

Supporting Information

Organic Ligand Free Carbonylation Reactions with Unsupported Bulk Pd as Catalyst

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Experimental Procedures

1. General information and experimental section

1.1 General Information:

XRD measurements were conducted by using a STADIP automated transmission diffractometer (STOE) equipped with an incident beam curved germanium monochromator with CuK α 1 radiation and current of 40 kV and 150 mA, respectively. The XRD patterns were scanned in the 2 Theta range of 10-90°. XPS were obtained using a VG ES-CALAB 210 instrument equipped with a dual Mg/Al anode X-ray source, a hemispherical capacitor analyzer, and a 5 keV Ar⁺ ion gun. The electron binding energy was referenced to the C1s peak at 284.8 eV. The background pressure in the chamber was less than 10⁻⁷ Pa. The peaks were fitted by Gaussian–Lorentzian curves after a Shirley background subtraction. For quantitative analysis, the peak area was divided by the element-specific Scofield factor and the transmission function of the analyzer. TEM was carried out by using a Tecnai G2 F30 S-Twin transmission electron microscope operating at 300 kV. Single-particle EDX analysis was performed by using a Tecnai G2 F30 S-Twin Field Emission TEM in STEM mode. For TEM investigations, the catalysts were dispersed in ethanol by ultrasonication and deposited on carbon-coated copper grids. The Pd dispersion determined with H₂ titration technique using a Quantachrome autosorb IQ₂ at different temperature (25, 40, 80 °C). Hydrogen titration program: 1. Change Gas to Helium; 2. Ramp Temp by Rate to 140 °C at 20 deg/min; 3. Action: Flow Until Setpoint; 4. Action: Flow for 30 minutes; 5. Change Gas to port: 3, Hydrogen; 6. Ramp Temp by Rate to 400 °C at 20 deg/min; 7. Action: Flow Until Setpoint; 8. Action: Flow for 60 min; 9. Change Gas to Helium; 10. Action: Flow for 45 minutes; 11. Force Cool Furnace to 25/40/80 °C, stabilize; 12. Change Gas to #1, nitrogen; 13. TCD Device: On (Ib current:100, zeroing time out:5); 14. Action: Flow for 15 min; 15. Perform Titration Acquisition (Manual Analysis: No); 16. TCD Device: Off; 17. end of macro; NMR spectra were measured by using a Bruker ARX 400 or ARX 100 spectrometer at 400 MHz (¹H) and 100 MHz (¹³C). Chemical shifts were reported in parts permillion (ppm) down field from TMS with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. Coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hz

and referred to apparent peakmultiplications. Mass spectra were in general recorded on an Agilent 5977A MSD GC-MS.

1.2 Experimental Procedures

All solvents and chemicals were obtained commercially and used as received.

Typical procedure for carbonylation of olefins with amines and CO.

A mixture of olefins (2.0 mmol), amines (1 mmol), Pd-610 (1 mg), KI (5.0 mol%), H₃PO₄ (5.0 mol%) and dioxane (2 mL) were added a glass tube which was placed in an 100 mL autoclave. Then the autoclave was purged and charged with CO (40 bar). The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 24 h. After the reaction finished, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was diluted with 5 mL of ethyl acetate for analysis by GC-MS. The regioselectivity were measured by ¹H NMR. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated by rot-vap and purified by column chromatography on a silica gel column to give the desired products 3a and 4a.

Typical procedure for carbonylation of aryl iodides with amines and CO.

A mixture of aryl iodides (1.0 mmol), amines (1.5 mmol), Pd-610 (1 mg), KI (5.0 mol%), K₂HPO₄ (2.0 mmol) and dioxane (2 mL) were added a glass tube which was placed in an 80 mL autoclave. Then the autoclave was purged and charged with CO (5 bar). The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 12 h. After the reaction finished, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was diluted with 5 mL of methanol for analysis by GC-MS. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated by rot-vap and purified by column chromatography on a silica gel column to give the desired products.

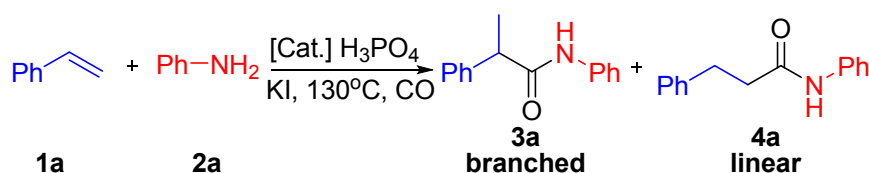
Typical procedure for oxidative carbonylation of amines.

A mixture of amines (2 mmol), Pd-610 (1 mg), KI (5.0 mol%) and dioxane (2 mL) were added a glass tube which was placed in an 80 mL autoclave. Then the autoclave was purged and charged with CO and O₂ (CO : O₂ = 35 : 5 bar). The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 24 h. After the reaction finished, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was diluted with 5 mL of

methanol. The reaction mixture was concentrated by rot-vap and then heated for 0.5 h to remove aniline to give the desired products.

2. Optimization of the reaction conditions

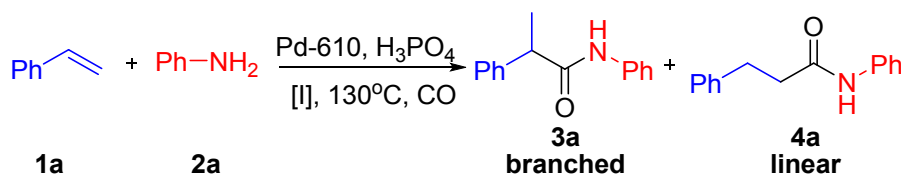
Table S1. Screening of the catalyst for the carbonylation of styrene with aniline ^[a].



Entry	Cat.	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	b/l
1	Pd-148	91	98	46:54
2	Pd-610	95	98	35:65
3	Pd-1540	16	>99	60:40
4	PdCl ₂	60	>99	44:56
5	PdCl ₂ /(2-OMePh) ₃ P	39	81	36:64
6 ^c	PdI ₂	58	94	65:35
7 ^d	PdI ₂	40	>99	59:61

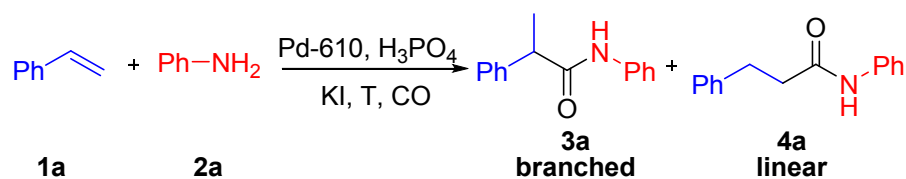
[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (4.0 mmol), 2a (1.0 mmol), [Pd-10, Pd-148, Pd-610, Pd-1540] (1.0 mg), [PdCl₂] (1.77 mg), H₃PO₄ (5.0 mol%), KI (5.0 mol%), CO (40 bar), dioxane (2.0 mL), 130 °C, 12 h; [b] Determined by GC-MS; [c] 1a (2.0 mmol); [d] KI free.

Table S2. Screening of the [I] for the carbonylation of styrene with aniline ^[a].



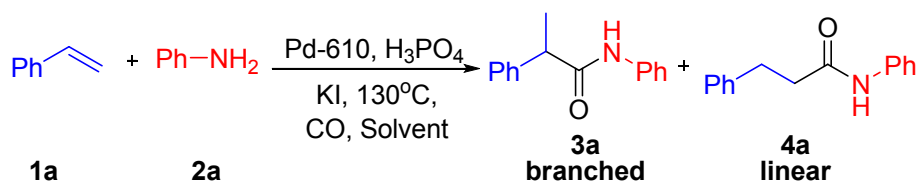
Entry	[I]	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	b/l
1	KI	95	98	35:65
2^c	KI	93	99	35:65
3 ^d	KI	22	>99	41:59
4 ^c	NaI	69	91	45:55
5 ^c	I ₂	99	92	40:60
6	--	trace	--	--

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (4.0 mmol), 2a (1.0 mmol), Pd-610 (1.0 mg), H₃PO₄ (5.0 mol%), [I] (5.0 mol%), CO (40 bar), dioxane (2.0 mL), 130 °C, 12 h; [b] Determined by GC-MS; [c] 1a (2.0 mmol); [d] 1a (1.2 mmol).

Table S3. Screening of the temperature for the carbonylation of styrene with aniline ^[a].

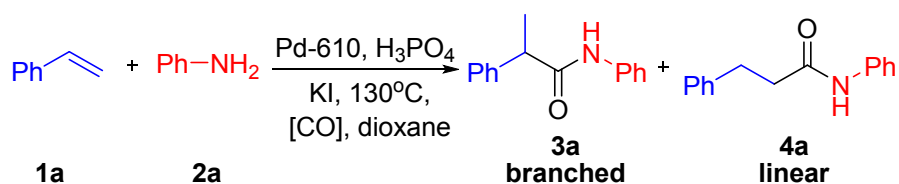
Entry	T (°C)	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	b/l
1	130	95	98	35:65
2	150	97	91	36:64
3	110	12	>99	68:32

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (4.0 mmol), 2a (1.0 mmol), Pd-610 (1.0 mg), H₃PO₄ (5.0 mol%), [I] (5.0 mol%), CO (40 bar), dioxane (2.0 mL), 12 h; [b] Determined by GC-MS.

Table S4. Screening of the solvent for the carbonylation of styrene with aniline ^[a].

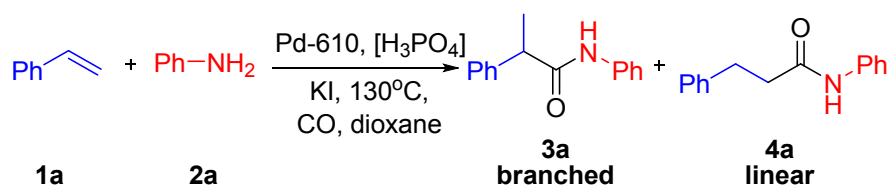
Entry	solvent	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	b/l
1	dioxane	95	98	35:65
2	NMP	14	72	46:54
3	DMF	n.r.	--	--
4	THF	85	97	49:51

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (4.0 mmol), 2a (1.0 mmol), [Pd-610] (1.0 mg), H₃PO₄ (5.0 mol%), KI (5.0 mol%), CO (40 bar), solvent (2.0 mL), 130 °C, 12 h; [b] Determined by GC-MS.

Table S5. Screening of the pressure CO for the carbonylation of styrene with aniline ^[a].

Entry	[CO](bar)	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	b/l
1	40	95	98	35:65
2	30	62	93	47:53
3	20	60	60	32:68

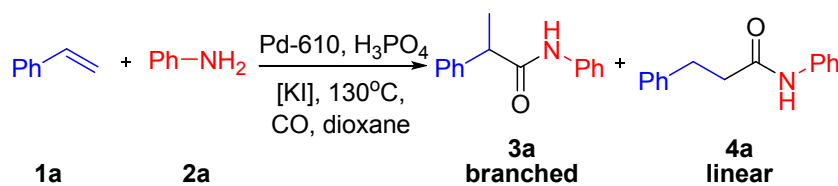
[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (4.0 mmol), 2a (1.0 mmol), [Pd-610] (1.0 mg), H₃PO₄ (5.0 mol%), KI (5.0 mol%), dioxane (2.0 mL), 130 °C, 12 h; [b] Determined by GC-MS.

Table S6. Screening of the amount of acids for the carbonylation of styrene with aniline ^[a].

Entry	[H ₃ PO ₄]	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	b/l
1	0%	trace	--	--
2	1%	trace	--	--
3	2%	trace	--	--
4	5%	95	98	35:65
5	10%	88	96	51:49

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (4.0 mmol), 2a (1.0 mmol), [Pd-610] (1.0 mg), [KI] (5.0 mol%), CO (40 bar), dioxane (2.0 mL), 130 °C, 12 h;

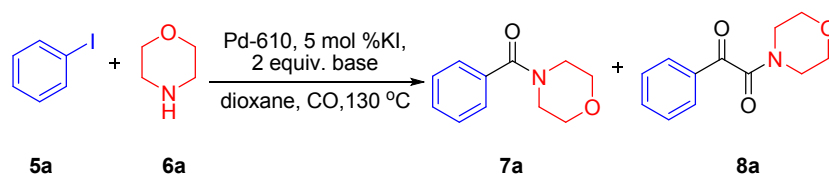
[b] Determined by GC-MS.

Table S7. Screening of the amount of acids for the carbonylation of styrene with aniline ^[a].

Entry	[KI]	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	b/l
1	1%	48	99	62:38
2	2%	82	97	55:45
3	5%	95	98	35:65
4	10%	trace	--	--

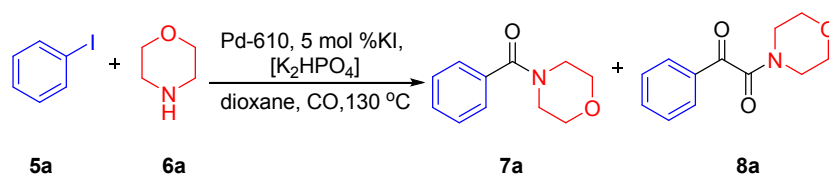
[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (4.0 mmol), 2a (1.0 mmol), [Pd-610] (1.0 mg), [H₃PO₄] (5.0 mol%), CO (40 bar), dioxane (2.0 mL), 130 °C, 12 h;

[b] Determined by GC-MS.

Table S8. Screening of the base for the carbonylation of iodobenzene with morpholine ^[a].

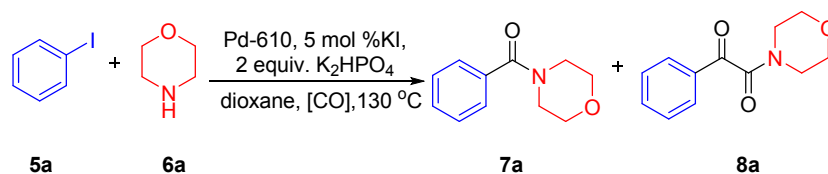
Entry	base	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	
			7a	8a
1	KOH	trace	--	--
2	K ₃ PO ₄	99	57	43
3	KH ₂ PO ₄	69	99	--
4	K ₂ HPO ₄	99	99	--
5	K ₂ CO ₃	99	42	58
6	Na ₃ PO ₄	55	66	34
7	NaH ₂ PO ₄	28	99	--
8	Na ₂ HPO ₄	77	99	--
9	NaHCO ₃	trace	--	--
10	CH ₃ COOK	56	70	--
11	KOtBu	48	6	--
12	Et ₃ N	trace	--	--

[a] Reaction conditions: 5a (1.5 mmol), 6a (1.0 mmol), [Pd-610] (1.0 mg), CO (5 bar), dioxane (2.0 mL), 130 °C, 6 h; [b] Determined by GC-MS.

Table S9. Screening of the amount of K₂HPO₄ for the carbonylation of iodobenzene with morpholine ^[a].

Entry	K ₂ HPO ₄ (equiv.)	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	
			7a	8a
1	2	>99	>99	--
2	1	23	>99	--
3	0.5	21	>99	--

[a] Reaction conditions: 5a (1.5 mmol), 6a (1.0 mmol), [Pd-610] (1.0 mg), CO (5 bar), dioxane (2.0 mL), 130 °C, 6 h; [b] Determined by GC-MS.

Table S10. Screening of the pressure CO for the carbonylation of iodobenzene with morpholine [a].

Entry	[CO](bar)	Con. ^b (%)	Sel. ^b (%)	
			7a	8a
1	5	>99	>99	--
2	3	80	>99	--
3	1	18	>99	--

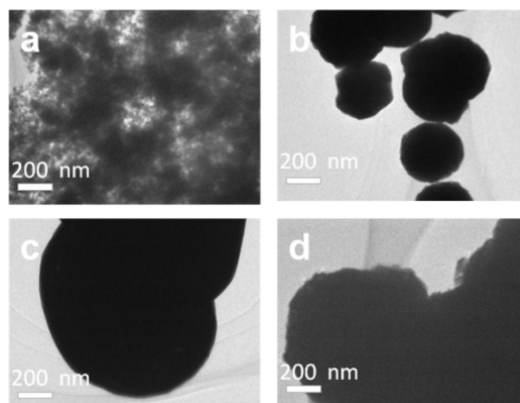
[a] Reaction conditions: 5a (1.5 mmol), 6a (1.0 mmol), [Pd-610] (1.0 mg), CO (5 bar), dioxane (2.0 mL), 130 °C, 6 h; [b] Determined by GC-MS.

Table S11. The characterization results of the catalysts.

Catalyst	Size ^a	Pd 3d (eV) ^b	XRD diffraction peaks (°) ^c	Dispersion(%)
Pd-148	148 nm	--	--	6.628
Pd-610	610 nm	335.4, 340.7	40.1, 46.7, 68.1, 82.1, 86.7	3.897
Pd-1580	1580 nm	--	--	4.372
Used Pd-610	610 nm	n. d. ^d	18.1, 40.1, 46.7, 68.1, 82.1, 86.7	--

[a] Determined by SEM; [b] Determined by XPS; [c] Determined by XRD. [d] Not detectable.

3. Characterization results of the catalysts

Fig. S1 TEM of catalyst. Pd-148 (a), Pd-610 (b), Pd-1540 (c), Pd-610 used three times (d).**Fig. S2** XPS spectra of catalysts. (a) fresh Pd-610 and (b) Pd-610 used three times.

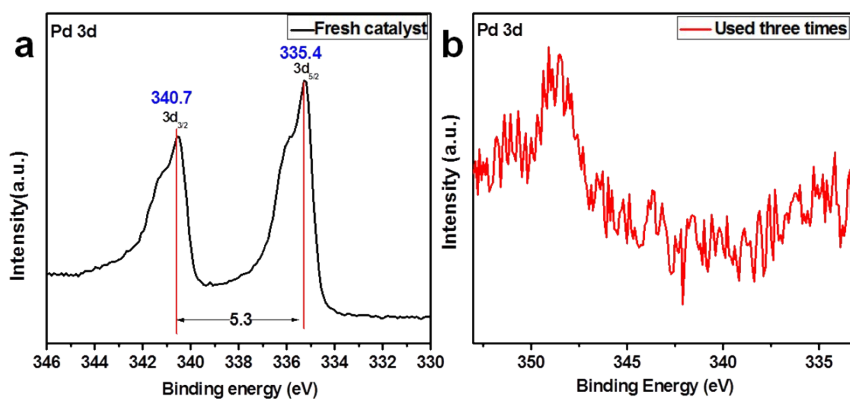
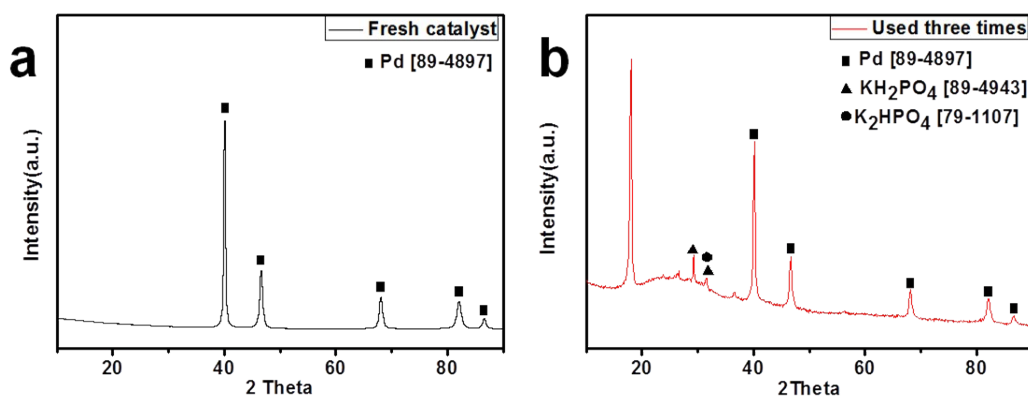
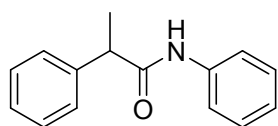


Fig. S3 XRD patterns of catalysts. (a) fresh Pd-610 and (b) Pd-610 used three times.

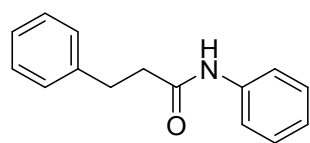


4. Characterization data for products



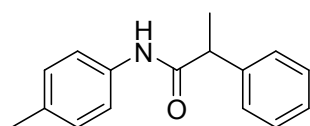
3a **N-Phenyl-2-phenylpropanamide**^[1]: The title compound was prepared

according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a light grey solid; mp: 127-129°C (lit.¹ 134-135°C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.08 (m, 2H), 3.72 (q, 7.2 MHz, 1H), 1.60 (d, 7.2 MHz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 18.5, 140.9, 138.0, 129.1, 128.9, 127.7, 127.6, 124.2, 119.6, 48.1.



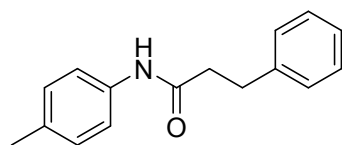
4a **N,3-diphenylpropanamide**^[2]: The title compound was prepared

according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 92-93°C (lit.¹ 116-117°C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, 7.60 MHz, 2H), 7.21-7.31 (m, 8H), 7.08 (t, 7.4 MHz, 1H), 3.04 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.64 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 140.6, 137.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 126.3, 124.3, 120.0, 39.3, 31.5.



3b **2-phenyl-N-(p-tolyl)propanamide**^[3]: The title compound was

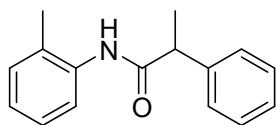
prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow solid; mp: 115-117°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.08 (m, 3H), 3.70 (q, 7.2 MHz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d, 6.8 MHz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 141.1, 135.3, 133.8, 129.3, 129.1, 127.7, 127.5, 119.7, 48.0, 20.8, 18.6.



4b **3-phenyl-N-p-tolylpropanamide**^[4]: The title compound was

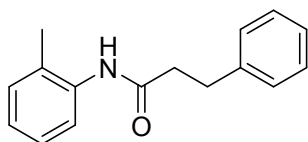
prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 127-130°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.08 (m, 2H), 3.02 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.61

(t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.29(s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 140.7, 135.1, 133.9, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 126.3, 120.1, 39.3, 31.6, 20.8.



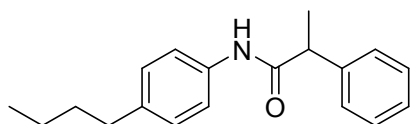
3c 2-phenyl-N-o-tolylpropanamide^[5]: The title compound was prepared

according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (20 : 1 to 10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 79-80°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88(d, 8.0 MHz, 1H), 7.31-7.43 (m, 5H), 6.98-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.86(brs, 1H), 3.79 (q, 7.2 MHz, 1H), 1.87(s, 3H), 1.65 (d, 7.2 MHz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.3, 140.9, 135.7, 130.3, 129.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 124.7, 122.0, 48.1, 18.0, 17.1.



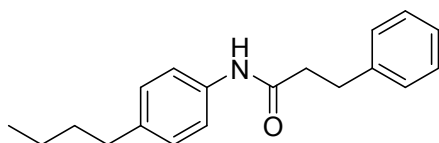
4c 3-phenyl-N-o-tolylpropanamide^[6]: The title compound was prepared

according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1 to 6 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 115-116°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.05(s, 3H), 2.69 (t, 7.4 MHz, 2H), 3.06 (t, 7.4 MHz, 2H), 6.90(brs, 1H), 7.03-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.32 (m, 8H), 7.70(d, 8.0MHz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 140.5, 135.4, 130.4, 128.6, 128.4, 126.6, 126.4, 125.2, 123.3, 39.2, 31.7, 17.5.



3d N-(4-butylphenyl)-2-phenylpropanamide: The title

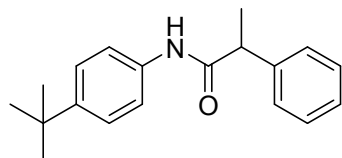
compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (50:1 to 30:1) to give the desired product which was a brown solid; mp: 74-75°C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, 8.4MHz, 3H), 3.70 (q, 7.1 MHz, 1H), 2.53(t, 7.6MHz, 2H), 1.59 (d, 6.8 MHz, 3H), 1.49-1.57(m, 2H), 1.25-1.35(m, 2H), 0.89(t, 7.4 MHz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.2, 141.0, 138.9, 135.4, 129.1, 128.7, 127.7, 127.5, 119.7, 48.0, 35.0, 33.6, 22.2, 18.5, 13.9; HRMS(m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$, 282.1852; found, 282.1862.



4d N-(4-butylphenyl)-3-phenylpropanamide: The title

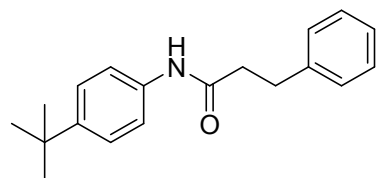
compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography

using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (30 : 1 to 10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a yellow solid; mp: 69-70°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.13(brs, 1H), 7.09 (d, 8.4MHz, 2H), 3.04 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.63 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.55(t, 7.8MHz, 2H), 1.52-1.59(m, 2H), 1.25-1.37(m, 2H), 0.91(t, 7.4MHz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 140.7, 139.0, 135.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 126.3, 120.0, 39.4, 35.0, 33.6, 31.6, 22.2, 13.9; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄NO, 282.1852; found, 282.1858.



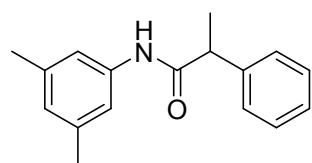
3e N-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-2-phenylpropanamide: The title compound

was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (15:1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 97-98°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.09 (brs, 1H), 3.71 (q, 7.2 MHz, 1H), 1.59(d, 7.2MHz, 3H), 1.27 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 147.2, 141.0, 135.2, 129.1, 127.7, 127.5, 125.6, 119.4, 48.0, 34.3, 31.3, 18.5; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄NO, 282.1852; found, 282.1849.



4e N-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-phenylpropanamide: The title

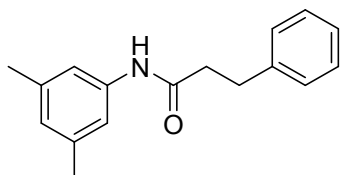
compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (15:1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 99-101°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.22 (m, 3H), 3.03 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.63 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 1.28(s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 147.2, 140.6, 135.1, 128.6, 128.4, 126.3, 125.7, 119.8, 39.3, 34.3, 31.6, 31.3; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄NO, 282.1852; found, 282.1855.



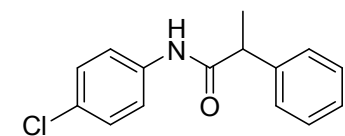
3f N-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-2-phenylpropanamide: The title compound

was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (50 : 1 to 20 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp:

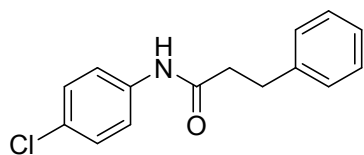
86-87°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48(brs, 1H), 7.21-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.08(s, 2H), 6.68(s, 1H), 3.69 (q, 7.1 MHz, 1H), 2.20(s, 6H), 1.55 (d, 7.2 MHz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 141.0, 138.3, 137.7, 128.8, 127.5, 127.2, 117.6, 29.6, 21.1, 18.5; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₇H₂₀NO, 254.1539; found, 254.1544.



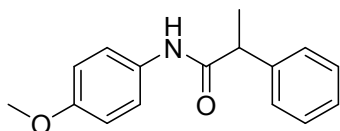
4f N-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-phenylpropanamide: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (20 : 1 to 10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 82-84°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28(s, 1H), 7.08-7.20(m, 7H), 6.66(s, 1H), 2.94 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.57 (t, 7.8 MHz, 2H), 2.15(s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 140.5, 138.1, 137.7, 128.2, 128.0, 125.9, 125.7, 118.0, 38.6, 31.4, 21.0; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₇H₂₀NO, 254.1539; found, 254.1530.



3g Benzeneacetamide^[6]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a brown solid; mp: 114-115°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.98 (brs, 1H), 3.70 (q, 7.07 MHz, 1H), 1.54 (d, 7.2 MHz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.4, 140.7, 136.4, 129.2, 128.8, 127.6, 120.9, 48.0, 18.5.

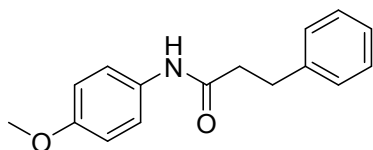


4g N-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylpropanamide^[7]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid. Mp=136-137°C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36(d, 8.4 MHz, 2H), 7.20-7.31 (m, 7H), 7.17(brs, 1H), 3.03 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.64 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 140.4, 136.2, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 126.5, 121.1, 39.4, 31.5.



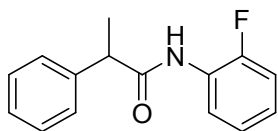
3h **N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylpropanamide**^[3]: The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (6:1) to give the desired product which was a light brown solid; mp: 139-140°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.04 (brs, 1H), 6.78-6.82 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.70 (q, 7.1 MHz, 1H), 1.59 (d, 6.8 MHz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 156.3, 141.0, 130.9, 129.1, 127.7, 127.5, 121.6, 114.0, 55.4, 47.9, 18.6.



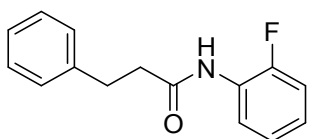
4h **N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropanamide**^[6]: The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (6:1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow solid; mp: 127-129°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.62 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 3.03 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 6.79-6.82 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.35 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 156.4, 140.7, 130.8, 128.6, 128.4, 126.3, 121.9, 114.0, 55.4, 39.2, 31.6.



3i **N-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylpropanamide**: The title compound was

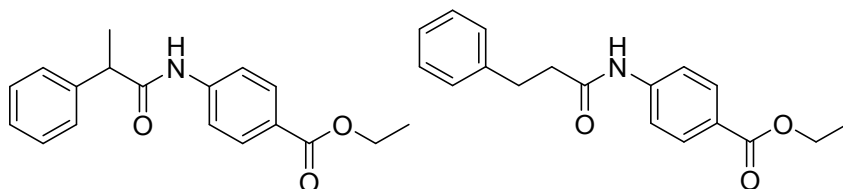
prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (30 : 1 to 10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 85-86°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29-8.33 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.98-7.02 (m, 2H), 3.76 (q, 7.2 MHz, 1H), 1.62 (d, 7.2 MHz, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -131.67; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 152.3 (*J* = 241.6 Hz), 140.5, 129.1, 127.6, 127.6, 126.3 (*J* = 9.9 Hz), 124.4 (*J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.2 (*J* = 7.6 Hz), 121.5, 114.6 (*J* = 19.0 Hz), 48.2, 18.4; HRMS(*m/z*): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₅H₁₅FNO, 244.1132; found, 244.1129.



4i **N-(2-fluorophenyl)-3-phenylpropanamide**: The title compound was

prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10:1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow solid; mp: 91-94°C; ¹H

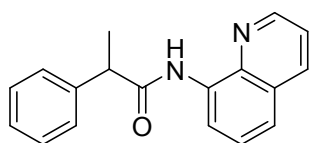
NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29-8.33(m, 1H), 7.20-7.34(m, 6H), 7.00-7.14(m, 3H), 3.07 (t, 7.8 MHz, 2H), 2.72 (t, 7.6MHz, 2H); **¹⁹F NMR**(376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116. 79; **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 152.2 (*J* = 241.3 Hz), 140.4, 128.6, 128.3, 126.4, 126.2 (*J* = 9.9 Hz), 124.5(*J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.2(*J* = 7.6 Hz), 121.8, 114.7 (*J* = 19.1 Hz), 39.4, 31.3. HRMS(*m/z*): [*M*+*H*] calcd. for C₁₅H₁₅FNO, 244.1132; found, 244.1122.



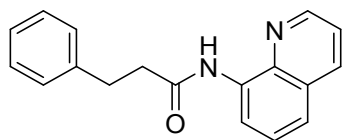
3j ethyl 4-(2-phenylpropanamido)benzoate^[5]:

4j ethyl 4-(3-phenylpropanamido)benzoate^[4]:

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (30 : 1 to 5 : 1) to give the desired product which were white solid; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93-7.99 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.41 (m, 12H), 4.28-4.37 (m, 4H), 3.74 (q, 7.1 MHz, 1H), 3.05 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.69 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 1.60 (d, 7.2MHz, 3H), 1.35-1.40 (m, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 170.7, 166.2, 166.1, 141.9, 140.5, 140.4, 130.7, 130.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 126.4, 125.8, 118.8, 118.7, 60.8, 48.2, 39.4, 31.3, 18.5, 14.3.

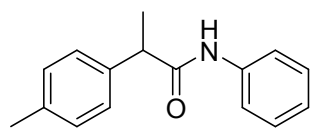


3k 2-phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)propanamide: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (30 : 1 to 20 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 209-210°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.91 (brs, 1H), 8.77 (dd, 1.6 MHz, 7.6 MHz, 1H), 8.69 (dd, 1.6 MHz, 4.0 MHz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, 1.6 MHz, 8.0 MHz, 1H), 7.44-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.31(m, 1H), 3.80 (q, 7.1 MHz, 1H), 1.69 (d, 7.2 MHz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.7, 148.0, 141.1, 138.4, 136.2, 134.5, 128.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 127.3, 121.5, 121.4, 116.3, 48.6, 18.6; HRMS(*m/z*): [*M*+*H*] calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O, 277.1335; found, 277.1342.



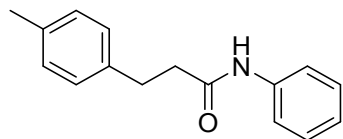
4k 3-phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)propanamide^[8]: The title compound was

prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (50:1 to 30:1) to give the desired product which was a grey solid; mp: 58-60°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.81 (brs, 1H), 8.79 (dd, 1.2 MHz, 7.2 MHz, 1H), 8.77 (dd, 1.6 MHz, 4.0 MHz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, 1.6 MHz, 8.4 MHz, 1H), 7.48-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.31 (m, 5H), 3.15 (t, 8.0 MHz, 2H), 2.89 (t, 8.0 MHz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 148.0, 140.7, 138.2, 136.4, 134.4, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 126.2, 121.5, 121.4, 116.5, 39.7, 31.4.



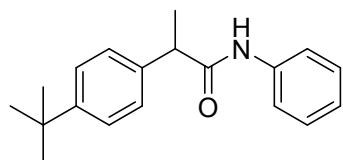
3l N-phenyl-2-p-tolylpropanamide^[5]: The title compound was prepared

according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10:1) to give the desired product which was a light grey brown solid; mp: 119-120°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.08 (m, 2H), 3.68 (q, 7.1 MHz, 1H), 2.35(s, 3H), 1.58 (d, 6.8 MHz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 137.8, 137.3, 129.8, 128.9, 127.6, 124.1, 119.6, 47.7, 21.0, 18.5.



4l N-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)propanamide^[9]: The title compound was

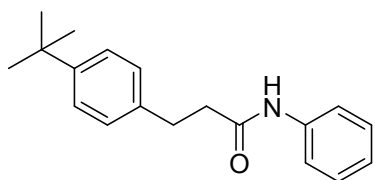
prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10:1) to give the desired product which was a light brown solid; mp: 114-115°C (lit.⁹ 120-121°C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.13 (m, 5H), 3.00 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.63 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.31(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 137.7, 137.5, 135.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.2, 124.2, 119.9, 39.5, 31.1, 21.0.



3m 2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-N-phenylpropanamide: The title

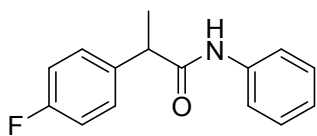
compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 120-

121°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.04-7.10 (m, 2H), 3.70 (q, 7.1 MHz, 1H), 1.59(d, 7.2MHz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.5, 150.5, 137.9, 137.7, 128.9, 127.3, 126.0, 124.1, 119.7, 47.6, 34.5, 31.3, 18.5; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄NO, 282.1852; found, 282.1855.



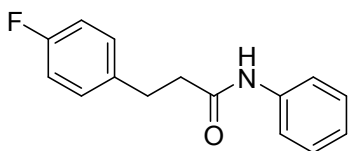
4m **3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-N-phenylpropanamide:** The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 110-113°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.04-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.10 (m, 1H), 3.02 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.65 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 1.31(s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 149.2, 137.7, 137.5, 128.9, 128.0, 125.5, 124.2, 119.9, 39.4, 34.4, 31.3, 31.0; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄NO, 282.1852; found, 282.1848.



3n **2-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-phenylpropanamide:** The title compound was

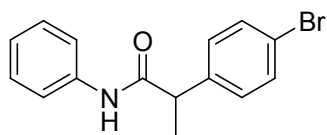
prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (20:1) to give the desired product which was a light grey solid; mp: 112-113°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.12 (brs, 1H), 6.95-7.02 (m, 3H), 3.61 (q, 7.1 MHz, 1H), 1.49 (d, 7.2 MHz, 3H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.82; **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 162.1 (*J* = 244.7 Hz), 137.7, 136.6 (*J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.2 (*J* = 8.0 Hz), 128.9, 124.4, 119.7, 115.9 (*J* = 21.2 Hz), 47.3, 18.8; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₅H₁₅FNO, 244.1132; found, 244.1143.



4n **3-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-phenylpropanamide:** The title compound

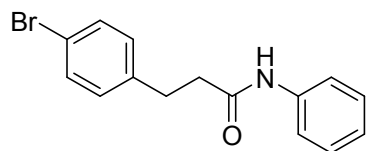
was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (20:1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow solid; mp: 128-129°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.98 (m, 2H), 3.01 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.62 (t, 7.4MHz, 2H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.79; **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2, 161.5 (*J* = 242.6 Hz), 137.6, 136.3 (*J* = 5.4 Hz), 129.8 (*J* =

7.8 Hz), 128.9, 124.4, 119.9, 115.3 ($J = 21.1$ Hz), 39.4, 30.6; HRMS(m/z): $[M+H]$ calcd. for $C_{15}H_{15}FNO$, 244.1132; found, 244.1130.



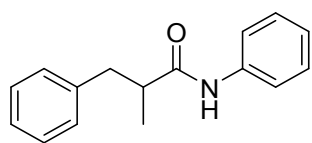
3o 2-(4-bromophenyl)-N-phenylpropanamide^[5]: The title compound

was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 162-165°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.42-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.13 (m, 2H), 3.66 (q, 6.9 MHz, 1H), 1.56 (d, 6.8 MHz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.7, 139.9, 137.7, 132.2, 129.4, 129.0, 124.5, 121.5, 119.8, 47.6, 18.7.



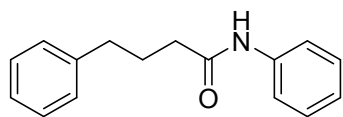
4o 3-(4-bromophenyl)-N-phenylpropanamide: The title compound

was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 158-160°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.38-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 3H), 2.99 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H), 2.61 (t, 7.6 MHz, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.0, 139.6, 137.6, 131.6, 130.1, 129.0, 124.4, 120.1, 119.9, 39.0, 30.8; HRMS(m/z): $[M+H]$ calcd. for $C_{15}H_{15}BrNO$, 304.0332; found, 304.0332.

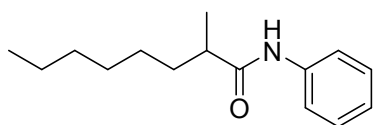


3p 3-cyano-2-methyl-N-phenylpropanamide^[3]: The title compound was

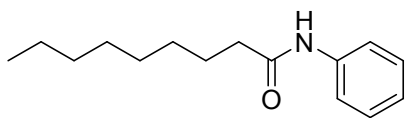
prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (20:1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 125-126°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.34-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.30 (m, 7H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.88 (brs, 1H), 3.01-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.63 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, 6.8 MHz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 173.9, 139.6, 137.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 126.4, 124.2, 120.0, 44.7, 40.5, 17.7.



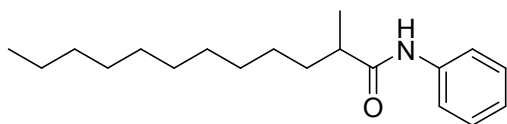
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3q **2-methyl-N-phenyloctanamide**^[10]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (50:1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 61-64°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.12 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.37 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.22-1.30 (m, 11H), 0.85-0.88 (m, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 138.0, 128.9, 124.1, 119.8, 42.7, 34.5, 31.7, 29.3, 27.5, 22.6, 17.9, 14.0.

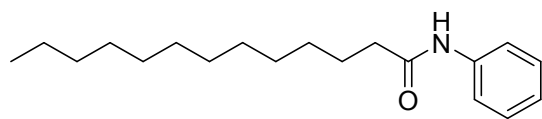


4q **N-phenylnonanamide**^[2]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (50:1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 51-52°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.37 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.34 (m, 10H), 0.86-0.89 (m, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 137.9, 128.9, 124.1, 119.8, 37.8, 31.8, 29.3, 29.3, 29.1, 25.6, 22.6, 14.1.



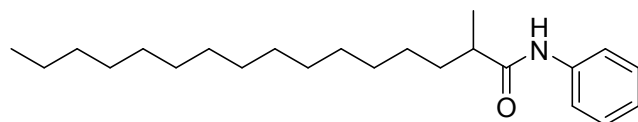
3r **2-methyl-N-phenyldodecanamide**: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (60:1 to 30:1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow solid; mp: 47-48°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.24 (brs, 1H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.37 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.22-1.26 (m, 16H), 0.86-0.90 (m, 4H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 138.0, 128.9, 124.1, 119.8, 34.5, 33.9, 31.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3,

27.5, 24.7, 22.7, 17.9, 14.1; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₁₉H₃₂NO, 290.2478; found, 290.2491.

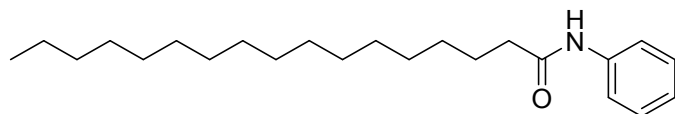


4r N-phenyltridecanamide^[11]: The title compound

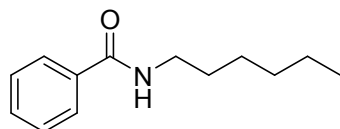
was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (30:1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow solid; mp: 70-71°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.11 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.37 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.31 (m, 18H), 0.86-0.90 (m, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 138.0, 128.9, 124.1, 119.8, 37.8, 31.9, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.3, 28.7, 25.6, 22.7, 14.1.



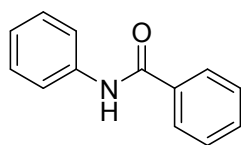
3s 2-methyl-N-phenylhexadecanamide: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (100:1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 84-85°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.42 (m, 1H), 1.59-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.26 (m, 27H), 0.86-0.89 (m, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.1, 138.0, 128.9, 124.1, 119.8, 42.6, 34.4, 31.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 27.5, 22.7, 17.9, 14.1; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₂₃H₄₀NO, 346.3104; found, 346.3105.



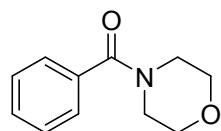
4s N-phenylheptadecanamide: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (100:1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 86-87°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.37 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.32 (m, 26H), 0.86-0.90 (m, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 137.9, 128.9, 124.1, 119.8, 37.8, 33.8, 31.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.3, 29.1, 25.6, 24.8, 22.7, 14.1; HRMS(m/z): [M+H] calcd. for C₂₃H₄₀NO, 346.3104; found, 346.3114.



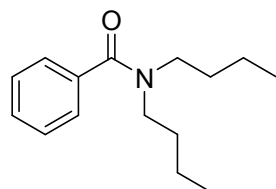
7a N-hexylbenzamide^[12]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (20:1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 2H), 6.65(brs, 1H), 3.38-3.43 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.36 (m, 6H), 0.86-0.90 (m, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.5, 134.7, 131.0, 128.3, 126.8, 40.0, 31.4, 29.5, 26.6, 22.4, 13.9.



7b N-Phenyl-benzamide^[1]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (20:1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow solid; mp: 163°C (lit.¹ 162-163°C); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86-7.88 (m, 3H), 7.64-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 137.9, 135.0, 131.8, 129.1, 128.8, 127.0, 124.6, 120.2.

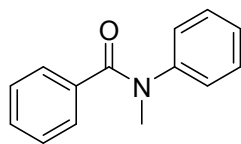


7c Morpholino(phenyl)methanone^[13]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (20:1 to 2:1) to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 68-70°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.44 (m, 5H), 3.38-3.80 (m, 8H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 135.2, 129.8, 128.4, 127.0, 66.8, 48.1, 42.4.

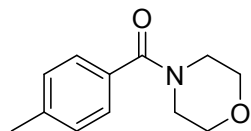


7d N,N-Dibutylbenzamide^[14]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (50:1 to 10:1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31-7.36

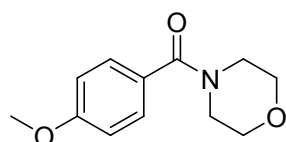
(m, 5H), 3.18-3.49 (m, 4H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.47 (m, 4H), 1.11-1.13 (m, 2H), 0.92-0.97 (m, 3H), 0.77-0.86 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.4, 137.2, 128.8, 128.1, 126.2, 48.5, 44.2, 30.6, 29.4, 20.1, 19.5, 13.7, 13.4.



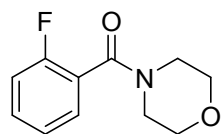
7e N-methyl-N-phenylbenzamide^[13]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (50 : 1 to 5 : 1) to give the desired product which was a light brown oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.02-7.04 (m, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.6, 144.7, 135.8, 129.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 126.4, 38.3.



7f N-(4-toluoyl)morpholine^[15]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (5:1) to give the desired product which was a white oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.21 (m, 2H), 3.50-3.69 (m, 8H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 140.0, 132.2, 129.0, 127.1, 66.8, 48.2, 42.6, 21.3.

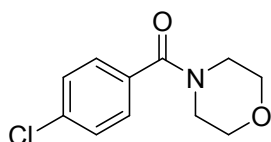


7g N-(4-methoxybenzoyl)morpholine^[15]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (5:1) to give the desired product which was a brown oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.40 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.93 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.64-3.69 (m, 8H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 160.7, 129.0, 127.1, 113.6, 66.7, 55.1, 42.8.



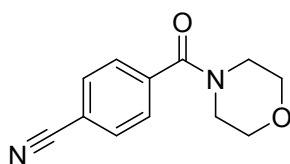
7h N-(2-Fluorobenzoyl)morpholine^[16]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (5:1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow solid; mp: 73-74°C (lit.¹⁷ 75-22/89

77°C); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.13 (m, 1H), 3.77-3.83 (m, 4H), 3.64-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.35 (s, 2H); **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.94; **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 158.0 (*J* = 246.8Hz), 131.5 (*J* = 8.0Hz), 129.2 (*J* = 3.6Hz), 124.8 (*J* = 3.4Hz), 123.6 (*J* = 17.5Hz), 115.8 (*J* = 21.4 Hz), 66.8, 66.7, 47.4, 42.4.



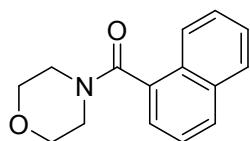
7i **N-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)piperidine**^[14]: The title compound was prepared

according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10:1 to 2:1) to give the desired product which was a light brown solid; mp: 66-68°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.42 (m, 4H), 3.38-3.80 (m, 8H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 136.0, 128.8, 128.6, 66.8, 48.1.



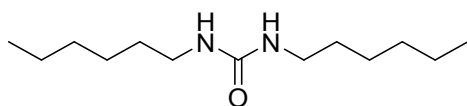
7j **4-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)benzotrile**^[15]: The title compound was

prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (10 : 1 to 1 : 1) to give the desired product which was a light yellow solid; mp: 141-142°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.80 (m, 8H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 139.6, 132.5, 127.8, 117.9, 113.7, 66.7, 48.0, 42.5.

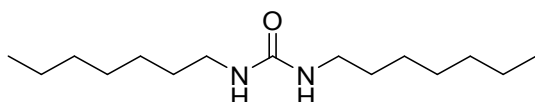


7k **morpholino(naphthalen-1-yl)methanone**^[17]: The title compound was

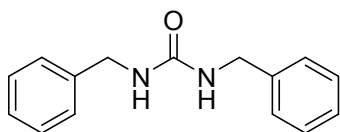
prepared according to the general procedure and purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/diethyl ether (5:1 to 2:1) to give the desired product which was a brown oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.54 (m, 4H), 3.78-4.01 (m, 4H), 3.44-3.47 (m, 2H), 3.13-3.17 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 133.6, 133.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 127.0, 126.4, 125.1, 124.5, 123.8, 67.0, 66.9, 47.5, 42.1.



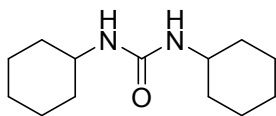
9a 1,3-dihexylurea^[18]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was a brown oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 5.73 (brs, 1H), 3.50 (s, 1H), 2.92-3.11 (m, 3H), 1.24-1.44 (m, 16H), 0.84-0.86 (m, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 158.1, 39.2, 31.1, 30.0, 26.1, 22.1, 13.9.



