-132°C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 10.8 Hz, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 4.00-3.89 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 136.0 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 135.8 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.8 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 123.4 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 78.4 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 32.6 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 21.2 (d, *J* = 158.6 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 14.1.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 314.9987, found: 314.9990.

#### S-(4-chlorophenyl) diphenylphosphinothioate (**5a**)<sup>6</sup>

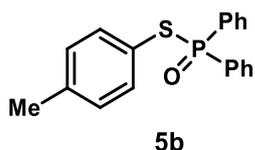


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5 mmol), diphenylphosphine oxide **4a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 148.2 mg (86%) of **5a** as white solid, m.p. 95-97°C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.85-7.82 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 136.6 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 135.6 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 132.6 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 132.3 (d, *J* = 106.5 Hz), 131.7 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 128.7 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 124.8 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 41.5.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClOPS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 367.0089, found: 367.0097.

#### S-(*p*-tolyl) diphenylphosphinothioate (**5b**)<sup>11</sup>

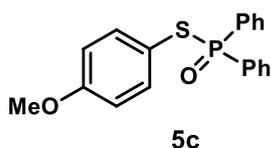


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-methylbenzenethiol **1c** (0.5 mmol), diphenylphosphine oxide **4a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 134.6 mg (83%) of **5b** as white solid, m.p. 112-114 °C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.86-7.83 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 139.2 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 135.4 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J* = 105.9 Hz), 132.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.7 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 130.0 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 128.6 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 122.3 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 21.2. **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 41.2.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OPS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 347.0635, found: 347.0634.

#### **S-(4-methoxyphenyl) diphenylphosphinothioate (5c)<sup>12</sup>**

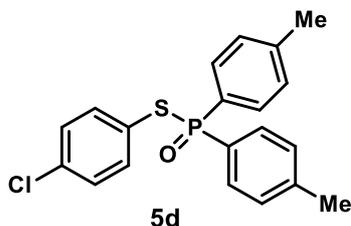


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-methoxybenzenethiol **1d** (0.5 mmol), diphenylphosphine oxide **4a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 136.1 mg (80%) of **5c** as white solid, m.p. 150-152°C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.86-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.71 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 160.5 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 137.1 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J* = 105.6 Hz), 132.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.7 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 128.6 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 116.1 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 114.8 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 55.3. **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 41.3.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 363.0585, found: 363.0599.

#### **S-(4-chlorophenyl) di-p-tolylphosphinothioate (5d)**

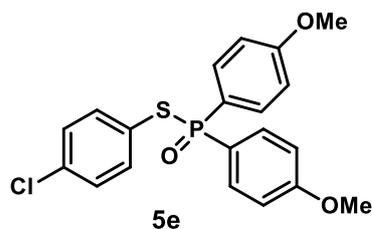


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5 mmol), di-p-tolylphosphine oxide **4b** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 141.6 mg (76%) of **5d** as pale yellow solid, m.p. 119-121°C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.71 (dd, *J* = 12.7 Hz, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 143.1 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 136.4 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 135.3 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 131.7 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 129.8 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 128.7 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 125.3 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 21.6. **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 42.0.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClOPS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 395.0402, found: 395.0403.

#### S-(4-chlorophenyl) bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphinothioate (**5e**)

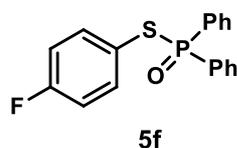


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5 mmol), bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide **4c** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 36h, afforded 125.5 mg (62%) of **5e** as yellow oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.77-7.71 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 4H), 3.84 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 162.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 136.4 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 135.3 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 133.7 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 125.6 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 123.6 (d, *J* = 114.4 Hz), 114.3 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 55.5 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 41.6.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>PS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 427.0300, found: 427.0311.

#### S-(4-fluorophenyl) diphenylphosphinothioate (**5f**)<sup>11</sup>



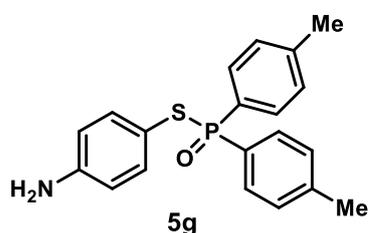
Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-fluorobenzenethiol **1g** (0.5

mmol), diphenylphosphine oxide **4a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 48h, afforded 88.6 mg (54%) of **5f** as white solid, m.p. 93-95°C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.85-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.53-7.39 (m, 8H), 6.91-6.88 (m, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 163.3 (dd, *J* = 248.4 Hz, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 137.3 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 132.3 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 132.1 (d, *J* = 106.2 Hz), 131.5 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz), 121.0 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 116.2 (dd, *J* = 21.8 Hz, *J* = 1.7 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 41.7.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FOPS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 351.0385, found: 351.0396.

### *S*-(4-aminophenyl) di-*p*-tolylphosphinothioate (**5g**)

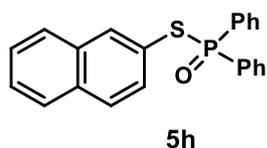


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-aminobenzenethiol **1m** (0.5 mmol), di-*p*-tolylphosphine oxide **4b** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 155.5 mg (88%) of **5g** as yellow oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO, ppm):** δ 7.68-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 7H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (br s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 147.2 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 142.6 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 136.8 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 131.6 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 130.0 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 129.2 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz), 116.0 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 112.6 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 21.6. **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 42.6.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NOPS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 376.4095, found: 376.0906.

### *S*-(naphthalen-2-yl) diphenylphosphinothioate (**5h**)<sup>11</sup>



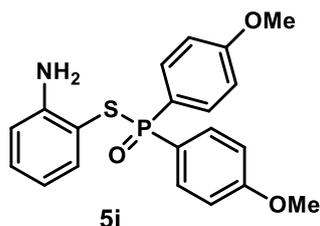
Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of naphthalene-2-thiol **1t** (0.5 mmol), diphenylphosphine oxide **4a** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 160.3 mg (89%) of **5h** as white solid, m.p. 108-110°C.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.90-7.86 (m, 4H), 7.75-7.70 (m,

2H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  135.3 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz), 133.4 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz), 132.9 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 132.5 (d,  $J = 106.3$  Hz), 132.2 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 131.6 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz), 131.4 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 128.6 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 128.5 (d,  $J = 13.1$  Hz), 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 126.3, 123.4 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  41.5.

HR-MS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{OPS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 383.4005, found: 383.0658.

#### S-(2-aminophenyl) bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphinothioate (5i)

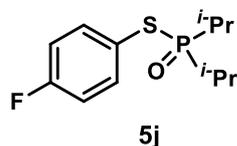


Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 2-aminobenzenethiol **1r** (0.5 mmol), bis(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine oxide **4c** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 36h, afforded 175.3 mg (91%) of **5i** as white solid, m.p. 114-117°C.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  7.78-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 4H), 6.68-6.66 (m, 1H), 6.50-6.46 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  162.8 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 150.5 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 137.6 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 133.5 (d,  $J = 11.7$  Hz), 130.7 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz), 124.3 (d,  $J = 112.2$  Hz), 118.5 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz), 116.2 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 114.1 (d,  $J = 14.1$  Hz), 109.4 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 55.4 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz).  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  43.8.

HR-MS (ESI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{PS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 408.0799, found: 408.0828.

#### S-(4-fluorophenyl) diisopropylphosphinothioate (5j)



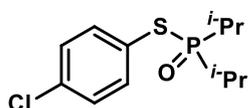
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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  7.61-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 12H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  163.3 (dd,  $J = 247.5$  Hz,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 137.4 (dd,  $J = 8.2$  Hz,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 121.7 (dd,  $J = 7.8$

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**HR-MS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{FOPS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 283.0698, found: 283.0696.

#### S-(4-chlorophenyl) diisopropylphosphinothioate (**5k**)



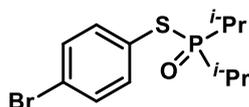
**5k**

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**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.27-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 12H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  136.4 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 134.9 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 129.1 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz), 125.3 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz), 30.4 (d,  $J = 62.7$  Hz), 16.3 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 16.0 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz).  **$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  74.5.

**HR-MS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClOPS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 299.0402, found: 299.0417.

#### S-(4-bromophenyl) diisopropylphosphinothioate (**5l**)



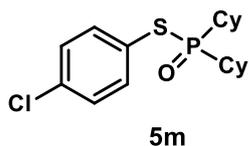
**5l**

Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-bromobenzenethiol **1f** (0.5 mmol), diisopropylphosphine oxide **4d** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.5 mmol) in  $i\text{-PrOH}$  (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 117.2 mg (73%) of **5l** as colorless oil.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  7.50-7.43 (m, 4H), 2.27-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 12H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  136.9 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz), 126.1 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz), 123.3 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz), 30.6 (d,  $J = 62.8$  Hz), 16.5 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 16.2 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz).  **$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):**  $\delta$  73.8.

**HR-MS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrOPS}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 342.9897, found: 342.9899.

#### S-(4-chlorophenyl) dicyclohexylphosphinothioate (**5m**)



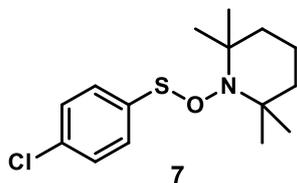
Prepared according to general procedure, the reaction of 4-chlorobenzenethiol **1a** (0.5 mmol), dicyclohexylphosphine oxide **4e** (1.5 mmol), MB (3 mol%) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature under the irradiation of 15 W blue LEDs for 24h, afforded 167.7 mg (94%) of **5m** as yellow oil.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.02-1.70 (m, 12H), 1.47-1.39 (m, 4H), 1.25-1.18 (m, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 136.6 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 135.0 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz), 125.8 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 40.5 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 26.6 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz) 26.5 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 26.3 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 26.0 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 25.9 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz). **<sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 67.9.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClOPS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 379.1028, found: 379.1051.

### TEMPO adduct

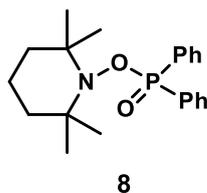
#### 1-(((4-chlorophenyl)thio)oxy)-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (7)



Colorless oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.67-1.49 (m, 15H), 0.91 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 149.07, 135.80, 128.84, 127.60, 61.61, 59.11, 43.60, 41.49, 35.52, 32.85, 28.86, 28.06, 17.35.

**HR-MS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNOS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 322.1008, found:322.1010.

#### 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl diphenylphosphinate (8)



White solid, m.p. 115-117°C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ 7.87-7.83 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 6H), 1.36-0.94 (m, 18H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):** δ

134.04 (d,  $J = 134.2$  Hz), 131.83 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 131.66 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 128.44 (d,  $J = 12.7$  Hz), 61.72 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 40.23, 32.62, 17.03.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  33.4.

**HR-MS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2\text{P} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 380.1750, found:380.1753.

## 2.5 The fluorescence emission spectrum of the methylene blue

The fluorescence emission spectrum of the methylene blue showed a peak at 690 nm when excited at 664 nm (Figure S1). The fluorescence emission spectra of methylene blue at different excitation wavelength was tested and the highest emission peak was obtained under the excitation at 664 nm (Figure S2).

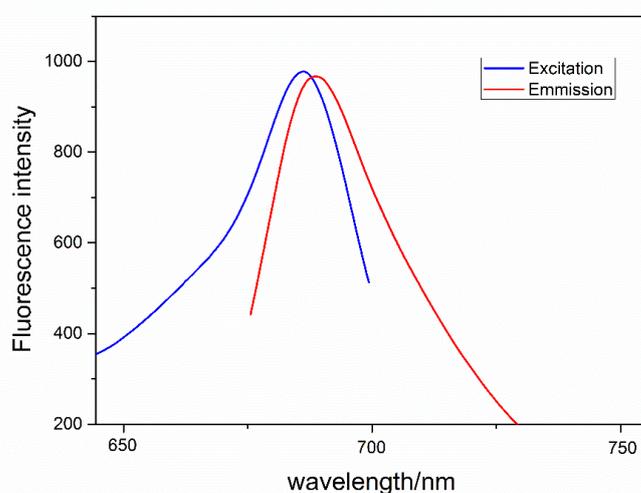


Fig. S1 Fluorescence excitation and emission spectra

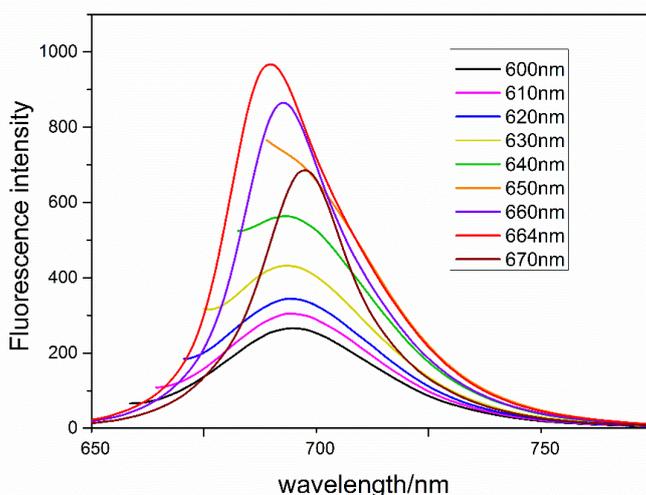


Fig. S2 Fluorescence emission spectra of the methylene blue at different excitation wavelengths

## 2.6 Determination of quantum yield



The quantum yield of phosphorothioate (**3a**) formation was determined with a potassium ferrioxalate actinometer.<sup>13</sup> The quantum yield ( $\Phi_P$ ) of this reaction was about 3.5%. This low value is consistent with the long reaction times needed for most substrates.

The process are as follows:

A solution of  $K_2Fe(C_2O_4)_3$  (0.15 M, 2 mL) was transferred into a fused silica cuvette and irradiated for 60 s under blue LEDs (10W). After a illumination period of 60s, 100  $\mu$ L were transferred to a 10 mL volumetric flask, and 4 mL of a phenanthroline solution (20 mg of 1,10-phenanthroline in 10 mL of  $H_2O$ ) and 500  $\mu$ L of a buffer solution (1.8 g of NaOAc and 1 mL of HOAc in  $H_2O$  up to 100 mL) were added prior to adding water up to 10 mL.

The moles of  $Fe^{2+}$  generated was measured by determining the absorbance of the Fe(II)-*o*-phenanthroline complex at 510 nm. A blank sample was prepared following the same procedure. Note that the procedure was done under subdued red light illumination conditions.

The moles of  $Fe^{2+}$  was calculated according to the follow equation:

$$mmolFe^{2+} = \frac{A}{\epsilon \times d} \times \frac{10mL \times 2mL}{0.1mL} \quad (1)$$

A is the absorbance and n is the refractive index.  $\epsilon$  is the extinction coefficient of the complex at 510 nm ( $\epsilon=1.11 \cdot 10^4 \text{ L} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$ ),<sup>13a</sup> d is the light path length of the cuvette (d = 1 cm).

The photon flux was calculated using the following formulas:

$$\text{photon flux} = \frac{mmolFe^{2+}}{t \times \Phi_{450nm} \times f} \times \frac{10^3 mol}{mmol} \quad (2)$$

Where  $t$  is illumination time in 60s, the quantum yield of the photolysis of potassium ferrioxalate ( $\Phi_{450nm} = 1$ )<sup>13b</sup>, total light absorption (f = 1).

Finally, the quantum yield ( $\Phi_P$ ) is given by:

$$\Phi_P = \frac{mol \text{ 3a}}{t_1 \times \text{photon flux}} \times 100 \quad (3)$$

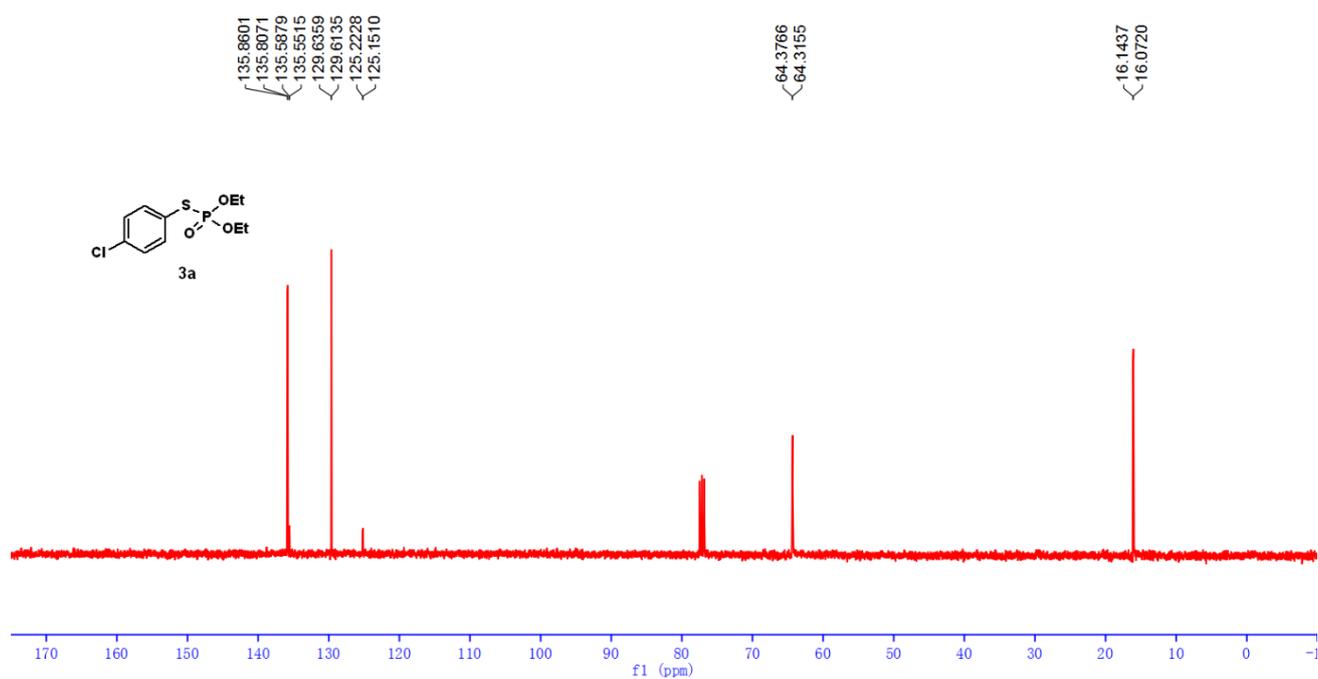
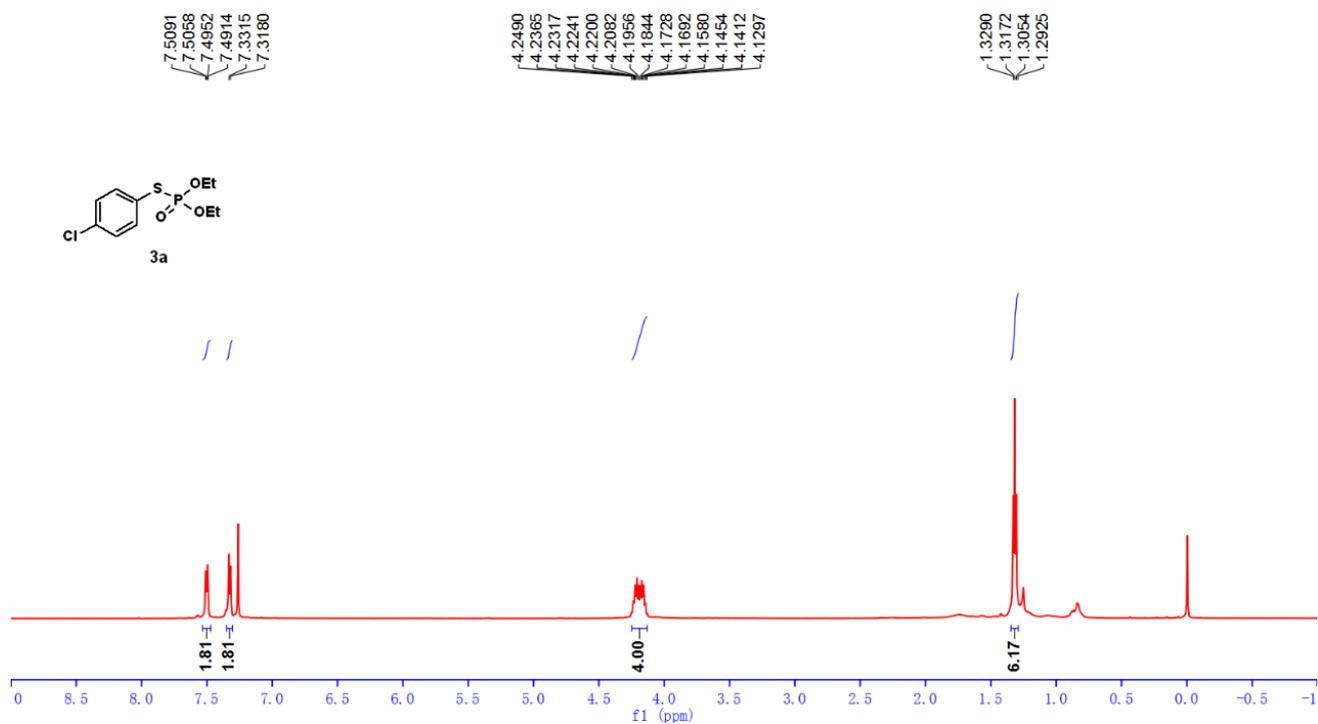
Where mol **3a** represents the amount of product generated ( $1.6 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) and  $t_1$  is the reaction time in 18000s.

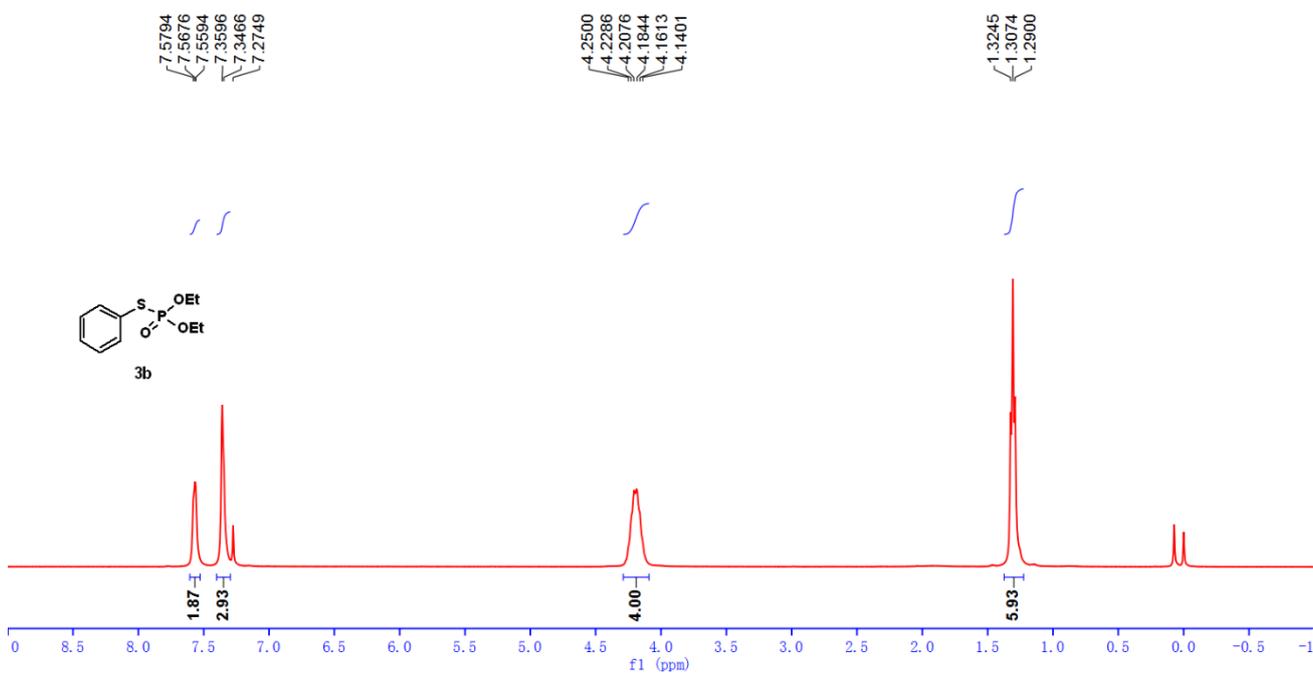
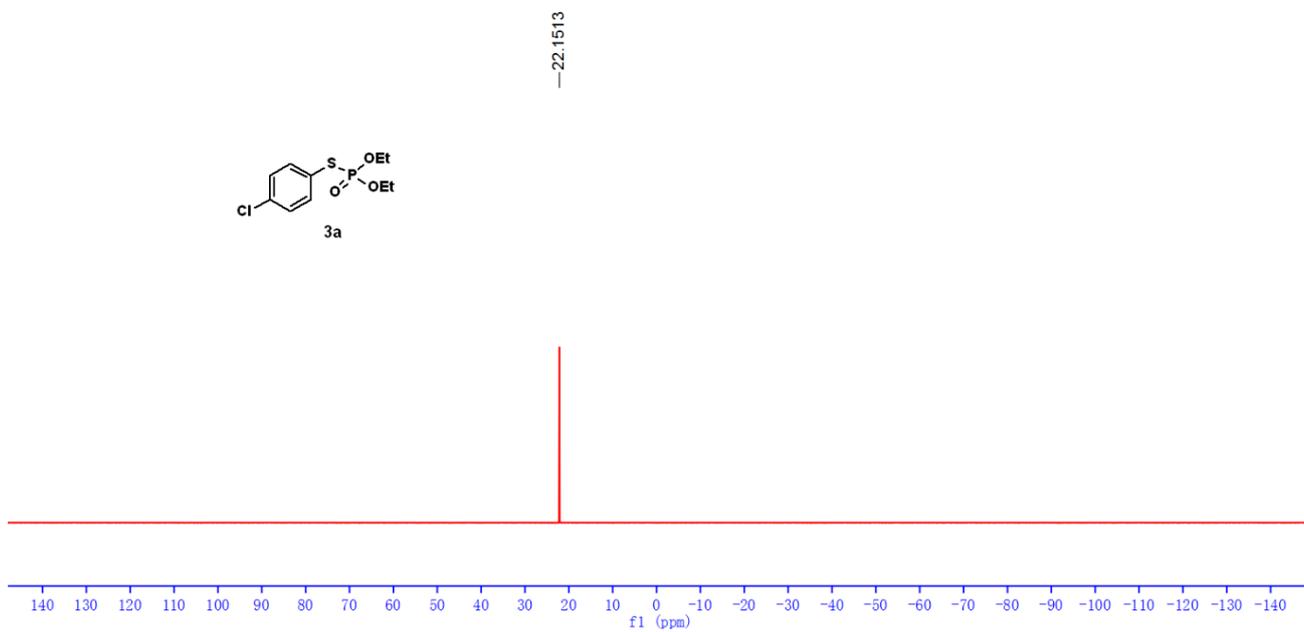
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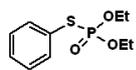


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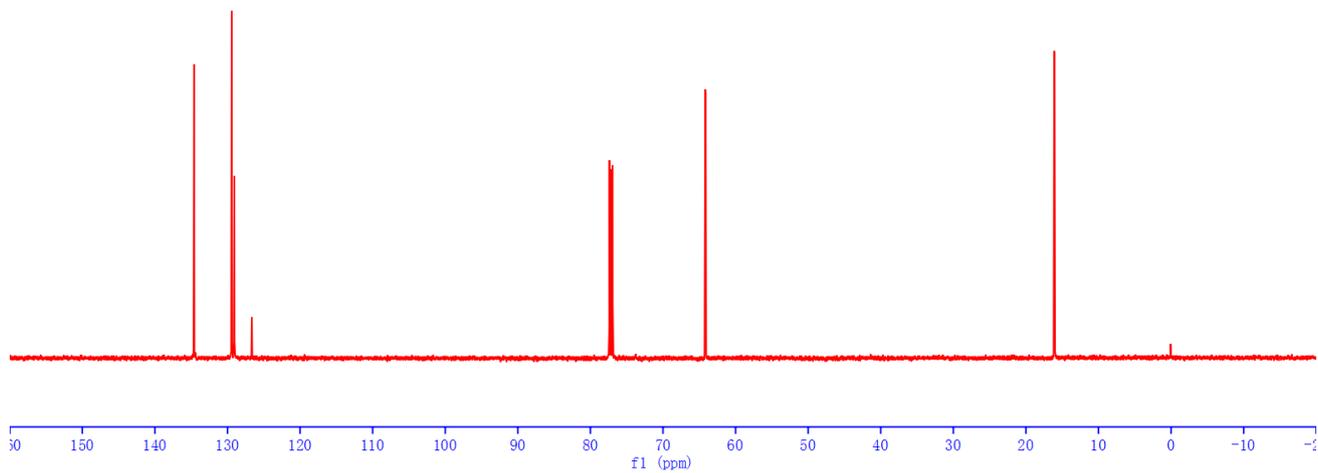
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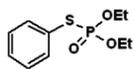
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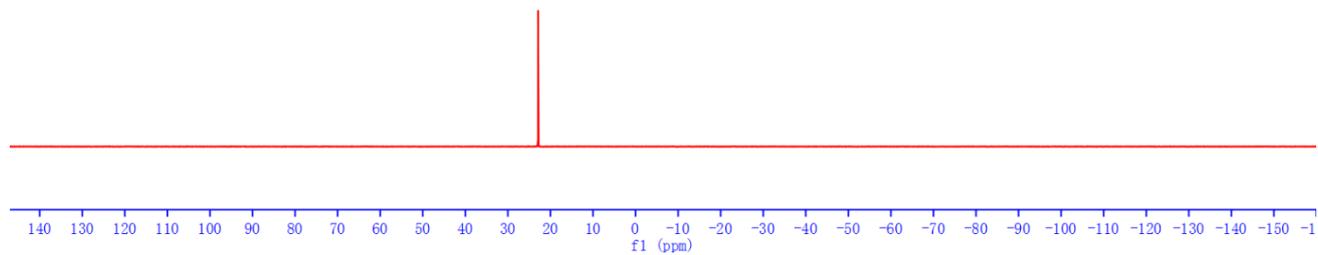
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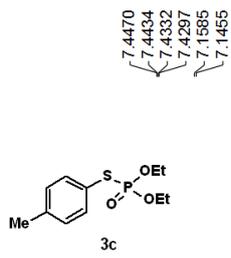


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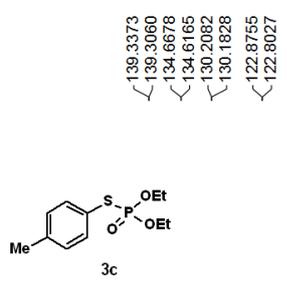
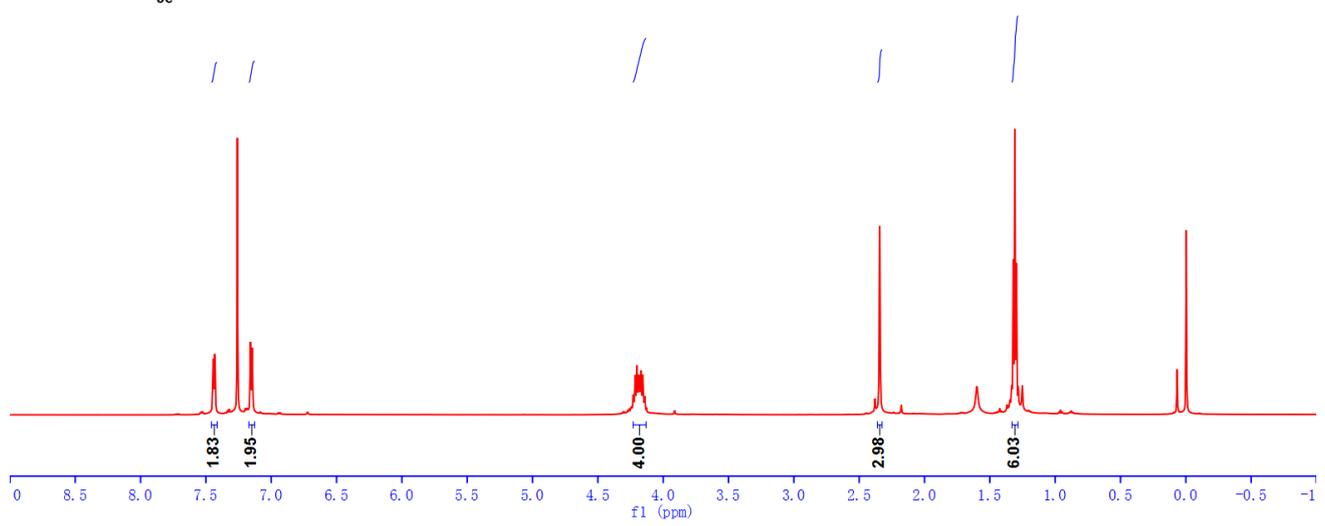




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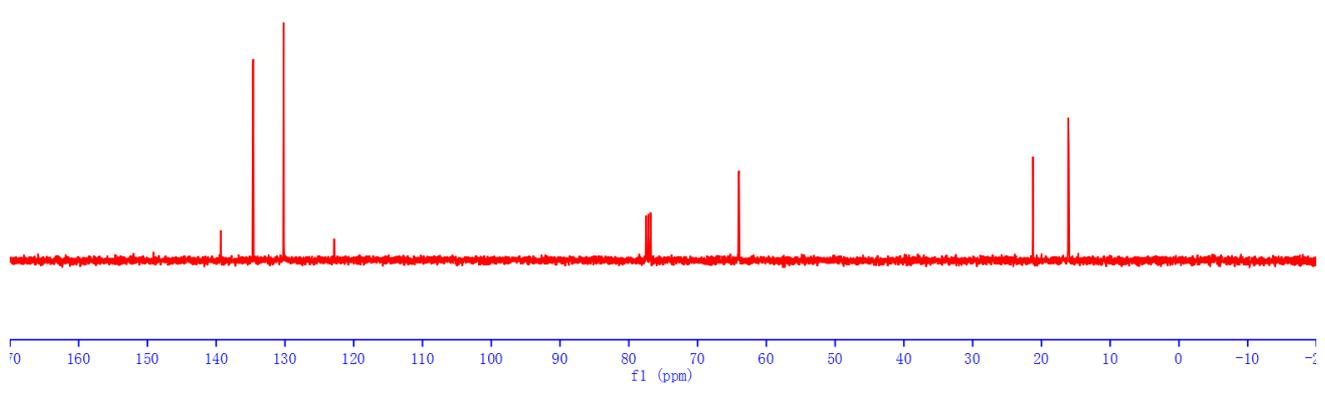
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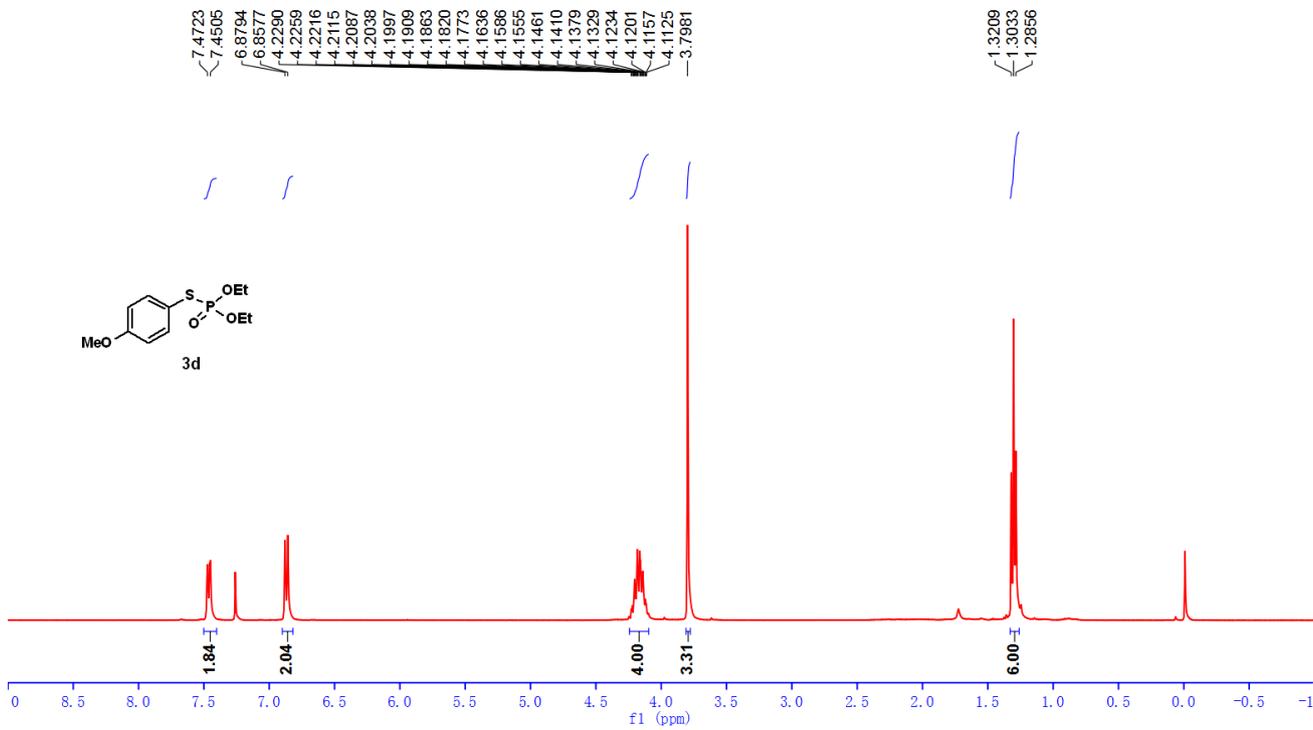
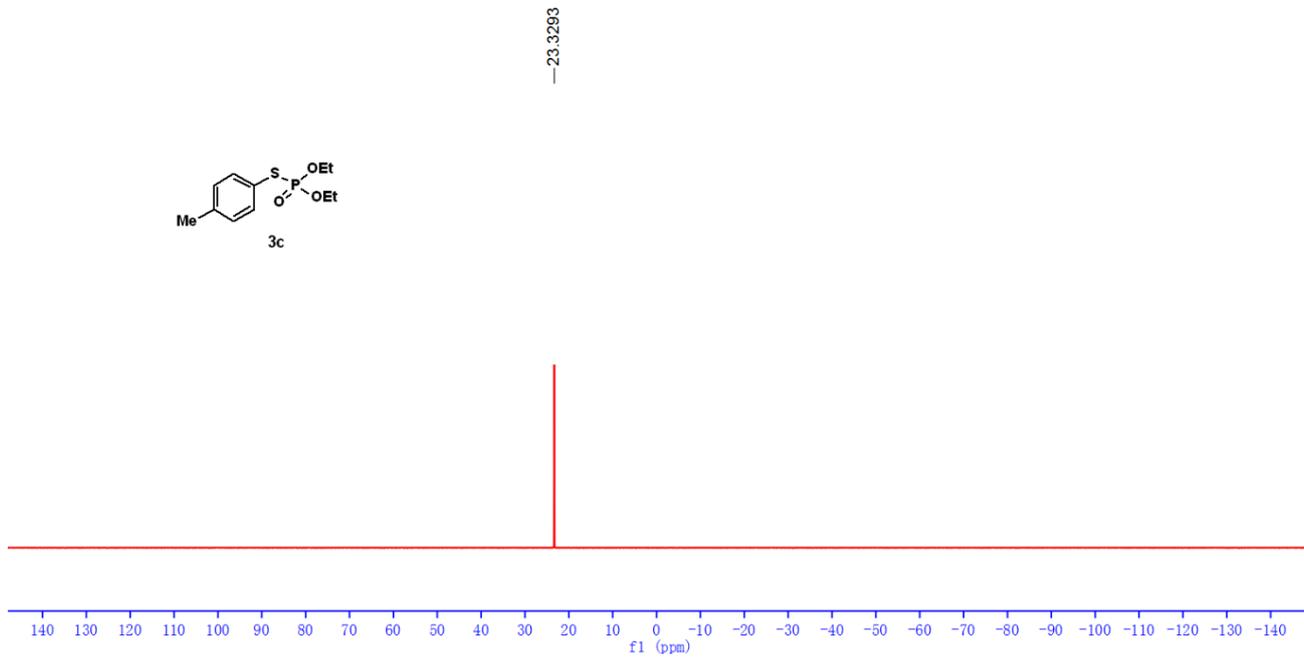
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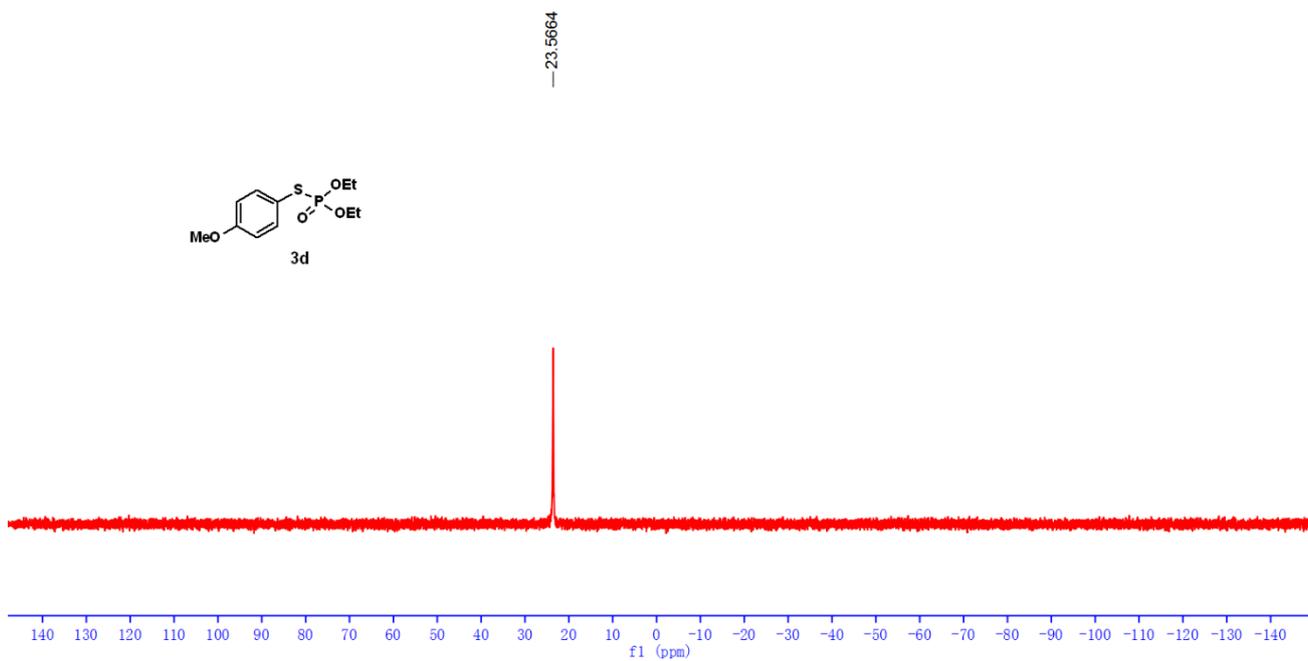
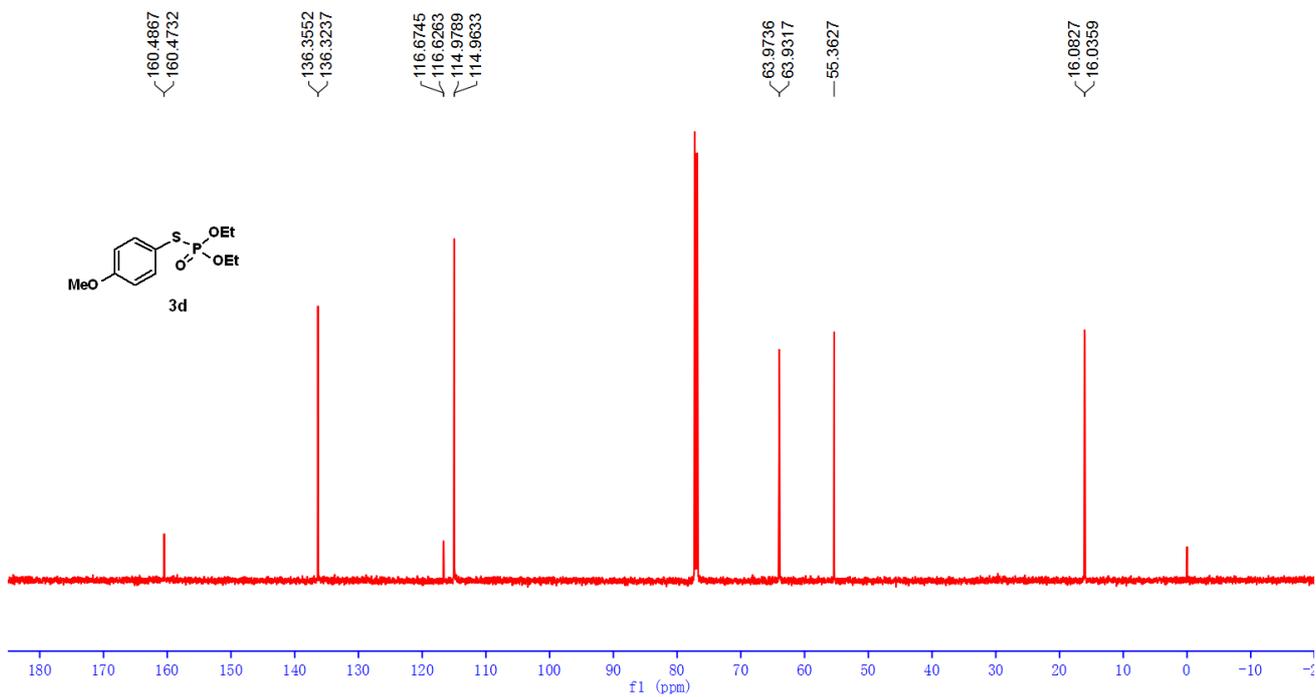


