

# Copper-Catalyzed Three Component Reaction of Aryl Acetylene, Sulfonyl Azide and Enaminone to Form Iminolactone via 6 $\pi$ Electrocyclization

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## **A. General information**

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere, with dry solvents in anhydrous conditions. THF, ethyl acetate (Ea), toluene, dichloromethane, 1,2-dichloroethane and acetonitrile were dried by activated molecular sieve (4 Å). All chemicals were used without further purification as commercially available unless otherwise noted. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel plates (60F-254) using UV-light (254 and 365 nm). Flash chromatography was conducted on silica gel (200–300 mesh). Melting points are uncorrected.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm). Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded by an ATR module and absorption bands are given in wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters TOFMS GCT Premier using ESI ionization. Petroleum ether (PE) refers to the fraction with boiling point in the range 60–90 °C.

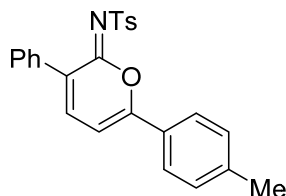
Enaminone **1** was prepared from corresponding ketone with *N,N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal in toluene under reflux <sup>1</sup>. Sulfonyl azide **3** was prepared from corresponding sulfonyl chloride and sodium azide according to the reported procedure <sup>2</sup>.

## **B. General procedure for the three-component reaction**

To a flame dried round bottle flask with a magnetic stirring bar were added CuI (7.6 mg, 0.04 mmol, 10 mol %),  $\text{PPh}_3$  (21.0 mg, 0.08 mmol, 20 mol %) and enaminone **1** (0.4 mmol), followed by the addition of 1,2-dichloroethane (2 mL) and TEA (28  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.2 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) under nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature. Aryl acetylene **2** (1 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) and sulfonyl azide **3** (1 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was then added, and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight. After the completely consumption of enaminone **1** monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea as eluent to afford product **4** or **5**.

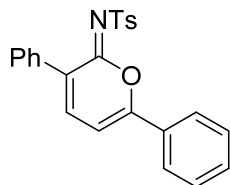
### C. Analytical data of iminolactone 4 and 5

4-methyl-N-(3-phenyl-6-(p-tolyl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4a**



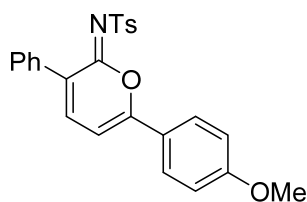
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4a** (118.0 mg, 71% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 138.1 – 142.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 158.9, 142.6, 142.1, 141.1, 139.9, 134.3, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.3, 127.3, 126.5, 126.0, 103.2, 21.6, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3085, 3030, 2958, 2860, 1639, 1511, 1446, 1301 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 416.1315, found = 416.1327.

N-(3,6-diphenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4b**



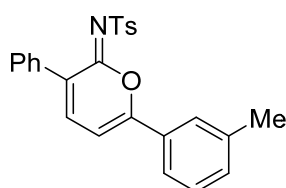
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4b** (126.7 mg, 79% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 168.6 – 172.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.8, 158.8, 142.6, 140.7, 139.8, 134.2, 131.4, 130.1, 129.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 126.5, 126.0, 103.6, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3108, 3065, 2953, 2850, 1641, 1510, 1446, 1300 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 402.1158, found = 402.1161.

N-(6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4c**



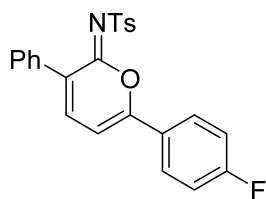
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4c** (110.5 mg, 64% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 129.2 – 132.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.3, 160.1, 159.0, 142.5, 141.2, 140.0, 134.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 126.5, 122.6, 114.7, 102.3, 55.5, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3055, 3025, 2960, 2835, 1634, 1511, 1446, 1146 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 432.1264, found = 432.1277.

4-methyl-N-(3-phenyl-6-(m-tolyl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4d**



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4d** (121.3 mg, 73% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 128.3 – 131.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 158.9, 142.5, 140.7, 139.9, 138.9, 134.3, 132.3, 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.8, 126.5, 123.4, 103.6, 21.6, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3098, 3045, 2915, 2853, 1636, 1514, 1446, 1311 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 416.1315, found = 416.1330.

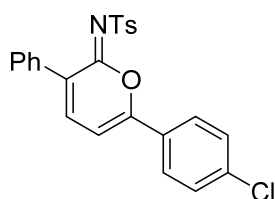
N-(6-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4e**



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4e** (72.1 mg, 43% yield) as a yellow

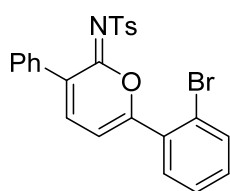
powder. M.p. 192.7 – 195.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.60 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 253.4 Hz), 158.7, 158.7, 142.7, 140.7, 139.7, 134.1, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.3 Hz), 128.2, 127.8, 126.4, 116.52 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.2 Hz), 103.3, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3098, 3043, 2923, 2868, 1639, 1501, 1441, 1296 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 420.1064, found = 420.1075.

N-(6-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4f**



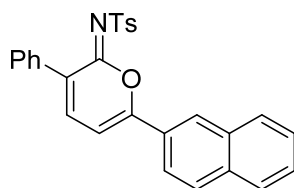
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4f** (87.2 mg, 50% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 169.8 – 173.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.6, 158.5, 142.8, 140.4, 139.7, 137.6, 134.0, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.3, 127.2, 126.5, 103.7, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3088, 3065, 2950, 2865, 1636, 1519, 1446, 1294 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 436.0769, found = 436.0770.

N-(6-(2-bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4g**



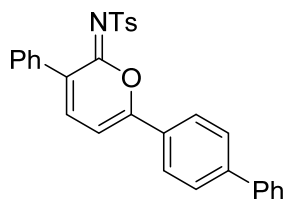
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4g** (99.9 mg, 52% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 158.8 – 161.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.8, 157.8, 142.7, 139.5, 134.3, 134.0, 131.8, 131.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 126.8, 121.0, 109.5, 21.4 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3065, 3025, 2950, 2865, 1639, 1529, 1309, 1149 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 480.0264, found = 480.0271.

4-methyl-N-(6-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4h**



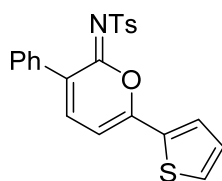
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4h** (92.1 mg, 51% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 220.0 – 222.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.06 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 4H), 7.90 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.9, 158.8, 142.6, 140.7, 139.8, 134.6, 134.2, 133.1, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 122.0, 104.0, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3055, 3033, 2955, 2850, 1634, 1526, 1289, 1144 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 452.1315, found = 452.1322.

N-(6-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4i**



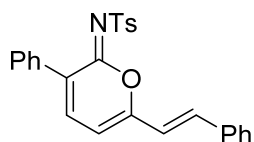
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4i** (108.9 mg, 57% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 209.5 – 211.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.6, 158.8, 144.1, 142.6, 140.7, 139.8, 134.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 128.2, 127.8, 127.1, 126.5, 103.5, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3060, 3030, 2958, 2853, 1636, 1514, 1299, 1156 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 478.1471, found = 478.1475.

4-methyl-N-(3-phenyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4j**



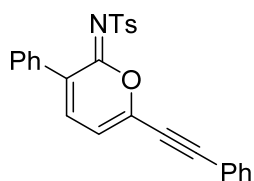
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4j** (97.8 mg, 60% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 65.6 – 68.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.1, 155.3, 142.6, 140.6, 139.9, 134.3, 133.4, 129.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 127.4, 126.5, 102.7, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3080, 3030, 2920, 2855, 1634, 1529, 1416, 1146 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 408.0723, found = 408.0732.

4-methyl-N-(3-phenyl-6-((E)-styryl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4k**



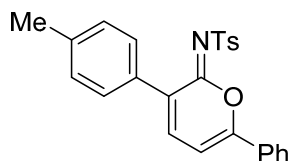
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4k** (104.3mg, 61% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 77.4 – 80.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 7H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.5, 142.6, 140.6, 140.0, 137.8, 135.4, 134.4, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 126.5, 117.2, 107.1, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3060, 3028, 2950, 2858, 1644, 1524, 1446, 1301 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 428.1315, found = 428.1321.

4-methyl-N-(3-phenyl-6-(phenylethynyl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4l**



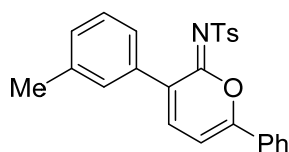
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4l** (69.8mg, 41% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 221.5 – 223.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.1, 143.2, 142.9, 139.0, 138.8, 133.9, 132.1, 130.5, 130.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 120.4, 112.7, 98.3, 80.7, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3095, 3058, 3030, 2960, 2208, 1629, 1451, 1309 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 426.1158, found = 426.1152.

4-methyl-N-(6-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4m**



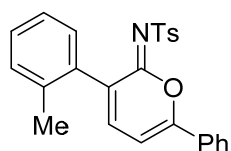
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4m** (86.4 mg, 52% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 193.5 – 196.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.5, 158.9, 142.6, 140.3, 139.8, 138.9, 131.3, 131.2, 130.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 126.5, 125.9, 103.8, 21.5, 21.3 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3090, 3052, 2952, 2851, 1637, 1494, 1300, 1141 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 416.1315, found = 416.1324.

4-methyl-N-(6-phenyl-3-(m-tolyl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4n**



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4n** (89.7 mg, 54% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 150.8 – 154.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.08 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.7, 158.8, 142.5, 140.4, 140.0, 137.8, 134.1, 131.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.1, 126.5, 126.0, 125.9, 103.5, 21.5, 21.4 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3055, 3028, 2954, 2857, 1634, 1496, 1301, 1155 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 416.1315, found = 416.1321.

4-methyl-N-(6-phenyl-3-(o-tolyl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4o**

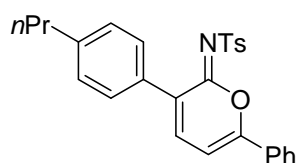


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4o** (66.5 mg, 40% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 157.3 – 161.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.56 –



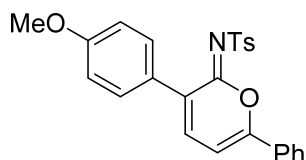
7.51 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.2, 158.8, 142.5, 142.1, 139.7, 136.8, 134.3, 131.5, 130.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 126.5, 126.1, 125.8, 103.1, 21.5, 20.1 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3080, 3063, 2962, 2863, 1636, 1506, 1449, 1294  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 416.1315$ , found = 416.1328.

4-methyl-N-(6-phenyl-3-(4-propylphenyl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4p**



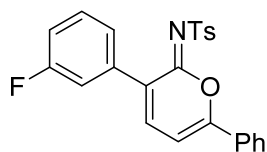
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4p** (97.5 mg, 55% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 126.5 – 128.6  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.1.73 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.5, 158.9, 143.7, 142.5, 140.2, 139.9, 131.5, 131.3, 130.1, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.5, 125.9, 103.6, 24.4, 21.5, 13.9 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3080, 3026, 2953, 2928, 2865, 1639, 1509, 1306  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 444.1628$ , found = 444.1639.

N-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4q**



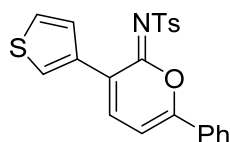
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4q** (81.1 mg, 47% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 160.2 – 162.9  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.1, 159.2, 159.0, 142.6, 139.9, 139.6, 131.2, 130.2, 130.1, 129.2, 129.1, 127.6, 126.5, 125.9, 113.7, 103.7, 55.3, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3013, 3065, 2960, 2838, 1634, 1511, 1496, 1309  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 432.1264$ , found = 432.1271.

N-(3-(3-fluorophenyl)-6-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **4r**



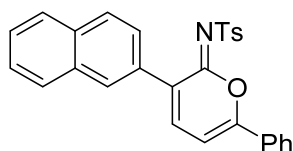
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4r** (105.7 mg, 63% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 159.9 – 162.9 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.4 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 245.7 Hz), 160.2, 158.3, 142.8, 141.1, 139.7, 136.1 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.2 Hz), 131.6, 129.9, 129.8 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.3 Hz), 129.3, 126.5, 126.1, 124.4 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.2 Hz), 115.9 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 17.2 Hz), 115.7 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 15.1 Hz), 103.5, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3100, 3070, 2960, 2853, 1641, 1494, 1301, 1149 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 420.1064, found = 420.1076.

4-methyl-N-(6-phenyl-3-(thiophen-3-yl)-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4s**



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4s** (99.4 mg, 61% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 206.1 – 208.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.10 – 8.01 (m, 3H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.9, 157.9, 142.8, 138.3, 133.4, 131.4, 130.0, 129.3, 129.3, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 126.4, 126.0, 125.4, 122.2, 103.4, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3143, 3093, 2955, 2848, 1634, 1496, 1301, 1151 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 408.0723, found = 408.0735.

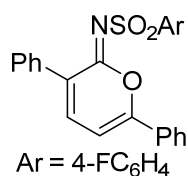
4-methyl-N-(3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-6-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **4t**



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4t** (92.1 mg, 51% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 191.8 – 194.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.13 – 8.06 (m, 3H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.85 –

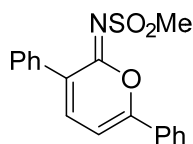
7.80 (m, 3H), 7.74 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.8, 158.8, 142.6, 140.8, 139.9, 133.3, 133.0, 131.7, 131.5, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 126.8, 126.5, 126.4, 126.2, 126.0, 103.6, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3065, 2958, 2925<sup>1</sup>, 2856, 1636, 1449, 1301, 1146  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 452.1315$ , found = 452.1324.

N-(3,6-diphenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide **4u**



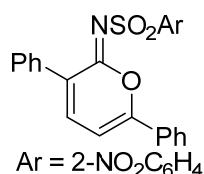
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4u** (92.1 mg, 51% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 168.2 – 170.5  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.07 – 7.97 (m, 4H), 7.58 (dd,  $J = 6.1, 2.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.7 ( $J_{\text{C-F}} = 253.1$  Hz), 159.9, 159.1, 141.0, 138.8, 134.1, 131.6, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0 ( $J_{\text{C-F}} = 16.7$  Hz), 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 126.0, 115.7 ( $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.5$  Hz), 103.8 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3103, 3083, 2963, 2925, 1636, 1511, 1444, 1311  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 406.0908$ , found = 406.0915.

N-(3,6-diphenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)methanesulfonamide **4v**



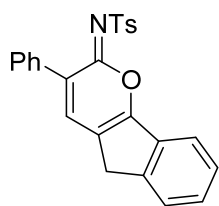
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4v** (83.3 mg, 64% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 160.7 – 163.1  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.05 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.7, 158.9, 140.6, 134.3, 131.4, 129.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 127.7, 125.9, 103.2, 42.9 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3025, 2955, 2925, 2858, 1636, 1451, 1301, 1122  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 326.0845$ , found = 326.0860.

N-(3,6-diphenyl-2H-pyran-2-ylidene)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide **4w**



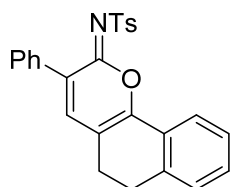
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **4w** (107.2 mg, 62% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 148.8 – 151.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.26 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.0 Hz, 3H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 159.7, 147.8, 141.8, 135.7, 133.9, 132.9, 132.0, 131.7, 129.8, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 126.0, 124.5, 104.0; IR (KBr) ν 3095, 3060, 2958, 2855, 1639, 1456, 1314, 1161 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 433.0853, found = 433.0862.

4-methyl-N-(3-phenylindeno[1,2-b]pyran-2(5H)-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **5a**



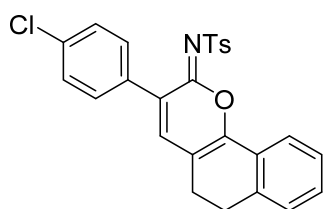
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **5a** (122.4 mg, 74% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 226.1 – 228.4 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.0, 158.9, 143.0, 142.6, 139.3, 135.2, 133.9, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.0, 126.7, 125.2, 120.6, 120.4, 33.3, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 2965, 2928, 2858, 1626, 1494, 1459, 1306, 1154 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 414.1158, found = 414.1167.

4-methyl-N-(3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-2H-benzo[h]chromen-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **5b**



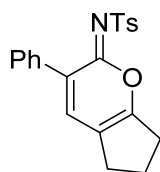
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **5b** (128.2 mg, 75% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 218.5 – 221.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 6H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.7, 154.7, 142.6, 142.5, 140.1, 137.0, 134.5, 130.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.8, 126.9, 126.5, 124.3, 114.9, 27.2, 24.6, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3058, 2960, 2920, 2888, 1644, 1504, 1449, 1301 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 428.1315, found = 428.1328.

N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-2H-benzo[h]chromen-2-ylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **5c**



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **5c** (97.9 mg, 53% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 258.5 – 260.2 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.3, 155.0, 142.6, 142.4, 139.9, 137.1, 134.7, 132.9, 131.1, 130.1, 129.2, 128.4, 127.9, 126.8, 126.5, 124.4, 114.8, 27.2, 24.6, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3055, 2953, 2850, 2833, 1639, 1444, 1291, 1141 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 462.0925, found = 462.0932.

4-methyl-N-(3-phenyl-6,7-dihydrocyclopenta[b]pyran-2(5H)-ylidene)benzenesulfonamide **5d**



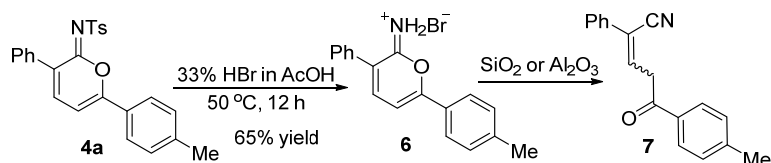
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure to afford **5d** (67.2 mg, 46% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 194.9 – 197.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.20 – 2.05 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.4, 160.2, 142.6, 140.3, 139.6, 134.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.3, 119.9, 30.4, 27.8, 21.5, 20.7 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3033, 2958, 2865, 2840, 1649, 1446, 1291, 1149 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*

calcd for  $C_{21}H_{20}NO_3S$   $[M+H]^+ = 366.1158$ , found = 366.1163.

#### **D. Gram scale synthesis of inminolactones 4b and 5b**

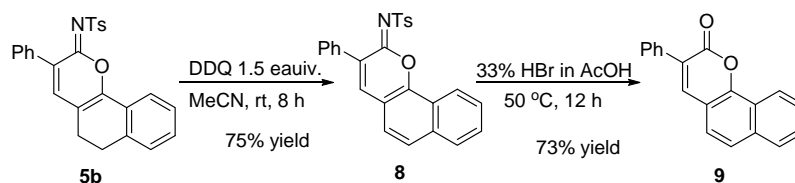
To a flame dried round bottle flask with a magnetic stirring bar were added CuI (76 mg, 0.4 mmol, 10 mol %),  $PPh_3$  (21.0 mg, 0.8 mmol, 20 mol %) and enaminone **1b** (4 mmol, 701 mg) or **1n** (4 mmol, 805 mg), followed by the addition of 1,2-dichloroethane (20 mL) and TEA (0.28 mL, 0.2 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) under nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature. Phenylacetylene **2a** (10 mmol, 1.1 mL, 2.5 equiv.) and p-toluenesulfonyl azide **3a** (10 mmol, 1.97g, 2.5 equiv.) was then added, and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight. After the completely consumption of enaminone **1** monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea = 5:1 as eluent to afford yellow solid **4b** (1.24g, 77% yield) or **5b** (1.21g, 71% yield).

#### **E. Transformation of 4a and 5b**



To the seal tube was added **4a** (1.2 mmol, 498.6 mg), followed by adding 5 mL 33% HBr in AcOH. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C and the solid was dissolved. Yellow solid was precipitated after overnight. The solid was filtered, washed by water and recrystallized by DCM to get pure **6** (266.9 mg, 65% yield) as a yellow powder. M.p. 198.5 – 201.1 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.83 (s, 1H), 9.76 (s, 1H), 8.04 – 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.3, 158.3, 147.0, 143.2, 132.4, 130.5, 130.1, 129.8, 129.2, 126.7, 126.4, 122.8, 106.0, 21.6; IR (KBr) ν 3425, 3315, 2920, 2855, 1651, 1446, 1314, 1191 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M-Br]<sup>+</sup> = 262.1226, found = 262.1237. During our purification of compound **6**, we found compound **6** was easily decomposed to compound **7** as a pale yellow solid. M.p. 87.2 – 90.6 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 4.29 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 194.8, 144.9, 138.9, 133.5, 132.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.4, 125.9, 118.3, 116.4, 40.9, 21.7; IR (KBr) ν 3445, 3050, 3035, 2863, 2226, 1686,

1499, 1449  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^- = 260.1081$ , found = 260.1077.



To the solution of **5b** (0.2 mmol, 85.5 mg) in MeCN (2 mL) was added 2,3-dicyano-5,6-dichlorobenzoquinone, DDQ (0.3 mmol, 68.1 mg) at room temperature. After the completely consumption of **5b** monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea = 5:1 as eluent to afford yellow solid **8** (63.8 mg, 75% yield). M.p. 88.2 – 91.7 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.89 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.67 (m, 5H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.7, 149.9, 142.7, 140.4, 139.8, 134.8, 134.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 126.6, 125.8, 123.3, 123.0, 122.8, 115.6, 21.5 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3065, 3033, 2963, 2853, 1821, 1686, 1459, 1311  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 426.1158$ , found = 426.1171.

To the seal tube was added **8** (0.6 mmol, 255.3 mg), followed by adding 3 mL 33% HBr in AcOH. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C and the solid was dissolved. After the completely consumption of **8** monitored by TLC, the mixture was diluted by 20 mL water and extracted by DCM (2  $\times$  20 mL). The combined organic phase was washed by water, dried by  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with PE/Ea = 5:1 as eluent to afford white powder **9** (119.2 mg, 73% yield). M.p. 174.2 – 176.6 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.53 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.61 (m, 7H), 7.56 – 7.36 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.0, 149.9, 139.1, 134.4, 132.5, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.4, 126.9, 123.8, 122.7, 118.0, 115.7 ppm; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3417, 3065, 3000, 2855, 1726, 1636, 1509, 1449  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ = 273.0910$ , found = 273.0922.