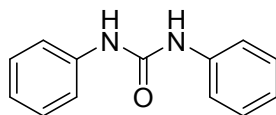
9b 1,3-diheptylurea^[18]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was a yellow solid; mp: 65°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.95-3.11 (m, 4H), 1.24-2.02 (m, 20H), 0.86 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 40.5, 31.7, 30.3, 29.0, 26.9, 22.5, 14.0.



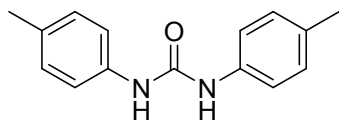
9c 1,3-Dibenzylurea^[19]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was light brown solid; mp: 209-210°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.24-7.31 (m, 10H), 6.44 (brs, 2H), 4.23 (s, 4H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 158.1, 140.9, 128.2, 127.0, 126.5, 40.0.



9d 1,3-dicyclohexylurea^[20]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was a light grey solid; mp: 209-210°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.46-3.41 (m, 2H) 1.10-1.95 (m, 20H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.7, 49.1, 33.9, 25.6, 24.9.

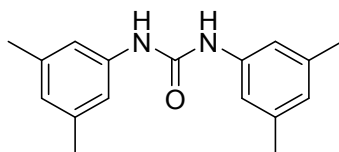


9e 1,3-diphenylurea^[3]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was a white solid; mp: 227-232°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.68 (brs, 2H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 4H), 6.95-6.99 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 152.5, 139.7, 128.8, 121.8, 118.1.



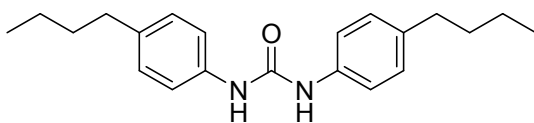
9f **1,3-Bis(4-methylphenyl)urea**^[19]: The title compound was prepared

according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was white solid; mp: 266-267°C (lit.²⁰ 281-282°C); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.51 (brs, 2H), 7.33 (d, 7.6 MHz, 4H), 7.07 (d, 7.6 MHz, 4H), 2.24 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 152.6, 137.2, 130.5, 129.1, 118.2, 20.3.



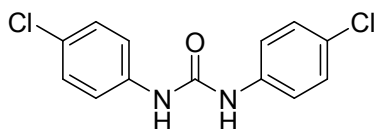
9g **1,3-bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)urea**^[21]: The title compound was

prepared according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was a dark brown solid; mp: 267°C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.49 (brs, 2H), 7.07 (s, 4H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s, 12H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 152.4, 21.1, 139.6, 137.7, 123.3, 115.8.



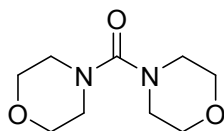
9h **1,3-bis(4-butylphenyl)urea**^[22]: The title

compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was a light brown solid; mp: 180-181°C (lit.²⁰ 192-195°C); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.51 (brs, 2H), 7.34 (d, 8.4 MHz, 4H), 7.08 (d, 8.4 MHz, 4H), 2.49-2.52 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.25-1.34 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, 7.2 MHz, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 152.6, 137.4, 135.5, 128.5, 118.2, 34.1, 33.3, 21.7, 13.8.



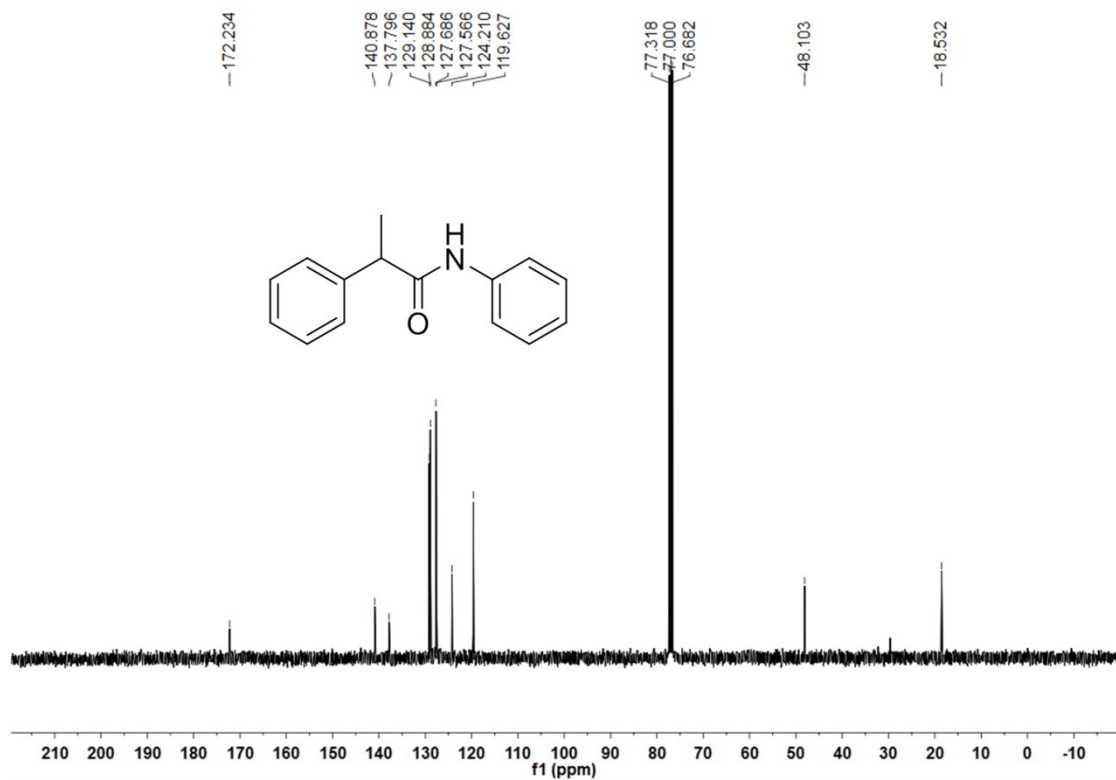
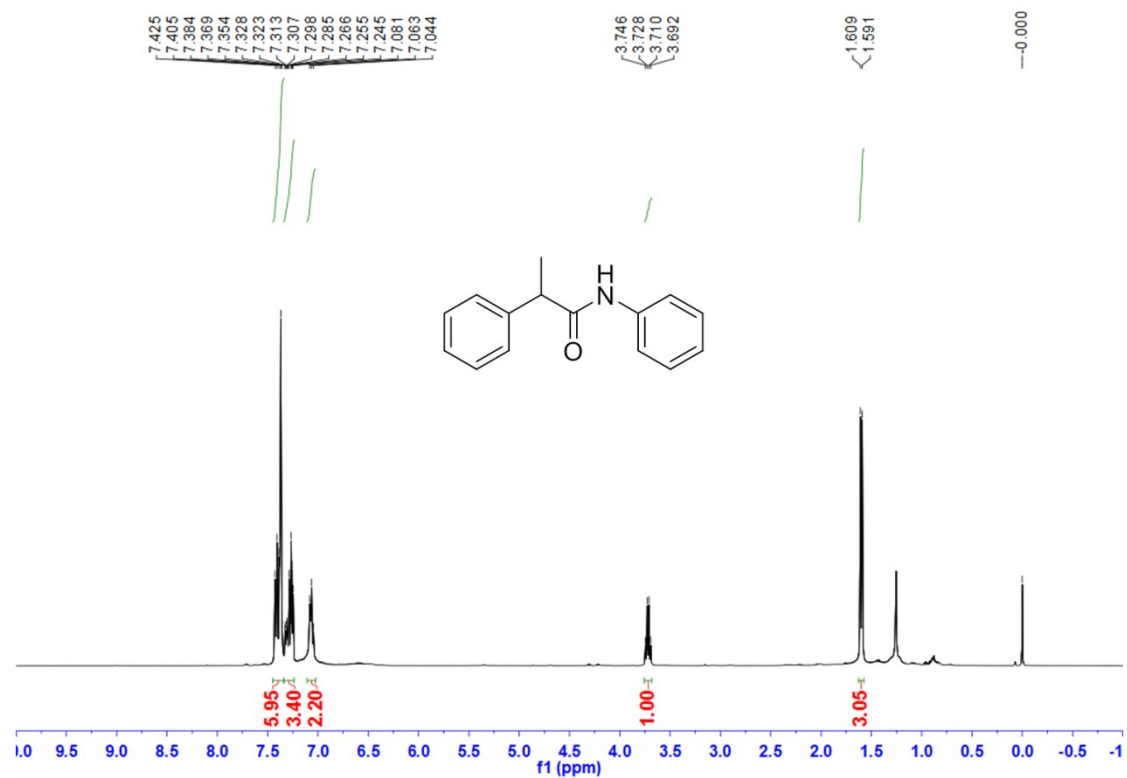
9i **1,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)urea**^[19]: The title compound was

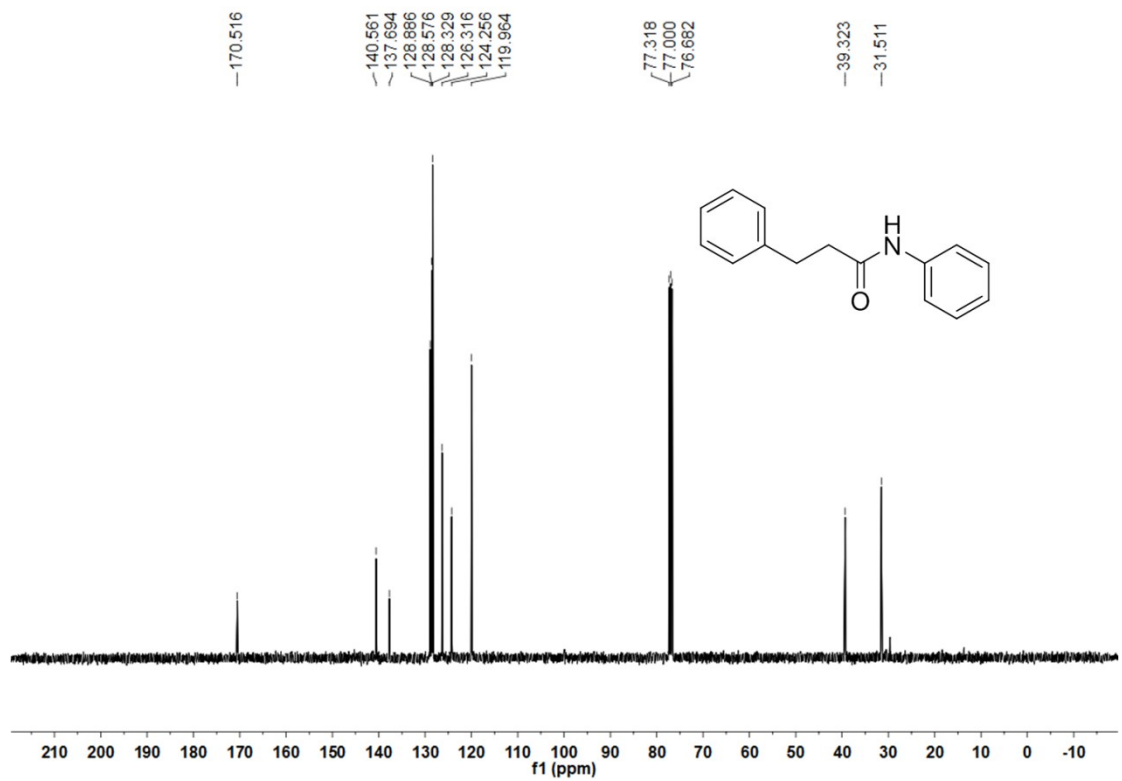
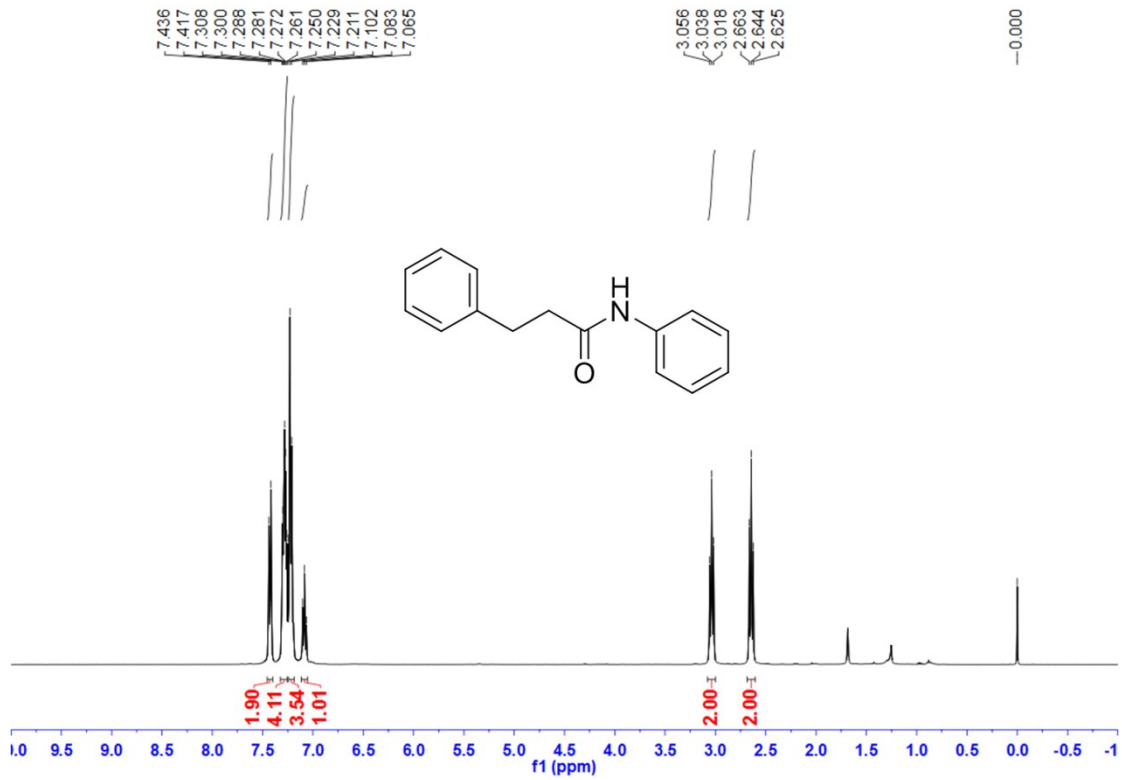
prepared according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was a brown solid; mp: 278-280°C (lit.²⁰ 322-325°C); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 8.89 (brs, 2H), 7.48 (d, 8.0 MHz, 4H), 7.33 (d, 8.4 MHz, 4H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 152.3, 138.5, 128.6, 125.5, 119.8.

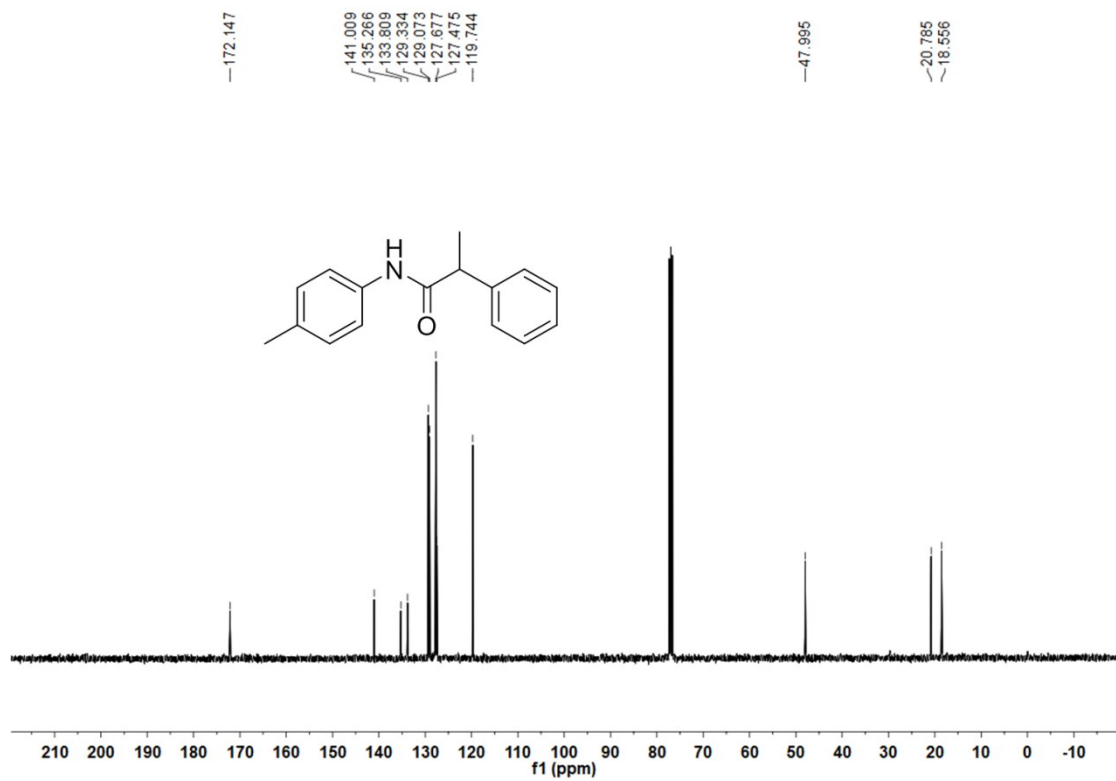
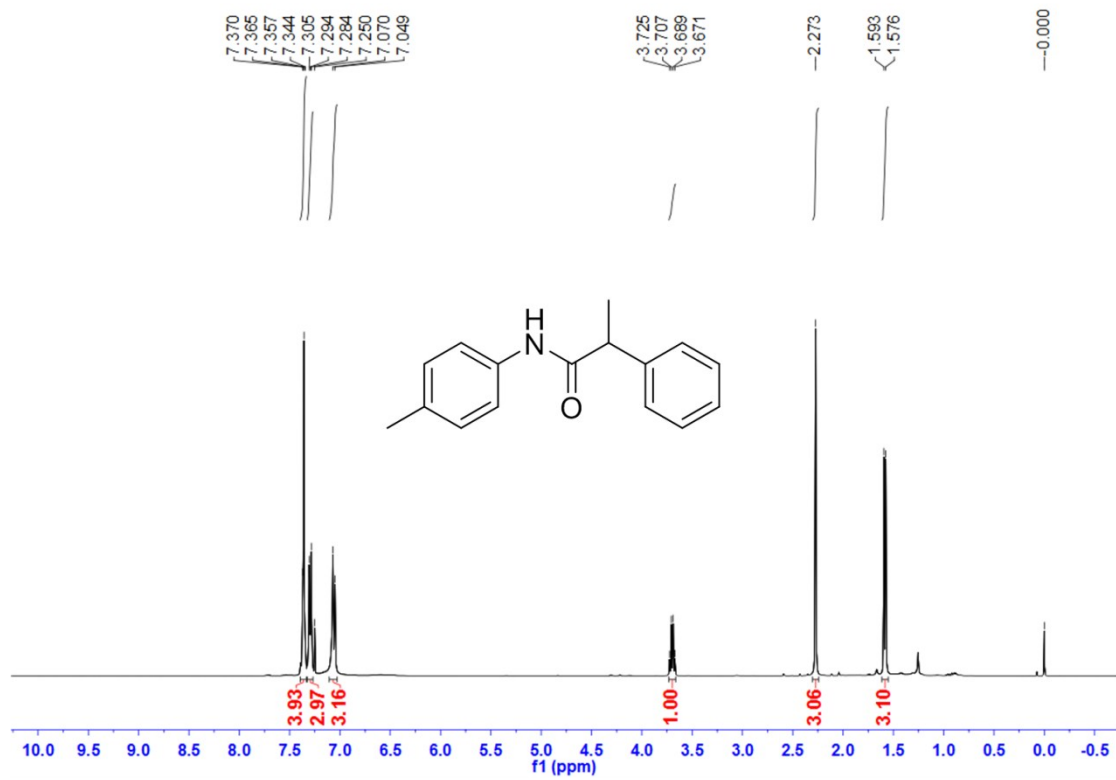


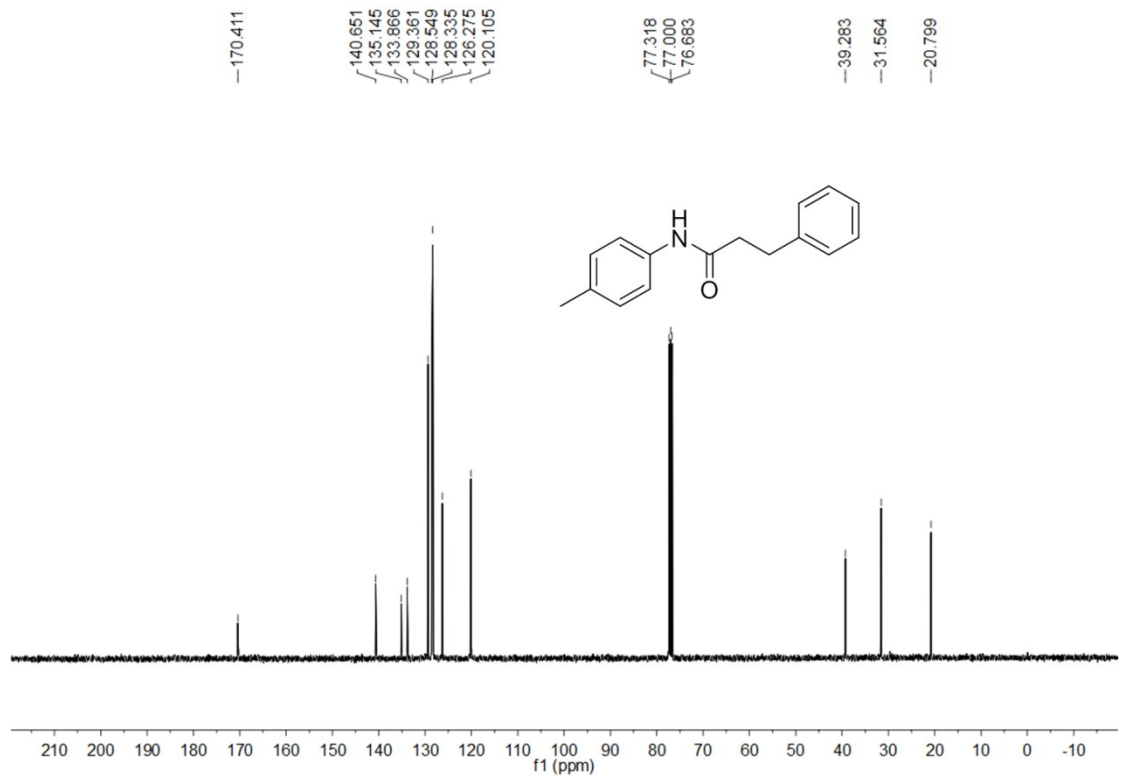
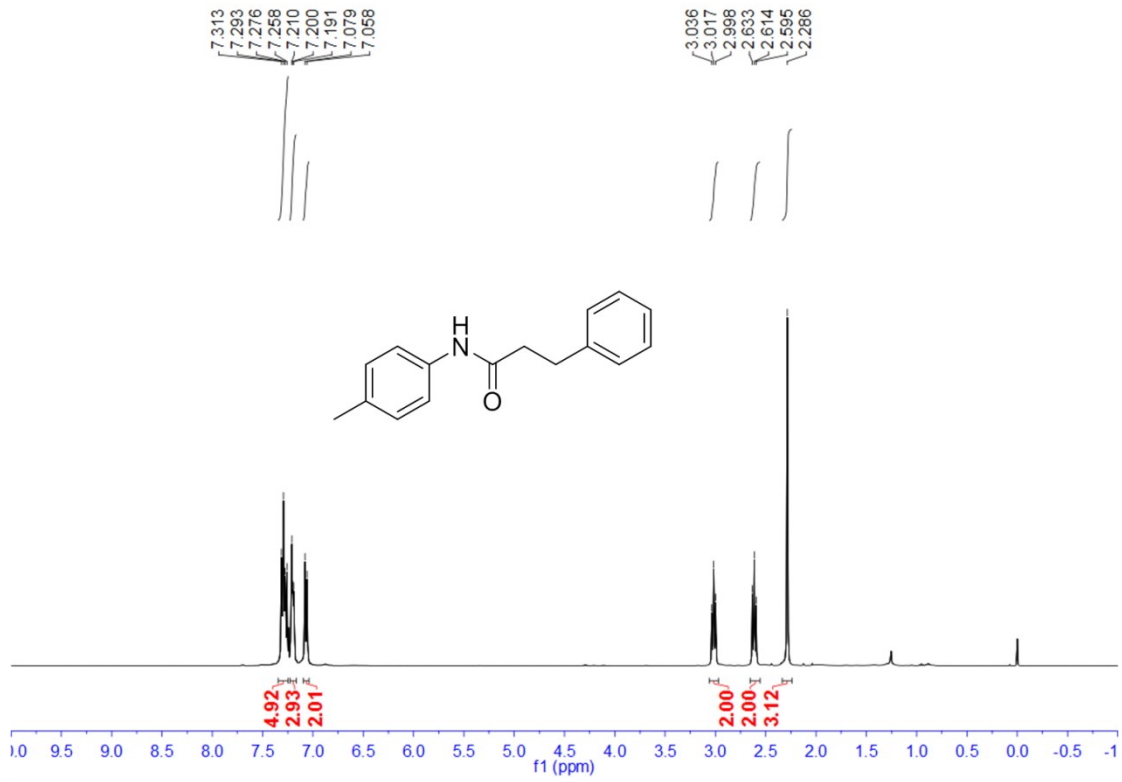
9j **4,4'-Carbonyldimorpholine**^[23]: The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by heating to remove the reactant to give the desired product which was a brown sticky oil; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 3.13-3.57 (m, 16H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 162.6, 66.2, 65.9, 65.7, 46.8, 45.8, 40.6.

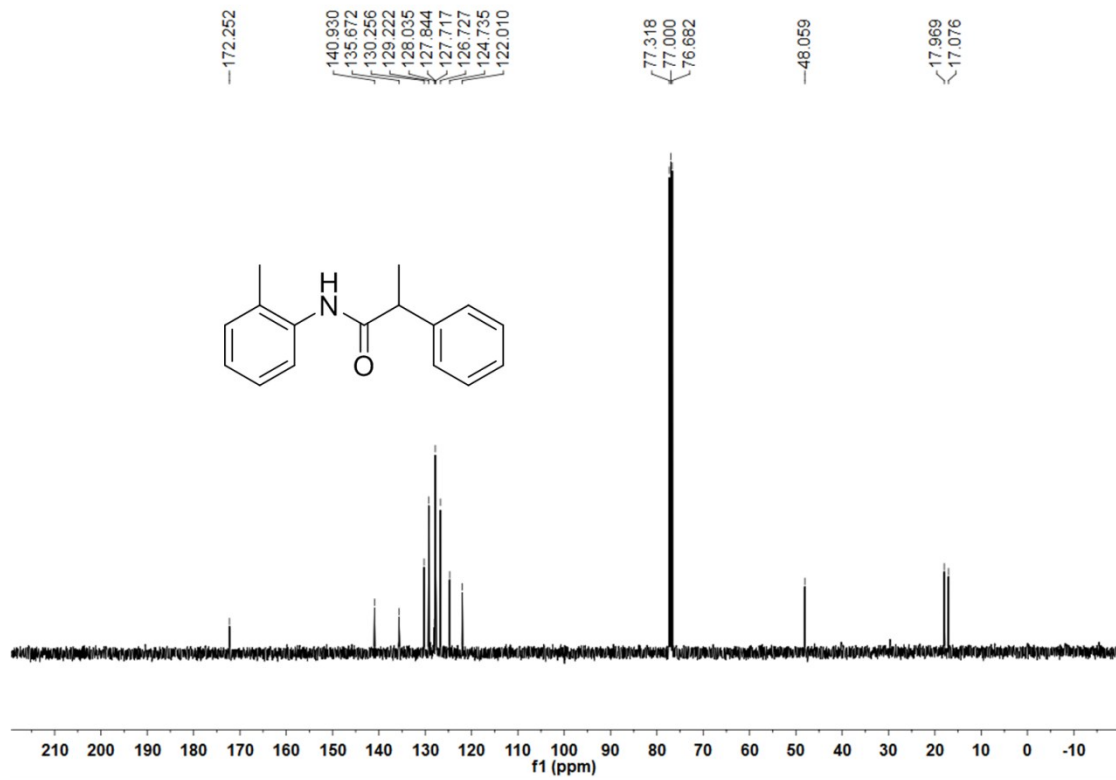
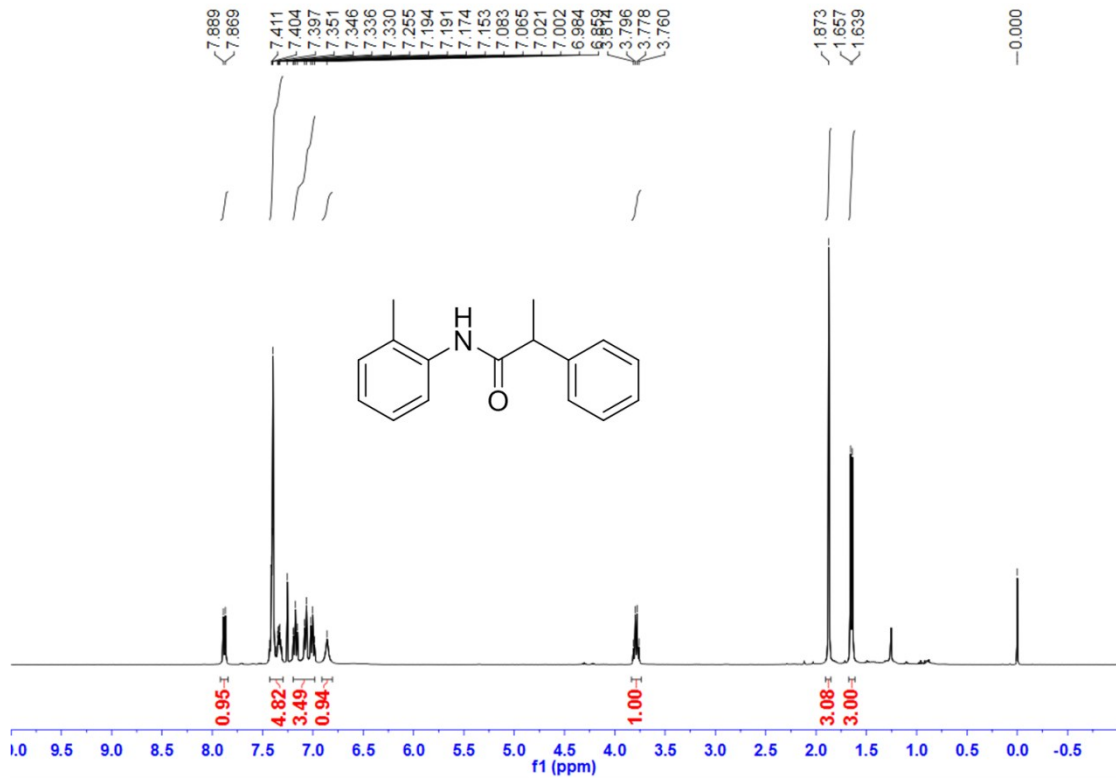
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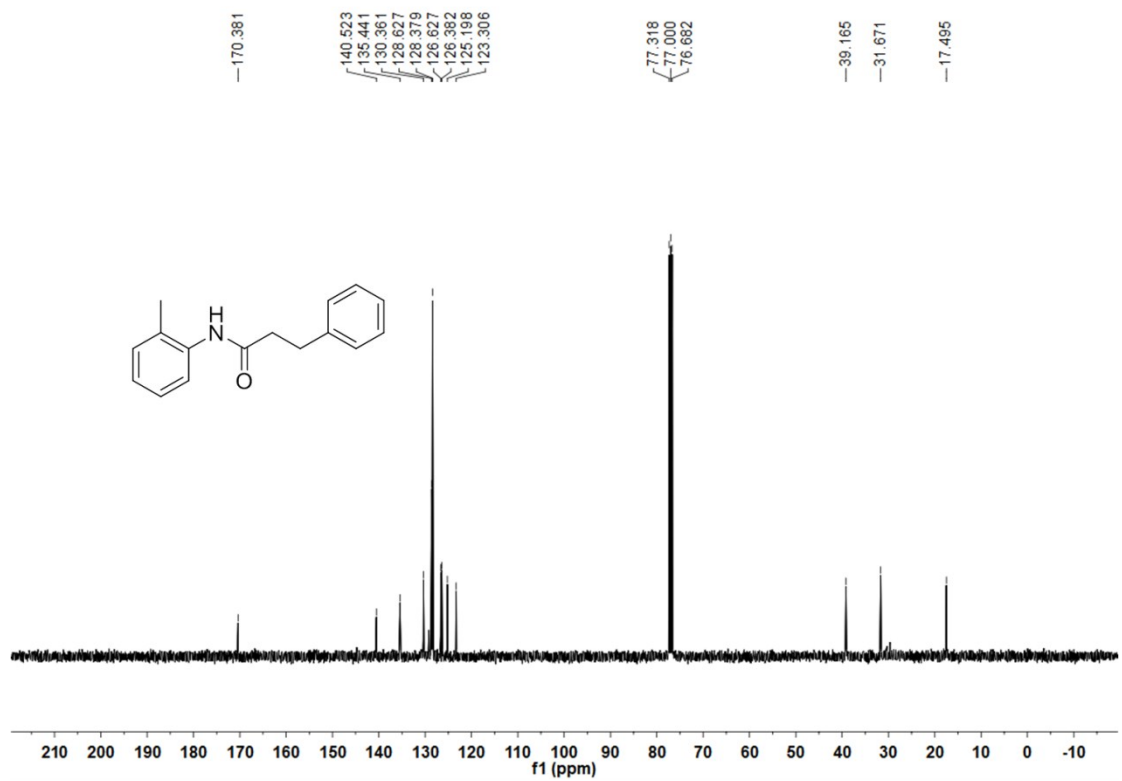
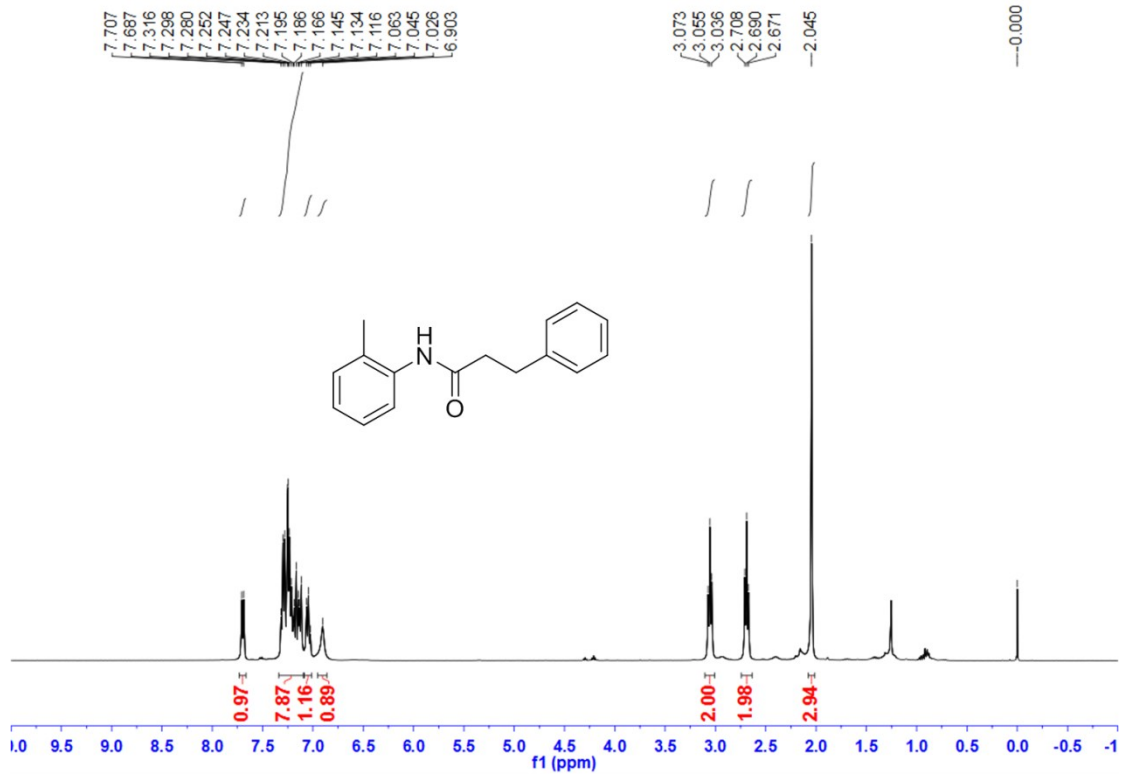


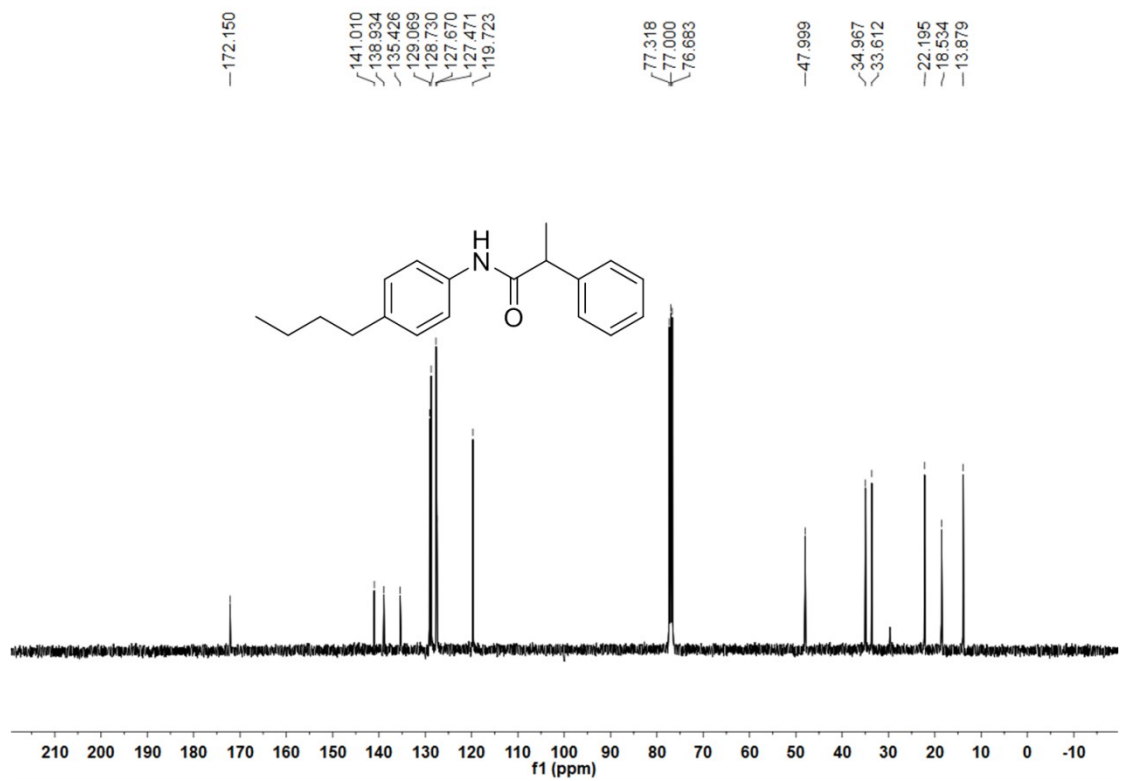
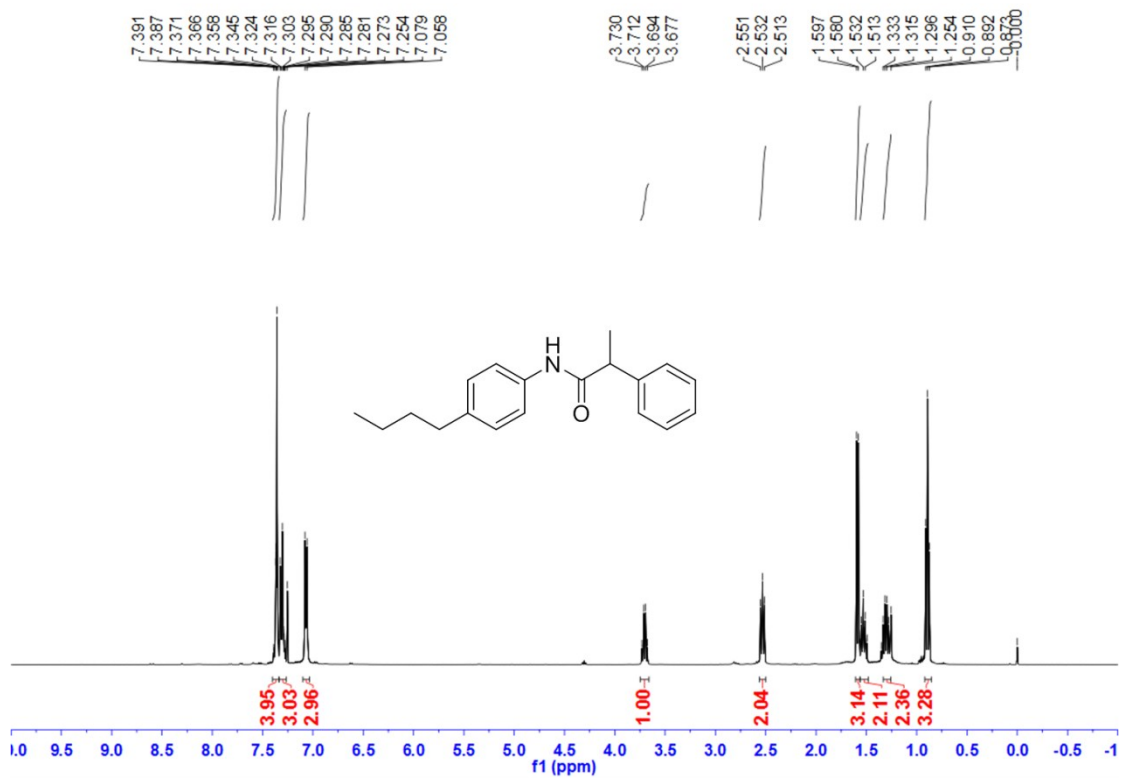


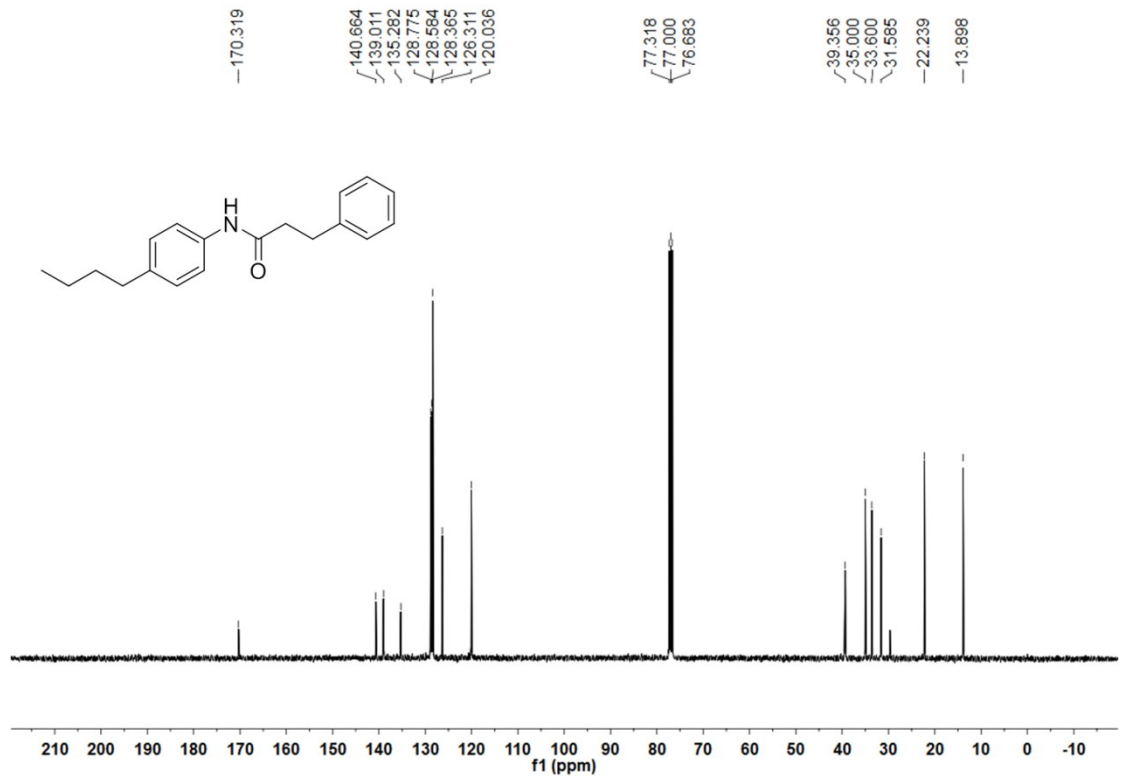
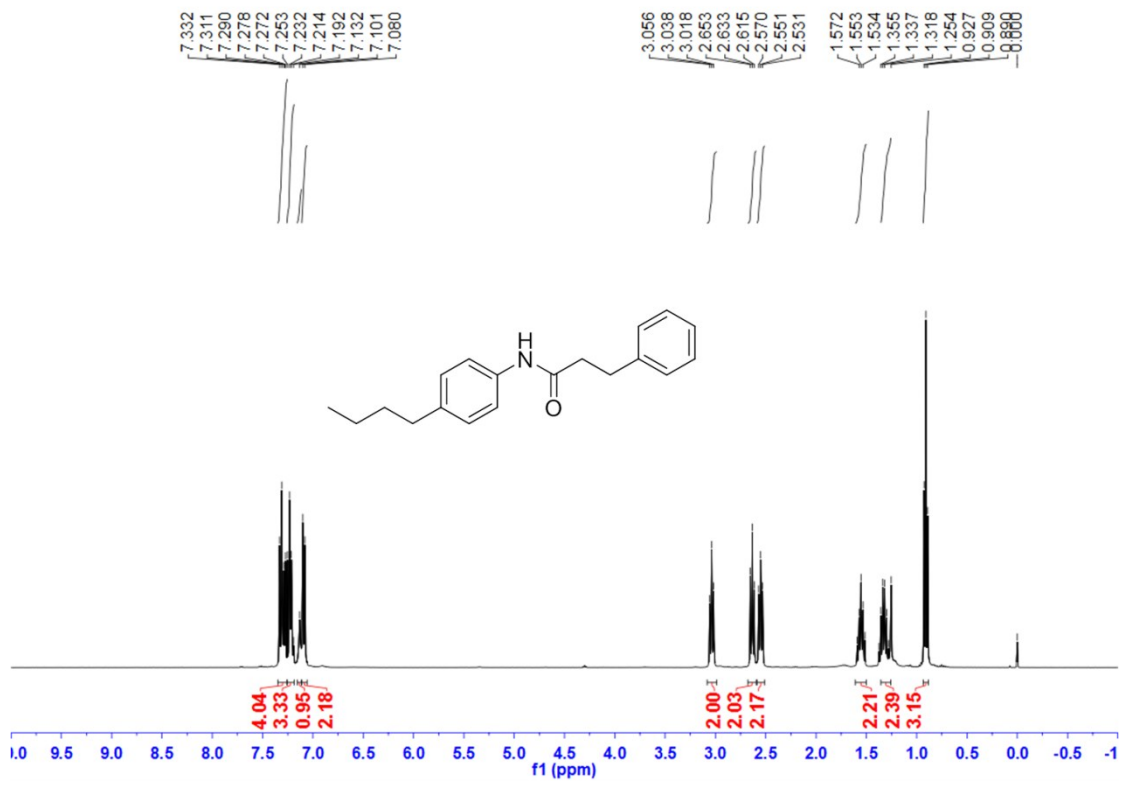


