

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Ethanol-Mediated N-Formylation of Amines with CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub> over Cobalt Catalysts

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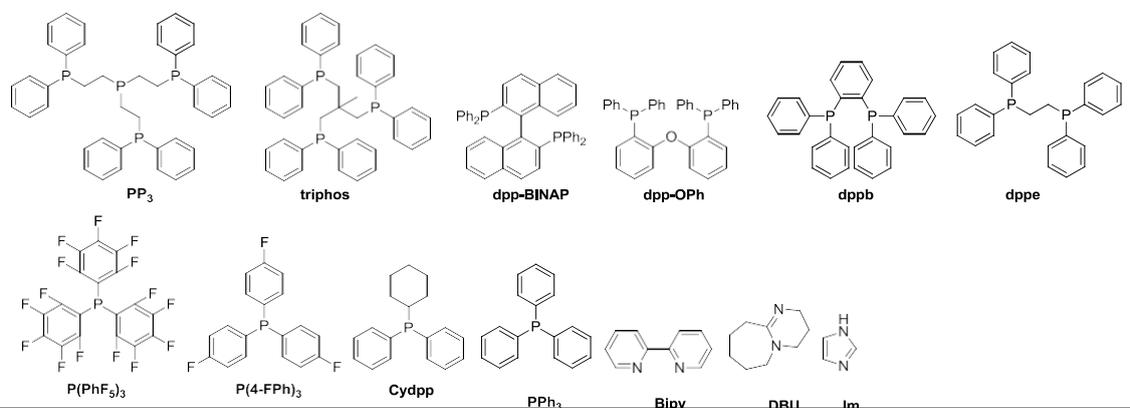
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## 1. Reaction conditions screening for the reaction of **1a** with CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>

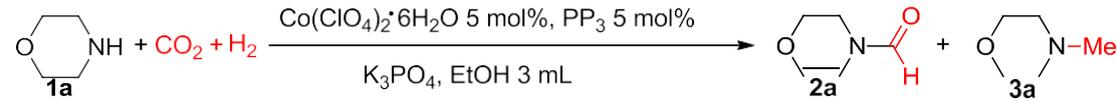
**Table S1** Effect of ligands in THF<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Ligand	<b>2a</b> Yield/% <sup>b</sup>	<b>3a</b> Yield/% <sup>b</sup>
1	PP <sub>3</sub>	69	28
2	triphos	3	4
3	dpp-BINAP	1	1
4	dpp-OPh	1	0
5	dppb	25	5
6	dppe	6	2
7	P(PhF <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	1	0
8	P(4-FPh) <sub>3</sub>	0	0
9	Cydpp	3	0
10	PPh <sub>3</sub>	1	2
11	Bipy	1	0
12	DBU	1	1
13	Im	1	3

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** 1 mmol, Co(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O 5 mol%, ligand 5 mol%, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 1 mmol, CO<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, H<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, THF 3 mL, oil bath 140 °C, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GC using dodecane as an internal standard.



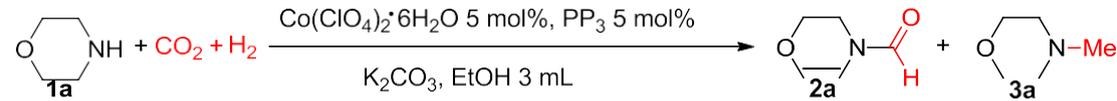
**Table S2** Effect of Co species in EtOH<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Co	2a Yield/% <sup>b</sup>	3a Yield/% <sup>b</sup>
1	Co(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	80	15
2	Co(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	71	15
3	Co(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	68	10
4	Co(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	62	18
5	Co(acac) <sub>2</sub>	48	32
6	CoCl <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O	70	17

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** 1 mmol, Co species 5 mol%, PP<sub>3</sub> 5 mol%, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 1.5 mmol, EtOH 3 mL, CO<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, H<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, 140 °C, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GC using dodecane as an internal standard.

**Table S3** Effect of base in EtOH<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Base	2a Yield/% <sup>b</sup>	3a Yield/% <sup>b</sup>
1	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	80	15
2	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	64	10
3	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	66	15
4	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	28	15
5	KOH	58	22
6	KOBu- <i>t</i>	63	17
7	KF	48	30
8	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	95	<1
9	KOAc	62	23
10	KClO <sub>4</sub>	10	13

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** 1 mmol, Co(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O 5 mol%, PP<sub>3</sub> 5 mol%, Base 1.5 mmol, EtOH 3 mL, CO<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, H<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, 140 °C, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GC using dodecane as an internal standard.

**Table S4** Effect of temperature in EtOH<sup>a</sup>

Entry	T/°C	<b>2a</b> Yield/% <sup>b</sup>	<b>3a</b> Yield/% <sup>b</sup>
1	140	95	<1
2	120	79	10
3	100	57	16
4	80	39	5
5	60	16	2

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** 1 mmol, Co(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O 5 mol%, PP<sub>3</sub> 5 mol%, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> 1.5 mmol, EtOH 3 mL, CO<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, H<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GC using dodecane as an internal standard.

**Table S5** Effect of base in THF<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Base	<b>2a</b> Yield/% <sup>b</sup>	<b>3a</b> Yield/% <sup>b</sup>
1	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	28	69
2	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	29	15
3	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	0	20
4	KOH	0	40
5	KO <i>t</i> -Bu	2	24
6	KF	0	26
7	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	39	16
8	KOAc	20	45
9	KNO <sub>3</sub>	16	11
10	KClO <sub>4</sub>	17	11
11	KBr	14	14
12	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	17	37
13	NaOH	23	25
14	LiOH	19	13
15	CsOH	21	38
16	Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	4	33
17	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	20	15
18	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	18	36
19	NaOAc	23	44
20	LiOAc	16	19
21	CsOAc	28	45

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** 1 mmol, Co(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O 5 mol%, PP<sub>3</sub> 5 mol%, Base 1 mmol, CO<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, H<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, THF 3 mL, oil bath 140 °C, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GC using dodecane as an internal standard.

**Table S6** Effect of base amount and reaction temperature in THF<sup>a</sup>

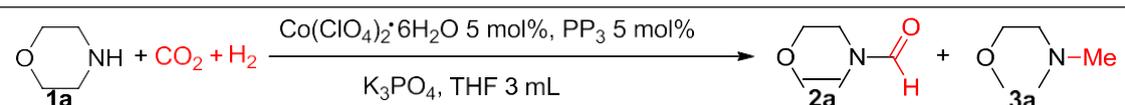
Entry	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> /mmol	T/°C	2a Yield/% <sup>b</sup>	3a Yield/% <sup>b</sup>
1	1.5	140	22	24
2	1	140	28	69
3	0.5	140	15	43
4	0.25	140	14	26
5	0.1	140	5	23
6	1	160	14	30
7	1	120	21	30
8	1	100	36	3

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** 1 mmol, Co(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O 5 mol%, PP<sub>3</sub> 5 mol%, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, H<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, THF 3 mL, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GC using dodecane as an internal standard.

**Table S7** Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> pressure and reaction time in THF<sup>a</sup>

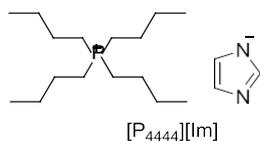
Entry	CO <sub>2</sub> pressure/MPa	Total pressure/MPa	Time/h	2a Yield/% <sup>b</sup>	3a Yield/% <sup>b</sup>
1	5	6	24	2	35
2	4	6	24	37	36
3	3	6	24	28	69
4	2	6	24	20	26
5	1	6	24	4	13
6	2	4	24	19	9
7	4	8	24	68	3
8	5	10	24	35	1
9	3	6	3	17	9
10	3	6	6	27	16
11	3	6	12	21	38
12	3	6	48	27	68
13	3	6	72	29	69

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** 1 mmol, Co(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O 5 mol%, PP<sub>3</sub> 5 mol%, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 1 mmol, THF 3 mL. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GC using dodecane as an internal standard.

**Table S8** Effect of additives in THF<sup>a</sup>

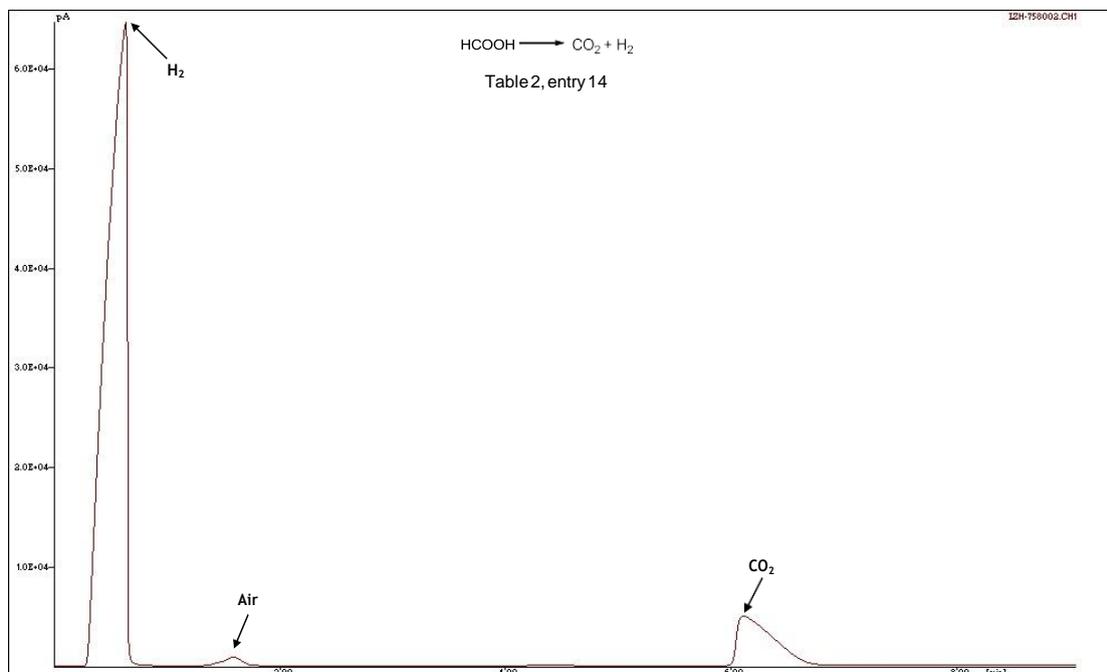
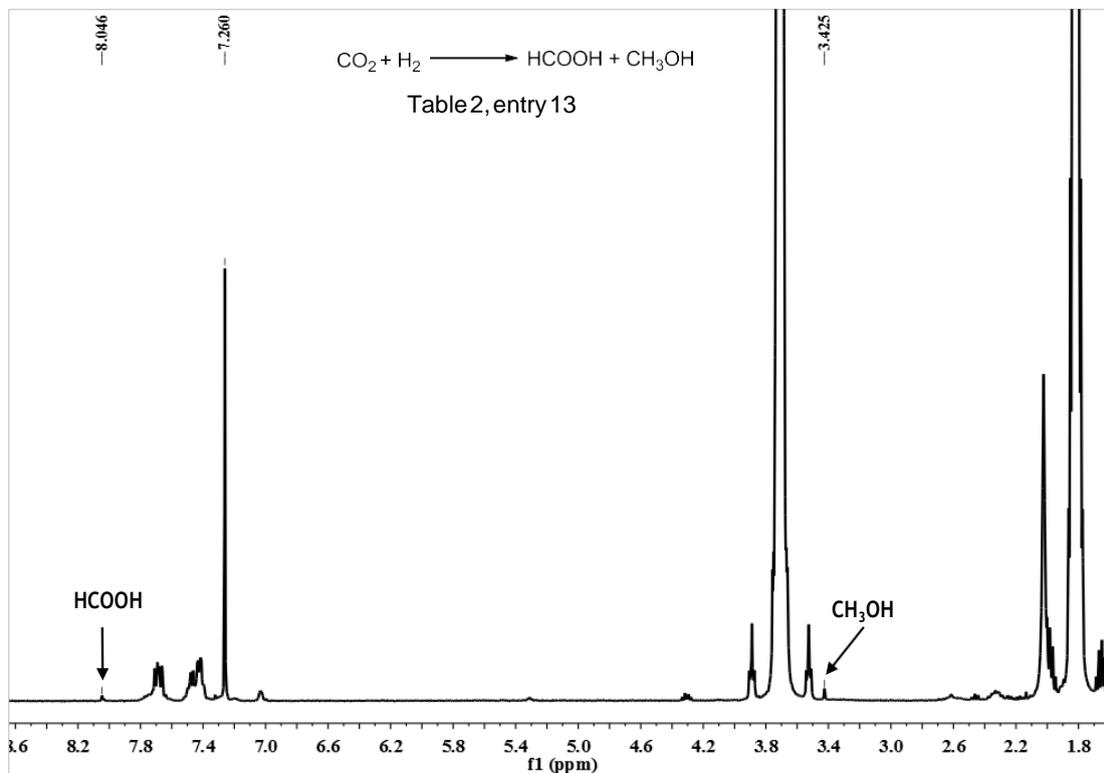
Entry	Additive/mmol	<b>2a</b> Yield/% <sup>b</sup>	<b>3a</b> Yield/% <sup>b</sup>
1	DBU/1	42	22
2	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O/0.1	43	<1
3	triphos/0.05	29	13
4	RuCl <sub>3</sub> ·3H <sub>2</sub> O/0.05	37	4
5	BMImBr/1	51	4
6	Mn power/1.2	52	27
7	Zn power/1.2	71	14
8	B(PhF <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> /0.1	52	16
9 <sup>c</sup>	[P <sub>4444</sub> ][Im]/1	90	1
10 <sup>c</sup>	n-Bu <sub>4</sub> NF/1	89	12
11	Pd/C/0.05	67	<1
12	PhSiH <sub>3</sub> /0.2	21	5
13	betaine	28	9

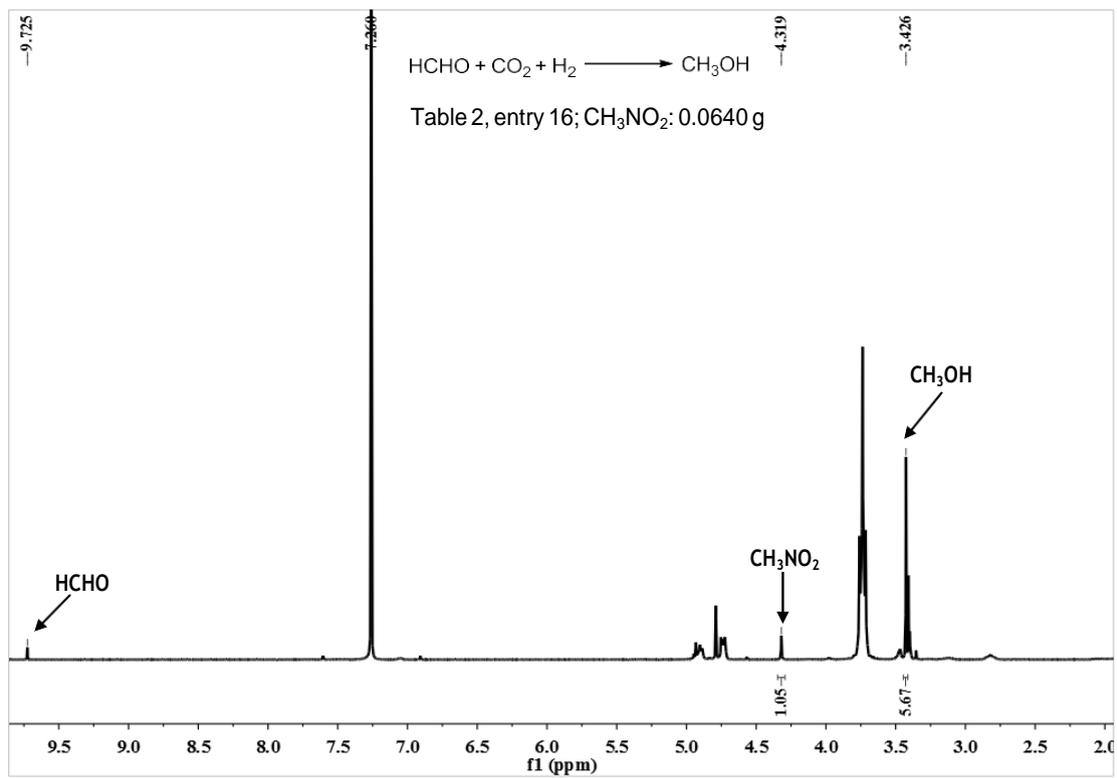
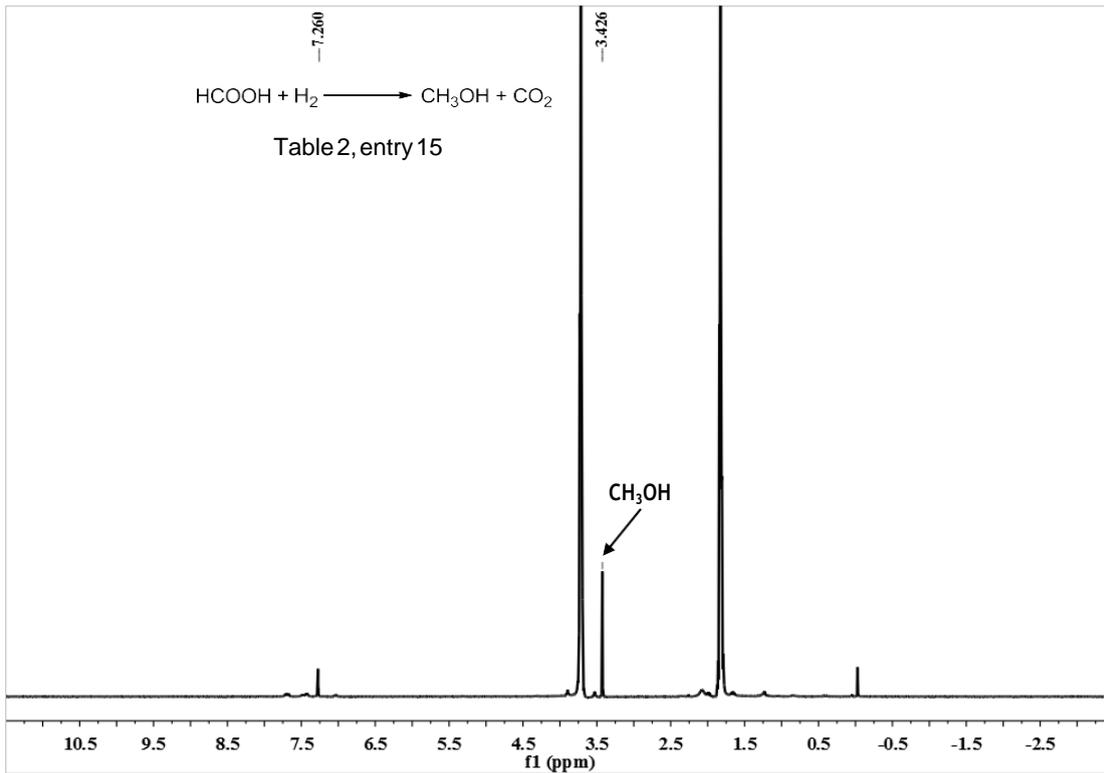
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** 1 mmol, Co(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O 5 mol%, PP<sub>3</sub> 5 mol%, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 1 mmol, THF 3 mL, CO<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, H<sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, 140 °C, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by GC using dodecane as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> No base. DBU = 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, triphos = 1,1,1-tris(diphenylphosphinomethyl)ethane, BMImBr = 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide,



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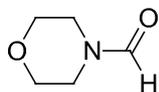
determination of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>



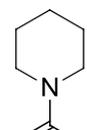


### 3. Yields determination and characterization of the formamide products from amines and

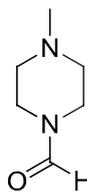
**CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>**



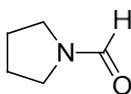
**2a**; N-Formylmorpholine; CAS No. 4394-85-8;<sup>1</sup> Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (10:1) as eluent. Colourless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 3.17 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz) δ 38.89, 44.11, 64.75, 65.68, 159.39. M (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>) = 115.1, EI-MS found 115.0 [M], 86.0 [M-CHO].



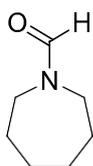
**2b**; N-Formylpiperidine; CAS No. 2591-86-8;<sup>1</sup> Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (10:1) as eluent. Colourless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.40-1.50 (m, 4H), 1.55-1.61 (m, 2H), 3.21 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.6 Hz), 7.89 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz) δ 24.41, 24.81, 26.30, 40.34, 46.56, 160.56. M (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO) = 113.1, EI-MS found 113.0 [M], 84.0 [M-CHO].



**2c**; 1-Formyl-4-methylpiperazine; CAS No. 7556-55-0;<sup>1</sup> Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (10:1) as eluent. Light yellow liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.34 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz) δ 39.80, 45.47, 46.07, 54.17, 55.34, 160.66. M (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O) = 128.1, EI-MS found 128.0 [M], 113.0 [M-CH<sub>3</sub>], 99.0 [M-CHO].

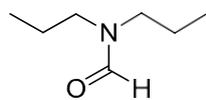


**2d**; N-Formylpyrrolidine; CAS No. 3760-54-1;<sup>1</sup> Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (10:1) as eluent. Colourless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.65-1.70 (m, 4H), 3.16 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz) δ 22.07, 22.77, 40.71, 43.58, 158.31. M (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO) = 99.1, EI-MS found 99.0 [M], 71.0 [M-C=O].



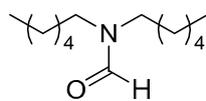
**2e**; N-formylhexamethyleneimine; CAS No. 25114-81-2;<sup>2</sup> Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (50:1) as eluent. Light yellow liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.56 (s, 4H), 1.69-1.72 (m, 4H), 3.35 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 6 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz)  $\delta$  26.81, 26.91, 27.89, 30.21, 43.35, 47.64, 162.81. M (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO) = 127.1, EI-MS found 127.0 [M], 98.0 [M-CHO].



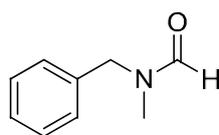
**2f**; N,N-di-n-propylformamide; CAS No. 6282-00-4;<sup>3</sup> Purification by column

chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (10:1) as eluent. Colourless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.72-0.76 (m, 6H), 1.38-1.45 (m, 4H), 3.02 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz)  $\delta$  10.51, 10.92, 20.17, 21.45, 43.35, 48.76, 162.39. M (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO) = 129.2, EI-MS found 129.1 [M], 100.0 [M-CHO].



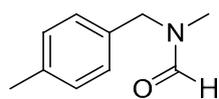
**2g**; N,N-dihexylformamide; CAS No. 14287-94-6;<sup>4</sup> Purification by column

chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (50:1) as eluent. Light yellow liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.84-0.86 (m, 6H), 1.25 (s, 12H), 1.47-1.48 (m, 4H), 3.14 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz)  $\delta$  13.83, 13.87, 22.41, 22.44, 26.04, 26.51, 27.17, 28.54, 31.27, 31.42, 42.02, 47.34, 162.54. M (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO) = 213.2, EI-MS found 213.1 [M], 198.1 [M-CH<sub>3</sub>], 184.1 [M-CHO].



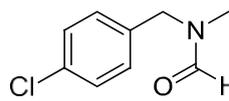
**2h**; N-methyl-N-benzylformamide; CAS No. 17105-71-4;<sup>5</sup> Purification by

column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:1) as eluent. Yellow liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.78, 2.84 (s, 3H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 4.52 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.37 (m, 5H), 8.16, 8.28 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz)  $\delta$  29.42, 33.98, 47.75, 53.45, 127.36, 127.60, 128.06, 128.22, 128.66, 128.87, 135.77, 136.03, 162.52, 162.69. M (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO) = 149.1, EI-MS found 149.1 [M], 134.0 [M-CH<sub>3</sub>], 120.1 [M-CHO].



