

**Supporting Information  
for  
Nickel-Catalyzed Acetamidation and Lactamization of Arylboronic  
Acids**

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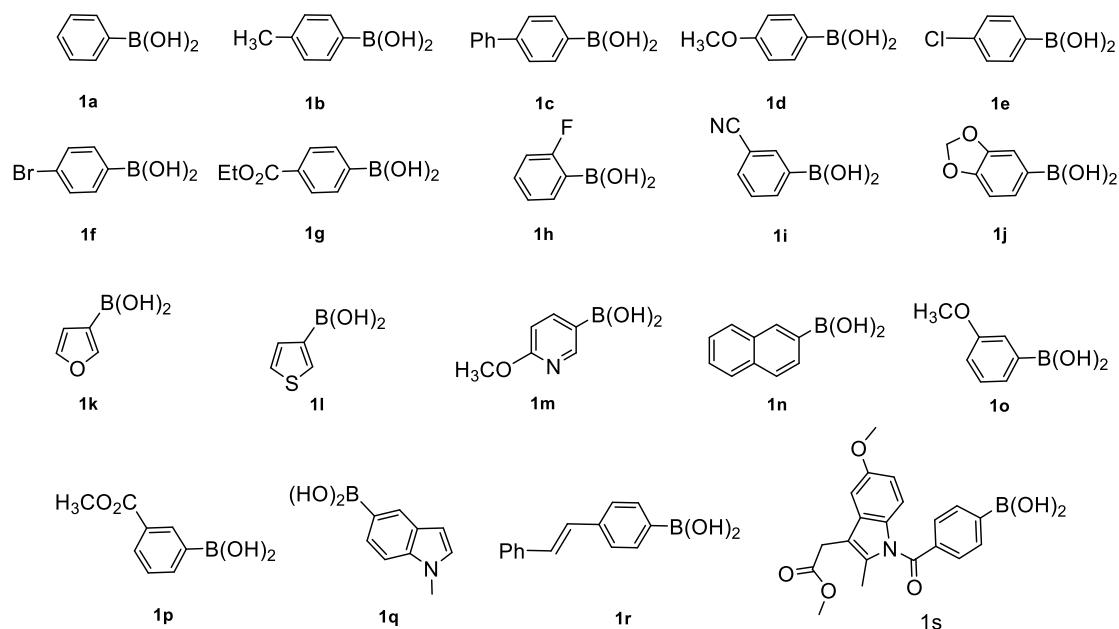
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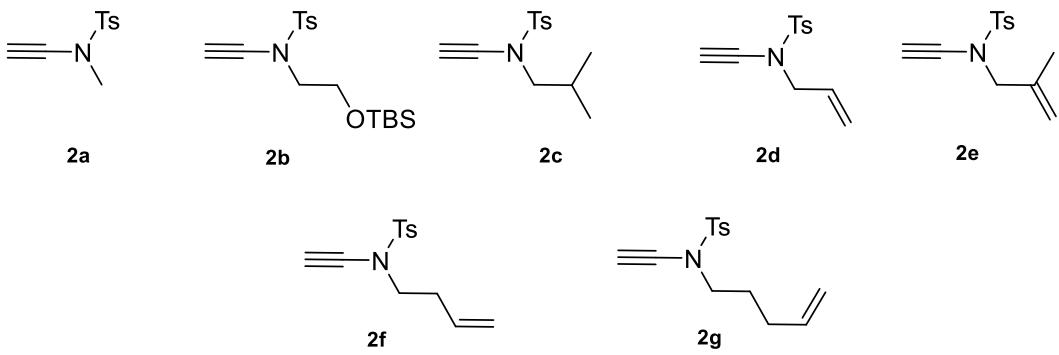
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## 1. General Information:

Infrared spectra were obtained on a FTIR spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER AVANCE III 400 spectrometer.  $\text{CDCl}_3$  was used as solvent. Chemical shifts were referenced relative to residual solvent. The following abbreviations are used to describe peak patterns where appropriate: br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants ( $J$ ) are reported in Hertz (Hz). HRMS were performed on Agilent Technologies 6224 TOF LC/MS (ESI). Melting points were measured with micro melting point apparatus.

Ethyl acetate (EA), Acetonitrile, Petroleum ether (PE), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (NHPI), Triethylamine, 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (di-*t*Bubipy),  $\text{NiCl}_2\text{-}6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , DMF and Dioxane were commercial available. Boronic acids (**1a-1o**, **1r**) were commercial available and (**1p**, **1q**, **1s**) were prepared according the literature.<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> The Ynamides (**2a-2g**) were prepared according the literature.<sup>4</sup>



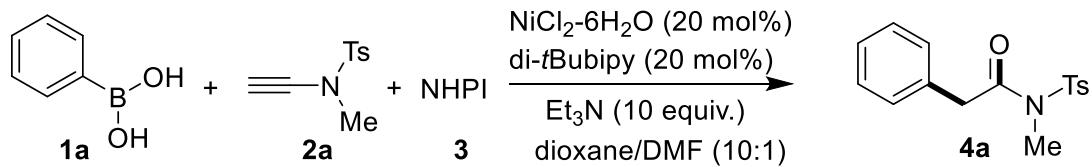


## 2. Typical Procedure for the synthesis of 4a and 5a.

### a) Preparation of $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{di-}t\text{Bubipy}$ Stock Solution (0.05 M in DMF)

A 25 mL two-neck flask was charged with  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (118.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and di-*t*Bubipy (134.2 mg, 0.5 mmol). The flask was then evacuated and purged with Argon three times. DMF (10.0 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for several hours to give a homogeneous green solution, which could be used for several days without appreciable deterioration

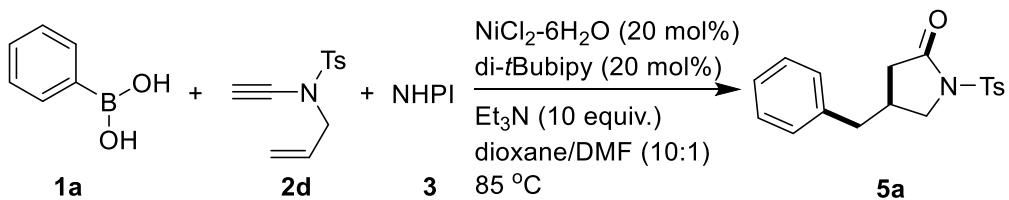
### b) Nickel-Catalyzed Acetamidation reaction.



A schlenk tube was added *N*-ethynyl-*N*, 4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide **2a** (20.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and NHPI **3** (17.1 mg, 0.105 mmol), then evacuated and purged with Argon three times. Afterwards,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL) were added as solvent. The solution was stirred under reflux for 6 hours, then concentrated and dissolved in dioxane (4 mL). Phenylboronic acid **1a** (36.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added quickly.  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (139  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1 mmol) and a solution of  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{di-}t\text{Bubipy}$  (0.05M in DMF, 0.4 mL) was added successively and the schlenk was immediately placed in a preheated 85 °C oil bath under stirring. After the reaction was fully consumed about 3 hours, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , washed with water and brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under vacuum. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl

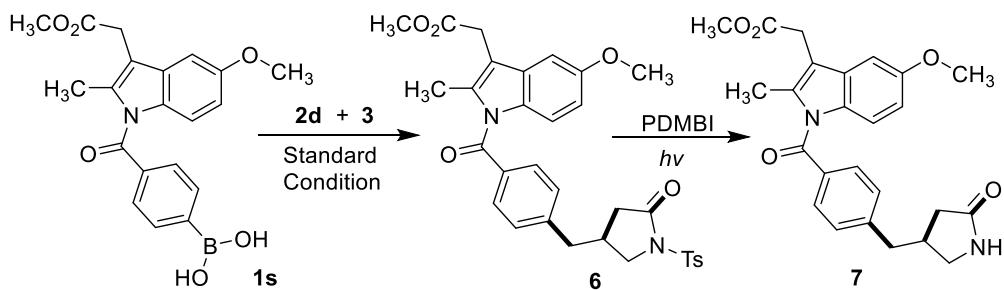
acetate/petroleum ether (v/v, 1:15) as eluent to give **4a** (28.9 mg, 95% yield).

c) **Nickel-Catalyzed Lactamization reaction.**



A schlenk tube was added *N*-ethynyl-*N*, 4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide **2d** (23.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and NHPI **3** (17.1 mg, 0.105 mmol), then evacuated and purged with Argon three times. Afterwards, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) were added as solvent. The solution was stirred under reflux for 6 hours, then concentrated and dissolved in dioxane (4 mL). Phenylboronic acid **1a** (36.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added quickly. Et<sub>3</sub>N (139 μL, 1 mmol) and a solution of NiCl<sub>2</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O/di-*t*Bubipy (0.05M in DMF, 0.4 mL) was added successively and the schlenk was immediately placed in a preheated 85 °C oil bath under stirring. After the reaction was fully consumed about 3 hours, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed with water and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (v/v, 1:10) as eluent to give **5a** (22.0 mg, 67% yield).

### 3. Synthetic Application

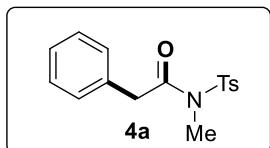


A two-neck flask was added *N*-ethynyl-*N*, 4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide **2d** (117.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and NHPI **3** (85.6 mg, 0.525 mmol), then evacuated and purged with Argon three times. Afterwards, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) were added as solvent. The solution was stirred under reflux for 6 hours, then concentrated and dissolved in dioxane (20 mL). **1s** (571.5 mg, 1.5 mmol) was added quickly. Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.69 mL, 5

mmol) and a solution of NiCl<sub>2</sub>•6H<sub>2</sub>O/di-*t*Bubipy (0.05M in DMF, 2 mL) was added successively and the flask was immediately placed in a preheated 85 °C oil bath under stirring. After the reaction was fully consumed about 3 hours, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed with water and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (v/v, 1:5) as eluent to give **6** (132.1 mg, 45% yield).

A mixture of **6** (117.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) and PDMBI (53.7 mg, 0.24 mmol) in 2.1 mL of acetonitrile containing 30 µL of water was irradiated with a Pyrex filtered (>300 nm) high-pressure mercury lamp under argon atmosphere at ambient temperature. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and **7** (59.6 mg, 69 % yield) was isolated from the residual by flash column chromatography using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol (v/v, 50:1) as eluent.

#### 4. Characterization of 4.



##### **N-methyl-2-phenyl-N-tosylacetamide**

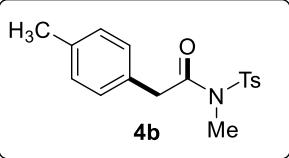
Oil (28.9 mg, 95% yield), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.7 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 171.40, 145.09, 136.10, 133.54, 129.99, 129.49, 128.70, 127.64, 127.28, 43.19, 33.41, 21.76.

**IR (KBr)** ν 3067, 3037, 3009, 2961, 2920, 1699, 1595, 1514, 1458, 1413, 1341, 1245, 1162, 1073, 859, 807, 718, 669, 562 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 304.1007; Found: 304.1009.



### **N-methyl-2-(p-tolyl)-N-tosylacetamide**

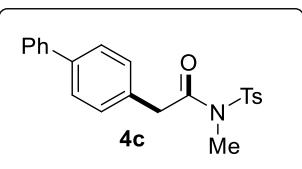
White solid, m. p. 96.0-96.7 °C (27.6 mg, 87% yield),  $R_f = 0.7$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.72 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  171.62, 145.03, 136.93, 136.18, 130.40, 129.95, 129.40, 129.33, 127.67, 42.81, 33.41, 21.76, 21.19.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3054, 3017, 2981, 2967, 1698, 1595, 1518, 1458, 1411, 1341, 1160, 1069, 857, 812, 724, 671  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 318.1164; Found: 318.1160.



### **2-[(1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl]-N-methyl-N-tosylacetamide**

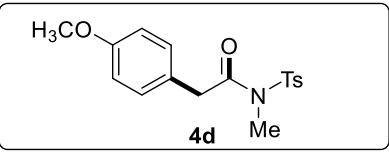
White solid, m. p. 88.7-89.4 °C (34.2 mg, 90% yield),  $R_f = 0.7$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  171.53, 145.16, 140.26, 136.08, 134.45, 132.54, 130.03, 129.94, 128.89, 127.64, 127.43, 127.16, 115.78, 42.84, 33.49, 21.76.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3053, 2960, 2923, 1698, 1600, 1486, 1411, 1343, 1253, 1162, 1073, 860, 814, 764, 713, 692, 539  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 380.1320; Found: 380.1321.



### **2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-methyl-N-tosylacetamide**

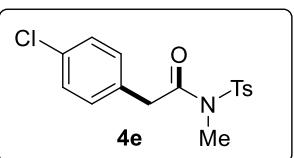
White solid, m. p. 108.8-109.5 °C (22.3 mg, 67% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.72 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  171.78, 158.82, 145.03, 136.16, 134.39, 130.53, 129.96, 127.63, 114.11, 55.35, 42.29, 33.39, 21.73.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3049, 2958, 2928, 1701, 1610, 1511, 1459, 1342, 1243, 1162, 1073, 1034, 861, 813, 718, 670, 566 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 334.1113; Found: 334.1109.



### **2-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-methyl-N-tosylacetamide**

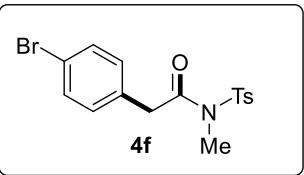
White solid, m. p. 112.2-113.0 °C (24.6 mg, 73% yield),  $R_f = 0.7$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.67 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  171.08, 145.29, 136.06, 133.30, 132.10, 130.97, 130.12, 128.81, 127.54, 42.47, 33.45, 21.79.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3068, 2961, 2920, 1697, 1595, 1491, 1413, 1340, 1162, 1073, 855, 807, 704, 677, 548 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 338.0618; Found: 338.0615.



### **2-(4-bromophenyl)-N-methyl-N-tosylacetamide**

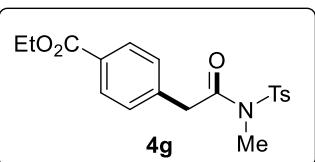
White solid, m. p. 127.1-128.2 °C (23.4 mg, 61% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:10).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  170.98, 145.30, 136.01, 132.60, 131.76, 131.33, 130.12, 127.53, 121.39, 42.53, 33.45, 21.80.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3065, 2960, 2923, 1697, 1592, 1486, 1410, 1340, 1244, 1161, 1071, 854, 805, 702, 672, 629, 540  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 382.0113; Found: 382.0111.



### **Ethyl 4-((*N,N*-dimethylphenyl)sulfonamido)-2-oxoethyl)benzoate**

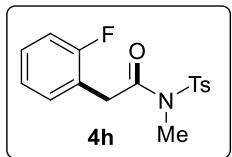
White solid, 113.1-113.9 °C (25 mg, 66% yield),  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 4.37 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  170.78, 166.47, 145.33, 138.70, 135.98, 130.13, 129.90, 129.60, 129.54, 127.55, 61.11, 43.13, 33.46, 21.80, 14.47.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3056, 2982, 2923, 1707, 1610, 1473, 1420, 1348, 1281, 1161, 1075, 1022, 850, 805, 767, 700, 673, 544  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 376.1219; Found: 376.1217.



### **2-(2-fluorophenyl)-N-methyl-N-tosylacetamide**

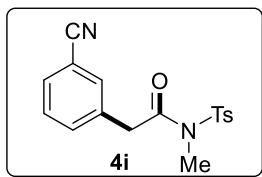
White solid, m. p. 88.9-89.7 °C (14.3 mg, 44% yield),  $R_f = 0.6$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.72 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.07 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  170.46, 161.09 (d,  $J = 246.1$  Hz), 145.23 , 136.09 , 131.64 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 130.15 , 129.33 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 127.54 , 124.27 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 121.30 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz), 115.41 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 37.06 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 33.40 , 21.81.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3048, 2962, 2926, 1706, 1590, 1493, 1455, 1411, 1351, 1233, 1172, 1076, 873, 812, 762, 738, 705, 666, 618, 543  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 322.0913; Found: 322.0913.



### **2-(3-cyanophenyl)-N-methyl-N-tosylacetamide**

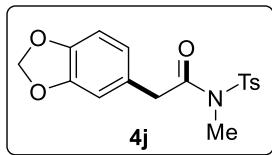
White solid, m. p. 97.2-98.3 °C (18 mg, 55% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  170.45, 145.62, 135.19, 134.41, 133.21, 131.05, 130.30, 129.85, 129.41, 127.42, 118.68, 112.67, 42.47, 33.47, 21.83.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  2920, 2223, 1714, 1595, 1356, 1162, 1073, 847, 811, 709, 672, 535  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 329.0960; Found: 329.0958.



### **2-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-*N*-methyl-*N*-tosylacetamide**

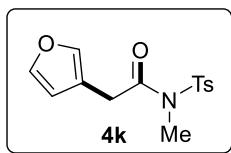
White solid, m. p. 89.1-90.0 °C (17 mg, 49% yield),  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  171.60, 147.87, 146.88, 136.17, 134.45, 130.03, 127.62, 127.04, 122.71, 110.02, 108.40, 101.17, 42.77, 33.45, 21.78.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3065, 2998, 2976, 1723, 1642, 1428, 1342, 1208, 1073, 1032, 855, 843, 782, 671, 568 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 348.0906; Found: 348.0908.



### **2-(furan-3-yl)-*N*-methyl-*N*-tosylacetamide**

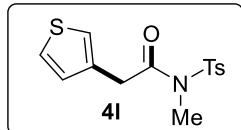
White solid, m. p. 95.6-97.1 °C (13.4 mg, 46% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 6.28 – 6.22 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  170.97, 143.10, 140.84, 136.10, 134.46, 130.11, 127.57, 123.74, 111.62, 33.40, 25.17, 21.79.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3126, 2963, 2924, 1699, 1597, 1497, 1465, 1347, 1268, 1172, 1078, 1021, 908, 867, 814, 689, 543 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 294.0800; Found: 294.0799.



### **N-methyl-2-(thiophen-3-yl)-N-tosylacetamide**

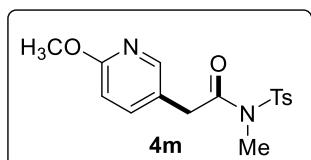
White solid, m. p. 114.5–115.7 °C (17.8 mg, 58% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  170.97, 145.15, 136.05, 133.23, 130.05, 128.72, 127.59, 125.87, 123.35, 37.93, 33.38, 21.78.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3094, 2960, 2920, 1698, 1595, 1468, 1405, 1347, 1255, 1235, 1172, 1073, 837, 802, 757, 685, 591, 536  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 310.0572; Found: 310.0570.



### **2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-N-methyl-N-tosylacetamide**

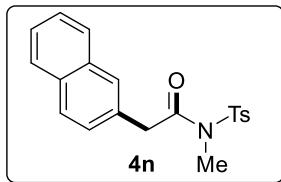
Solid (14.7 mg, 44% yield),  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.5$ ,  $J_2 = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  171.25, 163.54, 147.26, 145.35, 140.12, 136.07, 130.19, 127.51, 122.09, 110.87, 53.60, 39.51, 33.46, 21.82.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3058, 3014, 2978, 2956, 1696, 1673, 1480, 1358, 1076, 867, 765, 673, 556  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 335.1066; Found: 335.1066.



### **N-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-N-tosylacetamide**

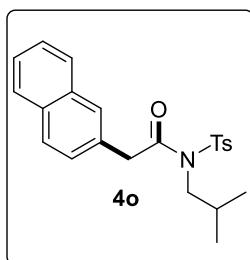
White solid, m. p. 114.6–115.7 °C (34.2 mg, 92% yield),  $R_f = 0.8$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.74 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  171.40, 145.08, 136.08, 133.44, 132.55, 130.98, 129.95, 128.34, 128.09, 127.74, 127.72, 127.60, 127.49, 126.24, 126.00, 43.31, 33.49, 21.72.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3054, 2960, 2920, 1747, 1695, 1596, 1458, 1343, 1161, 1072, 847, 810, 712, 673, 574, 555 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 354.1164; Found: 354.1161.



