

Supporting information for

Palladium-Catalyzed Direct *ortho* C-O Bond Construction of Azoxybenzenes with Carboxylic Acids and Alcohols

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1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. Melting points were measured on a microscopic apparatus and were uncorrected. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer in deuterated chloroform. The chemical shifts δ are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane. The multiplicity of signals was designated by the following abbreviations: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet). Coupling constants, *J*, were reported in Hertz (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100

MHz spectrometer. The chemical shifts δ were reported relative to residual CHCl_3 ($\delta_c = 77.00$ ppm). High resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were obtained on a Q-TOF spectrometer with micromass MS software using electrospray ionization (ESI). X-ray analysis was obtained with an X-ray single crystal diffractometer.

2. Typical procedure for the synthesis of azoxybenzenes

All of the azoxybenzenes were prepared from arylamines, according to the literature.^[1] H_2O_2 (30%, 0.92 mL, 9.00 mmol) was added to a solution of arylamine (0.27 mL, 3.00 mmol) and SeO_2 (33.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until complete consumption of the starting material was observed by TLC (20 h). The solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the residue was partitioned between CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) and H_2O (20 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{pentane}=1:10$) to afford the desired azoxybenzene derivatives.

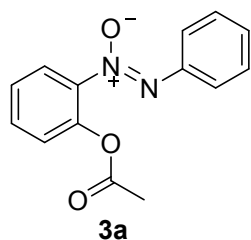
3. Experimental procedures

(Z)-1-(2-acetoxphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide (3a): In the oil bath, to a 5 mL reaction tube were successively added azoxybenzene (**1a**) (39.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), acetic acid (**2a'**) (2.0 ml), $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (1.7 mg, 0.005 mmol), $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (108.0 mg, 0.4 mmol). The mixture was stirred on a heating block at 100 °C for 14 h. (Note: The reaction was sluggish at temperatures below 100 °C.)

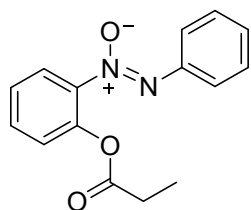
(Z)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide (4a): In the oil bath, to a 5 mL reaction tube were successively added azoxybenzene (**1a**) (39.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), alcohol (**2a'**) (2.0 ml), $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (1.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$ (128.8 mg, 0.4 mmol) and TFA (18.0 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h.

After cooling to ambient temperature, the resulting mixture was filtered through a pad of tripolite and washed with 50 mL of ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuum and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (silica gel: ethyl acetate / petroleum ether = 1 : 10, v/v) to afford the target product **3a** as a pale yellow liquid (44.1 mg, 86%) and **4a** as a pale yellow solid (36.5 mg, 80%), respectively.

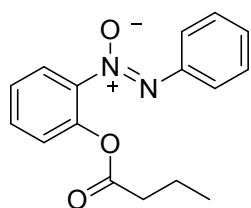
4. Characterization data for the products



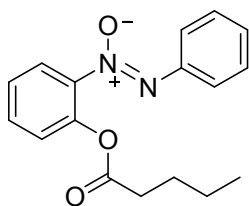
(3a) (Z)-1-(2-acetoxphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.37 – 7.28(m, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.1 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 169.0, 144.4, 143.5, 131.93, 130.5, 129.3, 126.9, 125.7, 125.5, 125.0, 21.2; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 279.0740, found: 279.0742.



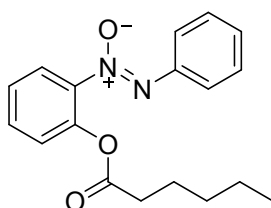
(3b) (Z)-2-phenyl-1-(2-(propionyloxy)phenyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46(m, 3H), 7.42–7.35(m, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, $J = 14.96$ Hz, $J = 7.48$ Hz, 2H), 1.20 (q, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 171.1, 143.0, 142.2, 130.4, 129.0, 127.8, 125.3, 124.3, 124.1, 123.6, 26.5, 7.9; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 293.0897, found: 293.0899.



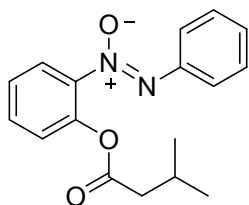
(3c) (Z)-1-(2-(butyryloxy)phenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47(m, 3H), 7.43–7.36(m, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.68(m, 2H), 0.98 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 170.2, 143.0, 142.1, 130.4, 129.0, 127.8, 125.3, 124.3, 124.1, 123.6, 34.9, 17.1, 12.6; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 307.1053, found: 307.1059.



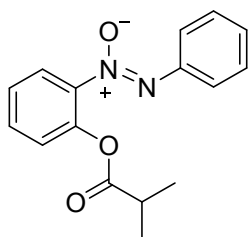
(3d) (Z)-1-(2-(pentanoyloxy)phenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 171.8, 144.4, 143.5, 131.4, 130.4, 129.1, 126.7, 125.7, 125.4, 125.0, 34.2, 27.1, 22.6, 14.0; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 321.1210, found: 321.1214.



(3e) (Z)-1-(2-(2-hexanoyloxy)phenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.25 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 171.8, 144.4, 143.5, 131.7, 130.4, 129.1, 126.7, 125.7, 125.4, 125.0, 34.4, 31.6, 24.7, 22.6, 14.2; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 335.1366, found: 335.1371.

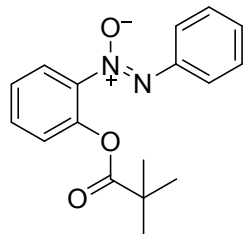


(3f) (Z)-1-(2-((3-methylbutanoyl)oxy)phenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 171.0, 144.4, 143.4, 131.7, 130.4, 129.1, 126.7, 125.7, 125.4, 125.0, 43.3, 25.8, 22.8; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 321.1210, found: 321.1215.

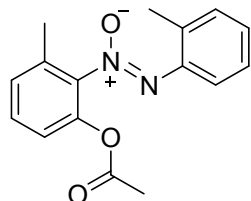


(3g) (Z)-1-(2-(isobutyloxy)phenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400

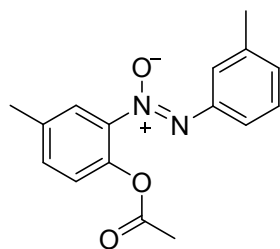
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 173.5, 143.0, 142.2, 130.3, 129.0, 127.7, 125.3, 124.3, 124.0, 123.5, 34.0, 17.8; HR-MS (ESI) ([M+Na]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₃Na⁺: 307.1053, found: 307.1057.



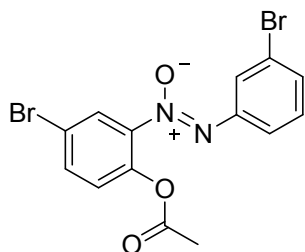
(3h) (Z)-2-phenyl-1-(2-pivaloyloxy)phenyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 174.9, 143.0, 142.3, 130.1, 128.9, 127.7, 125.1, 124.3, 123.8, 123.3, 38.1, 26.1; HR-MS (ESI) ([M+Na]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₃Na⁺: 321.1210, found: 321.1215.



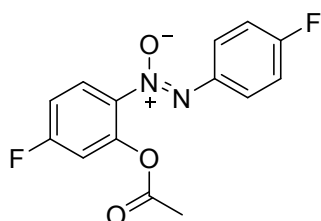
(3i) (Z)-1-(2-acetoxy-6-methylphenyl)-2-(o-tolyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 168.5, 142.9, 142.4, 130.9, 129.5, 128.5, 126.1, 121.6, 121.5, 20.8, 18.4, 17.0; HR-MS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₃Na⁺: 307.1053, found: 307.1056.



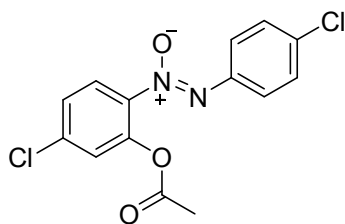
(3j) (Z)-1-(2-acetoxy-5-methylphenyl)-2-(m-tolyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.27–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 168.9, 144.0, 141.0, 138.5, 136.7, 131.9, 130.7, 128.5, 125.7, 124.2, 122.3, 21.4, 20.8; HR-MS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆N₂O₃Na⁺: 307.1053, found: 307.1056.



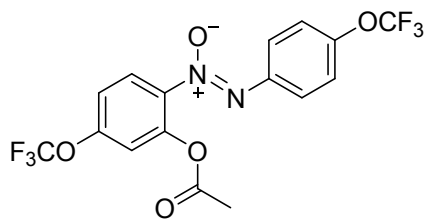
(3k) (Z)-1-(2-acetoxy-5-bromophenyl)-2-(3-bromophenyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 168.7, 145.1, 142.7, 135.2, 133.6, 130.5, 128.6, 128.3, 126.6, 124.7, 122.8, 119.4, 21.2; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 434.8950, found: 434.8954.



(3l) (Z)-1-(2-acetoxy-4-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 – 8.17(m, 2H), 7.91 (dd, $J = 9.0$ Hz, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.07(m, 1H), 6.98 (dd, $J = 8.5$ Hz, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 168.5, 164.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 46.7$ Hz), 162.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 45.8$ Hz), 144.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.6$ Hz), 140.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.27$ Hz), 128.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.5$ Hz), 127.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 10.0$ Hz), 116.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.4$ Hz), 113.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.7$ Hz), 112.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.2$ Hz), 21.2; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$: 293.0735, found: 293.0732.

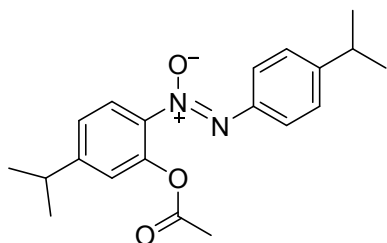


(3m) (Z)-1-(2-acetoxy-4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)diazene oxide: light yellow solid; m.p. 57.9-58.6 °C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 8.84$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.34(m, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 168.6, 144.0, 142.6, 137.6, 136.0, 129.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.5, 125.4, 21.2; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$: 325.0141, found: 325.0141.

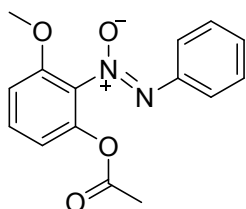


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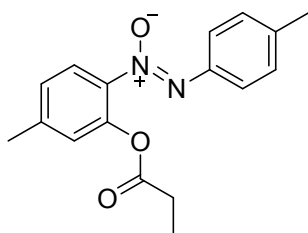
(3n) (Z)-1-(2-acetoxy-4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 11.36$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 168.35, 150.95 (dd, $J_1 = 1.95$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.83$ Hz), 149.90 (dd, $J_1 = 1.94$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.96$ Hz), 144.6, 142.4, 127.6, 126.9, 121.3, 118.6, 117.5, 21.1; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Na}^+$: 447.0388, found: 447.0392.



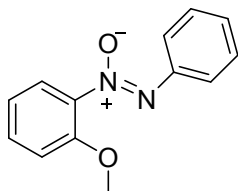
(3o) (Z)-1-(2-acetoxy-4-isopropylphenyl)-2-(4-isopropylphenyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 8.2$ Hz, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 169.2, 153.5, 151.7, 143.3, 142.5, 125.9, 125.4, 124.9, 122.7, 34.6, 34.3, 24.1, 24.0, 21.3; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$: 341.1860, found: 341.1862.



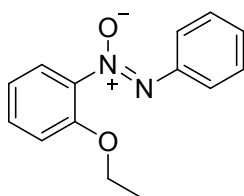
(3p) (Z)-1-(2-acetoxy-6-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.89 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 168.7, 153.2, 144.3, 144.3, 130.6, 130.4, 129.2, 125.8, 116.0, 110.4, 57.0, 21.1; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$: 309.0846, found: 309.0854.



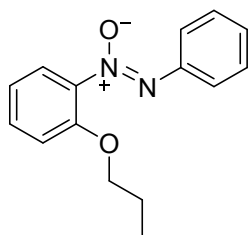
(3q) (Z)-1-(4-methyl-2-(propionyloxy)phenyl)-2-(p-tolyl)diazene oxide: light yellow solid; m.p. 65.2-66.3 °C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 2.56 (dd, $J = 14.9$ Hz, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 172.6, 143.3, 142.6, 142.3, 140.8, 129.7, 127.3, 125.8, 125.3, 125.2, 27.9, 22.0, 21.6, 9.2; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$: 299.1390, found: 299.1392.



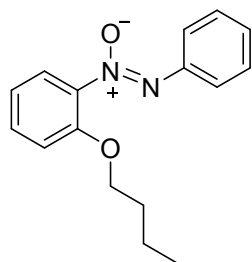
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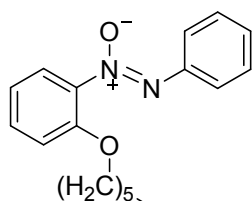
(4b) (Z)-1-(2-ethoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 151.5, 144.6, 131.4, 129.9, 129.1, 125.5, 124.8, 120.9, 114.6, 65.5, 15.1; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 243.1128, found: 243.1131.



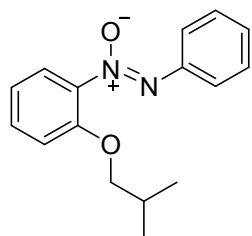
(4c) (Z)-2-phenyl-1-(2-propoxyphenyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.06 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 151.7, 144.7, 131.3, 129.9, 129.1, 125.5, 124.7, 120.8, 114.6, 71.2, 22.8, 10.8; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 257.1285, found: 257.1289.



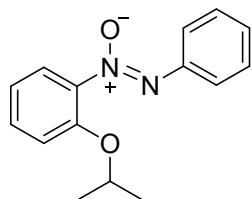
(4d) (Z)-1-(2-butoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow solid; m.p.73.4-74.7°C ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.00 - 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.05 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.74 - 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.43 - 1.37 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 151.7, 144.6, 131.3, 129.9, 129.1, 125.5, 124.7, 120.8, 114.6, 69.7, 31.4, 19.4, 14.1; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 271.1141, found: 271.1144.



(4e) (Z)-1-(2-(hexyloxy)phenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.00 - 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.04 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.75 - 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.40 - 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.21 - 1.96 (m, 4H), 0.79 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 151.7, 144.6, 131.3, 129.9, 129.0, 125.5, 124.7, 120.8, 114.6, 69.8, 31.8, 29.4, 25.9, 22.9, 14.3; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 299.1754, found: 299.1757.

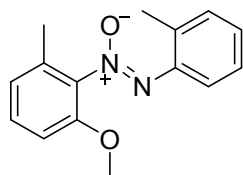


(4f) (Z)-1-(2-isobutoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.02 - 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.81 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 - 2.02 (m, 1H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 151.7, 144.6, 131.3, 129.8, 129.1, 125.5, 124.7, 120.7, 114.4, 75.8, 28.6, 19.5; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 271.1141, found: 271.1146.

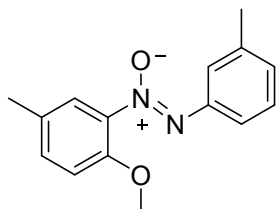


(4g) (Z)-1-(2-isopropoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 - 4.58 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d, J

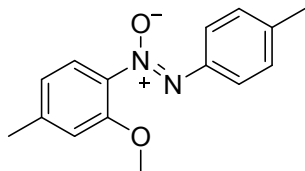
= 6.0 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 150.7, 144.7, 131.2, 129.1, 125.7, 124.8, 121.0, 116.6, 72.9, 22.5; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 257.1285, found: 257.1287.



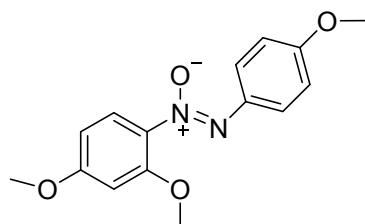
(4h) (Z)-1-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 162.0, 160.7, 153.6, 138.7, 128.1, 126.0, 114.0, 104.6, 100.4, 56.7, 56.1, 55.9; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 257.1285, found: 257.1289.



(4i) (Z)-1-(2-methoxy-6-methylphenyl)-2-(o-tolyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 148.6, 143.2, 137.5, 130.4, 129.5, 129.3, 127.5, 124.8, 123.8, 121.4, 112.1, 55.5, 20.5, 19.3; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$: 279.1104, found: 279.1108.

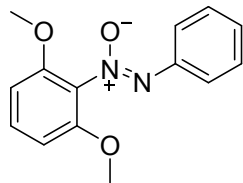


(4j) (Z)-1-(2-methoxy-4-methylphenyl)-2-(p-tolyl)diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 150.6, 141.1, 140.6, 139.2, 136.8, 128.2, 124.5, 123.3, 120.0, 112.7, 55.3, 20.8, 20.6; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$: 279.1104, found: 279.1107.



(4k) (Z)-1-(2-ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl) diazene oxide: light yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dd, $J = 8.7$ Hz, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, $J = 13.9$

Hz, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 161.9, 160.6, 152.9, 128.0, 126.0, 114.5, 114.0, 104.8, 101.5, 65.5, 56.1, 55.9, 15.0; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4^+$: 289.1183, found: 289.1185.

