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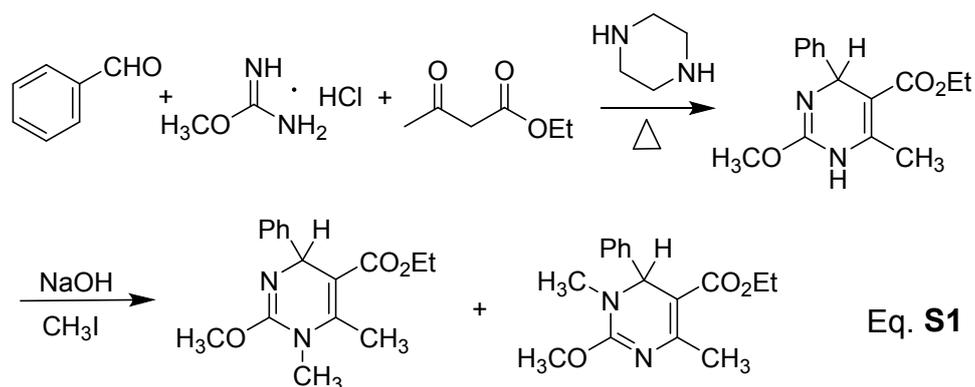
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**Elemental Step Thermodynamics of Dihydropyrimidine: a New Class
of Organic Hydride Donors**

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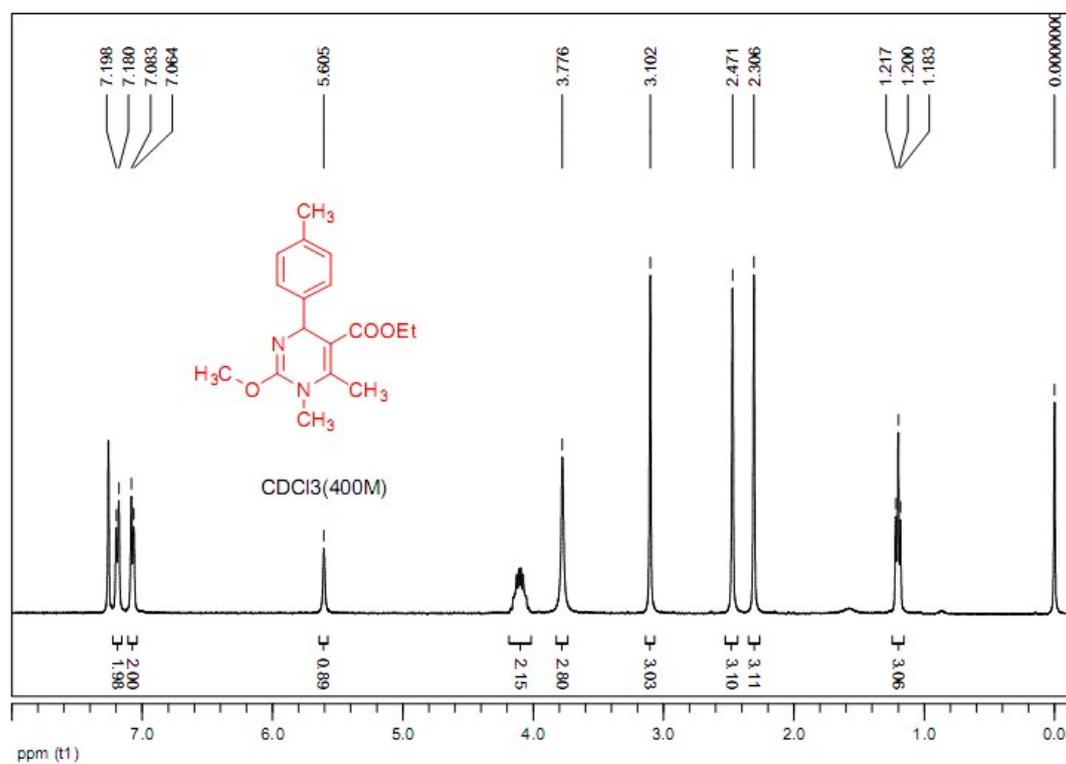
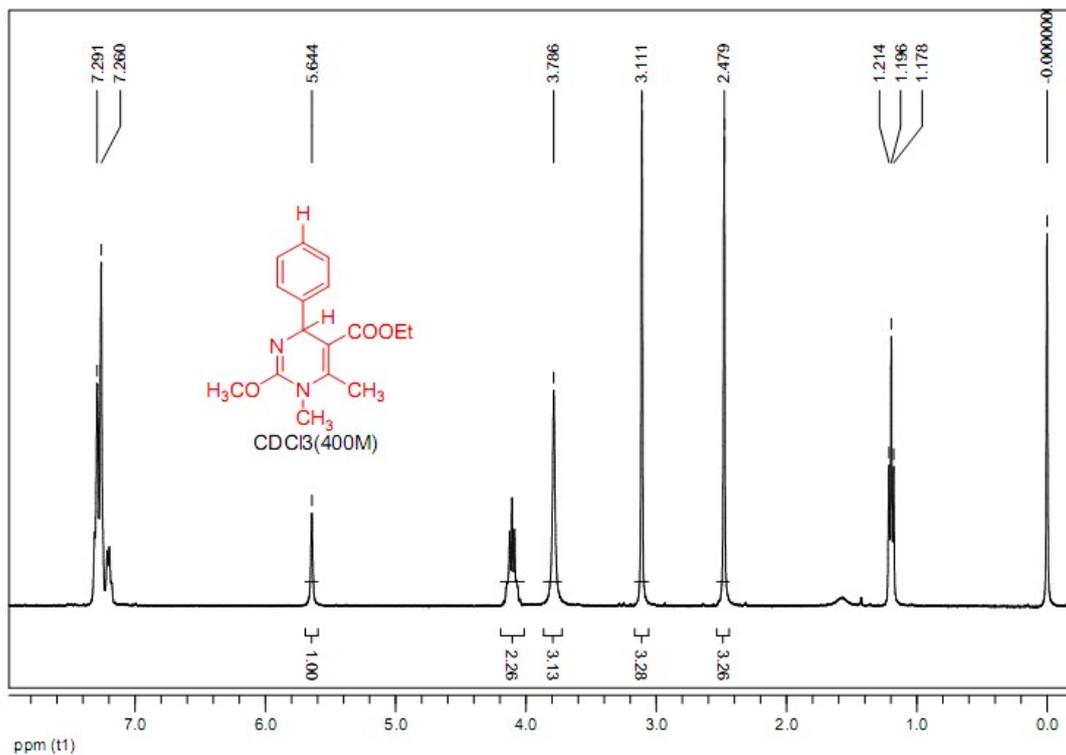
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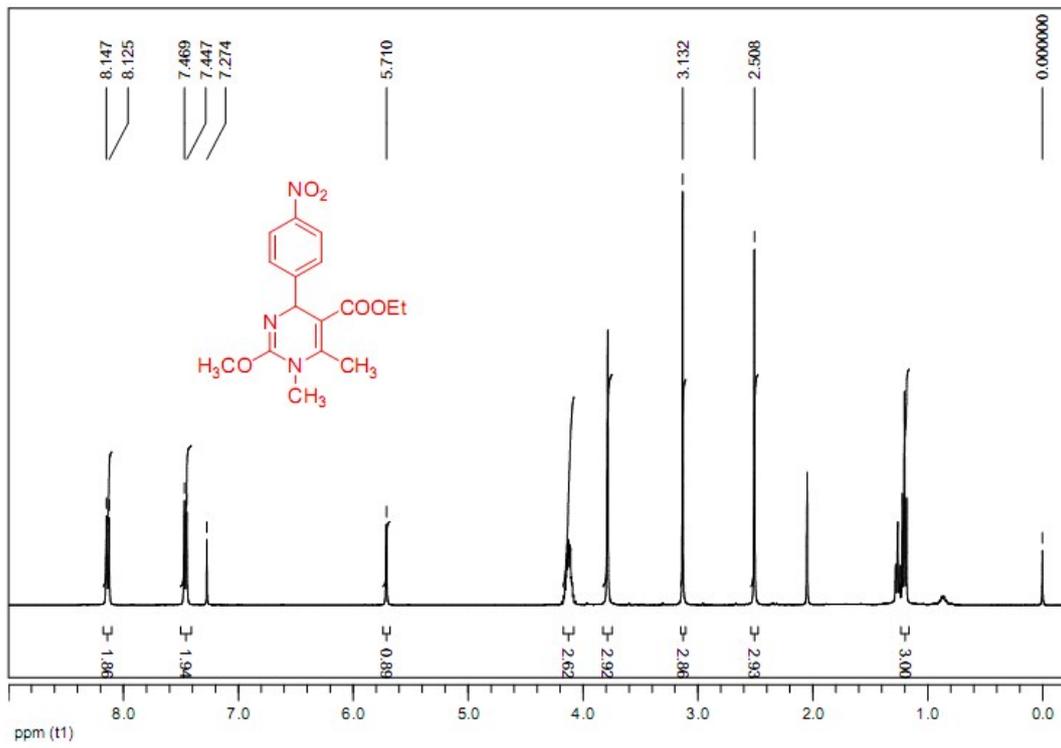
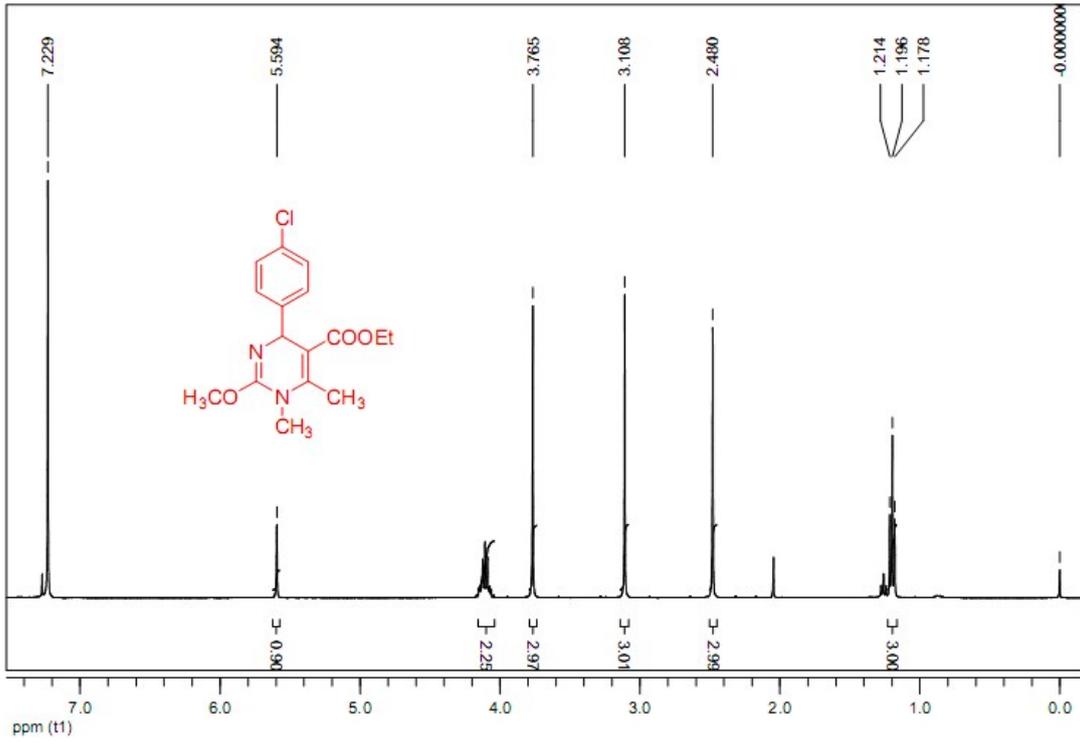
Synthesis of dihydropyrimidines by the Biginelli reaction.

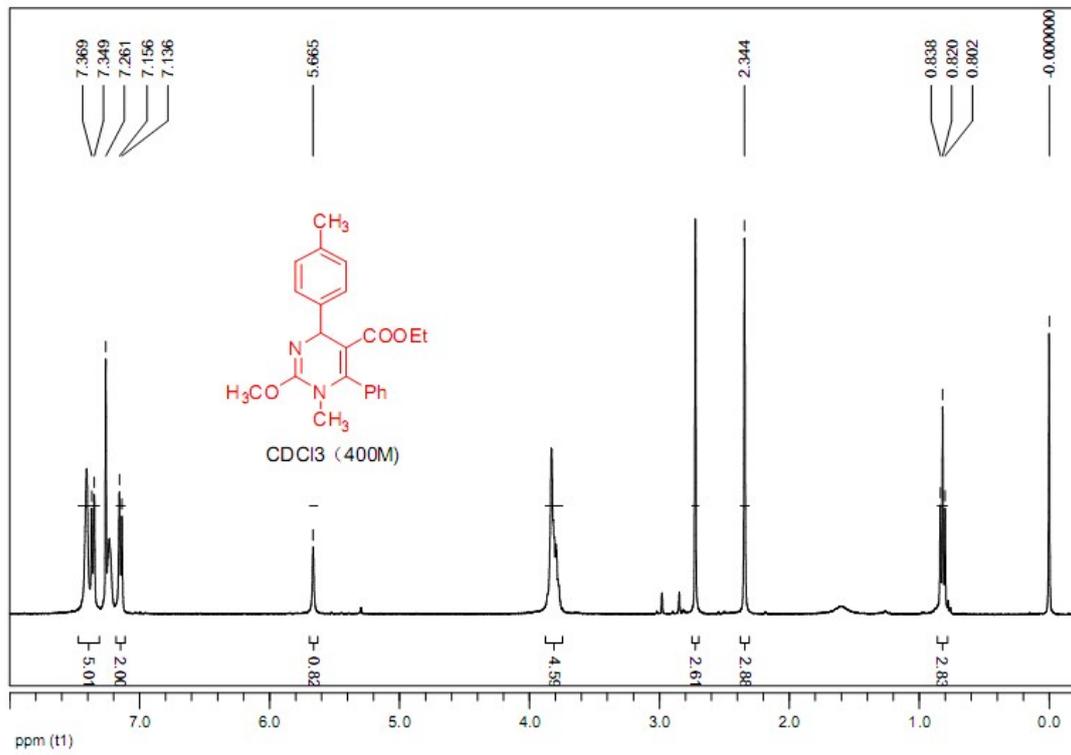
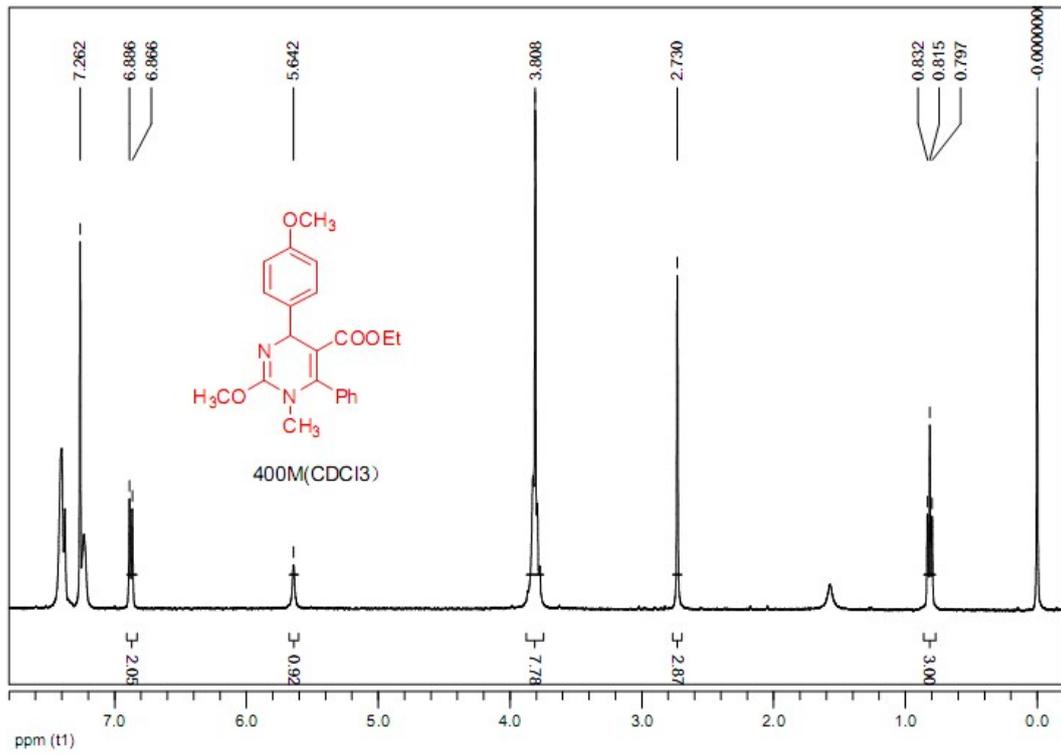


