

## Rh(III)-Catalyzed Chelation-Assisted Intermolecular Carbenoid Functionalization of $\alpha$ -Imino Csp<sup>3</sup>-H Bonds

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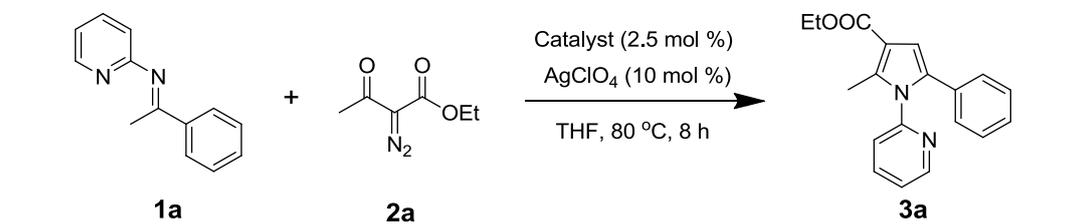
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## 1. General experimental information

All reactions were carried out in flame-dried sealed tubes with magnetic stirring. Unless otherwise noted, all experiments were performed under argon atmosphere. All reagents were purchased from TCI, Acros or Strem. Solvents were treated with 4 Å molecular sieves or sodium and distilled prior to use. The starting ketoimine substrates **1a-1t** were prepared according to our previously reported procedures.<sup>[1]</sup> Purifications of reaction products were carried out by flash chromatography using Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co. Ltd silica gel (40-63 mm). Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a Bruker TENSOR 27 FTIR spectrophotometer and are reported as wavelength numbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Infrared spectra were recorded by preparing a KBr pellet containing the title compound. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard at ambient temperature unless otherwise indicated on a Bruker Avance DPX 600 fourier Transform spectrometer operating at 400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants are reported as Hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are designated as singlet (s), broad singlet (bs), doublet (d), triplet (t). Splitting patterns that could not be interpreted or easily visualized are designated as multiple (m). Low resolution mass spectra were recorded using a Waters HPLC/ZQ4000 Mass Spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an IF-TOF spectrometer (Micromass). Gas chromatograph mass spectra were obtained with a SHIMADZU model GCMS-QP5000 spectrometer. Crystal data were collected on a Bruker D8 Advance employing graphite monochromated Mo - K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) at 293 (2) K and operating in the  $\phi$ - $\omega$ scan mode. The structure was solved by direct methods SHELXS-97.

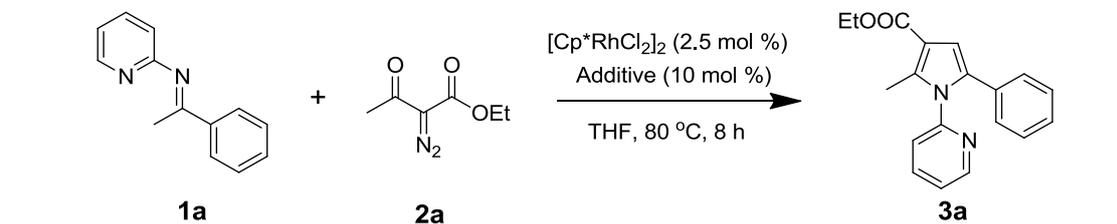
**1.1. Table 1. Catalyst screening for intermolecular carbenoid functionalization of  $\alpha$ -imino Csp<sup>3</sup>-H bonds<sup>a</sup>**



entry	catalyst	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	0
2	CuI	0
3	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	0
4	[{RuCl <sub>2</sub> (p-cymene)} <sub>2</sub> ]	0
5	[Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	21
6	RhCl <sub>3</sub>	0
7	Rh <sub>2</sub> (COD) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0
8	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	27

<sup>a</sup> All the reactions were carried out using ketoimine **1a** (0.1 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (2.5 mol %), AgClO<sub>4</sub> (10 mol %) in THF (2.0 mL) at 80 °C for 8 h in a sealed reaction tube, followed by flash chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

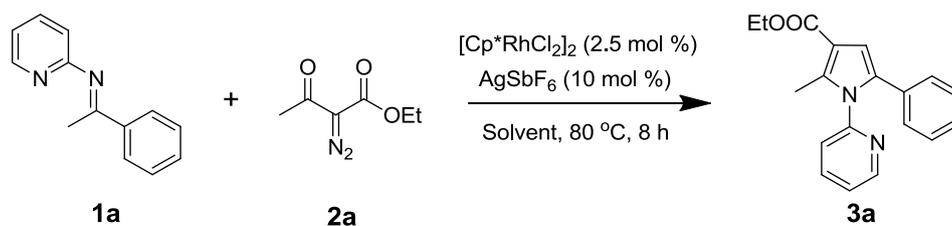
**1.2. Table 2. The effect of additives on the intermolecular carbenoid functionalization of  $\alpha$ -imino Csp<sup>3</sup>-H bonds<sup>a</sup>**



entry	additive	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	AgClO <sub>4</sub>	27
2	AgBF <sub>4</sub>	31
3	AgNTf <sub>2</sub>	34
4	AgOAc	29
5	AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	36

<sup>a</sup> All the reactions were carried out using ketoimine **1a** (0.1 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (0.2 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mol %), additive (10 mol %) in THF (2.0 mL) at 80 °C for 8 h in a sealed reaction tube, followed by flash chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

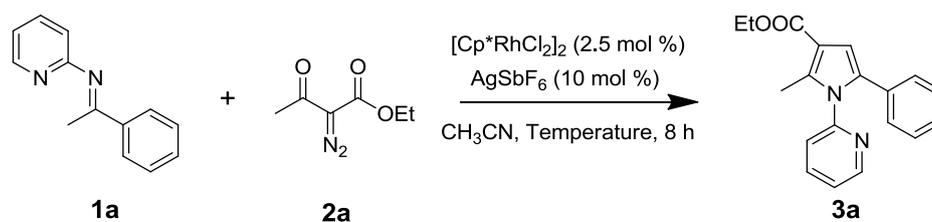
**1.3. Table 3. The effect of solvents on the intermolecular carbenoid functionalization of  $\alpha$ -imino Csp<sup>3</sup>-H bonds<sup>a</sup>**



entry	solvent	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	THF	36
2	EtOH	23
3	DCE	85
4	Toluene	trace
5	Dioxane	52
6	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	90
7	DMSO	26

<sup>a</sup> All the reactions were carried out using ketoimine **1a** (0.1 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (0.2 mmol), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.6 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol %) in solvent (2.0 mL) at 80 °C for 8 h in a sealed reaction tube, followed by flash chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

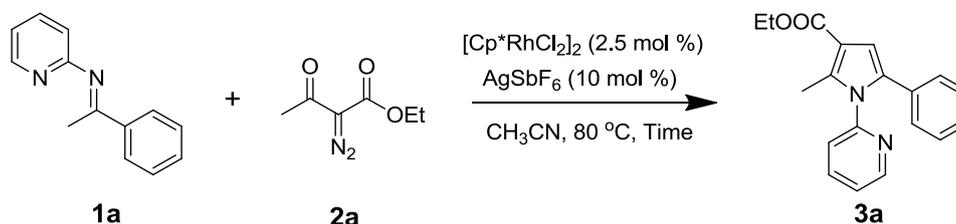
#### 1.4. Table 4. The effect of the reaction temperature on the intermolecular carbenoid functionalization of $\alpha$ -imino Csp<sup>3</sup>-H bonds<sup>a</sup>



entry	temp. (°C)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	60	81
2	80	90
3	100	87

<sup>a</sup> All the reactions were carried out using ketoimine **1a** (0.1 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (0.2 mmol), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol %) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL) at the given temperature for 8 h in a sealed reaction tube, followed by flash chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

#### 1.5. Table 5. The effect of the reaction time on the intermolecular carbenoid functionalization of $\alpha$ -imino Csp<sup>3</sup>-H bonds<sup>a</sup>

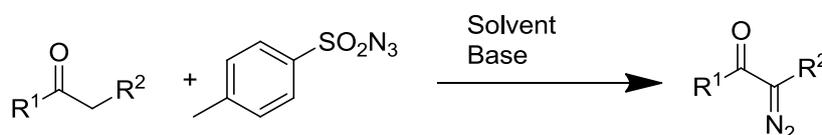


entry	time (h)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	6	88
2	8	90
3	12	90

<sup>a</sup> All the reactions were carried out using ketoimine **1a** (0.1 mmol), diazo compound **2a** (0.2 mmol), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol %) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL) at 80 °C for the given

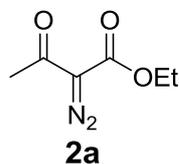
time in a sealed reaction tube, followed by flash chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub>.<sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

### 1.6. General procedures for the preparation of diazo compounds (2a-2j)



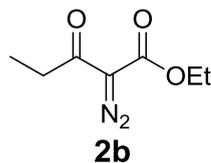
**Method A:** To a solution of  $\beta$ -ketoester or  $\beta$ -diketone (1.0 equiv.) and 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide (1.2 equiv.) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 0 °C was added triethylamine (1.2 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h and slowly brought to RT. Upon completion as indicated by thin layer chromatography (TLC), the reaction was quenched with water, extracted with ethyl acetate, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude product was purified by column chromatography.

**Method B:** To a cold suspension of NaH (1.2 equiv.) in benzene (50 mL) and THF (8 mL) was added  $\beta$ -ketoester (1.0 equiv.) in benzene (20 mL) and the suspension stirred at 0 °C for 45 min. 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide (1.2 equiv.) in benzene (10 mL) was slowly added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, then warming to room temperature. The mixture was then filtered on a pad of celite and concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude product was purified by column chromatography.



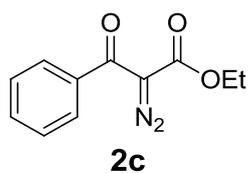
#### Ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (2a)<sup>[2]</sup>

The title compound was prepared according to Method A. The product was obtained as yellow oil in 91% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.31 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  190.2, 161.4, 61.4, 28.2, 14.3. IR (KBr): 2989, 2876, 2135, 1720, 1658, 1469, 1375, 1072 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



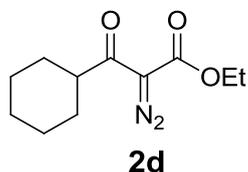
#### Ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxopentanoate (2b)<sup>[2]</sup>

The title compound was prepared according to Method A. The product was obtained as yellow oil in 88% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.30 (q,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.5, 161.4, 61.3, 33.7, 14.3, 8.2. IR (KBr): 2981, 2844, 2138, 1721, 1650, 1458, 1373, 1065 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



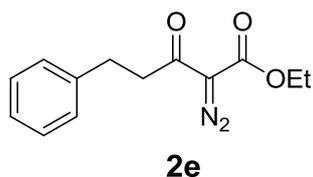
**Ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate (2c)**<sup>[3]</sup>

The title compound was prepared according to Method A. The product was obtained as yellow oil in 90% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 186.9, 161.0, 137.1, 132.2, 128.3, 127.8, 61.6, 14.2. IR (KBr): 3013, 2976, 2838, 2144, 1720, 1656, 1625, 1448, 1371, 1308, 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



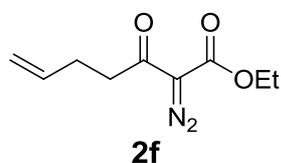
**Ethyl 3-cyclohexyl-2-diazo-3-oxopropanoate (2d)**<sup>[3]</sup>

The title compound was prepared according to Method A. The product was obtained as yellow oil in 81% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.30 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.46 - 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.37 - 1.30 (m, 5H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.0, 161.2, 61.2, 46.7, 28.7, 25.7, 14.3. IR (KBr): 2979, 2856, 2138, 1715, 1651, 1371, 1318, 1146, 1077, 1044 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



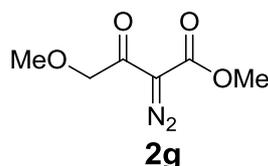
**Ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxo-5-phenylpentanoate (2e)**<sup>[3]</sup>

The title compound was prepared according to Method A. The product was obtained as yellow oil in 78% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.9, 161.3, 140.8, 128.4, 126.1, 61.4, 41.7, 30.2, 14.3. IR (KBr): 3011, 2983, 2140, 1714, 1651, 1454, 1374, 1313, 1052 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



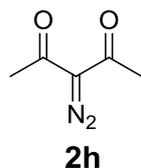
### Ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxohept-6-enoate (2f) <sup>[4]</sup>

The title compound was prepared according to Method A. The product was obtained as yellow oil in 78% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.92 - 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.03 (dd, *J* = 29.0, 13.6 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 - 2.34 (m, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.0, 161.3, 136.9, 115.3, 61.3, 39.3, 28.1, 14.3; IR (KBr): 3061, 2980, 2930, 2136, 1718, 1657, 1434, 1370, 1050 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



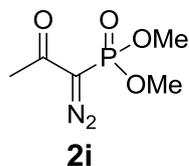
### Methyl 2-diazo-4-methoxy-3-oxobutanoate (2g) <sup>[4]</sup>

The title compound was prepared according to Method A. The product was obtained as yellow oil in 86% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.7, 161.5, 75.7, 59.4, 52.3; IR (KBr): 2976, 2837, 2115, 1713, 1648, 1469, 1375, 1065 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



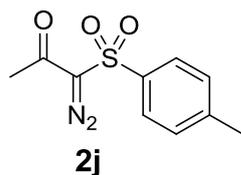
### 3-Diazopentane-2,4-dione (2h) <sup>[4]</sup>

The title compound was prepared according to Method A. The product was obtained as yellow oil in 85% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.44 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.1, 84.5, 28.3; IR (KBr): 2960, 2875, 2140, 1727, 1463, 1365 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



### Dimethyl (1-diazo-2-oxopropyl)phosphonate (2i) <sup>[5]</sup>

The title compound was prepared according to Method B. The product was obtained as white oil in 72% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 189.8, 53.5, 27.1; IR (KBr): 2961, 2856, 2127, 1722, 1646, 1439, 1369, 1038 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

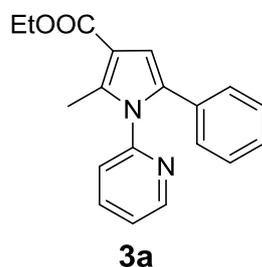


### 1-Diazo-1-tosylpropan-2-one (2j) <sup>[4]</sup>

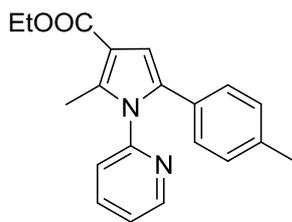
The title compound was prepared according to Method A. The product was obtained as yellow solid in 75% yield; mp 102 - 104 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.8, 145.5, 139.1, 130.1, 127.3, 27.0, 21.6; IR (KBr): 3060, 2974, 2923, 2119, 1720, 1660, 1593, 1432, 1370, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 1.7 General procedure for the synthesis of pyrrole derivatives (3a-3y)

A 10 mL of reaction tube was charged with [Cp\**RhCl*]<sub>2</sub> (1.6 mg, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (3.4 mg, 10 mol %), ketoimines **1** (0.1 mmol) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL) under Ar atmosphere. Then diazo compound **2** (0.2 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.5 mL) was added in one-pot under Ar and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 h. The corresponding reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and then filtered through a pad of Celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silical gel using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as eluent to afford the desired product **3**.

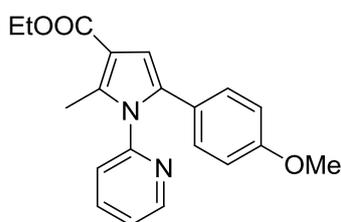


**Ethyl 2-methyl-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3a):** Yellow oil; 27.5 mg, 90% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.5, 151.5, 149.4, 138.4, 138.1, 133.6, 132.4, 128.1, 126.7, 123.4, 113.4, 110.5, 59.6, 14.6, 12.4; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for [M + 1]<sup>+</sup>: C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 307.1441, found: 307.1444; IR (KBr): 3062, 2980, 2928, 1701, 1573, 1469, 1439, 1375, 1228, 1076 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



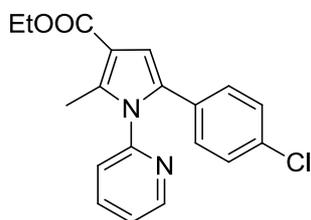
**3b**

**Ethyl 2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3b):** Yellow oil; 26.2 mg, 82% yield.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 - 6.89 (m, 5H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 151.6, 149.35, 138.1, 136.4, 133.6, 129.4, 128.8, 127.9, 123.4, 123.2, 113.2, 110.0, 59.5, 21.0, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 321.1598, found: 321.1607; IR (KBr): 3130, 2983, 2926, 1702, 1580, 1534, 1469, 1331, 1228, 1076  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



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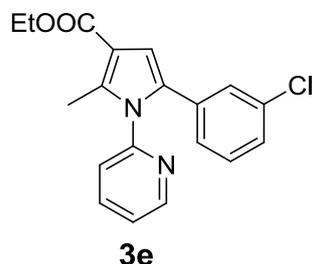
**Ethyl 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3c):** Yellow oil; 24.2 mg, 72% yield.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 3H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 158.46, 151.5, 149.3, 138.0, 137.8, 133.3, 129.4, 125.0, 123.4, 123.2, 113.6, 113.1, 109.5, 59.5, 55.1, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 337.1547, found: 337.1552; IR (KBr): 3148, 2978, 2927, 1700, 1571, 1535, 1468, 1333, 1376, 1227, 1076  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



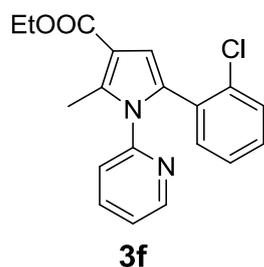
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**Ethyl 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3d):** Yellow oil; 30.9 mg, 91% yield.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.63 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 - 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.95 (t,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 3H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.3, 151.2,

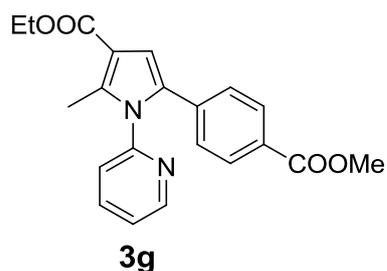
149.5, 138.6, 138.3, 132.5, 132.3, 130.8, 129.1, 128.4, 123.4, 113.5, 110.8, 59.6, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[M + 1]^+$ :  $C_{19}H_{18}ClN_2O_2$ : 341.1051, found: 341.1054; IR (KBr): 3129, 2986, 1701, 1580, 1473, 1400, 1228, 1082  $cm^{-1}$ .



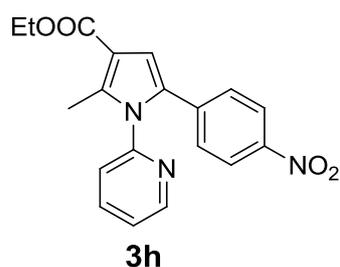
**Ethyl 5-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3e)**: Yellow oil; 28.9 mg, 85% yield.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.64 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.11 - 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  165.3, 151.1, 149.5, 138.8, 138.3, 134.0, 132.0, 129.3, 127.8, 126.6, 125.9, 123.5, 123.3, 113.5, 111.2, 59.6, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[M + 1]^+$ :  $C_{19}H_{18}ClN_2O_2$ : 341.1051, found: 341.1057; IR (KBr): 3063, 2980, 2932, 1702, 1586, 1523, 1464, 1376, 1228, 1081  $cm^{-1}$ .



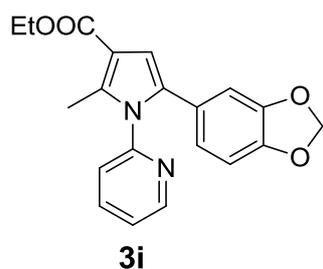
**Ethyl 5-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3f)**: Yellow oil; 21.1 mg, 62% yield.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 - 6.89 (m, 5H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 151.6, 149.3, 138.1, 136.4, 133.6, 129.4, 128.8, 127.9, 123.4, 123.2, 113.2, 110.0, 59.5, 21.0, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[M + 1]^+$ :  $C_{19}H_{18}ClN_2O_2$ : 341.1051, found: 341.1068; IR (KBr): 3129, 2984, 2930, 1701, 1576, 1467, 1402, 1333, 1227, 1083  $cm^{-1}$ .



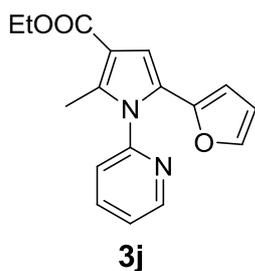
**Ethyl 5-(4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)-2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3g):** Yellow oil; 31.3 mg, 86% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.64 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.71 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.33 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.7, 165.2, 151.2, 149.6, 139.4, 138.3, 136.7, 132.4, 129.5, 127.8, 127.3, 123.5, 123.3, 113.8, 111.9, 59.6, 52.0, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 365.1496, found: 365.1514; IR (KBr): 3059, 2983, 1712, 1606, 1468, 1435, 1376, 1230, 1106  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



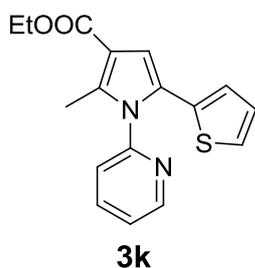
**Ethyl 2-methyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3h):** Reddish oil; 33.3 mg, 95% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.65 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.78 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 - 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.34 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.9, 150.8, 149.8, 145.7, 140.3, 138.6, 131.2, 127.5, 123.9, 123.6, 123.1, 114.2, 113.2, 59.8, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ : 352.1292, found: 352.1305; IR (KBr): 3125, 2986, 2931, 1703, 1594, 1517, 1466, 1338, 1230, 1105  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



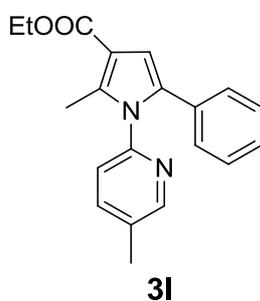
**Ethyl 5-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3i):** Yellow oil; 21.3 mg, 61% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.88 (s, 2H), 4.31 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 151.4, 149.4, 147.3, 146.5, 138.1, 137.9, 133.2, 126.4, 123.3, 122.0, 113.1, 109.9, 108.7, 108.1, 100.9, 59.5, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 351.1339, found: 351.1342; IR (KBr): 3134, 2985, 2898, 1700, 1578, 1532, 1476, 1437, 1346, 1225, 1086  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



**Ethyl 5-(furan-2-yl)-2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3j):** Yellow oil; 18.0 mg, 61% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.66 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.84 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.24 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.19 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.29, 151.2, 149.6, 146.5, 141.2, 138.4, 138.1, 124.5, 123.9, 123.2, 113.3, 110.7, 109.7, 105.6, 59.6, 14.5, 12.0; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 297.1234, found: 297.1242; IR (KBr): 3128, 2984, 2927, 1703, 1587, 1554, 1470, 1400, 1376, 1237, 1078  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

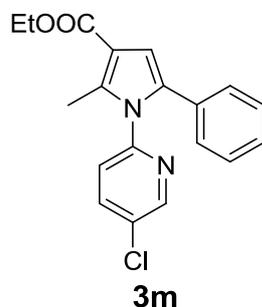


**Ethyl 2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3k):** Yellow oil; 18.1 mg, 58% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.66 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.80 (t,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 150.9, 149.6, 138.3, 134.1, 126.9, 125.0, 124.5, 123.9, 123.7, 113.2, 110.8, 59.6, 14.5, 12.2; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ : 313.1005, found: 313.1016; IR (KBr): 3064, 2979, 2929, 1702, 1580, 1468, 1435, 1378, 1232, 1081  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

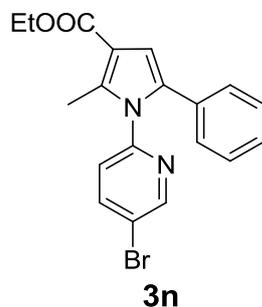


**Ethyl 2-methyl-1-(5-methylpyridin-2-yl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3l):** Yellow oil; 25.9 mg, 81% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.43 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 - 7.11 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz,

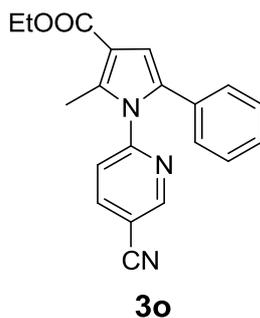
2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 149.6, 149.1, 138.6, 138.4, 133.5, 133.1, 132.4, 128.0, 126.5, 122.7, 113.2, 110.3, 59.5, 18.1, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 321.1598, found: 321.1607; IR (KBr): 3063, 2977, 2926, 1702, 1570, 1529, 1481, 1400, 1332, 1228, 1075  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



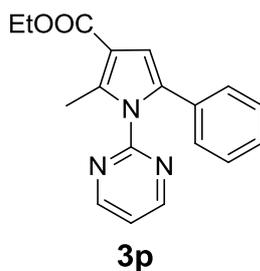
**Ethyl 1-(5-chloropyridin-2-yl)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3m):** Yellow oil; 26.5 mg, 78% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.57 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 3H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.3, 149.6, 148.1, 138.3, 137.8, 133.5, 132.1, 131.5, 128.3, 128.1, 126.9, 124.0, 113.7, 110.8, 59.6, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ : 341.1051, found: 341.1056; IR (KBr): 3062, 2980, 2928, 1704, 1568, 1530, 1466, 1400, 1380, 1229, 1074  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



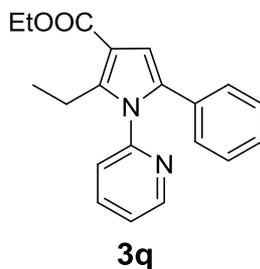
**Ethyl 1-(5-bromopyridin-2-yl)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3n):** Yellow oil; 28.8 mg, 75% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.67 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.3, 150.4, 150.1, 140.68, 138.2, 133.5, 132.1, 128.3, 128.1, 126.9, 124.5, 120.0, 113.7, 110.8, 59.6, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$ : 385.0546, found: 385.0550; IR (KBr): 3141, 2982, 2925, 1703, 1567, 1531, 1464, 1328, 1229, 1078  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



**Ethyl 1-(5-cyanopyridin-2-yl)-2-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3o):** Yellow oil; 26.1 mg, 79% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.89 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 3H), 6.98 (t,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 3H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 4.33 (q,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 154.1, 152.2, 140.9, 138.3, 133.4, 131.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 123.3, 115.8, 114.6, 111.8, 108.9, 59.8, 14.5, 12.5; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ : 332.1394, found: 332.1398; IR (KBr): 3103, 2983, 2929, 2234, 1703, 1586, 1478, 1448, 1330, 1231, 1074  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

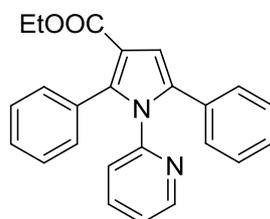


**Ethyl 2-methyl-5-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3p):** Yellow oil; 23.9 mg, 78% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.74 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 158.6, 158.2, 138.4, 133.8, 132.8, 128.3, 127.8, 126.6, 119.7, 113.8, 111.1, 59.6, 14.5, 12.3; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ : 308.1394, found: 308.1397; IR (KBr): 3060, 2978, 2926, 1702, 1564, 1486, 1423, 1375, 1231, 1071  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



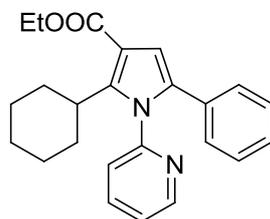
**Ethyl 2-ethyl-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3q):** Yellow oil; 27.8 mg, 87% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.63 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 3H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 4.33 (q,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H),

2.93 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.07 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 151.5, 149.3, 144.4, 138.0, 133.5, 132.3, 128.1, 126.6, 123.6, 123.4, 112.5, 110.5, 59.5, 19.2, 14.5, 14.2; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 321.1598, found: 321.1605; IR (KBr): 3150, 2980, 2932, 1702, 1586, 1524, 1468, 1401, 1376, 1220, 1085  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



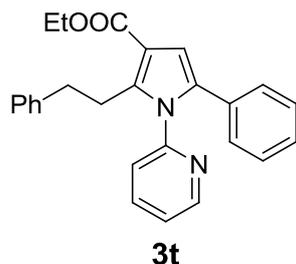
**3r**

**Ethyl 2,5-diphenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3r):** White solid, 26.5 mg, 72% yield, m.p. 87-89 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.35 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 18.0, 7.5$  Hz, 8H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.6, 151.3, 148.9, 139.8, 137.5, 134.8, 132.2, 131.5, 131.2, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 126.9, 123.7, 122.9, 114.6, 111.1, 59.6, 14.1; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 369.1598, found: 369.1605; IR (KBr): 3103, 2988, 2926, 1702, 1585, 1534, 1477, 1378, 1239, 1081  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

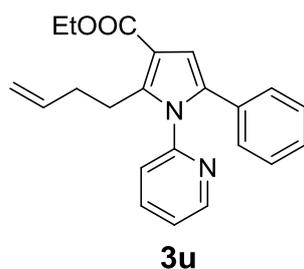


**3s**

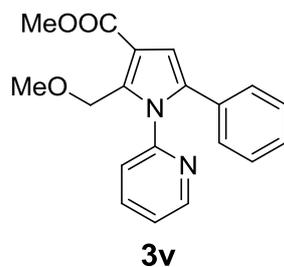
**Ethyl 2-cyclohexyl-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3s):** White oil; 27.7 mg, 74% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.63 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 3H), 7.03 - 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 4.32 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t,  $J = 11.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 2H), 1.70 (s, 4H), 1.57 (d,  $J = 11.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.39 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 1.14 (dd,  $J = 25.7, 12.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 152.1, 149.1, 146.4, 137.9, 133.2, 132.4, 128.3, 128.0, 126.5, 124.1, 123.6, 112.6, 111.5, 59.6, 37.7, 30.0, 27.0, 25.6, 14.5; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 375.2067, found: 375.2069; IR (KBr): 3100, 2926, 2854, 1704, 1585, 1517, 1465, 1397, 1224, 1087  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



**Ethyl 2-phenethyl-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3t):** Yellow oil; 33.3 mg, 84% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.66 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J = 16.6, 7.8$  Hz, 6H), 7.02 (s, 4H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 3.21 - 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.91 - 2.84 (m, 2H), 1.40 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 151.3, 149.1, 141.8, 138.0, 133.6, 132.3, 128.6, 128.0, 126.7, 125.8, 123.6, 123.3, 113.29, 110.7, 59.6, 36.1, 28.4, 14.6; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 397.1911, found: 397.1917; IR (KBr): 3068, 2979, 2931, 2858, 1701, 1582, 1525, 1442, 1230, 1237, 1080  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

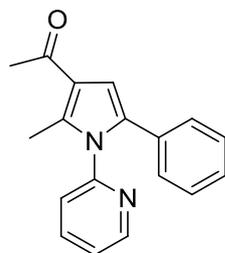


**Ethyl 2-(but-3-en-1-yl)-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3u):** Yellow oil; 24.6 mg, 71% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.63 (s, 1H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 3H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.70 (td,  $J = 14.5, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.87 (t,  $J = 13.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.33 (q,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 2.25 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 151.4, 149.2, 142.0, 137.9, 133.6, 132.3, 128.1, 126.6, 123.7, 123.3, 114.6, 113.2, 110.6, 59.5, 33.9, 25.5, 14.5; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 347.1754, found: 347.1756; IR (KBr): 3066, 2979, 2854, 1702, 1569, 1522, 1436, 1371, 1232, 1079  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



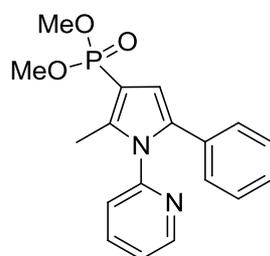
**Methyl 2-(methoxymethyl)-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3v):** Yellow oil; 29.6 mg, 92% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.56 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t,  $J = 7.7$

Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 4H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.3, 151.2, 149.1, 138.0, 136.2, 135.3, 132.0, 128.2, 127.0, 123.3, 115.7, 110.7, 62.9, 57.6, 51.2; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 323.1390, found: 323.1387; IR (KBr): 3102, 2942, 2818, 1710, 1586, 1525, 1471, 1402, 1226, 1083  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



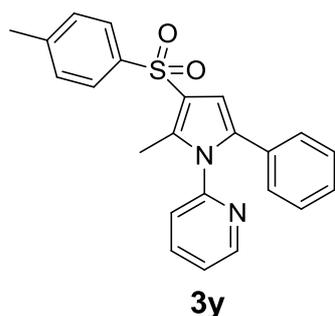
**3w**

**1-(2-Methyl-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)ethanone (3w)**: Yellow oil, 20.9 mg, 76% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.62 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 - 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 3H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.3, 151.2, 149.4, 138.1, 137.7, 133.5, 132.2, 128.1, 126.8, 123.4, 121.8, 110.7, 28.9, 12.8; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : 277.1335, found: 277.1340; IR (KBr): 3163, 2923, 2853, 1723, 1659, 1590, 1519, 1471, 1436, 1345, 1231, 1072  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



**3x**

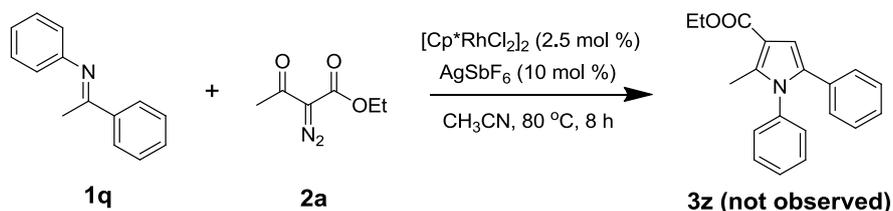
**Dimethyl (2-methyl-5-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)phosphonate (3x)**: White oil, 18.8 mg, 55% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.63 (s, 1H), 7.68 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 3H), 7.04 - 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.4, 149.4, 139.5, 139.2, 138.2, 134.8, 132.0, 128.2, 127.9, 126.8, 123.3, 112.4, 106.1, 103.9, 52.3, 12.4; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}$ : 343.1206, found: 343.1215; IR (KBr): 3131, 2951, 2850, 1589, 1516, 1469, 1398, 1240, 1028  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



**2-(2-Methyl-5-phenyl-3-tosyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridine (3y):** White solid; 24.4 mg, 63% yield; m.p. 122-124 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.60 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.15 (s, 3H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.8, 149.4, 143.1, 140.8, 138.4, 134.9, 134.2, 131.4, 129.6, 128.2, 127.2, 126.8, 123.7, 123.5, 122.0, 109.3, 21.5, 11.5; HR-MS (ESI) calcd for  $[\text{M} + 1]^+$ :  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ : 389.1318, found: 389.1321; IR (KBr): 3133, 3008, 2984, 2924, 2854, 1677, 1590, 1518, 1470, 1438, 1399, 1300, 1237, 1150  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

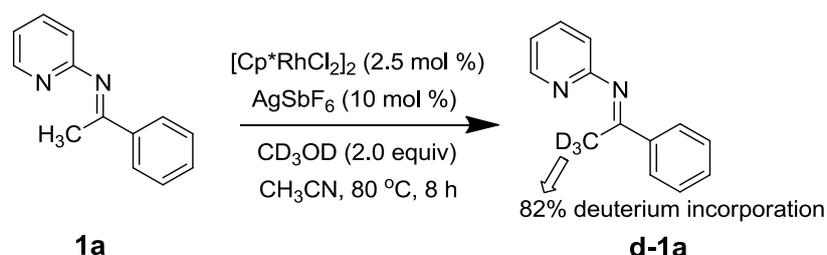
## 2. Controlled experiments for mechanism studies

### (a). Rh(III)-catalyzed intermolecular cyclization cascade of *N*-phenyl ketoimine **1q** with diazo compound **2a**



A 10 mL of reaction tube was charged with  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (1.6 mg, 2.5 mol%),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (3.4 mg, 10 mol%), ketoimines **1q** (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1.5 mL) under Ar. Diazo compound **2a** (31 mg, 0.2 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (0.5 mL) was then added in one-pot under Ar and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 h. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, no product **3z** was observed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and GC-MS analysis, this result indicated that the pyridyl group played a significant chelation-directing role in this transformation.

