

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Selective Catalytic Hoffmann N-Alkylation of Poor Nucleophilic Amines and Amides with Catalytic Amounts of Alkyl Halides

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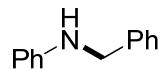
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## Experimental

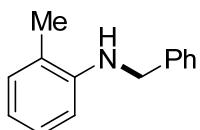
**General.** Unless otherwise noted, all chemicals were purchased and used without further purification. The aniline hydrobromide salt PhNH<sub>2</sub>•HBr was prepared from the reaction of aniline and HBr (33 wt% in HOAc) and dried under vacuum before use. All the reactions were carried out in sealed 20 mL Schlenk tubes under an air or under a nitrogen atmosphere, heated at the given temperatures as indicated in the tables, and then monitored by TLC and/or GC-MS. All the products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether (PE) and ethyl acetate (EA) as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the products were recorded on a Bruker Avance III AV500 instrument (500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy) using CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as the solvent. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were referred to internal Me<sub>4</sub>Si (0 ppm) as the standard. Mass spectra were measured on a Shimadzu GC-MS-QP2010 Plus spectrometer (EI). HRMS (ESI) analysis was measured on a Bruker micrOTOF-Q II instrument.

### Typical Procedure for Alkyl Halides-Catalyzed Hoffmann N-Alkylation of Primary Amines

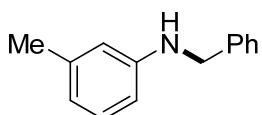
**with Primary Alcohols.** The mixture of benzyl alcohol **1a** (0.21 mL, 2.0 mmol), aniline **2a** (0.26 mL, 3.0 mmol), and benzyl bromide (18 µL, 0.15 mmol, 7.5 mol%) was sealed under air in a 20 mL Schlenk tube, stirred at 160 °C for 24 h, and then monitored by TLC and/or GC-MS. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was directly purified, without any workup, through a silica gel column using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as the eluent, giving *N*-benzylaniline **3a** in 82% isolated yield.



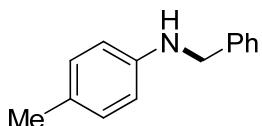
**N-Benzyl aniline (3a).** Colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.35-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.71-6.68 (m, 1H), 6.61-6.59 (m, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.97 (b, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 148.1, 139.4, 129.2, 128.6, 127.4, 127.2, 117.5, 112.8, 48.2. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 184 (7), 183 (47), 182 (18), 181 (4), 180 (6), 106 (18), 104 (10), 92 (9), 91 (100), 89 (3), 78 (4), 77 (23), 65 (20), 63 (4), 51 (11). This compound was known: Xu, Q.; Li, Q.; Zhu, X.; Chen, J. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2013**, 355, 73-80.



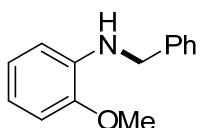
**N-Benzyl 2-methylaniline (3b).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.44-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 3.90 (b, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  146.1, 139.5, 130.1, 128.6, 127.5, 127.2, 127.1, 121.9, 117.2, 110.0, 48.3, 17.5. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 198 (12), 197 (73), 196 (22), 120 (15), 118 (10), 106 (17), 92 (9), 91 (100), 77 (7), 65 (16). This compound was known: Kataoka, N.; Shelby, Q.; Stambuli, J. P.; Hartwig, J. F. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 5553-5566



**N-Benzyl 3-methylaniline (3c).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.35-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.05 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.45-6.42 (m, 2H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.83 (b, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.2, 139.6, 139.0, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 127.1, 118.5, 113.6, 110.0, 48.3, 21.6. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 198 (16), 197 (100), 196 (49), 194 (5), 180 (3), 120 (26), 118 (8), 92 (9), 91 (99), 89 (3), 77 (6), 65 (15). This compound was known: Raghuvanshi, D. S.; Gupta, A. K.; Singh, K. N. *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 4326-4329.

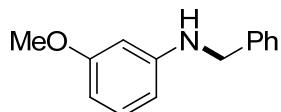


**N-Benzyl 4-methylaniline (3d).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.37-7.22 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.88 (b, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.9, 139.7, 129.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.7, 113.0, 48.7, 20.3. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 198 (15), 197 (99), 196 (38), 195 (4), 194 (6), 120 (23), 118 (8), 106 (4), 92 (8), 91 (100), 89 (3), 79 (4), 77 (8), 65 (13). This compound was known: Xu, Q.; Li, Q.; Zhu, X.; Chen, J. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2013**, *355*, 73-80.

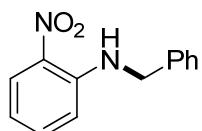


**N-Benzyl 2-methoxyaniline (3e).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.37-7.18 (m, 5H), 6.84-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.68-6.65 (m, 1H), 6.58 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (b,

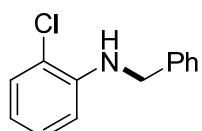
1H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  146.8, 139.6, 138.1, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 121.3, 116.6, 110.1, 109.4, 55.4, 48.0. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 214 (14), 213 (86), 212 (15), 199 (5), 198 (30), 196 (5), 180 (3), 136 (10), 122 (5), 121 (5), 120 (15), 106 (8), 104 (3), 94 (11), 93 (5), 92 (17), 91 (100), 77 (10), 65 (19), 52 (4), 51 (4). This compound was known: Cano, R.; Yus, M.; Ramón, D. J. *Tetrahedron*, **2011**, *67*, 8079-8085.



**N-Benzyl 3-methoxyaniline (3f).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.36-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.28-6.23 (m, 2H), 6.18 (t,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.9, 149.6, 139.3, 130.0, 128.6, 127.5, 127.2, 106.0, 102.8, 98.9, 55.0, 48.3. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 214 (15), 213 (100), 212 (55), 211 (7), 210 (6), 196 (5), 168 (5), 136 (26), 134 (5), 107 (5), 92 (11), 91 (89), 77 (7), 65 (13). This compound was known: Sydnes, M. O.; Kuse, M.; Isobe, M. *Tetrahedron*, **2008**, *64*, 6406-6414.

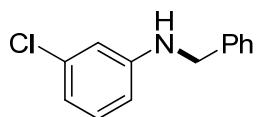


**N-Benzyl 2-nitroaniline (3g).** Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.41 (brs, 1H), 8.17 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 6H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.65-6.62 (m, 1H), 4.52 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.2, 137.3, 136.1, 132.2, 128.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.7, 115.6, 114.1, 47.0. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 228 (23), 210 (9), 195 (9), 194 (15), 182 (6), 181 (28), 180 (31), 168 (11), 152 (7), 119 (6), 106 (7), 105 (66), 104 (7), 92 (13), 91 (100), 78 (5), 77 (12), 65 (19), 51 (5). This compound was known: Kommi, D. N.; Kumar, D.; Bansal, R.; Chebolu, R.; Chakraborti, Asit, K. *Green Chem.* **2012**, *14*, 3329-3335.

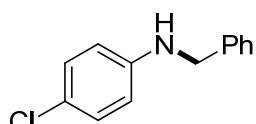


**N-Benzyl 2-chloroaniline (3h).** Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.37-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.64-6.61 (m, 2H), 4.73 (b, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.9, 138.8, 129.1, 128.7, 127.8, 127.3, 127.2, 119.1, 117.4, 111.5, 47.9. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 219 (16), 218 (11), 217 (49), 216 (14), 180 (4), 140 (8), 138 (5), 111 (3), 92 (8), 91 (100), 77 (6), 65 (10). This compound was known: Zhang, M.; Yang, H.;

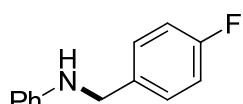
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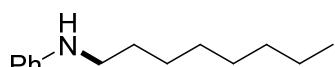
**N-Benzyl 3-chloroaniline (3i).** Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.05 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68-6.66(m, 1H), 6.61 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 4.10 (b, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  149.3, 138.8, 135.1, 130.2, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 117.4, 112.3, 111.1, 48.1. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 219 (15), 218 (11), 217 (48), 216 (13), 140 (8), 92 (8), 91 (100), 77 (5), 65 (10). This compound was known: Yu, X.; Liu, C.; Jiang, L.; Xu, Q. *Org. Lett.* **2011**, 13, 6184-6187.



**N-Benzyl 4-chloroaniline (3j).** Yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 4.07 (b, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.6, 138.9, 129.0, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 122.2, 114.0, 48.4. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 219 (17), 218 (11), 217 (52), 216 (9), 140 (7), 138 (5), 111 (5), 92 (8), 91 (100), 77 (4), 75 (3), 65 (9), 52 (3), 51 (18), 50 (3). This compound was known: Xu, Q.; Li, Q.; Zhu, X.; Chen, J. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2013**, 355, 73-80.



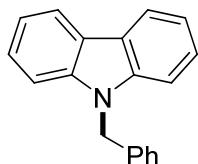
**N-(4-Fluorobenzyl) aniline (3k).** Brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.01 (t,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.73-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.99 (b, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  162.1 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 244.3 Hz), 147.9, 135.1 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.1 Hz), 129.3, 128.9 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 8.0 Hz), 117.8, 115.4 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.3 Hz), 112.9, 47.6. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 202 (8), 201 (55), 200 (10), 110 (8), 109 (100), 106 (7), 83 (10), 77 (9), 51 (4). This compound was known: Du, Y.; Oishi, S.; Saito, S. *Chem.- Eur. J.* **2011**, 17, 12262-12267.



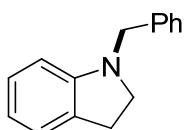
**N-Octyl aniline (3l).** Brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.66 (m, 1H), 6.60-6.58 (m, 2H), 3.54 (b, 1H), 3.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.27 (m, 10H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  148.5, 129.2, 117.1, 112.7, 44.0,

31.8, 29.6, 29.4, 29.2, 27.2, 22.6, 14.1. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 105 (10), 107 (8), 106 (100), 93 (3), 79 (5), 77 (8). This compound was known:-Shimizu, K. I.; Imaiida, N.; Kon, K.; Hakim Siddiki, S. M. A.; Satsuma, A. *ACS Catal.* **2013**, *3*, 998-1005.

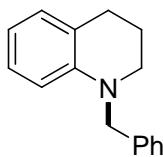
**Typical Procedure for Alkyl Halides-Catalyzed Hoffmann N-Alkylation of Secondary Amines with Primary Alcohols.** The mixture of benzyl alcohol **1a** (0.16 mL, 1.5 mmol) , 9H-carbazole (0.1670 g, 1 mmol), and benzyl bromide (12  $\mu$ L, 0.1 mmol, 10 mol%) was sealed under air in a 20 mL Schlenk tube, stirred at 160 °C for 24 h, and then monitored by TLC and/or GC-MS. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was directly purified, without any workup, through a silica gel column using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as the eluent, giving 9-benzyl carbazole **5a** in 76% isolated yield.



**9-Benzyl carbazole (5a).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 5.50 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  140.7, 137.2, 128.8, 127.4, 126.4, 125.8, 123.1, 120.4, 119.2, 108.9, 46.6. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 158 (19), 257 (93), 256 (4), 254 (6), 180 (9), 166 (10), 152 (4), 140 (8), 139 (5), 128 (4), 92 (8), 91 (100), 65 (9). This compound was known: Sueki, S.; Kuninobu, Y. *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 1544-1547.

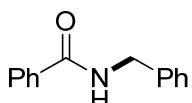


**1-Benzyl indoline (5b).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.35-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 2H), 3.27 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  152.5, 138.4, 128.4, 127.2, 127.0, 124.4, 117.6, 107.0, 53.6, 53.5, 28.5. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 210 (7), 209 (46), 208 (11), 207 (8), 133 (3), 132 (31), 130 (4), 119 (3), 118 (29), 117 (12), 92 (13), 91 (100), 90 (5), 89 (7), 77 (6), 65 (21), 63 (4), 51 (4). This compound was known: Kubo, T.; Katoh, C.; Yamada, K.; Okano, K.; Tokuyama, H.; Fukuyama, T. *Tetrahedron*, **2008**, *64*, 11230-11236.

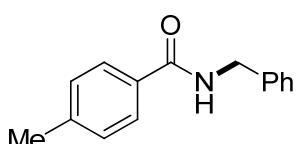


**1-Benzyl 2,3,4-trihydroquinoline (5c).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.32-7.21 (m, 5H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.57 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.36 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.03-1.99 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.6, 139.0, 128.6, 127.2, 126.7, 126.6, 122.2, 115.8, 111.0, 55.2, 49.9, 28.2, 22.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 224 (18), 223 (100), 222 (18), 147 (8), 133 (4), 132 (47), 131 (10), 130 (19), 118 (6), 117 (16), 115 (4), 111 (4), 105 (4), 92 (15), 91 (81), 89 (4), 77 (9), 70 (6), 65 (12), 61 (5). This compound was known: McGonagle, F. I.; MacMillan, D. S.; Murray, J.; Sneddon, H. F.; Jamiesona, C.; Watson, A. J. B. *Green Chem.* **2013**, *15*, 1159-1165.

**Typical Procedure for Alkyl Halides-Catalyzed Hoffmann N-Alkylation of Amides and Sulfamides with Primary Alcohols.** The mixture of benzamide (0.243 g, 2 mmol), benzyl alcohol **1a** (0.25 mL, 2.4 mmol), and benzyl bromide (95  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.8 mmol, 40 mol%) was sealed under air in a 20 mL Schlenk tube, stirred at 170 °C for 24 h, and then monitored by TLC and/or GC-MS. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was directly purified, without any workup, through a silica gel column using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as the eluent, giving *N*-benzyl benzamide **6a** in 63% isolated yield.

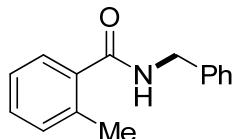


**N-Benzyl benzamide (6a).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.79-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 6.59 (bs, 1H), 4.62 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.4, 138.3, 134.5, 131.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 44.1. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 212 (11), 211 (70), 210 (27), 105 (100), 77 (54), 51 (14). This compound was known: Liu, C.; Liao, S.; Li, Q.; Feng, S.; Sun, Q.; Yu, X.; Xu, Q. *J. Org. Chem.* **2011**, *76*, 5759-5773.

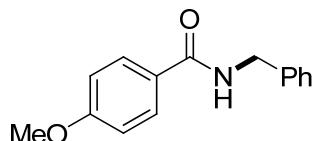


**N-Benzyl 4-methylbenzamide (6b).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.68 (d,  $J = 7.5$

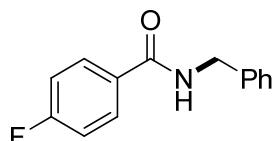
Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 4H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (bs, 1H), 4.58 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.4, 141.9, 138.5, 131.6, 129.2, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 127.1, 44.0, 21.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 226 (6), 225 (45), 194 (4), 119 (100), 91 (65), 77 (7), 65 (25), 51 (4). This compound was known: Soule, J. F.; Miyamura, H.; Kobayashi, S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 18550-18553.



**N-Benzyl 2-methylbenzamide (6c).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.24 (m, 7H), 7.17-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.32 (bs, 1H), 4.53 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.0, 138.4, 136.3, 136.1, 131.0, 129.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.5, 126.7, 125.7, 43.8, 19.8. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 226 (9), 225 (51), 194 (6), 119 (100), 91 (73), 77 (7), 65 (26), 51 (5). This compound was known: Qu, G.-R.; Song, Y.-W.; Niu, H.-Y.; Guo, H. -M.; Fossey, J. S. *RSC Advances* **2012**, *2*, 6161.

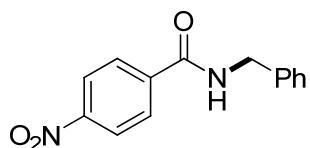


**N-Benzyl 4-methoxybenzamide (6d).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (bs, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.9, 162.3, 138.5, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 126.7, 113.8, 55.4, 44.1. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 242 (5), 241 (32), 135 (100), 107 (12), 92 (12), 77 (21), 64 (6), 51 (3). This compound was known: Soule, J. F.; Miyamura, H.; Kobayashi, S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 18550-18553.



**N-Benzyl 4-fluorobenzamide (6e).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.78 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.06 (t,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (bs, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.4, 164.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 251.3$  Hz), 138.1, 130.6, 129.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 8.8$  Hz), 128.8, 127.9, 127.8, 115.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 22.5$  Hz), 44.2. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 230 (8), 229 (51), 228 (14), 123 (100), 106 (22), 95 (40), 75 (11), 51 (5). This compound was known:

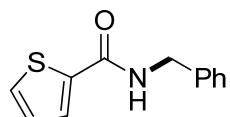
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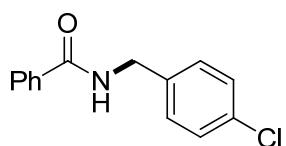
**N-Benzyl 4-nitrobenzamide (6f).** Light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.21 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 5H), 6.91 (bs, 1H), 4.61 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  165.5, 149.6, 139.9, 137.5, 128.9, 128.2, 127.9, 123.8, 44.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 257 (15), 256 (100), 255 (29), 209 (18), 150 (70), 120 (25), 106 (54), 91 (39), 79 (34), 65 (19), 51 (11). This compound was known: Soule, J. F.; Miyamura, H.; Kobayashi, S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 18550-18553.



**N-(4-Methylbenzyl) benzamide (6g).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (bs, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.5, 137.3, 135.2, 134.5, 131.5, 129.4, 128.6, 127.9, 127.0, 43.9, 21.1. This compound was known: Fan, W.; Yang, Y.; Lei, J.; Jiang, Q.; Zhou, W. *J. Org. Chem.* **2015**, *80*, 8782-8789.

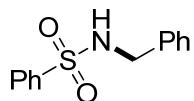


**N-Benzyl thiophene-2-carboxamide (6h).** Brown solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.54 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.00 (t,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (bs, 1H), 4.53 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.0, 139.0, 138.2, 130.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 43.9. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 218 (8), 217 (52), 111 (100), 106 (39), 91 (16), 83 (10), 77 (8), 65 (9), 51 (6). This compound was known: Wu, J.-W.; Wu, Y.-D.; Dai, J.-J; Xu, H.-J. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2014**, *356*, 2429-2436.



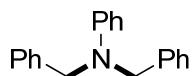
**N-(4-Chlorobenzyl) benzamide (6i).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J =$

7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 4H), 6.74 (bs, 1H), 4.56 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.5, 136.9, 134.2, 133.4, 131.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.0, 43.4. This compound was known: Fan, W.; Yang, Y.; Lei, J.; Jiang, Q.; Zhou, W. *J. Org. Chem.* **2015**, *80*, 8782-8789.

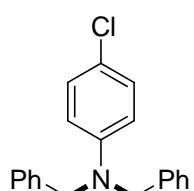


**N-Benzyl benzenesulfonamide (6l).** Brown solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 2H), 5.07 (t,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  140.0, 136.3, 132.7, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 127.9, 127.1, 47.3. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 247 (0.6), 143 (5), 141 (4), 106 (100), 91 (16), 77 (49), 51 (21). This compound was known: James, S. N.; Coster, M. J. *Tetrahedron Lett* **2015**, *56*, 2059-2061.

**Typical Procedure for Alkyl Halides-Catalyzed Hoffmann *N,N*-Di-Alkylation of Amines with Primary Alcohols.** The mixture of benzyl alcohol **1a** (0.42 mL, 4.0 mmol), aniline **2a** (90  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1 mmol), and benzyl bromide (18  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.1 mmol, 15 mol%) was sealed under air in a 20 mL Schlenk tube, stirred at 150 °C for 24 h, and then monitored by TLC and/or GC-MS. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was directly purified, without any workup, through a silica gel column using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as the eluent, giving *N,N*-dibenzyl aniline **4a** in 86% isolated yield.

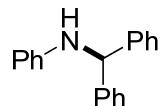


**N,N-Dibenzyl aniline (4a).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.68 (m, 3H), 4.65 (s, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  149.2, 138.6, 129.2, 128.6, 126.9, 126.7, 116.7, 112.5, 54.2. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 274 (6), 273 (29), 196 (12), 182 (15), 181 (9), 180 (7), 104 (13), 92 (10), 91 (100), 77 (25), 65 (17), 51 (7). This compound was known: Nguyen, Q. P. B.; Kim, T. H. *Tetrahedron* **2013**, *69*, 4938-4943.

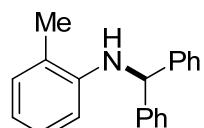


**N,N-Dibenzyl 4-chloroaniline (4b).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.32-7.20 (m, 10H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.63-6.61 (m, 2H), 4.61 (s, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  147.7, 138.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.0, 126.6, 113.8, 54.5. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 307 (23), 230 (6), 216 (9), 215 (6), 138 (8), 111 (10), 92 (12), 91 (100), 77 (7), 65 (17). This compound was known: Xiao, Q.; Tian, L.; Tan, R.; Xia, Y.; Qiu, D.; Zhang, Y.; Wang, J. *Org. Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 4230-4233.

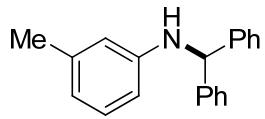
**Typical Procedure for Alkyl Halides-Catalyzed Hoffmann N-Alkylation of Primary Amines with Secondary and Tertiary Alcohols.** The mixture of benzohydrol **7a** (0.185 g, 1.0 mmol), aniline **2a** (0.13 mL, 1.5 mmol), and benzhydryl bromide (0.0247 g, 0.1 mmol, 10 mol%) was sealed under  $\text{N}_2$  in a 20 mL Schlenk tube, stirred at 120 °C for 24 h, and then monitored by TLC and/or GC-MS. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was directly purified, without any workup, through a silica gel column using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as the eluent, giving *N*-benzhydryl aniline **8a** in 85% isolated yield.



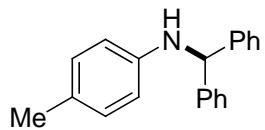
**N-Benzhydryl aniline (8a).** Colourless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.58-7.45 (m, 10H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.75-6.73 (m, 2H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.42 (br, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  147.2, 142.8, 129.0, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 117.6, 113.4, 62.9. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 260 (4), 259 (20), 182 (4), 180 (3), 168 (14), 167 (100), 166 (10), 165 (27), 164 (2), 163 (2), 153 (3), 152 (17), 77 (8). This compound was known: Yu, A.; Wu, Y.; Cheng, B.; Wei, K.; Lia, J. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2009**, *351*, 767-771.



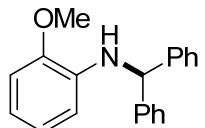
**N-Benzhydryl 2-methylaniline (8b).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.35-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.62 (m, 1H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 4.06 (b, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.2, 143.1, 129.9, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 122.0, 117.3, 111.3, 62.8, 17.6. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 274 (4), 273 (20), 196 (2), 168 (15), 167 (100), 166 (9), 165 (23), 153 (2), 152 (15), 91 (5), 77 (2), 65 (3). HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N} ([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$ : 274.1590; found: 274.1585.



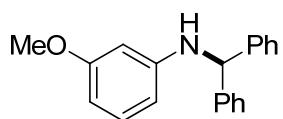
**N-Benzhydryl 3-methylaniline (8c).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.35-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.15 (b, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  147.4, 143.1, 138.8, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 118.6, 114.4, 110.5, 63.0, 21.6. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 274 (5), 273 (22), 196 (4), 168 (15), 167 (100), 166 (8), 165 (22), 152 (14), 91 (5), 65 (3). This compound was known: Yu, A.; Wu, Y.; Cheng, B.; Wei, K.; Lia, J. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2009**, *351*, 767-771.



**N-Benzhydryl 4-methylaniline (8d).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.36-7.29 (m, 8H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.10 (br, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.1, 143.1, 129.6, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 113.6, 63.3, 20.3. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 274 (5), 273 (25), 196 (3), 194 (2), 168 (15), 167 (100), 166 (9), 165 (25), 153 (2), 152 (15), 91 (5), 77 (3), 65 (2). This compound was known: Yu, A.; Wu, Y.; Cheng, B.; Wei, K.; Lia, J. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2009**, *351*, 767-771.

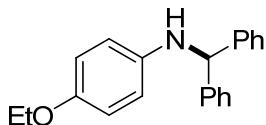


**N-Benzhydryl 2-methoxyaniline (8e).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.37-7.20 (m, 10H), 6.77 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73-6.69 (m, 1H), 6.64 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.86 (br, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  146.8, 143.1, 137.3, 128.7, 127.4, 127.2, 121.1, 116.7, 111.2, 109.3, 62.9, 55.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 290 (6), 289 (28), 212 (3), 196 (3), 168 (14), 167 (100), 166 (8), 165 (22). This compound was known: Singer, R. A.; Doré, M.; Sieser, J. E.; Berliner, M. A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2006**, *47*, 3727-3731.

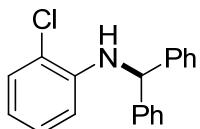


**N-Benzhydryl 3-methoxyaniline (8f).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.34-7.23 (m, 8H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26-6.24 (m, 1H), 6.16-6.14 (m, 1H), 6.09 (t,  $J$

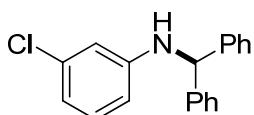
= 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.24 (b, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.6, 148.7, 142.8, 129.8, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 106.6, 102.9, 99.6, 63.0, 54.9. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 290 (6), 289 (26), 168 (15), 167 (100), 166 (8), 165 (21), 152 (14). This compound was known: Mukhopadhyay, P. P.; Miyata, O.; Naito, T. *Synlett* **2007**, 1403-1406.



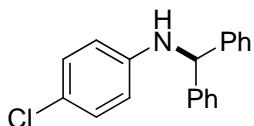
**N-Benzhydryl 4-ethoxyaniline (8g).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.37-7.22 (m, 10H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 3.91 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  151.5, 143.2, 141.6, 128.7, 127.4, 127.2, 115.6, 114.6, 64.0, 63.8, 15.0. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 304 (8), 303 (32), 168 (16), 167 (100), 166 (7), 165 (20), 153 (3), 152 (14), 108 (5), 78 (3), 70 (3), 63 (3). HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 304.1696; found: 304.1702.



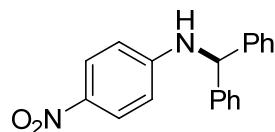
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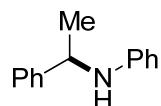
**N-Benzhydryl 3-chloroaniline (8i).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.31-7.23 (m, 10H), 6.98 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.52-6.50 (m, 1H), 6.39-6.37 (m, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.29 (b, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  148.4, 142.3, 134.8, 130.1, 128.8, 127.5, 127.4, 117.6, 113.3, 111.6, 62.8. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 293 (8), 168 (14), 167 (100), 166 (7), 165 (21), 152 (15). HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 294.1044; found: 294.1050.



**N-Benzhydryl 4-chloroaniline (8j).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.32-7.22 (m, 10H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.24 (b, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.8, 142.5, 128.9, 128.8, 127.5, 127.4, 122.3, 114.6, 63.1. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 293 (9), 168 (14), 167 (100), 166 (6), 165 (23), 152 (14), 111(3), 77(3). HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 294.1044; found: 294.1050. This compound was known: Yu, A.; Wu, Y.; Cheng, B.; Wei, K.; Lia, J. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2009**, *351*, 767-771.



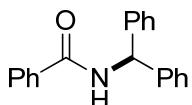
**N-Benzhydryl 4-nitroaniline (8k).** Yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.03 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 10H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.63 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (b, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  152.1, 141.1, 138.6, 129.0, 128.0, 127.4, 126.2, 112.1, 62.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 304 (4), 207 (5), 168 (17), 167 (100), 166 (9), 152 (16), 107 (4), 88 (5), 73 (4), 70 (6), 76 (6), 61 (6). This compound was known: Zhu, A.; Li, L.; Wang, J.; Zhuo, K.; *Green Chem.* **2011**, *13*, 1244-1250.



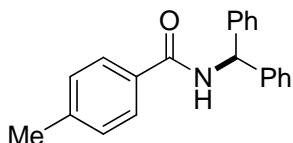
**N-(1-Phenylethyl) aniline (8l).** Brown oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.36-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.63 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.50-6.49 (m, 2H), 4.47 (q,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (br, 1H), 1.49 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  147.2, 145.2, 129.1, 128.6, 126.8, 125.8, 117.2, 113.3, 53.4, 24.9. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 198 (7), 197 (45), 183 (14), 182 (100), 180 (6), 120 (8), 106 (6), 105 (71), 104 (18), 103 (10), 93 (46), 92 (7), 91 (13), 79 (13), 77 (32), 51 (7). This compound was known: Sato, S.; Sakamoto, T.; Miyazawa, E.; Kikugawa, Y. *Tetrahedron*, **2004**, *60*, 7899-7906.

**Typical Procedure for Alkyl Halides-Catalyzed Hoffmann N-Alkylation of Amides with Secondary and Tertiary Alcohols.** The mixture of benzamide (0.243 g, 2 mmol), benzohydrol **7a** (0.443 g, 2.4 mmol), and benzhydryl bromide (0.0494 g, 0.2 mmol, 10 mol%) was sealed under air in a 20 mL Schlenk tube, stirred at 90 °C for 24 h, and then monitored by TLC and/or GC-MS. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was directly purified, without any workup,

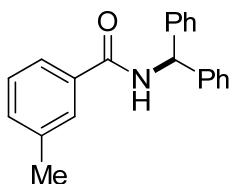
through a silica gel column using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as the eluent, giving *N*-benzhydryl benzamide **10a** in 97% isolated yield.



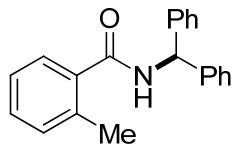
**N-Benzhydryl benzamide (10a).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.81 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 10H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.5, 141.5, 134.3, 131.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 57.5. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 289 (2), 288 (15), 287 (65), 210 (10), 182 (29), 152 (8), 105 (100), 77 (62), 51 (14). This compound was known: Li, L.; Zhu, A.; Zhang, Y.; Fan, X.; Zhang, G. *RSC Adv.* **2014**, *4*, 4286-4291.



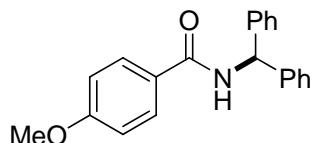
**N-Benzhydryl 4-methylbenzamide (10b).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.71 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 10H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.5, 142.2, 141.6, 131.4, 129.3, 128.7, 127.5, 127.1, 57.4, 21.5. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 302 (14), 301 (60), 182 (7), 167 (100), 119 (69), 91 (43), 77 (10), 65 (13), 51 (4). This compound was known: Yu, H.; Shen, J. *Org. Lett.* **2014**, *16*, 3204-3207.



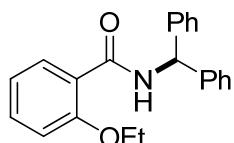
**N-Benzhydryl 3-methylbenzamide (10c).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.60 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.20 (m, 12H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.9, 141.6, 138.5, 134.3, 132.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 124.2, 57.4, 21.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 302 (14), 301 (55), 182 (37), 165 (25), 119 (100), 104 (23), 91 (52), 65 (17), 51 (5). This compound was known: Yu, H.; Shen, J. *Org. Lett.* **2014**, *16*, 3204-3207.



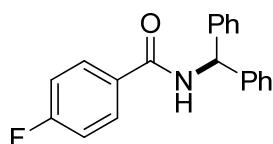
**N-Benzhydryl 2-methylbenzamide (10d).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.38 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 11H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.5, 141.5, 134.3, 131.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 57.5. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 302 (15), 301 (62), 182 (8), 167 (100), 152 (11), 119 (77), 104 (13), 91 (43), 77 (10), 51 (4). This compound was known: Yu, H.; Shen, J. *Org. Lett.* **2014**, *16*, 3204-3207.



**N-Benzhydryl 4-methoxybenzamide (10e).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 10H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.0, 162.4, 141.7, 128.9, 128.7, 127.5, 126.5, 113.8, 57.4, 55.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 318 (8), 317 (36), 182 (33), 165 (14), 152 (5), 135 (100), 104 (10), 92 (10), 77 (24), 64 (4), 51 (4). This compound was known: Beisel, T.; Manolikakes, G. *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 6046-6049.

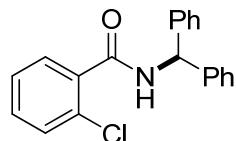


**N-Benzhydryl 2-ethoxybenzamide (10f).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.78 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.23 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 8H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.04 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.08 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.4, 157.2, 142.3, 132.9, 132.5, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 121.34, 121.29, 112.3, 64.8, 57.6, 14.7. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 332 (16), 331 (58), 182 (100), 149 (37), 121 (78), 104 (21), 77 (15), 65 (18), 51 (5). HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ): 332.1645; found: 332.1649.

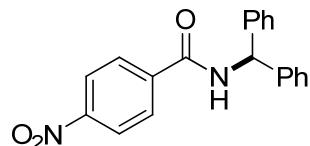


**N-Benzhydryl 4-fluorobenzamide (10g).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}$ ):  $\delta$  9.32 (d,

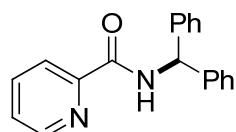
$J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.24 (m, 12H), 6.42 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.9, 163.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 247.5$  Hz), 142.2, 130.8, 130.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 8.8$  Hz), 128.3, 127.6, 127.0, 115.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 22.5$  Hz), 56.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 306 (16), 305 (70), 228 (11), 182 (31), 165 (30), 152 (7), 123 (100), 104 (35), 77 (13), 51 (5). This compound was known: Wang, Z.; Zhang, Y.; Fu, H.; Jiang, Y.; Zhao, Y. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 1863-1866.



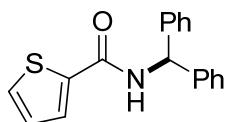
**N-Benzhydryl 2-chlorobenzamide (10h).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.71 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 13H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  165.4, 141.2, 134.7, 131.5, 130.7, 130.6, 130.3, 128.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 57.9. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ): 322.0993; found: 322.0995.



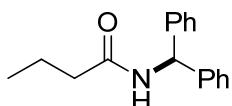
**N-Benzhydryl 4-nitrobenzamide (10i).** Light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.24 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 10H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.6, 149.7, 140.8, 139.8, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 127.5, 123.8, 57.9. This compound was known: Beisel, T.; Manolikakes, G. *Org. Lett.* **2013**, *15*, 6046-6049.



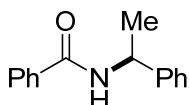
**N-Benzhydryl picolinamide (10j).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.75 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H) 7.37-7.30 (m, 9H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.46 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.5, 149.8, 148.2, 141.7, 137.4, 128.7, 127.6, 127.5, 126.3, 122.5, 57.0. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 288 (2), 211 (2), 182 (100), 165 (13), 152 (5), 106 (9), 78 (30), 51 (9). HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ): 289.1335; found: 289.1340.



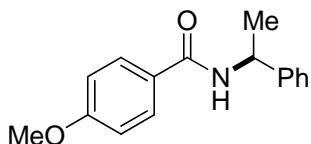
**N-Benzhydryl thiophene-2-carboxamide (10k).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.52 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.25 (m, 10H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  161.1, 141.3, 138.7, 130.2, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 127.61, 127.58, 57.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 294 (11), 293 (53), 182 (54), 165 (34), 111 (100), 83 (9), 77 (17), 51 (7). HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ): 294.0947; found: 294.0953.



**N-Benzhydryl butyramide (10l).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.29-7.18 (m, 10H), 6.56 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.16-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.58 (m, 2H), 0.91-0.87 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.2, 141.8, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 56.8, 38.6, 19.2, 13.8. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 254 (19), 253 (94), 182 (93), 167 (100), 152 (24), 106 (63), 77 (31), 51 (10). This compound was known: Liu, X.; Zhang, Y.; Wang, L.; Fu, H.; Jiang, Y.; Zhao, Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **2008**, *73*, 6207-6212.

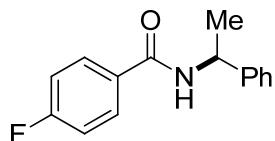


**N-(1-Phenylethyl) benzamide (10m).** Light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.35-5.29 (m, 1H), 1.58 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.6, 143.2, 134.7, 131.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.3, 49.2, 21.8. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 226 (5), 225 (29), 210 (8), 120 (8), 105 (100), 77 (45), 51 (11). This compound was known: Wang, Z.; Zhang, Y.; Fu, H.; Jiang, Y.; Zhao, Y. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 1863-1866.

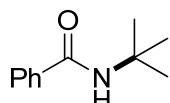


**N-(1-Phenylethyl) 4-methoxybenzamide (10n).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.25 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.34-5.28 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.57 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.2, 162.2, 143.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.3, 126.9, 126.3, 113.7, 55.4, 49.1,

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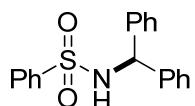


**N-(1-Phenylethyl) 4-fluorobenzamide (10o).** Light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.75 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 5.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.31-5.25 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  165.7, 164.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 248.8$  Hz), 143.2, 130.8, 129.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 8.8$  Hz), 128.7, 127.5, 126.2, 115.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 21.3$  Hz), 49.4, 21.7. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 244 (5), 243 (29), 228 (11), 123 (100), 104 (23), 95 (31), 77 (9), 51 (4). This compound was known: Wang, Z.; Zhang, Y.; Fu, H.; Jiang, Y.; Zhao, Y. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 1863-1866.



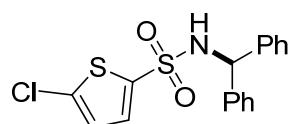
**N-t-Butyl benzamide (10p).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.9, 136.0, 131.0, 128.4, 126.7, 51.6, 28.9. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 177 (20), 162 (25), 122 (18), 105 (100), 77 (32), 51 (8). This compound was known: Yaragorla, S.; Singh, G.; Lal Saini, P.; Reddy, M. K. *Tetrahedron Lett* **2014**, *55*, 4657-4660.

**Typical Procedure for Alkyl Halides-Catalyzed Hoffmann N-Alkylation of Sulfamides with Secondary and Tertiary Alcohols.** The mixture of benzenesulfonamide (0.314 g, 2 mmol), benzohydrol **7a** (0.443 g, 2.4 mmol), and benzhydryl bromide (0.0494 g, 0.2 mmol, 10 mol%) was sealed under air in a 20 mL Schlenk tube, stirred at 130 °C for 24 h, and then monitored by TLC and/or GC-MS. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was directly purified, without any workup, through a silica gel column using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as the eluent, giving *N*-benzhydryl benzenesulfonamide **11a** in 98% isolated yield.

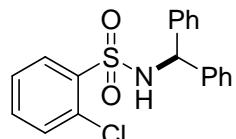


**N-Benzhydryl benzenesulfonamide (11a).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.66 (d,

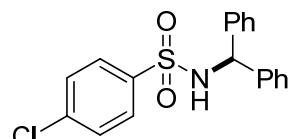
$J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 6H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 4H), 5.60 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  140.4, 132.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 61.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 323 (0.5), 322 (0.6), 246 (7), 182 (100), 152 (12), 104 (32), 77 (63), 51 (15). This compound was known: Han, F.; Yang, L.; Li, Z.; Xia, C. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2012**, 354, 1052-1060.



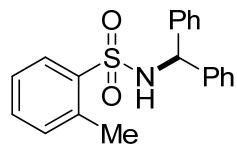
**N-Benzhydryl 5-chlorothiophene-2-sulfonamide (11b).** Light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.26-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  140.0, 139.5, 137.3, 131.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 126.4, 61.7. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 364 (1), 328 (1), 285 (6), 182 (100), 180 (53), 152 (22), 117 (4), 104 (33), 82 (3), 51 (11). HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNNaO}_2\text{S}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ): 386.0047; found: 386.0054.



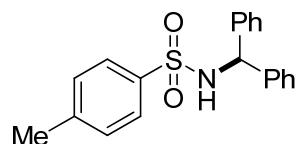
**N-Benzhydryl 2-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (11c).** Light yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.88 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd,  $J = 16.5, 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 6H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 4H), 5.69 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  139.9, 137.8, 133.4, 131.5, 131.3, 131.0, 128.5, 127.8, 127.3, 126.9, 61.8. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 357 (0.4), 280 (9), 182 (100), 167 (24), 104 (30), 77 (25), 51 (10). HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNNaO}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ): 380.0482; found: 380.0464.



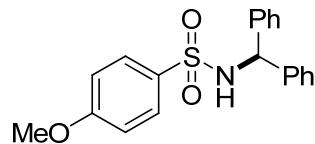
**N-Benzhydryl 4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (11d).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 8H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 4H), 5.94 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  140.2, 139.1, 138.7, 128.9, 128.62, 128.55, 127.7, 127.4, 61.5. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 357 (0.3), 280 (6), 182 (100), 167 (34), 77 (29), 51 (10). This compound was known: Wang, Z.; Zhang, Y.; Fu, H.; Jiang, Y.; Zhao, Y. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, 10,



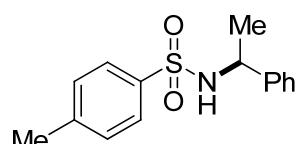
**N-Benzhydryl 2-toluenesulfonamide (11e).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.81 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.07 (m, 12H), 5.50 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  140.5, 138.2, 137.0, 132.6, 132.3, 129.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.3, 126.0, 61.4, 20.1. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 337 (0.5), 260 (5), 182 (100), 167 (23), 104 (25), 91 (35), 65 (10), 51 (70). This compound was known: Qureshi, Z. S.; Deshmukh, K. M.; Tambade, P. J. ; Dhake, K. P.; Bhanage, B. M. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2010**, 2010, 6233-6238.



**N-Benzhydryl 4-toluenesulfonamide (11f).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.54 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 6H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 6H), 5.76 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  143.1, 140.7, 137.5, 129.3, 128.5, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 61.4, 21.4. MS (EI):  $m/z$  (%) 337 (0.2), 260 (5), 182 (100), 167 (20), 104 (26), 91 (37), 77 (21), 65 (10), 51 (7). This compound was known: Li, L.; Zhu, A.; Zhang, Y.; Fan, X.; Zhang, G. *RSC Adv.* **2014**, 4, 4286-4291.



**N-Benzhydryl 4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (11g).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 6H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 4H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.48 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  161.7, 139.6, 131.1, 128.3, 127.5, 126.5, 126.4, 112.9, 60.4, 54.6. HRMS Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ): 376.0978; found: 376.0986.



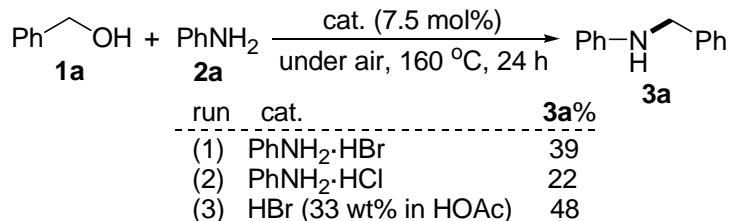
**N-(1-Phenylethyl) 4-toluenesulfonamide (11h).** White solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$

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## Control Experiments

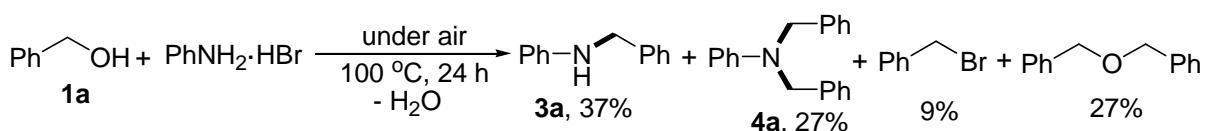
**Preparation of Aniline Hydrobromide Salt  $\text{PhNH}_2\bullet\text{HBr}$ .** To a solution of aniline **2a** (1.0 mL, 11.0 mmol) in ethyl acetate (10.0 mL) in a 50ml beaker was slowly added dropwise HBr (33 wt.% in acetic acid, 0.83 mL, 2.697 g, 11.0 mmol). Grey white solid precipitated from the mixture. The solid was then filtrated and dried under vacuum, giving 70% isolated yield of  $\text{PhNH}_2\bullet\text{HBr}$ .

### Typical Procedure for Ammonium Salts-Catalyzed N-Alkylation of Aniline with Benzyl Alcohol (eq. 6 in the text).



The mixture of benzyl alcohol **1a** (0.21 mL, 2.0 mmol), aniline **2a** (0.26 mL, 3.0 mmol), and  $\text{PhNH}_2\bullet\text{HBr}$  (0.0259 g, 0.15 mmol, 7.5 mol%) in a 20 mL Schlenk tube was sealed under air and stirred at 160 °C for 24 h. The mixture was then directly purified, without any workup, through a silica gel column using ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as the eluent, giving *N*-benzylaniline **3a** in 39% isolated yield.

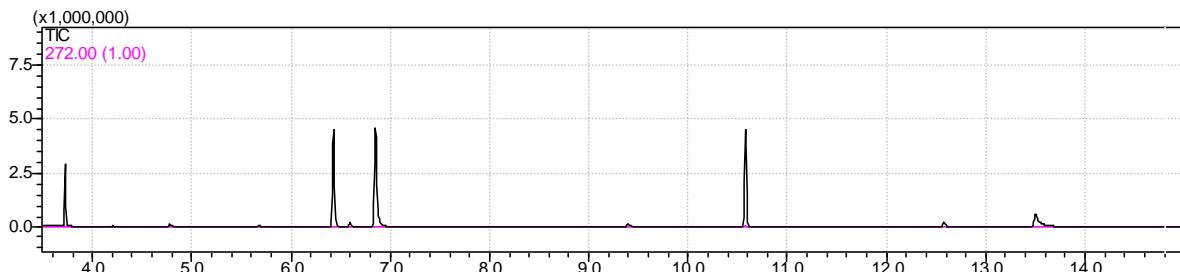
### Procedure for the Reaction of Benzyl Alcohol and $\text{PhNH}_2\bullet\text{HBr}$ (eq. 7 in the text).