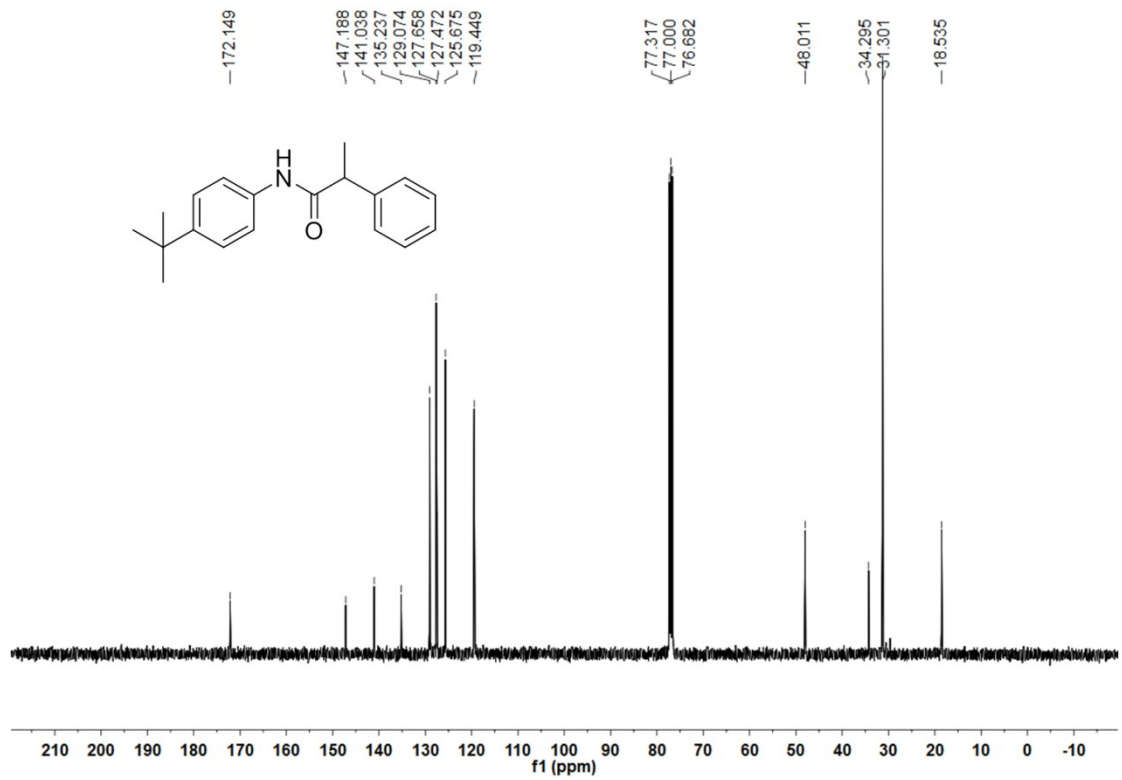
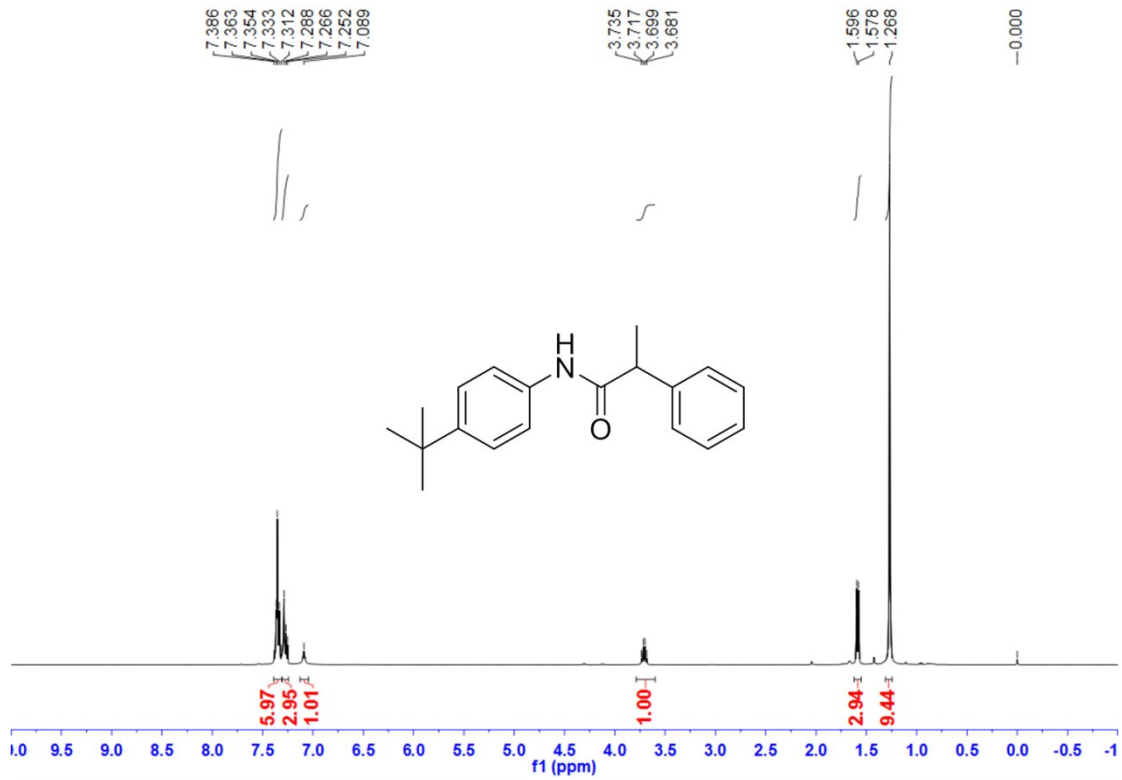


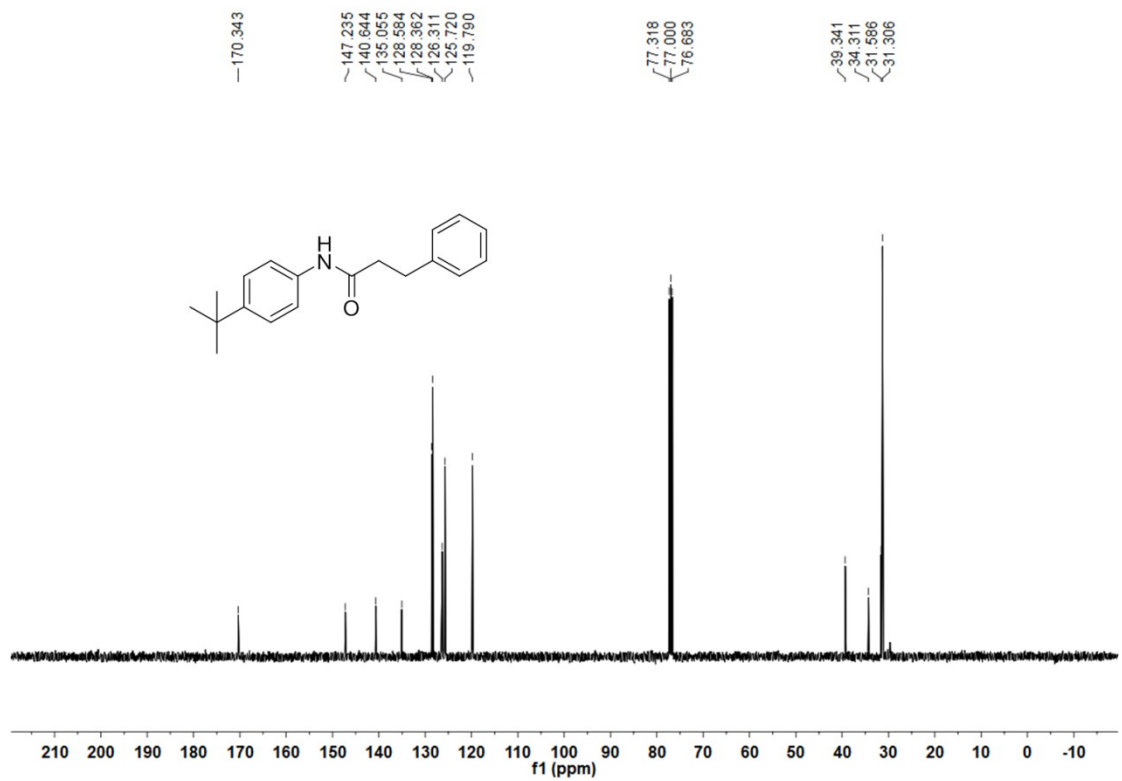
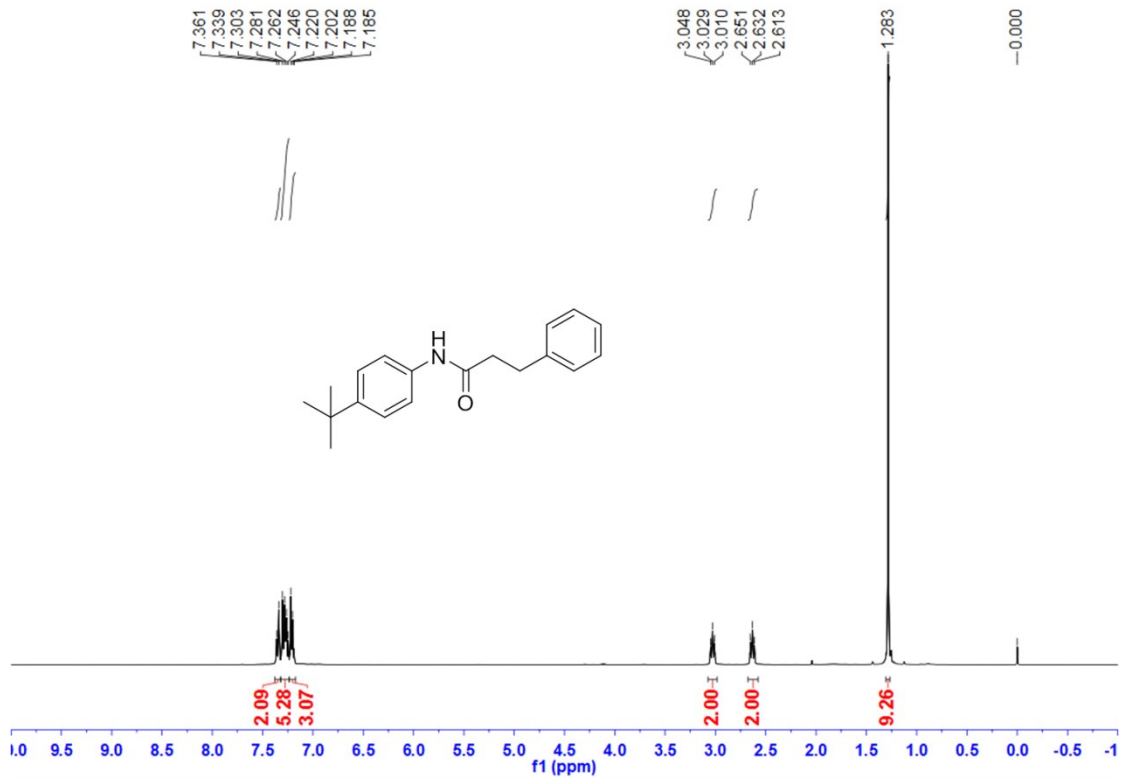


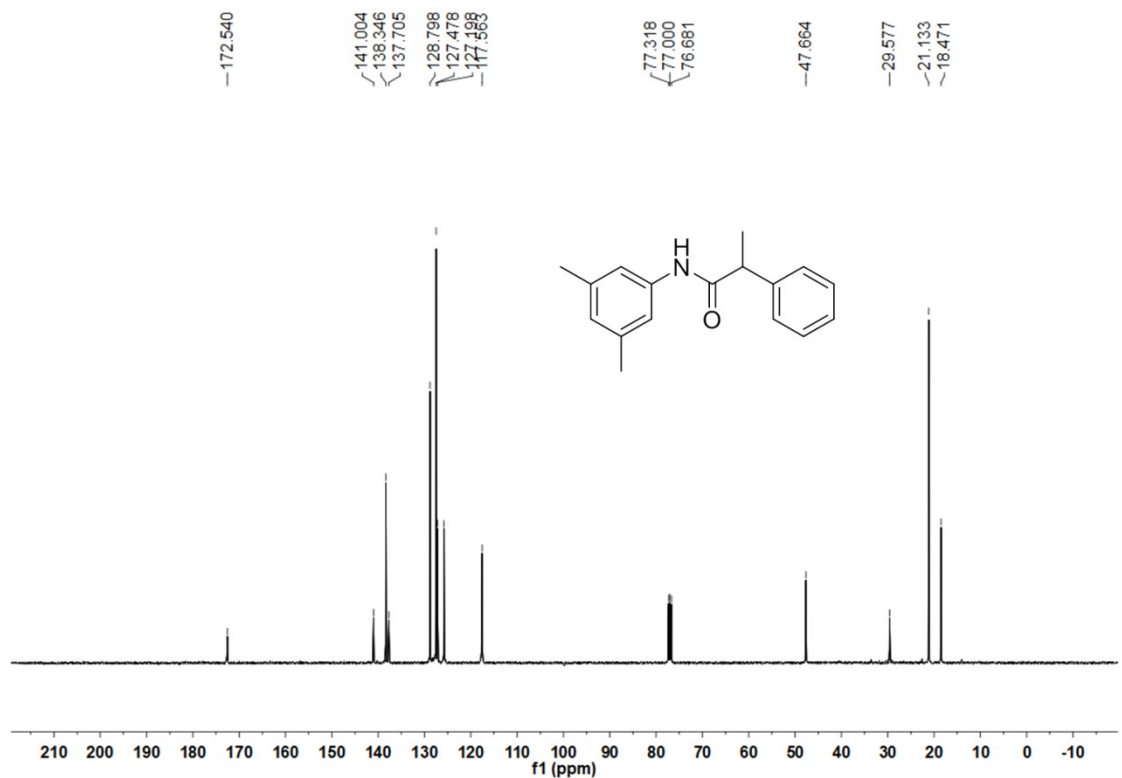
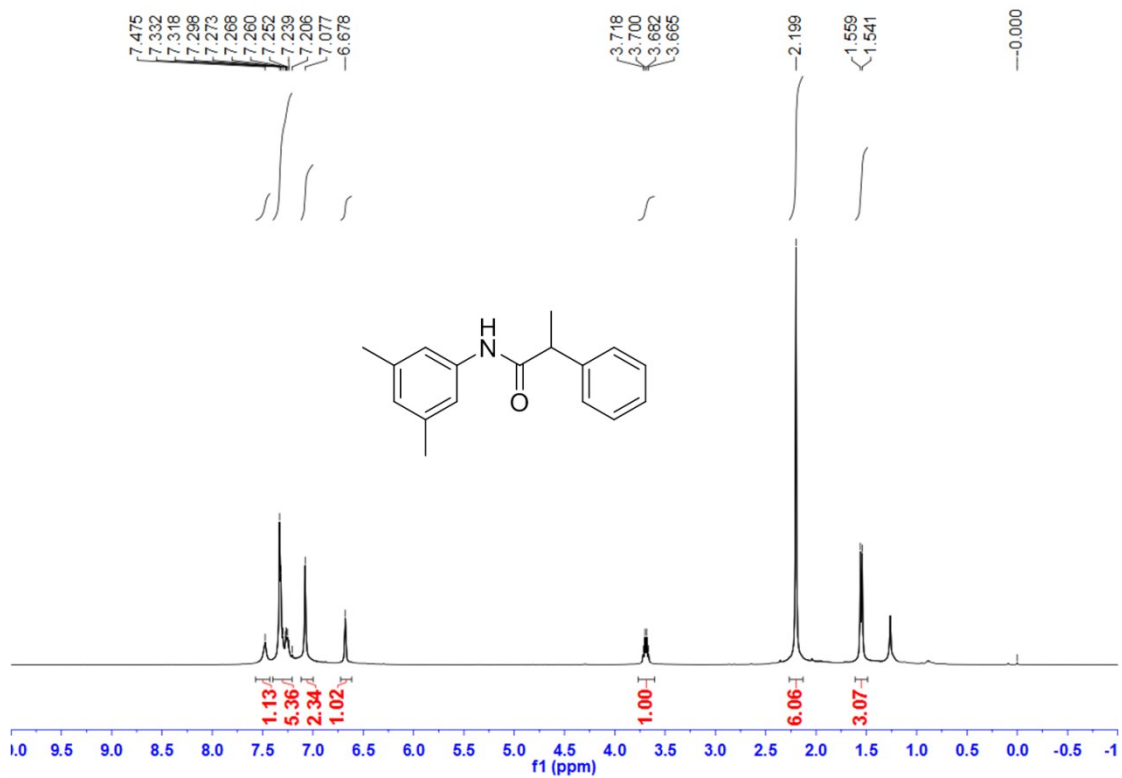


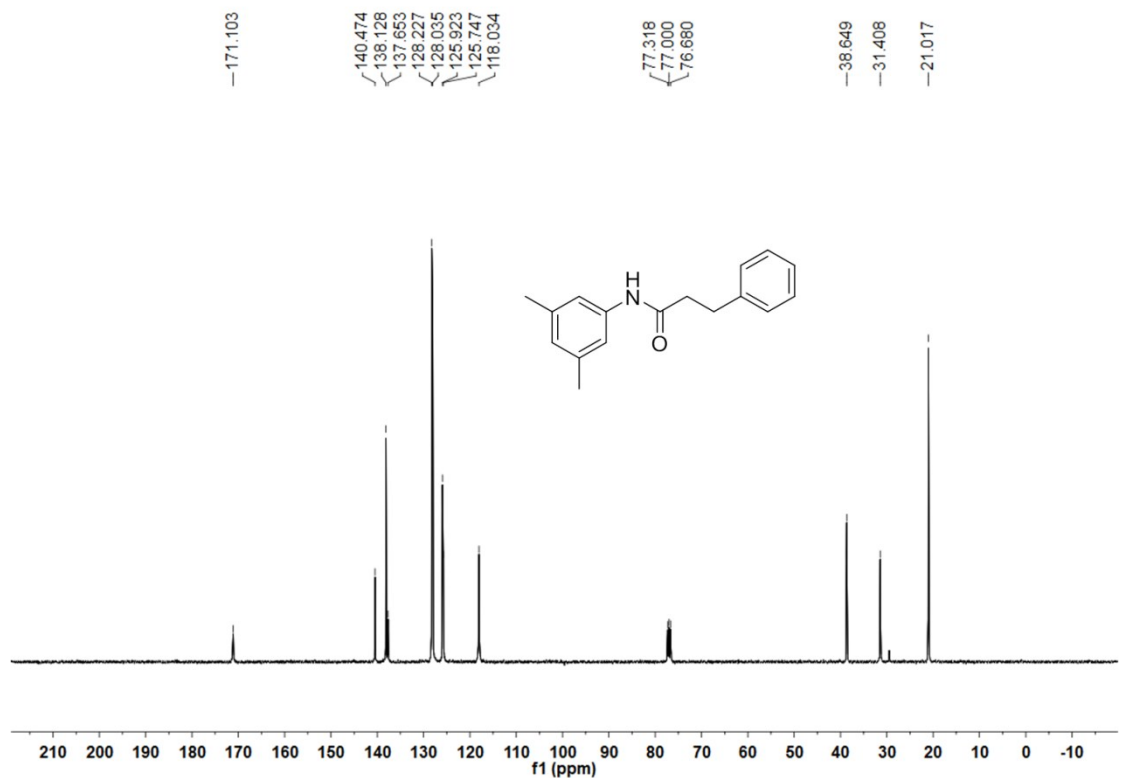
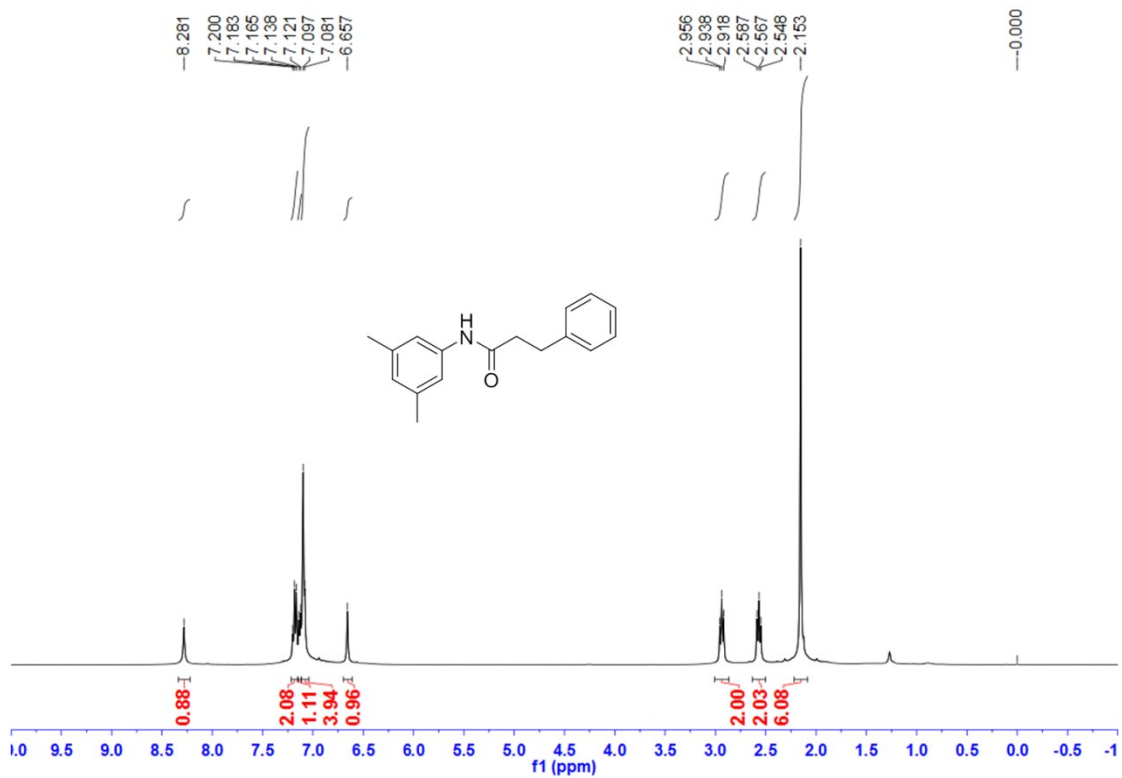


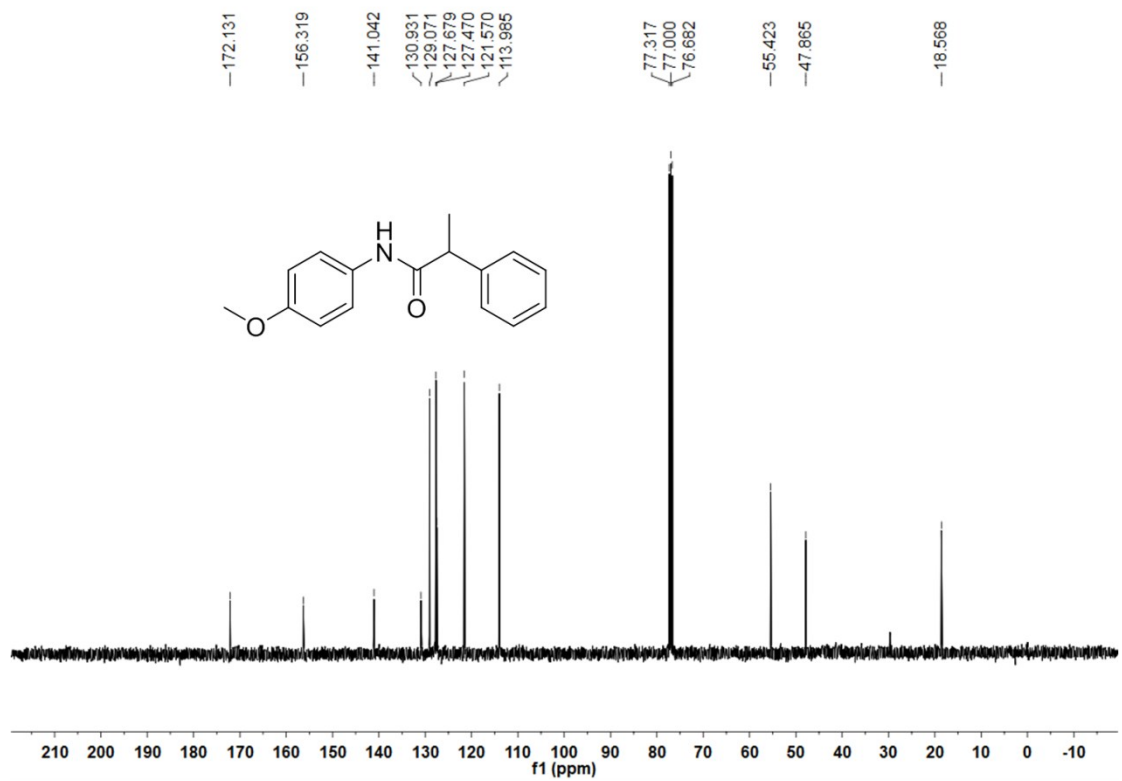
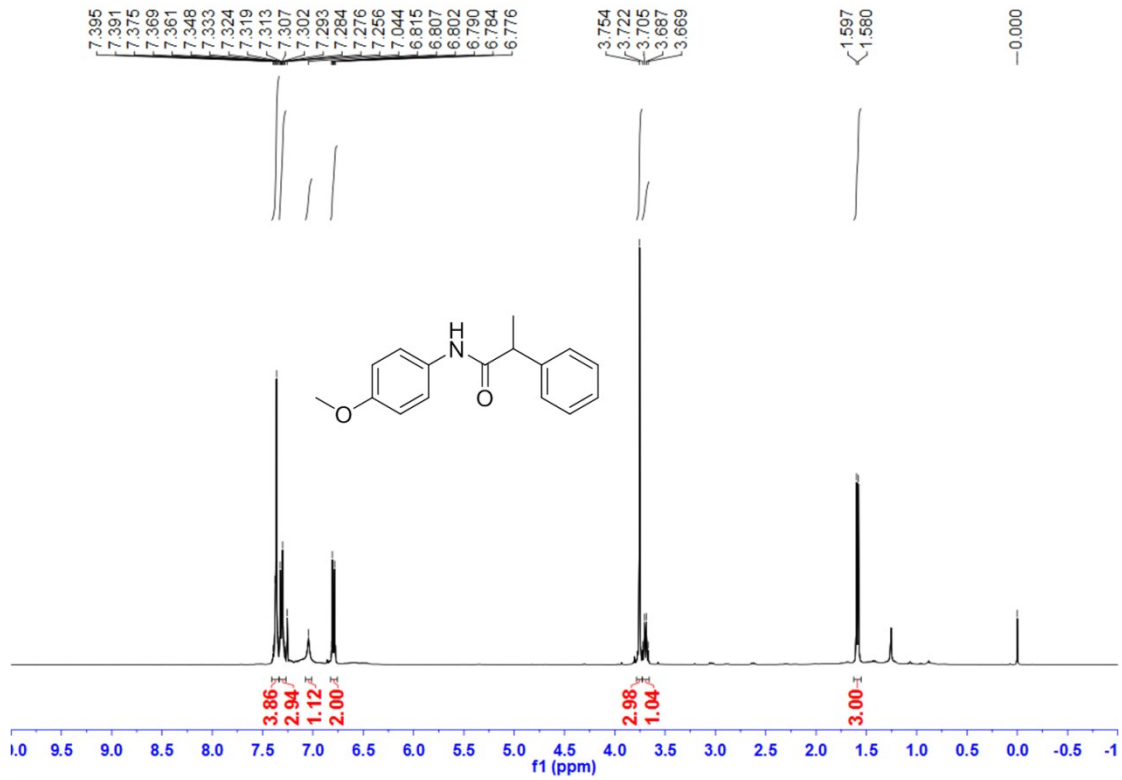


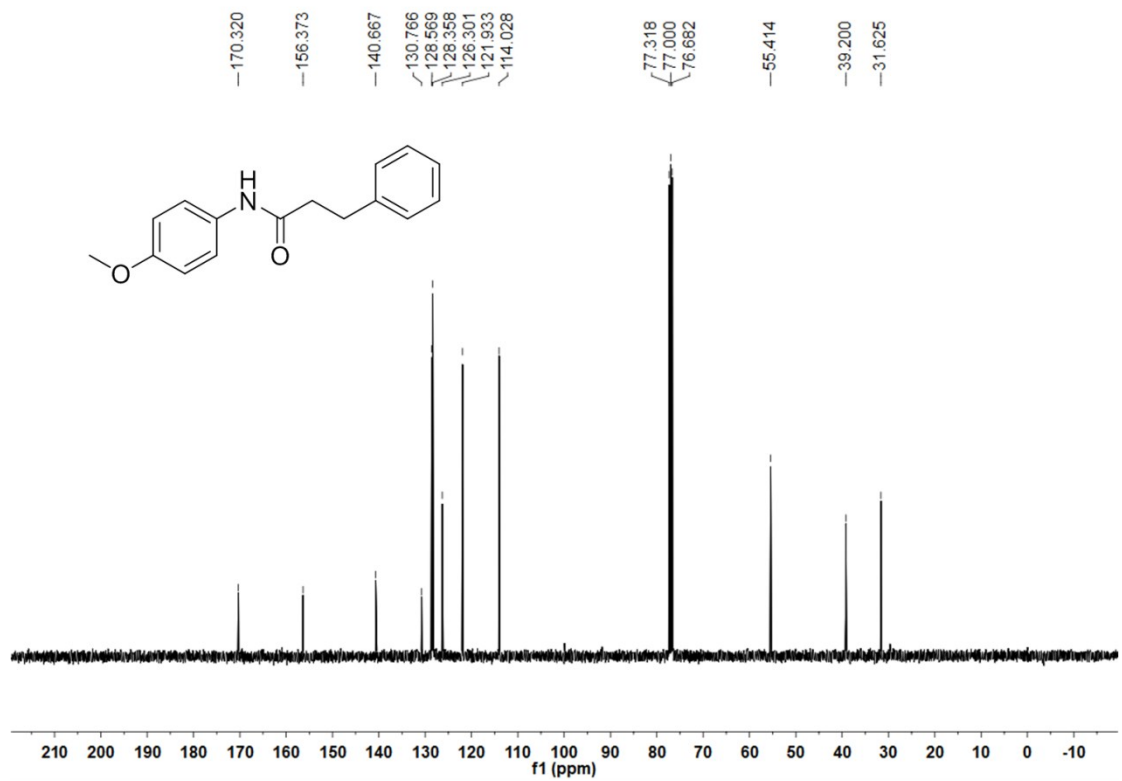
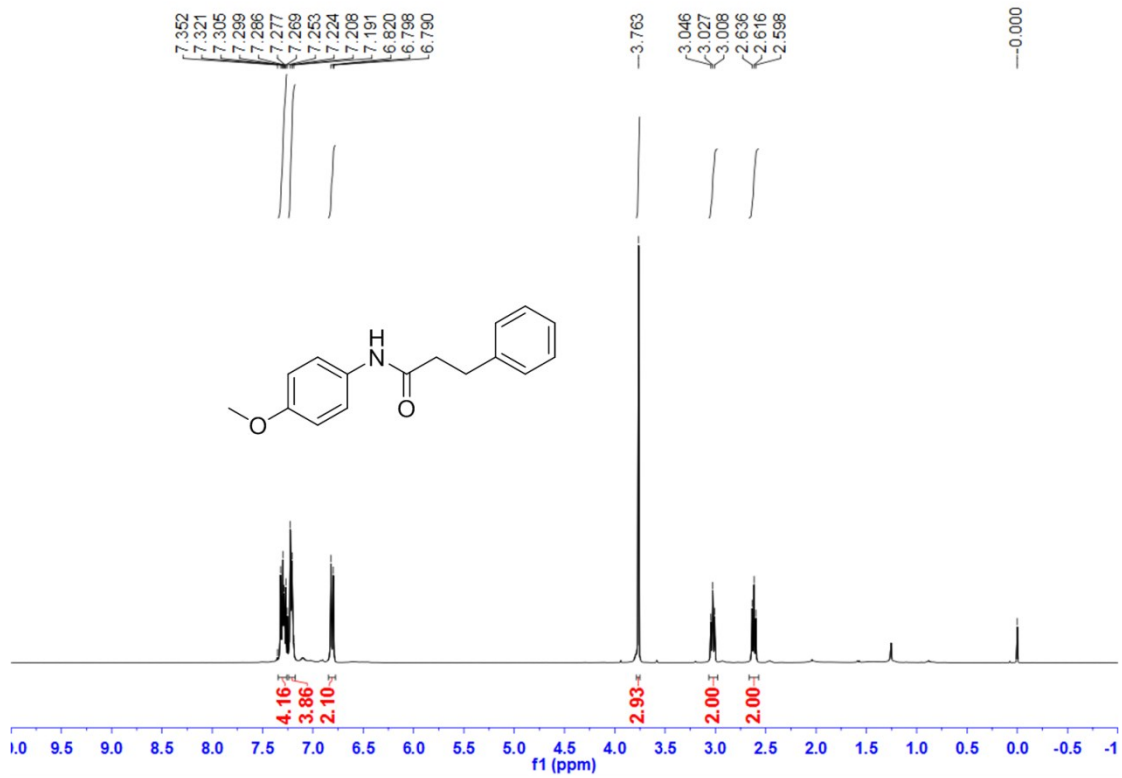


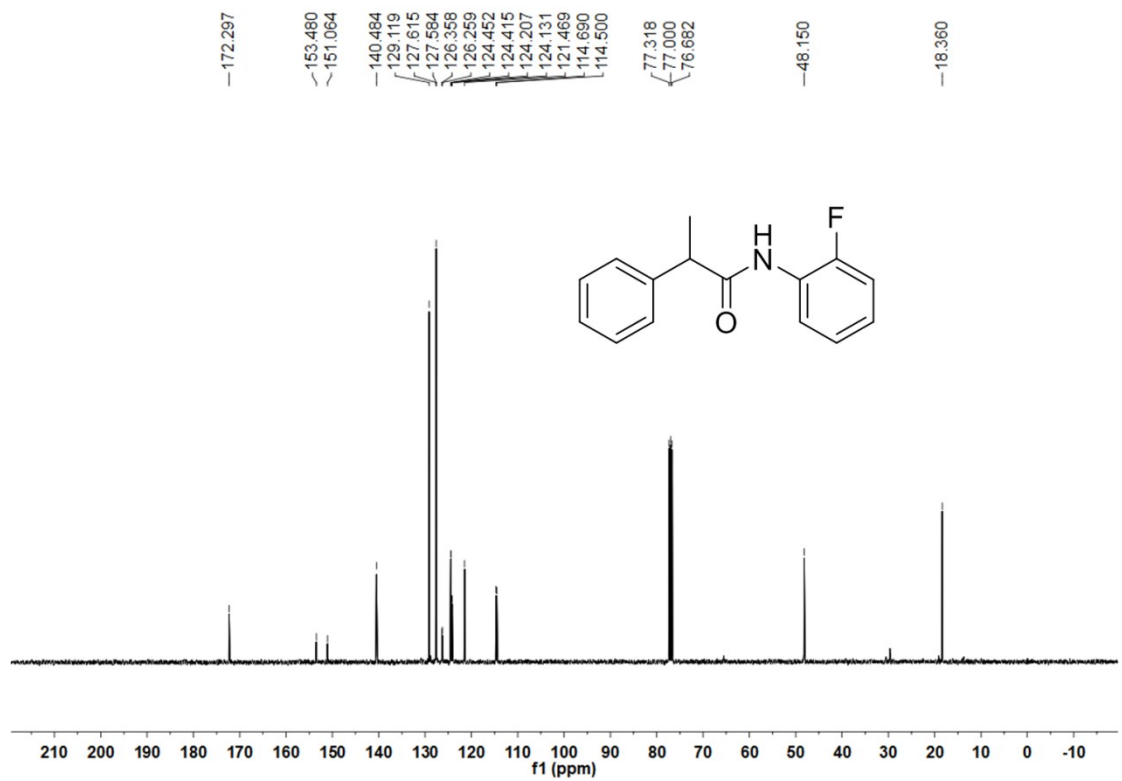
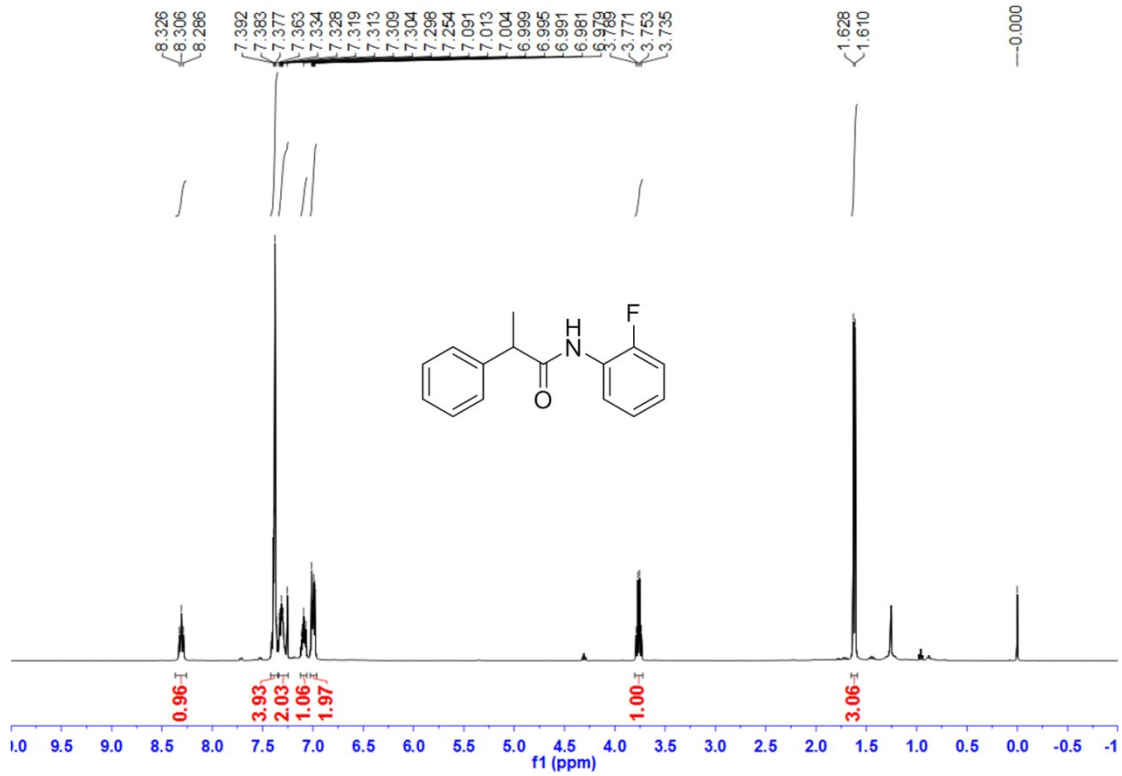


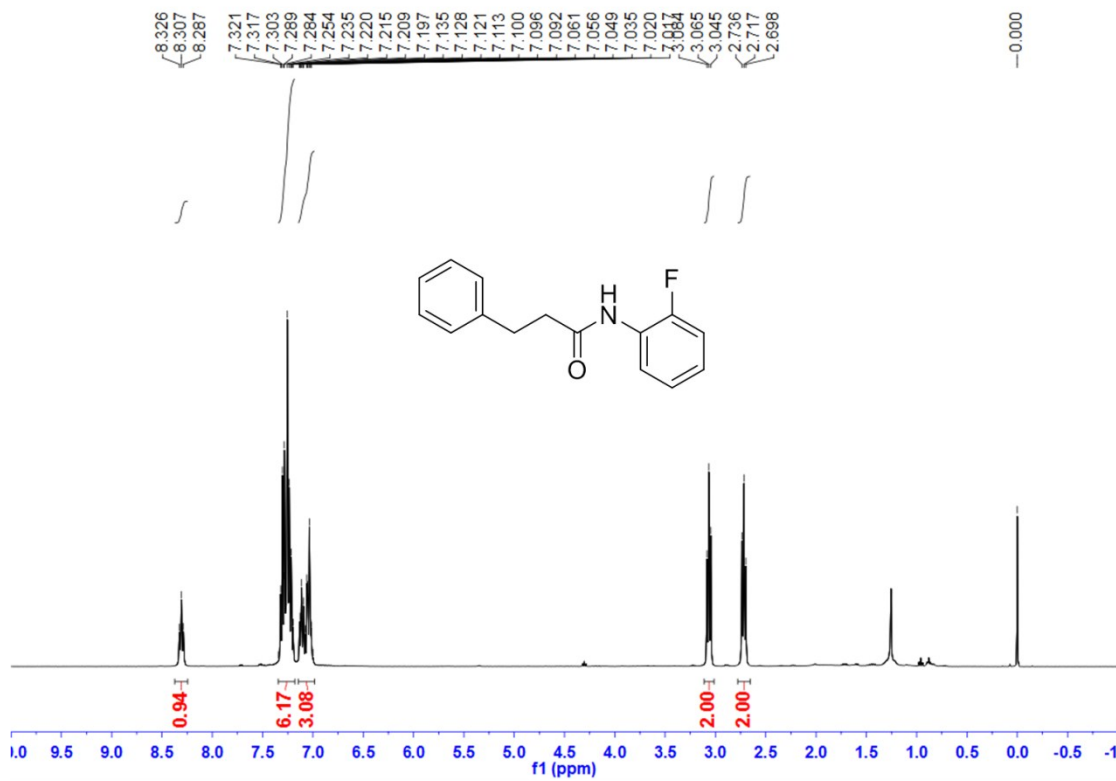
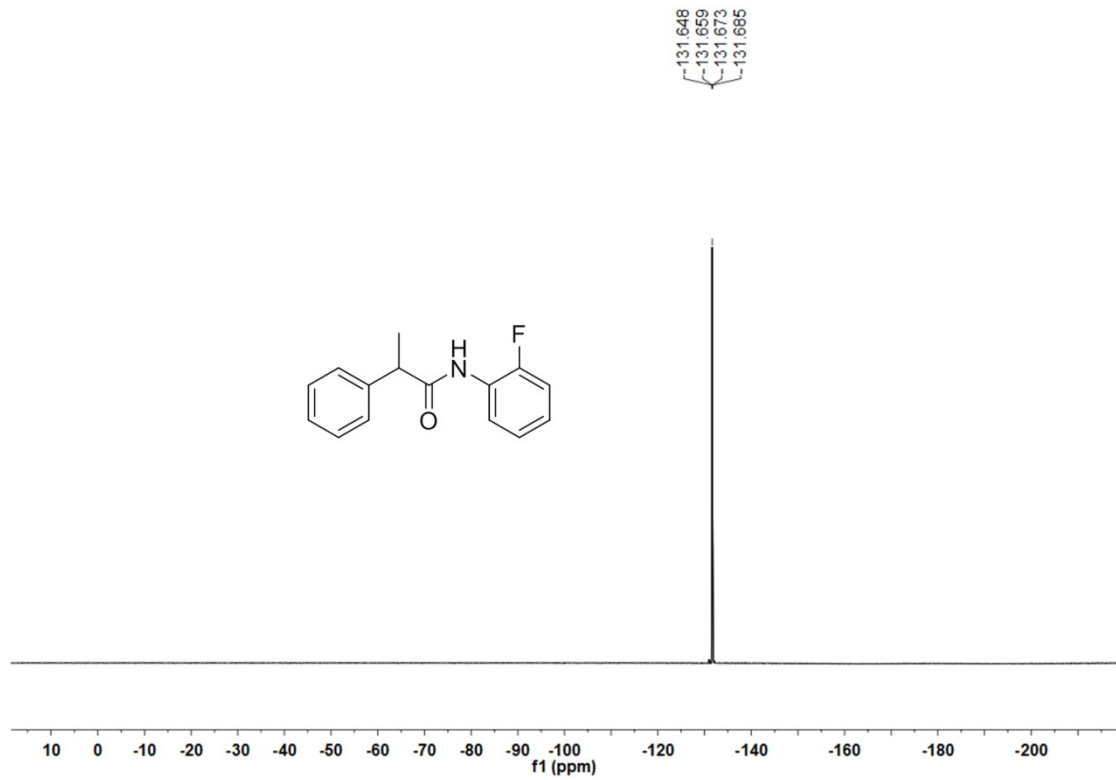


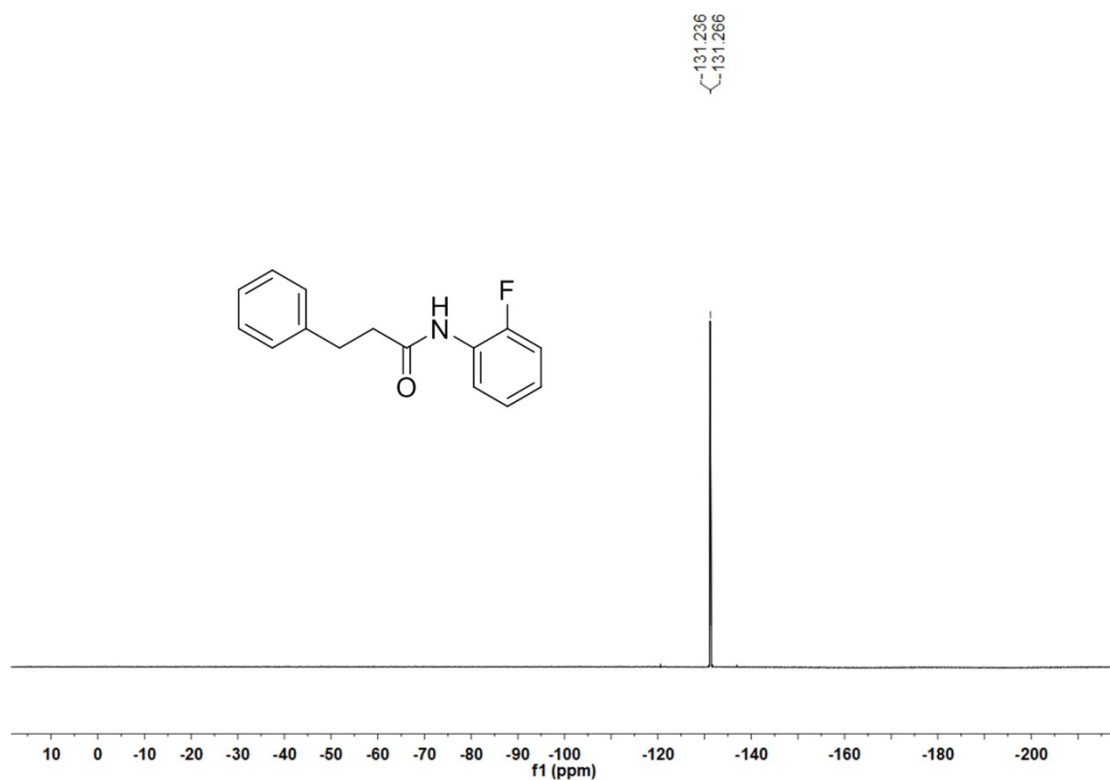
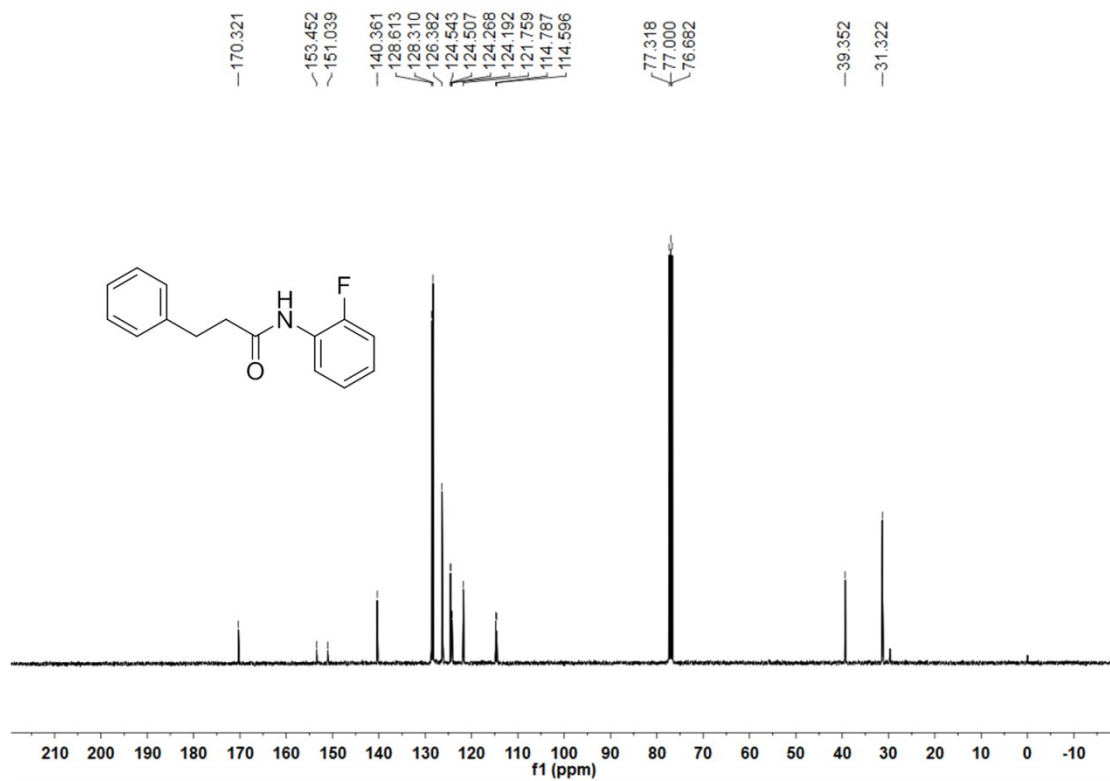