## F. X-Ray crystallographic analysis of 4b

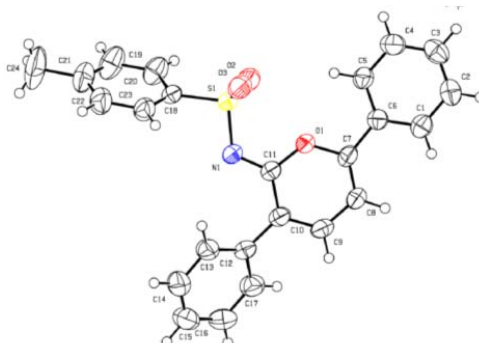


Figure 1. X-ray structure of **4b**

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **4b**

Empirical formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N O <sub>3</sub> S	
Formula weight	401.46	
Temperature	293K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 16.2229(11) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 10.6431(5) Å	β = 98.650°.
	c = 12.0294(7) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	2053.4(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.299 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.183 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	840	
Crystal size	0.42 x 0.28 x 0.13 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.977 to 25.347°.	
Index ranges	-19 ≤ h ≤ 19, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -14 ≤ l ≤ 9	

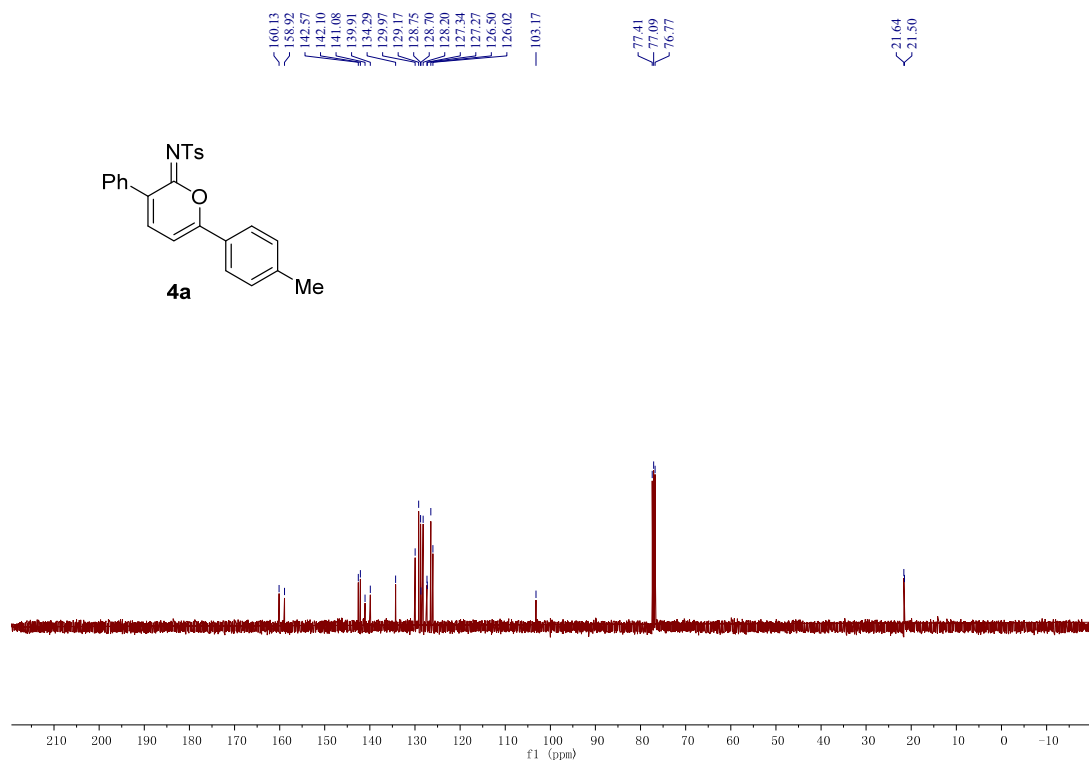
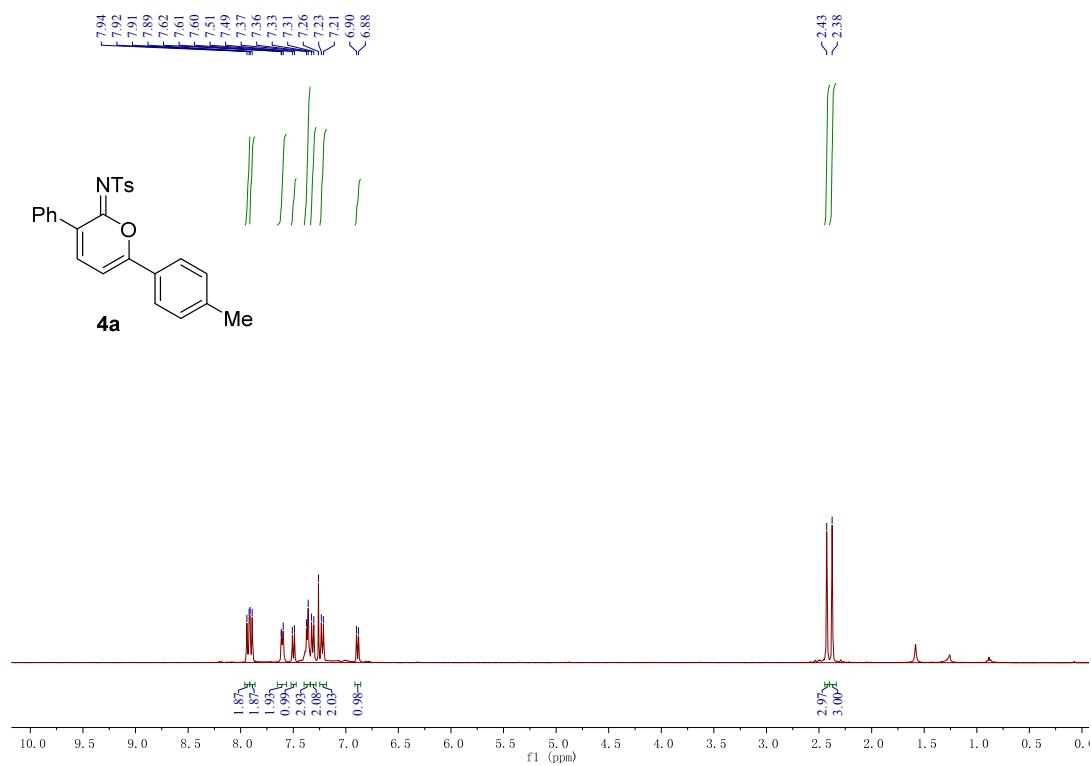


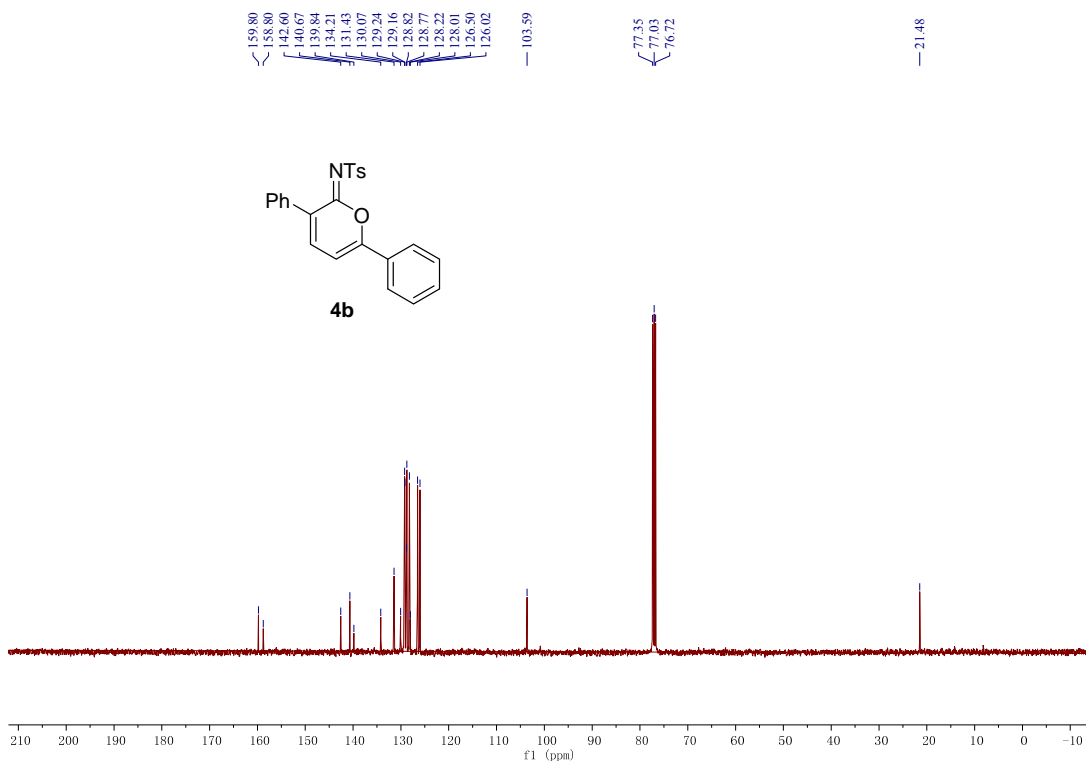
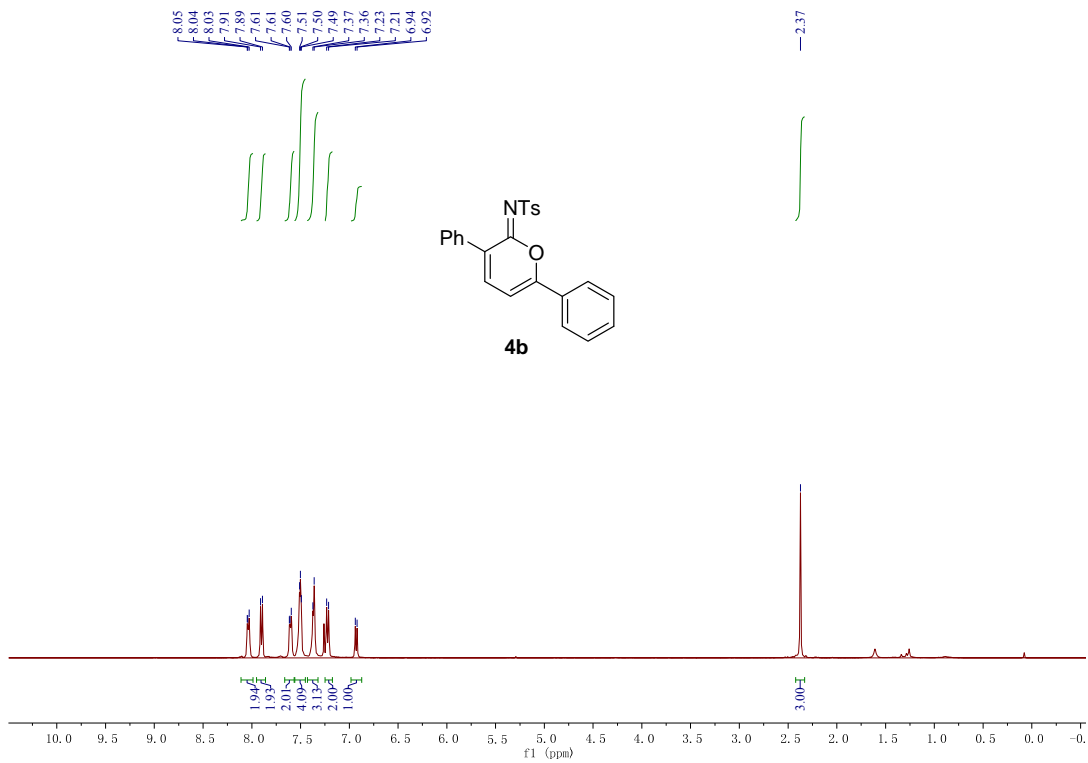
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Independent reflections	3759 [R(int) = 0.0344]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.86145
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3759 / 0 / 263
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.048
Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0494, wR2 = 0.1161
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0747, wR2 = 0.1381
Absolute structure parameter	0.02(4)
Extinction coefficient	n/a
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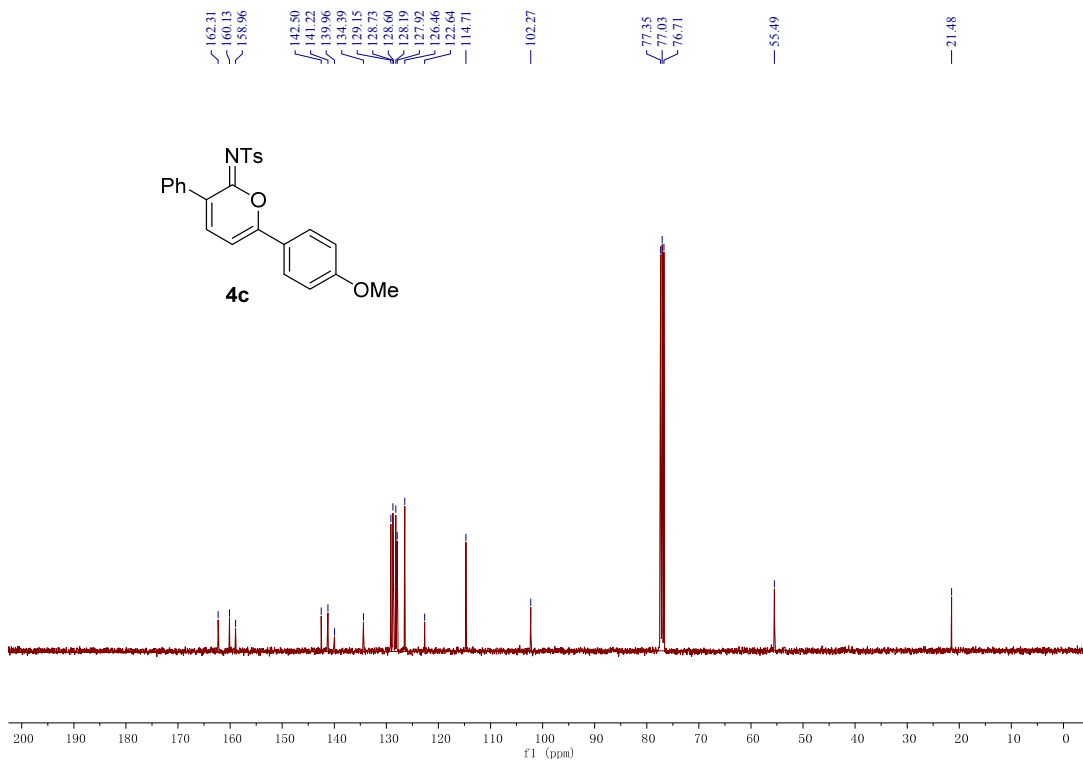
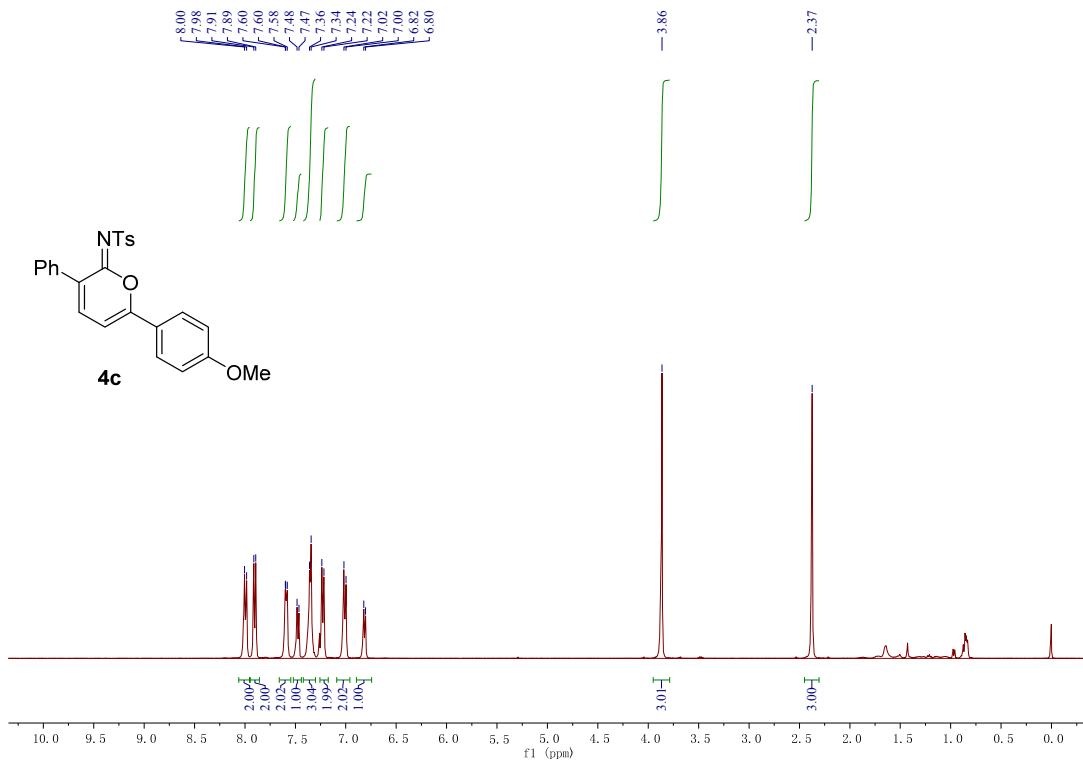
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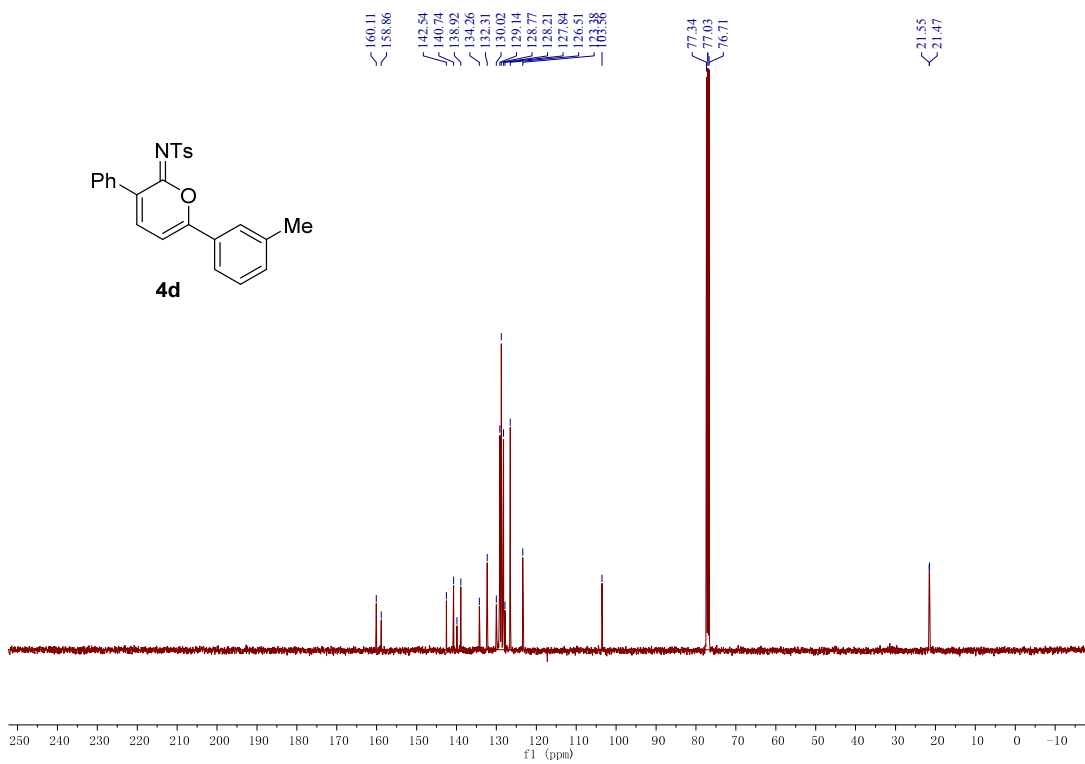
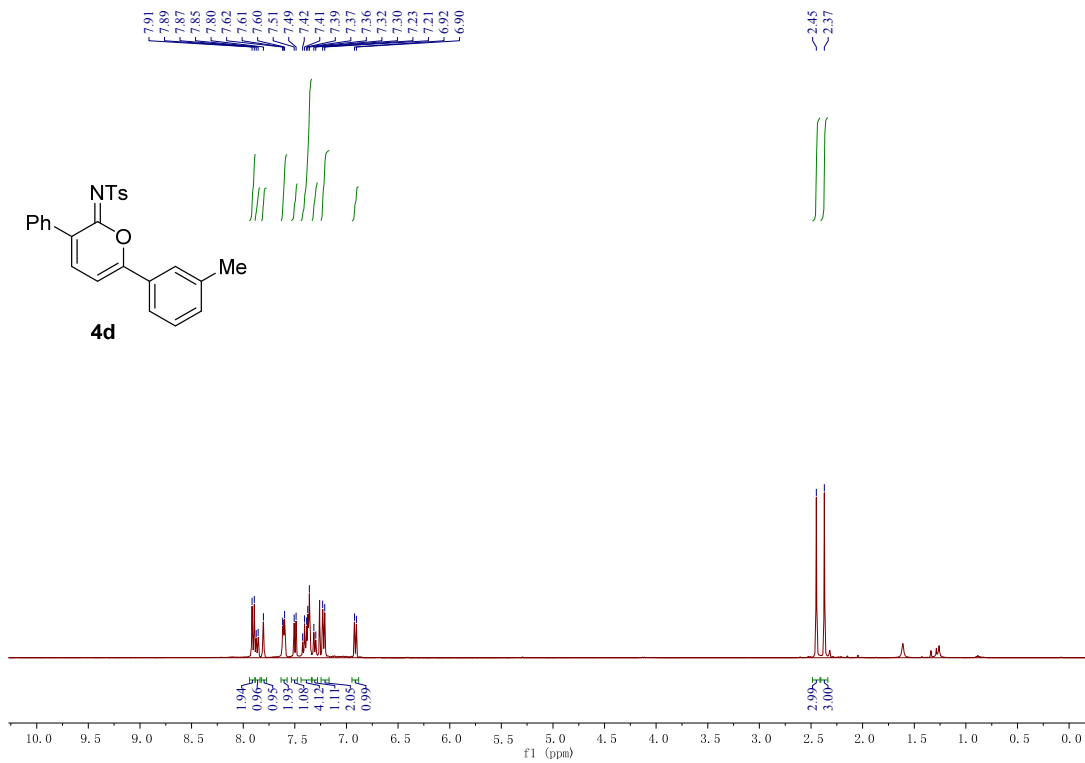
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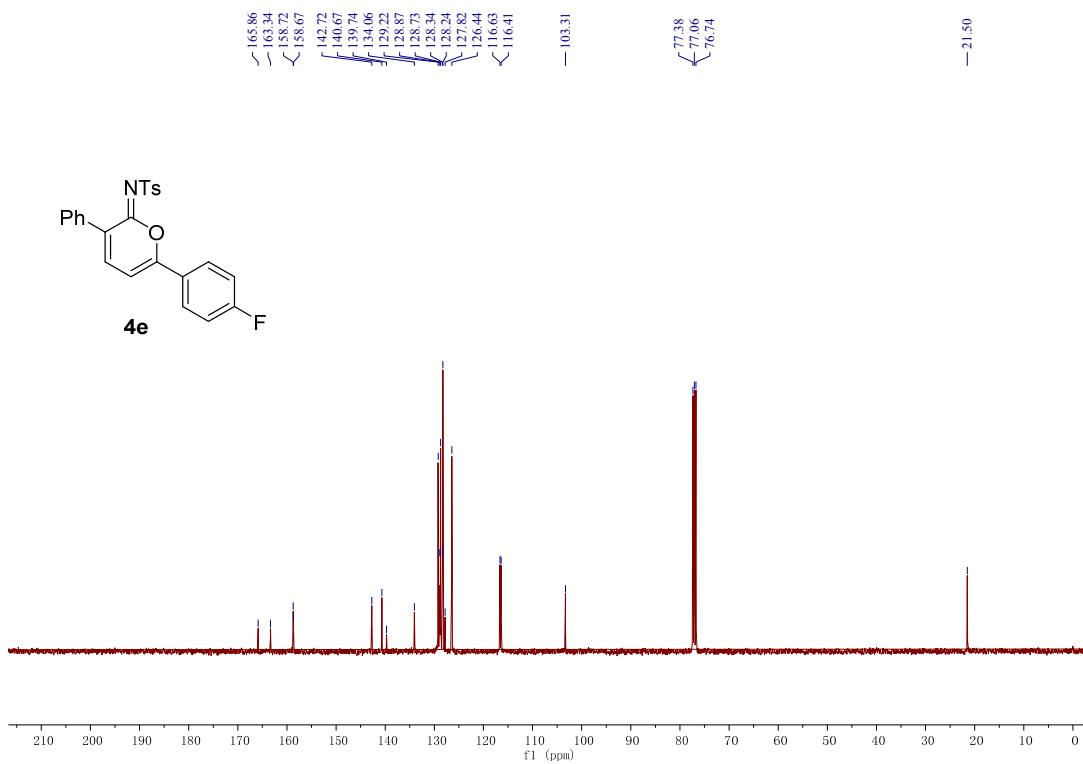
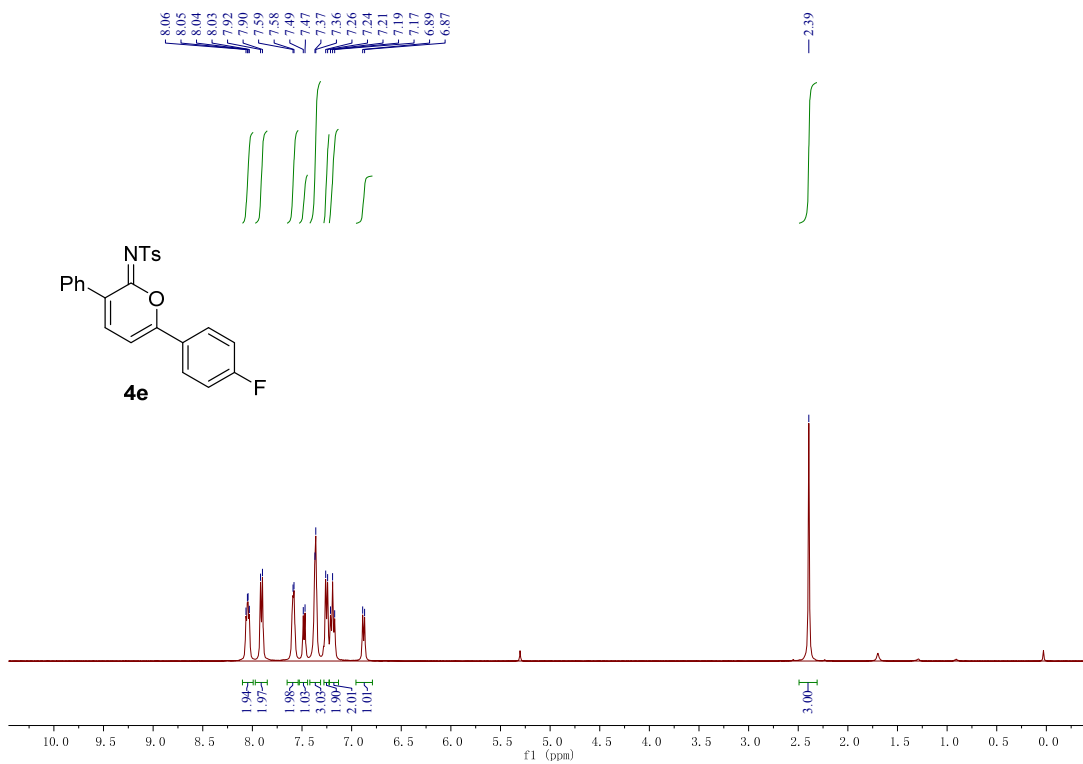
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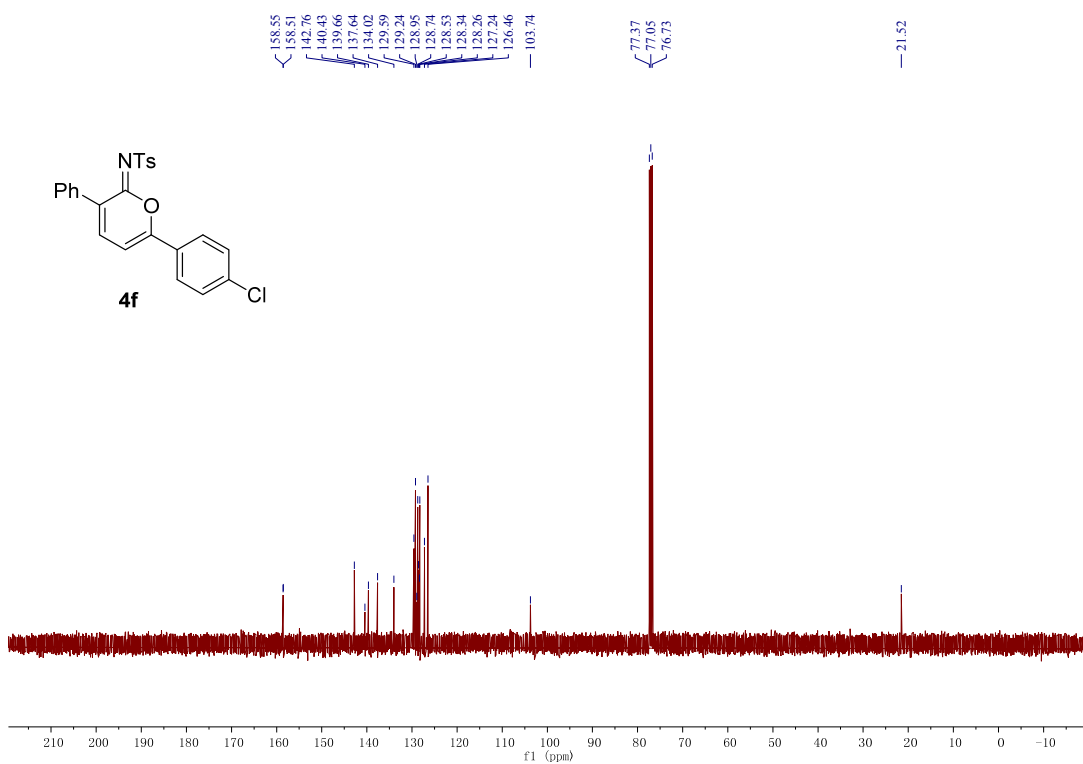
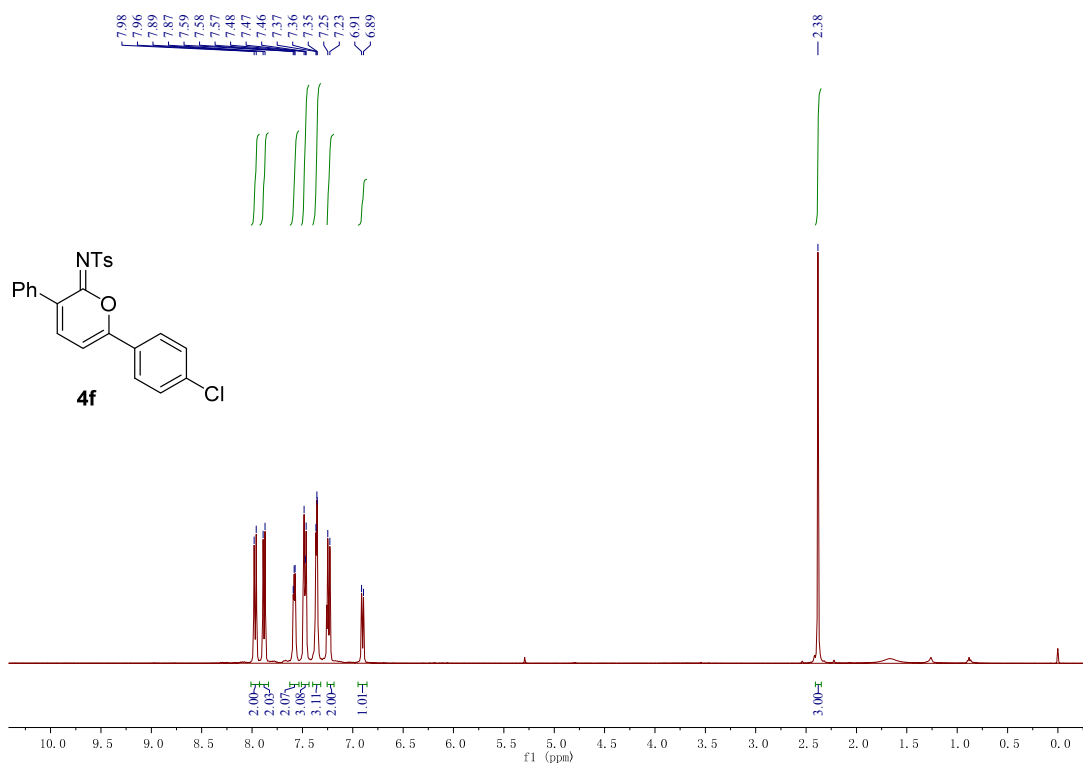