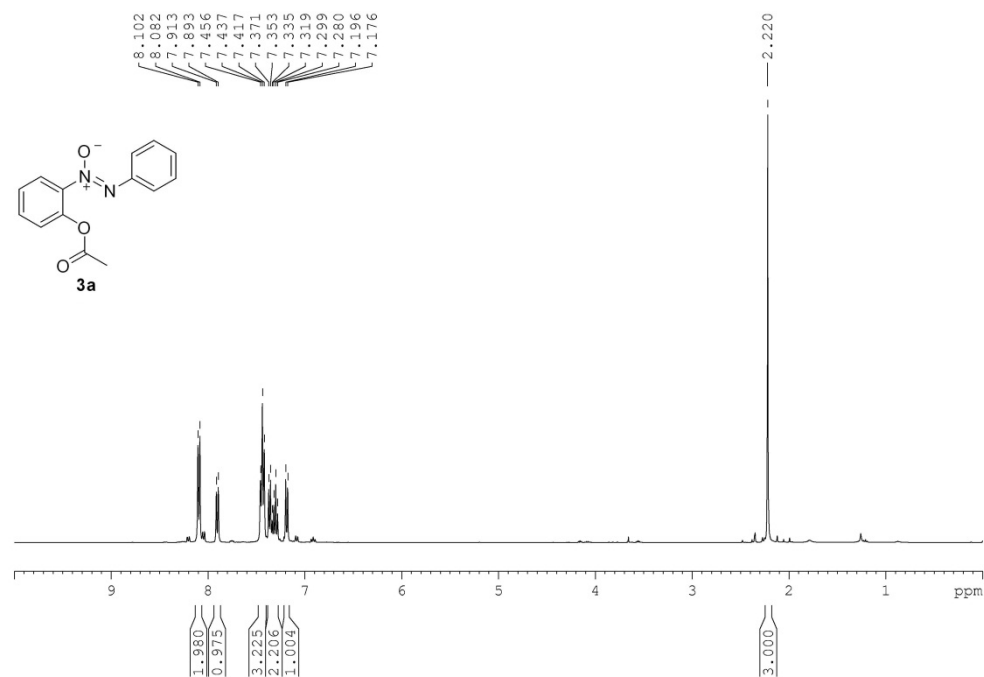


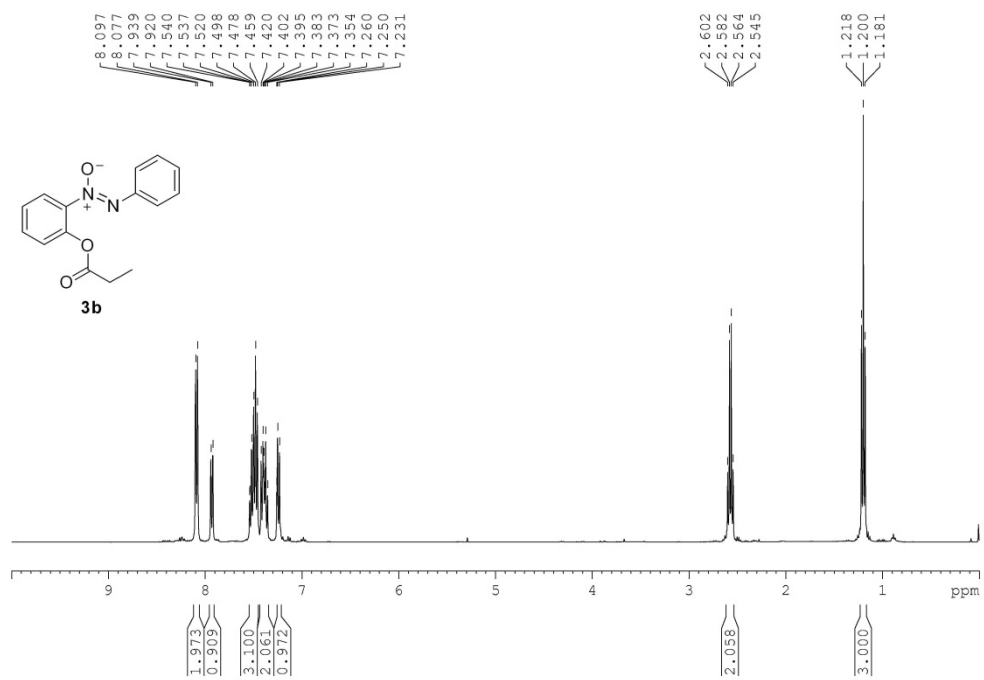
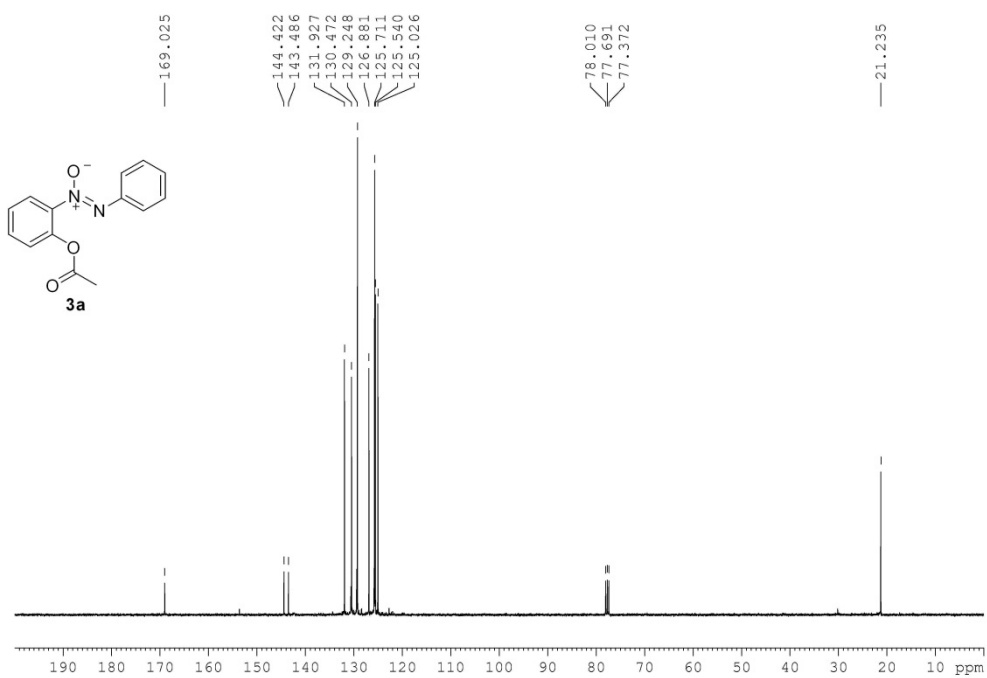
(4) (Z)-1-(2,6dimethoxyphenyl)-2-phenyldiazene oxide: light yellow solid; m.p. 120.8-121.6 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 8.4$, 1H), 6.65 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 152.8, 144.3, 130.2, 129.8, 128.7, 125.5, 104.7, 56.4; HR-MS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 281.0897, found: 281.0915.

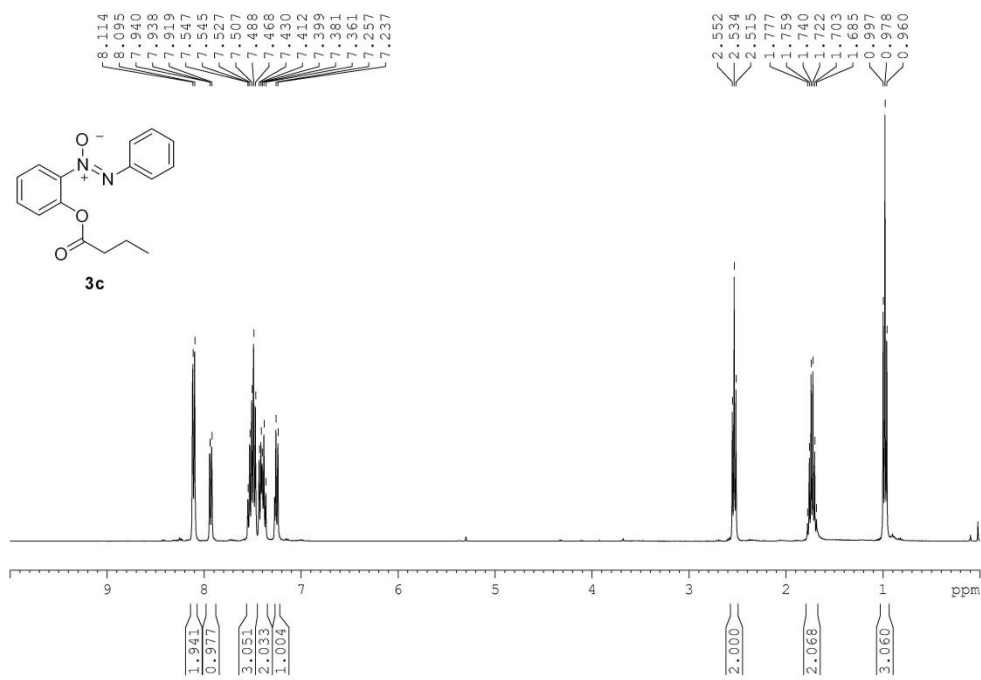
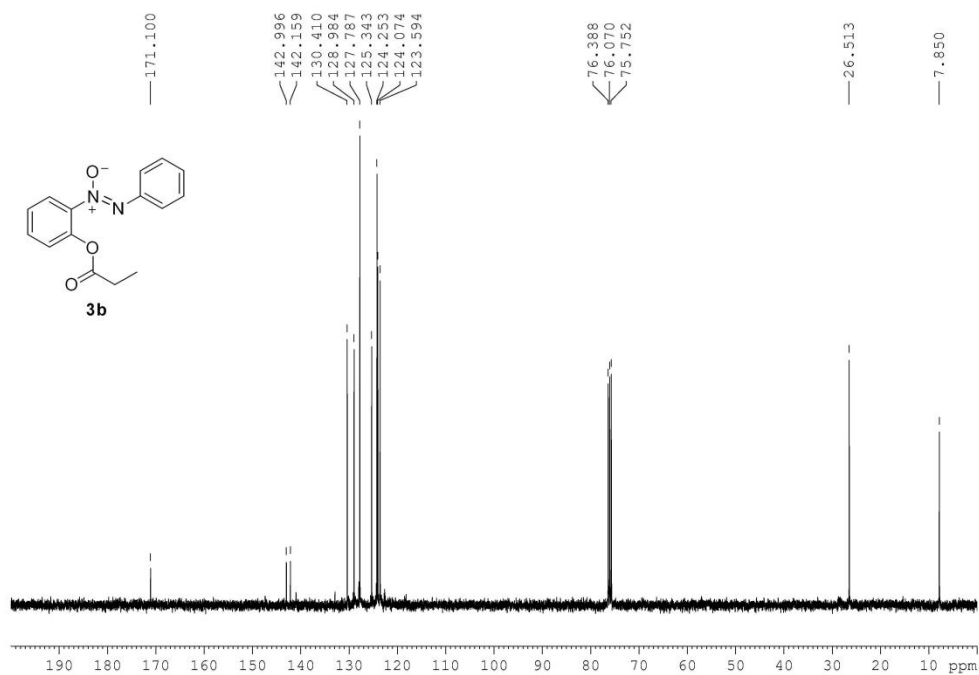
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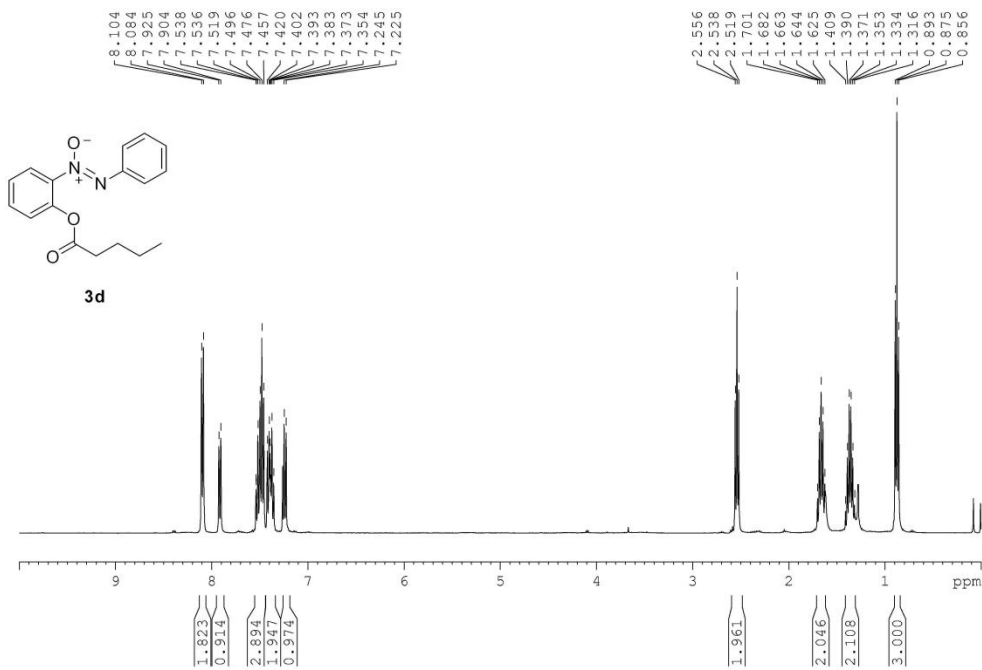
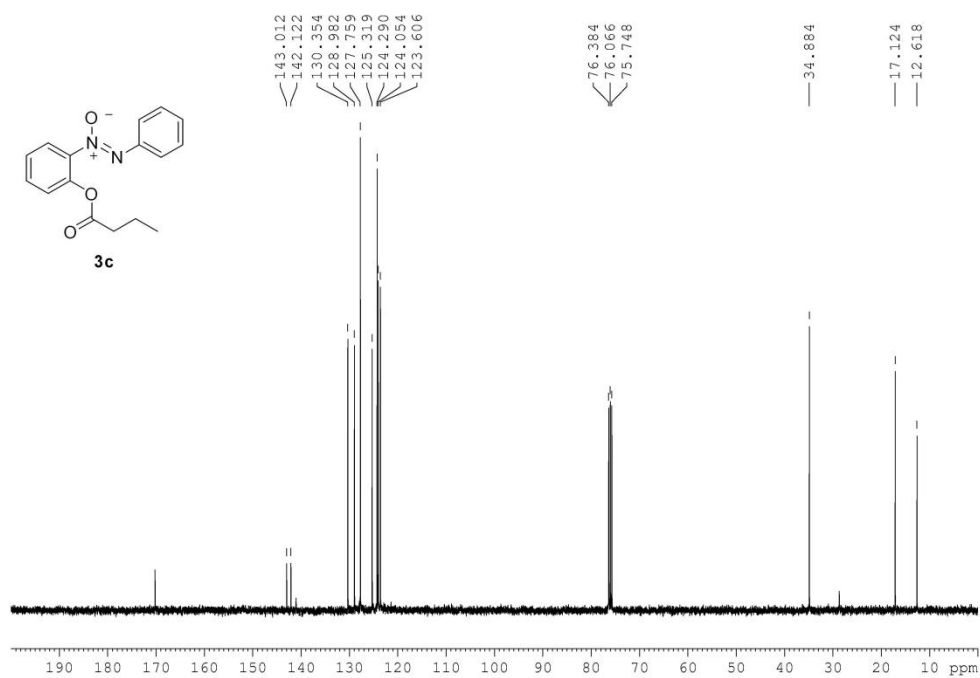
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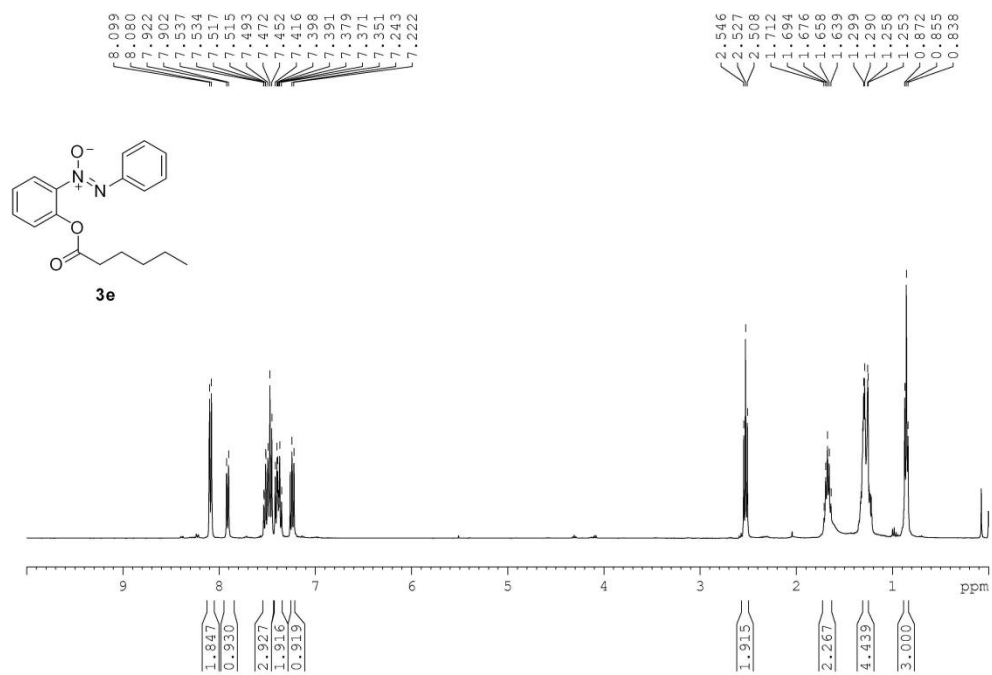
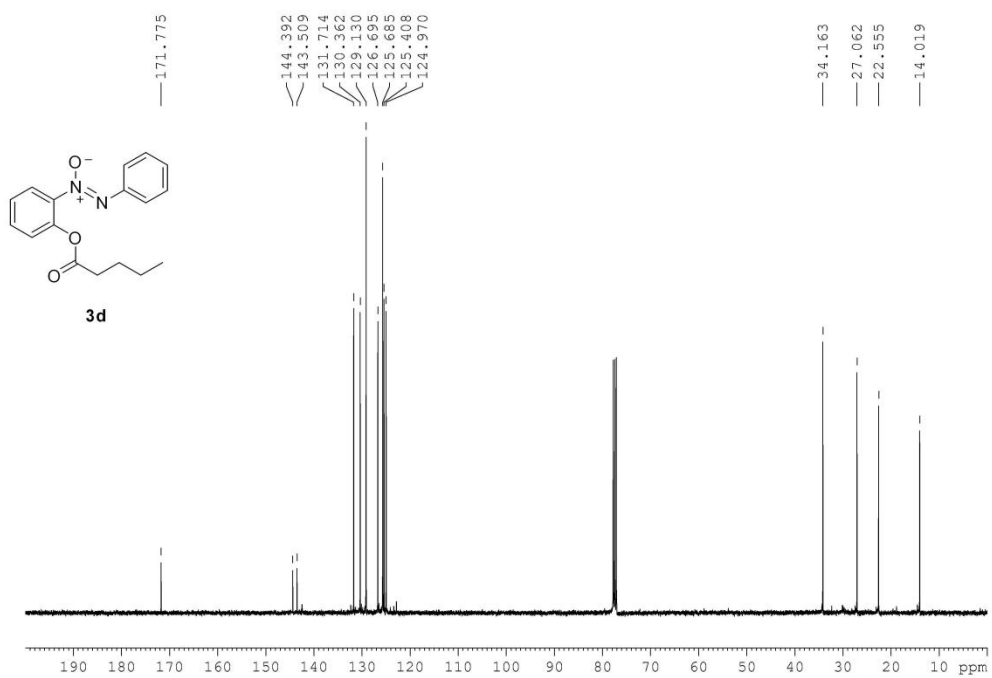
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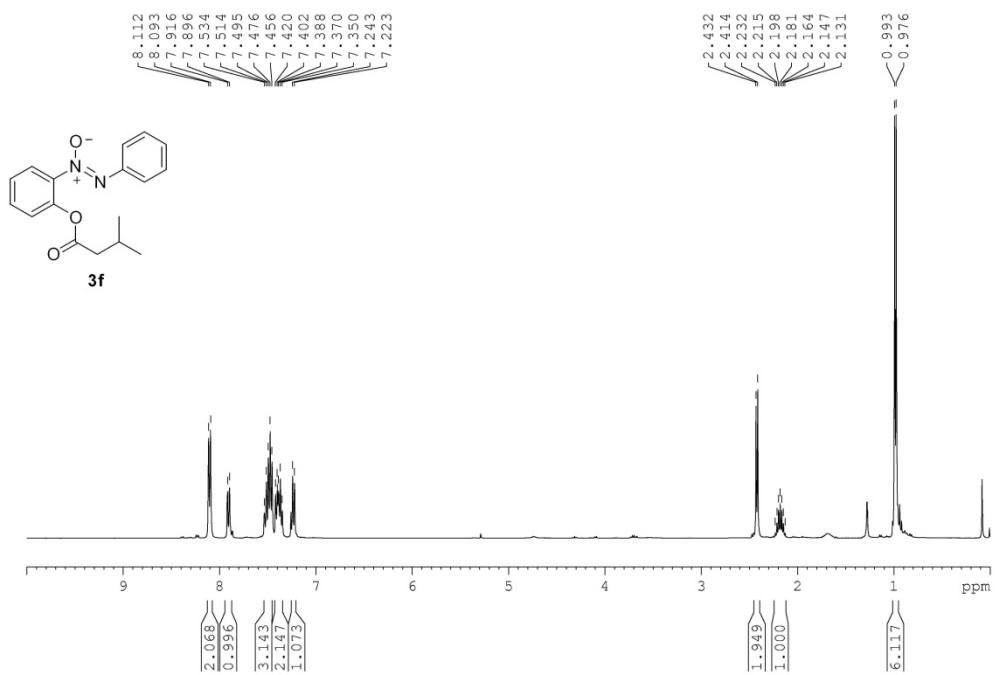
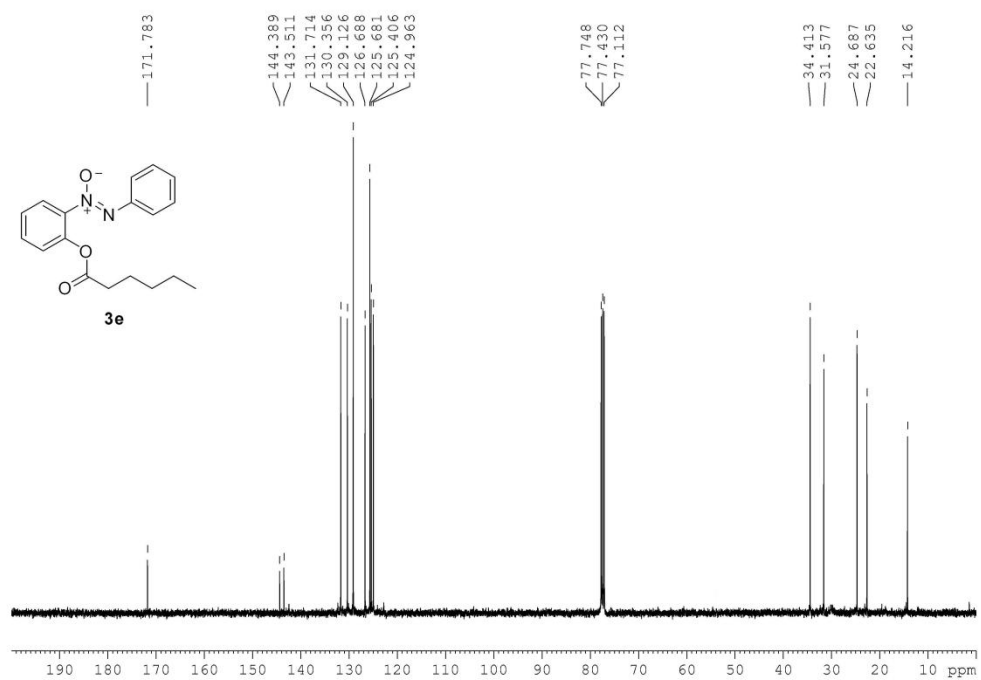


