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### Palladium-Catalyzed Sonogashira Coupling of Amides: Access to Ynones via C-N Bond Cleavage

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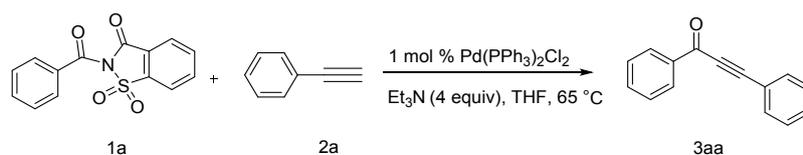
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### General experimental details and materials

The reactions were conducted in sealed tube under the protection of a nitrogen atmosphere. All reactants reported in the manuscript are commercially available and have been prepared by the method reported previously. *N*-Methoxy-*N*-Methylbenzamide **4b** was purchased at the China Suppliers. Other amides were prepared by standard methods.<sup>2-5</sup> *N*-Acylsaccharins were prepared by the general methods. All solvents were purchased at the China suppliers and used without any purification. Triethylamine was purified by distillation with calcium hydride. Flash chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel. All ynone products are known compounds. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR data were recorded with Bruker Advance III (500 MHz) and Varian (400 MHz) spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard.

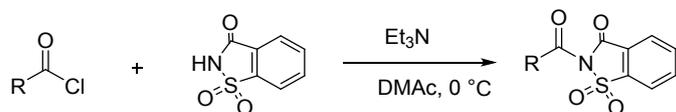
**Table 1 Optimization of the reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>**

Entry	Catalyst	Ligand	Base	Solvent	yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	61
2	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	48
3	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	ND	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	45
4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	ND	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	ND
5	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	PCy <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	ND
6 <sup>c</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	dppf	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	toluene	ND
7	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF	75
8	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	62
9	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	dioxane	57
10	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	ND	THF	ND
11	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	trace
12	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	trace
13	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	Et <sub>3</sub> N	THF	95
14	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	<i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	THF	78
15	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	Pyridine	THF	ND
16	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	DBU	THF	ND
17	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	DABCO	THF	ND
18 <sup>d</sup>	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	Et <sub>3</sub> N	THF	92
19 <sup>e</sup>	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> )Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND	Et <sub>3</sub> N	THF	42

<sup>a</sup> DBU = 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene. DABCO = triethylenediamine. dppf = 1,1'-Bis(disphenylphosphino)ferrocene. PCy<sub>3</sub> = tri(cyclohexyl)phosphine. Reaction conditions (unless otherwise noted): 1a (0.5 mmol), 2b (0.75 mmol), catalyst (5 mol %), base (4 equiv, 2 mmol), ligand (10 mol %), solvent (3 mL). The mixture stirred and heated at 65 °C for 24 h. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup>dppf (5 mol %). <sup>d</sup>catalyst (1 mol %). <sup>e</sup>catalyst (0.5 mol %).

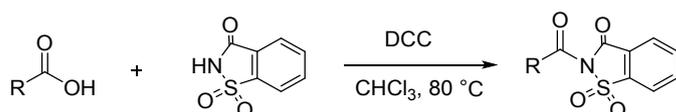
## General procedure for N-acylsaccharin synthesis 1a-1p:

### General procedure A:



An oven-dried round-bottomed flask (25 mL) equipped with a stir bar was charged with Et<sub>3</sub>N (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DMAc (8 mL) and saccharin (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were slowly added into the mixture. Acyl chloride (1.0 equiv) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture with vigorous stirring at 0 °C, and the temperature was maintained at 0 °C for 1h. After the indicated time, the reaction mixture was poured into 80 mL of water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The organic layer was combined and washed with brine (3 × 30 mL), dried, and concentrated. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as eluent afforded *N*-benzoylsaccharin (2.10 g, 73.1%).

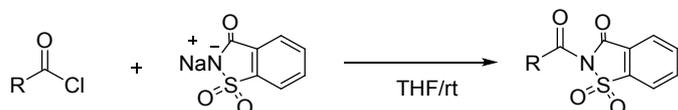
### General procedure B:



An oven-dried round-bottomed flask (100 mL) equipped with a stir bar was charged with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), saccharin (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), benzoic acid (1.0equiv). DCC (1.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture with vigorous stirring at 80°C, and the temperature was maintained at 80 °C for 12h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtrated through a short pad of silica gel, then the silica gel was washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 × 20 mL) and the organic phases were combined. After the solvent was removed, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using

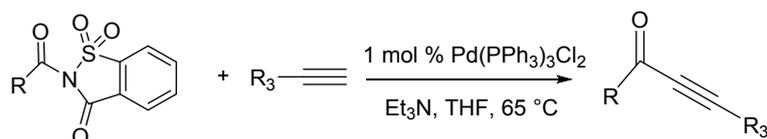
petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as eluent afforded *N*-benzoylsaccharin (1.46 g, 51.2%).

### General procedure C:



An oven-dried round-bottomed flask (100 mL) equipped with a stir bar was charged with THF (30 mL), saccharin sodium salt (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), acetic chloride (1.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was vigorous stirring at room temperature for 24h. After the solvent was removed, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3/1) as eluent afforded *N*-acetylsaccharin (1.93 g, 85.7%).

### General Procedures for the synthesis of products 3aa-3an, 3ba-3pa:



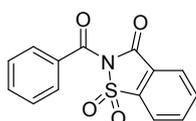
In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), add *N*-acylsaccharin **1a-1p** (0.5 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mg, 0.005 mmol). The tube was then charged with nitrogen. Super dry tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) was injected into tube by syringe. Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.3 mL, 2 mmol) and the alkyne reagent **2a-2n** (0.75 mmol) was subsequently injected into the reaction tube. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was then heated to 65 °C and stirred for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solvents were removed, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent.

## Evaluating different amides Scheme 2

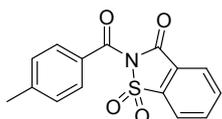
According to the general procedure, different amide **4a-4f** (0.5 mmol) was reacted with Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mg, 0.005 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.3 mL, 2 mmol) and Phenylacetylene **2a** (0.75 mmol) in Super dry tetrahydrofuran (3 ml) for 24 h at 65 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction was completely unsuccessful. After cooling to room temperature, the solvents were removed, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent. The none of ynone products were obtained under optimized condition.

## Detail description of for starting materials and products

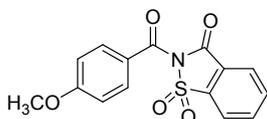
### Characterization Data of *N*-Acylsaccharins



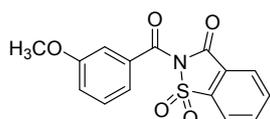
***N*-Benzoylsaccharin (1a).**<sup>1</sup> Following general procedure A, **1a** was isolated as a white solid (2.10 g, 73.1%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.13 – 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.99 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 0.9, 2H), 7.93 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H).



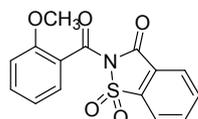
***N*-(4-methylbenzoyl)saccharin (1b).** Following general procedure A, **1b** was isolated as a white solid (2.14 g, 71.2%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.14 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.90 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 5.1, 3.4, 1H), 7.83 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 166.39, 157.42, 138.38, 136.47, 134.94, 133.89, 132.33, 129.53, 128.42, 126.38, 125.43, 121.24, 21.56. HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S 301.0409; Found 301.0417.



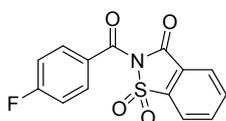
***N*-(4-methoxybenzoyl)saccharin (1c).** Following general procedure A, **1c** was isolated as a white solid (2.64 g, 83.3%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.15 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 8.00 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.90 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 5.1, 3.4, 1H), 7.84 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 164.67, 157.92, 138.47, 136.24, 134.82, 132.74, 126.27, 125.79, 124.37, 121.19, 113.92, 109.99, 55.64. HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S 317.0358; Found 317.0361.



***N*-(3-methoxybenzoyl)saccharin (1d).** Following general procedure A, **1d** was isolated as a white solid (2.58 g, 81.4%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 8.05 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.94 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.9, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.6, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 166.18, 159.49, 157.46, 138.41, 136.41, 134.90, 133.53, 129.47, 126.39, 121.93, 121.25, 121.09, 120.25, 114.22, 55.54. HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S 317.0358; Found 317.0363.

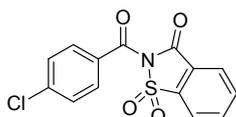


***N*-(2-methoxybenzoyl)saccharin (1e).** Following general procedure B, **1e** was isolated as a white solid (1.57 g, 49.6%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.9, 1H), 8.03 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.91 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 164.83, 157.19, 156.63, 138.45, 136.28, 134.78, 133.88, 130.04, 126.03, 125.51, 122.96, 121.27, 120.95, 111.09, 55.85. HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S 317.0358; Found 317.0360.

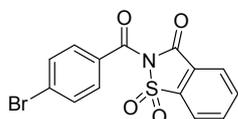


***N*-(4-fluorobenzoyl)saccharin (1f).** Following general procedure A, **1f** was

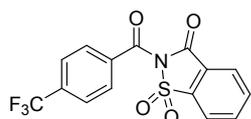
isolated as a white solid (2.25 g, 73.8%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.14 (d,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 8.03 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.95 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.81 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.0, 5.1, 2.5, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 165.16, 157.52, 138.35(d,  $J^1$  = 258.2), 136.52, 135.02, 132.54 (d,  $J^3$  = 9.2, 2H), 128.51 (d,  $J^4$  = 2.1), 126.42, 125.40, 121.28, 115.95, 115.73(d,  $J^2$  = 23.2).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = -102.62. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{FNO}_4\text{S}$  305.0158; Found 305.0160.



***N*-(4-chlorobenzoyl)saccharin (1g)**. Following general procedure A, **1g** was isolated as a white solid (2.19 g, 68.3%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 8.00 (t,  $J$  = 3.6, 2H), 7.95 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 165.39, 157.41, 140.51, 138.38, 136.54, 134.98, 130.98, 130.66, 128.85, 126.45, 125.34, 121.29. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$  321.0201; Found 321.0200.

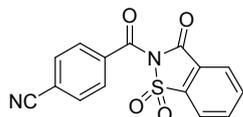


***N*-(4-bromobenzoyl)saccharin (1h)**. Following general procedure A, **1h** was isolated as a white solid (2.65 g, 72.5%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.61, 157.50, 136.53, 134.97, 131.82, 130.98, 126.46, 121.29, 77.31, 76.99, 76.68. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{BrNO}_4\text{S}$  364.9357; Found 364.9362.

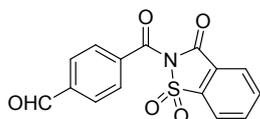


***N*-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)saccharin (1i)**. Following general procedure A, **1i** was isolated as a white solid (1.62 g, 45.6%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J$  = 3.9, 2H), 7.95 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 4.3, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.2, 2H),

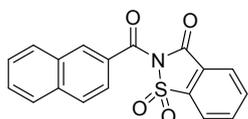
7.76 (d,  $J = 8.2$ , 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 165.46, 157.19, 138.34$ (q,  $J^2 = 37.1$ ), 136.73, 135.63, 135.10(q,  $J^3 = 3.8$ ), 130.55, 129.55, 126.53, 125.46, 125.42, 125.10, 121.36(q,  $J^1 = 274.2$ ).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = -63.23$ . HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  355.0126; Found 355.0121.



**N-(4-cyanobenzoyl)saccharin (1j)**. Following general procedure A, **1j** was isolated as a white solid (1.68 g, 53.8%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 8.13$  (d,  $J = 7.6$ , 1H), 8.05 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.97 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 7.6$ , 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 165.06, 157.11, 138.34, 136.84, 136.19, 135.16, 132.13, 129.54, 126.58, 124.94, 121.40, 117.57, 116.77$ . HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$  312.0205; Found 313.0212.

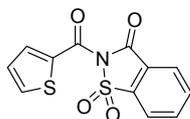


**N-(4-formylbenzoyl)saccharin (1k)**. Following general procedure A, **1k** was isolated as a white solid (1.94 g, 61.5%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 10.12$  (s, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J = 7.6$ , 1H), 8.04 – 7.99 (m, 4H), 7.94 (dt,  $J = 8.1, 4.2$ , 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.3$ , 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 191.18, 165.66, 157.16, 139.18, 138.39, 137.31, 136.72, 135.08, 129.64, 129.41, 126.54, 125.10, 121.36$ . HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{ClNO}_4\text{S}$  295.0409; Found 295.0309.

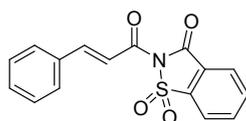


**N-(2-naphthoyl)saccharin (1l)**. Following general procedure A, **1l** was isolated as a white solid (2.24 g, 66.5%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 8.36$  (s, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J = 7.7$ , 1H), 8.01 (t,  $J = 7.5$ , 2H), 7.98 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.92 (t,  $J = 8.2$ , 3H), 7.77 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.8$ , 1H), 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{cdcl}_3$ )  $\delta = 166.38, 157.59, 138.50, 136.39, 135.83, 134.89, 132.10, 131.88, 129.59, 129.57,$

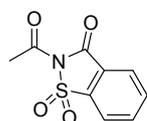
129.12, 128.30, 127.91, 127.13, 126.42, 125.60, 124.69, 121.26. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[M]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{11}NO_4S$  337.0740; Found 337.0743.



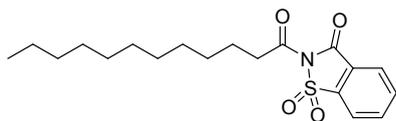
***N*-(thiophene-2-carbonyl)saccharin (1m).** Following general procedure A, **1m** was isolated as a white solid (2.03 g, 69.3%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.18 (dd,  $J$  = 9.4, 3.7, 1H), 8.01 – 7.90 (m, 4H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 5.0, 1H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 158.87, 158.03, 138.47, 137.20, 136.61, 135.79, 135.18, 128.43, 126.56, 125.88, 125.86, 121.48. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[M]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{12}H_7NO_4S_2$  292.9817; Found 292.9808.



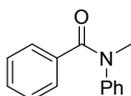
***N*-cinnamoylsaccharin (1n).** Following general procedure A, **1n** was isolated as a white solid (1.98 g, 63.3%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J$  = 15.7, 1H), 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.95 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 15.6, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 2.0, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 163.26, 157.82, 149.68, 138.31, 136.42, 134.86, 134.01, 131.53, 129.05, 129.00, 126.27, 125.20, 121.20, 117.03. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[M]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{11}NO_4S$  313.0402; Found 313.0399.



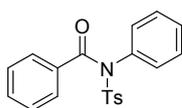
***N*-acetylsaccharin (1o).** Following general procedure C, **1o** was isolated as a white solid (1.93 g, 85.7%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 8.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.6, 1H), 8.01 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.92 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.8, 5.9, 2.7, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 168.10, 157.61, 138.17, 136.50, 134.90, 126.28, 125.03, 121.24, 26.04. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$ :  $[M]^+$  Calcd for  $C_9H_7NO_4S$  225.0096; Found 225.0099.



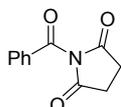
**N-dodecanoylsaccharin (1p).** Following general procedure C, **1p** was isolated as a white solid (3.01 g, 82.3%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 8.00 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.90 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 5.9, 2.7, 1H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H), 1.74 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 7.5, 2H), 1.42 – 1.24 (m, 16H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 171.40, 157.59, 138.19, 136.41, 134.87, 126.21, 125.07, 121.19, 38.11, 33.84, 31.88, 29.58, 29.40, 29.30, 29.28, 28.88, 24.68, 23.49, 22.66, 14.10. HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S 365.1999; Found 365.1996.



**N-Methyl-N-phenylbenzamide (4a).** Following general procedure of literature, **4a** was purified by column chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) to afford a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.17 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.99 – 6.91 (m, 3H), 6.89 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 3.32 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>2</sup>.

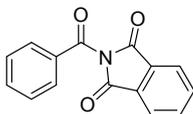


**N-phenyl-N-tosyl benzamide (4c).** Following general procedure of literature, **4c** was purified by column chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2/1) to afford a white solid (3.05 g, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.89 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>3</sup>.

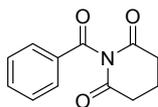


**1-Benzoylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (4d).** Following general procedure of literature, **4d** was purified by column chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) to

afford a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (s, 4H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>4</sup>.

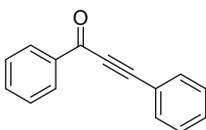


**2-Benzoylisindoline-1,3-dione (4e).** Following general procedure of the literature, **4e** was purified by column chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) to afford a white solid (2.10 g, 83.2%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.98 (dd,  $J$  = 4.6, 2.0, 1H), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 4H), 7.76 (dd,  $J$  = 5.4, 3.2, 1H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>5</sup>.



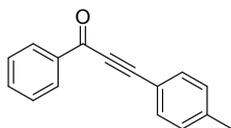
**1-Benzoylpiperidine-2,6-dione (4f).** Following general procedure of the literature, **4f** was purified by column chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3/1) to afford a white solid (2.18 g, 75.1%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.90 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 2.80 – 2.74 (m, 4H), 2.15 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.1, 6.5, 2.7, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>4</sup>.

### Detail descriptions for products

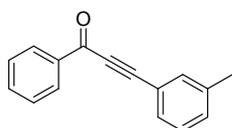


**1,3-Diphenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3aa):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene **2a** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3aa** (94.9 mg, 92%) as a yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

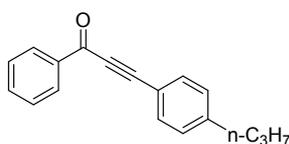
$\delta$  8.18 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.35 (ddd,  $J = 6.7, 4.5, 1.2$  Hz, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



**1-Phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ab):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-benzoysaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with 4-ethynyltoluene **2b** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ab** (89.2 mg, 81%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.18 – 8.13 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 10.6, 4.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.

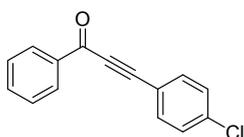


**1-Phenyl-3-(m-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ac):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-benzoysaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with 3-ethynyltoluene **3c** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ac** (67.2 mg, 61%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.26 – 8.20 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.

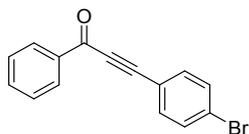


**1-phenyl-3-(4-propylphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ad):** In an oven-dried Teflon

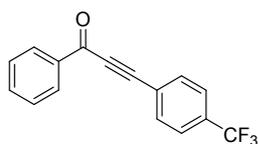
septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with 1-ethynyl-4-propylbenzene **2d** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ad** (109.3 mg, 88%) as a pale yellow liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.65 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 0.95 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 4.9 Hz, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>7</sup>.



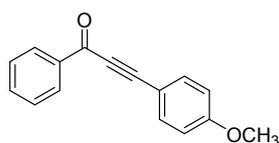
**1-Phenyl-3-(p-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ae):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with 1-chloro-4-ethynylbenzene **2e** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ae** (103.5 mg, 86%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23 – 8.18 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.40 (m, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



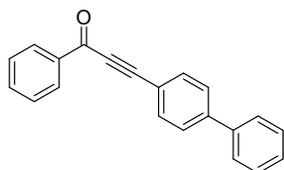
**1-Phenyl-3-(p-bromophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3af):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with 1-bromo-4-ethynylbenzene **2f** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3af** (112.6 mg, 79%) as a pale yellow solid pale. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.24 – 8.18 (m, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 6H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



**1-Phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ag):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with 1-ethynyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene **2g** (0.75 mmol, 1.5equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ag** (93.2 mg, 68%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.24 – 8.19 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -63.13. Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.

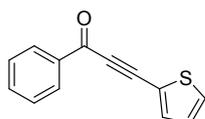


**1-Phenyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ah):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with 1-ethynyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene **2h** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ah** (94.5 mg, 80%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.

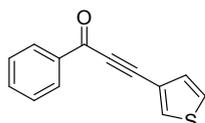


**1-Phenyl-3-(4-diphenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ai):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted

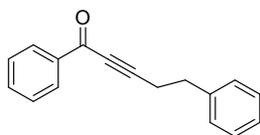
with 4-ethynyl-1,1'-biphenyl **2i** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ai** (120.0 mg, 85%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 – 8.19 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 6H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>8</sup>.



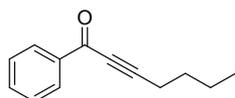
**1-Phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3aj):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with 2-ethynylthiophene **2j** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as eluent afforded the product **3aj** (73.2 mg, 69%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.21 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 4.4 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



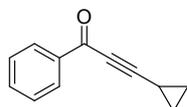
**1-Phenyl-3-(thiophen-3-yl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ak):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with 3-ethynylthiophene **2k** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ak** (94.5 mg, 89%) as a brown liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.21 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 1H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>9</sup>.



**1,5-Diphenylpent-2-yn-1-one (3al):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with but-3-yn-1-ylbenzene **2l** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as eluent afforded the product **3al** (94.9 mg, 81%) as a pale yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>10</sup>.

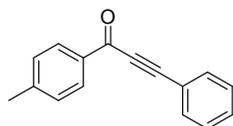


**1-Phenyl-3-hept-2-yn-1-one (3am):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with hex-1-yne **2m** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3am** (54.0 mg, 58%) as a yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.14 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.50 (dd,  $J = 14.9, 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>11</sup>.

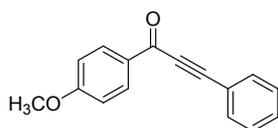


**3-Cyclopropyl-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3an):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-benzoylsaccharin **1a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with ethynylcyclopropane **2n** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3an** (54.0 mg, 58%) as a colorless liquid.  $^1\text{H}$

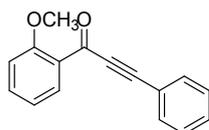
NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (tt,  $J$  = 7.8, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.06 – 1.00 (m, 4H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



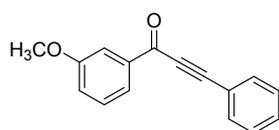
**1-(4-p-tolyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3ba):**<sup>8</sup> In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-4-methylbenzoyl saccharin **1b** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ah** (72.7 mg, 66%) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>12</sup>.



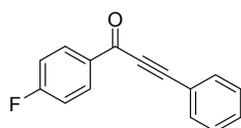
**1-(4-methoxy)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3ca):**<sup>2</sup> In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-4-methoxybenzoyl saccharin **1c** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ca** (81.5 mg, 69%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.25 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



**1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-one(3da):**<sup>2</sup> In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-2-methoxybenzoyl saccharin **1d** (0.5mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as eluent afforded the product **3da** (57.9 mg, 49%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.