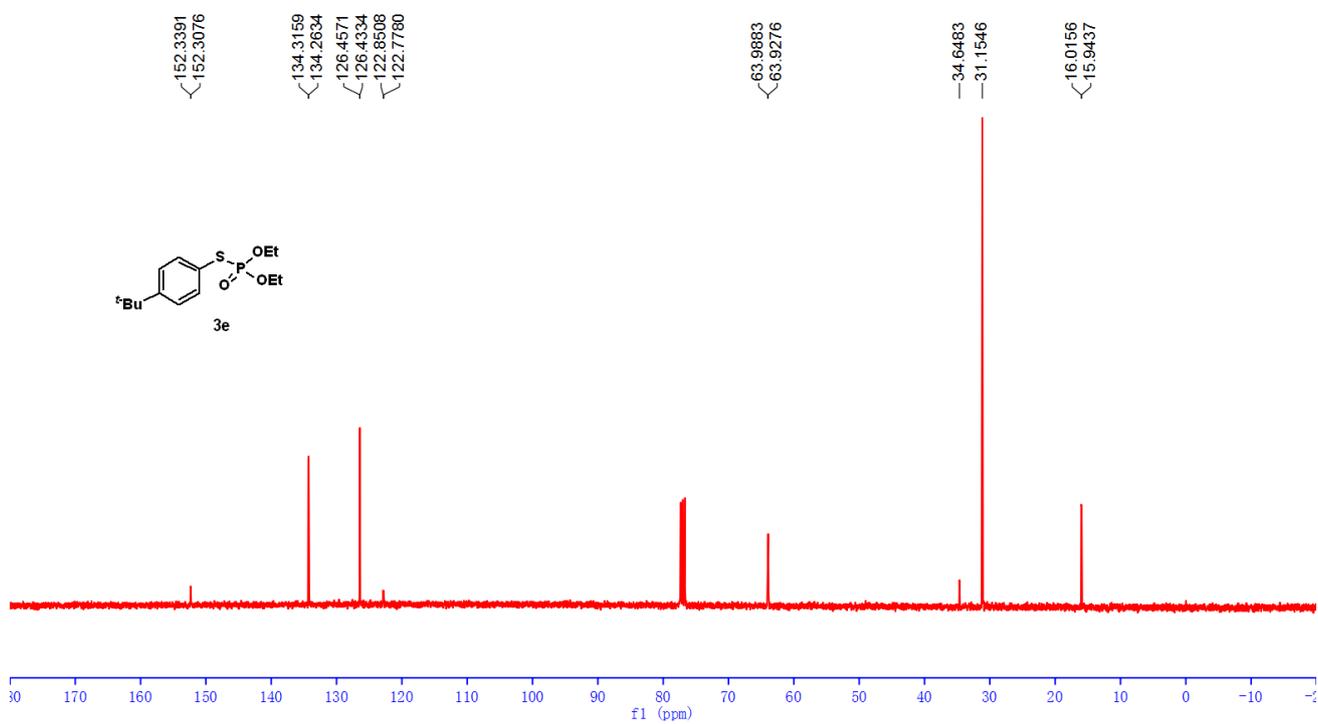
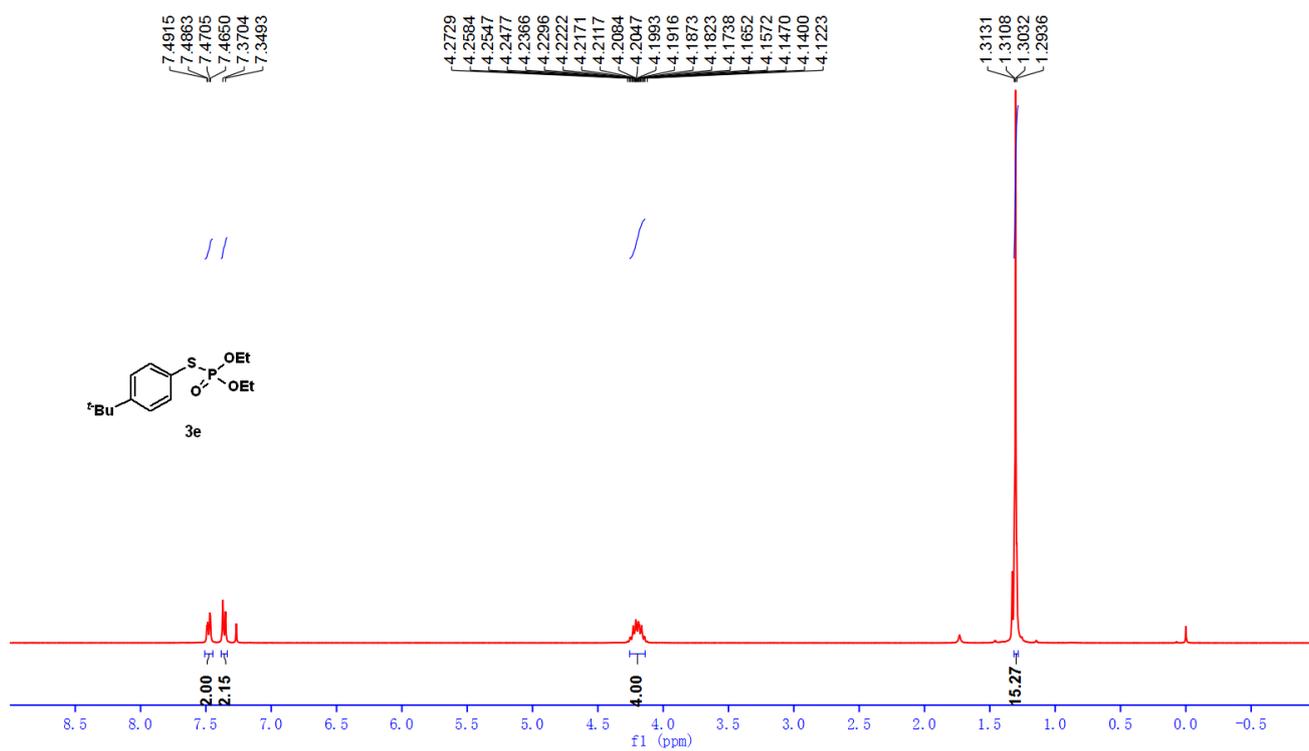
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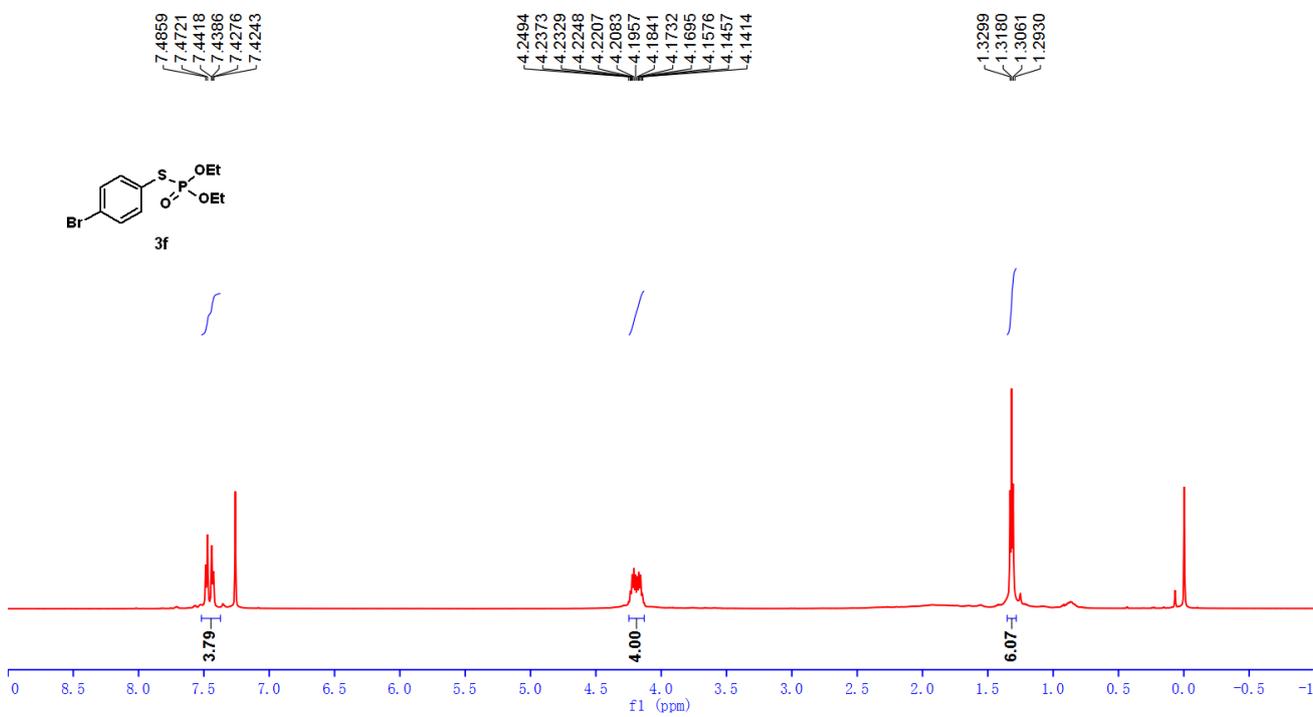
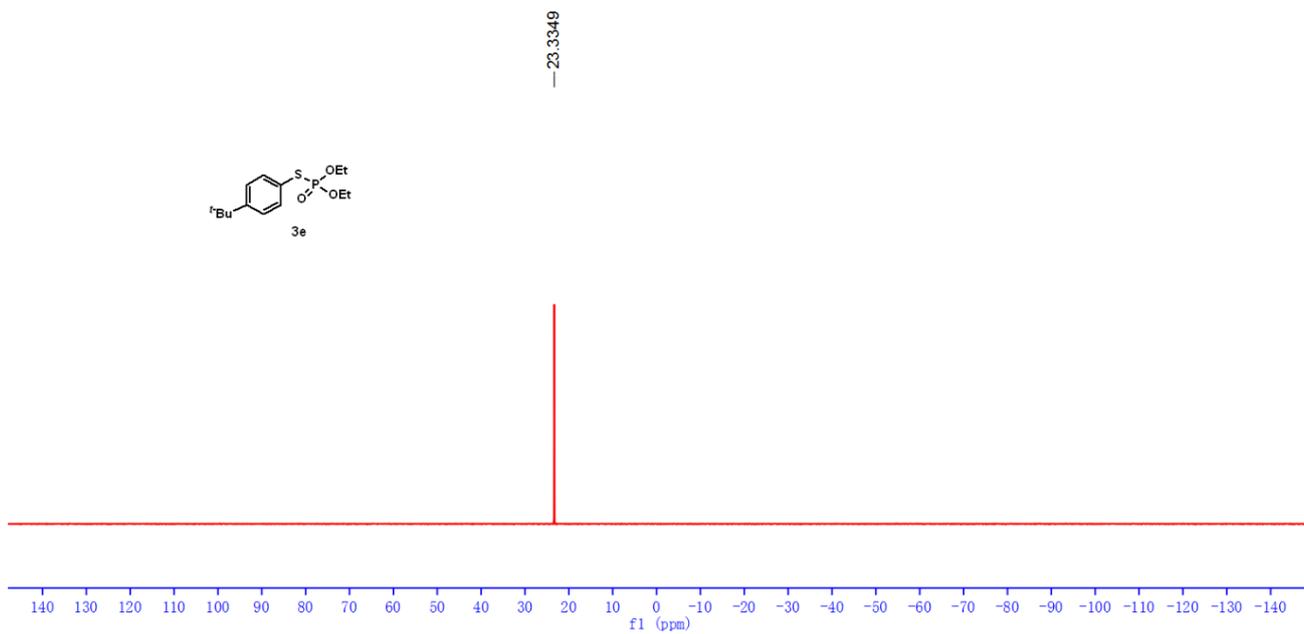
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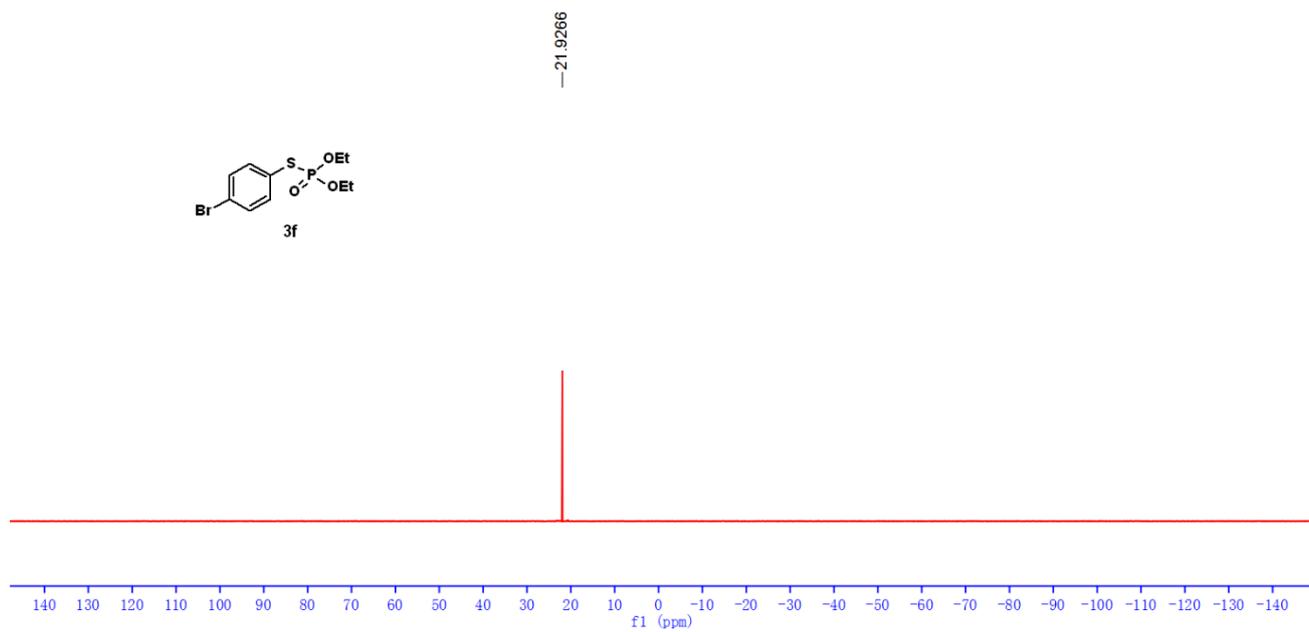
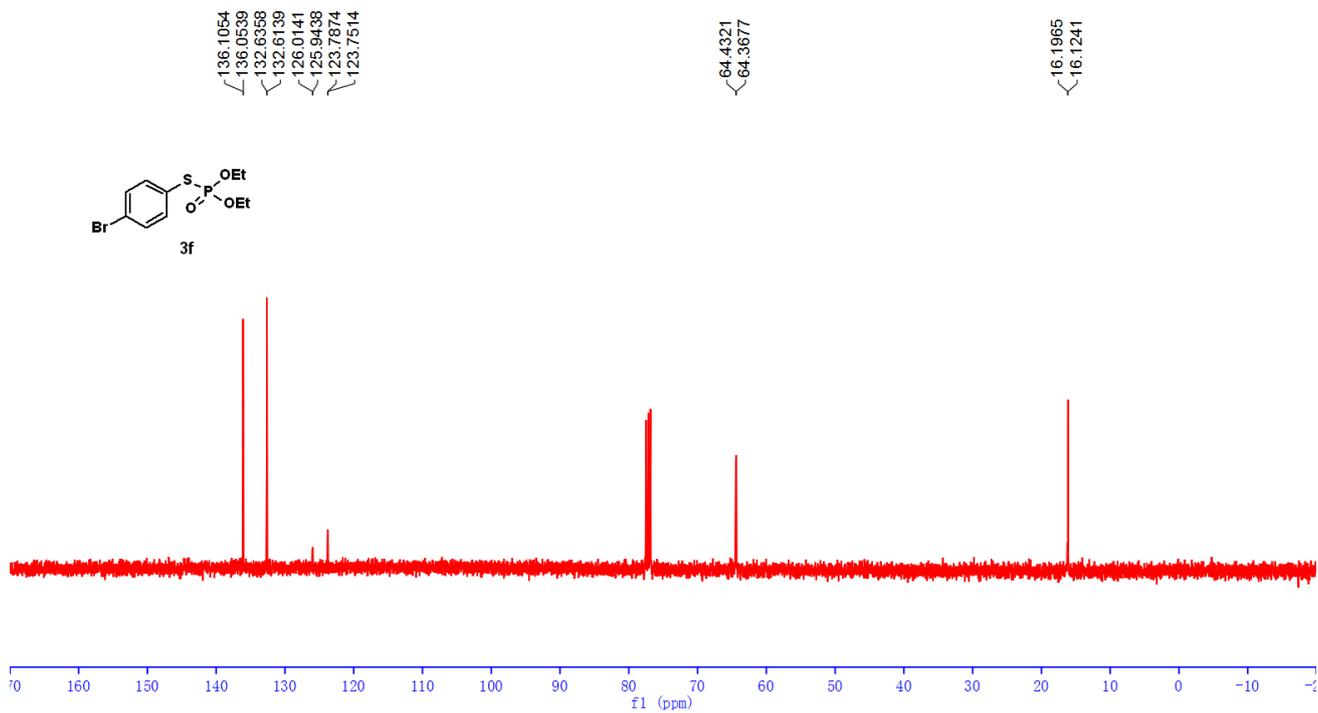


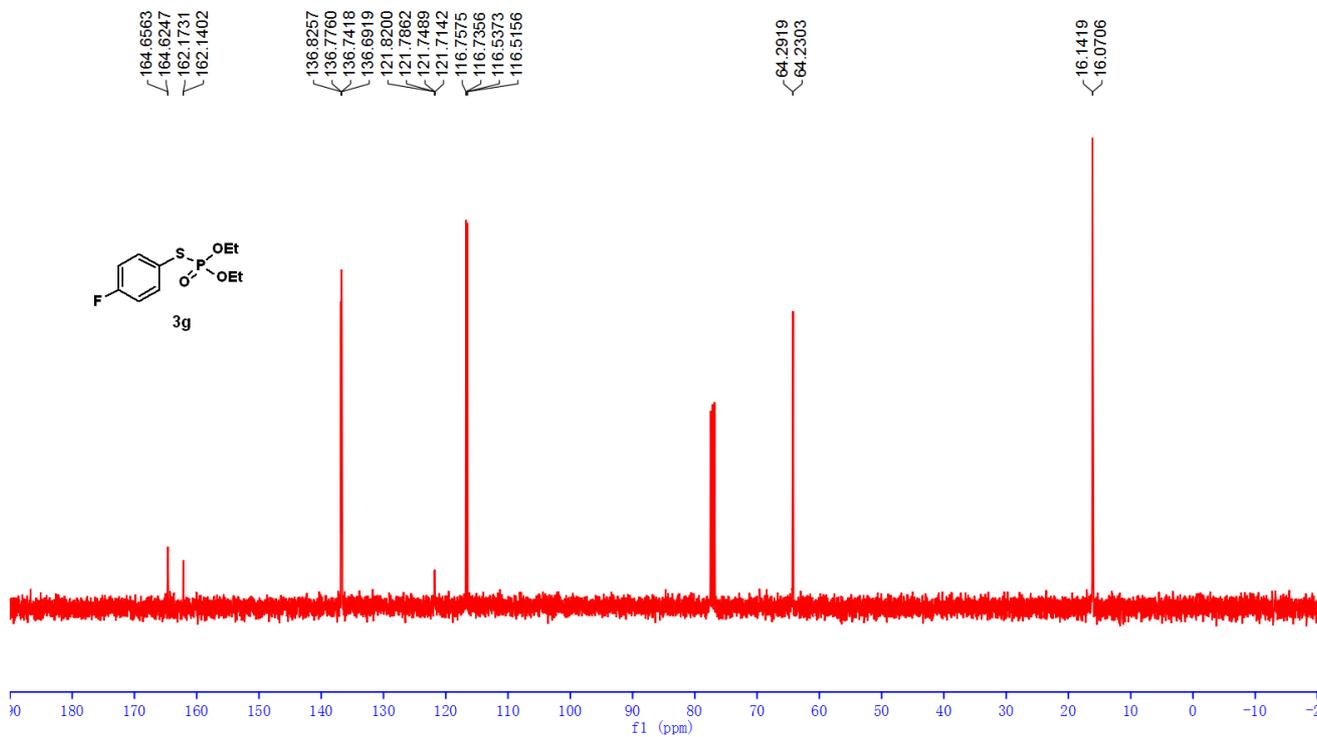
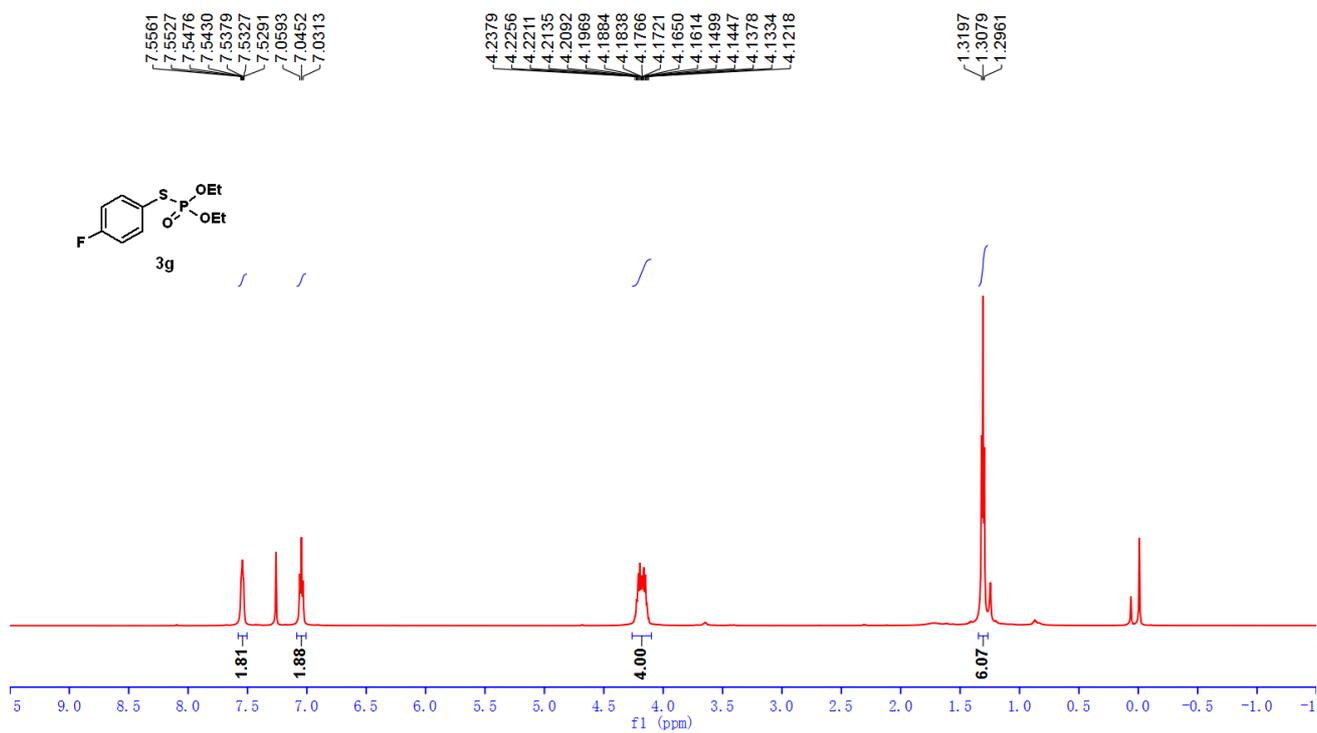


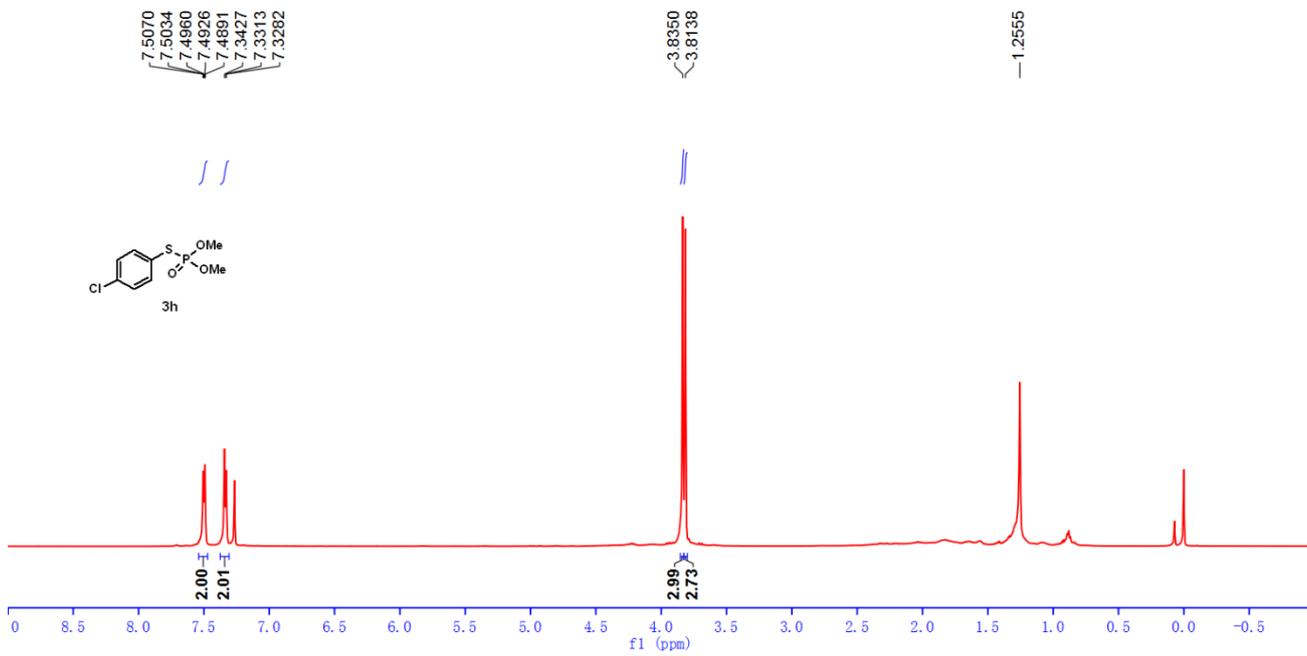
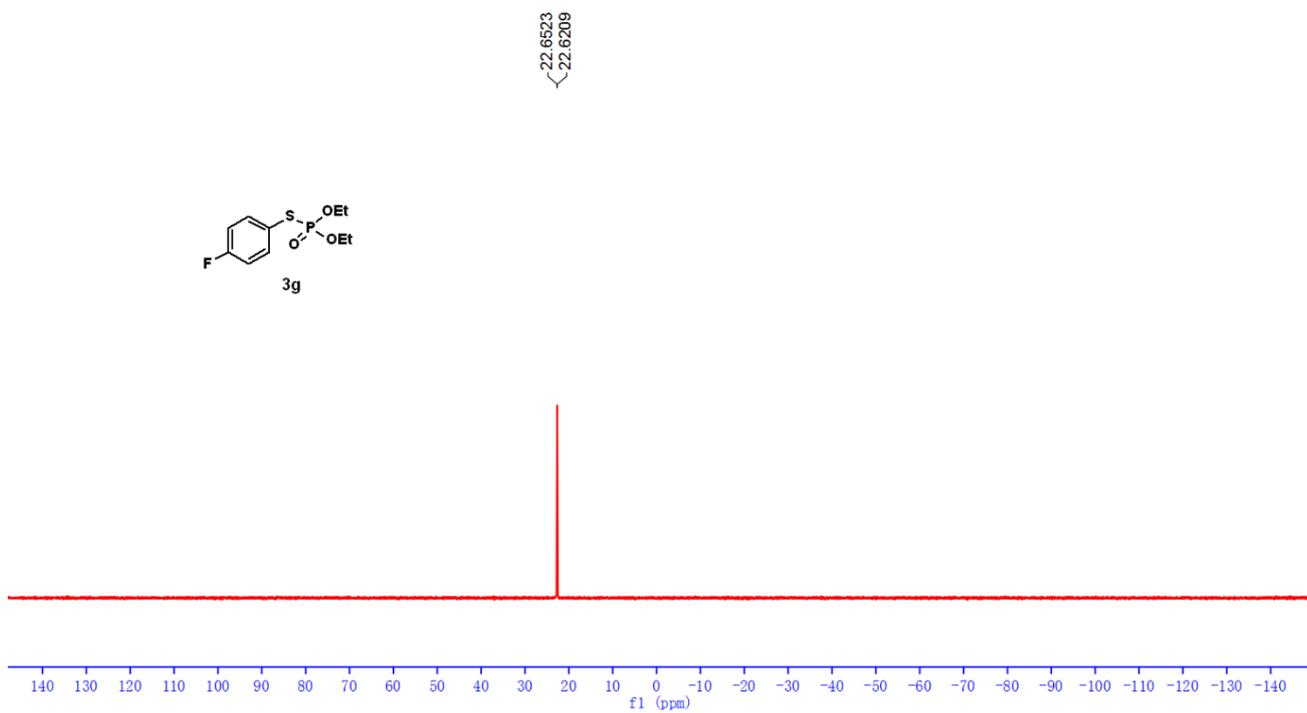






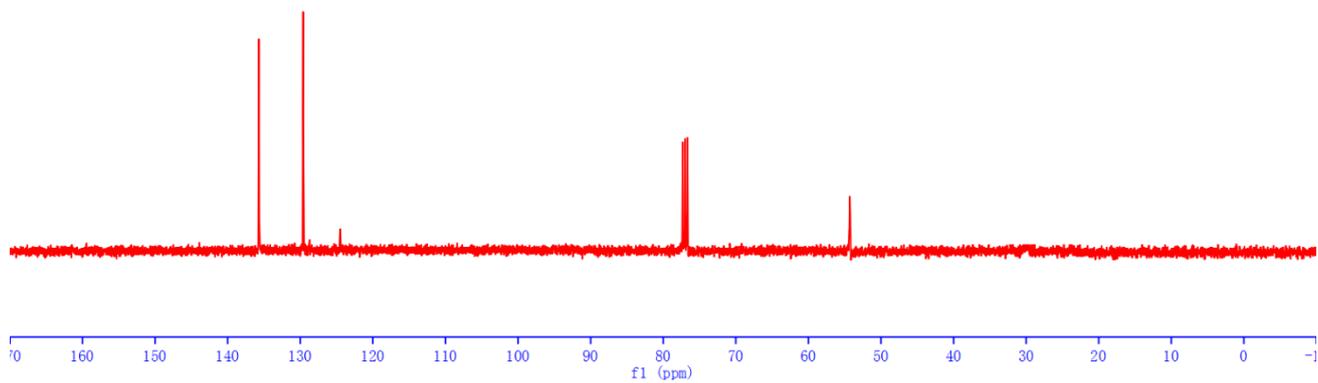
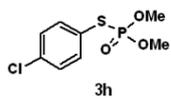




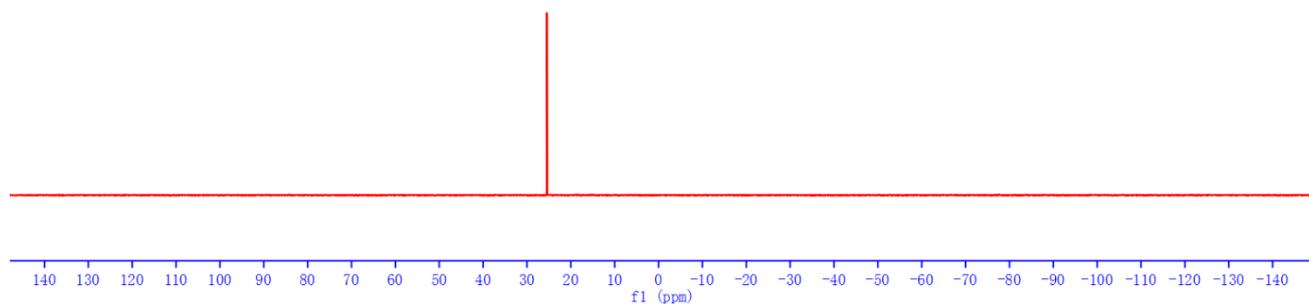
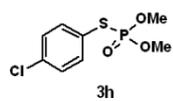


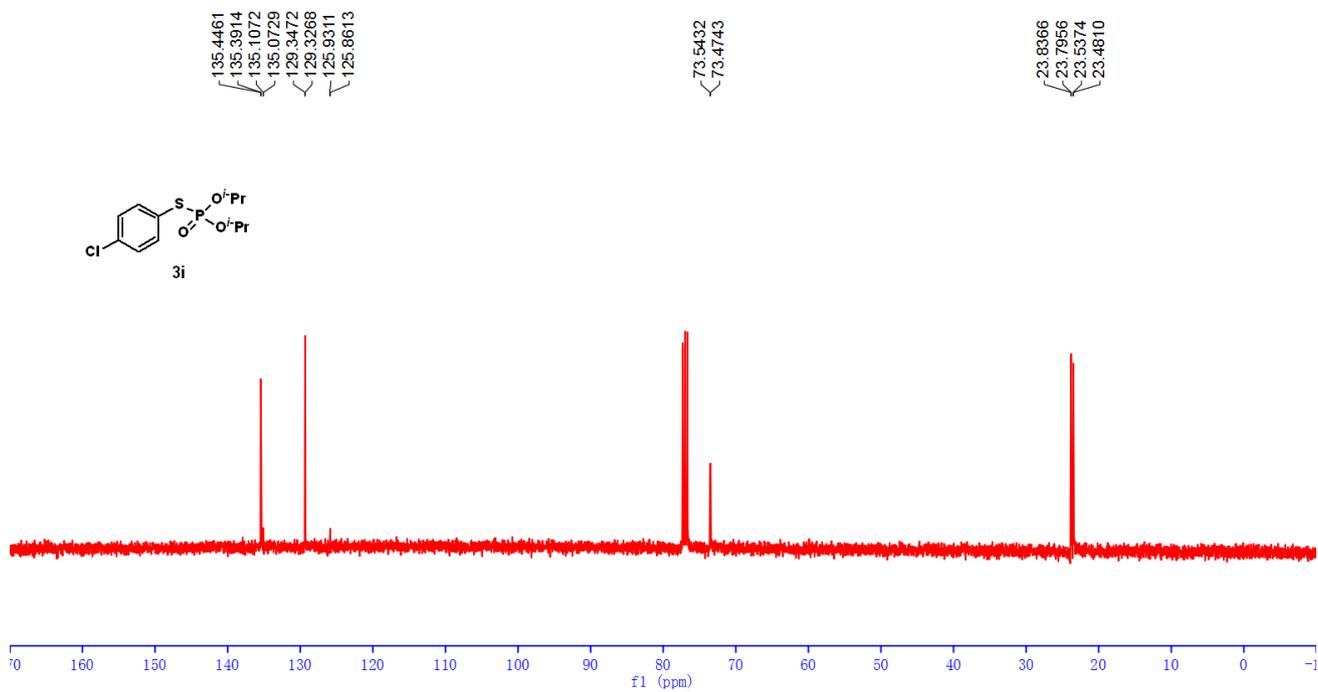
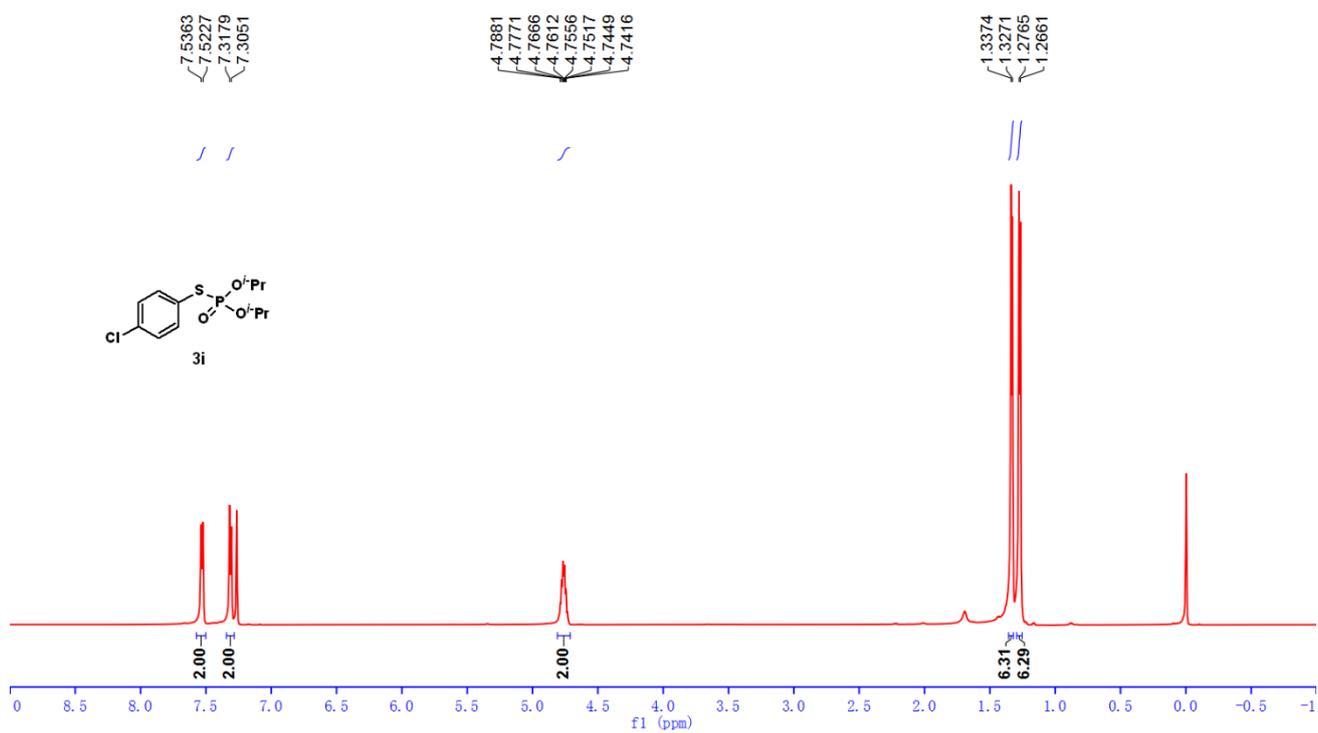
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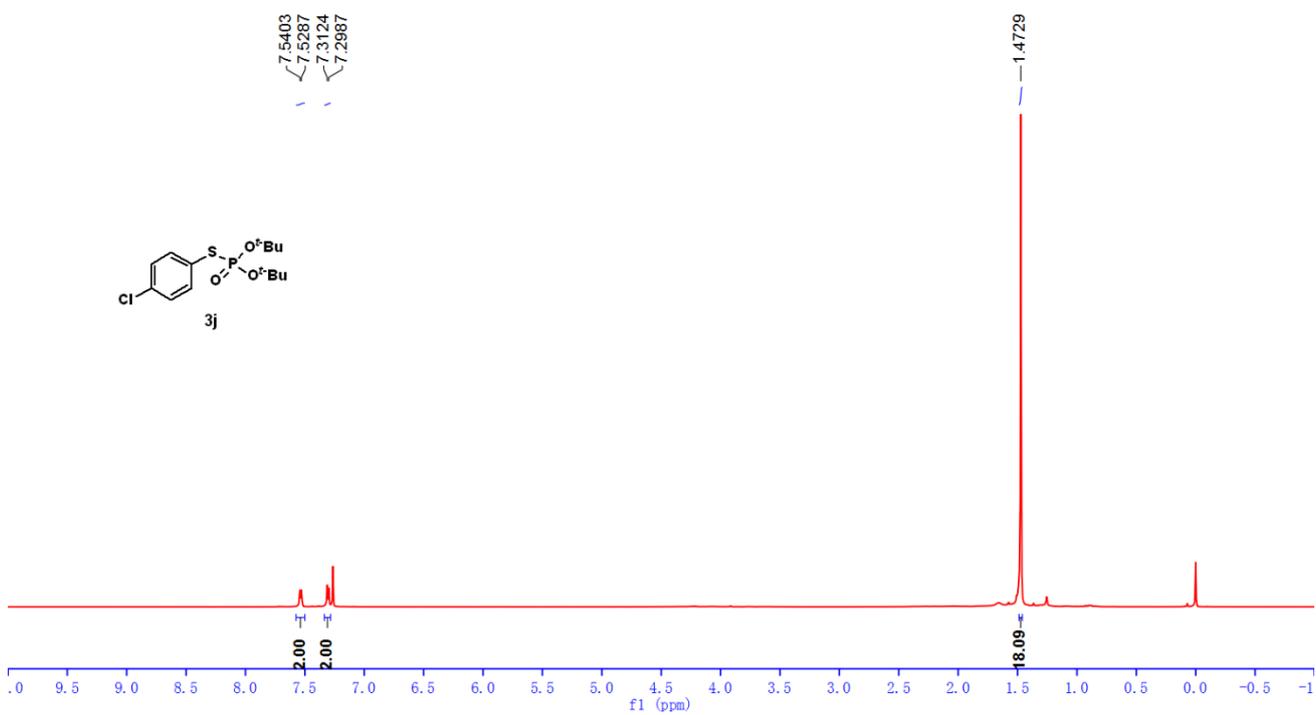
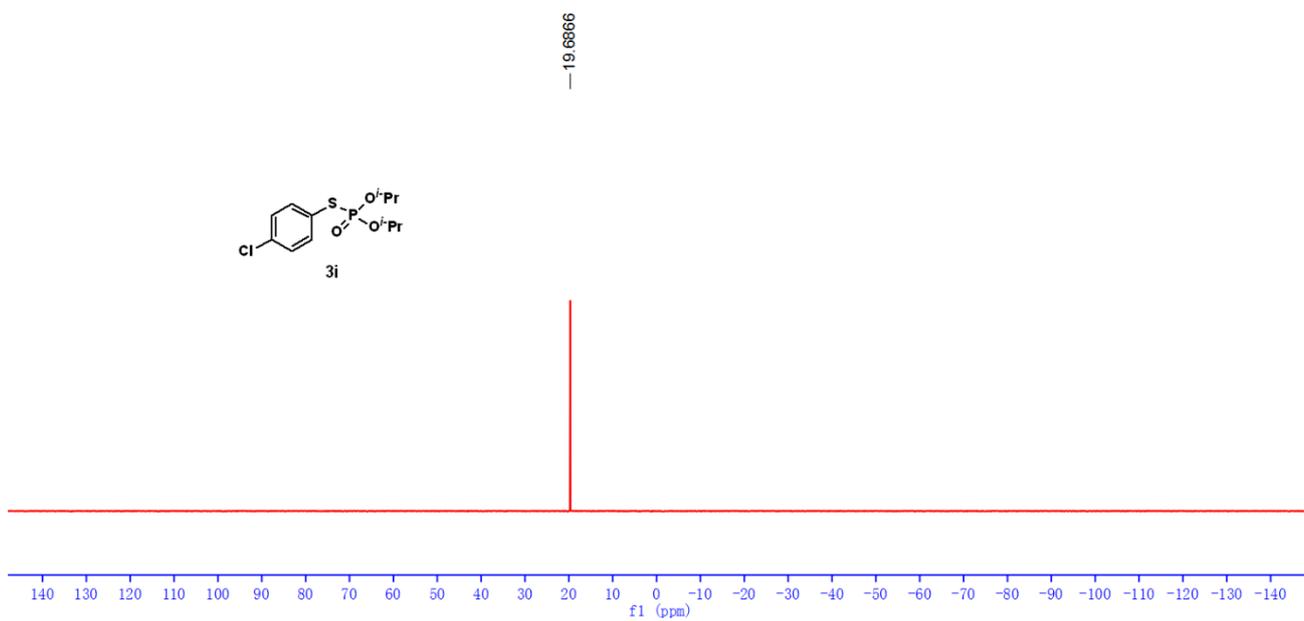
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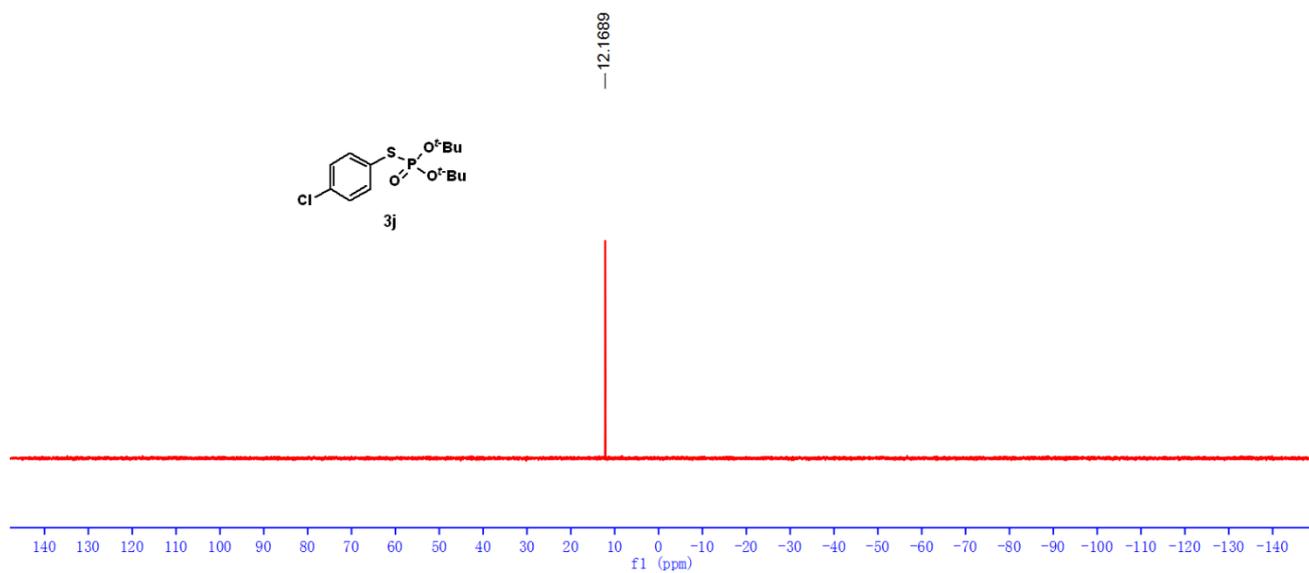
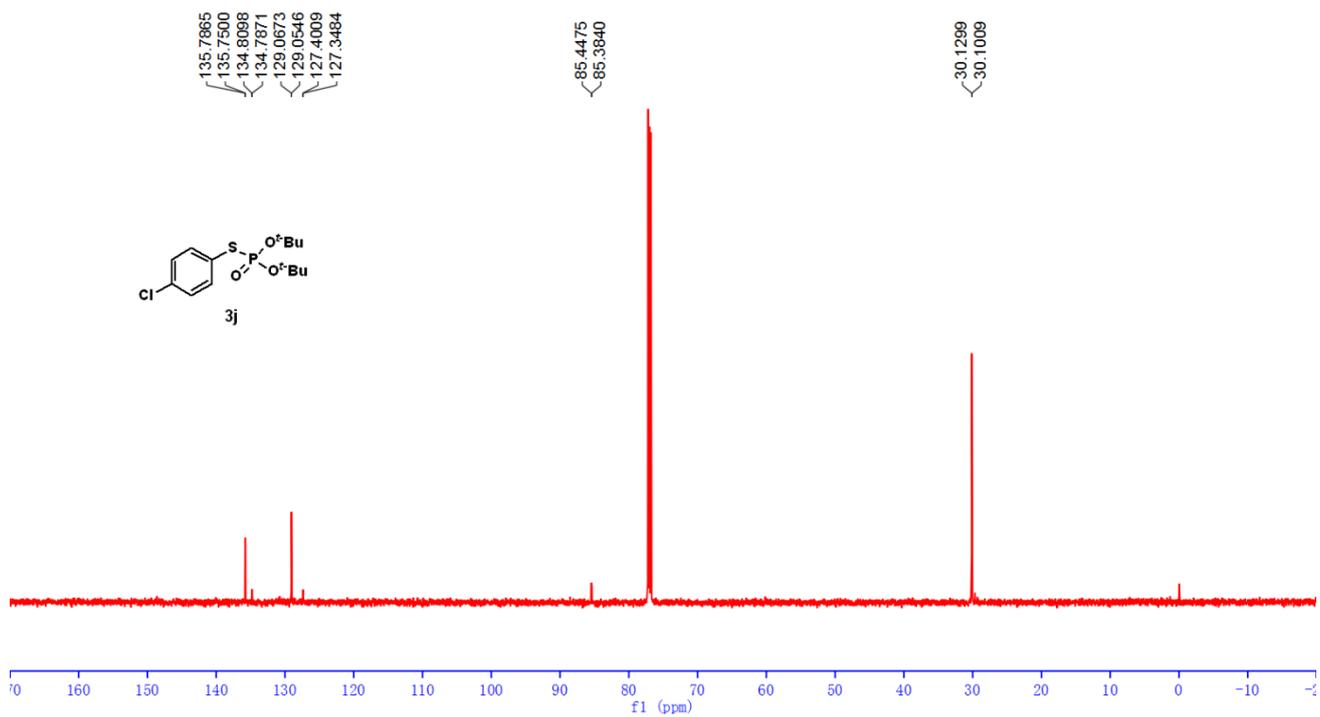


