

Iron-catalyzed direct α -arylation of α -amino carbonyl compounds with indoles

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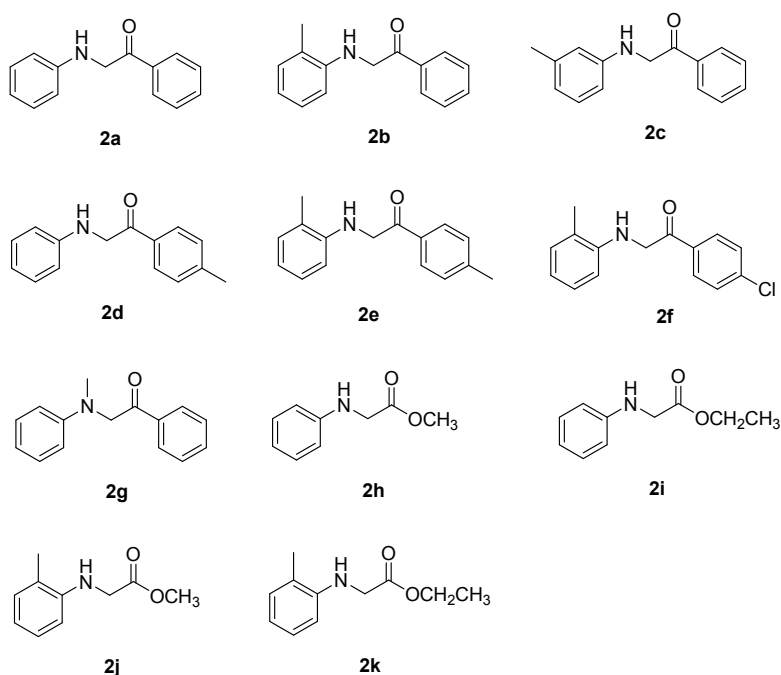
1. General Information

Commercially available materials were used as purchased. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) spectra were recorded on Bruker AV400 (400MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts were recorded in parts per million (ppm, δ) relative to tetramethylsilane (δ 0.00) or chloroform ($\delta = 7.26$, singlet). ^1H NMR splitting patterns are designated as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), dd (doublet of doublets), m (multiplets), and etc. All first-order splitting patterns were assigned on the basis of the appearance of the multiplet. Splitting patterns that could not be easily interpreted are designated as multiplet (m) or broad (br). Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (^{13}C NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV 400 (400MHz) spectrometers. Reactions were checked for completion by TLC (silica gel 60 F254).

2. General Procedure

2.1 Synthesis of substrates 2

The substrates **2a-2k** were synthesized according to literature procedures^{S1, S2, S3}.



Aniline (6.5 mL, 70 mmol) and bromoacetophenone (6.7 g, 35 mmol) were combined in MeCN (70 mL) and allowed to stand at r.t. for 24 h. Solid aniline-HBr was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (100 mL) and extracted sequentially with H₂O (50 mL), 5% citric acid (50 mL), and brine (25 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered through a pad of silica gel, and the solvent was evaporated to yield the product **2a**.

Substrates **2b-2k** were also synthesized according to the above method.

2.2 Optimization of the reaction condition

To a 10 mL vial equipped with a small magnetic stir bar was added 1*H*-indole (**1a**) (0.5 mmol), 1-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)ethanone (**2a**) (0.5 mmol), iron catalysis as indicated, solvent (3mL) and oxidant (1 equiv) successively. The mixture was stirred for 10h-12h at room temperature or 40 °C, 60°C under air atmosphere. After the reaction was completed as indicated via TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified via column chromatography over silica gel eluting with EtOAc/PE to give the desired coupling product **3a**.

2.3 α -Arylation of amino carbonyl compounds via Fe(ClO₄)₃ catalysis

To a 10 mL vial equipped with a small magnetic stir bar was added indole (**1**) (0.5 mmol), α -amino carbonyl compound (**2**) (0.5 mmol), Fe(ClO₄)₃ (10 mmol%), CH₃CN (3mL) and TBHP (1 equiv) successively. The mixture was stirred for 10h-12h at room temperature under air atmosphere. After the reaction was completed as indicated via TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified via column chromatography over silica gel eluting with EtOAc/PE to give the desired coupling product **3**.

2.4 Mechanistic experiments

(1) Control experiment 1

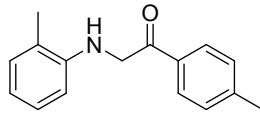
To a 10 mL vial equipped with a small magnetic stir bar was added 1*H*-indole (**1a**) (0.5 mmol), 1-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)ethanone (**2a**) (0.5 mmol), 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinoxy (TEMPO) (2 equiv), Fe(ClO₄)₃ (10 mmol%), CH₃CN (3mL) and TBHP (1 equiv) successively. The mixture was stirred for 10h at room temperature under air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified via column chromatography over silica gel eluting with EtOAc/PE to give the desired coupling product **3a**.

(2) Control experiment 2

To a 10 mL vial equipped with a small magnetic stir bar was added 1*H*-indole (**1a**) (0.5 mmol), 2-(methyl(phenyl)amino)-1-phenylethanone (**2g**) (0.5 mmol), Fe(ClO₄)₃ (10 mmol%), CH₃CN (3mL) and TBHP (1 equiv) successively. The mixture was stirred for 10h at room temperature under air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified via column chromatography over silica gel eluting with EtOAc/PE.

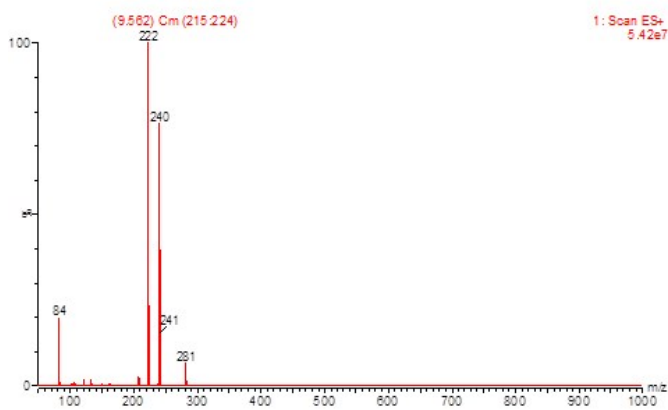
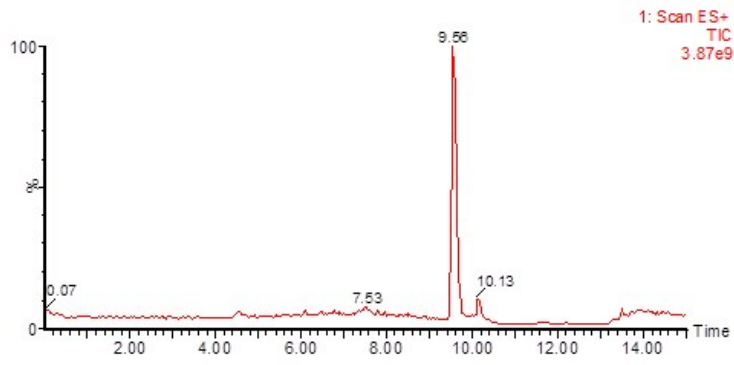
(3) Control experiment 3

To a 10 mL vial equipped with a small magnetic stir bar was added 1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(*o*-tolylamino) ethanone (**2e**) (0.5 mmol), Fe(ClO₄)₃ (10 mmol%), CH₃CN (3mL) and TBHP (1 equiv) successively. The mixture was stirred at room temperature under air atmosphere. The in situ LC-MS analysis of the resulting mixture was conducted 6 hours later with gradient elution.

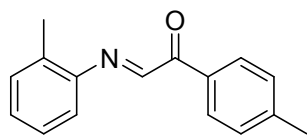


2e

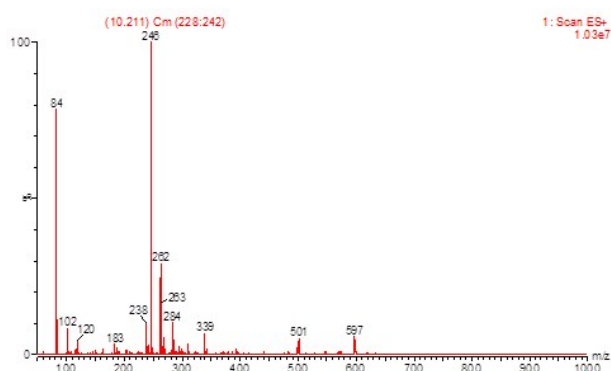
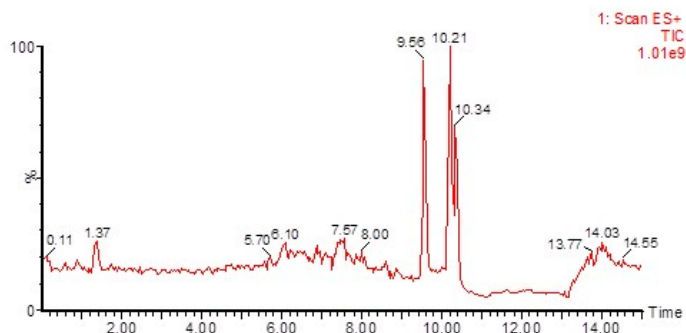
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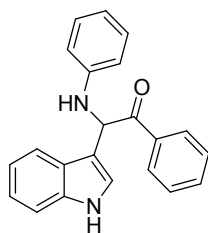


(4) Control experiment 4

1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(*o*-tolylimino)ethanone (**4a**) was synthesized according to literature procedures S4.

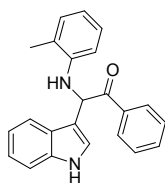
To a 10 mL vial equipped with a small magnetic stir bar was added 1*H*-indole (**1a**) (0.5 mmol), 1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(*o*-tolylimino)ethanone (**4a**) (0.5 mmol), CH₃CN (3mL) successively. The mixture was stirred for 10h at room temperature under air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified via column chromatography over silica gel eluting with EtOAc/PE to give the desired coupling product **3a**.

3. Characterizations of products



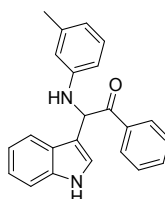
2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)ethanone ^{S5} (3a)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 2:1) and the title compound was obtained in 62% yield (101 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.94 (s, 1H, NH), 8.09 (d, 2H, *J* = 4Hz, ArH), 7.58-7.56 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.50-7.46 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.36-7.34 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.09-7.06 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.97-6.95 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.51-6.49 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.28 (s, 1H, CH), 5.04 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.0, 147.8, 137.2, 136.7, 133.3, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 126.9, 126.8, 124.4, 121.6, 119.2, 119.0, 114.5, 114.3, 113.2, 112.0, 49.2; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₂H₁₈N₂O+H 327.1419, found 327. 1420.



2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(*o*-tolylamino)ethanone ^{S5} (3b)

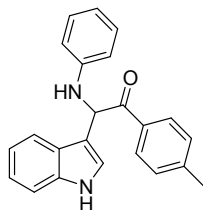
Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 2:1) and the title compound was obtained in 70% yield (119 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.94 (s, 1H, NH), 8.13-8.11 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.58-7.56 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.50-7.47 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.38-7.36 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.10-7.07 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.00-6.96 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.56-6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.28 (s, 1H, CH), 4.75 (s, 1H, NH), 2.02 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.2, 145.7, 137.3, 136.7, 133.3, 131.0, 129.1, 129.0, 127.6, 127.0, 124.4, 121.6, 121.4, 119.2, 119.0, 114.6, 114.3, 112.0, 49.3, 18.1; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀N₂O+H 341.1576, found 341.1572.



2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(*m*-tolylamino)ethanone ^{S5} (3c)

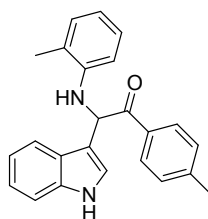
Following the general procedure for 11h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 2:1)

and the title compound was obtained in 83% yield (141 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.99 (s, 1H, NH), 8.04-8.02 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.49-7.37 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.10-7.09 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.96-6.93 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.67-6.64 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.46-6.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.38-6.35 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.32 (s, 1H, CH), 6.30-6.27 (m, 2H, ArH), 4.88 (s, 1H, NH), 2.20 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.3, 147.6, 137.4, 137.0, 136.4, 133.2, 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 127.1, 125.7, 125.3, 121.6, 119.3, 119.1, 116.6, 112.9, 112.0, 111.9, 47.0, 20.2; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀N₂O+H 341.1576, found 341.1570.



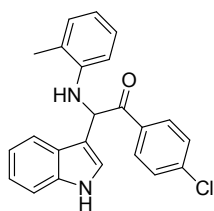
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Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 2:1) and the title compound was obtained in 43% yield (73 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (ppm) 10.91 (s, 1H, NH), 8.01-7.99 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.35-7.27 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.10-7.04 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.96-6.92 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.49-6.47 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.23 (s, 1H, CH), 4.95 (s, 1H, NH), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (ppm) 198.6, 147.7, 143.7, 136.7, 134.7, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 126.9, 124.4, 121.6, 119.2, 118.9, 114.6, 114.3, 111.9, 49.1, 21.5; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀N₂O+H 341.1576, found 341.1572.



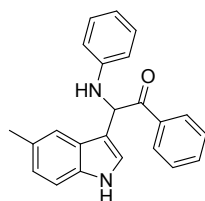
2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(*o*-tolylamino)ethanone (3e)

Following the general procedure for 12h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 41% yield (73 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.90 (s, 1H, NH), 8.01-7.99 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.47-7.27 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.06-6.94 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.53-6.51 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.22 (s, 1H, CH), 4.73 (s, 1H, NH), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.5, 145.7, 143.6, 136.7, 134.7, 130.9, 129.7, 129.1, 127.5, 127.0, 124.4, 121.4, 121.3, 119.2, 118.9, 114.7, 114.3, 111.9, 49.1, 18.0, 14.6; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O+H 355.1732, found 355.1735.



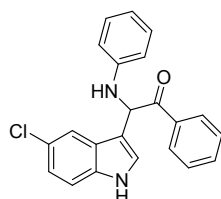
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-(*o*-tolylamino)ethanone (3f)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 35% yield (65 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.93 (s, 1H, NH), 8.11-8.08 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.55-7.53 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.35-7.33 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.06-7.03 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.95-6.93 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.53-6.51 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.23 (s, 1H, CH), 4.79 (s, 1H, NH), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.0, 145.7, 138.2, 136.7, 135.9, 132.2, 130.9, 130.0, 129.2, 127.5, 126.9, 124.5, 121.6, 121.5, 119.2, 119.0, 114.9, 114.4, 114.3, 112.0, 49.4, 18.0; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉ClN₂O+H 375.1186, found 375.1190.



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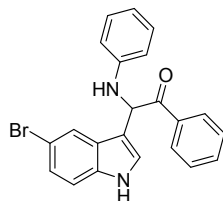
Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 32% yield (54 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.80 (s, 1H, NH), 8.09 (d, 2H, *J* = 8 Hz, ArH), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.50-7.46 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.27-7.22 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.05-6.89 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.49 (d, 2H, *J* = 8 Hz, ArH), 6.23 (s, 1H, CH), 4.98 (s, 1H, NH), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.0, 147.7, 137.2, 135.1, 133.3, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 124.5, 123.2, 118.6, 114.3, 113.8, 111.7, 49.2, 29.5; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀N₂O+H 341.1576, found 341.1575.



2-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)ethanone (3h)

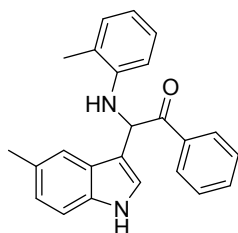
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Hz, ArH), 6.31 (s, 1H, CH), 5.02 (s, 1H, CH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 198.9, 147.8, 137.0, 135.1, 133.4, 129.9, 129.1, 128.1, 126.6, 126.3, 123.7, 121.5, 118.5, 114.4, 114.3, 113.5, 48.9; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}+\text{H}$ 361.1029, found 361.1030.



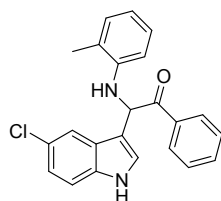
2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)ethanone (3i)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 2:1) and the title compound was obtained in 47% yield (95 mg) as yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (ppm) 11.7 (s, 1H, NH), 8.13-8.11 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.69-7.68 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.62-7.59 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.51-7.49 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.34-7.32 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.06-7.04 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.51-6.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.32 (s, 1H, CH), 4.99 (s, 1H, NH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (ppm) 198.9, 147.9, 137.0, 135.4, 133.4, 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 126.6, 126.1, 124.0, 121.6, 114.3, 114.2, 114.0, 111.7, 48.8; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}+\text{H}$ 405.0524, found 405.0528.



2-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(o-tolylamino)ethanone (3j)

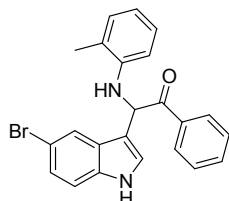
Following the general procedure for 12h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 41% yield (73 mg) as yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 10.79 (s, 1H, NH), 8.10-8.07 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.58-7.46 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.97-6.91 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.54-6.52 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.21 (s, 1H, CH), 4.73 (s, 1H, NH), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 199.0, 145.7, 137.3, 135.1, 133.3, 130.9, 129.1, 129.0, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 124.5, 123.2, 121.3, 118.6, 114.3, 113.9, 111.7, 49.2, 21.8, 18.0; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}$ 355.1732, found 355.1728.



2-(5-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(o-tolylamino)ethanone (3k)

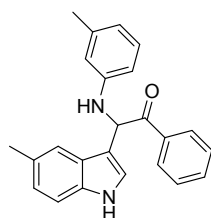
Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1)

and the title compound was obtained in 62% yield (116 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.15 (s, 1H, NH), 8.14-8.13 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.58-7.37 (m, 6H, ArH), 7.19-6.97 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.55-6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.30 (s, 1H, CH), 4.76 (s, 1H, NH), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.9, 145.8, 137.1, 135.2, 133.4, 130.8, 129.1, 128.1, 127.5, 126.9, 126.3, 123.6, 121.5, 118.5, 114.5, 114.4, 113.5, 48.9, 18.1; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉ClN₂O+H 375.1186, found 375.1185.



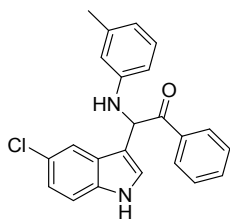
2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(*o*-tolylamino)ethanone (3l)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 64% yield (134 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.16 (s, 1H, NH), 8.14-8.13 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.70 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.58-7.47 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.20-7.17 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.56-6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.31 (s, 1H, CH), 4.76 (s, 1H, NH), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.9, 145.8, 137.1, 135.4, 133.4, 130.8, 129.1, 128.8, 127.5, 126.9, 126.2, 124.0, 121.6, 121.5, 114.4, 114.3, 114.0, 111.7, 48.9, 18.1; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₃H₁₀BrN₂O+H 419.0681, found 419.0680.



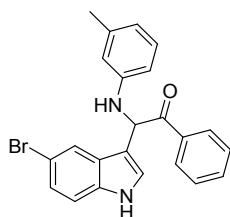
2-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenyl-2-(*m*-tolylamino)ethanone (3m)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 61% yield (108 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.81(s, 1H, NH), 8.05-8.02 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.51-7.47 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.95-6.94 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.87-6.86 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.64-6.61 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.47-6.46 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.32 (s, 1H, CH), 6.30-6.28 (m, 1H, ArH), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.20 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.3, 147.6, 137.4, 136.3, 135.4, 133.2, 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 127.5, 127.3, 125.8, 125.4, 123.3, 118.7, 116.5, 112.2, 111.8, 111.7, 47.0, 21.8, 20.2; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O+H 355.1732, found 355.1730.



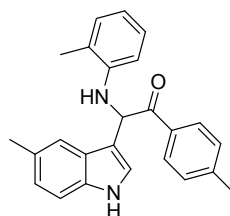
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Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 56% yield (105 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.20 (s, 1H, NH), 8.06-8.04 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.57-7.50 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.48-7.46 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.11-7.10 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.02-7.01 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.62-6.60 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.48-6.47 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.36 (s, 1H, CH), 6.32-6.29 (m, 1H, ArH), 2.21 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 199.3, 147.6, 137.2, 136.5, 135.5, 133.3, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 127.2, 125.5, 123.7, 121.5, 118.8, 116.7, 113.6, 112.8, 112.0, 47.0, 20.2; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉ClN₂O+H 375.1186, found 375.1182.



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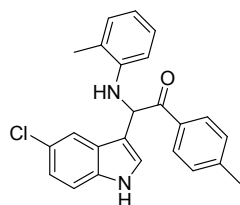
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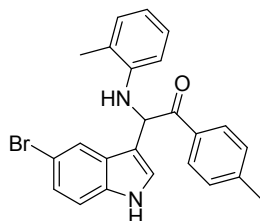
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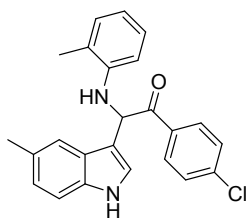
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Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 82% yield (159 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.14 (s, 1H, NH), 8.05-8.03 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.55-7.54 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.39-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.19-7.18 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.09-6.97 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.55-6.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.27 (s, 1H, CH), 4.79 (s, 1H, NH), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.4, 145.7, 143.8, 135.2, 134.5, 130.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.2, 127.4, 127.1, 126.3, 123.6, 121.5, 118.5, 114.6, 114.4, 113.4, 48.8, 21.5, 18.1; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁ClN₂O+H 389.1342, found 389.1340.



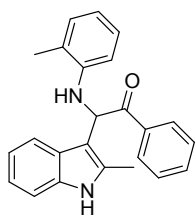
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Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 69% yield (149 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.15 (s, 1H, NH), 8.05-8.03 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.68 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.34-7.16 (m, 6H, ArH), 6.95-6.93 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.54-6.52 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.26 (s, 1H, CH), 4.81 (s, 1H, CH), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.4, 145.7, 143.8, 135.4, 134.5, 130.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 127.4, 127.0, 124.0, 121.6, 121.5, 114.5, 114.4, 114.0, 111.6, 48.7, 21.56, 18.1; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁BrN₂O+H 433.0837, found 433.0835.



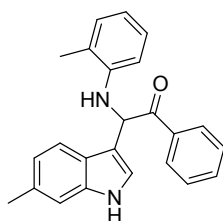
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Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 35% yield (68 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.80 (s, 1H, NH), 8.09-8.07 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.55-7.53 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.25-7.22 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.96-6.91 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.53-6.51 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.26 (s, 1H, CH), 4.95 (s, 1H, NH), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.0, 145.7, 138.2, 135.9, 135.2, 130.9, 129.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 124.6, 123.3, 121.4, 118.6, 114.4, 113.6, 111.7, 49.4, 21.8, 18.0; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁ClN₂O+H 389.1342, found 389.1338.



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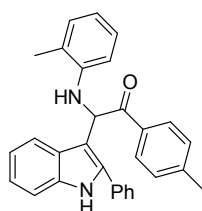
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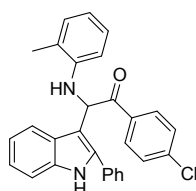
Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 36% yield (64 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

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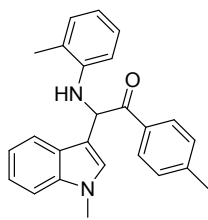
2-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)-2-(o-tolylamino)ethanone (3v)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 39% yield (84 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.48 (s, 1H, NH), 7.57-7.43 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.36-7.28 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.05-7.03 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.93-6.74 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.55-6.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.06 (s, 1H, CH), 4.75 (s, 1H, NH), 2.22 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.4, 145.5, 143.4, 136.7, 131.1, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 121.8, 121.3, 120.7, 119.6, 114.3, 111.9, 109.2, 50.4, 21.4, 18.2; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₃₀H₂₆N₂O+H 431.2045, found 431.2050.



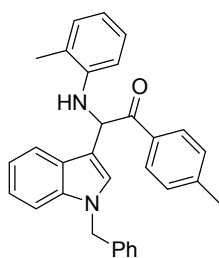
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Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 56% yield (126 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.50 (s, 1H, NH), 7.56-7.46 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.35-7.29 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.06-6.83 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.55-6.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.06 (s, 1H, CH), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 197.8, 145.9, 138.4, 138.3, 135.7, 135.1, 131.0, 130.8, 129.2, 128.1, 127.4, 126.6, 126.3, 123.7, 121.5, 118.5, 114.4, 114.2, 113.5, 49.0, 18.0; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₉H₂₃ClN₂O+H 451.1499, found 451.1495.



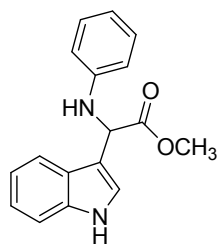
2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(*o*-tolylamino)ethanone (3x)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 34% yield (63 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.37-7.35 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.28-7.26 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.10-7.06 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.96-6.92 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.51-6.49 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.20 (s, 1H, CH), 4.71 (s, 1H, NH), 3.71 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.98 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.4, 145.7, 143.7, 137.1, 134.6, 130.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 127.5, 127.3, 121.7, 121.4, 119.4, 119.0, 114.4, 114.1, 110.1, 48.9, 32.8, 21.6, 18.1; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N₂O+H 369.1889, found 369.1890.



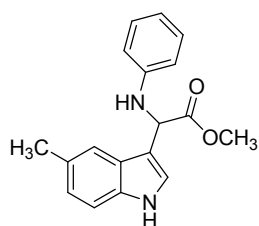
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Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 30% yield (67 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.02-8.00 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.50-7.48 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.32-7.22 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.11-7.05 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.97-6.95 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.53-6.51 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.25 (s, 1H, CH), 5.38 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.75 (s, 1H, NH), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.99 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 198.5, 145.7, 144.1, 143.7, 124.1, 138.9, 136.5, 134.6, 130.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 126.9, 121.8, 121.4, 119.5, 119.2, 114.7, 114.3, 110.6, 49.4, 49.0, 21.6, 18.1; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₃₁H₂₈N₂O+H 445.2202, found 445.2206.



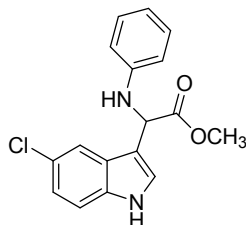
Methyl 2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(phenylamino) acetate (3z)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 71% yield (99 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.98 (s, 1H, NH), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.17-7.16 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.08-7.00 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.95-6.91 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.50-6.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.07 (s, 1H, CH), 5.00 (s, 1H, NH), 3.64 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 174.0, 148.1, 136.7, 129.6, 126.7, 126.4, 123.8, 121.6, 119.1, 119.0, 114.1, 113.5, 111.9, 52.2, 47.8; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆N₂O₂+H 281.1212, found 281.1213.



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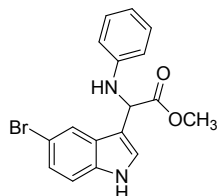
Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 67% yield (98 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.85 (s, 1H, NH), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.18-7.10 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.02-7.00 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.91-6.88 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.50-6.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.02 (s, 1H, CH), 5.00 (s, 1H, NH), 3.63 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 174.0, 148.0, 135.0, 129.2, 127.4, 127.0, 126.4, 123.9, 123.2, 118.5, 114.1, 112.9, 111.7, 52.2, 47.7, 21.8; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₂+H 295.1368, found 295.1365



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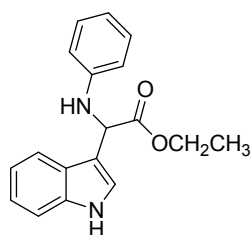
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6.49 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.10 (s, 1H, CH), 5.02 (s, 1H, NH), 3.65 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.8, 148.1, 135.2, 129.2, 127.8, 126.2, 125.8, 123.6, 121.6, 118.5, 114.2, 113.5, 113.4, 52.3, 47.4; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅ClN₂O₂+H 315.0822, found 315.0823.



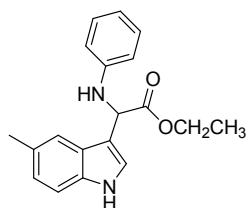
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Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 59% yield (106 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.22 (s, 1H, NH), 7.53-7.52 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.35-7.16 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.02-7.00 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.51-6.49 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.10 (s, 1H, CH), 5.02 (s, 1H, NH), 3.65 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.8, 148.1, 135.4, 129.2, 128.5, 126.1, 125.6, 124.1, 121.2, 114.2, 114.0, 113.3, 111.7, 52.3, 47.4; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅BrN₂O₂+H 359.0317, found 359.0320.



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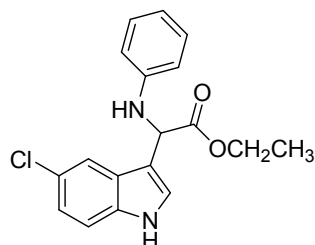
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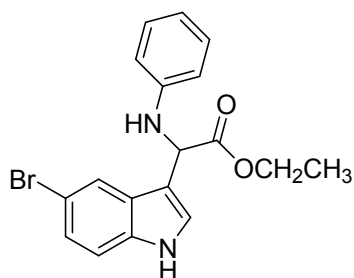
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MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.84 (s, 1H, NH), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.10-7.09 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.03-7.01 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.99-6.83 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.50-6.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.02 (s, 1H, CH), 4.99 (s, 1H, NH), 4.12-4.10 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.19-1.16 (m, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.5, 148.0, 135.0, 129.2, 127.3, 127.0, 126.5, 123.8, 123.2, 118.6, 114.1, 113.0, 112.4, 111.7, 60.7, 47.9, 21.8, 14.6; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀N₂O₂+H 309.1525, found 309.1528.



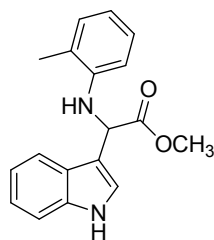
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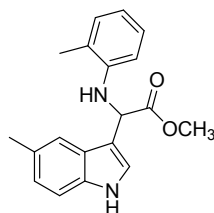
ethyl 2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(phenylamino)acetate (3gg)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 65% yield (121 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.20 (s, 1H, NH), 7.55 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.36-7.33 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.28-7.27 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.52-6.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.07 (s, 1H, CH), 5.02 (s, 1H, NH), 4.16-4.05 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.20-1.16 (m, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.3, 148.1, 135.4, 129.2, 128.6, 126.2, 125.5, 124.1, 121.6, 114.2, 114.0, 113.4, 111.6, 60.8, 47.6, 14.5; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇BrN₂O₂+H 373.0473, found 373.0475.



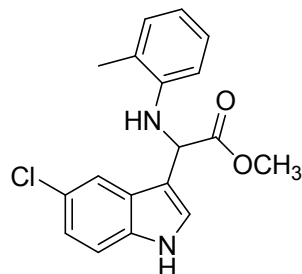
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Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 58% yield (85 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.98 (s, 1H, NH), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.18-7.17 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.08-7.04 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.95-6.90 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.54-6.52 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.05 (s, 1H, CH), 4.77 (s, 1H, NH), 3.64 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 174.0, 146.0, 136.7, 130.3, 126.8, 123.8, 121.6, 121.3, 119.0, 118.9, 114.2, 113.5, 111.9, 52.2, 47.8, 18.0; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈N₂O₂+H 295.1368, found 295.1365.



