

Supporting Information

Cobalt(III)-Catalyzed Annulation of Esters and Alkynes: A Facile Route to Indenones

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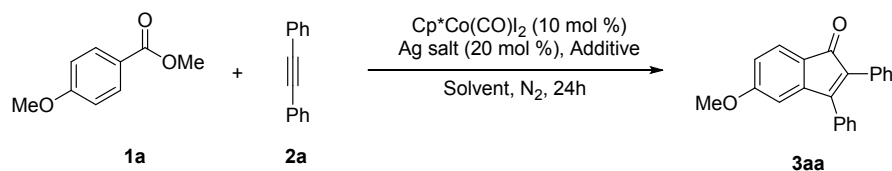
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General All reactions were performed under nitrogen in a flame-dried reaction flask. The esters were purchased from commercial resources. The Cp*Co(CO)I₂¹, *d*₅-methyl benzoate² and (*E*)-methyl-2-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)benzoate (**4a**)³ were prepared according the previous reports. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz using TMS as internal standard. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz using TMS as internal standard. The multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), multiplet (m), and broad resonances (br). Mass spectroscopy data of the products were collected on an HRMS-TOF instrument. GC-MS spectra were recorded using a HP6890 gas chromatograph with a HP5973 mass spectrometric detector equipped with an electron ionization source and a single-stage quadrupole. MALDI-TOF analysis was carried out on an ultrafleXtreme MALDI-TOF/TOF Mass Spectrometer (Bruker Daltonics, USA).

The Optimization of the reaction conditions^{a,b}



entry	catalyst (mol %)	Ag salt	additive1 (mol %)	additive2 (mol %)	solvent	Temp	yield (%) ^b
1	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	Cu(OAc) ₂ (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	32
2	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	AgOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	25
3	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	AgOPiv (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	40
4	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	HOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	22
5	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	HOAc (200)	-	DCE	130 °C	Trace
6	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	NaOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	54
7	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	70
8	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOPiv (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	65
9	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	AdCOOK (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	Trace
10	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	MesCOOK (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	40
11	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	PhCOOK (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	Trace
12	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgOTf	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	NR
13	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgBF ₄	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	NR
14	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgPF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	NR
15	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgNTf ₂	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	50
16	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	AgNTf ₂ (20)	DCE	130 °C	44
17	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	AgOTf (20)	DCE	130 °C	NR
18	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	AgBF ₄ (20)	DCE	130 °C	15
19	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	Zn(OTf) ₂ (20)	DCE	130 °C	NR
20	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	ZnBr ₂ (20)	DCE	130 °C	NR
21	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	Cu(OTf) ₂ (20)	DCE	130 °C	NR
22	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	Sc(OTf) ₃ (20)	DCE	130 °C	NR
23	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	BPh ₃ (100)	DCE	130 °C	65
24	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	BF ₃ ·OEt ₂ (20)	DCE	130 °C	NR

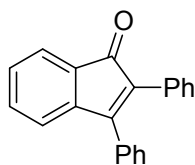
25	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	-	Zn(OTf) ₂ (20)	DCE	130 °C	NR
26	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	-	Cu(OTf) ₂ (20)	DCE	130 °C	NR
27	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	-	Sc(OTf) ₃ (20)	DCE	130 °C	NR
28	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	PhMe	130 °C	NR
29	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	PhCF ₃	130 °C	63
30	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	PhCl	130 °C	59
31	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	PhF	130 °C	NR
32	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	<i>o</i> -DCB	130 °C	55
33	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	<i>t</i> -AmOH	130 °C	NR
34	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	TFE	130 °C	Trace
35	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	120 °C	65
36	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	140 °C	69
37	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	none	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	NR
38	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	AgSbF ₆	none	-	DCE	130 °C	NR
39	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	Trace
40 ^c	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	AgSbF ₆	Cu(OAc) ₂ (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	6
41	none	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	NR
42	Co(OAc) ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	NR
43	CoCl ₂	AgSbF ₆	KOAc (20)	-	DCE	130 °C	NR

^aReaction conditions: substrate **1a** (0.1 mmol), diphenylacetylene **2a** (0.15 mmol), Cp*Co(CO)I₂ (10 mol%), Ag salts (20 mol%), additive **1** (20 mol%), solvent (1 mL), 130 °C, N₂, 24 h. ^bIsolated yields. ^cdetermined by GC-MS. TFE = CF₃CH₂OH, *o*-DCB = *o*-dichlorobenzene

Typical Procedure for the Product

The methyl 4-methoxybenzoate (0.1 mmol) and diphenylacetylene (0.15 mmol) were dissolved in 1mL DCE in a sealed tube. 5 mg (10 mol%) Cp*Co(CO)I₂, 7 mg (20 mol%) AgSbF₆ and 2 mg (20 mol%) KOAc were added. The tube was stirred at 130 °C for 24 h under N₂. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the product was isolated through column chromatography to afford the corresponding indenones.

2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: petroleum ether(**PE**)→ethyl acetate(**EA**):petroleum ether(**PE**) = 1:200)

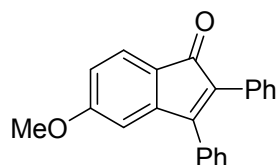


3ba

Yield: 74%; Red solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 6H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 196.6, 155.4, 145.3, 133.5, 132.7, 132.4, 130.8, 130.8, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8,

128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 123.0, 121.3. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₁H₁₄O (M⁺): 282.1045, found: 282.1045.

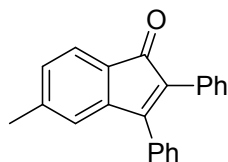
5-methoxy-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE→PE/EA = 100/1)



3aa

Yield: 70%; Red solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.26 (s, 5H), 6.66-6.70 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 195.2, 164.5, 153.1, 147.9, 133.9, 132.7, 130.9, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 124.9, 123.5, 110.5, 110.3, 55.8. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₁₆O₂ (M⁺): 312.1150, found: 312.1153.

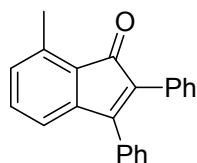
5-methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE→PE/EA = 200/1)



3ca

Yield: 71%; Red solid; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.26 (s, 5H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 196.3, 155.0, 145.7, 144.5, 132.9, 132.8, 130.9, 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 123.1, 122.6, 22.1. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₁₆O (M⁺): 296.1201, found: 296.1201.

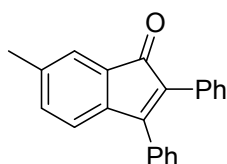
7-methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE→PE/EA = 200/1)



3da

Yield: 60%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.34-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 197.7, 154.3, 145.7, 138.0, 132.9, 132.6, 132.4, 132.2, 130.9, 130.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1, 119.3, 17.4. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ (M^+): 296.1201, found: 296.1204.

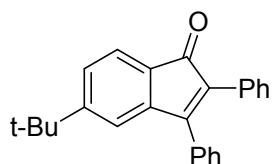
6-methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3ea

Yield: 64%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.37-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 196.8, 155.6, 142.4, 139.3, 133.3, 132.9, 131.9, 131.1, 130.9, 130.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 124.1, 121.2, 21.4. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ (M^+): 296.1201, found: 296.1203.

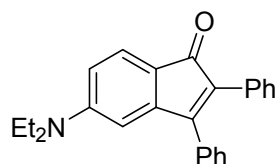
5-(tert-butyl)-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3fa

Yield: 68%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.52 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, 5H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 1.31 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 198.2, 157.7, 155.2, 145.4, 133.0, 132.9, 131.0, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 125.3, 122.9, 119.0, 35.5, 31.1. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ (M^+): 338.1671, found: 338.1671.

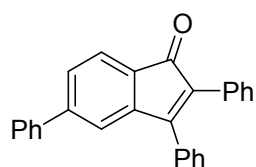
5-(diethylamino)-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 100/1)



3ga

Yield: 25%; Purple solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.48 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.43 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 (q, $J = 8$ Hz, 4H), 1.18 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 194.5, 152.1, 151.7, 148.6, 134.4, 133.3, 131.5, 130.1, 128.7, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 125.7, 117.1, 107.5, 106.3, 45.0, 12.6. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$ (M^+): 353.1780, found: 353.1781.

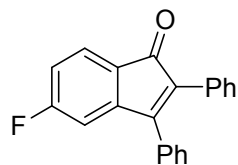
2,3,5-triphenyl-1H-inden-1-one(eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3ha

Yield: 75%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.45 (m, 9H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 196.2, 154.9, 146.8, 146.1, 140.4, 133.2, 132.7, 130.8, 130.0, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 123.5, 120.5. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ (M^+): 358.1358, found: 358.1360.

5-fluoro-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one(eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)

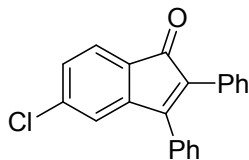


3ia

Yield: 50%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.57 (q, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H), 6.92 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, $J = 8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 194.8, 167.7, 165.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 252$ Hz), 153.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 2$ Hz), 148.7, 148.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9$ Hz), 133.7, 132.2, 130.4, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 126.6, 126.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4$ Hz), 124.9, 124.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9$ Hz), 114.6, 114.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$

$F = 22$ Hz), 110.3, 110.1. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{21}H_{13}FO$ (M^+): 300.0950, found: 300.0955.

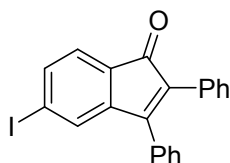
5-chloro-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3ja

Yield: 46%; Red solid; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.12 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 195.1, 154.1, 147.3, 139.8, 133.5, 132.1, 130.3, 130.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 123.9, 122.0. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{21}H_{13}ClO$ (M^+): 316.0655, found: 316.0656.

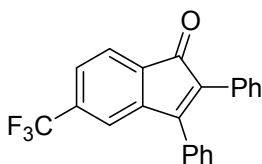
5-iodo-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3ka

Yield: 40%; Red solid; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ 7.70 (dd, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, $J = 24$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 5H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 195.6, 154.4, 146.9, 138.0, 133.1, 132.2, 130.2, 130.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 124.2, 100.9. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{21}H_{13}IO$ (M^+): 408.0011, found: 408.0014.

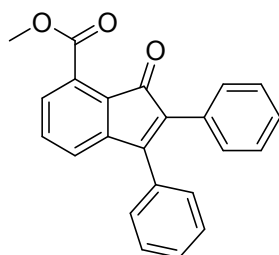
2,3-diphenyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3la

Yield: 33%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.28 (s, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 195.1, 154.7, 146.1, 135.2, 135.0, 133.6, 133.4, 132.0, 131.6, 130.1, 130.0, 129.1, 228.4, 128.2, 126.5 (q, $J_{\text{CF}_3-\text{C}} = 5$ Hz), 122.8, 117.7 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4$ Hz). HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ (M^+): 350.0918, found: 350.0922.

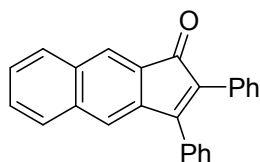
methyl 1-oxo-2,3-diphenyl-1H-indene-7-carboxylate (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 100/1)



3ma

Yield: 21%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.36-7.44 (m, 7H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 6H), 3.99 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 193.9, 167.5, 154.3, 145.9, 133.3, 132.7, 132.3, 130.3, 130.0, 129.5, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 128.0, 123.2, 52.8. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 340.1099, found: 340.1103.

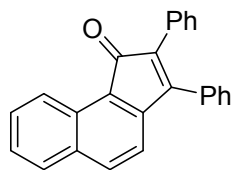
2,3-diphenyl-1H-cyclopenta[b]naphthalen-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 100/1)



3na

Yield: 48%; Yellow solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.51 (m, 7H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 194.8, 156.5, 140.0, 136.6, 136.2, 133.7, 132.9, 130.9, 130.7, 130.3, 130.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 124.4, 121.0. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ (M^+): 332.1201, found: 332.1202.

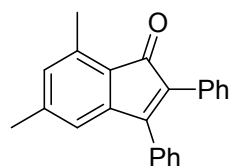
2,3-diphenyl-1H-cyclopenta[a]naphthalen-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 100/1)



3oa

Yield: 56%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.81 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 5H), 7.37 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 198.6, 153.8, 146.7, 134.7, 134.2, 132.8, 131.2, 130.8, 130.1, 129.4, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 126.0, 123.9, 122.3, 119.3. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ (M^+): 332.1201, found: 332.1201.

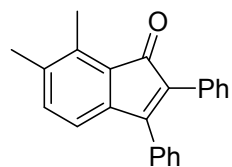
5,7-dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one(eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3pa

Yield: 60%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.33-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.24 (s, 5H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 197.3, 153.9, 146.2, 143.4, 138.0, 133.1, 132.8, 132.1, 131.1, 130.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 124.8, 120.6, 21.9, 17.3. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ (M^+): 310.1358, found: 310.1358.

6,7-dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one(eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)

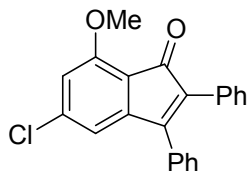


3qa

Yield: 62%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.34-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.24 (s, 5H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 198.0, 154.4, 143.4, 139.7, 137.7, 133.1, 132.0, 131.2, 130.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 119.0, 19.4, 13.0. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for

$C_{23}H_{18}O$ (M^+): 310.1358, found: 310.1360.

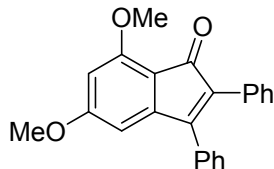
5-chloro-7-methoxy-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 100/1)



3ra

Yield: 54%; Red solid; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ 7.40-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s, 5H), 6.89 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 192.8, 156.5, 151.4, 148.8, 140.8, 133.0, 131.8, 129.9, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 115.1, 113.7, 113.3, 56.0. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{22}H_{15}ClO_2$ (M^+): 346.0761, found: 346.0765.

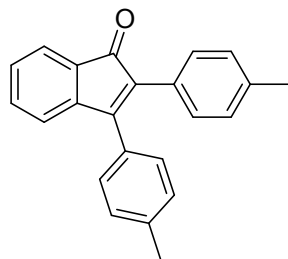
5,7-dimethoxy-2,3-diphenyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 100/1)



3sa

Yield: 65%; Red solid; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz) δ 7.38-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.34 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz) δ 192.9, 166.3, 158.7, 151.0, 149.8, 134.0, 133.0, 131.0, 130.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 108.9, 103.8, 97.1, 56.2, 55.8. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}O_3$ (M^+): 342.1256, found: 342.1258.

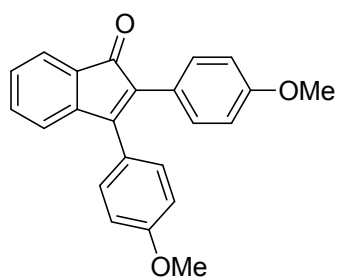
2,3-di-p-tolyl-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3ab

Yield: 72%; Red solid; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.56 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.30 (m, 8H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 196.8, 154.8, 145.4, 139.4, 137.6, 133.3, 132.1, 130.9, 129.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 122.8, 121.2, 21.6, 21.4. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ (M^+): 310.1358, found: 310.1359.

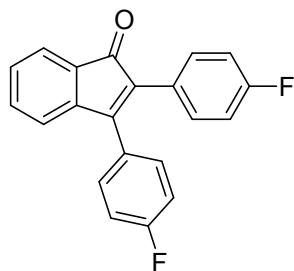
2,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 100/1)



3ac

Yield: 44%; Red solid; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.55 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 197.0, 160.3, 159.1, 153.8, 145.5, 133.3, 131.3, 131.0, 130.2, 128.6, 125.1, 123.4, 122.7, 121.0, 114.2, 113.7, 55.3, 55.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ (M^+): 342.1256, found: 342.1258.

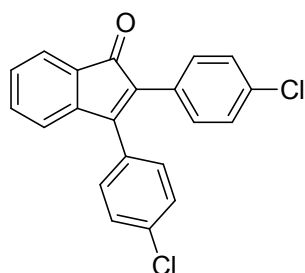
2,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3ad

Yield: 56%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.58 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.30 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 3H), 6.97 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 196.2, 163.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 249$ Hz), 162.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 267$ Hz), 154.2, 144.9, 133.6, 131.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8$ Hz), 131.5, 130.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8$ Hz), 130.5, 129.2, 128.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3$ Hz), 126.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4$ Hz), 123.2, 121.1, 116.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21$ Hz), 115.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21$ Hz). HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{O}$ (M^+): 318.0856, found: 318.0851.

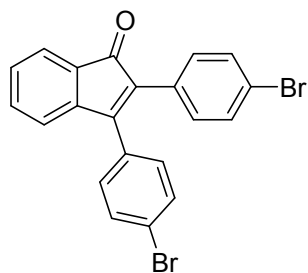
2,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3ae

Yield: 58%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 195.9, 154.3, 144.7, 135.5, 134.0, 133.7, 131.5, 131.2, 130.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 123.3, 121.1. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ (M^+): 350.0265, found: 350.0269.

