Supporting Information

Palladium/copper-catalyzedmulticomponentreactionsofpropargylicamides,halohydrocarbonsandCO2towardfunctionalizedoxazolidine-2,4-diones

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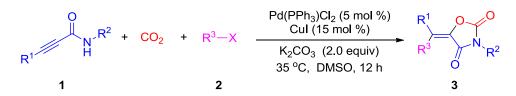
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1. General experimental details

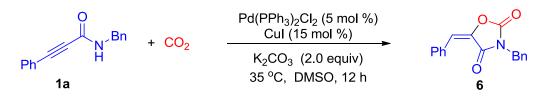
All of the manipulations were performed under N₂ atmosphere, using standard Schlenk techniques. Chemicals were used as received without special purification unless stated otherwise. Propargylic amides were prepared according to the published procedure.¹ ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded at ambient temperature on a 400 or 300 MHz NMR spectrometer (100 or 75 MHz for ¹³C NMR). NMR experiments are reported in δ units, parts per million (ppm), and were referenced to CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 or 77.0 ppm) or DMSO-d₆ (δ 2.50 or 39.5 ppm) as the internal standard. NMR analysis was carried out at 298 K unless noted otherwise. HRMS was obtained on an ESI-LC-MS/MS spectrometer.

1.1 The reaction of *N*-benzyl-3-phenylpropiolamide, CO₂ and aryl halides:



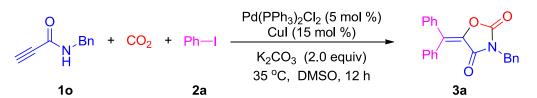
Propargylic amides **1** (0.2 mmol), aryl halides **2** (0.24 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), CuI (0.03 mmol, 5.7 mg), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg) and DMSO (2.0 mL) was added into a 20 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon cap. The reaction vessel was evacuated to about 0.1 MPa (last 30 seconds per time) and backfilled with CO₂ (1 atm) in three times. The sealed Schlenk tube was stirred at oil bath under 35 °C for 12 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, saturated brine water (3.0 mL) was added to terminate the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with saturated brine water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product.

1.2 The reaction of *N*-benzyl-3-phenylpropiolamide and CO₂



Propargylic amides **1a** (0.2 mmol, 47.0 mg), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), CuI (0.03 mmol, 5.7 mg), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg) and DMSO (2.0 mL) was added into a 20 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon cap. The reaction vessel was evacuated to about 0.1 MPa (last 30 seconds per time) and backfilled with CO₂ (1 atm) in three times. The sealed Schlenk tube was stirred at oil bath under 35 °C for 12 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, saturated brine water (3.0 mL) was added to terminate the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with saturated brine water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to give the protonation product **6** in 45 % yield.

1.3 The reaction of N-benzylpropiolamide, CO₂, and iodobenzene



Propargylic amides **10** (0.2 mmol, 31.8 mg), iodobenzene **2a** (0.48 mmol, 97.9 mg), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), CuI (0.03 mmol, 5.7 mg), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg) and DMSO (2.0 mL) was added into a 20 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon cap. The reaction vessel was evacuated to about 0.1 MPa (last 30 seconds per time) and backfilled with CO₂ (1 atm) in three times. The sealed Schlenk tube was stirred at oil bath under 35 °C for 12 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, saturated brine water (3.0 mL) was added to terminate the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with saturated brine water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product **3** in 53% yield.

1.4 1 mmol scale reaction of compound 1a, CO₂ and iodobenzene



Propargylic amides **1** (1.0 mmol, 235 mg), iodobenzene **2a** (1.2 mmol, 245 mg), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.1 mmol, 70 mg), CuI (0.3 mmol, 57 mg), K₂CO₃ (2 mmol, 552 mg) and DMSO (10 mL) was added into a 100 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon cap. The reaction vessel was evacuated to about 0.1 MPa (last 30 seconds per time) and backfilled with CO₂ (1 atm) in three times. The sealed Schlenk tube was stirred at Oil bath under 35 °C for 12 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, saturated brine water (30 mL) was added to terminate the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with saturated brine water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product **3a** in 55% yield (195 mg). 2. ORTEP diagram of compound 3j.

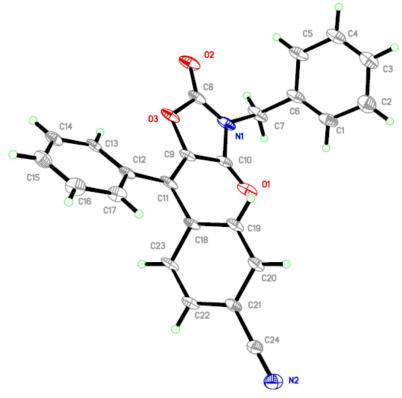
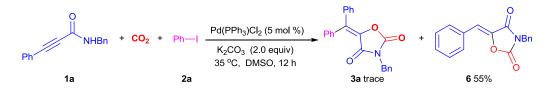


Figure S1

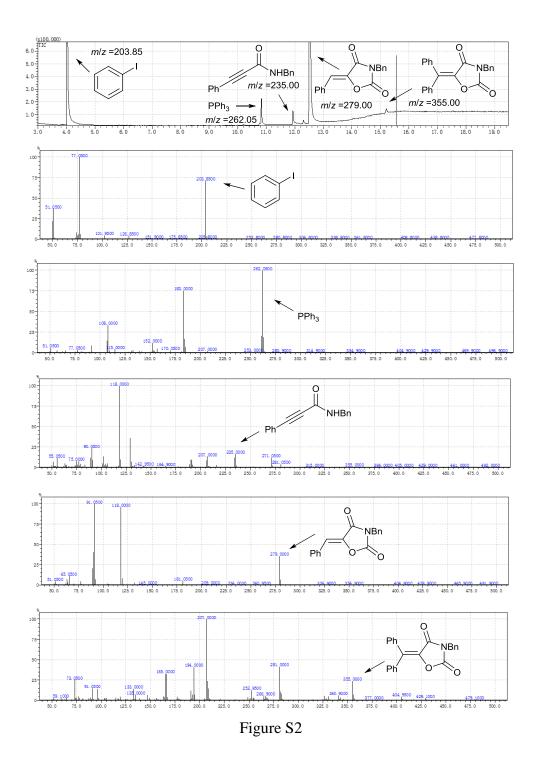
3. Mechanism study

3.1 Pd-catalyzed the reaction of 1a, CO₂ and iodobenzene

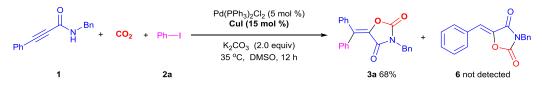


Propargylic amides **1a** (0.2 mmol, 47.0 mg), iodobenzene **2a** (0.24 mmol, 48.9 mg), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg) and DMSO (2 mL) was added into a 20 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon cap. The reaction vessel was evacuated to about 0.1 MPa (last 30 seconds per time) and backfilled with CO₂ (1 atm) in three times. The sealed Schlenk tube was stirred at oil bath under 35 °C for 12 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was analyzed by GC-MS, the corresponding results was shown in Figure S2.

