

Copper and Cobalt Co-Catalyzed Aerobic Oxidative Cross-Dehydrogenative Coupling Reaction of (Benzo)Azoles

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1. General Information

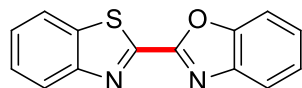
All the solvents and commercially available reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used directly. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on EMD precoated plates (silica gel 60 F254, Art 5715). Visualization of TLC was achieved by the use of UV light (254 nm). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (300-400 mesh) using a forced flow of 0.5–1.0 bar. ^1H NMR was recorded on FT AM 400 (400 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) referenced to the appropriate solvent peak or 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns: br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublet, td = triplet of doublet, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants, J, were reported in hertz (Hz). The fully decoupled ^{13}C NMR was recorded on FT AM 400 (100 MHz). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 6700 spectrophotometer and reported as wave number (cm^{-1}). High resolution mass spectra were obtained by using the UHD Accurate-Mass Q-TOF.

2. Experimental Section

2.1 General Procedure For the Objective Product

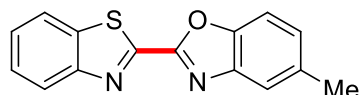
A 35 mL oven-dried pressure tube was charged with **1a** benzothiazole (27.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** benzo[d]oxazole (35.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ · H₂O (8 mg, 0.04 mmol), Co(NO₃)₂ · 6H₂O (11.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), CH₃COONa (16.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), and 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL). The tube was then sealed and stirred vigorously at 130 °C for 18 h. Then cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate, filtered through a celite pad and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (dichloromethane/hexane: 1/1, v/v) to give the desired product (**benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl**)benzo[d]oxazole (**3a**, 45 mg, 73% yield). The R_f values of TLC for **3a**, self-coupling products 2,2'-bibenzothiazole **4a** and 2,2'-bibenzoxazole **5a** are 0.36, 0.54 and 0.27, respectively.

2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (**3a**)



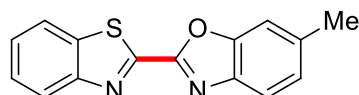
White solid, m.p.: 185-186 °C, 37 mg, yield: 73%. (known compound¹) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 8.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.04, 154.45, 153.68, 151.03, 141.42, 136.86, 127.14, 127.12, 127.07, 125.50, 124.76, 121.94, 121.01, 111.43. IR (neat) ν 3015, 2969, 2942, 2853, 1738, 1465, 1446, 1318, 1216, 931, 848, 760, 669. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₁₄H₉N₂OS(M+H)⁺: 253.0430, found: 253.0433.

2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (**3b**)



White solid, m.p.: 197-198 °C, 38 mg, yield: 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.06, 154.58, 153.72, 149.41, 141.66, 135.47, 128.31, 127.05, 126.98, 124.68, 121.90, 120.71, 110.75, 21.53. IR (neat) ν 3015, 2969, 2855, 2379, 1428, 1365, 1228, 1120, 910, 807, 668. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₀N₂NaOS(M+Na)⁺: 289.0406, found: 289.0404.

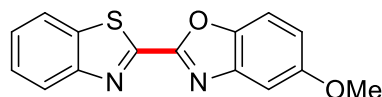
2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-6-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (**3c**)



White solid, m.p.: 185-186 °C, 40 mg, yield: 75%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.55, 154.64, 153.64, 151.32, 139.26, 137.93, 135.74,

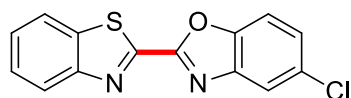
127.06, 126.96, 126.91, 124.64, 121.89, 120.30, 111.38, 21.99. IR (neat) ν 3022, 2967, 2851, 2375, 1615, 1455, 1373, 1313, 1228, 1017, 756, 728, 699. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{15}H_{10}N_2NaOS(M+Na)^+$: 289.0406, found: 289.0405.