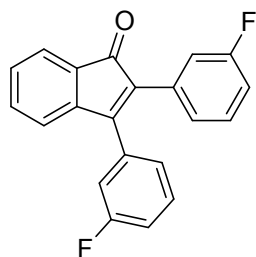
2,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



3af

Yield: 63%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.56-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.31 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.13 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 195.7, 154.4, 144.6, 133.7, 132.3, 131.5, 131.5, 131.3, 130.5, 130.1, 129.4, 129.3, 123.8, 123.3, 122.4, 121.2. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{Br}_2\text{O}$ (M^+): 437.9255, found: 437.9255.

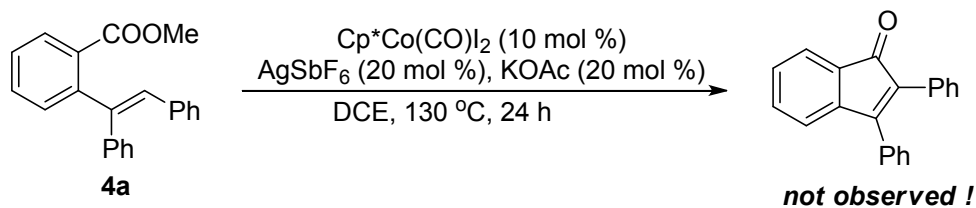
2,3-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-inden-1-one (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)



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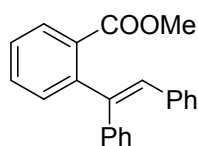
Yield: 54%; Red solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.53 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.89-6.95 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 195.7, 162.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 246$ Hz), 162.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 244$ Hz), 154.7, 144.6, 134.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8$ Hz), 133.8, 132.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8$ Hz), 131.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3$ Hz), 130.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8$ Hz), 130.4, 129.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8$ Hz), 129.5, 125.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3$ Hz), 124.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3$ Hz), 123.4, 121.4, 116.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 17$ Hz), 116.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 17$ Hz), 115.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 33$ Hz), 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 33$ Hz). HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{O}$ (M^+): 318.0856, found: 318.0860.

The mixture of **3ah** and **3ah'** (eluent: PE \rightarrow PE/EA = 200/1)

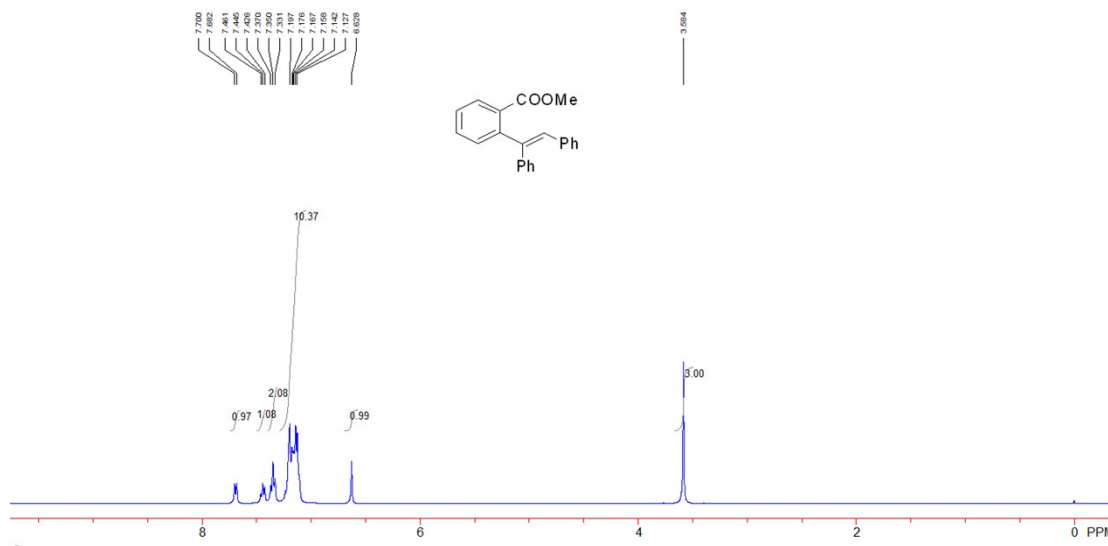


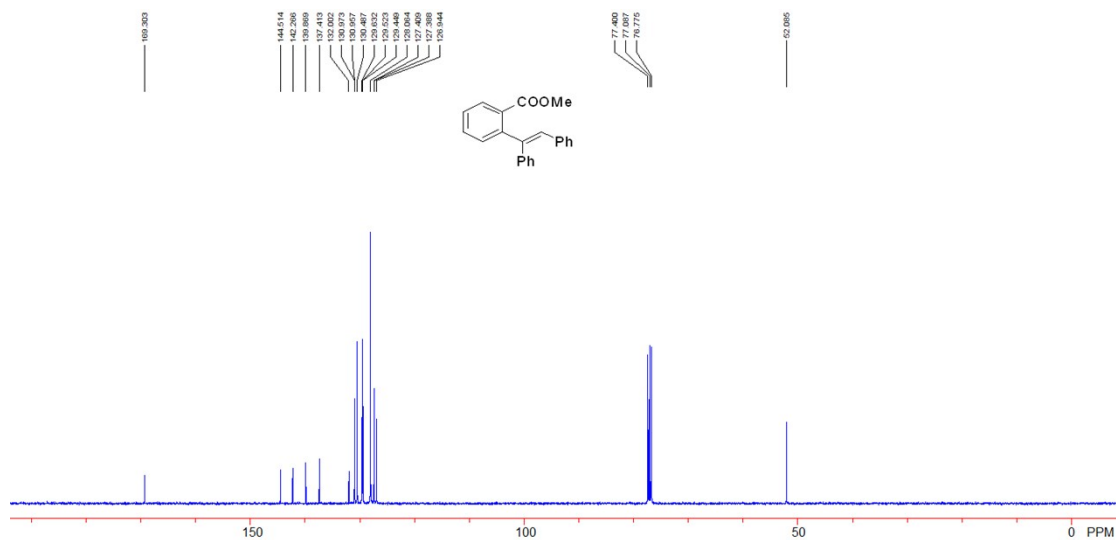
31 mg (0.1 mmol) of the **4a** were dissolved in 1mL DCE in a sealed tube. 5 mg (10 mol%) $\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2$, 7 mg (20 mol%) AgSbF_6 and 2 mg (20 mol%) KOAc were added. The tube was stirred at 130 °C for 24 h under N_2 . The desired product was not observed.

(E)-methyl-2-(1,2-diphenylvinyl)benzoate³

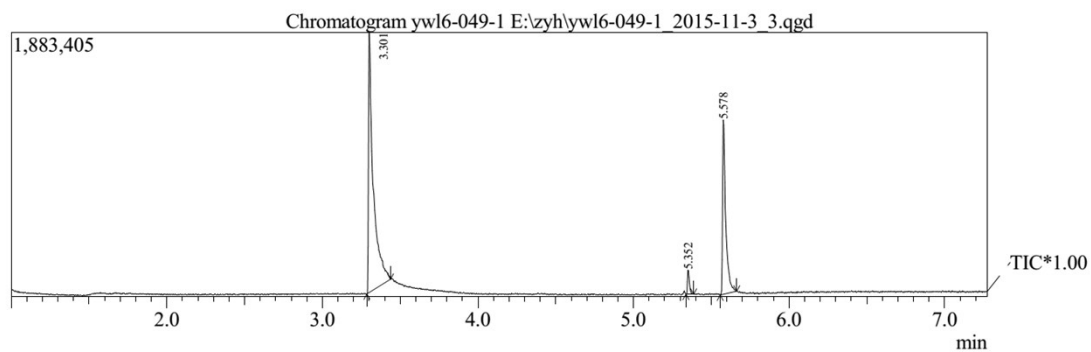
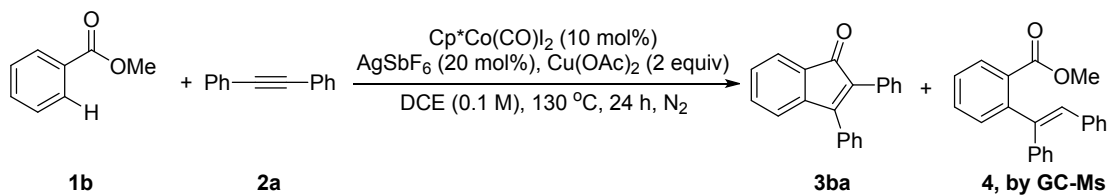


White solid; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.20 (m, 10 H), 3.58 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 169.3, 144.5, 142.3, 139.9, 137.4, 132.0, 132.0, 132.0, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.1, 127.4, 127.4, 126.9, 52.1. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$ (M^+): 314.1307, found: 314.1309.

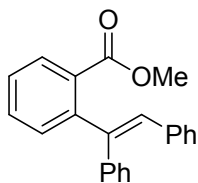




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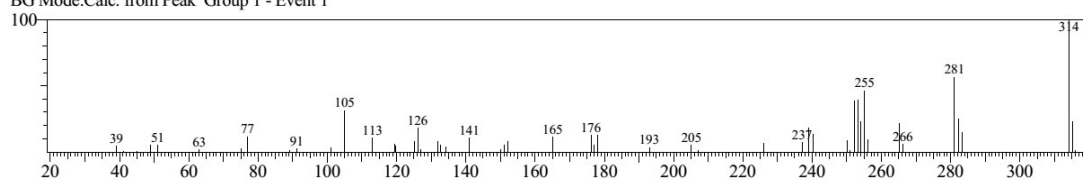
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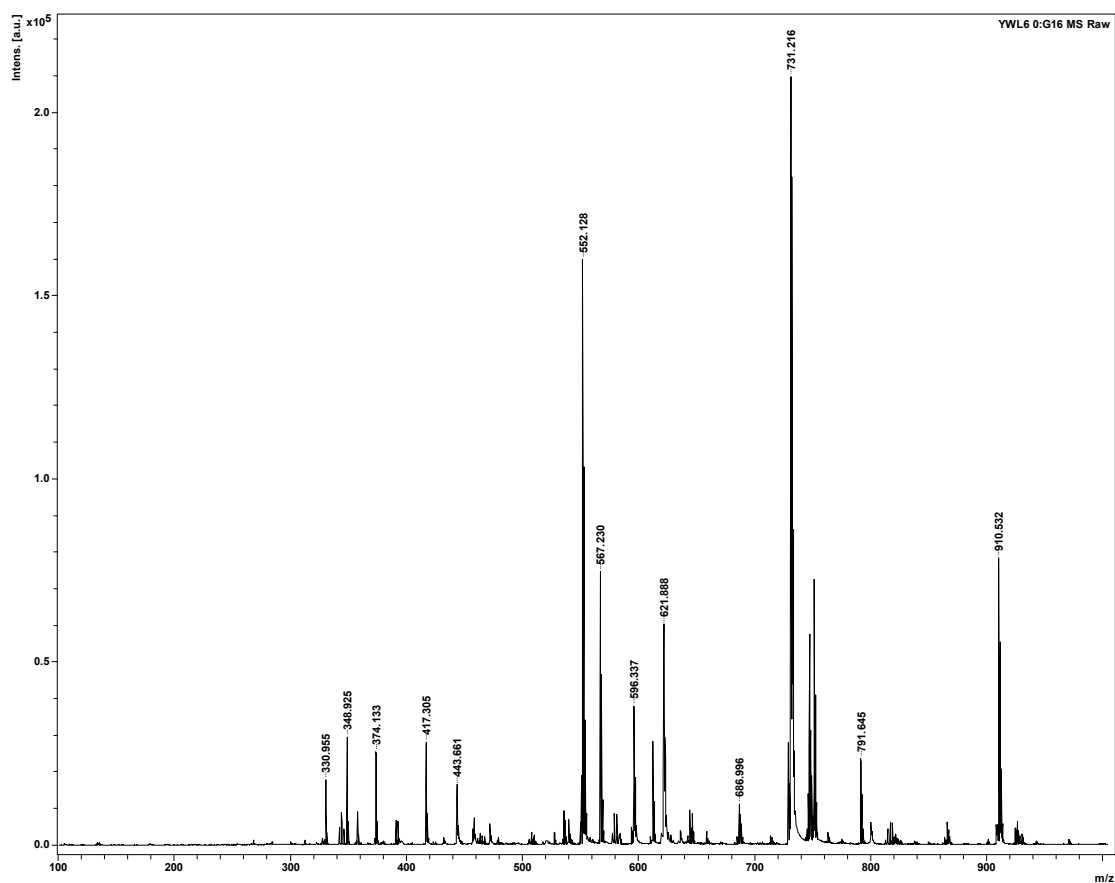
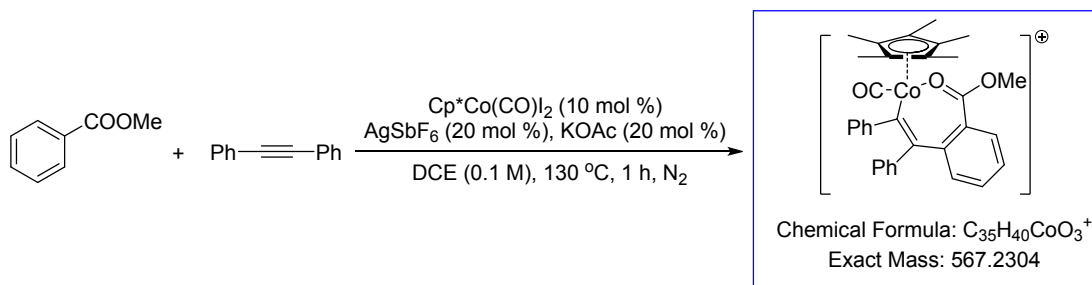
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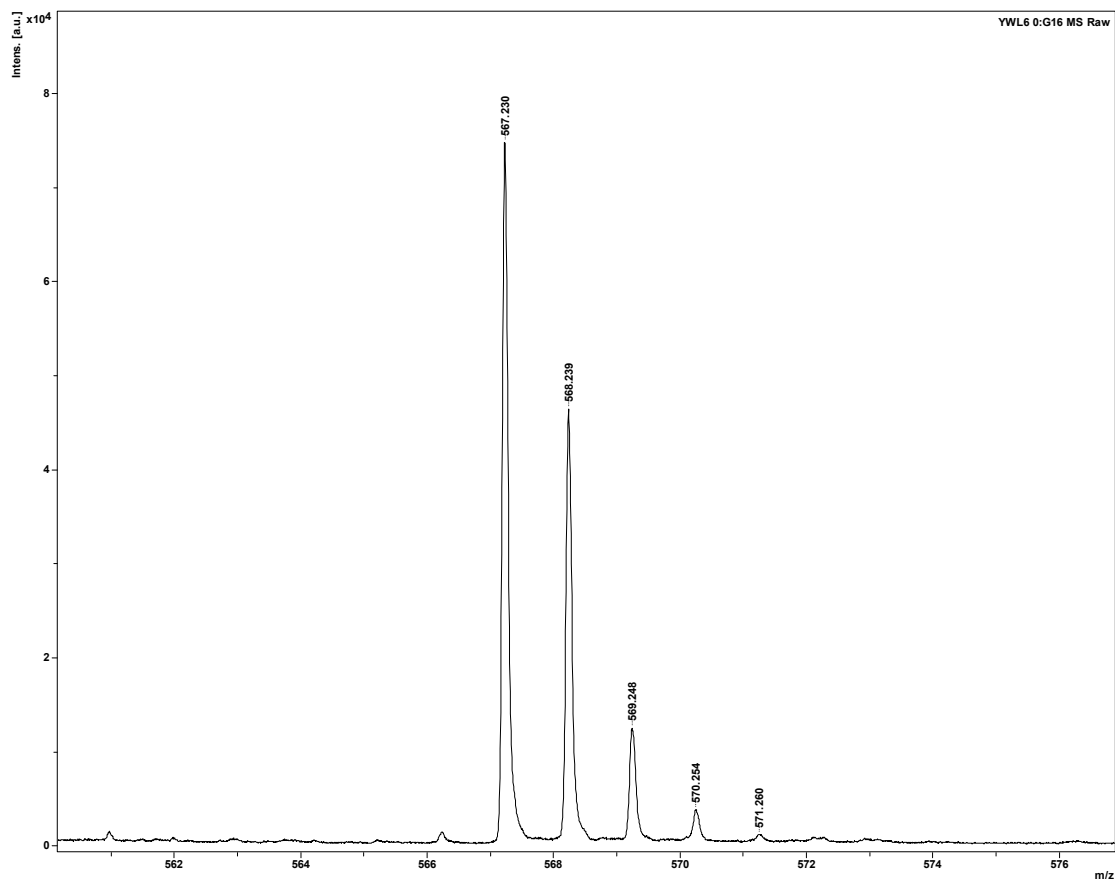
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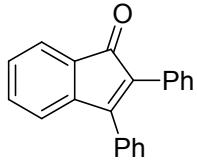
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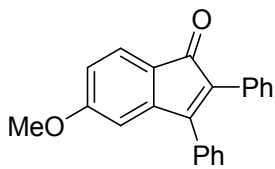
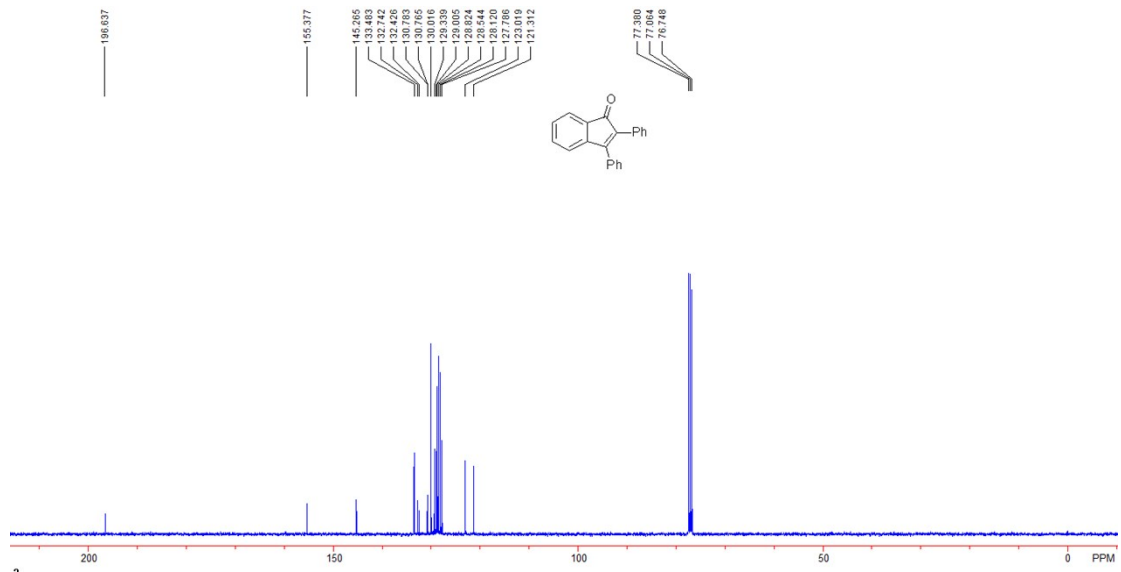
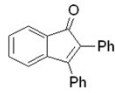
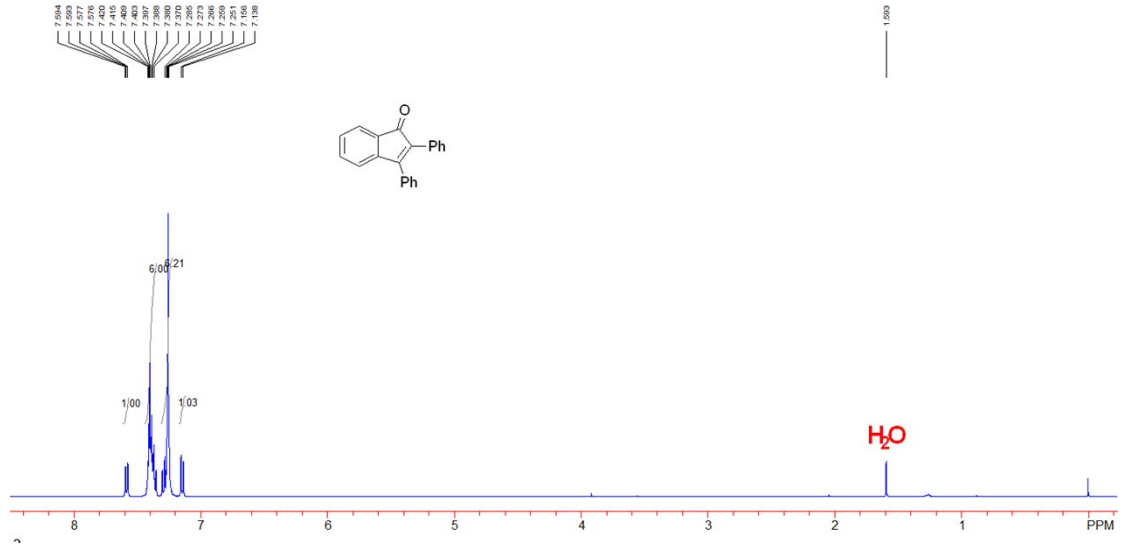


