

## Supporting Information

Facile and Efficient Method for the Synthesis of 1,2,4-

Trisubstituted Imidazoles with Enamides and Benzylamines

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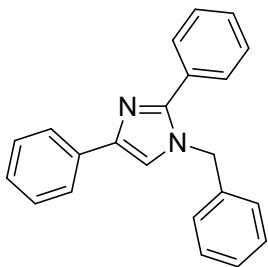
## **1. General remark**

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker avance III-400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta = 0$  ppm) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> as an internal standard. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were obtained by using the same NMR spectrometers and were calibrated with CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta = 77.00$  ppm). Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200–300 mesh silica gels. All melting points were determined without correction. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification. The enamides were in all cases prepared from the corresponding ketoximes according to reported literature.<sup>19</sup>

## **2. General experimental procedure**

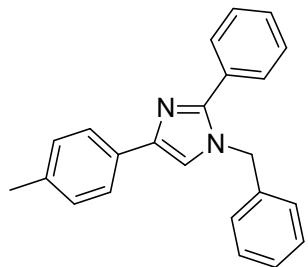
A test tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with enamides **1a** (0.2 mmol), benzylamine **2a** (0.6 mmol), CuBr (0.02 mmol) and I<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol) were mixed in 1, 4-dioxane (2 mL). Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 8 h. The reaction mixture was cooled down to rt and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:2-4:1) to afford the desired imidazoles **3aa**.

### 3. Characterization data of 1,2,4-trisubstituted



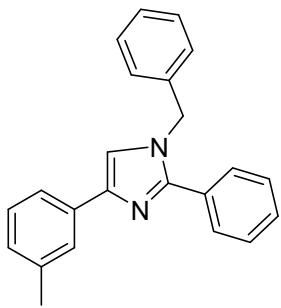
#### **1-benzyl-2,4-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (3aa).**

Yellow Solid, mp: 121-123 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.84\text{-}7.81$  (m, 2 H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 8 H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2 H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2 H), 5.19 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 148.56, 141.47, 136.80, 134.01, 130.41, 128.96, 128.94, 128.56, 128.47, 127.91, 126.74, 126.61, 124.87, 116.78, 50.42$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 310.



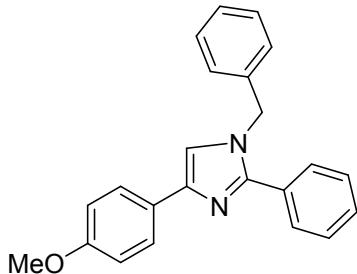
#### **1-benzyl-2-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)-1H-imidazole (3ba).**

Yellow Solid, mp: 138 - 148 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.72\text{-}7.70$  (m, 2 H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 6 H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 3 H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2 H), 5.17 (s, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 148.40, 141.59, 136.88, 136.35, 131.25, 130.51, 129.16, 128.97, 128.92, 128.85, 128.53, 127.87, 126.62, 124.81, 116.34, 50.40, 21.15$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 324.



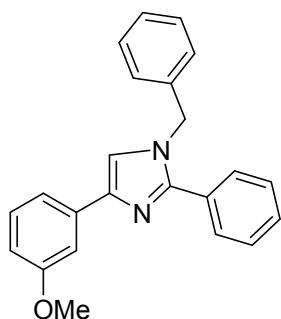
**1-benzyl-2-phenyl-4-(m-tolyl)-1H-imidazole (3ca).**

Yellow Solid, mp: 130 - 132°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 7.72-7.70 (m, 2 H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 6 H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 3 H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 2 H), 5.17 (s, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 148.40, 141.59, 136.88, 136.35, 131.25, 130.51, 129.16, 128.97, 128.92, 128.85, 128.53, 127.87, 126.62, 124.81, 116.34, 50.40, 21.15; MS (EI) m/z: 324.



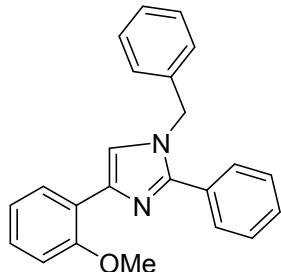
**1-benzyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ea).**

Yellow Solid, mp: 146 - 148°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 7.76-7.74 (m, 2 H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 3 H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 3 H), 6.91-6.89 (m, 2 H), 5.18 (s, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 158.66, 148.34, 141.35, 136.89, 130.47, 128.95, 128.92, 128.86, 128.54, 127.87, 126.92, 126.61, 126.13, 115.76, 113.91, 55.22, 50.38; MS (EI) m/z: 340.



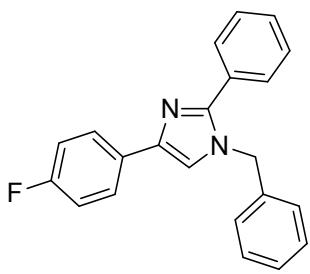
**1-benzyl-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3fa).**

Yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.62\text{-}7.59$  (m, 2 H),  $7.44\text{-}7.39$  (m, 4 H),  $7.37\text{-}7.28$  (m, 4 H),  $7.26\text{-}7.24$  (m, 2 H),  $7.13\text{-}7.12$  (m, 2 H),  $6.80\text{-}6.78$  (m, 1 H),  $5.21$  (s, 2 H),  $3.84$  (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 159.94$ ,  $148.52$ ,  $141.37$ ,  $136.78$ ,  $135.48$ ,  $130.39$ ,  $129.48$ ,  $129.01$ ,  $128.98$ ,  $128.60$ ,  $127.95$ ,  $126.64$ ,  $117.41$ ,  $117.07$ ,  $113.01$ ,  $109.86$ ,  $55.30$ ,  $50.47$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 340.



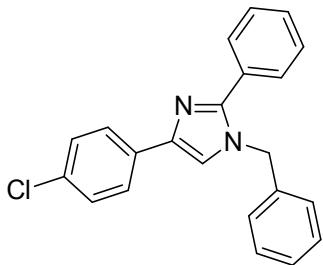
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Yellow Solid, mp:  $156 - 158^\circ\text{C}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 8.36\text{-}8.34$  (m, 1 H),  $7.60\text{-}7.58$  (m, 3 H),  $7.40\text{-}7.28$  (m, 6 H),  $7.24\text{-}7.19$  (m, 1 H),  $7.13\text{-}7.11$  (m, 2 H),  $7.06\text{-}7.02$  (m, 1 H),  $6.94\text{-}6.92$  (m, 1 H),  $5.24$  (s, 2 H),  $3.89$  (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 155.97$ ,  $147.36$ ,  $137.82$ ,  $136.88$ ,  $130.66$ ,  $128.96$ ,  $128.89$ ,  $128.77$ ,  $128.51$ ,  $127.70$ ,  $127.56$ ,  $127.27$ ,  $126.38$ ,  $122.73$ ,  $121.45$ ,  $120.85$ ,  $110.53$ ,  $55.21$ ,  $50.28$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 340.



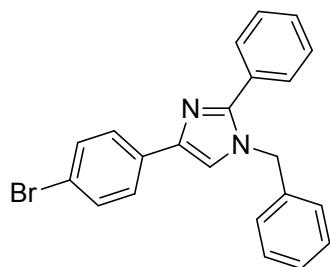
**1-benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ha).**

Yellow Solid, mp: 107-109 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 7.80-7.76 (m, 2 H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 3 H), 7.38-7.29 (m, 3 H), 7.18 (s, 1 H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2 H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2 H), 5.20 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 163.23-160.80 (d,  $J$  = 243 Hz, 1 C), 148.70, 140.75, 136.79, 130.38-130.35 (d,  $J$  = 3 Hz), 130.32-129.08 (d,  $J$  = 124 Hz), 129.05-129.02 (d,  $J$  = 3 Hz), 128.68, 128.05, 126.71, 126.58-126.50 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz), 116.44, 115.49-115.28 (d,  $J$  = 21 Hz), 50.53.; MS (EI) m/z: 328.



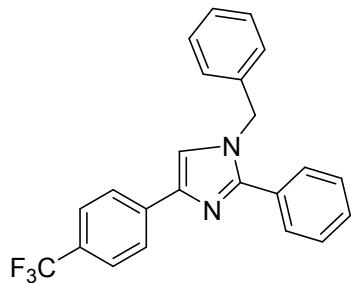
**1-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ia).**

Yellow Solid, mp: 125-128 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 7.76-7.74 (d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.42-7.09 (m, 3 H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 5 H), 7.21 (s, 1 H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2 H), 5.20 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 148.82, 140.50, 136.70, 132.66, 132.32, 130.30, 129.15, 129.08, 129.02, 128.70, 128.68, 128.09, 126.74, 126.20, 116.96, 50.58; MS (EI) m/z: 344.



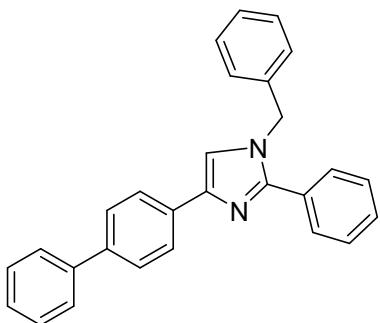
**1-benzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ja).**

Yellow Solid, mp: 164-166 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.71\text{-}7.68$  (m, 2 H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 2 H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 3 H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 3 H), 7.24 (s, 1 H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2 H), 5.21 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 148.80, 140.44, 136.62, 133.02, 131.55, 130.20, 129.12, 129.03, 128.97, 128.67, 128.05, 126.68, 126.46, 120.38, 116.95, 50.52$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 388.



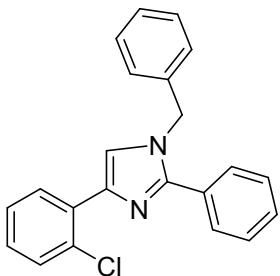
**1-benzyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl) -2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ka).**

Yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.93\text{-}7.91$  (m, 2 H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 4 H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 3 H), 7.24 (s, 1 H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2 H), 5.22 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 149.09, 140.13, 137.51, 136.51, 130.12, 129.23, 129.07, 129.00, 128.70, 128.62, 128.30, 128.12, 126.70, 125.75, 125.65, 125.53, 125.49, 125.46, 125.42, 124.88, 123.05, 117.90, 50.60$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 378.