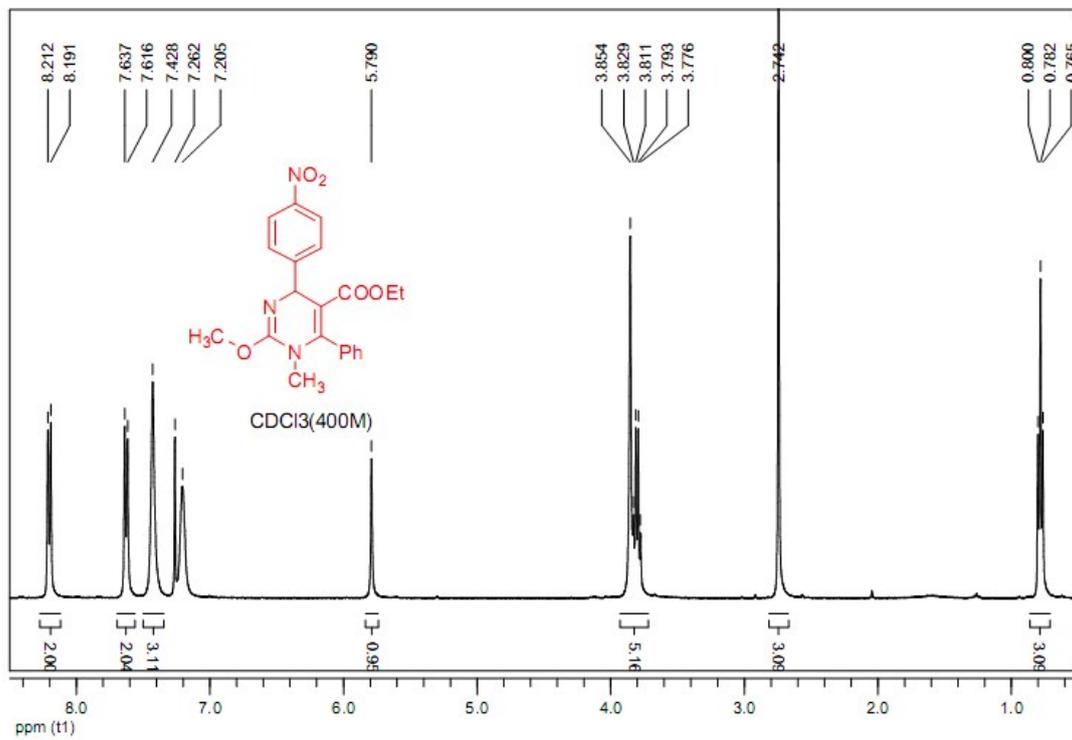
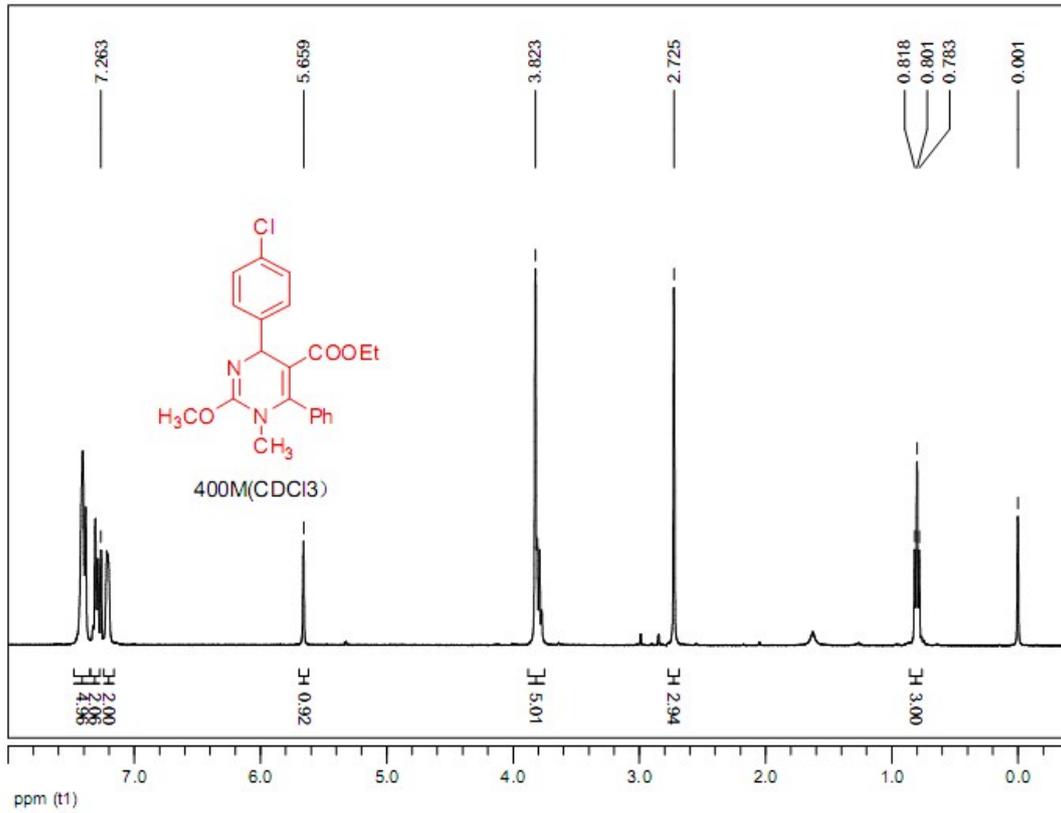
A mixture of aldehyde (20 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (22 mmol), O-Methylisourea hemisulfate (15 mmol), acetic acid (3 mmol) and piperazine (catalytic amount) was stirred in 50 ml toluene. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 3 h. After completion (as followed by TLC), excess toluene was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residues were treated with excess cold water (200 ml). The crude product thus was extracted by CH_2Cl_2 , concentrated and isolated through column chromatography to afford 1, 4-dihydropyrimidine. The obtained compounds were methylated by CH_3I , and isolated through column chromatography to afford 1, 2-dihydro- and 1, 4-dihydro-isomers, respectively.

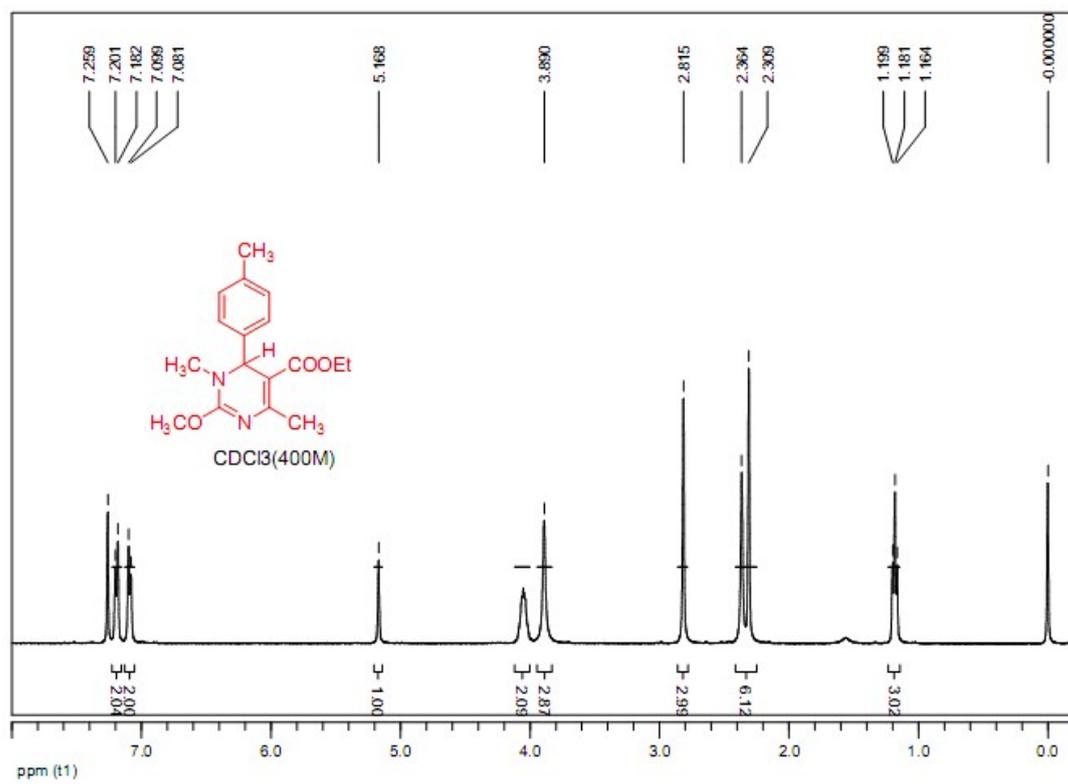
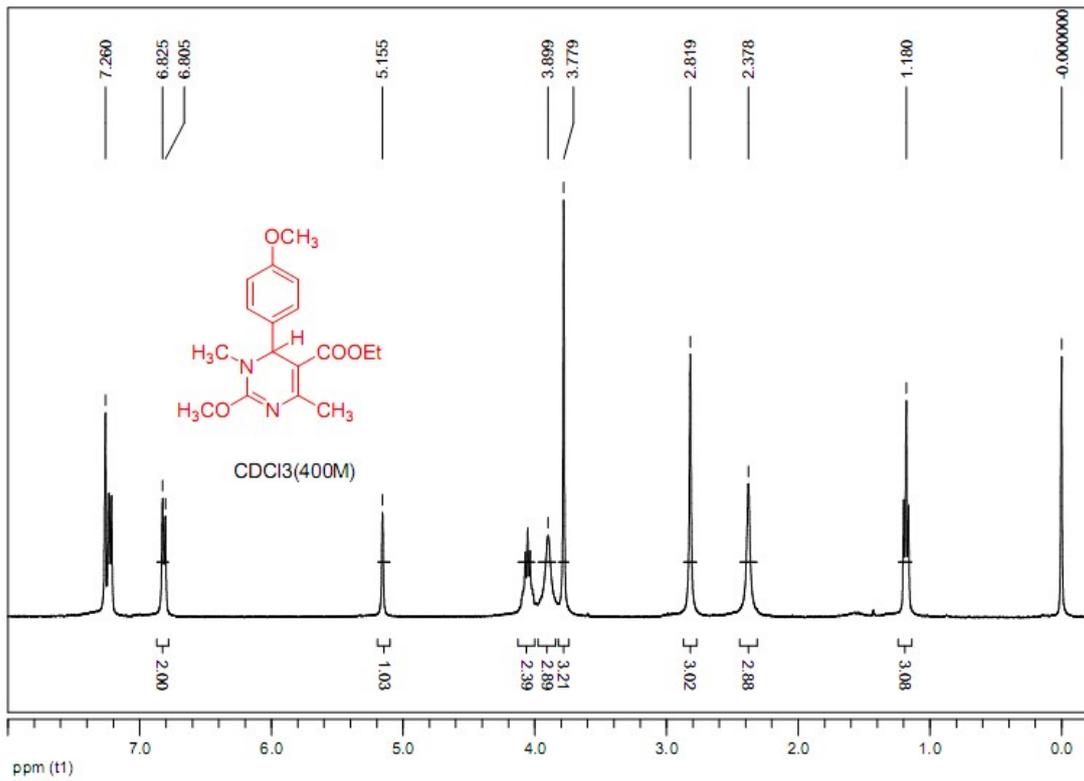
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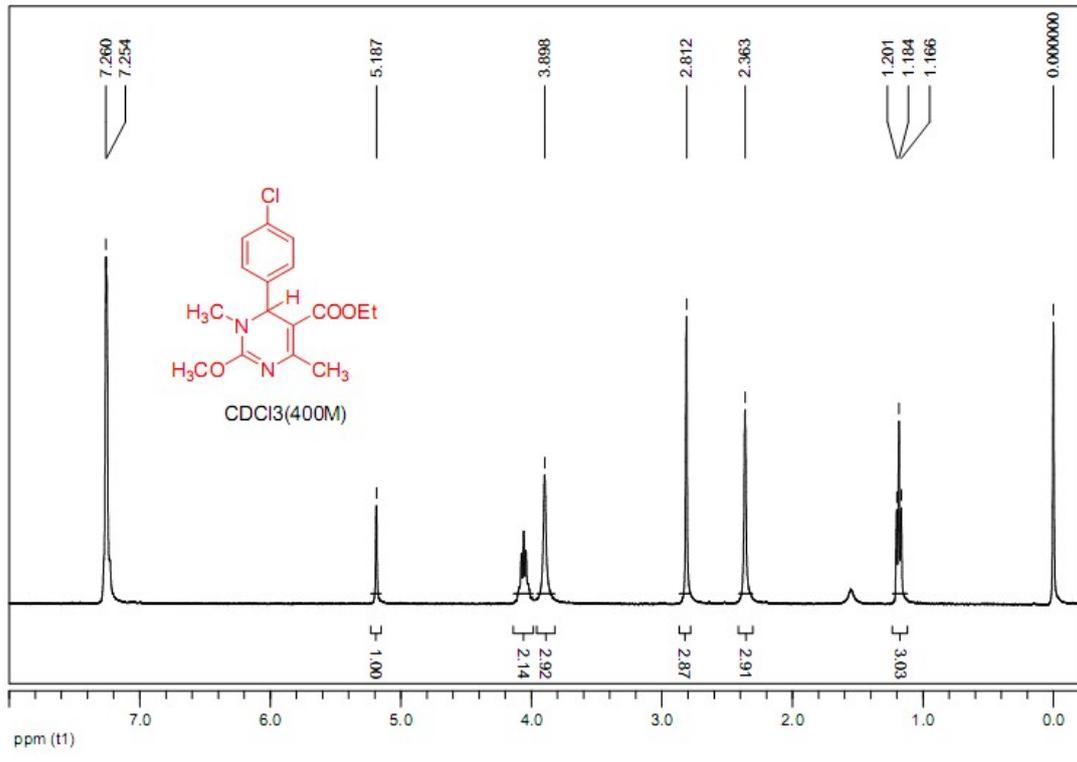
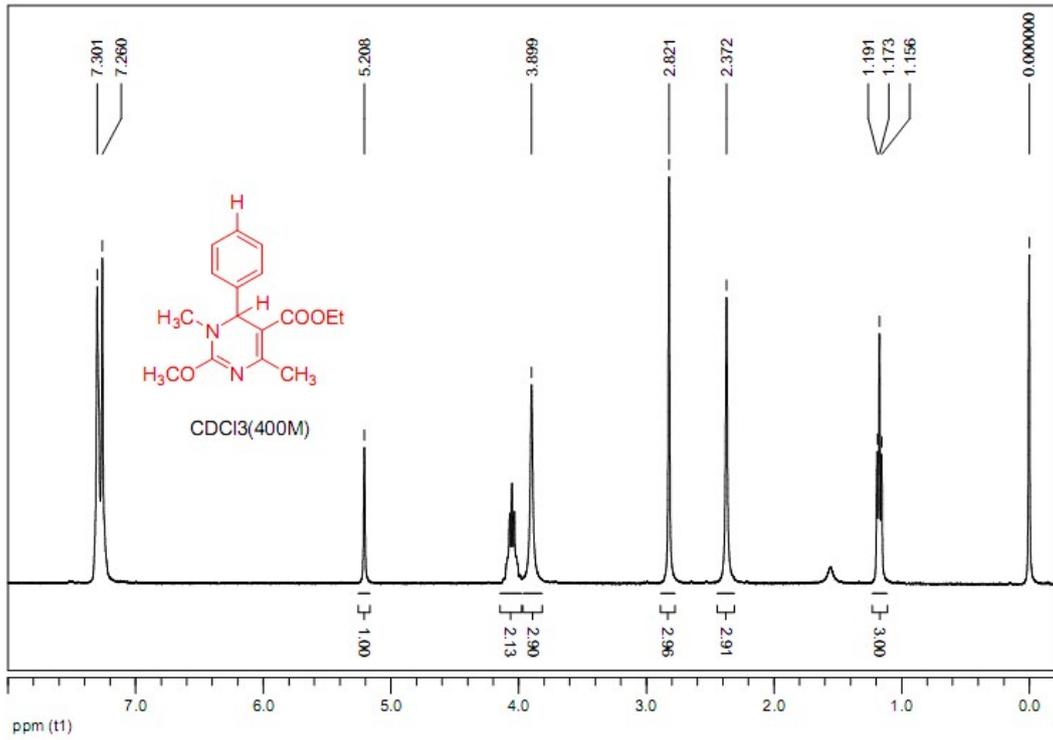


