

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Copper-Catalyzed Three-Component Cascade Reaction of Alkynes, Sulfonyl Azides and Simple Aldehydes/Ketones**

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## 1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out in oven-dried reaction vessels with Teflon screw caps under nitrogen. Solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) with the indicated solvent mixtures. TLC analysis was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates and visualized with UV light.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 300 AV or 400 AV spectrometers.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra was recorded on a Bruker 500 AV. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were reported as parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and the following abbreviations were used to identify the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad and all combinations thereof can be explained by their integral parts. The high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Exactive spectrometer or a Bruker APEX IV FTMS mass spectrometer.

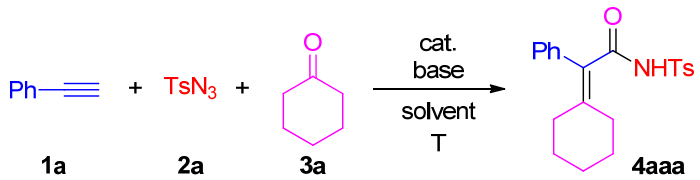
All the substrates are commercially available except *tert*-butyl 3-ethynyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate **1g**,<sup>1</sup> 2-ethynyl-naphthalene **1h**,<sup>2</sup> but-3-ynyl benzoate **1l**,<sup>2</sup> sulfonyl azides **2**,<sup>3</sup> 11-bromoundecanal **3m**,<sup>4</sup> (4*R*)-4-((10*S*,13*R*)-10,13-dimethyl-3,12-dioxohexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanal **3n**,<sup>5</sup> 4-phenyl-1-tosyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole **5**,<sup>6</sup> which are known compounds and synthesized according to reported literatures. Their spectral data are in agreement with the literature values.

## 2. Cu-catalyzed Three-Component Cascade Reaction of Alkynes, Sulfonyl Azides, and Simple Aldehydes/Ketones

### 2.1 Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

Initially, phenylacetylene **1a**, *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** and cyclohexanone **3a** were selected as the model substrates to screen the optimal reaction conditions (Table S1). Fortunately, **4aaa** was obtained in 74% NMR yield at the beginning (entry 1). After testing a series of solvent, DCE still proved to be the best (entries 2-7). The reaction proceeded a slightly better at room temperature but gave a drop in yield at a higher one (entries 8-9). Adjustments of the reaction concentrations and ratio of the substrates afforded the corresponding product in 85% NMR yield with 1:2:2 ratio of **1a:2a:3a** in 0.2 mL DCE (entries 10-12). Less amount of Me<sub>2</sub>Zn led to a decrease of yield (entry 13). In addition, various bases were next scrutinized and the reaction showed specific to zinc reagents while Et<sub>3</sub>N, used mostly in reported Cu-catalyzed multicomponent reactions, couldn't promote this transformation at all (entries 14-22). Halving the amount of the catalyst showed no obvious influence on the reaction outcome (entry 23). With no catalyst or with other metal catalyst such as MnBr<sub>2</sub>, FeBr<sub>2</sub>, ZnBr<sub>2</sub>, the reaction could not occur (entries 24-29). However, different copper salts including both Cu(I) and Cu(II) ones could deliver product **4aaa** in varied yields smoothly (entries 30-34). At last, the product **4aaa** was obtained in 88% NMR yield and in 76% isolated yield with 5 mol% Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (entry 35).

**Table S1** Screening for the optimal reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>



entry	cat.	base	solvent	T (°C)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE	60	74
2	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	Et <sub>2</sub> O	60	68
3	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	1,4-dioxane	60	58

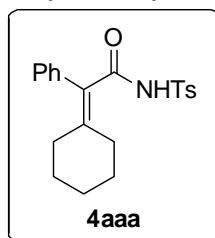
4	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	THF	60	20
5	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	toluene	60	24
6	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	60	0
7	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DMF	60	0
8	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE	r.t.	78
9	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE	80	66
10	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	85
11	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>e</sup>	r.t.	77
12 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	85
13 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c,g</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	74
14 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	- <sup>h</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
15 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>i</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	25
16 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	MeMgBr <sup>j</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
17 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Me <sub>3</sub> Al <sup>k</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
18 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	<i>n</i> -BuLi <sup>l</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
19 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	NaHMDS <sup>m</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
20 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	Et <sub>3</sub> N	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
21 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	CsOAc	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
22 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	LiOH	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
23 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sub>2</sub> <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	82
24 <sup>f</sup>	- <sup>o</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
25 <sup>f</sup>	MnBr <sub>2</sub> <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
26 <sup>f</sup>	CoBr <sub>2</sub> <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
27 <sup>f</sup>	FeBr <sub>2</sub> <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
28 <sup>f</sup>	MgBr <sub>2</sub> <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
29 <sup>f</sup>	ZnBr <sub>2</sub> <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	0
30 <sup>f</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	80
31 <sup>f</sup>	CuBr <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	70
32 <sup>f</sup>	CuSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	30
33 <sup>f</sup>	CuCl <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	77
34 <sup>f</sup>	Cu(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·3H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	87
35 <sup>f</sup>	Cu(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>n</sup>	Me <sub>2</sub> Zn <sup>c</sup>	DCE <sup>d</sup>	r.t.	88 (76) <sup>p</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions unless otherwise noted: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.8 mmol), **3a** (0.4 mmol), catalyst (0.02 mmol), base (0.3 mmol), solvent (0.5 mL), 60 °C, 6 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. <sup>b</sup> Yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> 1.2 M in toluene. <sup>d</sup> 0.2 mL DCE. <sup>e</sup> 1.0 mL DCE. <sup>f</sup> **1a/2a/3a** = 1:2:2. <sup>g</sup> 0.2 mmol Me<sub>2</sub>Zn. <sup>h</sup> No base. <sup>i</sup> 1.0 M in hexane. <sup>j</sup> 3.0 M in Et<sub>2</sub>O. <sup>k</sup> 1.0 M in heptane. <sup>l</sup> 2.5 M in hexane. <sup>m</sup> 2 M in THF. <sup>n</sup> 0.01 mmol catalyst. <sup>o</sup> No catalyst. <sup>p</sup> Isolated yield on 0.5 mmol scale.

## 2.2 Experimental Details and Characterization of Products

To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg), and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aaa** in 76% yield.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-2-phenyl-*N*-tosylacetamide (**4aaa**)



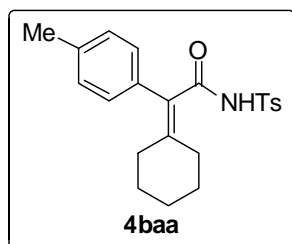
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aaa** in 76% yield.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 2H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.01 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.48 (m, 4H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 165.9, 153.9, 144.8, 135.8, 135.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 32.8, 32.3, 28.3, 28.2, 26.1, 21.7;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 392.12909, found: 392.12839.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-2-p-tolyl-N-tosylacetamide (4baa)



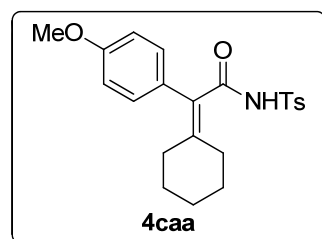
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), 1-ethynyl-4-methylbenzene **1b** (0.5 mmol, 59.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4baa** in 65% yield.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.91 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.01 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.48 (m, 4H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  165.8, 154.8, 144.8, 138.1, 135.7, 133.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 127.3, 33.1, 32.2, 28.4, 28.3, 26.2, 21.7, 21.2;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 406.14474, found: 406.14467.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-tosylacetamide (4caa)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene **1c** (0.5 mmol, 66.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column

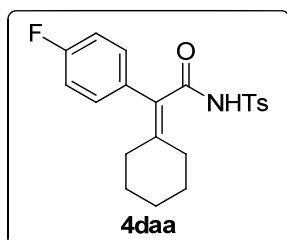
chromatography to provide the product **4caa** in 55% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.86-7.83 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.02 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.49 (m, 4H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 165.9, 159.5, 154.9, 144.9, 135.7, 130.9, 129.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 114.6, 55.3, 33.1, 32.3, 28.4, 28.4, 26.3, 21.7;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 422.13965, found: 422.13941.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-tosylacetamide (**4daa**)



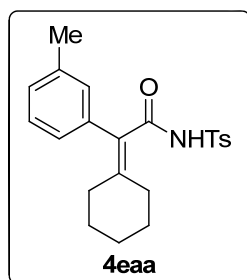
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), 1-ethynyl-4-fluorobenzene **1d** (0.5 mmol, 60.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4daa** in 51% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.94 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.61-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.48 (m, 4H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 166.1, 162.4 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.5 Hz), 153.2, 145.1, 135.5, 131.6 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 131.4 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.0 Hz), 129.5, 128.3, 126.8, 116.0 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.3 Hz), 32.5, 32.4, 28.2, 28.2, 26.1, 21.7;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>FNS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 410.11966, found: 410.11948.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-2-m-tolyl-*N*-tosylacetamide (**4eaa**)



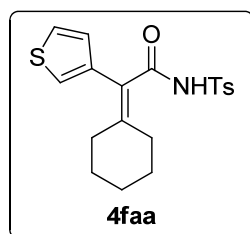
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), 1-ethynyl-3-methylbenzene **1e** (0.5 mmol, 58.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4eaa** in 74% yield.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.90 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.85-6.82 (m, 2H), 2.50 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.01 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.48 (m, 4H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  165.8, 154.5, 144.8, 138.8, 135.9, 135.7, 130.2, 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 127.6, 126.7, 33.0, 32.2, 28.4, 28.3, 26.2, 21.7, 21.4;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 406.14474, found: 406.14438.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-2-(thiophen-3-yl)-*N*-tosylacetamide (**4faa**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), 3-ethynylthiophene **1f** (0.5 mmol, 54.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate



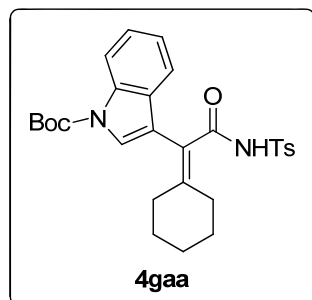
(20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4faa** in 71% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.46-2.43 (m, 5H), 2.10-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.48 (m, 4H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 165.7, 154.7, 144.9, 135.7, 135.6, 129.5, 128.5, 128.3, 126.6, 124.7, 122.3, 32.8, 32.2, 28.2, 28.2, 26.1, 21.7;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 398.08551, found: 398.08542.

### 3-(1-cyclohexylidene-2-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)-2-oxoethyl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate (**4gaa**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), *tert*-butyl 3-ethynyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate **1g** (0.5 mmol, 120.5 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4gaa** in 51% yield.

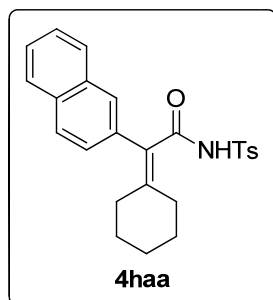
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 8.13-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.09 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (s, 11H), 1.57-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.48 (m, 2H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 165.3, 159.4, 149.4, 144.7, 135.4, 135.2, 129.5, 129.4,

128.4, 125.5, 125.0, 123.1, 119.4, 117.9, 115.5, 115.4, 84.4, 33.9, 32.2, 28.7, 28.5, 28.2, 26.2, 21.7;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for  $C_{28}H_{32}O_5N_2S^+$  ( $[M+H]^+$ ): 531.19241, found: 531.19194.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-*N*-tosylacetamide (**4haa**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $Cu(NO_3)_2$  (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), 2-ethynynaphthalene **1h** (0.5 mmol, 76.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $Me_2Zn$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4haa** in 59% yield.

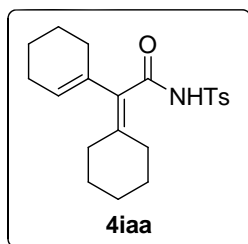
**$^1H$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.18 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.69-6.66 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.49 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.04 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.64-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.48 (m, 4H);

**$^{13}C$  NMR** ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  166.0, 153.9, 144.8, 135.4, 133.3, 133.1, 132.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 126.6, 126.5, 32.8, 32.4, 28.3, 28.3, 26.2, 21.7;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for  $C_{25}H_{25}O_3NS^+$  ( $[M+H]^+$ ): 442.14474, found: 442.14468.

### 2-cyclohexenyl-2-cyclohexylidene-*N*-tosylacetamide (**4iaa**)

Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $Cu(NO_3)_2$  (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), 1-ethynylcyclohex-1-ene



**1i** (0.5 mmol, 53.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature

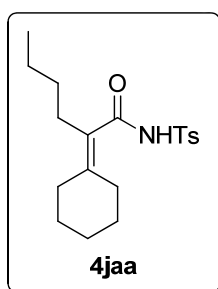
for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4iaa** in 45% yield.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 2.43-2.40 (m, 5H), 2.15-2.13 (m, 4H), 1.77-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.55-1.52 (m, 6H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 165.4, 153.4, 144.8, 135.8, 135.3, 130.2, 129.5, 128.4, 33.0, 31.8, 29.1, 28.8, 28.4, 26.3, 25.4, 22.7, 21.7;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 396.16039, found: 396.16010.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-*N*-tosylhexanamide (**4jaa**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), hex-1-yne **1j** (0.5 mmol, 41.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL)

sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4jaa** in 72% yield.

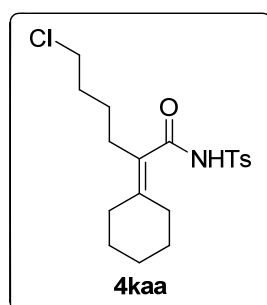
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 4H), 2.05-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.50 (m, 6H),

1.21-1.16 (m, 4H), 0.81-0.77 (m, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  169.5, 145.0, 143.5, 135.8, 129.5, 128.4, 127.4, 32.7, 31.1, 30.0, 29.0, 28.0, 27.7, 26.3, 22.4, 21.7, 13.8;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 372.16039, found: 372.16001.

### 6-chloro-2-cyclohexylidene-*N*-tosylhexanamide (4kaa)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), 6-chlorohex-1-yne **1k** (0.5 mmol, 58.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol,

1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4kaa** in 53% yield.

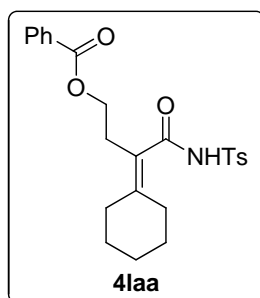
$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.71 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.41 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.17 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.10-2.04 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.51 (m, 6H), 1.41-1.32 (m, 2H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  169.3, 145.2, 144.3, 135.6, 129.6, 128.4, 126.6, 44.7, 32.7, 31.9, 30.1, 28.4, 28.0, 27.7, 26.3, 26.1, 21.7;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{NCINaS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 406.12141, found: 406.12122.

### 3-cyclohexylidene-4-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)-4-oxobutyl benzoate (4laa)

Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), but-3-ynyl benzoate **1l**



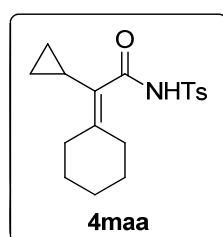
(0.5 mmol, 87.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4laa** in 57% yield.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.08-2.02 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.37 (m, 6H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 169.1, 167.4, 146.6, 144.9, 135.9, 133.4, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.5, 128.4, 122.9, 63.4, 32.6, 30.1, 29.0, 27.8, 27.4, 26.0, 21.7;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 464.15021, found: 464.14988.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-2-cyclopropyl-*N*-tosylacetamide (**4maa**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), ethynylcyclopropane **1m** (0.5 mmol, 33.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone

**3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4maa** in 69% yield.

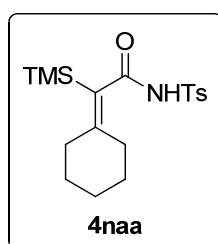
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.83 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0

Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.13 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.44 (m, 7H), 0.72-0.66 (m, 2H), 0.25-0.20 (m, 2H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  167.6, 149.9, 145.0, 135.8, 129.5, 128.4, 126.6, 32.3, 30.9, 28.0, 27.5, 26.3, 21.7, 9.5, 6.9;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 356.12909, found: 356.12887.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-*N*-tosyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (4naa)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), ethynyltrimethylsilane **1n** (0.5 mmol, 49.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4naa** in 55% yield.

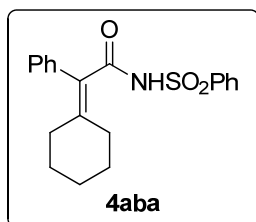
$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.78 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.08-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.61 (m, 6H), 0.15 (s, 9H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  170.7, 158.5, 144.9, 135.9, 129.8, 129.4, 128.5, 34.7, 34.5, 28.3, 28.1, 25.9, 21.7, -0.23;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3\text{NSiNaS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 388.13731, found: 388.13690.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-2-phenyl-*N*-(phenylsulfonyl)acetamide (4aba)

Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added



$\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), benzenesulfonyl azide **2b** (1.0 mmol, 183.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL)

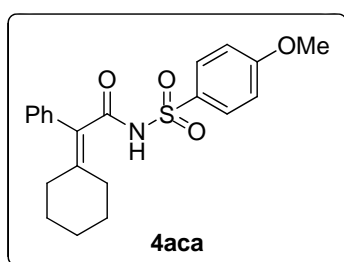
sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aba** in 62% yield.

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.01 (s, 1H), 7.97-9.94 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 2.47 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.01 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.62-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.48 (m, 4H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  165.8, 154.4, 138.5, 135.8, 133.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 32.8, 32.3, 28.3, 28.3, 26.1;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 378.11344, found: 378.11327.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-*N*-(4-methoxyphenylsulfonyl)-2-phenylacetamide (**4aca**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), 4-methoxy benzenesulfonyl azide **2c** (1.0 mmol, 213.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen.

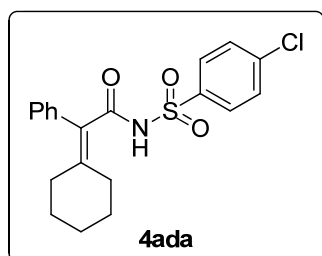
The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aca** in 66% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.48 (m, 4H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 165.9, 163.8, 153.8, 135.8, 130.7, 129.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.1, 127.6, 114.0, 55.7, 32.7, 32.3, 28.3, 28.2, 26.1;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 408.12400, found: 408.12379.

#### ***N*-(4-chlorophenylsulfonyl)-2-cyclohexylidene-2-phenylacetamide (4ada)**



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), 4-chlorobenzenesulfonyl azide **2d** (1.0 mmol, 217.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4ada** in 53% yield.

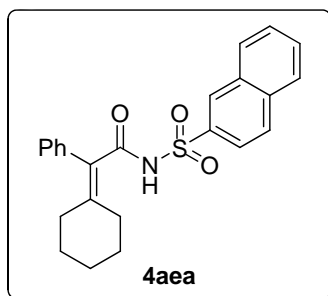
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.92-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 2H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 4H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 165.6, 155.9, 140.5, 137.0, 135.9, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 127.2, 33.2, 32.3, 28.4, 28.4, 26.2;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NCINaS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 412.07446, found: 412.07416.

#### **2-cyclohexylidene-*N*-(naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-2-phenylacetamide (4aea)**





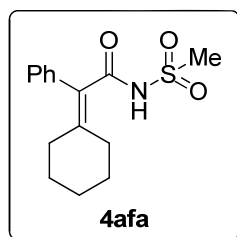
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), naphthalene-2-sulfonyl azide **2e** (1.0 mmol, 233.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aea** in 62% yield.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.60 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.97-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.65-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H), 2.47 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.98 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.59-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.46 (m, 4H);

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  165.9, 154.5, 135.8, 135.4, 135.3, 131.9, 130.5, 129.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 129.1, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 122.7, 32.8, 32.3, 28.3, 28.3, 26.1;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 428.12909, found: 428.14468.

### 2-cyclohexylidene-N-(methylsulfonyl)-2-phenylacetamide (**4afa**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), methanesulfonyl azide **2f** (1.0 mmol, 120.0 mg), cyclohexanone **3a** (1.0 mmol, 98.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the

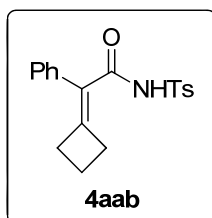
product **4afa** in 45% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.77-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.52 (m, 4H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 166.8, 156.3, 136.1, 129.8, 129.4, 128.5, 127.2, 41.5, 33.4, 32.4, 28.5, 28.5, 26.3;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 316.09779, found: 316.09764.

### 2-cyclobutylidene-2-phenyl-*N*-tosylacetamide (**4aab**)



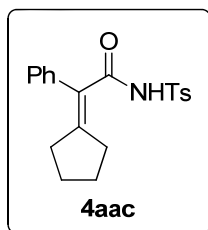
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclobutanone **3b** (1.0 mmol, 70.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aab** in 40% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.03 (m, 2H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 166.1, 162.9, 144.9, 135.9, 134.0, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.5, 128.5, 125.6, 34.3, 32.5, 21.7, 17.4;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 364.09779, found: 364.09759.

### 2-cyclopentylidene-2-phenyl-*N*-tosylacetamide (**4aac**)



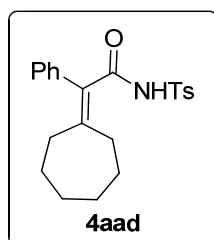
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclopentanone **3c** (1.0 mmol, 84.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aac** in 73% yield.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 2.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.75-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 2H);

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  168.0, 163.4, 144.7, 137.0, 136.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 124.9, 36.0, 34.4, 26.8, 25.5, 21.7;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 378.11344, found: 378.11294.

### 2-cycloheptylidene-2-phenyl-N-tosylacetamide (**4aad**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cycloheptanone **3d** (1.0 mmol, 112.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aad** in 73% yield.

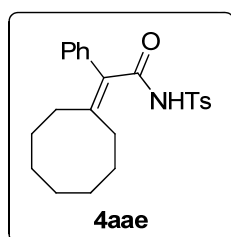
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.28 (m,

5H), 7.08 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.11-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.43 (m, 4H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  164.9, 158.8, 144.7, 136.6, 135.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.3, 128.3, 34.6, 33.6, 29.3, 28.6, 27.2, 26.9, 21.7;

HRMS(ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 406.14474, found: 406.14429.

### 2-cyclooctylidene-2-phenyl-*N*-tosylacetamide (4aae)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclooctanone **3e** (1.0 mmol, 126.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aae** in 64% yield.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.68(s, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.04 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.79-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.37 (m, 8H);

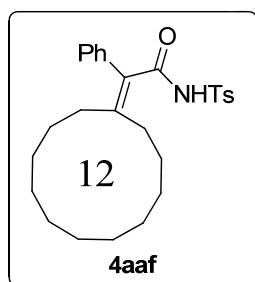
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  164.3, 161.6, 144.7, 137.1, 135.9, 129.5, 129.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 35.0, 31.9, 28.6, 27.5, 26.1, 25.9, 23.9, 21.7;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 420.16039, found: 420.15991.

### 2-cyclododecylidene-2-phenyl-*N*-tosylacetamide (4aaf)

Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), cyclododecanone

**3f** (1.0 mmol, 182.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL)



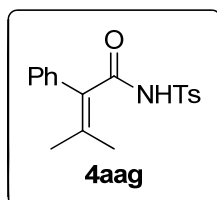
sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aaf** in 37% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61(s, 1H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.58-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.31 (m, 16H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 165.1, 156.9, 144.9, 136.6, 135.8, 130.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 128.5, 128.5, 29.9, 28.8, 26.4, 26.1, 24.2, 24.0, 22.6, 22.5, 22.0, 21.9, 21.8;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 454.24104, found: 454.24100.

### 3-methyl-2-phenyl-*N*-tosylbut-2-enamide (**4aag**)



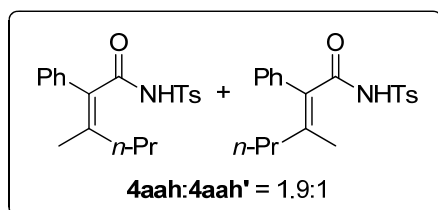
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), acetone **3g** (1.0 mmol, 58.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aag** in 65% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  165.1, 149.8, 144.8, 136.4, 135.7, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.4, 24.2, 22.7, 21.7;

HRMS(ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 352.09779, found: 352.09720.

**(Z)-3-methyl-2-phenyl-N-tosylhept-2-enamide (4aah) and (E)-3-methyl-2-phenyl-N-tosylhept-2-enamide (4aah')**



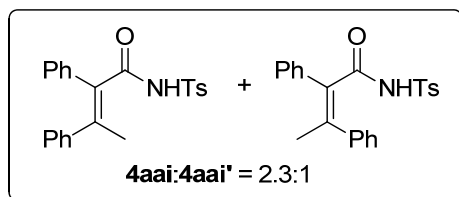
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), pentan-2-one **3h** (1.0 mmol, 86.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the products **4aah** and **4aah'** as two stereoisomers in 52% yield with the ratio being 1.9:1.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.91-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.32 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1.35H), 2.06 (s, 1.07H), 1.86 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 0.75H), 1.61 (s, 1.98H), 1.51-1.41 (m, 1.44H), 1.40-1.29 (m, 0.80H), 0.85 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2.07H), 0.71 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1.11H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  165.2, 165.1, 153.8, 151.4, 144.8, 136.4, 136.3, 135.7, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 39.0, 37.5, 21.7, 21.5, 21.2, 21.0, 20.2, 14.0, 13.9;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 380.12909, found: 380.12877.

**(E)-2,3-diphenyl-N-tosylbut-2-enamide (4aai)**



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), acetophenone **3i** (1.0 mmol, 120.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). Detection of the reaction mixture by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis showed that **4aai** and **4aai'** were formed as two stereoisomers of 2.3:1 ratio. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aai** in 43% isolated yield.

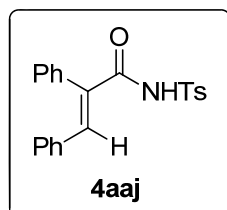
Spectrogram of *E*-configured product **4aai**:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.93 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 6H), 7.94-7.90 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  166.1, 149.8, 145.2, 141.9, 136.0, 135.7, 131.5, 130.4, 129.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 23.4, 21.9;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 414.11344, found: 414.11286.

#### (*E*)-2,3-diphenyl-*N*-tosylacrylamide (**4aaj**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), benzaldehyde **3j** (1.0 mmol, 106.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and

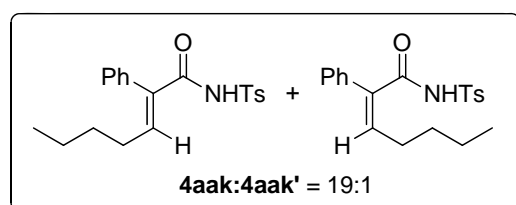
filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aaj** in 47% yield.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 3H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 164.2, 145.2, 141.3, 135.6, 134.2, 133.9, 131.8, 130.8, 130.3, 129.8, 129.8, 129.6, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 21.8;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 400.09779, found: 400.09715.

#### (*E*)-2-phenyl-*N*-tosylhept-2-enamide (**4aak**)



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), pentanal **3k** (1.0 mmol, 86.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). Detection of the reaction mixture by GC-MS showed that **4aak** and **4aak'** were formed as two stereoisomers of 19:1 ratio. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aak** in 68% yield.

Spectrogram of *E*-configured product **4aak**:

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.95 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.36-1.28 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.15 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, *J* =

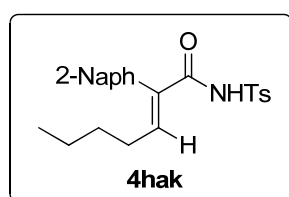


7.2 Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 163.6, 147.0, 145.1, 135.7, 133.7, 133.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 30.7, 29.4, 22.3, 21.8, 13.8;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 380.12909, found: 380.12881.

#### (E)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-N-tosylhept-2-enamide (4hak)



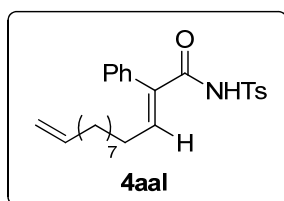
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol, 10.0 mol%, 9.4 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), 2-ethynynaphthalene **1h** (0.5 mmol, 76.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), pentanal **3k** (1.0 mmol, 86.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4hak** in 66% yield.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.79 (m, 5H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.97 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36-1.26 (m, 2H), 1.22-1.13 (m, 2H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 163.7, 147.0, 145.0, 135.6, 133.8, 133.3, 133.1, 131.0, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.0, 126.9, 126.9, 30.6, 29.4, 22.2, 21.7, 13.7;

HRMS (ESI) Calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 408.16279, found: 408.16268.

#### (E)-2-phenyl-N-tosyltrideca-2,12-dienamide (4aal)



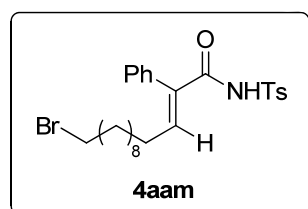
Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), undec-10-enal **3l** (1.0 mmol, 168.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aal** in 65% yield.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.93 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd,  $J_1 = 7.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.84-5.73 (m, 1H), 4.97 (dq,  $J_1 = 17.2$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.94-4.90 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.01 (q,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.94 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.35-1.29 (m, 5H), 1.21-1.15 (m, 7H);

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  163.6, 147.2, 145.2, 139.3, 135.7, 133.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 114.3, 33.9, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 29.0, 28.6, 21.8;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_3\text{NS}^+$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ): 462.20734, found: 462.20715.