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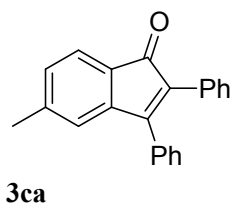
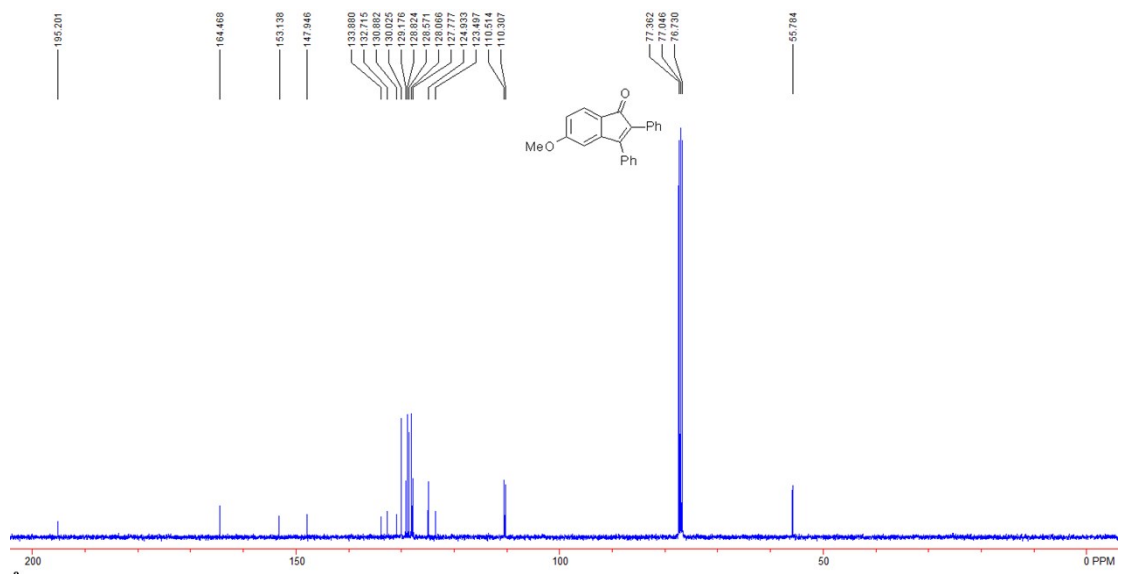
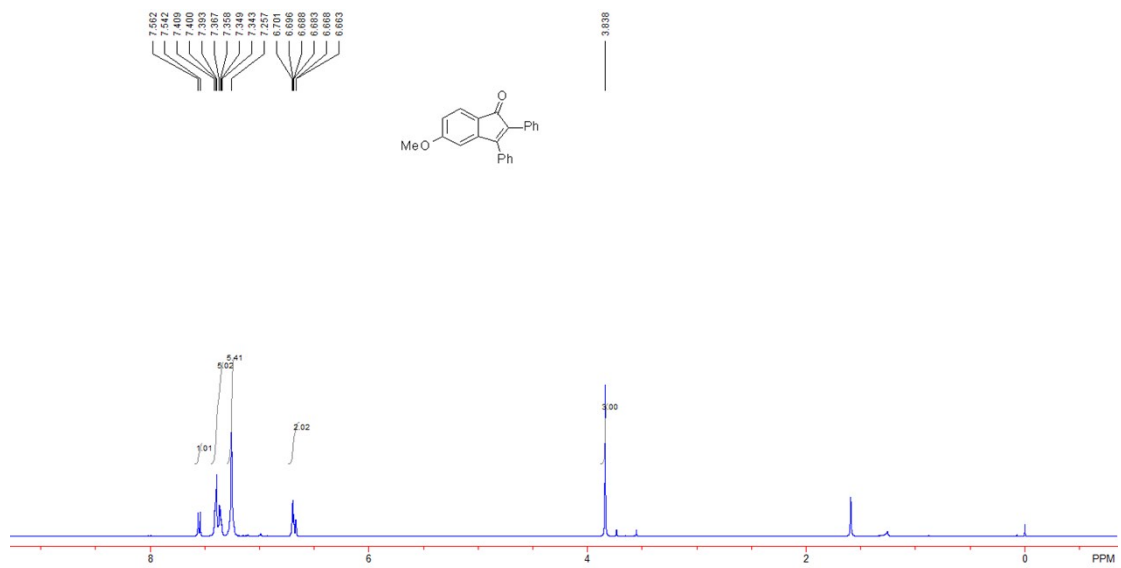
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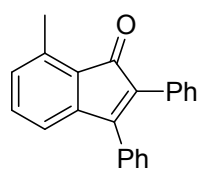
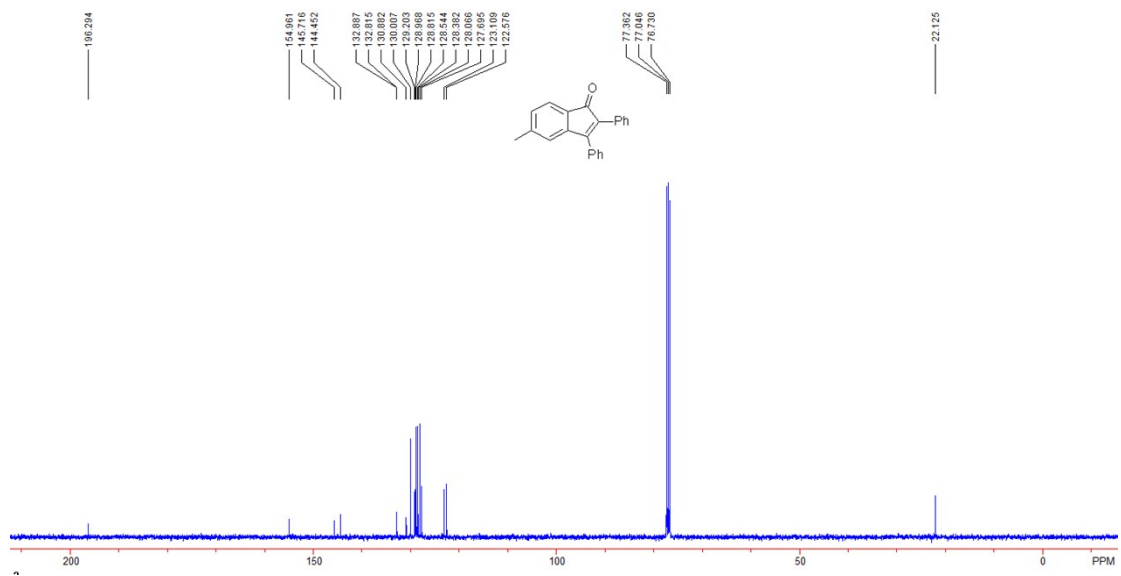
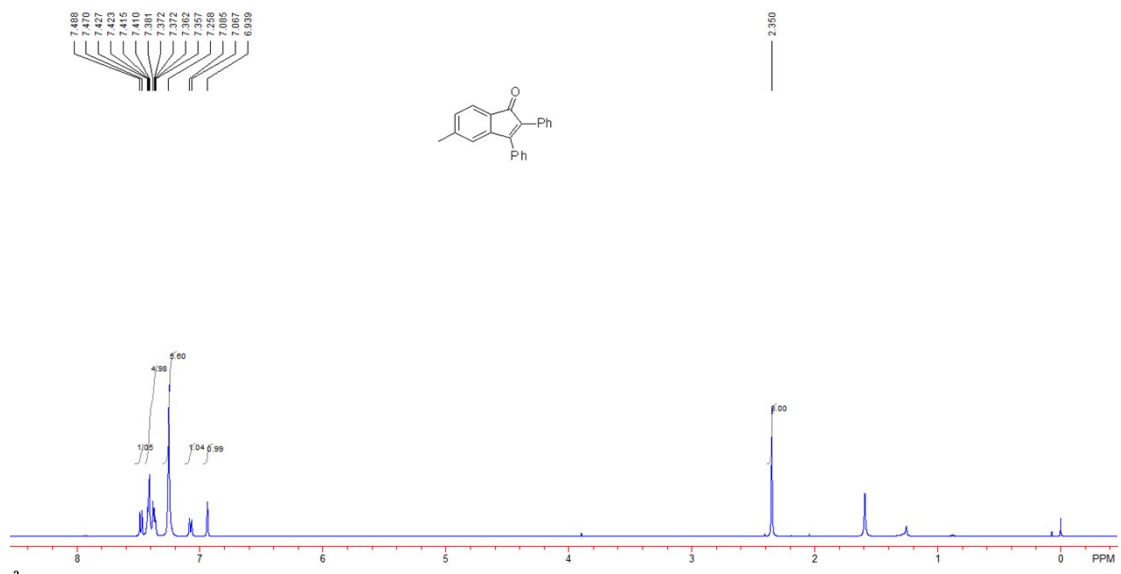


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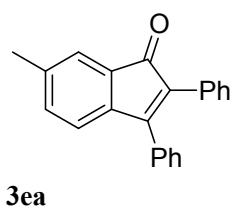
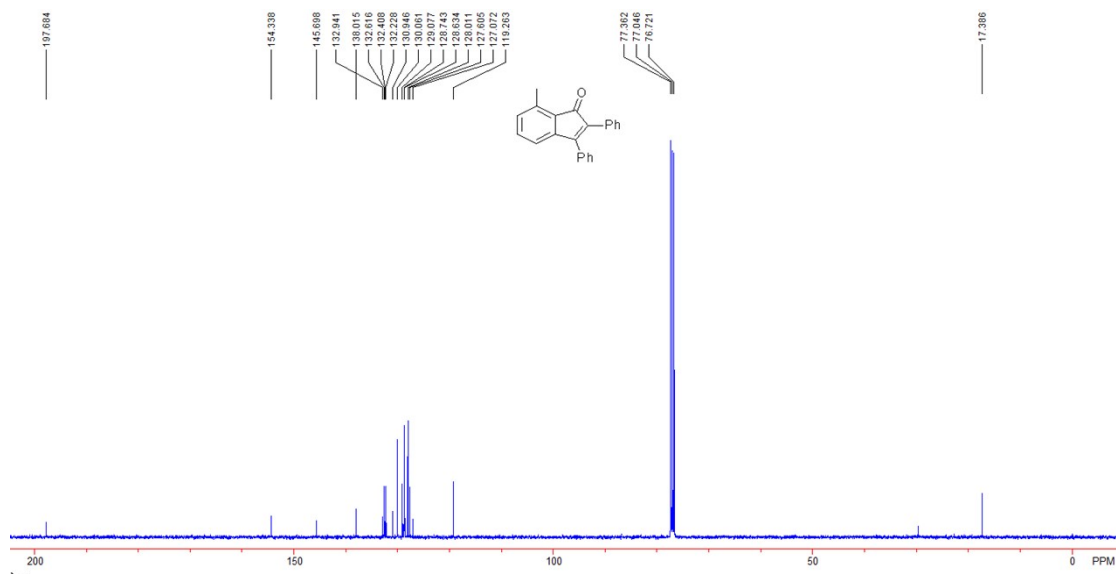
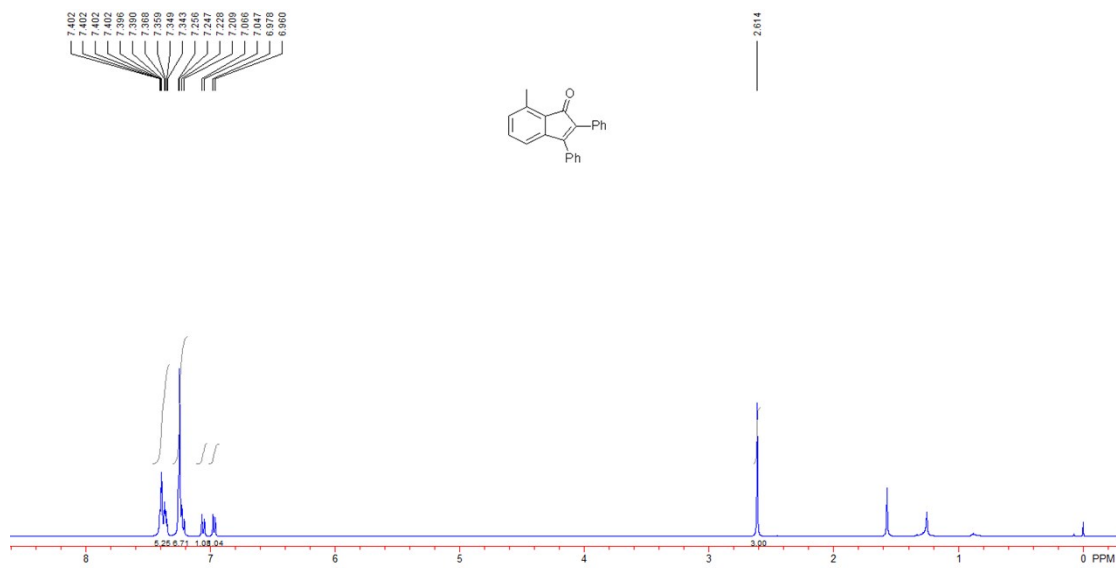