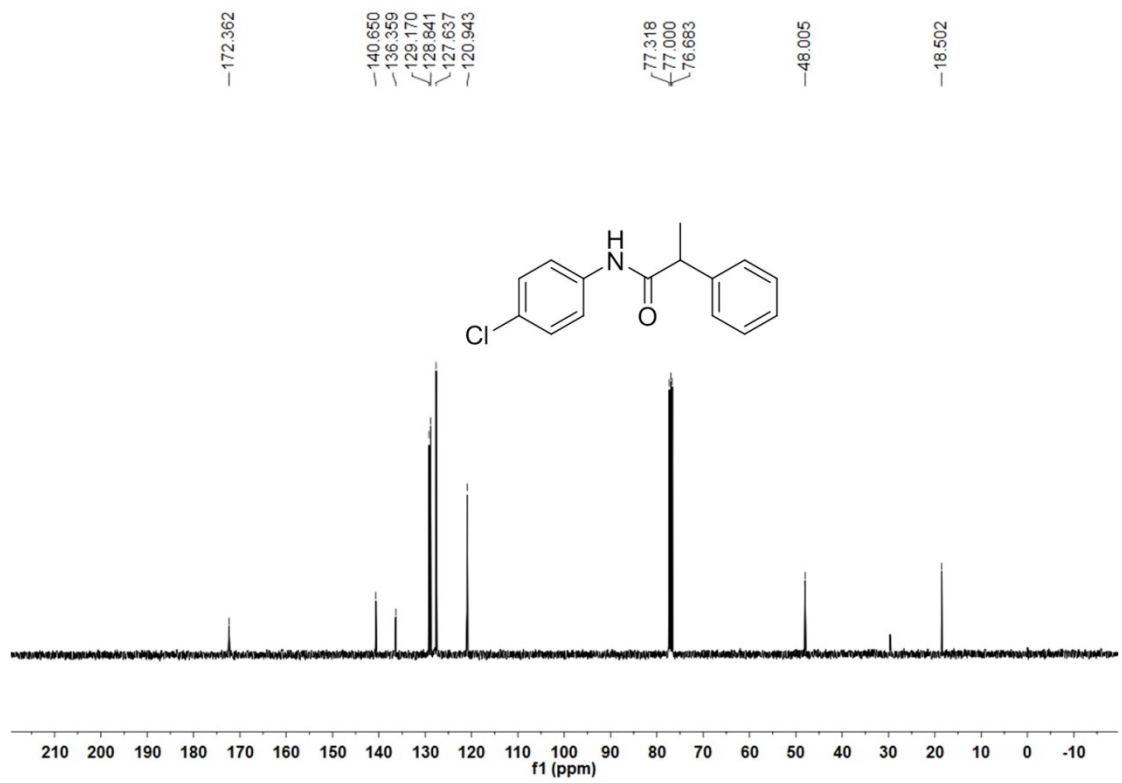
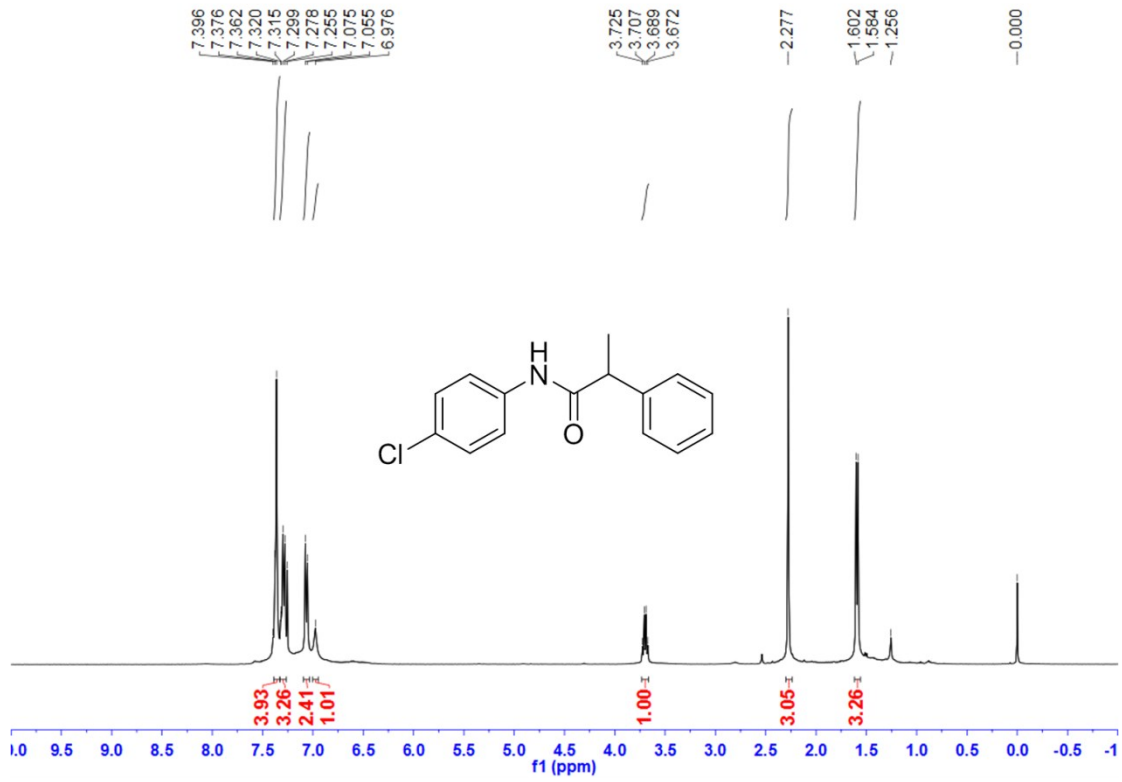


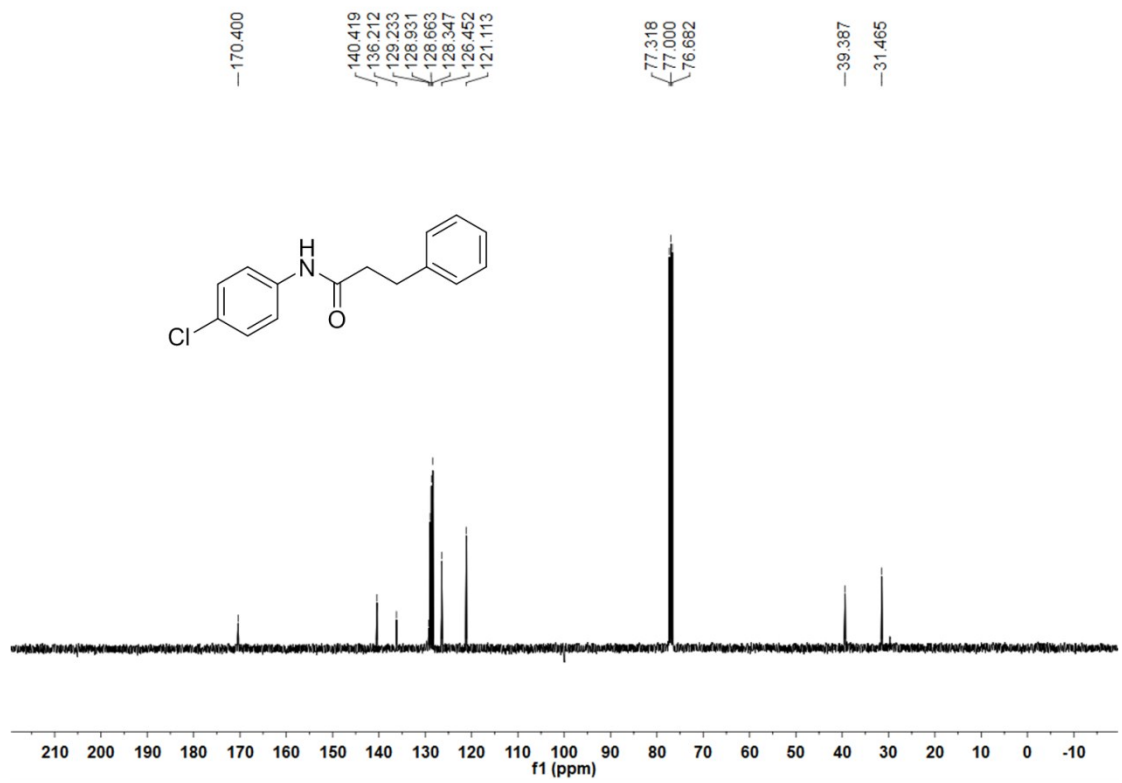
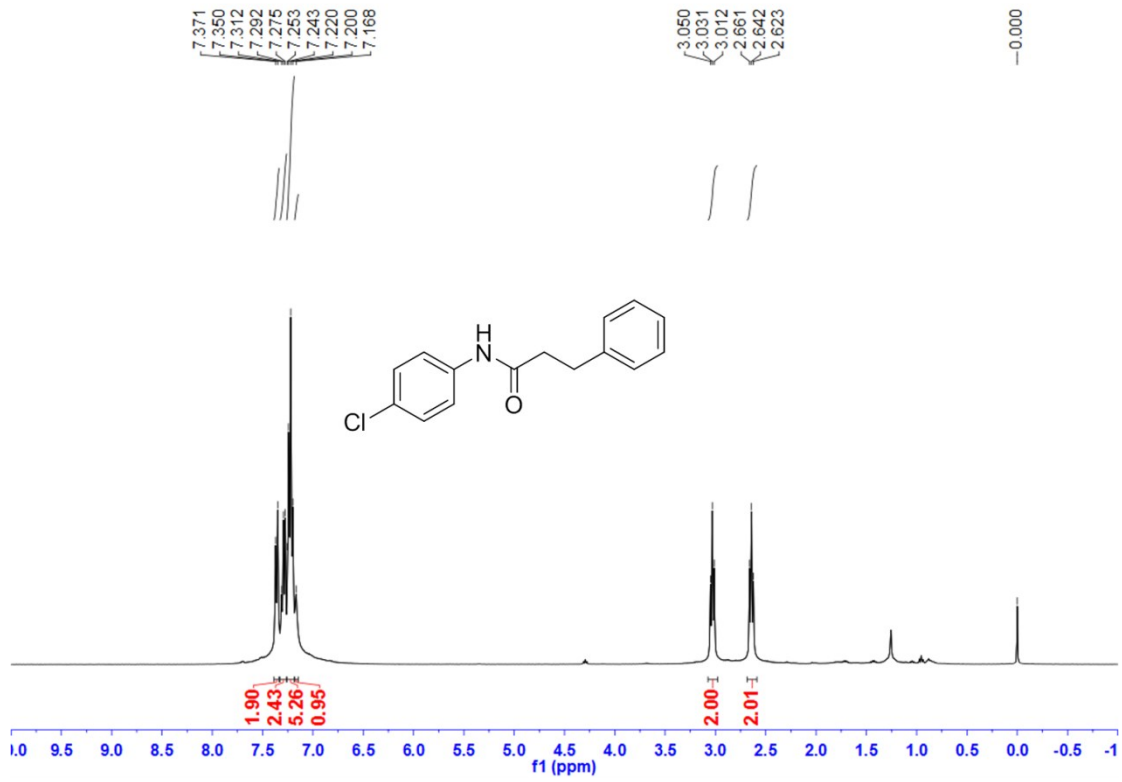


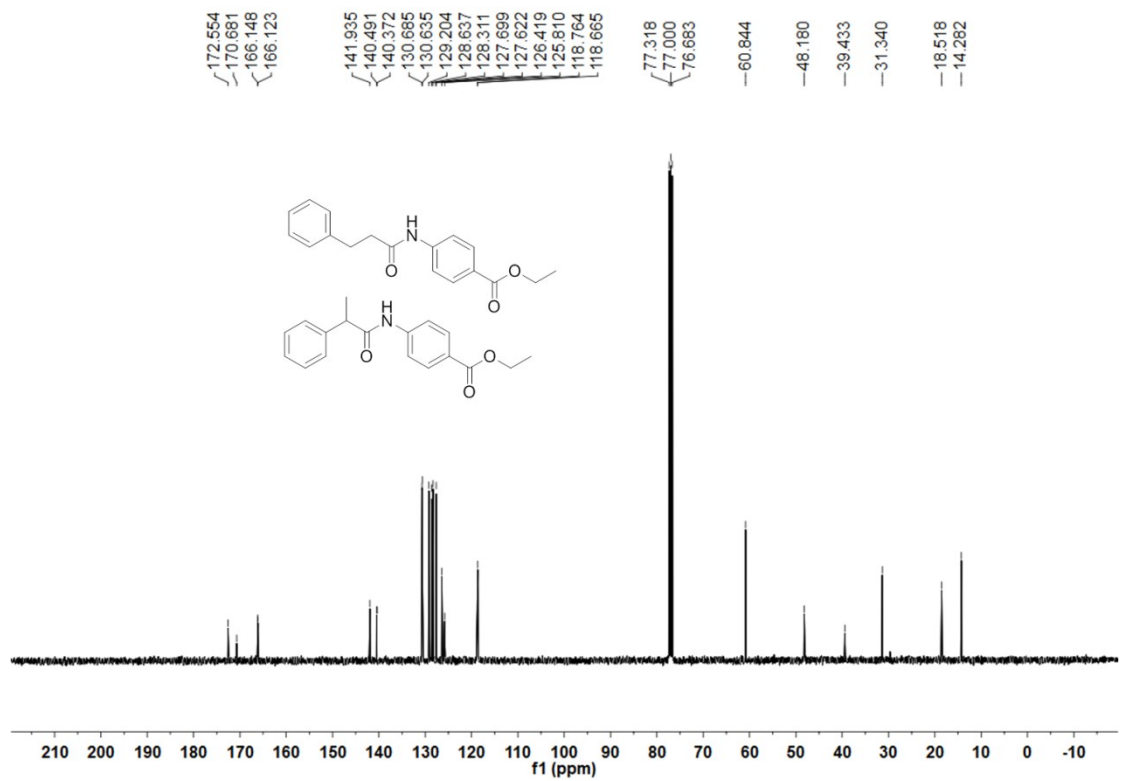
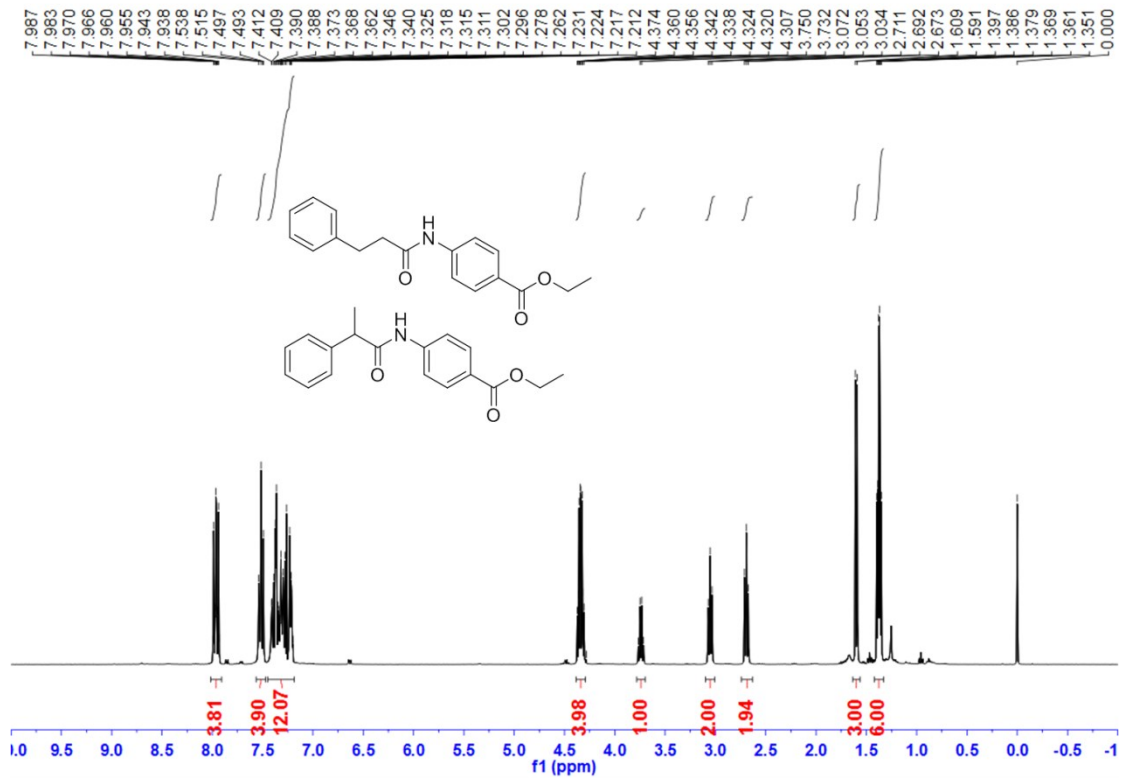


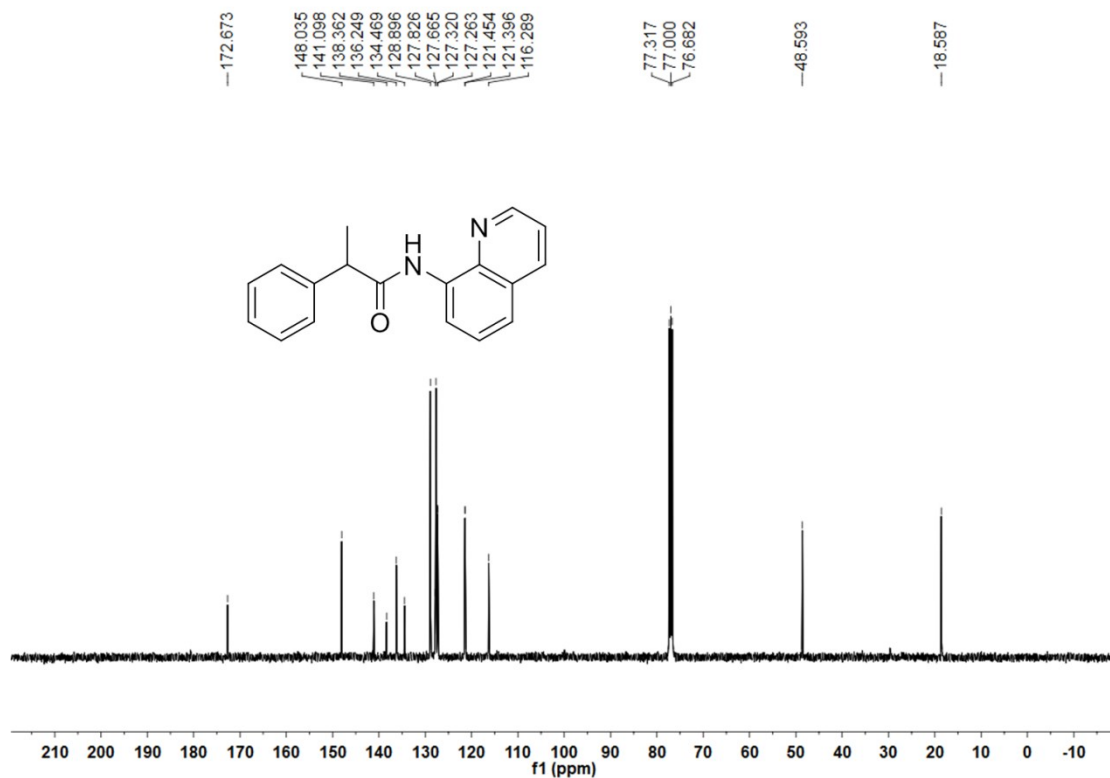
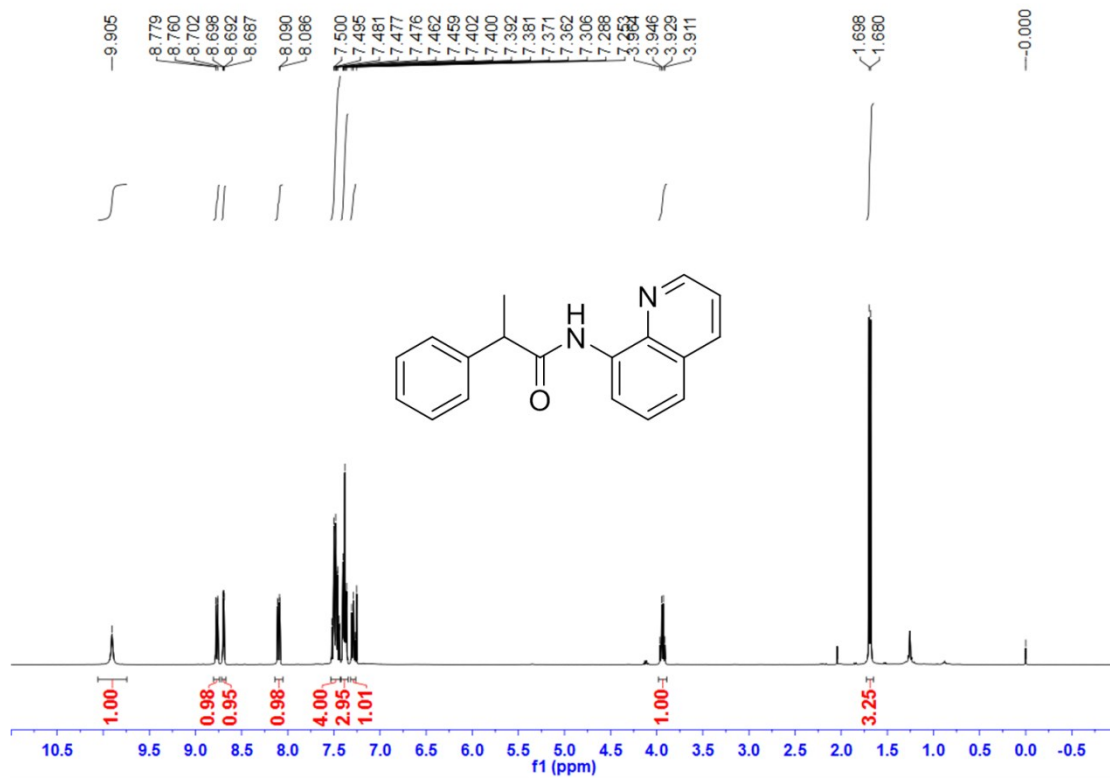


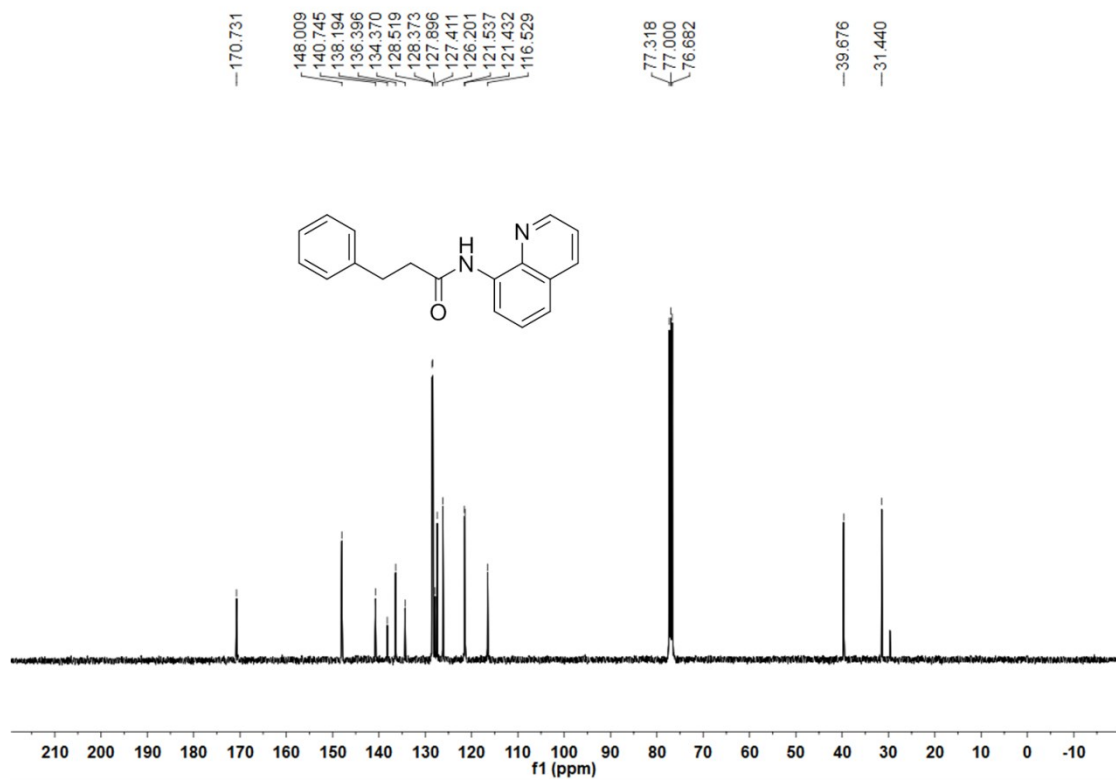
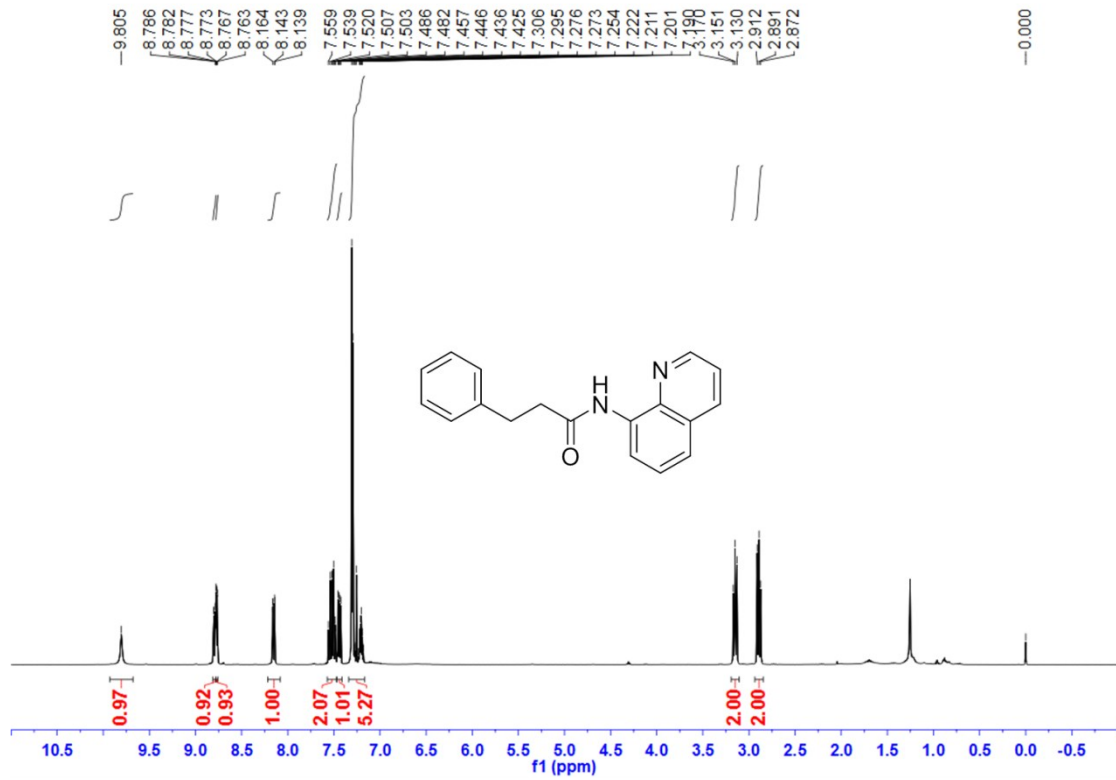


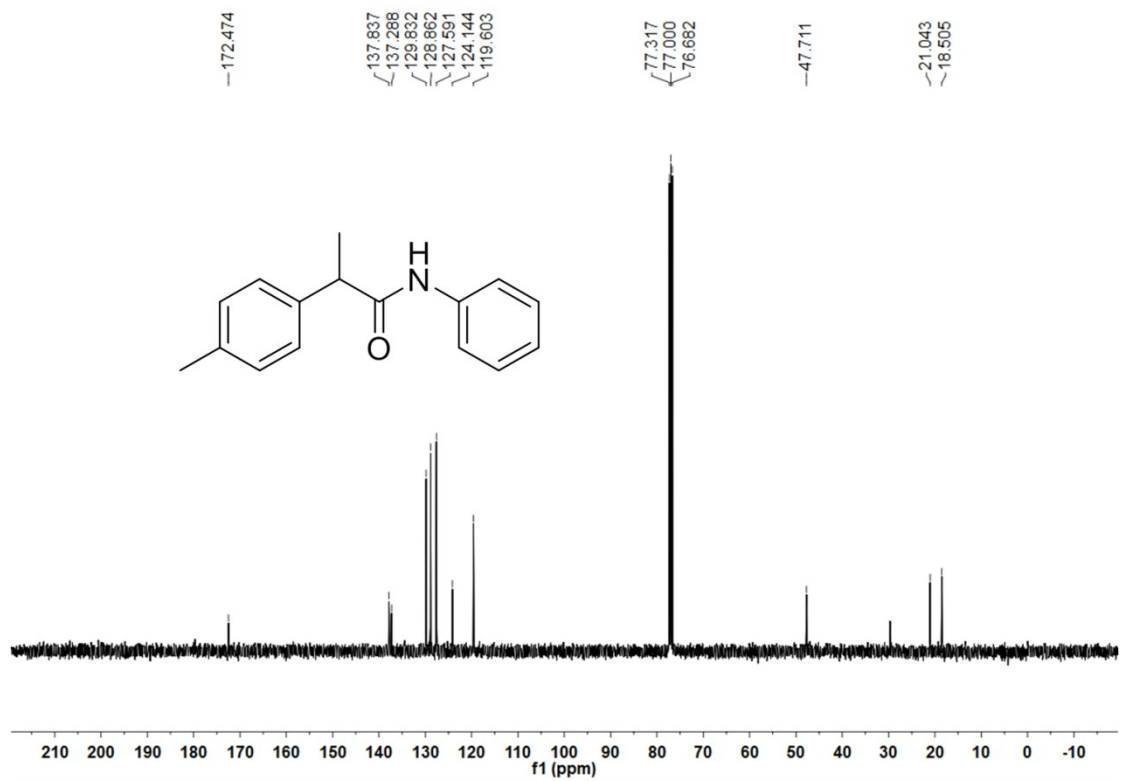
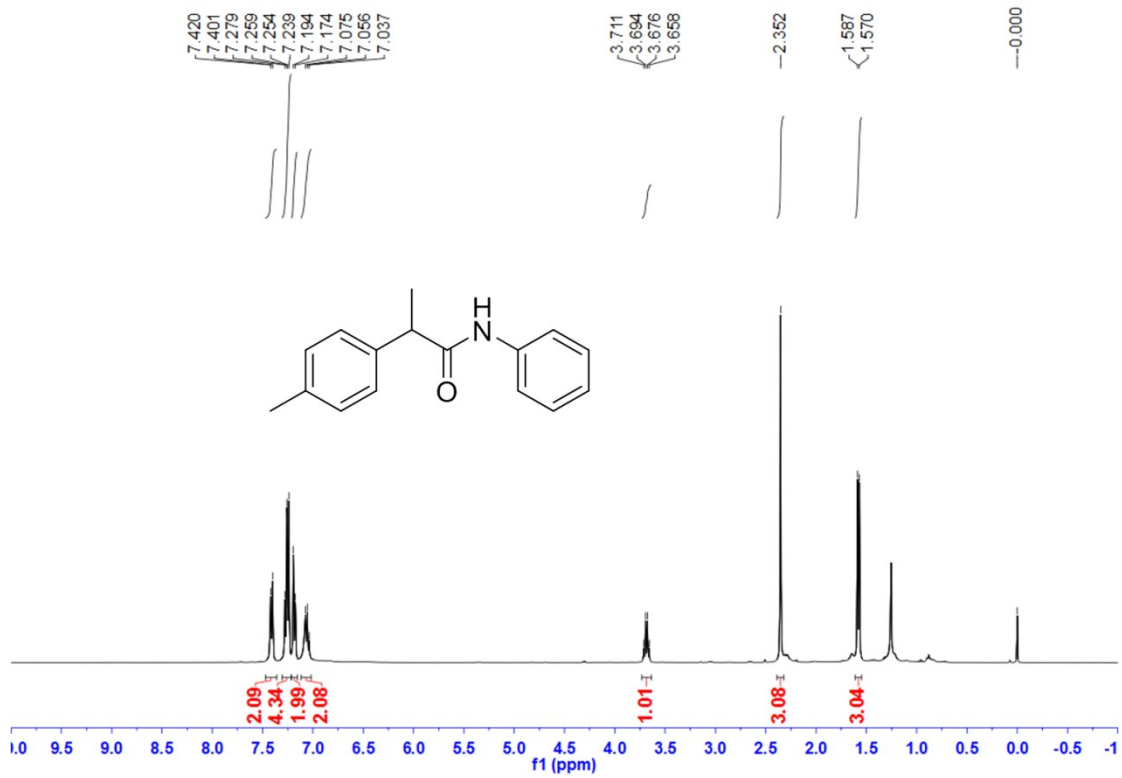


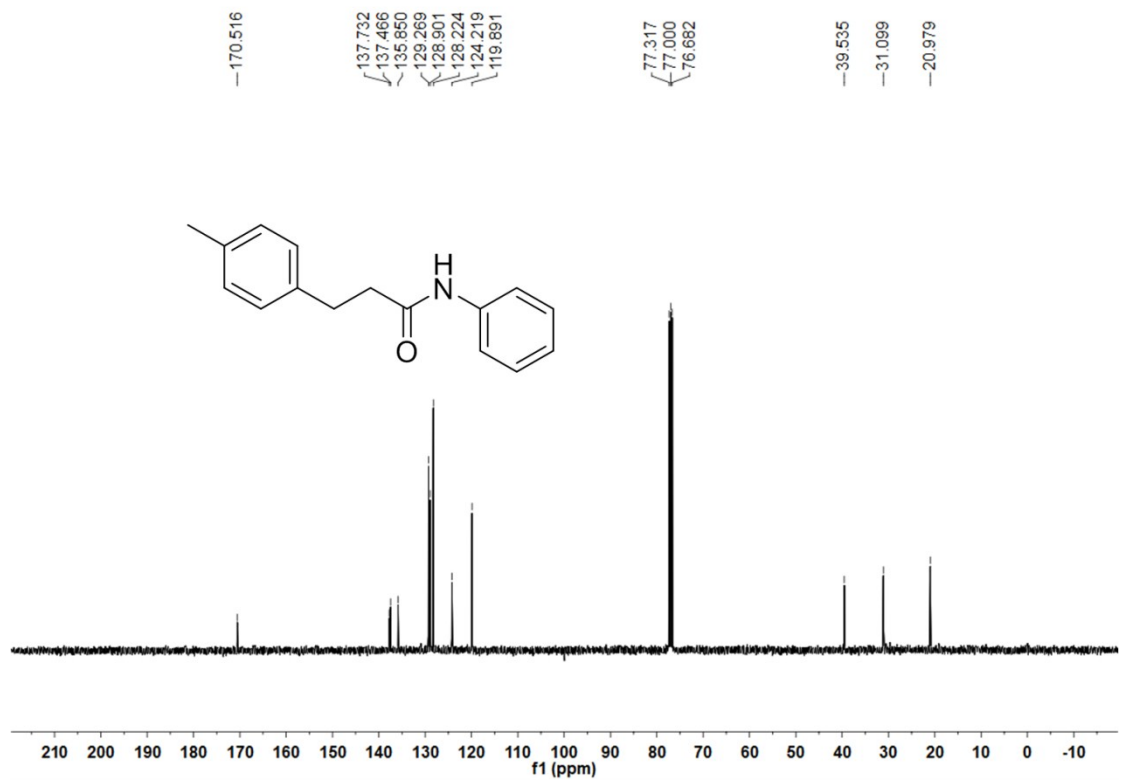
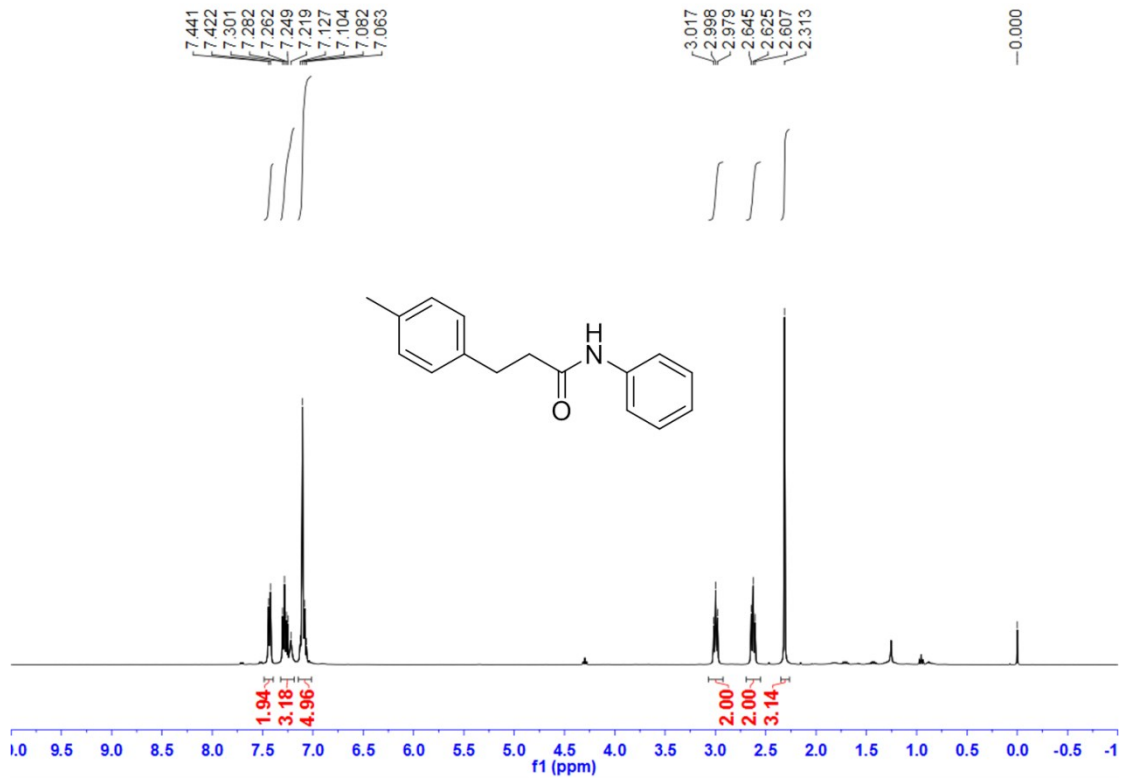


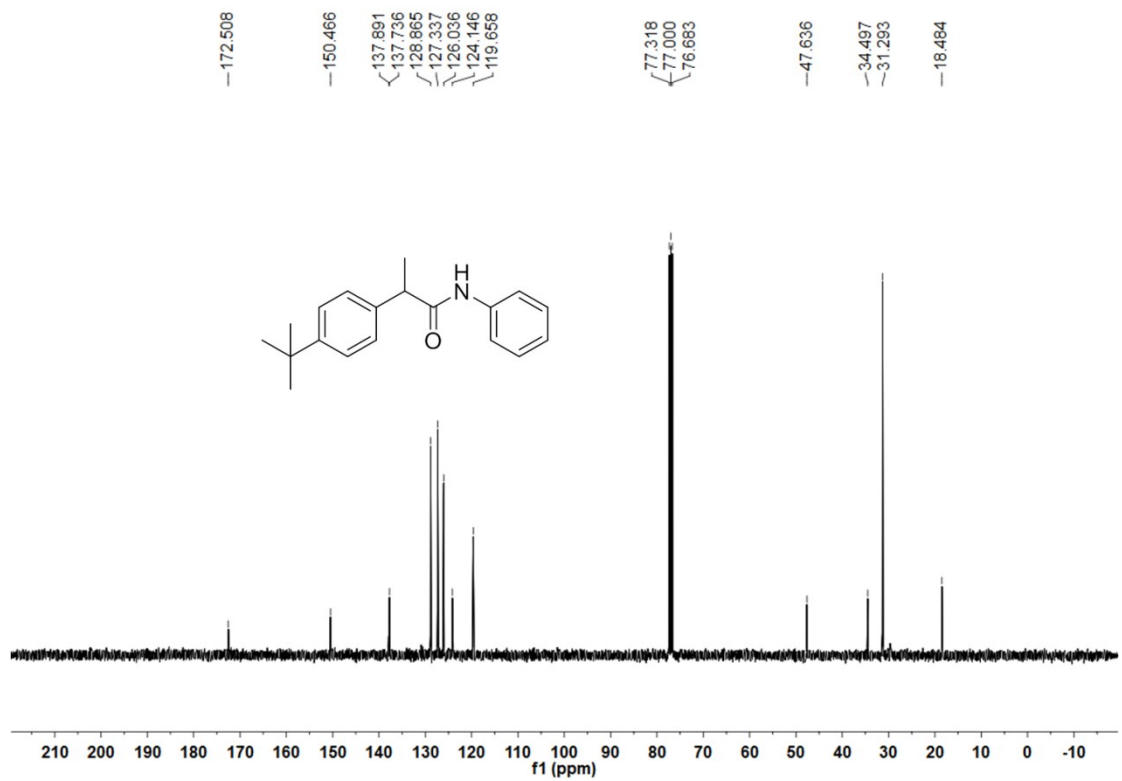
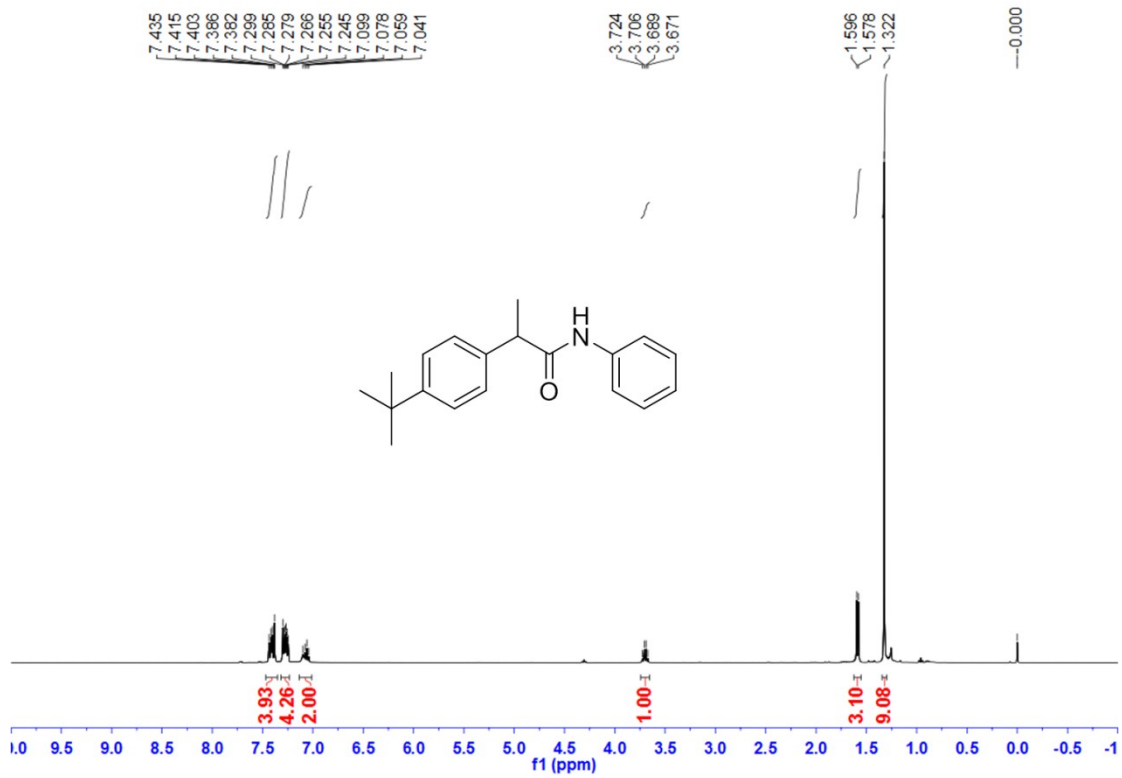


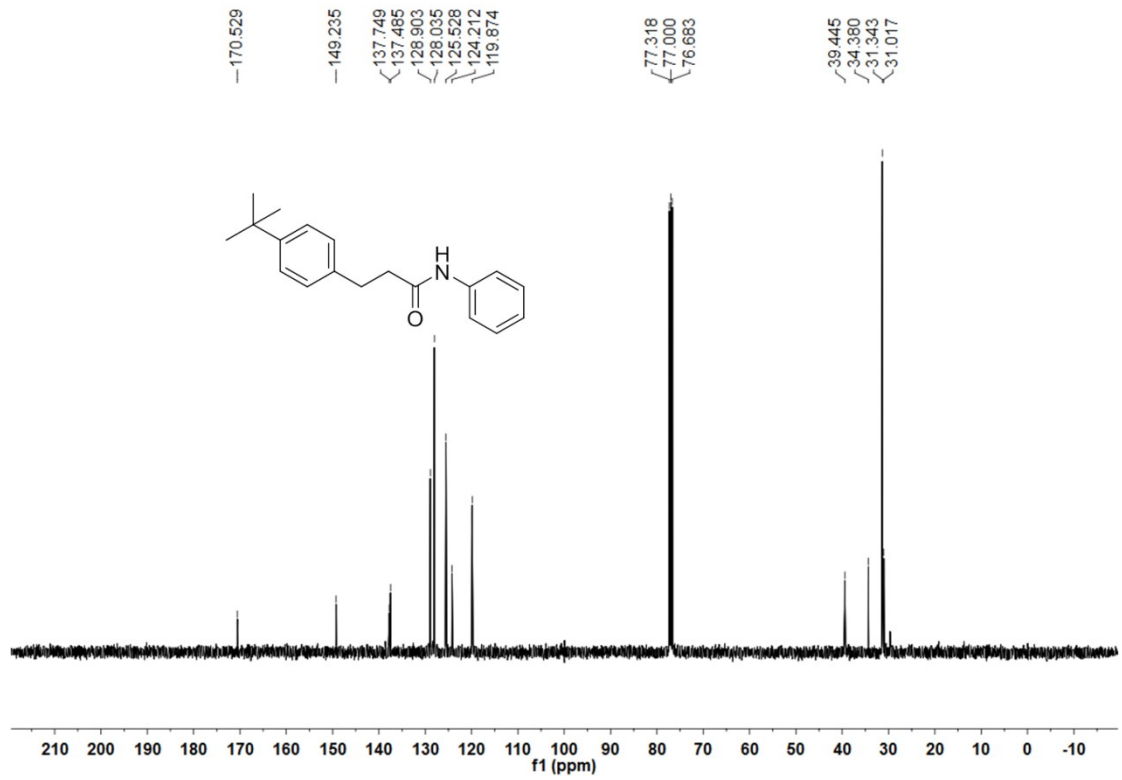
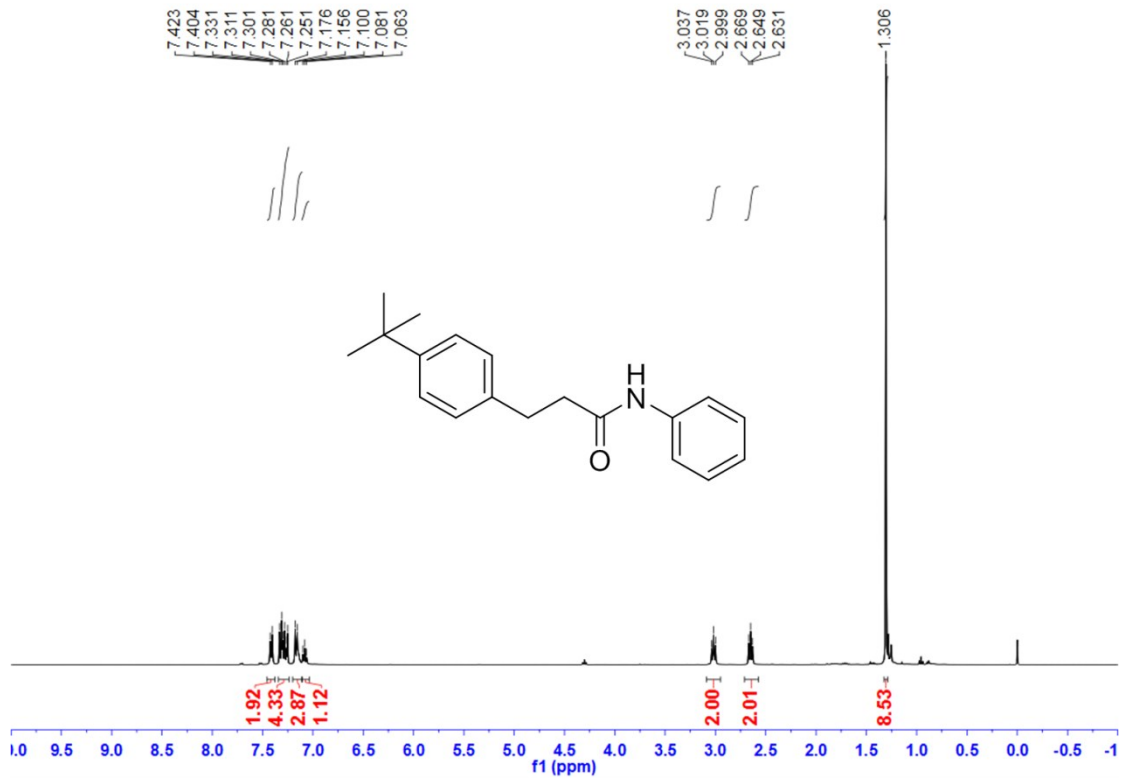