#### **(E)-13-bromo-2-phenyl-N-tosyltridec-2-enamide (4aam)**



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (0.5 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg),

11-bromoundecanal **3m** (1.0 mmol, 248.0 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl

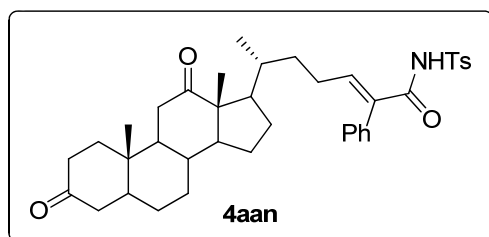
acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aam** in 75% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (br, 1H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.94 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.15 (m, 10H);

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 163.5, 146.8, 145.0, 135.6, 133.8, 133.6, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 34.0, 32.8, 29.5, 29.3, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.7, 28.5, 28.1, 21.7;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>3</sub>BrNS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 542.13350, found: 542.13350.

**(6*R,E*)-6-((10*S*,13*R*)-10,13-dimethyl-3,12-dioxohexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-phenyl-*N*-tosylhept-2-enamide (4aan)**



Following a general procedure: To a 25 ml oven-dried Schlenk tube was added Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.025 mmol, 5.0 mol%, 4.7 mg), DCE (1.25 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.5 mmol, 51.0 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (1.0 mmol, 197.0 mg), (4*R*)-4-((10*S*,13*R*)-10,13-dimethyl-3,12-dioxohexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanal **3n** (1.0 mmol, 372.0 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.75 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.625 mL) sequentially under nitrogen. The tube was sealed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short pad silica gel washing with ethyl acetate (20 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the product **4aan** in 50% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.65 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.36-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz,

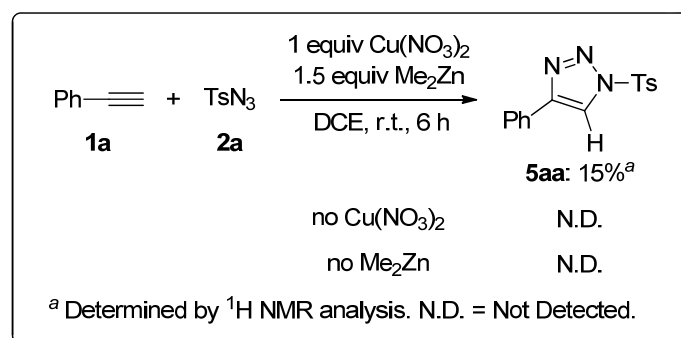
1H), 2.08-1.99 (m, 3H), 1.95-1.82 (m, 8H), 1.79-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.59 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.49-1.27 (m, 5H), 1.18-1.09 (m, 6H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.66 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 3H);

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  214.2, 212.2, 163.6, 147.0, 145.0, 135.6, 133.7, 133.6, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 58.5, 57.6, 46.5, 44.3, 43.7, 42.1, 38.4, 36.9, 36.8, 35.7, 35.6, 35.4, 34.2, 27.5, 26.6, 26.6, 25.5, 24.3, 22.1, 21.7, 18.5, 11.8;

**HRMS (ESI)** Calculated for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>49</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NS<sup>+</sup> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 666.32237, found: 666.32208.

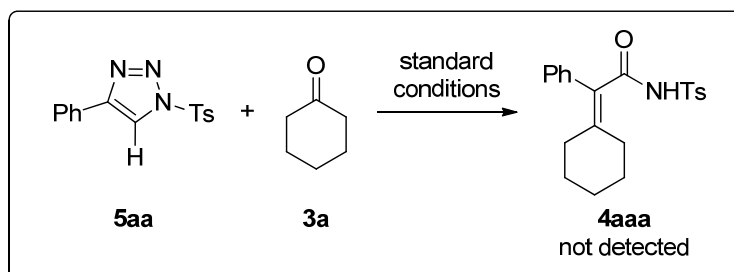
### 3. Mechanism Studies

To elucidate the possible reaction mechanism, a series of stoichiometric experiments was conducted. First, With either  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  or  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$ , the reaction of phenylacetylene **1a**, *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** couldn't take place. When  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  were used together, 1-sulfonyltriazole **5aa** was obtained in 15% NMR yield after work up.



#### Experimental procedure:

$\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.2 mmol, 37.5 mg) was added into an oven-dried reaction vessel with Teflon screw cap under a nitrogen atmosphere. DCE (0.2 mL), phenylacetylene **1a** (0.2 mmol, 20.4 mg), *p*-toluenesulfonyl azide **2a** (0.4 mmol, 78.8 mg) and  $\text{Me}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.3 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.25 mL) were then injected into the reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After the completion, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and filtered through a short pad of silica gel. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was detected by crude  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and GC analysis.



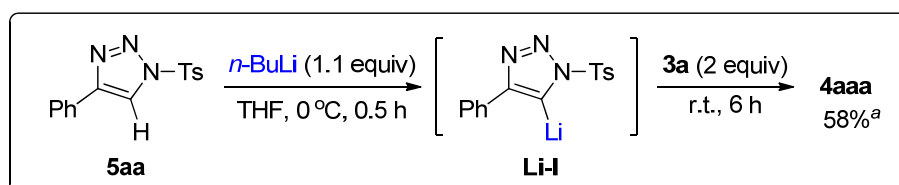
Next, the reaction of cyclohexanone **3a** and 1-sulfonyltriazole **5aa** was carried out under the standard conditions. However, no expected three-component product **4aaa**

was detected, which indicated 1-sulfonyltriazole **5aa** was not a reaction intermediate in the three-component reaction.

### Experimental procedure:

Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol, 1.9 mg) and 1-sulfonyltriazole **5aa** (0.2 mmol, 59.8 mg) was added into an oven-dried reaction vessel with Teflon screw cap under a nitrogen atmosphere. DCE (0.2 mL), cyclohexanone **3a** (0.4 mmol, 39.2 mg) and Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.3 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.25 mL) were then injected into the reaction tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After the completion, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and filtered through a short pad of silica gel. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the residue was detected by crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR and GC analysis.

Next, we hypothesized a reactive 5-metalated-1-sulfonyltriazole intermediate must be involved. When 1-sulfonyltriazole **5aa** was treated with *n*-BuLi, the product **4aaa** was obtained in 58% NMR yield.<sup>7</sup>

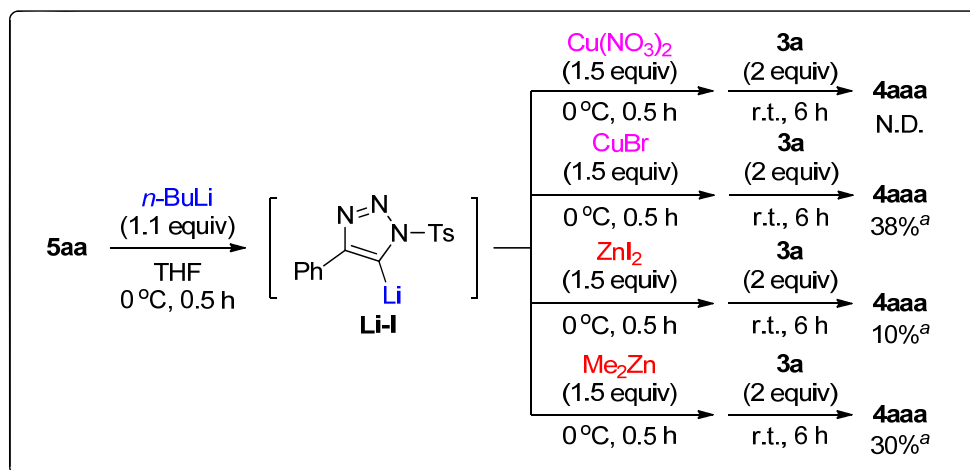


### Experimental procedure:

To a stirred solution of 1-sulfonyltriazole **5aa** (0.2 mmol, 59.8 mg) in THF (1.0 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (0.22 mmol, 2.5 M in THF, 0.088 mL) at 0 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring for 0.5 h, cyclohexanone **3a** (0.4 mmol, 39.2 mg) was then injected into the reaction tube at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After the completion, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and filtered through a short pad of silica gel. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the yield of **4aaa** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

To ascertain the key metal species, organozinc or organocopper species was prepared through Li-Zn/Li-Cu exchange and then treated with **3a**. When

(1-sulfonyl-4-phenyltriazol-5-yl)lithium intermediate **Li-I** was treated with CuBr, ZnI<sub>2</sub>, or Me<sub>2</sub>Zn, **4aaa** was detected by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis in 38%, 10%, and 30% yield, respectively. In contrast, reacting lithium intermediate **Li-I** with Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> could not produce any product.

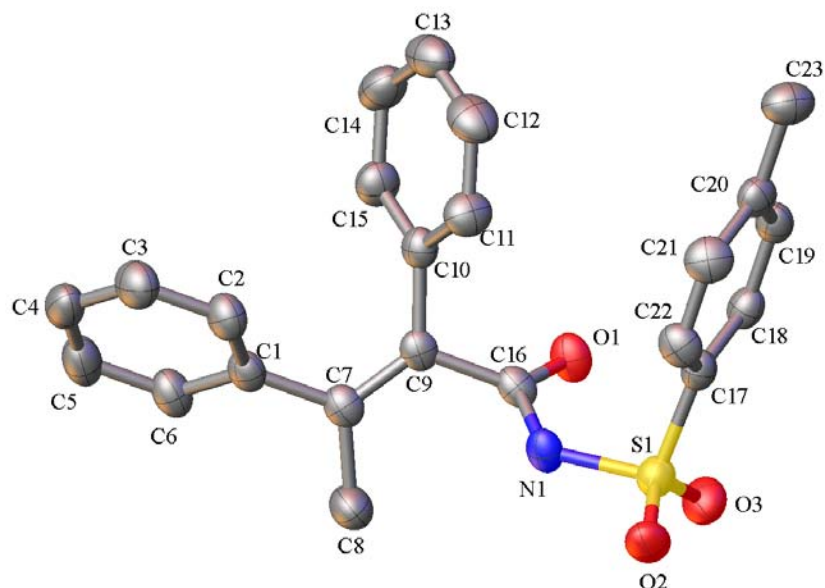


#### Experimental procedure:

To a stirred solution of 1-sulfonyltriazole **5aa** (0.2 mmol, 59.8 mg) in THF (1.0 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (0.22 mmol, 2.5 M in THF, 0.088 mL) at 0 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring for 0.5 h, Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.3 mmol, 56.1 mg, in 1 mL THF) or CuBr (0.3 mmol, 42.6 mg, in 1 mL THF) or ZnI<sub>2</sub> (0.3 mmol, 95.1 mg) or Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (0.3 mmol, 1.2 M in toluene, 0.25 mL) was added into the tube and stirred for another 0.5 h. Then cyclohexanone **3a** (0.4 mmol, 39.2 mg) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After the completion, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and filtered through a short pad of silica gel. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the yield of **4aaa** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

## 4. X-Ray Crystallography Data for 4aai and 4hak

The deposition number for **4aai** at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre is CCDC 1444389.



**Figure S1.** Ortep drawing of compound **4aai** with 50% ellipsoids

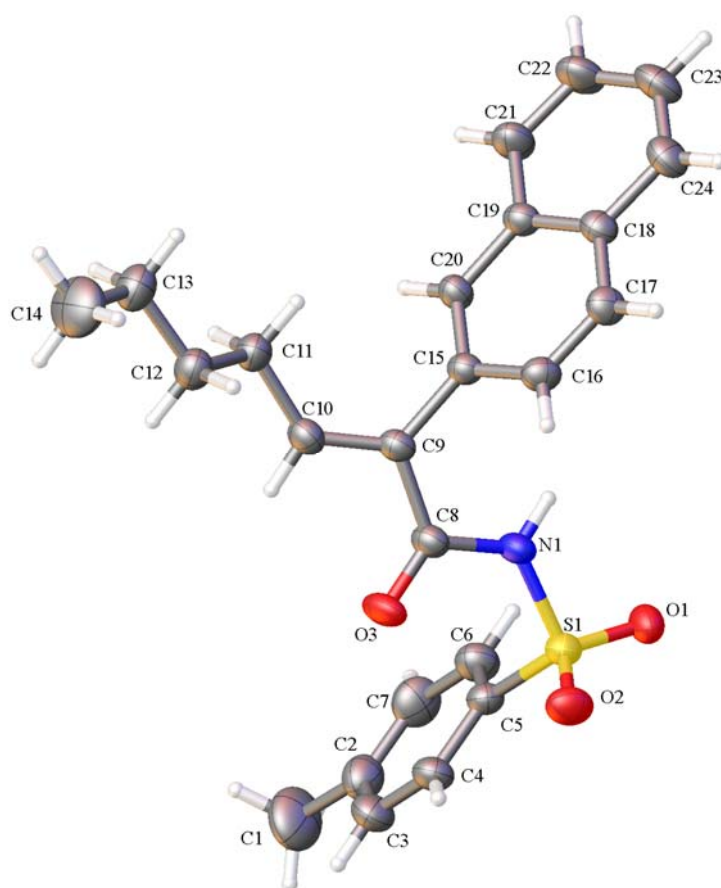
**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **4aai**.

Identification code	<b>4aai</b>	
Empirical formula	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N O <sub>3</sub> S	
Formula weight	391.47	
Temperature	173.1500 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/n 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.710(3) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 19.200(5) Å	β = 97.104(4)°.
	c = 22.065(6) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	4082.2(19) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.274 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.182 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1648	
Crystal size	0.51 x 0.1 x 0.08 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	1.860 to 27.486°.	
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 12, -24 ≤ k ≤ 22, -28 ≤ l ≤ 28	



Reflections collected	29405
Independent reflections	9326 [R(int) = 0.0647]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.0000 and 0.6963
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	9326 / 0 / 509
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.197
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0870, wR2 = 0.1337
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1116, wR2 = 0.1429
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.249 and -0.282 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

The deposition number for **4hak** at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre is CCDC 1444390.



**Figure S2.** Ortep drawing of compound **4hak** with 50% ellipsoids

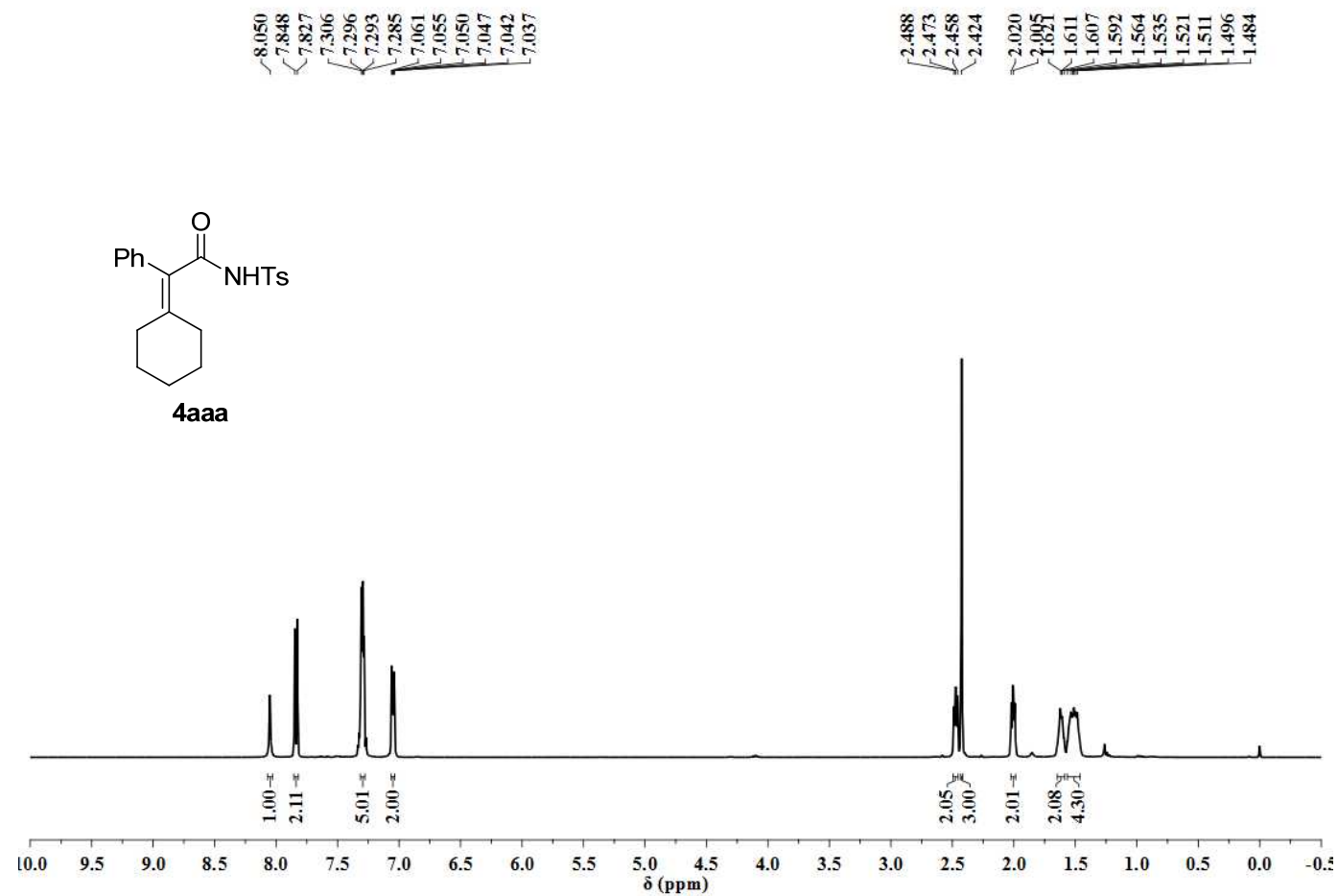
**Table S3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **4hak**.

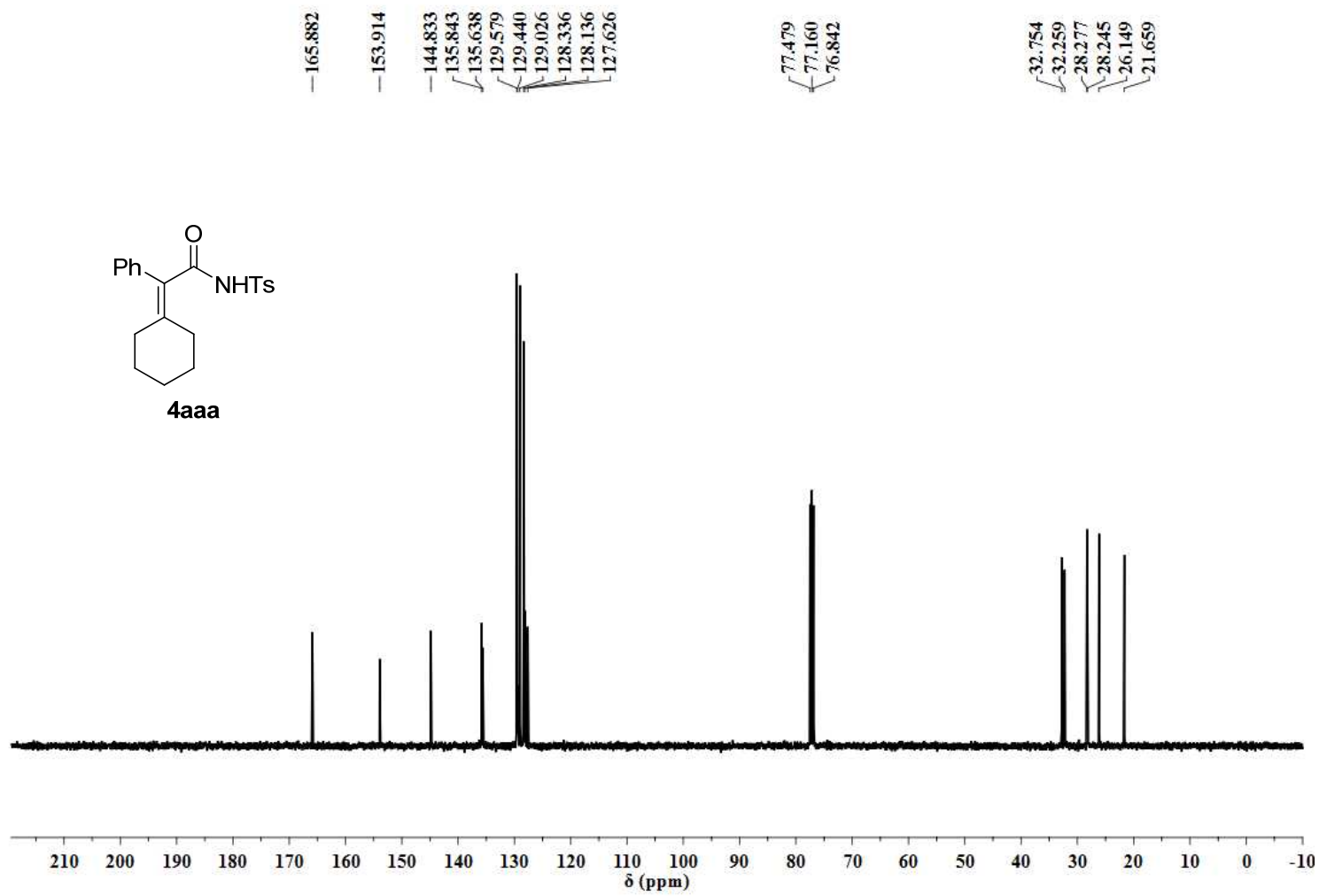
Identification code	<b>4hak</b>	
Empirical formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N O <sub>3</sub> S	
Formula weight	407.51	
Temperature	298.1500 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P -1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.3077(19) Å	α = 116.41(3)°.
	b = 11.580(2) Å	β = 100.50(3)°.
	c = 11.683(2) Å	γ = 90.85(3)°.
Volume	1102.3(5) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.228 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.171 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	432	
Crystal size	0.24 x 0.21 x 0.17 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.664 to 27.498°.	
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -14 ≤ k ≤ 15, -15 ≤ l ≤ 15	
Reflections collected	9421	
Independent reflections	4952 [R(int) = 0.0329]	
Completeness to theta = 26.000°	98.4 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.0000 and 0.7857	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	4952 / 0 / 264	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.129	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0627, wR2 = 0.1408	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0809, wR2 = 0.1520	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.165 and -0.245 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