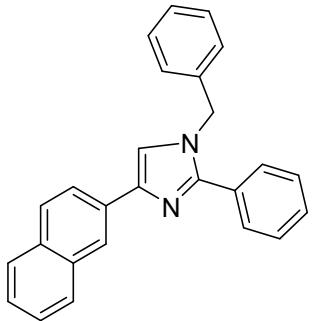
**1-benzyl-4-(biphenyl-4-yl)-2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3la).**

Yellow Solid, mp: 128-130 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.91\text{-}7.89$  (m, 2 H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 6 H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 5 H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 4 H), 7.29 (s, 1 H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2 H), 5.20 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 148.68, 141.16, 140.39, 139.39, 136.80, 133.11, 130.41, 129.00, 128.98, 128.68, 128.60, 127.95, 127.17, 127.03, 126.84, 126.64, 125.26, 116.94, 50.48$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 386.



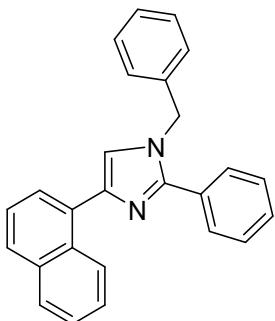
**1-benzyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ma).**

Yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 8.32\text{-}8.30$  (m, 1 H), 7.74 (s, 1 H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 4 H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 4 H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 3 H), 5.25 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 147.68, 137.48, 136.82, 132.39, 130.75, 130.29, 130.09, 129.67, 129.01, 128.98, 128.95, 127.91, 127.42, 126.83, 126.48, 121.59, 50.51$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 344.



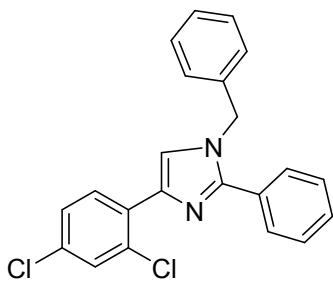
**1-benzyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)- 2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ns):**

Yellow solid, mp: 136-138 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ = 8.38 (s, 1 H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 2 H), 7.84-7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 2 H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 5 H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 4 H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2 H), 5.21 (s, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ = 148.87, 141.49, 136.78, 133.85, 132.65, 131.42, 130.45, 129.06, 129.04, 129.01, 128.64, 128.08, 128.04, 127.99, 127.61, 126.71, 126.01, 125.28, 123.69, 123.00, 117.27, 50.54; MS (EI) m/z: 360.



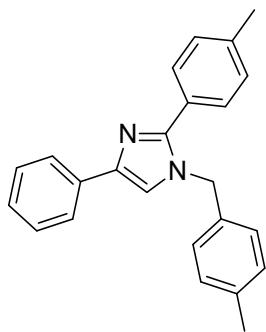
**1-benzyl-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)- 2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3os):**

Yellow liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ = 8.64-8.62 (m, 1 H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 1 H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 2 H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2 H), 7.51-7.40 (m, 5 H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3 H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 2 H), 5.32 (s, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ = 148.22, 140.89, 136.94, 134.05, 131.93, 131.34, 130.52, 129.05, 128.94, 128.60, 128.43, 128.30, 128.00, 127.62, 126.69, 126.61, 126.06, 125.53, 125.44, 119.97, 50.58; MS (EI) m/z: 360.



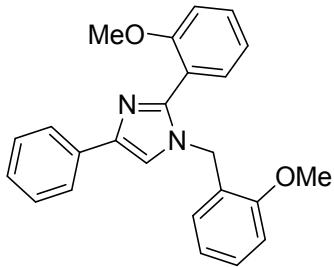
**1-benzyl-4-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3pq):**

Yellow liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ = 7.94-7.93 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1 H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 3 H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 4 H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 3 H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2 H), 5.20 (s, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ = 148.98, 139.32, 136.45, 134.24, 132.62, 130.39, 130.16, 130.05, 129.23, 129.07, 128.96, 128.70, 128.13, 126.71, 126.62, 124.06, 117.40, 50.60; MS (EI) m/z: 378.



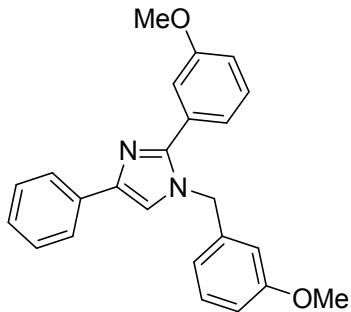
**1-(4-methylbenzyl)-4-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)-1H-imidazole (3ab).**

Yellow solid, mp: 94-95 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ = 7.82-7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 4 H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2 H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 2 H), 5.13 (s, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ = 148.62, 141.24, 138.81, 137.63, 134.14, 133.85, 129.56, 129.21, 128.86, 128.42, 127.57, 126.63, 126.61, 124.84, 116.56, 50.18, 21.28, 21.03; MS (EI) m/z: 338.



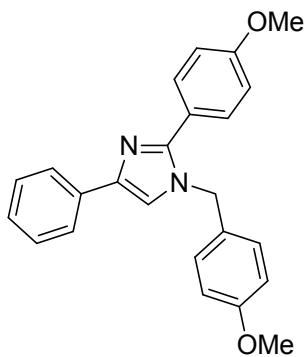
**1-(2-methoxybenzyl)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ae).**

Yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.82\text{-}7.80$  (m, 2 H),  $7.51\text{-}7.48$  (m, 1 H),  $7.43\text{-}7.38$  (m, 1 H),  $7.34\text{-}7.30$  (m, 2 H),  $7.25$  (s, 1 H),  $7.23\text{-}7.16$  (m, 2 H),  $7.05\text{-}7.01$  (m, 1 H),  $6.95\text{-}6.81$  (m, 4 H),  $4.97$  (s, 2 H),  $3.74$  (s, 3 H),  $3.70$  (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 157.59, 156.80, 146.14, 141.05, 134.47, 132.59, 130.77, 128.97, 128.88, 128.34, 126.31, 125.32, 124.75, 120.80, 120.48, 120.22, 116.09, 110.79, 110.16, 55.29, 55.19, 45.50$ ; MS (EI)  $m/z: 370$ .



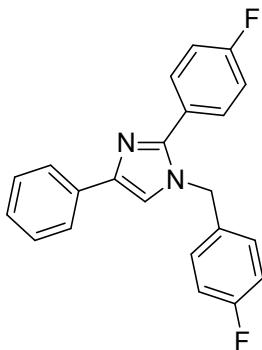
**1-(3-methoxybenzyl)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ad).**

Yellow solid, mp: 121-123 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.85\text{-}7.83$  (m, 2 H),  $7.38\text{-}7.21$  (m, 6 H),  $7.17\text{-}7.15$  (m, 2 H),  $6.97\text{-}6.94$  (m, 1 H),  $6.85\text{-}6.82$  (m, 1 H),  $6.74\text{-}6.72$  (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1 H),  $6.67$  (s, 1 H),  $5.20$  (s, 2 H),  $3.76$  (s, 3 H),  $3.75$  (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 160.09, 159.66, 148.40, 141.44, 138.47, 133.98, 131.57, 130.10, 129.63, 128.51, 126.79, 124.91, 121.20, 118.82, 116.94, 115.38, 114.05, 113.14, 112.40, 55.25, 55.23, 50.41$ ; MS (EI)  $m/z: 370$ .



**1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ac).**

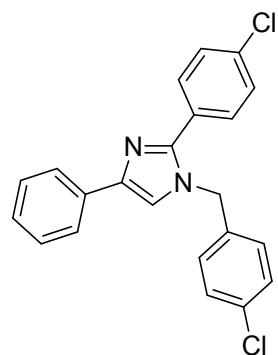
Yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.82\text{-}7.80$  (m, 2 H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.24-7.19 (m 2 H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 2 H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 2 H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 2 H), 5.10 (s, 2 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 160.18, 159.33, 148.44, 141.21, 134.24, 130.45, 128.92, 128.51, 128.13, 126.67, 124.89, 123.09, 116.40, 114.37, 114.05, 55.35, 55.33, 50.01$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 370.



**1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3af).**

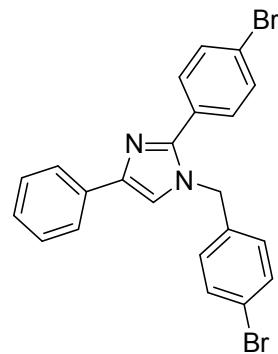
Yellow Solid, mp: 81-83°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.82\text{-}7.80$  (m, 2 H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.26-7.22 (m 2 H), 7.13-7.00 (m, 4 H), 5.14 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 164.40\text{-}161.92$  (d,  $J = 248$  Hz), 163.59-161.13 (d,  $J = 246$  Hz), 147.51, 141.60, 133.77, 132.35-132.32 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz), 130.92-130.84 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 128.55, 128.36-128.28 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz), 126.94, 126.53-126.50 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz), 124.86, 116.67, 116.11-115.89 (d,  $J = 22$  Hz), 155.85-155.63 (d,

*J* = 22 Hz), 49.82; MS (EI) m/z: 346.



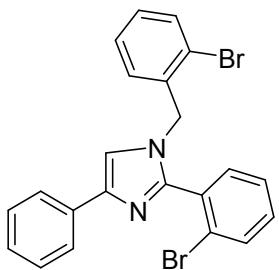
**1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ag).**

Yellow Solid, mp: 100-102°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 7.82-7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 4 H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2 H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 2 H), 5.15 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 147.32, 141.88, 135.21, 135.01, 134.01, 133.66, 130.12, 129.26, 128.92, 128.69, 128.58, 127.85, 127.03, 124.89, 116.97, 49.90; MS (EI) m/z: 378.



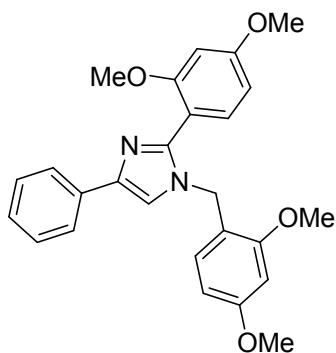
**1-(4-bromobenzyl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ah).**

Yellow solid, mp: 102-103 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 7.82-7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 4 H), 7.38-7.34 (m 2 H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2 H), 6.97-6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.12 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  = 147.33, 141.91, 135.52, 133.62, 132.21, 131.86, 130.33, 129.10, 128.57, 128.14, 127.05, 124.88, 123.41, 122.07, 117.01, 49.94; MS (EI) m/z: 466.