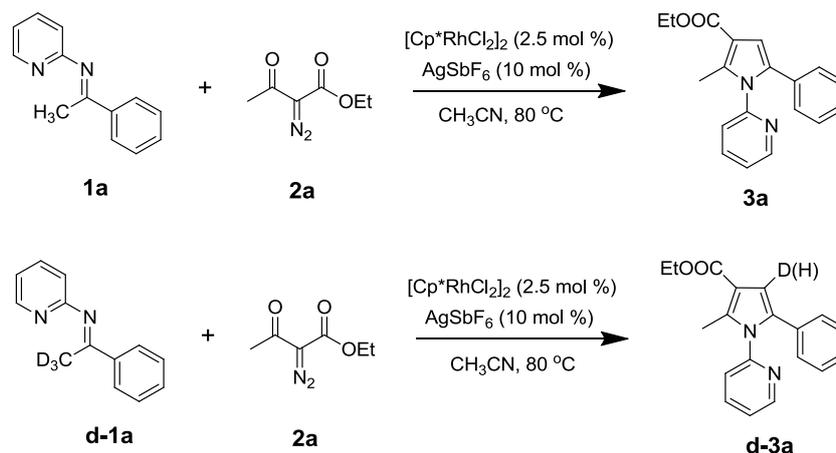
### (b) H/D Exchange of *N*-(2-pyridyl) ketoimine (**1a**)



To the solution of ketoimine **1a** (20 mg, 0.1 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1.0 mL) were added  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (1.6 mg, 2.5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (3.4 mg, 10 mol %) and  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (2.0 equiv) under Ar. The reaction

mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 8 h and then cooled down to room temperature. After removal of solvent the resulted crude was quickly purified by flash column chromatography to give the desired compound **d-1a** (51% yield) as oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 0.55H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.7, 163.5, 148.9, 139.0, 137.7, 130.9, 128.3, 127.5, 118.9, 115.2. HR-MS (ESI) calcd for [M + 1]<sup>+</sup>: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>D<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 200.1262, found: 200.1262.

**(c): Kinetic isotope effect of this transformation**



A 10 mL of reaction tube was charged with ketoimines (**1a**: 20 mg, 0.1 mmol; or **d-1a**: 20 mg, 0.1 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (1.6 mg, 2.5 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (3.4 mg, 10 mol%) and CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL) under Ar. Diazo compound **2a** (31 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.5 mL) was then added in one-pot under Ar and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C. Aliquots (0.4 mL) were extracted at 1-hour intervals for the first 4 hours of the reaction. After the solvent of each aliquot (0.4 mL) was removed under reduced pressure conditions and analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (see **Figure 1** and **Figure 2**). A sample plot of the initial rate data for the reaction of both **1a** and **d-1a** was shown in **Figure 3**. The reaction progress in the early stage (0-4 hours) indicated a kinetic isotope effect (KIE) of 2.3.

**d-3a**: Yellow liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 0.22H), 4.32 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.5 (s), 151.5 (s), 149.3 (s), 138.3 (s), 138.1 (s), 133.4 (s), 132.3 (s), 128.0 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 126.6 (s), 123.3 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz), 113.3 (s), 110.5 (s), 59.5 (s), 14.5 (s), 12.3 (s). HR-MS (ESI) calcd for [M + 1]<sup>+</sup>: C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>DN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 308.1504, found: 308.1512.

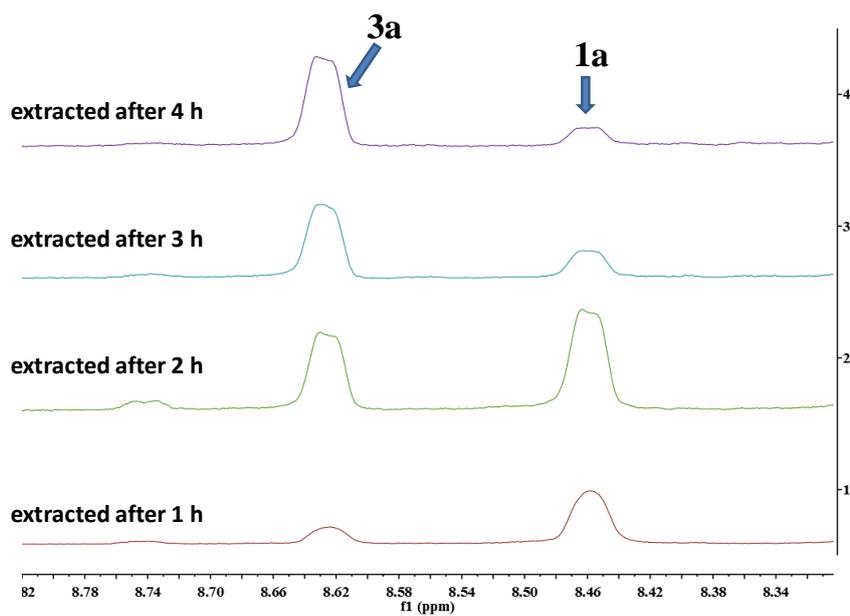


Figure 1, The conversion of **1a** was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR method

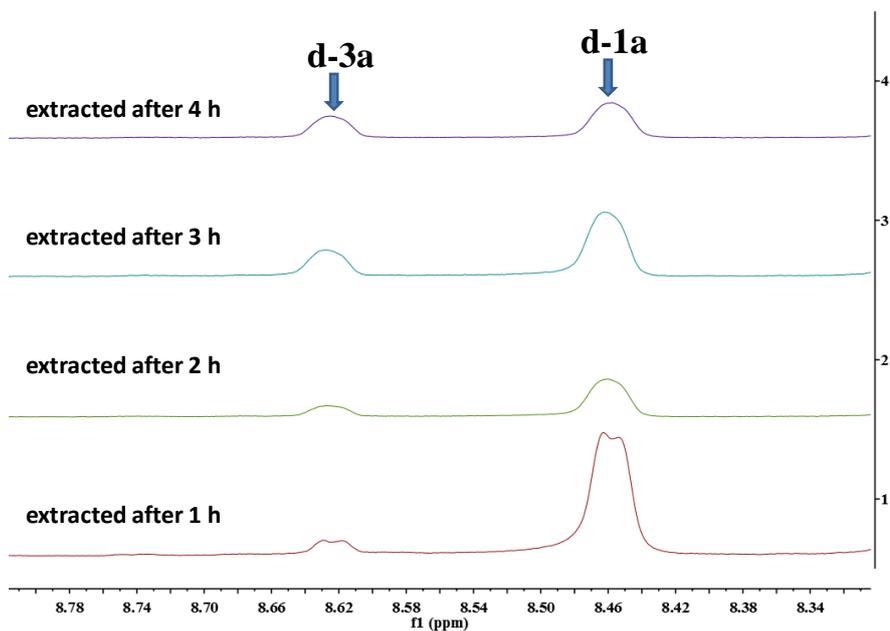


Figure 2. The conversion of *d-1a* was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR method

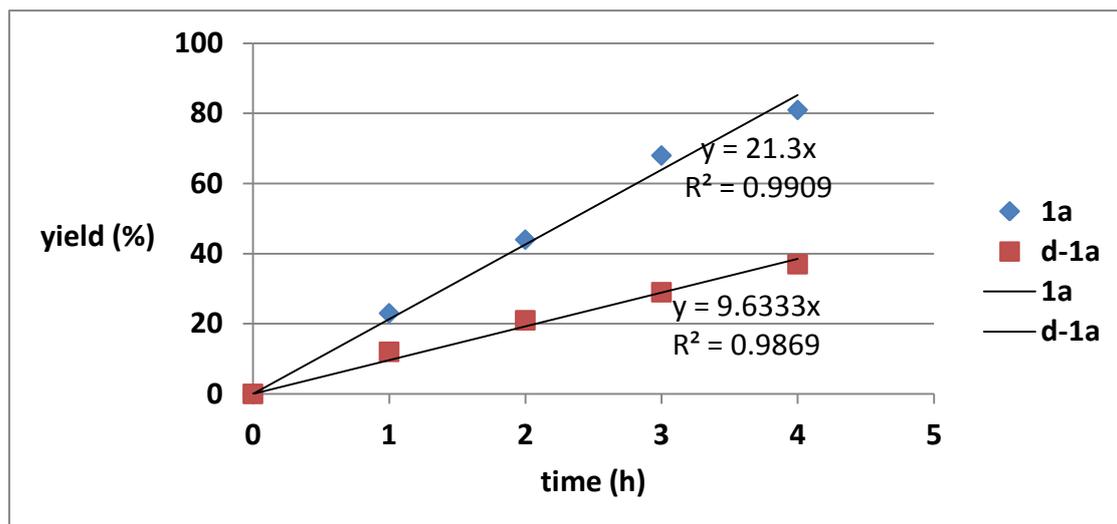


Figure 3, The plot of initial rates for KIE measurements.

### 3.1 Singlerystal structure and crystallographic data for 3r

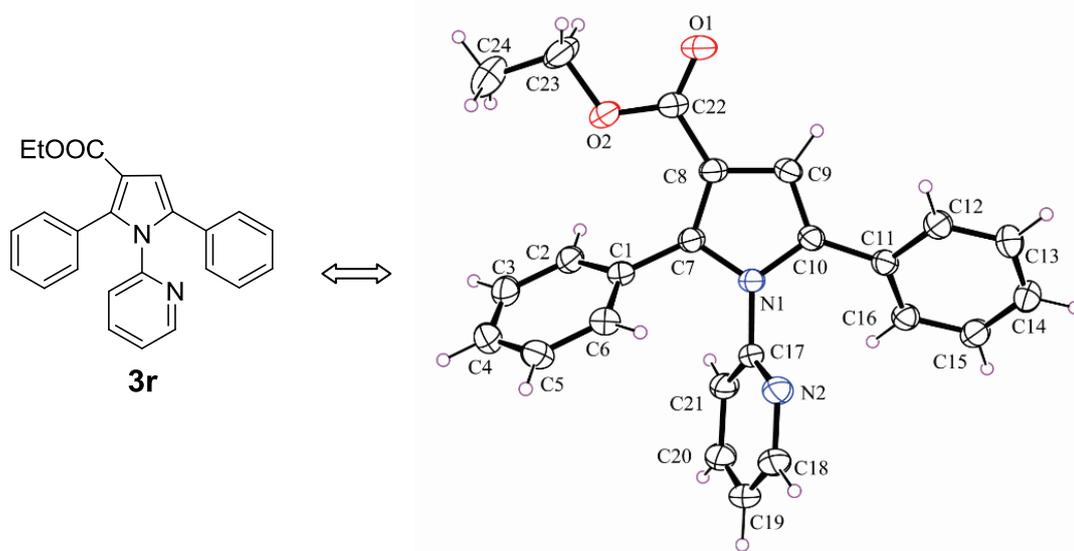


Figure 1. The Single crystal structure of compound 3r

Table 6. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3r.

Identification code	3r
Empirical formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	369.43
Temperature	571(2) K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, C2/C
Unit cell dimensions	a = 29.4790(8) Å alpha = 90 deg.

	b = 12.0530(3) Å	beta = 108.029(2) deg.
	c = 11.6531(3) Å	gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	3937.17(18) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z, Calculated density	8, 1.246 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.635 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	61560	
Crystal size	0.28 x 0.24 x 0.20 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	5.99 to 62.68 deg.	
Limiting indices	-33<=h<=33, -11<=k<=13, -13<=l<=12	
Reflections collected / unique	8227 / 3109 [R(int) = 0.0228]	
Completeness to theta = 27.45	98.3 %	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	3109 / 0 / 253	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.674	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0396, wR2 = 0.1129	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0439, wR2 = 0.1192	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.172 and -0.162 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table 7. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 3r.**

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U^{ij}$  tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
O(1)	3796(1)	3824(1)	757(1)	75(1)
O(2)	4133(1)	4806(1)	-380(1)	65(1)
N(1)	3503(1)	7512(1)	876(1)	43(1)
C(17)	3504(1)	8702(1)	816(1)	44(1)
C(1)	4143(1)	7335(1)	-83(1)	47(1)
C(2)	4160(1)	7090(1)	-1237(1)	54(1)
C(3)	4504(1)	7563(1)	-1658(2)	66(1)
C(4)	4831(1)	8287(2)	-956(2)	73(1)
C(5)	4820(1)	8541(1)	191(2)	70(1)
C(6)	4479(1)	8065(1)	625(2)	57(1)
C(7)	3780(1)	6840(1)	401(1)	43(1)
C(8)	3675(1)	5752(1)	620(1)	45(1)
C(9)	3334(1)	5789(1)	1246(1)	48(1)
C(10)	3230(1)	6867(1)	1403(1)	44(1)

C(11)	2885(1)	7292(1)	1977(1)	45(1)
C(12)	2844(1)	6726(1)	2984(1)	54(1)
C(13)	2502(1)	7019(2)	3507(2)	63(1)
C(14)	2200(1)	7897(1)	3058(2)	62(1)
C(15)	2242(1)	8474(1)	2082(1)	57(1)
C(16)	2580(1)	8177(1)	1538(1)	49(1)
N(2)	3670(1)	9217(1)	1870(1)	57(1)
C(18)	3691(1)	10323(1)	1814(2)	73(1)
C(19)	3563(1)	10921(1)	756(2)	76(1)
C(20)	3386(1)	10362(1)	-312(2)	70(1)
C(21)	3350(1)	9220(1)	-286(1)	54(1)
C(22)	3870(1)	4701(1)	358(1)	50(1)
C(23)	4331(1)	3804(2)	-714(2)	81(1)
C(24)	4620(1)	4134(2)	-1495(2)	88(1)

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**Table 8. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for 3r.**

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O(1)-C(22)	1.2023(18)
O(2)-C(22)	1.3290(19)
O(2)-C(23)	1.4468(19)
N(1)-C(7)	1.3806(17)
N(1)-C(10)	1.3904(17)
N(1)-C(17)	1.4359(17)
C(17)-N(2)	1.3268(18)
C(17)-C(21)	1.373(2)
C(1)-C(6)	1.389(2)
C(1)-C(2)	1.392(2)
C(1)-C(7)	1.4812(19)
C(2)-C(3)	1.380(2)
C(2)-H(2A)	0.9300
C(3)-C(4)	1.368(3)
C(3)-H(3A)	0.9300
C(4)-C(5)	1.382(3)
C(4)-H(4A)	0.9300
C(5)-C(6)	1.384(2)
C(5)-H(5A)	0.9300
C(6)-H(6A)	0.9300

C(7)-C(8)	1.3884(19)
C(8)-C(9)	1.414(2)
C(8)-C(22)	1.4618(19)
C(9)-C(10)	1.3597(19)
C(9)-H(9A)	0.9300
C(10)-C(11)	1.4715(19)
C(11)-C(16)	1.388(2)
C(11)-C(12)	1.3951(19)
C(12)-C(13)	1.377(2)
C(12)-H(12A)	0.9300
C(13)-C(14)	1.378(2)
C(13)-H(13A)	0.9300
C(14)-C(15)	1.372(2)
C(14)-H(14A)	0.9300
C(15)-C(16)	1.383(2)
C(15)-H(15A)	0.9300
C(16)-H(16A)	0.9300
N(2)-C(18)	1.338(2)
C(18)-C(19)	1.375(3)
C(18)-H(18A)	0.9300
C(19)-C(20)	1.369(3)
C(19)-H(19A)	0.9300
C(20)-C(21)	1.381(2)
C(20)-H(20A)	0.9300
C(21)-H(21A)	0.9300
C(23)-C(24)	1.479(3)
C(23)-H(23B)	0.9700
C(23)-H(23C)	0.9700
C(24)-H(24C)	0.9600
C(24)-H(24D)	0.9600
C(24)-H(24A)	0.9600
C(22)-O(2)-C(23)	117.38(13)
C(7)-N(1)-C(10)	110.08(11)
C(7)-N(1)-C(17)	123.80(11)
C(10)-N(1)-C(17)	126.12(11)
N(2)-C(17)-C(21)	124.95(13)
N(2)-C(17)-N(1)	115.33(12)

C(21)-C(17)-N(1)	119.69(12)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	118.48(14)
C(6)-C(1)-C(7)	119.66(13)
C(2)-C(1)-C(7)	121.86(13)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	120.37(16)
C(3)-C(2)-H(2A)	119.8
C(1)-C(2)-H(2A)	119.8
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	120.73(17)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3A)	119.6
C(2)-C(3)-H(3A)	119.6
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	119.78(16)
C(3)-C(4)-H(4A)	120.1
C(5)-C(4)-H(4A)	120.1
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	119.96(17)
C(6)-C(5)-H(5A)	120.0
C(4)-C(5)-H(5A)	120.0
C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	120.68(16)
C(5)-C(6)-H(6A)	119.7
C(1)-C(6)-H(6A)	119.7
N(1)-C(7)-C(8)	106.71(11)
N(1)-C(7)-C(1)	120.14(12)
C(8)-C(7)-C(1)	132.73(12)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	107.41(11)
C(7)-C(8)-C(22)	130.96(13)
C(9)-C(8)-C(22)	121.58(12)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	108.92(12)
C(10)-C(9)-H(9A)	125.5
C(8)-C(9)-H(9A)	125.5
C(9)-C(10)-N(1)	106.87(12)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	127.50(12)
N(1)-C(10)-C(11)	125.60(12)
C(16)-C(11)-C(12)	118.07(13)
C(16)-C(11)-C(10)	124.11(12)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	117.70(13)
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.90(15)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12A)	119.5
C(11)-C(12)-H(12A)	119.5
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	120.34(14)

C(14)-C(13)-H(13A)	119.8
C(12)-C(13)-H(13A)	119.8
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	119.40(14)
C(15)-C(14)-H(14A)	120.3
C(13)-C(14)-H(14A)	120.3
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	120.78(15)
C(14)-C(15)-H(15A)	119.6
C(16)-C(15)-H(15A)	119.6
C(15)-C(16)-C(11)	120.47(13)
C(15)-C(16)-H(16A)	119.8
C(11)-C(16)-H(16A)	119.8
C(17)-N(2)-C(18)	115.51(14)
N(2)-C(18)-C(19)	124.16(16)
N(2)-C(18)-H(18A)	117.9
C(19)-C(18)-H(18A)	117.9
C(20)-C(19)-C(18)	118.62(15)
C(20)-C(19)-H(19A)	120.7
C(18)-C(19)-H(19A)	120.7
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	118.69(16)
C(19)-C(20)-H(20A)	120.7
C(21)-C(20)-H(20A)	120.7
C(17)-C(21)-C(20)	117.98(15)
C(17)-C(21)-H(21A)	121.0
C(20)-C(21)-H(21A)	121.0
O(1)-C(22)-O(2)	123.09(13)
O(1)-C(22)-C(8)	123.42(14)
O(2)-C(22)-C(8)	113.48(12)
O(2)-C(23)-C(24)	107.38(16)
O(2)-C(23)-H(23B)	110.2
C(24)-C(23)-H(23B)	110.2
O(2)-C(23)-H(23C)	110.2
C(24)-C(23)-H(23C)	110.2
H(23B)-C(23)-H(23C)	108.5
C(23)-C(24)-H(24C)	109.5
C(23)-C(24)-H(24D)	109.5
H(24C)-C(24)-H(24D)	109.5
C(23)-C(24)-H(24A)	109.5
H(24C)-C(24)-H(24A)	109.5

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table 9. Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 3r. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi [h^2 a^* U^{11} + \dots + 2 hka^* b^* U^{12}]$**

	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
O(1)	106(1)	37(1)	94(1)	8(1)	47(1)	8(1)
O(2)	83(1)	45(1)	80(1)	3(1)	41(1)	17(1)
N(1)	54(1)	33(1)	45(1)	1(1)	21(1)	1(1)
C(17)	54(1)	34(1)	51(1)	-2(1)	26(1)	-1(1)
C(1)	52(1)	36(1)	55(1)	6(1)	22(1)	7(1)
C(2)	62(1)	48(1)	57(1)	5(1)	27(1)	10(1)
C(3)	79(1)	59(1)	75(1)	12(1)	45(1)	13(1)
C(4)	76(1)	58(1)	103(1)	17(1)	54(1)	7(1)
C(5)	65(1)	48(1)	101(1)	1(1)	33(1)	-7(1)
C(6)	63(1)	45(1)	67(1)	0(1)	27(1)	-1(1)
C(7)	50(1)	38(1)	42(1)	0(1)	16(1)	3(1)
C(8)	54(1)	36(1)	45(1)	1(1)	15(1)	3(1)
C(9)	59(1)	37(1)	50(1)	5(1)	22(1)	-3(1)
C(10)	54(1)	40(1)	42(1)	2(1)	18(1)	-2(1)
C(11)	53(1)	41(1)	42(1)	-2(1)	17(1)	-5(1)
C(12)	67(1)	50(1)	49(1)	6(1)	24(1)	5(1)
C(13)	82(1)	65(1)	54(1)	3(1)	37(1)	-2(1)
C(14)	67(1)	63(1)	64(1)	-10(1)	34(1)	-2(1)
C(15)	58(1)	52(1)	63(1)	-6(1)	21(1)	4(1)
C(16)	57(1)	45(1)	46(1)	1(1)	17(1)	-1(1)
N(2)	78(1)	47(1)	54(1)	-10(1)	29(1)	-11(1)
C(18)	100(1)	48(1)	84(1)	-23(1)	49(1)	-19(1)
C(19)	107(2)	34(1)	109(2)	-2(1)	65(1)	-3(1)
C(20)	97(1)	45(1)	80(1)	18(1)	47(1)	14(1)
C(21)	73(1)	42(1)	52(1)	5(1)	26(1)	6(1)
C(22)	58(1)	39(1)	50(1)	1(1)	14(1)	4(1)
C(23)	92(1)	60(1)	96(1)	-7(1)	38(1)	29(1)
C(24)	89(1)	105(2)	72(1)	-11(1)	27(1)	36(1)

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**Table 10. Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 3r.**

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(2A)	3938	6604	-1726	64
H(3A)	4514	7387	-2427	79
H(4A)	5060	8607	-1251	88
H(5A)	5042	9032	671	84
H(6A)	4474	8236	1400	68
H(9A)	3202	5176	1508	57
H(12A)	3051	6143	3307	65
H(13A)	2474	6622	4167	76
H(14A)	1970	8097	3415	74
H(15A)	2041	9072	1782	69
H(16A)	2602	8574	873	59
H(18A)	3798	10714	2536	87
H(19A)	3597	11688	767	91
H(20A)	3291	10744	-1041	84
H(21A)	3227	8815	-993	65
H(23B)	4077	3306	-1146	97
H(23C)	4529	3427	1	97
H(24C)	4757	3486	-1733	133
H(24D)	4870	4626	-1058	133
H(24A)	4420	4505	-2199	133

### 3.2 Single crystal structure and crystallographic data for 3y

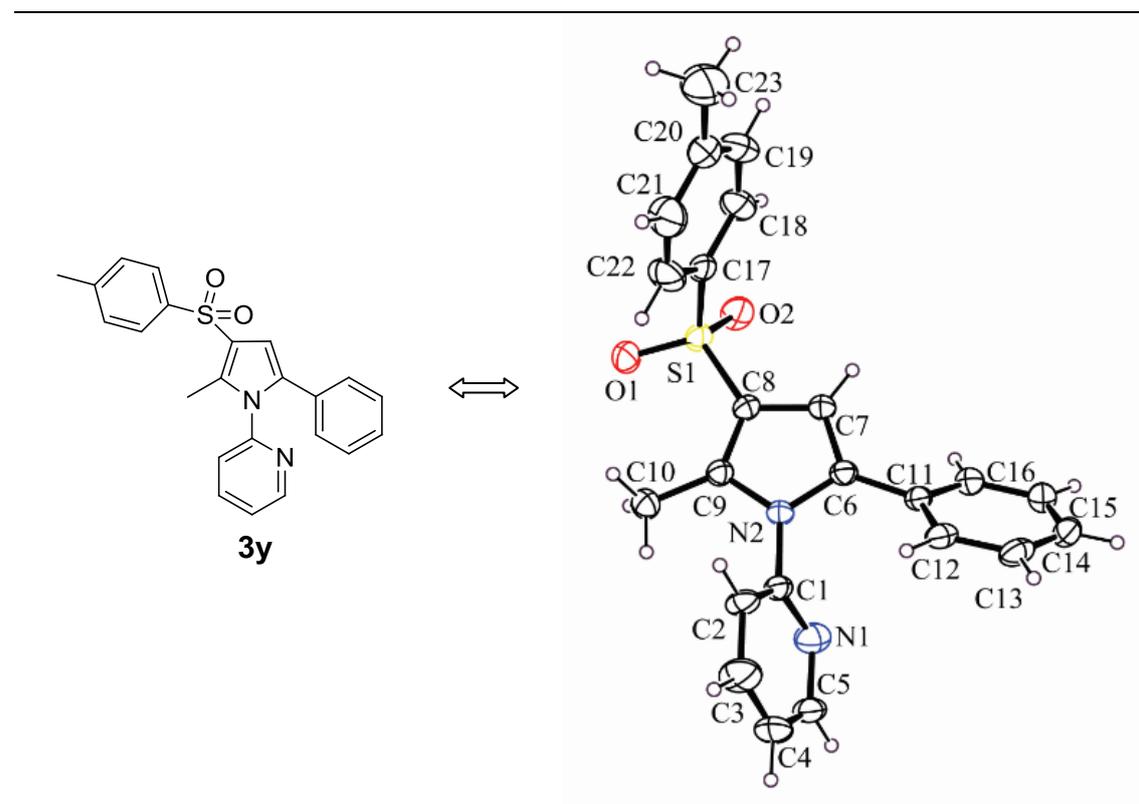


Figure 2. The Single crystal structure of compound 3y

Table 11. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3y.

Identification code	3y
Empirical formula	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S
Formula weight	388.47
Temperature	571(2) K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P21/C
Unit cell dimensions	a = 15.4468(4) Å    alpha = 90 deg. b = 12.2137(3) Å    beta = 90.313(3) deg. c = 10.5709(3) Å    gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	1994.30(9) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.294 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	1.606 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	816
Crystal size	0.26 x 0.22 x 0.21 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	4.62 to 62.60 deg.

Limiting indices	-17<=h<=17, -14<=k<=13, -12<=l<=6
Reflections collected / unique	5045 / 2672 [R(int) = 0.0233]
Completeness to theta = 27.45	83.7 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2672 / 0 / 254
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.023
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0542, wR2 = 0.1537
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0585, wR2 = 0.1591
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.434 and -0.386 e.A <sup>-3</sup>

**Table 12. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 3y.**

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U^{ij}$  tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
S(1)	7161(1)	9647(1)	370(1)	51(1)
O(1)	6583(2)	9823(2)	1399(2)	67(1)
O(2)	7851(2)	8868(2)	530(2)	66(1)
N(1)	8794(2)	14207(2)	453(3)	66(1)
N(2)	7978(1)	12617(2)	-255(2)	40(1)
C(1)	8034(2)	13777(2)	-27(3)	42(1)
C(2)	7338(2)	14341(2)	-317(3)	52(1)
C(3)	7382(3)	15427(3)	-106(5)	85(1)
C(4)	8097(3)	15939(3)	362(4)	74(1)
C(5)	8812(2)	15329(2)	647(3)	58(1)
C(6)	8528(2)	12032(2)	-1052(3)	42(1)
C(7)	8298(2)	10955(2)	-956(3)	45(1)
C(8)	7616(2)	10884(2)	-81(3)	44(1)
C(9)	7418(2)	11921(2)	356(3)	42(1)
C(10)	6812(2)	12310(3)	1345(3)	56(1)
C(11)	9204(2)	12510(2)	-1849(3)	43(1)
C(12)	9073(2)	13444(2)	-2585(3)	49(1)
C(13)	9712(2)	13781(3)	-3412(3)	61(1)
C(14)	10484(2)	13216(3)	-3511(3)	63(1)
C(15)	10630(2)	12316(3)	-2760(3)	60(1)
C(16)	9991(2)	11969(2)	-1938(3)	52(1)
C(17)	6543(2)	9225(2)	-954(3)	53(1)

C(18)	6760(3)	8287(3)	-1605(4)	74(1)
C(19)	6256(3)	7952(3)	-2604(5)	90(1)
C(20)	5542(2)	8528(4)	-2984(4)	83(1)
C(21)	5335(2)	9459(4)	-2323(5)	91(1)
C(22)	5828(2)	9806(3)	-1315(4)	78(1)
C(23)	4991(4)	8149(6)	-4079(6)	128(2)

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**Table 13. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for 3y.**

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S(1)-O(1)	1.427(3)
S(1)-O(2)	1.438(2)
S(1)-C(8)	1.734(3)
S(1)-C(17)	1.767(3)
N(1)-C(1)	1.381(4)
N(1)-C(5)	1.386(4)
N(2)-C(9)	1.377(3)
N(2)-C(6)	1.397(4)
N(2)-C(1)	1.440(3)
C(1)-C(2)	1.312(4)
C(2)-C(3)	1.346(4)
C(2)-H(2A)	0.9300
C(3)-C(4)	1.360(6)
C(3)-H(3A)	0.9300
C(4)-C(5)	1.364(5)
C(4)-H(4A)	0.9300
C(5)-H(5A)	0.9300
C(6)-C(7)	1.366(4)
C(6)-C(11)	1.466(4)
C(7)-C(8)	1.409(4)
C(7)-H(7A)	0.9300
C(8)-C(9)	1.383(4)
C(9)-C(10)	1.485(4)
C(10)-H(10A)	0.9600
C(10)-H(10B)	0.9600
C(10)-H(10C)	0.9600
C(11)-C(16)	1.387(4)
C(11)-C(12)	1.396(4)

C(12)-C(13)	1.384(4)
C(12)-H(12A)	0.9300
C(13)-C(14)	1.383(5)
C(13)-H(13A)	0.9300
C(14)-C(15)	1.374(5)
C(14)-H(14A)	0.9300
C(15)-C(16)	1.384(4)
C(15)-H(15A)	0.9300
C(16)-H(16A)	0.9300
C(17)-C(22)	1.365(5)
C(17)-C(18)	1.378(4)
C(18)-C(19)	1.371(6)
C(18)-H(18A)	0.9300
C(19)-C(20)	1.367(6)
C(19)-H(19A)	0.9300
C(20)-C(21)	1.373(6)
C(20)-C(23)	1.506(7)
C(21)-C(22)	1.374(6)
C(21)-H(21A)	0.9300
C(22)-H(22A)	0.9300
C(23)-H(23A)	0.9600
C(23)-H(23B)	0.9600
C(23)-H(23C)	0.9600
O(1)-S(1)-O(2)	118.42(15)
O(1)-S(1)-C(8)	109.52(14)
O(2)-S(1)-C(8)	107.94(13)
O(1)-S(1)-C(17)	108.04(15)
O(2)-S(1)-C(17)	107.30(14)
C(8)-S(1)-C(17)	104.76(14)
C(1)-N(1)-C(5)	116.5(3)
C(9)-N(2)-C(6)	110.6(2)
C(9)-N(2)-C(1)	124.5(2)
C(6)-N(2)-C(1)	124.7(2)
C(2)-C(1)-N(1)	125.5(3)
C(2)-C(1)-N(2)	115.5(2)
N(1)-C(1)-N(2)	119.0(2)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	115.9(3)

C(1)-C(2)-H(2A)	122.0
C(3)-C(2)-H(2A)	122.0
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	123.6(3)
C(2)-C(3)-H(3A)	118.2
C(4)-C(3)-H(3A)	118.2
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	118.9(3)
C(3)-C(4)-H(4A)	120.5
C(5)-C(4)-H(4A)	120.5
C(4)-C(5)-N(1)	119.5(3)
C(4)-C(5)-H(5A)	120.2
N(1)-C(5)-H(5A)	120.2
C(7)-C(6)-N(2)	106.8(2)
C(7)-C(6)-C(11)	127.8(3)
N(2)-C(6)-C(11)	125.4(2)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	107.7(2)
C(6)-C(7)-H(7A)	126.1
C(8)-C(7)-H(7A)	126.1
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	109.3(2)
C(9)-C(8)-S(1)	128.0(2)
C(7)-C(8)-S(1)	122.7(2)
N(2)-C(9)-C(8)	105.6(2)
N(2)-C(9)-C(10)	122.2(2)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	132.0(3)
C(9)-C(10)-H(10A)	109.5
C(9)-C(10)-H(10B)	109.5
H(10A)-C(10)-H(10B)	109.5
C(9)-C(10)-H(10C)	109.5
H(10A)-C(10)-H(10C)	109.5
H(10B)-C(10)-H(10C)	109.5
C(16)-C(11)-C(12)	118.4(3)
C(16)-C(11)-C(6)	118.4(3)
C(12)-C(11)-C(6)	123.0(3)
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	119.5(3)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12A)	120.2
C(11)-C(12)-H(12A)	120.2
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	121.2(3)
C(14)-C(13)-H(13A)	119.4