Then, saturated brine water (3.0 mL) was added to terminate the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with saturated brine water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to give protonation product **6** in 55 % yield, while trace amount of **3a** only could be detected by GC-MS (Figure S2).







Propargylic amides **1a** (0.2 mmol, 47.0 mg), iodobenzene **2a** (0.24 mmol, 48.9 mg), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), CuI (0.03 mmol, 5.7 mg), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg) and DMSO (2 mL) was added into a 20 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon

cap. The reaction vessel was evacuated to about 0.1 MPa (last 30 seconds per time) and backfilled with CO_2 (1 atm) in three times. The sealed Schlenk tube was stirred at oil bath under 35 °C for 12 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was anlysed by GC-MS, the corresponding results was shown in Figure S3.

Then, saturated brine water (3.0 mL) was added to terminate the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with saturated brine water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product **3a** in 68% yield, while protonation product **6** was not detected by GC-MS (Figure S3).

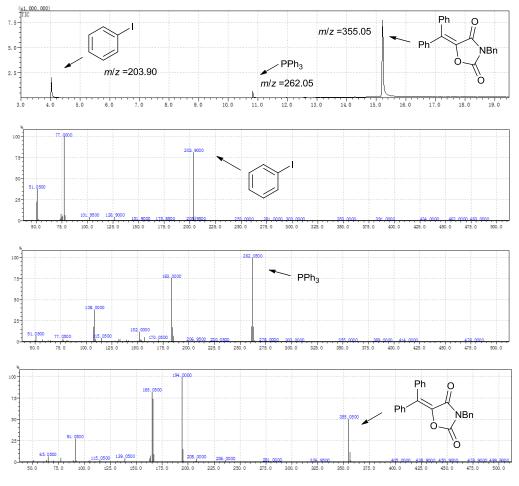
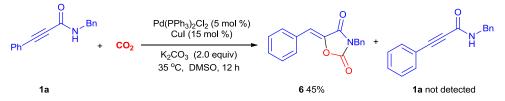


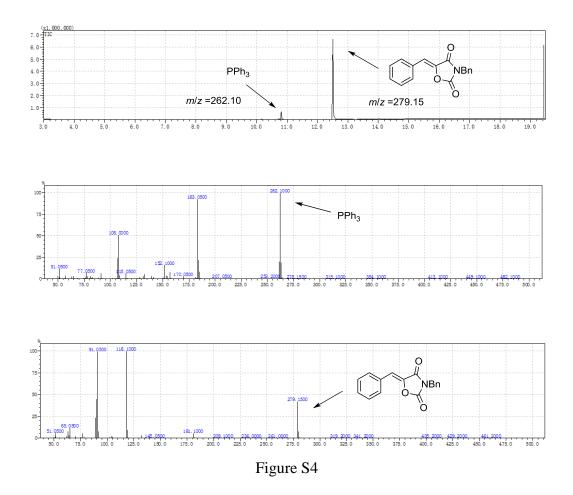
Figure S3

3.3 Pd/Cu-catalyzed the reaction of 1a, and CO₂



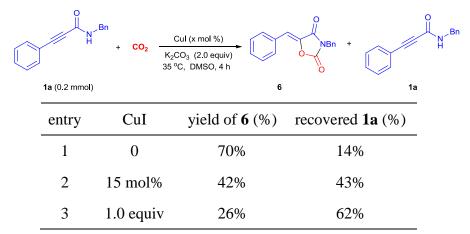
Propargylic amides **1a** (0.2 mmol, 47 mg), $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (0.01 mmol, 7.0 mg), CuI (0.03 mmol, 5.7 mg), K_2CO_3 (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg) and DMSO (2 mL) was added into a 20 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon cap. The reaction vessel was evacuated to about 0.1 MPa (last 30 seconds per time) and backfilled with CO_2 (1 atm) in three times. The sealed Schlenk tube was stirred at oil bath under 35 °C for 12 h. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was anlysed by GC-MS, the corresponding results was shown in Figure S4.

Then, saturated brine water (3.0 mL) was added to terminate the reaction. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with saturated brine water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product **6** in 45% yield, while starting metaril **1a** was not detected.



3.4 Control experiment results of the reaction of 1a with CO_2 promoted by CuI

Table 1. Control experiment results



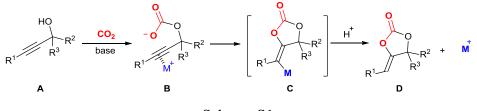
Reaction conditions: *N*-benzyl-3-phenylpropiolamide **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cul (indicated amount),CO₂ (0.1 MPa), K_2CO_3 (0.4 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL), 4 h, in a sealed Schlenk tube under 35 °C.

As shown in Table 1, when the reaction of compound 1a with CO₂ was conducted in the absence of CuI, the protonation product 6 was isolated in 70% yield, along with 14% of 1a was recovered (Table 1 entry 1). However, in the presence of 15 mol % of CuI, compound **6** was isolated in 42% yield and 43% of **1a** was recovered (Table 1 entry 2). Moreover, increasing the amount of CuI to 1 equivalent, the yield of compound **6** sharply decreased to 26% and 62% of **1a** was recovered (Table 1 entry 3). Thus, these results strongly indicated CuI acted as inhibitor for the generation of compound **6**.

3.5 The investigation of the special role of CuI

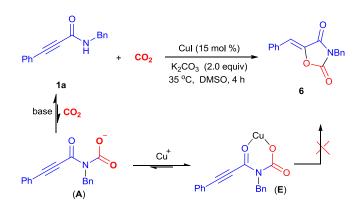
We are very interested in the specific role of CuI in this reaction. In the previous relative works about the reaction of propynylamine, *o*-alkynylaniline or propargylic alcohol with CO₂, Lewis acid such as Cu⁺, Ag⁺, Au⁺ all served as promoter for the aforementioned reaction. ((a) *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2015, **357**, 2556-2565. (b) *ACS Catal.* 2015, **5**, 5135-5140. (c) *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.* 2011, **84**, 698-717.)

Taking propargylic alcohol **A** as example (Scheme S1), firstly, the M^+ coordinated with the carbon-carbon triple bond, followed by *trans*-oxometalation to form intermediate **C** bearing vinyl-M bond. Afterward, the protonation of **C** afforded **D** with the regeneration of Lewis acid catalyst M^+ .