**1-(2-bromobenzyl)-2-(2-bromophenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ai).**

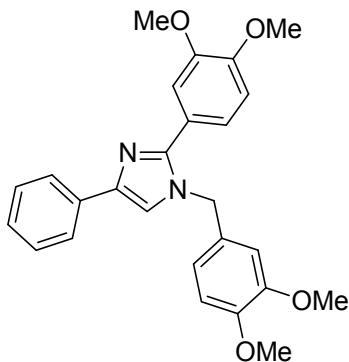
Yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.83\text{-}7.81$  (m, 2 H), 7.68-7.66 (m, 1 H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 1 H), 7.44-7.38 (m 1 H), 7.36-7.25 (m, 4 H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 3 H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1 H), 6.94-6.92 (m, 1 H), 5.09 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 147.18, 141.44, 135.58, 133.86, 133.04, 132.89, 132.87, 132.04, 131.23, 129.71, 129.32, 128.57, 127.91, 127.54, 126.90, 124.92, 124.73, 123.01, 115.64, 50.64$ ; MS (EI)  $m/z: 466$ .



**1-(2,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3aj).**

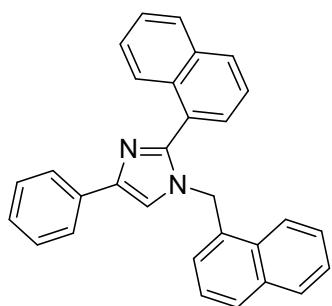
Yellow solid, mp: 106-108 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.80\text{-}7.78$  (m, 2 H), 7.43-7.41 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1 H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2 H), 6.84-6.82 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1 H), 6.59-6.56 (m, 1 H), 6.52-6.51 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1 H), 6.41-6.36 (m, 2 H), 4.88 (s, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 161.96, 160.64, 158.76, 157.98, 145.88, 133.25, 129.91, 128.32, 126.24, 124.72, 117.77, 115.77, 104.73, 103.99, 98.47, 98.30, 55.46, 55.38$ ,

55.35, 55.27, 45.09; MS (EI) m/z: 430.



**1-(3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3ak).**

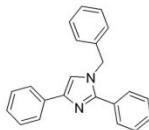
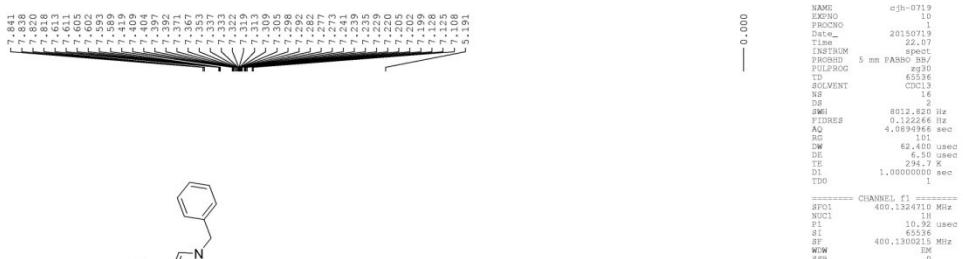
Yellow solid, mp: 183-185 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.85\text{-}7.83$  (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.19-7.18 (d,  $J = 2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 1 H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 1 H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 1 H), 6.72-6.69 (m, 1 H), 6.63-6.62 (m, 1 H), 5.15 (s, 2 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 149.65, 149.33, 148.91, 148.66, 148.34, 141.11, 134.02, 129.35, 128.48, 126.71, 124.82, 123.09, 121.36, 118.95, 116.62, 112.27, 111.32, 110.84, 109.64, 55.90, 55.85, 55.81, 50.24$ ; MS (EI) m/z: 430.



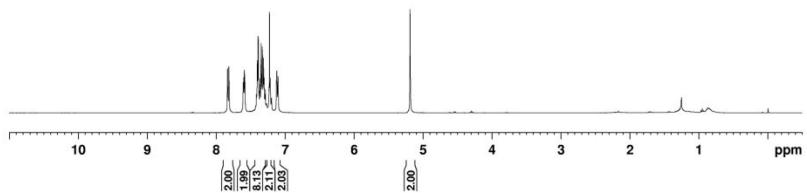
**2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-4-phenyl-1H-imidazole (3al).**

Yellow liquid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 7.98\text{-}7.90$  (m, 3 H), 7.85-7.79 (m, 4 H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 2 H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.51-7.40 (m, 3 H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3 H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 3 H), 5.40 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta = 147.04$ ,

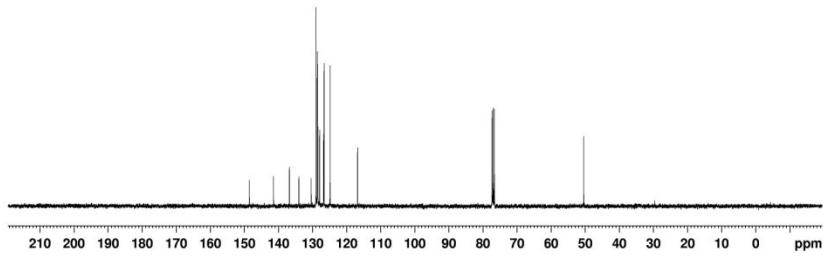
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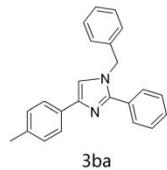


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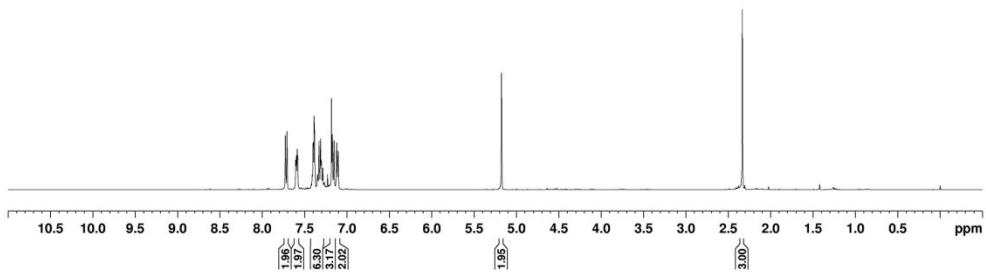


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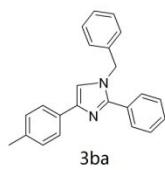




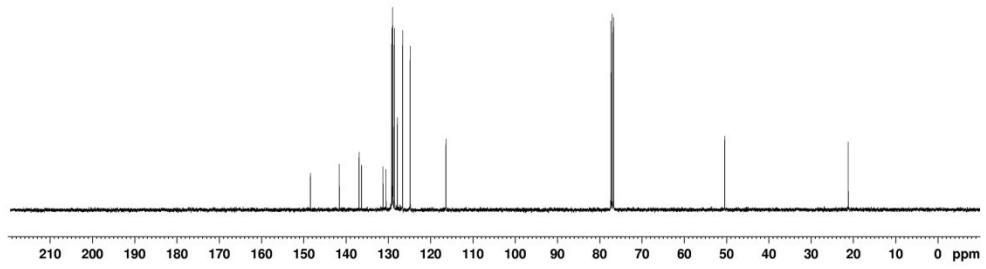
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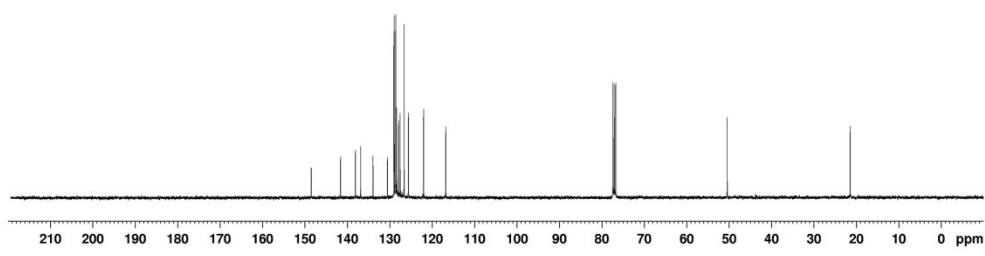
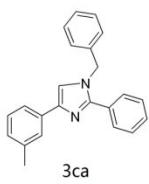
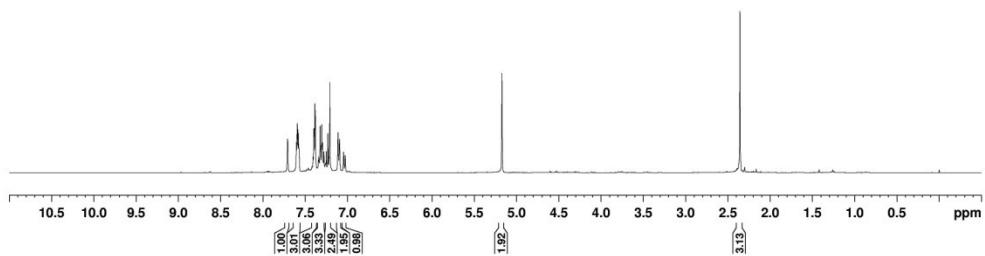
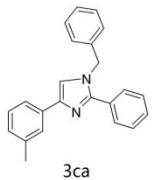


