

Supporting information

Synthesis of α -Amino Ketones through Aminations of Umpoled Enolates

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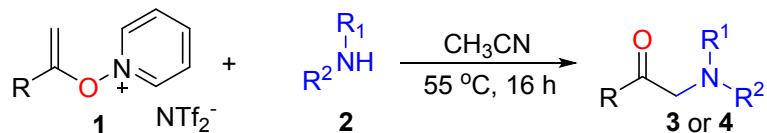
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1. General

¹H NMR (400 MHz or 500 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz or 125 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker NMR apparatus. The chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) values (¹H and ¹³C NMR relative to CHCl₃, δ 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and δ 77.0 ppm for ¹³C NMR). Or alternatively, ¹H NMR chemical shifts were referenced to tetramethylsilane signal (0 ppm). Multiplicities are recorded by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), p (pentet), h (hextet), m (multiplet) and br (broad). Coupling constants (J), are reported in Hertz (Hz). GC analyses were performed using a Shimadzu GC-2010 ultra gas chromatography–mass spectrometry instrument equipped with a Shimadzu AOC-20s autosampler. Commercial reagents and solvents were obtained from the commercial providers and used without further purification. The products were purified using a commercial flash chromatography system or a regular glass column. TLC was developed on silica gel 60 F254 glass plates.

The N-alkenoxypyridinium salts **1** were prepared using published procedures.^{1, 2-3}

2. General procedure for the preparation of α -amino ketones **3** or **4**



To an oven-dried 10 mL Schlenk tube, N-alkenoxypyridinium **1** (0.2 mmol), amine **2** (0.6 mmol) and CH₃CN (1 mL) were introduced under argon atmosphere. The Schlenk tube was then sealed and was stirred at 55 °C until all the starting material **1** was consumed. After that, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were with Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The excess solvent in the filtrate was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was subjected to silica gel chromatography (hexanes / ethyl acetate: form 50 : 1 to 10 : 1) to afford the desired amination product **3** or **4**.

1-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)octan-2-one (**3a**). Light yellow oil, 67% (31.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.74 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.61 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.19 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.5, 148.9, 129.3, 117.2, 111.9, 62.8, 39.8, 39.5, 31.4, 23.1, 22.5, 13.9. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2928, 1727, 1675, 1602, 1505, 1367, 695, 732. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₄H₂₂NO (M + H)⁺: 220.1701 found (M + H)⁺: 220.1695.

1,10-Bis (methyl(phenyl)amino) decane-2,9-dione (3b**)**. Light yellow oil, 39% (29.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.28 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.64 – 6.56 (m, 4H), 3.99 (s, 4H), 3.04 (s, 6H), 2.8 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.60 – 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.25 – 1.20 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.4, 148.9, 129.3, 117.2, 111.9, 62.8, 39.8, 39.3, 28.9, 23.1. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2927, 1713, 1667, 1595, 1496, 1351, 1116, 750, 696. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 381.2542, found: 381.2535.

6-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)-5-oxohexanenitrile (3c**)**. Light yellow oil, 62% (26.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.76 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.08 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 209.1, 148.6, 129.5, 119.2, 117.6, 111.9, 62.9, 39.9, 37.3, 18.9, 16.4. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2944, 2244, 1725, 1668, 1600, 1507, 1360, 751, 694. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 217.1341, found: 217.1334.

Methyl 2-isobutyryl-8-(methyl(phenyl) amino)-7-oxooctanoate (3d**)**. Light yellow oil, 67% (46.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.73 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 – 6.50 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.80 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.59 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.29 – 1.18 (m, 2H), 1.1 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.1 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.1, 208.9, 170.2, 148.8, 129.3, 117.2, 111.9, 62.8, 56.6, 52.3, 40.6, 39.8, 38.9, 28.0, 27.0, 22.9, 18.3, 18.1. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2950, 1743, 1713, 1672, 1602, 1508, 1438, 1263, 730, 695. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 348.2175, found: 348.2167.

1-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)-7-(prop-1-en-1-yloxy)heptan-2-one (3e**)**. Light yellow oil, 80% (44 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.73 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 5.97 – 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.25 (dq, *J* = 17.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dq, *J* = 10.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.94 (dt, *J* = 5.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.28 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.4, 148.8, 135.0, 129.3, 117.2, 116.8, 111.9, 71.8, 70.1, 62.8, 39.8, 39.4, 29.5, 25.8, 23.2. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 3055, 2940, 1732, 1674, 1595, 1497, 1265, 932, 733, 696. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 276.1963, found: 276.1957.

7-(Benzyoxy)-1-(methyl(phenyl)amino)heptan-2-one (3f**)**. Light yellow oil, 67% (43.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.73 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.64 – 6.55 (m, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.44 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (p, *J* = 8.0, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.4, 148.9, 138.6, 129.3, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 117.2, 112.0, 72.9, 70.1, 62.8, 39.8, 39.4, 29.5, 25.9, 23.2. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2942, 1732, 1669, 1597, 1496, 1269, 1093, 733, 698. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 326.2120, found: 326.2113.

7-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)-6-oxoheptyl benzoate (3g**)**. Light yellow oil, 53% (36 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.73 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.65 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.47 – 1.37 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.2, 166.6, 148.8, 132.9, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 128.4, 117.3, 111.9, 64.8, 62.9, 39.8, 39.3, 28.6, 25.7, 22.9. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2944, 1713, 1602, 1507, 1272, 1117, 731, 698. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$) $^+$: 340.1912, found: 340.1907.

7-(5-Bromo-2-fluorophenoxy)-1-(methyl(phenyl)amino)heptan-2-one (3h**).** Light yellow oil, 59% (48.1 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.29 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.95 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.46 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.84 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.64 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.37 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.3, 153.1, 150.6, 148.8, 147.9 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 129.3, 123.6 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 118.0 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 117.4, 117.3, 117.2, 116.3 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 111.9, 69.3, 62.9, 39.8, 39.3, 28.8, 25.5, 22.9. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2947, 1726, 1602, 1498, 1258, 1202, 735, 693. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₄BrFNO₂ (M + H)⁺: 408.0974, found: 408.0968.

7-(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)-1-(methyl(phenyl) amino)heptan-2-one (3i**).** Light yellow oil, 65% (49.4 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (tt, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.64 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.95 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.46 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.65 (p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.53 – 1.40 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.3, 153.4, 148.8, 129.9, 129.3, 127.5, 125.5, 123.7, 117.3, 114.0, 111.9, 69.1, 62.9, 39.8, 39.3, 28.8, 25.6, 22.9. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2944, 1728, 1677, 1597, 1485, 1263, 729, 695. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₀H₂₄Cl₂NO₂ (M + H)⁺: 380.1184, found: 380.1177.

7-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)-6-oxoheptyl furan-2-carboxylate (3j**).** Light yellow oil, 64% (42.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.62 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 6.50 – 6.48 (m, 1H), 4.27 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.76 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.34 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.2, 158.8, 148.8, 146.2, 144.8, 129.3, 117.8, 117.3, 111.9, 111.8, 64.7, 62.8, 39.8, 39.2, 28.5, 25.6, 22.9. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2937, 1717, 1678, 1598, 1508, 1473, 1297, 1181, 1116, 734, 692. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₉H₂₄NO₄ (M + H)⁺: 330.1705 found (M + H)⁺: 330.1698.

7-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)-6-oxoheptyl thiophene-2-carboxylate (3k**).** Light yellow oil, 65% (44.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.64 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.37 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.2, 162.3, 148.8, 133.9, 133.3, 132.3, 129.3, 127.8, 117.3, 111.9, 64.9, 62.9, 39.8, 39.3, 28.6, 25.6, 22.9. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2943, 1702, 1599, 1506, 1418, 1259, 1094, 1074, 729, 695. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₉H₂₄NO₃S (M + H)⁺: 346.1477 found: 346.1471.

7-(3-Acetyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-1-(methyl(phenyl)amino)heptan-2-one (3l**).** Light yellow oil, 58% (43.7 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.41 – 8.31 (m, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.73 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 – 6.51 (m, 2H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.83 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.22 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.2, 193.0, 148.8, 136.7, 134.9, 129.4, 126.4, 123.2, 122.7, 122.5, 117.3, 116.9, 111.9, 109.8, 62.9, 46.7, 39.8, 38.9, 29.6, 27.7, 26.3, 22.6. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2932, 1719, 1637, 1601, 1526, 1506, 1389, 1208, 748, 690. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₄H₂₉N₂O₂ (M + H)⁺: 377.2229, found: 377.2223.

N,4-dimethyl-N-(7-(methyl(phenyl)amino)-6-oxoheptyl)benzenesulfonamide (3m**).** Light yellow oil, 67% (54 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.78 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.65 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz,

2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.65 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.25 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 210.3, 148.8, 143.3, 134.5, 129.7, 129.3, 127.4, 117.2, 111.9, 62.8, 49.8, 39.8, 39.3, 34.6, 27.4, 26.1, 22.9, 21.5. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2942, 1727, 1599, 1505, 1335, 1268, 1159, 729, 698. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for C₂₂H₃₁N₂O₃S (M + H) $^+$: 403.2055, found: 403.2048.

1-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)-7-tosylheptan-2-one (3n). colorless oil, 68% (50.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.74 (tt, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.02 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.72 – 1.58 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 209.7, 148.7, 144.7, 136.1, 129.9, 129.4, 128.0, 117.4, 111.9, 62.9, 56.1, 39.8, 38.6, 22.3, 21.8, 21.7. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2929, 1726, 1598, 1507, 1364, 1315, 1142, 732, 691. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for C₂₀H₂₆NO₃S (M + H) $^+$: 360.1633 found (M + H) $^+$: 360.1627.

2-(6-(Methyl(phenyl)amino)-5-oxohexyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (3o). 62% (43.5 mg). Light yellow oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.82 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.66 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.49 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.73 – 1.58 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 209.8, 168.4, 148.8, 133.9, 132.1, 129.3, 123.2, 117.2, 111.9, 62.8, 39.8, 38.6, 37.4, 27.9, 20.4. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2939, 1769, 1707, 1601, 1499, 1398, 720, 695. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for C₂₁H₂₃N₂O₃ (M + H) $^+$: 351.1708, found: 351.1702.

6-(Methyl(p-tolyl)amino)-5-oxohexanenitrile (4a). Light yellow oil, 62% (28.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.04 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.57 – 6.47 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.61 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.86 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 209.3, 146.6, 129.9, 126.8, 119.2, 112.3, 63.2, 40.1, 37.3, 20.2, 19.0, 16.4. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2930, 2244, 1724, 1671, 1615, 1518, 1264, 731, 701. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for C₁₄H₁₉N₂O (M + H) $^+$: 231.1497, found: 231.1491.

6-((3-Chlorophenyl)(methyl)amino)-5-oxohexanenitrile (4b). Light yellow oil, 55% (27.6 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.13 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.58 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.47 – 6.40 (m, 1H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.61 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.96 – 1.89 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 207.7, 149.7, 135.3, 130.4, 119.1, 117.4, 112.0, 110.1, 62.4, 39.9, 37.3, 18.9, 16.4. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2958, 2246, 1730, 1596, 1492, 1266, 988, 730, 704. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for C₁₃H₁₆CIN₂O (M + H) $^+$: 251.0951, found: 251.0944.

6-((2-Fluorophenyl)(methyl)amino)-5-oxohexanenitrile (4c). colorless oil, 64% (30 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.10 – 6.77 (m, 4H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.69 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (p, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 207.9, 154.2 (d, J = 242.4 Hz), 138.7 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 124.6 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 121.0 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 119.2, 118.3 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 116.3 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 64.5 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 40.8 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 37.2, 19.1, 16.5. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2973, 2246, 1717, 1612, 1505, 1264, 909, 733, 701. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for C₁₃H₁₆FN₂O (M + H) $^+$: 235.1246, found: 235.1240.

6-(Benzyl(phenyl)amino)-5-oxohexanenitrile (4d). Light yellow oil, 47% (27.5 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.35 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.76 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 – 6.54 (m, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 4.07 (s, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.85 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR

(101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 208.5, 148.4, 137.9, 129.5, 128.8, 127.4, 127.0, 119.1, 118.0, 112.6, 60.6, 55.9, 37.4, 19.0, 16.4. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2987, 2253, 1732, 1597, 1505, 1267, 909, 727, 697. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O (M + H)⁺: 293.1654, found: 293.1647.

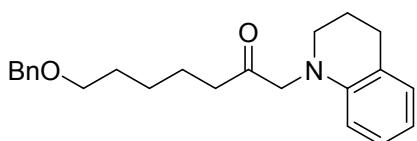
6-(Isopropyl(phenyl)amino)-5-oxohexanenitrile (4e). Light yellow oil, 34% (16.7 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.78 - 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.67 - 6.62 (m, 2H), 4.24 - 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.92 - 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.3, 148.5, 129.5, 119.2, 118.1, 113.7, 54.6, 49.3, 36.8, 20.0, 19.1, 16.4. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2978, 2246, 1711, 1596, 1501, 1264, 734, 699. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₁₅H₂₁N₂O (M + H)⁺: 245.1654, found: 245.1647.

7-(Benzylxy)-1-(methyl(m-tolyl)amino)heptan-2-one (4f). Light yellow oil, 57% (38.6 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12 - 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.42 - 6.39 (m, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.44 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.63 - 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.7, 148.9, 139.0, 138.6, 129.2, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 118.2, 112.8, 109.2, 72.9, 70.2, 62.9, 39.8, 39.4, 29.6, 25.9, 23.2, 21.9. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2942, 1720, 1674, 1606, 1496, 1264, 1096, 911, 729, 700. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₂H₃₀NO₂ (M + H)⁺: 340.2276, found: 340.2270.

7-(Benzylxy)-1-((4-fluorophenyl)(methyl)amino)heptan-2-one (4g). Light yellow oil, 77% (53 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.55 – 6.48 (m, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.44 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 209.9, 155.7 (d, J = 235.8 Hz), 145.6 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 138.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 115.7 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 113.1 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 72.9, 70.1, 63.2, 40.2, 39.5, 29.5, 25.9, 23.2. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2937, 1728, 1675, 1510, 1267, 1229, 1105, 729, 700. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₁H₂₇FNO₂ (M + H)⁺: 344.2026, found: 344.2018.

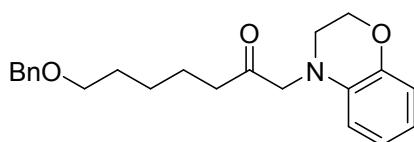
3-((7-(Benzylxy)-2-oxoheptyl)(phenyl)amino)propanenitrile (4h). Light yellow oil, 33% (24 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.79 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 – 6.47 (m, 2H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 3.72 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.68 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.44 – 1.32 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 208.3, 146.1, 138.6, 129.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 118.4, 112.3, 72.9, 70.1, 61.2, 48.4, 39.5, 29.5, 25.9, 23.3, 16.2. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2939, 2252, 1723, 1599, 1505, 1264, 730, 700. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₃H₂₉N₂O₂ (M + H)⁺: 365.2229, found: 365.2221.

7-(Benzylxy)-1-(cyclohexyl(phenyl)amino)heptan-2-one (4i). colorless oil, 36% (28.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 - 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.73 - 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.63 – 6.54 (m, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.68 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.44 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.98 – 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.71 - 1.54 (m, 5H), 1.44 – 1.07 (m, 7H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 211.6, 148.6, 138.6, 129.3, 128.4, 127.6, 127.5, 117.3, 113.1, 72.9, 70.2, 57.7, 55.7, 38.8, 30.7, 29.5, 26.1, 25.9, 25.8, 23.3. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 2929, 1708, 1601, 1503, 1264, 906, 730, 699. HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₆H₃₆NO₂ (M + H)⁺: 394.2746, found: 394.2740.



7-(Benzylxy)-1-(3,4-dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)heptan-2-one (4j).
Light yellow oil, 55% (38.6 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 - 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.60 (t,

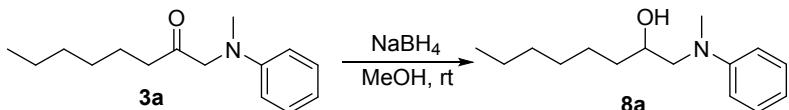
$J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.44 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.34 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.03 - 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.63 - 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.42 - 1.29 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 210.8, 144.9, 138.6, 129.3, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 122.5, 116.8, 110.2, 72.9, 70.2, 61.8, 51.1, 39.4, 29.6, 27.9, 25.9, 23.2, 22.3. IR ν 2928, 1711, 1603, 1502, 1264, 1104, 911, 732, 697. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2$ ($M + \text{H}$) $^+$: 352.2276, found: 352.2269.