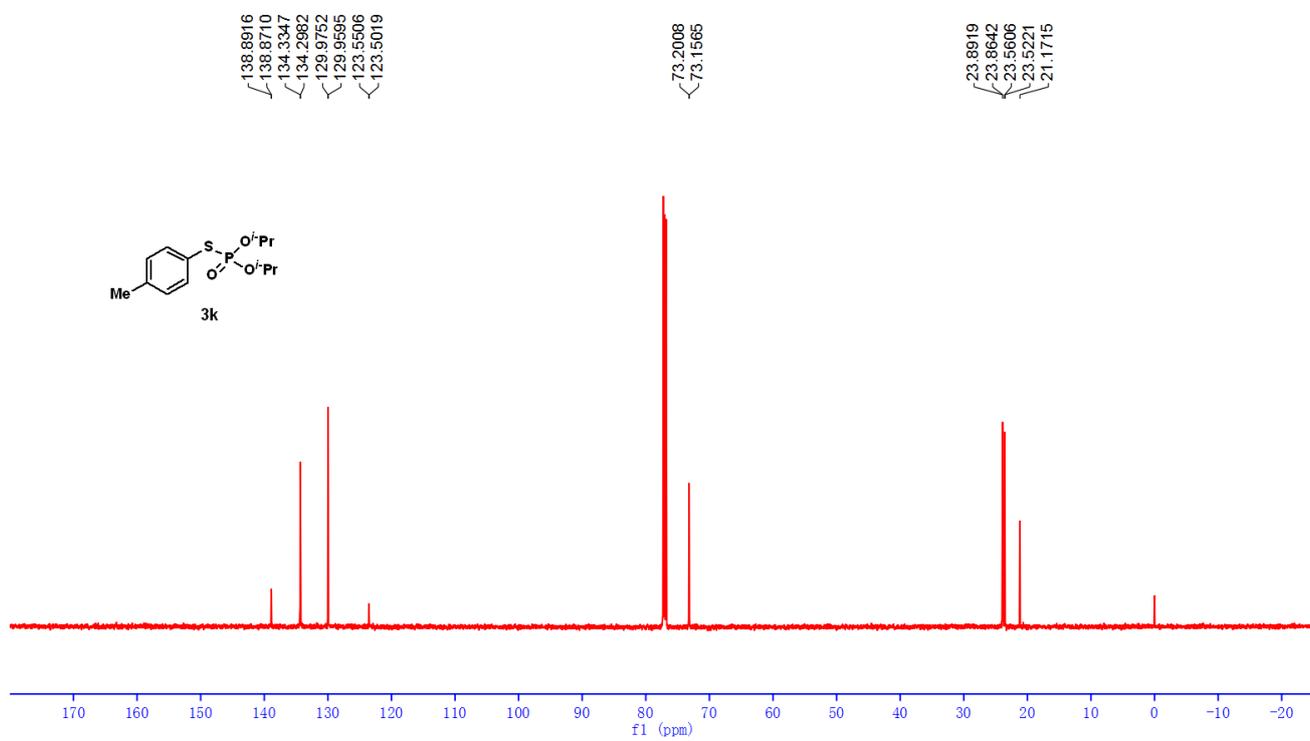
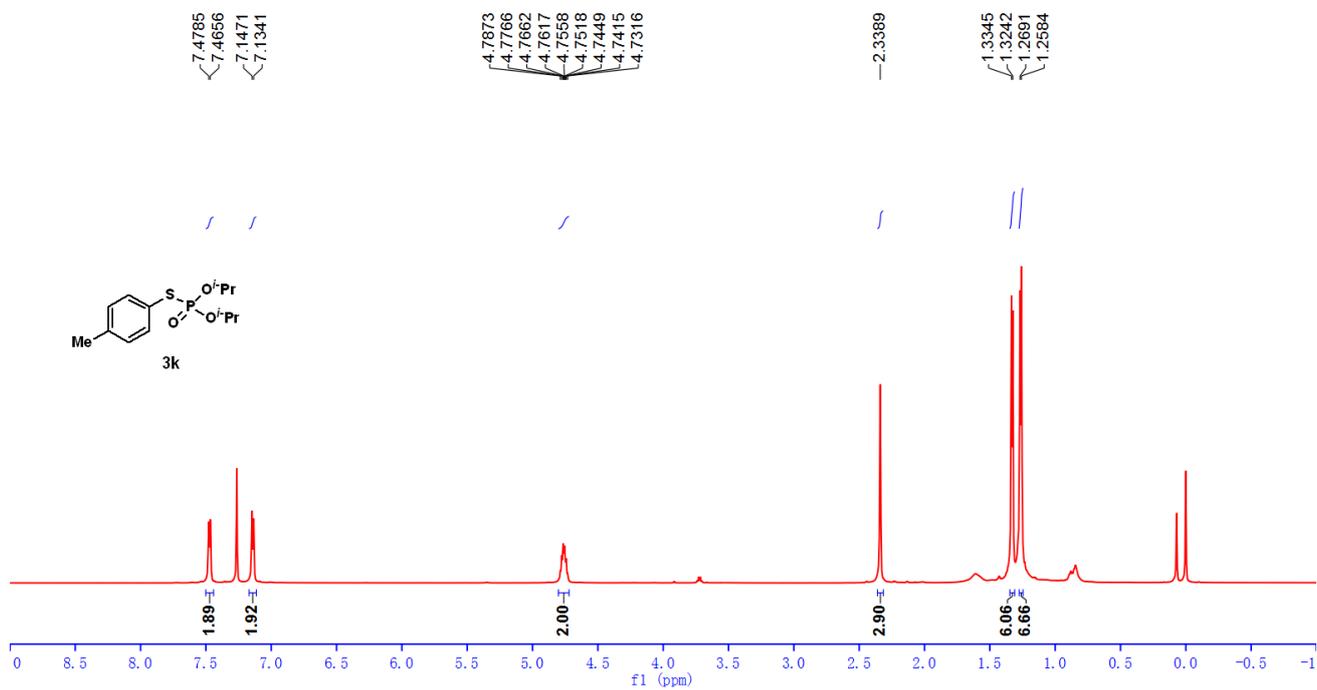
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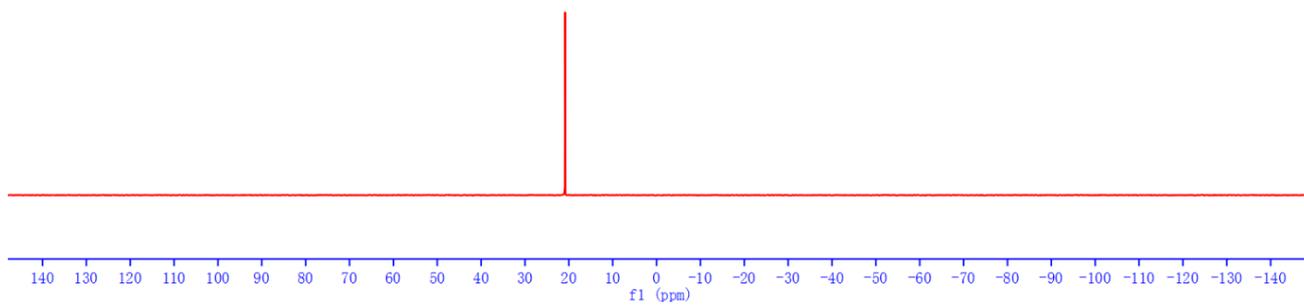
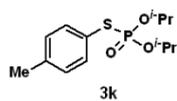






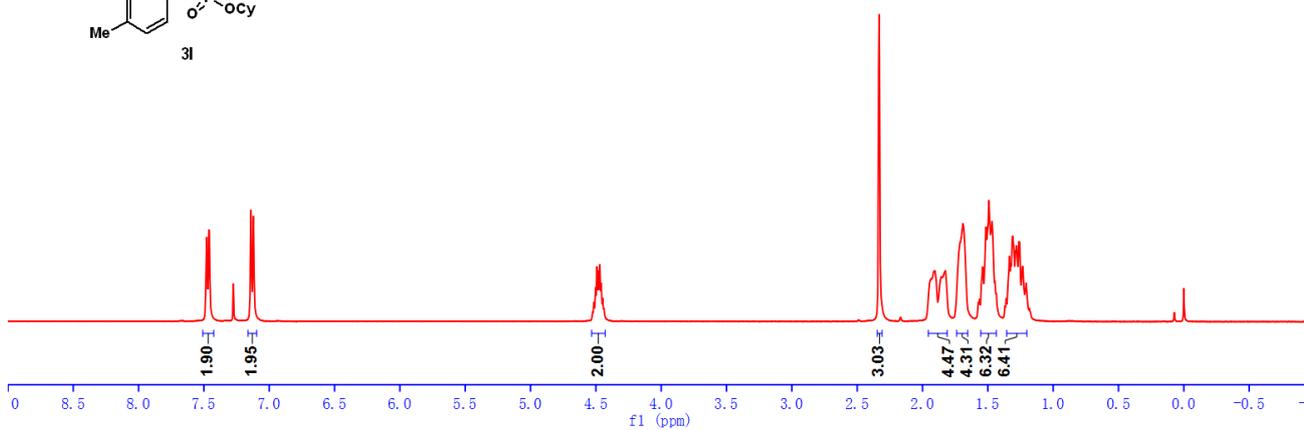
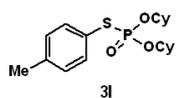


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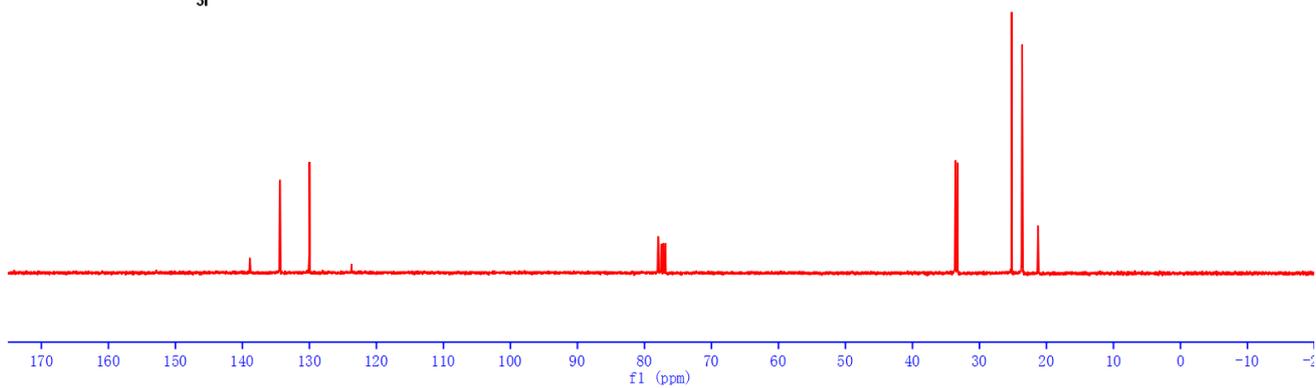
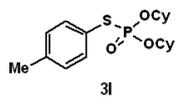
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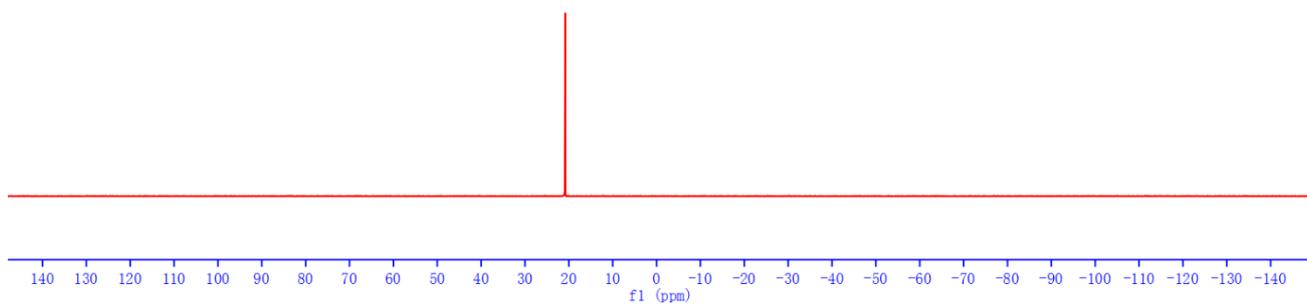
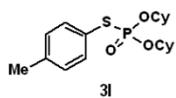
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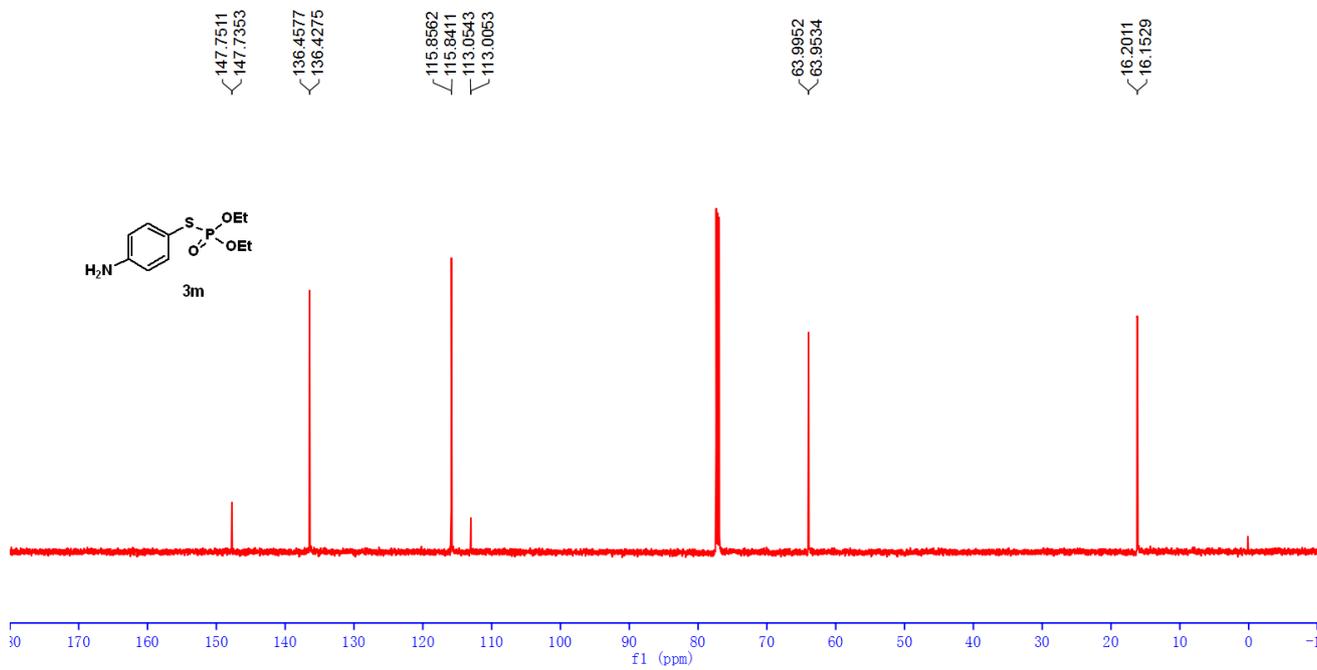
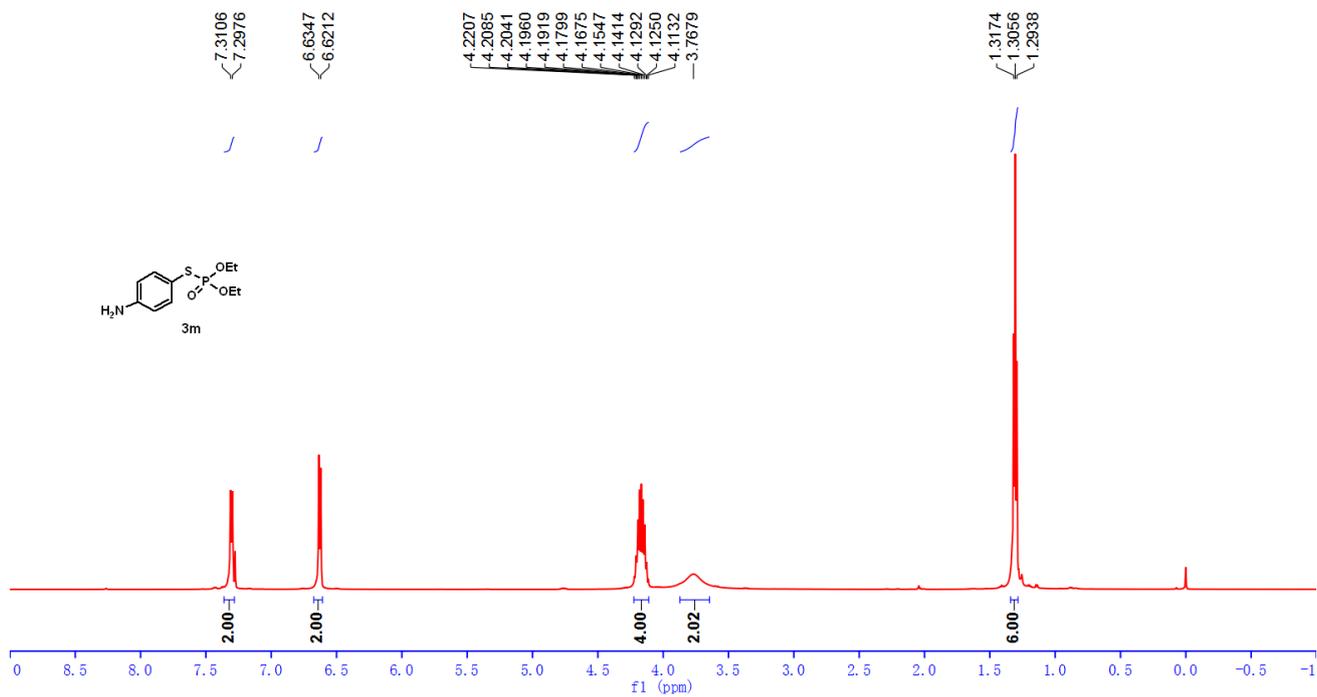
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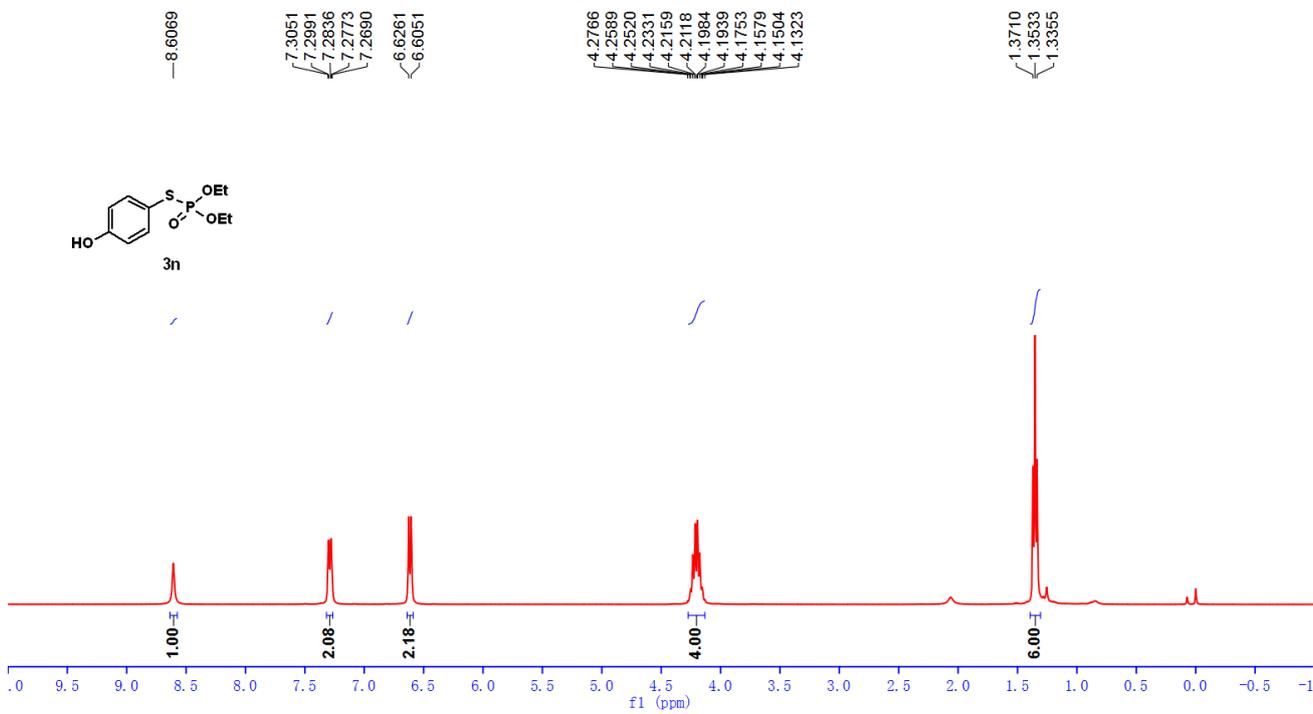
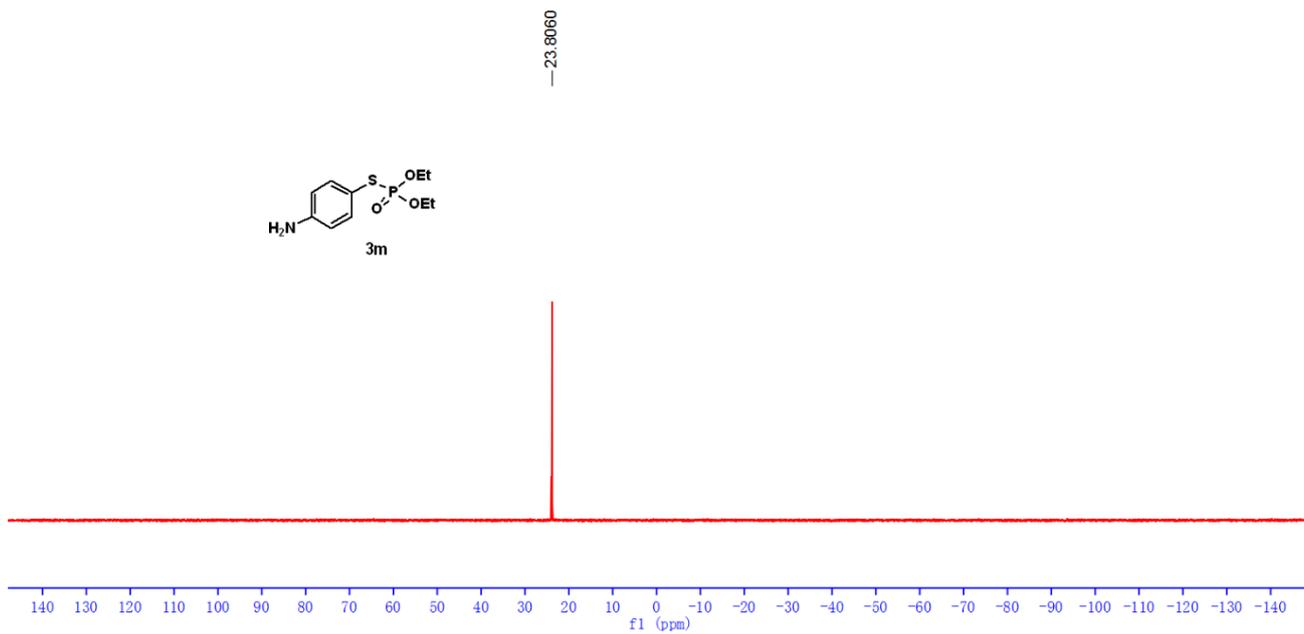
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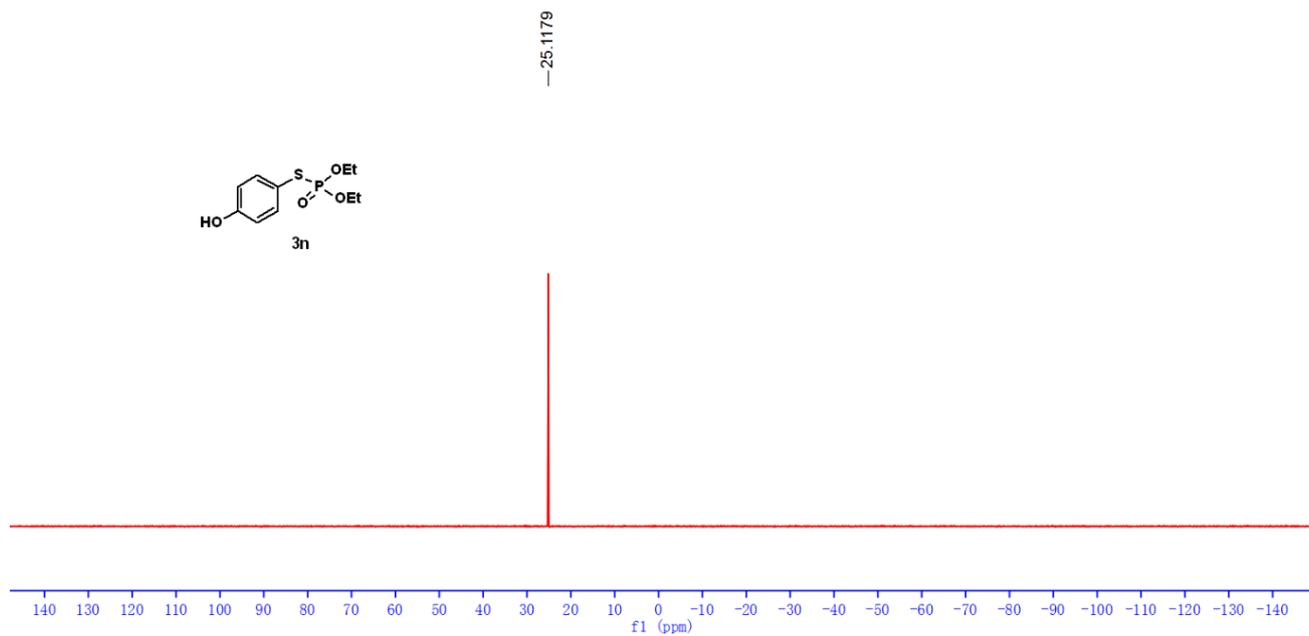
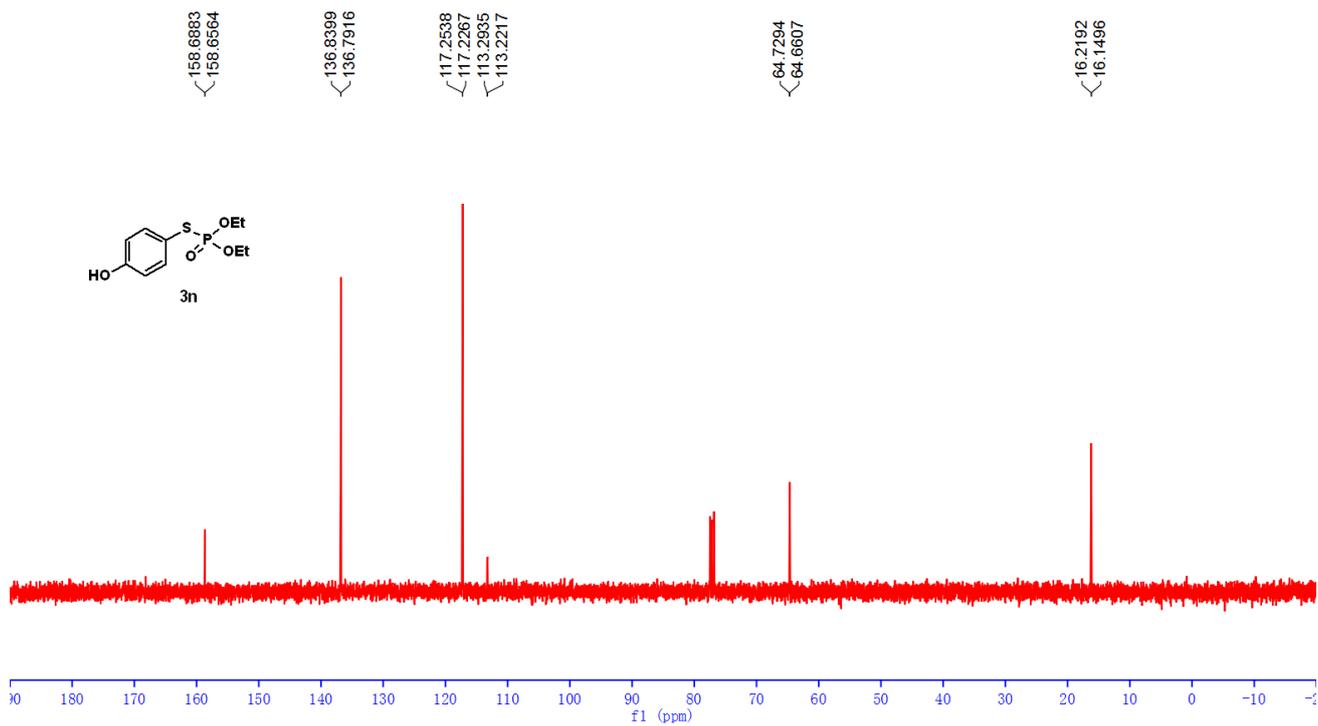


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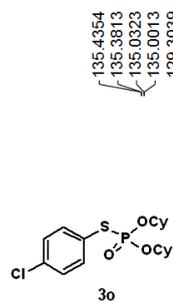
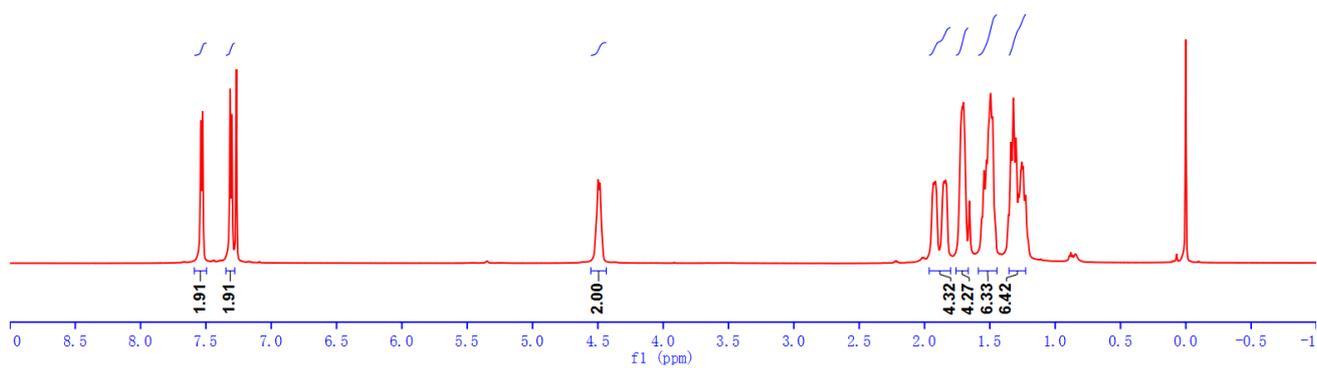