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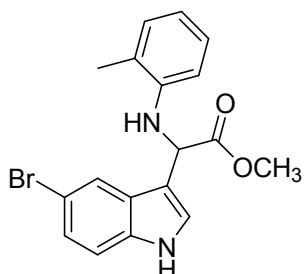
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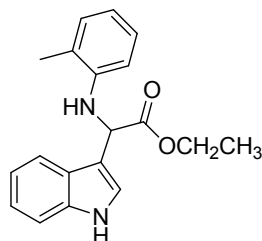
Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 61% yield (100 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.20 (s, 1H, NH), 7.38-7.36 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.29 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.07-

7.04 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.91-6.79 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.54-6.52 (s, 1H, ArH), 5.07 (s, 1H, CH), 4.79 (s, 1H, NH), 3.64 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.00 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.8, 146.1, 135.1, 130.2, 127.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.7, 123.6, 121.6, 121.3, 118.4, 114.2, 113.6, 113.4, 52.3, 47.4, 18.0; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇ClN₂O₂+H 329.0979, found 329.0980.



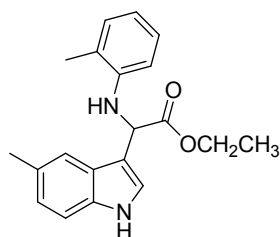
methyl 2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(o-tolylamino)acetate (3kk)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 60% yield (111 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.23 (s, 1H, NH), 7.54-7.53 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.35-7.17 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.93-6.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.56-6.54 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.09 (s, 1H, CH), 4.81 (s, 1H, NH), 3.64 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.02 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.8, 146.1, 135.4, 130.2, 128.6, 126.7, 126.5, 125.6, 124.1, 121.4, 114.2, 114.0, 113.3, 111.6, 52.3, 47.4, 18.0; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇BrN₂O₂+H 373.0473, found 373.0480.



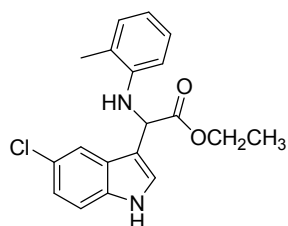
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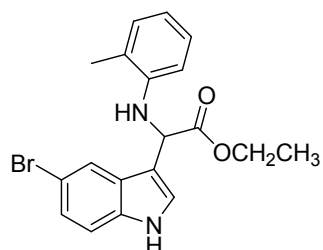
ethyl 2-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(o-tolylamino)acetate (3mm)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 68% yield (109 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 10.83 (s, 1H, NH), 7.25-7.10 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.93-6.78 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.54-6.51 (m, 1H, ArH), 4.97 (s, 1H, CH), 4.77 (s, 1H, NH), 4.14-4.05 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.20-1.16 (m, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.5, 145.9, 135.0, 130.2, 127.3, 127.0, 123.8, 123.2, 121.2, 118.5, 114.2, 113.8, 113.0, 112.3, 111.7, 110.4, 109.4, 60.7, 47.9, 21.8, 18.1, 14.6; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂N₂O₂+H 323.1681, found 323.1678.



ethyl 2-(5-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(o-tolylamino)acetate (3nn)

Following the general procedure for 10h. The product was purified on silica gel (PE/EA = 5:1) and the title compound was obtained in 71% yield (121 mg) as yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 11.20 (s, 1H, NH), 7.43-7.28 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.07-6.89(m, 3H, ArH), 6.54-6.52 (m, 1H, ArH), 5.03 (s, 1H, CH), 4.79 (s, 1H, NH), 4.16-4.07 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.10 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.24-1.16 (m, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 173.3, 146.0, 135.2, 130.2, 127.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.7, 123.6, 121.5, 121.3, 118.5, 114.2, 113.5, 60.8, 47.6, 18.0, 14.6; ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉ClN₂O₂+H 343.1135, found 343.1140.

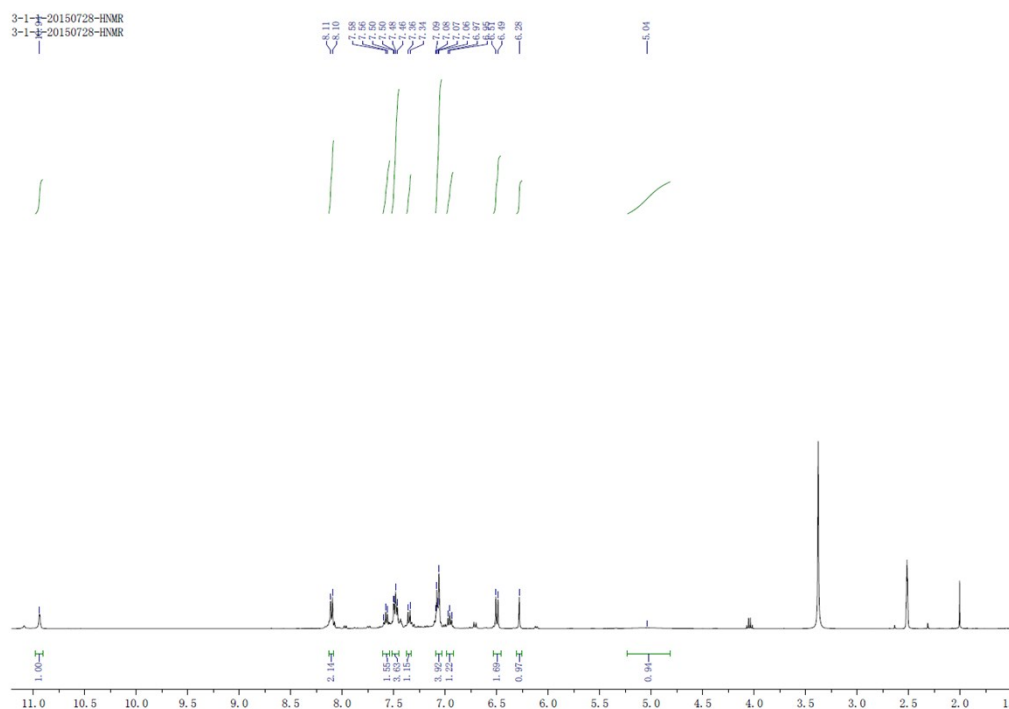
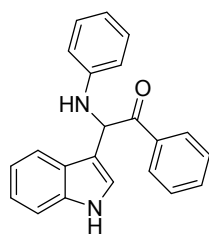


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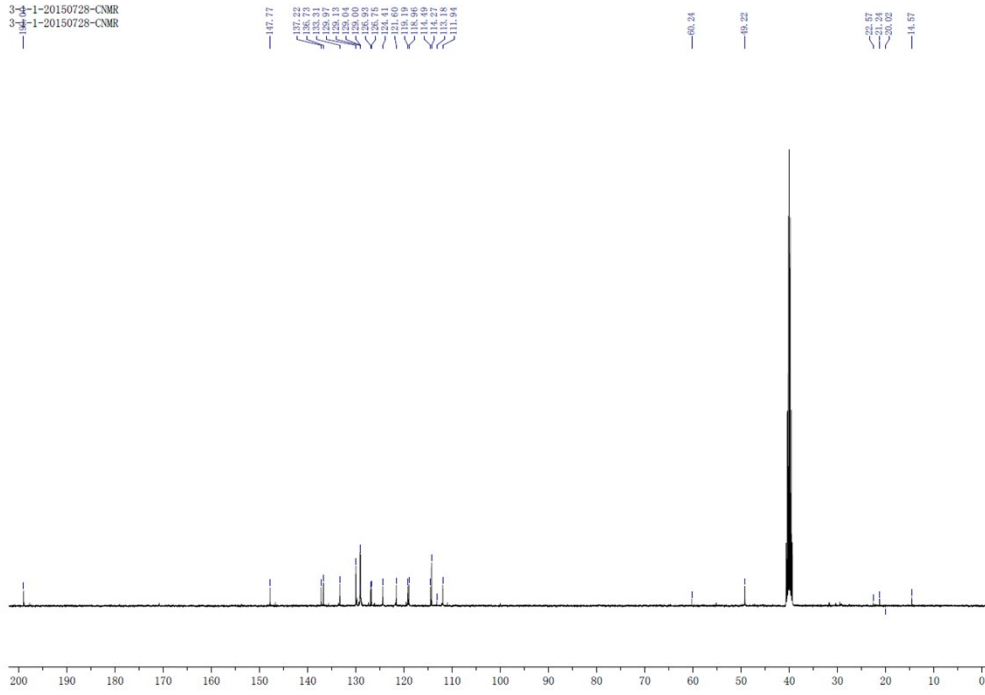
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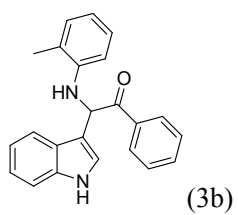
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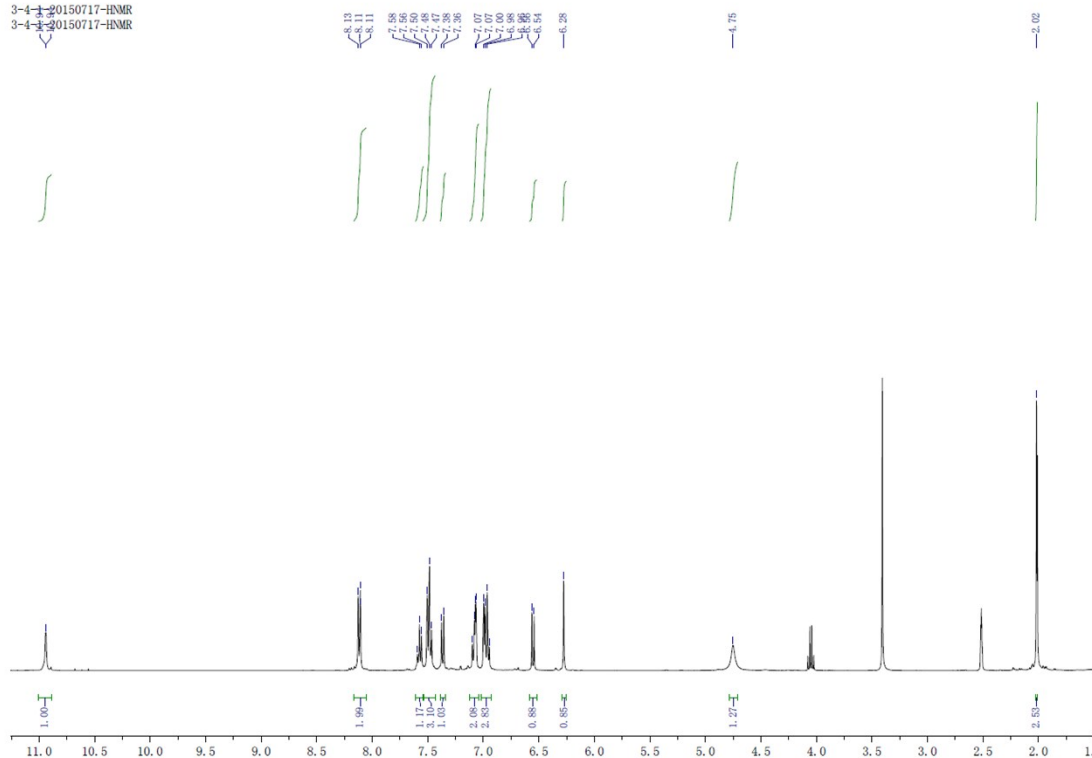


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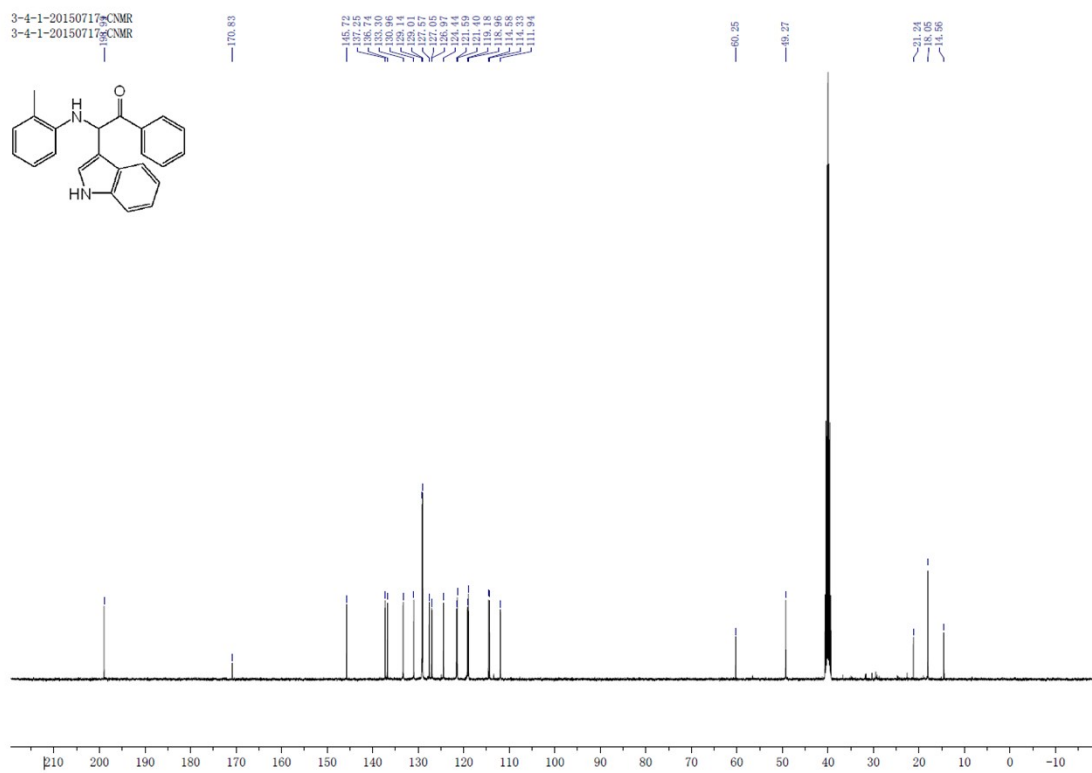


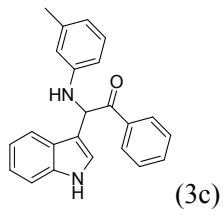


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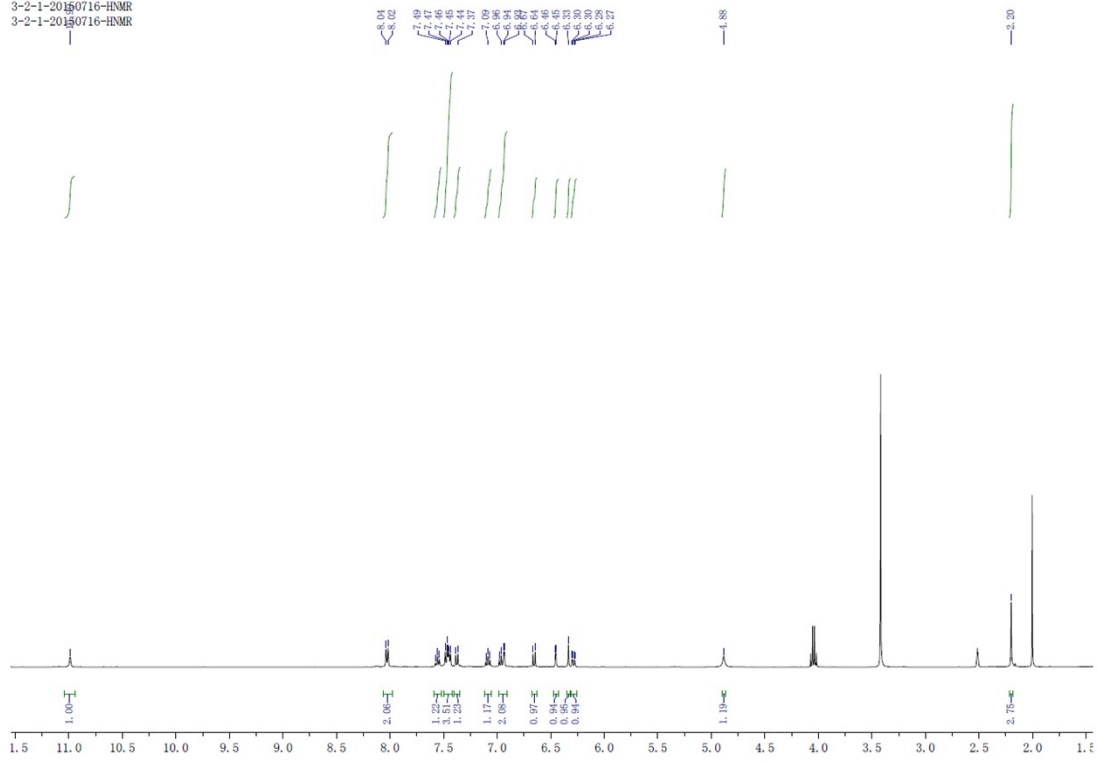


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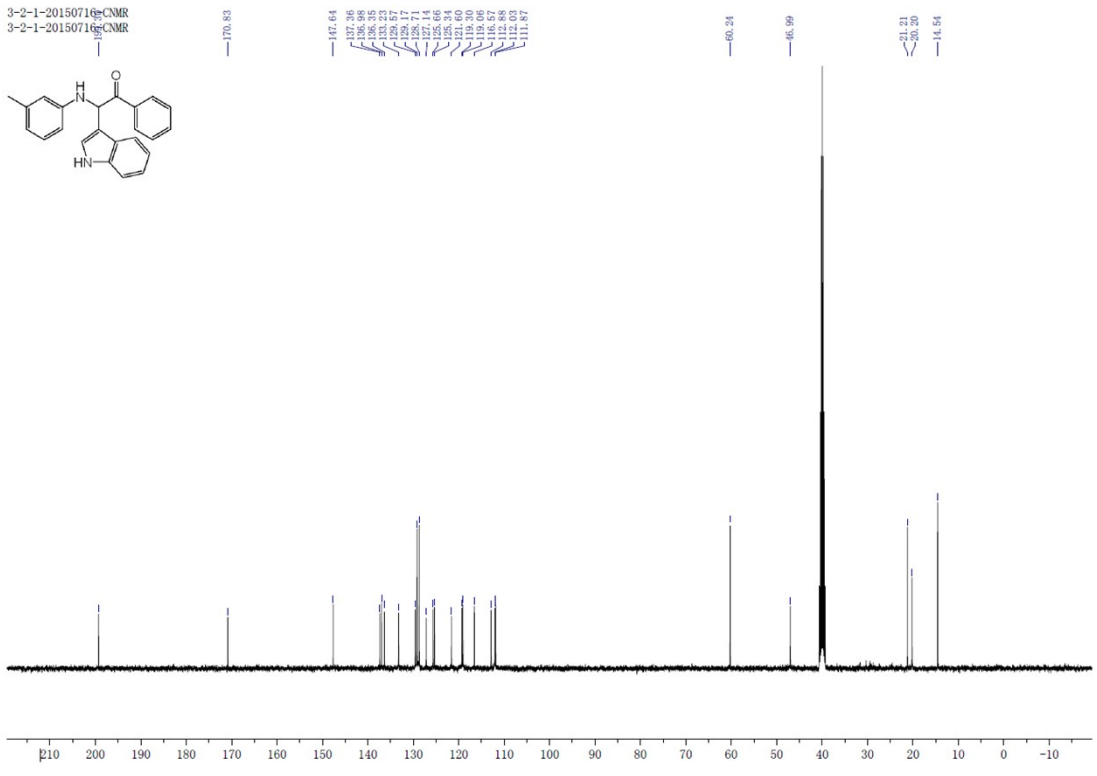


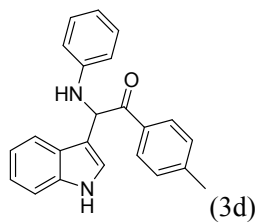


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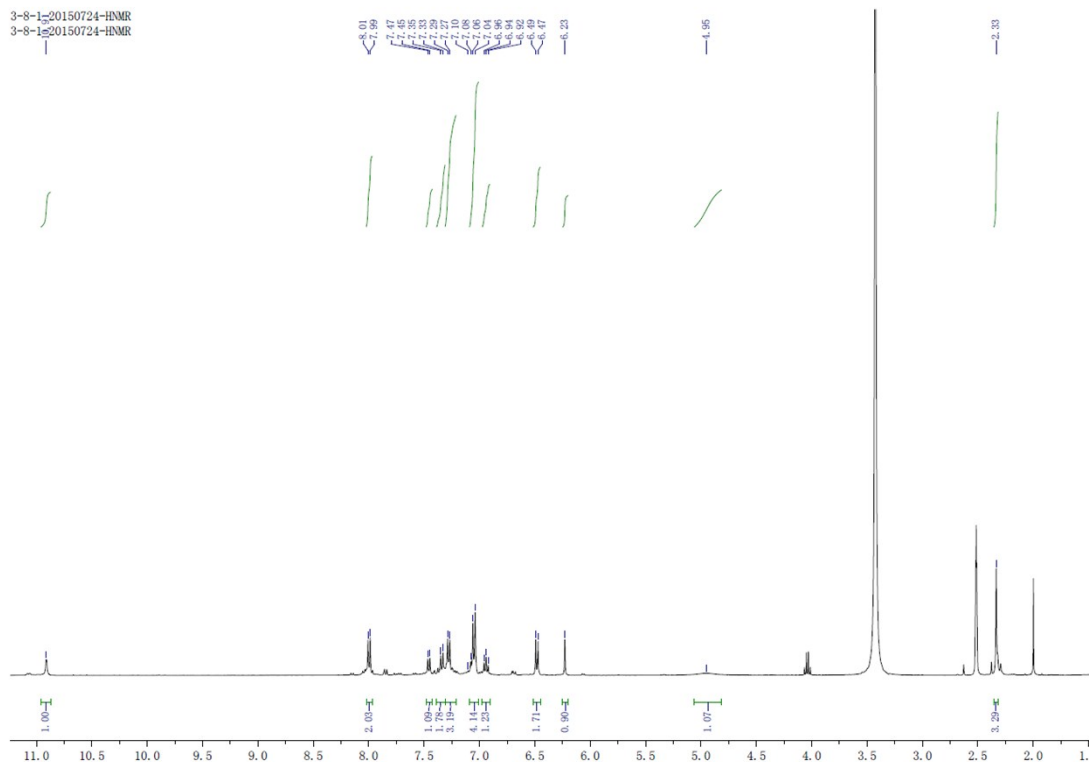


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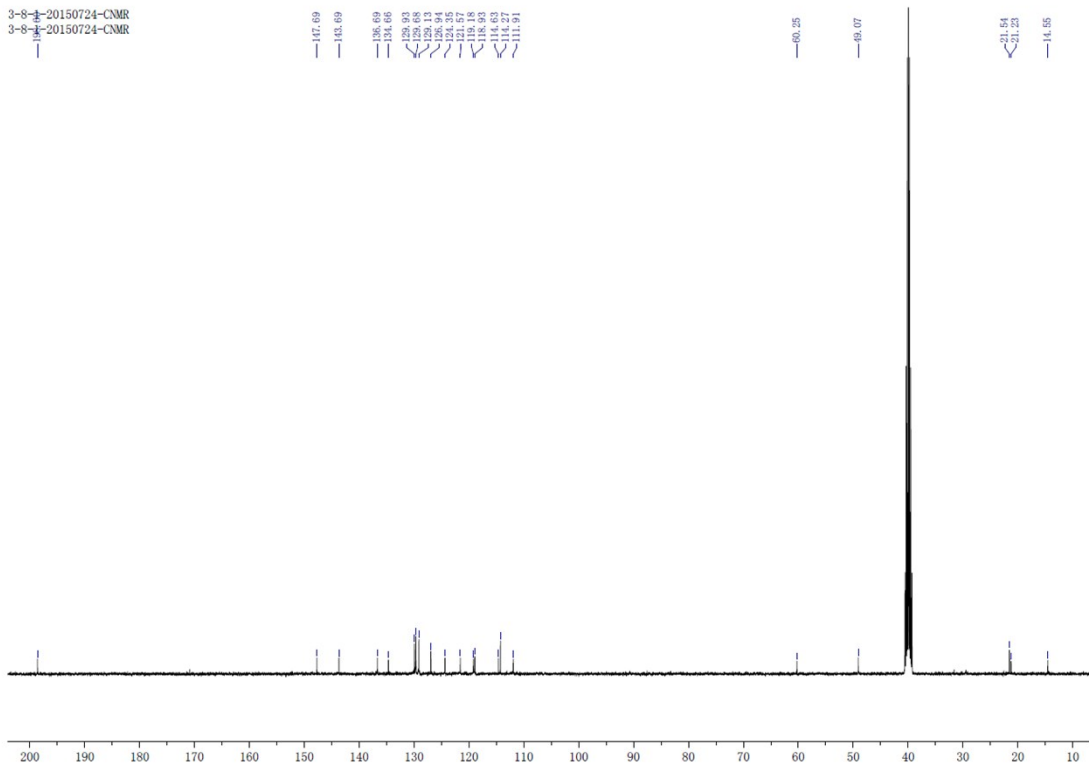


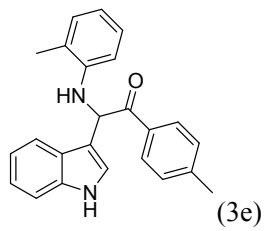


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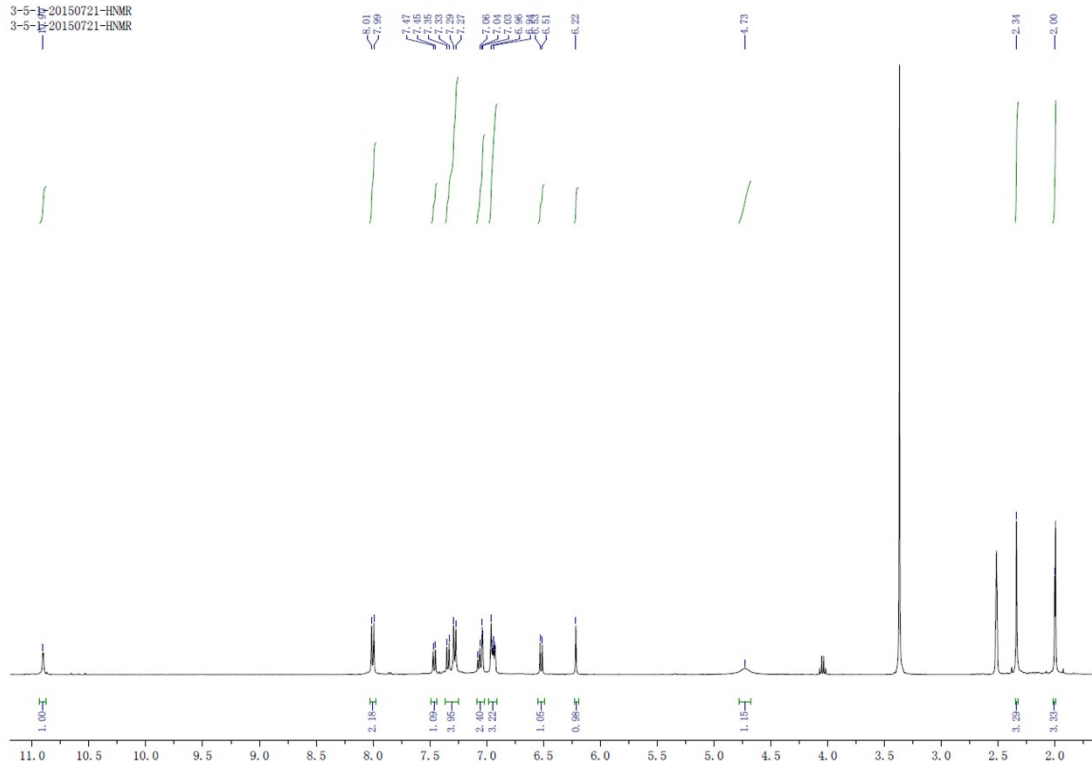


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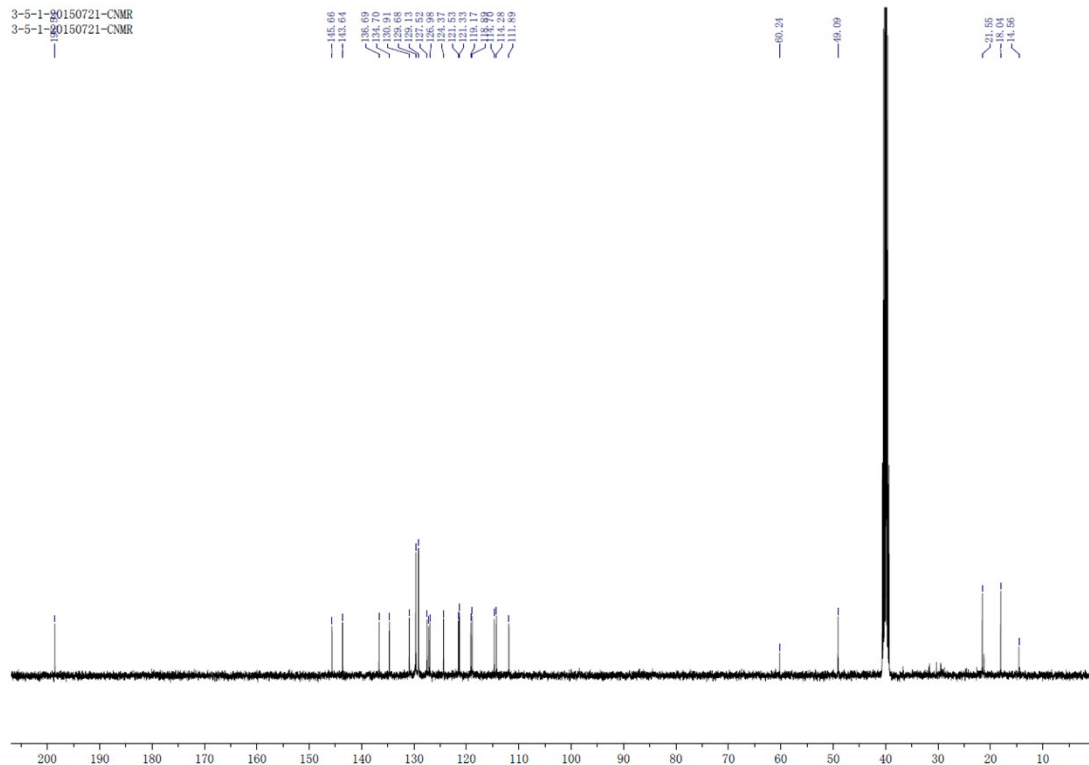