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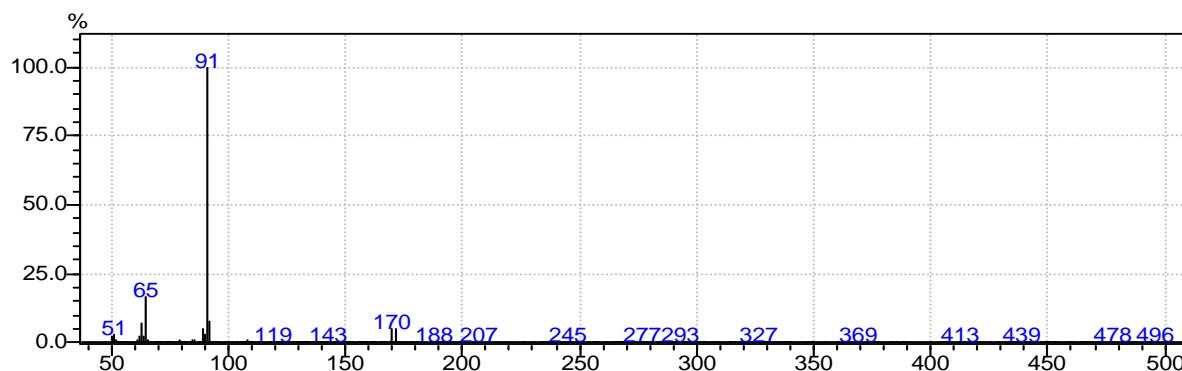
mmol) sealed in a 20 mL Schlenk tube under air was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. The reaction was then monitored by TLC and/or GC-MS. GC-MS analysis of the mixture showed that the reaction is almost complete, giving 37% yield of **3a**, 27% yield of **4a** (**3a/4a** 59/41), 9% yield of benzyl bromide PhCH<sub>2</sub>Br, as well as 27% yield of dibenzyl ether. For details see the GC-MS spectra below:

### 1. GC spectra:

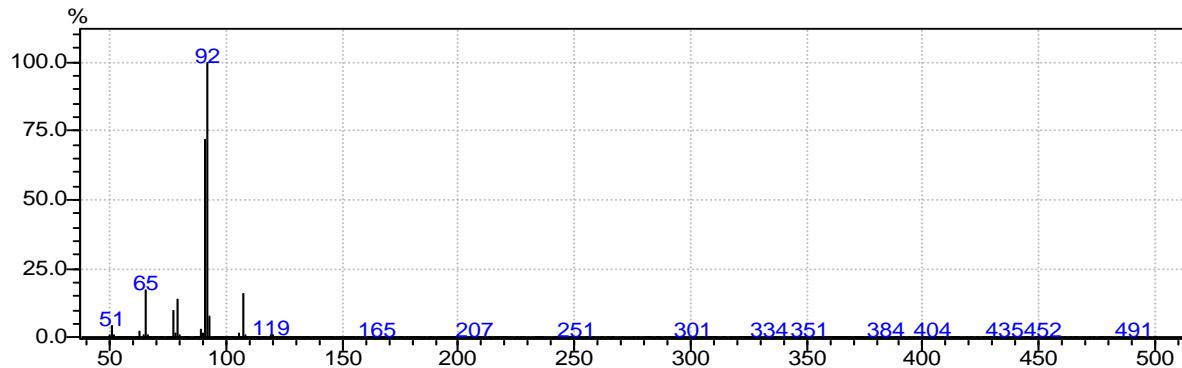


### 2. MS spectra of the peaks:

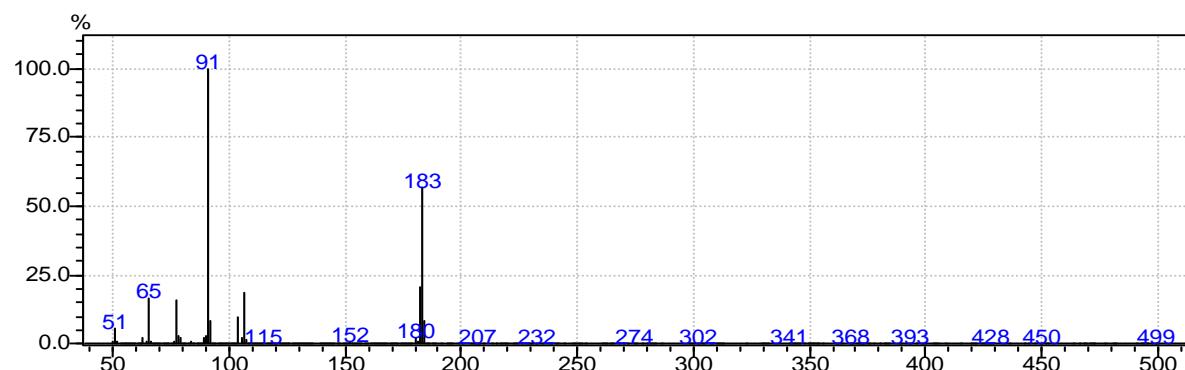
2.1 RT 3.73 min: MW 170/172, PhCH<sub>2</sub>Br, 9% GC yield:



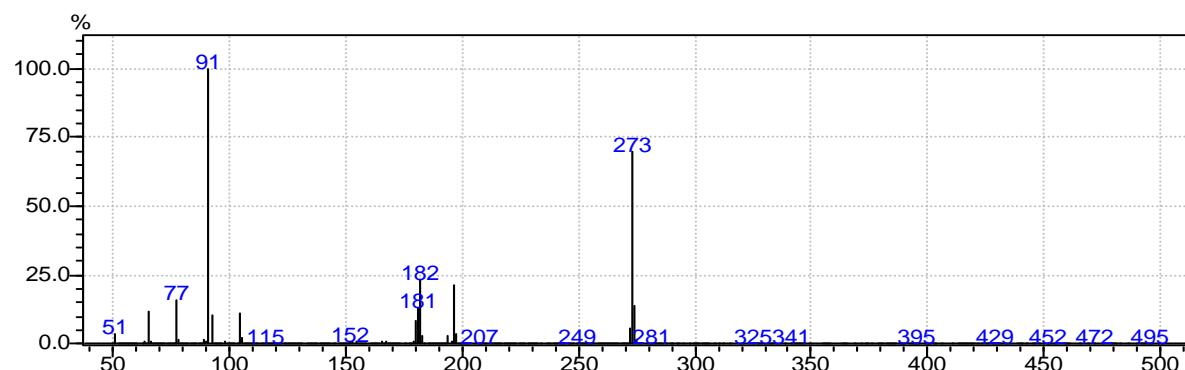
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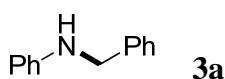
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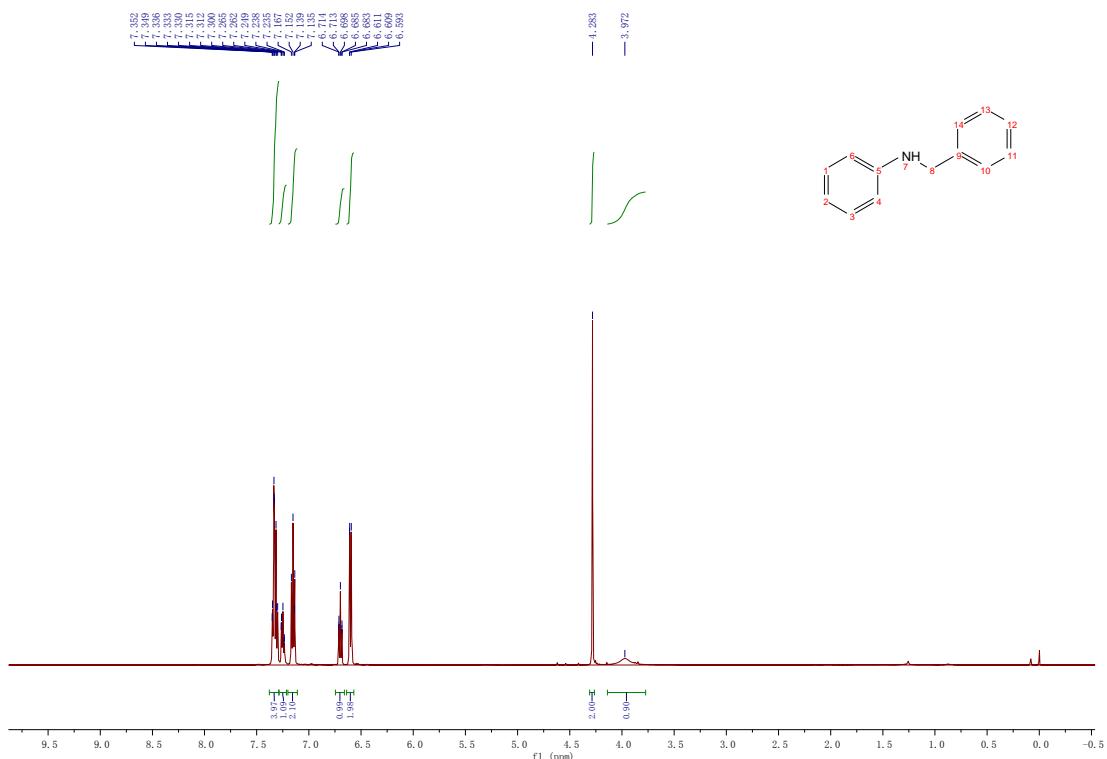
2.4 RT 10.58 min: MW 273, PhN(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>, 27% GC yield:



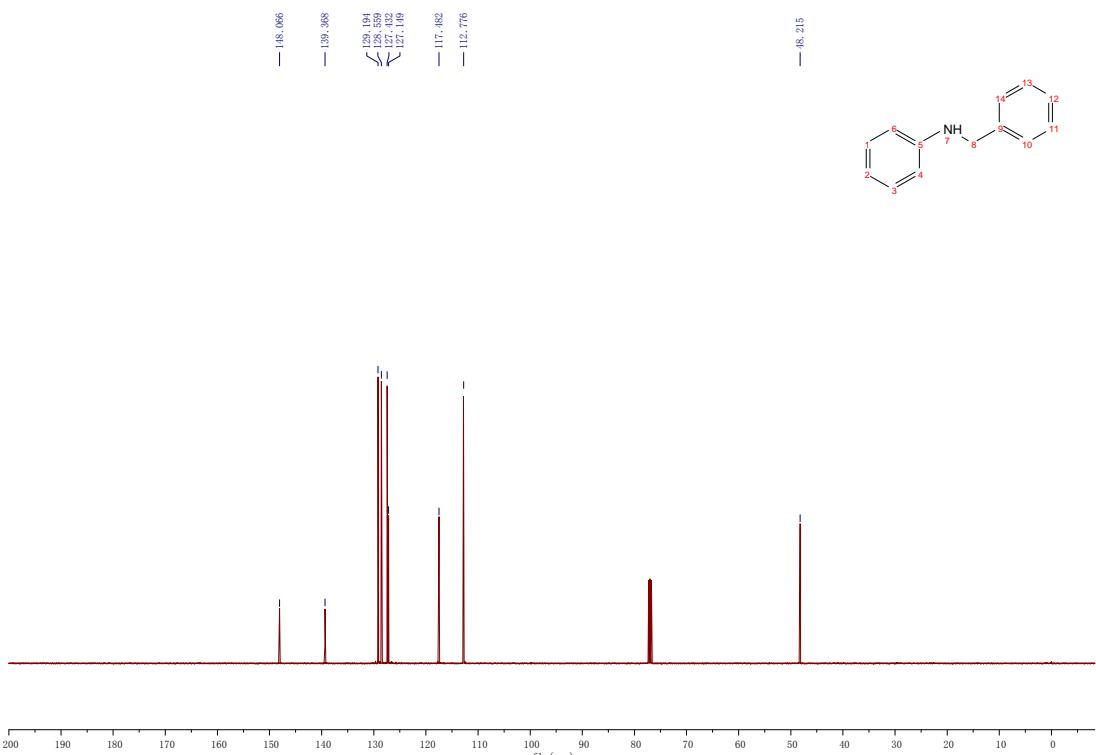
## <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of the Products

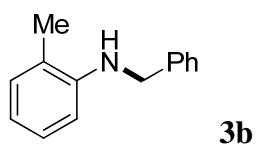


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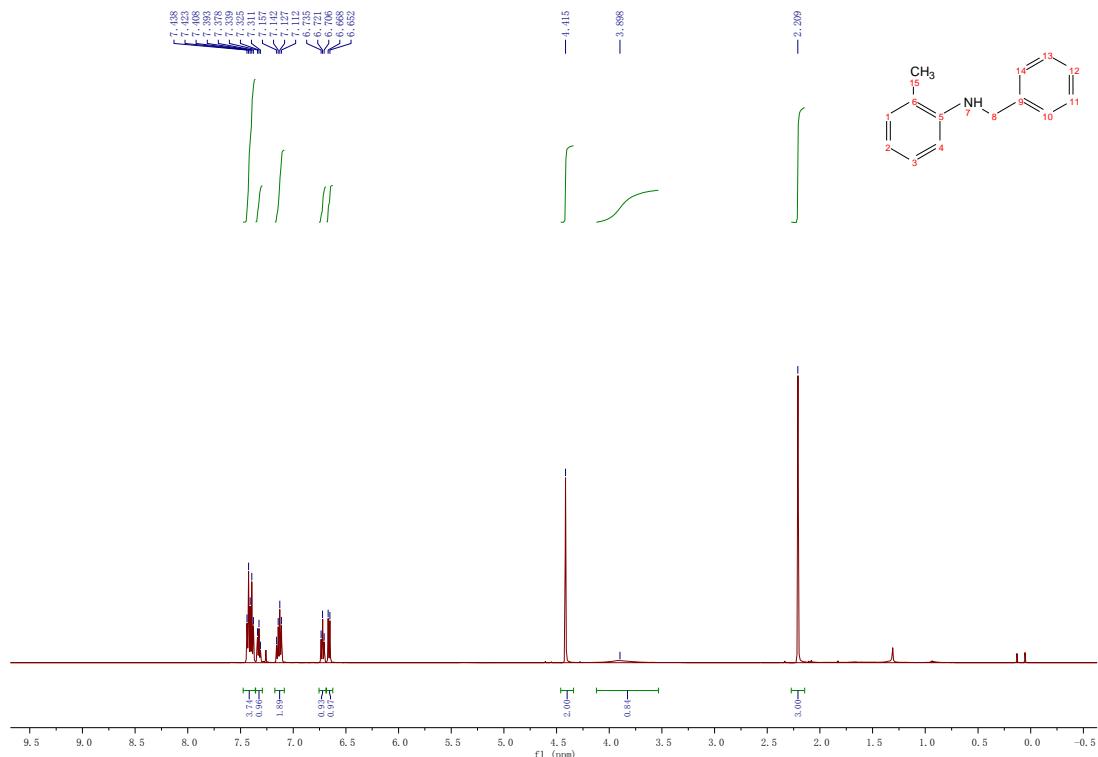
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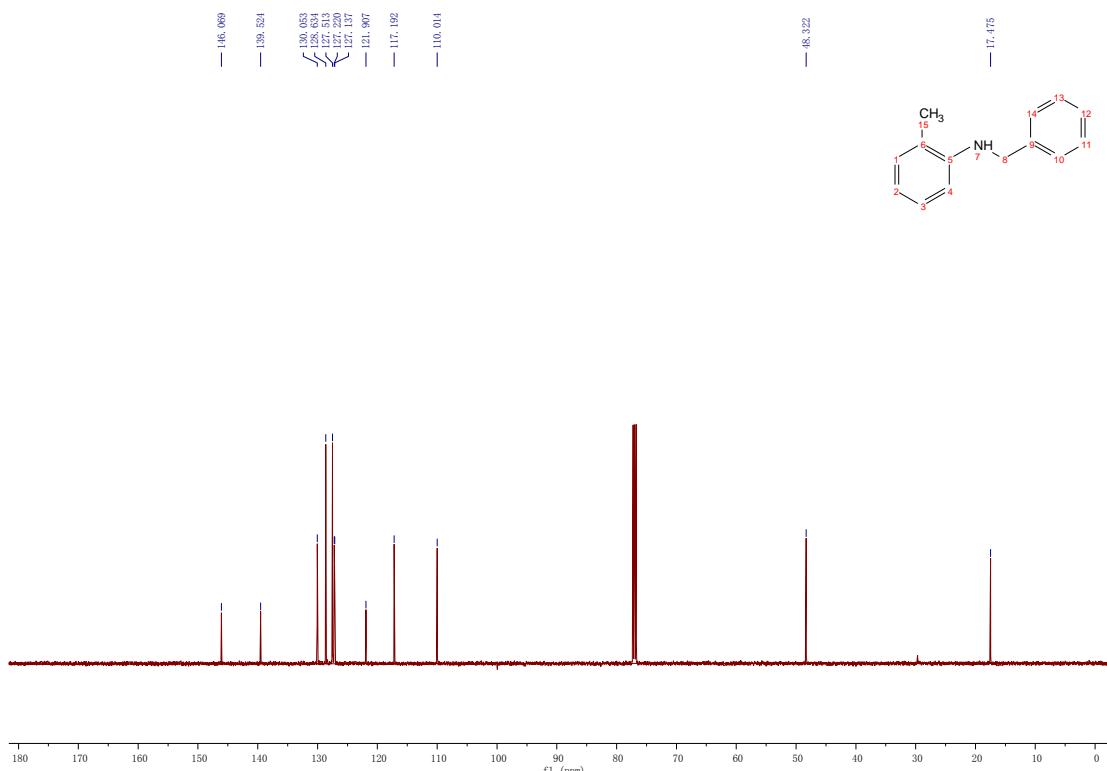


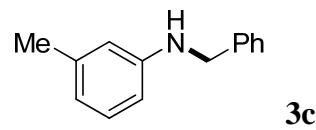
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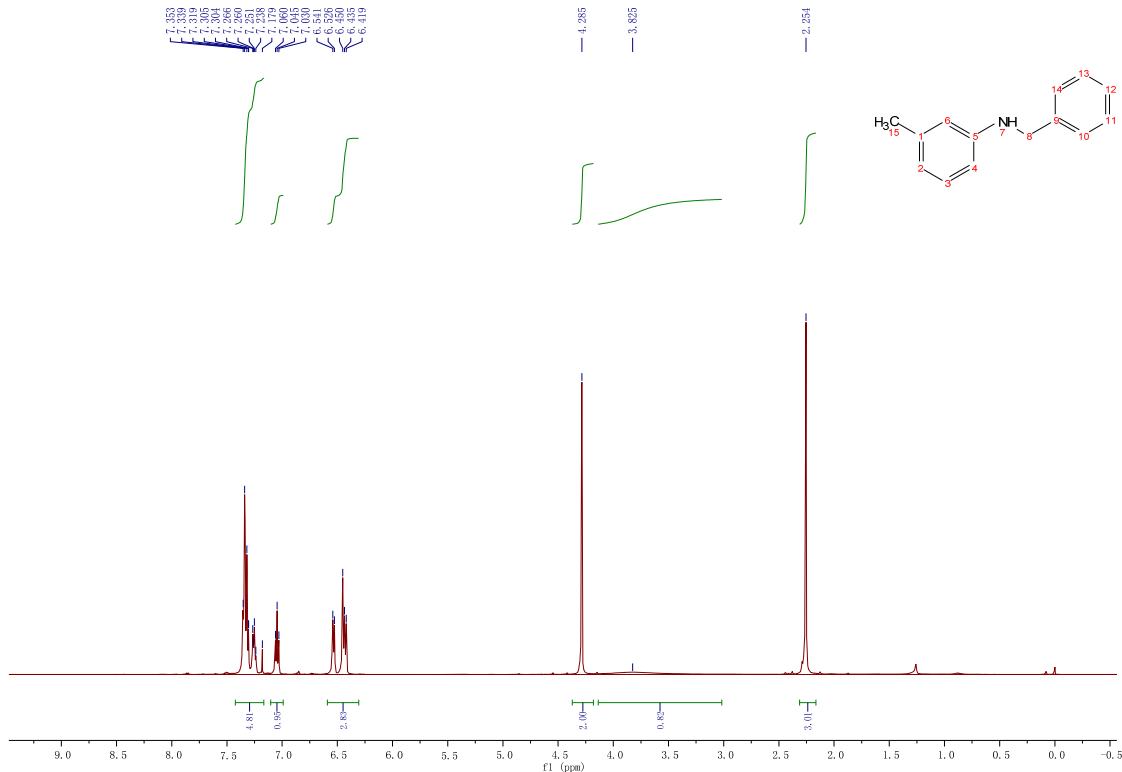


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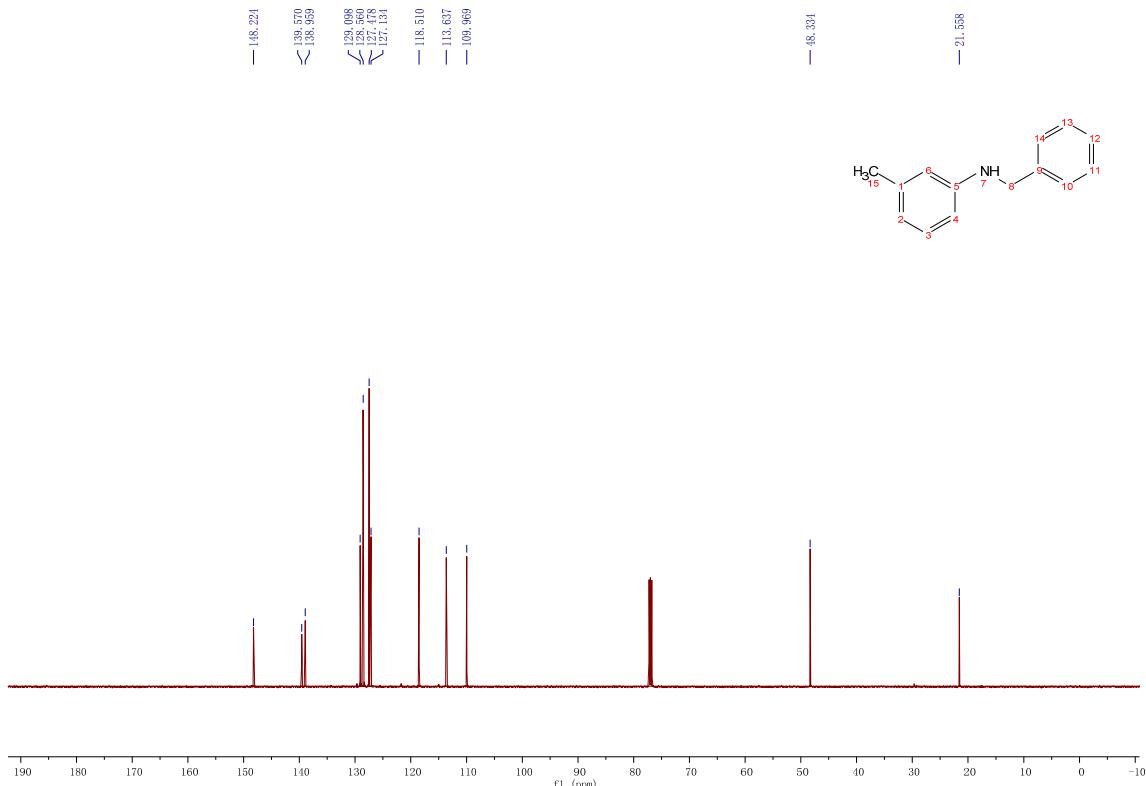


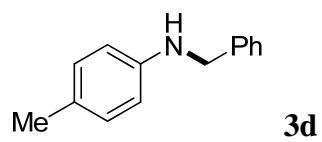


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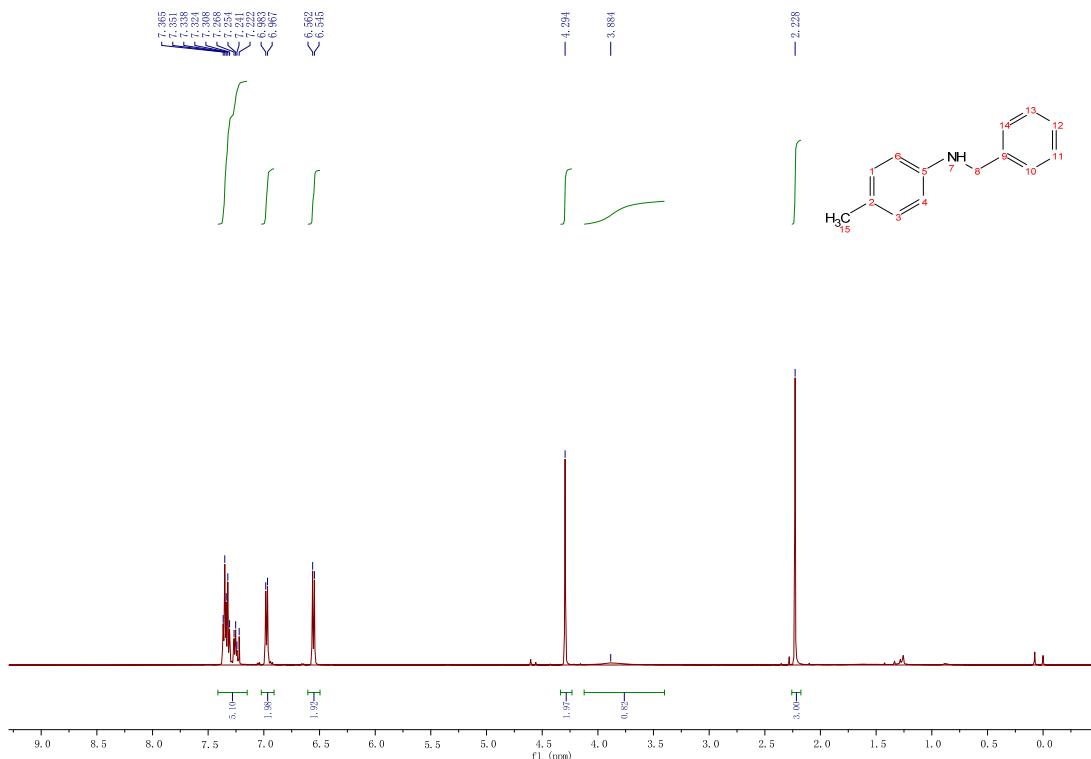


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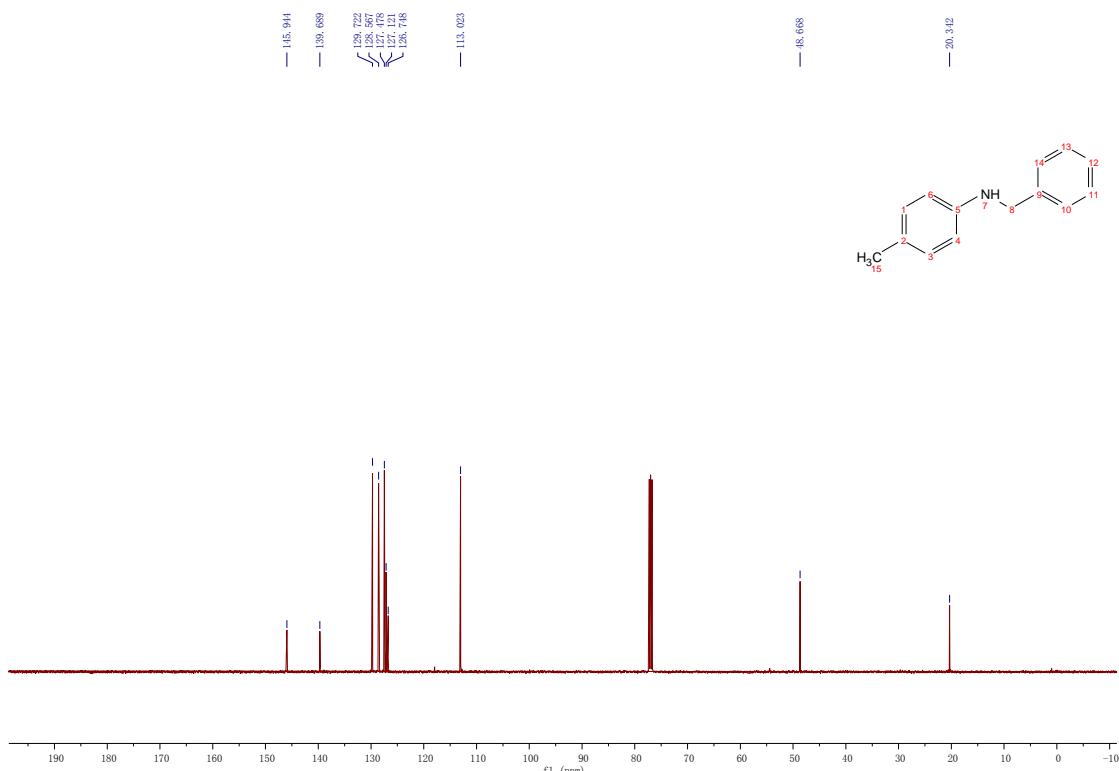


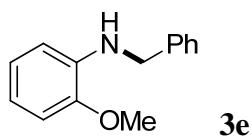


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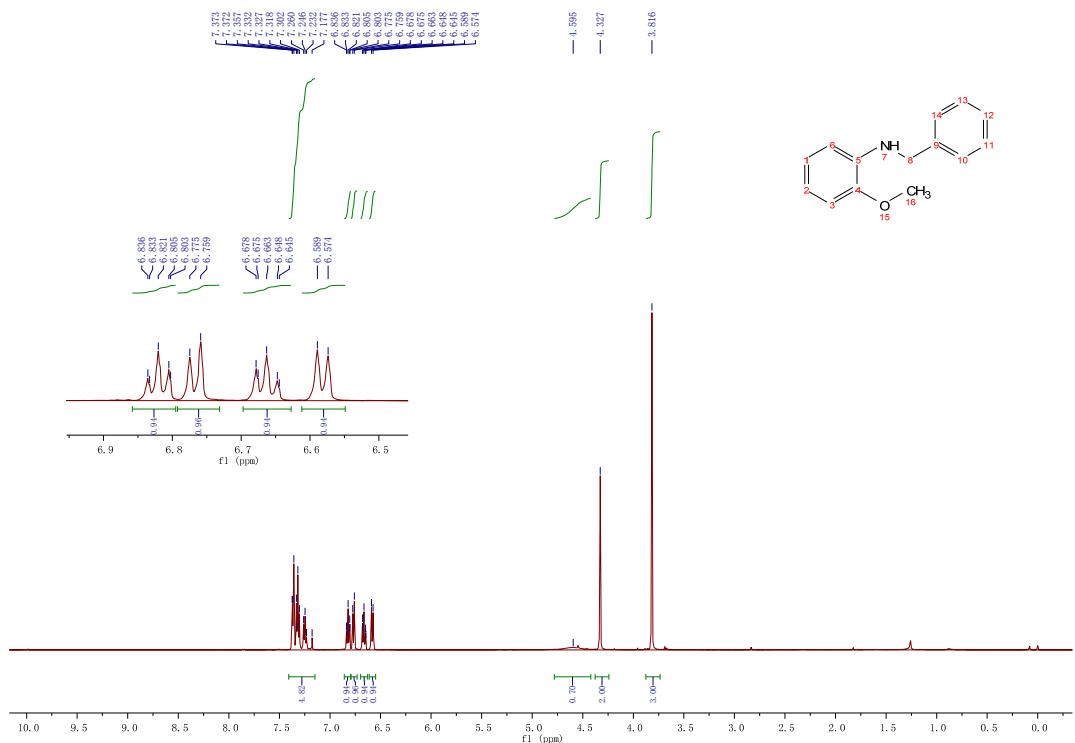


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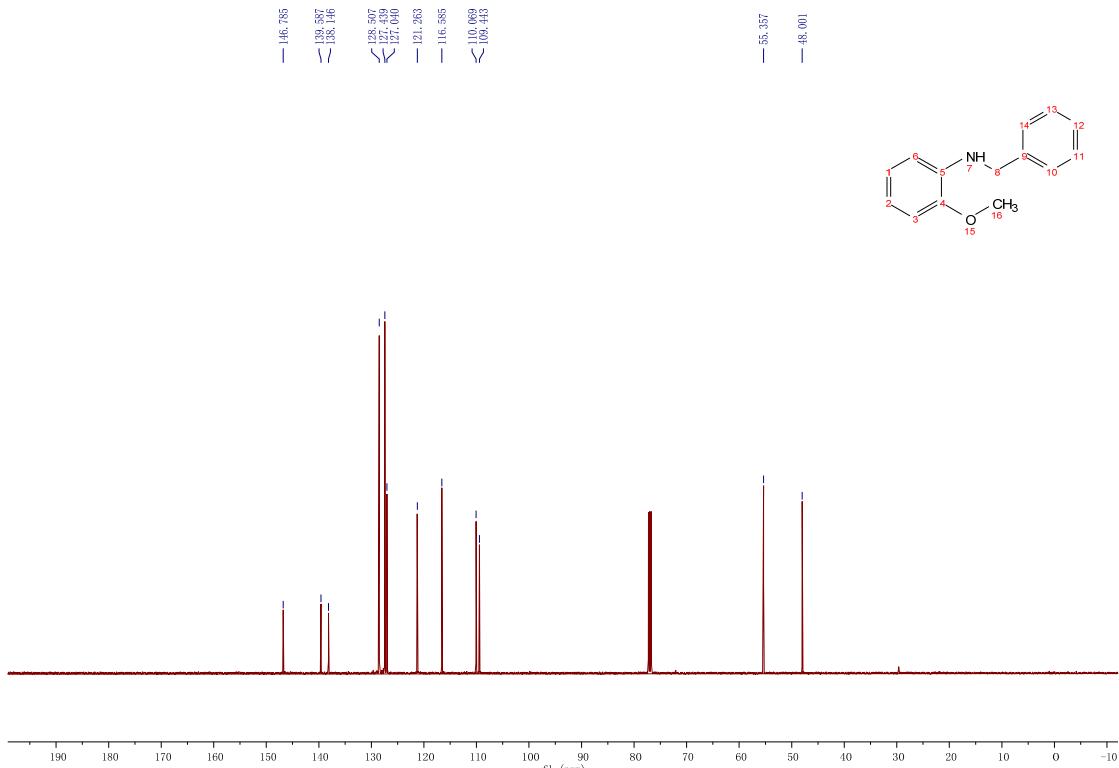


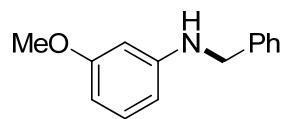


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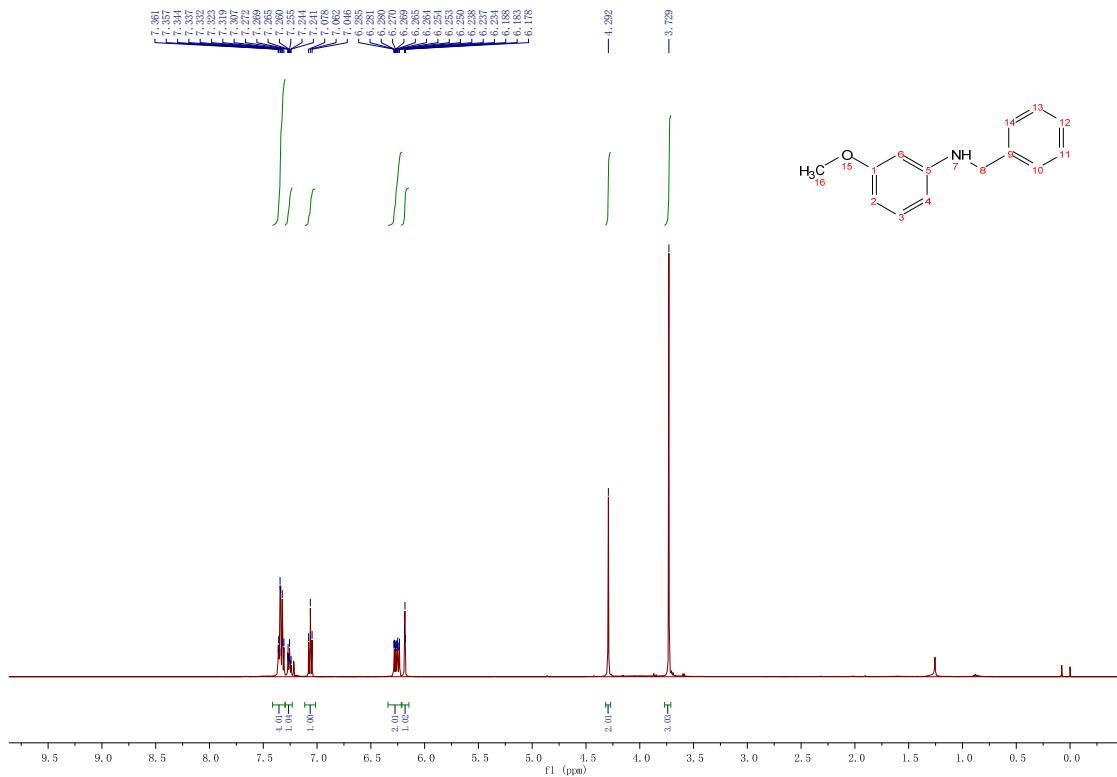
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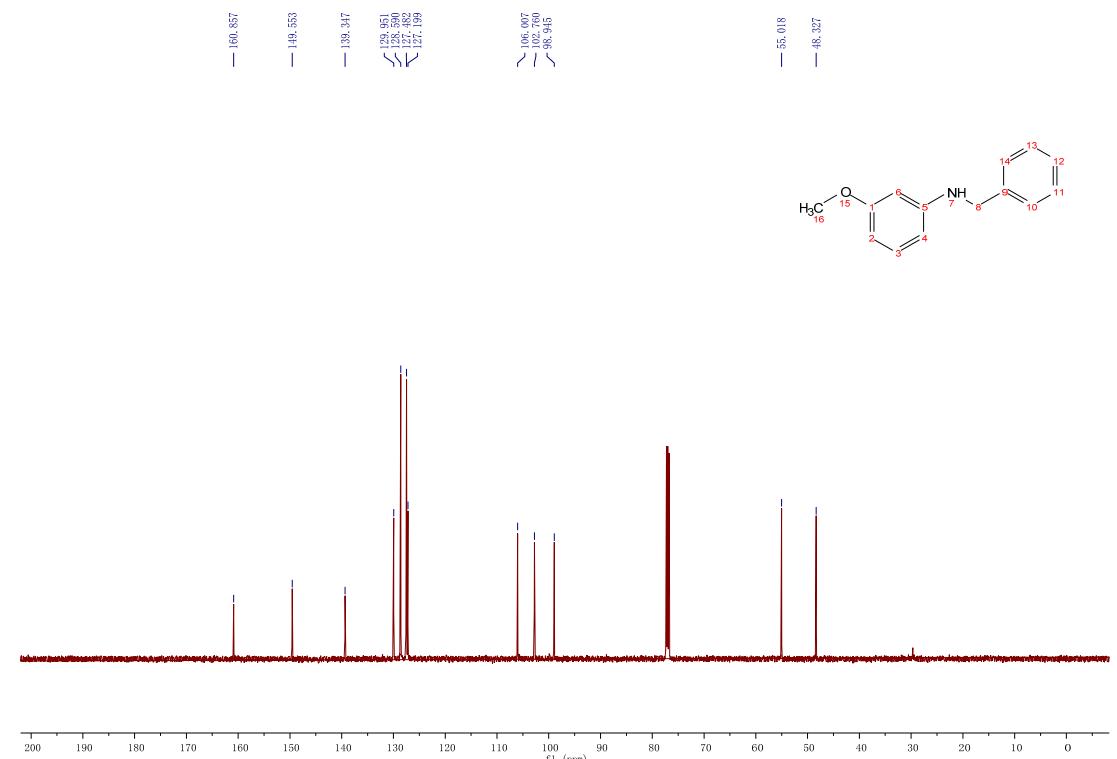


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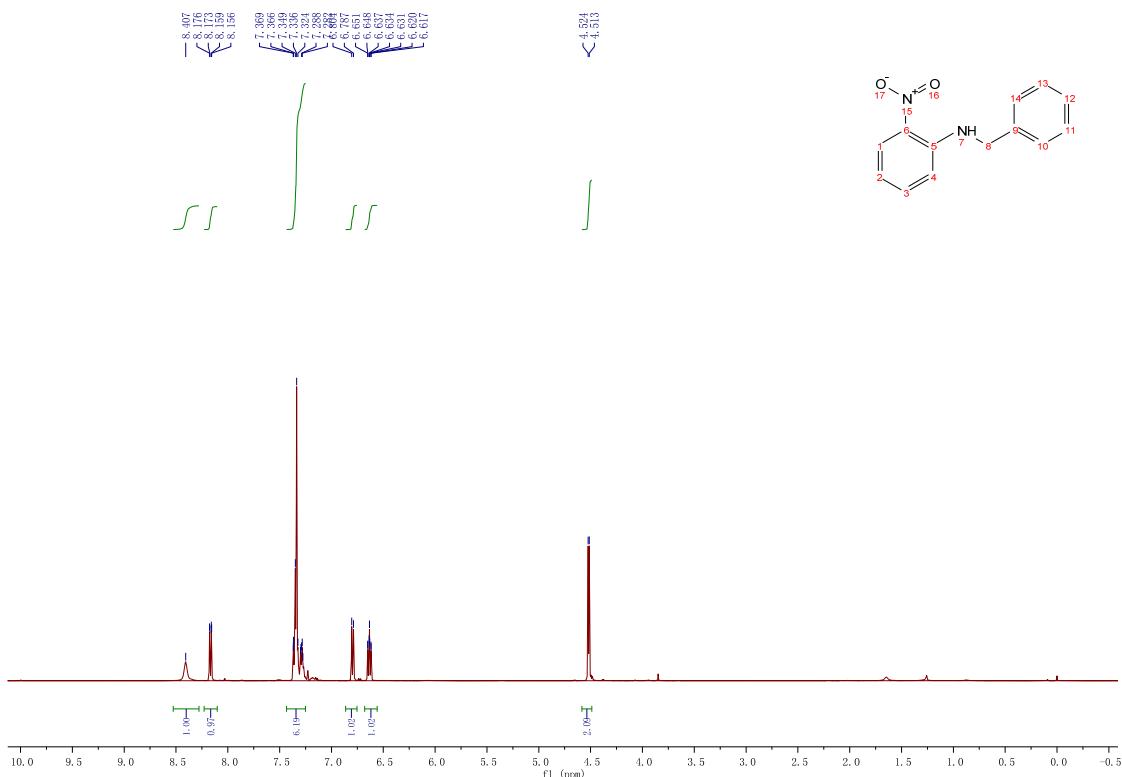
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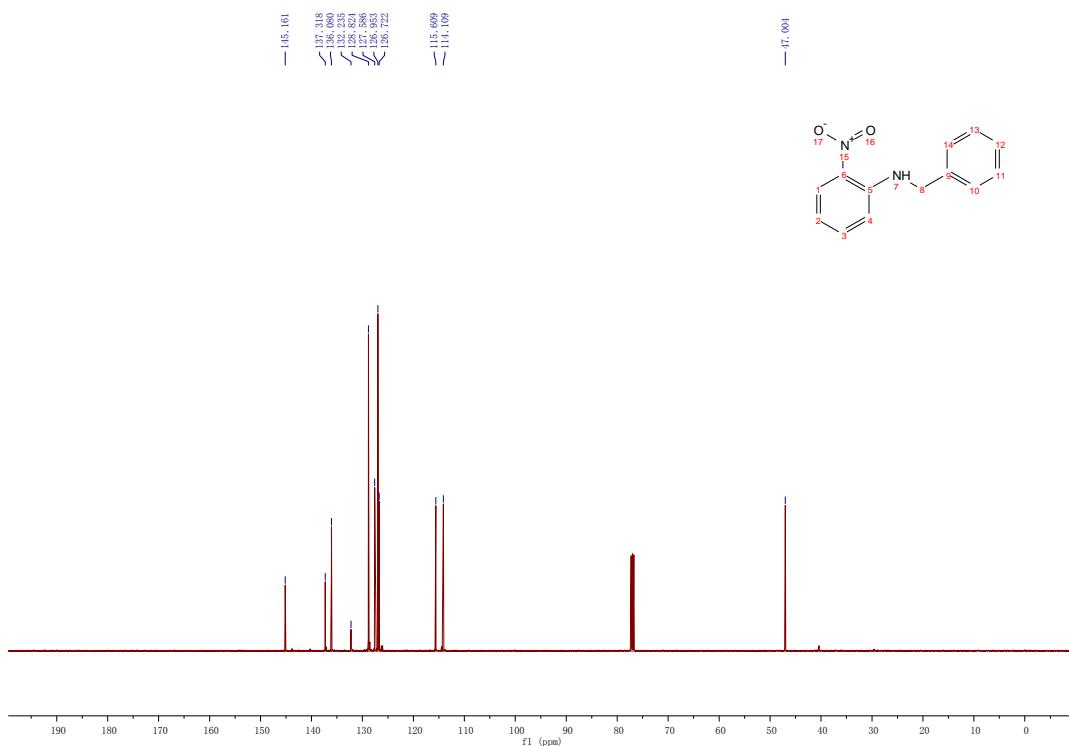


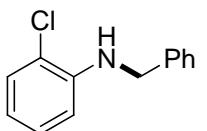
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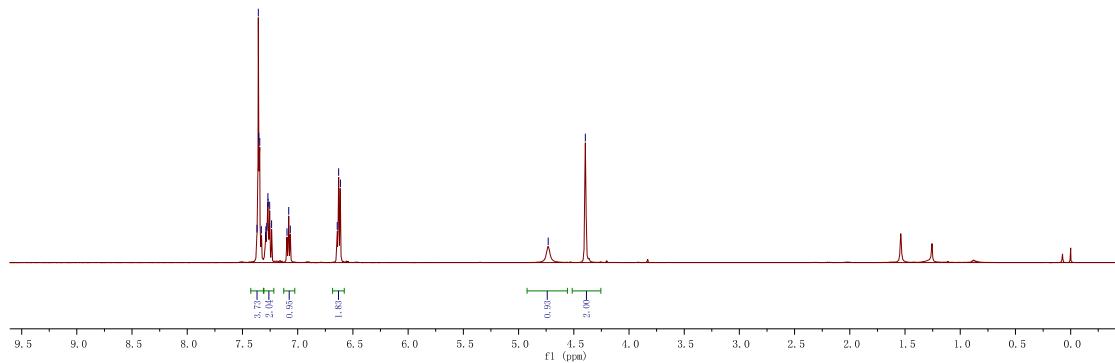
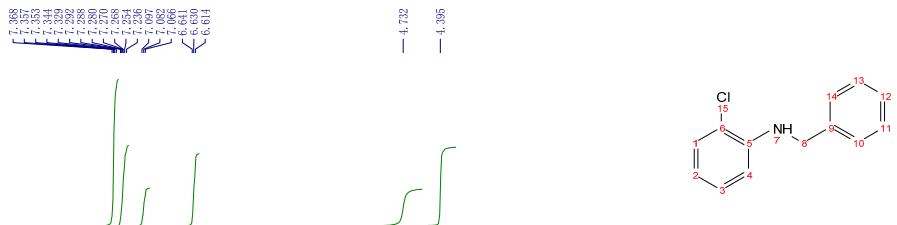
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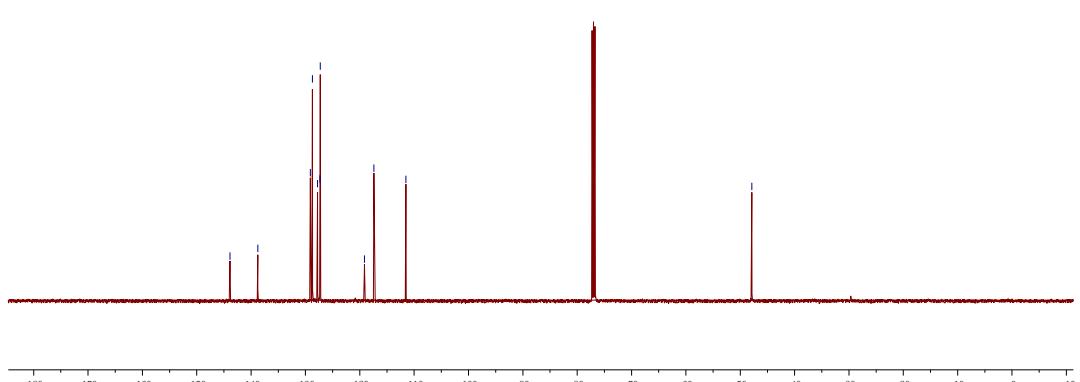


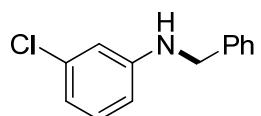
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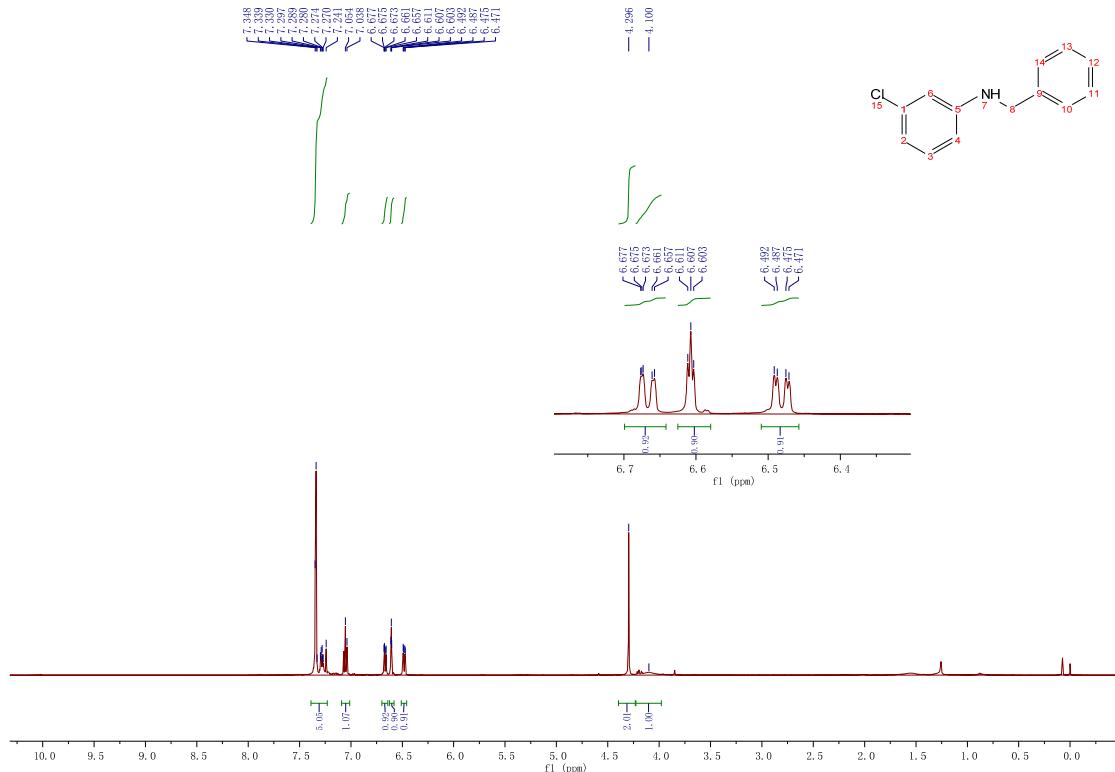
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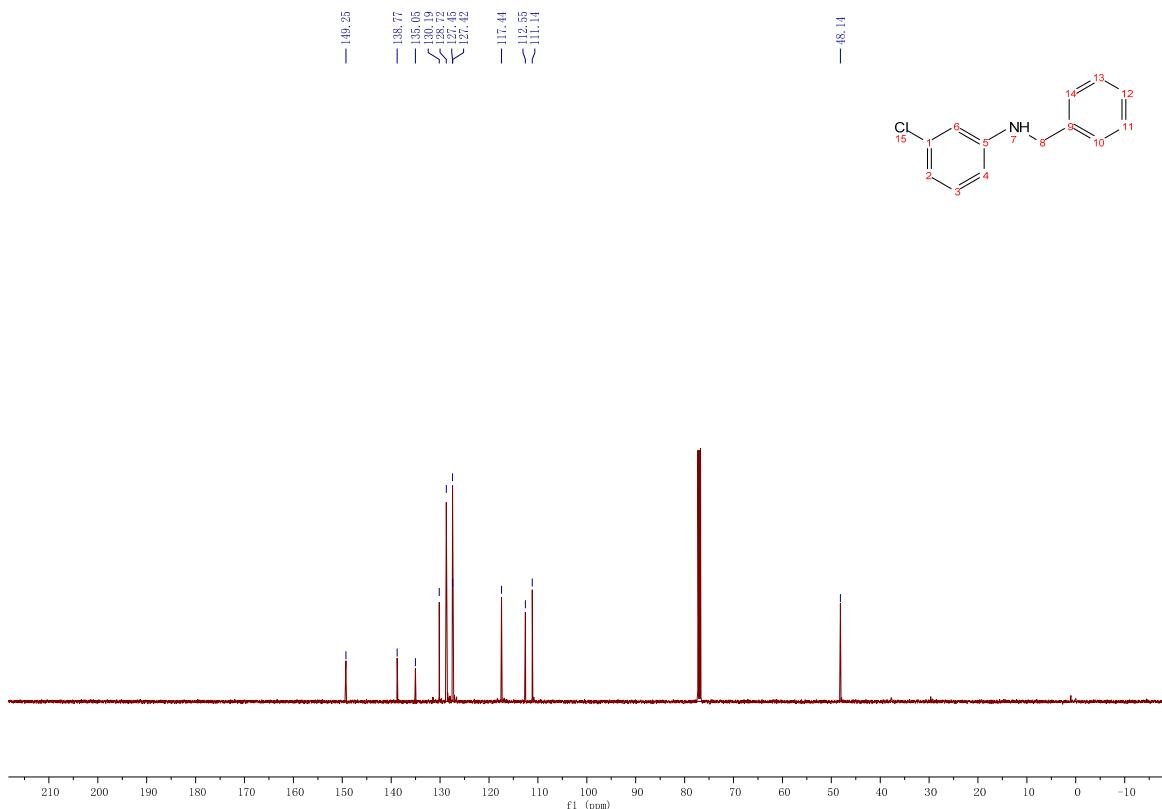