C(12)-C(13)-H(13A)	119.4
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	119.6(3)
C(15)-C(14)-H(14A)	120.2
C(13)-C(14)-H(14A)	120.2
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	119.5(3)
C(14)-C(15)-H(15A)	120.3
C(16)-C(15)-H(15A)	120.3
C(15)-C(16)-C(11)	121.7(3)
C(15)-C(16)-H(16A)	119.2
C(11)-C(16)-H(16A)	119.2
C(22)-C(17)-C(18)	119.4(3)
C(22)-C(17)-S(1)	120.2(3)
C(18)-C(17)-S(1)	120.4(3)
C(19)-C(18)-C(17)	119.6(4)
C(19)-C(18)-H(18A)	120.2
C(17)-C(18)-H(18A)	120.2
C(20)-C(19)-C(18)	121.8(4)
C(20)-C(19)-H(19A)	119.1
C(18)-C(19)-H(19A)	119.1
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	117.8(4)
C(19)-C(20)-C(23)	121.3(4)
C(21)-C(20)-C(23)	120.8(5)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	121.3(4)
C(20)-C(21)-H(21A)	119.3
C(22)-C(21)-H(21A)	119.3
C(17)-C(22)-C(21)	120.1(3)
C(17)-C(22)-H(22A)	120.0
C(21)-C(22)-H(22A)	120.0
C(20)-C(23)-H(23A)	109.5
C(20)-C(23)-H(23B)	109.5
H(23A)-C(23)-H(23B)	109.5
C(20)-C(23)-H(23C)	109.5
H(23A)-C(23)-H(23C)	109.5
H(23B)-C(23)-H(23C)	109.5
C(16)-C(11)-C(10)	124.11(12)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	117.70(13)
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.90(15)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12A)	119.5

C(11)-C(12)-H(12A)	119.5
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	120.34(14)
C(14)-C(13)-H(13A)	119.8
C(12)-C(13)-H(13A)	119.8
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	119.40(14)
C(15)-C(14)-H(14A)	120.3
C(13)-C(14)-H(14A)	120.3
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	120.78(15)
C(14)-C(15)-H(15A)	119.6
C(16)-C(15)-H(15A)	119.6
C(15)-C(16)-C(11)	120.47(13)
C(15)-C(16)-H(16A)	119.8
C(11)-C(16)-H(16A)	119.8
C(17)-N(2)-C(18)	115.51(14)
N(2)-C(18)-C(19)	124.16(16)
N(2)-C(18)-H(18A)	117.9
C(19)-C(18)-H(18A)	117.9
C(20)-C(19)-C(18)	118.62(15)
C(20)-C(19)-H(19A)	120.7
C(18)-C(19)-H(19A)	120.7
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	118.69(16)
C(19)-C(20)-H(20A)	120.7
C(21)-C(20)-H(20A)	120.7
C(17)-C(21)-C(20)	117.98(15)
C(17)-C(21)-H(21A)	121.0
C(20)-C(21)-H(21A)	121.0
O(1)-C(22)-O(2)	123.09(13)
O(1)-C(22)-C(8)	123.42(14)
O(2)-C(22)-C(8)	113.48(12)
O(2)-C(23)-C(24)	107.38(16)
O(2)-C(23)-H(23B)	110.2
C(24)-C(23)-H(23B)	110.2
O(2)-C(23)-H(23C)	110.2
C(24)-C(23)-H(23C)	110.2
H(23B)-C(23)-H(23C)	108.5
C(23)-C(24)-H(24C)	109.5
C(23)-C(24)-H(24D)	109.5
H(24C)-C(24)-H(24D)	109.5

C(23)-C(24)-H(24A)	109.5
H(24C)-C(24)-H(24A)	109.5
H(24D)-C(24)-H(24A)	109.5

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table 14.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **3y**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi [h a^* U^{11} + \dots + 2 hka^*b^*U^{12}]$

	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
S(1)	52(1)	33(1)	67(1)	6(1)	12(1)	-1(1)
O(1)	79(2)	51(1)	72(2)	4(1)	30(1)	-6(1)
O(2)	65(1)	43(1)	90(2)	16(1)	5(1)	9(1)
N(1)	79(2)	60(2)	60(2)	-2(1)	-8(2)	-10(1)
N(2)	45(1)	31(1)	45(1)	0(1)	3(1)	1(1)
C(1)	49(2)	33(1)	45(2)	0(1)	1(1)	-4(1)
C(2)	41(1)	27(1)	87(2)	1(1)	-7(2)	4(1)
C(3)	73(2)	43(2)	139(4)	2(2)	-2(3)	15(2)
C(4)	97(3)	35(2)	90(3)	-7(2)	13(2)	-3(2)
C(5)	76(2)	44(2)	56(2)	-9(1)	2(2)	-17(2)
C(6)	49(2)	35(1)	44(2)	-1(1)	1(1)	-3(1)
C(7)	52(2)	34(1)	51(2)	-2(1)	9(1)	-1(1)
C(8)	46(2)	36(1)	50(2)	2(1)	4(1)	-5(1)
C(9)	42(1)	37(1)	47(2)	1(1)	2(1)	-1(1)
C(10)	53(2)	49(2)	67(2)	-2(2)	12(2)	5(1)
C(11)	50(2)	38(1)	39(2)	-3(1)	3(1)	-9(1)
C(12)	61(2)	40(1)	46(2)	-1(1)	-7(2)	-12(1)
C(13)	89(3)	49(2)	45(2)	7(1)	-4(2)	-27(2)
C(14)	63(2)	71(2)	54(2)	-10(2)	11(2)	-29(2)
C(15)	56(2)	65(2)	59(2)	-12(2)	11(2)	-10(2)
C(16)	58(2)	45(2)	52(2)	-3(1)	6(2)	-4(1)
C(17)	44(2)	35(1)	79(2)	-5(1)	13(2)	-2(1)
C(18)	74(2)	48(2)	99(3)	-16(2)	8(2)	12(2)
C(19)	92(3)	66(2)	114(3)	-40(2)	9(3)	-4(2)
C(20)	59(2)	89(3)	100(3)	-32(2)	13(2)	-18(2)
C(21)	51(2)	108(3)	114(3)	-25(3)	-8(2)	15(2)
C(22)	62(2)	68(2)	106(3)	-31(2)	-1(2)	18(2)

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C(23) 98(3) 159(6) 127(4) -54(4) -14(3) -21(4)

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**Table 15. Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 3y.**

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	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(2A)	6843	14011	-647	62
H(3A)	6897	15850	-291	102
H(4A)	8099	16693	486	89
H(5A)	9307	15664	968	70
H(7A)	8547	10374	-1391	55
H(10A)	6838	13094	1398	84
H(10B)	6972	11998	2146	84
H(10C)	6233	12089	1130	84
H(12A)	8559	13838	-2521	59
H(13A)	9620	14399	-3910	73
H(14A)	10903	13445	-4083	75
H(15A)	11153	11942	-2804	72
H(16A)	10092	11359	-1433	62
H(18A)	7245	7884	-1367	89
H(19A)	6404	7315	-3034	108
H(21A)	4850	9862	-2563	109
H(22A)	5675	10437	-879	94
H(23A)	5229	7487	-4422	192
H(23B)	4980	8705	-4721	192
H(23C)	4412	8014	-3791	192

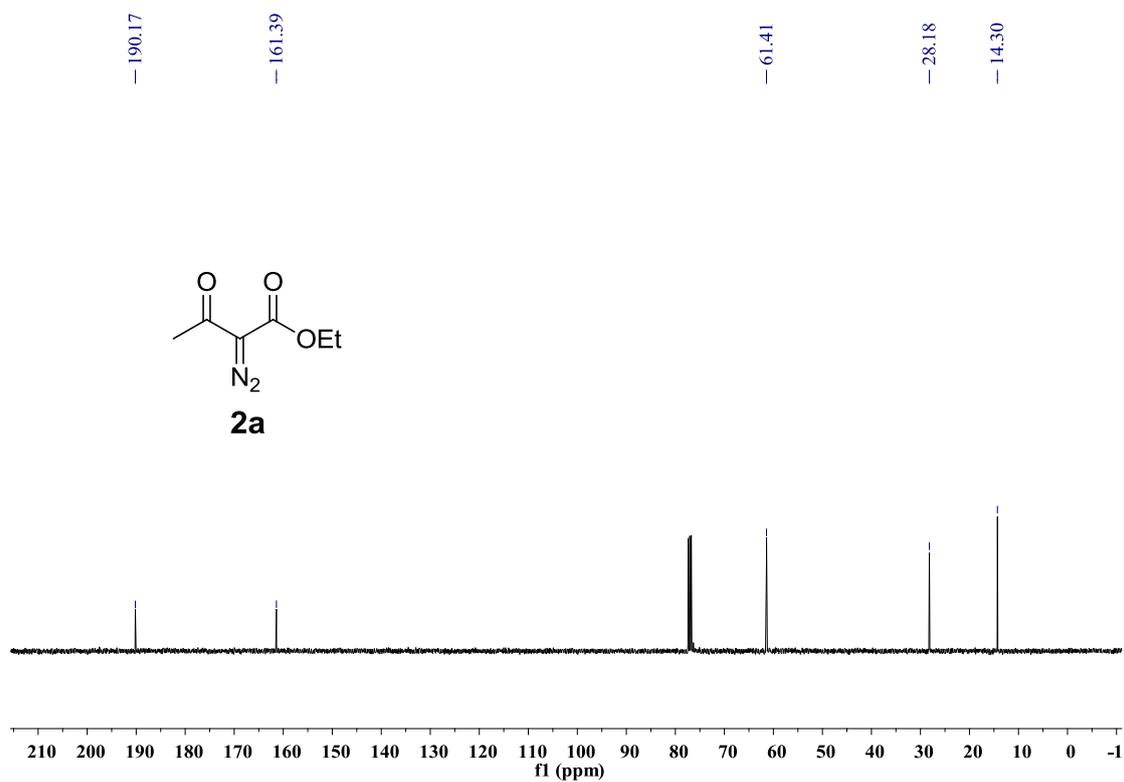
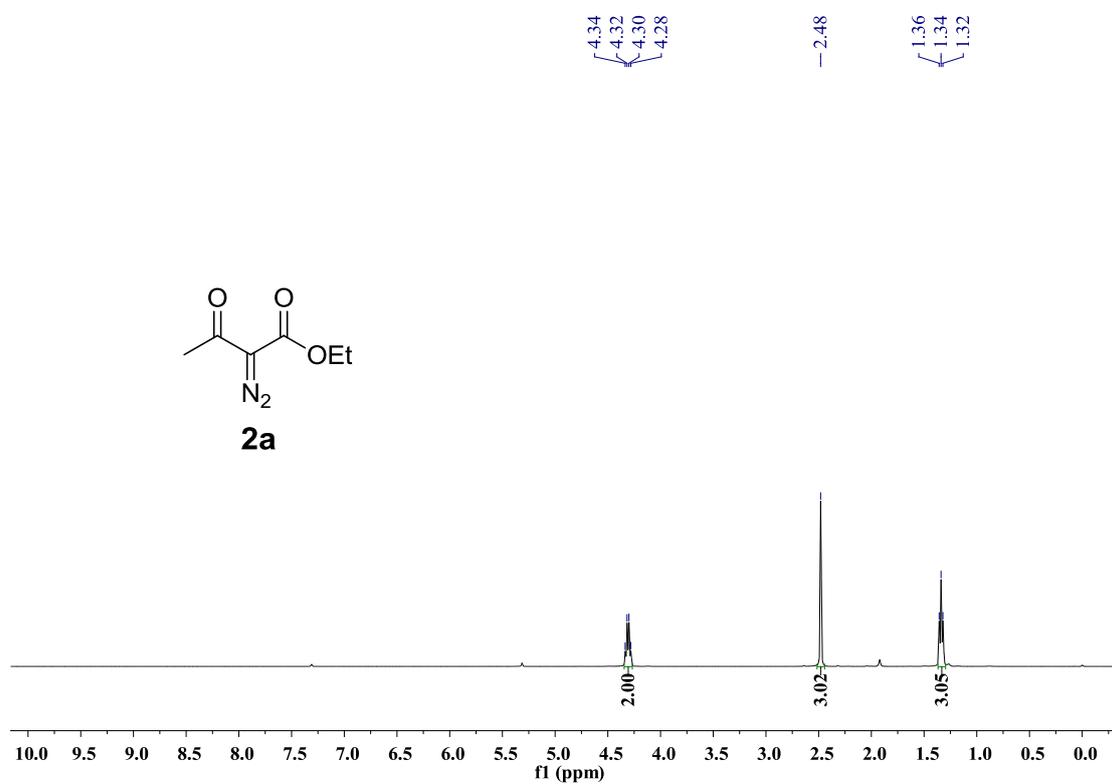
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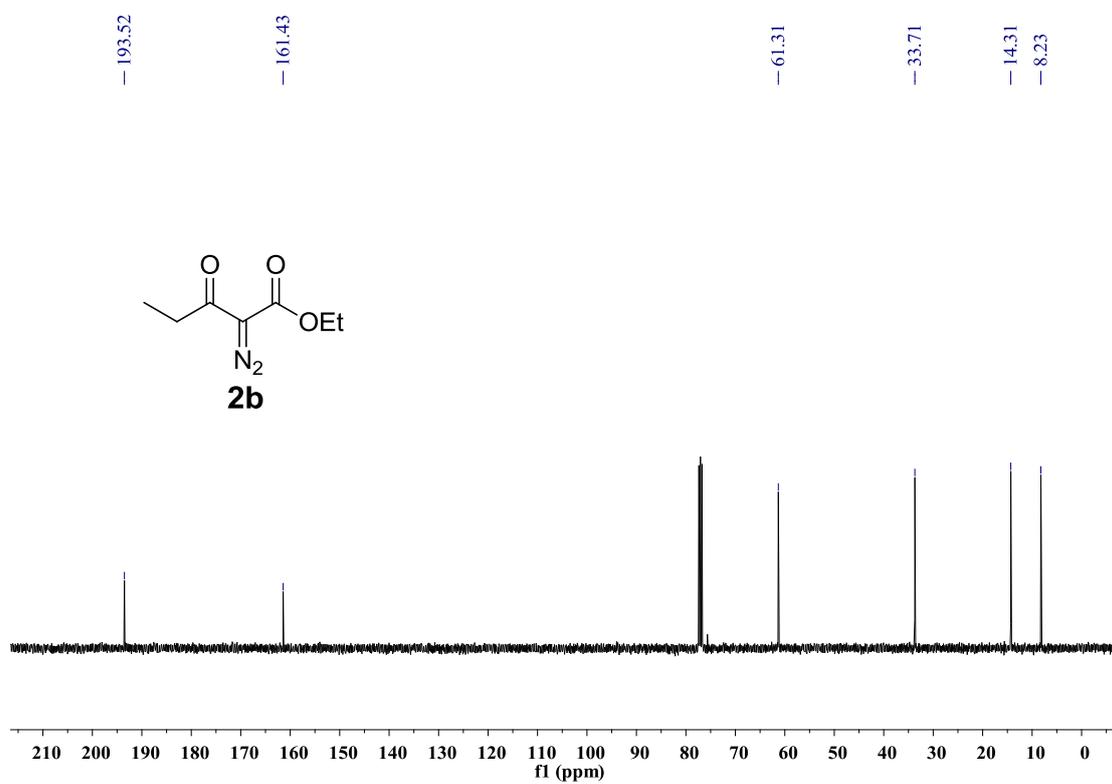
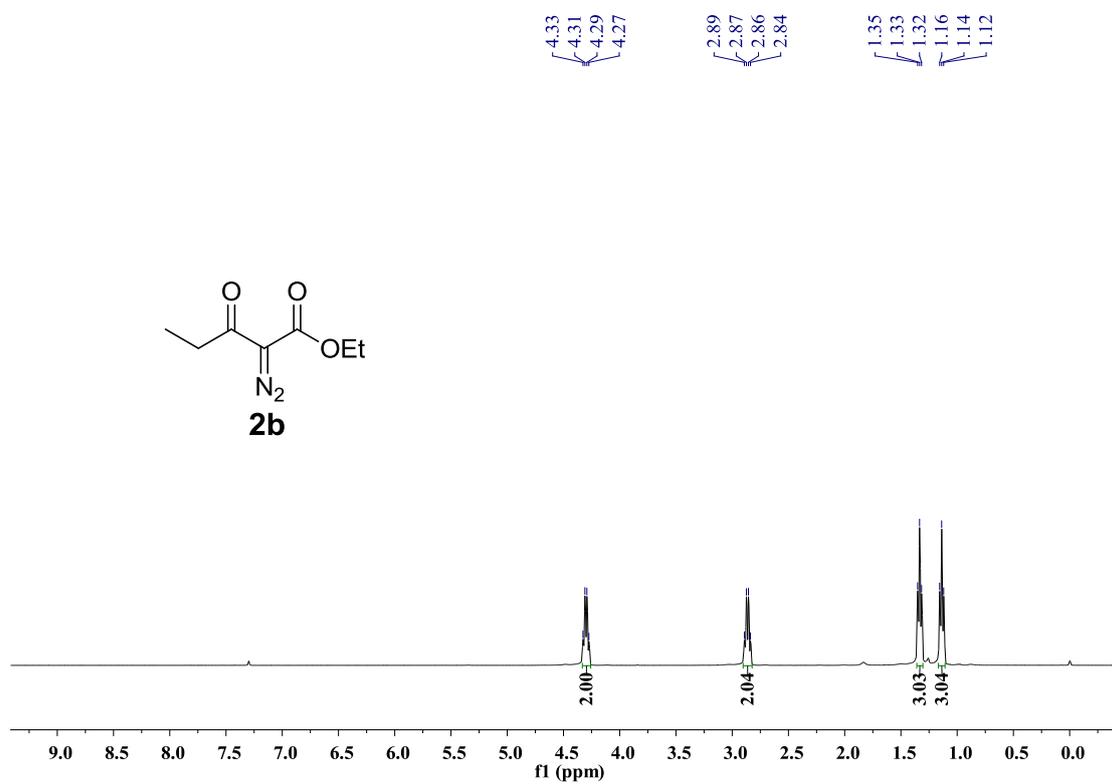
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5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for all isolated products.