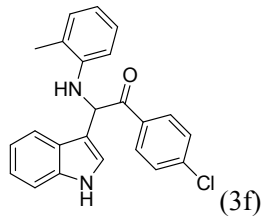


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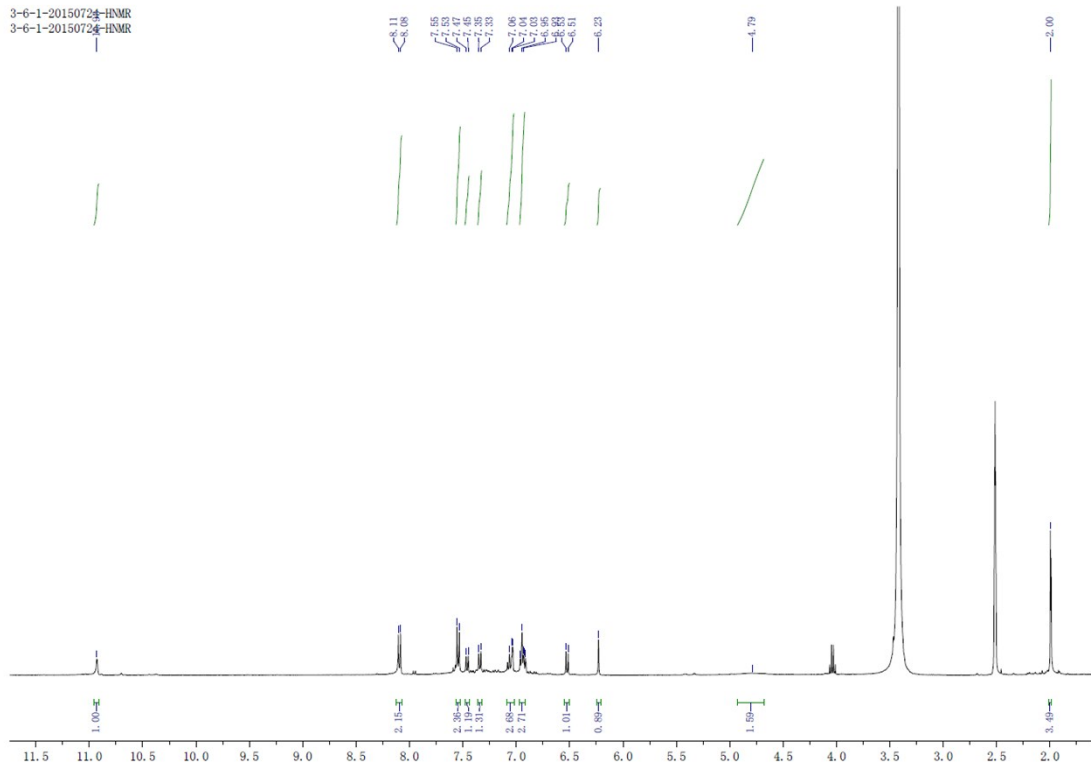


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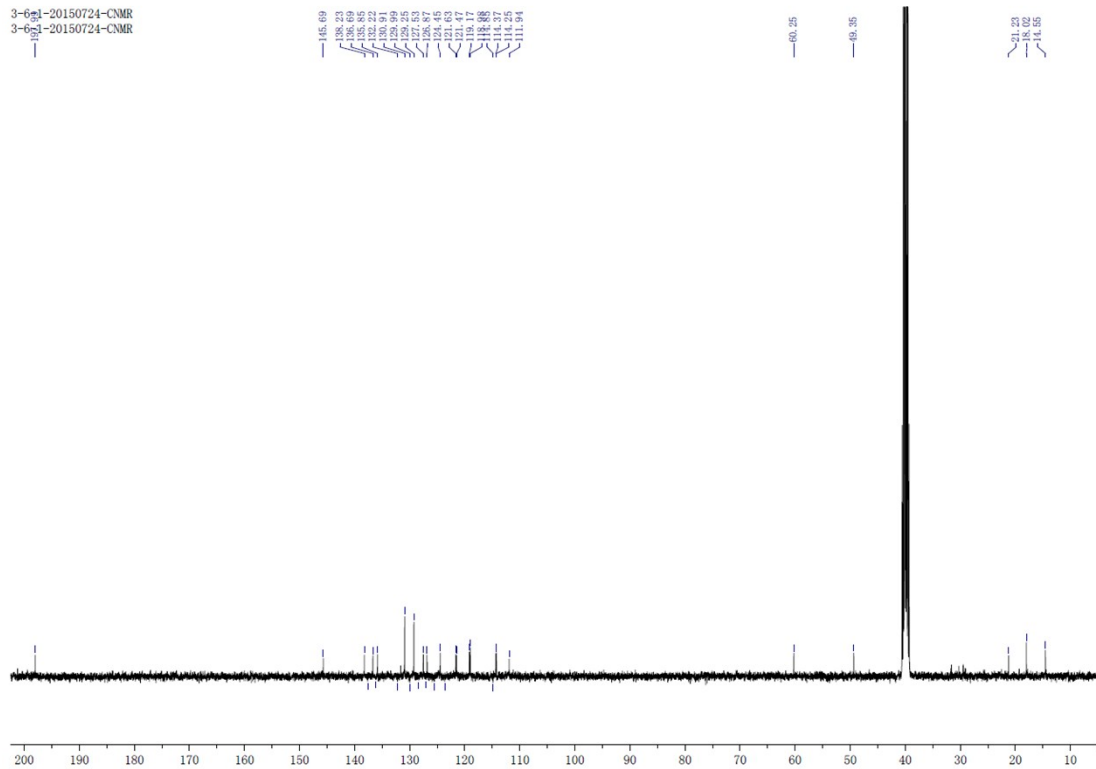


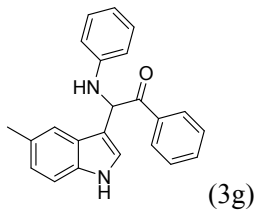


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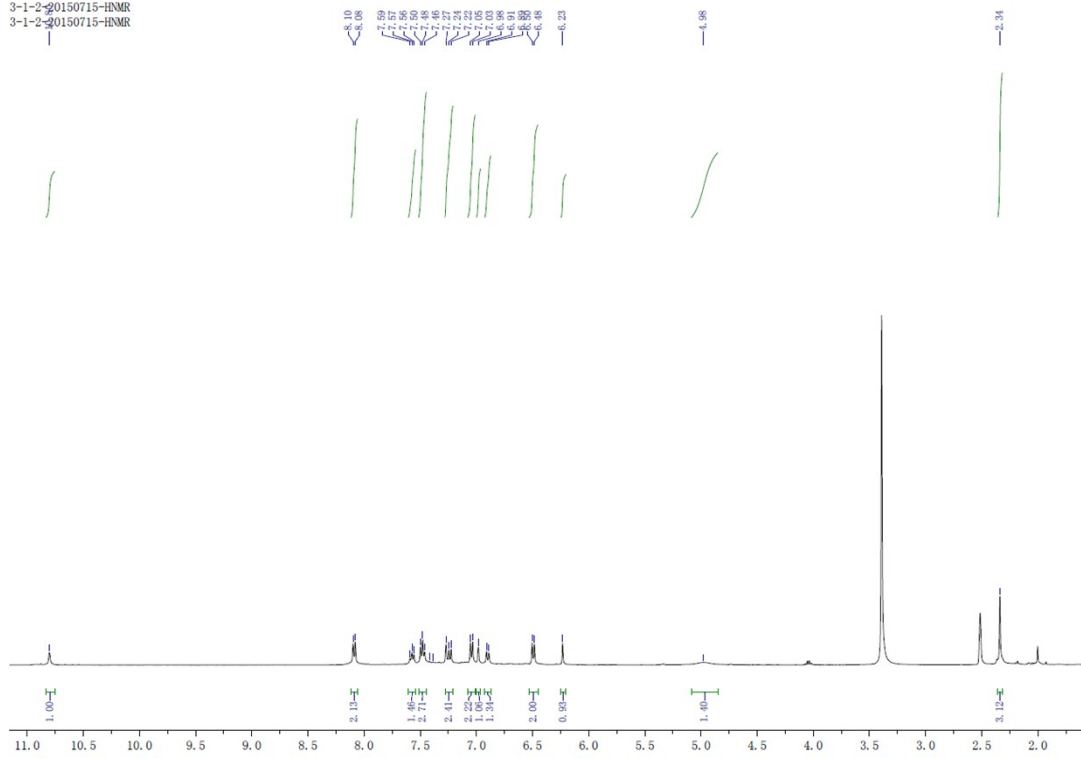


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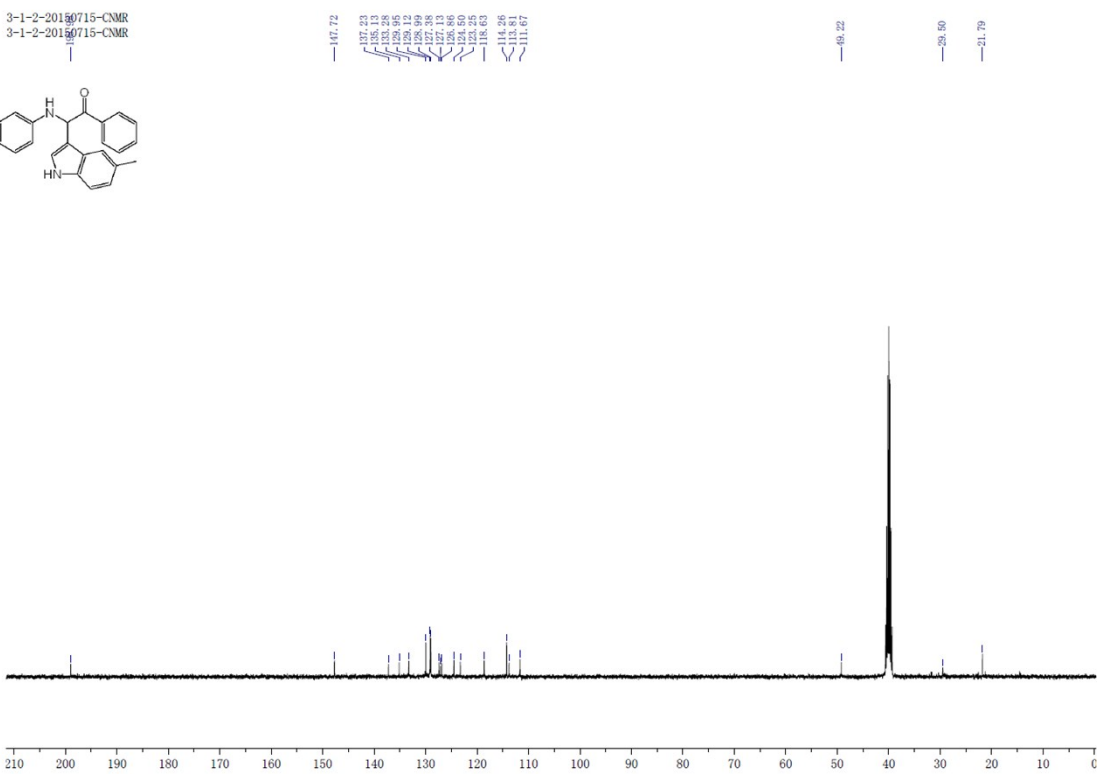
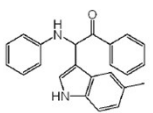


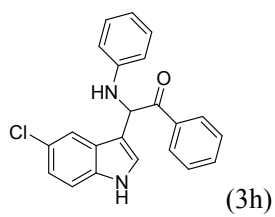


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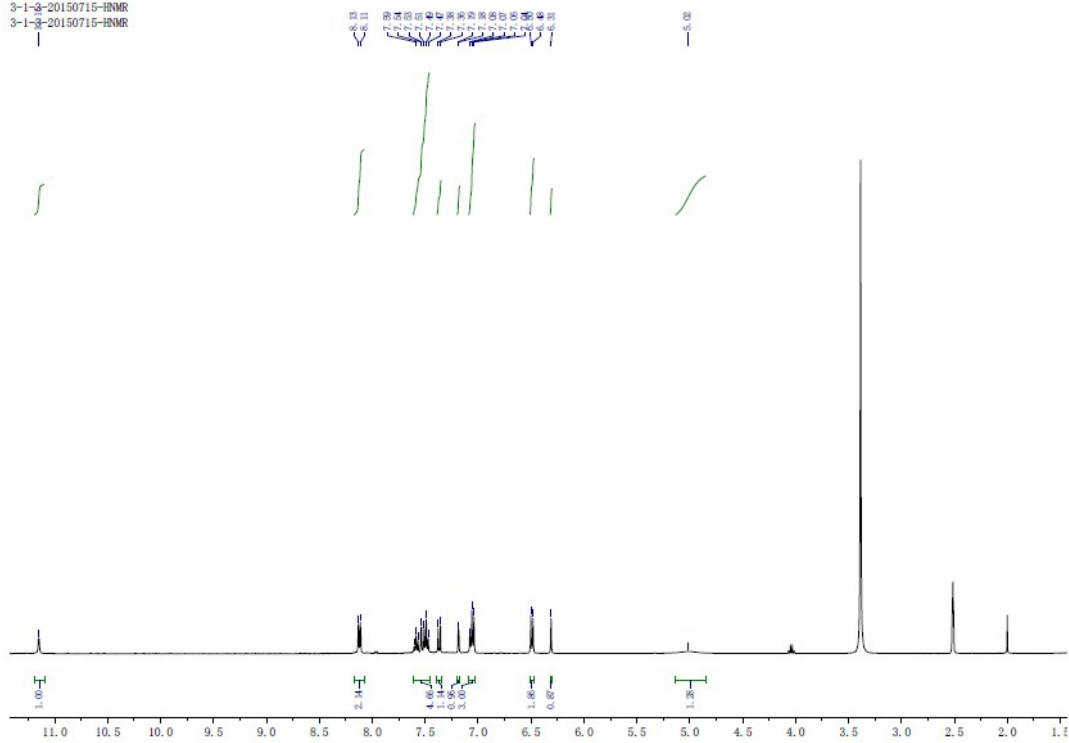


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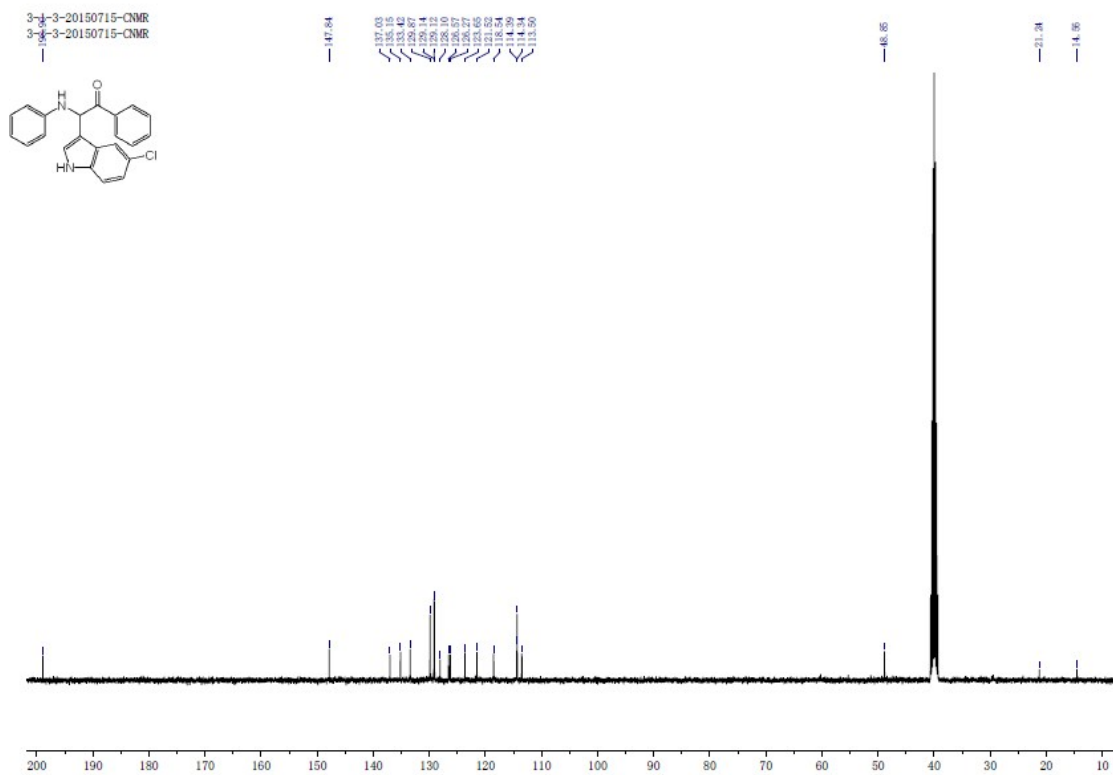


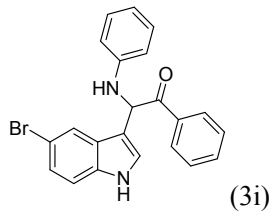


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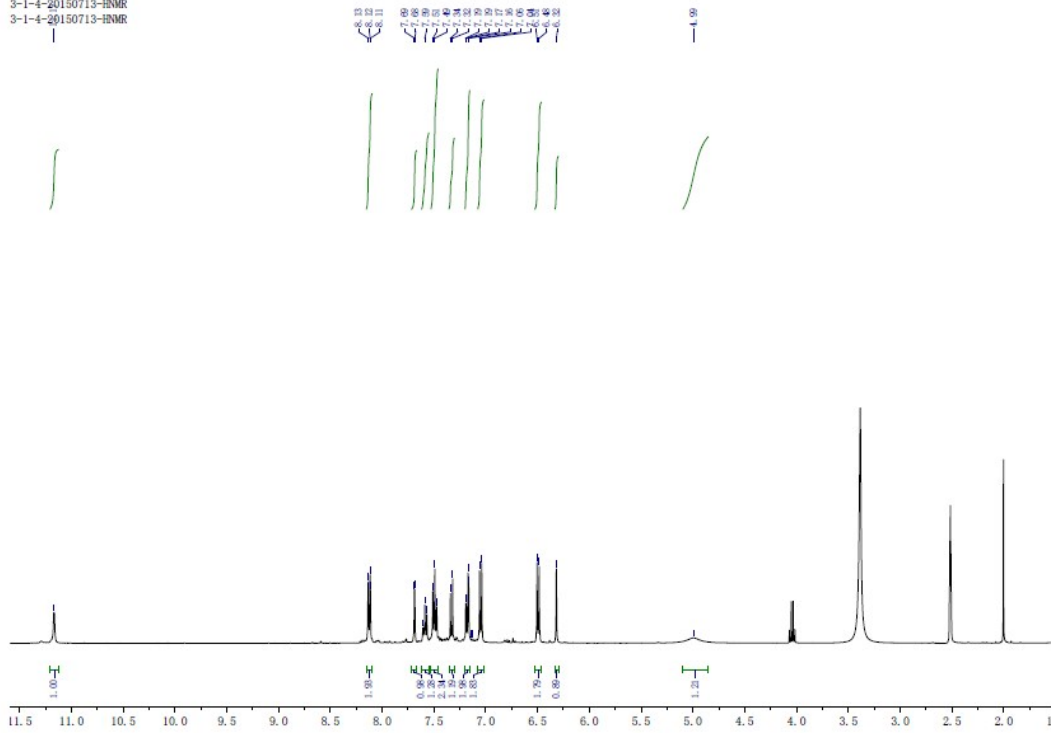


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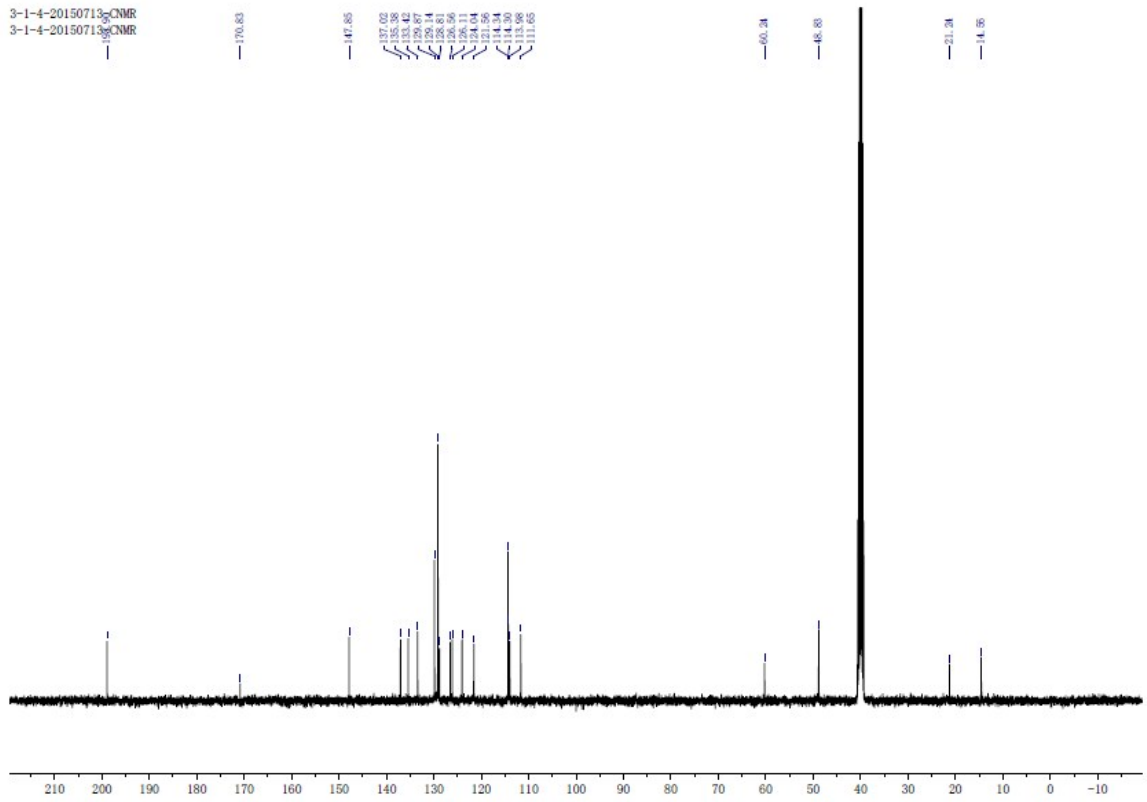


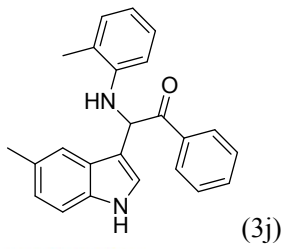


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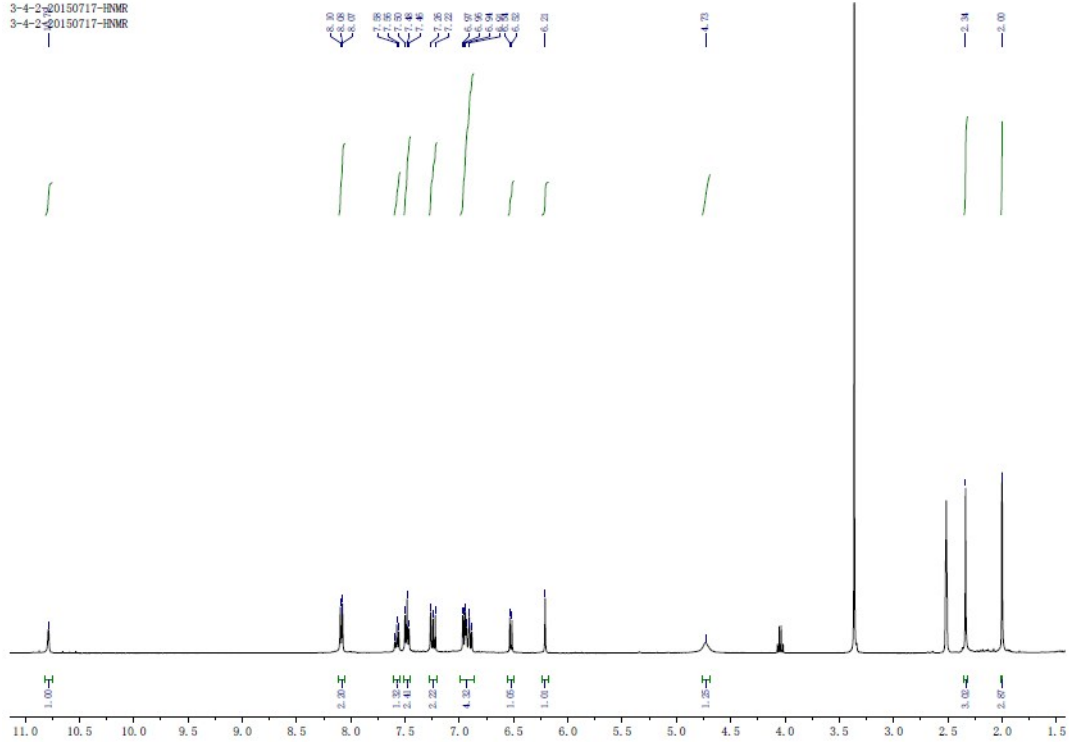


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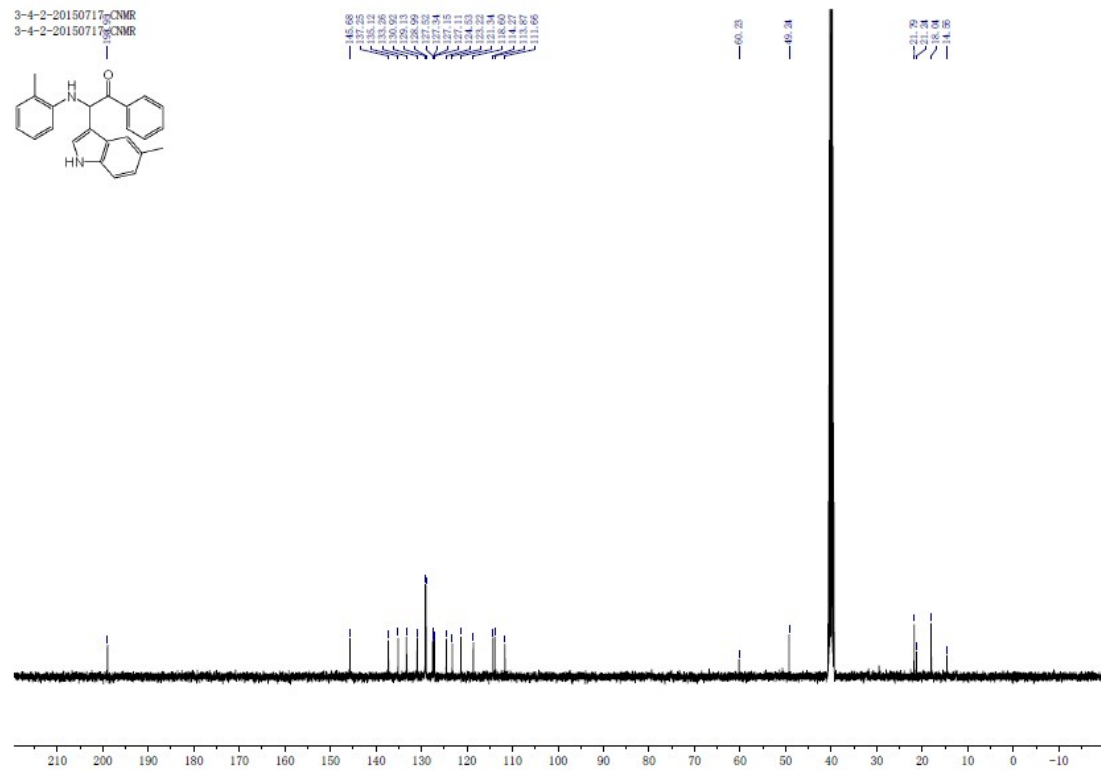