### **N-isobutyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-N-tosylacetamide**

White solid, m. p. 70.9–72.1 °C (32 mg, 81% yield),  $R_f = 0.7$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

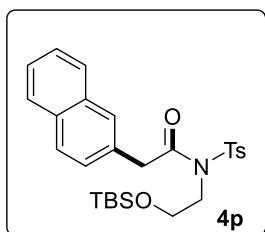
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.74 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.62 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.16 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 0.88 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 6H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  171.60, 144.90, 137.06, 133.42, 132.53, 131.08,

129.95, 129.92, 128.27, 128.03, 127.72, 127.63, 127.44, 126.21, 125.96, 54.11, 43.29, 28.80, 21.72, 20.12.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3056, 2961, 2873, 1693, 1595, 1465, 1435, 1347, 1312, 1162, 1086, 1017, 848, 815, 727, 672, 578, 541  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S} (\text{M}+\text{H}^+)$ : 396.1633; Found: 396.1632.



***N*-(2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-*N*-tosyla cetamide**

White solid, m. p. 106.8–108.1 °C (38 mg, 76% yield),  $R_f = 0.6$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

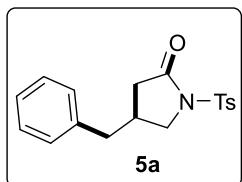
**$^1\text{H NMR (CDCl}_3, 400 \text{ MHz)}$**   $\delta$  7.82 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 3.94 (t,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.85 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR (CDCl}_3, 100 \text{ MHz)}$**   $\delta$  171.51, 144.82, 136.82, 133.47, 132.56, 130.90, 129.70, 128.41, 128.17, 127.85, 127.74, 127.71, 127.31, 126.26, 126.01, 62.19, 48.67, 43.16, 26.02, 21.75, 18.41, -5.31.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3050, 2950, 2928, 1884, 1693, 1596, 1464, 1411, 1351, 1294, 1255, 1165, 1118, 1067, 938, 838, 779, 667, 572  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_4\text{SSi} (\text{M}+\text{H}^+)$ : 498.2134; Found: 498.2135.

## 5. Characterization of 5.



### **4-benzyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

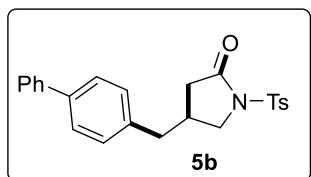
Oil (22 mg, 67% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 3.85 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.54 (m, 3H), 2.46 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.3$ ,  $J_2 = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.15 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.3$ ,  $J_2 = 6.8$  Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  172.63, 145.34, 138.18, 135.29, 129.83, 128.94, 128.80, 128.20, 126.99, 52.04, 39.66, 38.64, 33.63, 21.83.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3067, 2961, 2924, 1740, 1361, 1261, 1167, 1088, 1020, 876, 803, 703, 669  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 330.1164; Found: 330.1163.



### **4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

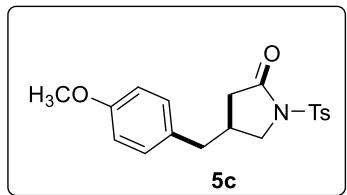
Solid (23 mg, 57% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.94 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.97 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.84 – 2.66 (m, 3H), 2.58 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.3$ ,  $J_2 = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.27 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.3$ ,  $J_2 = 6.7$  Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  172.61, 145.35, 140.74, 139.97, 137.19, 135.28, 129.84, 129.24, 128.94, 128.20, 127.63, 127.46, 127.13, 52.04, 39.28, 38.65, 33.58, 21.82.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3025, 2960, 1739, 1595, 1483, 1350, 1201, 1164, 1119, 1080, 952, 811, 761, 656, 592, 556  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 406.1477; Found: 406.1476.



**4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

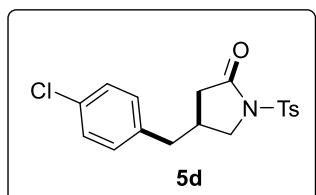
White solid m. p. 108.6–109.9 °C (19.4 mg, 54% yield),  $R_f = 0.3$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.91 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.55 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.71 – 2.47 (m, 4H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.21 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.0$ ,  $J_2 = 6.4$  Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 172.72, 158.59, 145.32, 135.30, 130.18, 129.82, 129.78, 128.19, 114.30, 55.42, 52.00, 38.78, 38.59, 33.77, 21.83.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3067, 2998, 2923, 1735, 1596, 1513, 1353, 1248, 1166, 1123, 1033, 956, 811, 741, 663, 566, 547 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 360.1270; Found: 360.1268.



**4-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

oil (18 mg, 50% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

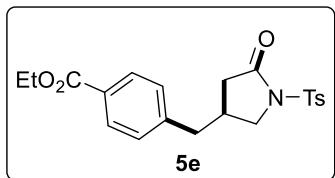
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.92 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.1$ ,  $J_2 = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.1$ ,  $J_2 = 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.78 – 2.58 (m, 3H), 2.53 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.1$ ,  $J_2 = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.21 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.1$ ,  $J_2 = 6.6$  Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 172.38, 145.43, 136.60, 135.16, 132.86, 130.12, 129.86, 129.08, 128.18, 51.85, 38.95, 38.50, 33.46, 21.84.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3056, 2952, 2921, 2858, 1738, 1596, 1490, 1359, 1168, 1090, 957, 808,

744, 664, 600, 555 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 364.0774; Found: 364.0773.



### Ethyl 4-((5-oxo-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl)benzoate

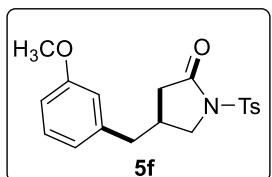
Oil (21 mg, 52% yield), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 10.1, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 10.1, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.86 – 2.63 (m, 3H), 2.54 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 17.3, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.22 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 17.3, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 172.31, 166.43, 145.44, 143.35, 135.18, 130.22, 129.86, 129.40, 128.79, 128.20, 61.15, 51.90, 39.58, 38.54, 33.35, 21.83, 14.46.

**IR (KBr)** ν 3052, 2980, 2927, 1736, 1710, 1493, 1348, 1281, 1160, 1072, 805, 767, 700, 660, 556 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 402.1375; Found: 402.1377.



### 4-(3-methoxybenzyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one

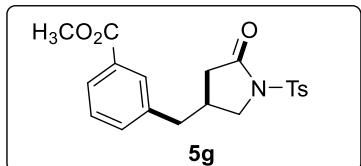
Oil (21 mg, 58% yield), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 3.92 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 9.9, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 9.9, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.76 – 2.60 (m, 3H), 2.54 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 17.2, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.23 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 17.2, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 6.8 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 172.65, 159.97, 145.35, 139.74, 135.22, 129.94, 129.83, 128.17, 121.09, 114.78, 111.94, 55.32, 52.02, 39.64, 38.64, 33.52, 21.83.

**IR (KBr)** ν 3068, 2958, 2921, 1738, 1599, 1489, 1457, 1359, 1262, 1168, 1035, 957, 875, 812, 740, 700, 664, 599, 557 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 360.1270; Found: 360.1269.



### Methyl 3-((5-oxo-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl)benzoate

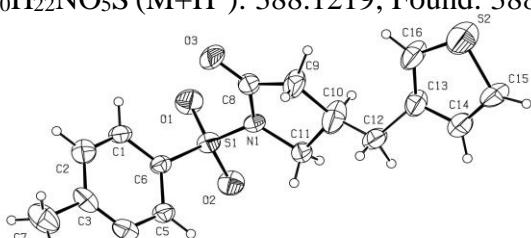
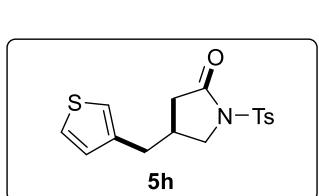
Oil (15 mg, 39% yield), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.96 – 7.86 (m, 3H), 7.80 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 4.04 – 3.80 (m, 4H), 3.55 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 10.1, J<sub>2</sub> = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.60 (m, 3H), 2.54 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 17.9, J<sub>2</sub> = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.22 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 17.9, J<sub>2</sub> = 6.1 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 172.36, 166.93, 145.40, 138.54, 135.14, 133.33, 130.78, 129.85, 129.76, 129.03, 128.25, 128.15, 52.35, 51.90, 39.33, 38.50, 33.45, 21.82.

**IR (KBr)** ν 3067, 2958, 2919, 2880, 1734, 1594, 1438, 1362, 1294, 1275, 1161, 1124, 1040, 963, 808, 756, 702, 662, 602, 557 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 388.1219; Found: 388.1221.



### 4-(thiophen-3-ylmethyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one

Yellow solid (16 mg, 48% yield), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

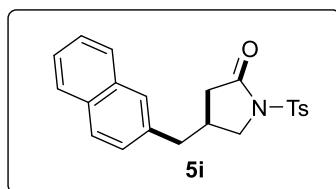
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 10.1, J<sub>2</sub>

= 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.1,  $J_2$  = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.61 (m, 3H), 2.56 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.2,  $J_2$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.22 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.2,  $J_2$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 172.59, 145.37, 138.44, 135.21, 129.84, 128.17, 127.87, 126.55, 121.97, 52.08, 38.61, 34.13, 32.90, 21.83.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3120, 2923, 2856, 1734, 1595, 1487, 1353, 1287, 1188, 1168, 1127, 1087, 958, 812, 776, 664, 599, 557 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 336.0728; Found: 336.0729.



#### 4-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one

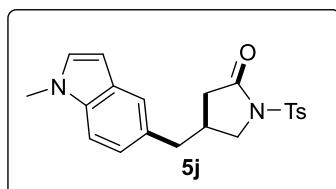
Oil (21 mg, 55% yield), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)** δ 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.85 – 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.4,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.1,  $J_2$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.1,  $J_2$  = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.70 (m, 3H), 2.56 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.4,  $J_2$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.29 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.4,  $J_2$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)** δ 172.64, 145.35, 135.62, 135.22, 133.56, 132.41, 129.83, 128.69, 128.17, 127.79, 127.60, 127.37, 126.90, 126.49, 125.91, 52.05, 39.81, 38.63, 33.48, 21.83.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3051, 2919, 2858, 1736, 1596, 1484, 1358, 1168, 1092, 956, 814, 749, 663, 600, 557 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 380.1320; Found: 380.1318.



#### 4-((1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)methyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one

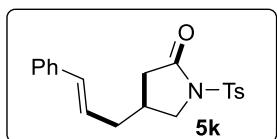
Solid (25 mg, 65% yield),  $R_f = 0.2$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$ ,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.51 – 6.38 (m, 1H), 3.91 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.63 (m, 3H), 2.53 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.3$ ,  $J_2 = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.27 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.3$ ,  $J_2 = 7.3$  Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  172.98, 145.23, 135.80, 135.34, 129.80, 129.52, 128.92, 128.82, 128.16, 122.47, 120.72, 109.60, 100.68, 52.15, 39.77, 38.69, 34.23, 33.03, 21.83.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3109, 3078, 2997, 2928, 1739, 1594, 1496, 1362, 1173, 1062, 953, 807, 749, 659, 609, 554  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 383.1429; Found: 383.1426.



#### 4-cinnamyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one

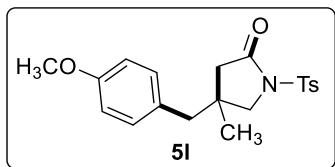
White solid, m. p. 90.1–90.6 °C (23 mg, 65% yield),  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.32 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.07 – 5.90 (m, 1H), 3.96 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.31 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 2.15 (dd,  $J_1 = 16.8$ ,  $J_2 = 6.7$  Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  172.67, 145.30, 136.84, 135.27, 133.29, 129.81, 128.72, 128.17, 127.70, 126.25, 125.59, 52.05, 38.35, 37.17, 31.63, 21.82.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3030, 2963, 2920, 1733, 1593, 1486, 1447, 1353, 1191, 1165, 1126, 958, 818, 740, 699, 660, 610, 561  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 356.1320; Found: 356.1318.



**4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-methyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-2-one**

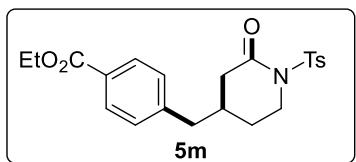
Oil (17 mg, 46% yield),  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.91 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.92 – 3.70 (m, 4H), 3.49 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.69 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.51 – 2.36 (m, 4H), 2.13 (d,  $J = 16.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.03 (s, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  172.56, 158.72, 145.28, 135.34, 131.19, 129.81, 128.57, 128.12, 114.00, 57.55, 55.39, 45.43, 44.31, 37.50, 24.56, 21.83.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3058, 2983, 2920, 1738, 1495, 1435, 1372, 1263, 1167, 1092, 1017, 877, 812, 740, 687, 561  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 374.1426; Found: 374.1424.



**Ethyl 4-((2-oxo-1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)benzoate**

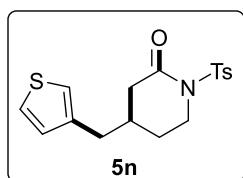
Oil (17 mg, 41% yield),  $R_f = 0.3$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.21 (td,  $J_1 = 12.2$ ,  $J_2 = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.57 (td,  $J_1 = 11.8$ ,  $J_2 = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.53 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.24 – 1.90 (m, 3H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.39 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  169.54, 166.51, 145.03, 143.77, 135.94, 130.00, 129.46, 129.11, 129.07, 128.86, 61.10, 46.01, 41.72, 40.27, 34.30, 28.91, 21.81, 14.47.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3068, 2915, 2856, 1717, 1608, 1479, 1388, 1357, 1279, 1163, 1114, 1023, 912, 867, 816, 764, 712, 692, 650, 553 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 416.1532; Found: 416.1530.



#### 4-(thiophen-3-ylmethyl)-1-tosylpiperidin-2-one

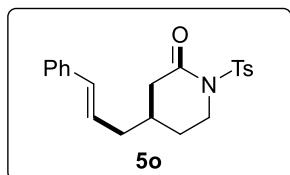
Oil (16 mg, 48% yield), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.83 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.87 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.81 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 4.13 (td, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.3, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (td, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.7, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.4, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.09 – 1.91 (m, 3H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  169.88, 144.96, 138.72, 136.01, 129.44, 128.85, 128.25, 126.13, 121.90, 46.10, 40.28, 35.96, 33.87, 29.00, 21.80.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  2922, 2864, 1692, 1389, 1353, 1273, 1167, 1107, 814, 687, 548 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>): 350.0885; Found: 350.0882.



#### 4-cinnamyl-1-tosylpiperidin-2-one

Solid (19 mg, 51% yield), R<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

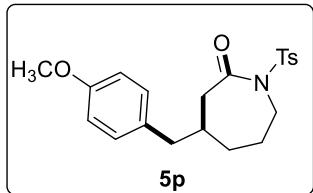
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.47 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 6.17 – 6.01 (m, 1H), 4.25 – 4.16 (m, 1H), 3.71 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 2.61 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.26 – 2.07 (m, 4H), 2.02 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.49 (m, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  169.96, 144.94, 137.06, 136.06, 132.98, 129.45,

128.83, 128.71, 127.54, 126.22, 126.17, 46.08, 40.25, 38.74, 32.74, 28.97, 21.80.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  2958, 2926, 1692, 1642, 1400, 1353, 1269, 1168, 1124, 1092, 968, 806, 689, 545  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ): 392.1296; Found: 392.1295.



#### **4-(4-methoxybenzyl)-1-tosylazepan-2-one**

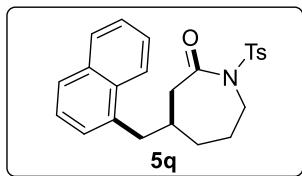
Oil (14 mg, 36% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.96 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.31 – 4.03 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.74 – 2.41 (m, 6H), 2.21 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.62 (m, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  174.58, 157.96, 144.83, 141.01, 136.35, 129.30, 129.18, 127.37, 114.05, 55.38, 46.32, 43.87, 37.28, 36.01, 32.56, 30.64, 21.82.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3056, 2960, 2922, 1692, 1610, 1512, 1352, 1248, 1168, 1089, 1031, 807, 688, 550  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ): 410.1402; Found: 410.1402.



#### **4-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-1-tosylazepan-2-one**

White solid, m. p. 50.1–50.9 °C (16 mg, 40% yield),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:5).

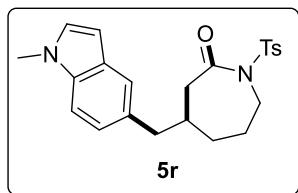
**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.83 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 4.37 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 2.84 – 2.58 (m, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.27 – 2.04 (m, 3H), 2.03 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.84

– 1.73 (m, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  174.55, 145.95, 144.88, 136.38, 133.58, 132.19, 129.36, 129.24, 128.60, 127.71, 127.65, 126.29, 125.57, 125.32, 124.51, 46.41, 44.77, 36.91, 35.98, 32.40, 30.75, 21.86.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3067, 2987, 2922, 2853, 1690, 1603, 1443, 1349, 1164, 1115, 1078, 814, 750, 678, 628, 541  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 408.1633; Found: 408.1634.



#### **4-((1-methyl-1H-indol-5-yl)methyl)-1-tosylazepan-2-one**

Oil (23 mg, 56% yield),  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:4).

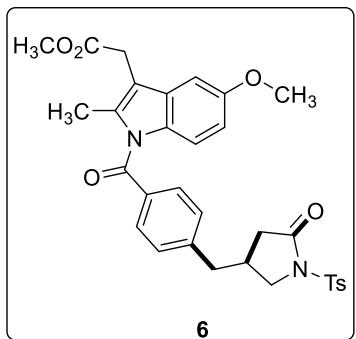
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$ ,  $J_2 = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.42 – 6.37 (m, 1H), 4.35 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.74 – 2.55 (m, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.21 – 2.01 (m, 3H), 1.99 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  174.78, 144.77, 139.98, 136.41, 135.43, 129.36, 129.32, 129.23, 128.59, 120.51, 118.03, 109.49, 100.69, 46.37, 44.83, 37.72, 32.99, 31.56, 30.66, 29.83, 21.84.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3067, 2992, 2934, 1694, 1465, 1423, 1337, 1245, 1134, 1078, 1017, 865, 809, 679, 556  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 411.1742; Found: 411.1739.

## **6. Characterization of 6 and 7**



**Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-1-(4-((5-oxo-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)acetate)-benzoyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate**

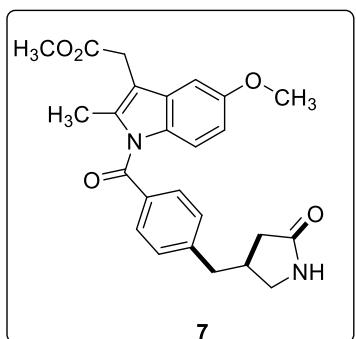
Yellow solid, m. p. 64.7–65.6 °C (132.1 mg, 45% yield),  $R_f = 0.2$  (EtOAc/Petroleum ether 1:3).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.0$ ,  $J_2 = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.58 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.0$ ,  $J_2 = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.86 – 2.67 (m, 3H), 2.56 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.3$ ,  $J_2 = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.24 (dd,  $J_1 = 17.3$ ,  $J_2 = 7.4$  Hz, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100MHz)**  $\delta$  172.22, 171.54, 169.09, 156.02, 145.47, 143.52, 136.10, 135.05, 134.31, 130.96, 130.66, 130.43, 129.86, 129.13, 128.14, 115.03, 112.35, 111.56, 101.30, 55.81, 52.28, 51.87, 39.54, 38.48, 33.26, 30.24, 21.81, 13.44.

**IR (KBr)**  $\nu$  3434, 2958, 2926, 1738, 1679, 1603, 1477, 1358, 1321, 1217, 1168, 1072, 1030, 962, 812, 743, 663, 599, 556  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**HRMS (ESI)** calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ): 589.2008; Found: 589.2008.



**Methyl 2-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-1-(4-((5-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl)benzoyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate**

Yellow oil (59.6 mg, 69% yield),  $R_f = 0.2$  (  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{methanol}$  40:1 ).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)**  $\delta$  7.66 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (br, 1H), 6.65 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.0$ ,  $J_2 = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 3.55 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.75 (m, 3H), 2.53 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.20 – 2.06 (m, 1H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)**  $\delta$  171.47, 169.21, 156.01, 144.73, 136.06, 134.00, 131.04, 130.62, 130.24, 129.13, 114.99, 112.25, 111.56, 101.32, 55.79, 52.18, 47.61, 40.42, 36.56, 36.03, 30.21, 13.33.

