

Transition-Metal-Free Synthesis of Polysubstituted Pyrrole Derivatives via Cyclization of Methyl Isocyanoacetate with Aurone Analogues

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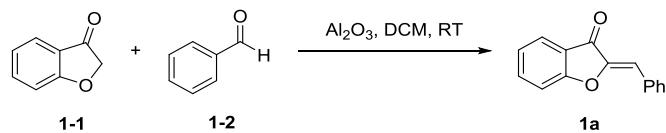
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I. General Information

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on an Agilent 400M NMR spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: ¹H (chloroform δ 7.26, DMSO-*d*₆ δ 2.50), ¹³C (chloroform δ 77.0, DMSO-*d*₆ δ 39.52). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. Melting point (**M.P.**) was obtained on SGW X-4A. For thin layer chromatography (**TLC**), Merck pre-coated TLC plates (Merck 60 F254) were used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. High resolution mass spectra (**HRMS**) were obtained on a Bruker SolariX 7.0T spectrometer.

Unless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out in air. Dichloromethane (DCM) and acetonitrile (ACN) were distilled from calcium hydride. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories and used as received without further purification. Other chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received without further purification.

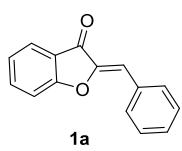
II. Synthesis of Aurones



General procedure:^[1] To a solution of benzofuran-3(2H)-one **1-1** (1.0 mmol) and benzaldehyde **1-2** (1.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added activated basic aluminum oxide (5.0 mmol) at room temperature with vigorously stirring. After reaction completion, aluminum oxide was filtered and washed abundantly with dichloromethane, the filtrate was concentrated to afford crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate, 20:1) to afford the product **1a** 17.8 mg as pale yellow solid.

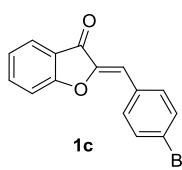
III. Characterization of Aurones

(Z)-2-Benzylidenebenzofuran-3(2H)-one (**1a**)^[1]



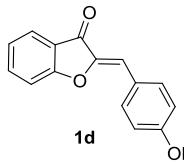
80% yield, R_f = 0.5, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 89-90 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.78, 166.16, 146.89, 136.89, 132.30, 131.53, 129.89, 128.89, 124.67, 123.47, 121.64, 113.03, 112.94.

(Z)-2-(4-Bromobenzylidene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (**1c**)^[2]



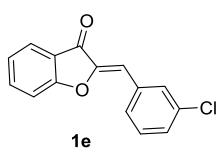
57% yield, R_f = 0.5, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 170-171 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.79 (dd, J = 12.4, 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.59, 166.08, 147.08, 137.04, 132.77, 132.15, 131.21, 124.74, 124.30, 123.66, 121.50, 112.93, 111.54.

(Z)-2-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1d**)^[3]**



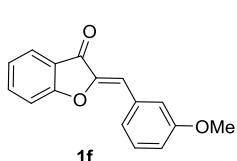
91% yield, $R_f = 0.5$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 133-134 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.91 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.81 (dd, $J = 7.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 7.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.54, 165.84, 161.07, 145.88, 136.50, 133.43, 125.06, 124.55, 123.25, 121.95, 114.50, 113.39, 112.86, 55.38.

(Z)-2-(3-Chlorobenzylidene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1e**)^[4]**



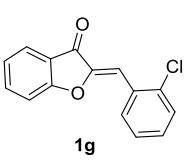
86% yield, $R_f = 0.5$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 96-97 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.78 (t, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.55, 166.16, 147.28, 137.13, 134.80, 134.02, 130.87, 130.02, 129.70, 129.56, 124.73, 123.70, 121.37, 113.00, 111.07.

(Z)-2-(3-Methoxybenzylidene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1f**)^[2]**



85% yield, $R_f = 0.4$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 116-117 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.77, 166.15, 159.77, 146.97, 136.92, 133.50, 129.83, 124.68, 124.30, 123.50, 121.61, 116.51, 115.74, 112.95, 112.93, 55.34.

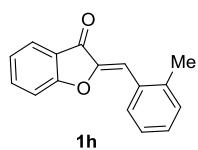
(Z)-2-(2-Chlorobenzylidene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1g**)^[2]**



86% yield, $R_f = 0.5$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 133-134 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.35 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 8.7, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.53, 166.17,

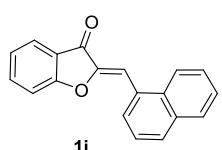
147.59, 137.06, 135.94, 132.23, 130.58, 130.39, 130.00, 127.04, 124.83, 123.69, 121.49, 112.91, 107.98.

(Z)-2-(2-Methylbenzylidene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1h)^[4]



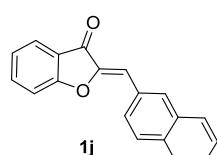
82% yield, $R_f = 0.5$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 101-102 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.27 – 8.25 (m, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.76, 166.22, 146.99, 139.20, 136.84, 131.17, 130.81, 130.68, 129.83, 126.39, 124.70, 123.41, 121.73, 112.96, 109.87, 20.22.

(Z)-2-(Naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1i)^[2]



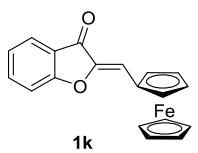
70% yield, $R_f = 0.5$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 132-133 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.47 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.61 (qdd, $J = 14.9, 11.2, 4.1$ Hz, 4H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.1$ Hz, 1H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.61, 166.27, 147.71, 136.87, 133.73, 132.32, 130.57, 130.26, 128.96, 128.24, 127.08, 126.19, 125.58, 124.77, 123.52, 123.36, 121.80, 112.99, 108.57.

(Z)-2-(Naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1j)



78% yield, $R_f = 0.5$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), yellow solid, **M.P.** 120-121 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.06 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (ddd, $J = 14.1, 9.3, 3.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.63, 166.10, 147.06, 136.80, 133.72, 133.32, 132.33, 129.92, 128.73, 128.54, 127.72, 127.66, 127.47, 126.59, 124.66, 123.46, 121.70, 113.21, 112.97; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₃O₂, M+H]⁺: 273.0910; found: 273.0916.

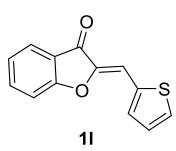
[(Z)-(3-Oxo-2(3H)-benzofuranylidene)methyl]ferrocene (1k)^[5]



74% yield, $R_f = 0.4$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 10:1), purple solid, **M.P.** 150-151 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)

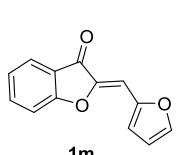
δ 7.80 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 182.87, 165.36, 145.98, 136.08, 124.45, 123.04, 122.60, 116.42, 112.91, 75.05, 71.79, 71.47, 69.93.

(Z)-2-(Thiophen-2-ylmethylene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1l)^[6]



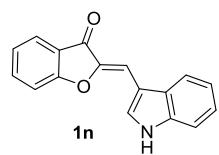
90% yield, $R_f = 0.5$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, M.P. 102-103 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.79 (ddd, $J = 7.6, 1.3, 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, $J = 8.6, 7.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.14 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 183.84, 165.62, 145.32, 136.64, 135.55, 133.08, 131.71, 128.05, 124.53, 123.47, 122.24, 113.00, 107.00.

(Z)-2-(Furan-2-ylmethylene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1m)^[6]



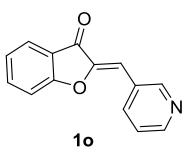
84% yield, $R_f = 0.5$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), yellow solid, M.P. 119-120 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.60 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 183.95, 165.72, 148.79, 145.38, 145.00, 136.65, 124.51, 123.47, 122.02, 117.24, 113.13, 112.89, 101.57.

(Z)-2-((1*H*-Indol-3-yl)methylene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1n)



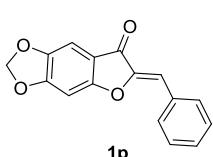
48% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 3:1), orange solid, M.P. 232-233 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 12.11 (br, 1H), 8.26 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, $J = 25.2, 15.5, 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 182.15, 164.58, 144.58, 136.83, 136.82, 132.68, 127.12, 124.26, 123.80, 123.28, 122.70, 121.45, 119.51, 113.55, 112.81, 108.92, 107.96; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₁NNaO₂, M+Na]⁺: 284.0682; found: 284.0682.

(Z)-2-(Pyridin-3-ylmethylene)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1o)^[7]



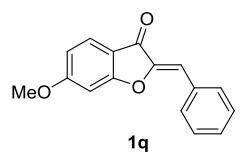
73% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), yellow solid, **M.P.** 111-112 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.31, 166.15, 152.21, 150.06, 148.00, 137.65, 137.28, 128.55, 124.83, 123.83, 123.73, 121.31, 112.96, 108.83.

(Z)-6-Benzylidene-[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-f]benzofuran-7(6H)-one (1p)



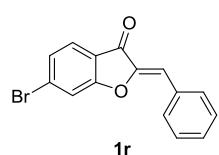
94% yield, $R_f = 0.6$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 10:1), yellow solid, **M.P.** 189-191 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.86 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dt, $J = 23.3, 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 183.13, 164.65, 155.84, 148.00, 145.05, 132.28, 131.40, 129.75, 128.87, 114.75, 112.35, 102.72, 101.81, 94.41. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₀NaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 289.0471; found: 289.0471.

(Z)-2-Benzylidene-6-methoxybenzofuran-3(2H)-one (1q)^[8]



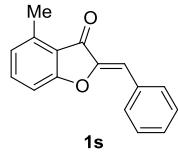
85% yield, $R_f = 0.5$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white scaly solid, **M.P.** 132-133 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.90 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.69 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 10.1, 4.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.76 (dt, $J = 8.4, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 183.02, 168.58, 167.45, 147.83, 132.43, 131.30, 129.59, 128.83, 125.83, 114.84, 112.18, 111.85, 96.65, 56.02.

(Z)-2-Benzylidene-6-bromobenzofuran-3(2H)-one (1r)^[9]

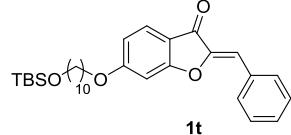


95% yield, $R_f = 0.3$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 10:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 168-170 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.43 (dq, $J = 14.3, 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 183.48, 166.08, 146.76, 131.93, 131.64, 131.34, 130.23, 128.97, 127.20, 125.51, 120.65, 116.62, 113.99.

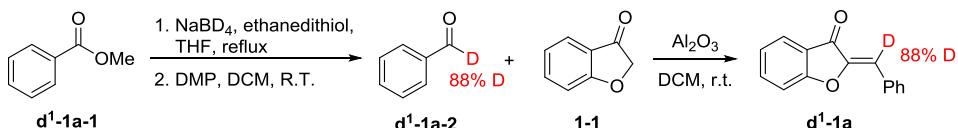
(Z)-2-Benzylidene-4-methylbenzofuran-3(2H)-one (1s)

 84% yield, $R_f = 0.3$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 40:1), white solid, **M.P.** 108-109 °C. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.90 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dq, $J = 14.8, 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 185.54, 166.43, 146.99, 140.15, 136.25, 132.49, 131.36, 129.59, 128.82, 124.86, 119.71, 111.90, 109.89, 17.79; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{NaO}_2, \text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 259.0730; found: 259.0731.