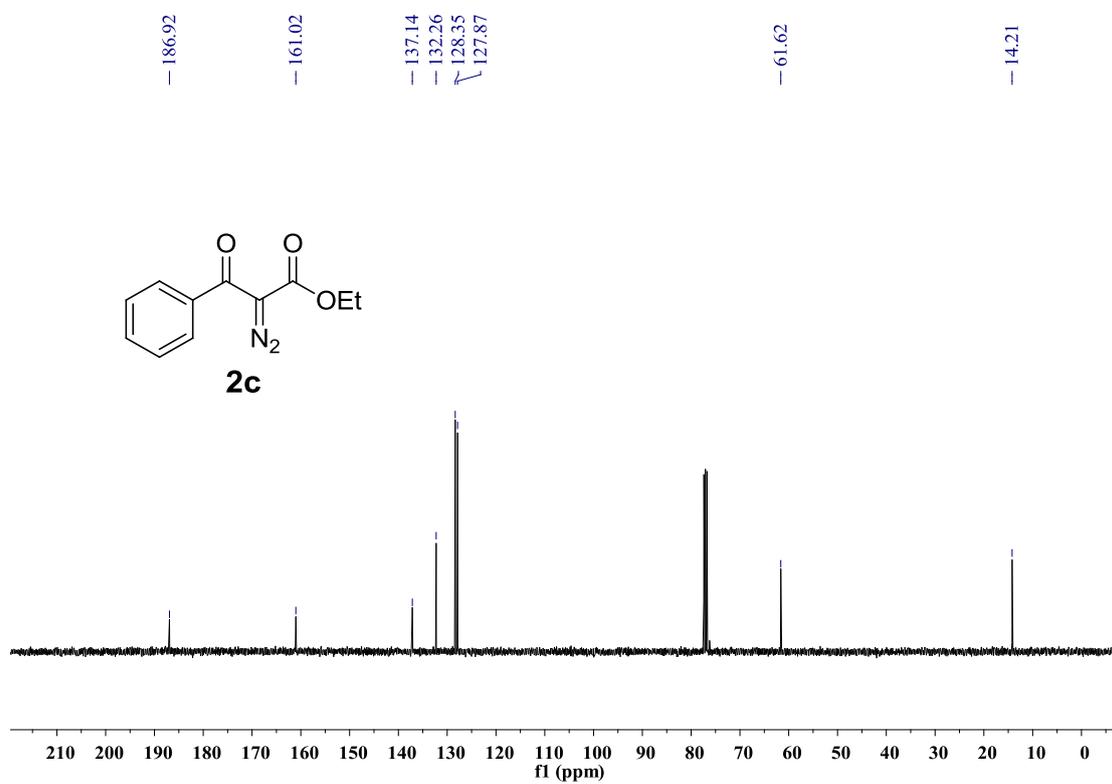
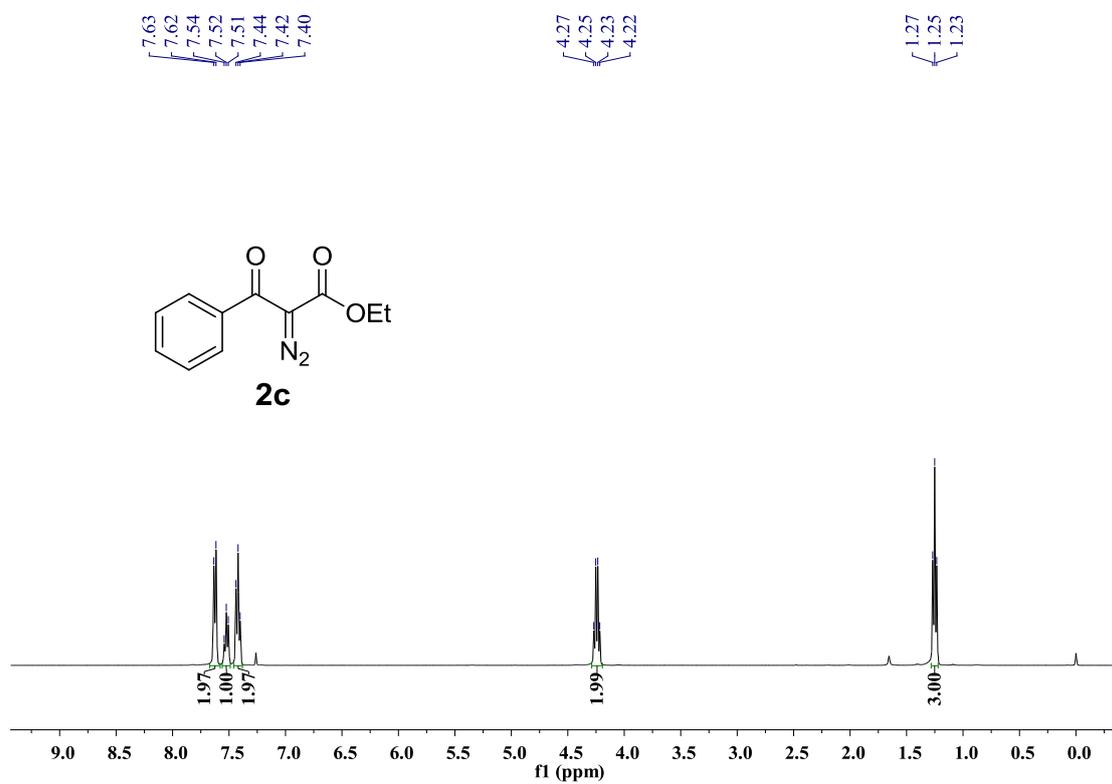
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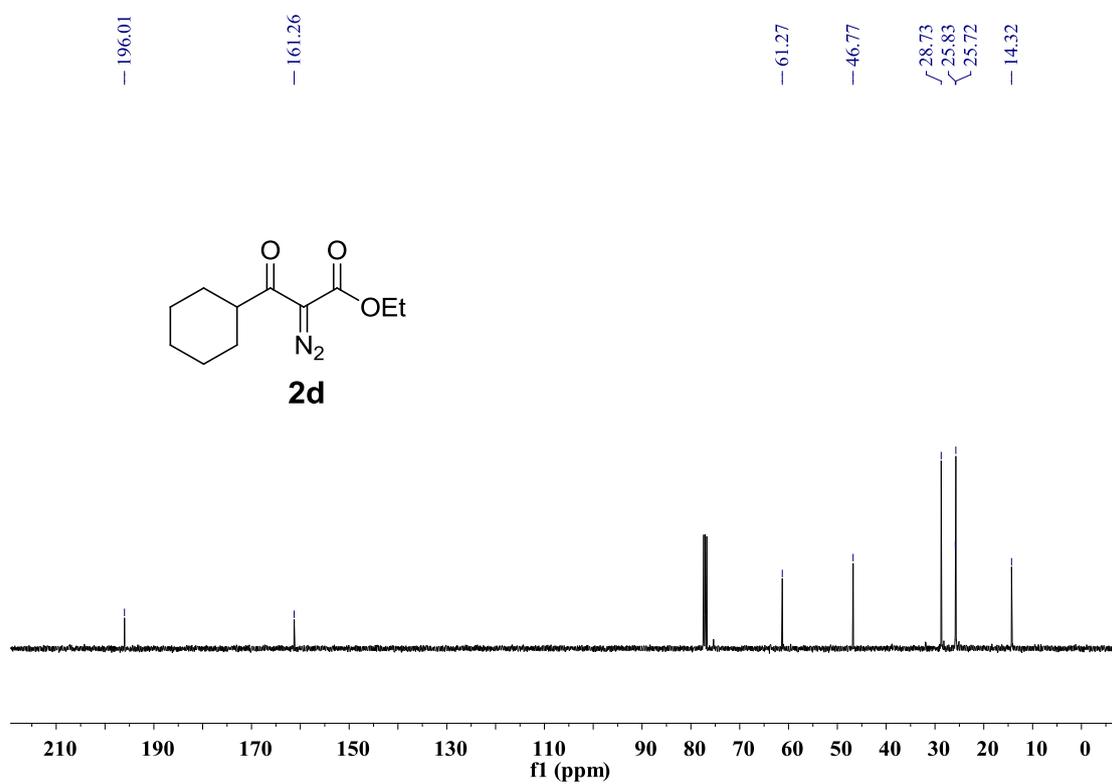
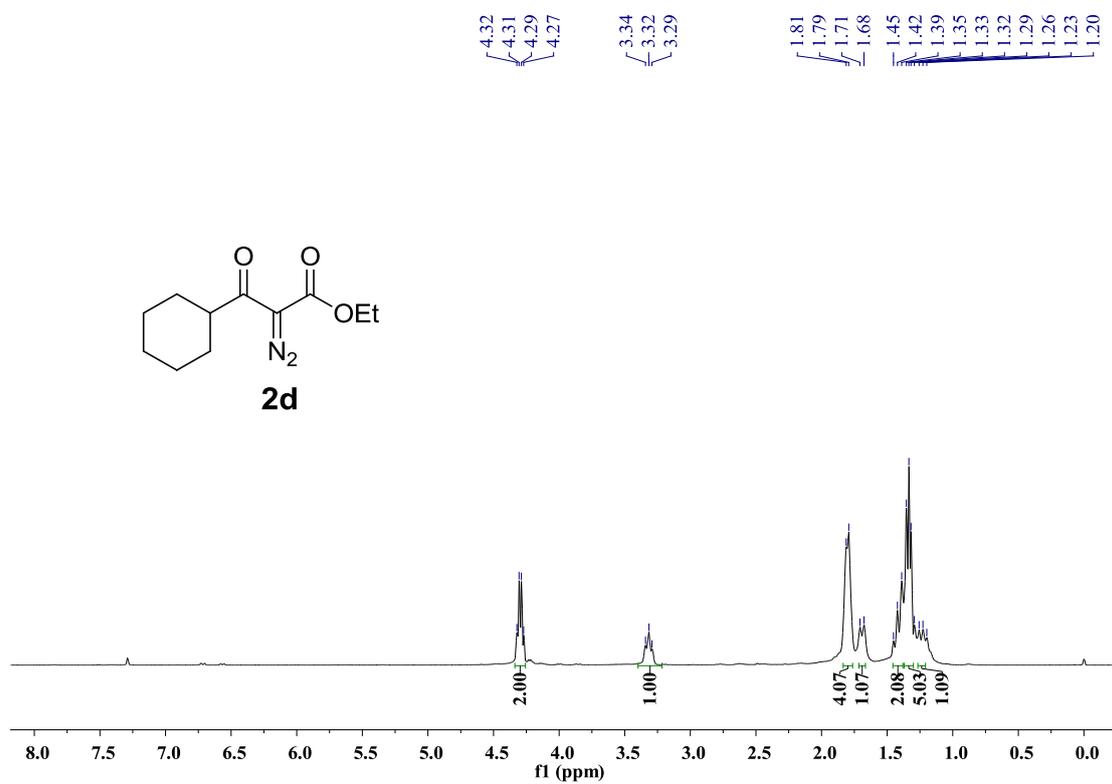
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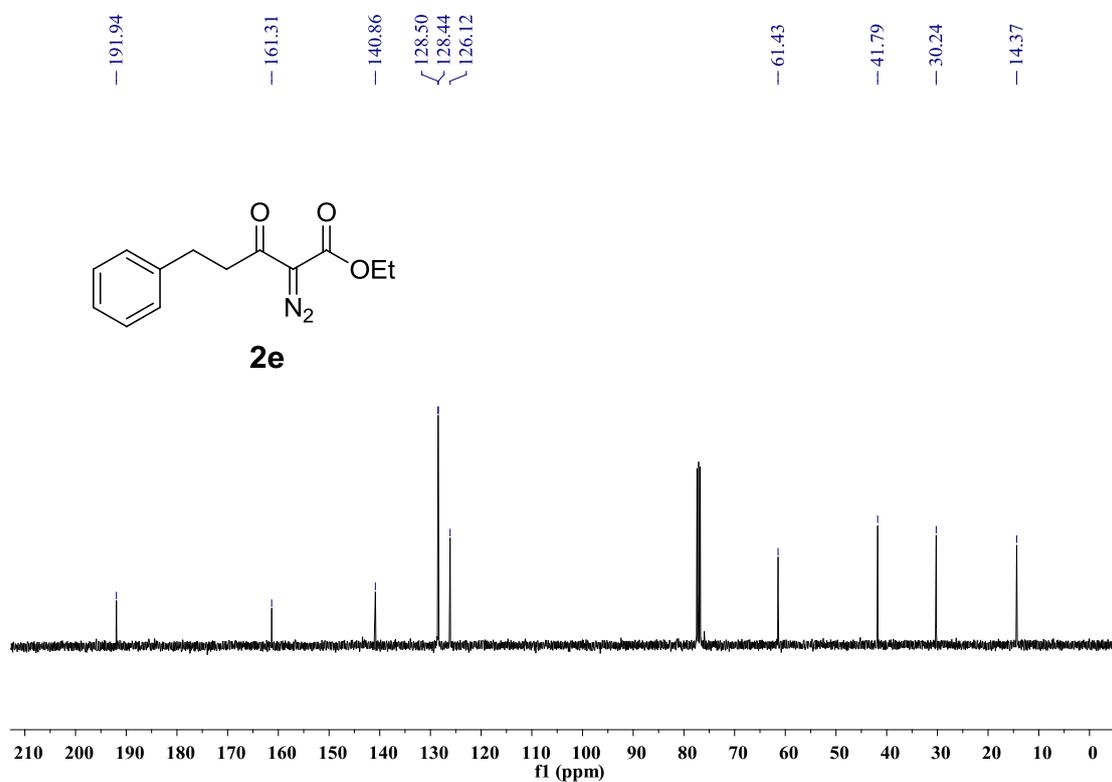
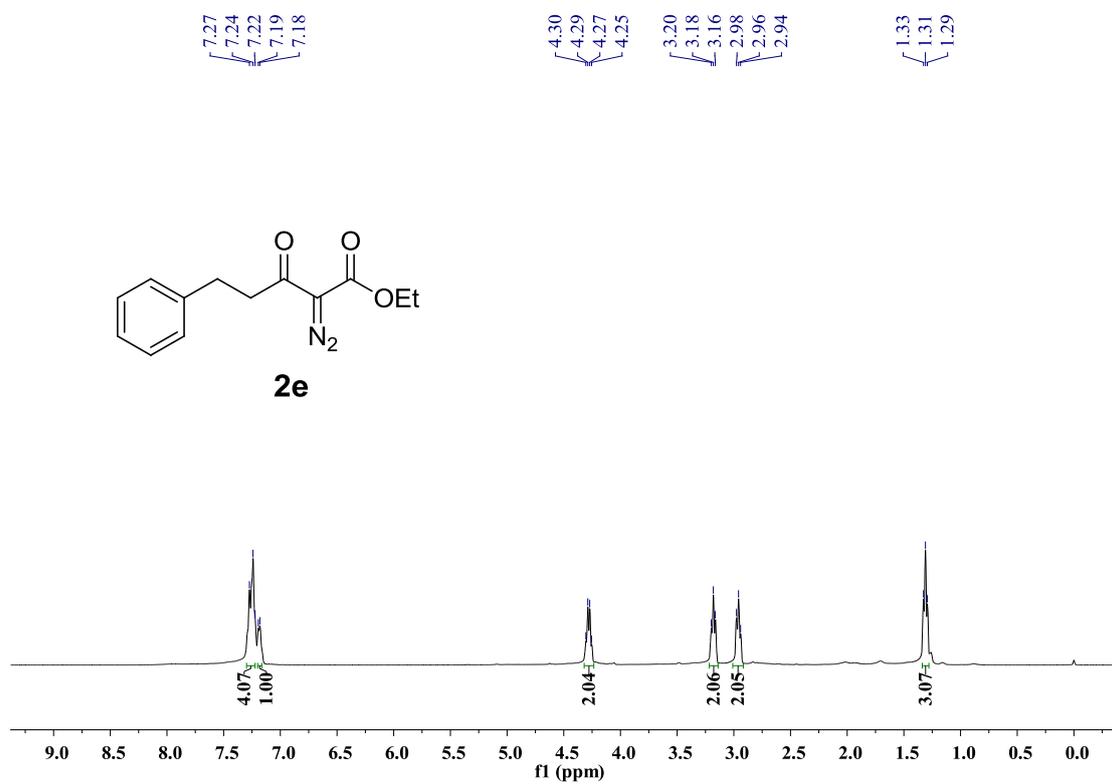
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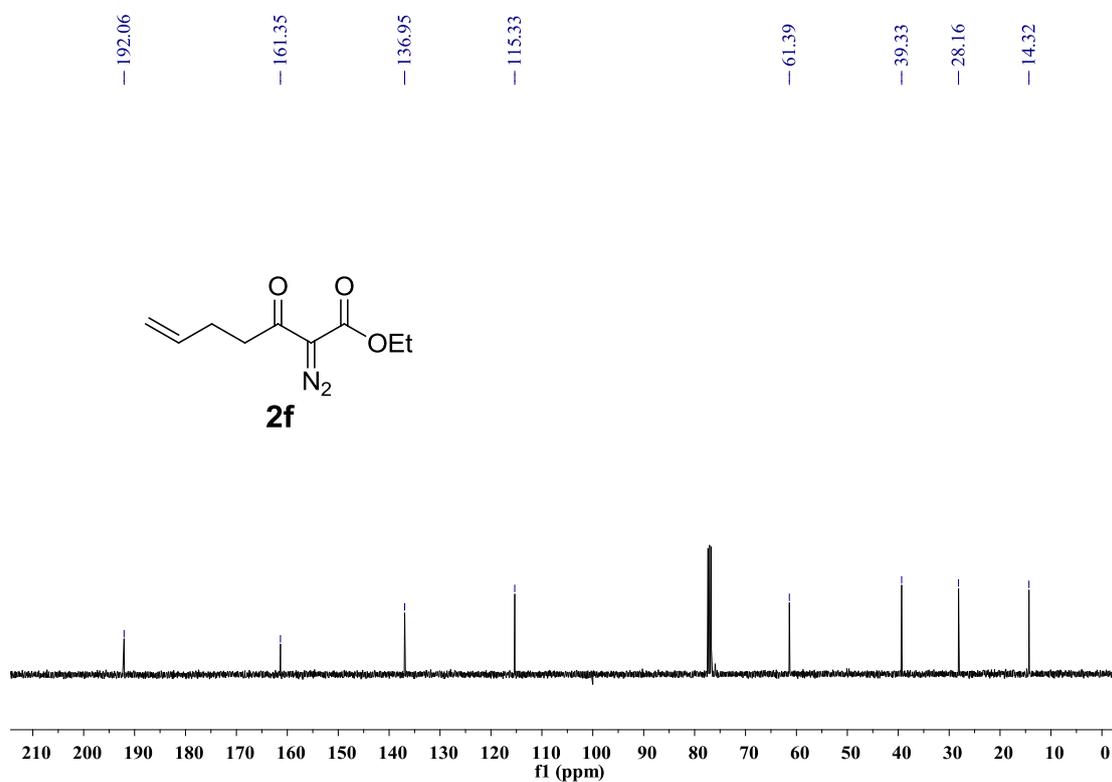
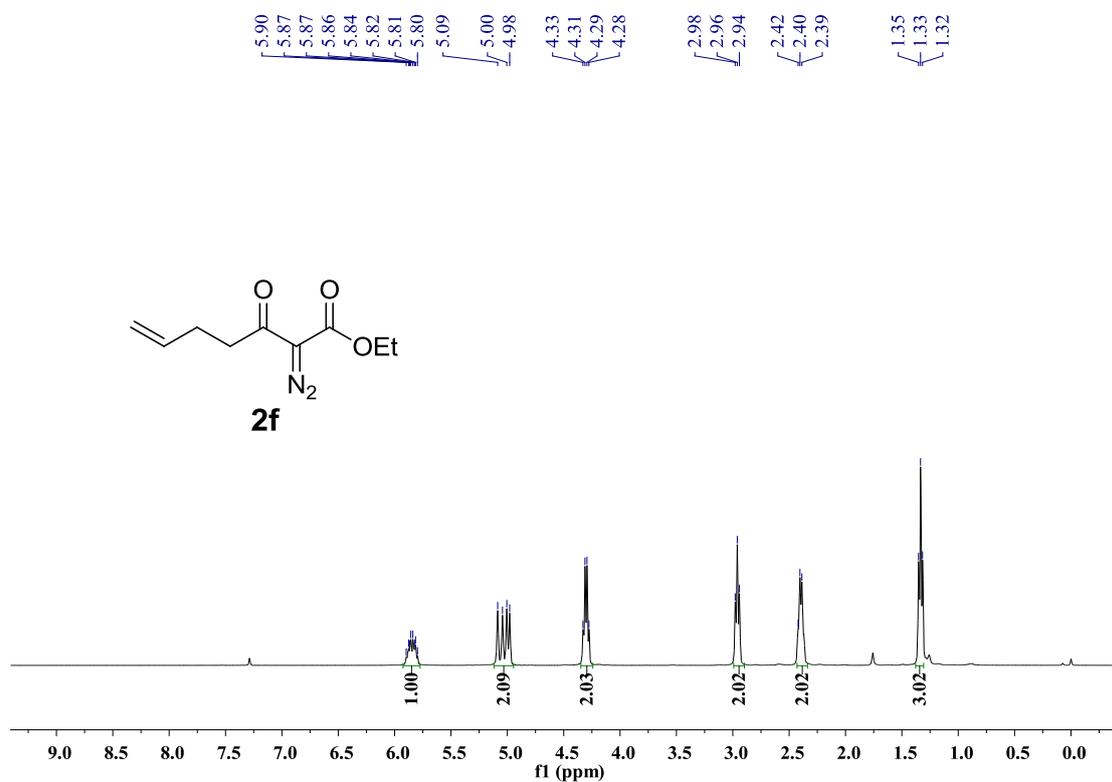
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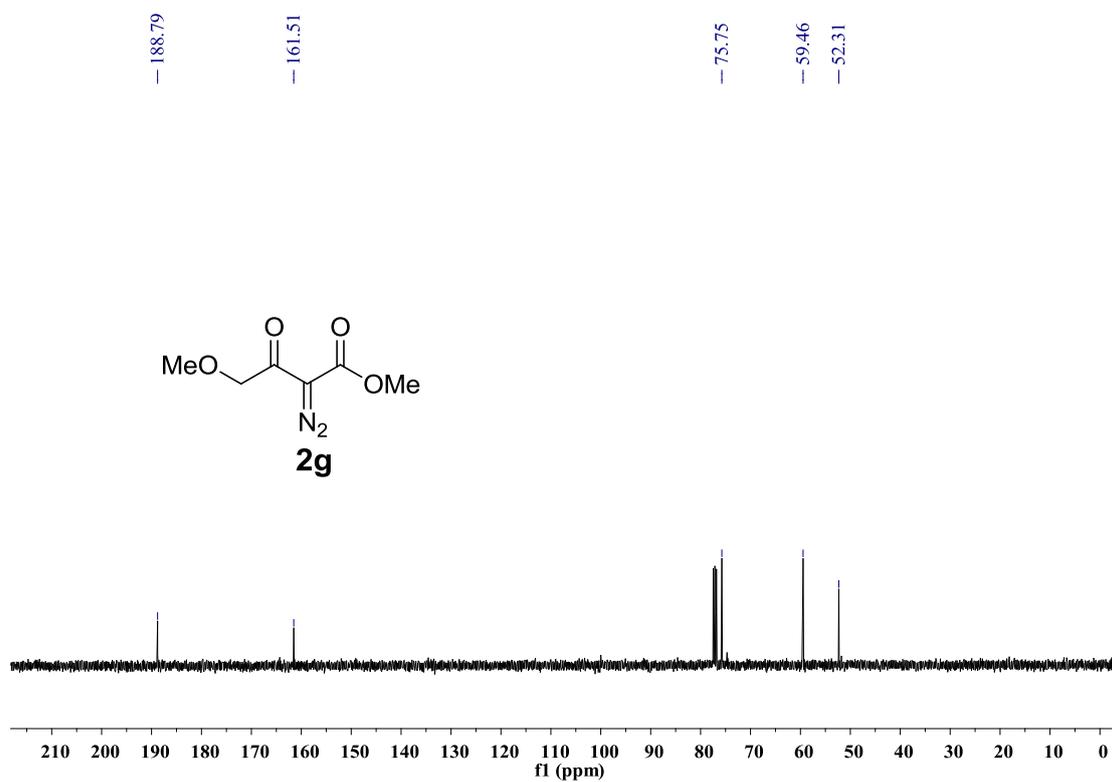
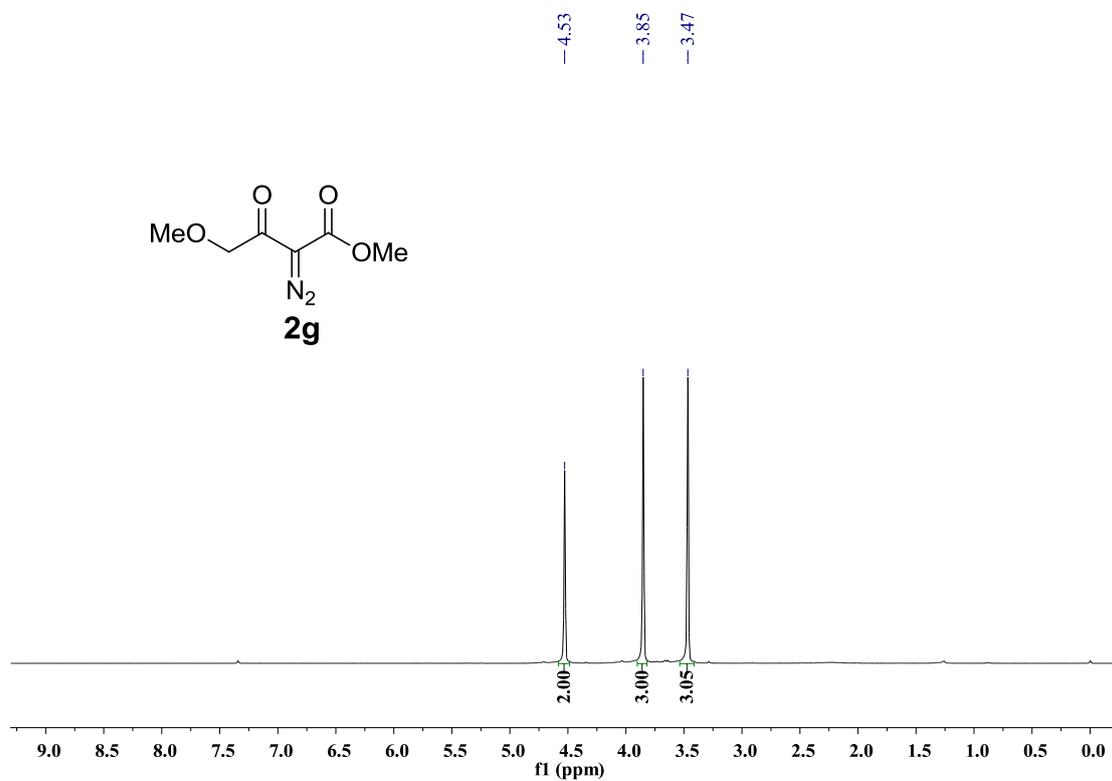
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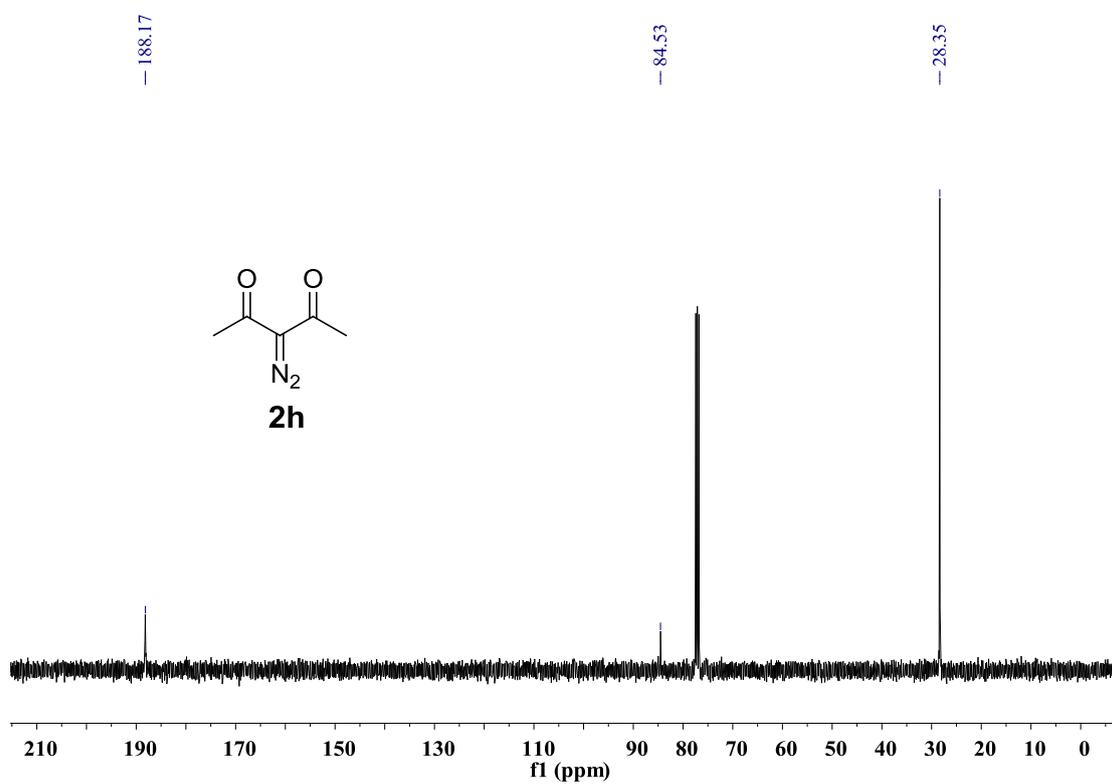
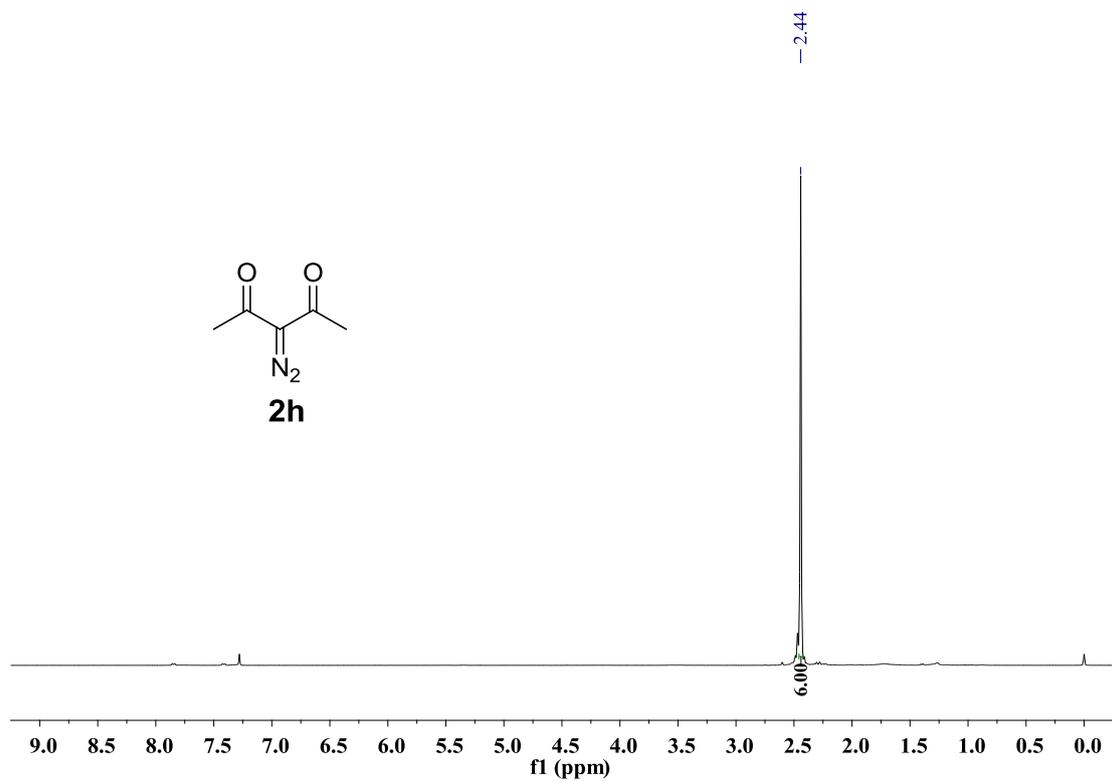
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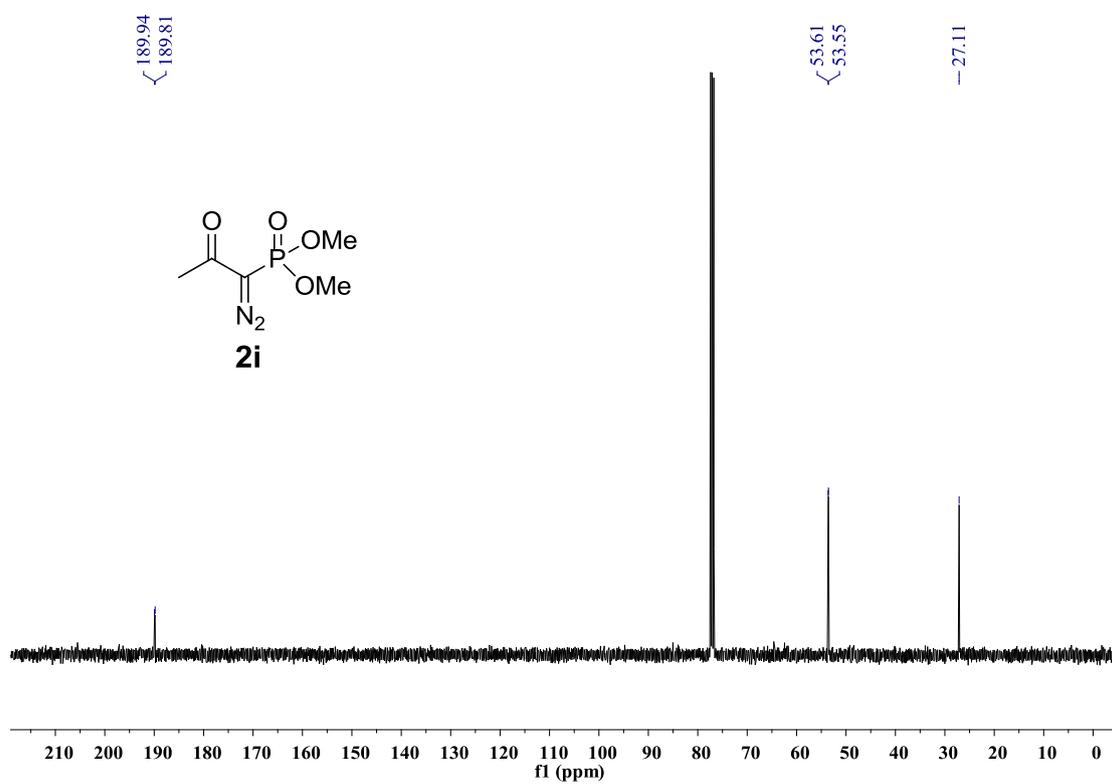
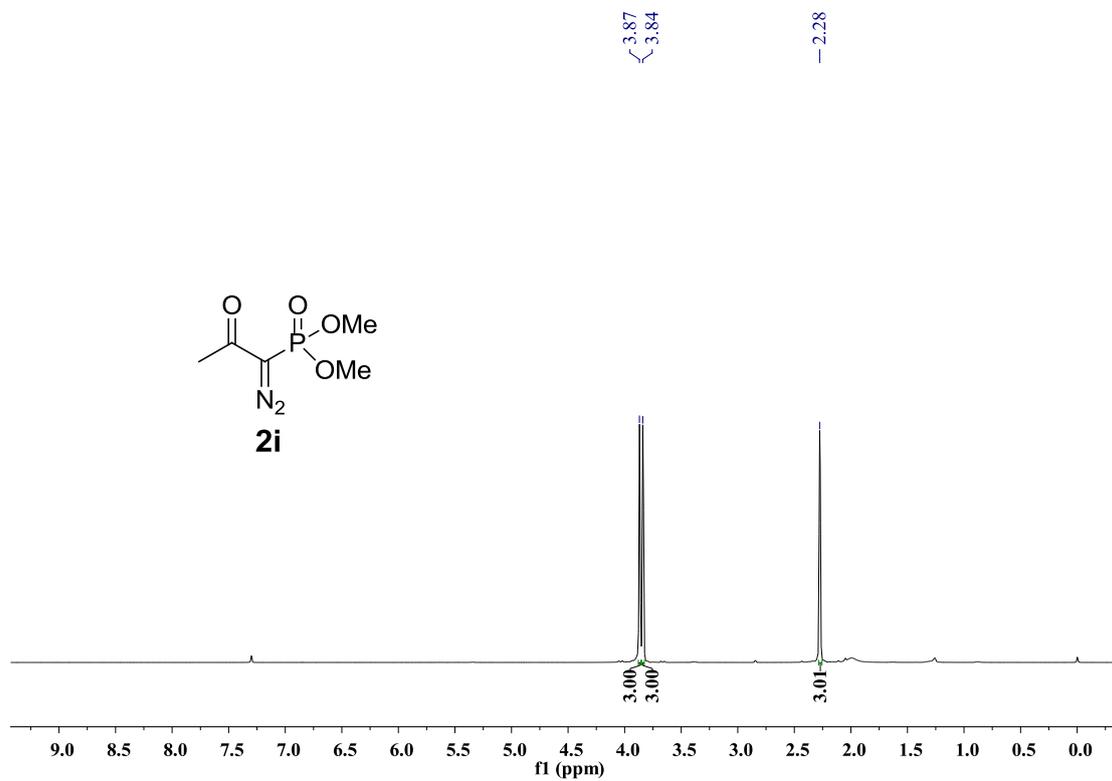
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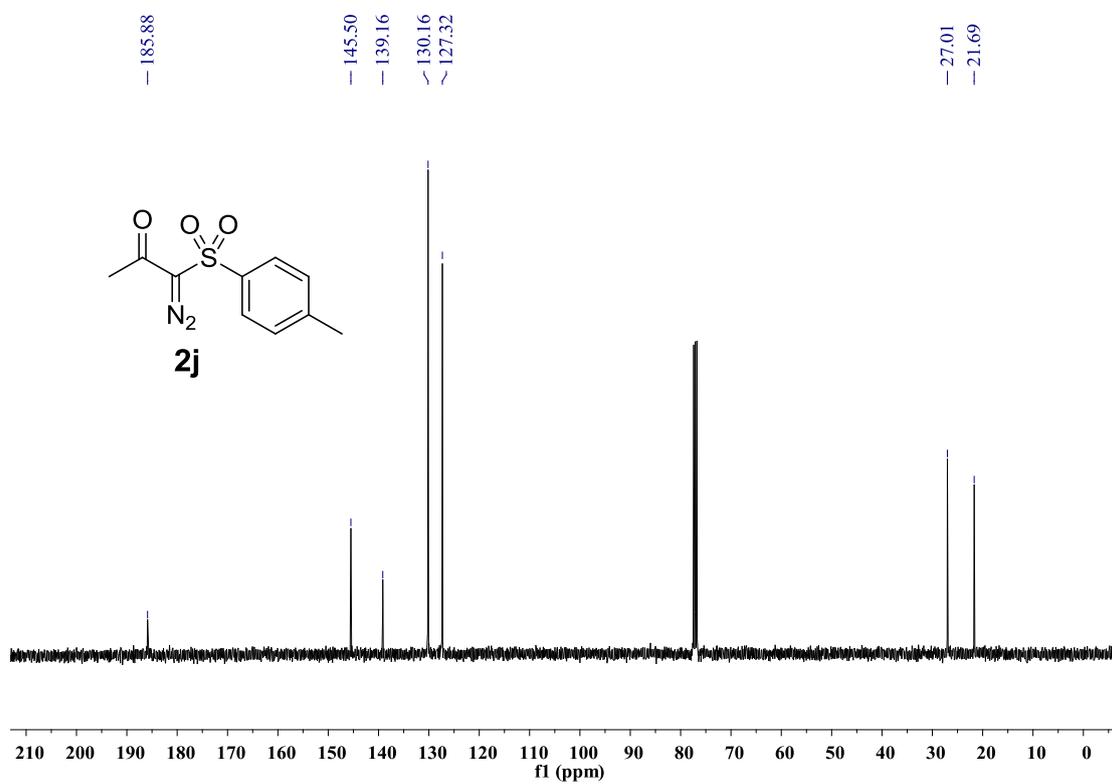
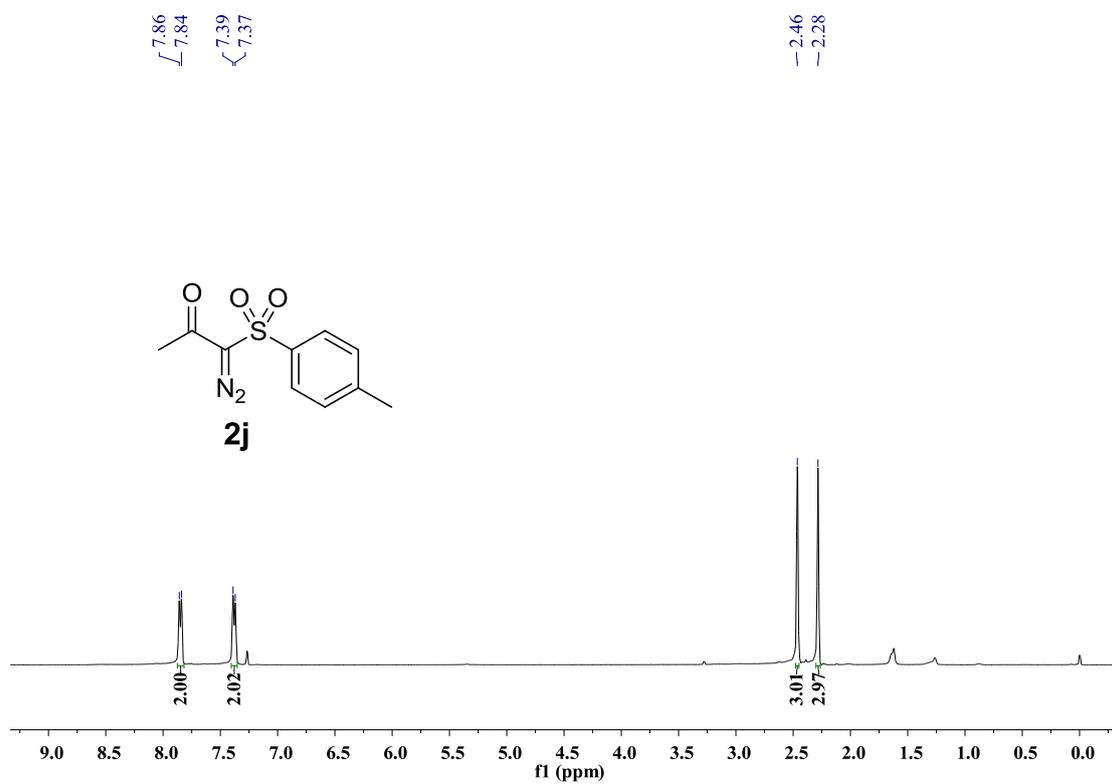
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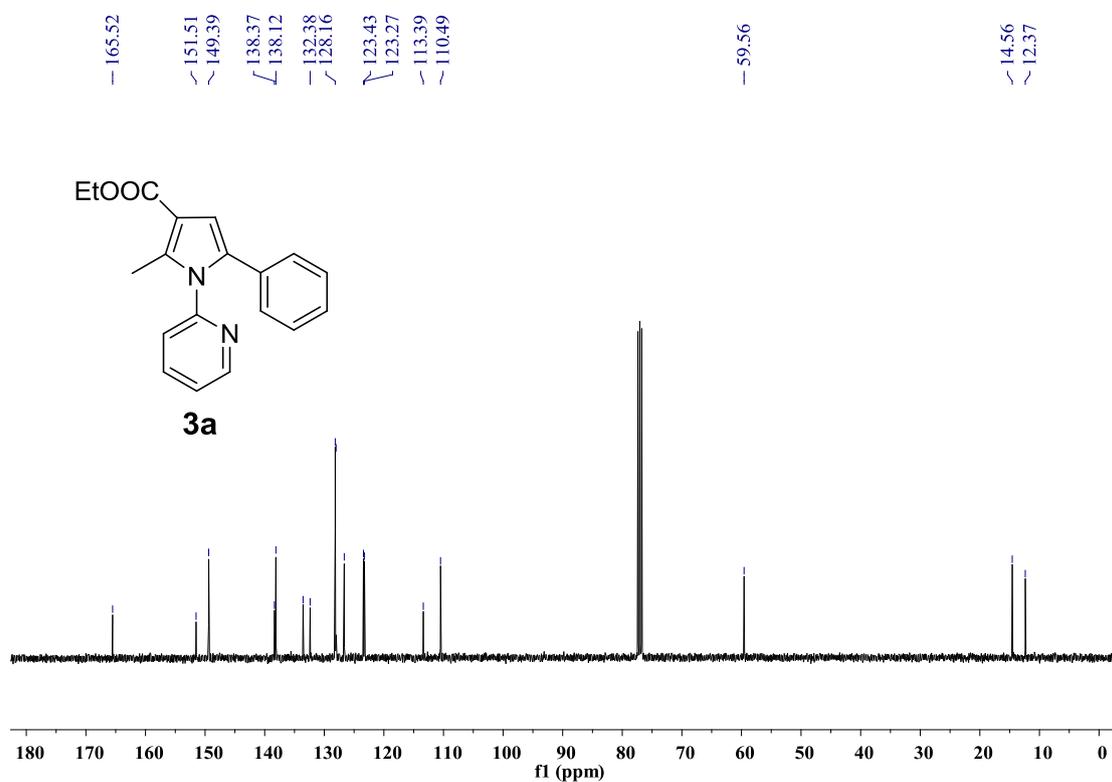
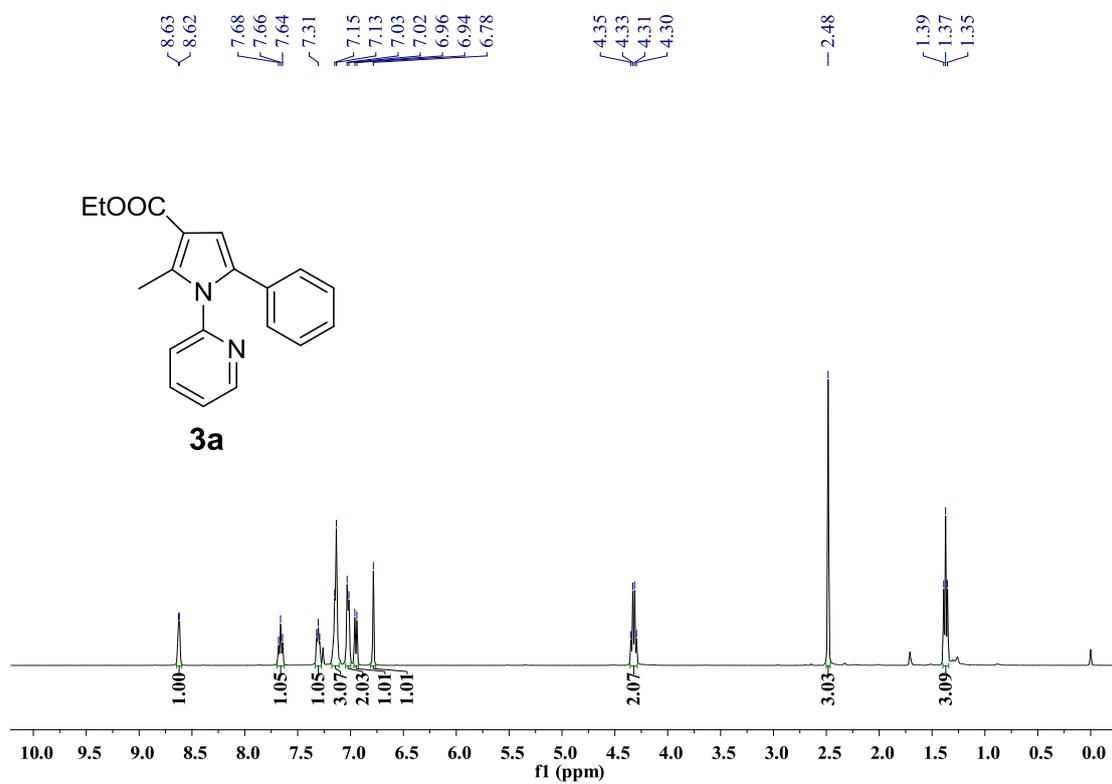
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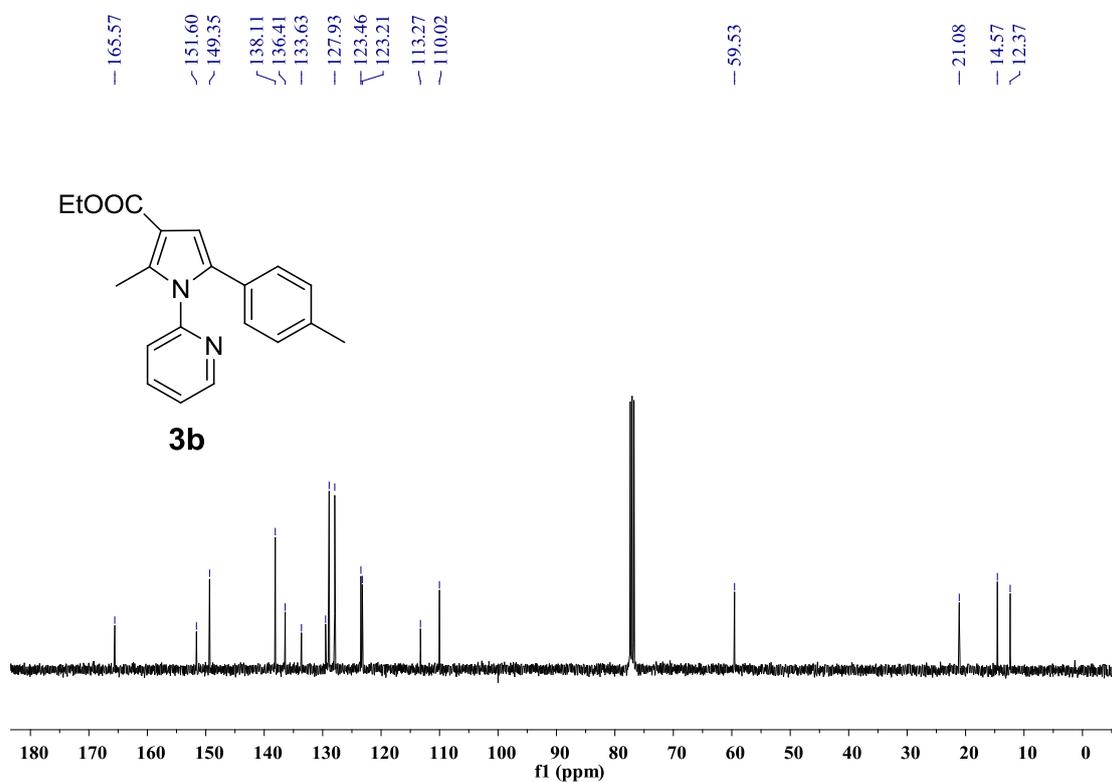
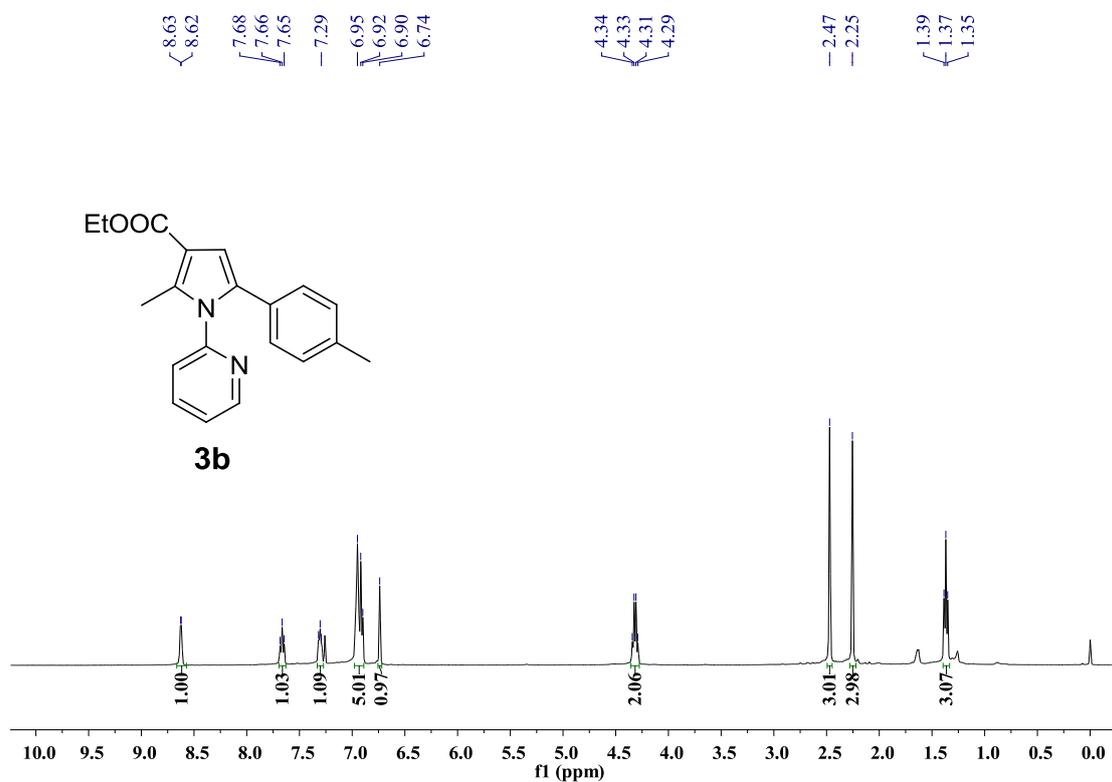
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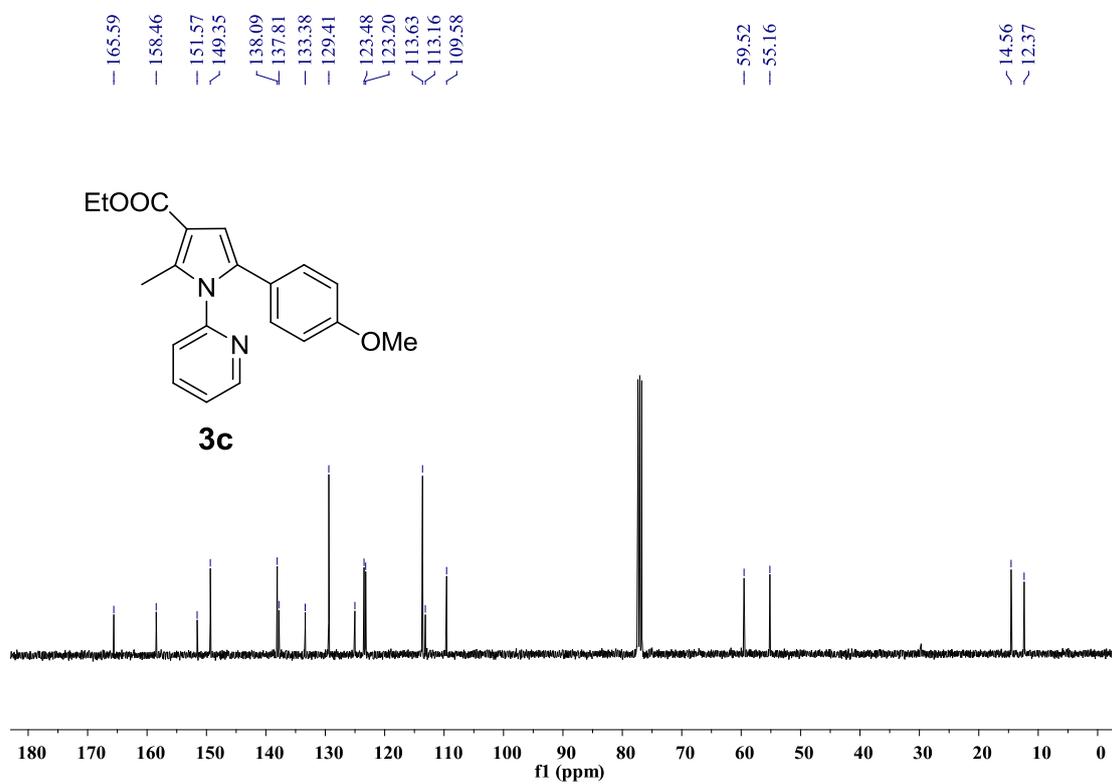
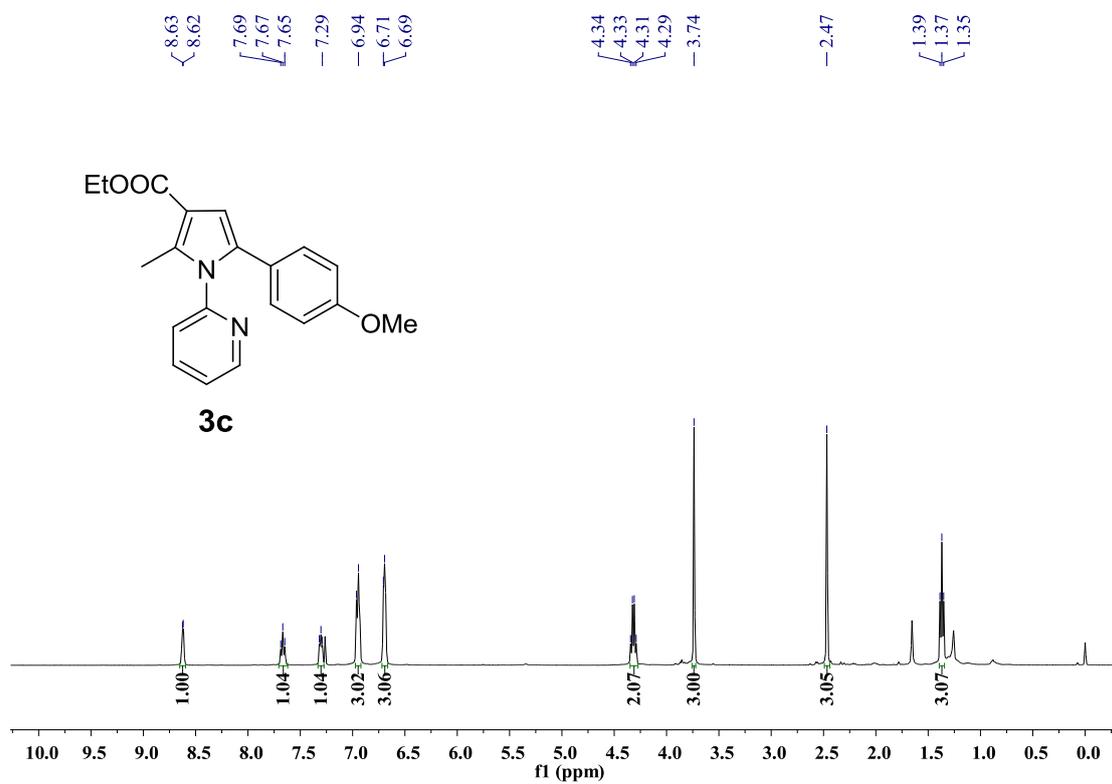
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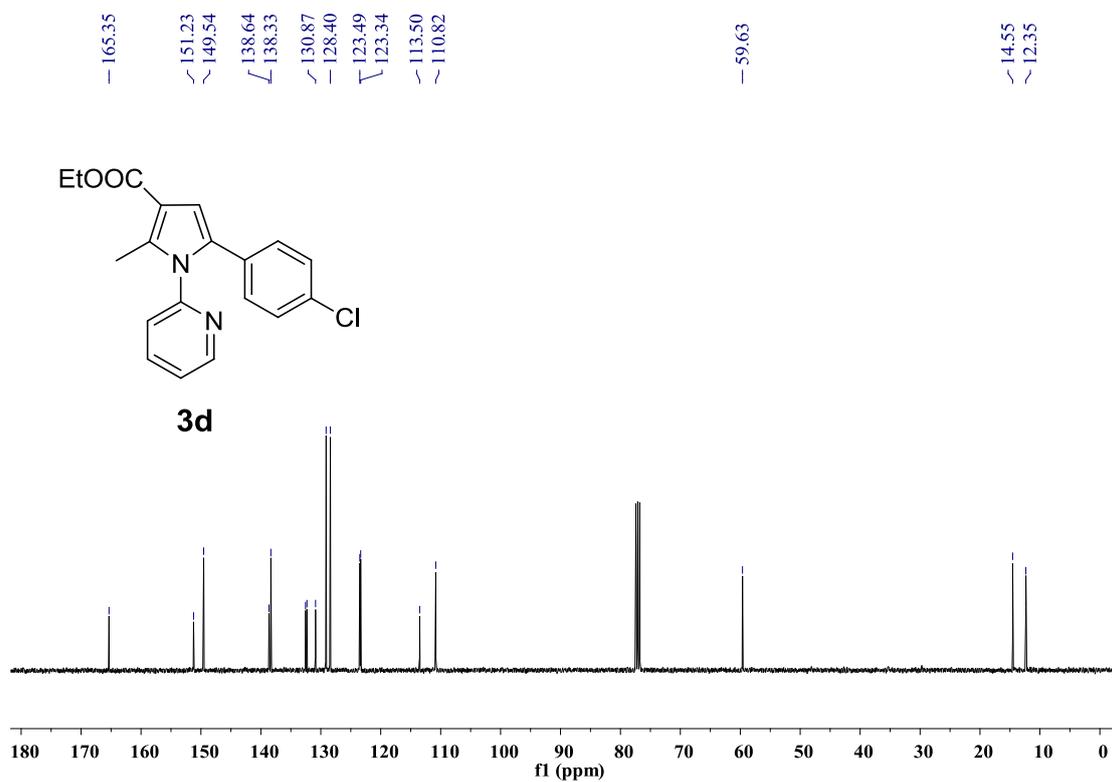
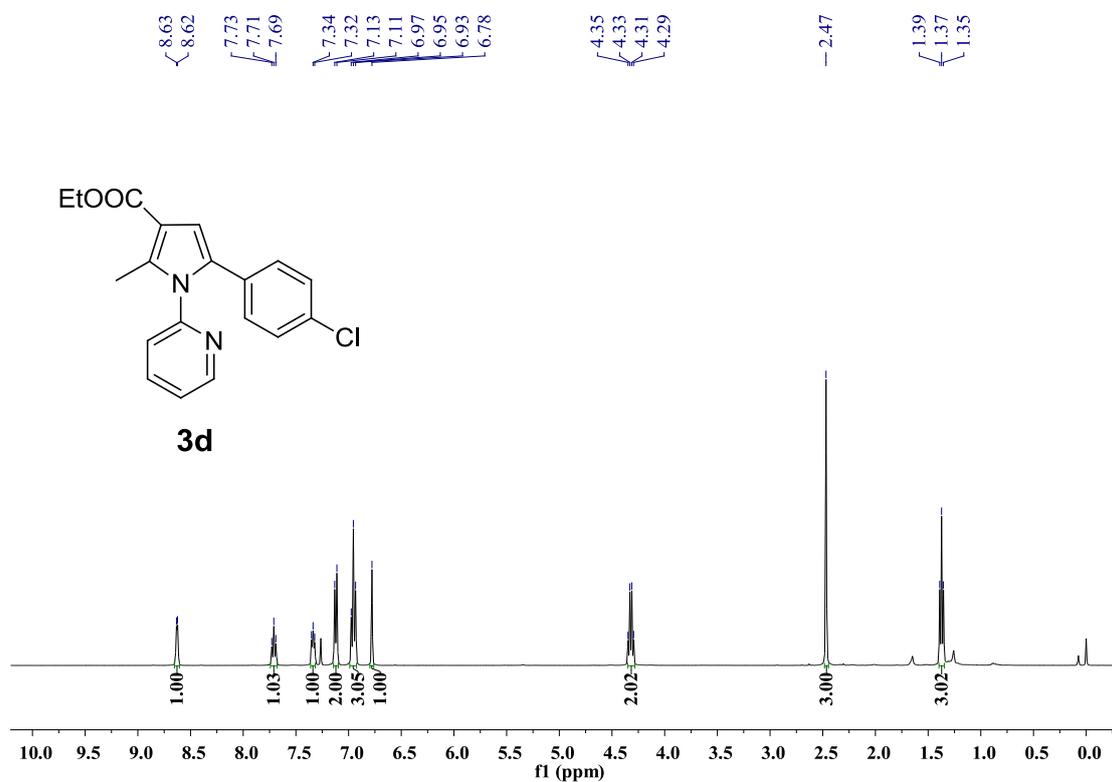
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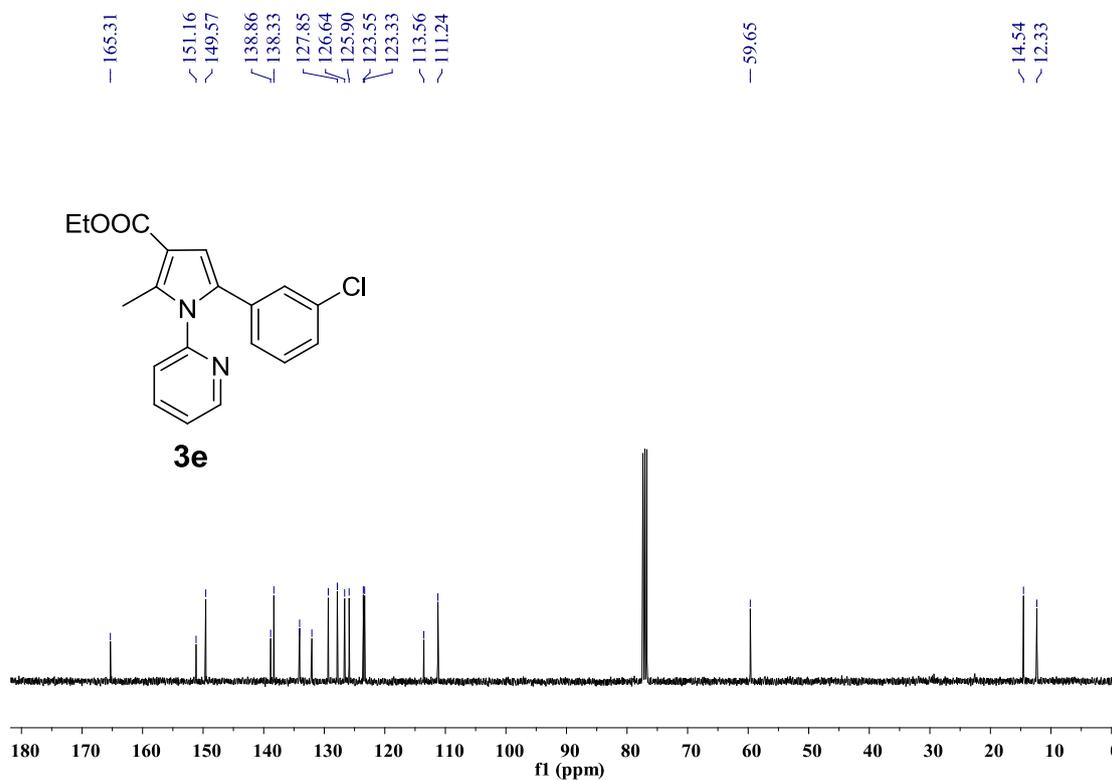
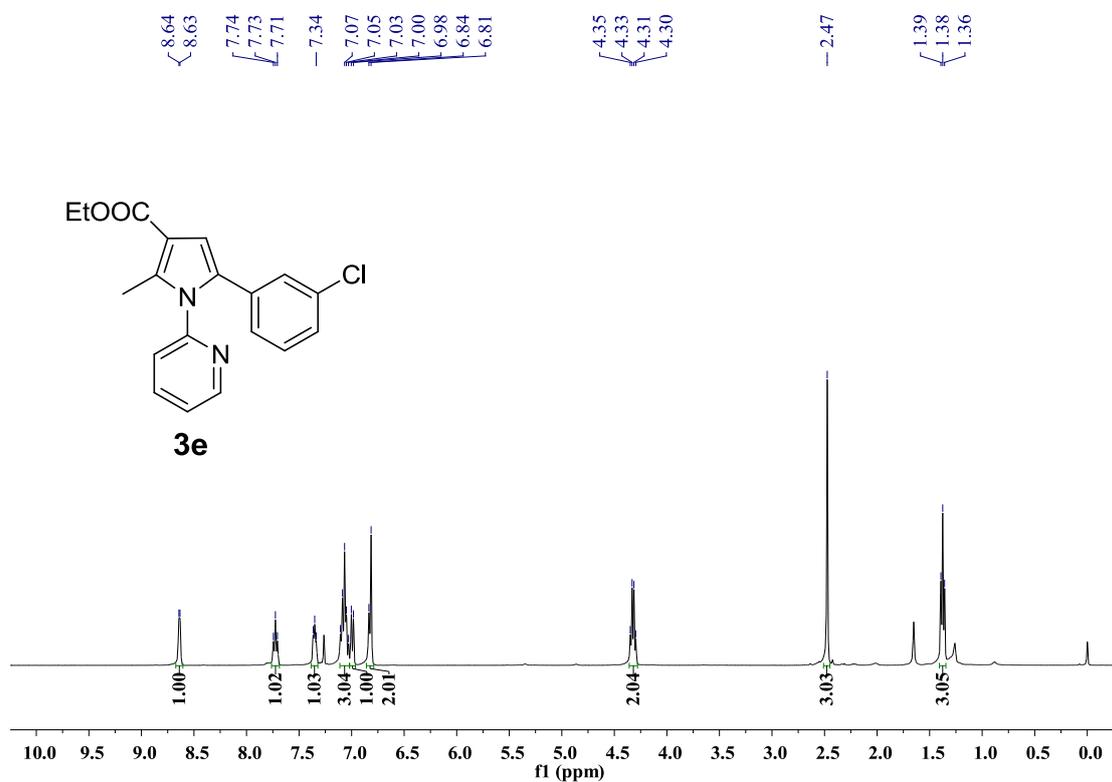
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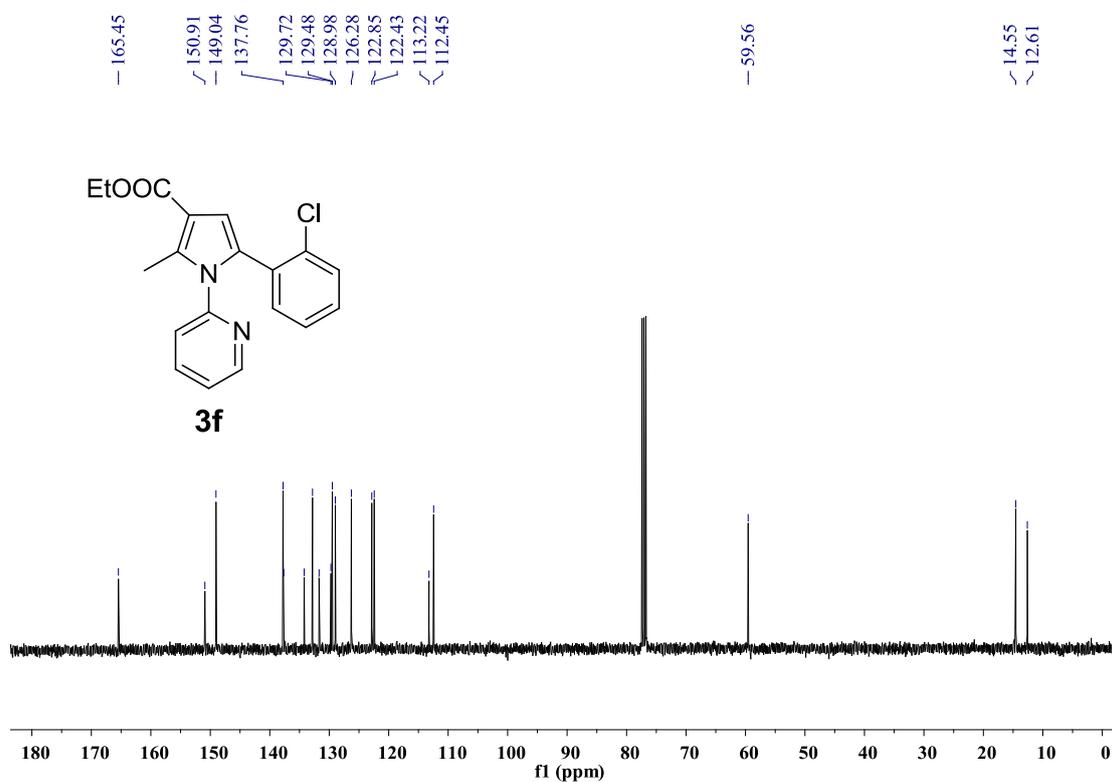
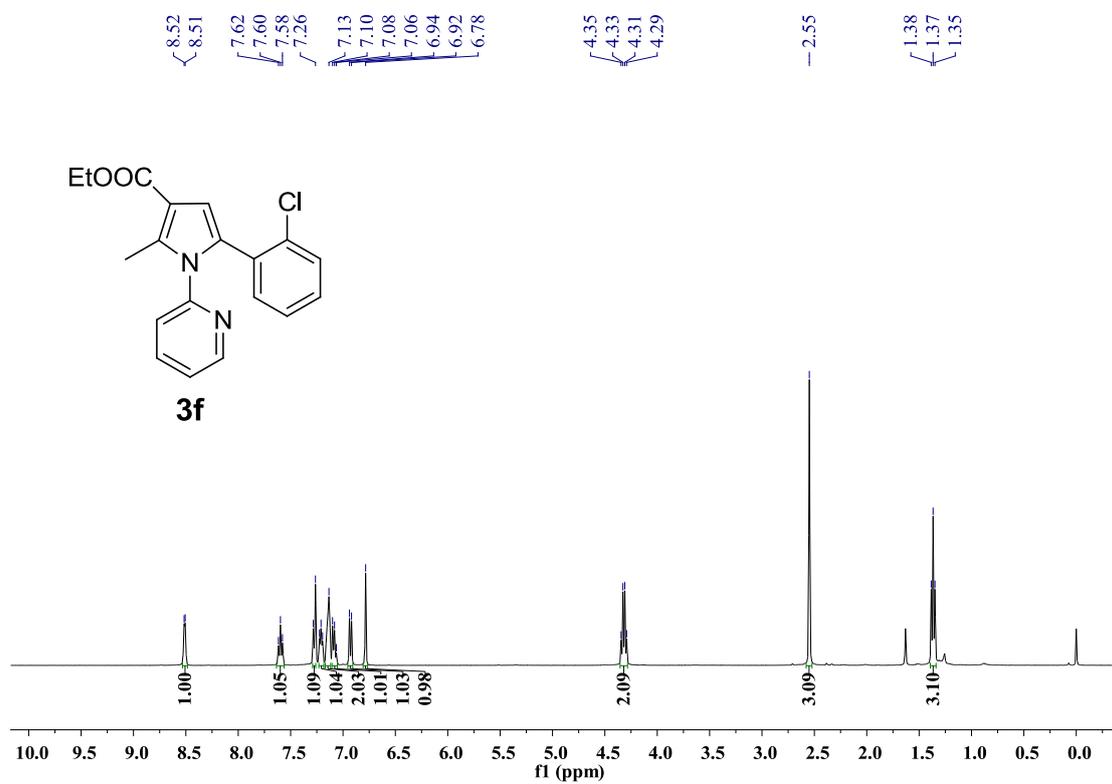
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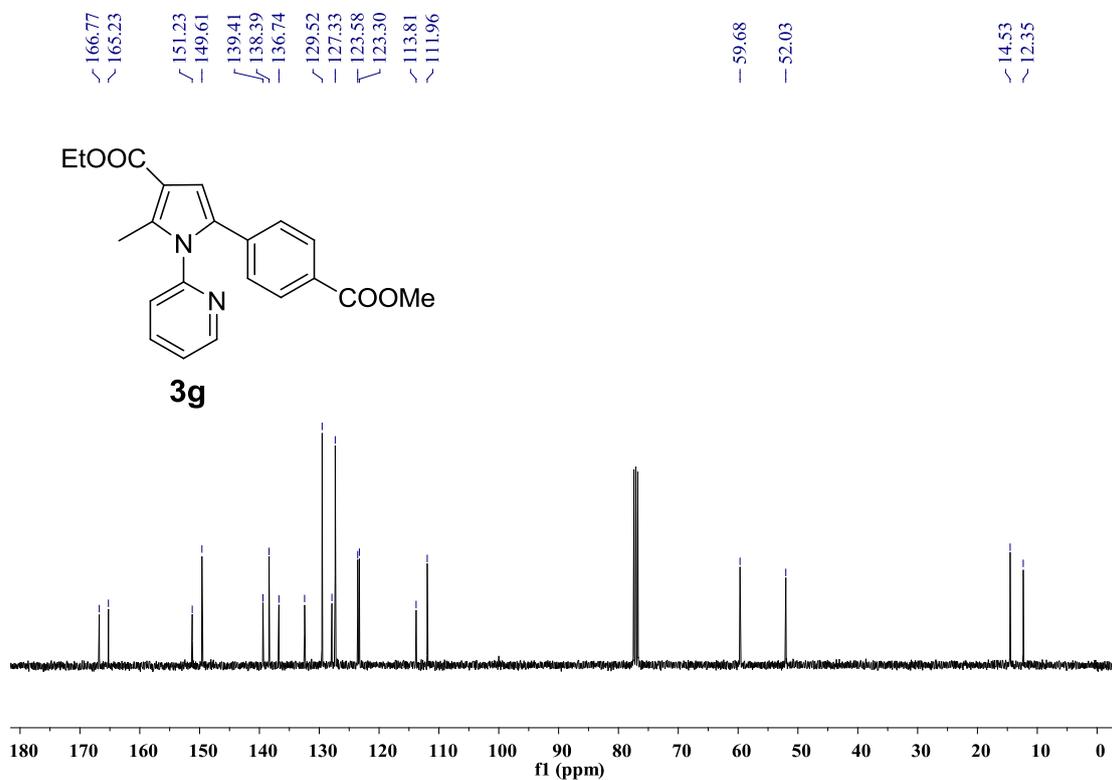
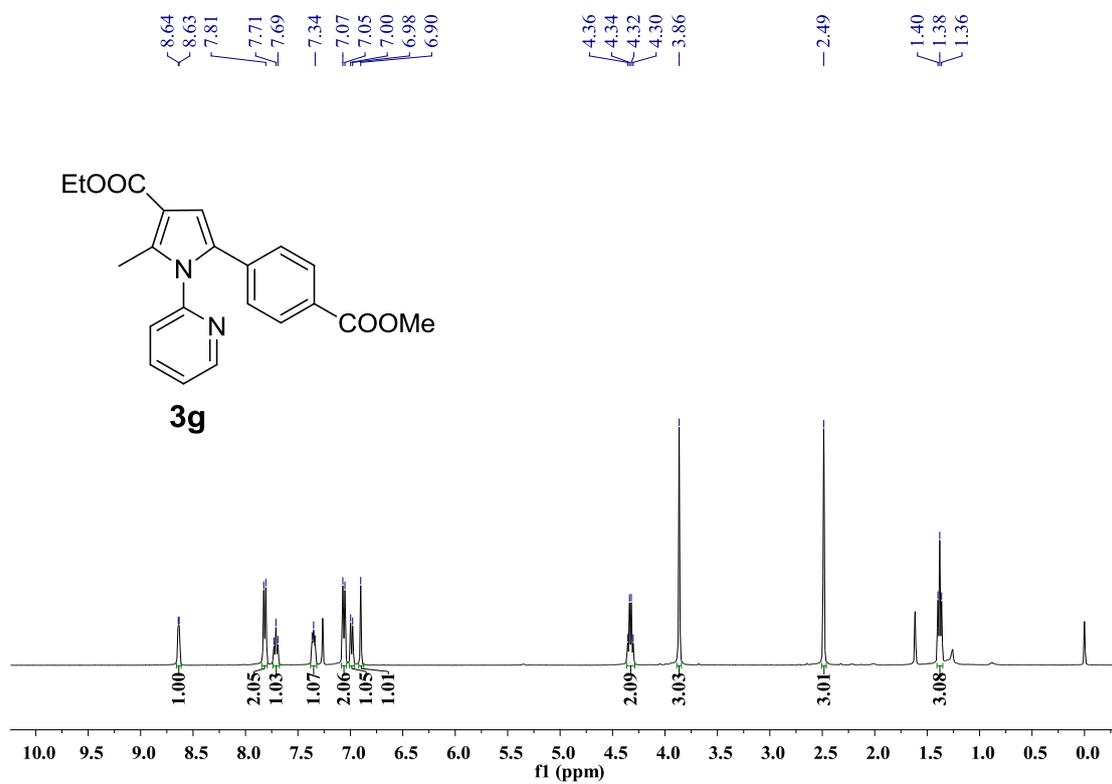
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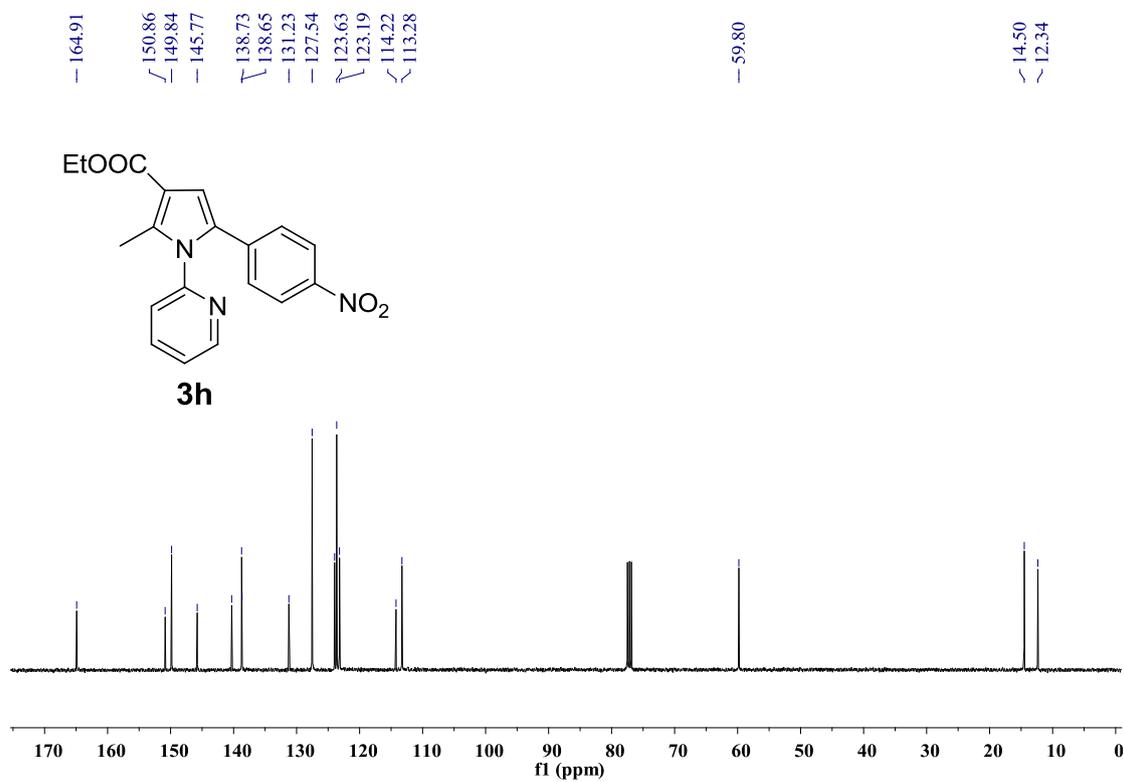
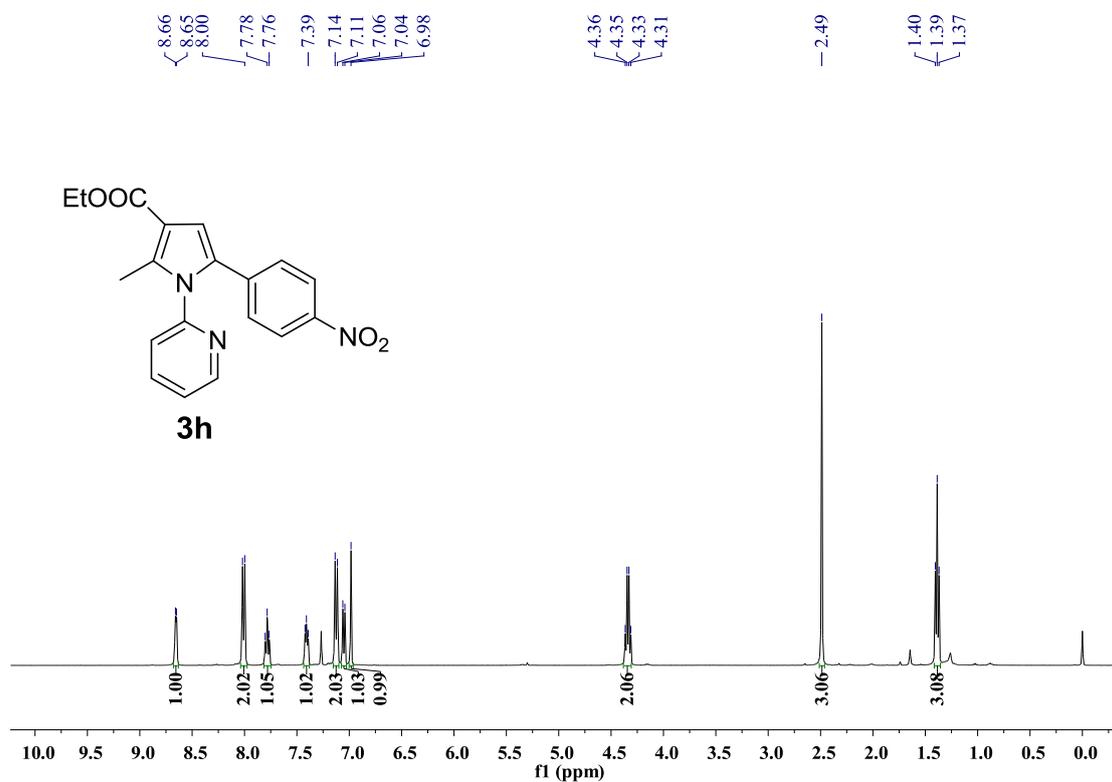
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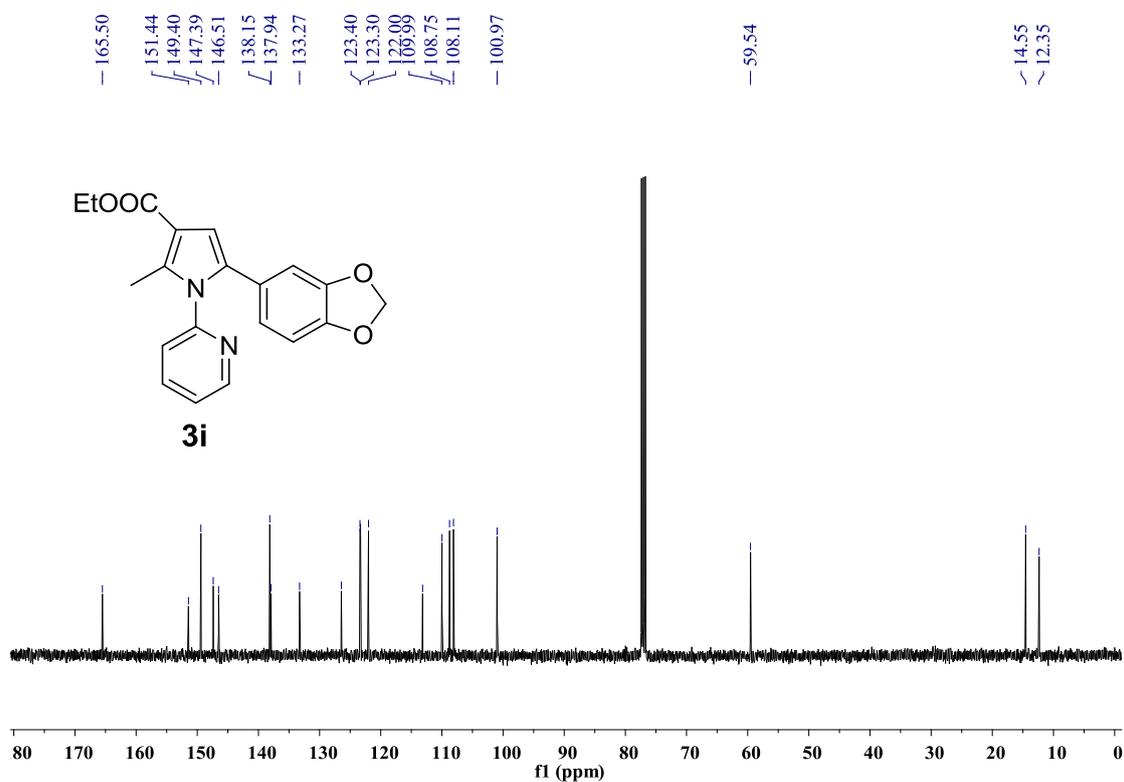
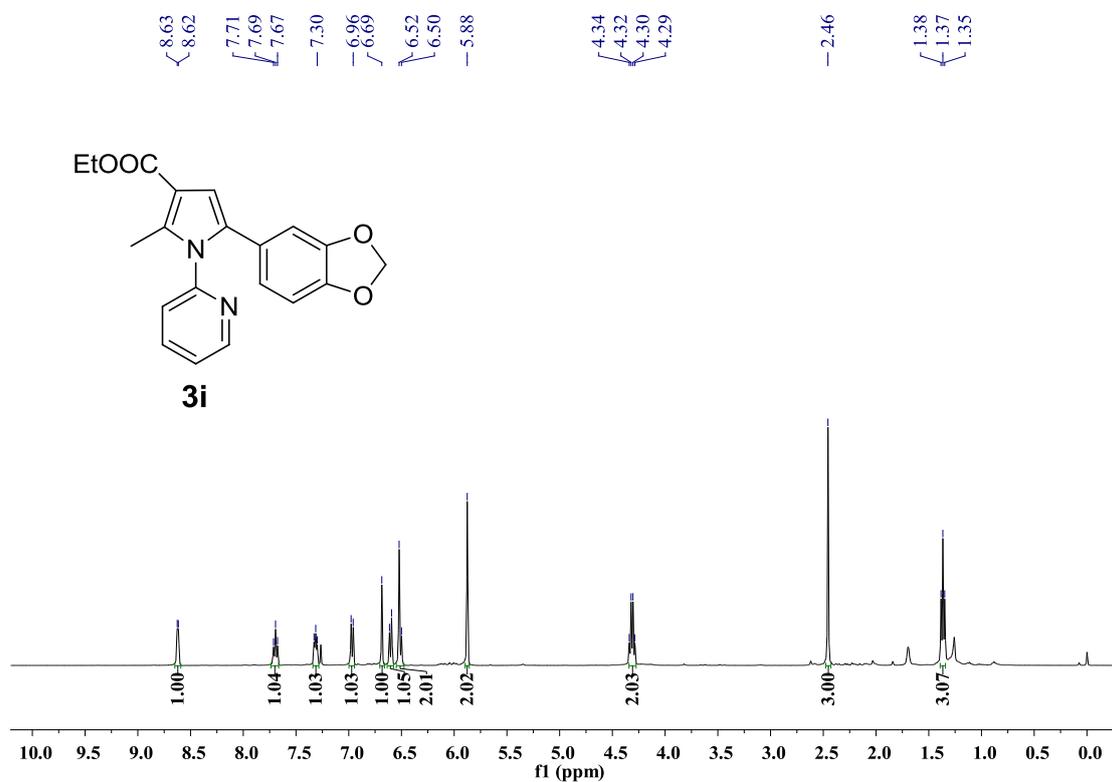
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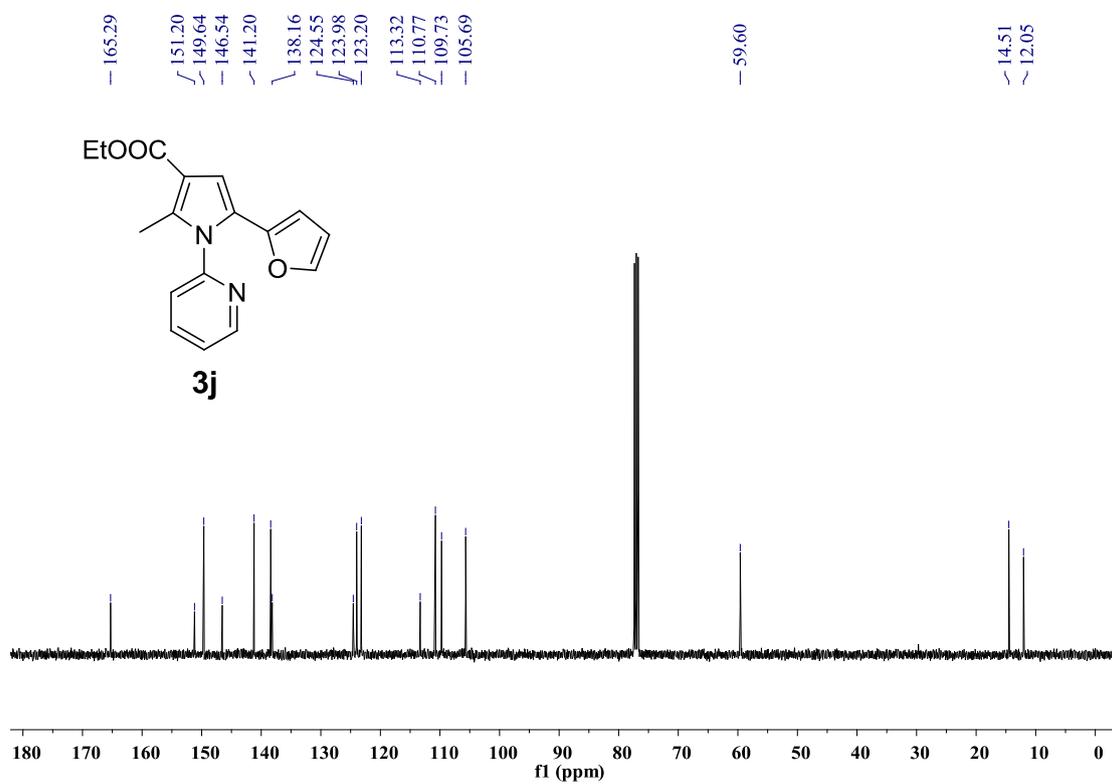
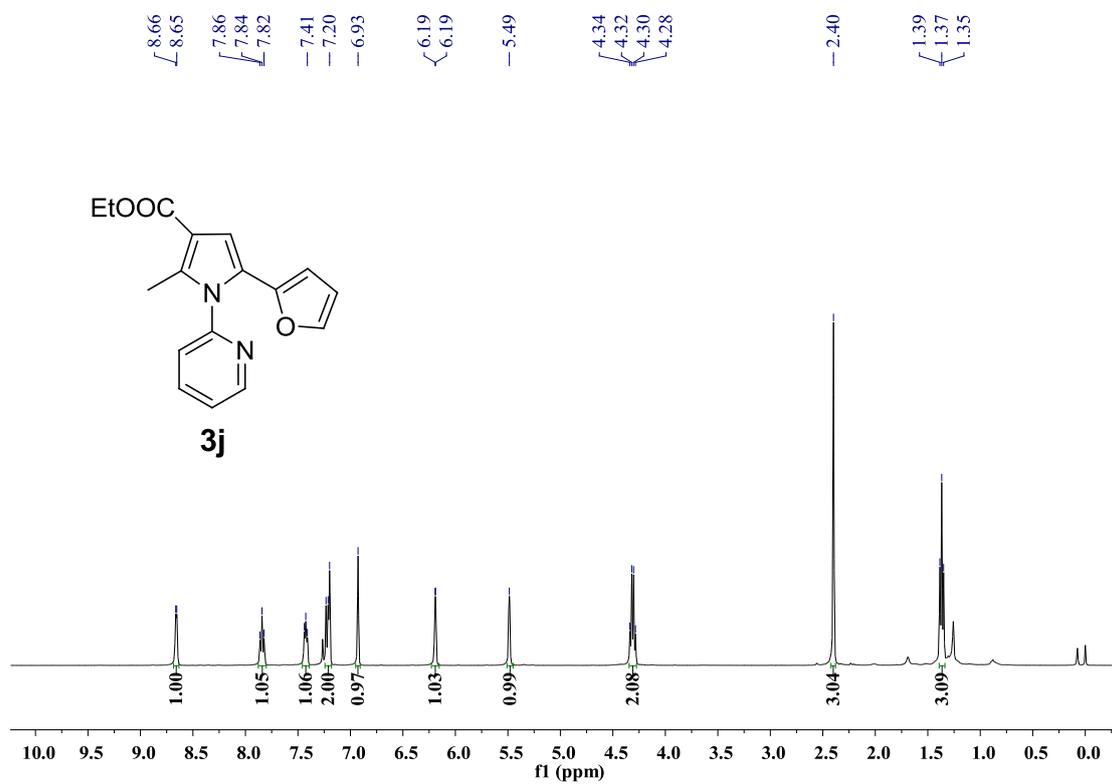
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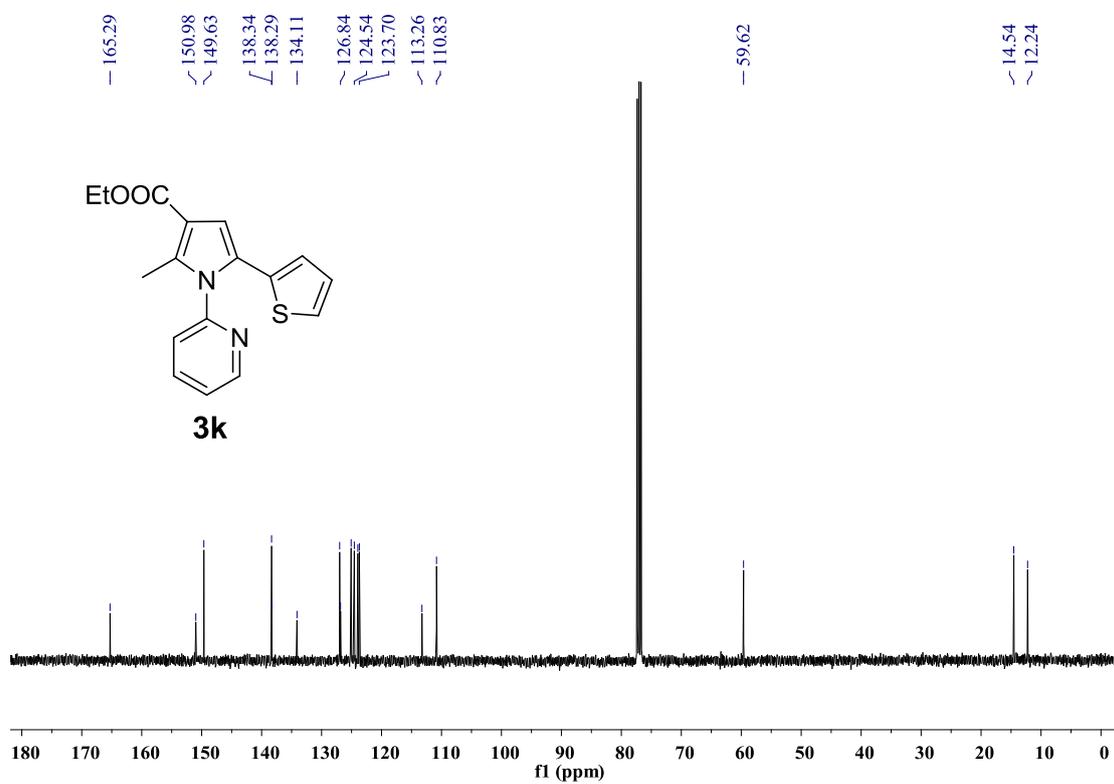
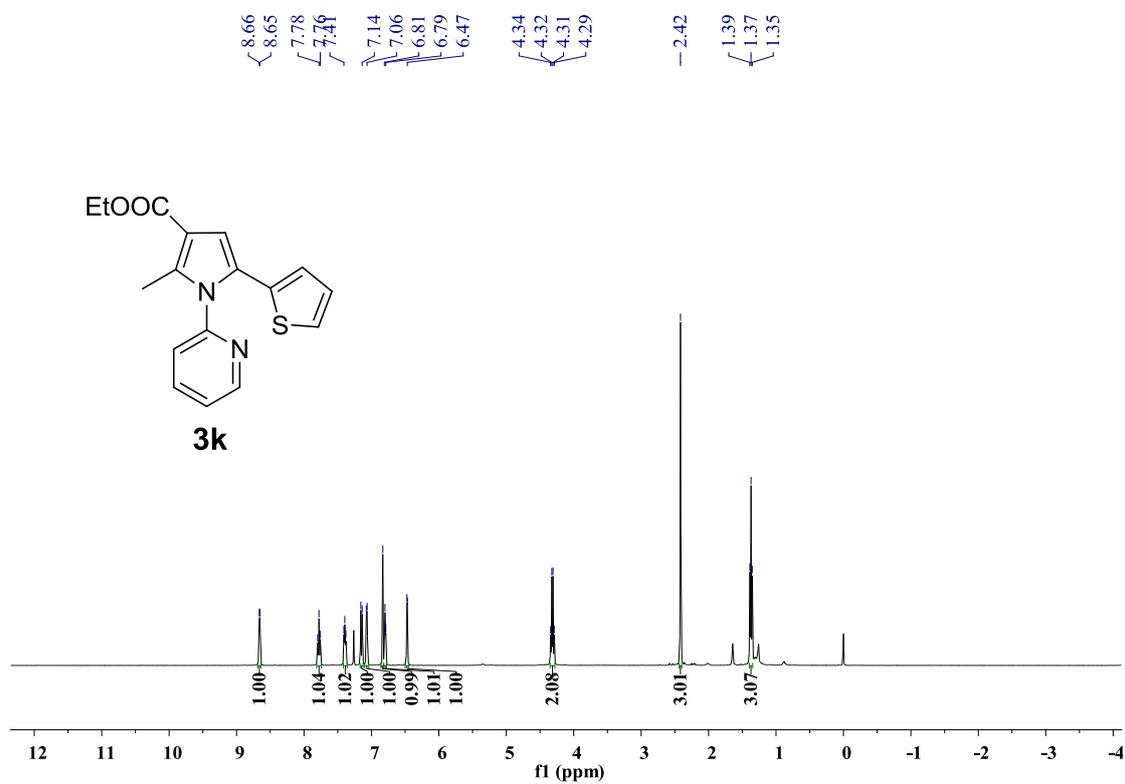
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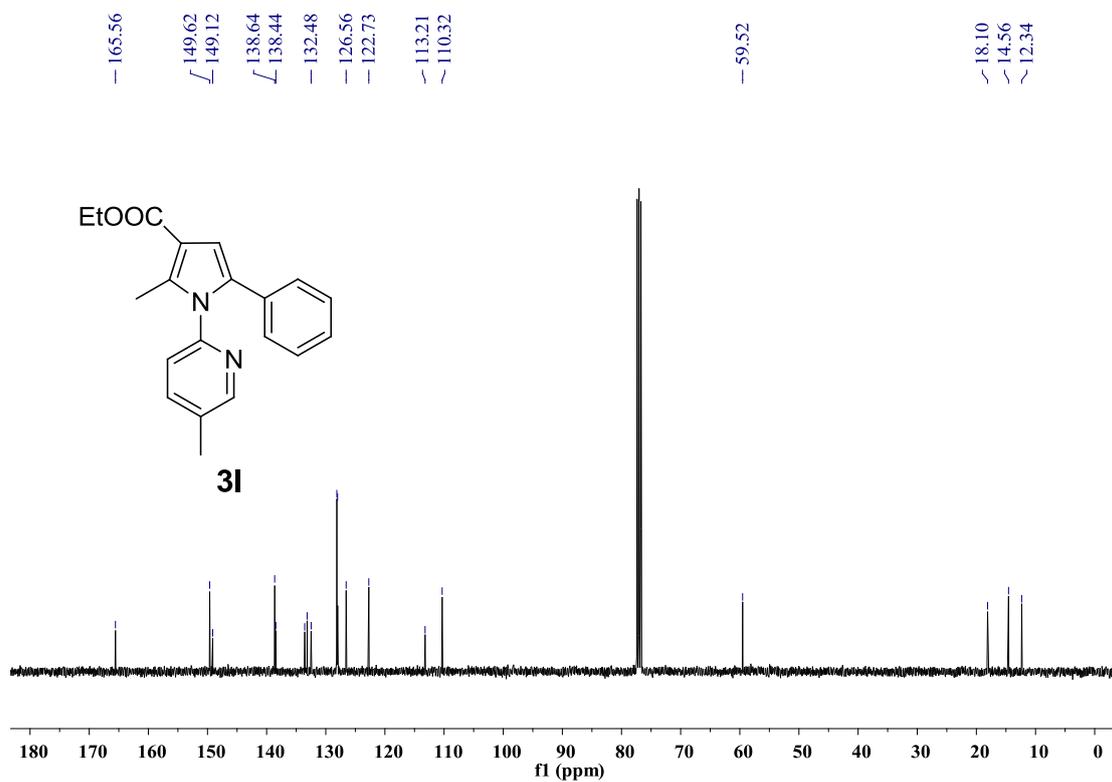
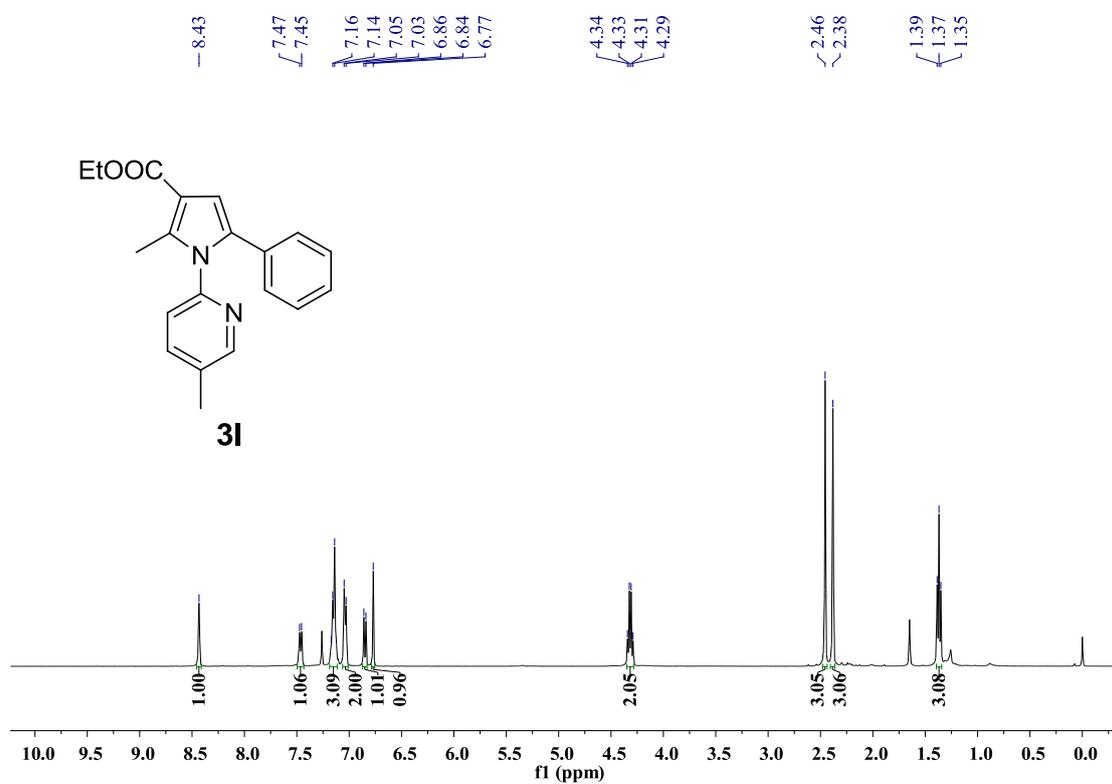
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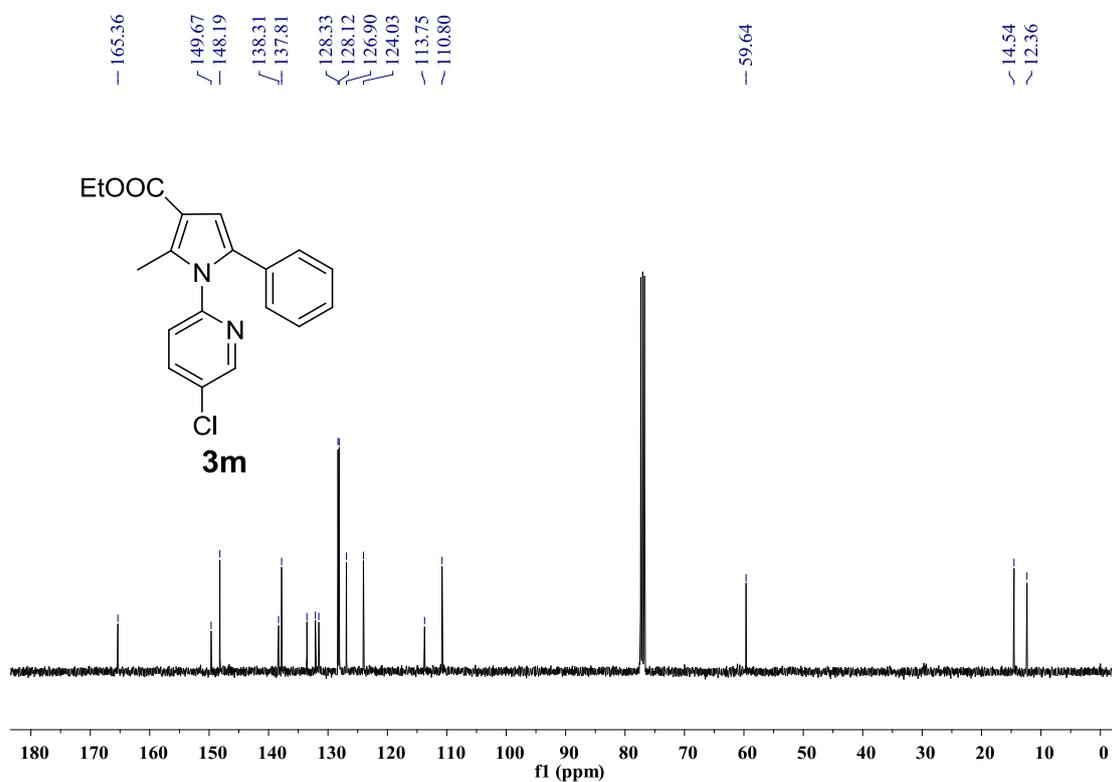
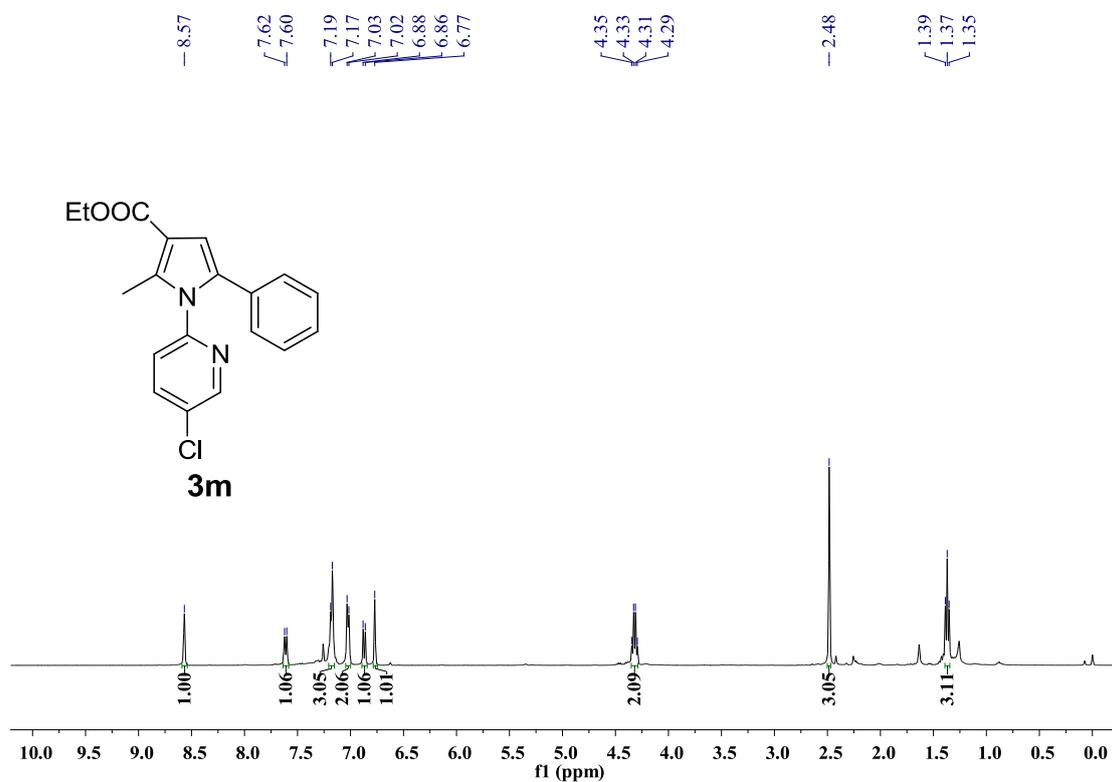
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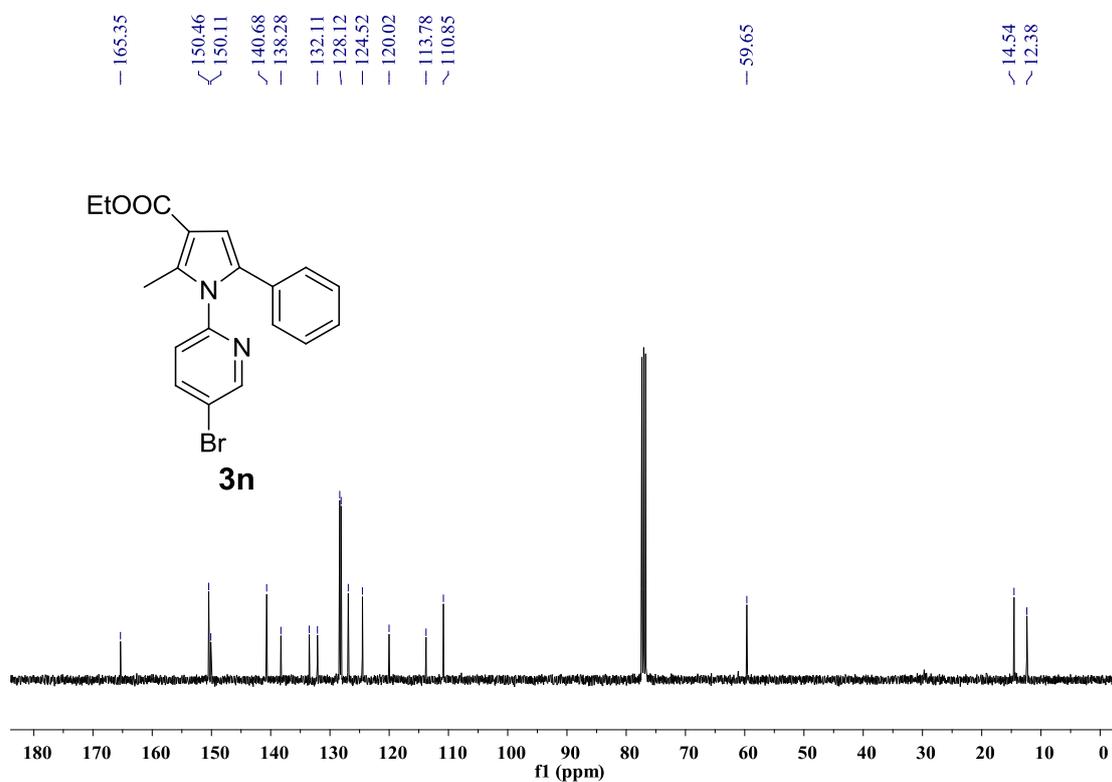
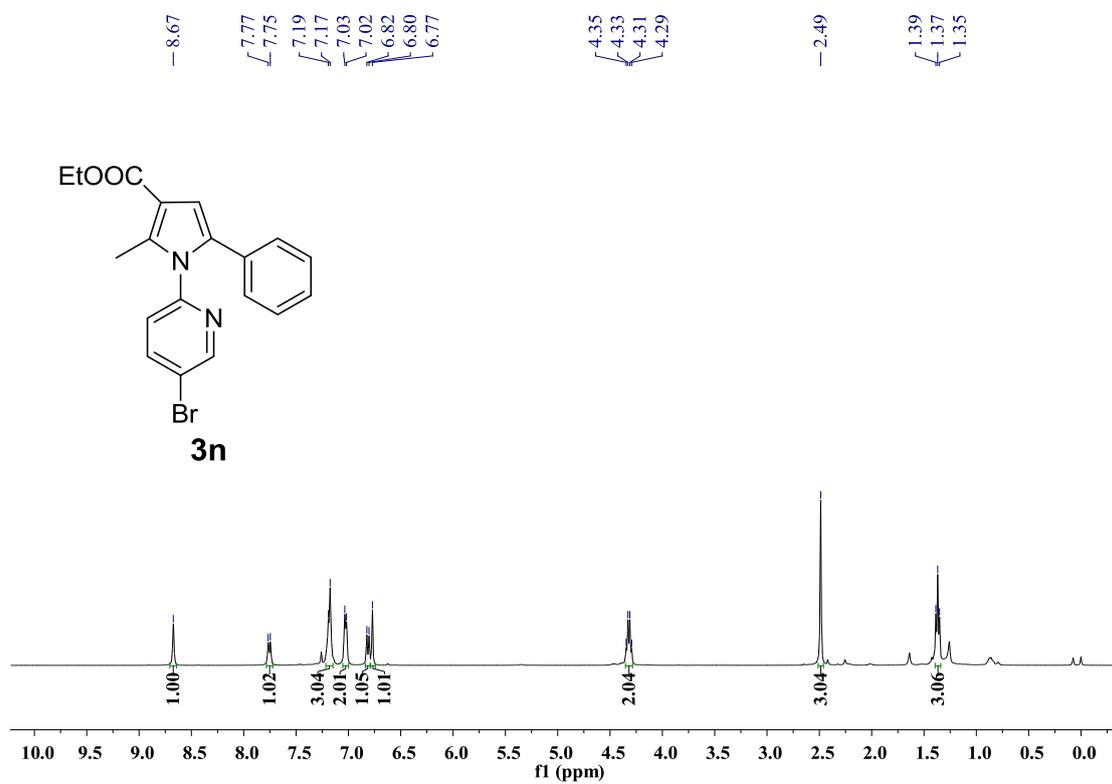
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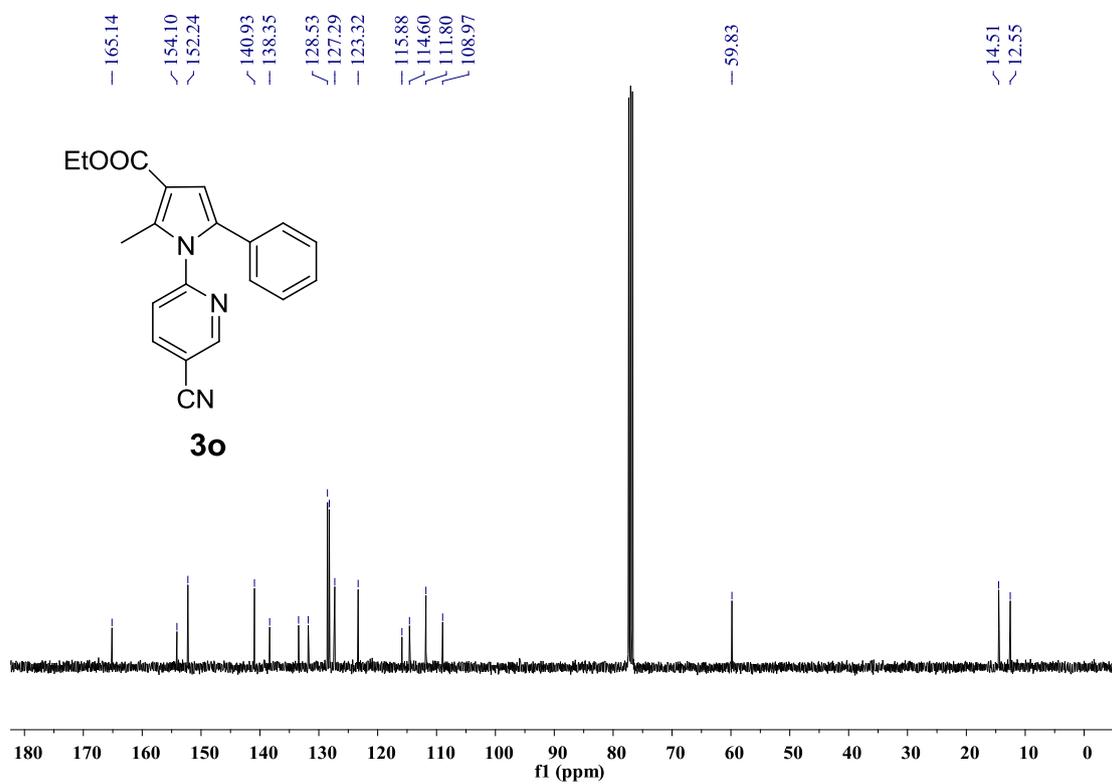
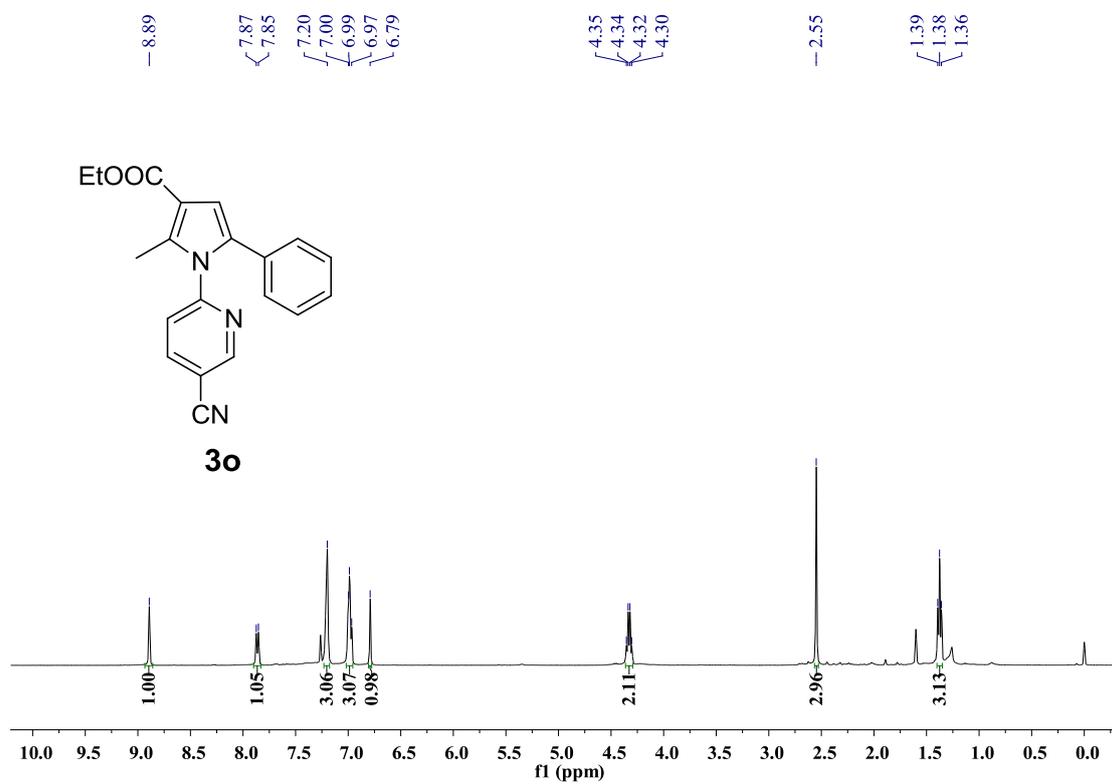
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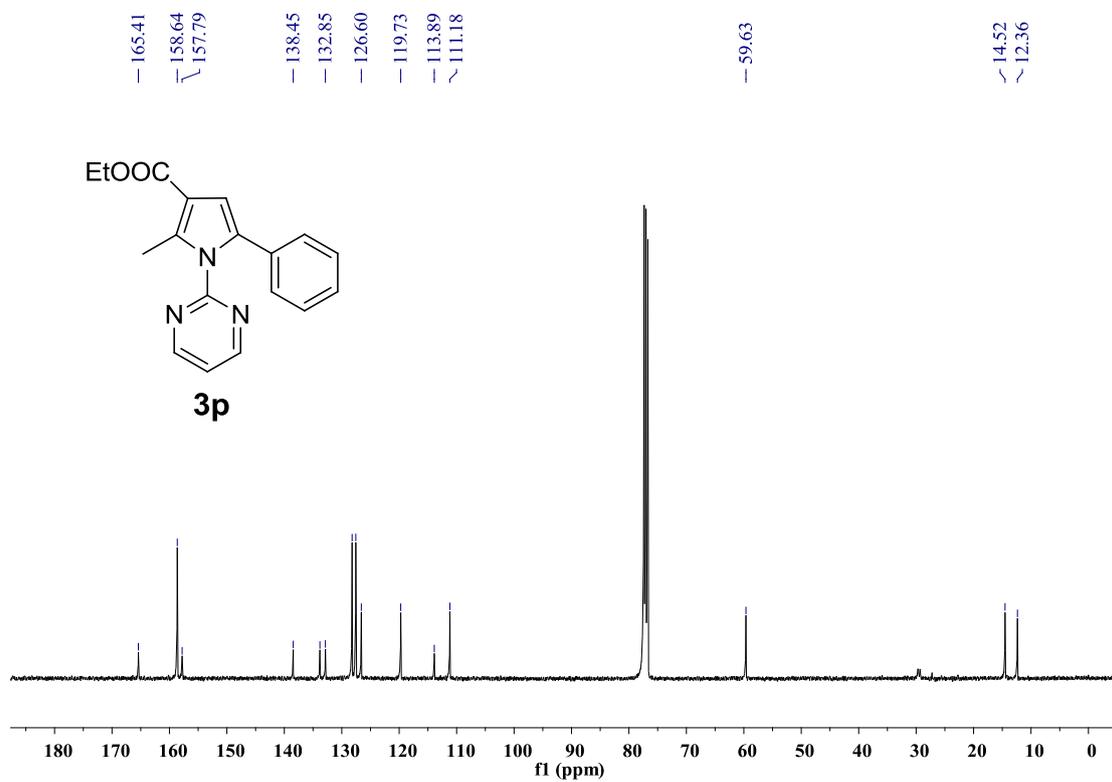
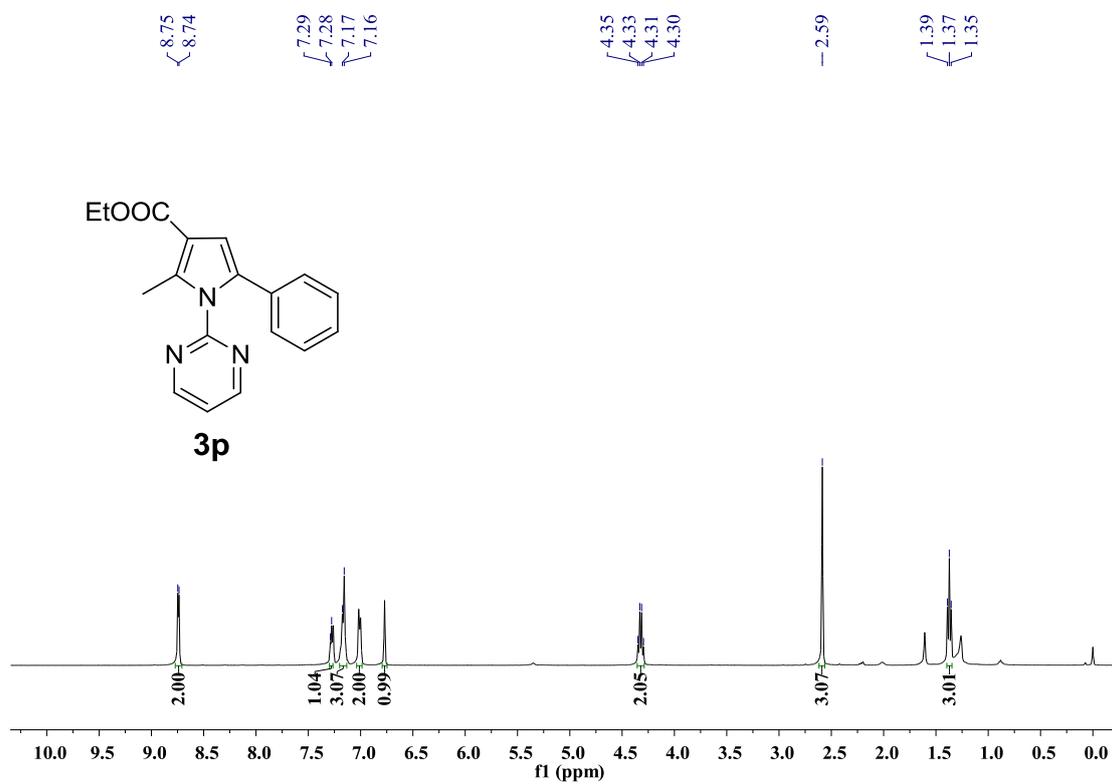
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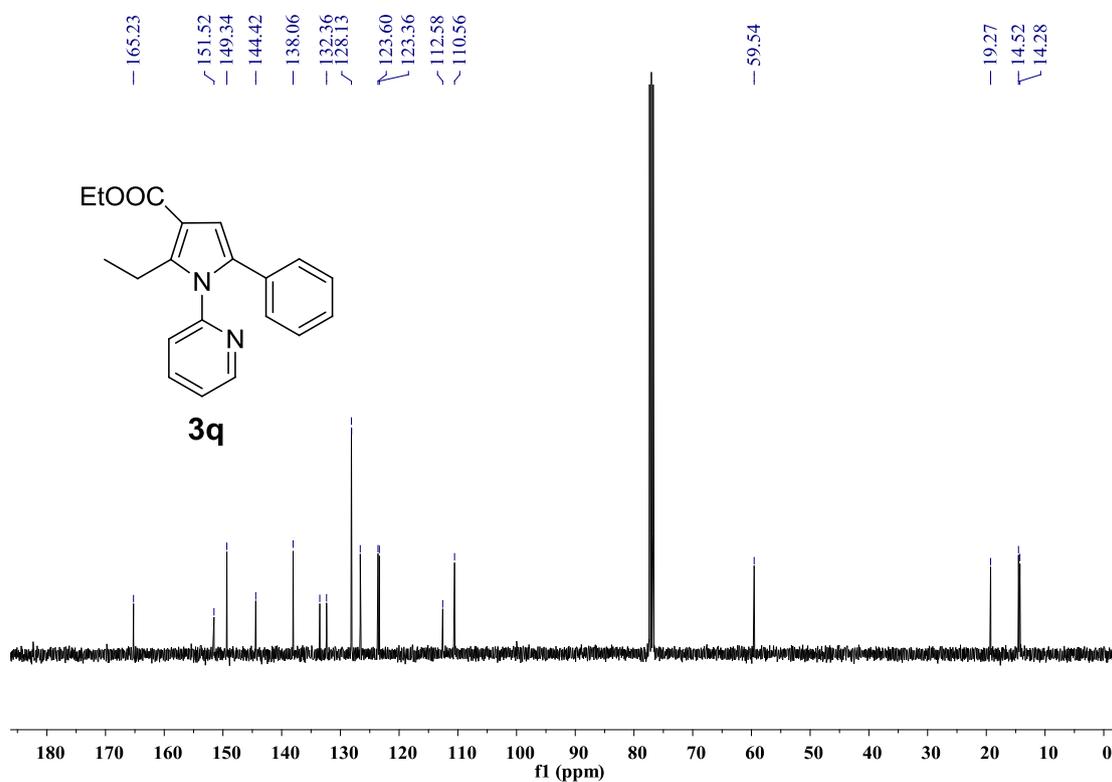
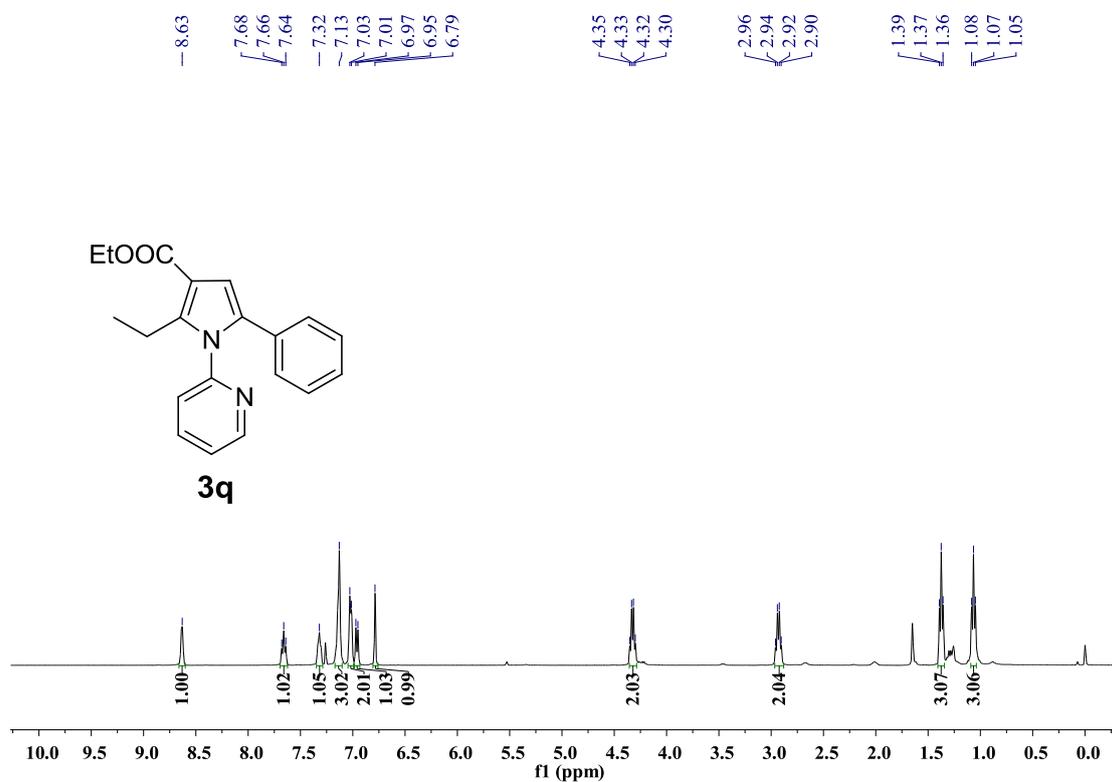
(25) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3o** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