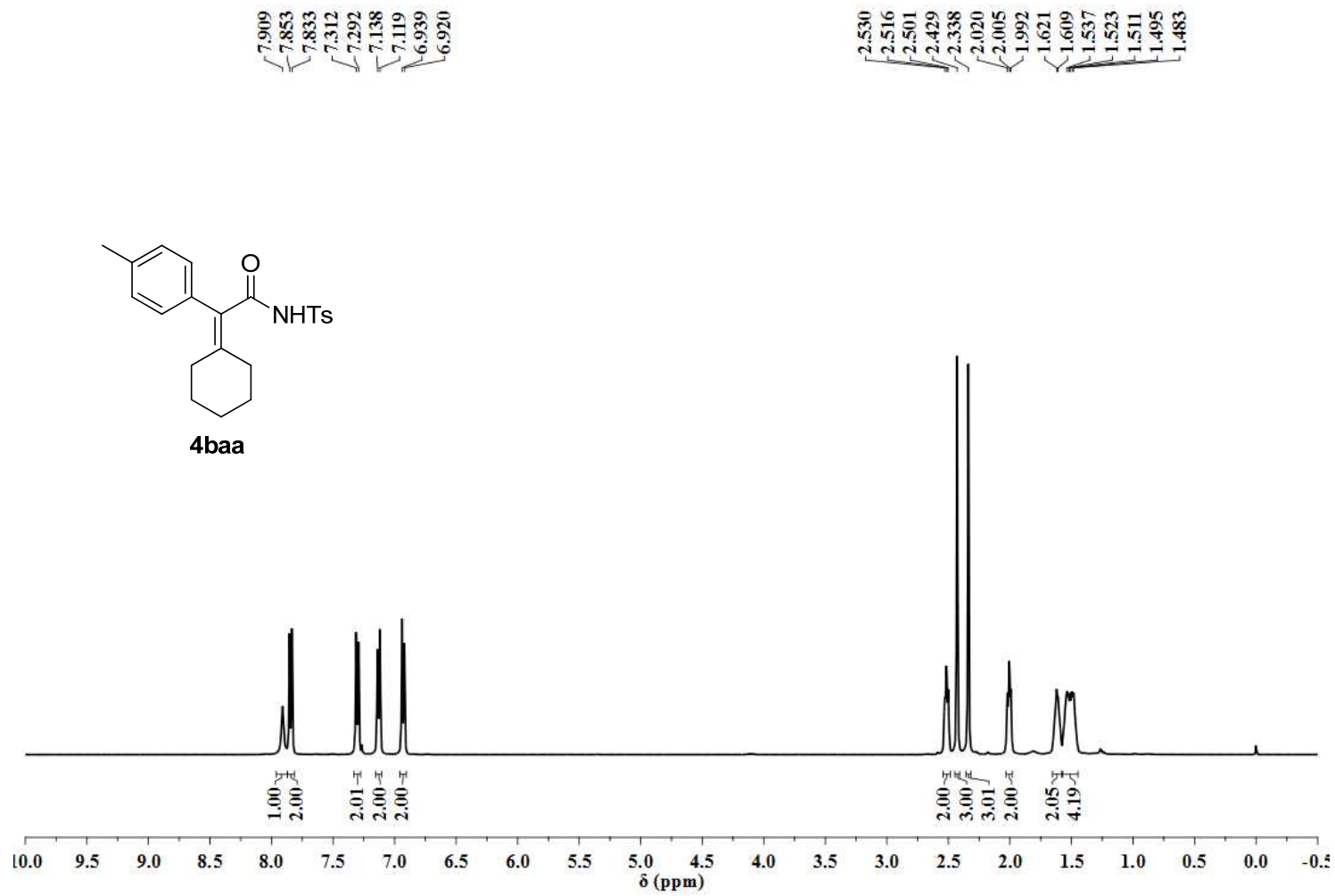
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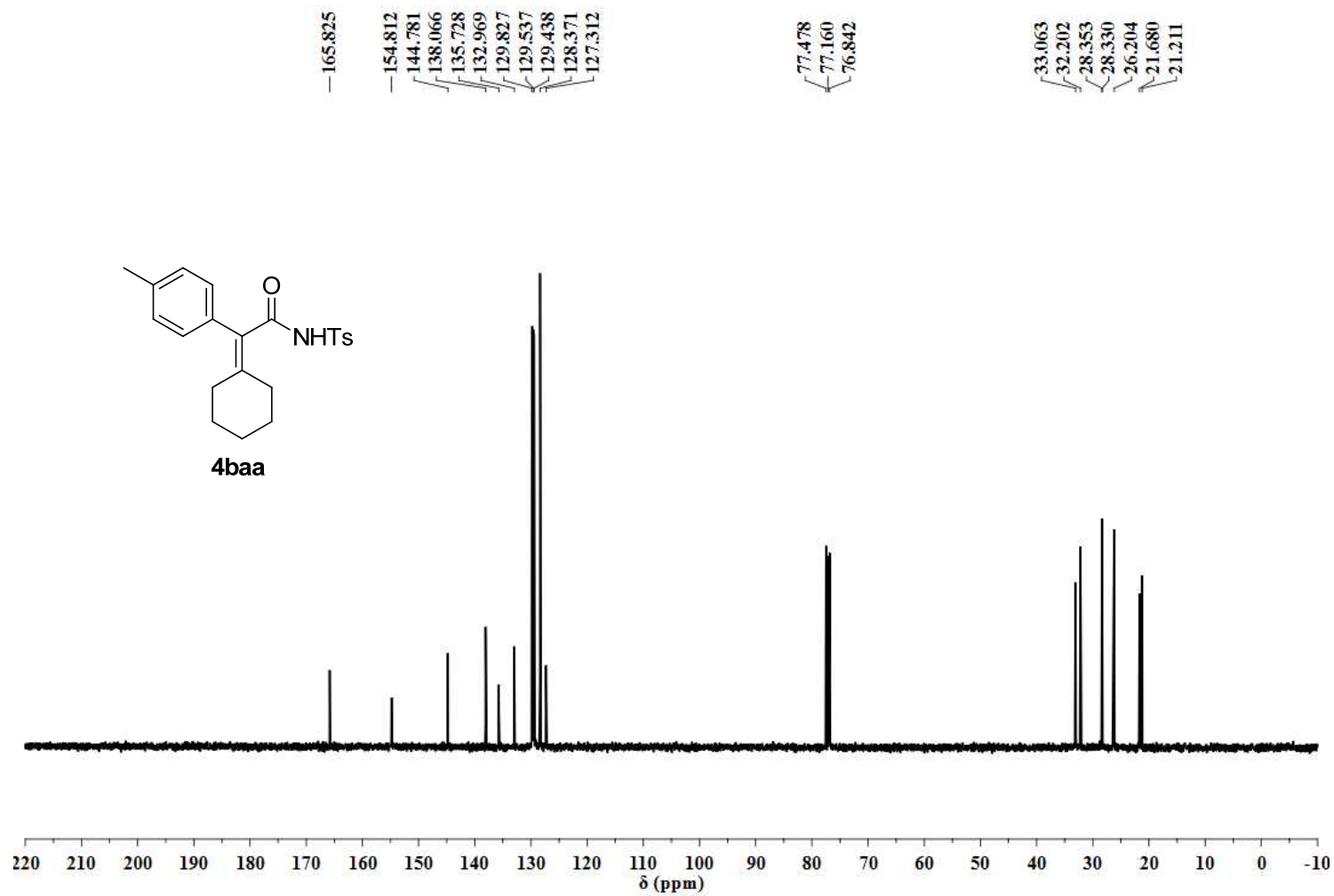
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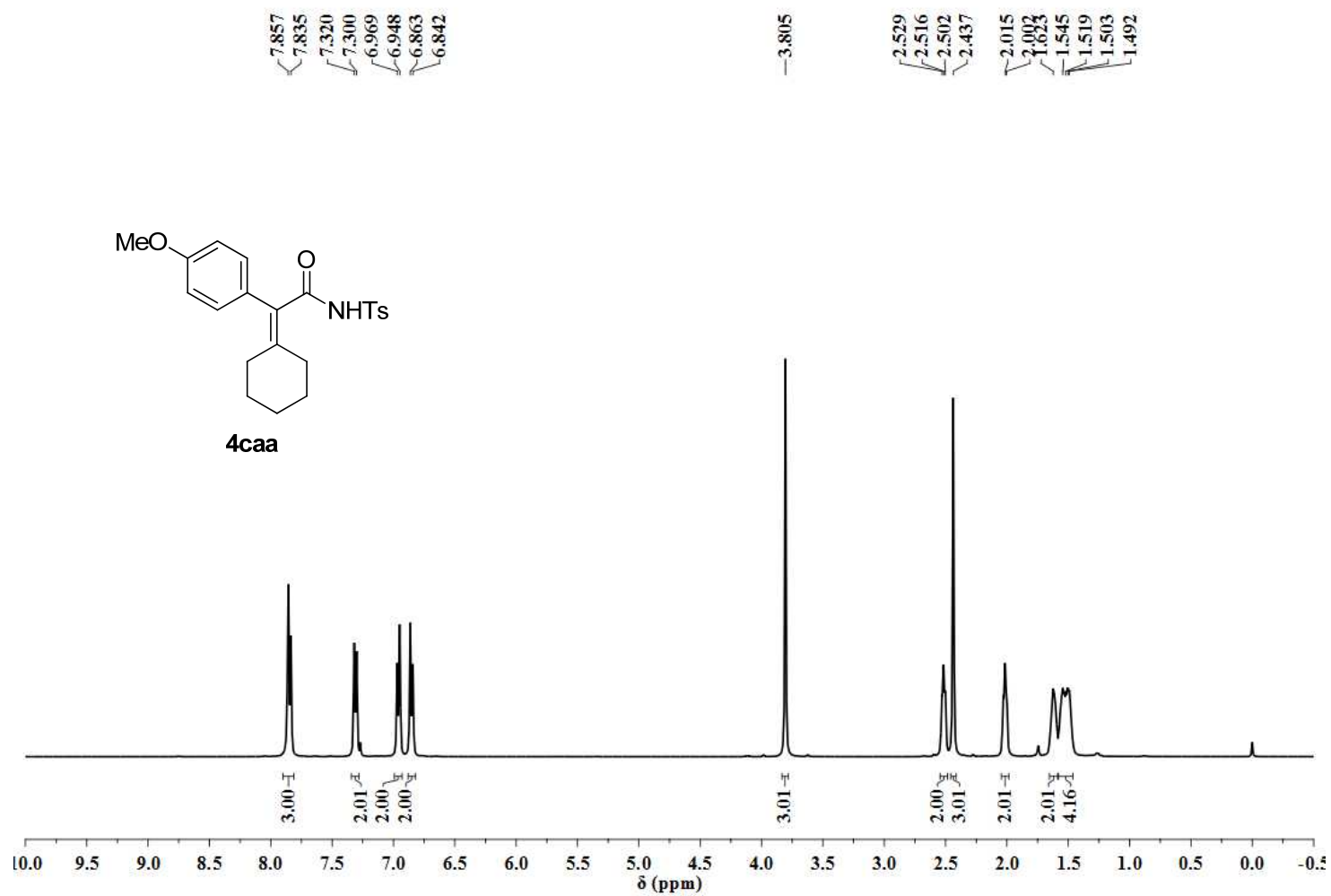
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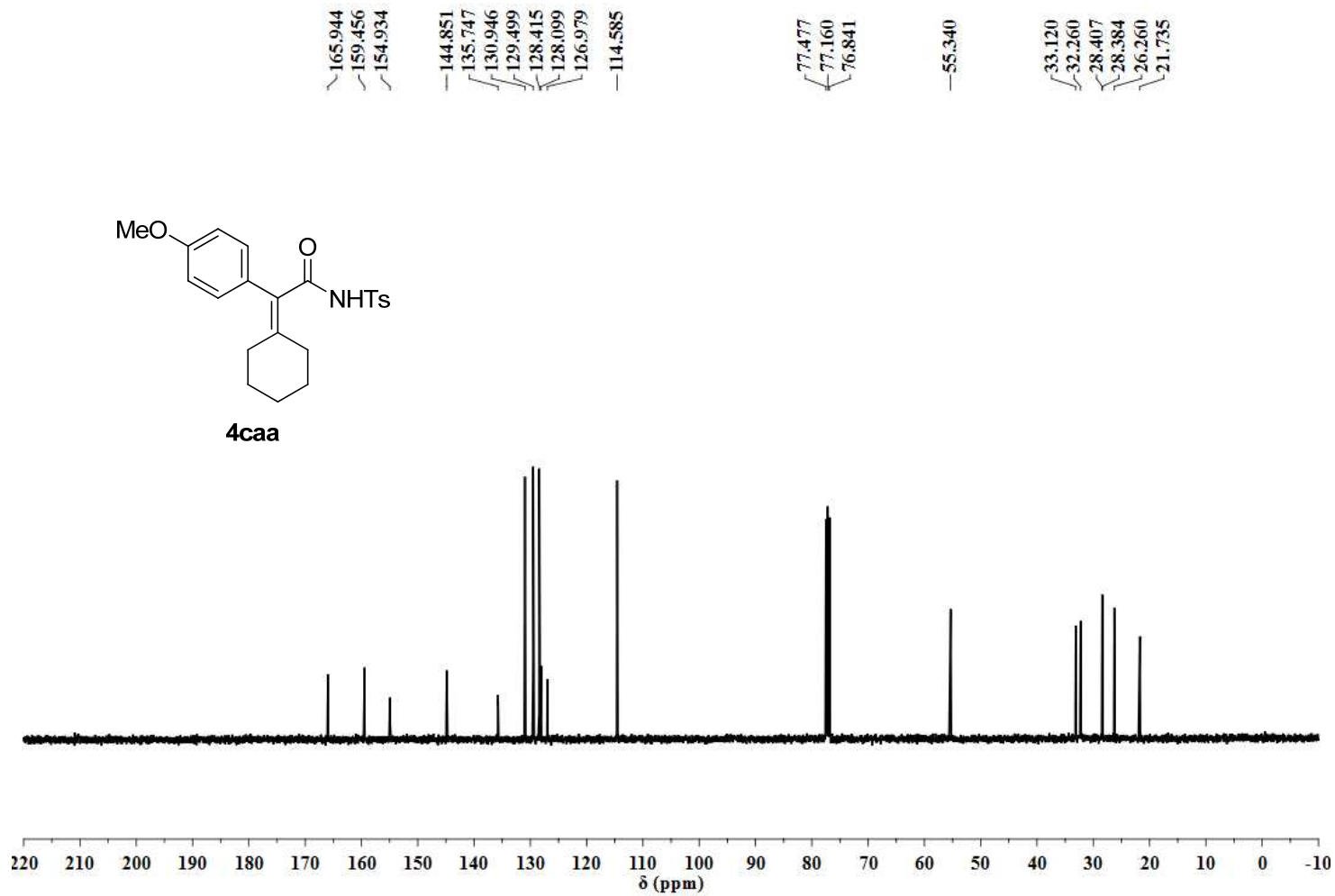
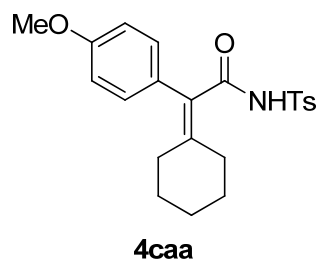


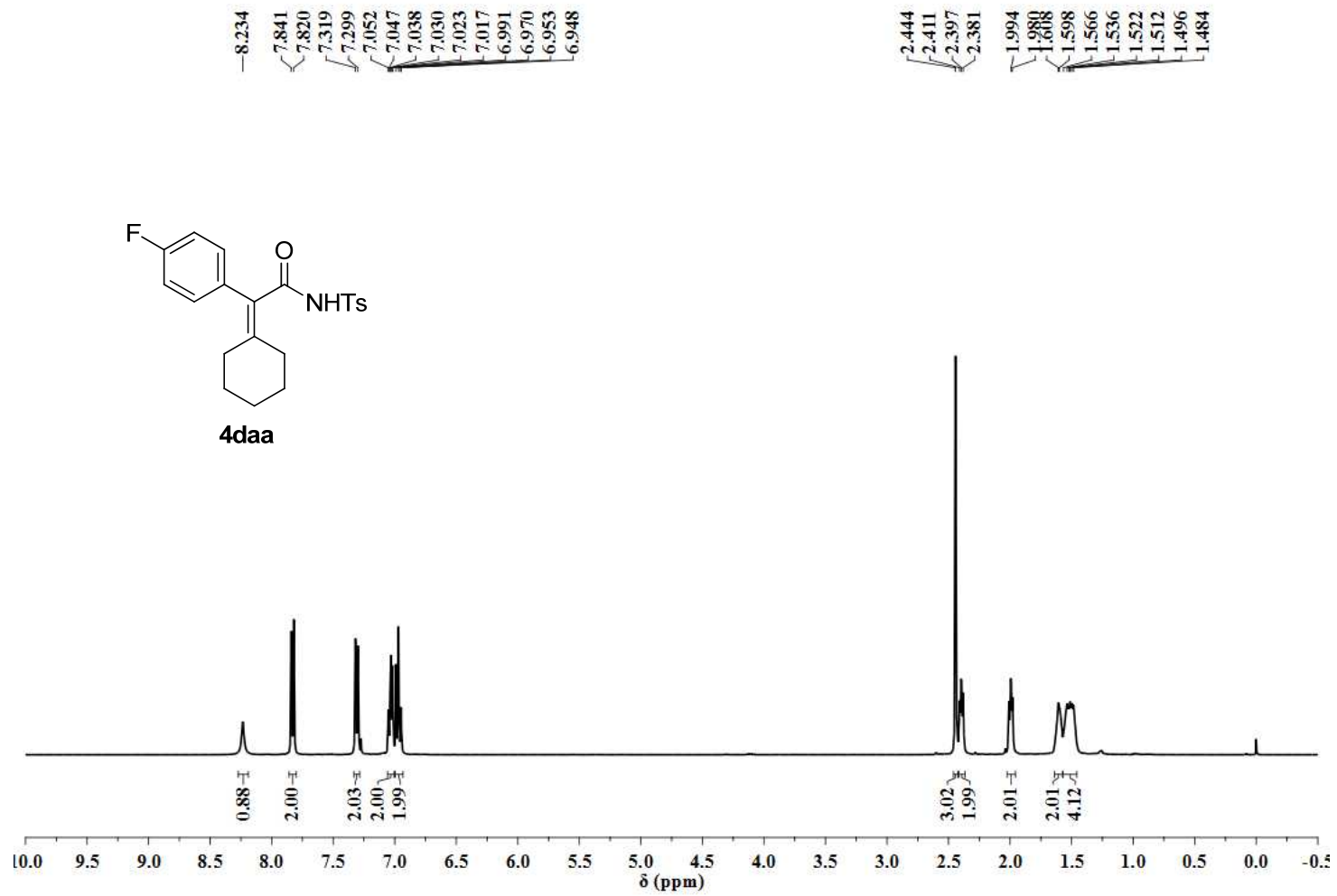


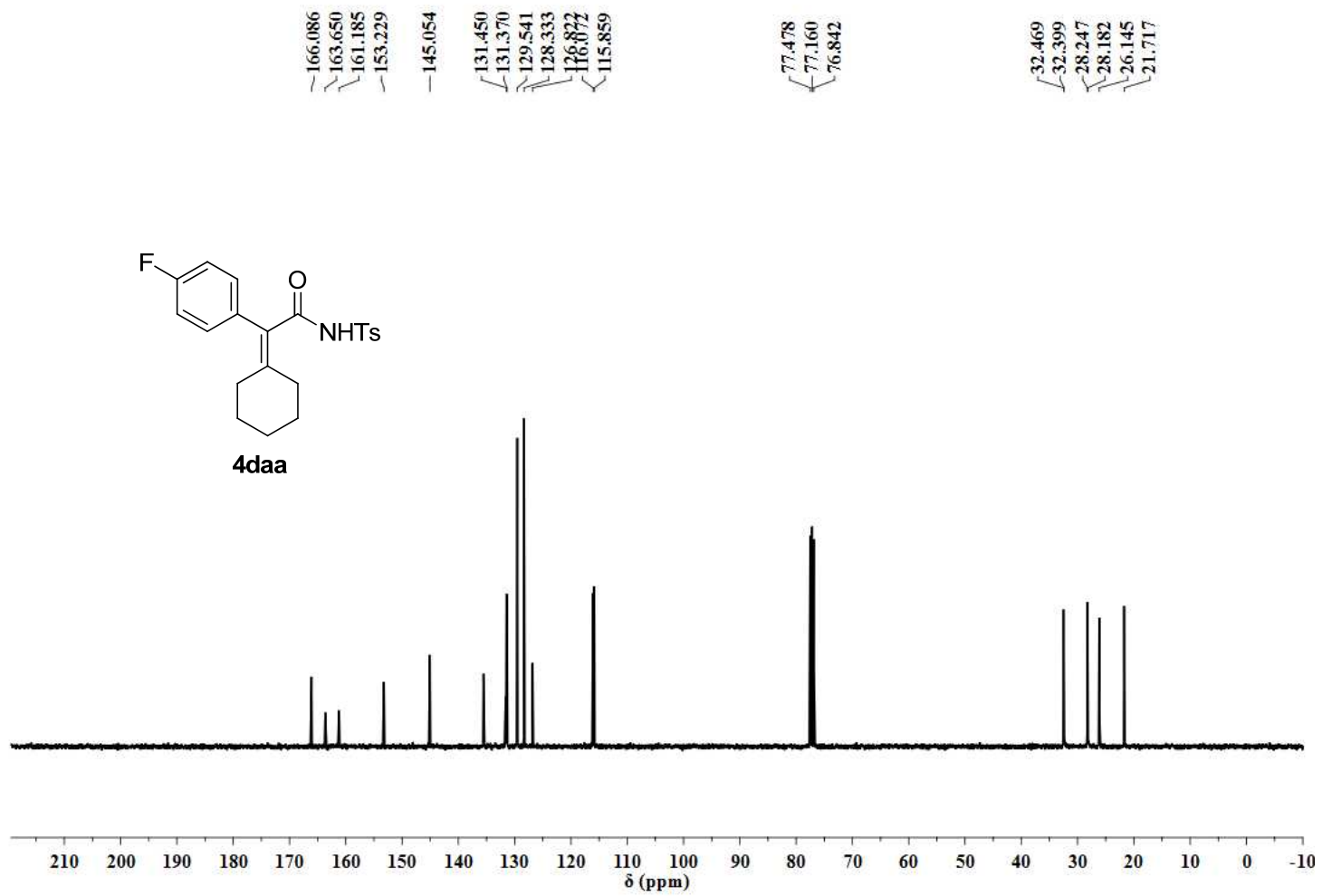


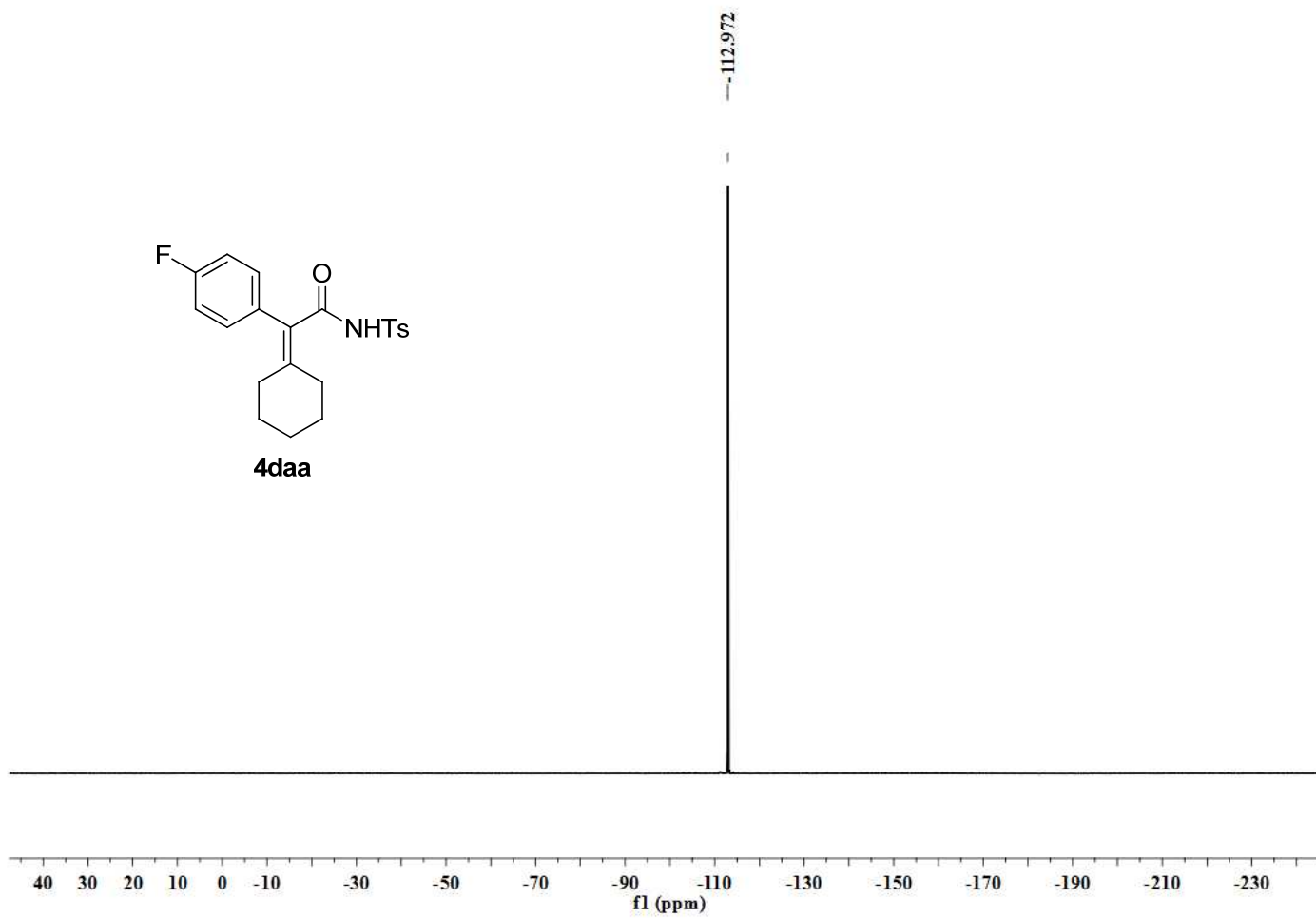
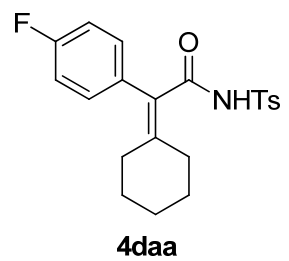