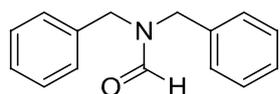
**2i**; N-methyl-N-(4-methylphenyl)methylformamide; CAS No. 54410-77-4;

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (50:1) as eluent. Light yellow liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.32, 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.76, 2.82 (s, 3H), 4.34, 4.47 (s, 2H), 7.07-7.17 (m, 4H), 8.13, 8.26 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz)  $\delta$  21.01, 29.28, 33.88, 47.42, 53.18, 127.33, 128.21, 129.28, 129.49, 132.65, 132.97, 137.27, 137.81, 162.44, 162.61. M (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO) = 163.2, EI-MS found 163.0 [M], 148.0 [M-CH<sub>3</sub>], 134.0 [M-CHO].

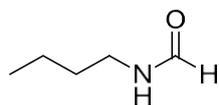


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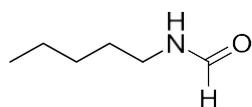
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (50:1) as eluent. Light yellow liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.69, 2.77 (s, 3H), 4.29, 4.41 (s, 2H), 7.06-7.29 (m, 4H), 8.07, 8.20 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz)  $\delta$  29.37, 33.96, 47.11, 52.76, 128.70, 128.82, 129.07, 129.57, 133.49, 133.99, 134.26, 134.57, 162.52, 162.59. M (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClNO) = 183.0, EI-MS found 182.9 [M], 167.8 [M-CH<sub>3</sub>], 147.9 [M-Cl], 139.9 [M-CH<sub>3</sub>-CO].



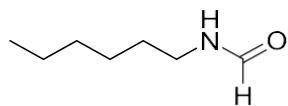
**2k**; N,N-dibenzylformamide; CAS No. 5464-77-7;<sup>6</sup> Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1) as eluent. Yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 7.16-7.39 (m, 10 H), 8.42 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz) δ 44.67, 50.24, 127.63, 127.68, 128.11, 128.50, 128.66, 128.89, 135.65, 136.03, 162.78. M (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO) = 225.1, EI-MS found 225.1 [M], 134.0 [M-C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>7</sub>].



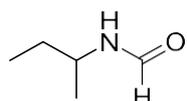
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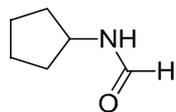
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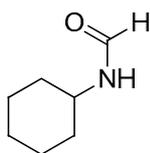
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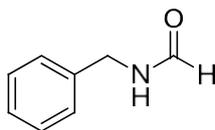
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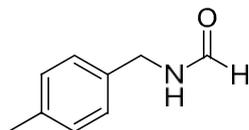
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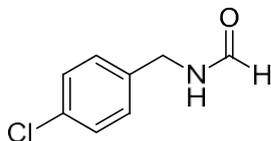
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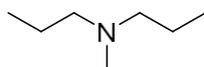
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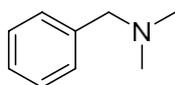
**2s**; N-(4-methylbenzyl)formamide; CAS No. 90609-66-8;<sup>1</sup> Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (50:1) as eluent. Light yellow liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 4.38 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.16 (m, 4H), 8.17 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz) δ 20.96, 41.76, 127.64, 129.28, 134.54, 137.20, 161.02. M (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO) = 149.2, EI-MS found 148.9 [M], 133.9 [M-CH<sub>3</sub>], 119.9 [M-CHO].



**2t**; N-(4-chlorobenzyl)formamide; CAS No. 86386-67-6;<sup>10</sup> Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (50:1) as eluent. Light yellow liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 4.43 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 2H), 8.25 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz) δ 41.44, 128.87, 129.09, 133.50, 136.15, 160.95. M (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClNO) = 169.0, EI-MS found 169.0 [M], 140.0 [M-CHO] 134.0 [M-Cl].



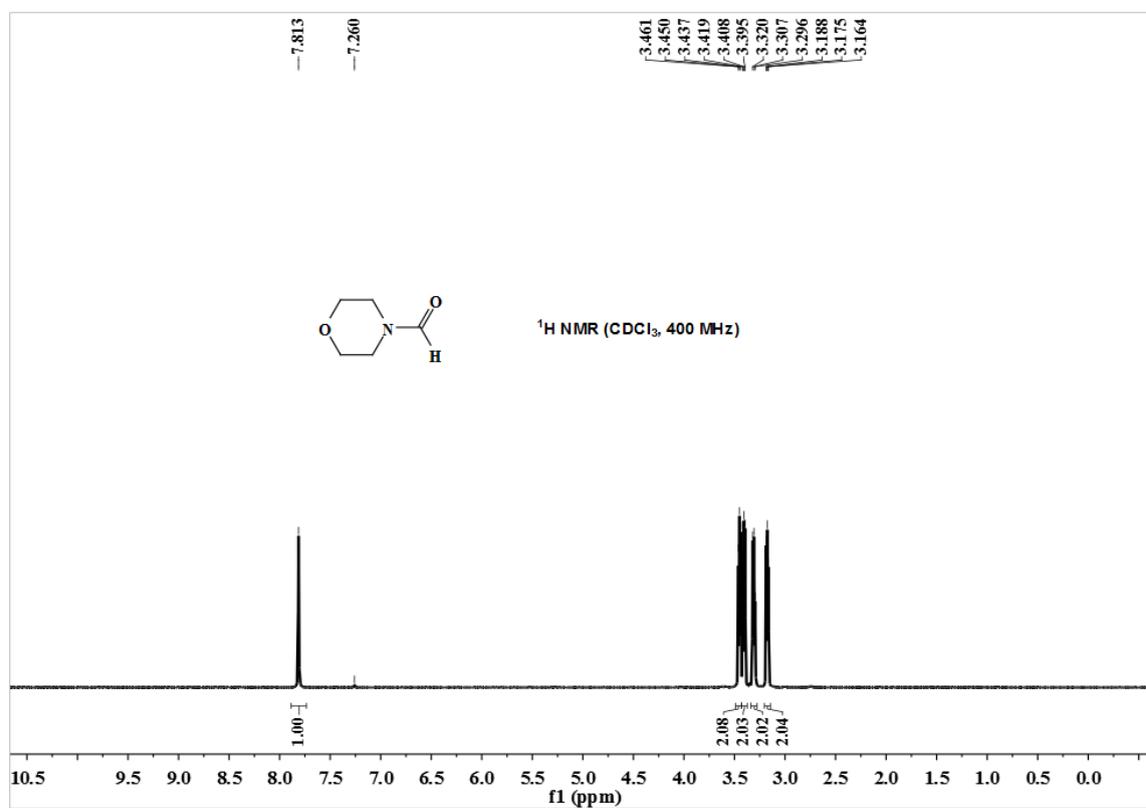
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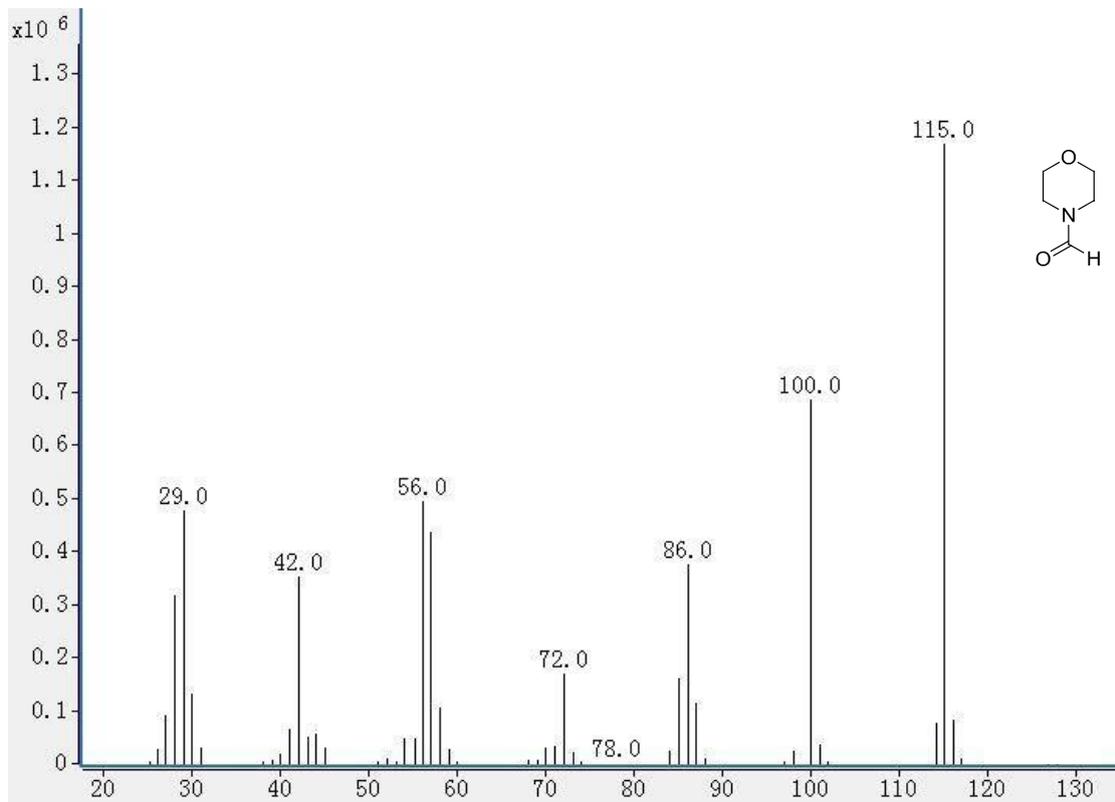
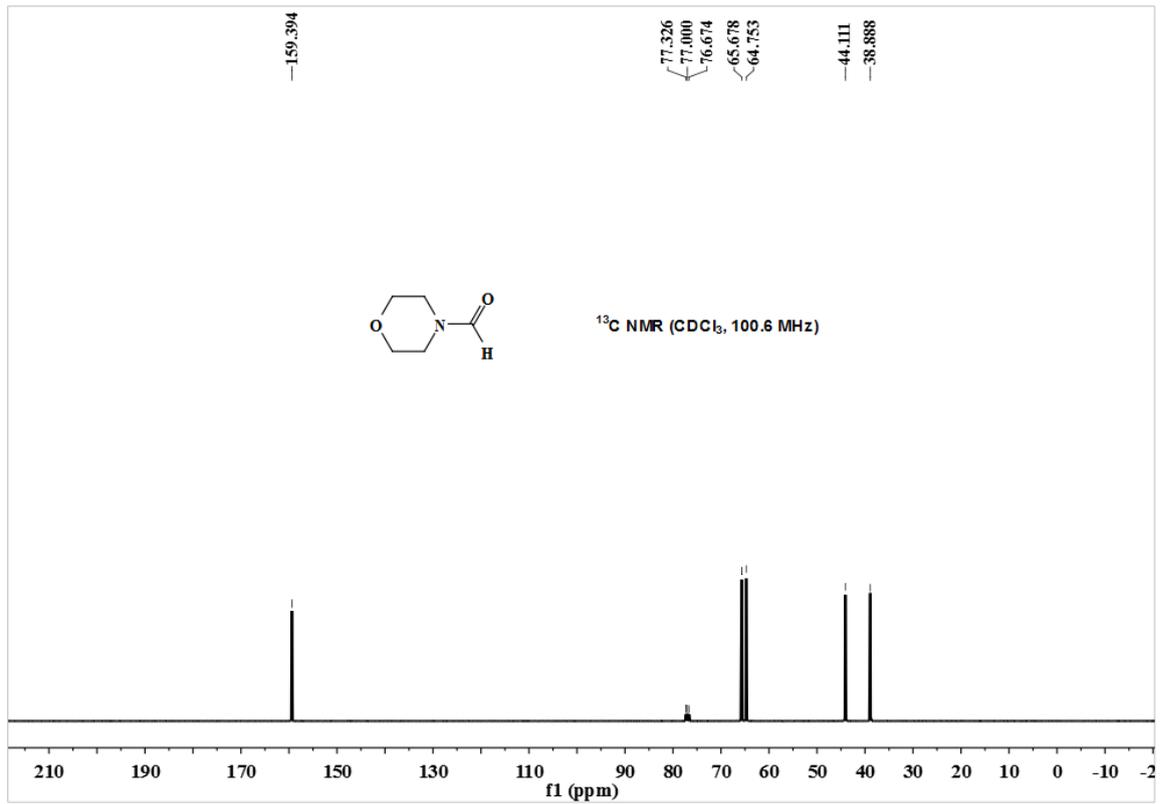


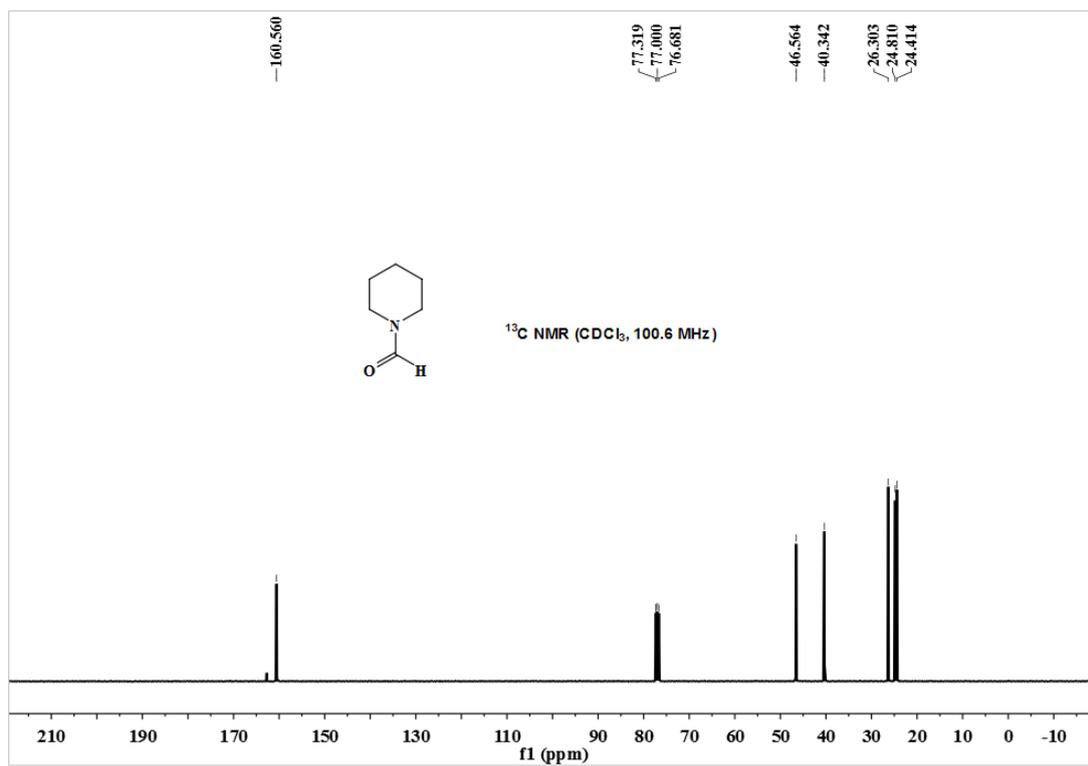
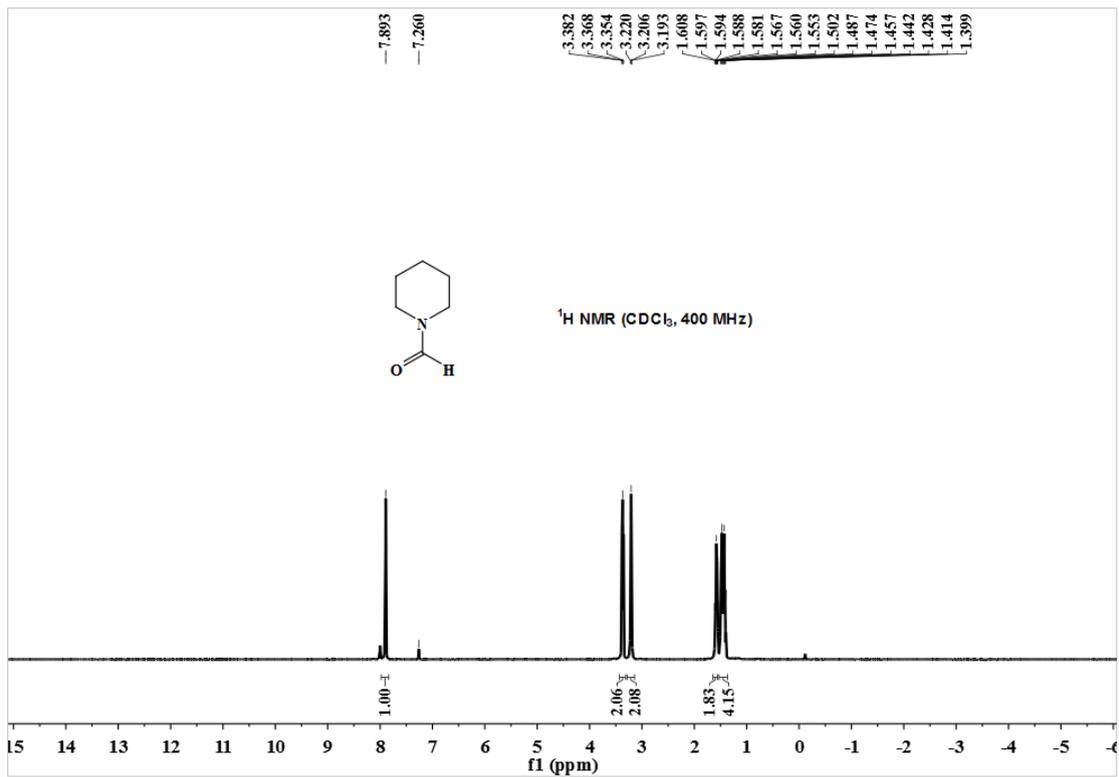
**3h**; N,N-dimethylbenzylamine; CAS No. 103-83-3;<sup>12</sup> Purification by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/triethylamine (10:1:0.05) as eluent. Colorless liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 2.27 (s, 6H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.6 MHz) δ 45.31, 64.36, 126.98, 128.17, 129.05, 138.80. EI-MS found

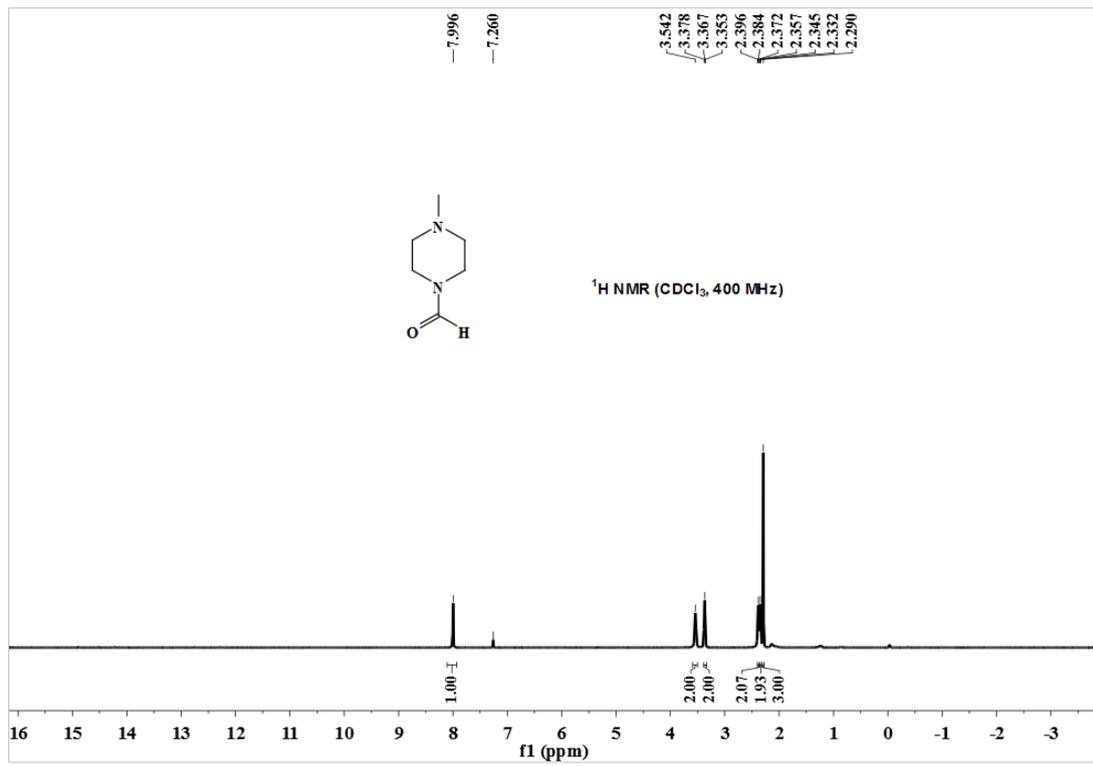
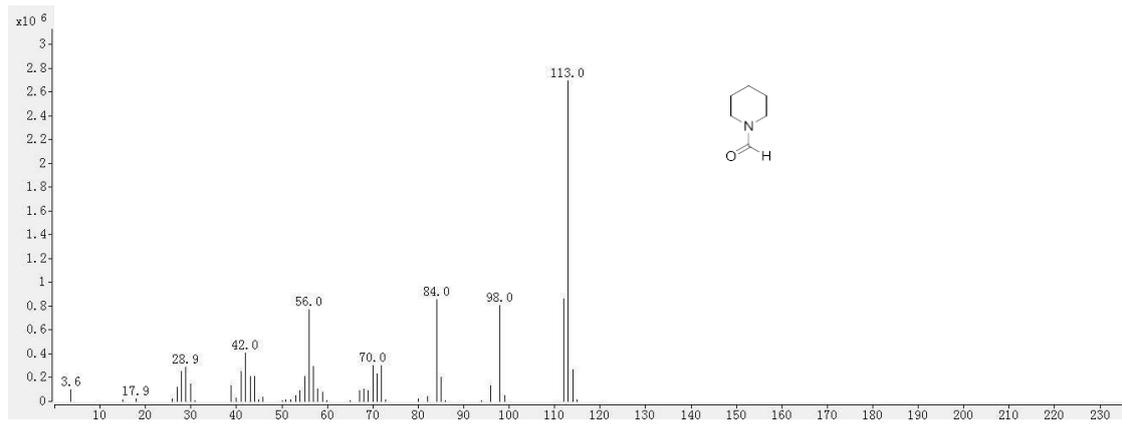
135.1 [M], 91.0 [M-N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