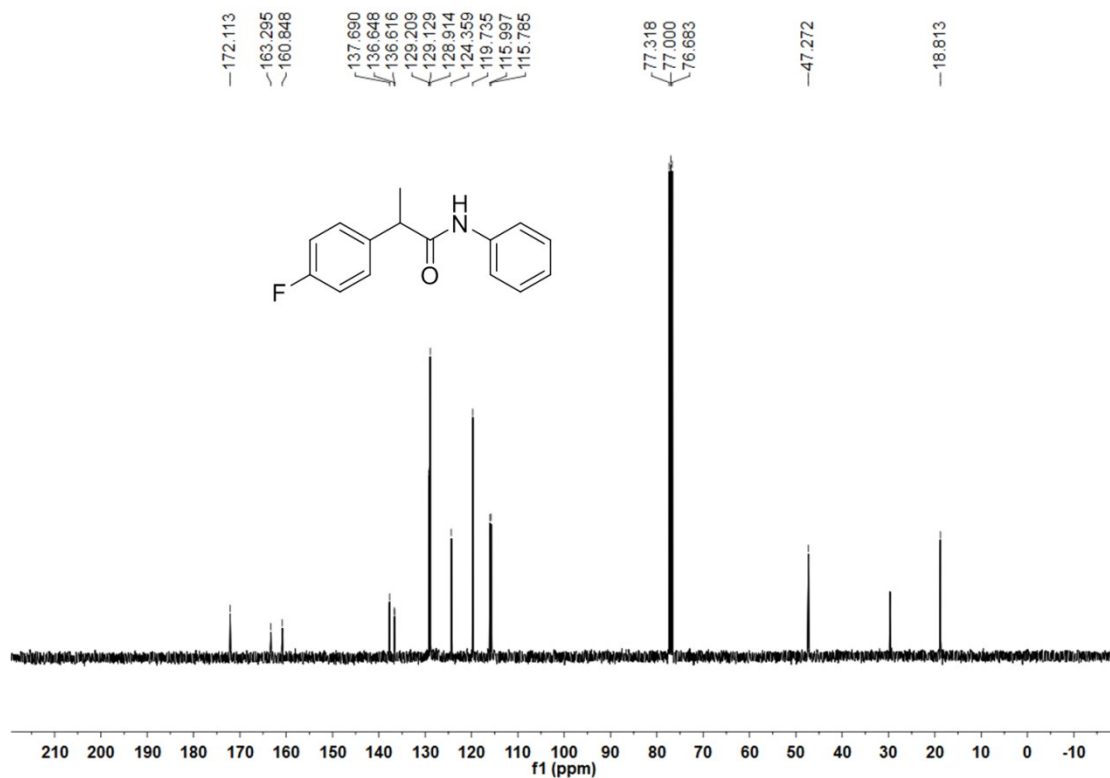
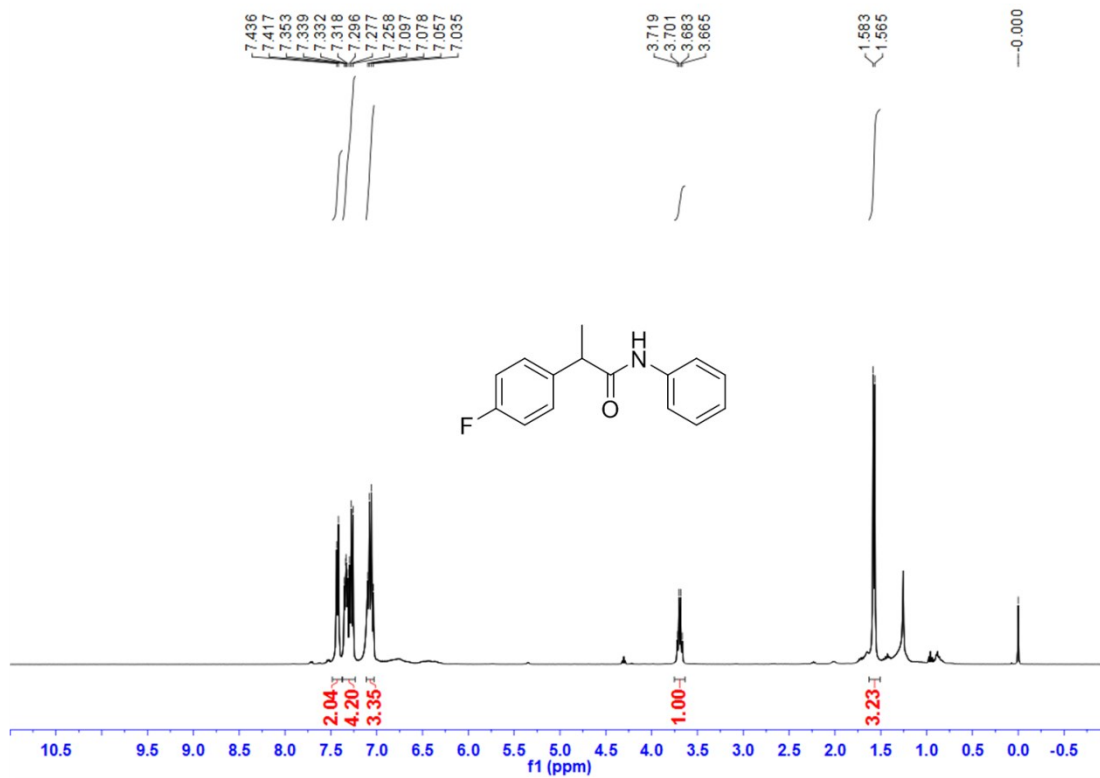


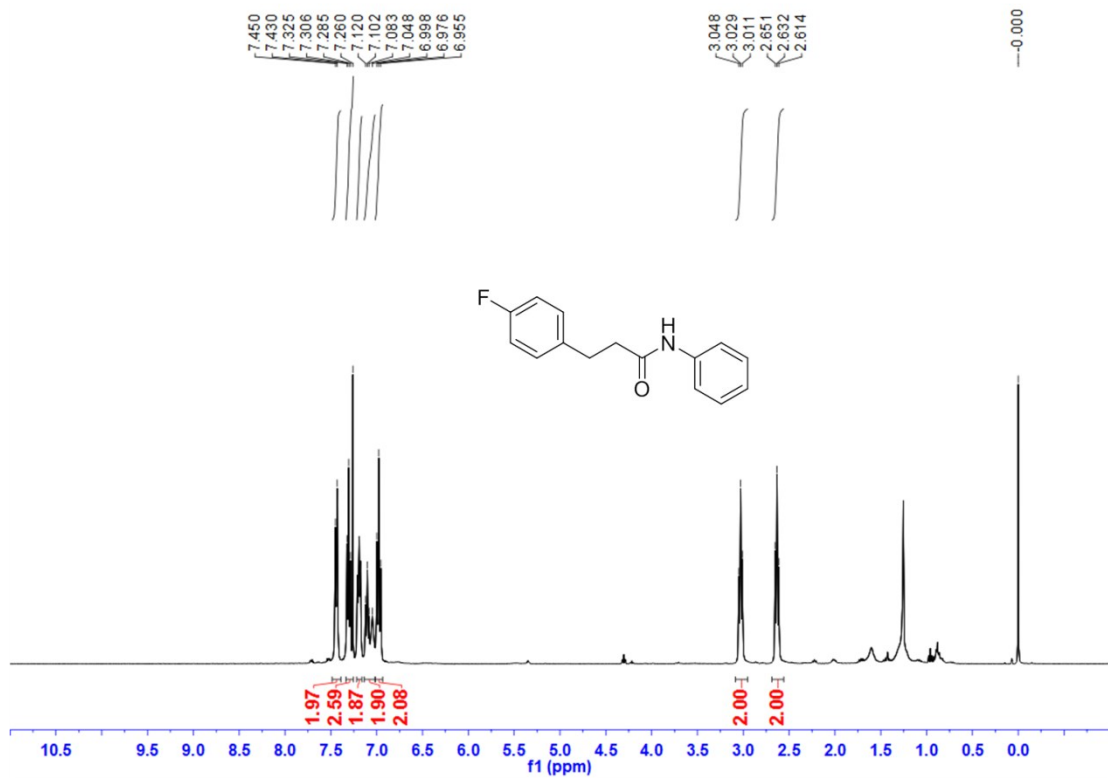
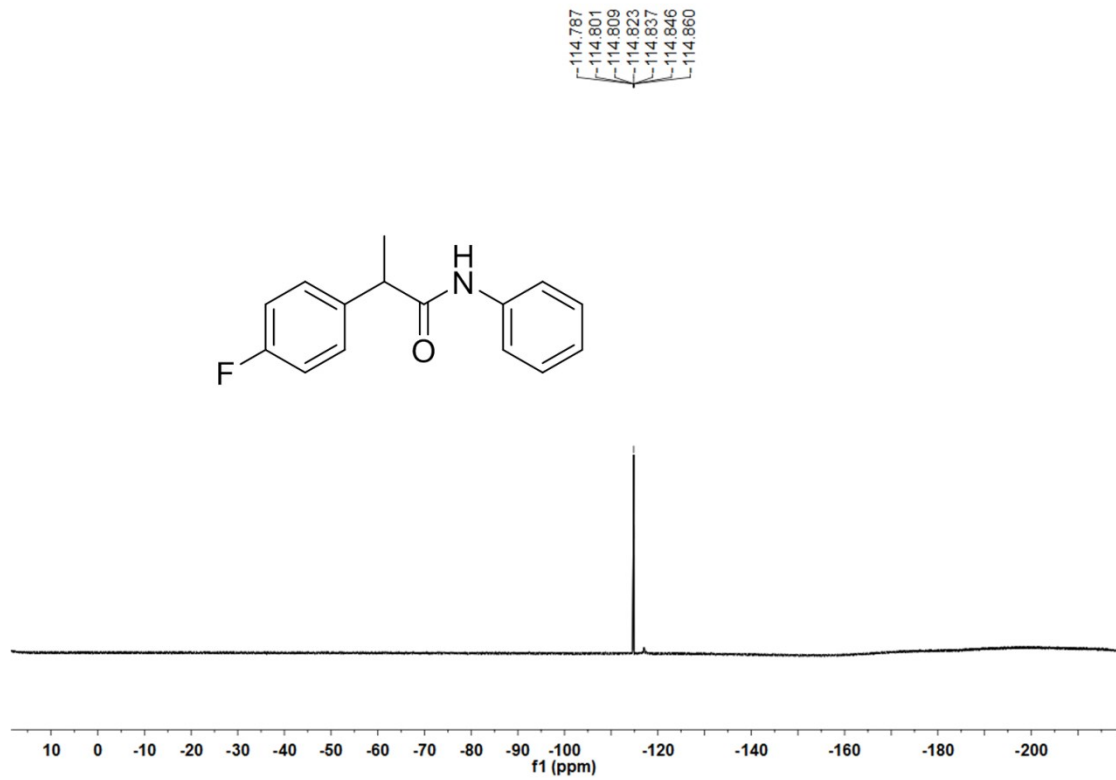


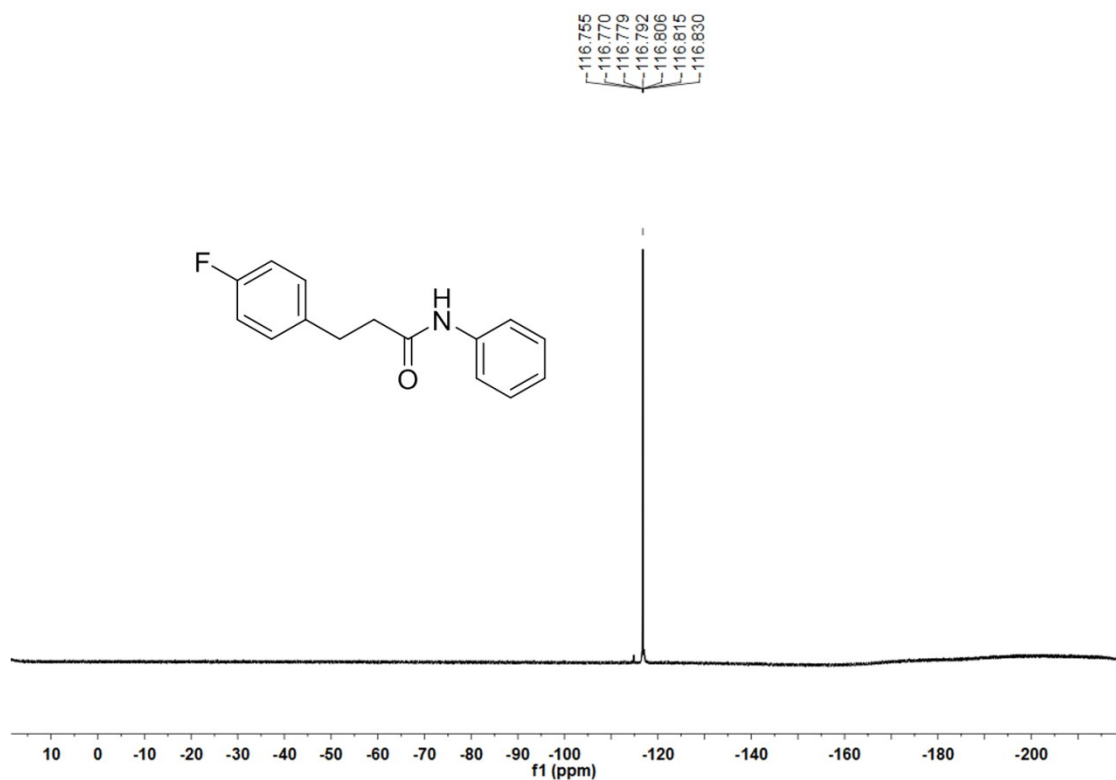
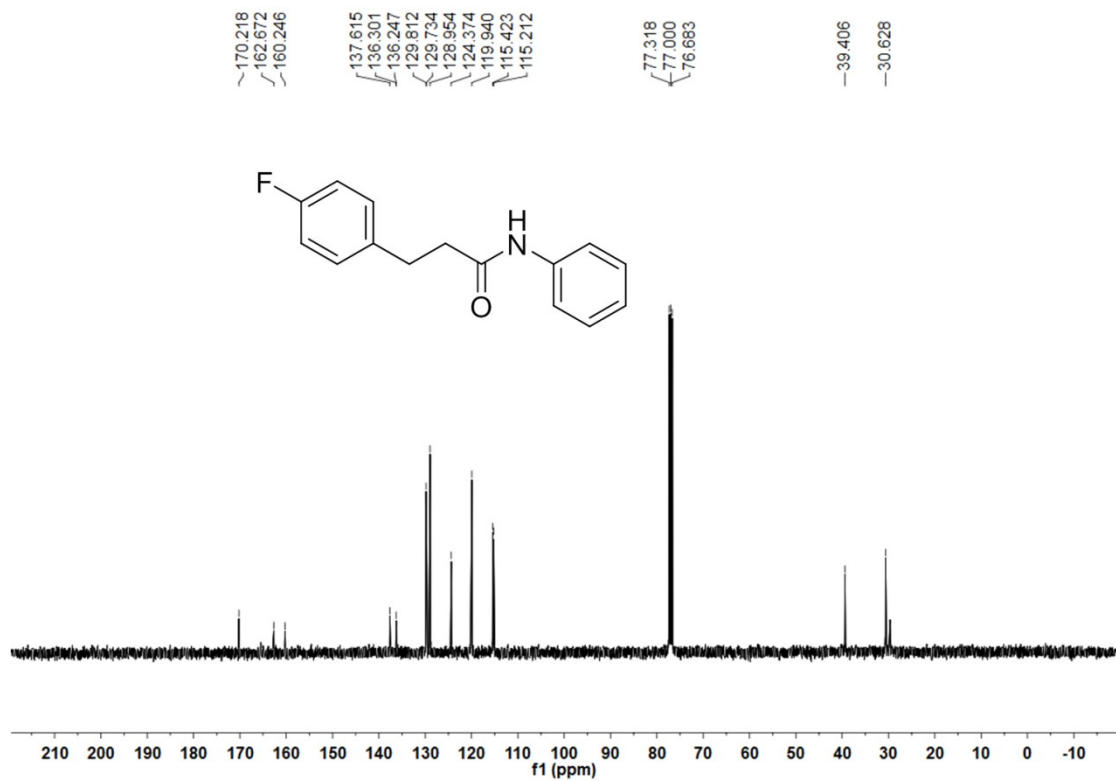


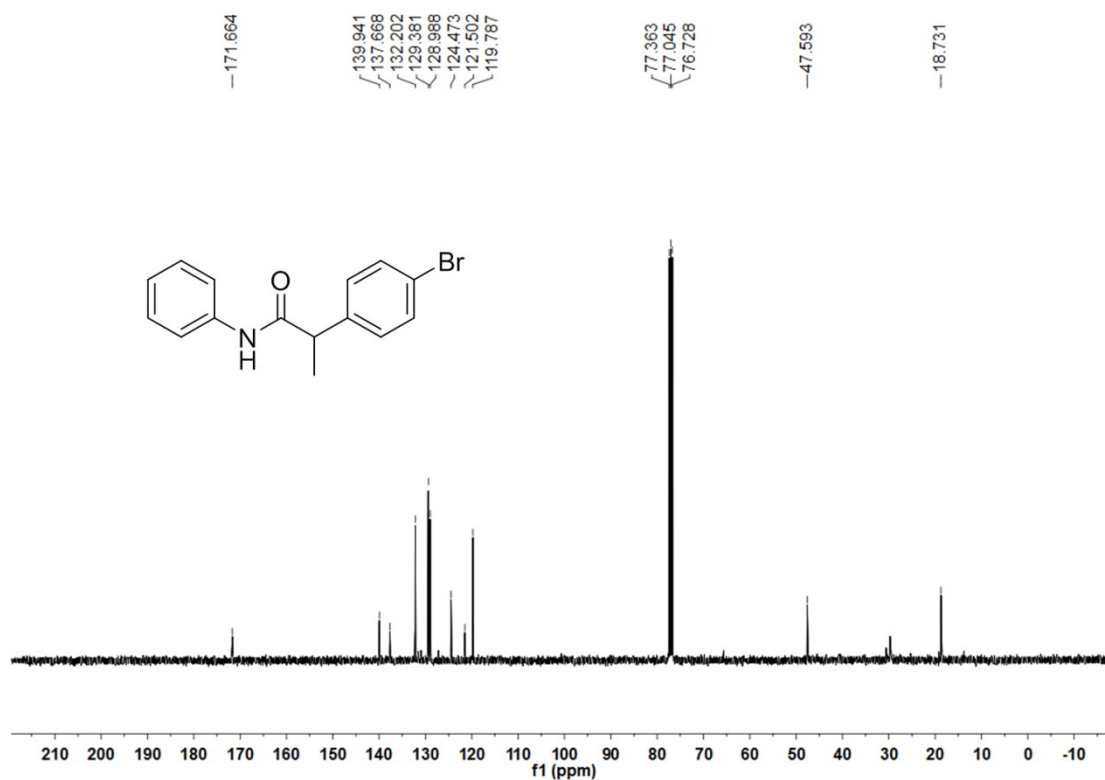
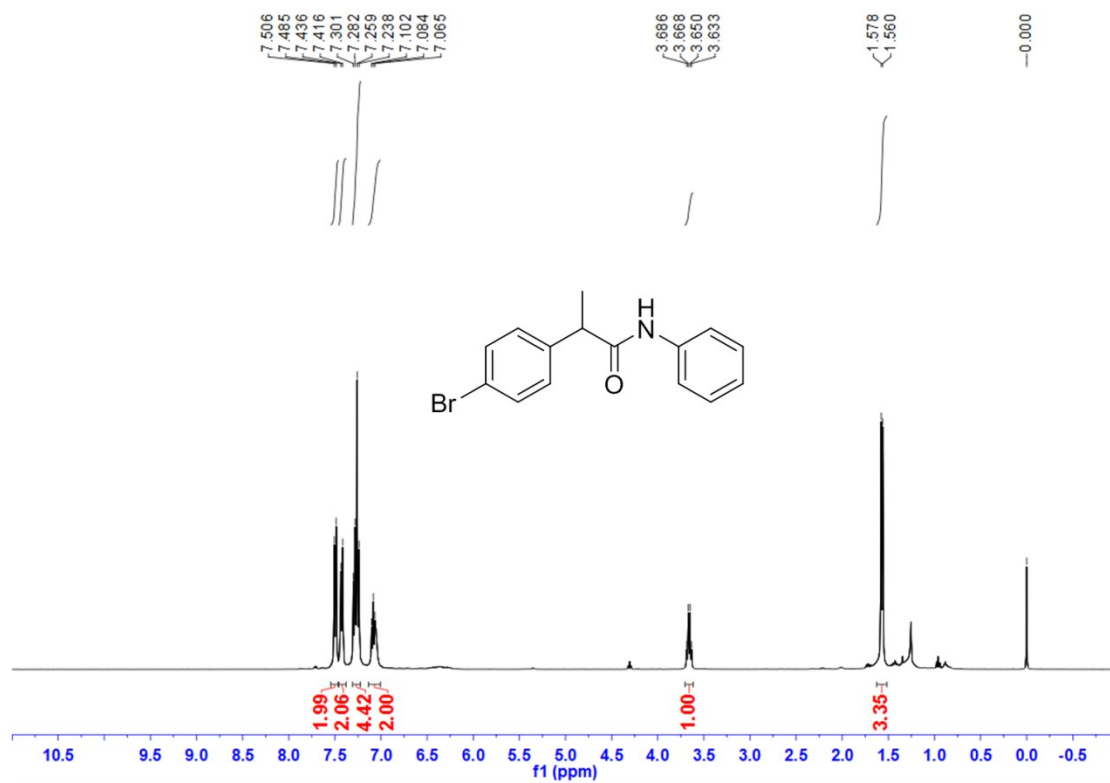


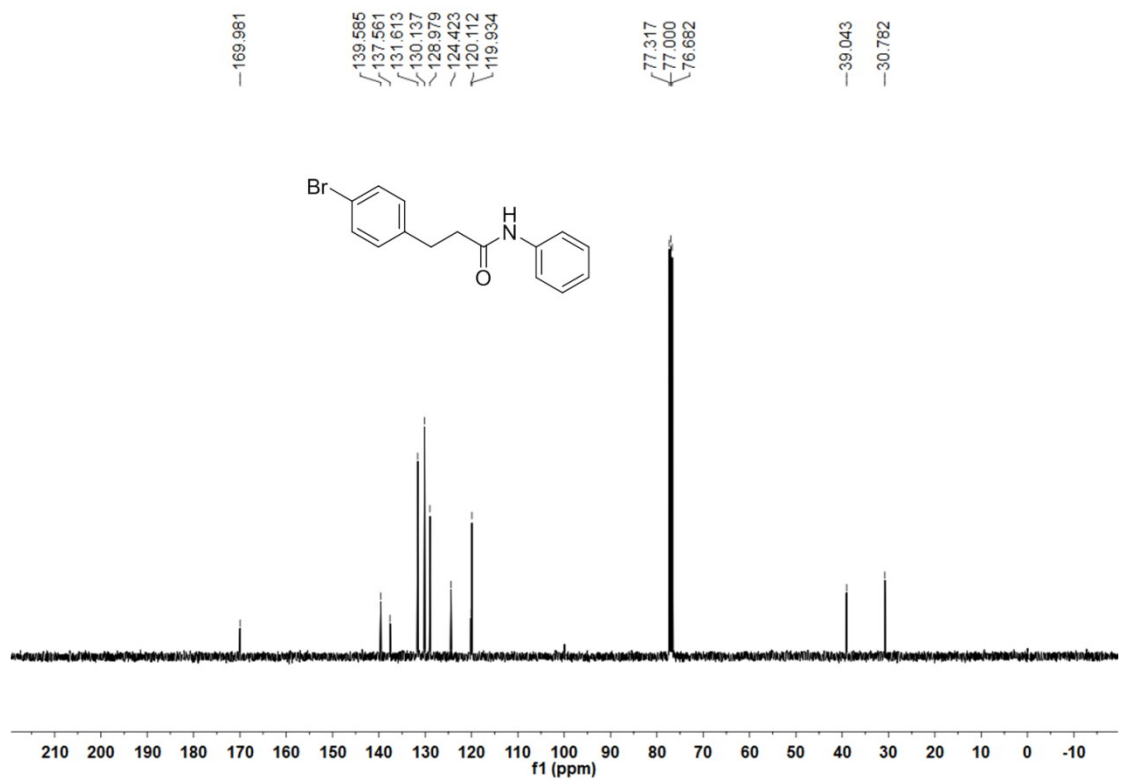
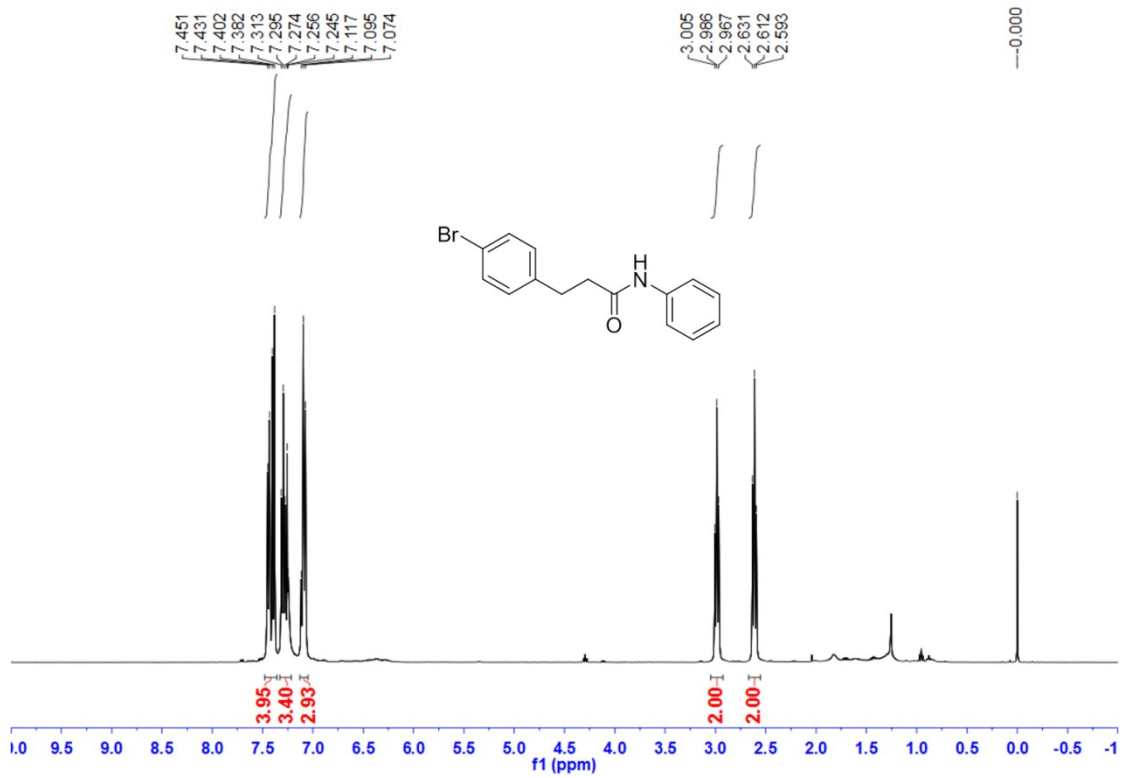


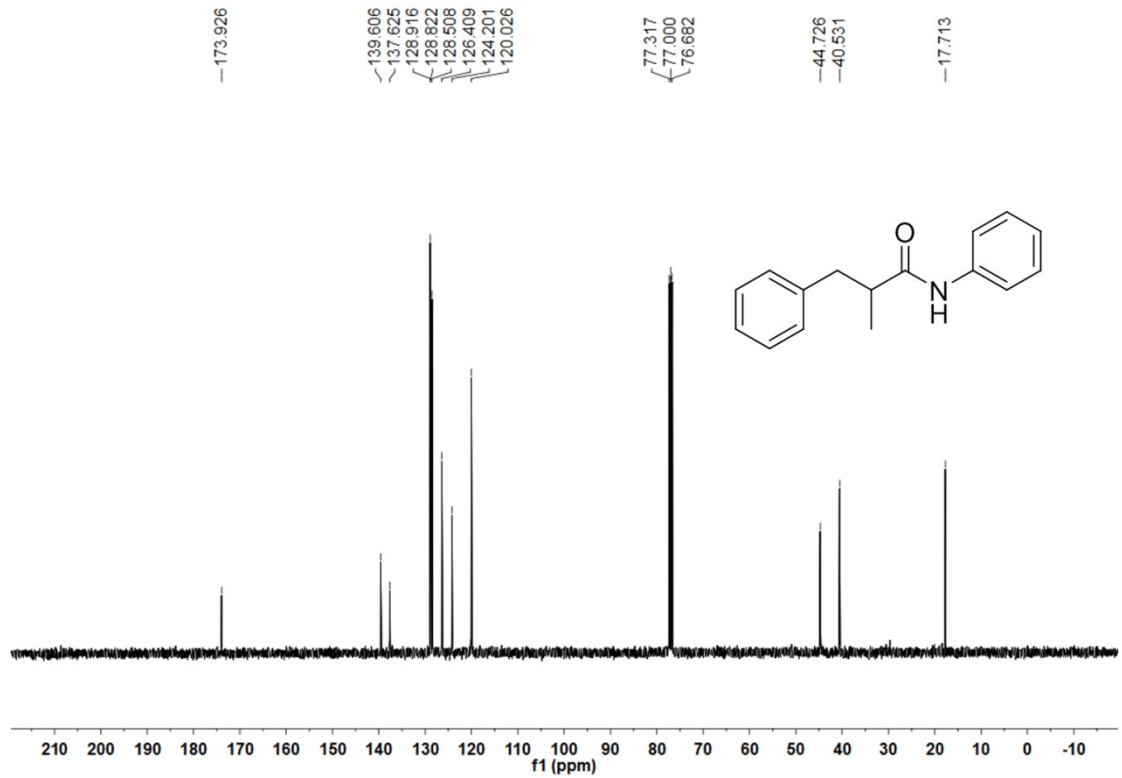
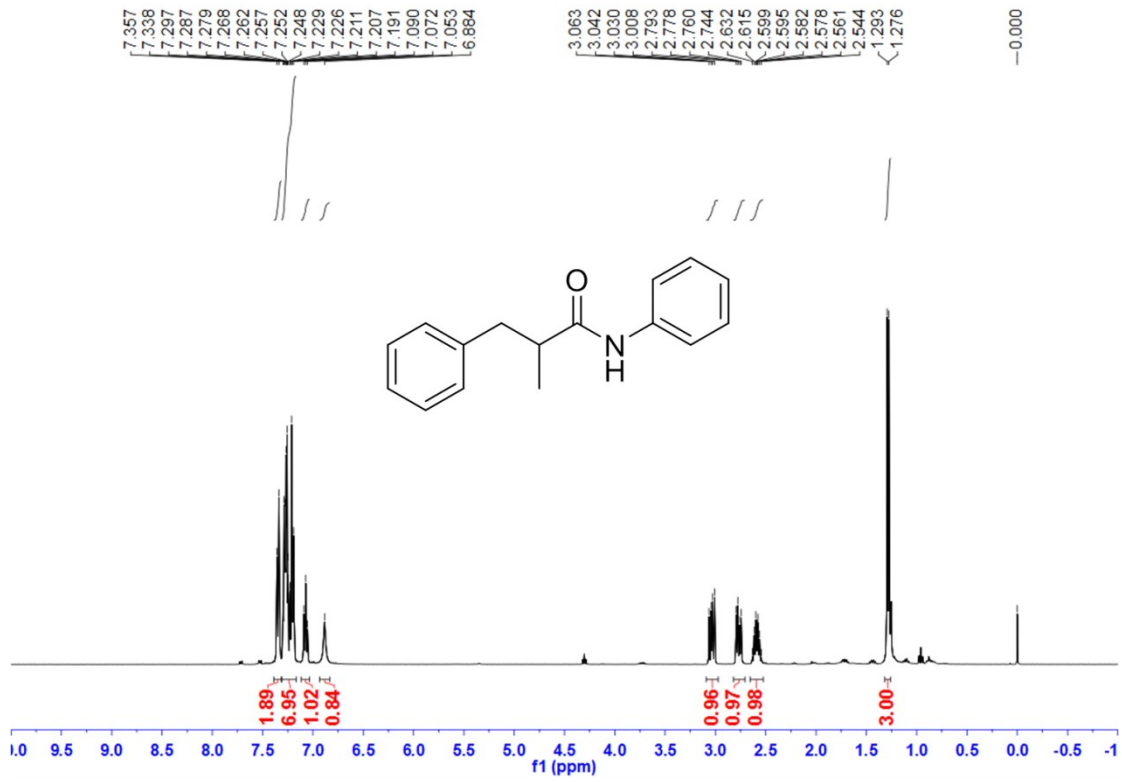


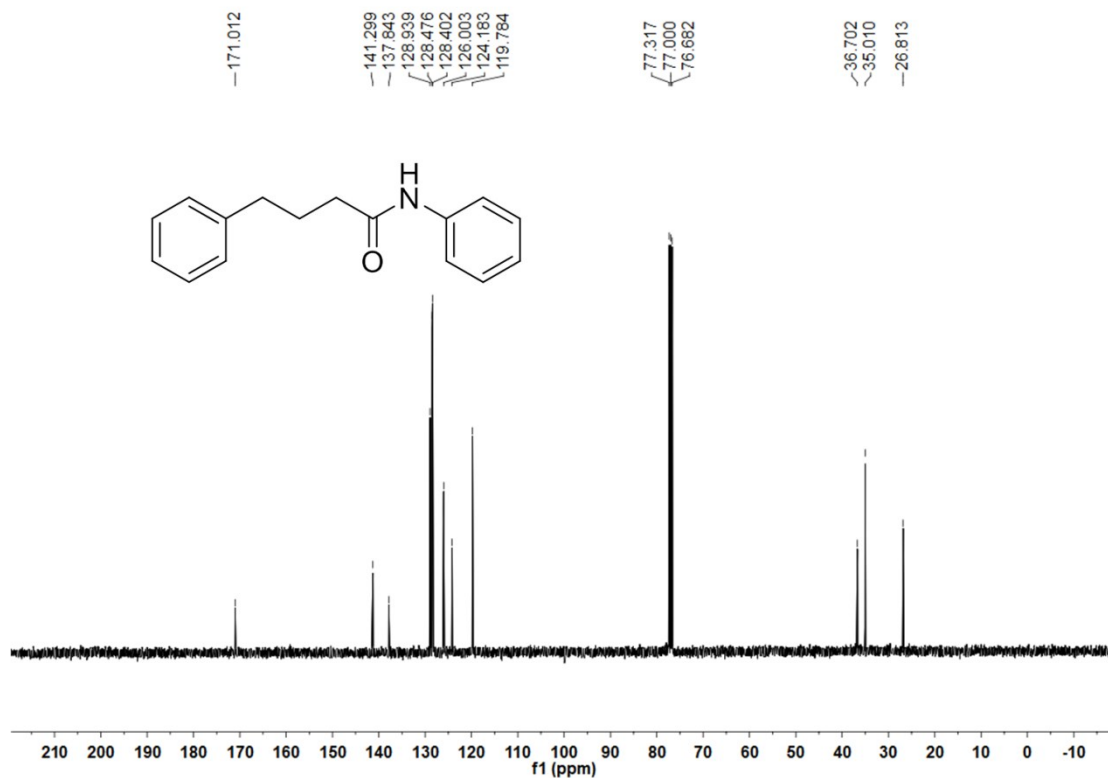
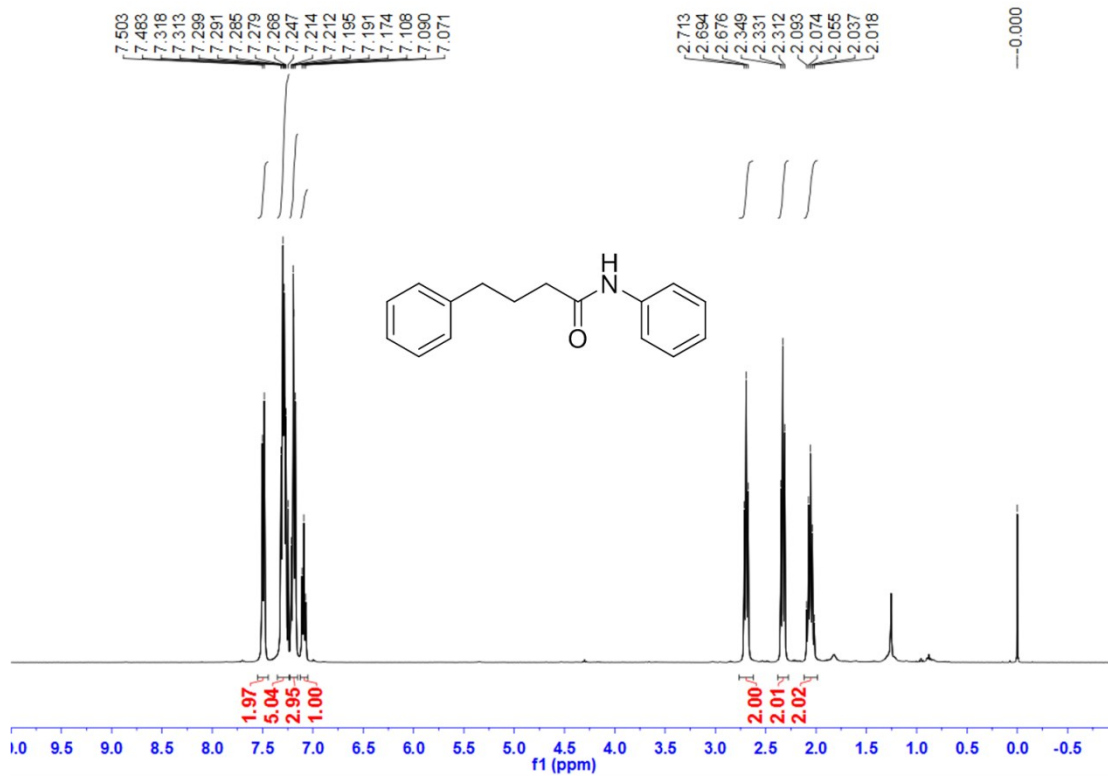


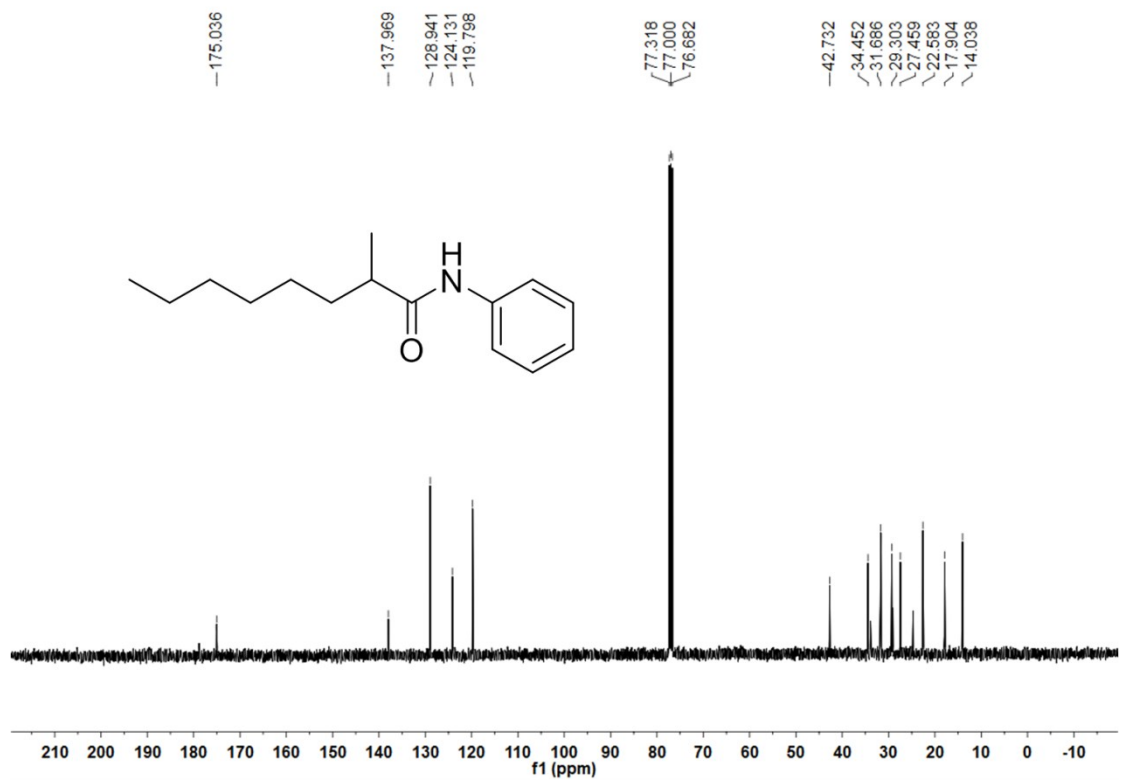
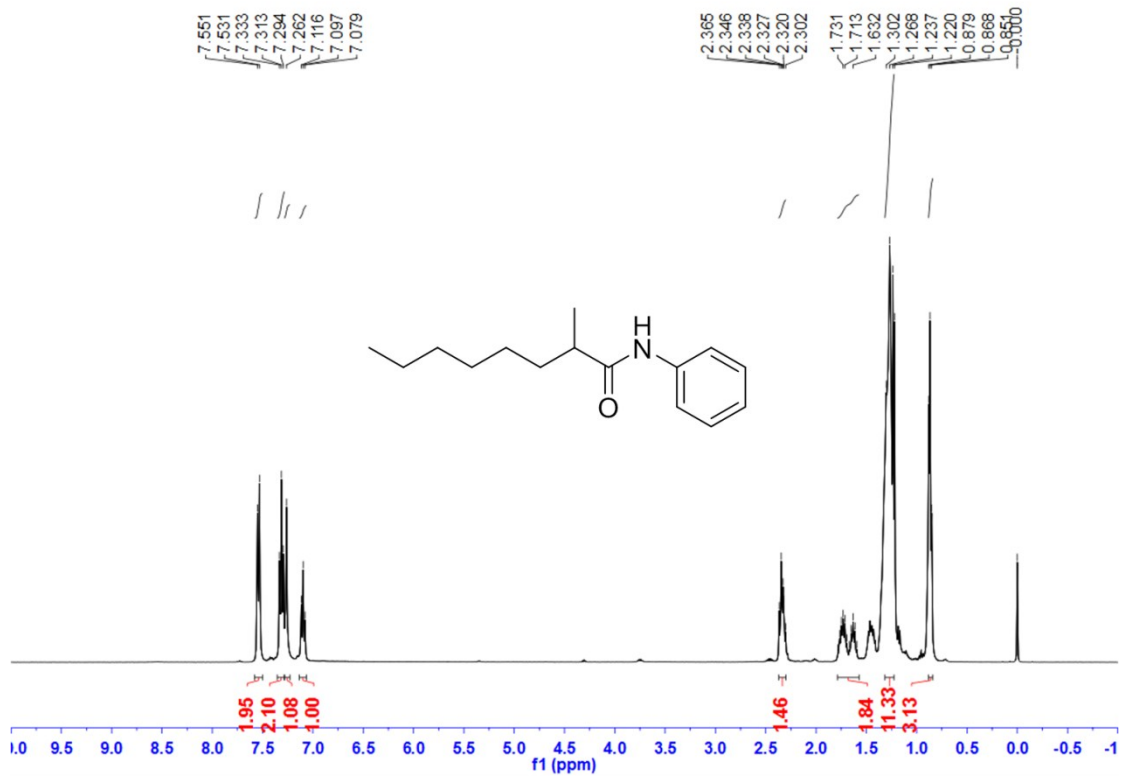


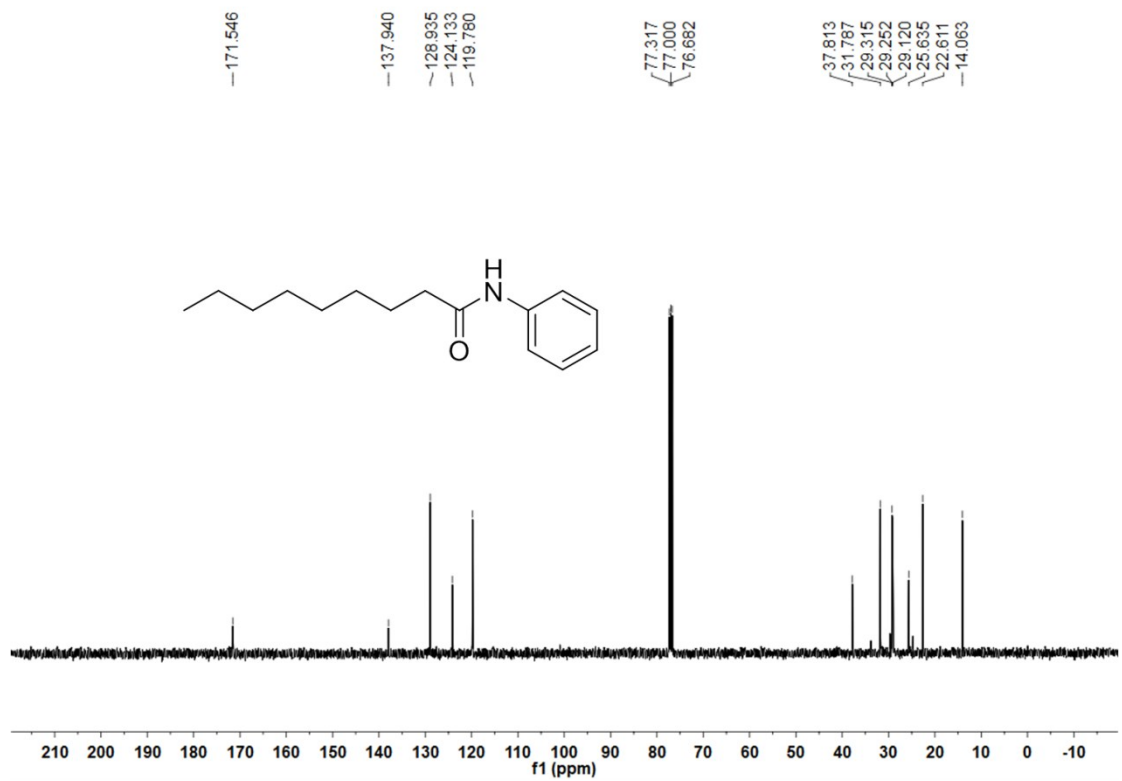
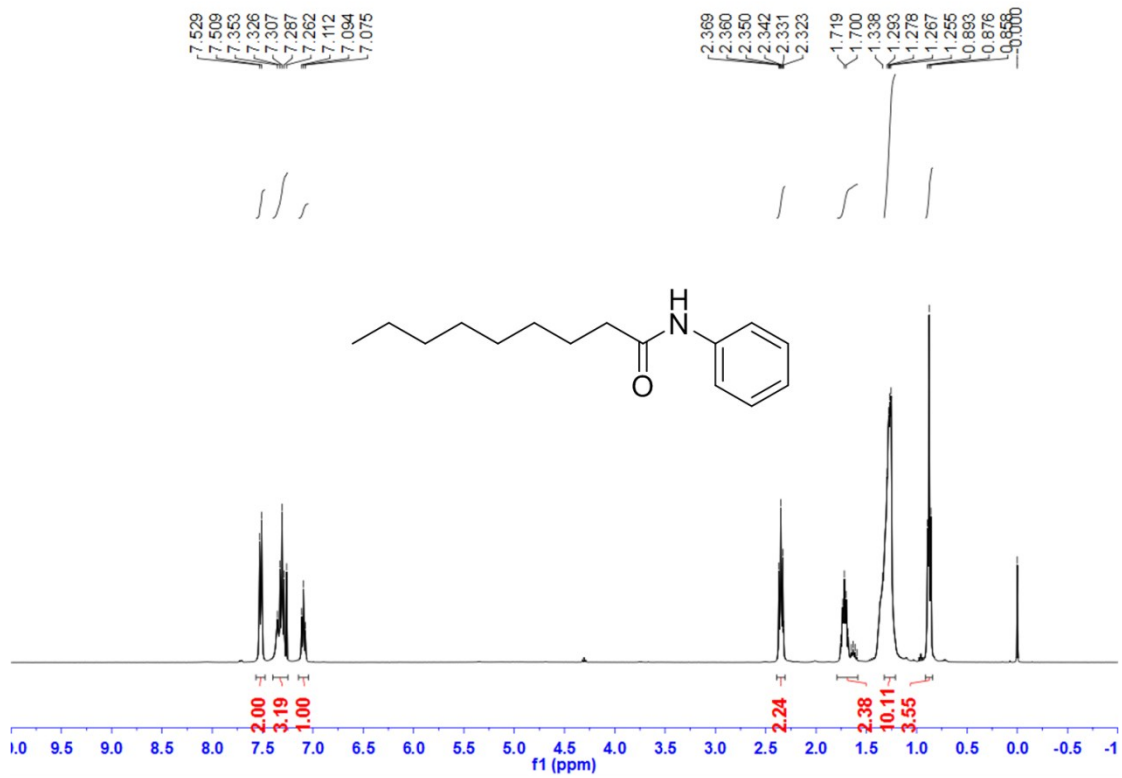