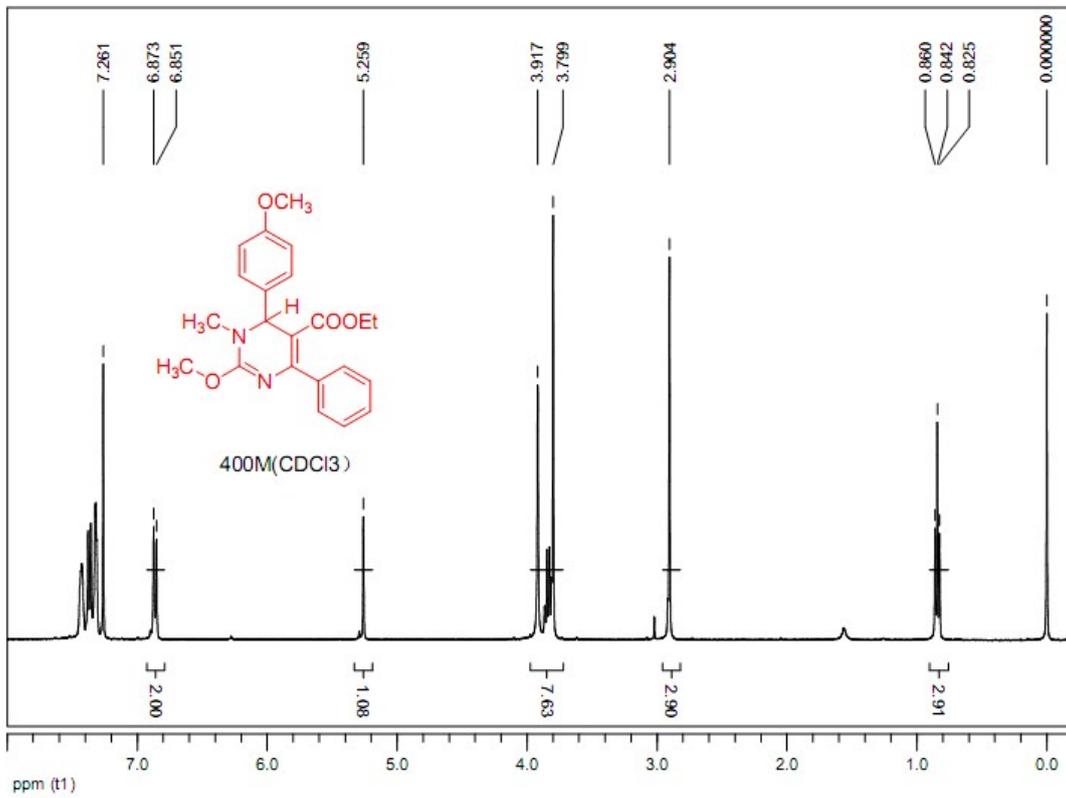
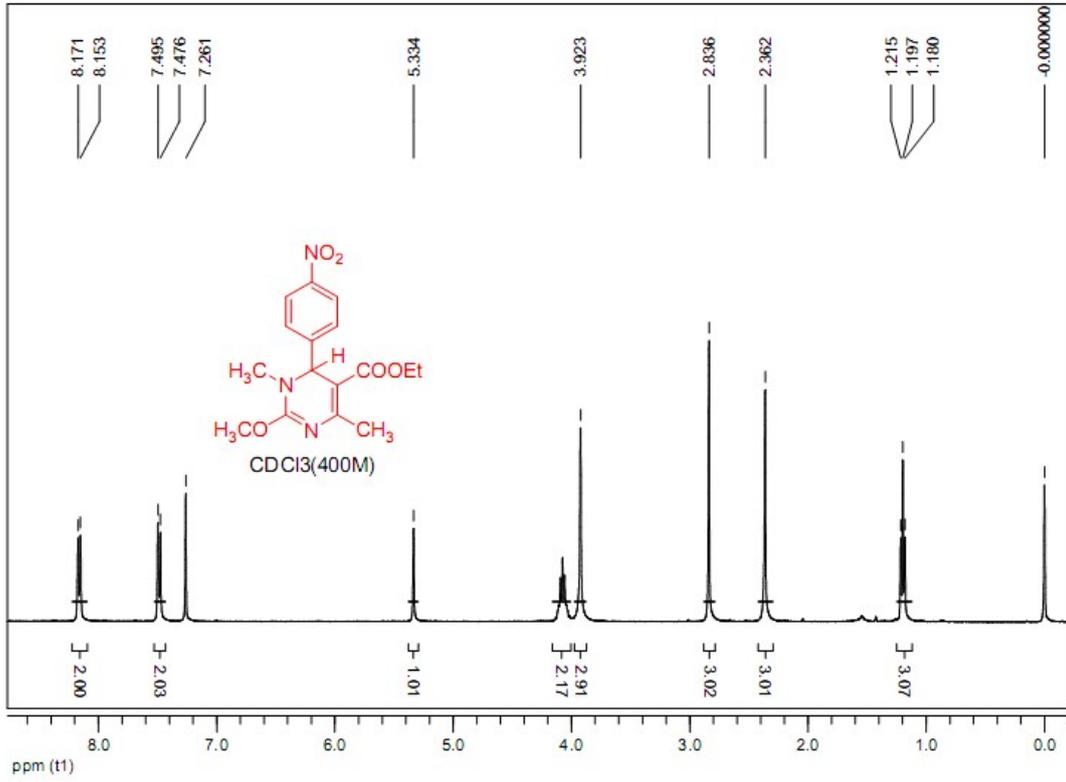


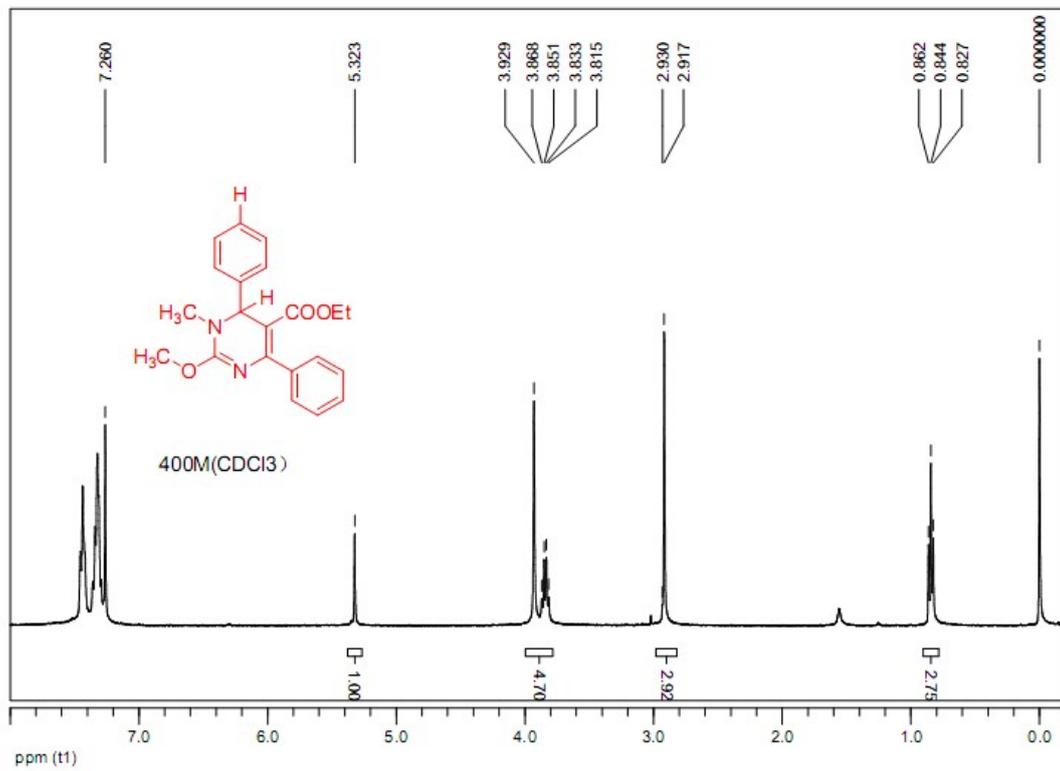
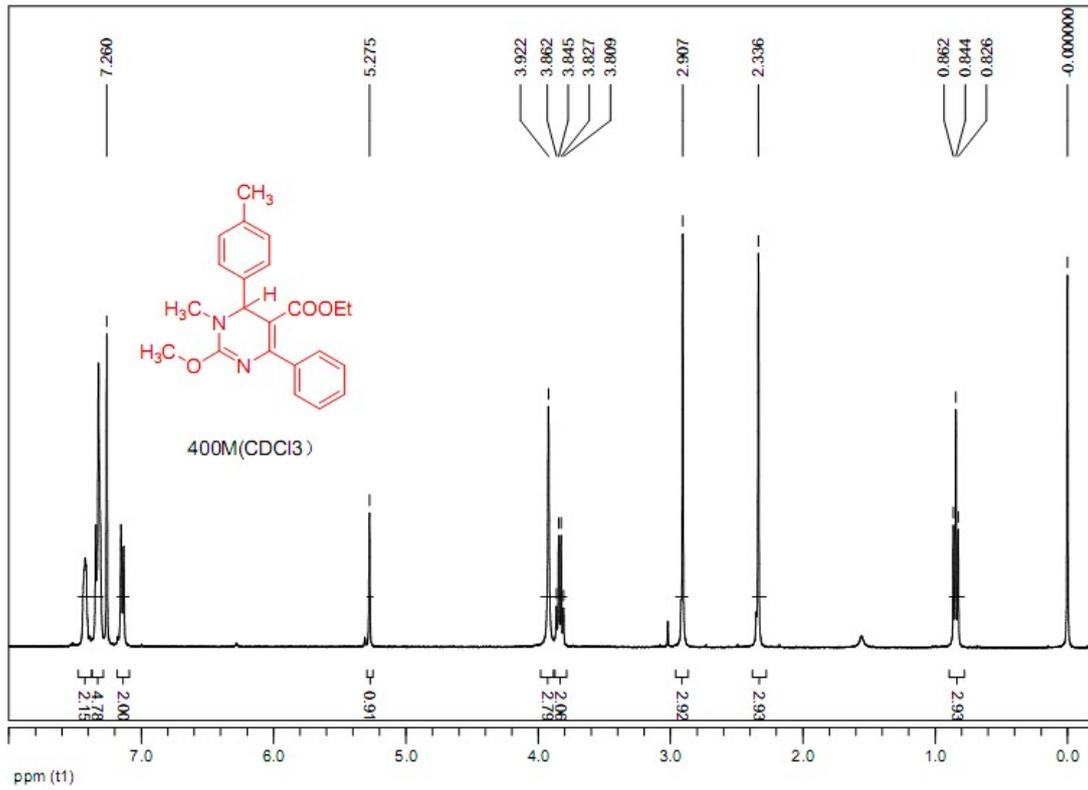