(Z)-2-Benzylidene-6-((10-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)decyl)oxy)benzofuran-3(2H)-one (1t)

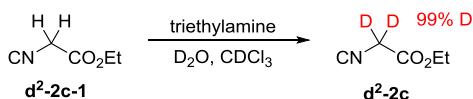
 90% yield, $R_f = 0.6$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 10:1), white solid, **M.P.** 58-59 °C. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.59 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.86 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.47 (dt, $J = 15.2, 6.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.40 – 1.25 (m, 10H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 183.07, 168.63, 167.09, 147.89, 132.46, 131.29, 129.55, 128.83, 125.78, 114.54, 112.66, 111.74, 96.95, 68.98, 63.31, 32.86, 29.53, 29.47, 29.41, 29.29, 28.91, 25.98, 25.92, 25.78, 18.38, -5.26. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{45}\text{O}_4\text{Si}, \text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 509.3082; found: 509.3079.

IV. Preparation of d¹-1a and d²-2c



Procedure:^[10] To a flame-dried reaction tube equipped with a condenser was added NaBD₄ 126.0 mg (3.0 equiv.) and 10 mL anhydrous THF, then 1,2-ethanedithiol 376.0 mg (4.0 equiv.) and methyl benzoate 136.0 mg (1.0 equiv.) were added sequentially, then this mixture was refluxed at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction

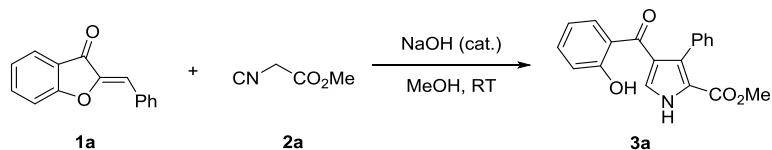
completion, quenched with 10 mL saturated NH₄Cl solution, and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL×3). The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by a flash silica gel column chromatography (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 5:1) to give *d*-benzyl alcohol in 95% yield. The product was then dissolved in a 10 ml flask with 3 mL DCM, 2.5 equivalents of Dess-Martin periodinane was added and the reaction was stirred at r.t. for 5 hrs. After reaction completion, sodium thiosulfate aqueous solution was added to quench the reaction, the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL×3), and then the organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate, and washed with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL). Flash column chromatography (silica gel, PE/EtOAc = 50:1) yielded *d*-benzaldehyde **d¹-1a-2** in 90% yield with 88% deuterium labeling. To a round-bottom flask was added the obtained aldehyde and 5.0 equivalents of Al₂O₃ (basic), dissolved in 5.0 mL DCM, then the benzofuranone **1-1** (1.0 equiv.) was added, and the mixture was stirred at r.t.. After 10 h the reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and filtered through a short pad of celite and washed with CH₂Cl₂, the solvent was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, PE/EtOAc = 20:1) to give product **d¹-1a** in 90% yield with 88% deuterium labeling. R_f = 0.3, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 20:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 105-107 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.93 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 0.12H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 184.78, 166.14, 146.84, 136.88, 132.23, 131.51, 129.89, 128.88, 124.65, 123.45, 121.63, 112.96, 112.93; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₅H₉DN₂O₂, M+Na]⁺: 246.0636; found: 246.0629.



Procedure:^[11] To 20 mL of deuterium oxide in a Schlenk tube, which was previously rinsed with deuterium oxide and dried, was added sequentially a solution of 1.1 mL (10 mmol) of **d²-2c-1** in 10 mL of deuteriochloroform and 50 μL

triethylamine. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature, and the exchange reaction was monitored by the disappearance of the methylene group protons at 4.18 in the ¹H NMR spectrum. After the exchange reaction was complete, the organic phase was separated and then was stirred for an additional 1 h with 20 mL of fresh deuterium oxide. The aqueous phase was separated, and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was distilled, to give 0.87 g of a colorless liquid with 99% deuterium labeling of α protons. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 4.20 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.98, 160.86, 62.65, 43.25, 13.90.

V. Synthesis of Pyrrole Derivatives with Isocyanoacetate and Aurores



General procedure: To a solution of aurone **1a** (22.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 1.0 mL MeOH was added isocyanoacetate **2a** (11.9 mg, 0.12 mmol), and then a solution of NaOH (1.0 M in MeOH) 20 μ L (20 mol%) was added. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 12h. After completion, the reaction was quenched with 20 μ L HCl solution (1.0 N in MeOH), the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate, 5:1) to afford the product **3a** 31.8 mg.

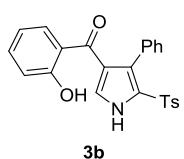
VI. Characterization of Pyrroles

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (**3a**)

99% yield, R_f = 0.2, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 53-54 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.89 (s, 1H), 9.70 (br, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 –

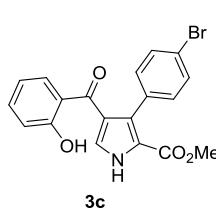
7.38 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.54, 162.52, 161.23, 135.78, 132.80, 132.69, 132.08, 130.20, 127.57, 127.49, 126.28, 124.46, 120.41, 118.49, 117.98, 51.76. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₅NNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 344.0893; found: 344.0894.

(2-Hydroxyphenyl)(4-phenyl-5-tosyl-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)methanone (3b)



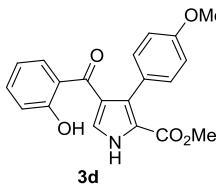
94% yield, R_f = 0.1, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 179-181 °C. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.77 (s, 1H), 10.21 (br, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.27 (dt, J = 12.9, 6.7 Hz, 5H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 194.91, 162.47, 144.50, 137.72, 135.96, 132.70, 131.00, 130.48, 130.31, 129.46, 128.02, 127.76, 127.69, 127.21, 125.48, 124.82, 120.03, 118.56, 117.97, 21.54. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₄H₁₉NNaO₄S, M+Na]⁺: 440.0927; found: 440.0926.

Methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3c)



99% yield, R_f = 0.2, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 80-81 °C. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.81 (s, 1H), 9.62 (br, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.19, 162.56, 161.05, 135.97, 132.52, 131.86, 131.82, 130.83, 130.75, 126.55, 124.16, 121.79, 120.58, 120.36, 118.63, 118.15, 51.86. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₄BrNNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 421.9998; found: 421.9998.

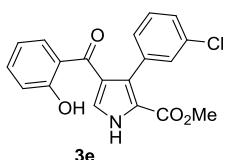
Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3d)



91% yield, R_f = 0.2, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 65-67 °C. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.93 (s, 1H), 9.68 (br, 1H), 7.64 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40

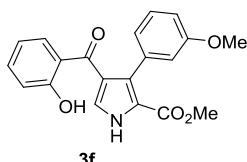
(t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 9.7, 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.76 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.79, 162.53, 161.30, 158.97, 135.78, 132.77, 132.00, 131.43, 126.54, 124.95, 124.22, 120.47, 120.23, 118.55, 117.97, 113.11, 55.13, 51.73. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₀H₁₇NNaO₅, M+Na]⁺: 374.0999; found: 374.0998.

Methyl 3-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3e)



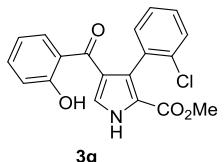
98% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 57-59 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.80 (s, 1H), 9.69 (br, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.00, 162.56, 160.96, 135.93, 134.67, 133.33, 132.45, 130.41, 130.27, 128.73, 128.45, 127.58, 126.39, 124.30, 120.78, 120.33, 118.57, 118.13, 51.89. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₄ClNNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 378.0504; found: 378.0500.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3f)



99% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 4:1), white solid, **M.P.** 50-52 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.89 (s, 1H), 9.77 (br, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 6.82 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.74 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.61, 162.46, 161.21, 158.80, 135.80, 134.08, 132.66, 131.73, 128.52, 126.21, 124.46, 122.81, 120.44, 120.39, 118.50, 117.94, 115.97, 113.11, 55.17, 51.78. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₀H₁₇NNaO₅, M+Na]⁺: 374.0999; found: 374.1001.

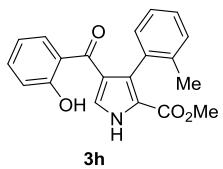
Methyl 3-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3g)



98% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 163-165 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.67 (s, 1H), 9.67 (br, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 22.9, 14.9$ Hz, 4H), 7.25 (s, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H),

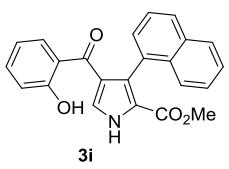
3.72 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 194.62, 162.32, 161.02, 135.64, 133.67, 132.54, 132.44, 131.98, 129.04, 128.90, 128.48, 126.40, 126.05, 124.59, 121.50, 120.25, 118.53, 117.99, 51.87. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₄ClNNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 378.0504; found: 378.0501.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-(*o*-tolyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3h)



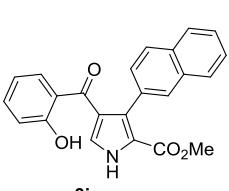
98% yield, R_f = 0.2, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 65-66 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.75 (s, 1H), 9.61 (br, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 15.7, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 4H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 194.73, 162.37, 161.27, 136.58, 135.58, 133.08, 132.28, 131.50, 130.02, 129.38, 127.61, 126.67, 124.97, 124.36, 121.08, 120.43, 118.47, 118.07, 51.78, 20.19. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₀H₁₇NNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 358.1050; found: 358.1051.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3i)



98% yield, R_f = 0.2, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 57-59 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.62 (s, 1H), 9.94 (br, 1H), 7.82 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 16.1, 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (dd, J = 21.2, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 194.81, 162.19, 161.29, 135.55, 133.24, 132.56, 132.25, 131.23, 129.69, 128.28, 128.00, 127.94, 126.62, 125.89, 125.45, 125.41, 125.39, 124.88, 121.99, 120.36, 118.35, 117.89, 51.70. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₃H₁₇NNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 394.1050; found: 394.1047.

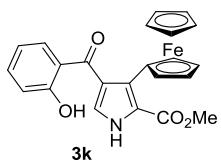
Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3j)



98% yield, R_f = 0.2, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), yellow solid, **M.P.** 63-64 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.85 (s, 1H), 9.71 (br, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 13.7, 4.6 Hz, 4H), 7.71 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.38 (dd, J = 13.4, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.41, 162.55, 161.27, 135.80, 132.94, 132.63,

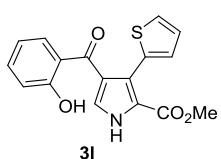
132.60, 132.03, 130.36, 129.17, 128.40, 128.10, 127.65, 126.95, 126.48, 125.96, 125.88, 124.51, 120.76, 120.47, 118.52, 118.05, 51.79. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₃H₁₇NNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 394.1050; found: 394.1049.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-ferrocene-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3k)



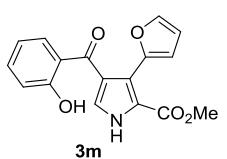
90% yield, R_f = 0.5, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 58-59 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 12.41 (s, 1H), 9.49 (br, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74 – 4.73 (m, 2H), 4.20 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 5H), 3.89 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 197.06, 162.97, 160.75, 136.18, 133.16, 129.73, 125.17, 125.03, 120.68, 120.46, 118.66, 118.19, 71.76, 69.33, 68.07, 51.72. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₃H₁₉FeNNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 452.0556; found: 452.0557.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3l)



99% yield, R_f = 0.2, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 107-109 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.92 (s, 1H), 9.65 (br, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.76 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.65, 162.53, 160.87, 135.91, 132.86, 132.61, 129.06, 126.57, 126.49, 125.67, 125.26, 123.55, 120.97, 120.41, 118.54, 117.96, 51.87. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₃NNaO₄S, M+Na]⁺: 350.0457; found: 350.0458.