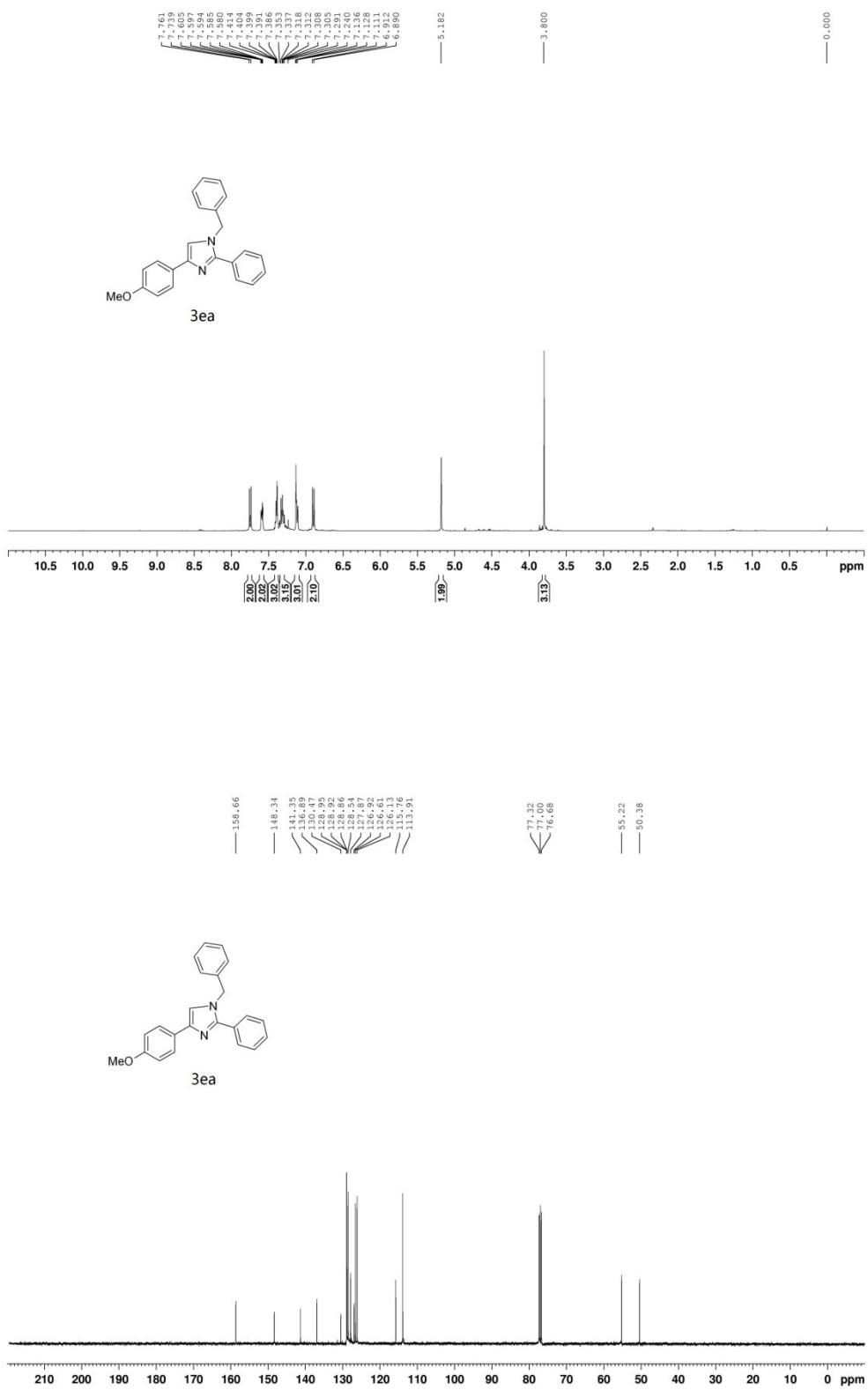
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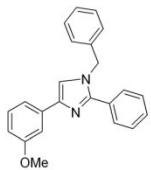


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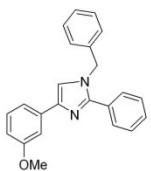
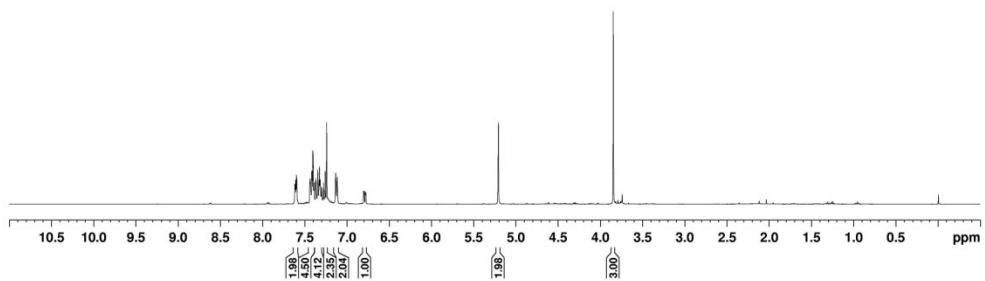




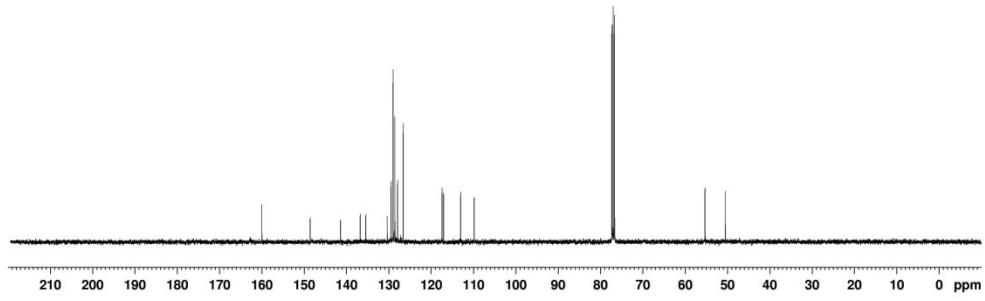


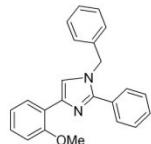
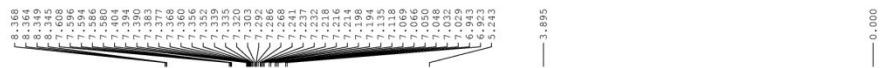


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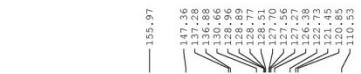
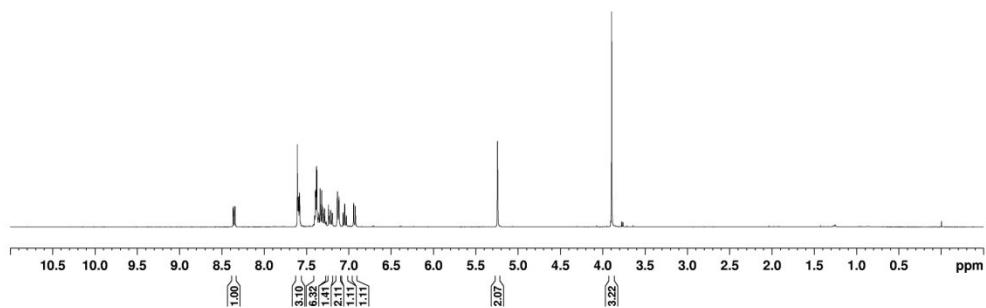


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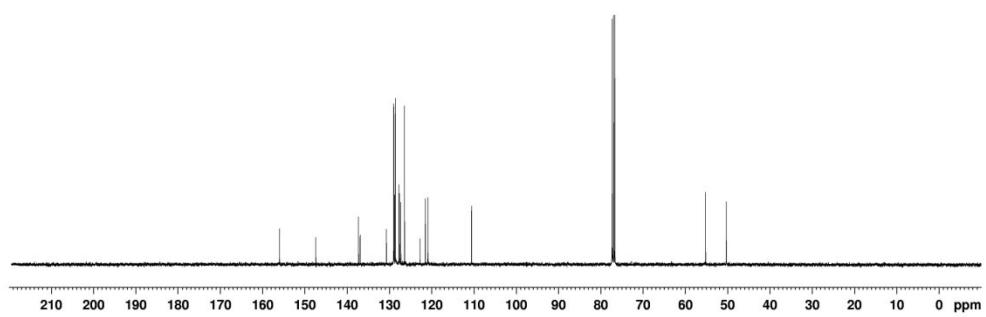


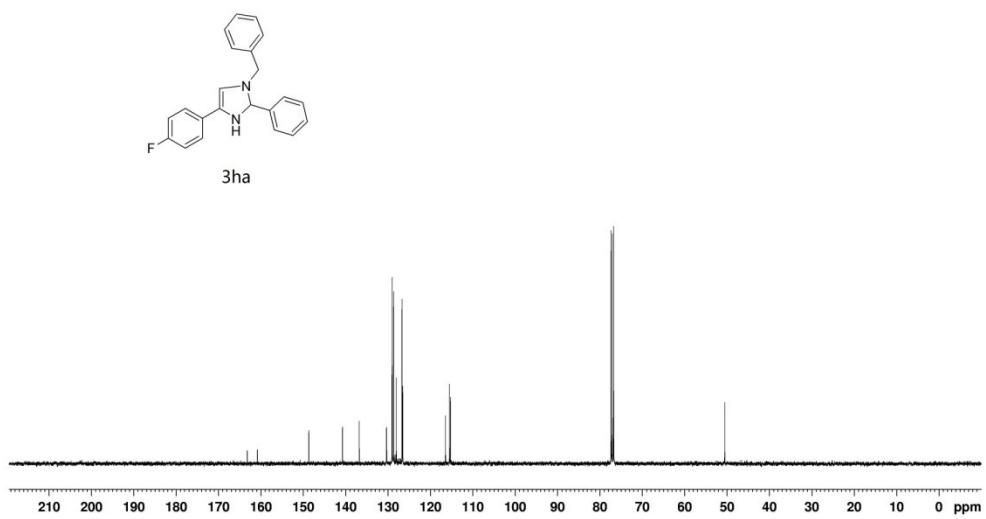
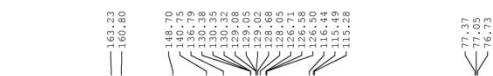
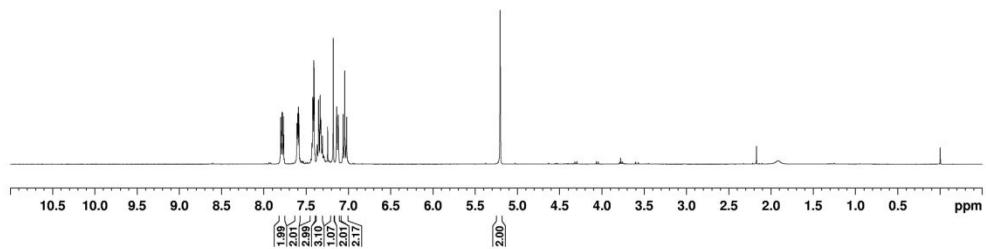
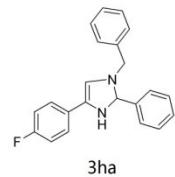