2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-methoxybenzo[d]oxazole (3d)



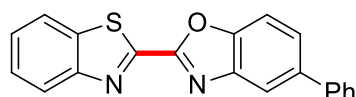
White solid, m.p.: 178-179 °C, 44 mg, yield: 78%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.25 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.03, 157.63, 154.46, 153.65, 145.70, 142.27, 135.77, 127.09, 127.01, 124.69, 121.90, 116.32, 111.60, 103.08, 55.95. IR (neat) ν 3079, 3004, 2922, 2951, 1484, 1426, 1275, 1150, 933, 812, 715. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{15}H_{10}N_2NaO_2S(M+Na)^+$: 305.0355, found: 305.0353.

2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-chlorobenzo[d]oxazole (3e)



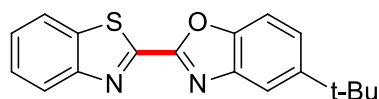
White solid, m.p.: 195-196 °C, 35 mg, yield: 62%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.27 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.62 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.20, 153.83, 153.59, 149.53, 142.43, 135.89, 131.10, 127.44, 127.37, 127.30, 124.87, 122.00, 120.85, 112.19. IR (neat) ν 2969, 2375, 2014, 1961, 1743, 1646, 1507, 1216, 1081, 736, 668, 591. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{14}H_8ClN_2OS(M+H)^+$: 287.0040, found: 287.0041.

2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole (3f)



White solid, m.p.: 195-196 °C, 45 mg, yield: 69%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.29 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.14-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dd, $J = 18.9, 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.59, 154.36, 153.67, 150.52, 142.04, 140.59, 139.49, 135.86, 128.97, 127.57, 127.50, 127.20, 127.18, 126.79, 124.80, 121.97, 119.28, 111.44. IR (neat) ν 3015, 2969, 2851, 2377, 1738, 1365, 1216, 1018, 816, 699, 668, 587. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{20}H_{12}N_2NaOS(M+Na)^+$: 351.0563, found: 351.0561.

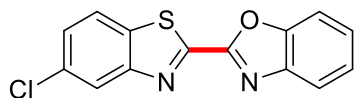
2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-(tert-butyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3g)



White solid, m.p.: 156-157 °C, 46 mg, yield: 74%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.14, 154.67, 153.67, 149.20, 149.06, 141.36,

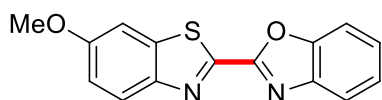
135.80, 127.09, 127.01, 125.07, 124.69, 121.91, 117.30, 110.57, 35.06, 31.70. IR (neat) ν 2922, 2846, 2322, 1922, 1646, 1456, 1216, 1076, 668, 589, 526, 469. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. For $C_{18}H_{16}N_2NaOS(M+Na)^+$: 331.0876, found: 331.0877.

2-(5-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3h)



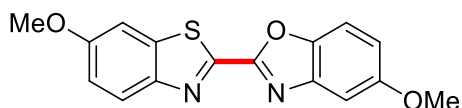
White solid, m.p.: 211-212 °C, 41 mg, yield: 72%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, $J = 16.7, 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.40 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.58, 156.21, 154.42, 151.00, 141.31, 134.05, 133.31, 127.66, 127.31, 125.62, 124.30, 122.64, 121.09, 111.46. IR (neat) ν 3022, 2969, 2377, 1507, 1365, 1216, 910, 802, 737, 668, 517. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. For $C_{14}H_8ClN_2OS(M+H)^+$: 287.0040, found: 287.0037.

2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3i)



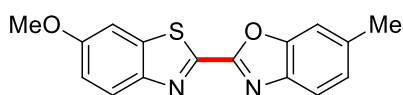
White solid, m.p.: 217-218 °C, 38 mg, yield: 67%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.25 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.33, 157.20, 151.67, 150.93, 148.29, 141.46, 137.65, 126.79, 125.39, 125.34, 120.81, 117.32, 111.33, 103.67, 55.89. IR (neat) ν 3015, 2969, 2944, 1738, 1434, 1365, 1228, 1216, 1091, 910, 787, 668. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{15}H_{11}N_2O_2S(M+H)^+$: 283.0536, found: 283.0535.