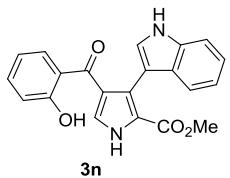
Methyl 3-(furan-2-yl)-4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3m)



99% yield, R_f = 0.2, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 48-50 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 12.04 (s, 1H), 9.55 (br, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.39 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 196.11, 162.46, 160.53, 145.69, 142.28, 135.78, 132.40, 125.24, 124.00, 120.45, 120.31, 119.57, 118.57, 117.93, 111.42, 111.22, 51.94. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₃NNaO₅, M+Na]⁺: 334.0686;

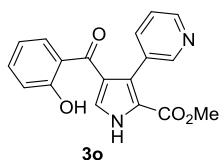
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Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3n)



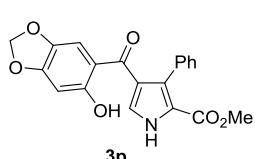
95% yield, $R_f = 0.3$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 2:1), orange solid, **M.P.** 232-233 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 12.45 (br, 1H), 11.37 (br, 1H), 11.04 (s, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 194.74, 161.11, 160.33, 136.11, 134.92, 132.27, 129.13, 127.56, 126.44, 124.58, 124.13, 122.77, 120.93, 120.56, 119.44, 119.05, 118.97, 117.43, 111.77, 107.40, 51.49. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₁H₁₆N₂NaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 383.1002; found: 383.1005.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-(pyridin-3-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3o)



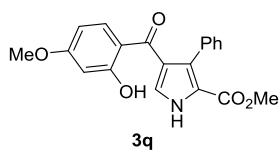
81% yield, $R_f = 0.1$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 1:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 88-90 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.77 (s, 1H), 10.56 (br, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 8.5, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 7.7, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 194.77, 162.59, 160.90, 150.34, 147.88, 138.06, 135.97, 132.38, 129.46, 127.96, 126.99, 124.18, 122.55, 121.36, 120.26, 118.66, 118.21, 51.87. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₈H₁₄N₂NaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 345.0846; found: 345.0843.

Methyl 4-(6-hydroxybenzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carbonyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3p)



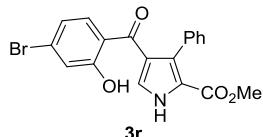
99% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 4:1), pale yellow solid, **M.P.** 172-173 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 12.82 (s, 1H), 9.60 (br, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 193.88, 162.39, 161.23, 154.05, 140.01, 132.87, 131.63, 130.21, 127.59, 127.42, 125.12, 124.61, 120.07, 112.90, 109.52, 101.76, 98.48, 51.71. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₀H₁₅NNaO₆, M+Na]⁺: 388.0792; found: 388.0787.

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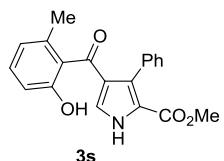
93% yield, $R_f = 0.3$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 61–63 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 12.59 (s, 1H), 9.84 (br, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 6.41 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 194.27, 165.81, 165.58, 161.33, 134.50, 132.94, 131.79, 130.23, 127.56, 127.42, 125.62, 124.55, 120.10, 114.37, 107.06, 100.78, 55.55 51.70. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₀H₁₇NNaO₅, M+Na]⁺: 374.0999; found: 374.1000.

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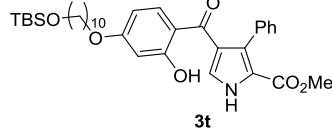
98% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 64–66 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 12.00 (s, 1H), 9.67 (br, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.12 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 194.95, 162.95, 161.12, 133.57, 132.57, 131.88, 130.18, 130.14, 127.64, 127.62, 126.11, 124.29, 121.95, 121.16, 120.51, 119.17, 51.81. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₄BrNNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 421.9998; found: 421.9996.

Methyl 4-(2-hydroxy-6-methylbenzoyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3s)

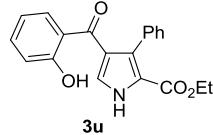


90% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 2:1), white solid, **M.P.** 62–63 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 9.71 (br, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 6H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 194.86, 161.25, 157.45, 137.66, 132.54, 132.29, 131.42, 130.00, 127.56, 127.47, 127.38, 127.28, 124.99, 122.59, 120.77, 114.51, 51.71, 21.79; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₀H₁₇NNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 358.1050; found: 358.1053.

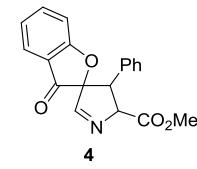
Methyl 4-((4-((tert-butylidimethylsilyl)oxy)decyl)oxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3t)


 91% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), colorless oil. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 12.56 (s, 1H), 9.61 (br, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 6.38 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.60 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.42 (dt, $J = 14.2, 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.34 – 1.26 (m, 10H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 194.13, 165.61, 165.44, 161.23, 134.40, 132.89, 131.72, 130.21, 127.55, 127.42, 125.30, 124.70, 120.09, 114.19, 107.45, 101.22, 68.36, 63.32, 51.67, 32.86, 29.53, 29.46, 29.40, 29.29, 28.93, 25.98, 25.91, 25.78, 18.37, -5.26. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{35}H_{49}NNaO_6Si, M+Na]^+$: 630.3221; found: 630.3218.

Ethyl 4-(2-hydroxybenzoyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3u)

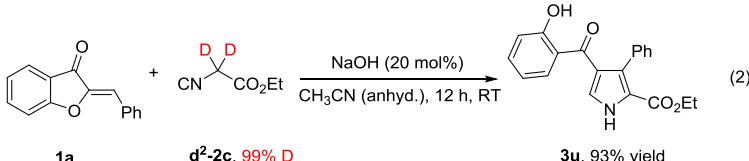
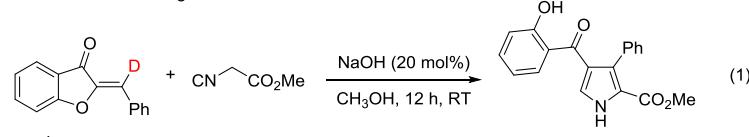

 93% yield, $R_f = 0.2$, (silica gel, petroleum ether:EtOAc = 5:1), white solid, **M.P.** 53–55 °C. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 11.90 (s, 1H), 9.74 (br, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.49, 162.50, 160.90, 135.74, 132.94, 132.68, 131.95, 130.27, 127.45, 127.42, 126.23, 124.34, 120.85, 120.43, 118.49, 117.98, 60.88, 13.94. **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{20}H_{17}NNaO_4, M+Na]^+$: 358.1050; found: 358.1041.

Methyl 3-oxo-4'-phenyl-4',5'-dihydro-3*H*-spiro[benzofuran-2,3'-pyrrole]-5'-carboxylate (4)

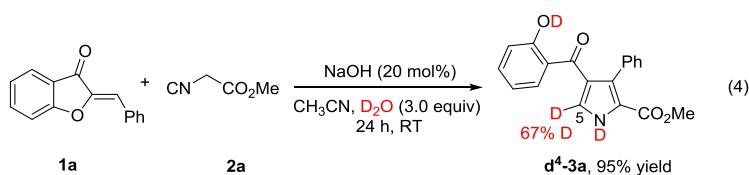
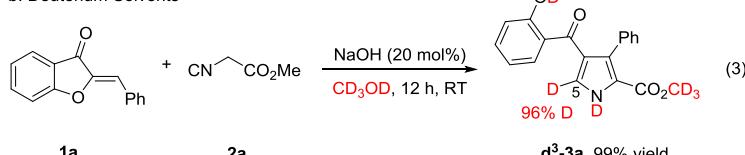

 Colorless oil, $R_f = 0.2$ (silica gel, petroleum ether: EtOAc = 5:1). 31% yield. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.60 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, $J = 9.2, 5.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.03 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dd, $J = 7.9, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 197.47, 171.28, 170.06, 161.65, 138.72, 132.08, 129.21, 128.33, 127.93, 124.53, 122.78, 120.40, 113.27, 98.01, 79.65, 54.38, 52.73; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for $[C_{19}H_{15}NNaO_4, M+Na]^+$: 344.0893; found: 344.0892.

VII. Deuterium Labelling Experiments

a. Deuterium Labelling of Substrates



b. Deuterium Solvents



Procedure for eq. (1): To a solution of aurone **d¹-1a** (22.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 1.0 mL MeOH was added isocyanoacetate **2a** (11.9 mg, 0.12 mmol), then a solution of NaOH (1.0 M in MeOH) 20 μ L (20 mol%) was added. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 12h. After completion, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford the product **3a**.

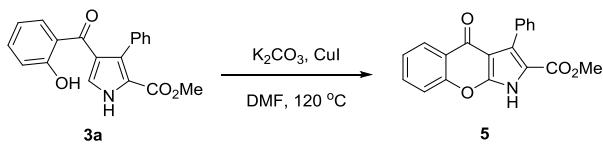
Procedure for eq. (2): To a flame-dried flask was added aurone **1a** (22.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), anhydrous MeCN 1.0 mL, and NaOH solid (0.8 mg, 20 mol%), then isocyanoacetate **d²-2c** (13.8 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added dropwise, the reaction was stirred under argon atmosphere for 12h at room temperature. After completion, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford the product **3u**.

Procedure for eq. (3): To a solution of aurone **1a** (22.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 1.0 mL MeOD was added isocyanoacetate **2a** (11.9 mg, 0.12 mmol), and then NaOH solid (0.8 mg, 20 mol%) was added. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for

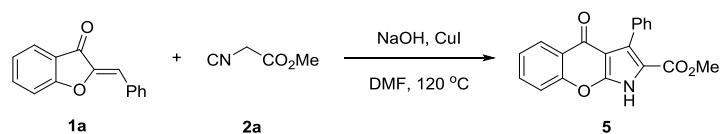
12h. After completion, monitoring the deuterium labeling percentage by NMR directly, the pure product was obtained by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5:1).

Procedure for eq. (4): To a flame-dried flask was added aurone **1a** (22.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), anhydrous MeCN 1.0 mL, and NaOH solid (0.8 mg, 20 mol%), then 3.0 equivalents of D₂O and isocyanoacetate **d²-2c** (13.8 mg, 0.12 mmol) were added sequentially, the reaction was stirred under argon atmosphere for 12h at room temperature. After completion, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford the product **d⁴-3a**.

VIII. Synthesis of Chromanone Fused Pyrrole 5



Procedure A:^[12] To a 50 mL sealed tube was added the phenol derivative **3a** (642.6 mg, 2.0 mmol), potassium carbonate (276.4 mg, 2.0 mmol), CuI (38.1 mg, 0.2 mmol), DMF (10 mL) in sequence. This mixture was heated to 120 °C with stirring. After the reaction finished, the mixture was cooled down to ambient temperature, and concentrated in vacuo. This residue was diluted with 50 mL water, extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL × 3), washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude product, which was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate, 2:1) to afford the product **5** 434.2 mg (68% yield).



Procedure B: To a 50mL sealed tube was added the aurone **1a** (88.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), sodium hydroxide (32.0 mg, 0.8 mmol), CuI (22.9 mg, 0.12 mmol), DMF (8 mL) and

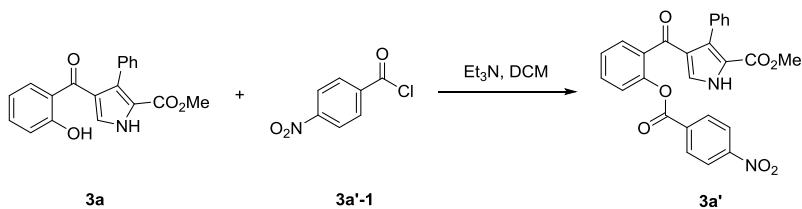
isocyanoacetate **2a** (79.2 mg, 0.8 mmol) in sequence. This mixture was heated to 120 °C with stirring. After the reaction finished, the mixture was cooled down to ambient temperature, and concentrated in vacuo. This residue was diluted with water 30 mL, extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL×3), washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude product, which was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the product **5** 99.6 mg (78% yield).