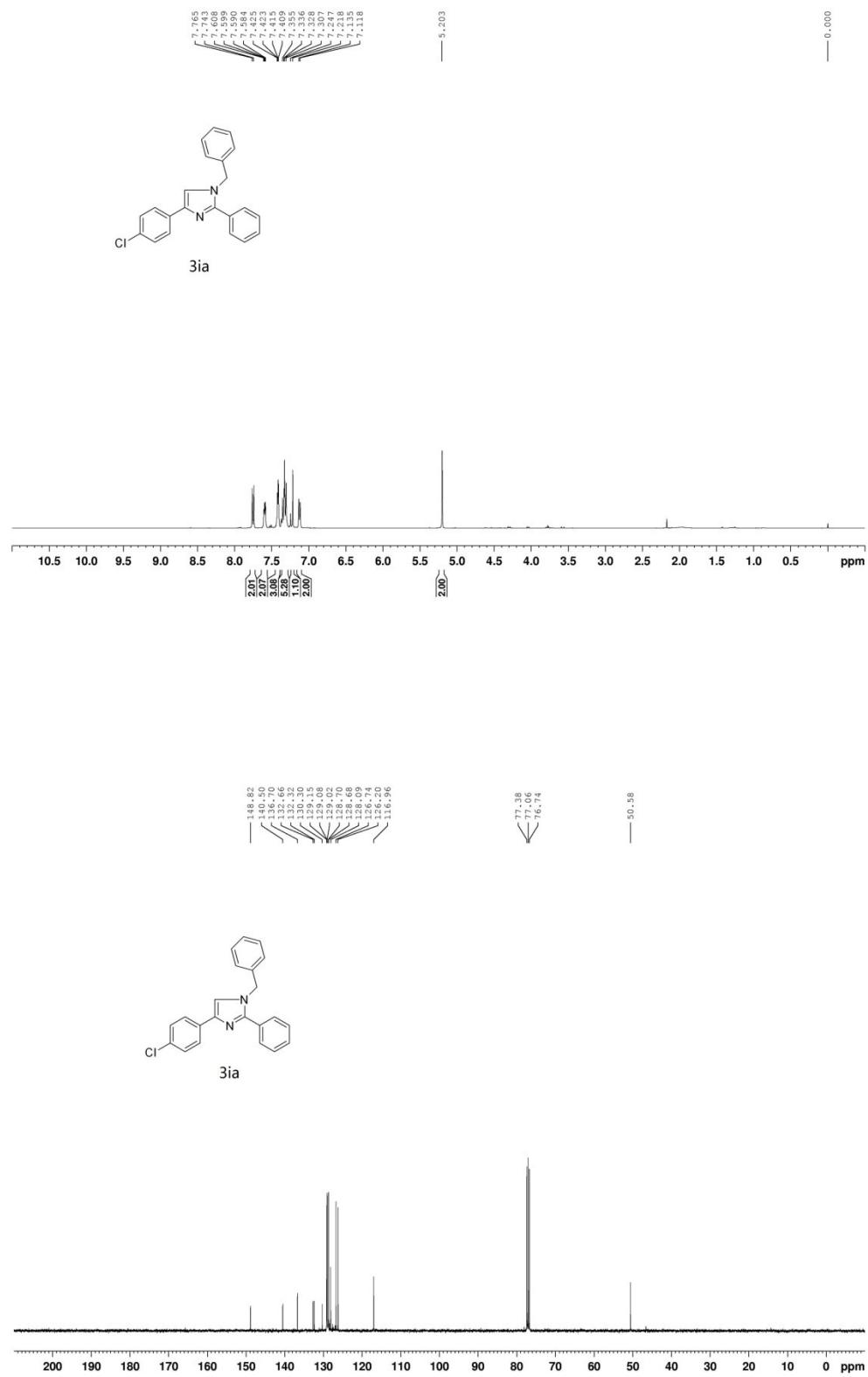
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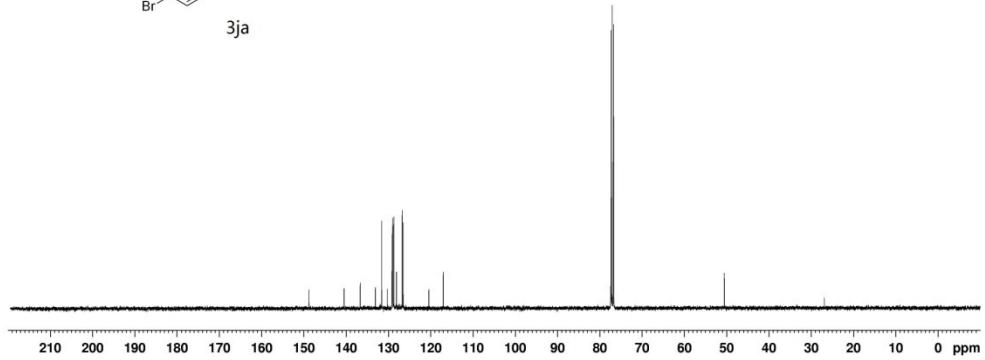
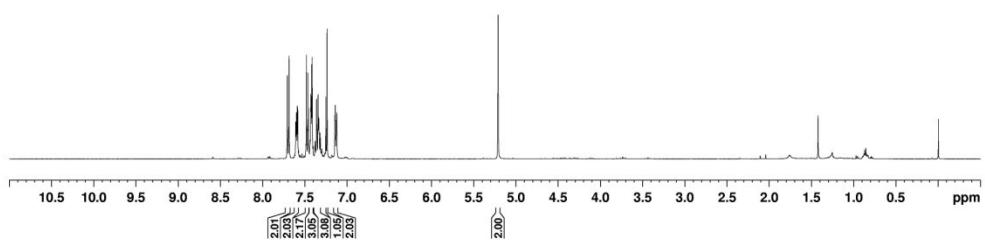
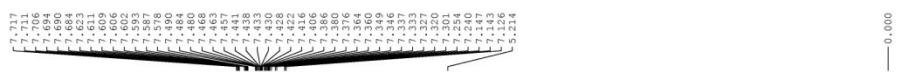


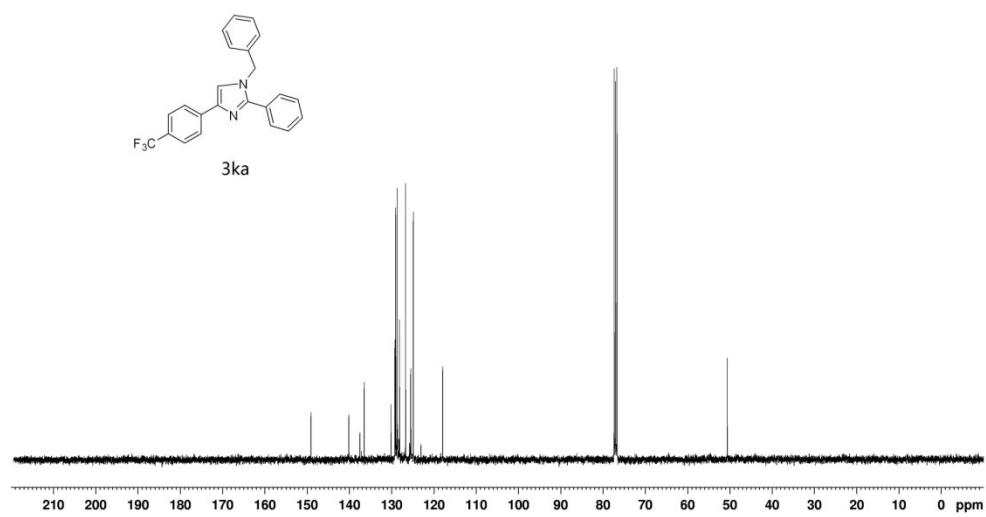
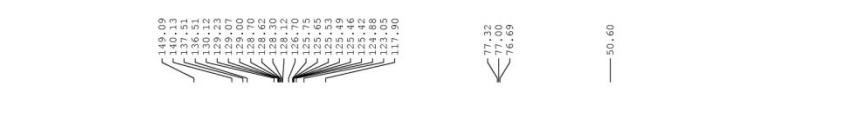
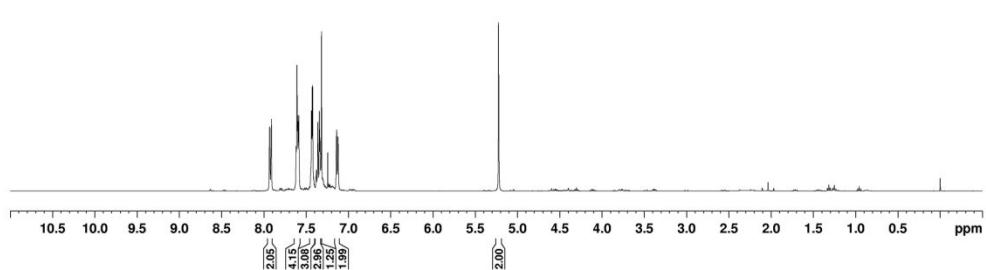
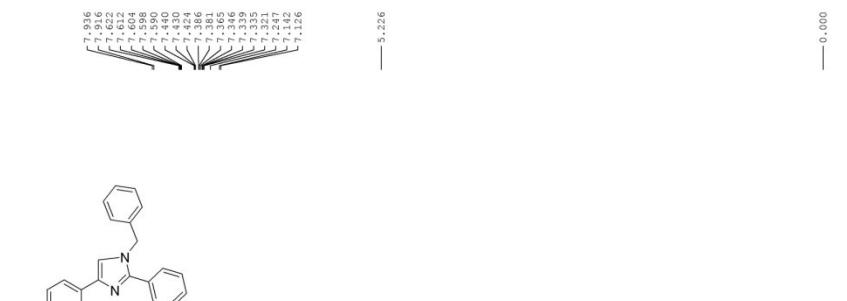
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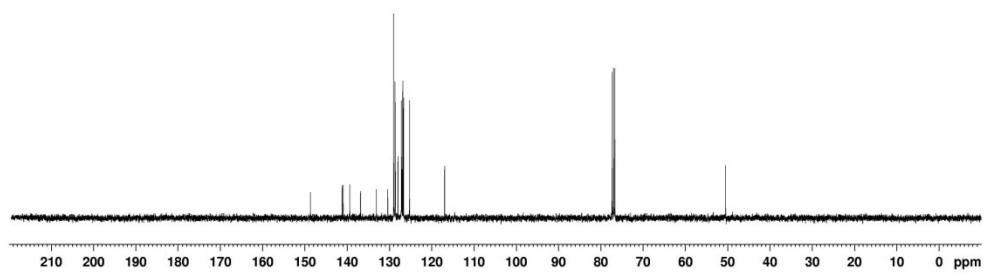
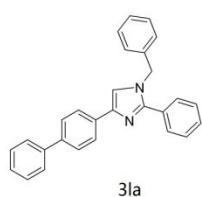
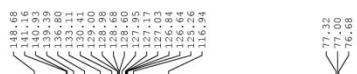
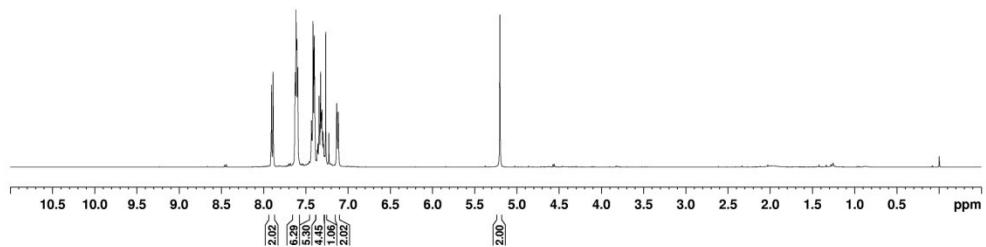
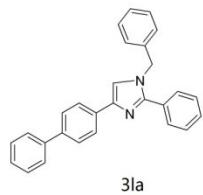