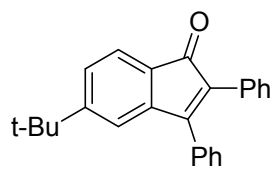
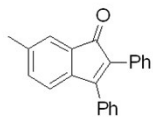
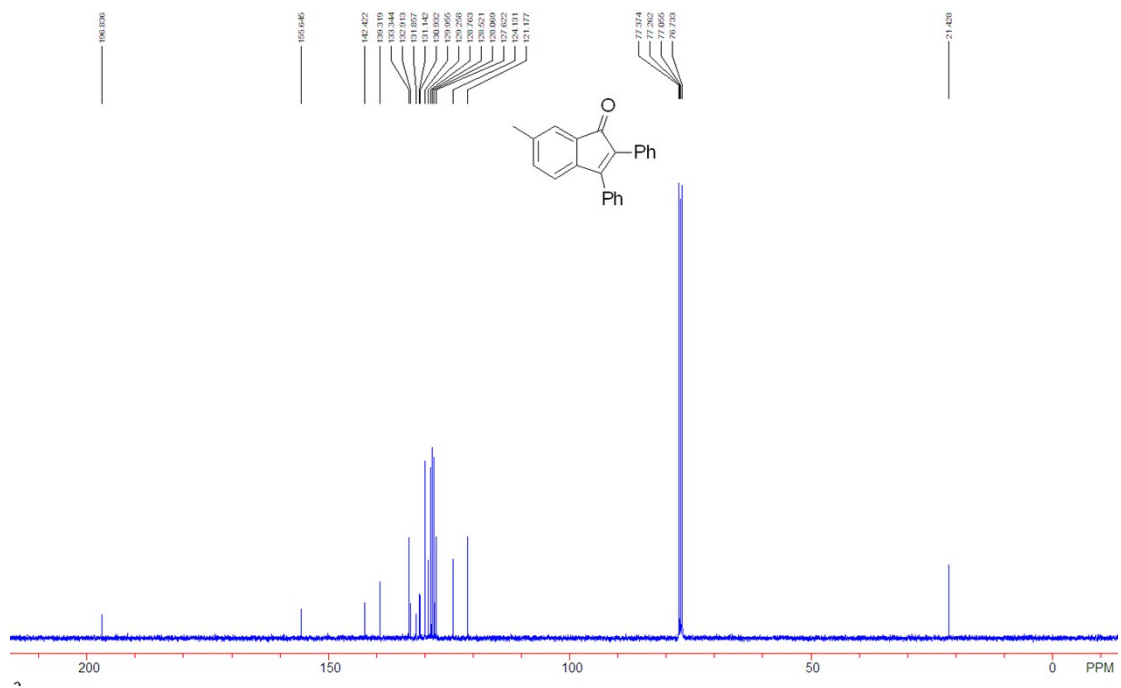
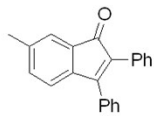
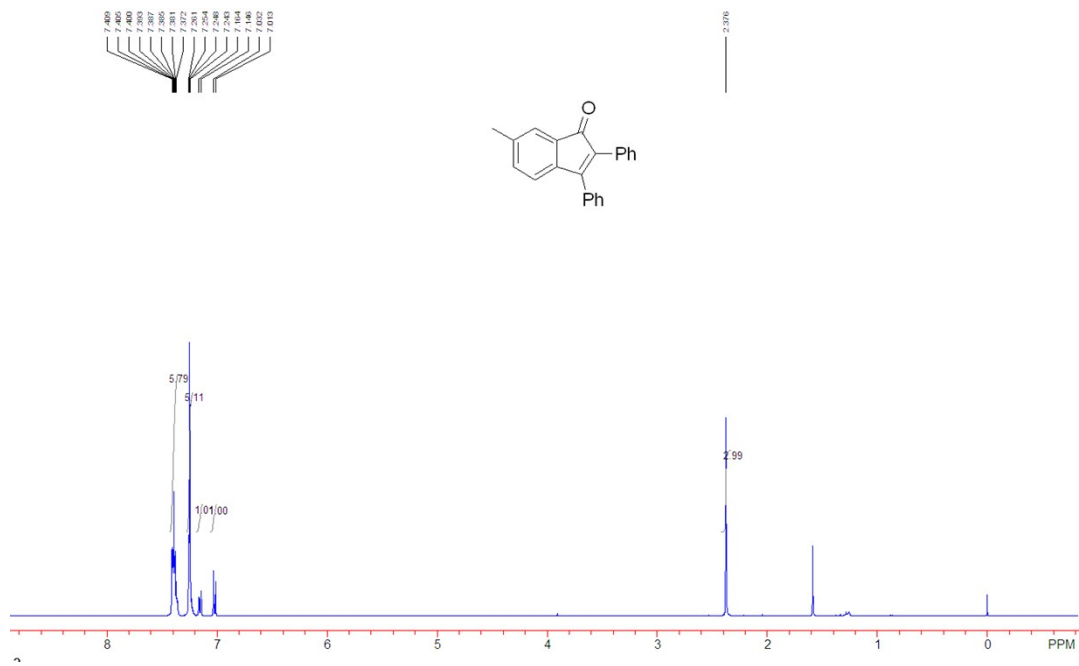
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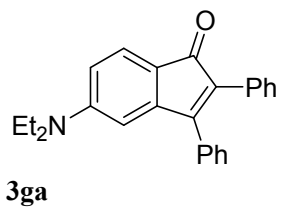
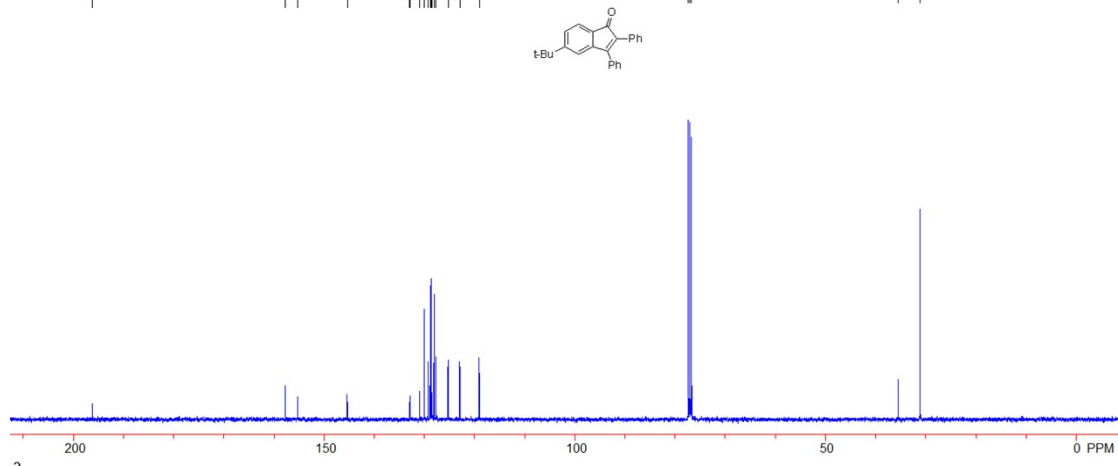
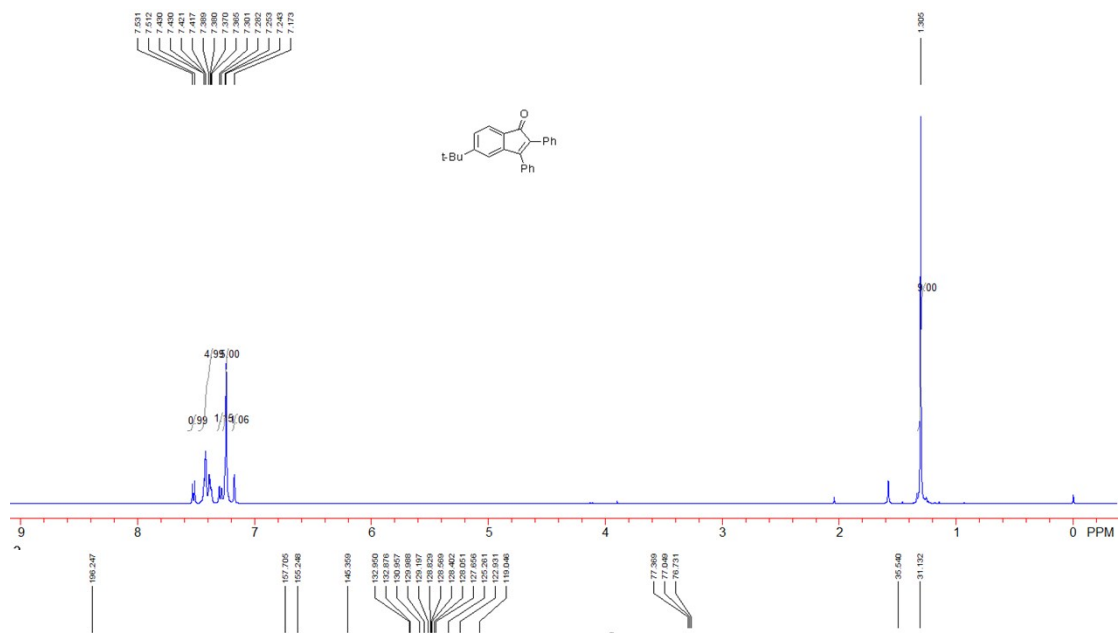


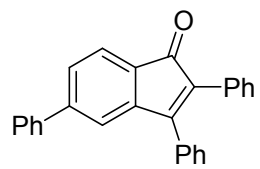
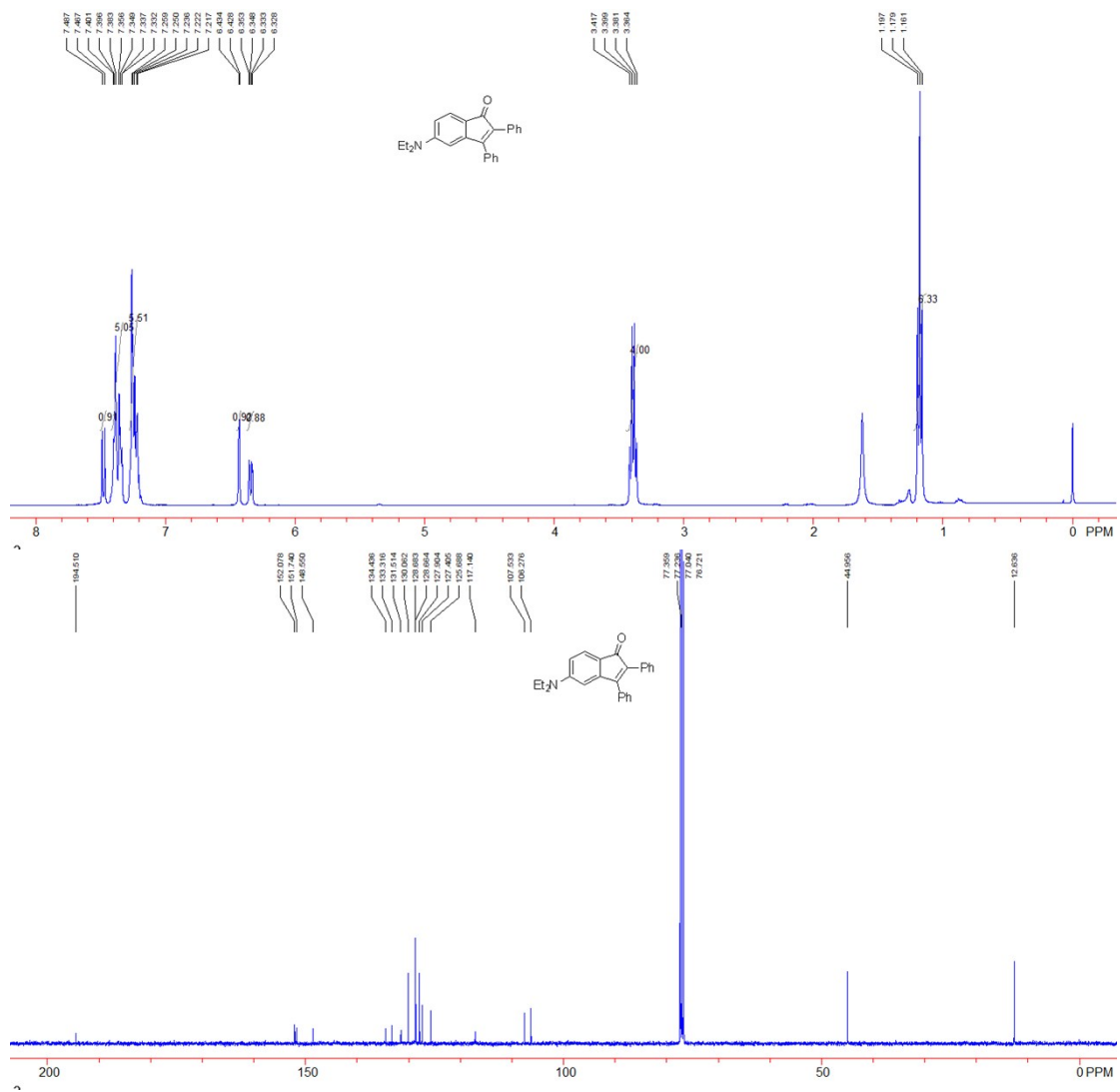