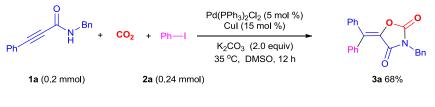


However, in our current reaction, CuI acted as inhibitor for the reaction of propargylic amide **1a** with CO₂ towards compound **6**. So *trans*-oxocupration of carbon-carbon triple bond to yield vinyl-Cu bond may be not involved in this reaction (Scheme S2). We deduced the formation of a six-membered copper adduct **E** [like Cu(acac)₂] during the reaction, which could hamper the further *trans*-oxocupration leading to vinyl-Cu bond. Thus, in the presence of 15 mol % of CuI, the formation of compound **6** was inhibited. We have tried our best to characterize the proposed intermediate **E** by ESI-MS, but no positive results were obtained.



Scheme S2

Furthermore, in our newly developed Pd/Cu catalyzed three component reaction of propargylic amide **1**a, CO_2 and iodobenzene towards functionalized oxazolidine-2,4-diones (Scheme S3). With the addition of 15 mol % CuI, the formation of the protonation product 6 was almost inhibited. So CuI would act as promotor for the formation of the desired 3-benzyl-5-(diphenylmethylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione 3a.



Scheme S3

We also tested the CV of the reaction mixture (Figure S5. According to the CV results, the oxidation-reduction potential of Cu(I) indeed changed after the reaction (Figure 1, CV curves A vs B), indicating the formation of copper adduct during the reaction. But the exact structure of the Cu adduct kept unknown at current stage.

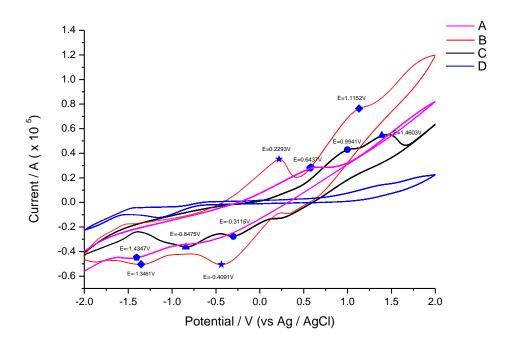
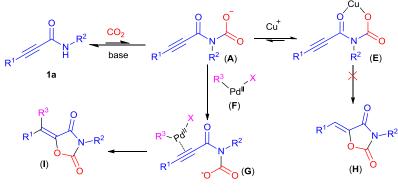


Figure S5: A): *N*-Benzyl-3-phenylpropiolamide (0.1 mmol), Cul (0.1 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), DMSO (1.5 mL) CO₂ (1 atm) was mixed and stirred in a sealed Schlenk tube, then it was diluted with DMSO into 30 mL for CV test immediately. B): *N*-Benzyl-3-phenylpropiolamide (0.1 mmol), Cul (0.1 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), DMSO (1.5 mL) CO₂ (1atm) in a sealed Schlenk tube was stirred under 35 °C for 5 h, then it was diluted with DMSO into 30 mL for CV test. C): Cul (0.1 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), DMSO (1.5 mL) CO₂ (1atm) in a sealed Schlenk tube was stirred under 35 °C for 5 h, then it was diluted with DMSO into 30 mL for CV test. C): Cul (0.1 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), DMSO (1.5 mL) CO₂ (1atm) in a sealed Schlenk tube was stirred under 35 °C for 5 h, then it was diluted with DMSO into 30 mL for CV test. D): *N*-benzyl-3-phenylpropiolamide (0.1 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), DMSO (1.5 mL) CO₂ (1atm) in a sealed Schlenk tube was stirred under 35 °C for 5 h, then it was diluted with DMSO into 30 mL for CV test. D): *N*-benzyl-3-phenylpropiolamide (0.1 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol), DMSO (1.5 mL) CO₂ (1atm) in a sealed Schlenk tube was stirred under 35 °C for 5 h, then it was diluted with DMSO into 30 mL for CV test.

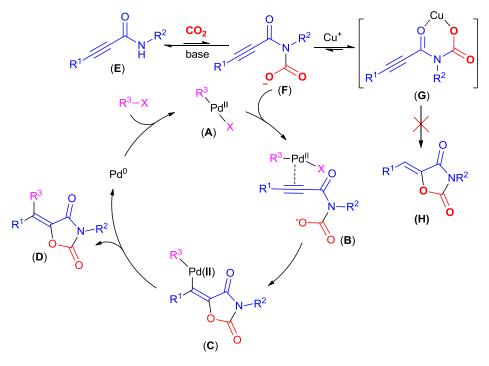
Based on the experiment results obtained, the special role of CuI in these reactions may be explained as follows:

- 1. According to the theory of hard and soft acids and bases, Cu^+ is hard acid, and it preferred to coordinate with hard base, such as O⁻, N⁻ to form intermediate **E**. which hampered the formation of the protonation product **H** (Scheme S4).
- 2. However, in the presence of R³PdX, Pd²⁺ was soft acid, which like to coordinate with soft base, such as the carbon-carbon triple bond. Thus, palladium adduct (F) is like to coordinate with carbon-carbon triple bond along with the dissociation of the copper ions in E leading to intermediate G. Then *trans*-oxopalladation of triple bond in G followed by the reductive elimination to generate the desired product I. Thus, the ArPdX species was also crucial for the formation of the final product I.



Scheme S4

4. Proposed mechanism



Scheme S5

5. Characterization data for the products

3-benzyl-5-(diphenylmethylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3a)



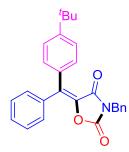
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (48 mg, 68% yield) as a white solid, mp 166.9-168.6 °C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 7.48-7.41 (m, 7H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 3H), 4.72 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 152.0, 136.0, 134.9, 134.9, 134.8, 133.3, 130.9, 130.4, 130.0, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 43.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₂NO₂]⁺ 356.1281, found 356.1285.





Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (52 mg, 70% yield) a white solid, mp 120.0-121.4 °C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 7.44-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 152.1, 139.7, 136.2, 134.8, 133.8, 132.0, 130.9, 130.5, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.6, 128.4, 43.8, 43.7, 21.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₀NO₃]⁺ 370.1438, found 370.1446.

(*E*)-3-benzyl-5-((4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3c)



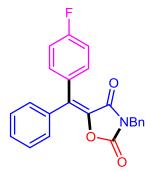
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (60 mg, 73% yield) a white solid, mp 155.9-158.3 °C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz): 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 1.27 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 152.6, 151.9, 136.3, 134.7, 134.6, 134.1, 131.7, 130.8, 130.3, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 125.1, 43.7, 34.9, 31.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₇H₂₆NO₃]⁺ 412.1907, found 412.1918.

(E)-3-benzyl-5-((4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3d)



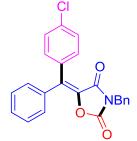
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.5$) give the product (56 mg, 72% yield) as a white solid, mp 137.4-139.1 °C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz): 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 160.7, 151.9, 136.4, 134.8, 134.4, 133.9, 132.2, 130.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 126.8, 113.6, 55.3, 43.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₀NO₄]⁺ 386.1387, found 386.1392.