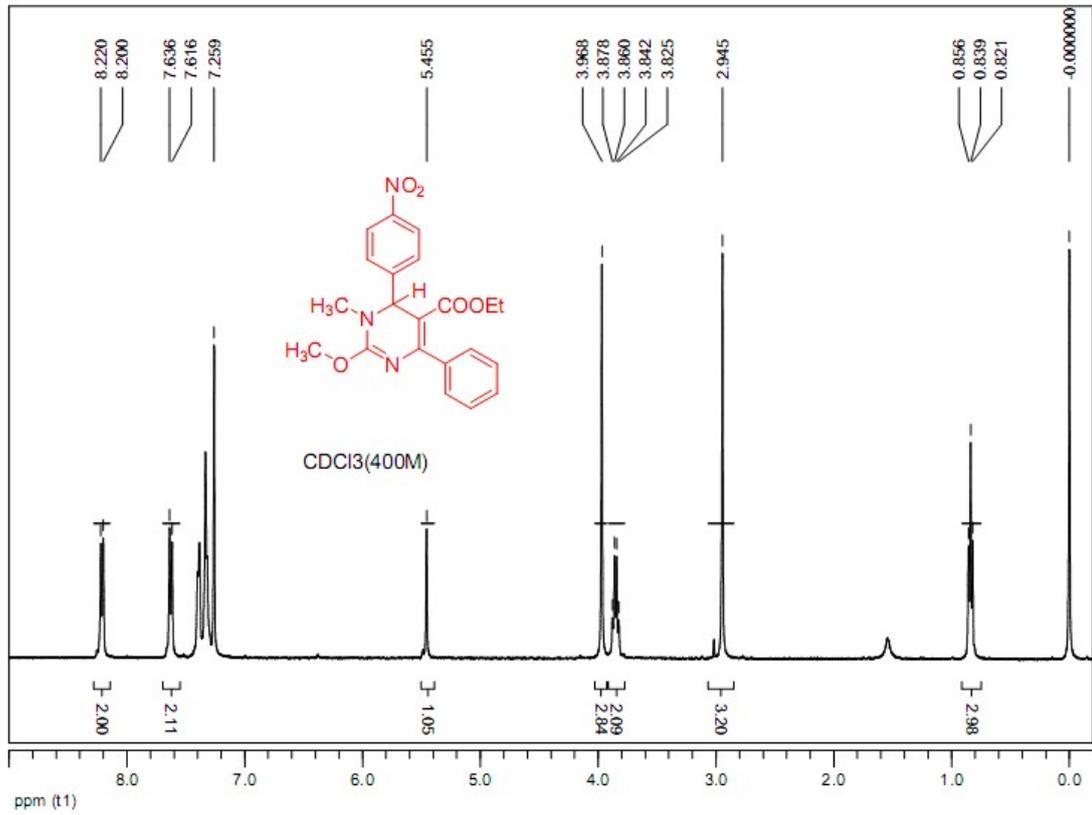
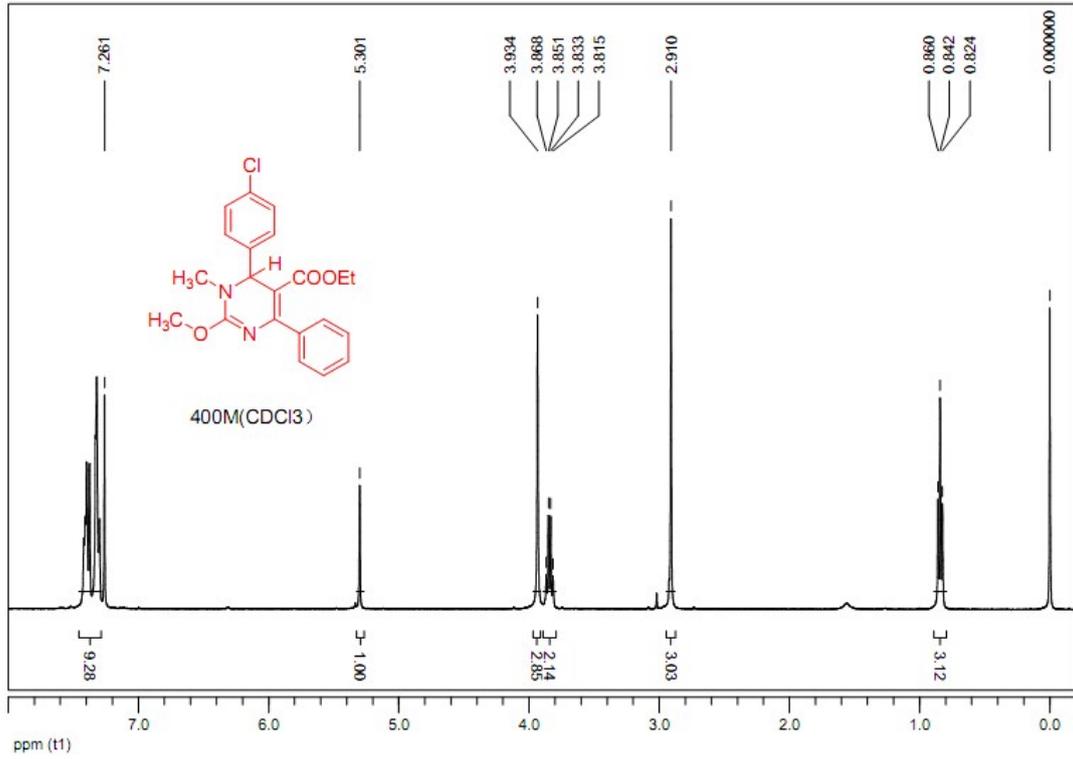


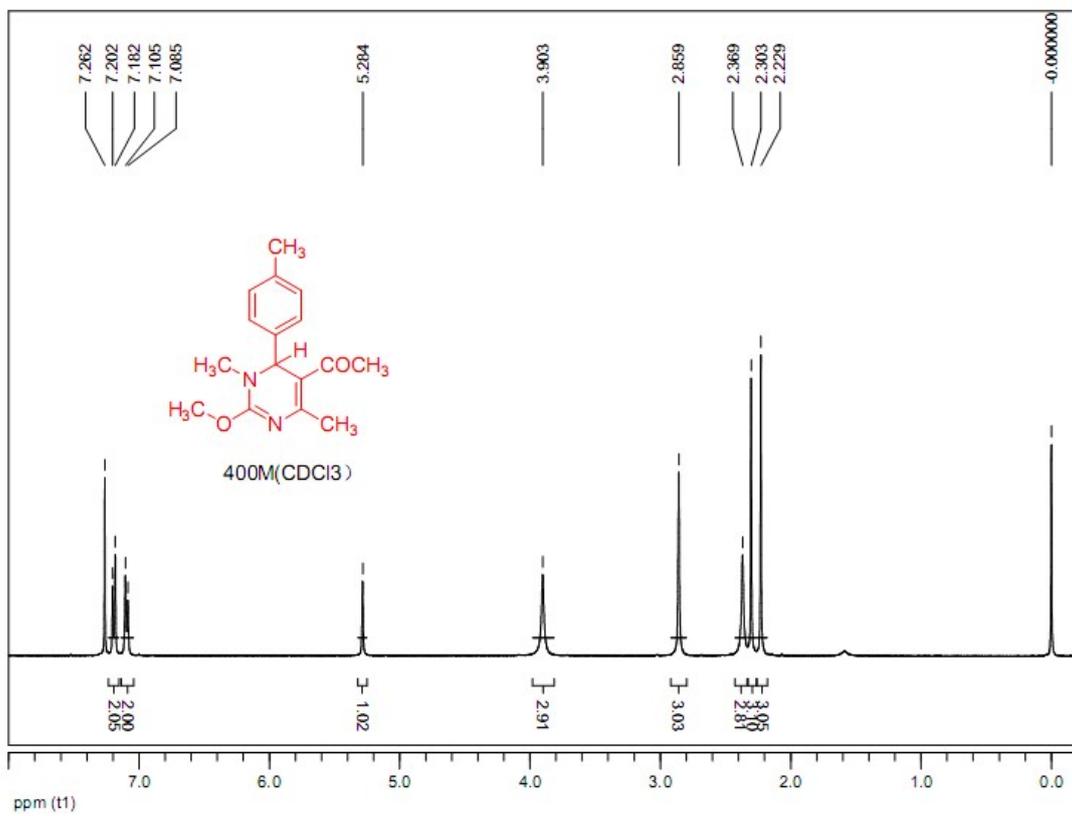
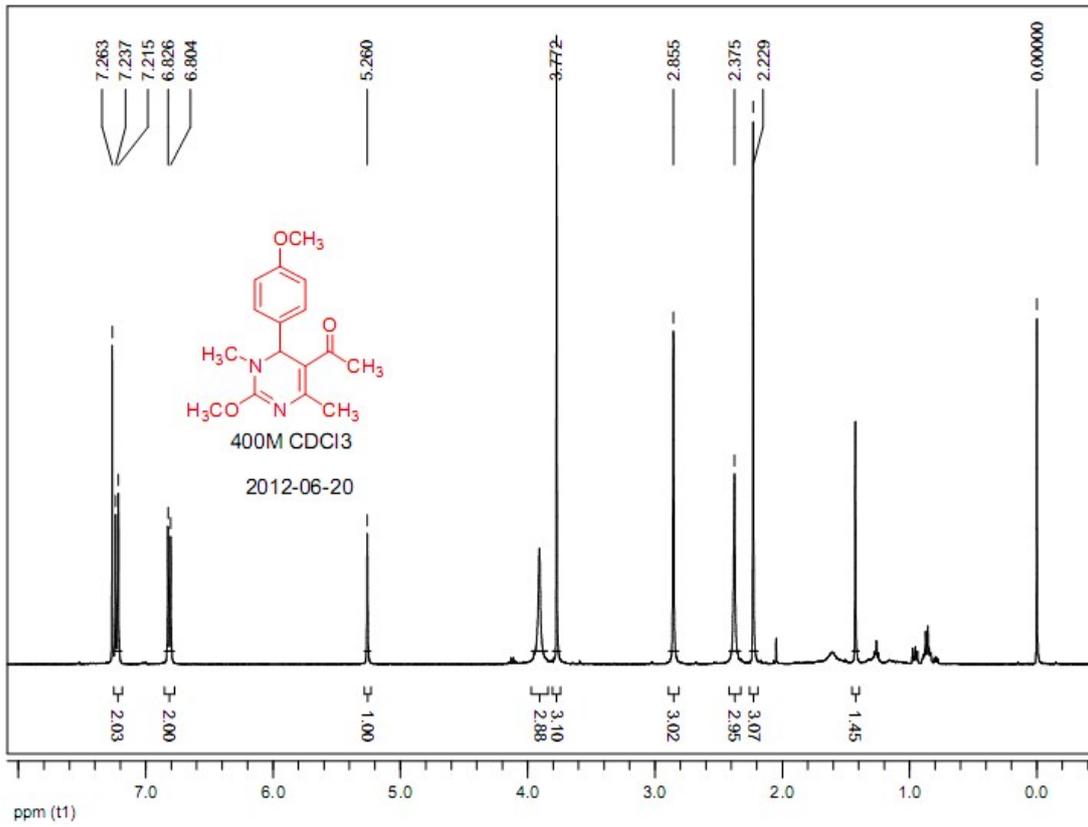


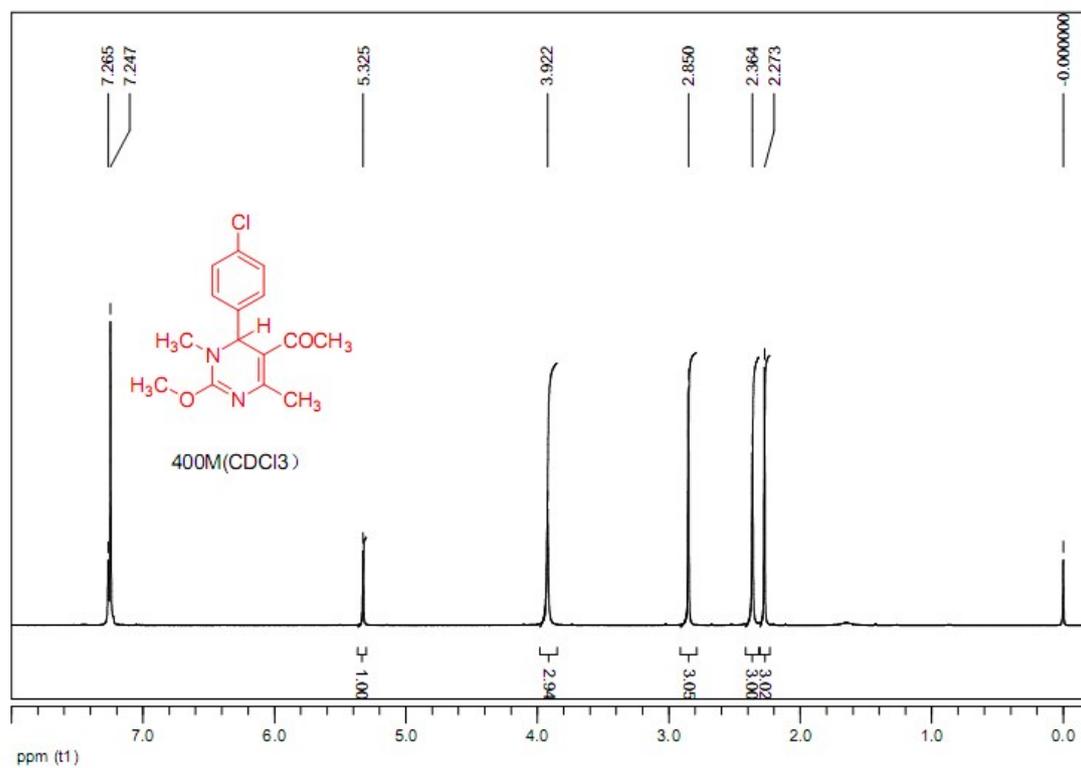
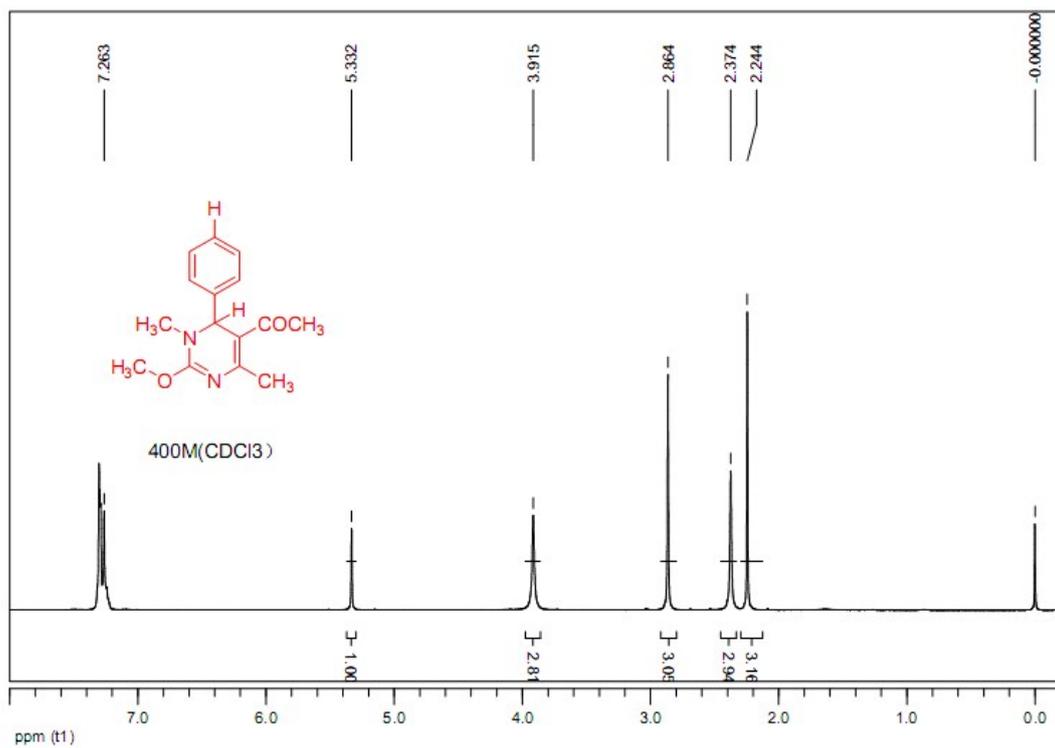


