

***Electronic Supplementary Information for
Rhodium(III)-Catalyzed Annulation of Arenes with Alkynes Assisted by an
Internal Oxidizing N-O Bond***

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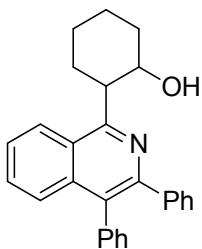
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I. General Information

All chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and were used as received unless otherwise noted. Diphenylacetylene was obtained from commercial sources. Other diarylacetylenes¹ and dihydroisoxazoles² were prepared by following literature reports. $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ was prepared from $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ according to a literature procedure.³ All reactions were carried out using Schlenk techniques or in a nitrogen-filled glove box. NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz or 500 MHz NMR spectrometer in the solvent indicated. The chemical shift is given in dimensionless δ values and is frequency referenced relative to TMS in ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. HRMS data were obtained on a Q-TOF analyzer. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (300-400 mesh) using ethyl acetate (EA)/petroleum ether (PE).

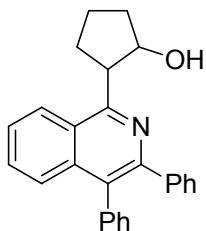
II. Typical Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of 3.

Heterocycle **1** (0.20 mmol), alkyne **2** (0.24 mmol), $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (4 mol %), CsOAc (30 mol %), and HFIP (2 mL) were charged into a pressure tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. After cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using PE/EA to afford the desired product **3**. *The substrates and products are cis.*

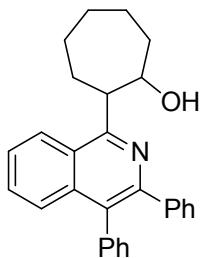


*2-(3,4-Diphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (**3aa**):* White solid (57.6 mg, 76%); mp 110-111 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 7.70 (dt, J = 6.9, 3.0

Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.10 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.71 – 1.57 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.9, 148.0, 140.6, 137.4, 136.8, 131.6, 131.5, 130.4, 130.3, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 125.1, 124.7, 68.3, 43.5, 33.2, 28.2, 26.8, 19.9; HRMS: [M + H] $^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$: 380.2014, found 380.2018.

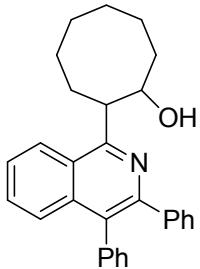


2-(3,4-Diphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclopentanol (3ba): White solid (48.9 mg, 67%); mp 99-100 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.80 (ddd, J = 11.3, 8.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.28 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 1.87 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.0, 147.9, 140.4, 137.3, 136.7, 131.6, 131.4, 130.5, 130.3, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 127.1, 126.7, 126.3, 125.0, 75.9, 46.0, 34.8, 31.2, 22.8; HRMS: [M + H] $^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$: 366.1858, found 366.1856.

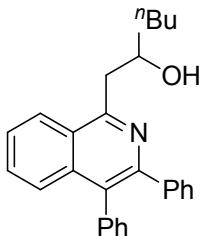


2-(3,4-Diphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)cycloheptanol (3ca): White solid (61.3 mg, 78%); mp 100-101 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.35 (s, 5H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 3.74 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.74 (m, 7H), 1.73 – 1.59 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 148.0, 140.7, 137.4, 136.9, 131.6, 131.5, 130.34, 130.29, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 124.7, 124.5, 71.3, 45.8, 36.1, 28.5, 27.9, 27.4, 21.9; HRMS: [M + H] $^+$

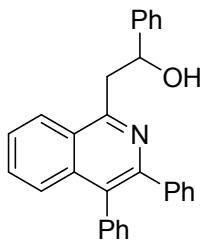
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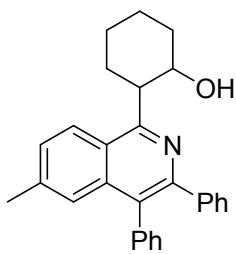
2-(3,4-Diphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclooctanol (3da): Pale yellow solid (60.2 mg, 74%); mp 99–100 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.70 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 4.51 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.97 (m, 3H), 1.95 – 1.80 (m, 5H), 1.74 – 1.52 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 147.9, 140.6, 137.4, 137.0, 131.5, 130.34, 130.26, 129.4, 128.54, 128.49, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 124.8, 124.7, 71.8, 40.4, 32.7, 29.6, 27.8, 27.4, 25.0, 21.2; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₃₀NO: 408.2327, found 408.2329.



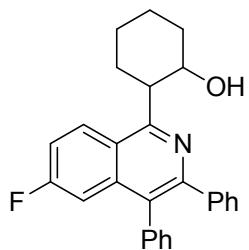
1-(3,4-Diphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)hexan-2-ol (3ea): White solid (50.3 mg, 66%); mp 62–64 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 – 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.17 – 7.05 (m, 5H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.37 – 4.25 (m, 1H), 3.53 (dd, 16.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, 16.5, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 148.3, 140.6, 137.3, 136.3, 131.4, 130.3, 130.2, 129.5, 128.38, 128.35, 127.7, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 126.5, 126.0, 124.7, 70.0, 39.2, 37.0, 28.1, 22.9, 14.2; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₈NO: 382.2171, found 382.2169.



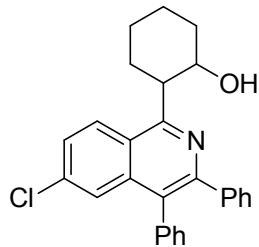
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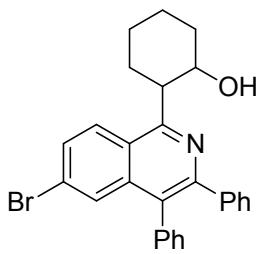
2-(6-Methyl-3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ga): Pale yellow solid (62.9 mg, 80%); mp 125–126 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.09 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.71 – 1.55 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 148.1, 140.8, 140.7, 137.5, 137.1, 131.6, 131.5, 130.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 125.7, 124.6, 123.4, 68.3, 43.5, 33.2, 28.2, 26.8, 22.3, 20.0; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₈NO: 394.2171, found 394.2169.



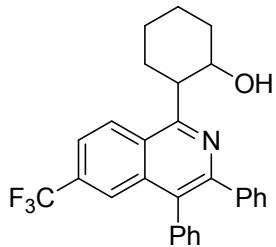
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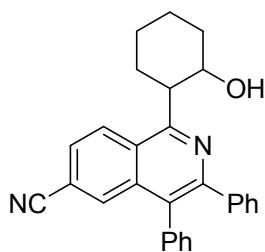
2-(6-Chloro-3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ia): White solid (57.8 mg, 70%); mp 129-130 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 6.3, 3.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.64 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 2.19 (qd, *J* = 13.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.79 (m, 3H), 1.72 – 1.56 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8, 149.2, 140.2, 137.9, 137.0, 136.6, 131.41, 131.35, 130.2, 128.81, 128.76, 128.7, 128.00, 127.95, 127.9, 127.60, 126.57, 125.7, 123.3, 68.2, 43.7, 33.0, 28.2, 26.7, 19.8; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₅ClNO: 414.1625, found 414.1623.



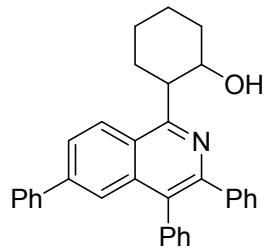
2-(6-Bromo-3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ja): Pale yellow solid (67.8 mg, 74%); mp 133–134 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (qd, *J* = 13.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 1.70 – 1.54 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9, 149.2, 140.2, 138.2, 136.6, 131.41, 131.35, 130.6, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.94, 127.89, 127.6, 126.5, 125.6, 123.5, 68.2, 43.7, 33.1, 28.2, 26.7, 19.8; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₅BrNO: 458.1120, found 458.1118.



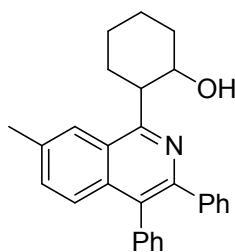
2-(3,4-Diphenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)isoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ka): White solid (54.5 mg, 61%); mp 128–129 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (qd, *J* = 12.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.74 – 1.54 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.0, 149.5, 140.0, 136.3, 136.2, 132.0 (*q*, *J*_{C-F} = 32.4 Hz), 131.4, 131.3, 130.23, 130.19, 128.9, 128.8, 128.13, 128.05, 127.8, 126.2, 126.0, 123.9 (*q*, *J*_{C-F} = 271.2 Hz), 124.5 (*q*, *J*_{C-F} = 4.5 Hz), 122.7 (*q*, *J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 68.2, 43.9, 33.1, 28.2, 26.8, 19.8; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₅F₃NO: 448.1888, found 448.1888.



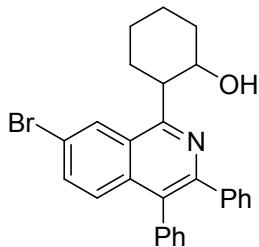
1-(2-Hydroxycyclohexyl)-3,4-diphenylisoquinoline-6-carbonitrile (3la): White solid (49.3 mg, 61%); mp 167–168 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.42 (s, 3H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.80 (m, 3H), 1.71 – 1.57 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 150.0, 139.6, 136.2, 135.8, 133.1, 131.31, 131.26, 130.2, 129.5, 129.01, 128.99, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.3, 125.7, 118.5, 114.1, 68.1, 43.9, 33.0, 28.2, 26.7, 19.8; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₅N₂O: 405.1967, found 405.1965.



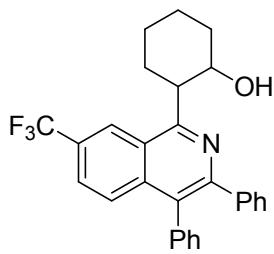
2-(3,4,6-Triphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ma): White solid (70.0 mg, 67%); mp 166–167 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.01 – 1.87 (m, 3H), 1.71 – 1.57 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.7, 148.5, 143.0, 140.6, 140.4, 137.3, 137.2, 131.6, 131.5, 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 128.63, 128.59, 128.3, 127.9, 127.68, 127.65, 127.4, 126.7, 125.4, 124.6, 124.1, 68.3, 43.6, 33.2, 28.2, 26.8, 20.0; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₃₃H₃₀NO: 456.2327, found 456.2326.



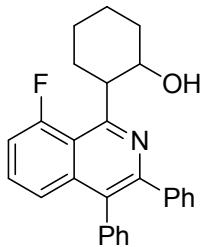
2-(7-Methyl-3,4-diphenylisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3na): White solid (56.6 mg, 72%); mp 131–132 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.10 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 – 1.84 (m, 3H), 1.72 – 1.53 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 147.2, 140.6, 137.5, 137.0, 135.0, 132.6, 131.51, 131.47, 130.3, 129.4, 128.50, 128.46, 127.9, 127.5, 127.2, 126.8, 125.2, 123.6, 68.3, 43.3, 33.2, 28.1, 26.8, 22.2, 19.9; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₈NO: 394.2171, found 394.2171.



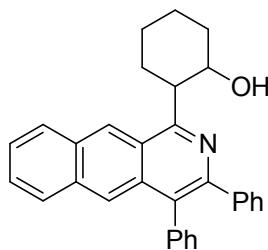
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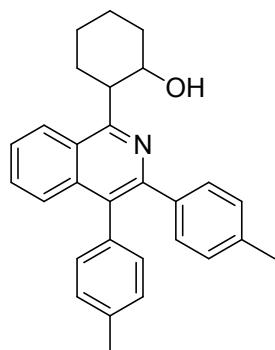
2-(3,4-Diphenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)isoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3pa): White solid (55.4 mg, 62%); mp 137–138 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (qd, *J* = 12.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.67 (dd, *J* = 27.1, 13.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 150.1, 139.9, 138.4, 136.6, 131.41, 131.35, 130.3, 129.5, 128.80 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 32.4 Hz), 128.78, 128.75, 128.3, 128.04, 127.98, 127.8, 125.93 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 125.10 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 270.8 Hz), 124.05, 122.5 (q, *J*_{C-F} = 4.5 Hz), 68.2, 43.7, 33.0, 28.4, 26.7, 19.8; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₈H₂₅F₃NO: 448.1888, found 448.1896.



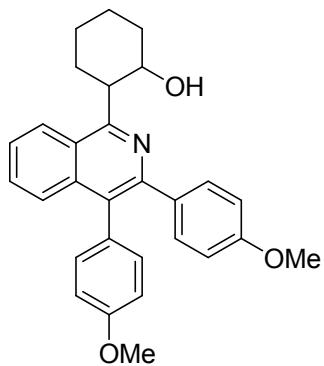
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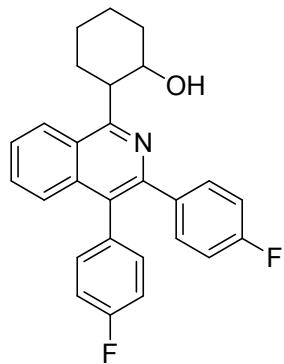
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2-(3,4-Di-p-tolylisoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ab): White solid (56.1 mg, 69%); mp 143–144 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dq, *J* = 6.6, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 4H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.24 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.70 – 1.54 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 147.9, 137.8, 137.10, 137.05, 137.0, 134.4, 131.32, 131.28, 130.20, 130.15, 129.29, 129.27, 129.25, 128.7, 126.9, 126.8, 124.9, 124.7, 68.3, 43.4, 33.1, 28.1, 26.8, 21.5, 21.3, 19.9; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₃₀NO: 408.2327, found 408.2325.

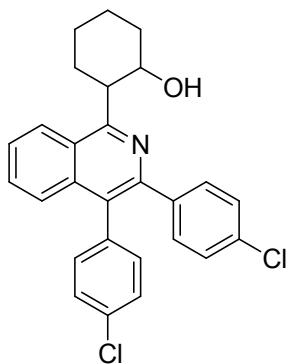


2-(3,4-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)isoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ac): White solid (59.7 mg, 68%); mp 125–126 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.77 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.72 – 1.52 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 159.0, 158.8, 147.7, 137.2, 133.2, 132.5, 132.5, 131.5, 130.2, 129.6, 128.6, 126.8, 126.7, 124.8, 124.7, 114.11, 114.07, 113.4, 68.3, 55.4, 55.3, 43.4, 33.1, 28.1, 26.8, 19.9; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₃₀NO₃: 440.2226, found 440.2227.

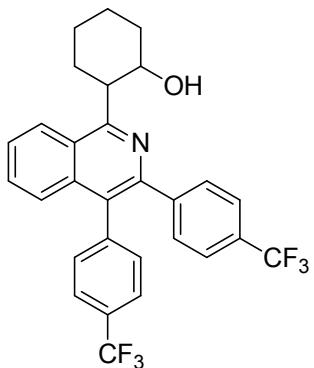


2-(3,4-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)isoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ad): White solid (60.6 mg, 73%); mp 236–237 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.74 – 1.57 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 162.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 246.0 Hz), 162.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 246.2 Hz), 147.2, 136.8, 136.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 133.09 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 9.4 Hz), 133.08 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.1 Hz), 133.06, 132.0, 131.9, 130.7, 128.5, 127.3, 126.6, 125.1, 124.9, 115.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.3 Hz), 115.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.3 Hz).

$F = 21.3$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.3$ Hz), 68.3, 43.6, 33.1, 28.2, 26.8, 19.9. HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₄F₂NO: 416.1826, found 416.1825.

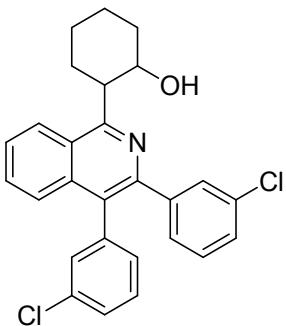


2-(3,4-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)isoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ae): White solid (64.5 mg, 72%); mp 260–261 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 – 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 3.65 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.81 (m, 3H), 1.72 – 1.54 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 146.9, 138.8, 136.5, 135.5, 133.9, 133.7, 132.8, 132.7, 131.5, 130.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 126.5, 125.2, 124.9, 68.3, 43.6, 33.1, 28.1, 26.7, 19.9; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₄Cl₂NO: 448.1235, found 448.1236.

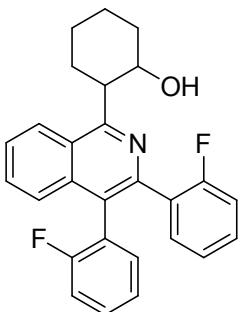


2-(3,4-Bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)isoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3af): White solid (71.1 mg, 69%); mp 136–137 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.69 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 (qd, $J = 13.4, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.10 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.86 (m, 3H), 1.73 – 1.57 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 146.6, 143.7, 140.8, 136.3, 131.9, 131.8, 131.2, 130.5, 130.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.5$ Hz), 129.7 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.4$ Hz), 128.77, 127.9, 126.5, 125.8 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.6$ Hz), 125.4, 125.12

(q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 125.06, 124.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 270.3$ Hz), 68.3, 43.8, 33.1, 28.2, 26.7, 19.9; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₂₄F₆NO: 516.1762, found 516.1756.