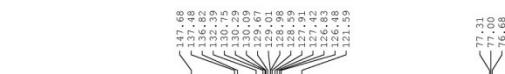
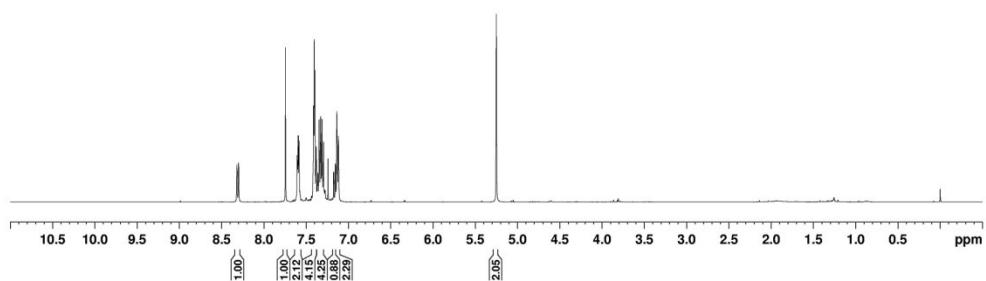
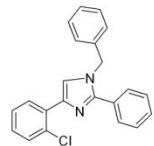




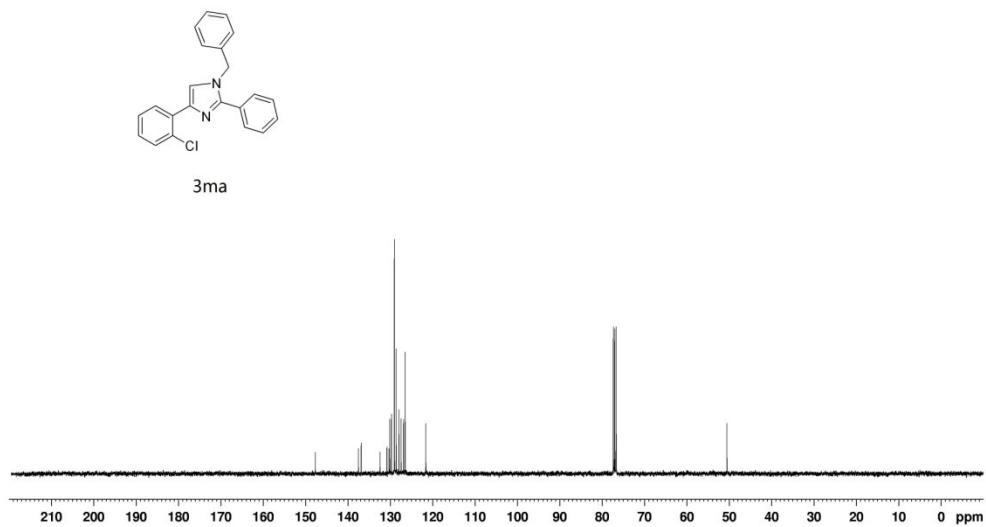


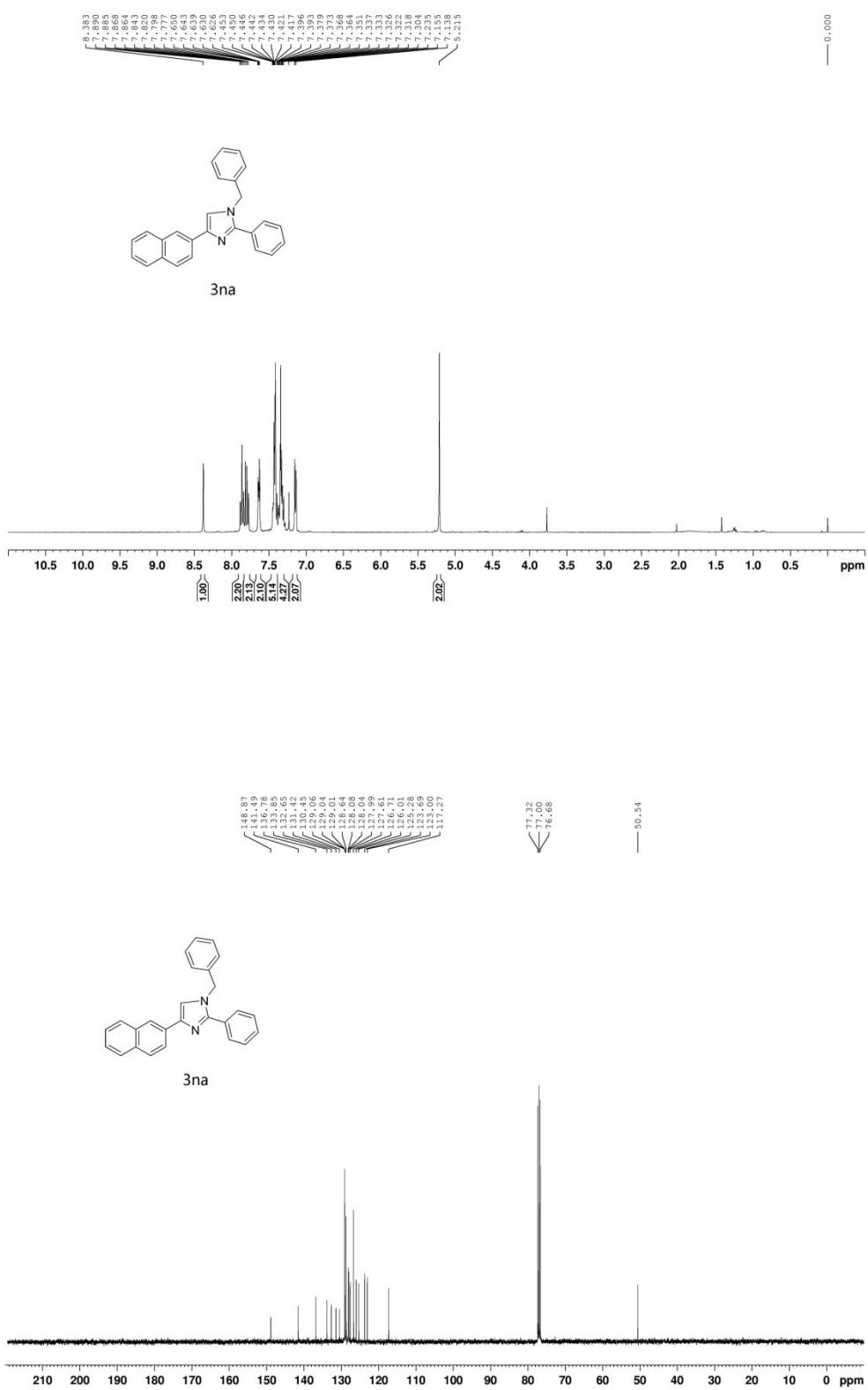


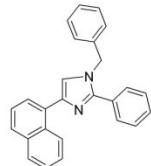




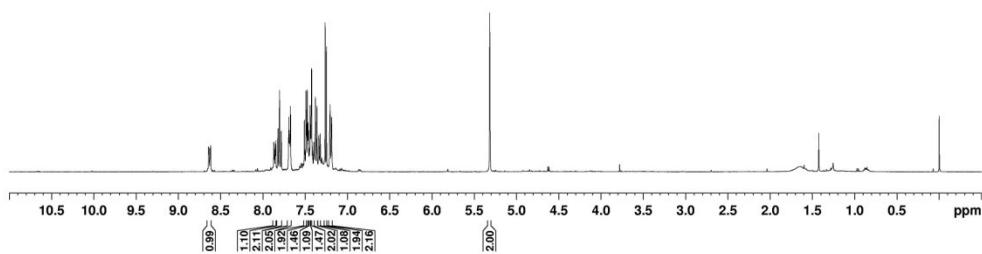
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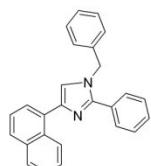