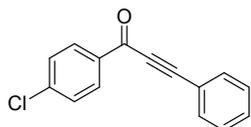


**1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3ea):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-3-methoxybenzoyl saccharin **1e** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20/1) as eluent afforded the product **3da** (73.2 mg, 62%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 2.4 Hz, 3H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>13</sup>.

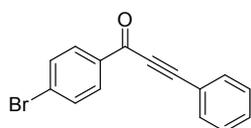


**1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3fa):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-4-fluorobenzoylsaccharin **1f** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate

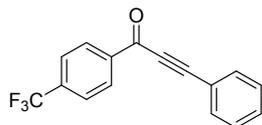
(40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ca** (76.2 mg, 68%) as a pale yellow solid pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.32 – 8.20 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 6.2, 3.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, cdcl<sub>3</sub>) δ -102.98, -102.99, -103.00, -103.02, -103.02. Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



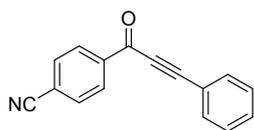
**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ga):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-4-chlorobenzoylsaccharin **1g** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ga** (103.5 mg, 86%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.32 – 8.20 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 6.2, 3.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



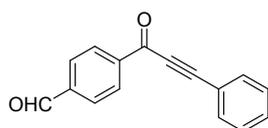
**1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3ha):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), 4-bromobenzoylsaccharin **1h** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ha** (87.0mg, 61%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



**3-phenyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ia):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl saccharin **1i** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ia** (87.8 mg, 64%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -63.11. Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.

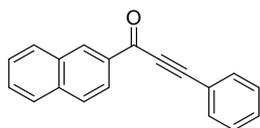


**1-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3ja):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-4-cyanobenzoylsaccharin **1j** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ja** (72.8 mg, 63%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.35 – 8.31 (m, 2H), 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 3.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>14</sup>.

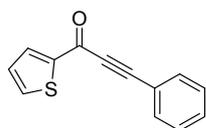


**1-(4-formalphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3ka):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-4-formylbenzoylsaccharin **1k** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl

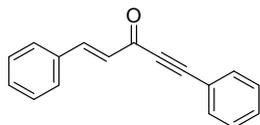
acetate (10/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ka** (59.7 mg, 51%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.15 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>15</sup>.



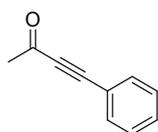
**1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (3la):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-2-naphthoylsaccharin **11** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3la** (97.7 mg, 76%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



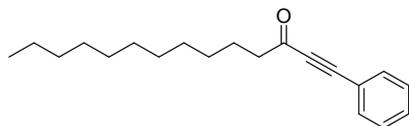
**1-(Thiophen-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (3ma):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15mL), N-thiophene-2-carbonyl saccharin **1m** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3ma** (65.8 mg, 62%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 4.0 Hz, 1H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>6</sup>.



**1-pentene-5-phenyl-4-yne-3-one (3na):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-cinnamoylsaccharin **1n** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40/1) as eluent afforded the product **3na** (113.8 mg, 98%) as a pale yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.58 (dd,  $J = 6.6, 2.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 16.1$  Hz, 1H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>16</sup>.



**1-methyl-3-phenylprop-2-yne-1-one (3oa):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-acetylsaccharin **1o** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1) as eluent afforded the product **3oa** (34.6 mg, 48%) as a yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.59 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H). Spectral data match those previously reported<sup>17</sup>.



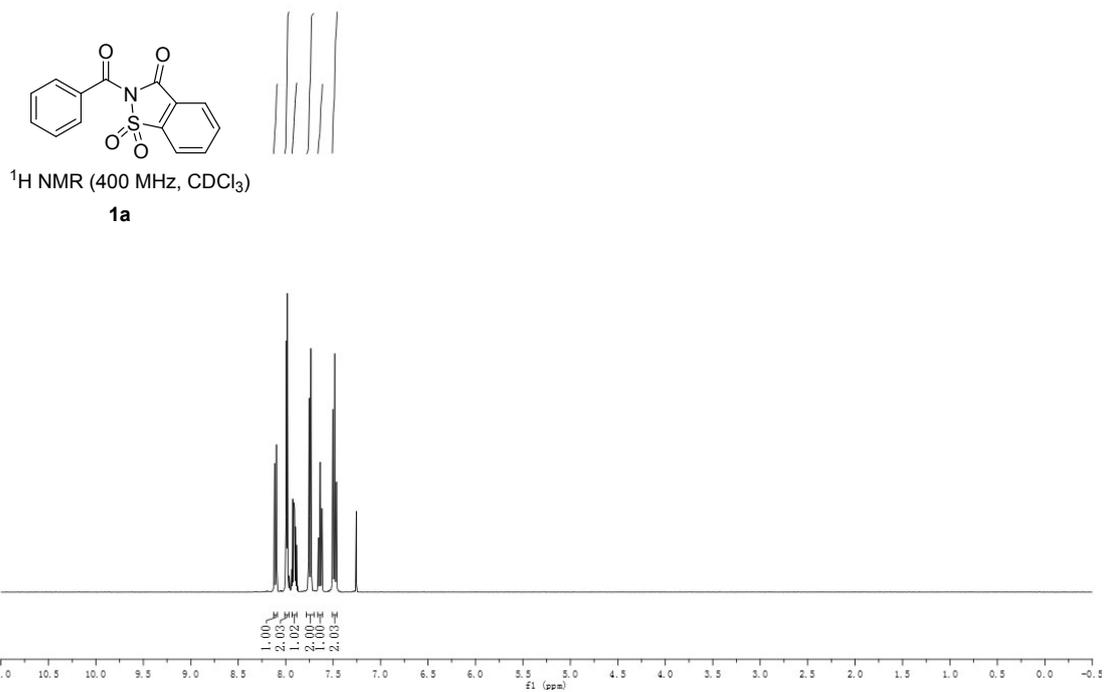
**1-undecyl-3-phenylprop-2-yne-1-one (3pa):** In an oven-dried Teflon septum screw-capped tube (15 mL), N-dodecanoylsaccharin **1p** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was reacted with phenylacetylene (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) using standard procedures followed by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50/1) as eluent afforded the product **3pa** (86.6 mg, 58%) as a yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t,  $J =$

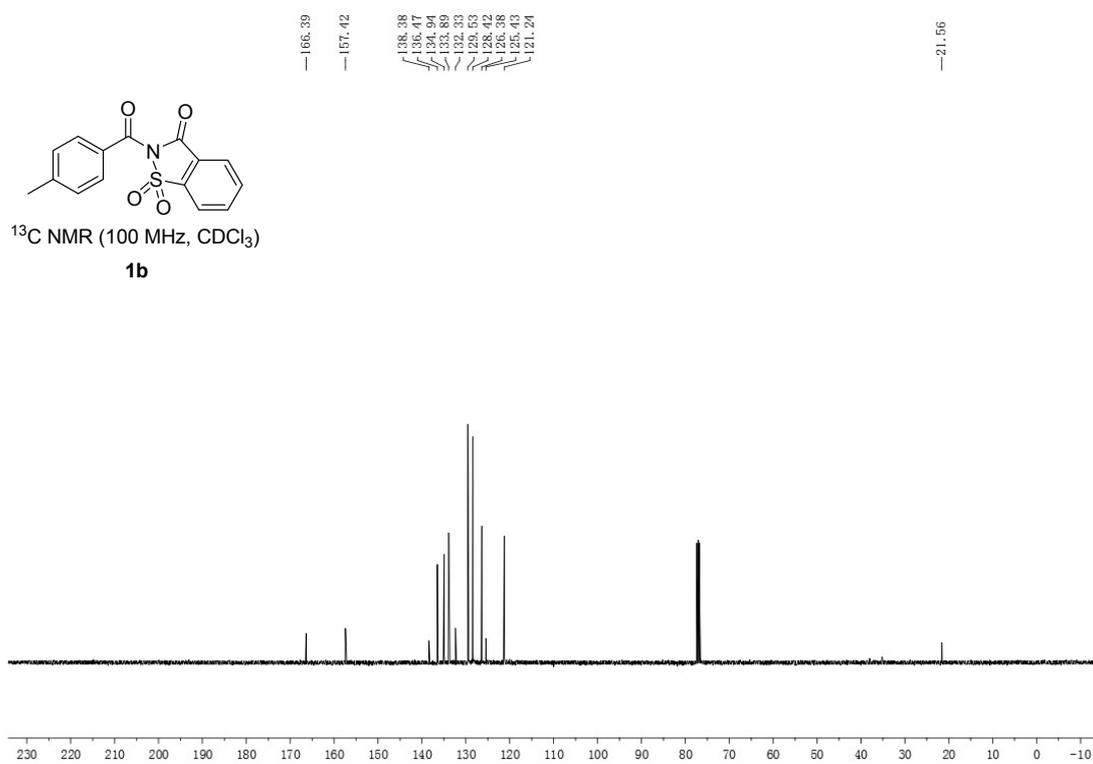
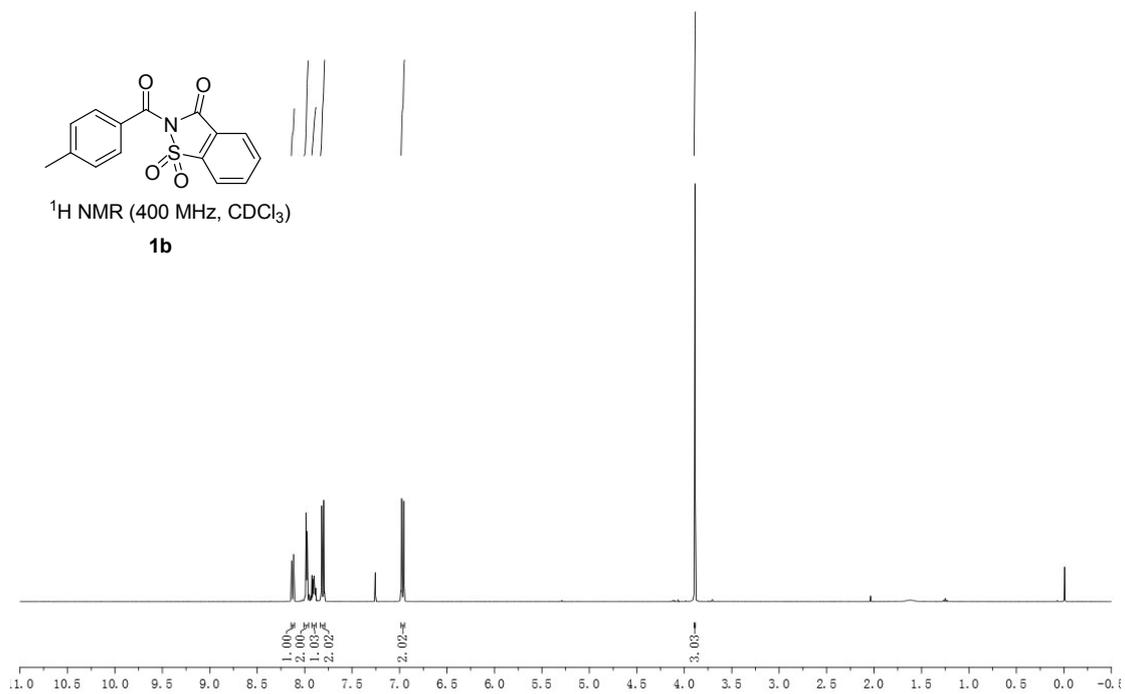
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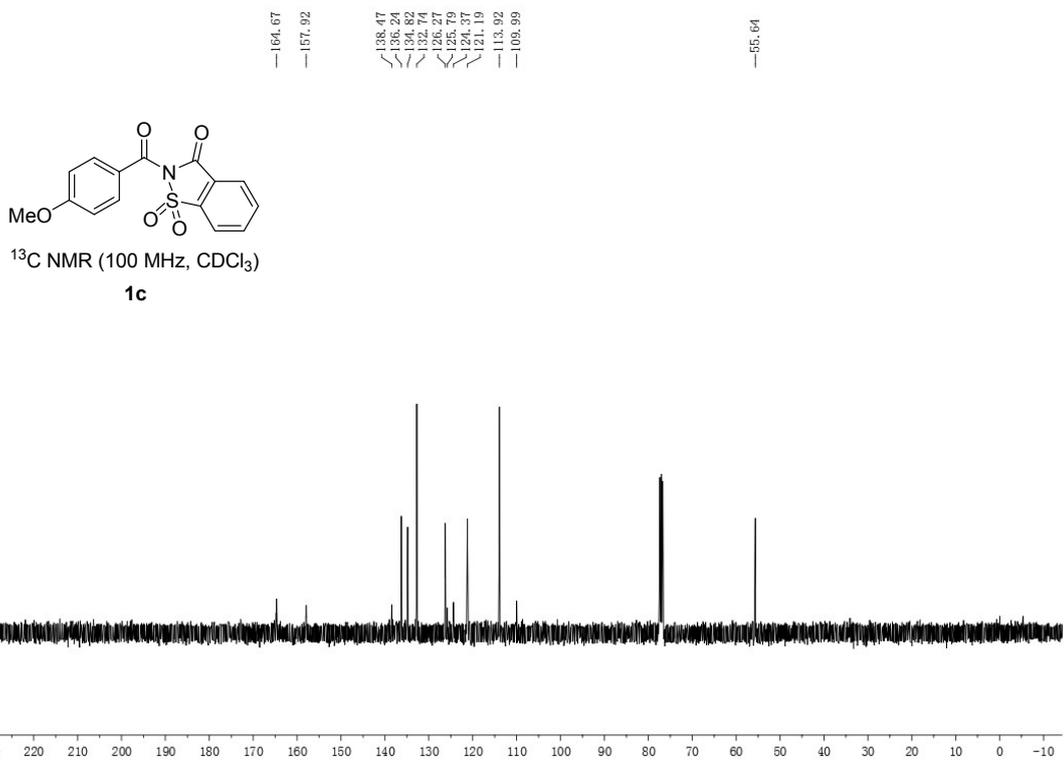
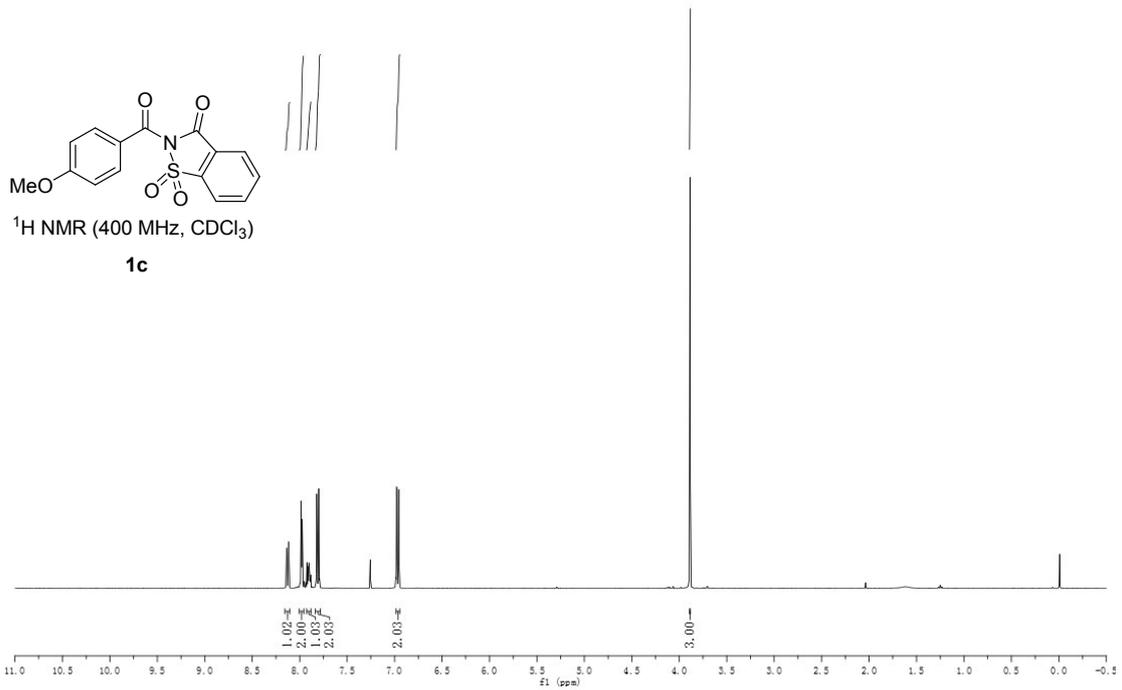
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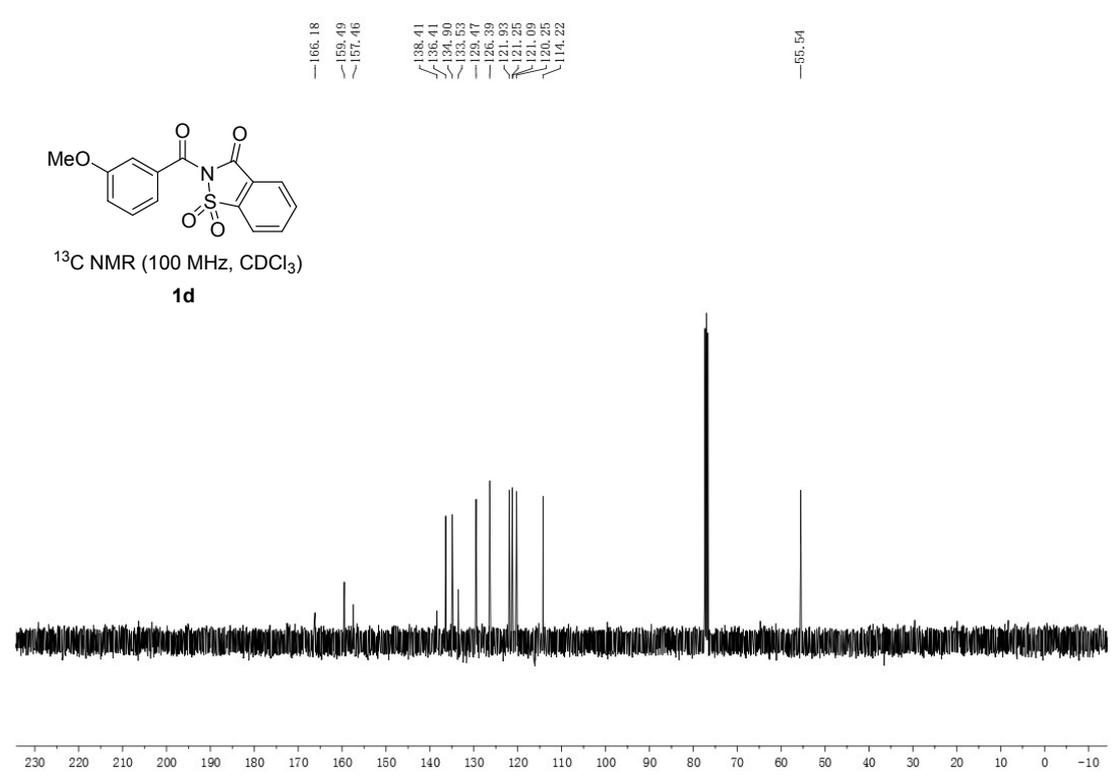
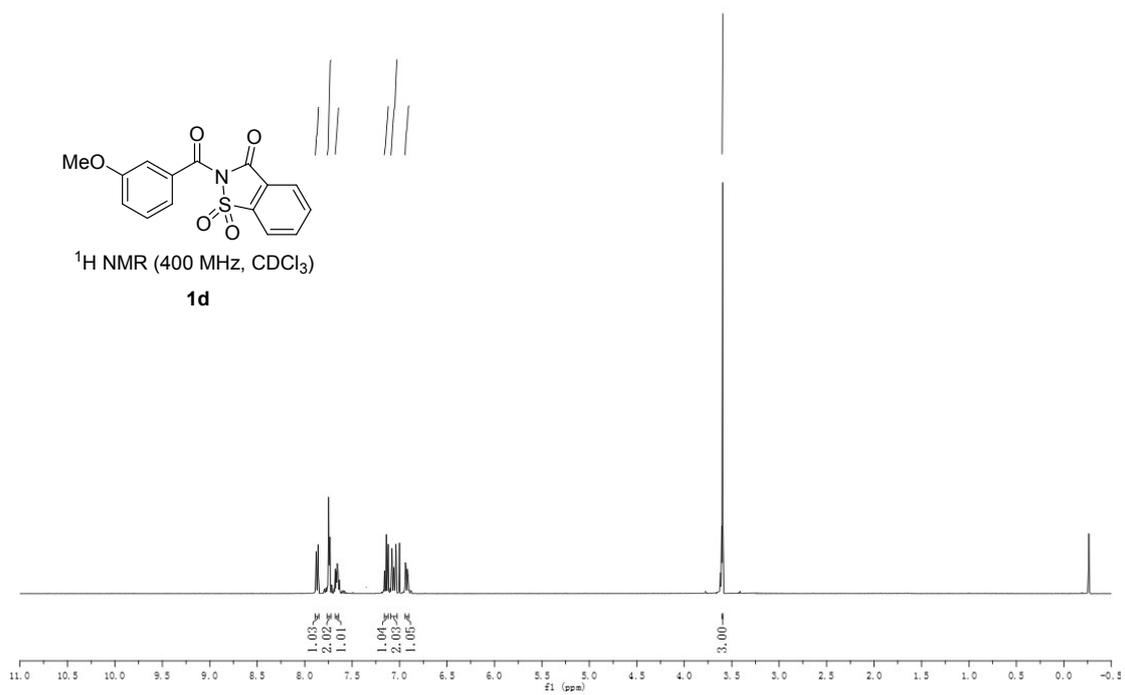
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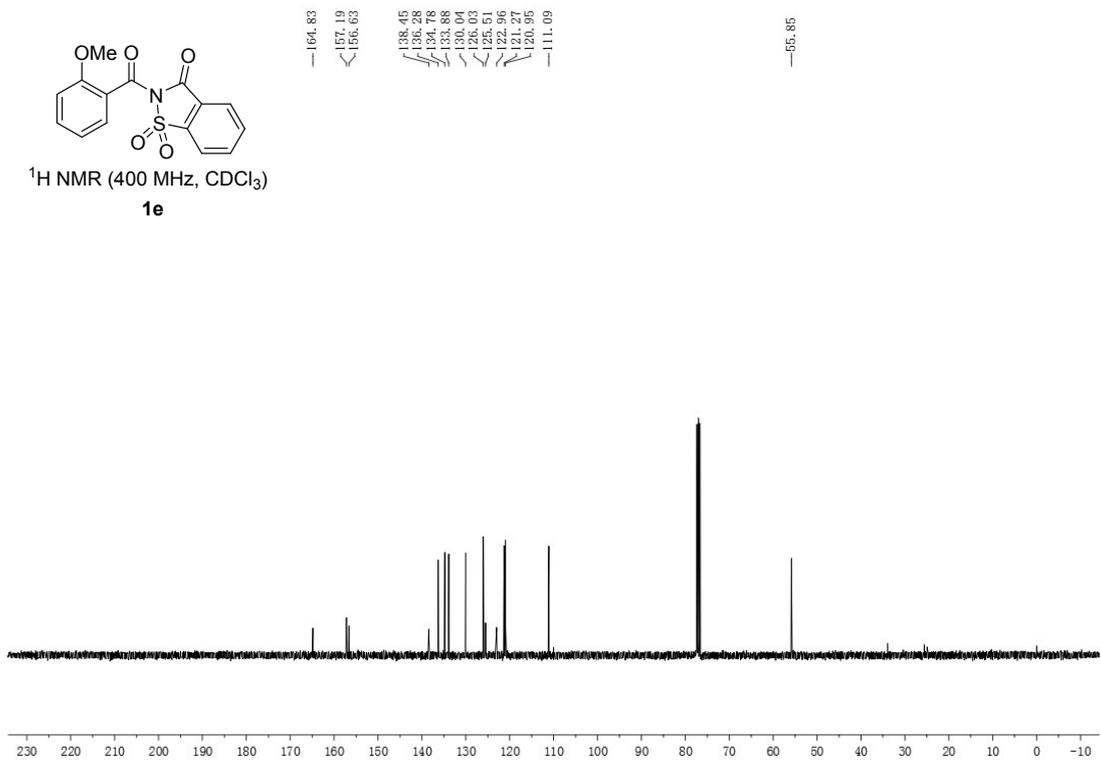
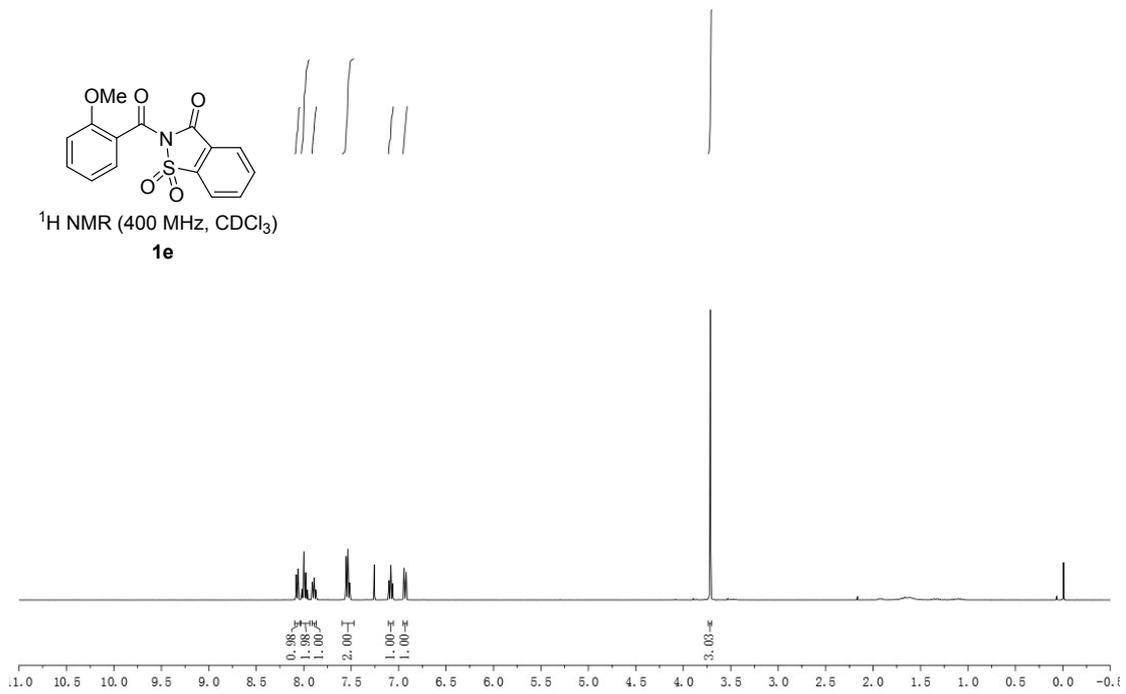
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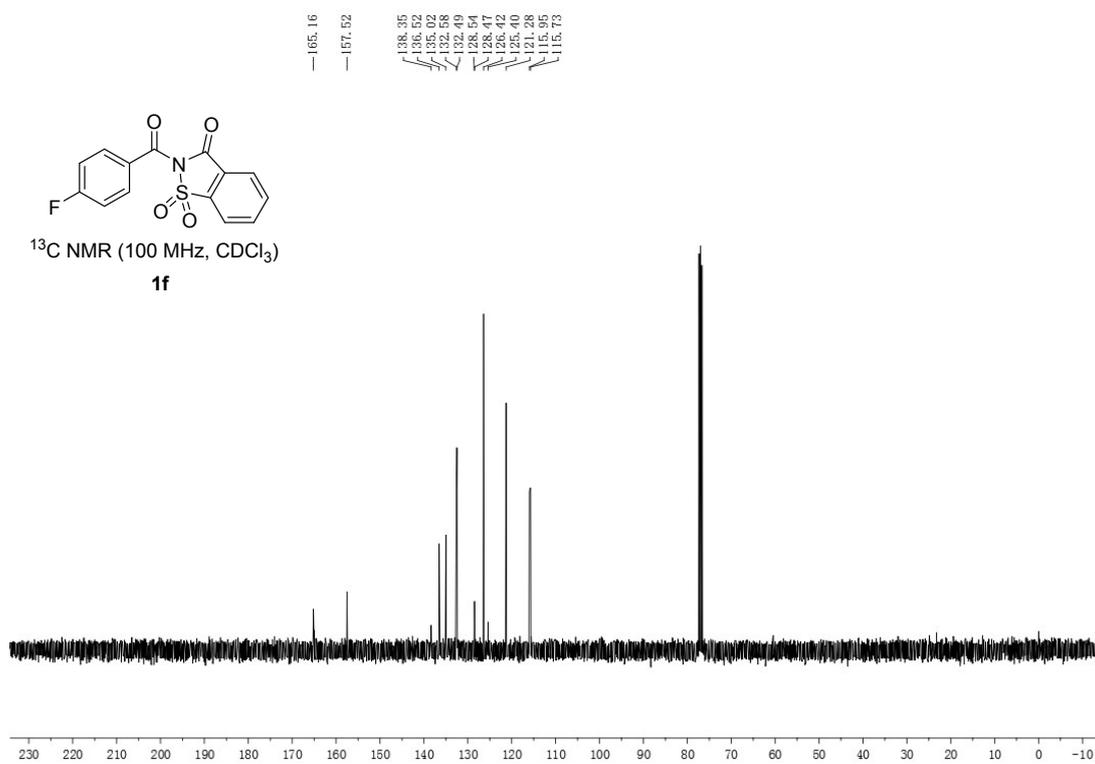
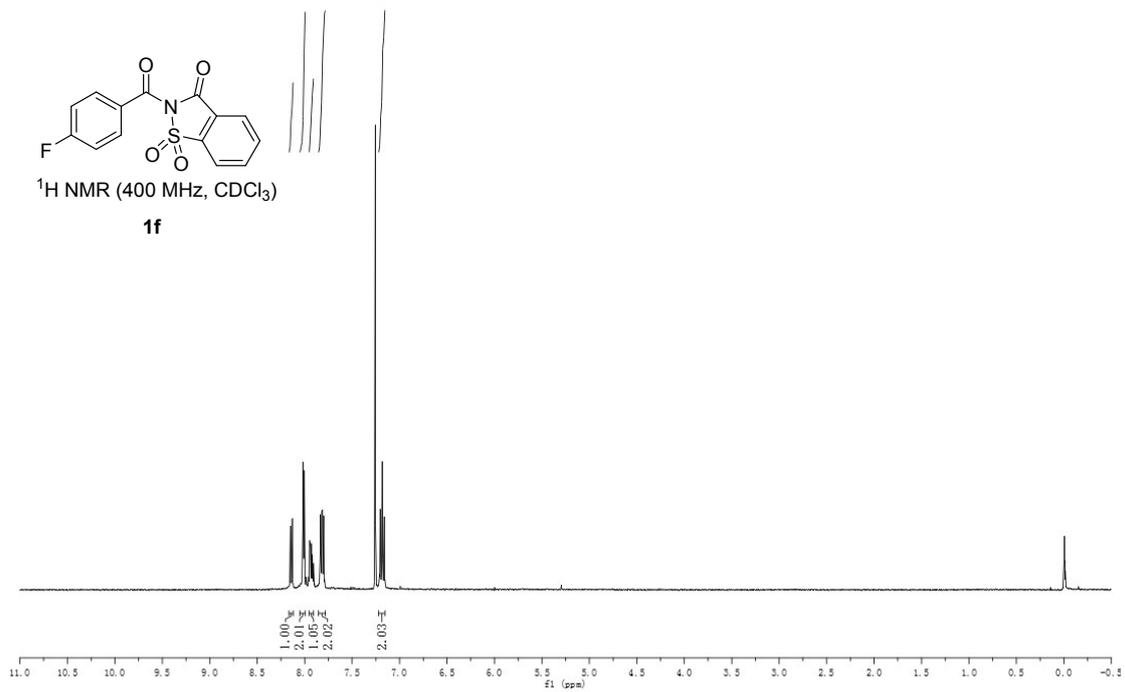