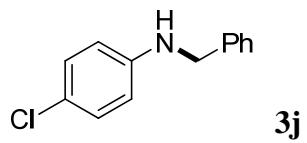
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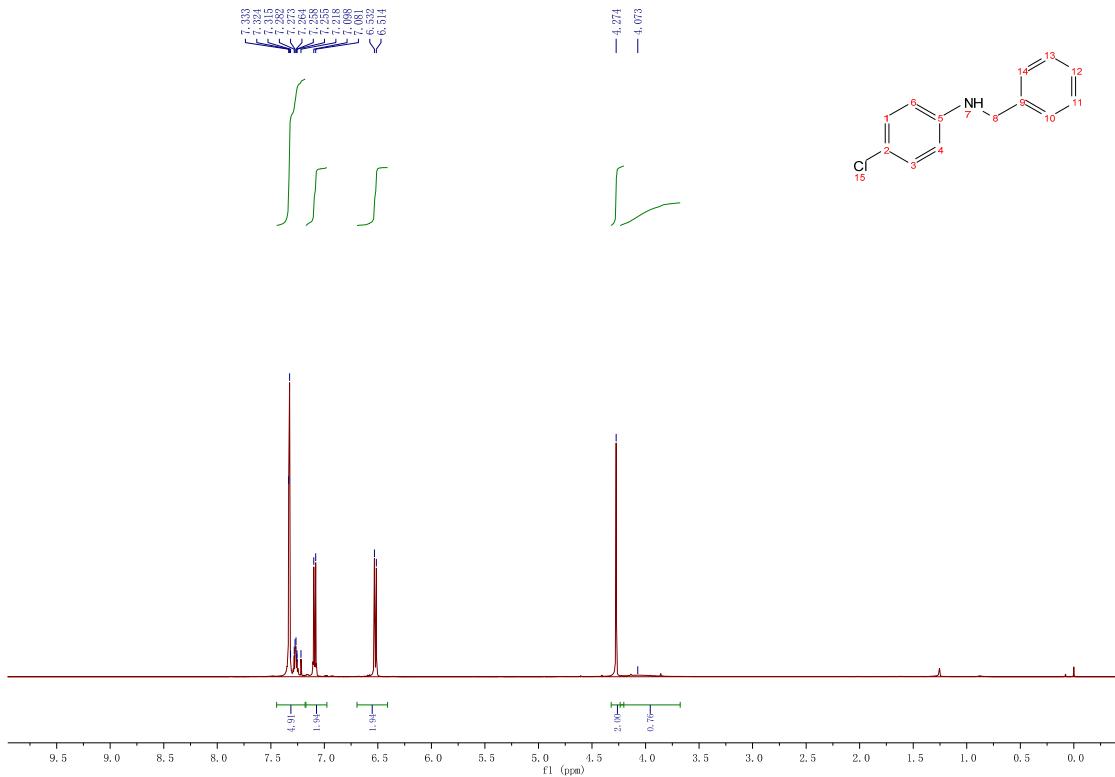


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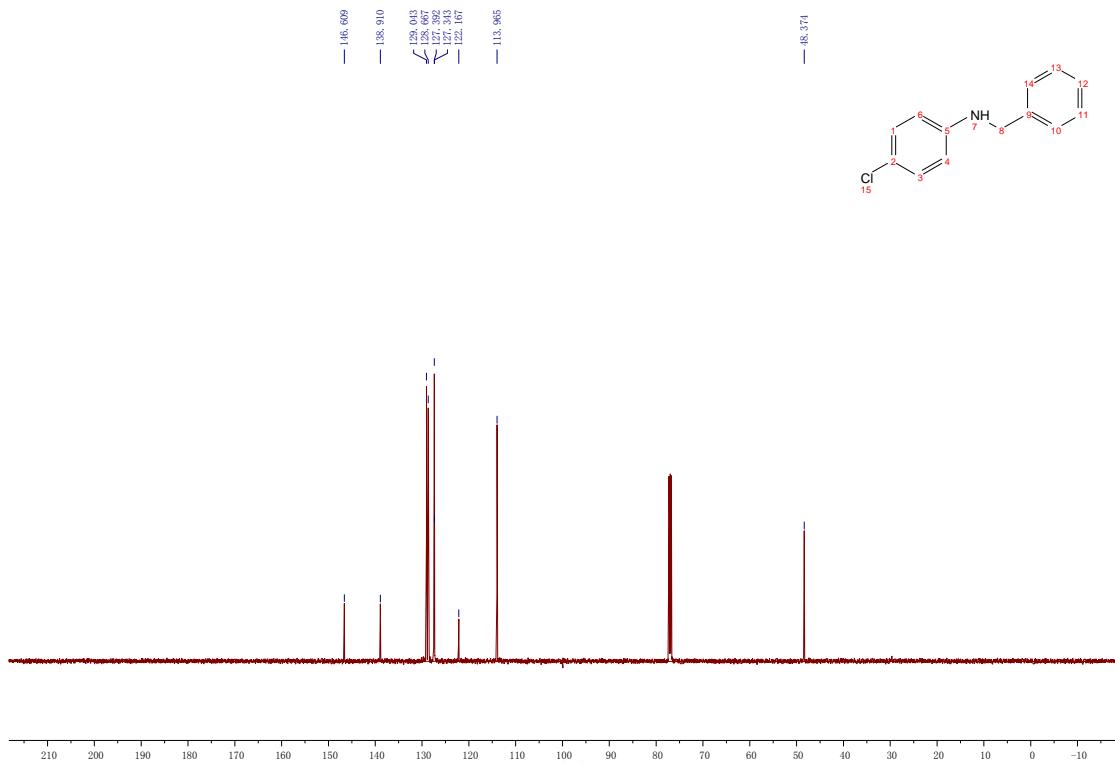


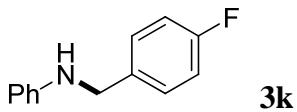


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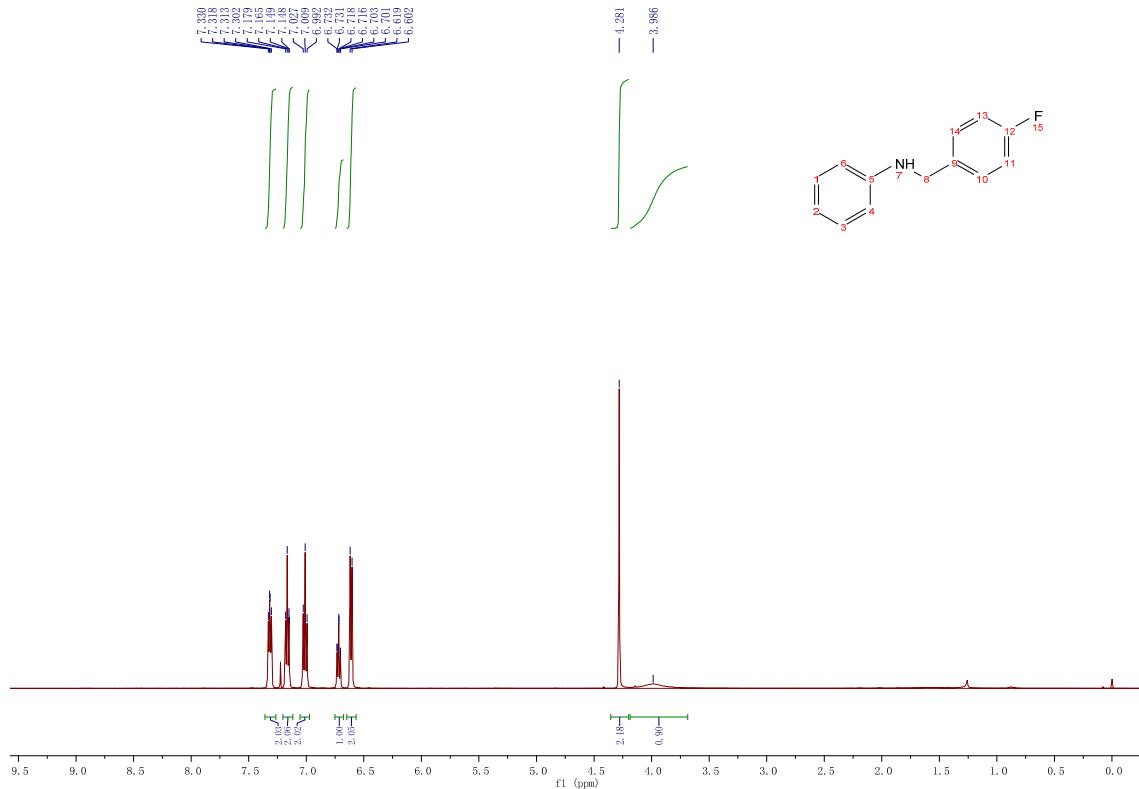


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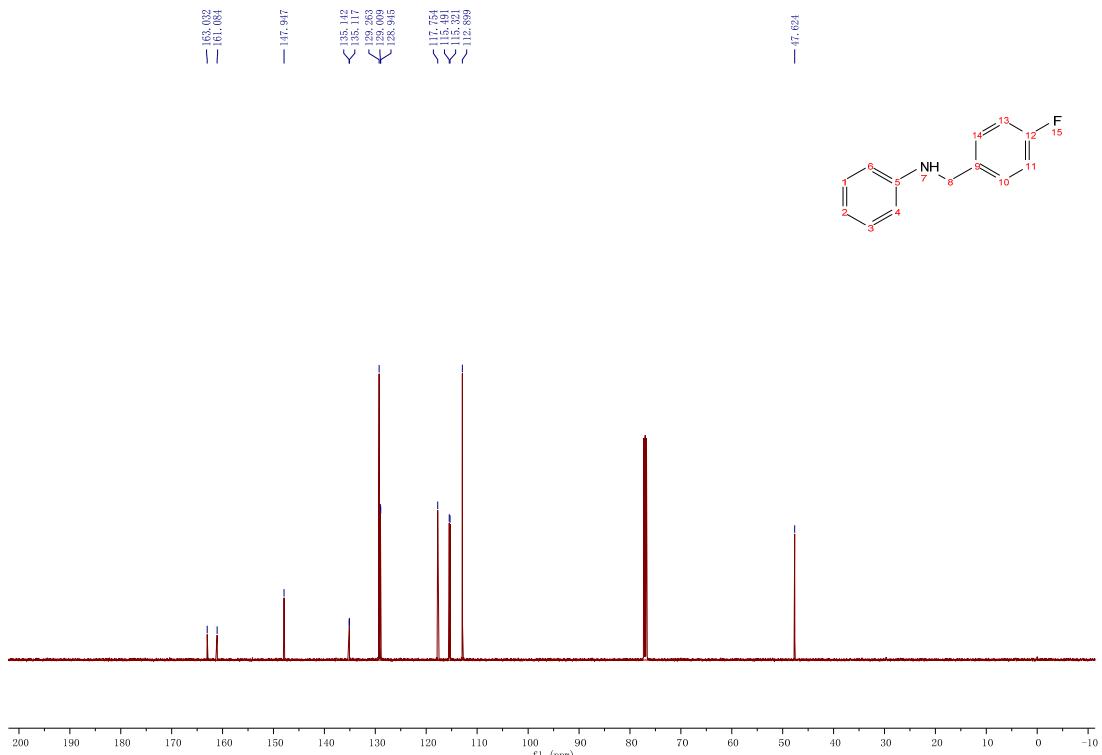


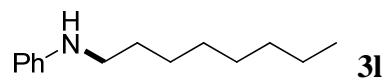


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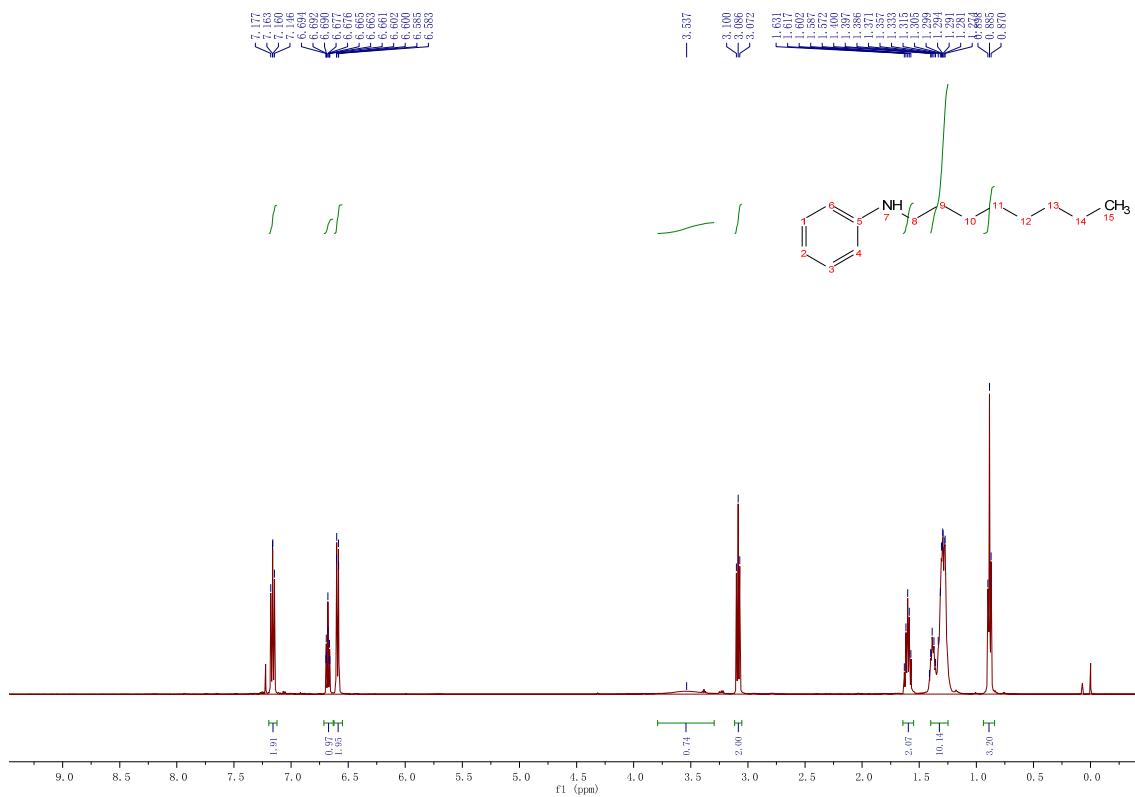


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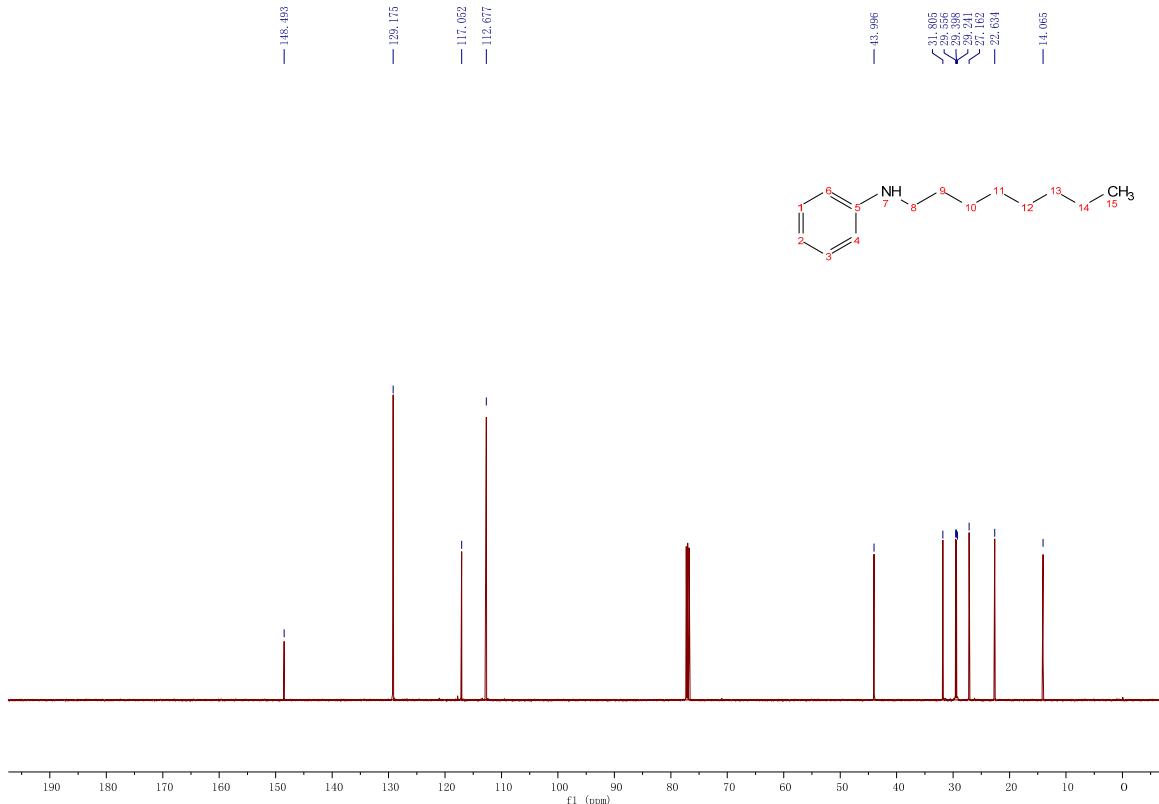


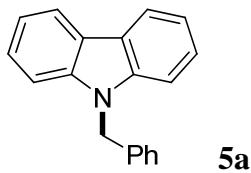


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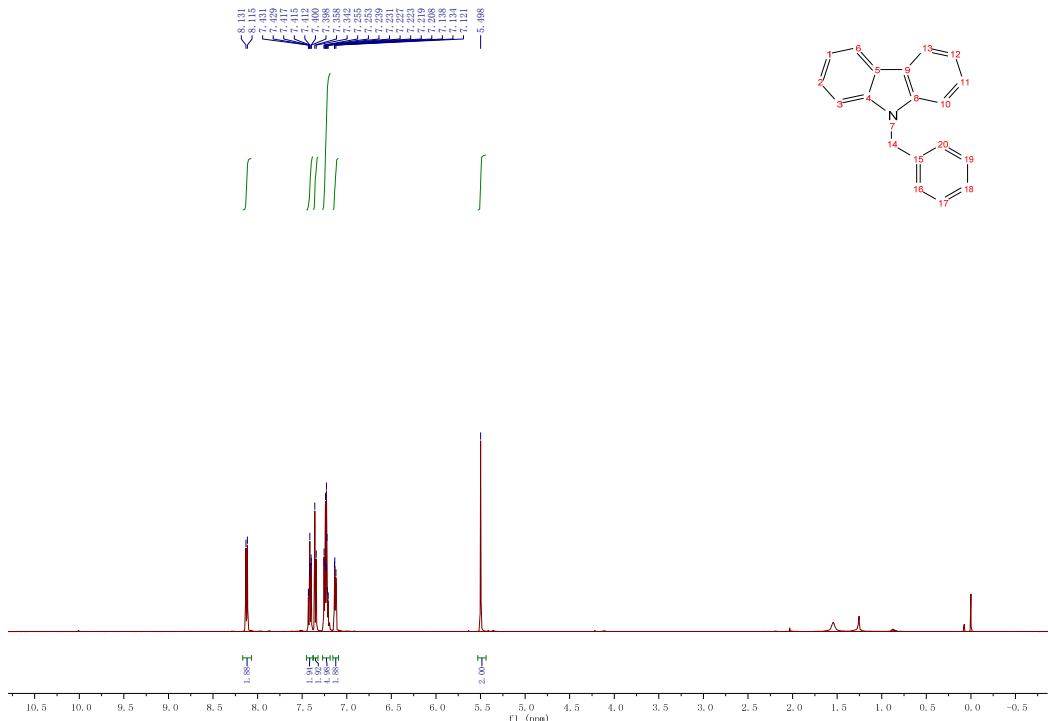


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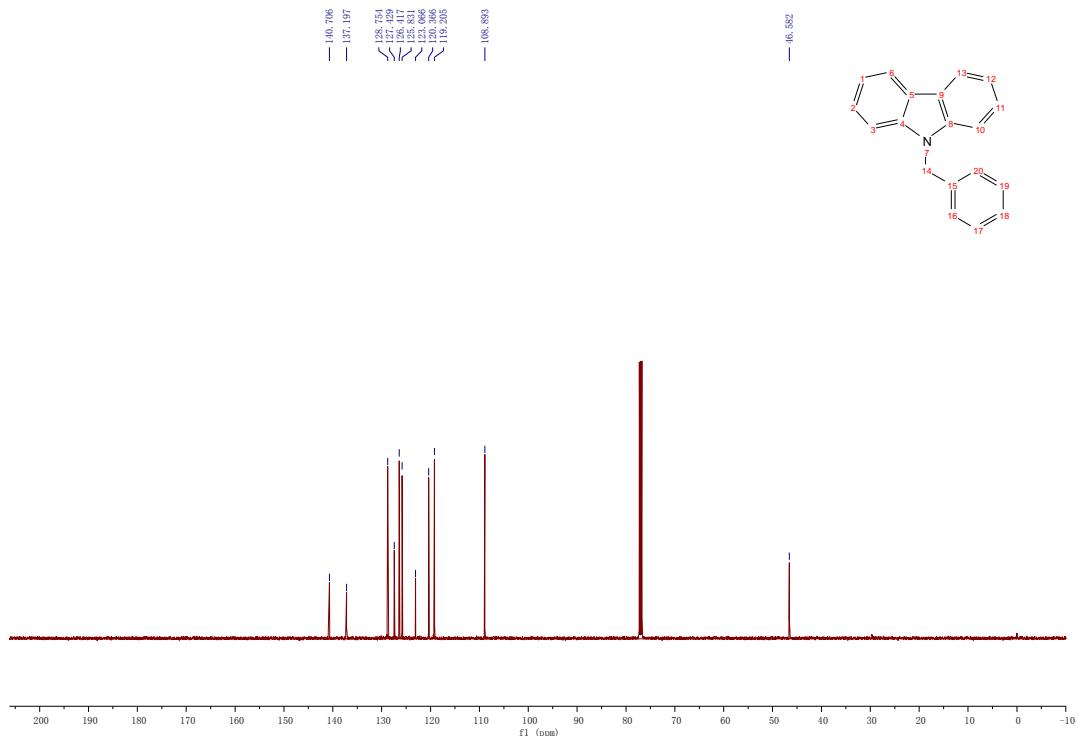


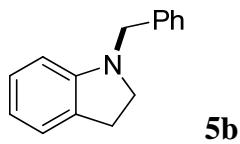


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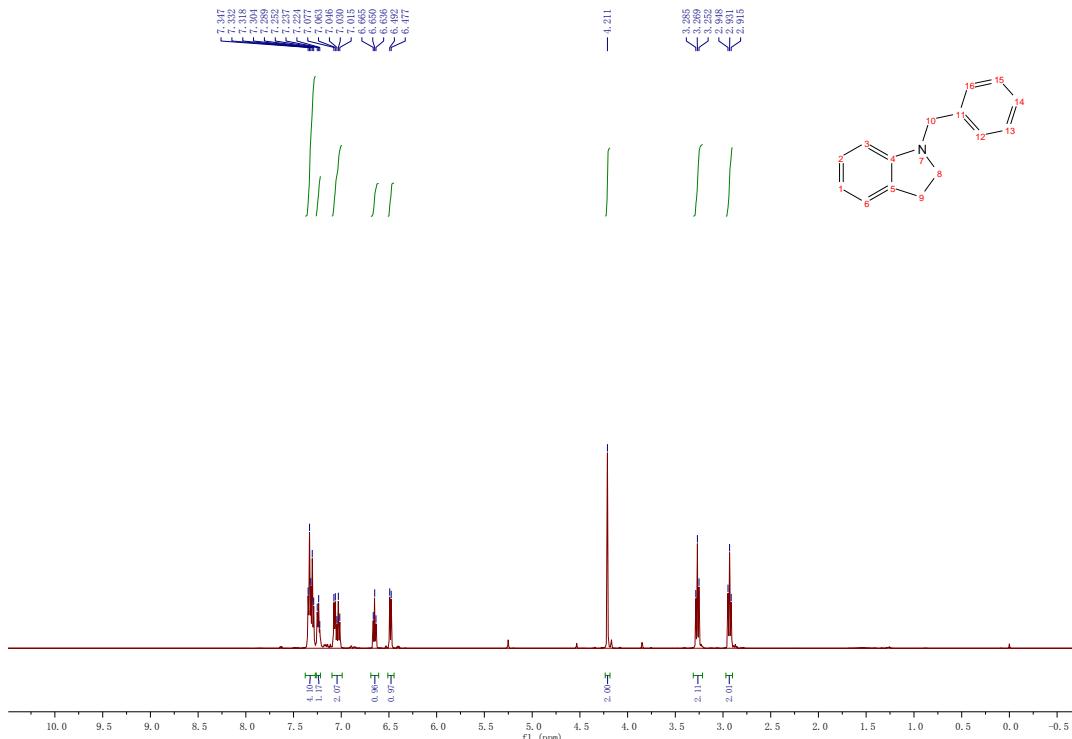


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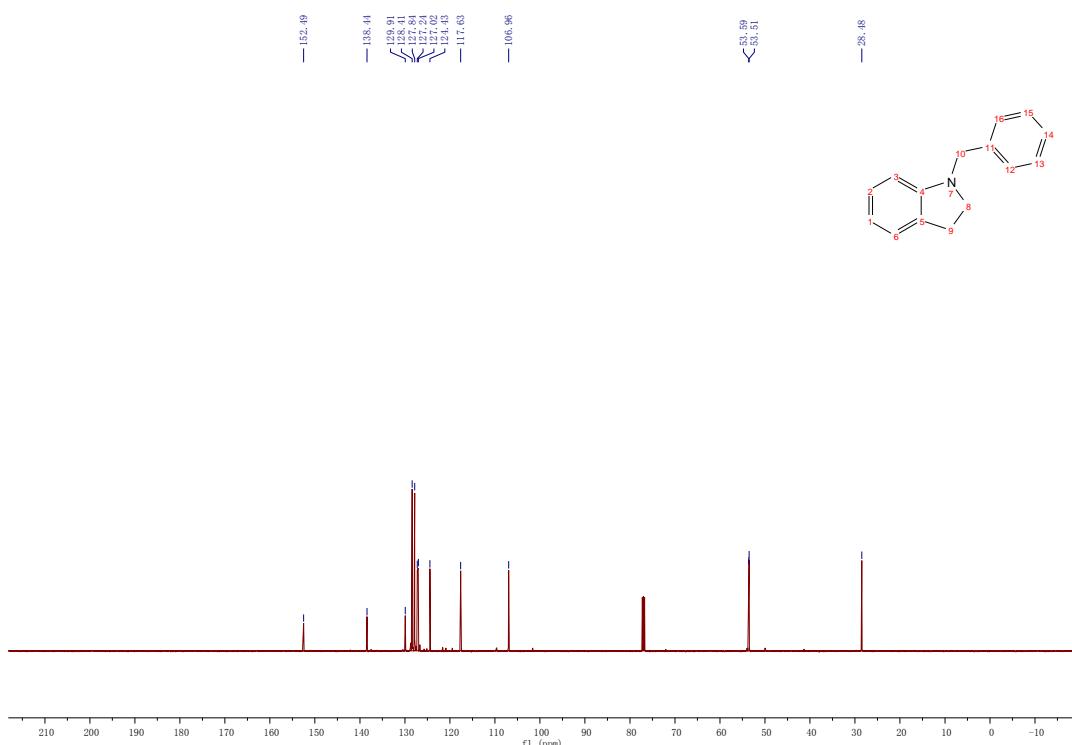


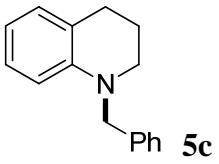


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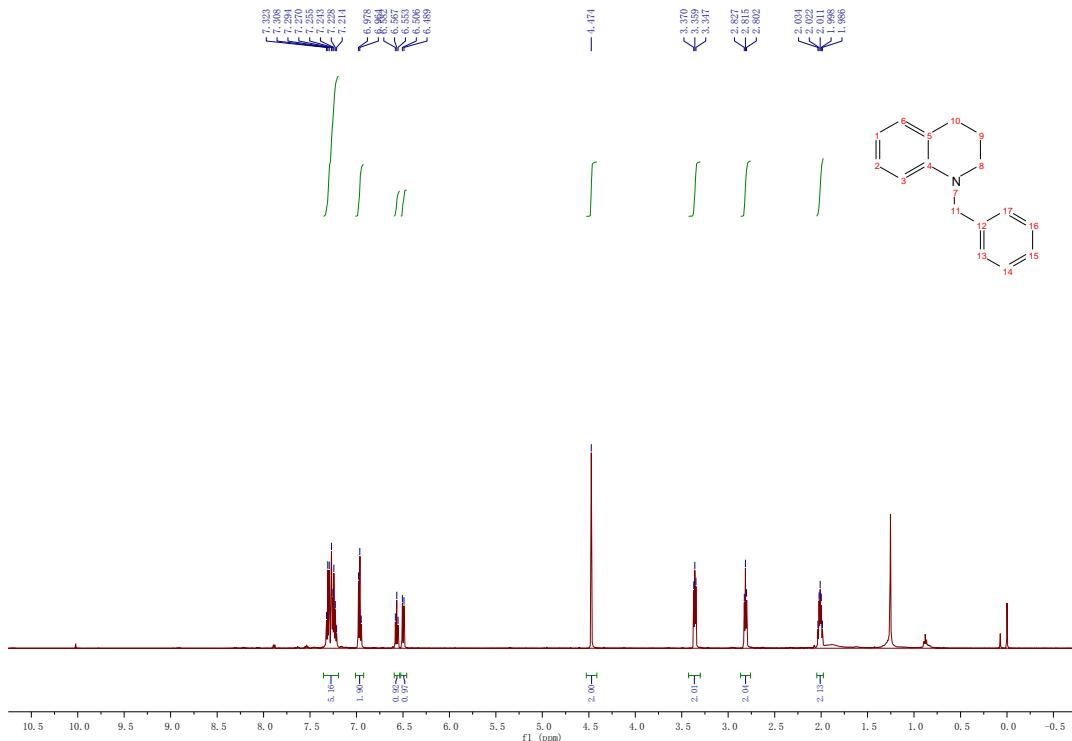


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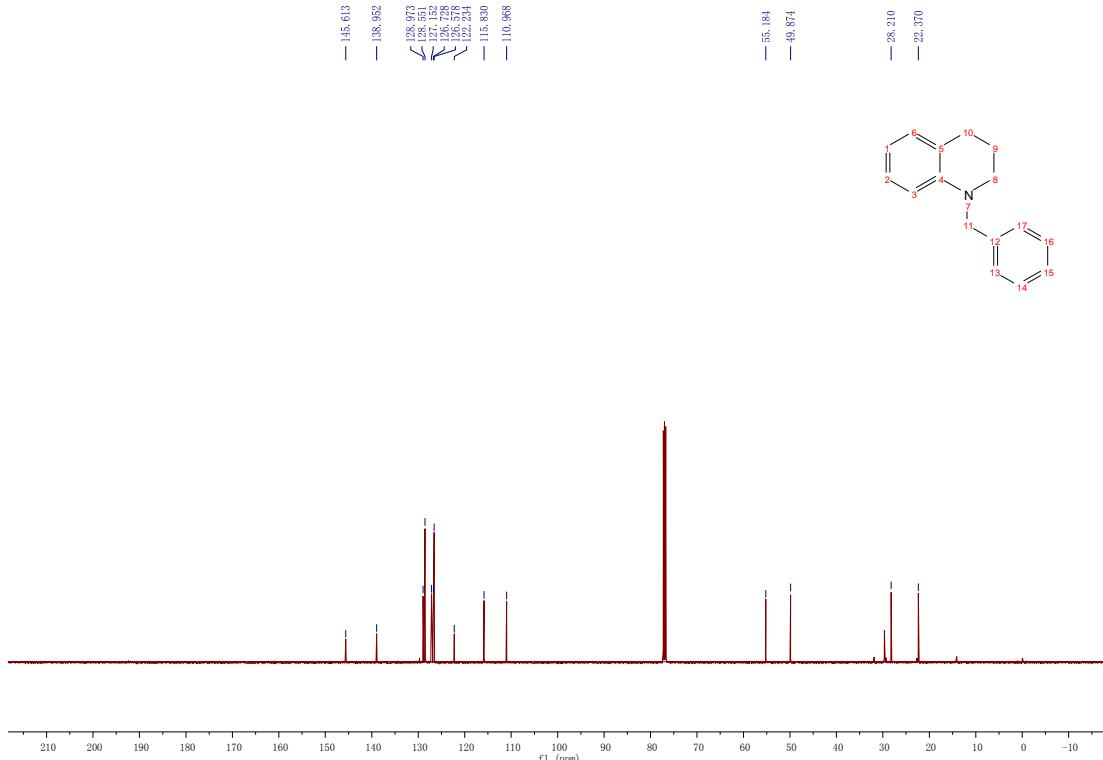


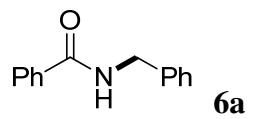


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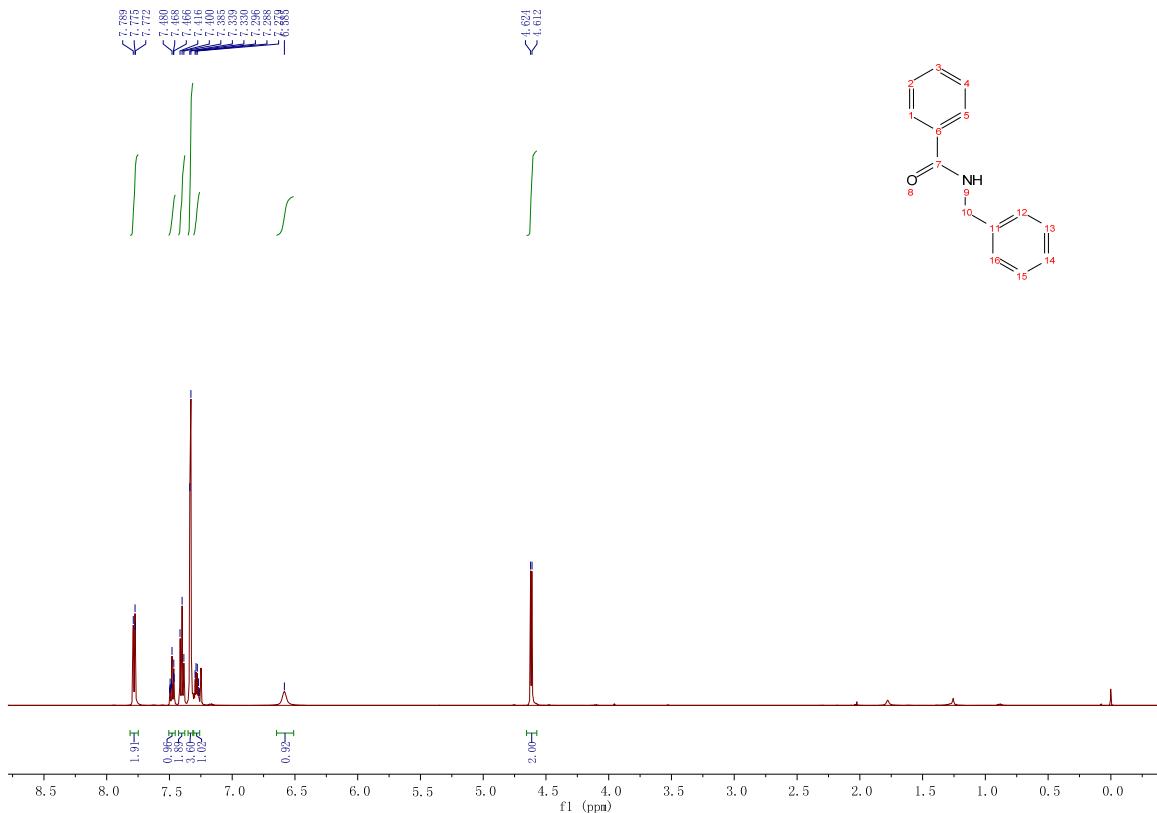


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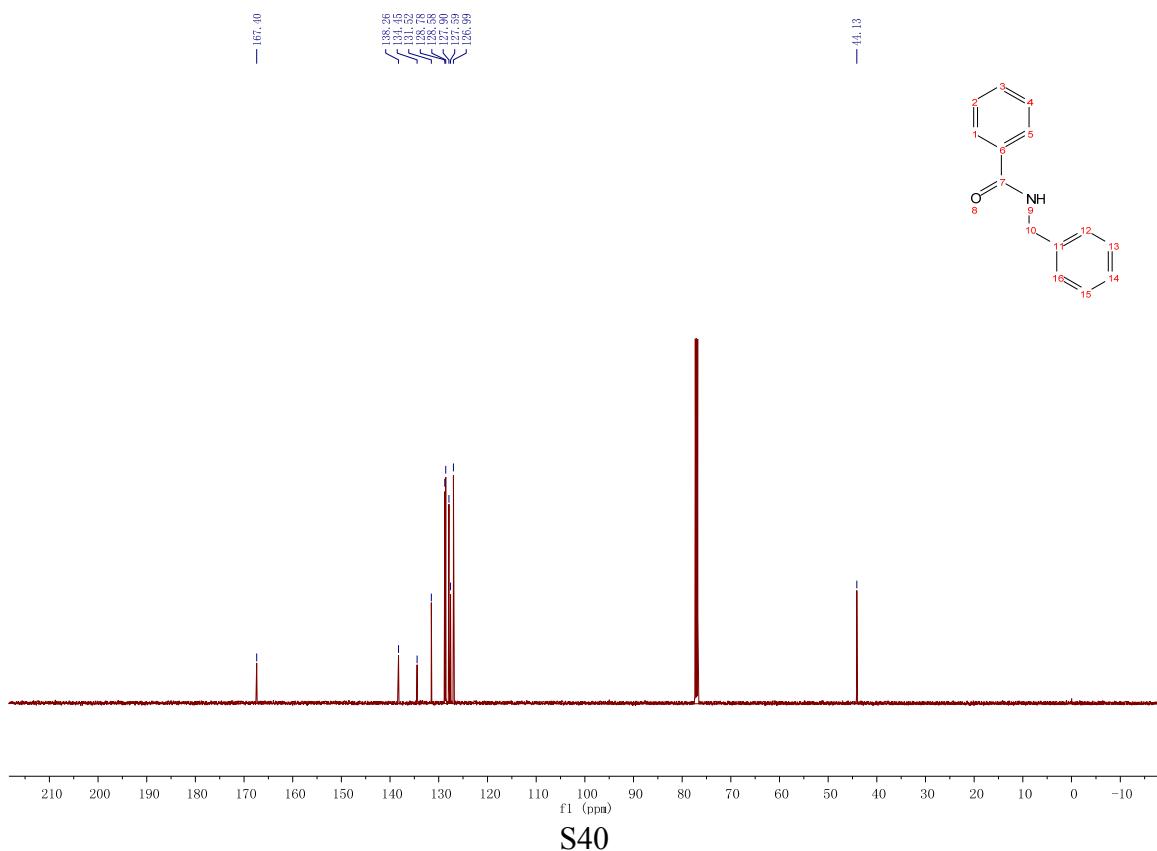


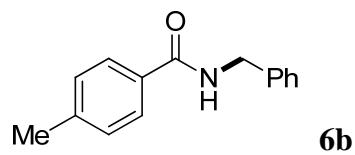


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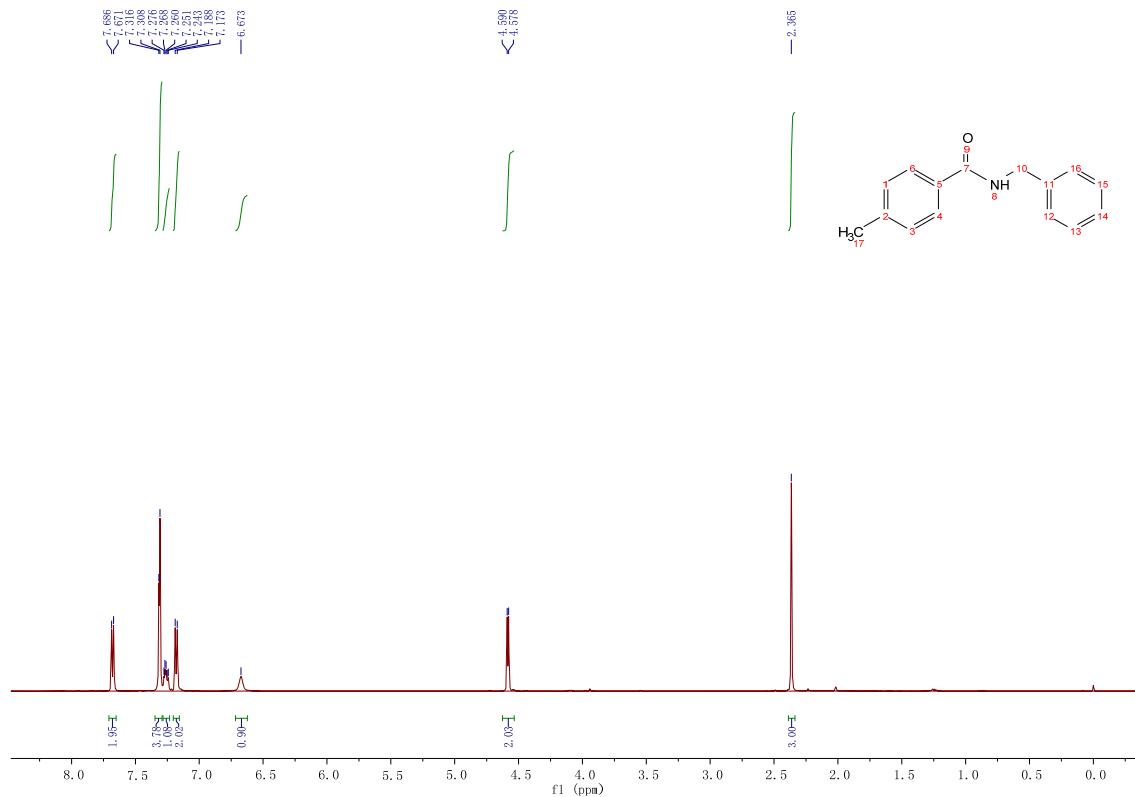


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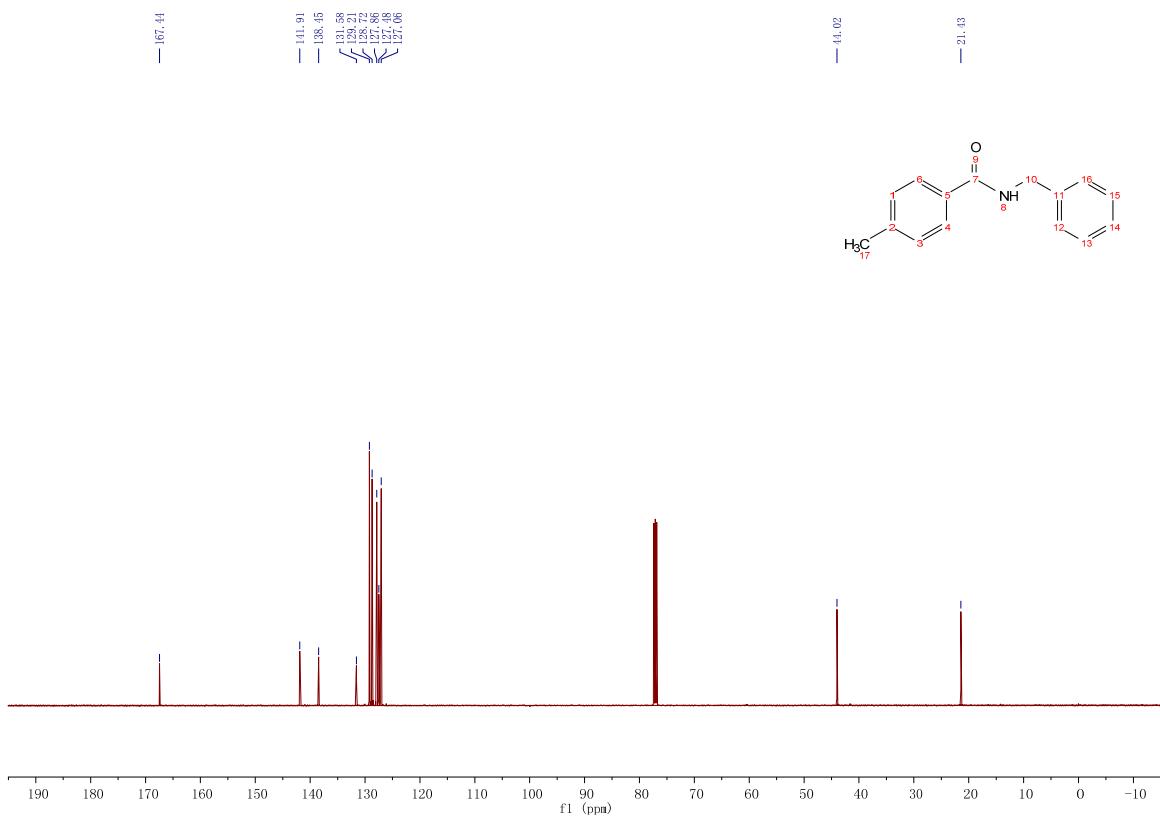


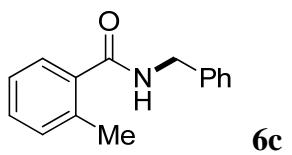


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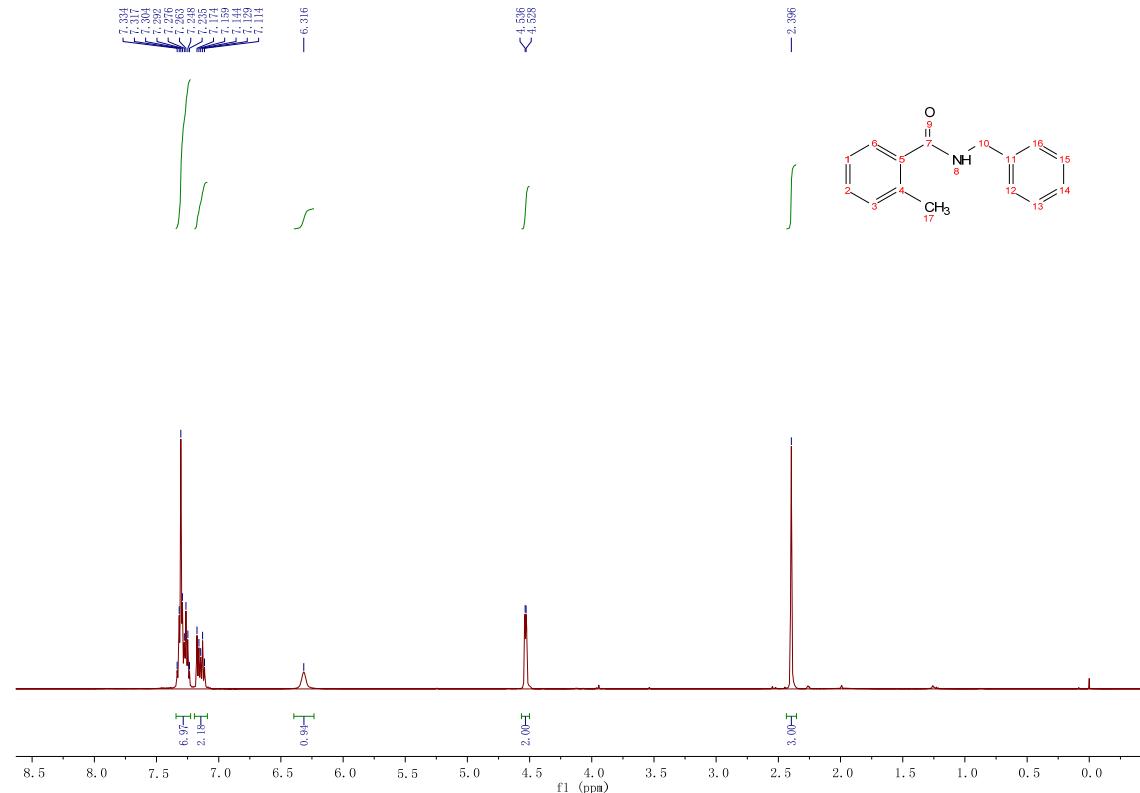