(E)-3-benzyl-5-((4-fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3e)



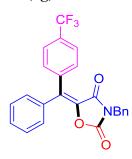
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (50.7 mg, 68% yield) as a colorless white solid, mp 127.5-129.7 °C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz): δ 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃ 75 MHz): δ 163.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 248.2$ Hz), 160.6, 151.8, 135.8, 134.8, 134.6, 132.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.7$ Hz), 132.2, 130.7, 130.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.9$ Hz), 130.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 115.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.4$ Hz), 43.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₃H₁₇FNO₃]⁺ 374.1187, found 374.1200.

(E)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(p-tolyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3f)



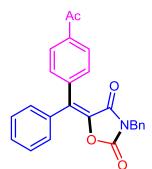
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (50.8 mg, 66% yield) as a white solid, mp 125.2-127.8 °C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz): 7.45-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H), 4.71 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 151.7, 135.5, 135.5, 134.9, 134.5, 134.4, 133.2, 131.8, 131.7, 130.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 43.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₃H₁₇CINO₃]⁺ 390.0891, found 390.0902.

(*E*)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dio ne (3g)



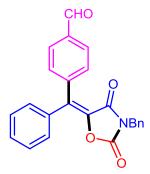
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (51 mg, 60% yield) as a white solid, mp 138.0-139.8 °C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz): 7.70-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 9H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 3H), 4.71 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 151.6, 138.5, 135.1, 134.4, 131.4, 131.1, 130.9, 130.7, 130.6, 130.2, 128.9,128.8 (q, $J_{C-F} = 40.8$ Hz), 128.6, 125.8, 125.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.7$ Hz), 124.0 (q, $J_{C-F} = 270.6$ Hz), 43.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₄H₁₇F₃NO₃]⁺ 424.1155, found 424.1172.

(E)-5-((4-acetylphenyl)(phenyl)methylene)-3-benzyloxazolidine-2,4-dione (3h)



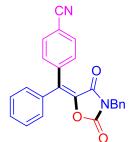
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (54 mg, 68% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 8.15 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 9H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 3H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 160.6, 151.8, 139.8, 137.5, 135.2, 134.6, 131.6, 130.8, 130.7, 130.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 44.0, 26.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₅H₂₀NO₄]⁺ 398.1387, found 398.1401.

(E)-4-((3-benzyl-2,4-dioxooxazolidin-5-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)benzaldehyde (3i)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (49 mg, 64% yield) as a yellow oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 8.32-8.21 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 10H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.7, 160.5, 151.6, 141.1, 136.5, 135.1, 134.9, 134.4, 131.1, 131.0, 130.6, 130.2, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.6, 43.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₄H₁₇NNaO₄]⁺ 406.1050, found 406.1047.

(E)-4-((3-benzyl-2,4-dioxooxazolidin-5-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)benzonitrile(3j)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.3$) give the product (46.3 mg, 61% yield) as a brown solid, mp 175.2-177.8 °C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.32 (m, 13H), 4.71 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 151.7, 139.8, 135.3, 134.8, 134.5, 132.2, 131.3, 130.7, 130.5, 130.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 118.6, 113.1, 44.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + Na]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₄H₁₆N₂O₃Na]⁺ 403.1053, found 403.1052.

(*E*)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(*m*-tolyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3k)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (47.2 mg, 64% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz): 7.37-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.04-6.95 (m, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 152.0, 138.0, 136.0, 134.7, 134.7, 133. 3, 130.8, 130.7, 130.1, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 43.7, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₀NO₃]⁺ 370.1438, found 370.1446.

(E)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(o-tolyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (31)



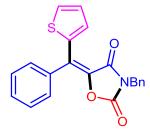
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (42.1 mg, 57% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz): 7.46-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.15 (m, 11H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H). 1.97 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 152.0, 136.6, 134.9, 134.7, 134.6, 134.3, 131.1, 130.5, 130.4, 123.0, 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 126.0, 43.7, 19.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + H]⁺calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₀NO₃]⁺: 370.1438, found 370.1445.

(*E*)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(3,4,5-trichlorophenyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3m)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:3, $R_f = 0.43$) give the product (42 mg, 46% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 7.64-7.62 (m 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 4H), 4.72 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4, 151.6, 136.2, 134.5, 134.4, 134.1, 133.9, 133.3, 133.1, 132.6, 131.7, 131.4, 130.6, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 127.8, 125.6, 44.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₃H₁₄Cl₃NO₃Na]⁺ 479.9931, found 479.9925.

(E)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(thiophen-2-yl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3n)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:3, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (42.5 mg, 59% yield) as a brown solid, mp 152.7-153.3°C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz): 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.37-7.24 (m, 4H), 4.75 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.3, 151.5, 136.5, 136.1, 134.6, 134.4, 134.4, 132.7, 130.3, 130.03, 129.99, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 43.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₁H₁₆NO₃S]⁺ 362.0845, found 362.0854.

(E)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(pyridin-3-yl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (30)



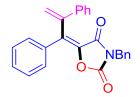
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (36.3 mg, 51% yield) as a yellow oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 8.69-8.52 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 4H), 4.71 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 151.7, 150.8, 150.3, 137.9, 135.5, 135.2, 134.5, 131.1, 130.8, 130.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 123.2, 44.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₂H₁₇N₂O₃]⁺ 357.1234, found 357.1241.





Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (44.6 mg, 55% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.15 (m, 9H), 4.51 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4, 152.1, 135.9, 135.3, 134.7, 133.9, 132.2, 130.5, 130.2, 130.2, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 126.9, 126.2, 125.5, 125.1, 43.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₇H₂₀NO₃]⁺ 406.1447, found 406.1438.

(E)-3-benzyl-5-(1,2-diphenylallylidene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3q)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (40 mg, 52% yield) as a yellow oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (DMSO 400 MHz): 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 8H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.07 (s, 1H) , 5.54 (s, 1H) , 4.67 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 160.5, 151.8, 140.7, 137.5, 136.5, 135.1, 133.8, 129.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.8, 126.4, 118.6, 42.9.HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₅H₁₉NO₃Na]⁺ 404.1257, found 404.1255.

(Z)-3-benzyl-5-(1,2-diphenylethylidene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (3r)



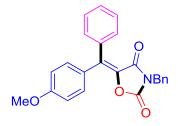
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (22.1 mg, 30% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 8H), 7.23-7.10 (m, 5H), 4.80 (s, 2H) , 4.50 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0, 151.8, 137.7, 135.6, 134.9, 134.8, 133.5, 129.5, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 126.8, 43.8, 35.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + Na]⁺:calcd. for [C₂₄H₁₉NO₃Na]⁺ 392.1257, found 392.1265.

(Z)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(p-tolyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (4a)



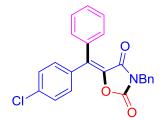
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.5$) give the product (51.7 mg, 70% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.50-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 7H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 152.1, 140.5, 135.1, 134.9, 134.5, 133.3, 133.2, 131.0, 130.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 43.8, 21.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₀NO₃]⁺ 370.1438, found 370.1447.