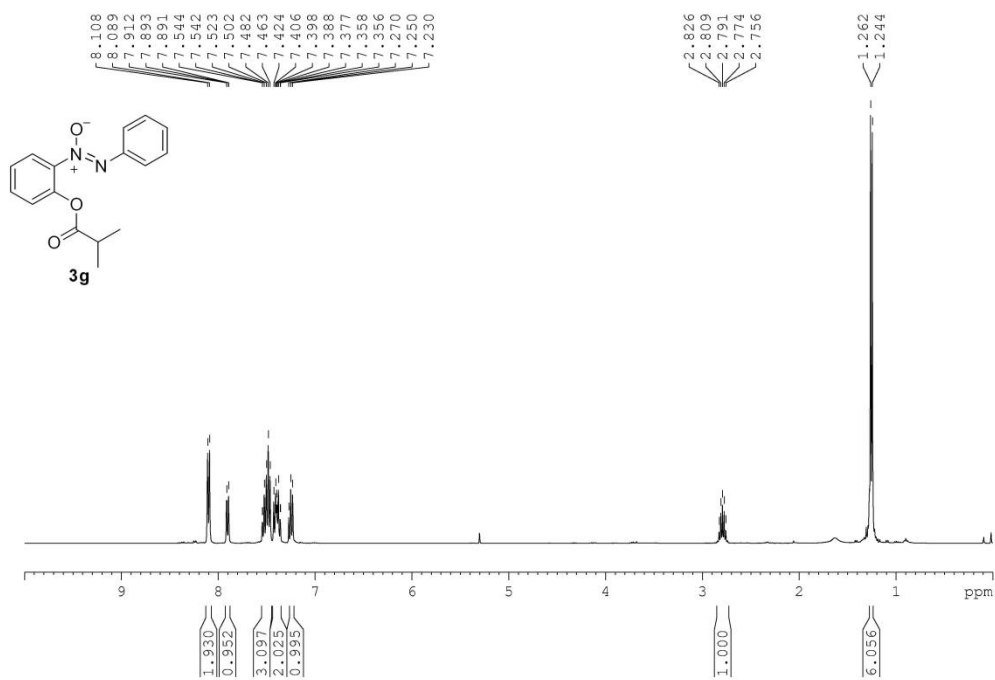
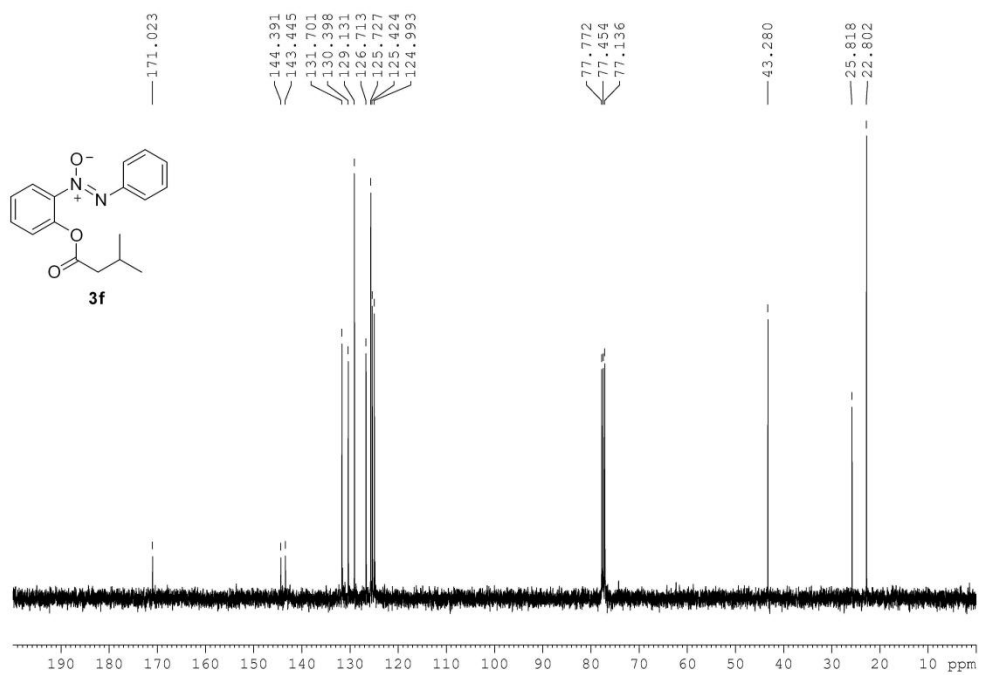


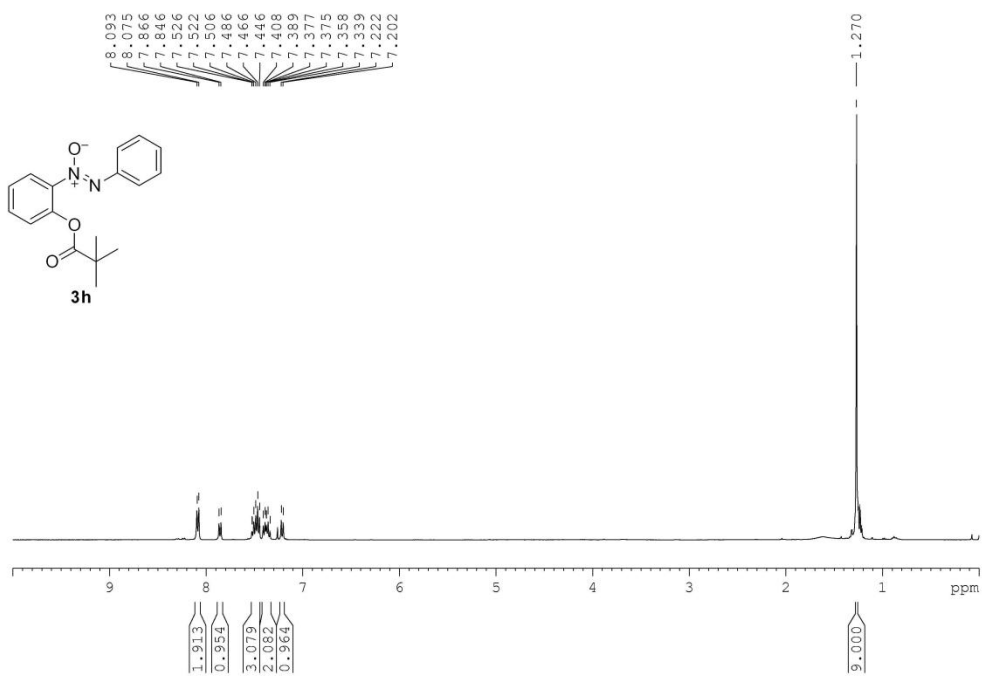
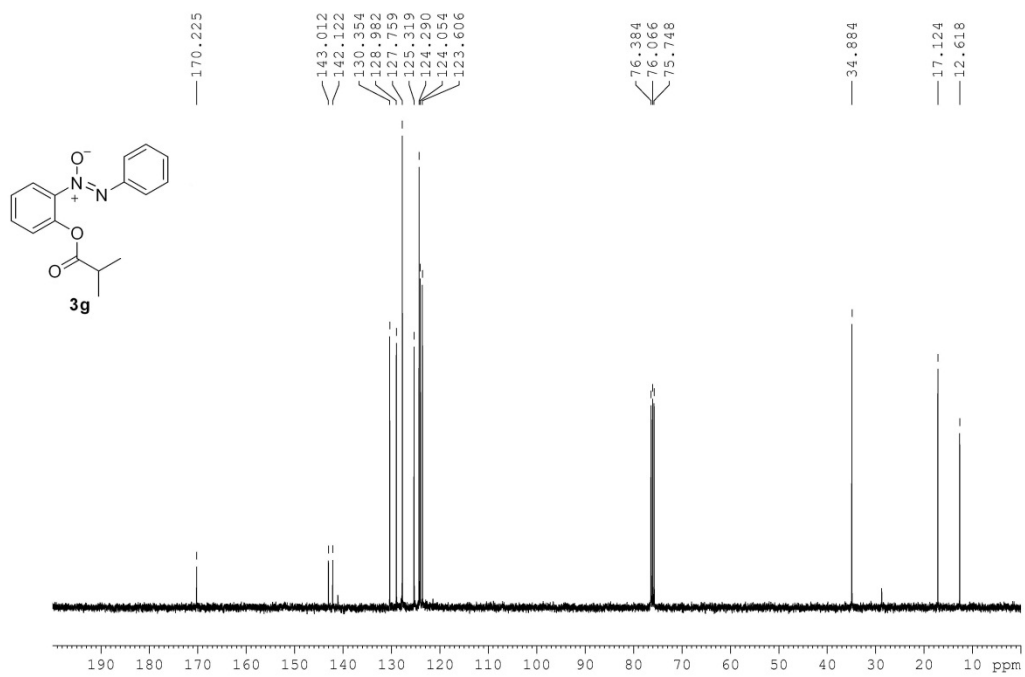


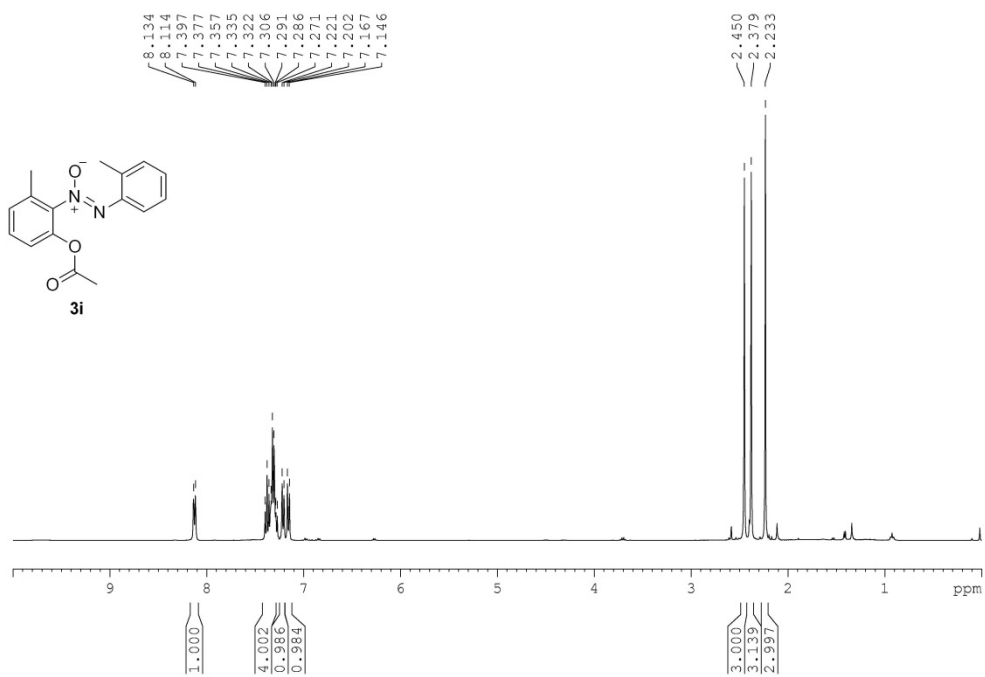
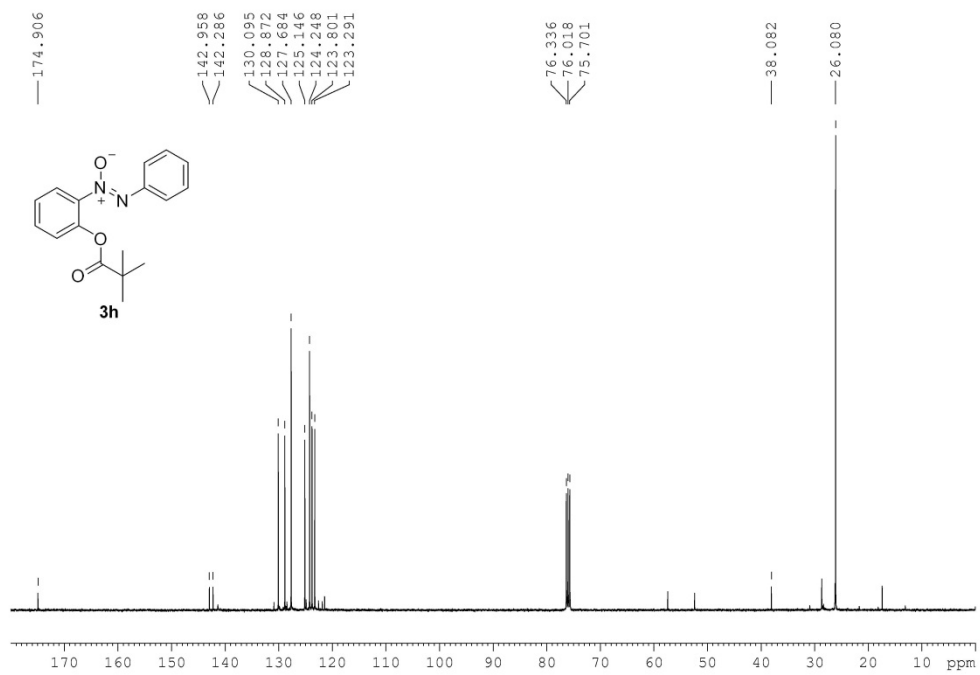


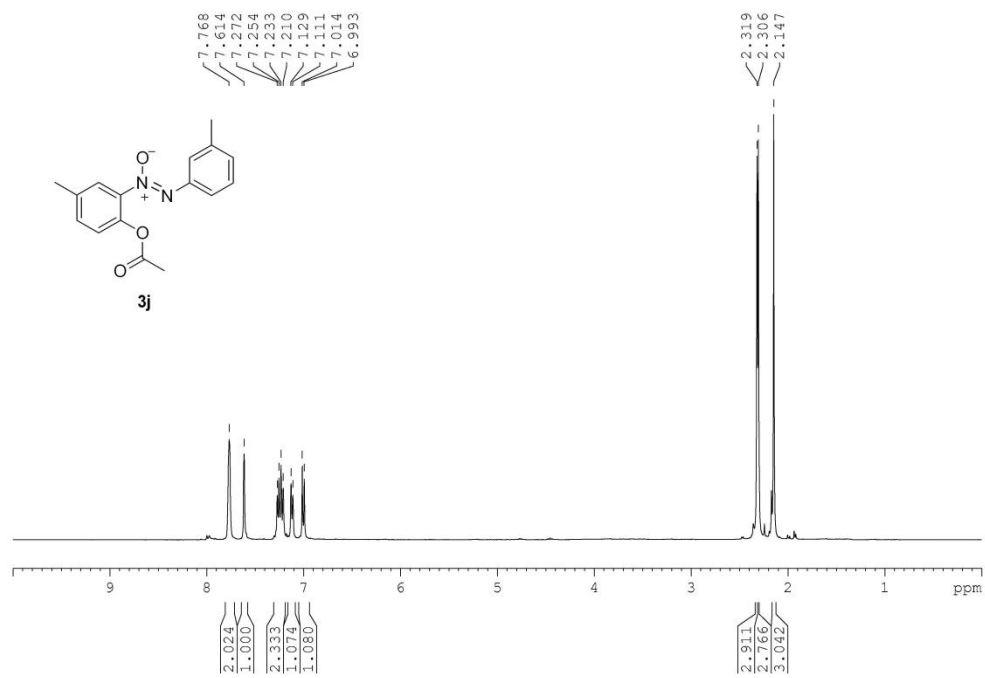
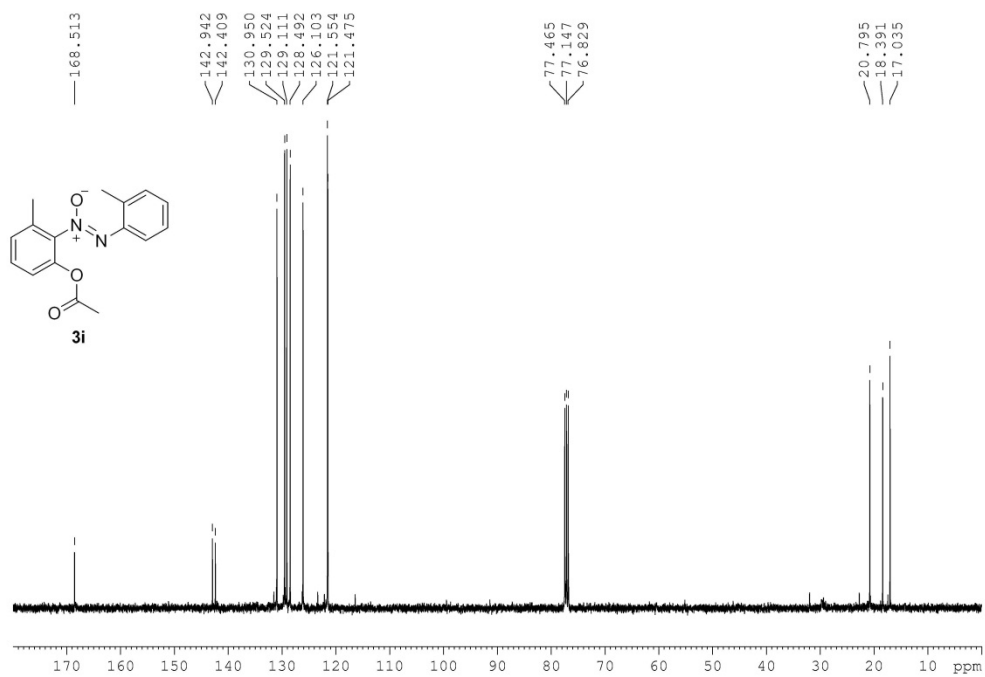