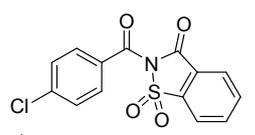






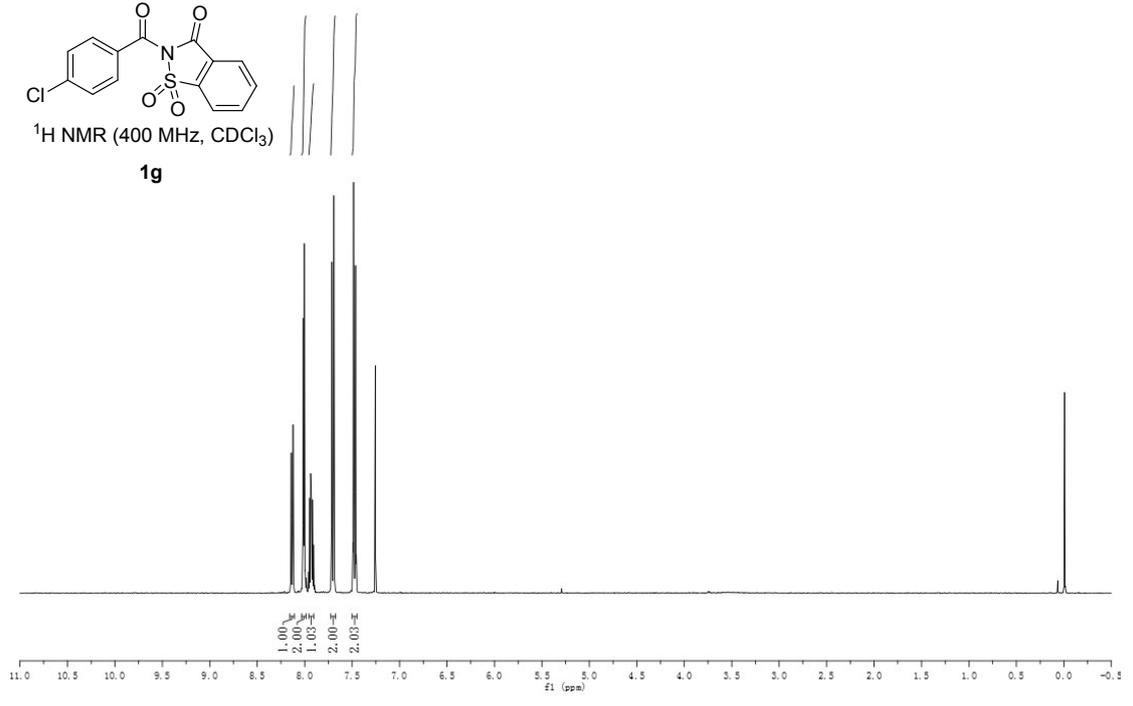




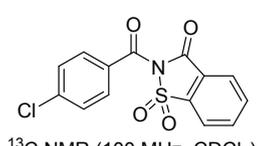


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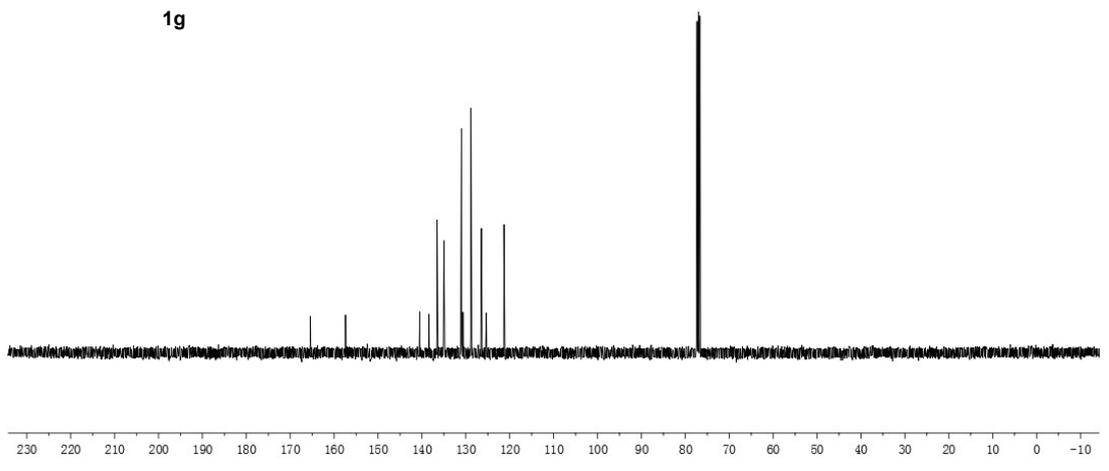


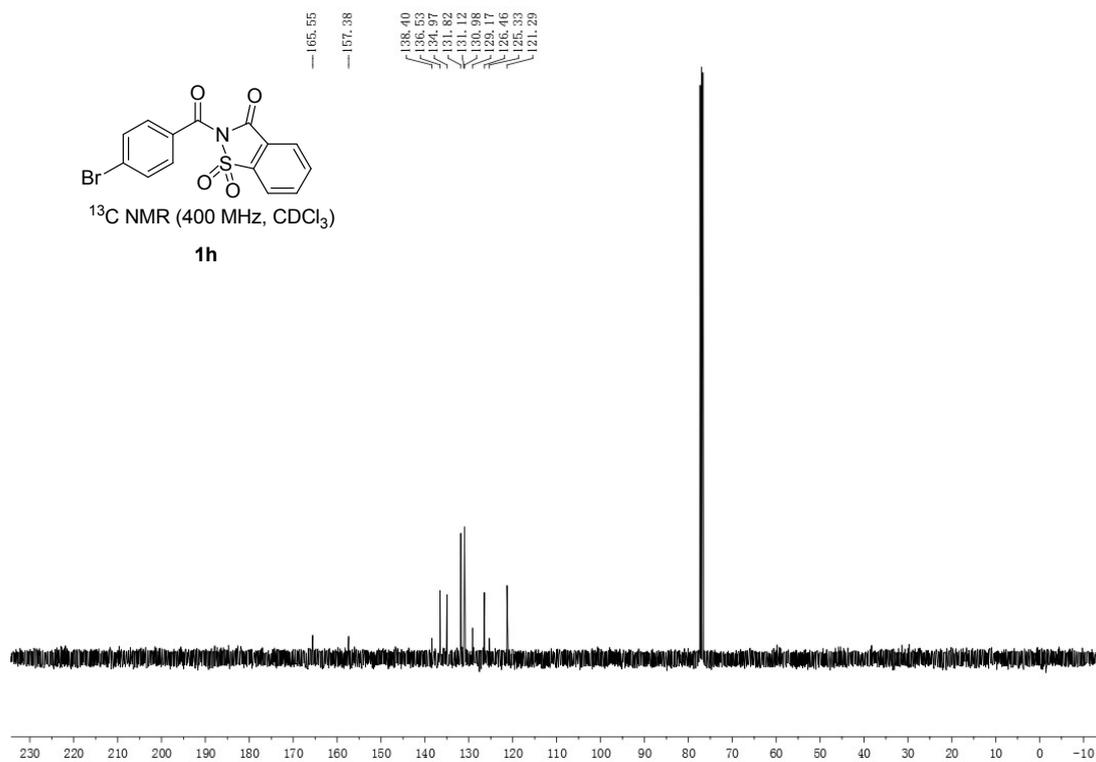
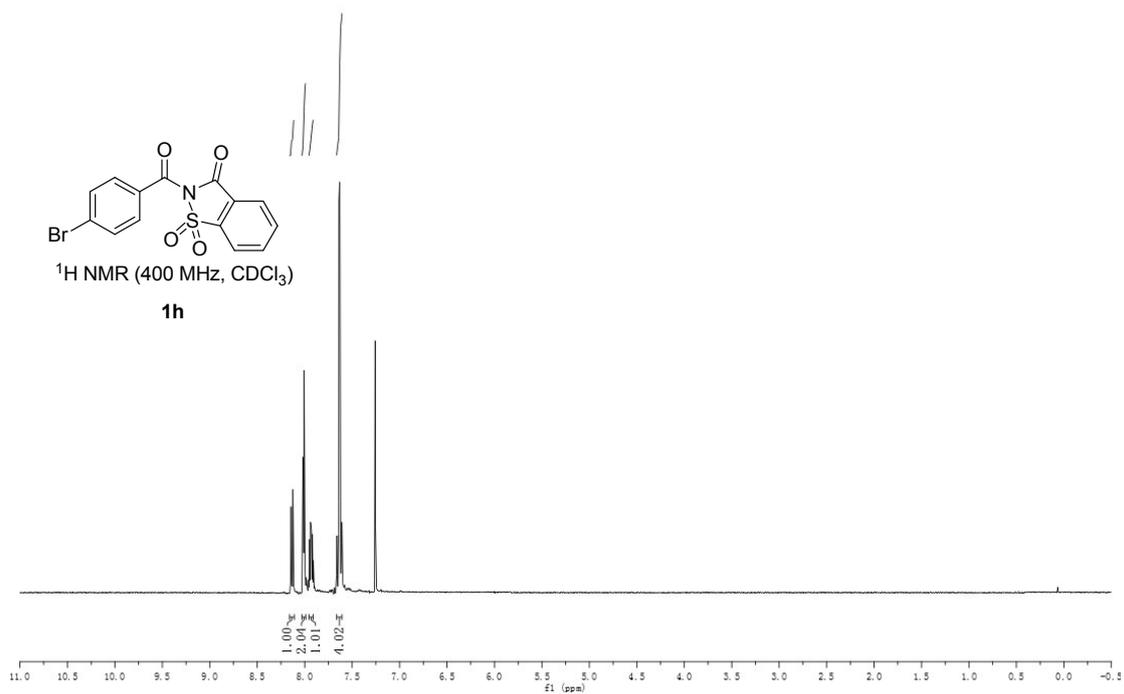
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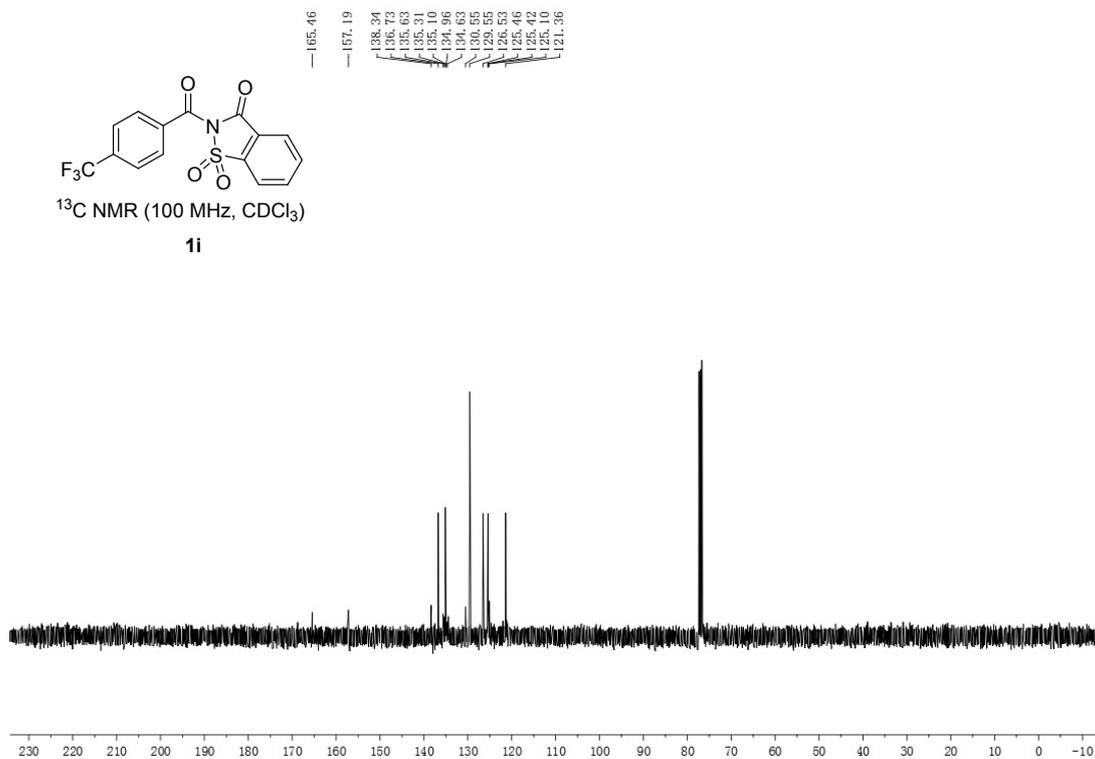
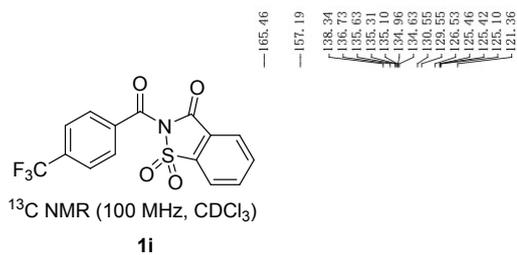
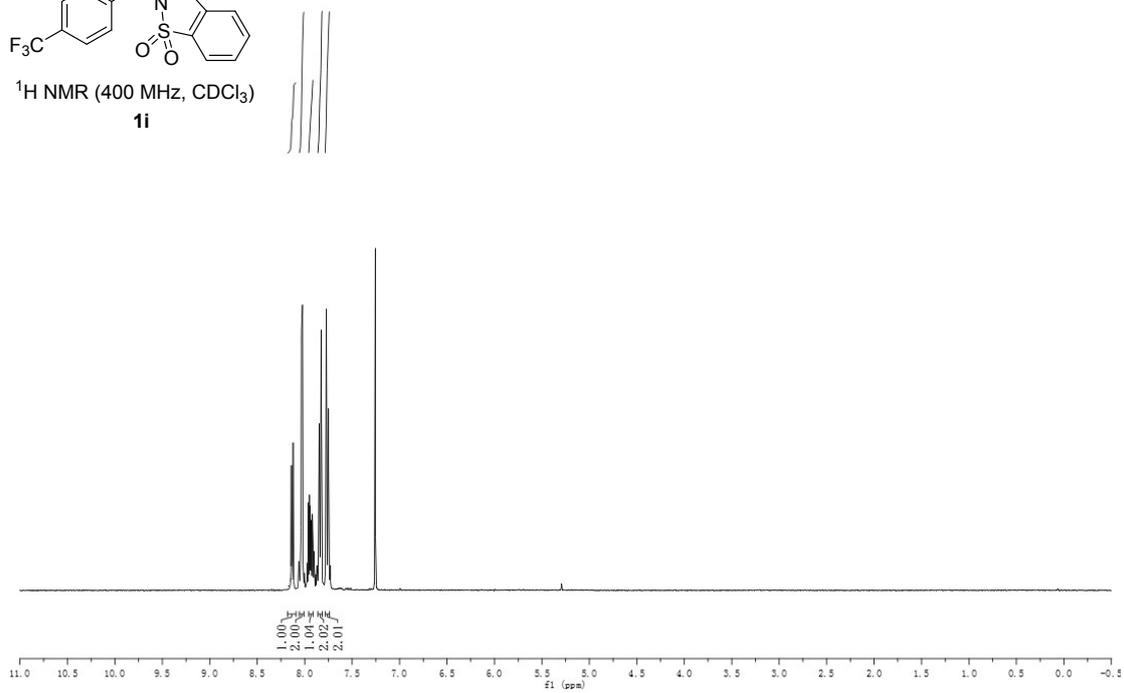
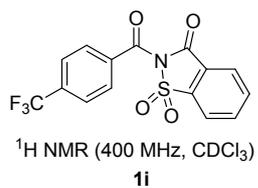