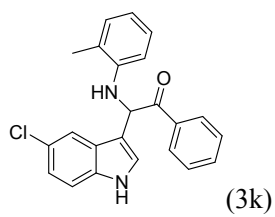


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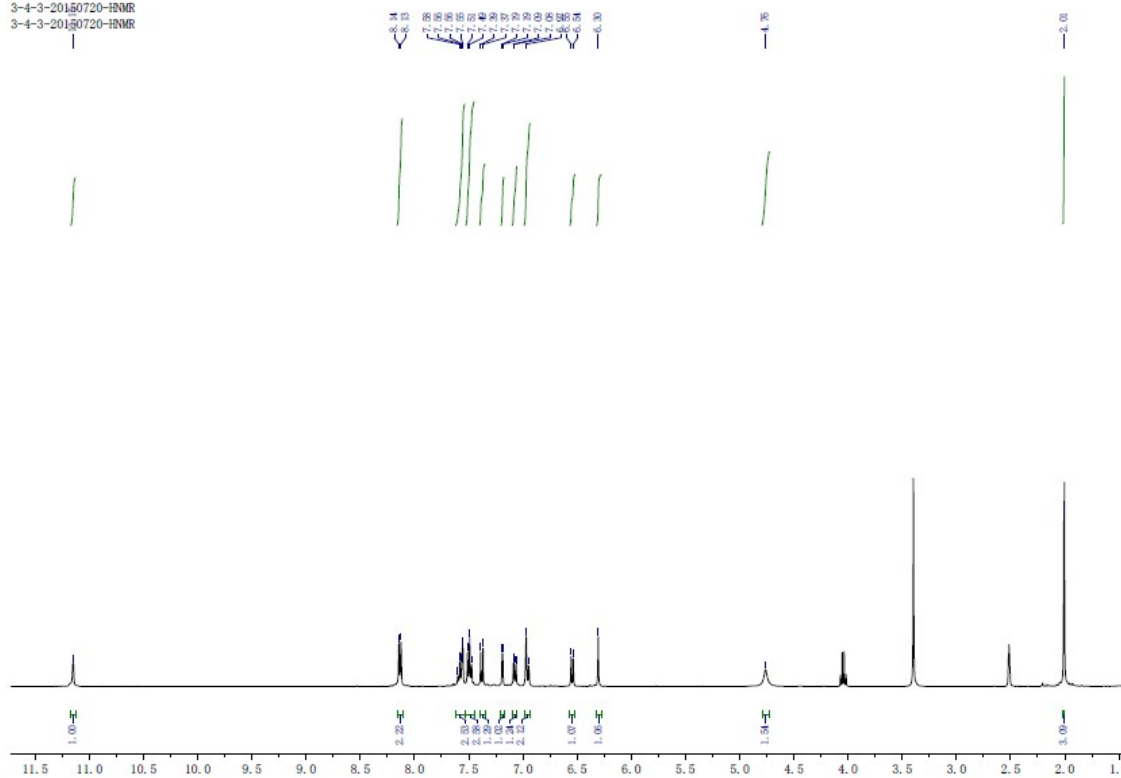
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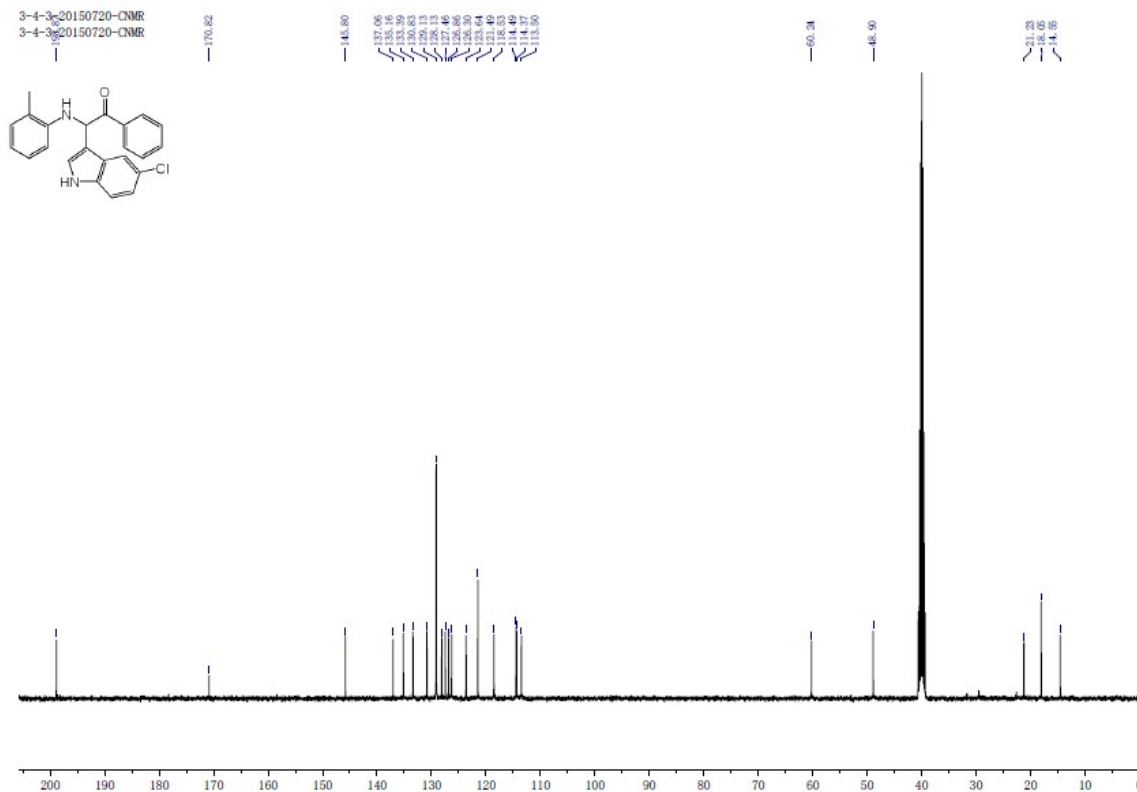
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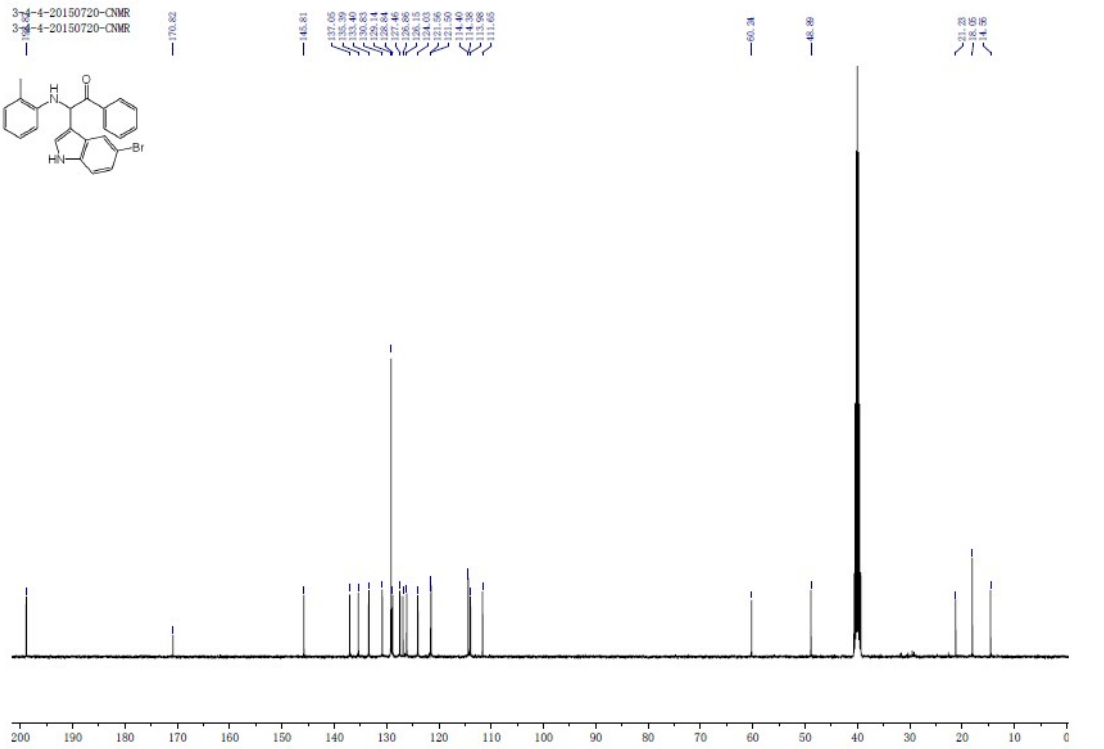
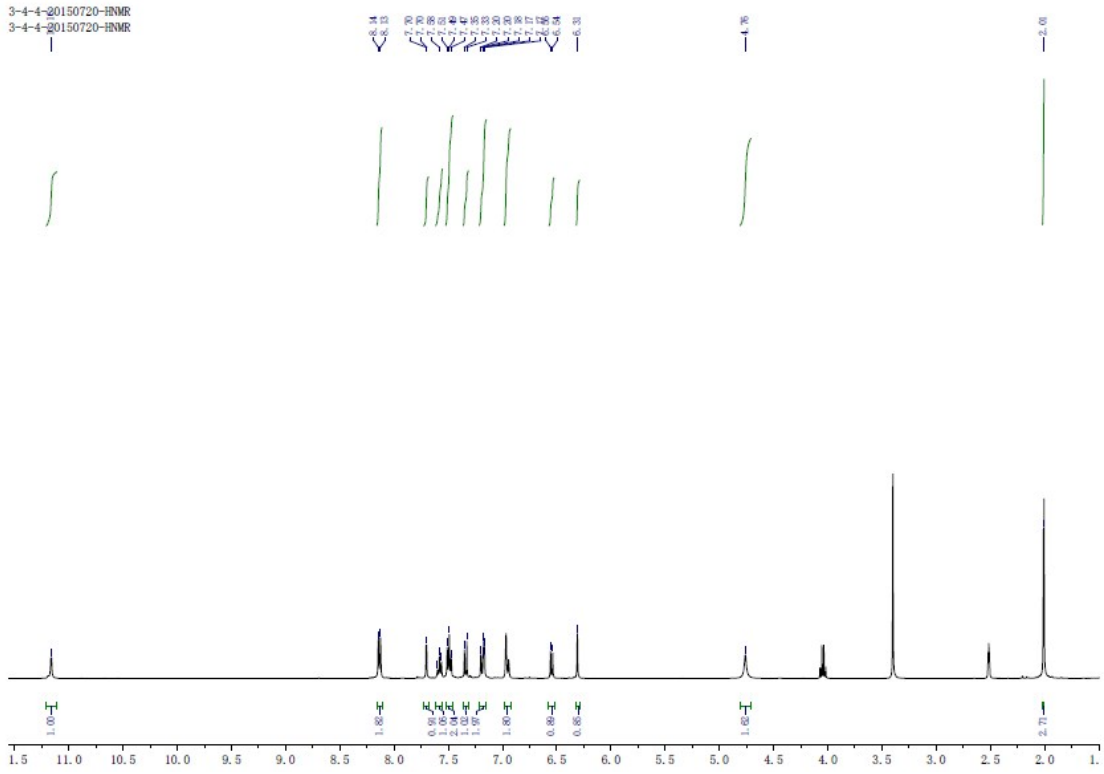
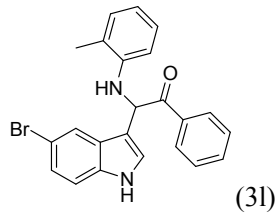
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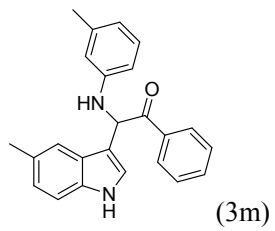


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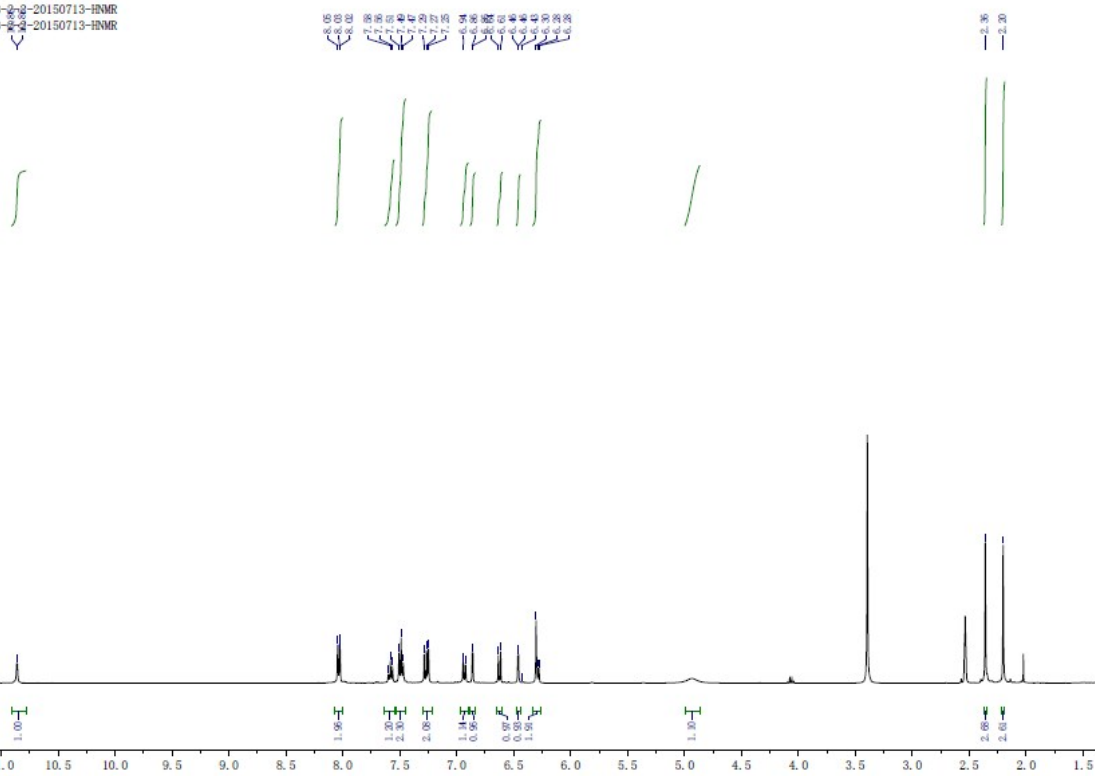
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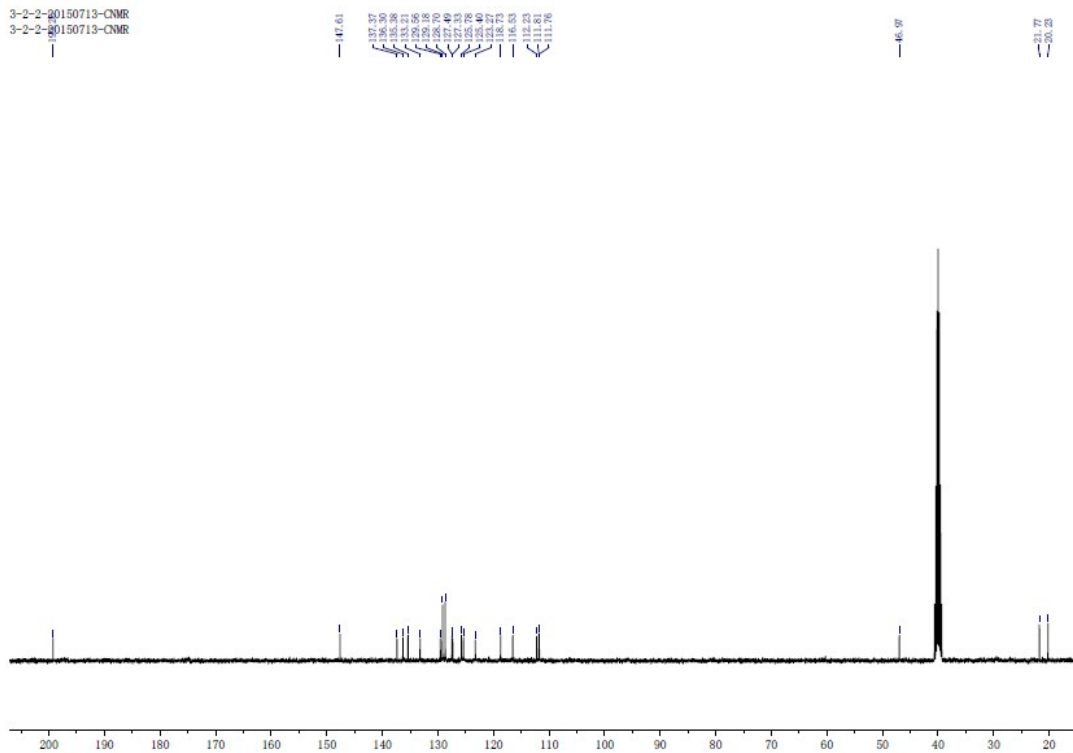


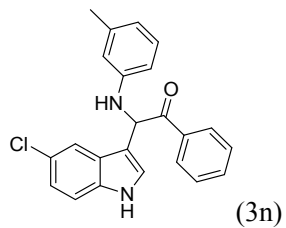


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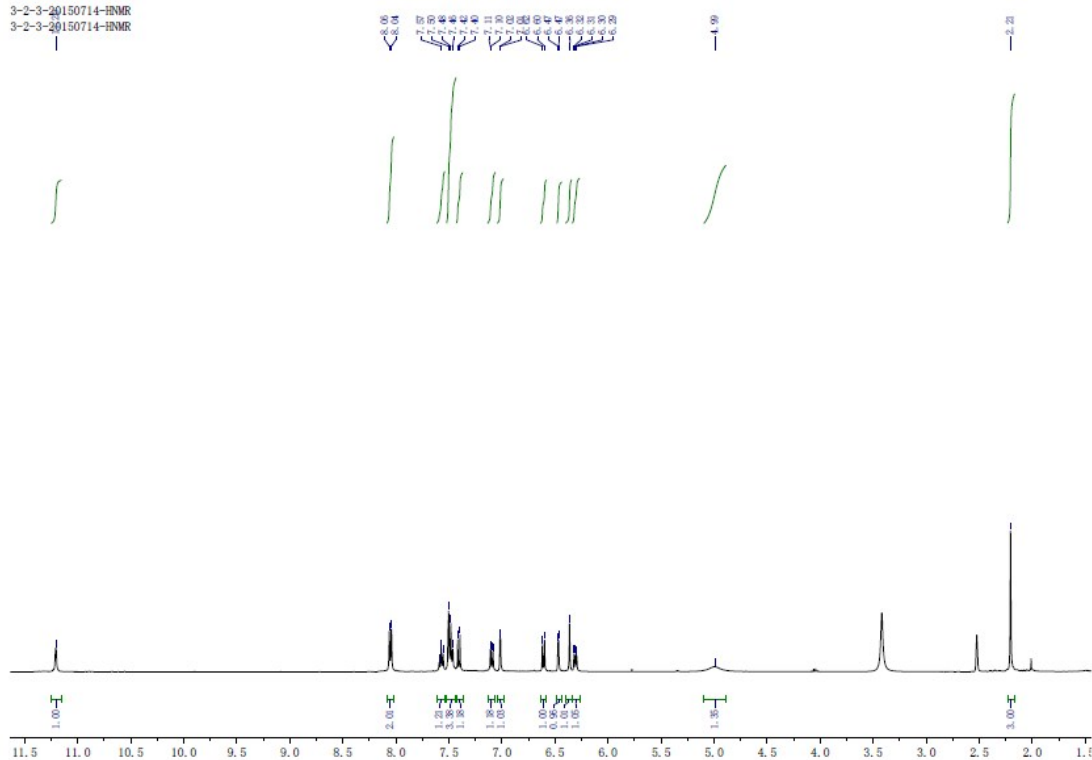


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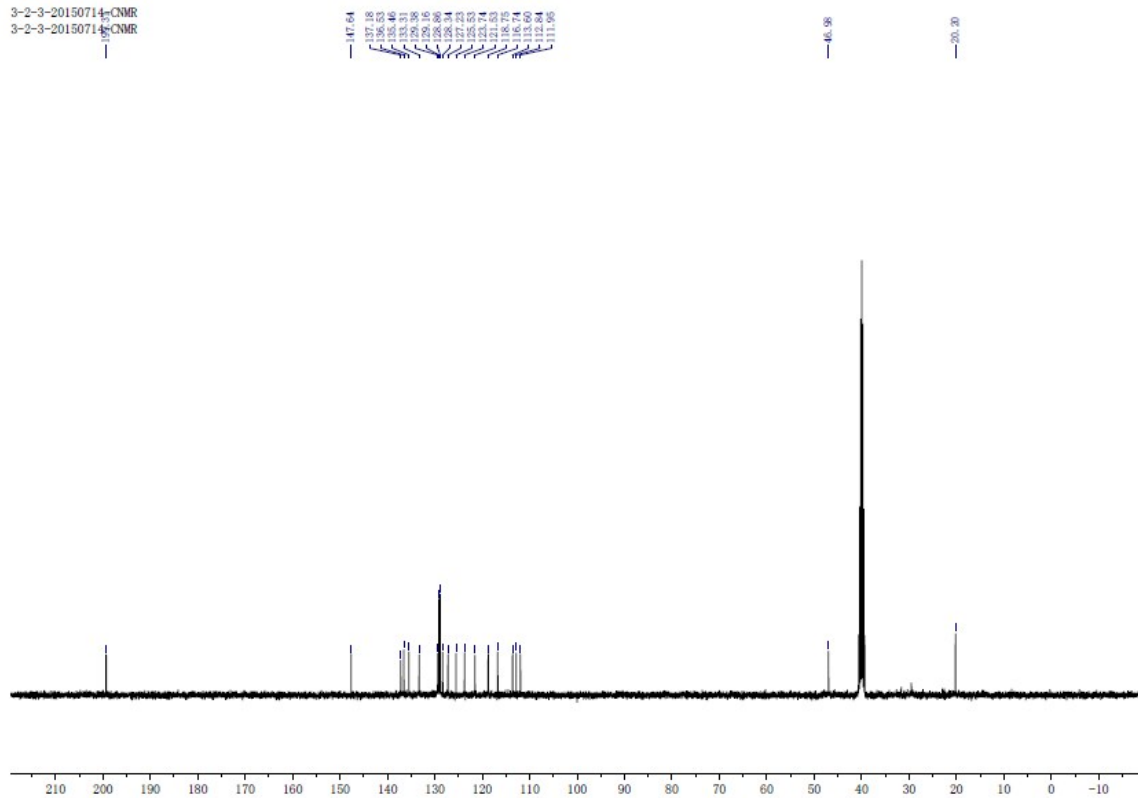


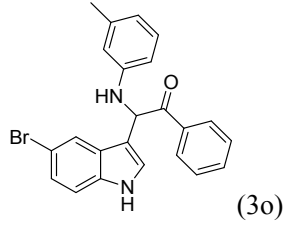


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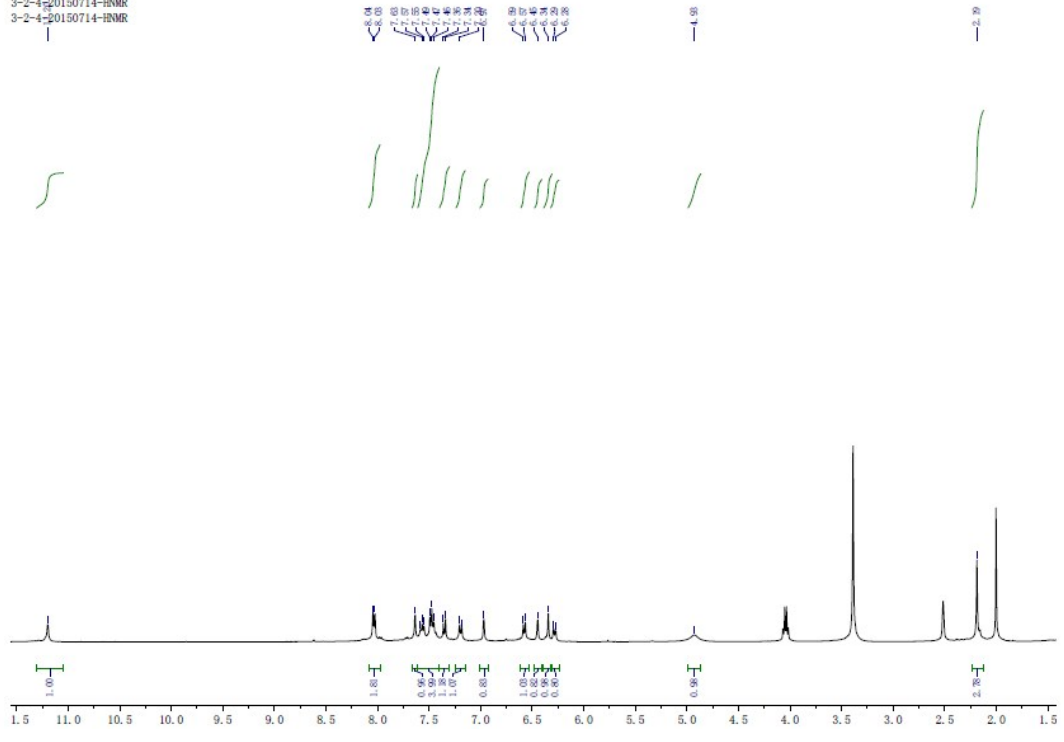


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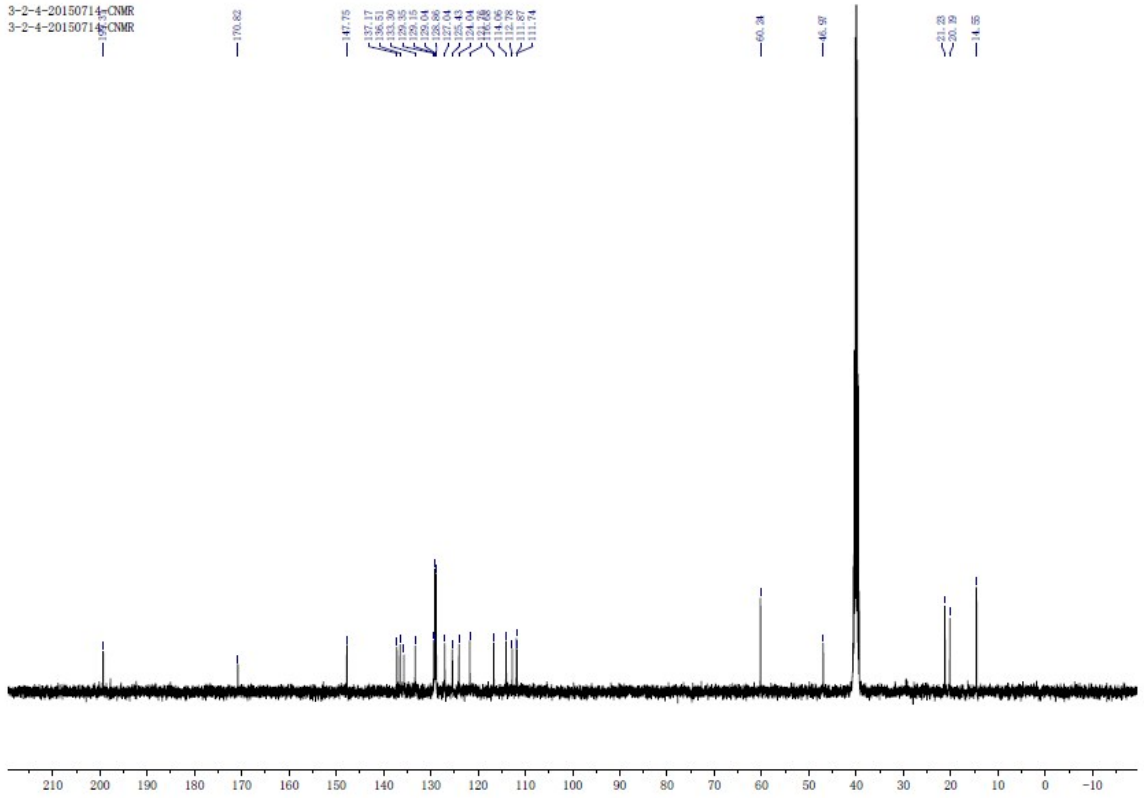


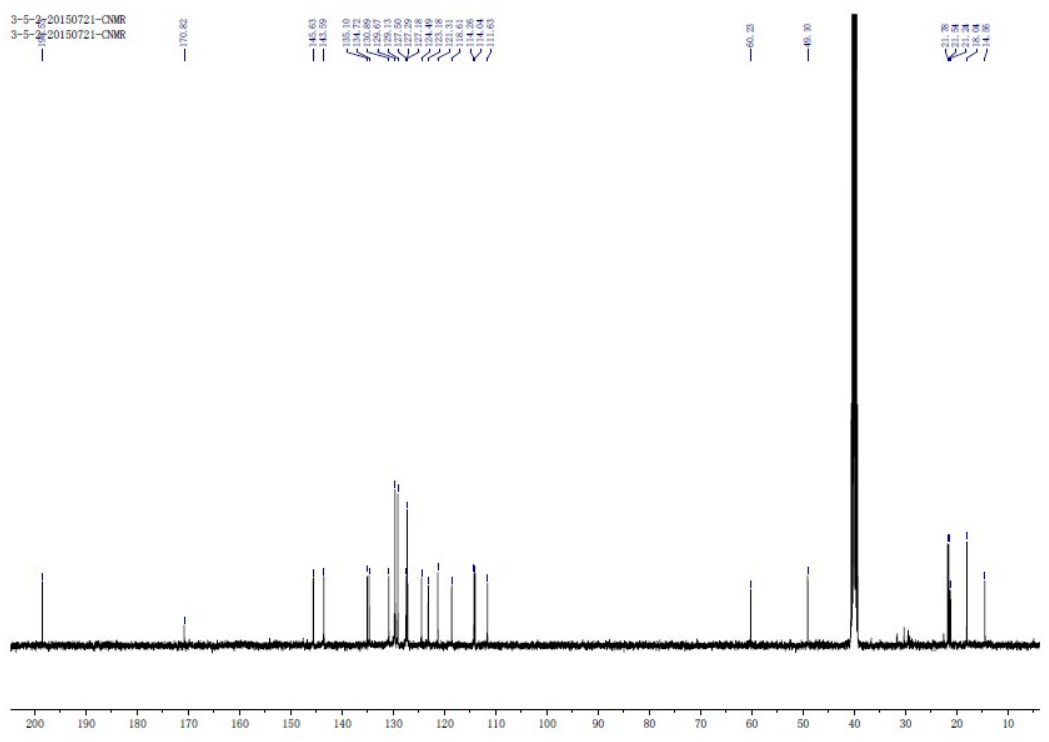
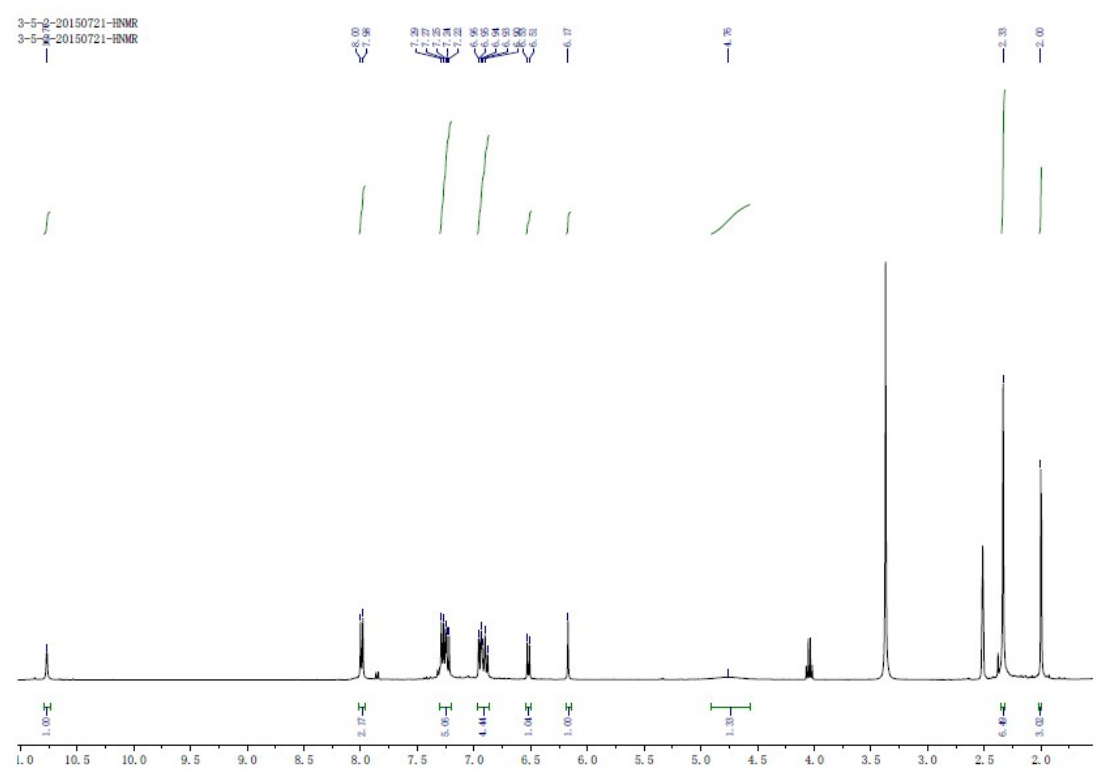
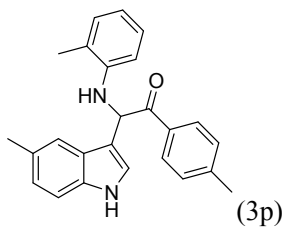