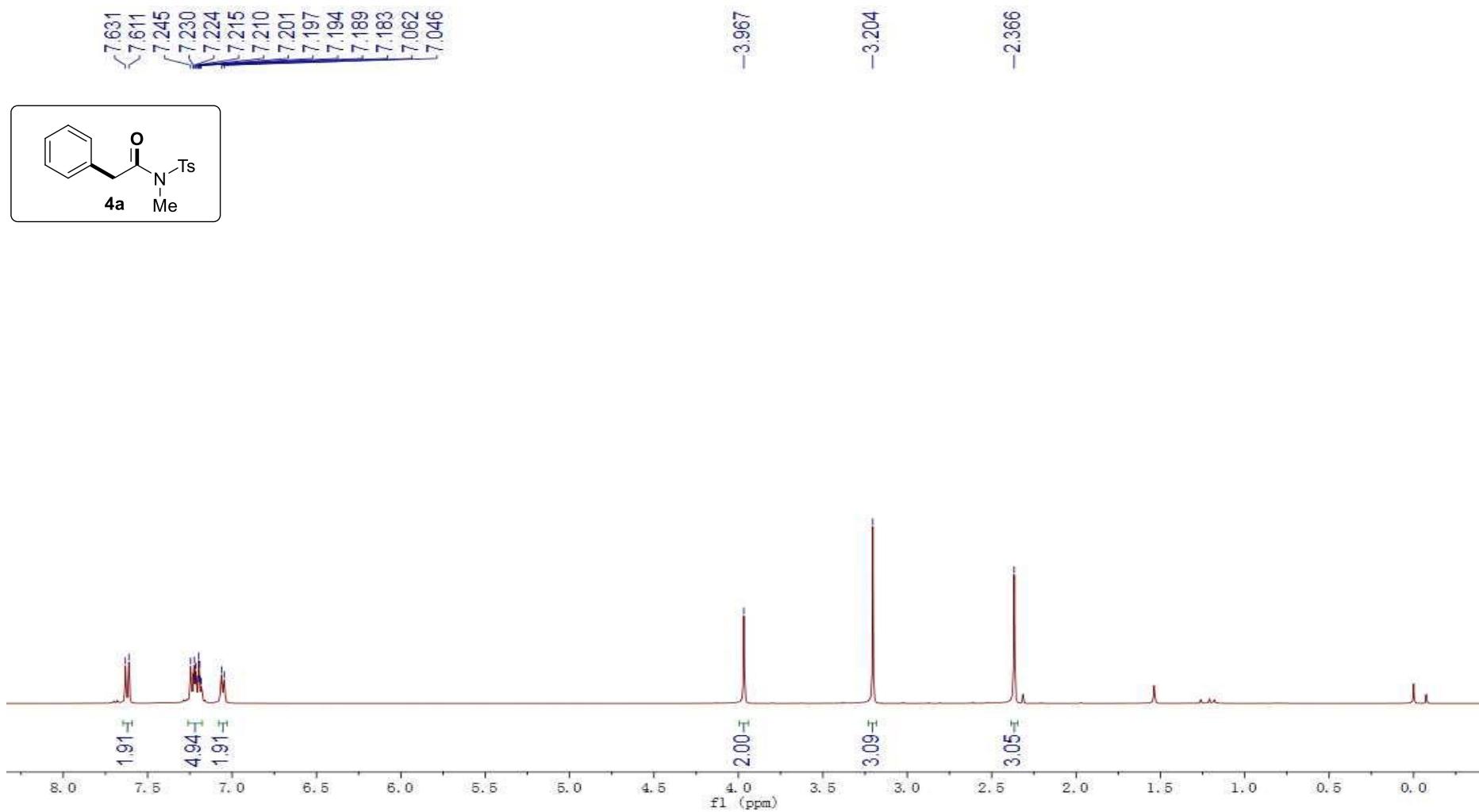
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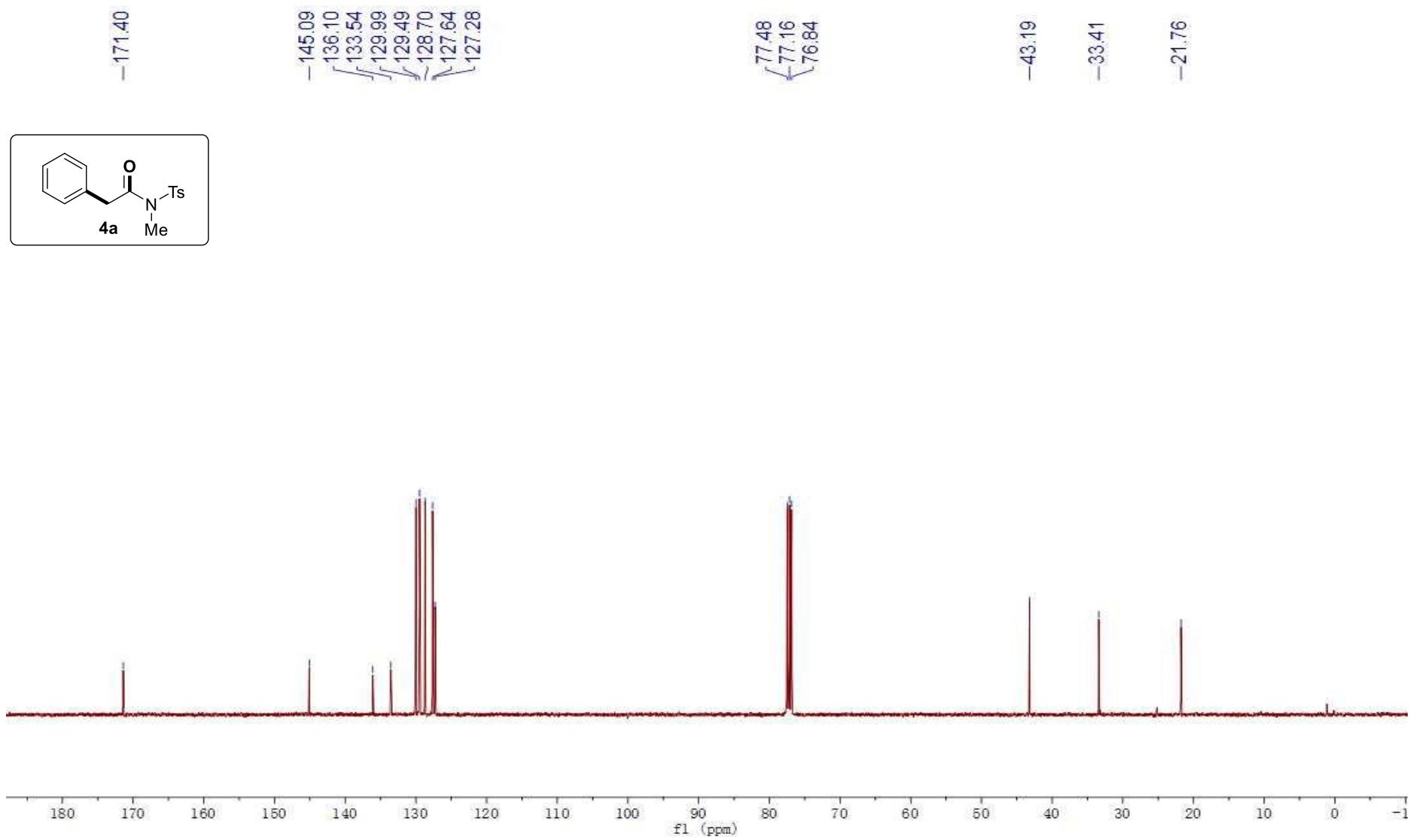
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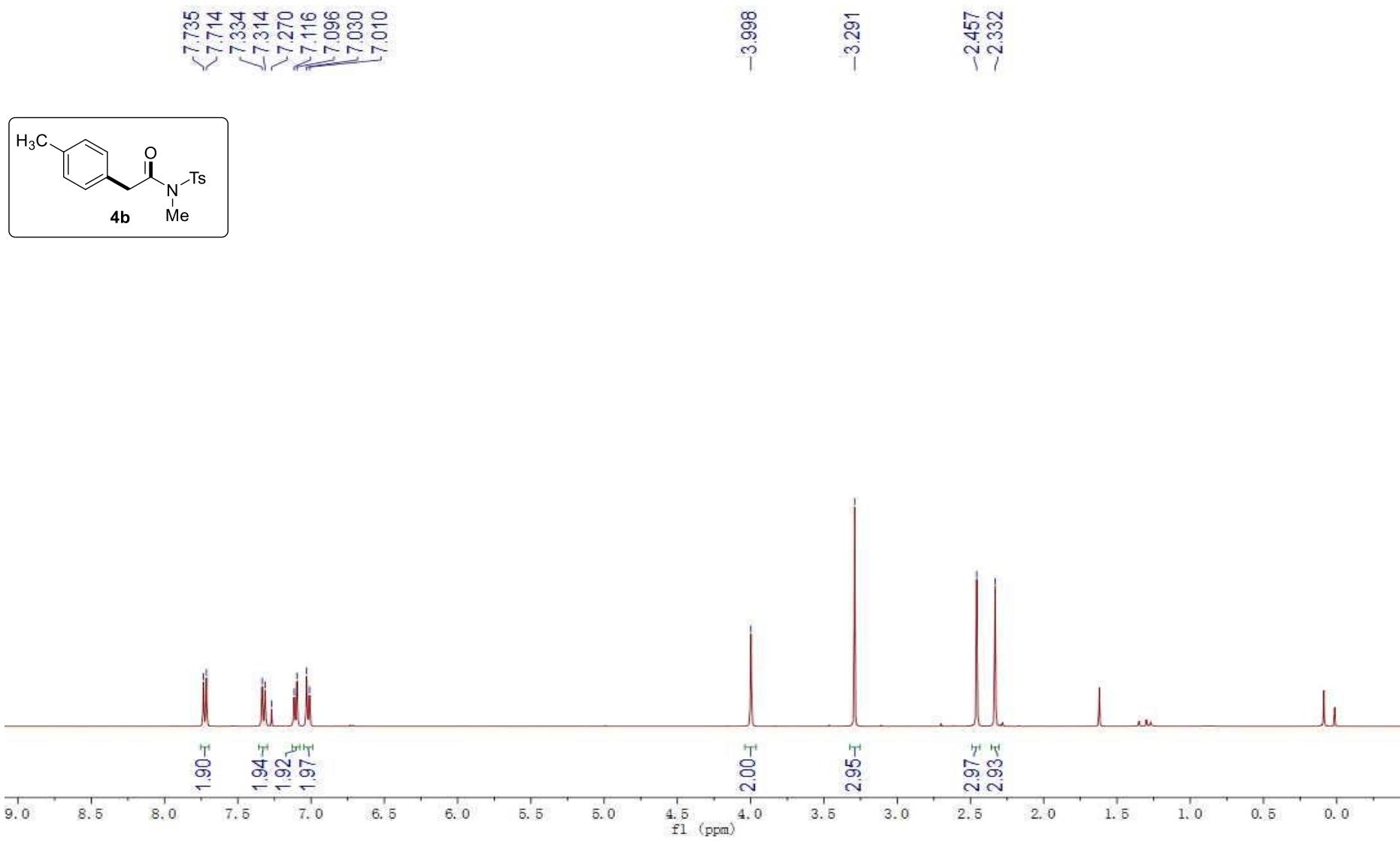
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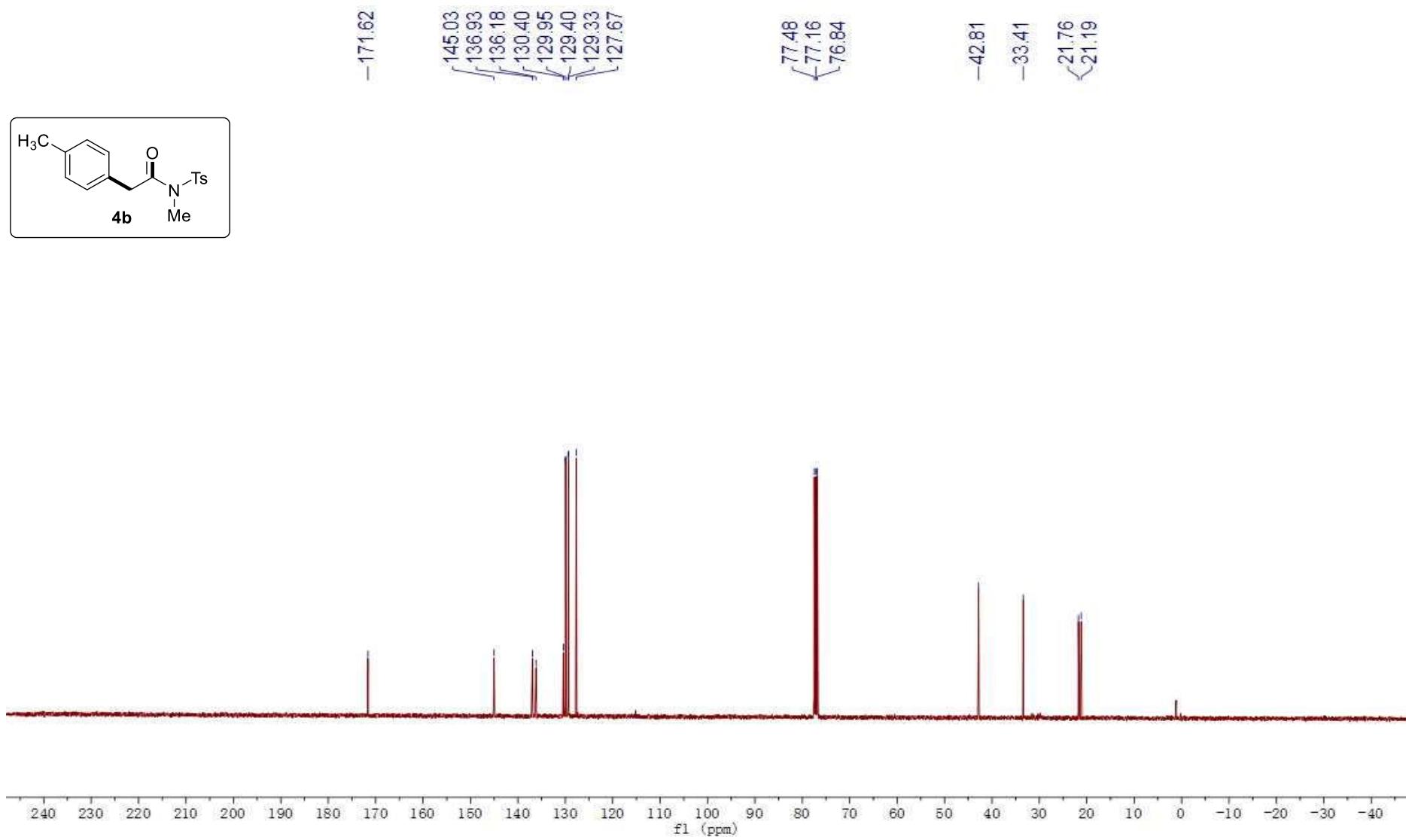
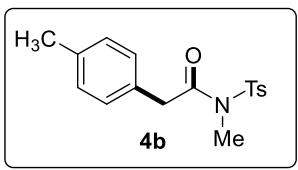
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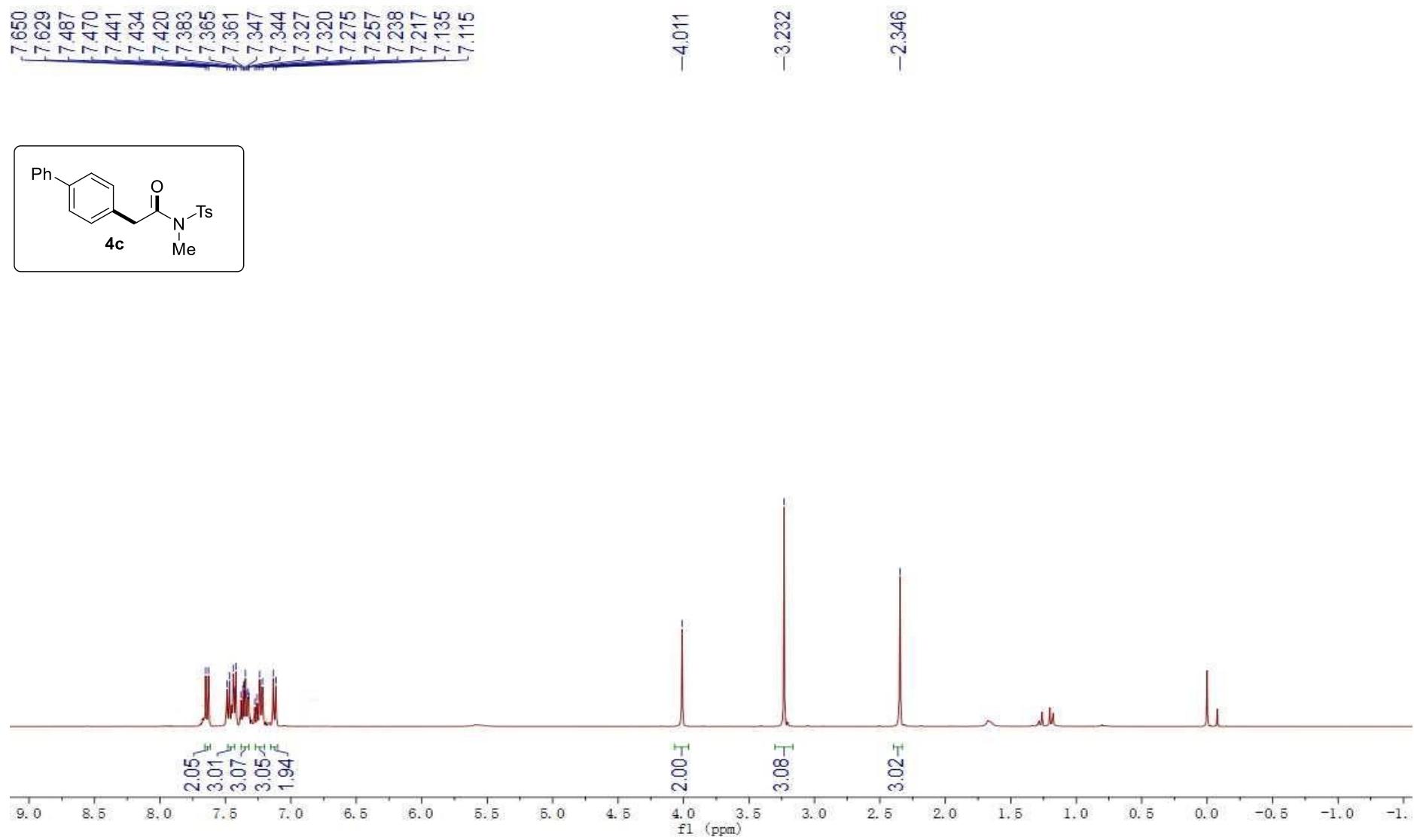
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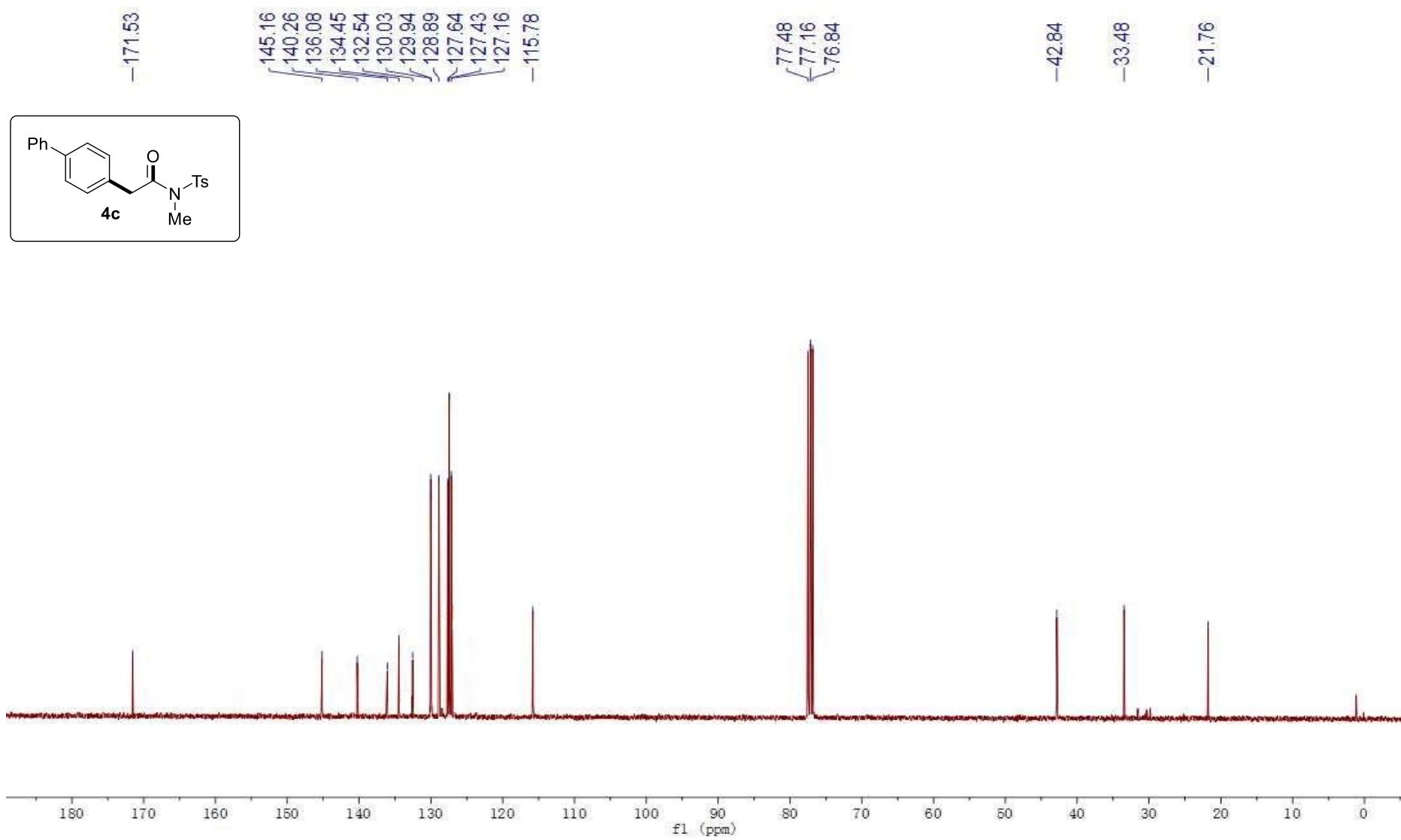