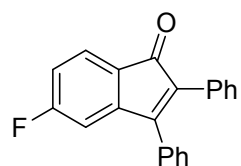
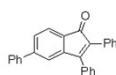
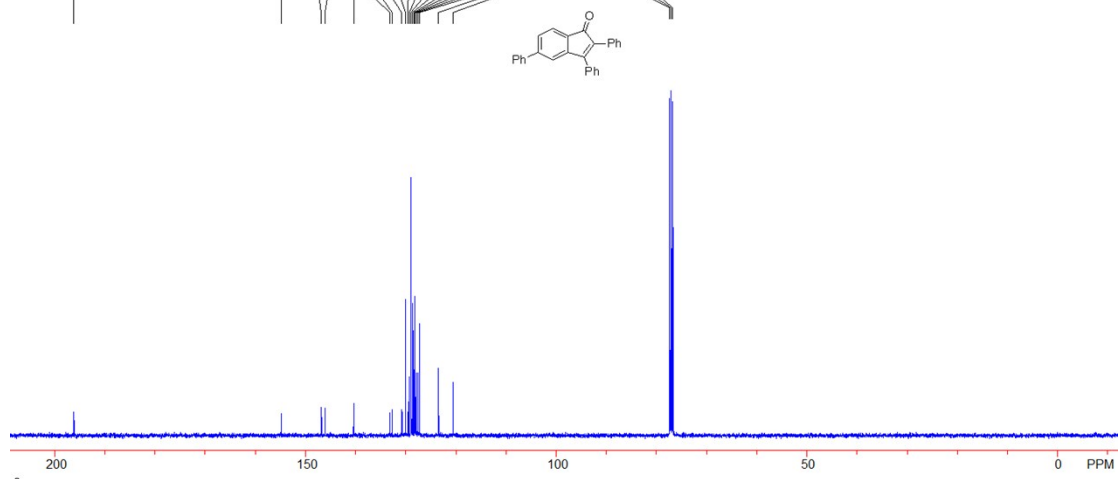
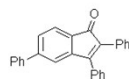
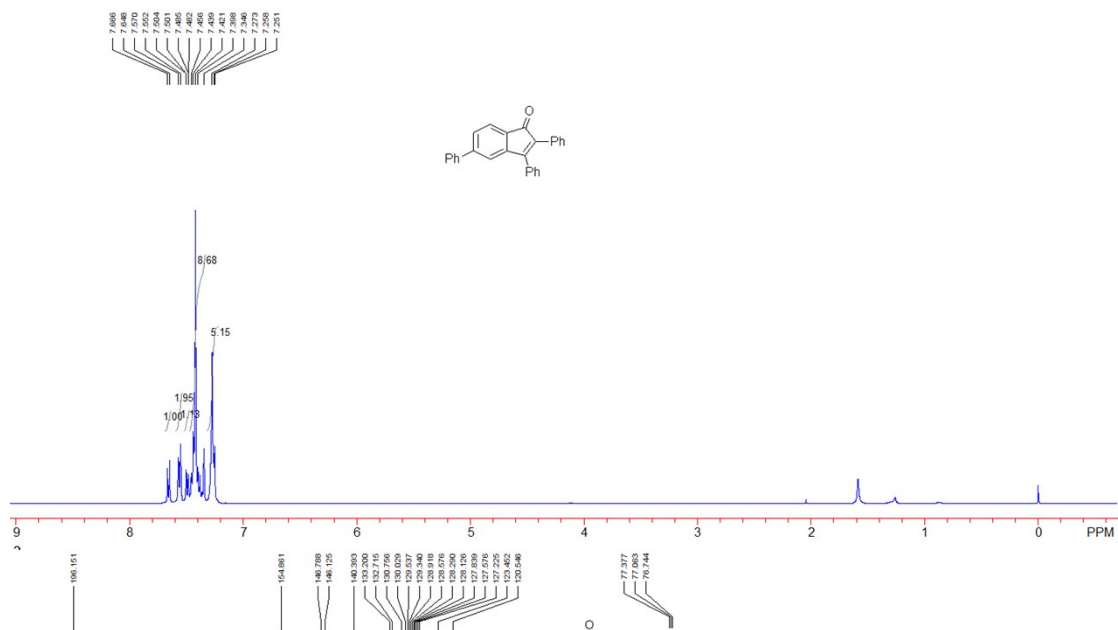
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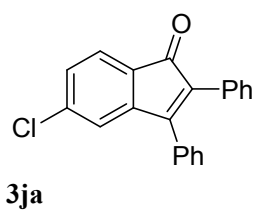
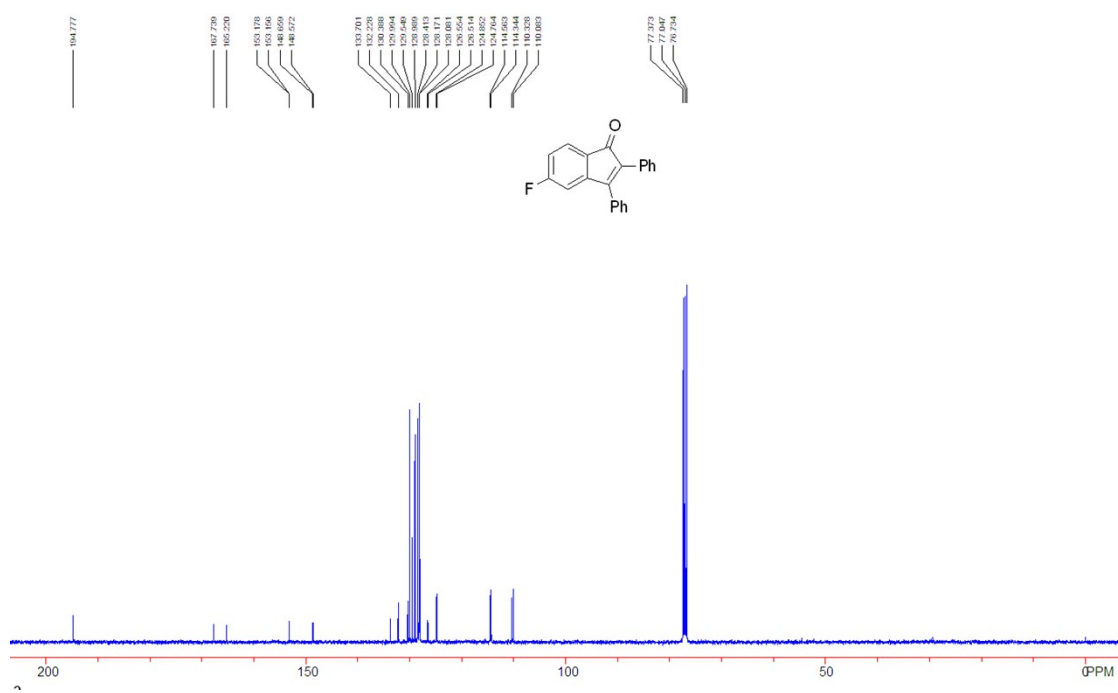
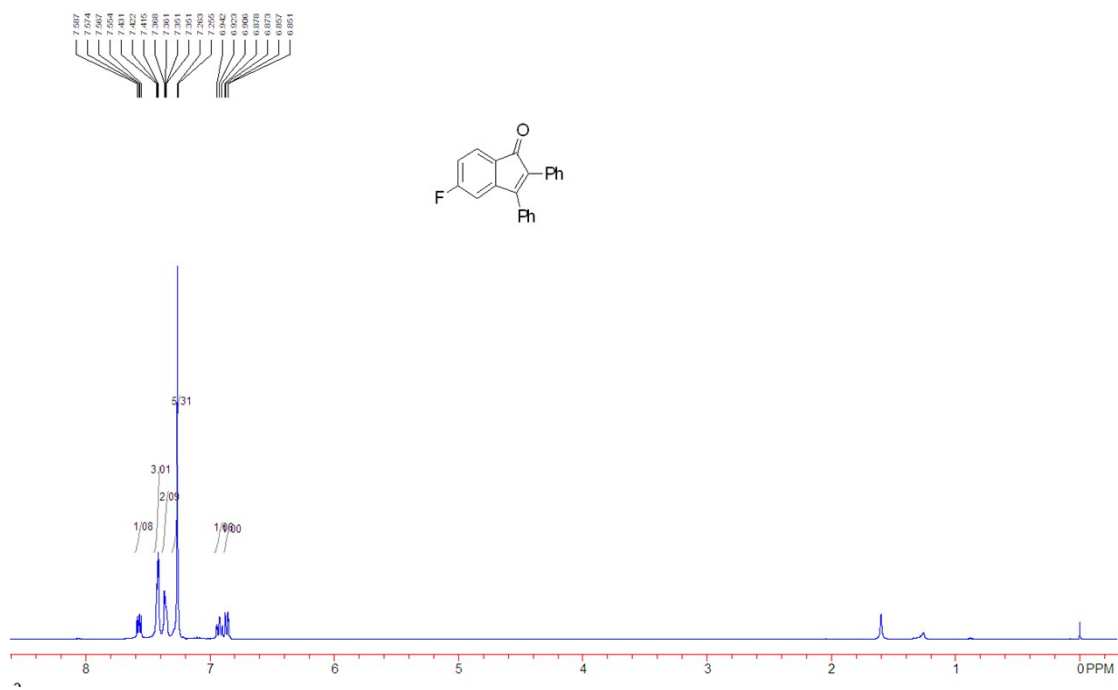


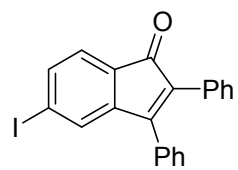
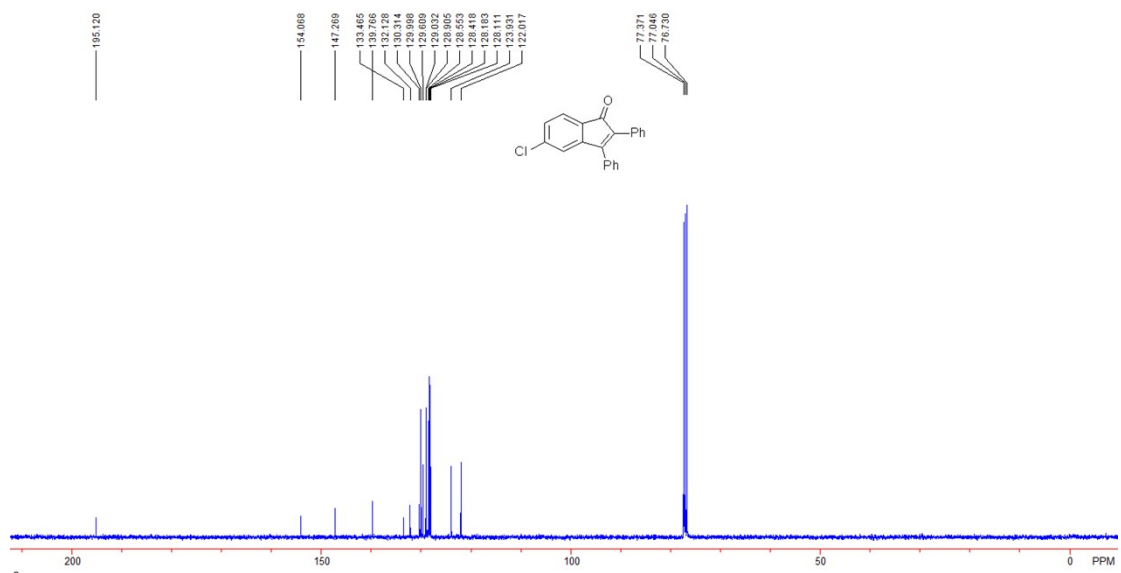
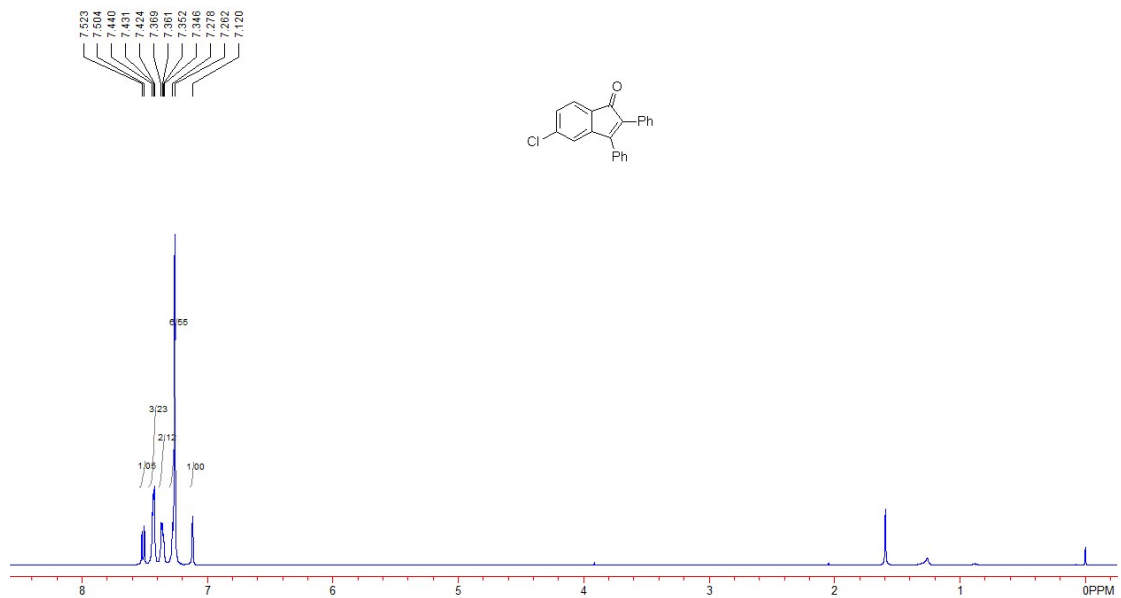




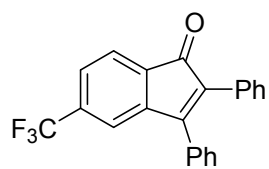
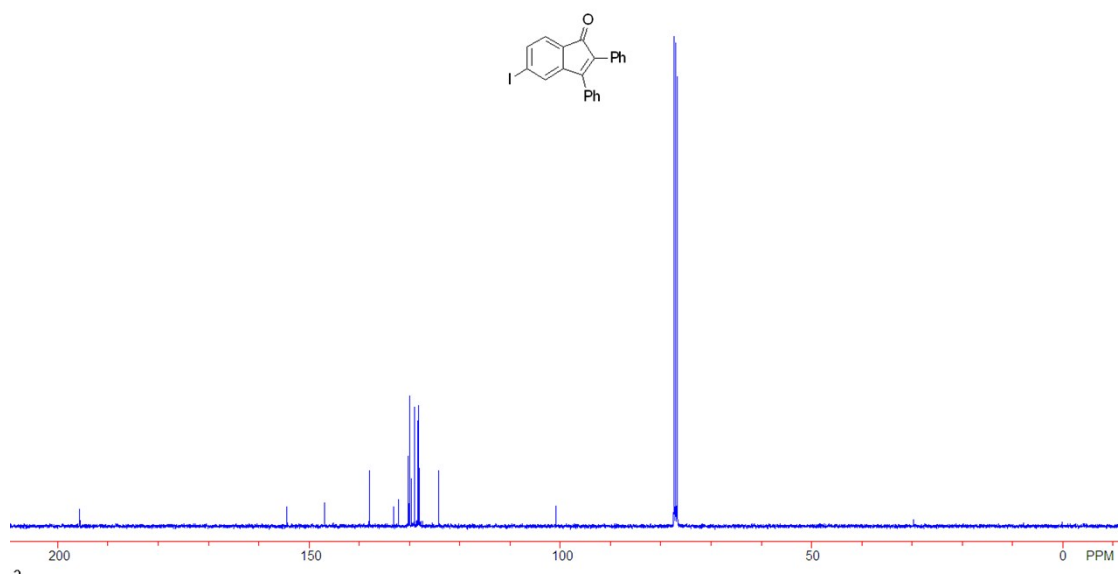
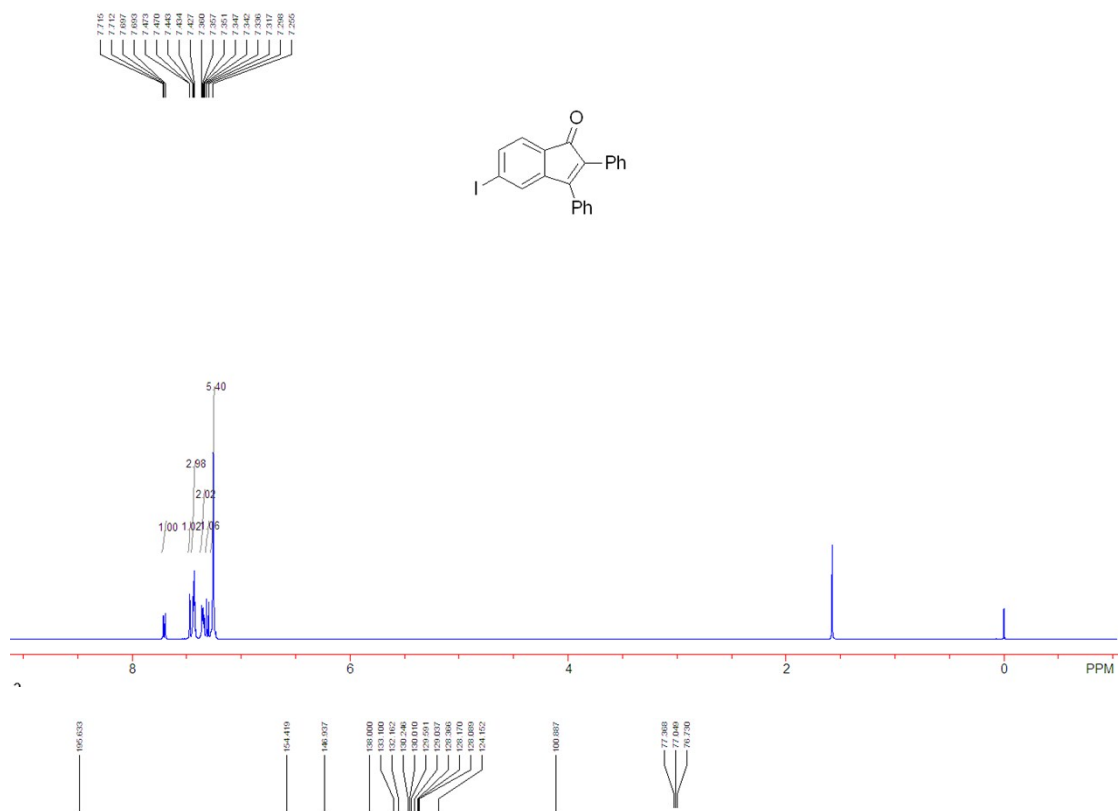