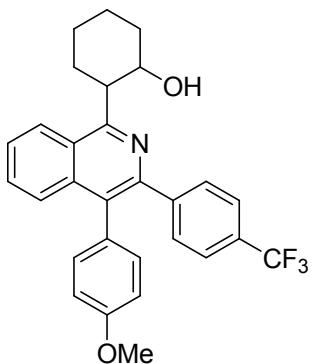


2-(3,4-Bis(3-chlorophenyl)isoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ag): White solid (59.1 mg, 66%); mp 135–136 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.05 (m, 5H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.66 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 146.7, 142.0, 138.8, 136.4, 134.6, 134.0, 131.33, 131.28, 130.9, 130.2, 130.0, 129.72, 129.66, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 126.6, 125.2, 124.9, 68.2, 43.7, 33.1, 28.1, 26.8, 19.9; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₄Cl₂NO: 448.1235, found 448.1238.



2-(3,4-Bis(2-fluorophenyl)isoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ah): White solid (58.9 mg, 71%); mp 113–114 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.09 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.85 (m, 6H), 4.20 (dt, $J = 7.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dt, $J = 9.5, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.05 (dd, $J = 14.7, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.44 (m, 5H), 1.21 – 1.07 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 160.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 247.7$ Hz), 160.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 247.3$ Hz), 142.2, 137.7, 132.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.5$ Hz), 130.7, 130.1 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.2$ Hz), 129.9, 129.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 129.5, 129.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.3$ Hz), 129.1, 128.0, 127.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 14.1$ Hz), 127.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 125.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 14.0$ Hz), 124.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.4$ Hz), 123.8 (d, $J_{C-F} =$

3.5 Hz), 116.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.8$ Hz), 115.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.8$ Hz), 80.0, 47.3, 25.8, 25.4, 22.3, 20.4; HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₇H₂₄F₂NO: 416.1826, found 416.1827.

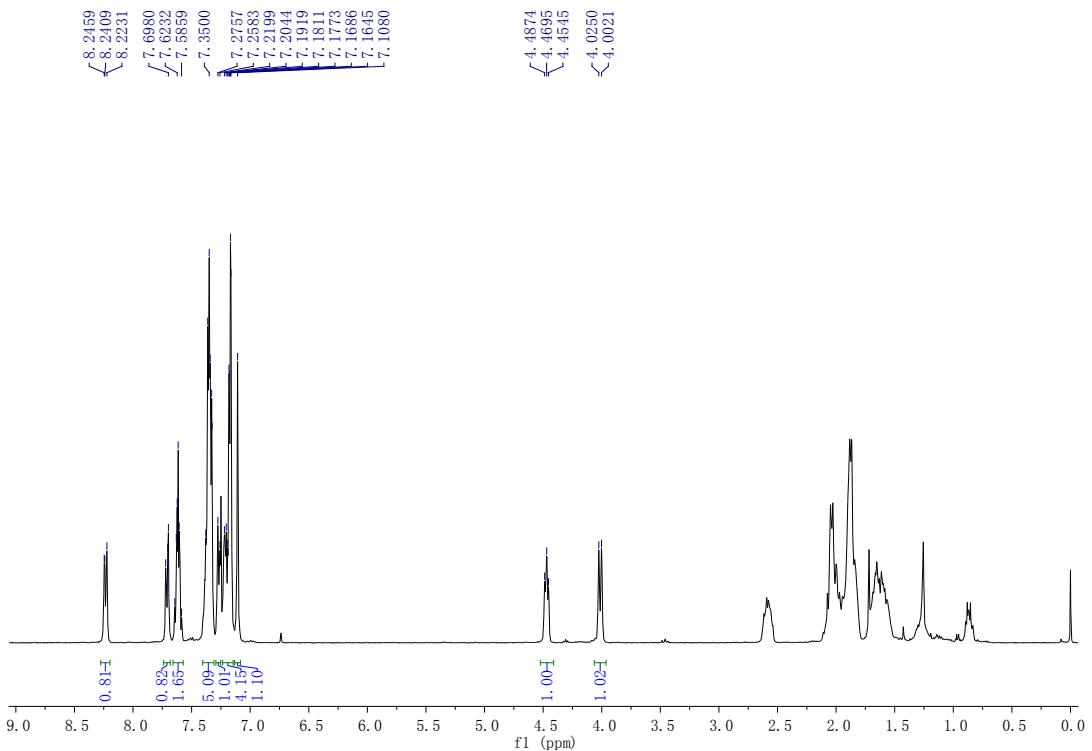


2-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)isoquinolin-1-yl)cyclohexanol (3ai): White solid (58.2 mg, 61%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (dd, $J = 6.7, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dt, $J = 6.9, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.46 (s, 4H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.97 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.84 (m, 3H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.0, 159.4, 146.7, 144.5, 137.1, 132.6, 132.5, 130.6, 130.5, 130.0, 129.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.2$ Hz), 128.8, 127.5, 127.1, 124.9 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 124.8, 124.4 (q, $J_{C-F} = 273.9$ Hz), 114.3, 68.4, 55.5, 43.6, 33.2, 28.2, 26.8, 19.9. HRMS: [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₉H₂₇F₃NO₂: 478.1994, found 478.1992.

III. KIE Studies

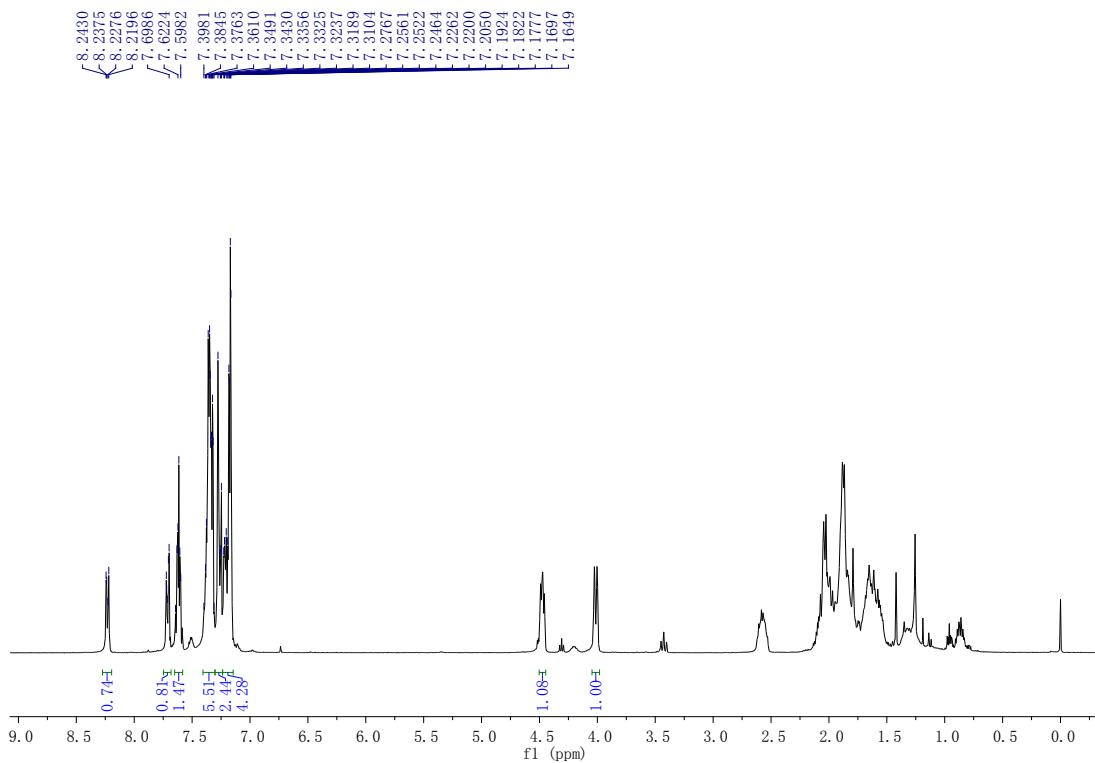
KIE determined from an intermolecular competition

A mixture of **1d** and **1d-d₅** (1:1 ratio, 0.4 mmol in total), diphenylacetylene (0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (4 mol%), and CsOAc (30 mol%) were charged into a pressure tube, to which was added HFIP (2 mL) under N₂. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 90 min. After cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using EA/PE to afford the product mixture. KIE value ($k_H/k_D = 0.82/(1-0.82) = 4.6$) was determined by ¹H NMR analysis.



KIE determined from two parallel reactions

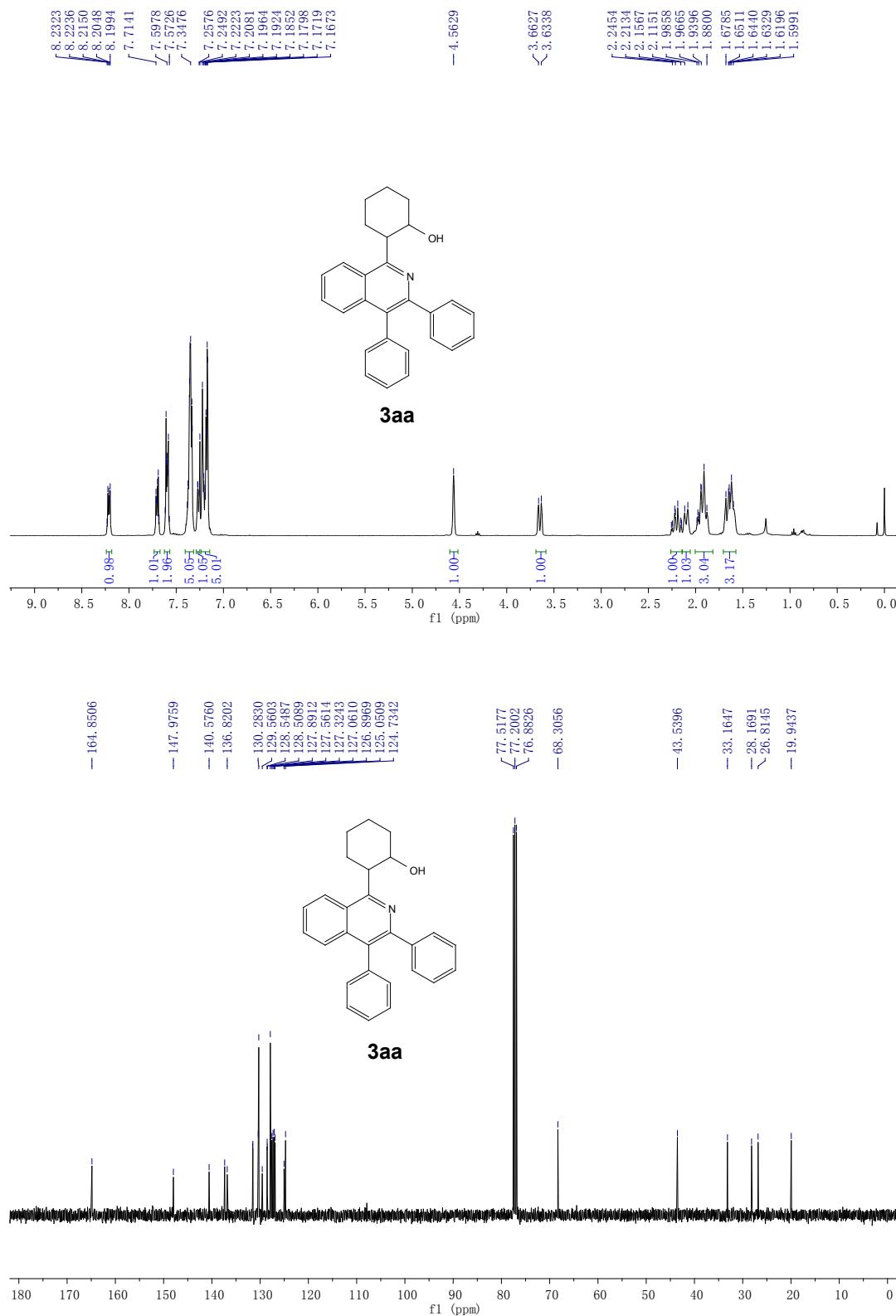
A mixture of **1d** (0.2 mmol), diphenylacetylene (0.2 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (4 mol%), and CsOAc (30 mol%) were charged into a pressure tube, to which was added HFIP (2 mL) under N_2 . The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 60 min. A parallel reaction, **1d-d₅** instead of **1d**, was carried out at same conditions. After cooled to room temperature, combined the two parallel reactions, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using EA/PE to afford the product mixture. KIE value ($k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 0.74/(1-0.74) = 2.8$) was determined by ¹H NMR analysis.