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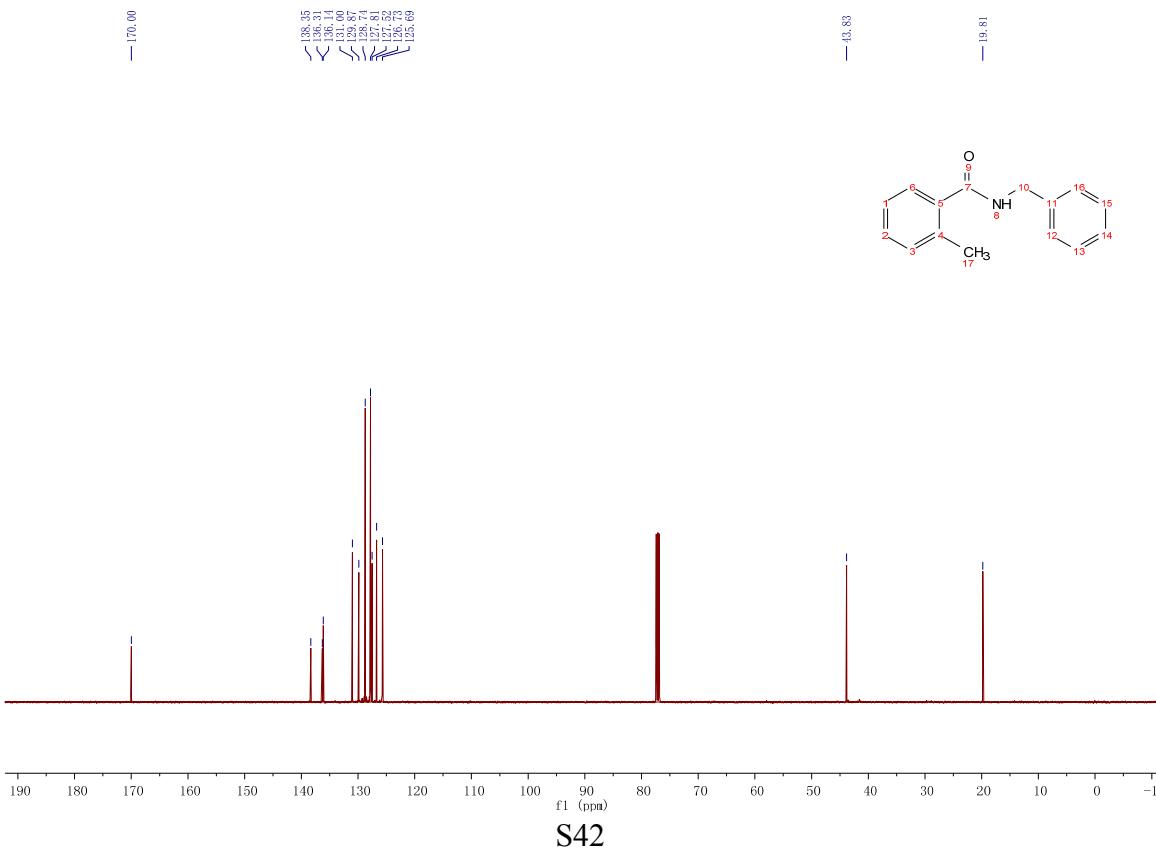


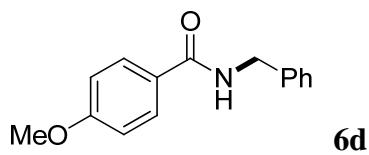


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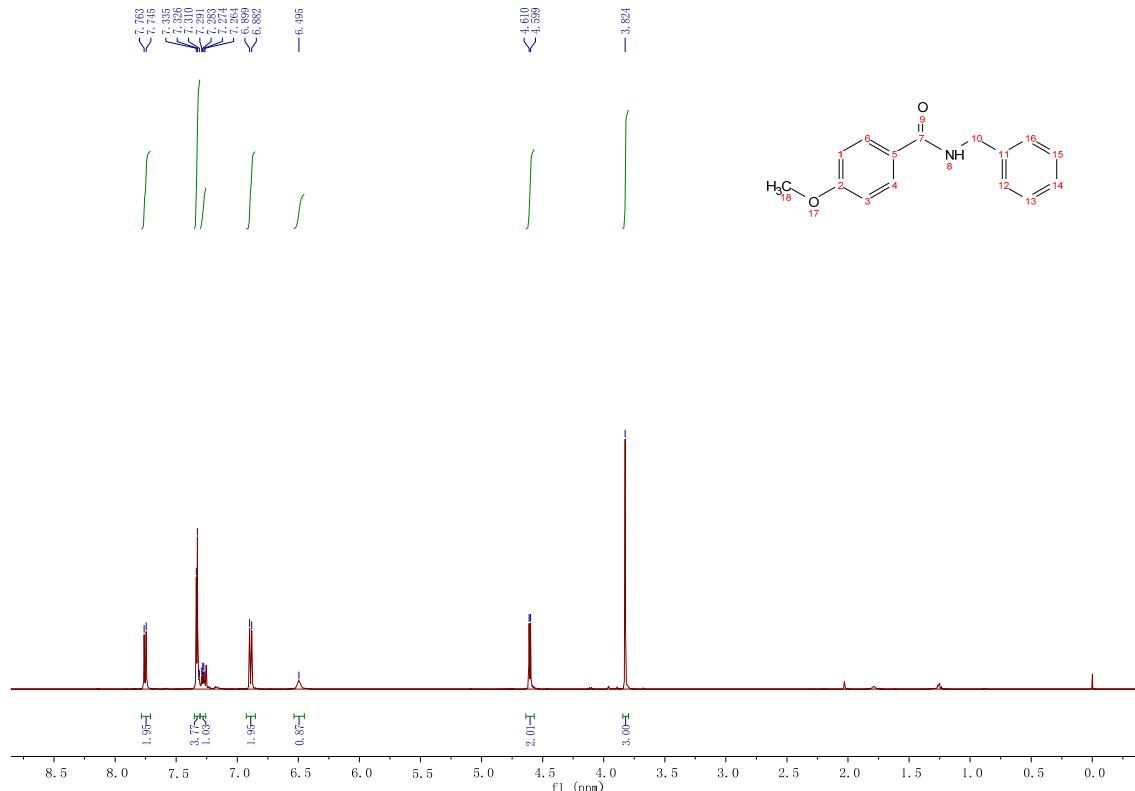


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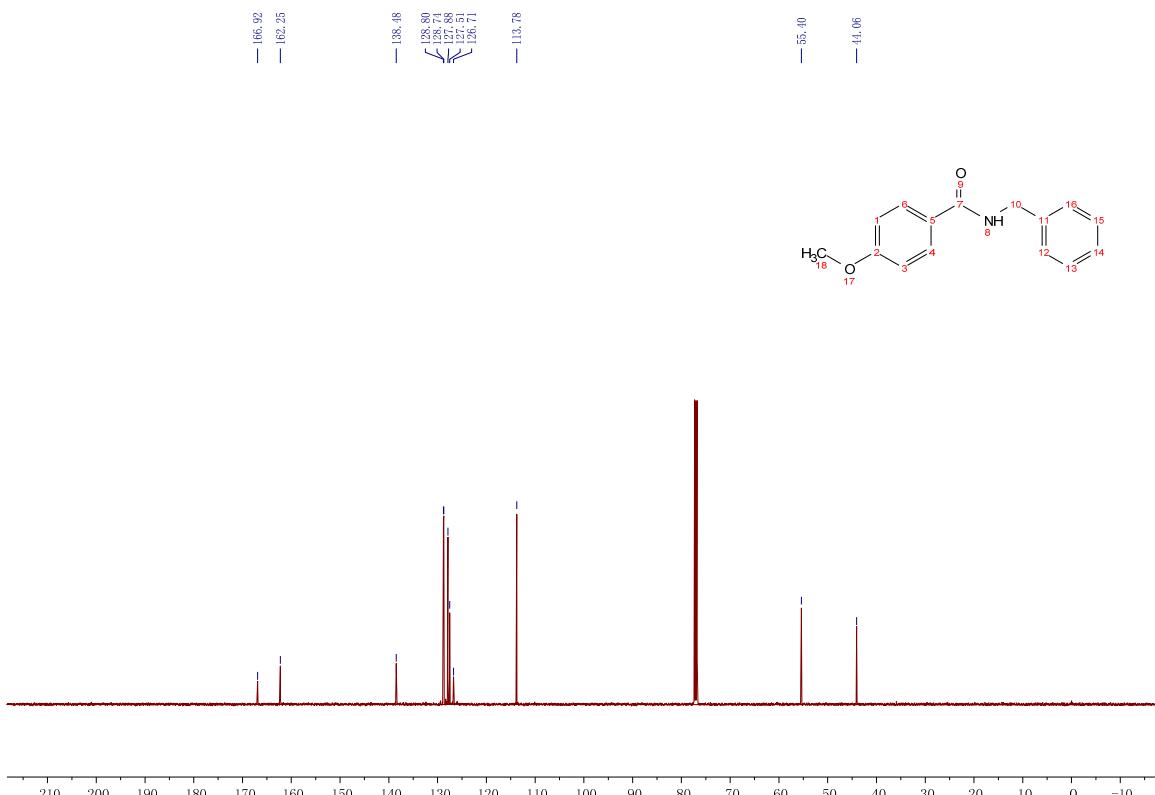


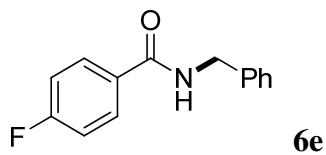


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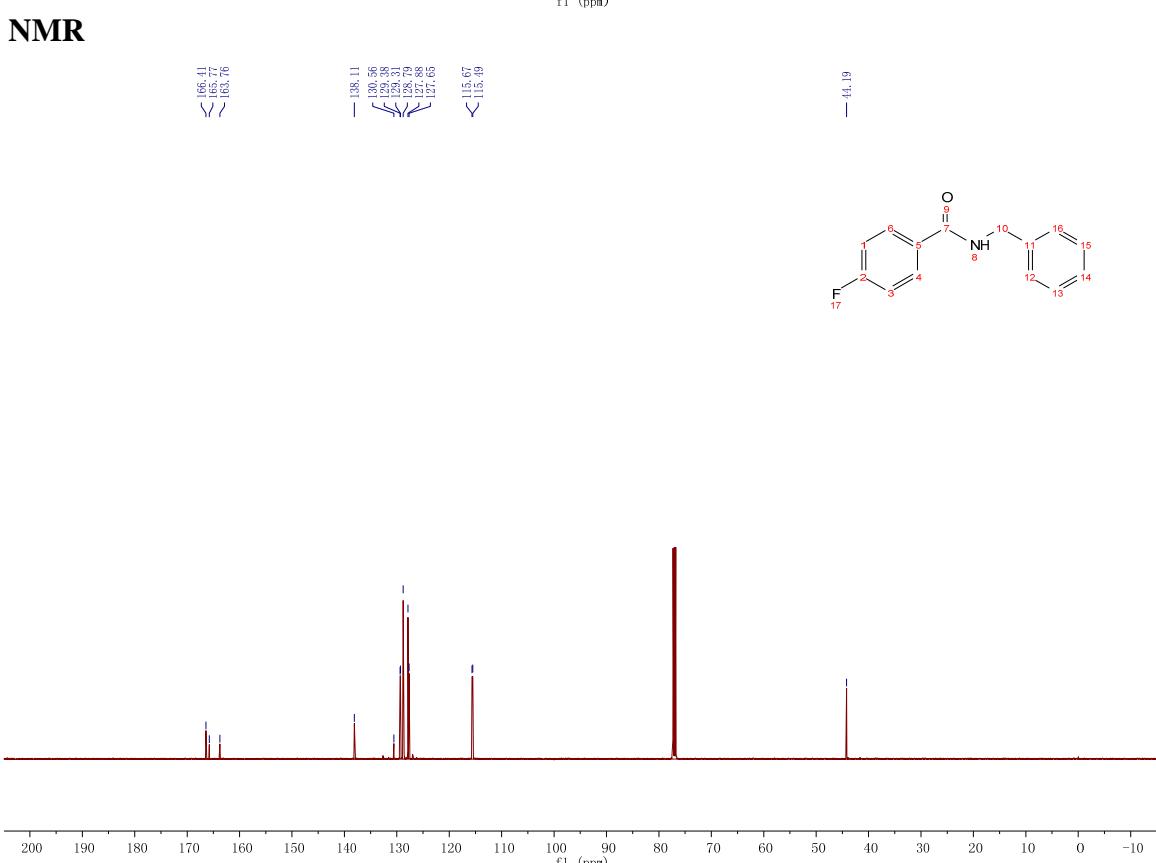
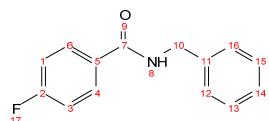
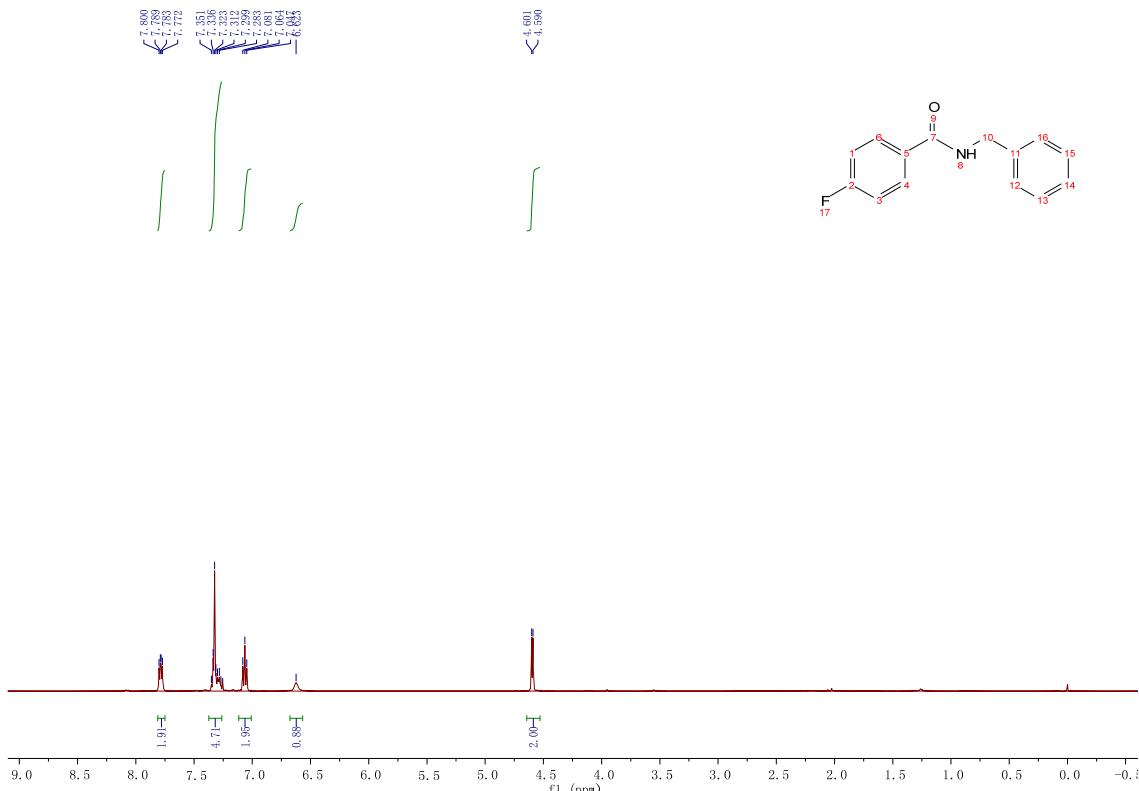


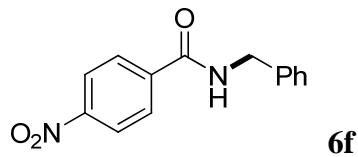
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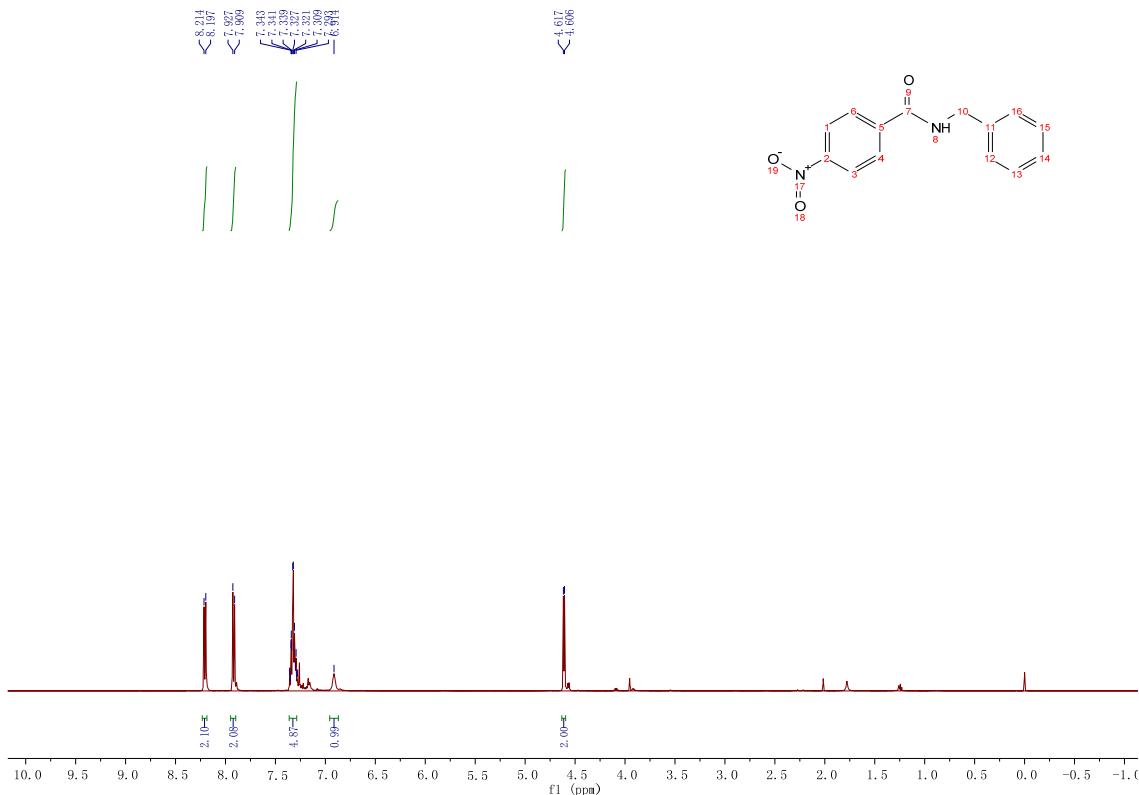


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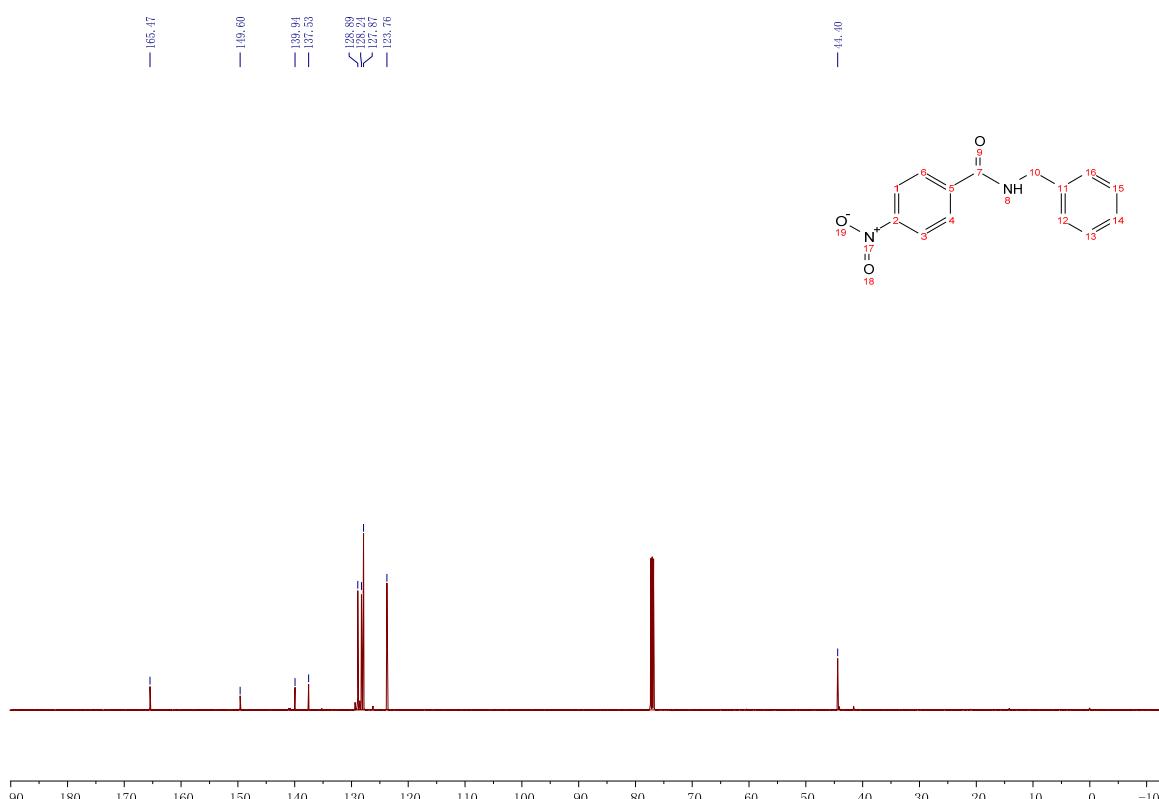


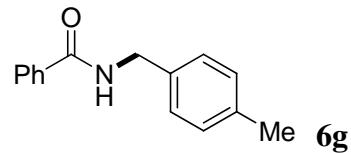


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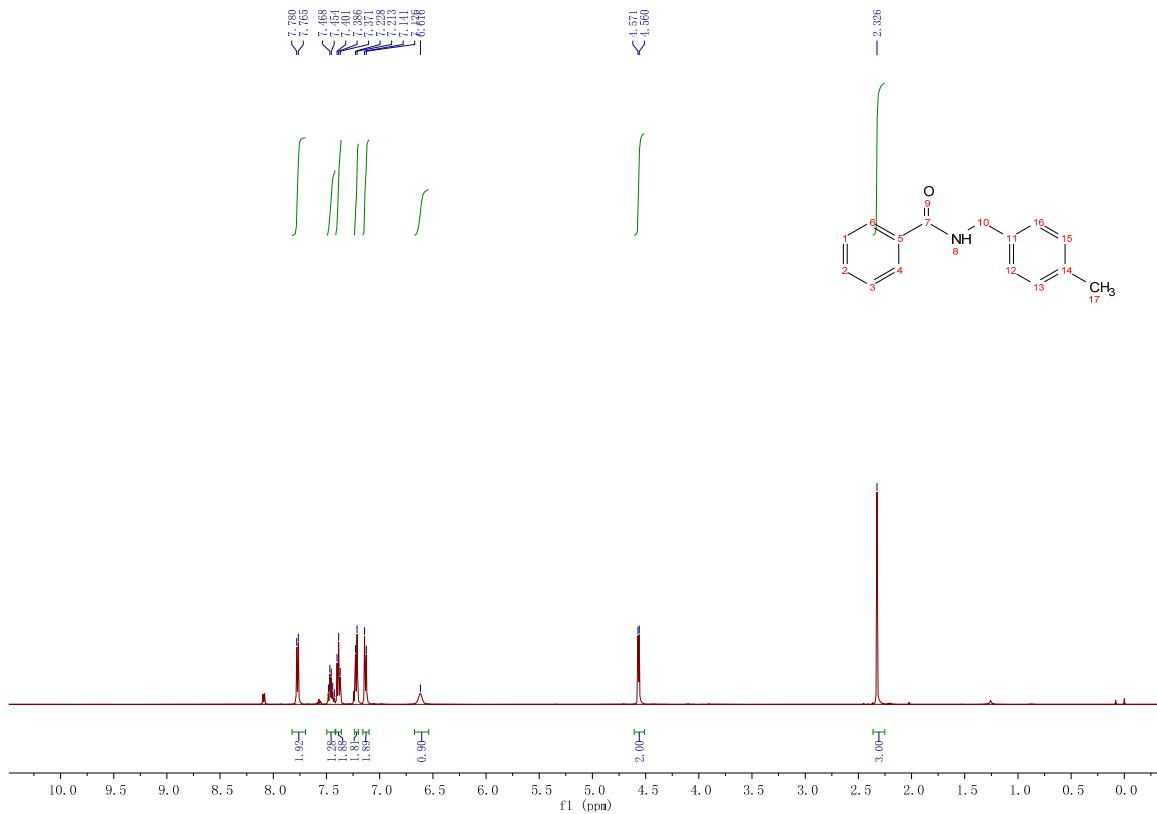


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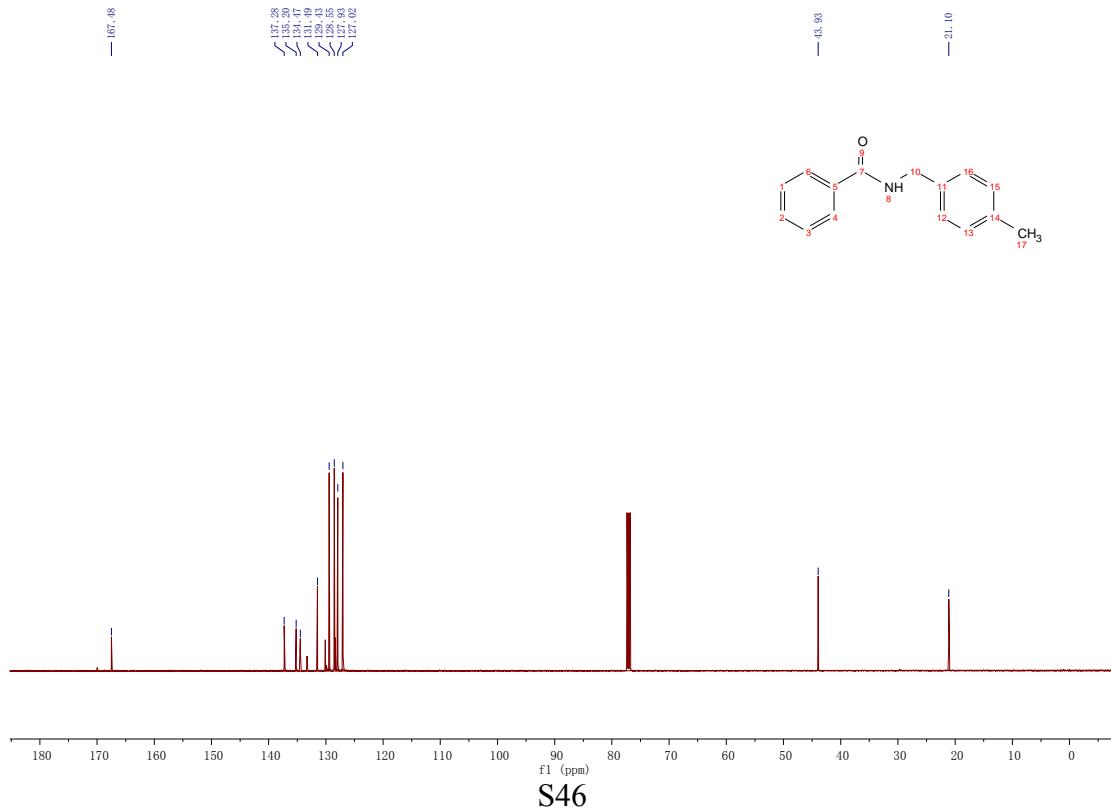


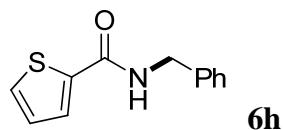


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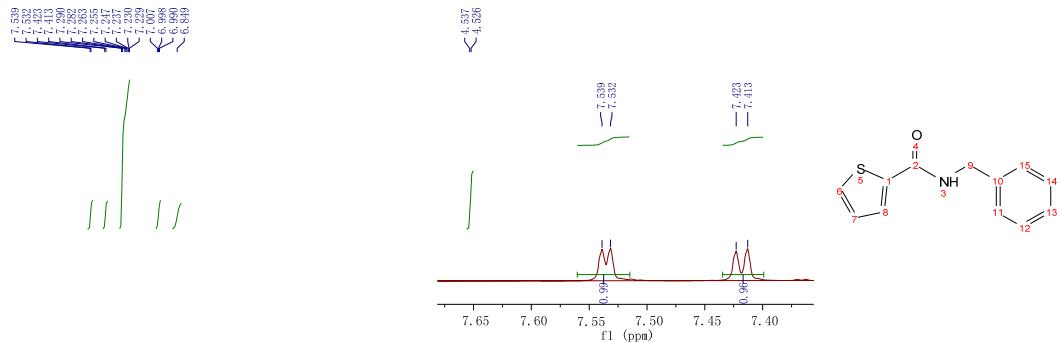


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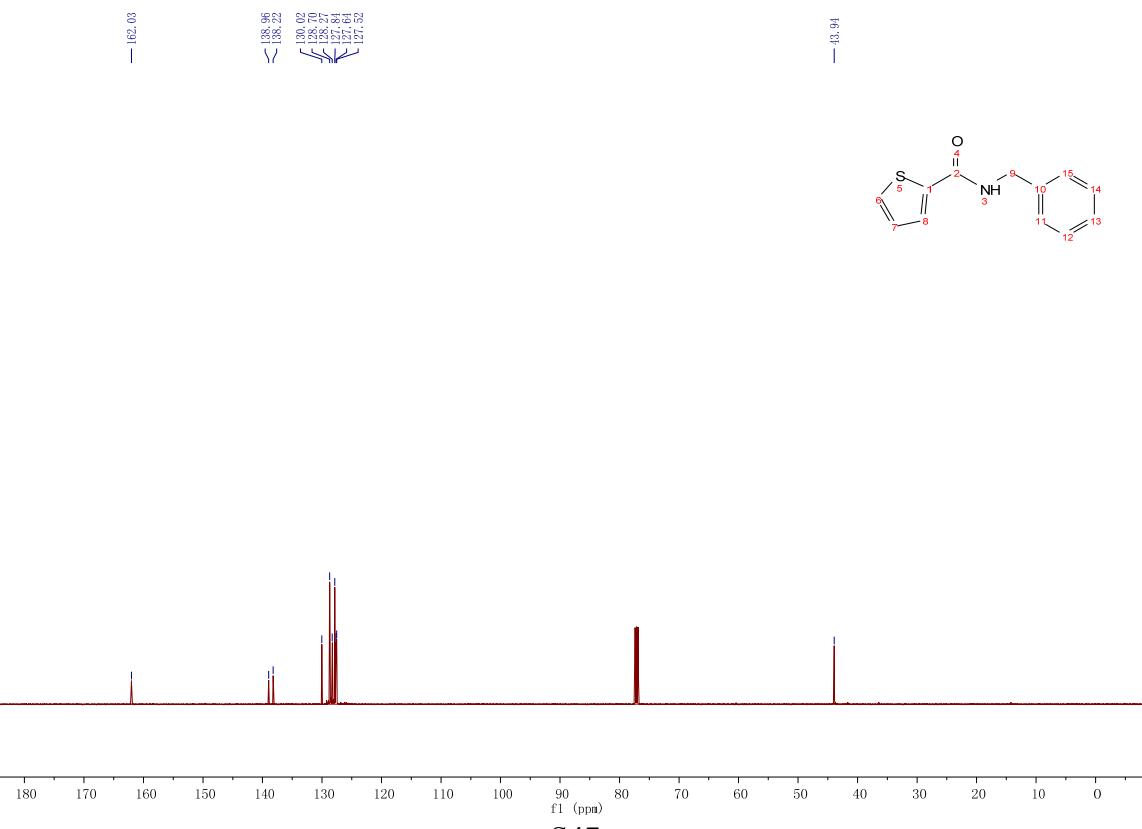


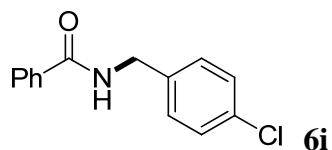


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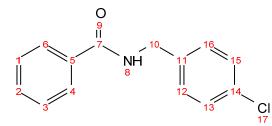
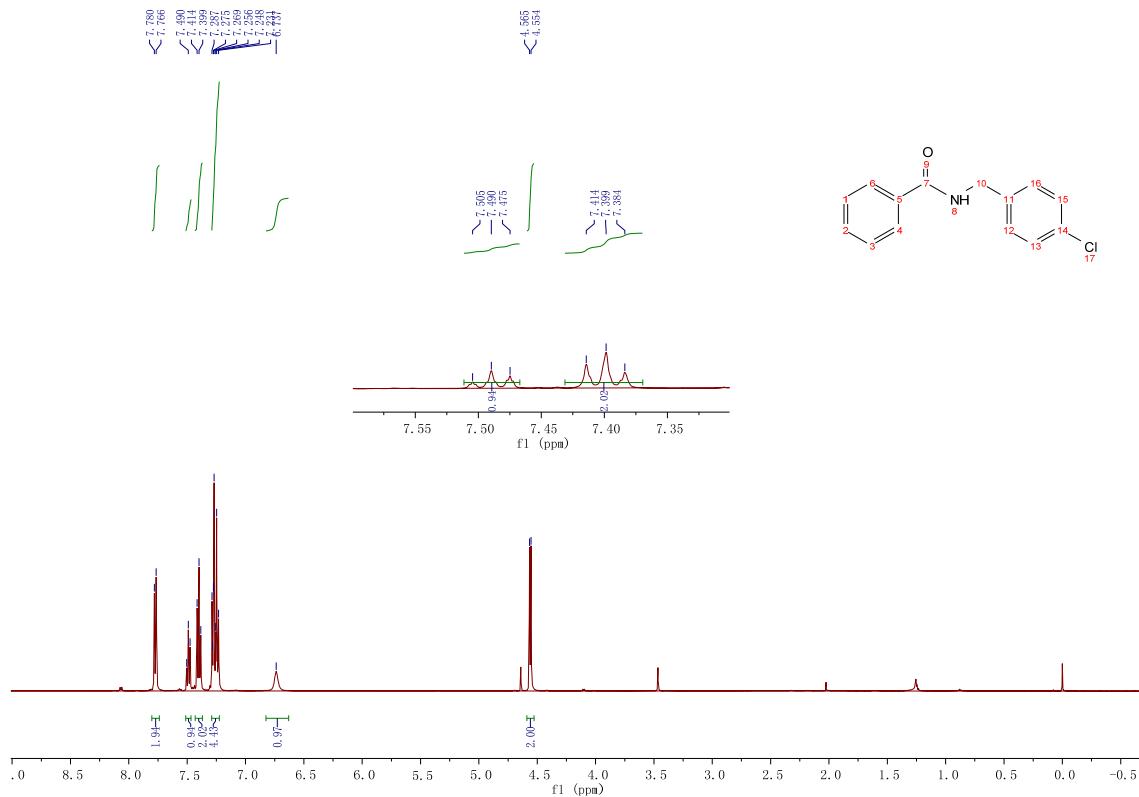


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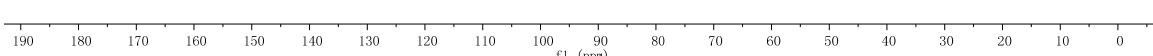
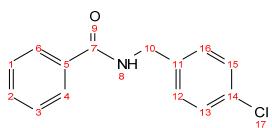
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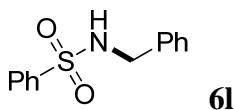


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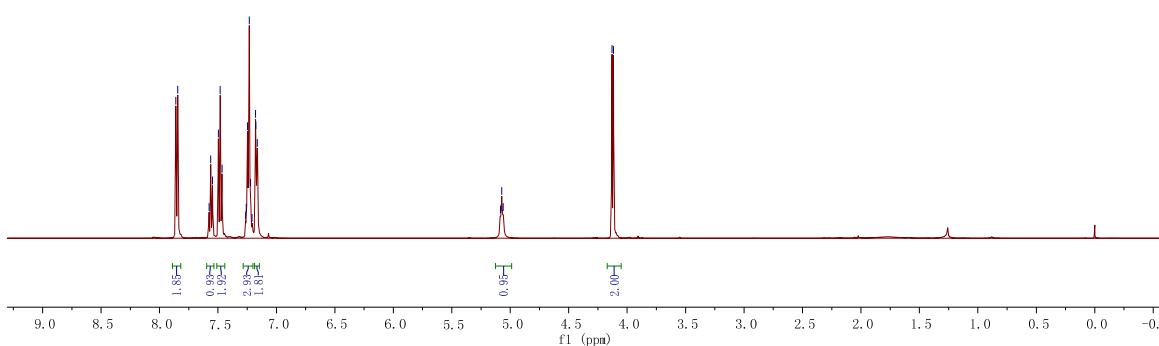
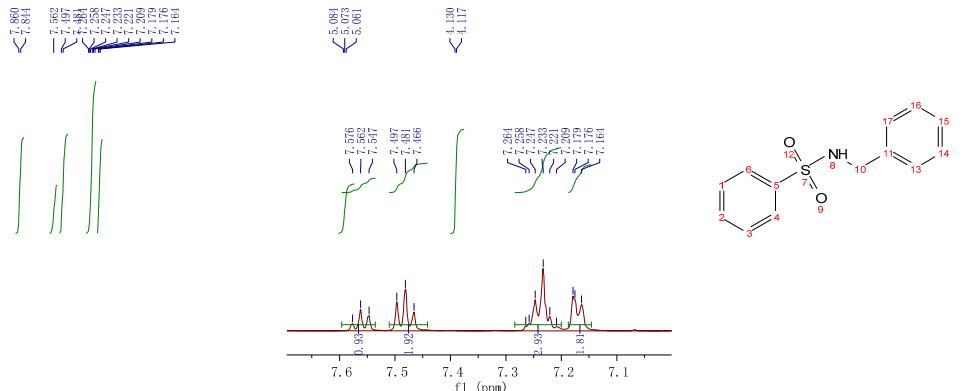
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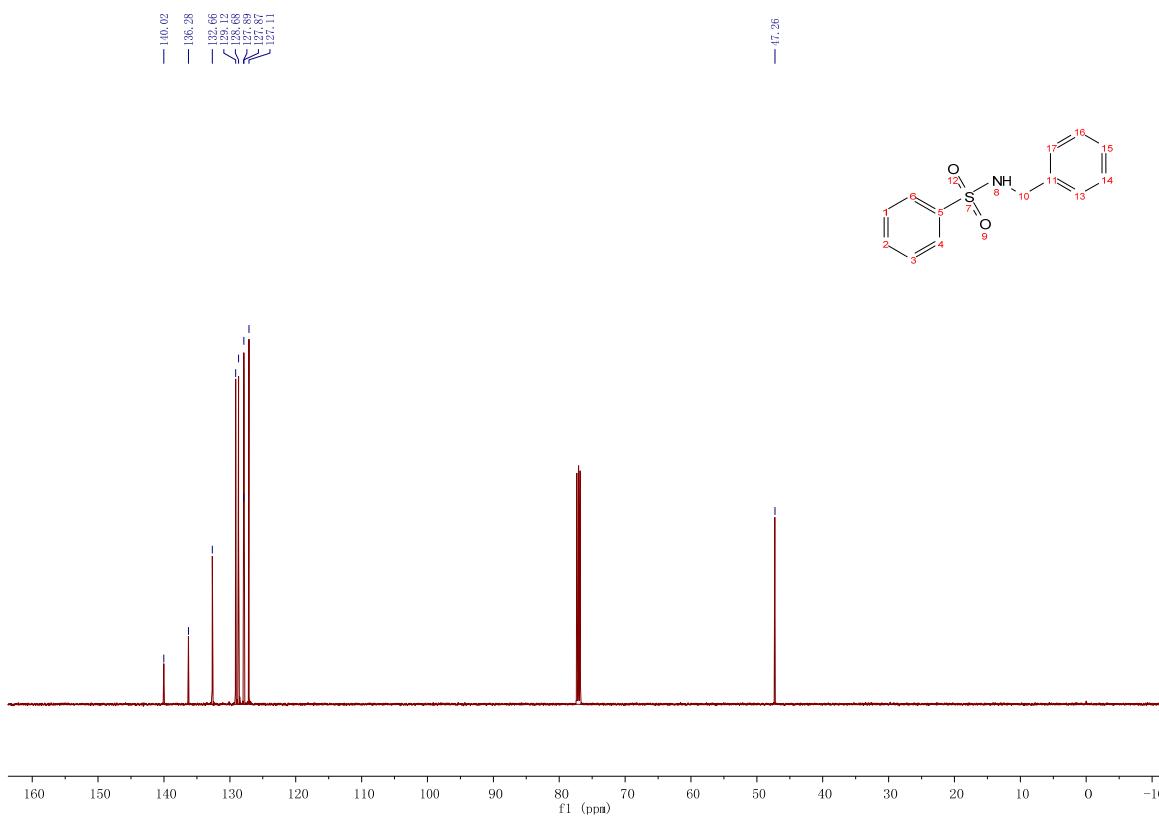


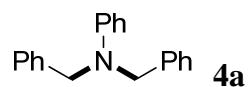


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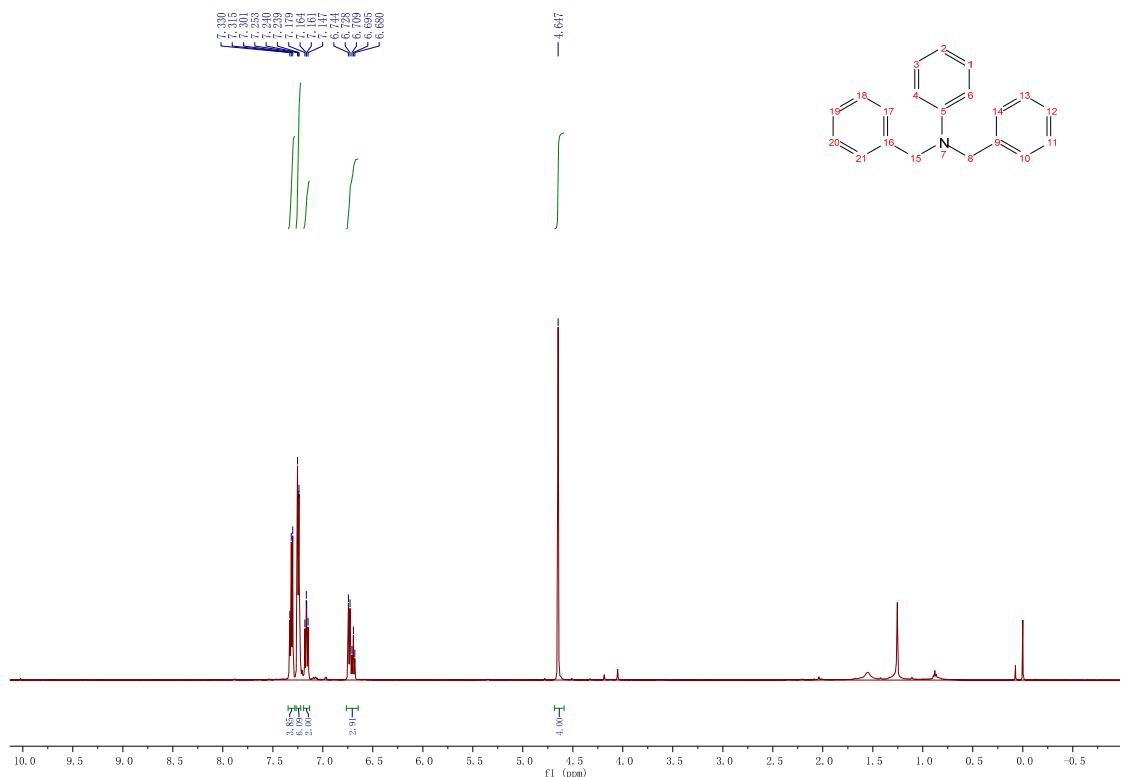


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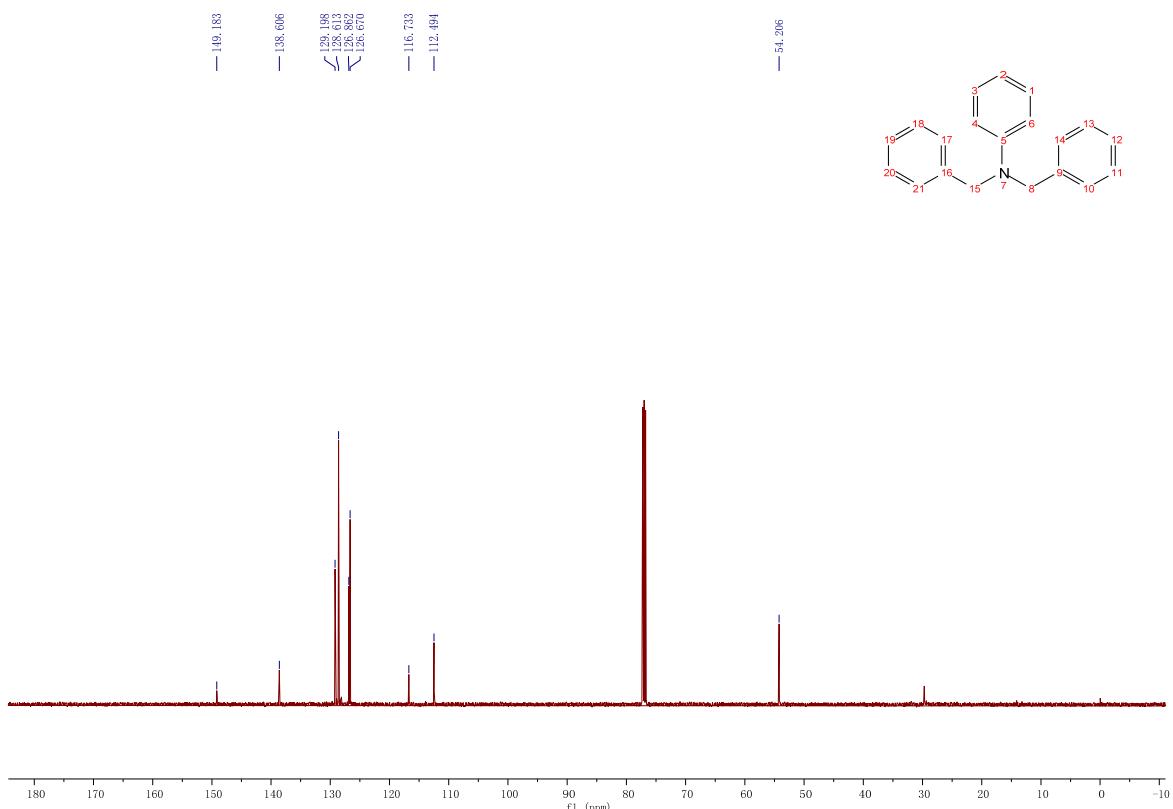


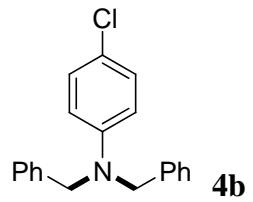


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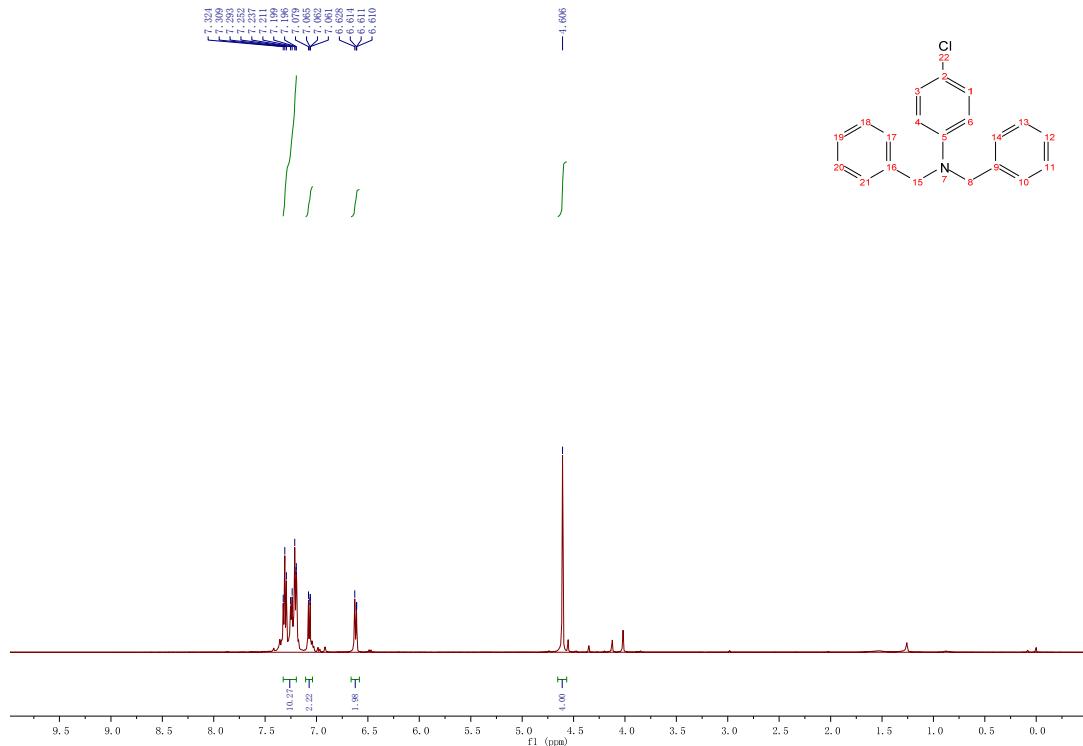