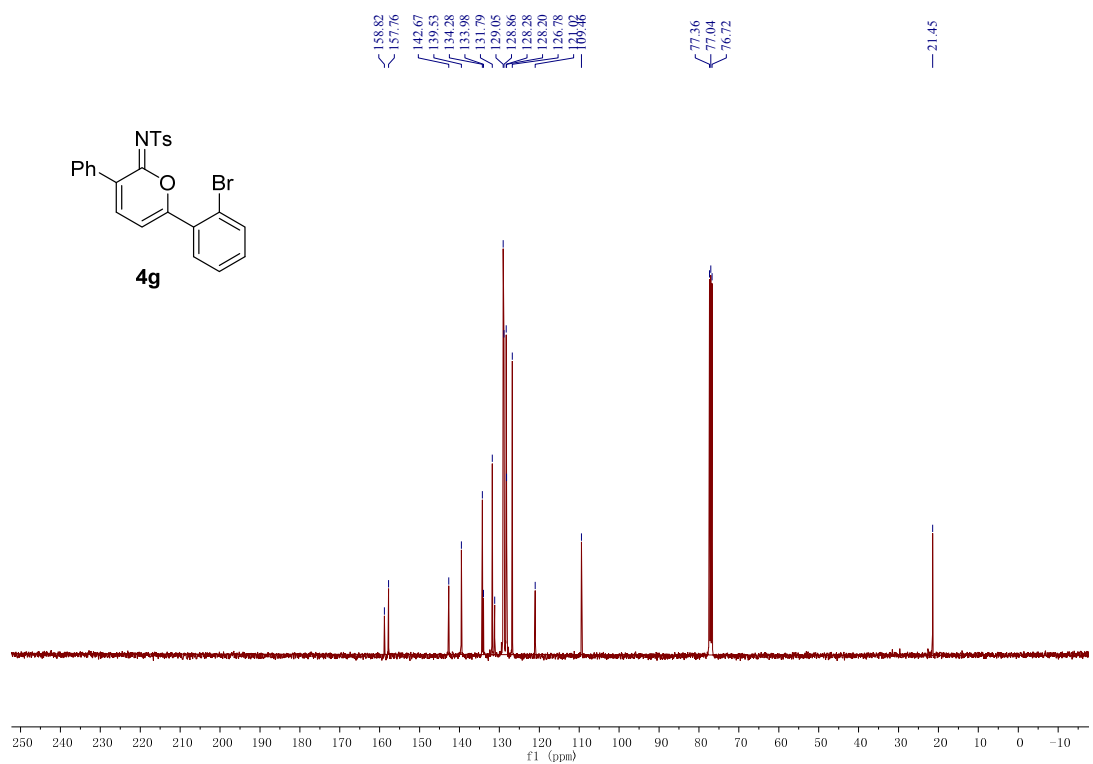
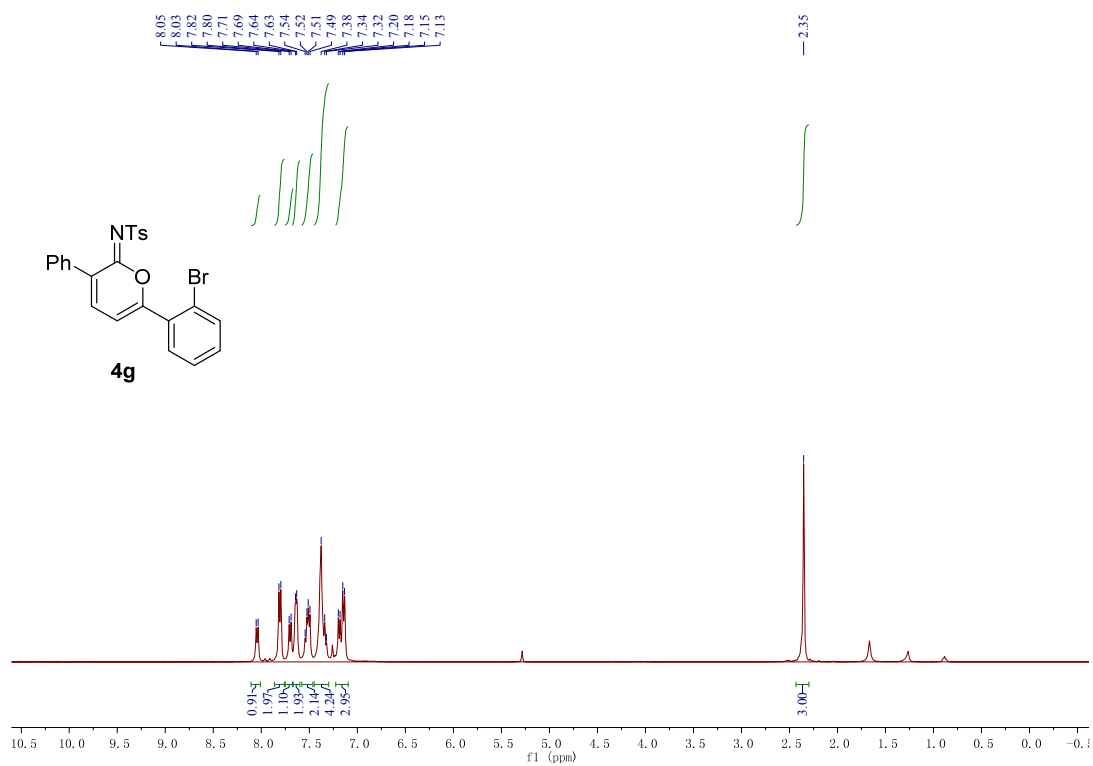




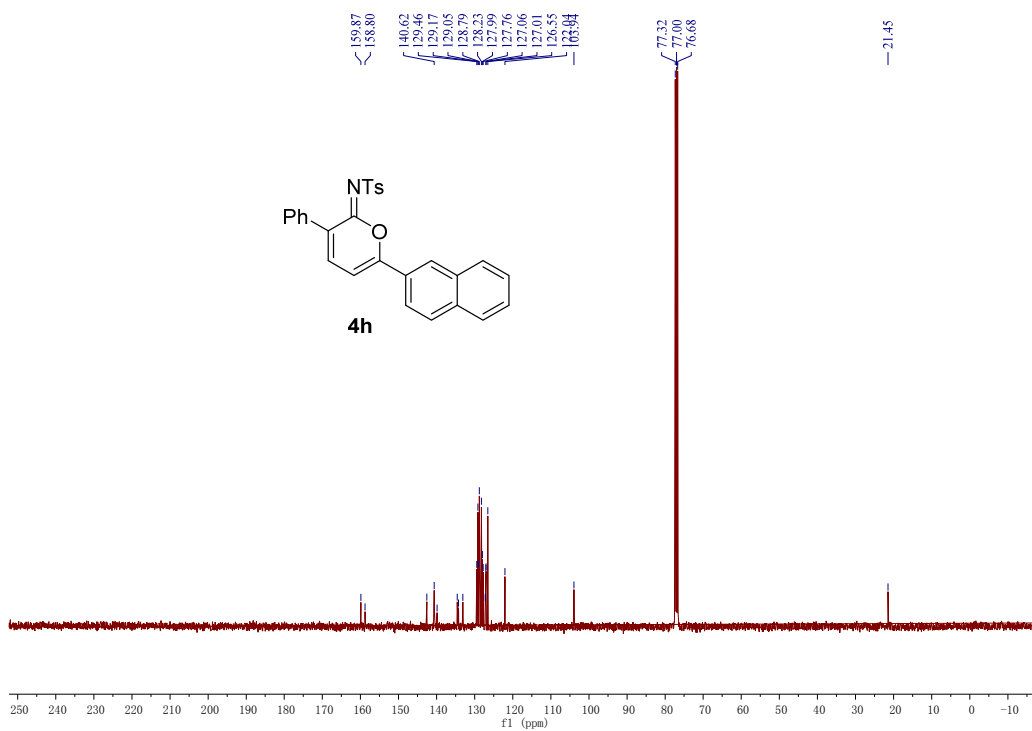
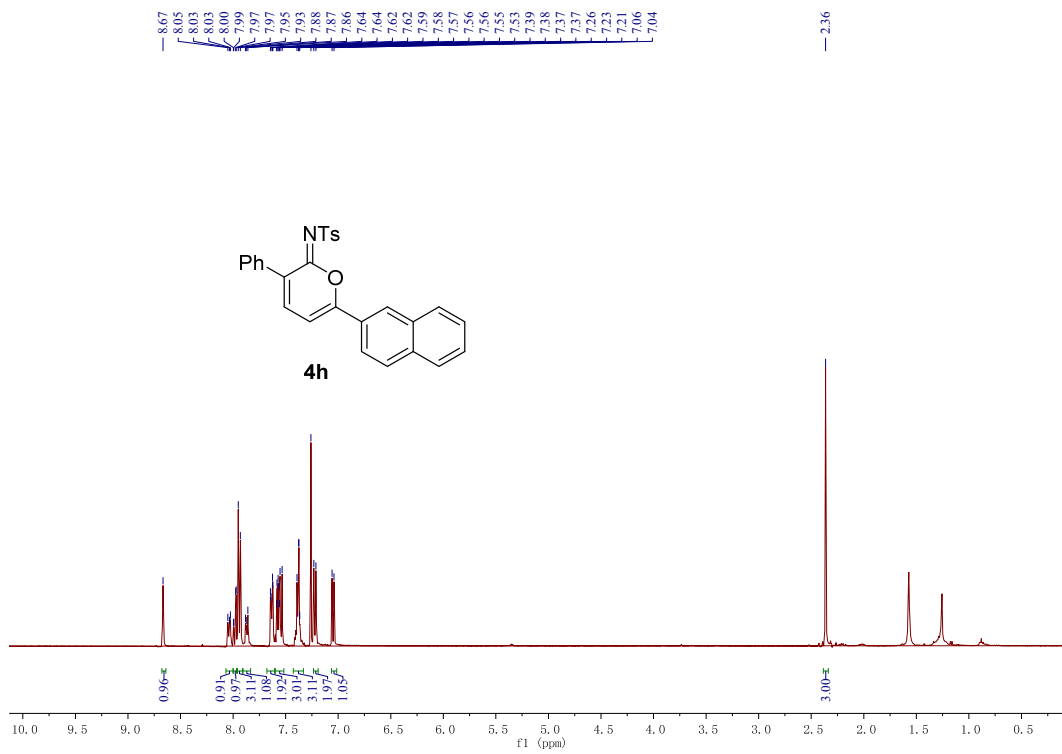


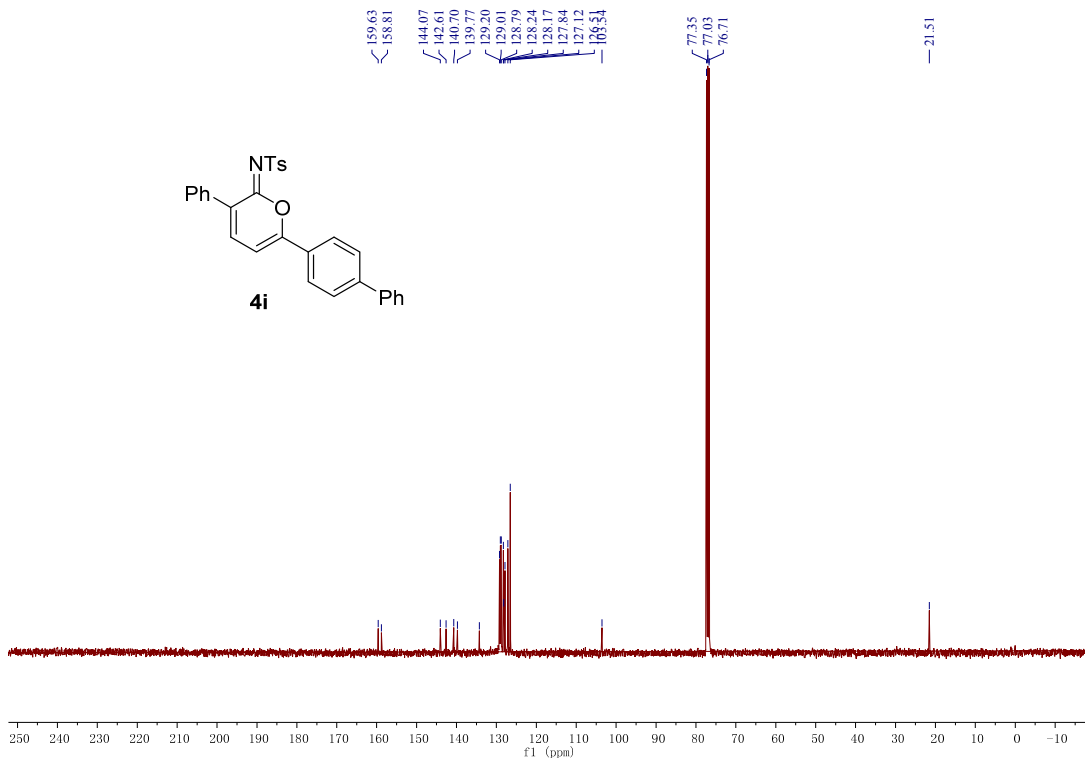
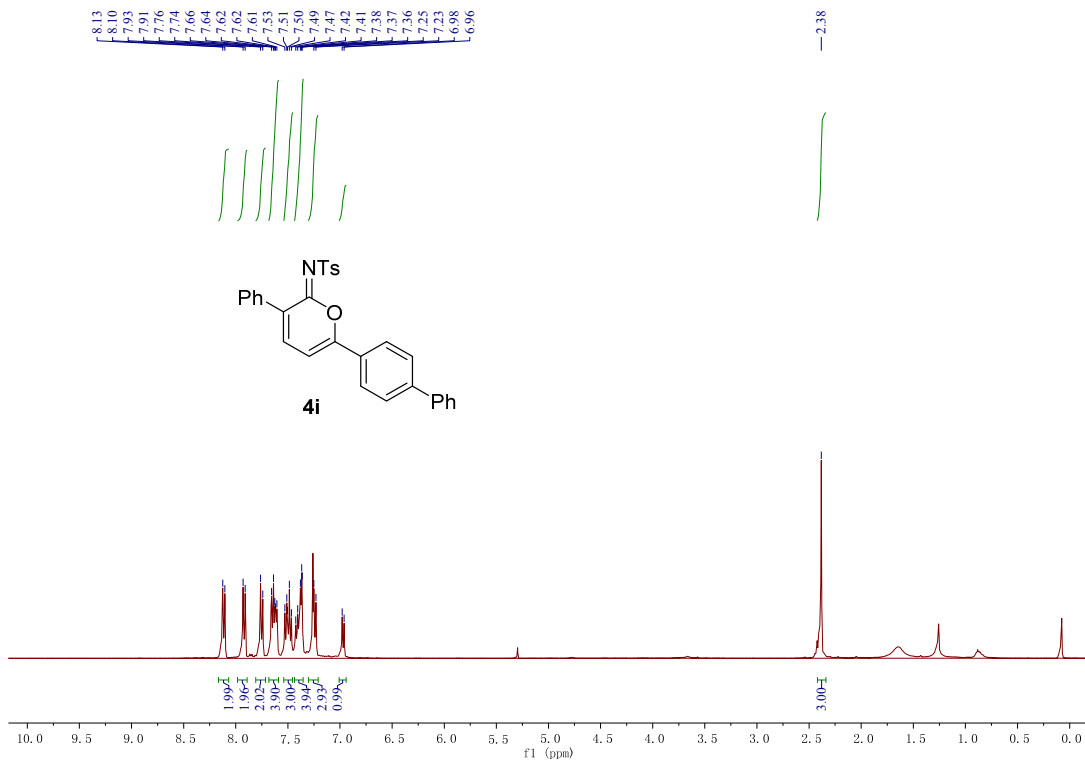