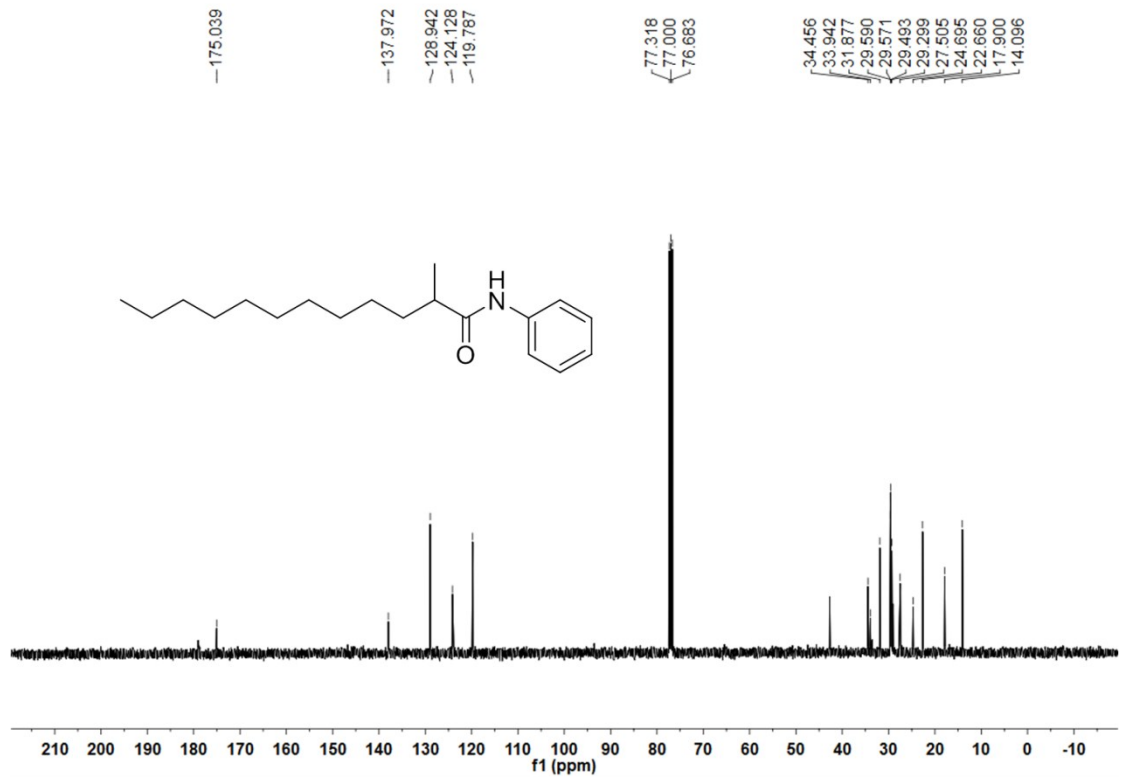
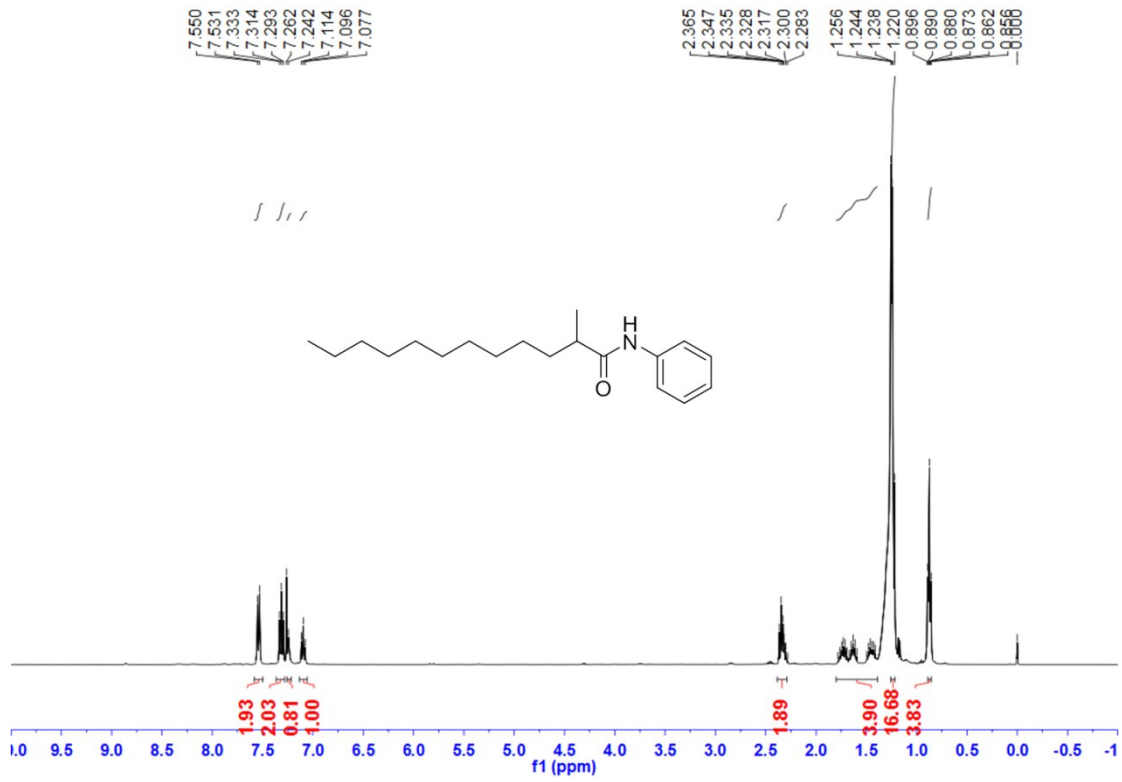


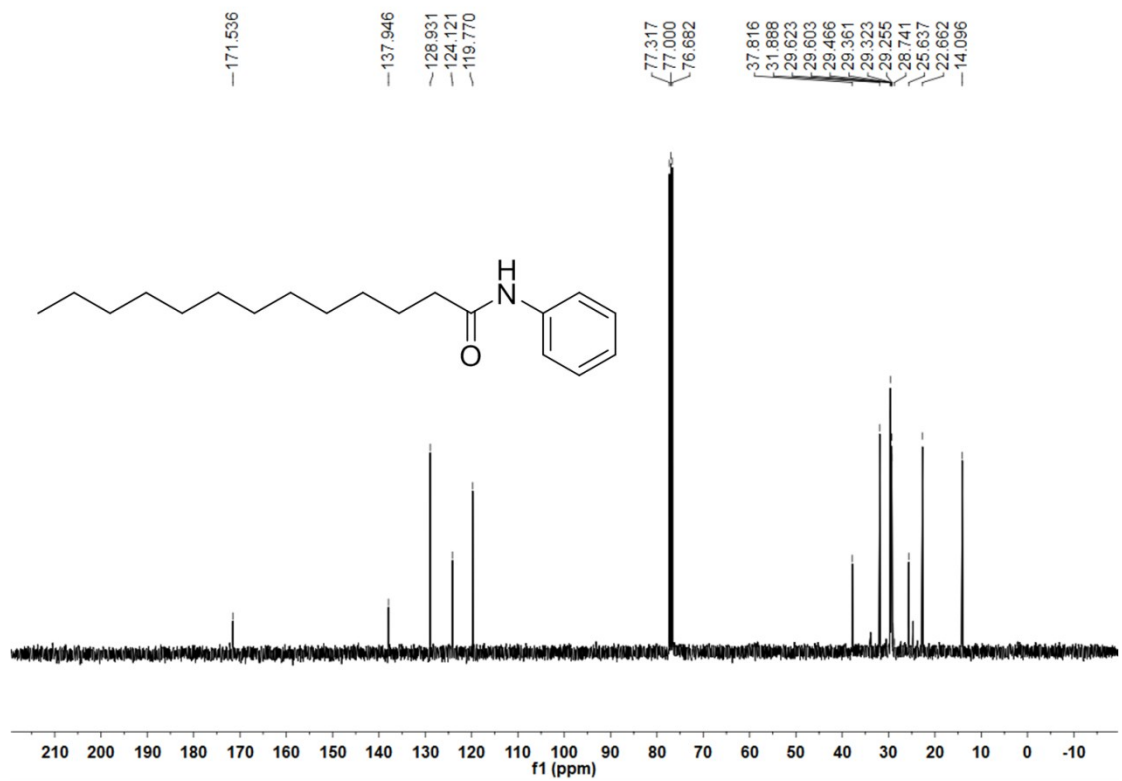
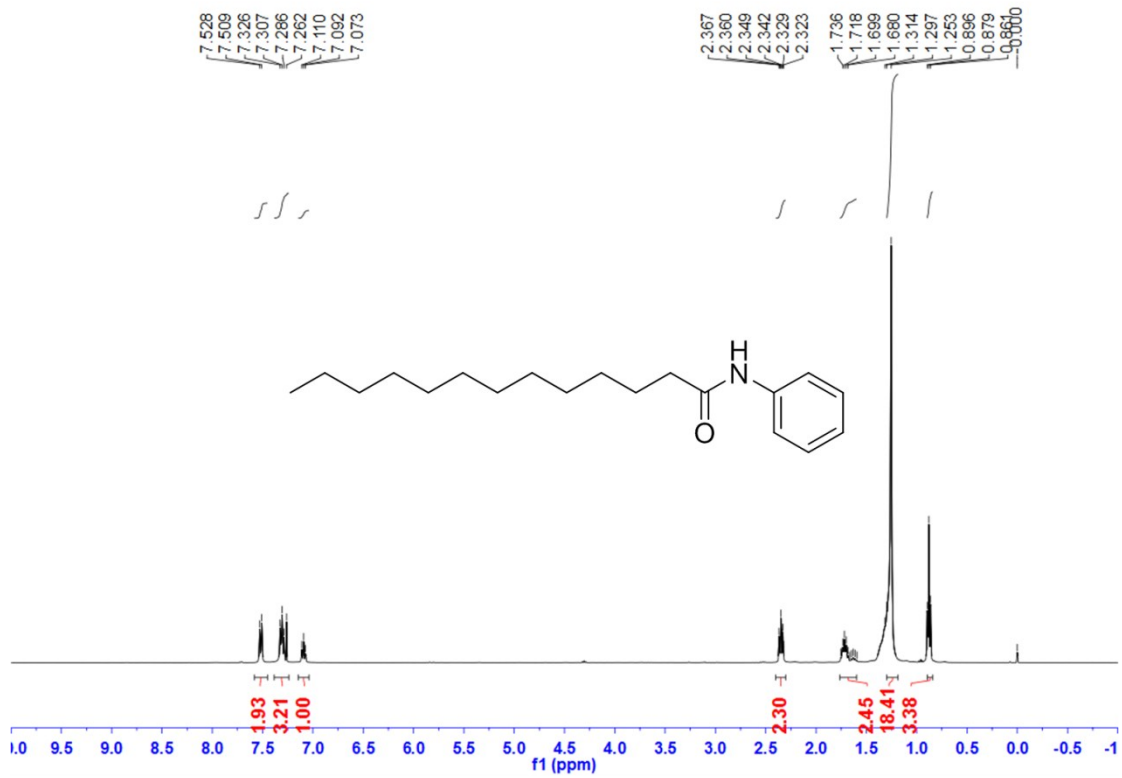


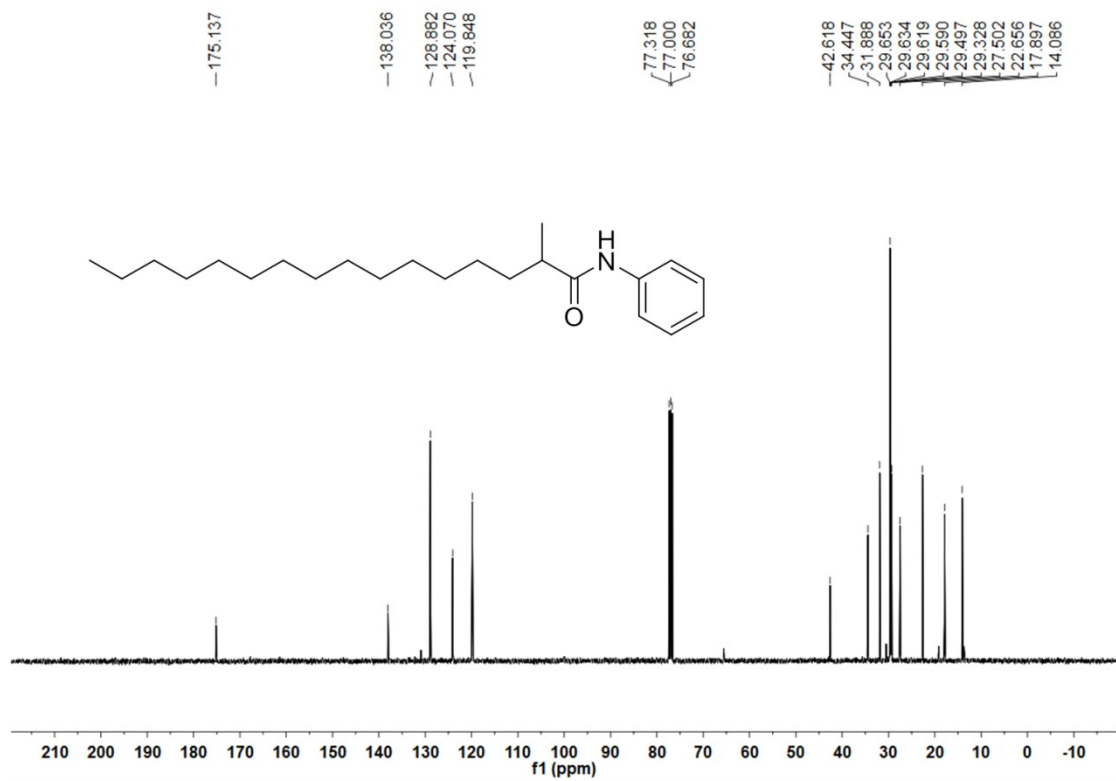
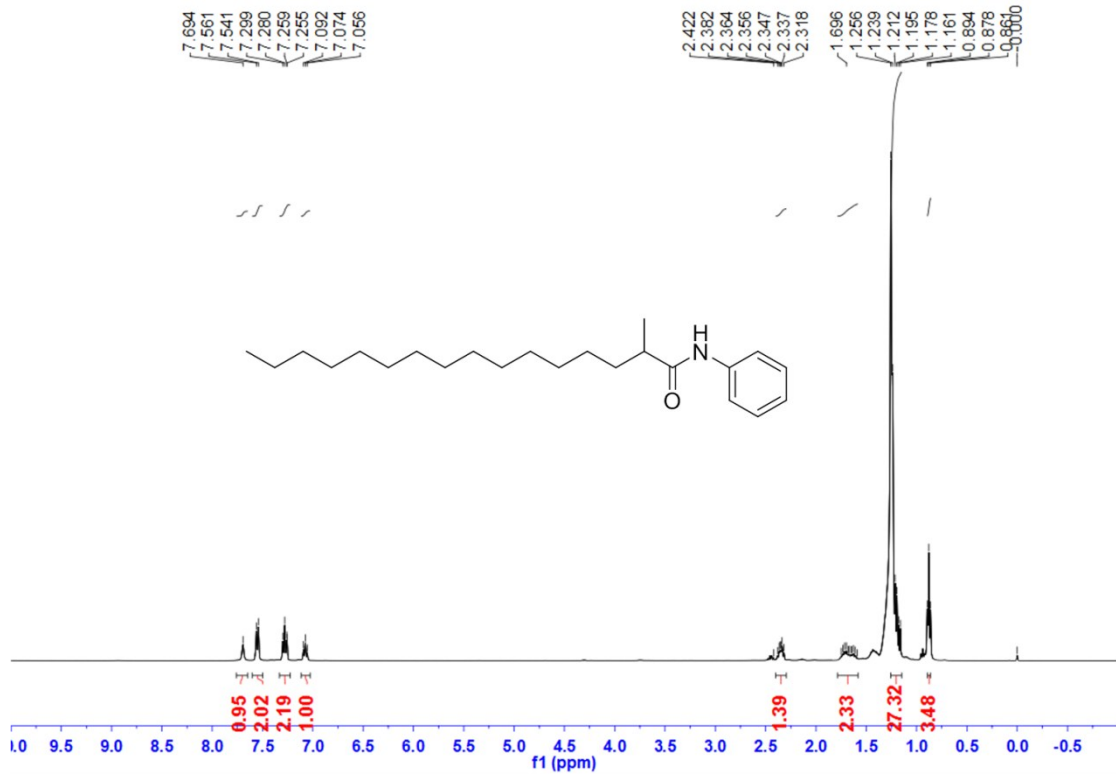


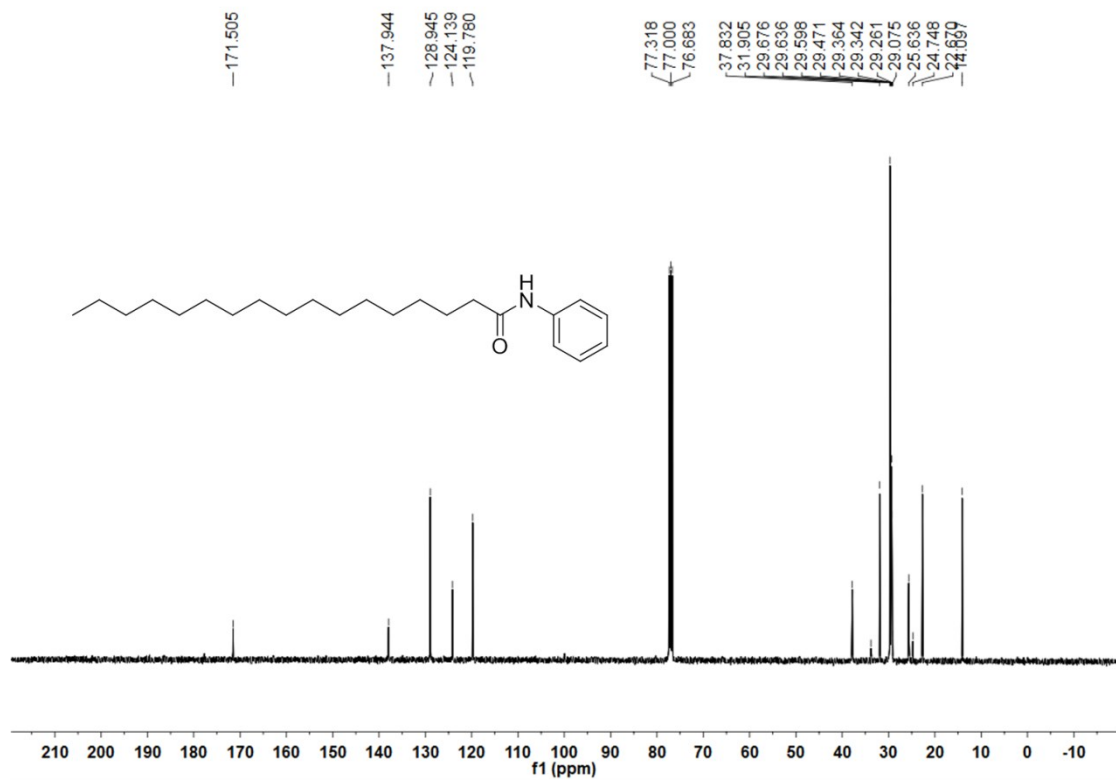
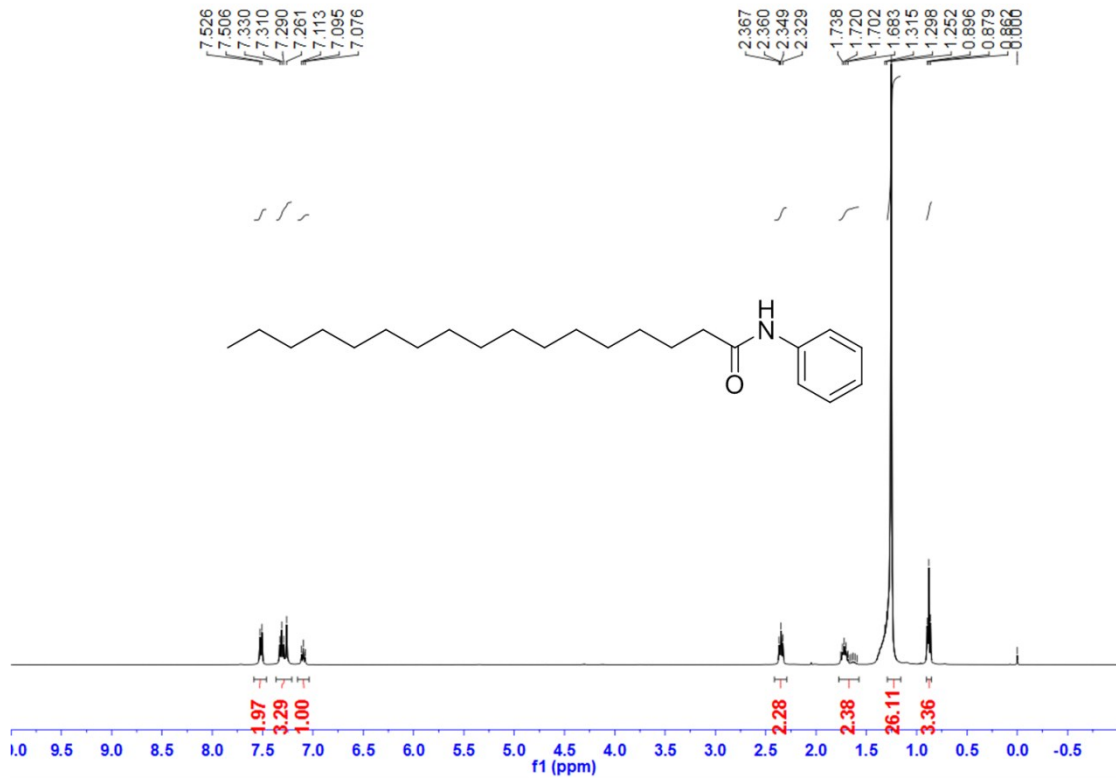


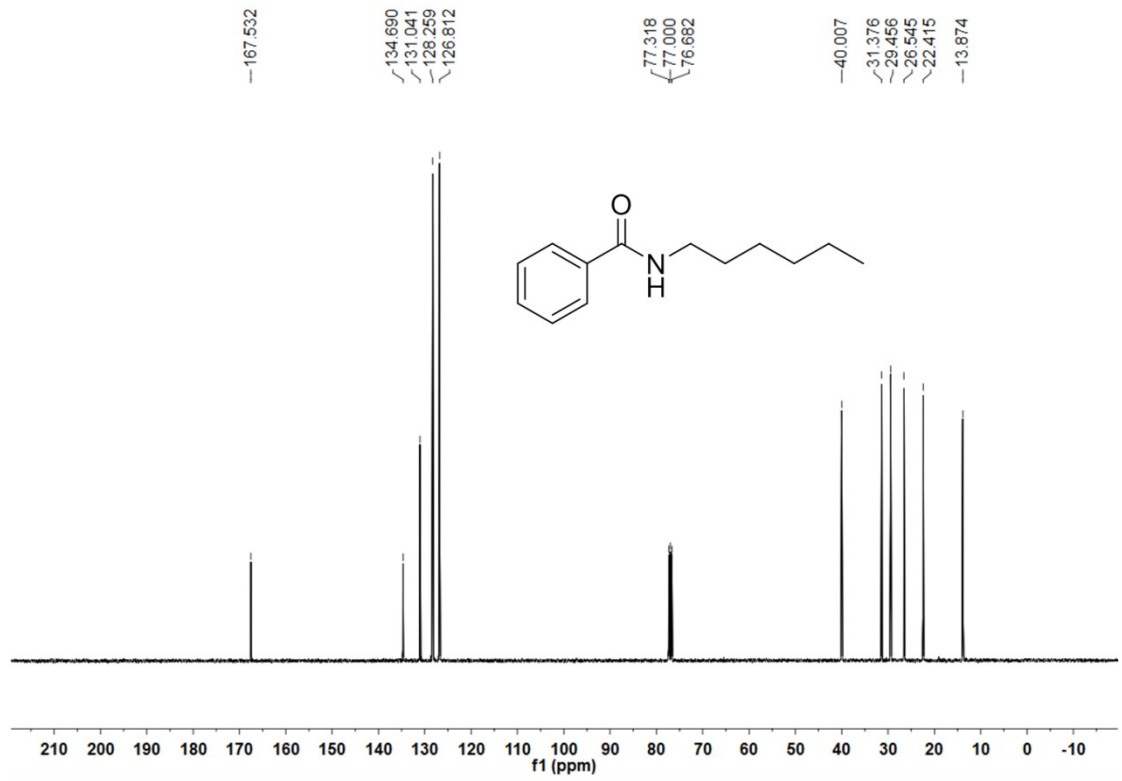
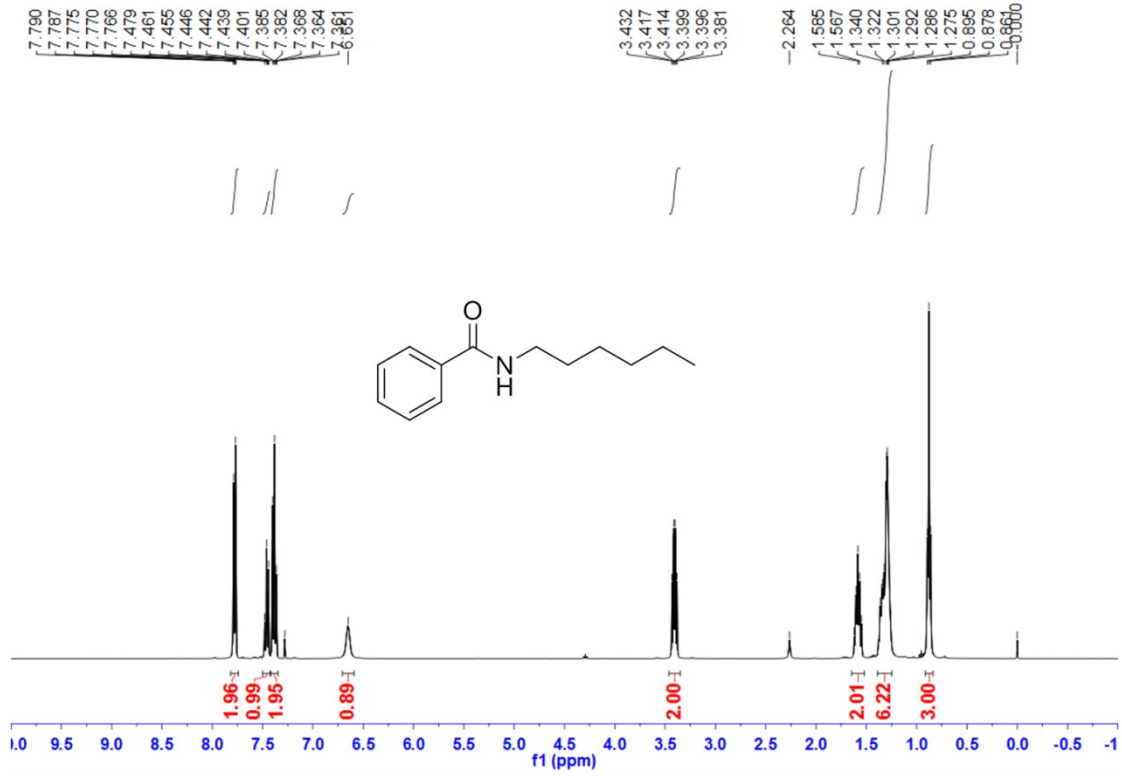


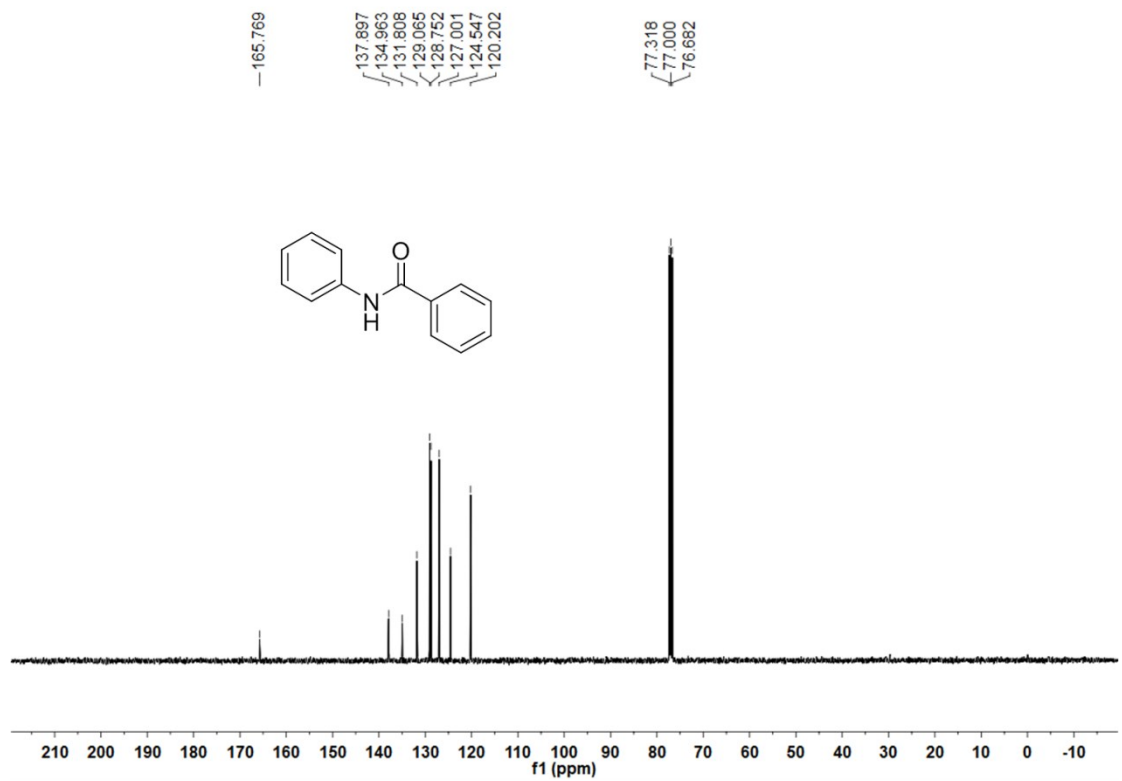
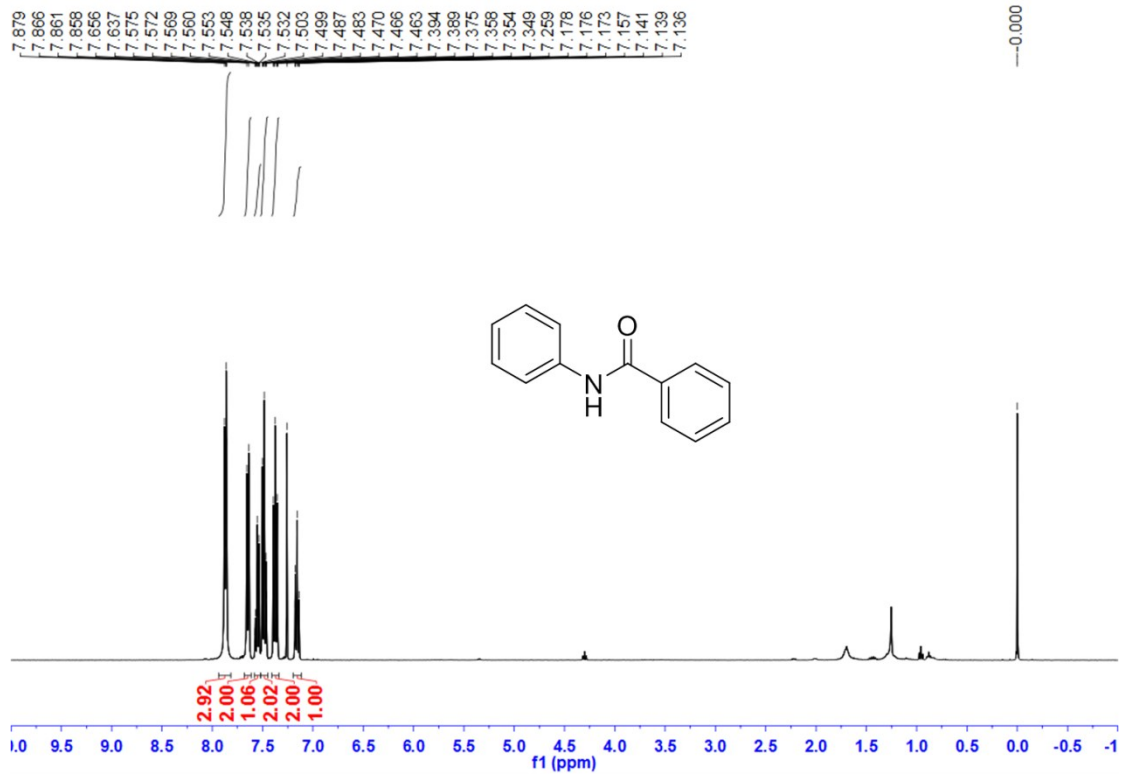


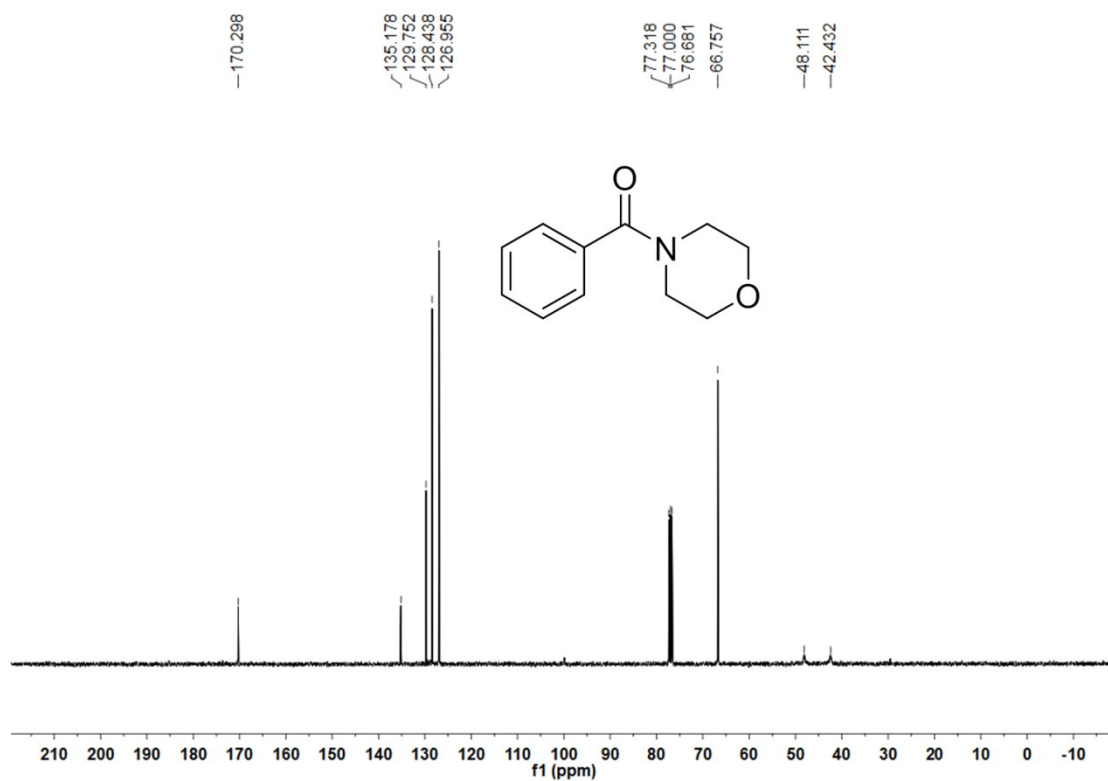
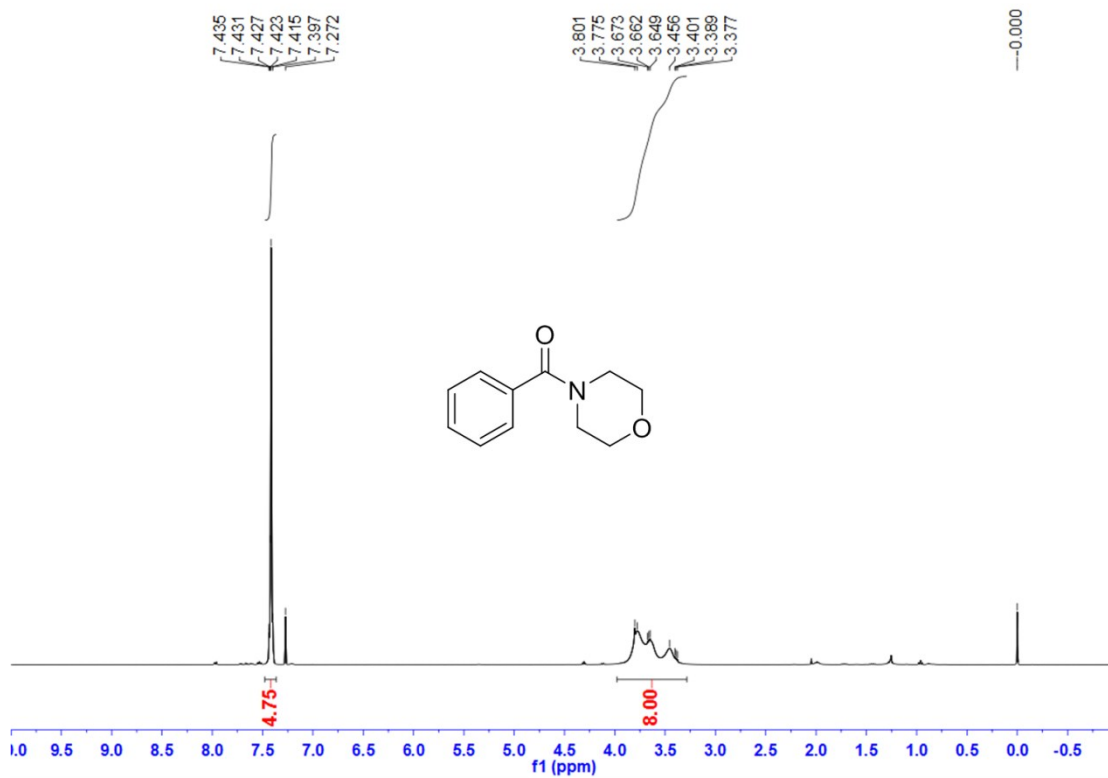


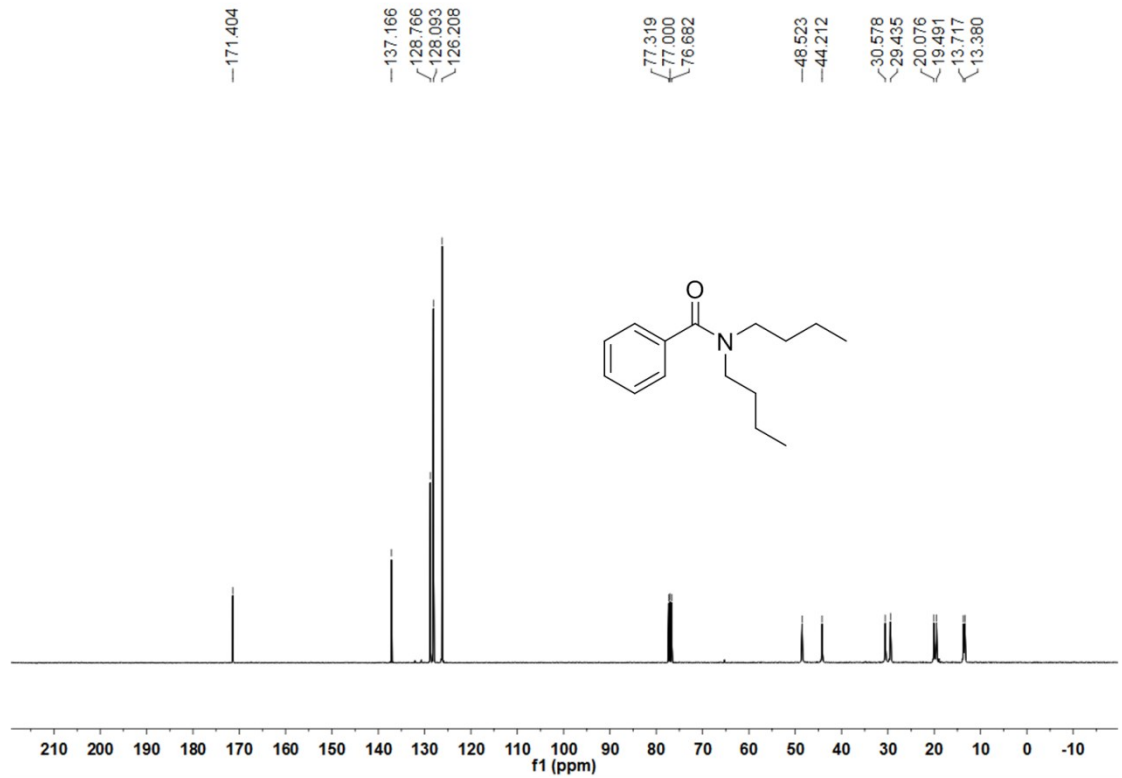
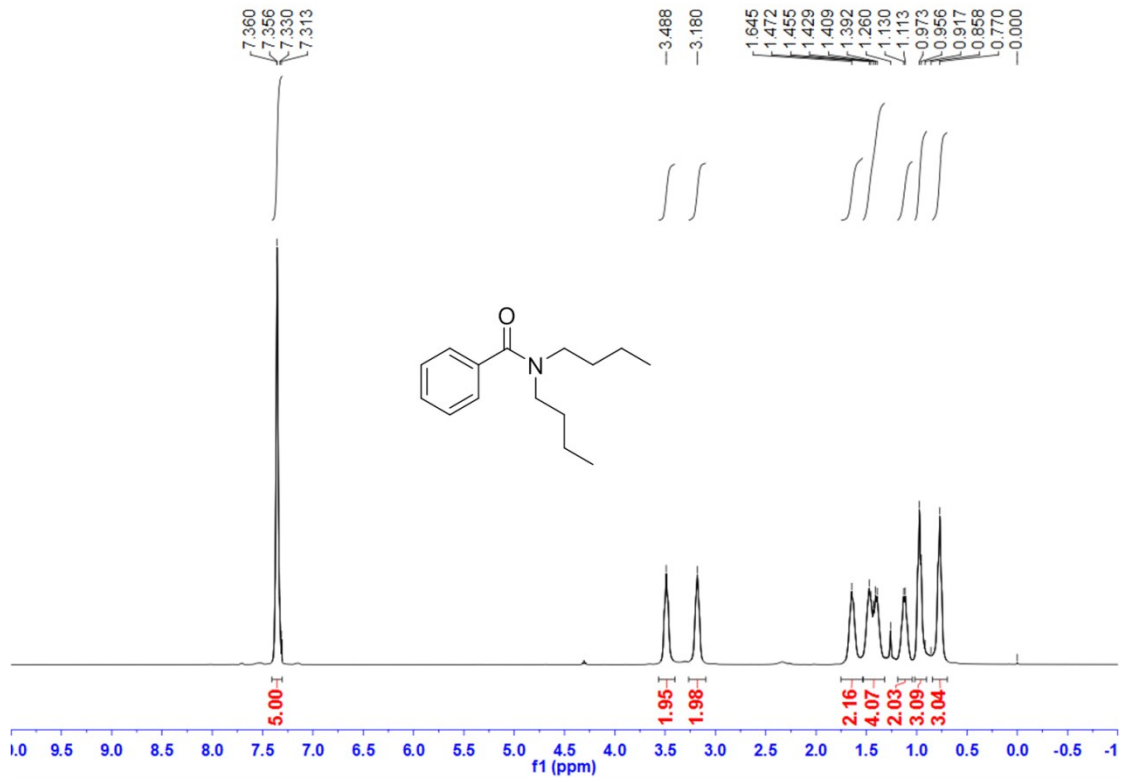


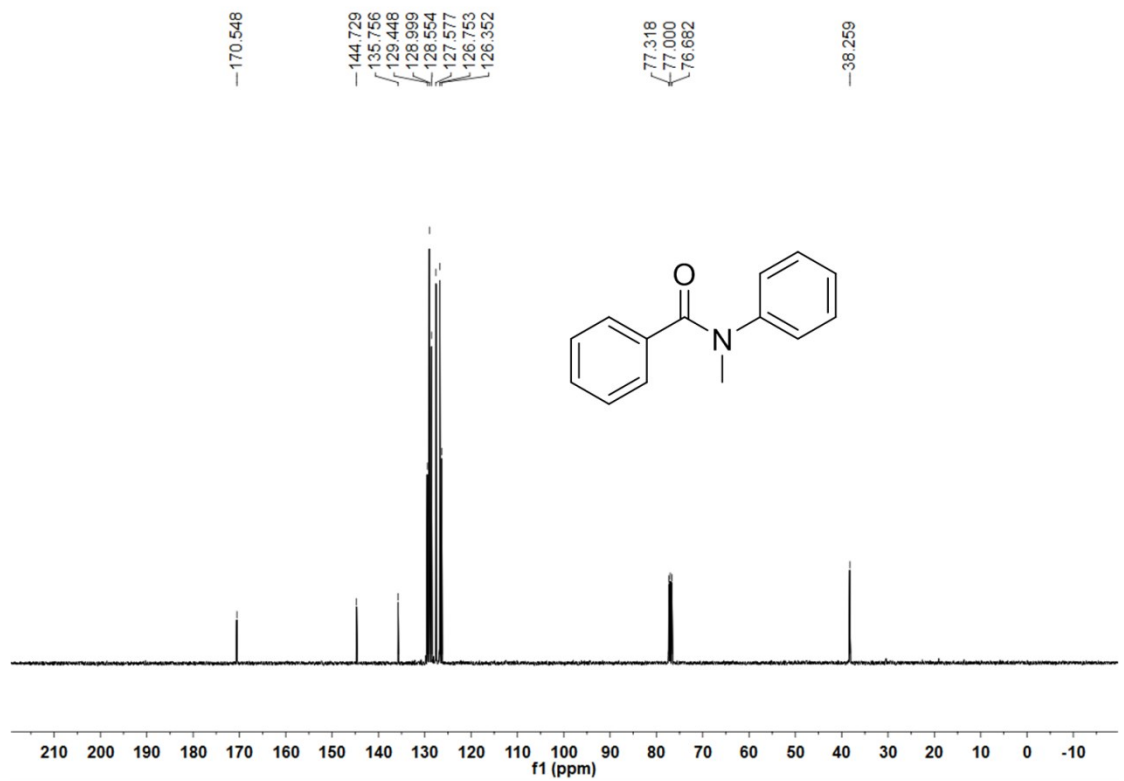
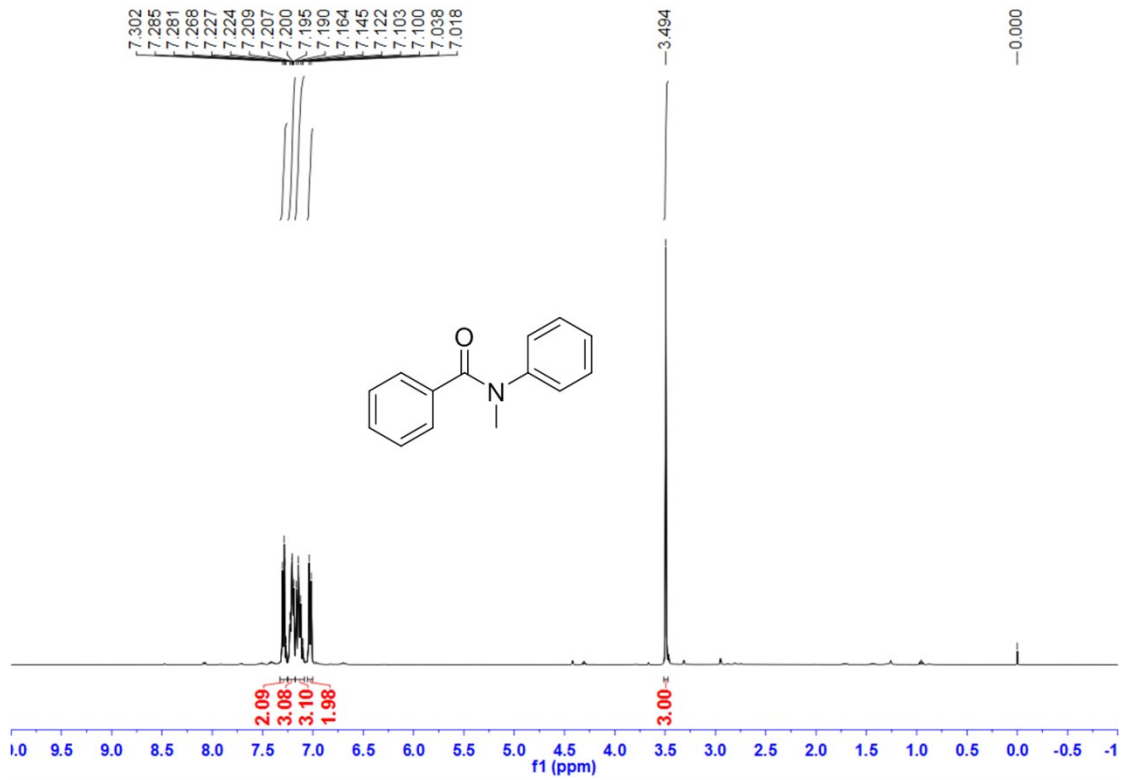