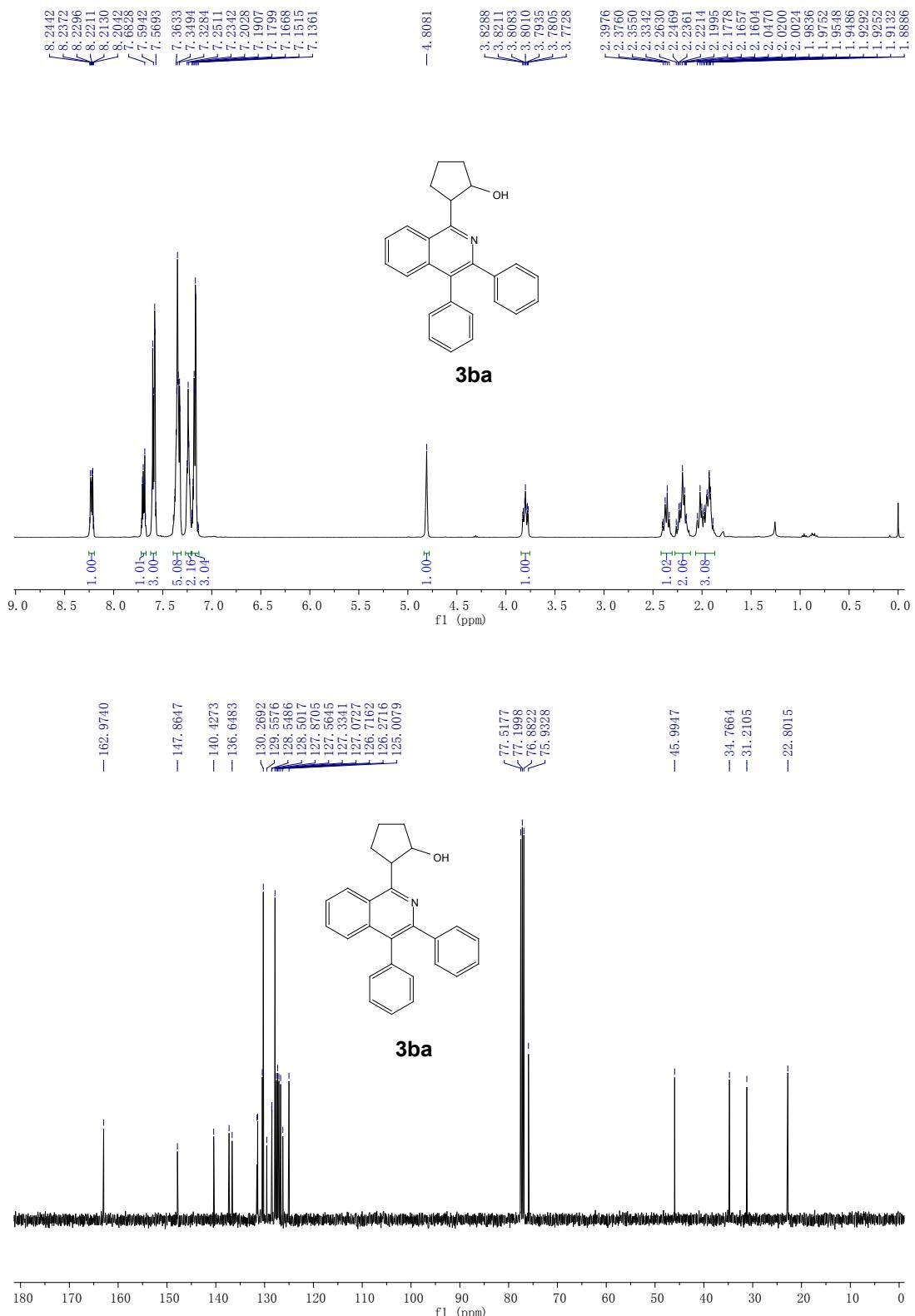


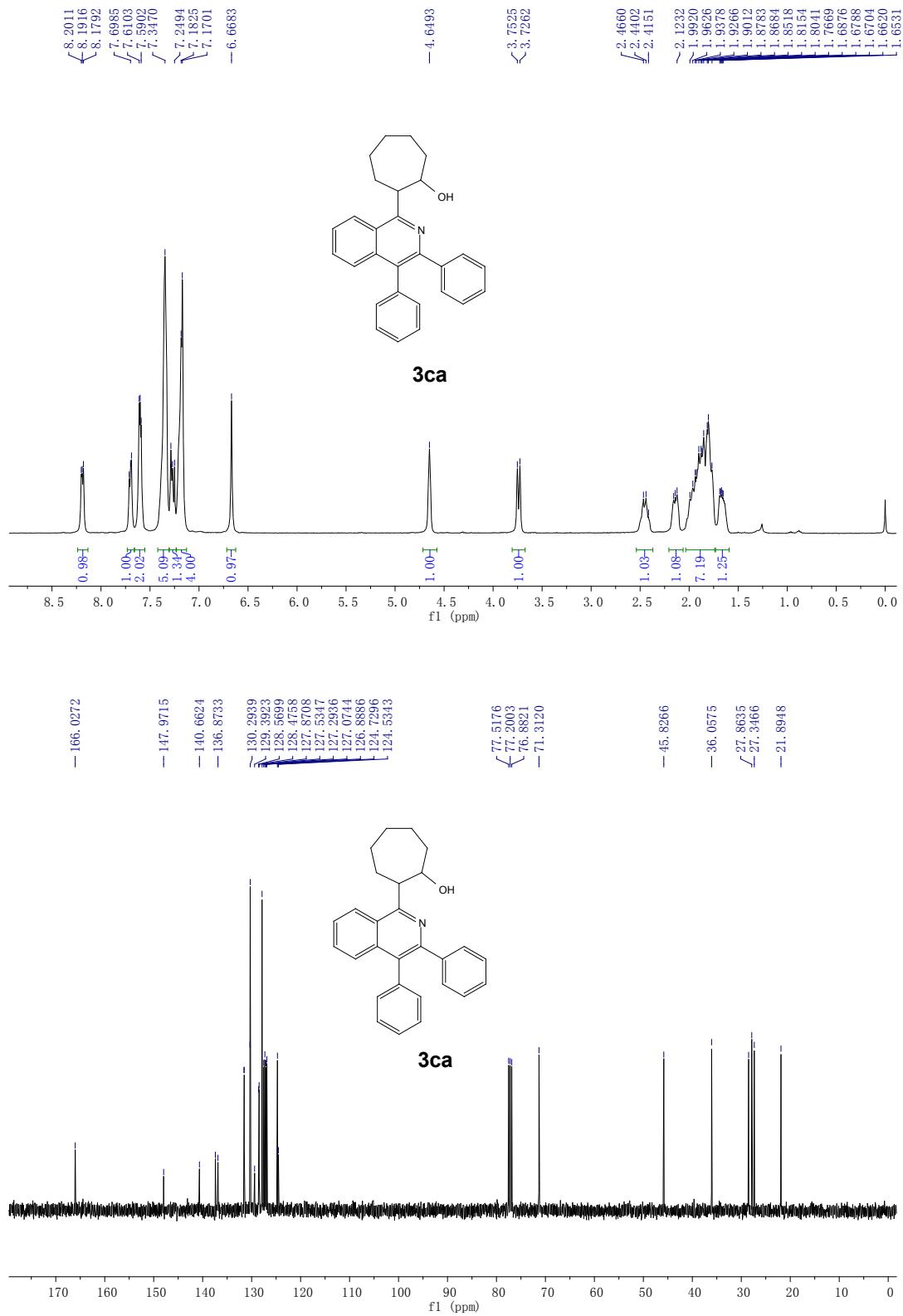
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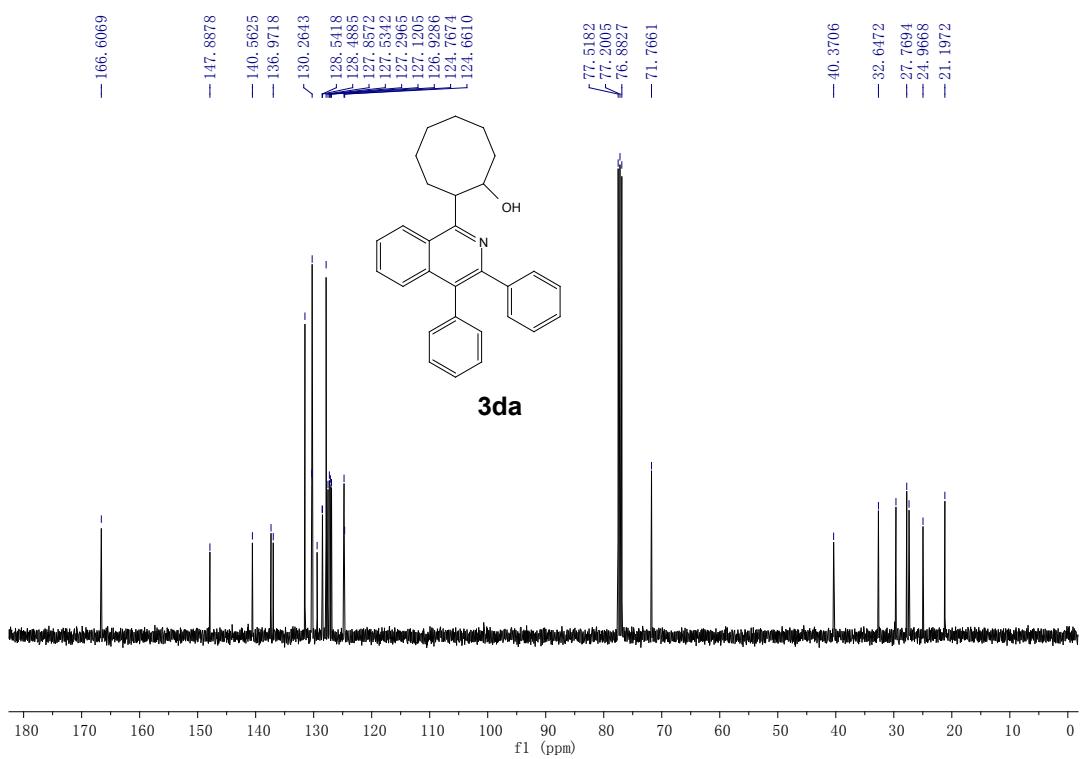
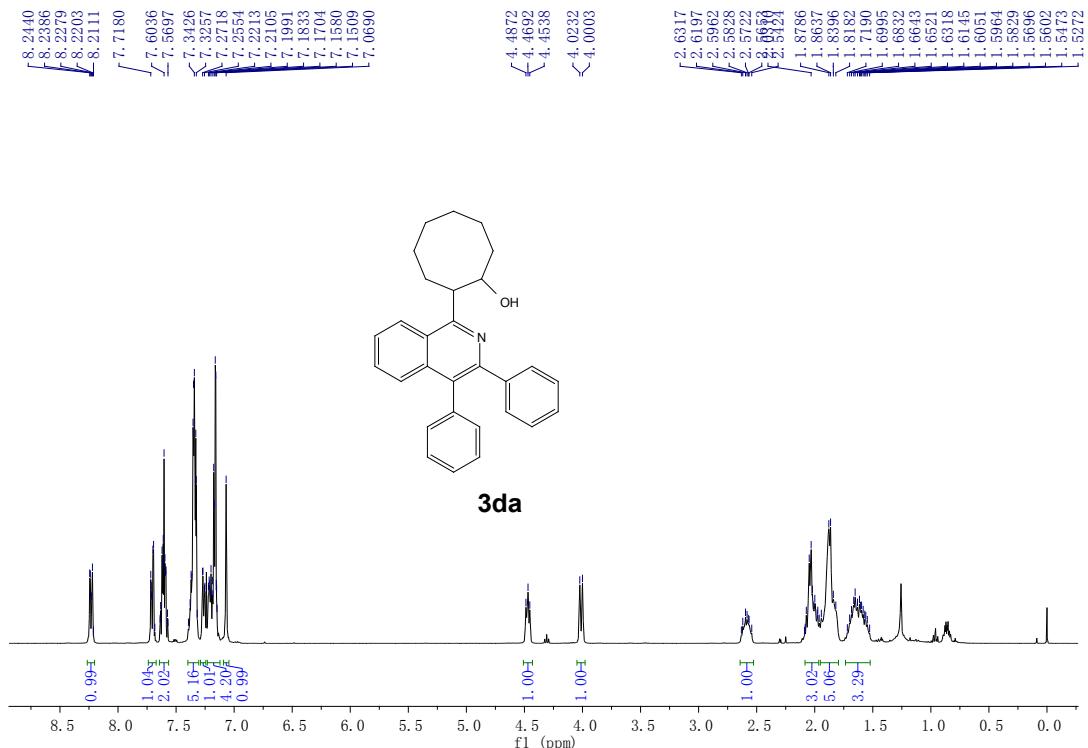
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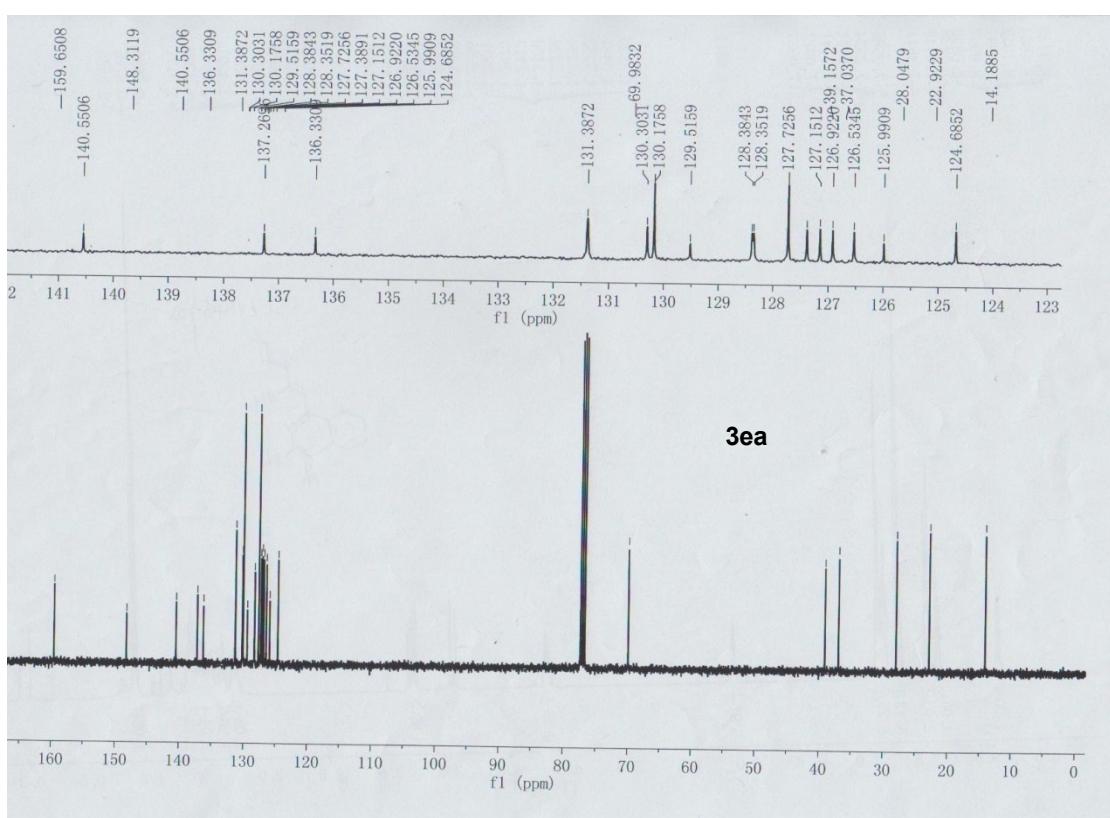
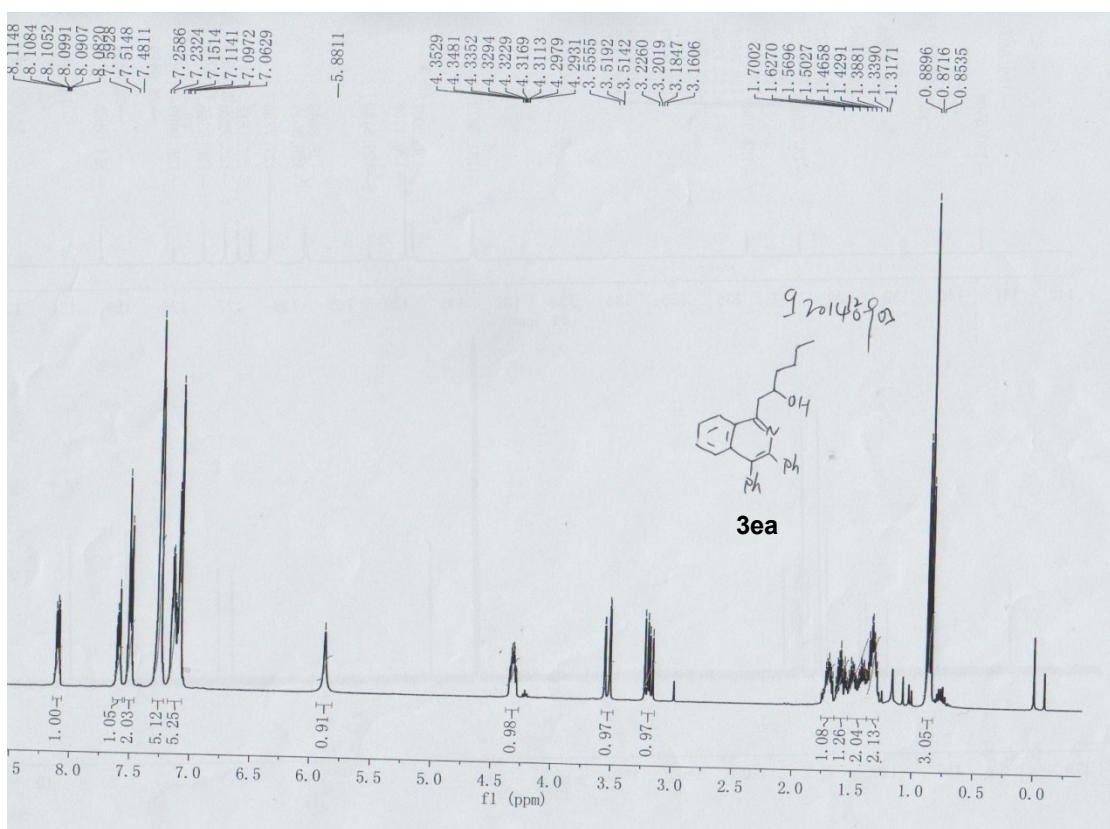
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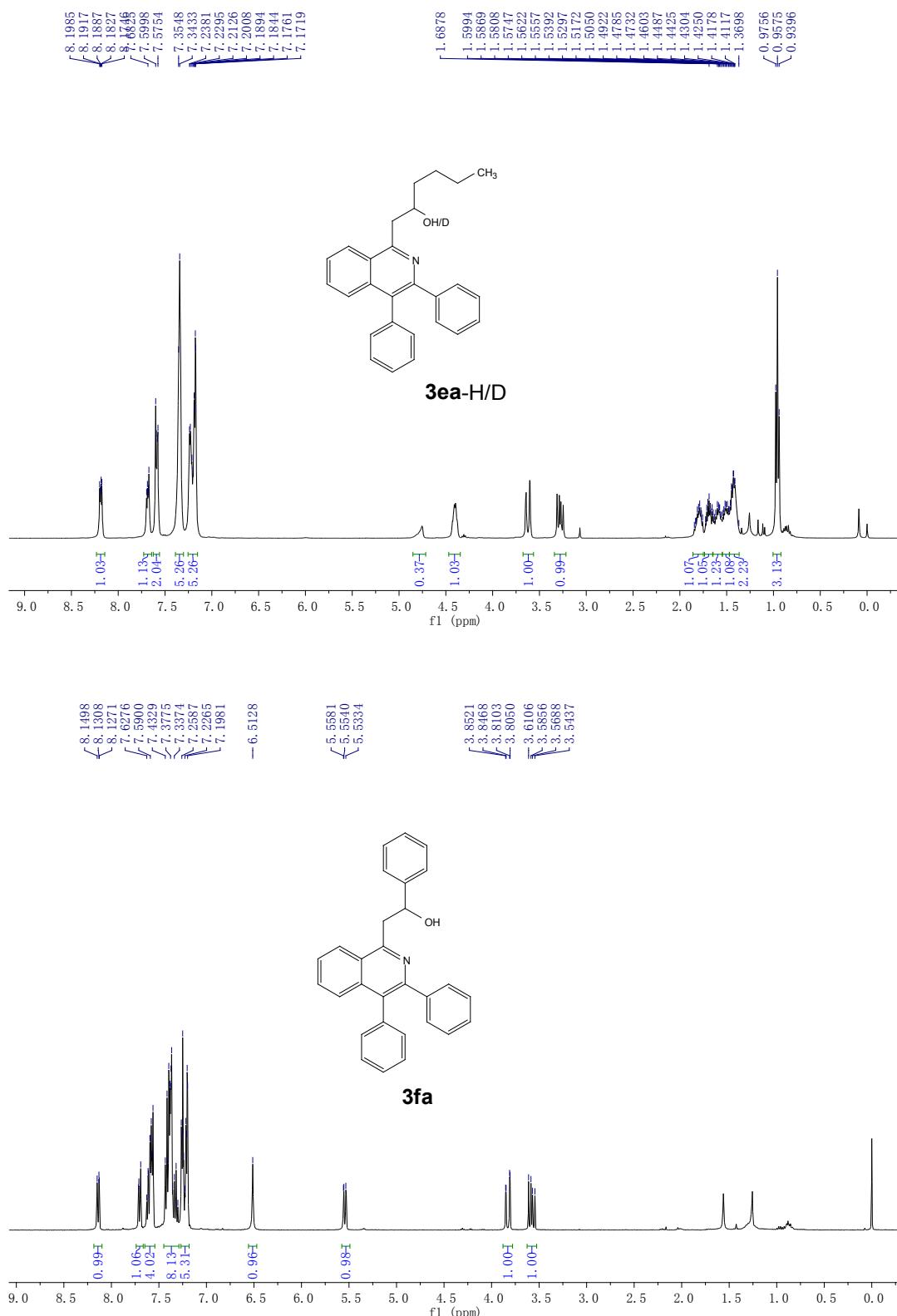