7-(Benzylxy)-1-(2,3-dihydro-4H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-4-yl)heptan-2-one (4k). Light yellow oil, 40% (28.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 - 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.85 - 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.66 - 6.62 (m, 1H), 6.37 - 6.33 (m, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 4.32 - 4.21 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.45 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.43 - 3.38 (m, 2H), 2.47 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.66 - 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.41 - 1.35 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 209.2, 143.9, 138.6, 134.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 121.7, 118.4, 116.6, 111.5, 72.9, 70.1, 64.5, 60.8, 48.6, 39.7, 29.5, 25.9, 23.3. IR ν 2939, 1720, 1673, 1605, 1503, 1266, 1059, 729, 699. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3$ ($M + \text{H}$) $^+$: 354.2069 found ($M + \text{H}$) $^+$: 354.2062.

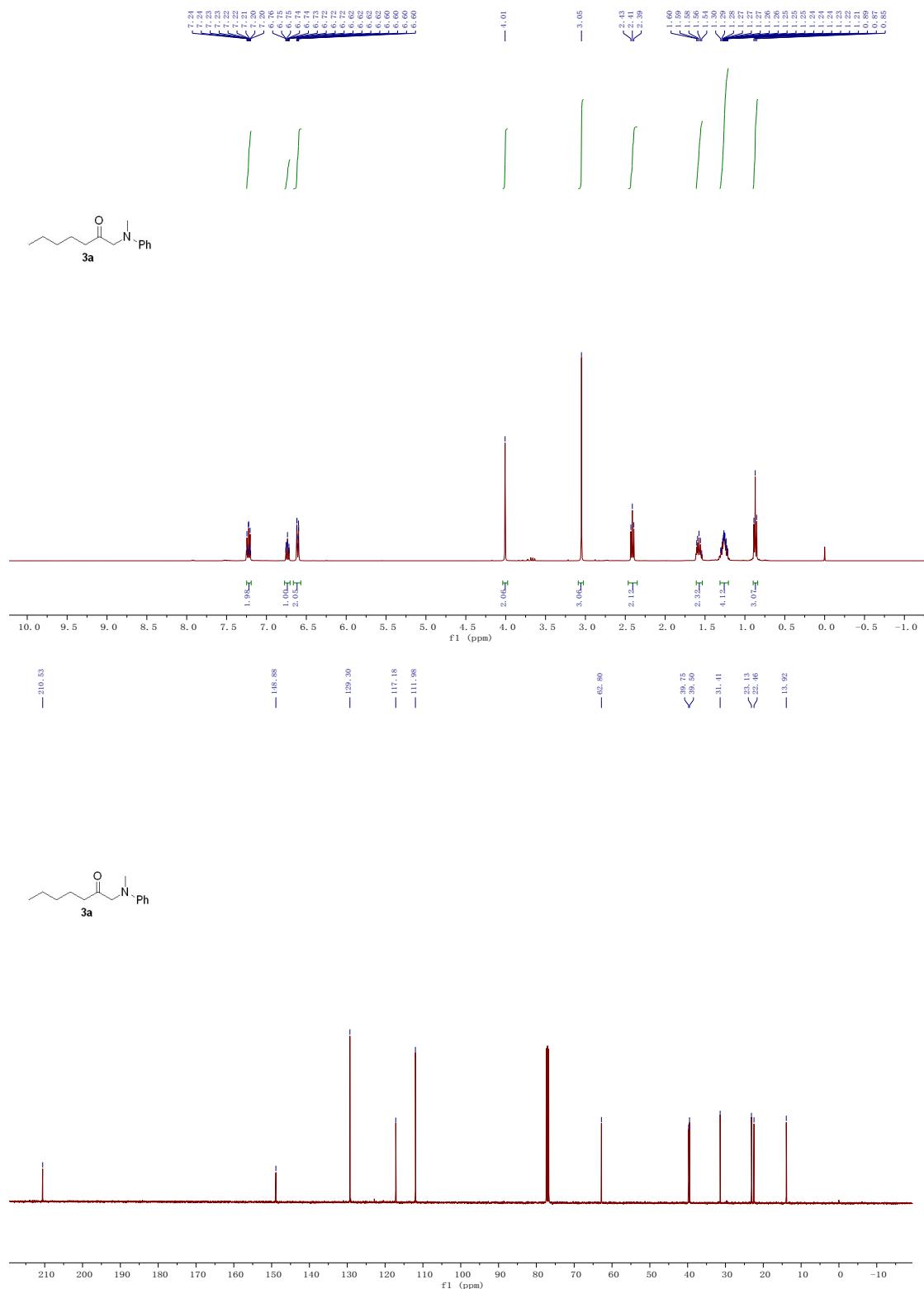
7-(Benzylxy)-1-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)heptan-2-one (4l). Light yellow oil, 60% (34.3 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.44 - 8.42 (m, 1H), 8.39 - 8.33 (m, 1H), 7.47 - 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.28 - 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.21 - 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 3.37 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.59 - 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.35 - 1.22 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 205.96, 149.3, 147.3, 137.5, 136.1, 128.9, 127.3, 126.6, 126.5, 122.5, 71.9, 69.1, 45.6, 41.4, 28.5, 24.7, 22.4. IR ν (cm $^{-1}$): 2940, 1714, 1576, 1479, 1425, 1266, 909, 729, 699. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($M + \text{H}$) $^+$: 287.1759, found: 287.1752.

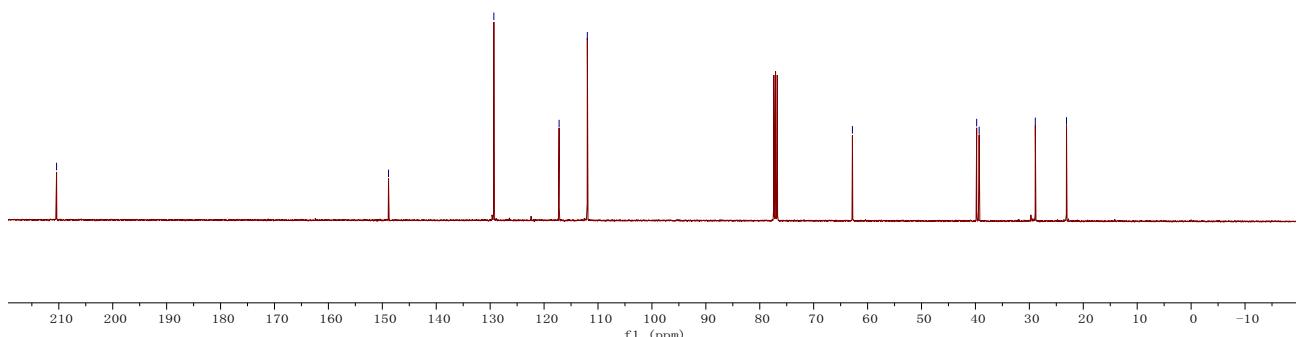
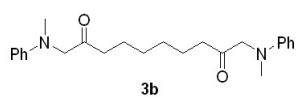
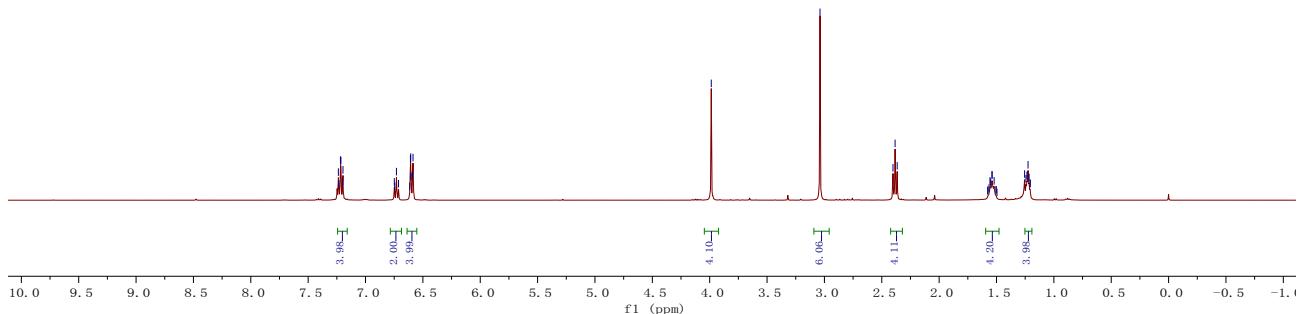
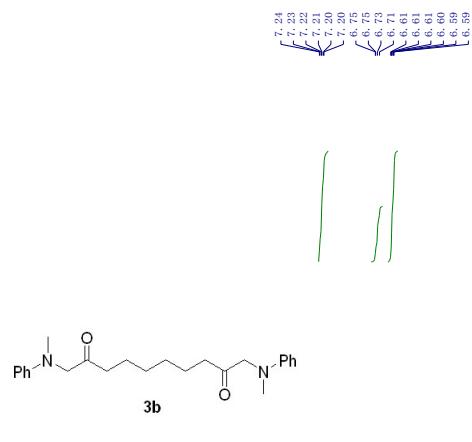
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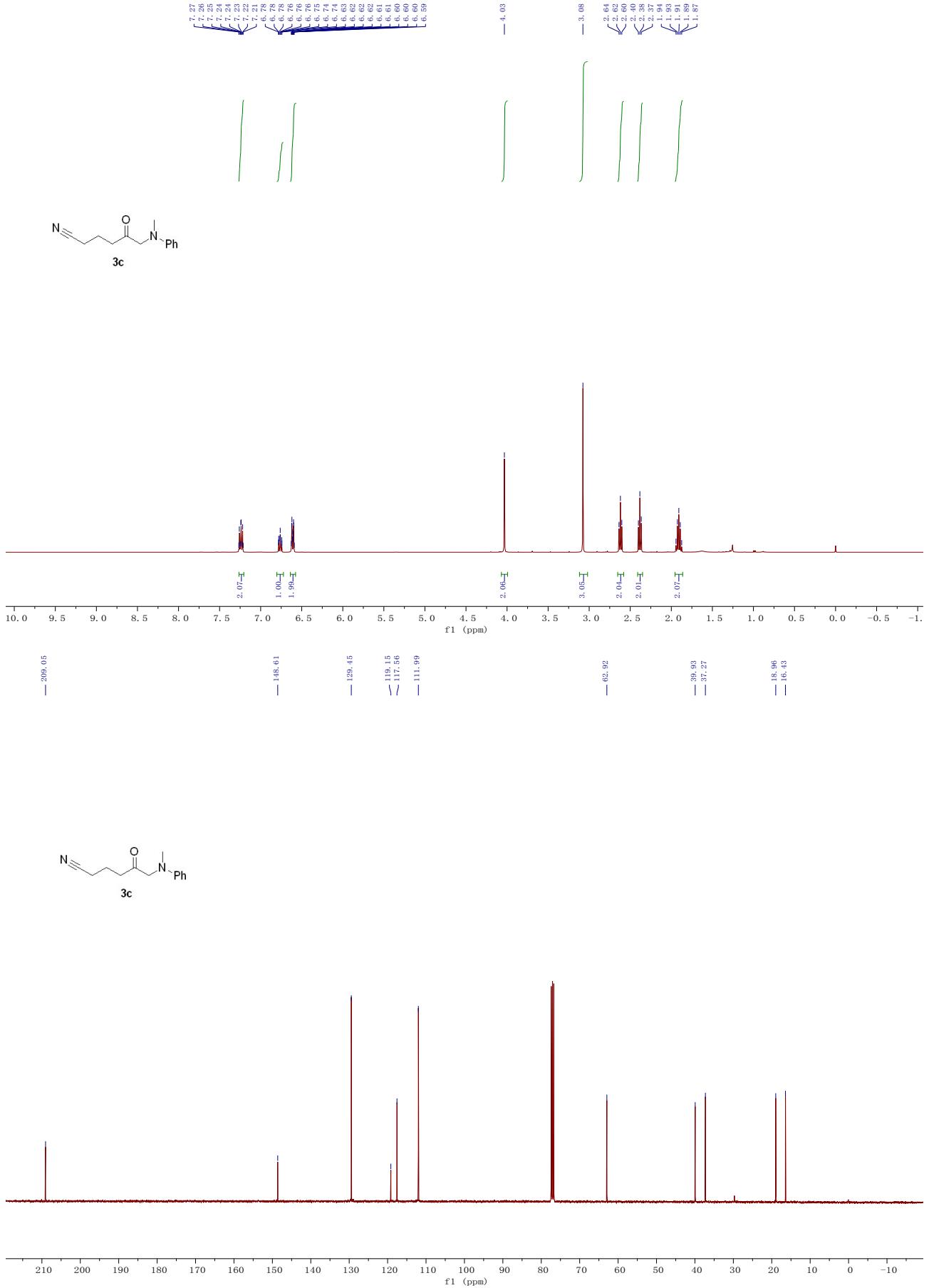


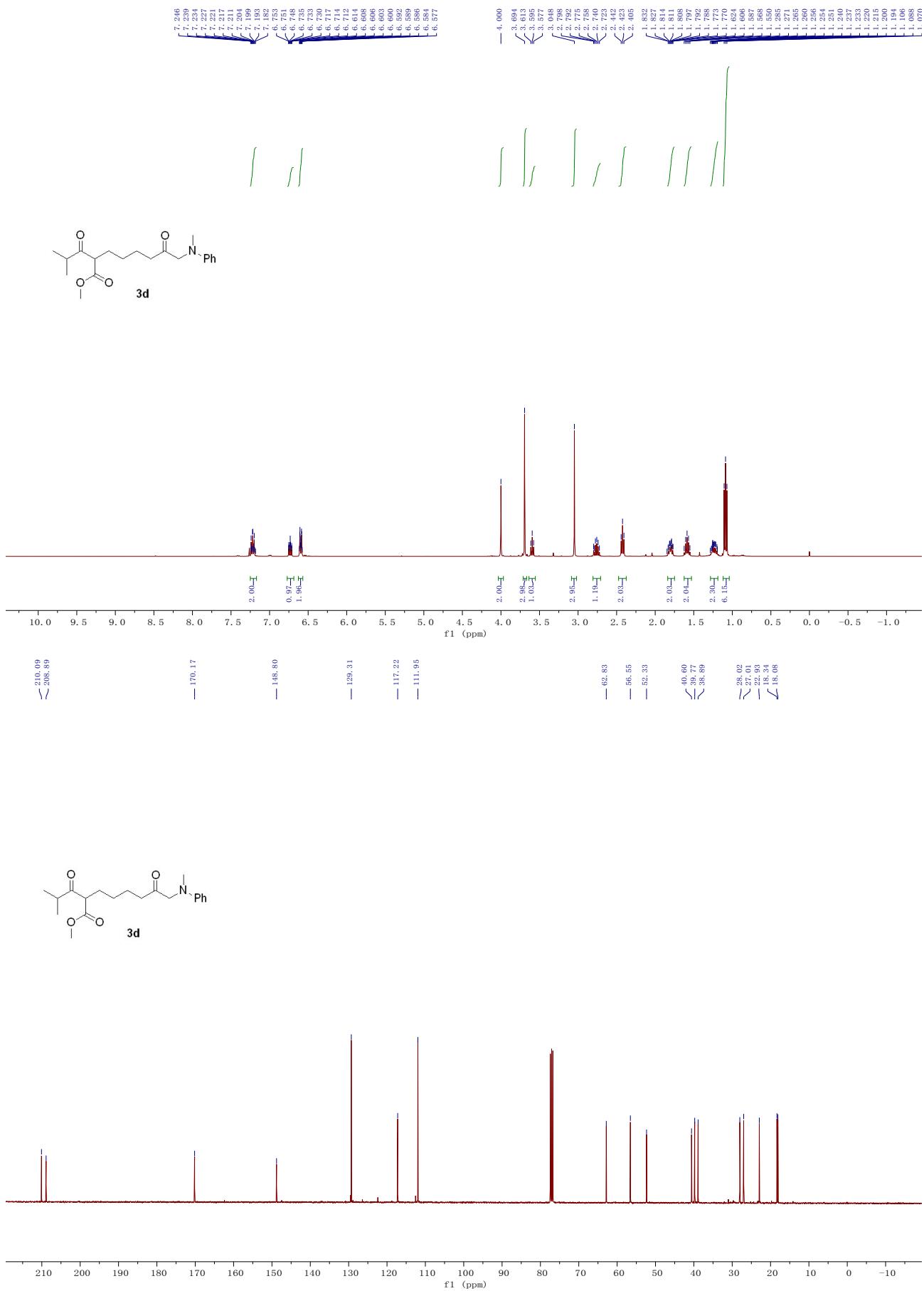
Under argon protection, a solution of α -amino ketone **3a** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in MeOH (2 mL) and NaBH_4 (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were transferred into a glass reactor, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until the total consumption of the starting material **3a**. After that, excess solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was subjected to silica gel chromatography to afford the desired product **8a** as a light-yellow oil in 70% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.27 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.83 - 6.77 (m, 2H), 6.78 - 6.73 (m, 1H), 3.93 - 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.28 - 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 1H), 1.55 - 1.42 (m, 3H), 1.43 - 1.21 (m, 7H), 0.93 - 0.85 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.5, 129.2, 117.5, 113.4, 69.3, 60.7, 39.3, 34.6, 31.8, 29.5, 25.7, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (ESI $^+$) calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}$ ($M + \text{H}$) $^+$: 235.1936, found: 235.1943.