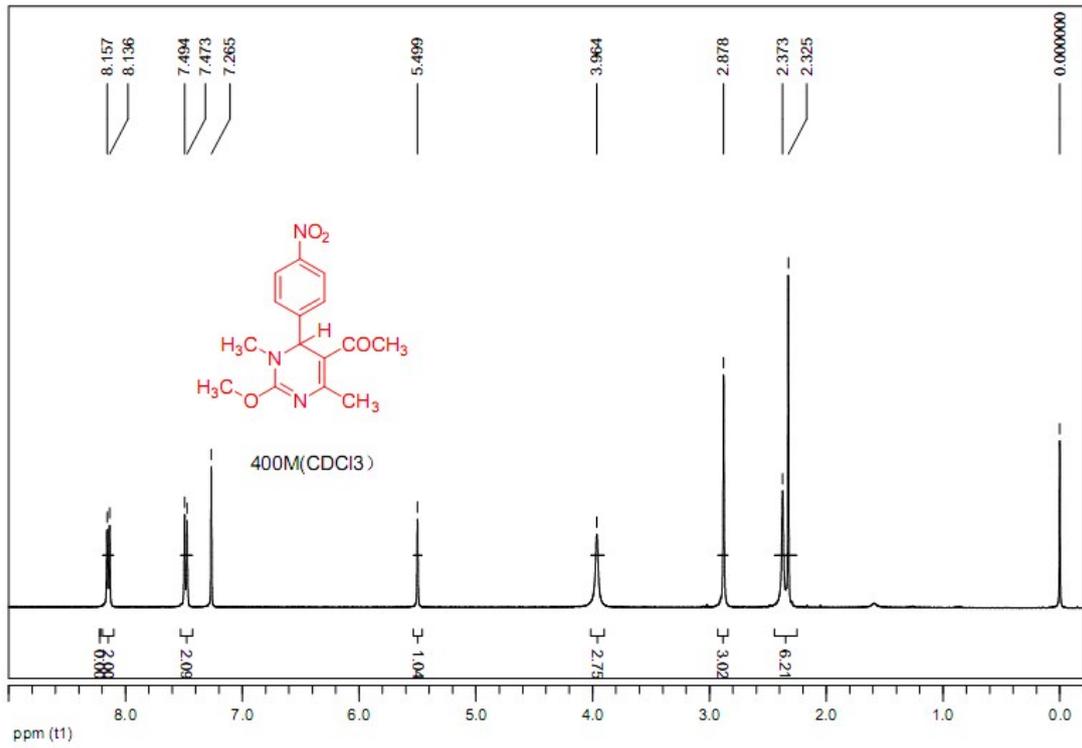












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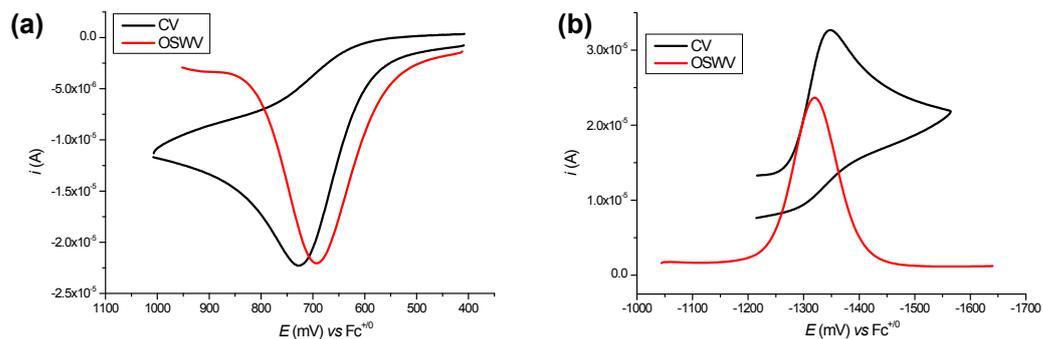


Figure s1. CV and OSWV for the oxidation of $1H(R = CH_3)$ (a) and reduction of $1^+(R = CH_3)$ (b) in deaerated acetonitrile containing 0.1 M $n-Bu_4NPF_6$ as supporting electrolyte.

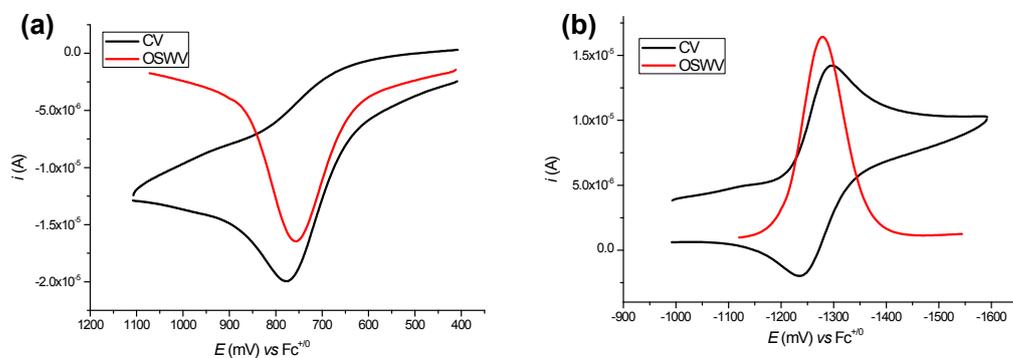


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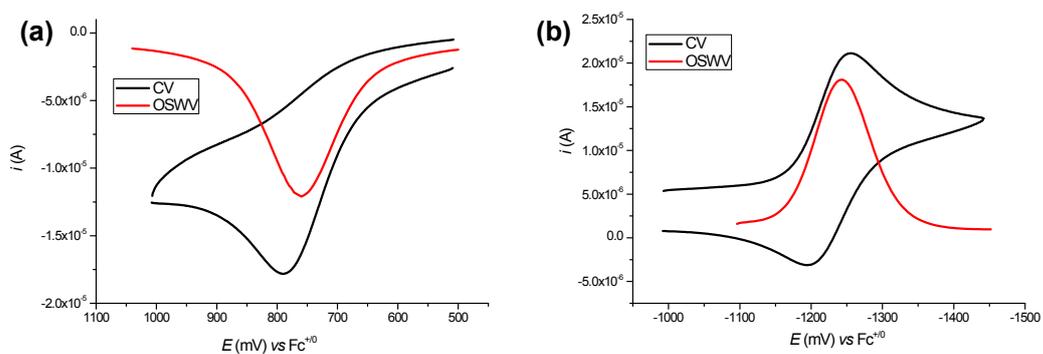


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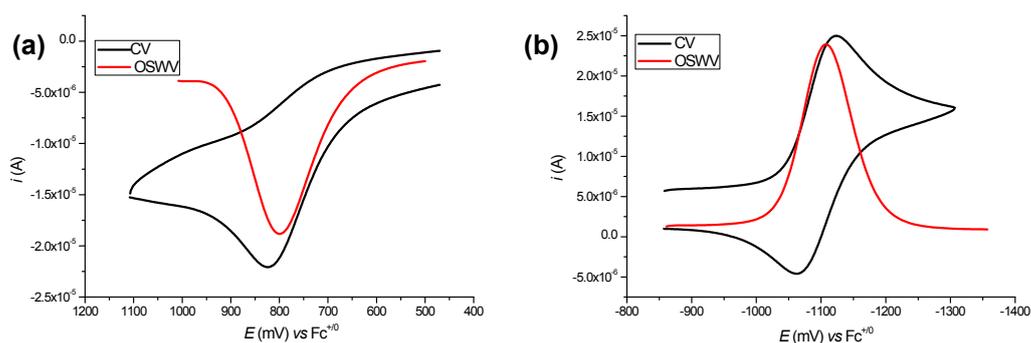


Figure s4. CV and OSWV for the oxidation of 2H ($\text{R} = \text{Cl}$) (a) and reduction of 2^+ ($\text{R} = \text{Cl}$) (b) in deaerated acetonitrile containing 0.1 M $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ as supporting electrolyte.

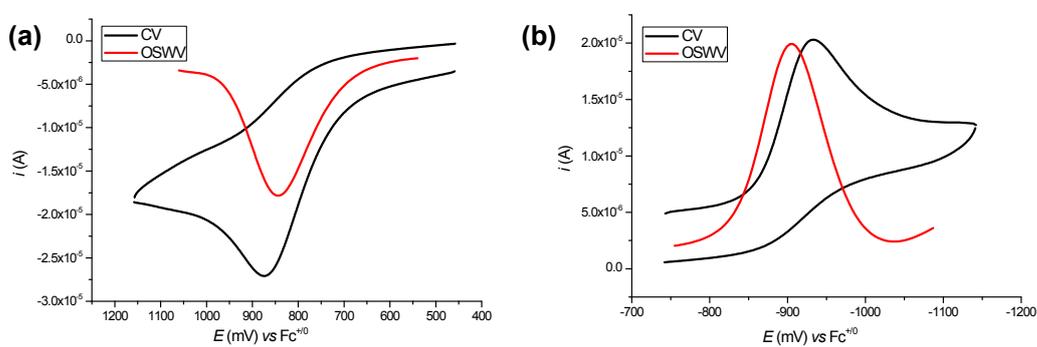


Figure s5. CV and OSWV for the oxidation of 2H ($\text{R} = \text{NO}_2$) (a) and reduction of 2^+ ($\text{R} = \text{NO}_2$) (b) in deaerated acetonitrile containing 0.1 M $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ as supporting electrolyte.

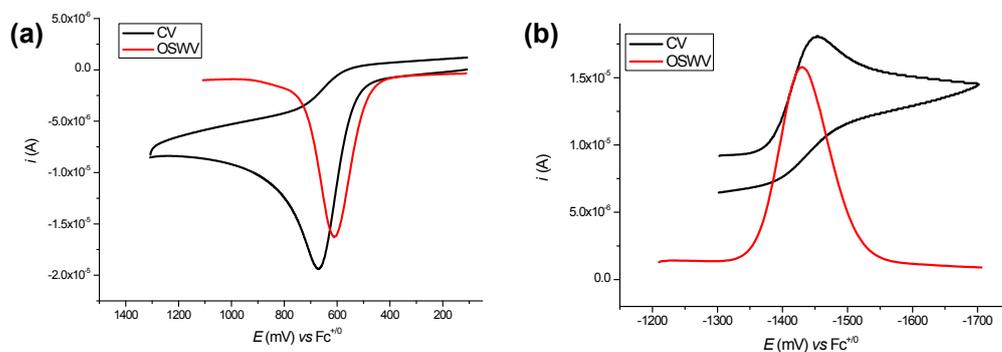


Figure s6. CV and OSWV for the oxidation of 3H ($\text{R} = \text{OCH}_3$) (a) and reduction of 3^+ ($\text{R} = \text{OCH}_3$) (b) in deaerated acetonitrile containing 0.1 M $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ as supporting electrolyte.