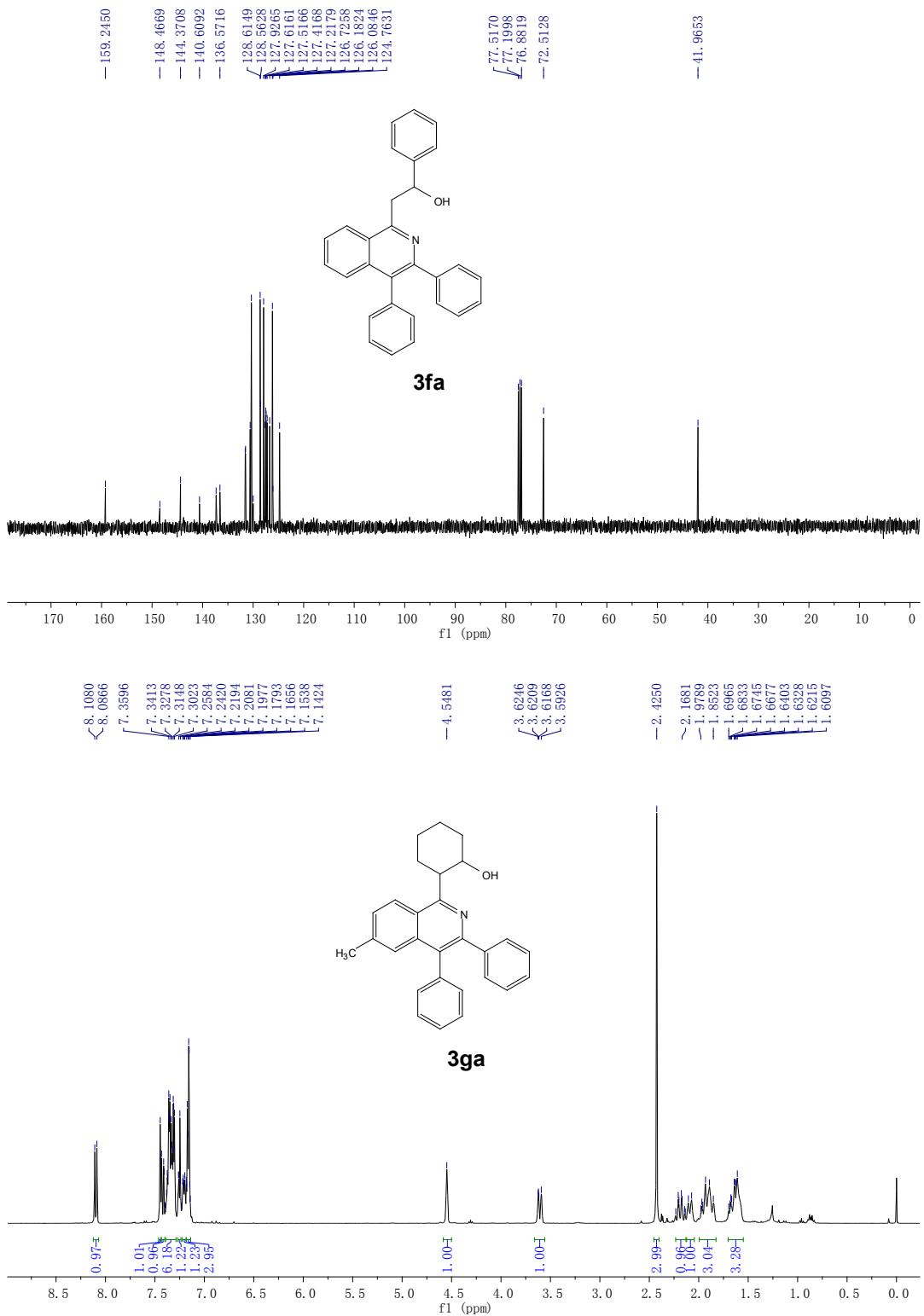


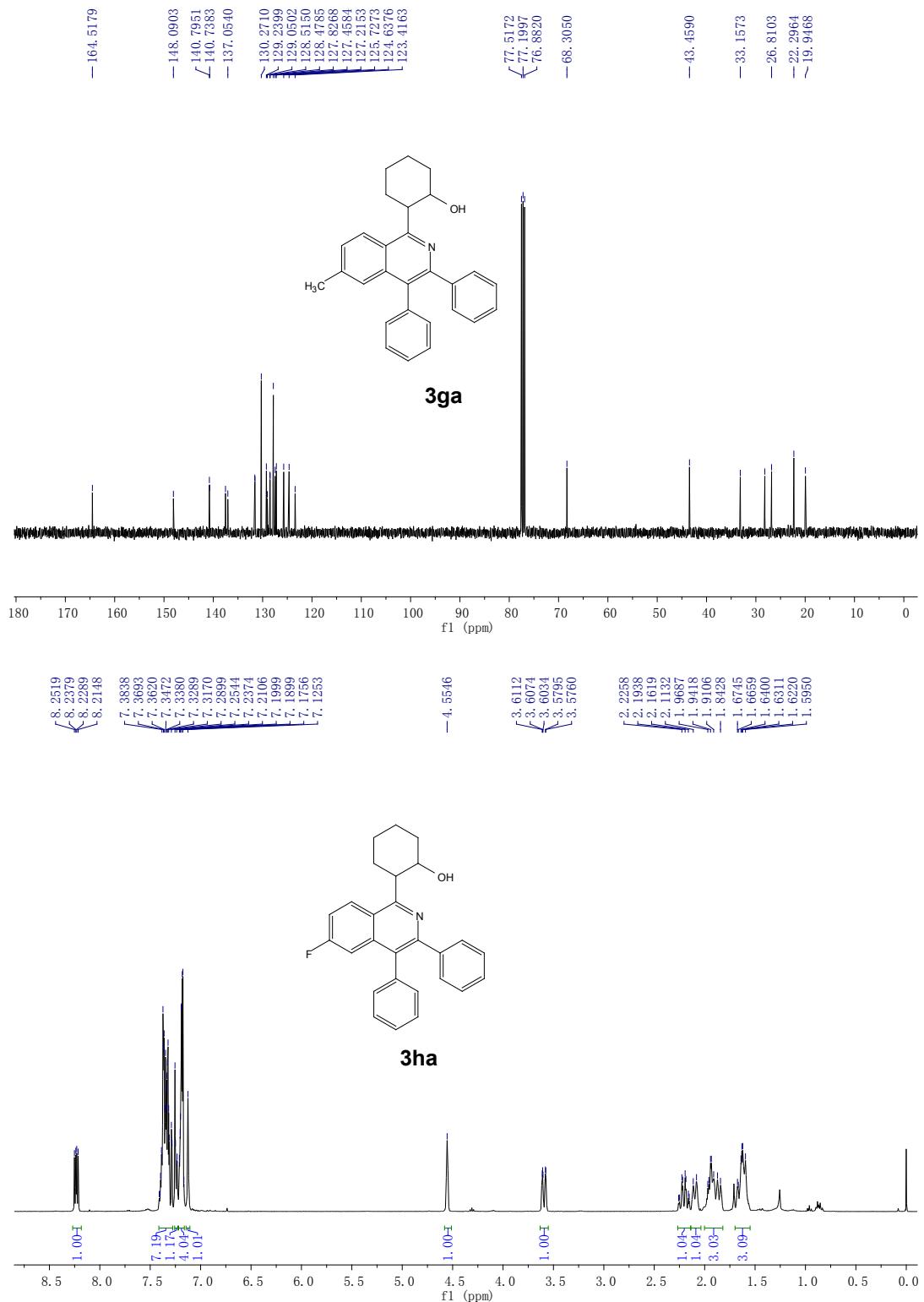


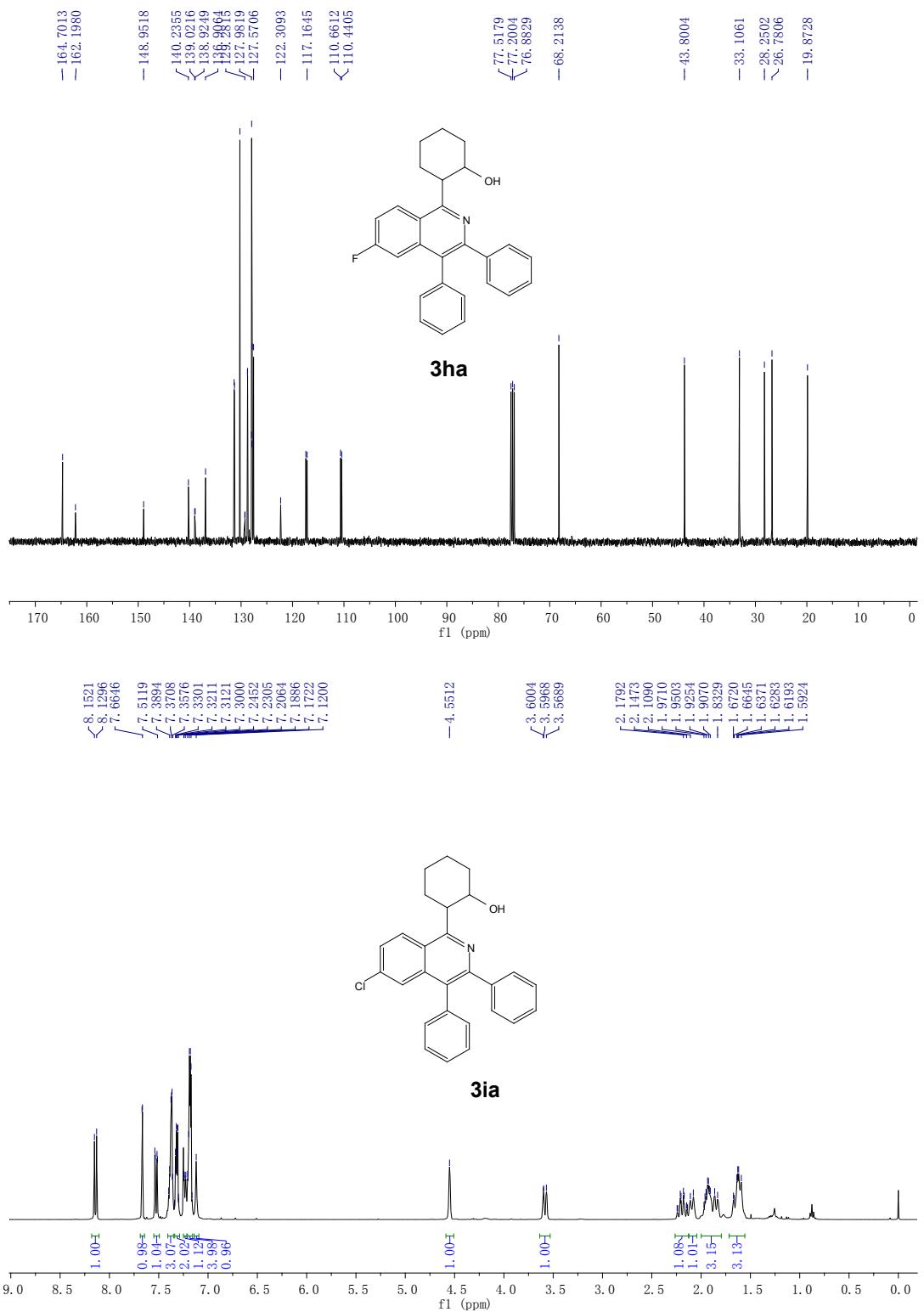


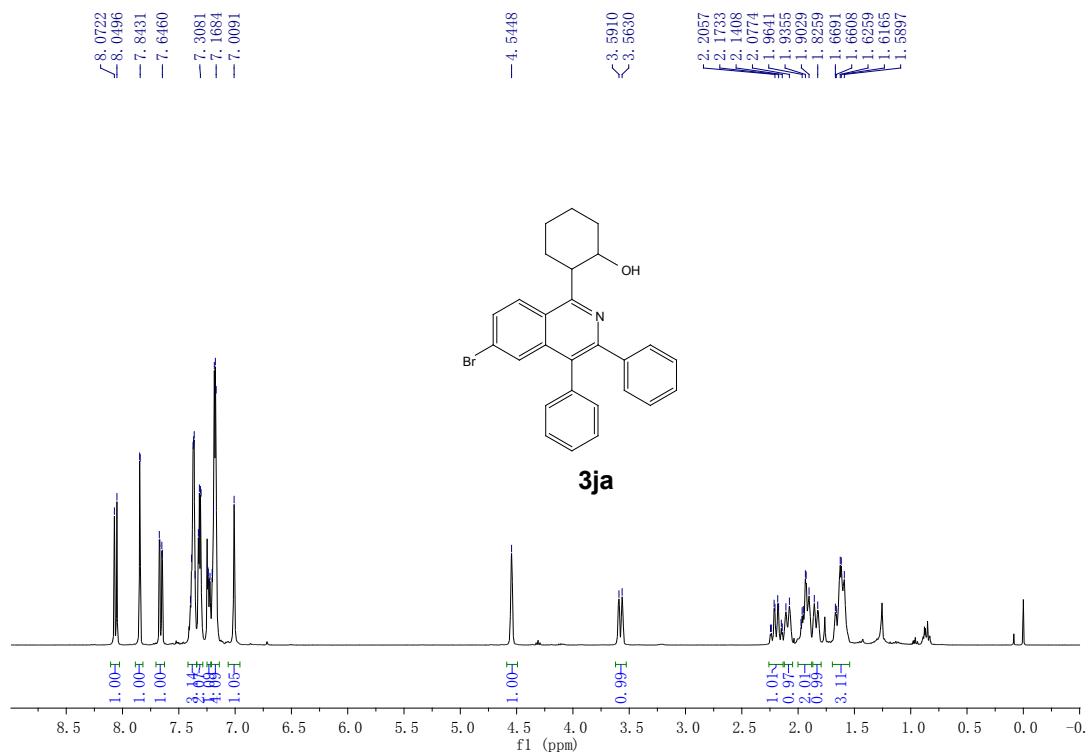
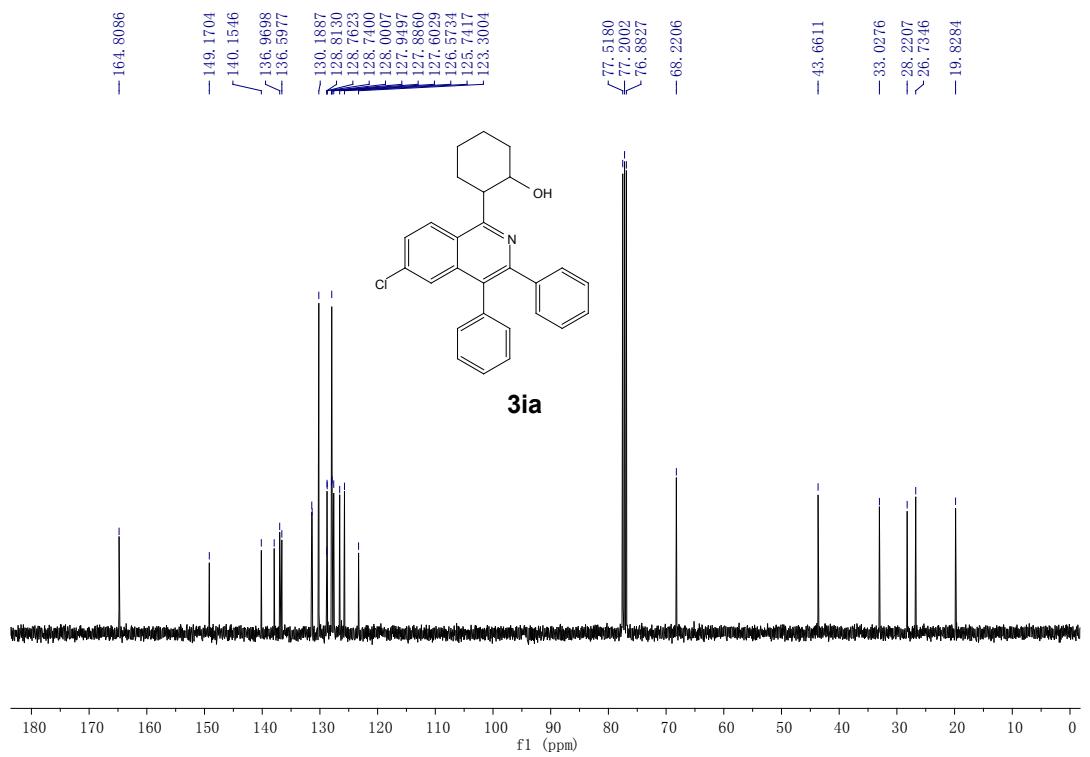