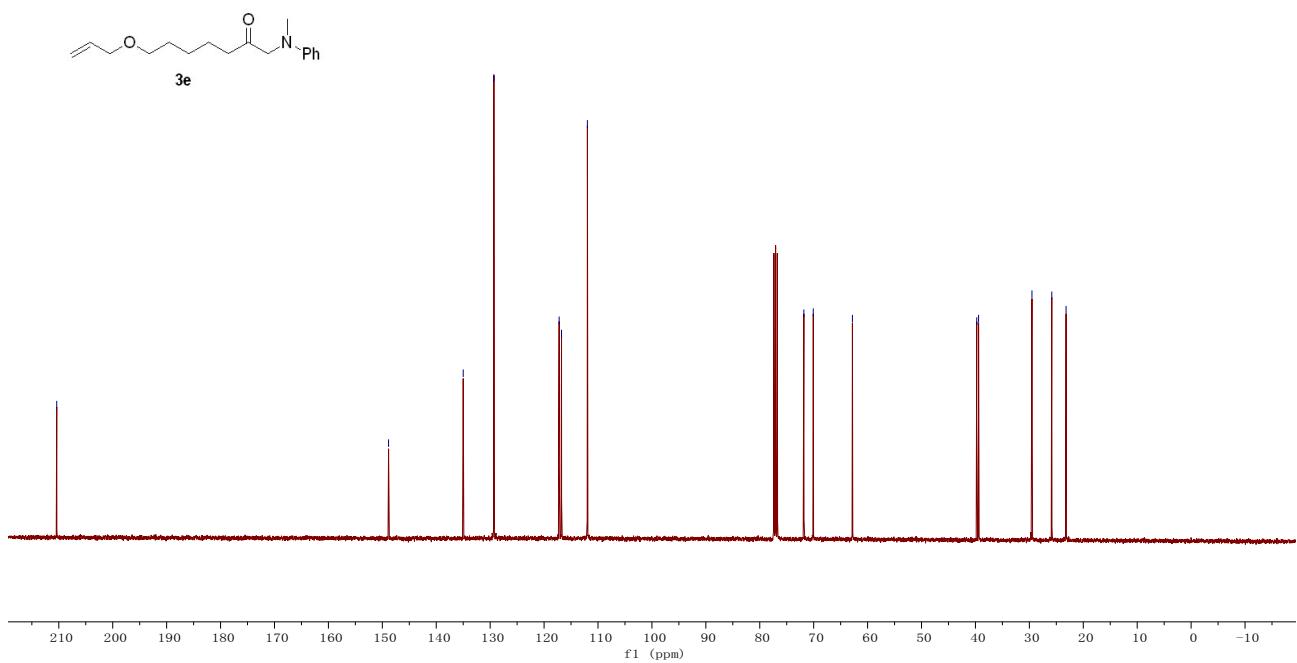
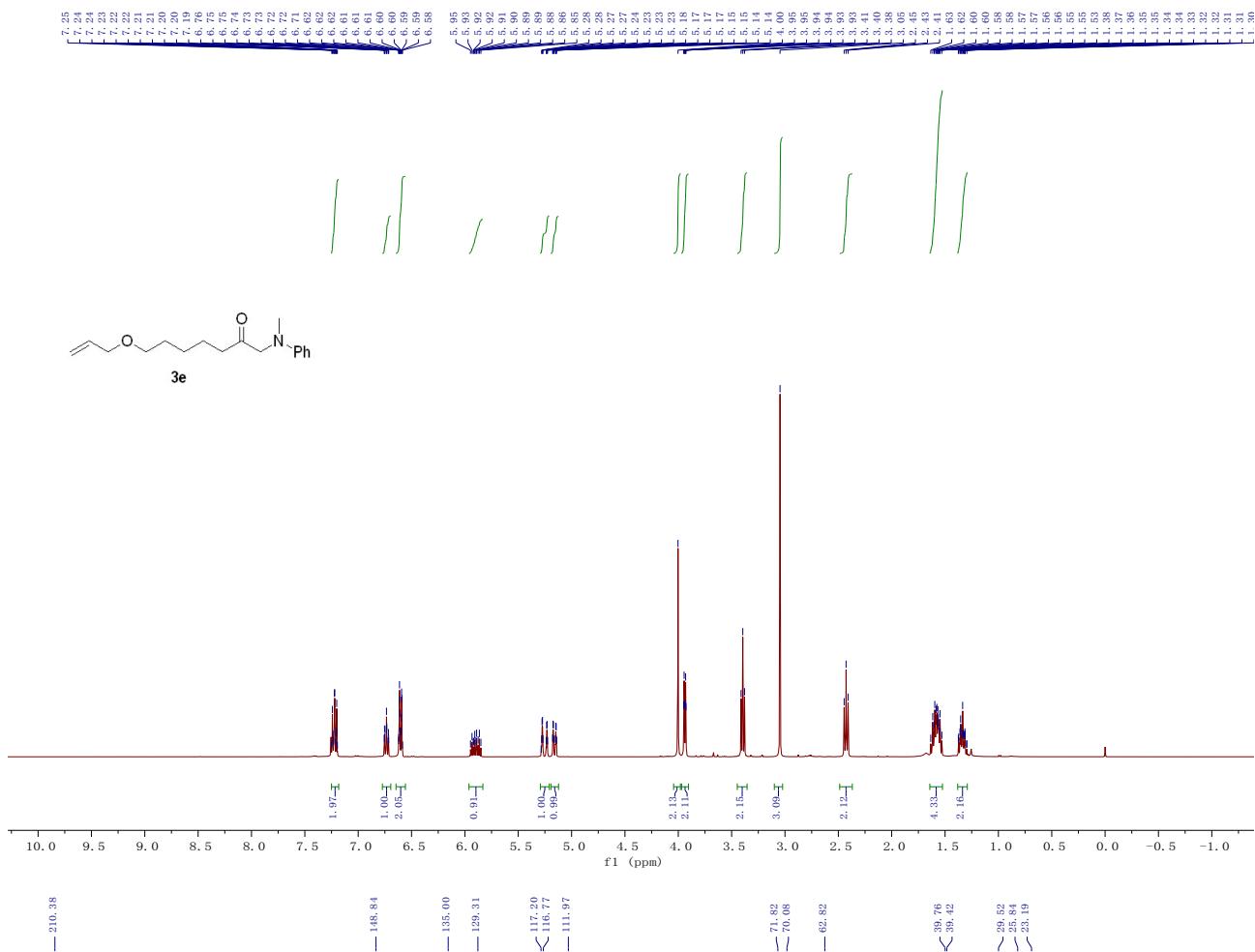
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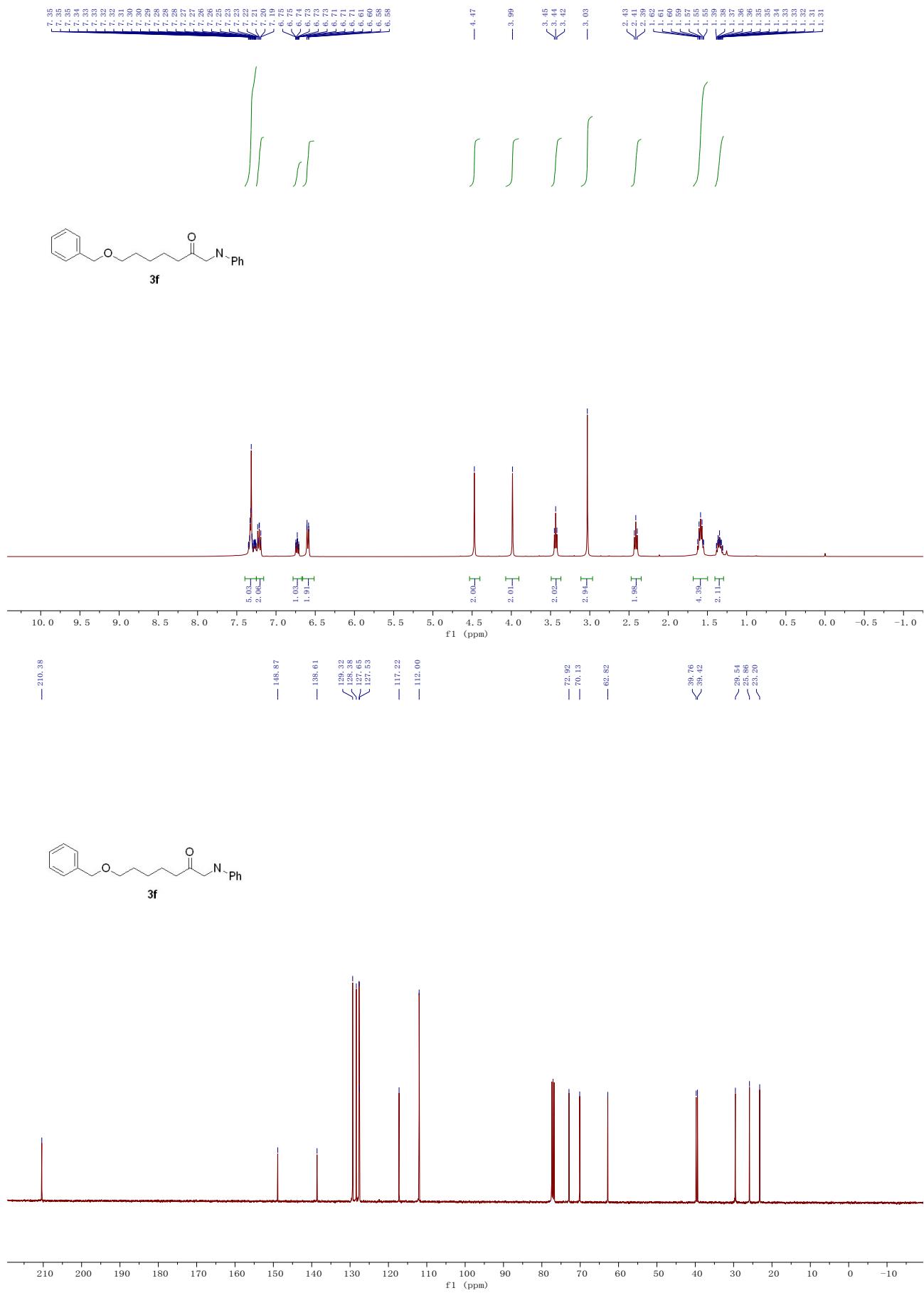