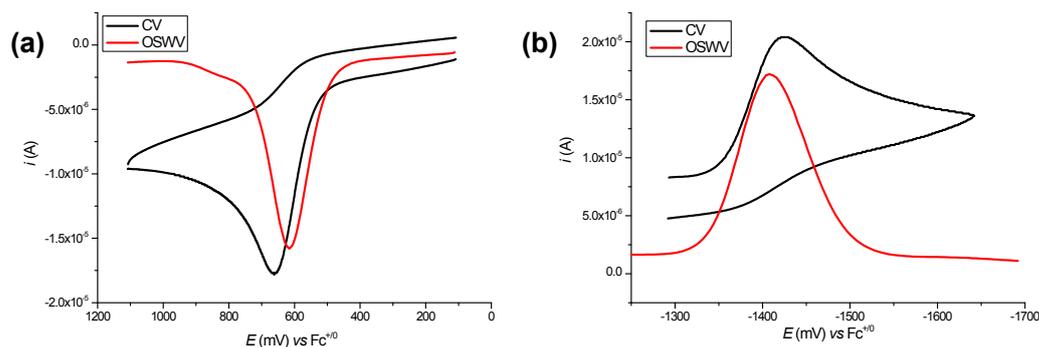


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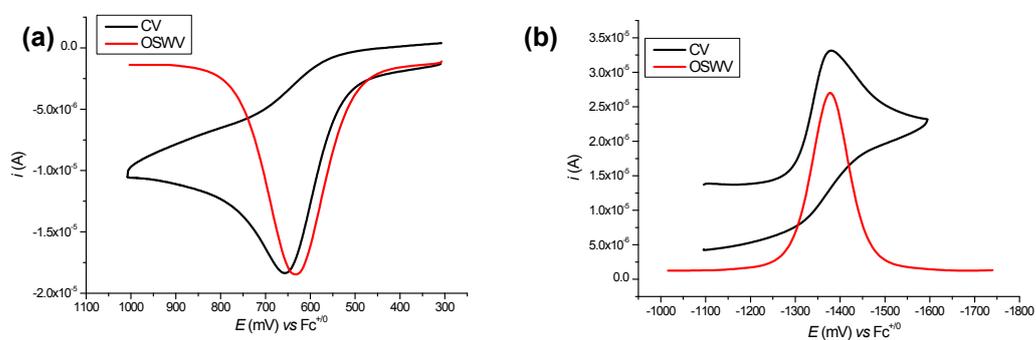


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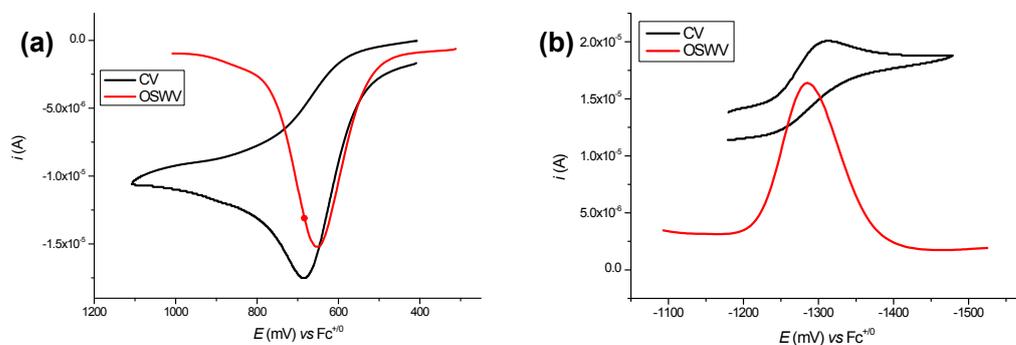


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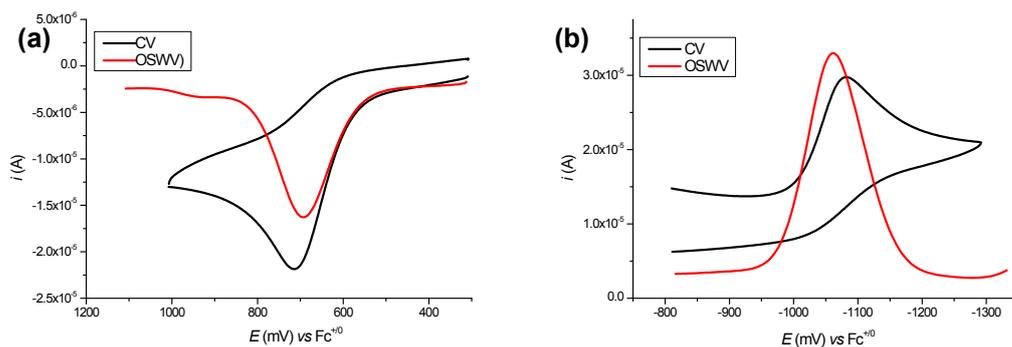


Figure s10. CV and OSWV for the oxidation of 3H ($\text{R} = \text{NO}_2$) (a) and reduction of 3^+ ($\text{R} = \text{NO}_2$) (b) in deaerated acetonitrile containing 0.1 M $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ as supporting electrolyte.

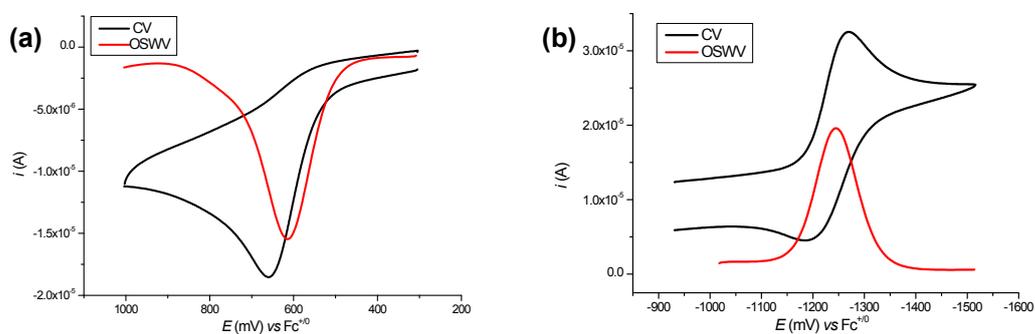


Figure s11. CV and OSWV for the oxidation of 4H ($\text{R} = \text{OCH}_3$) (a) and reduction of 4^+ ($\text{R} = \text{OCH}_3$) (b) in deaerated acetonitrile containing 0.1 M $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ as supporting electrolyte.

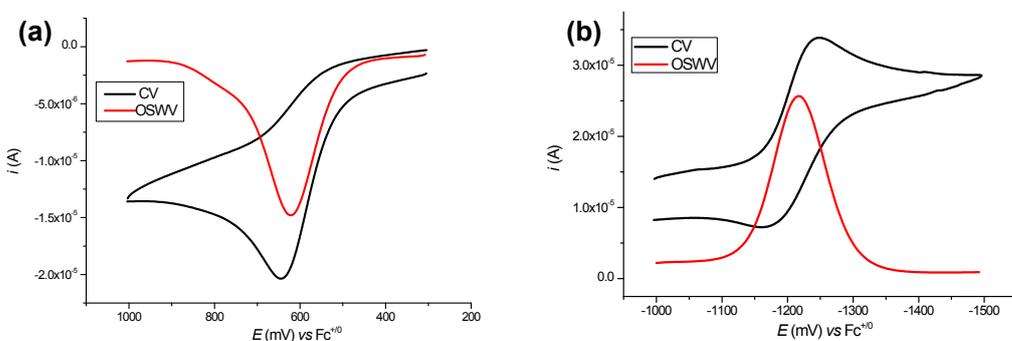


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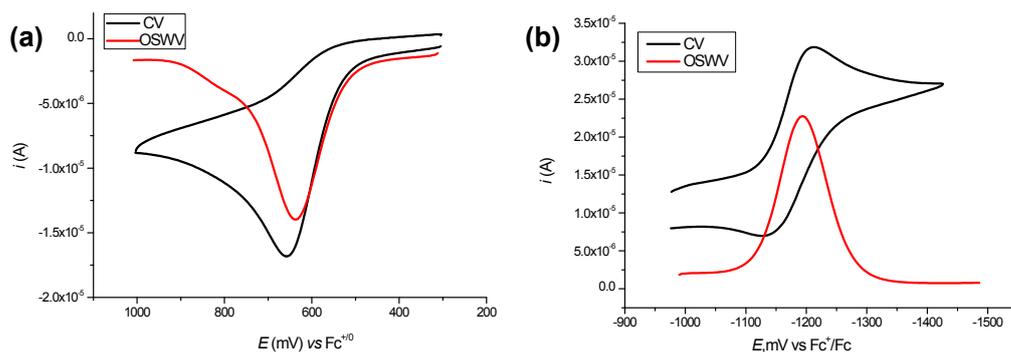


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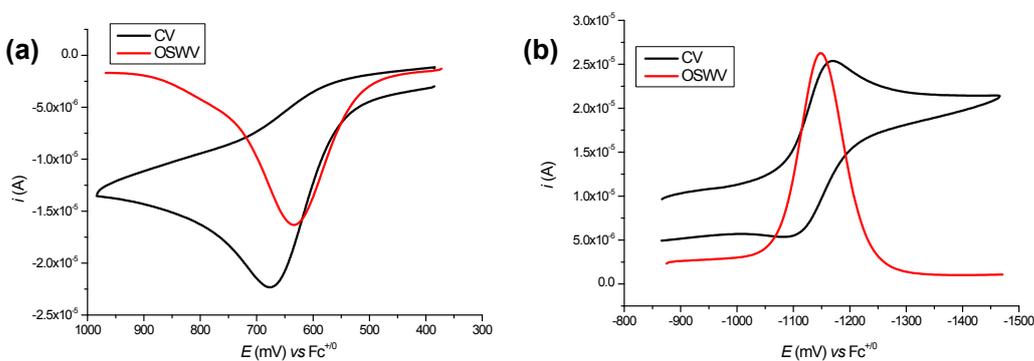


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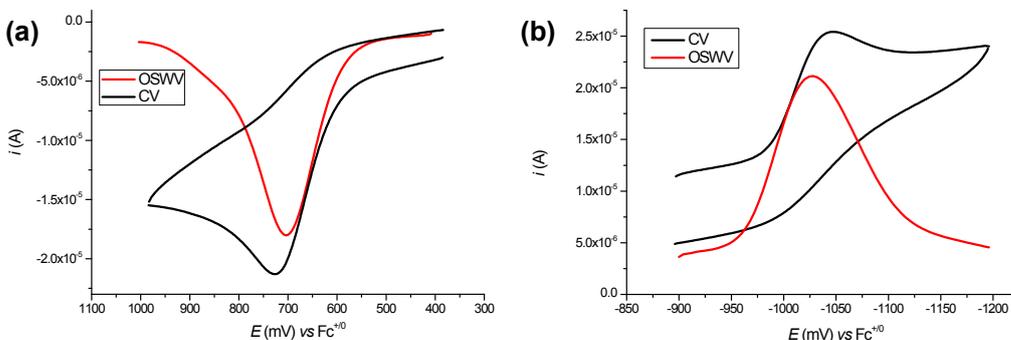


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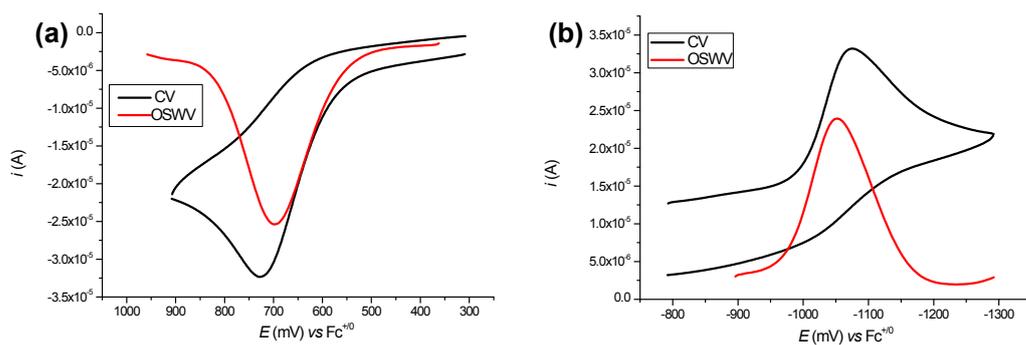


Figure s16. CV and OSWV for the oxidation of $5\text{H}(\text{R} = \text{NO}_2)$ (a) and reduction of $5^+(\text{R} = \text{NO}_2)$ (b) in deaerated acetonitrile containing 0.1 M $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ as supporting electrolyte.

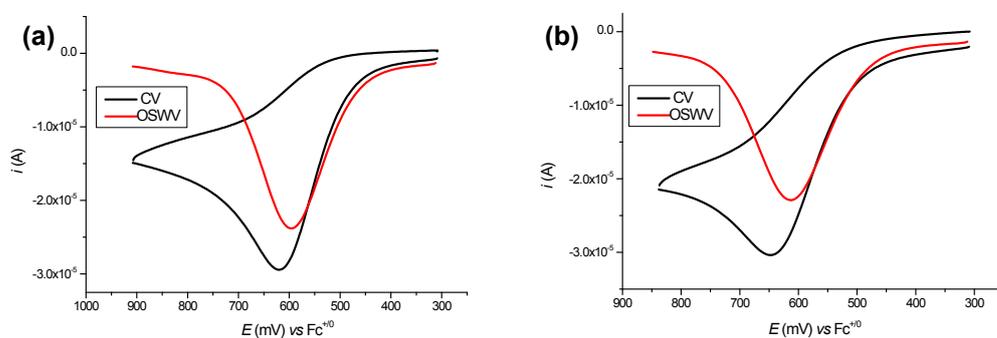


Figure s17. CV and OSWV for the oxidation of $5\text{H}(\text{R} = \text{CH}_3)$ (a) and $5\text{H}(\text{R} = \text{H})$ (b) in deaerated acetonitrile containing 0.1 M $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ as supporting electrolyte.

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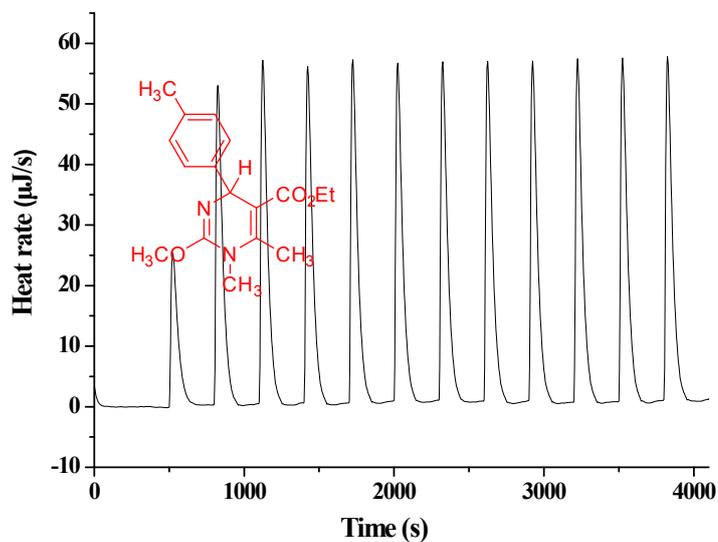


Figure s18. Isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC) for the reaction heat of **1H**(R = CH₃) with 9-phenylxanthylum perchlorate (PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻) in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 µL of **1H**(R = CH₃) (2.87 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

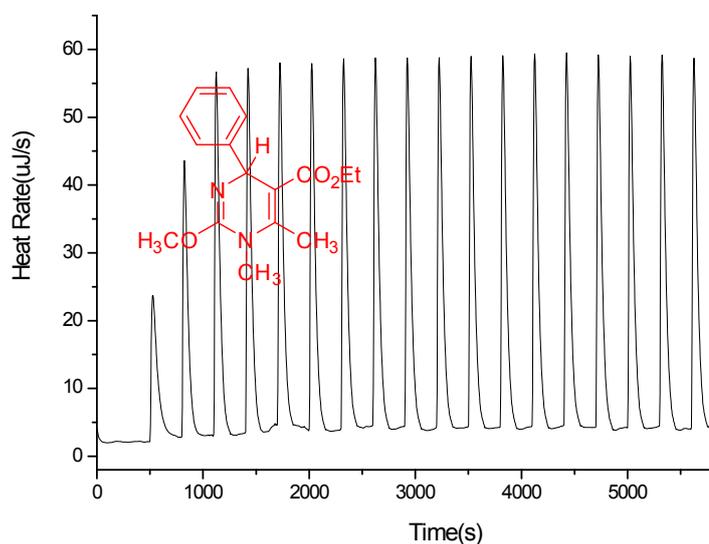


Figure s19. ITC for the reaction heat of **1H**(R = H) with PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 µL of **1H**(R = H) (2.97 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