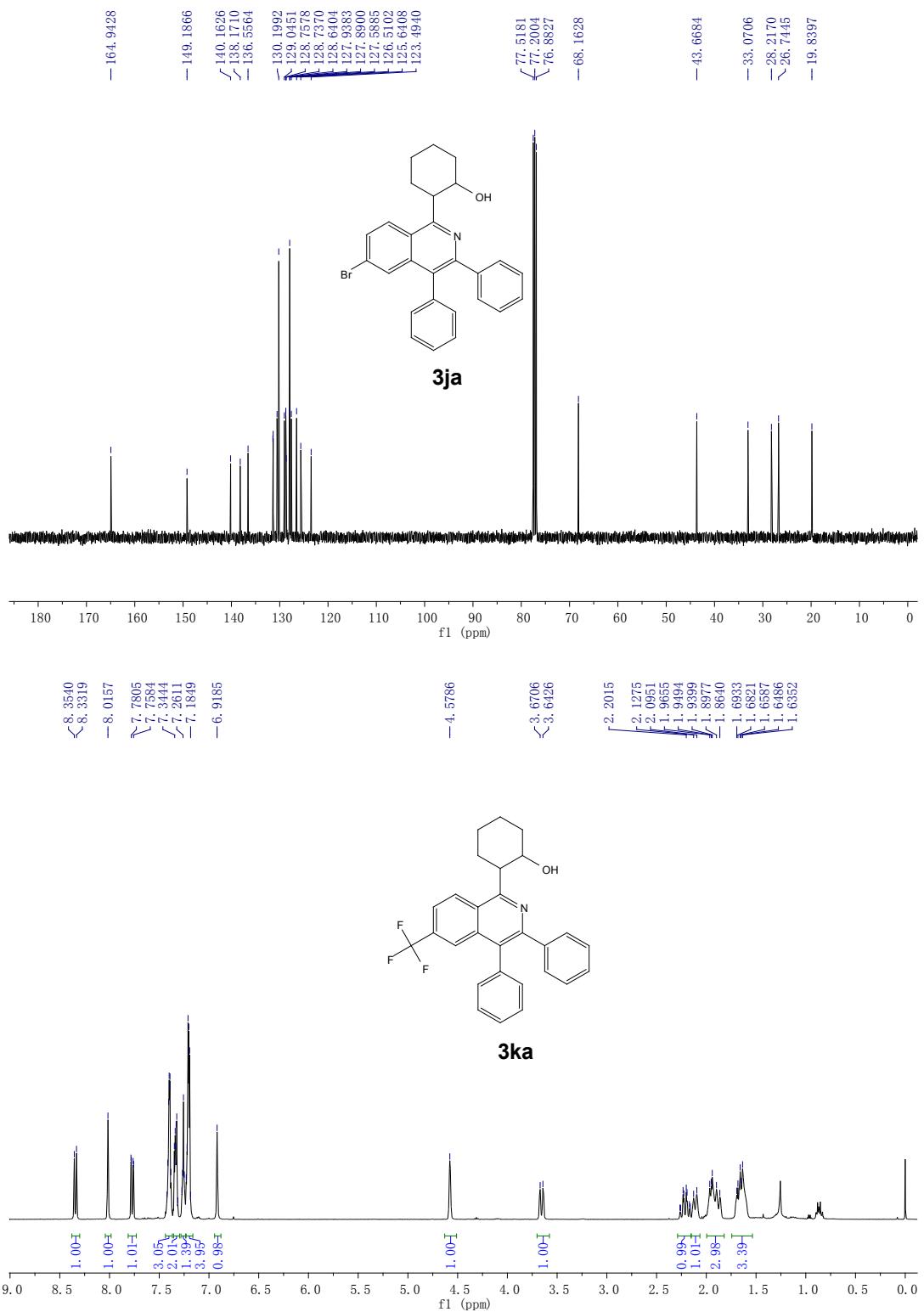


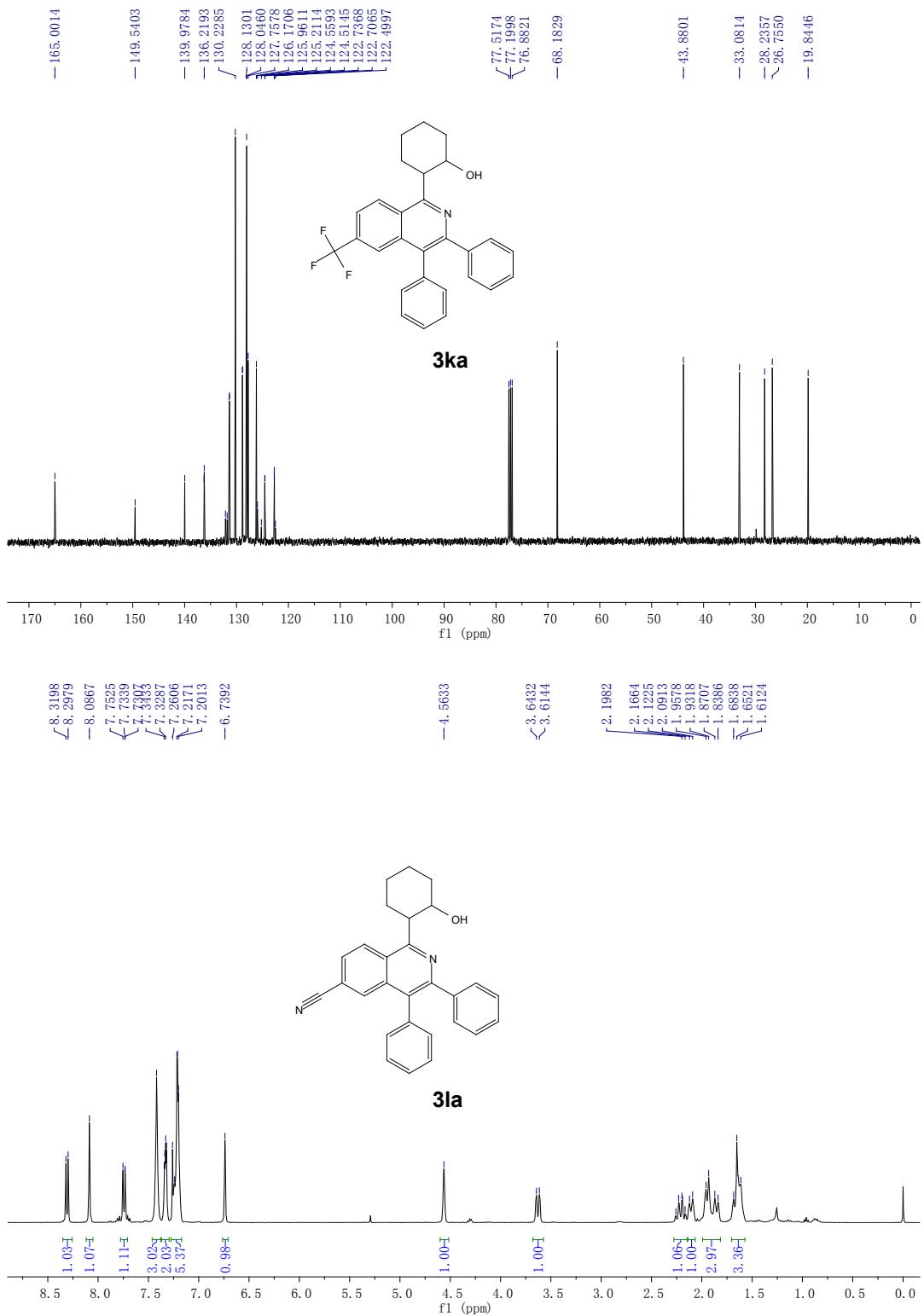


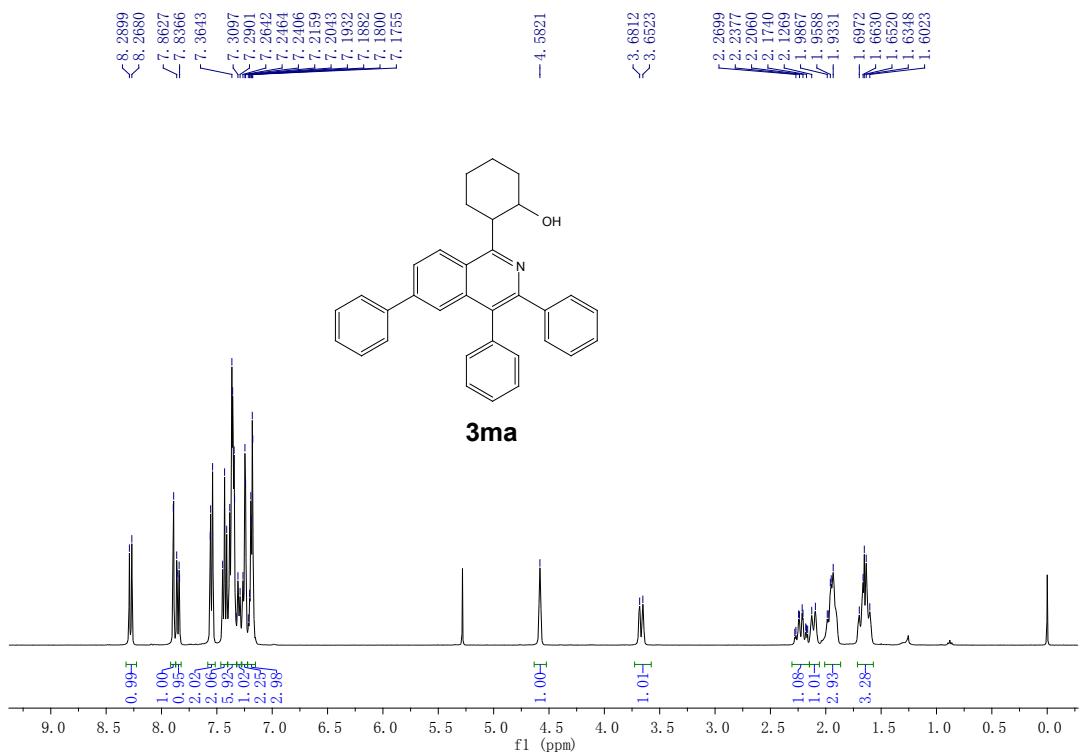
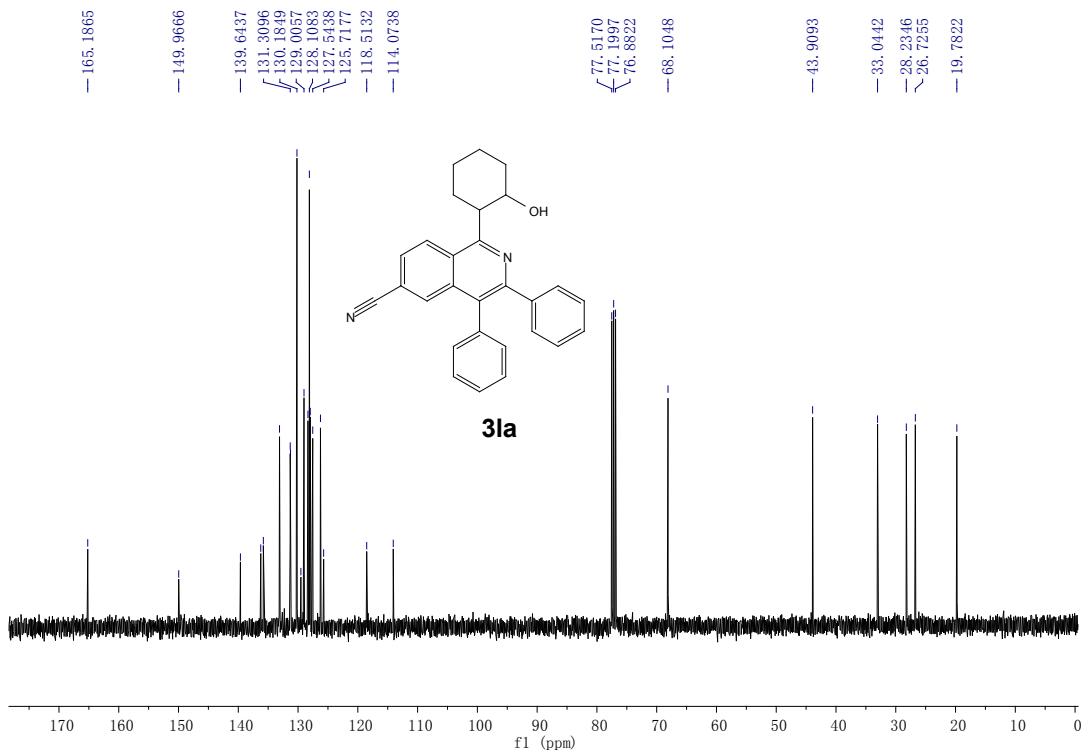






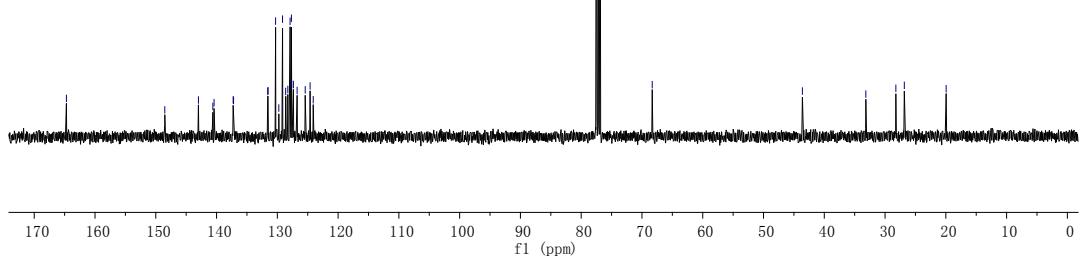
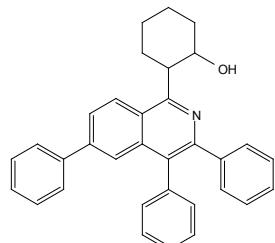