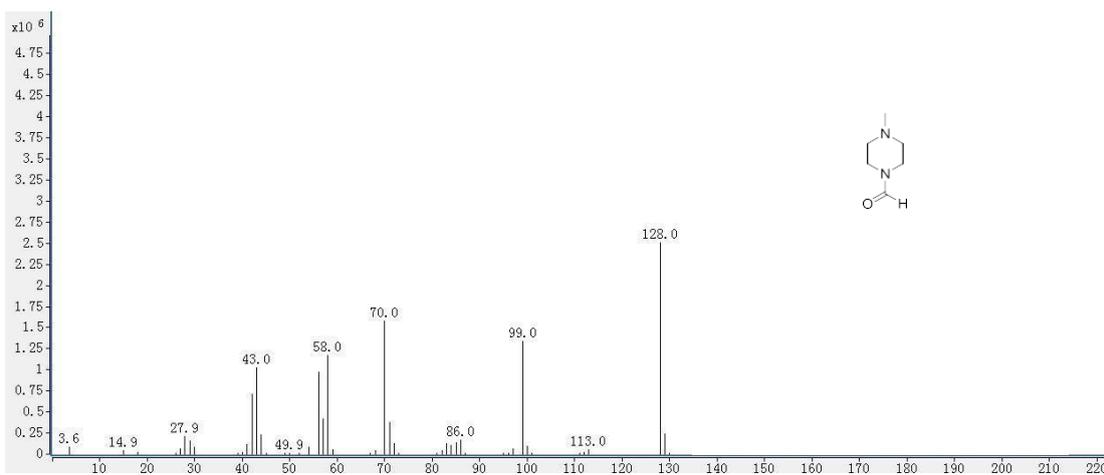
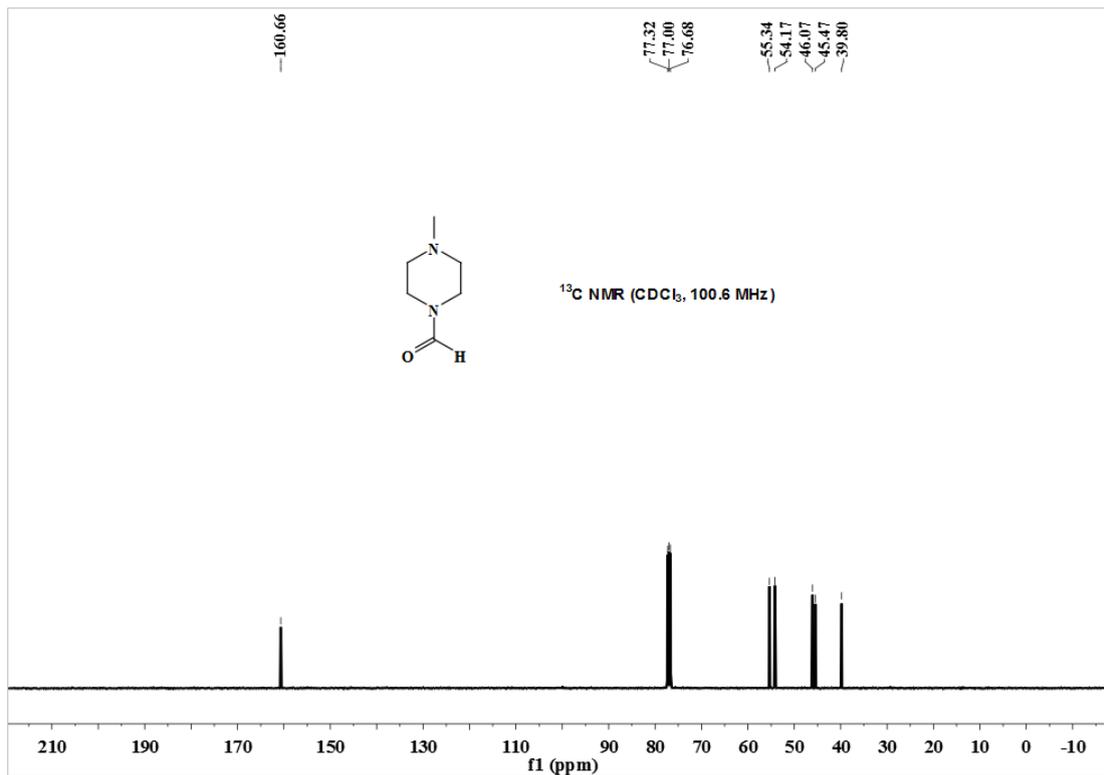
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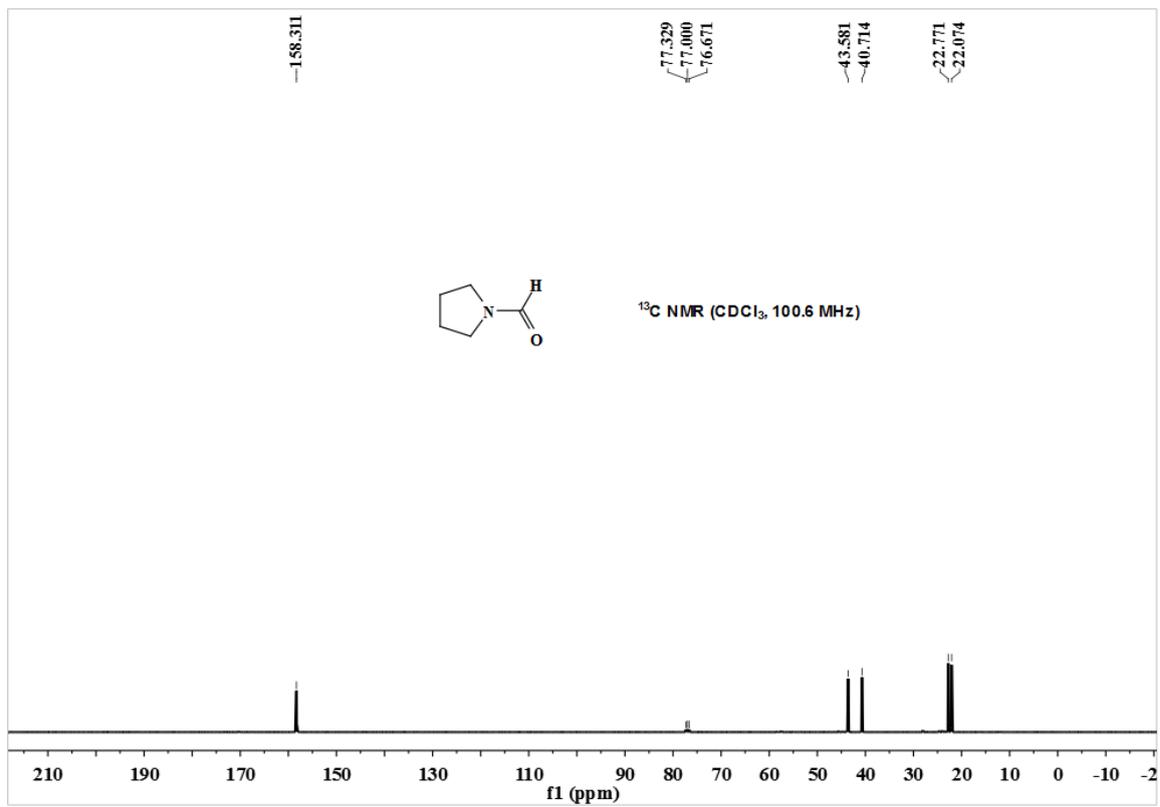
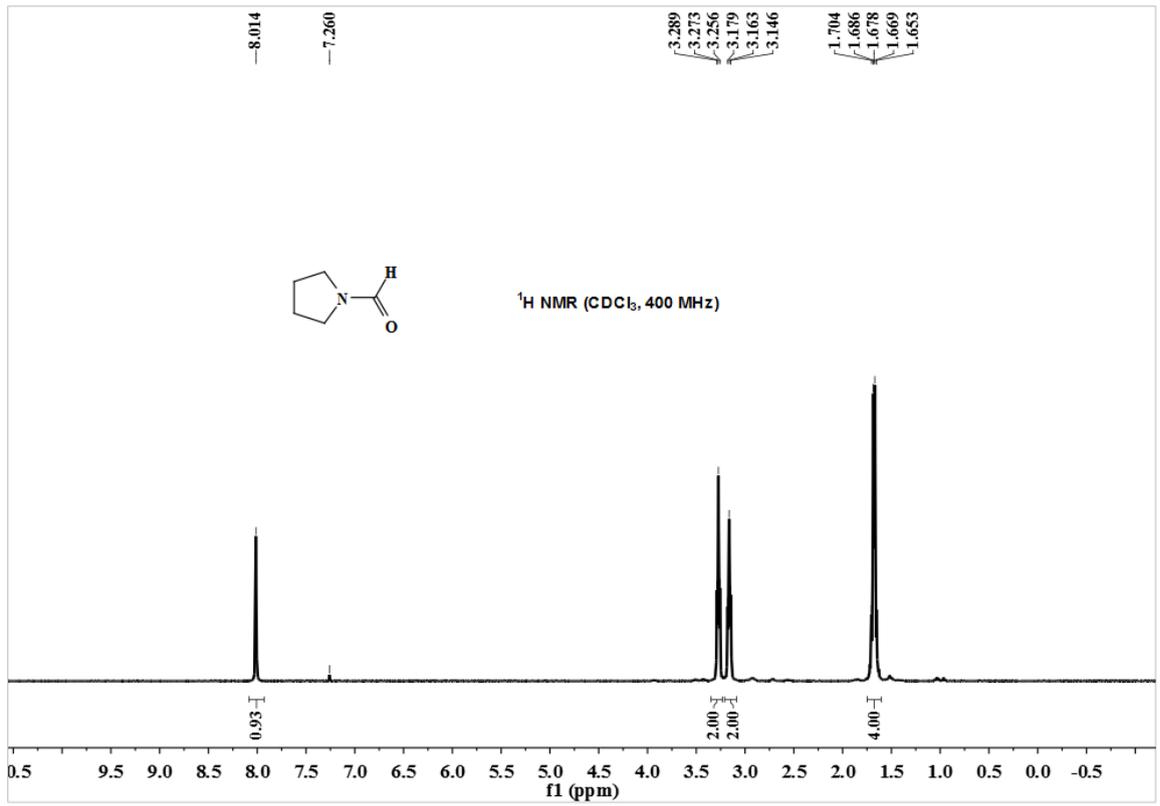


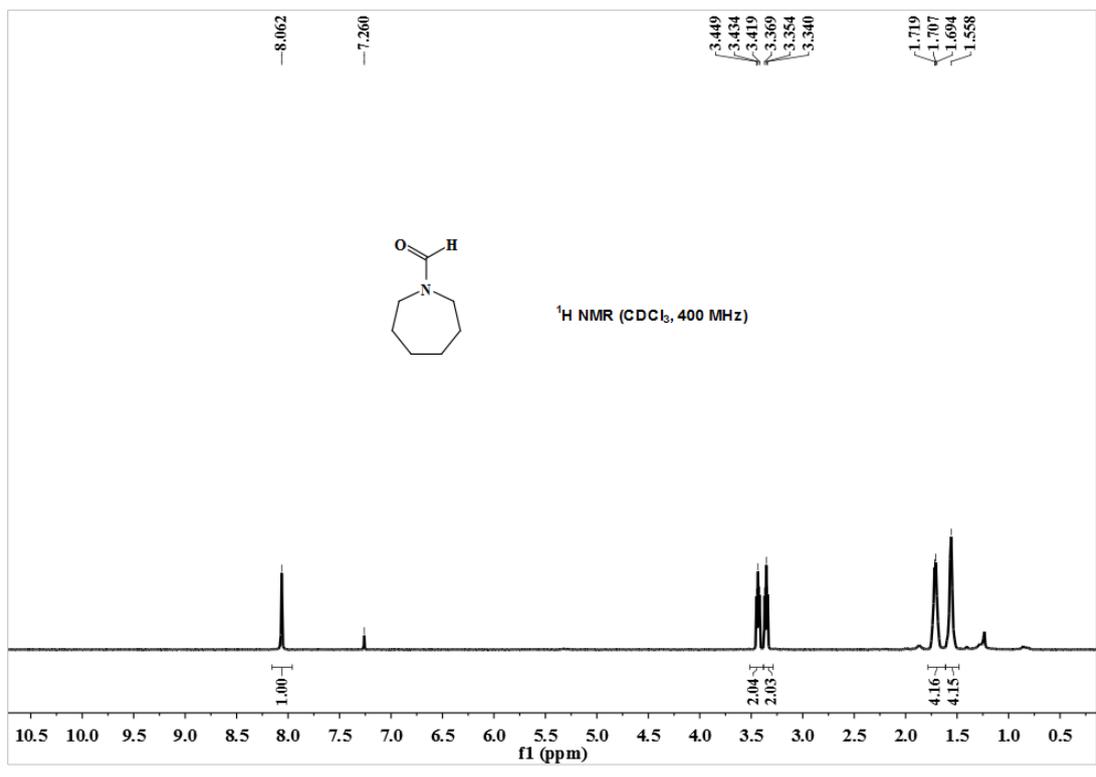
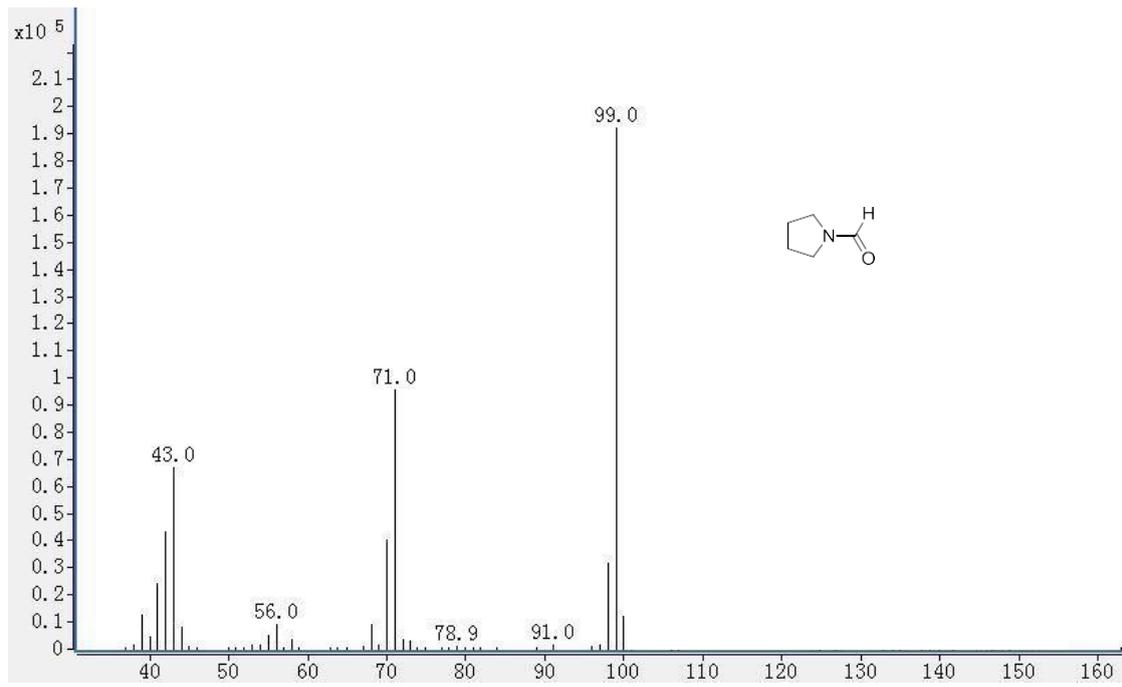


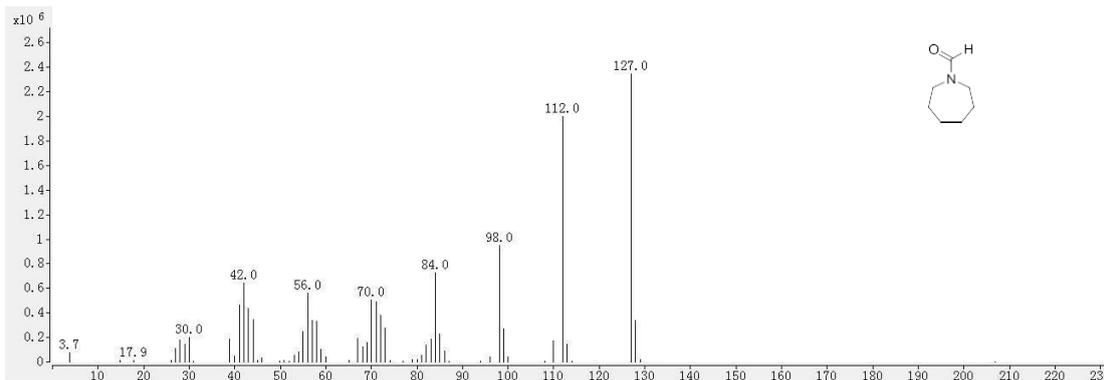
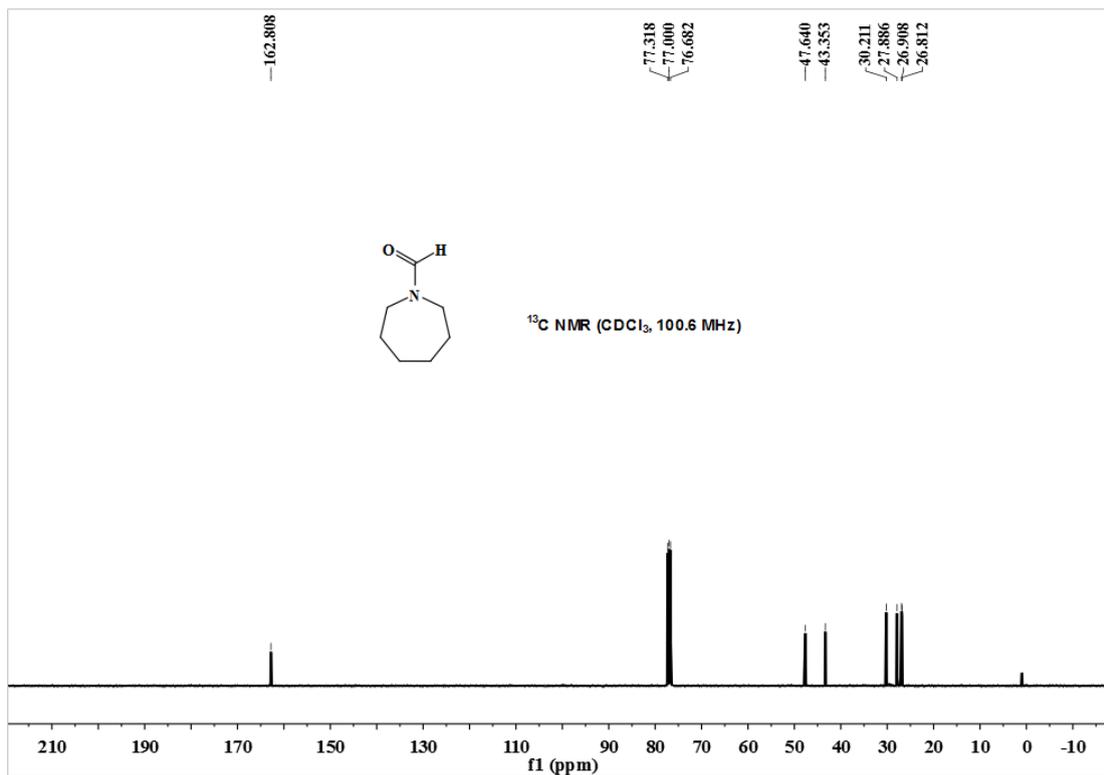


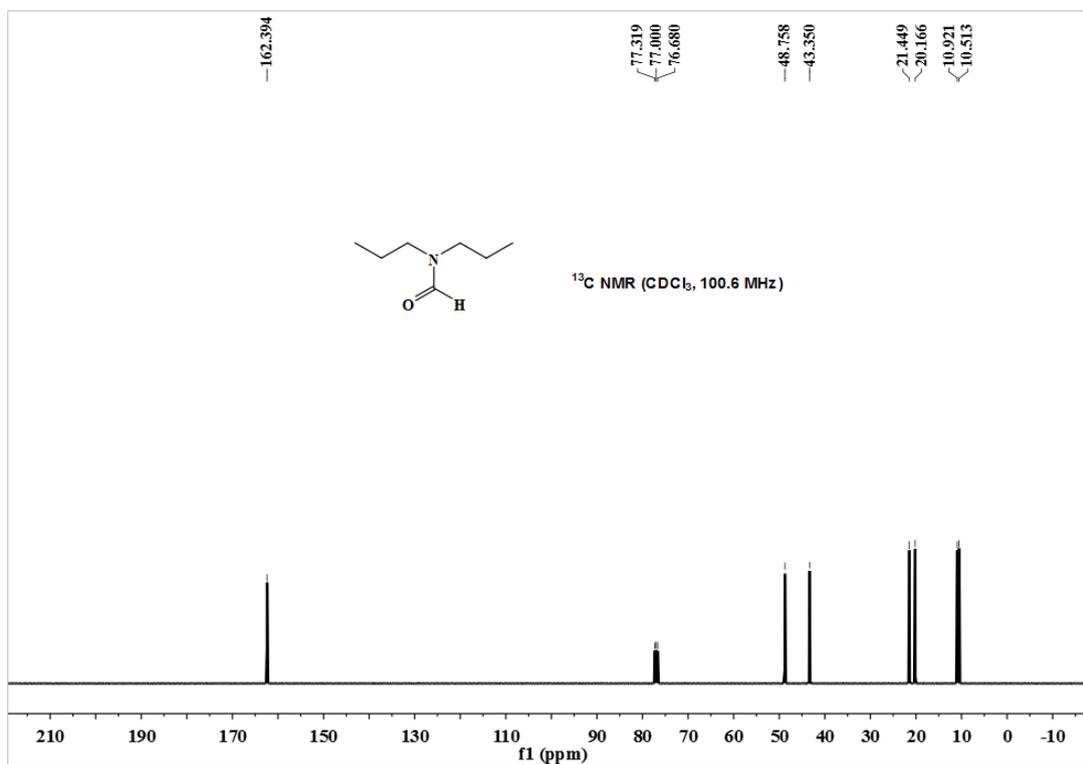
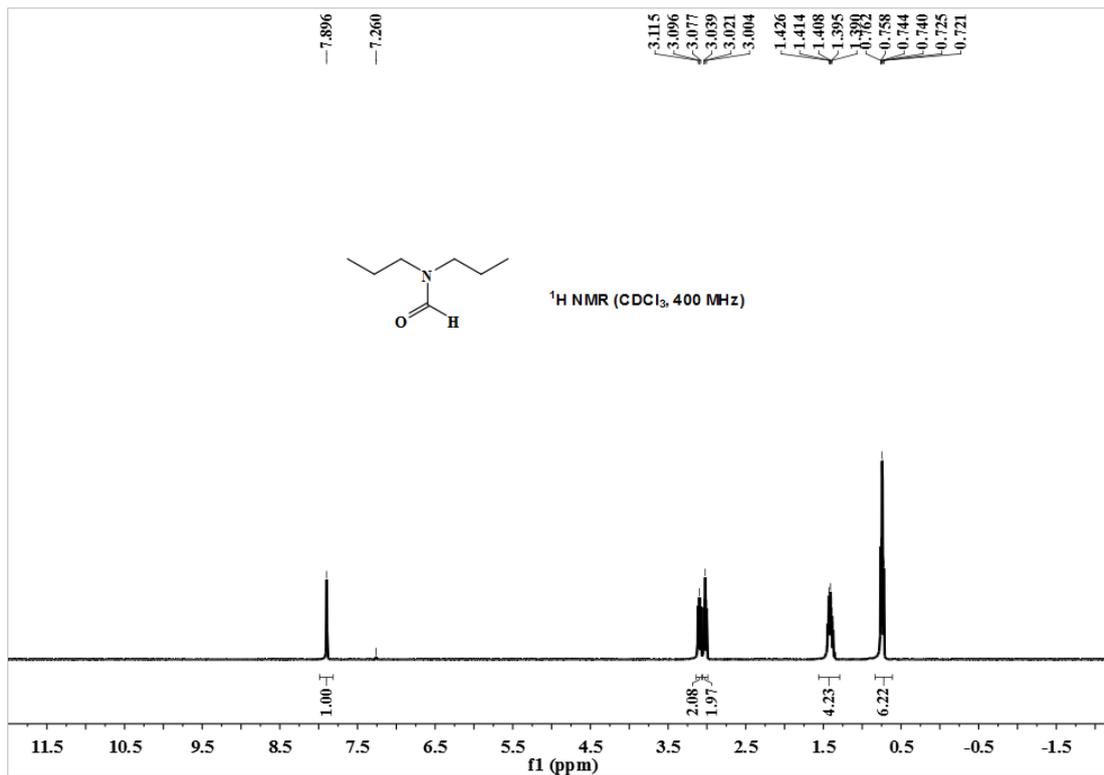