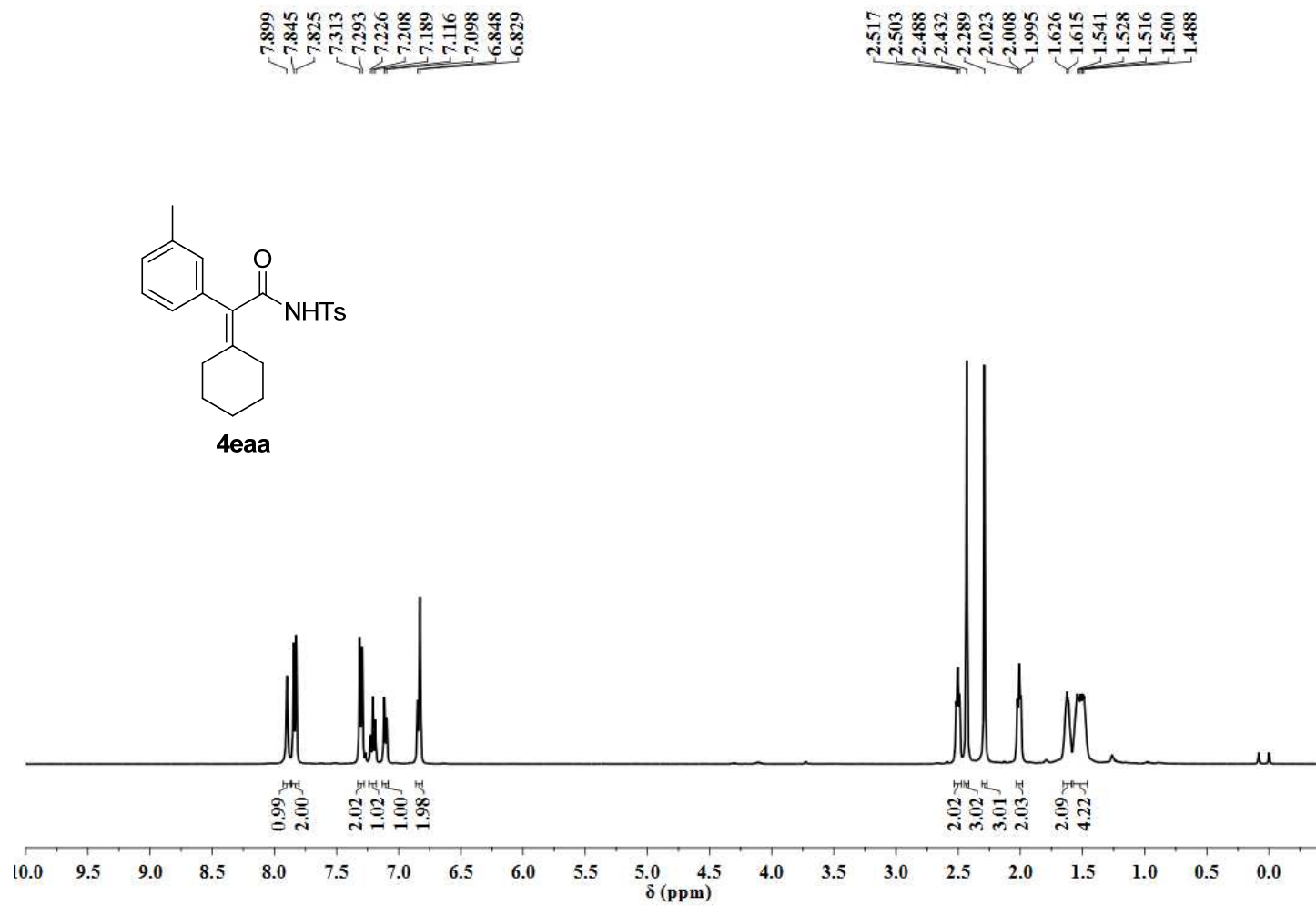


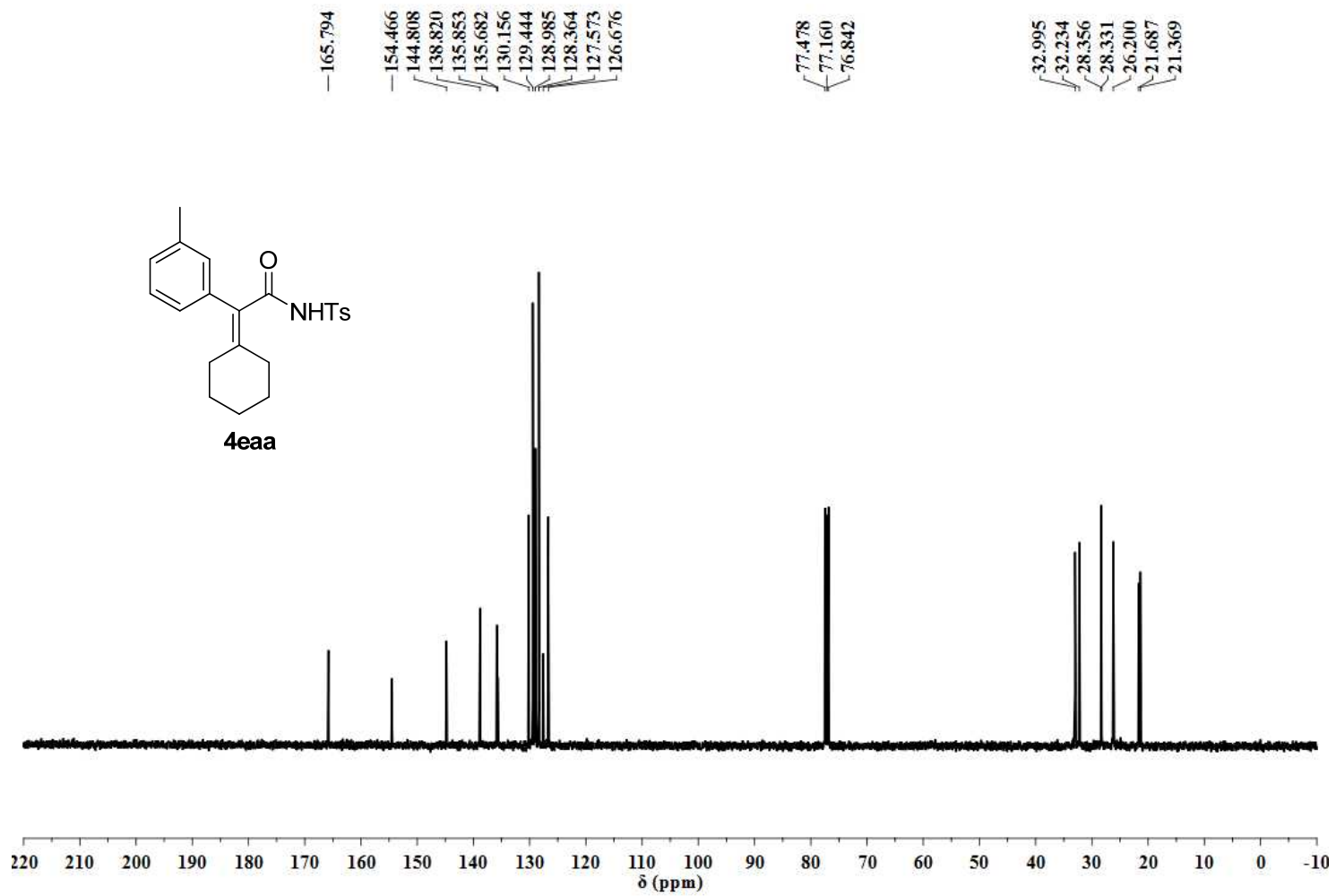


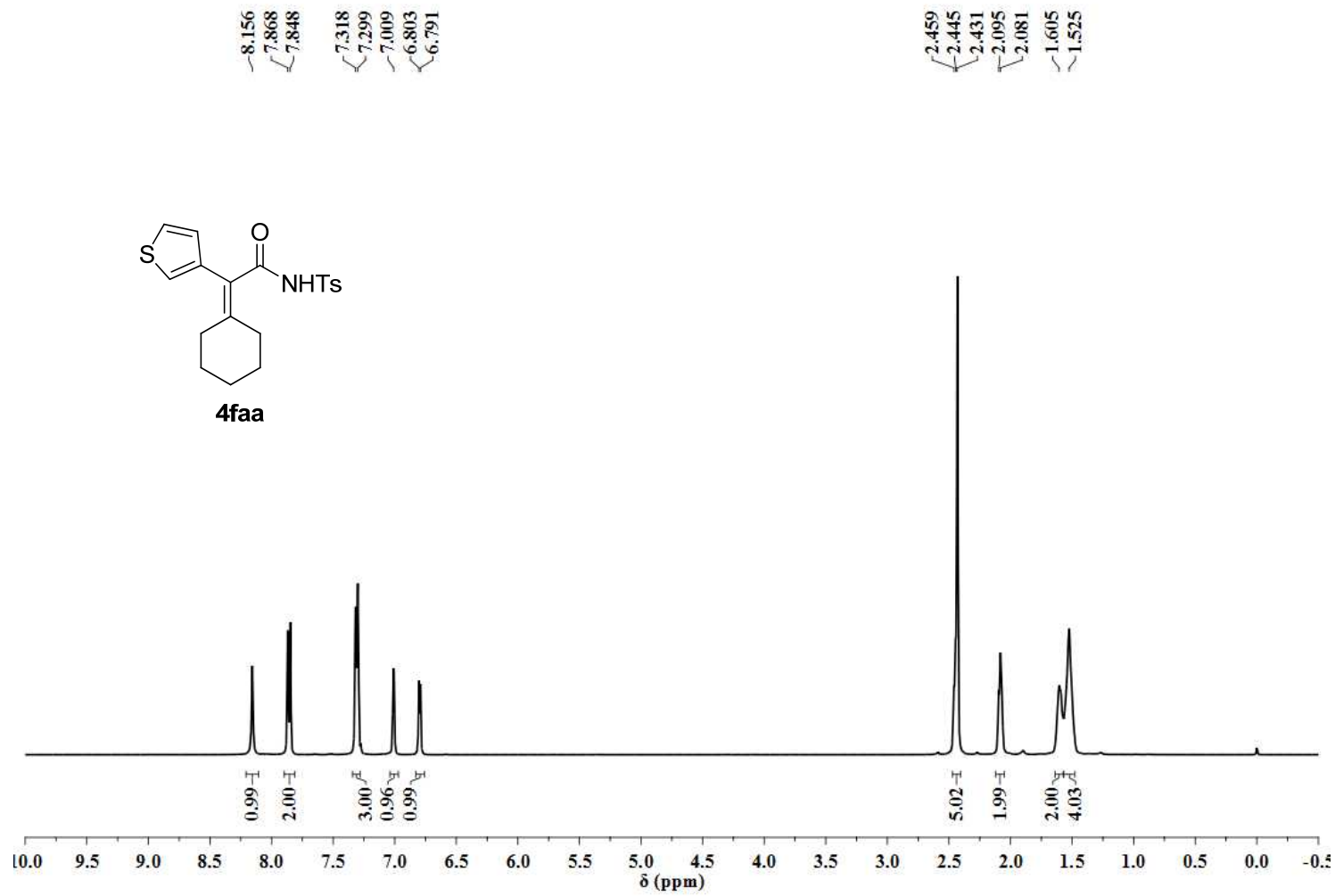


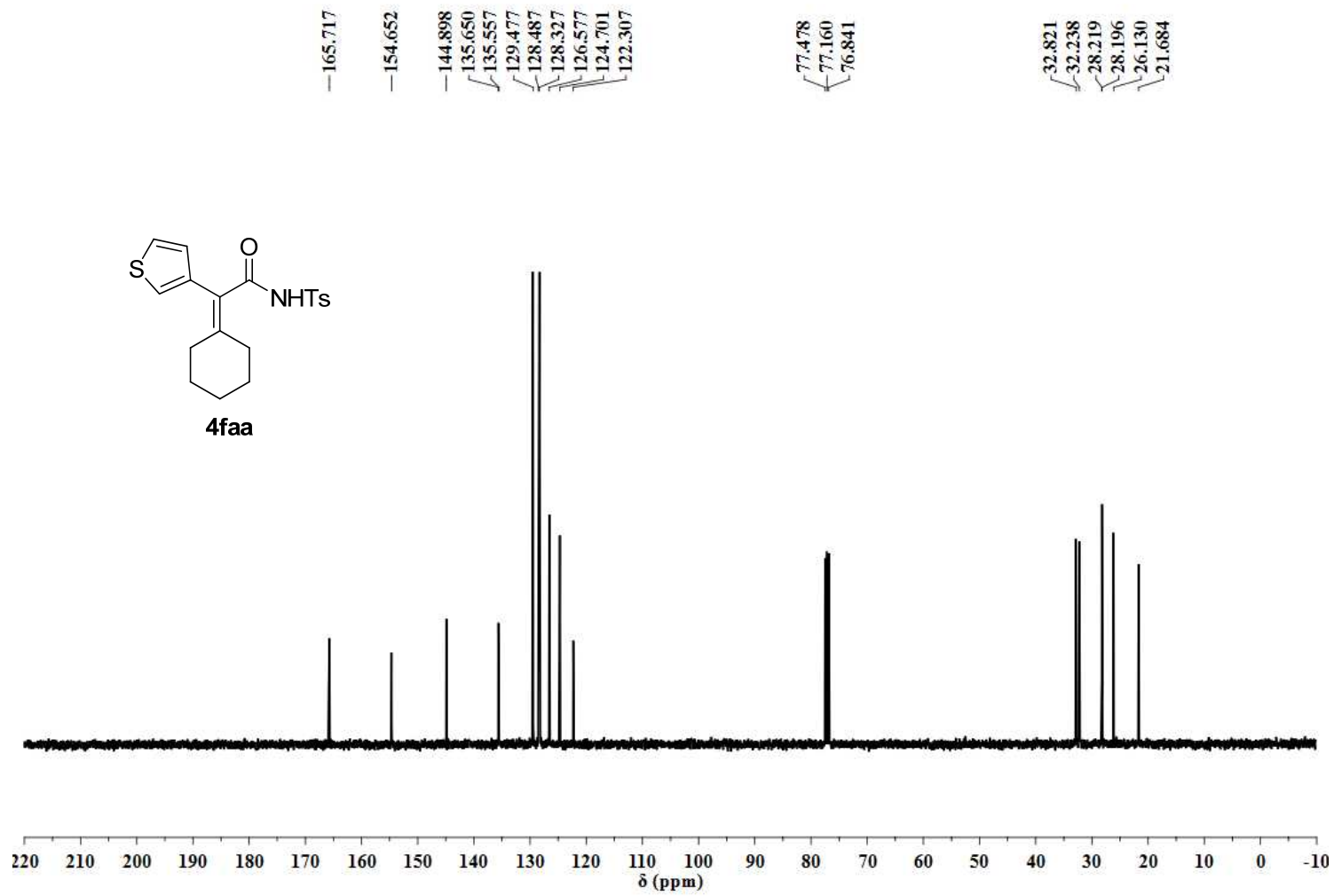




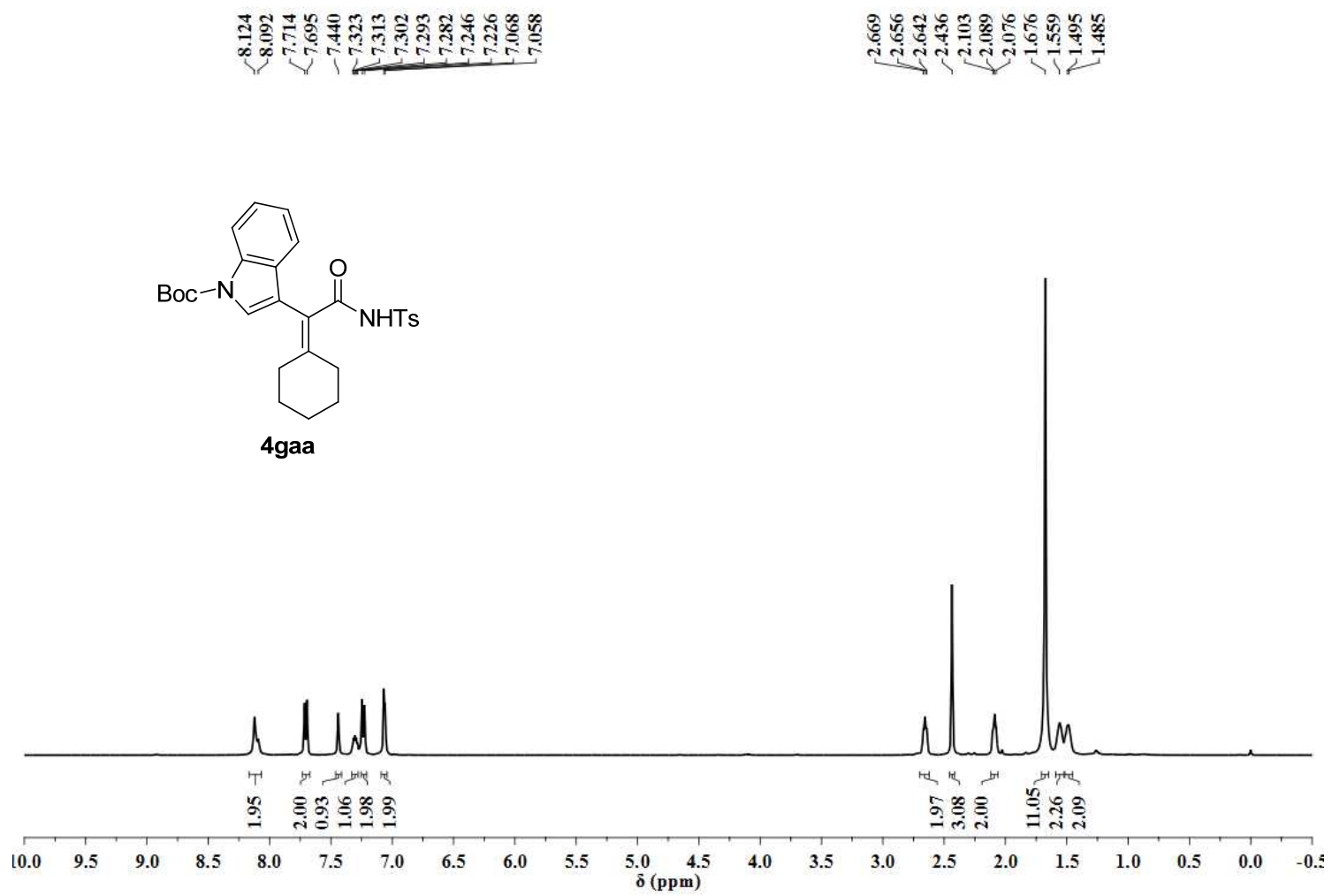


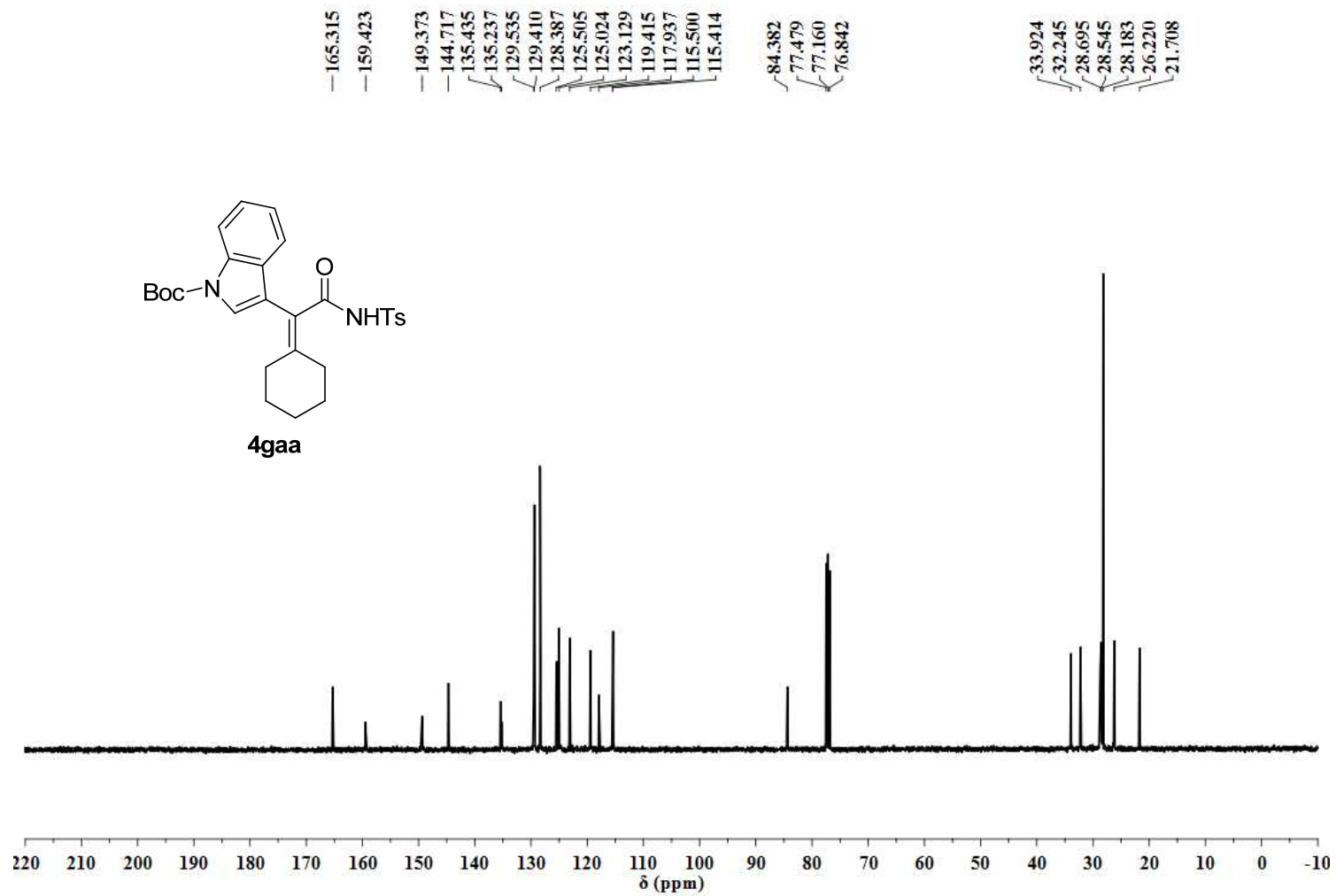


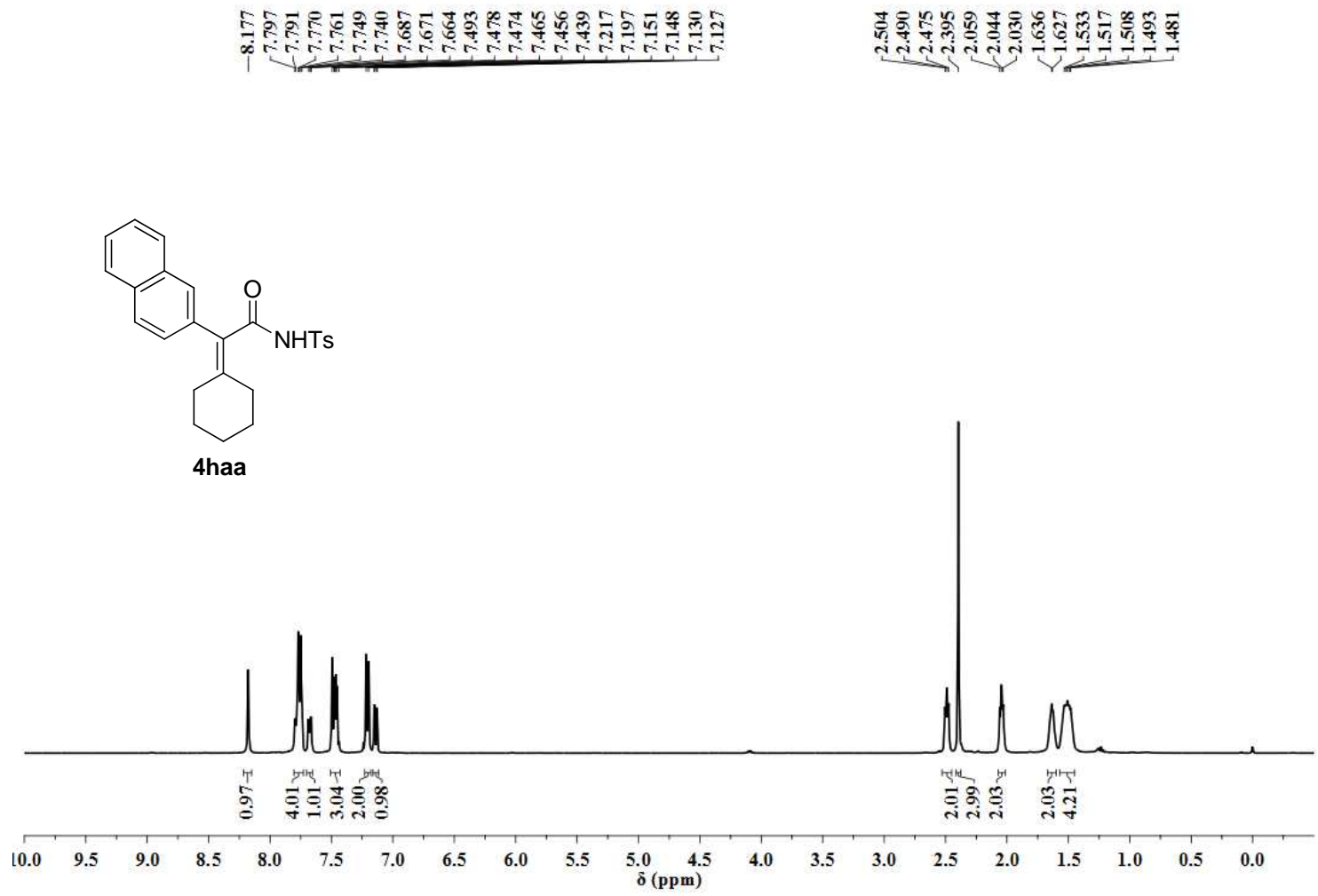


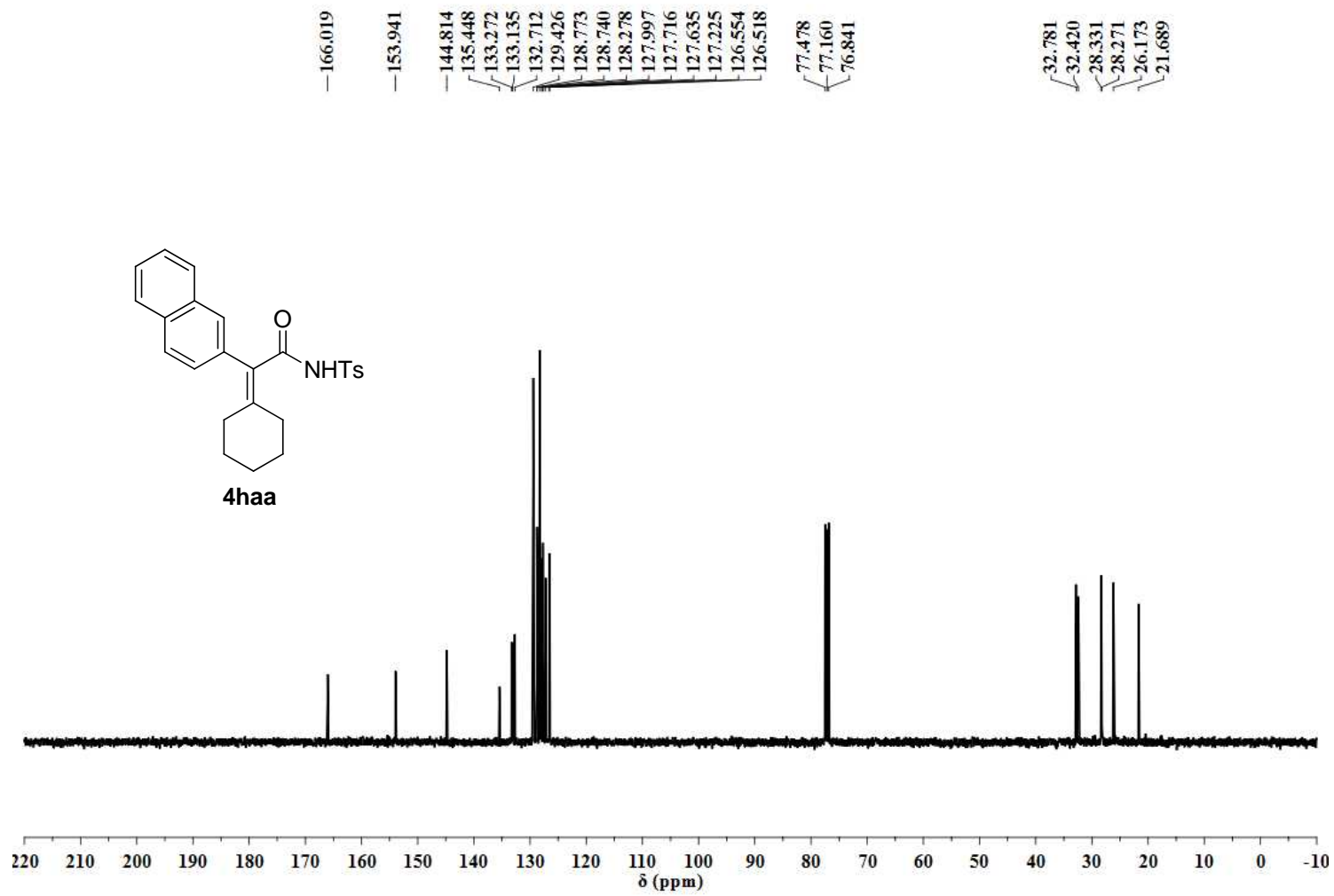


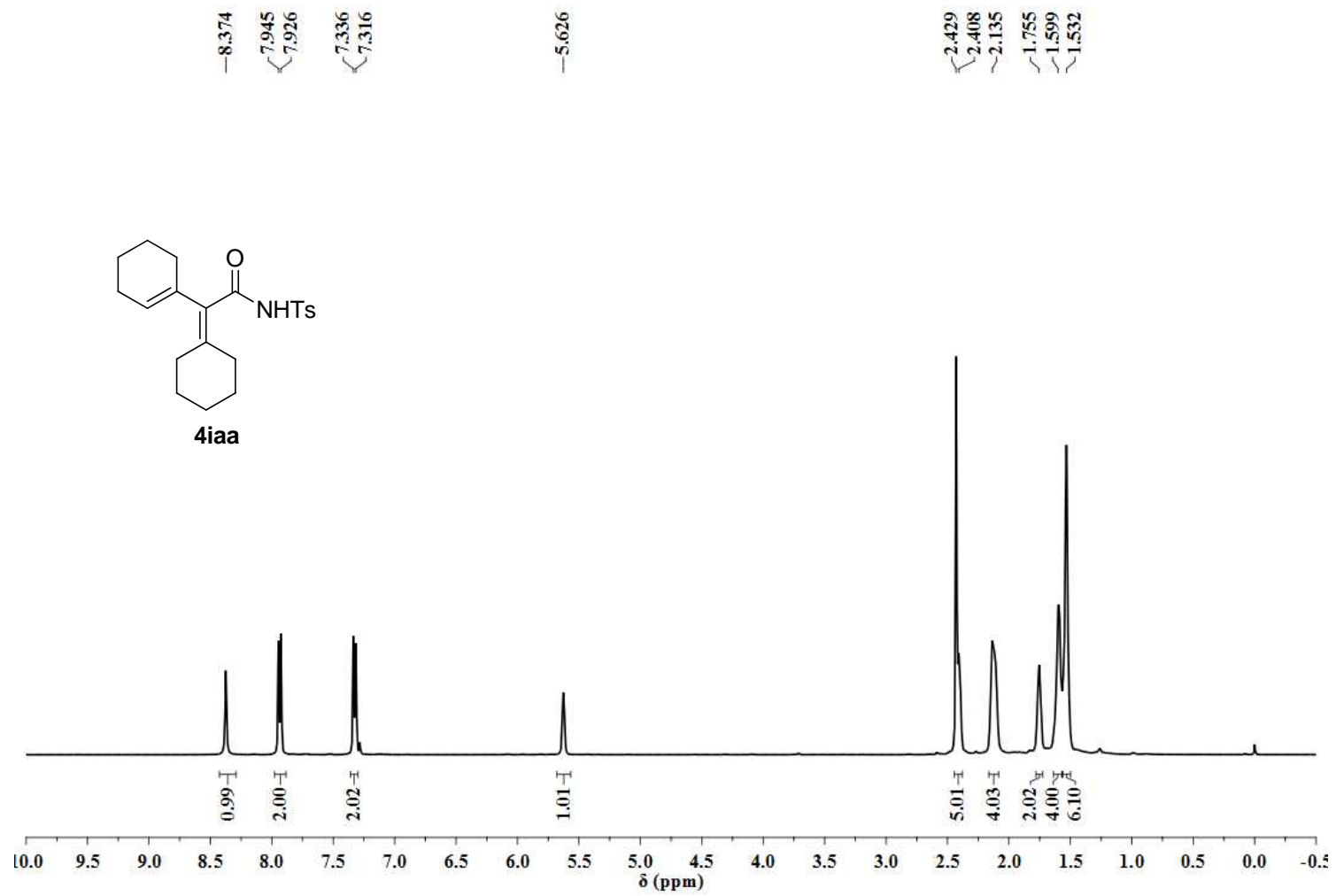