5-methoxy-2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3j)



White solid, m.p.: 212-213 °C, 45 mg, yield: 72%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.12 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.25, 157.97, 157.81, 151.69, 148.29, 145.63, 142.32, 137.59, 125.27, 117.24, 115.91, 111.49, 103.66, 103.05, 55.96, 55.87. IR (neat) ν 2936, 2859, 2373, 1738, 1569, 1476, 1365, 1081, 826, 668, 527. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2O_3S^+(M+H)^+$: 313.0641, found: 313.0640.

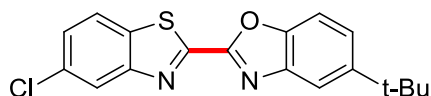
2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-6-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (3k)



White solid, m.p.: 217-218 °C, 38 mg, yield: 63%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.14 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 25.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.23, 137.64, 126.78, 125.26, 120.18, 117.20, 111.40, 103.76, 55.89, 21.99. IR (neat) ν 3026, 2922, 2373, 1567, 1481,

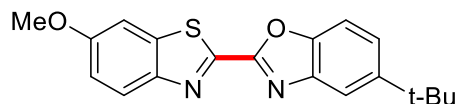
1373, 1228, 1022, 830, 668, 518. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. For $C_{16}H_{13}N_2O_2S(M+H)^+$: 297.0692, found: 297.0691.

5-(tert-butyl)-2-(5-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3l)



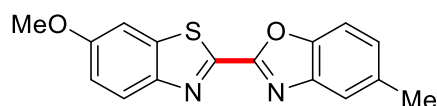
Light yellow solid, m.p.: 230-231 °C, 35 mg, yield: 51%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.70, 156.46, 154.46, 149.38, 149.08, 141.28, 134.02, 133.28, 127.61, 125.39, 124.27, 122.66, 117.37, 110.64, 35.09, 31.69. IR (neat) ν 2973, 2926, 2379, 1743, 1456, 1334, 1216, 1022, 830, 718, 668, 518. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. For $C_{18}H_{15}ClN_2NaOS(M+Na)^+$: 365.0486, found: 365.0478.

5-(tert-butyl)-2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3m)



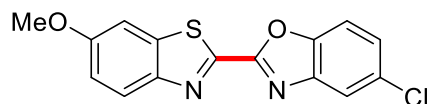
White solid, m.p.: 153-154 °C, 51 mg, yield: 75%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, $J = 8.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.19, 157.25, 151.83, 149.02, 148.96, 148.24, 141.36, 137.56, 125.23, 124.74, 117.21, 117.11, 110.45, 103.58, 55.84, 35.03, 31.70. IR (neat) ν 2944, 2865, 2824, 1508, 1456, 1260, 1091, 930, 820, 668, 610, 516. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. For $C_{19}H_{18}N_2NaO_2S(M+Na)^+$: 361.0981, found: 361.0984.

2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (3n)



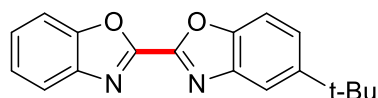
White solid, m.p.: 210-211 °C, 44 mg, yield: 73%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.11 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.23, 157.22, 151.80, 149.18, 148.26, 141.65, 137.57, 135.36, 128.02, 125.26, 120.55, 117.23, 110.65, 103.63, 55.86, 21.55. IR (neat) ν 2965, 2920, 2848, 1478, 1373, 1264, 1079, 802, 668, 592, 443. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{16}H_{12}N_2NaO_2S(M+Na)^+$: 319.0512, found: 319.0514.

5-chloro-2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3o)



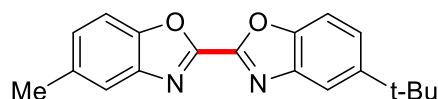
White solid, m.p.: 209-210 °C, 40 mg, yield: 62%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.52, 158.40, 151.00, 149.49, 148.27, 142.54, 137.80, 130.98, 127.11, 125.48, 120.68, 117.55, 112.06, 103.63, 55.91. IR (neat) ν 3022, 2924, 2846, 2371, 1507, 1472, 1456, 1373, 1200, 1079, 875, 592. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₀ClN₂O₂S(M+H)⁺: 317.0146, found: 317.0146.