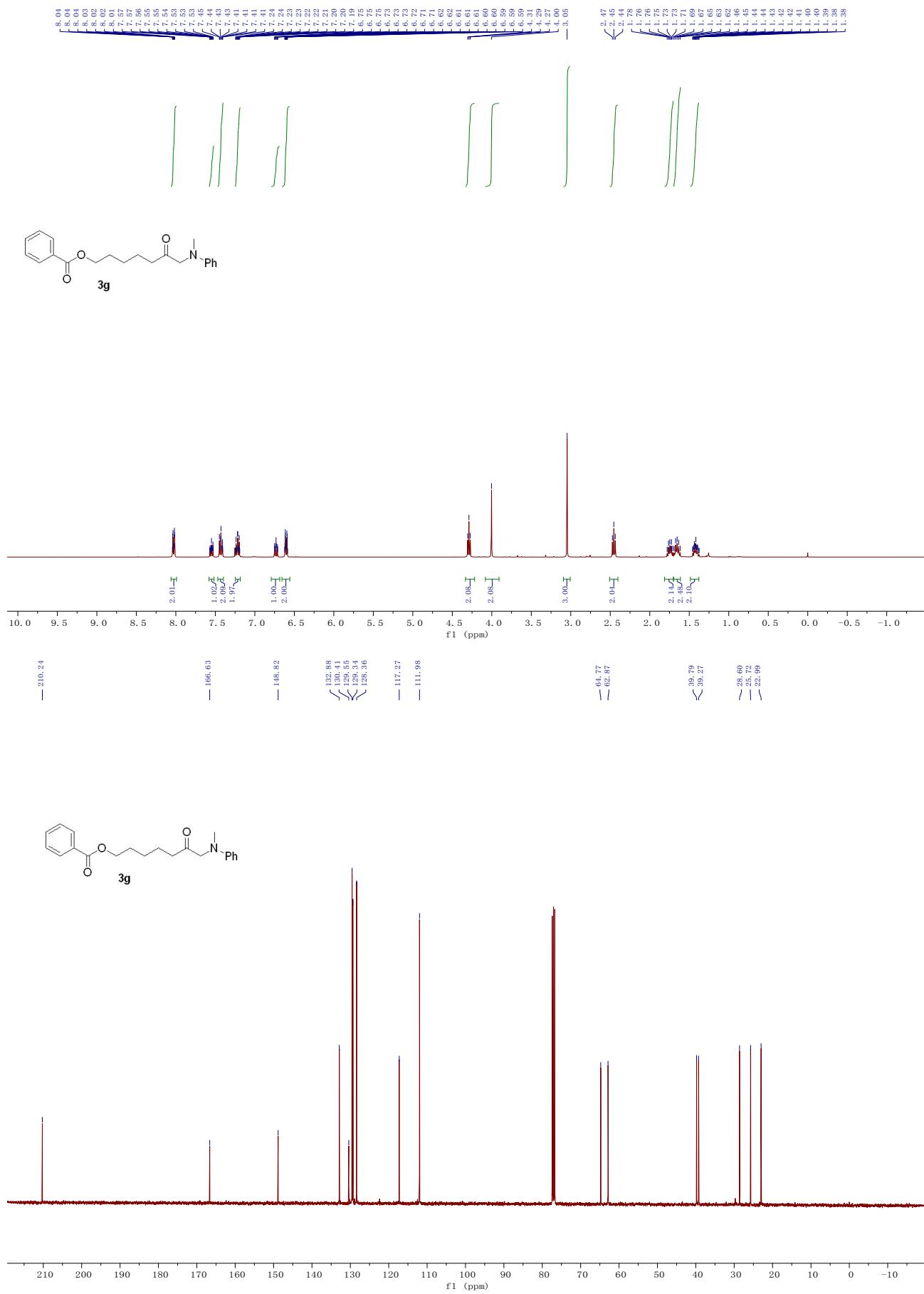


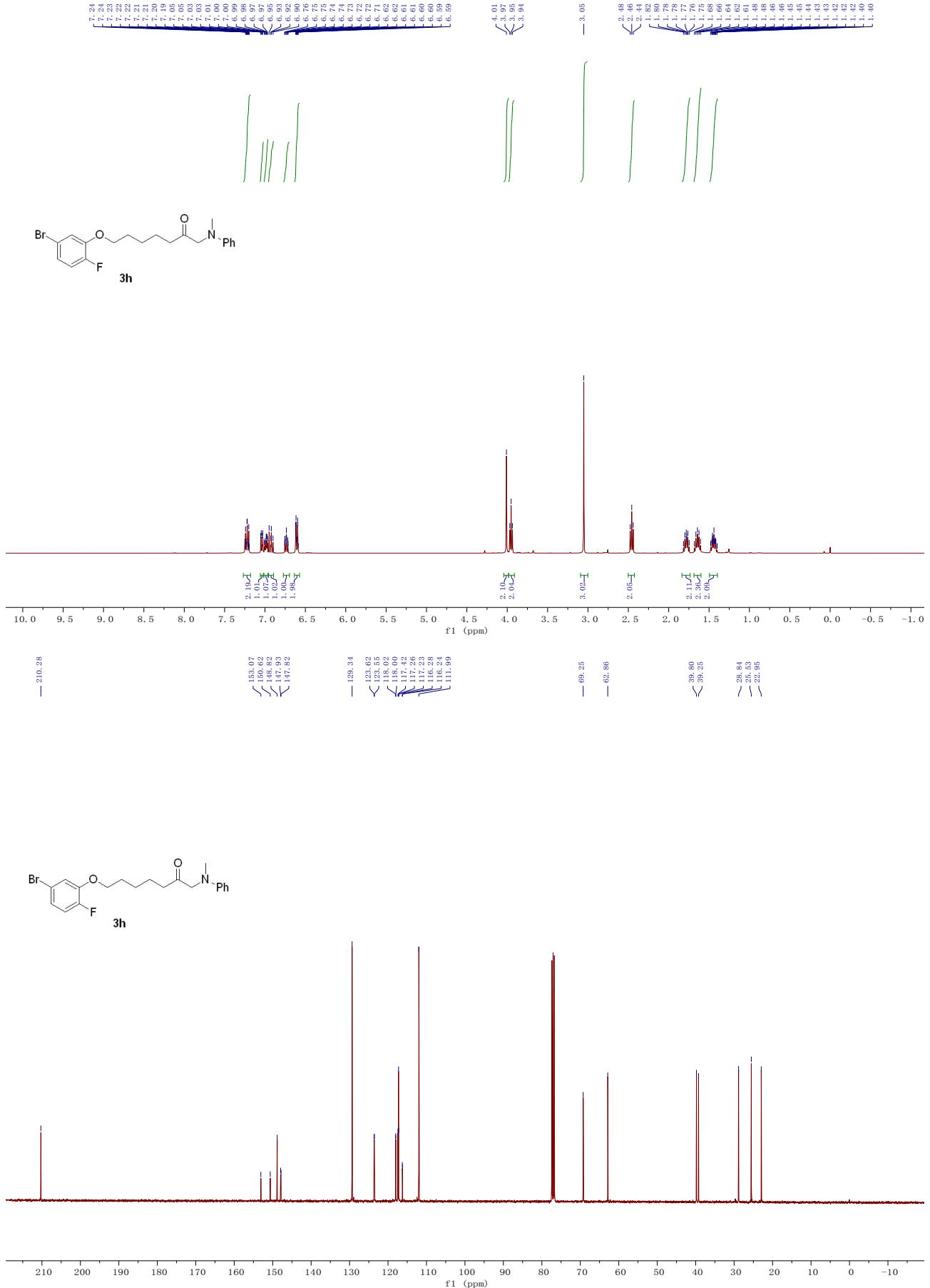


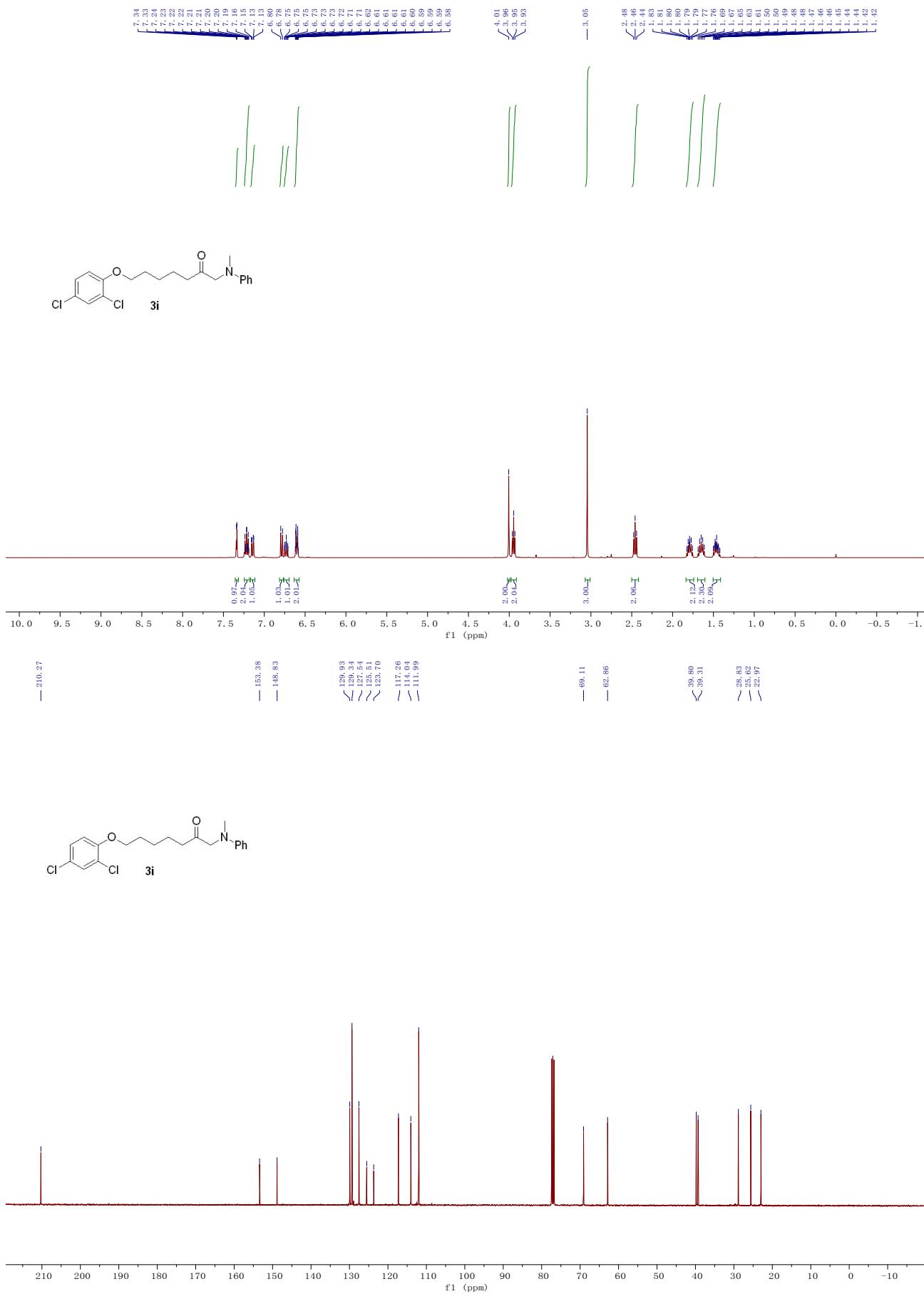


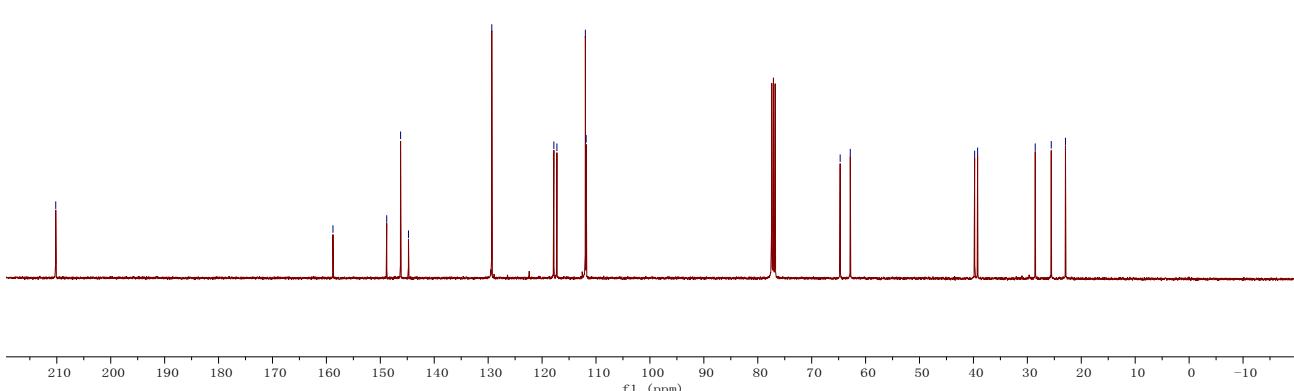
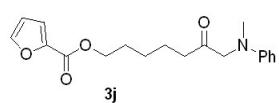
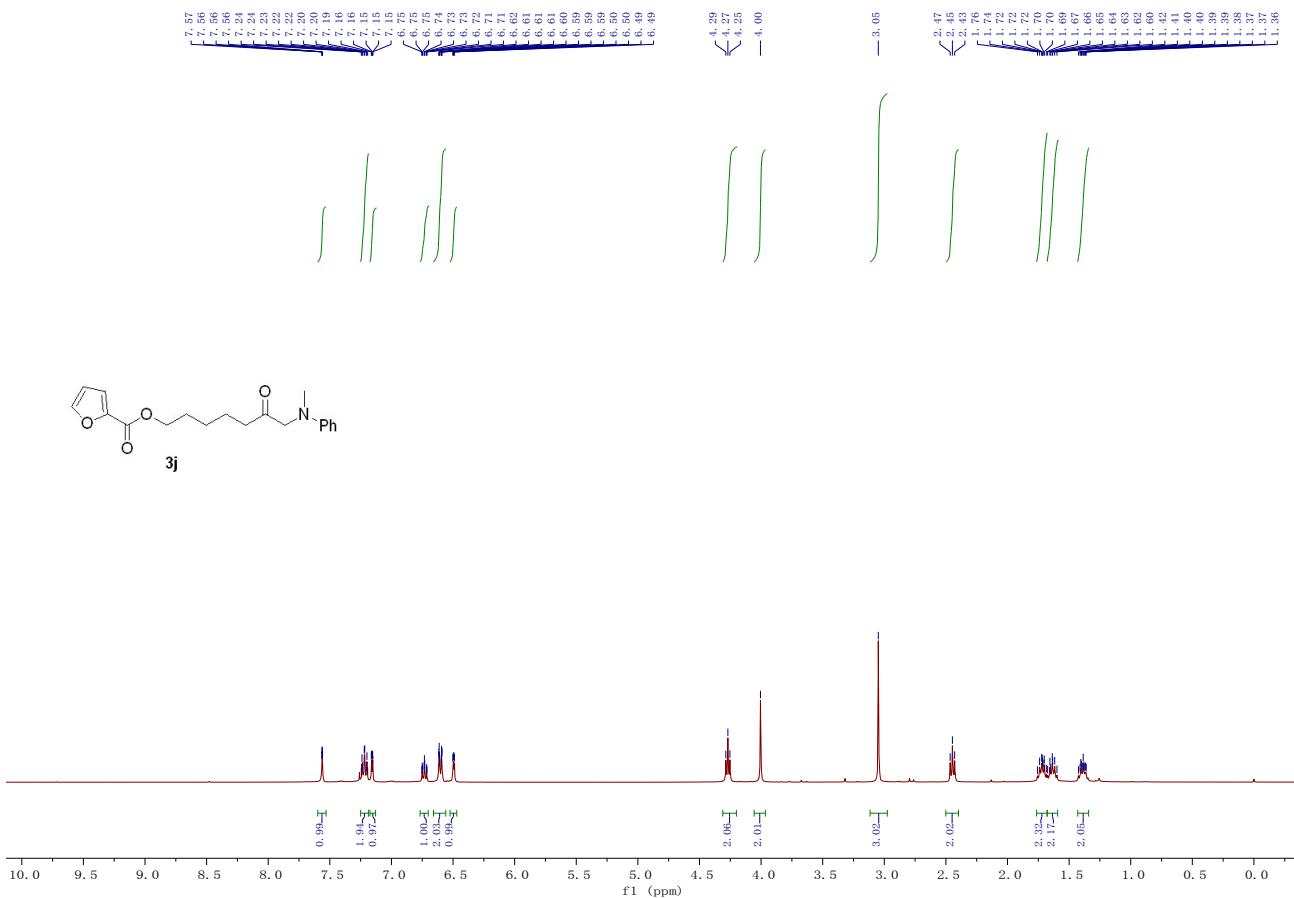
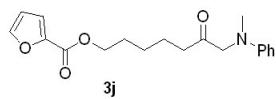


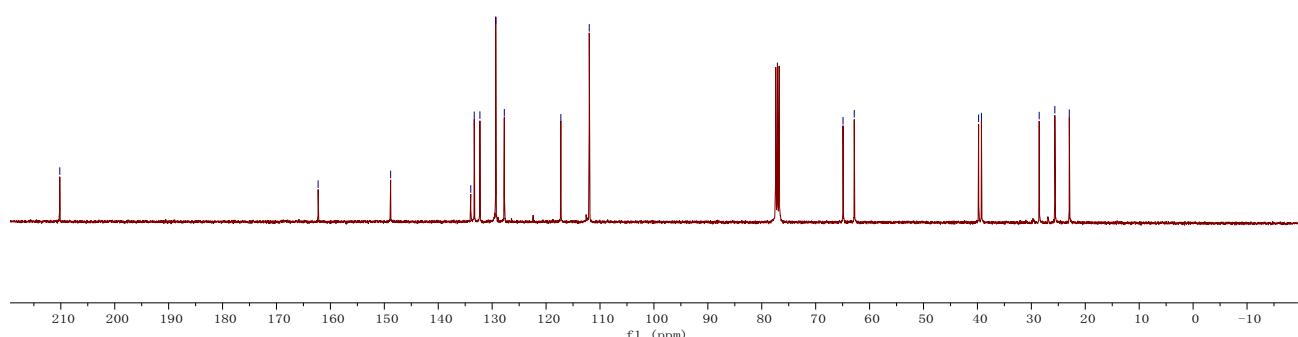
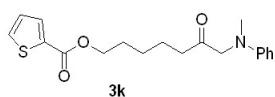
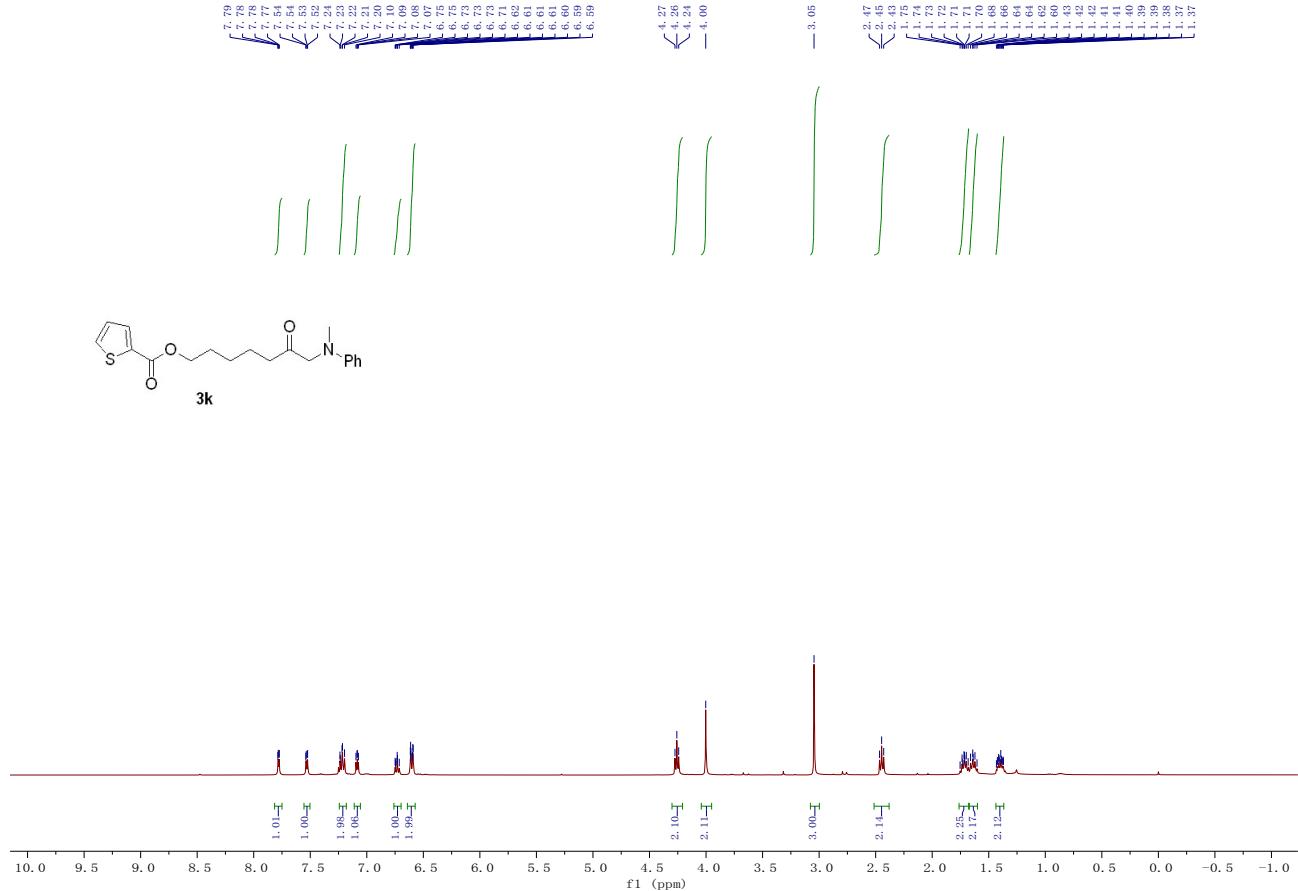