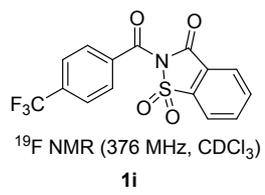
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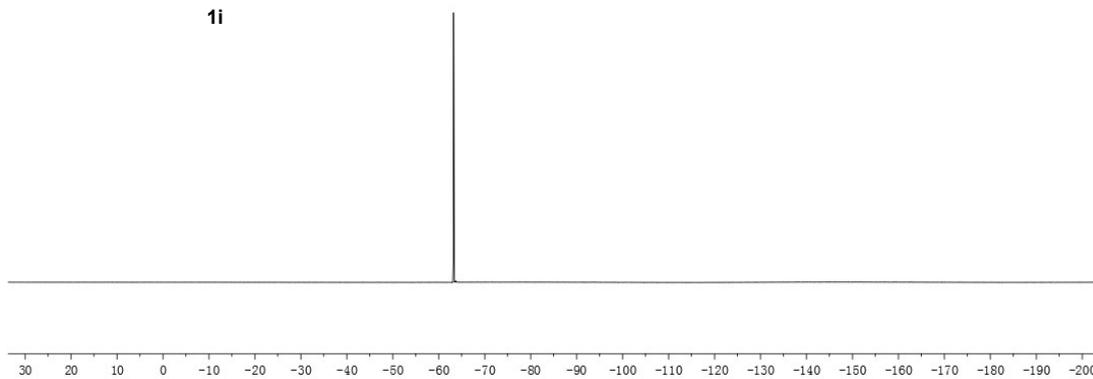


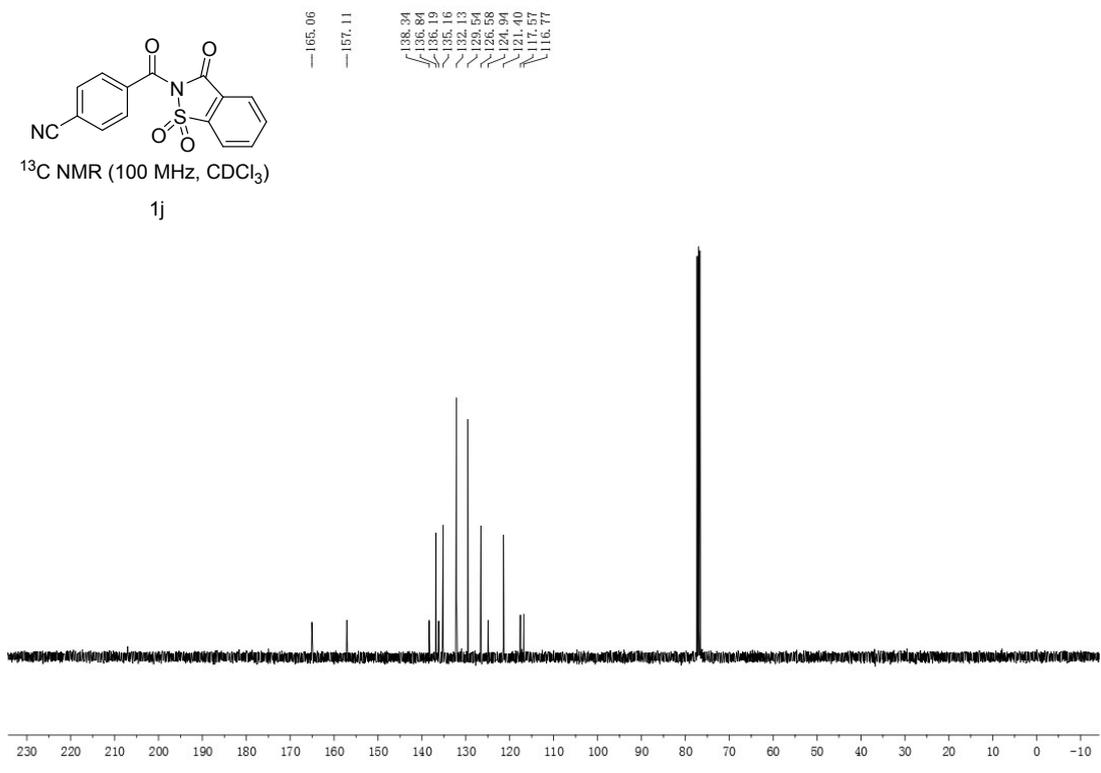
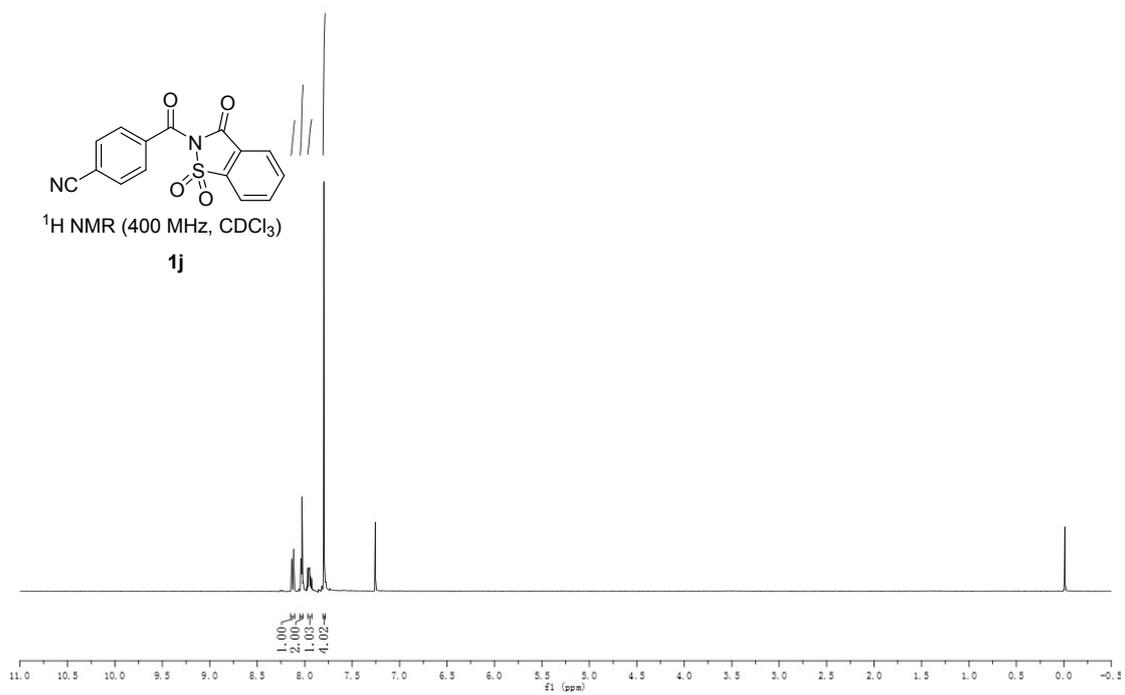


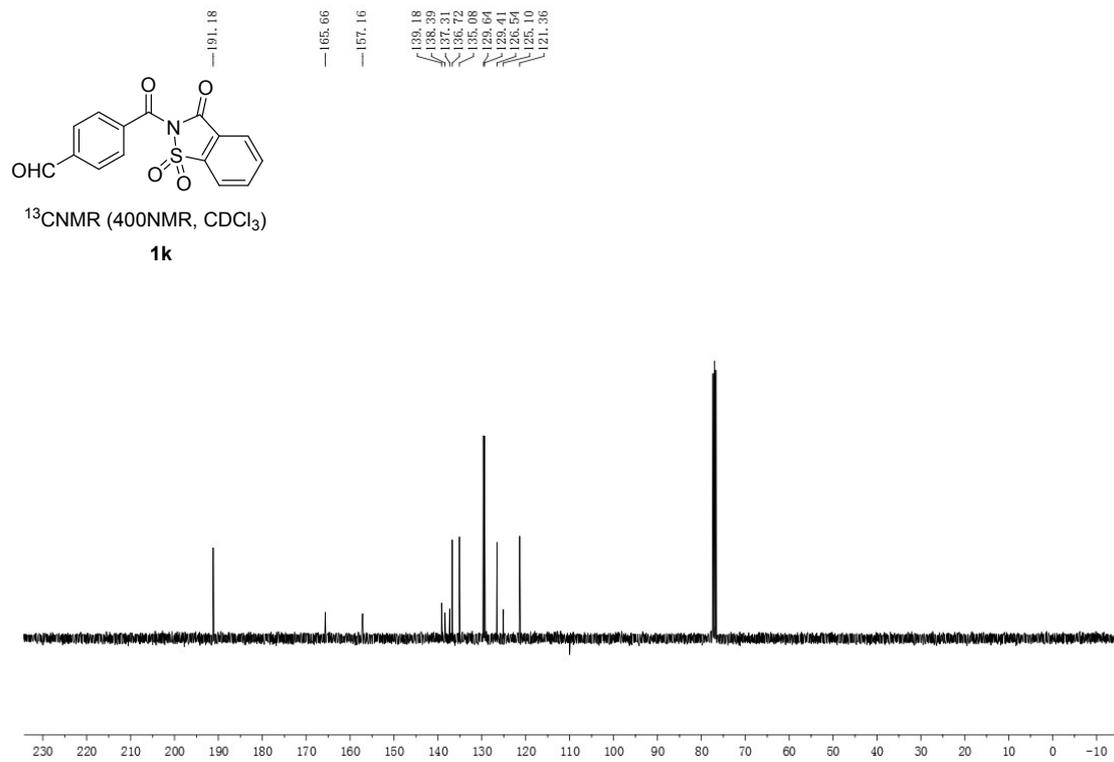
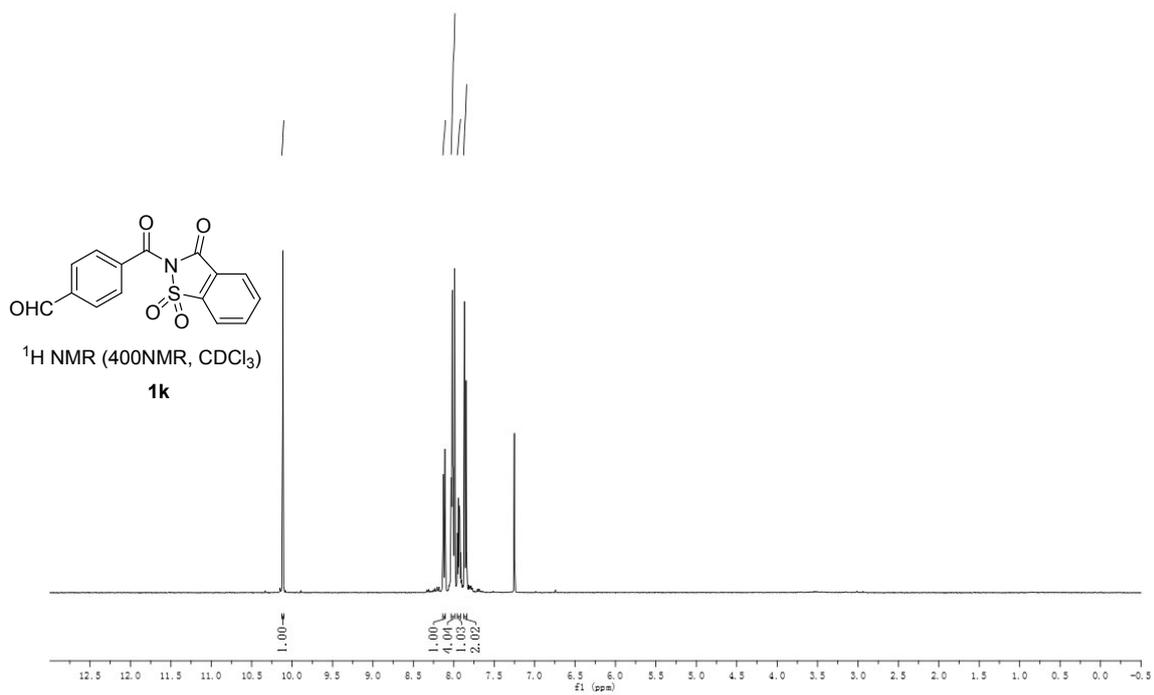


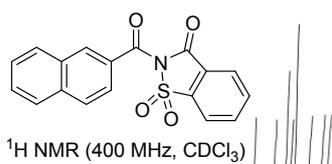


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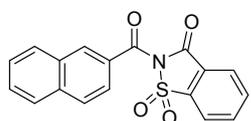
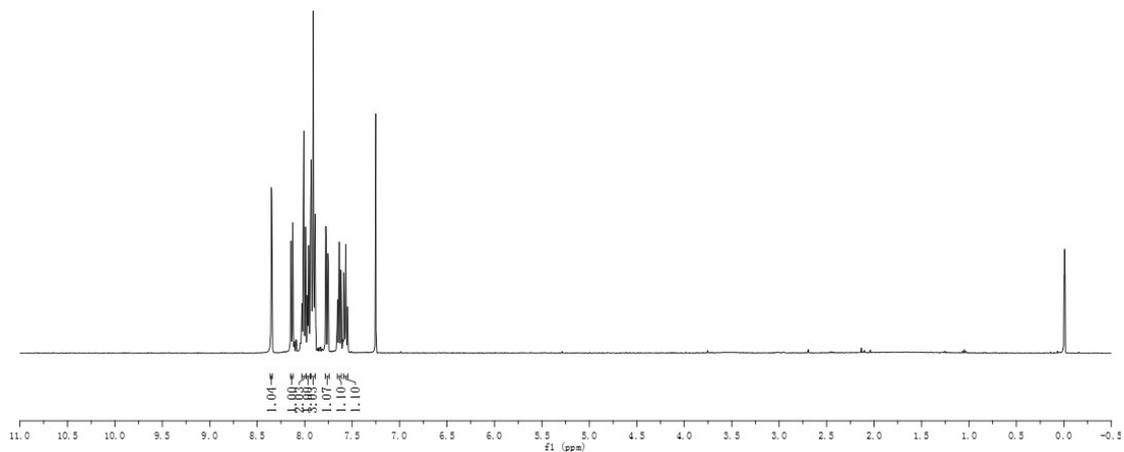




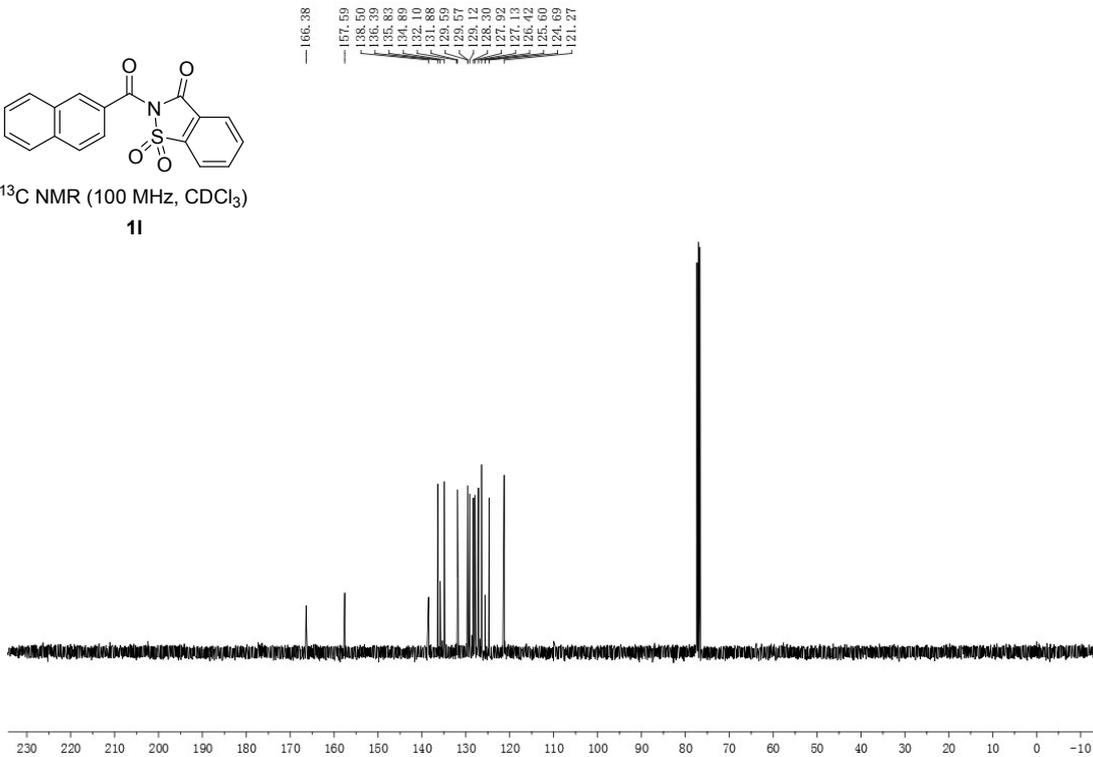


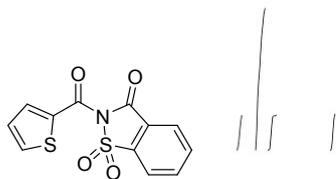


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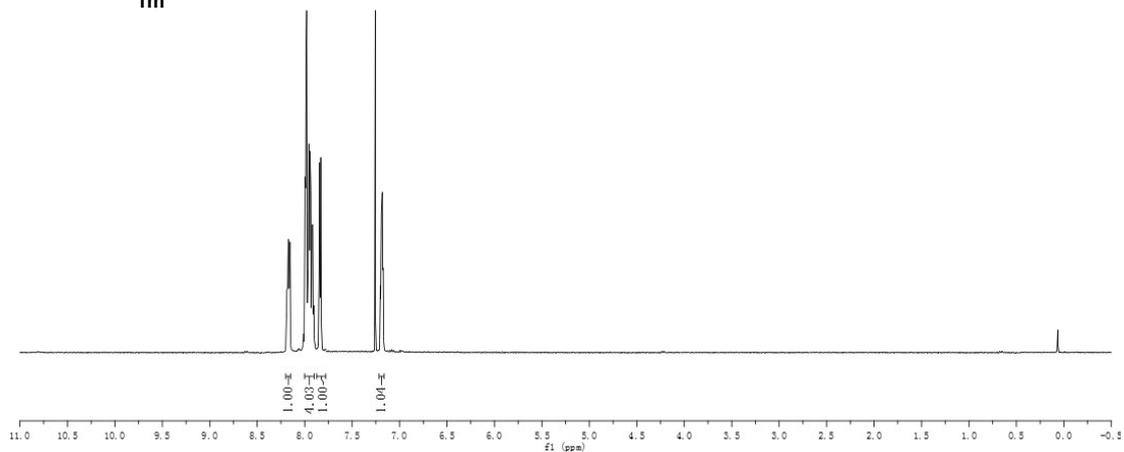
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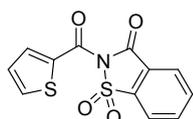