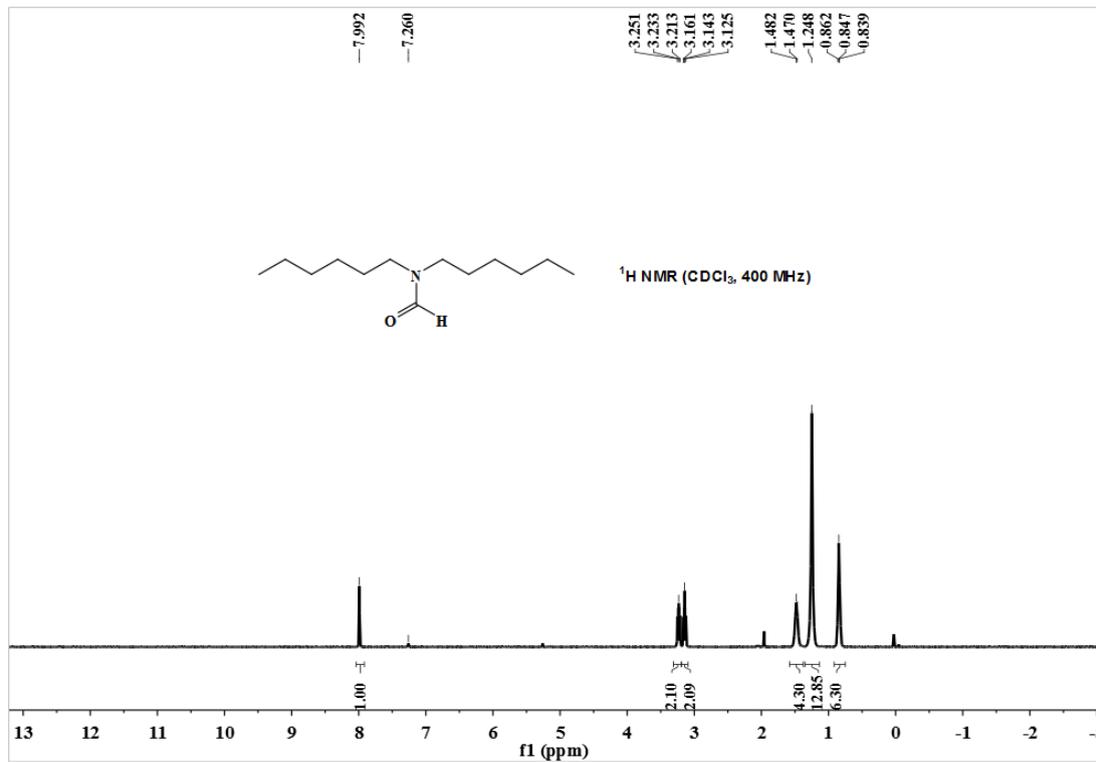
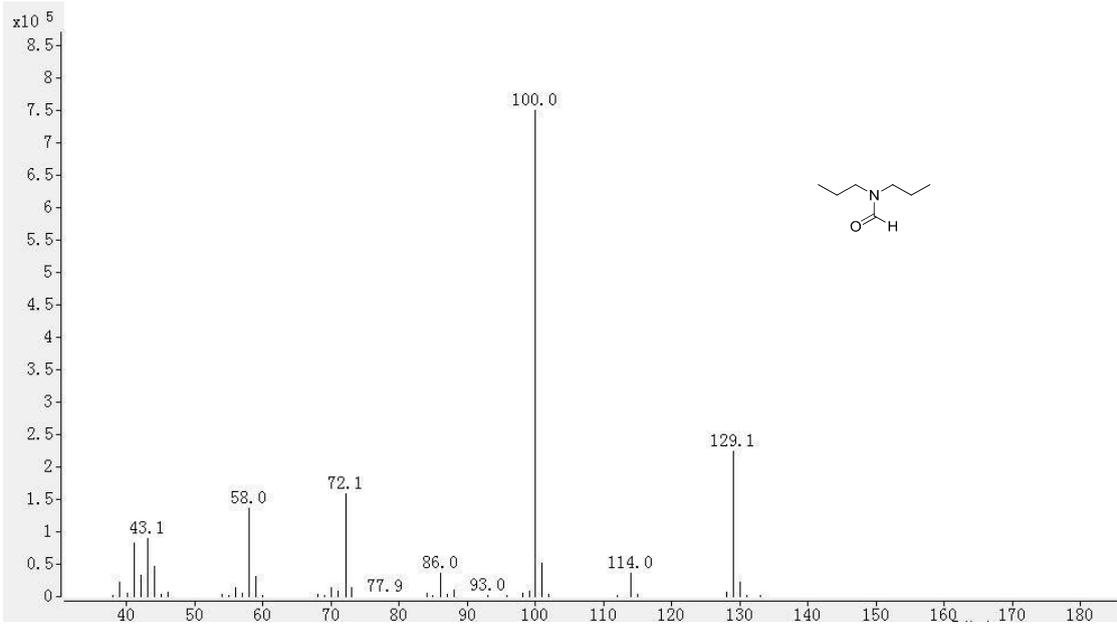


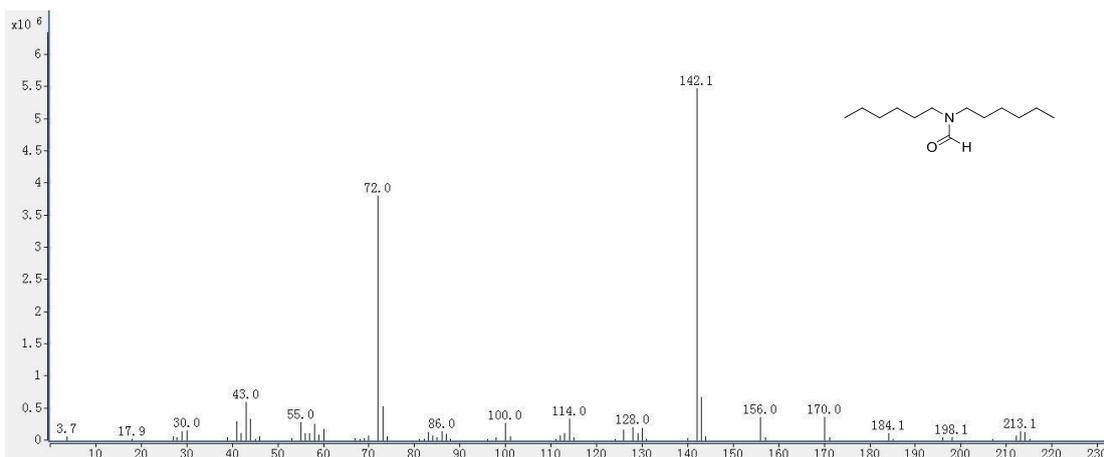
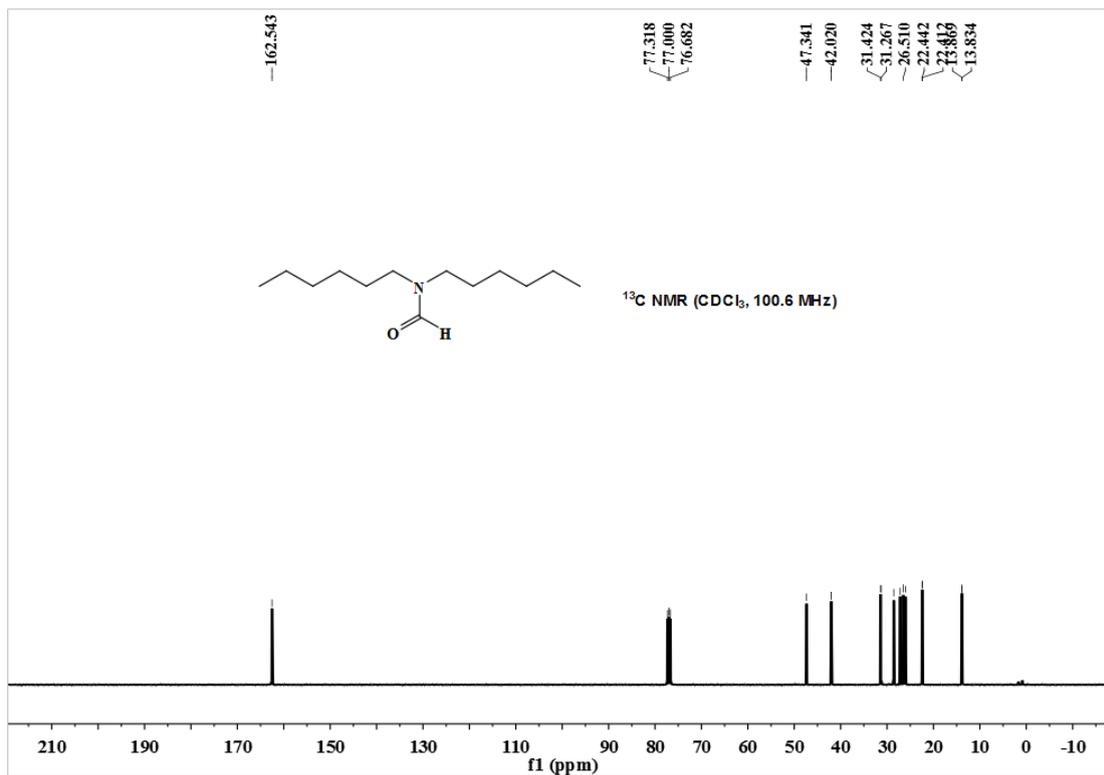


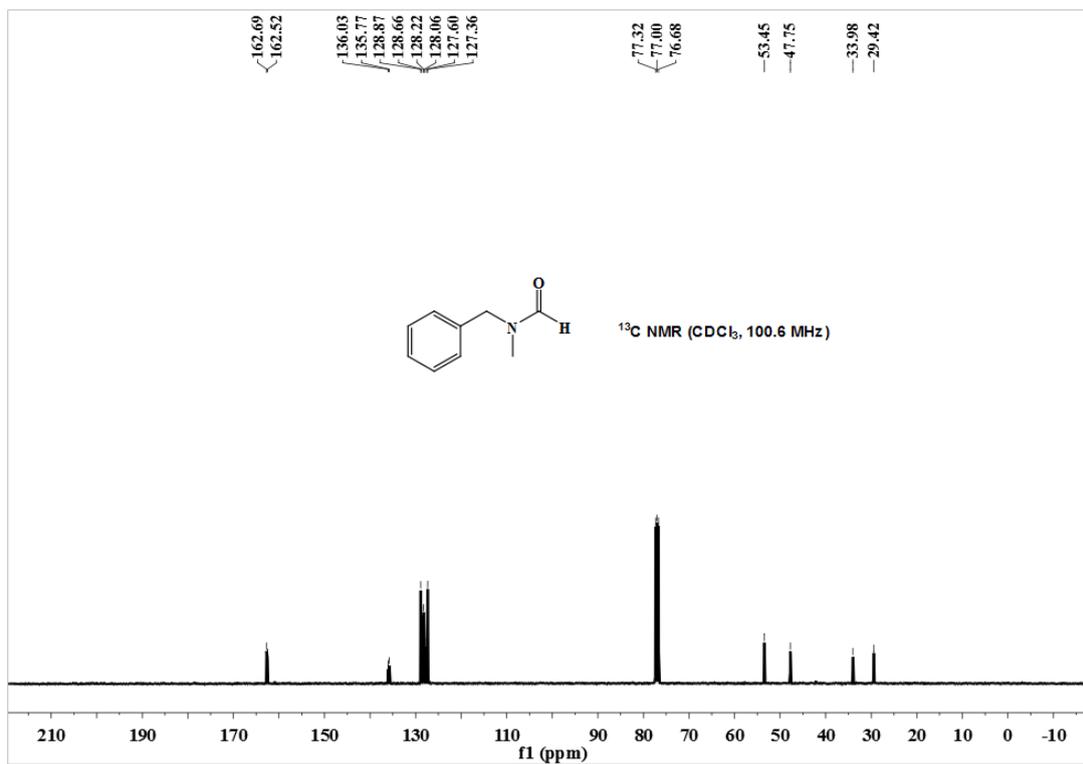
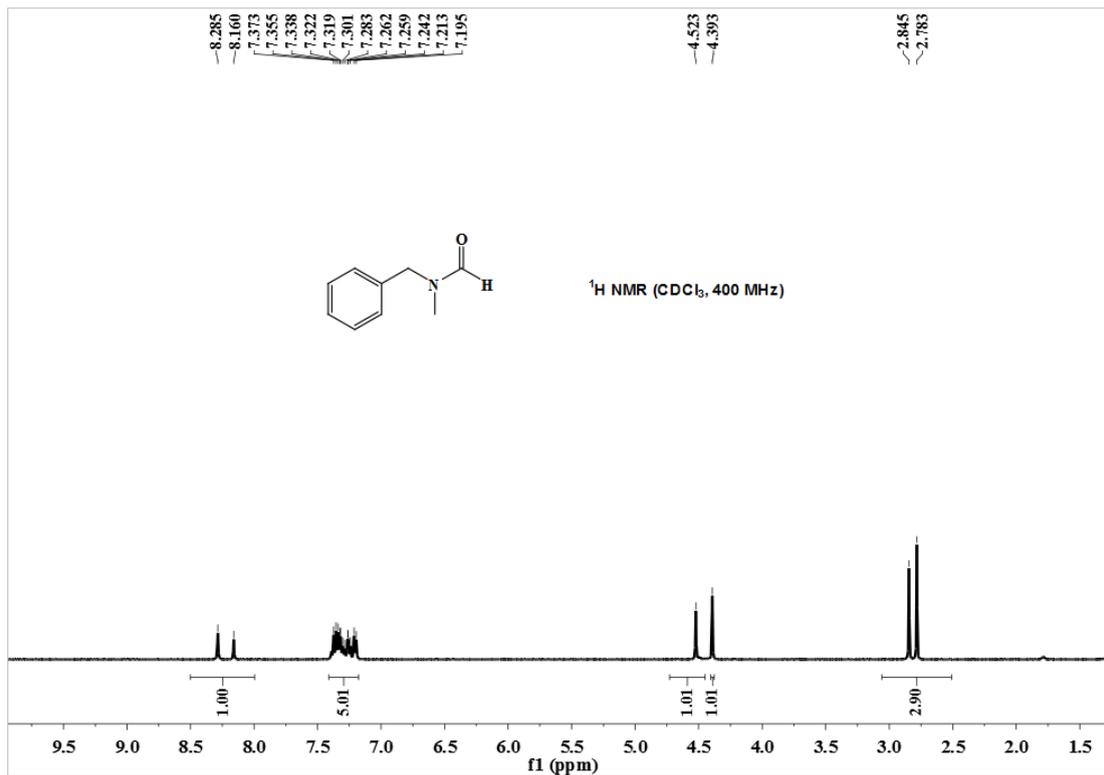


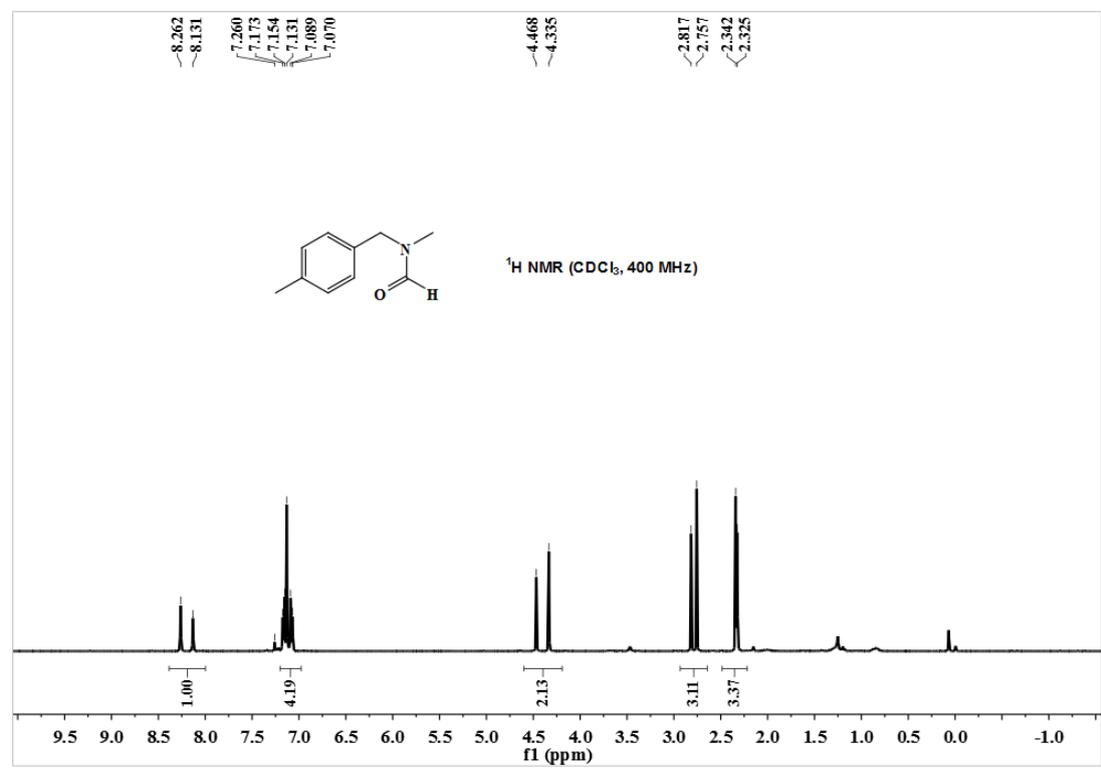
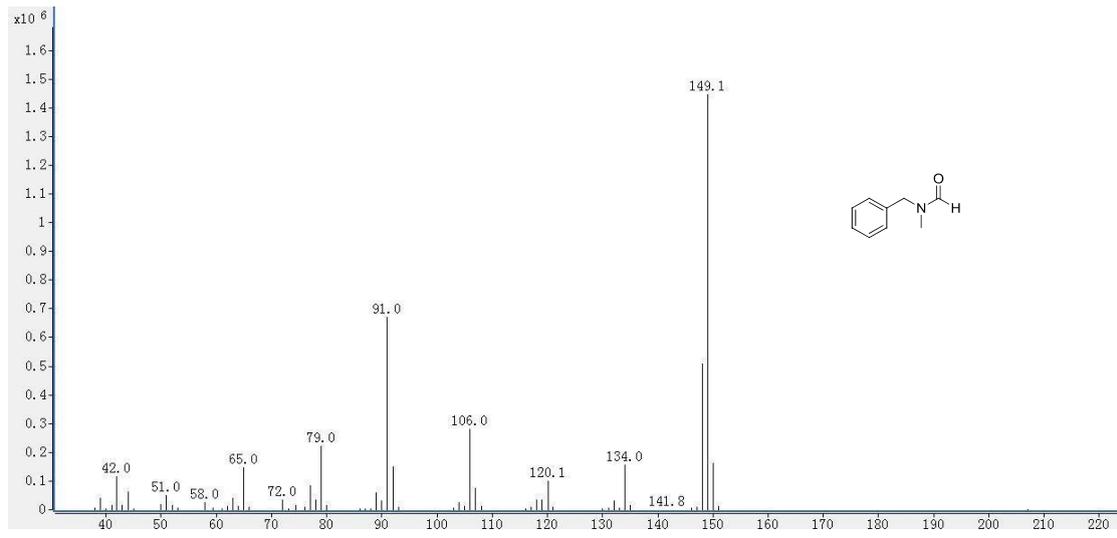


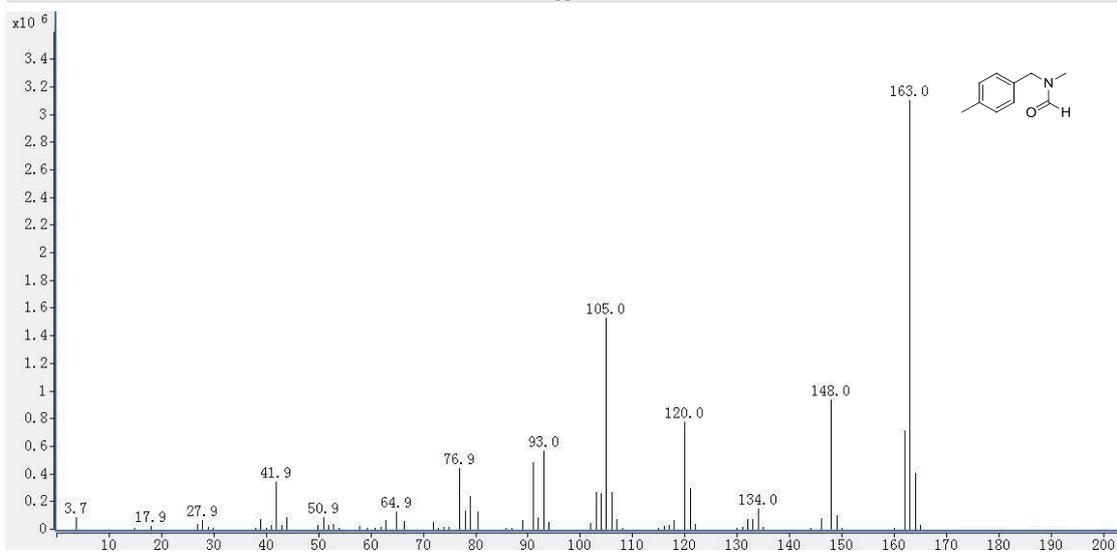
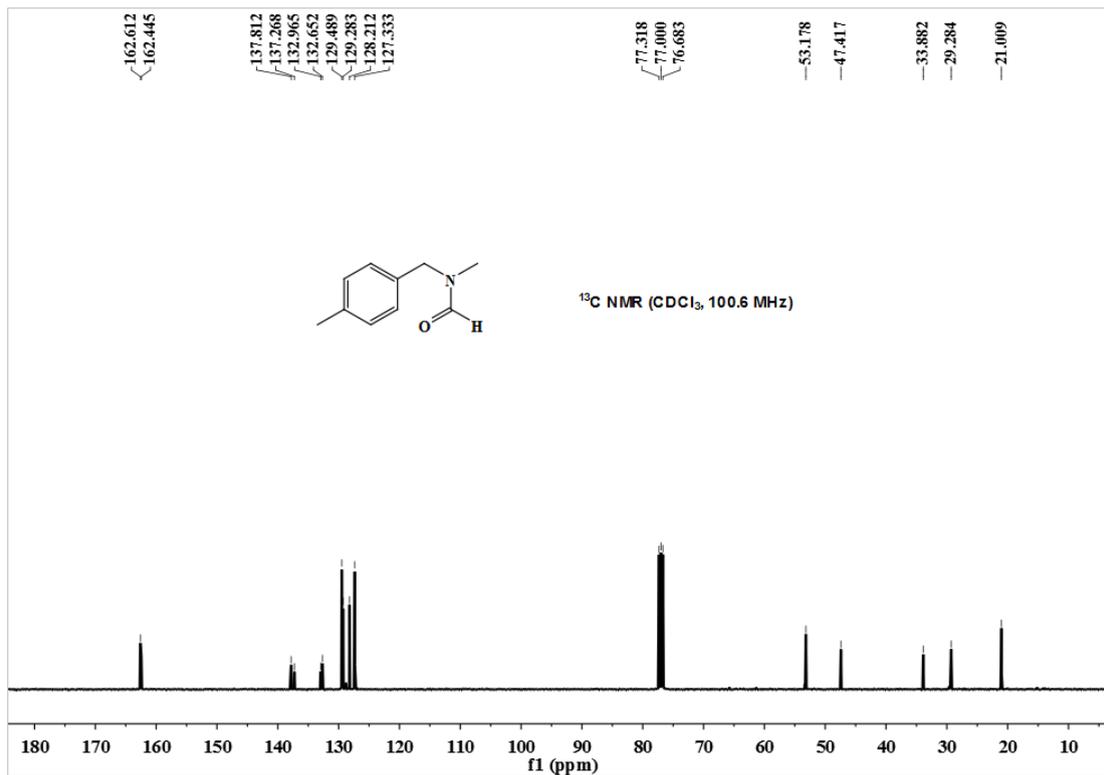