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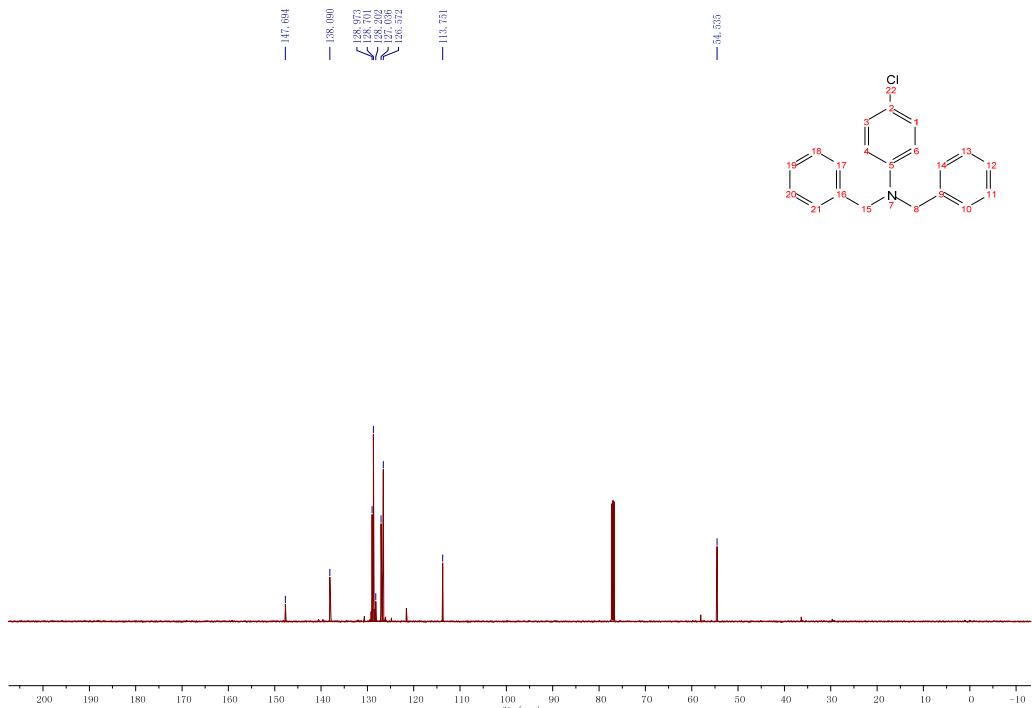


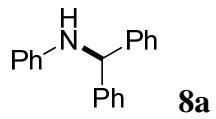


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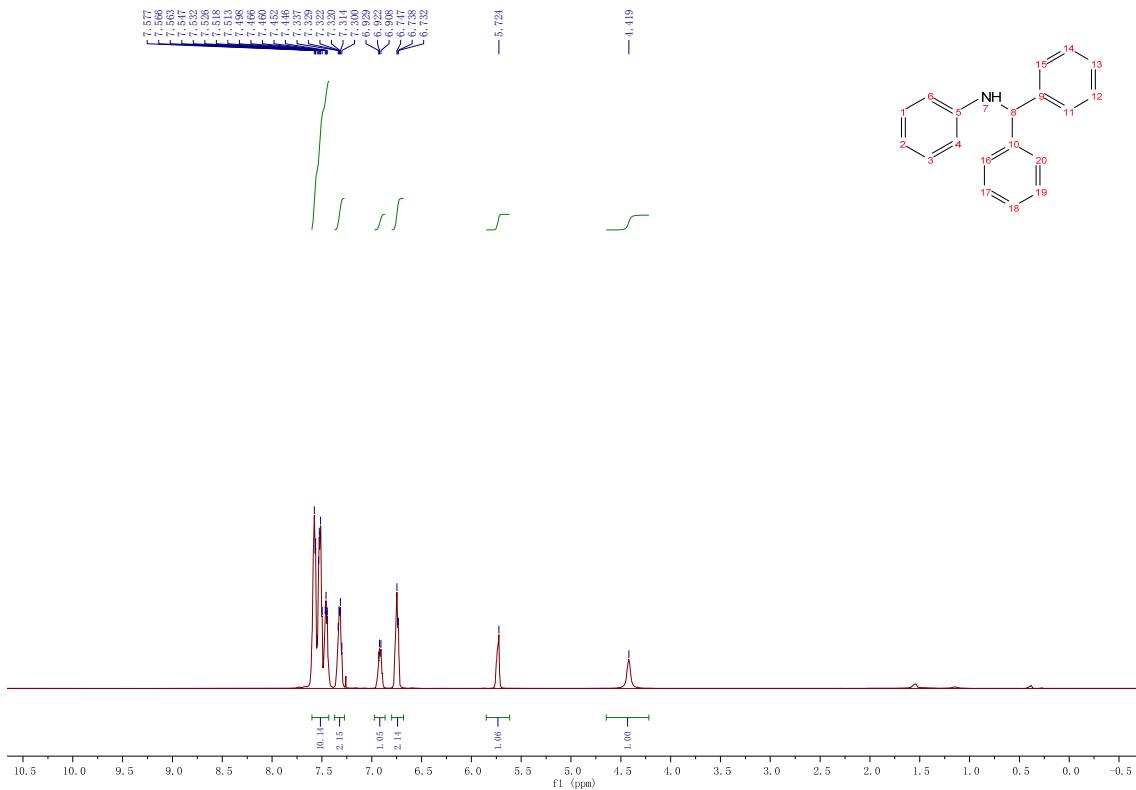


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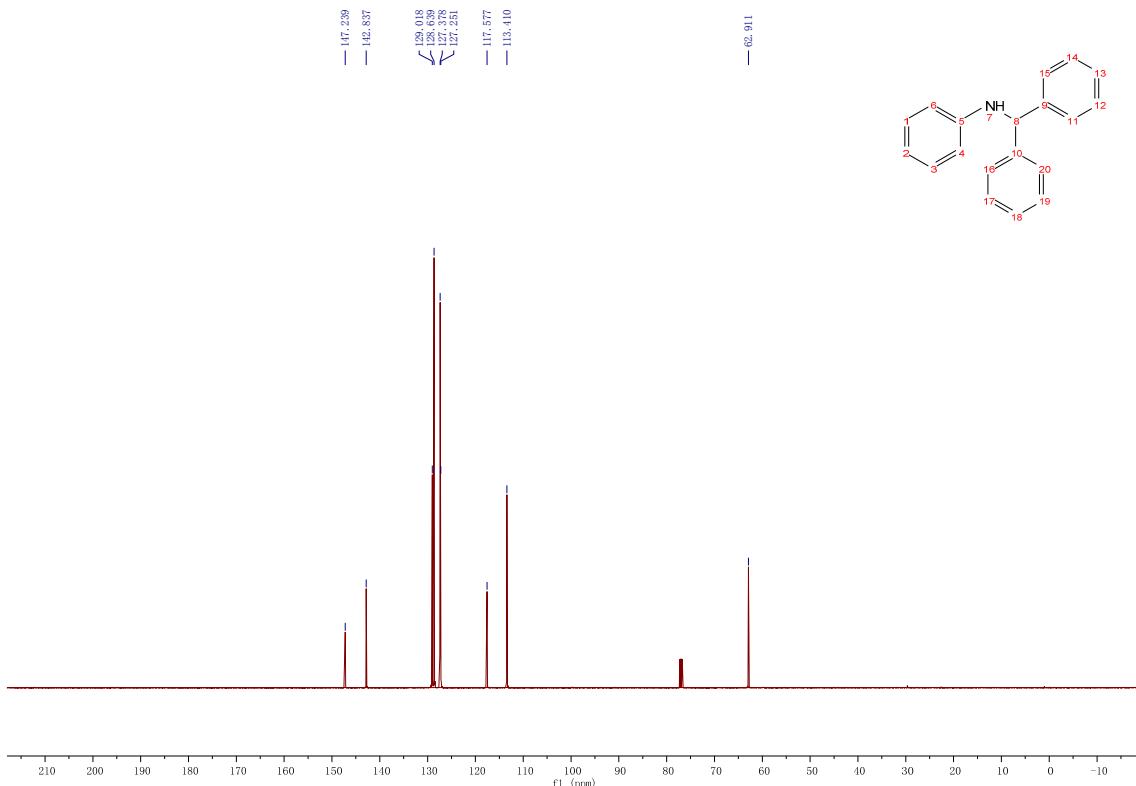


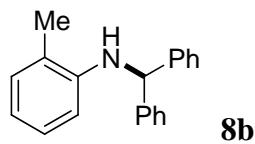


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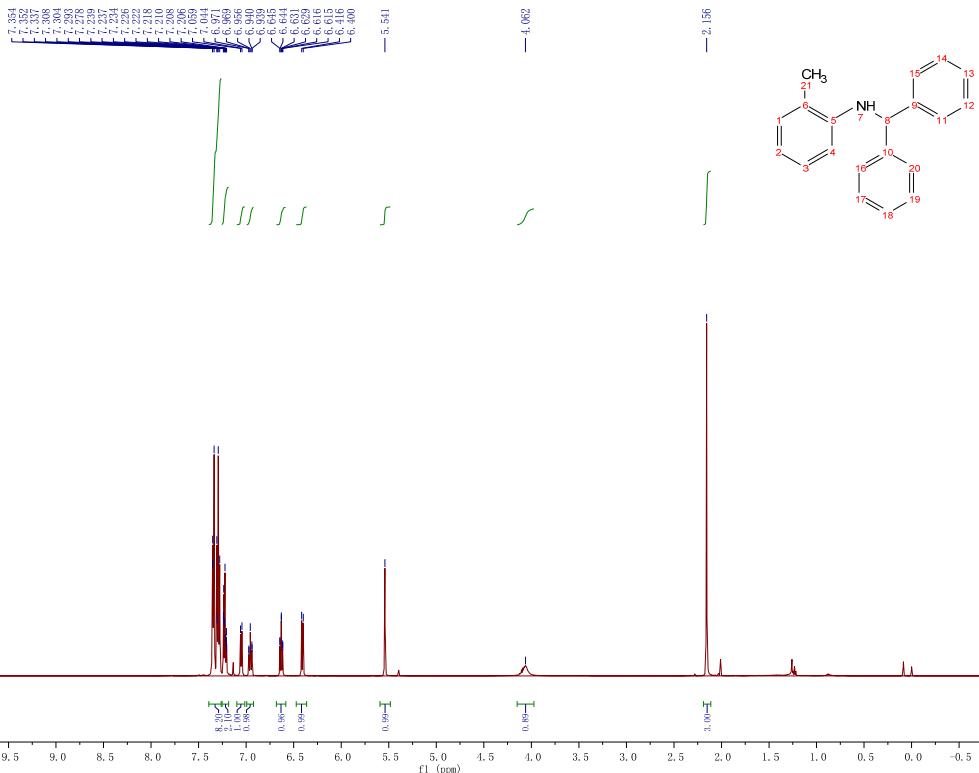


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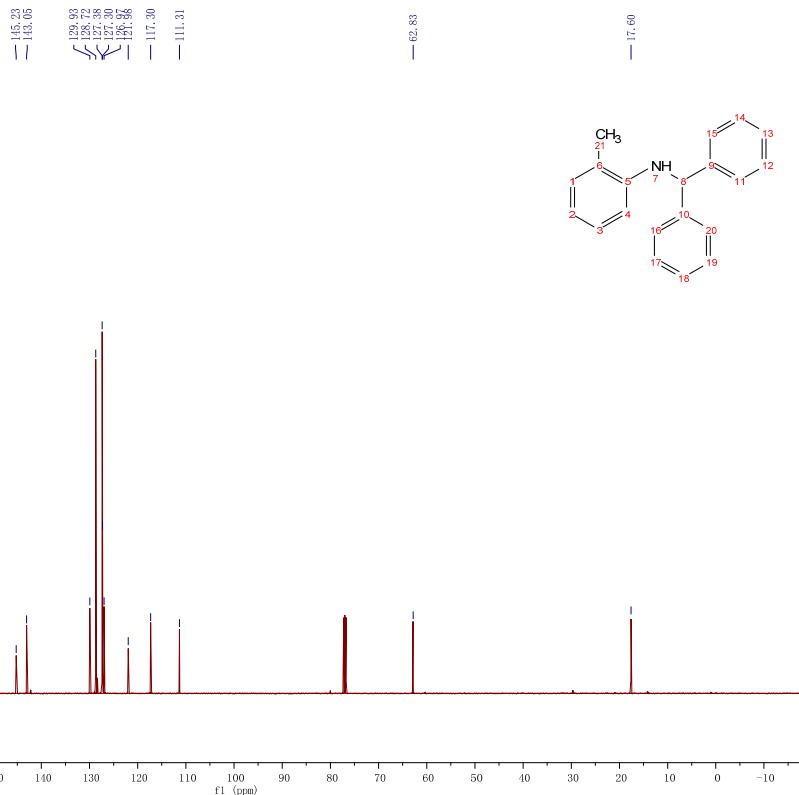


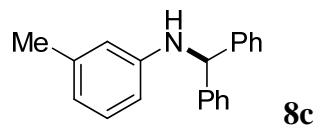


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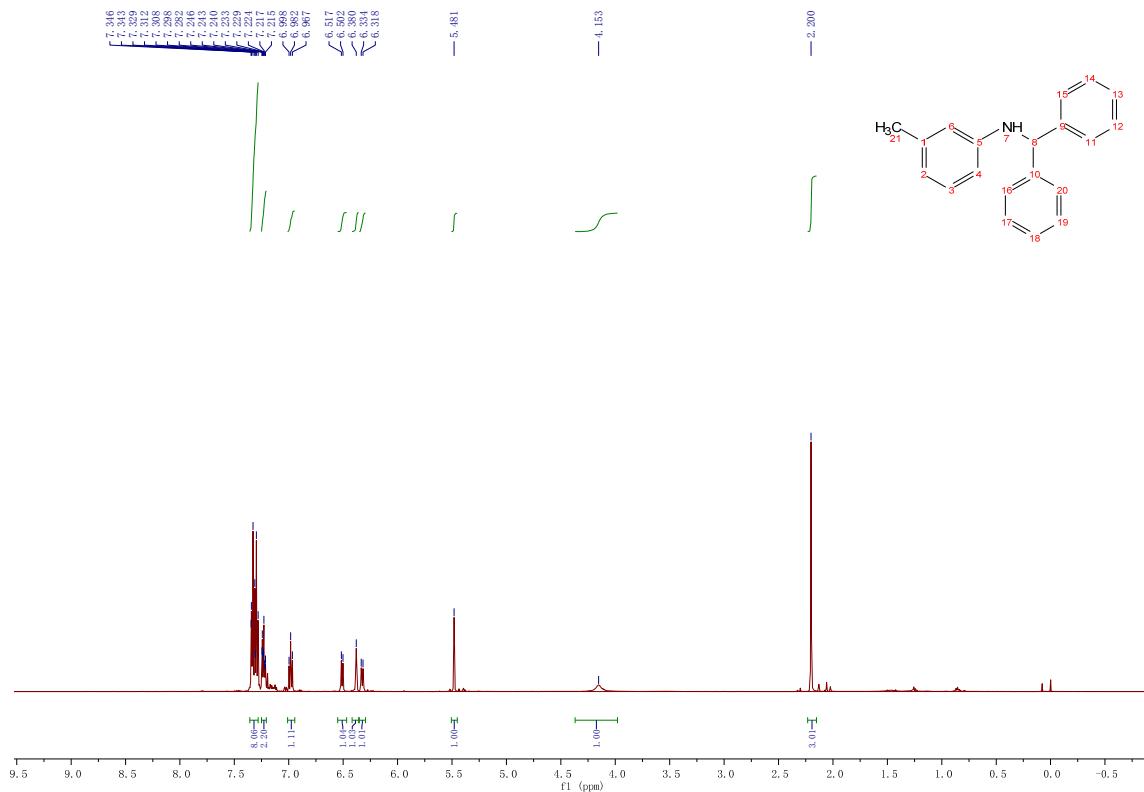


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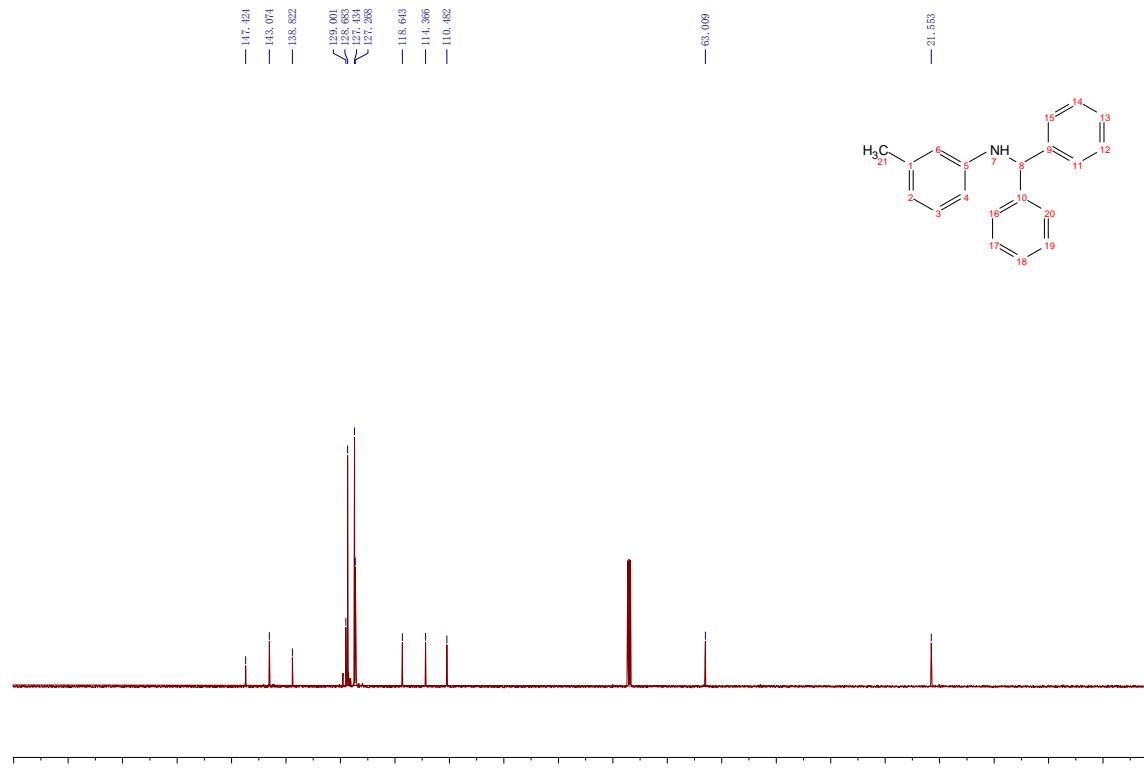


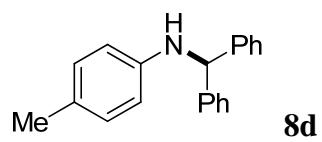


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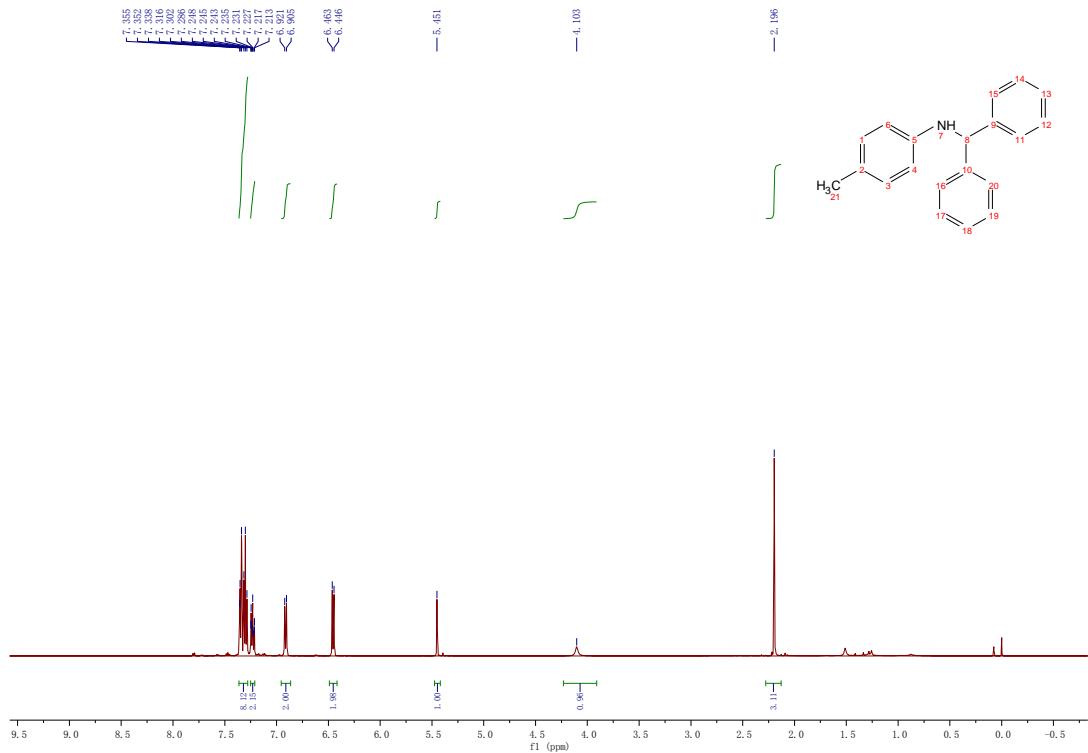


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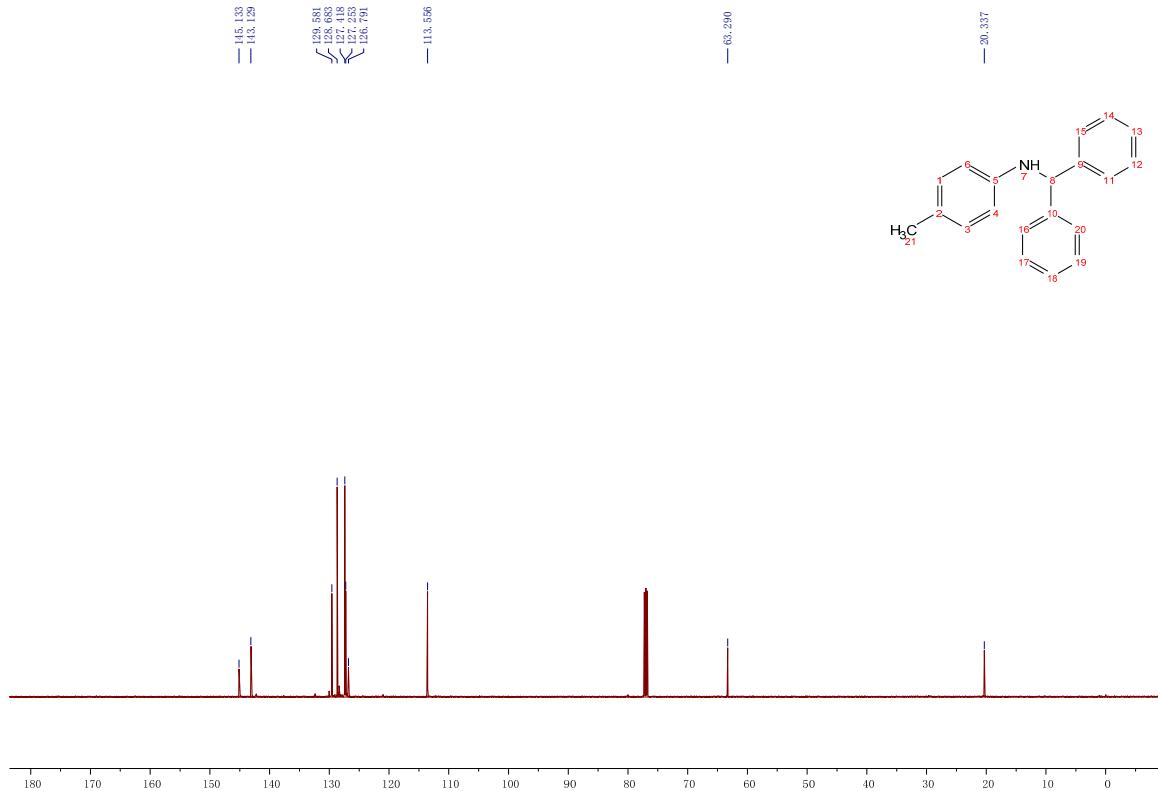


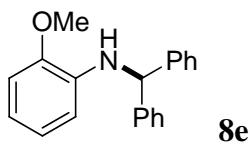


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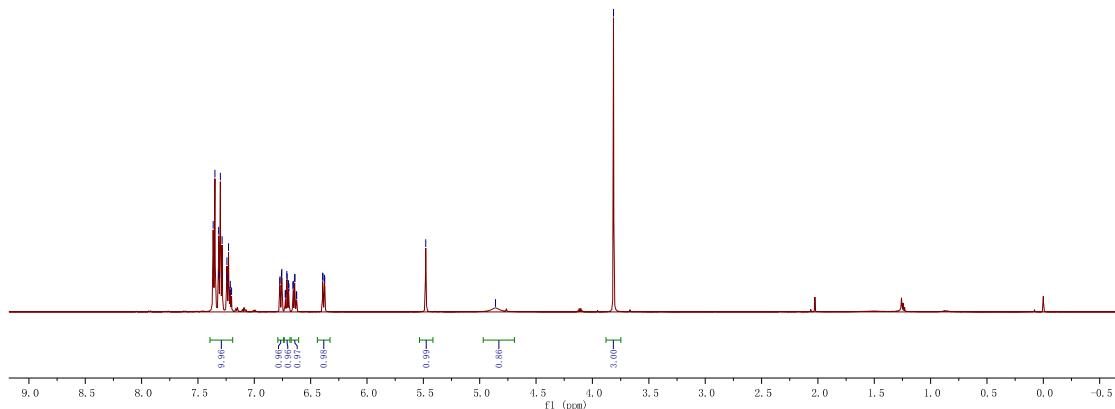
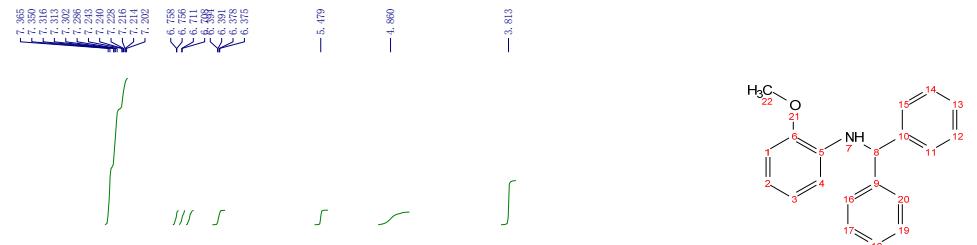


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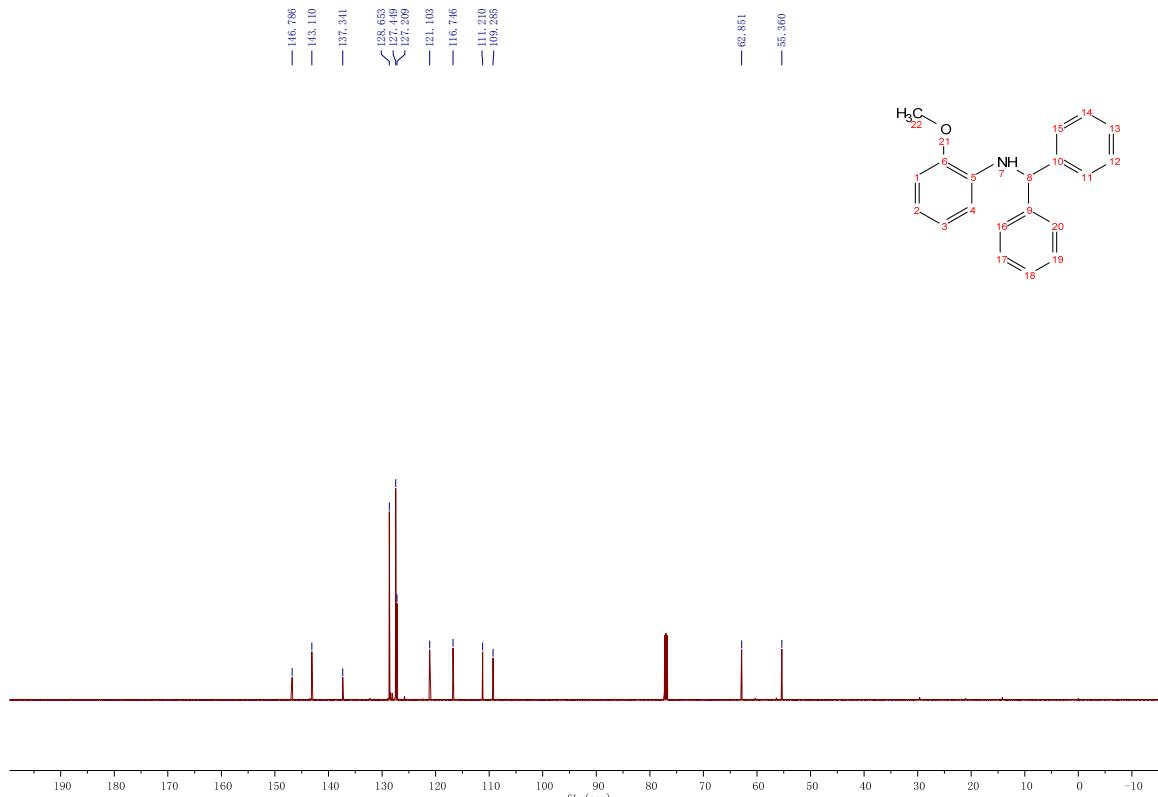


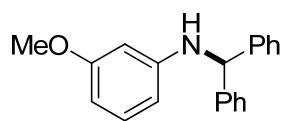


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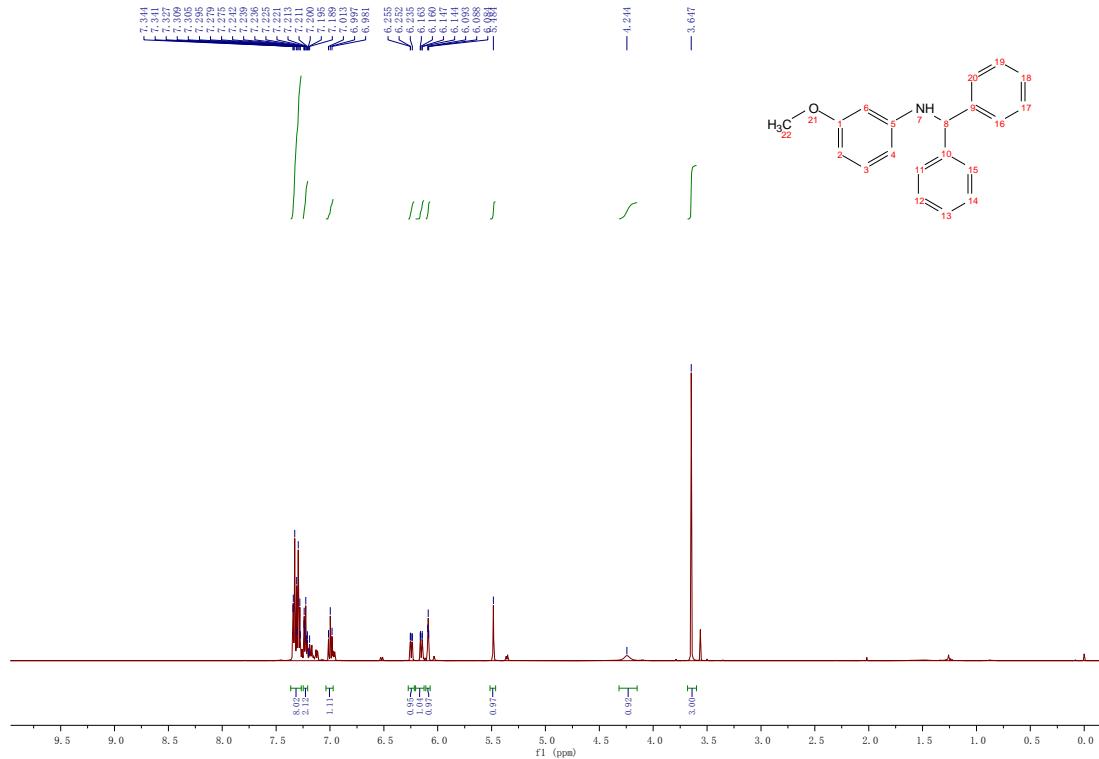
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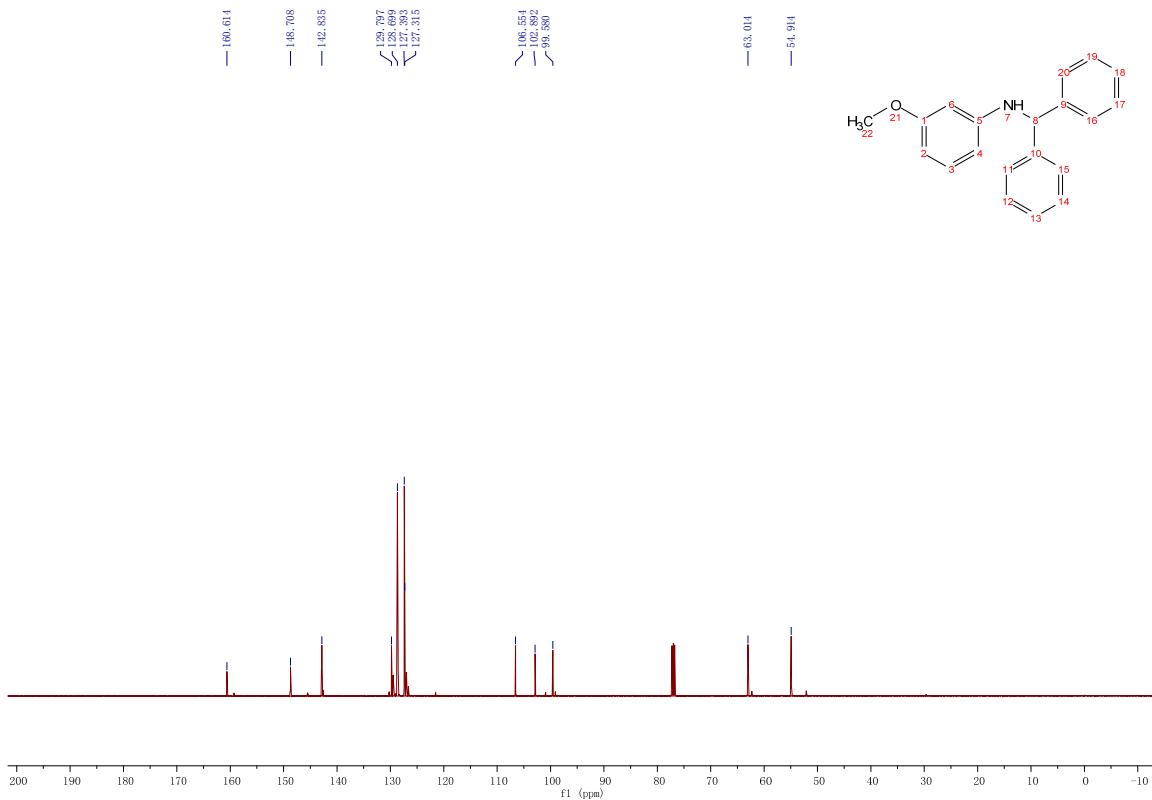


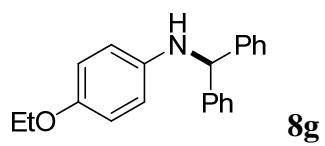
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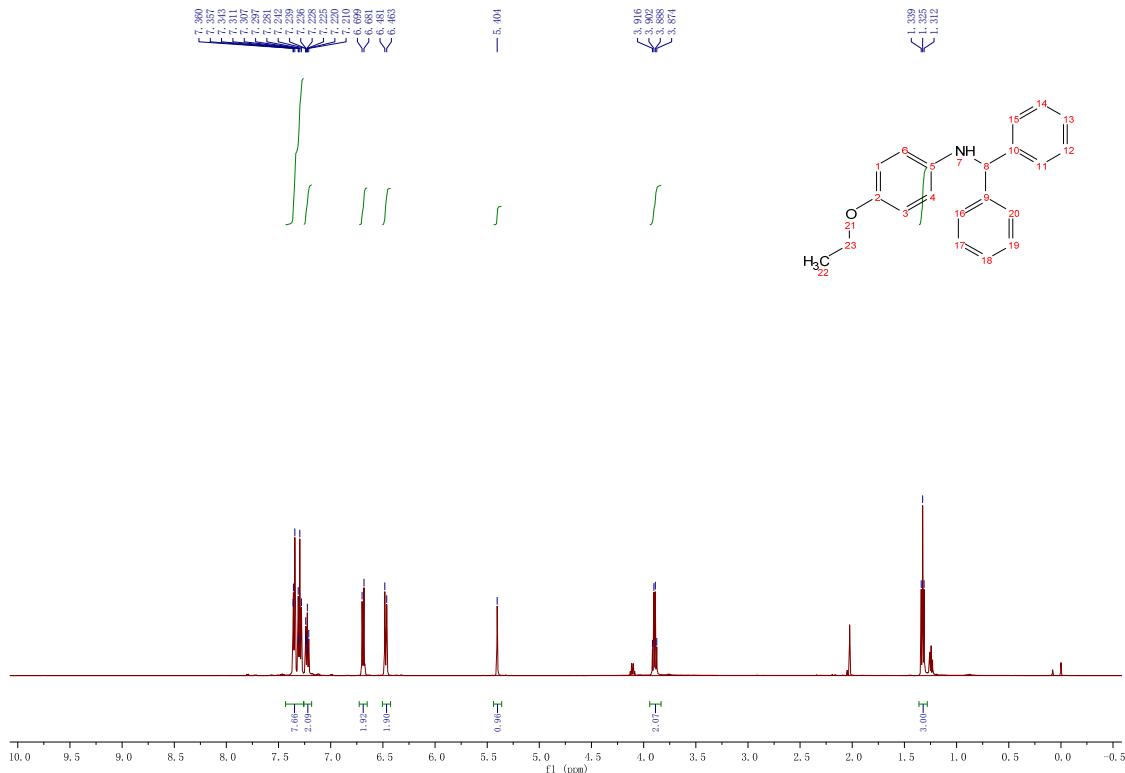


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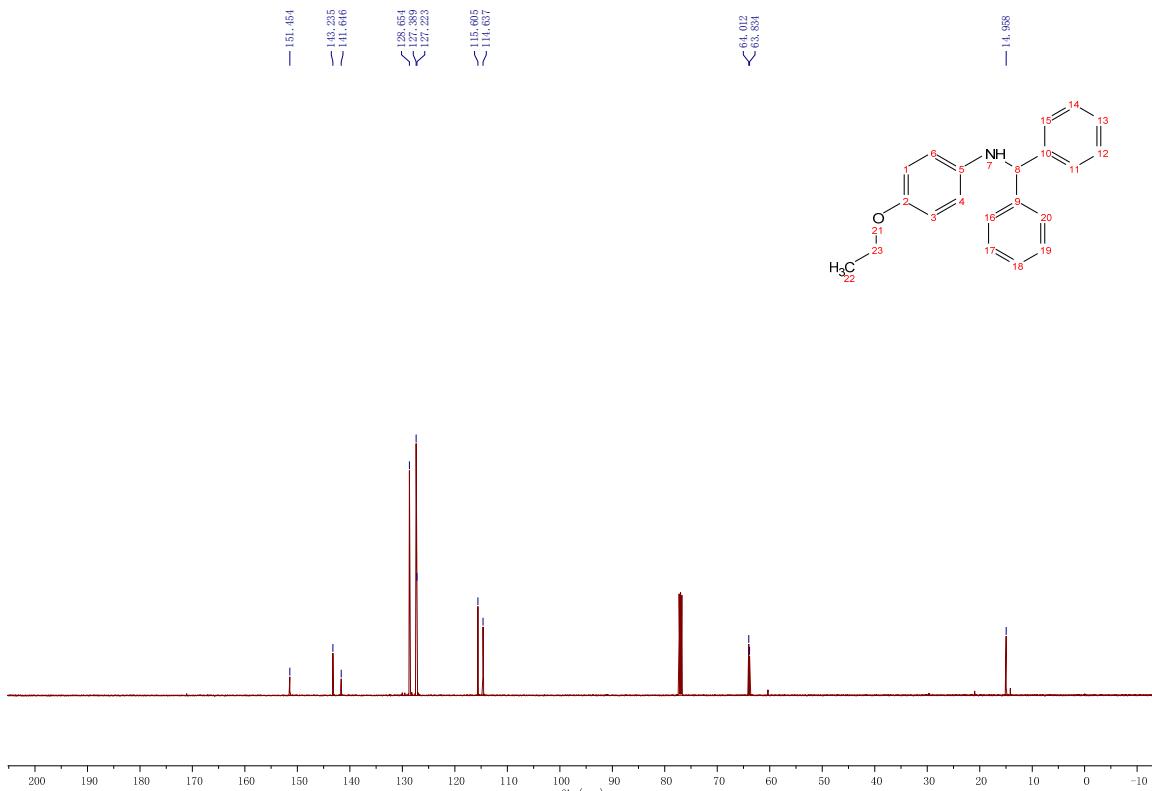


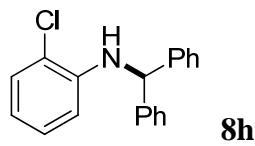


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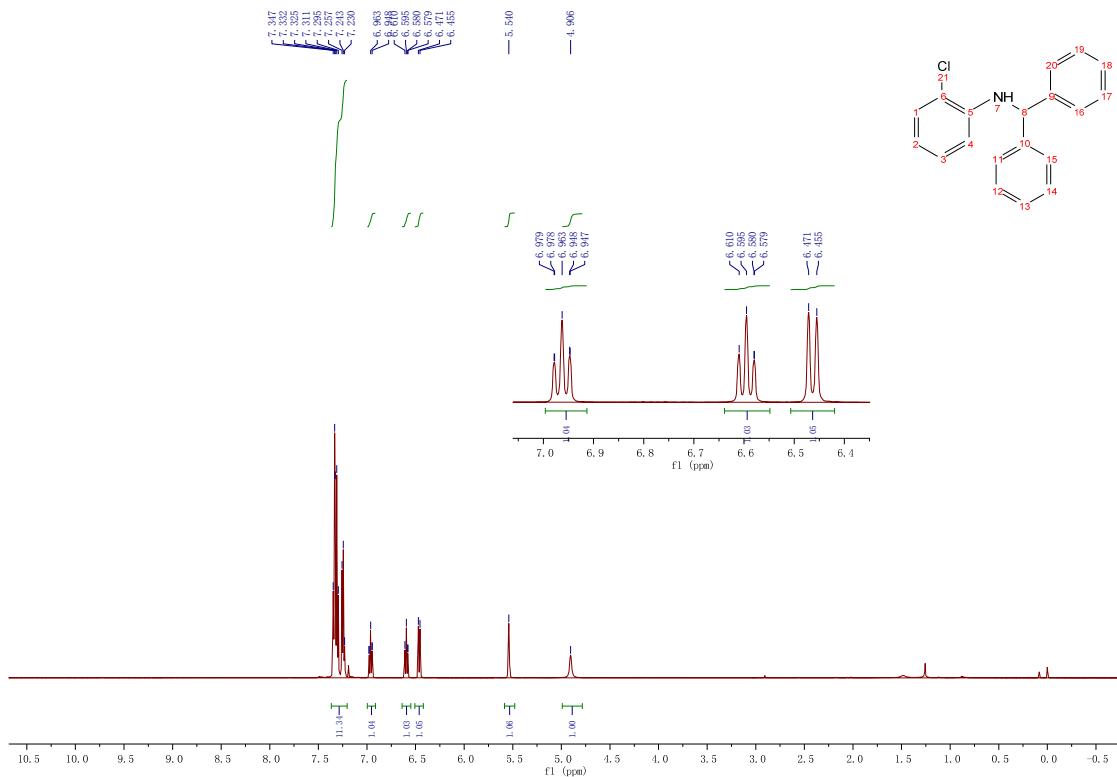


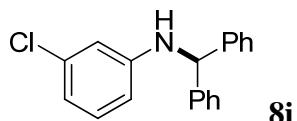
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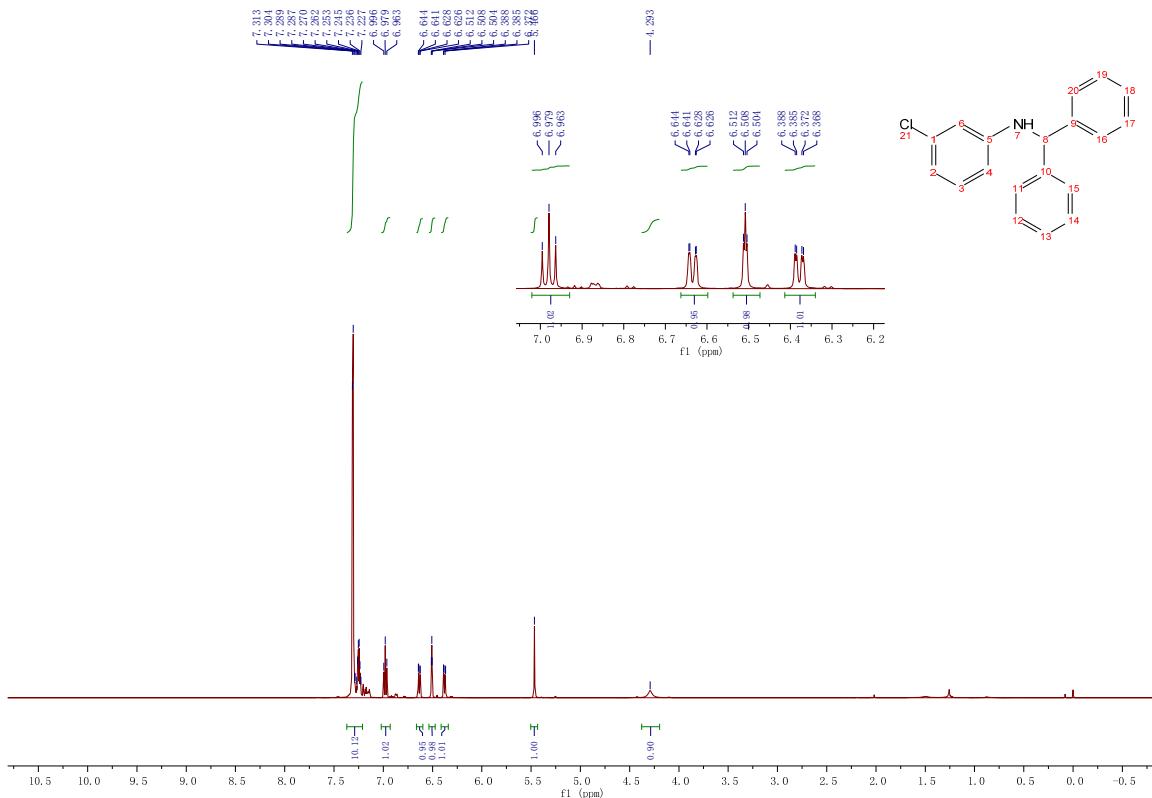
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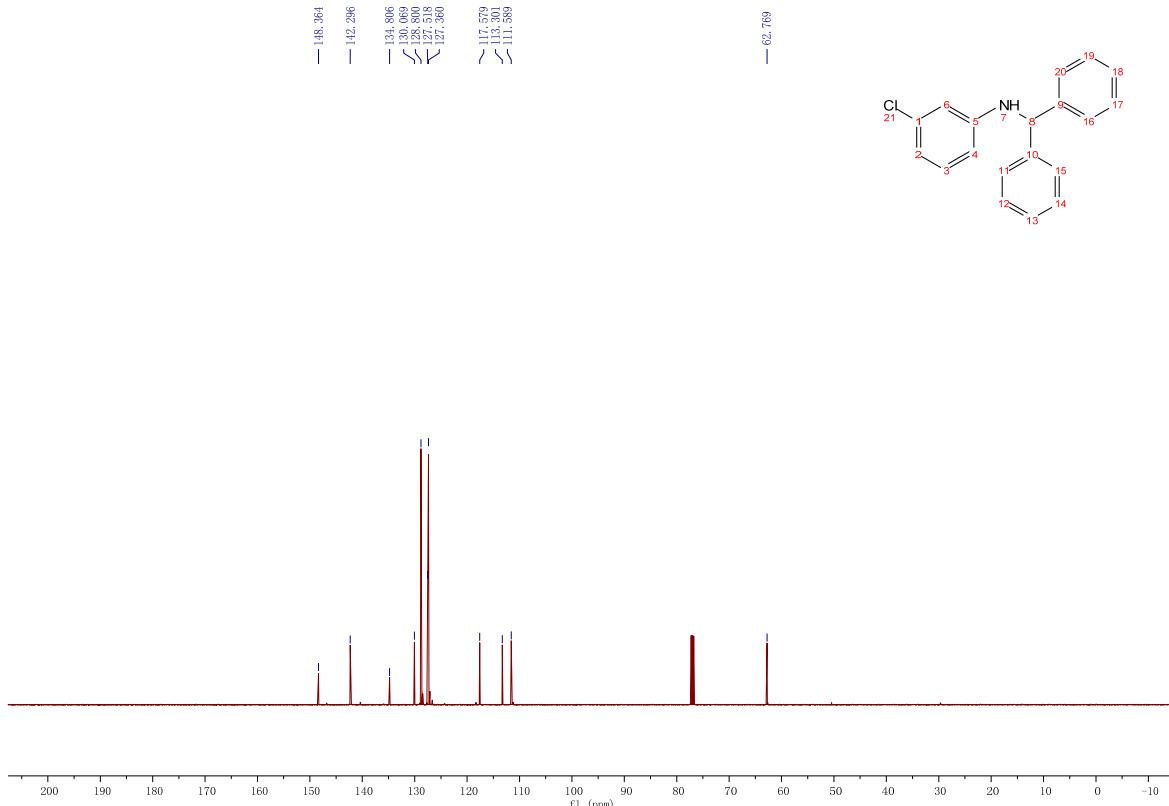