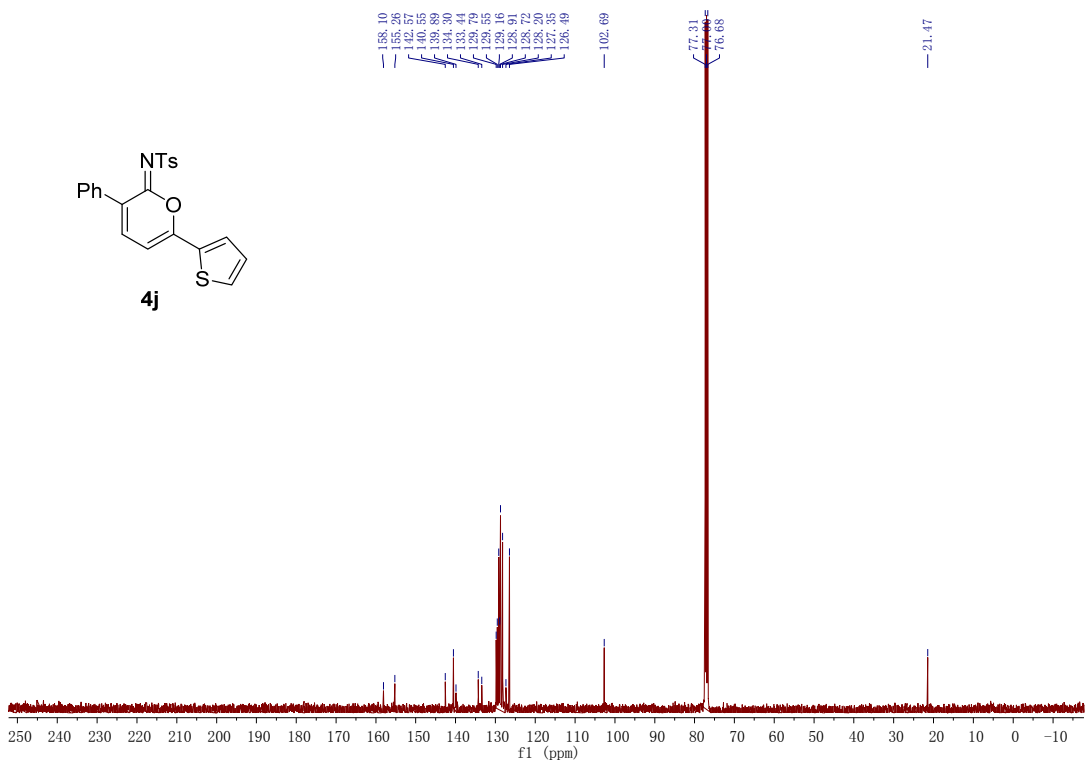
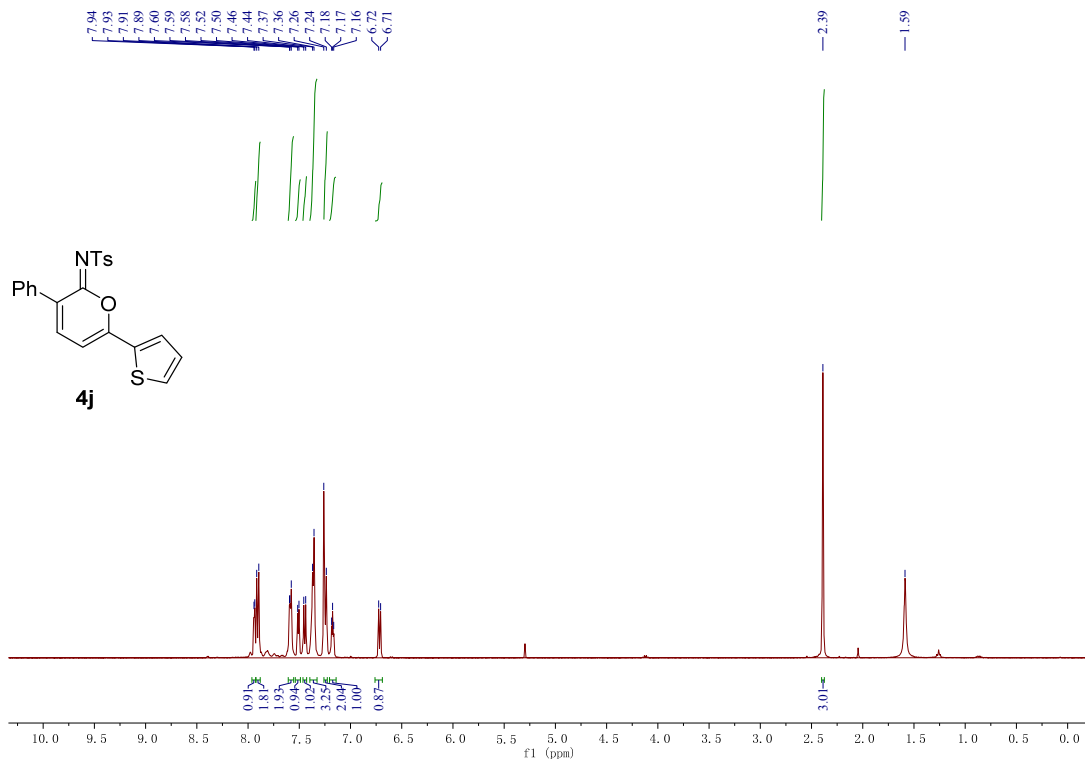


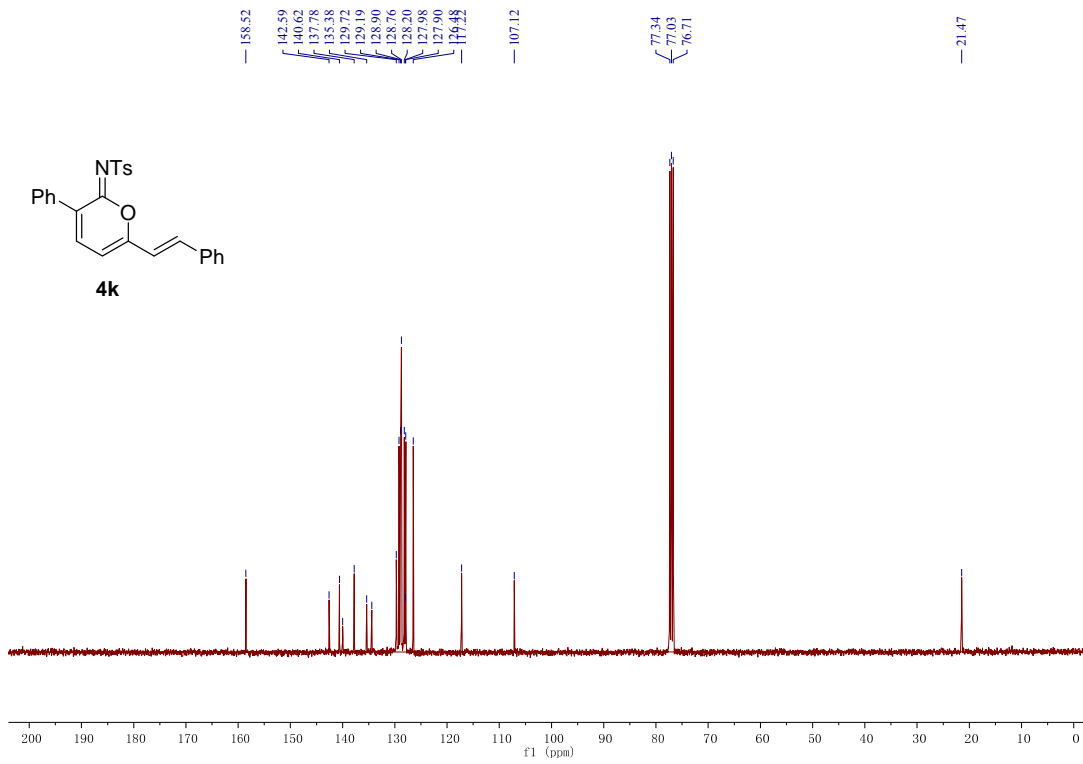
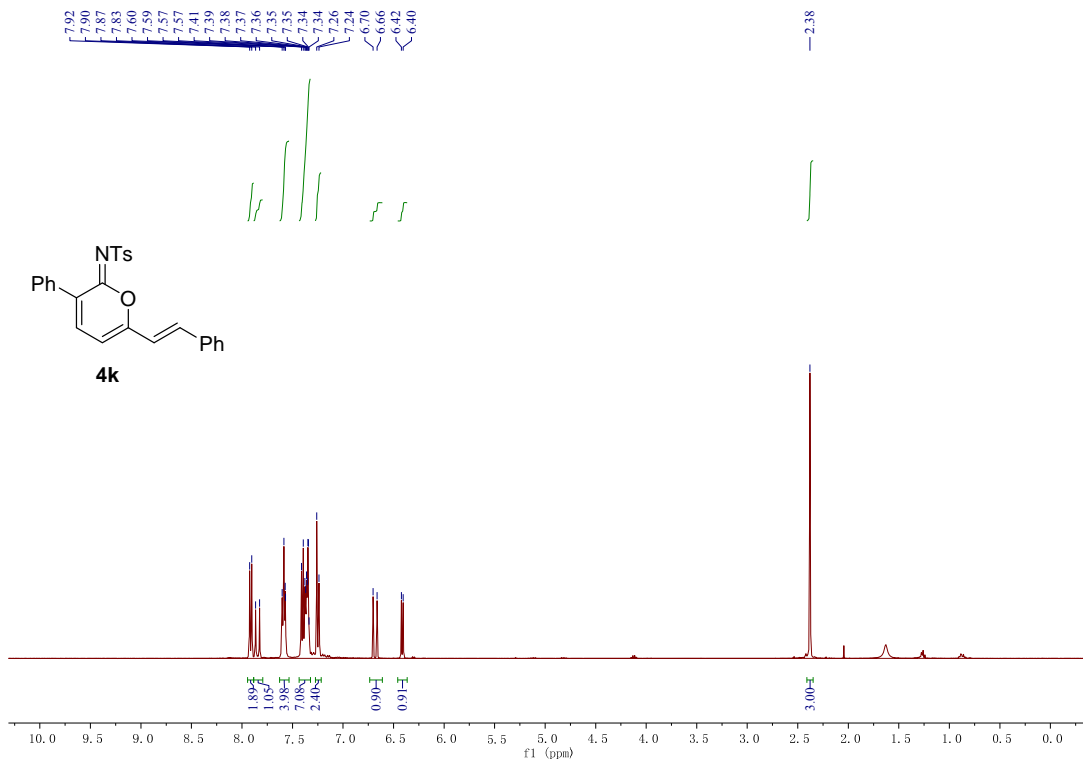


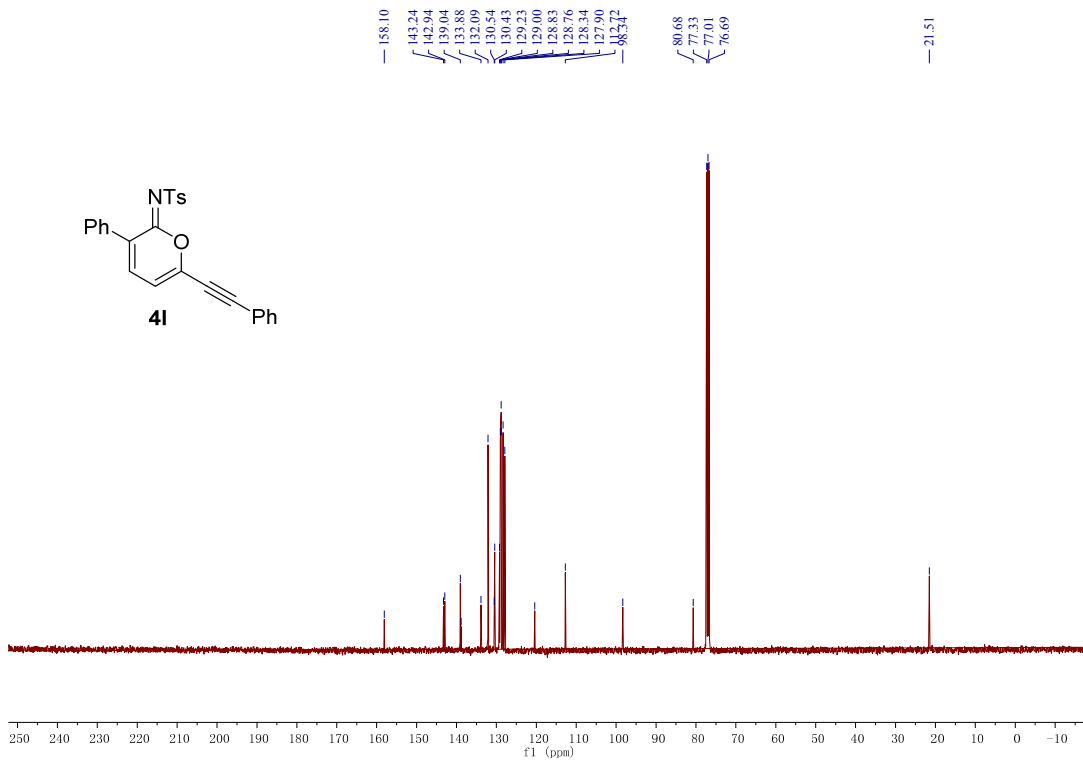
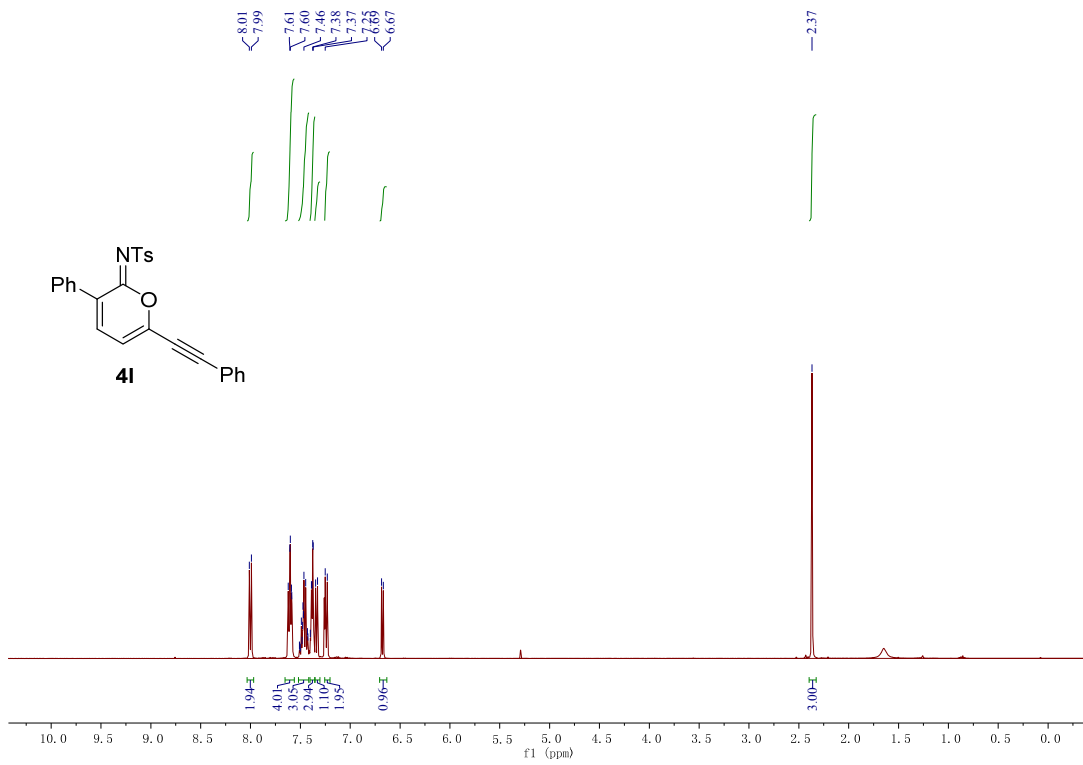


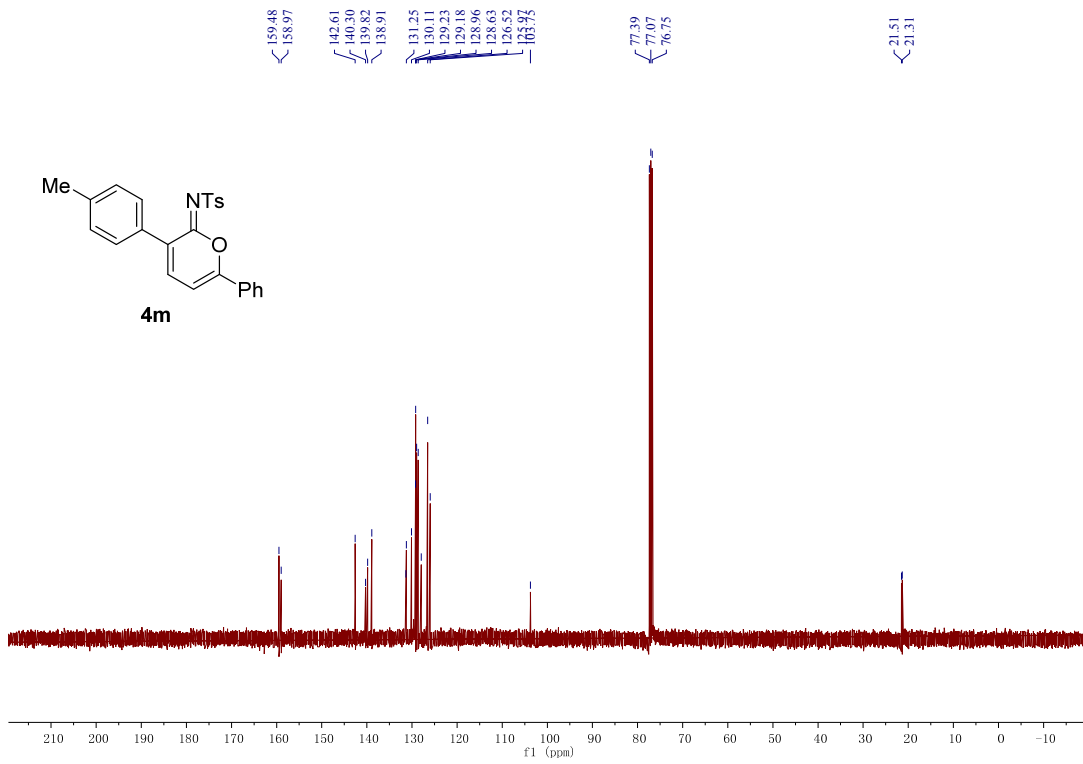
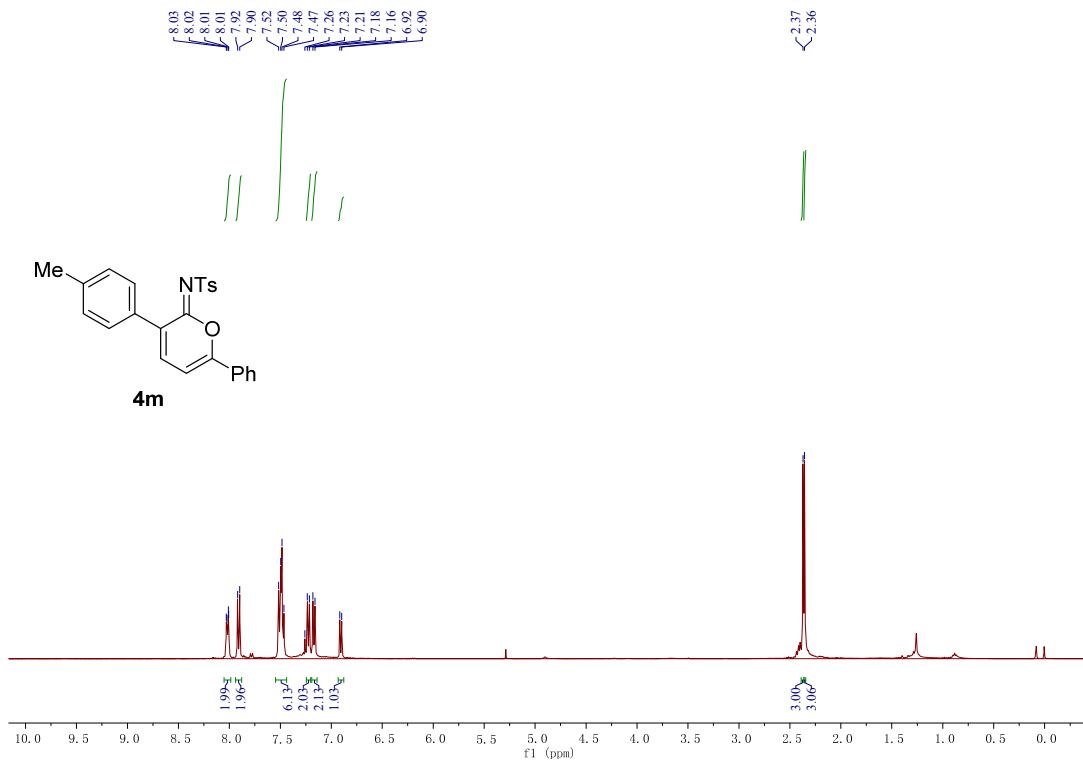