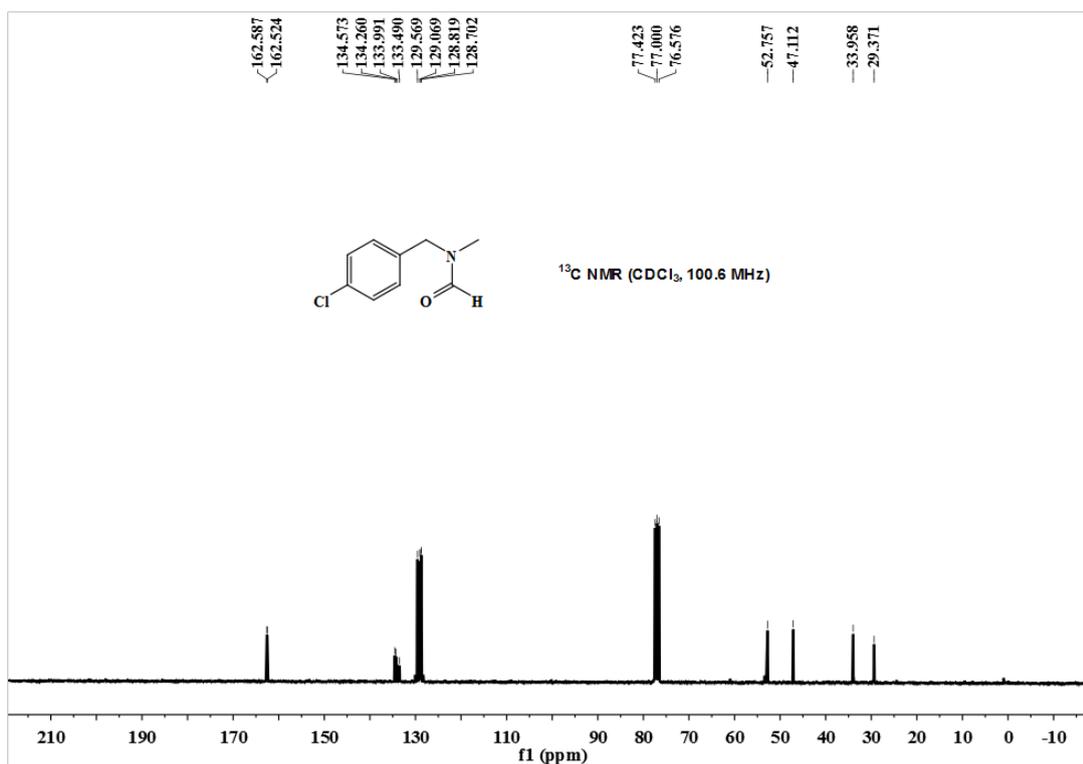
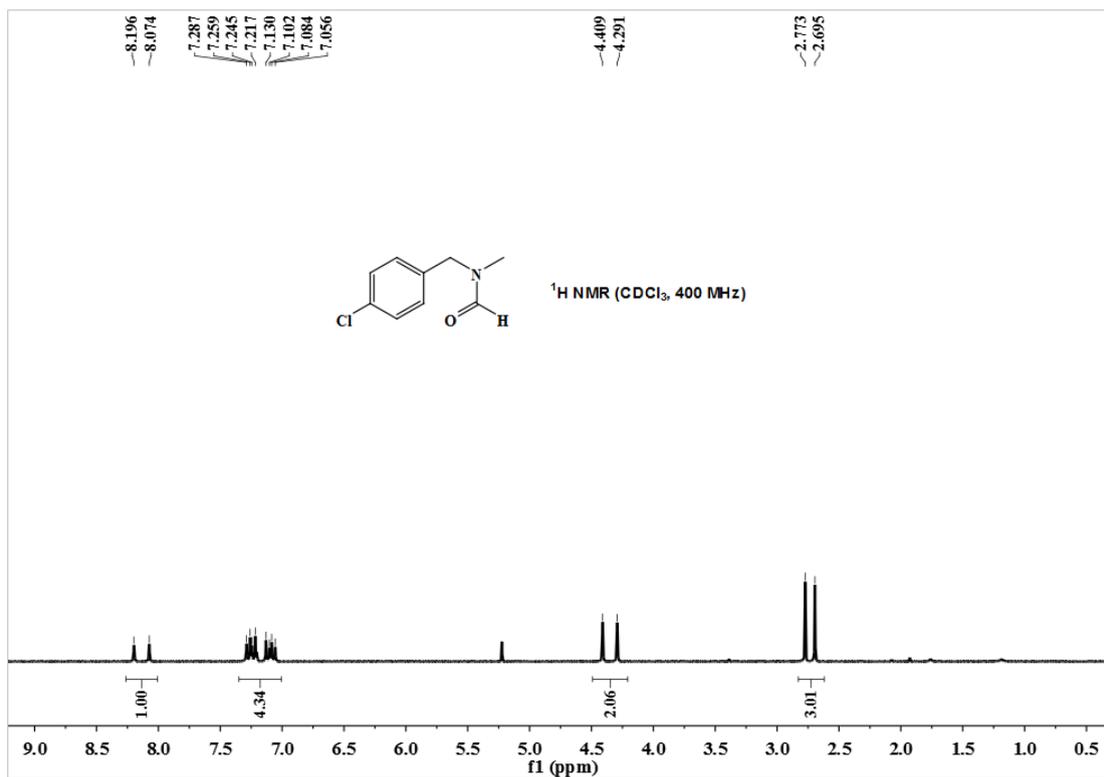


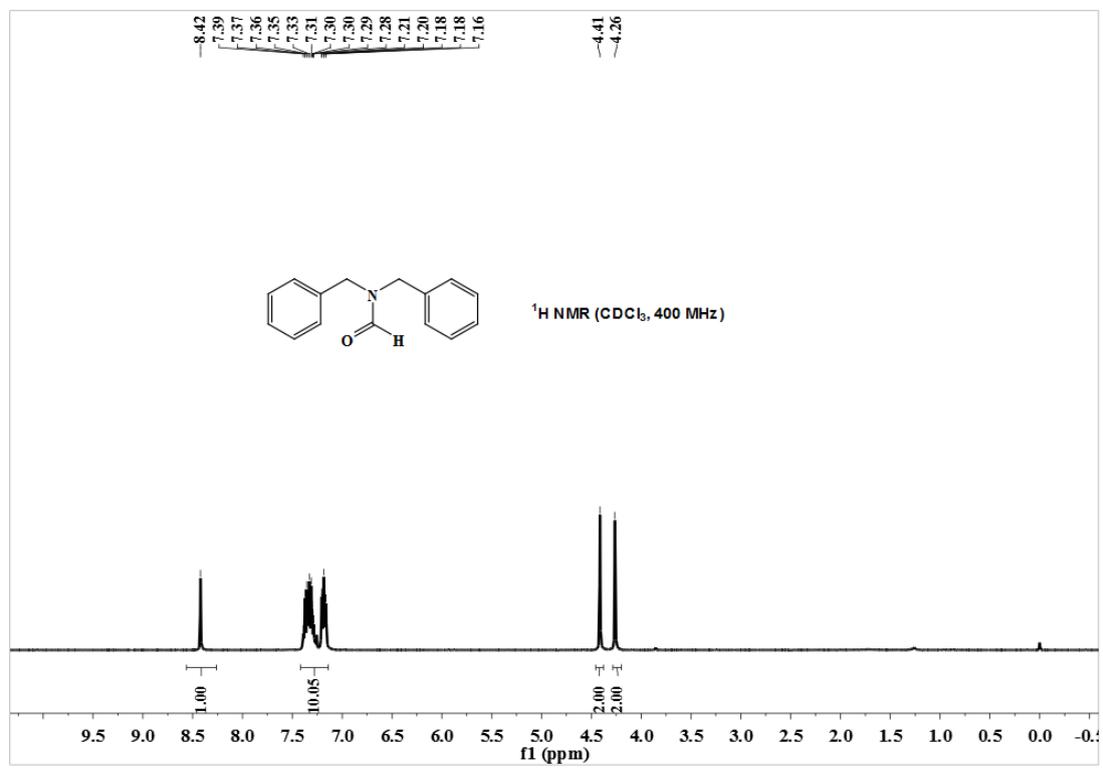
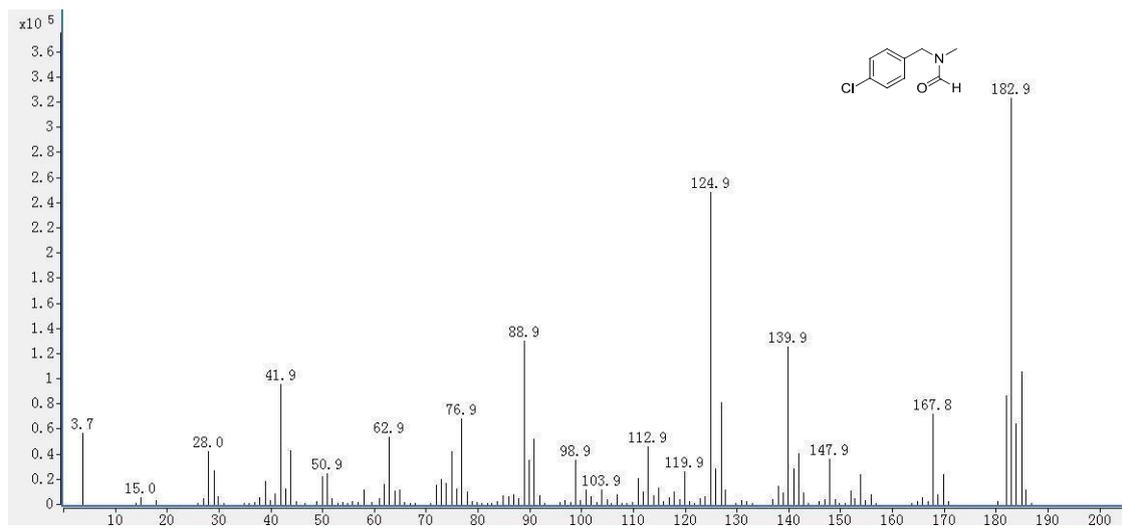


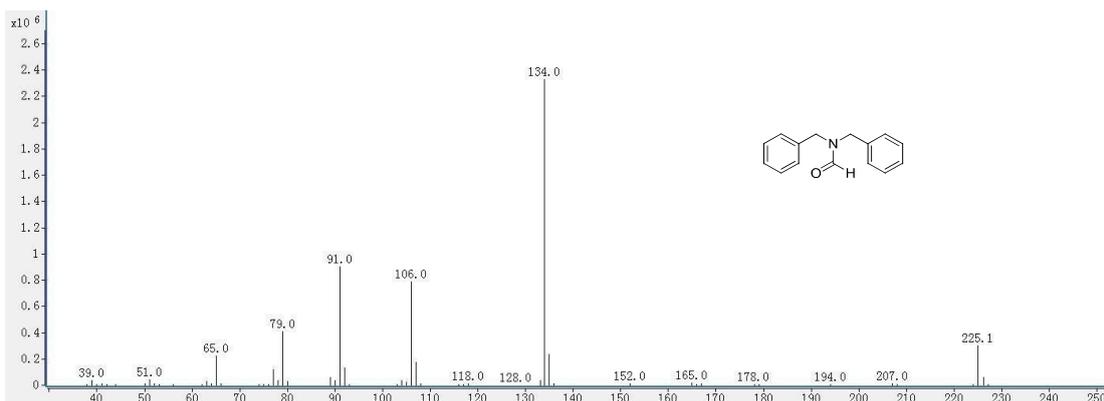
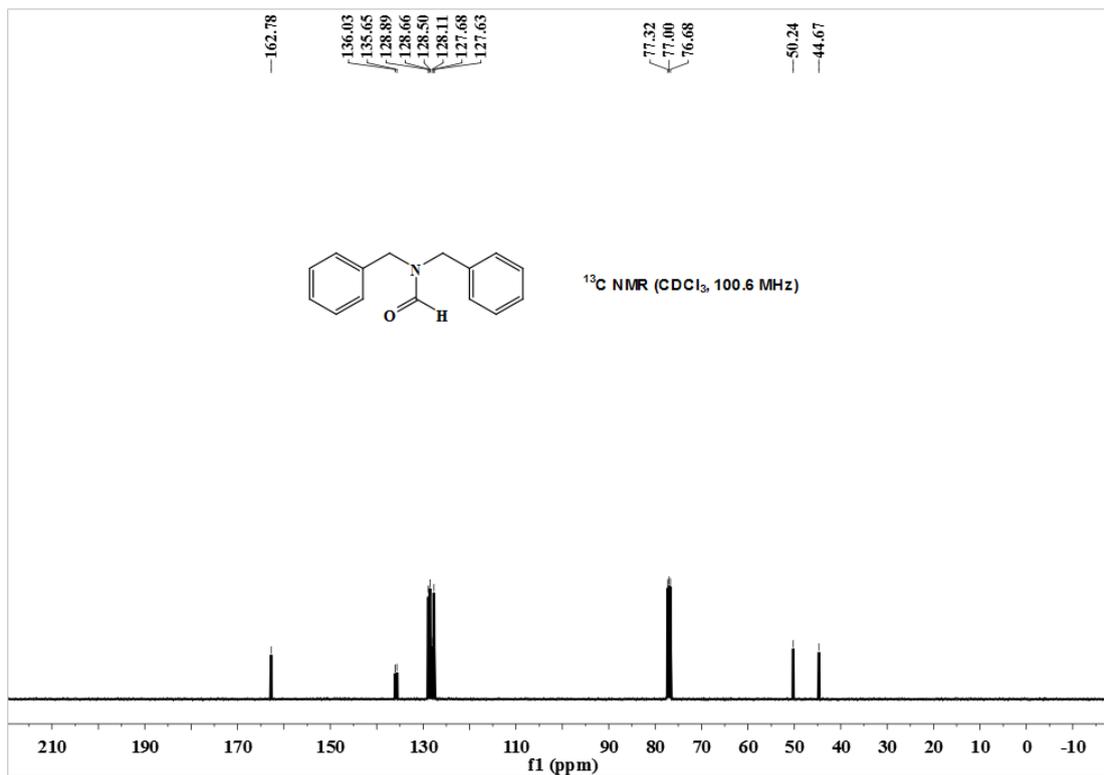


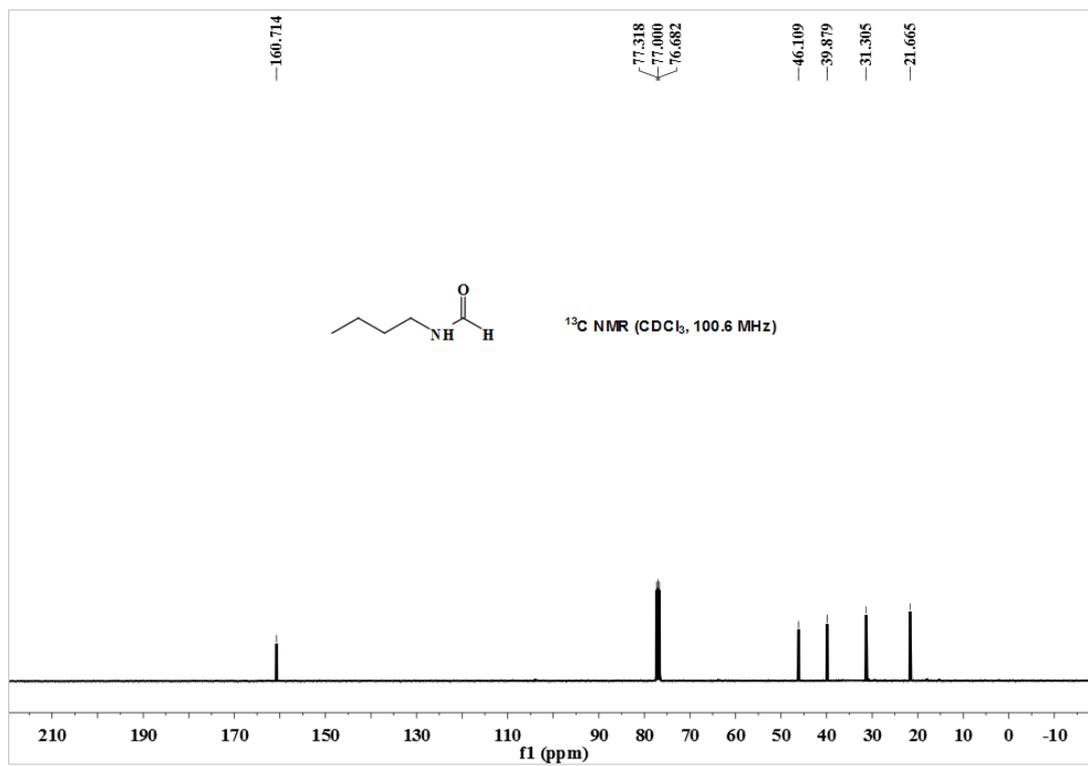
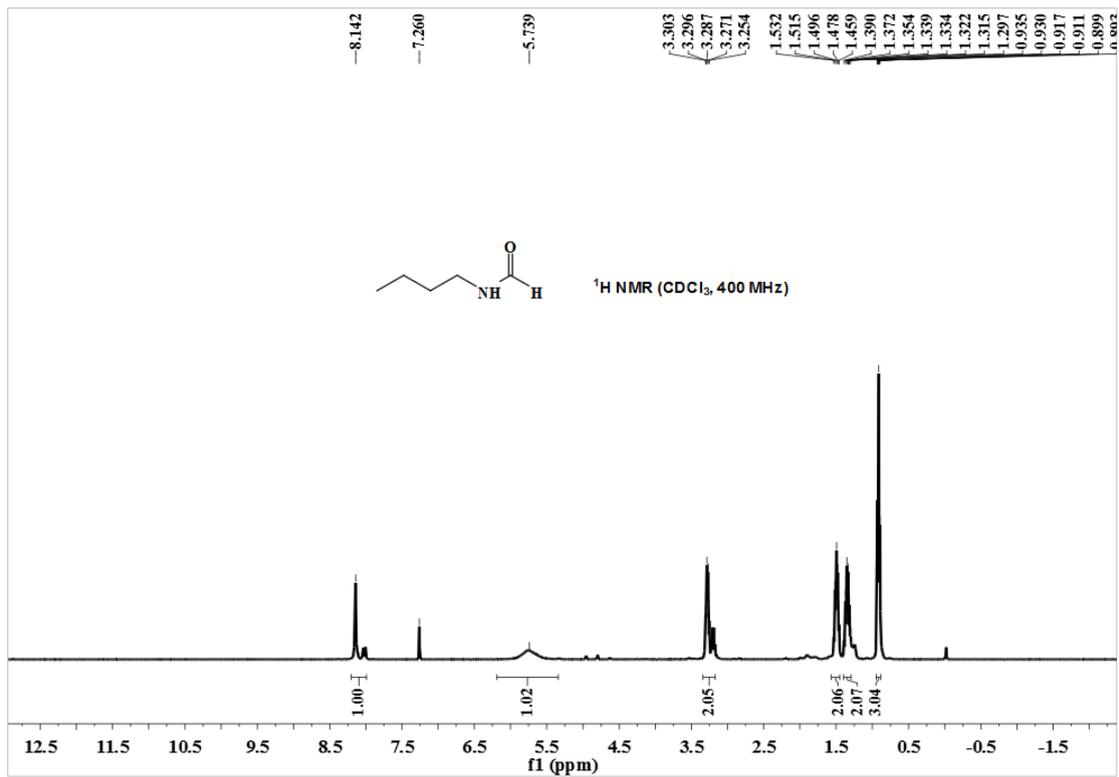


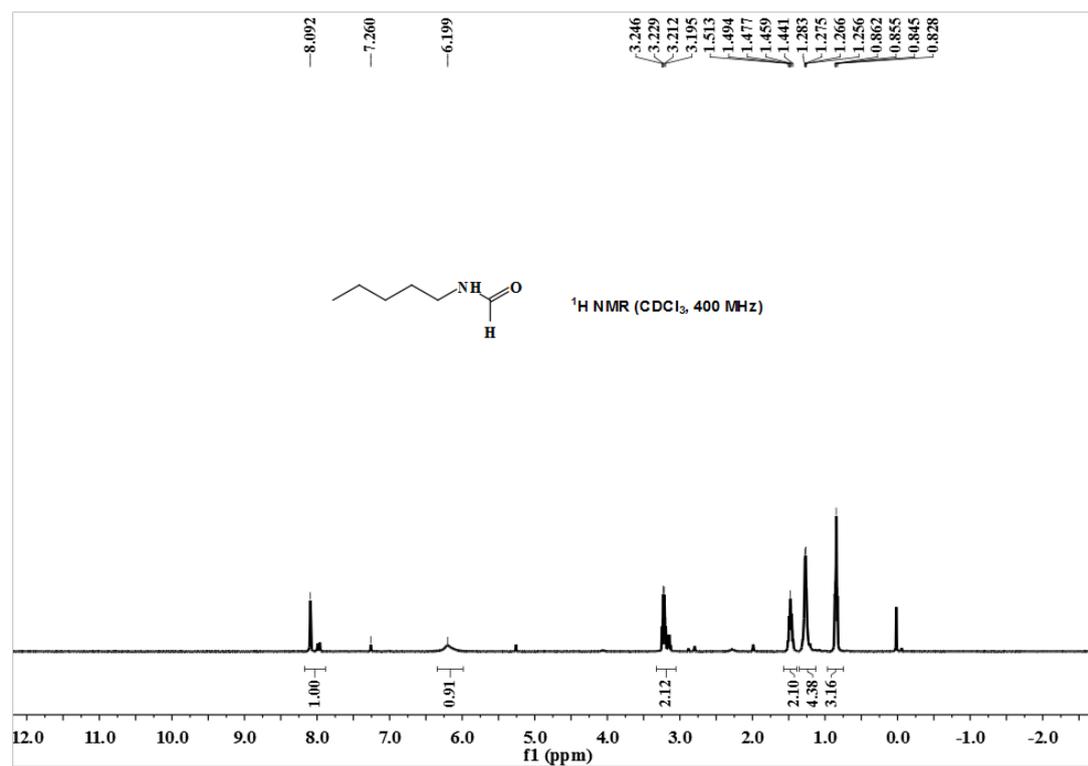
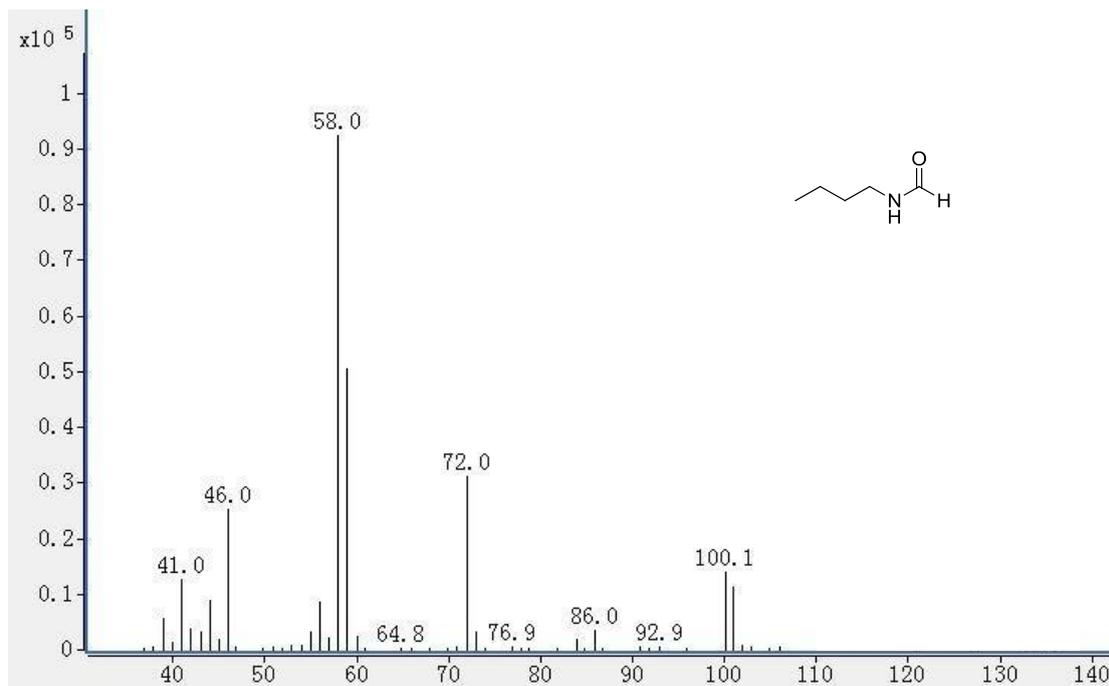