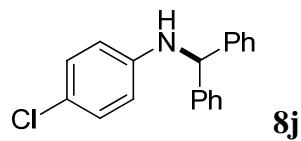
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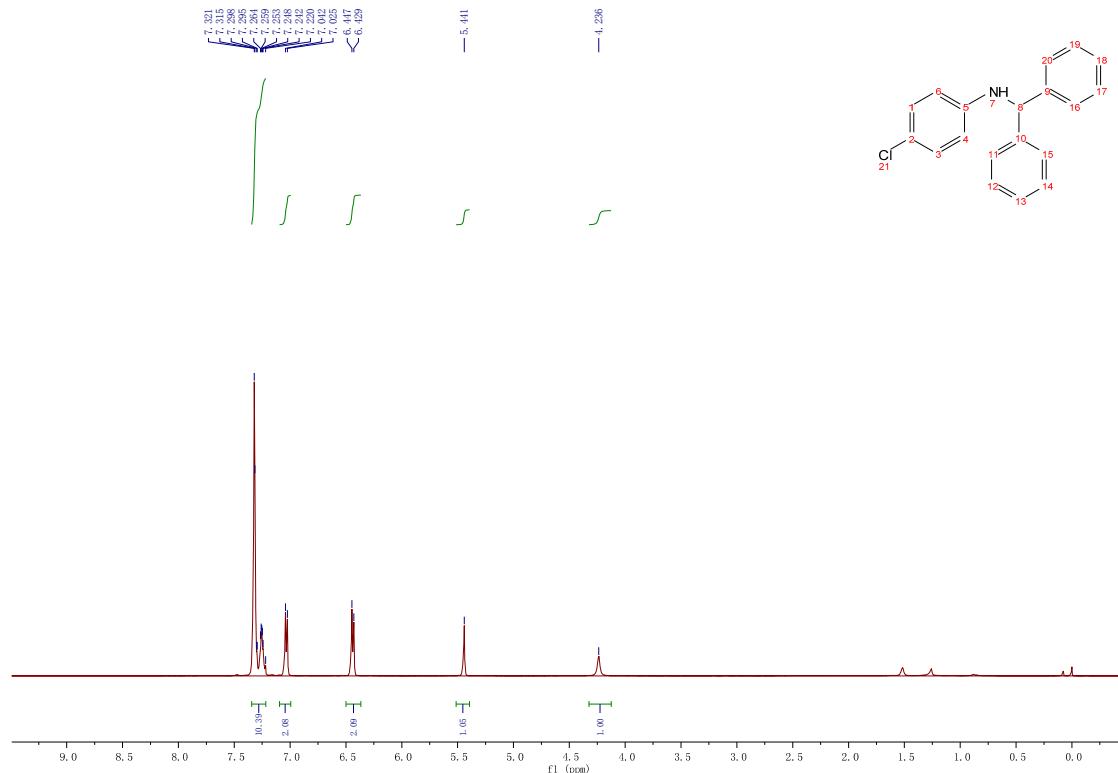


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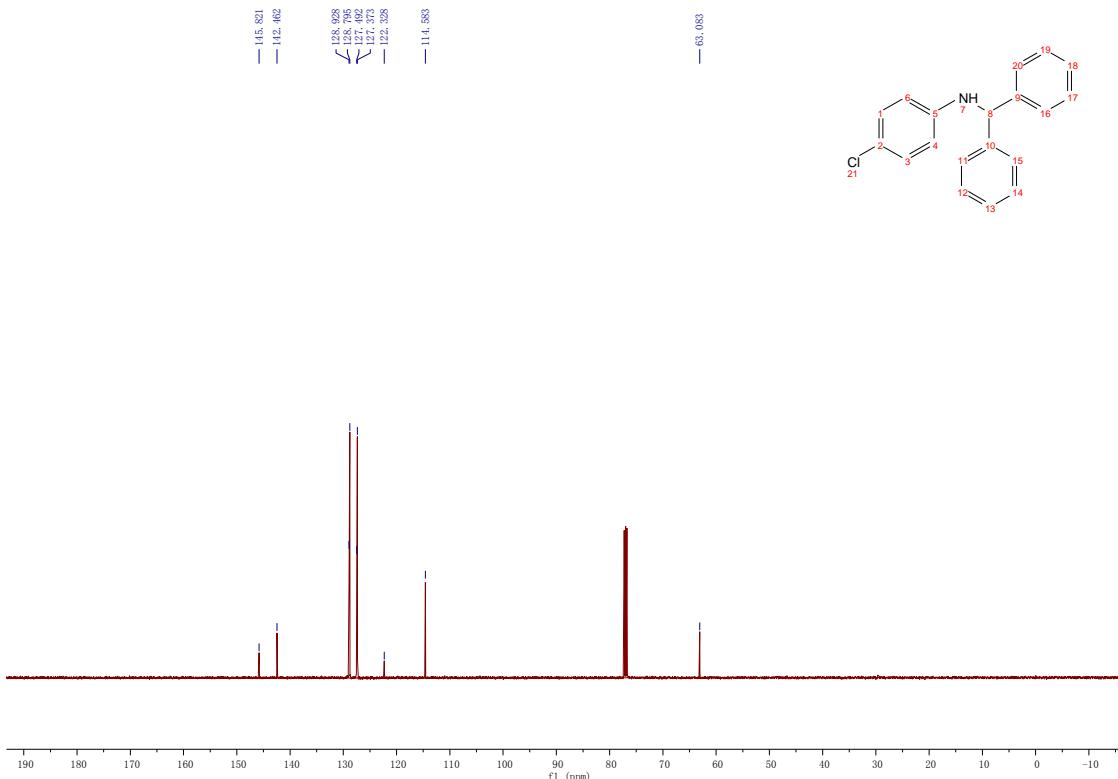


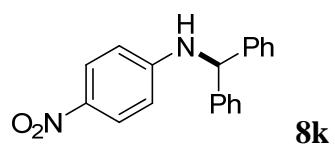


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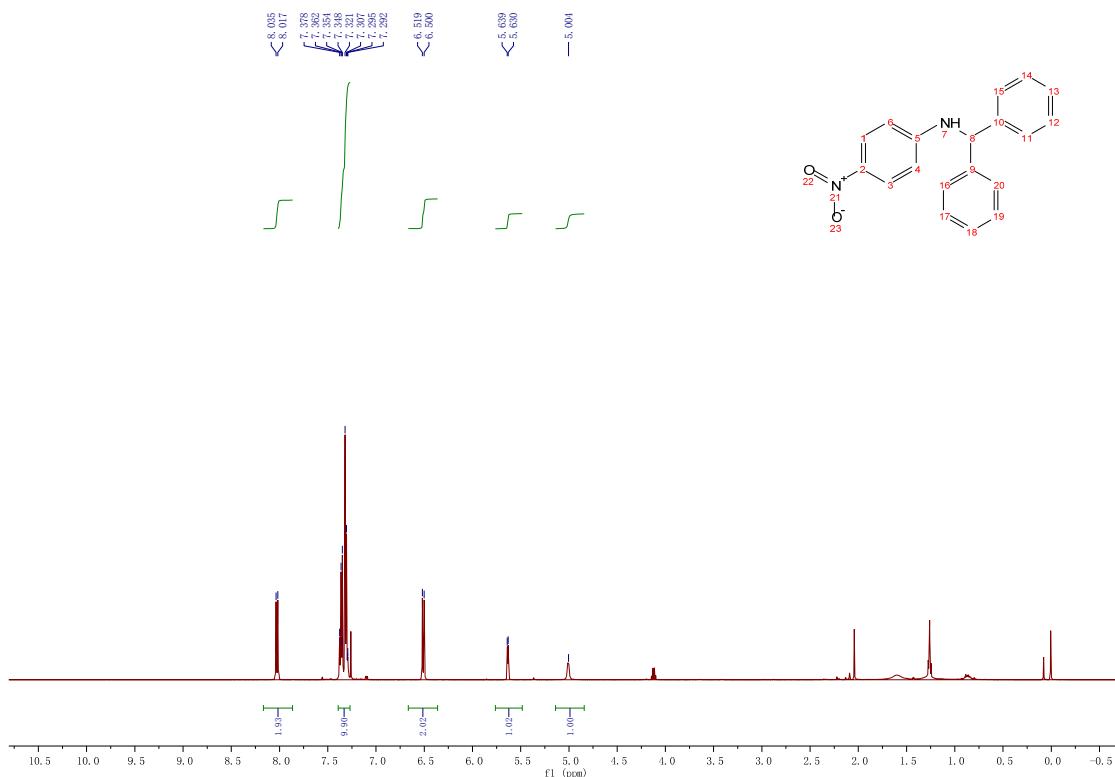


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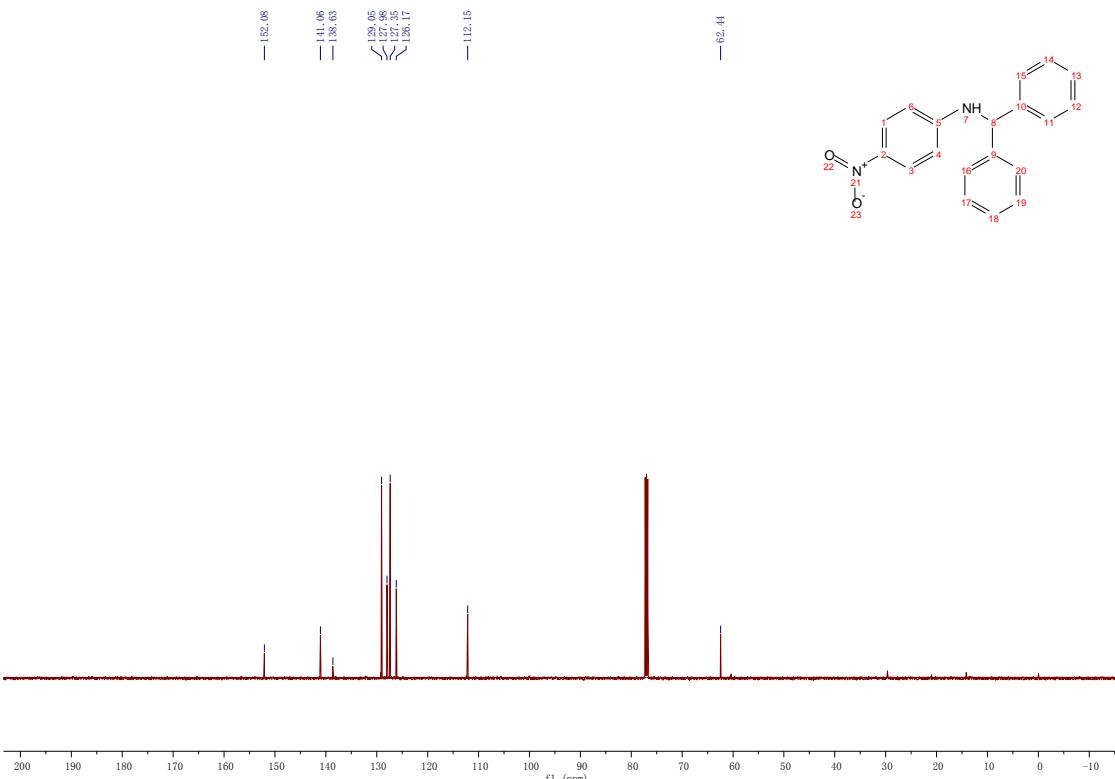


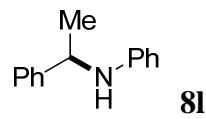


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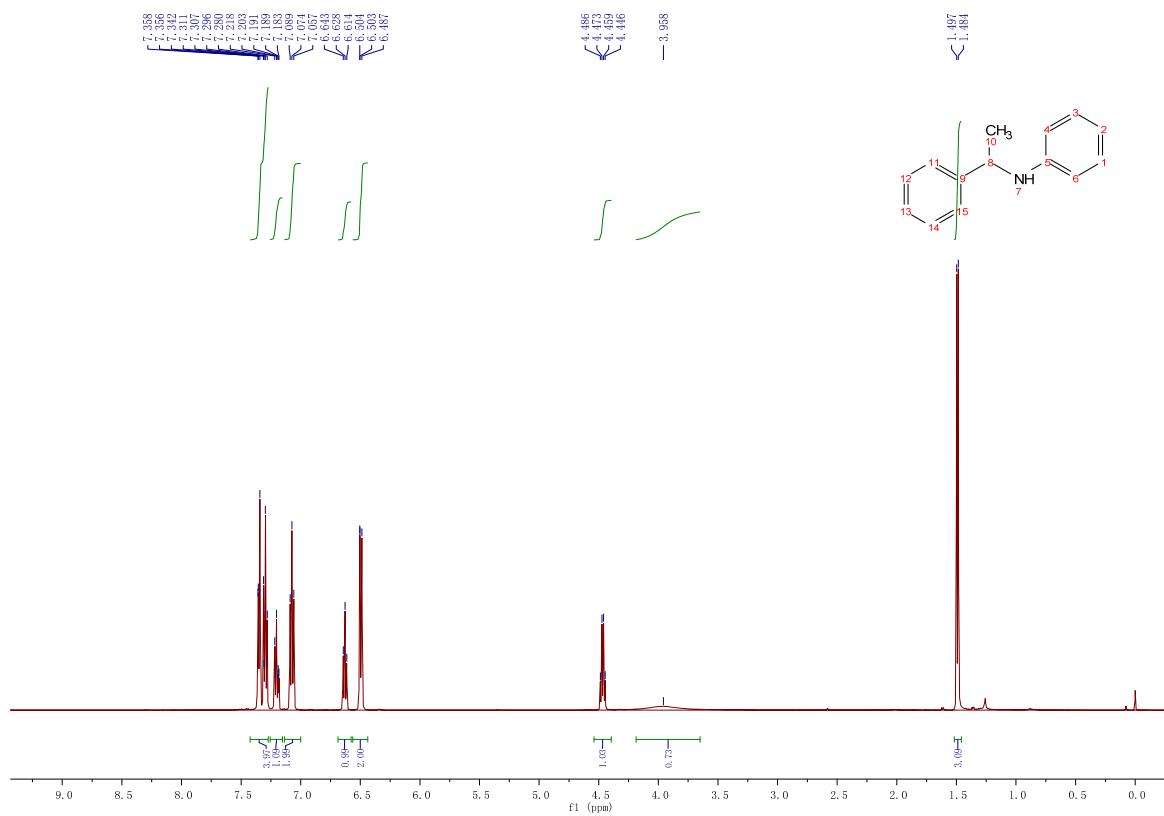


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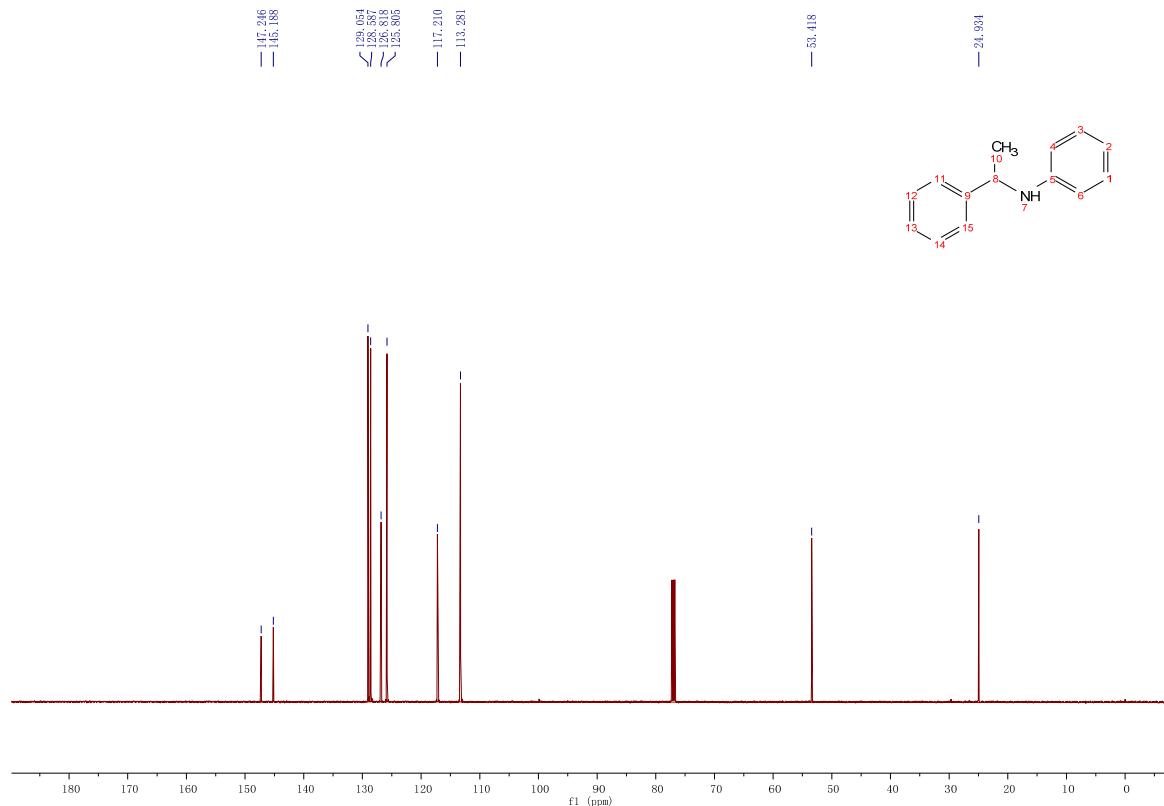


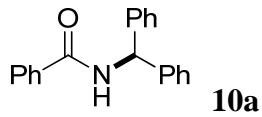


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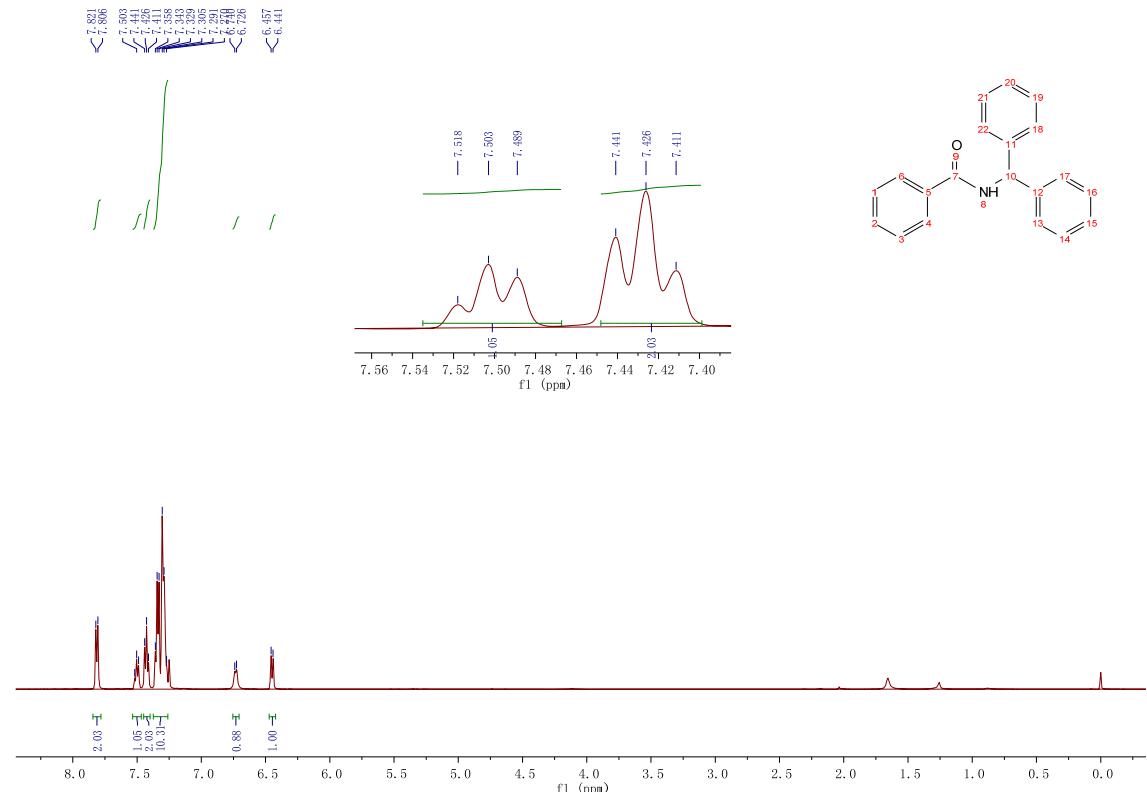


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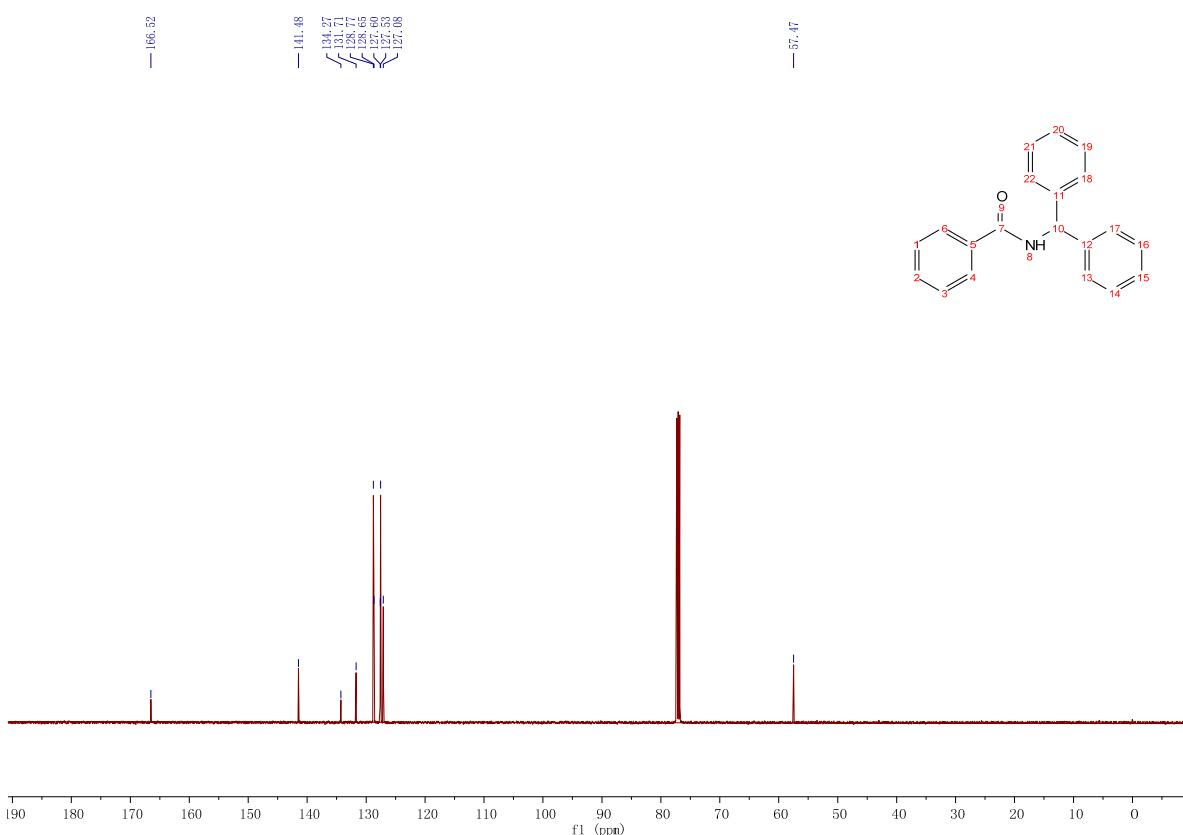


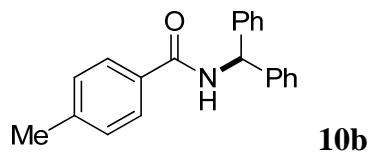


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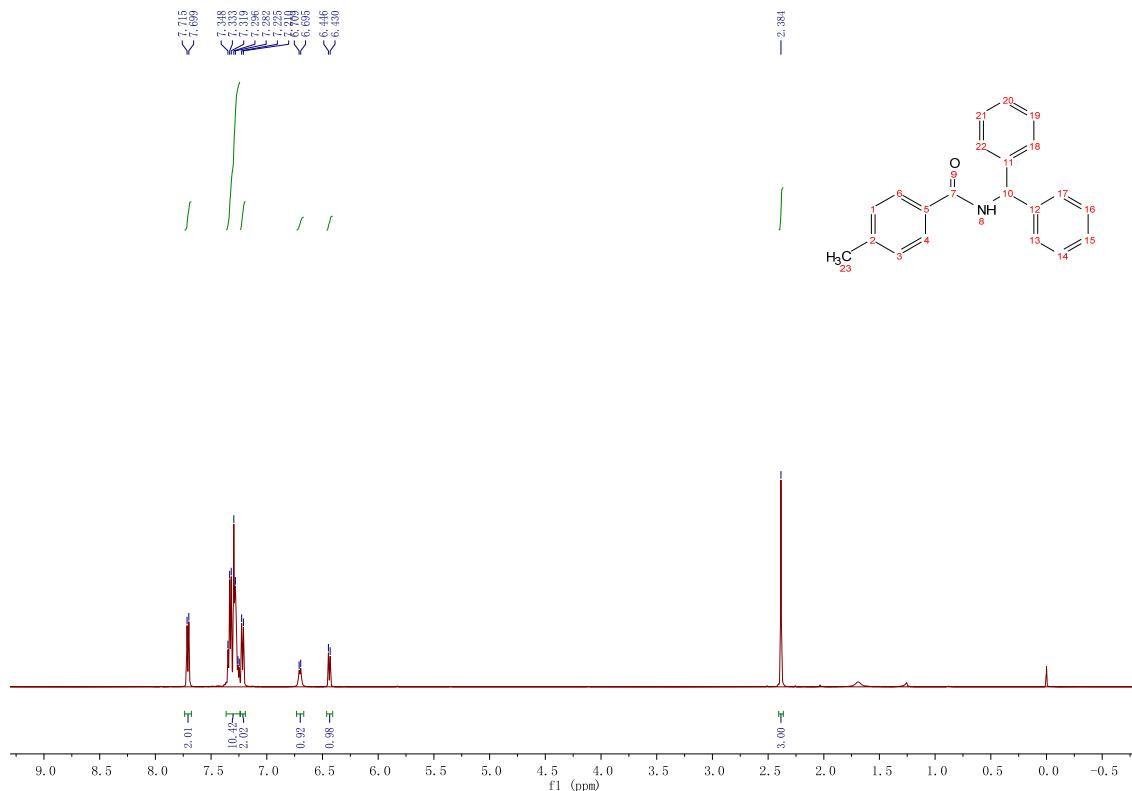


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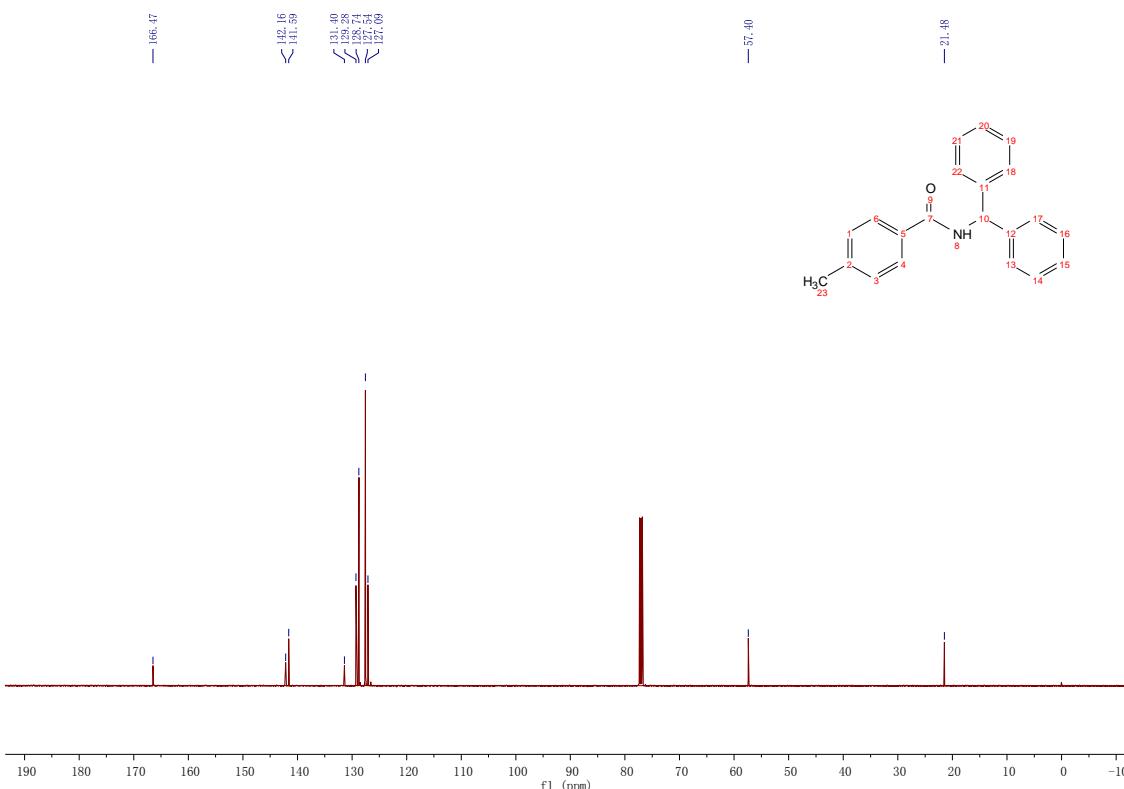


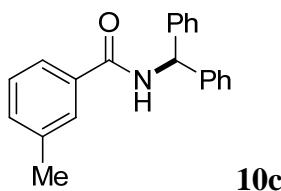


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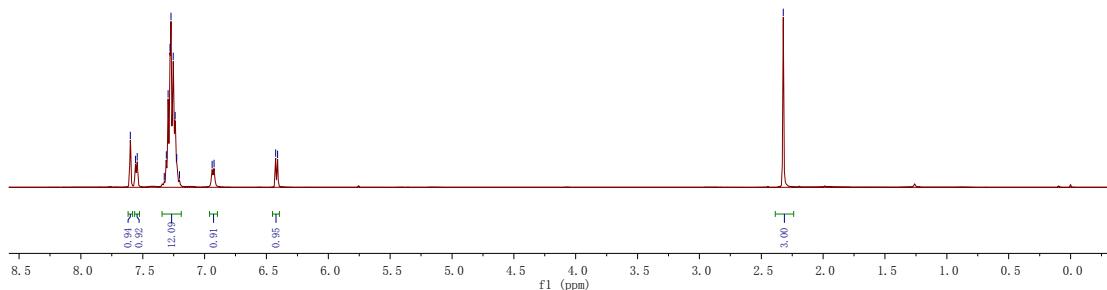
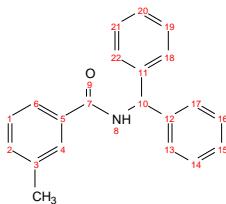
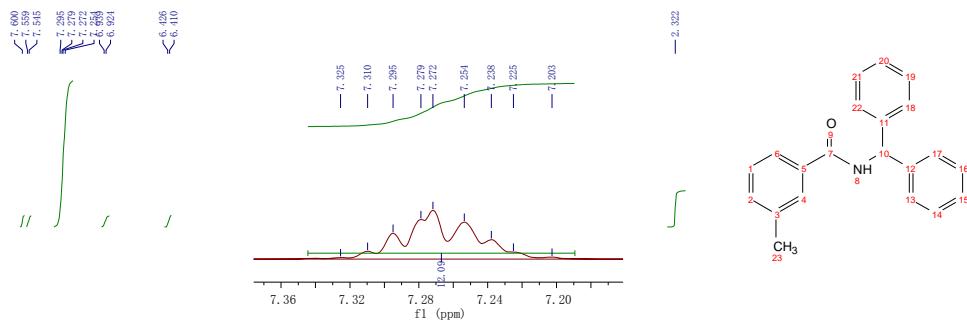


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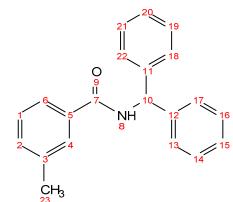
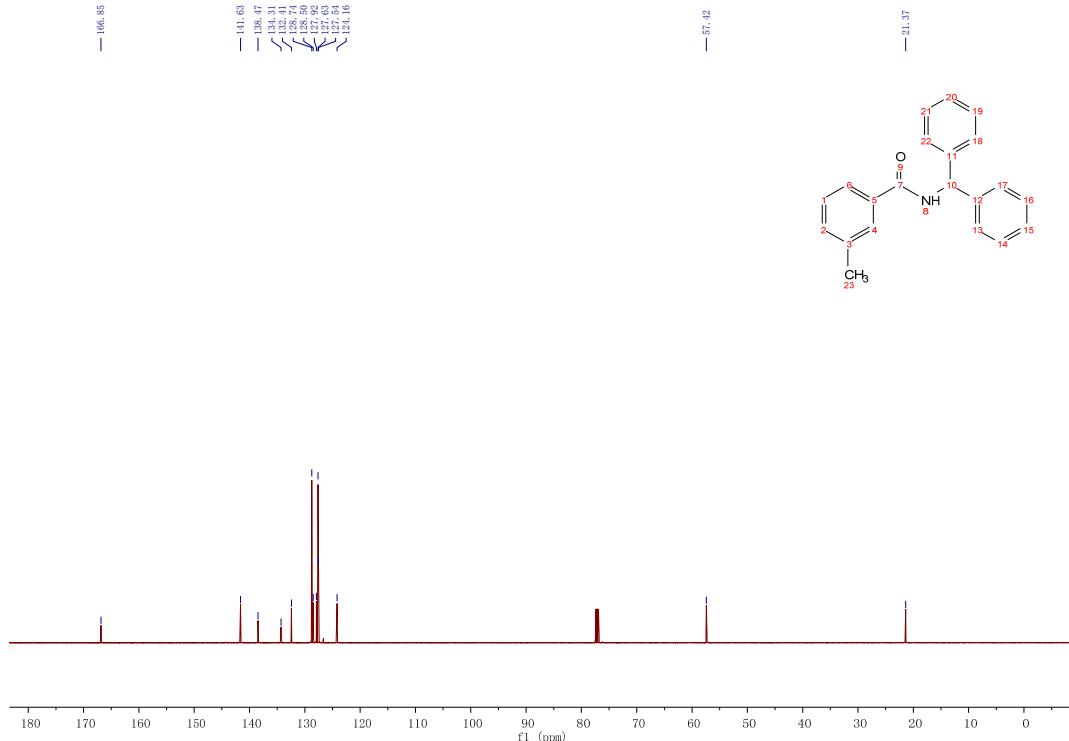


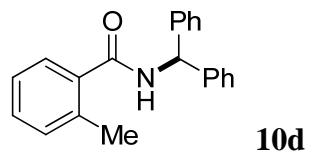


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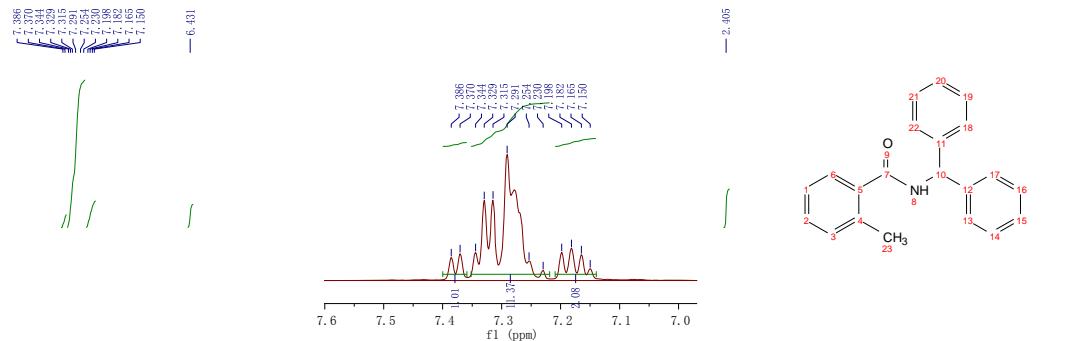


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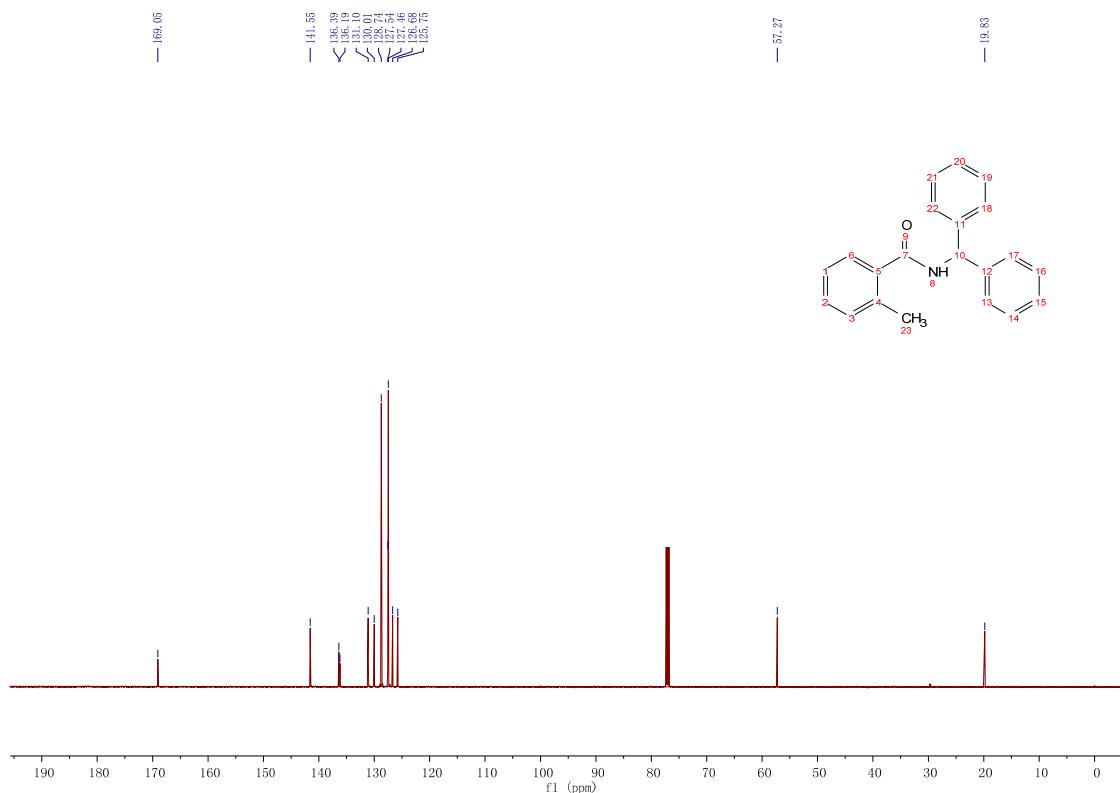


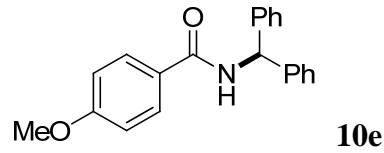


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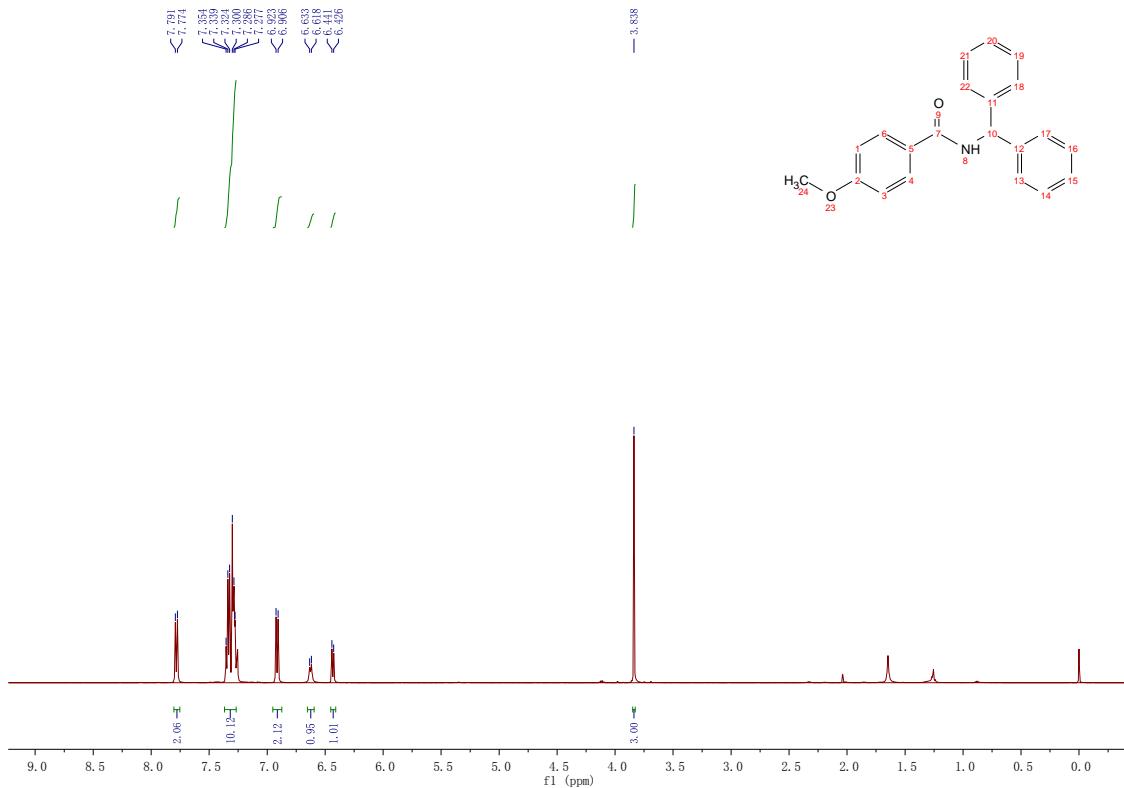


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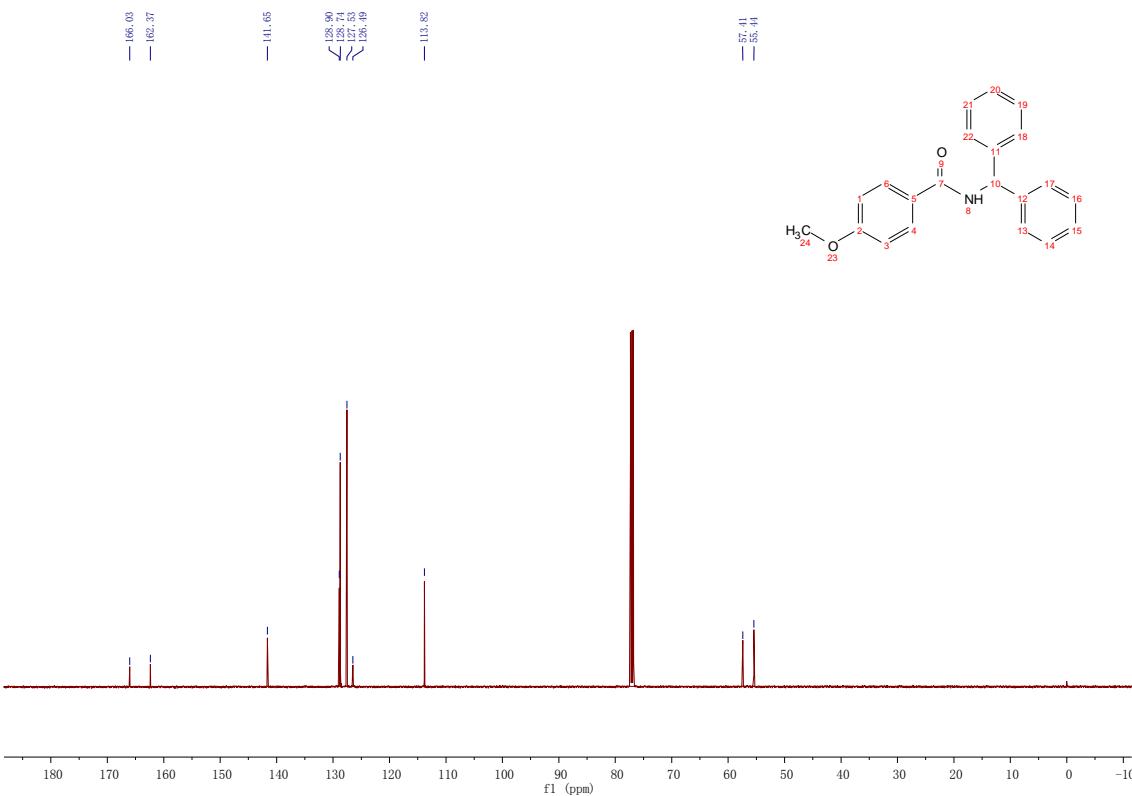


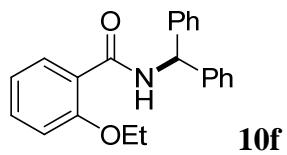


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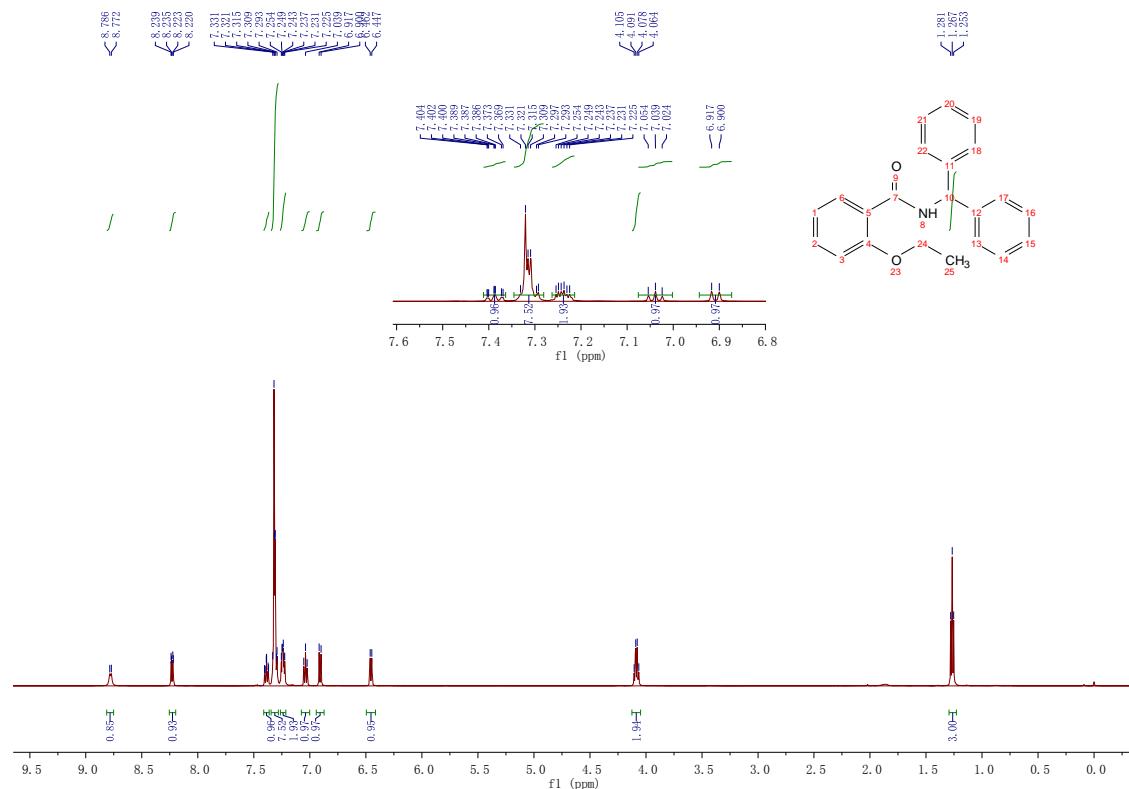


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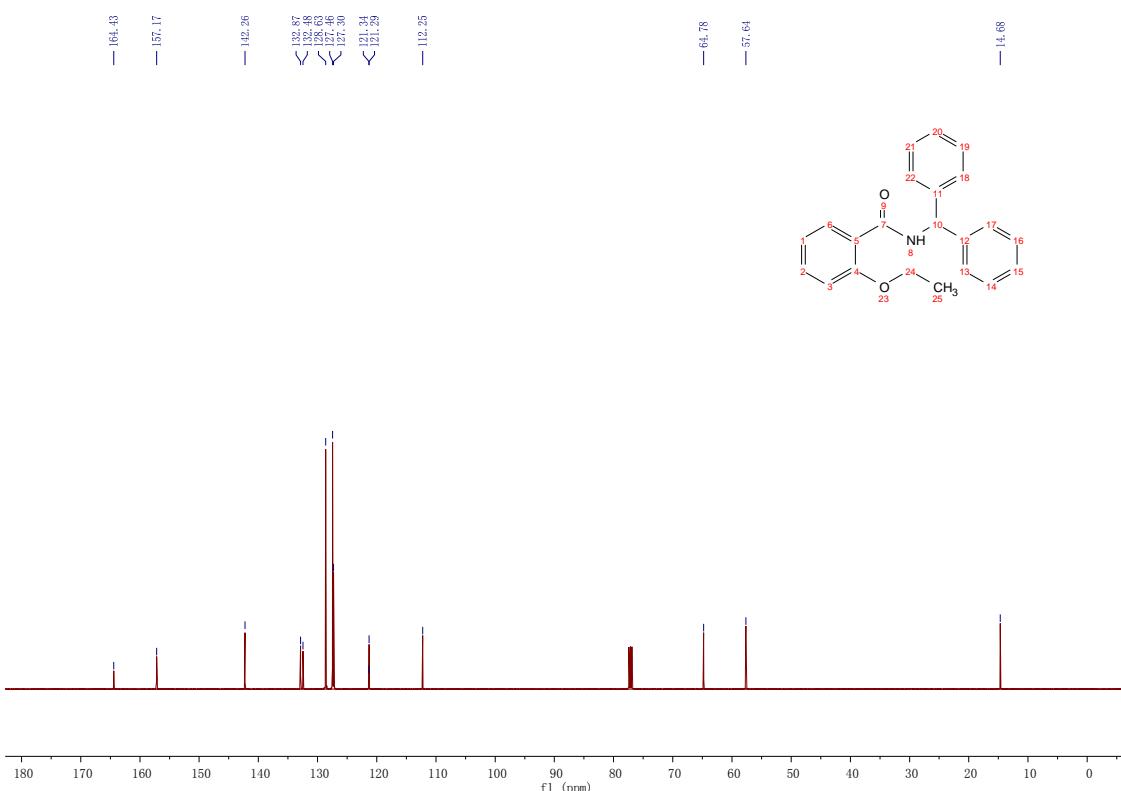