(Z)-3-benzyl-5-((4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (4b)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:3, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (32.3 mg, 42% yield) as a orange oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.46-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.0, 160.8, 152.2, 135.2, 134.9, 133.8, 132.9, 130.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 113.9, 55.5, 43.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₀NO₄]⁺ 386.1387, found 386.1398.

(Z)-3-benzyl-5-((4-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (4c)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:3, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (47.5 mg, 61% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.48-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 7H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.25 (m, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

160.5, 151.8, 136.2, 135.0, 134.7, 134.5, 134.4, 132.2, 131.7, 130.4, 129.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.8, 128.5, 43.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺calcd. for [C₂₃H₁₆ClNO₃Na]⁺ 412.0711, found 412.0715.

(Z)-5-((4-acetylphenyl)(phenyl)methylene)-3-benzyloxazolidine-2,4-dione (4d)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:2, R_f = 0.43) give the product (60.3 mg, 76% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 7.95-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.42 (m, 8H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 2.60 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 160.4, 151.7, 140.5, 137.5, 135.7, 134.6, 134.3, 131.7, 131.0, 130.4, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 44.0, 26.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* [M + Na]⁺calcd. for [C₂₅H₁₉NO₄Na]⁺ 420.1206, found 420.1199.

(Z)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(o-tolyl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (4e)



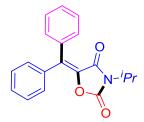
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:3, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (48 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.30 (m, 9H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4 151.8, 136.3, 136.2, 135.5, 135.1, 134.8, 134.2, 130.9, 130.3, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 126.0, 43.9, 20.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₀NO₃]⁺ 370.1438, found 370.1448.

(Z)-3-benzyl-5-(phenyl(thiophen-2-yl)methylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (4f)



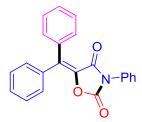
Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:15, $R_f = 0.45$) give the product (38 mg, 53% yield) as a brown solid, mp 145.6-147.8 °C. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): δ 7.63-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.3, 151.7, 139.1, 134.8, 133.8, 133.8, 132.6, 132.4, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 126.0, 43.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* [M + Na]⁺calcd. for [C₂₁H₁₅NO₃SNa]⁺ 384.0665, found 384.0661.

5-(diphenylmethylene)-3-isopropyloxazolidine-2,4-dione (4g)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:3, $R_f = 0.6$) give the product (40 mg, 65% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): 7.47-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 4.40-4.32 (m, 1H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.0, 151.5, 136.1, 135.1, 134.6, 132.2, 130.8, 130.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 45.2, 19.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd. for [C₁₉H₁₈NO₃]⁺ 308.1281, found 308.1291.

5-(diphenylmethylene)-3-phenyloxazolidine-2,4-dione (4h)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:3, $R_f = 0.49$) give the product (21.1 mg, 31% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 7H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 159.9, 150.9, 136.0, 134.9, 134.4, 134. 0, 131. 0, 130.8, 130.4, 130.2, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 125.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + H]⁺calcd. for [C₂₂H₁₆NO₃]⁺ 342.1125, found 342.1136.

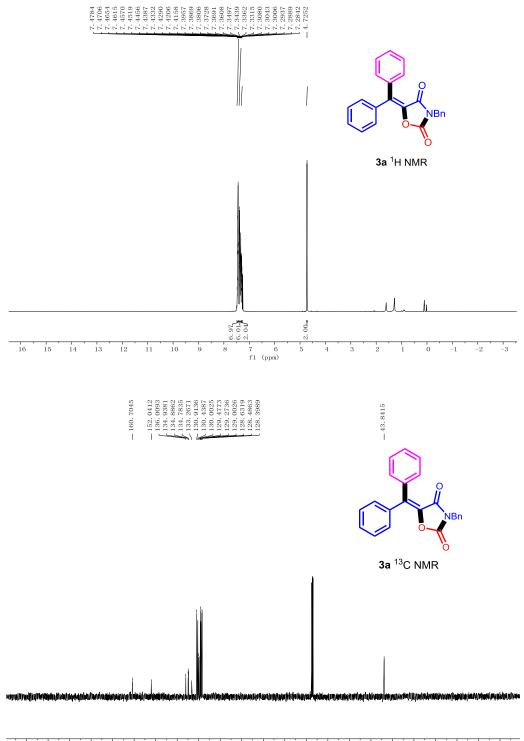
3-butyl-5-(diphenylmethylene)oxazolidine-2,4-dione (4i)



Flash column chromatography on a silica gel (ethyl acetate-petroleum ether, 1:3, $R_f = 0.46$) give the product (43 mg, 67% yield) as a colorless oil. The compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 400 MHz): δ 7.49-7.41 (m, 5H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 3.58 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.70-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.32 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 152.3, 136.0, 135.0, 134.9, 132.7, 130.9, 130.4, 129.9, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 40.1, 29.8 20.1 13.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺calcd. for [C₂₀H₁₉NO₃Na]⁺ 344.1257, found 344.1253.

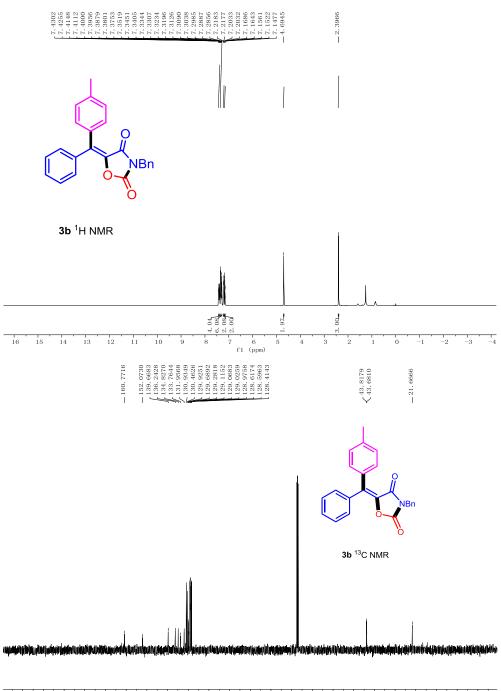
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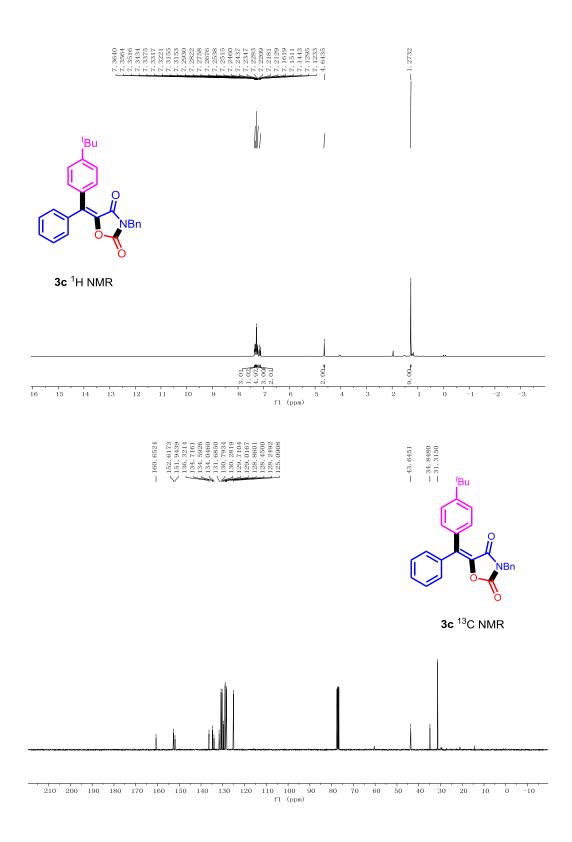