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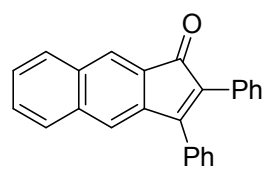
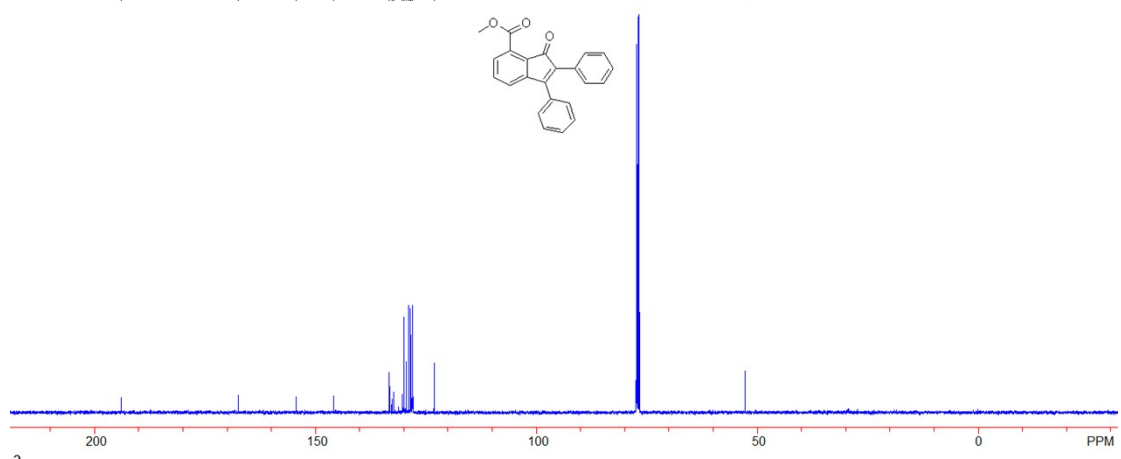
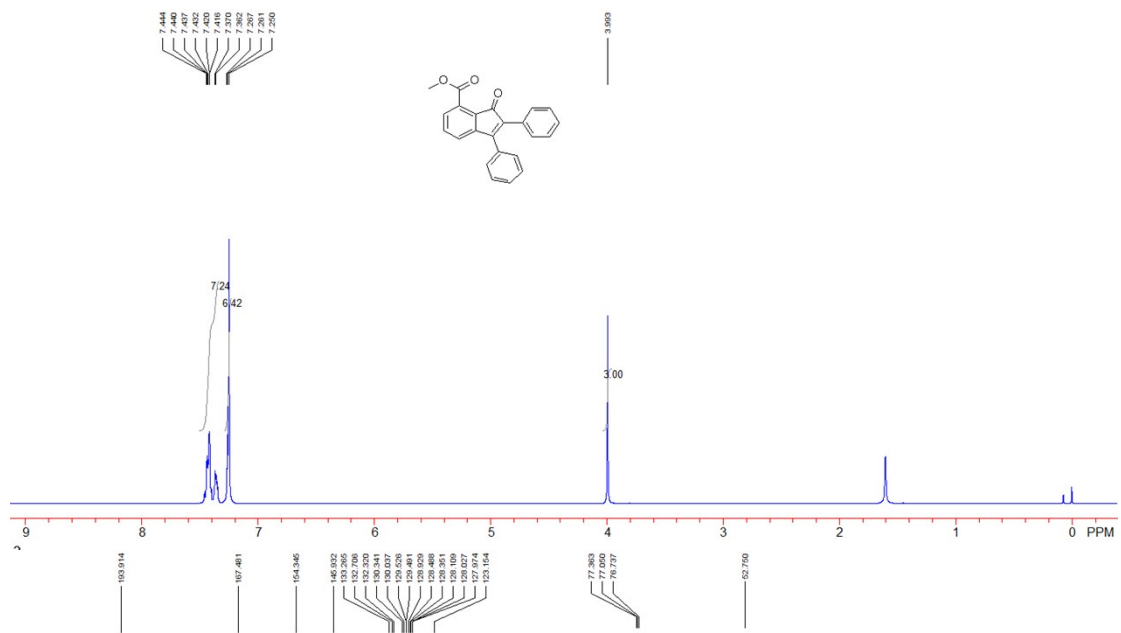




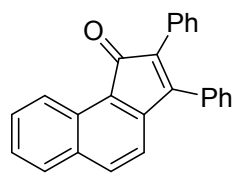
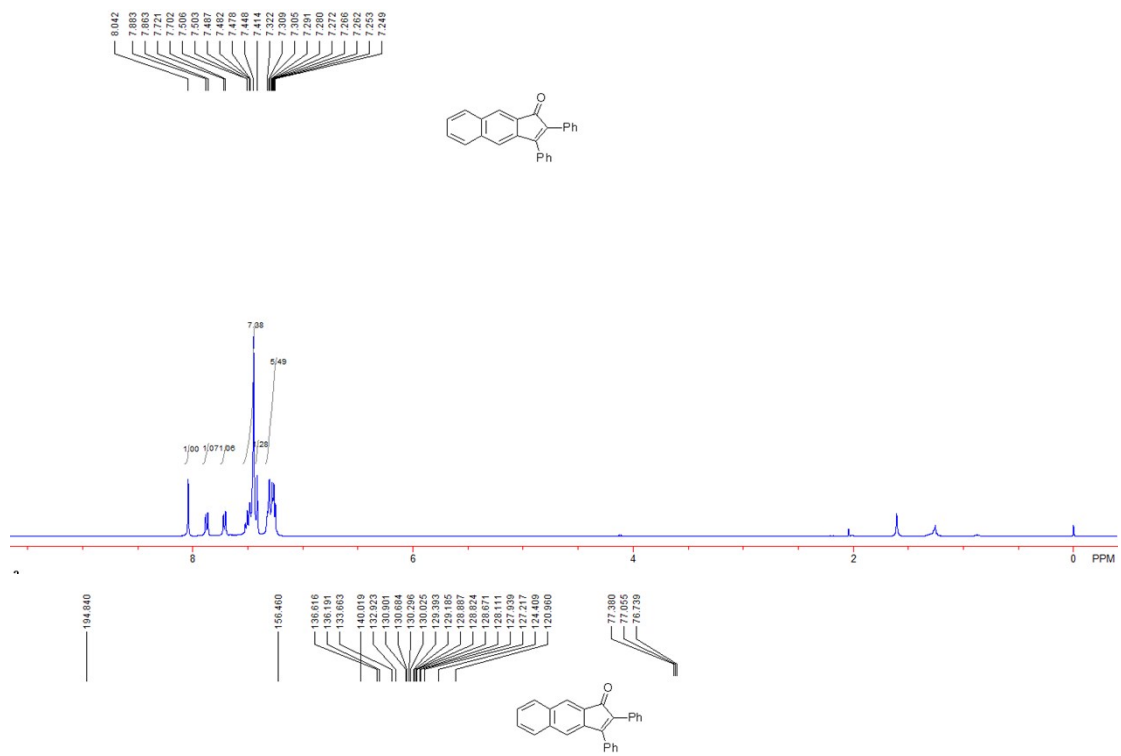
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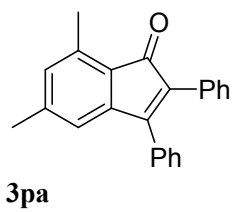
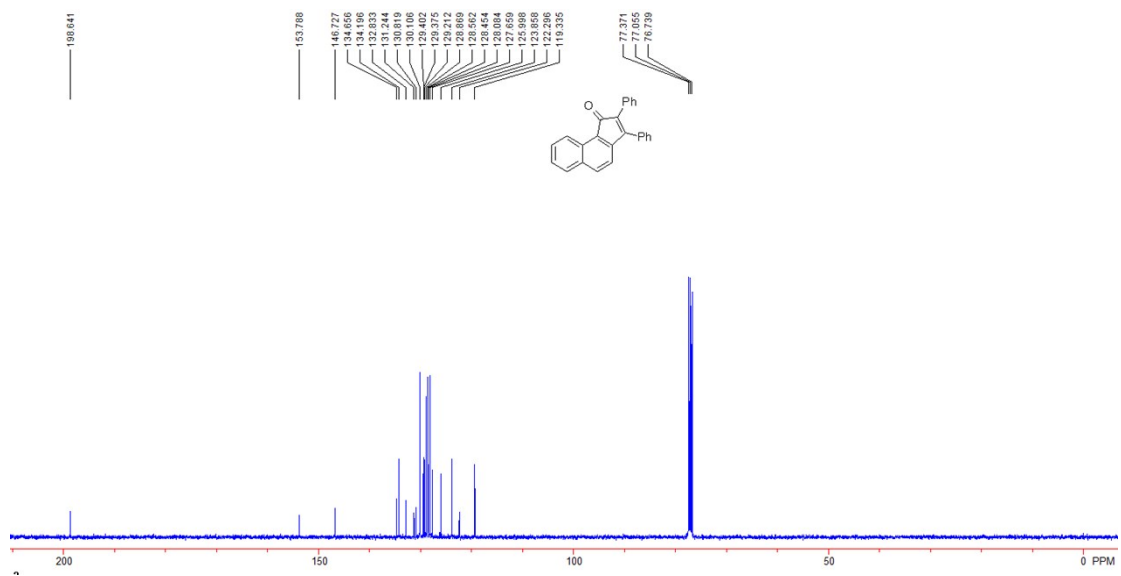
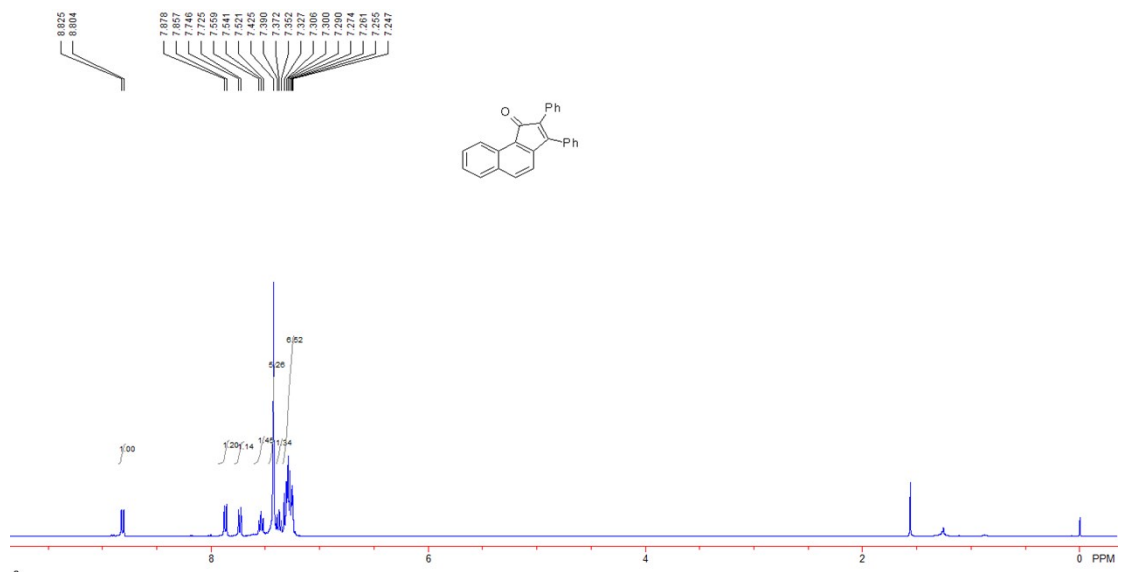
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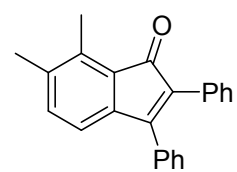
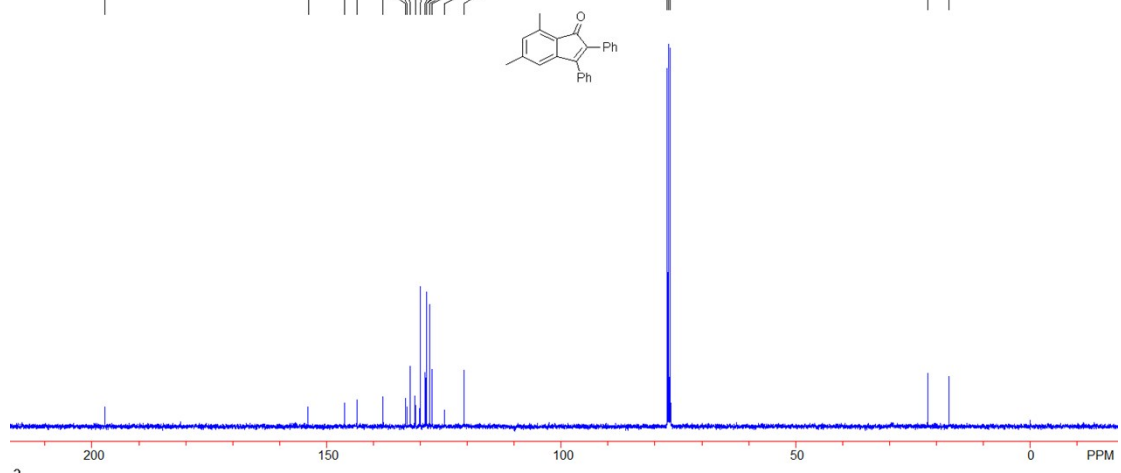
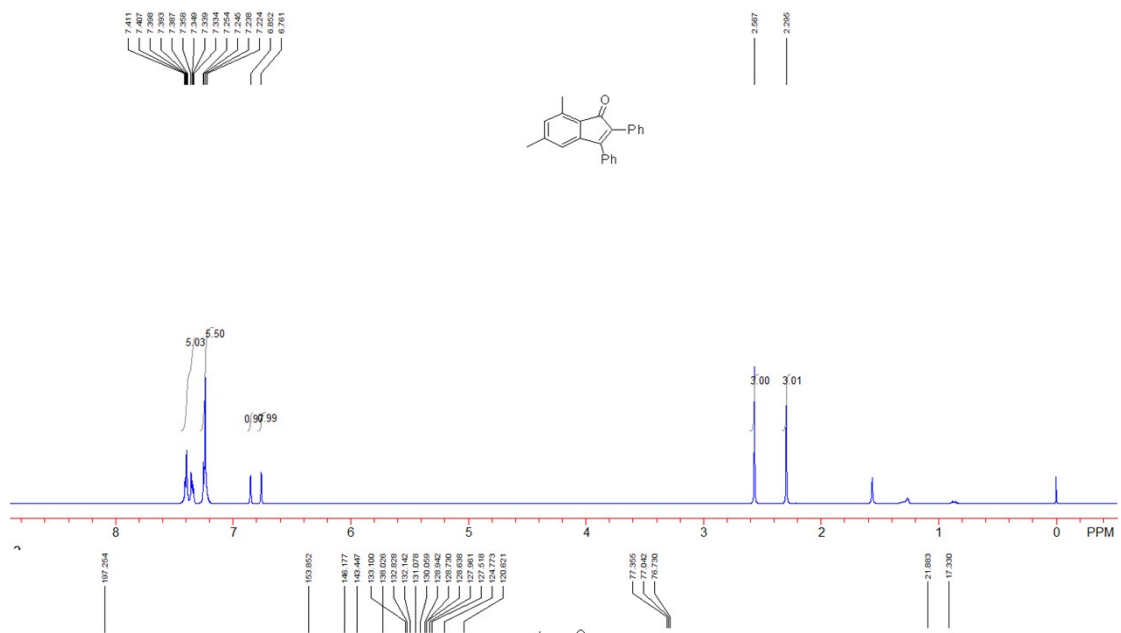