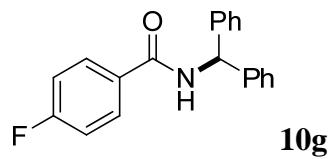


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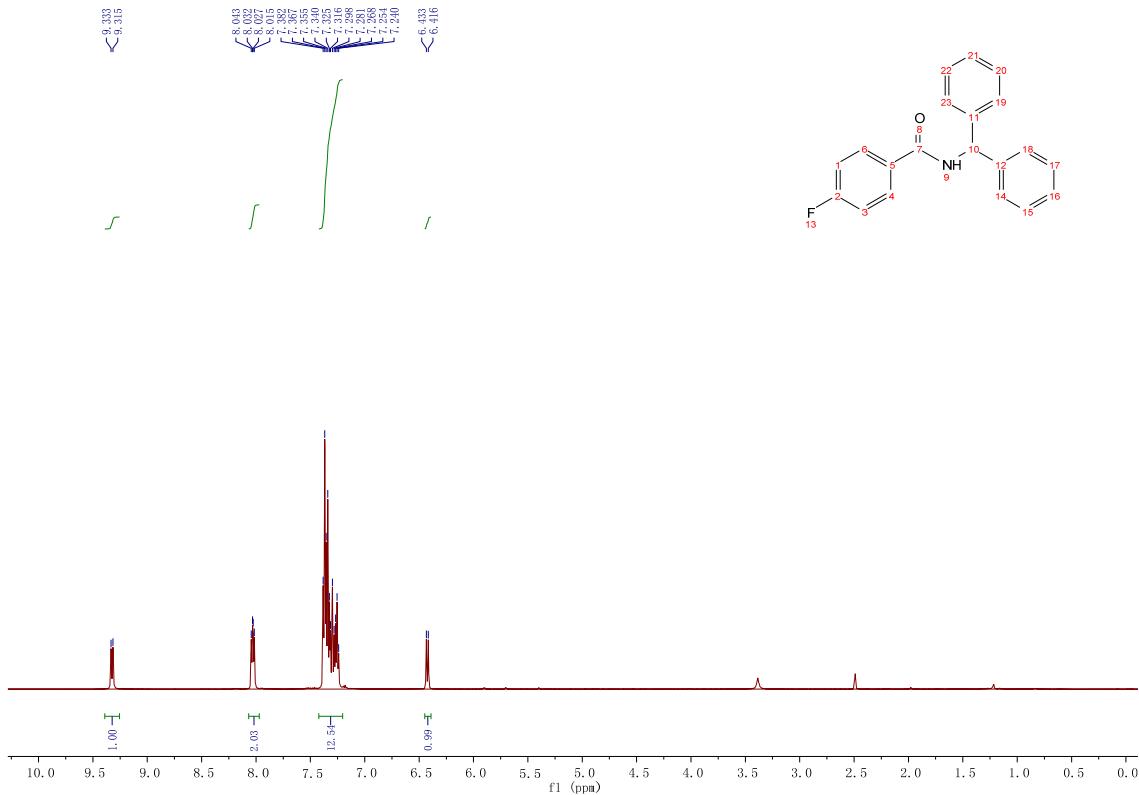


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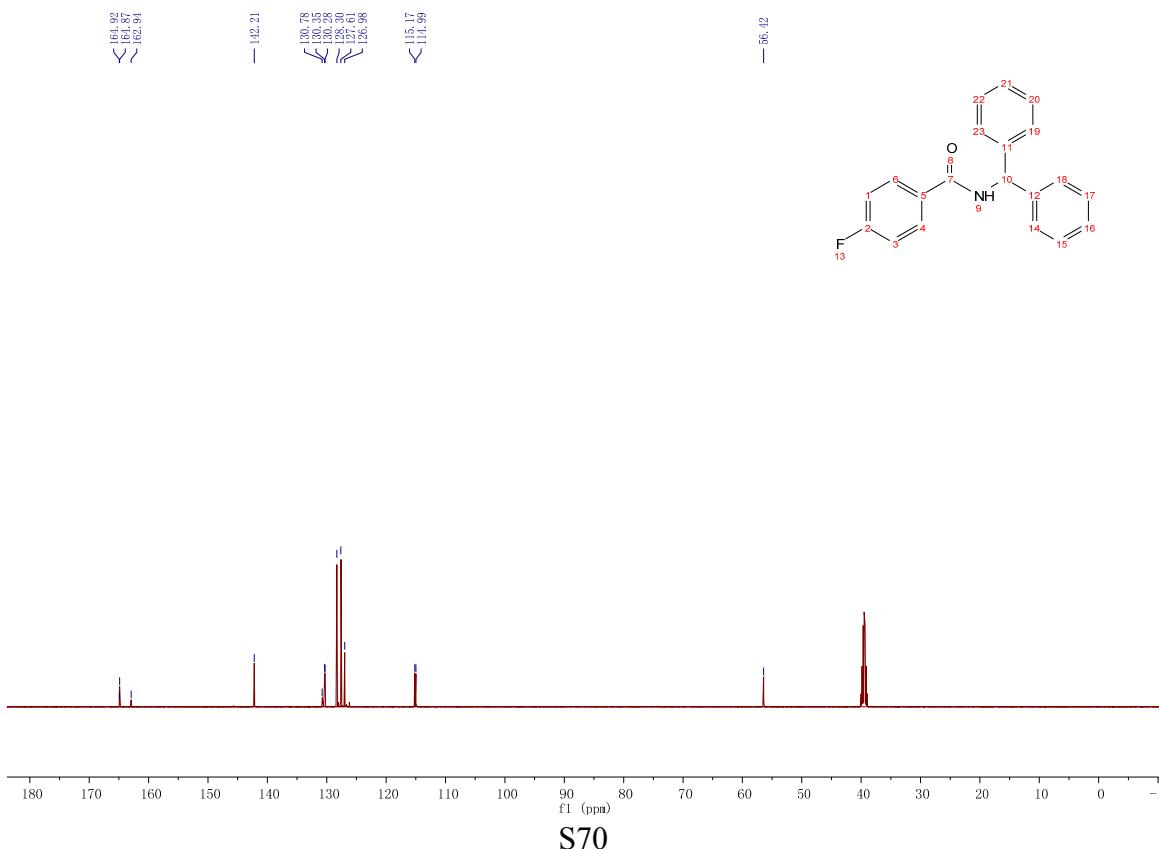


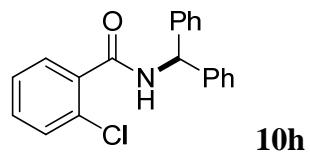


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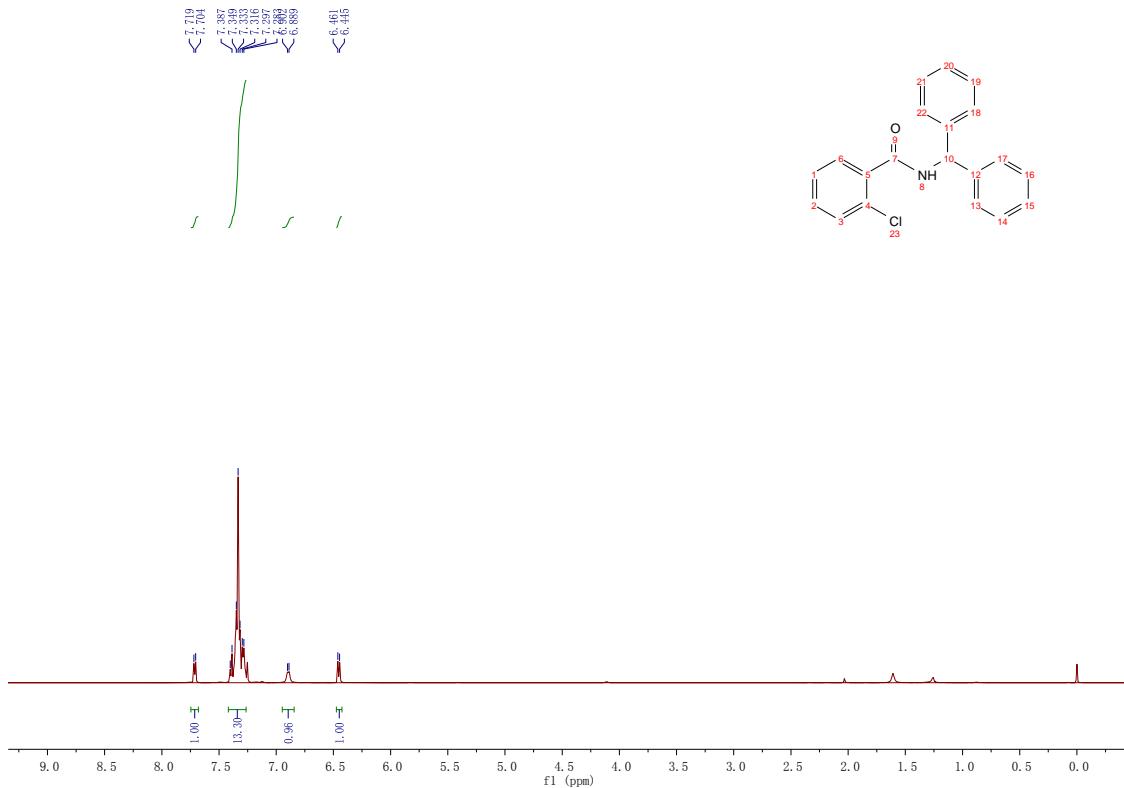


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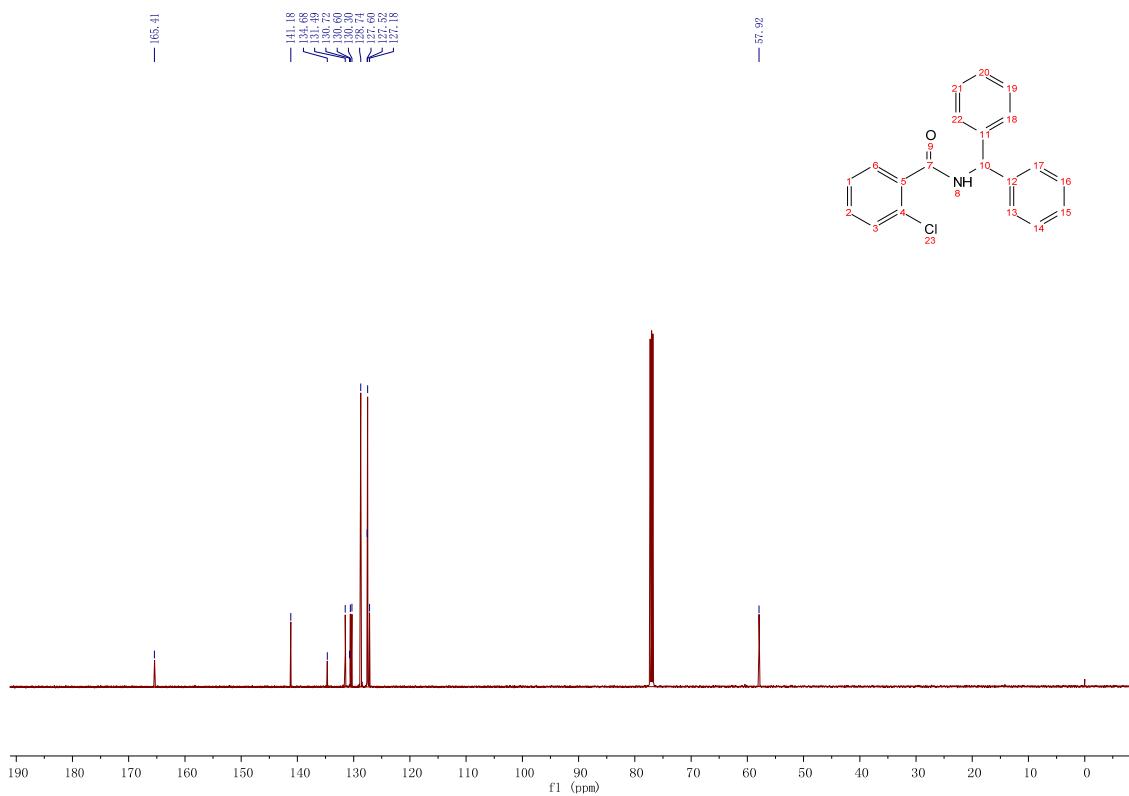


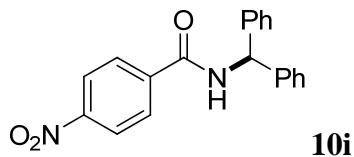


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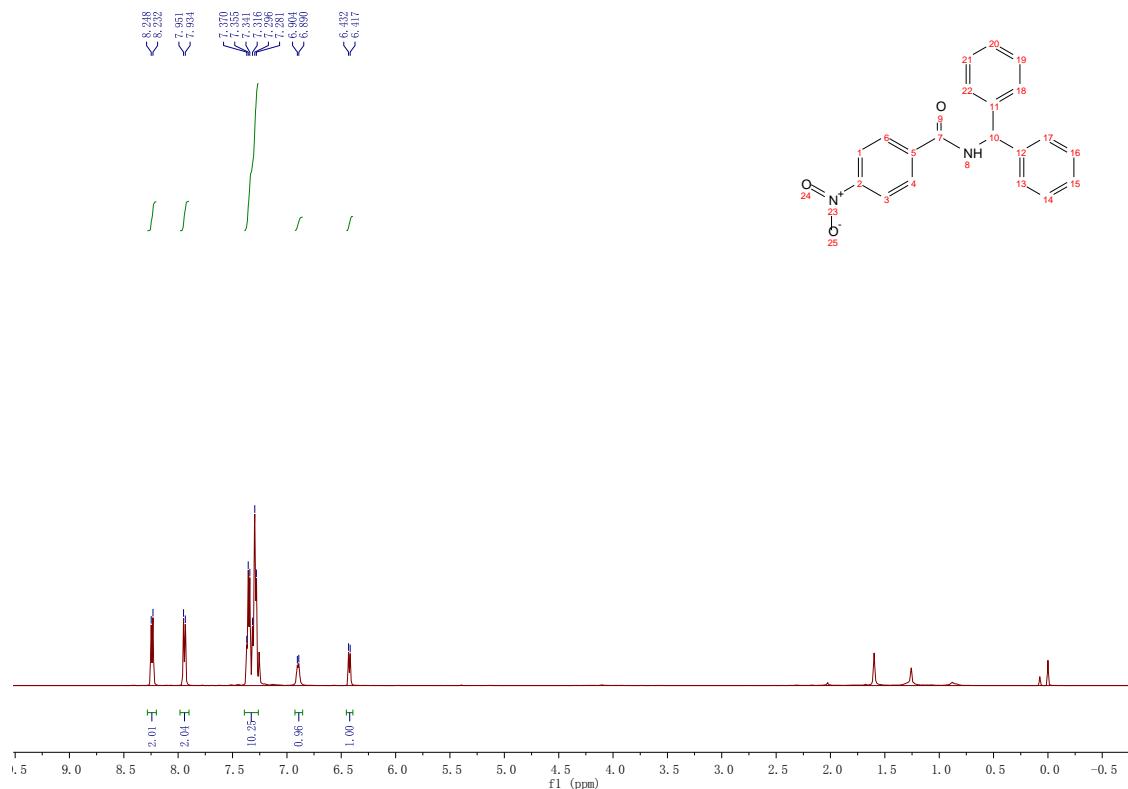


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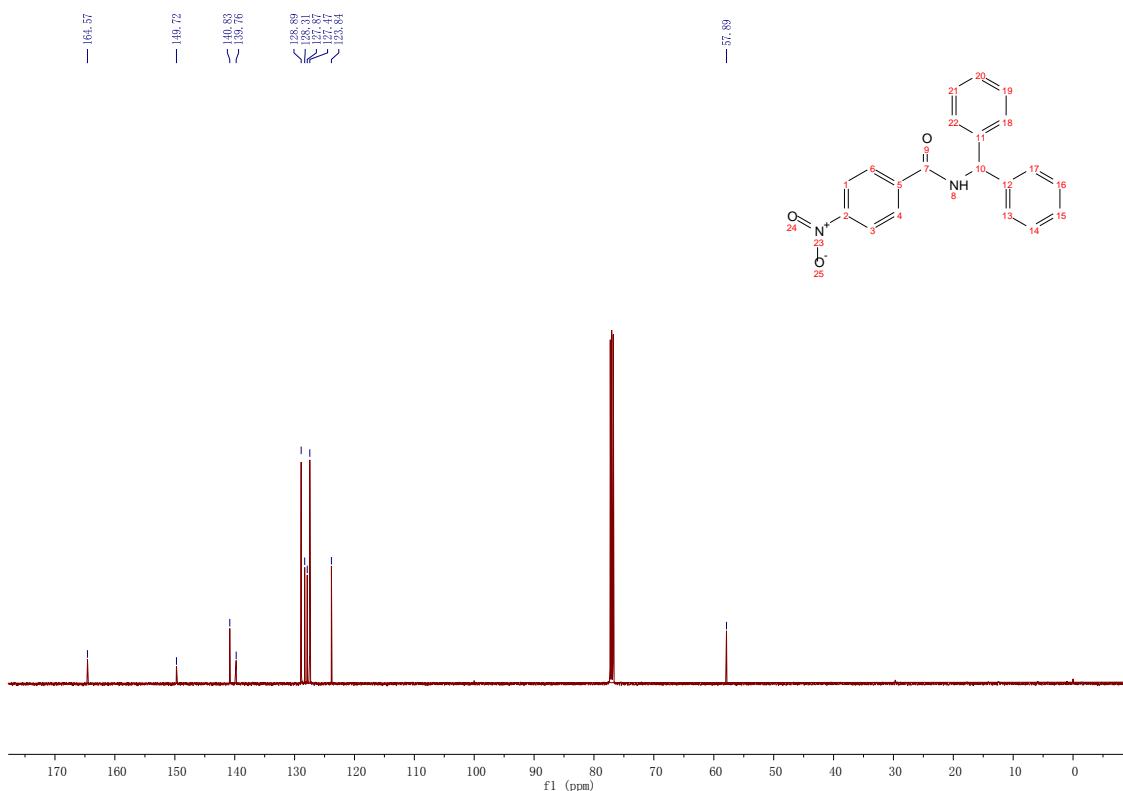


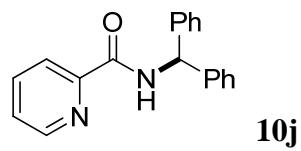


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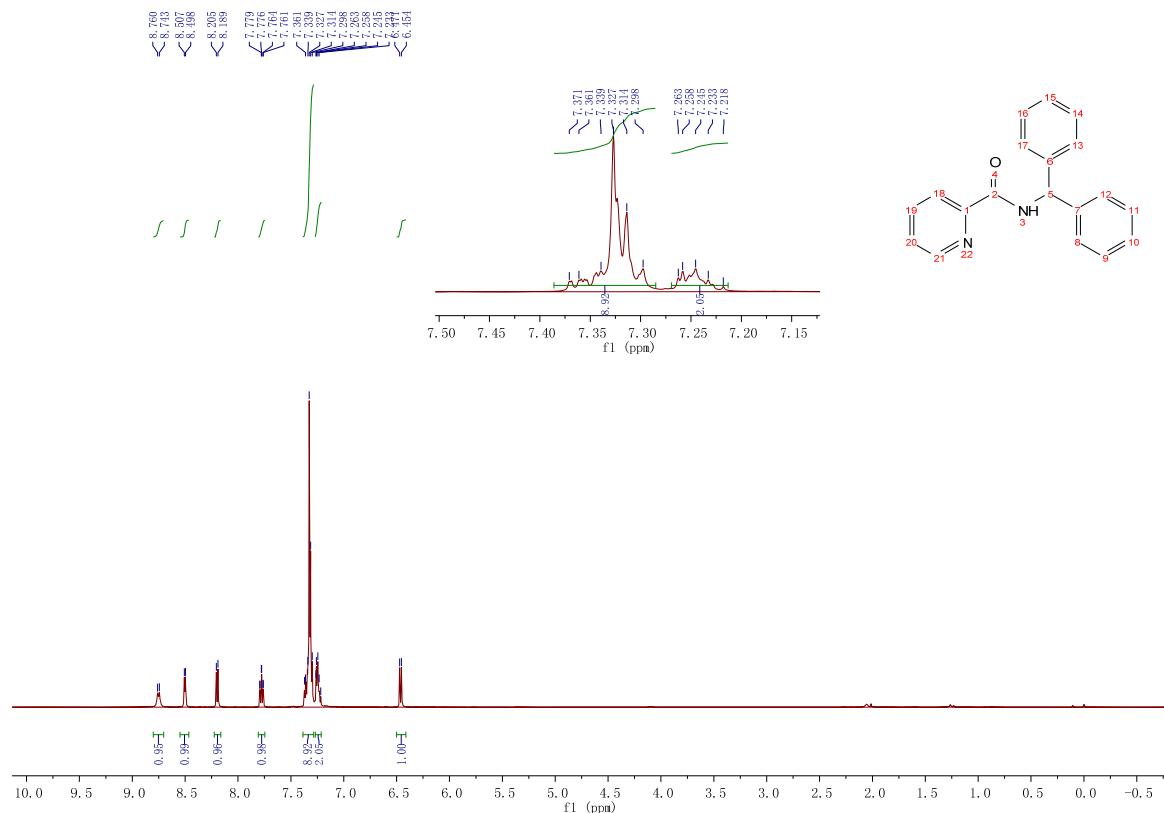
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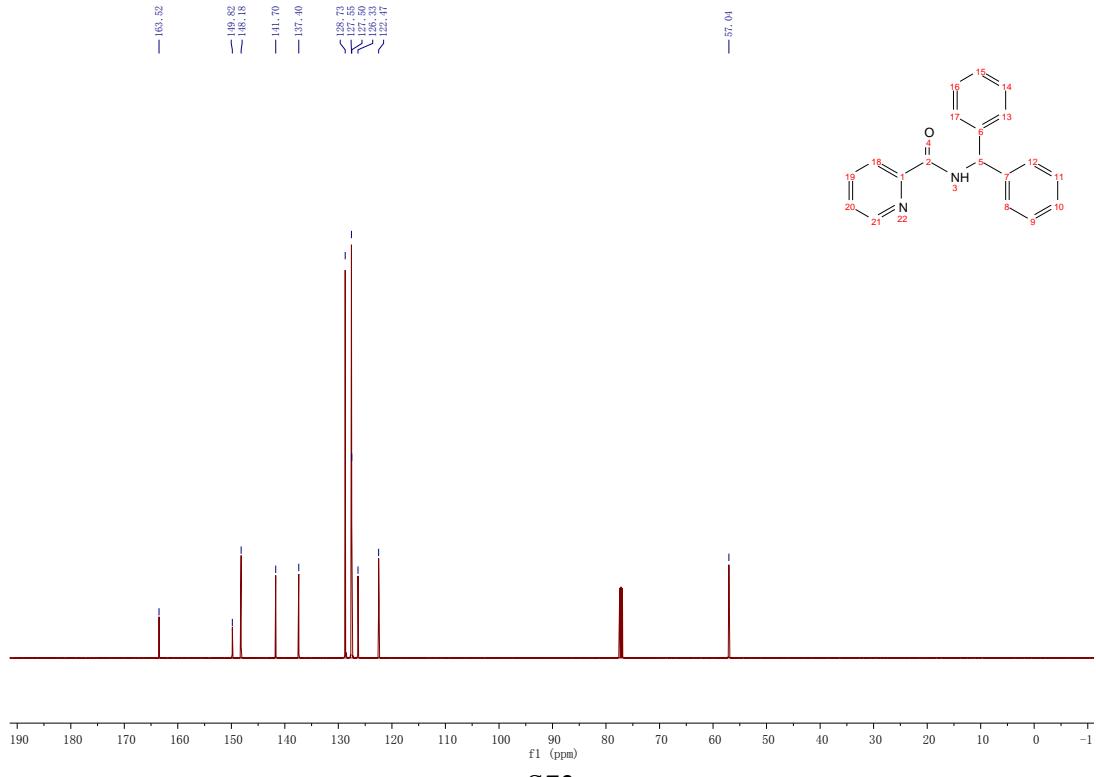


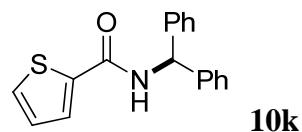
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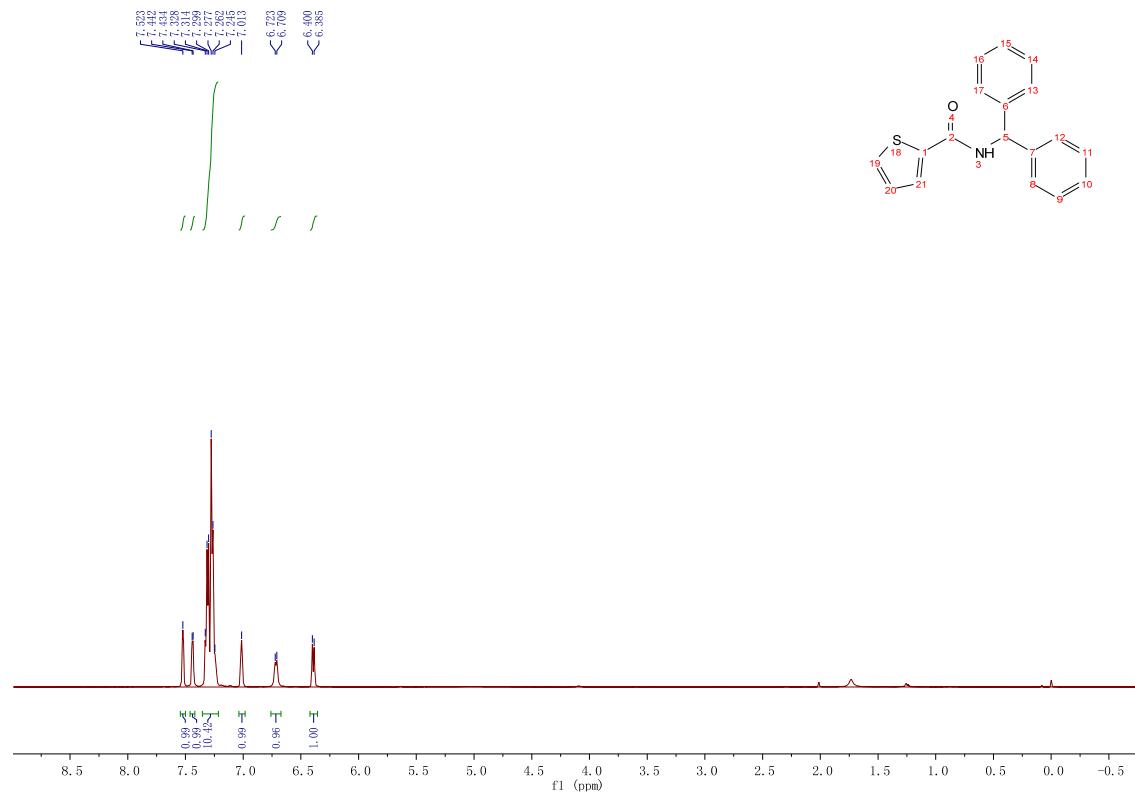


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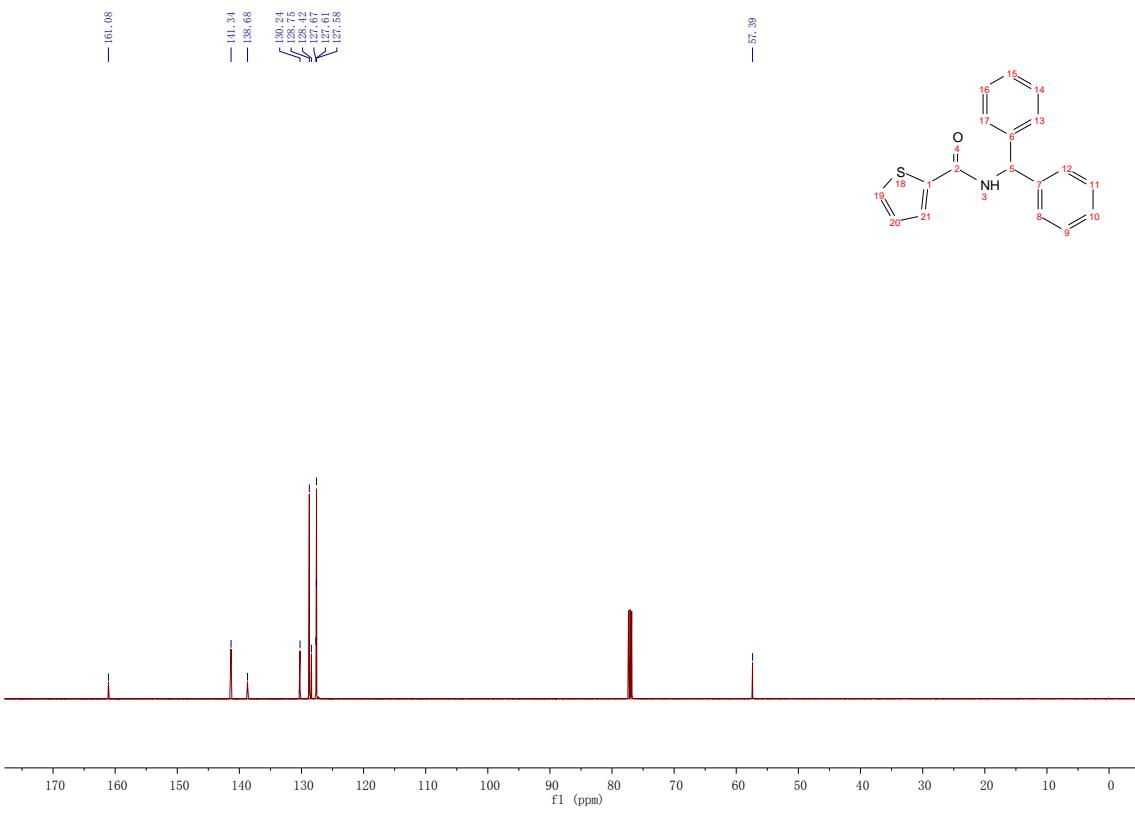


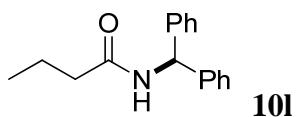


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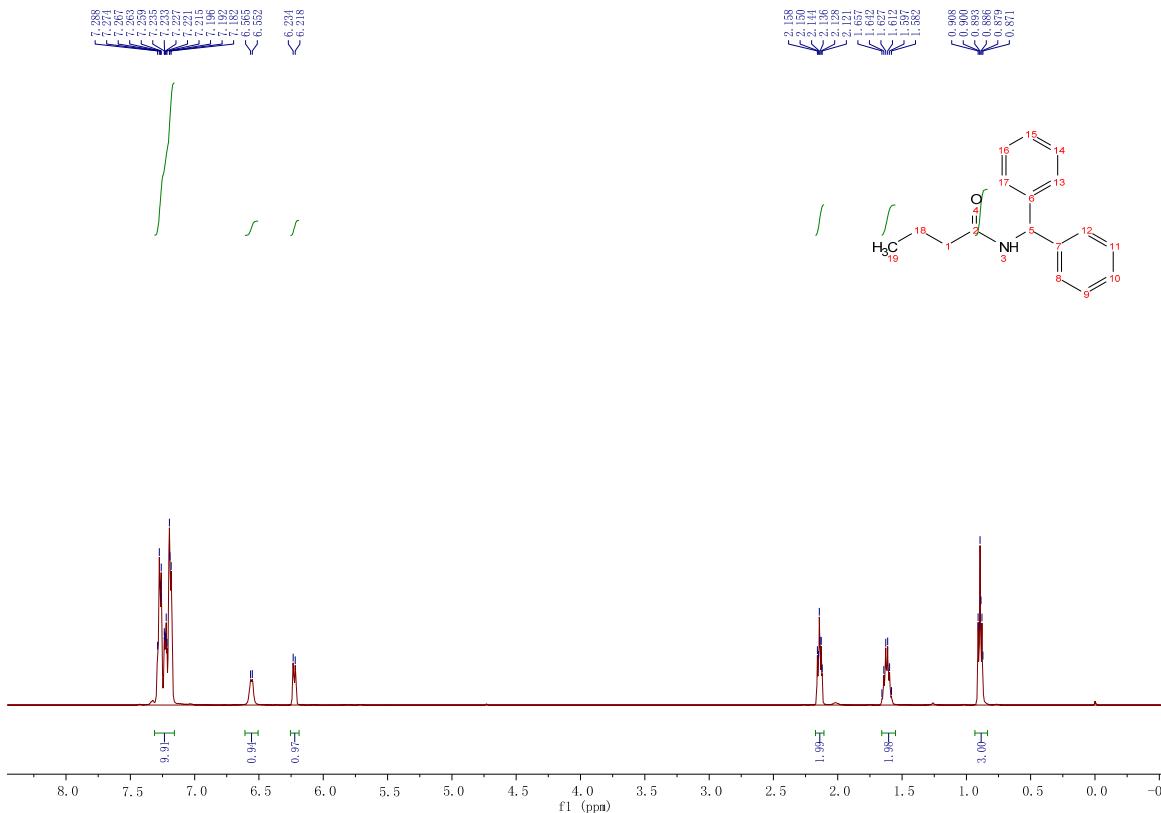


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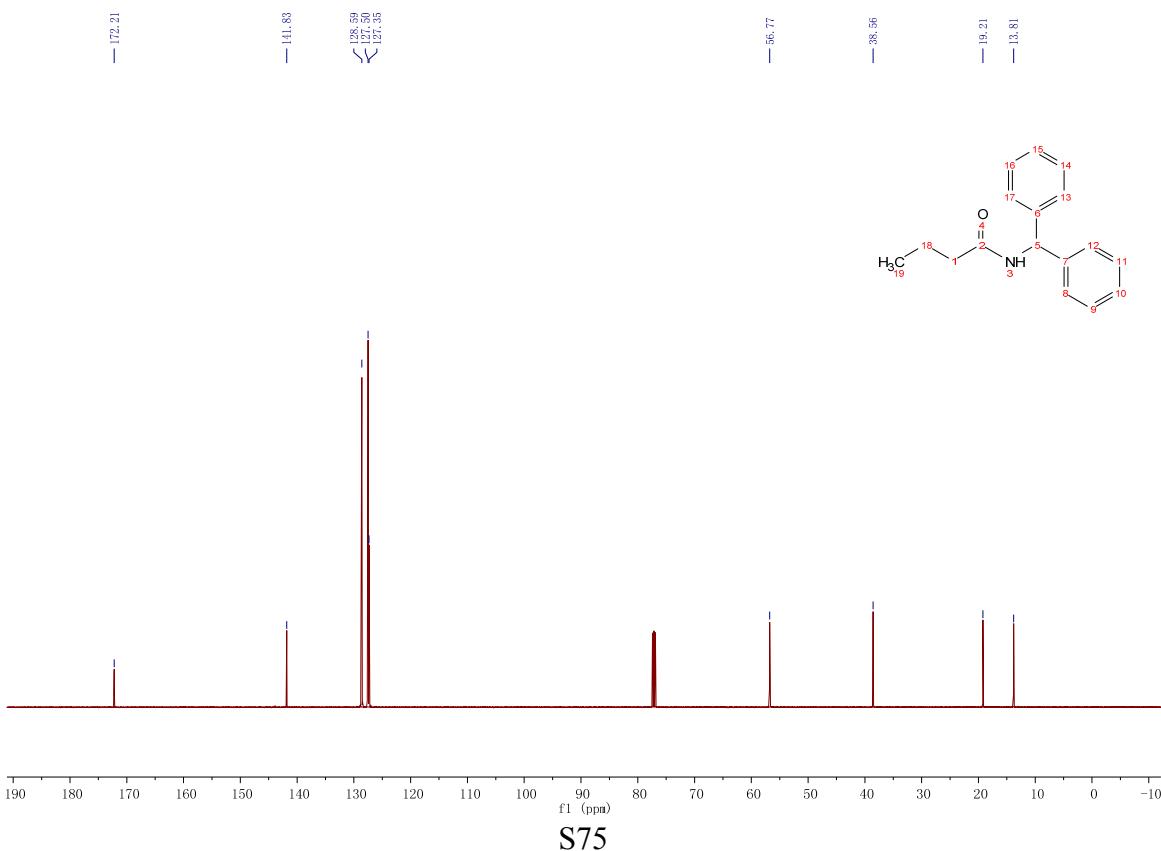


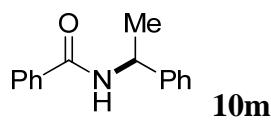


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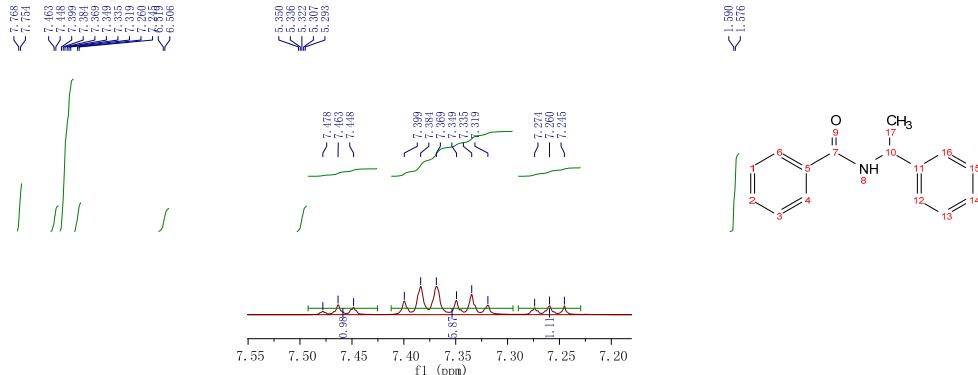


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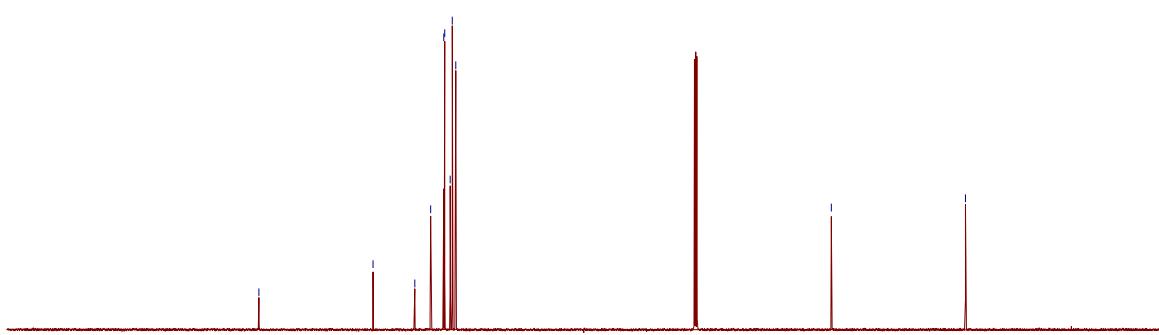
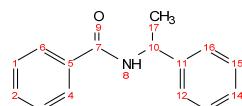


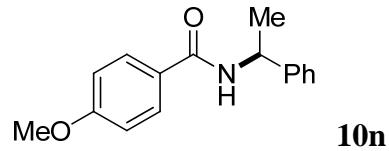


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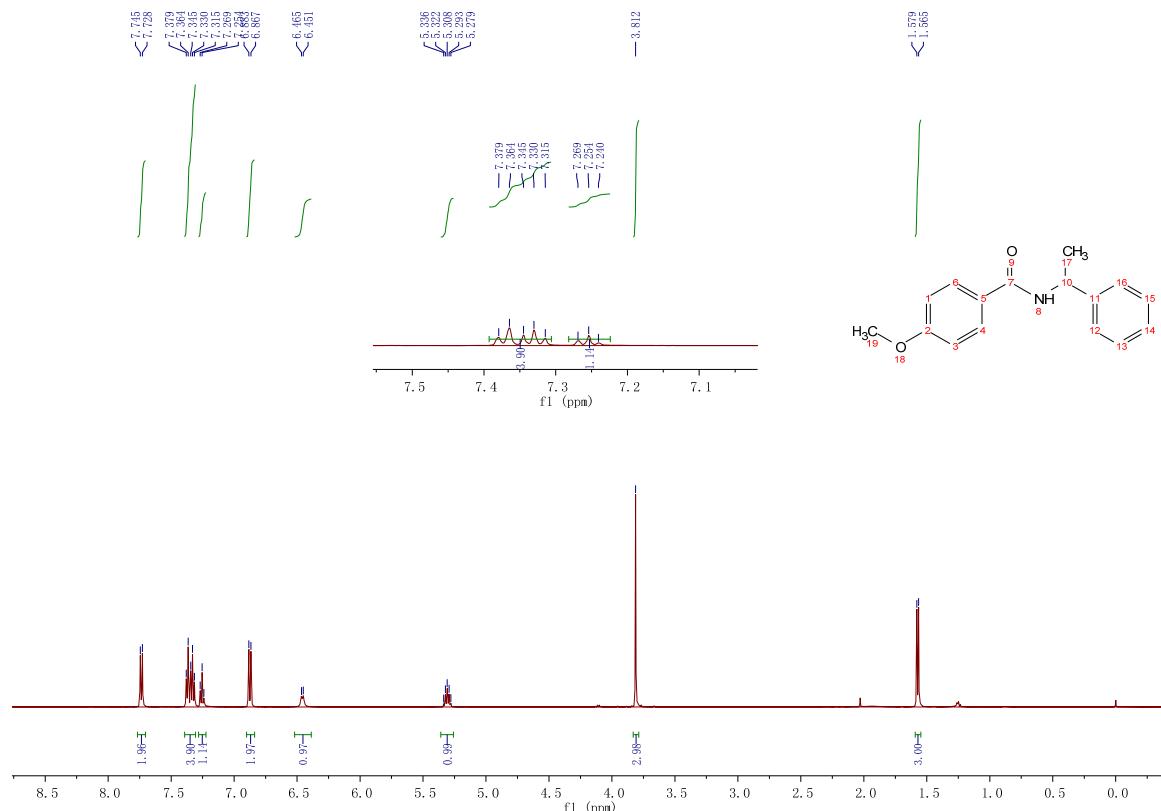


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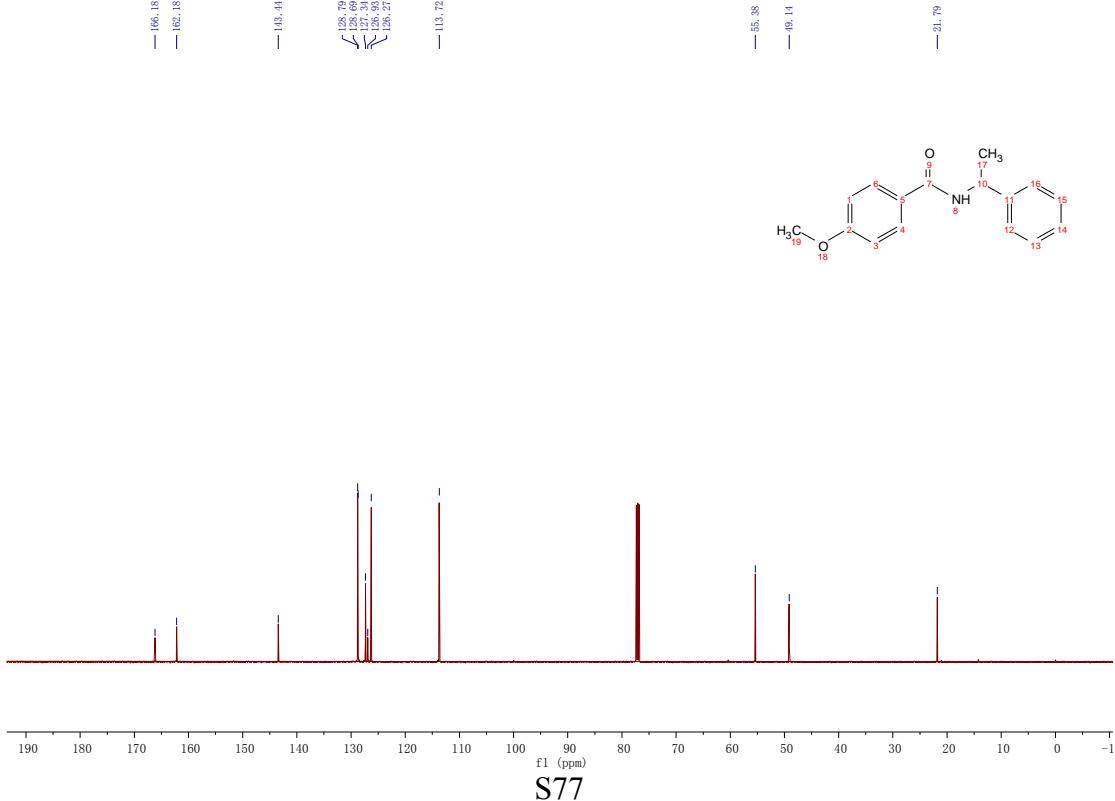


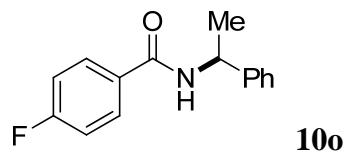


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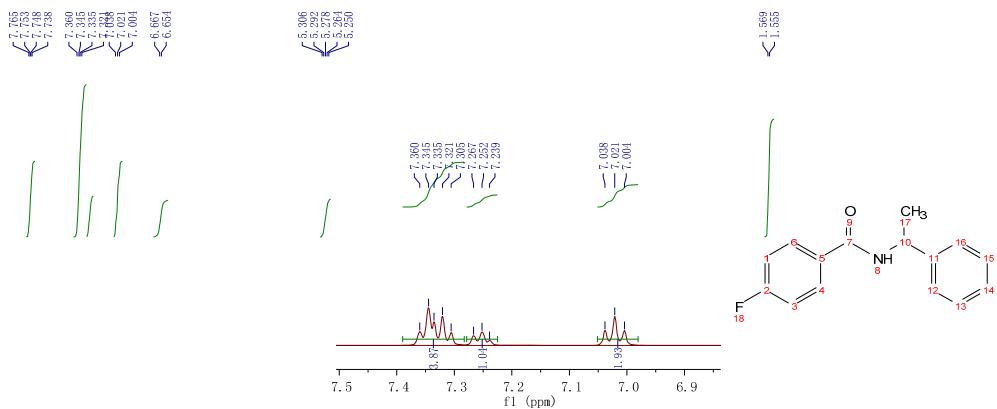


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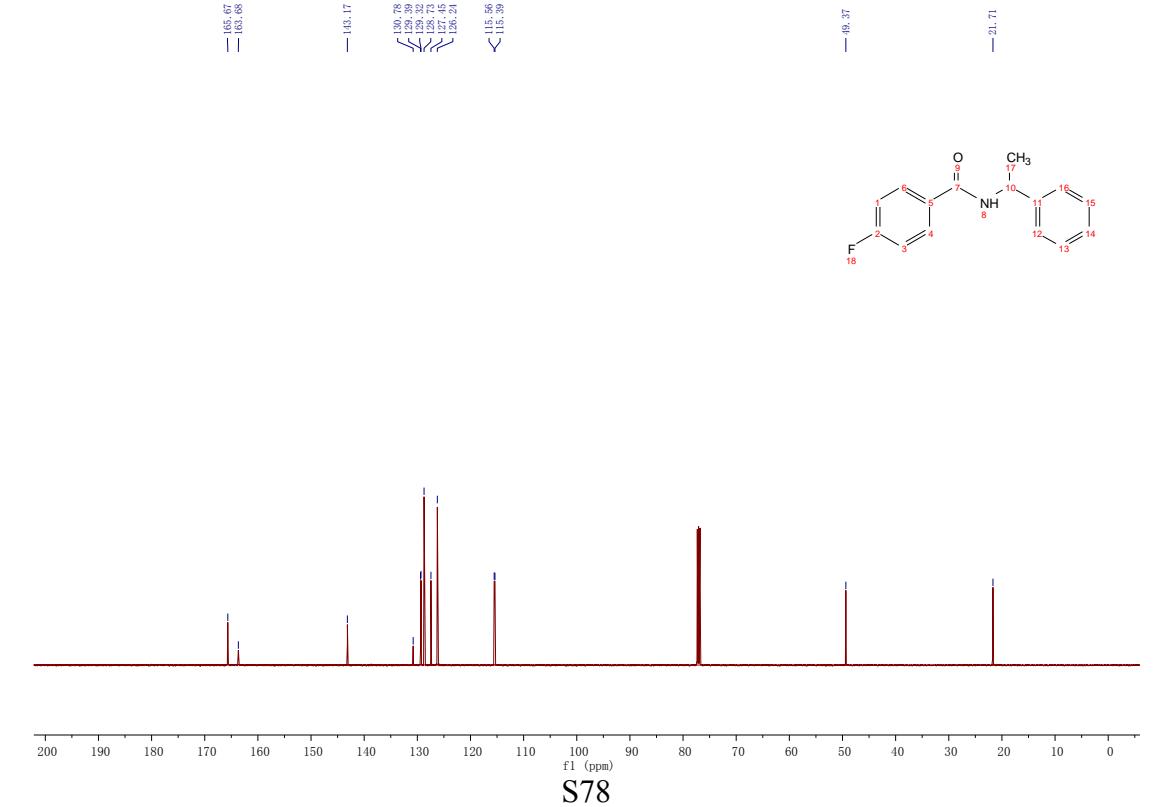