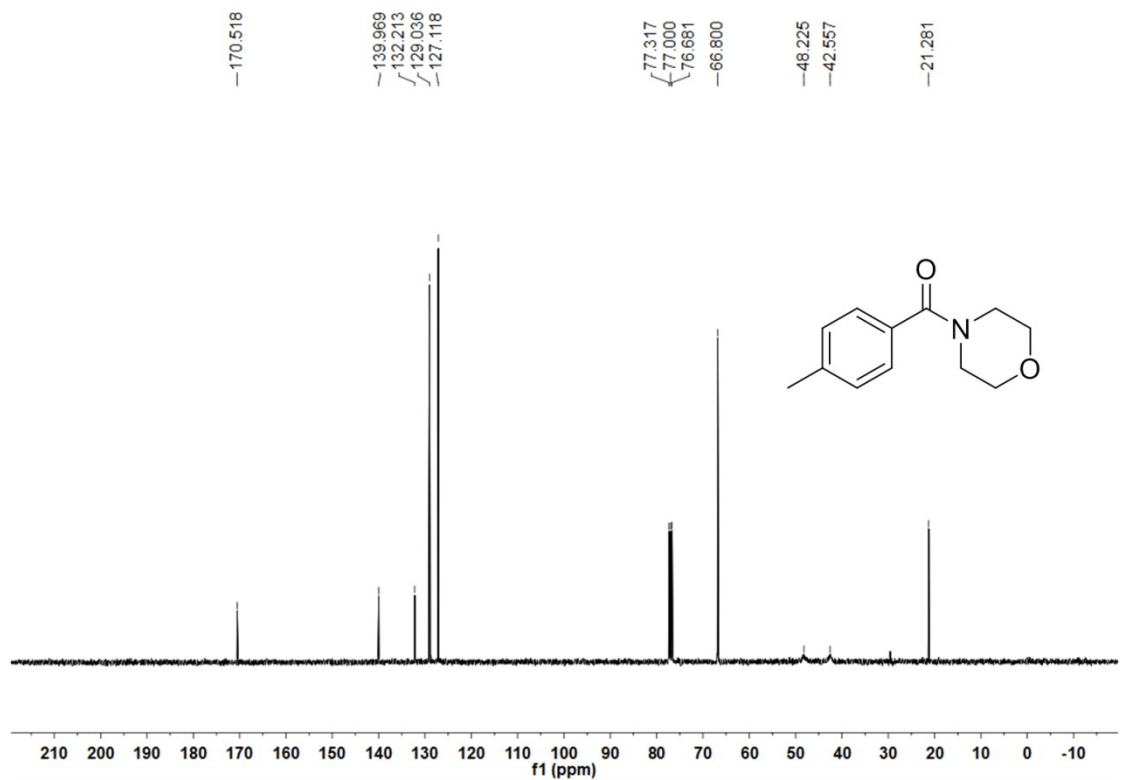
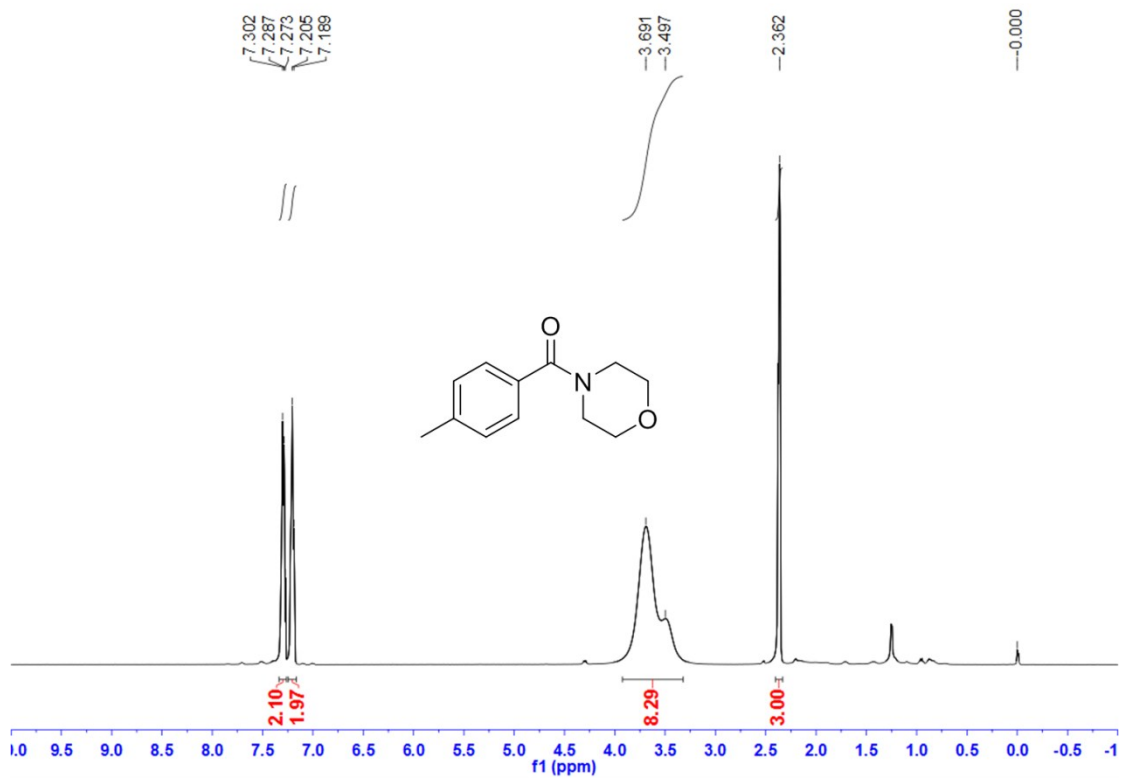


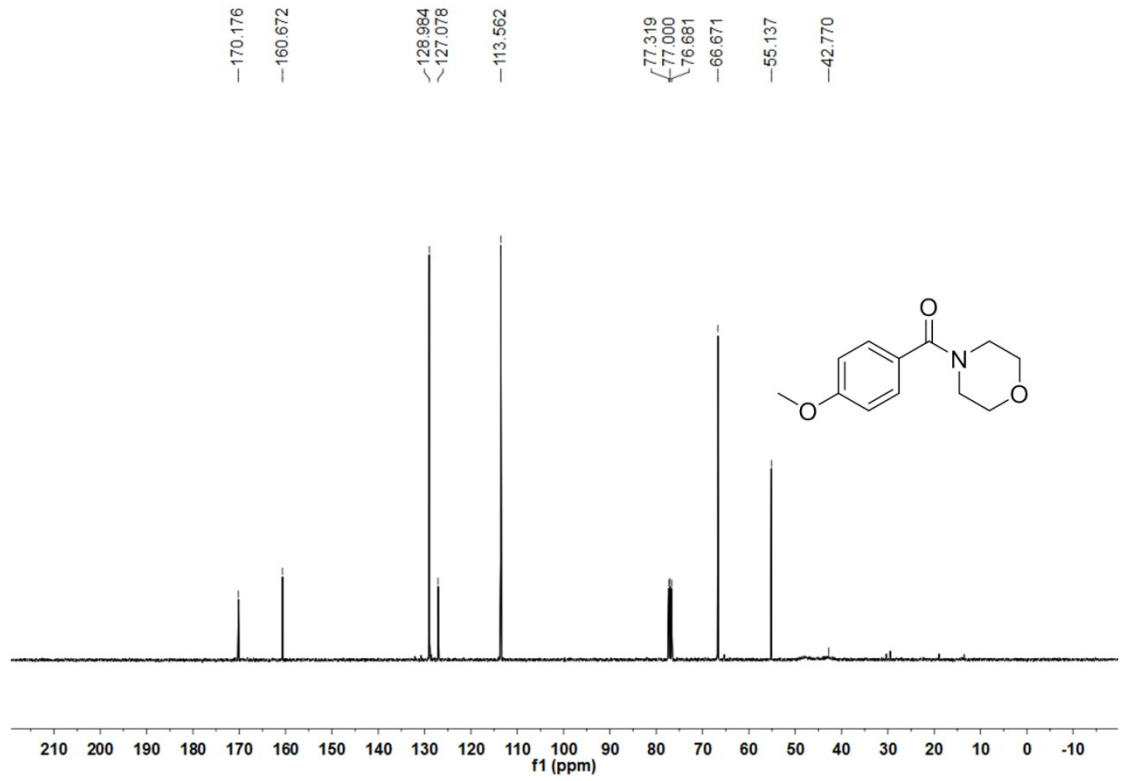
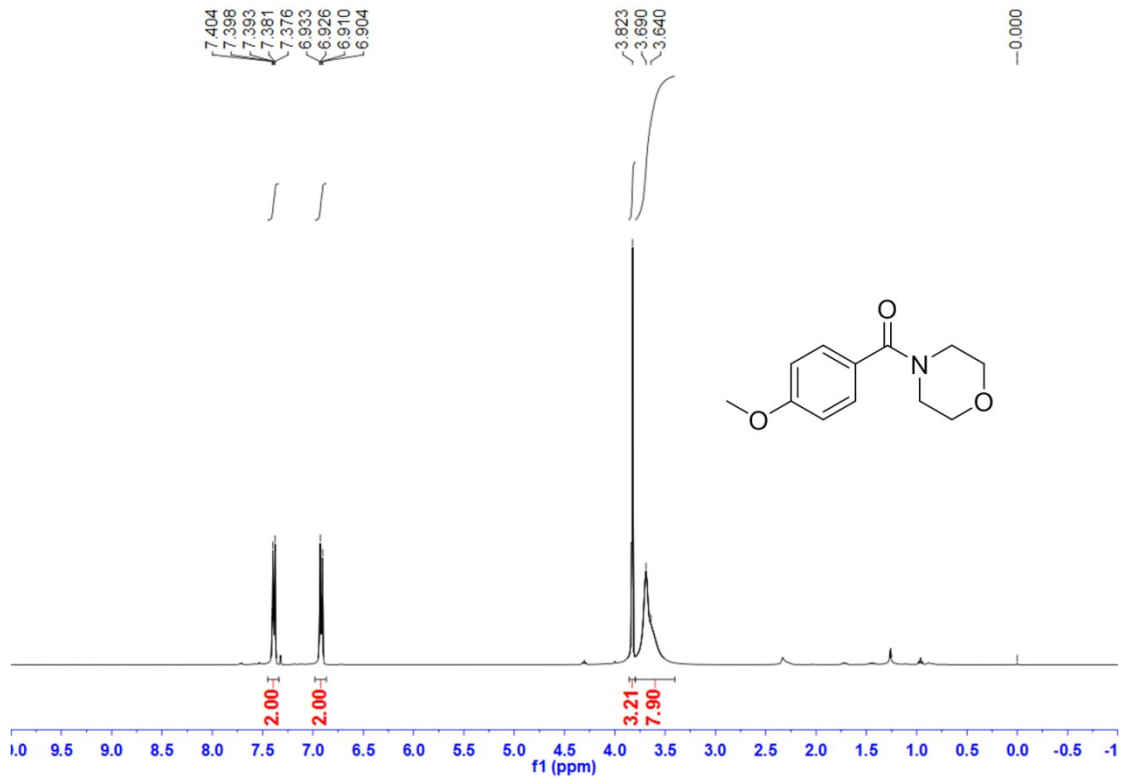


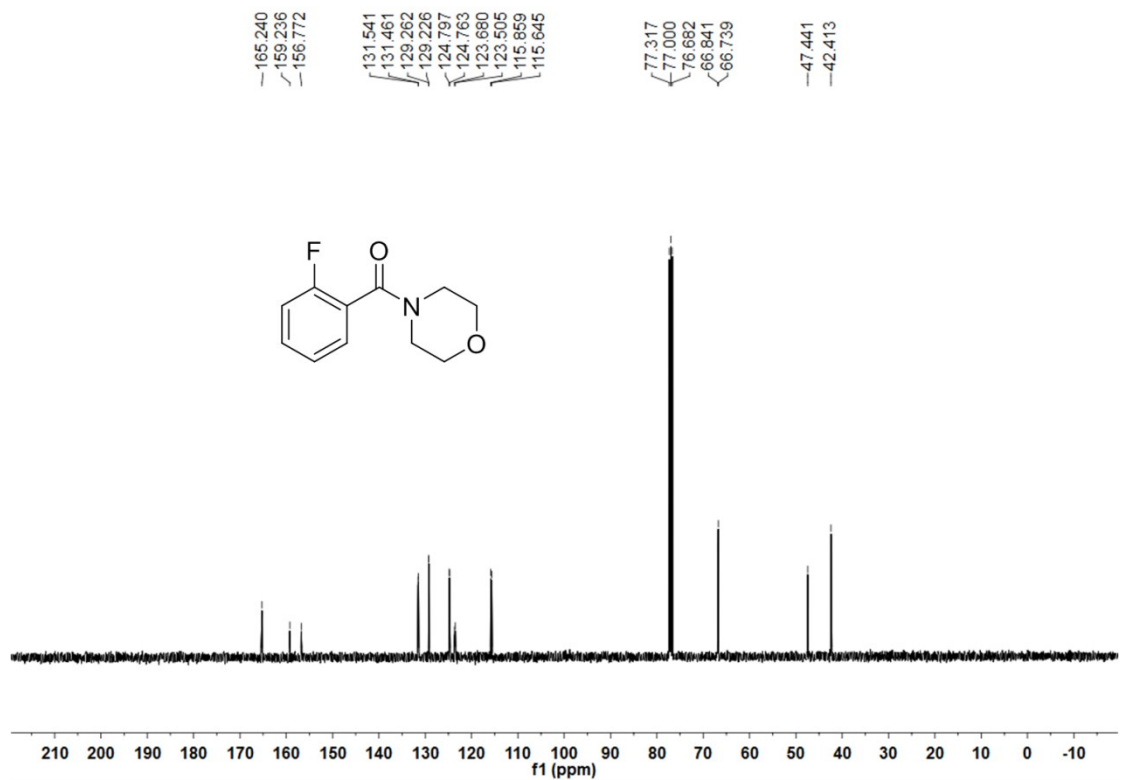
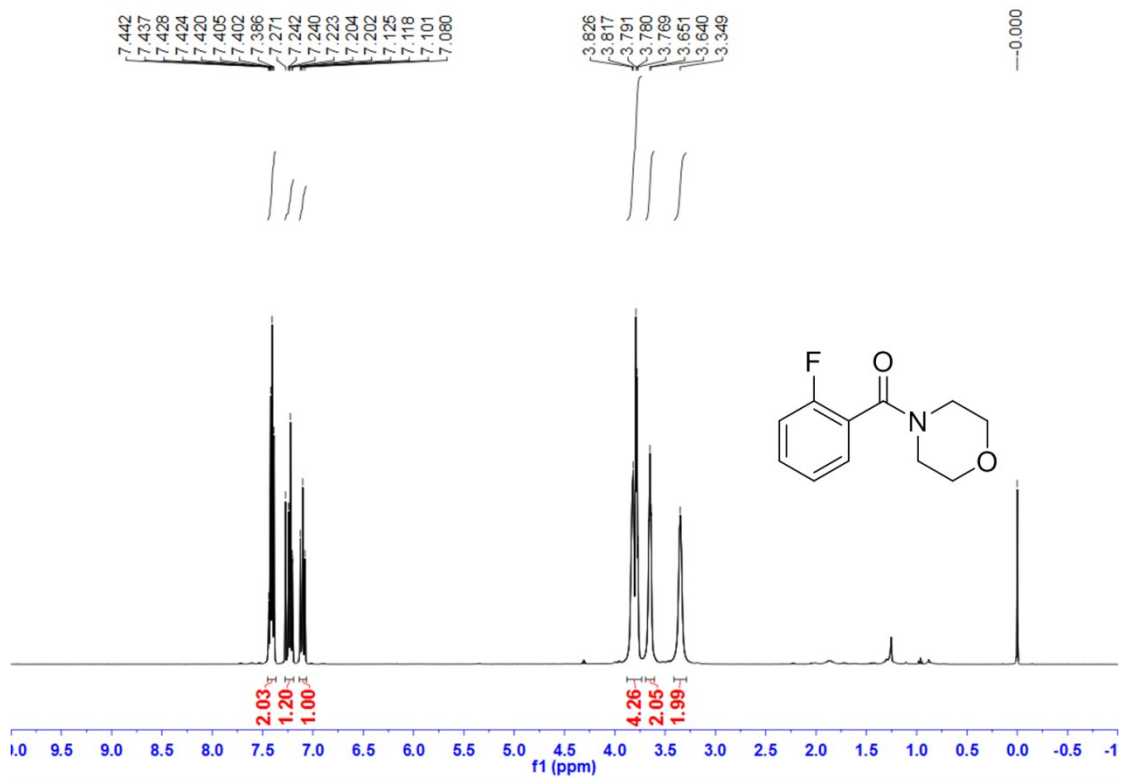


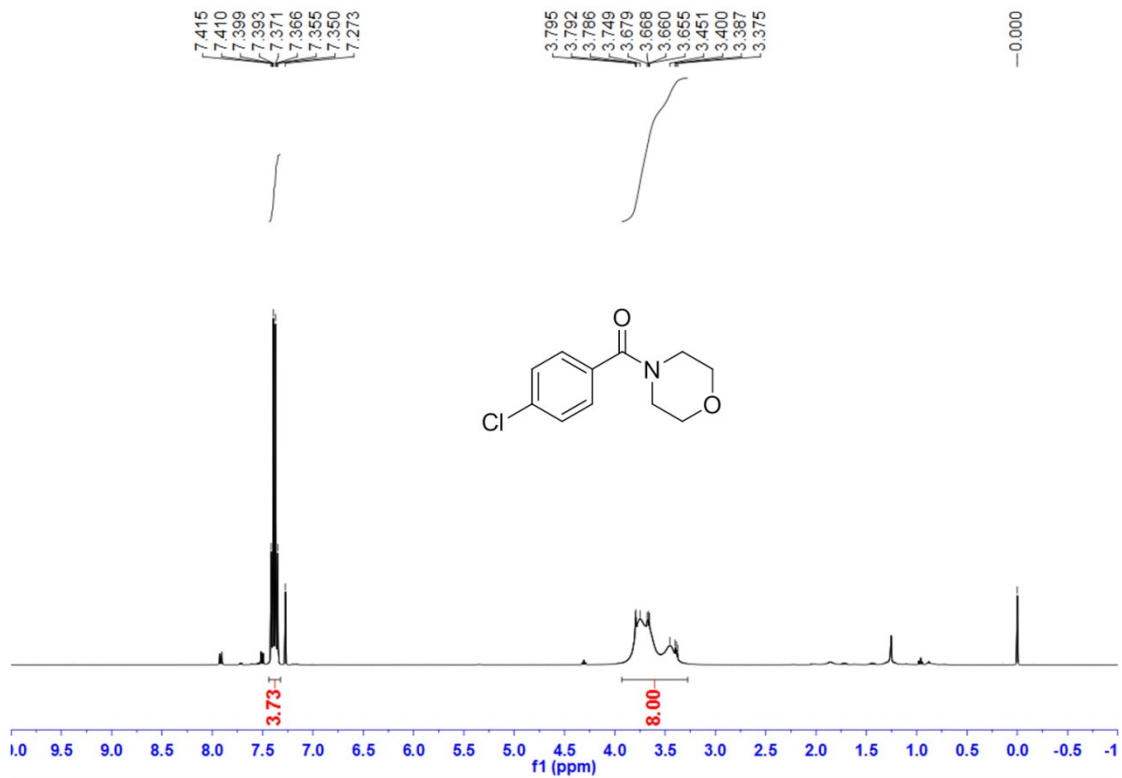
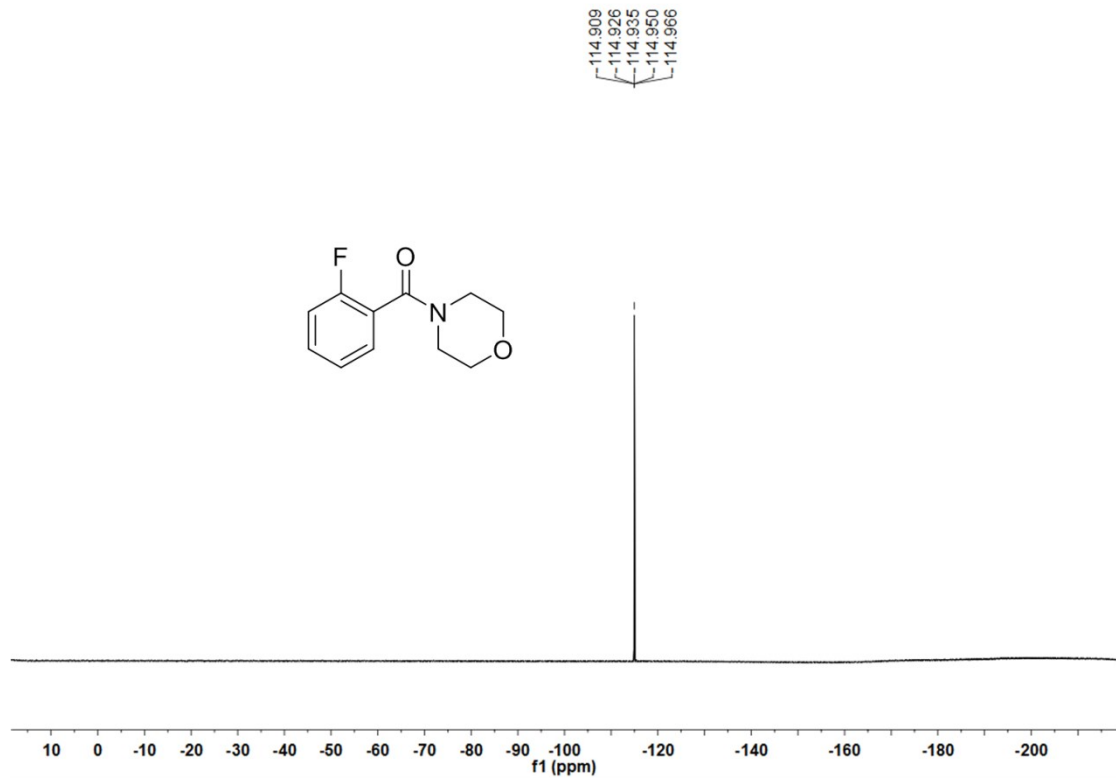


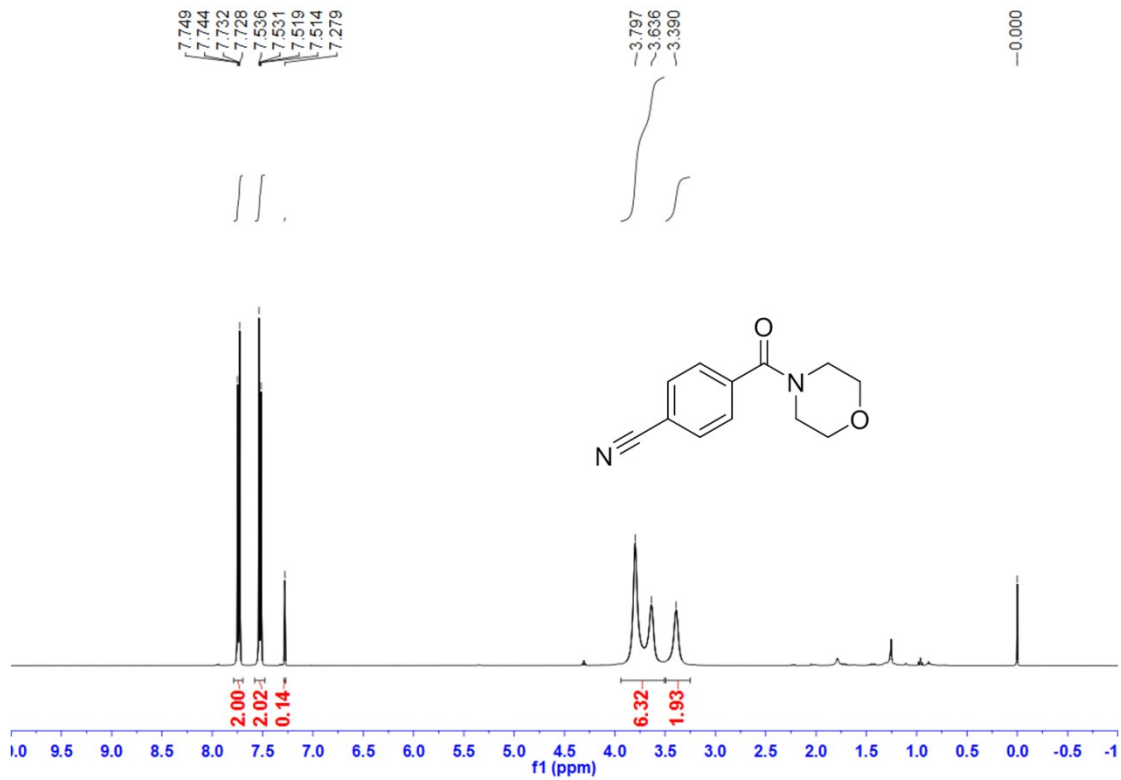
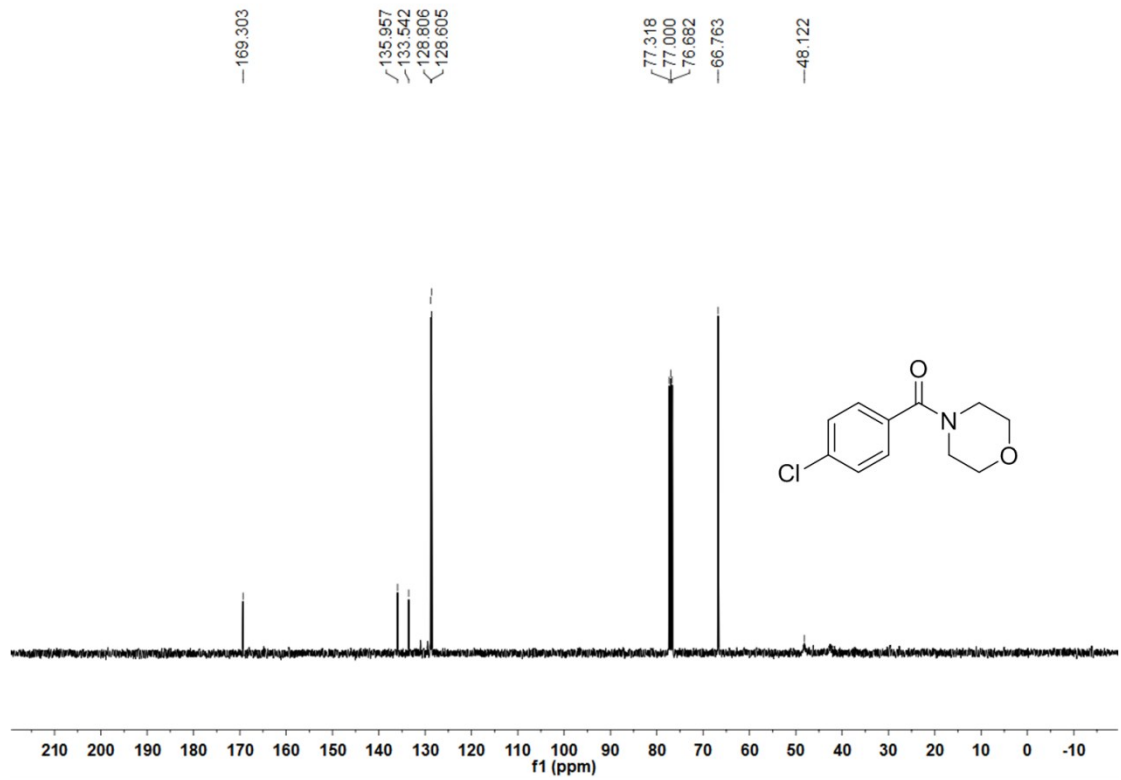


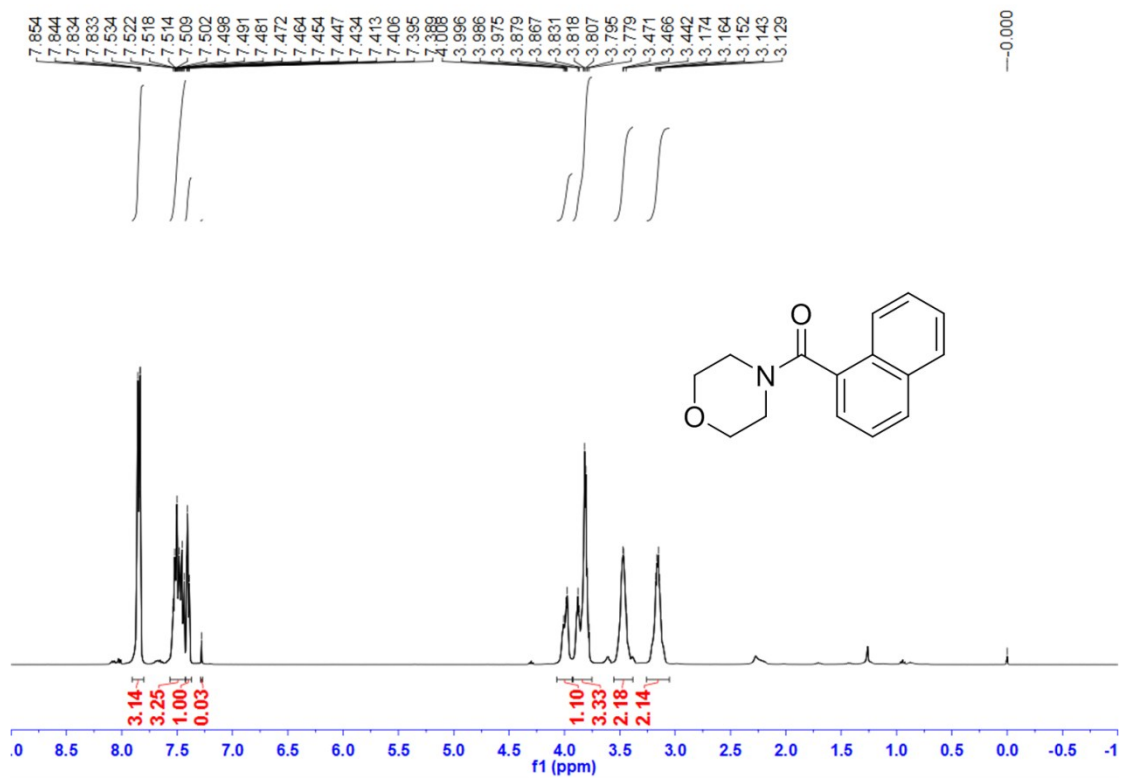
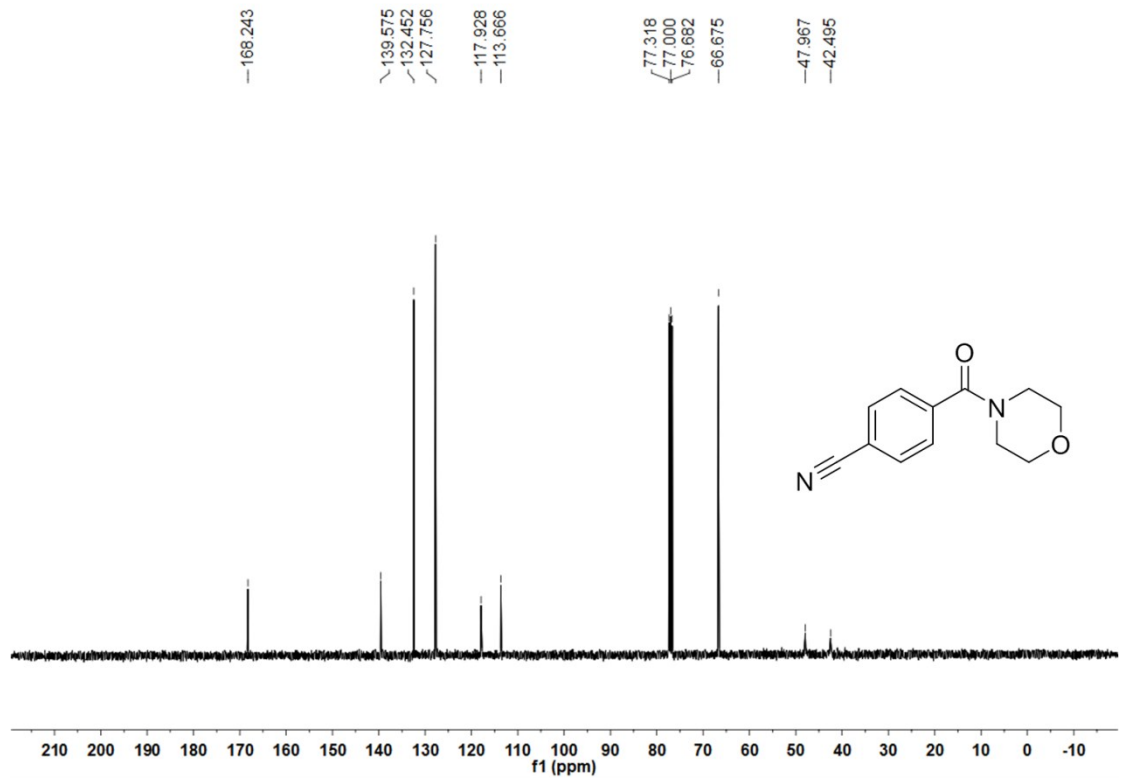


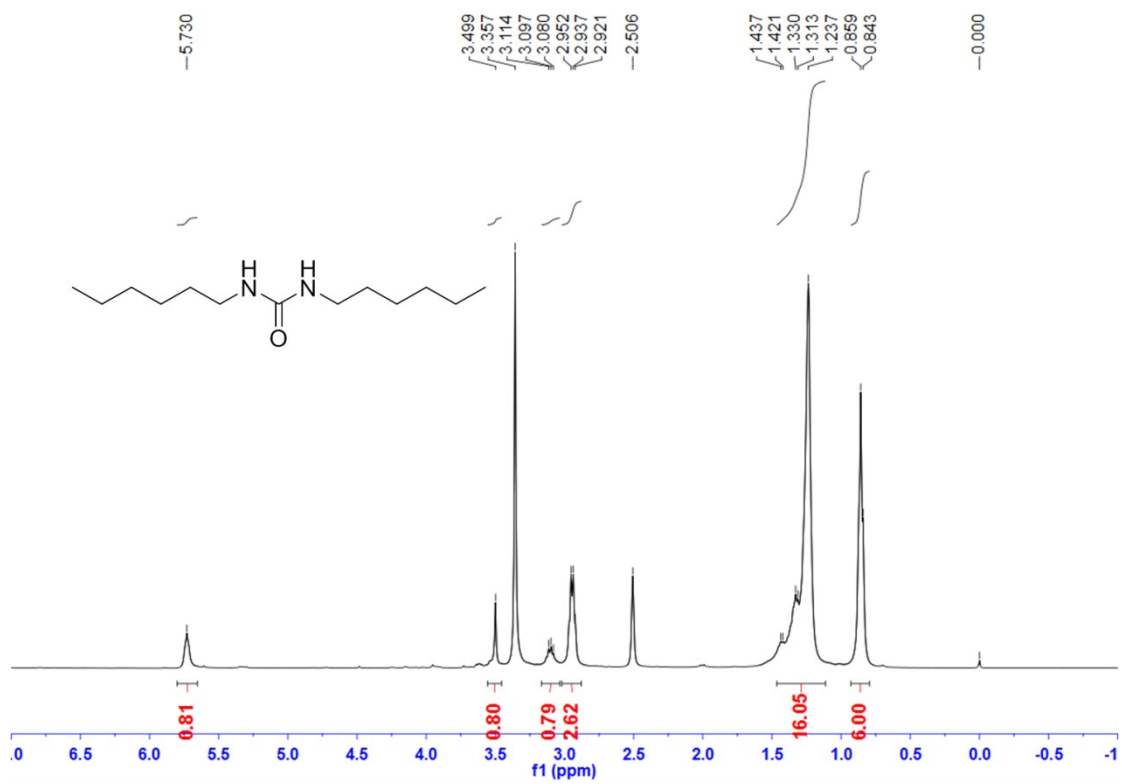
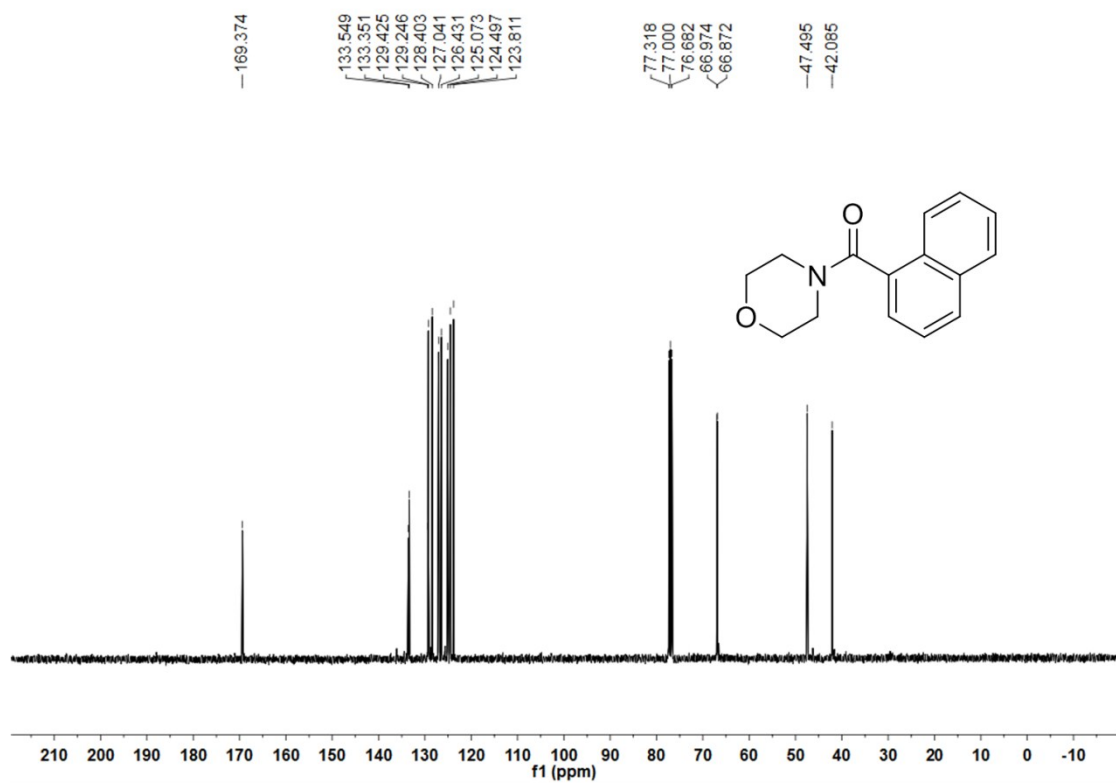


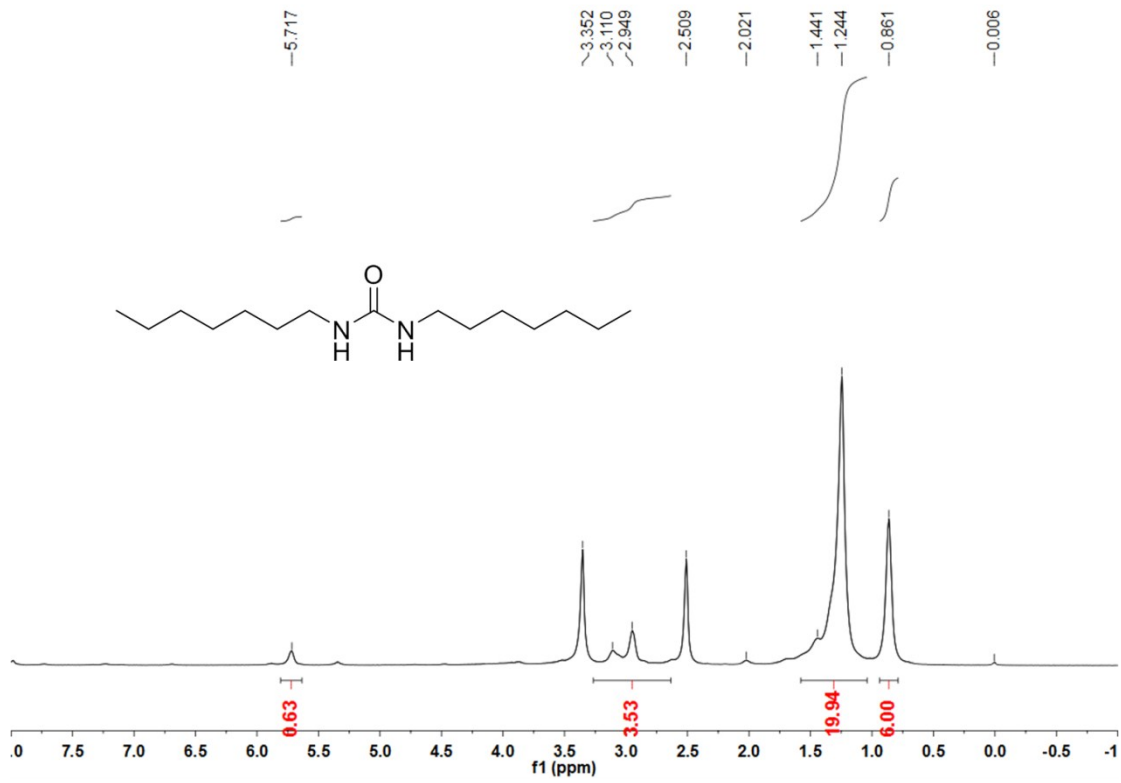
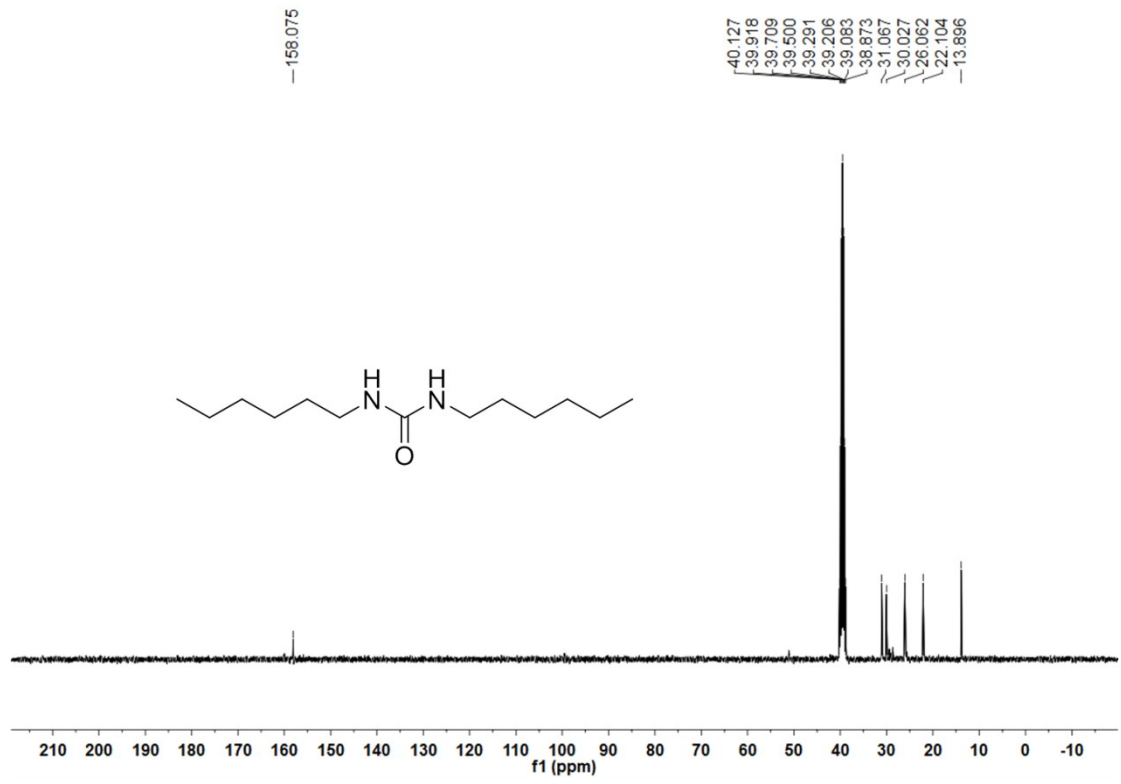


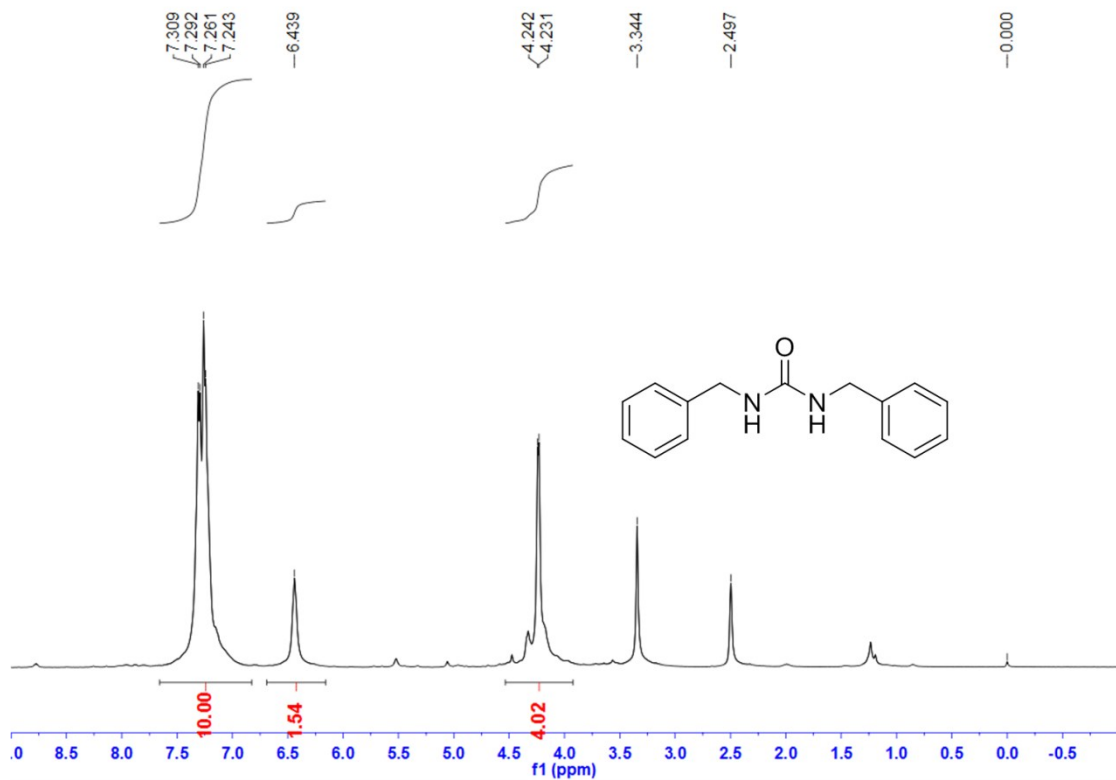
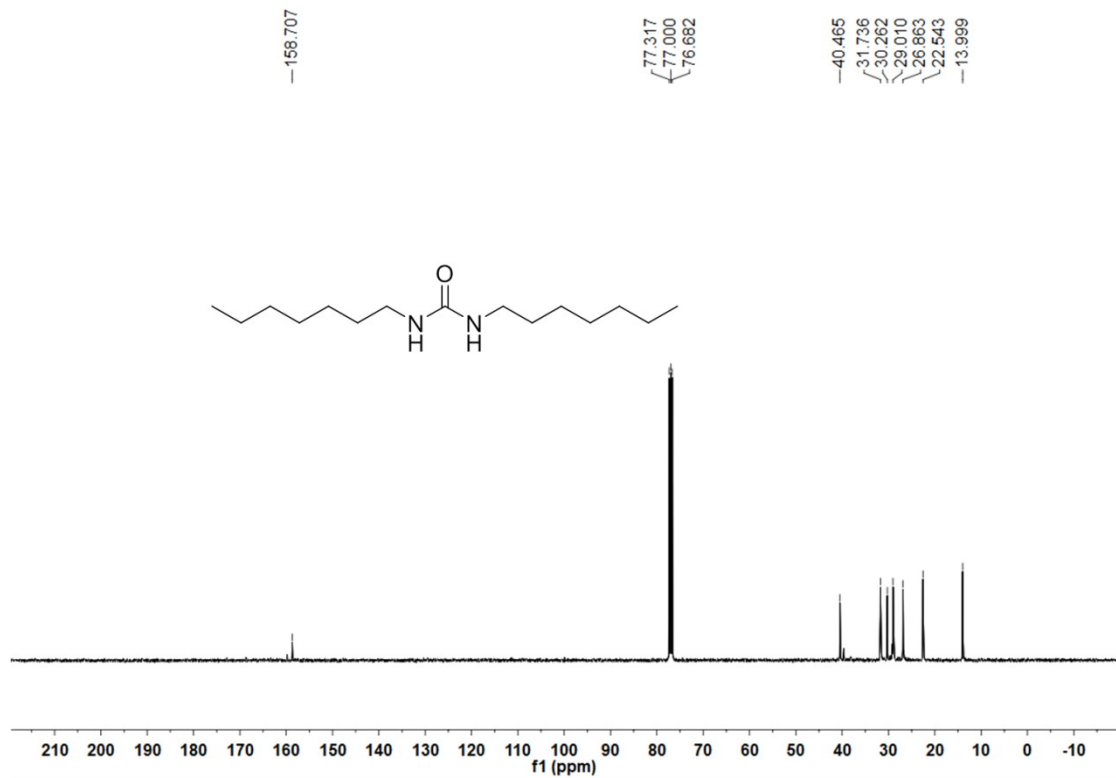