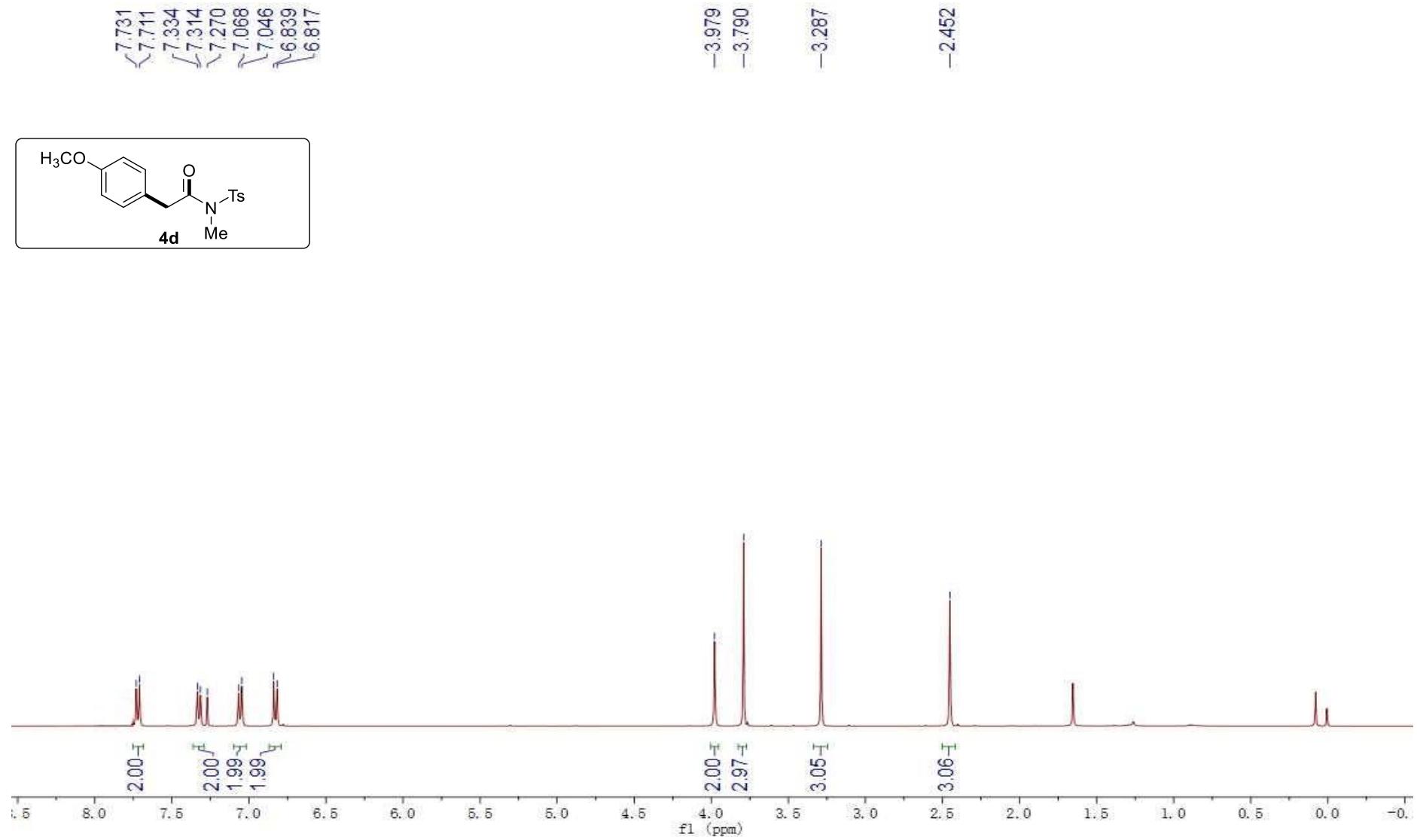
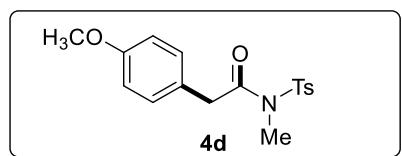