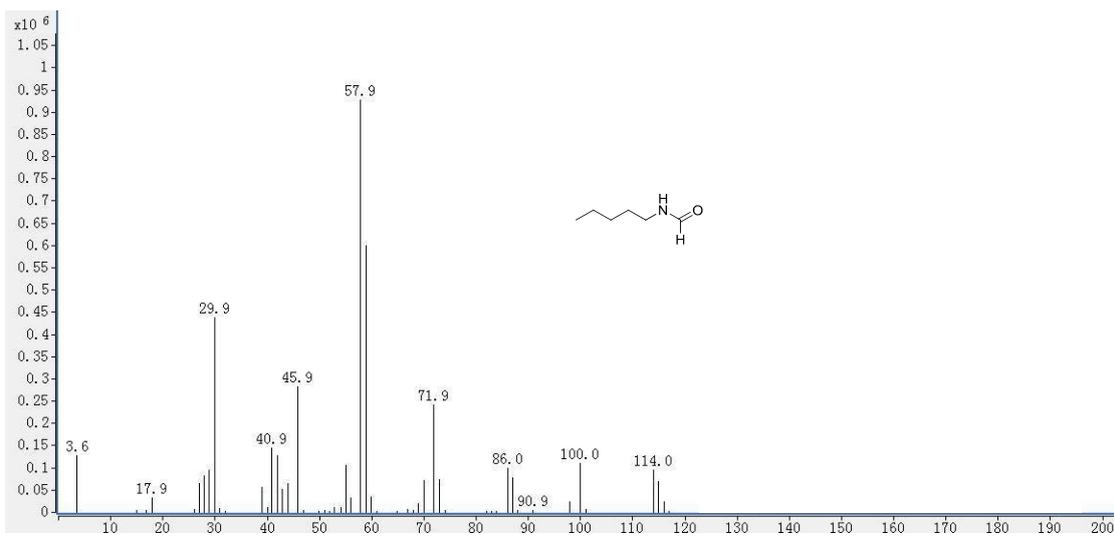
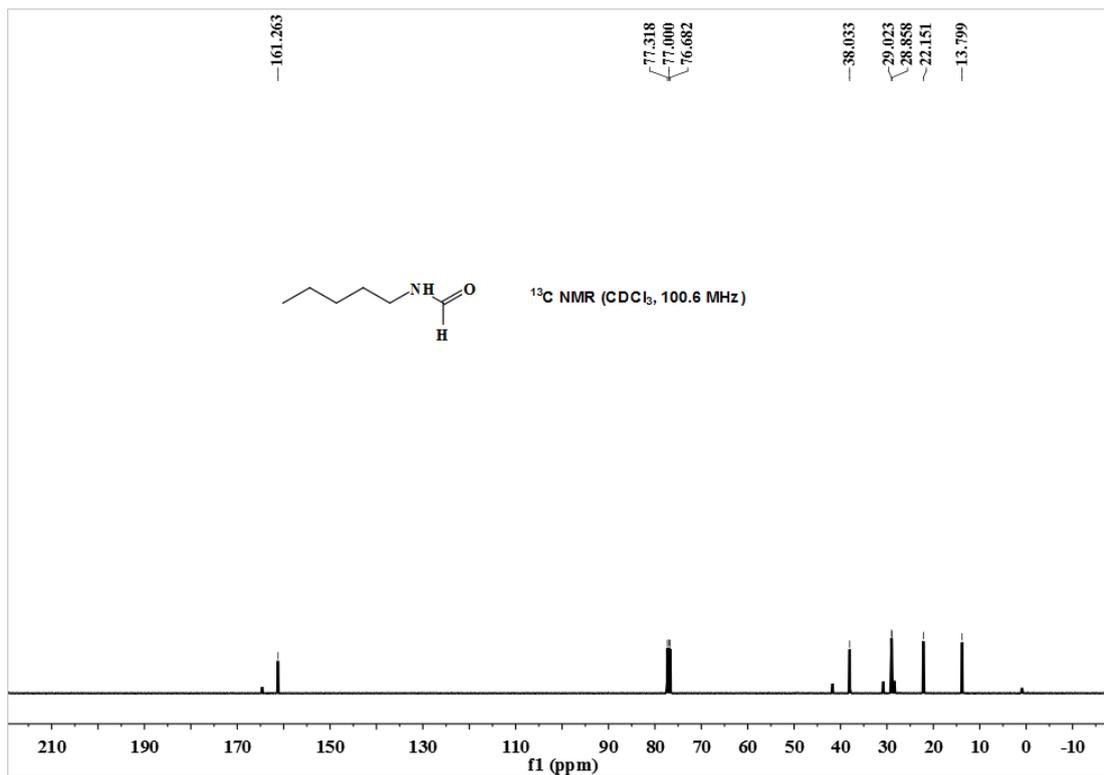


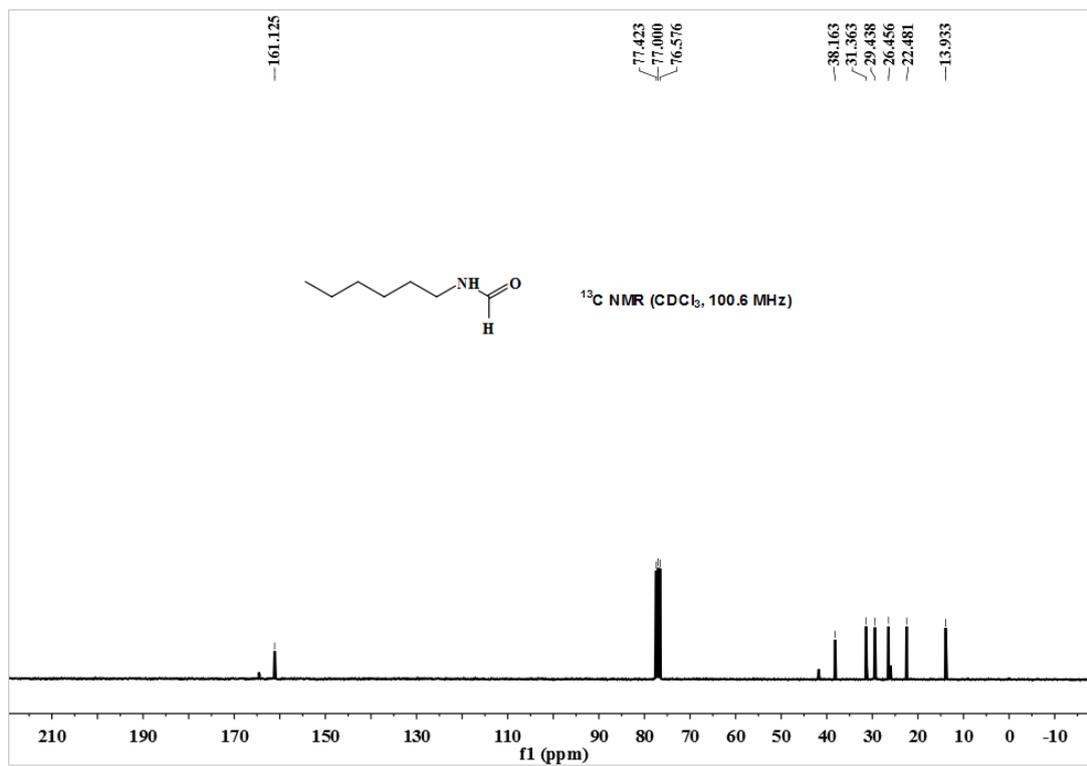
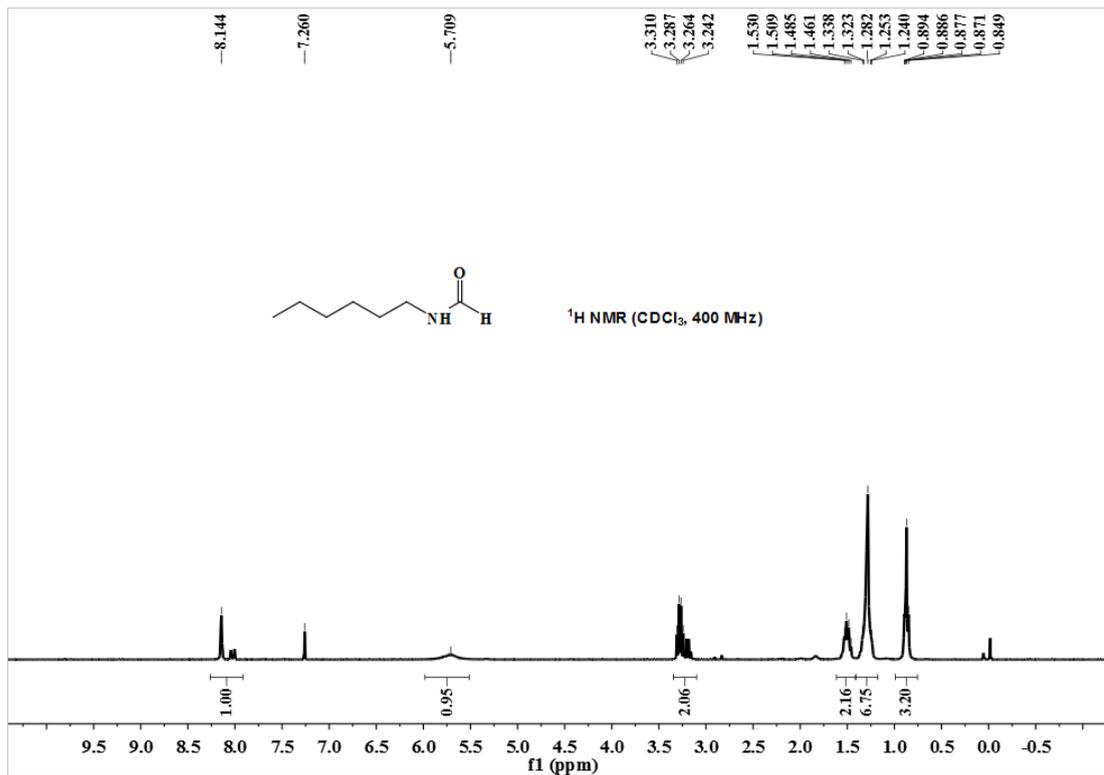


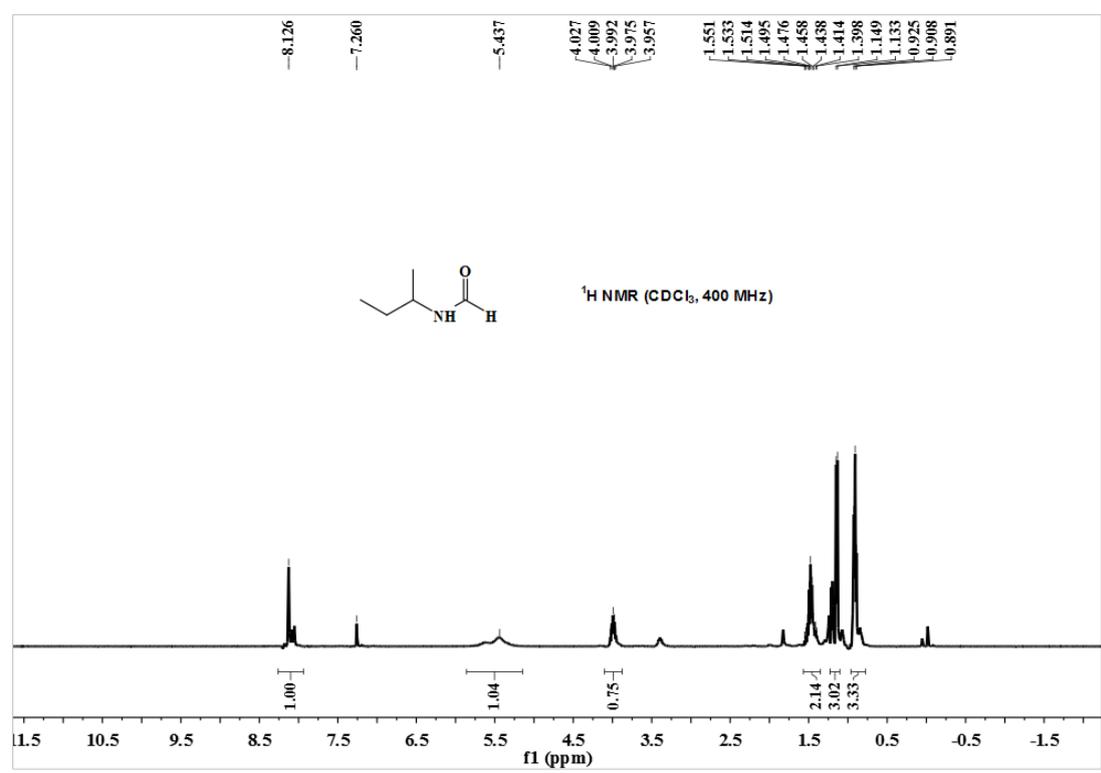
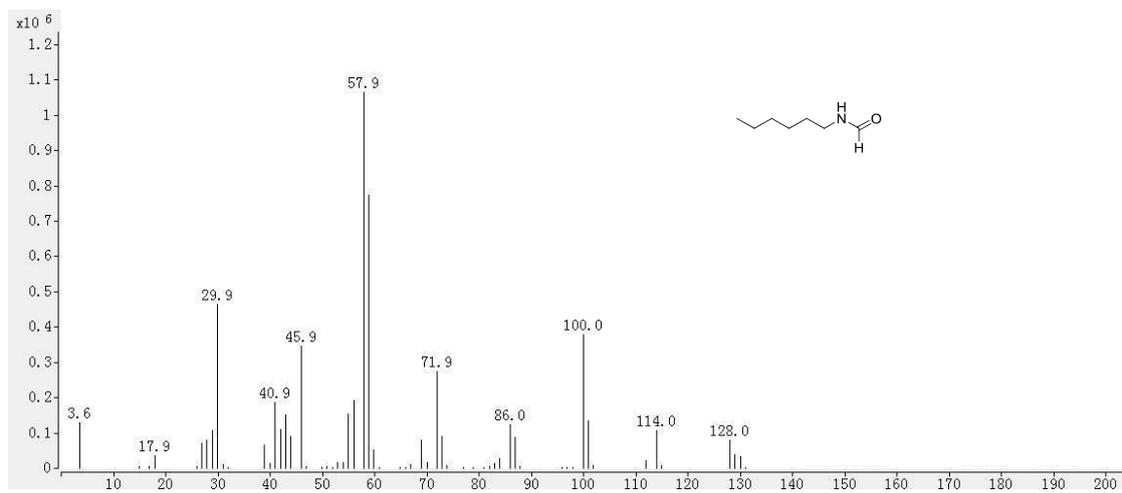


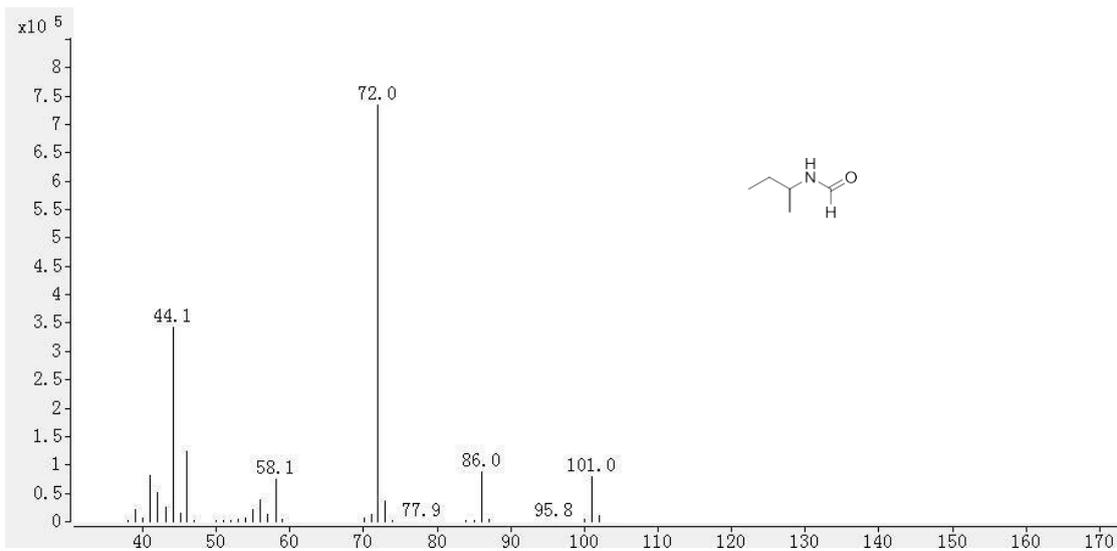
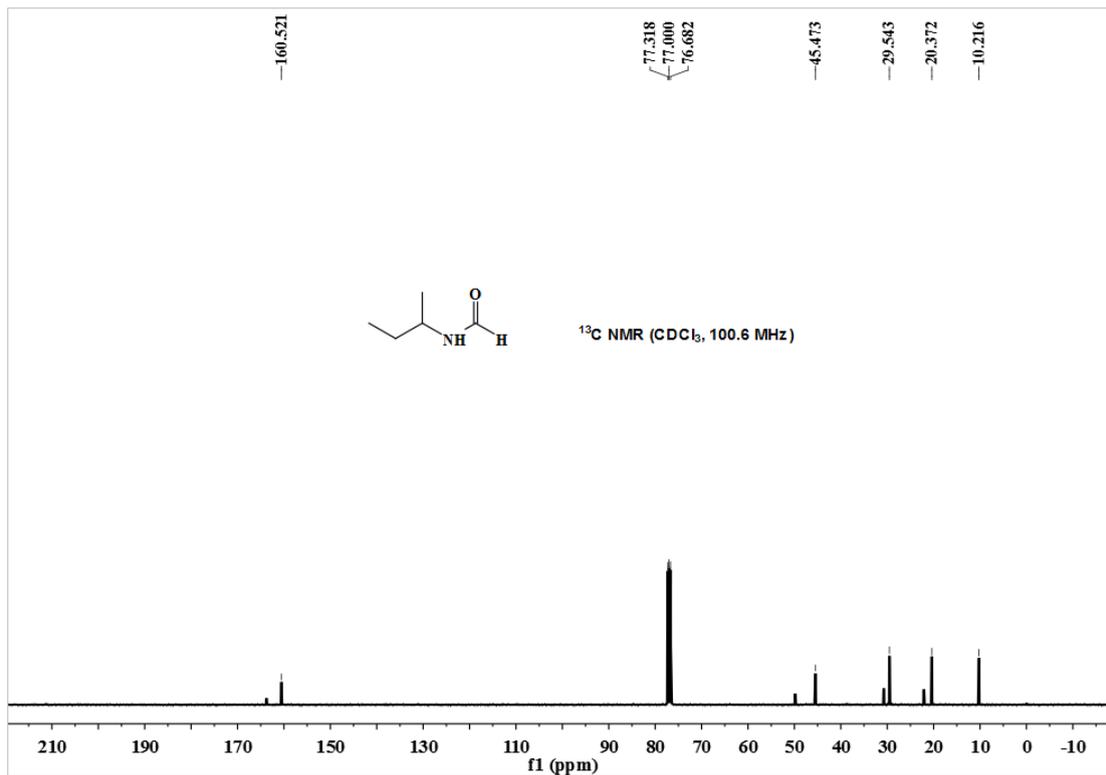


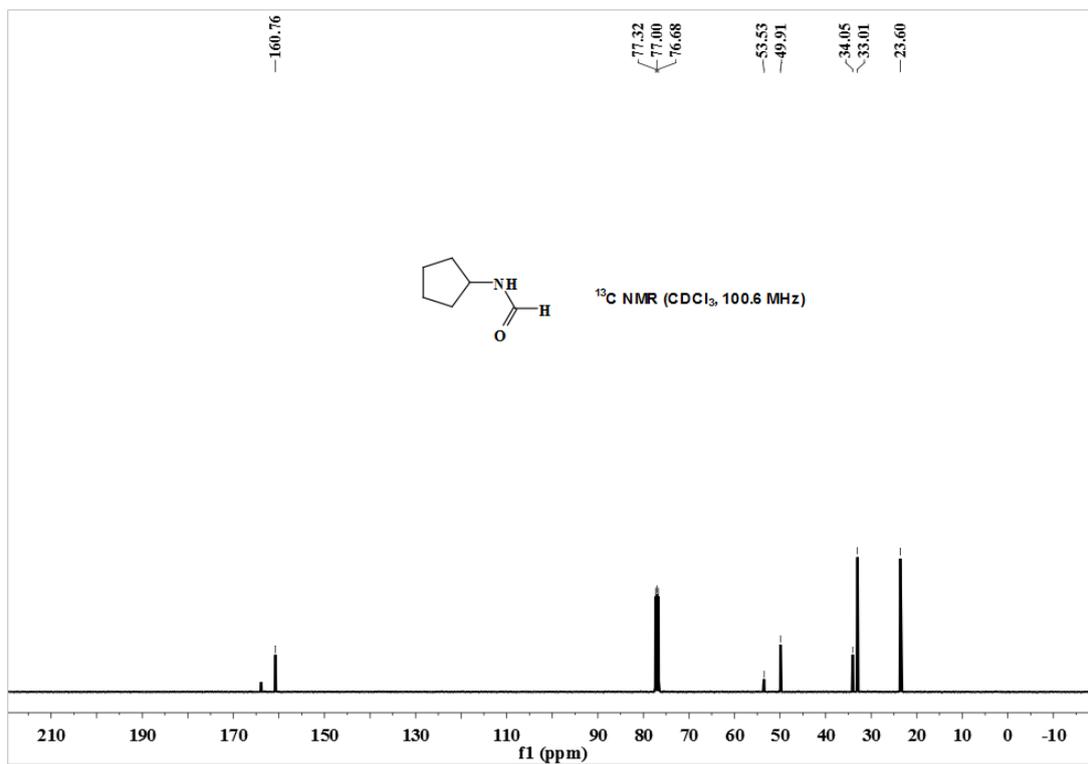
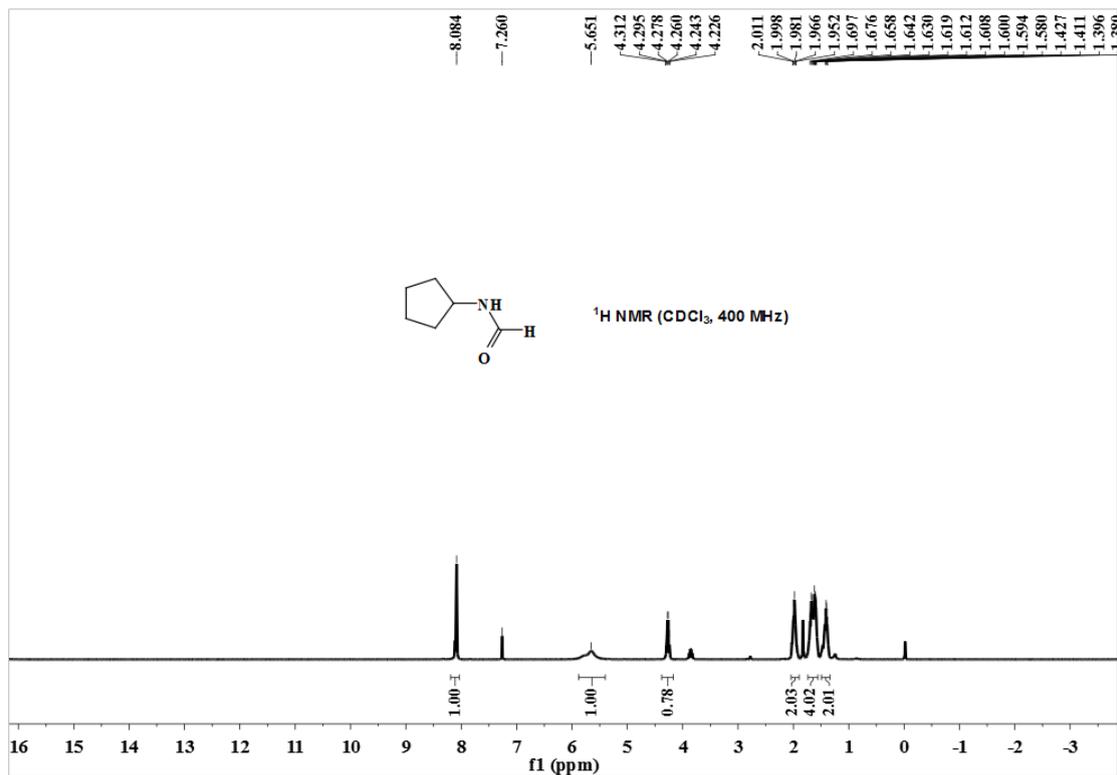