Methyl 4-oxo-3-phenyl-1,4-dihydrochromeno[2,3-*b*]pyrrole-2-carboxylate (5)

White solid, **M.P.** 263–265 °C, R_f = 0.2 (silica gel, petroleum ether: EtOAc = 2 : 1). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.34 (br, 1H), 8.03 (t, J = 28.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.34 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.78, 161.05, 153.99, 151.15, 134.05, 132.56, 131.33, 127.71, 127.65, 127.21, 126.41, 125.16, 123.30, 117.98, 114.73, 105.51, 51.87; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₃NNaO₄, M+Na]⁺: 342.0737; found: 342.0738.

IX. Preparation of the Single Crystal Compounds

Methyl 4-(2-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)benzoyl)-3-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2-carboxylate (3a')



To a solution of phenol derivative **3a** (160.5 mg, 0.5mmol) in dry DCM was added 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride (101.8 mg, 0.55 mmol) in 2 mL DCM dropwise, and then triethylamine (101.2 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added at room temperature. The reaction was stirred at room temperature until the phenol was completed, then quenched with aqueous NH₄Cl solution, the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×20 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and

concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product **3a'** as pale yellow solid. **M.P.** 193-194 °C, R_f = 0.2 (silica gel, petroleum ether: EtOAc = 5 : 1). 81% yield. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 9.58 (br, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (td, J = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, J = 20.9, 9.7, 4.8 Hz, 7H), 3.67 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 188.66, 163.11, 161.08, 150.81, 147.95, 134.55, 132.57, 132.33, 131.93, 131.88, 131.23, 130.44, 130.25, 128.30, 127.36, 127.21, 125.91, 125.70, 123.57, 122.65, 120.58, 51.69; **HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd. for [C₂₆H₁₈N₂NaO₇, M+Na]⁺: 493.1006; found: 493.1005.

X. X-ray Crystallographic Analysis

The crystal **3a'** was prepared from a solution of ethyl acetate/hexane at ambient temperature.

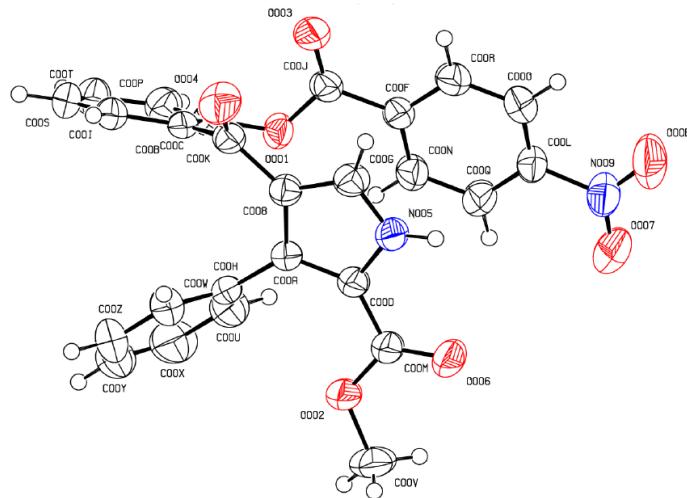


Figure 1. X-ray structure of **3a'**

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for C₂₆H₁₈N₂O₇ (CCDC 1833509)

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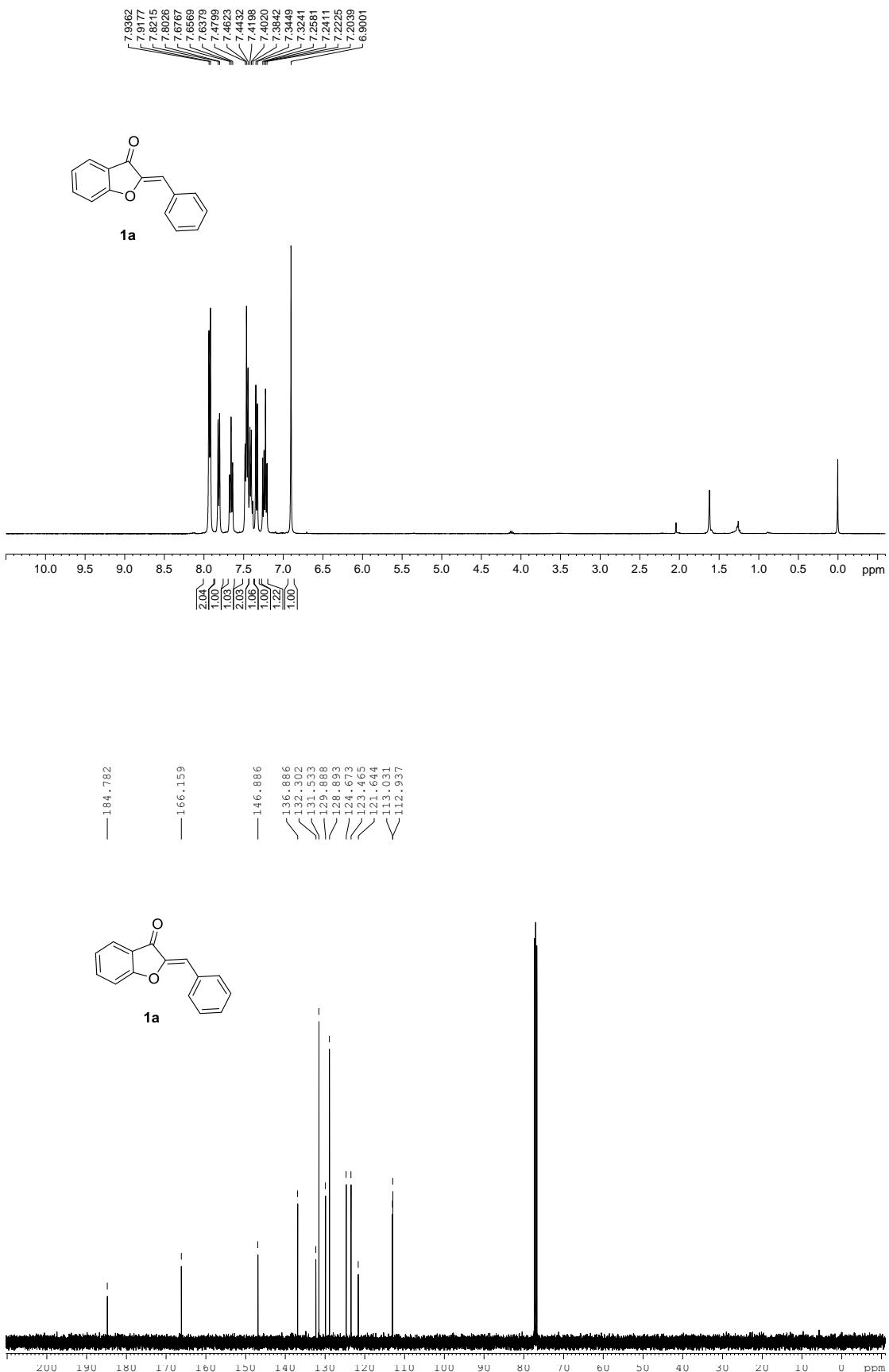
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$\alpha/^\circ$	88.506(5)
$\beta/^\circ$	89.846(5)
$\gamma/^\circ$	83.022(5)
Volume/Å ³	1141.42(12)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}} \text{g/cm}^3$	1.369
μ/mm^{-1}	0.101
F(000)	488.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.35 × 0.25 × 0.23
Radiation	MoKα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	6.76 to 52.734
Index ranges	-9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -13 ≤ k ≤ 12, -16 ≤ l ≤ 17
Reflections collected	8044
Independent reflections	4665 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0188$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0395$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4665/0/317
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.047
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0525$, $wR_2 = 0.1201$
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Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.19/-0.25