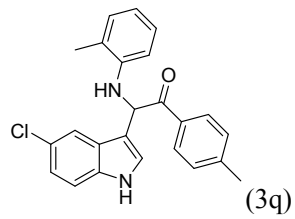
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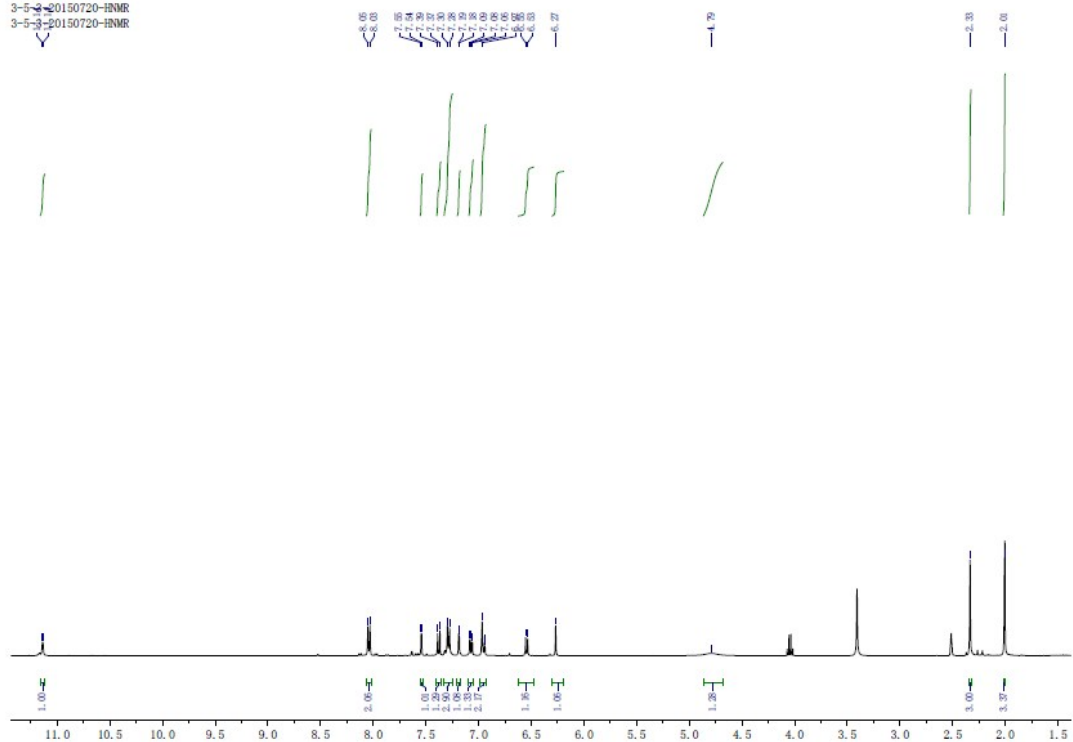
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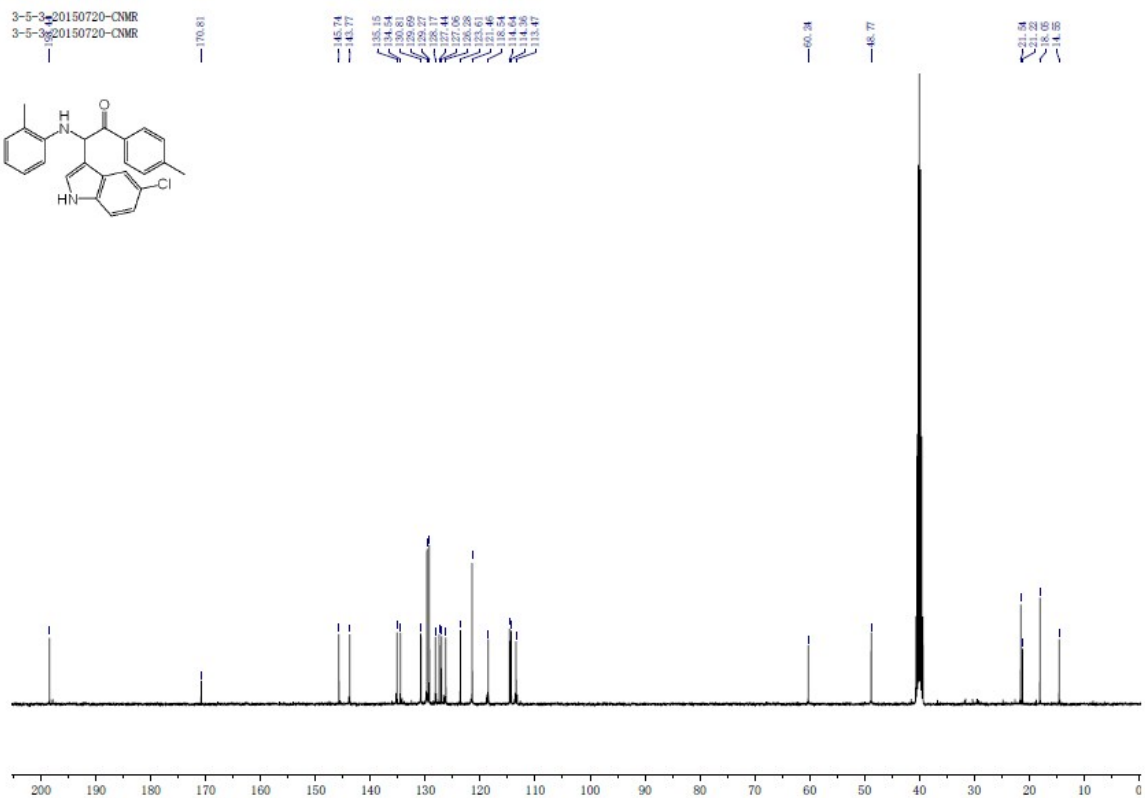


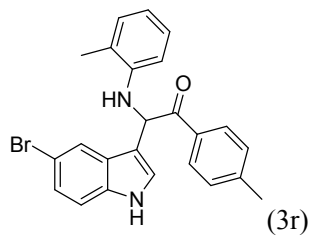


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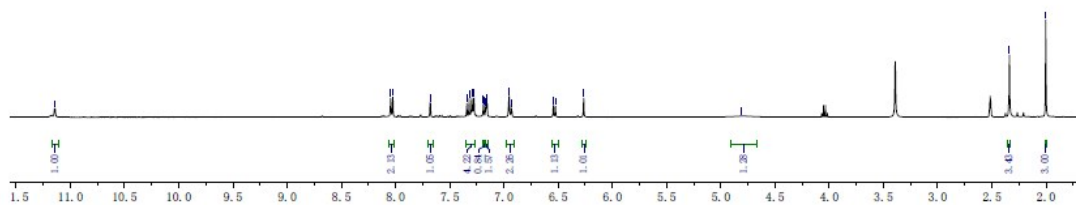
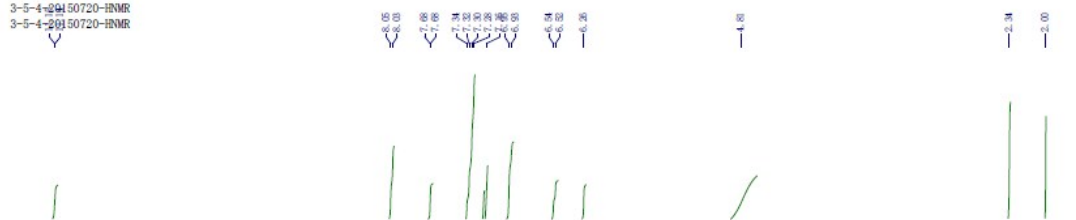


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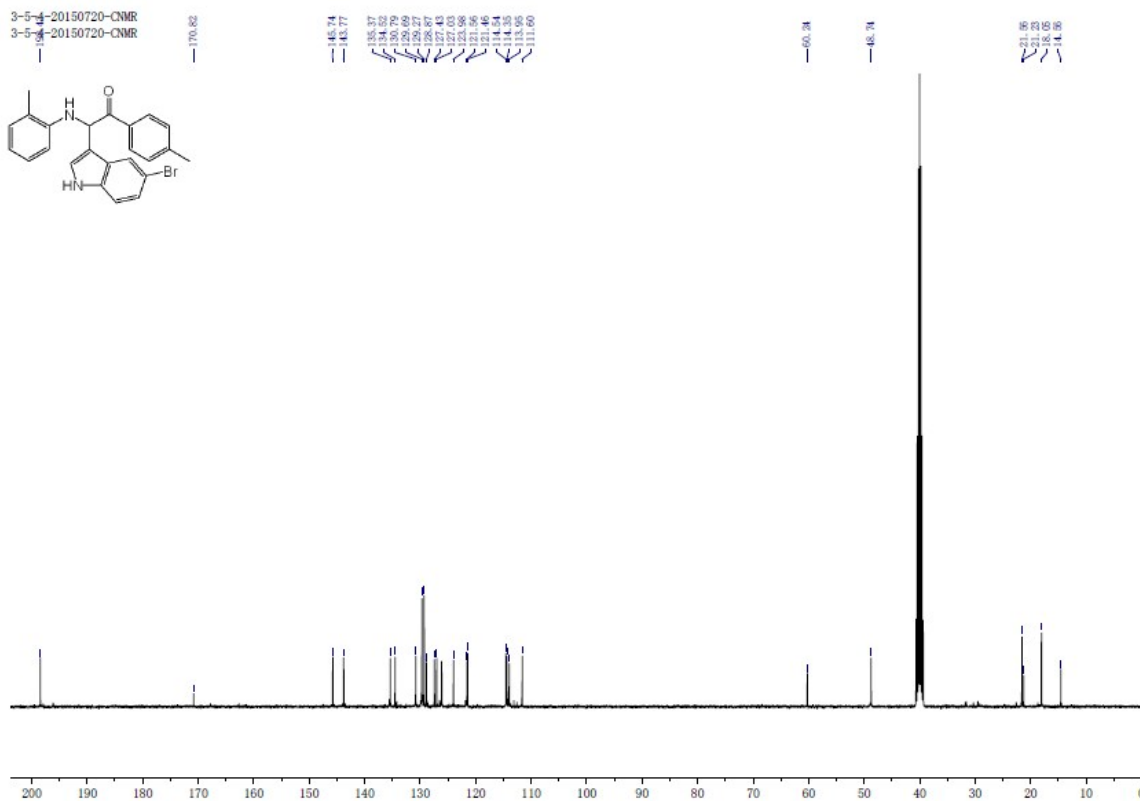


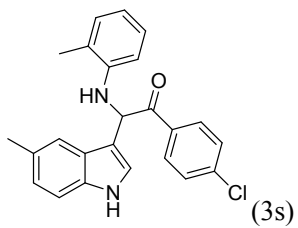


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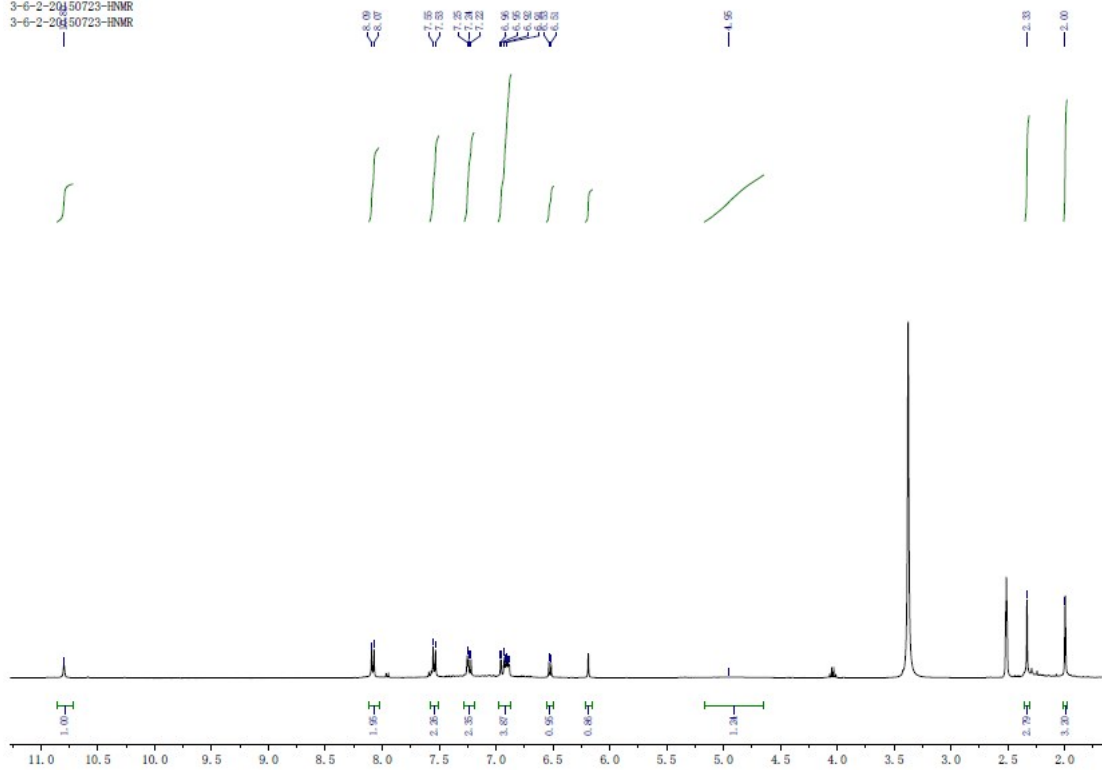
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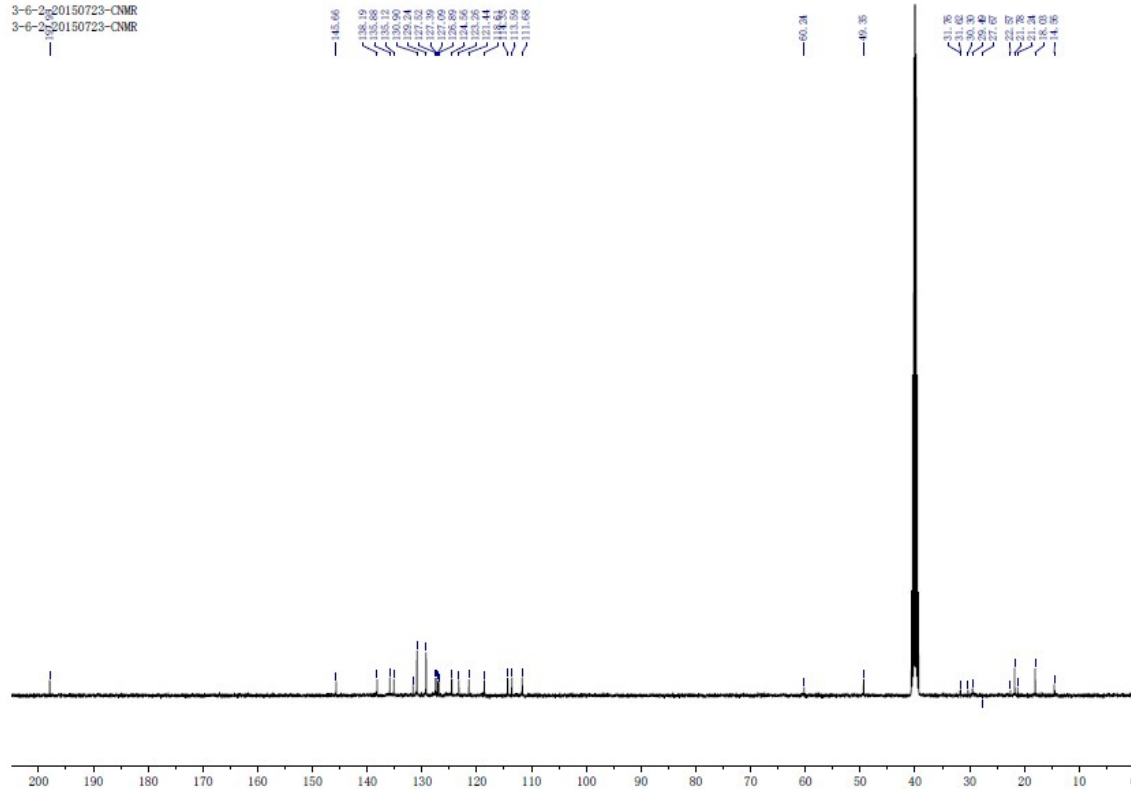
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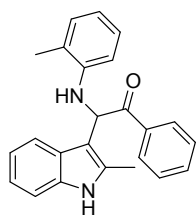
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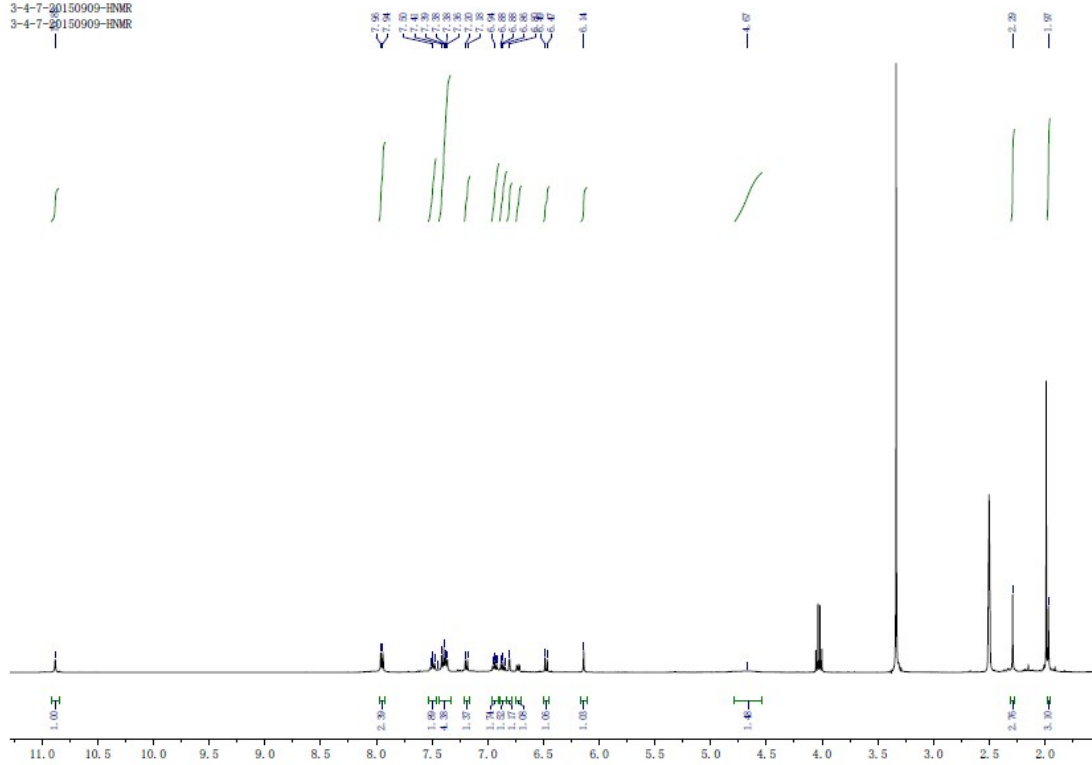
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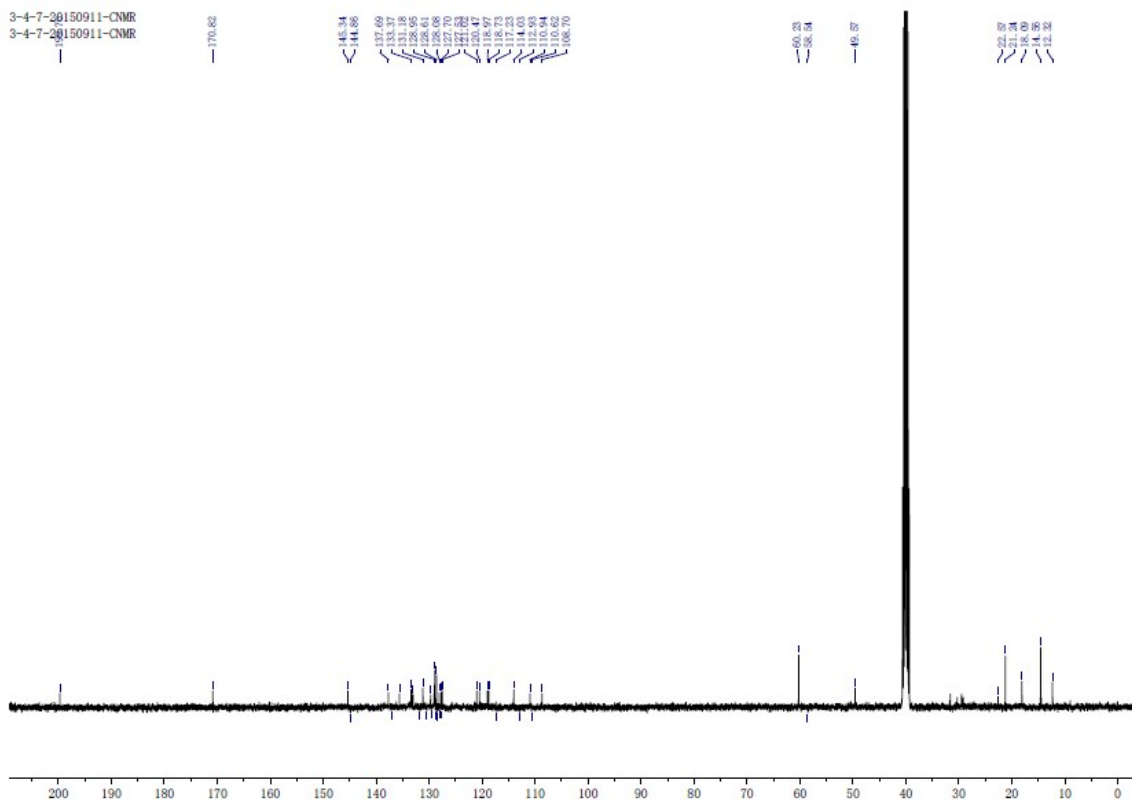


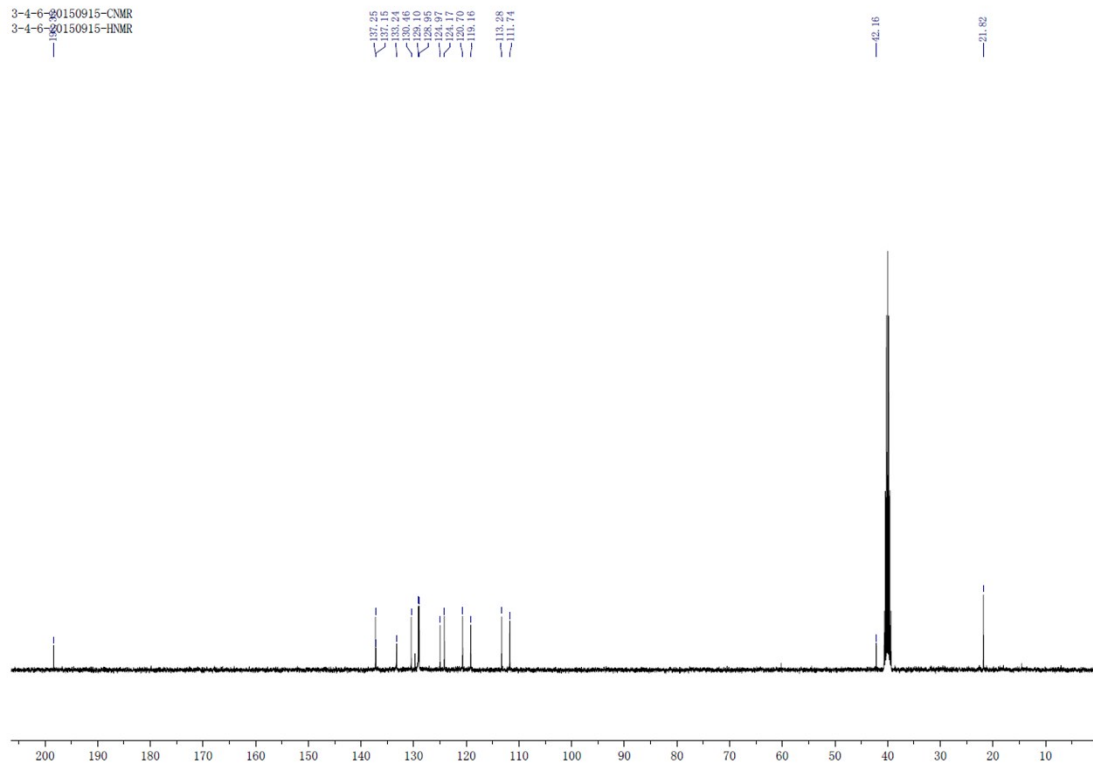
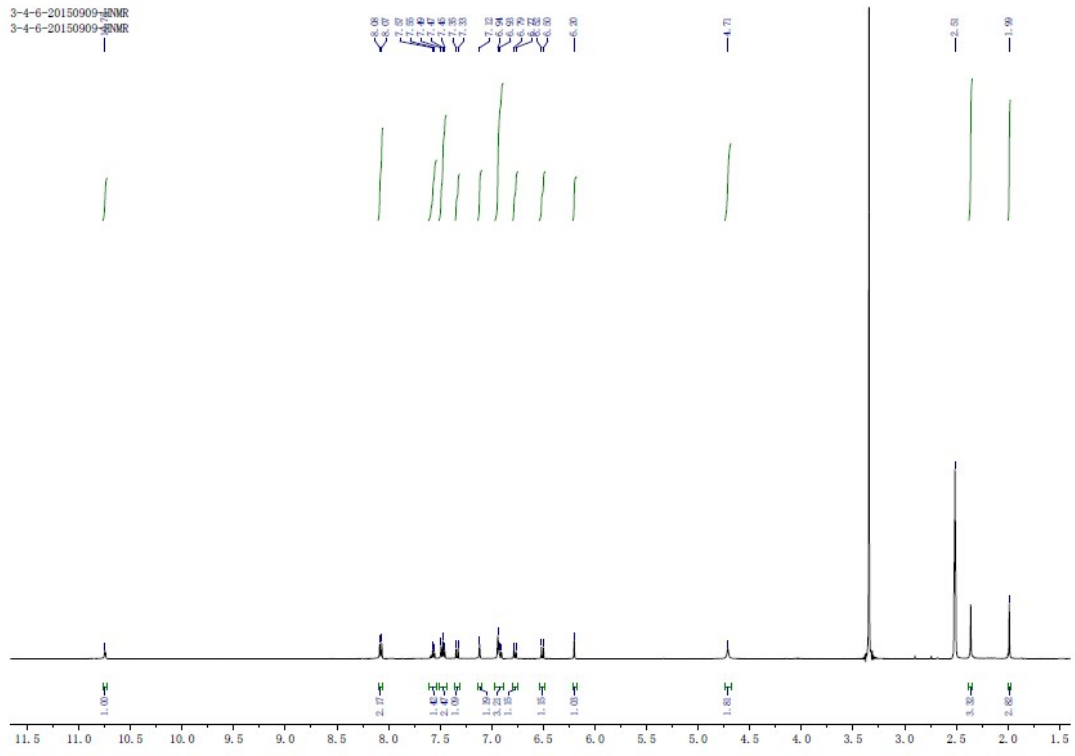
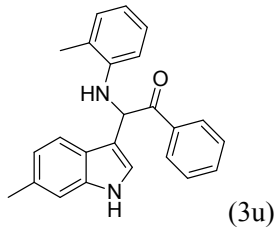
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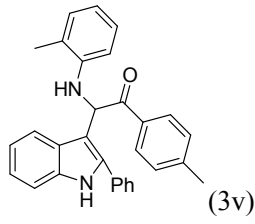
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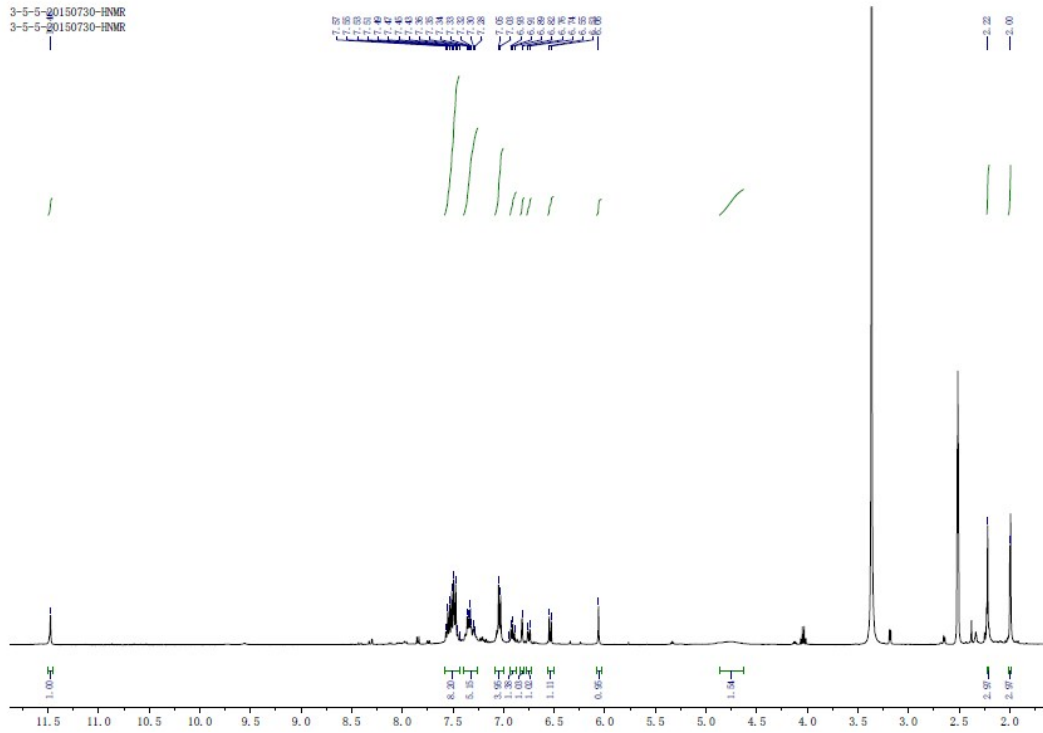
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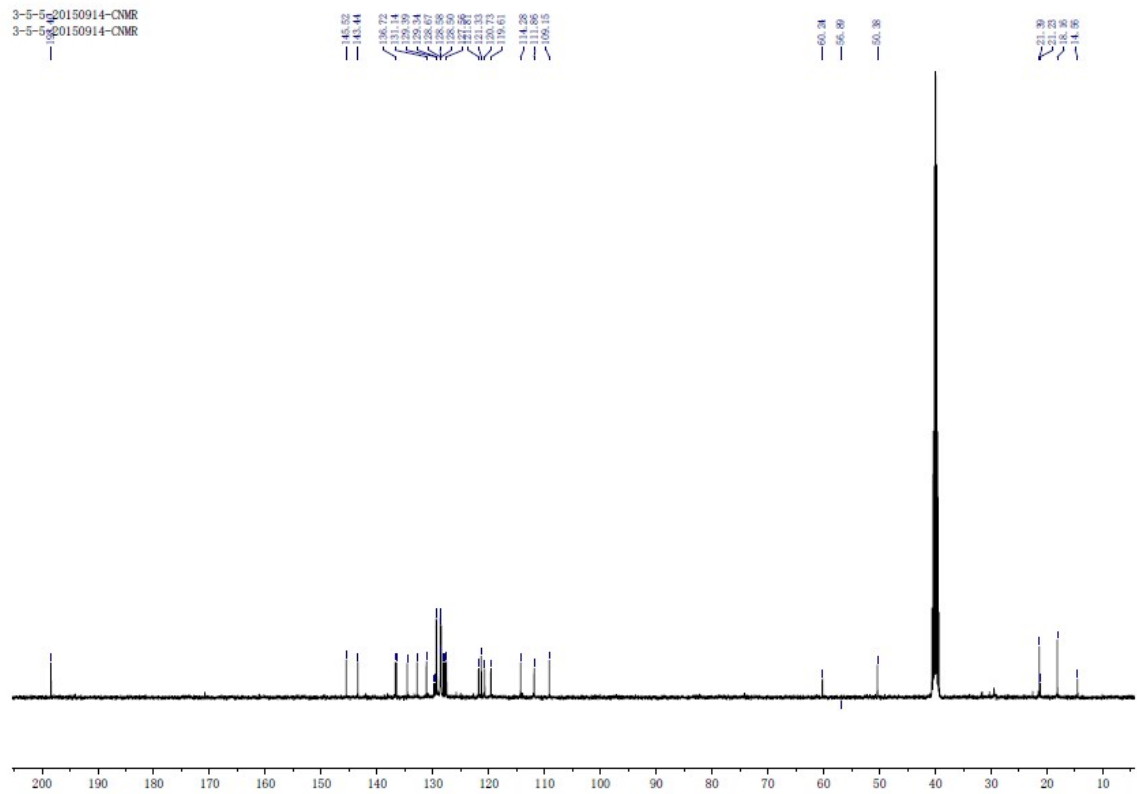