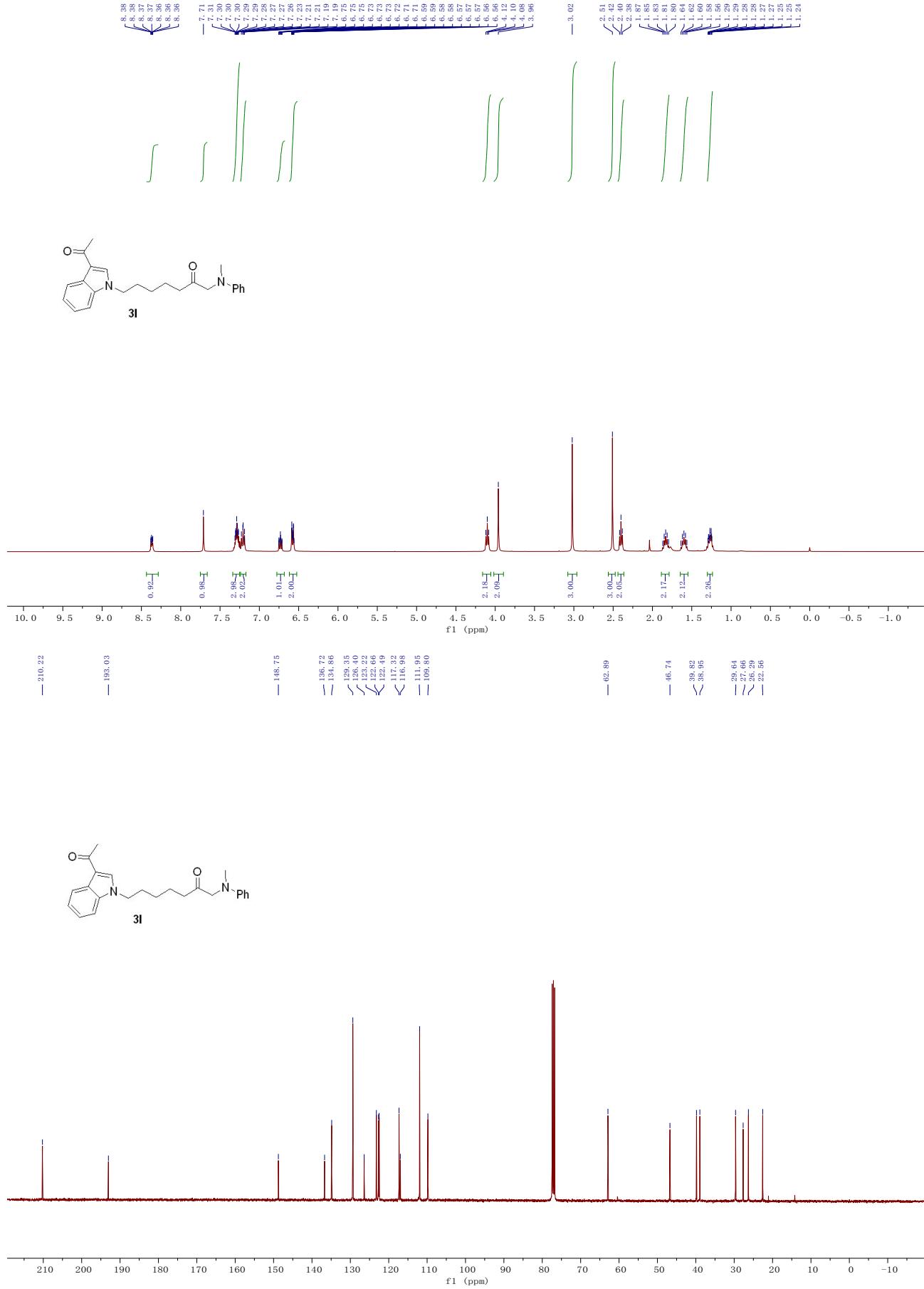


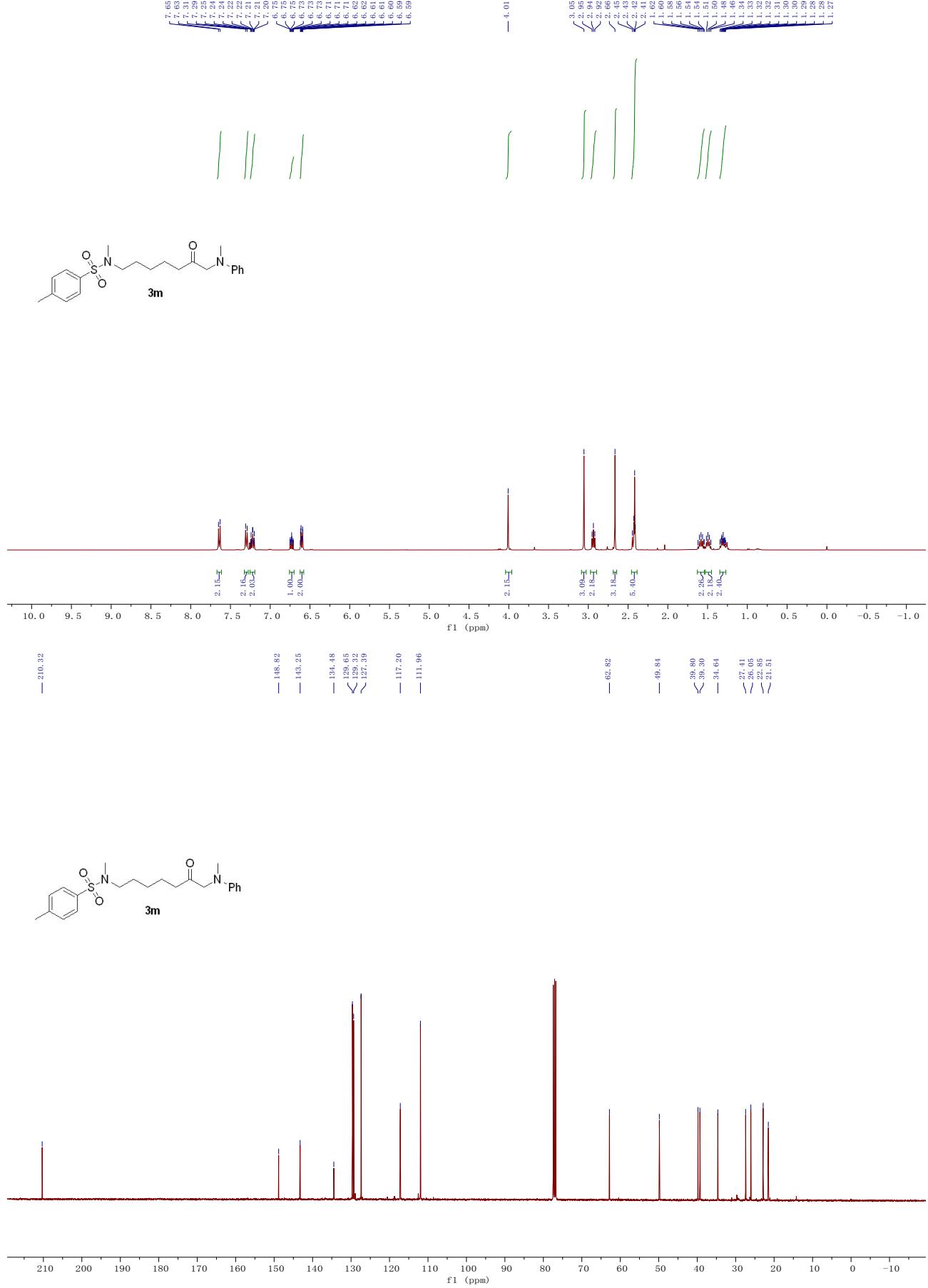


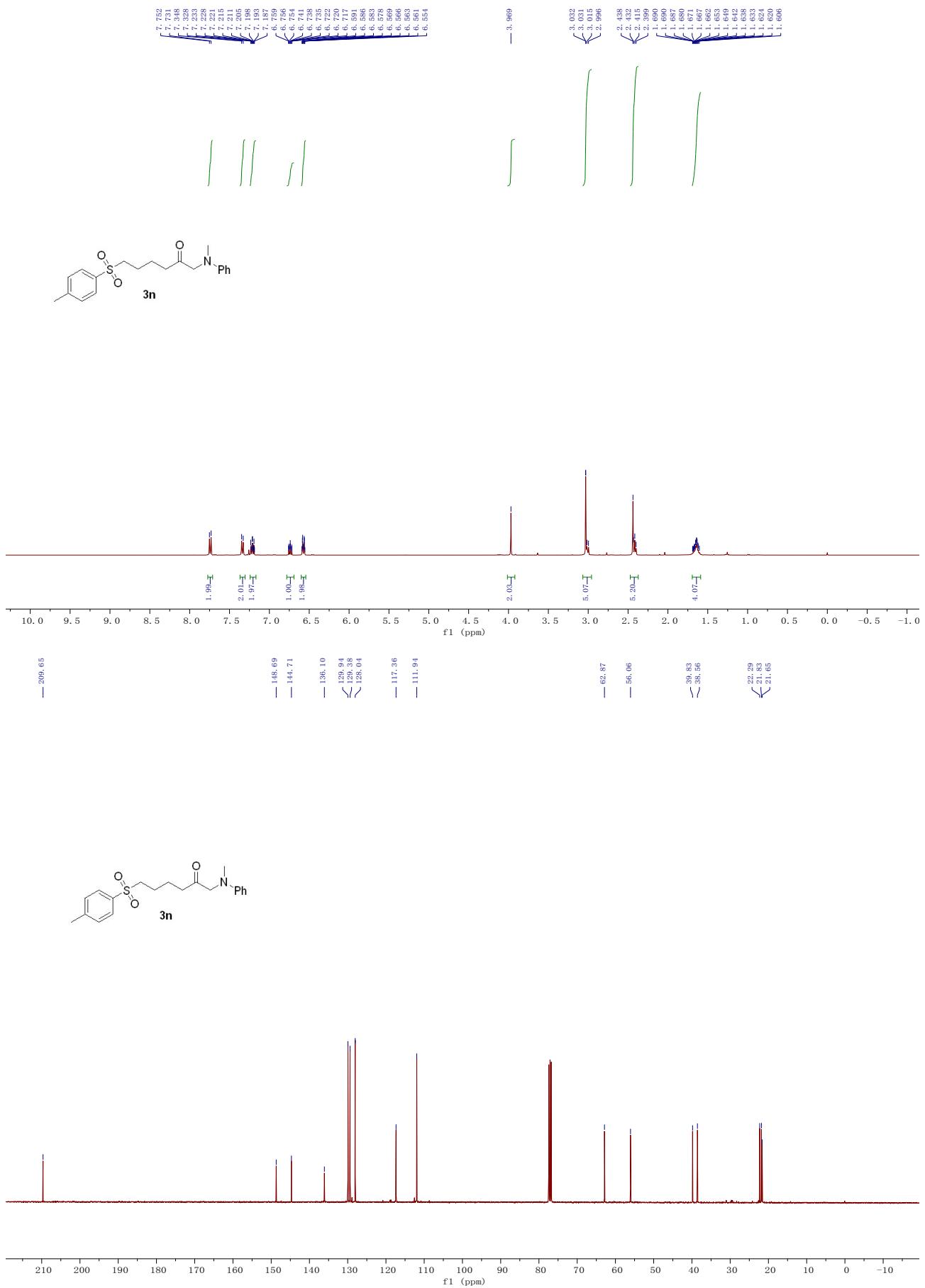
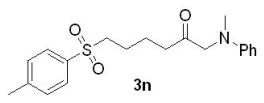


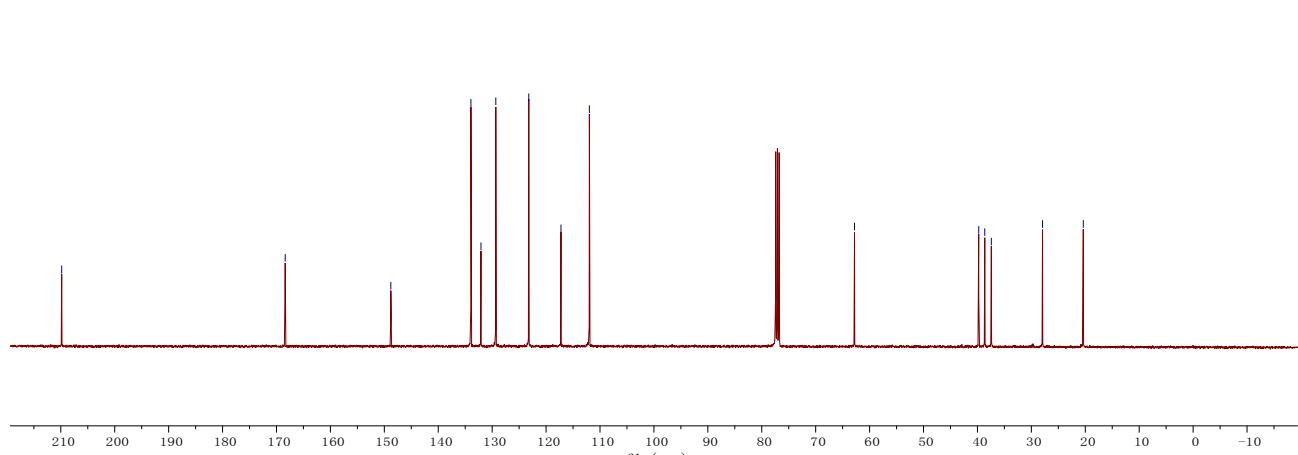
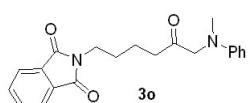
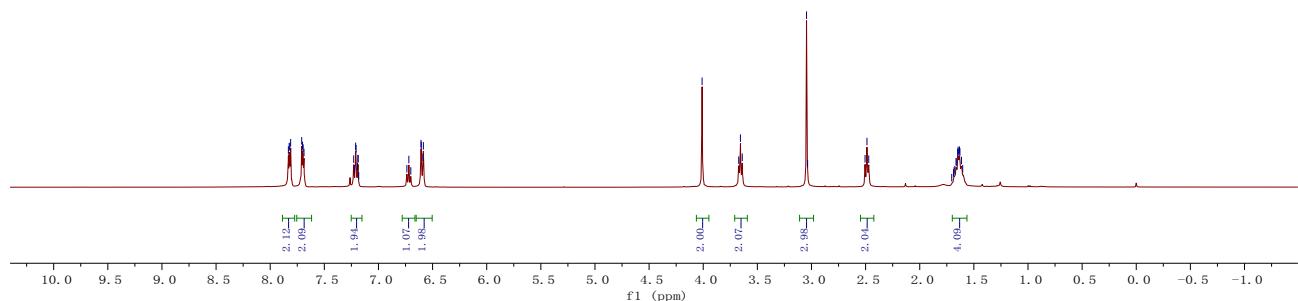
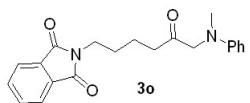
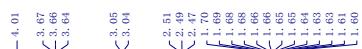