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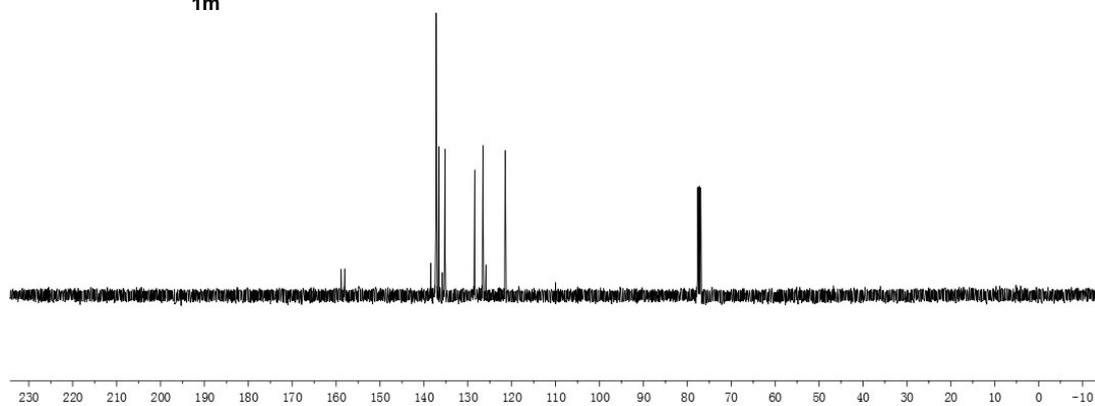


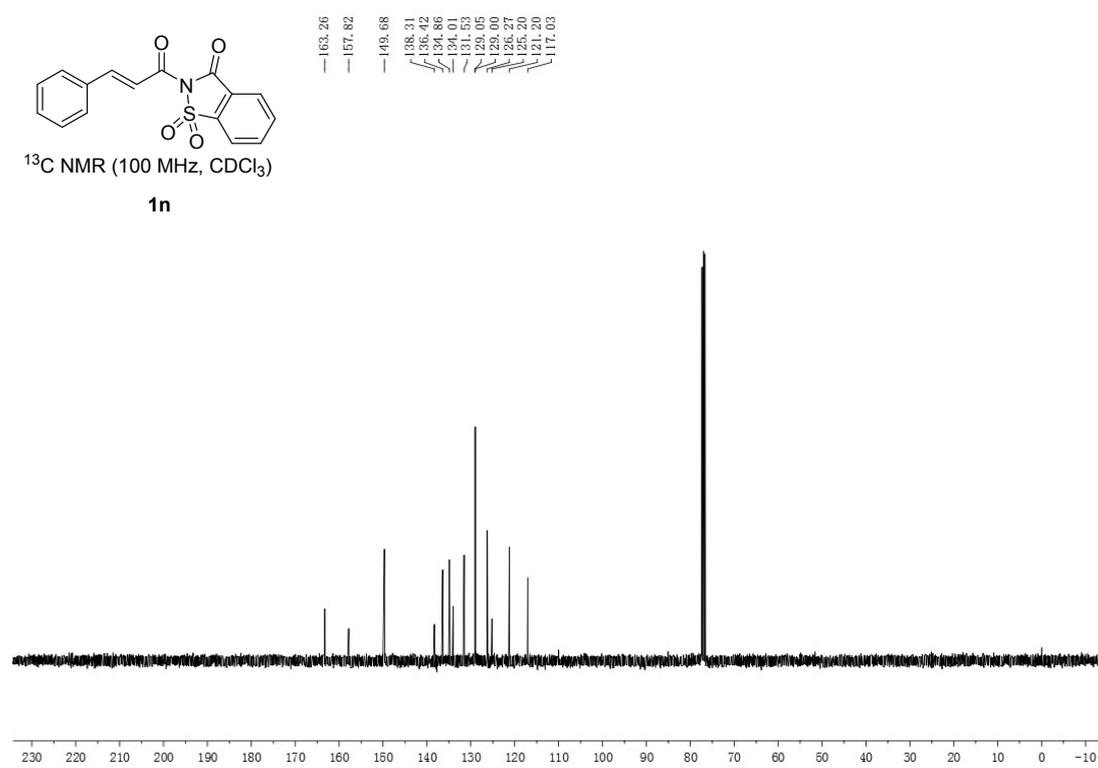
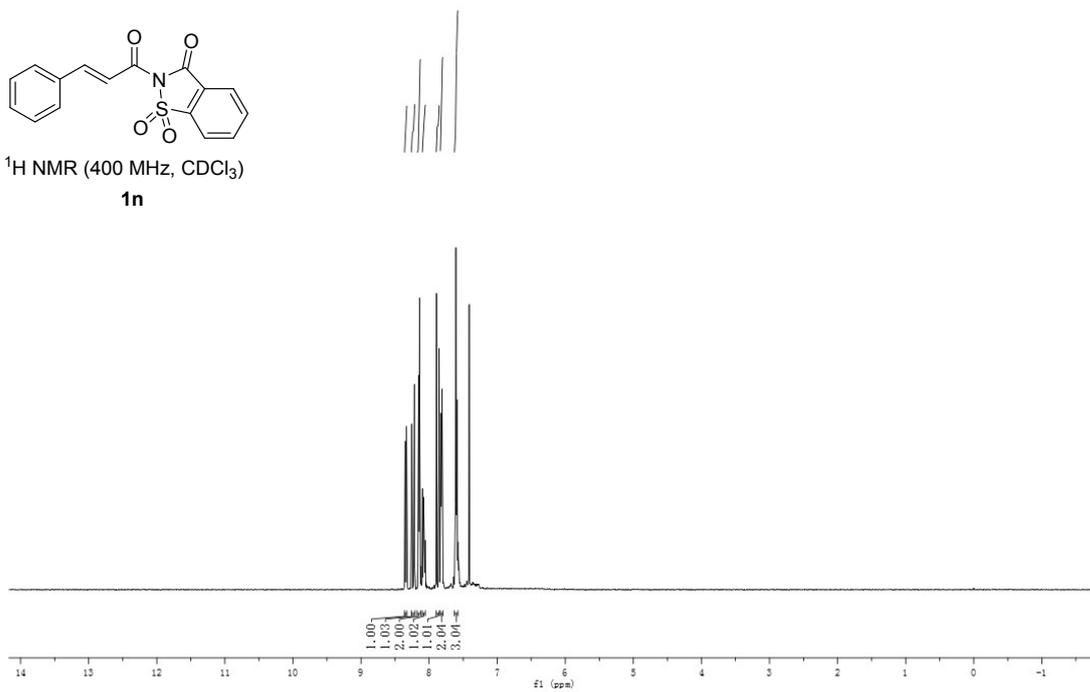
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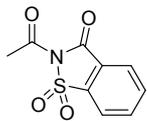


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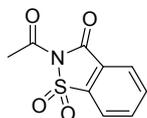
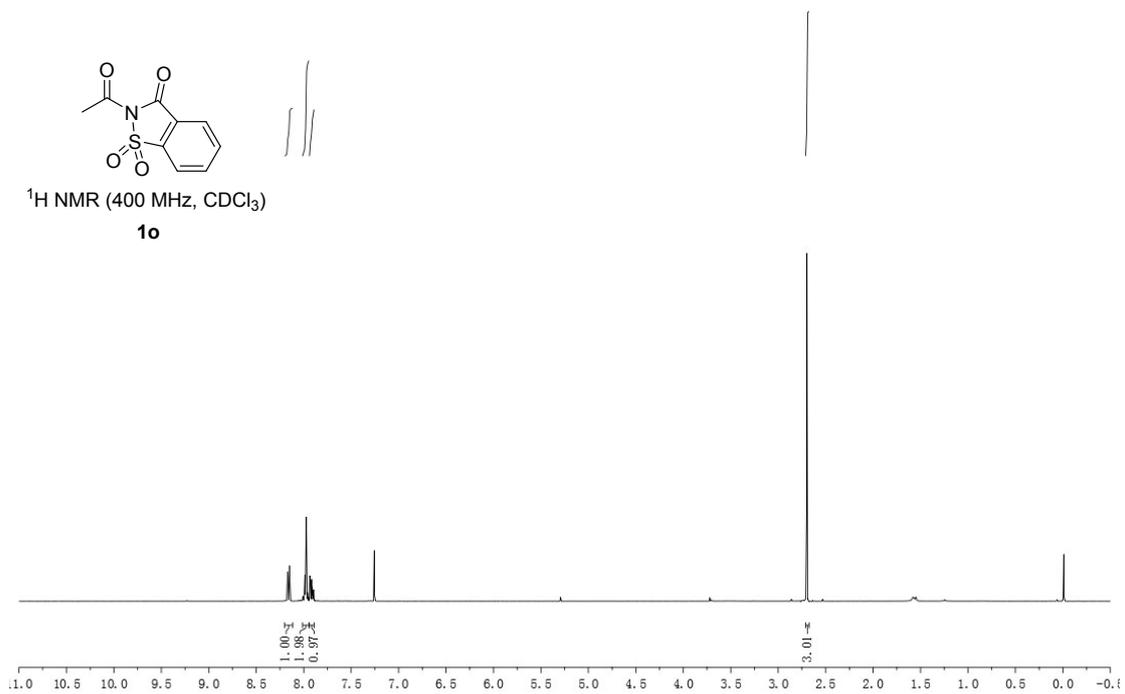






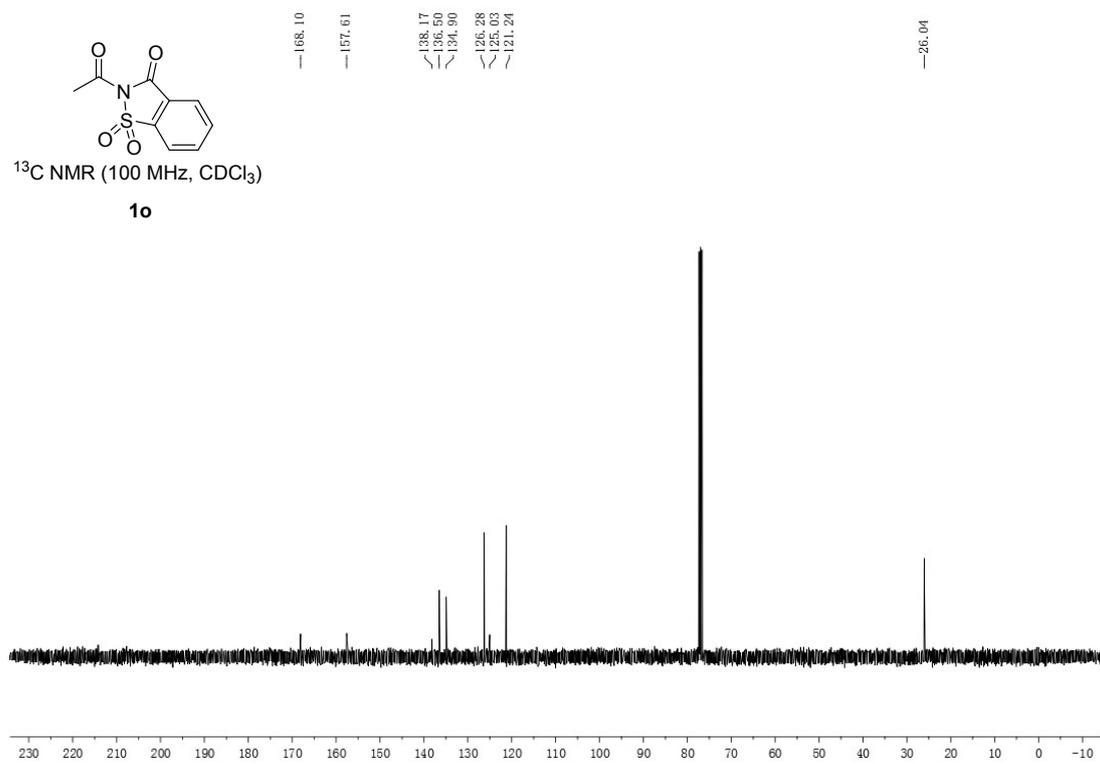
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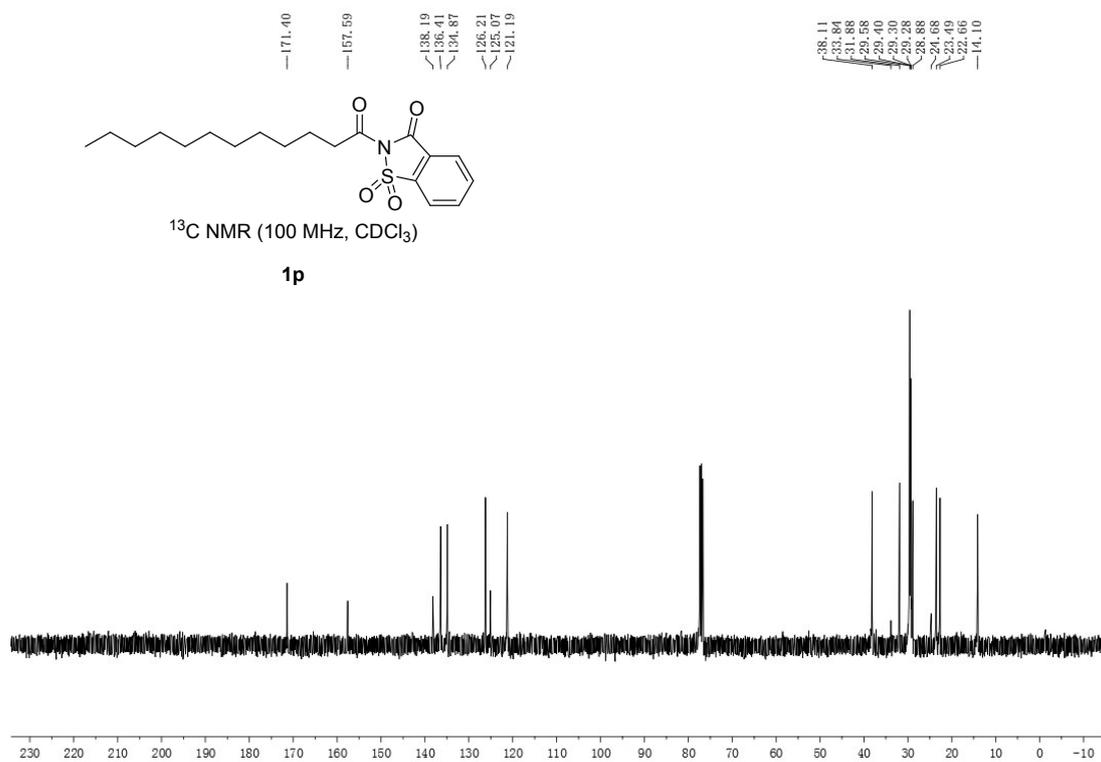
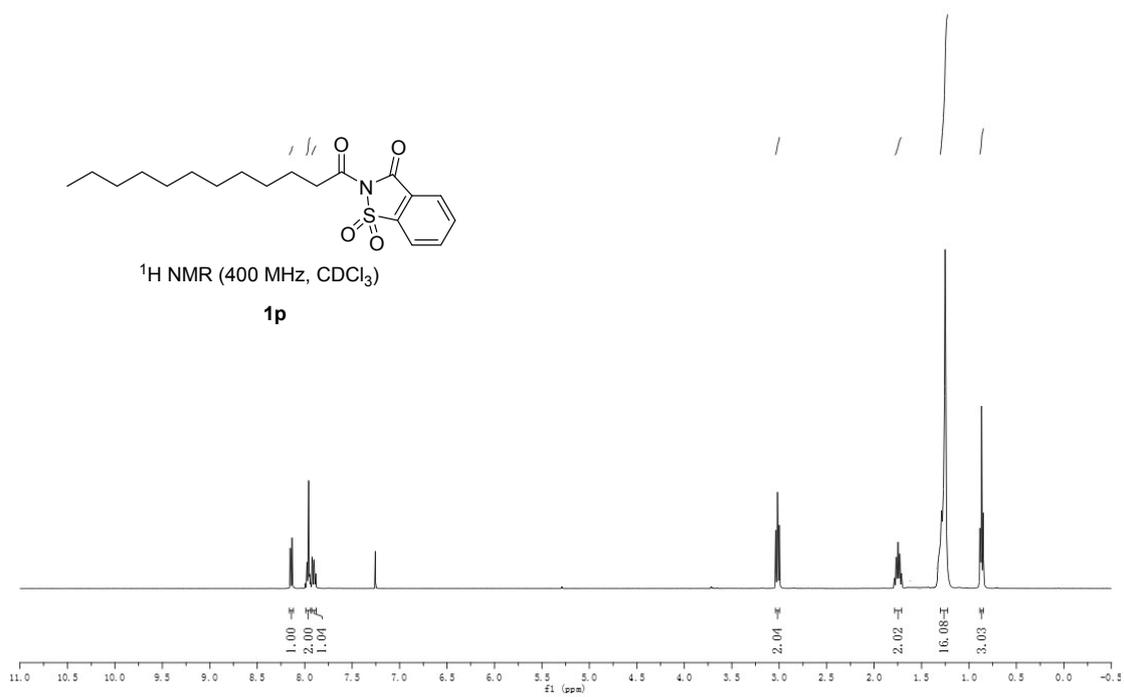
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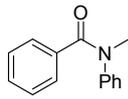


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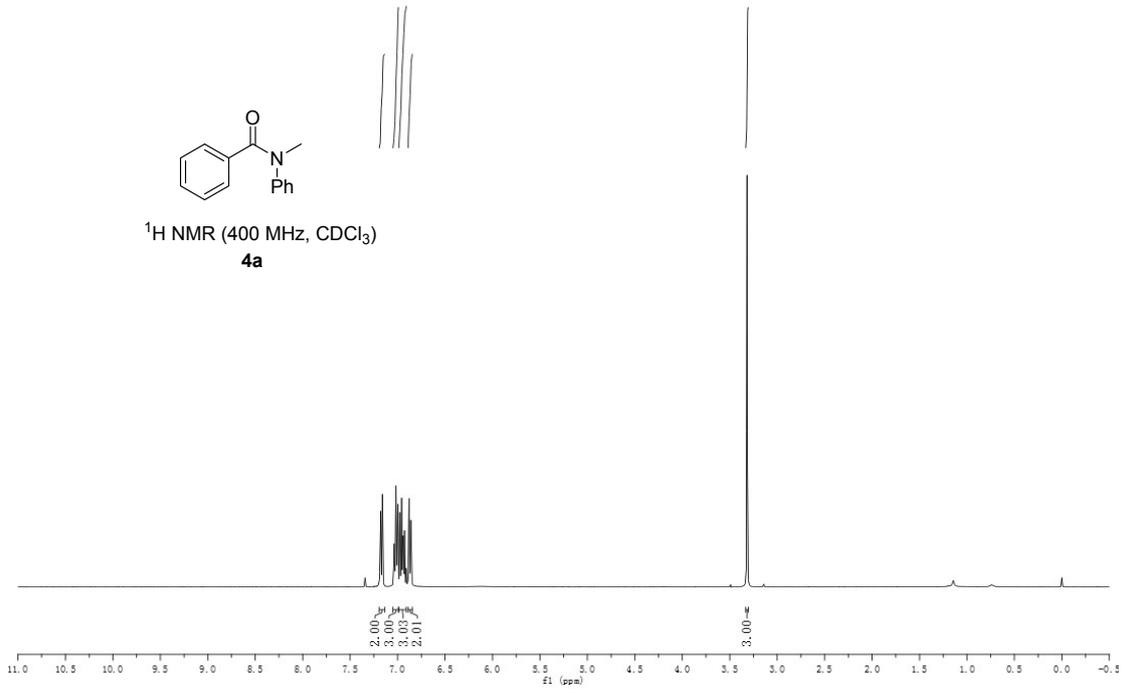
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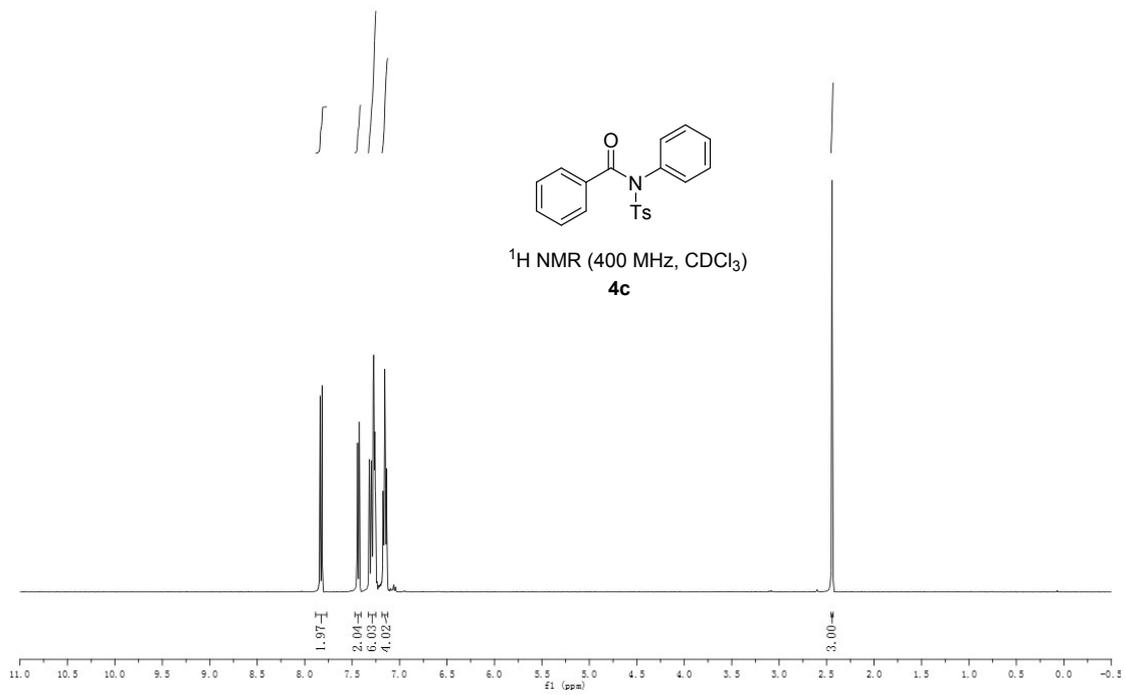