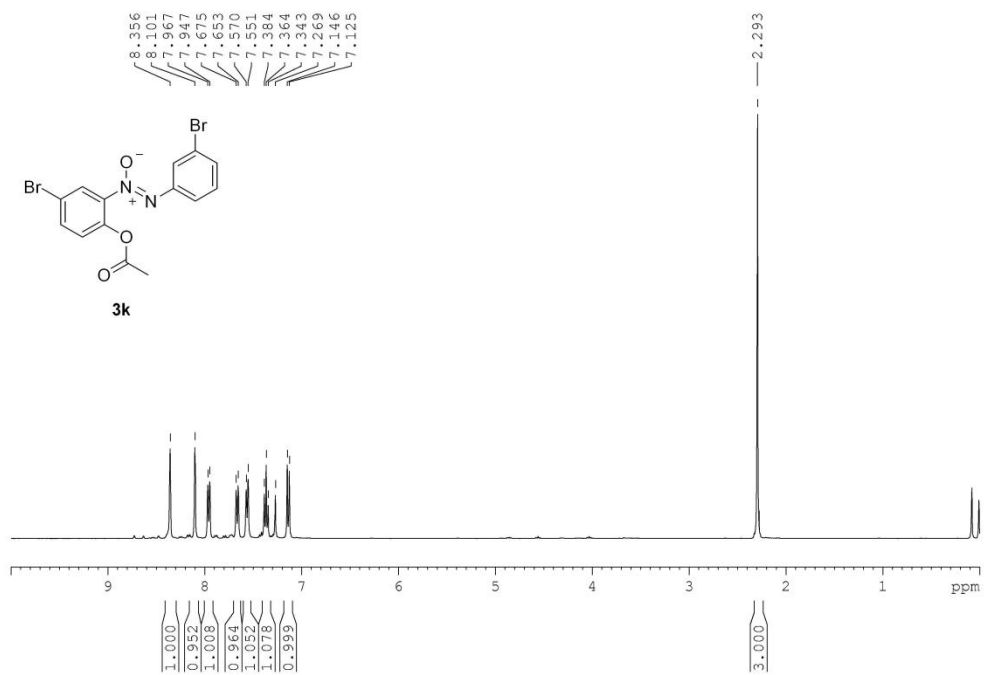
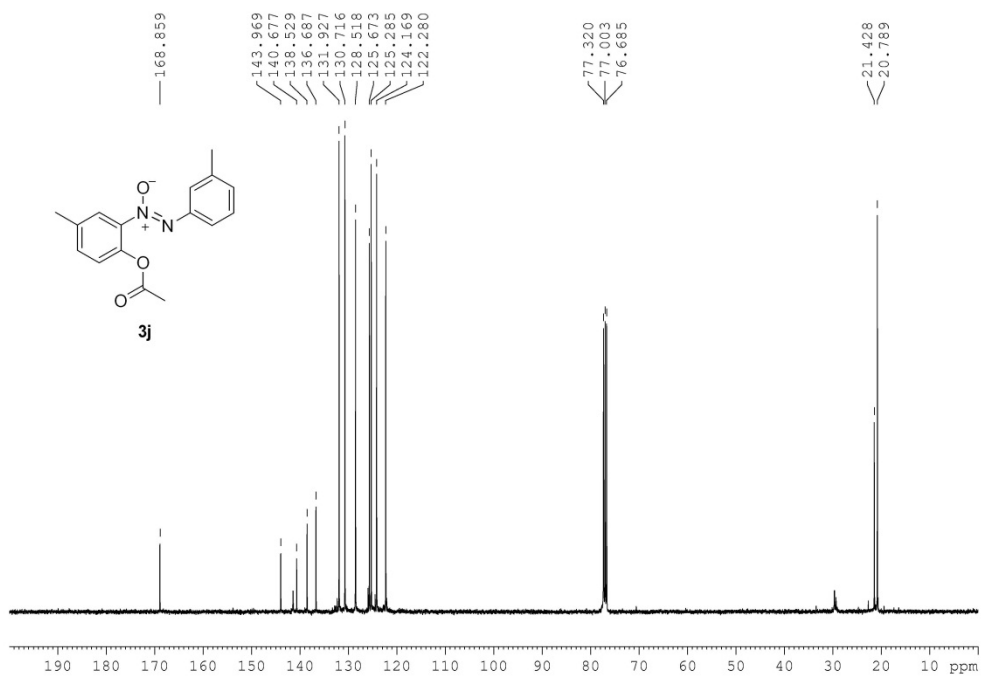


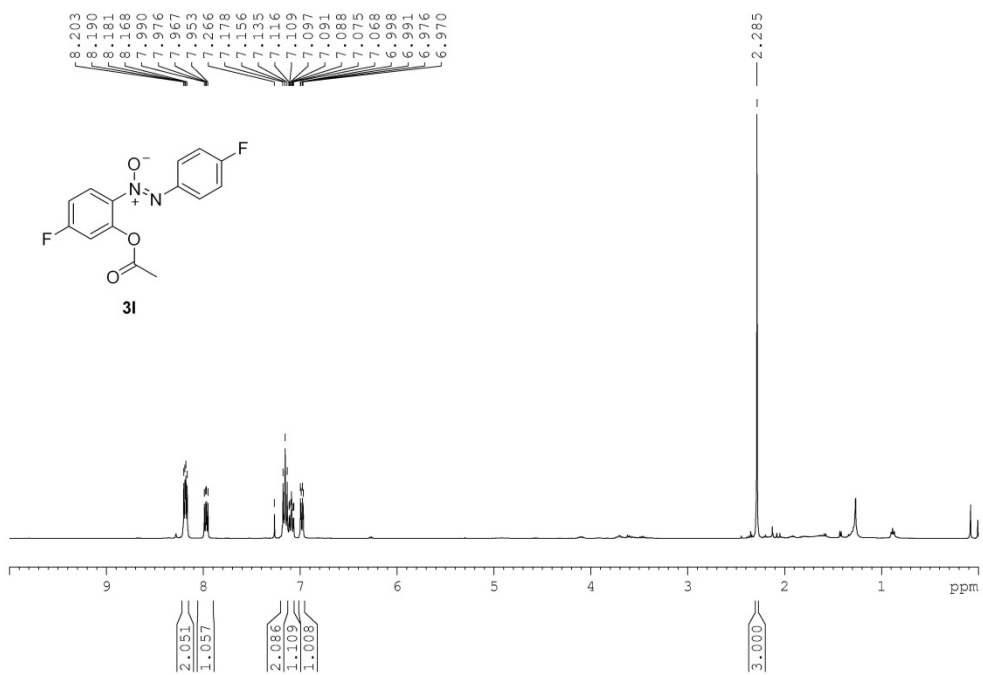
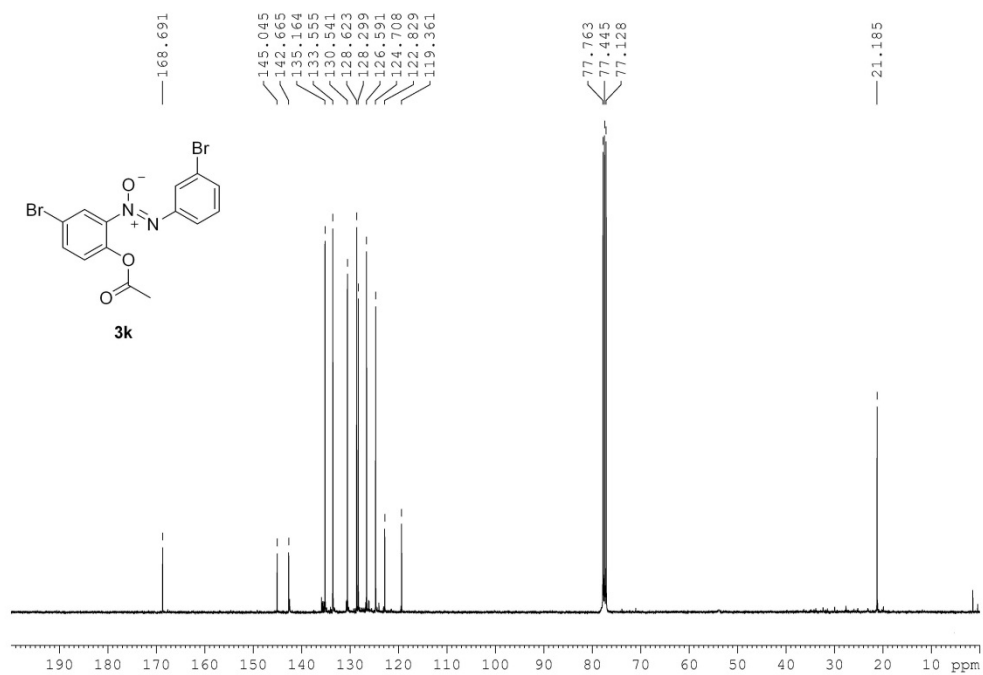


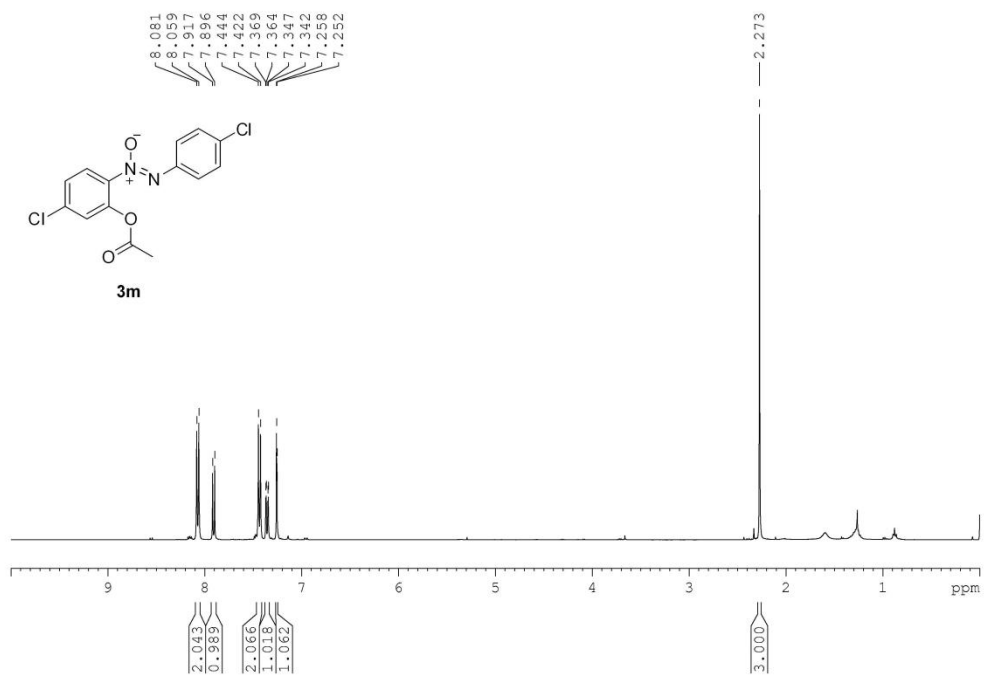
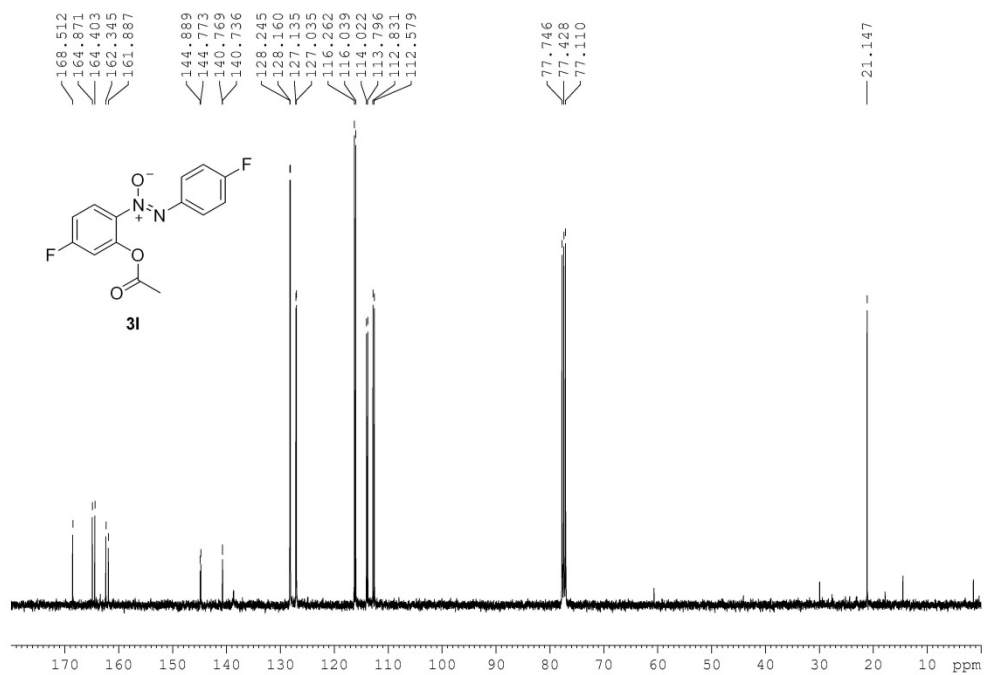


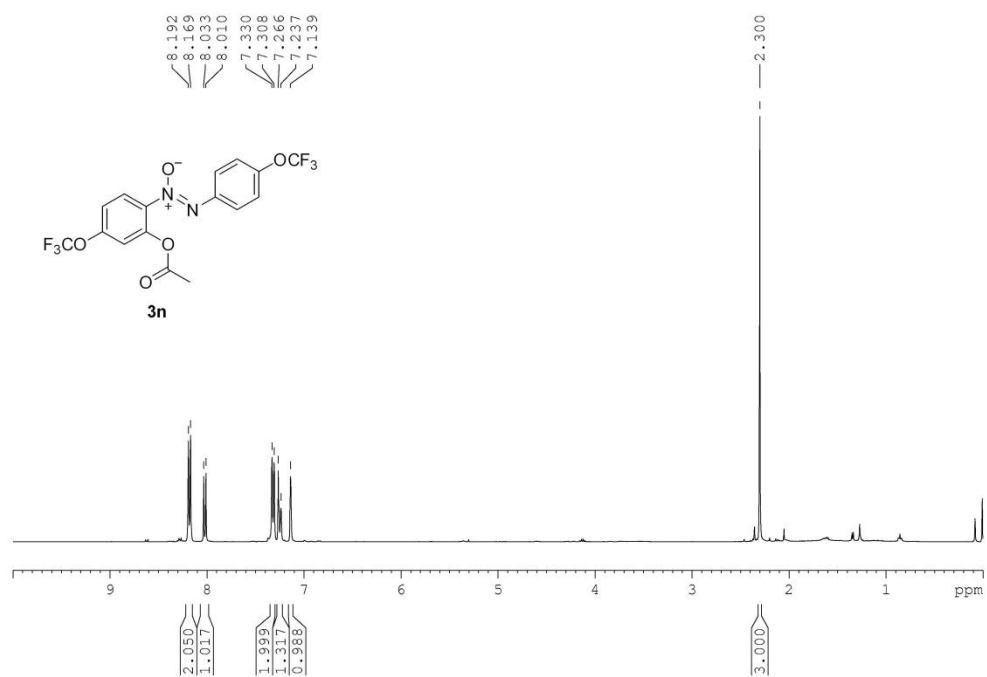
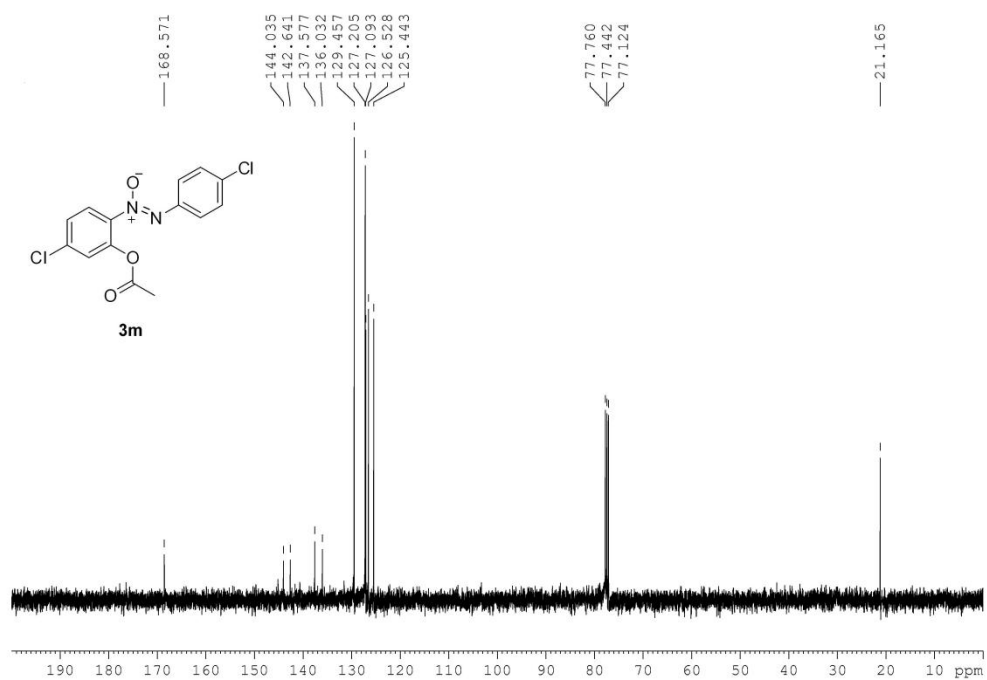