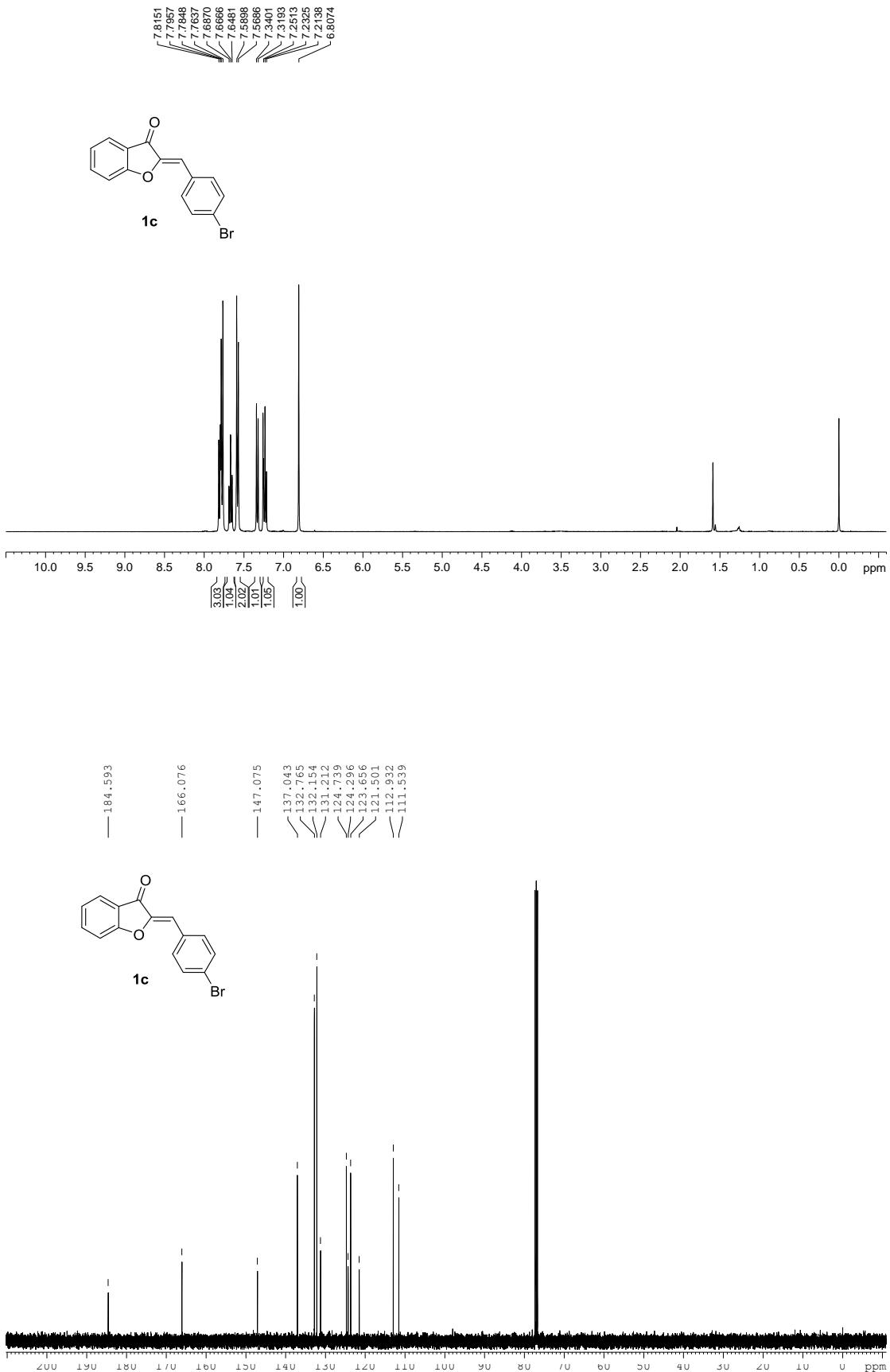
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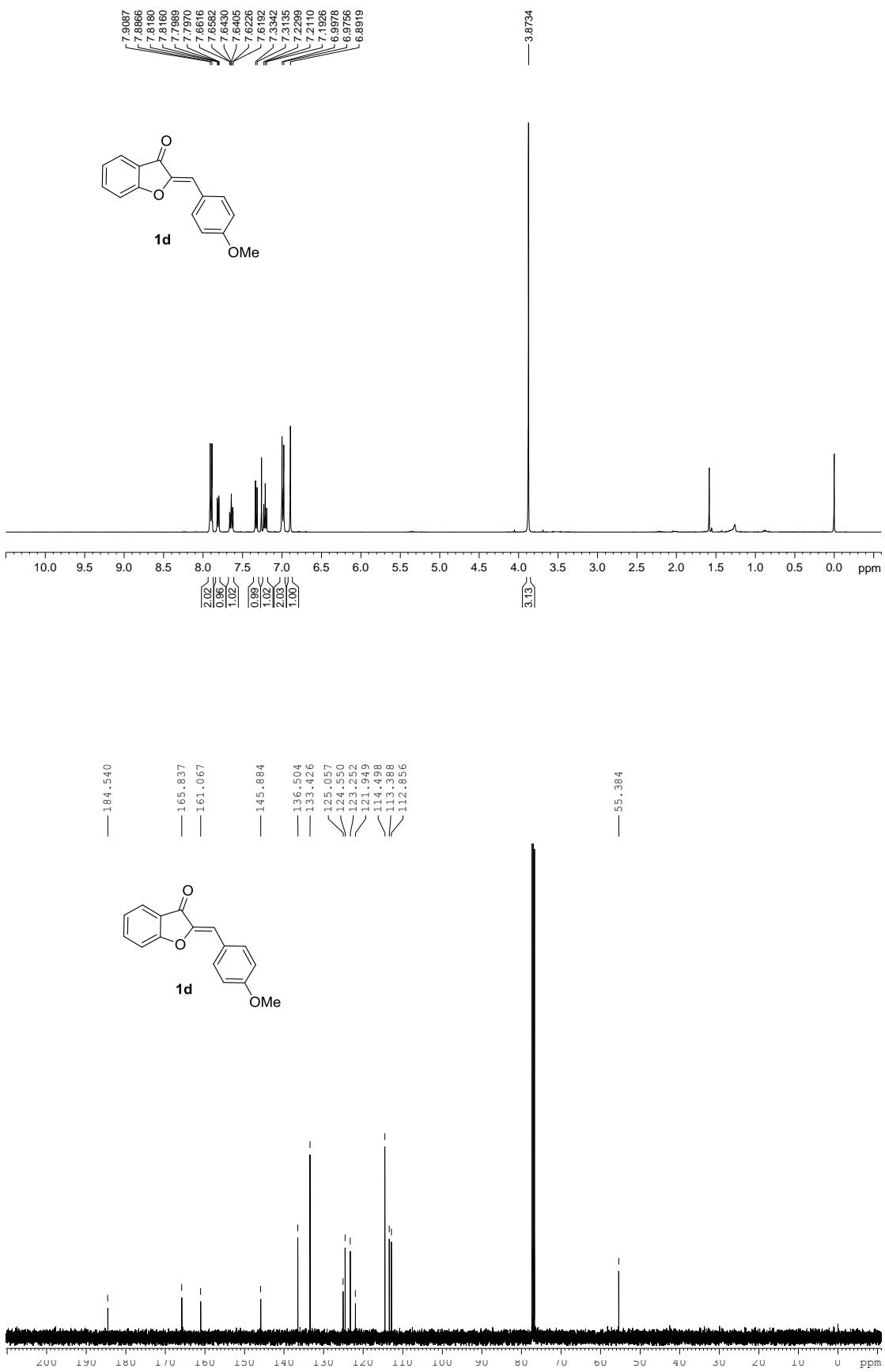
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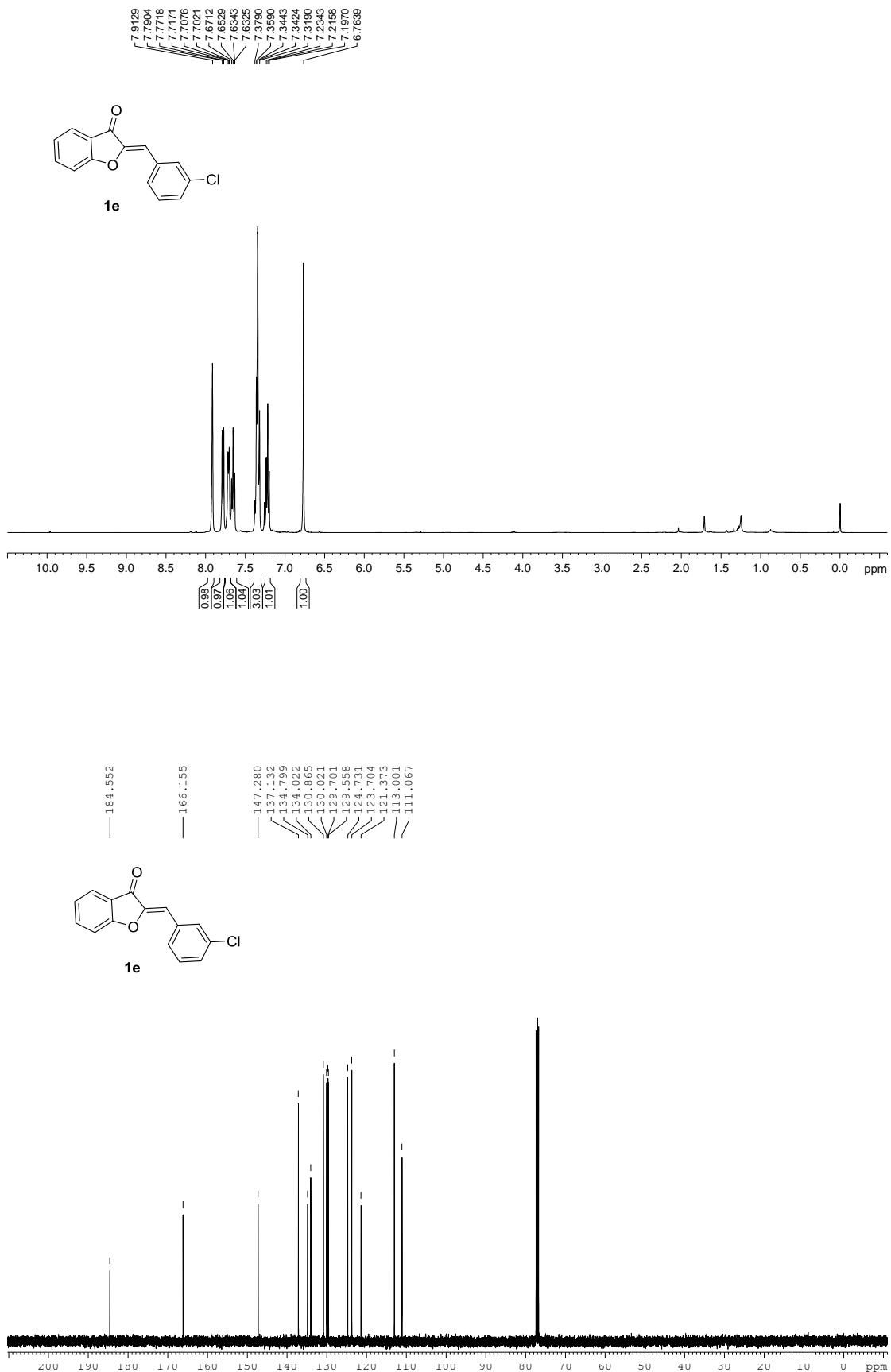
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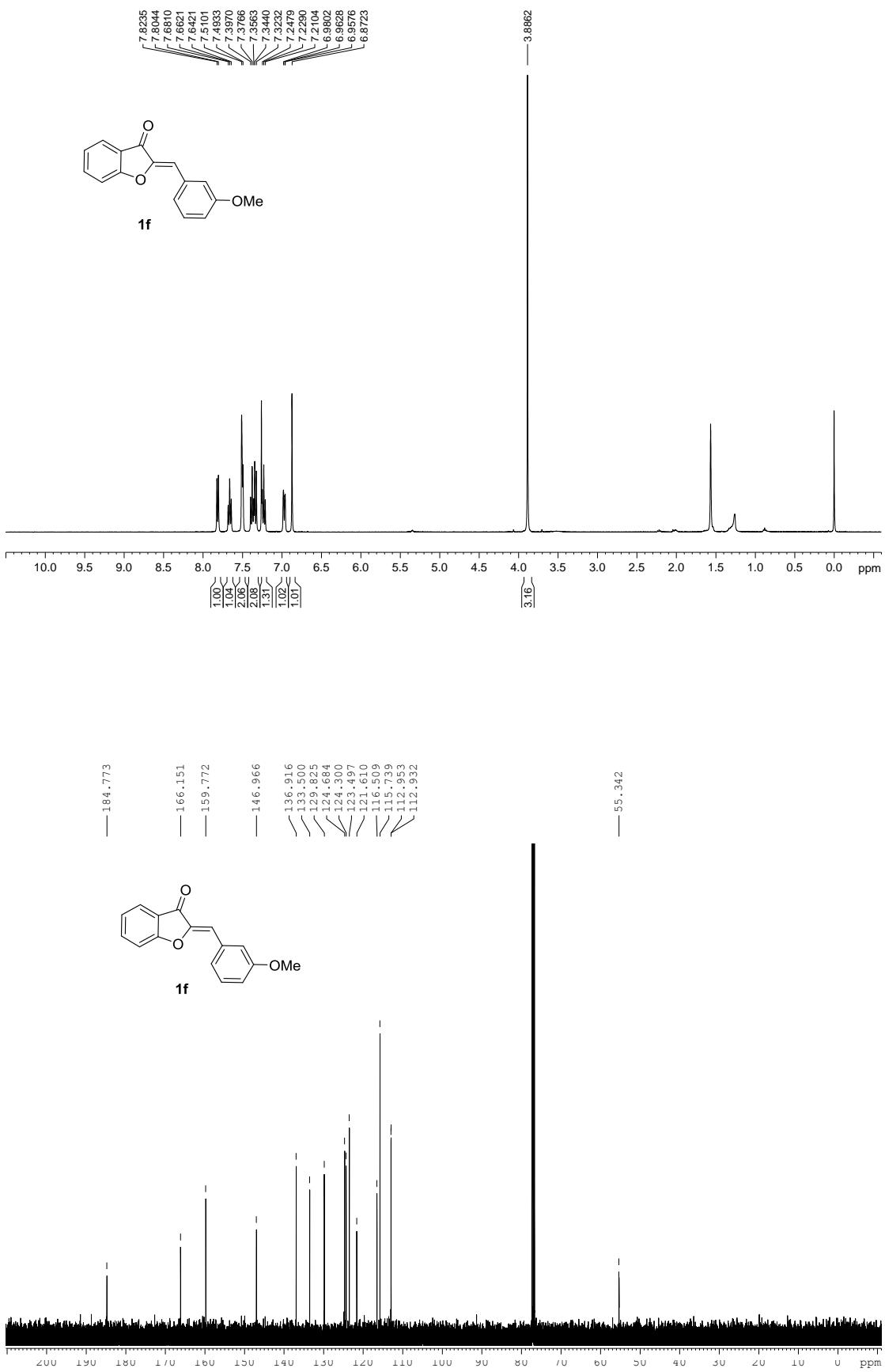
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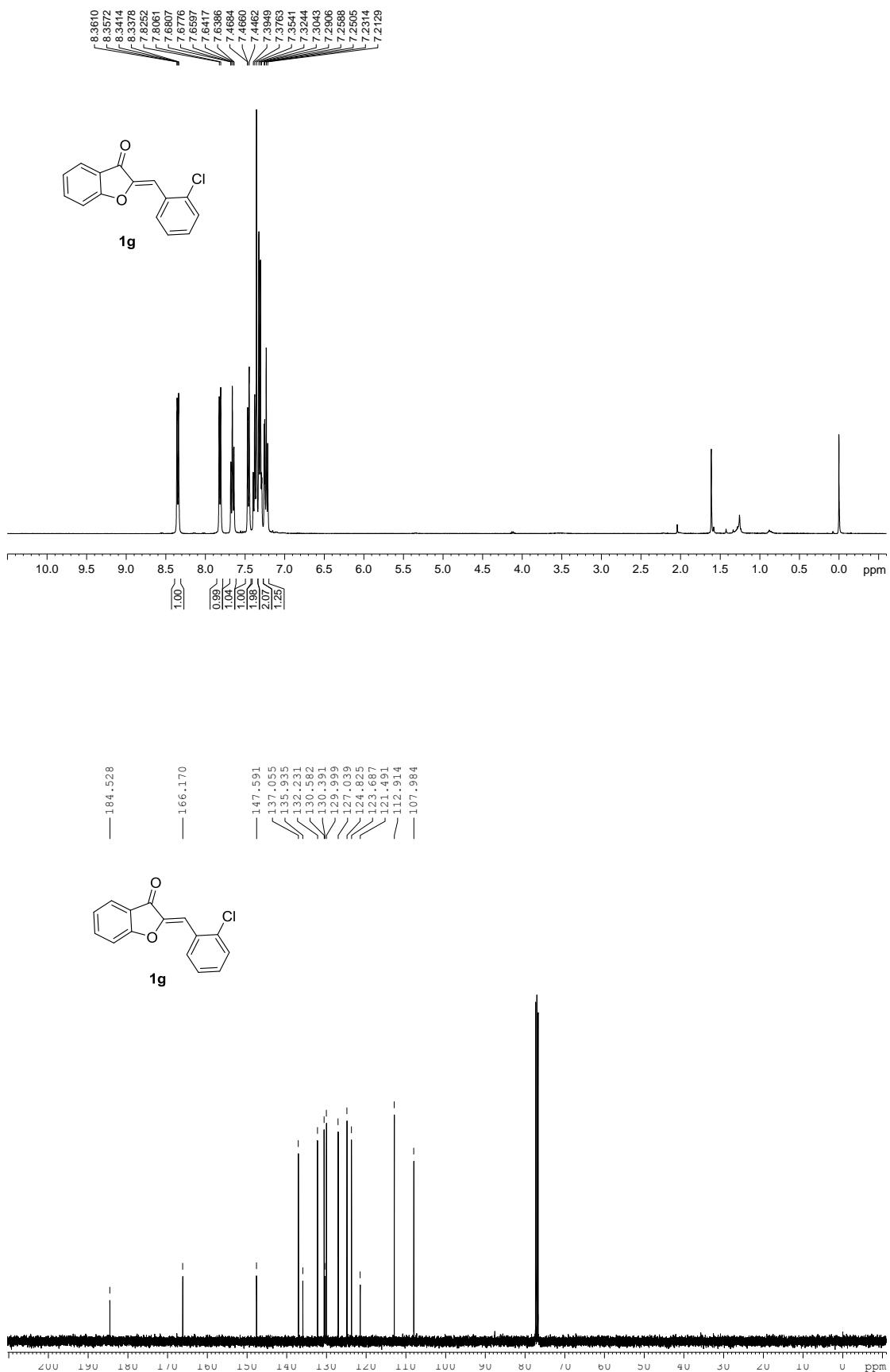