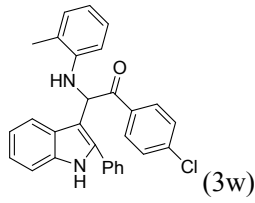


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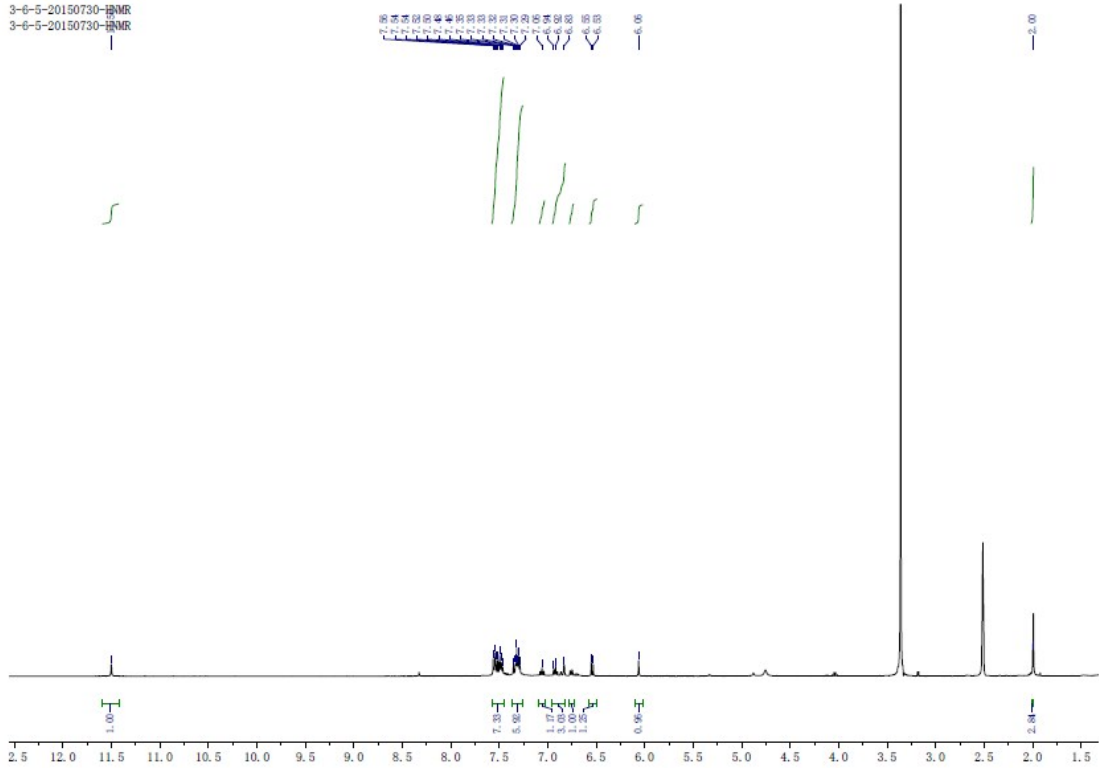


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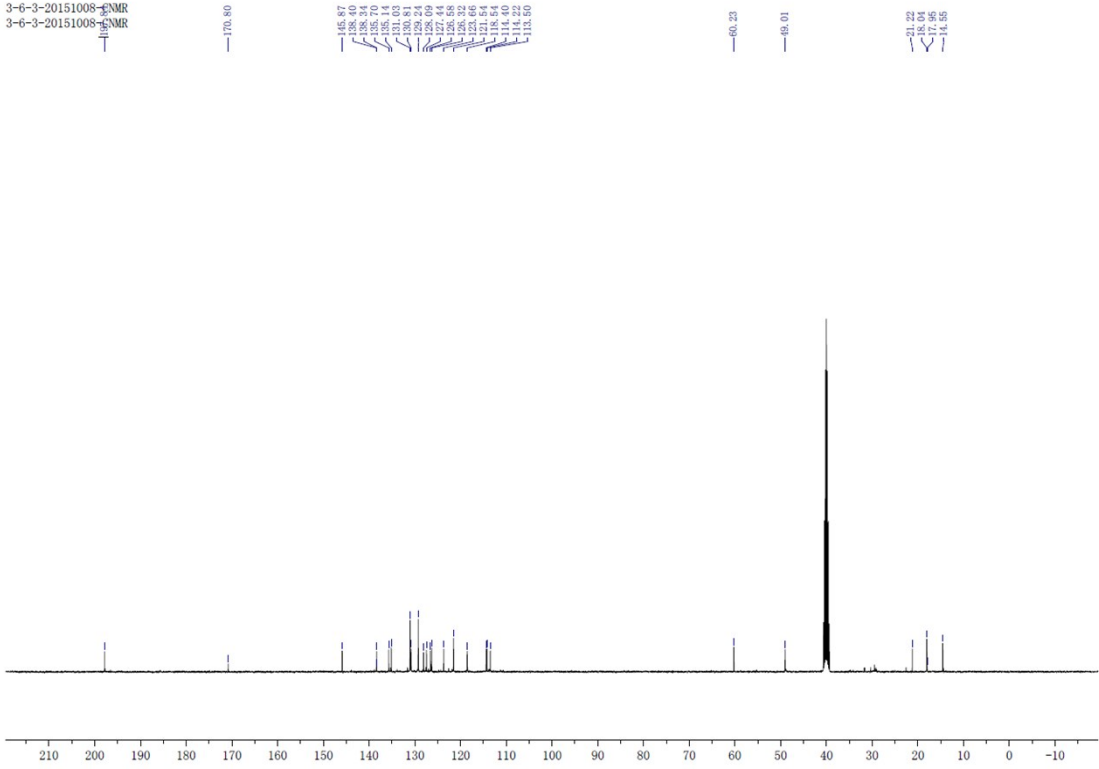


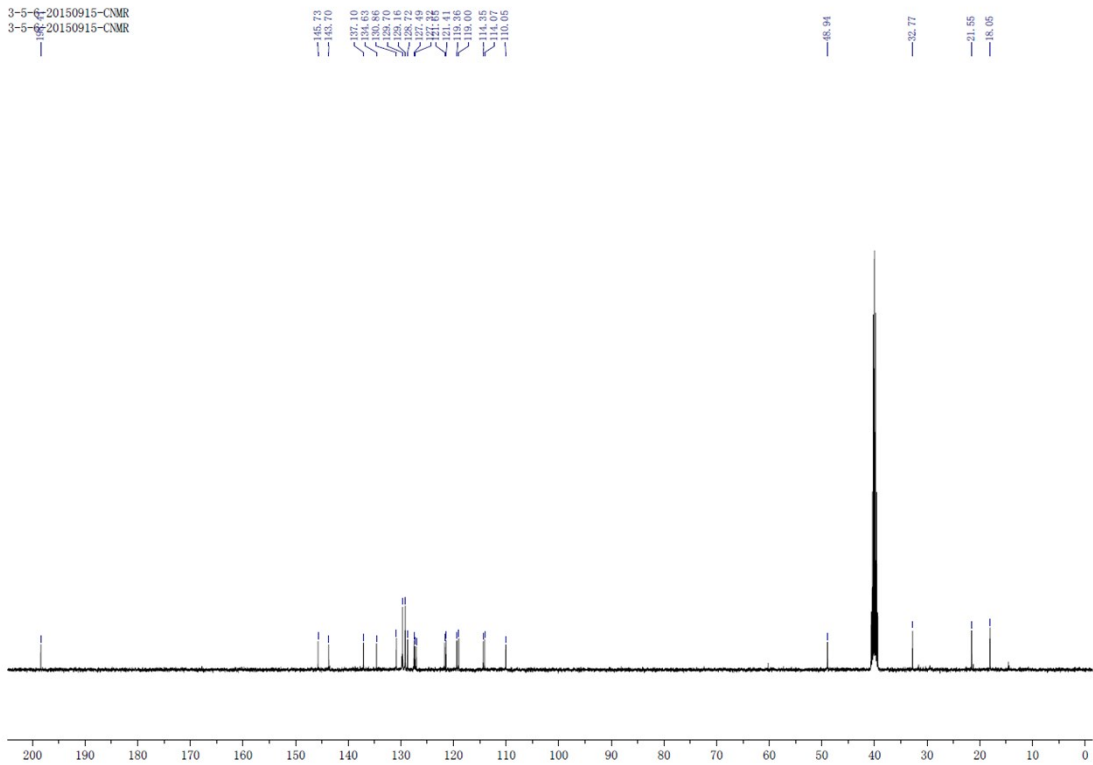
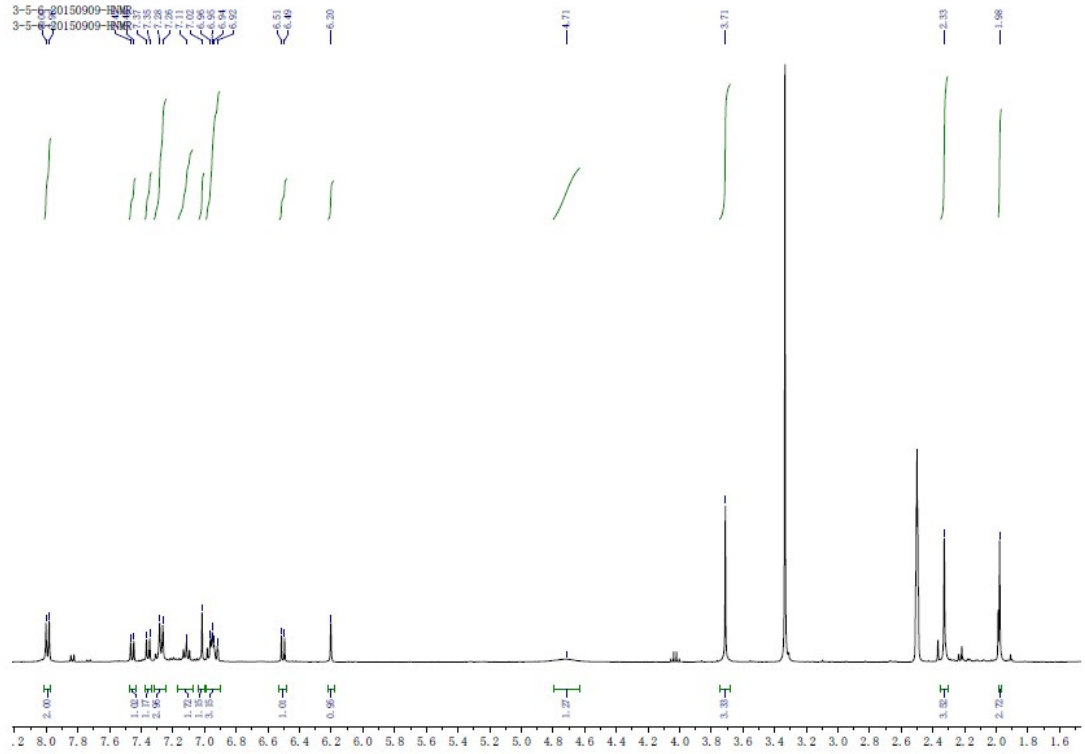
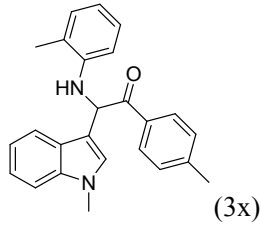


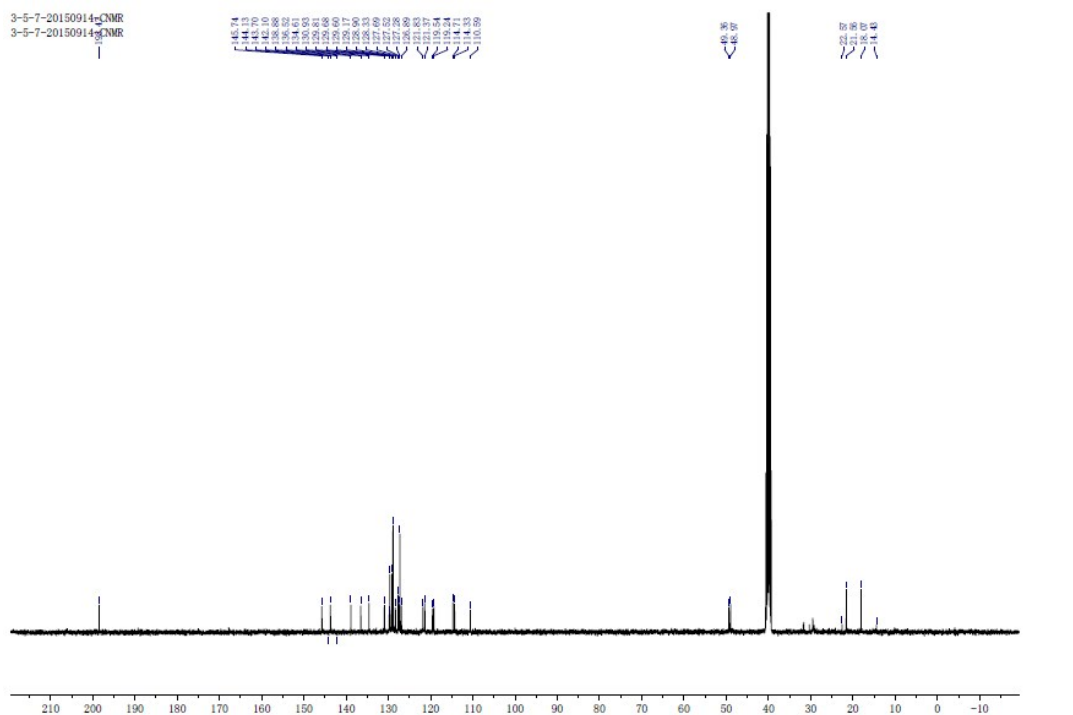
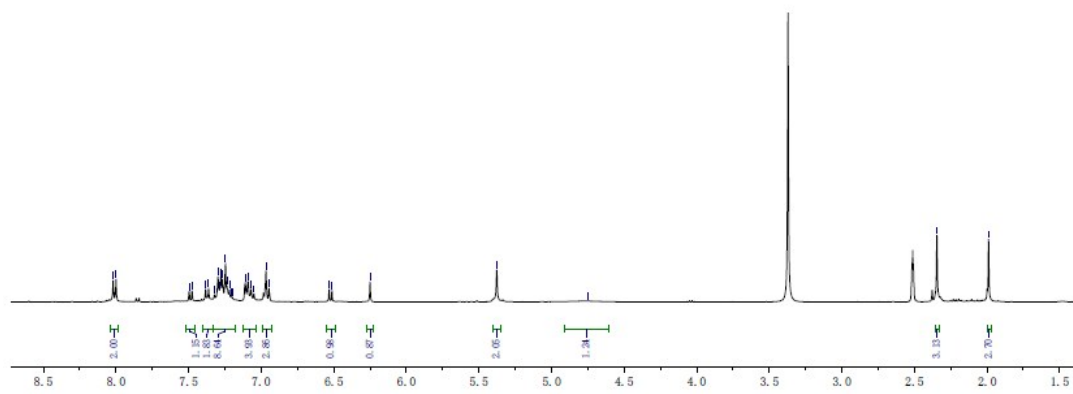
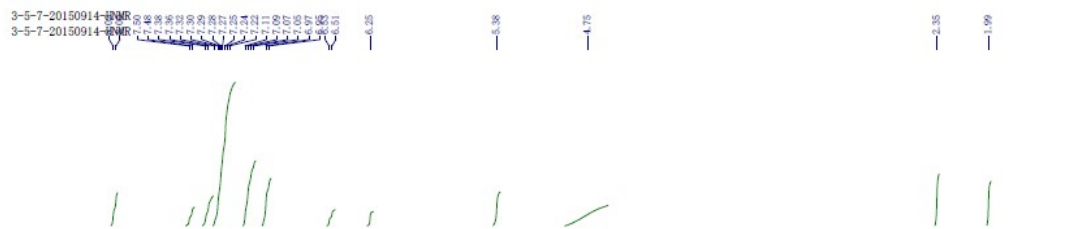
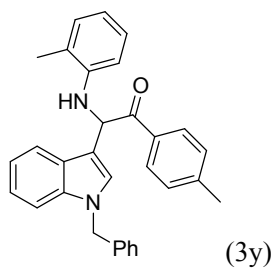
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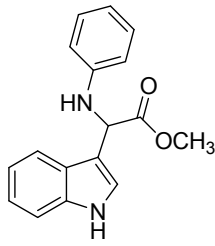


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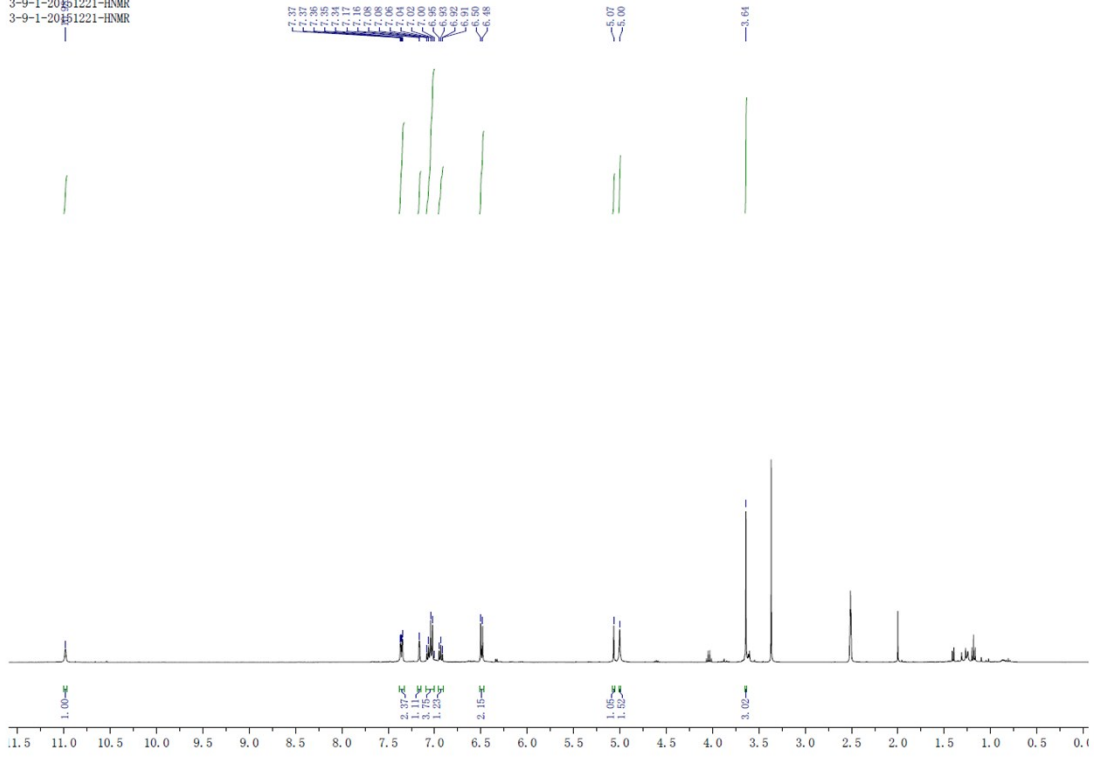




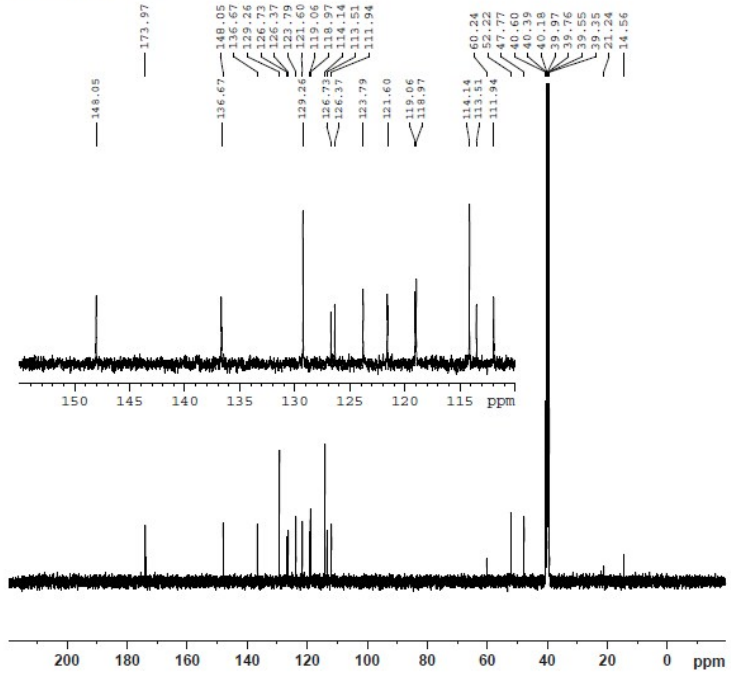




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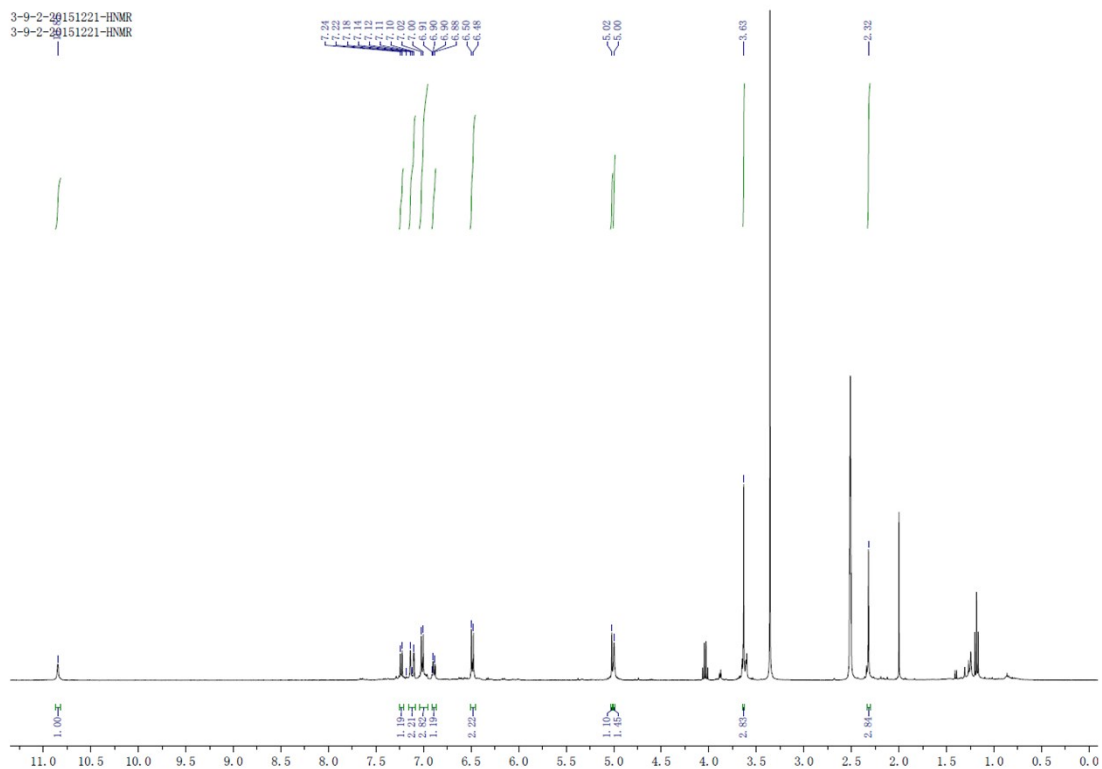
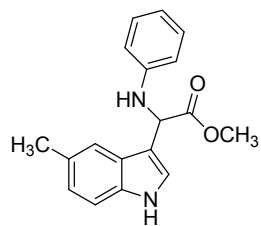


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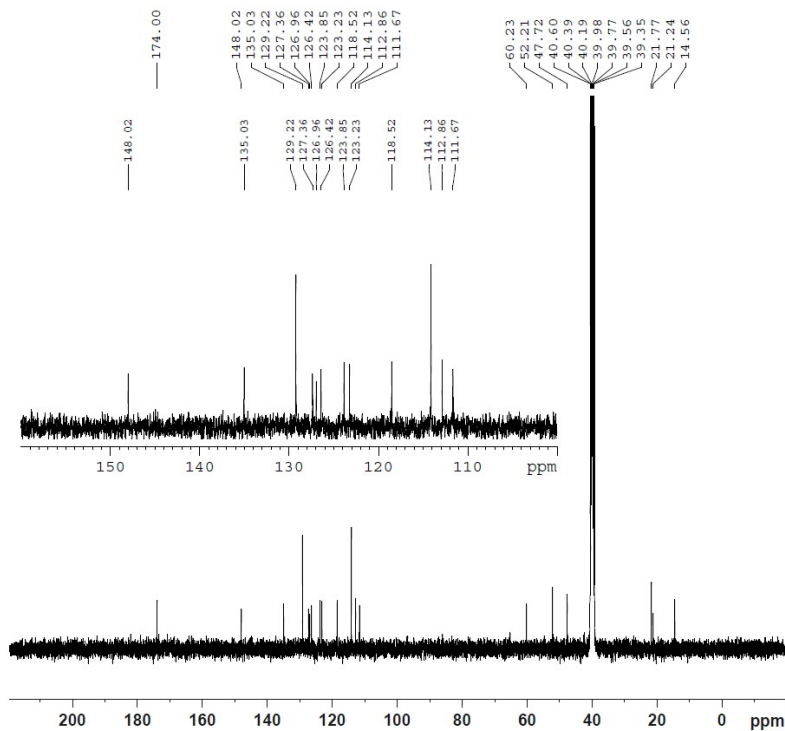
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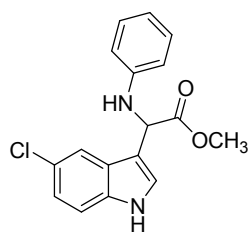