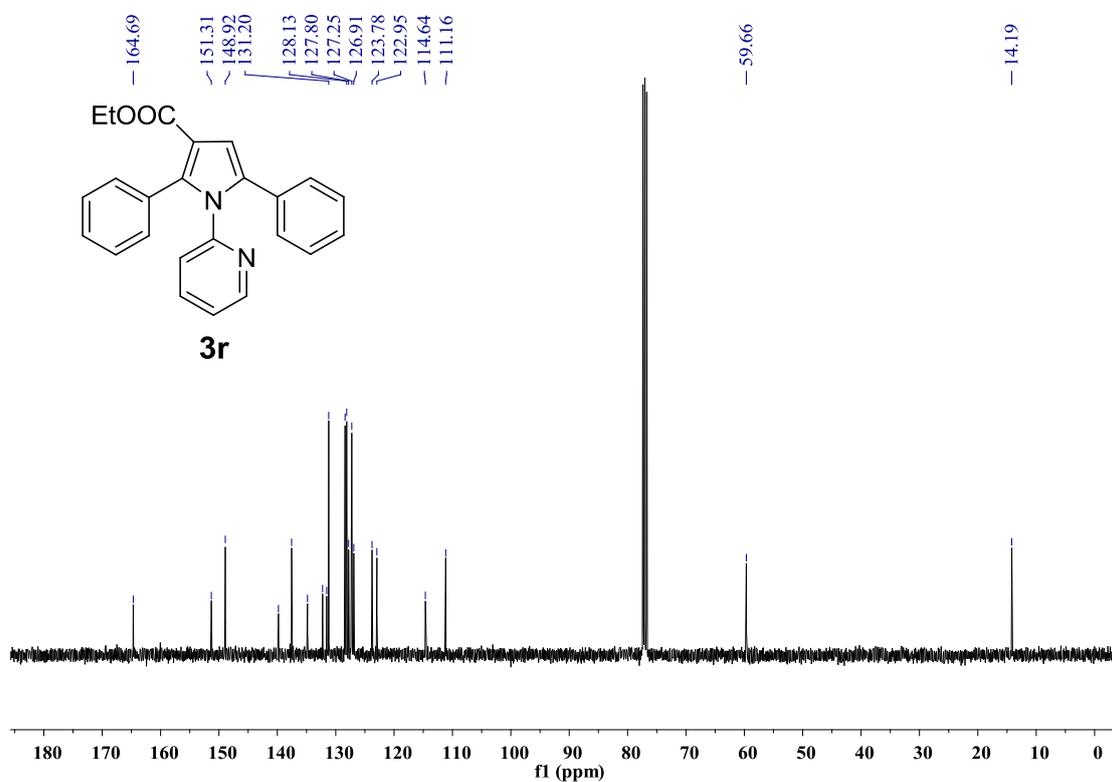
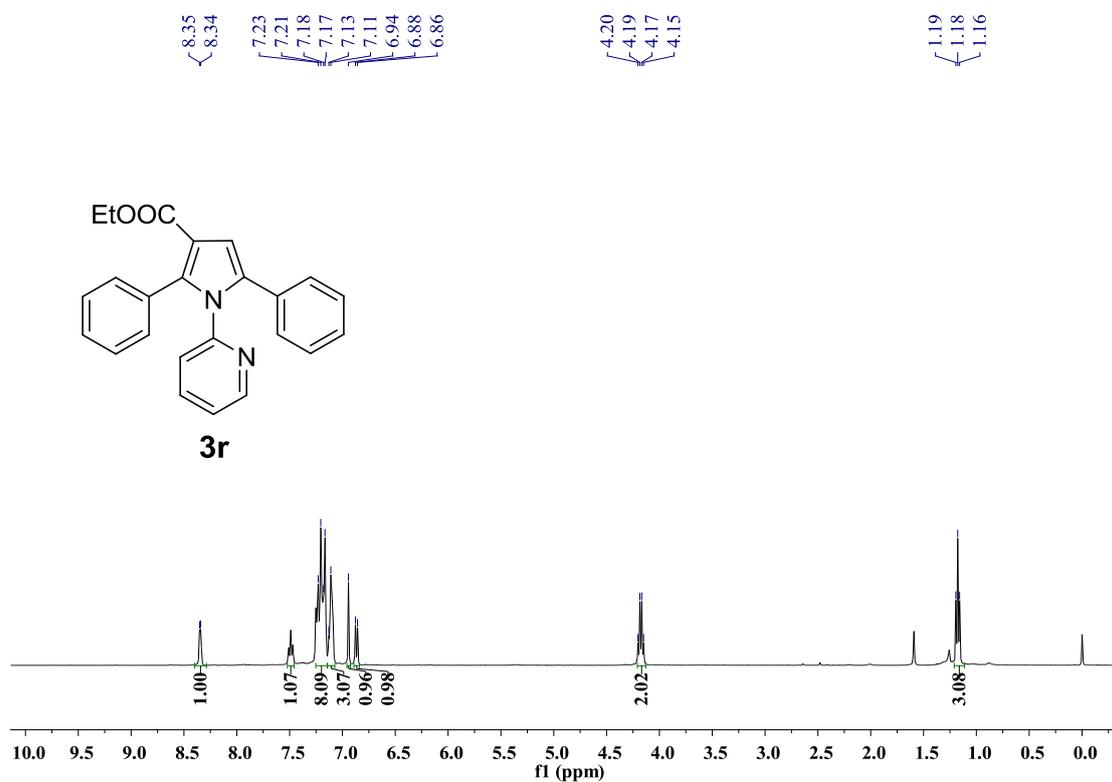
(26) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3p** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