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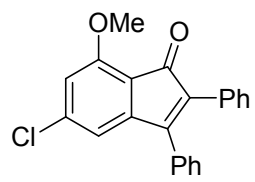
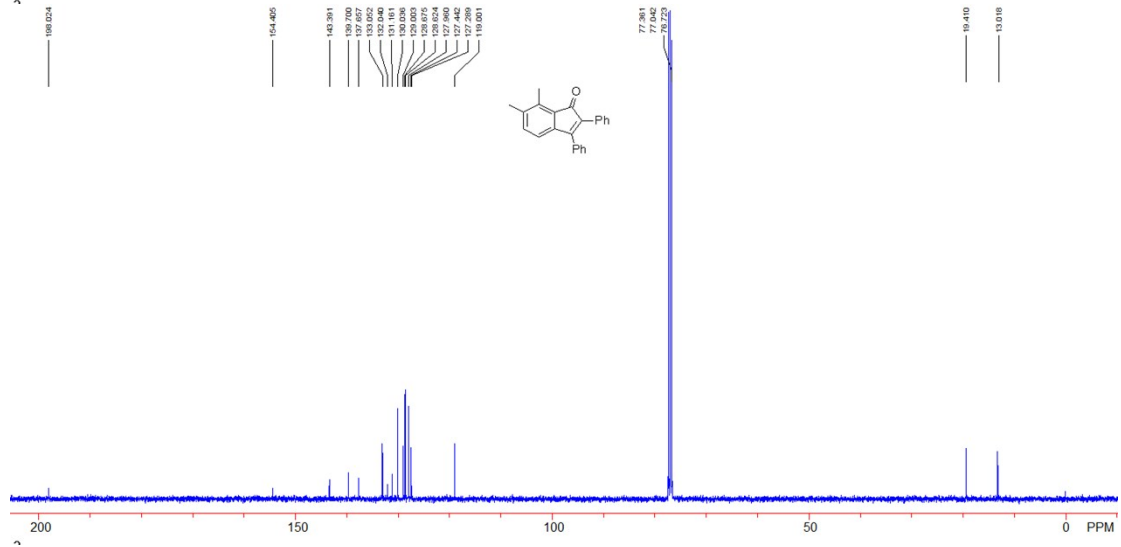
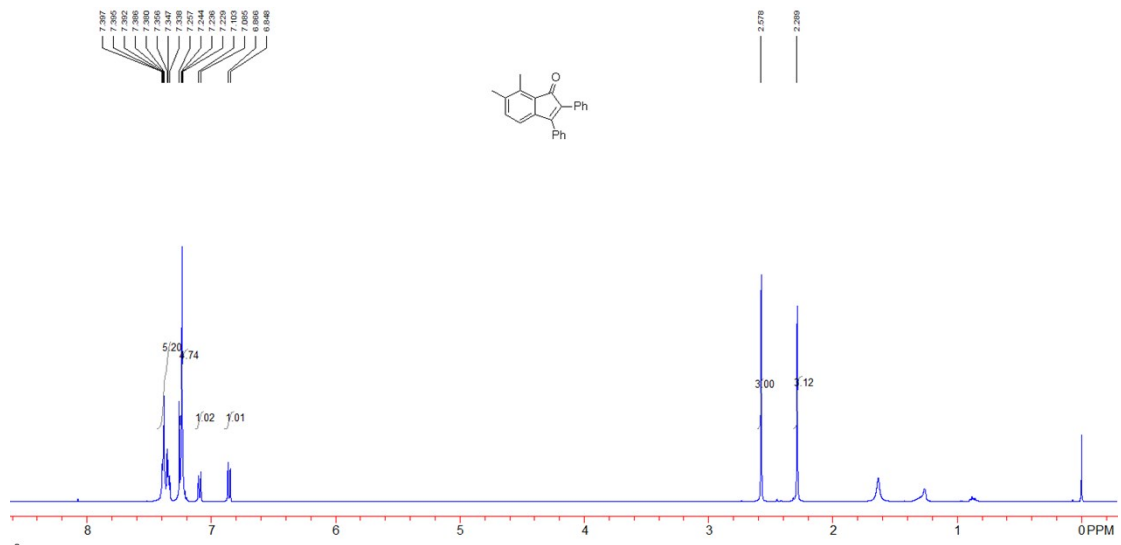


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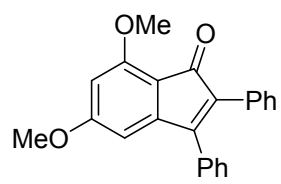
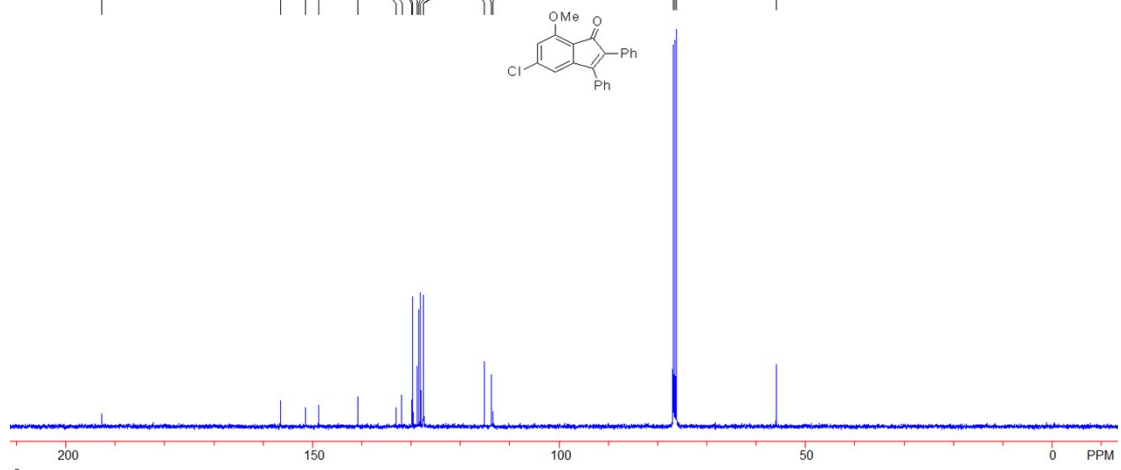
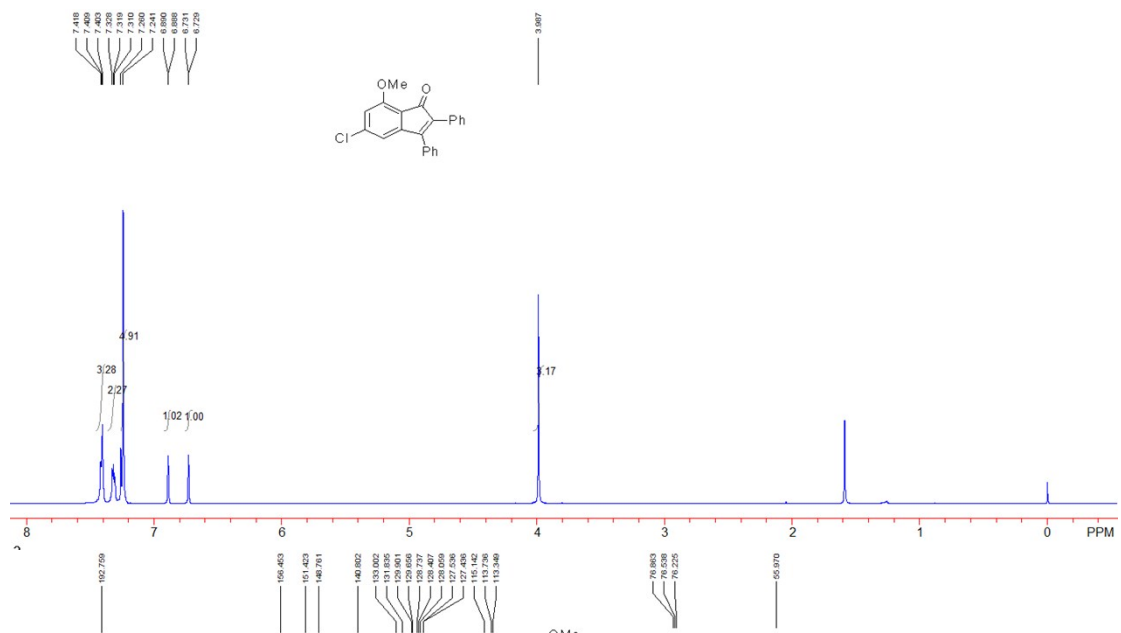