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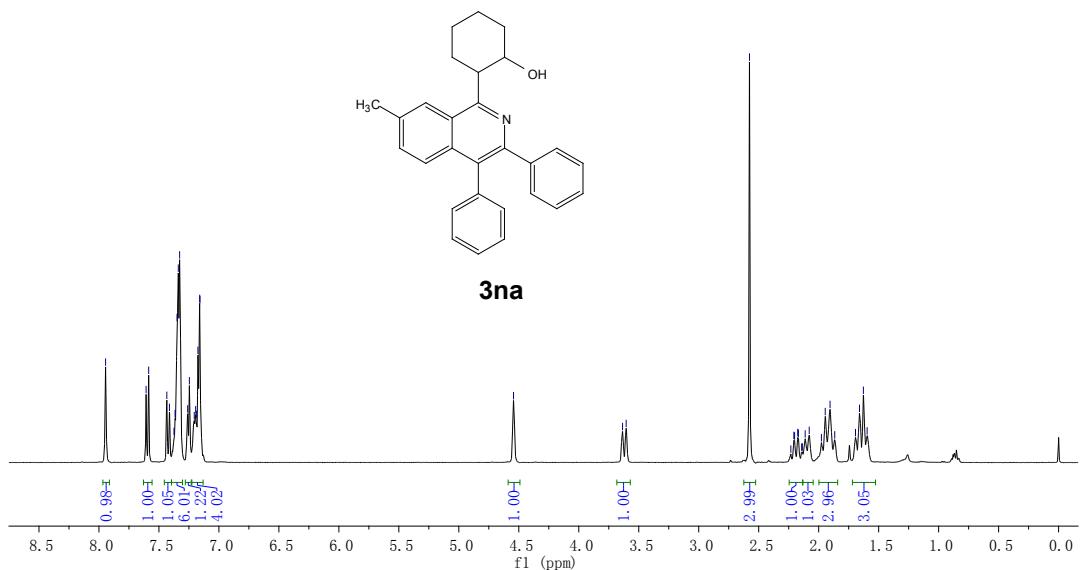
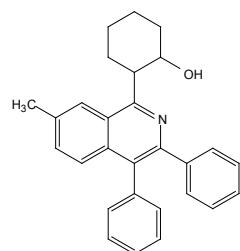
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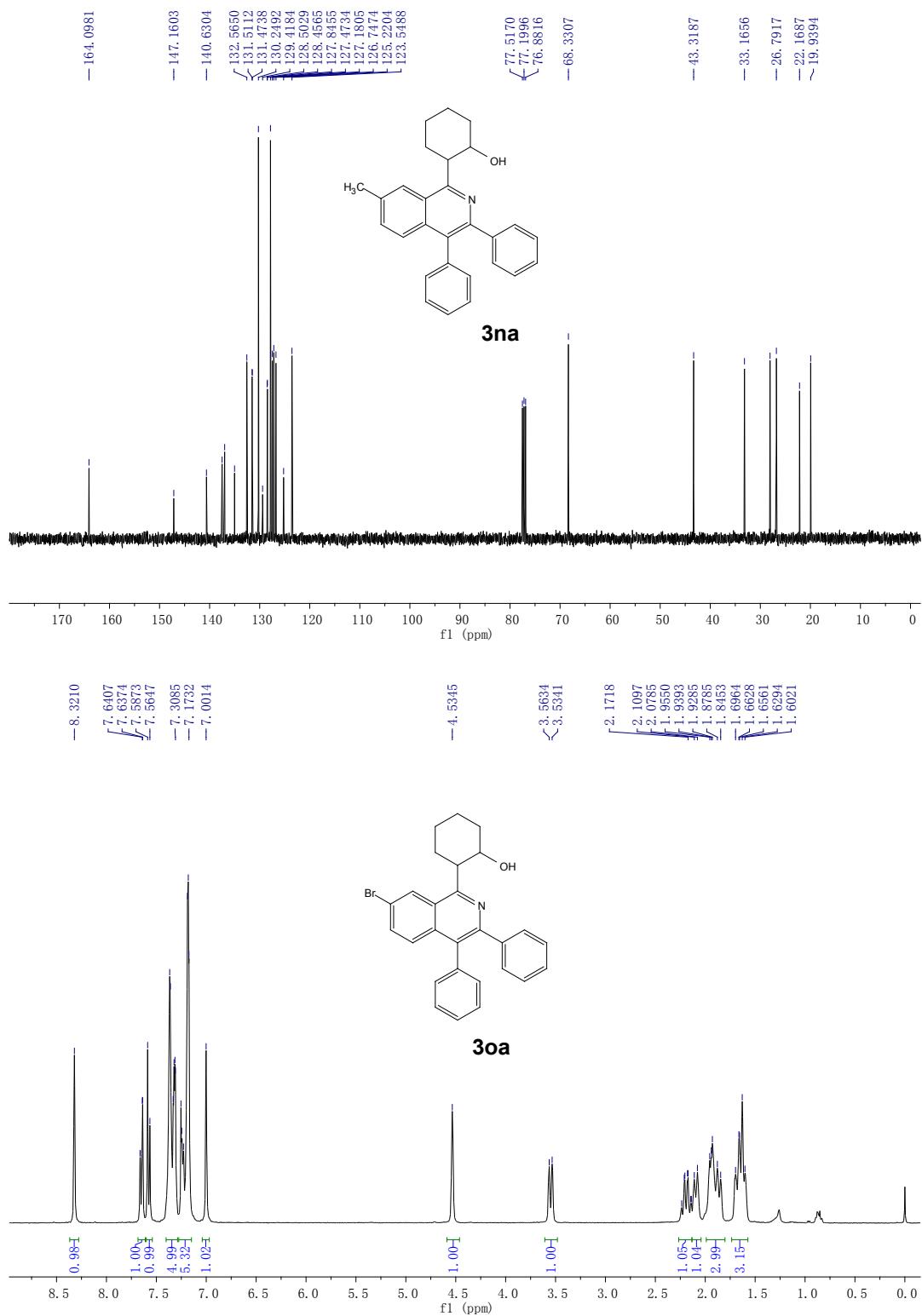
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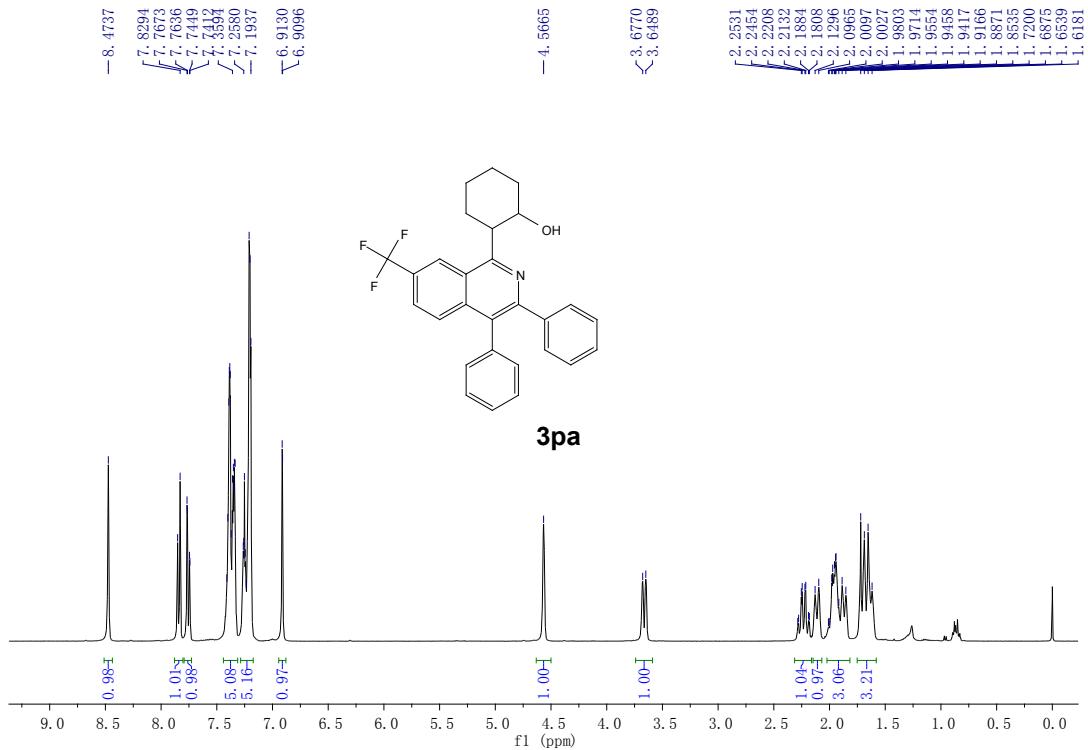
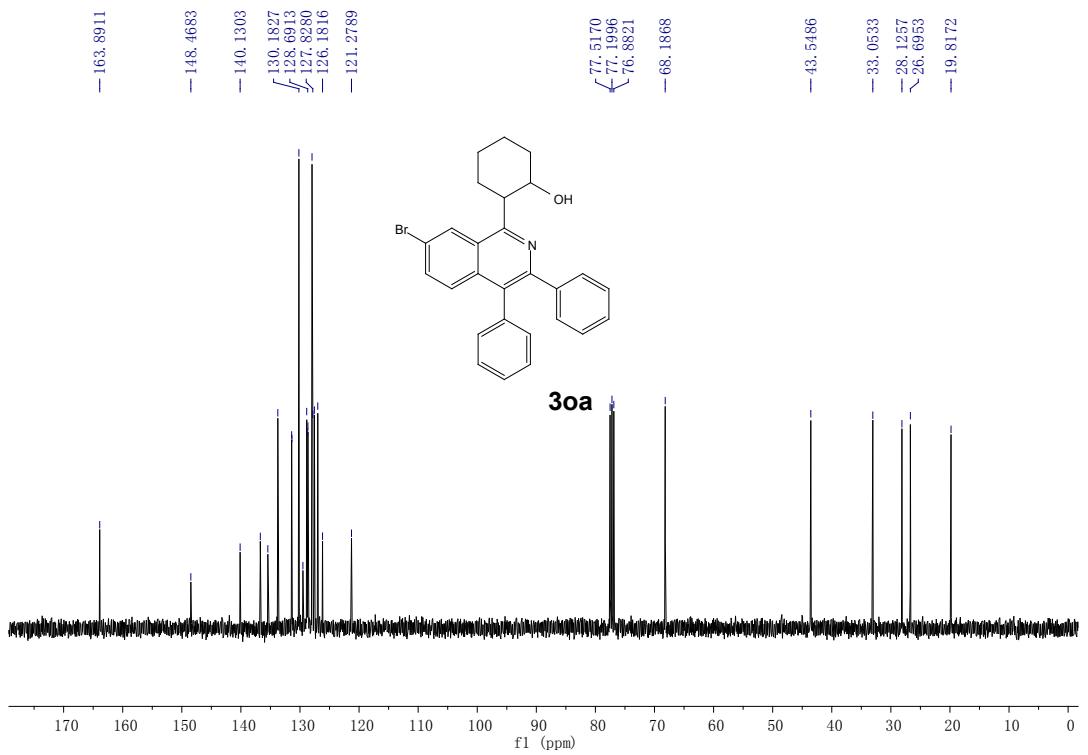
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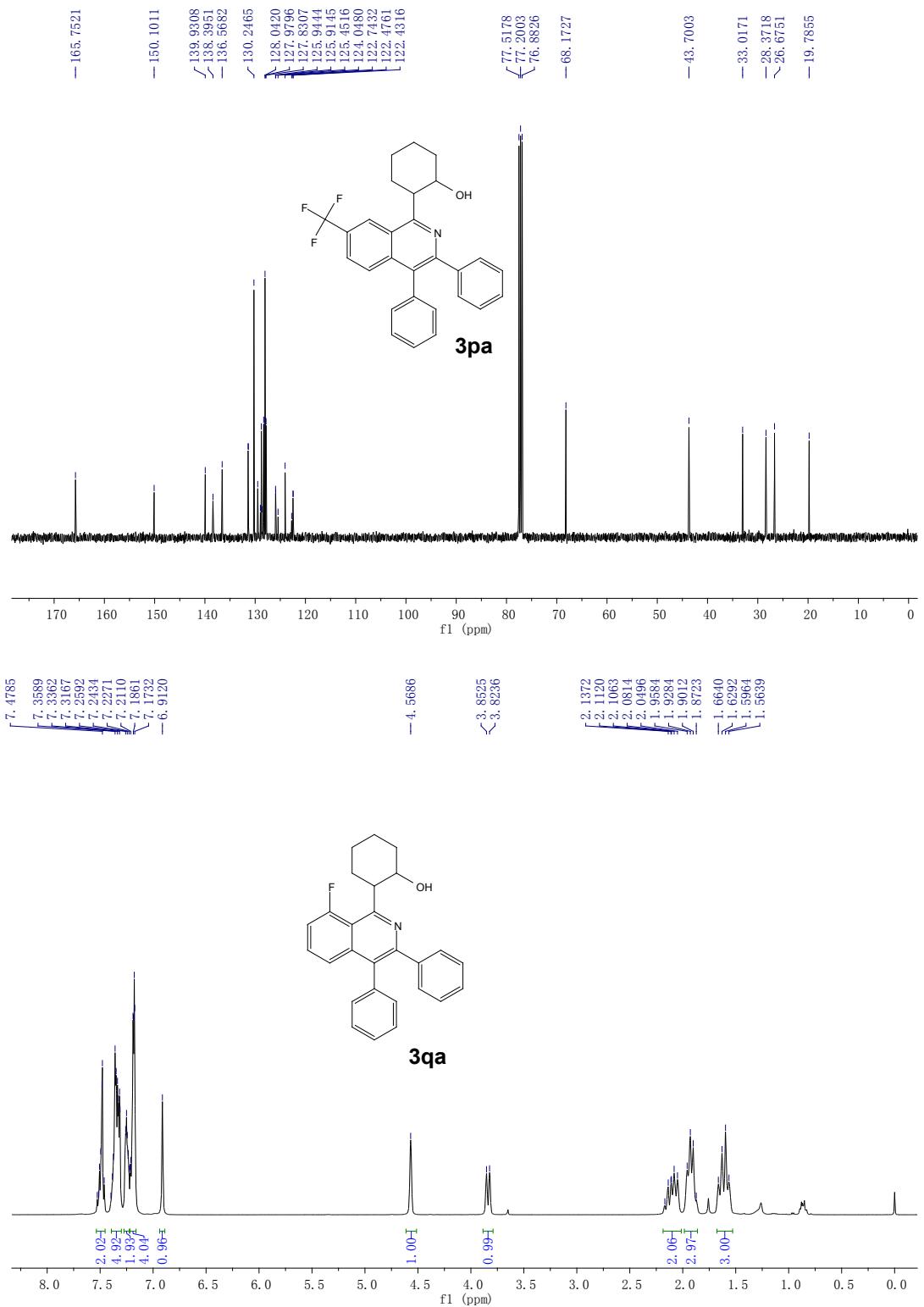
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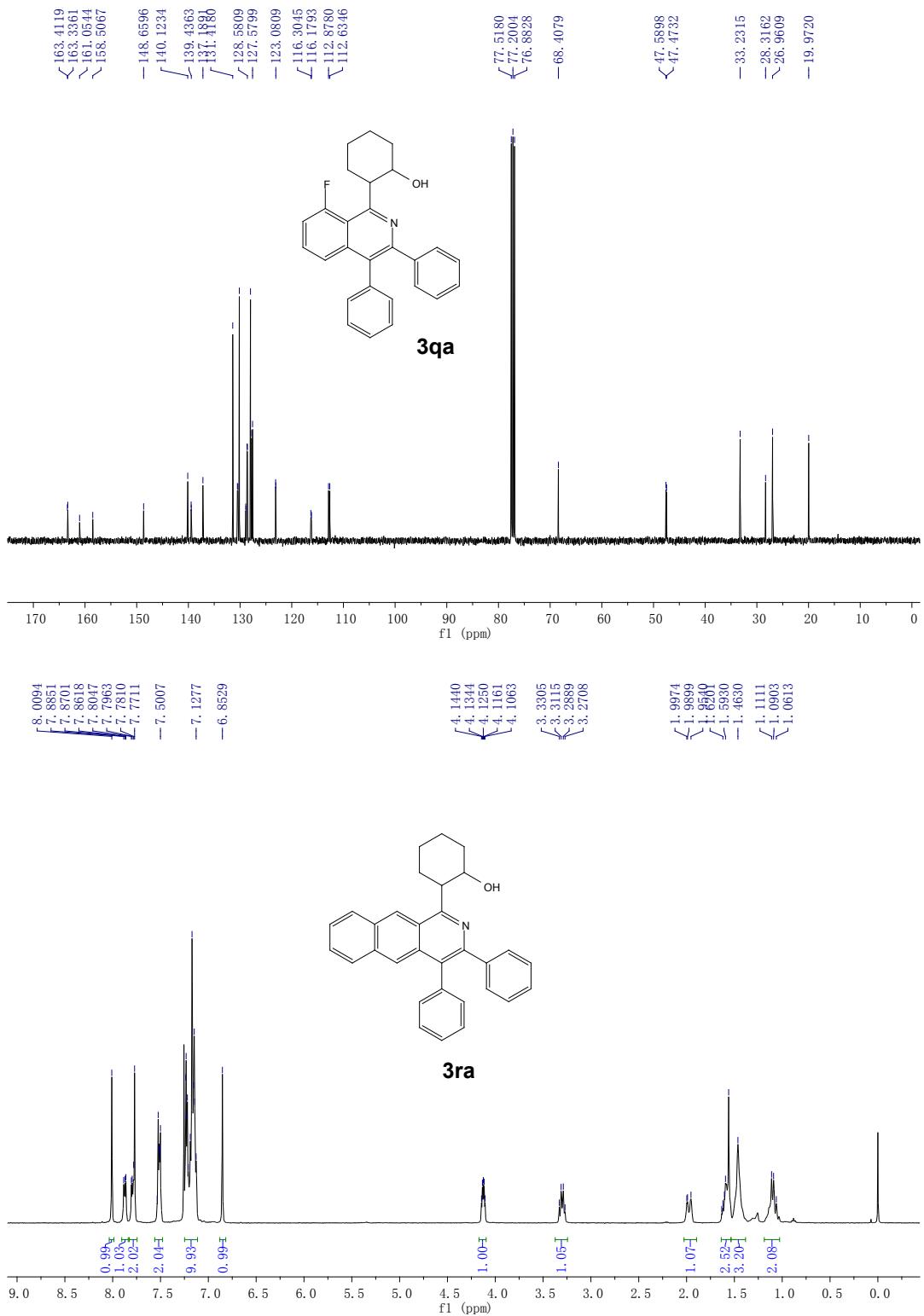
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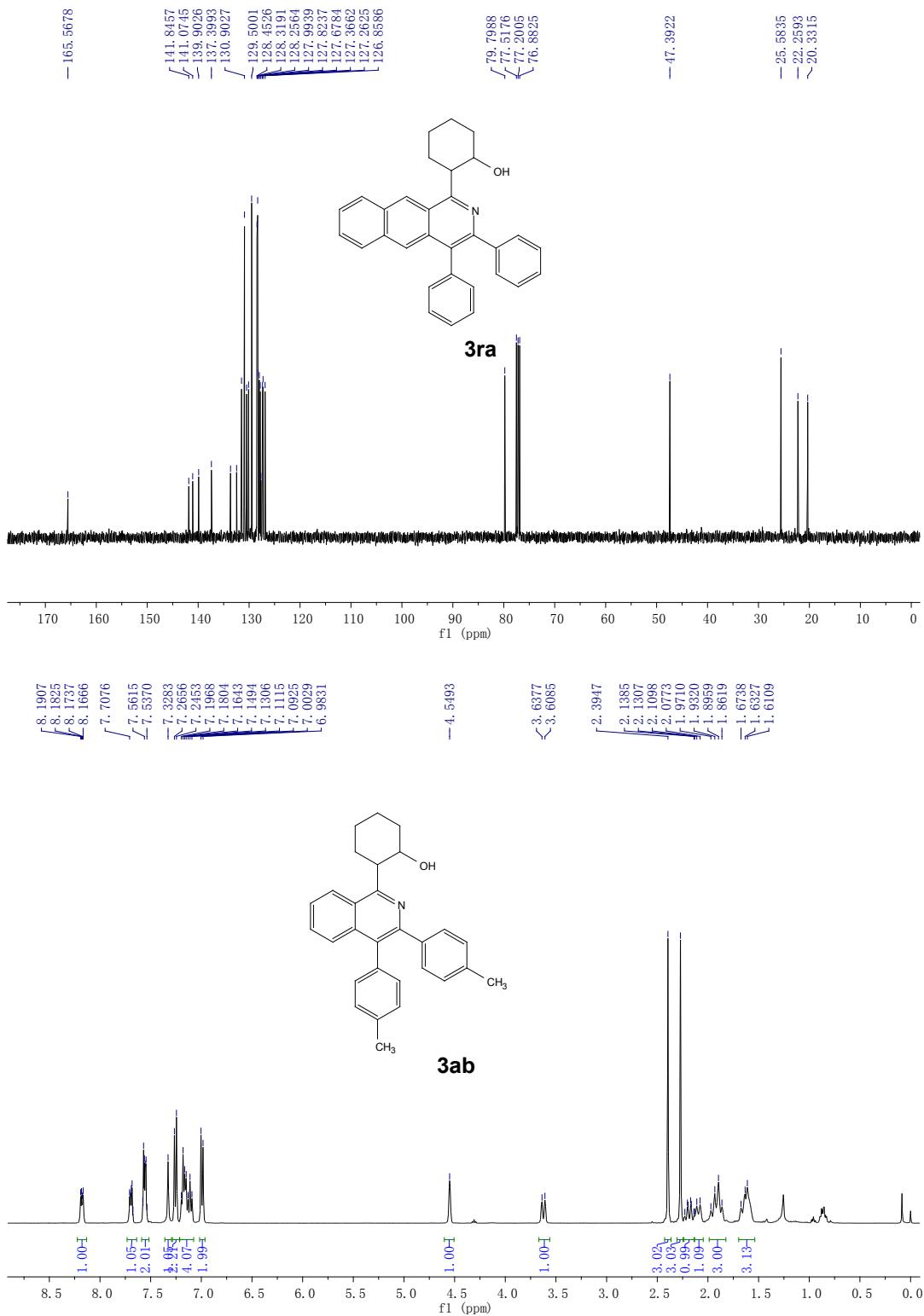