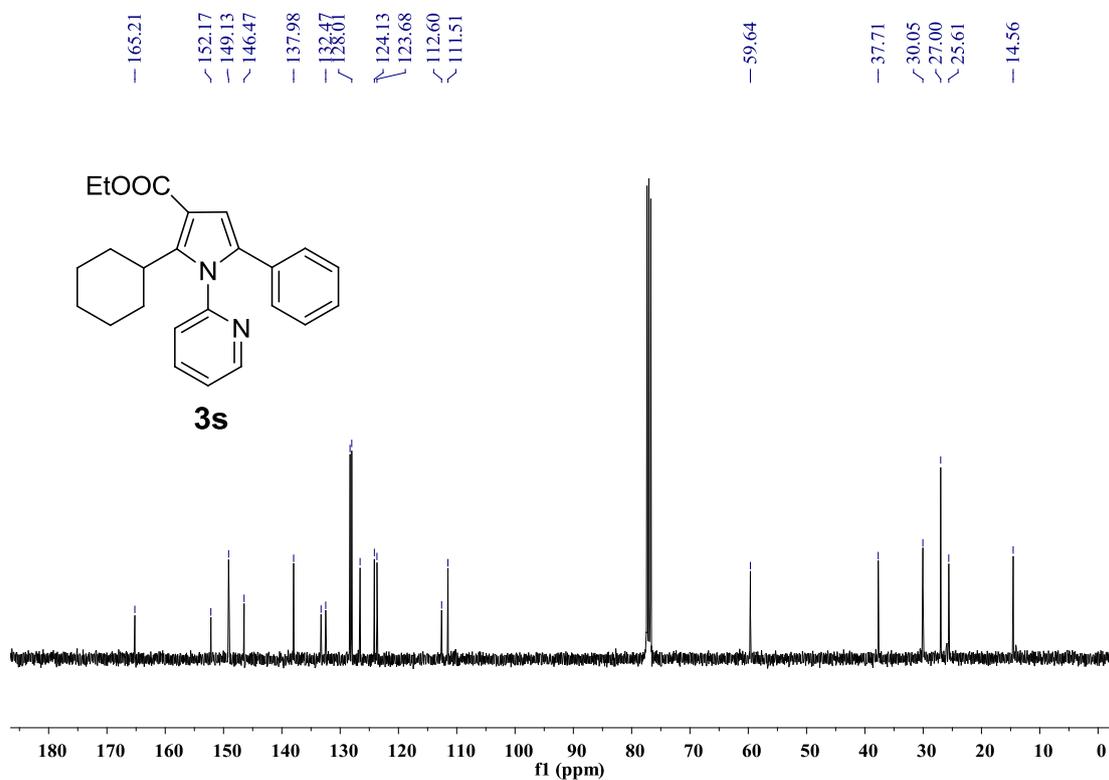
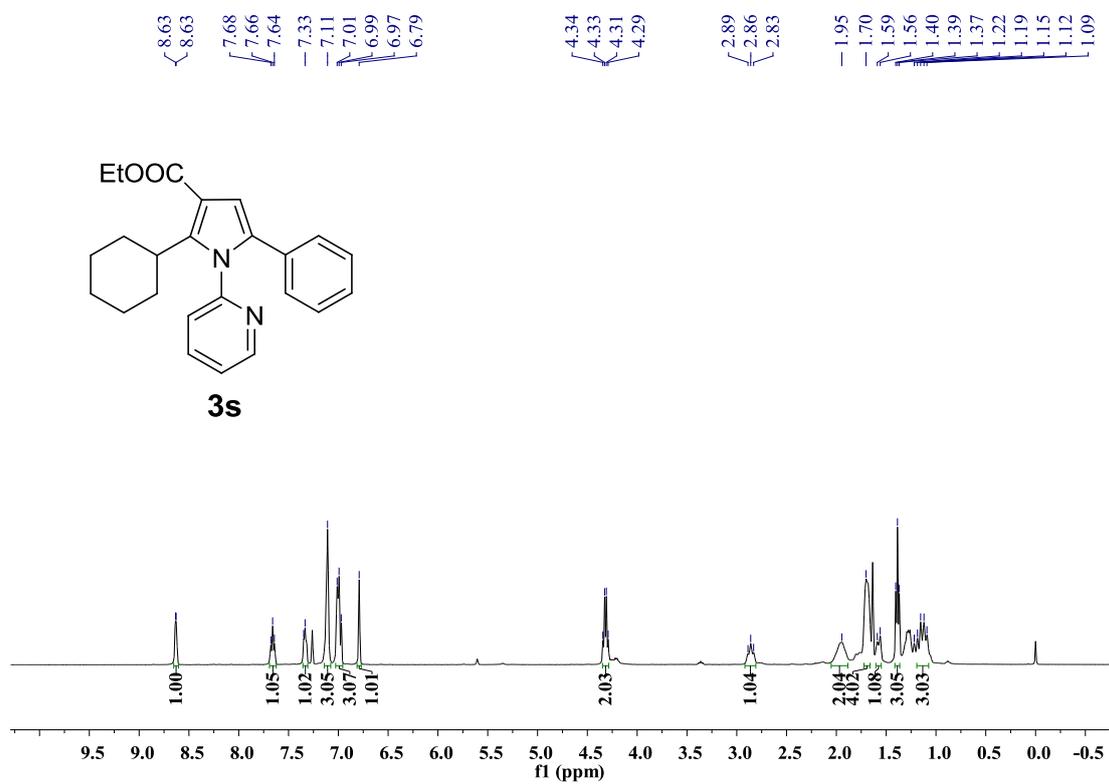
(27) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3q** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