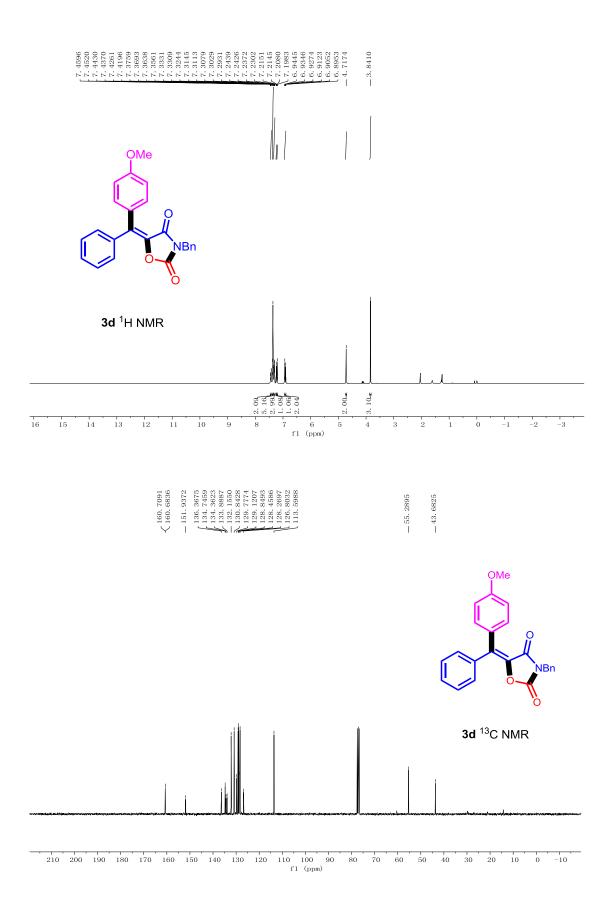
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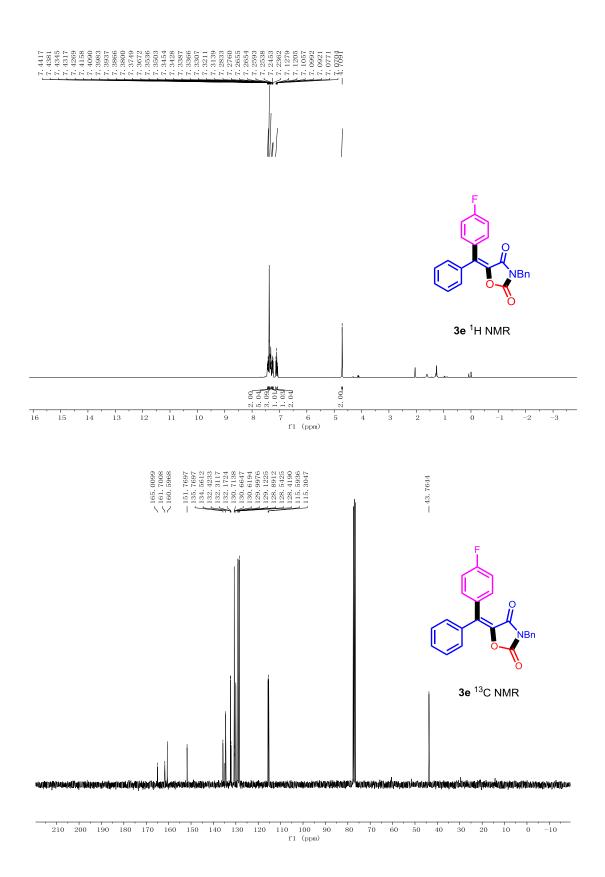


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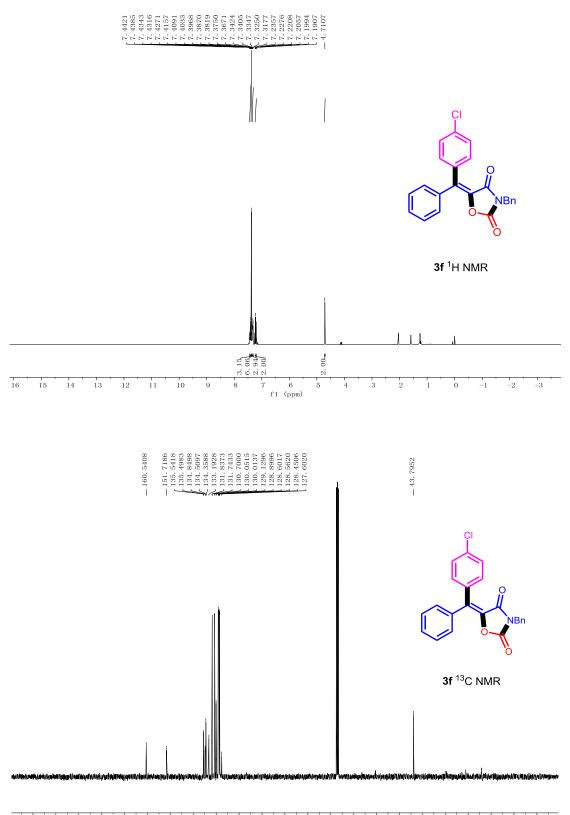