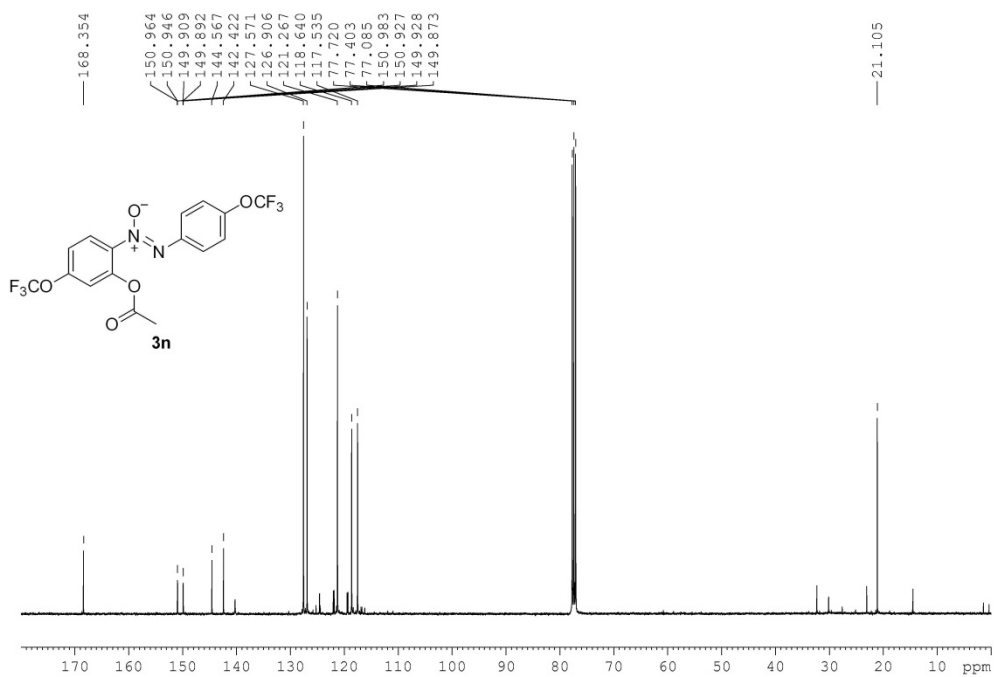


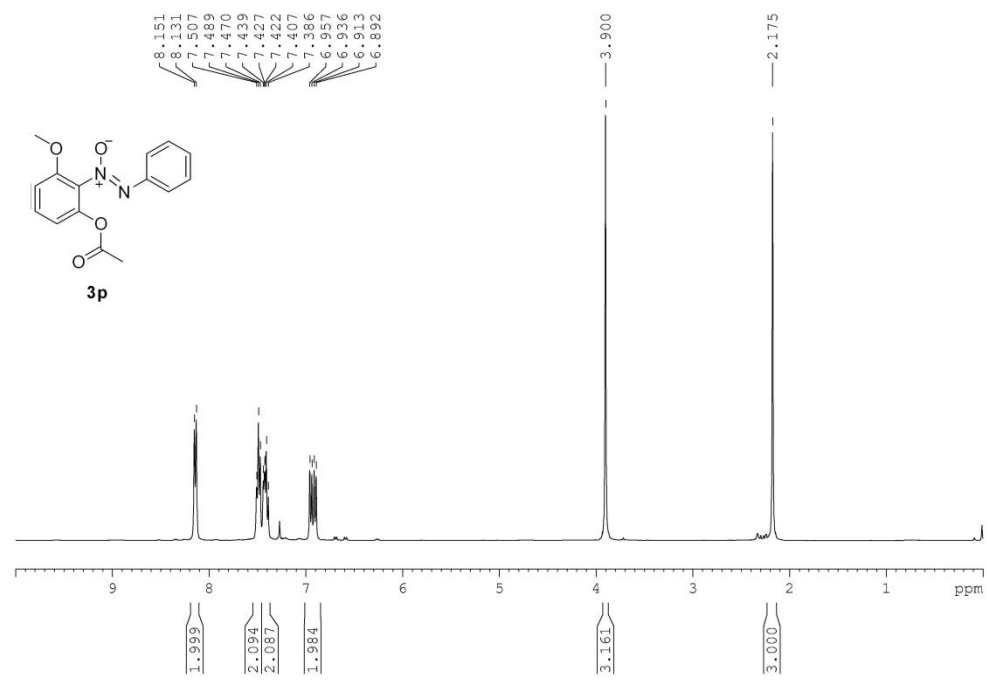
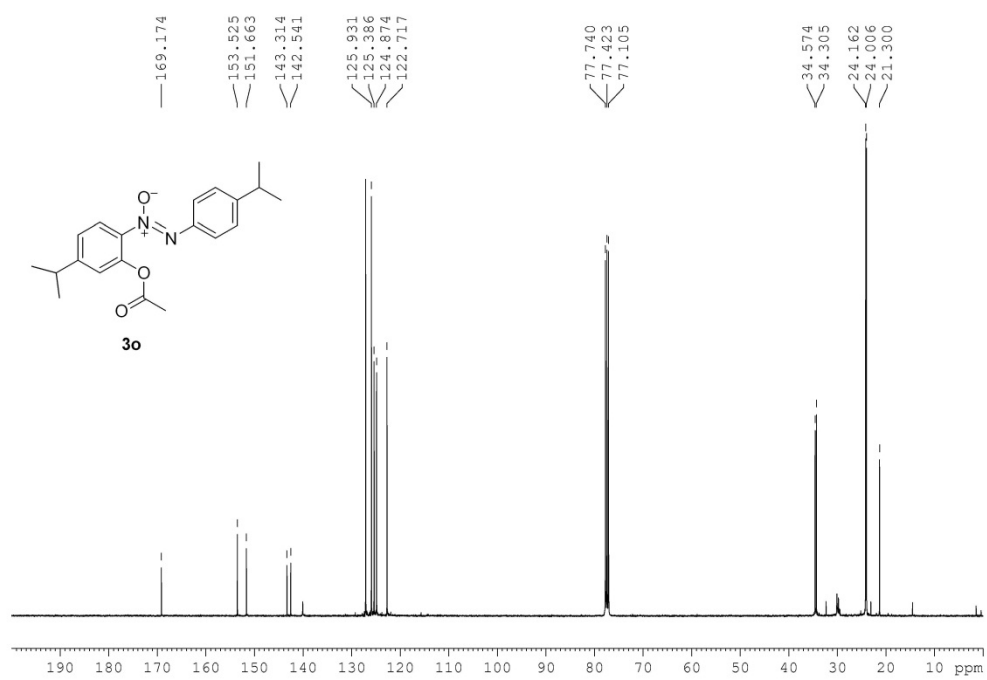


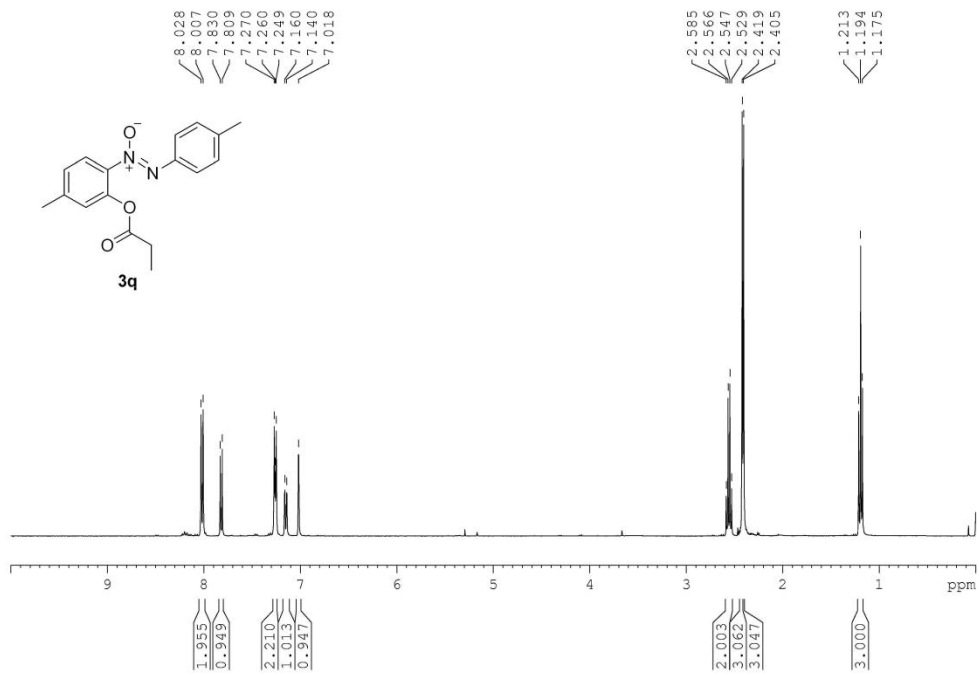
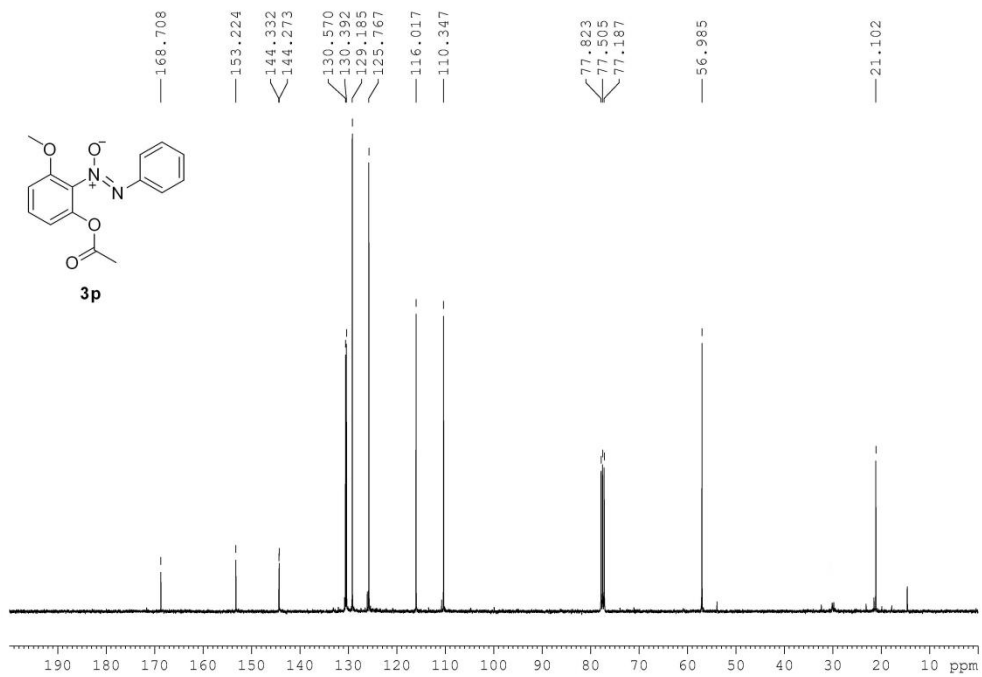


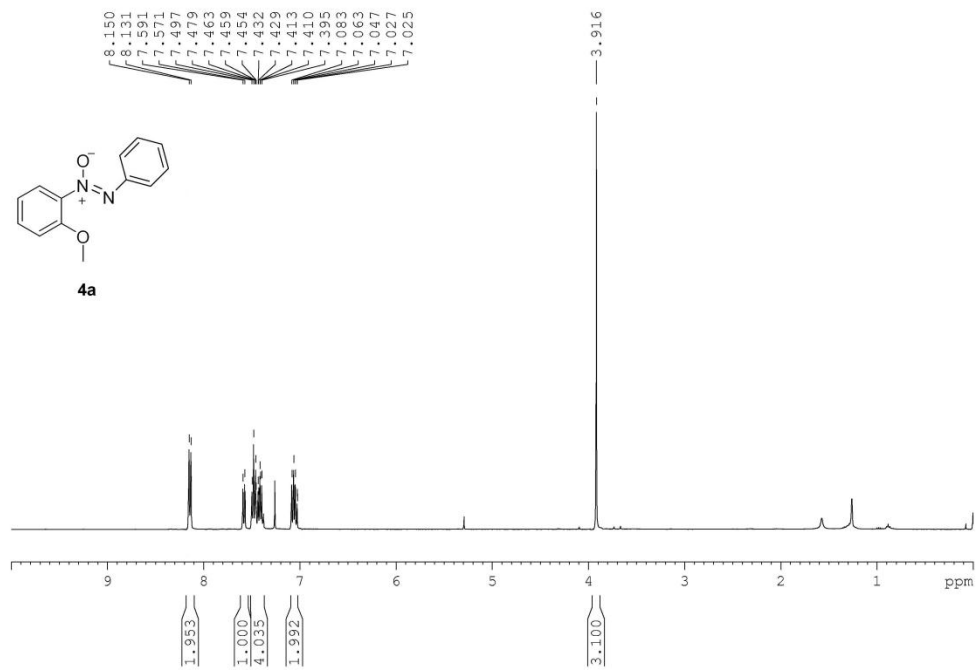
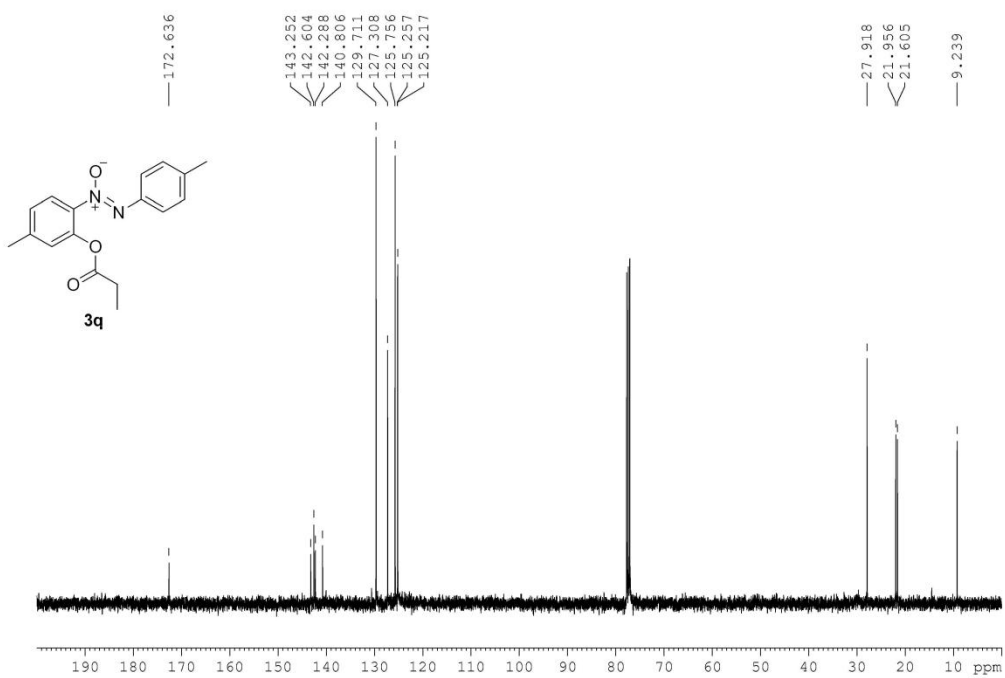


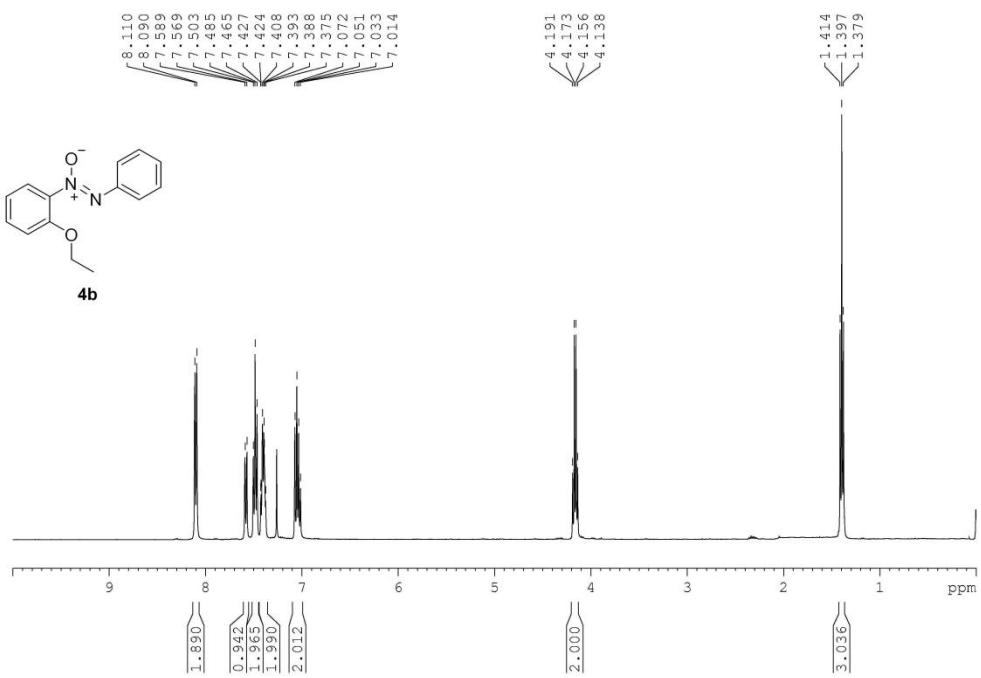
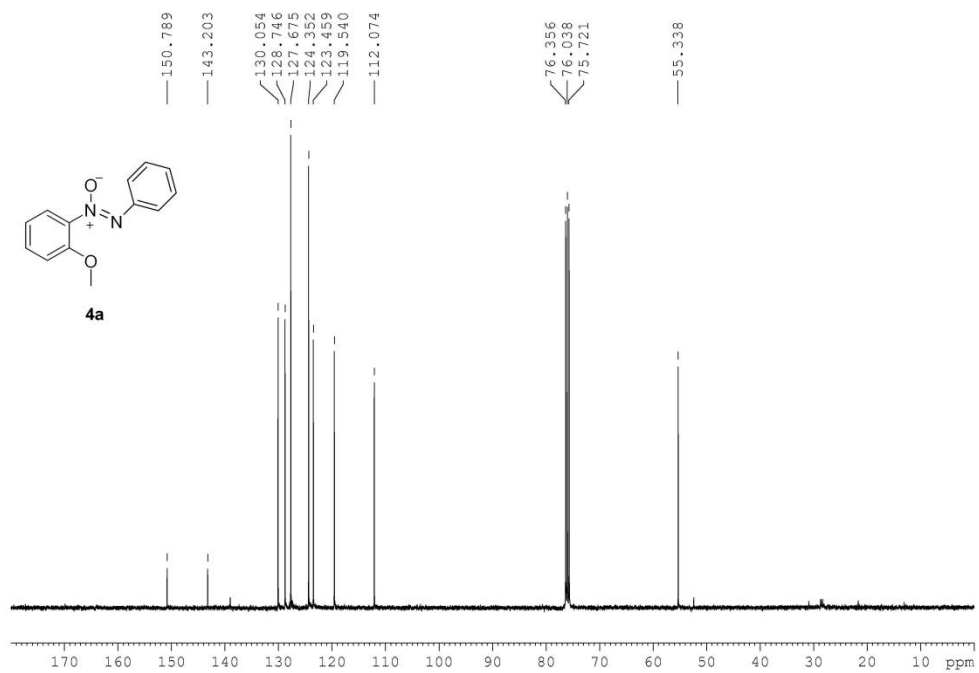