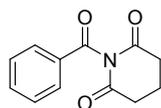
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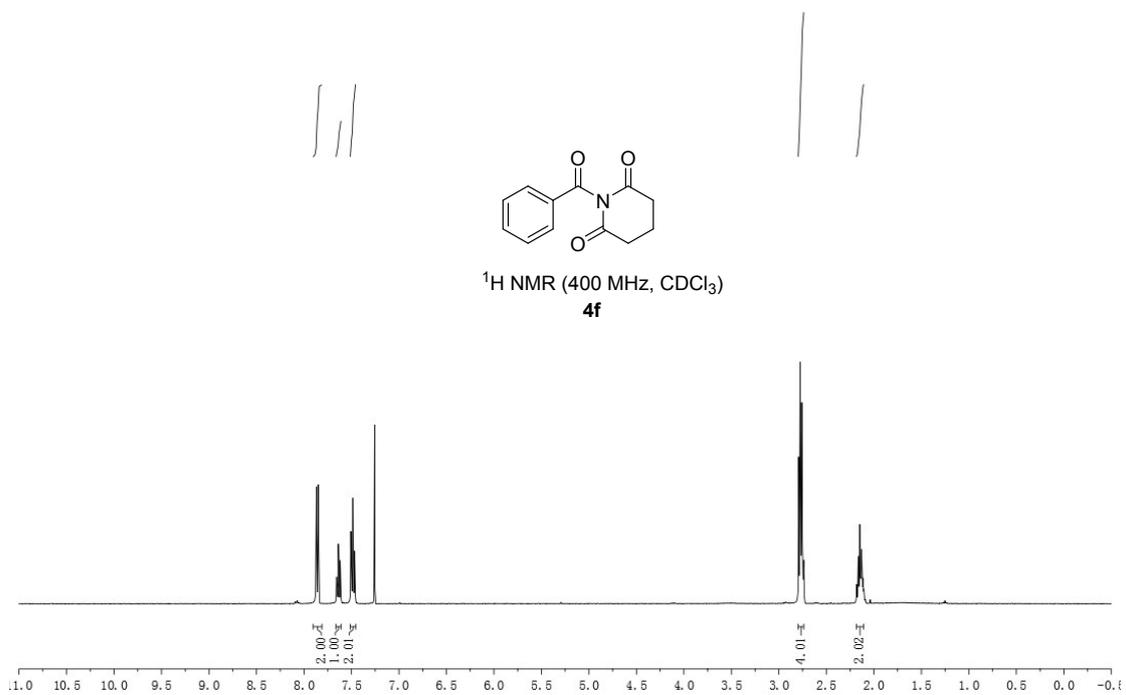






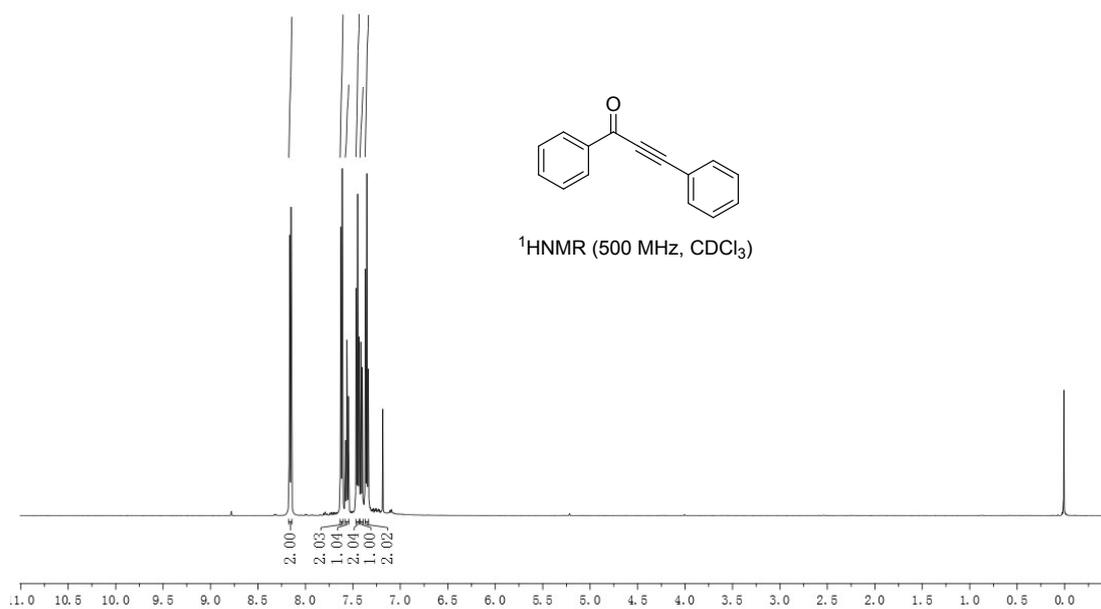


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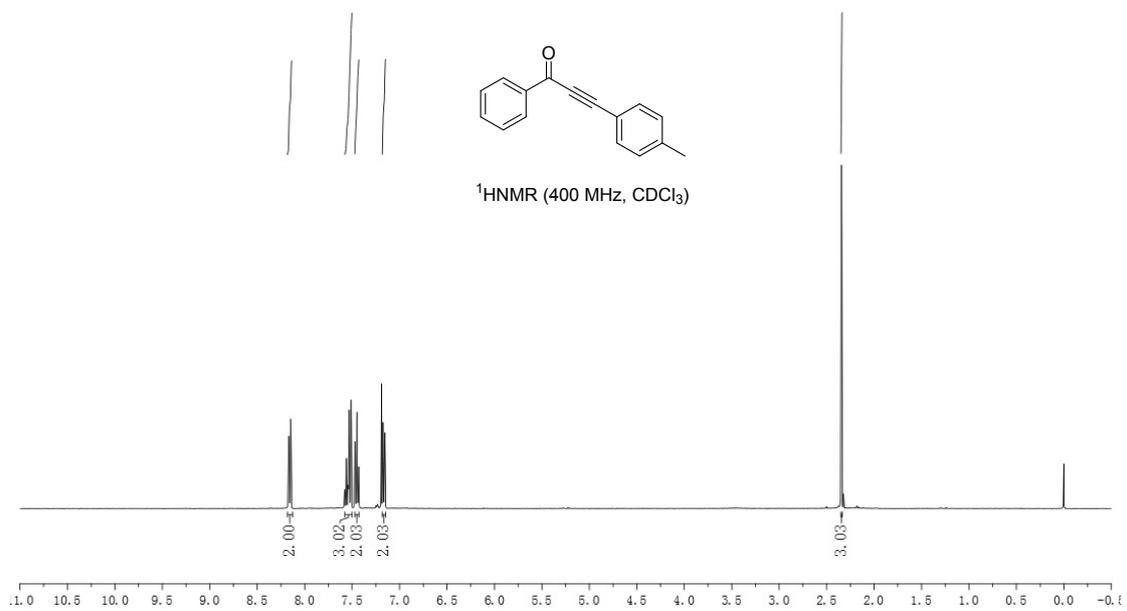


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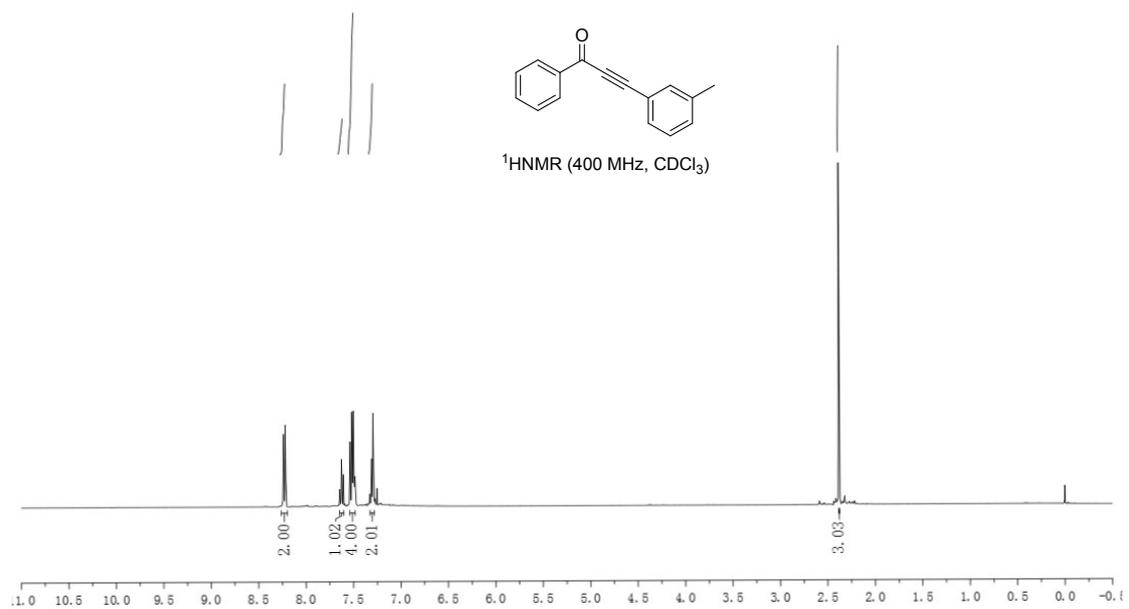
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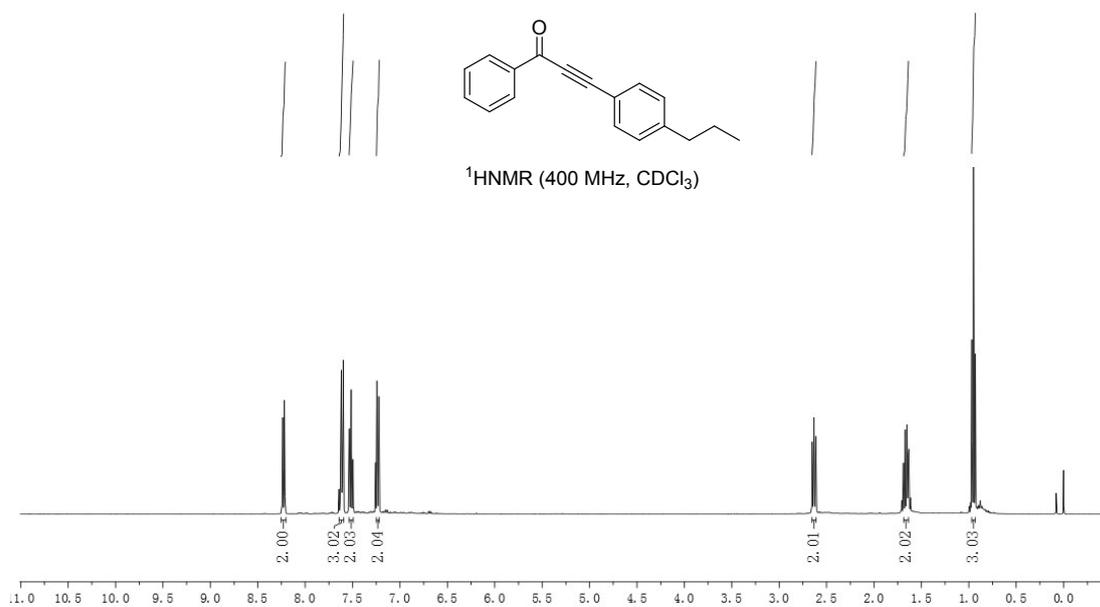
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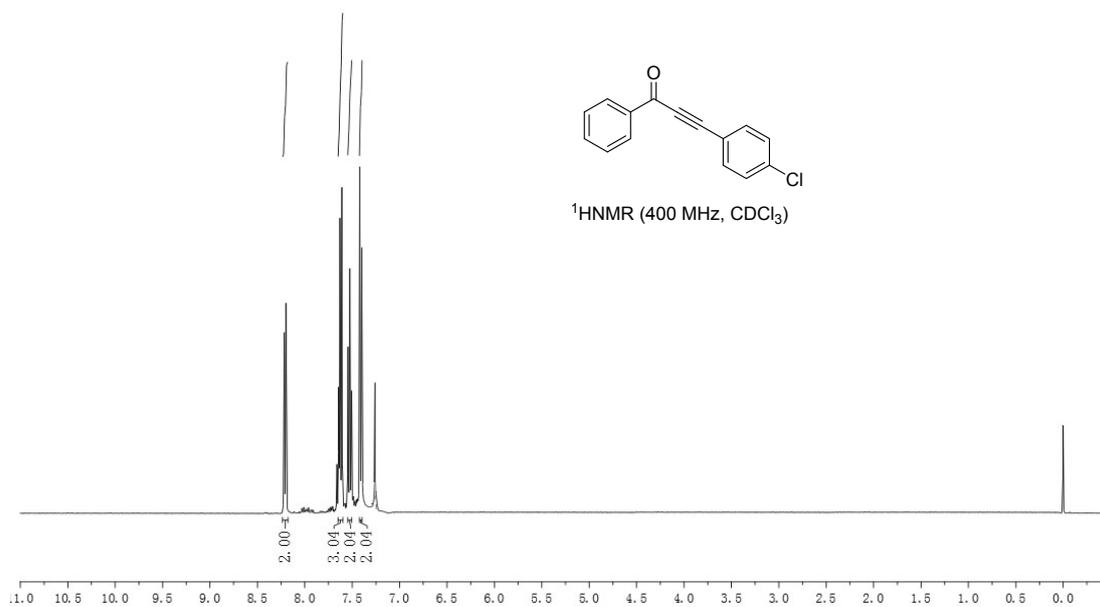
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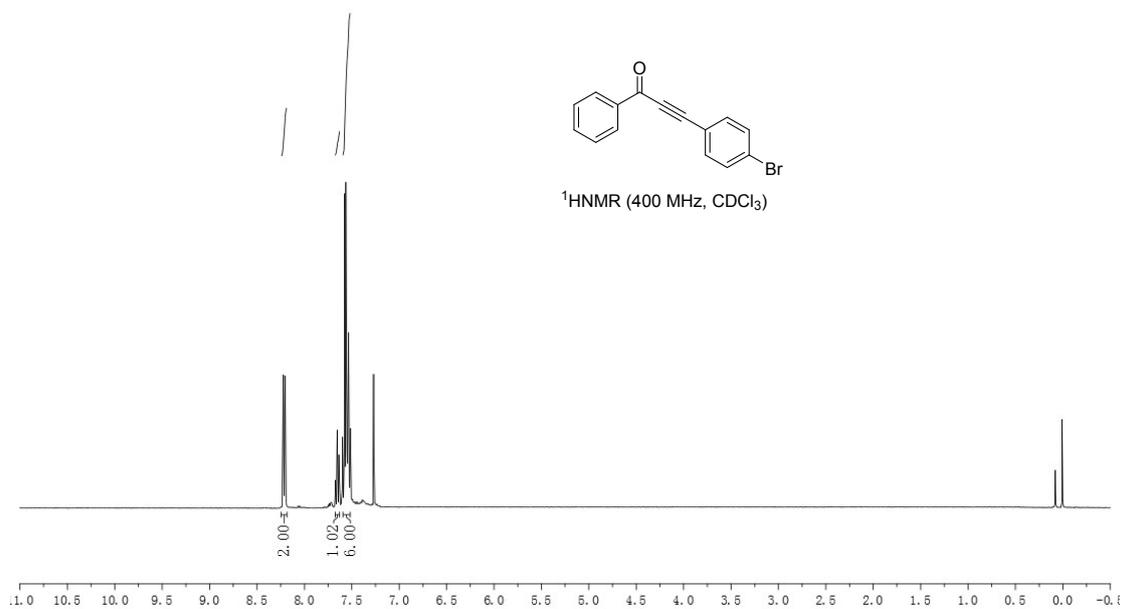
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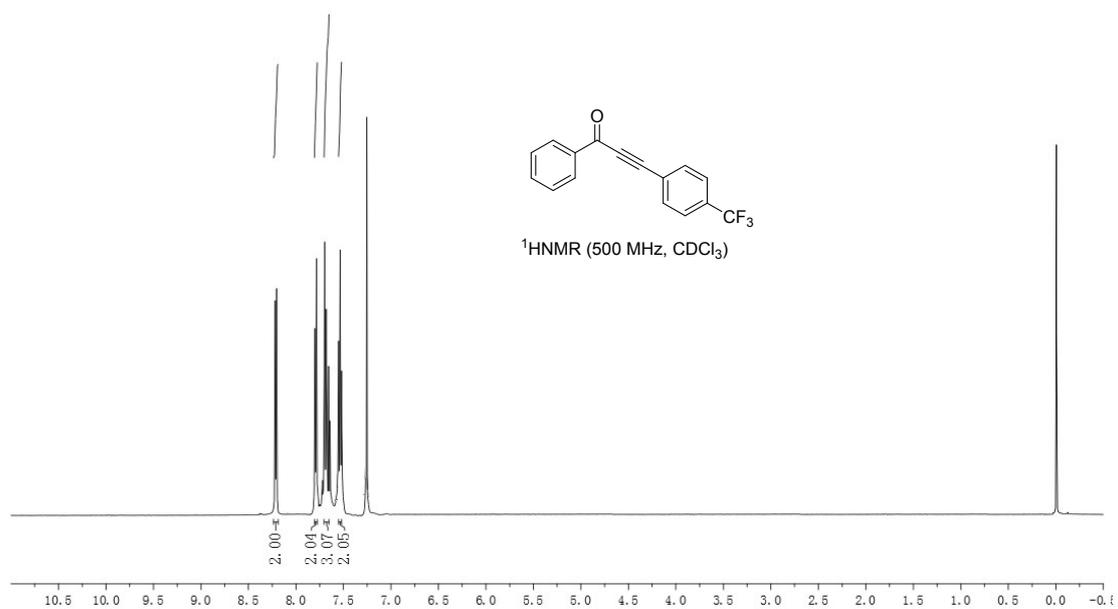
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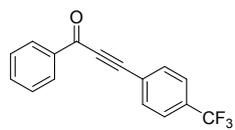


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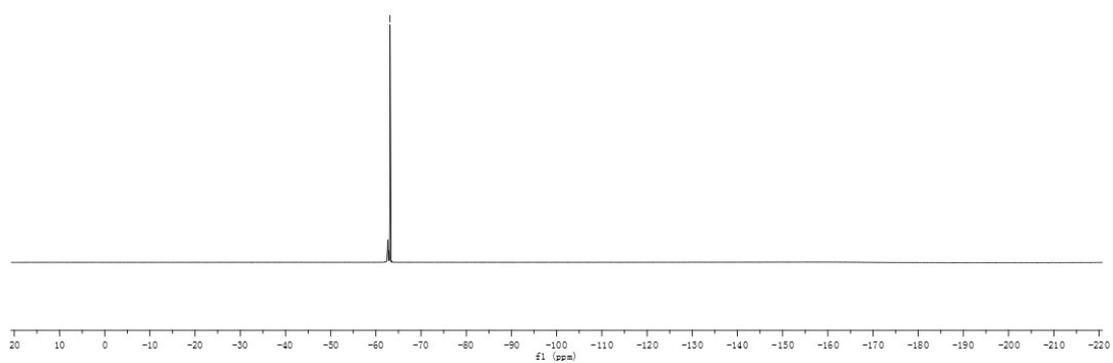