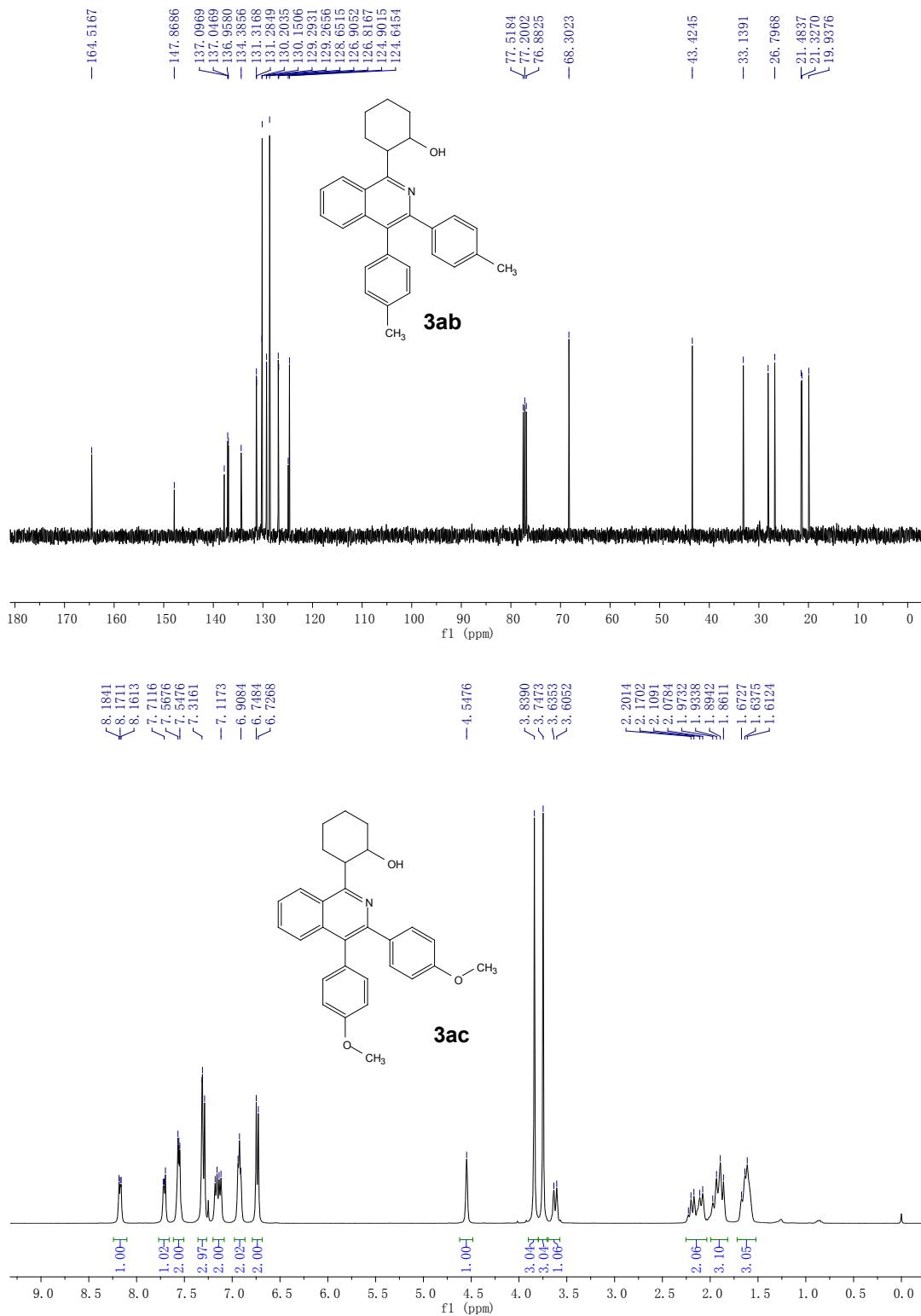


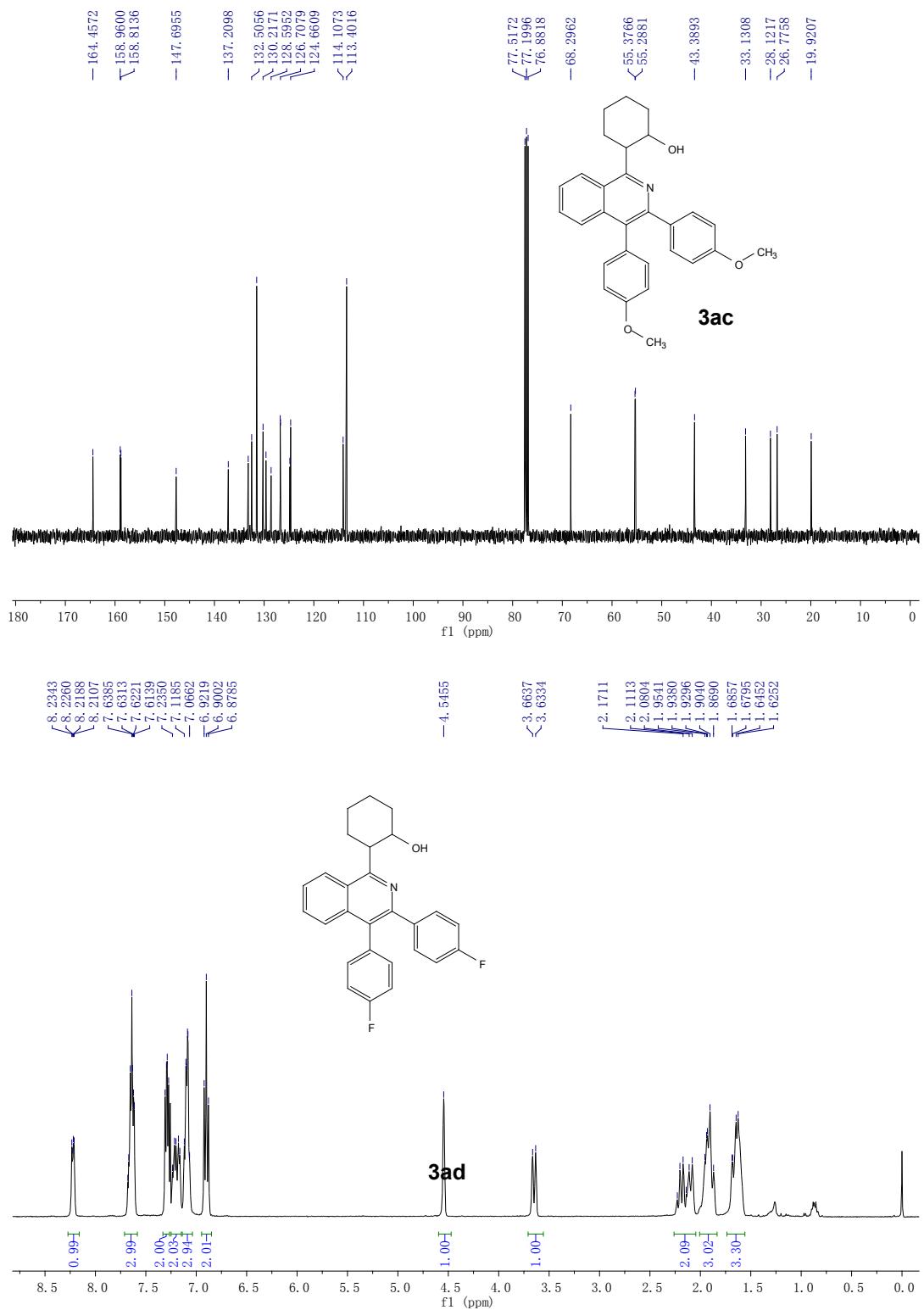


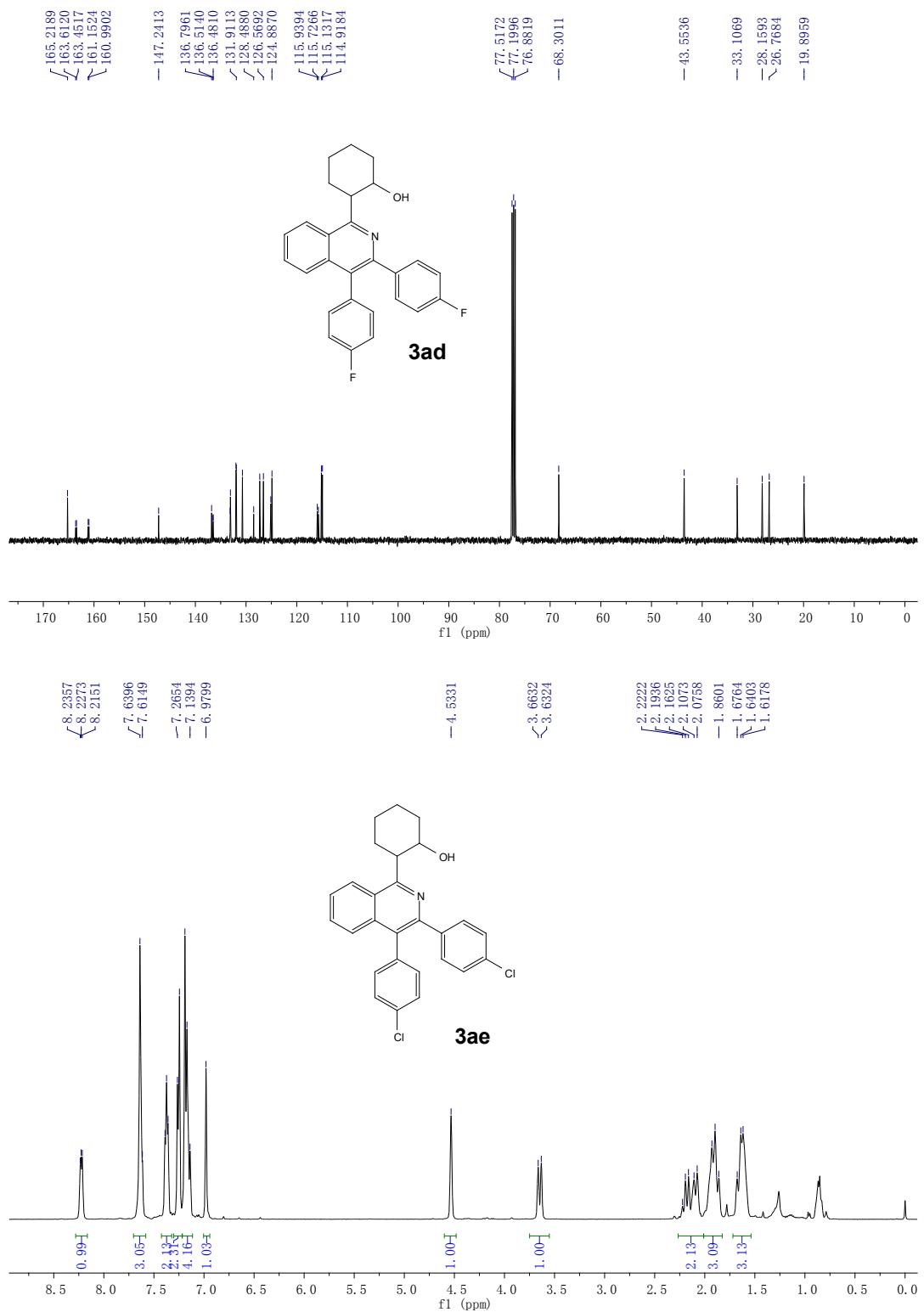


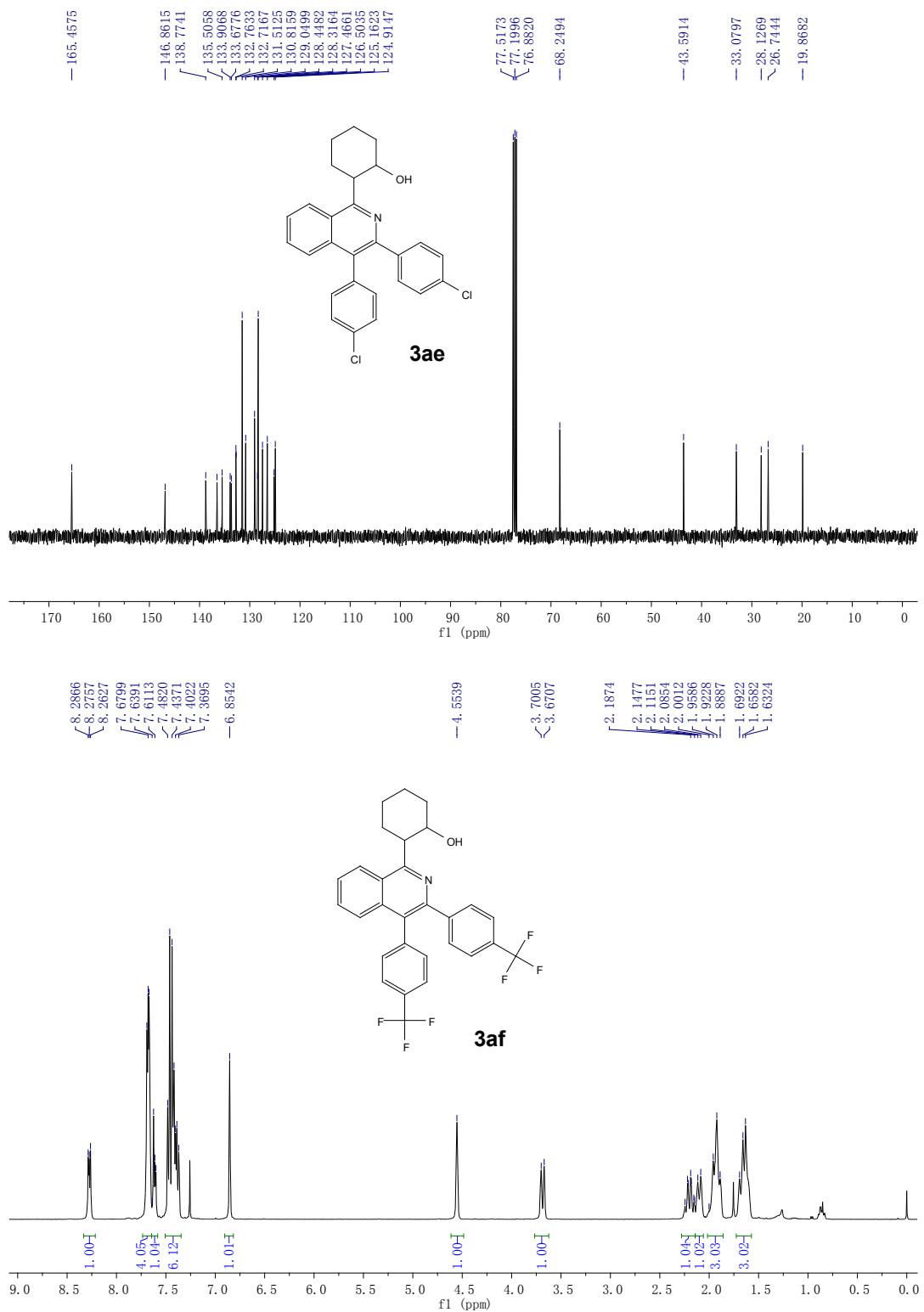


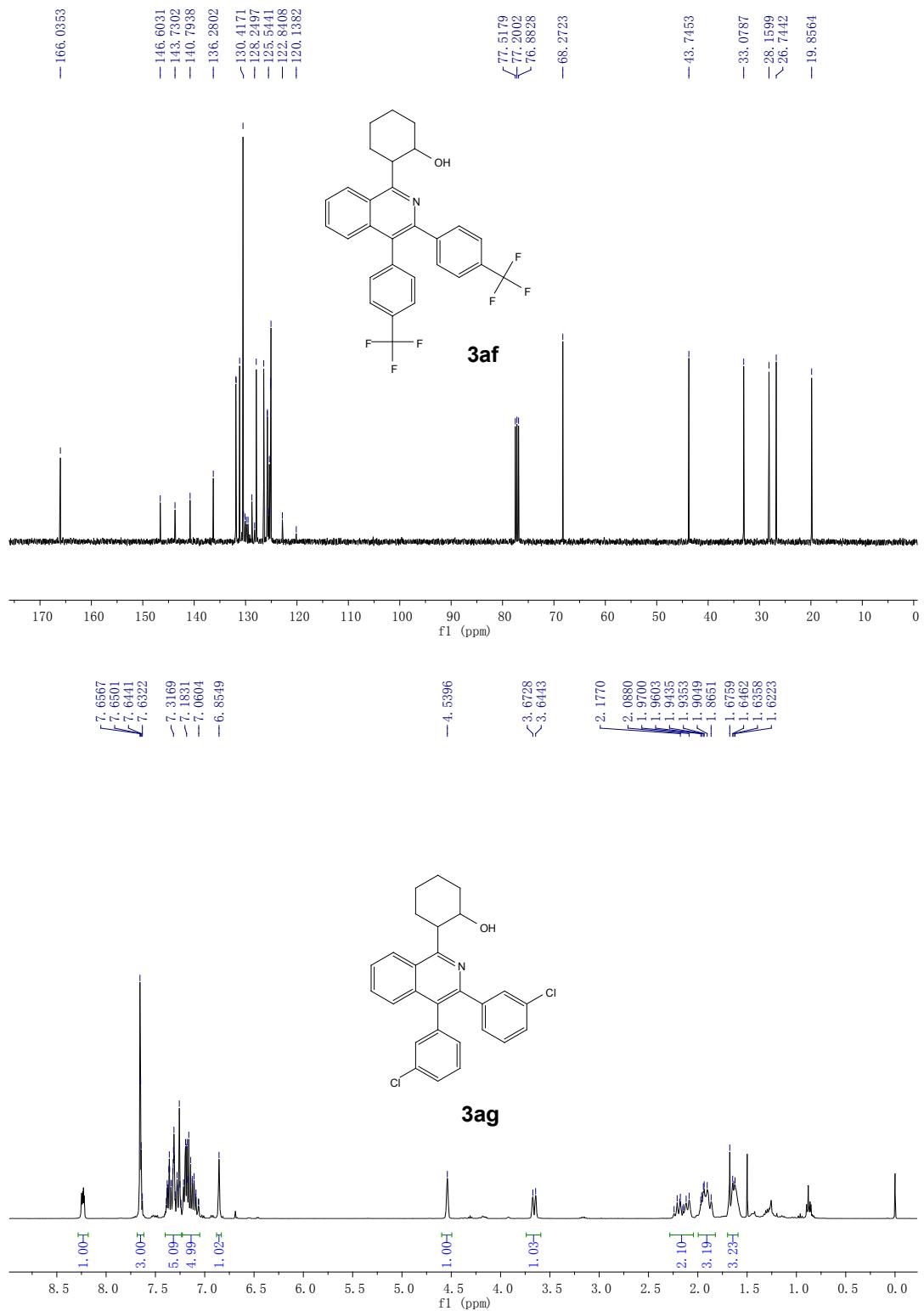


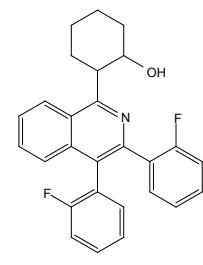
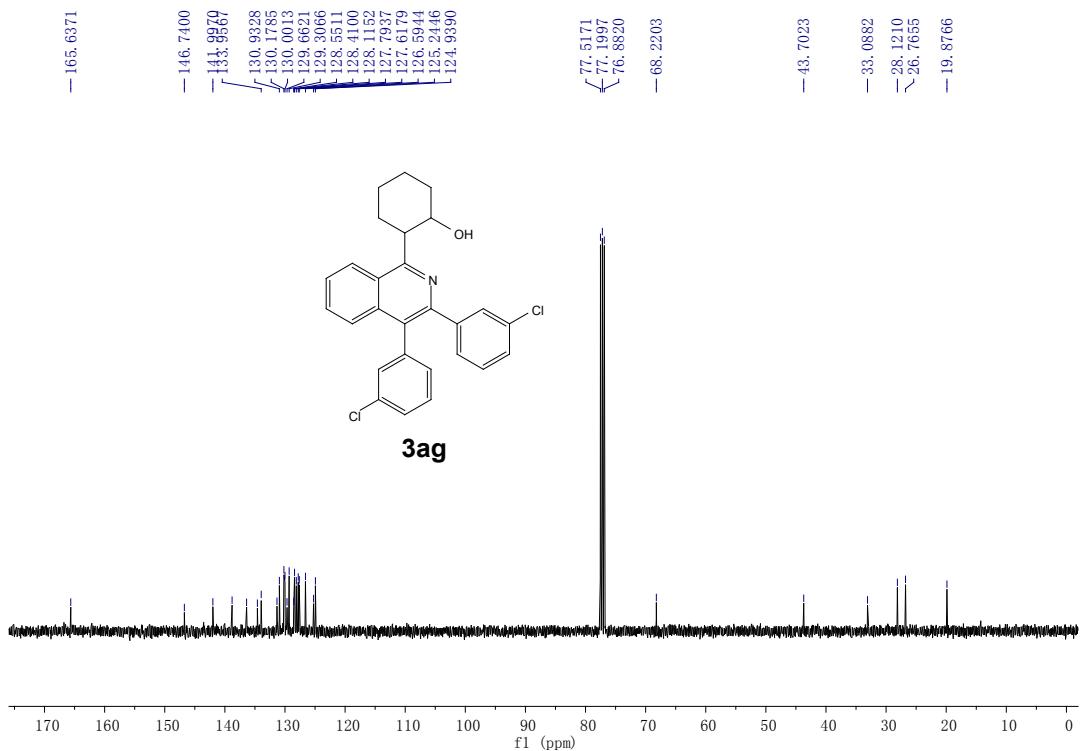