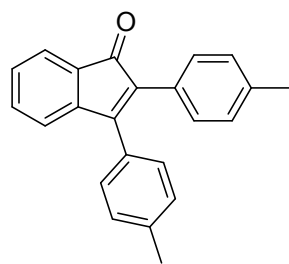
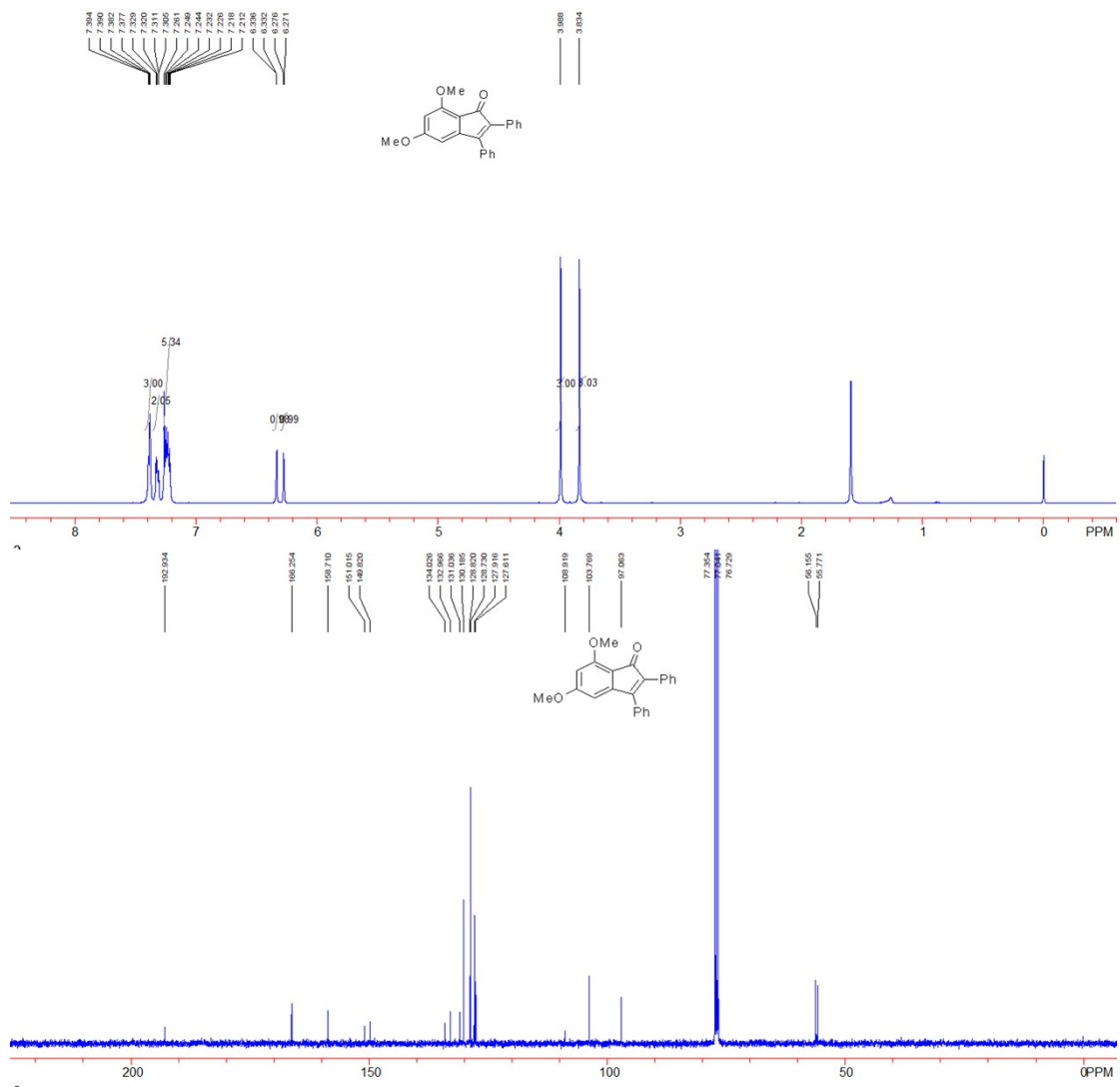
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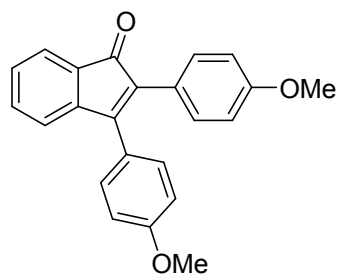
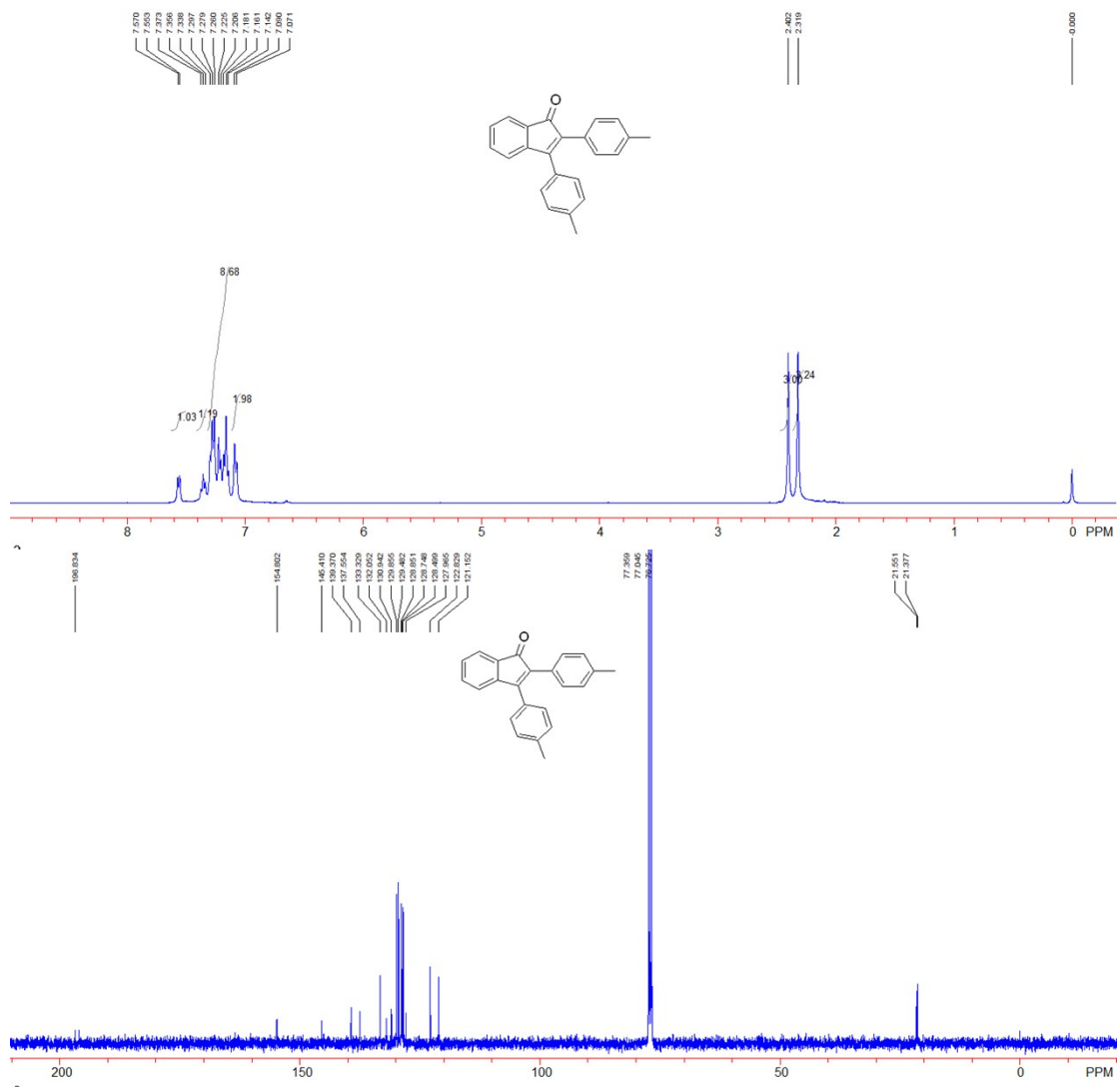
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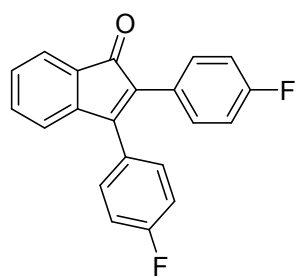
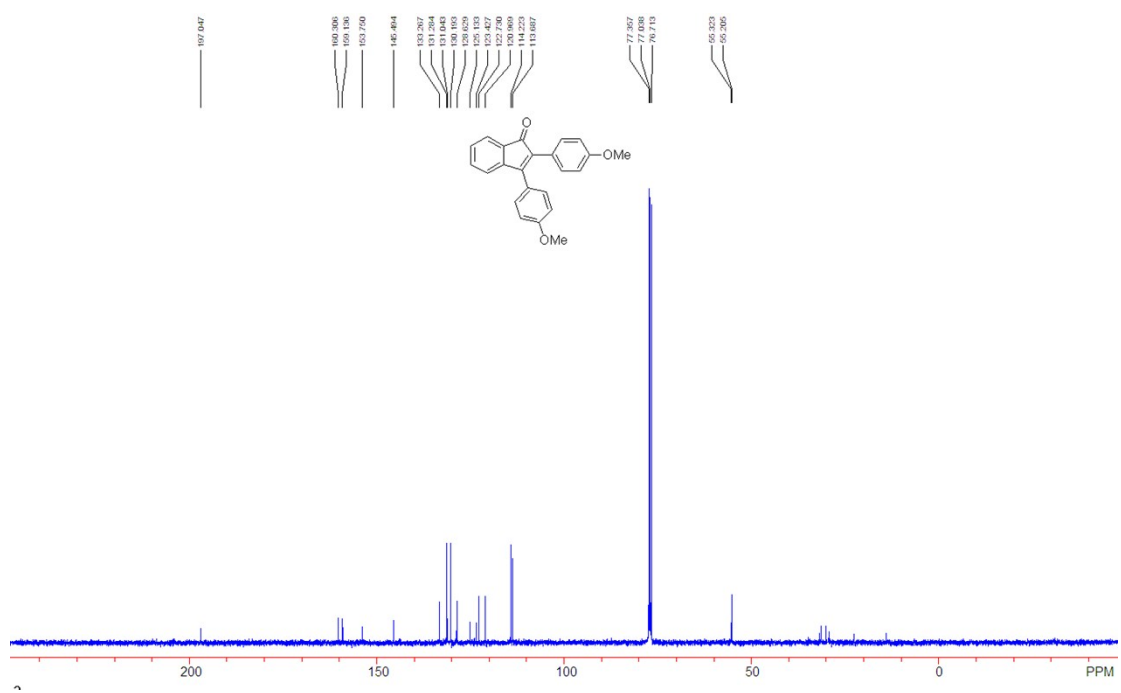
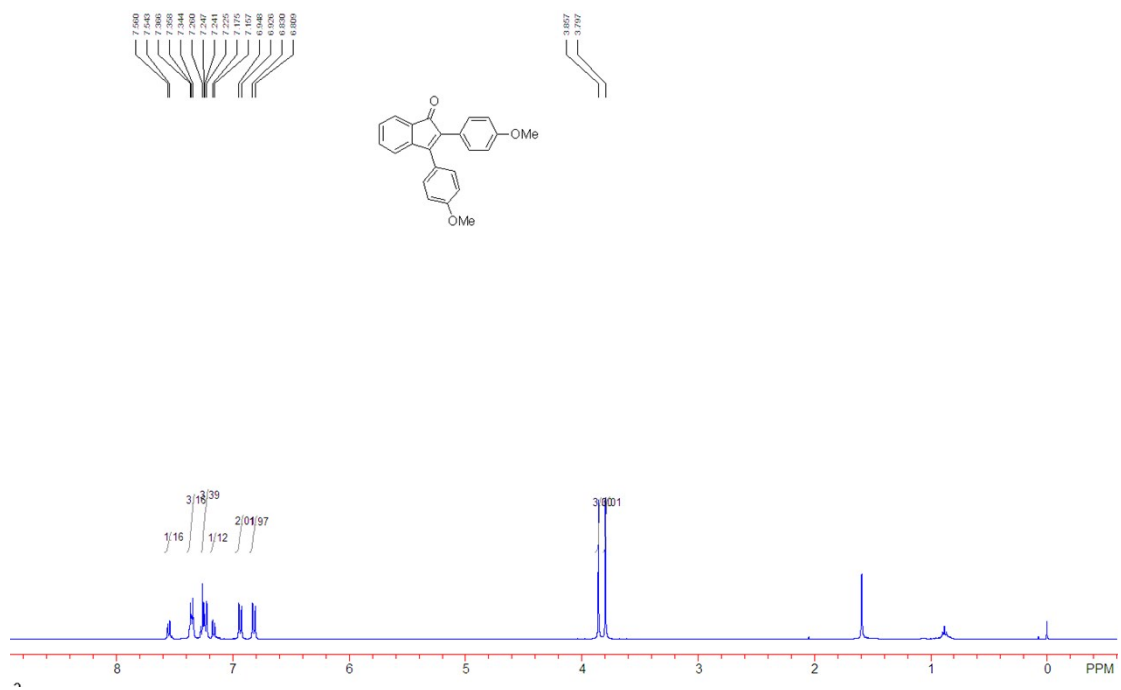
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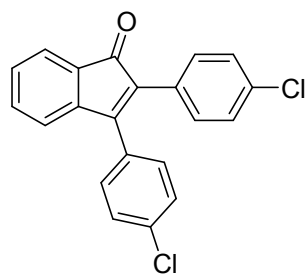
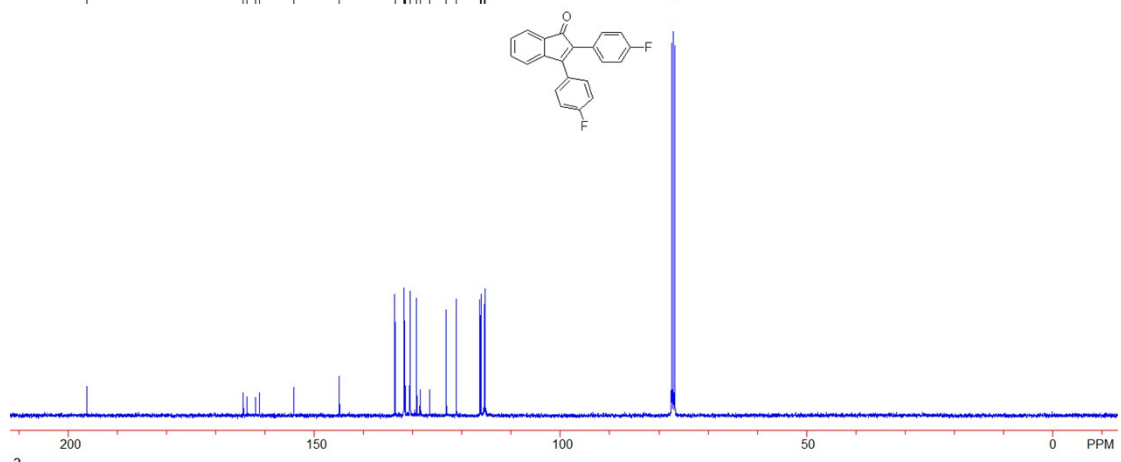
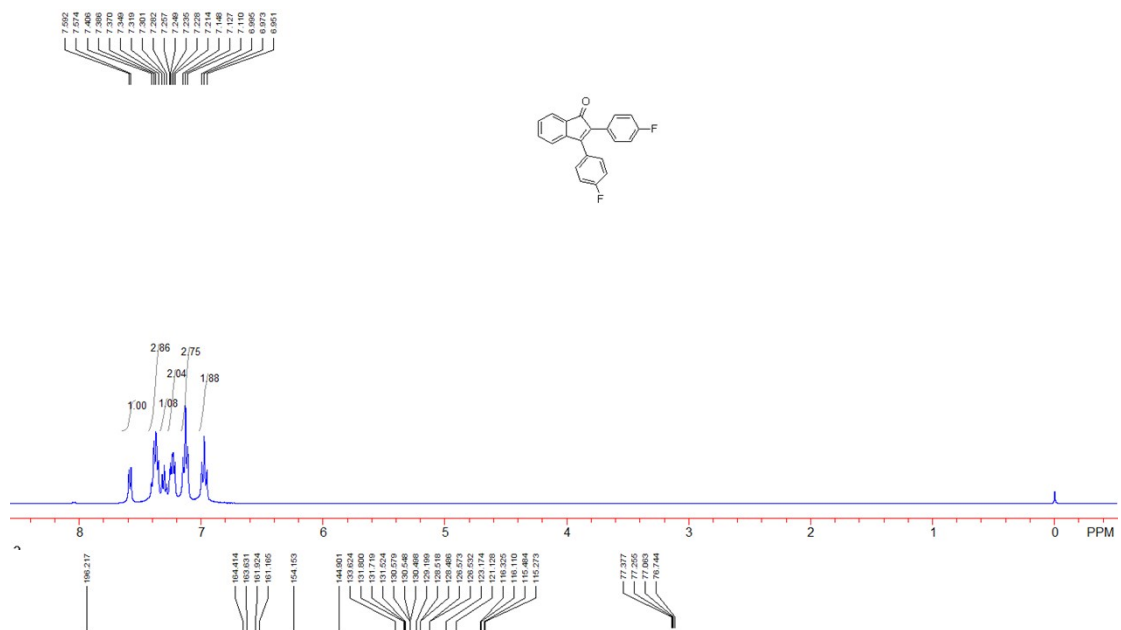
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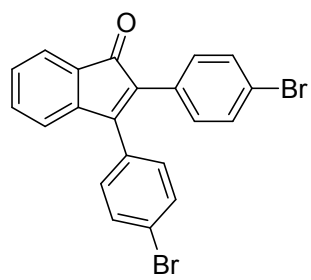
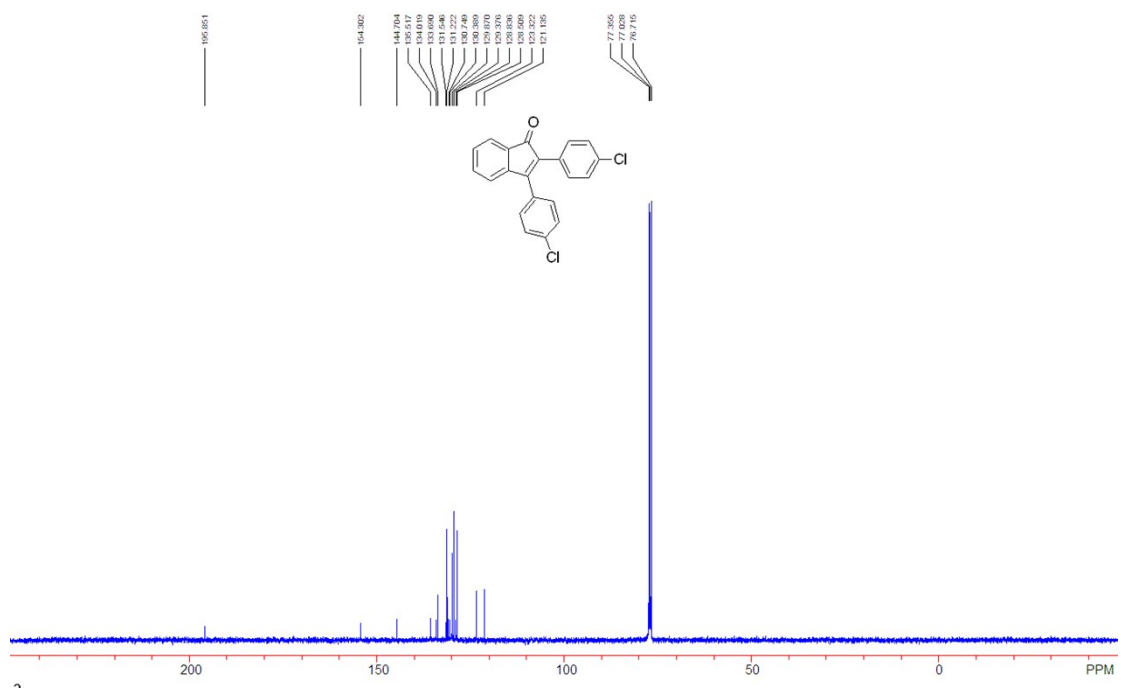
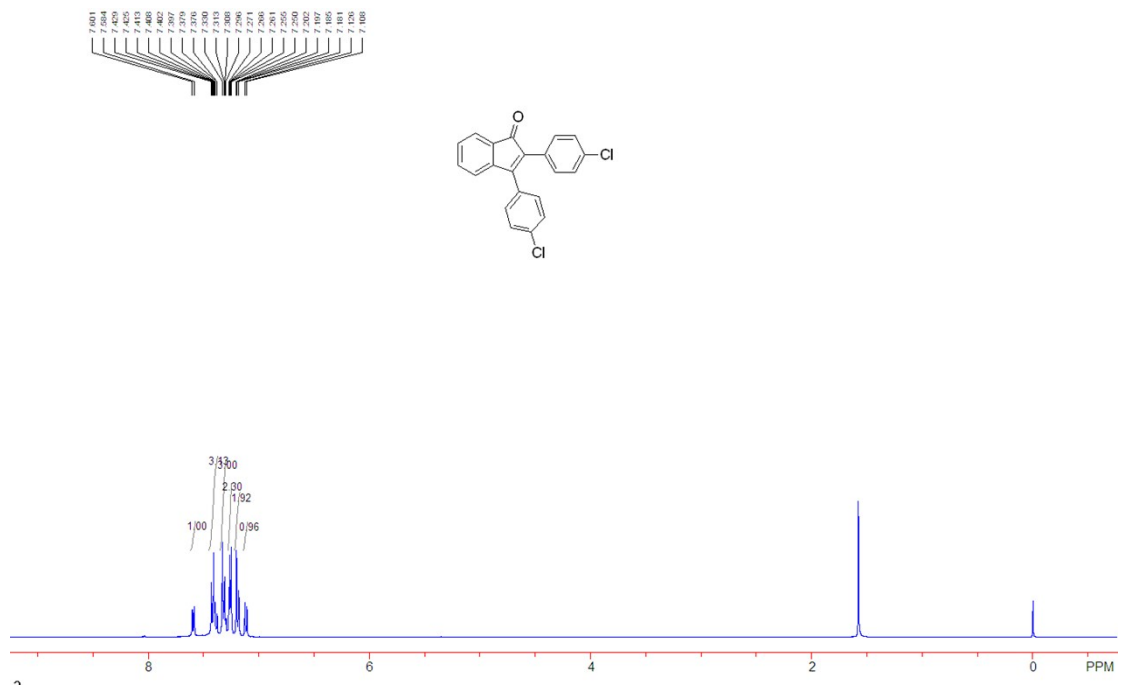
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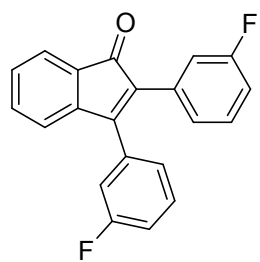
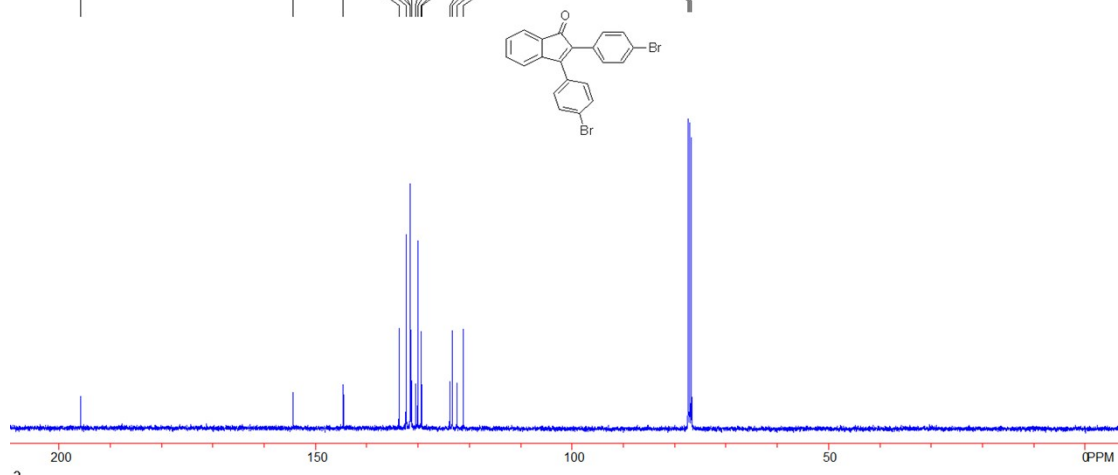
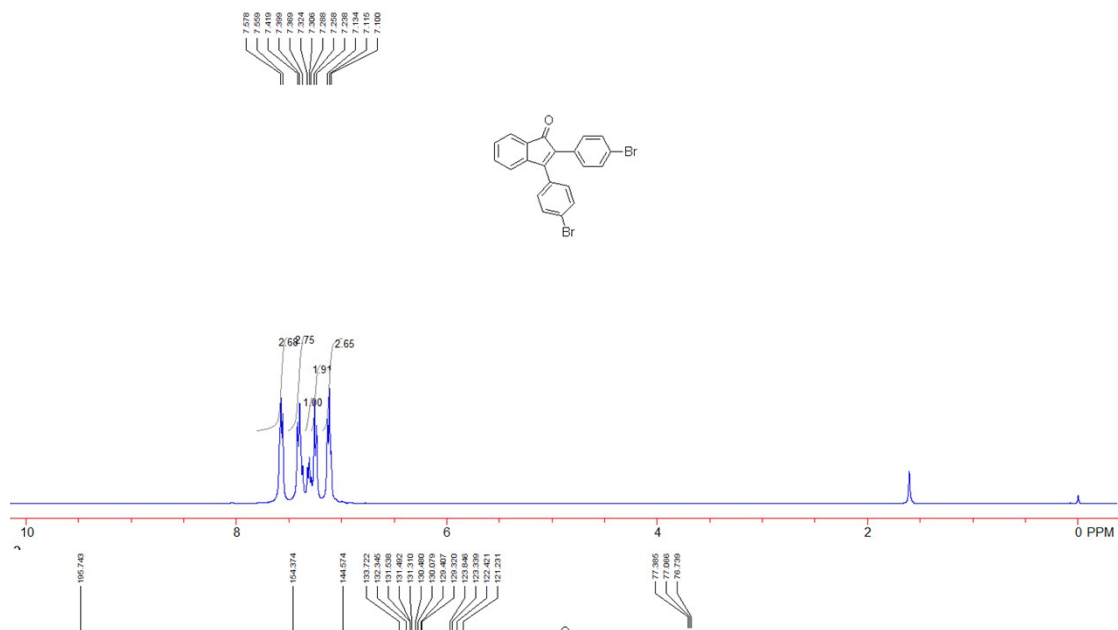
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