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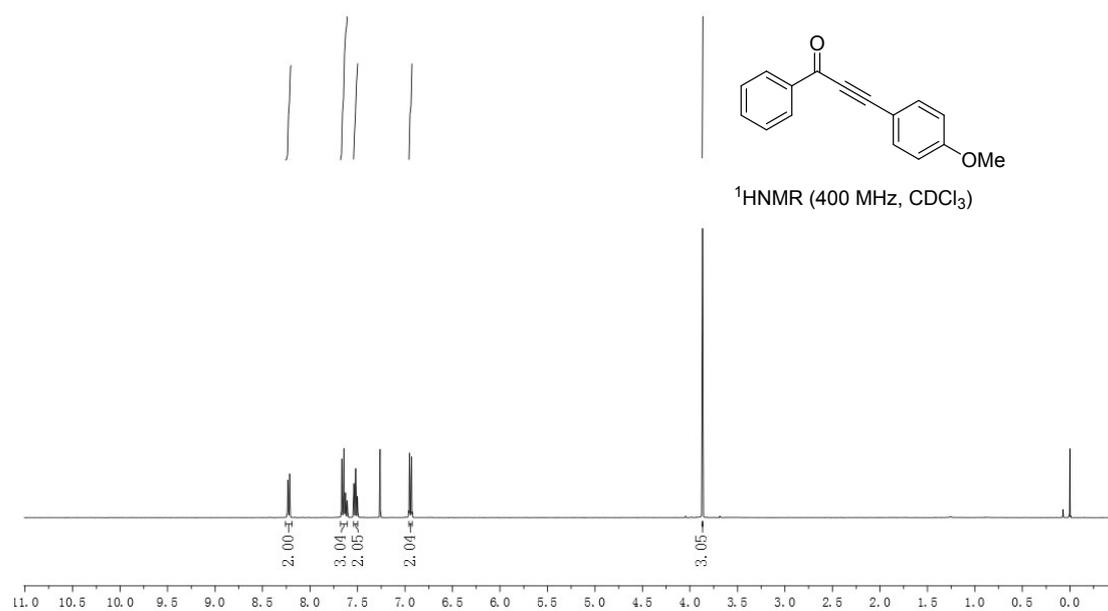
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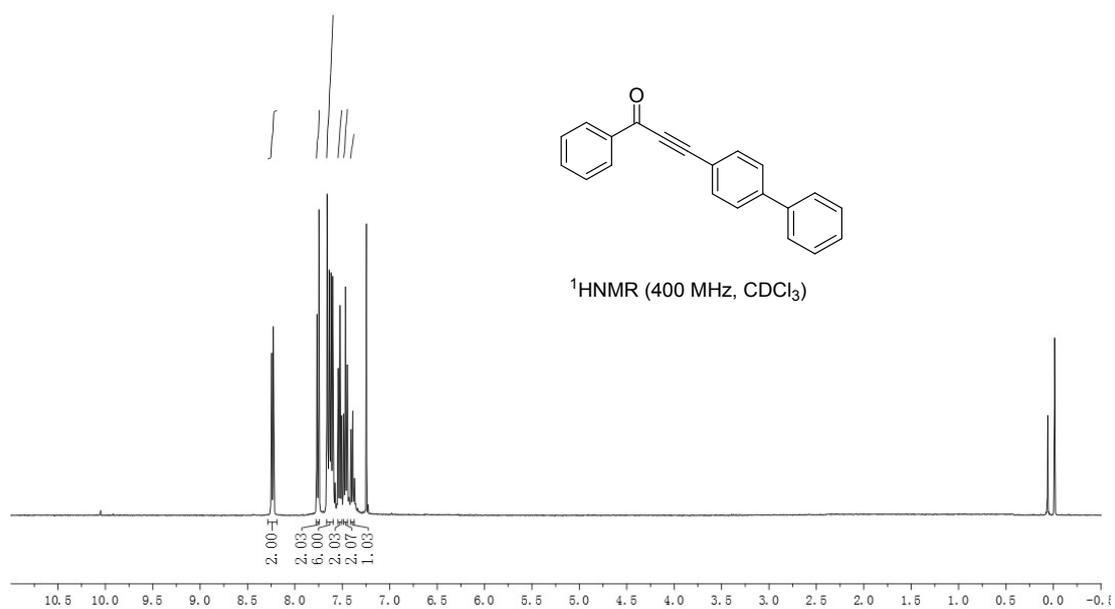
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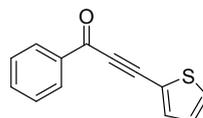
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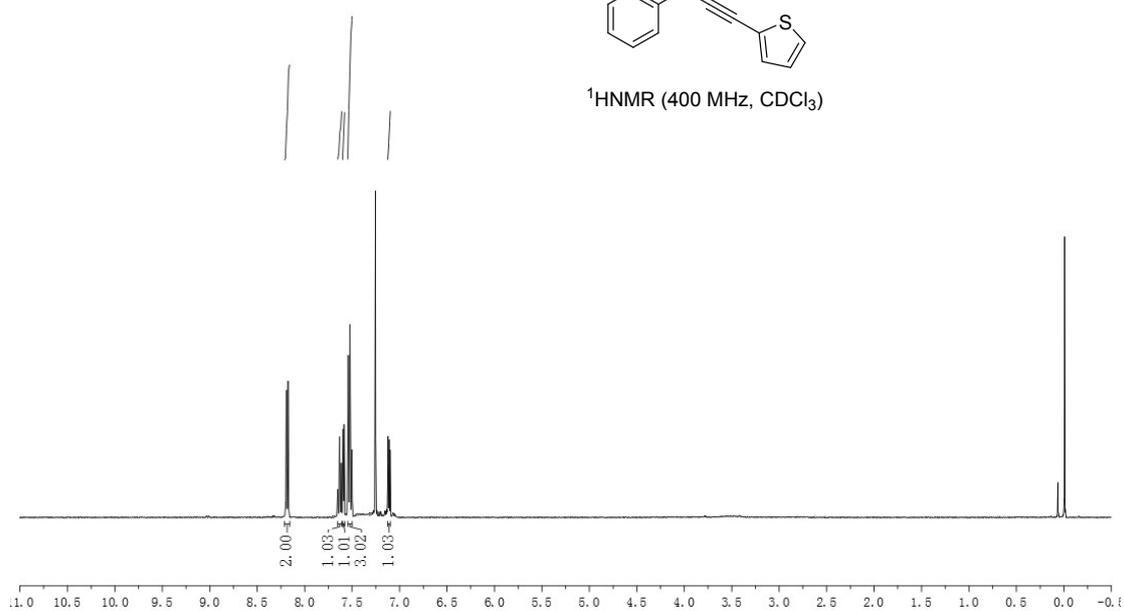
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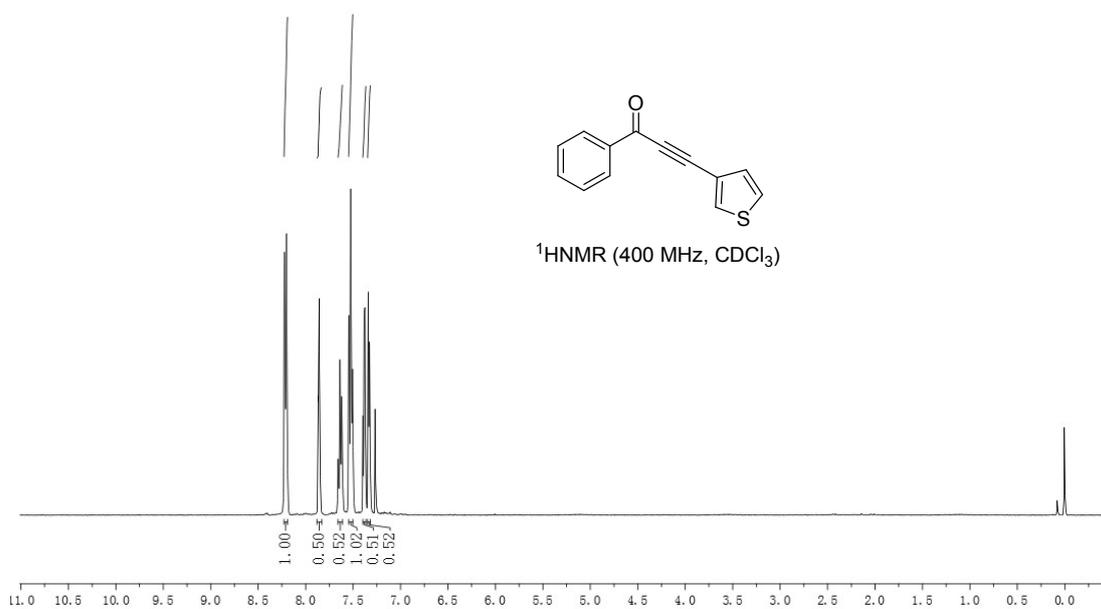
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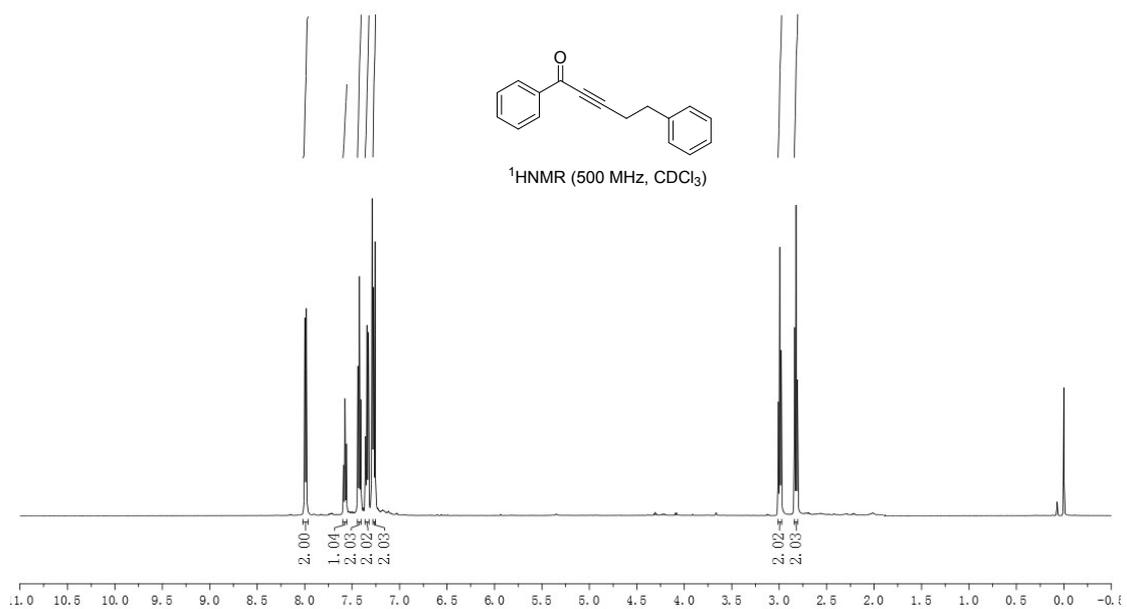
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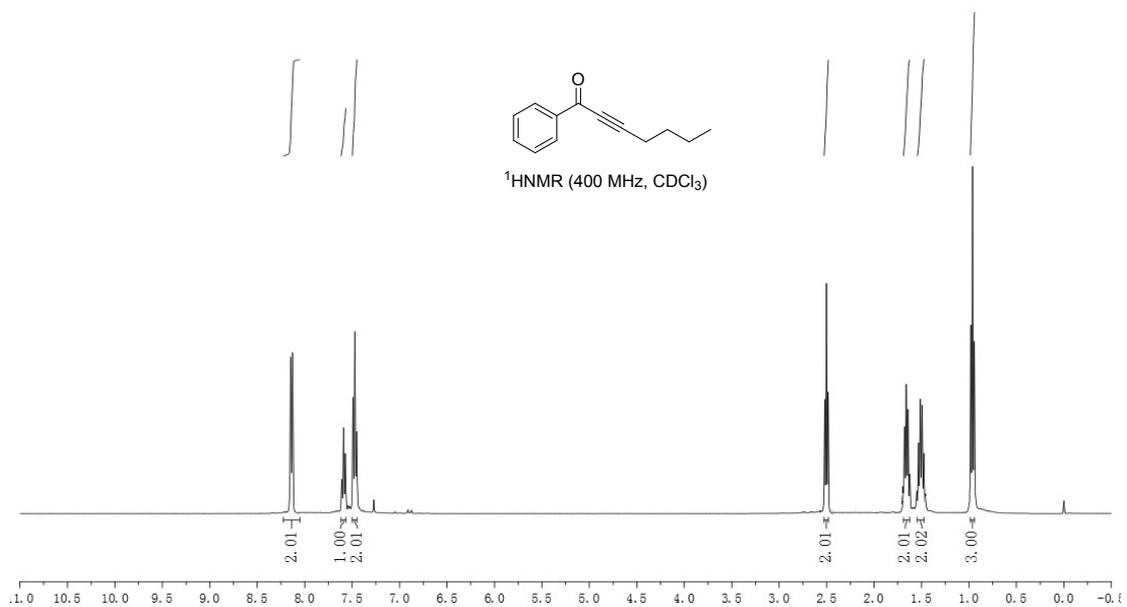
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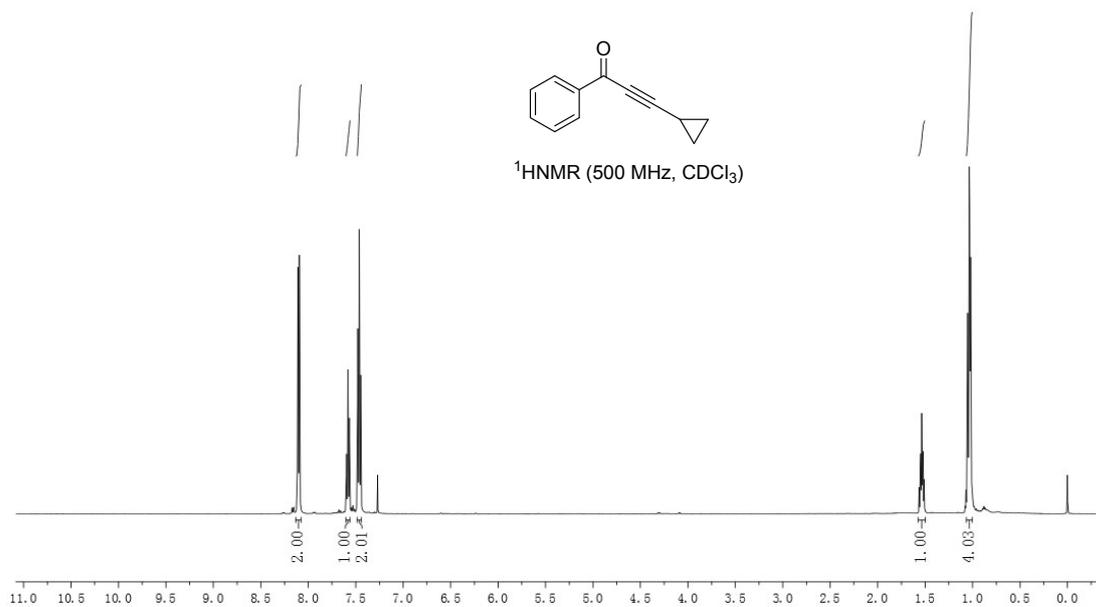
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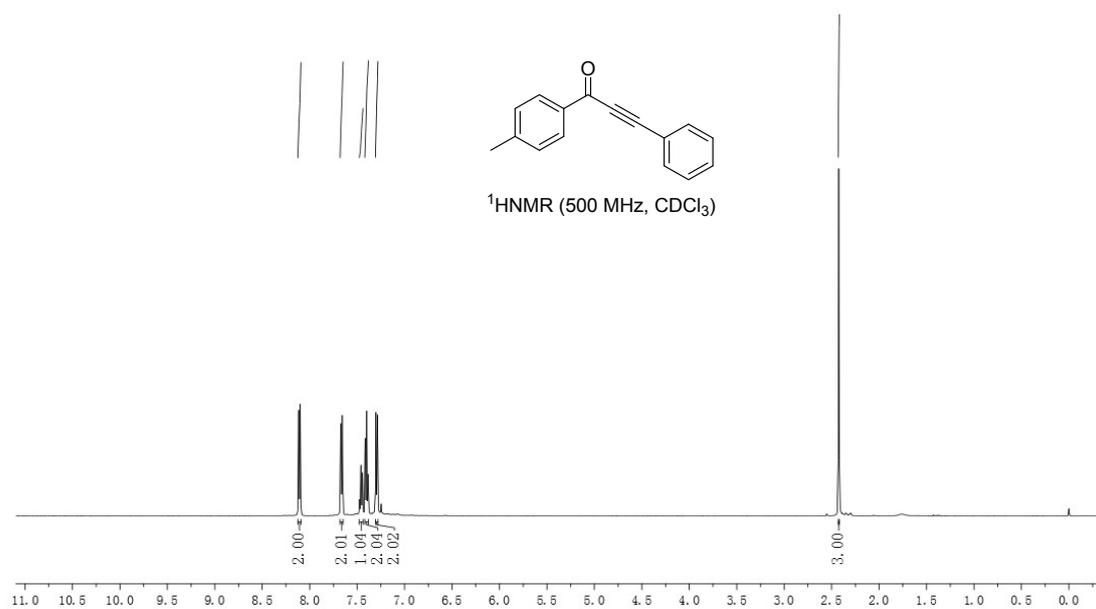
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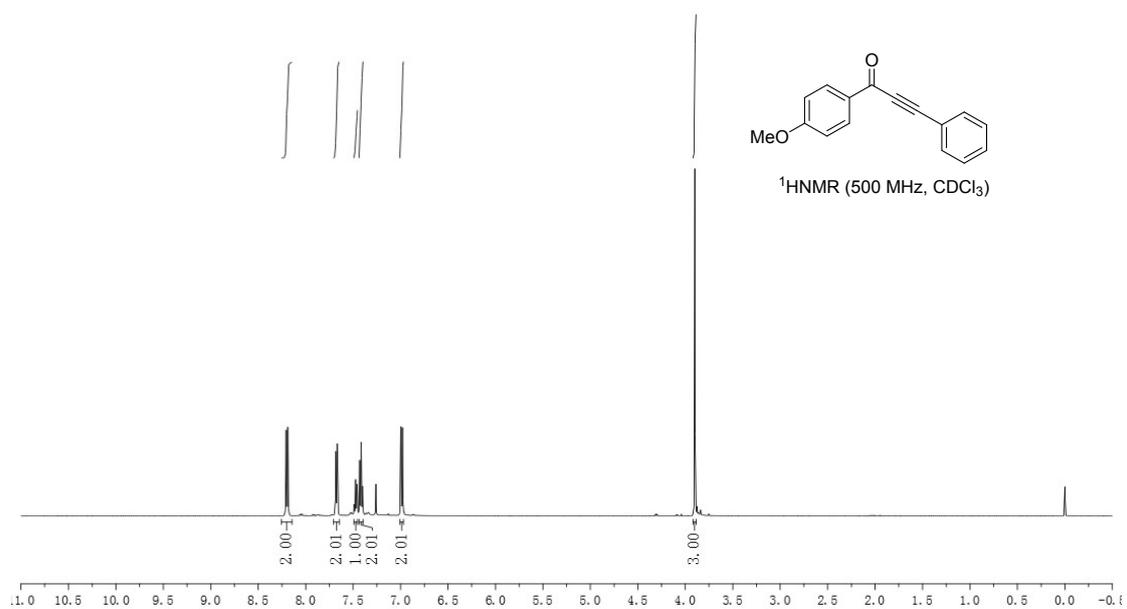
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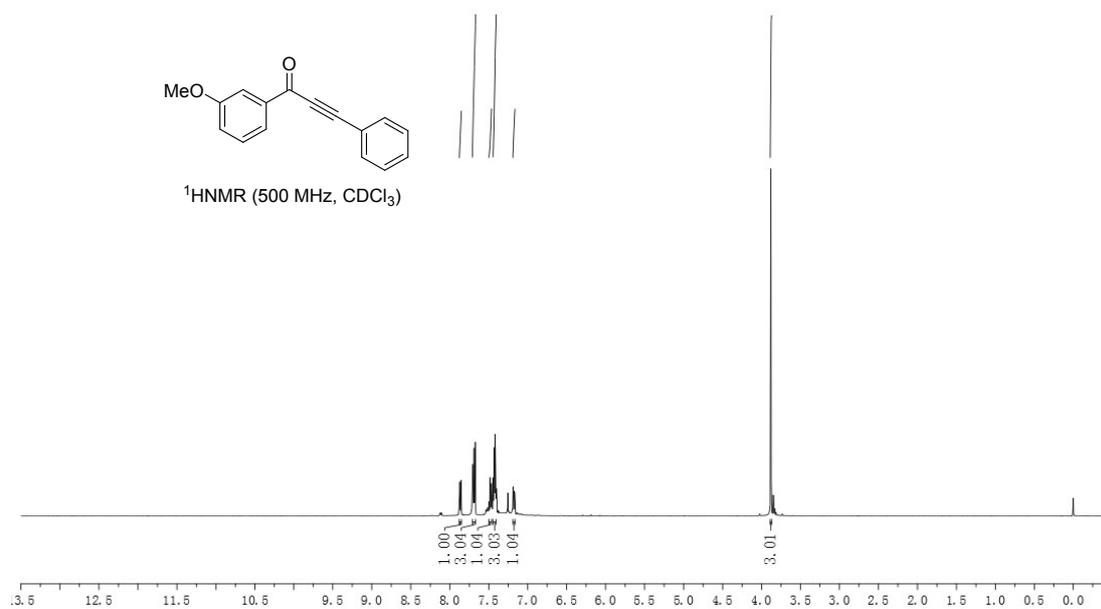
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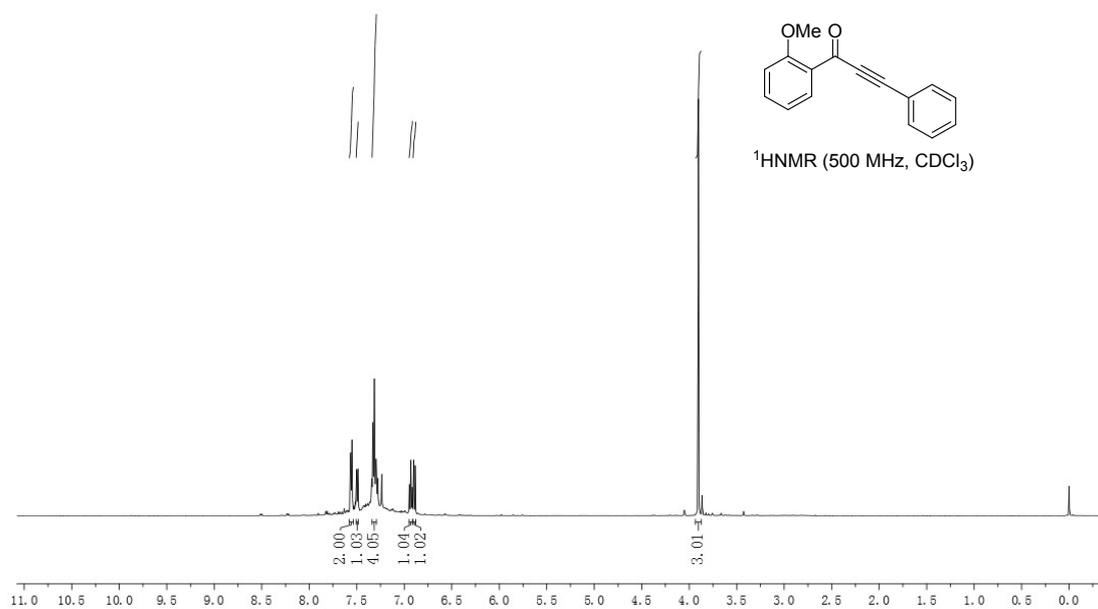
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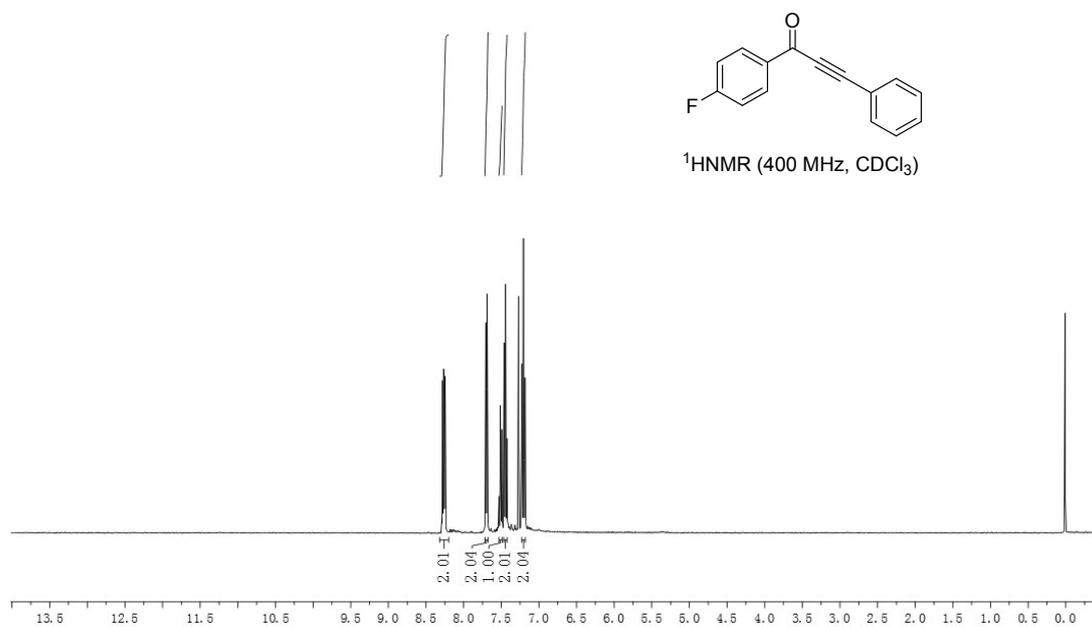
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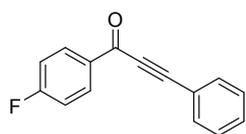
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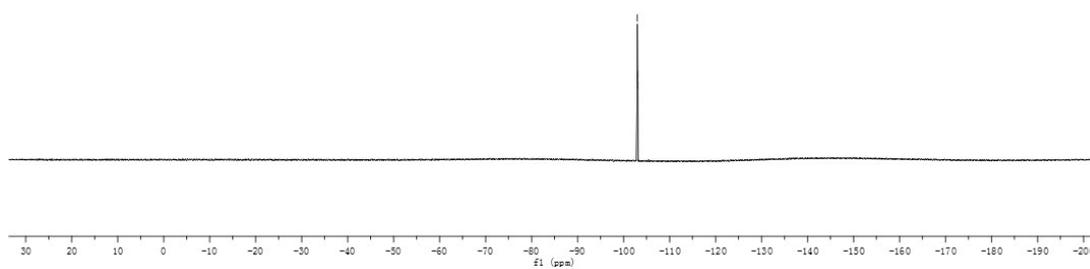