5-(tert-butyl)-2,2'-bibenzo[d]oxazole (3p)



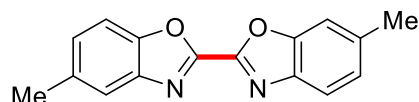
White solid, m.p.: 197-198 °C, 39 mg, yield: 66%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.91, 150.96, 149.46, 149.04, 141.18, 141.15, 127.39, 125.67, 125.59, 121.43, 117.67, 111.43, 110.60, 35.06, 31.67. IR (neat) ν 2969, 2932, 2855, 2371, 1529, 1437, 1355, 1216, 1116, 668, 527. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆N₂NaO₂(M+Na)⁺: 315.1104, found: 315.1105.

5-(tert-butyl)-5'-methyl-2,2'-bibenzo[d]oxazole (3q)



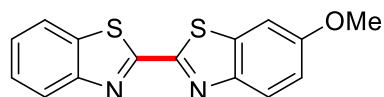
White solid, m.p.: 172-173 °C, 44 mg, yield: 71%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.03, 149.40, 149.24, 148.99, 141.37, 141.16, 135.74, 128.71, 125.49, 121.08, 117.63, 110.78, 110.57, 35.06, 31.68, 21.54. IR (neat) ν 2969, 1738, 1364, 1228, 1216, 1102, 867, 824, 761, 672, 527. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈N₂NaO₂(M+Na)⁺: 329.1260, found: 329.1264.

5,6'-dimethyl-2,2'-bibenzo[d]oxazole (3r)



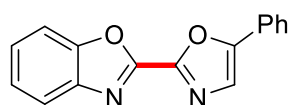
White solid, m.p.: 188-189 °C, 37 mg, yield: 69%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.01, 151.46, 151.26, 149.21, 141.36, 139.04, 138.33, 135.71, 128.65, 127.12, 121.04, 120.72, 111.35, 110.73, 21.98, 21.51. IR (neat) ν 2969, 2946, 2133, 1739, 1435, 1365, 1228, 1216, 899, 538, 527, 515. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂N₂NaO₂(M+Na)⁺: 287.0791, found: 287.0793.

6-methoxy-2,2'-bibenzo[d]thiazole (3s)



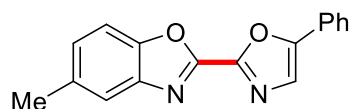
White solid, m.p.: 220-221 °C, 43 mg, yield: 71%. (known compound²) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.67, 158.93, 158.83, 153.55, 148.16, 137.53, 135.61, 126.74, 126.39, 124.68, 123.87, 121.98, 116.83, 103.90, 55.86. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. IR (neat) ν 3015, 2969, 2942, 2848, 1434, 1365, 1228, 1216, 1091, 895, 754. for C₂₀H₁₂N₂NaOS(M+H)⁺: 299.0307, found: 299.0306.

2-(5-phenyloxazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3t)



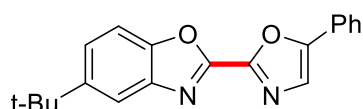
White solid, m.p.: 160-161 °C, 32 mg, yield: 60%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.05, 151.75, 150.64, 150.51, 141.22, 129.67, 129.10, 126.89, 126.74, 125.51, 125.00, 124.38, 121.13, 111.29. IR (neat) ν 3015, 2969, 1738, 1561, 1447, 1365, 1228, 909, 761, 686, 257. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₀N₂O₂(M+Na)⁺: 285.0634, found: 285.0636.

5-methyl-2-(5-phenyloxazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3u)



White solid, m.p.: 164-165 °C, 30 mg, yield: 53%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.88, 151.77, 150.63, 148.90, 141.40, 135.48, 129.58, 129.06, 128.13, 126.75, 124.95, 124.31, 120.83, 110.61, 21.55. IR (neat) ν 2969, 2946, 2125, 1739, 1434, 1365, 1228, 1091, 899, 538, 515. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. For C₁₇H₁₅N₂O₂⁺(M-H)⁺: 277.0972, found: 277.0969.