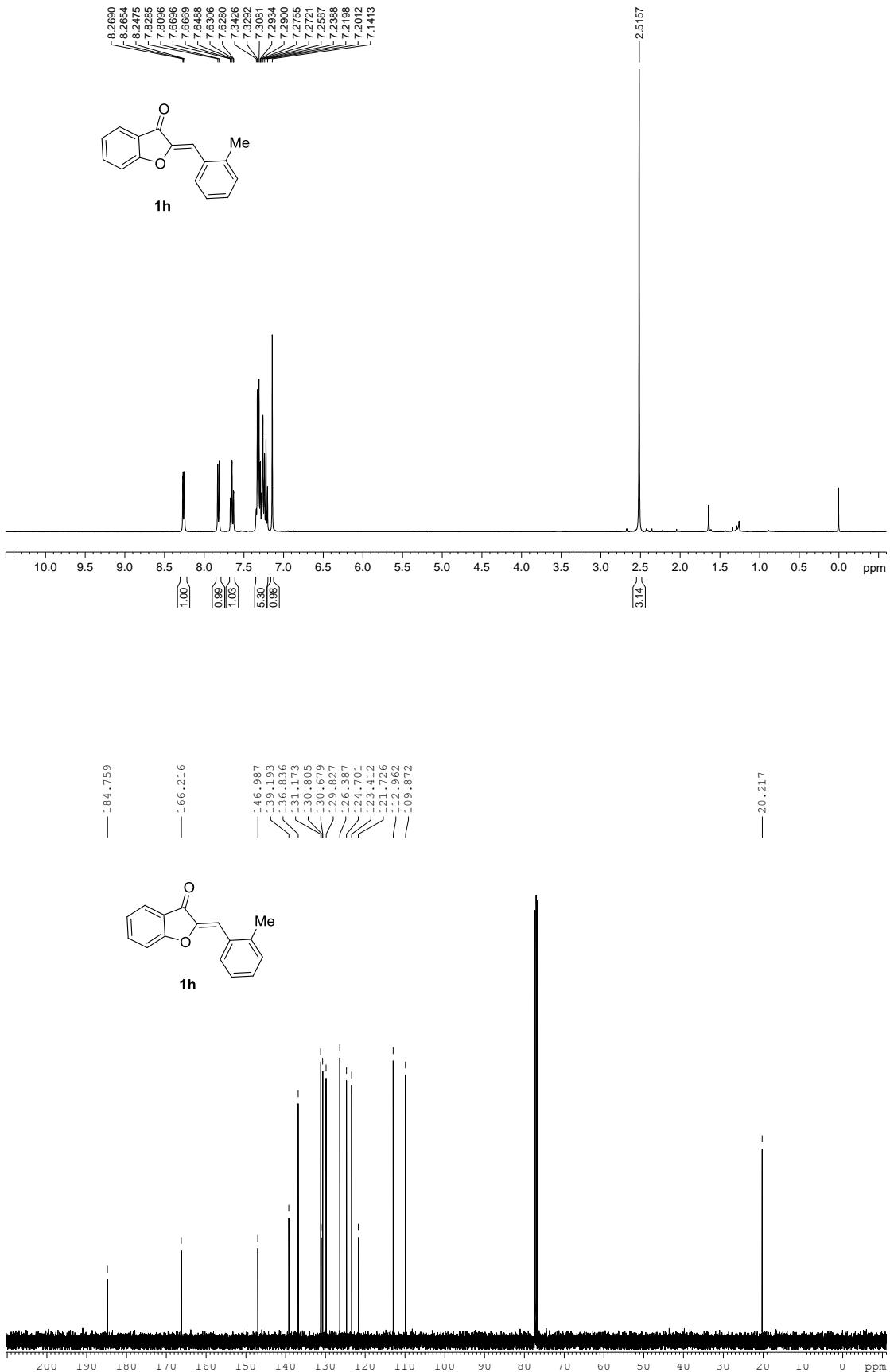




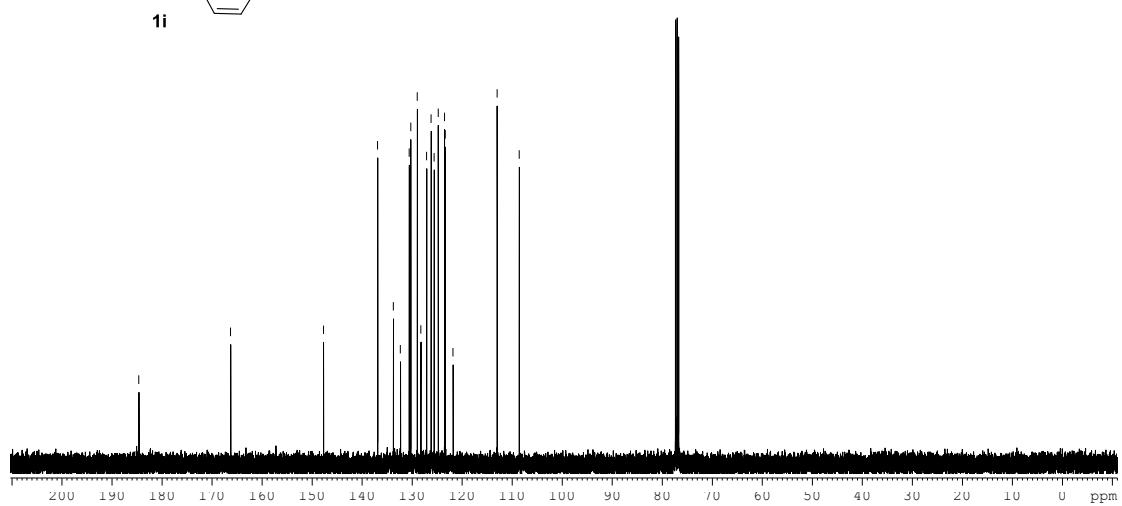
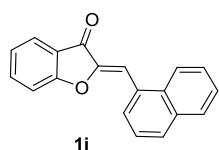
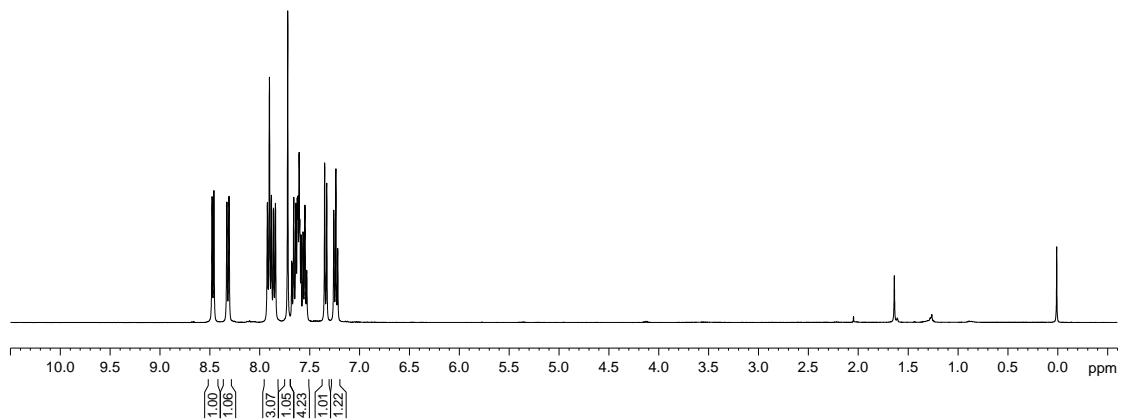
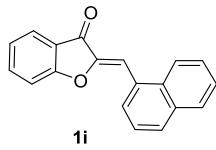