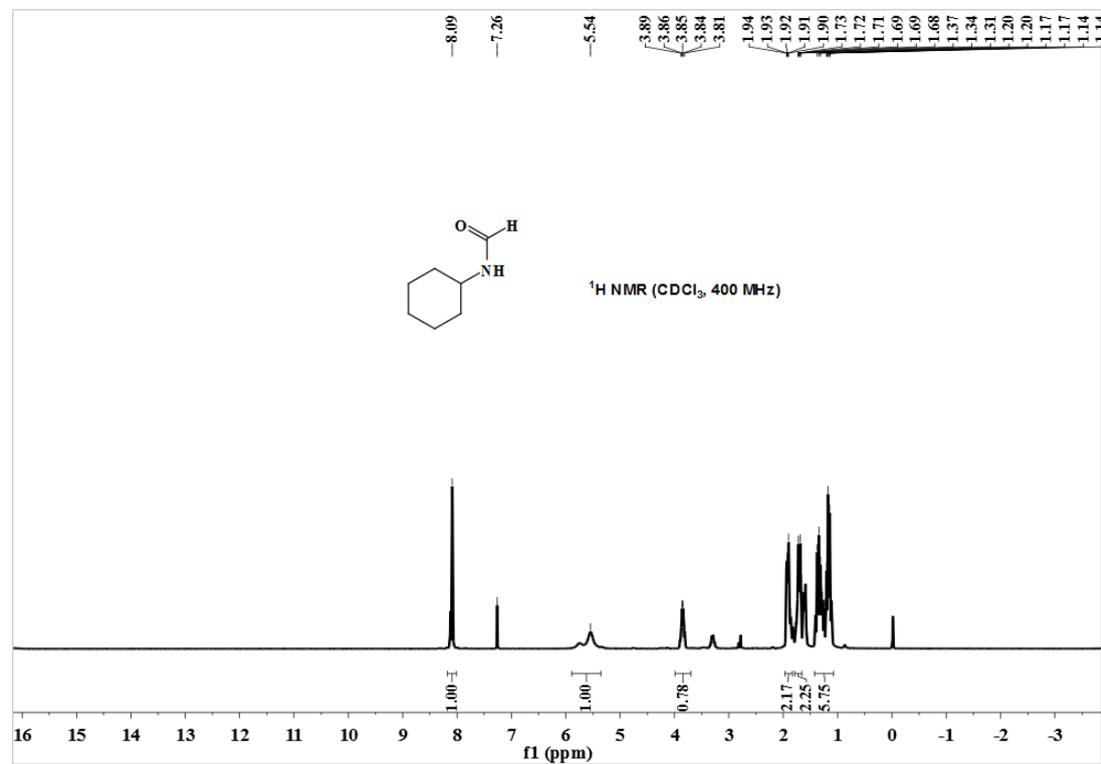
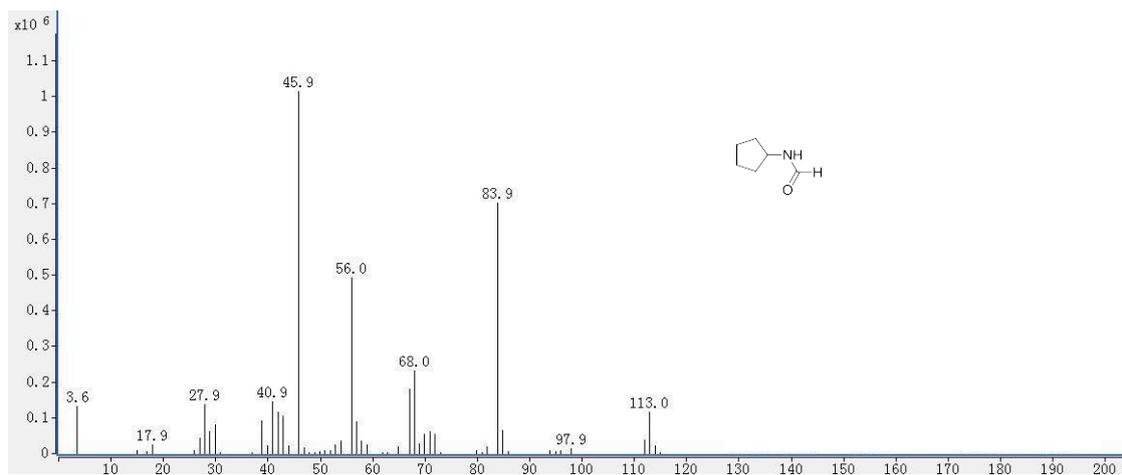


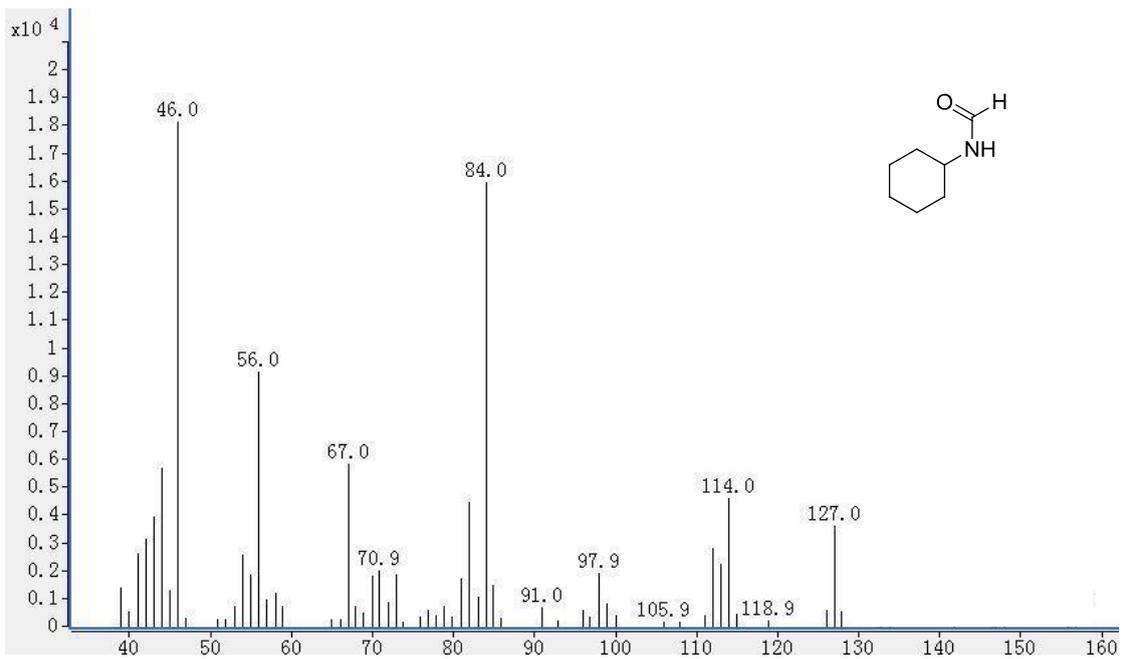
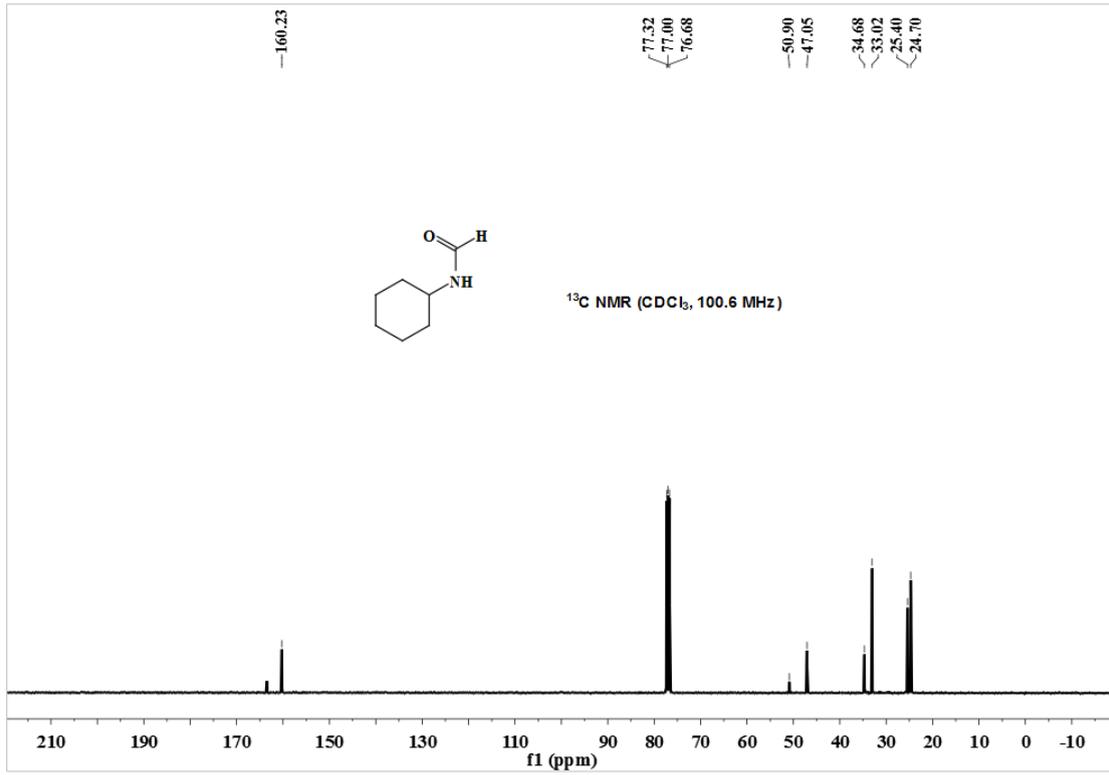


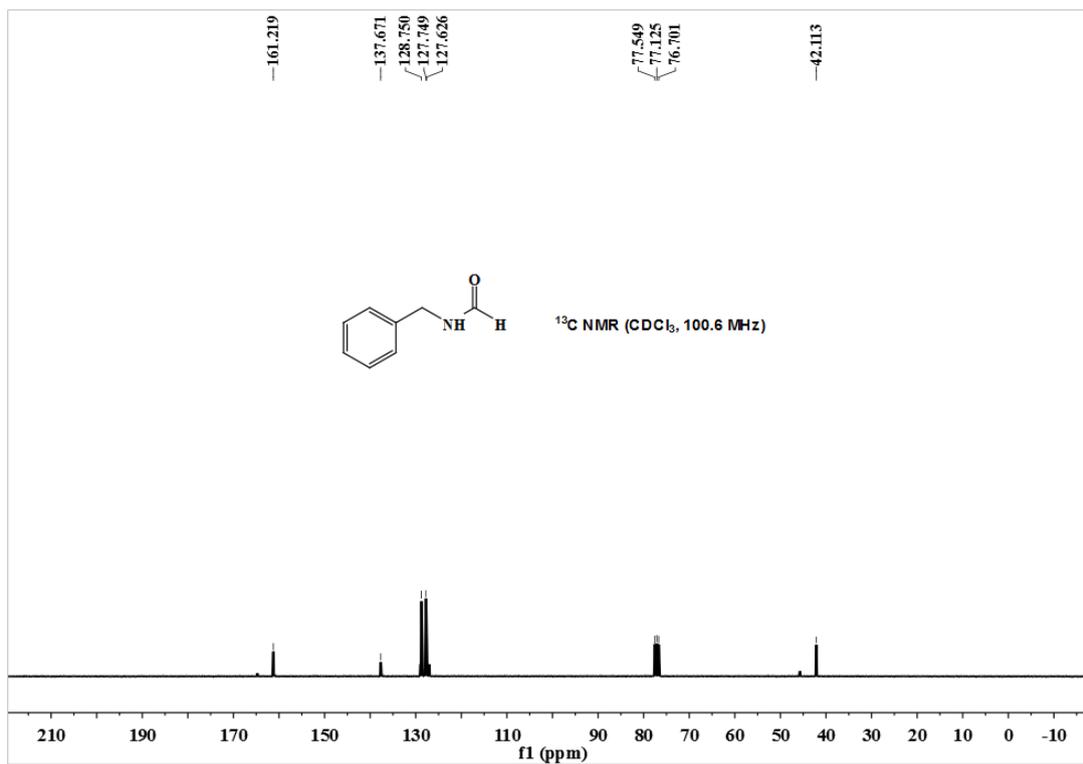
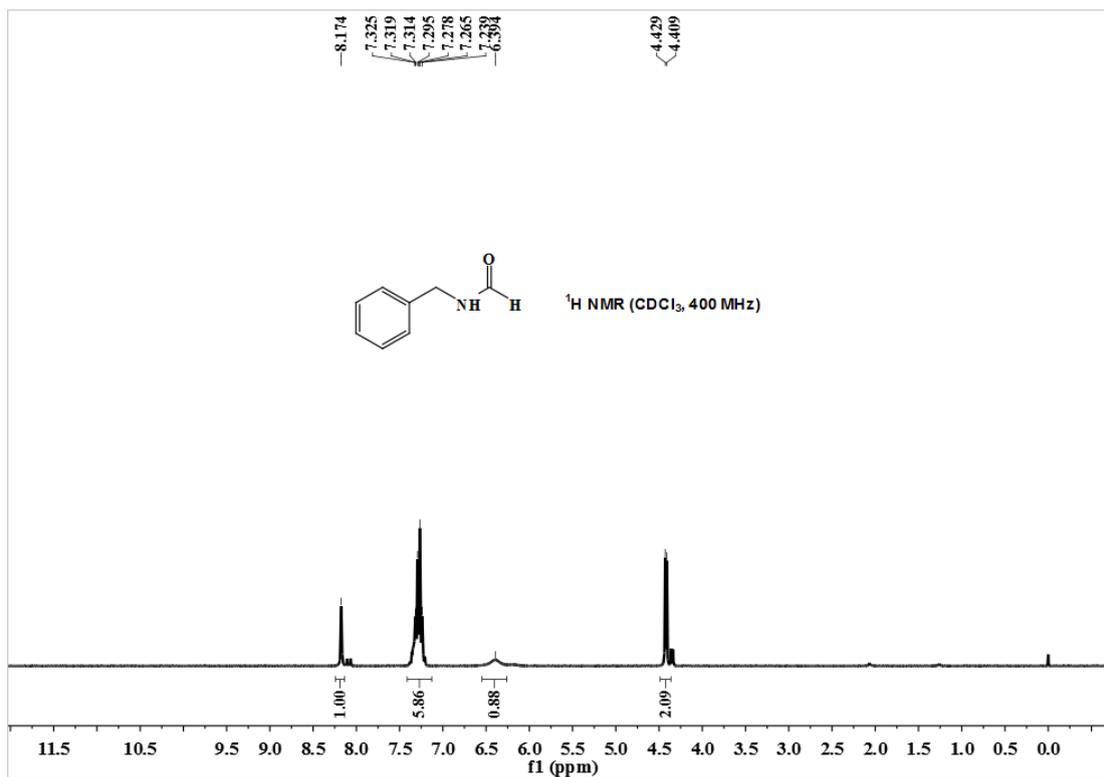


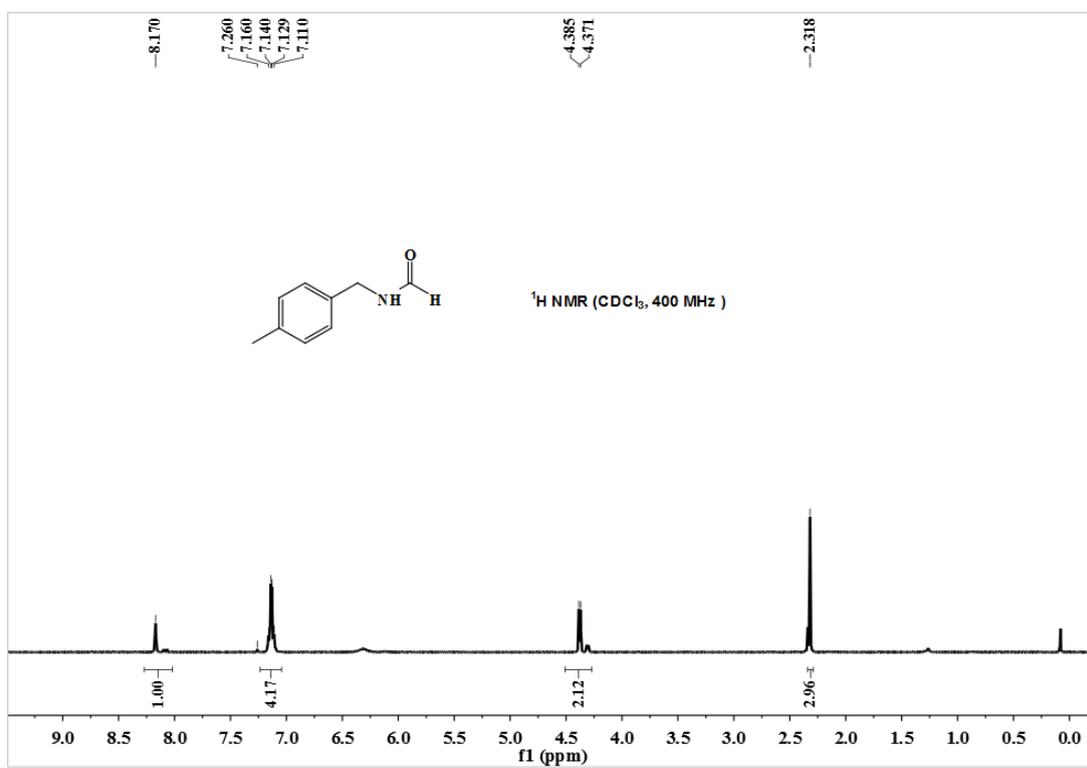
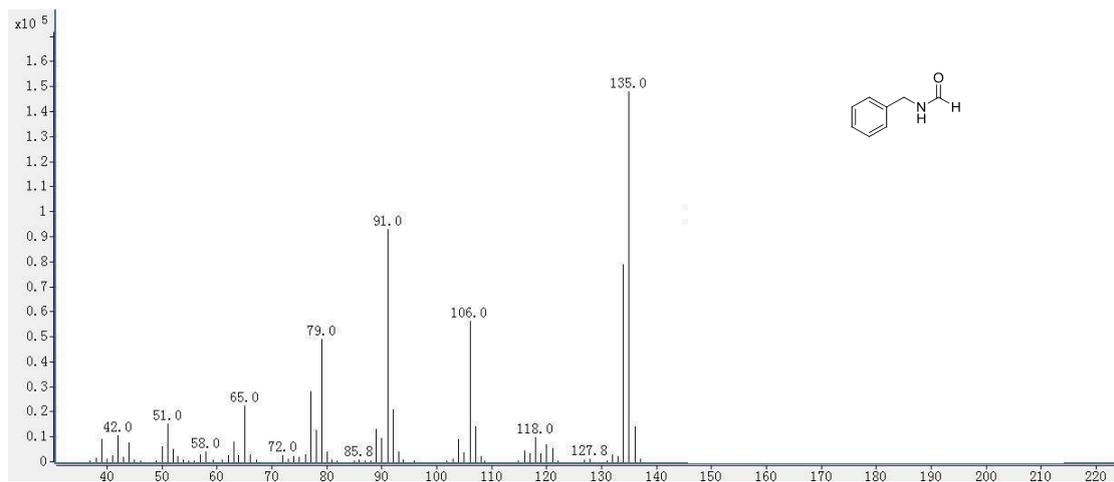


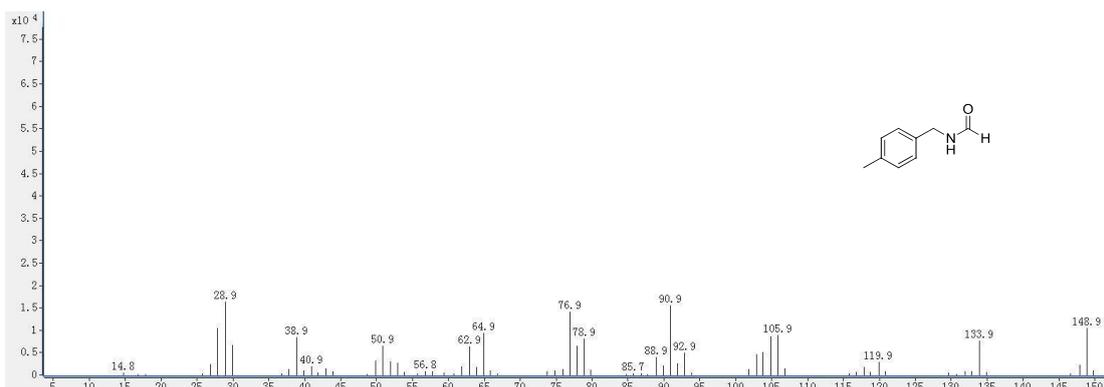
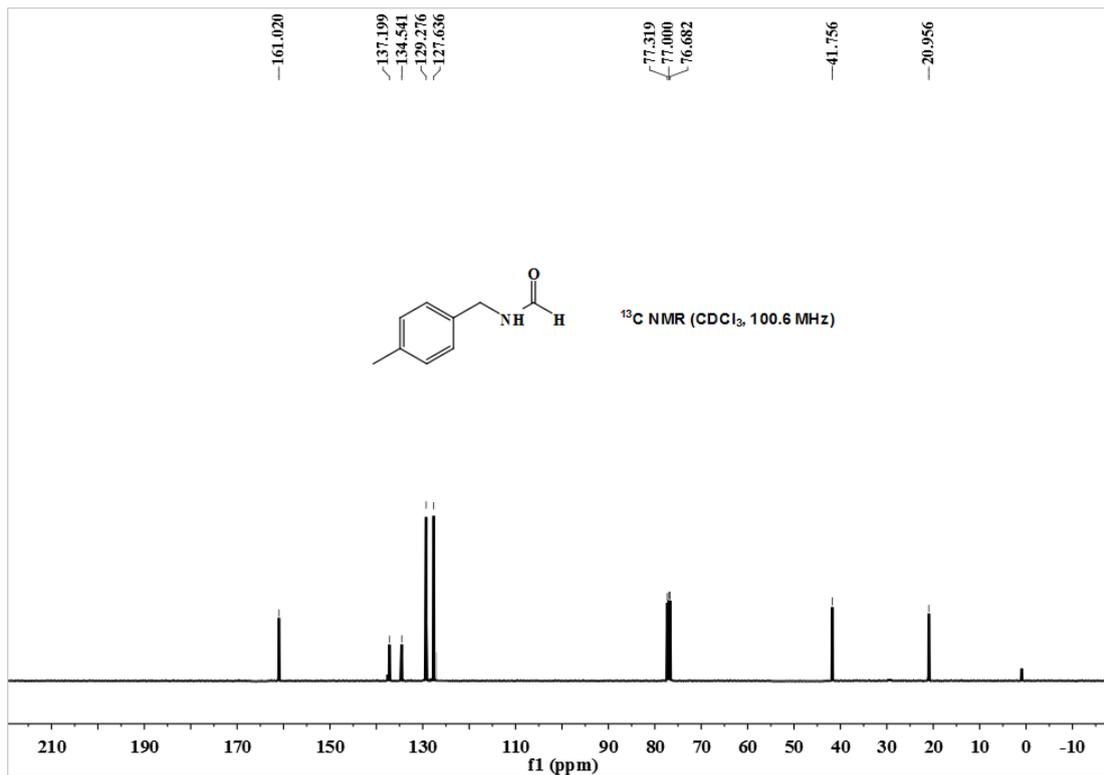