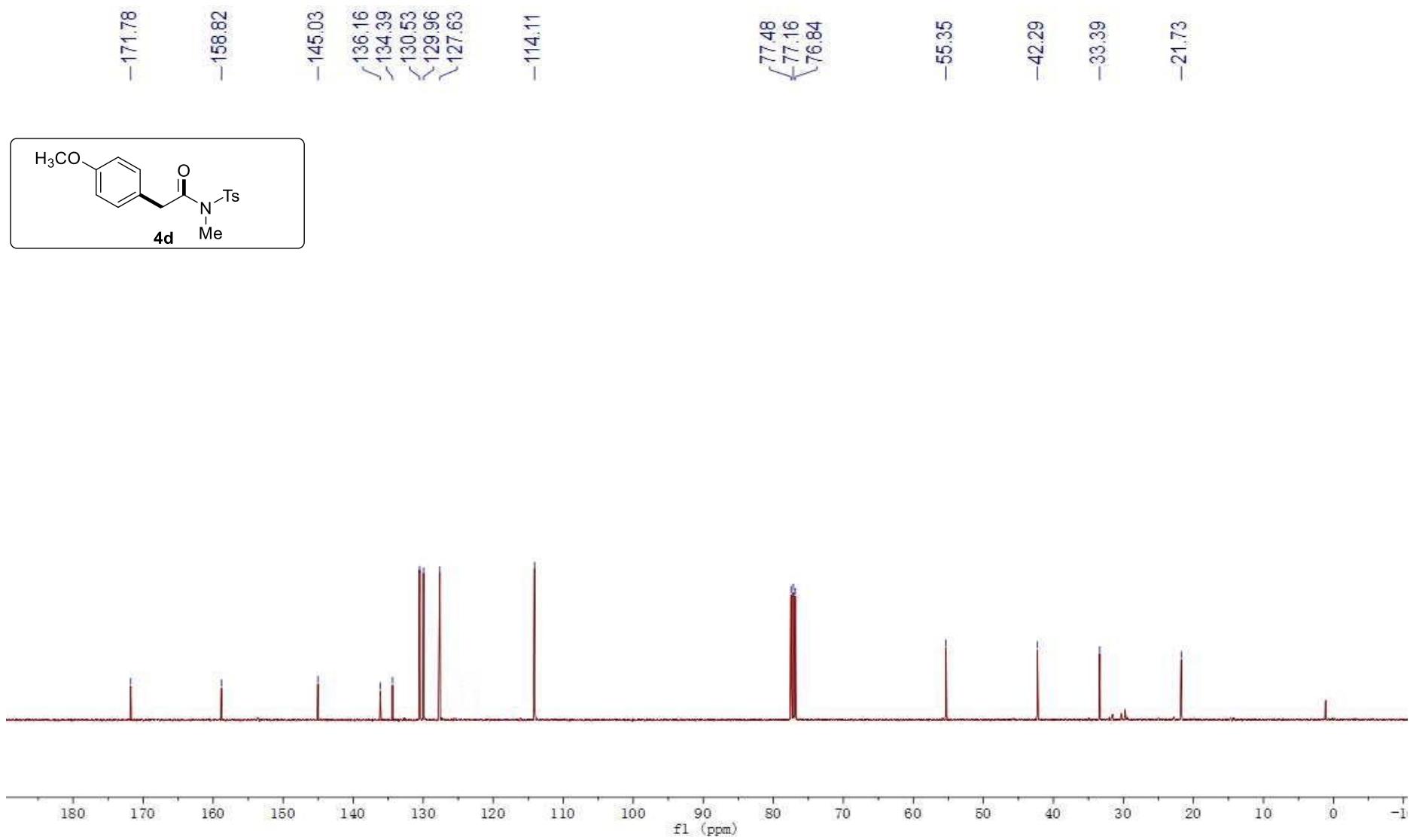


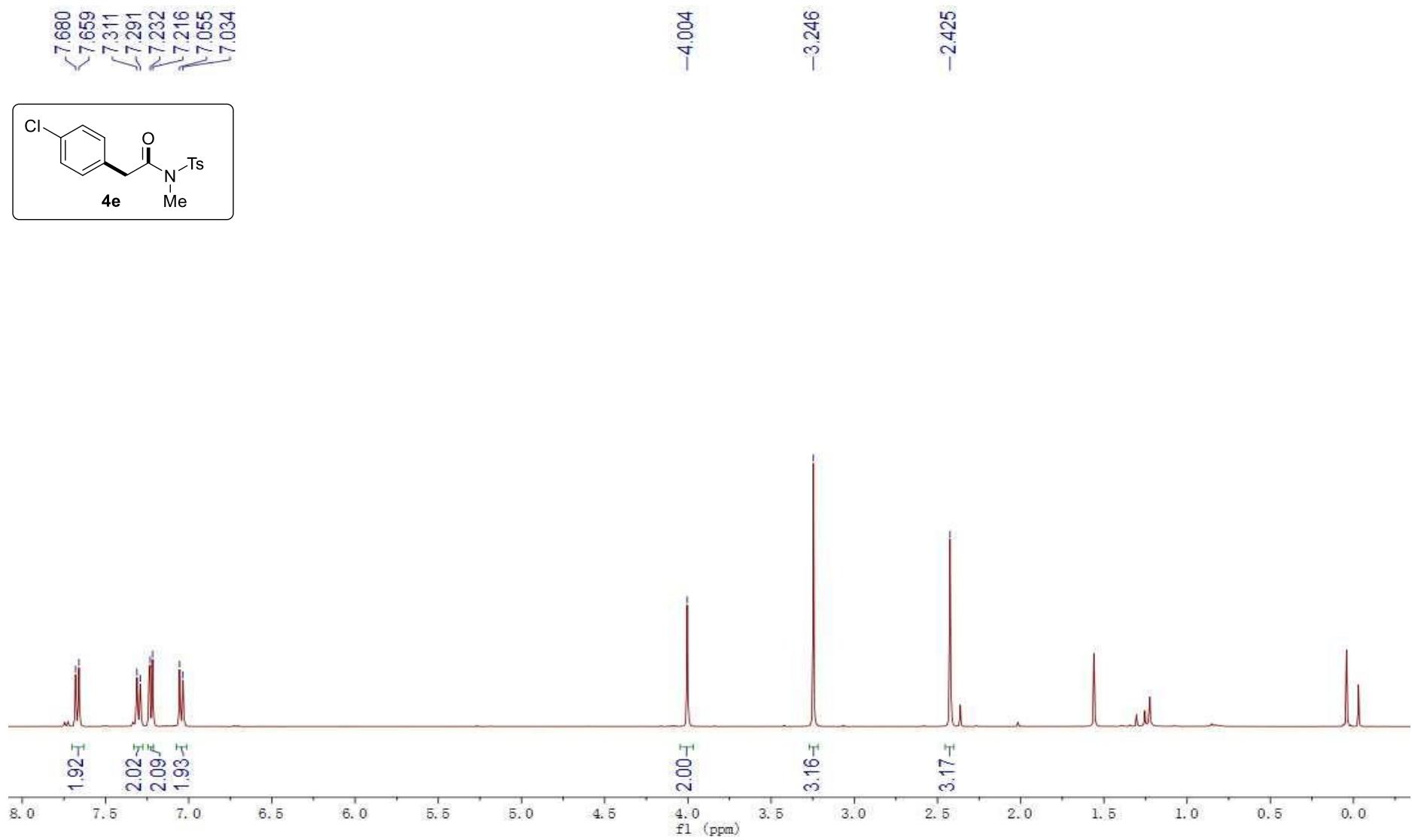


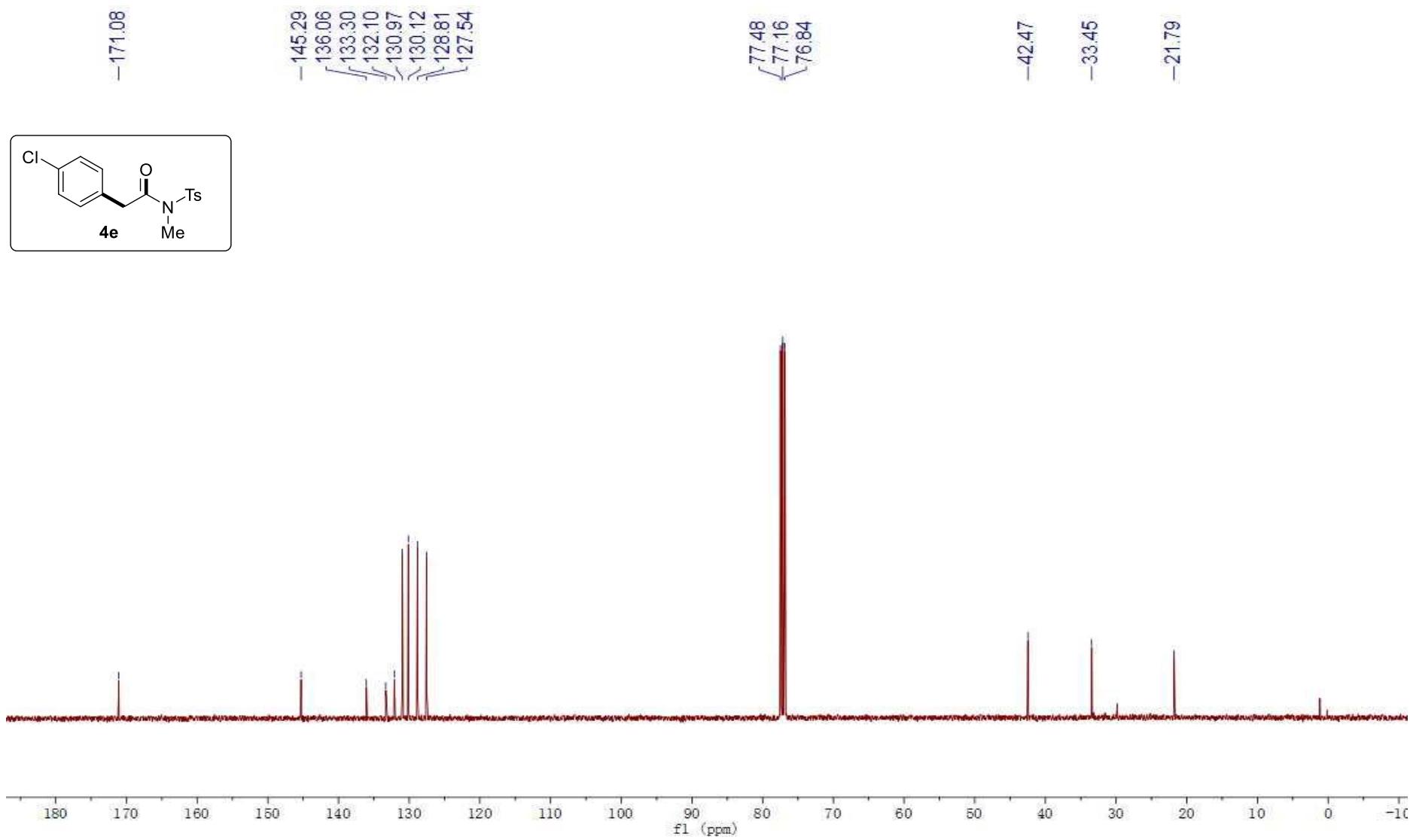


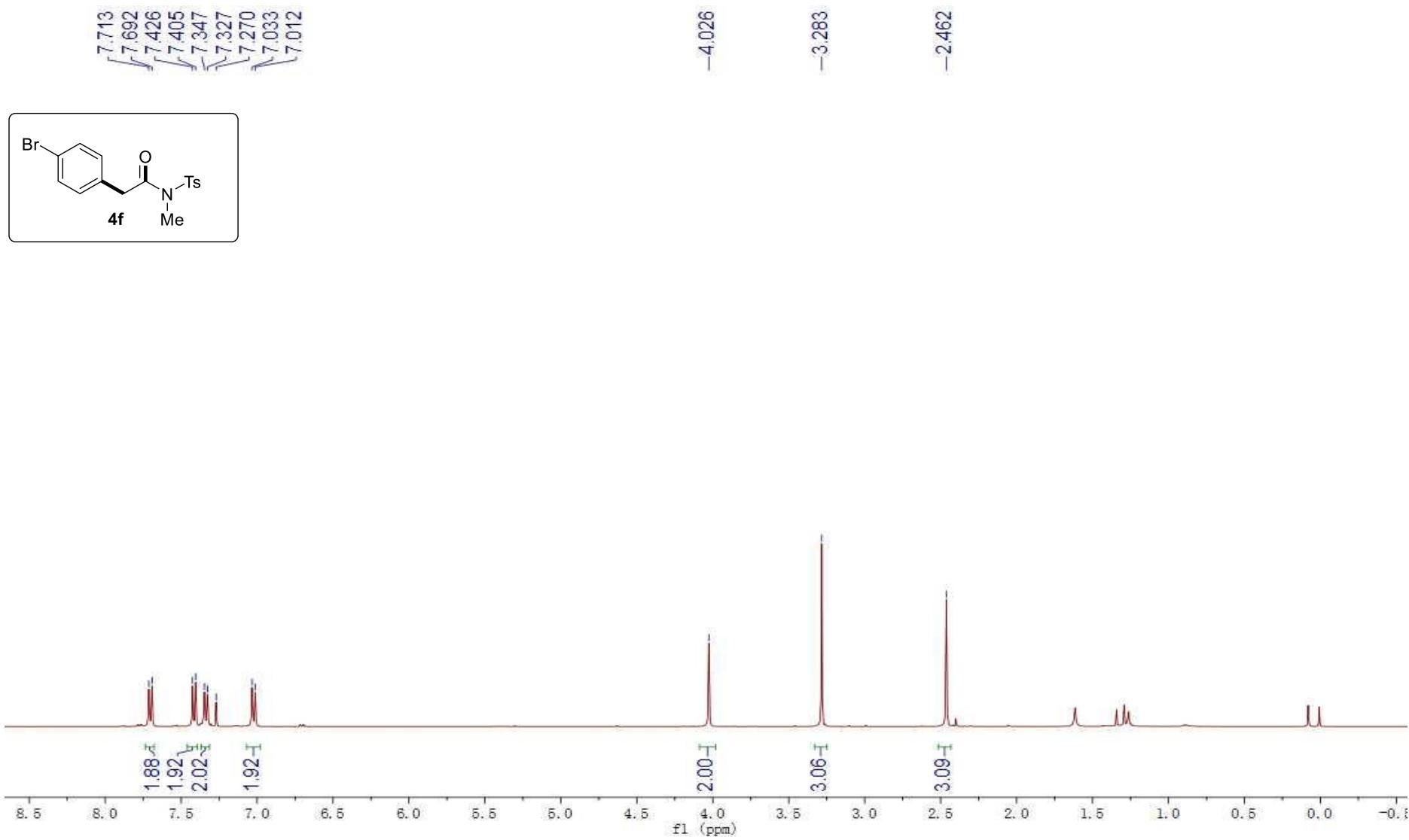


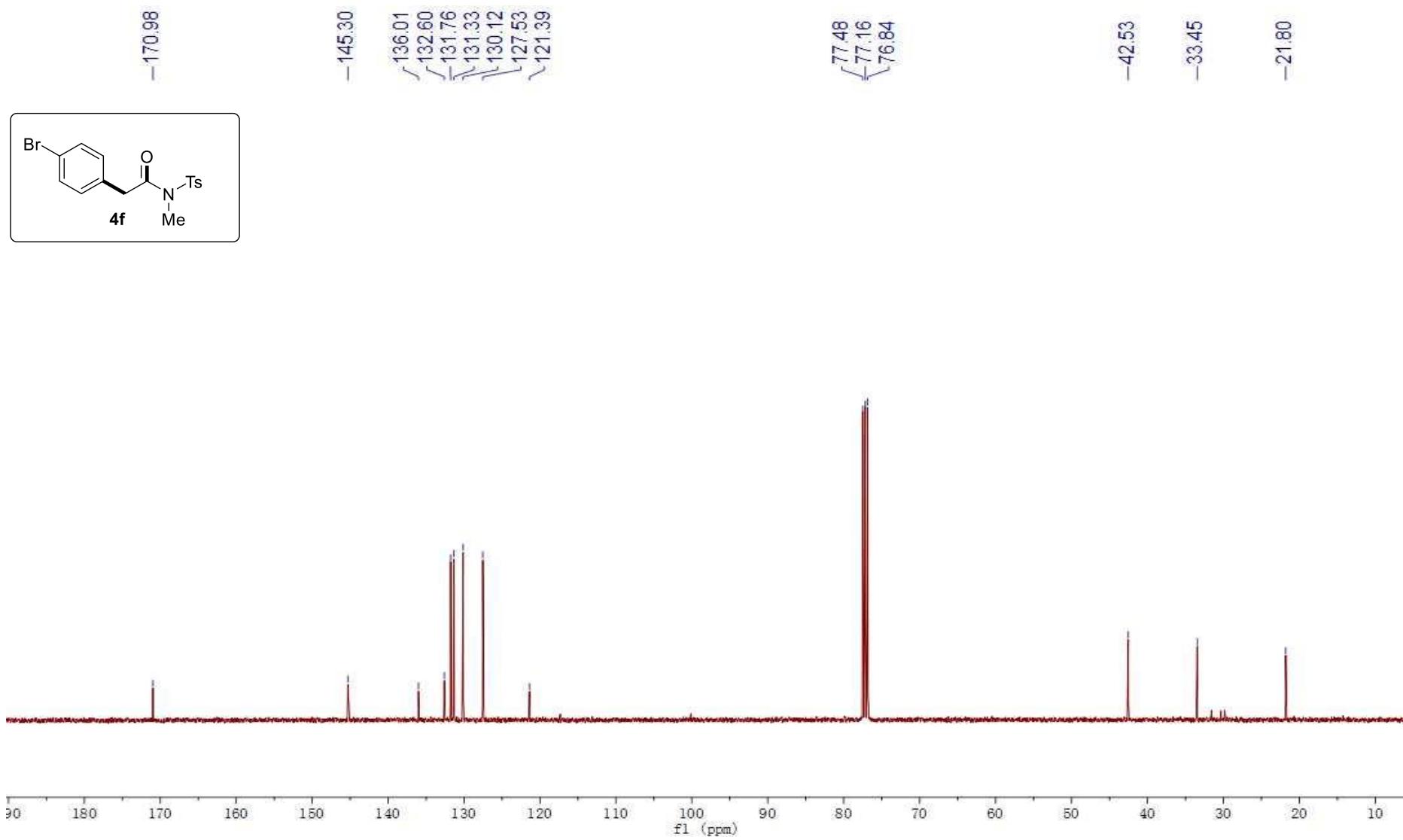


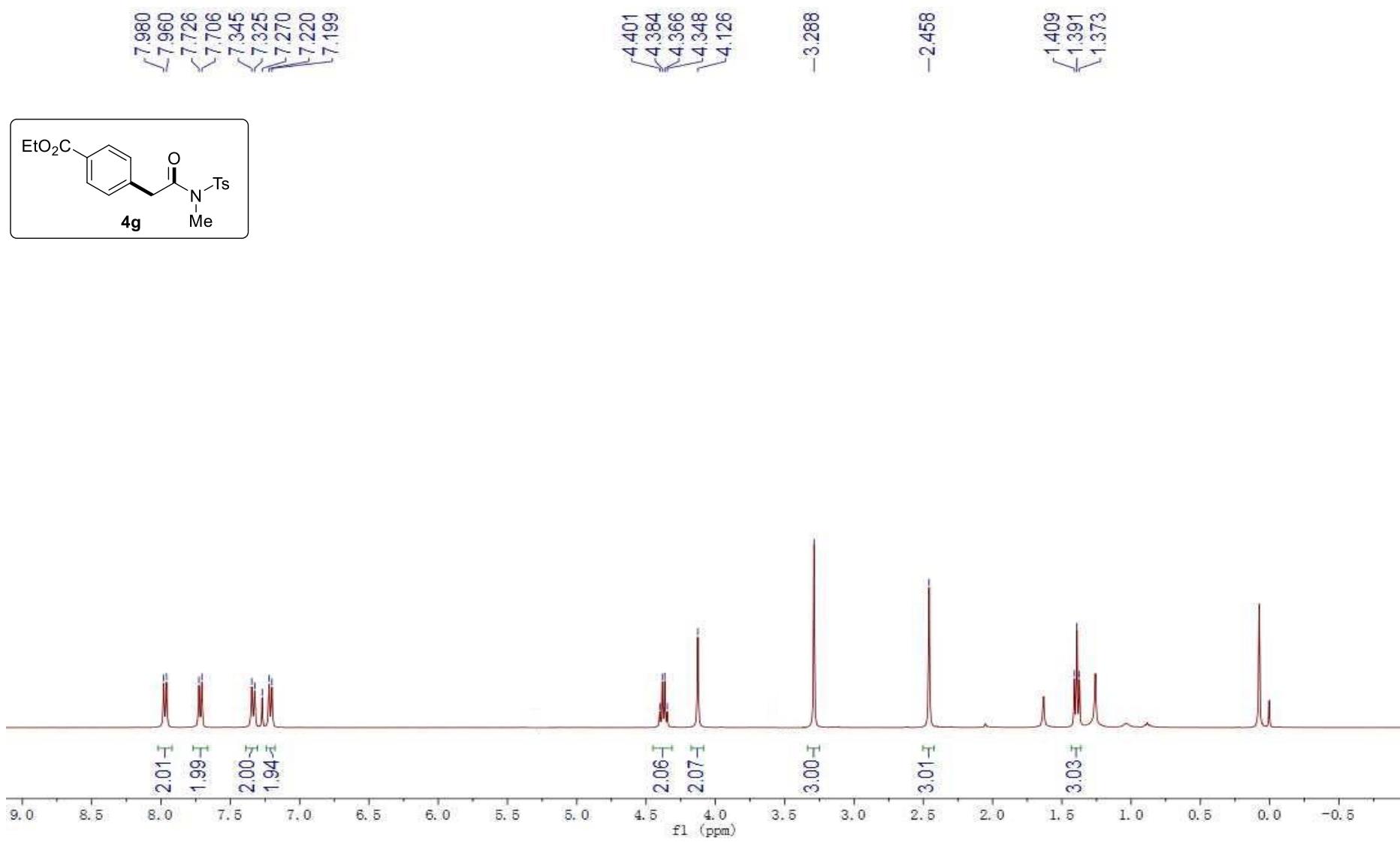