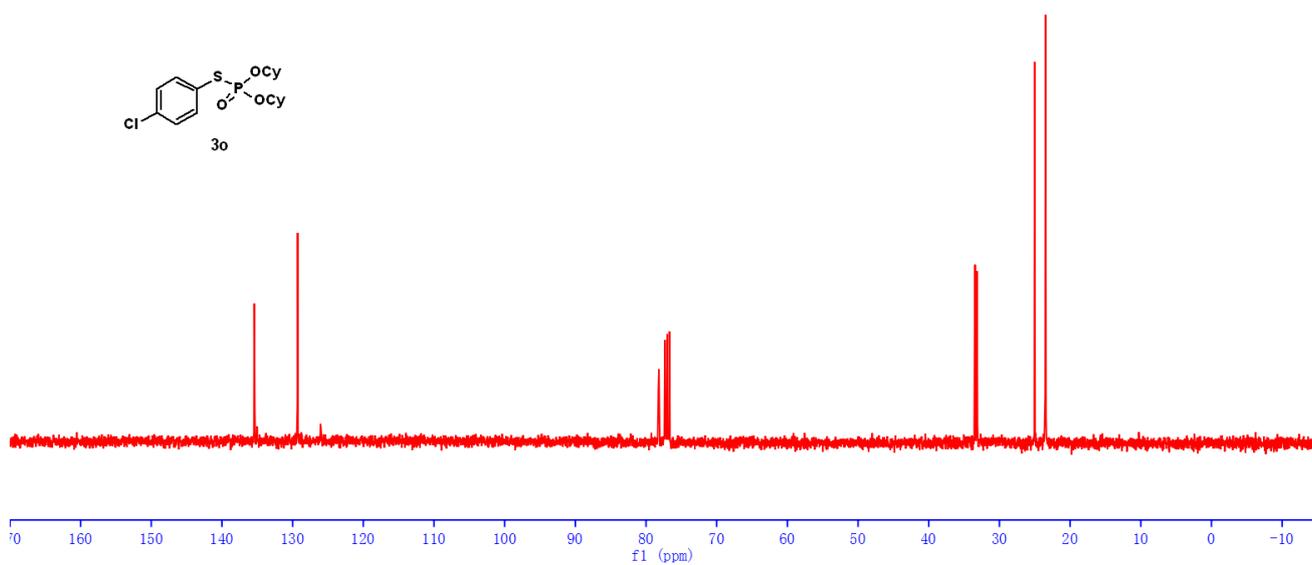


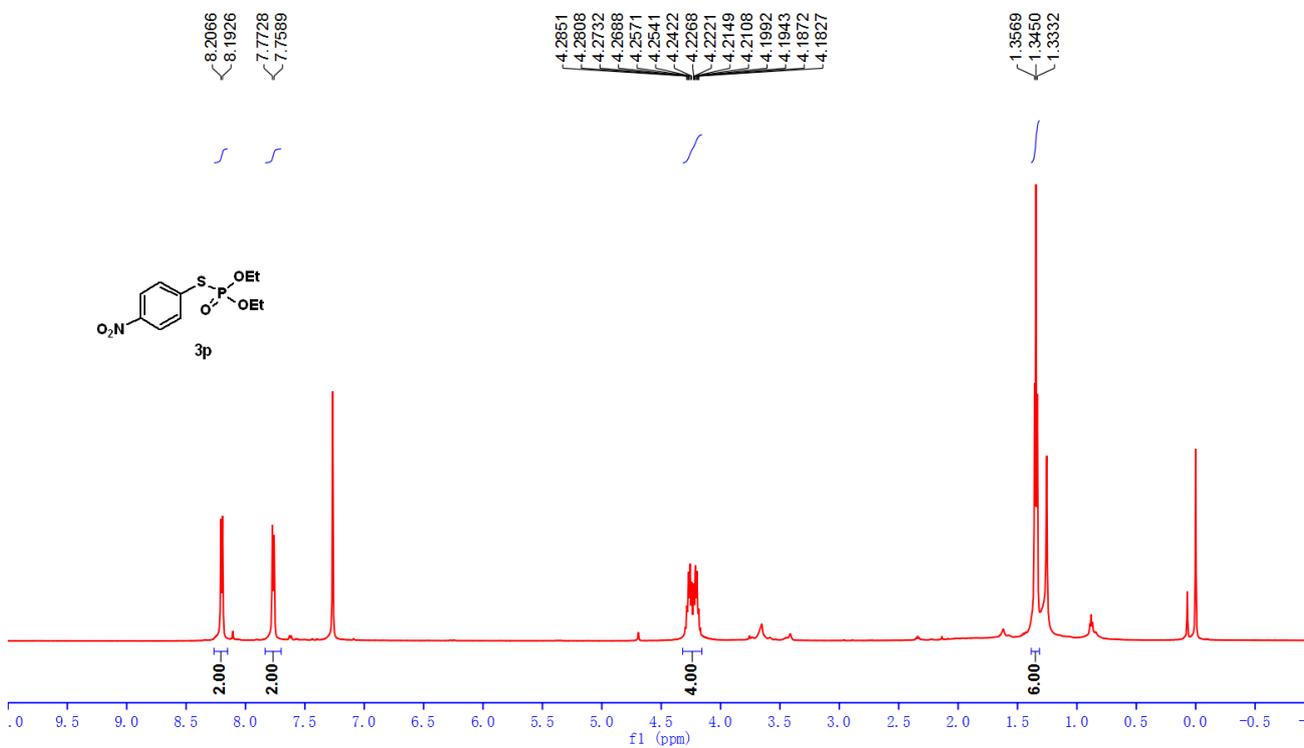
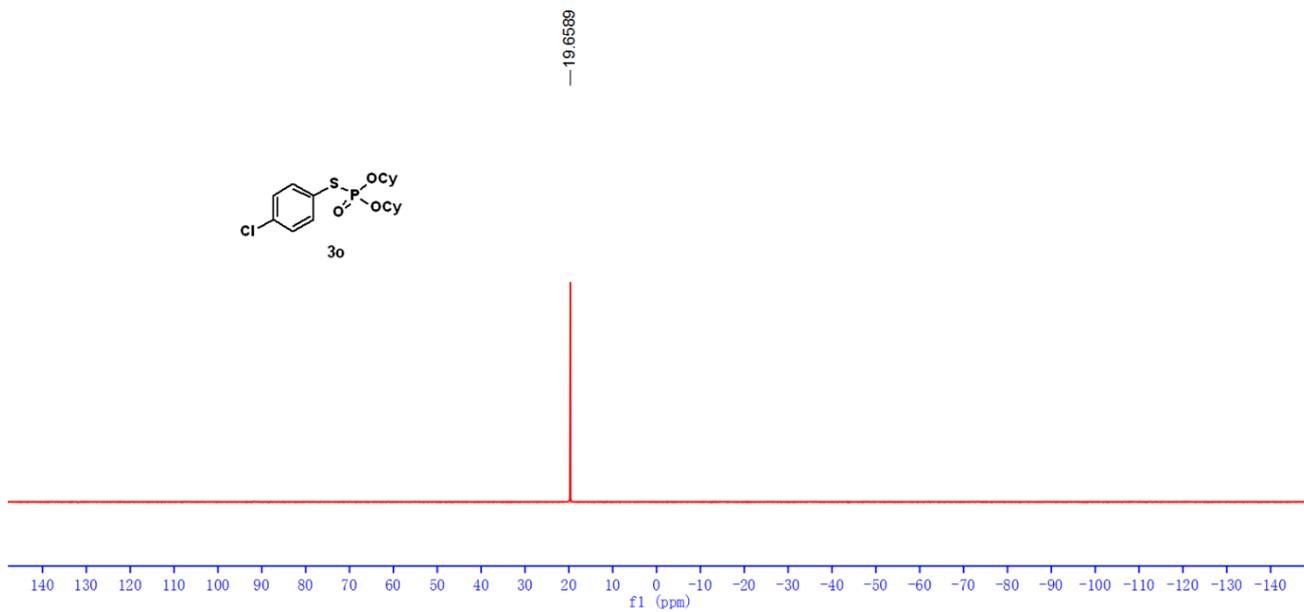
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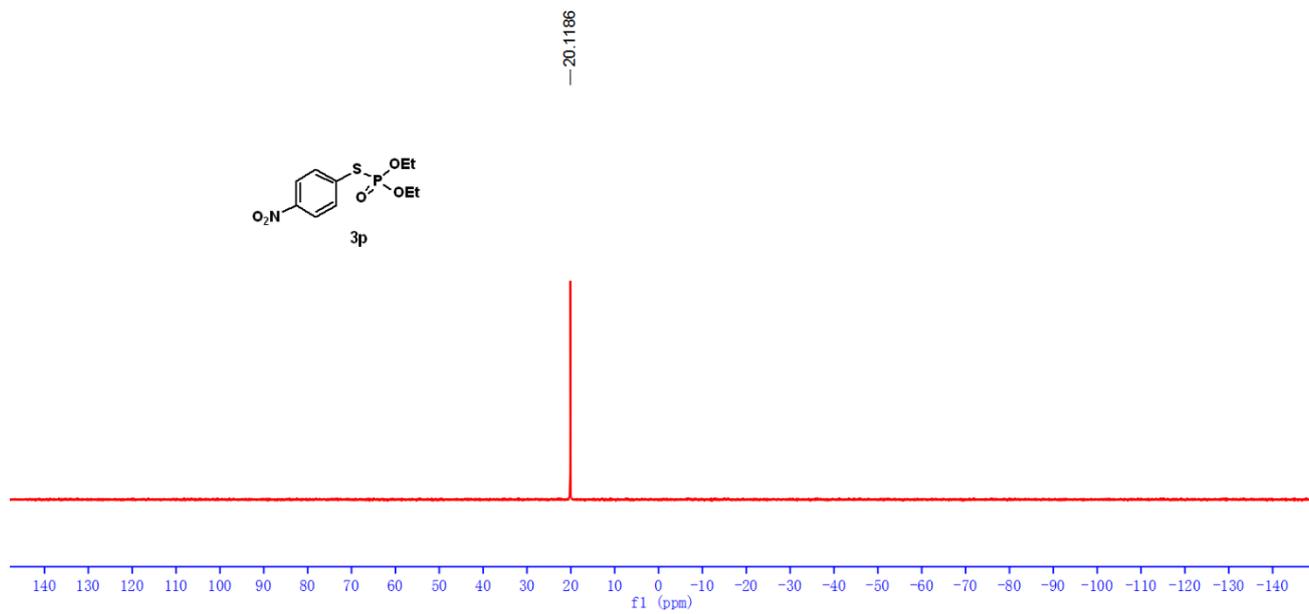
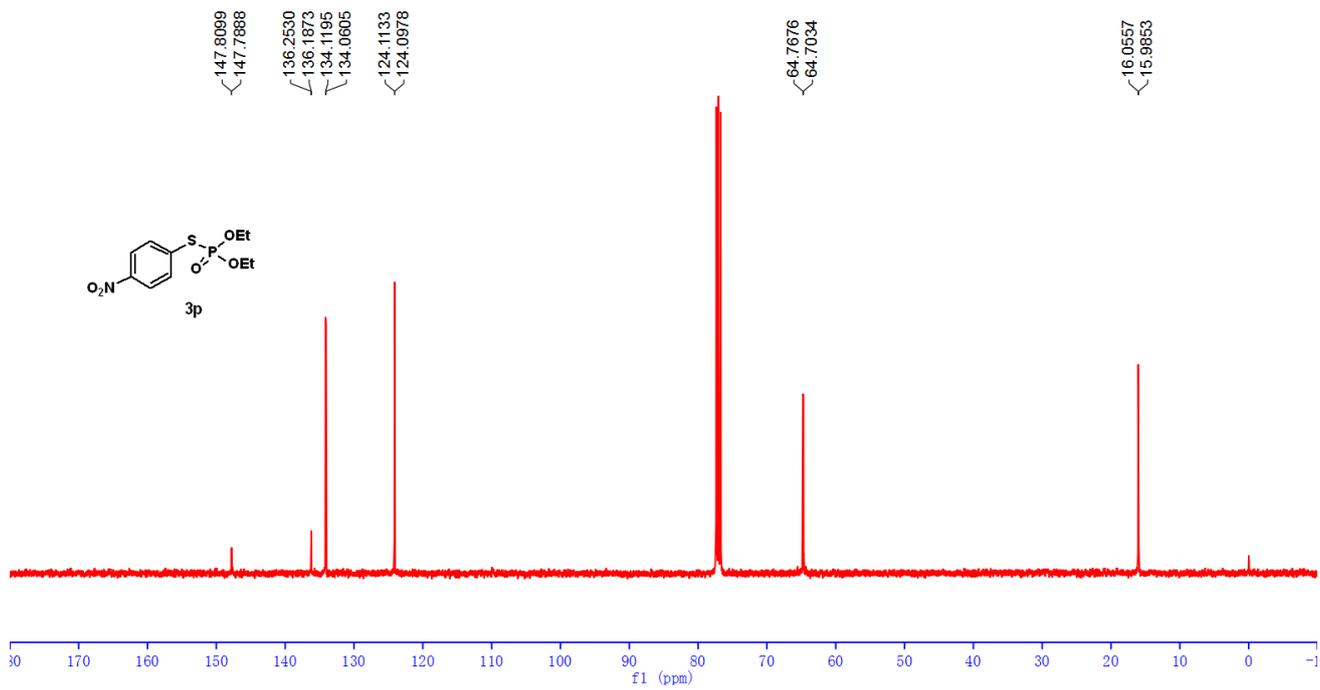


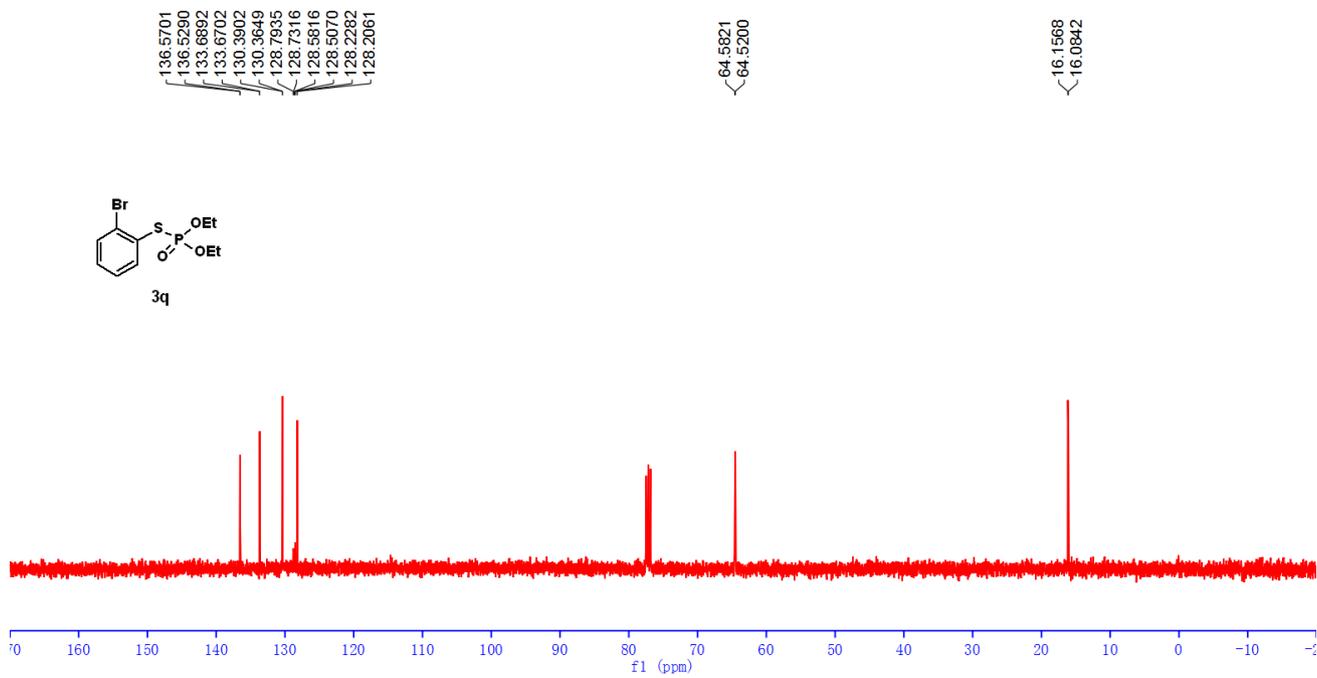
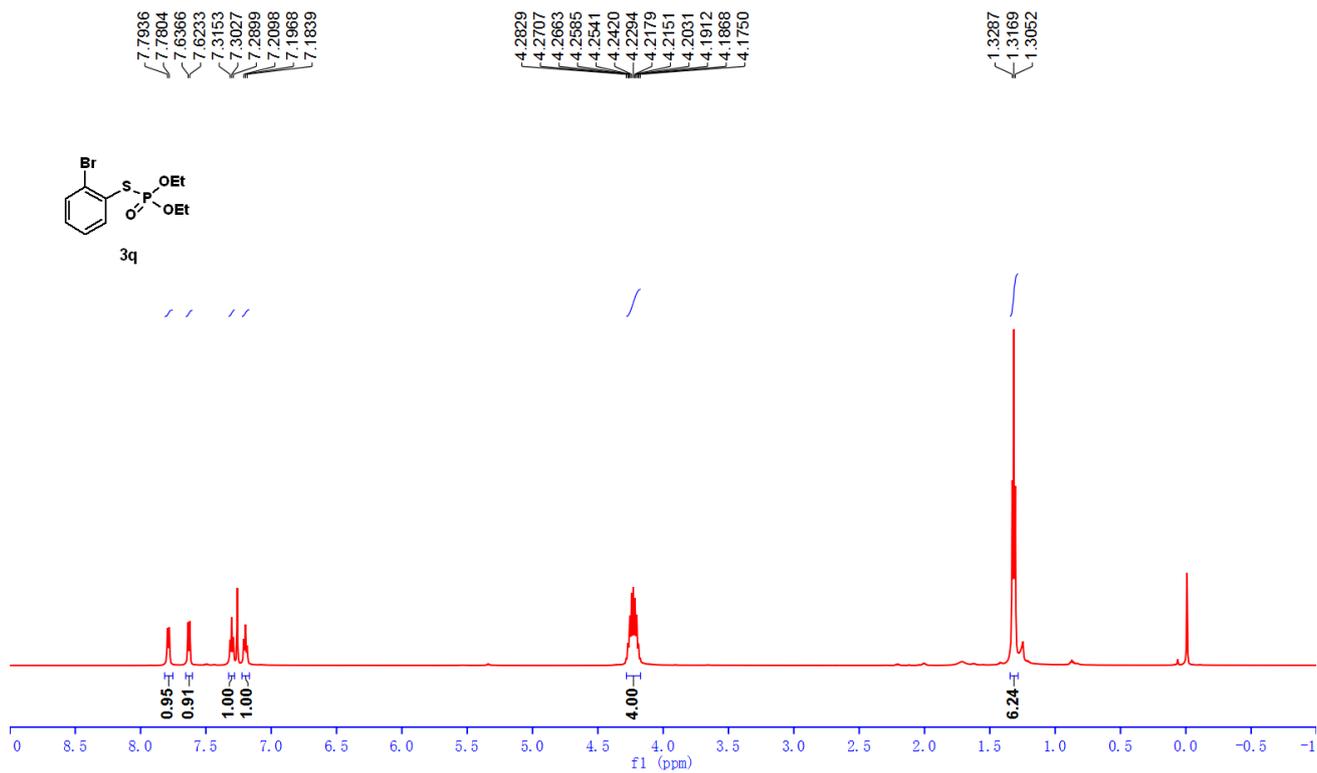
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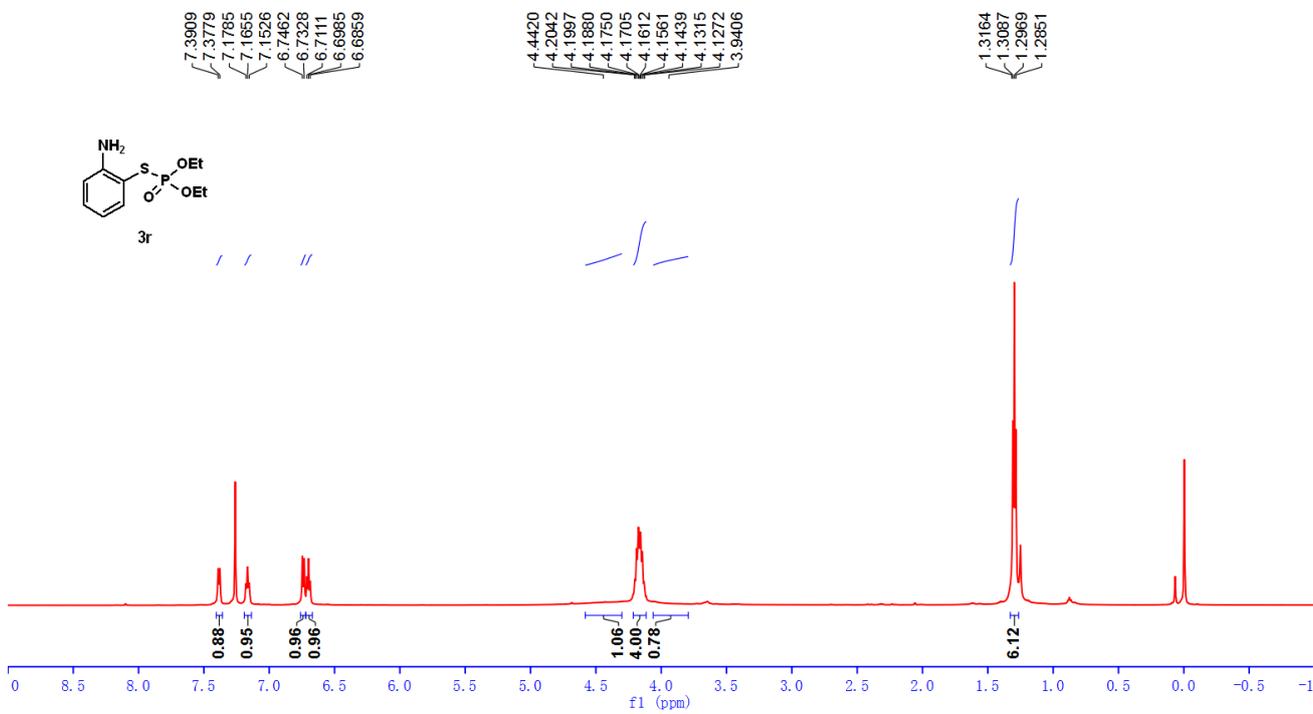
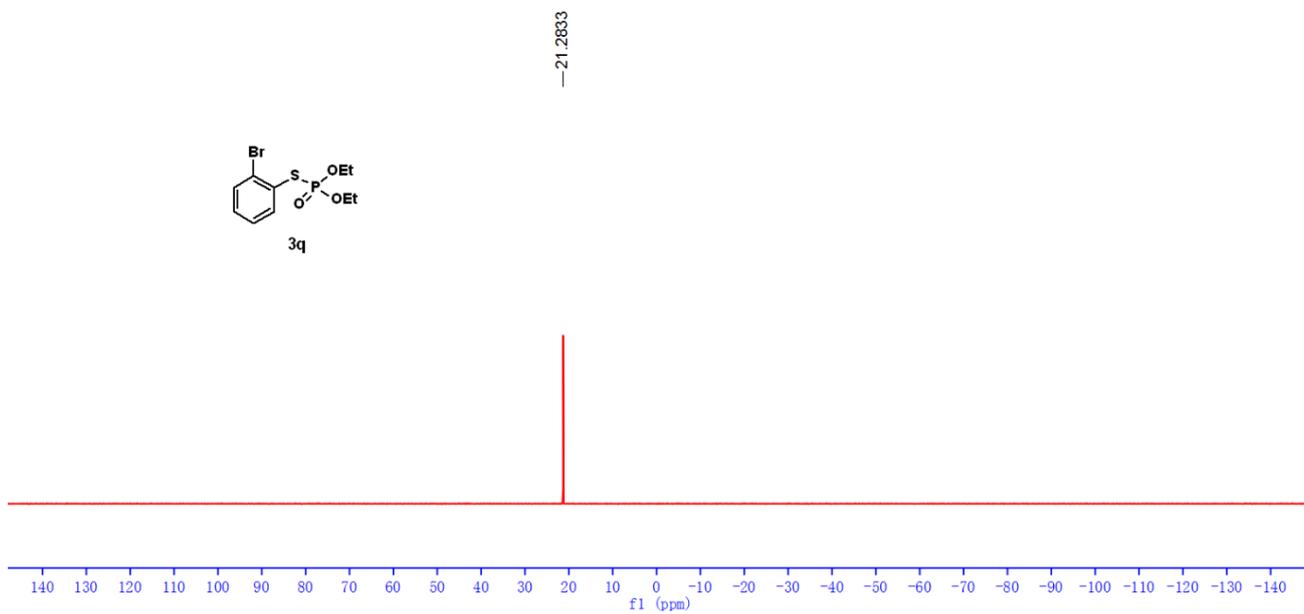
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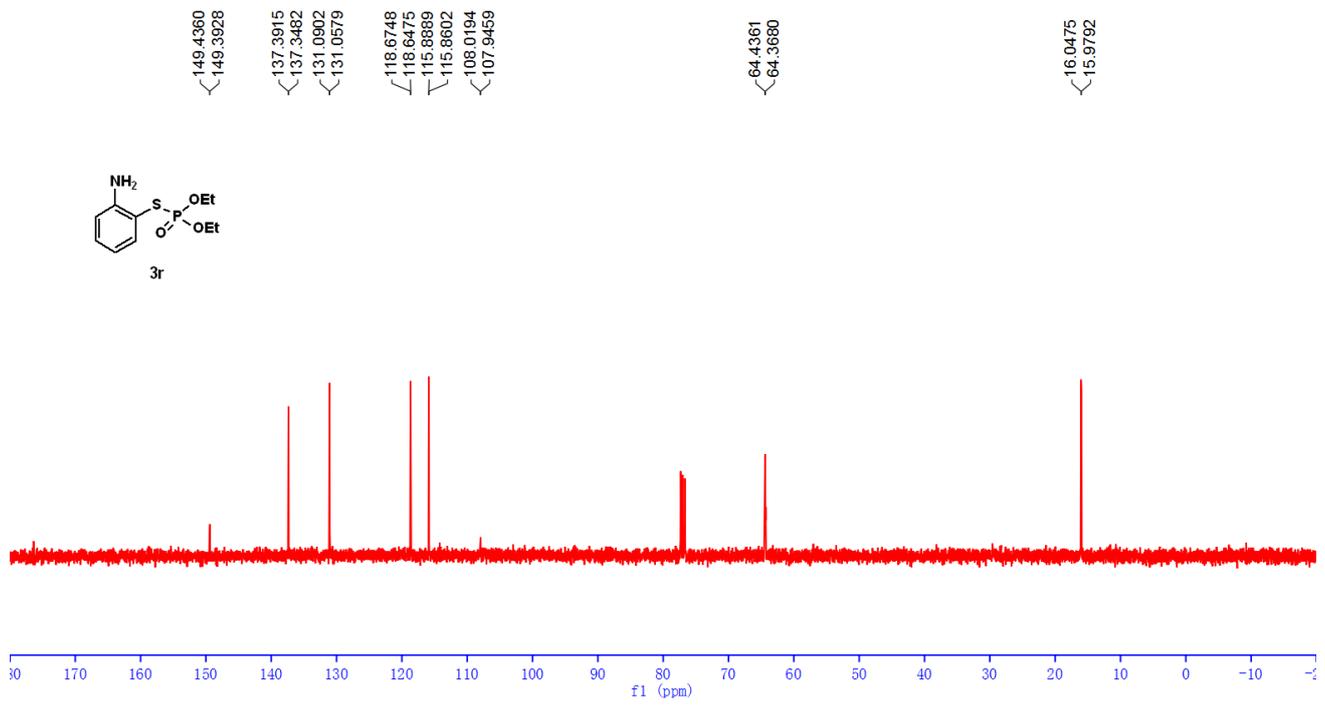




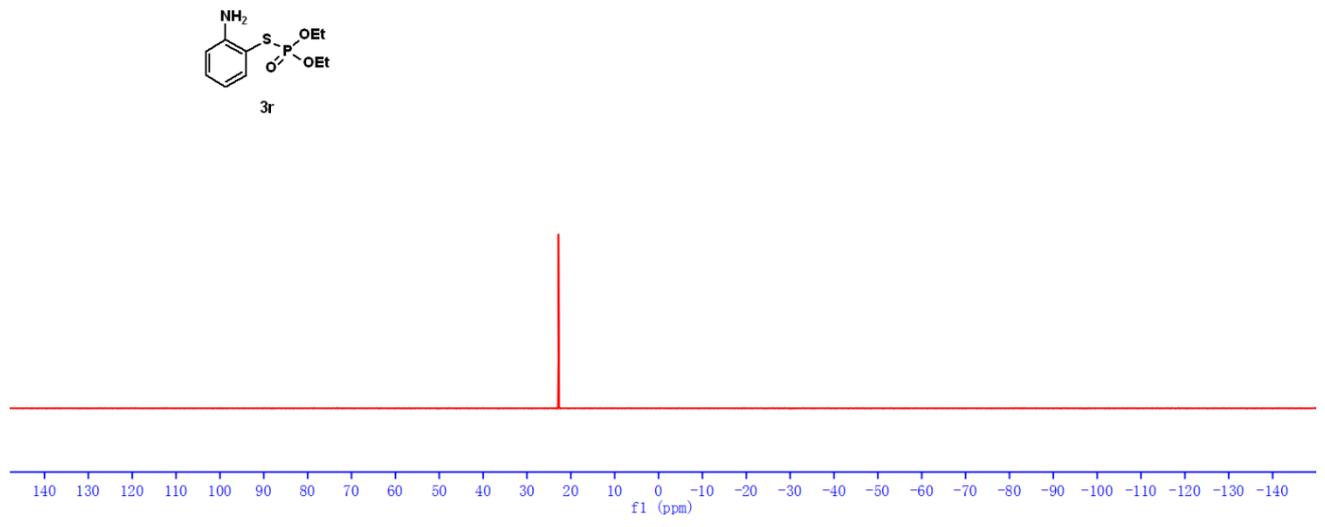


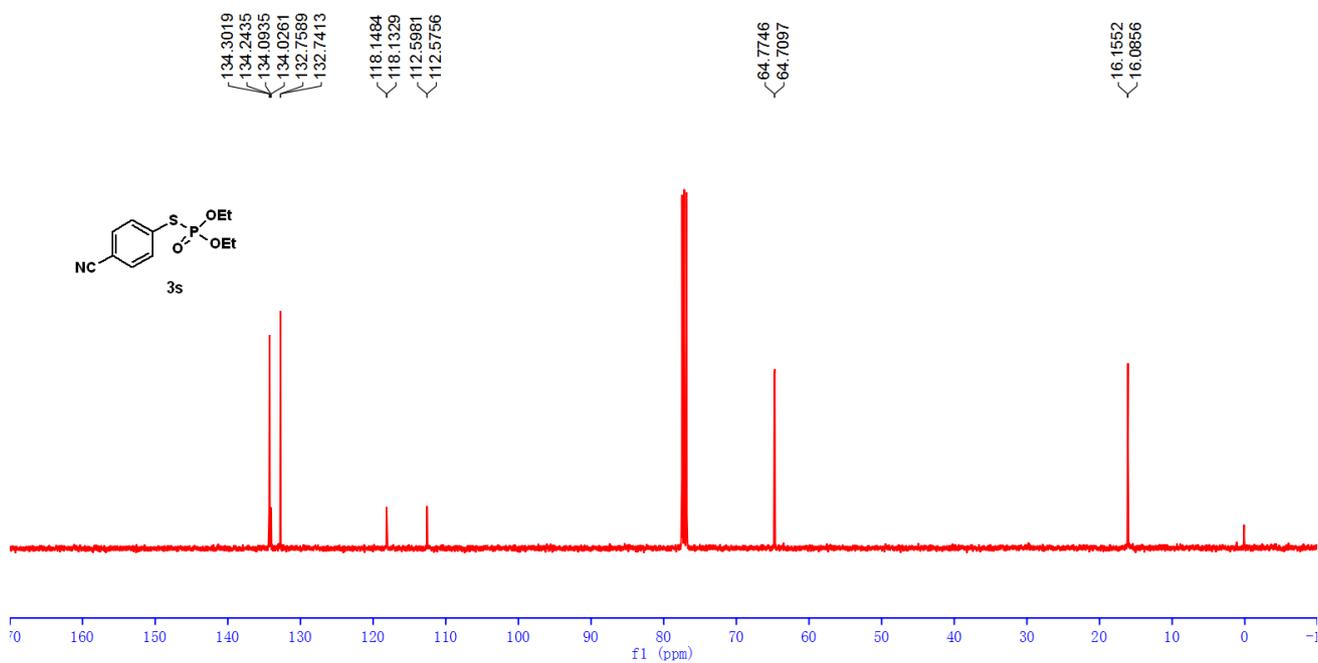
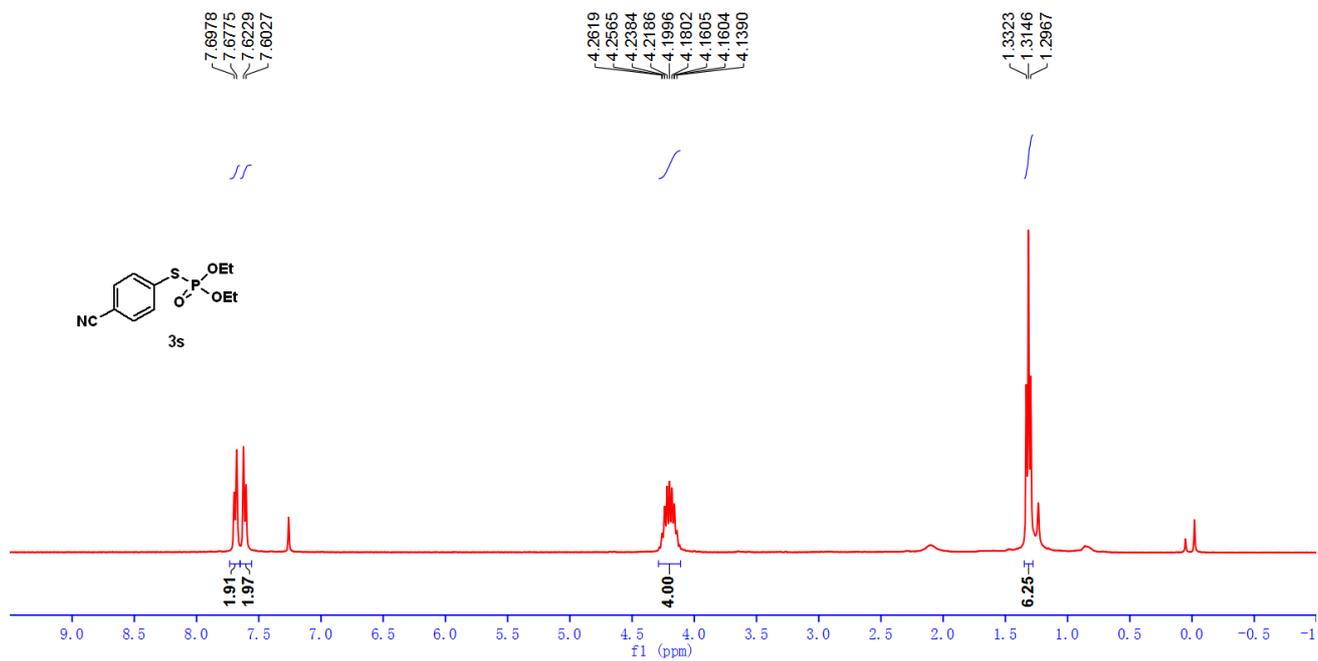


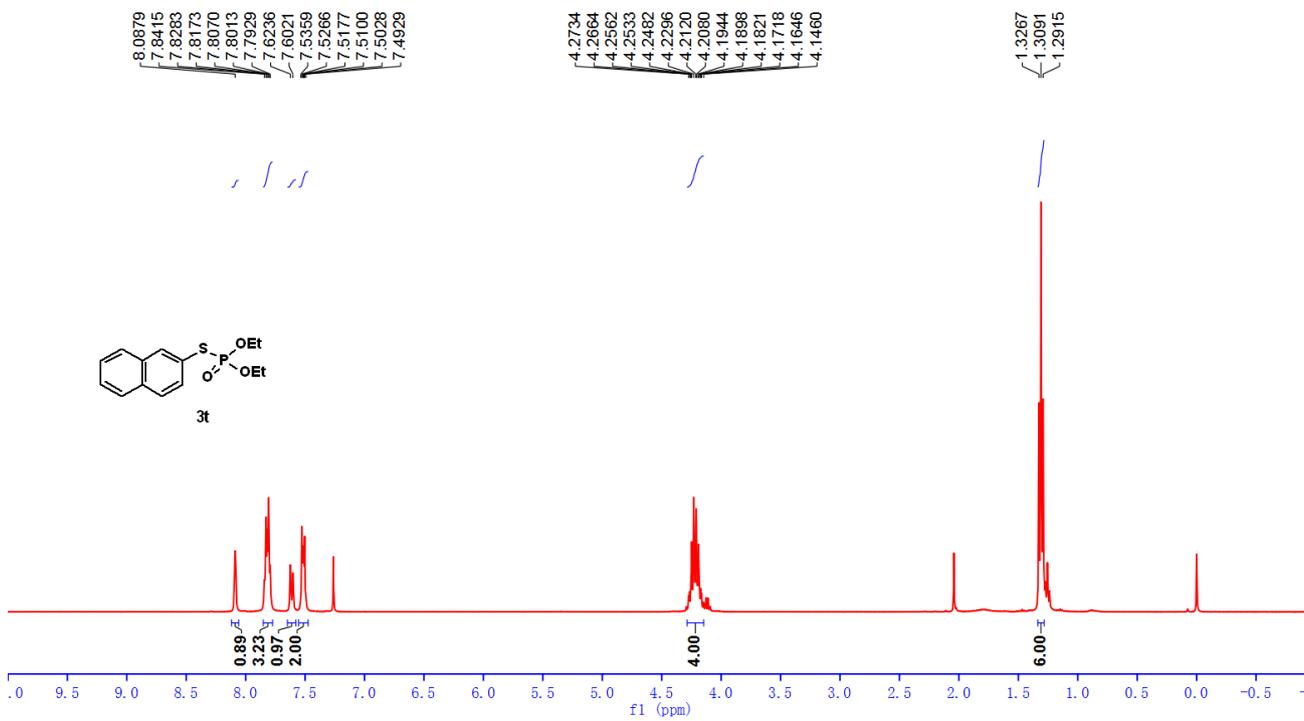
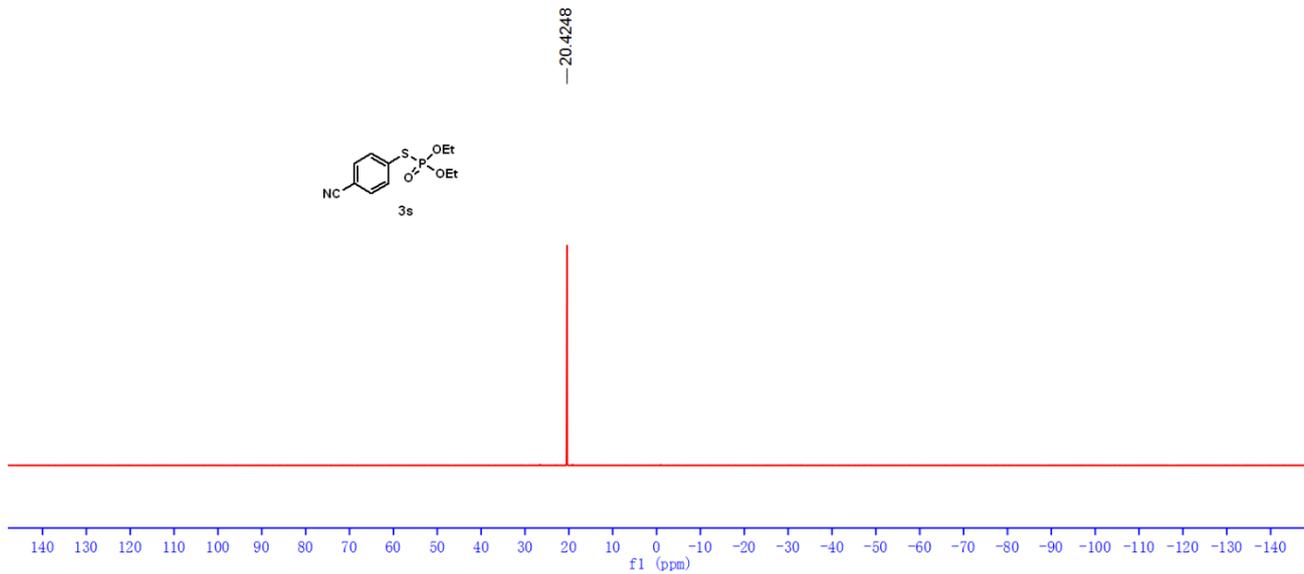


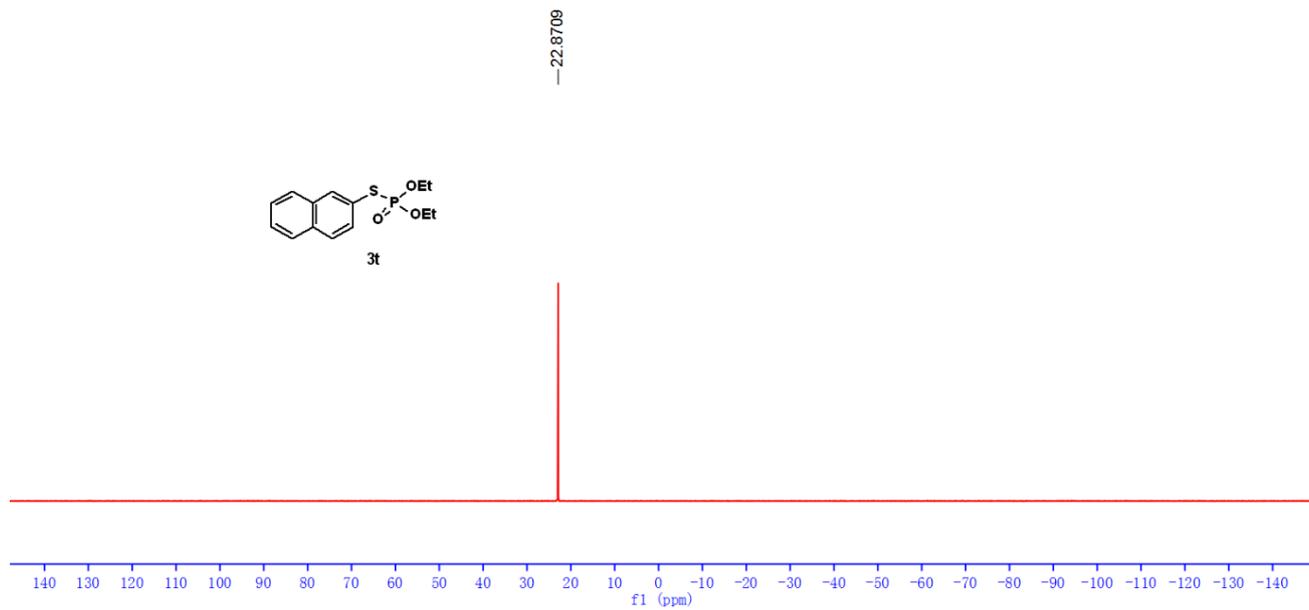
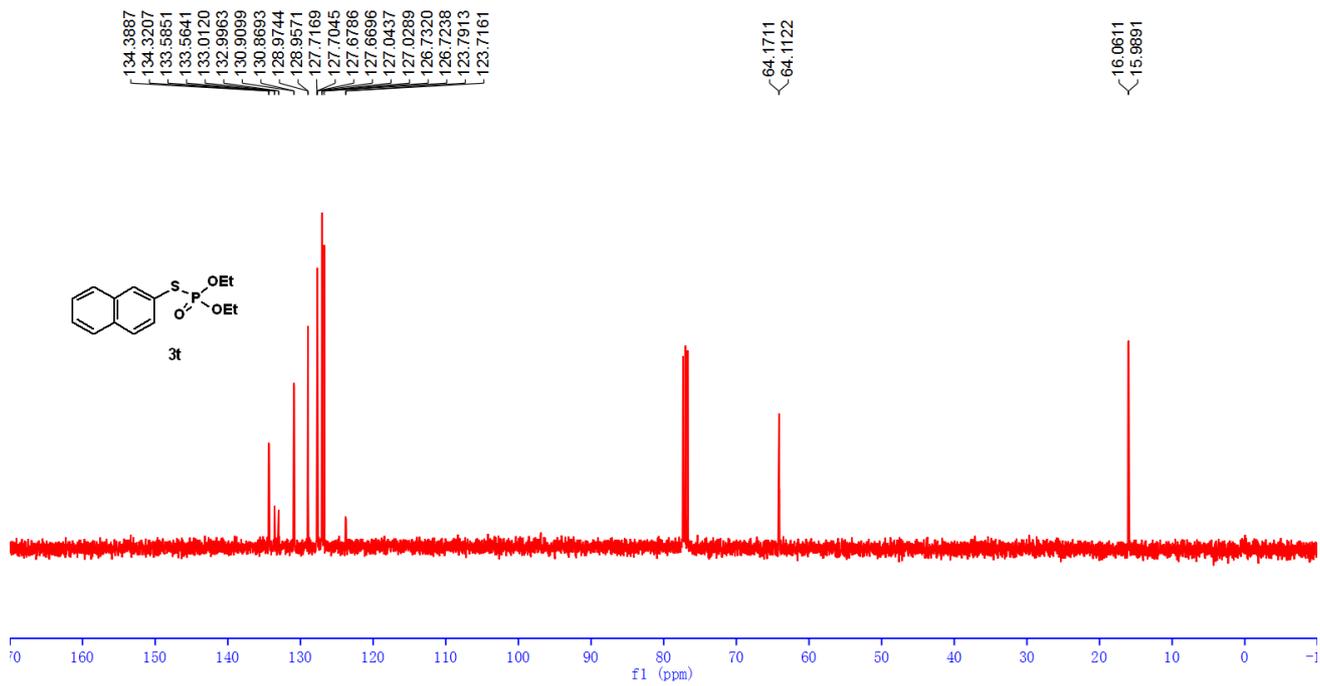