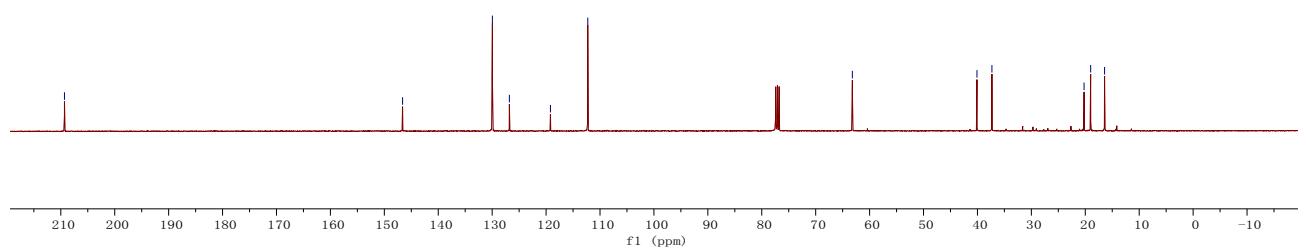
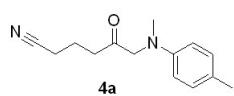
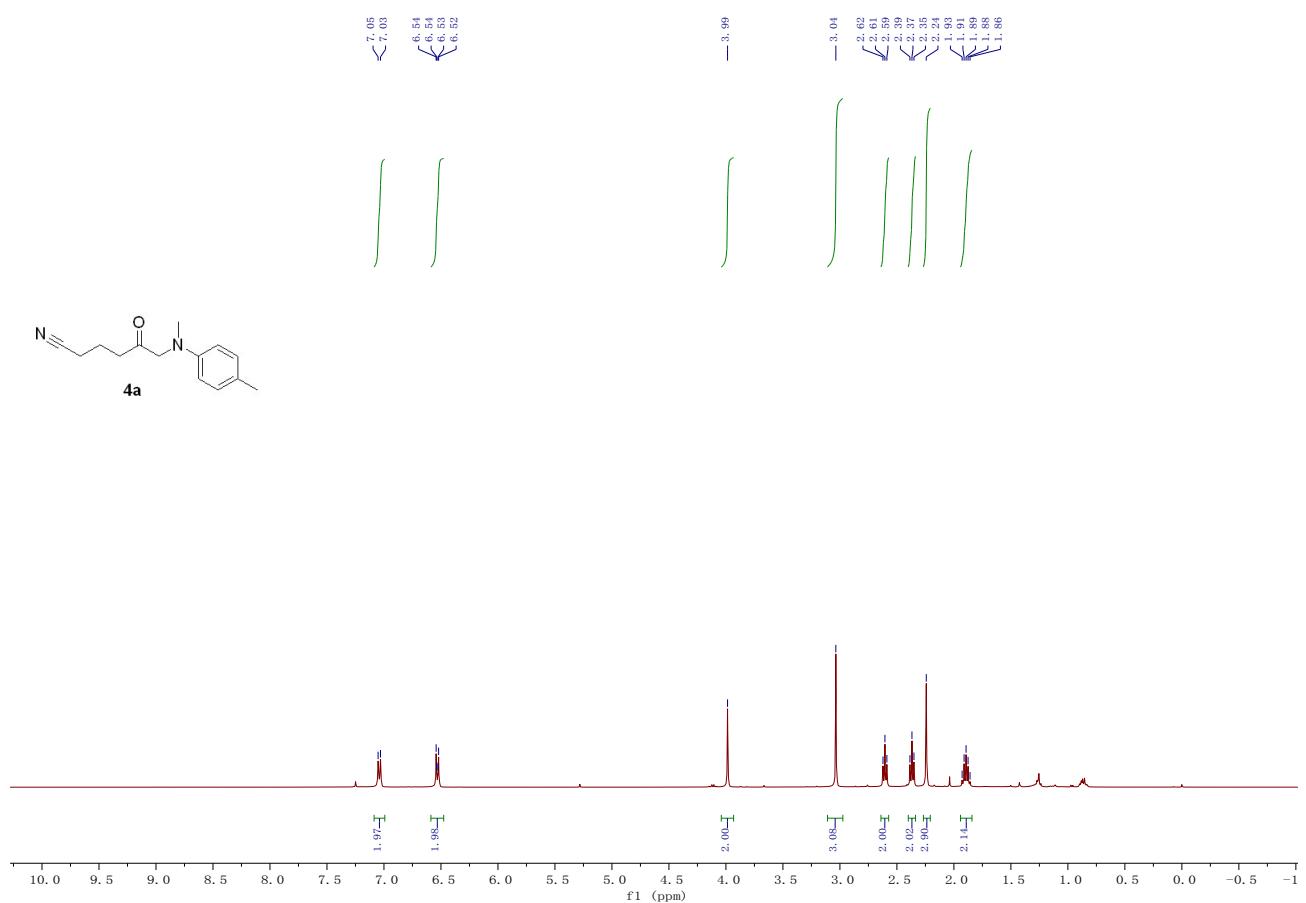
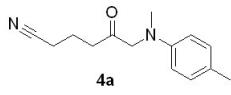