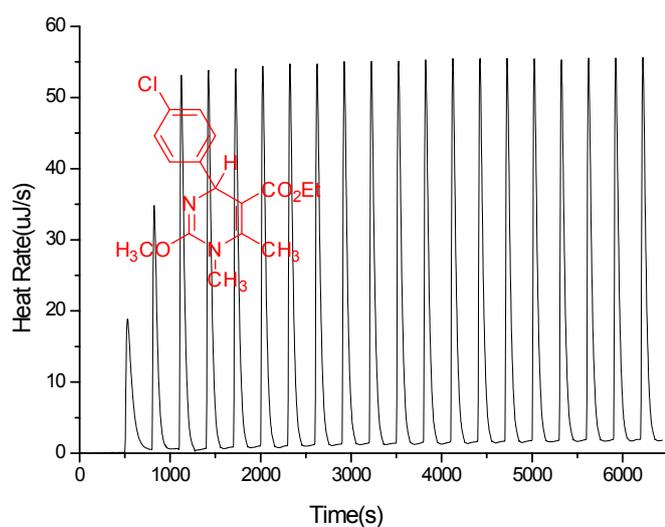


Figure s20. ITC for the reaction heat of **1H**(R = Cl) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **1H**(R = Cl) (3.03 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

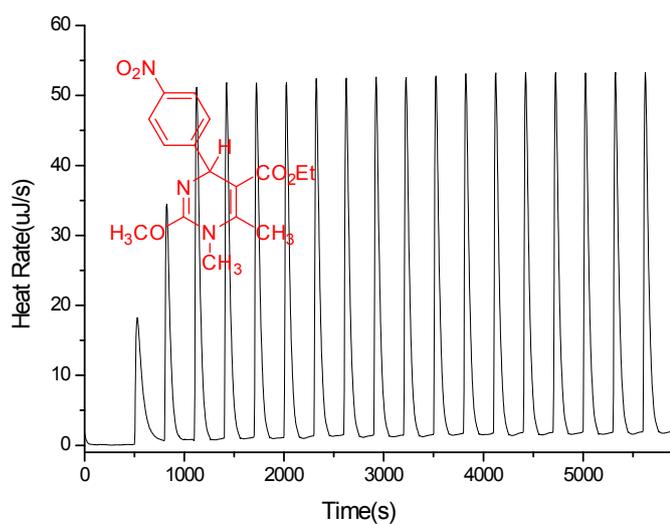


Figure s21. ITC for the reaction heat of **1H**(R = NO_2) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **1H**(R = NO_2) (3.01 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

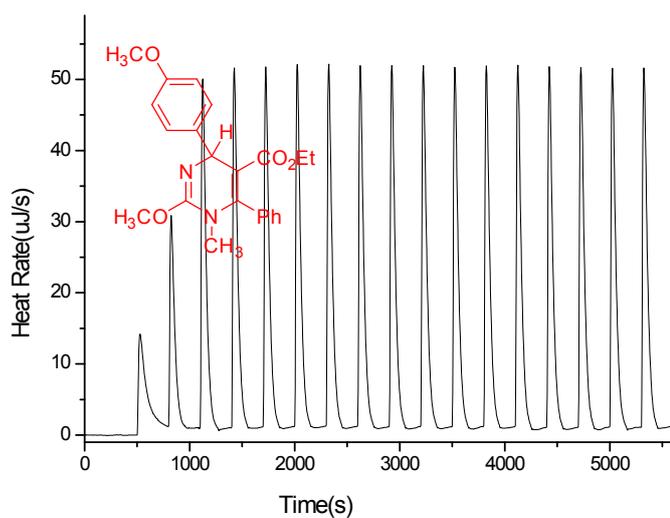


Figure s22. ITC for the reaction heat of **2H**(R = OCH₃) with PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **2H**(R = OCH₃) (2.98 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

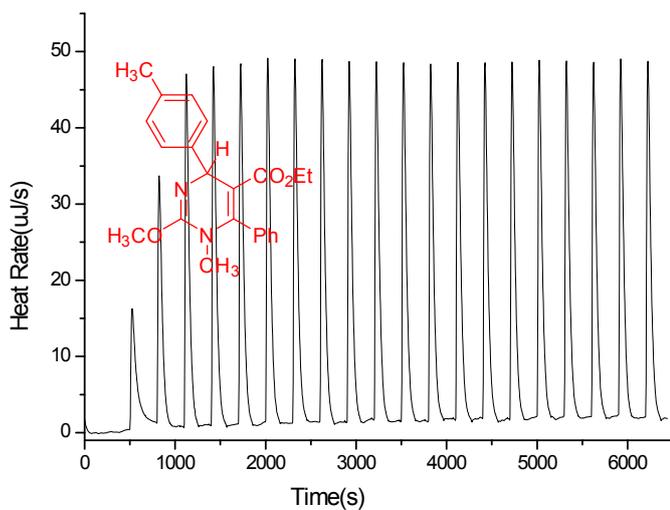


Figure s23. ITC for the reaction heat of **2H**(R = CH₃) with PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **2H**(R = CH₃) (2.89 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

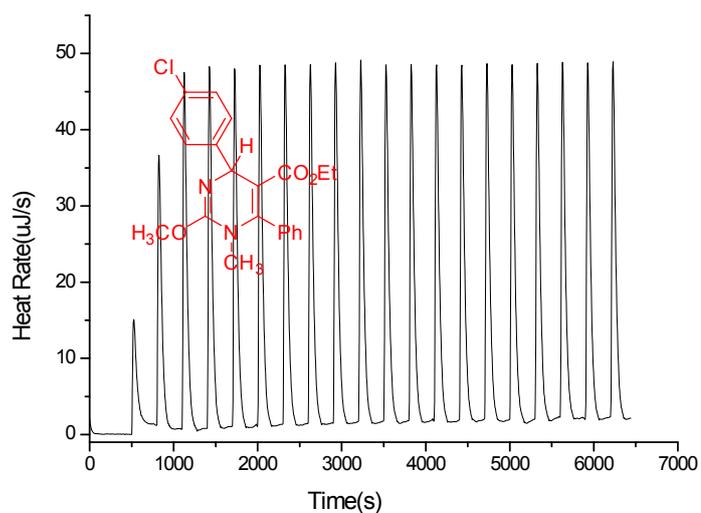


Figure s24. ITC for the reaction heat of **2H**(R = Cl) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding $10 \mu\text{L}$ of **2H**(R = Cl) (3.04 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

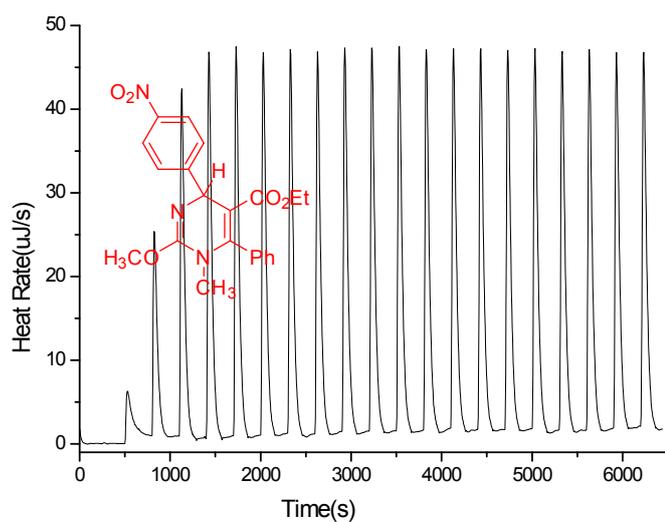


Figure s25. ITC for the reaction heat of **2H**(R = NO_2) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding $10 \mu\text{L}$ of **2H**(R = NO_2) (2.98 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

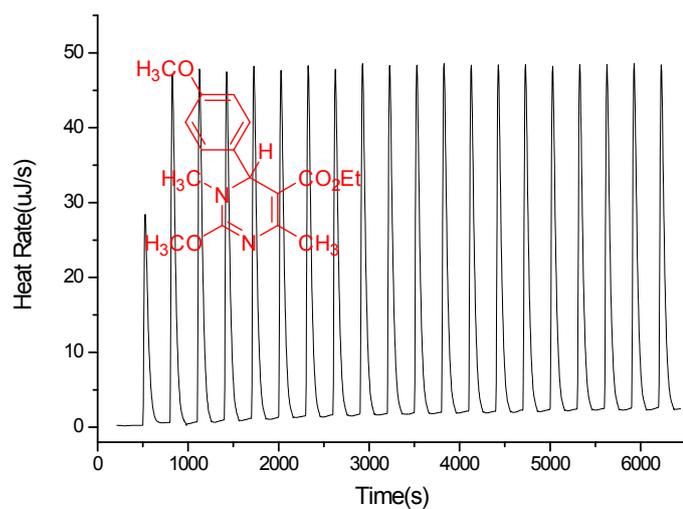


Figure s26. ITC for the reaction heat of **3H**(R = OCH₃) with PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **3H**(R = OCH₃) (2.98 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

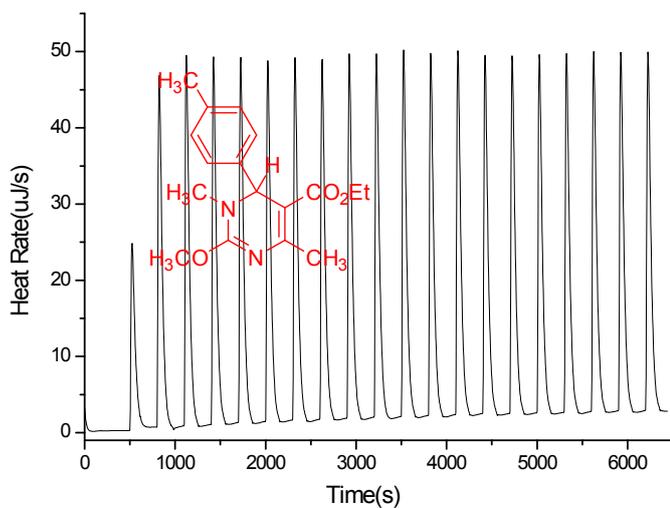


Figure s27. ITC for the reaction heat of **3H**(R = CH₃) with PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **3H**(R = CH₃) (3.03 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

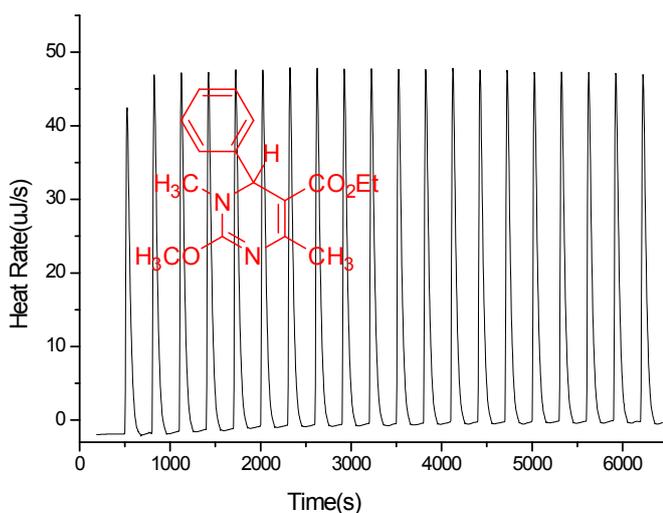


Figure s28. ITC for the reaction heat of **3H**(R = H) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **3H**(R = H) (2.99 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

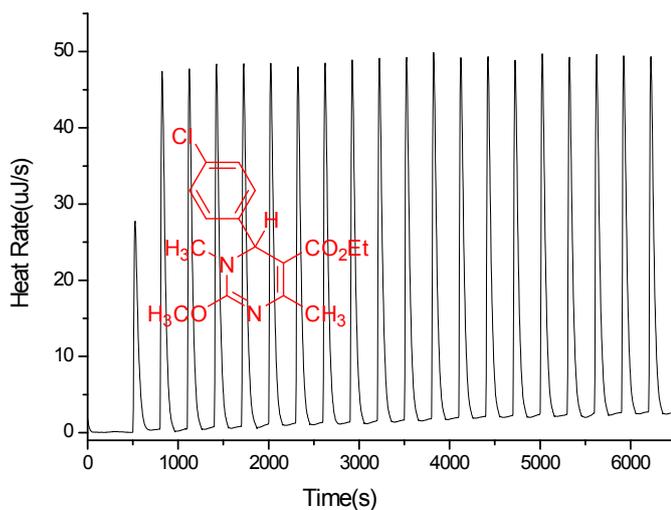


Figure s29. ITC for the reaction heat of **3H**(R = Cl) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **3H**(R = Cl) (3.02 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

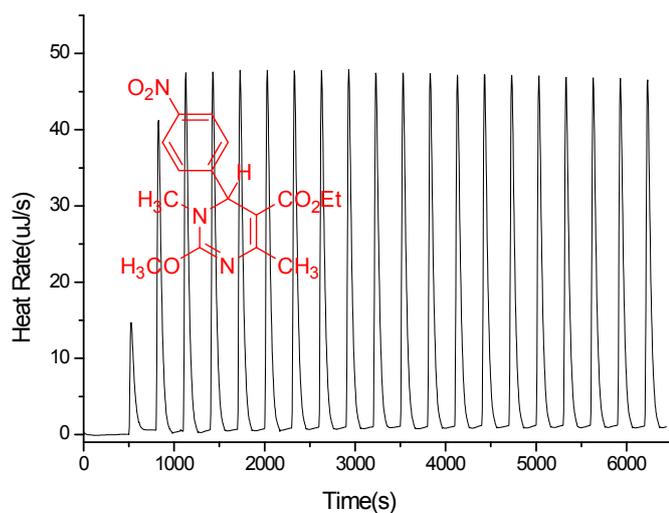


Figure s30. ITC for the reaction heat of **3H** ($R = \text{NO}_2$) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding $10 \mu\text{L}$ of **3H** ($R = \text{NO}_2$) (3.03 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