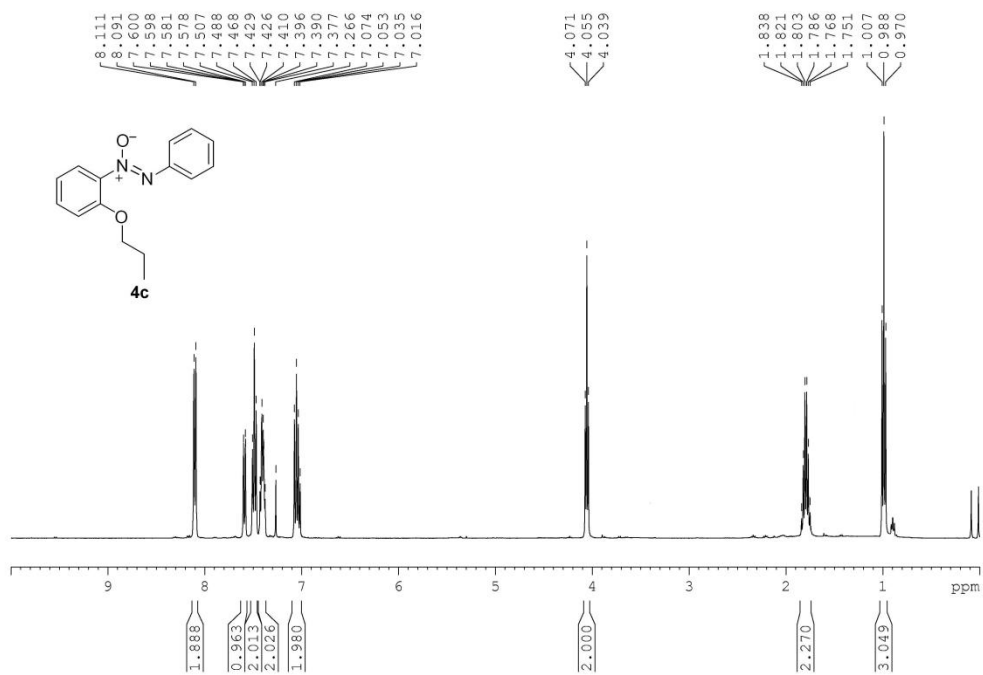
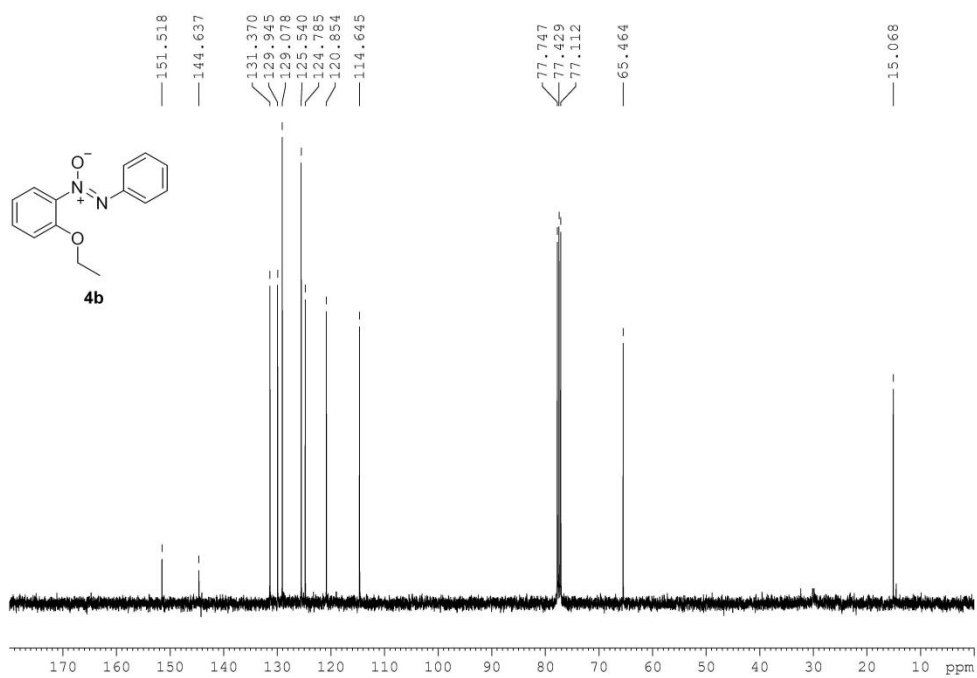


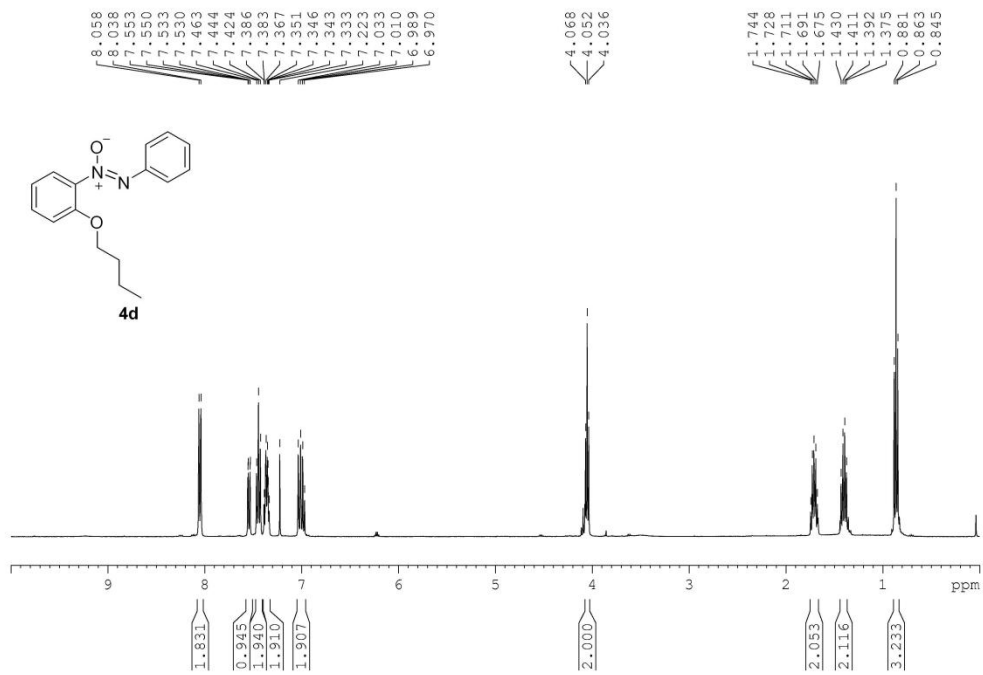
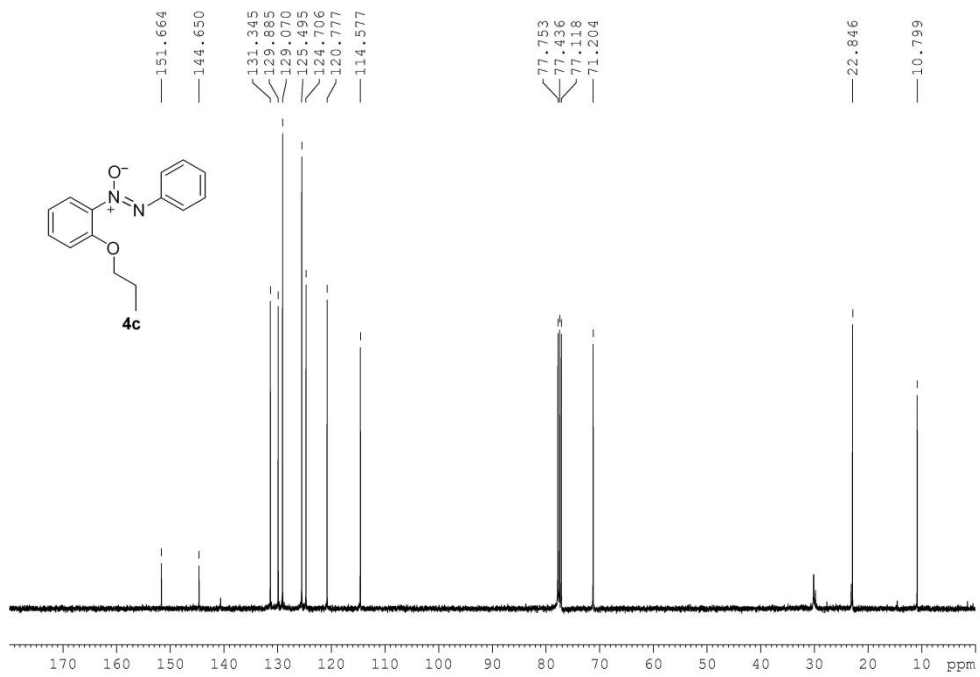


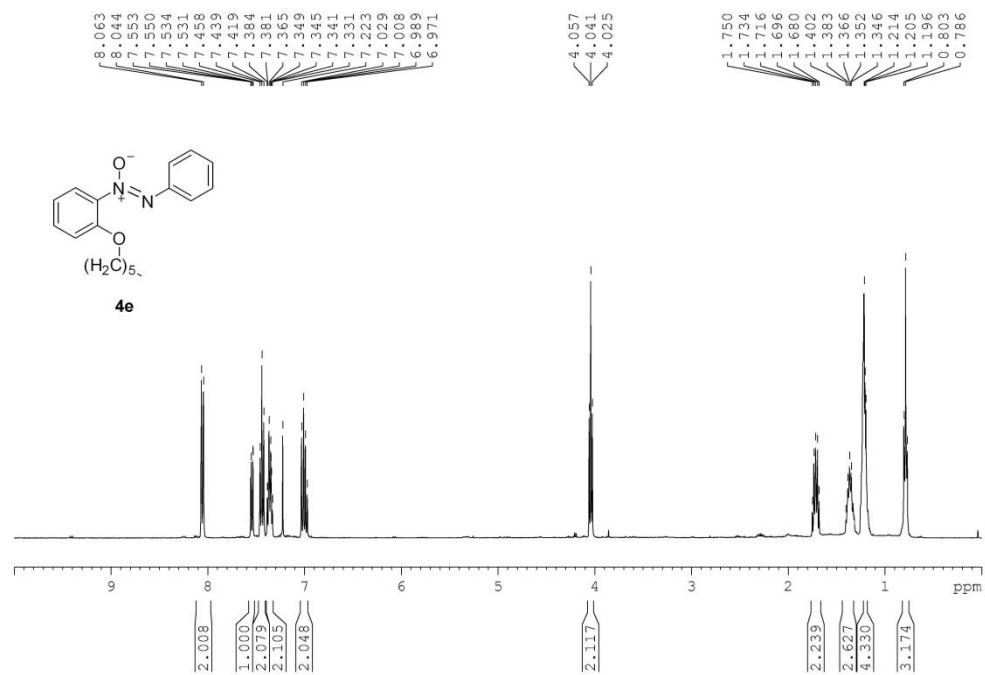
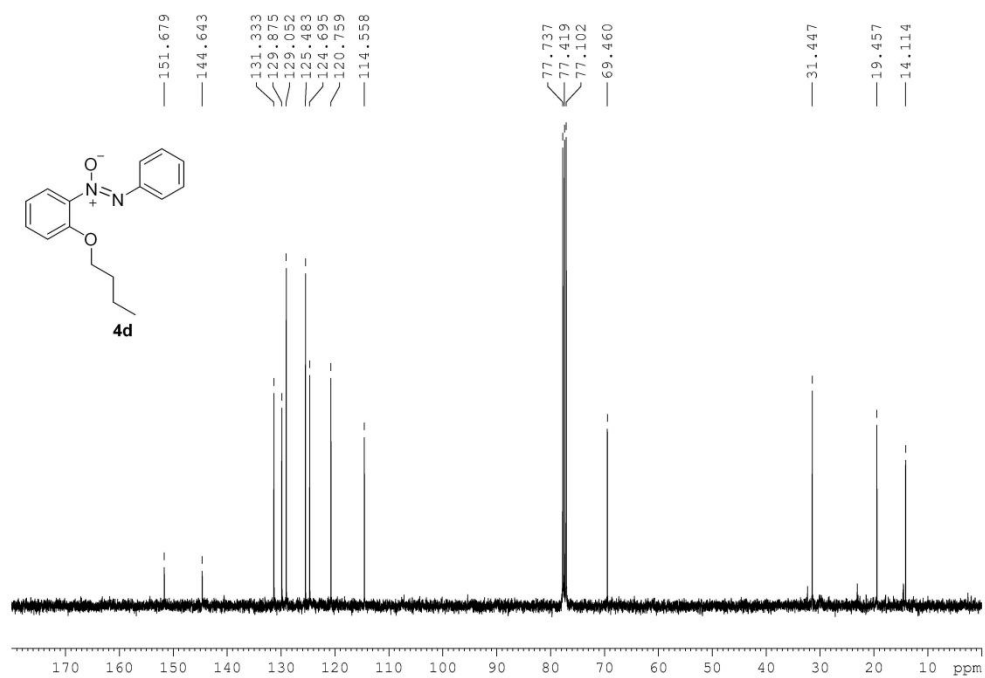


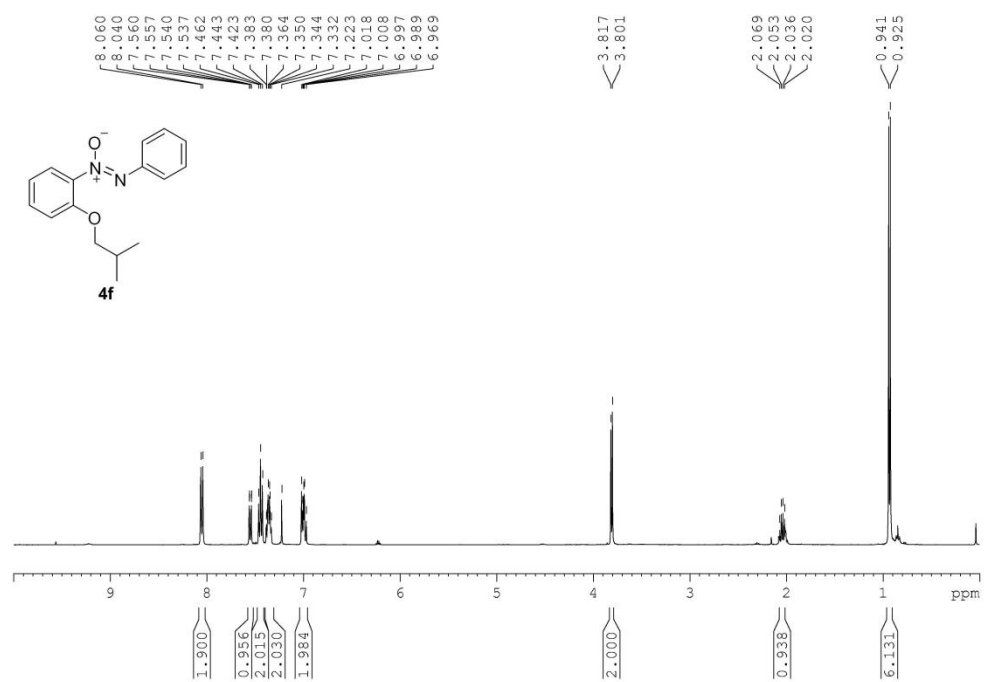
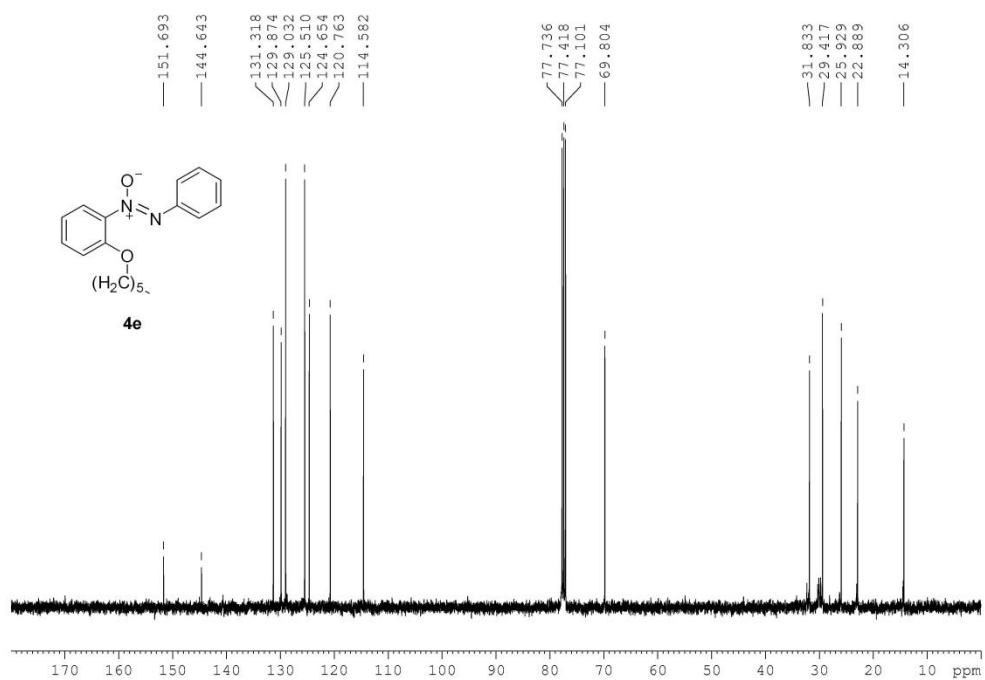