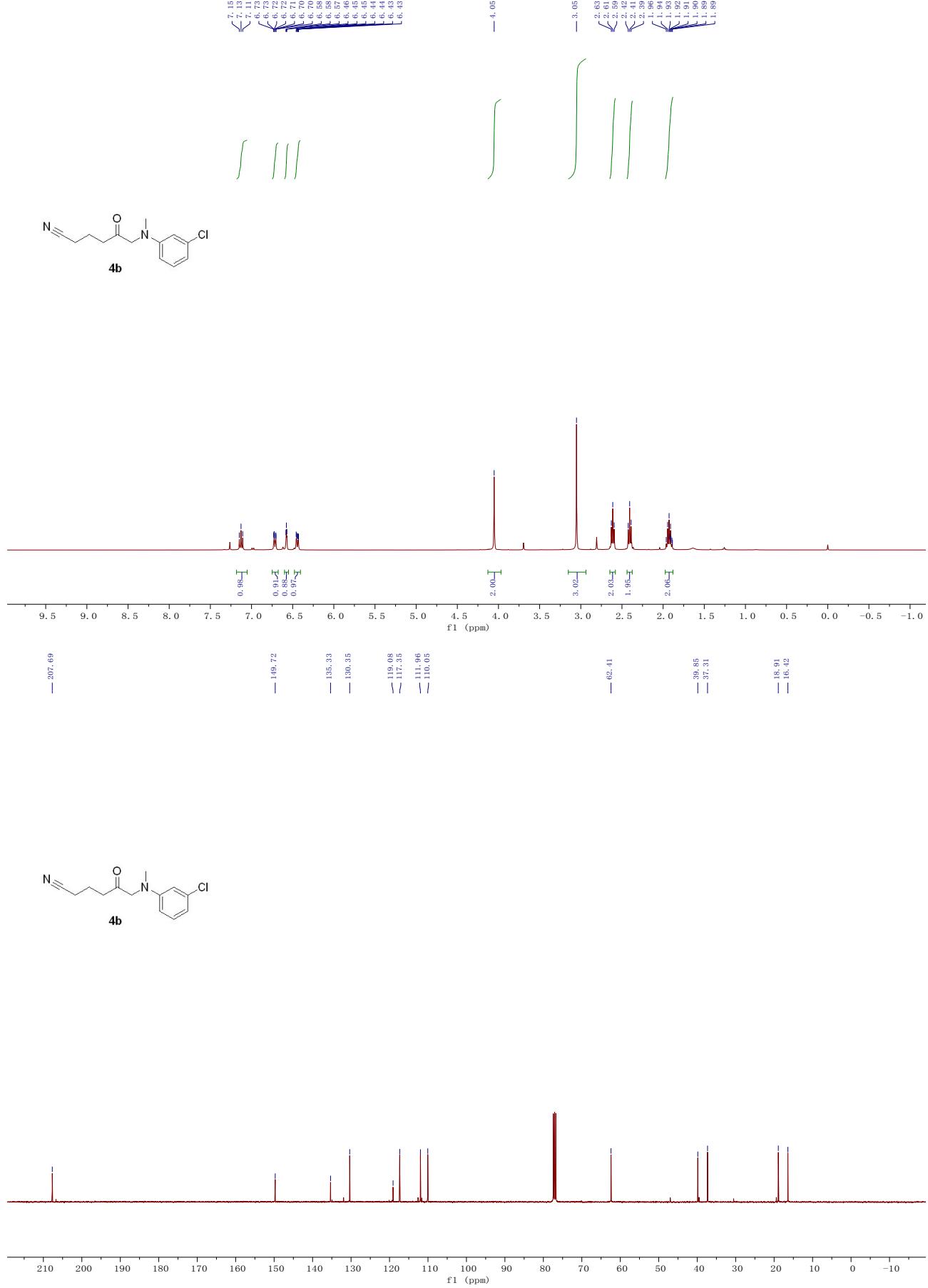


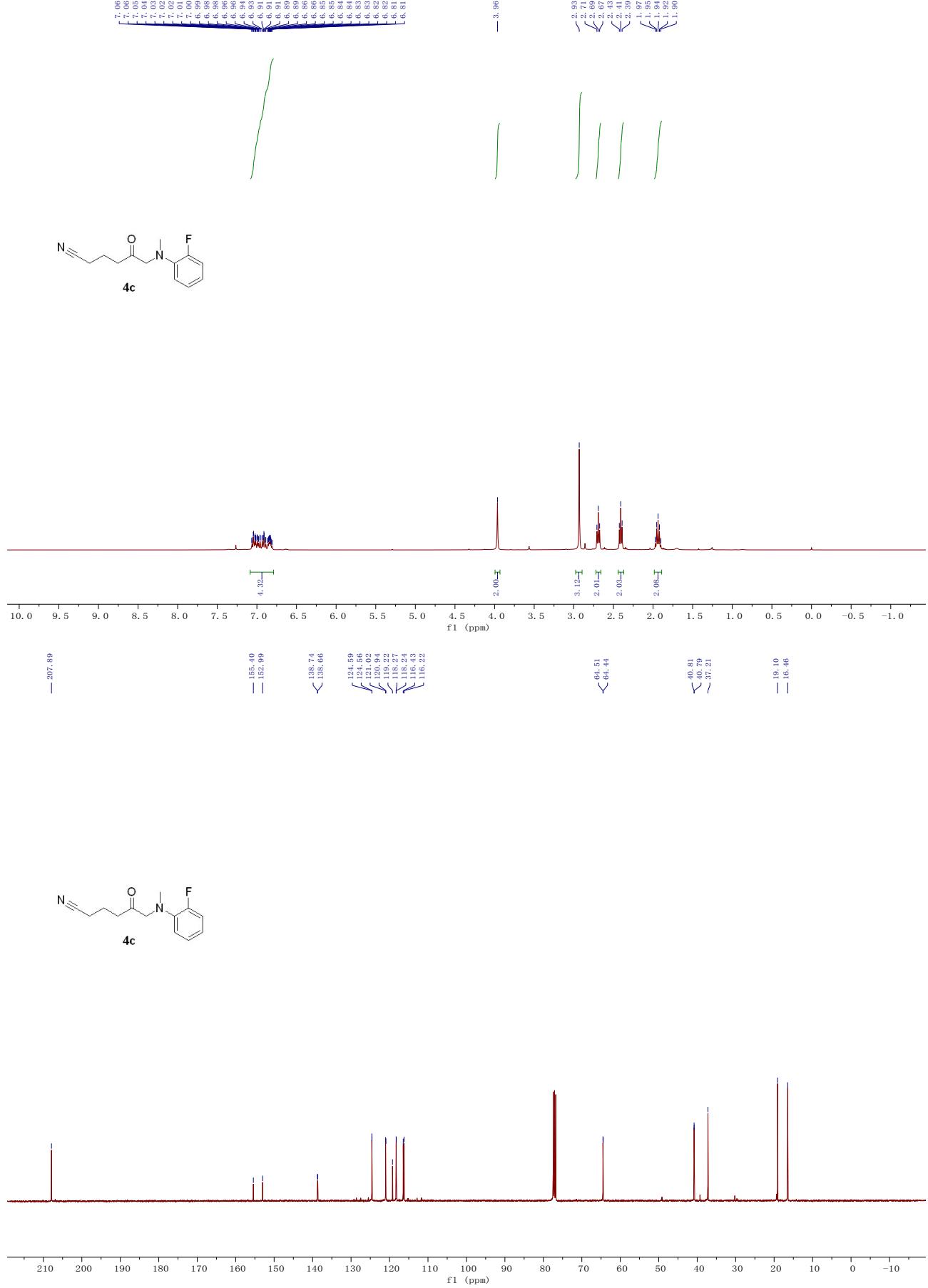


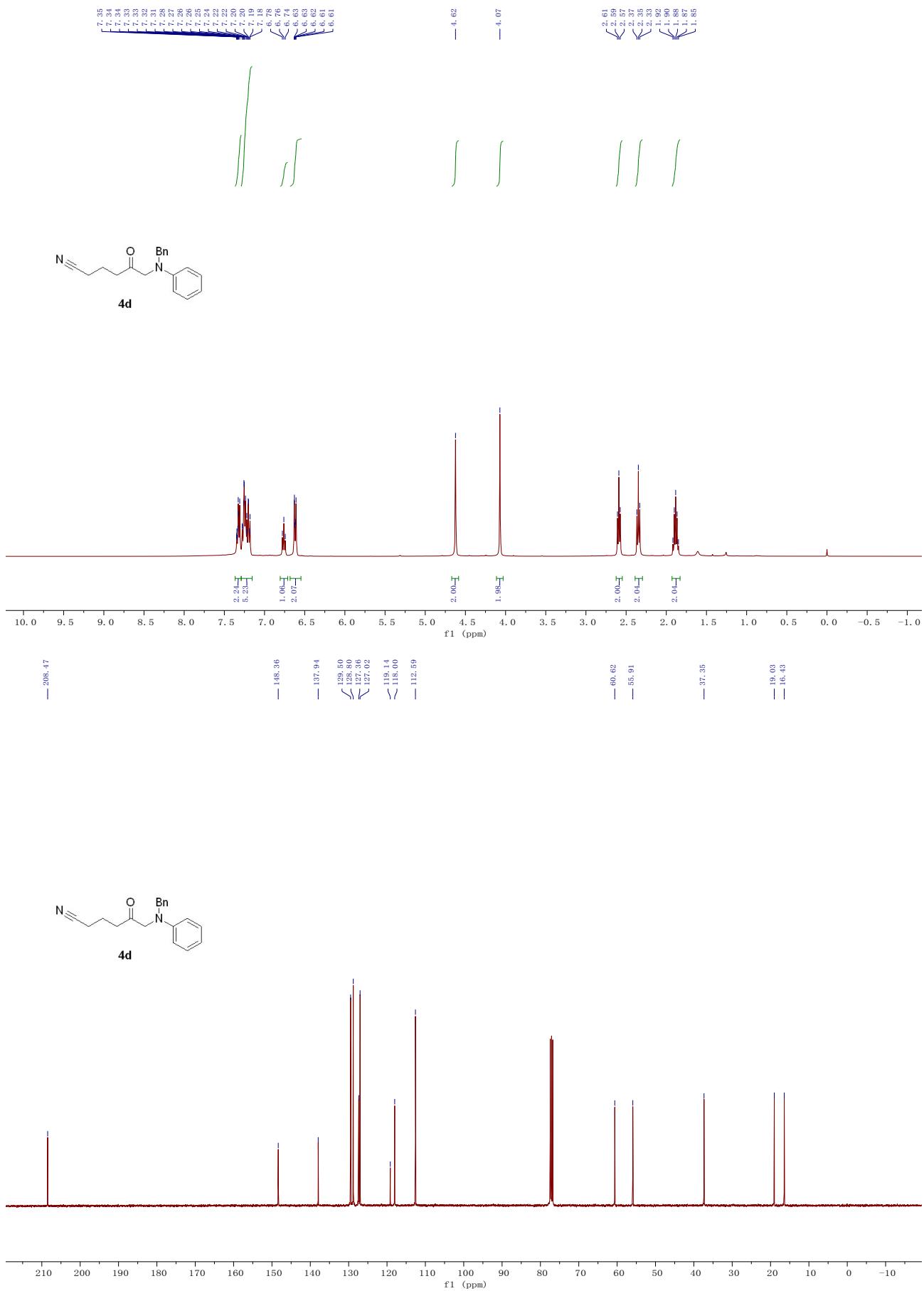


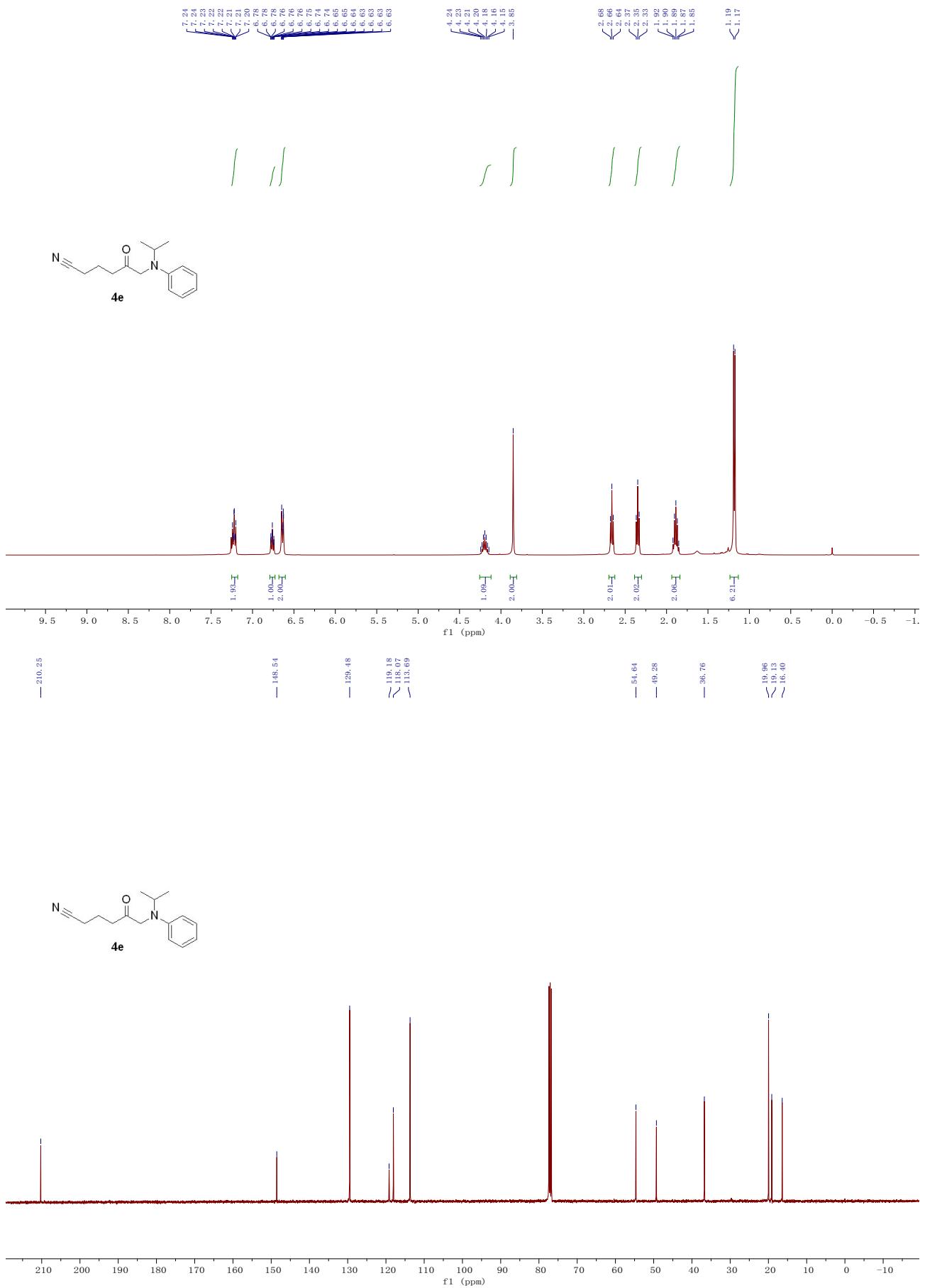


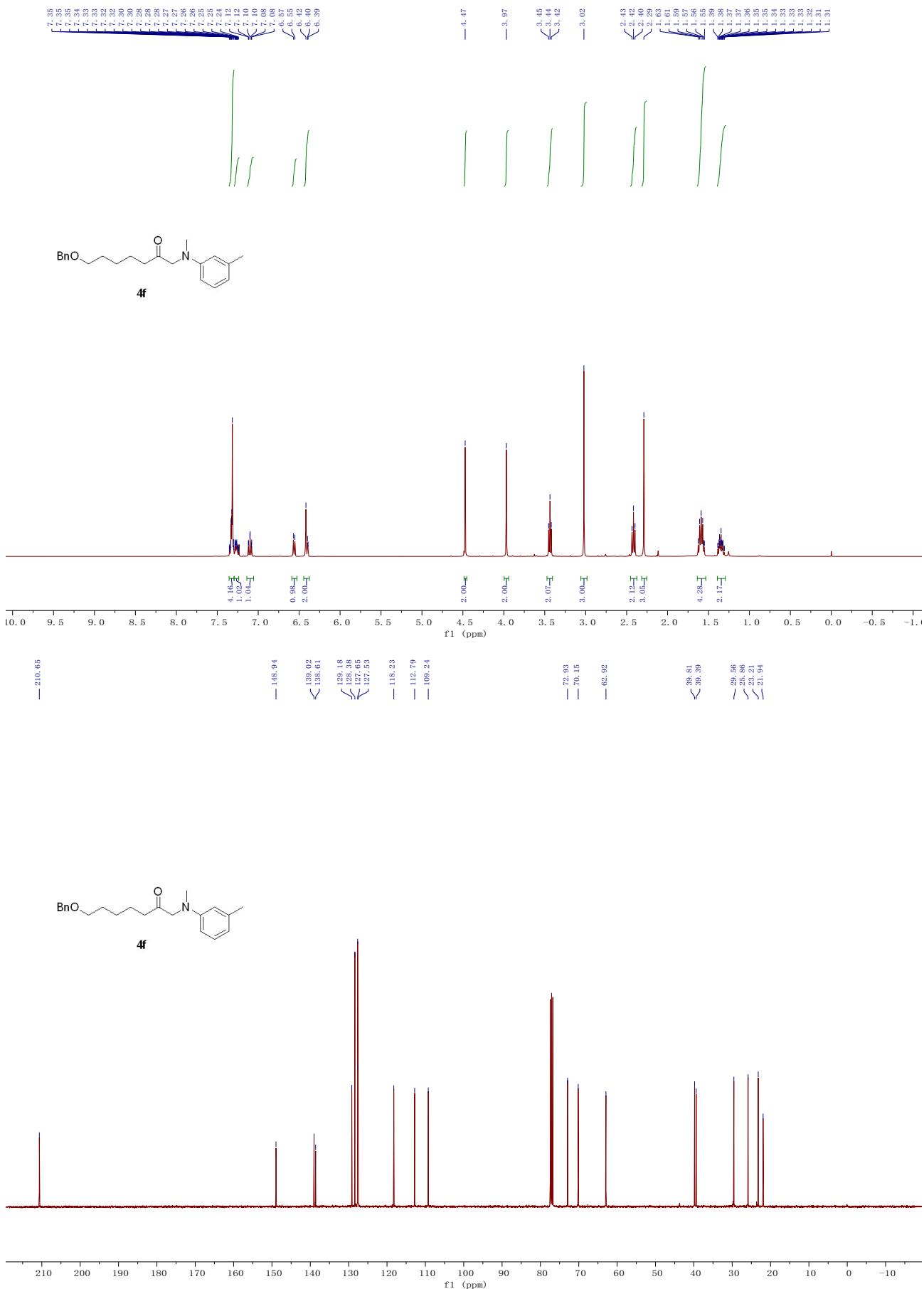


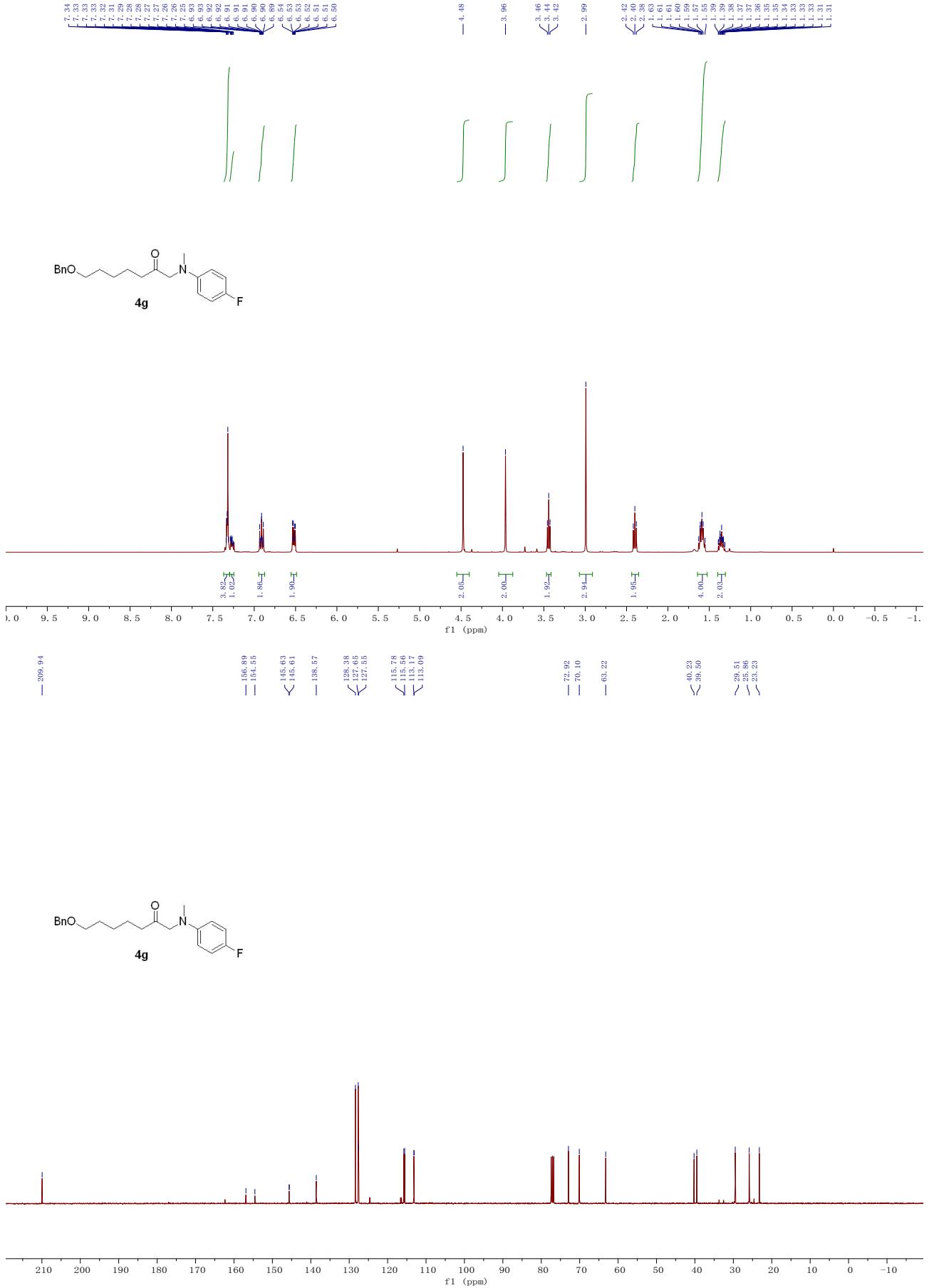


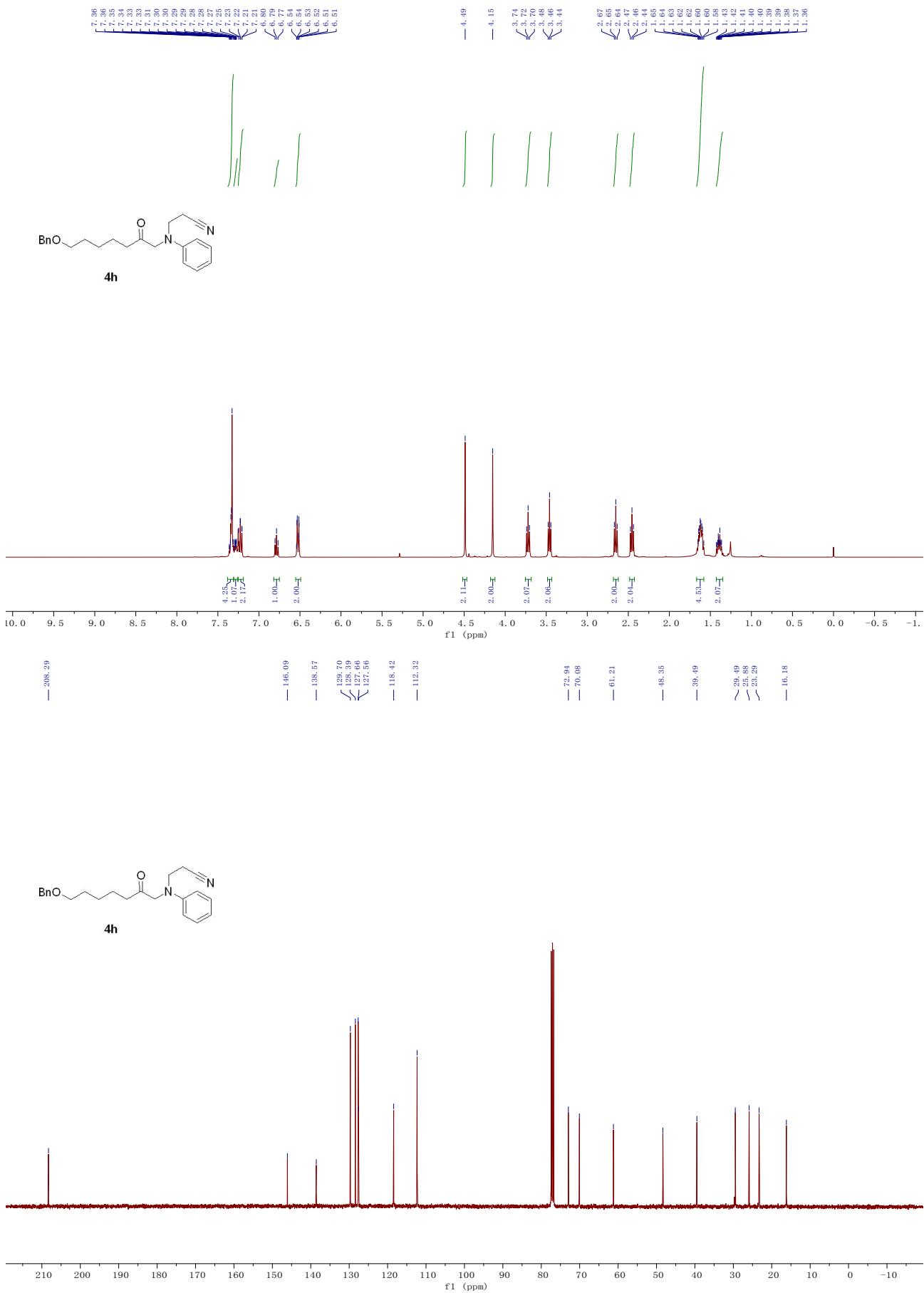


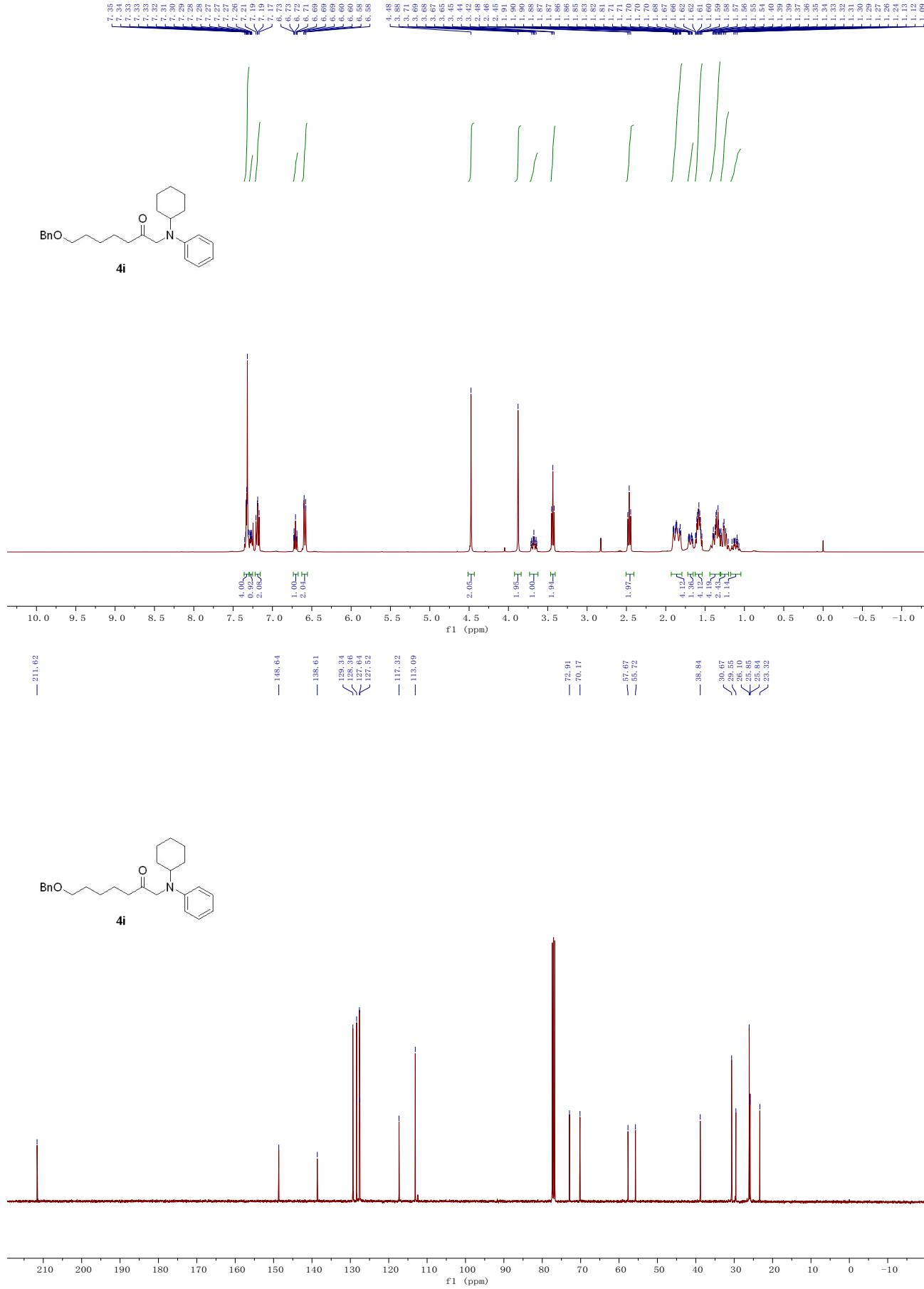