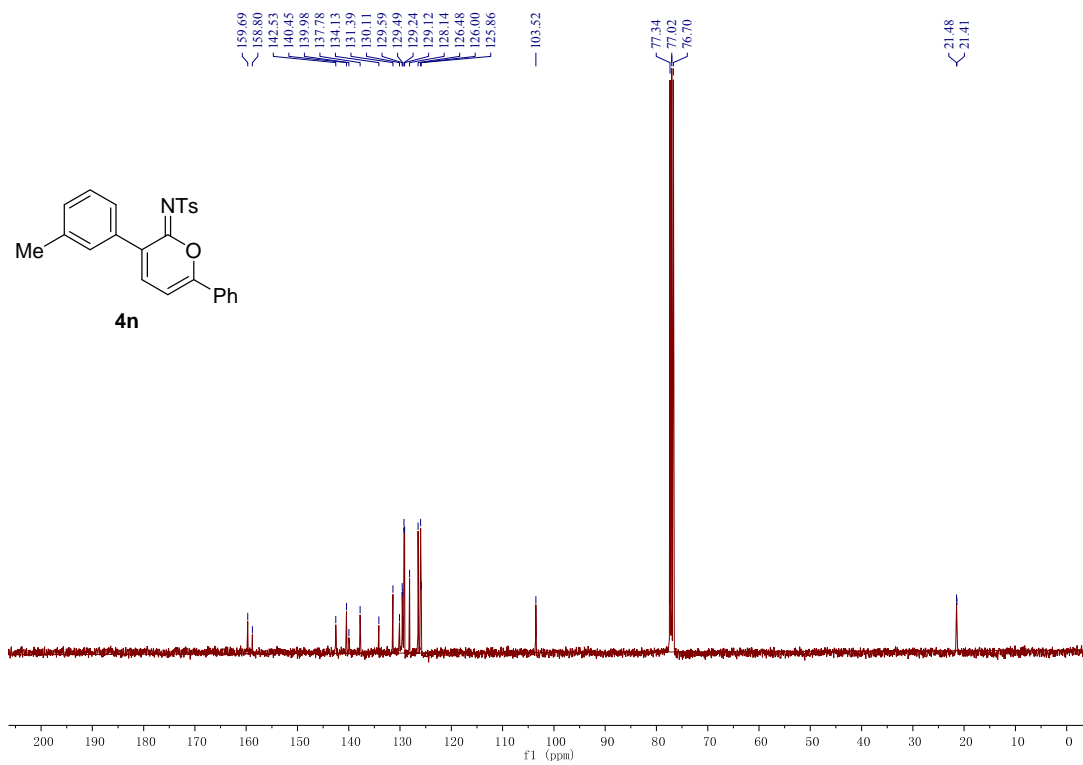
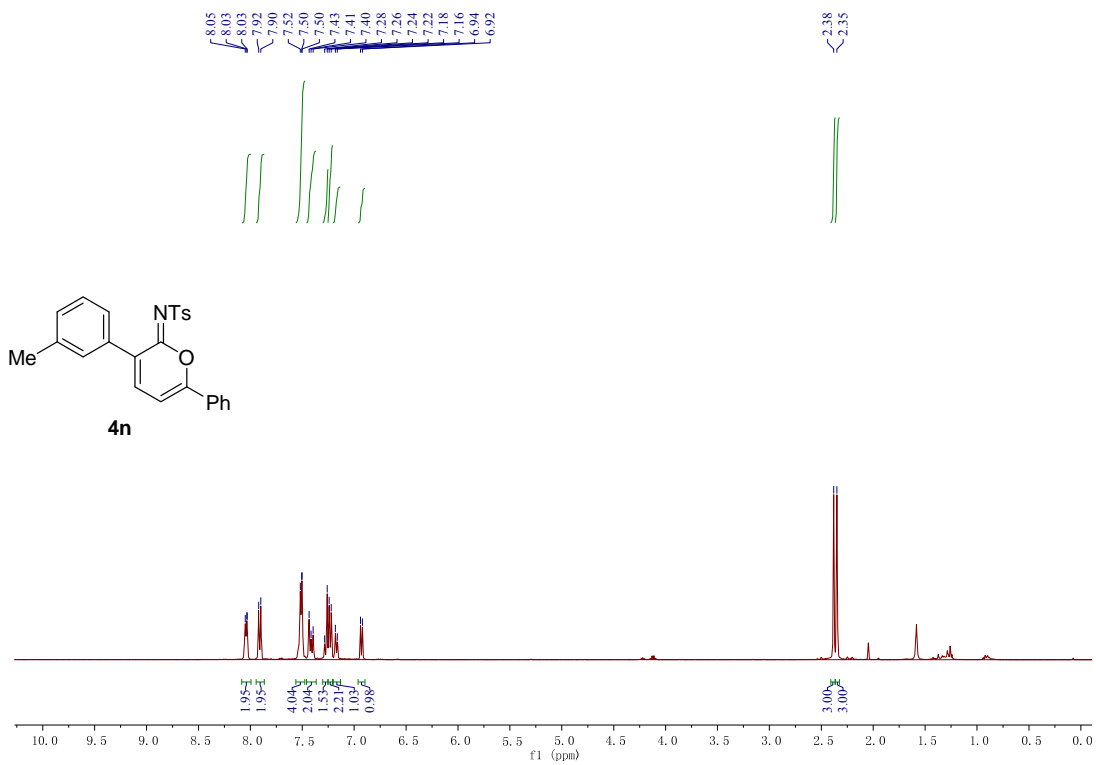


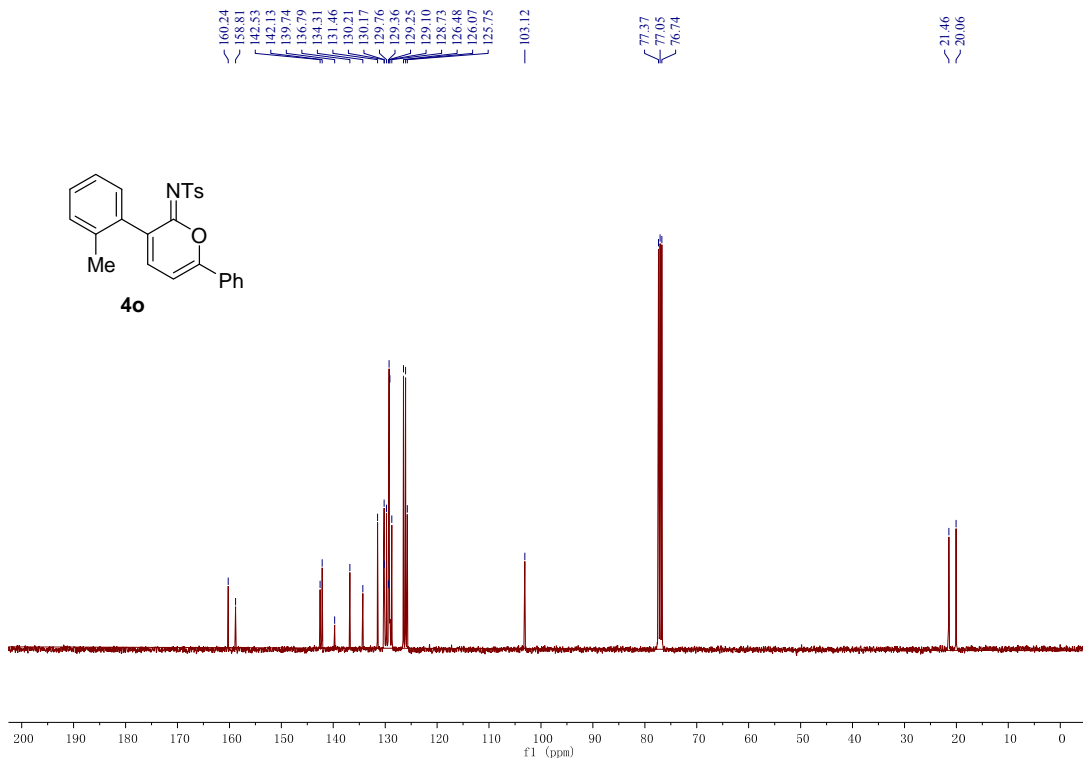
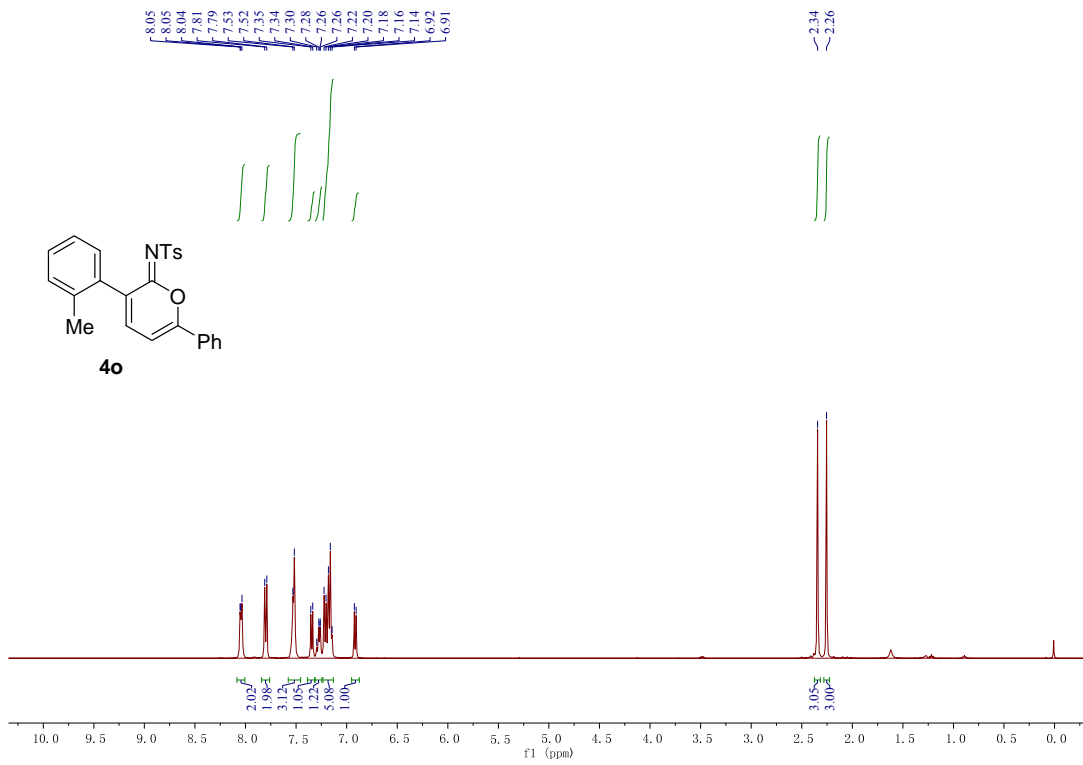




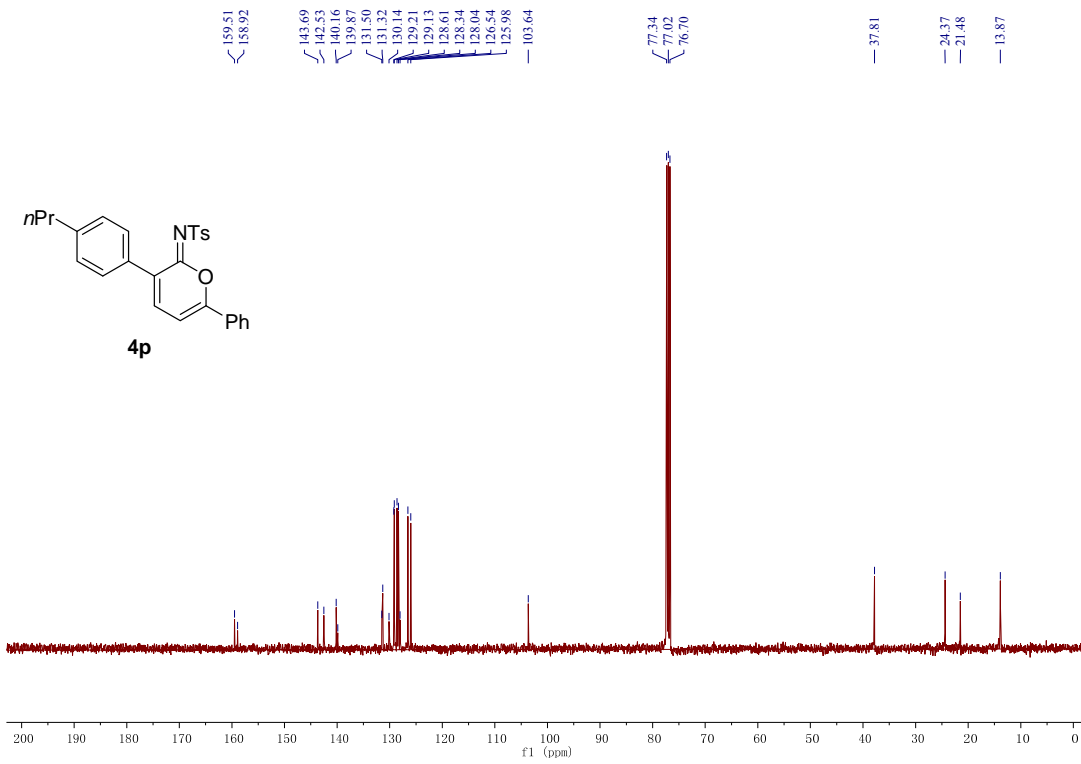
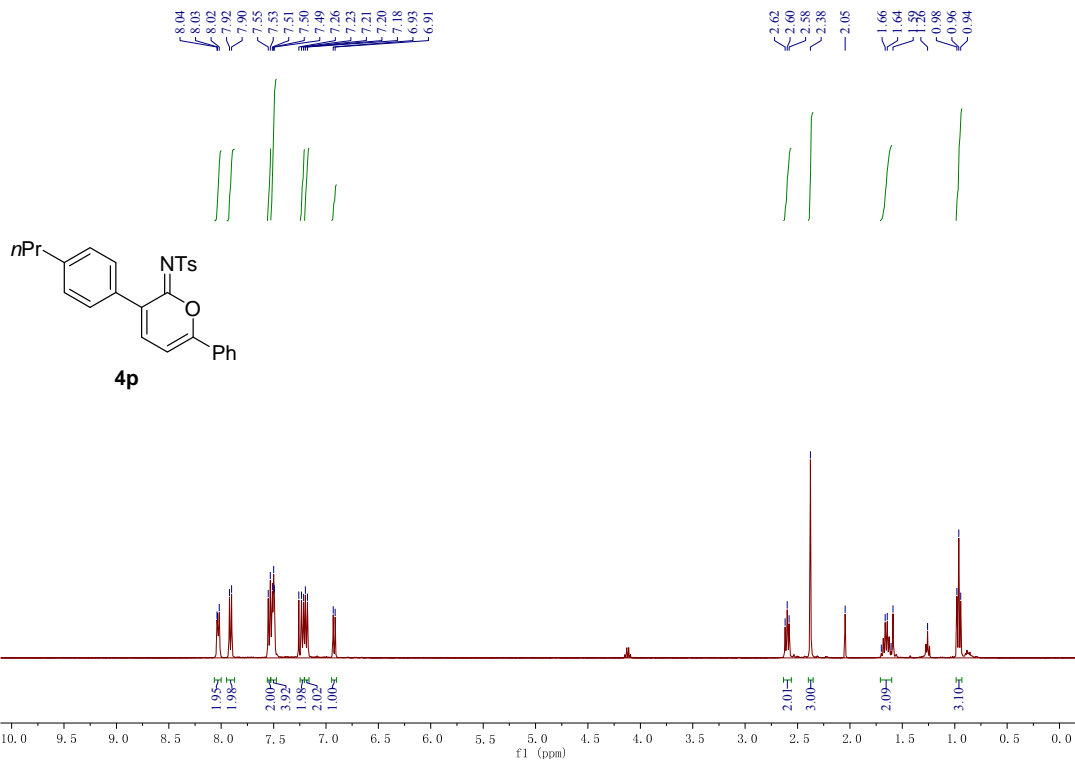


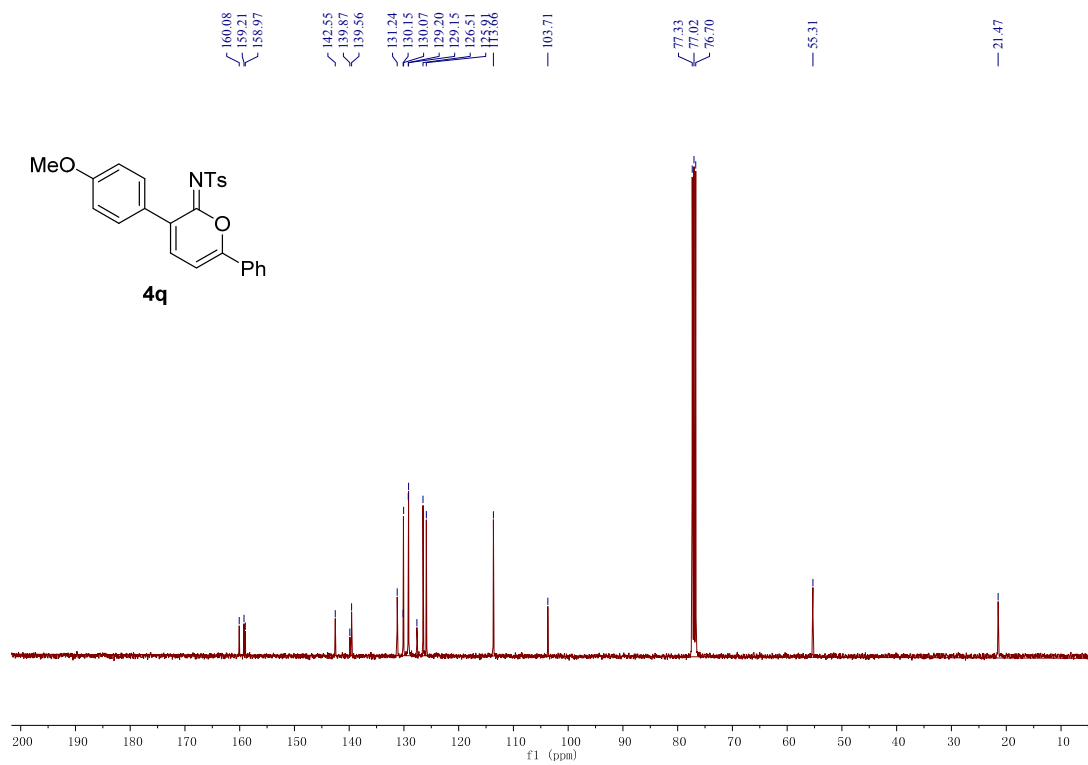
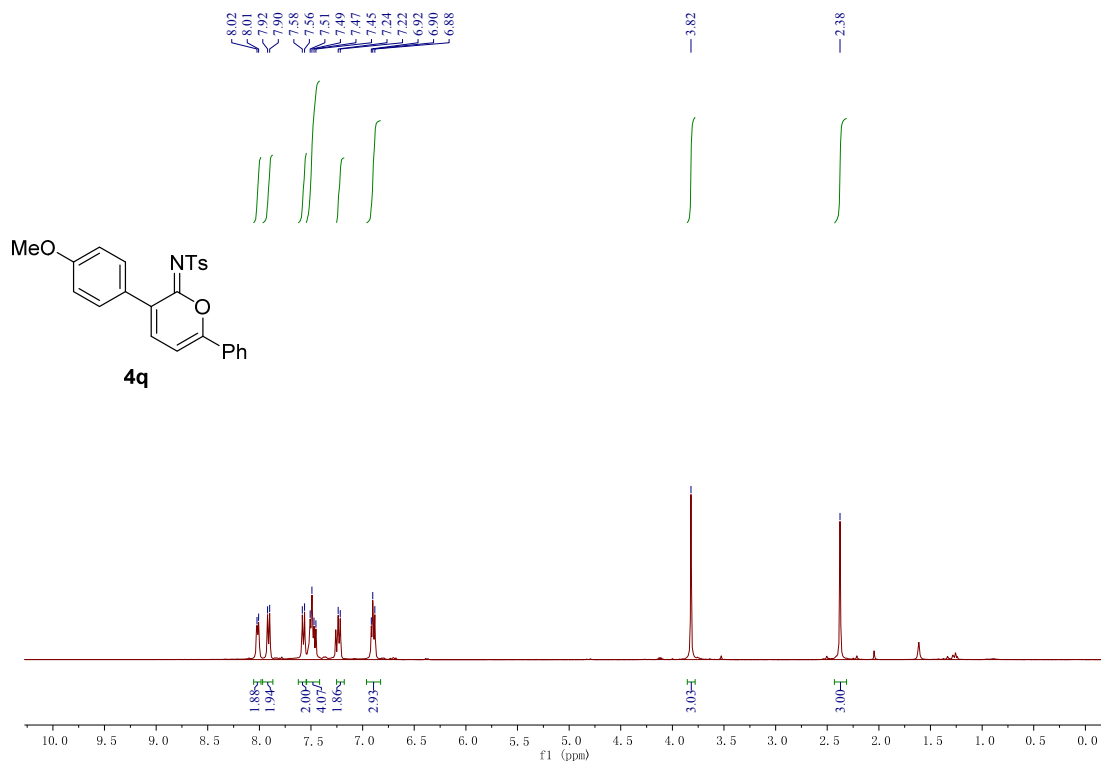