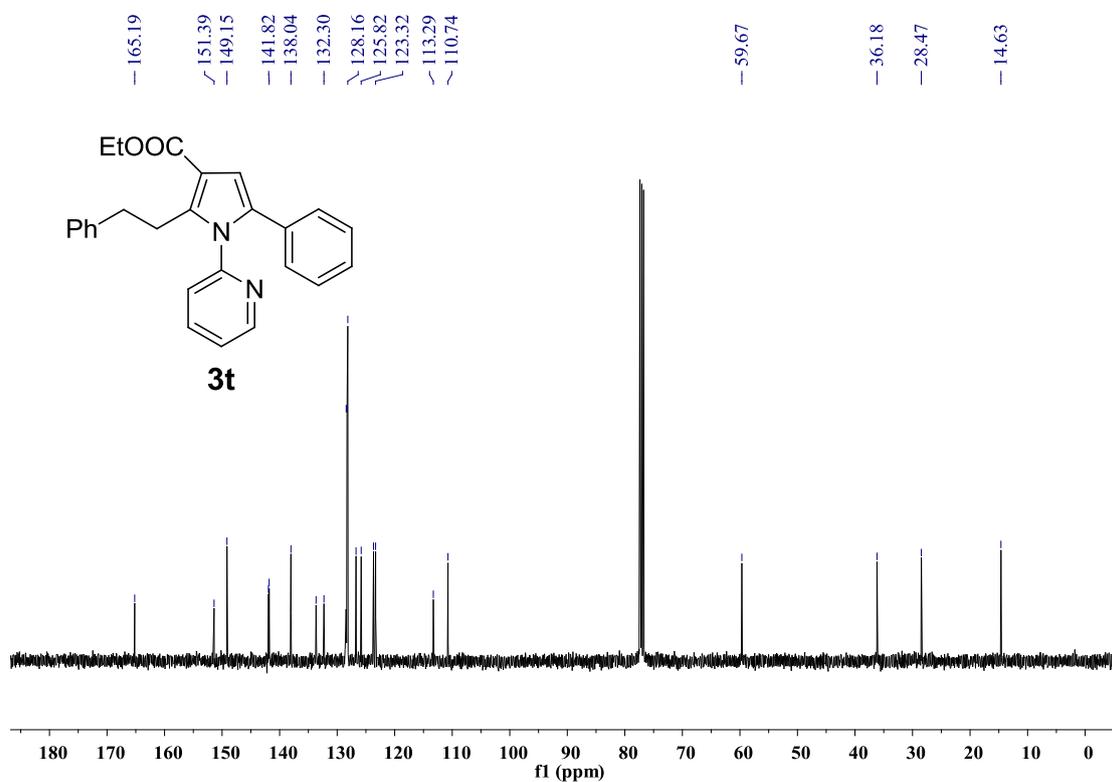
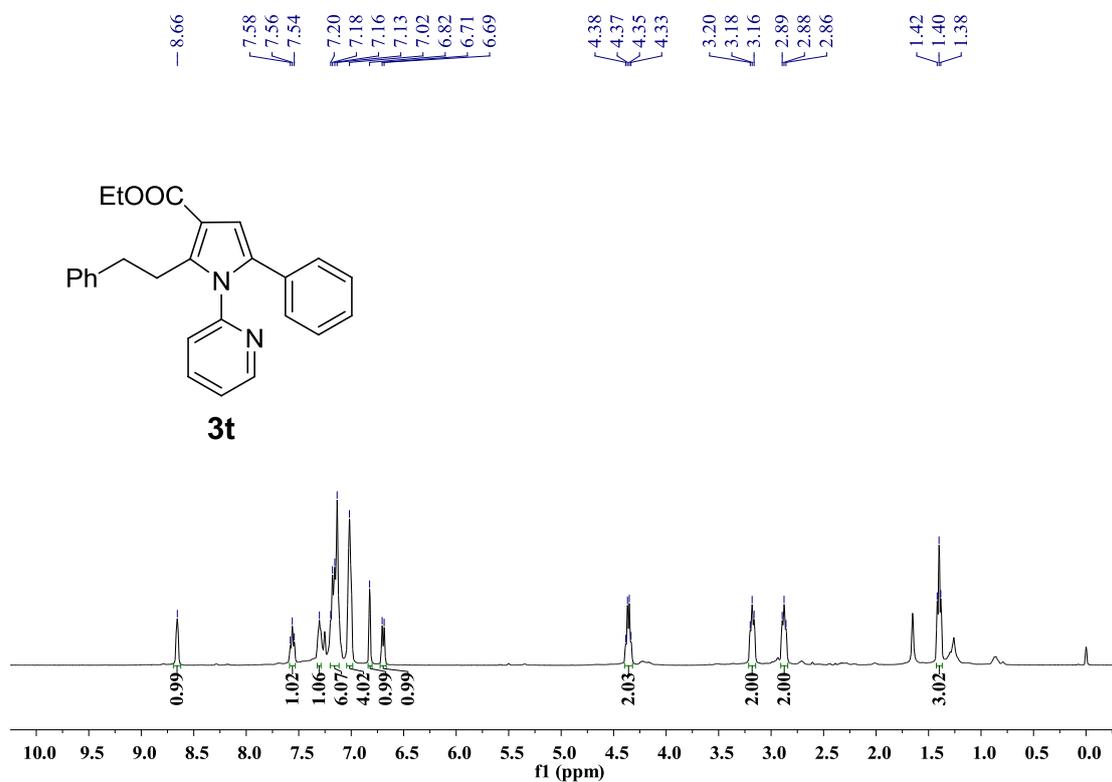
(28) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3r** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



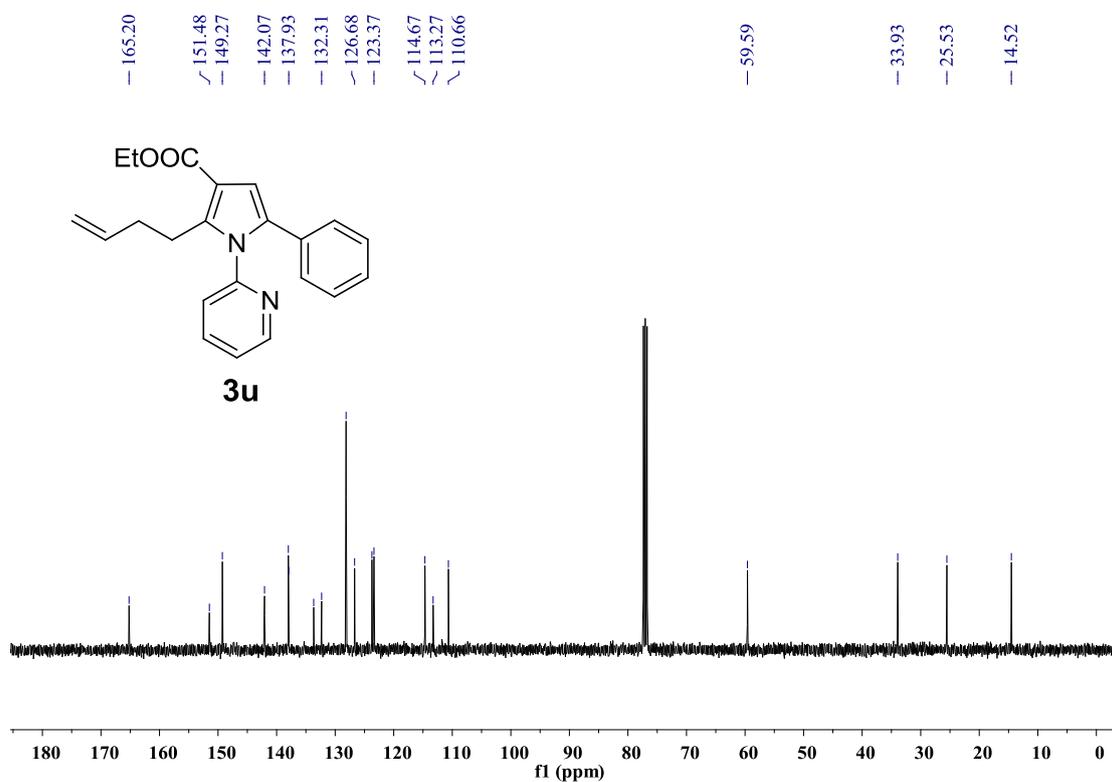
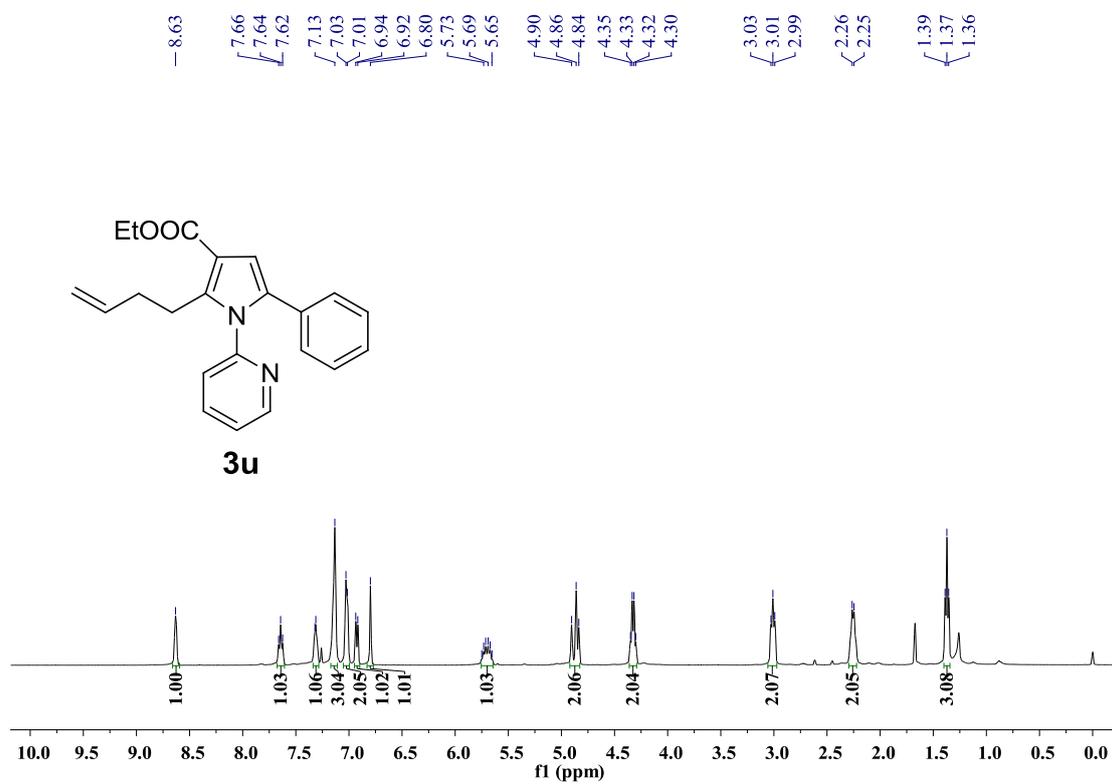
(29) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3s** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