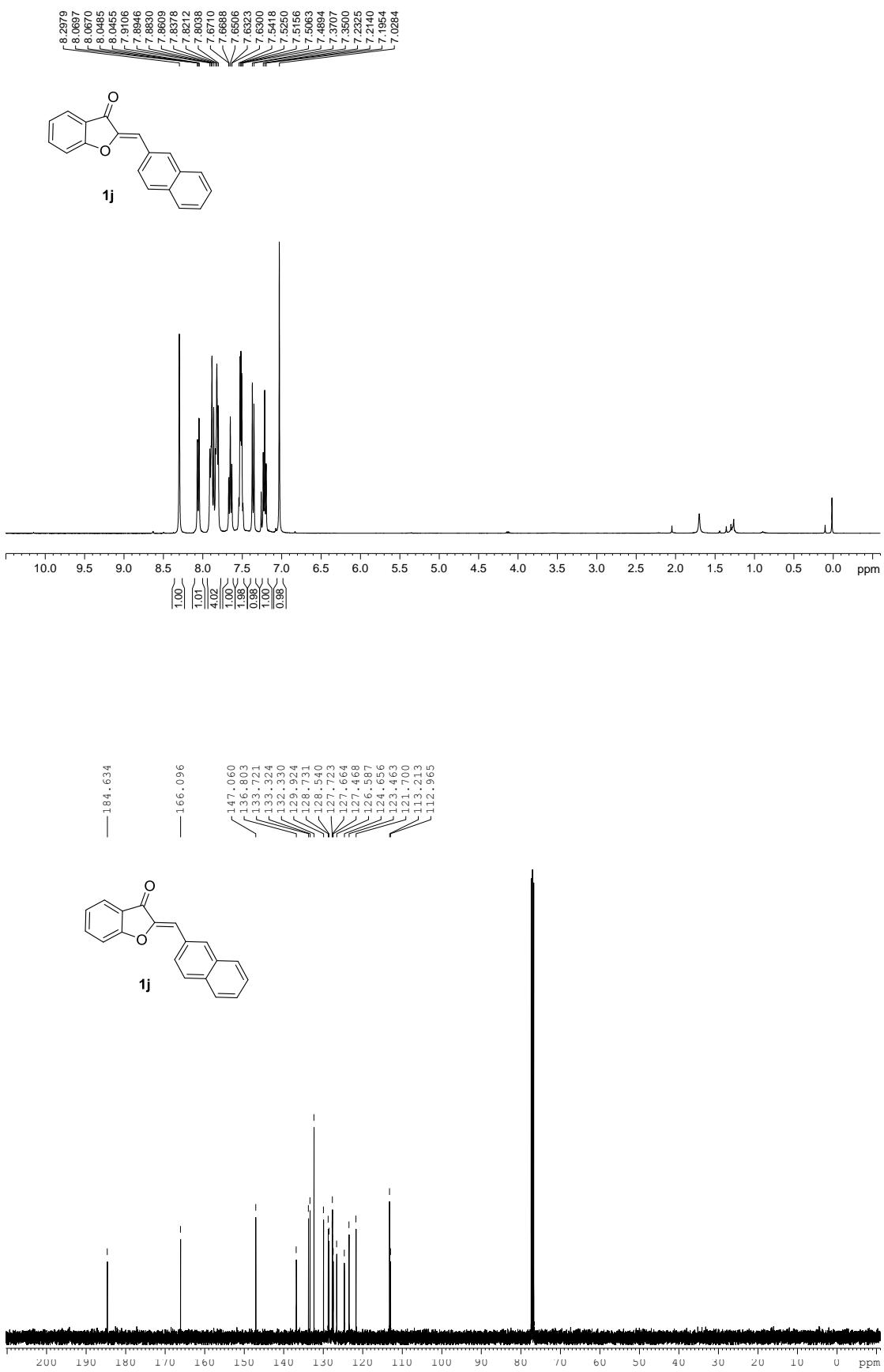


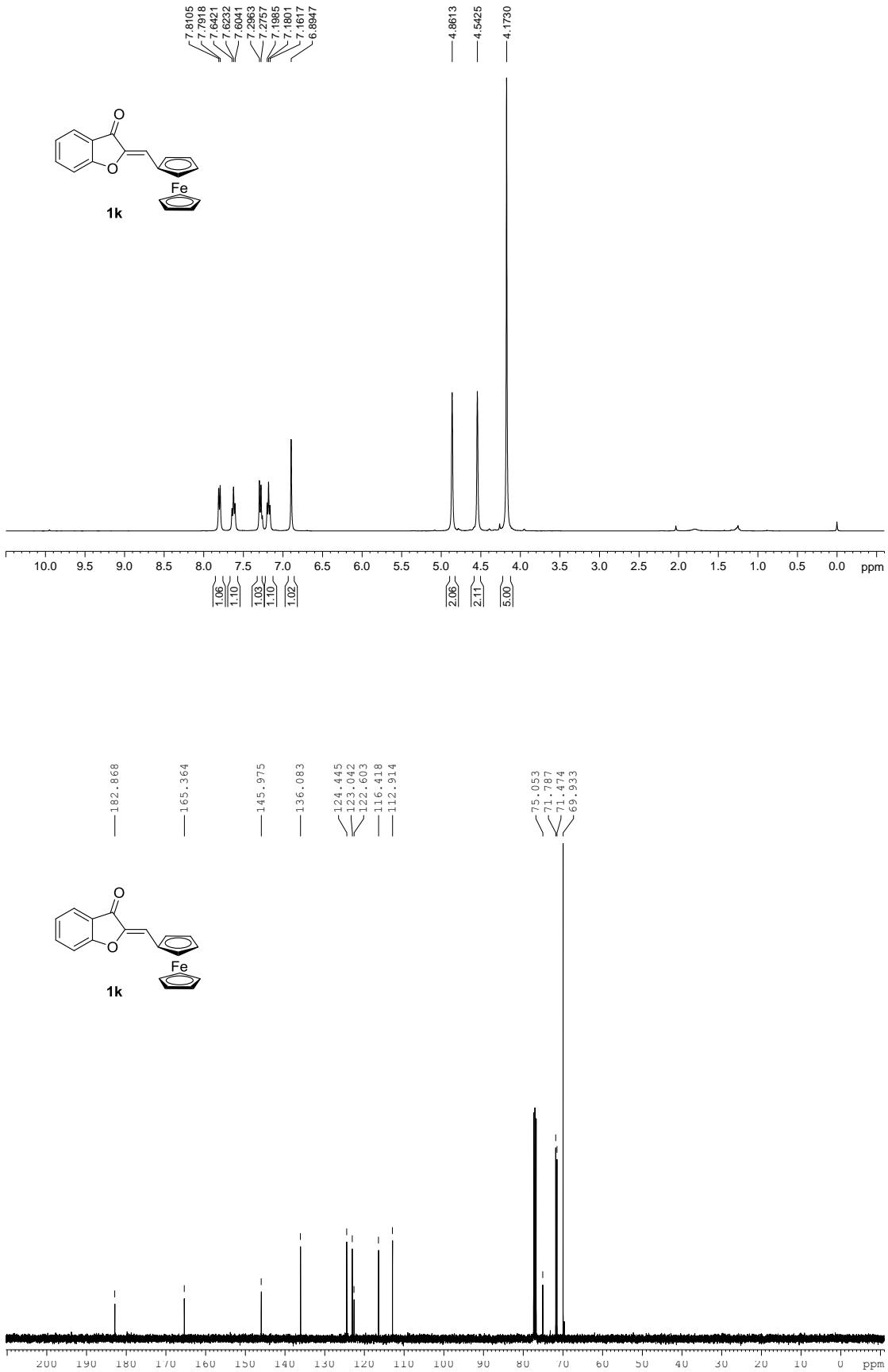


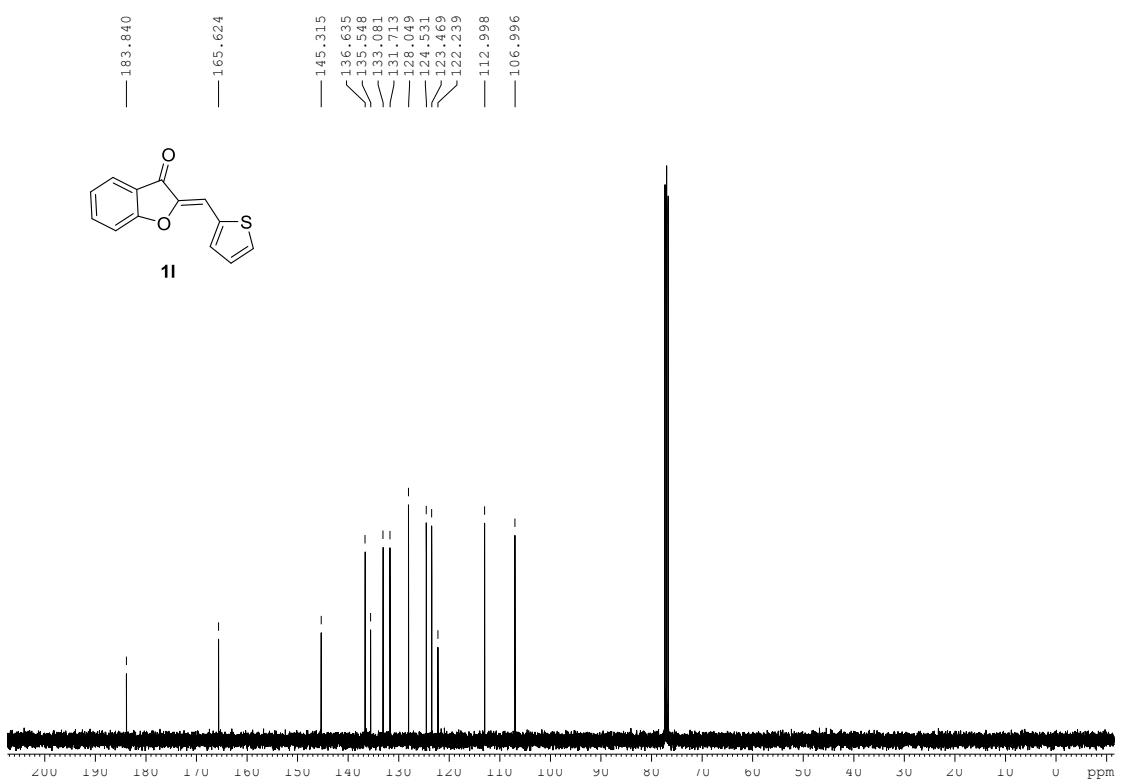
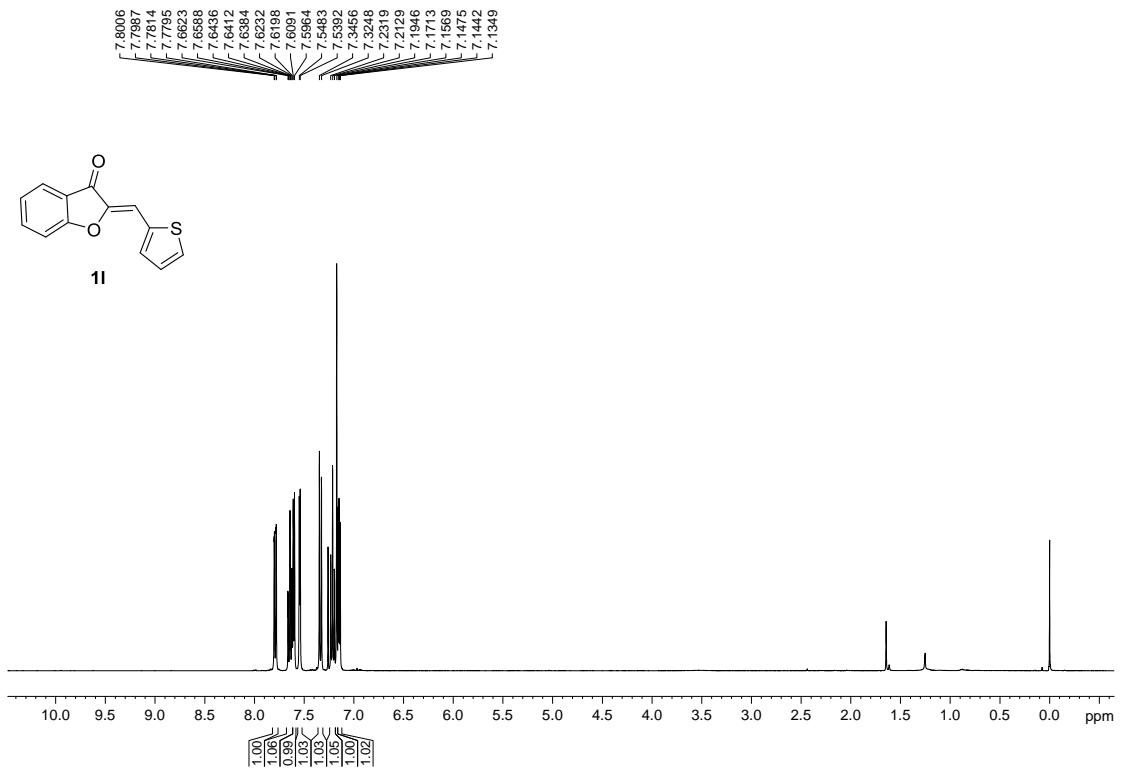