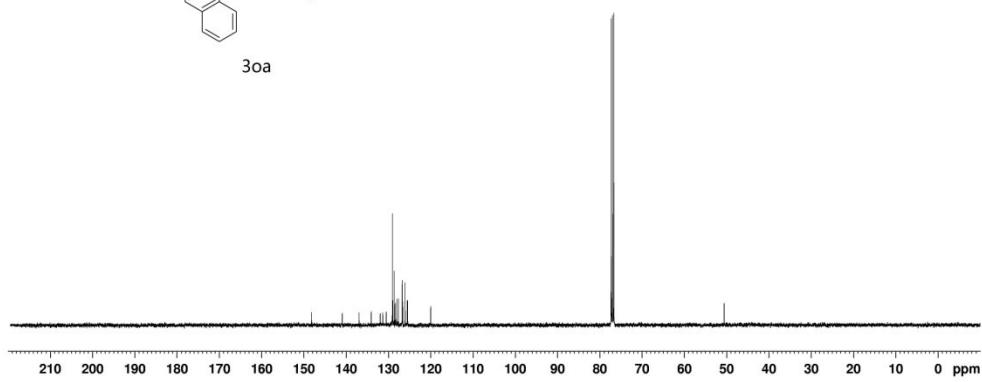
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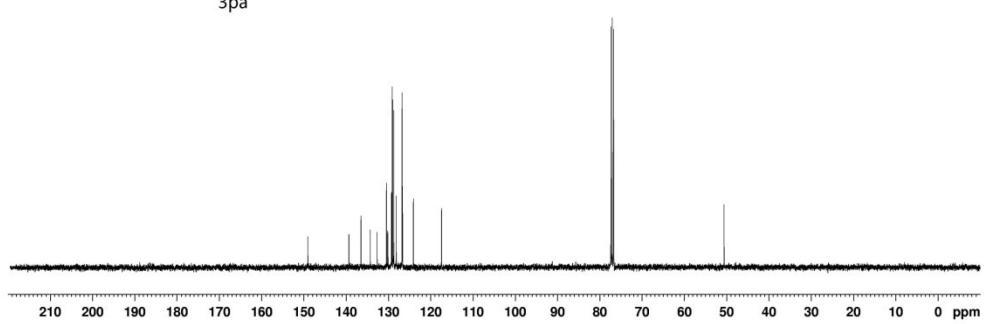
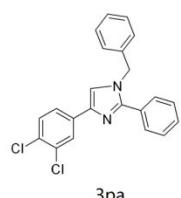
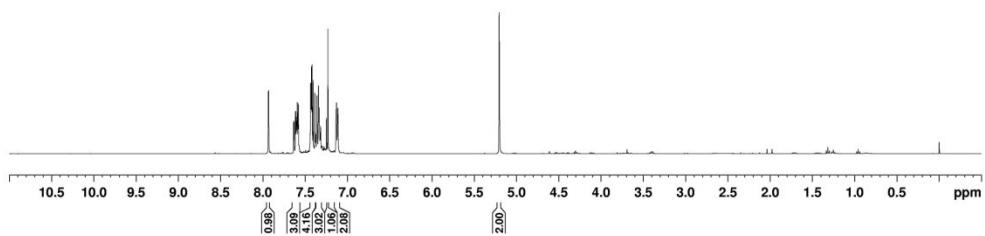
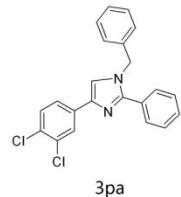


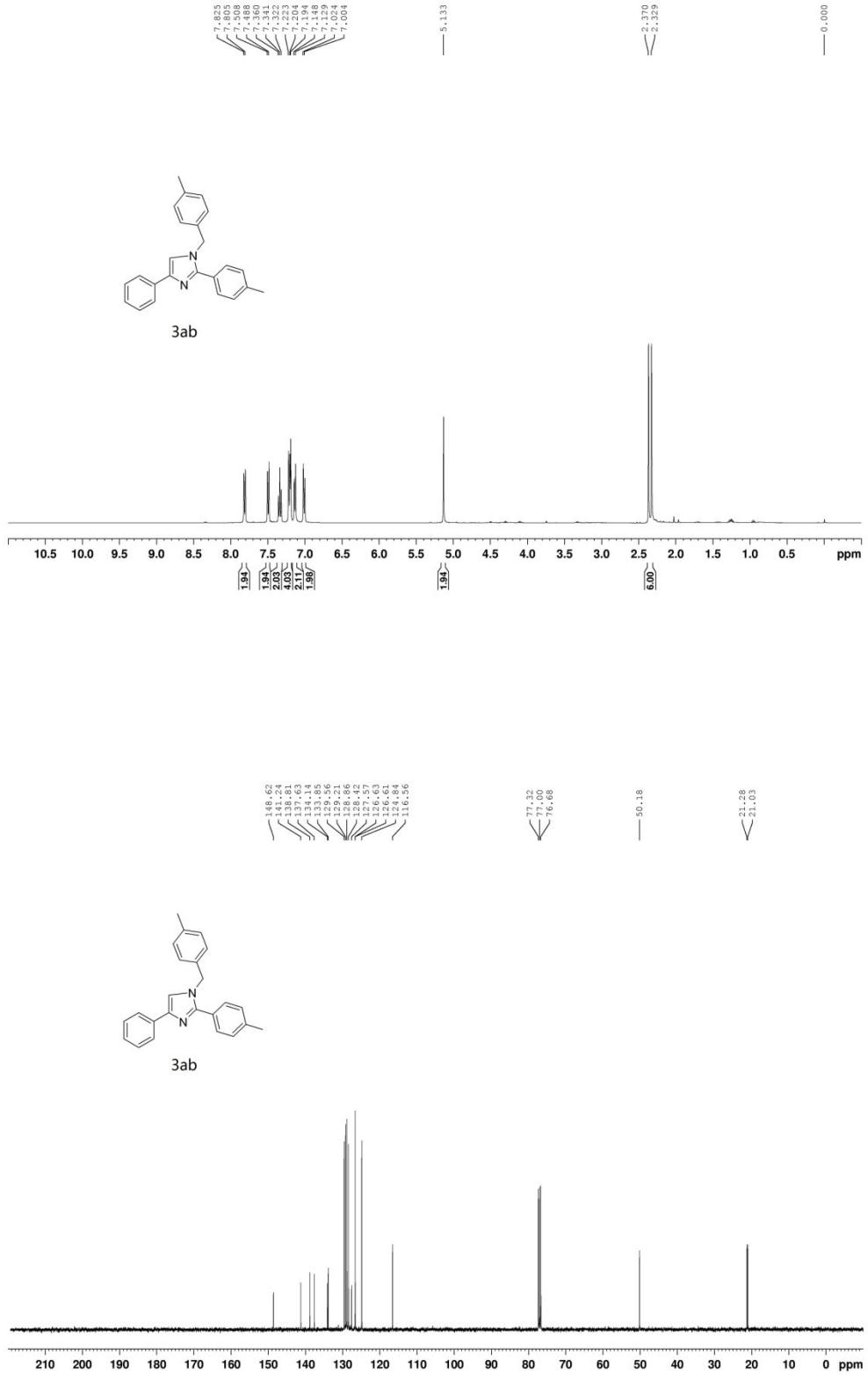
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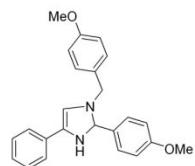


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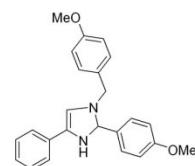
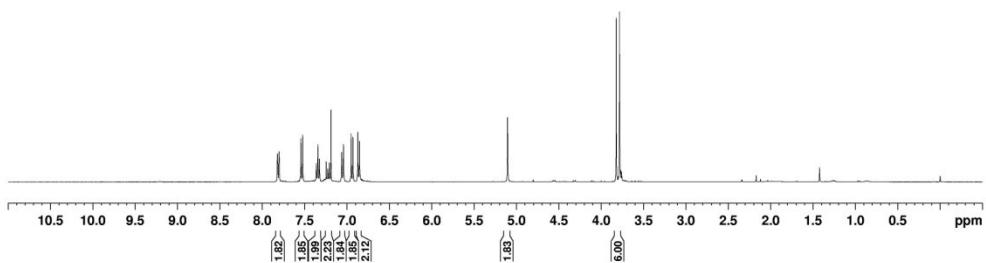




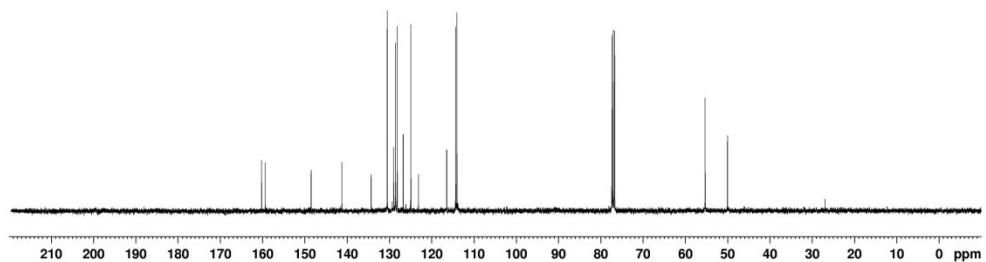


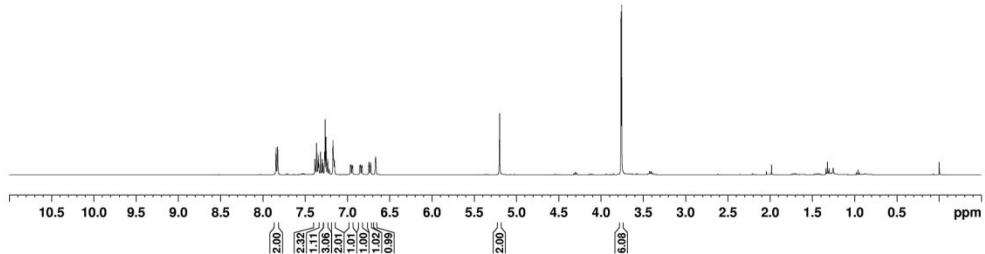
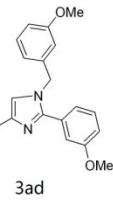