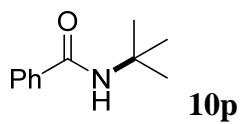


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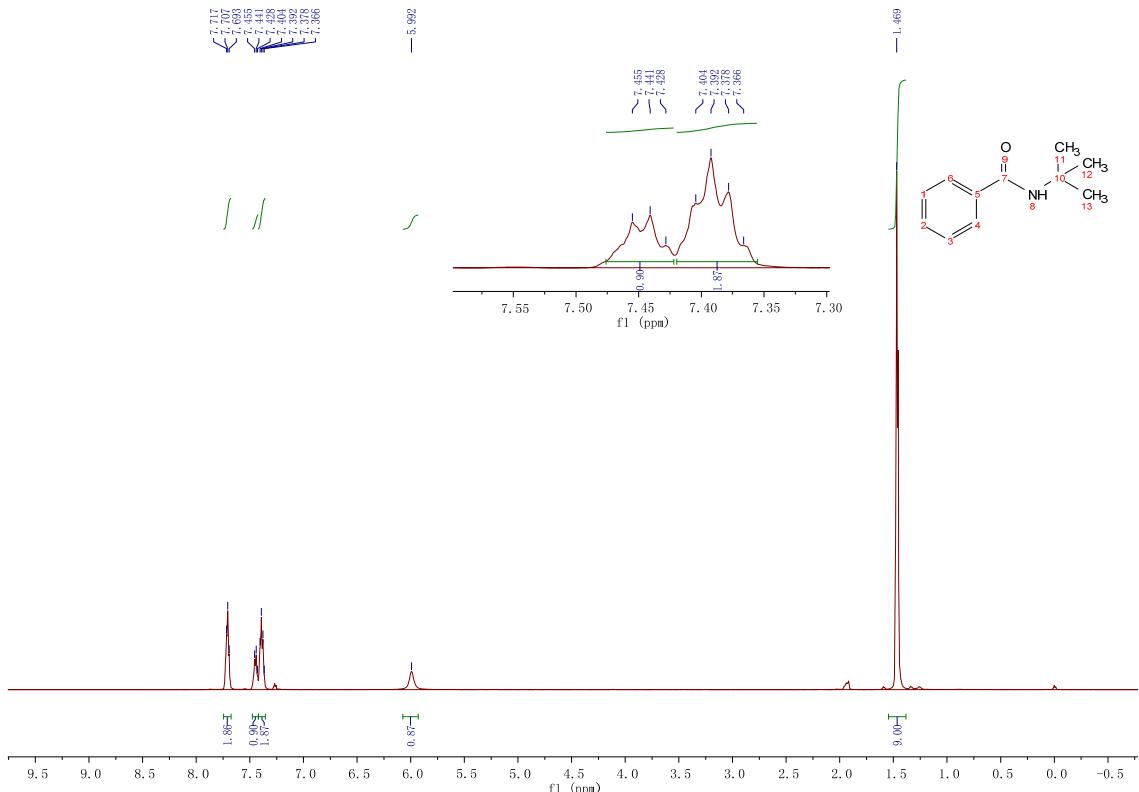


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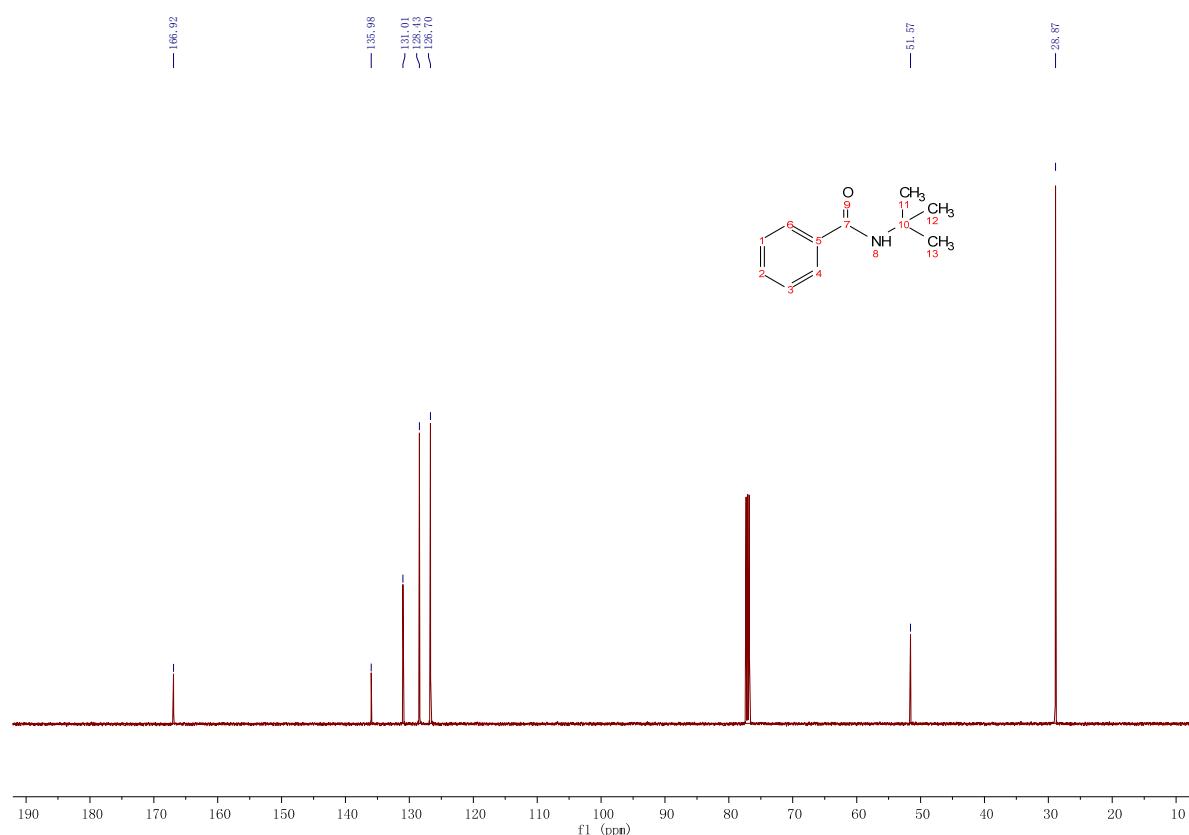


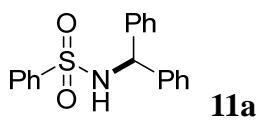


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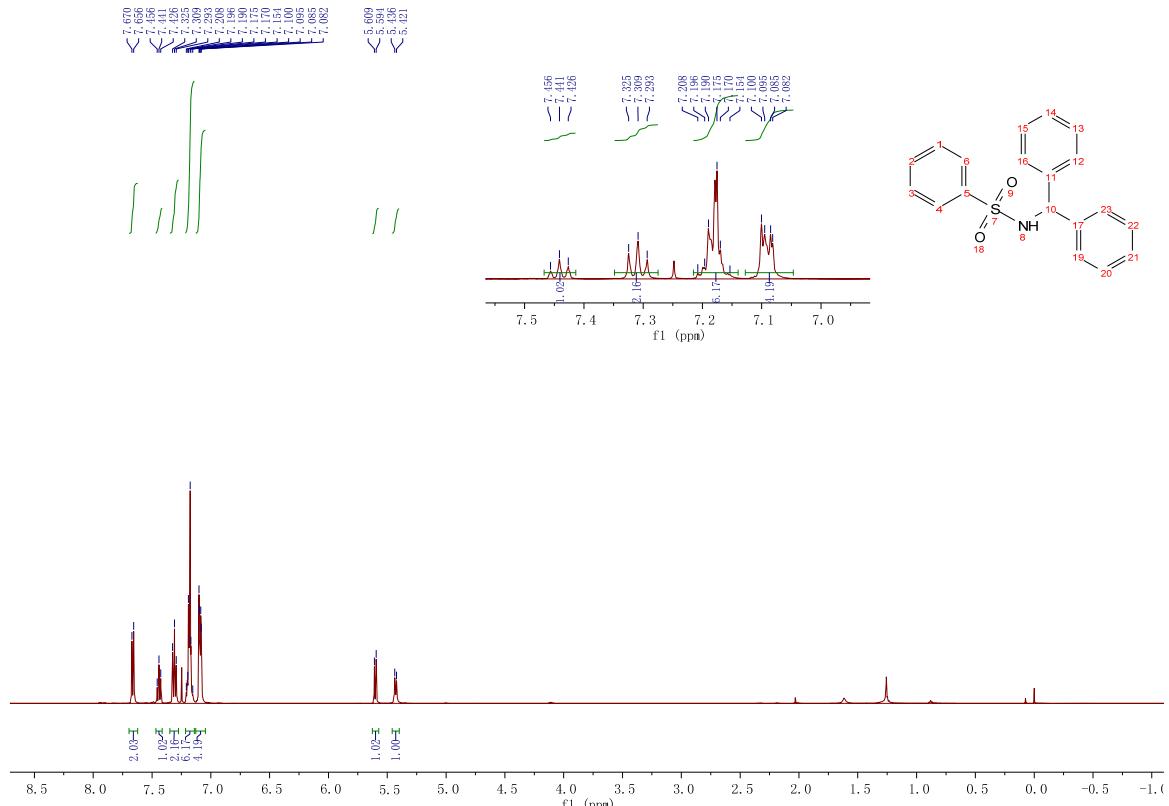


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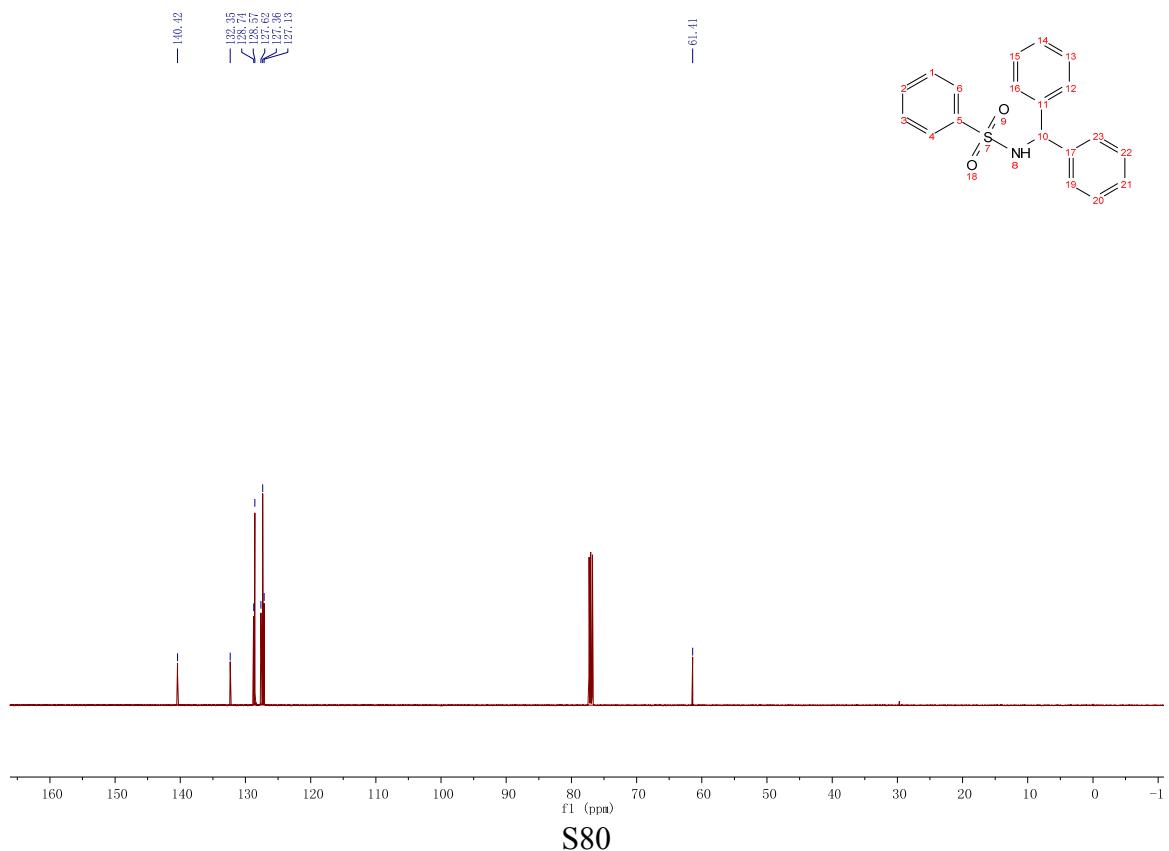


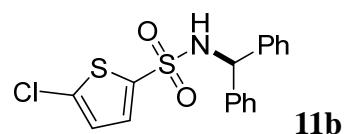


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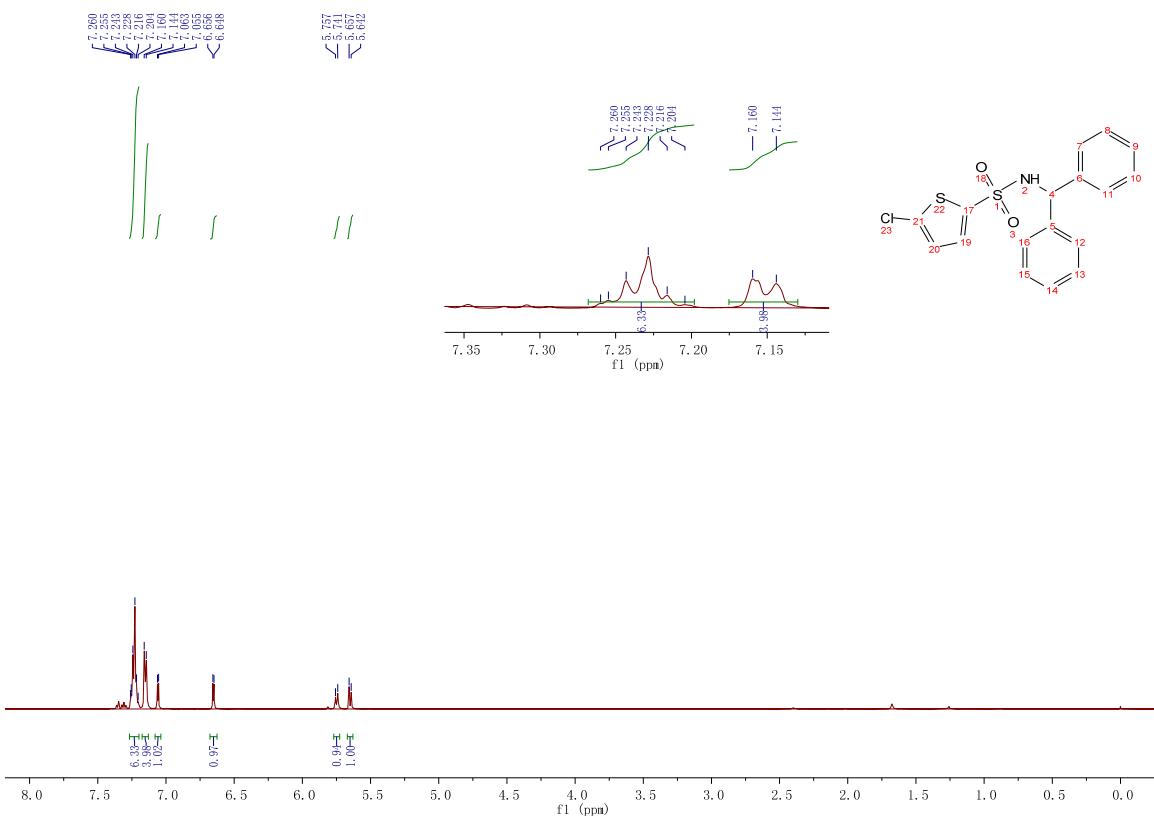


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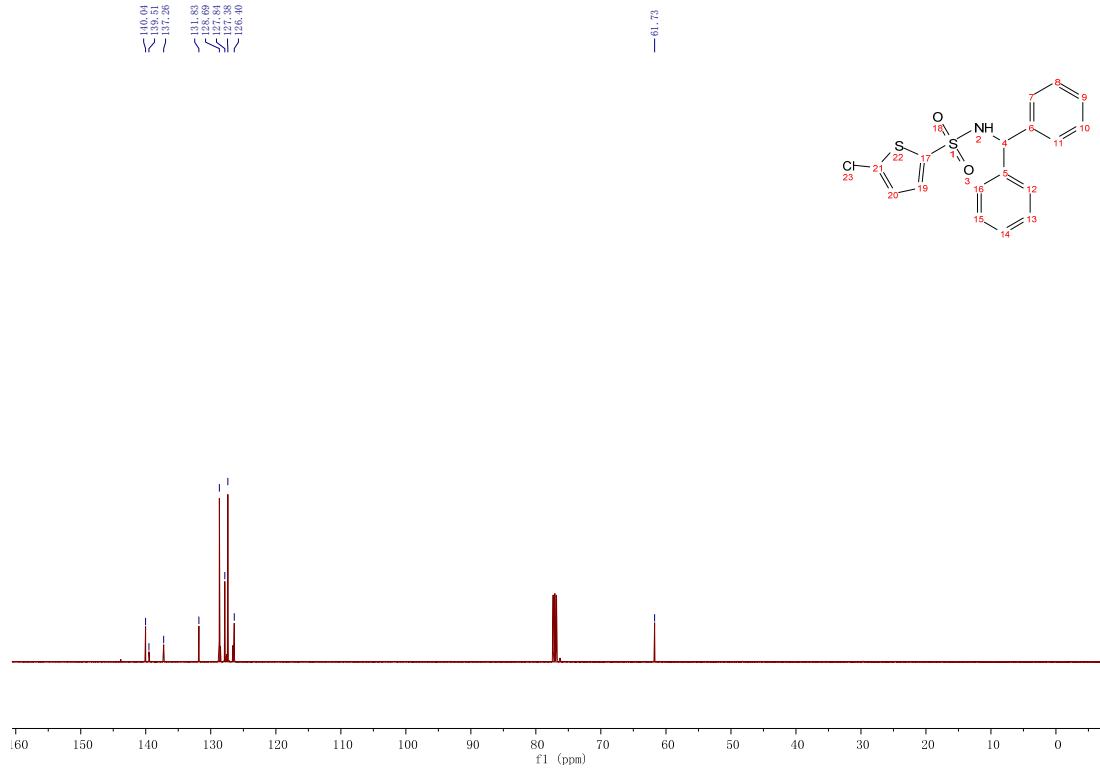


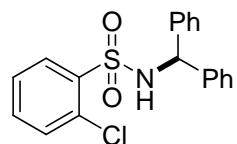


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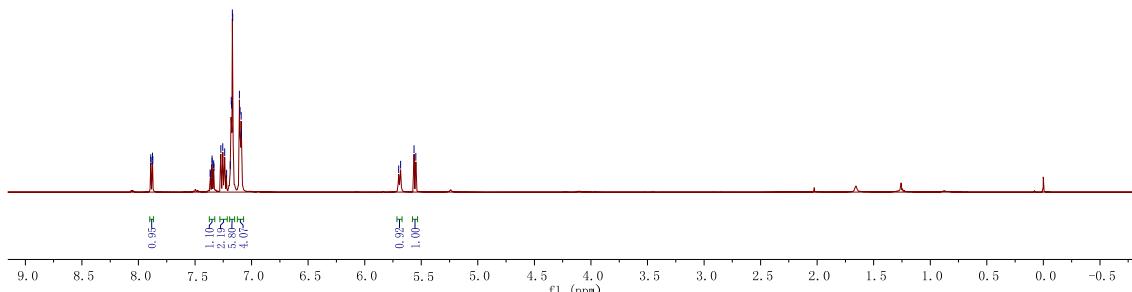
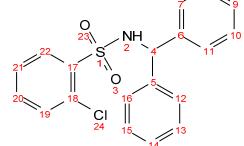
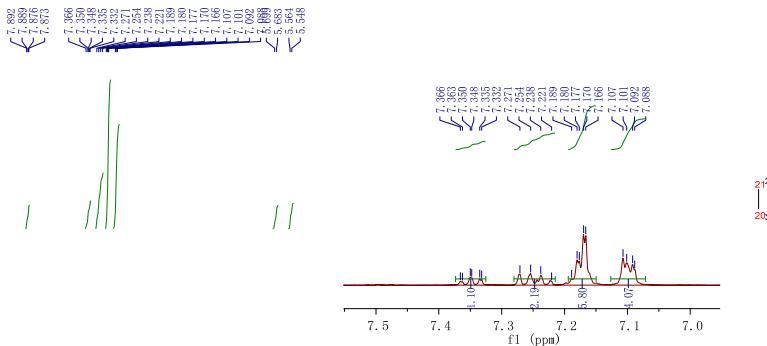
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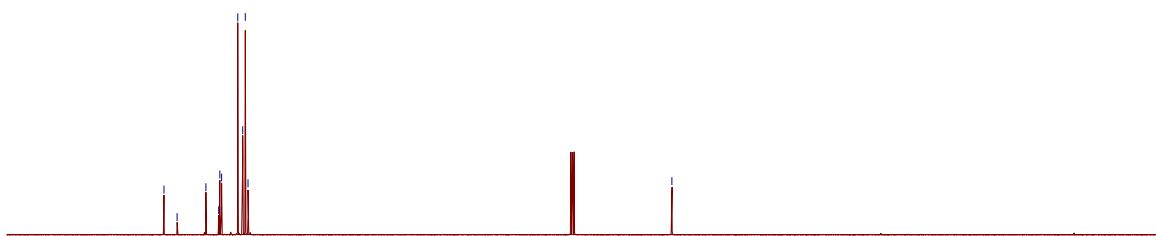


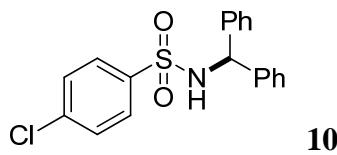
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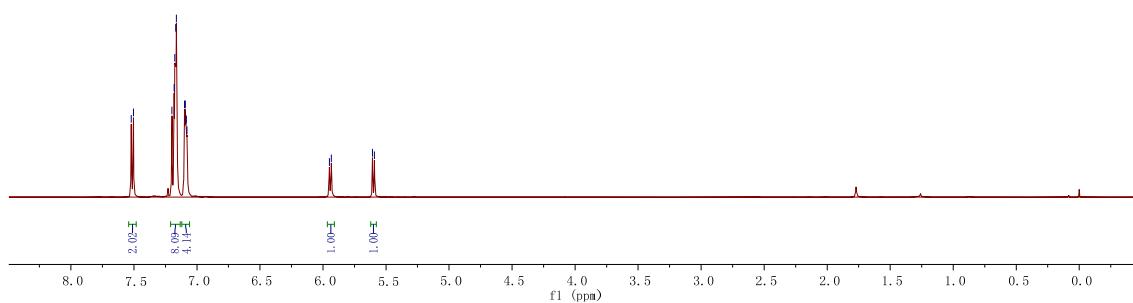


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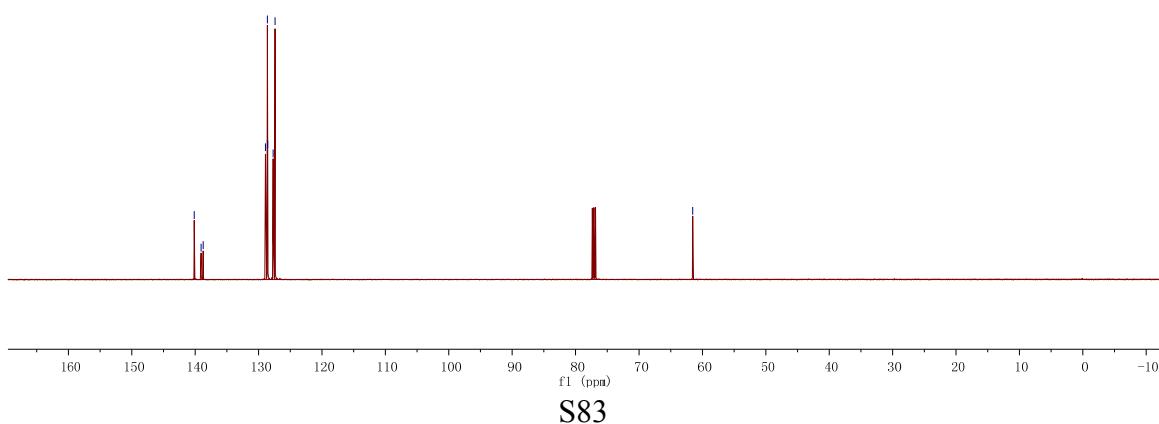
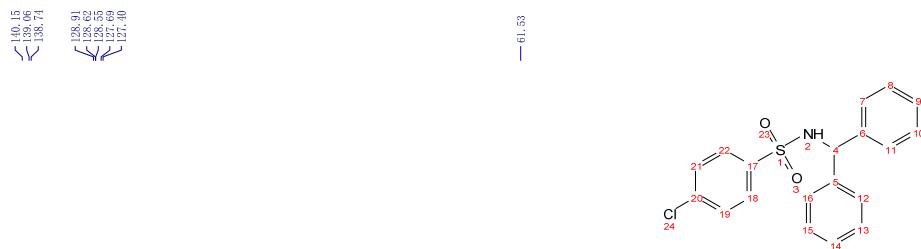


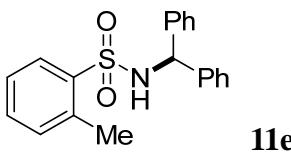


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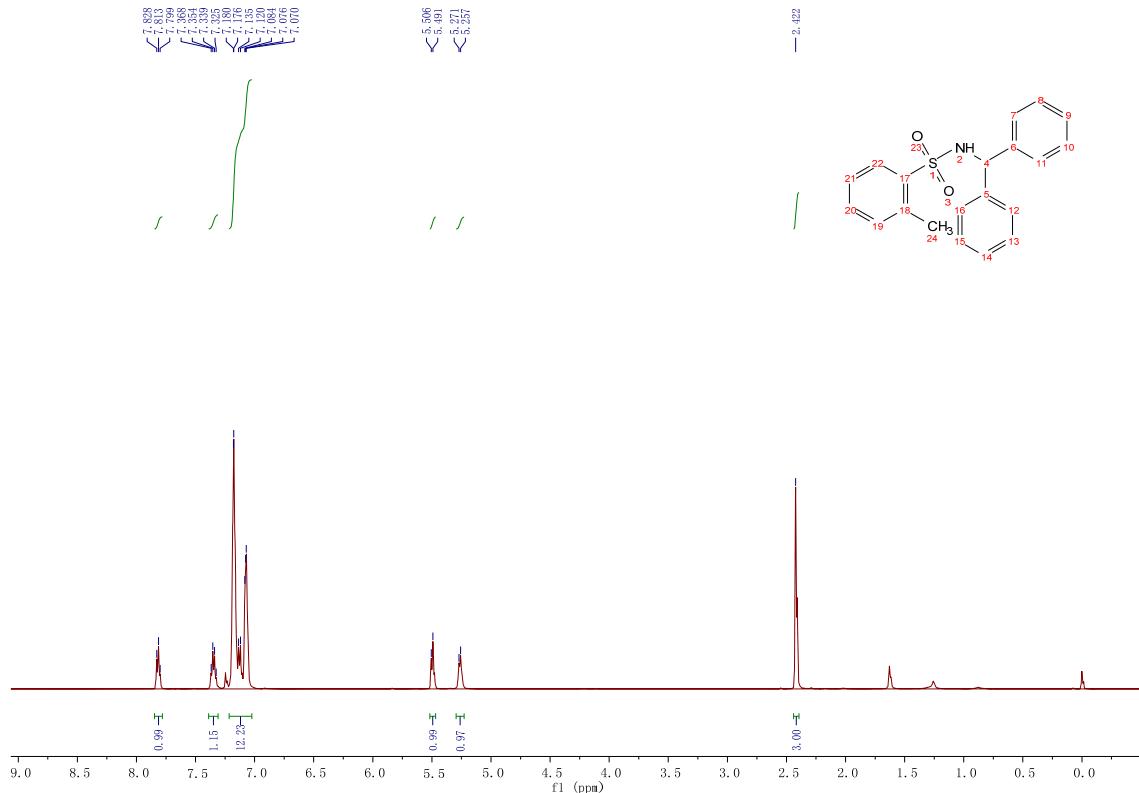


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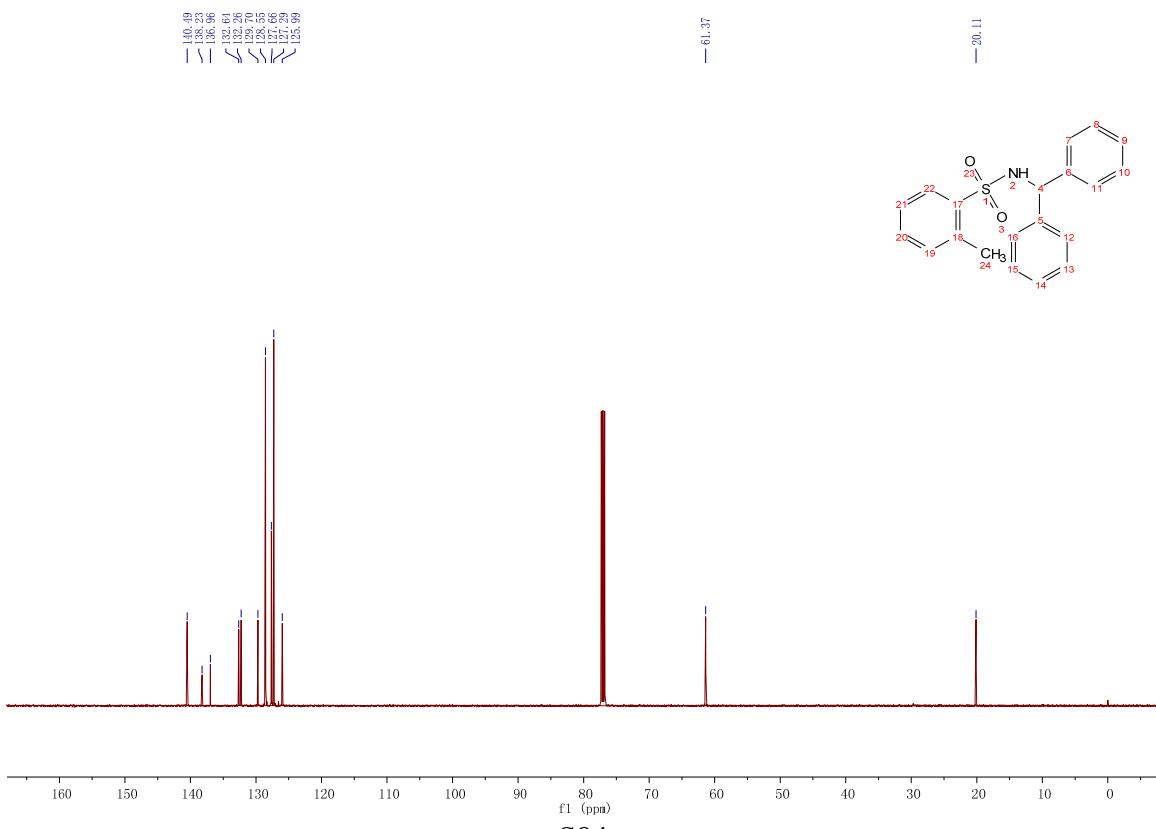


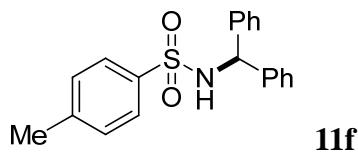


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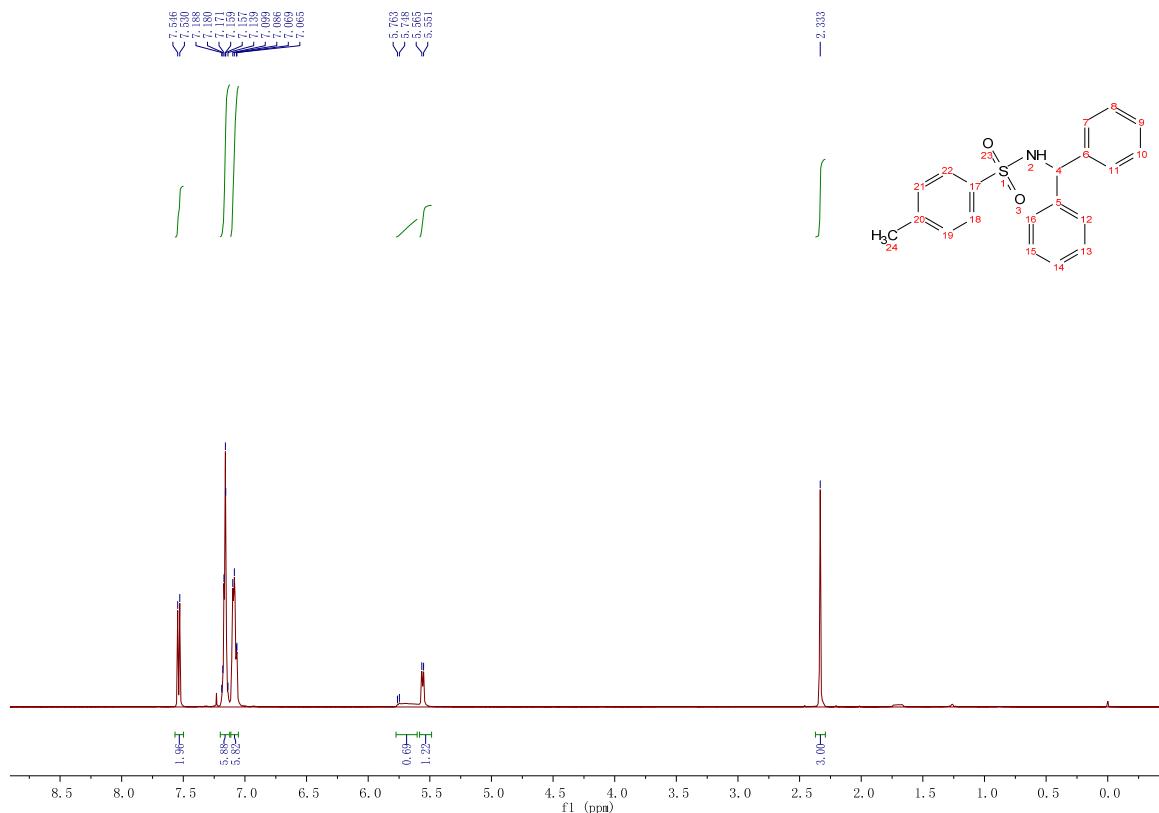


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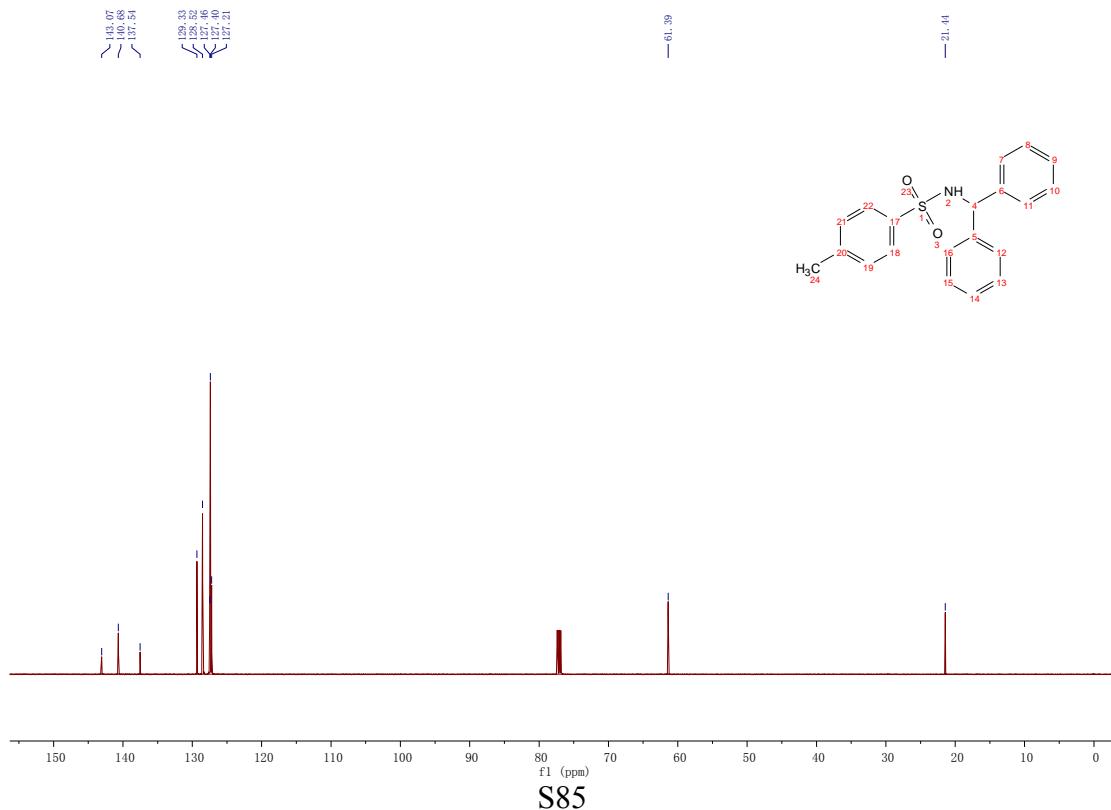


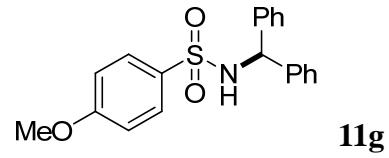


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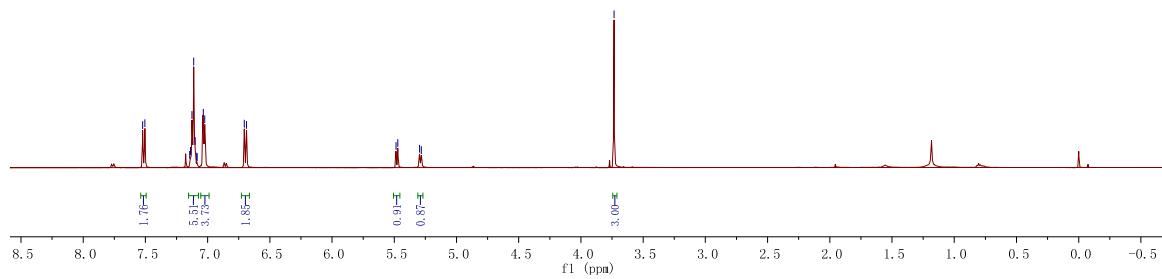
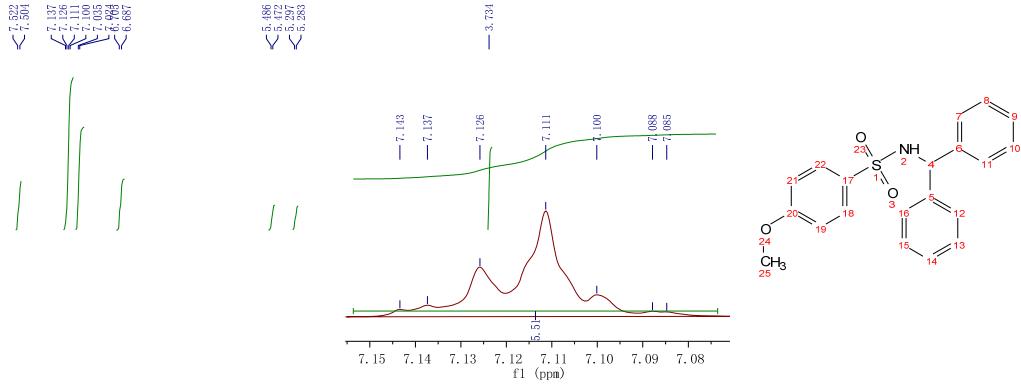


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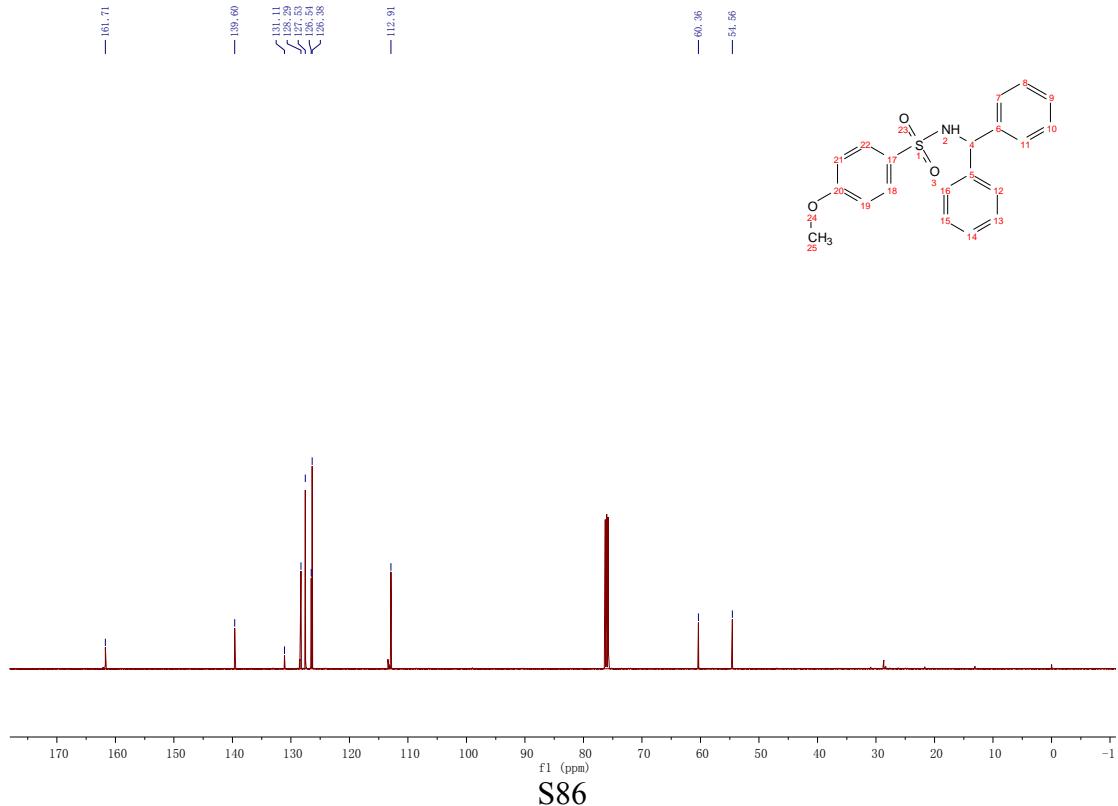


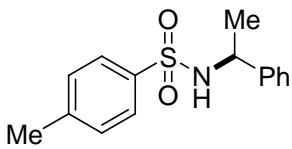


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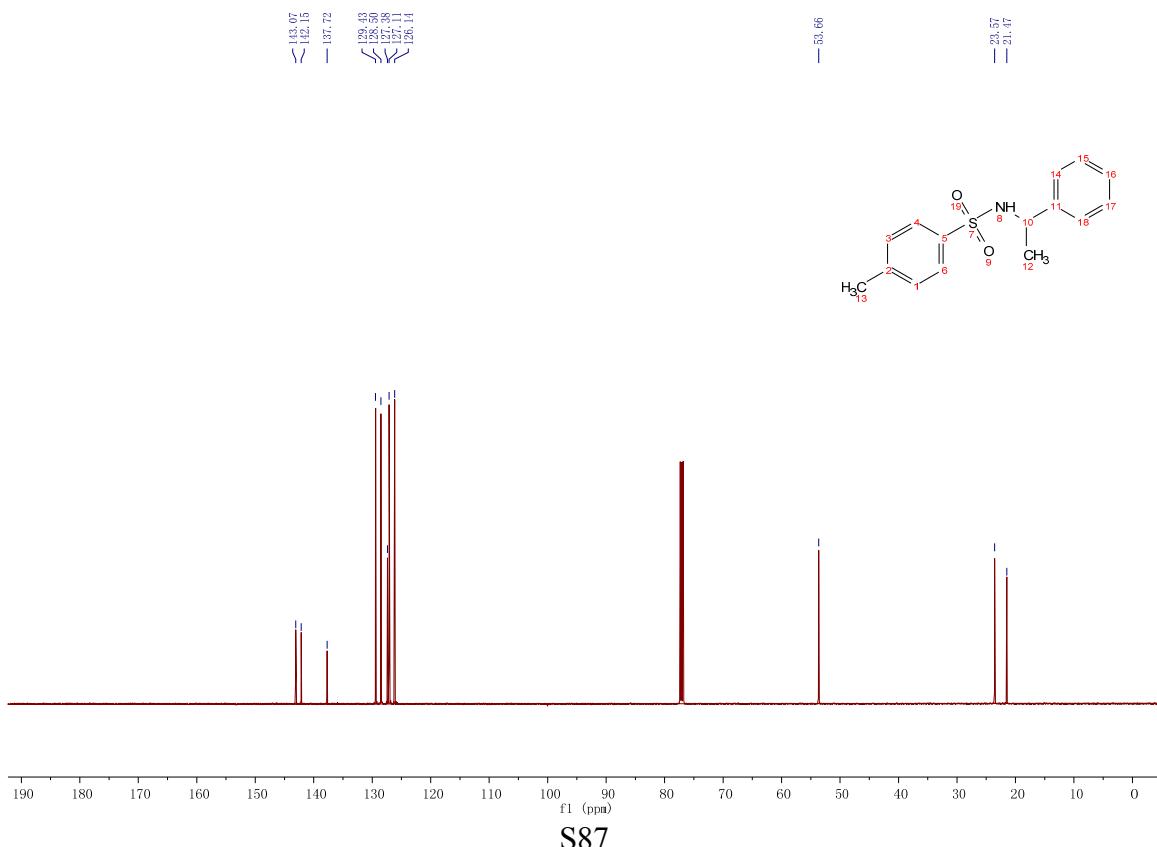
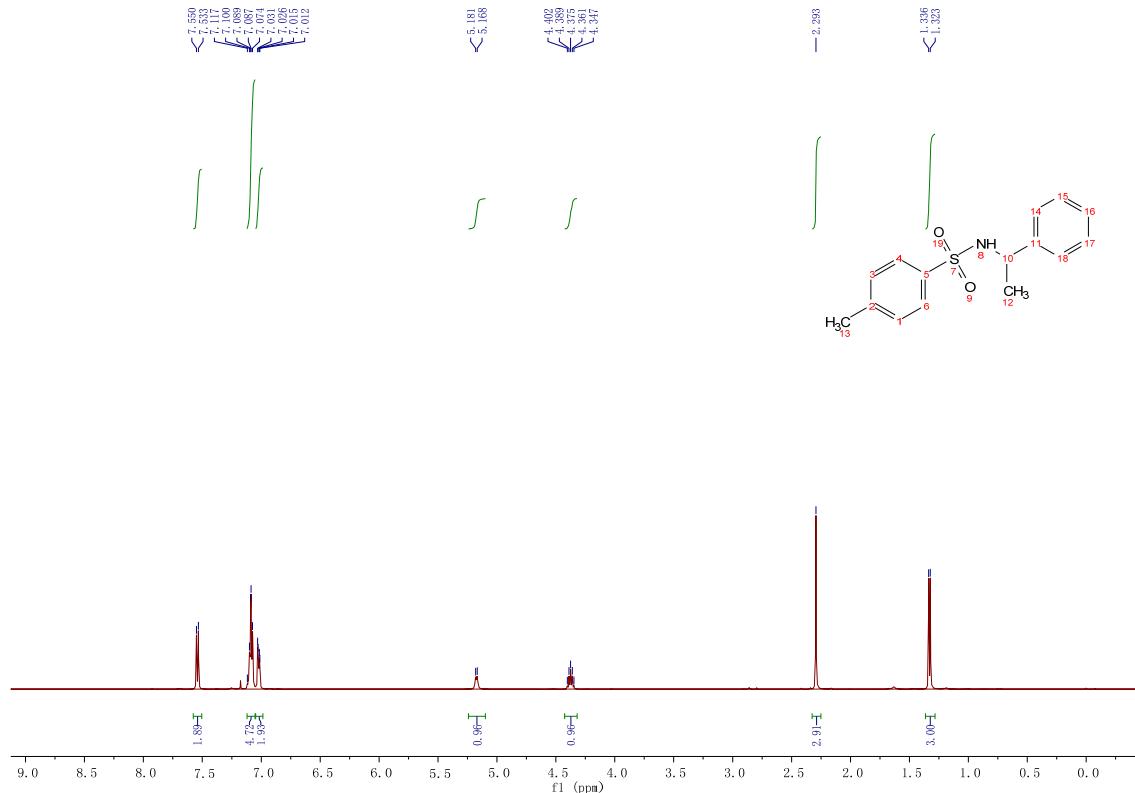


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## HRMS Spectra of the Unknown Products