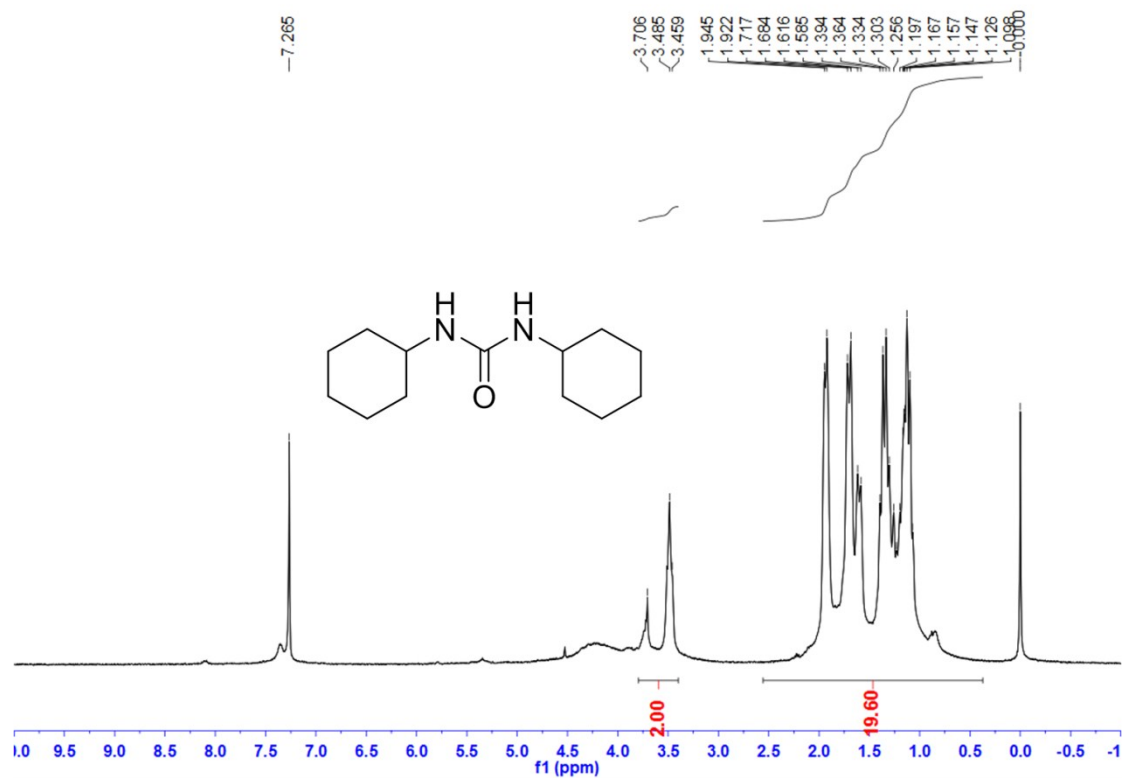
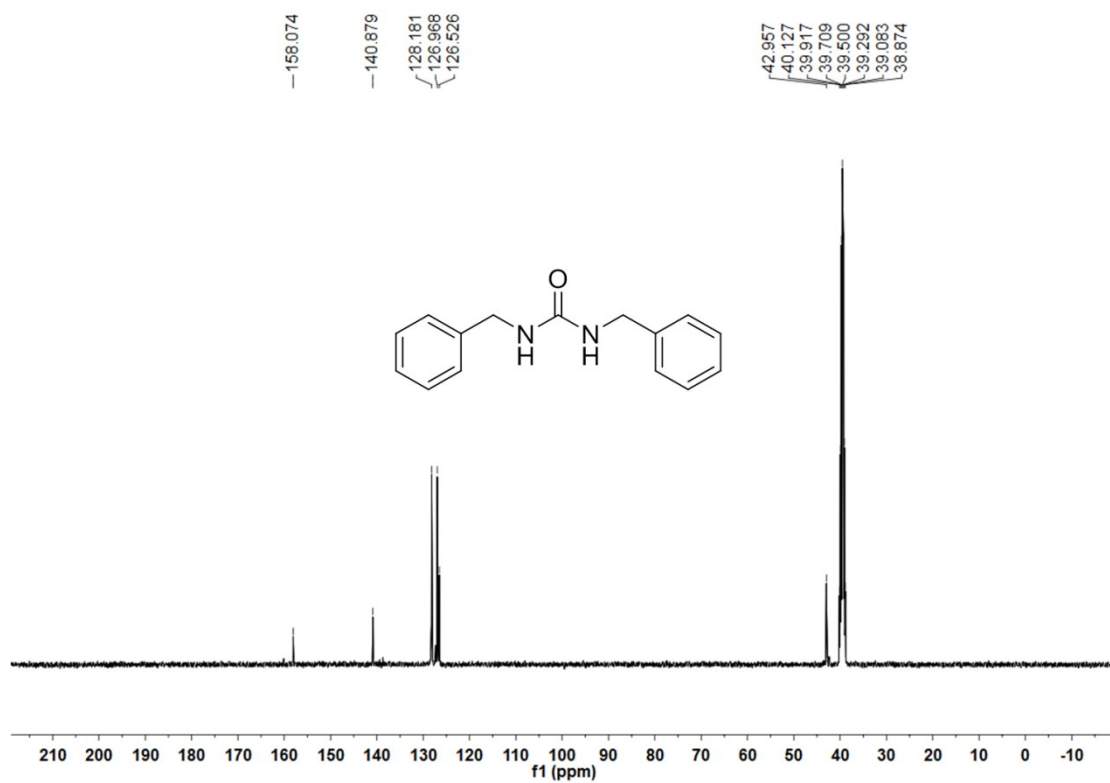


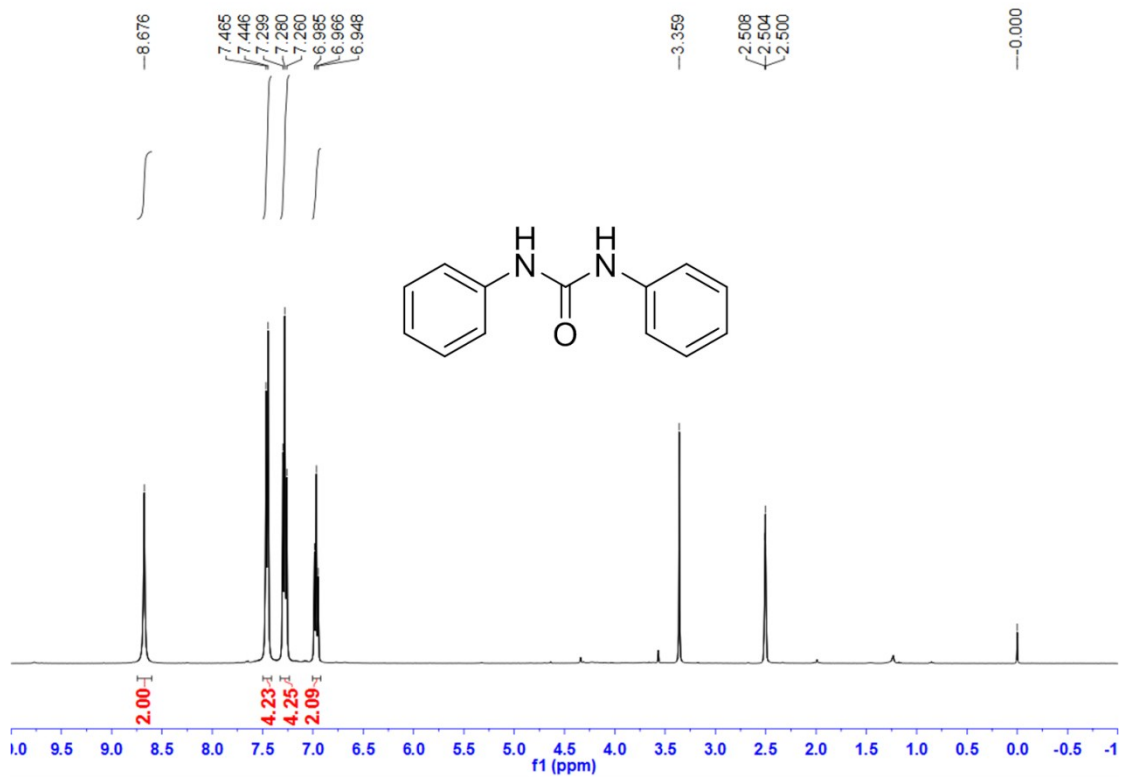
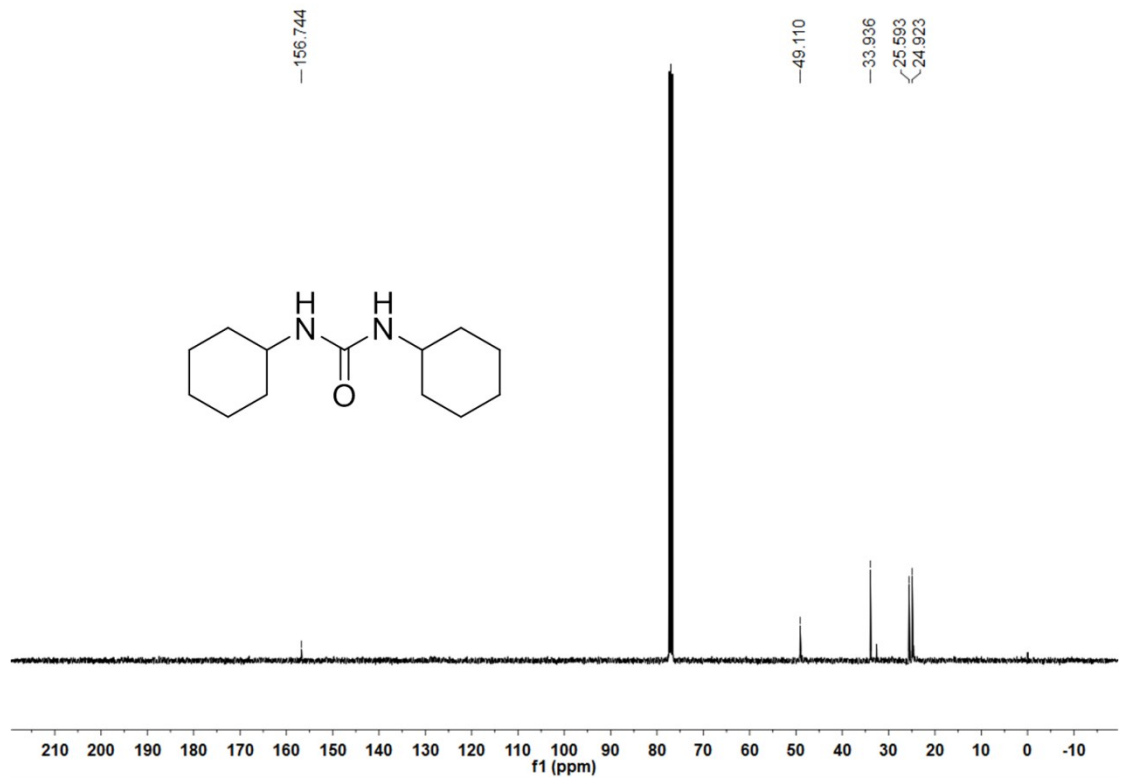


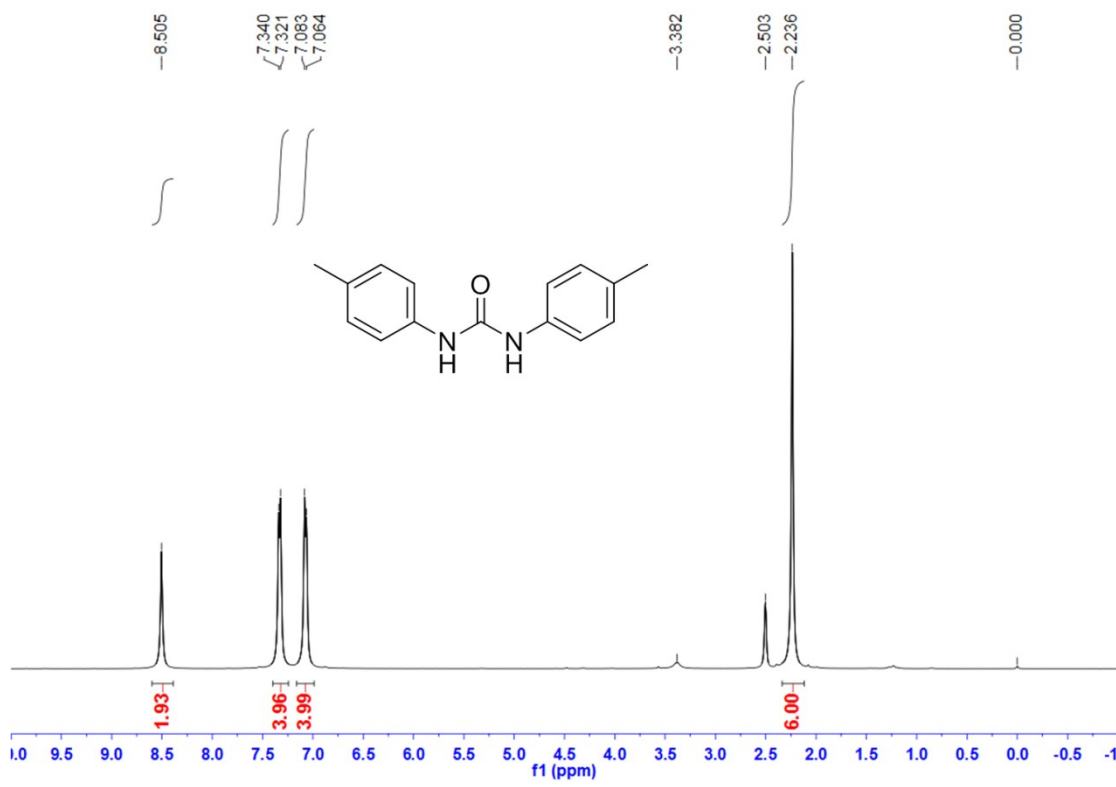
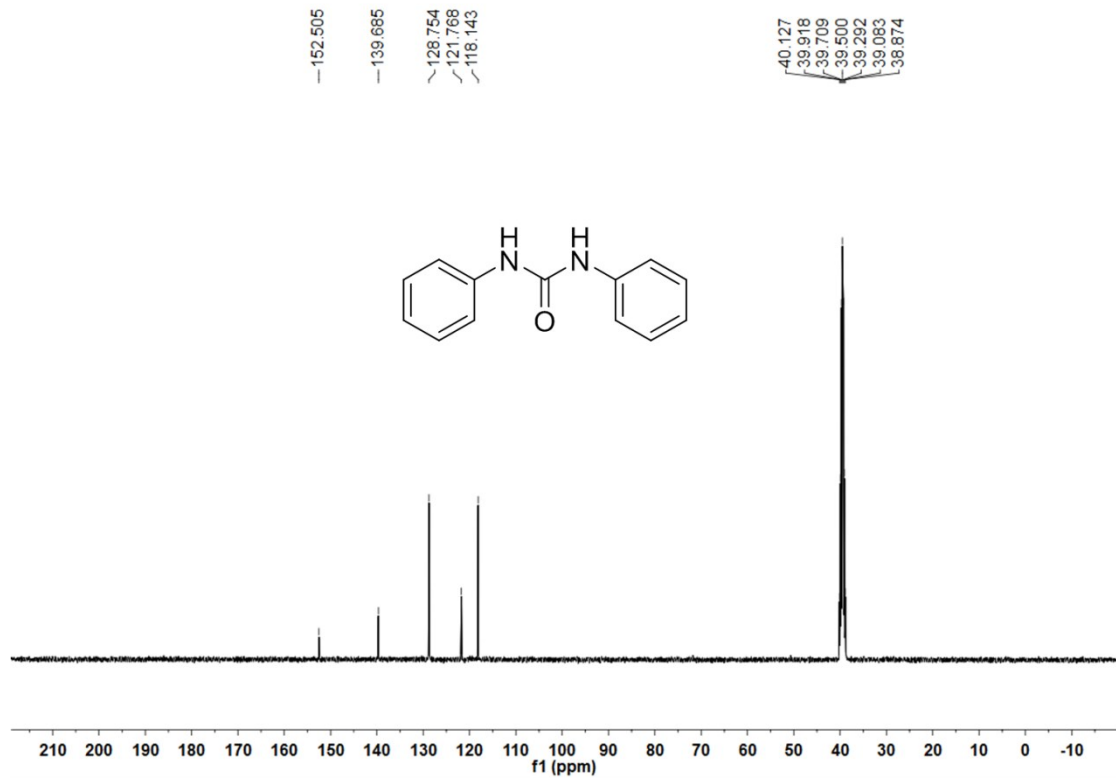


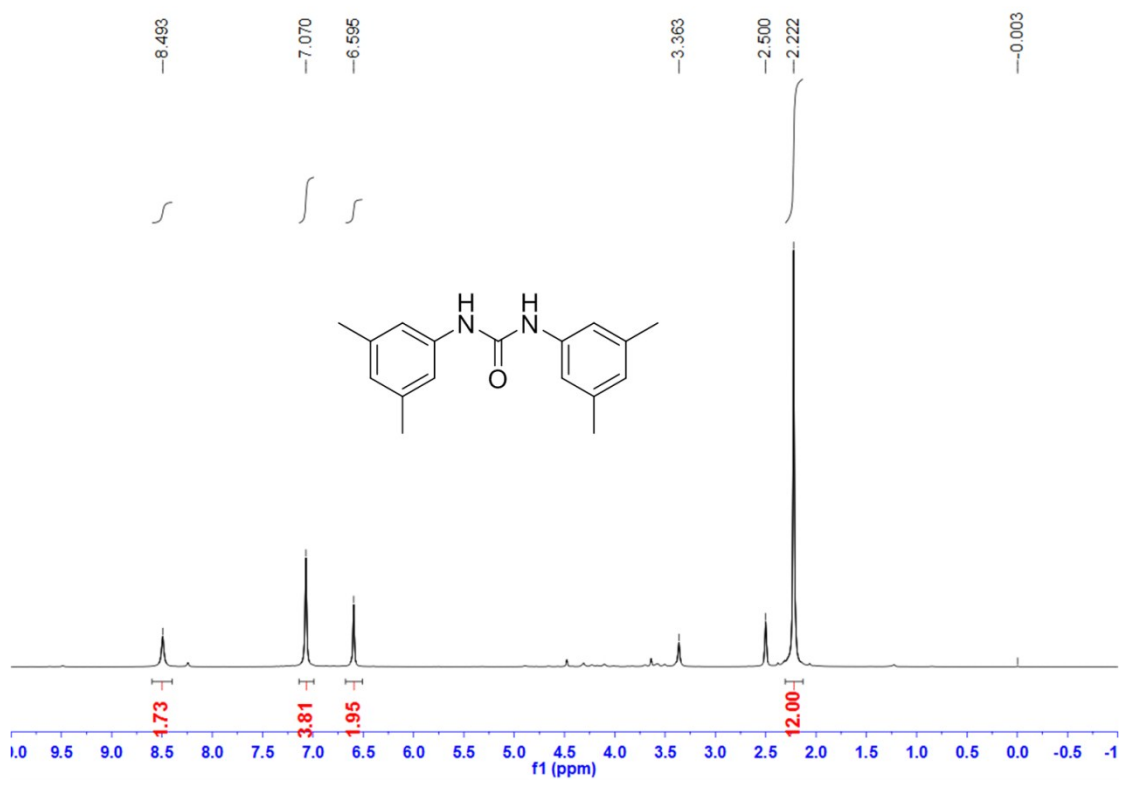
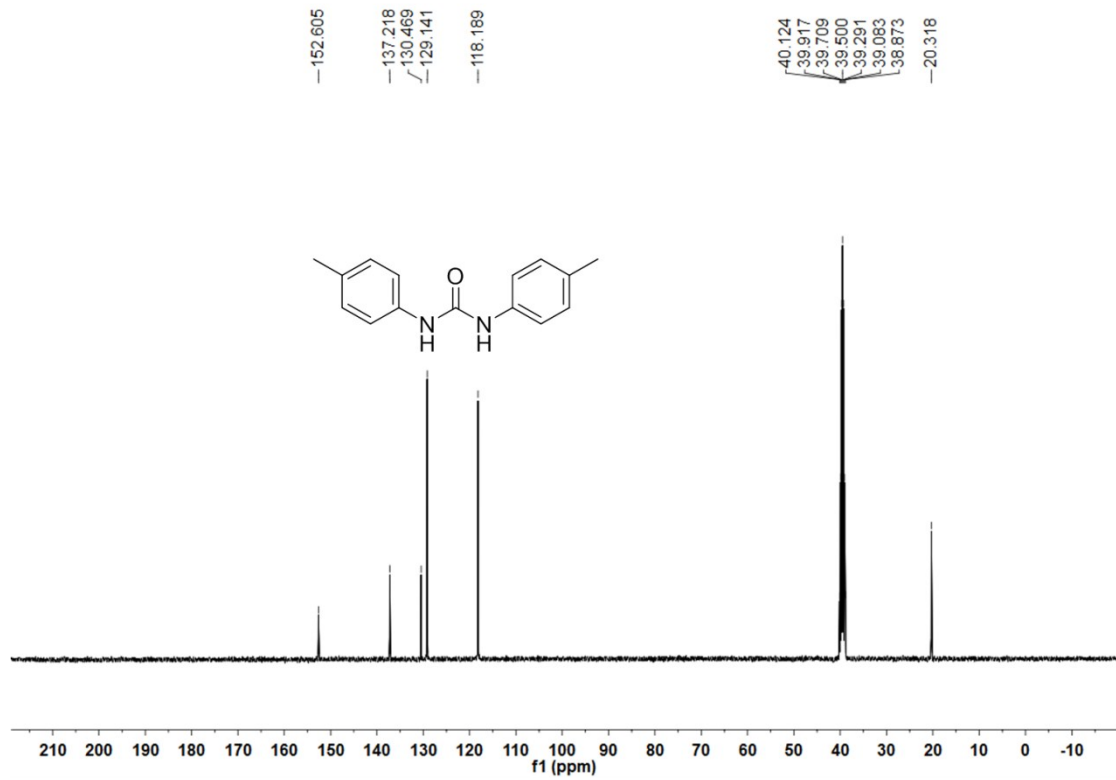


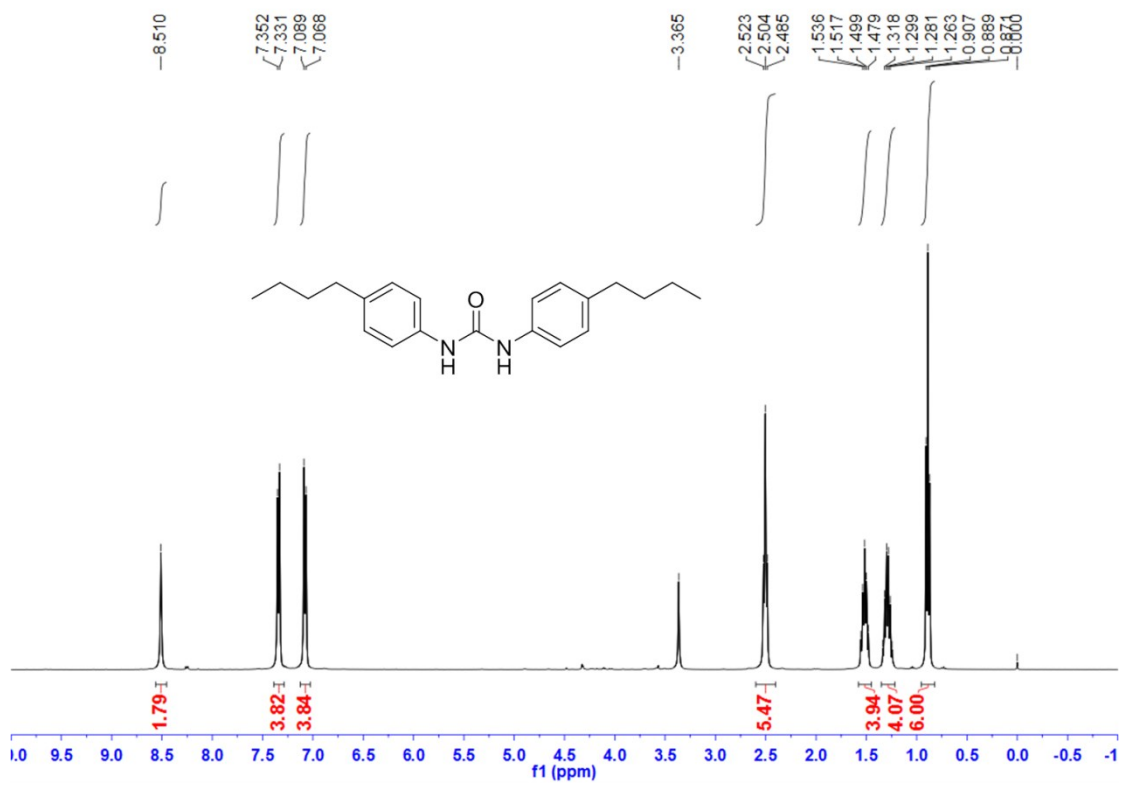
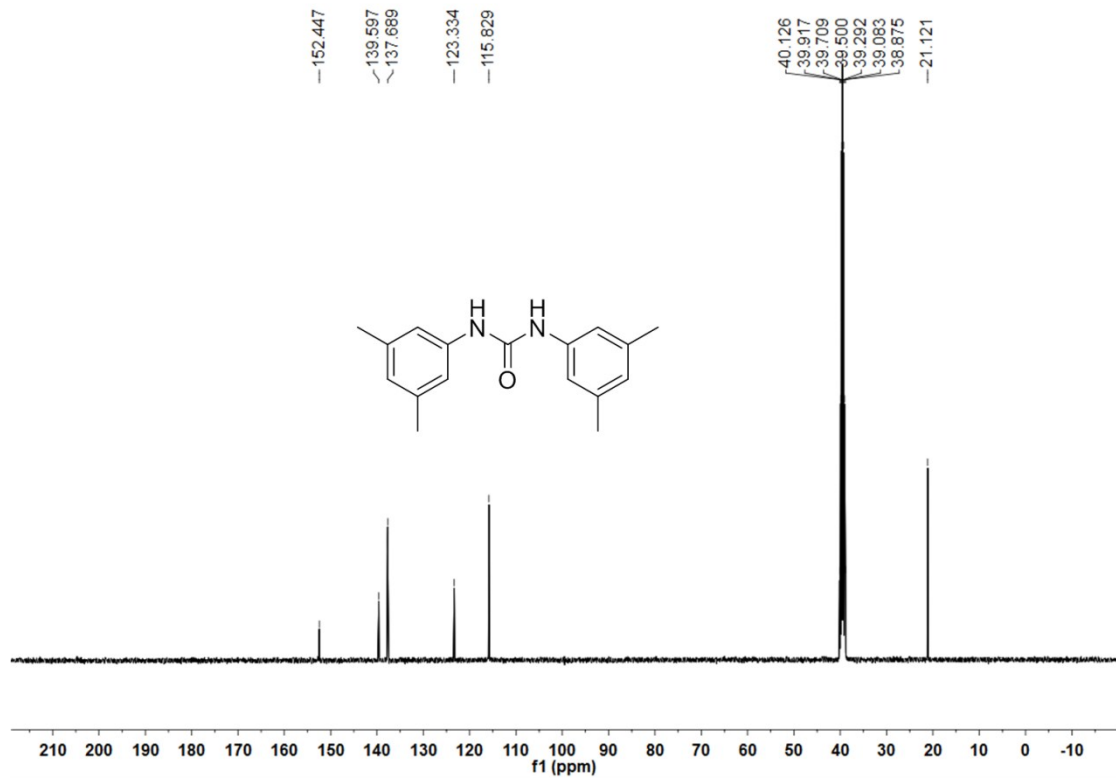


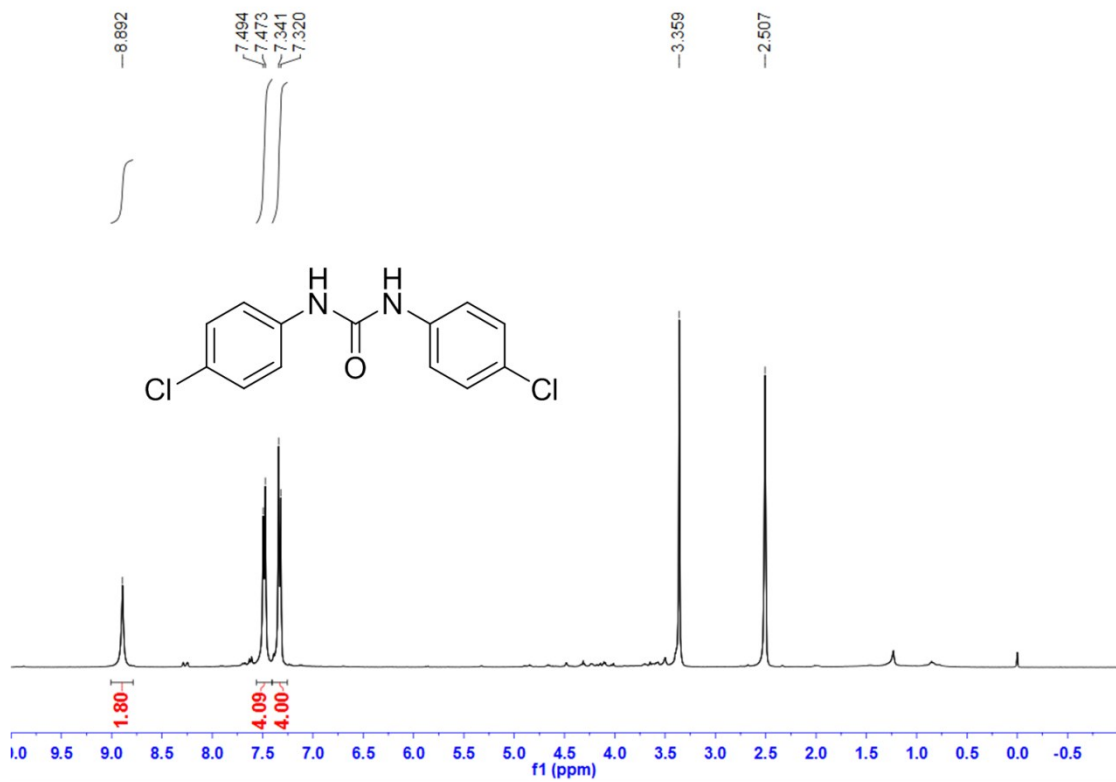
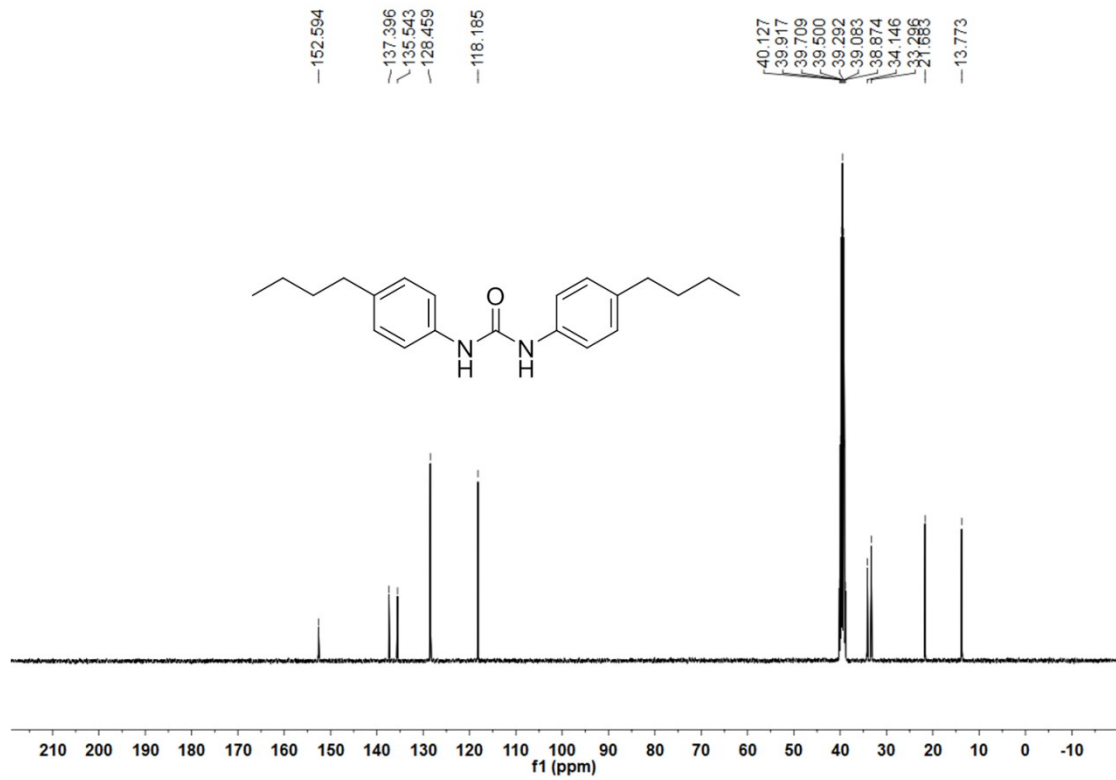


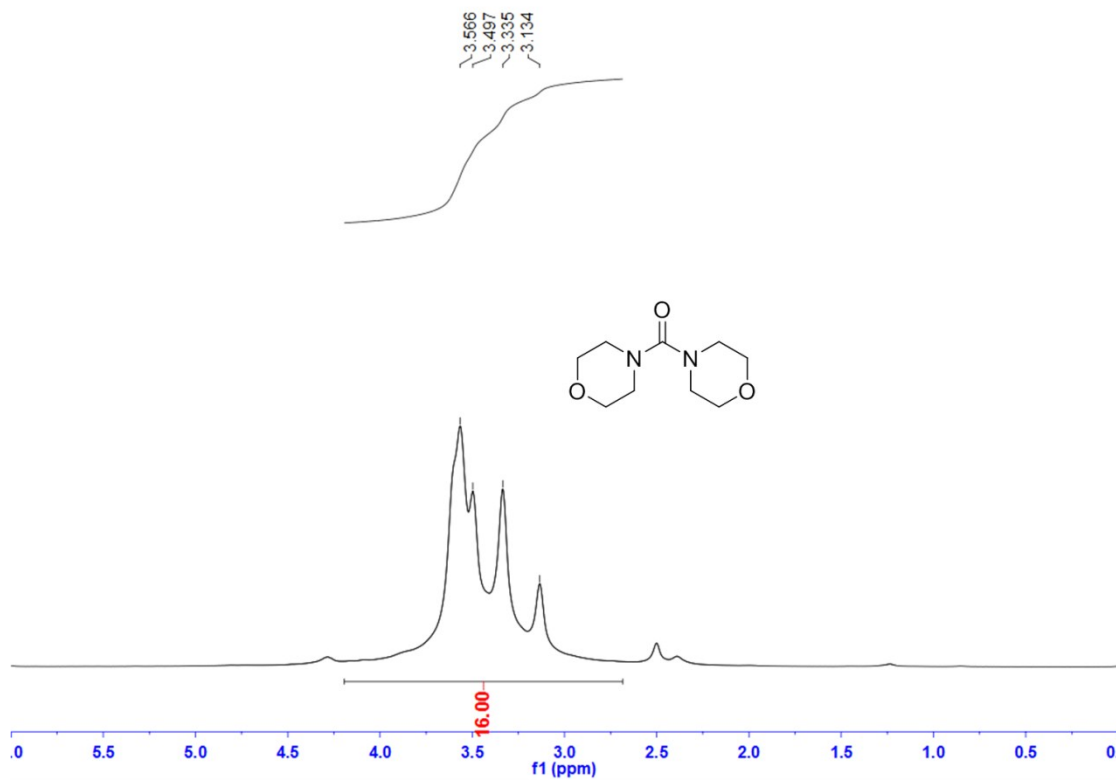
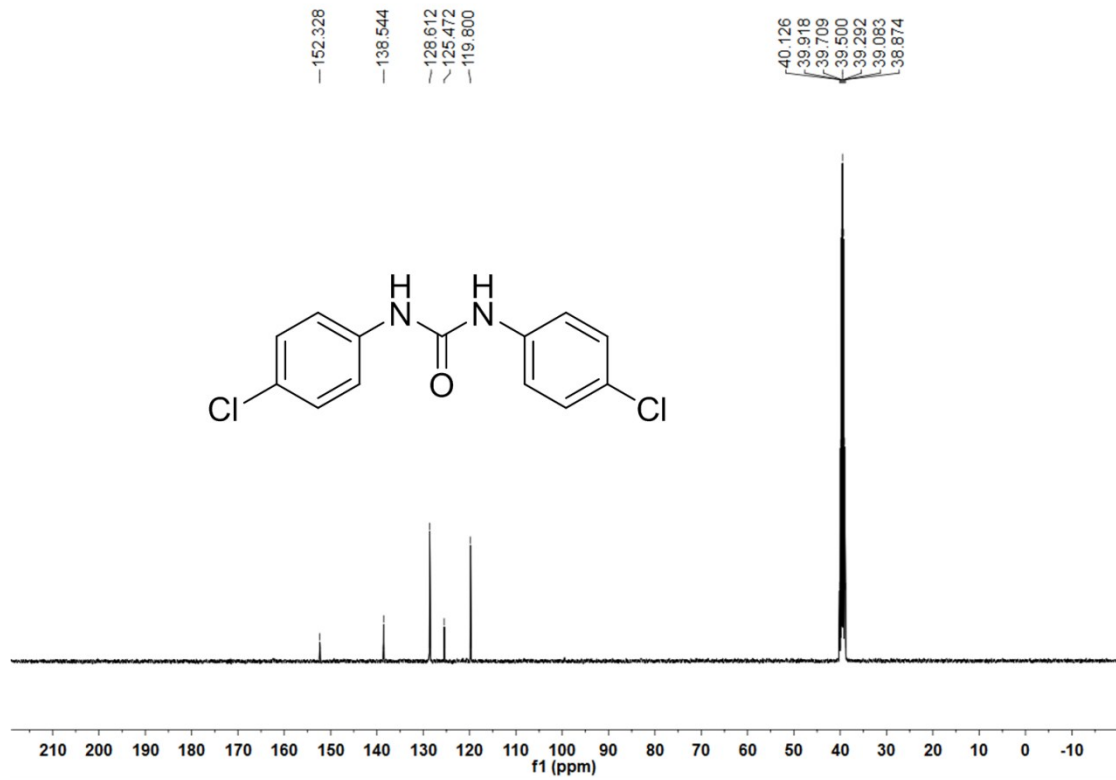


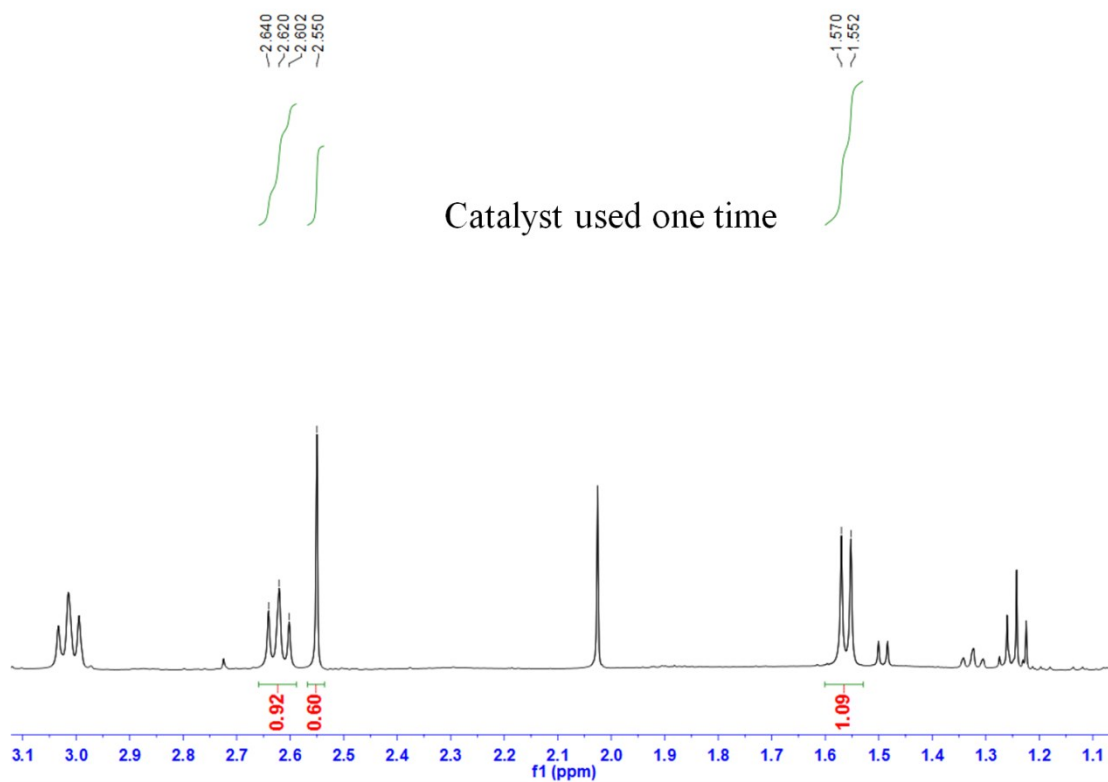
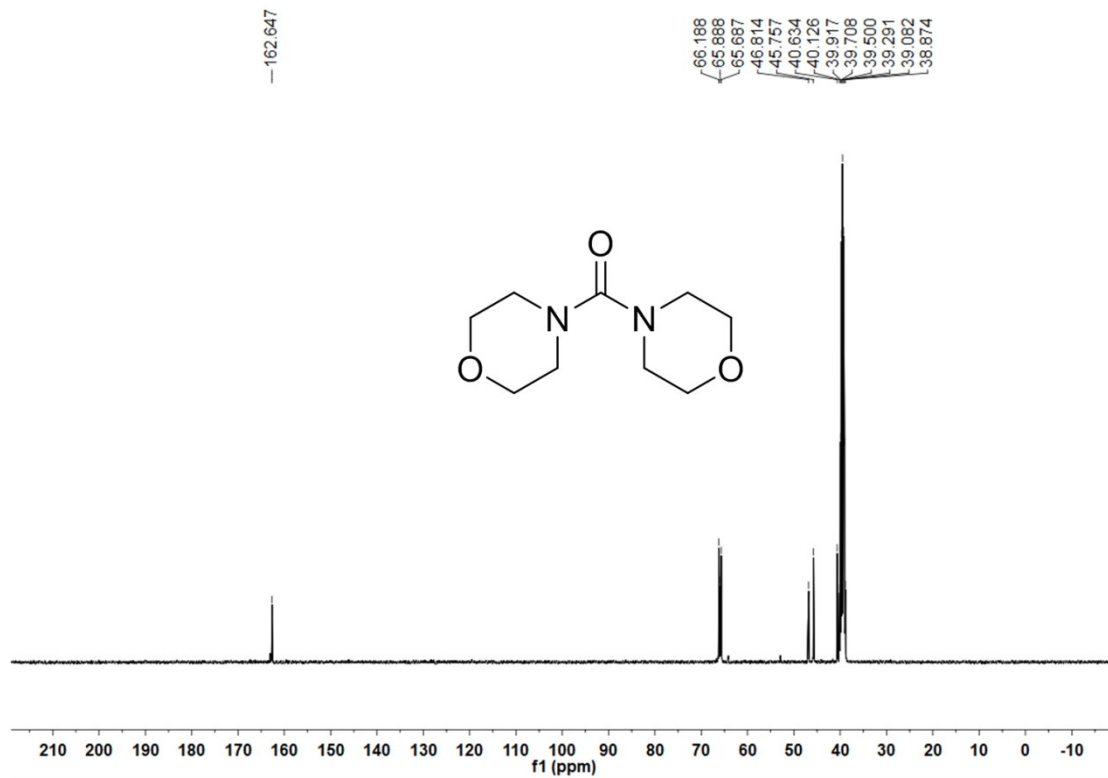


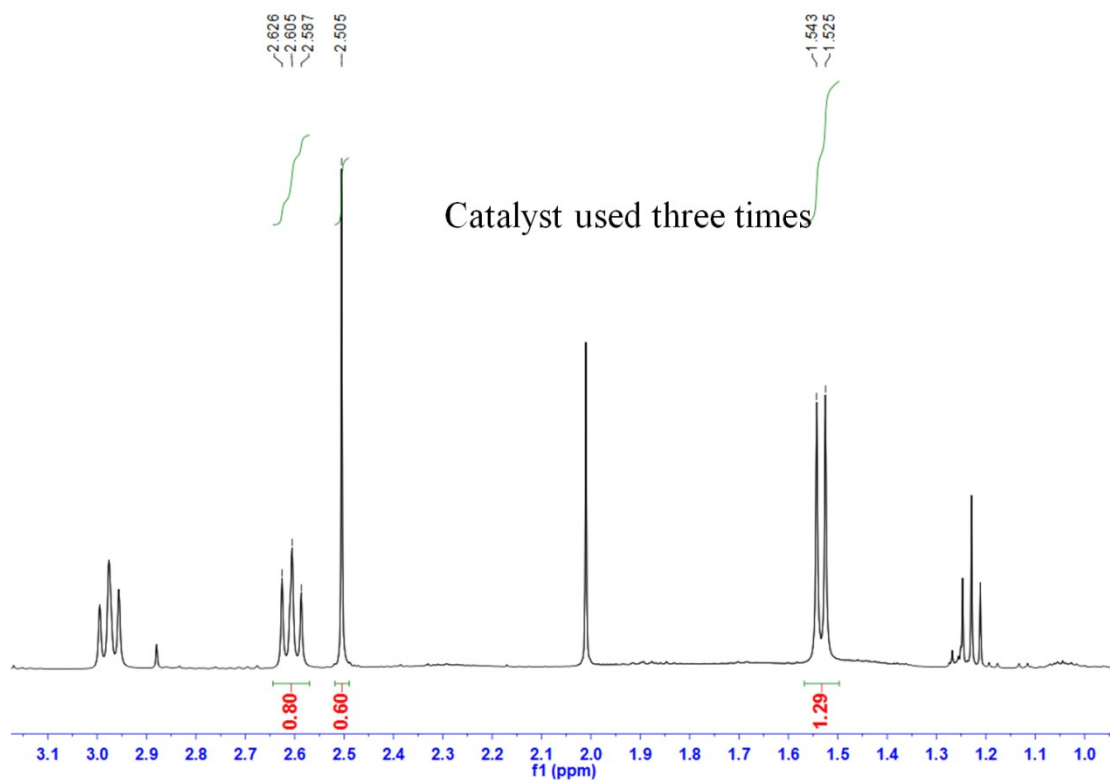
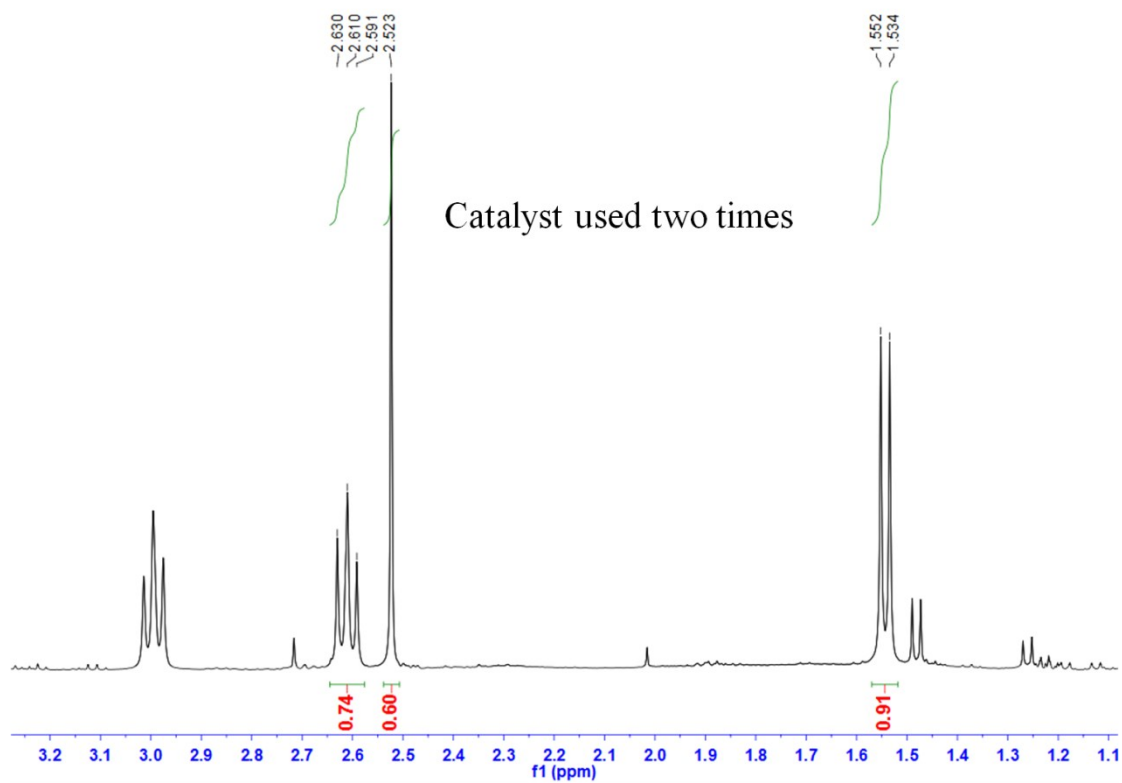












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