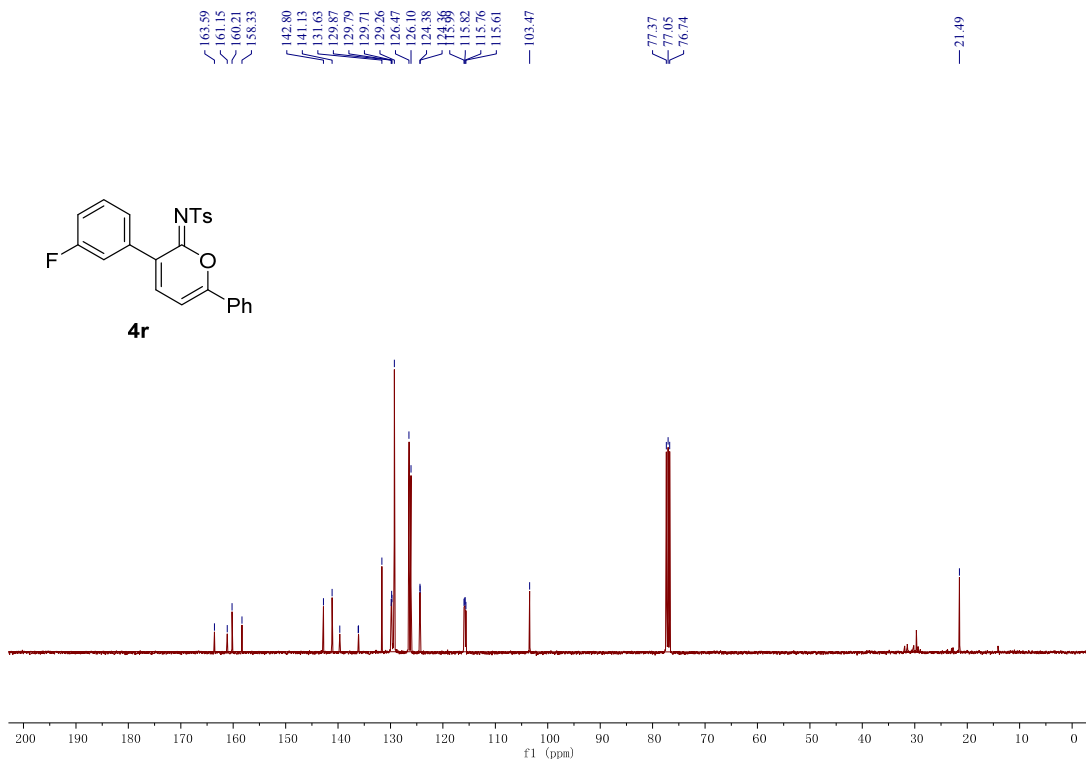
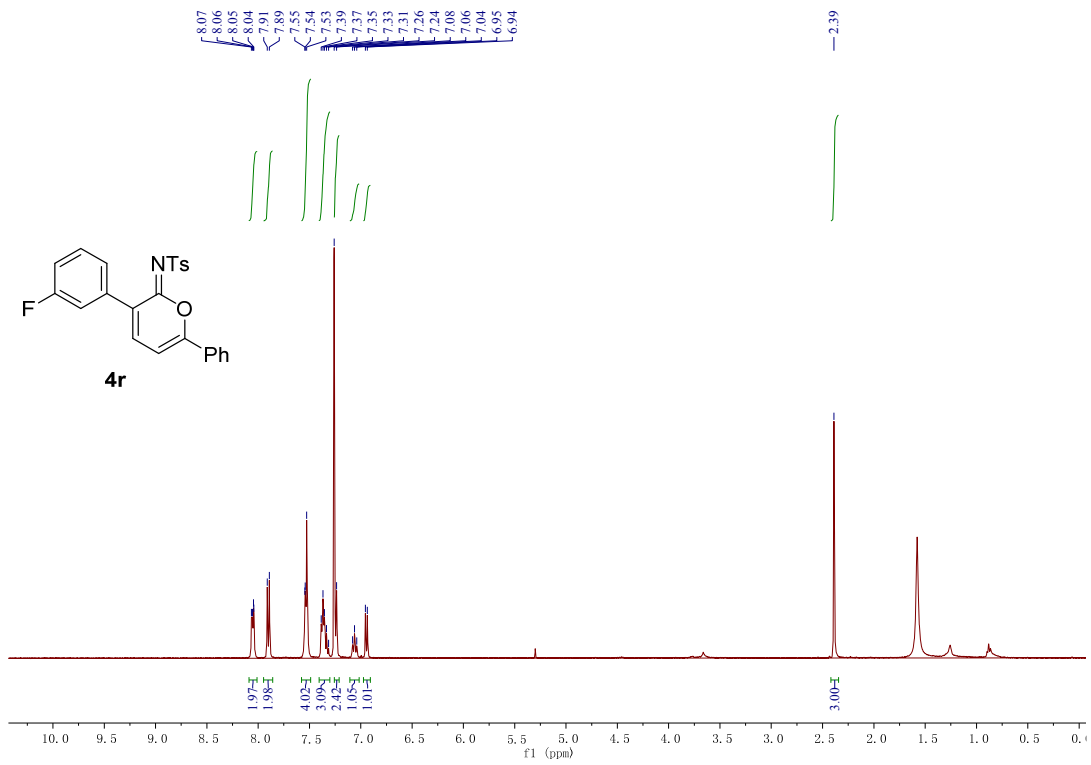


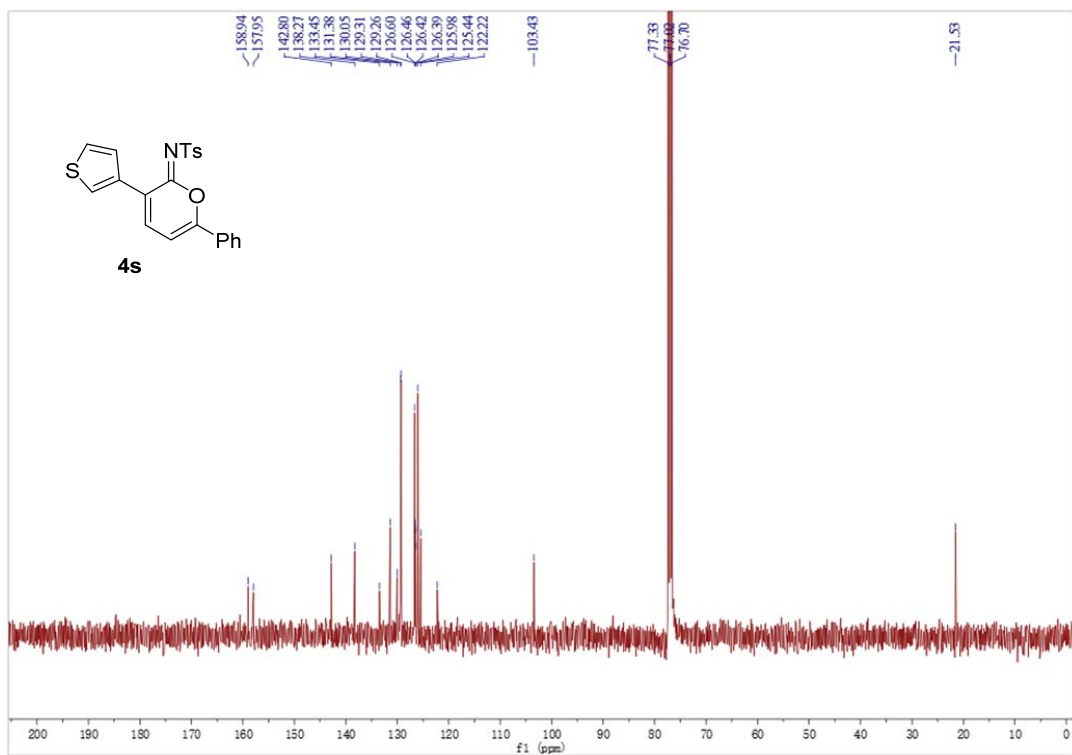
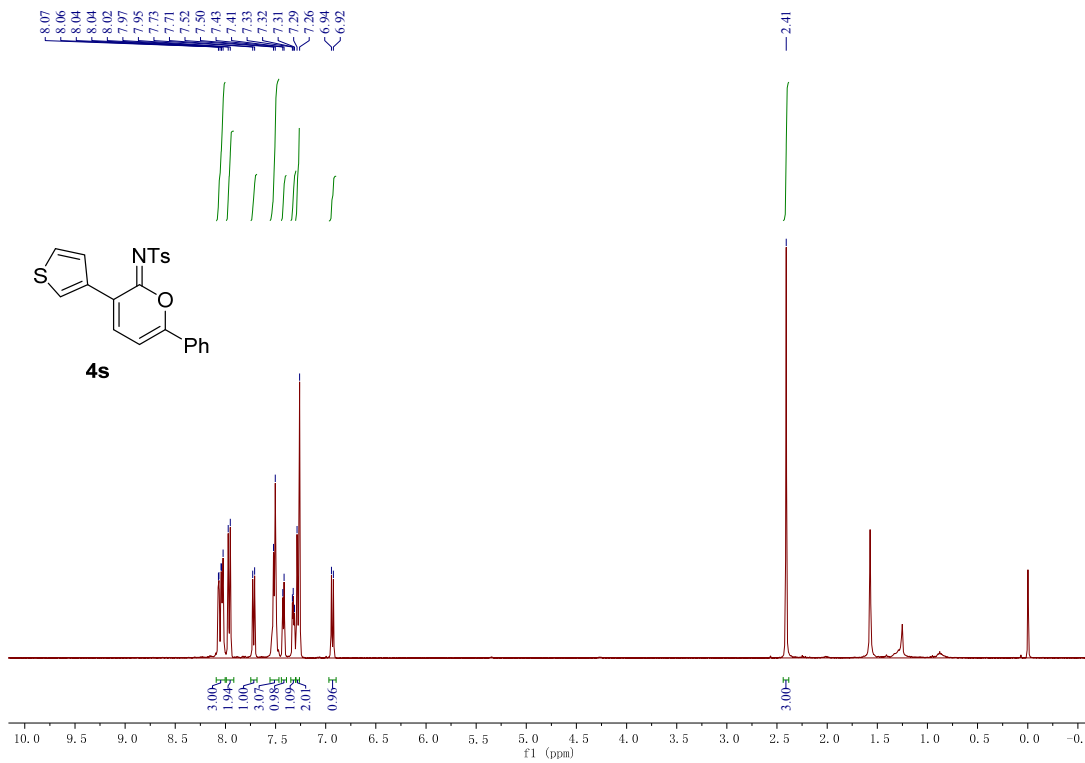


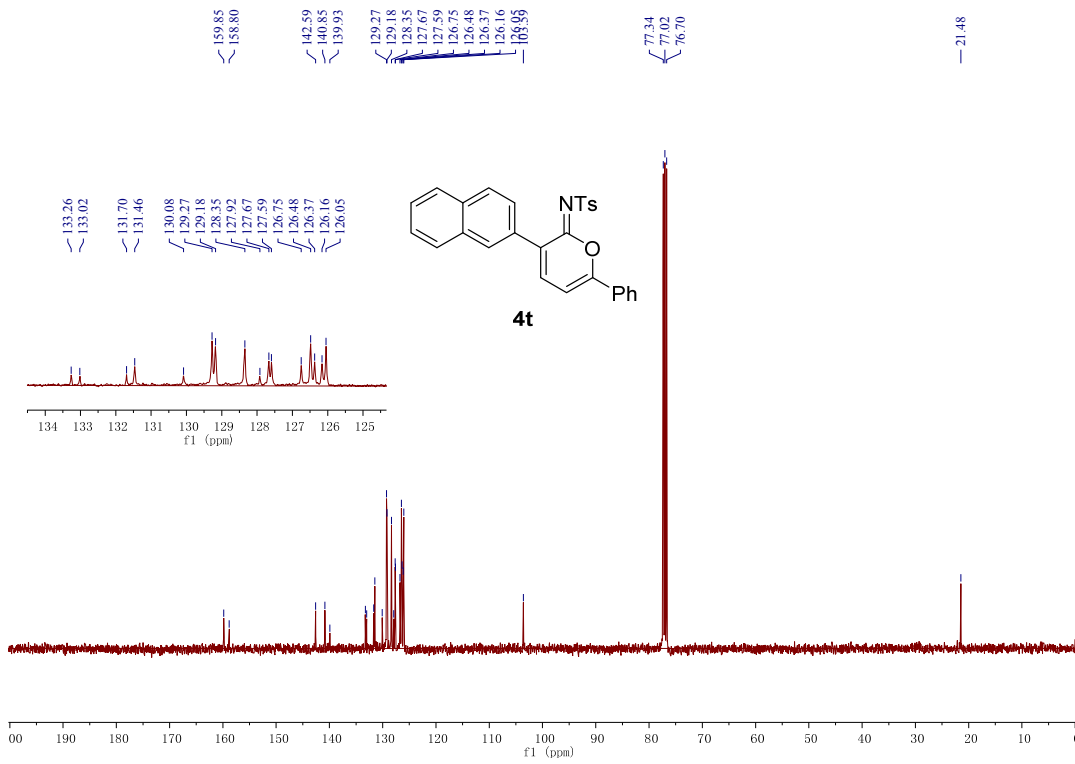
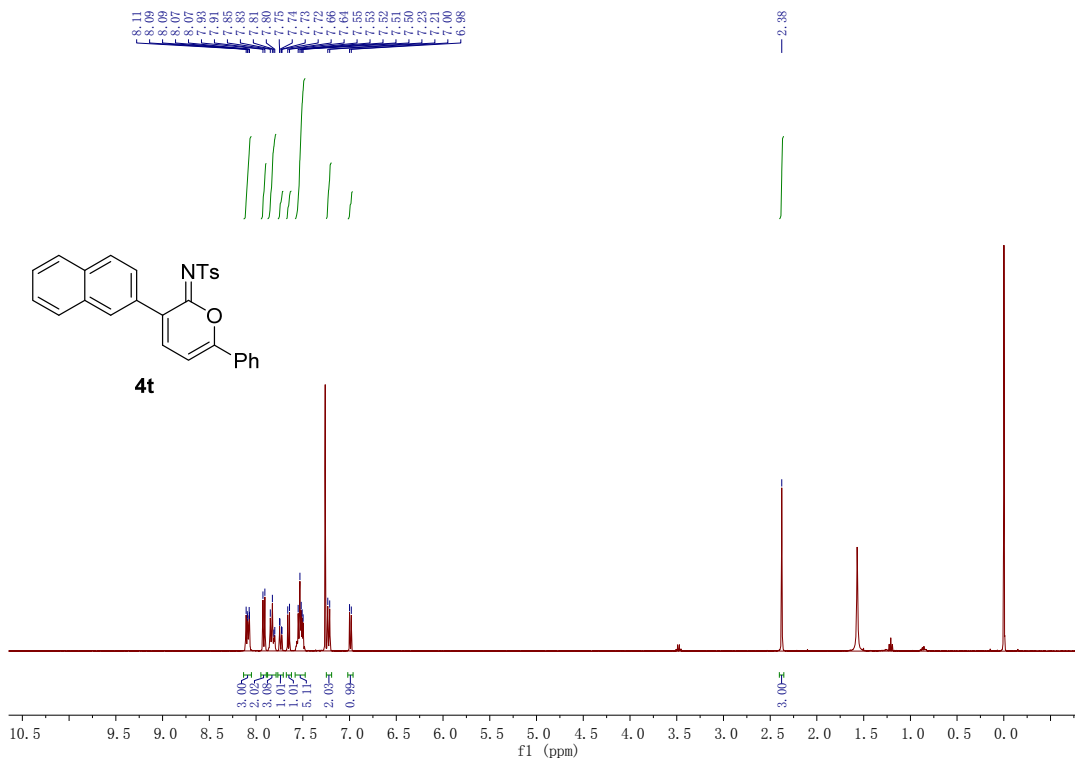


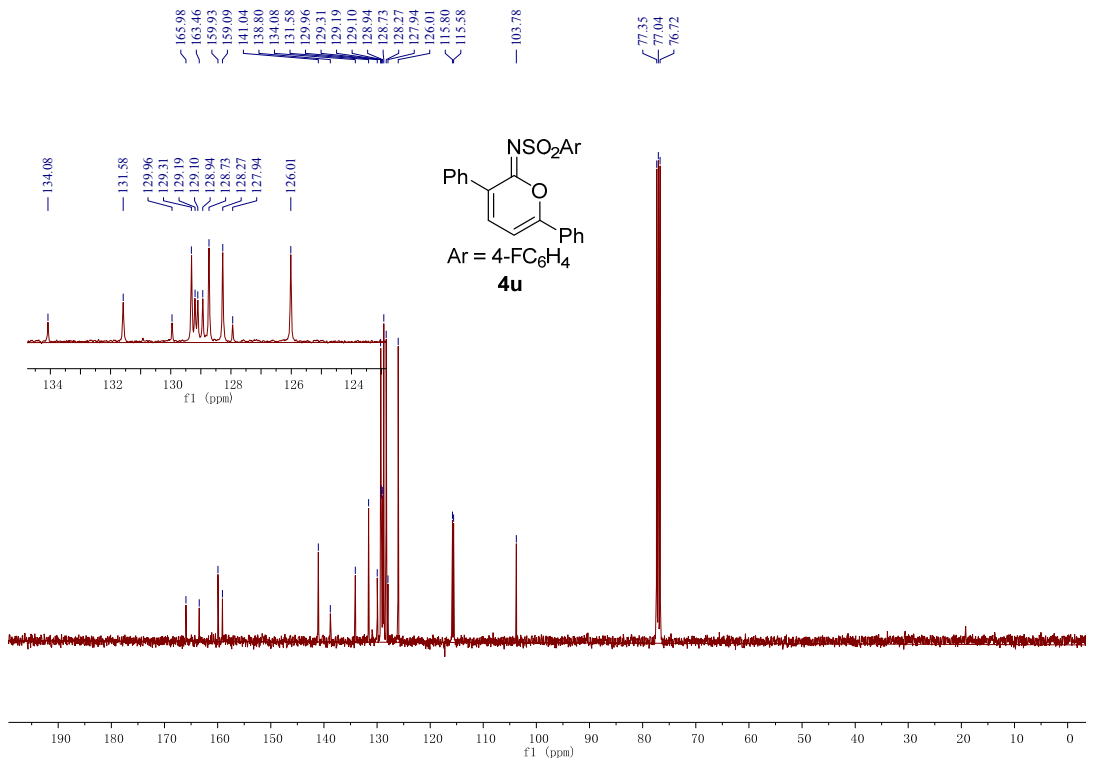
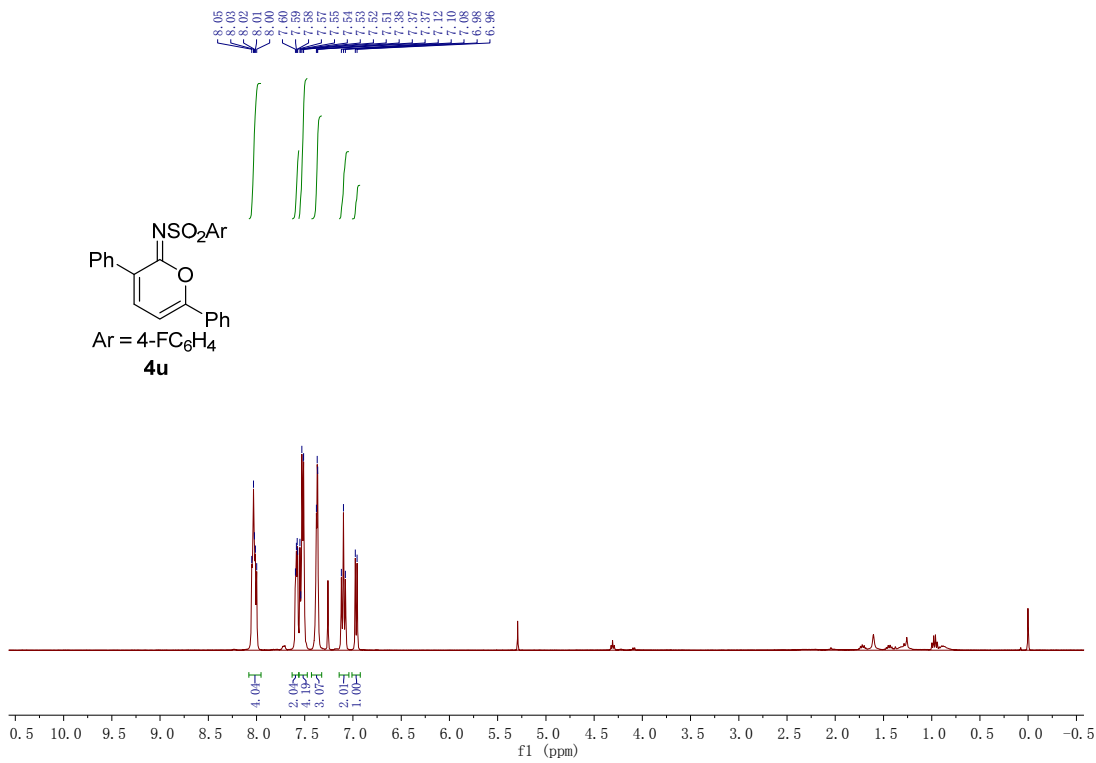


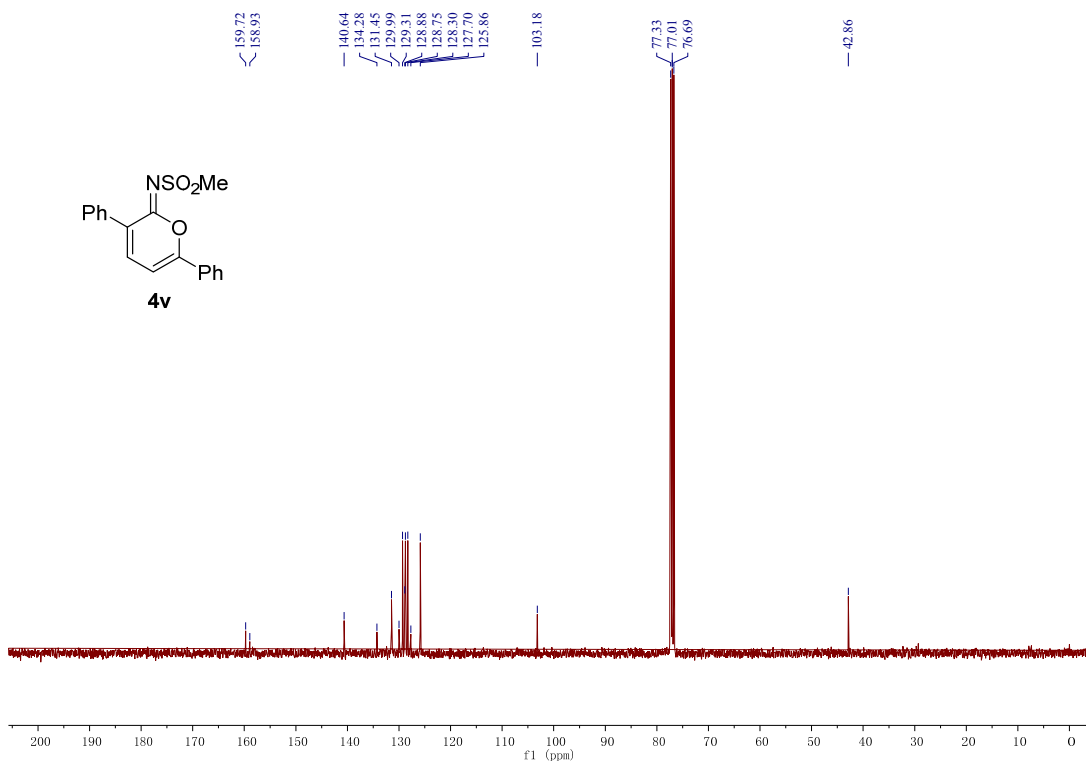
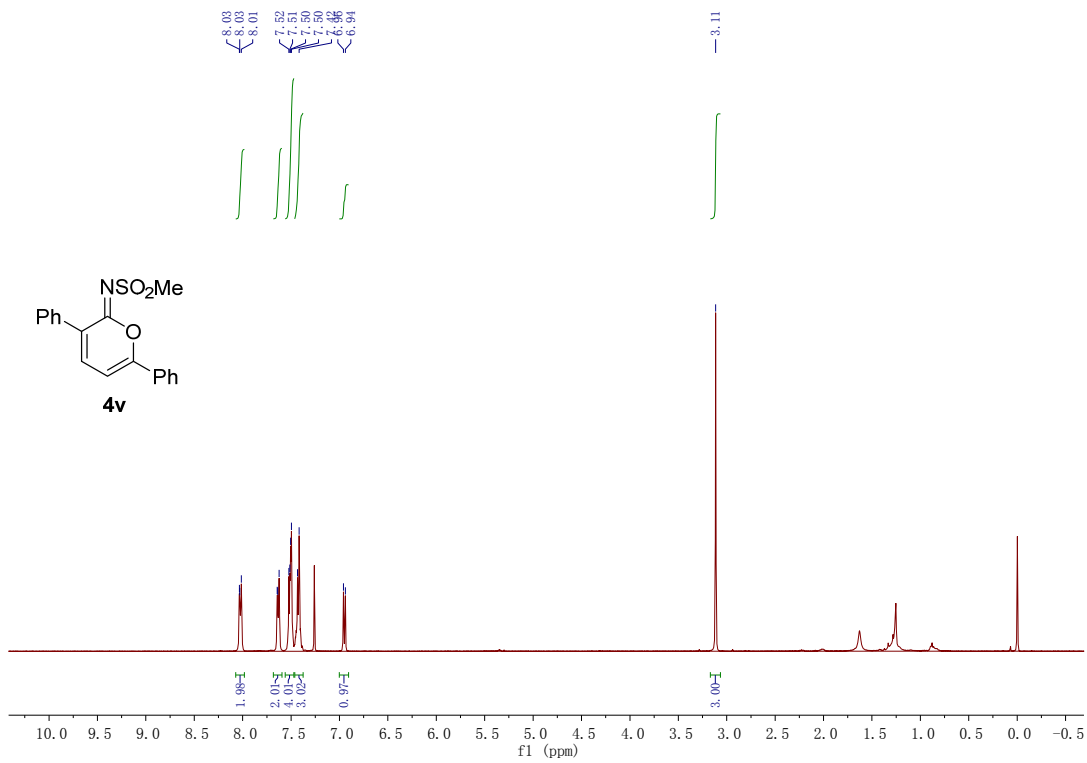