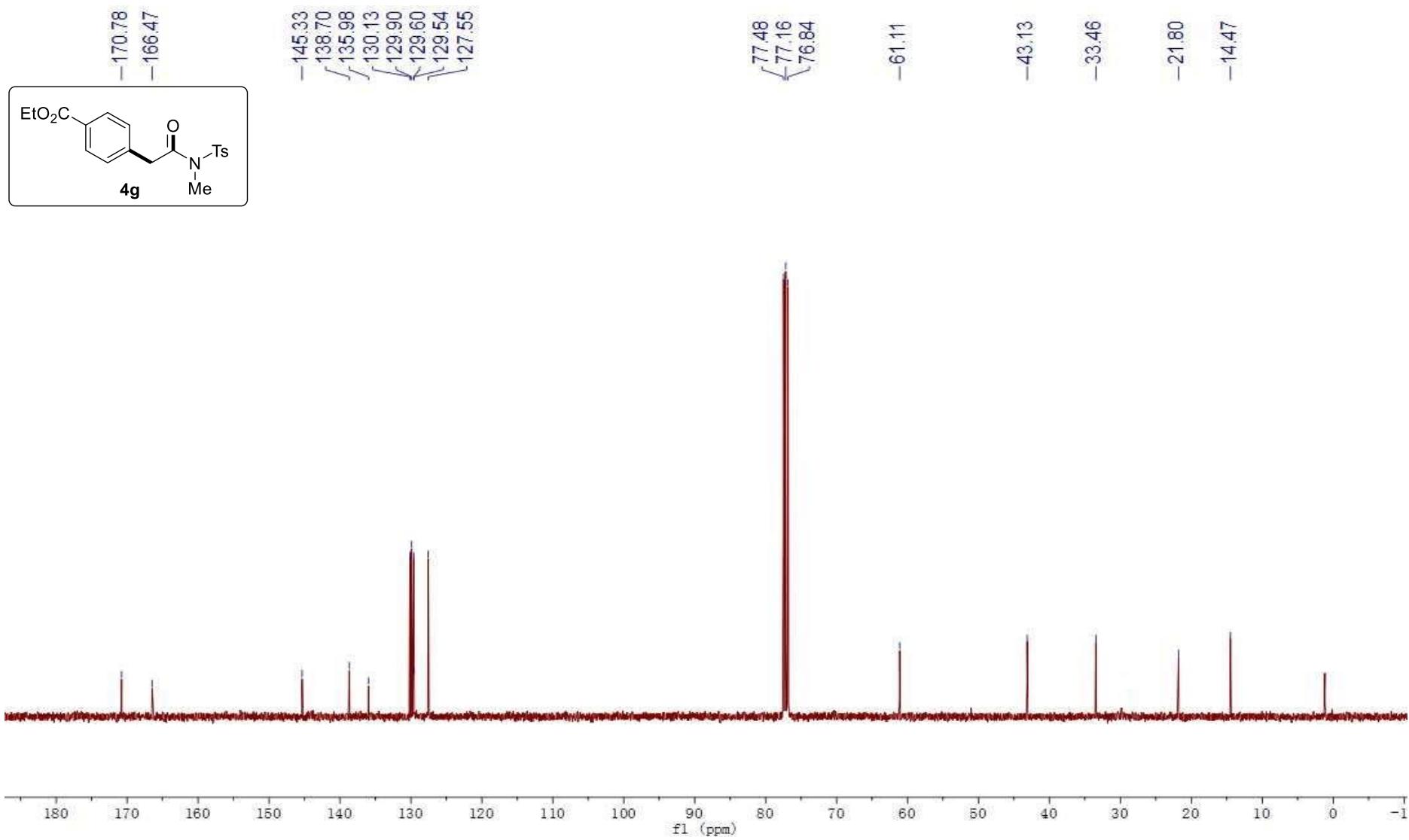


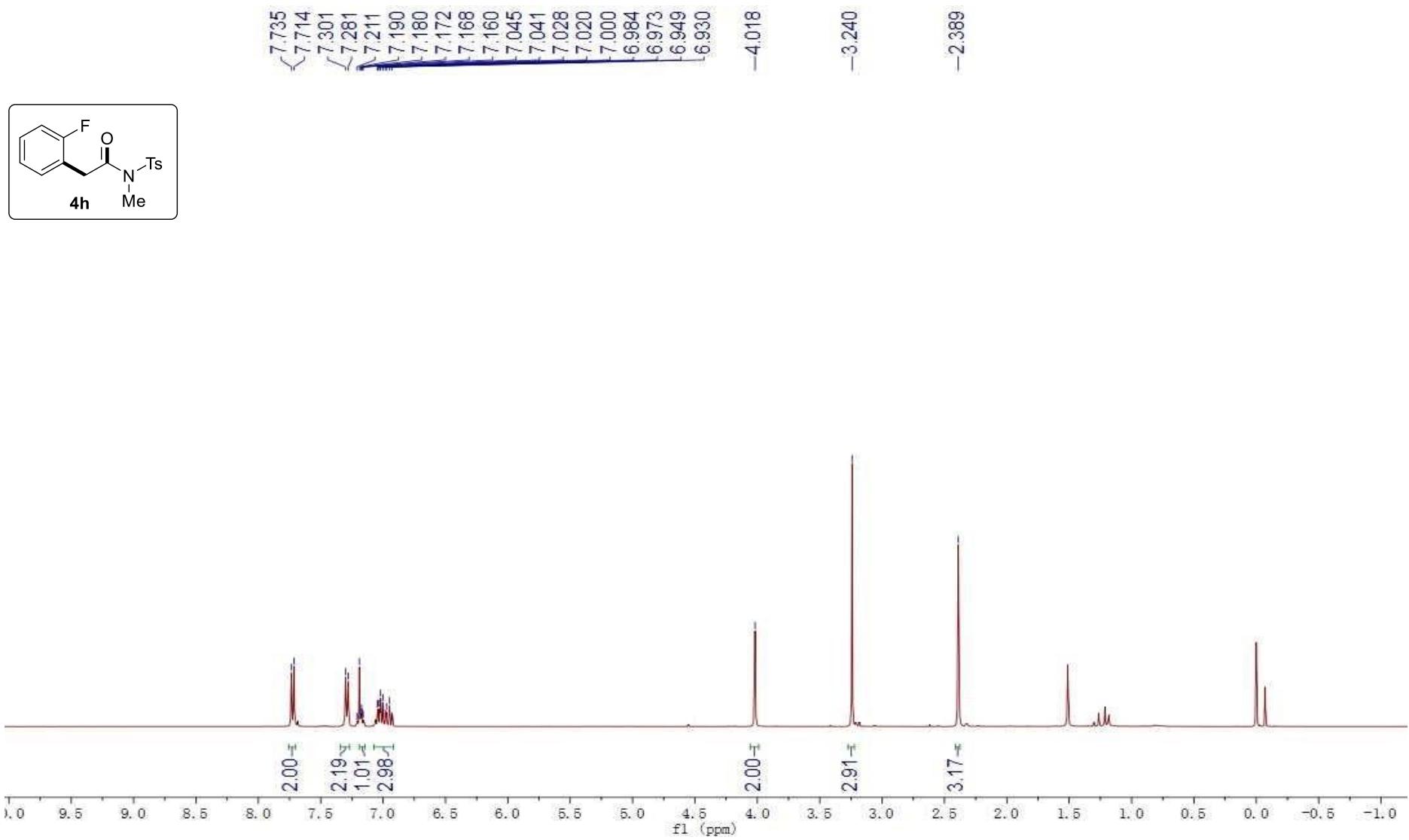


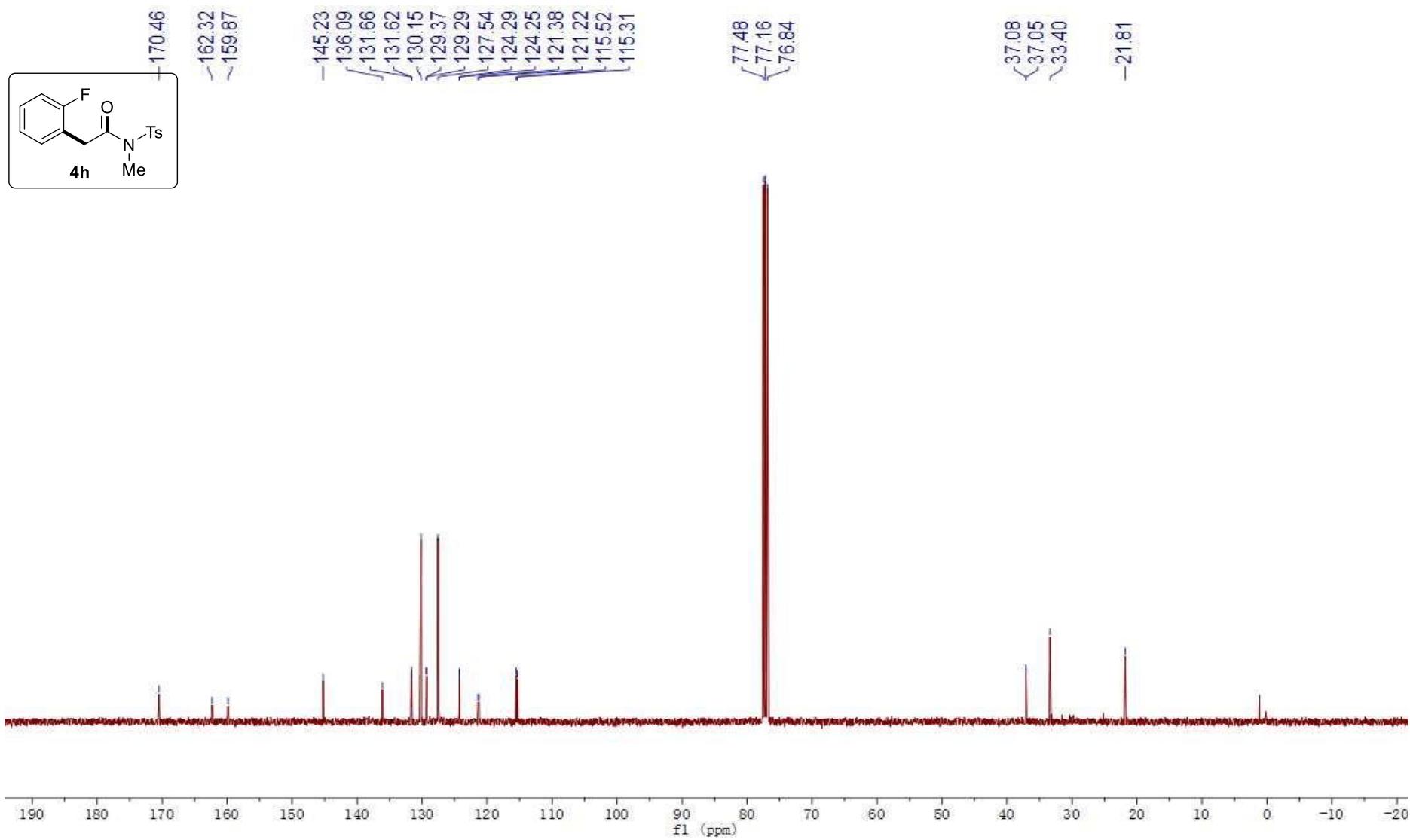


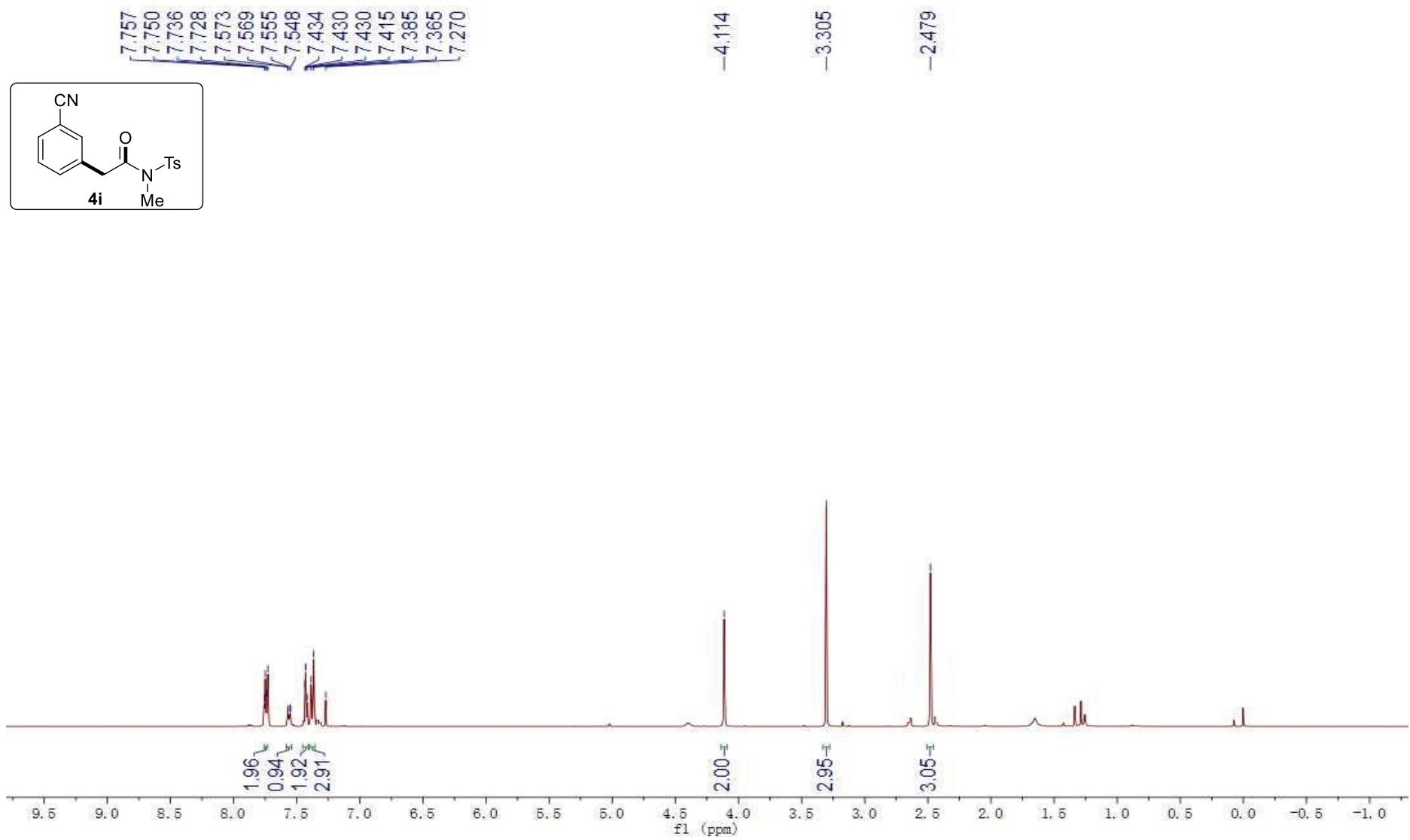


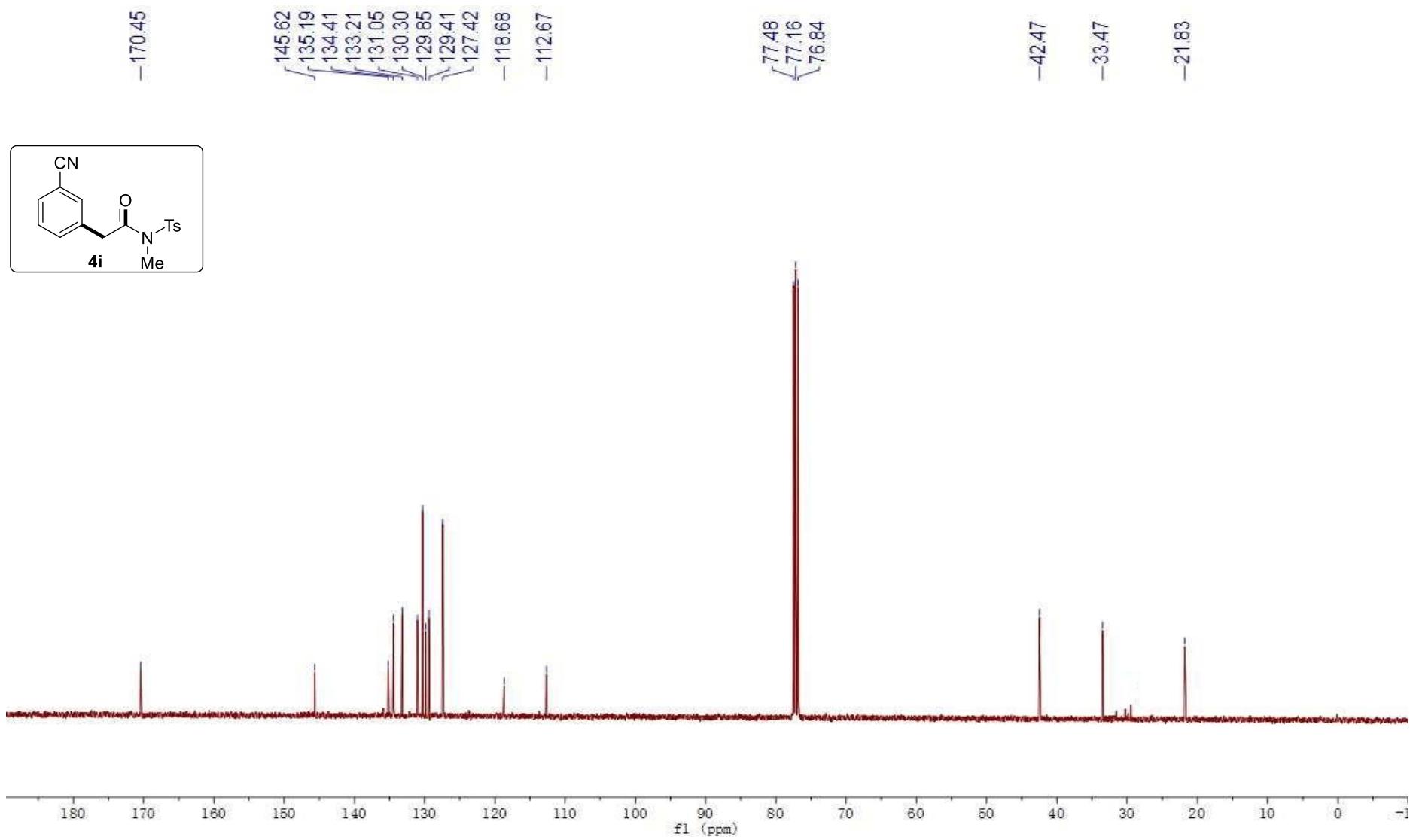


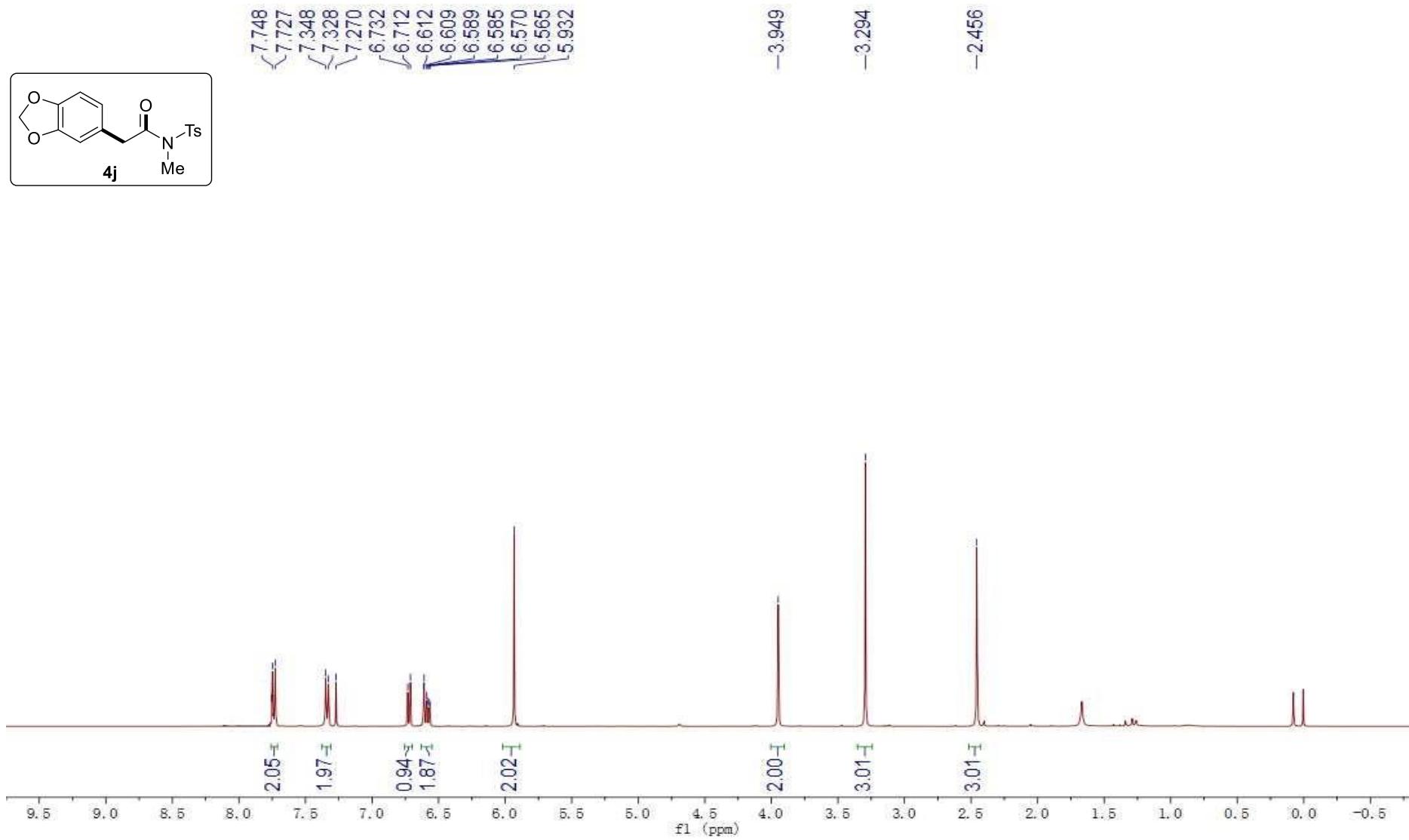
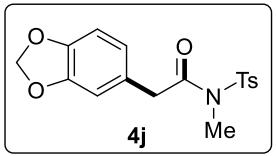