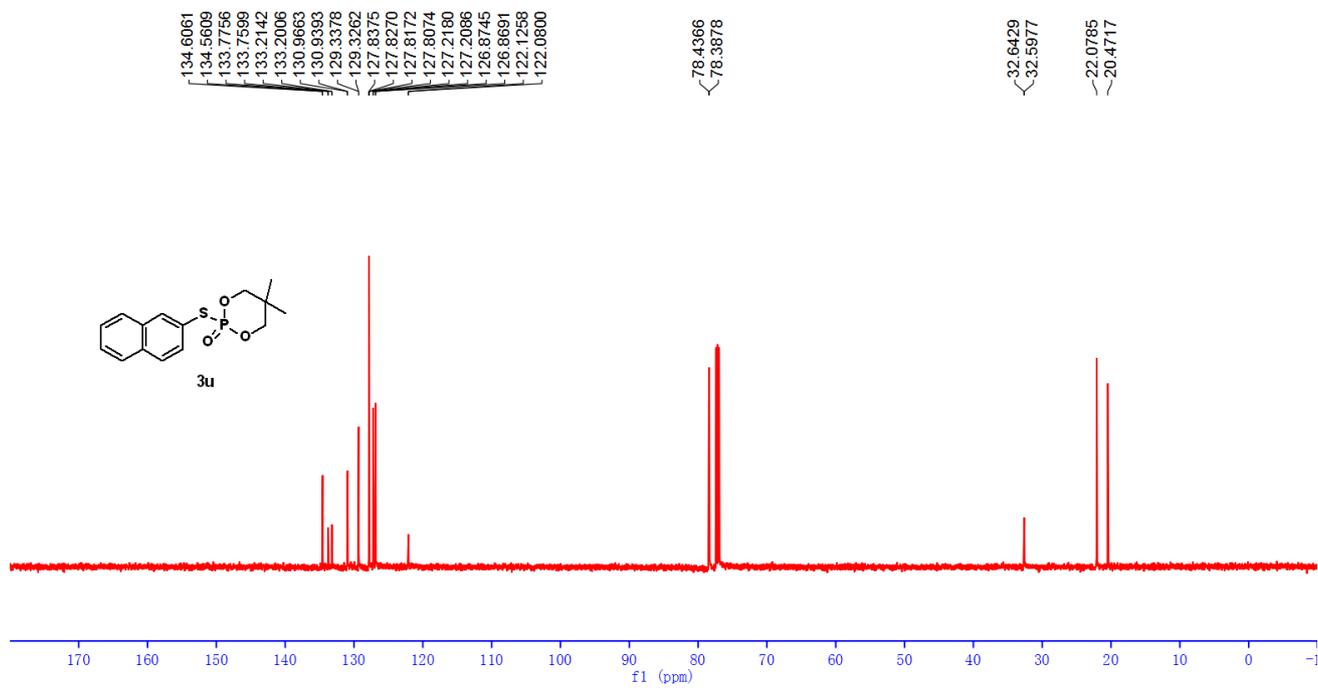
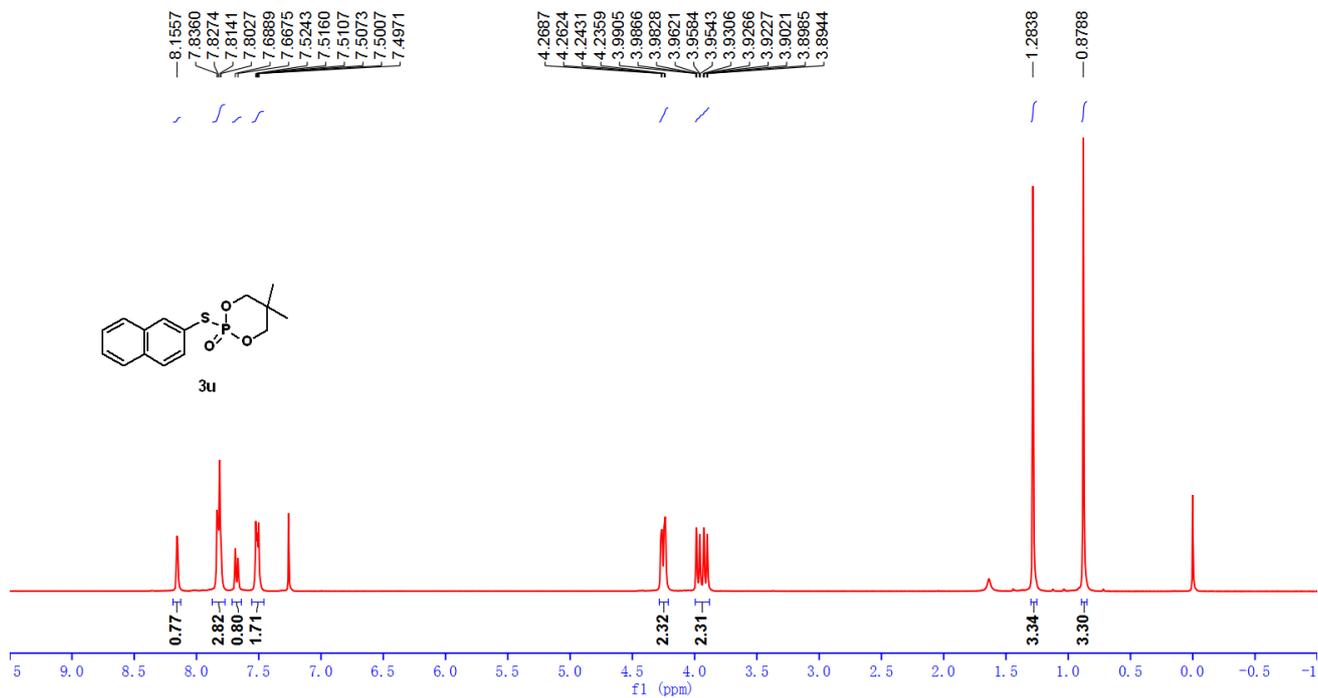
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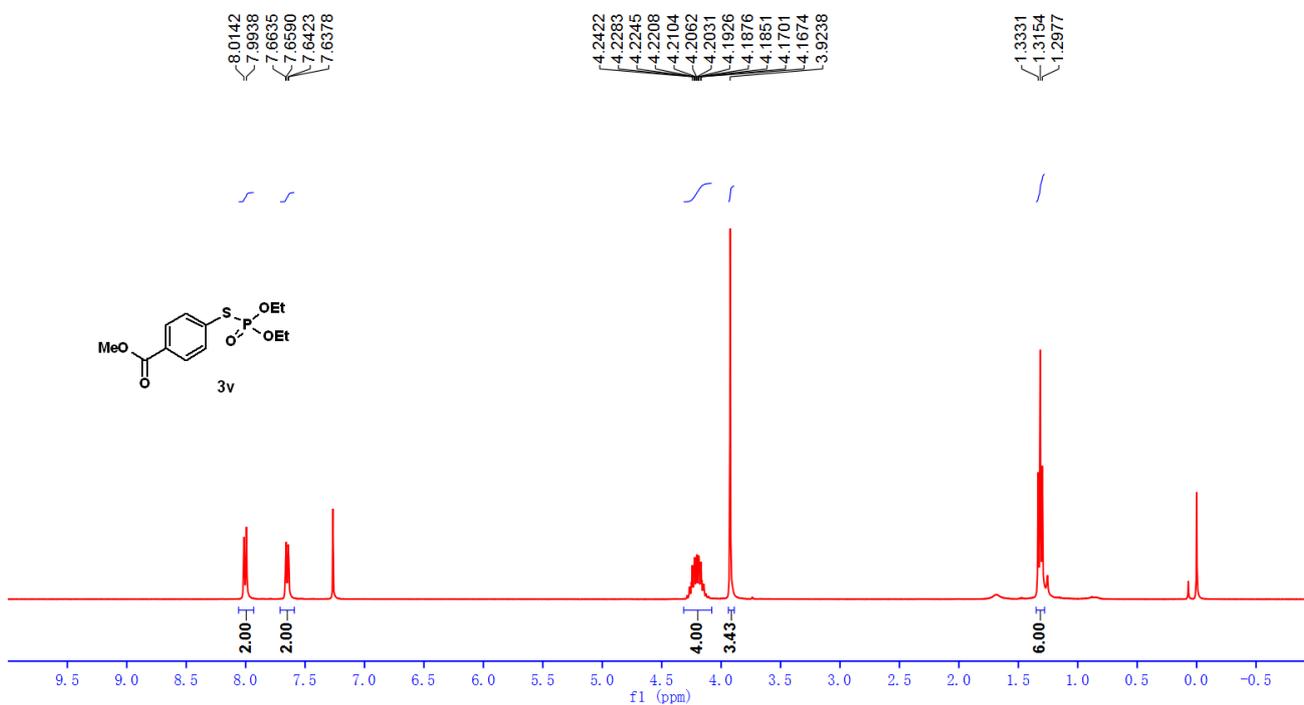
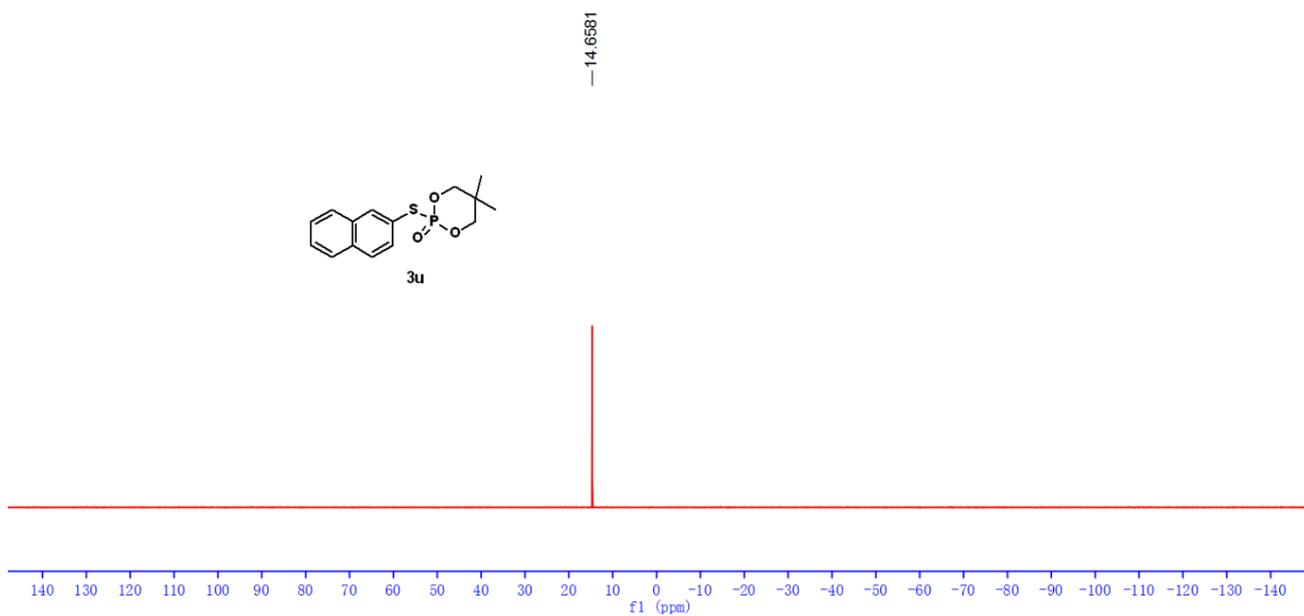


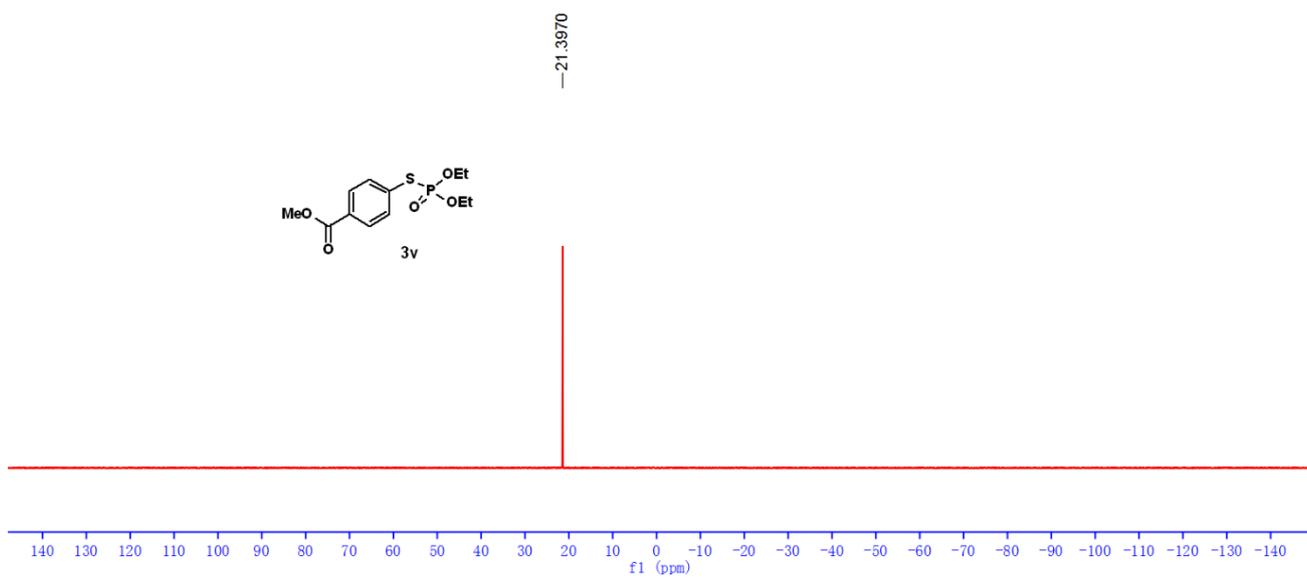
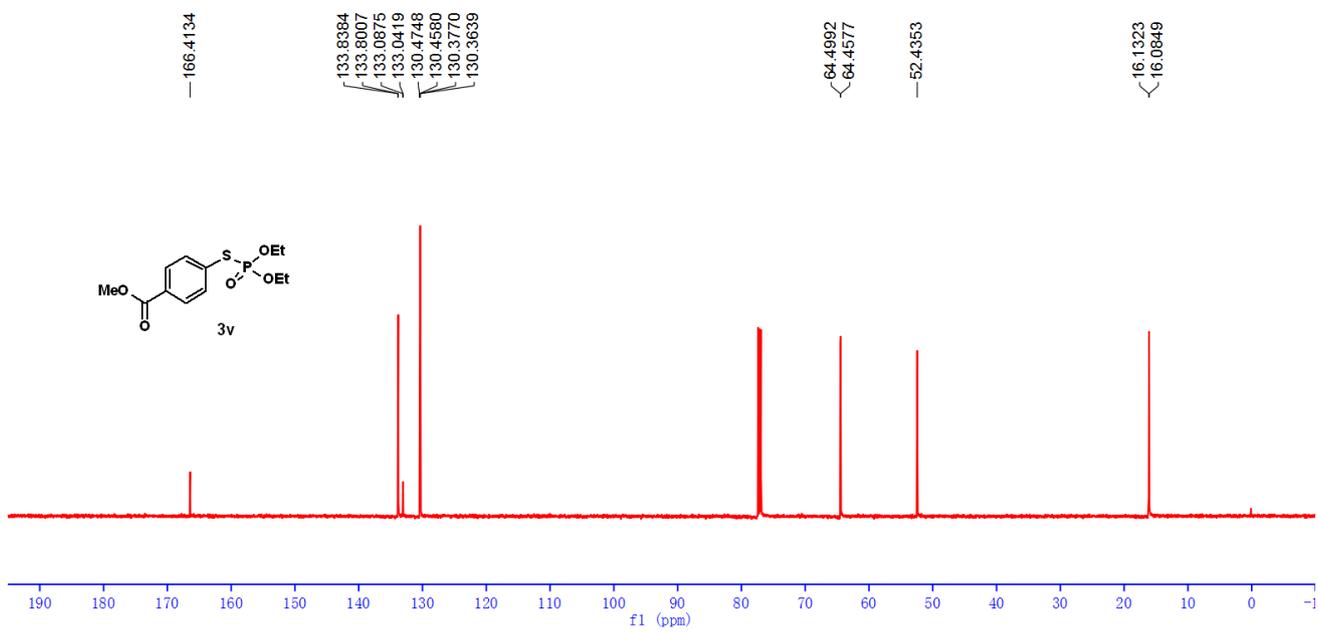


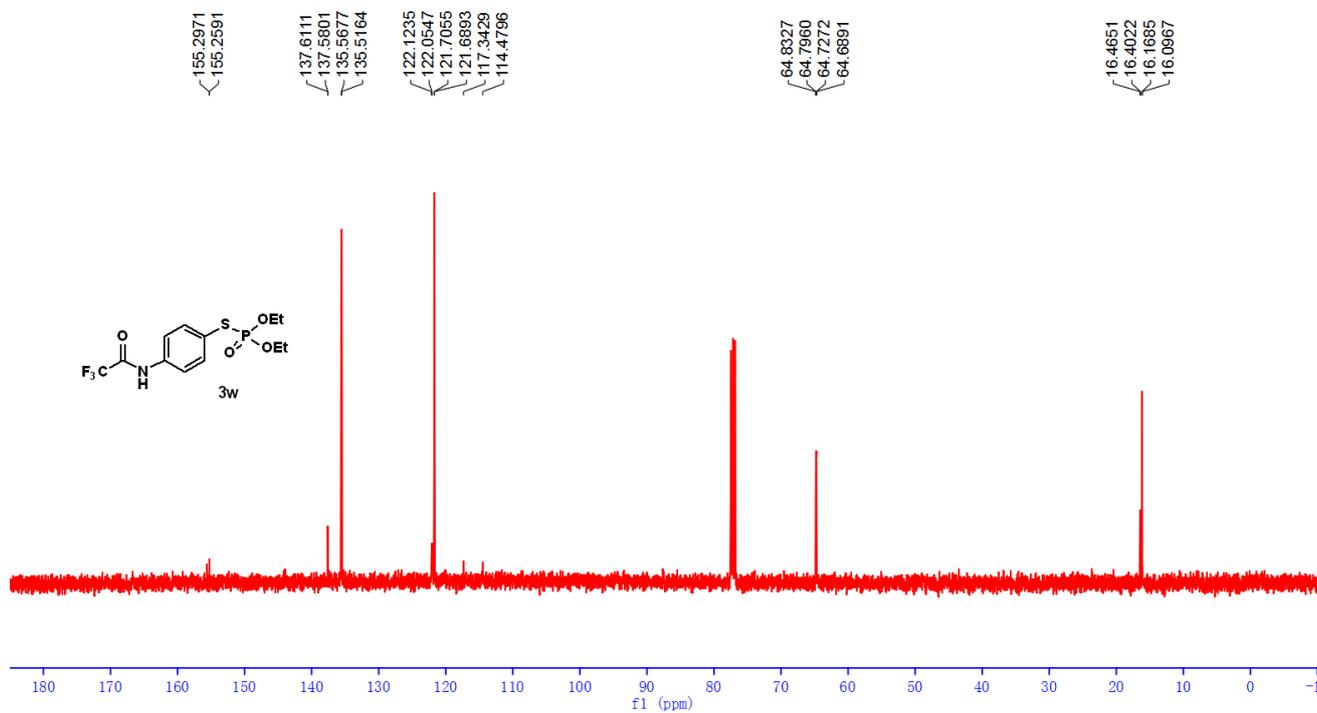
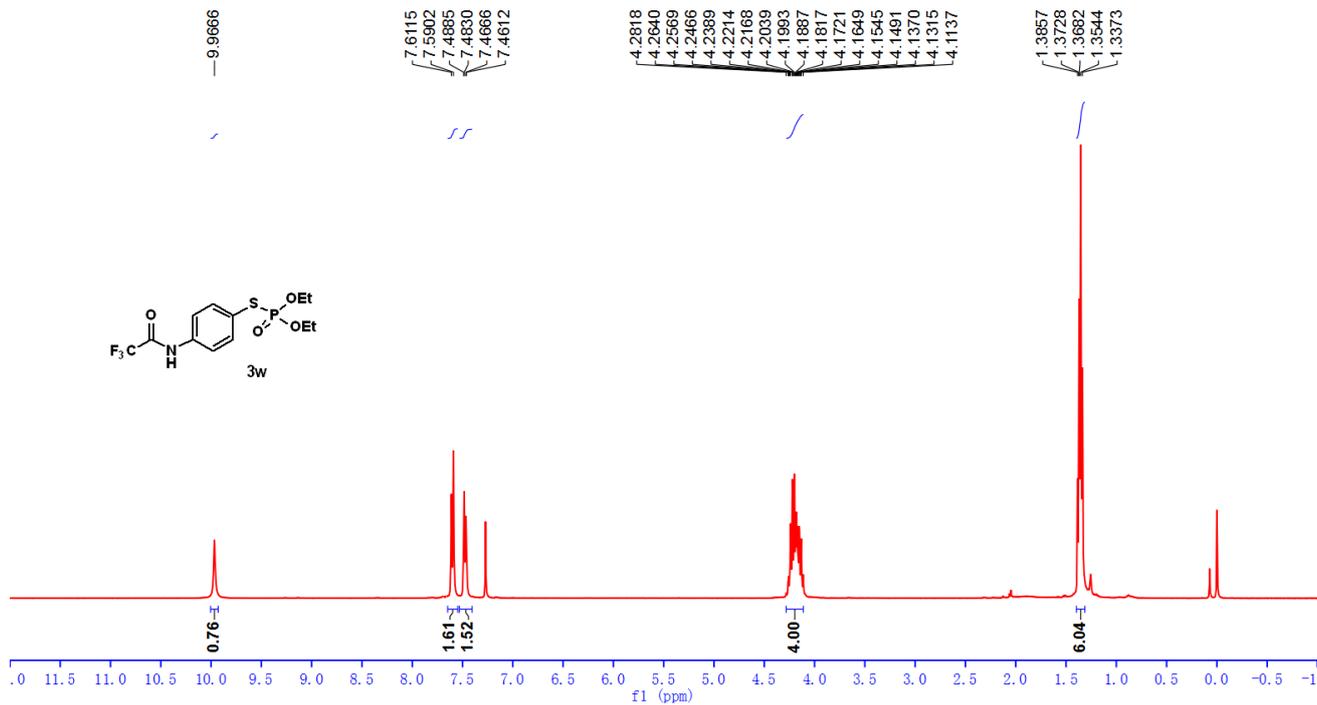


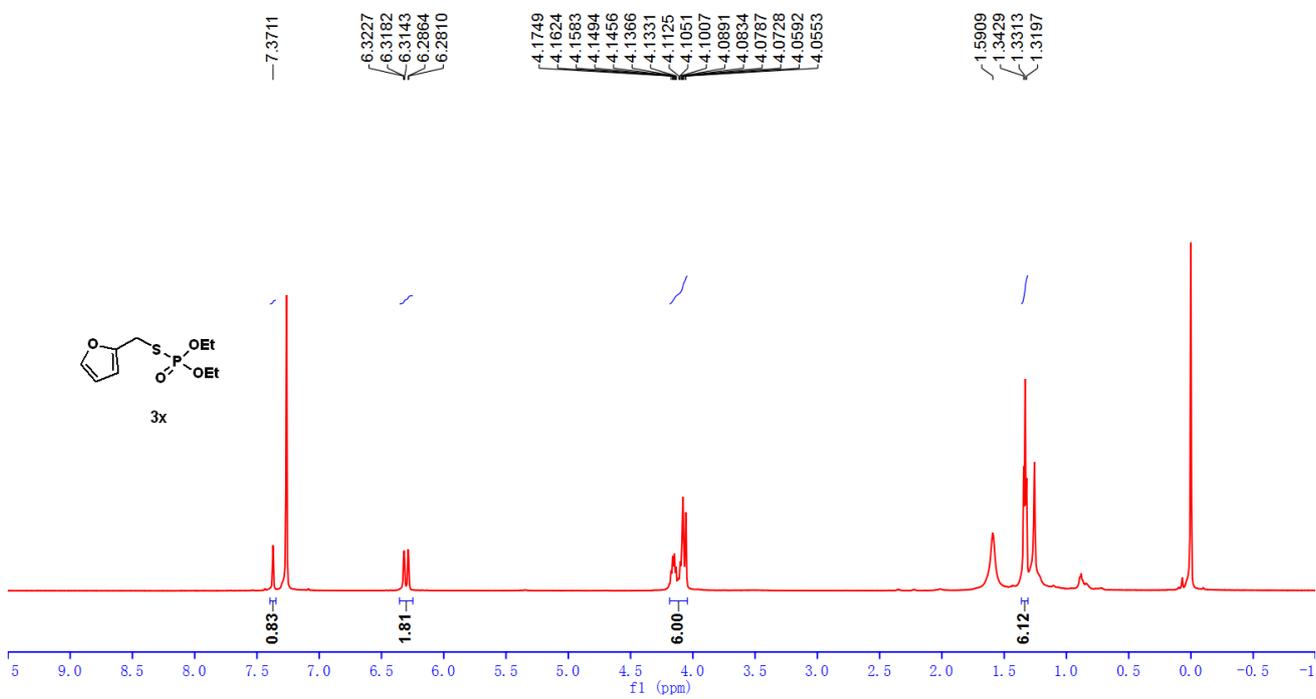
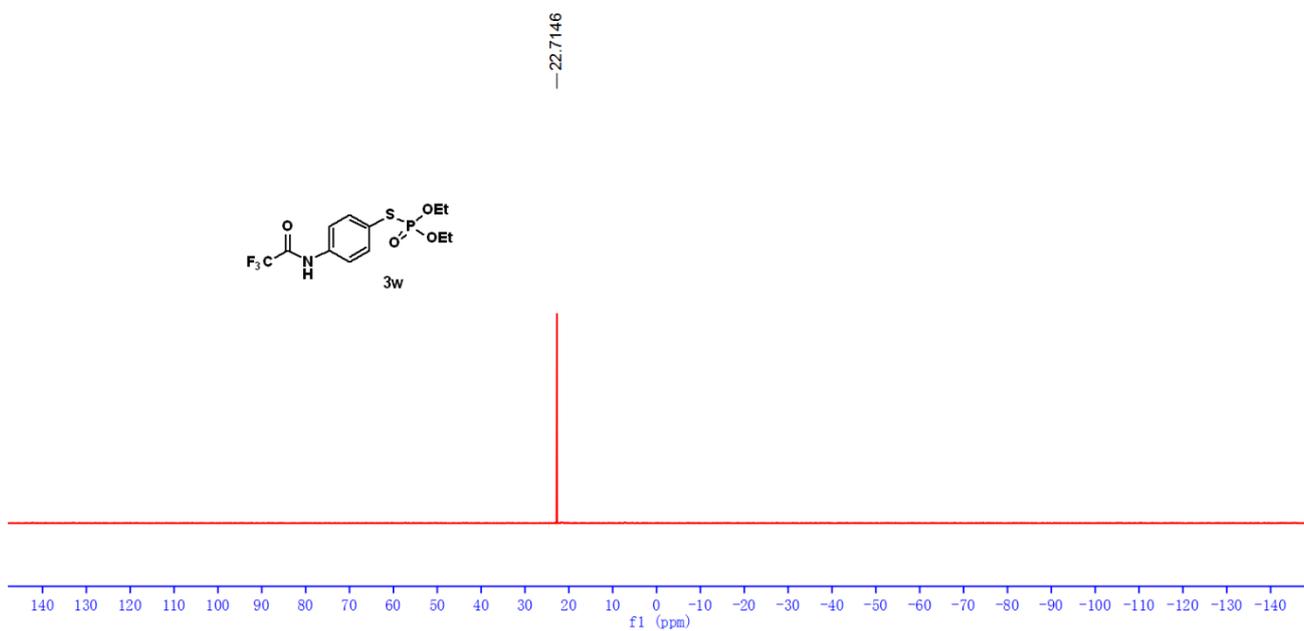


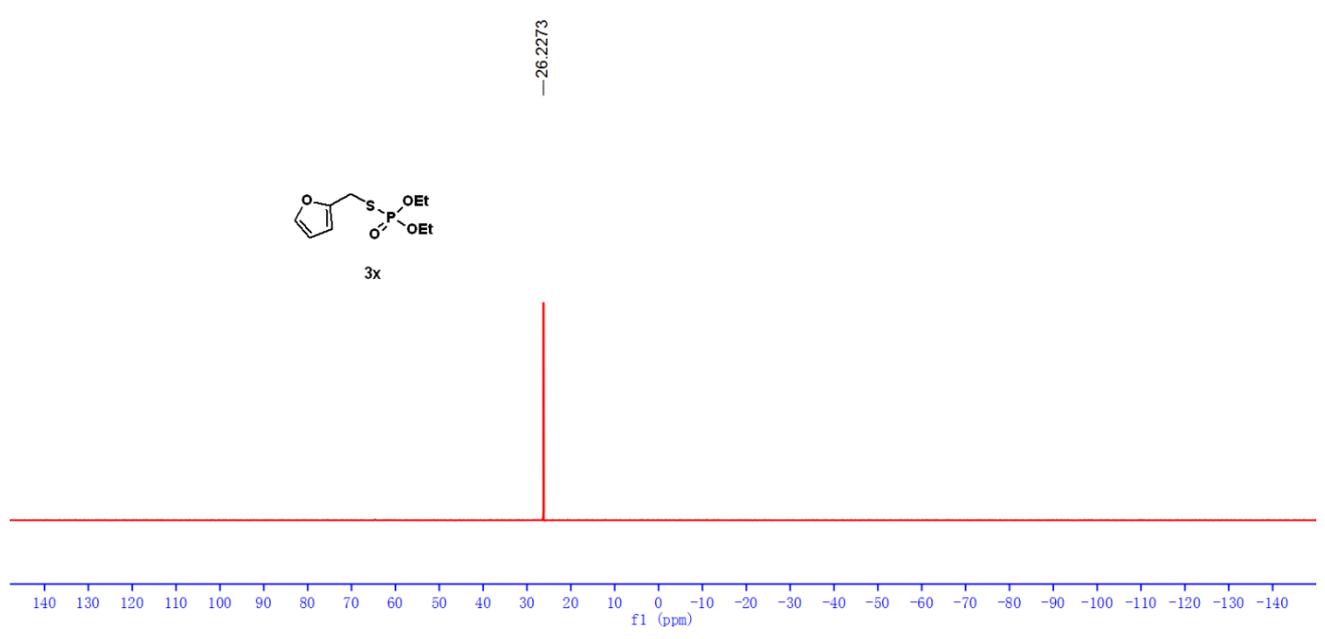
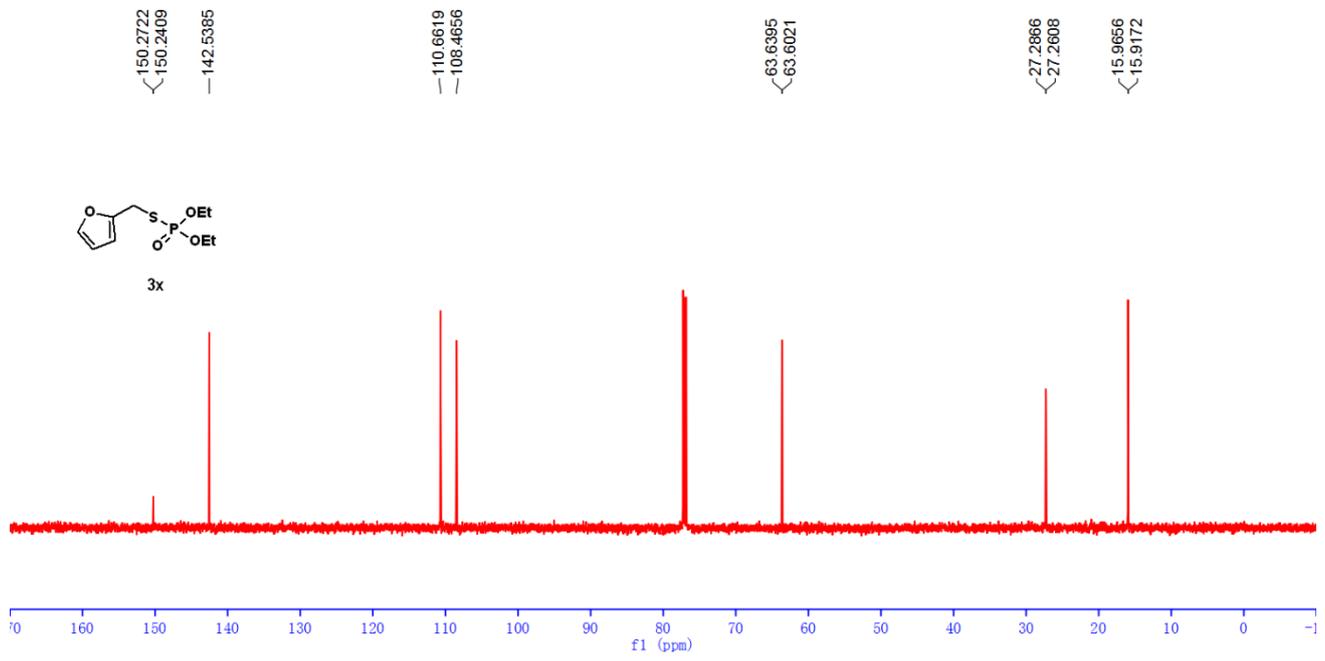


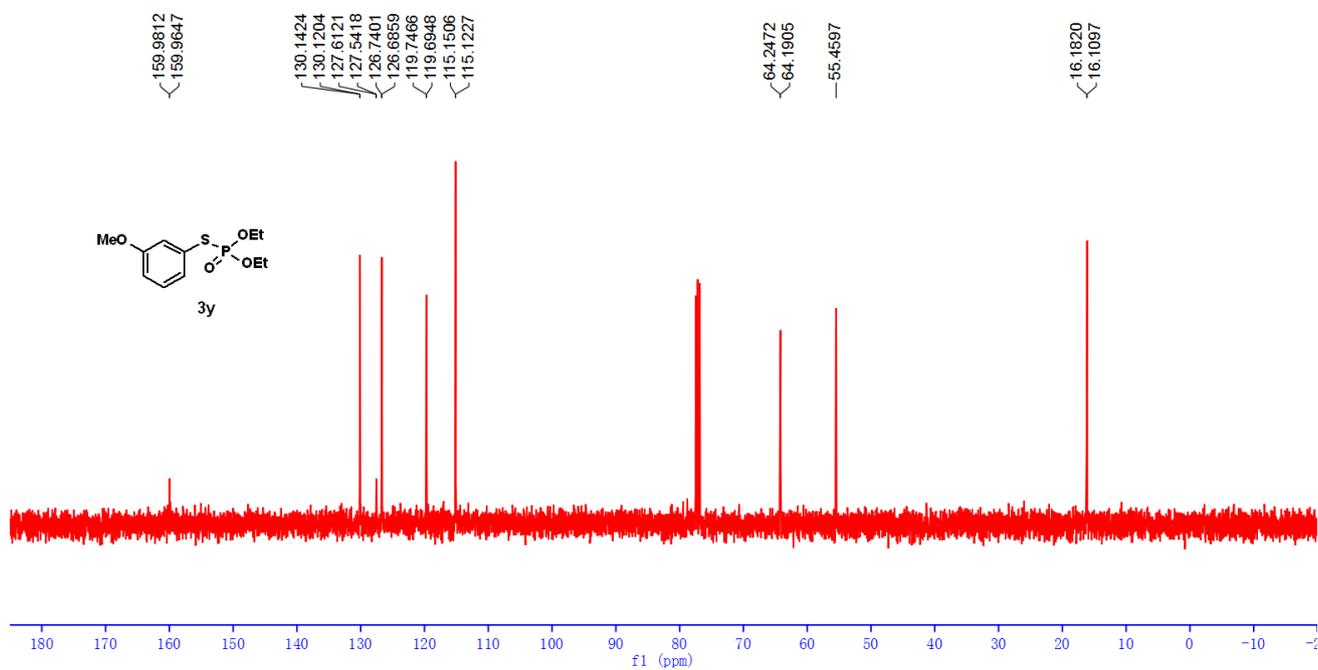
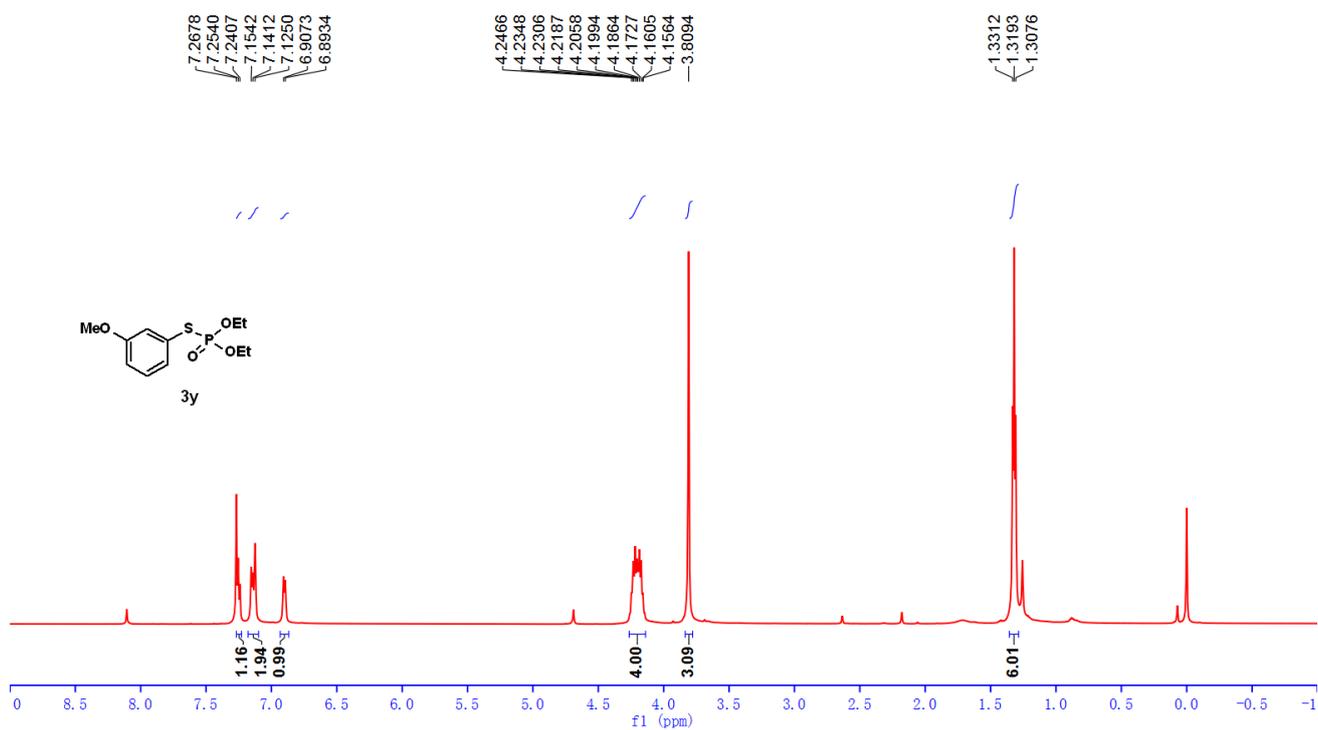


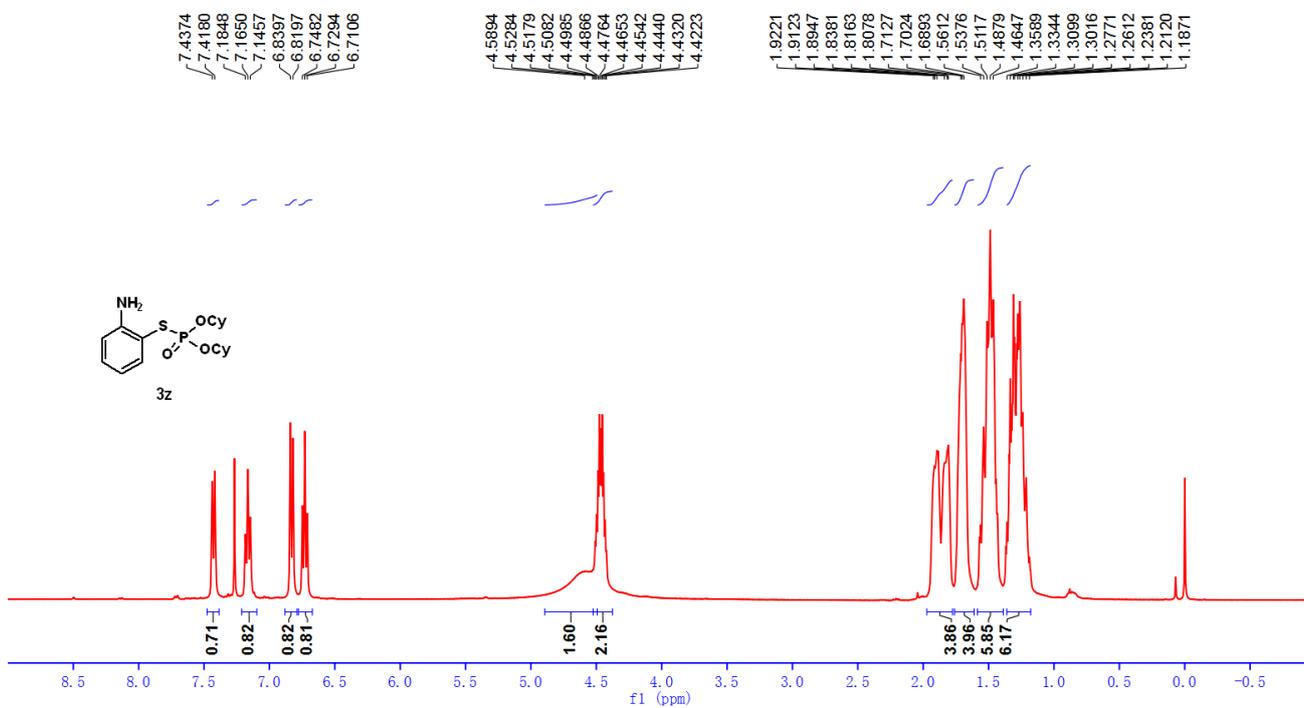
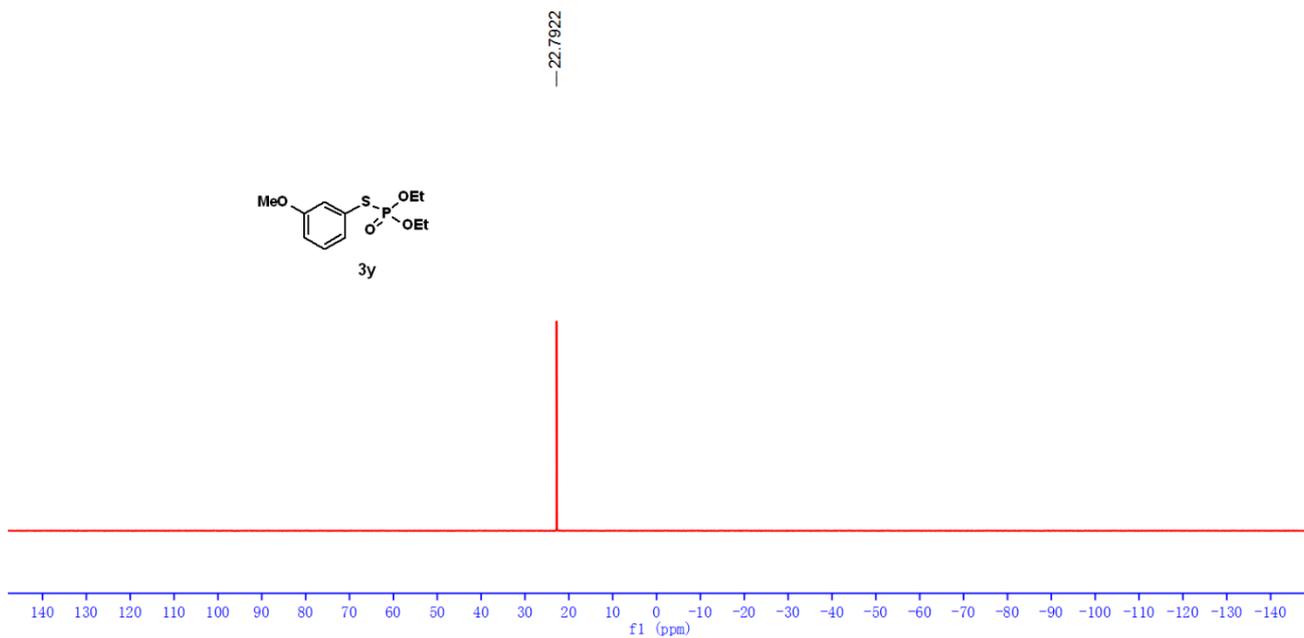


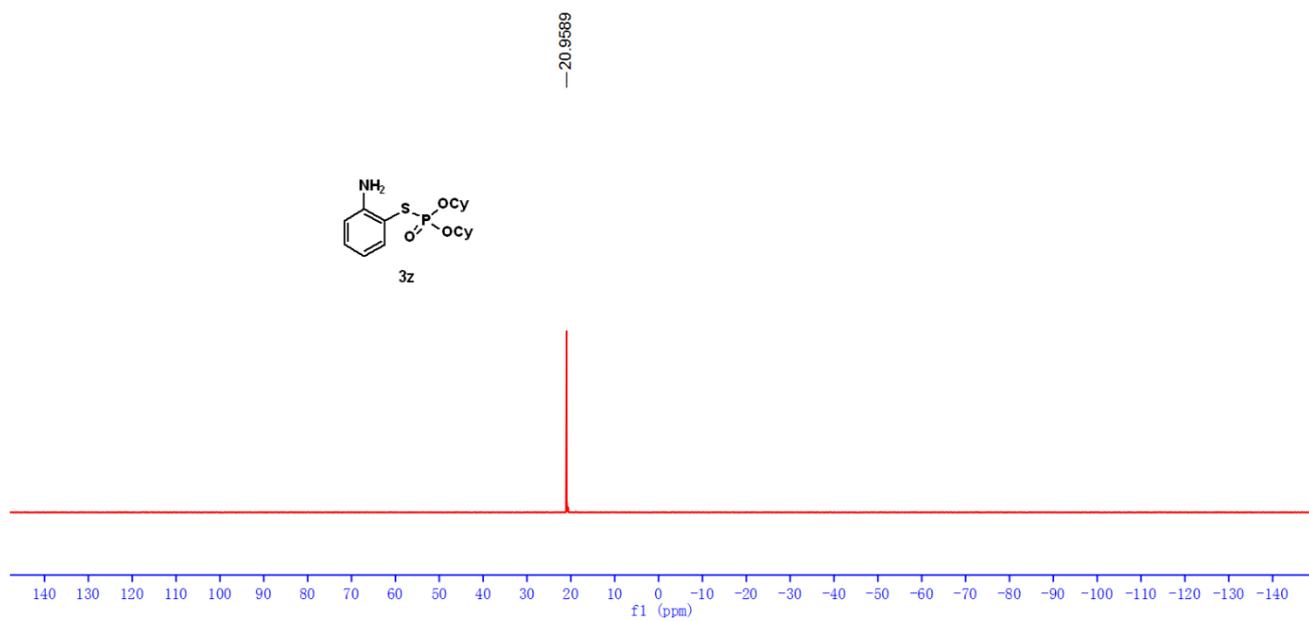
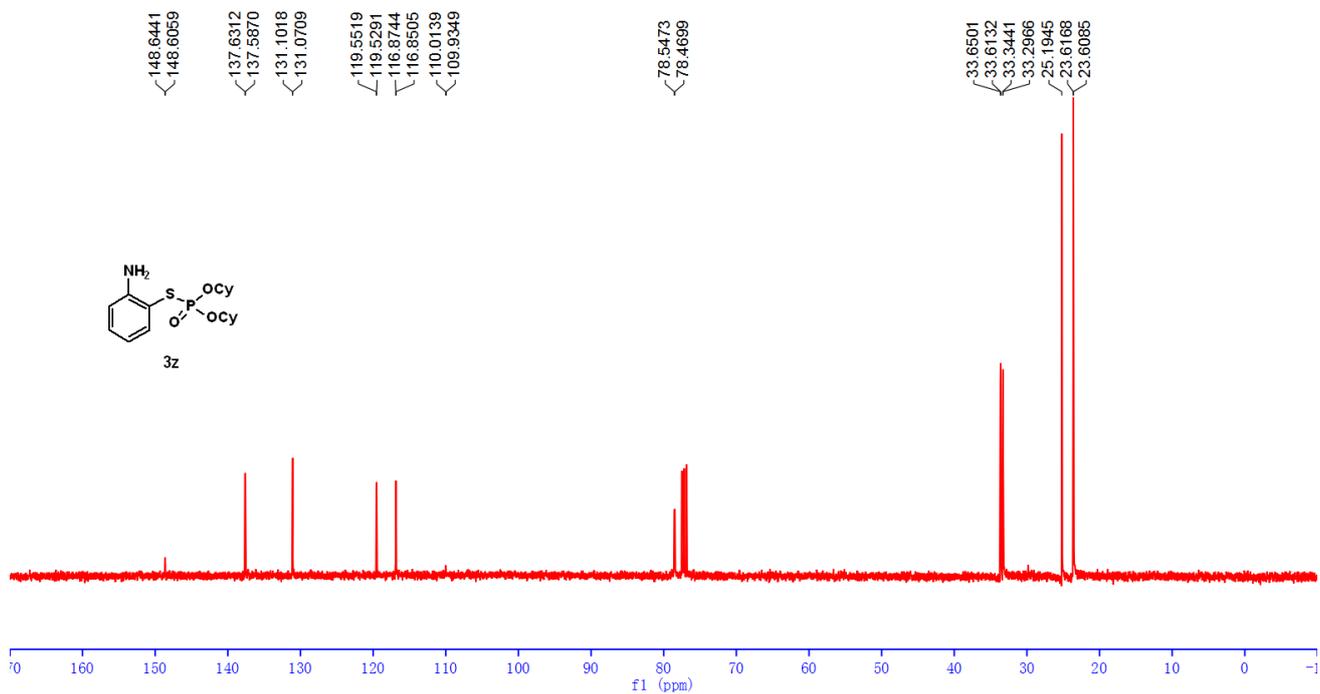