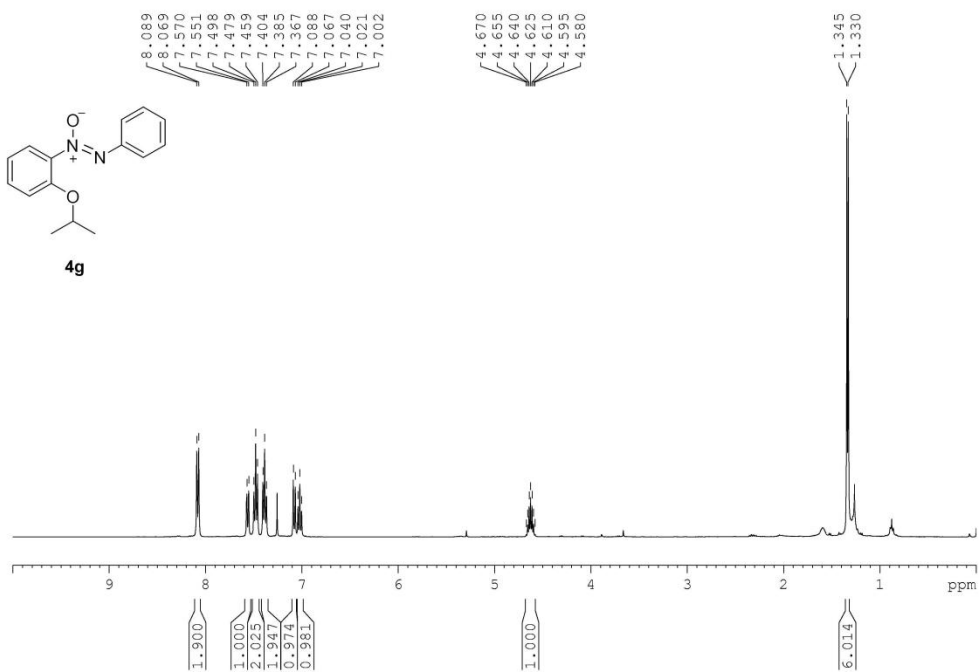
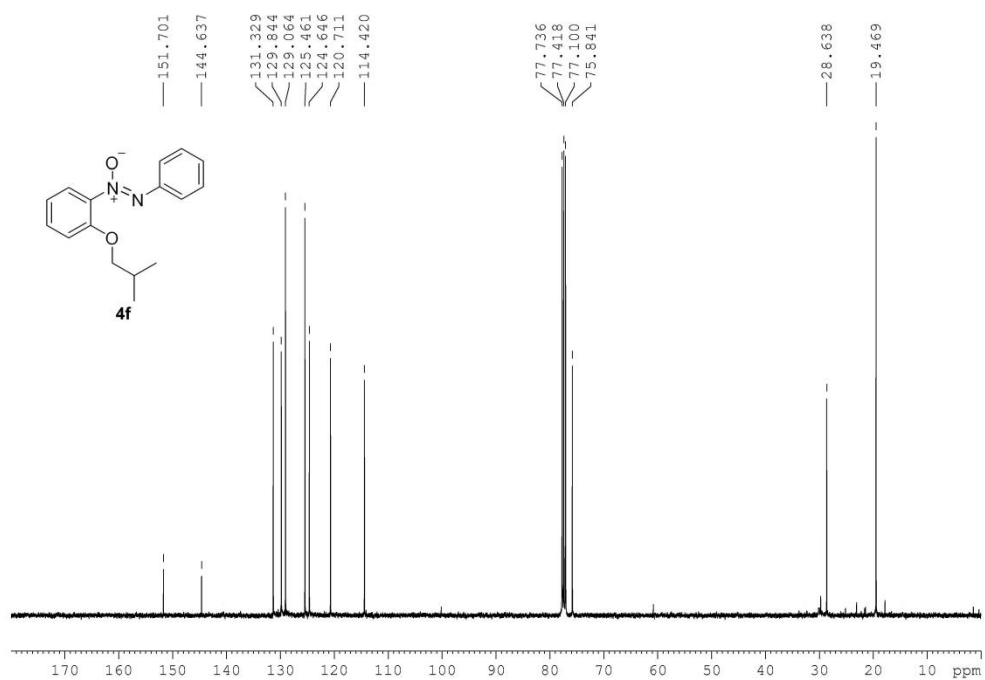


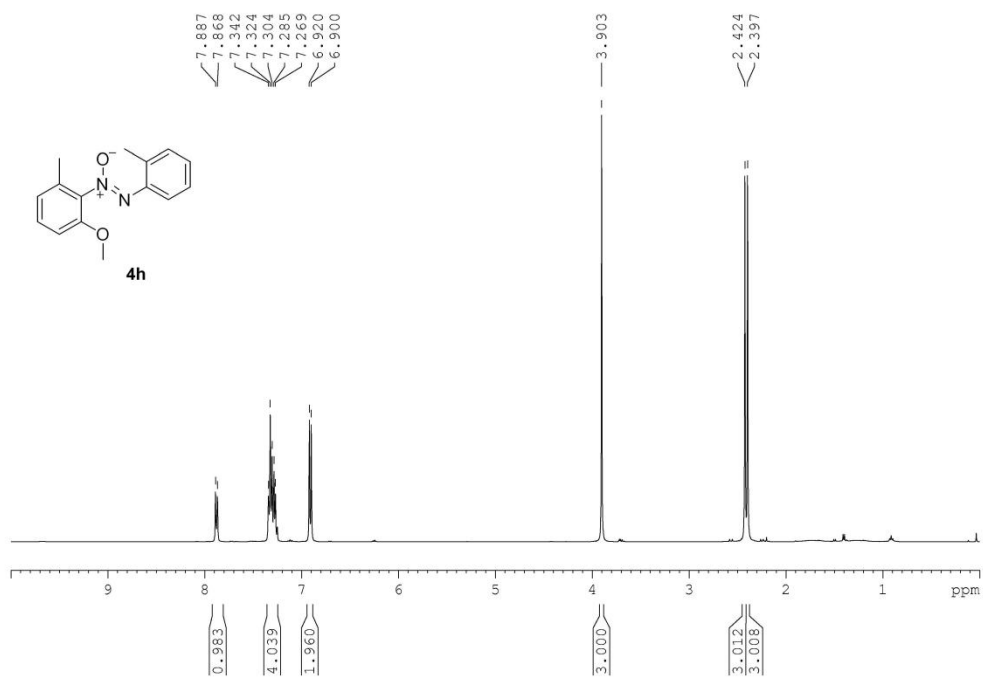
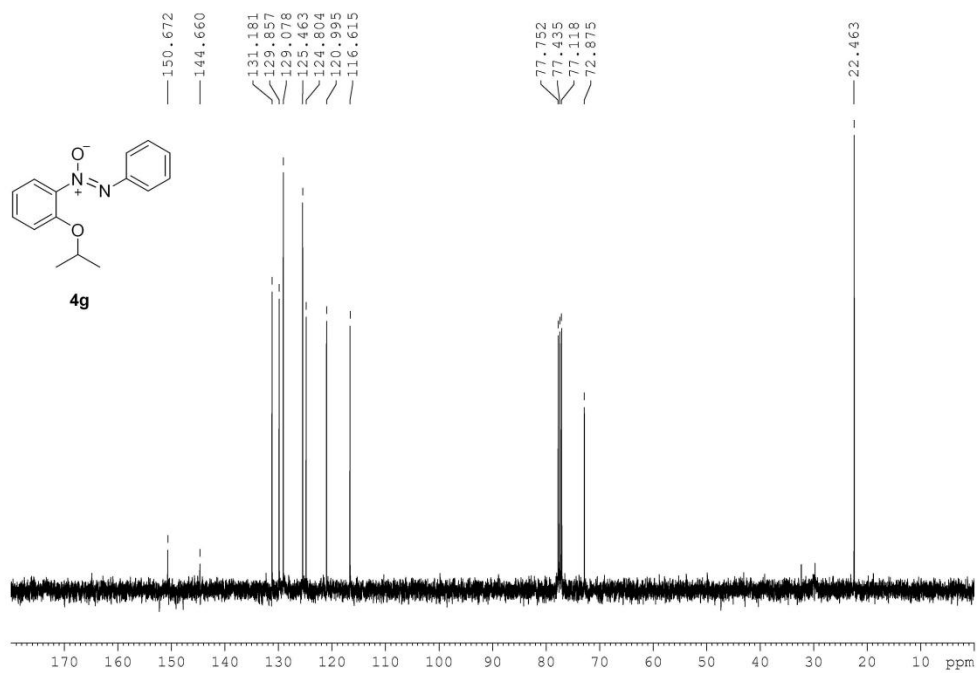


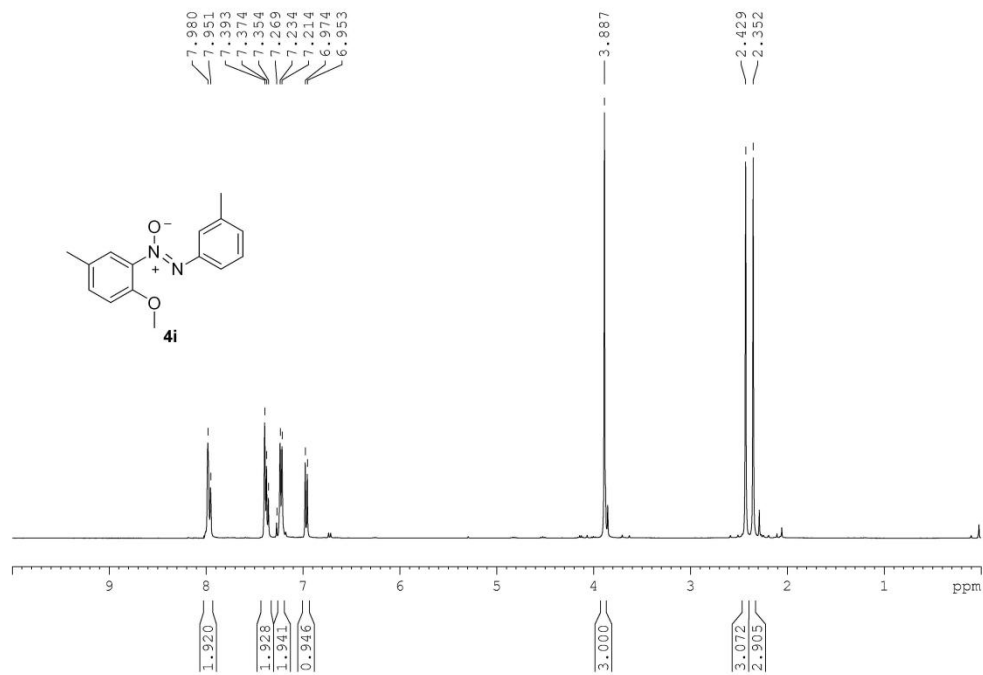
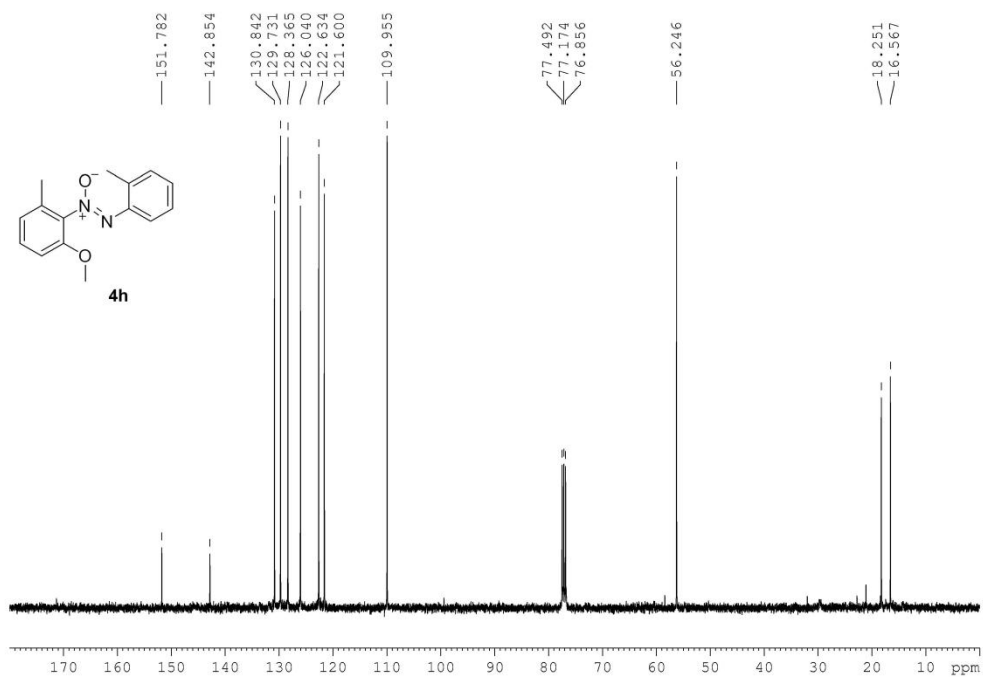


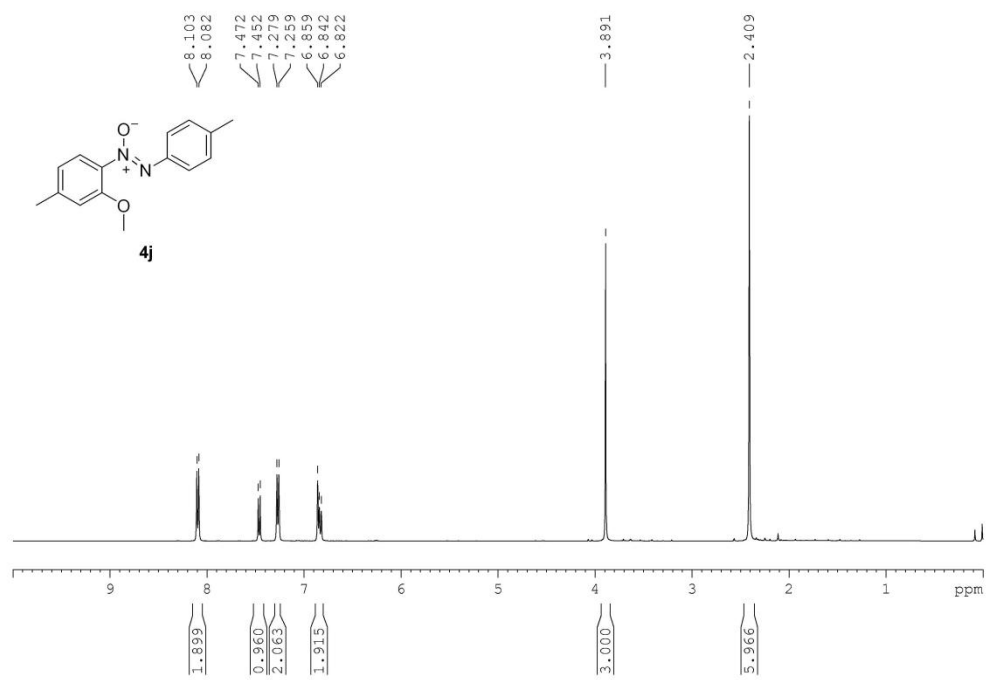
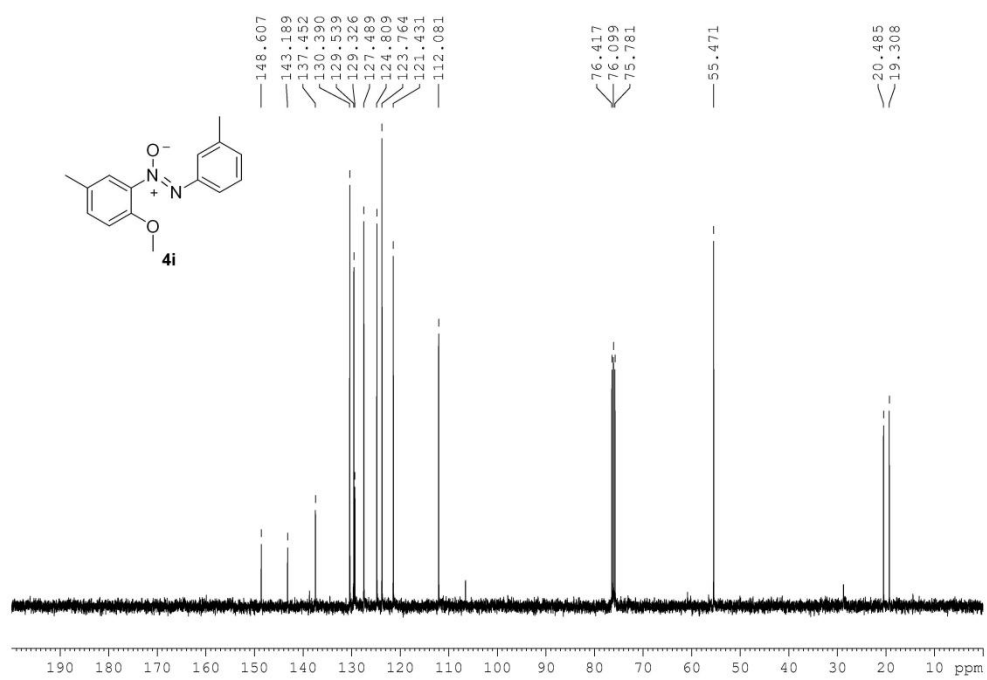


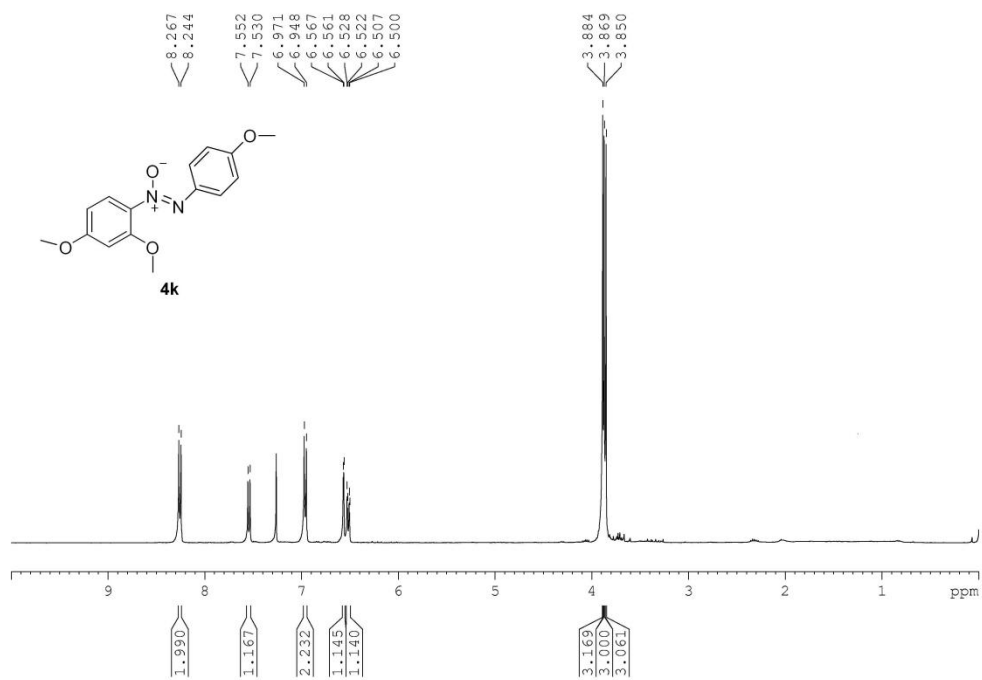
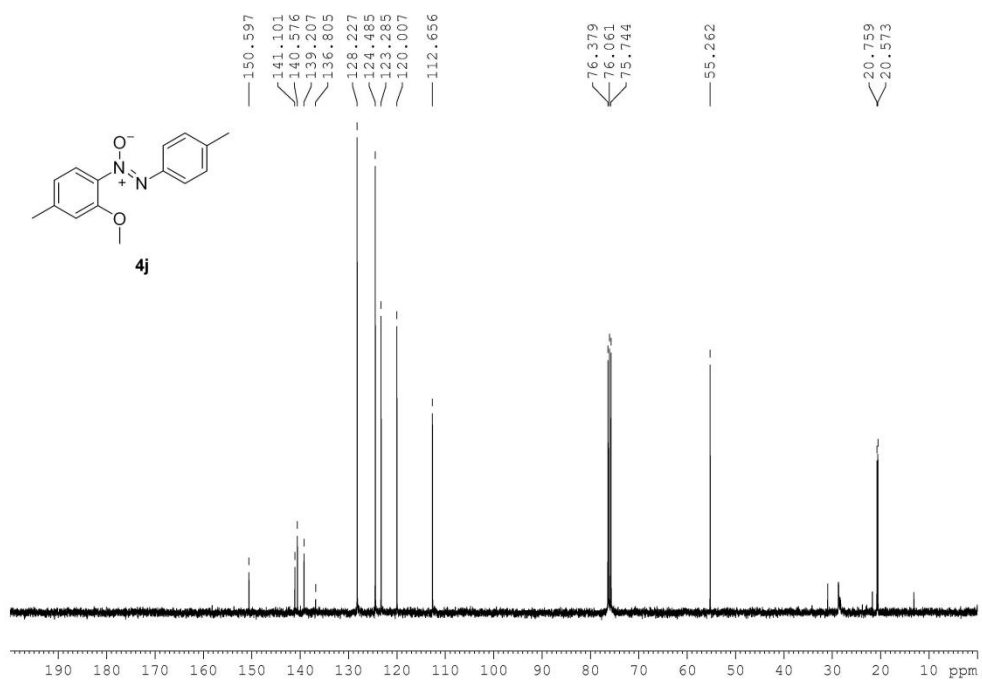