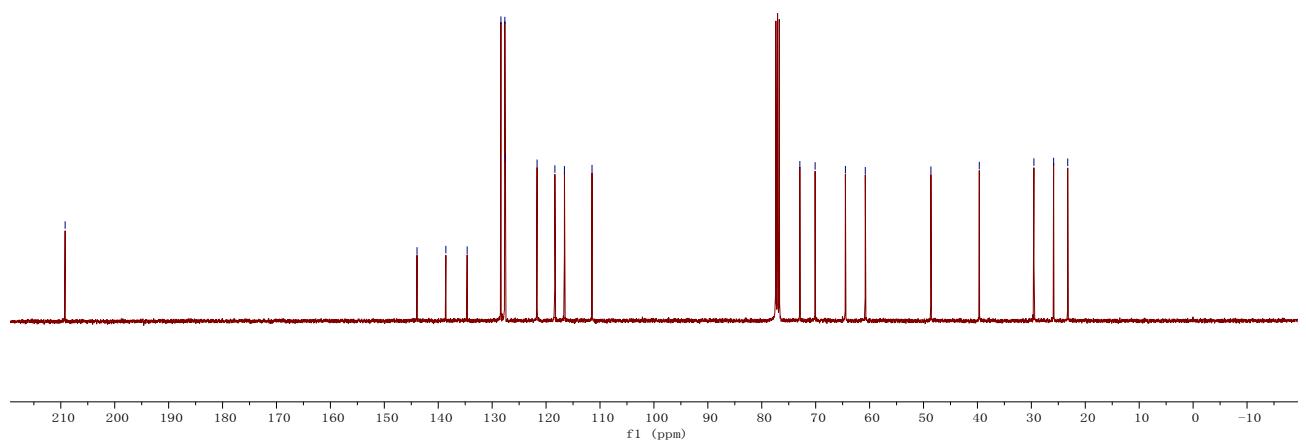
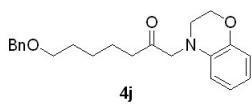
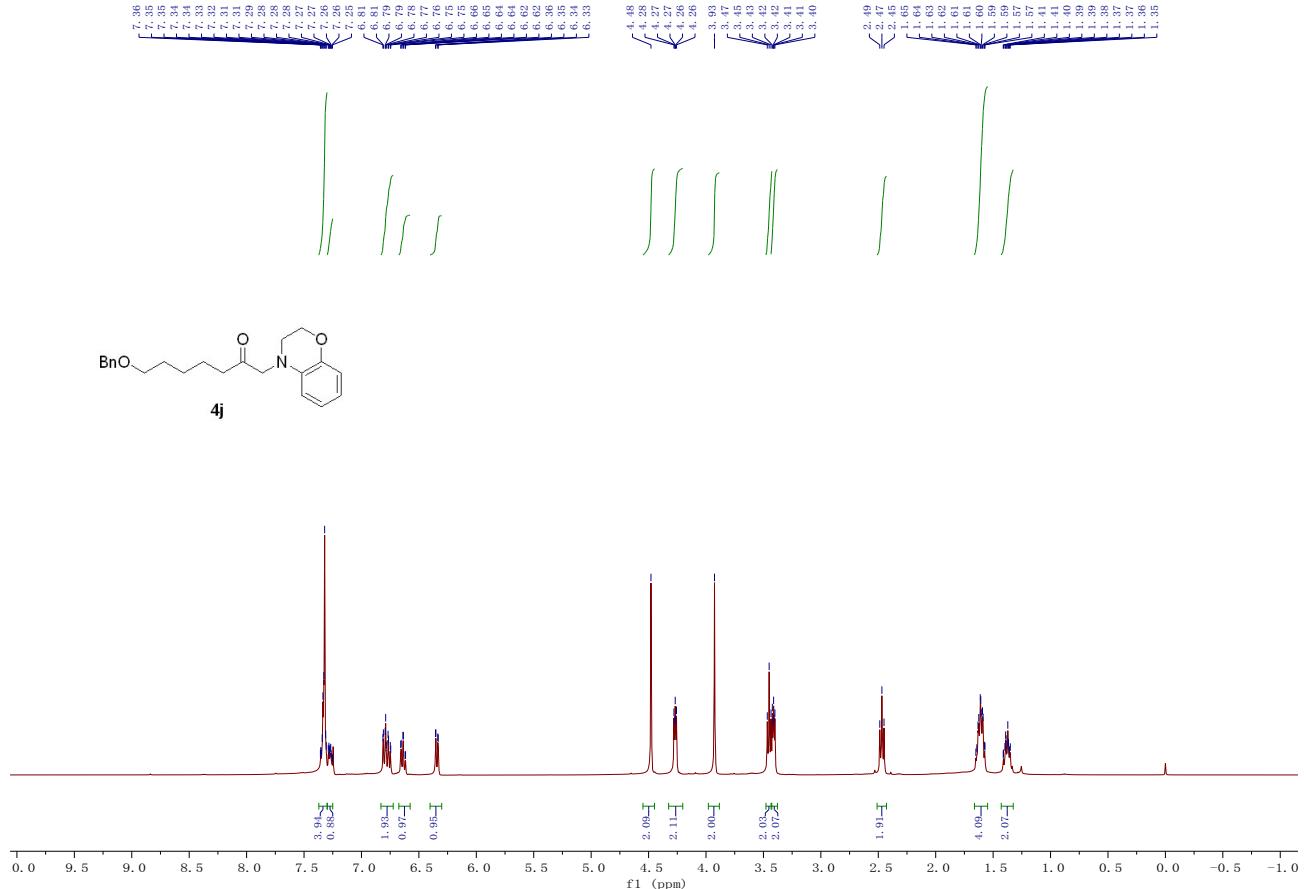


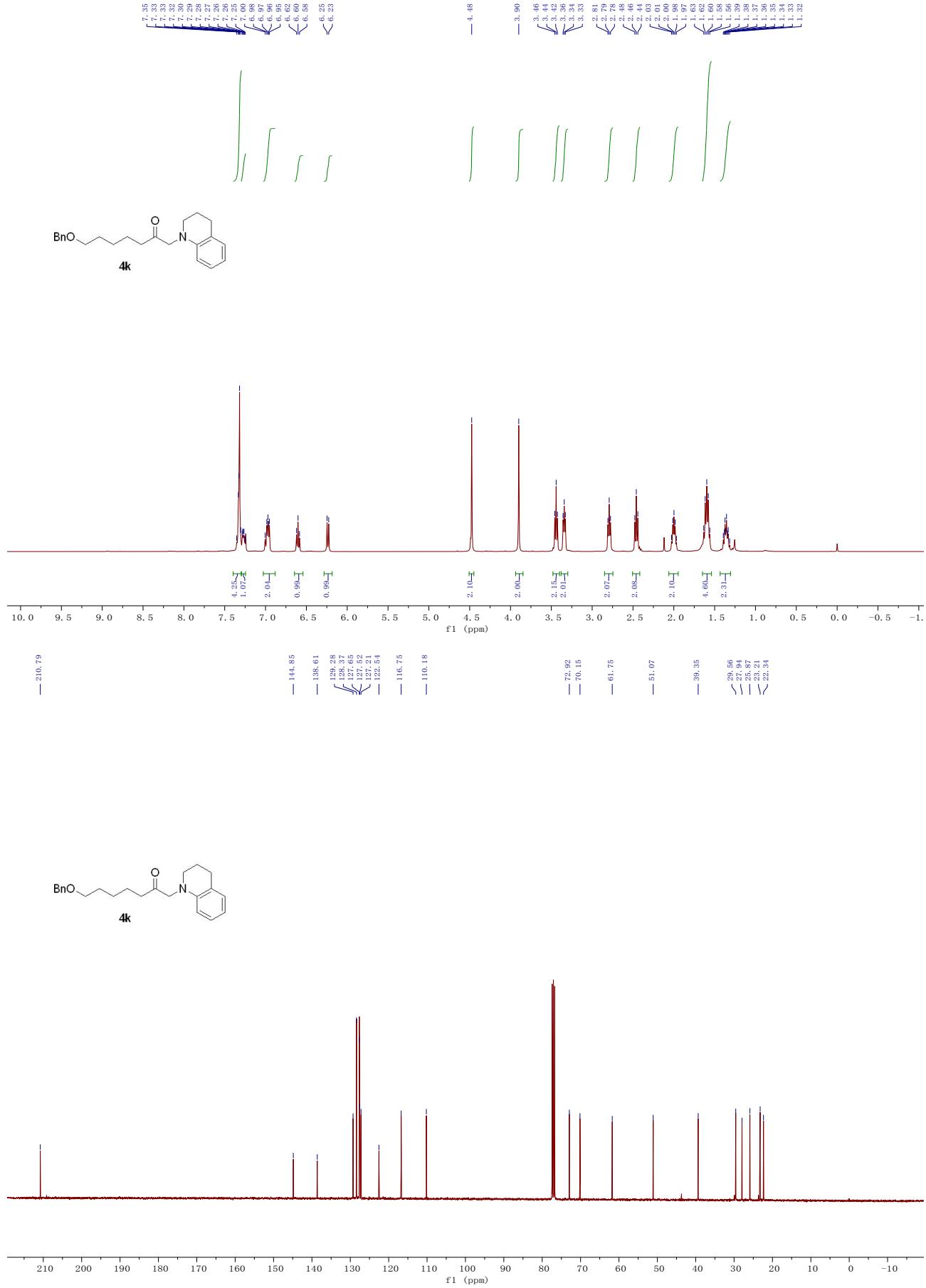


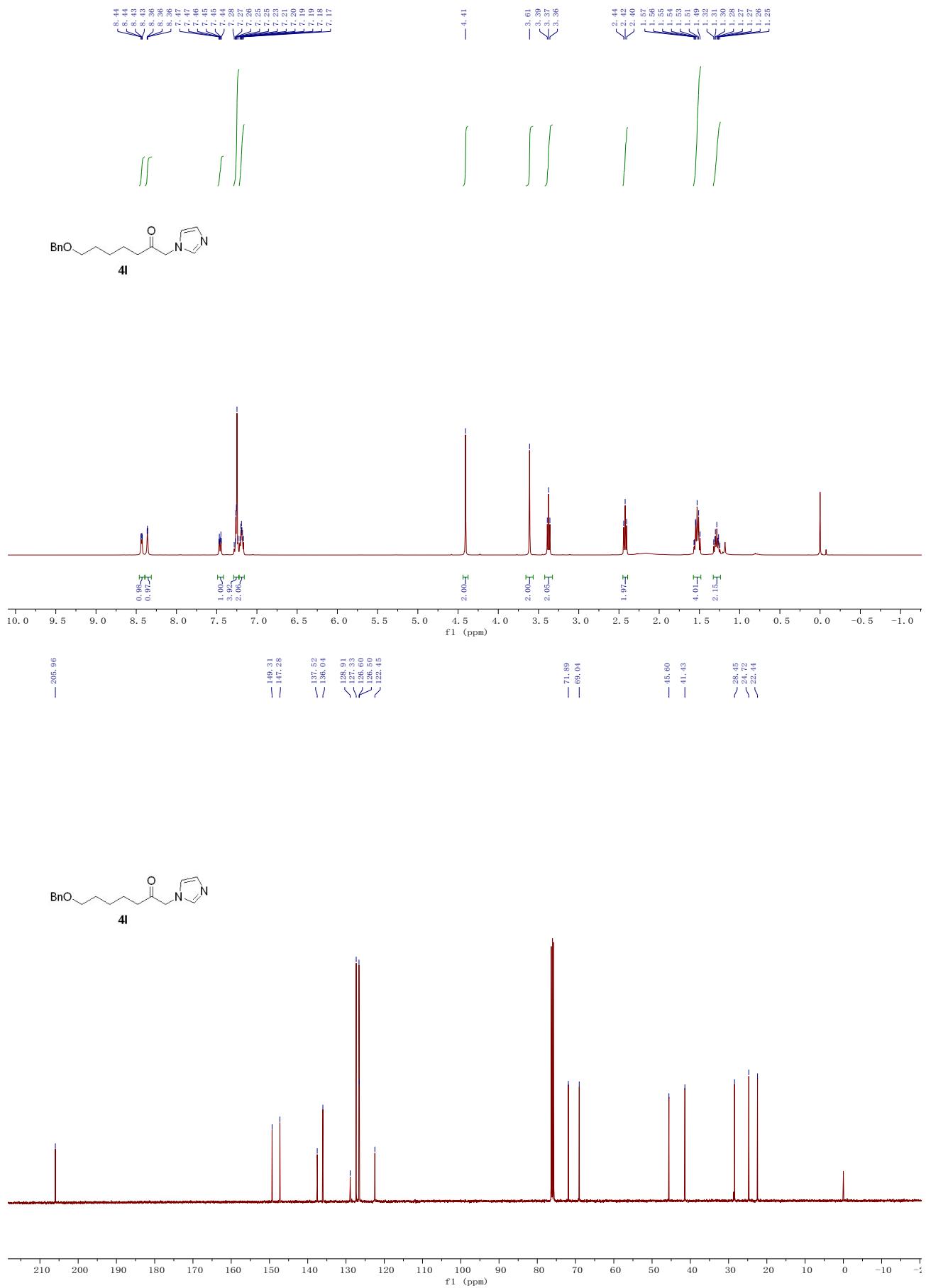


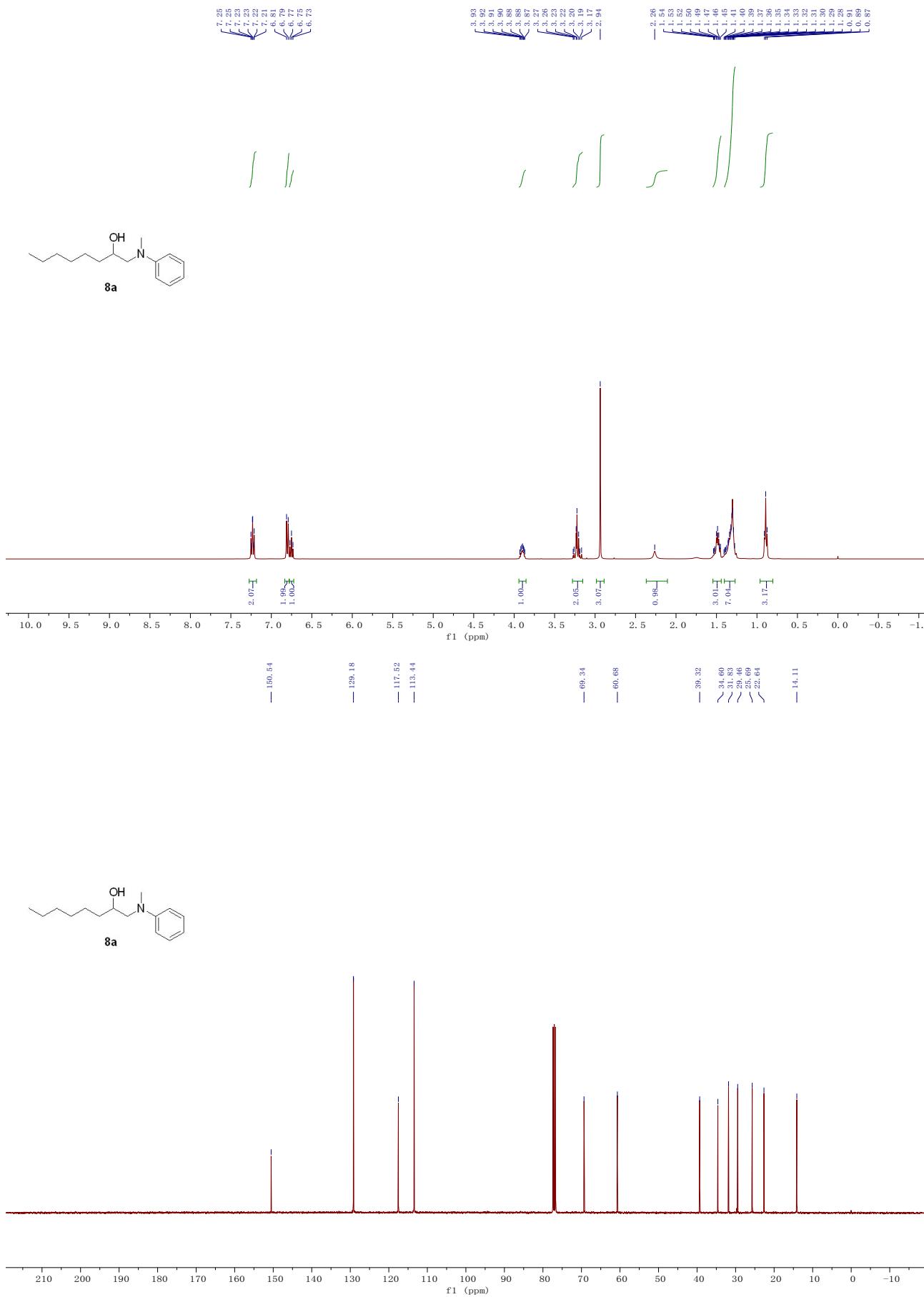












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