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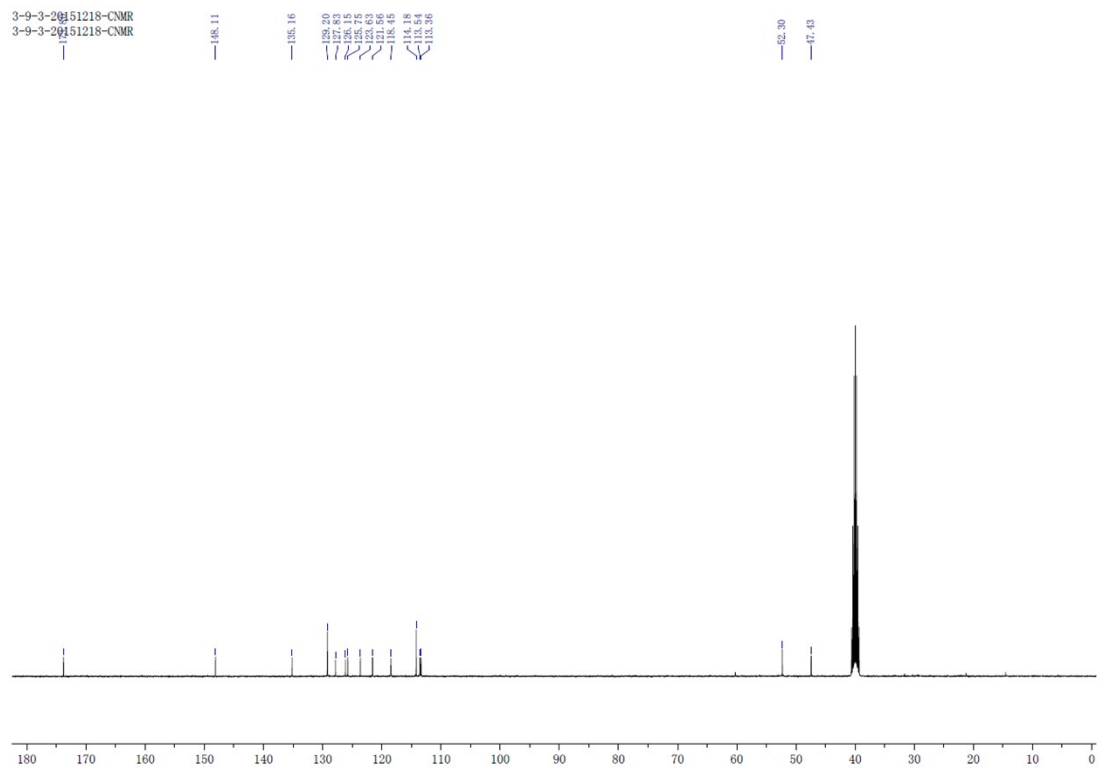
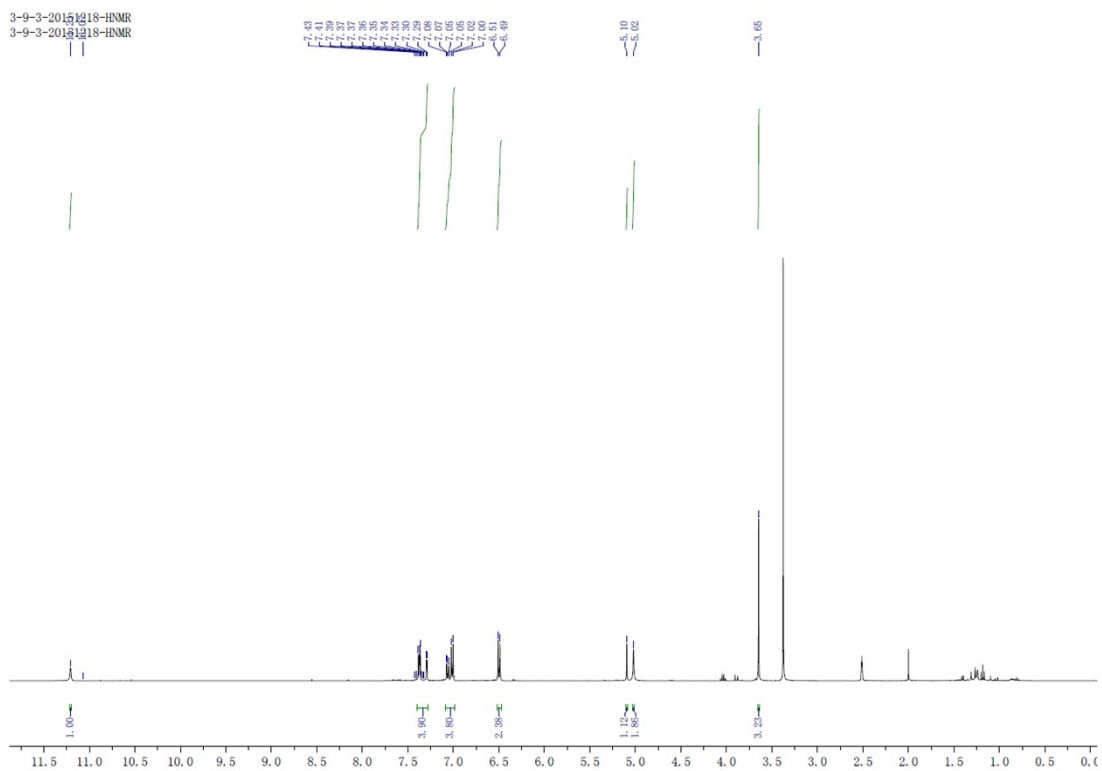
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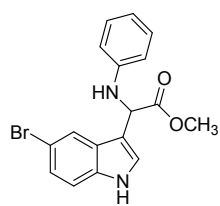
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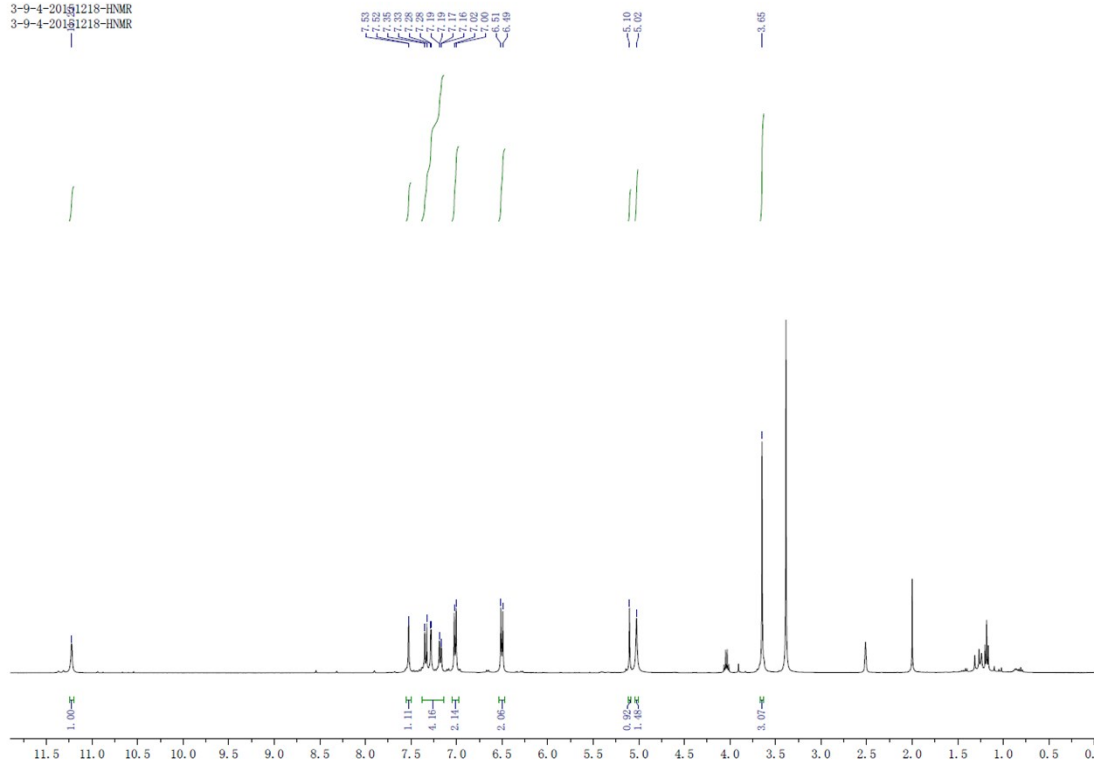
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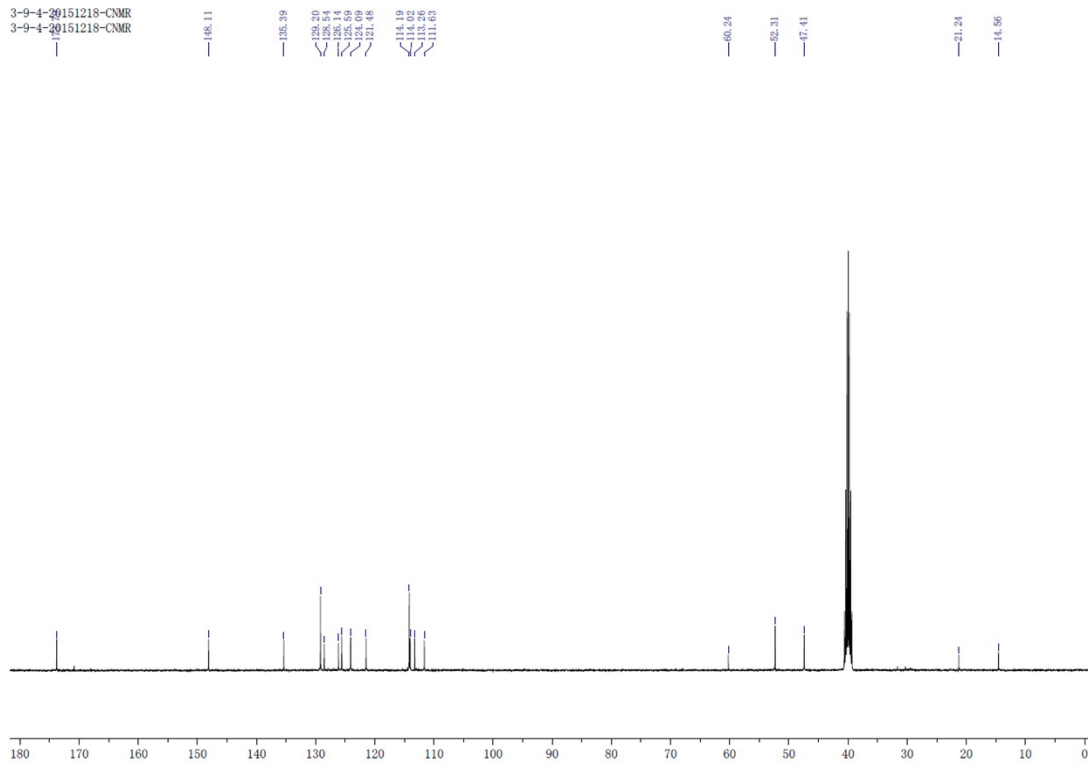


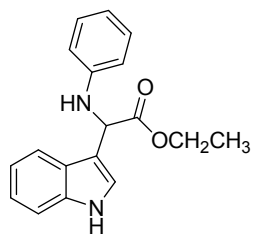
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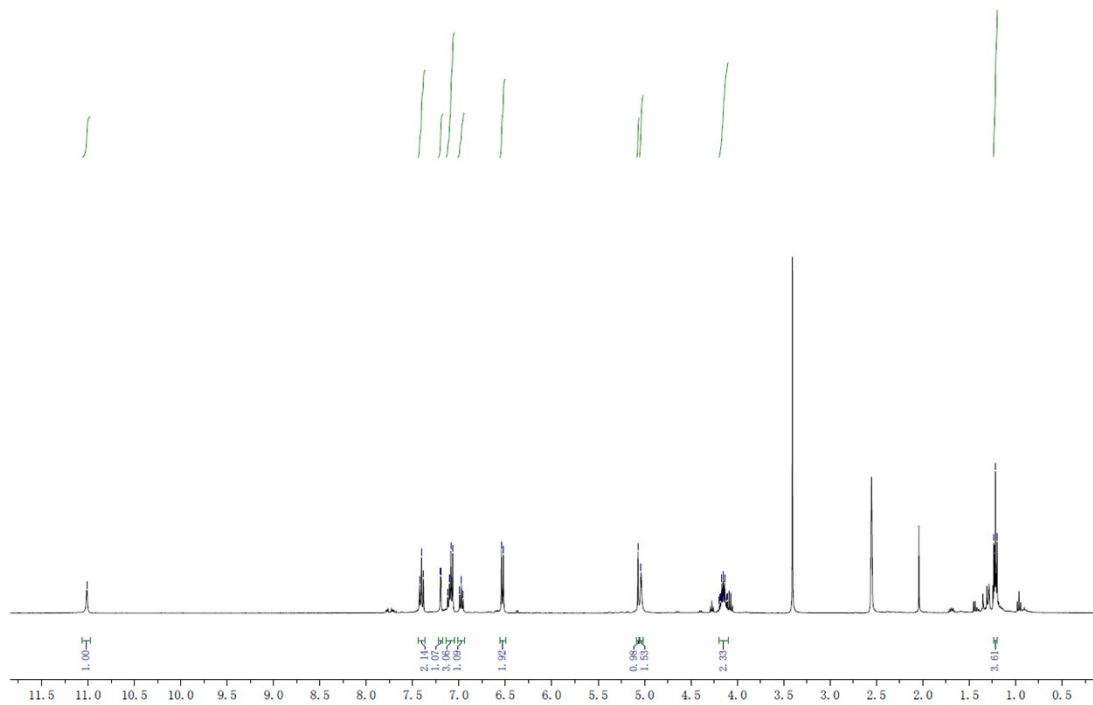




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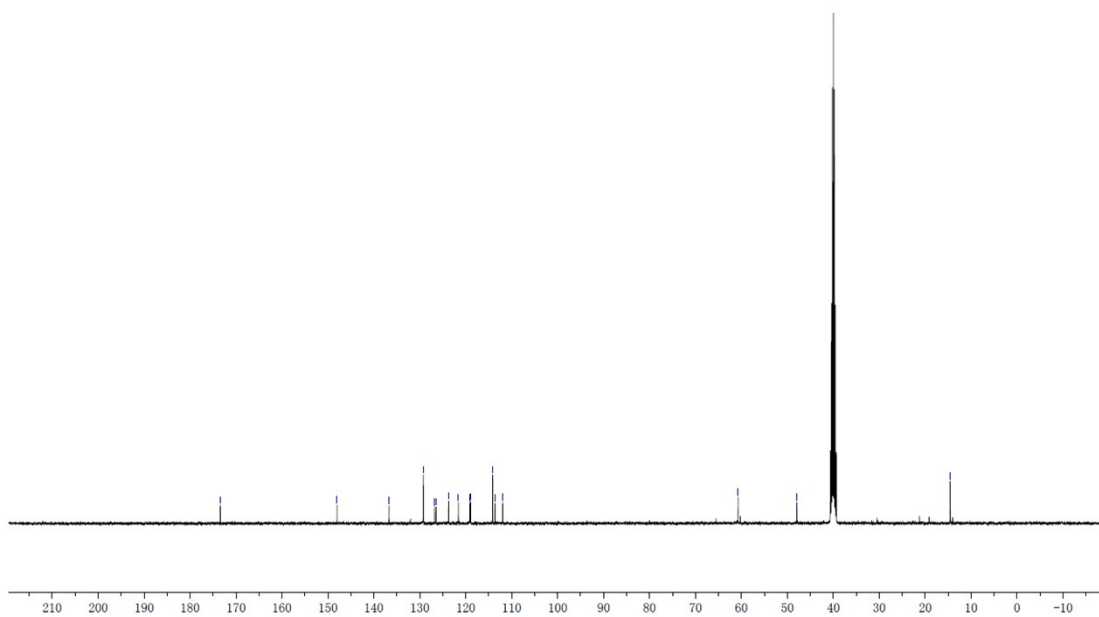
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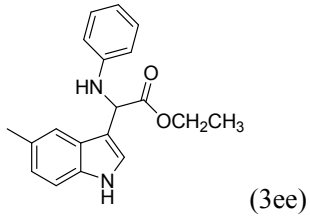
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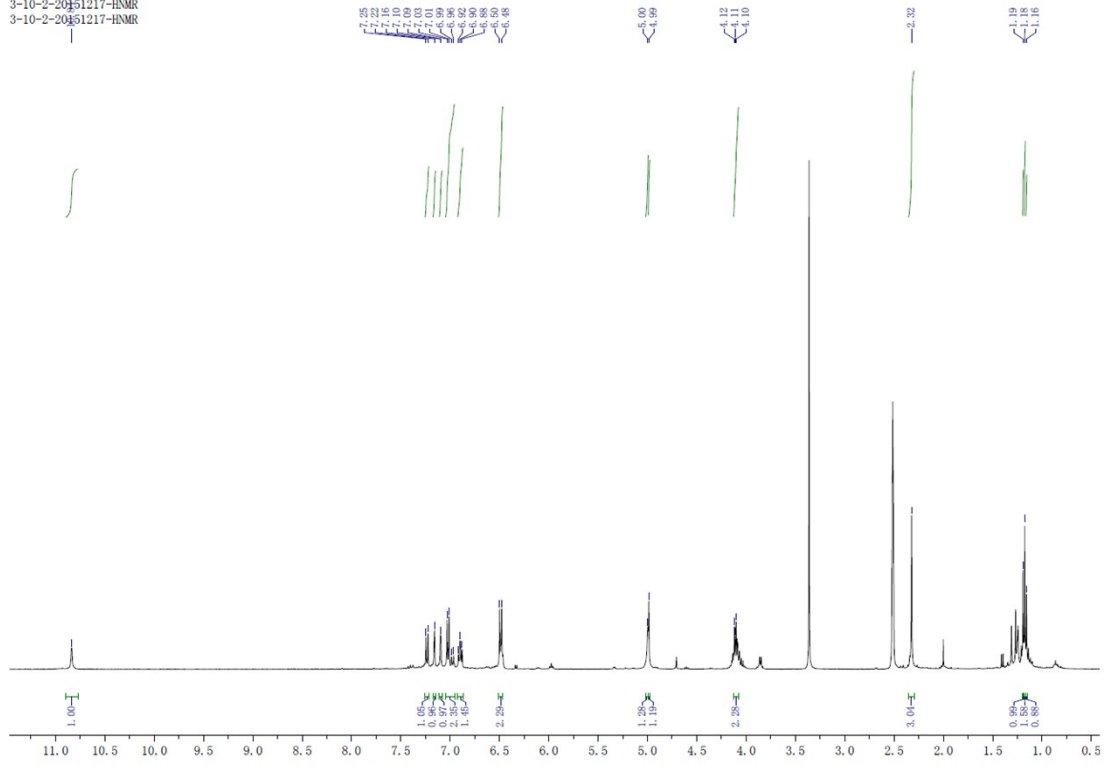
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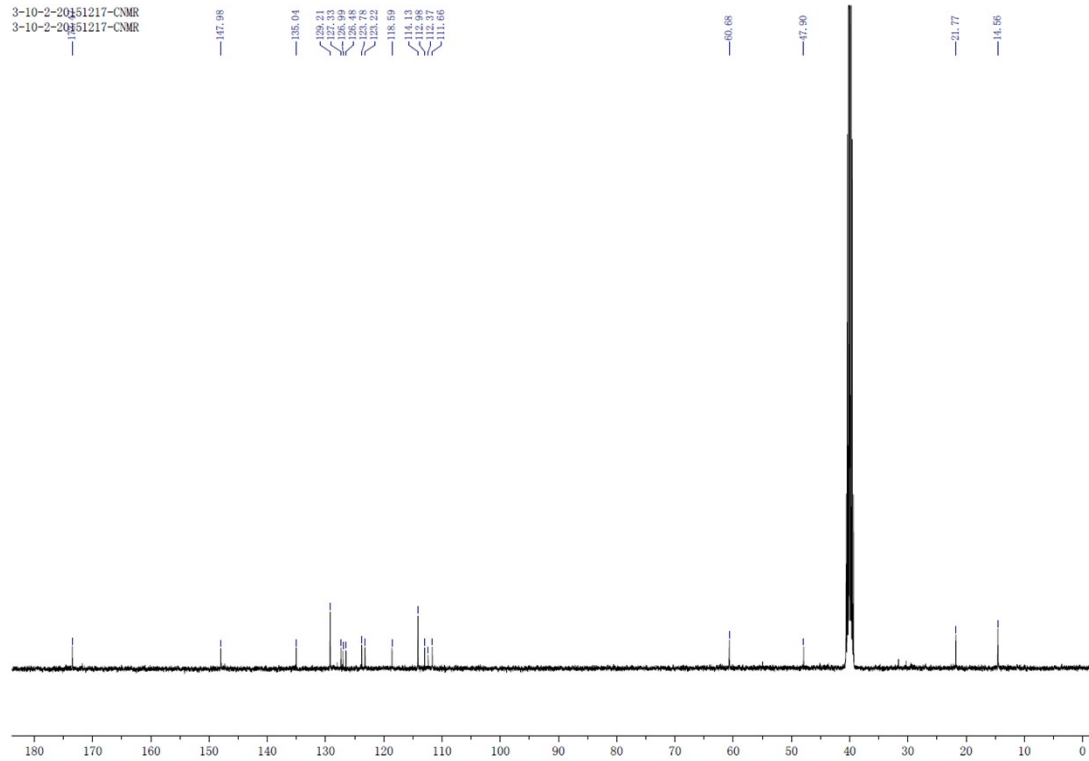


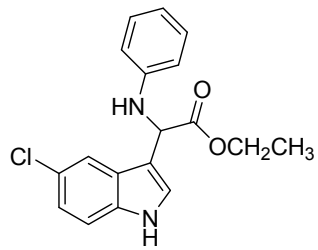


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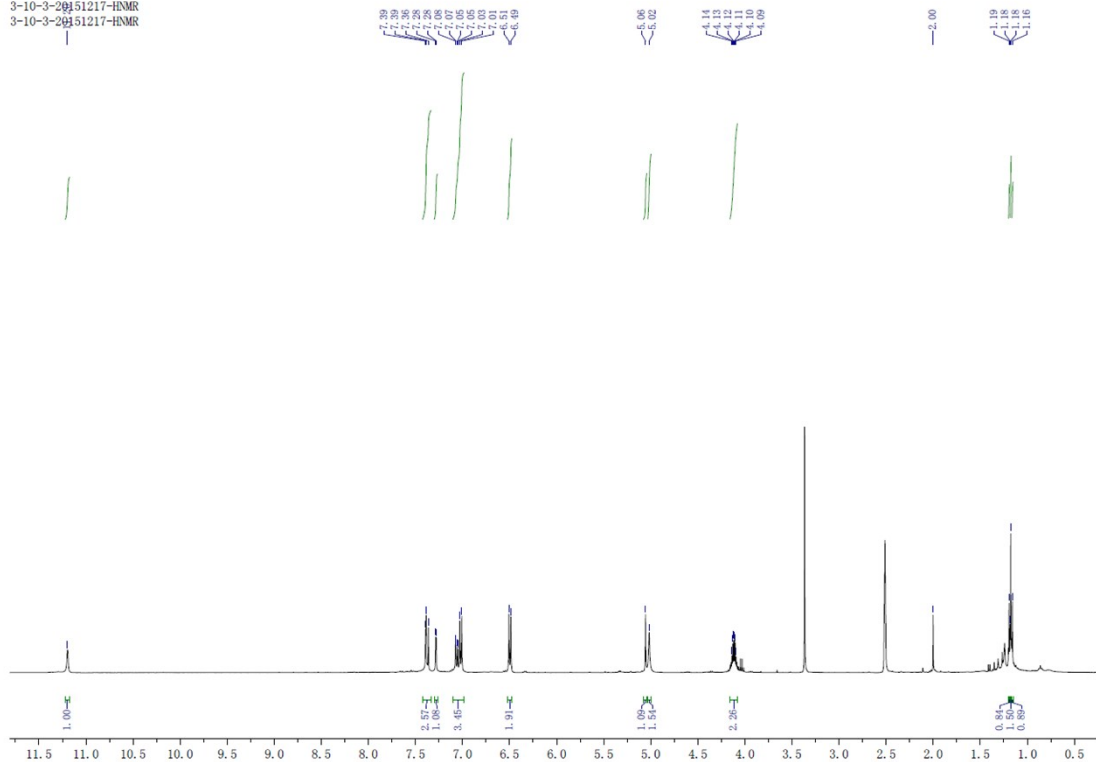


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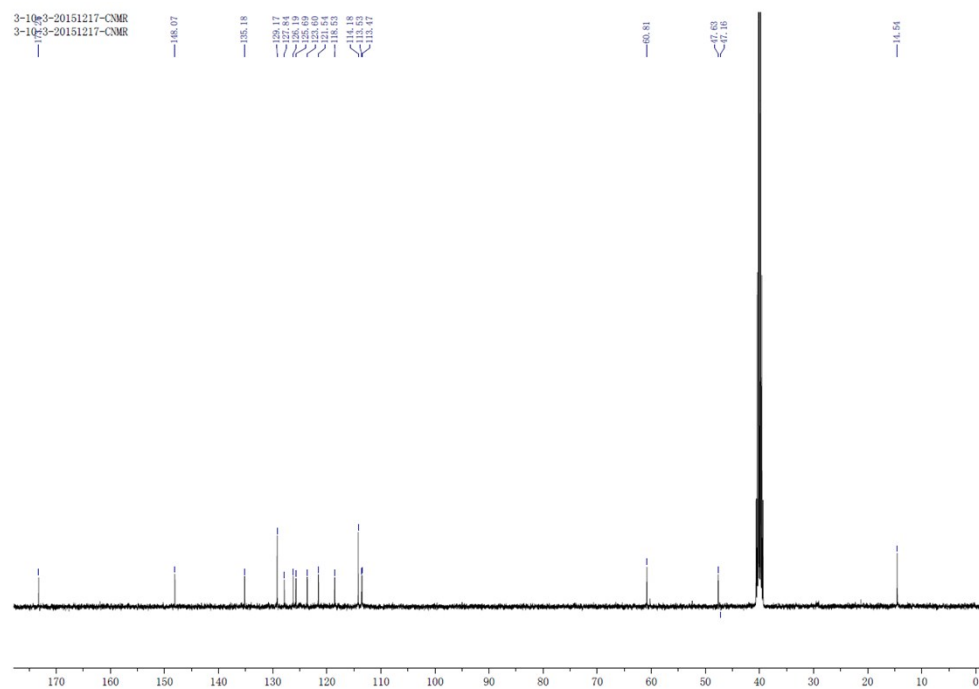


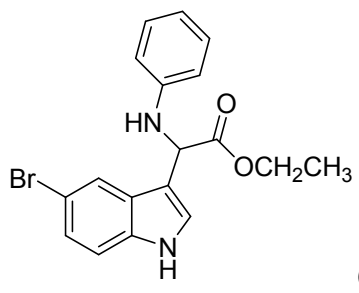


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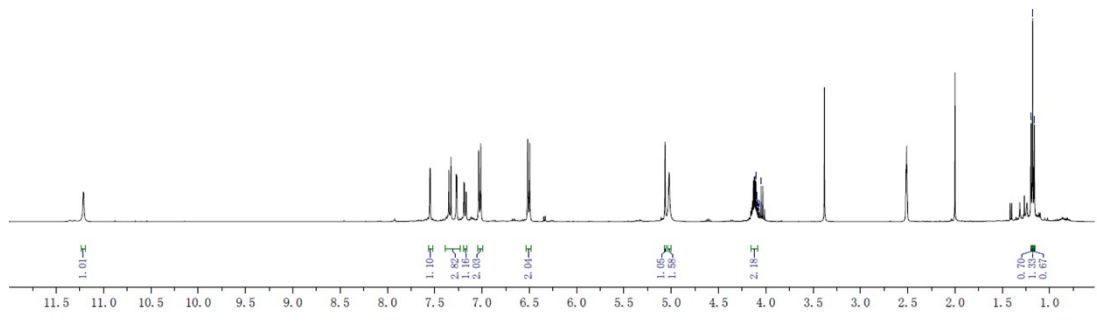


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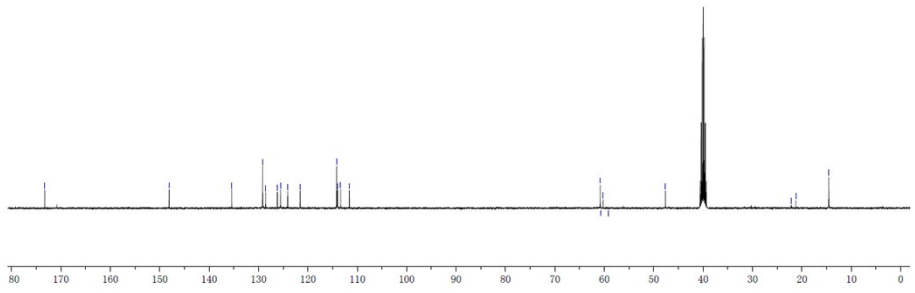


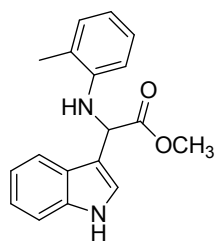


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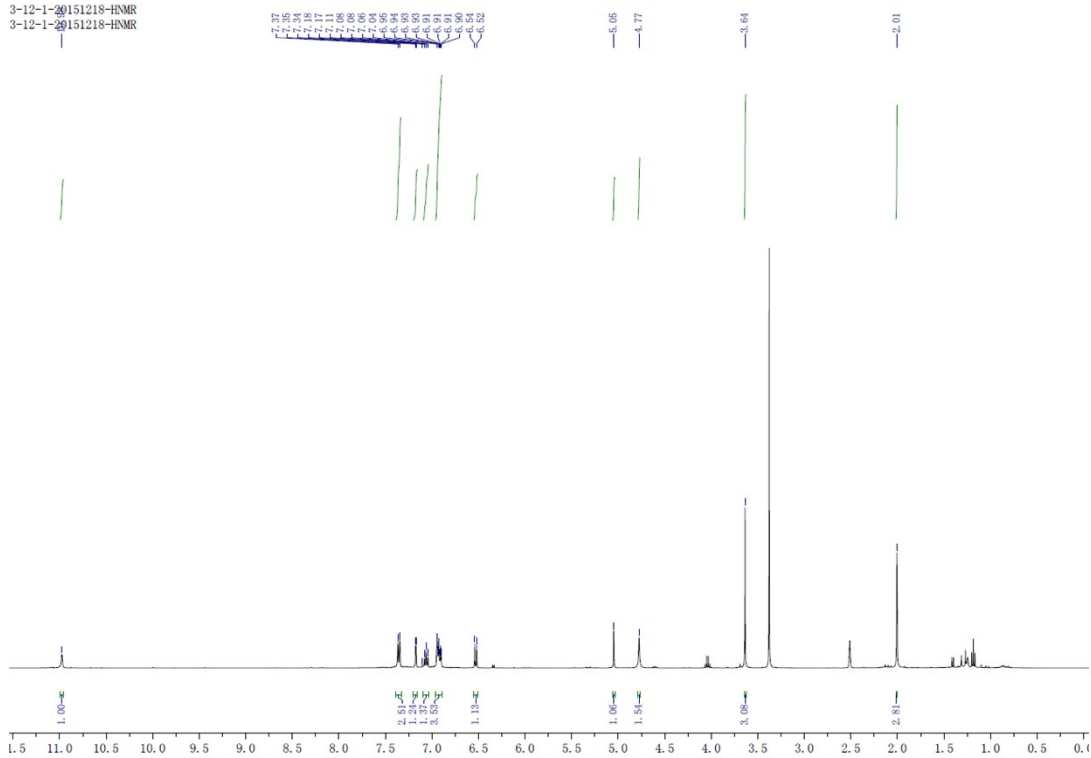
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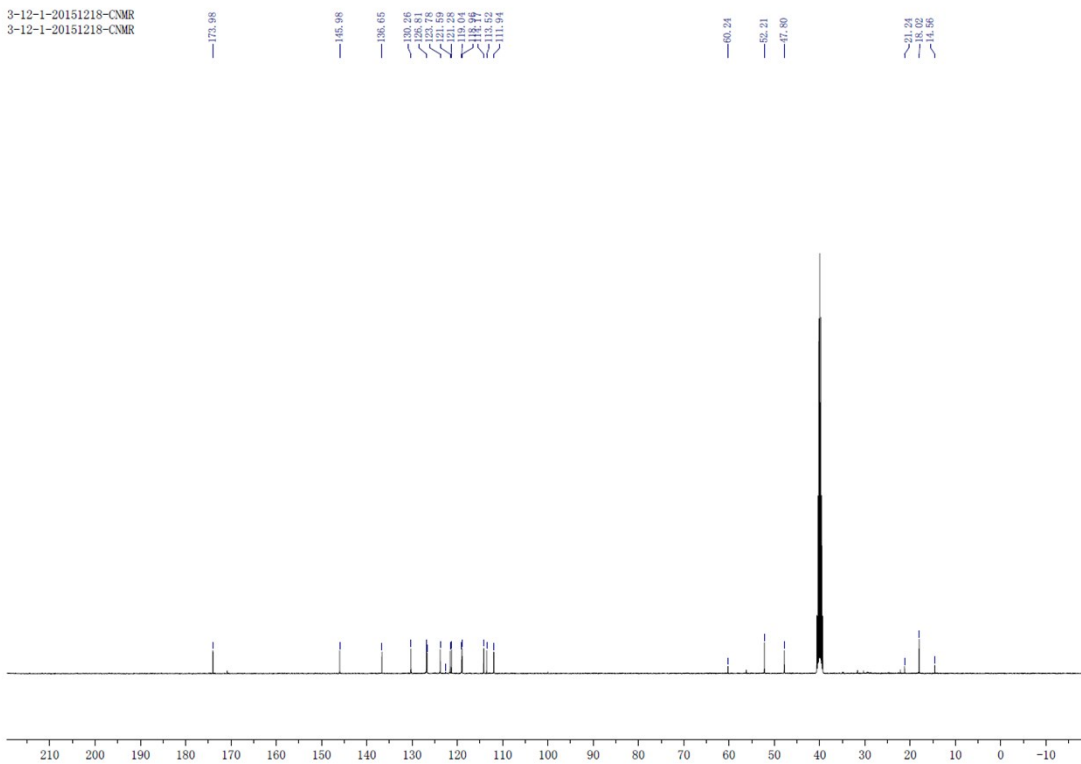


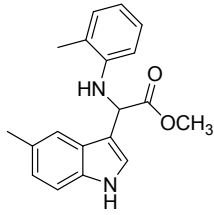
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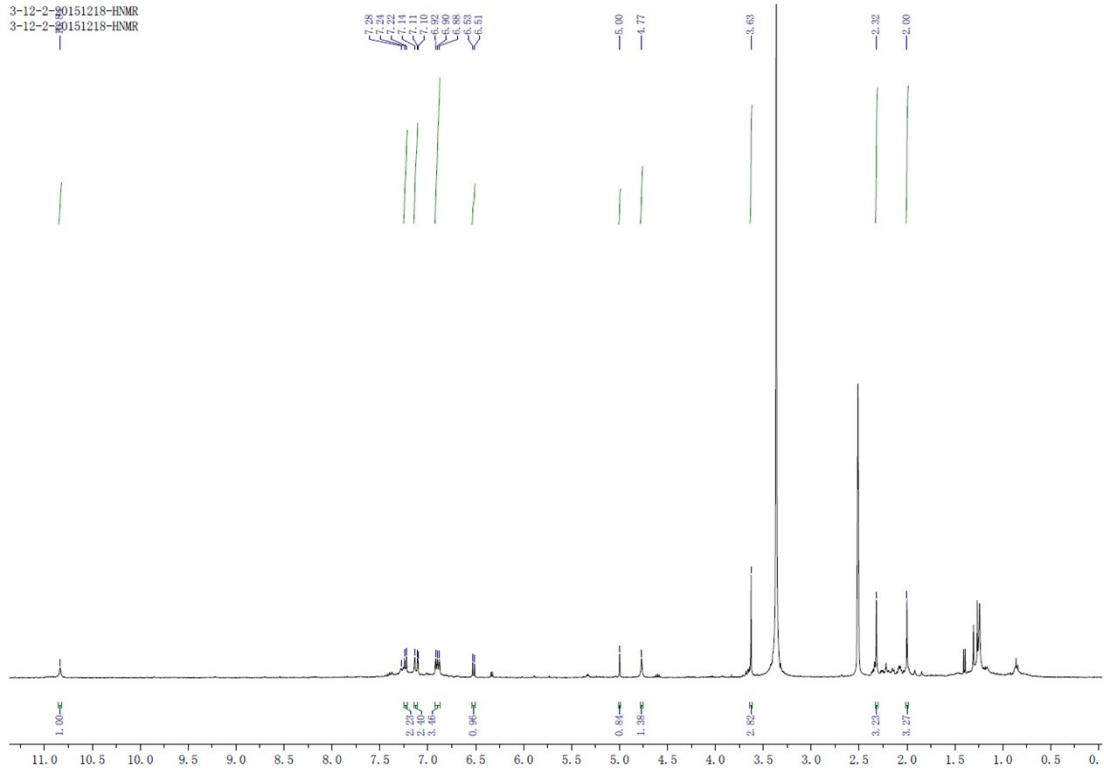