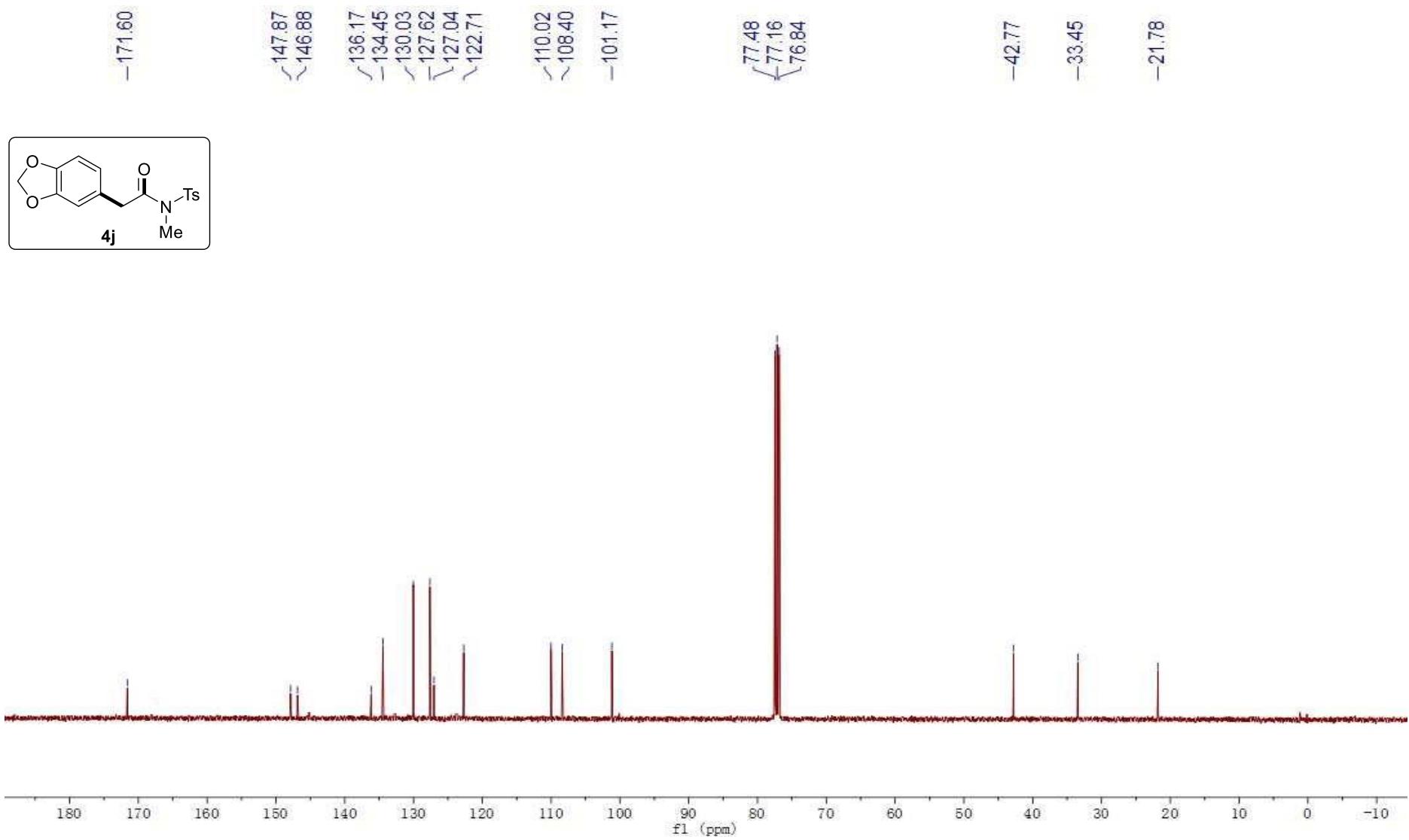


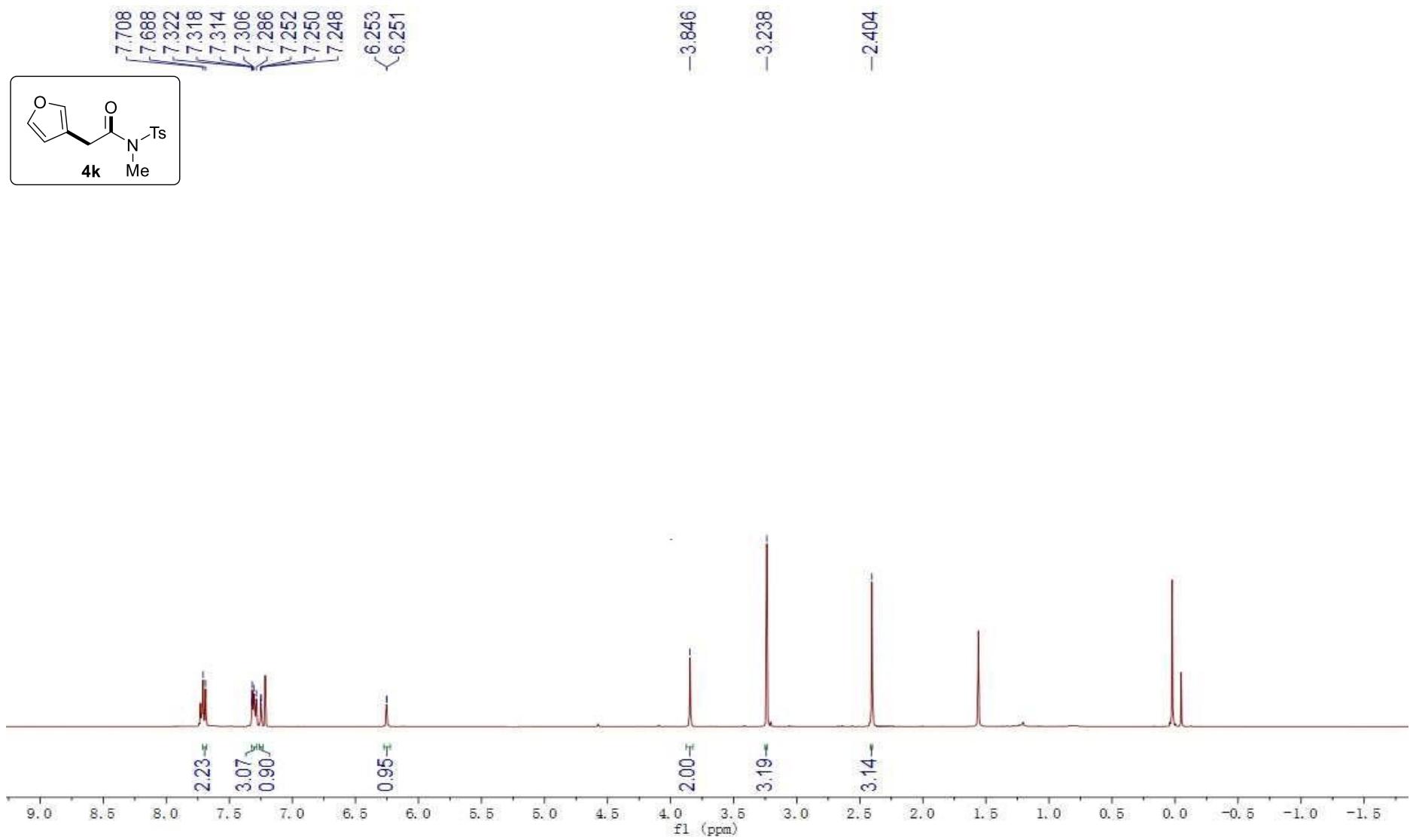


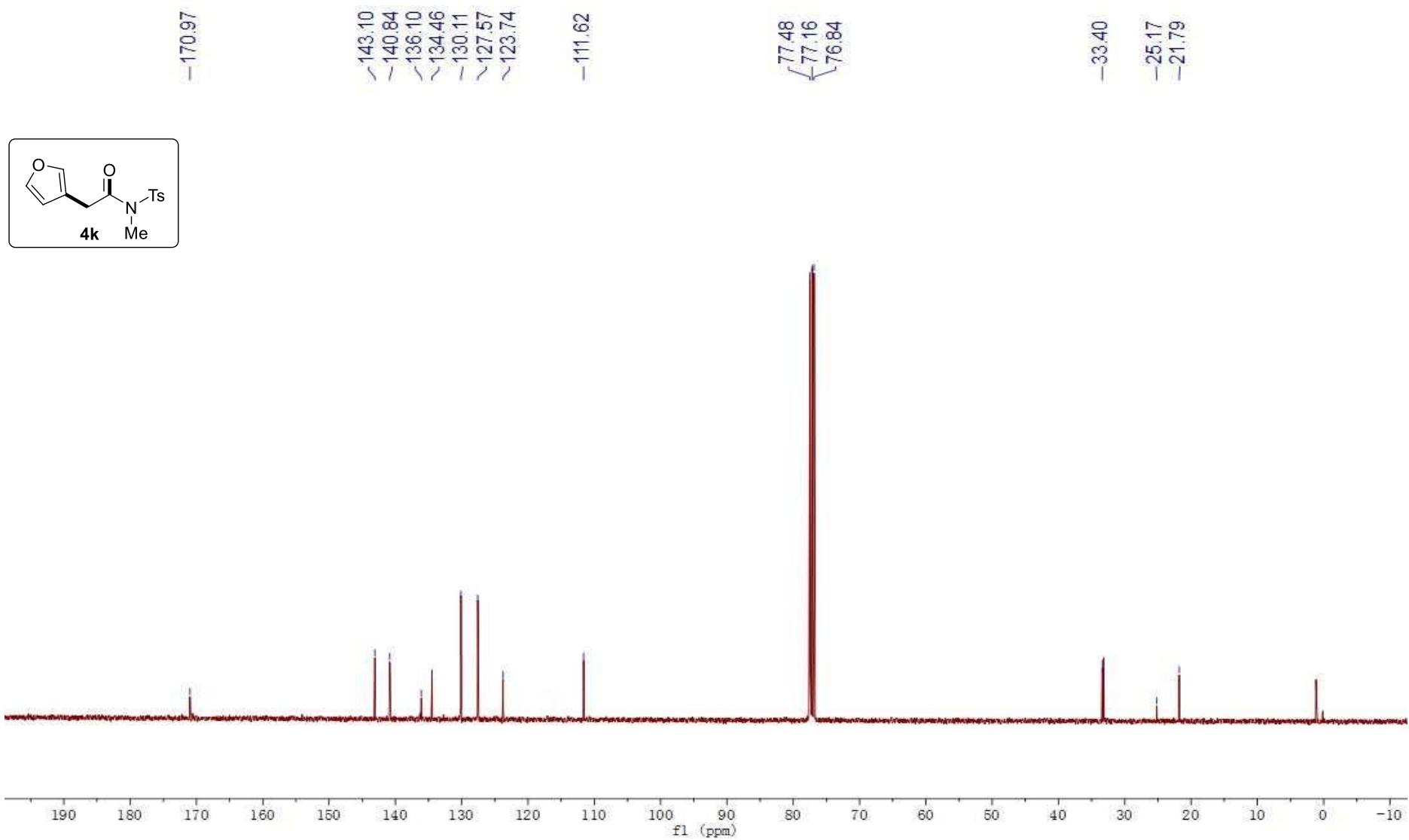


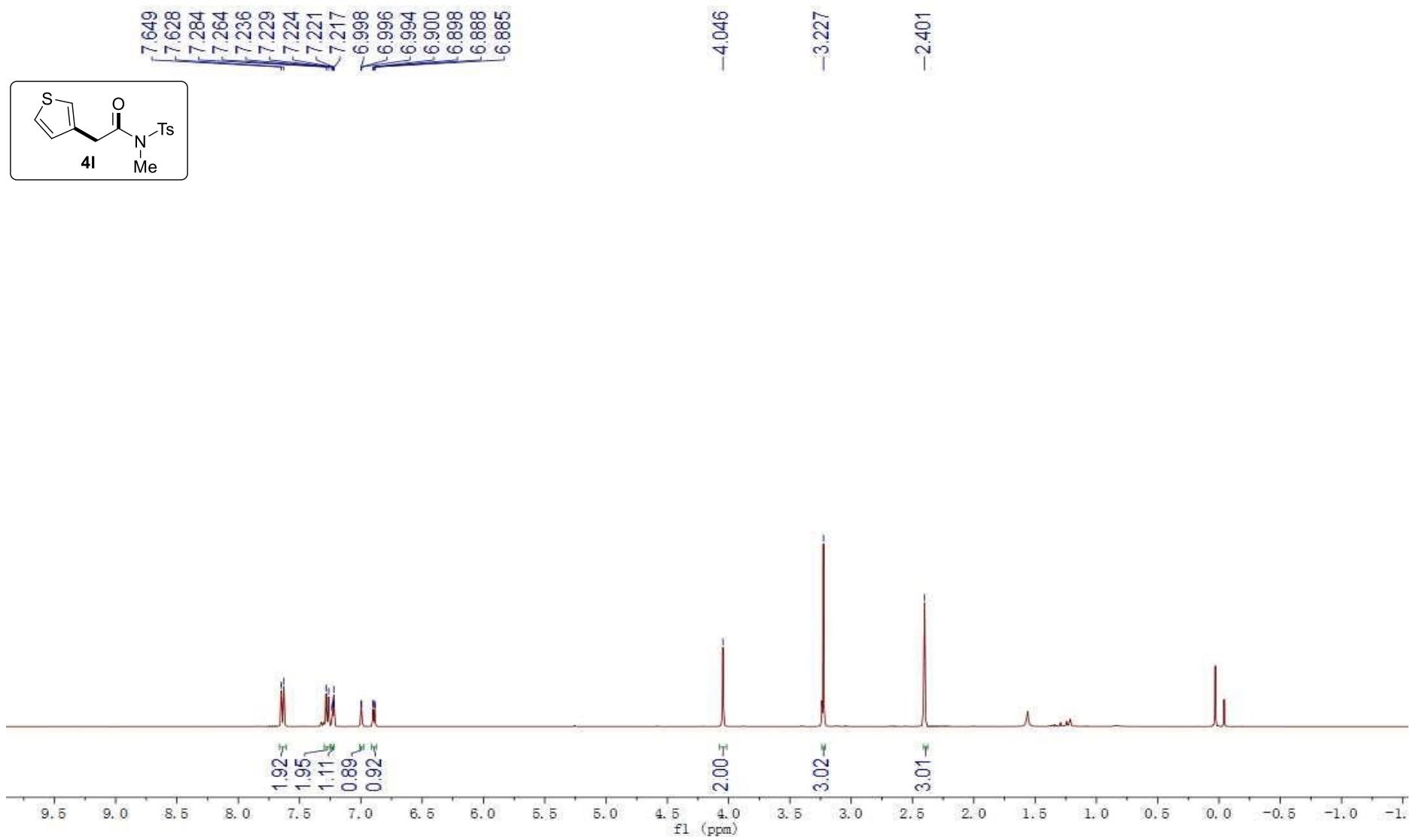


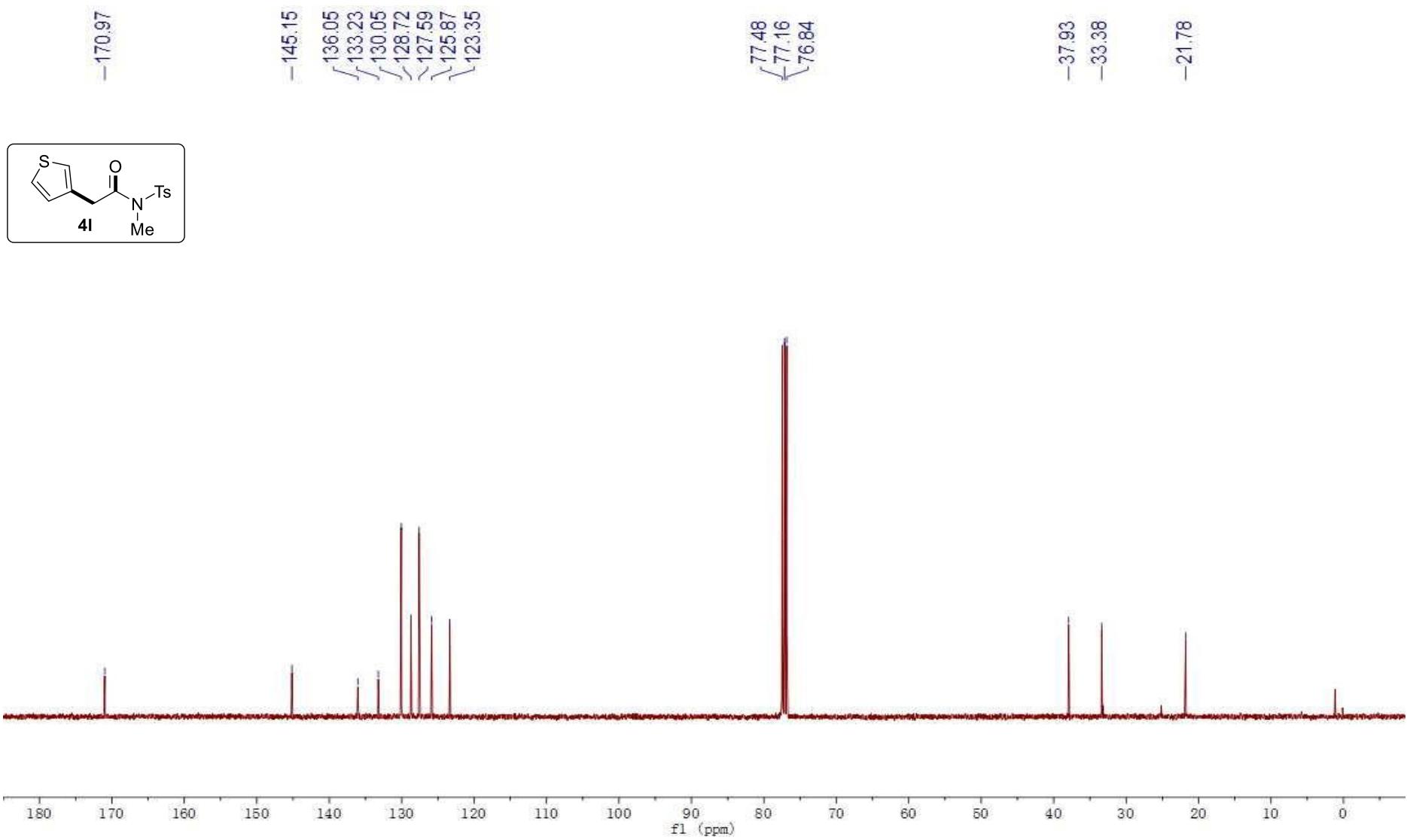


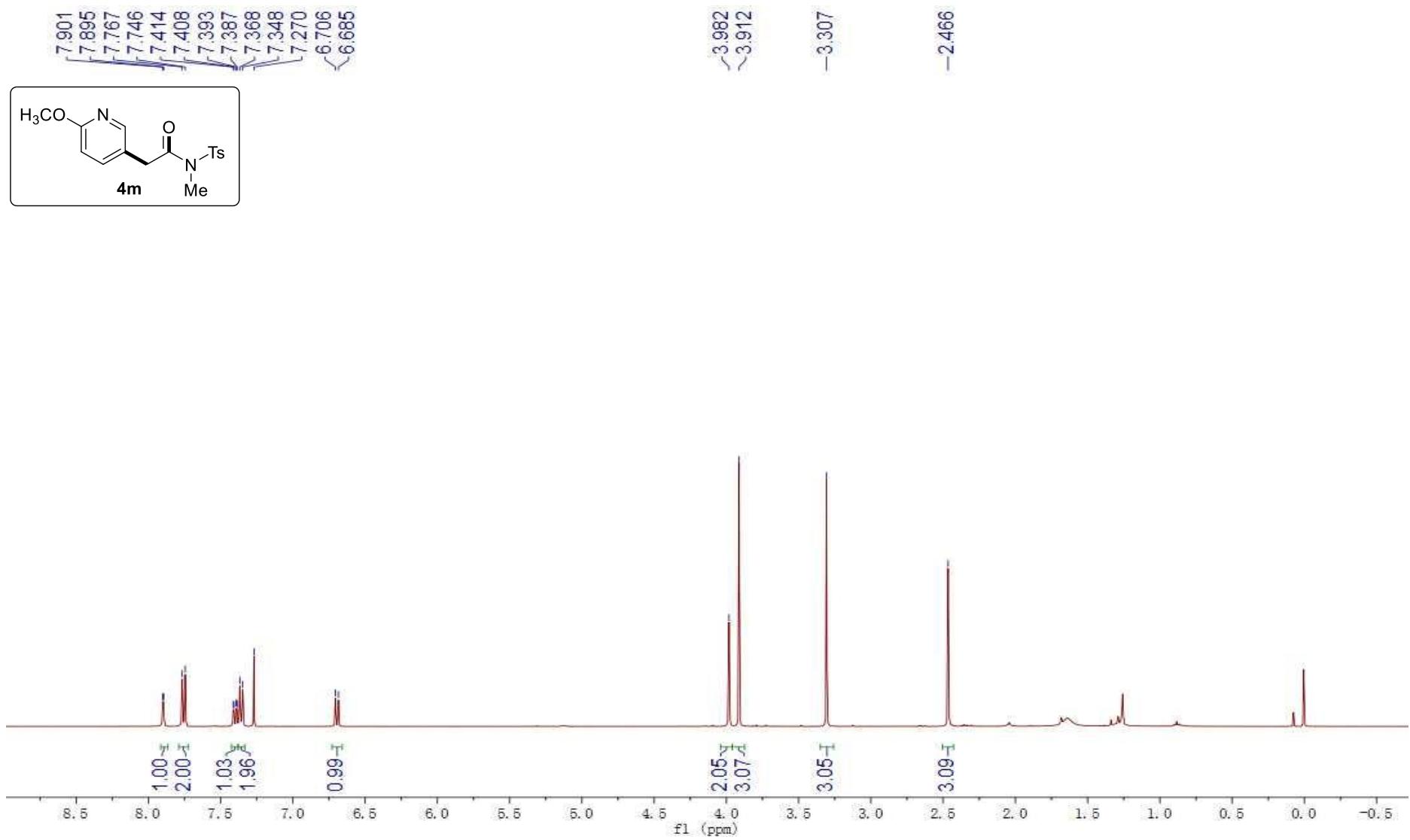


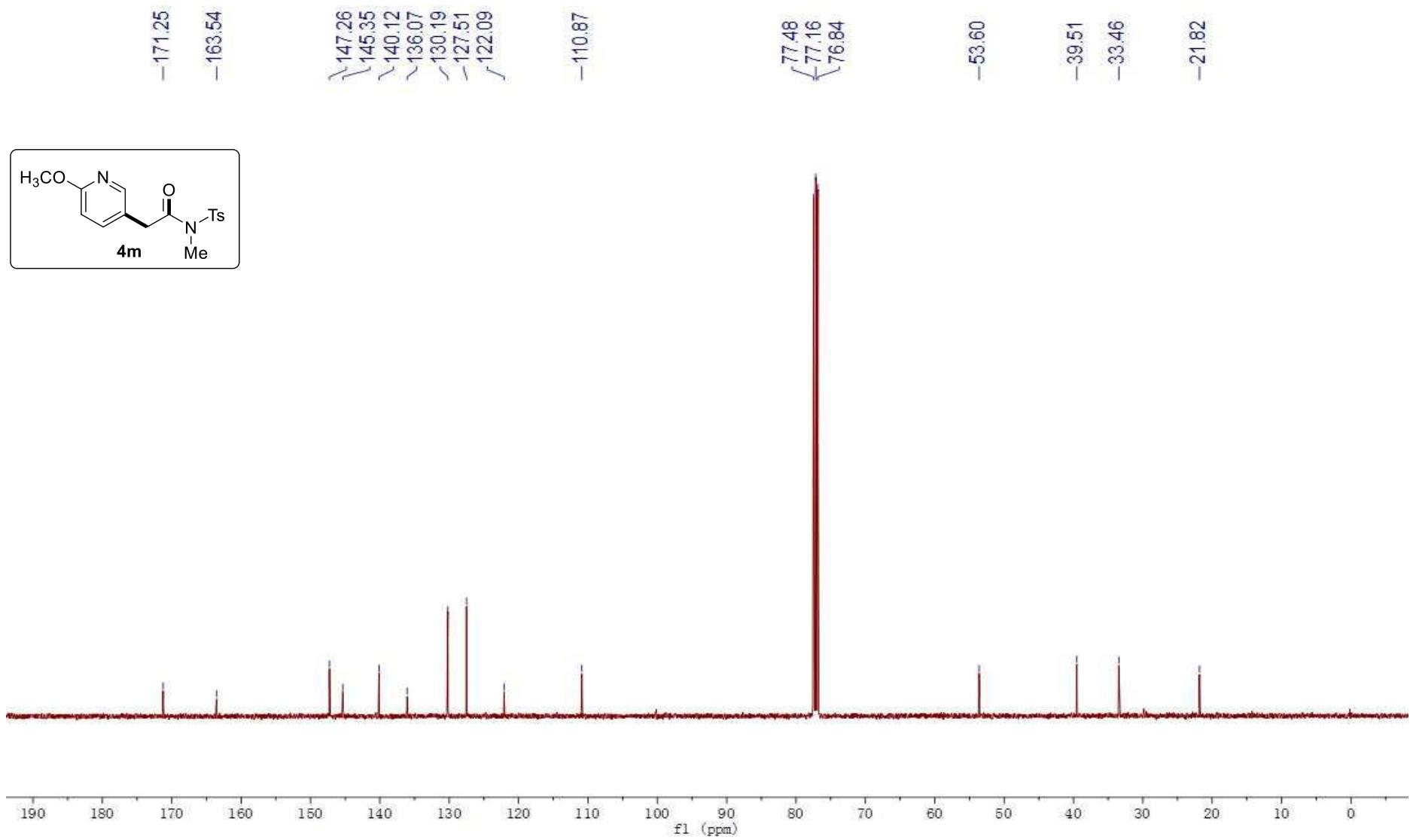


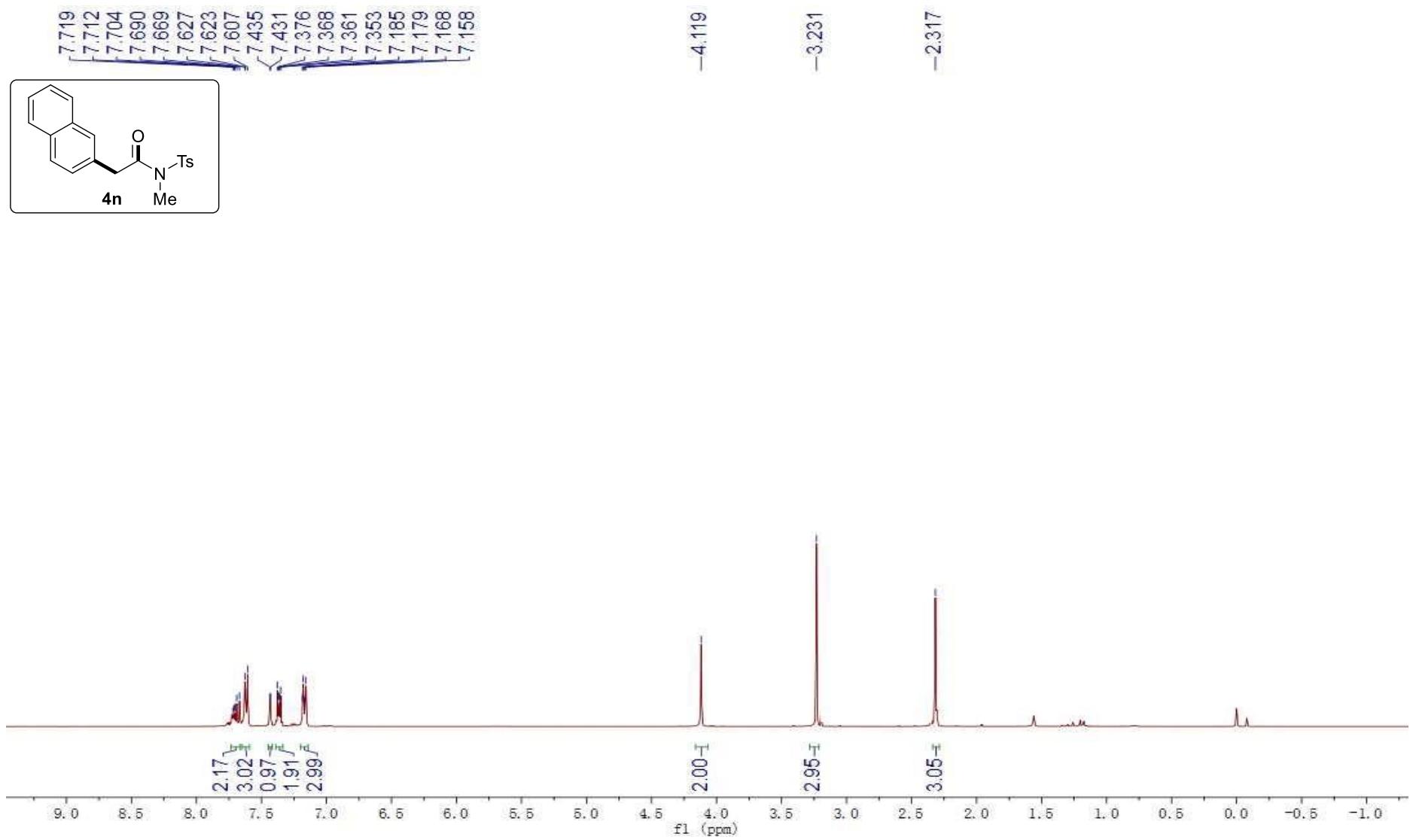