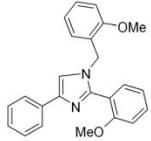
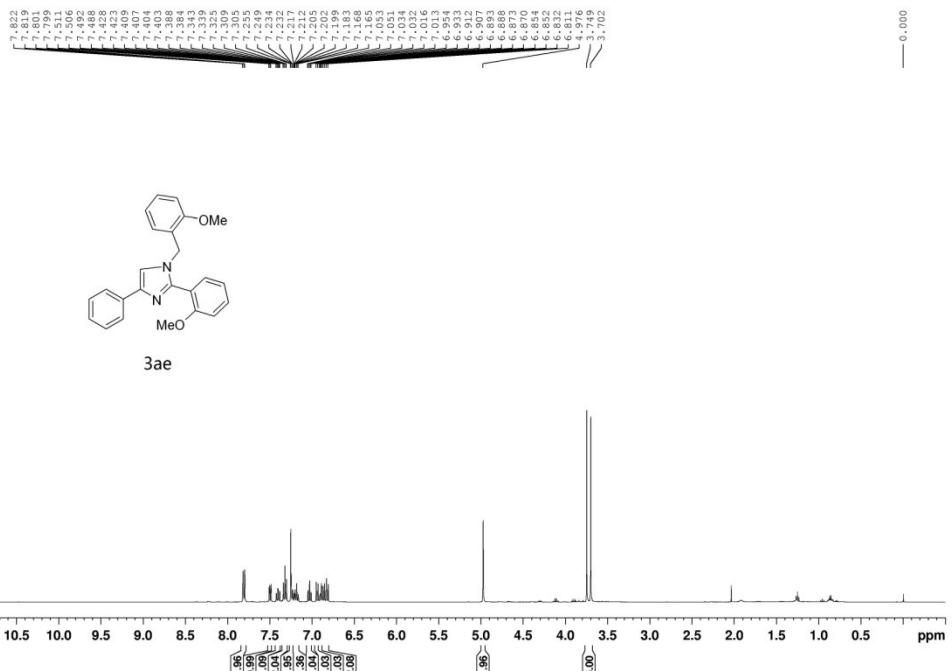
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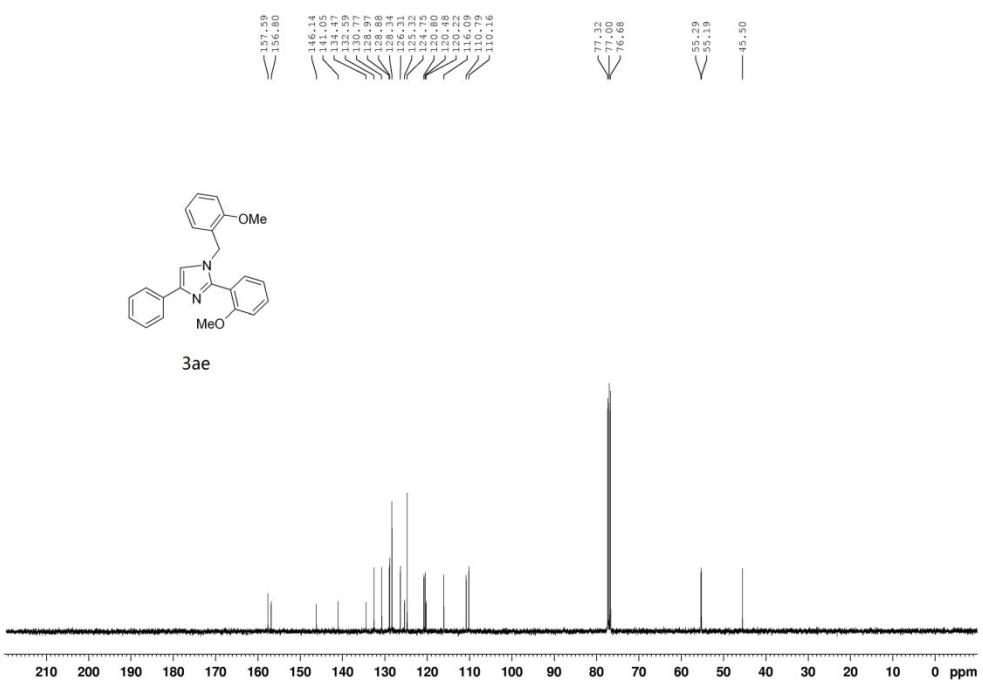
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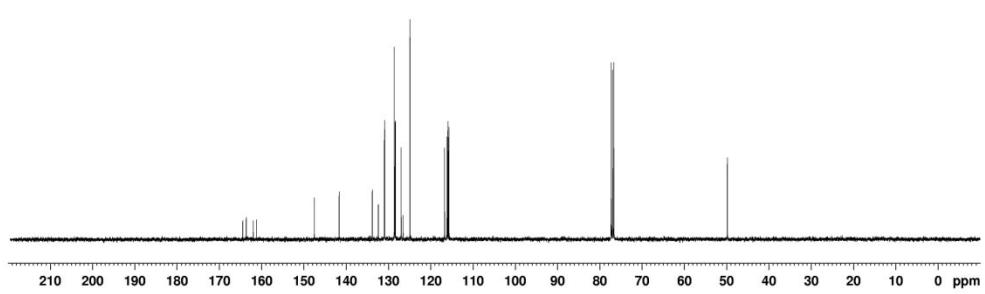
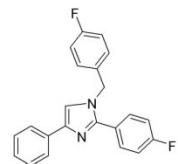
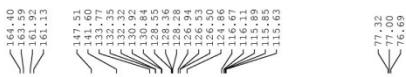
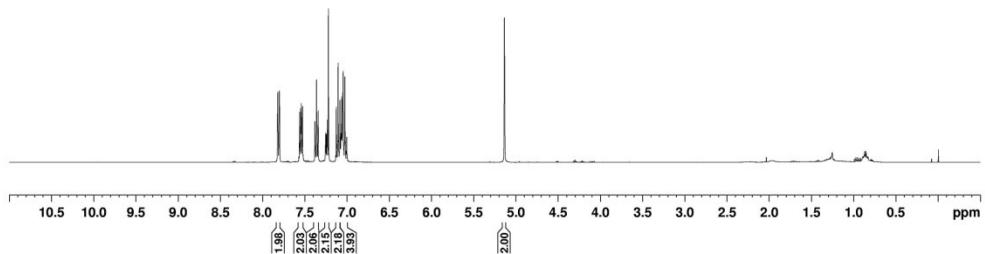
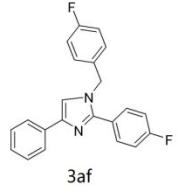
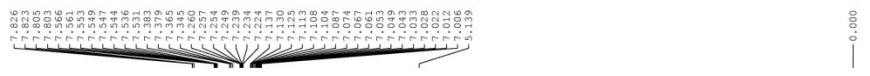


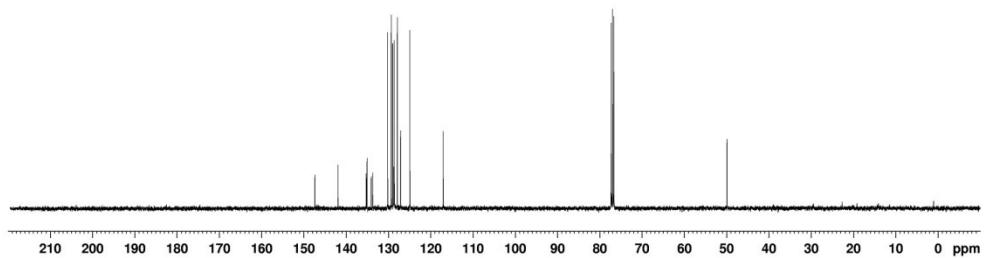
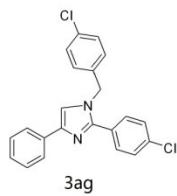
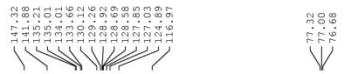
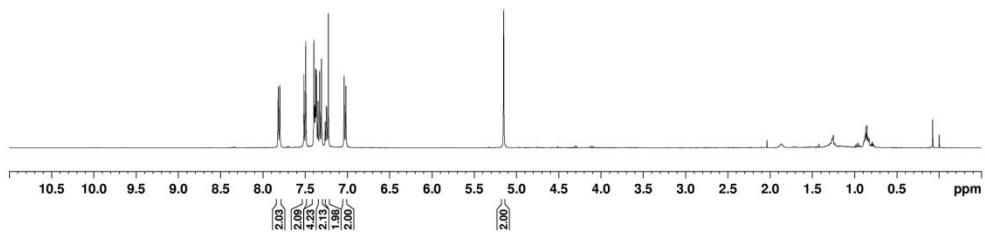
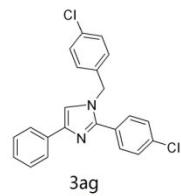
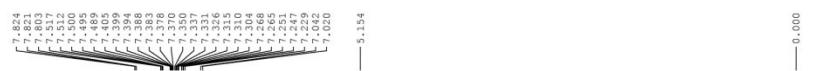


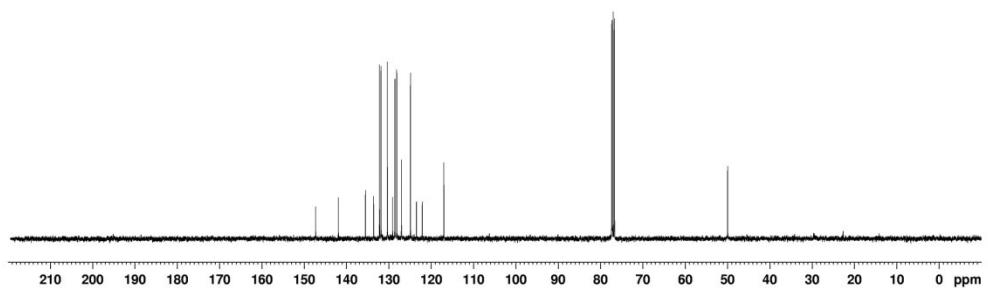
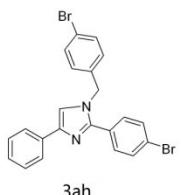
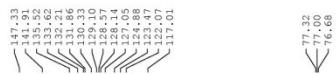
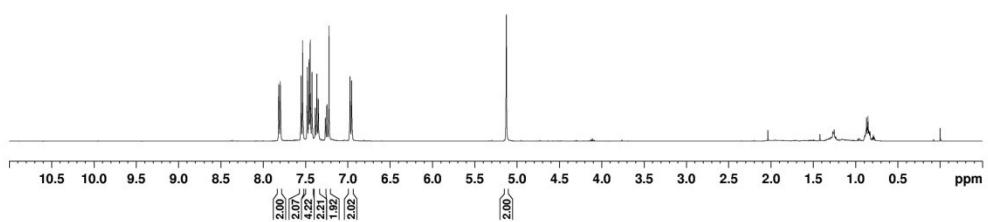
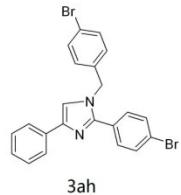


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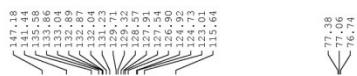
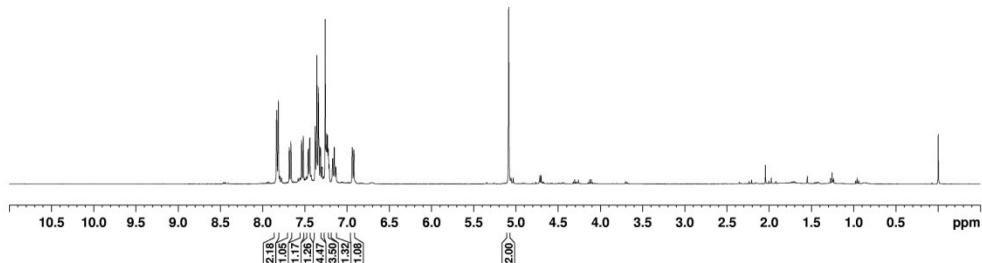








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