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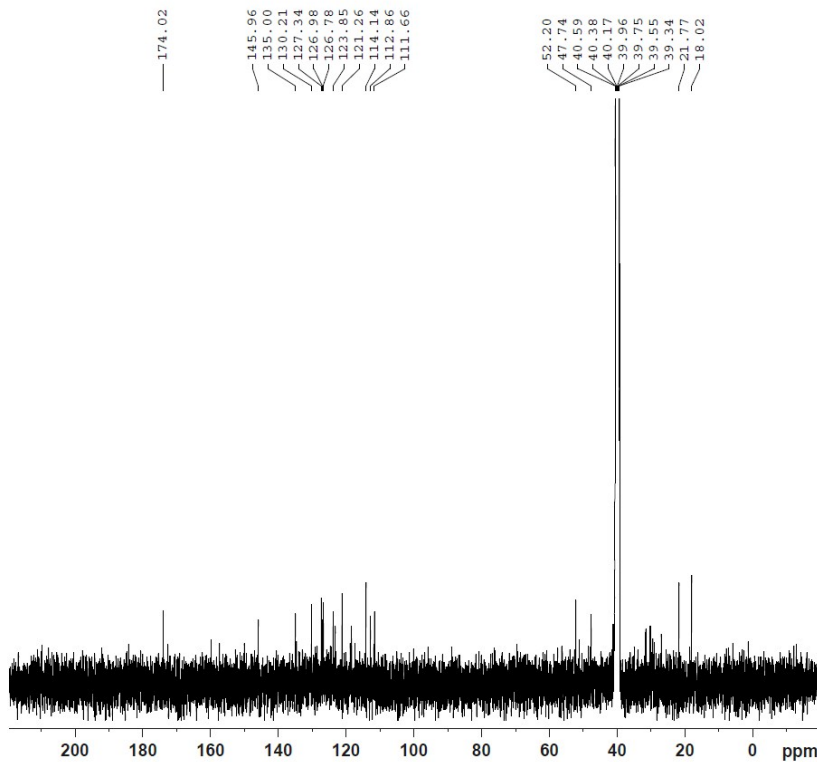




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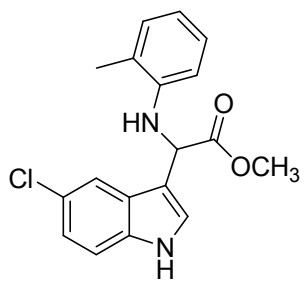
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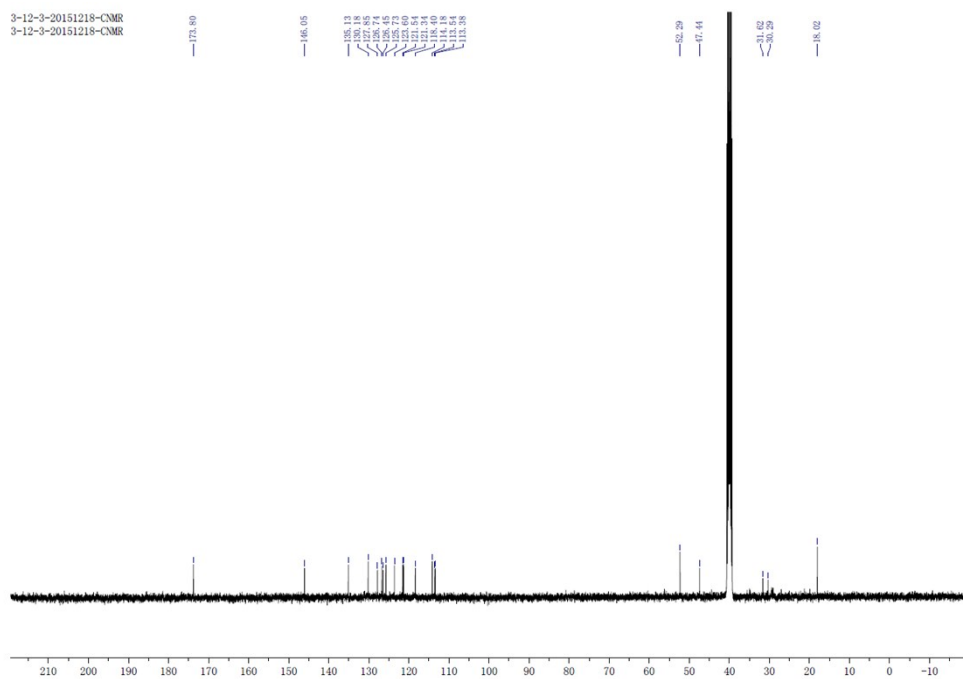
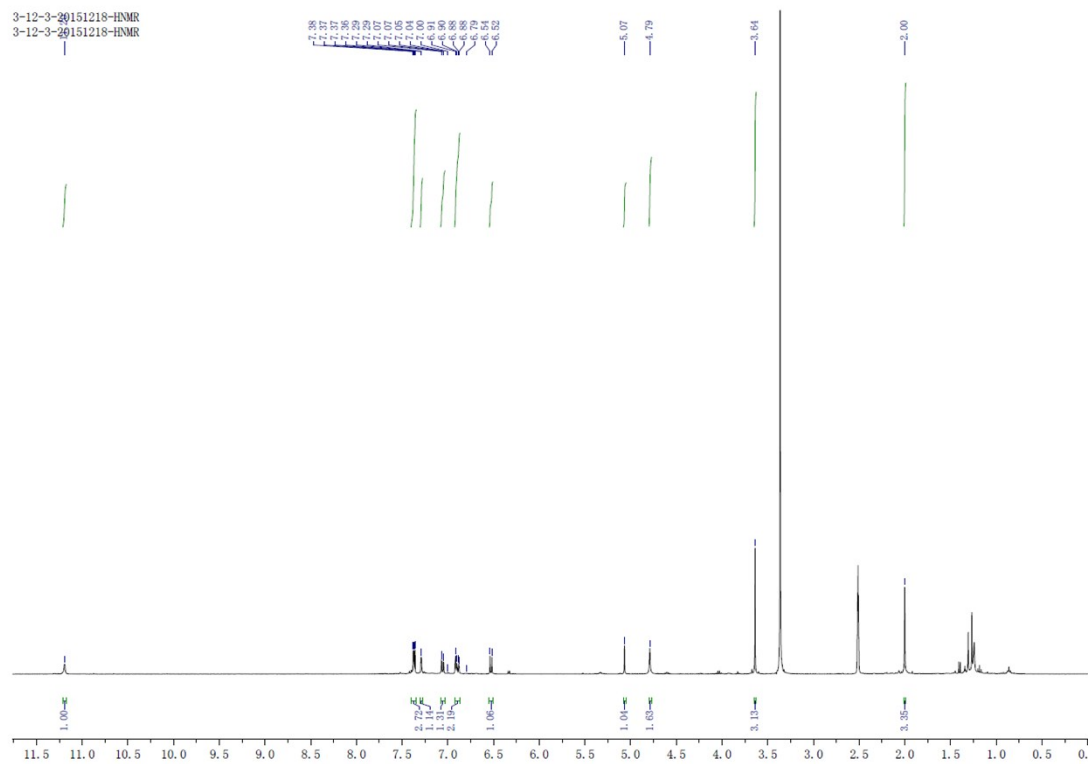
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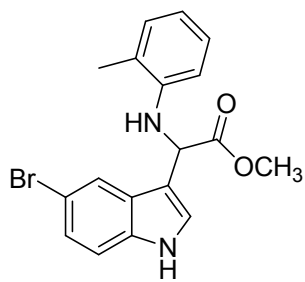
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PL12 14.45 dB
PL13 15.52 dB
PL2W 9.73843670 W
PL12W 0.39218345 W
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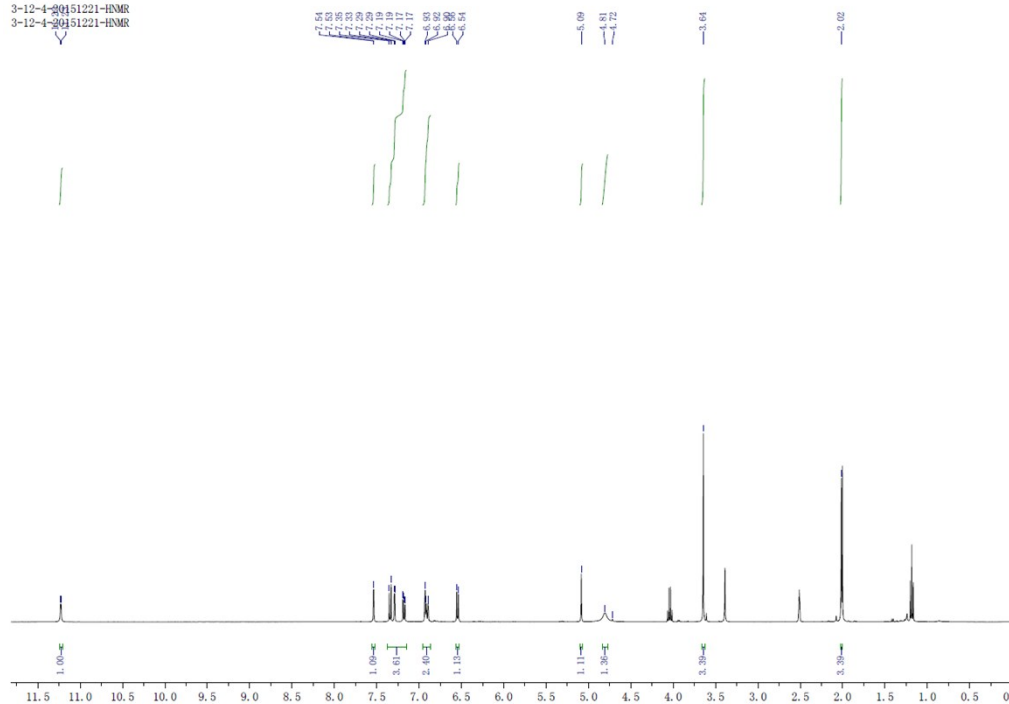


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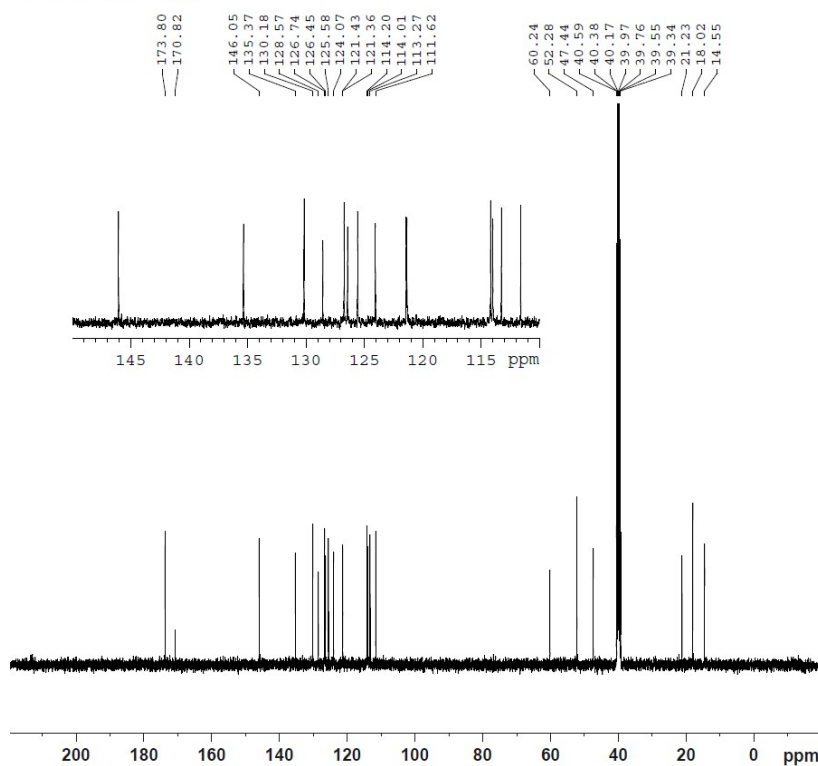




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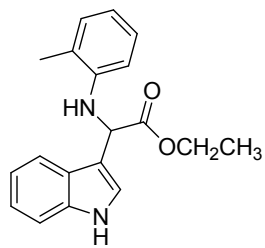
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RG 203
DW 20.800 usec
DE 6.50 usec
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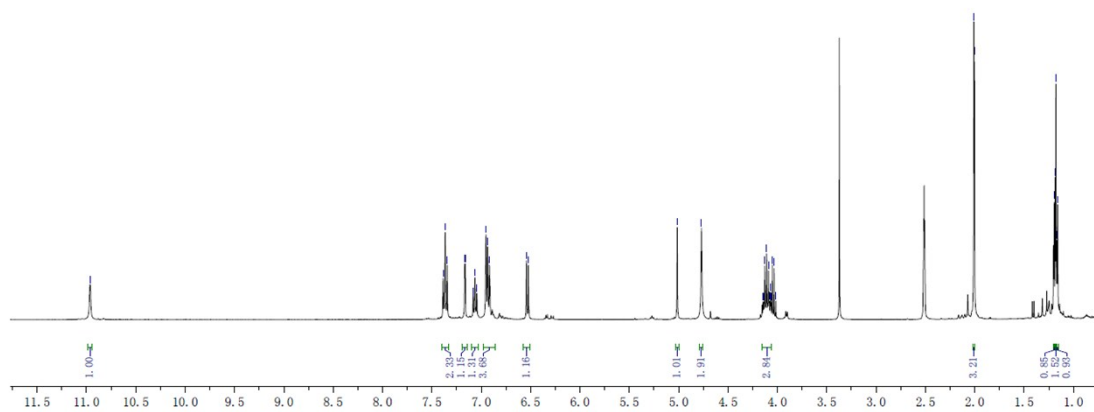
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PL13 15.52 dB
PL2W 9.73843670 W
PL12W 0.39218345 W
PL13W 0.30654144 W
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LB 1.00 Hz
GB 0
PC 1.40

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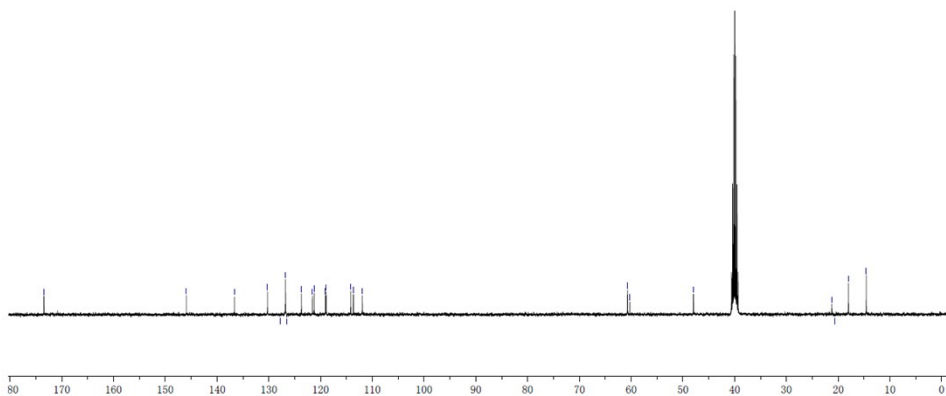
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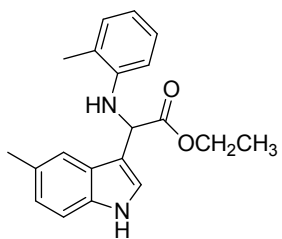
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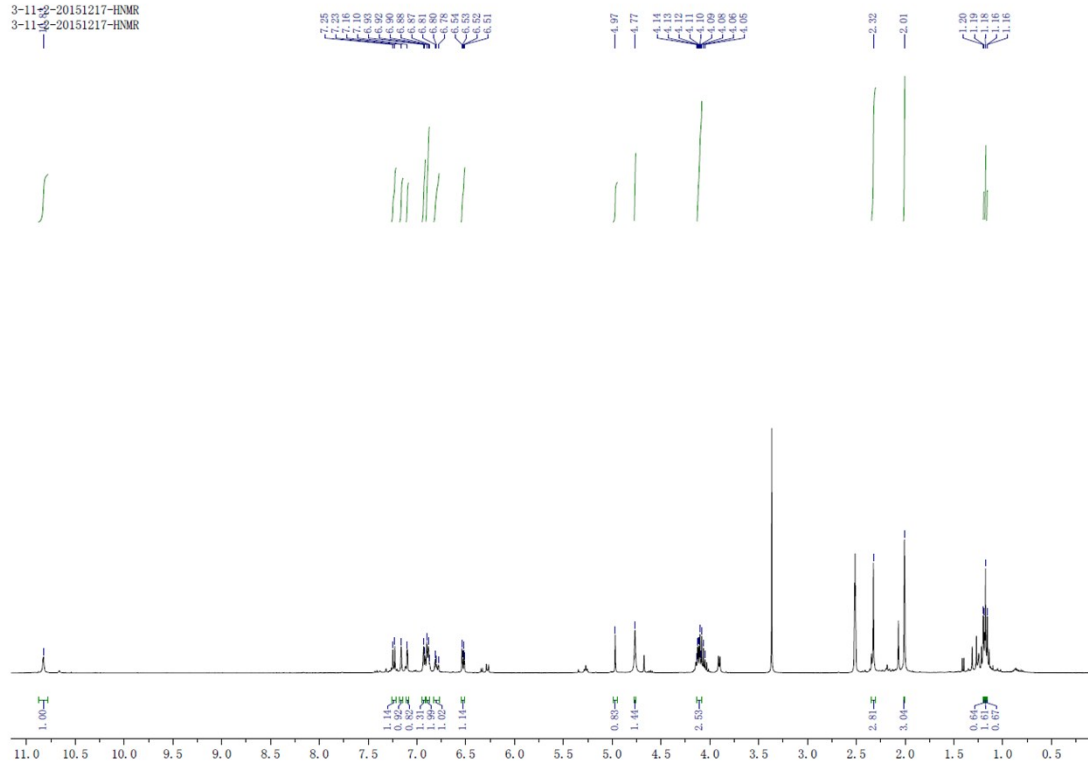
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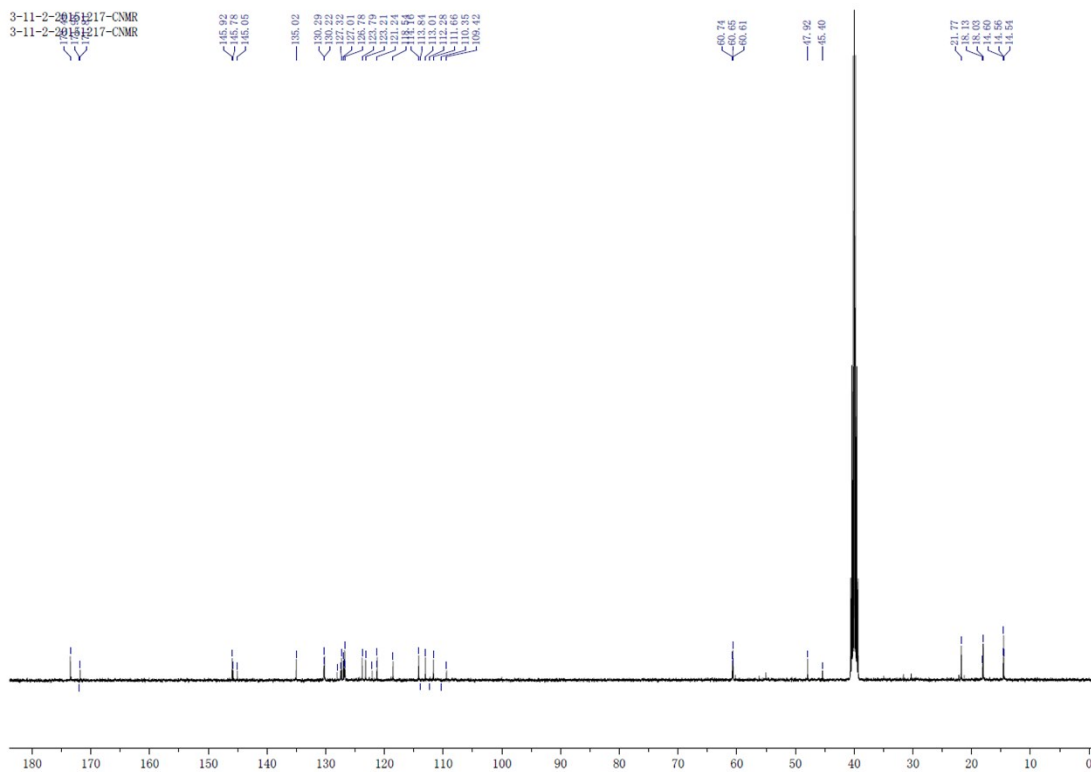


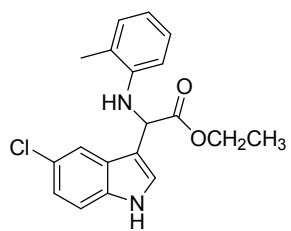
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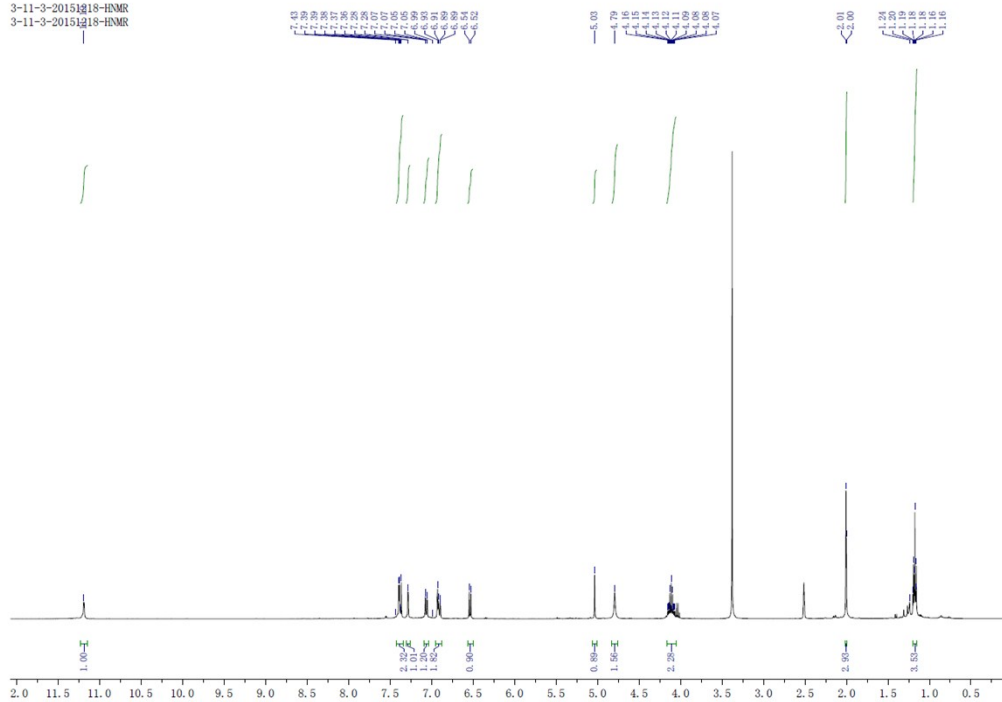


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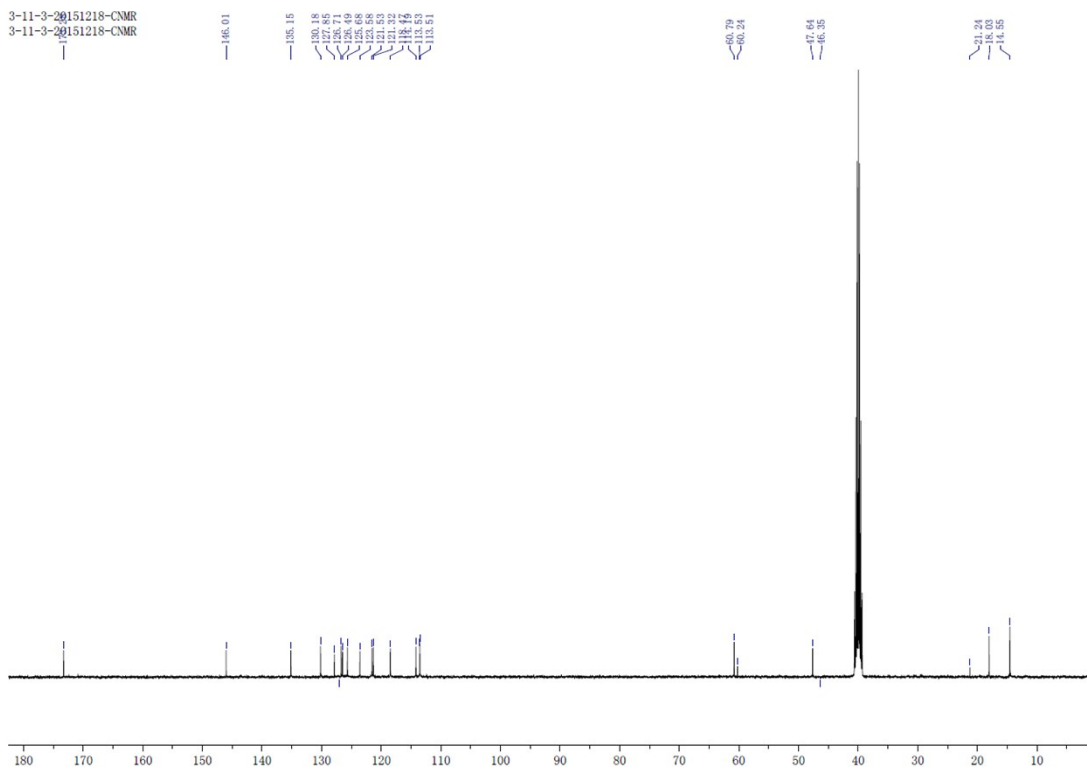


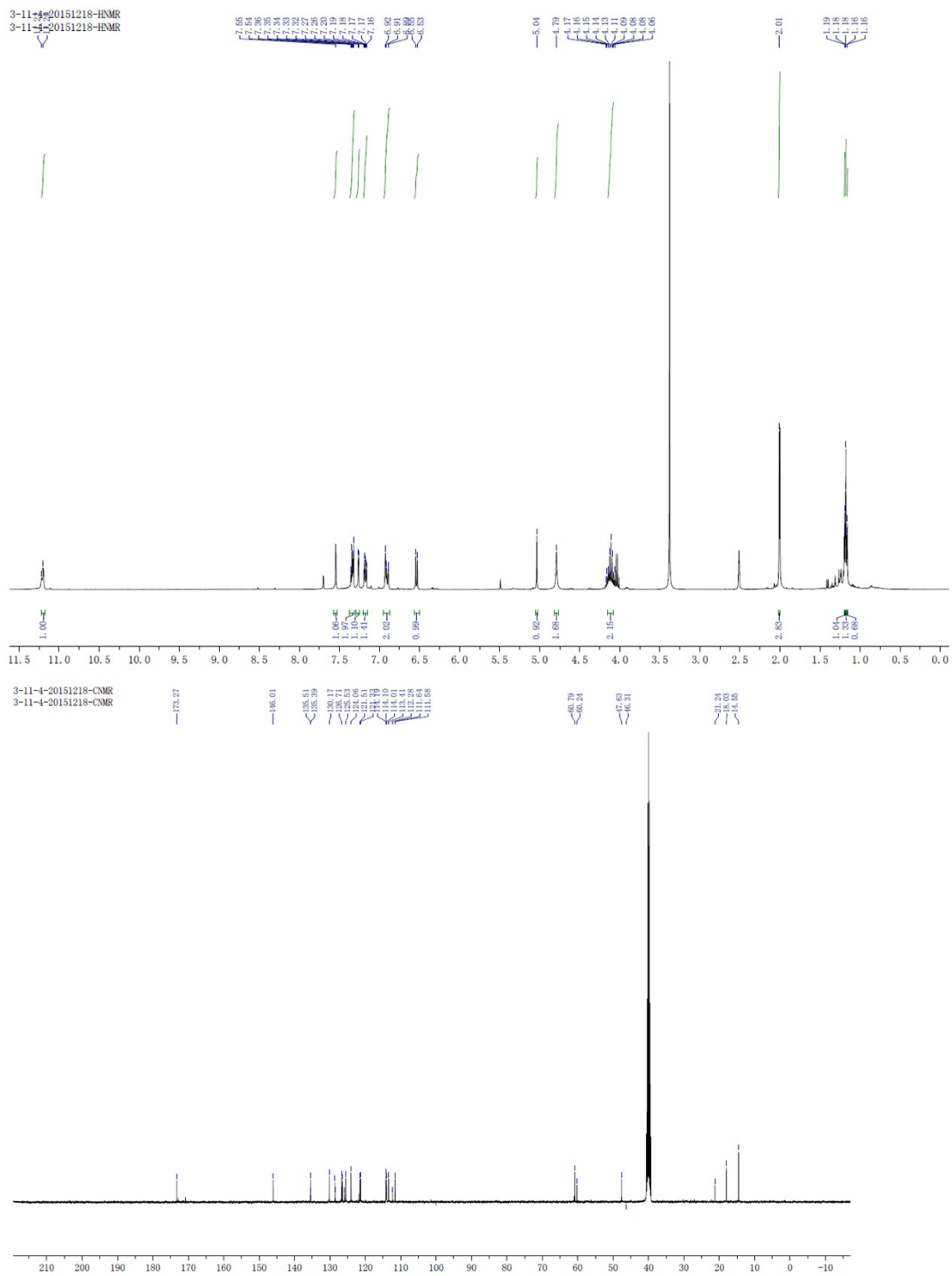
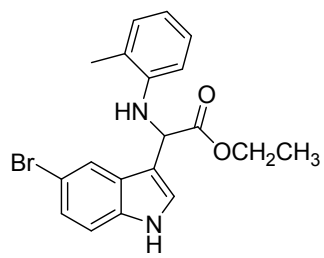


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