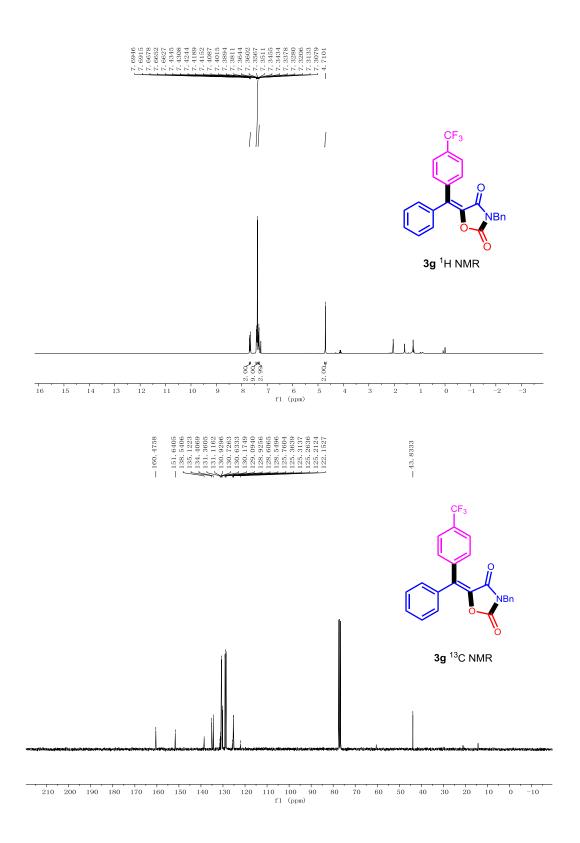
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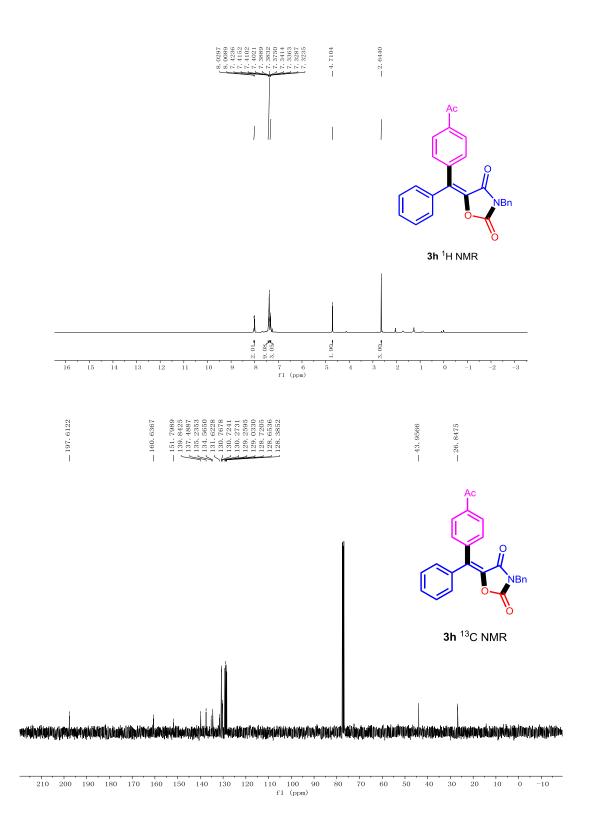


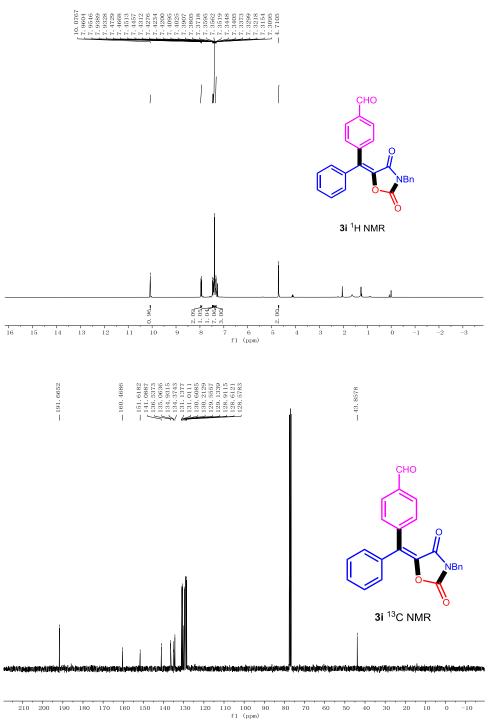
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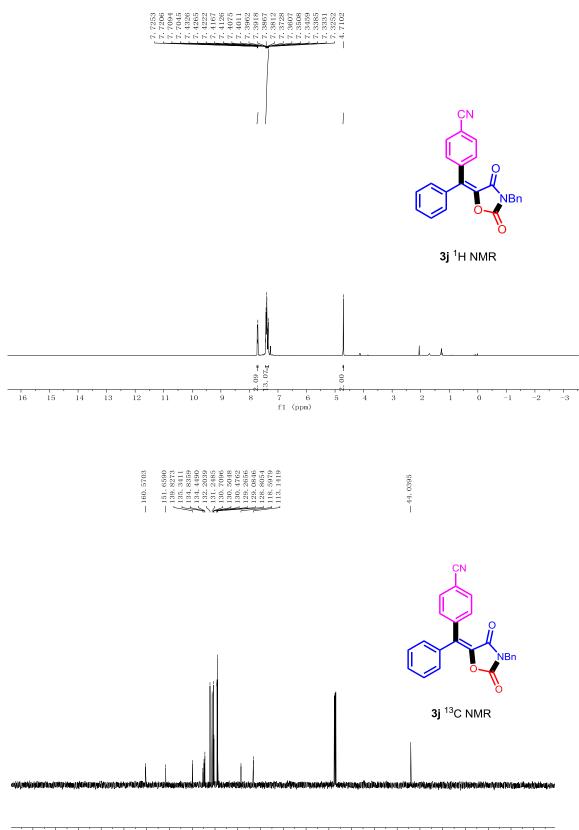


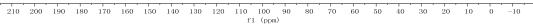
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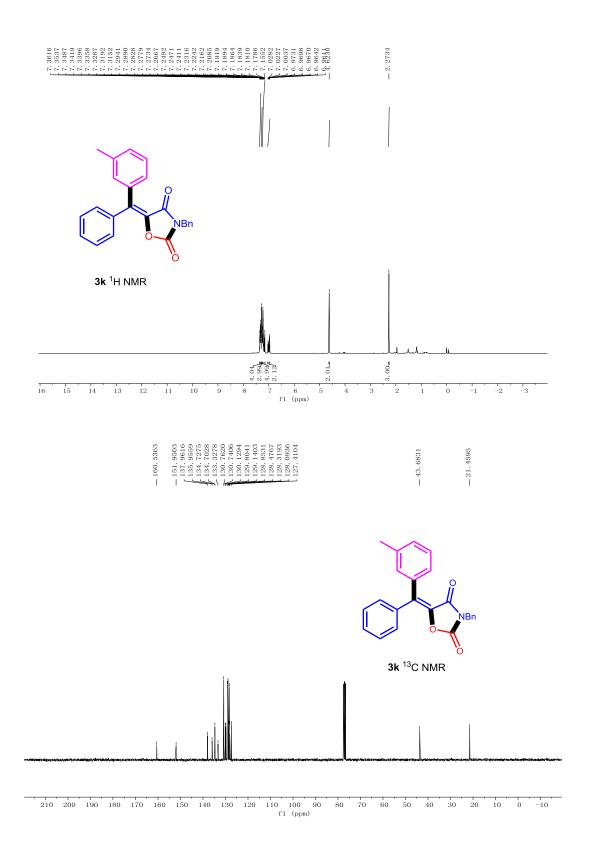