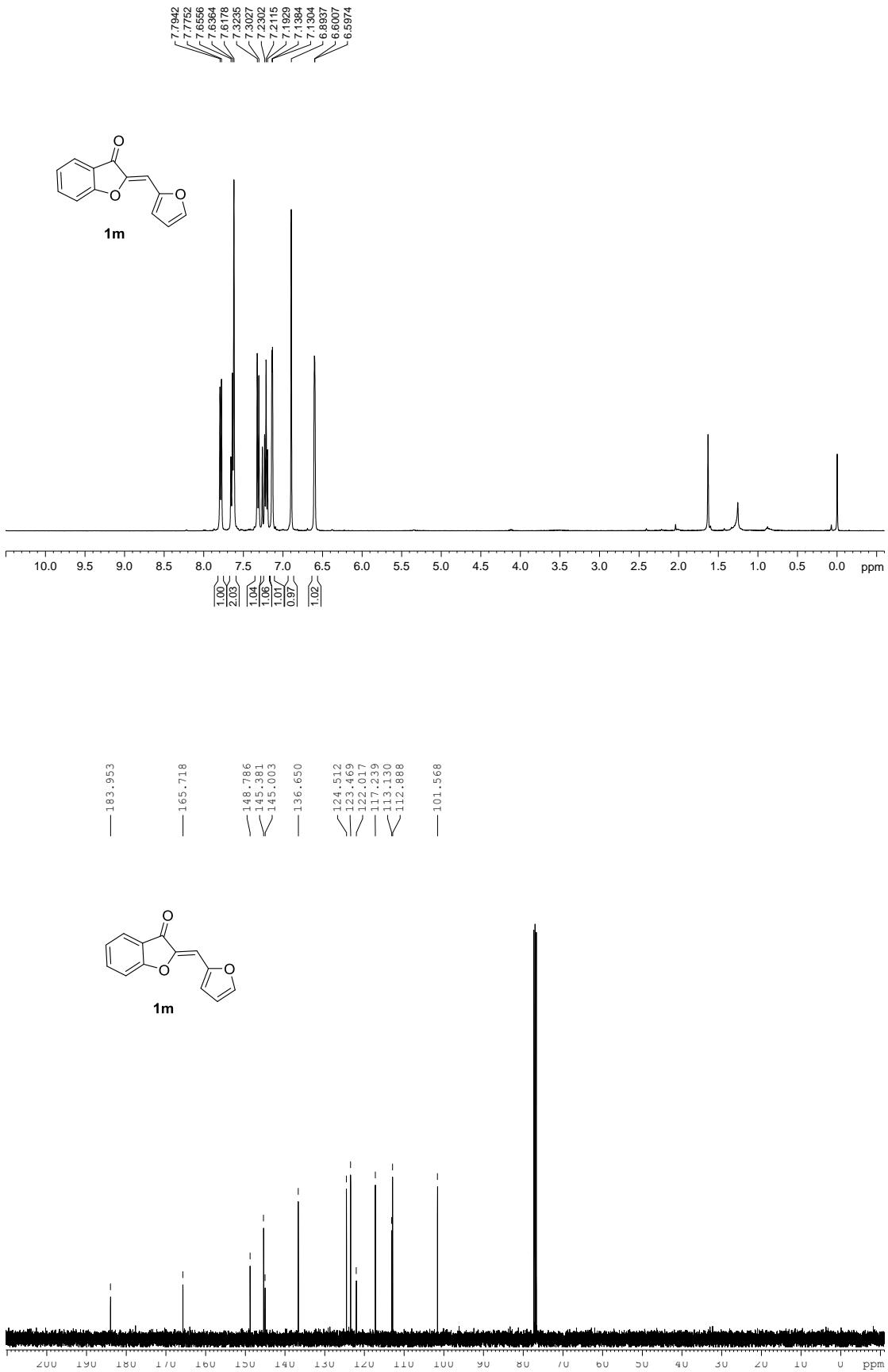
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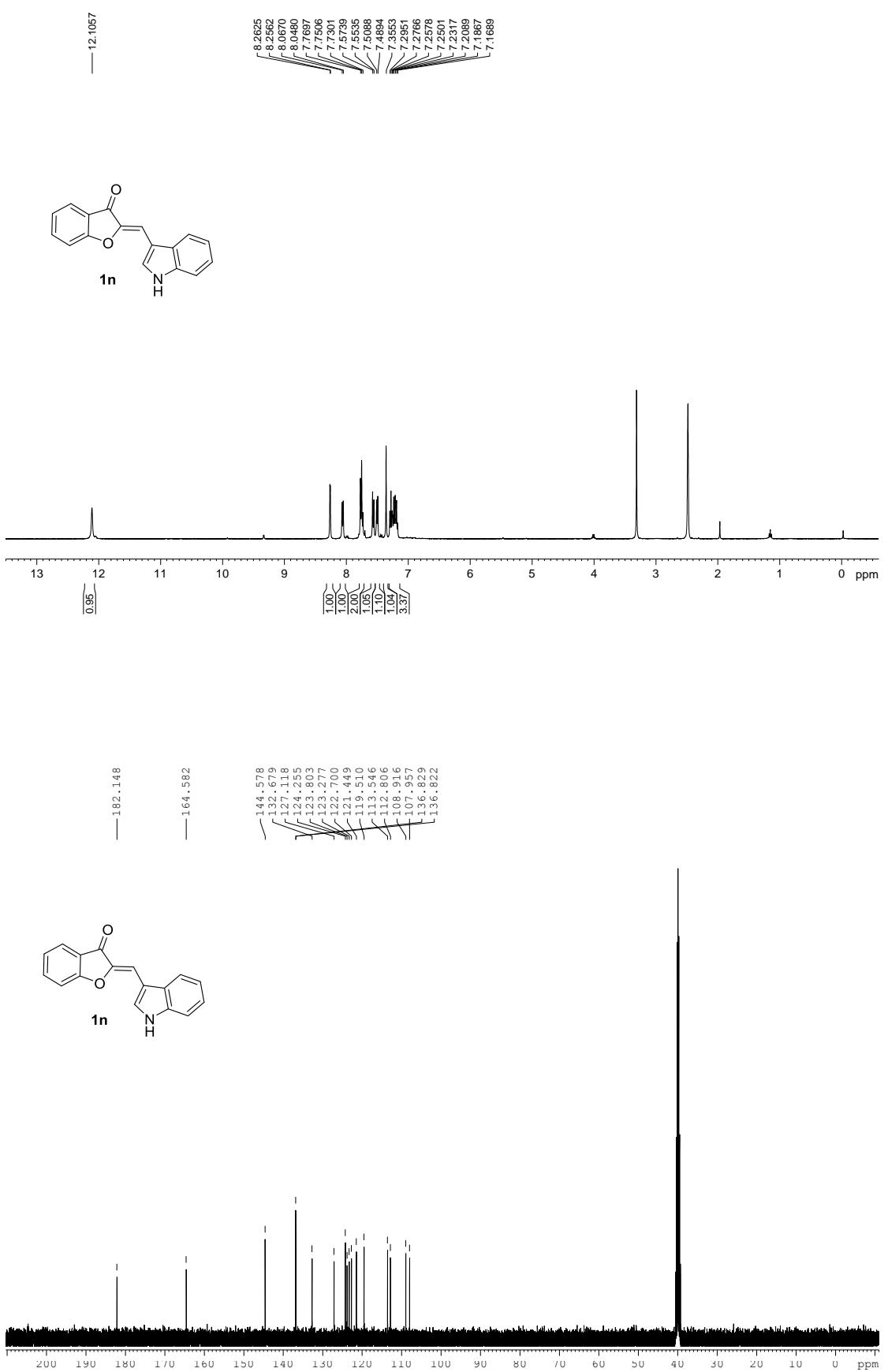




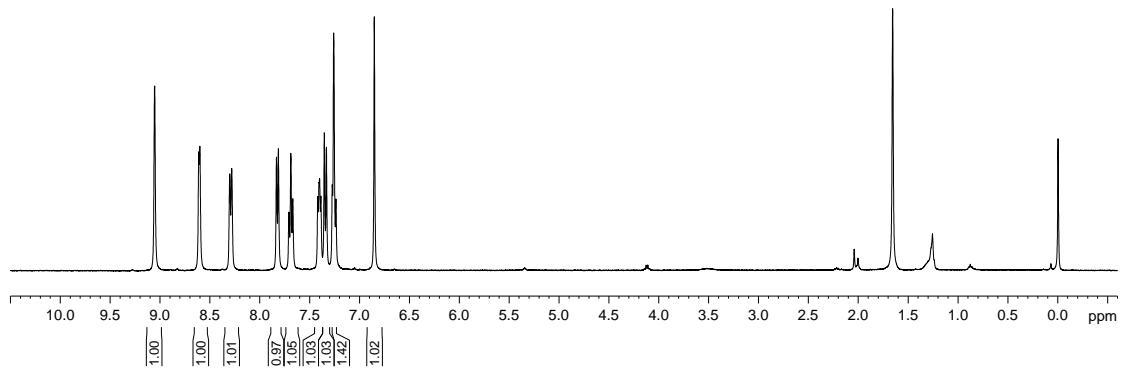
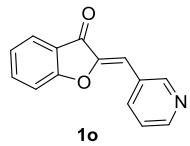








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