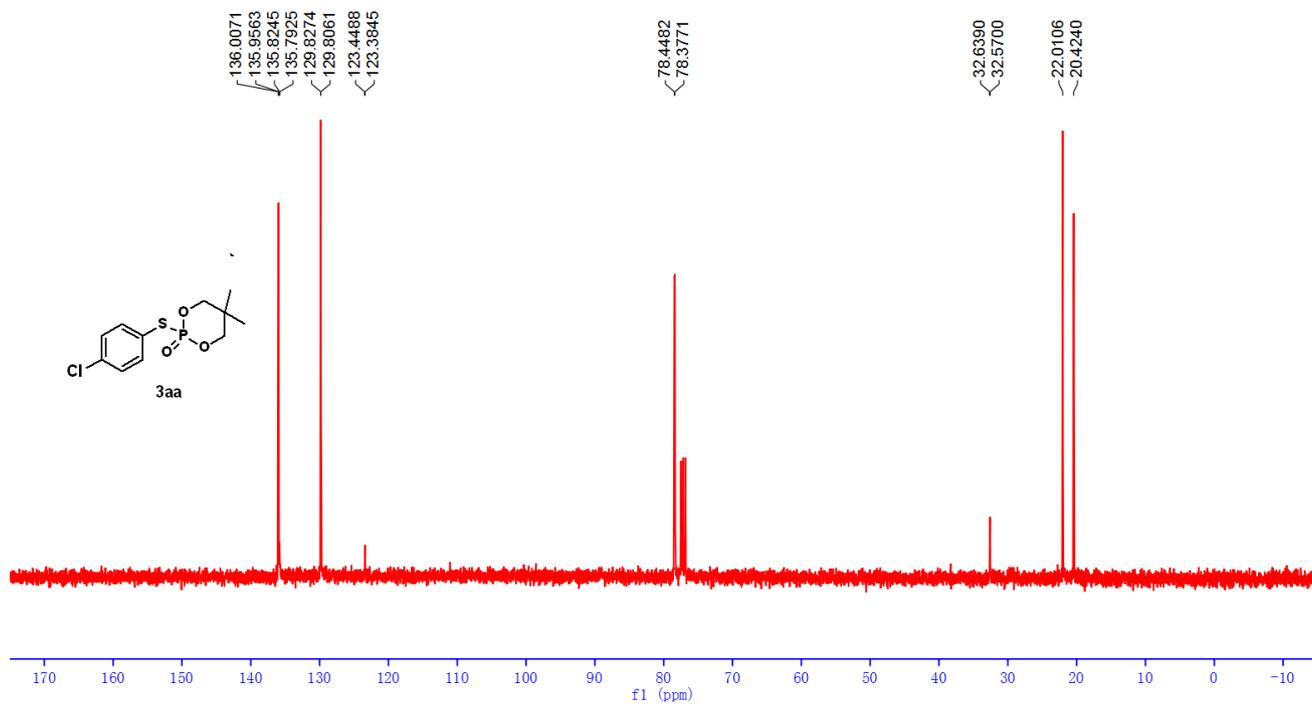
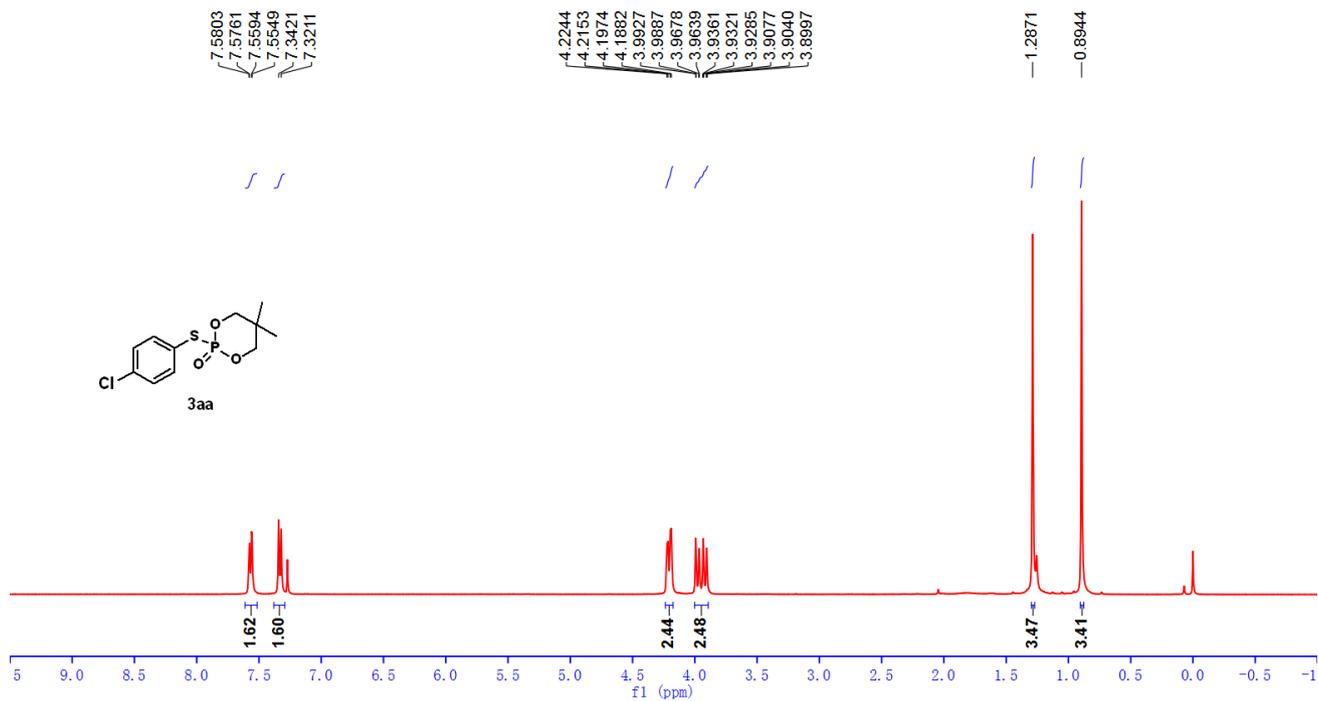


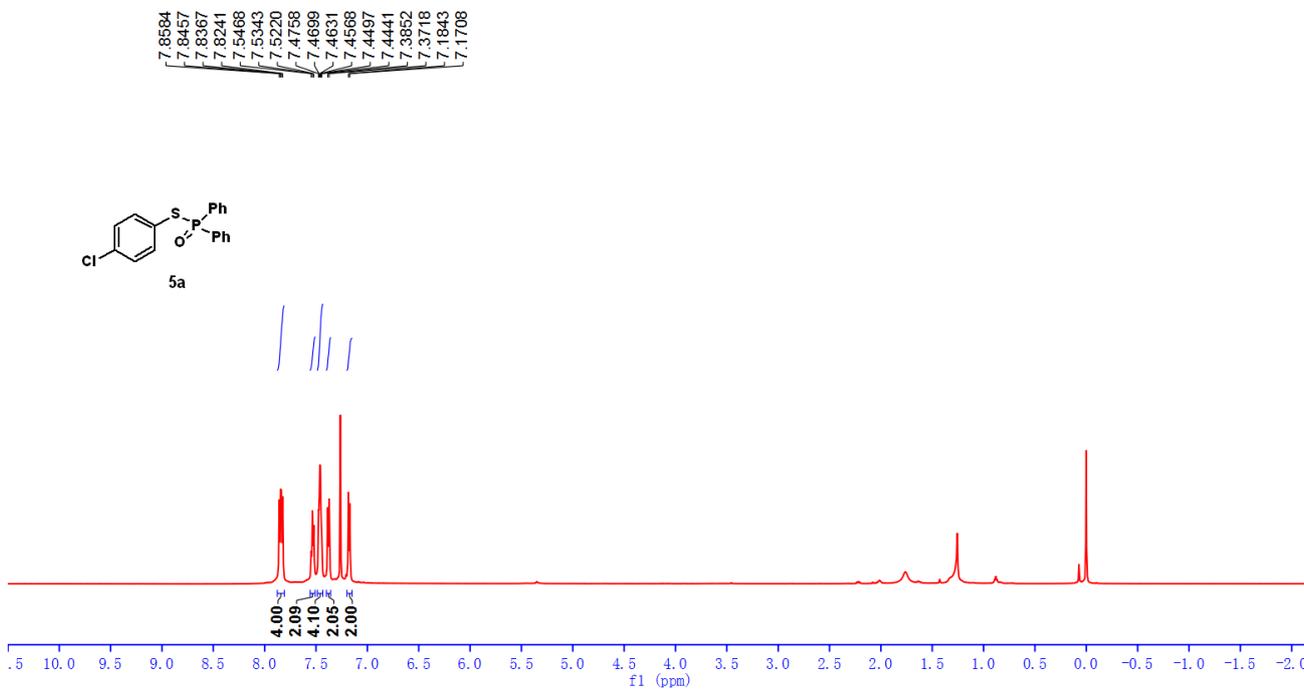
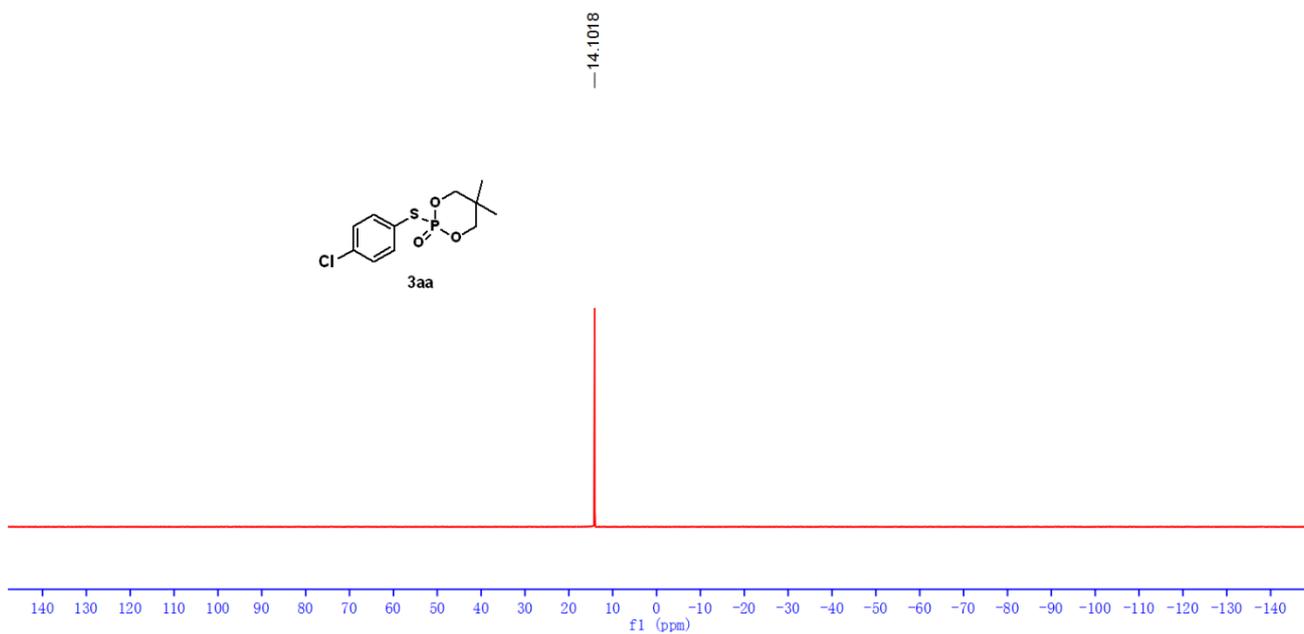




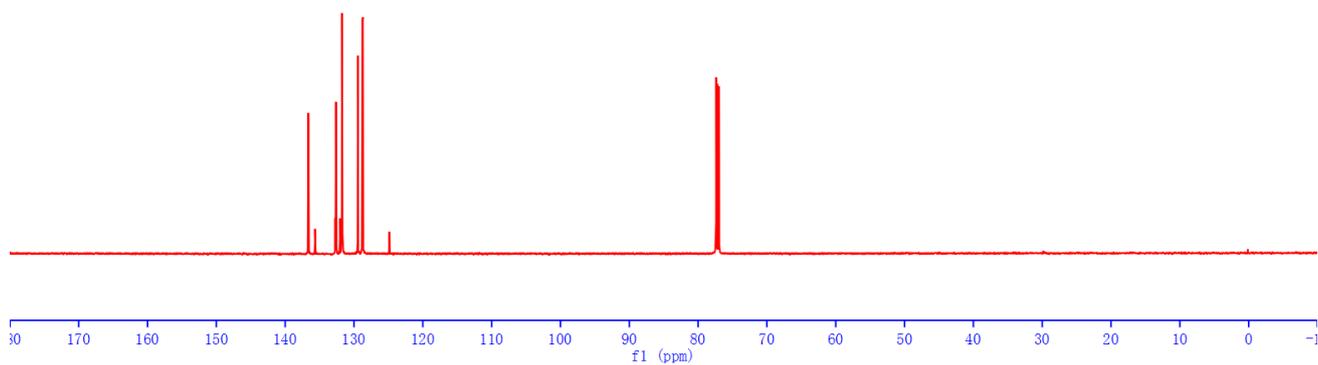
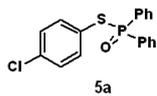




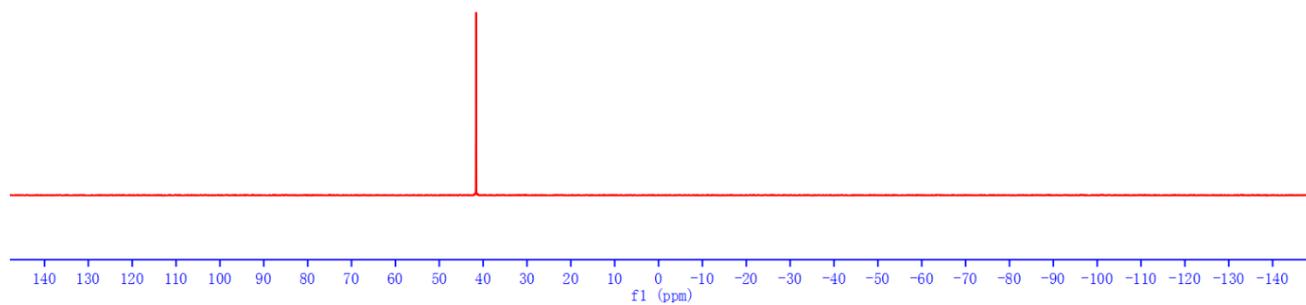
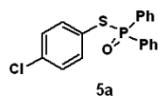


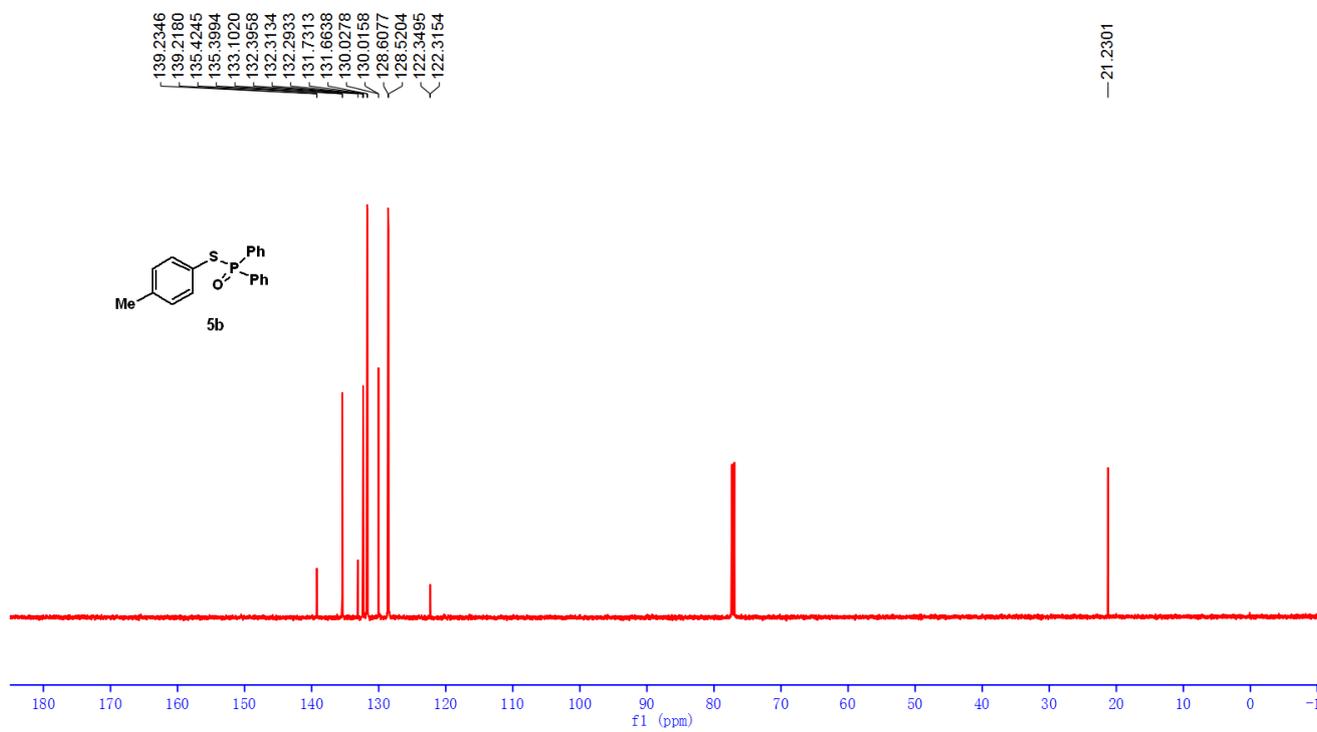
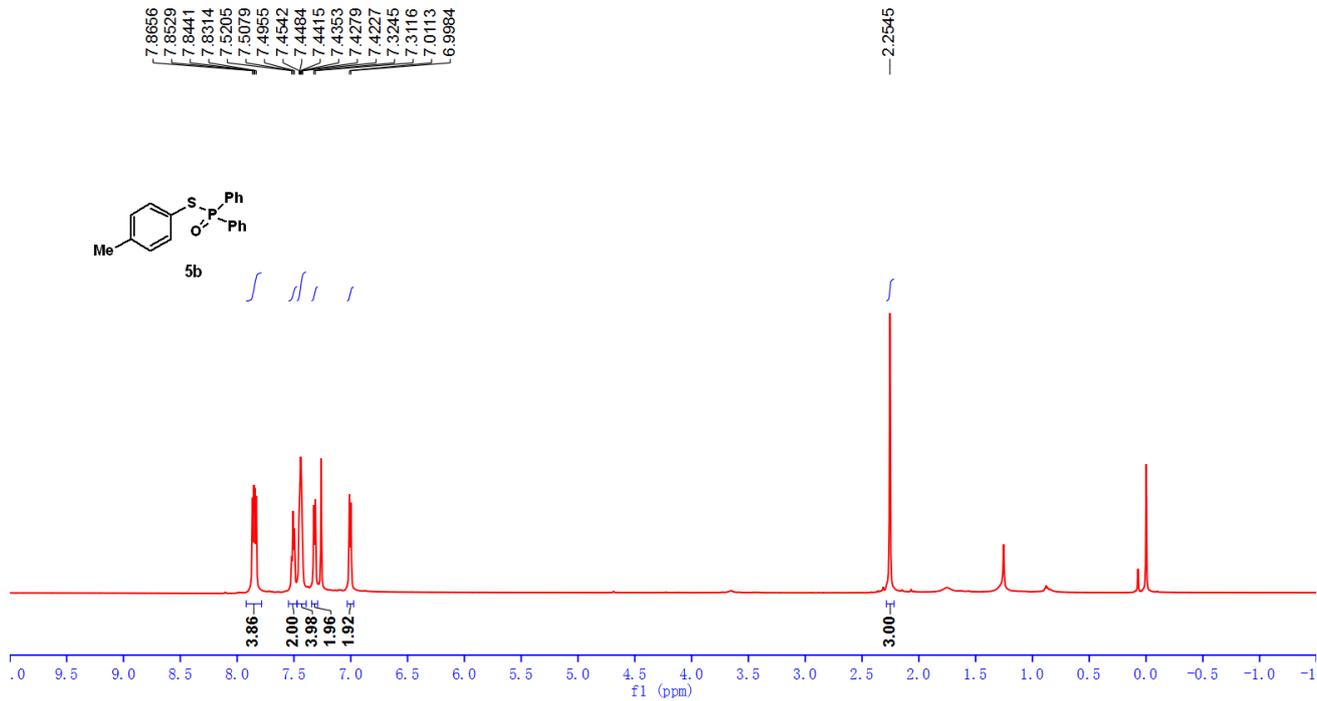


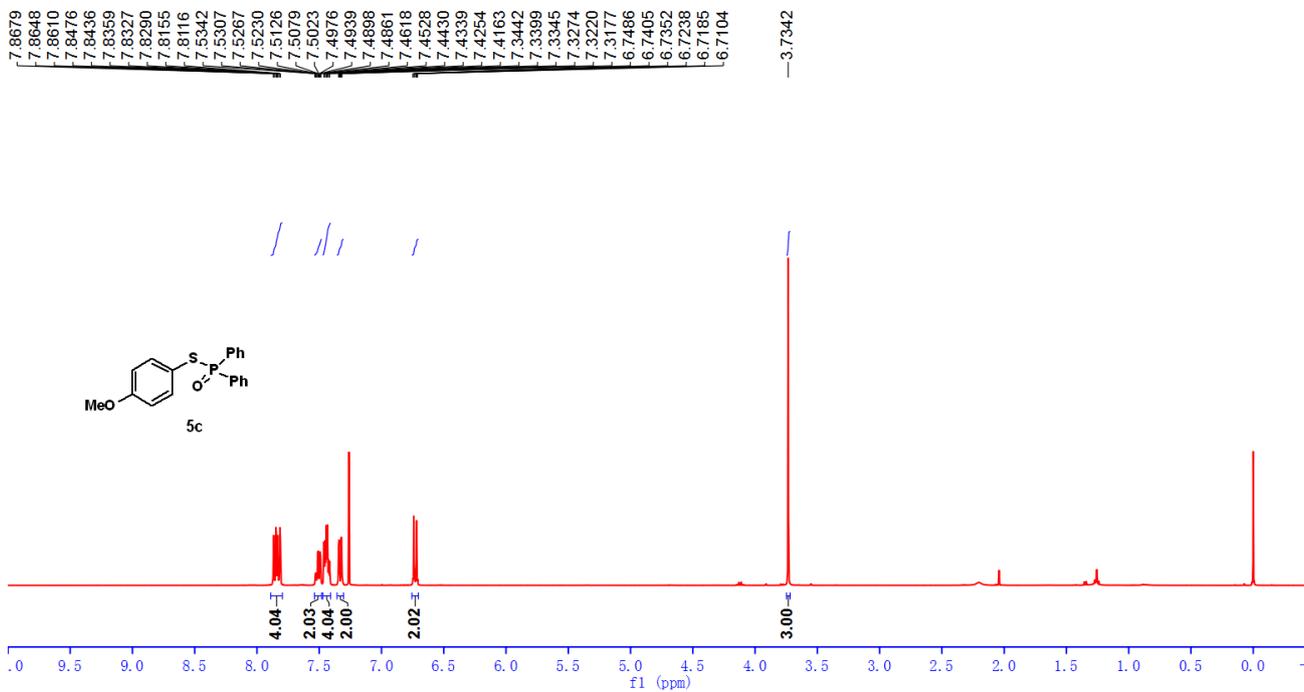
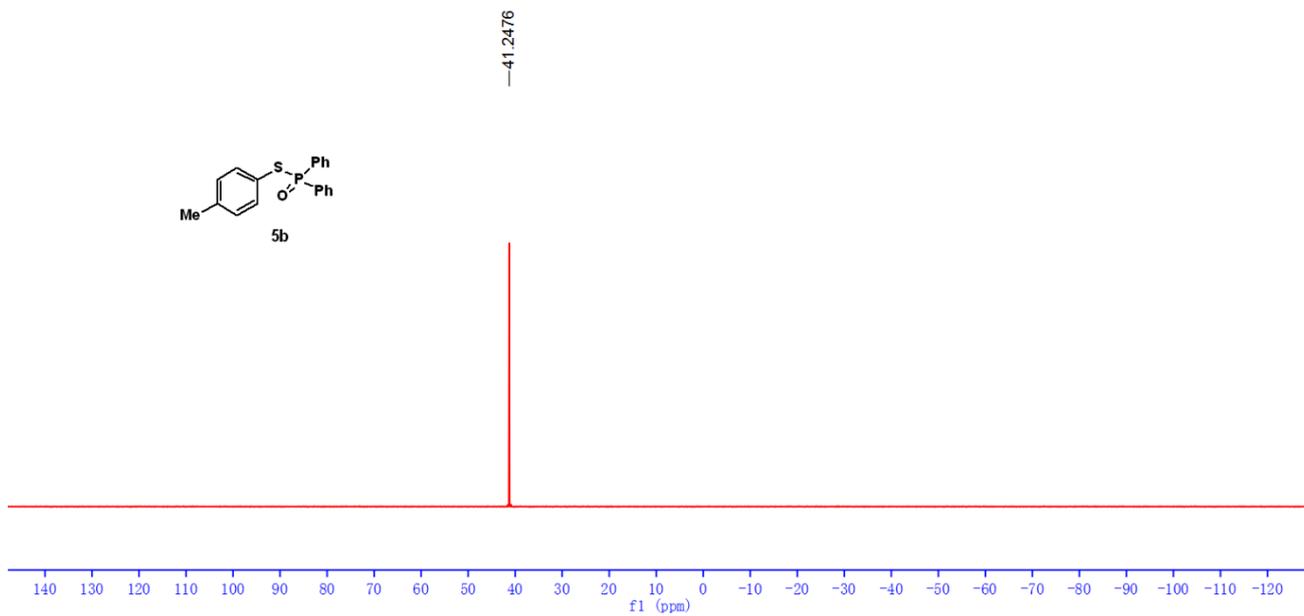
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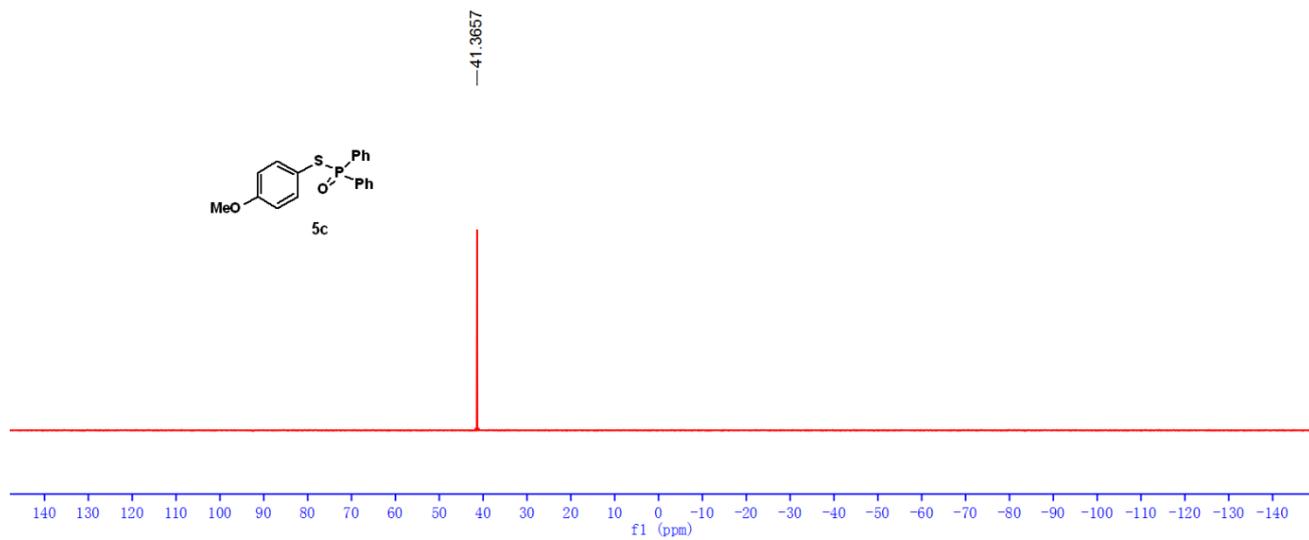
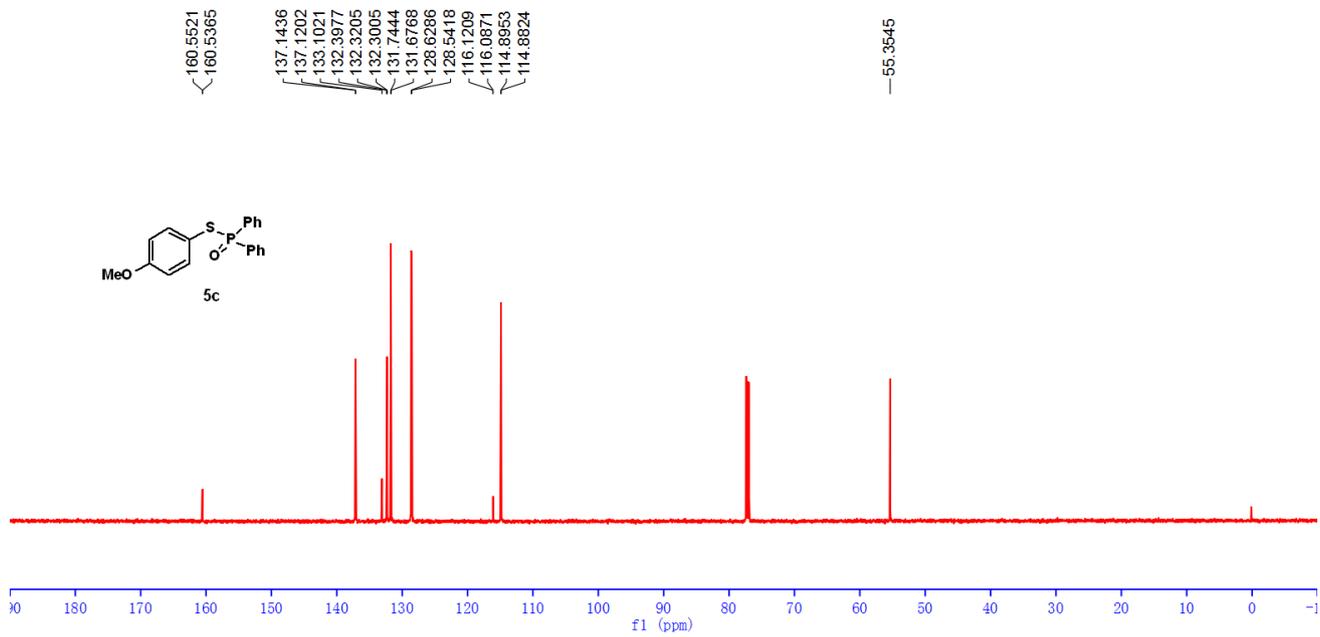


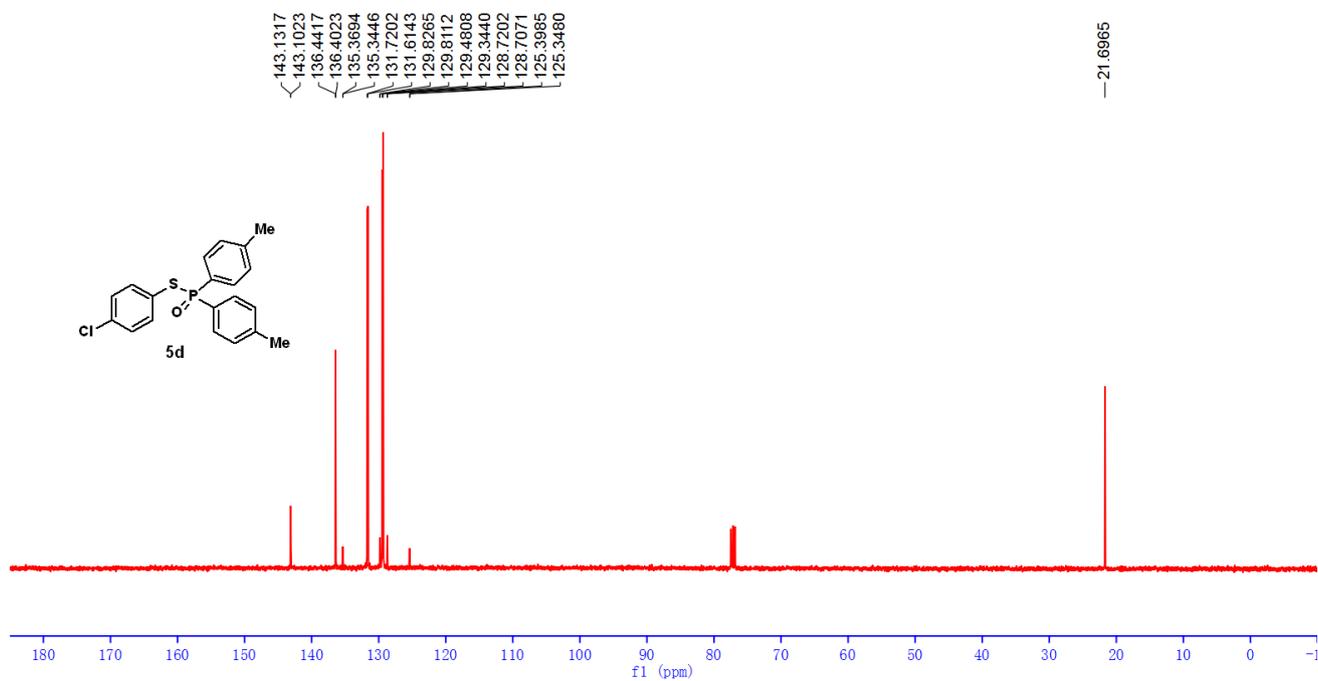
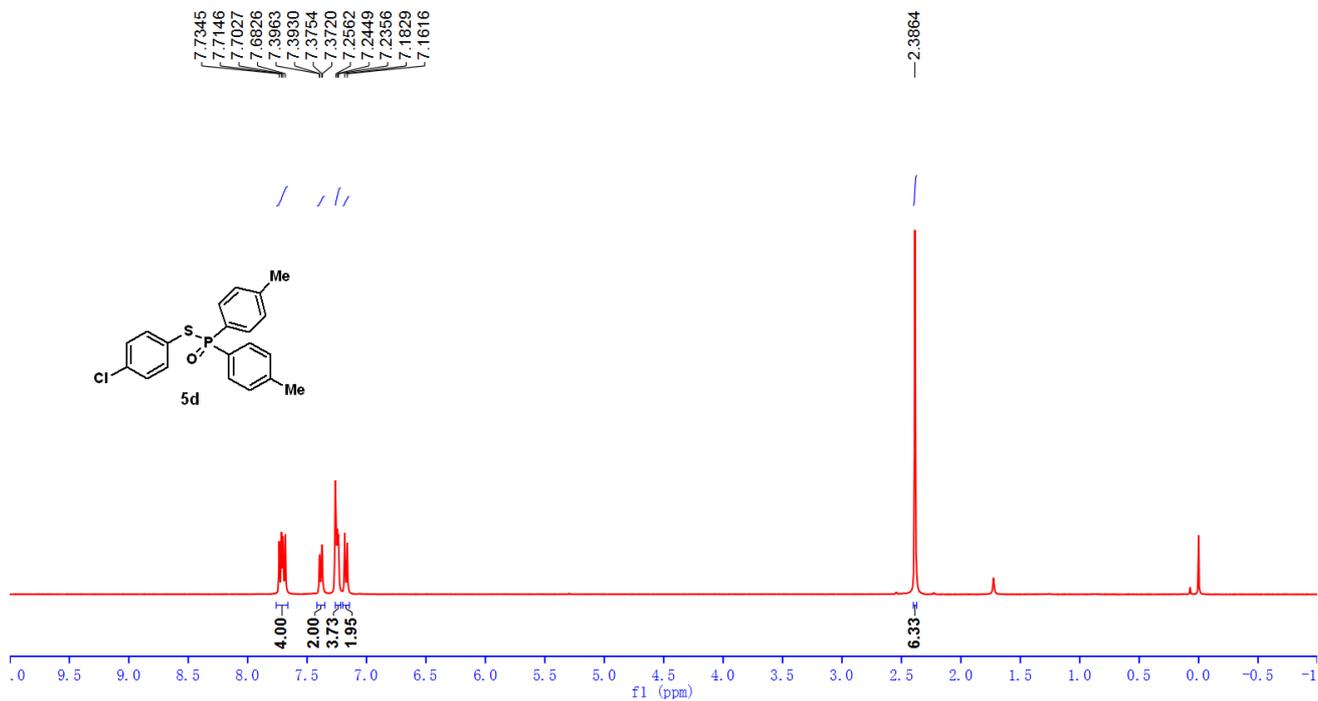
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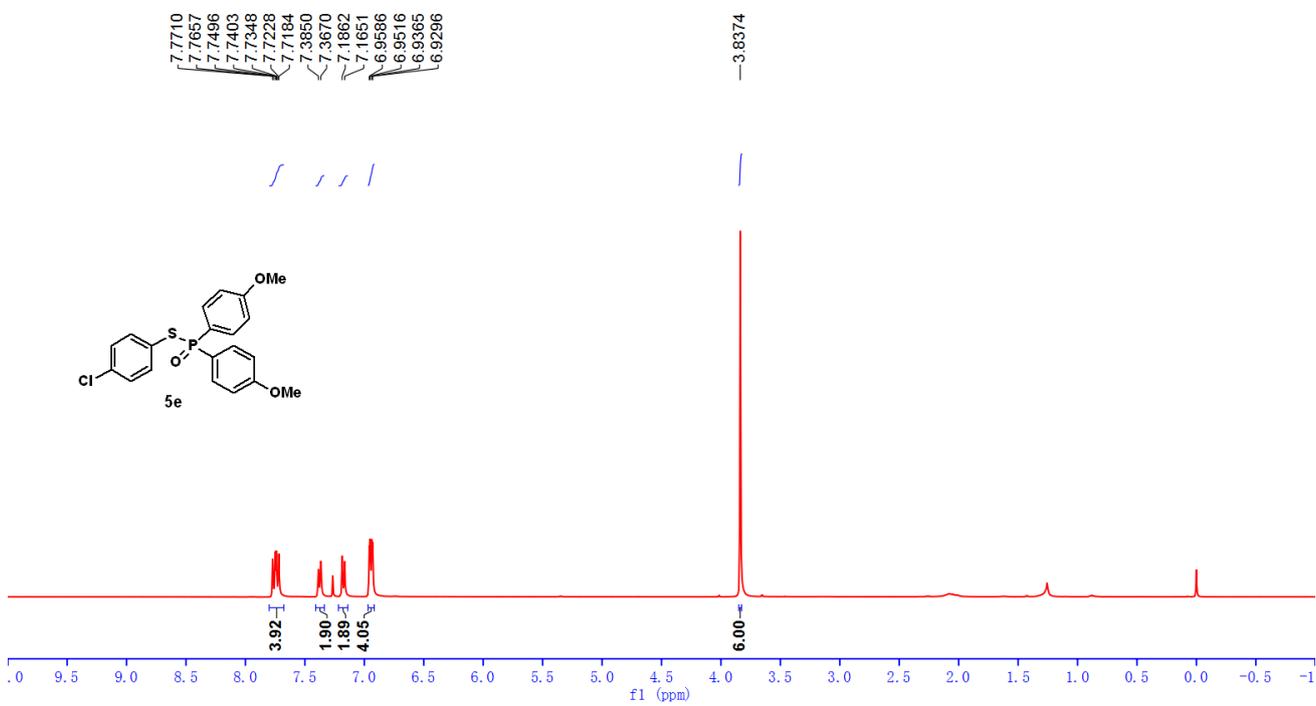
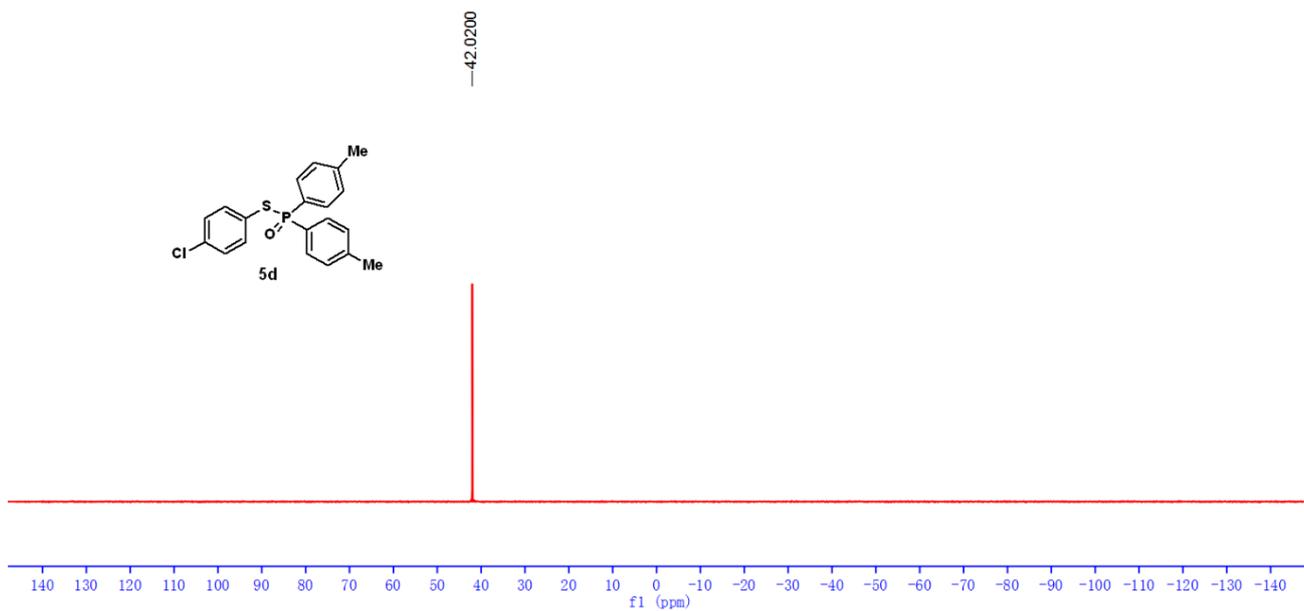