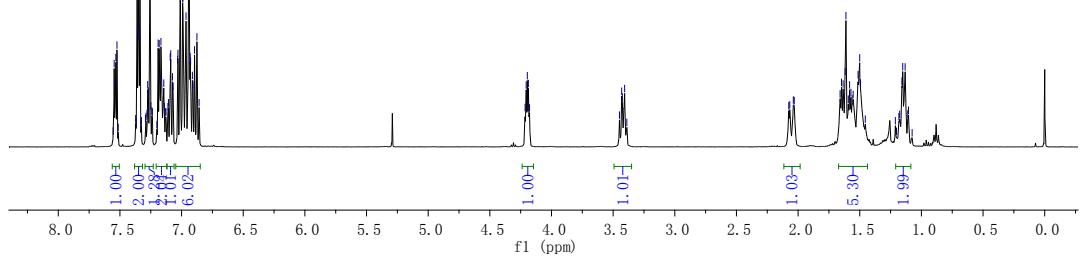


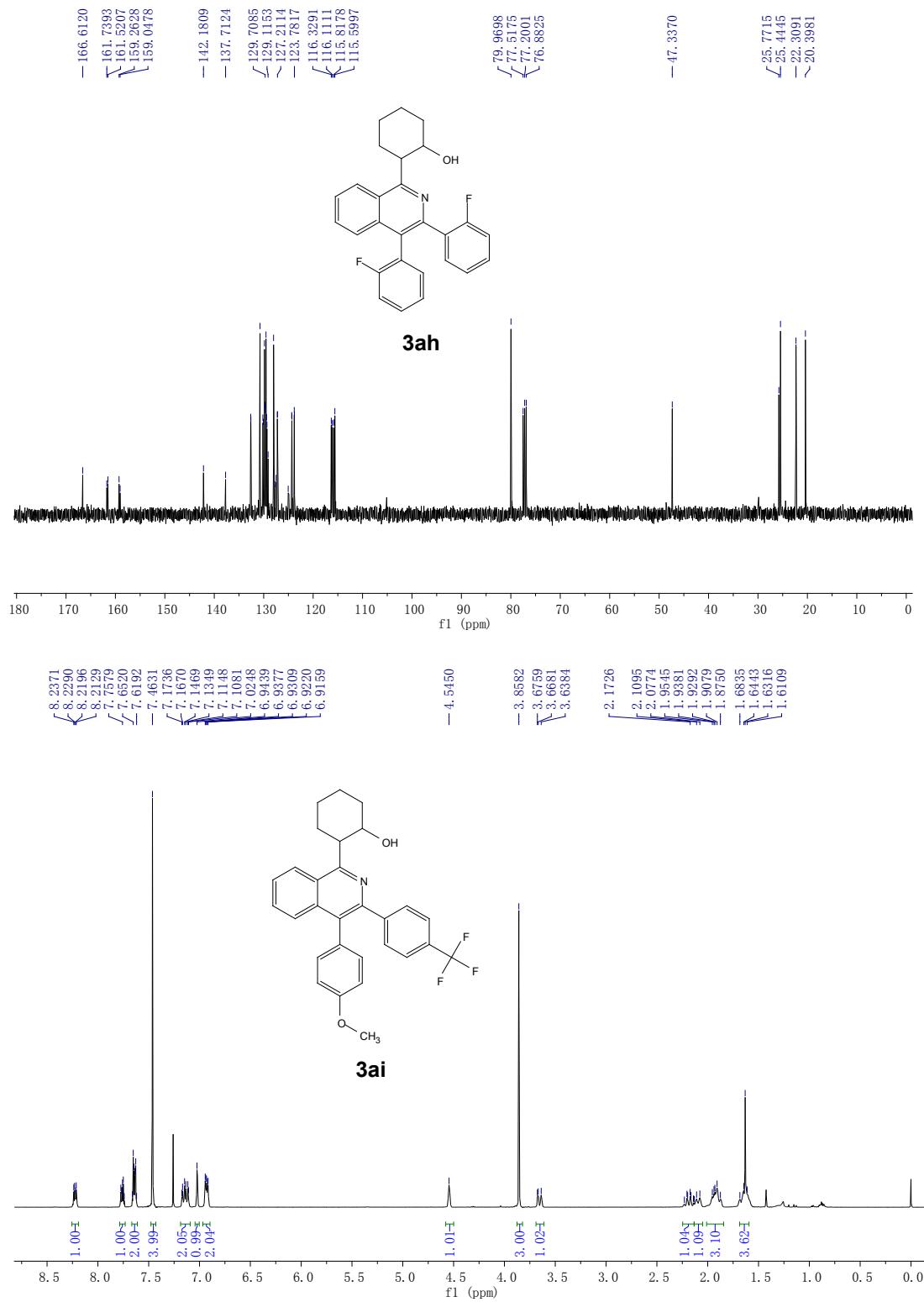


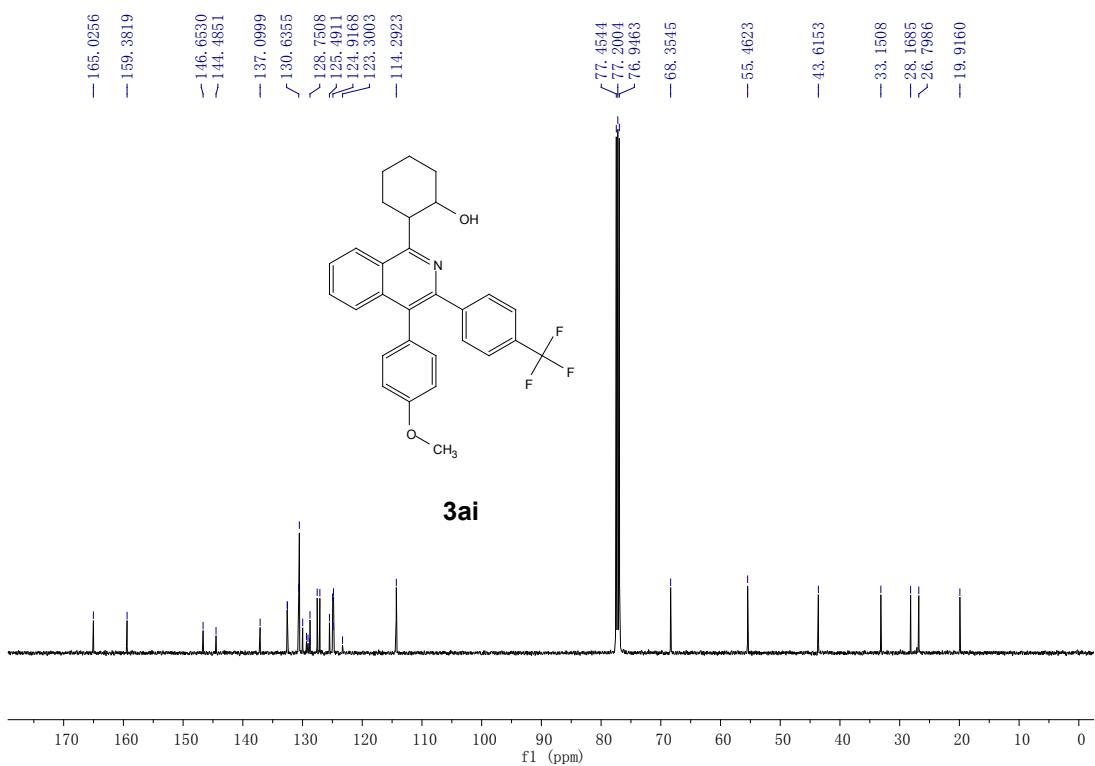




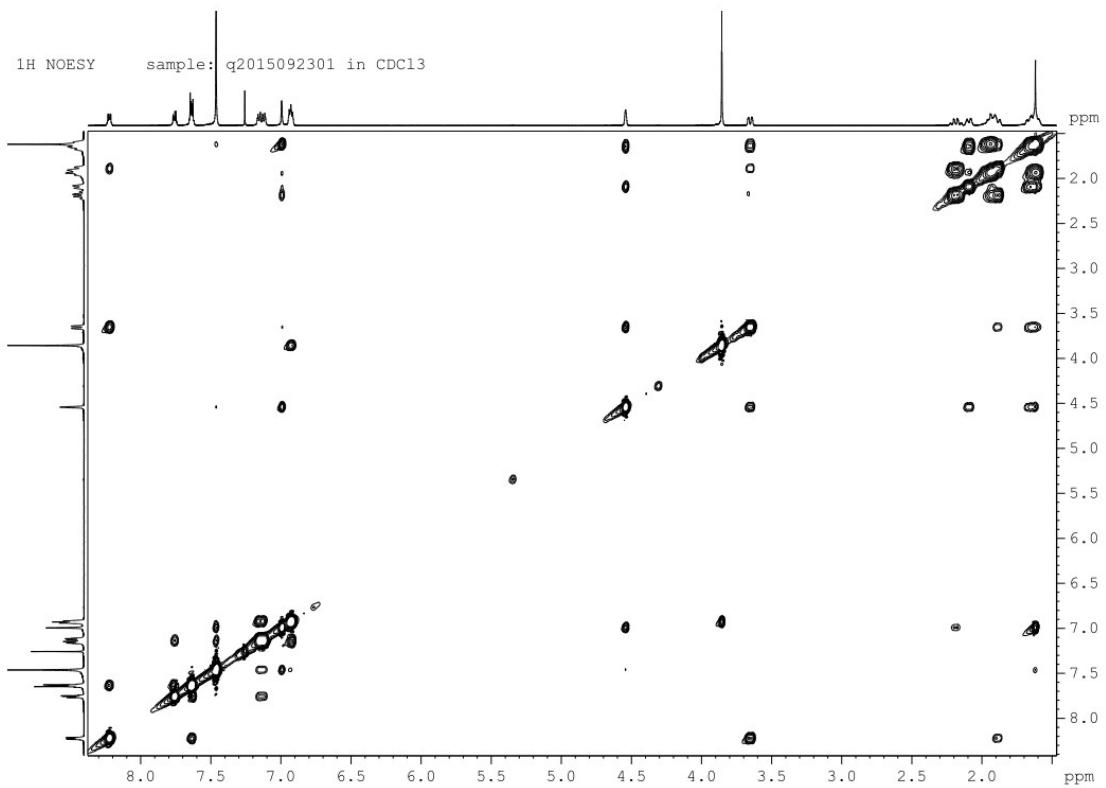
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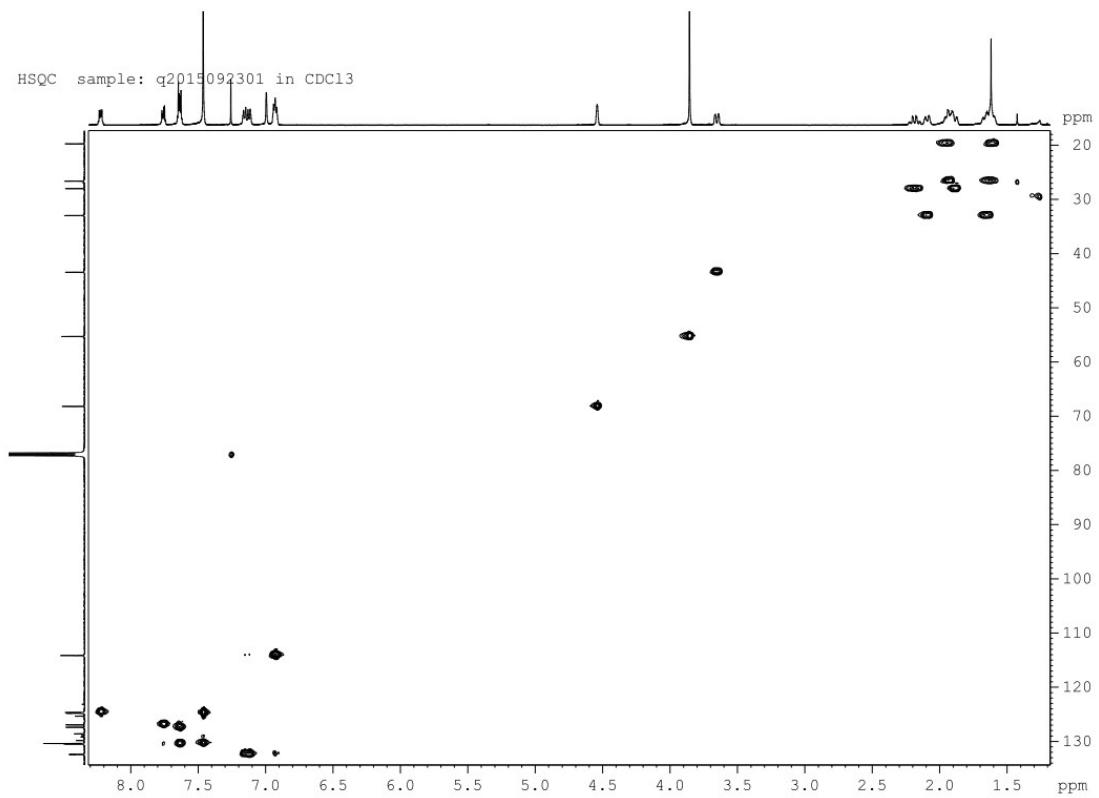




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