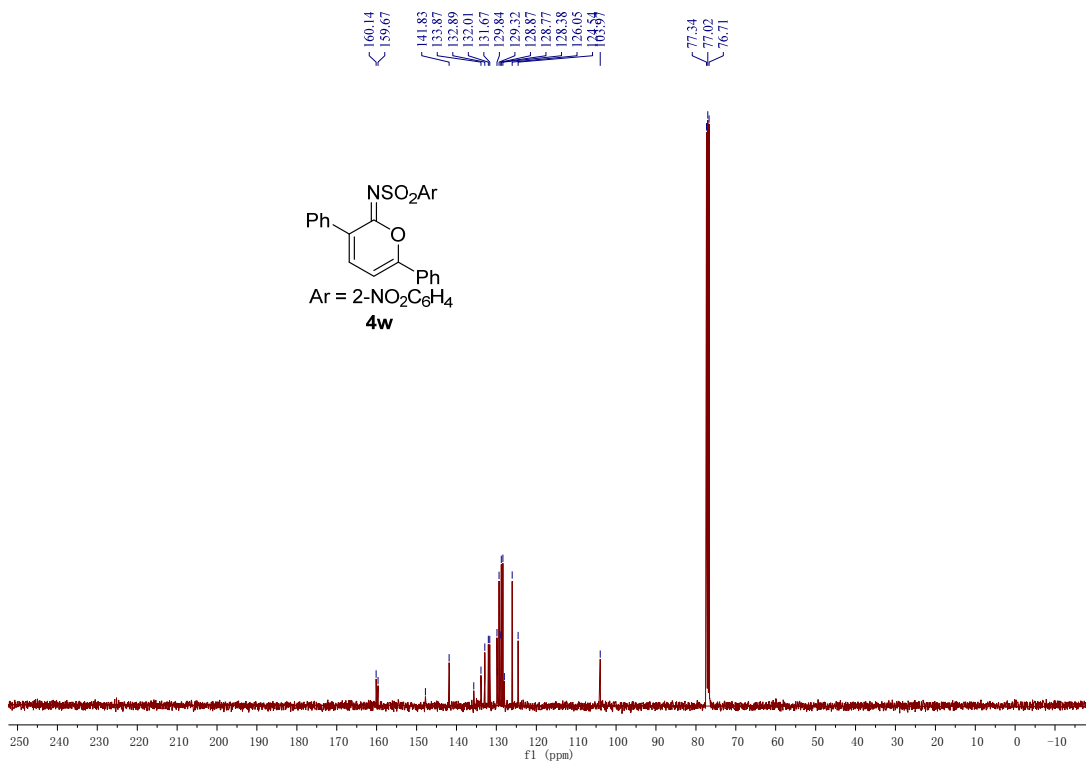
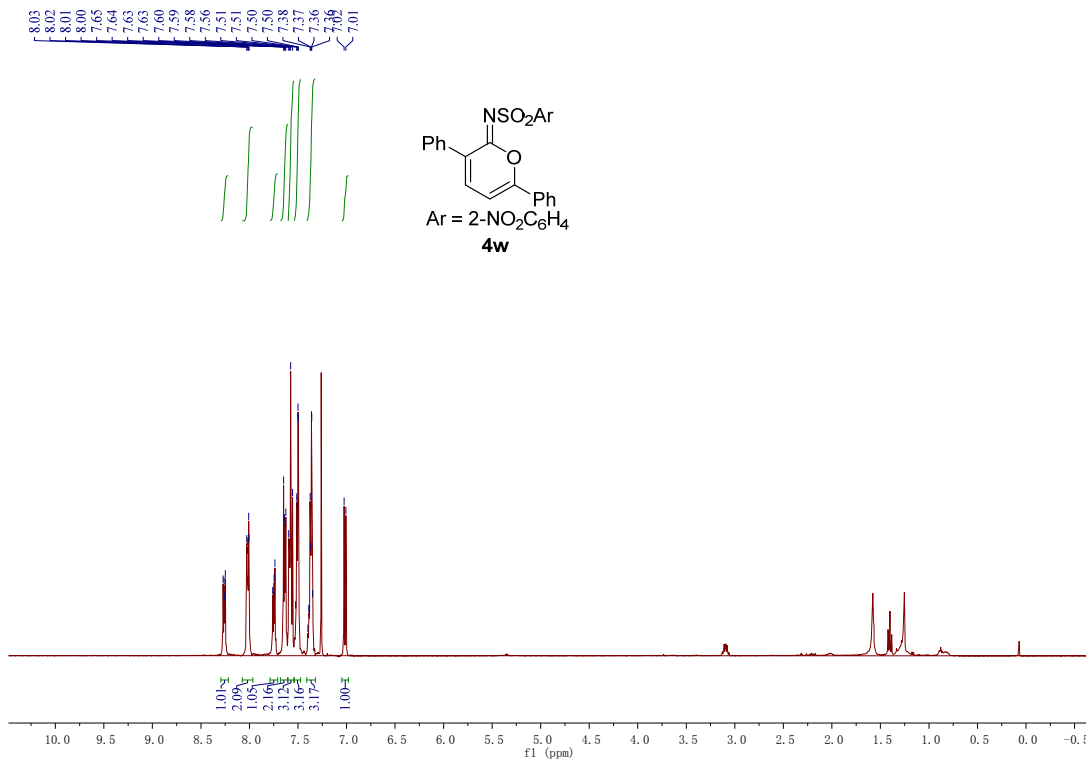




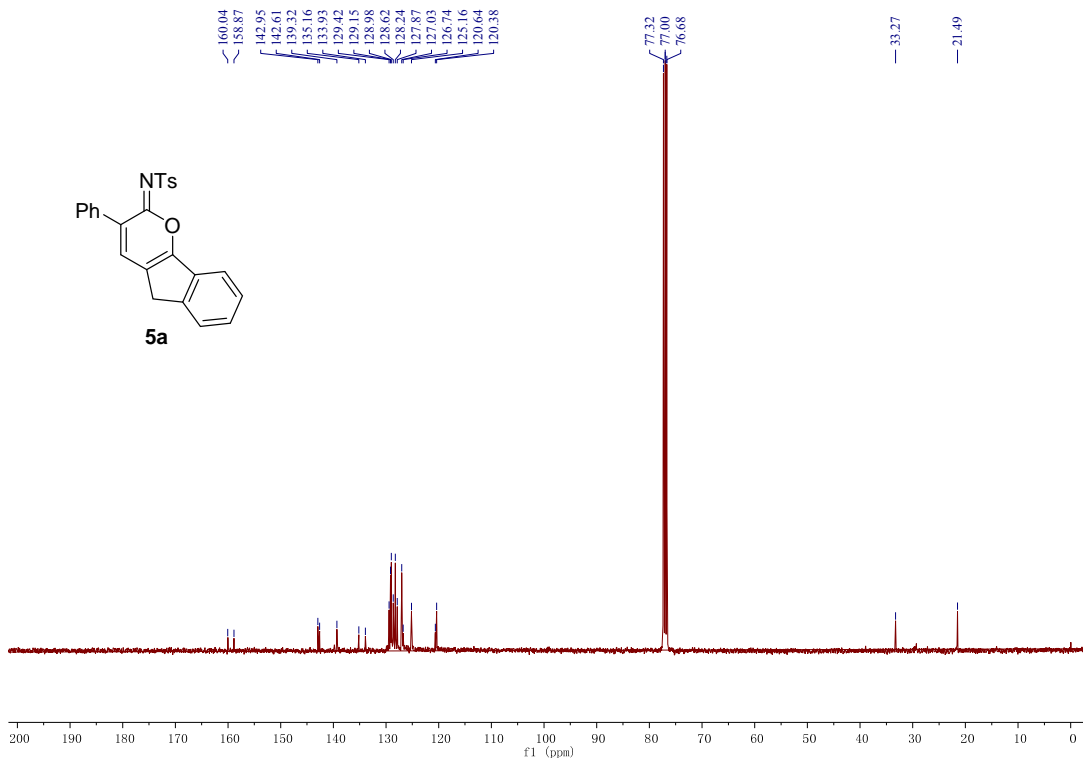
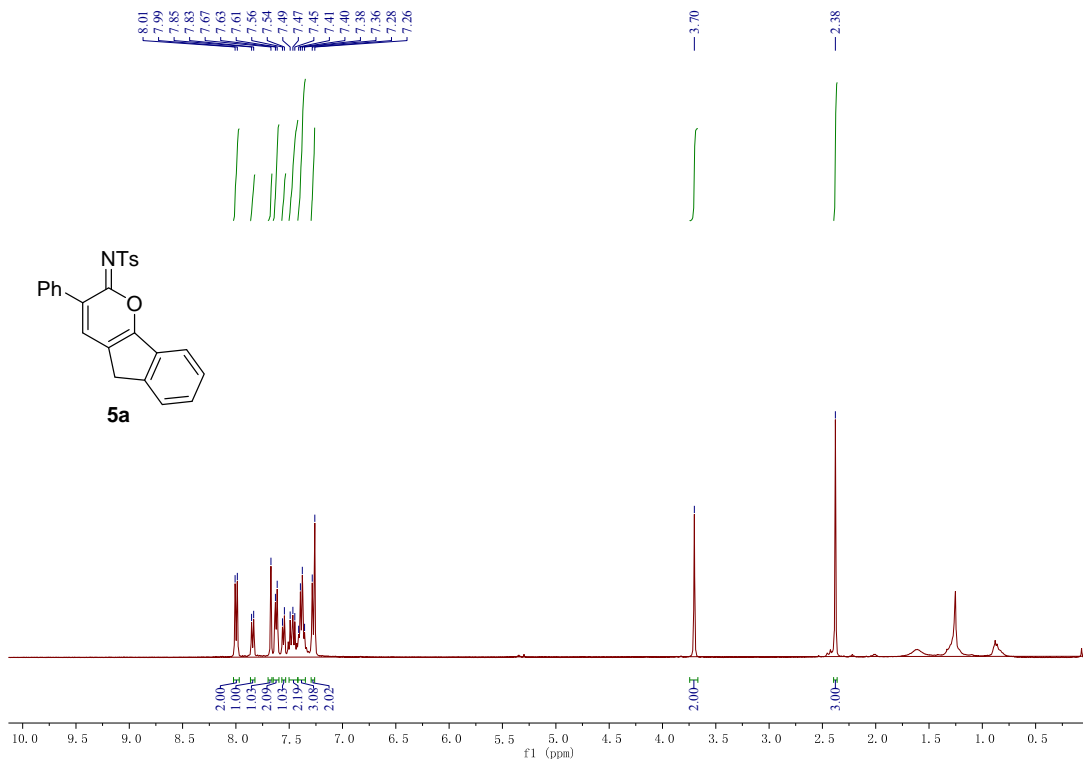


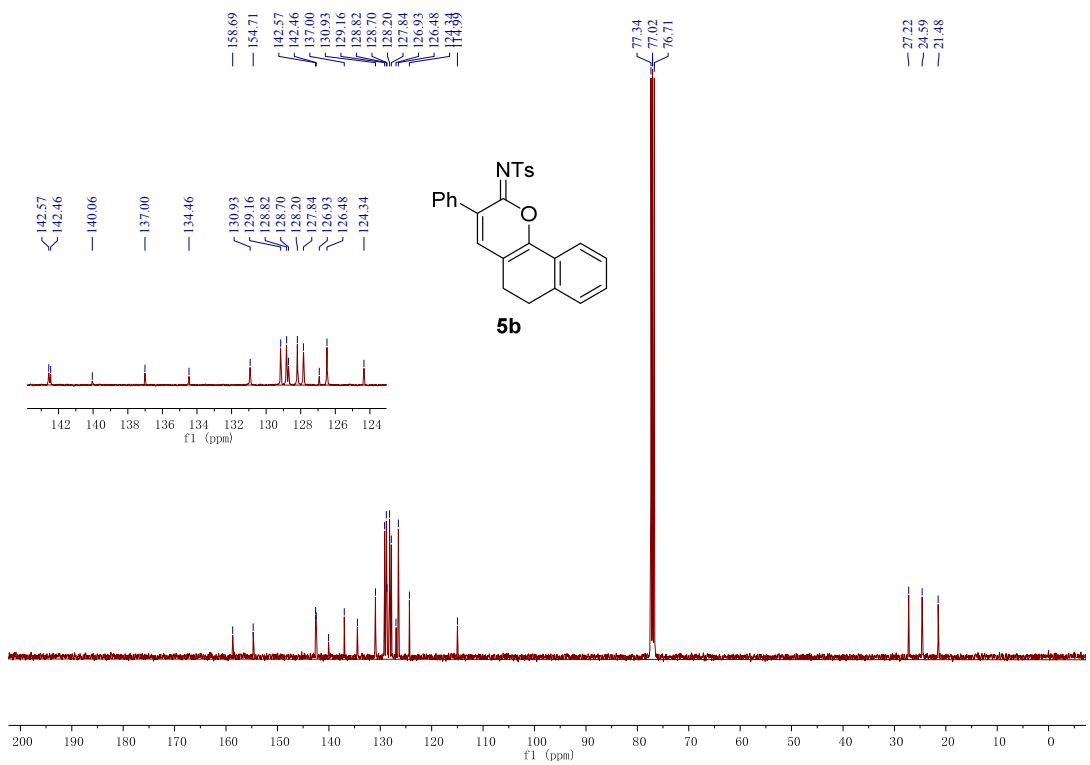
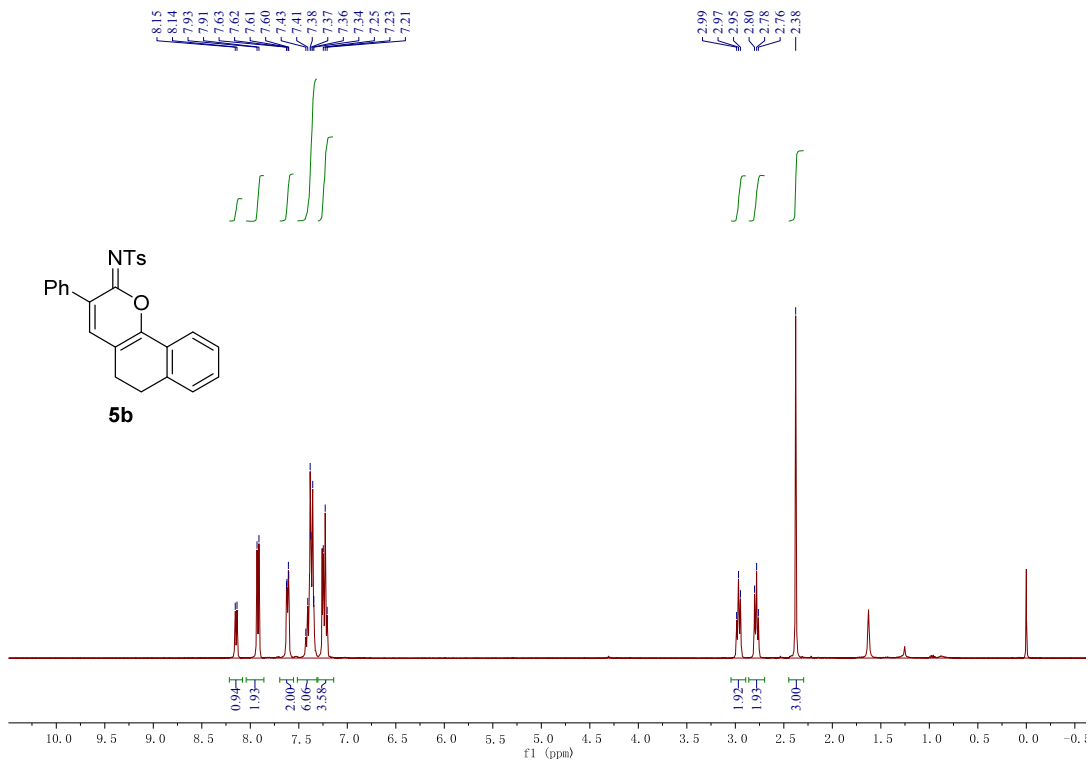


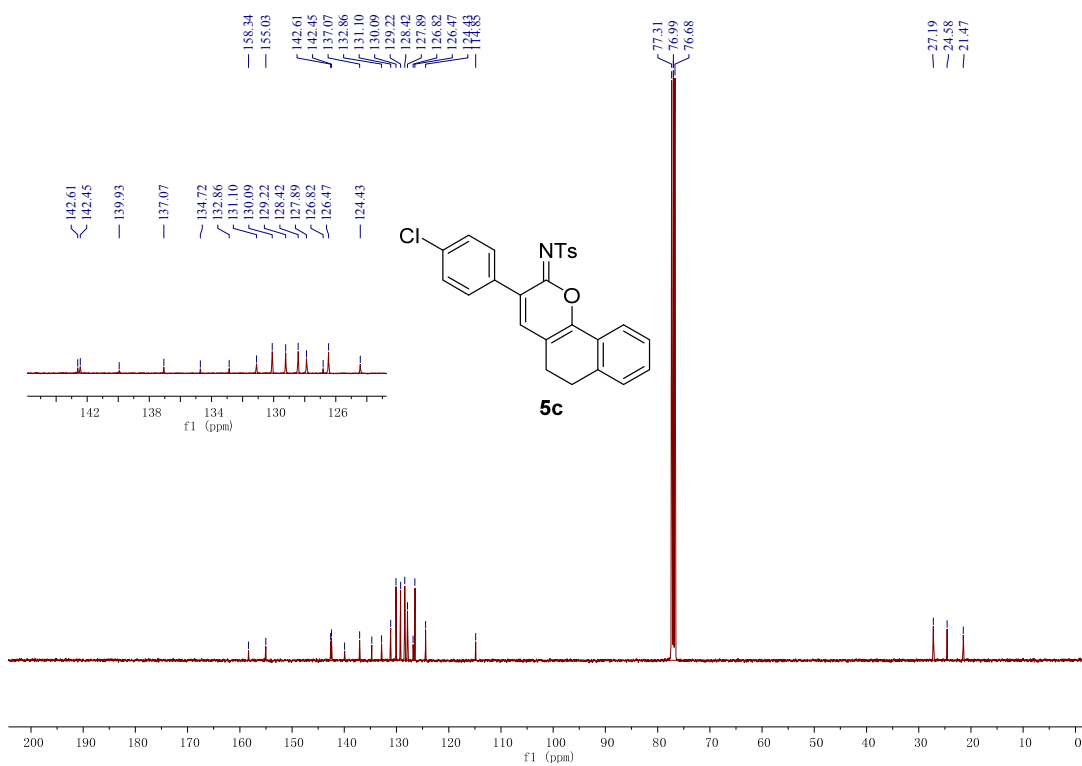
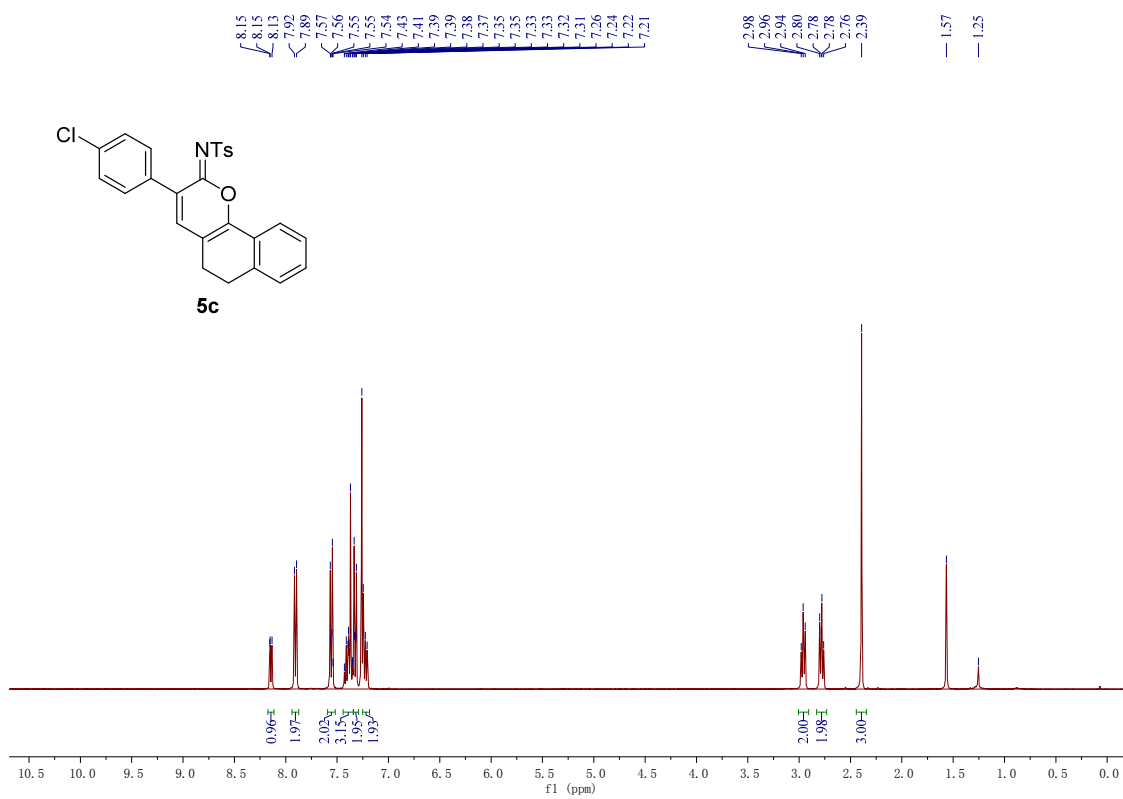