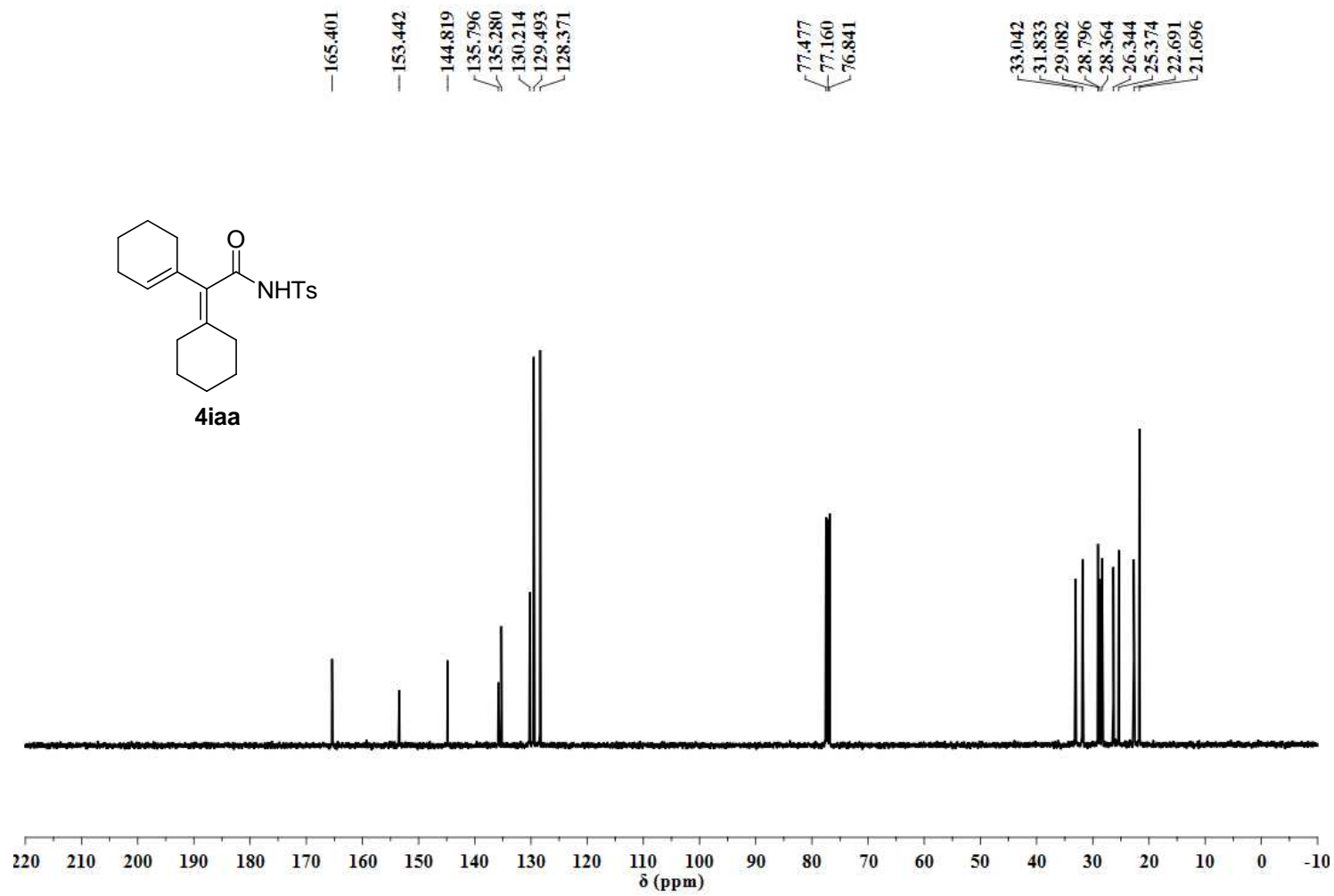


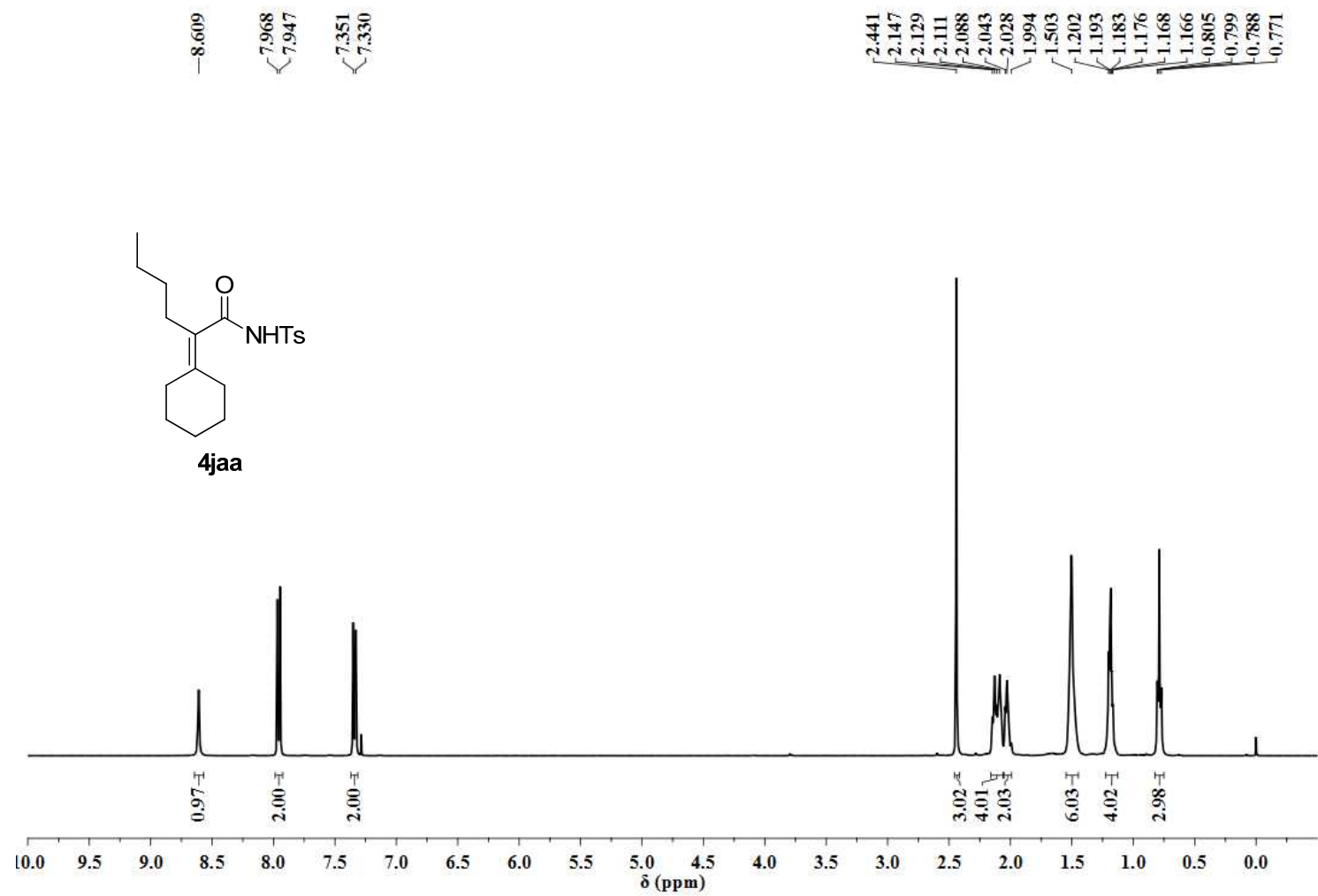


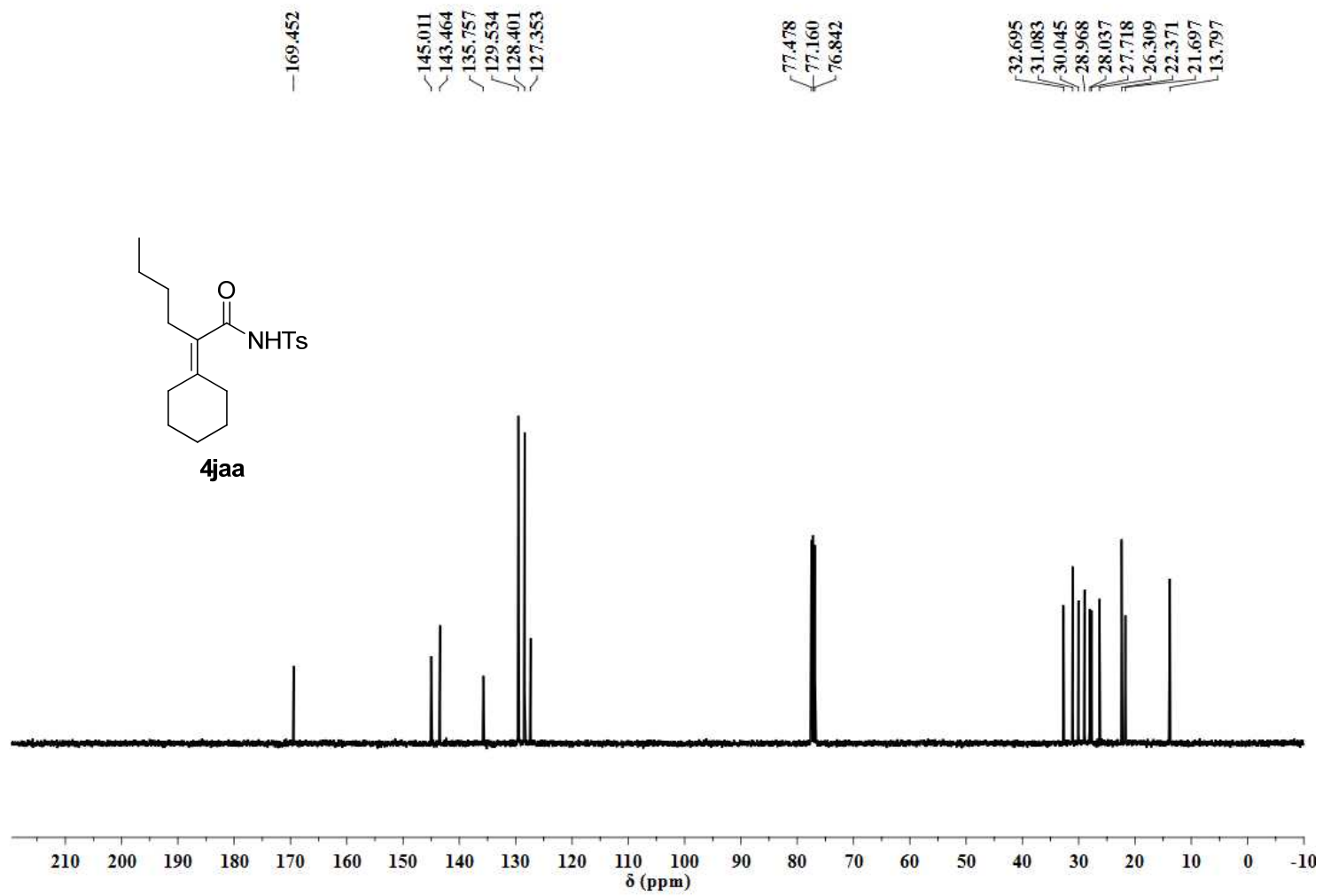




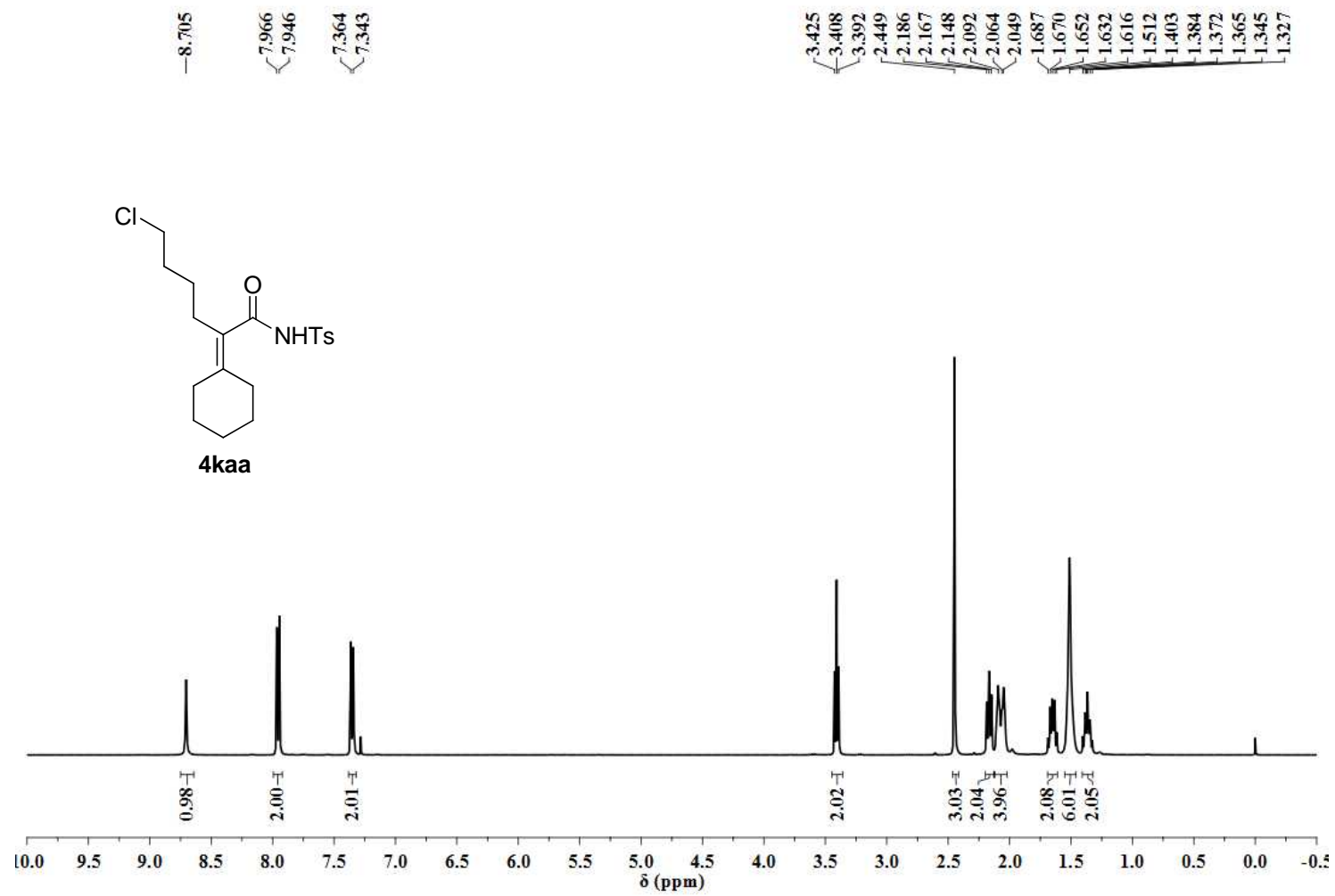


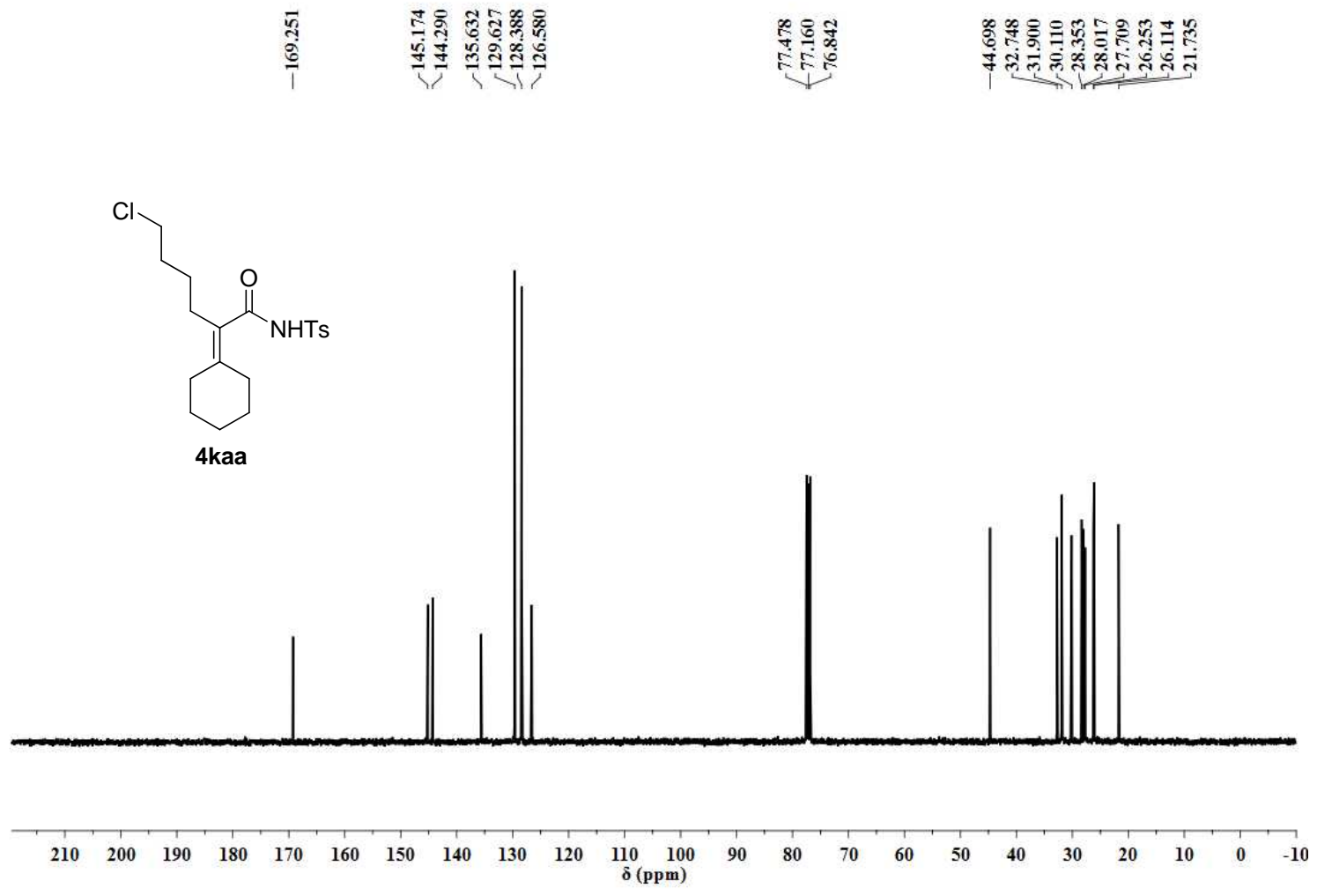


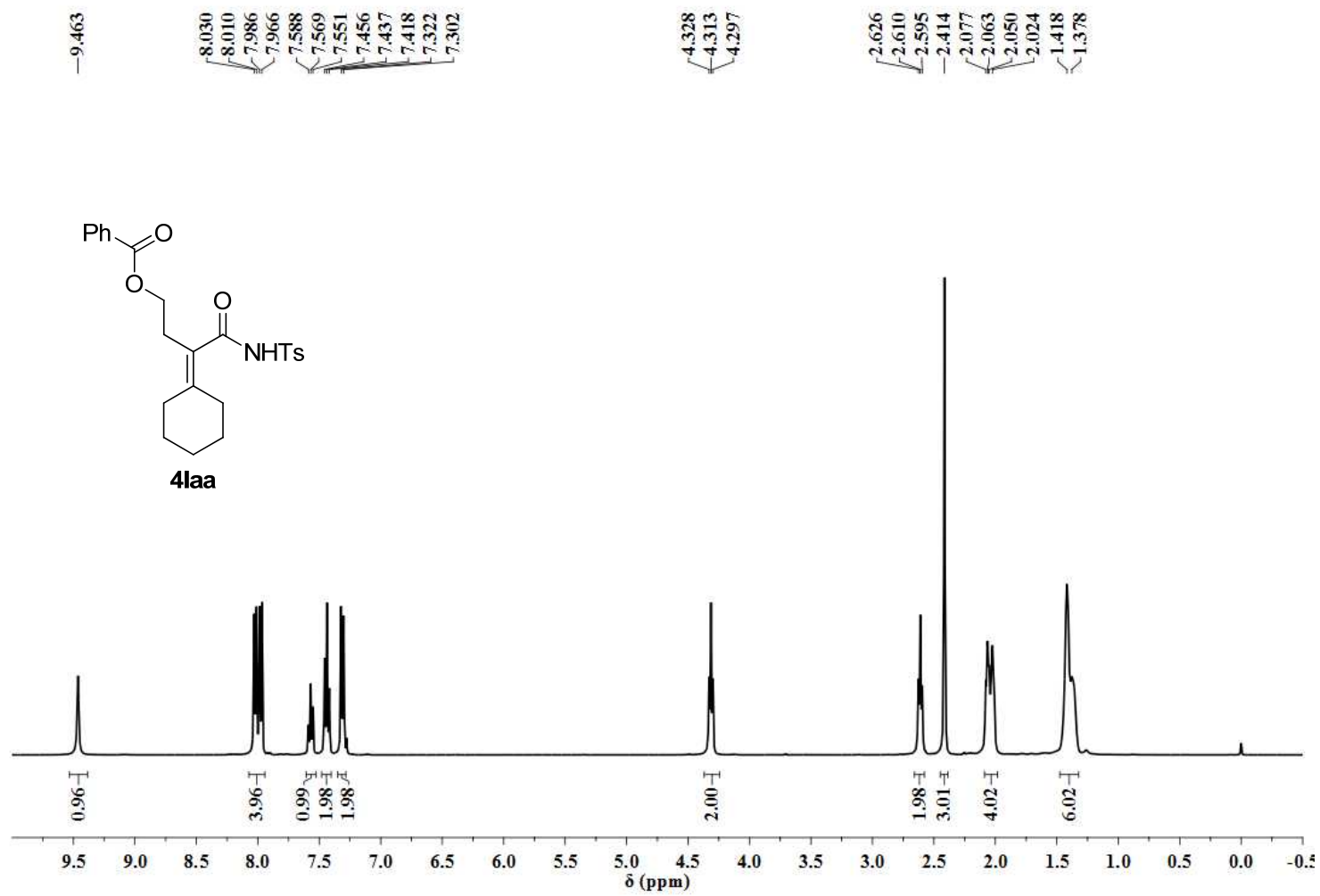


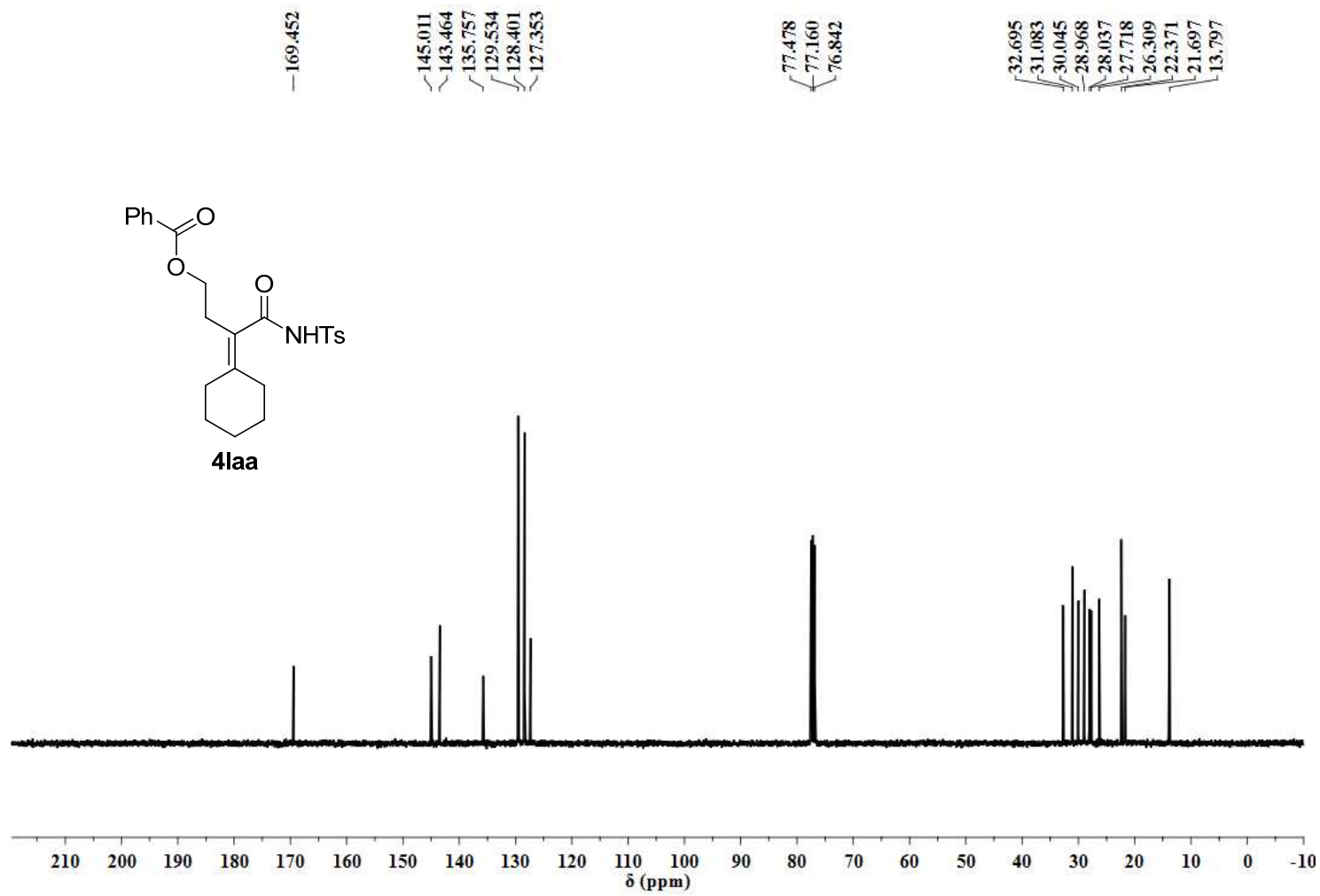


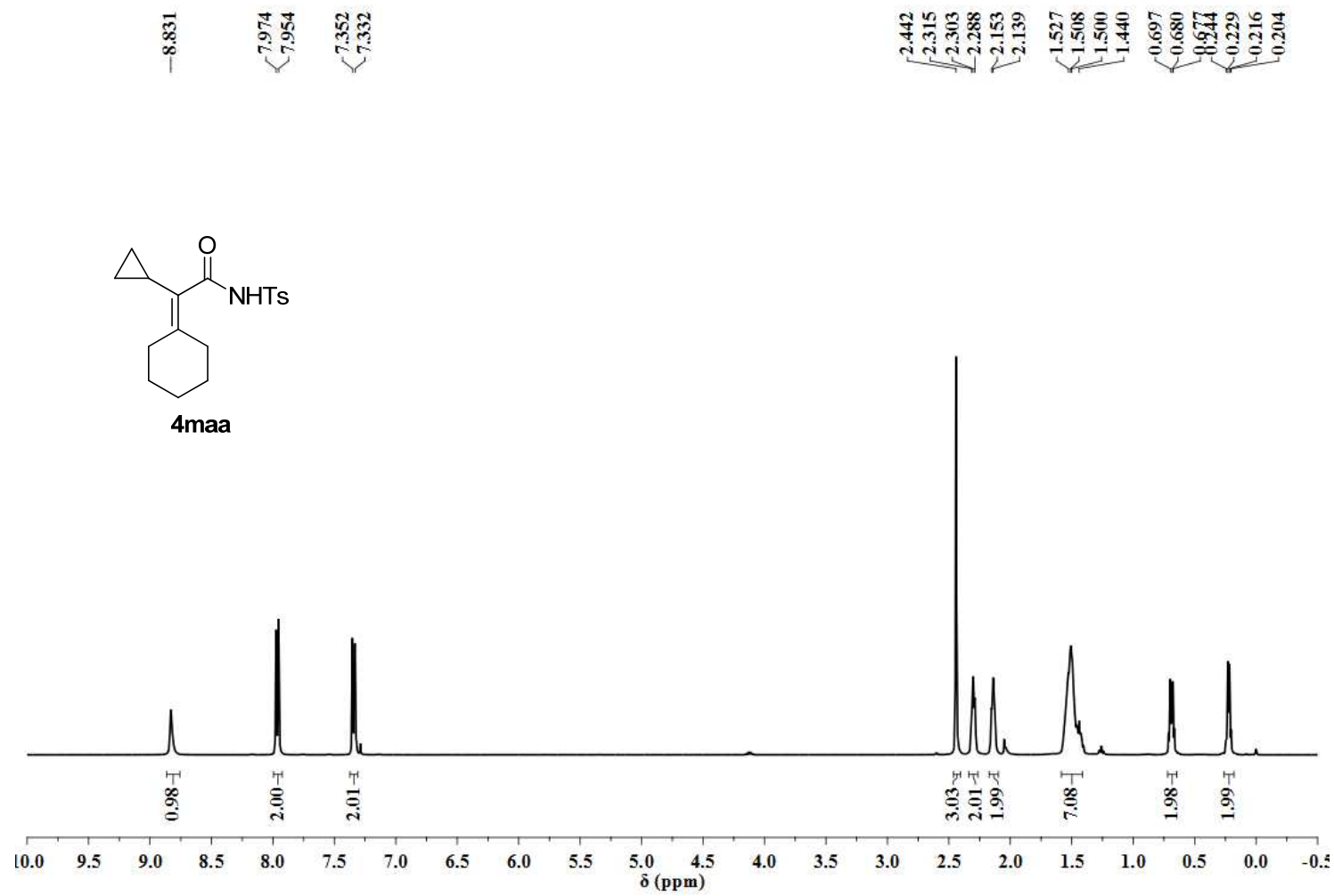