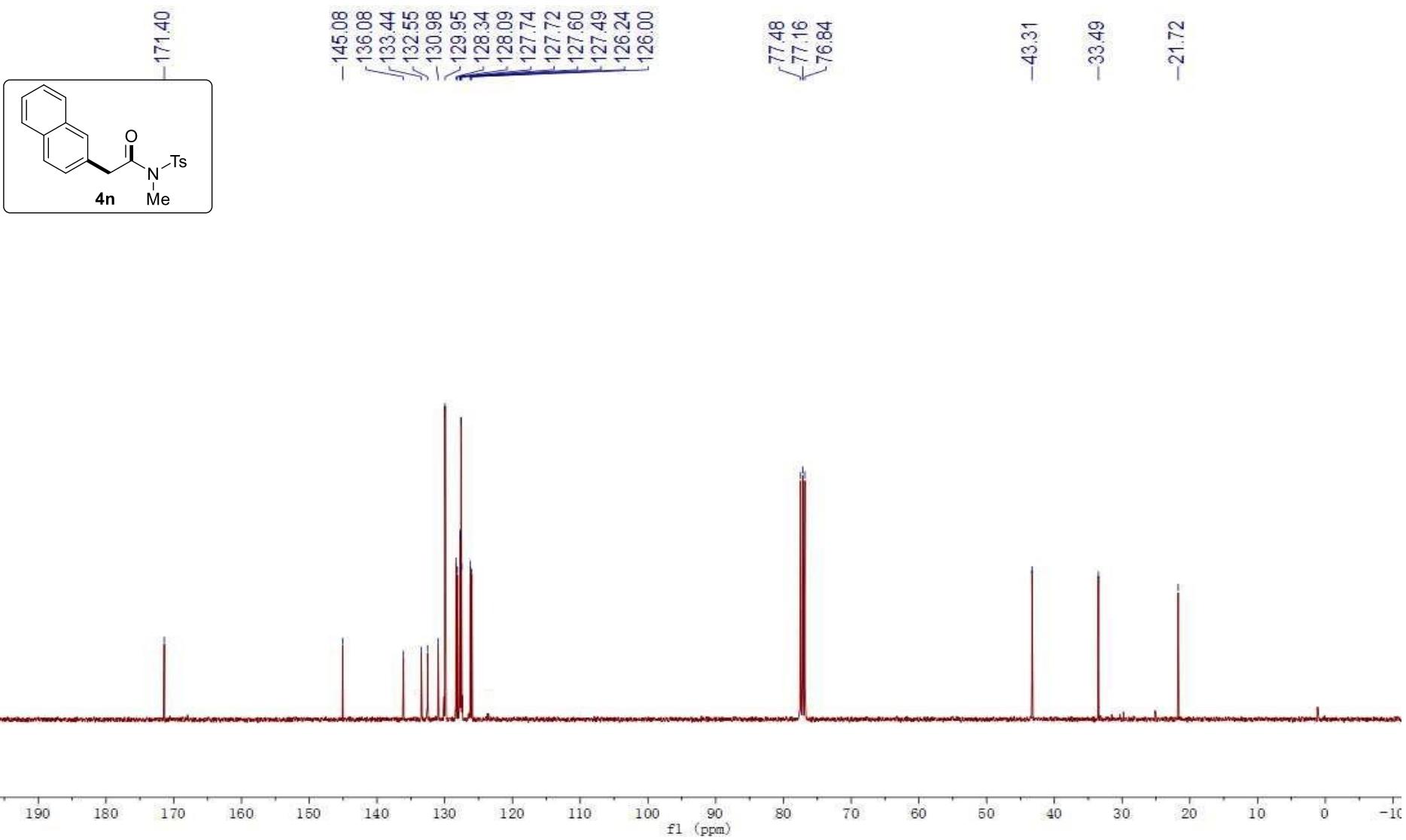


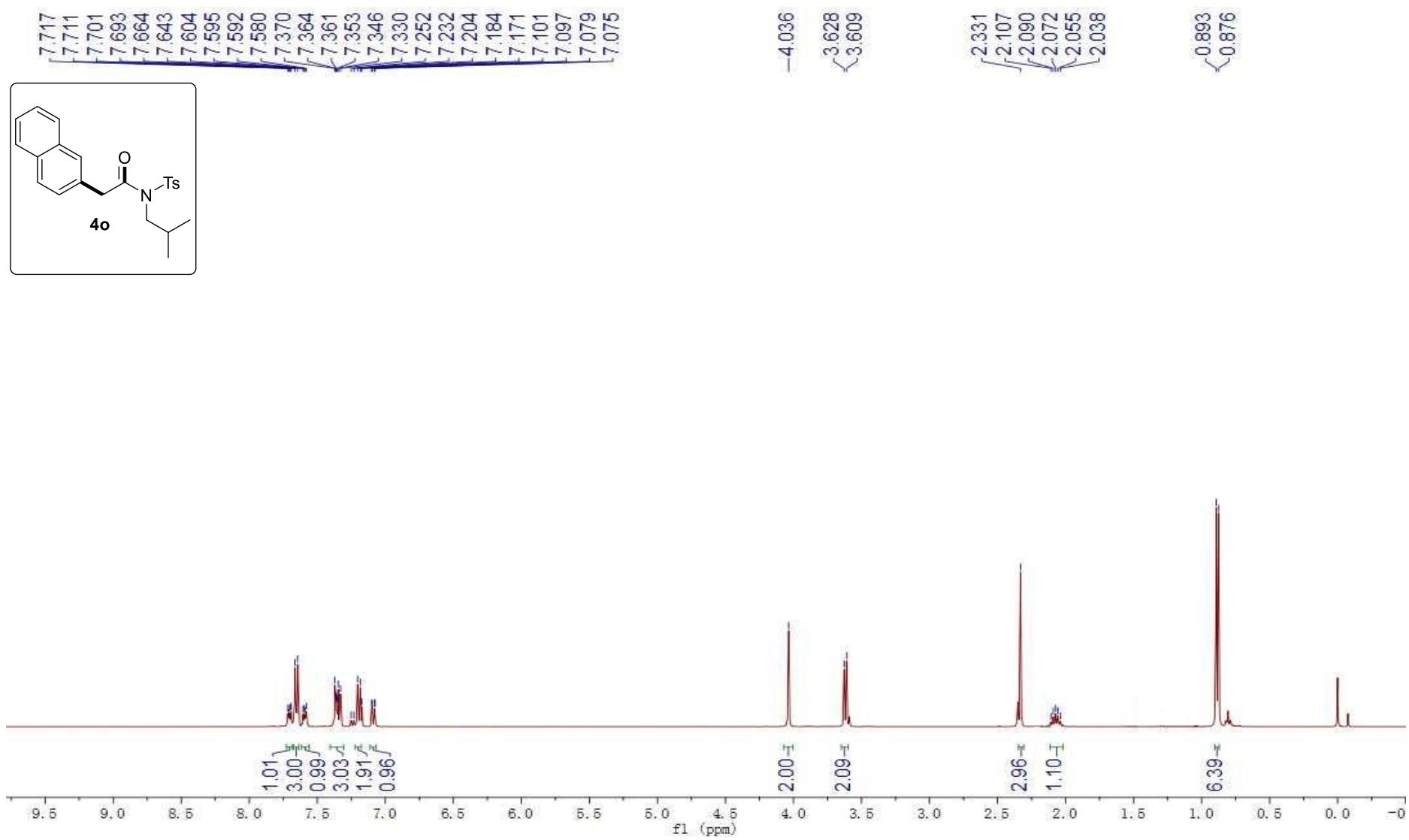


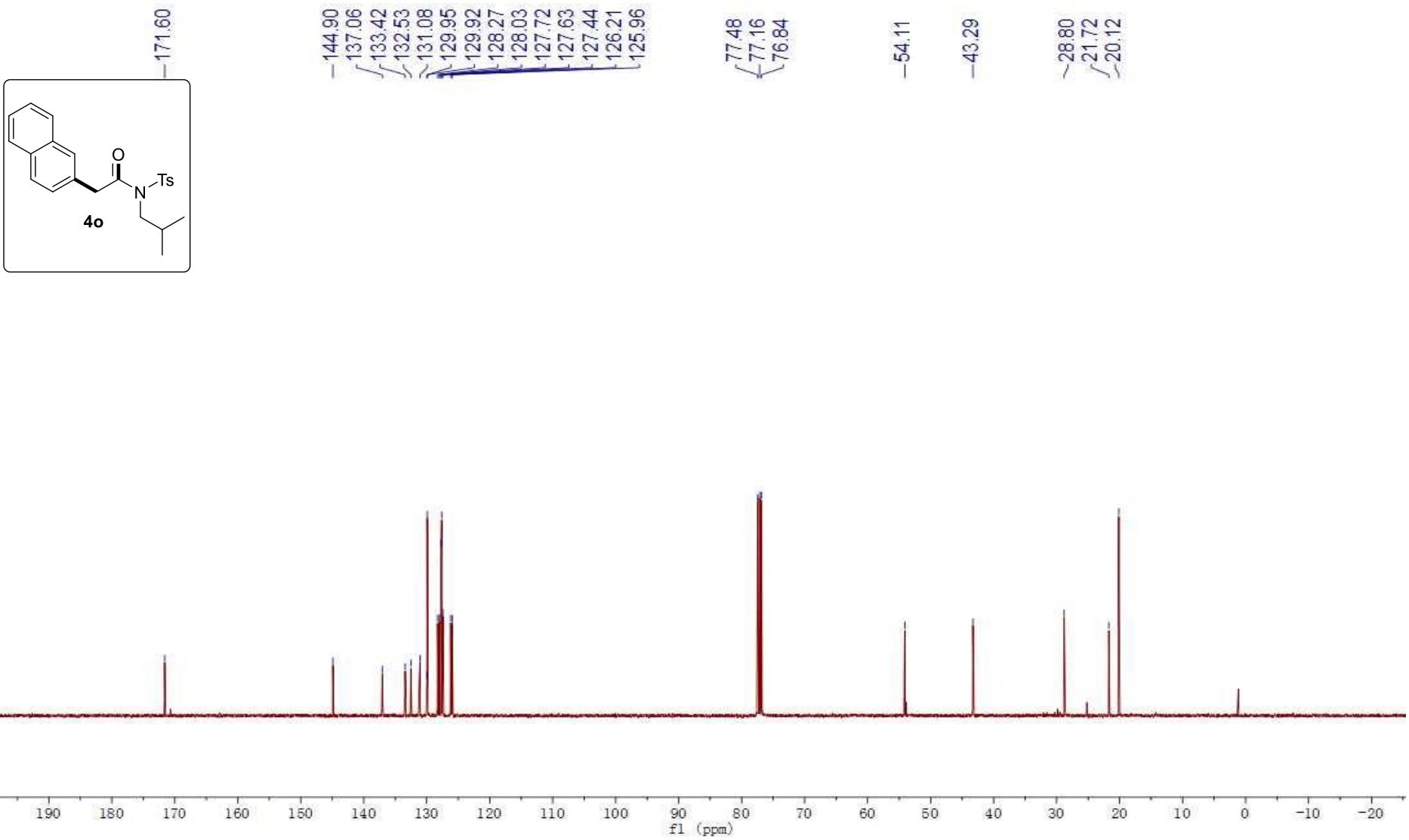


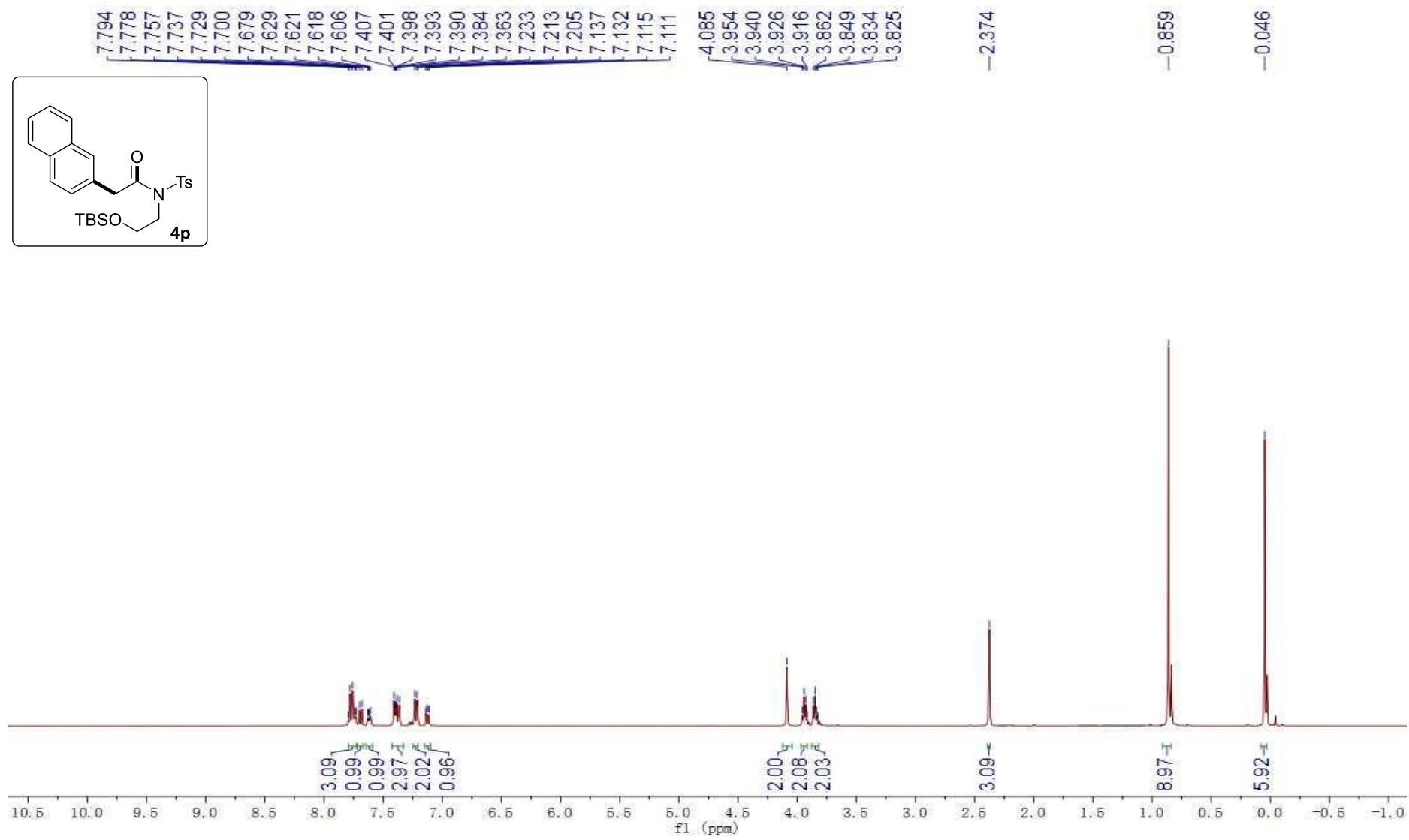


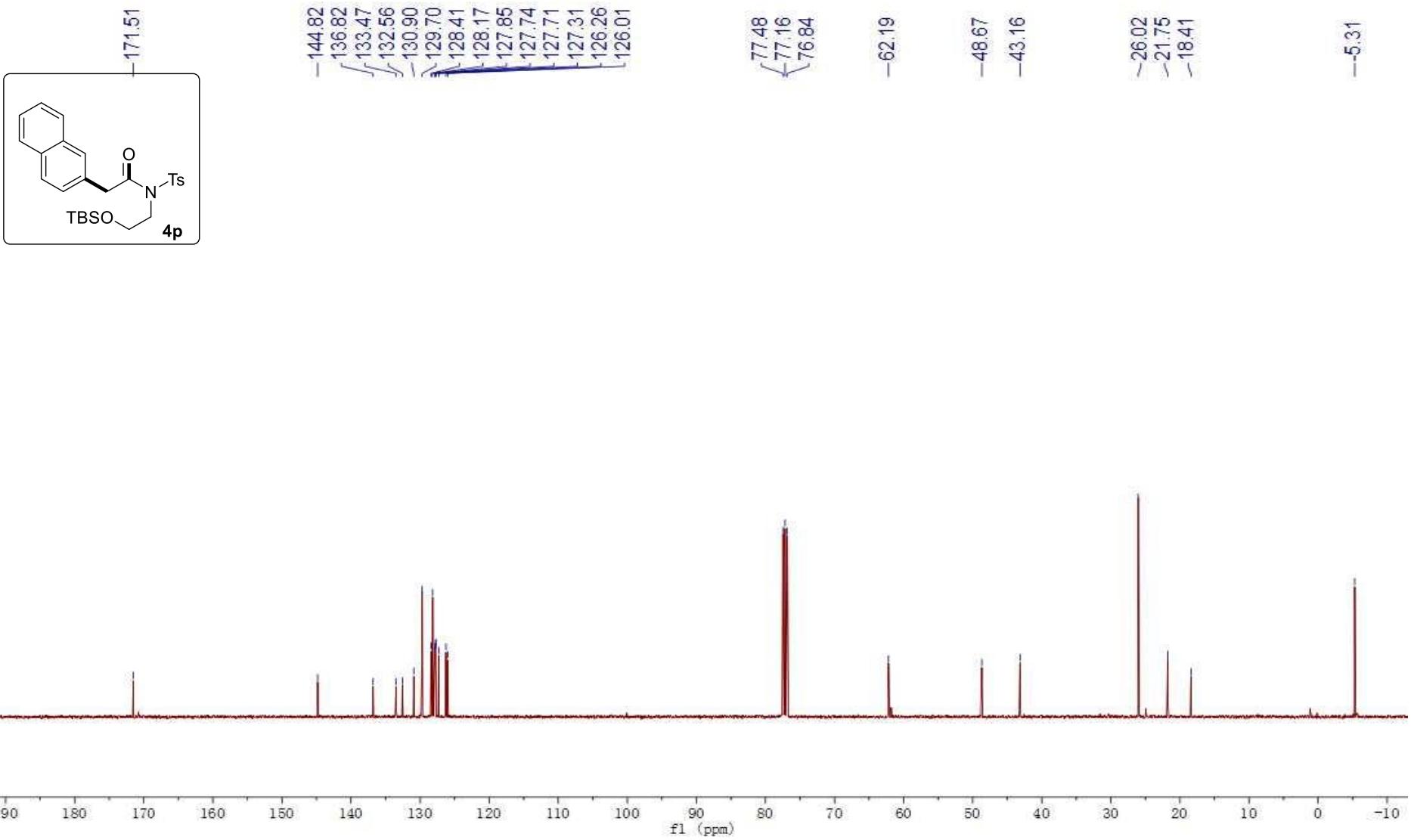


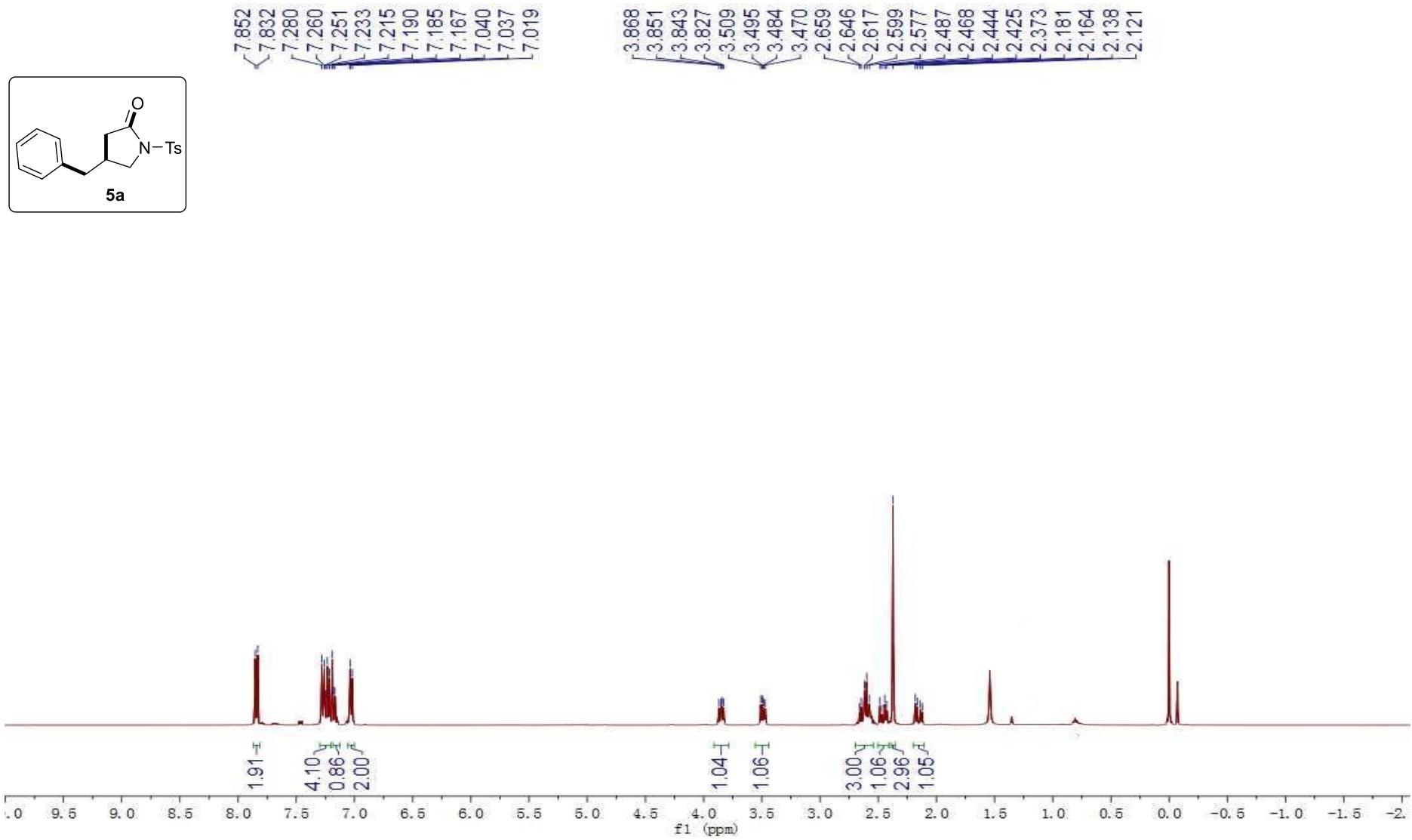


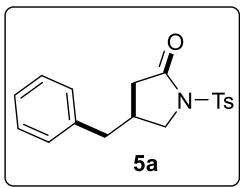












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