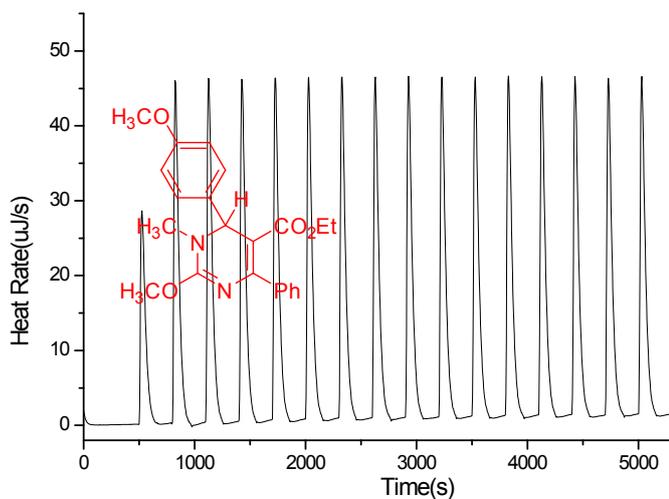


Figure s31. ITC for the reaction heat of **4H** ($R = \text{OCH}_3$) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding $10 \mu\text{L}$ of **4H** ($R = \text{OCH}_3$) (3.00 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

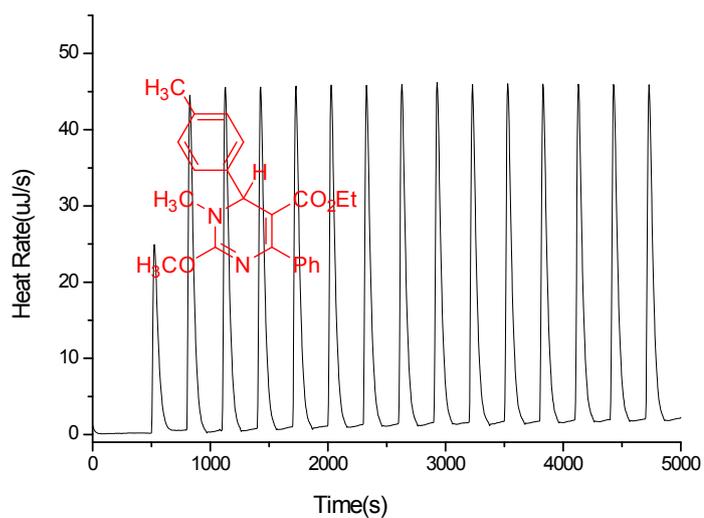


Figure s32. ITC for the reaction heat of **4H**(R = CH₃) with PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **4H**(R = CH₃) (3.01 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

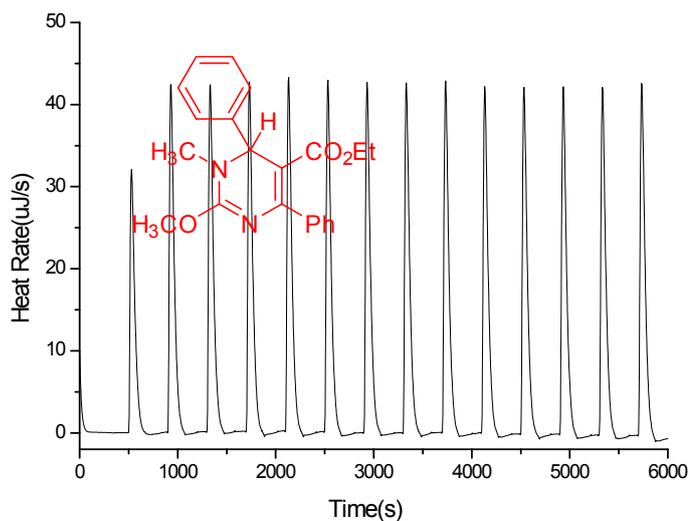


Figure s33. ITC for the reaction heat of **4H**(R = H) with PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **4H**(R = H) (2.95 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

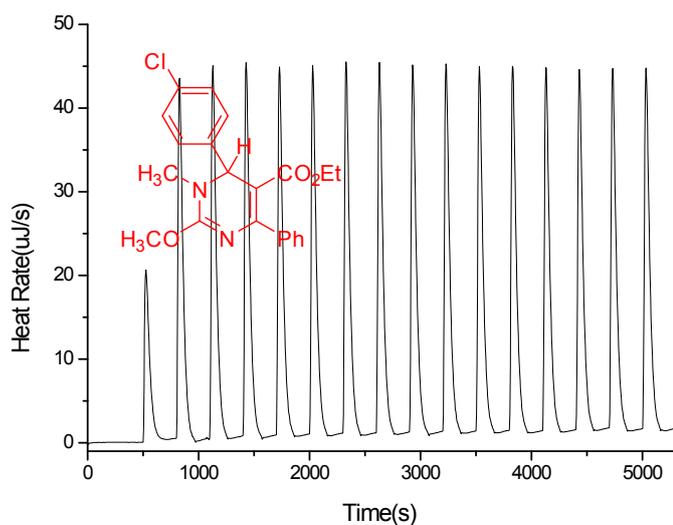


Figure s34. ITC for the reaction heat of **4H**(R = Cl) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding $10\ \mu\text{L}$ of **4H**(R = Cl) (3.15 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

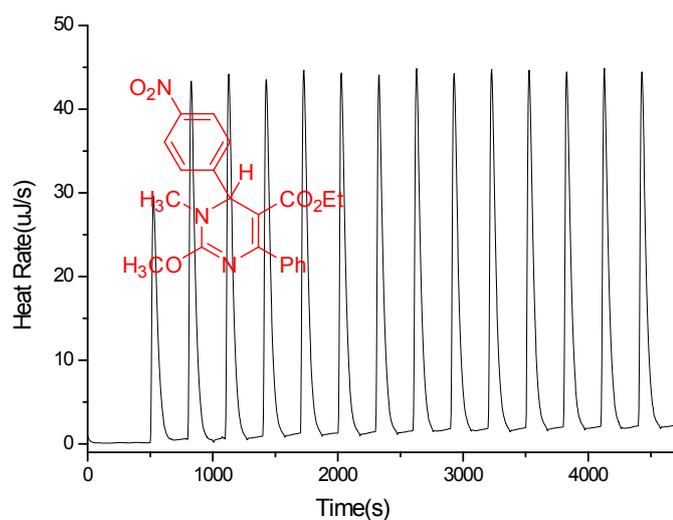


Figure s35. ITC for the reaction heat of **4H**(R = NO_2) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding $10\ \mu\text{L}$ of **4H**(R = NO_2) (3.09 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

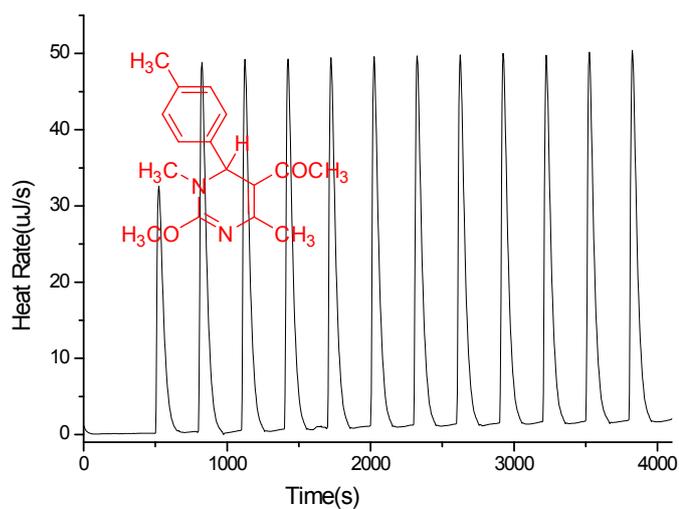


Figure s36. ITC for the reaction heat of **5H**(R = CH₃) with PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **5H**(R = CH₃) (3.07 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

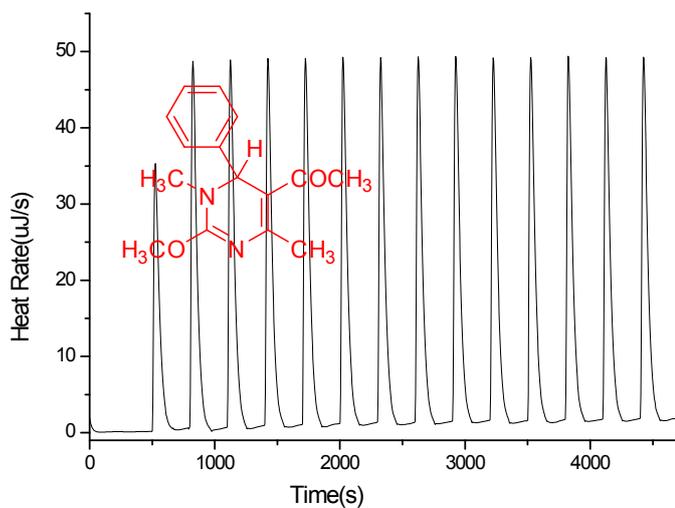


Figure s37. ITC for the reaction heat of **5H**(R = H) with PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding 10 μL of **5H**(R = H) (3.09 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing PhXn⁺ClO₄⁻ (ca. 30 mM).

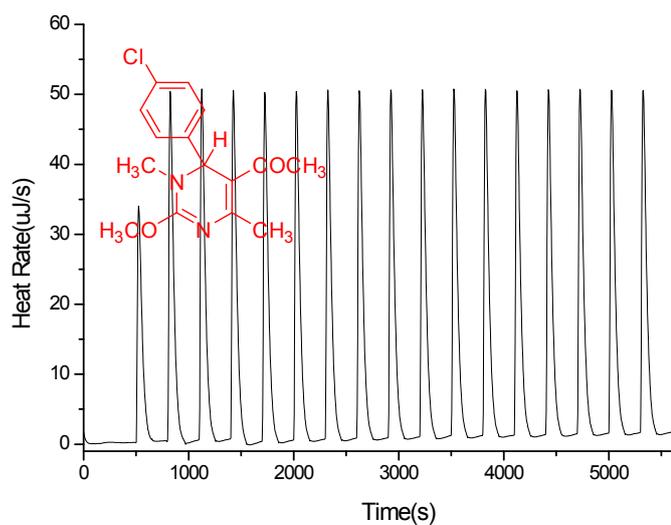


Figure s38. ITC for the reaction heat of **5H**(R = Cl) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding $10 \mu\text{L}$ of **5H**(R = Cl) (3.15 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

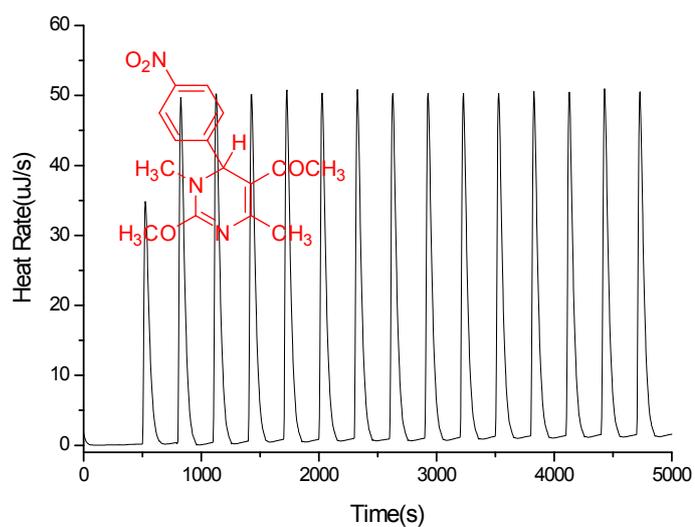


Figure s39. ITC for the reaction heat of **5H**(R = NO_2) with $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ in acetonitrile at 298 K. Titration was conducted by adding $10 \mu\text{L}$ of **5H**(R = NO_2) (3.21 mM) every 300 s into the acetonitrile containing $\text{PhXn}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ (ca. 30 mM).

Typical Hammett Plots for Thermodynamic Parameters.

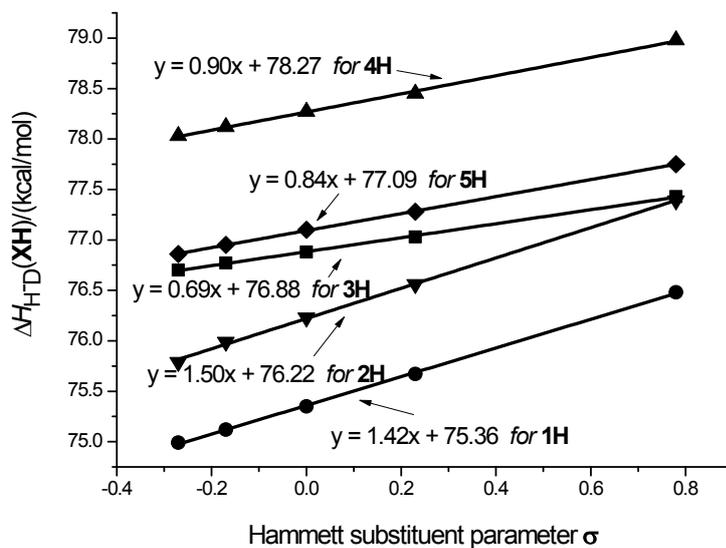


Figure s40. Plot of $\Delta H_{H-D}(XH)$ against Hammett substituent parameter (σ).

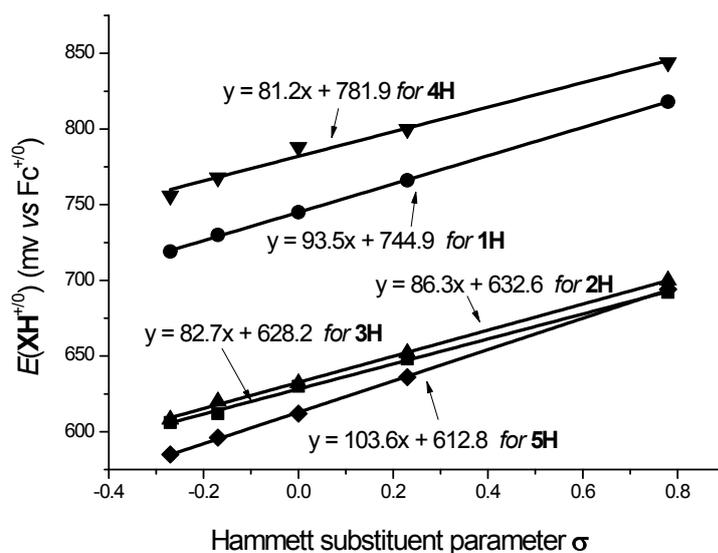


Figure s41. Plot of $E(XH^{+0})$ against Hammett substituent parameter (σ).