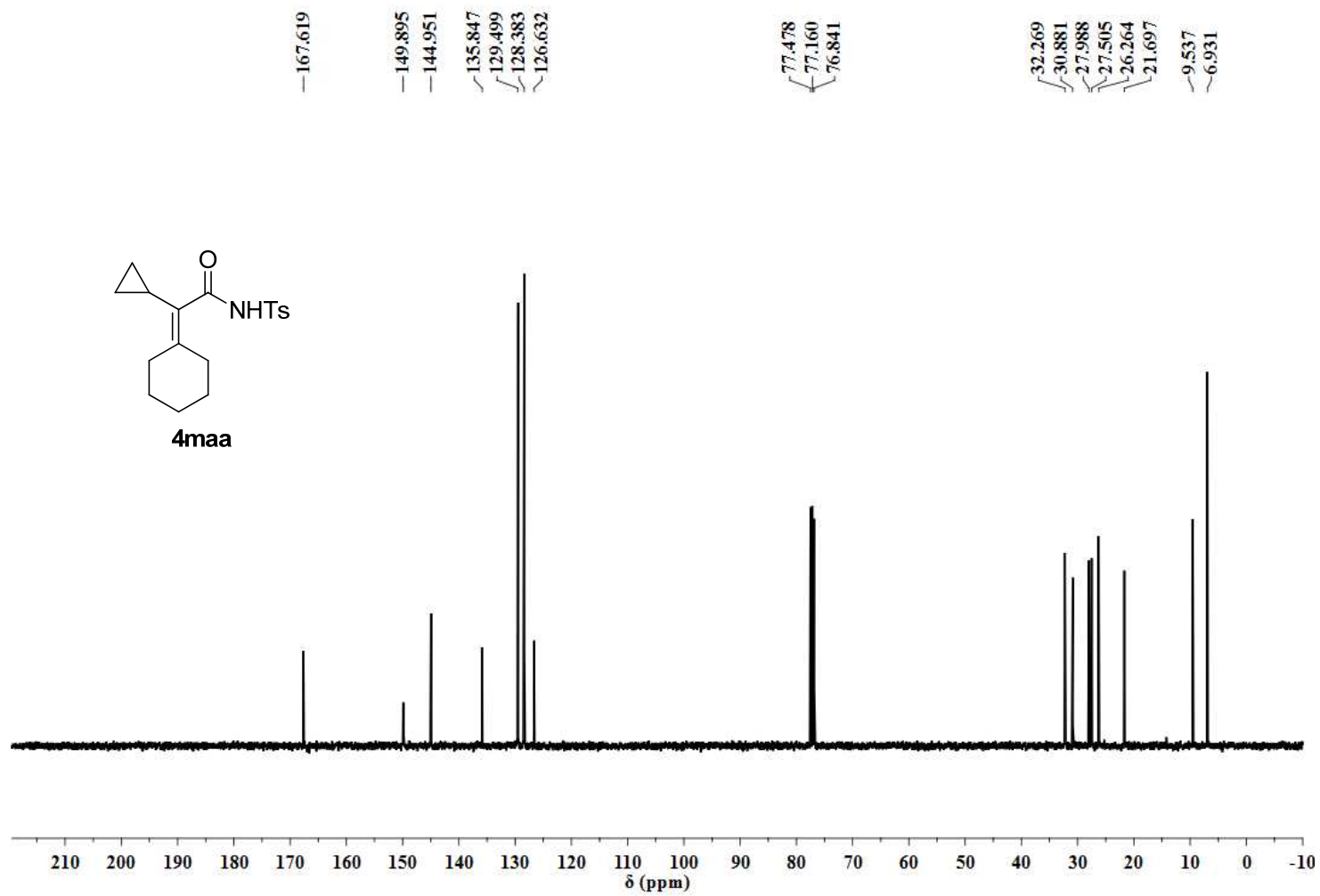


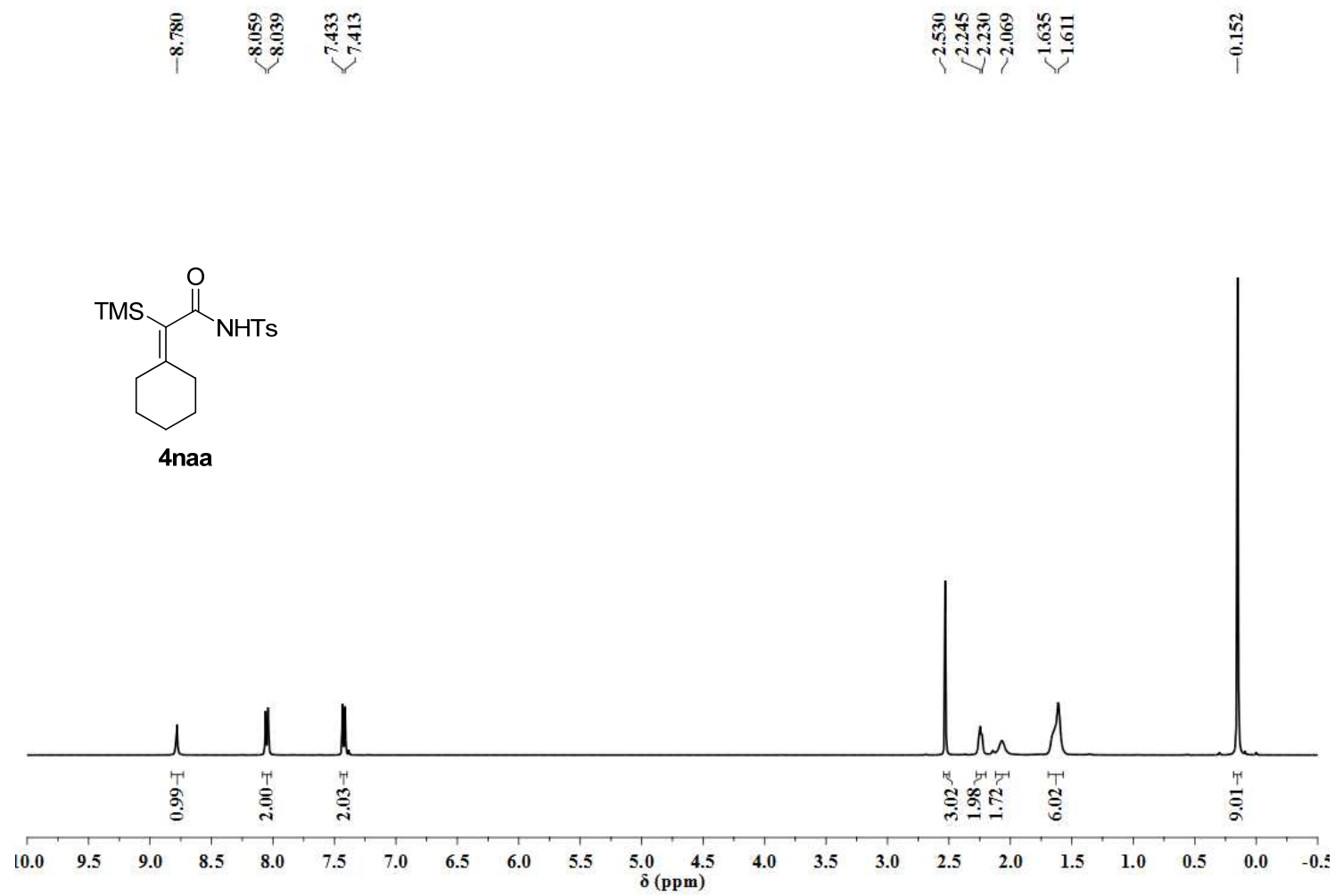


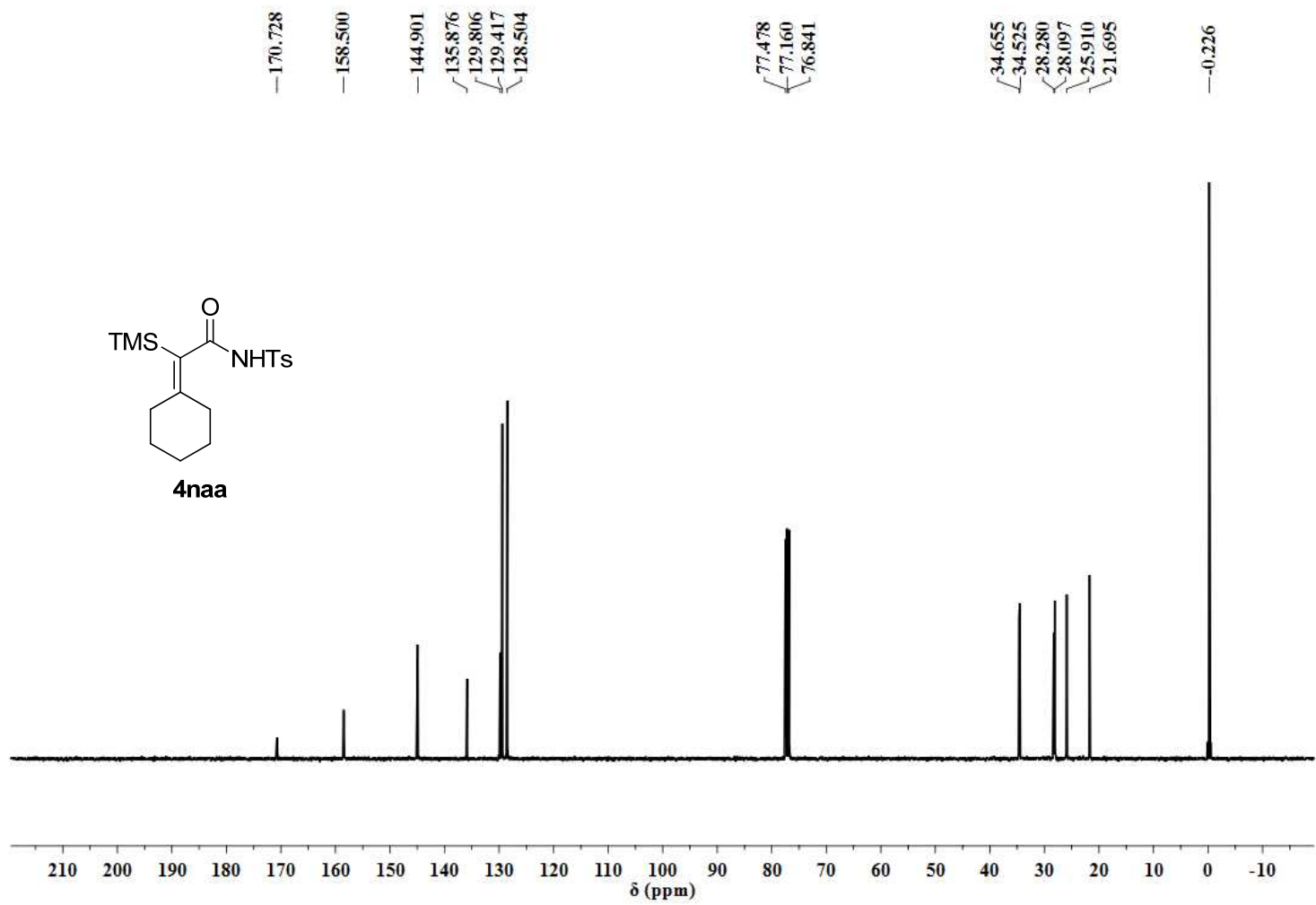




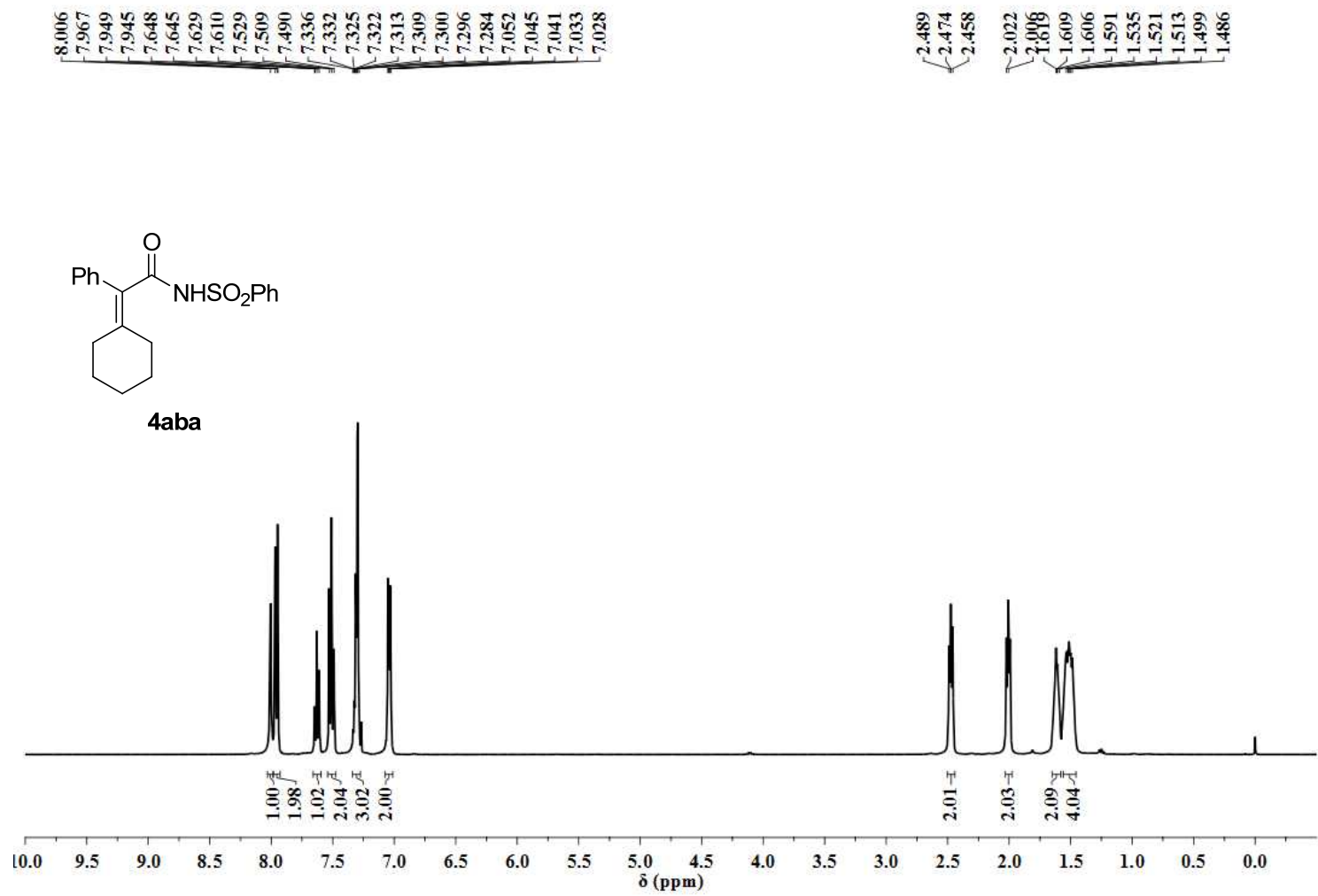


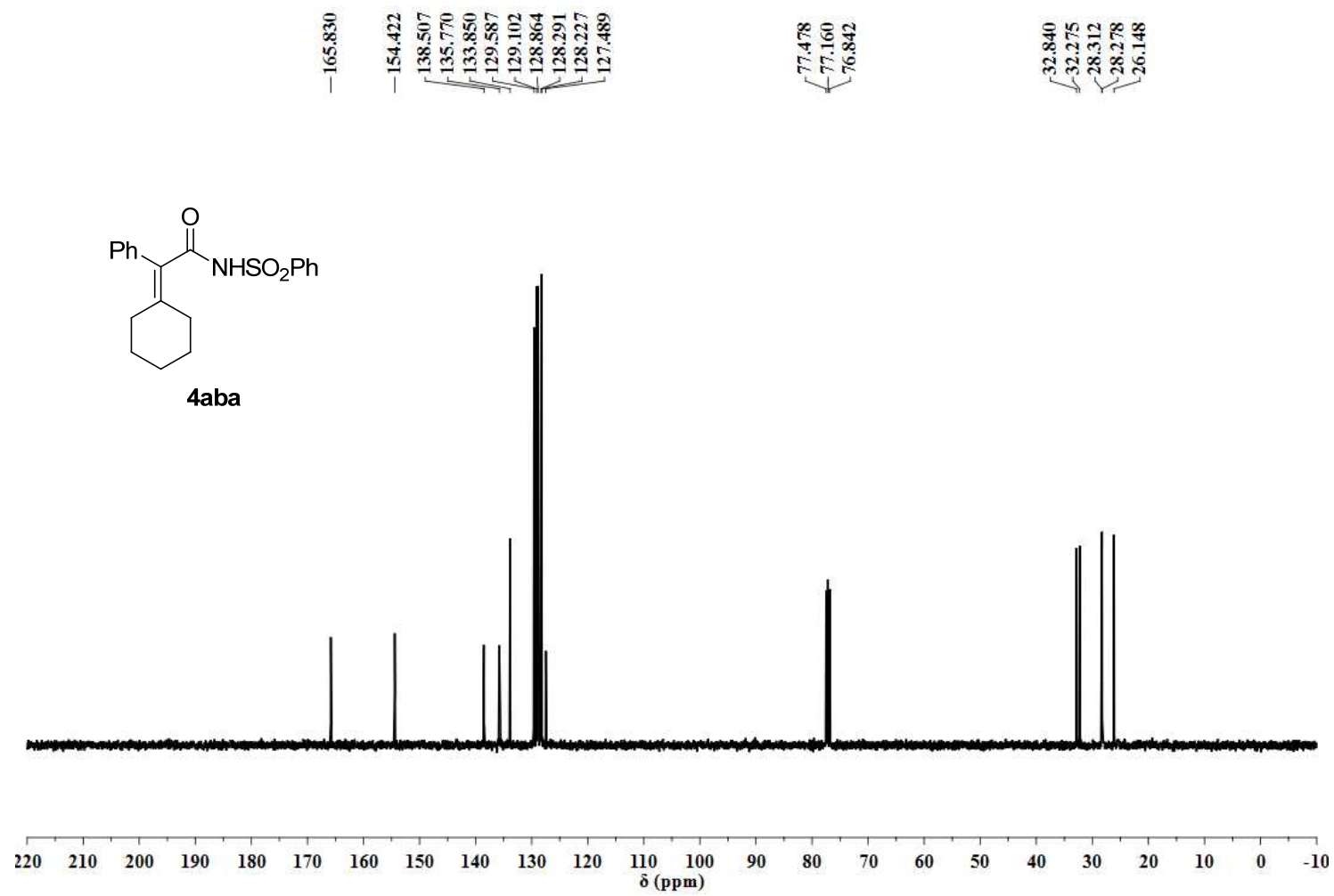


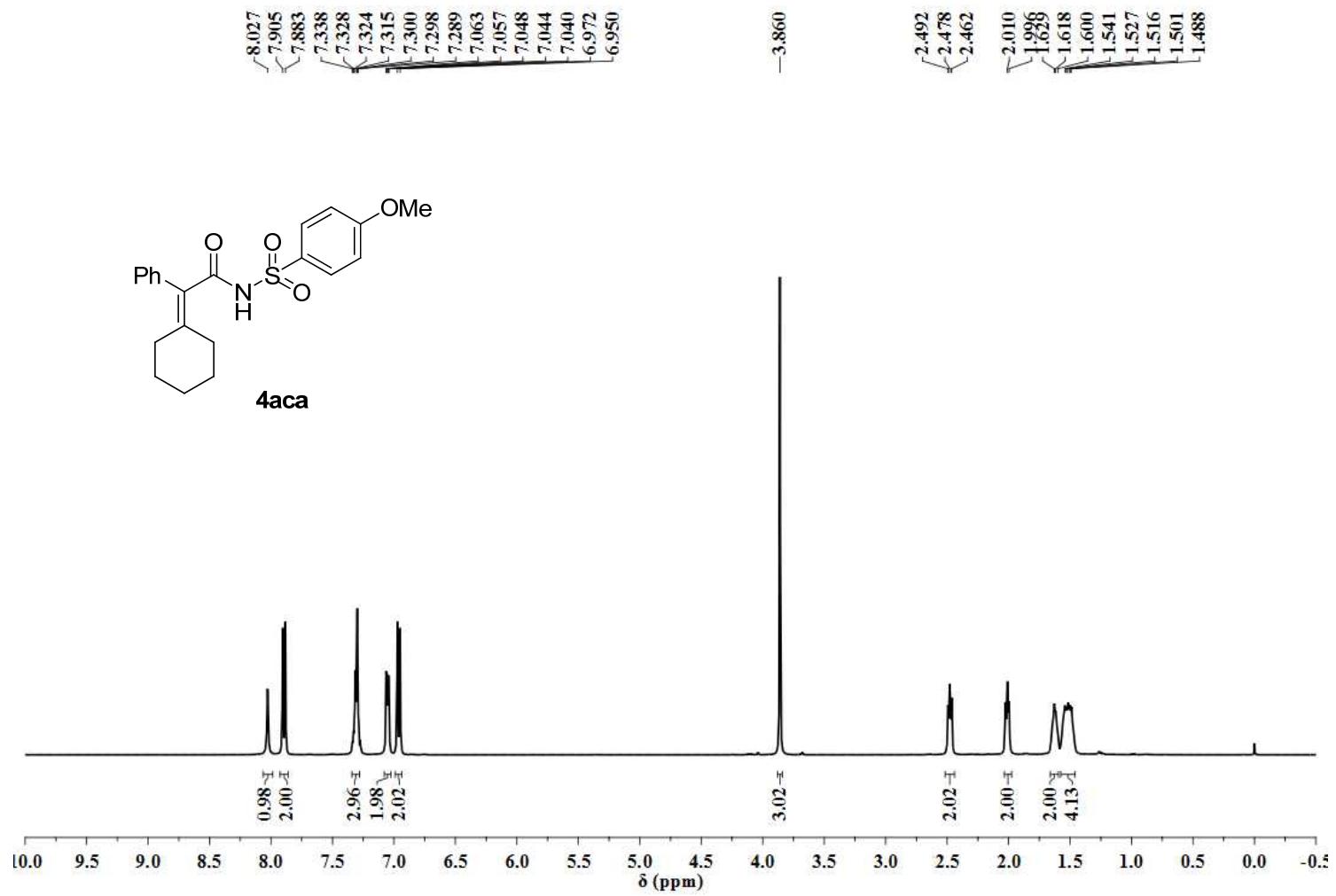


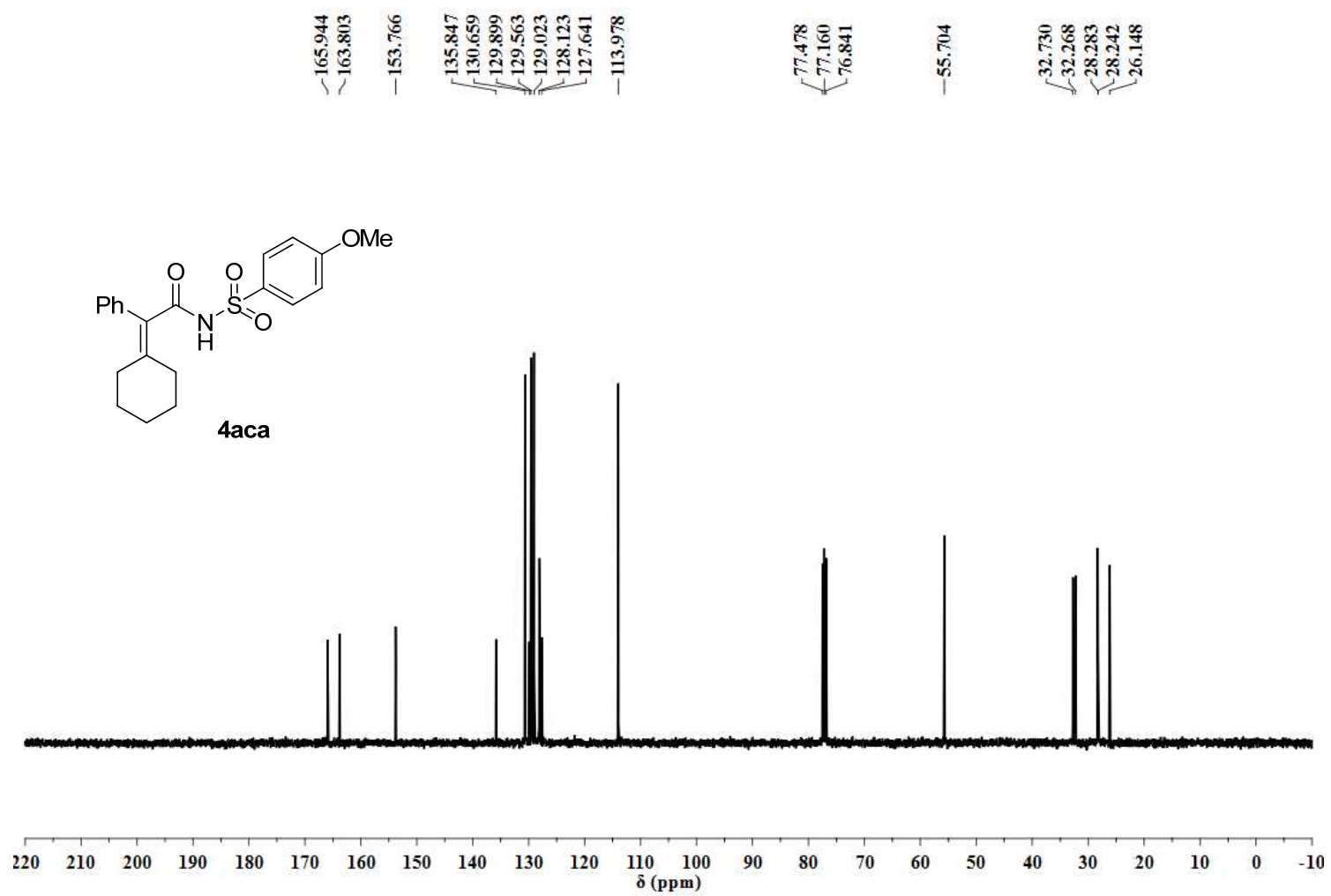


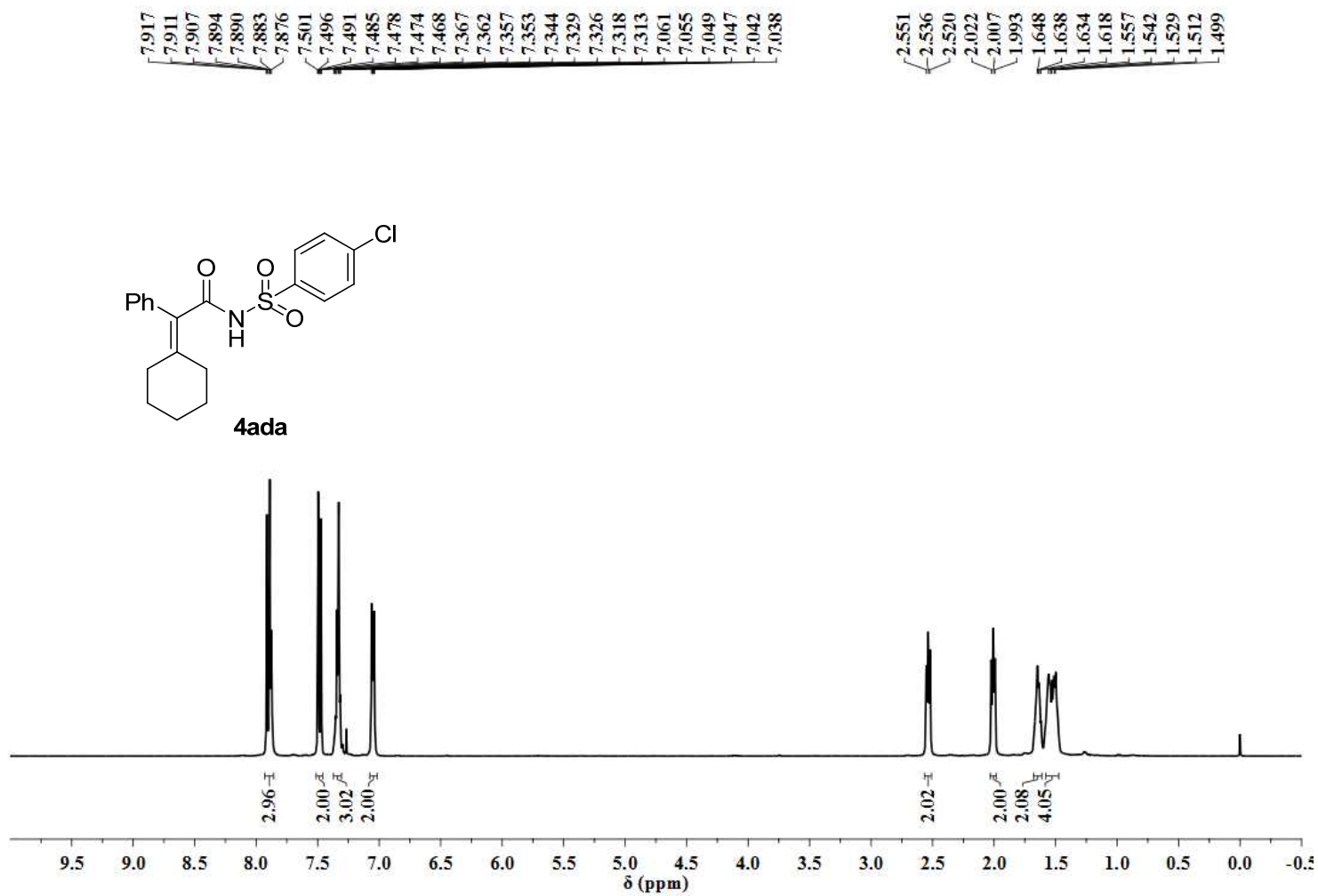
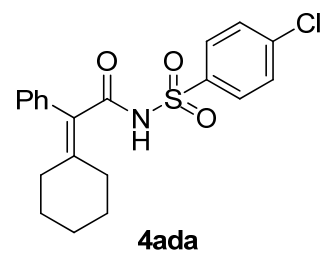