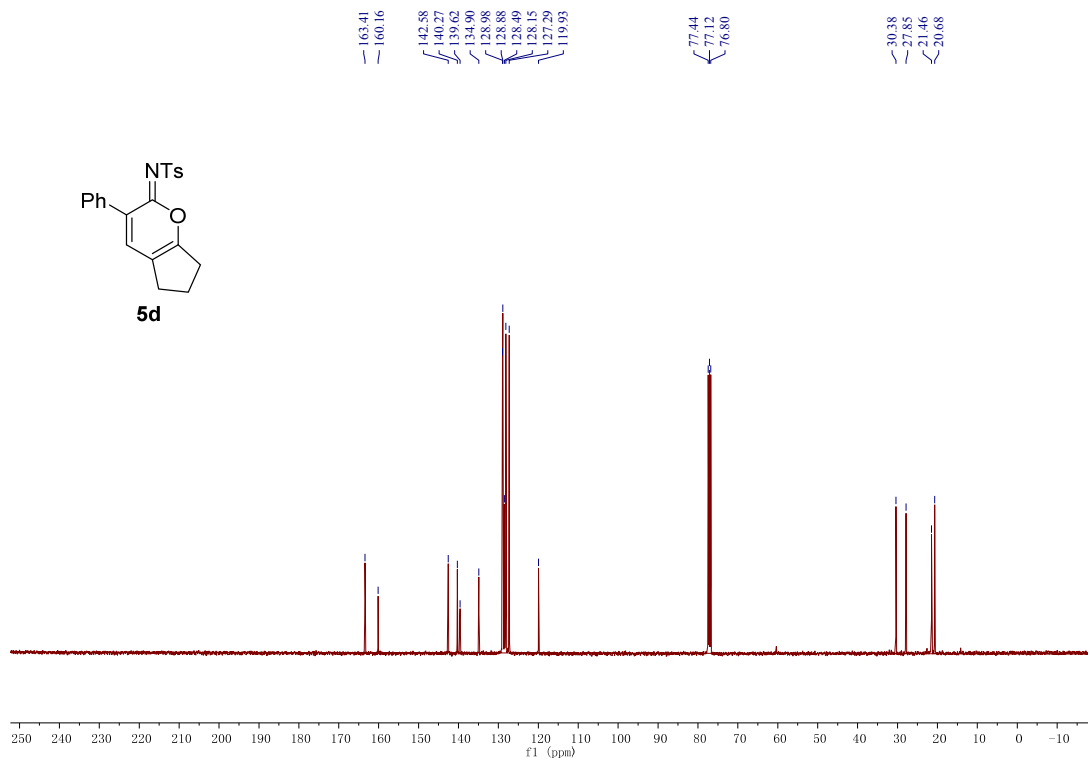
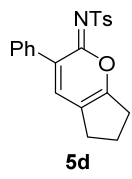
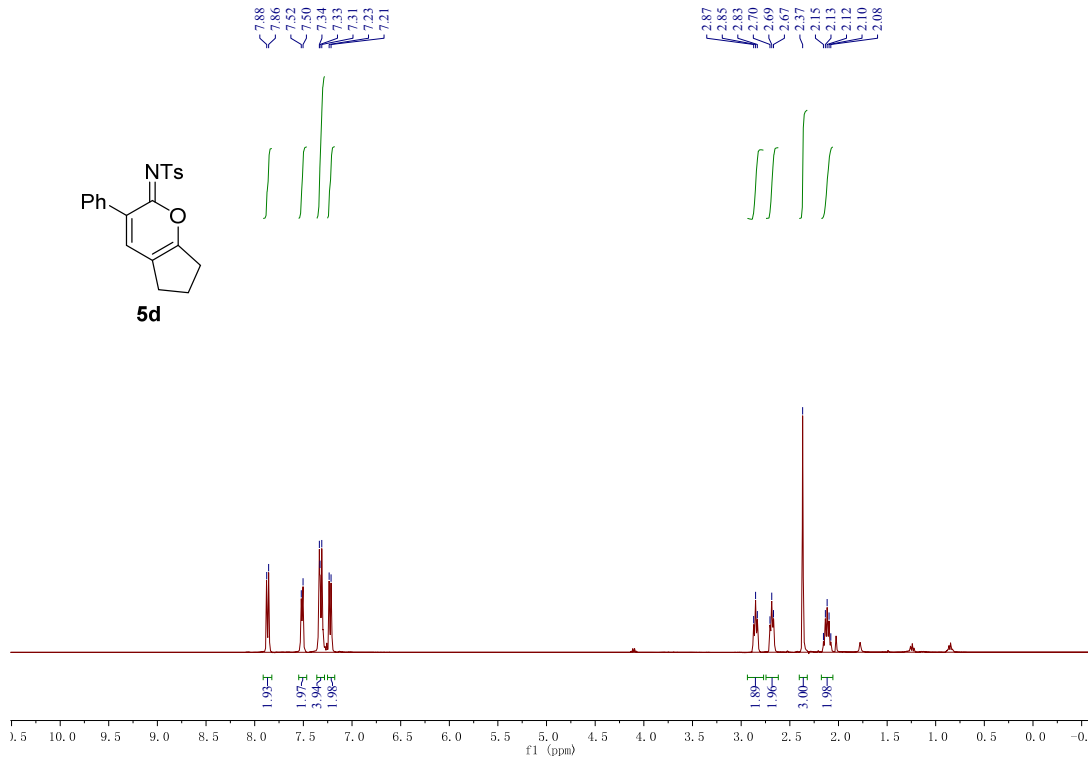
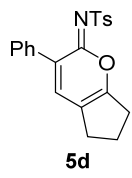


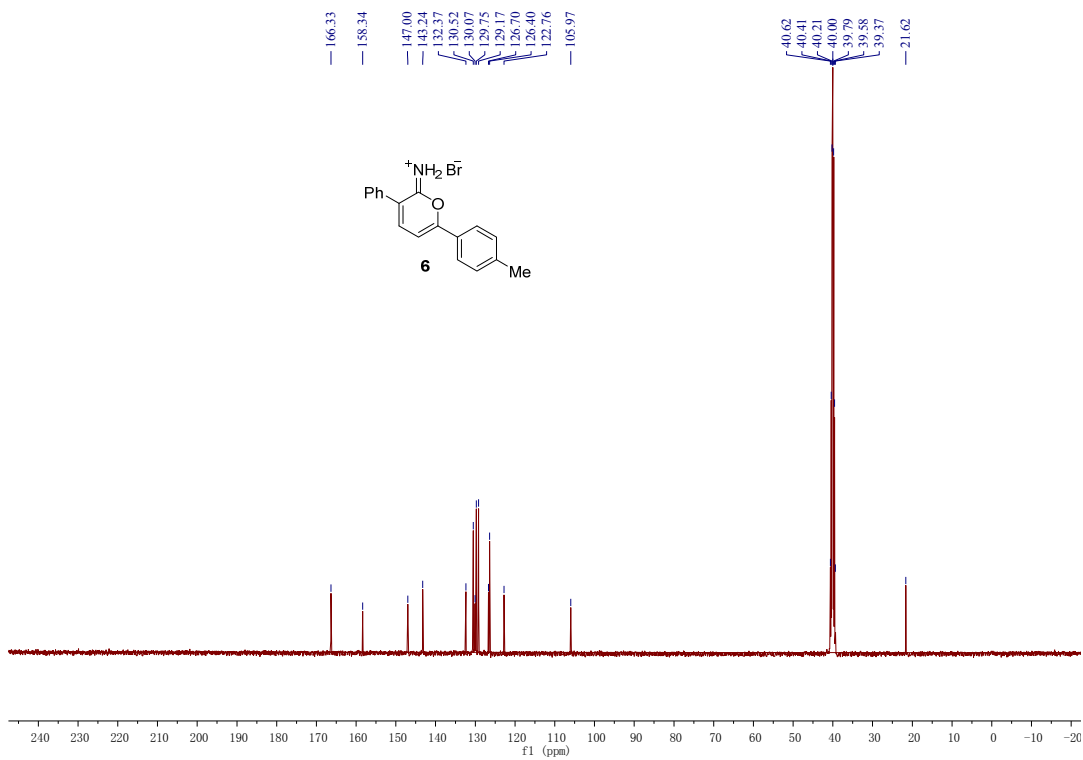
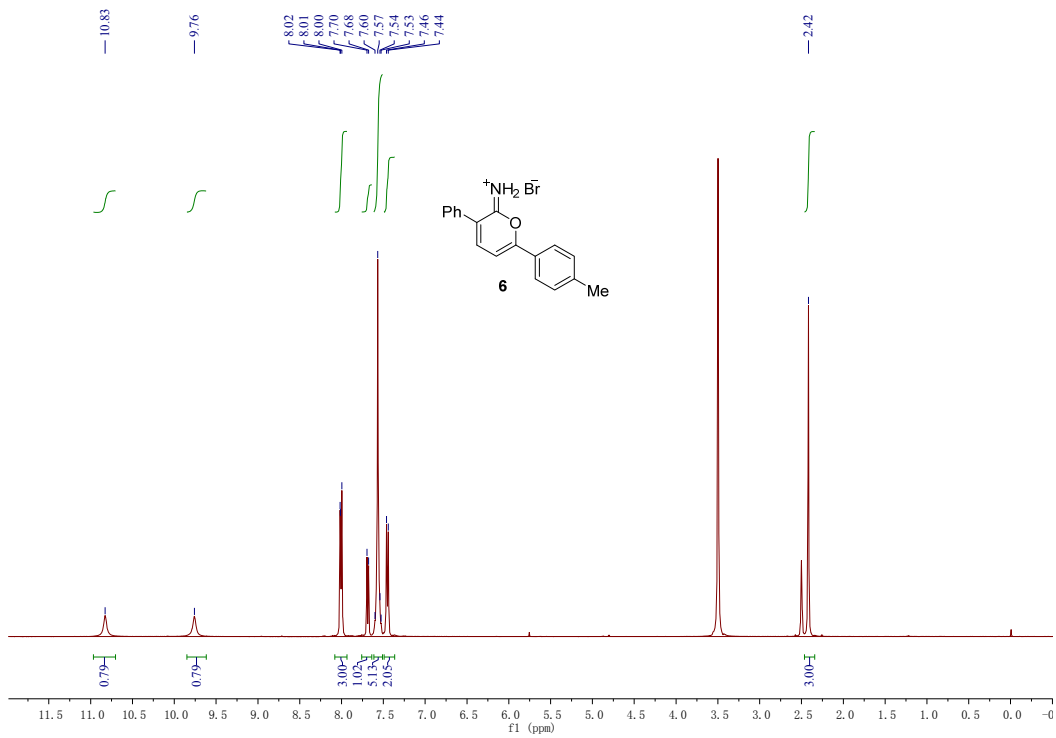


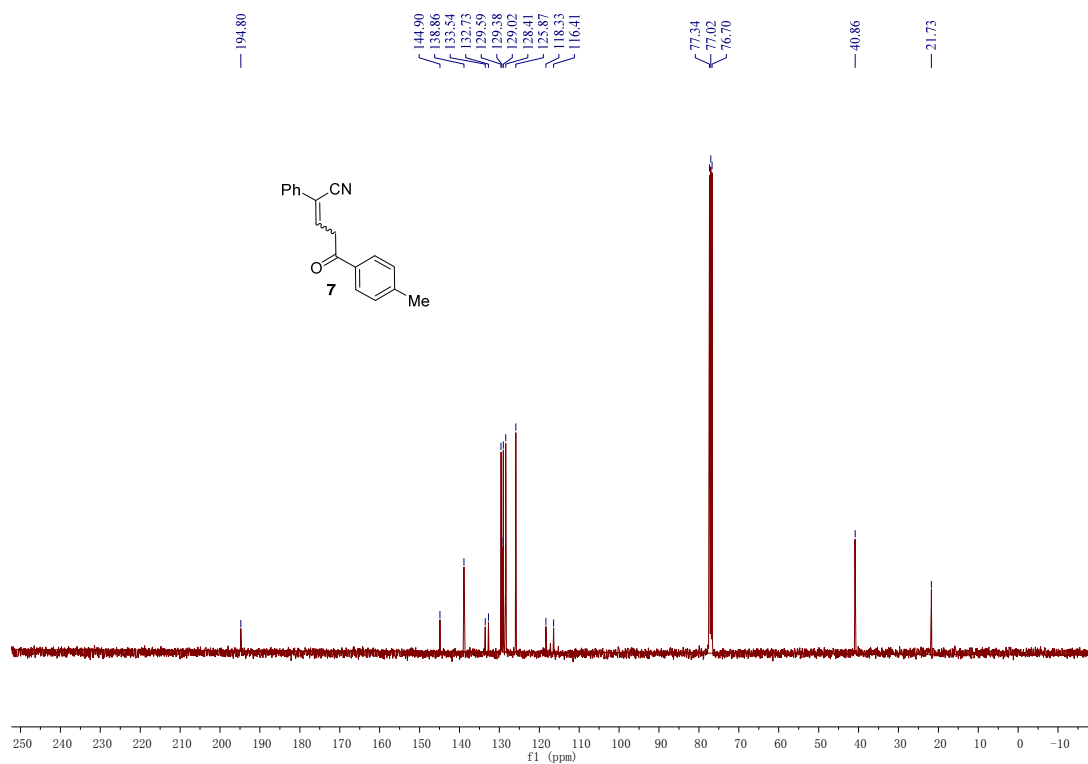
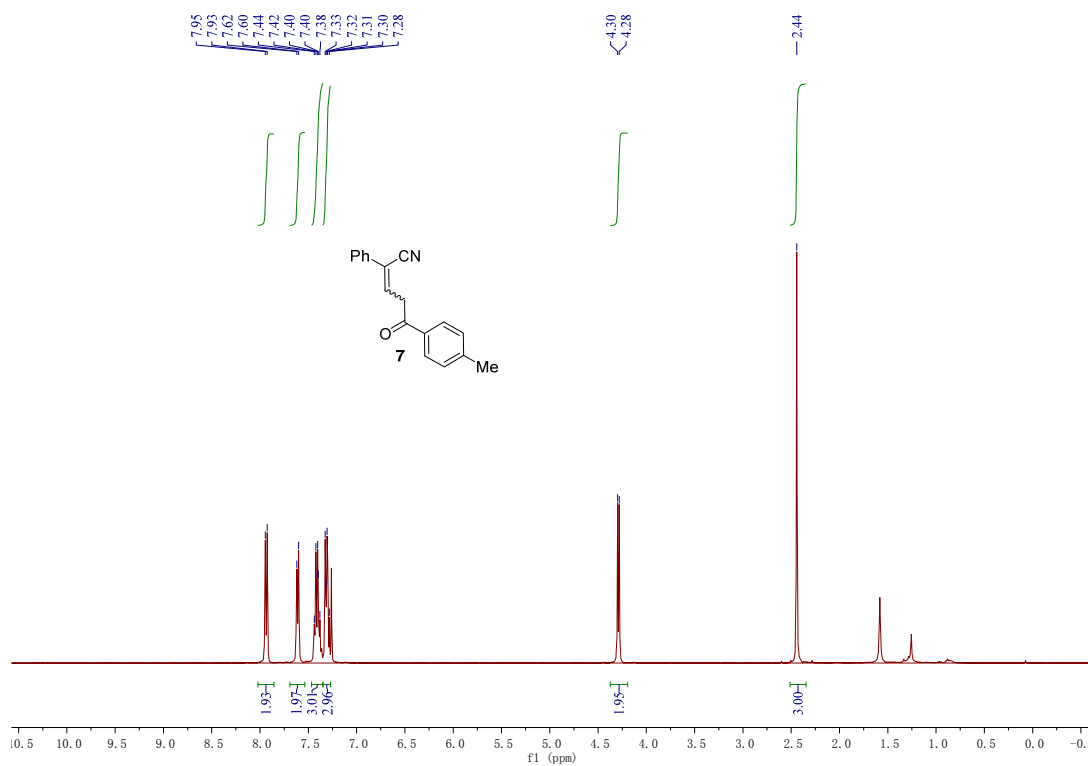


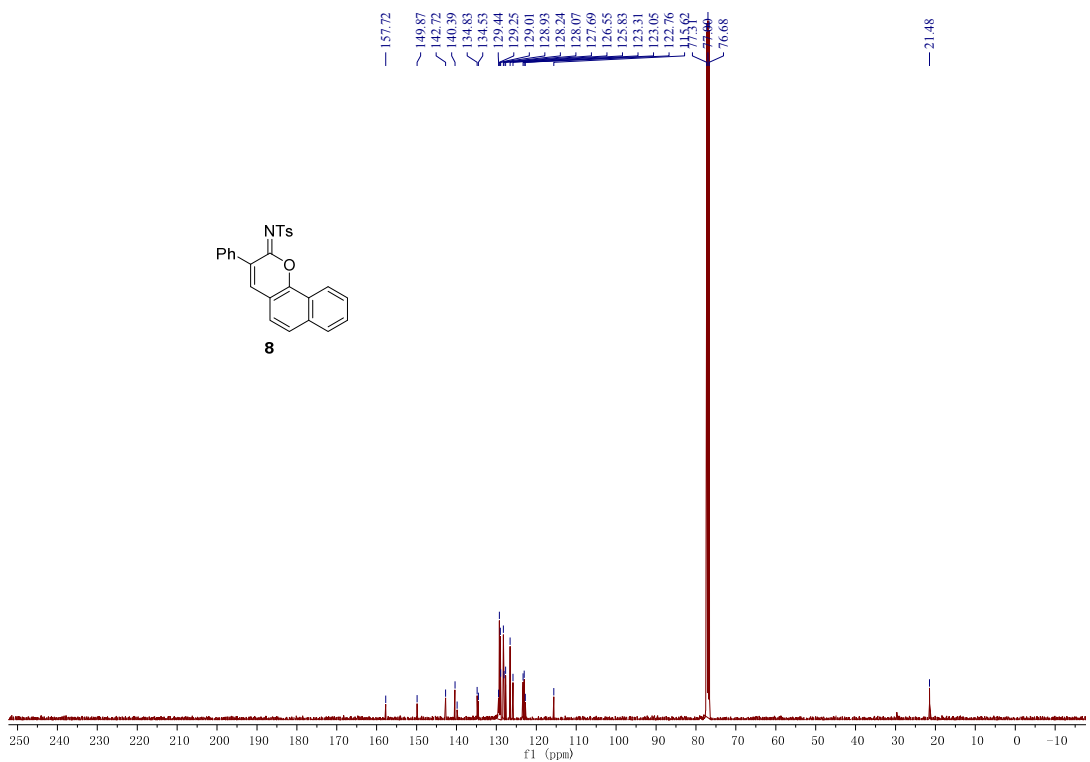
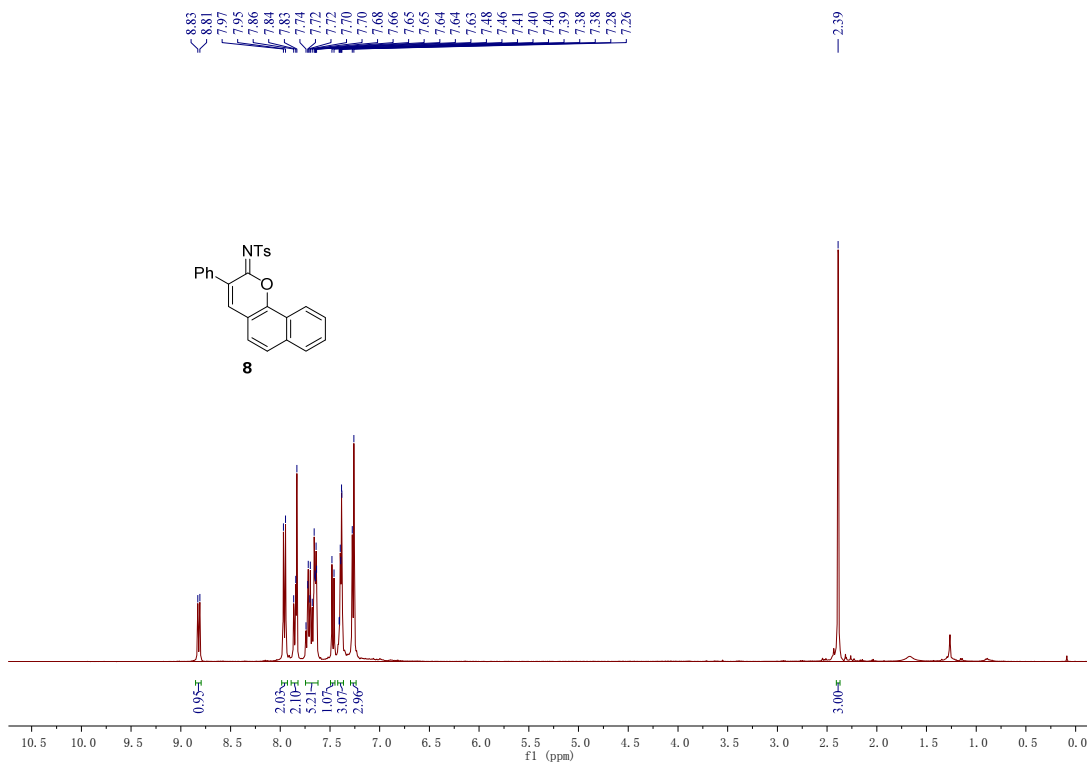




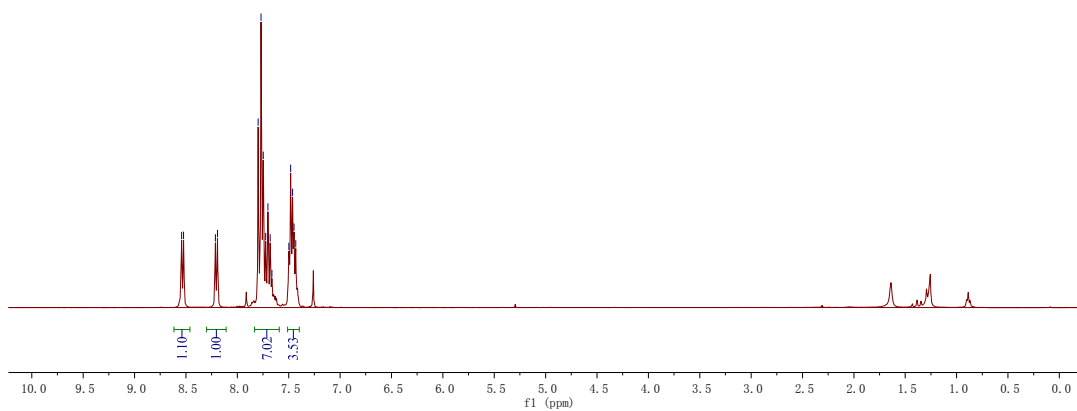
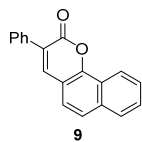
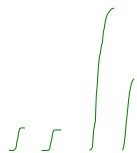








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