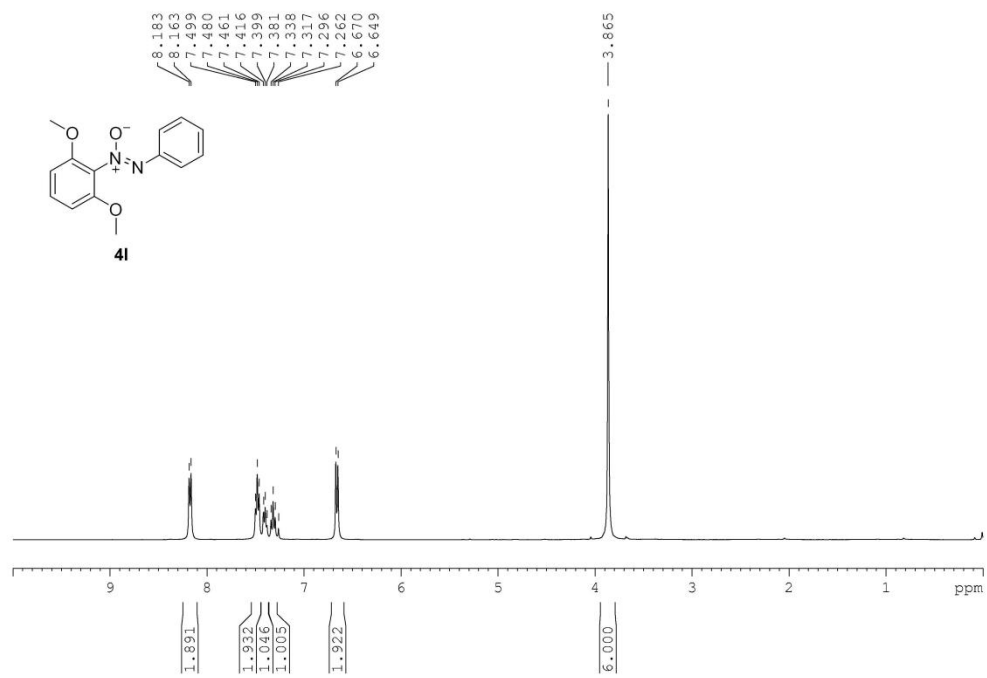
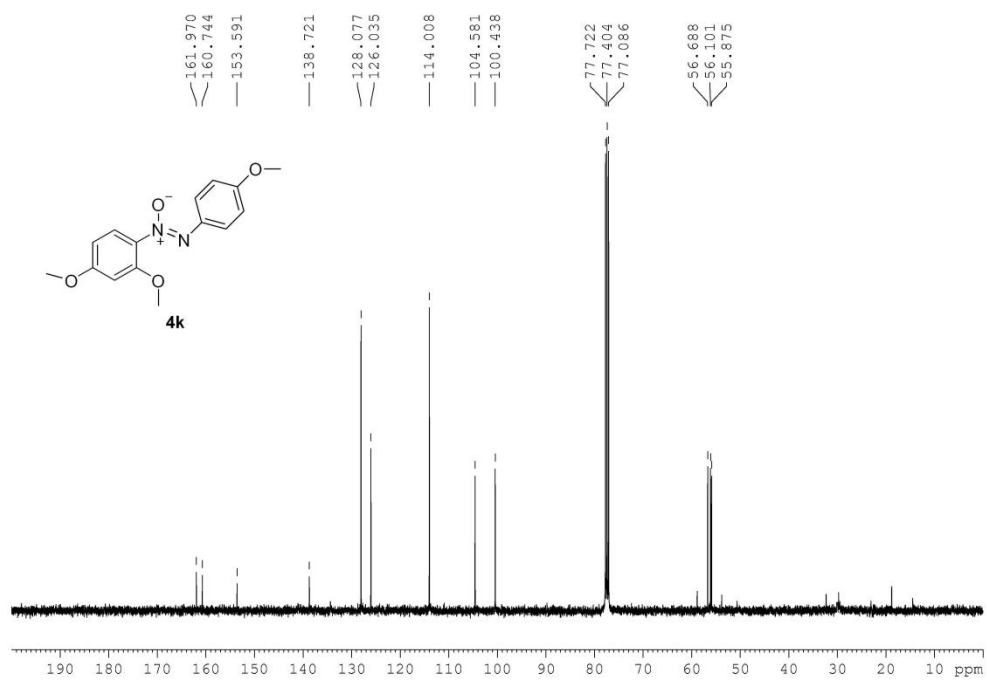


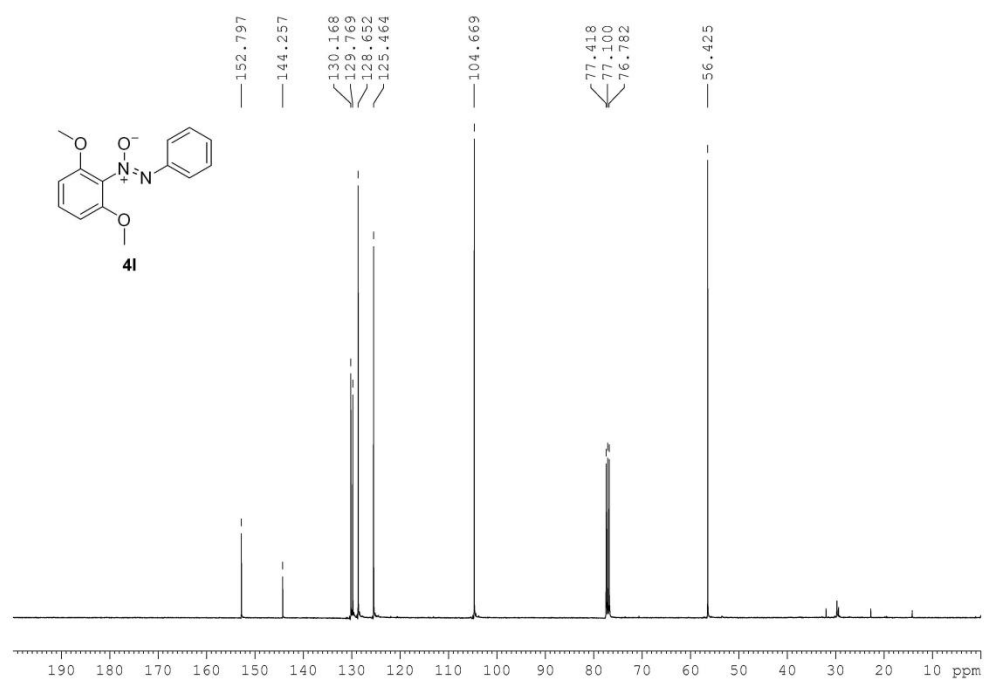












7. X-ray Structure of **3q**, **4l** and **Complex I**.

The structure of **3q**, **4l** and **Complex I** were determined by the X-ray diffraction. Recrystallized from EtOAc / pentane. Further information can be found in the CIF file.

- 1) The crystal of **3q** was deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and assigned as CCDC **1030211**.

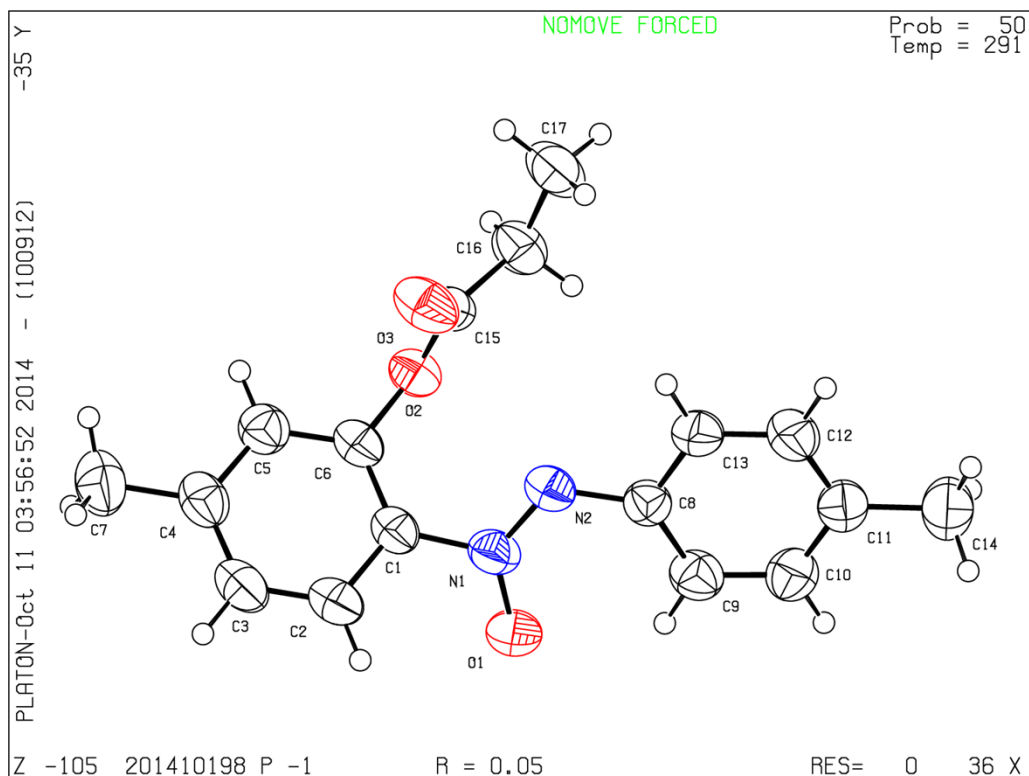


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 201410198.

Identification code	201410198
Empirical formula	$C_{17}H_{18}N_2O_3$
Formula weight	298.33
Temperature/K	291.15
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	6.8879 (9)
b/Å	8.2820 (9)
c/Å	14.4023 (10)
α /°	104.655 (8)
β /°	94.121 (9)
γ /°	91.668 (10)
Volume/Å ³	791.85 (15)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.251
μ/mm^{-1}	0.087
F(000)	316.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.22 × 0.2 × 0.18
Radiation	MoK α (λ = 0.71073)

2 θ range for data collection/°	5.94 to 52.78
Index ranges	-8 \leq h \leq 8, -10 \leq k \leq 10, -17 \leq l \leq 17
Reflections collected	6560
Independent reflections	3249 [R _{int} = 0.0200, R _{sigma} = 0.0368]
Data/restraints/parameters	3249/0/202
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.026
Final R indexes [I > 2 σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0508, wR ₂ = 0.1181
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0839, wR ₂ = 0.1377
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.17/-0.15

- 2) The crystal of **4I** was deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and assigned as CCDC **1024177**.

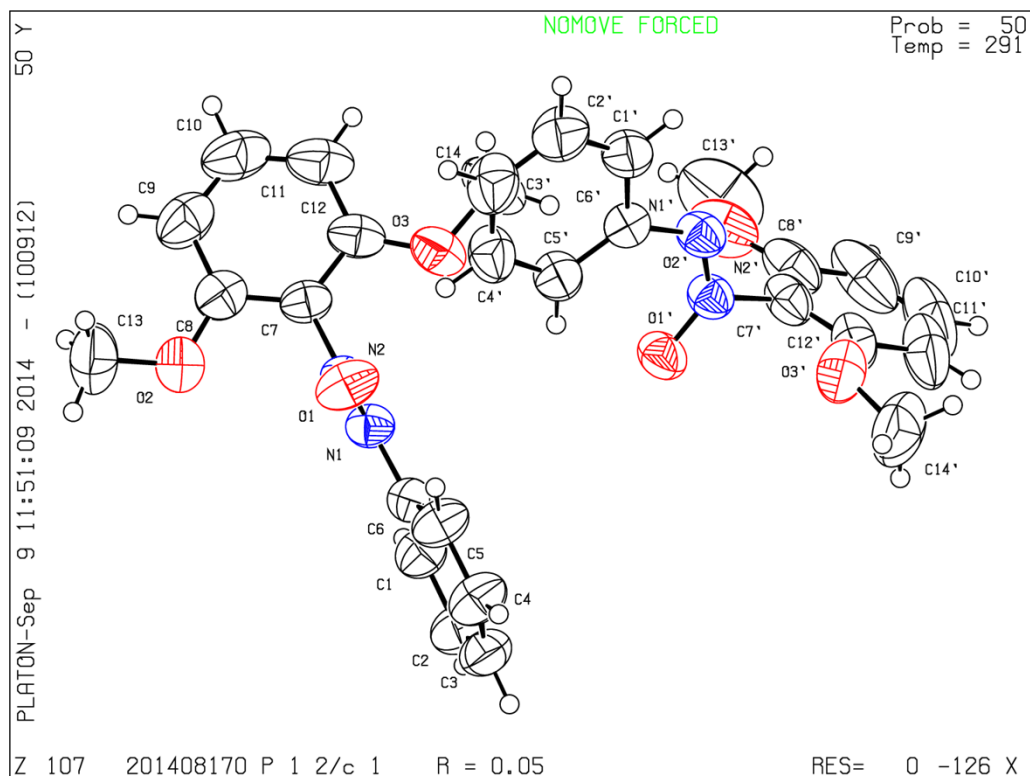


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 201408170.

Identification code 201408170

Empirical formula	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₃
Formula weight	258.27
Temperature/K	291.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2/c
a/Å	12.8276 (3)
b/Å	8.4882 (2)
c/Å	24.8068 (7)
α /°	90.00
β /°	91.044 (2)
γ /°	90.00
Volume/Å ³	2700.61 (12)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.270
μ /mm ⁻¹	0.748
F(000)	1088.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.2 × 0.16
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.9 to 144.86
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 13, -10 ≤ k ≤ 6, -28 ≤ l ≤ 30
Reflections collected	10232
Independent reflections	5224 [R _{int} = 0.0166, R _{sigma} = 0.0238]
Data/restraints/parameters	5224/0/347
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.026
Final R indexes [I > 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0478, wR ₂ = 0.1264
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0653, wR ₂ = 0.1417
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.16/-0.17

- 3) The crystal of **Complex I** was deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and assigned as CCDC **1026842**.

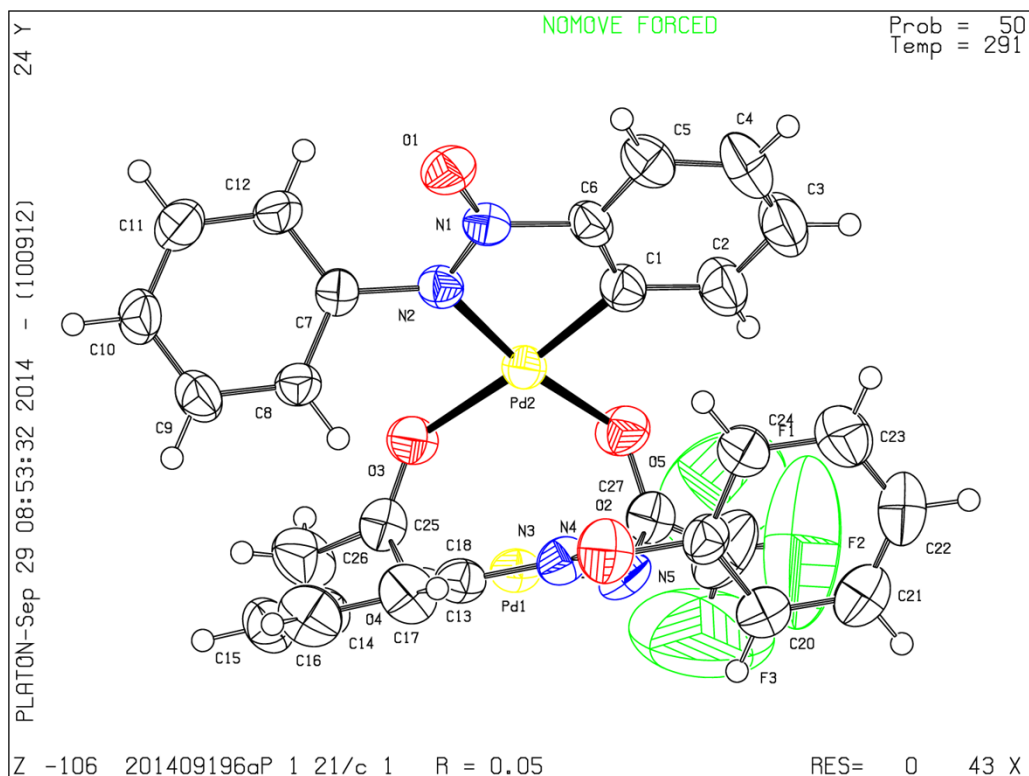


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 201409196A.

Identification code	201409196A
Empirical formula	$C_{28}H_{21}F_3N_4O_6Pd_2$
Formula weight	779.29
Temperature/K	291.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$
a/Å	14.4863(4)
b/Å	17.2032(5)
c/Å	11.5651(5)
$\alpha /^\circ$	90.00
$\beta /^\circ$	105.969(4)
$\gamma /^\circ$	90.00
Volume/Å ³	2770.92(17)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.868
μ/mm^{-1}	1.369
F(000)	1536.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.18 × 0.1
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)

2 Θ range for data collection/	5.78 to 52.74
Index ranges	-18 \leq h \leq 18, -21 \leq k \leq 20, -14 \leq l \leq 13
Reflections collected	12566
Independent reflections	5658 [R _{int} = 0.0299, R _{sigma} = 0.0486]
Data/restraints/parameters	5658/4/389
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.050
Final R indexes [I >= 2 σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0518, wR ₂ = 0.1342
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0723, wR ₂ = 0.1466
Largest diff. peak/hole / e \AA^{-3}	1.17/-0.95