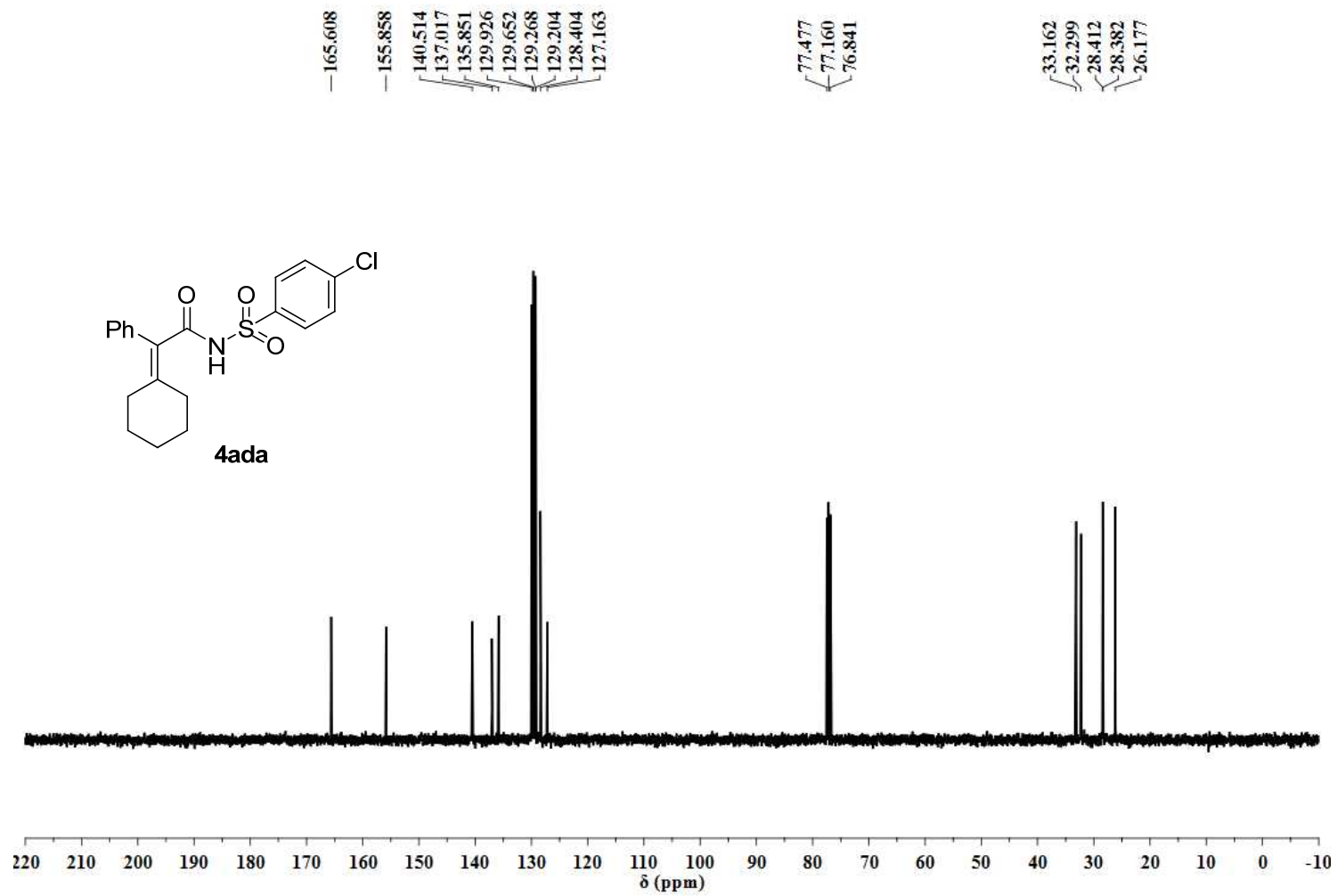


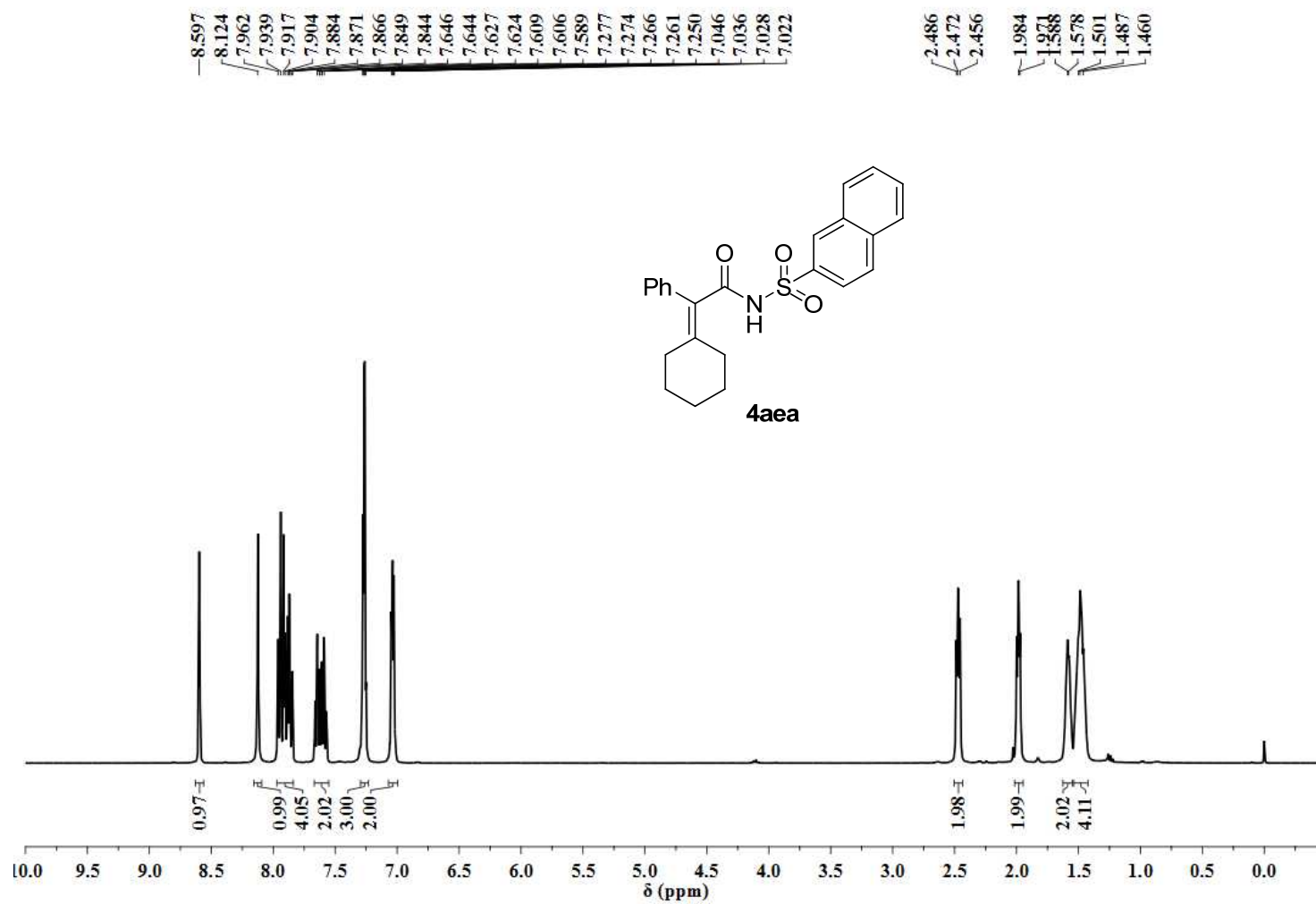


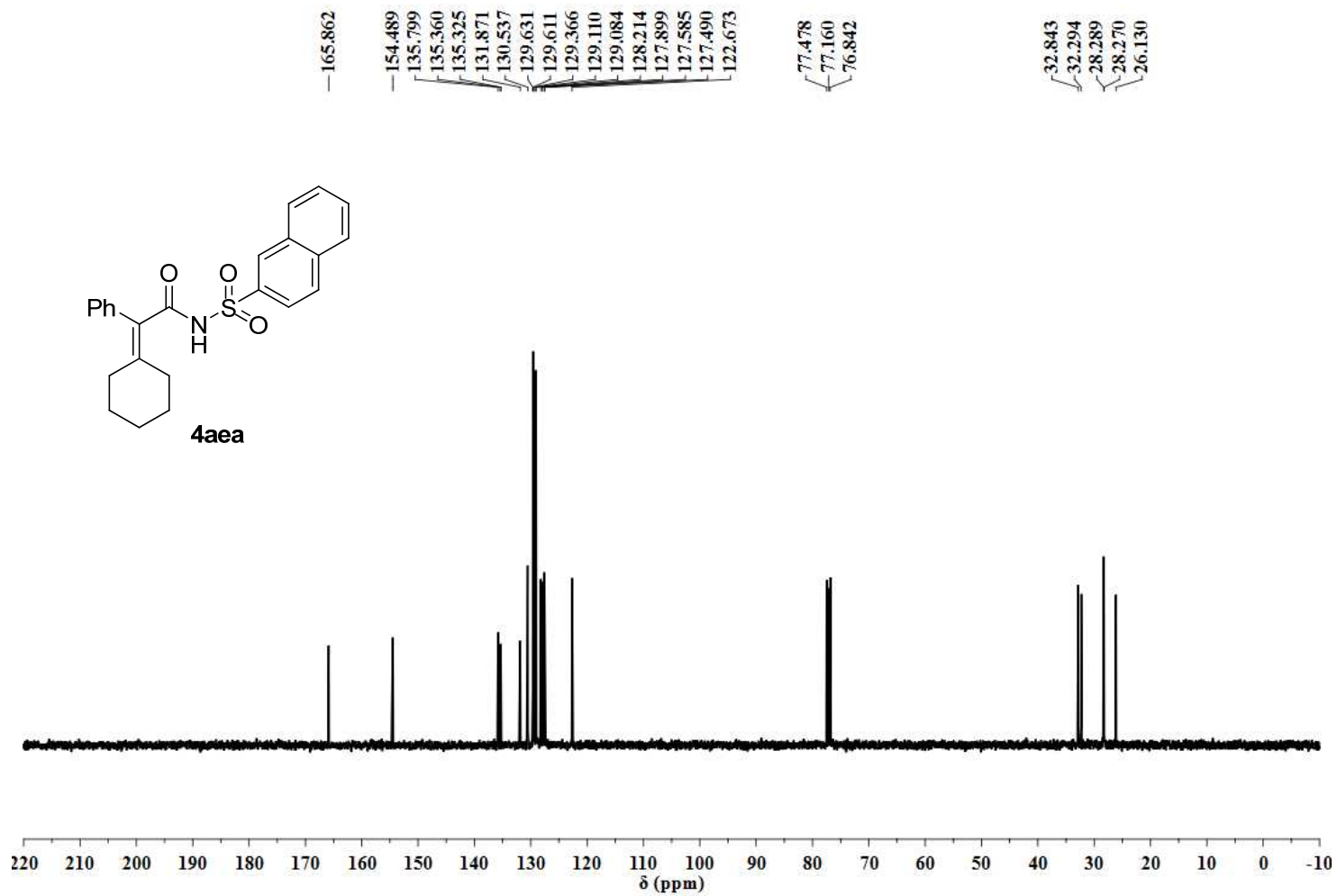




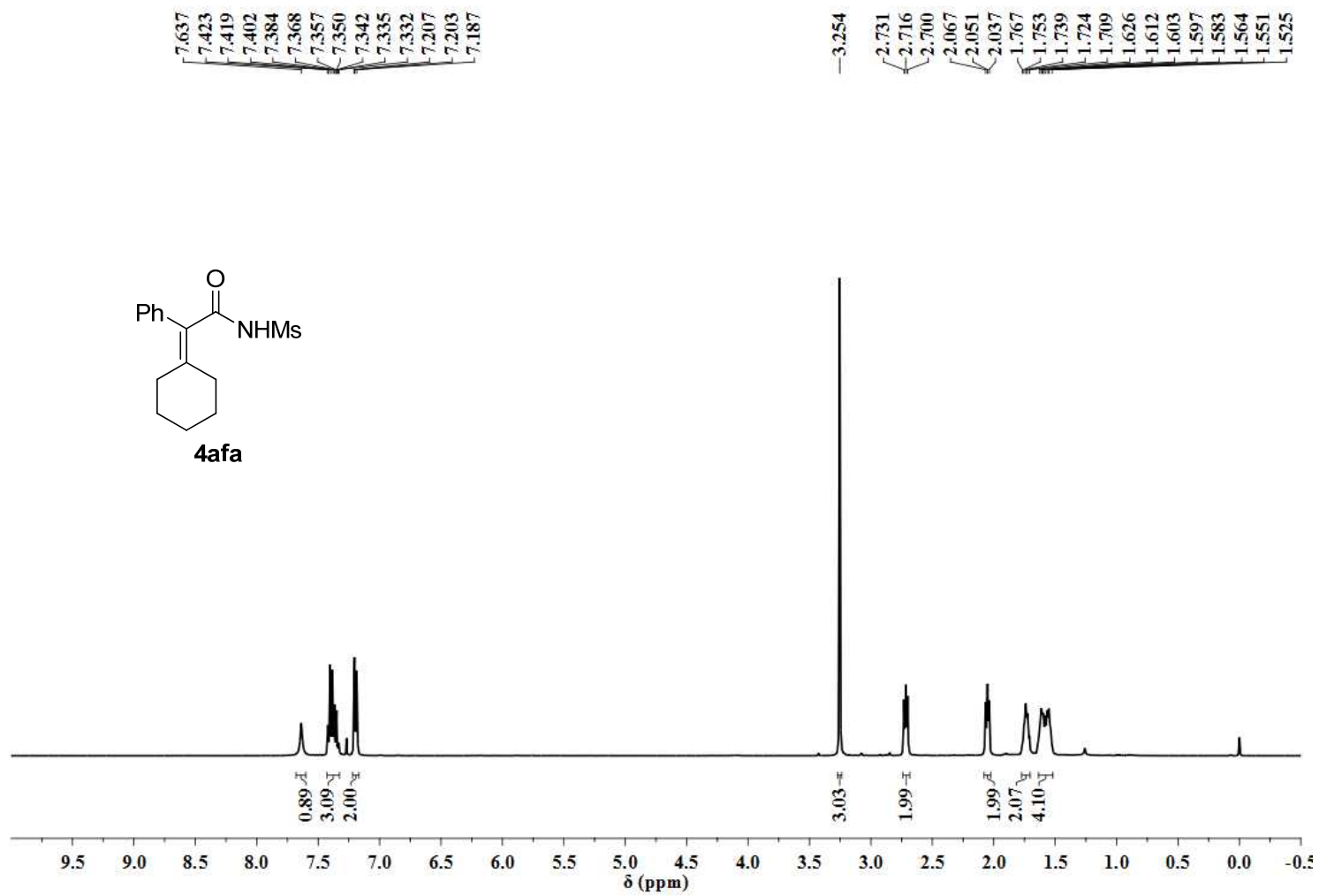


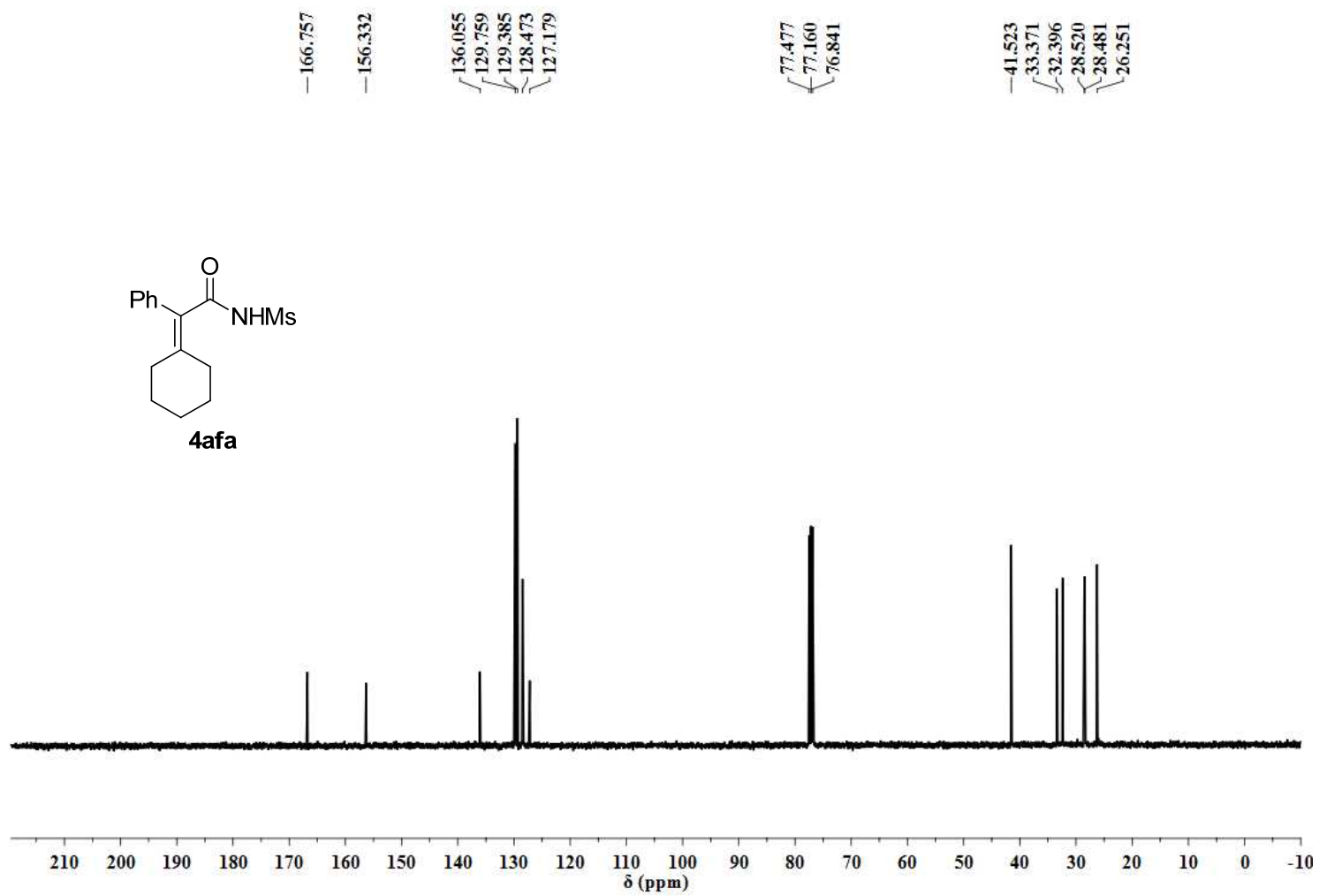


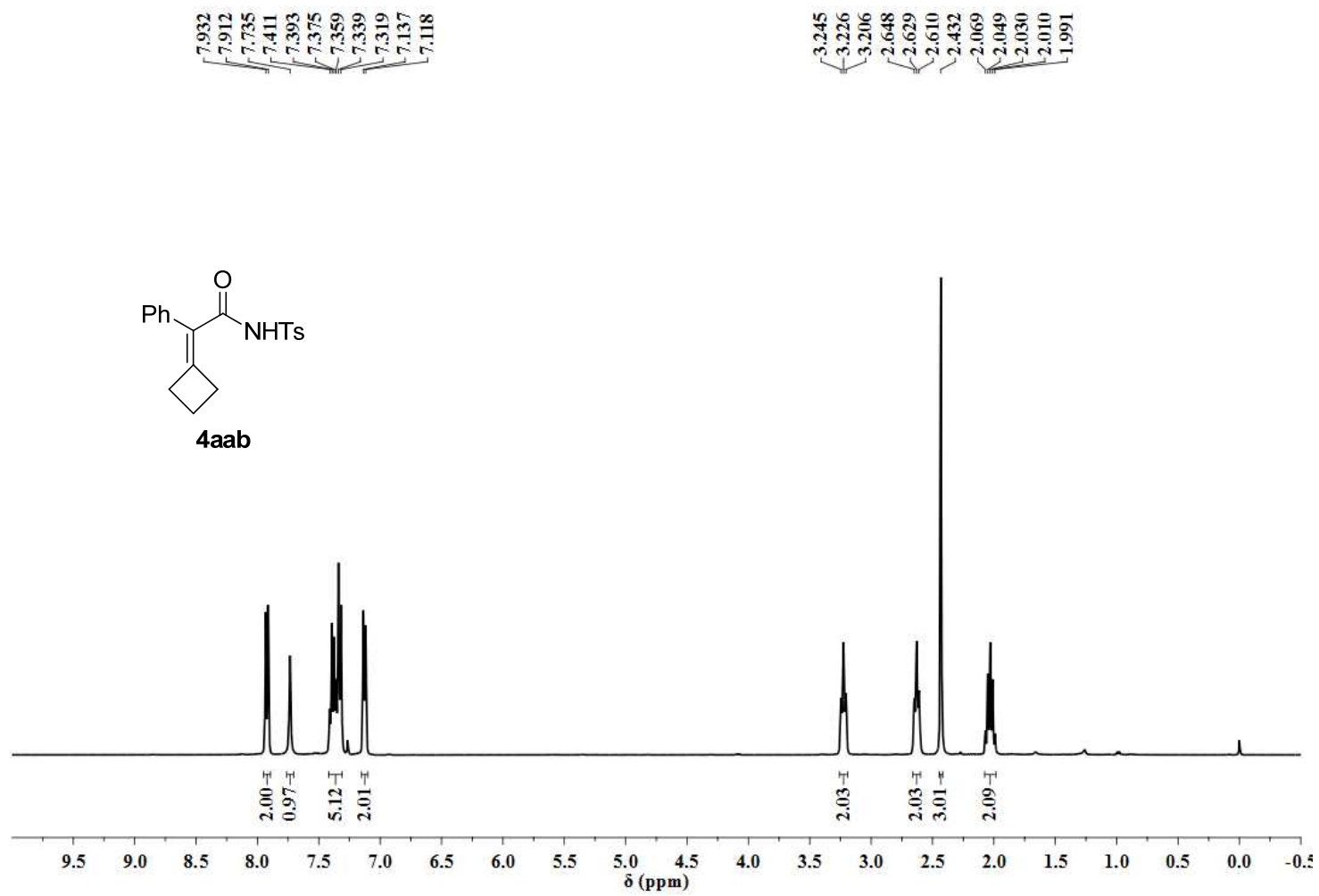


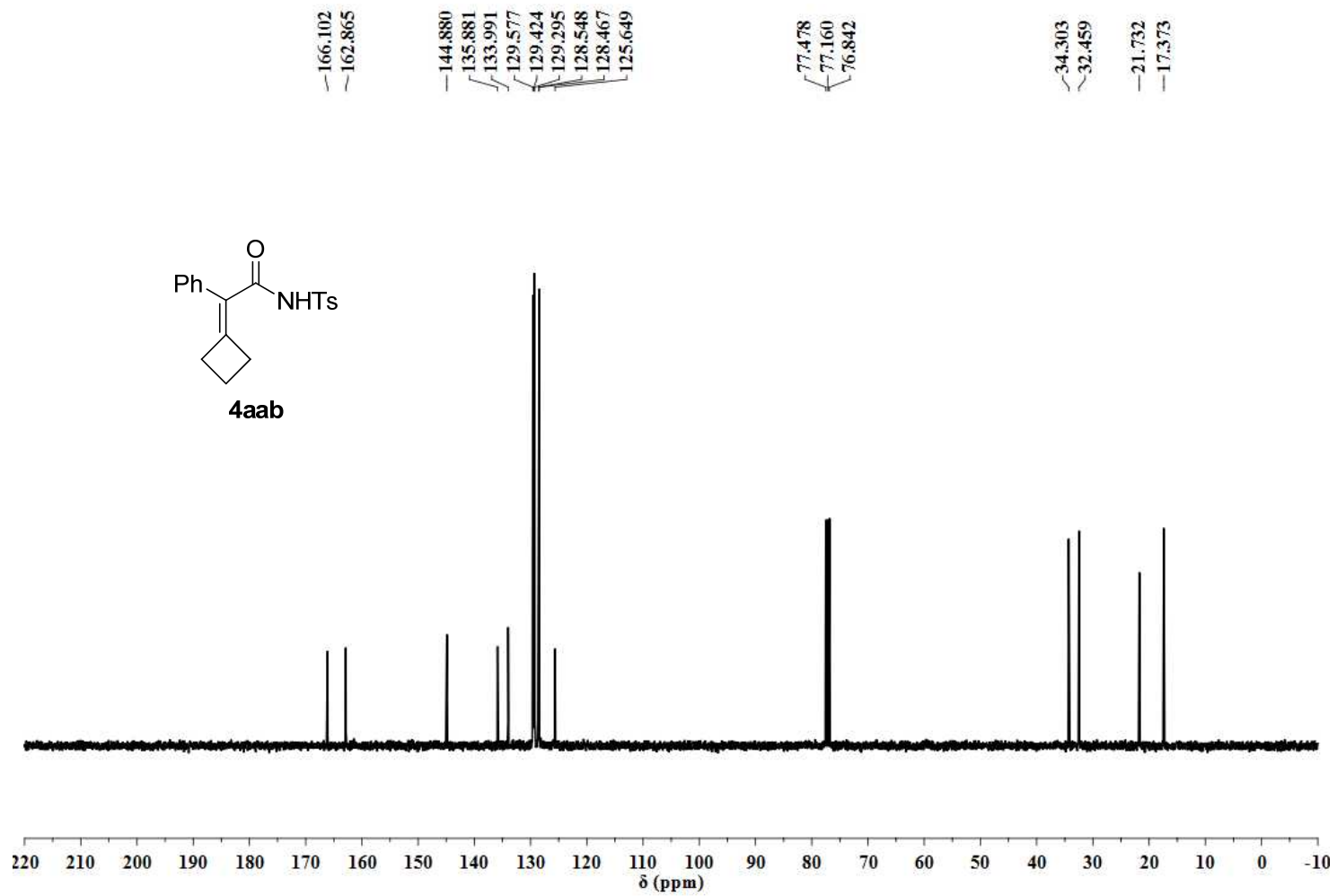


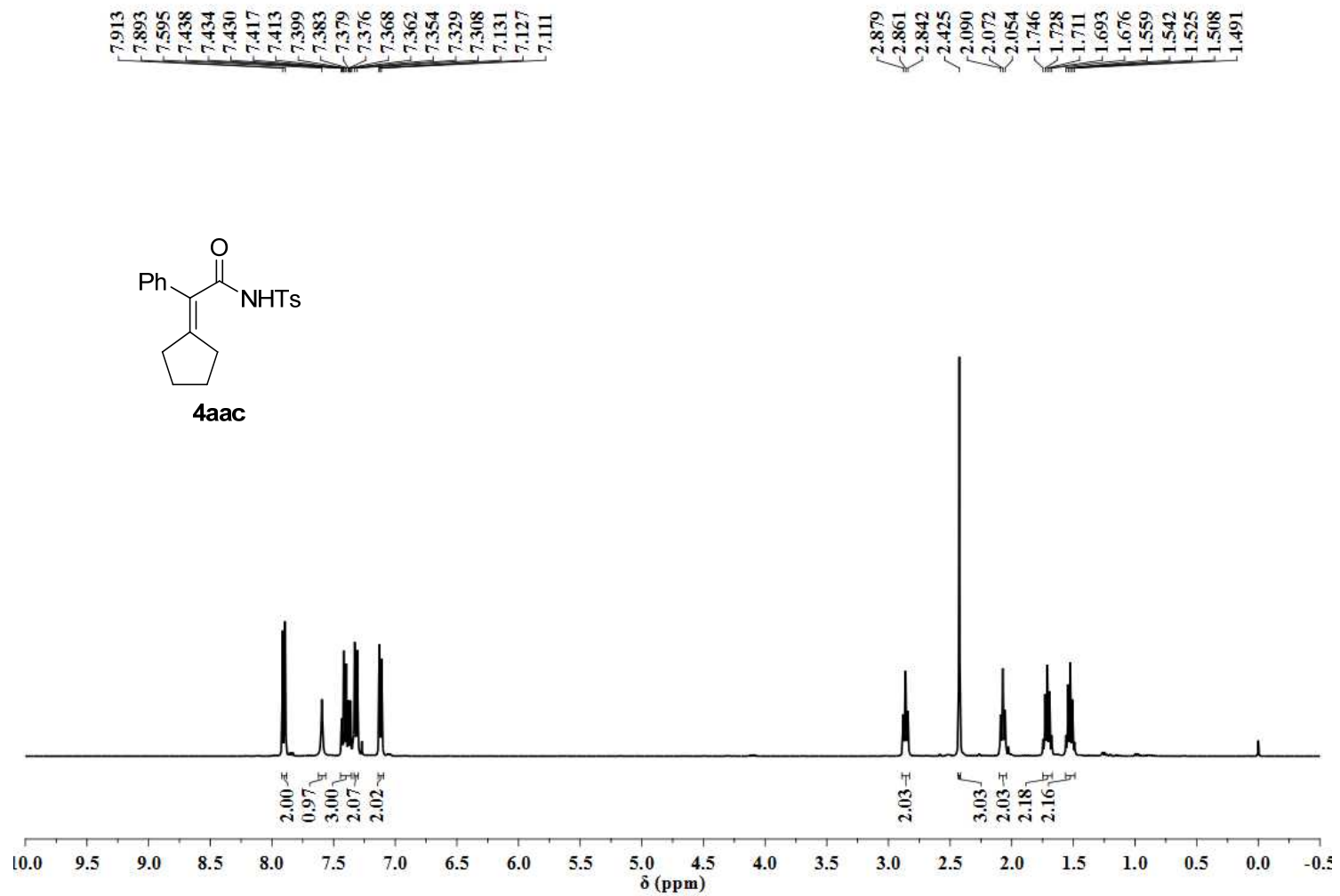


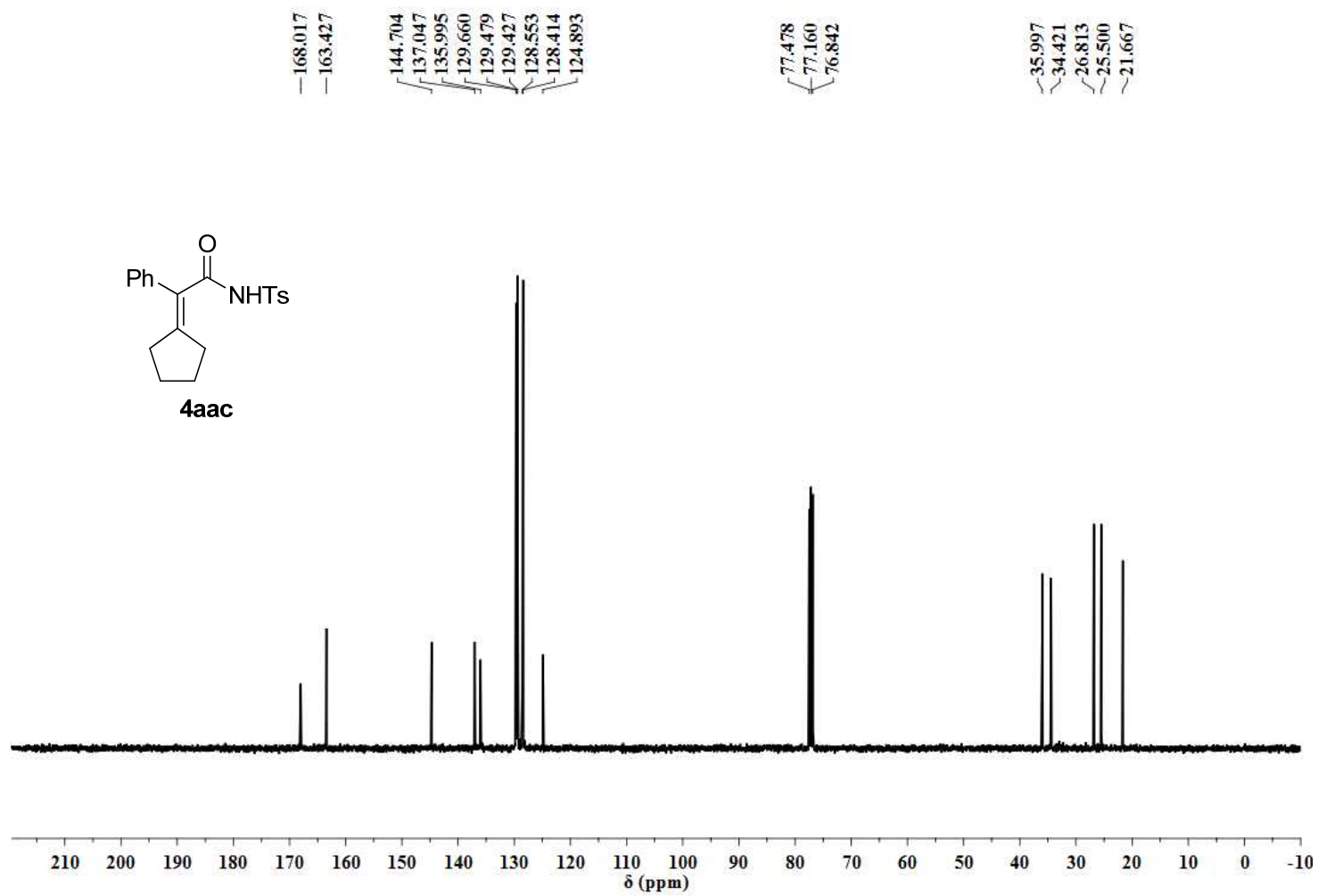


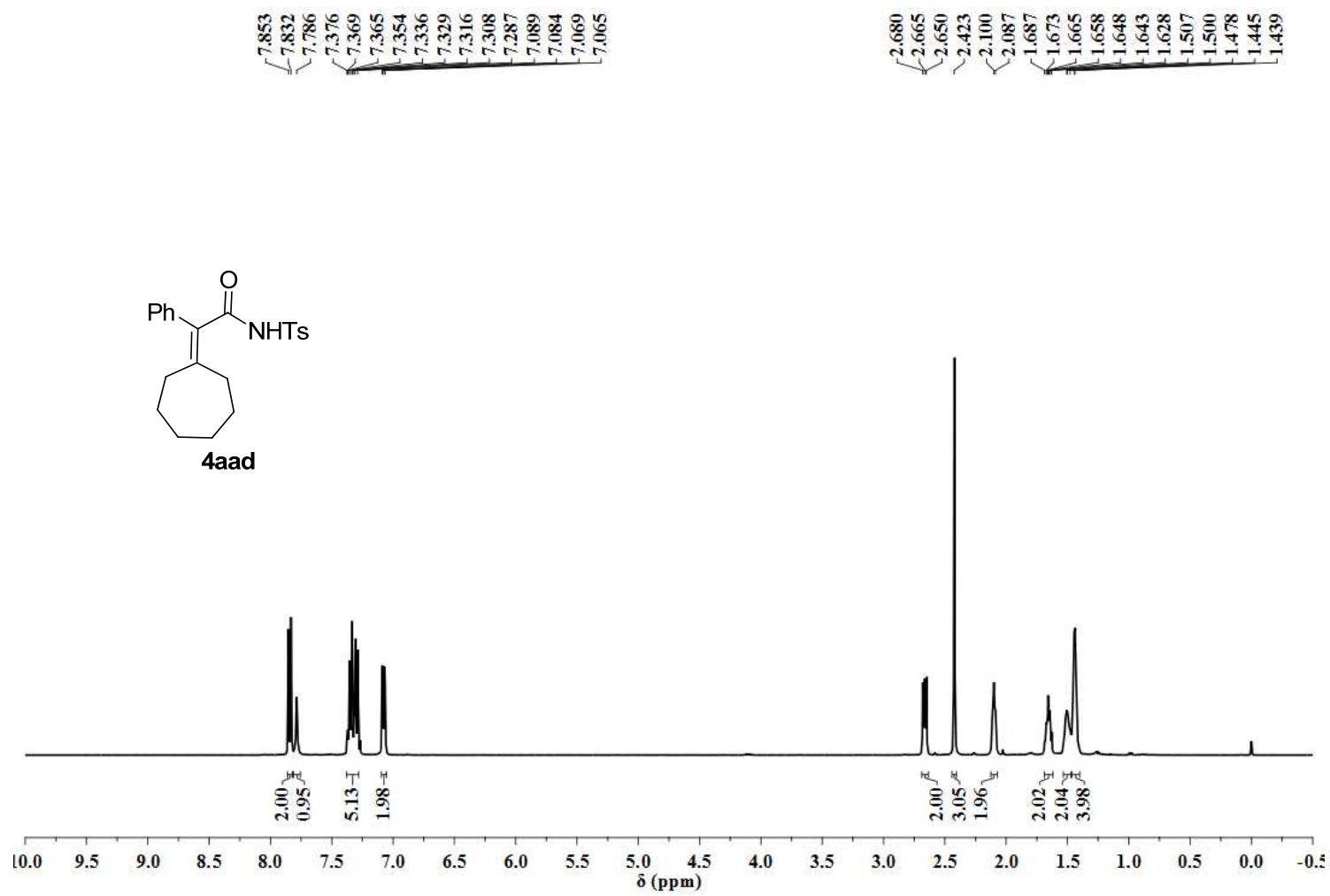