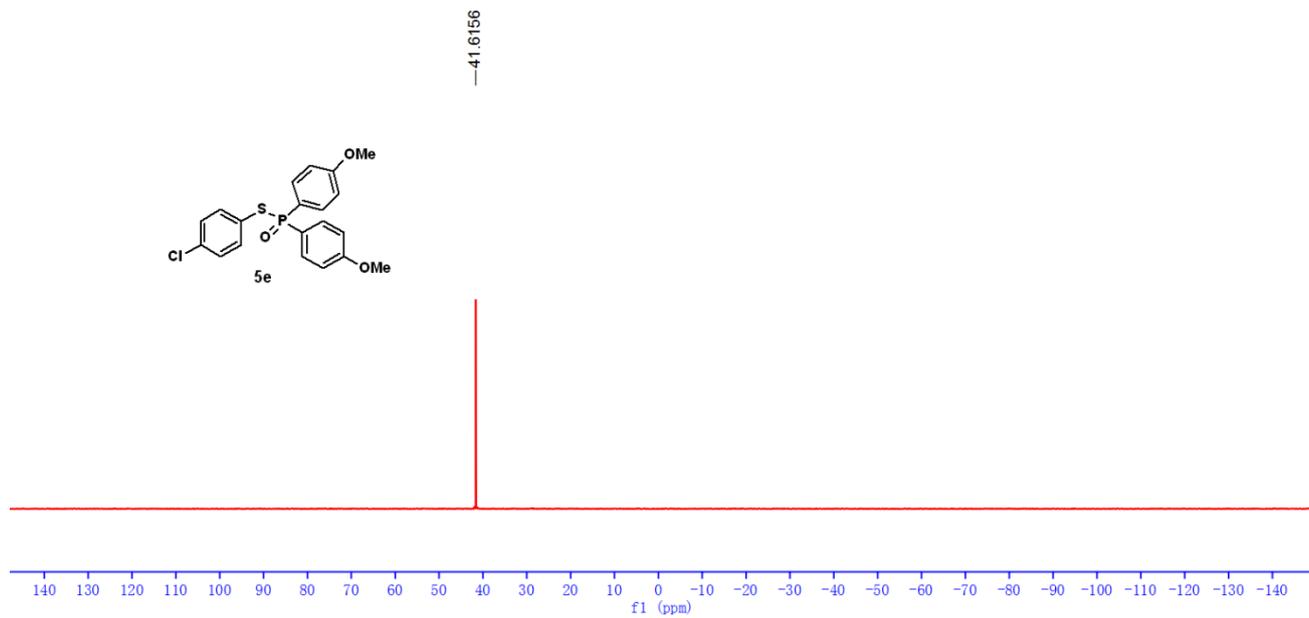
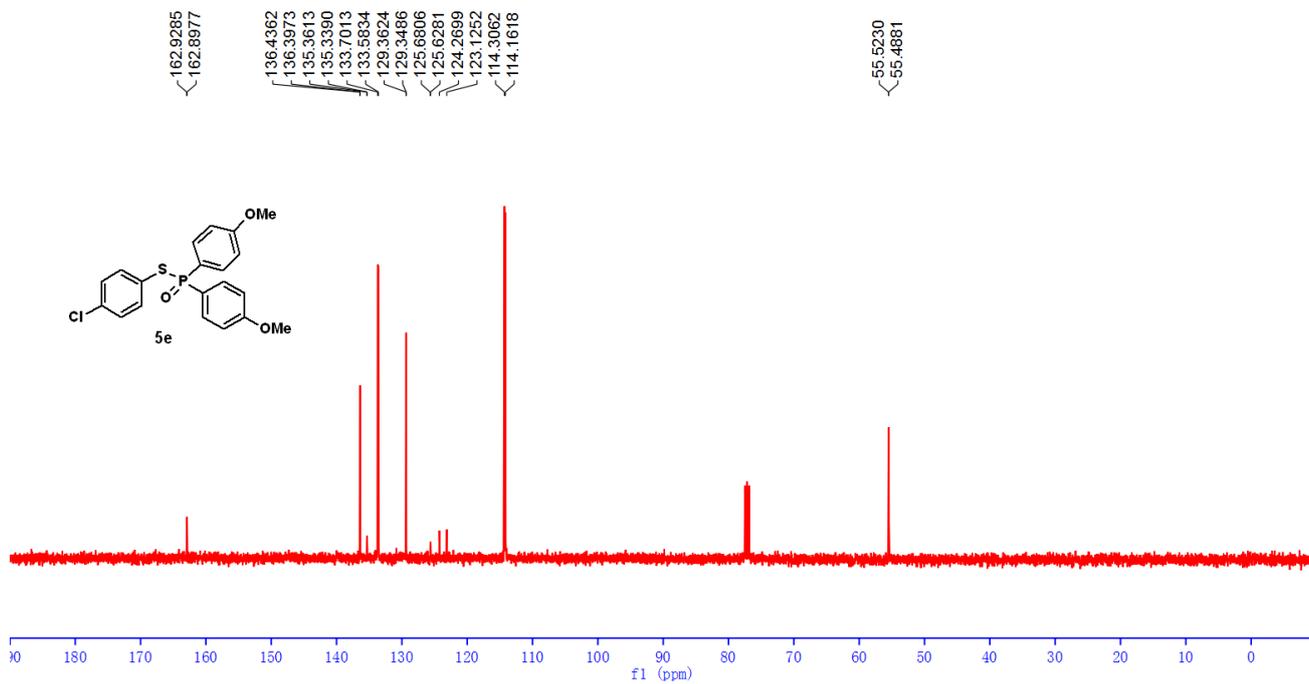




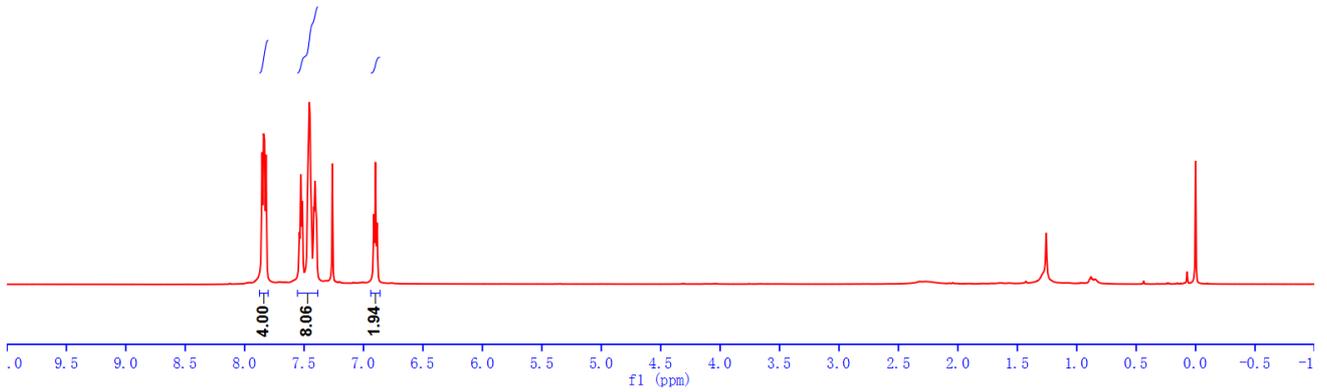
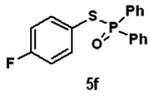




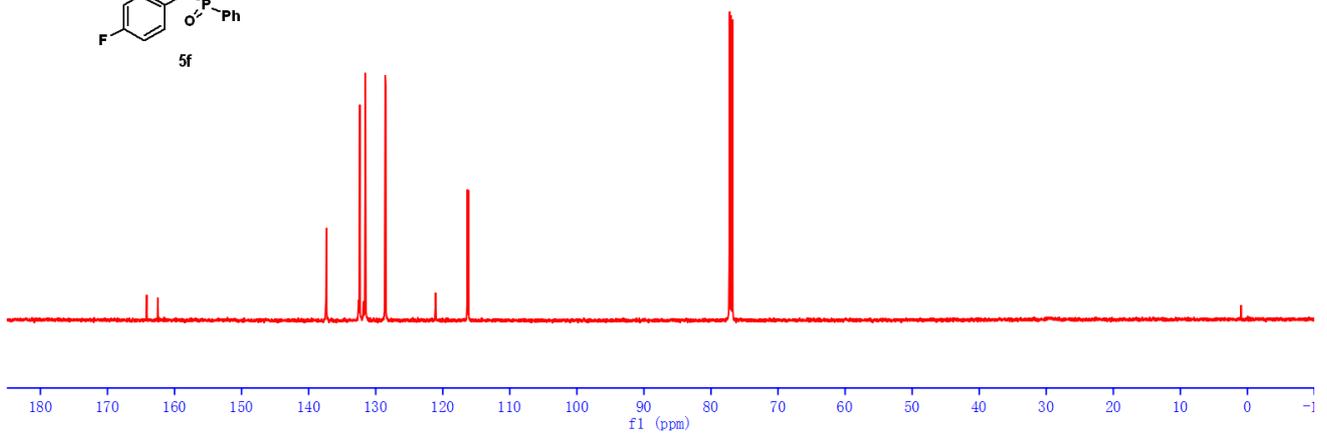
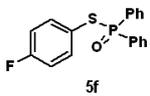


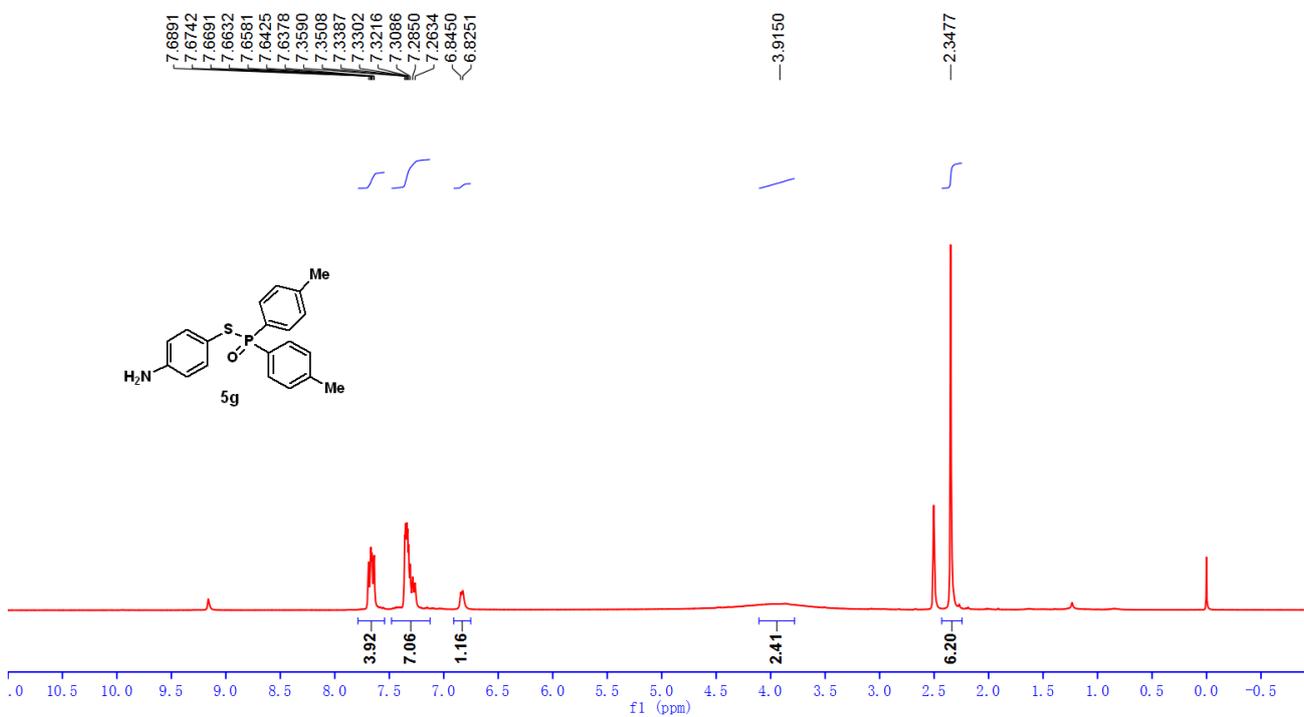
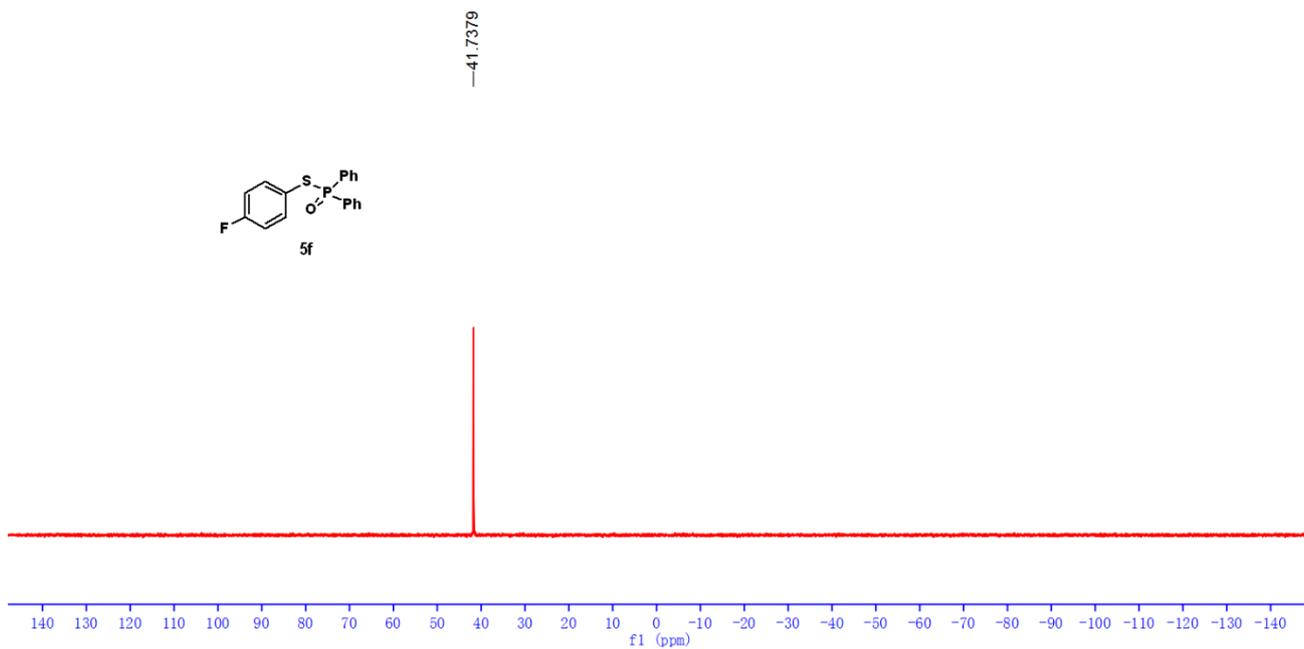


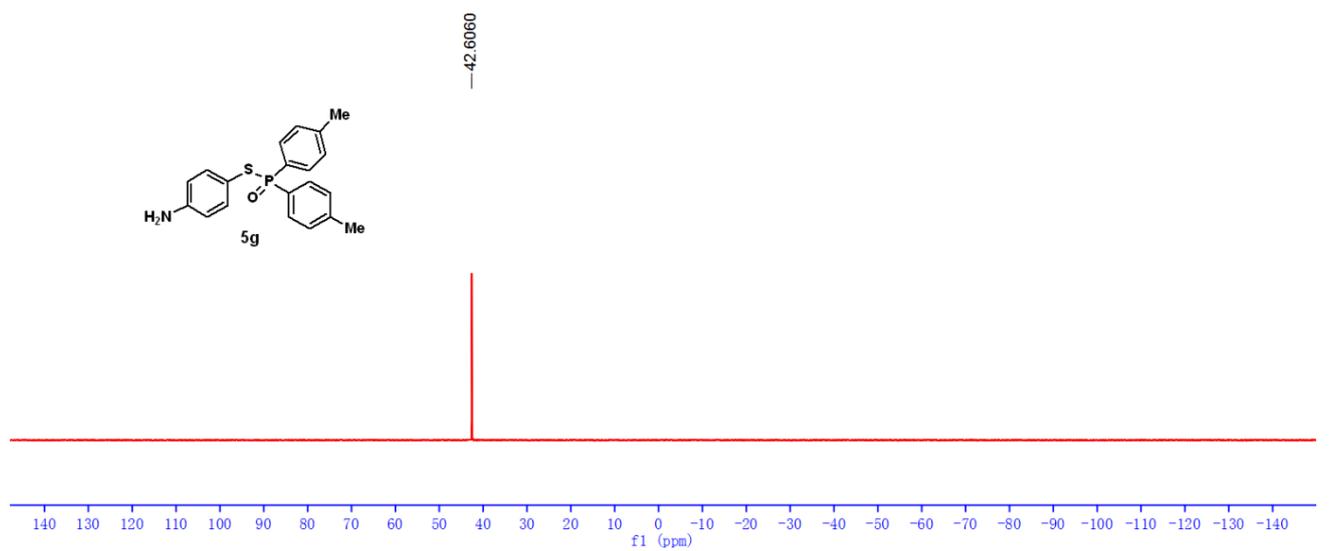
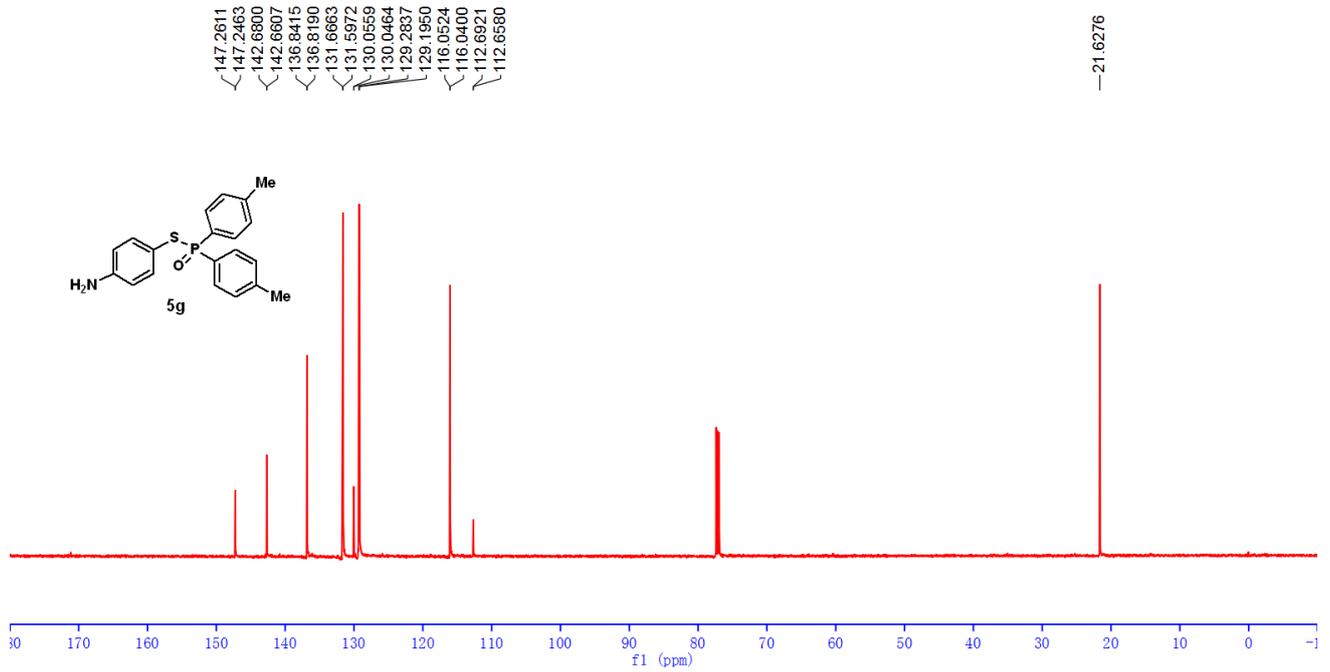
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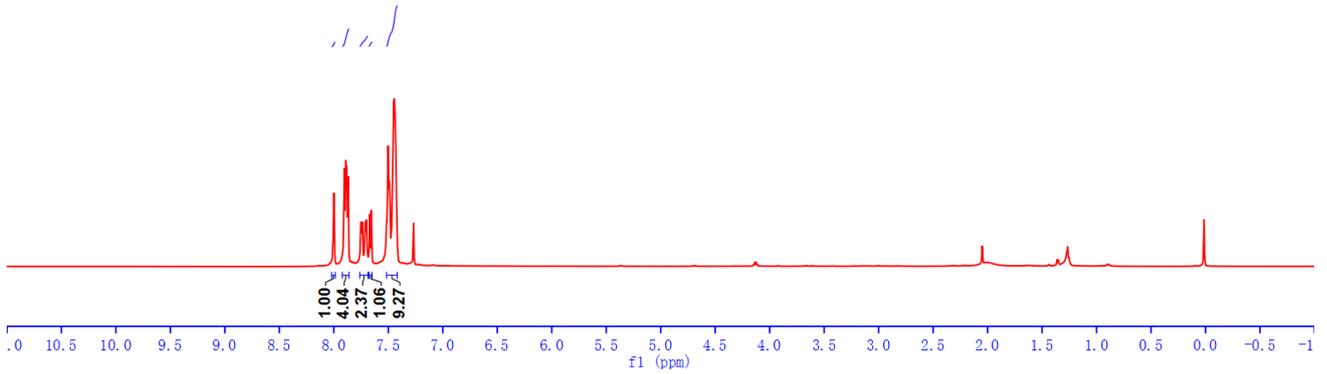
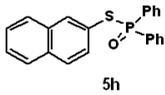
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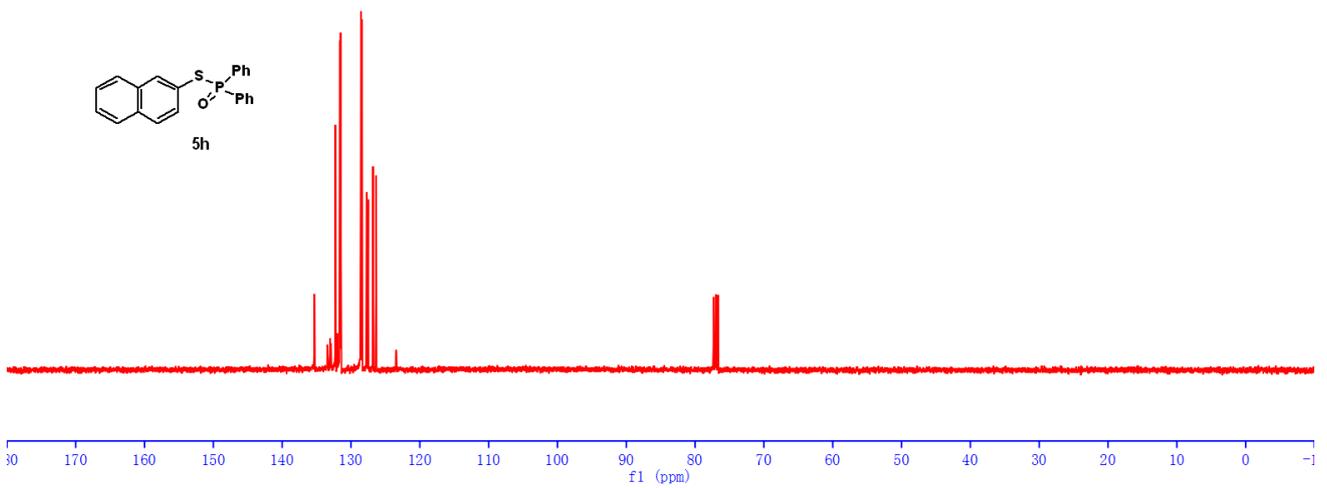
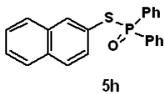


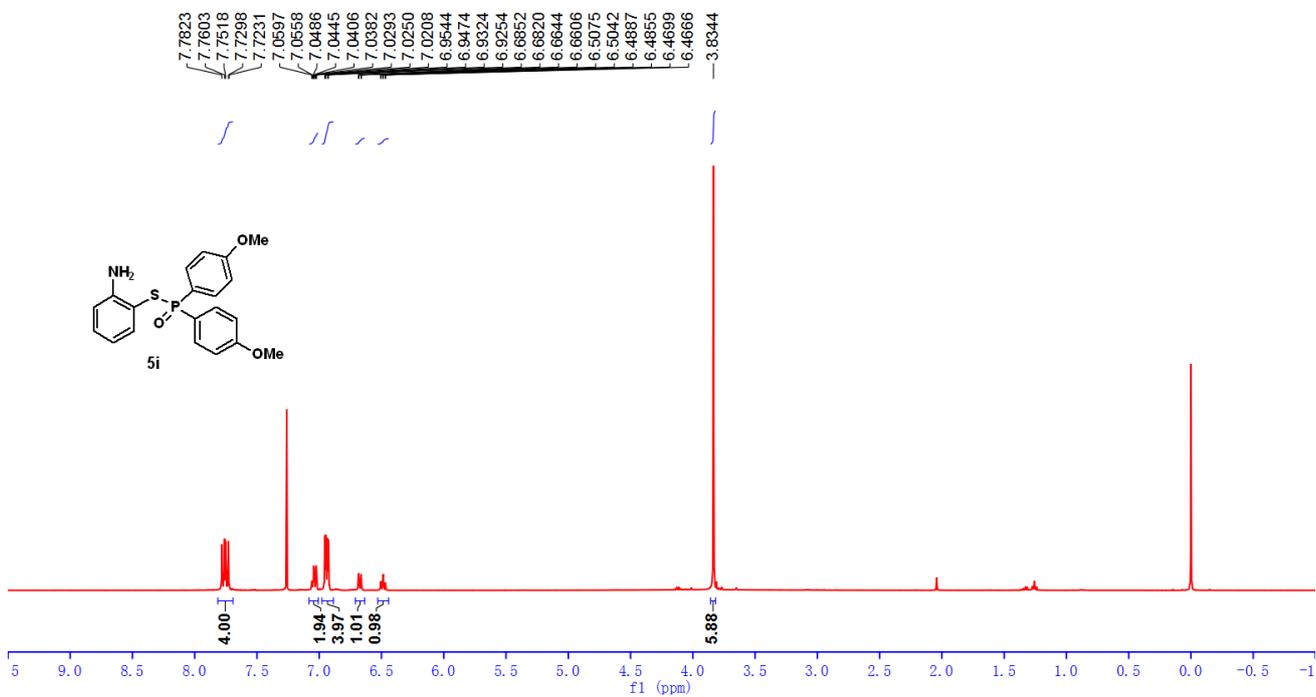
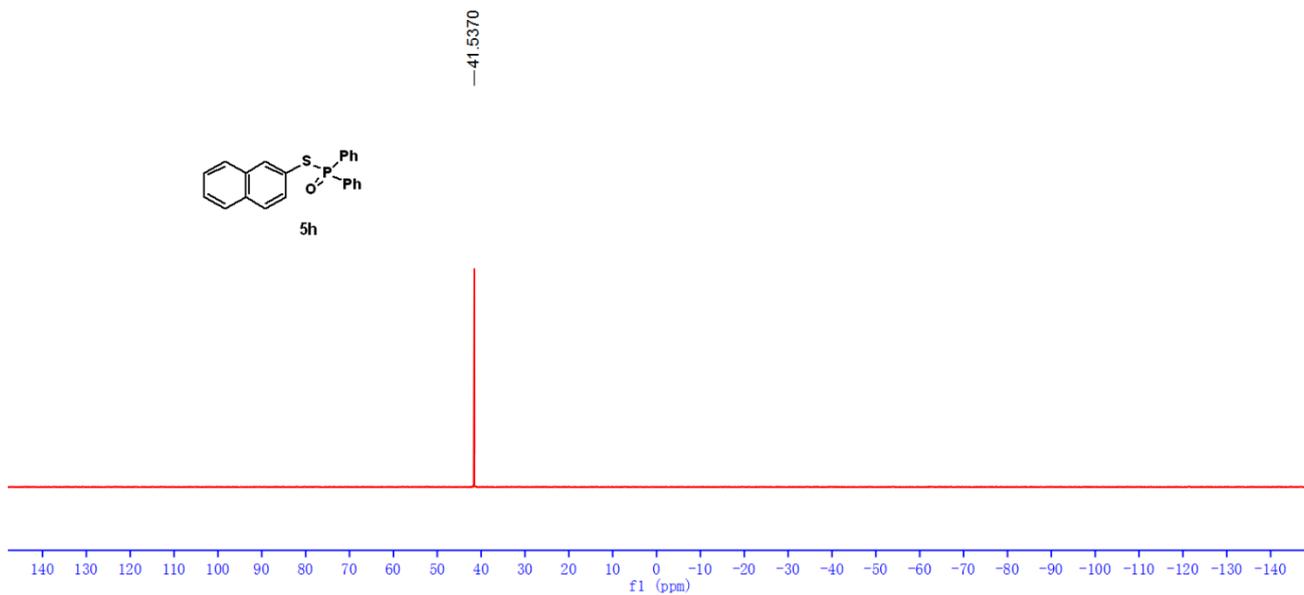


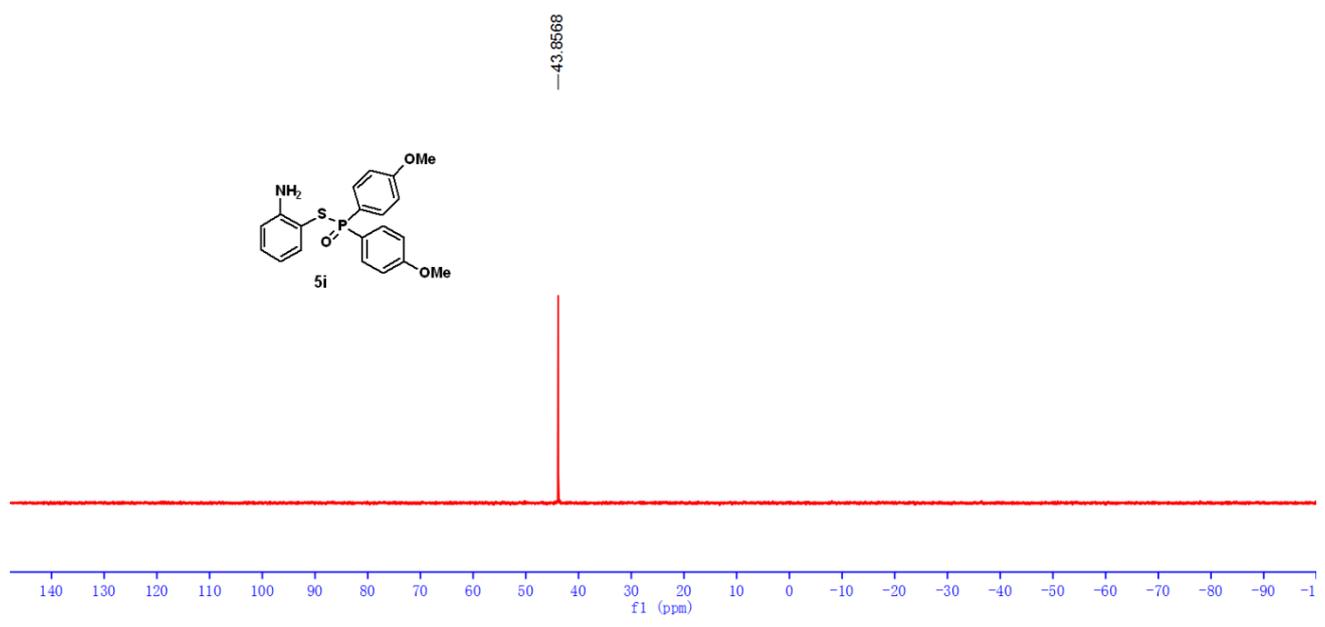
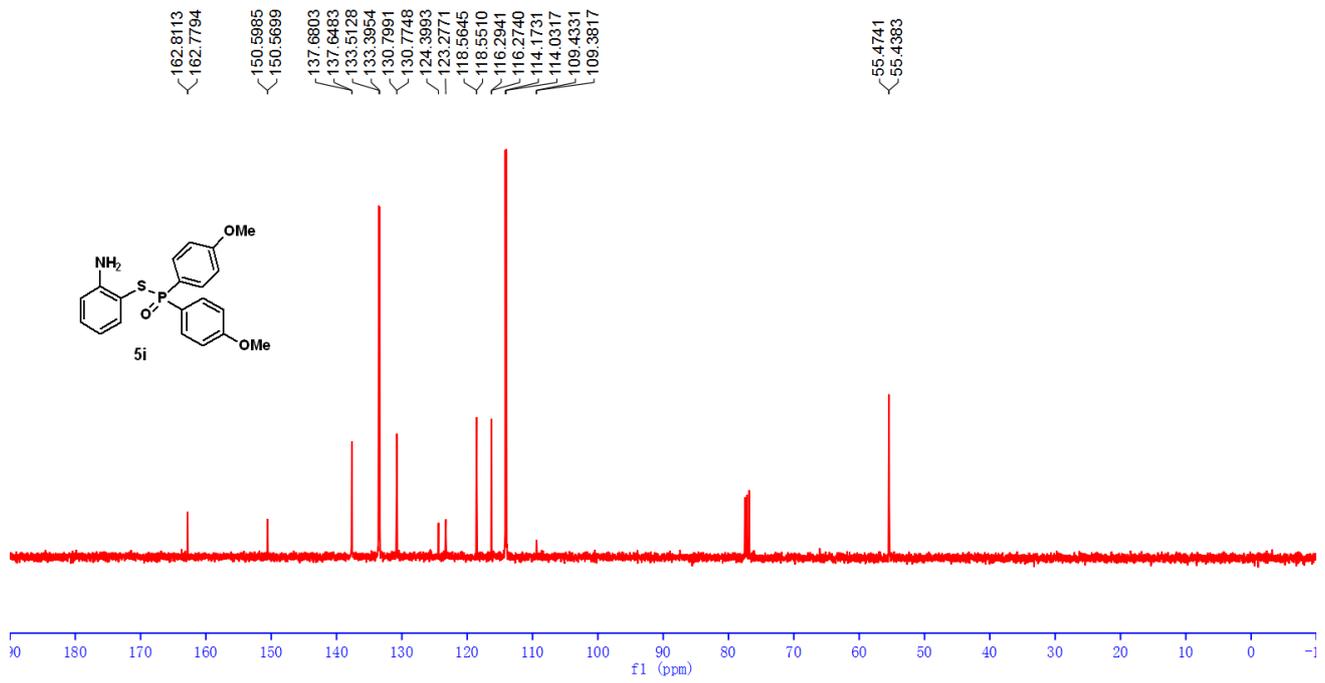
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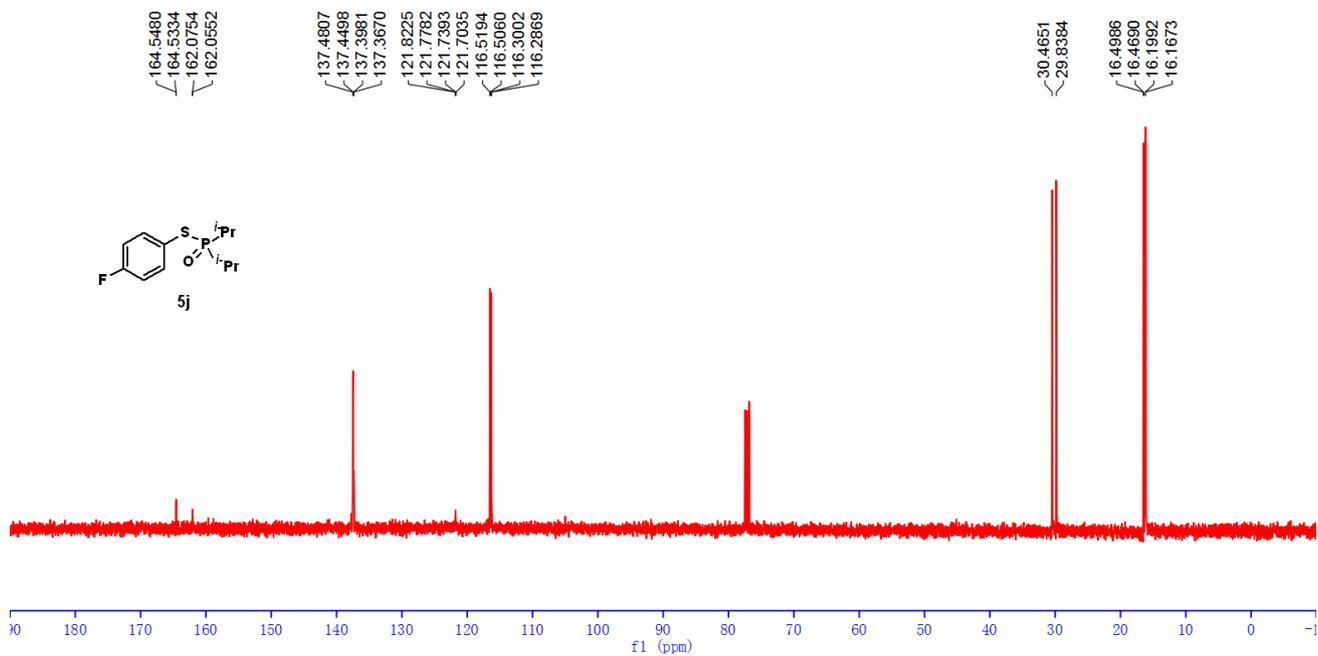
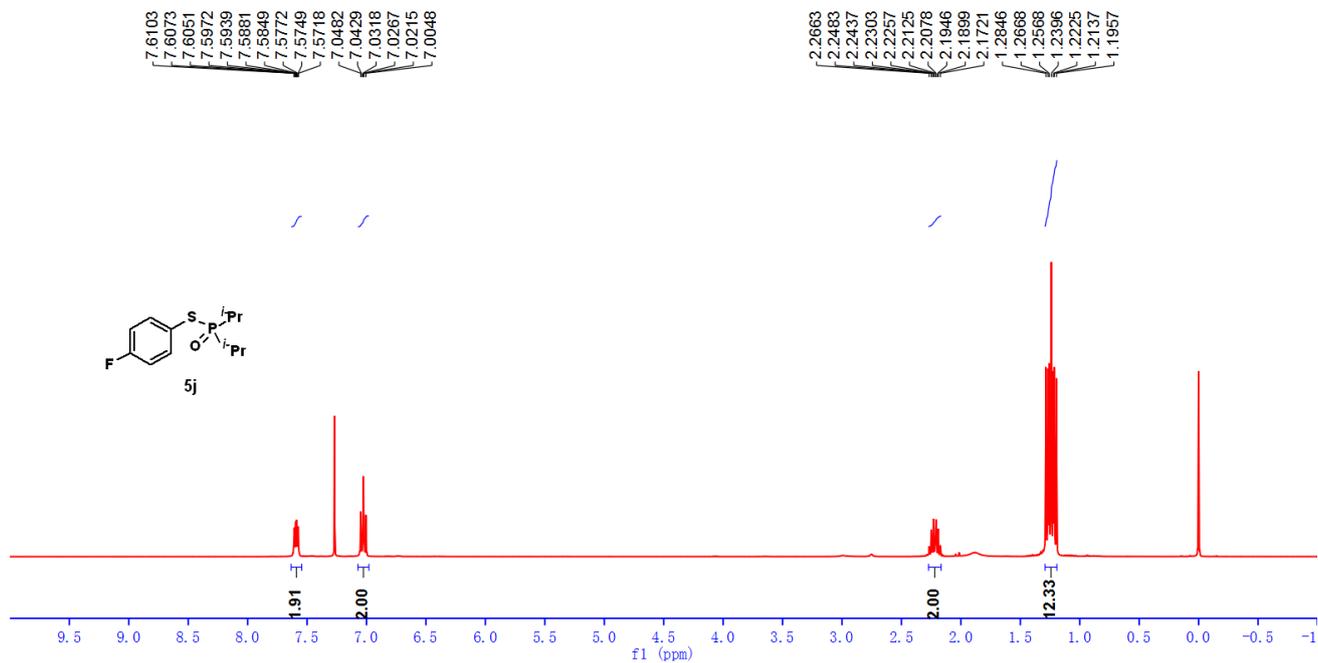