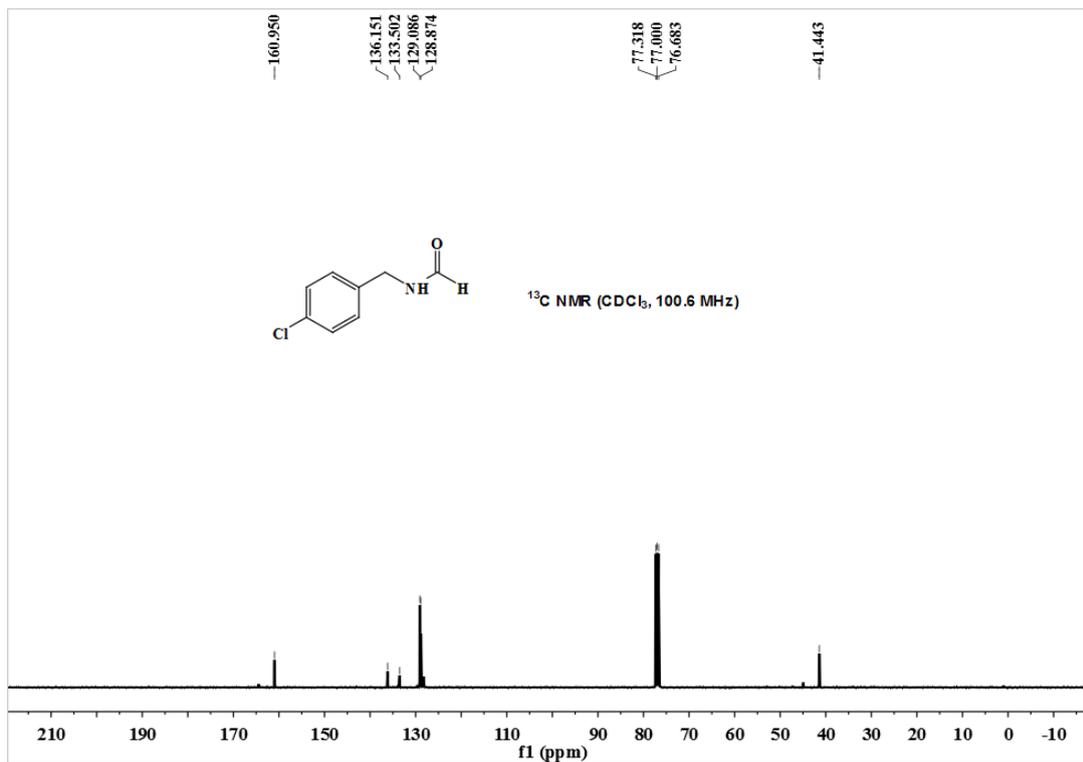
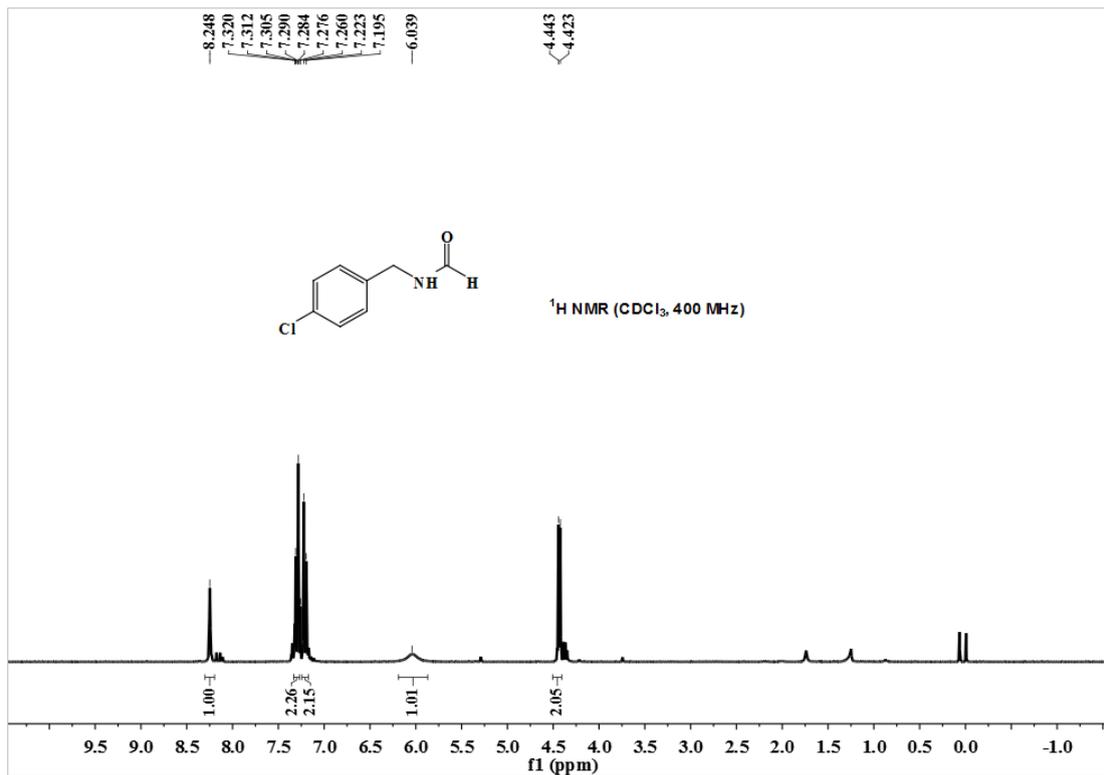


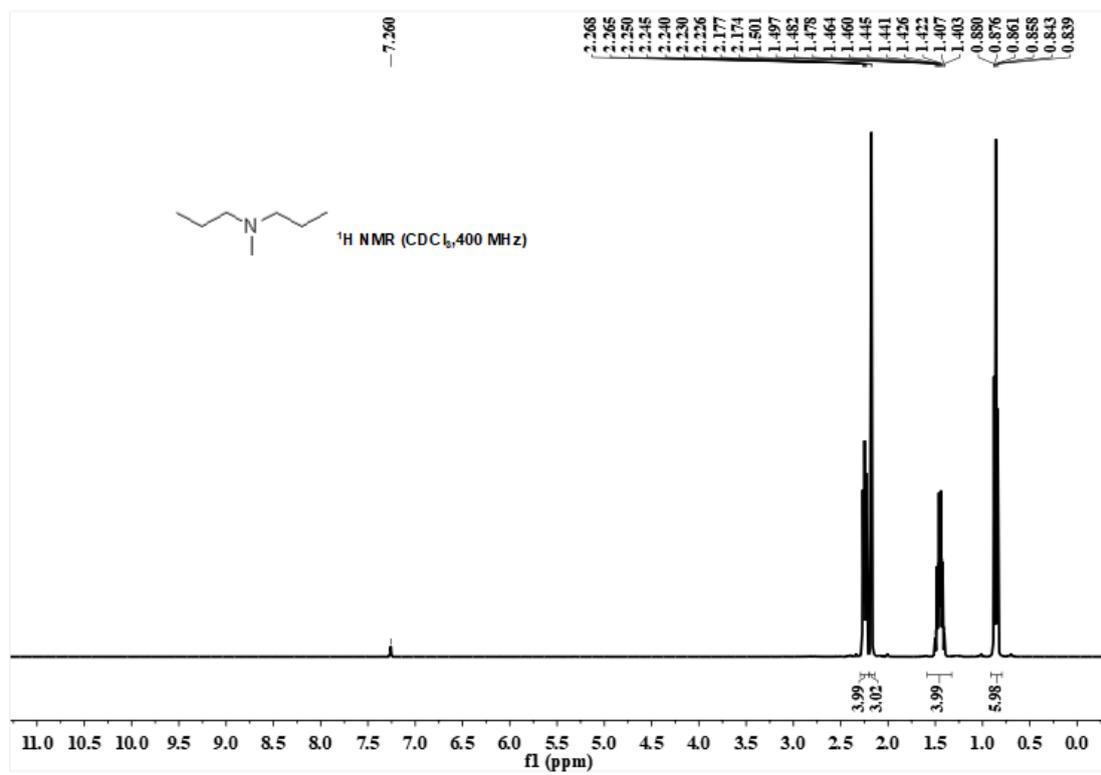
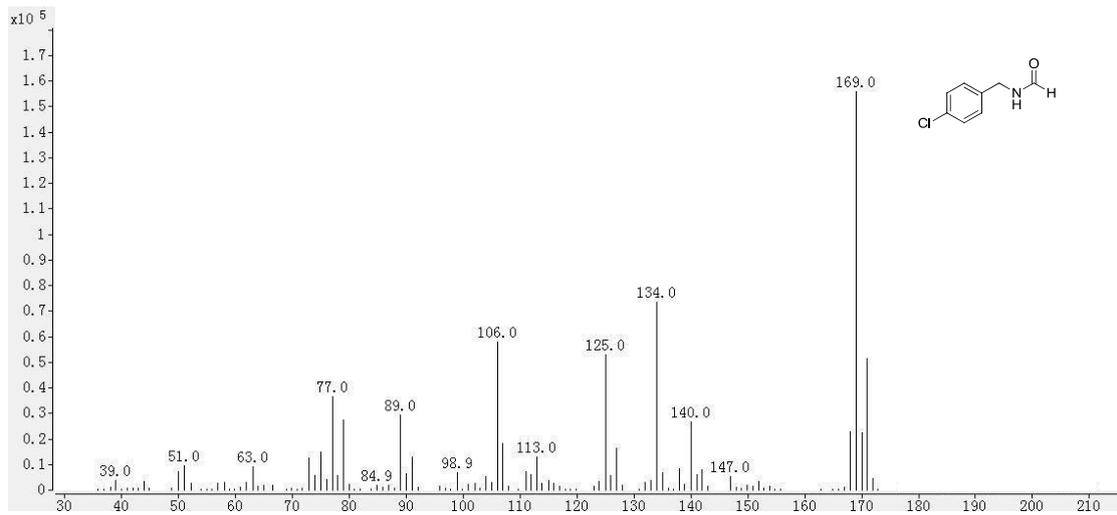


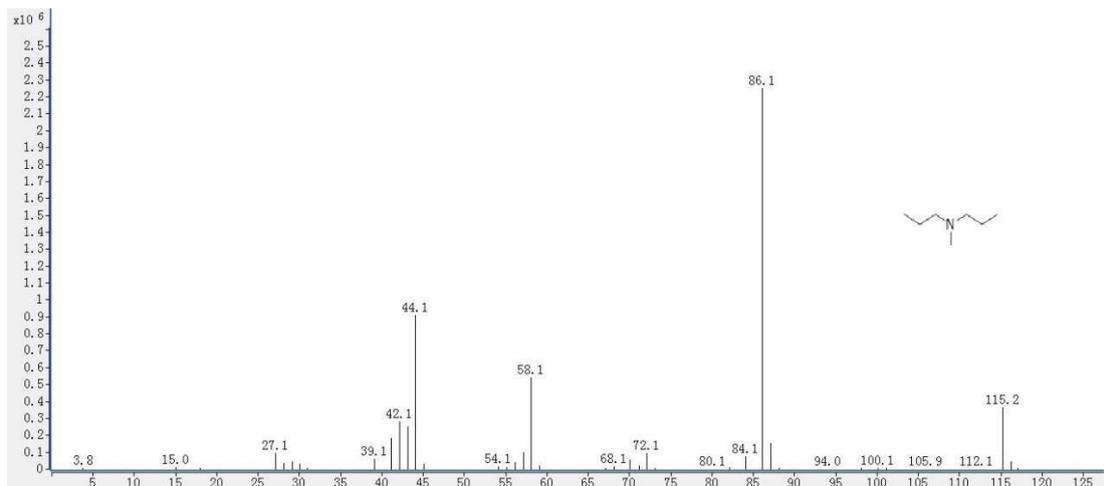
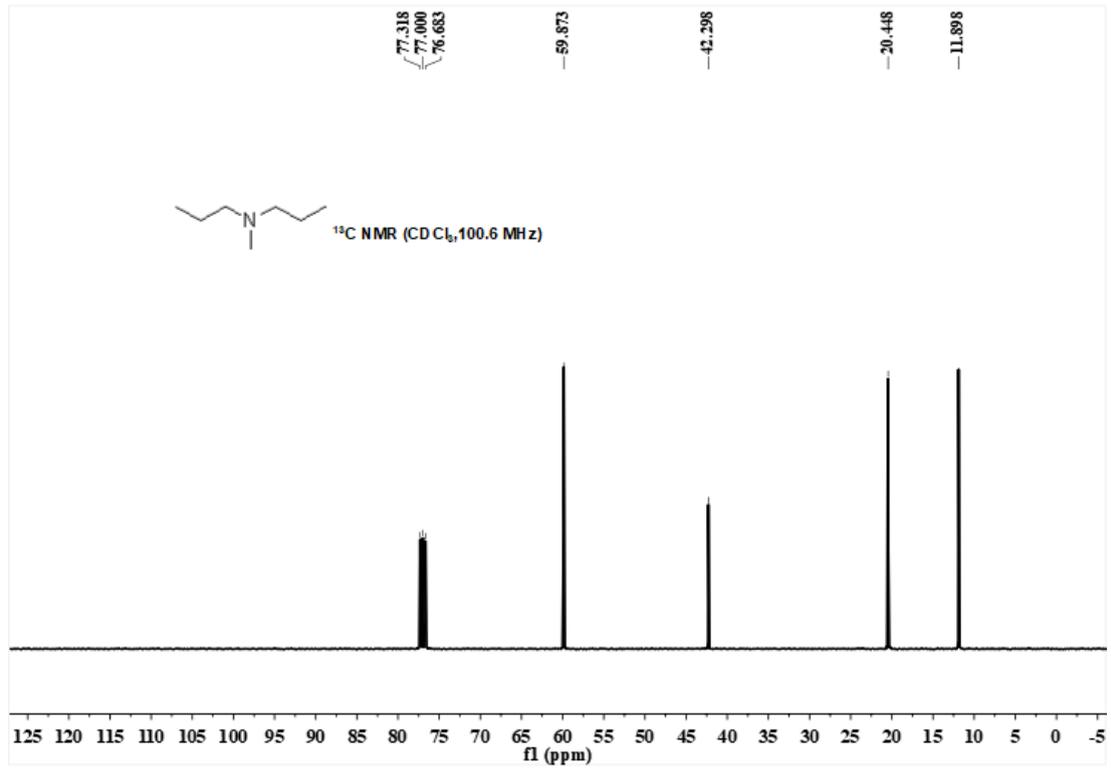


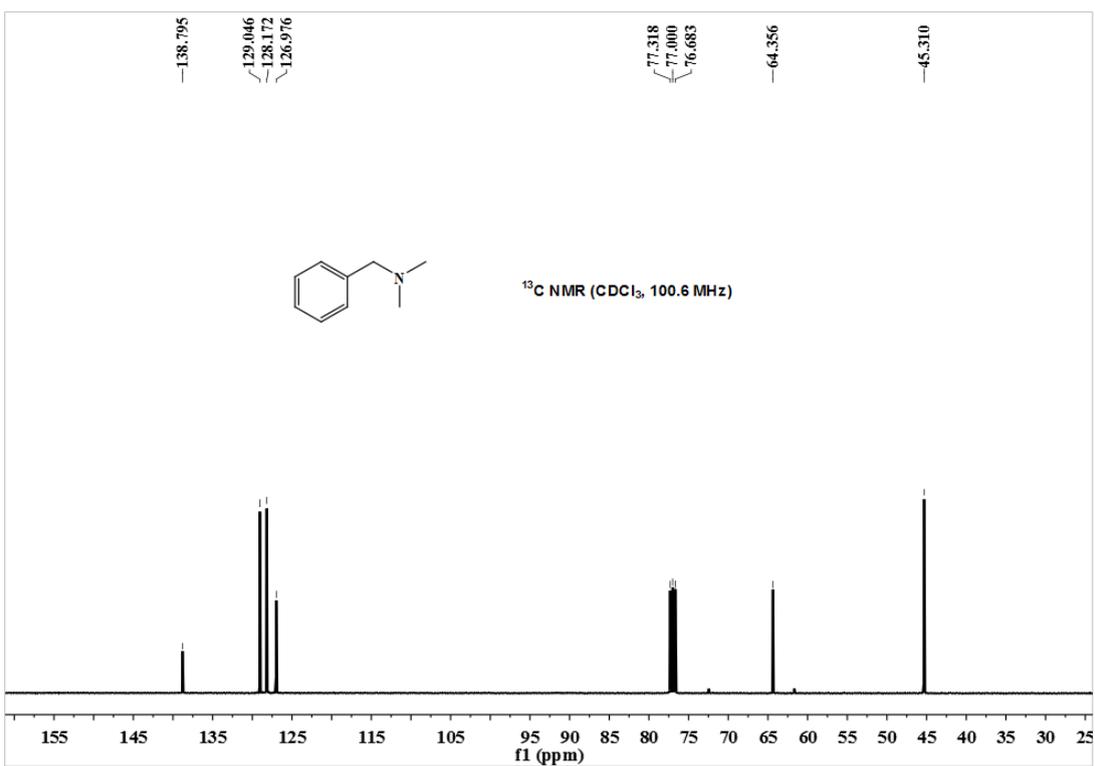
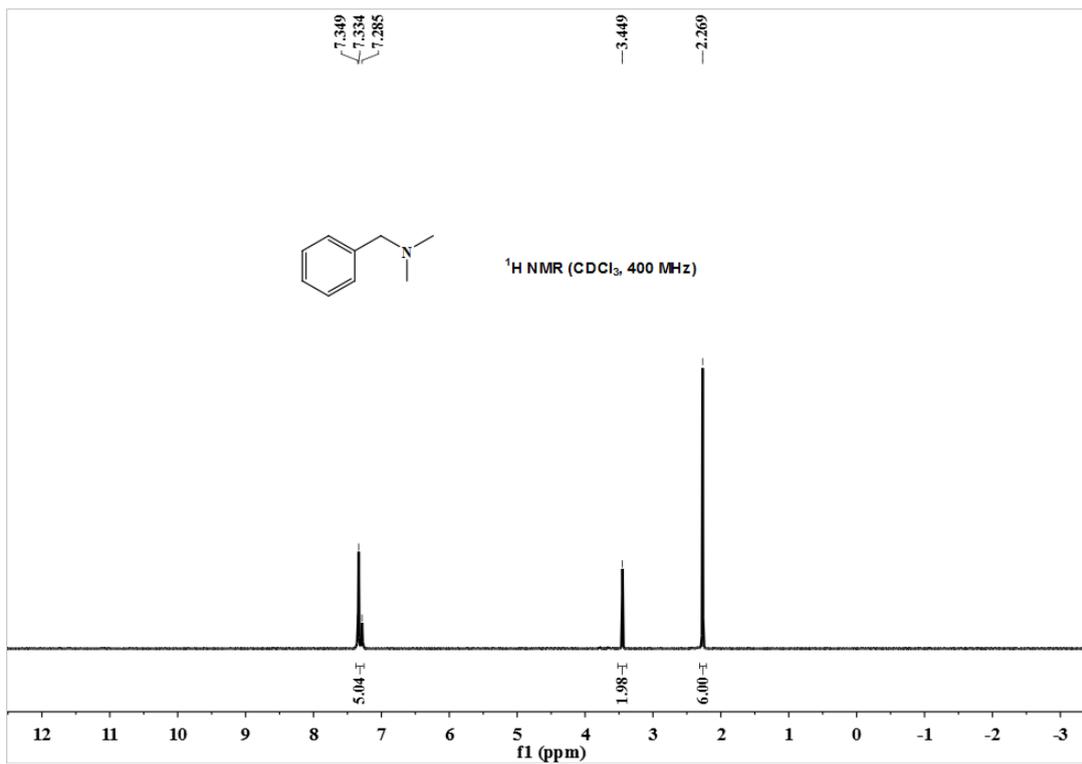


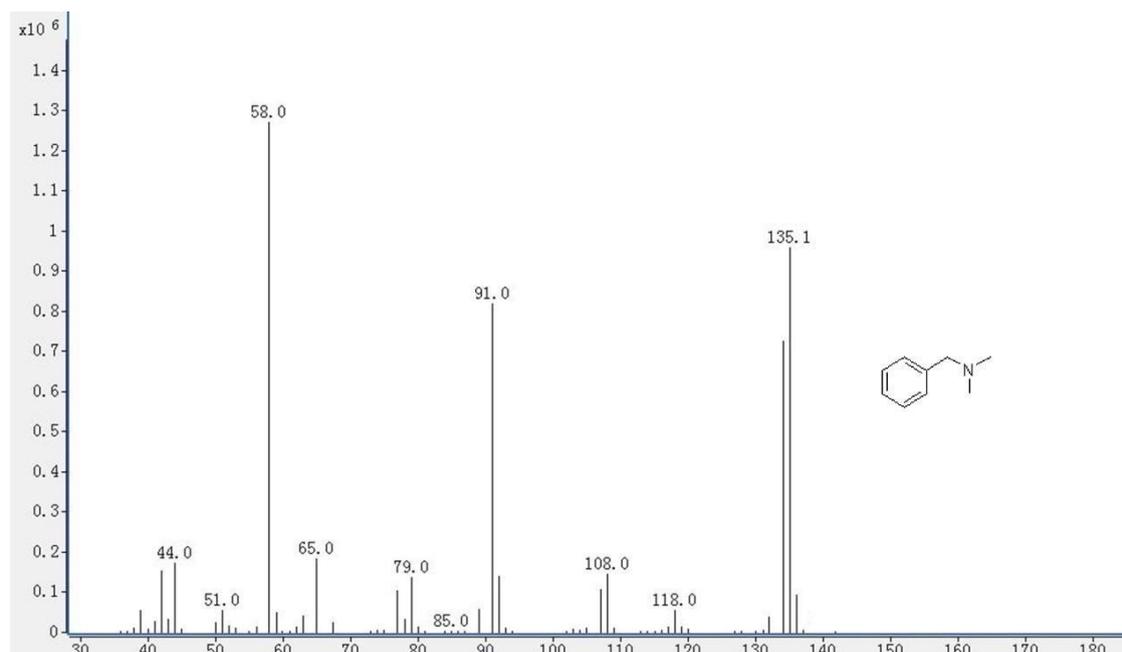












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