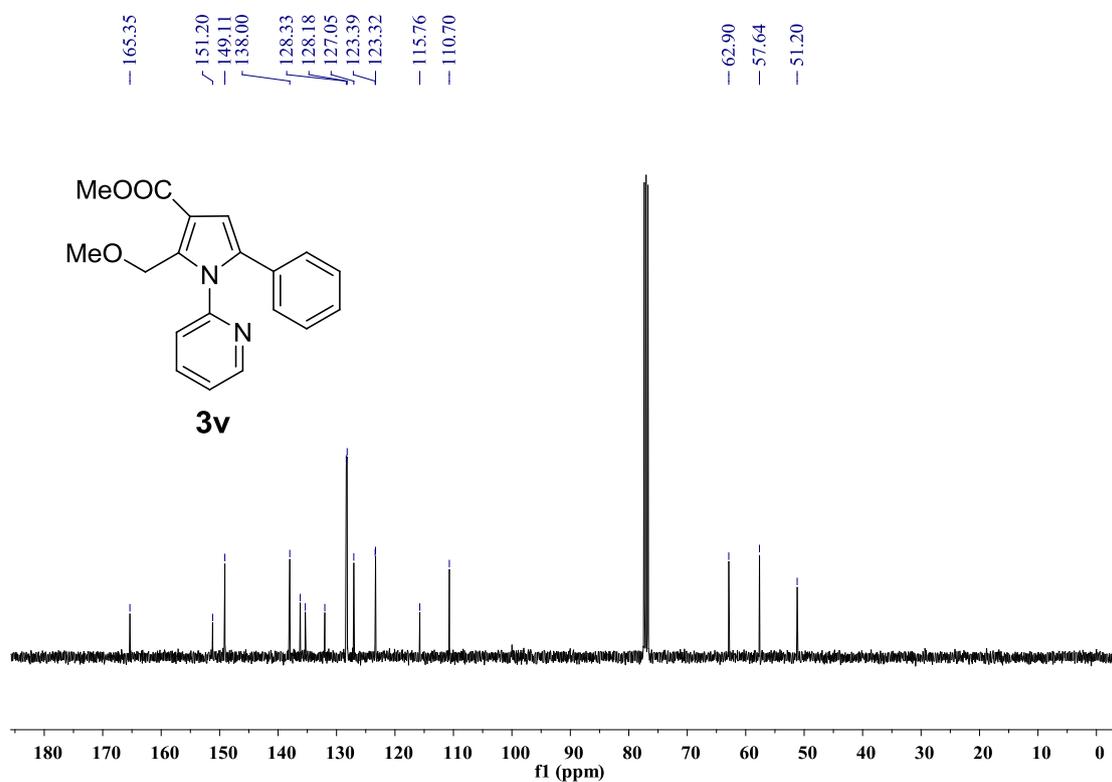
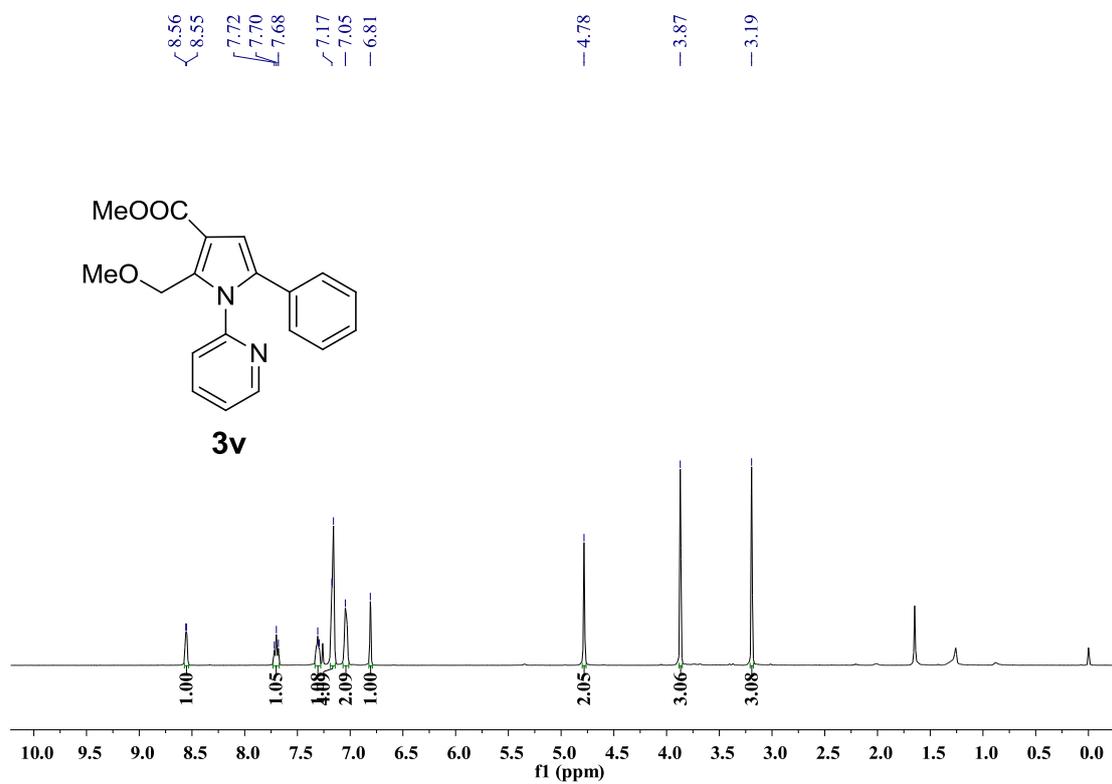
(30) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3t** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



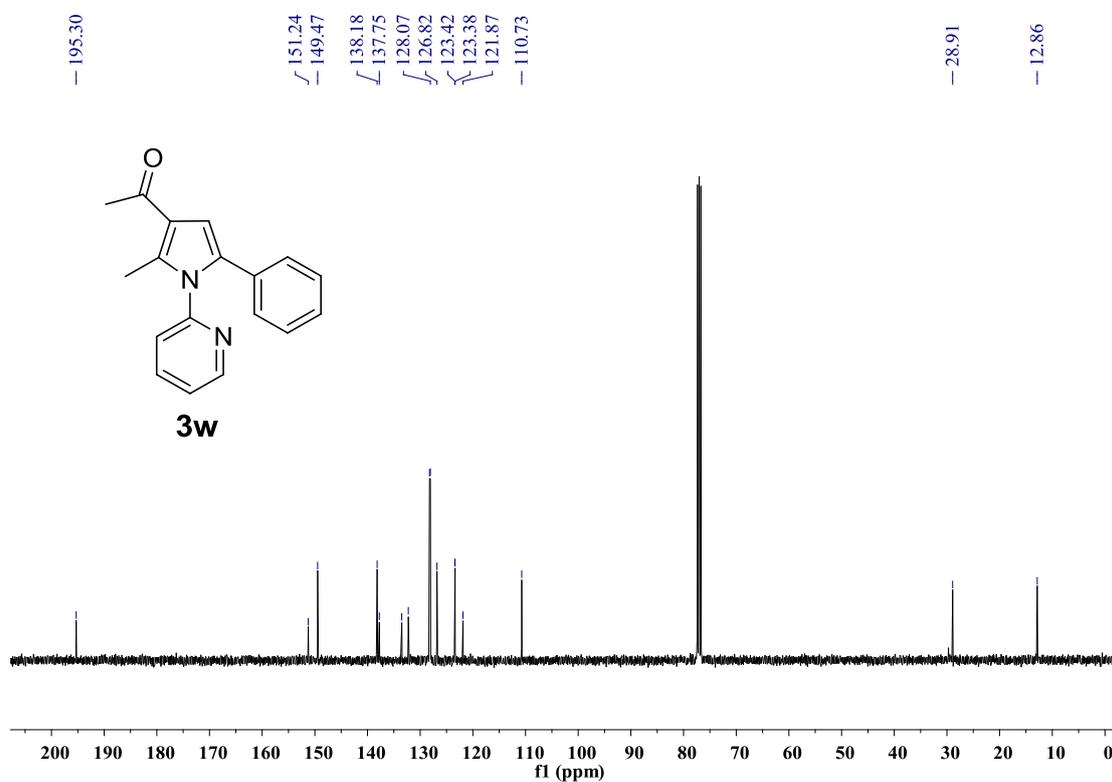
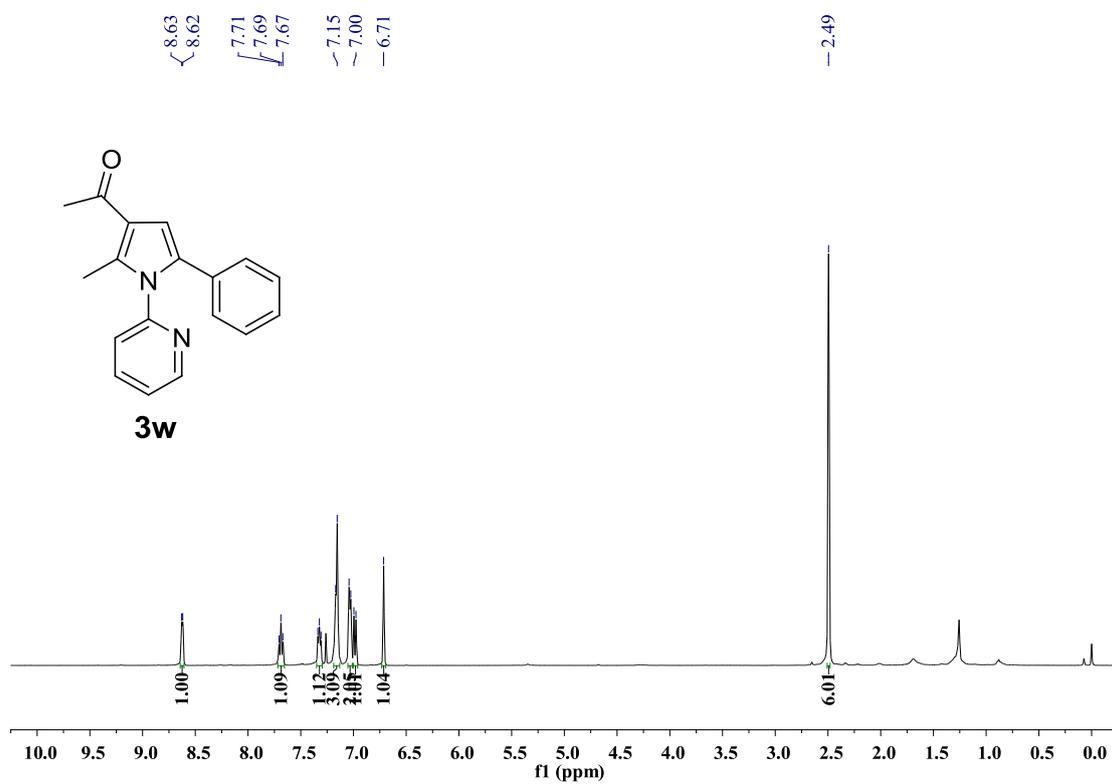
(31) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3u** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



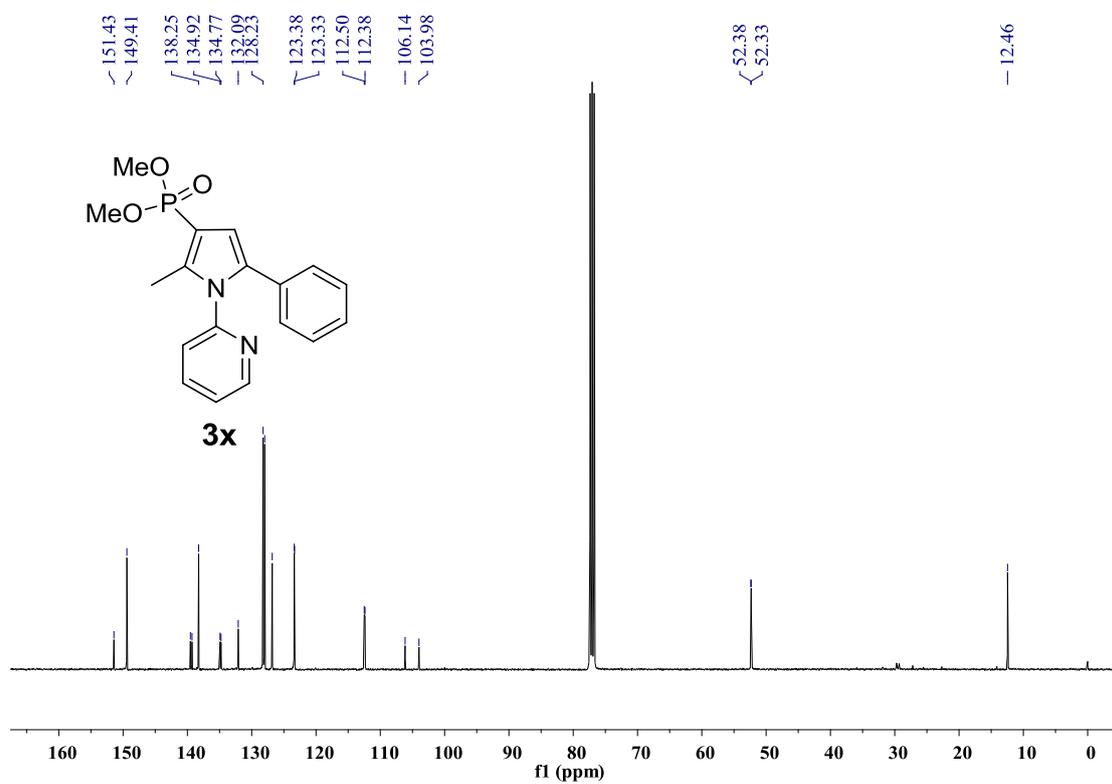
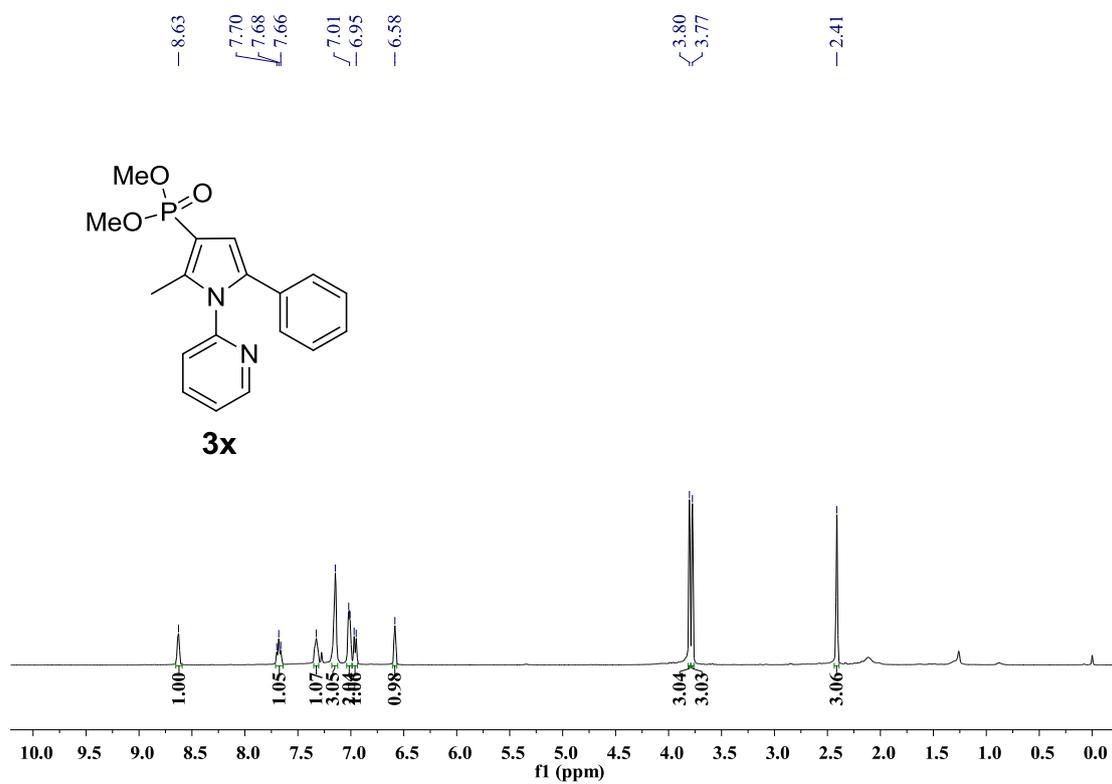
(32) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3v** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



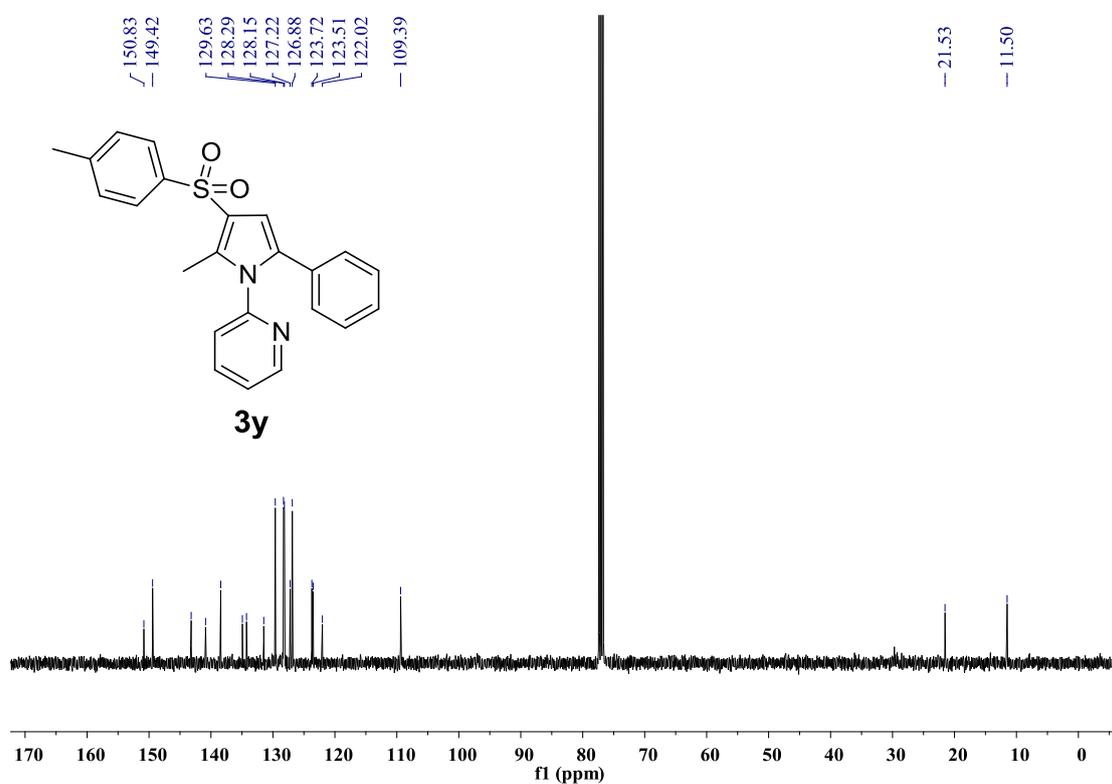
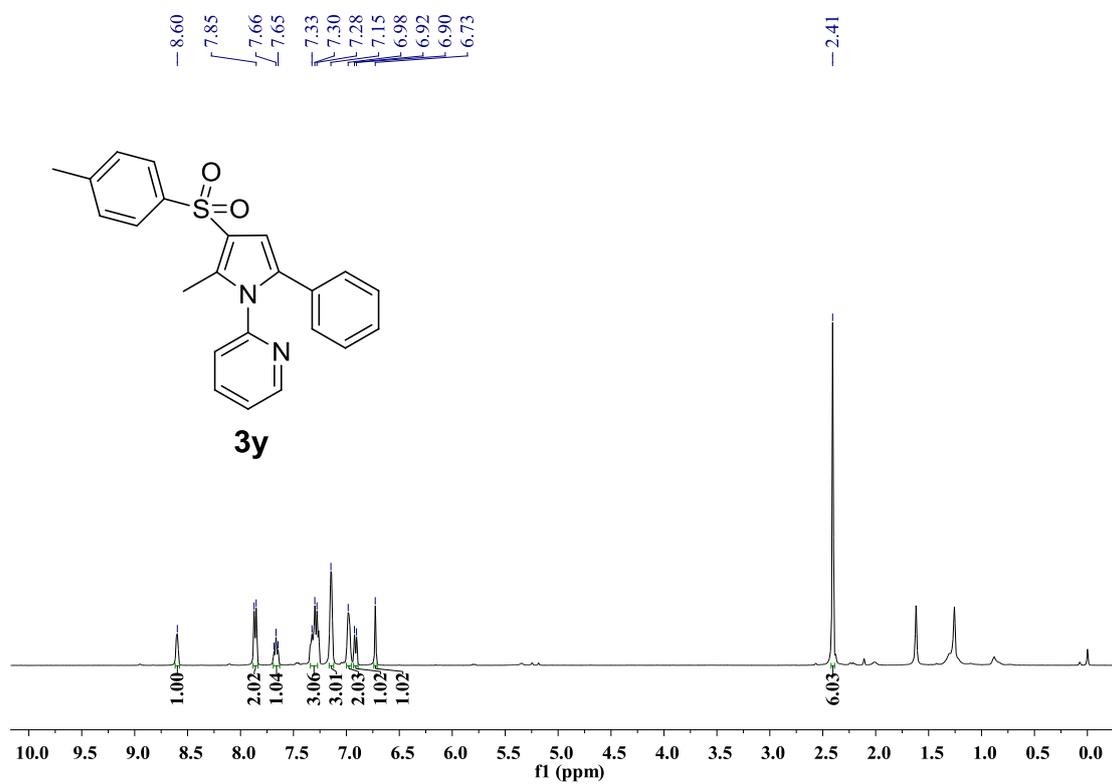
(33) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3w** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



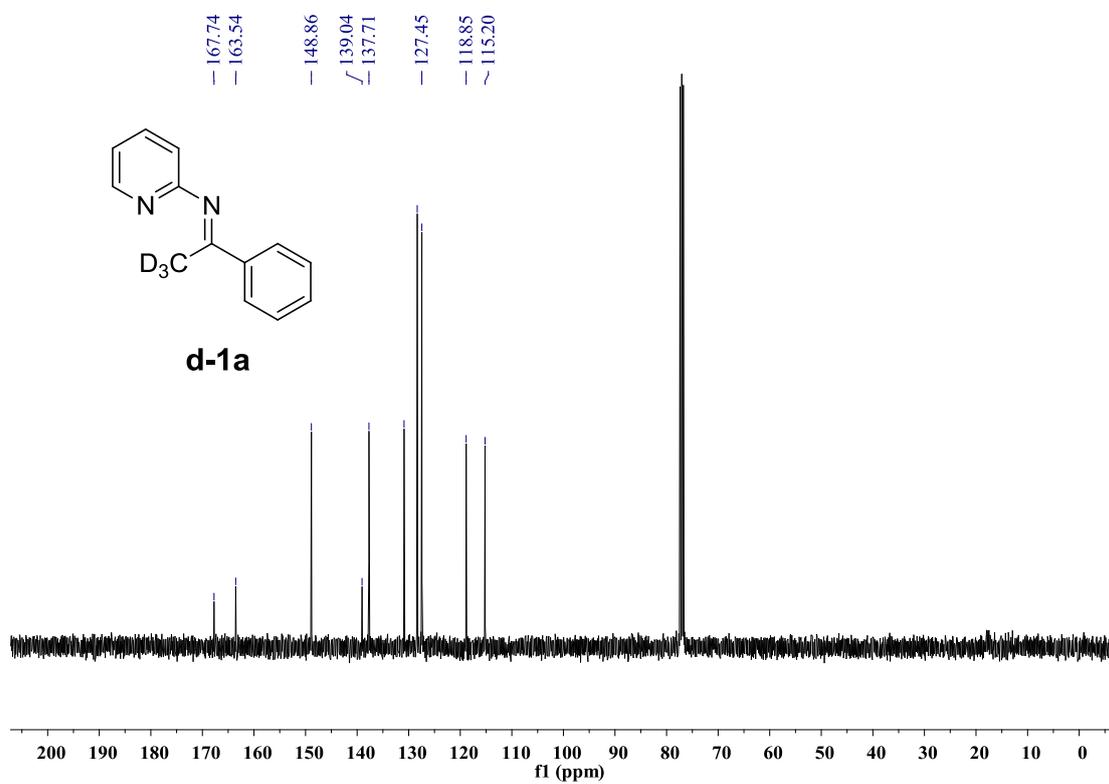
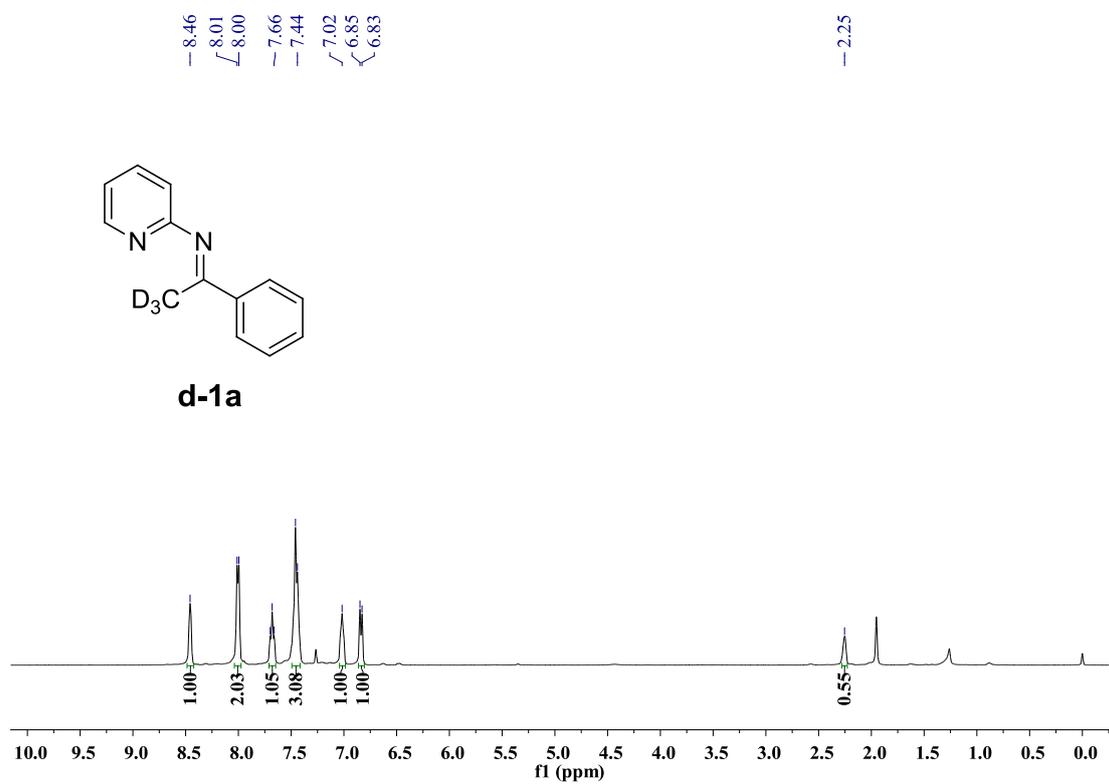
(34) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3x** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



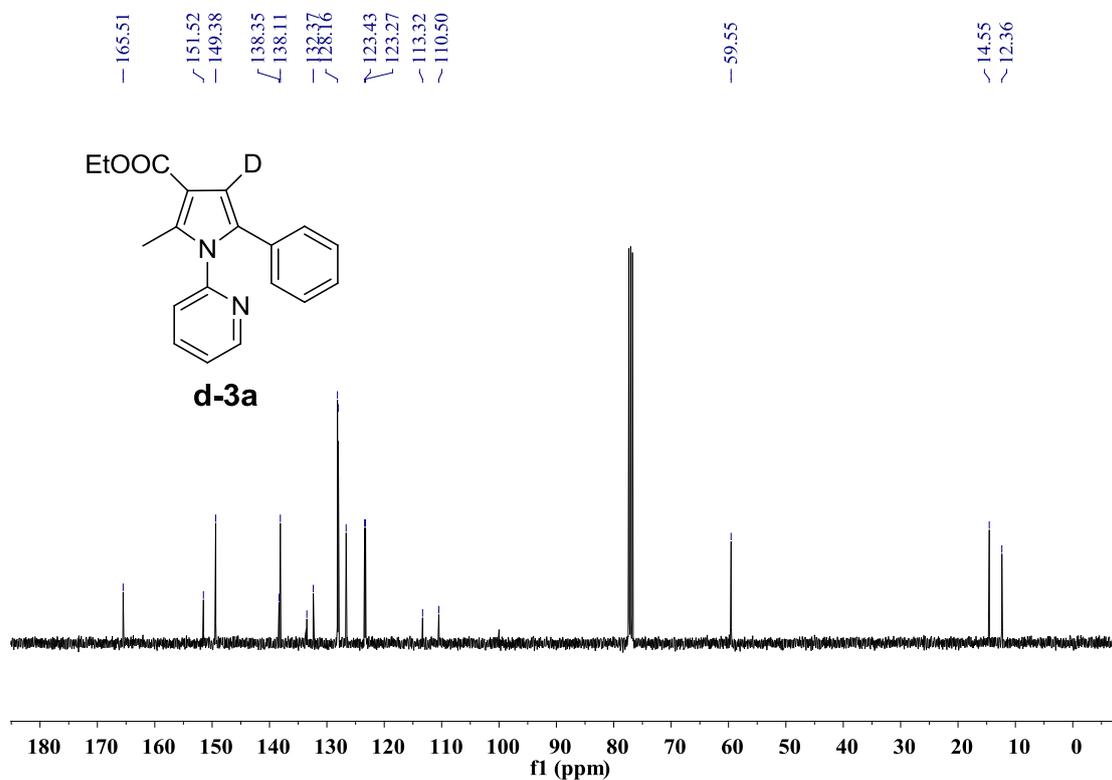
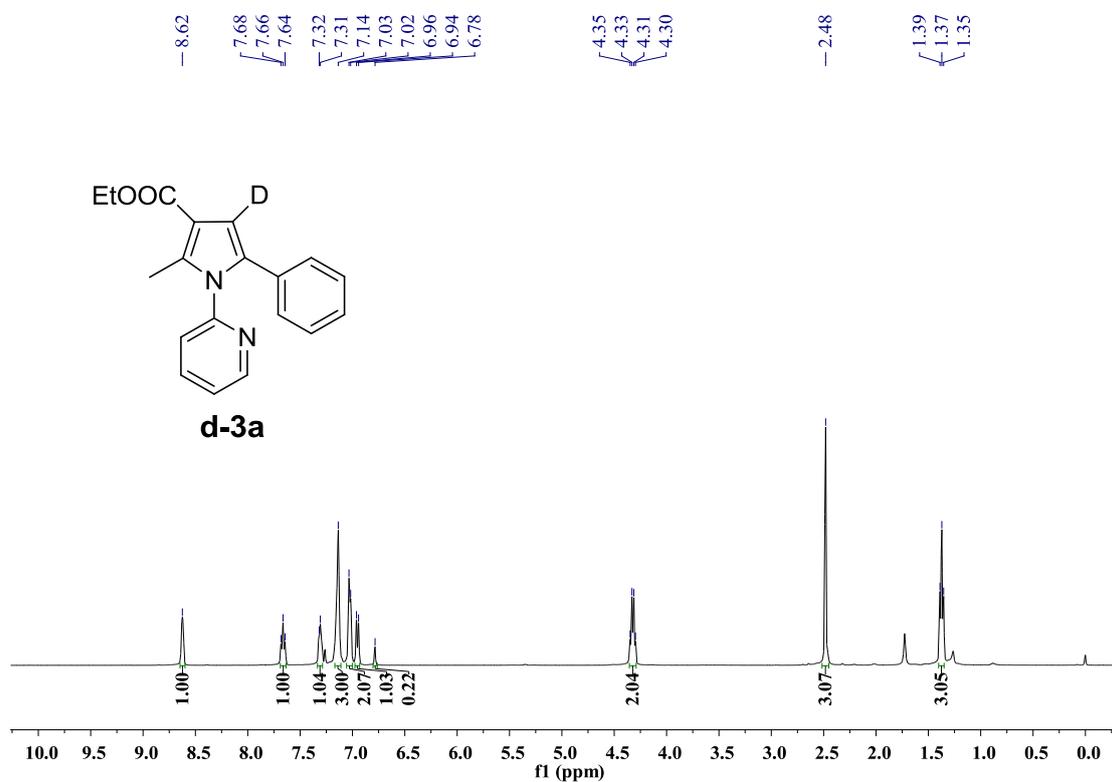
(35) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **3y** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



(36) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **d-1a** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



(37) The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for **d-3a** (using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent)



(38) The crude  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for calculating KIE value via parallel reactions.