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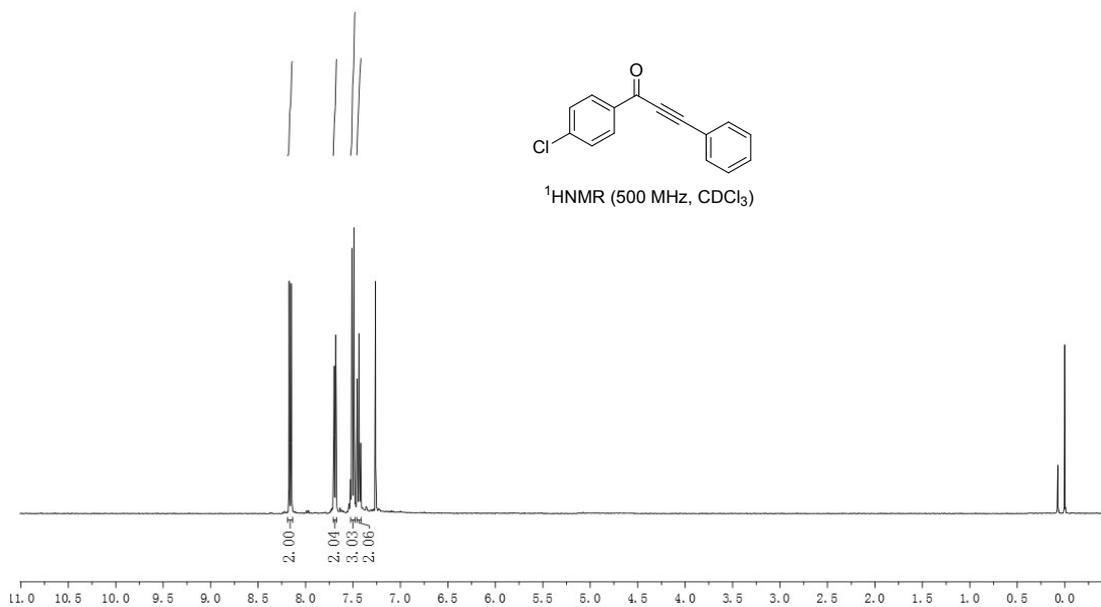


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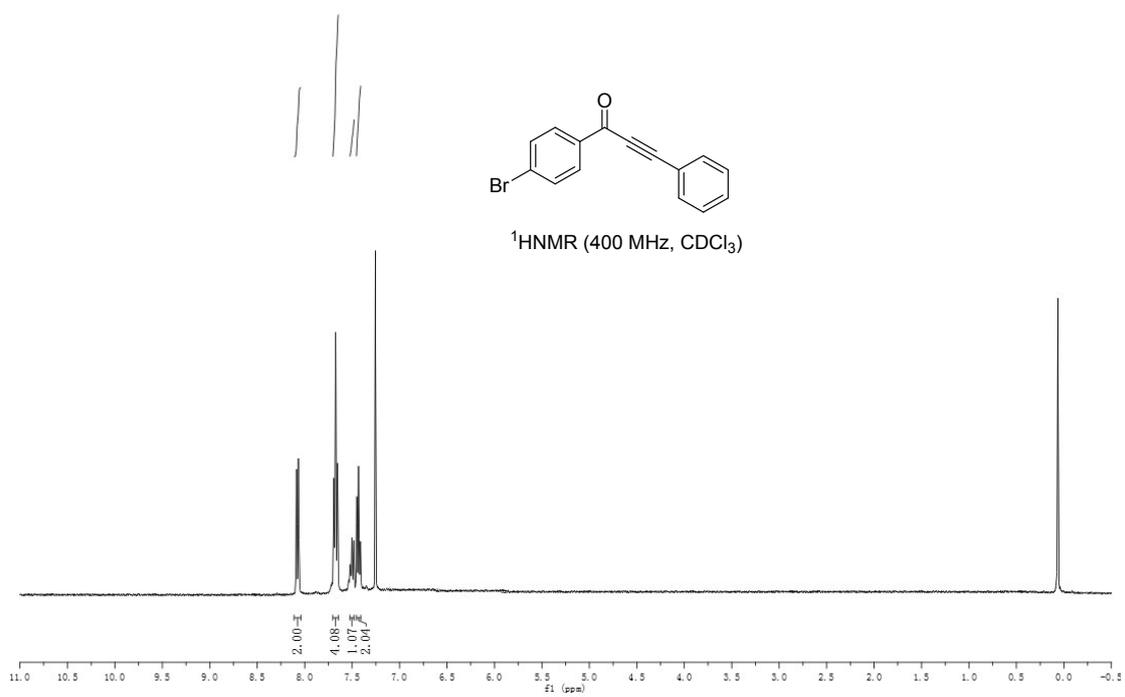
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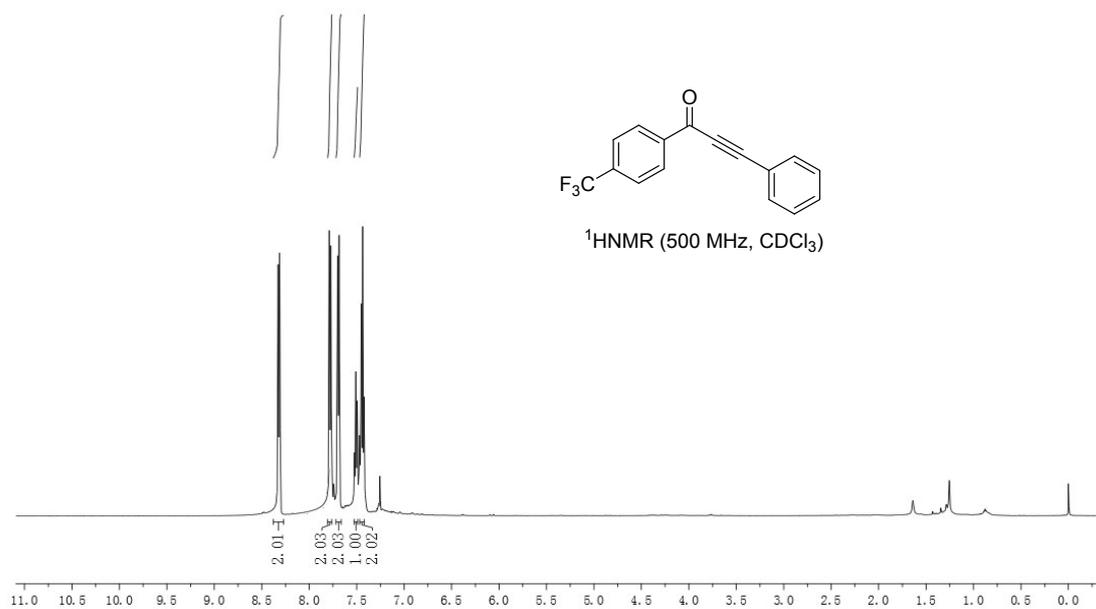
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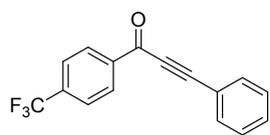


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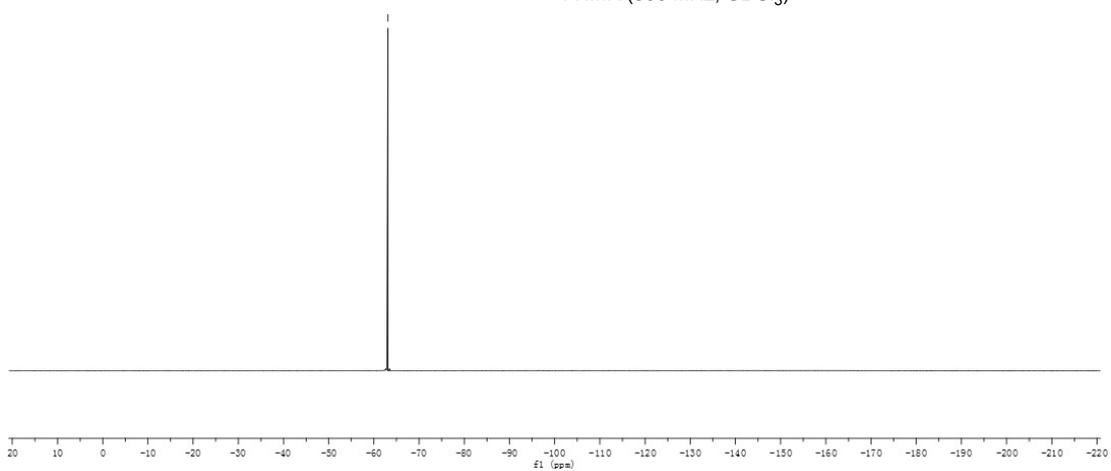


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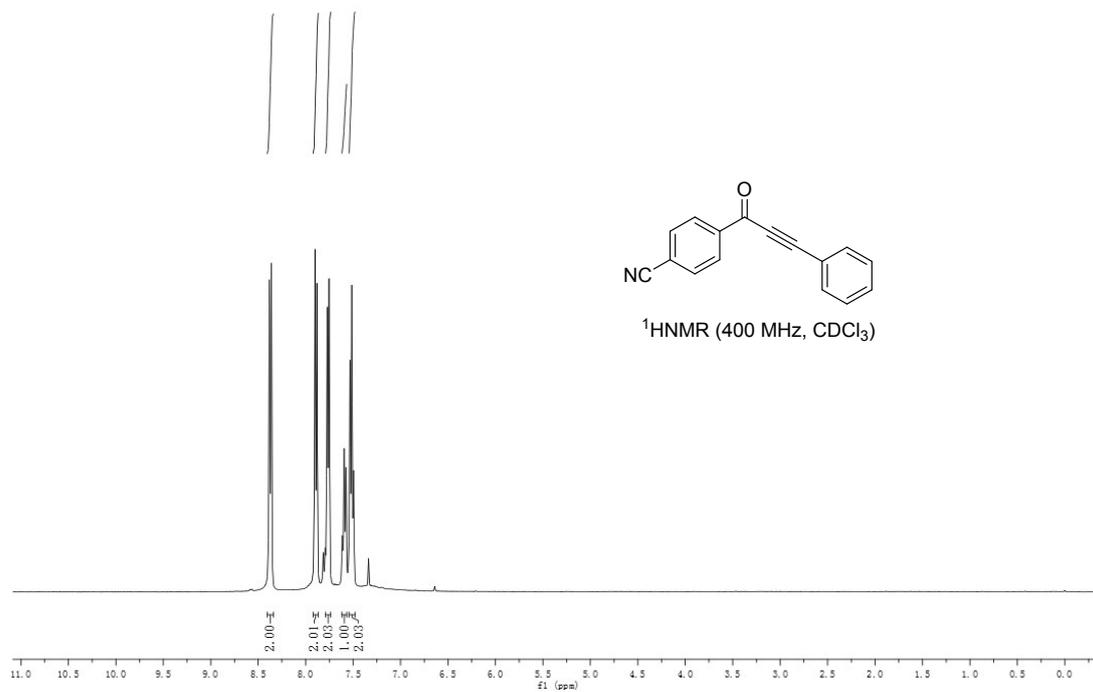
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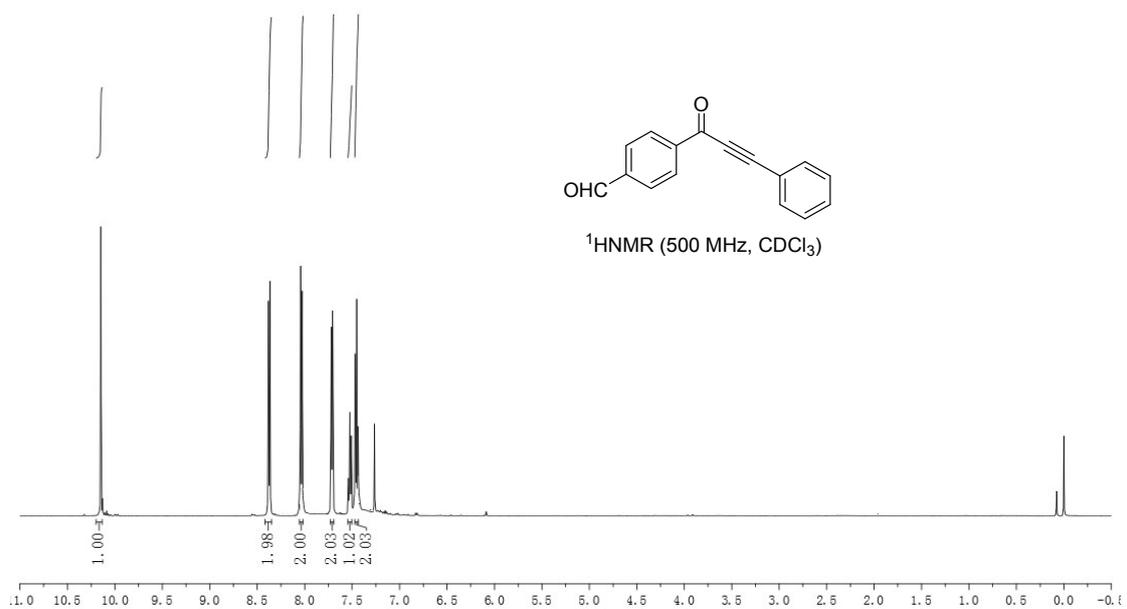
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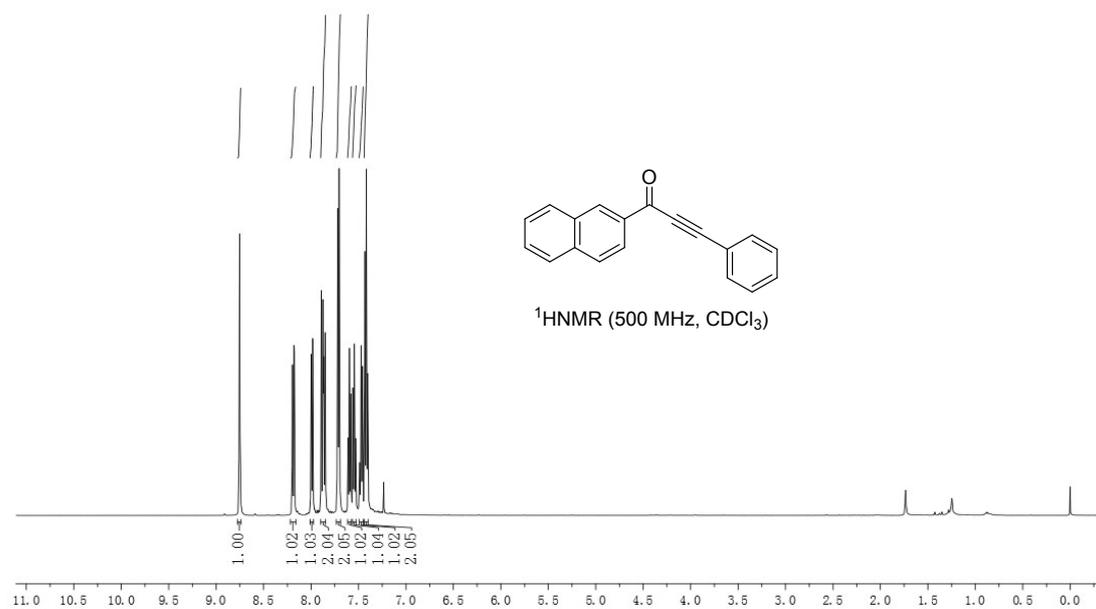
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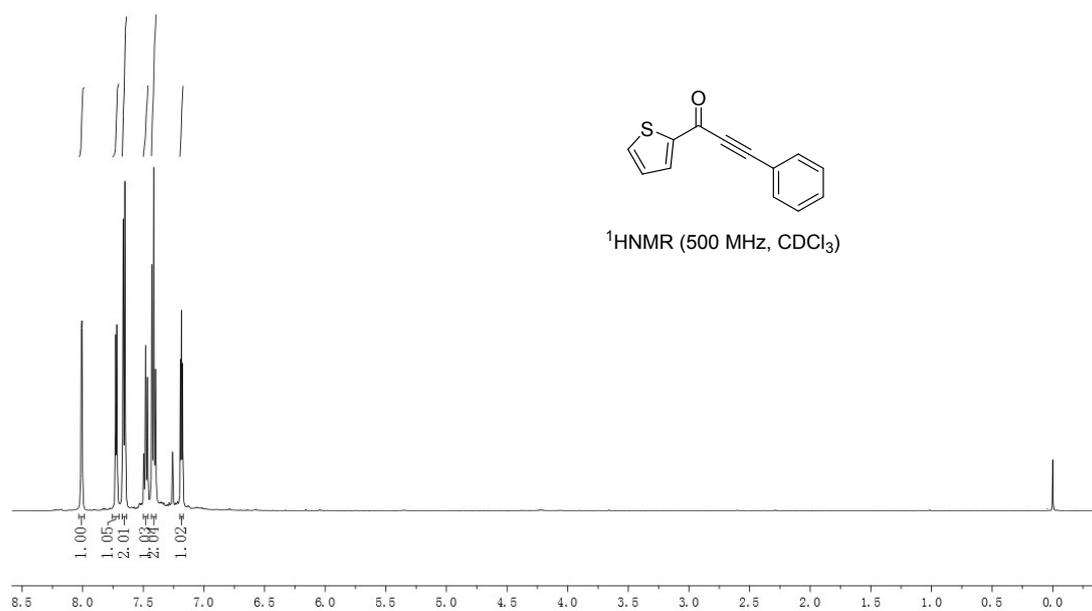
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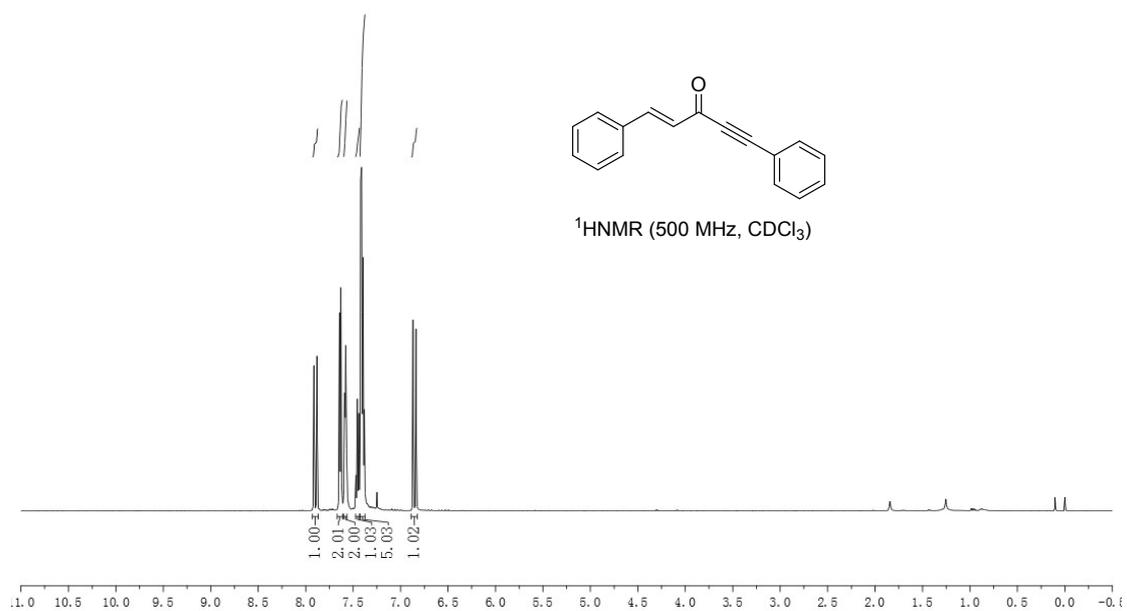
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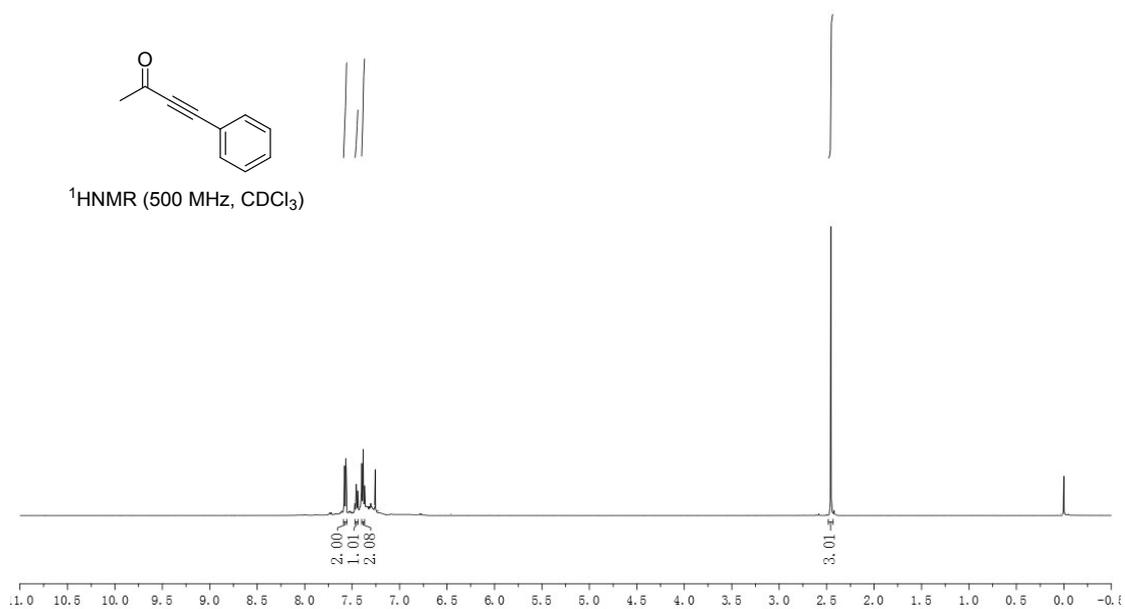
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