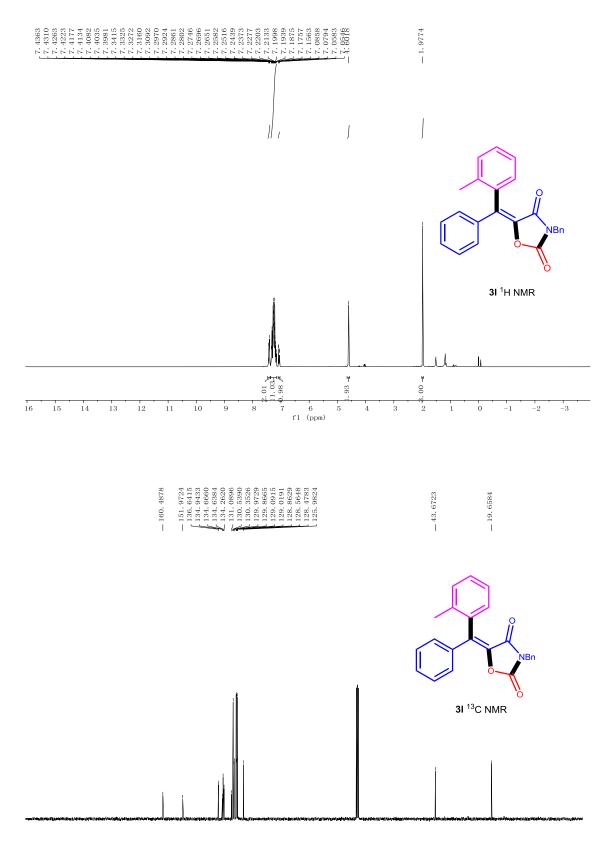




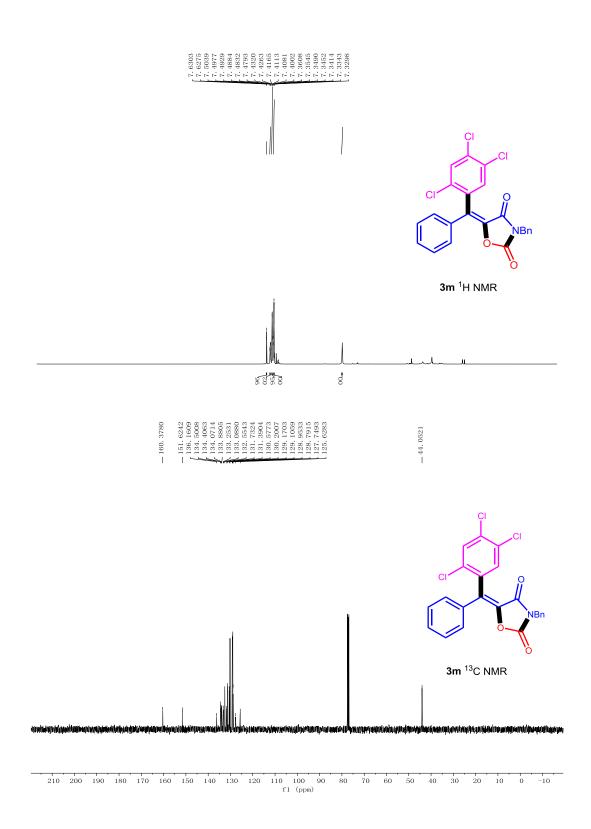


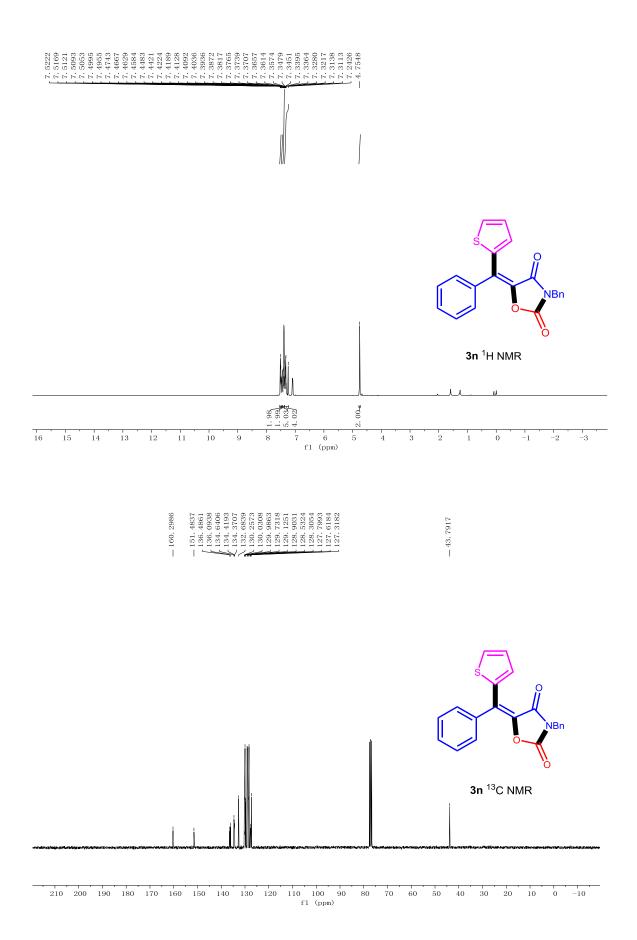




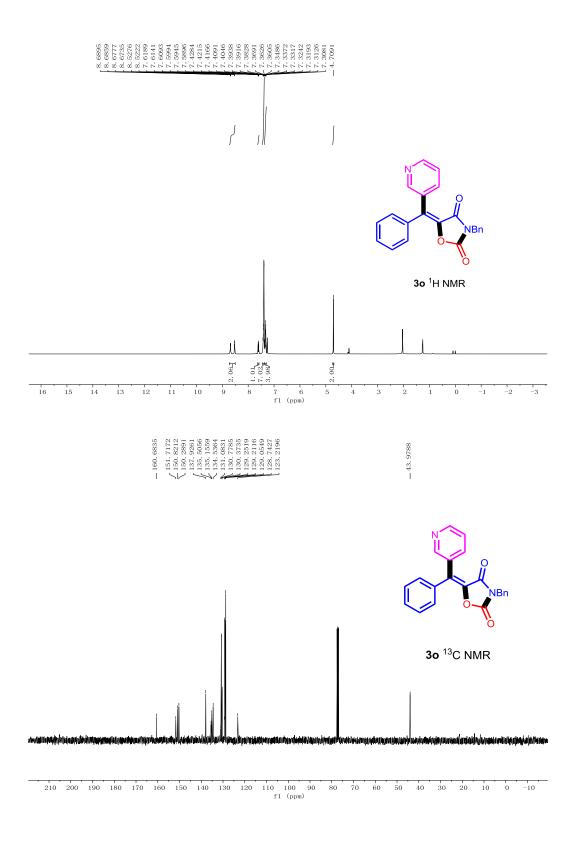


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