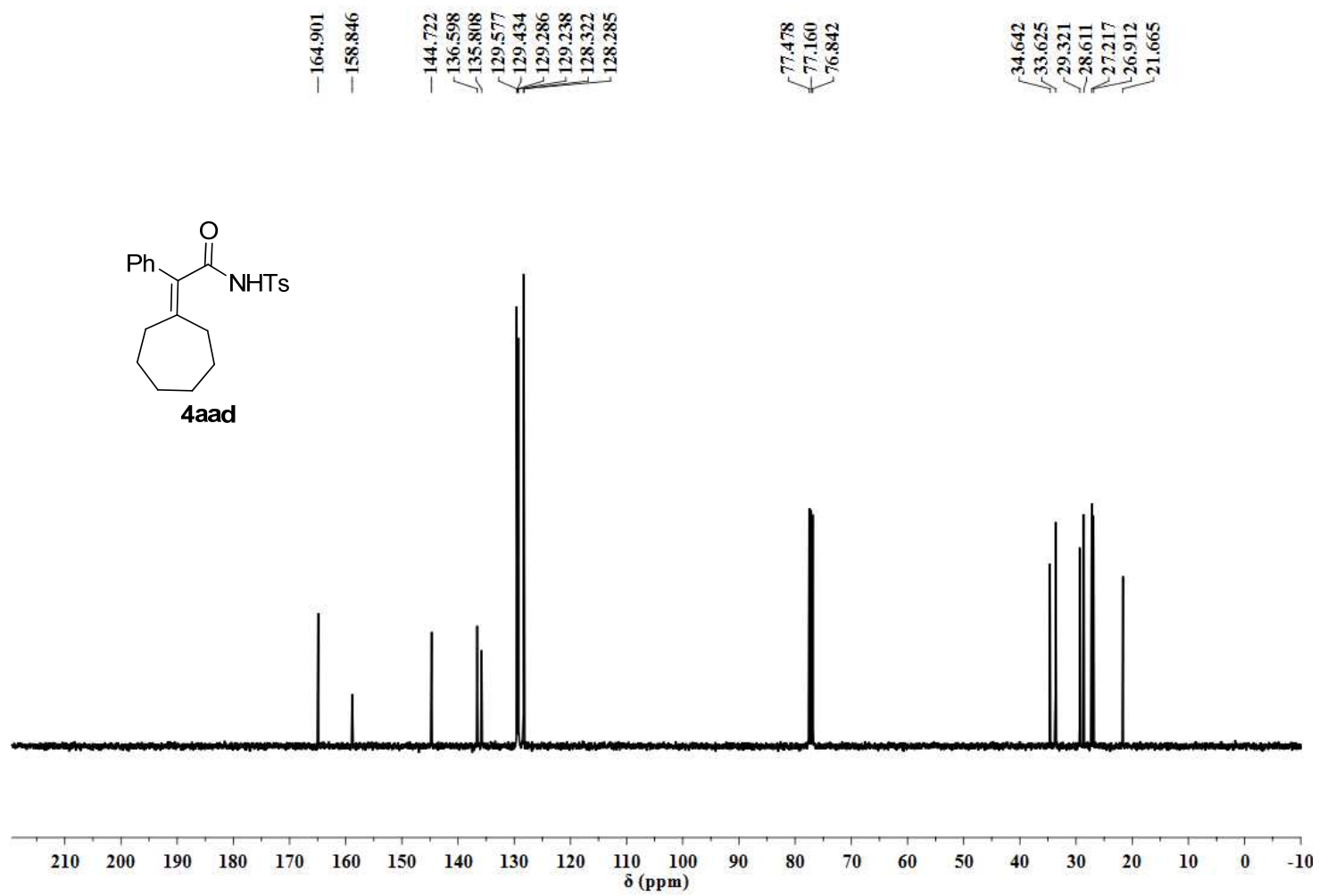




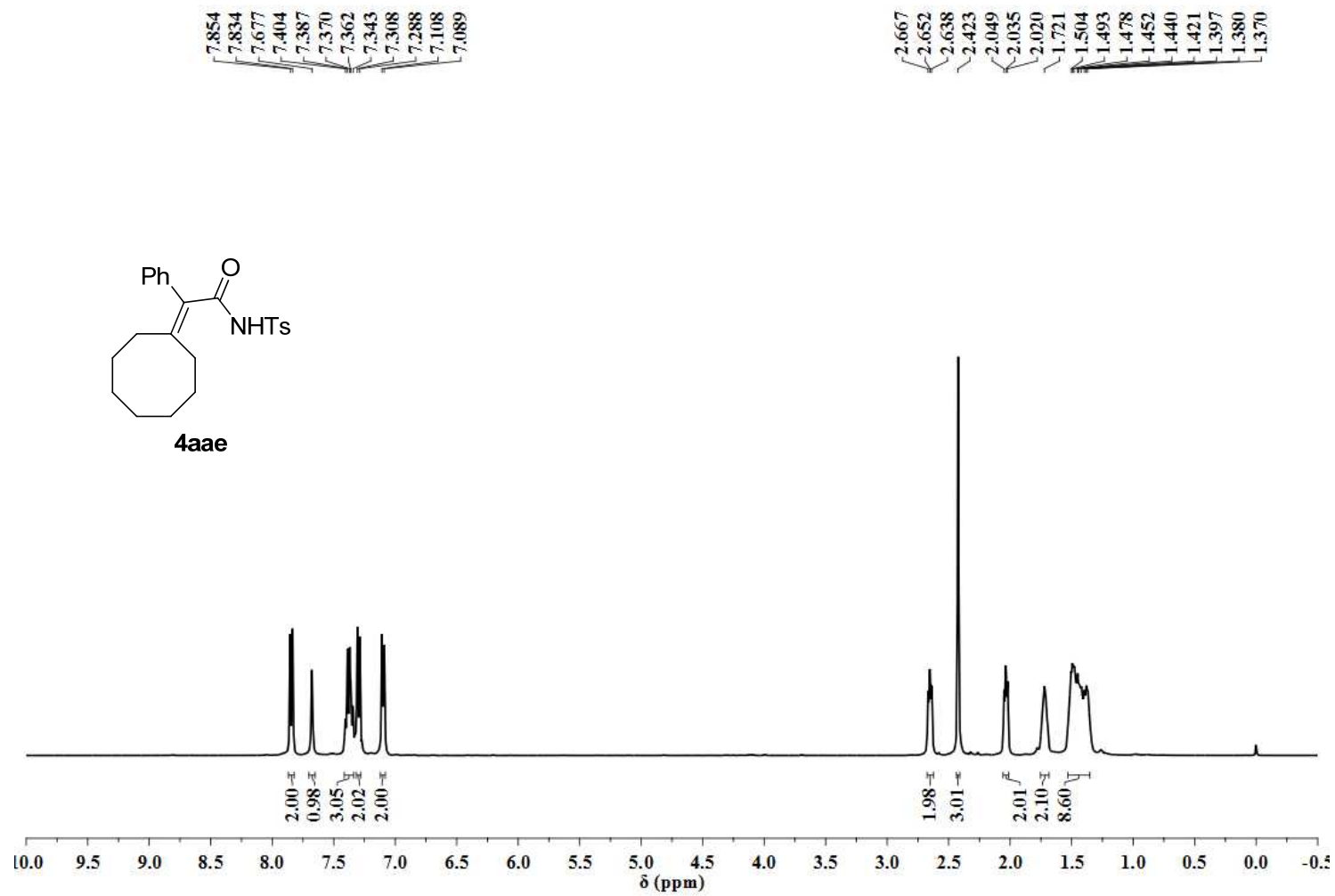


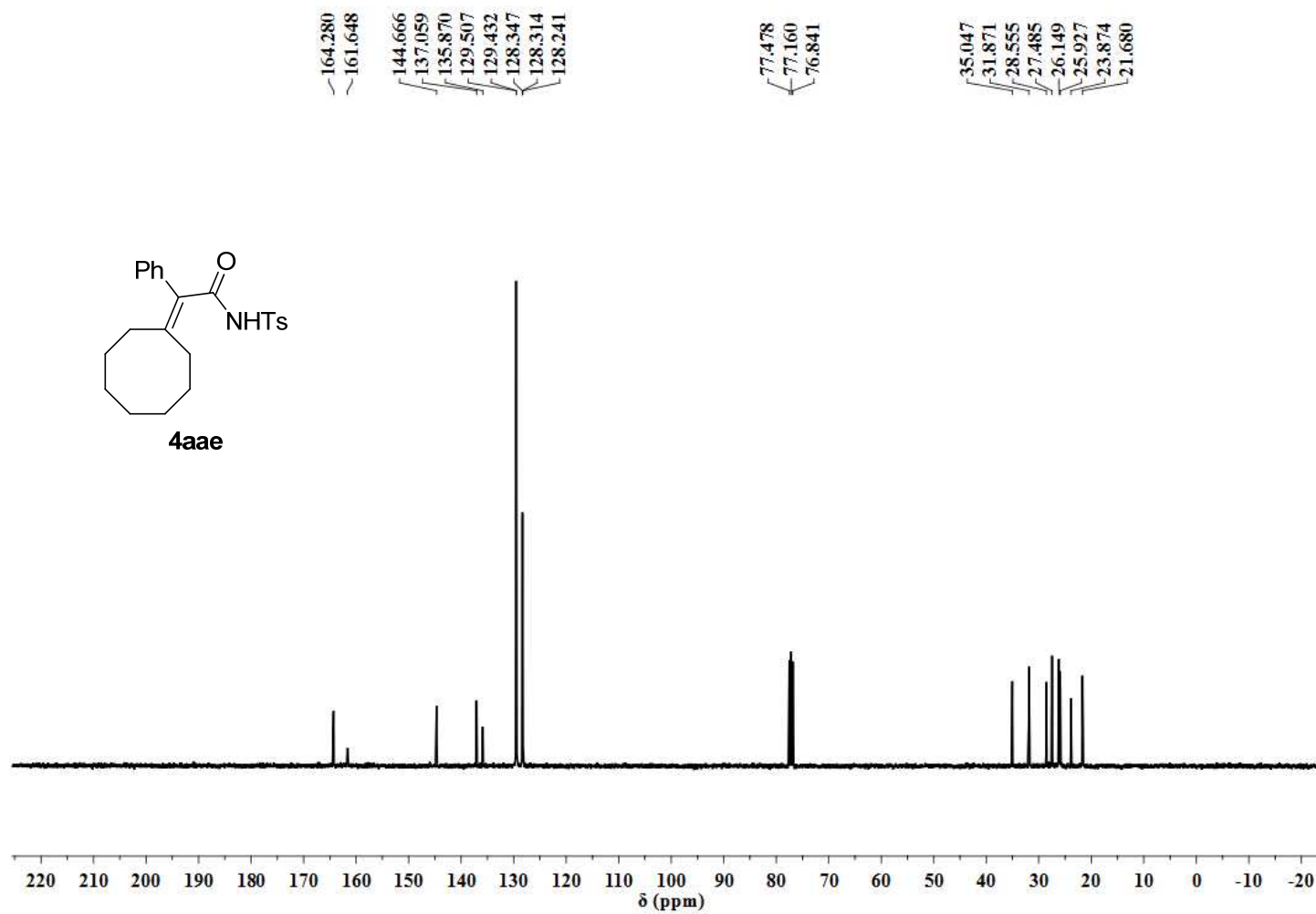


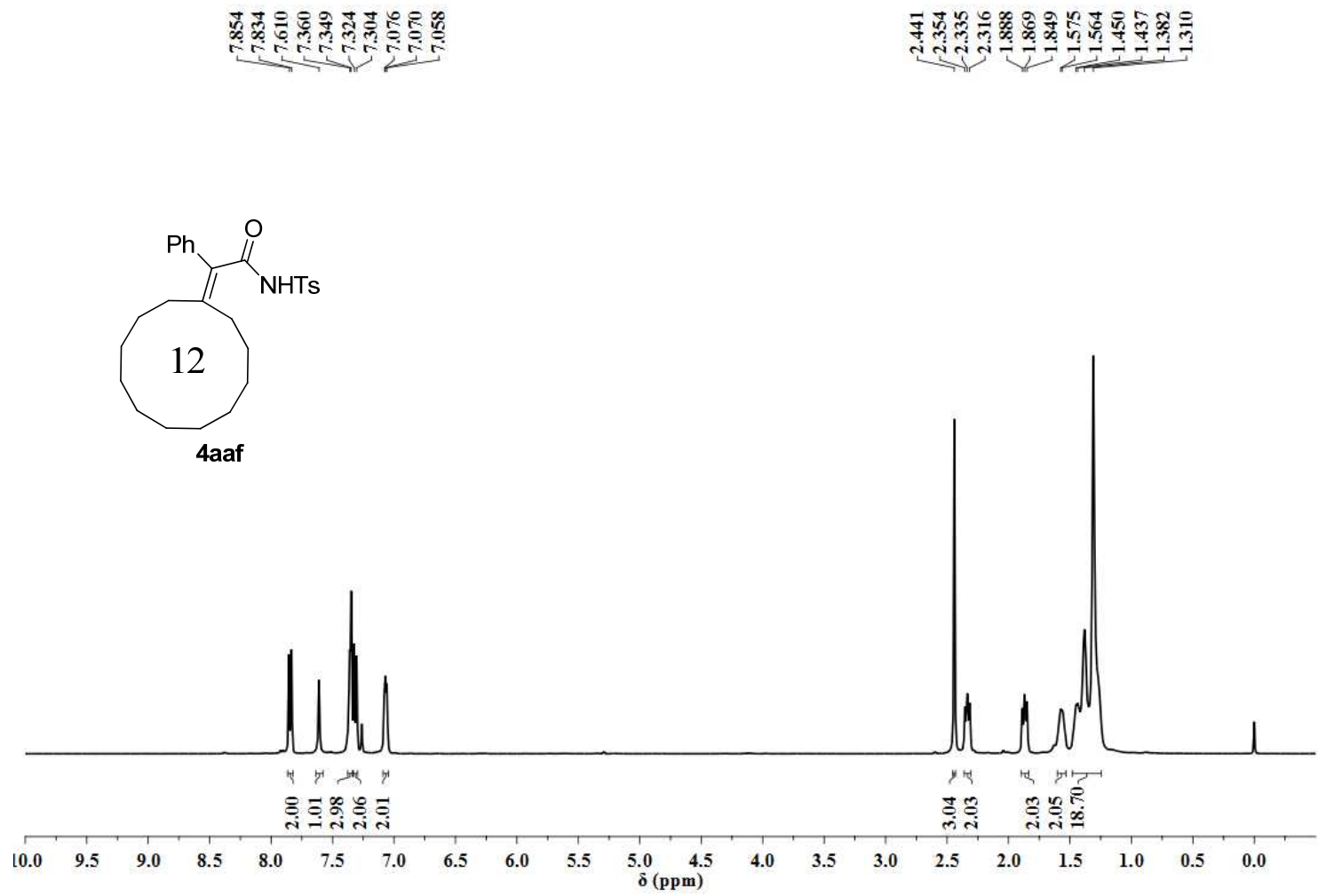


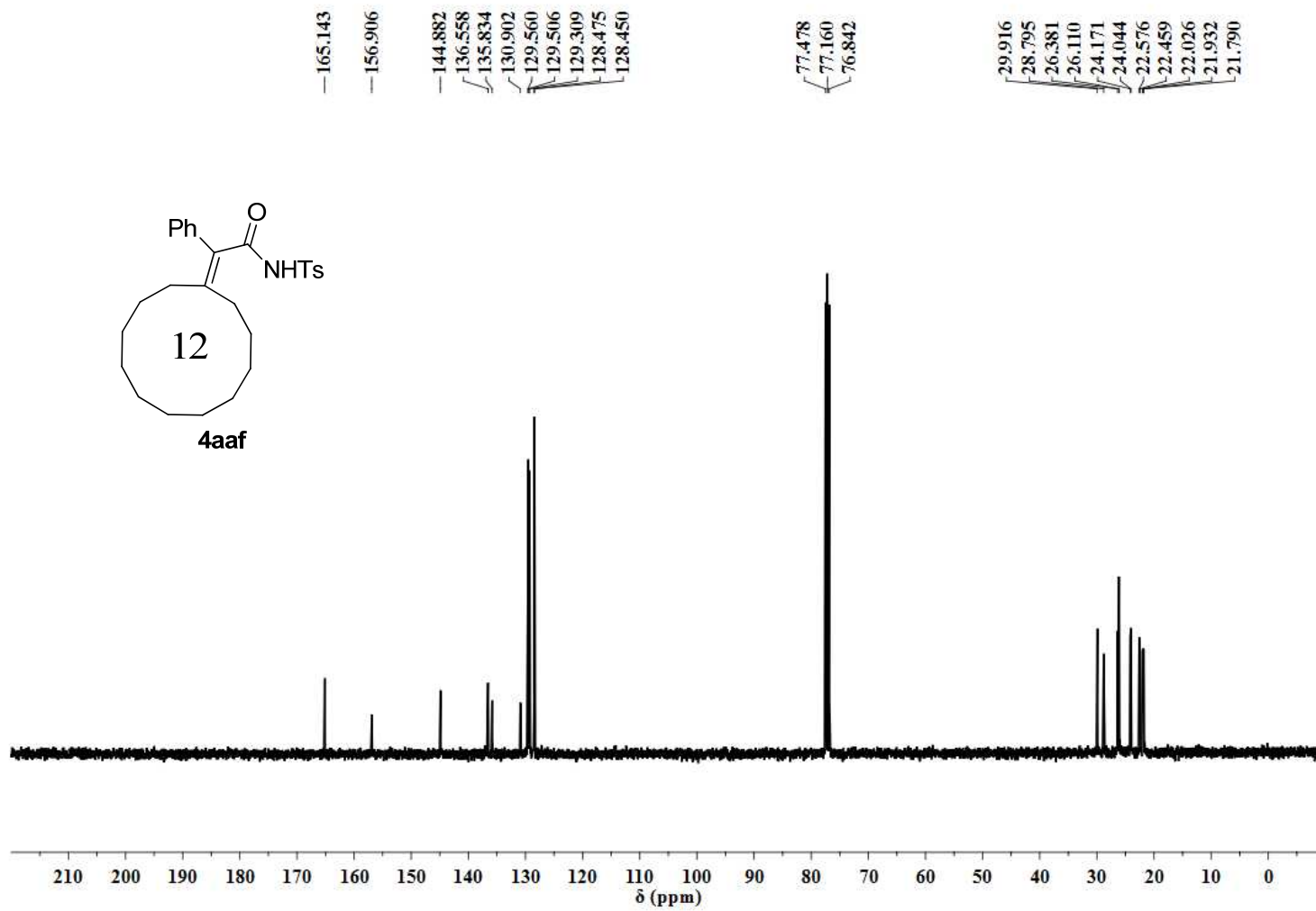


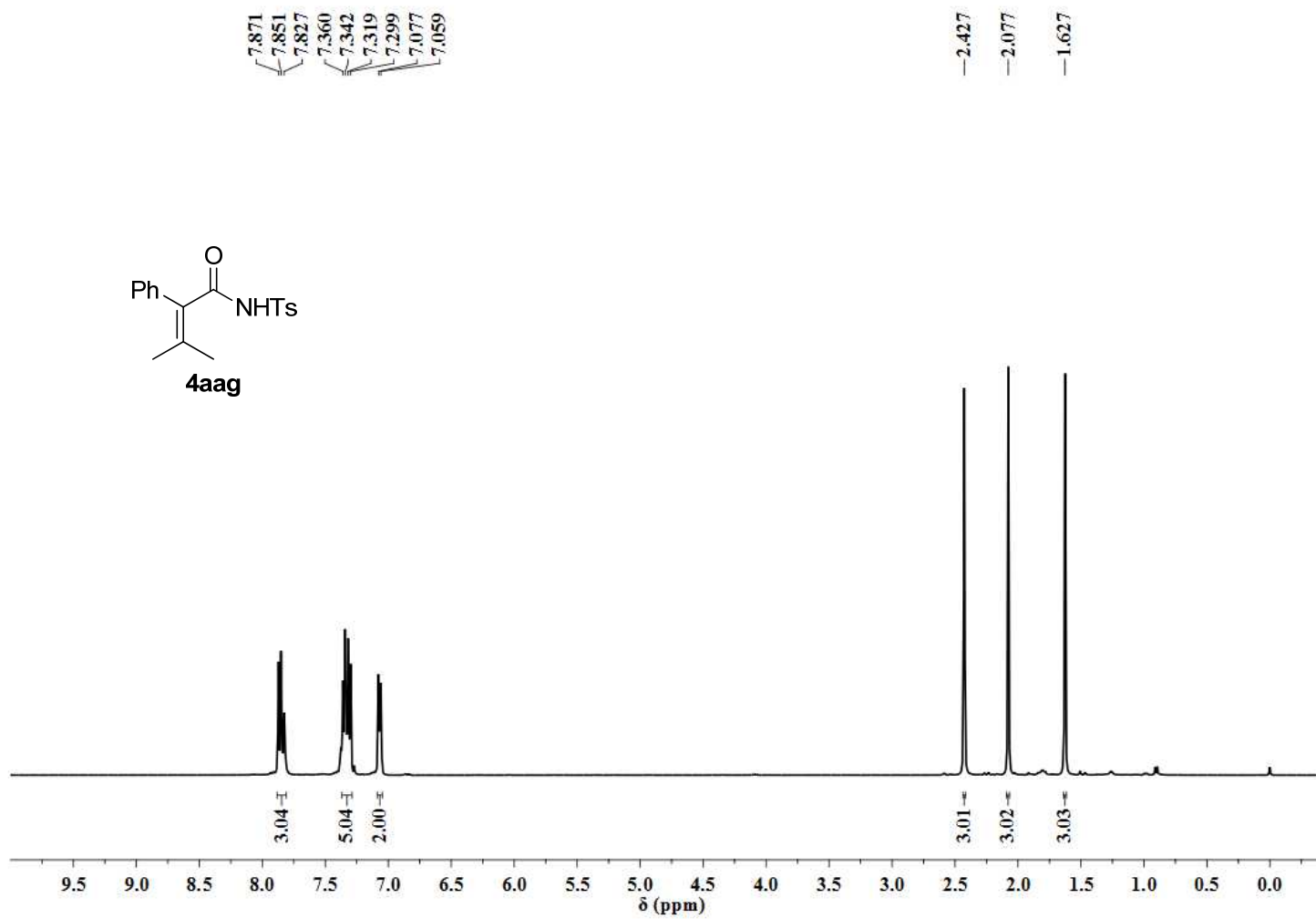


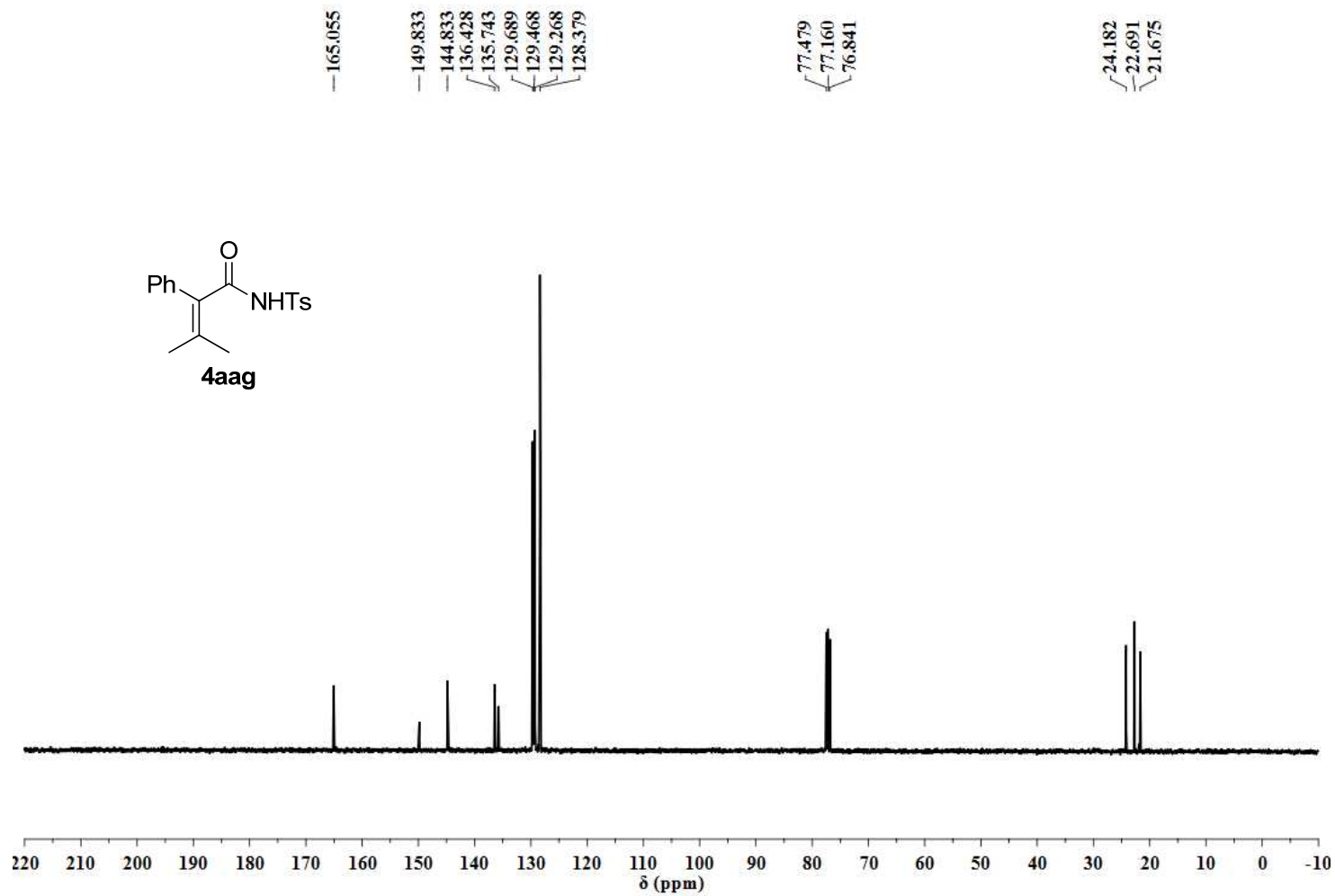


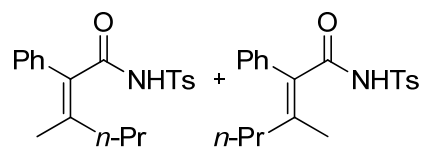












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