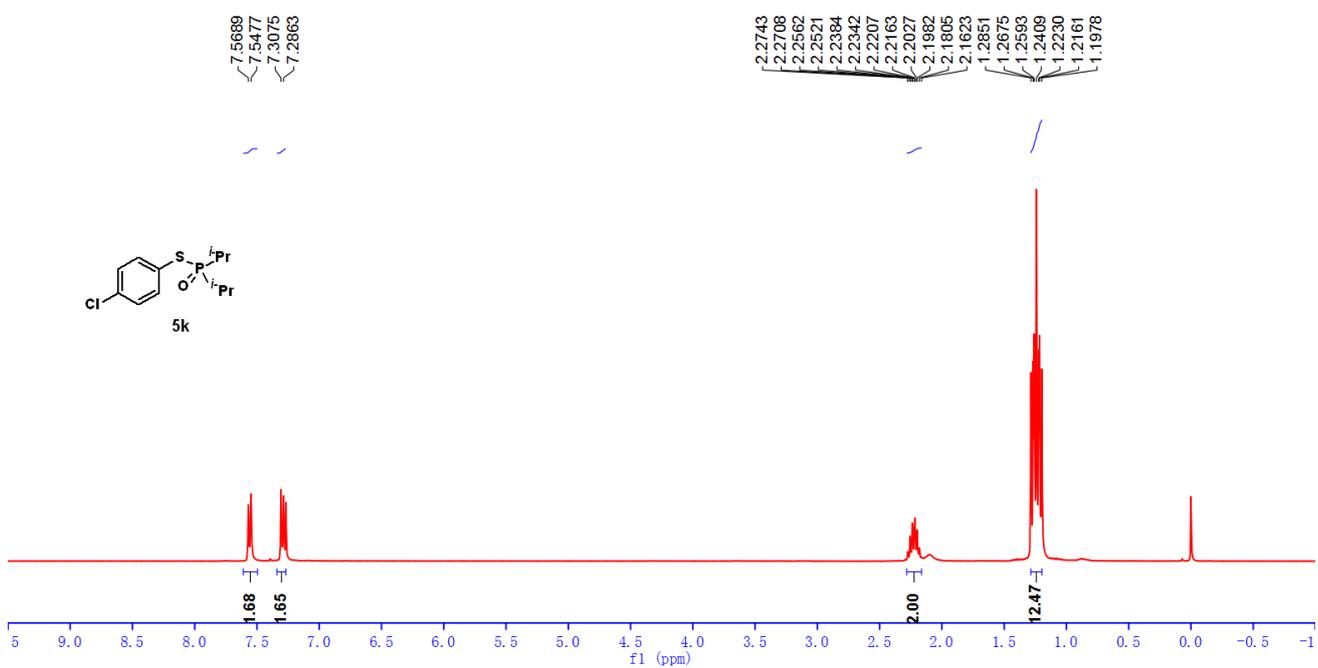
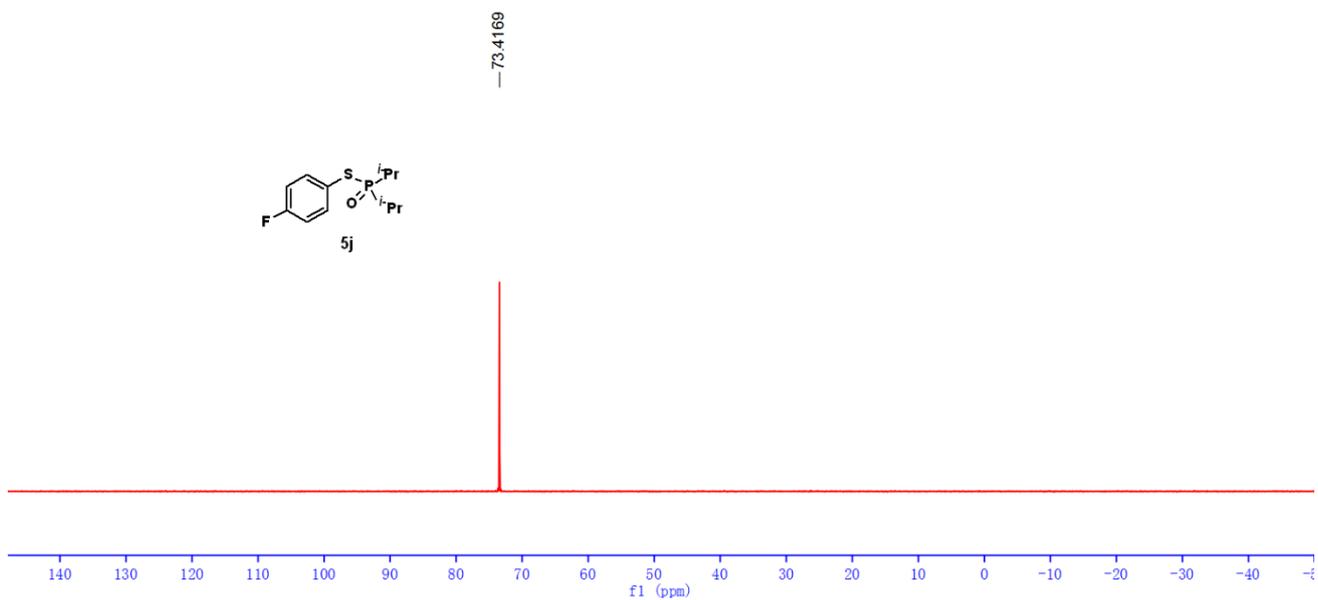
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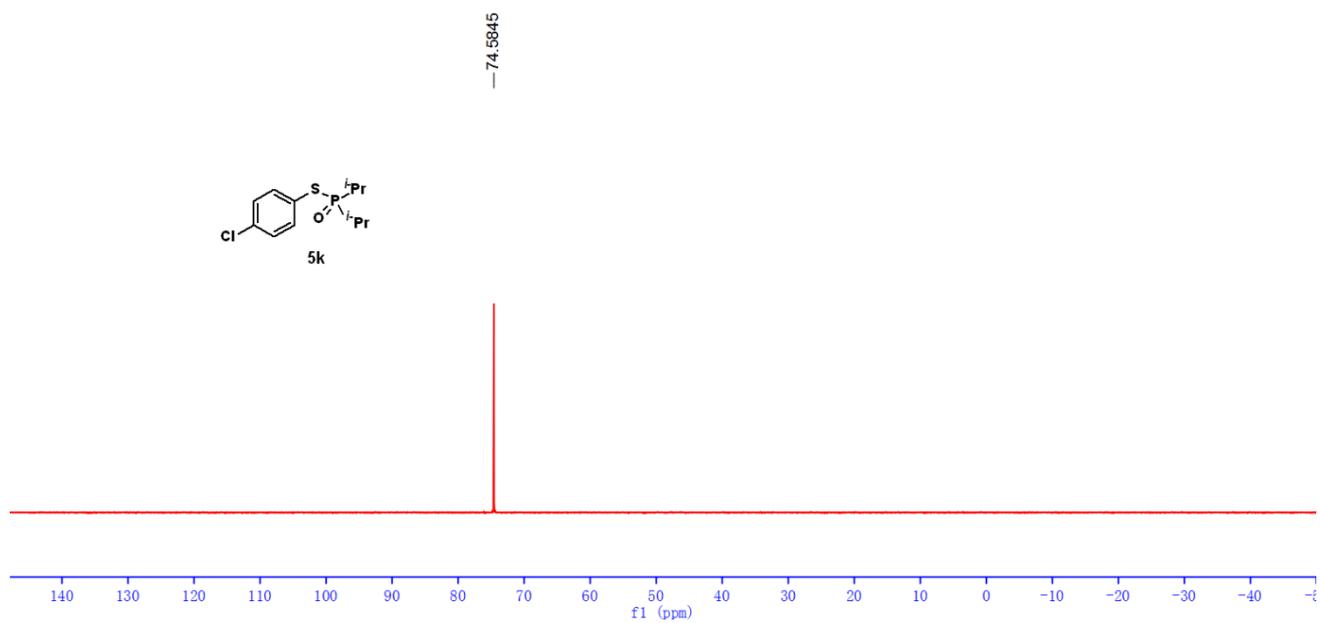
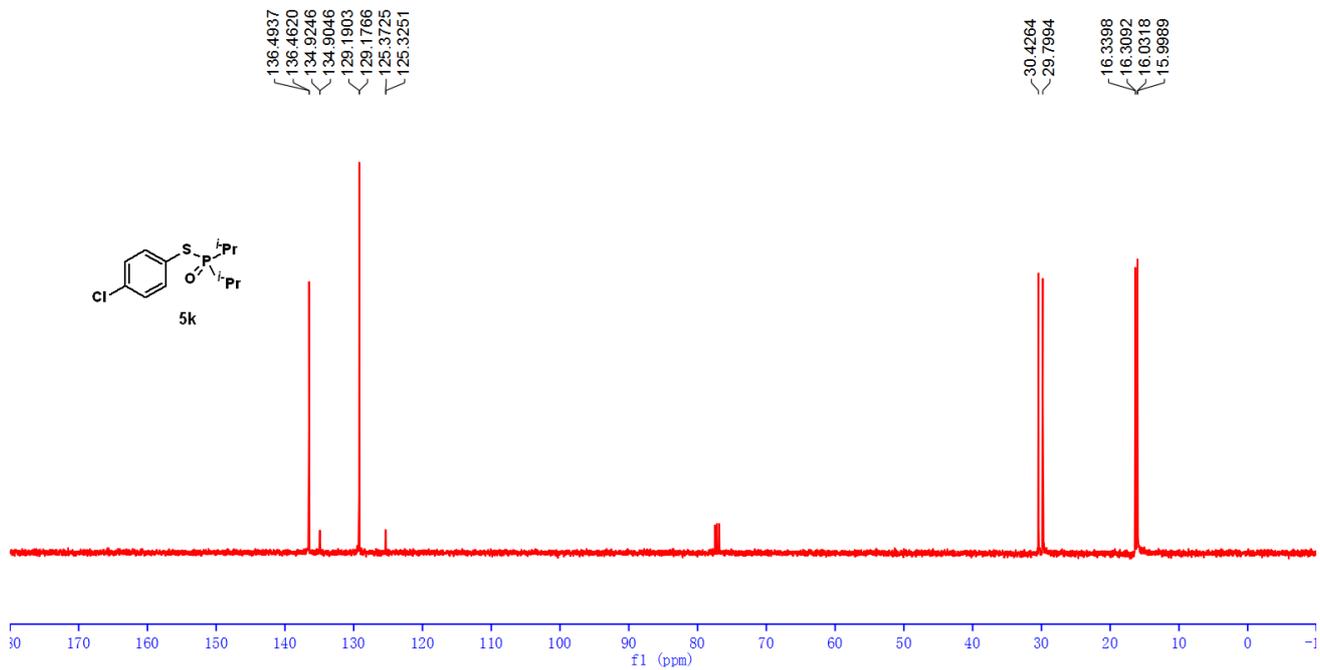


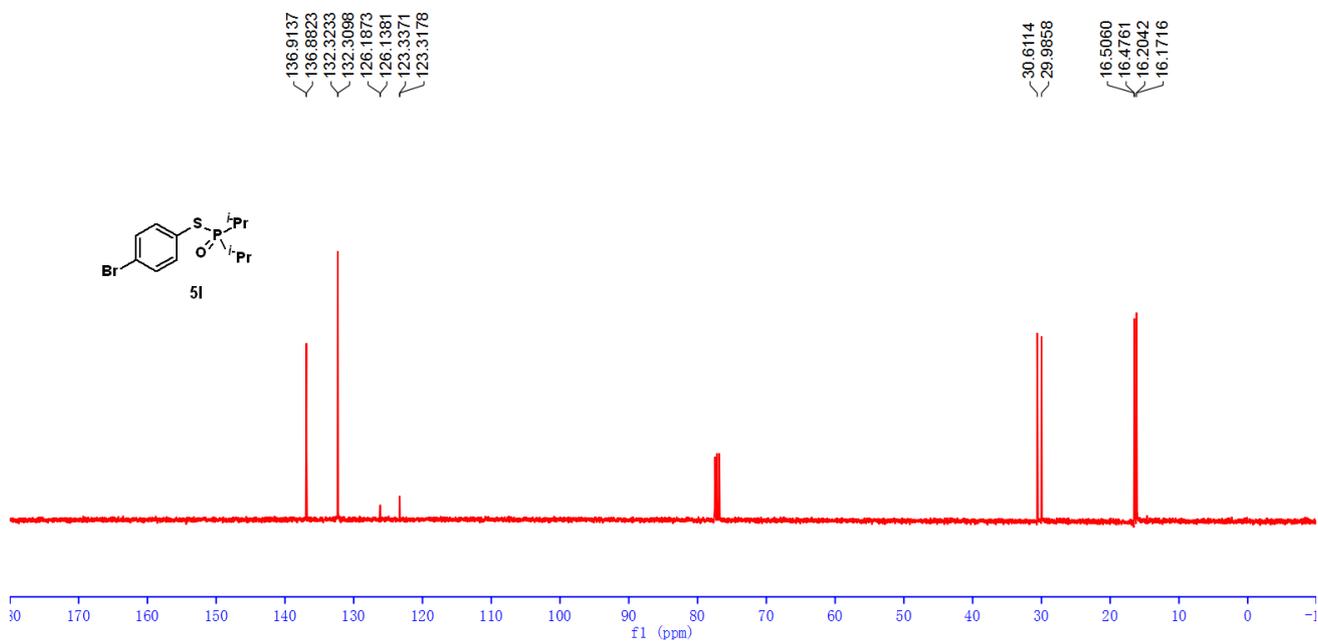
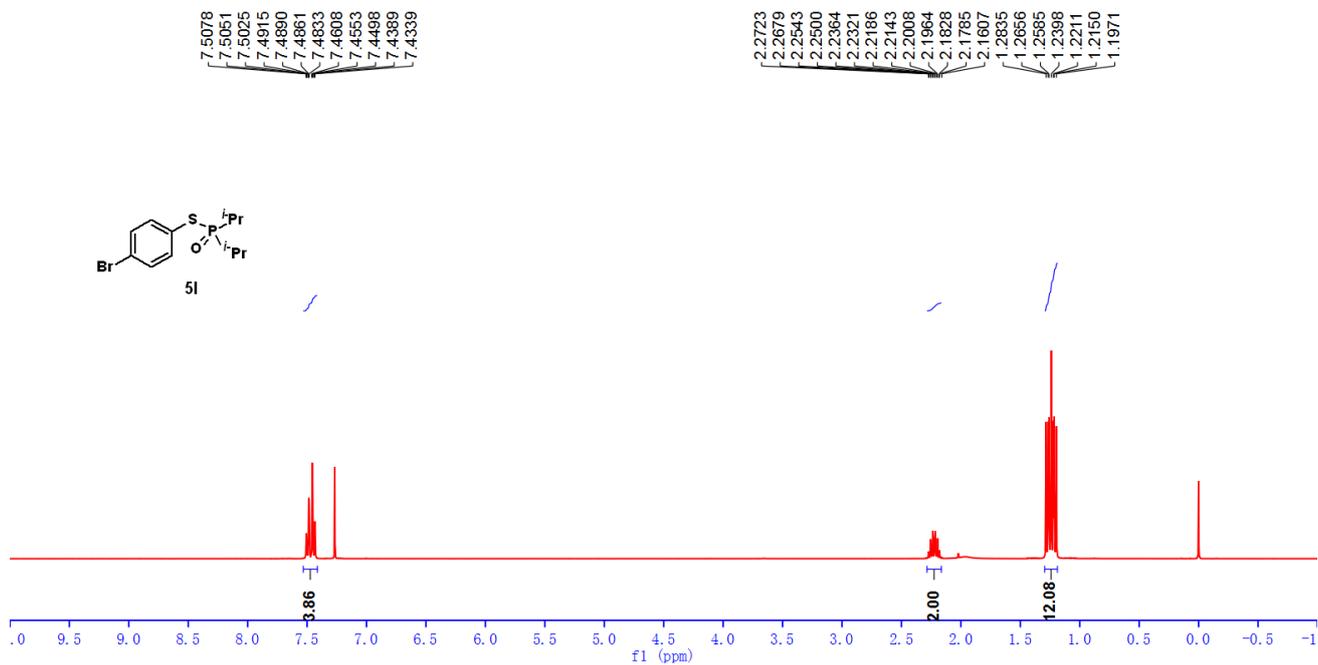


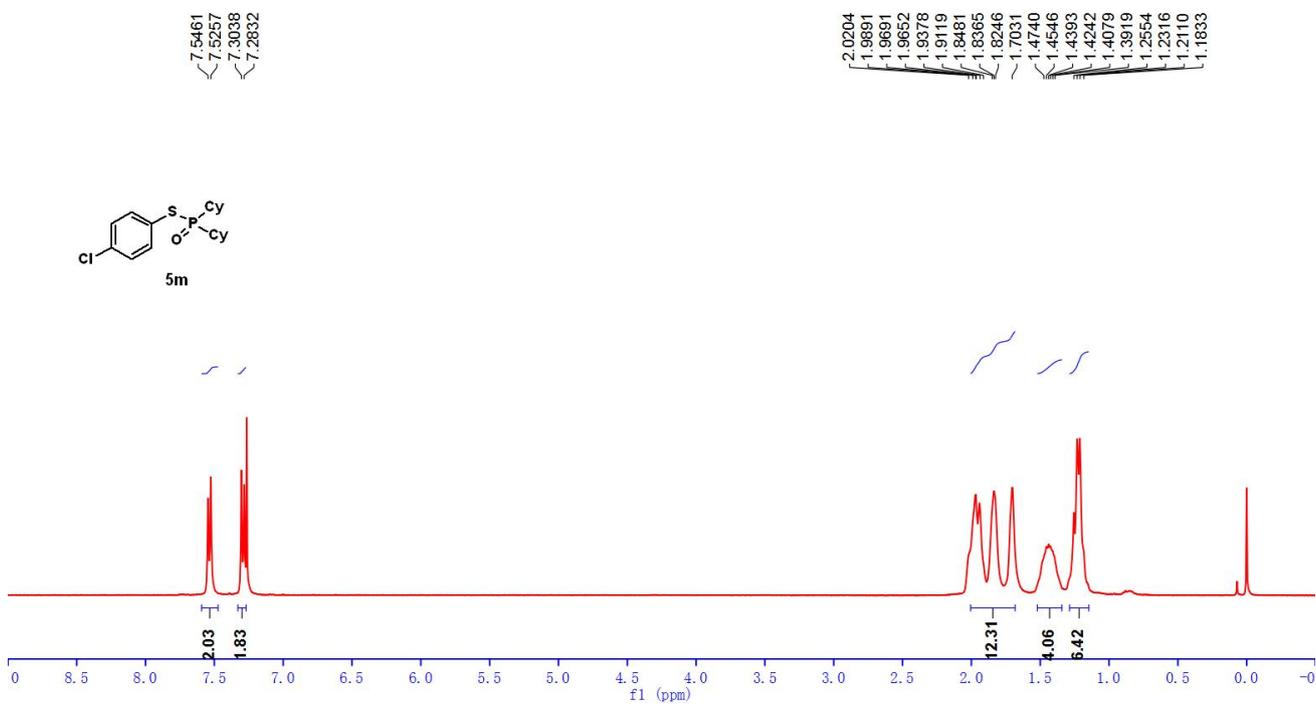
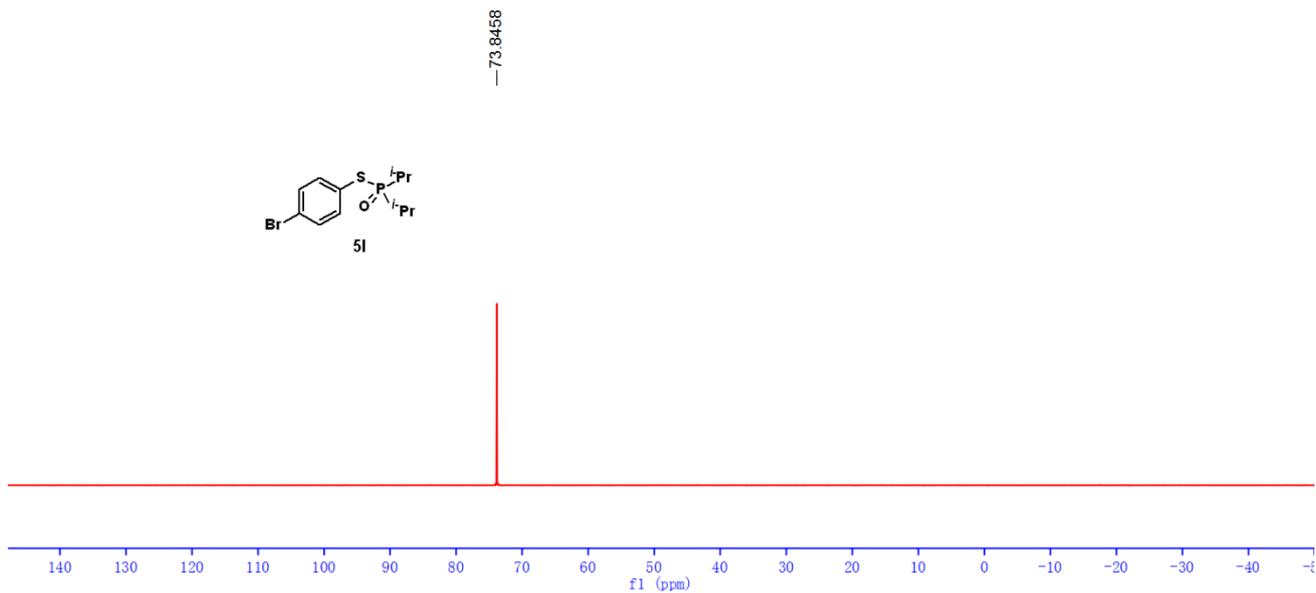






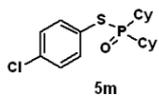
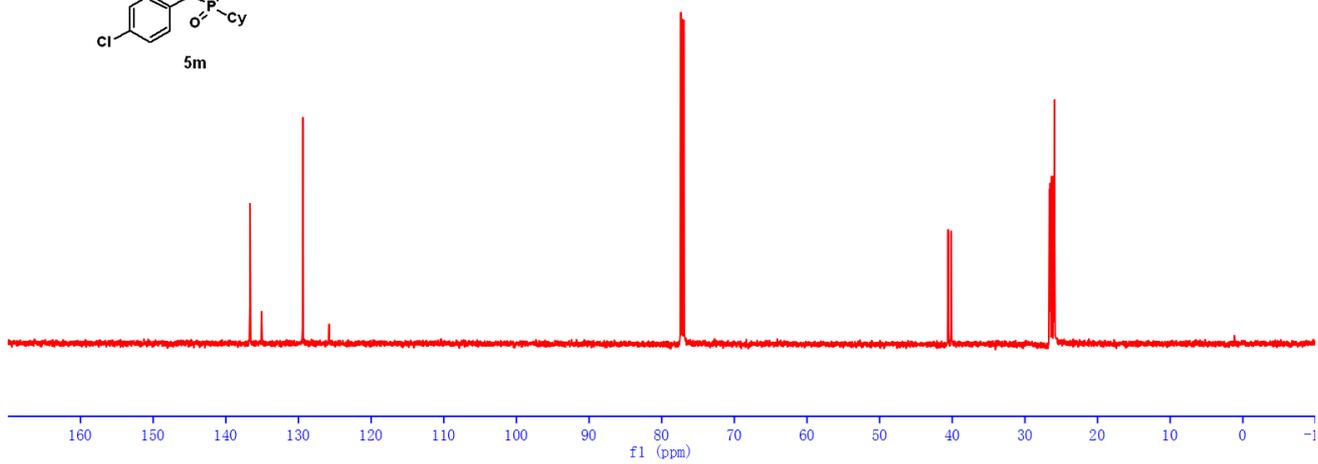
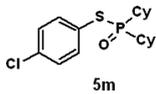




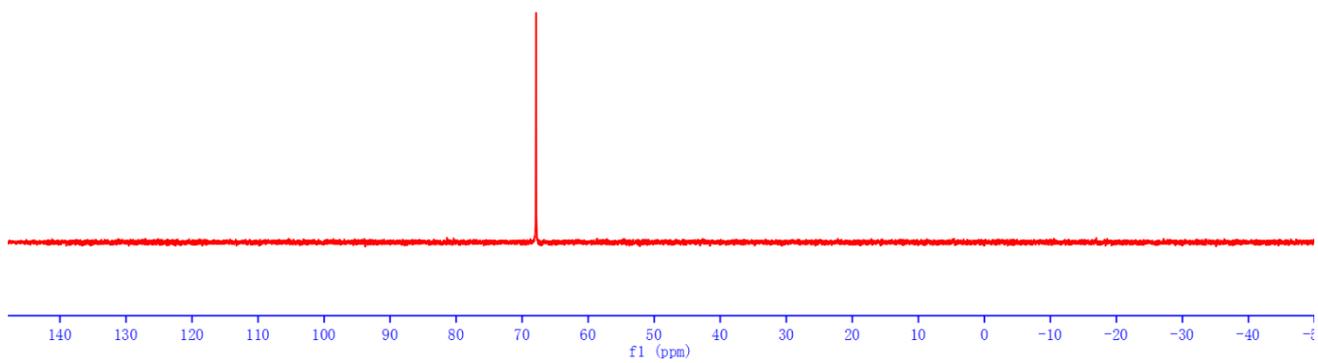


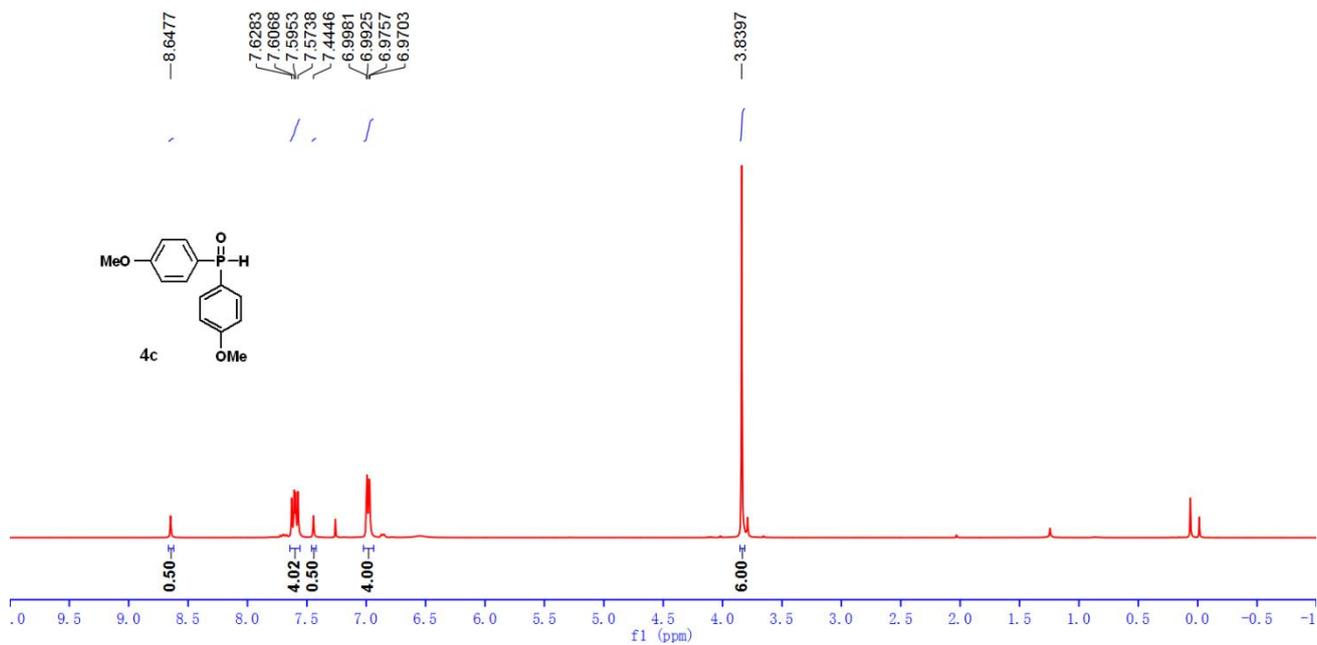
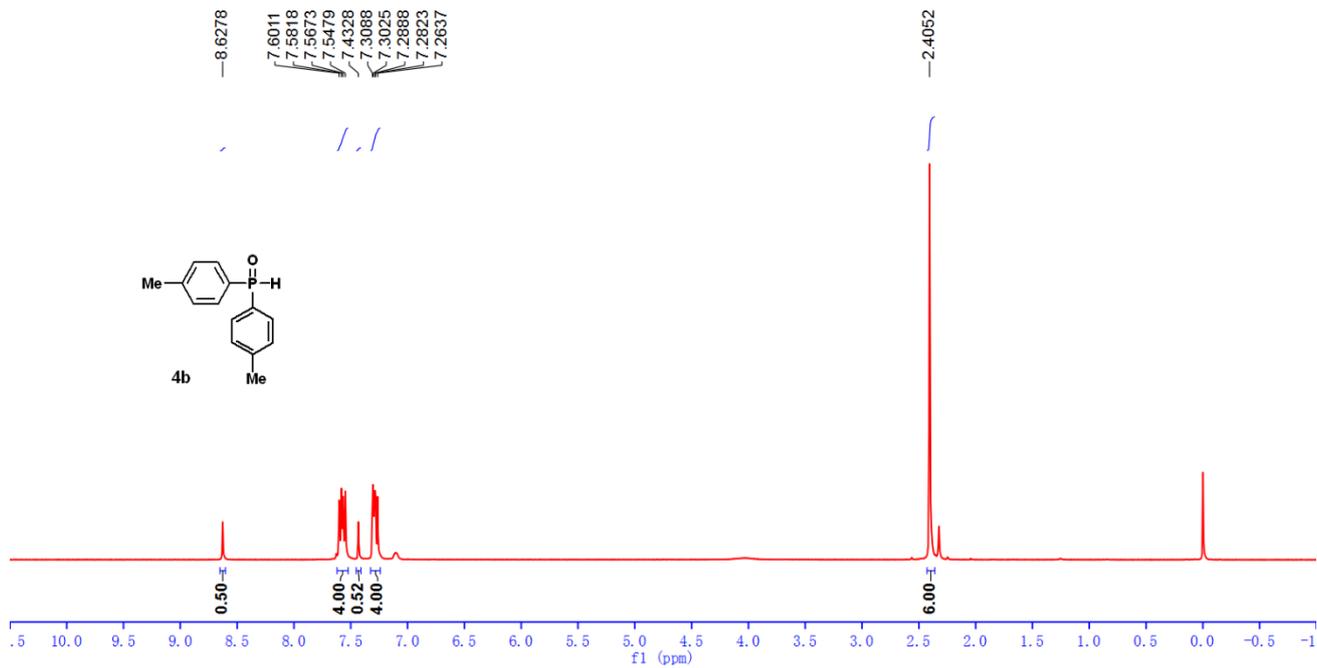
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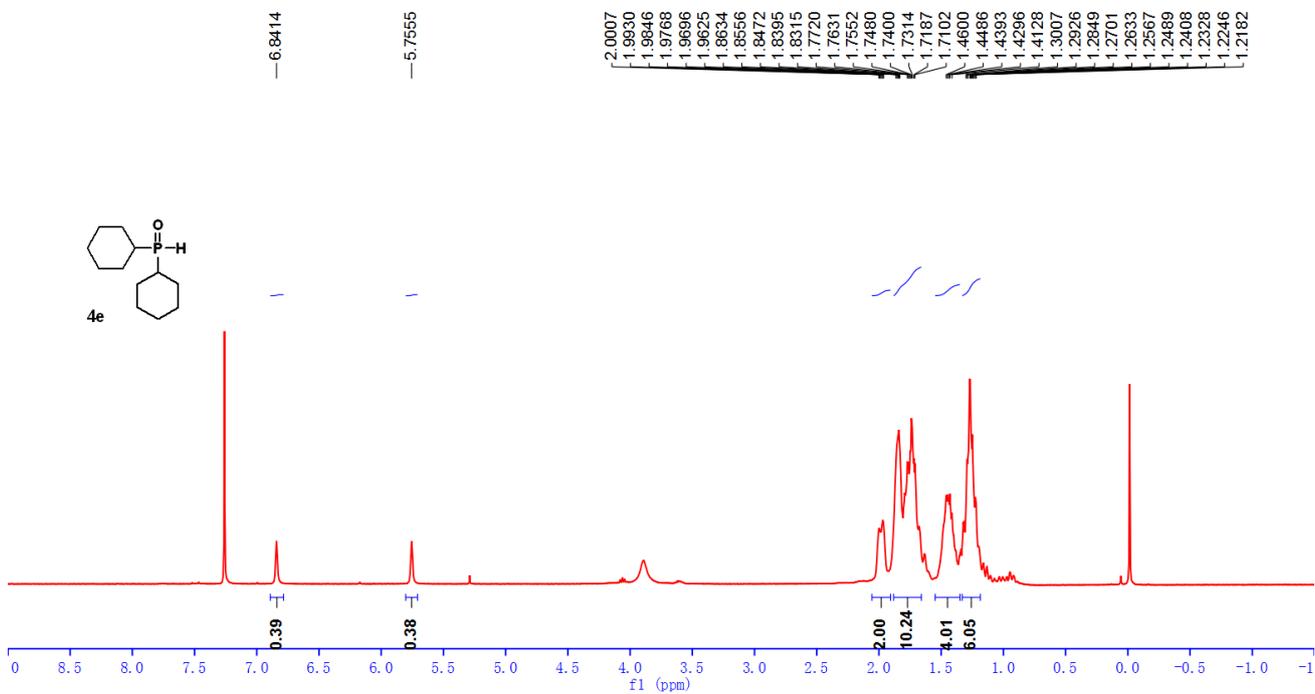
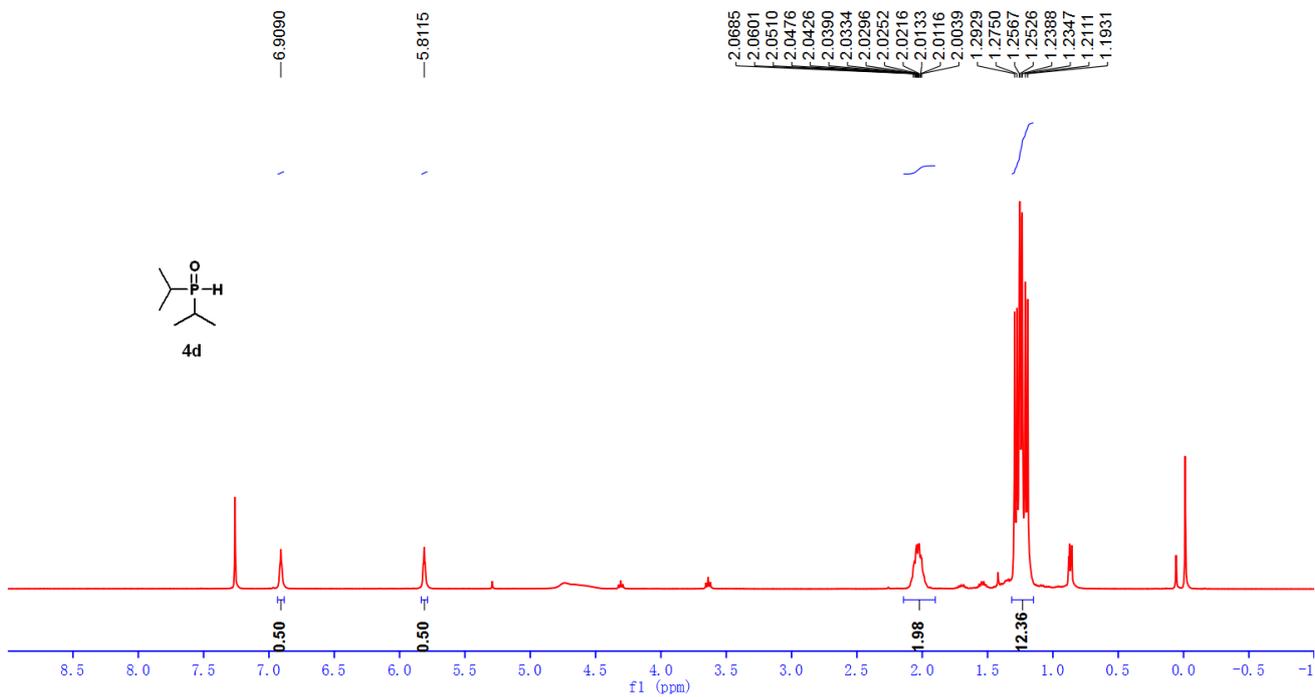
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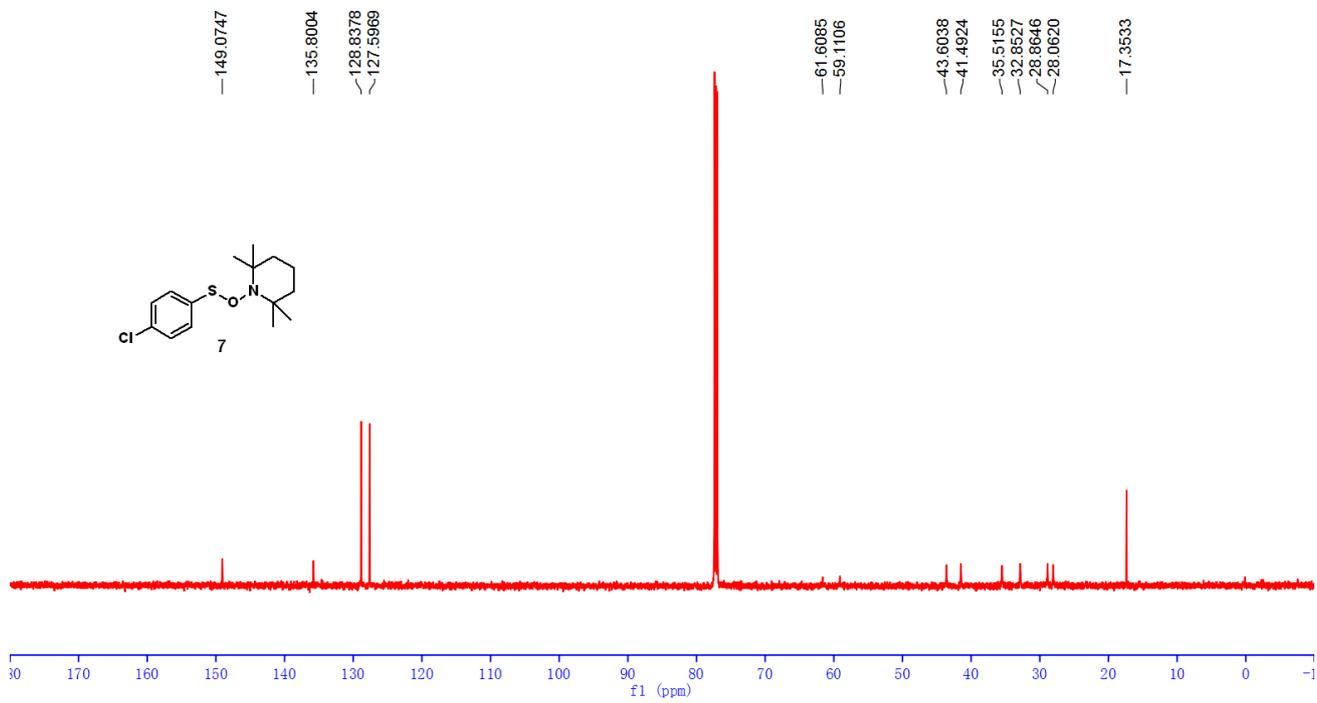
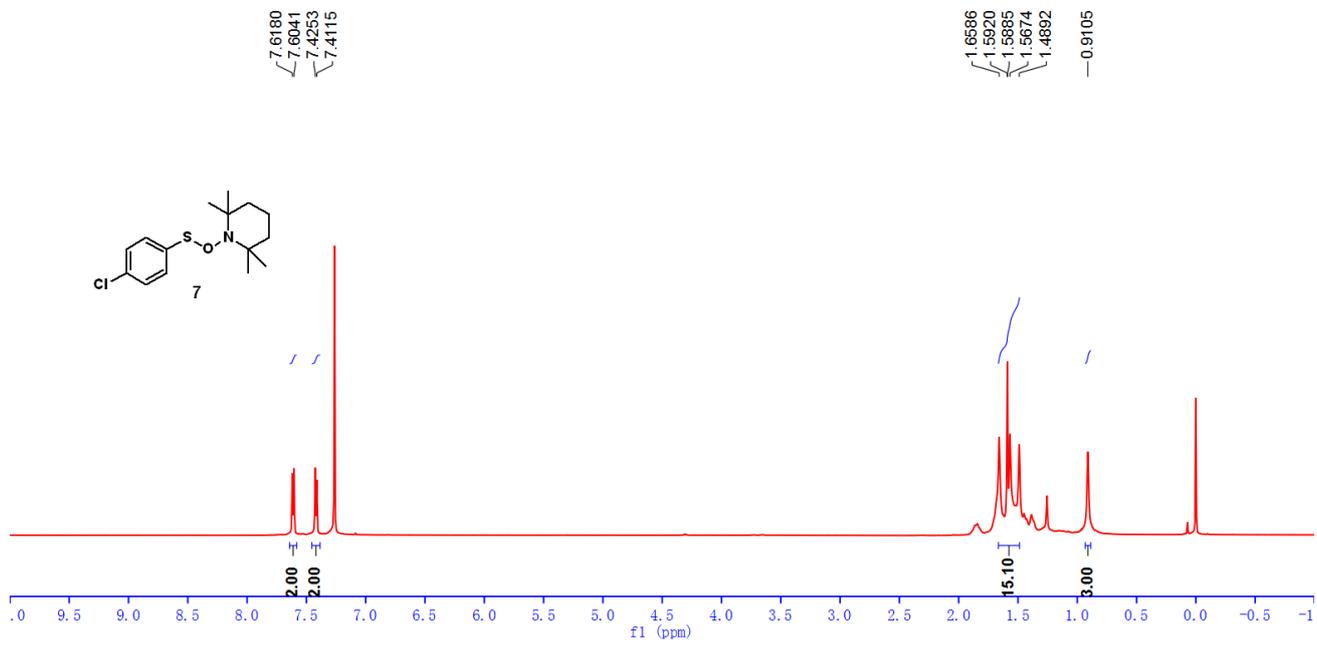


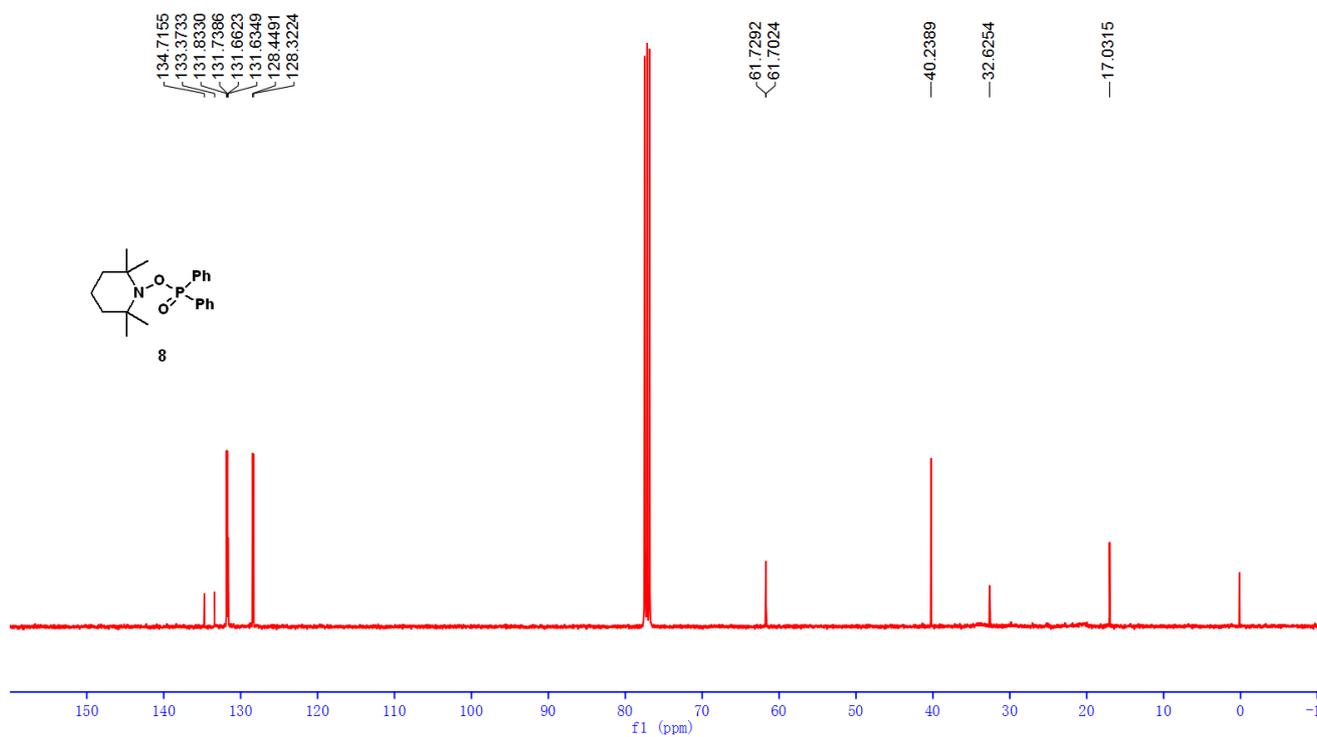
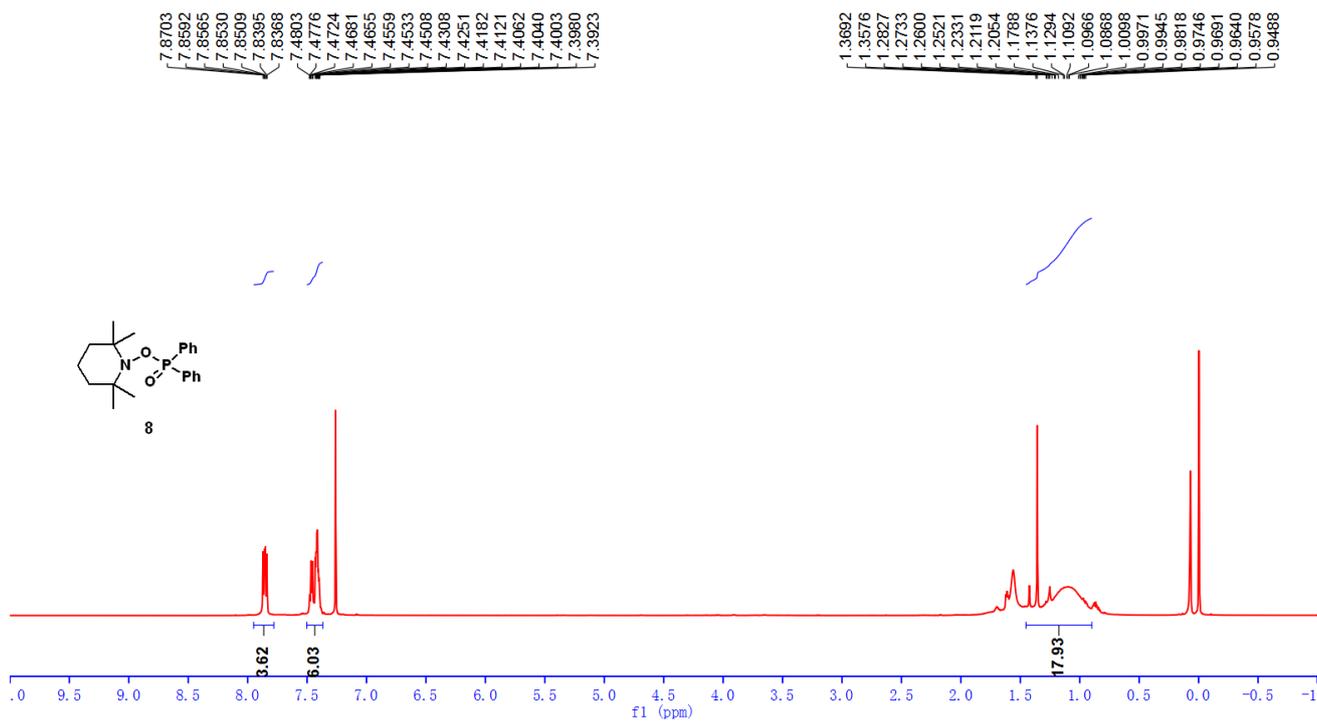
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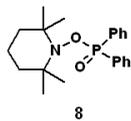












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