5-(tert-butyl)-2-(5-phenyloxazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3v)



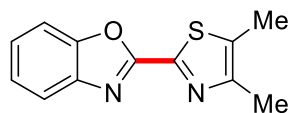
White solid, m.p.: 164-165 °C, 40 mg, yield: 62%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.89, 151.81, 150.64, 149.14, 148.69, 141.18, 129.56, 129.06, 126.78, 124.93, 124.84, 124.30, 117.40,

110.39, 35.03, 31.70. IR (neat) ν 2946, 2133, 1739, 1435, 1216, 1092, 899, 792, 760, 685, 674.

HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. For $C_{20}H_{18}N_2NaO_2(M+Na)^+$: 341.1260, found: 341.1261.

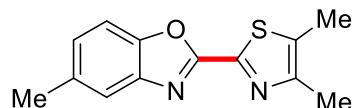
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 20.9$, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H).

2-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3w)



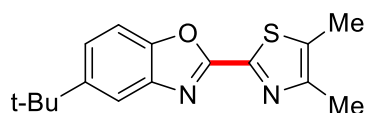
White solid, m.p.: 165-166 °C, 30 mg, yield: 64%. (known compound³) 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.81-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 6.1, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.21, 151.48, 150.59, 149.47, 141.50, 131.97, 126.10, 125.10, 120.42, 111.12, 14.91, 11.73. IR (neat) ν 3457, 3015, 2969, 1738, 1436, 1365, 1228, 1216, 1091, 895, 736, 527. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{12}H_{10}N_2NaOS(M+Na)^+$: 253.0406, found: 253.0405.

2-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (3x)



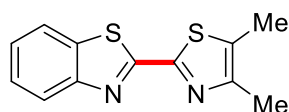
White solid, m.p.: 161-162 °C, 32 mg, yield: 65%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.27, 151.36, 149.62, 148.84, 141.69, 135.01, 131.71, 127.28, 120.22, 110.44, 21.50, 14.89, 11.69. IR (neat) ν 2969, 2922, 2857, 1738, 1425, 1365, 1216, 1091, 910, 806, 716, 665. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{13}H_{12}N_2NaOS(M+Na)^+$: 267.0563, found: 267.0565.

5-(tert-butyl)-2-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3y)



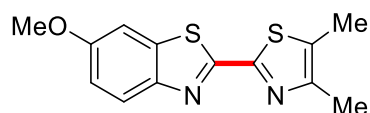
White solid, m.p.: 147-148 °C, 39 mg, yield: 67%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 6H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 157.30, 151.31, 149.69, 148.70, 148.61, 141.40, 131.72, 123.97, 116.80, 110.24, 34.96, 31.71, 14.91, 11.70. IR (neat) ν 2969, 2863, 1891, 1440, 1228, 1128, 1026, 911, 820, 651, 527. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{16}H_{18}N_2NaOS(M+Na)^+$: 309.1032, found: 309.1034.

2-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (3z)



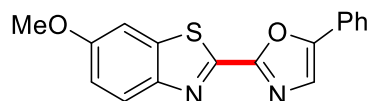
White solid, m.p.: 197-198 °C, 34 mg, yield: 68%. (known compound^{4,5}) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.84, 156.39, 153.56, 150.61, 135.12, 130.95, 126.50, 125.80, 123.40, 121.85, 14.89, 11.83. IR (neat) ν 2969, 2375, 1553, 1415, 1228, 1110, 1010, 828, 729, 685, 527. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₁₂H₁₁N₂S₂(M+H)⁺: 247.0358, found: 247.0359.

2-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazole (3a')



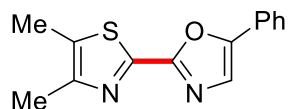
White solid, m.p.: 171-172 °C, 41 mg, yield: 74%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.34, 158.28, 156.61, 150.30, 148.11, 136.68, 130.19, 123.96, 116.16, 104.02, 55.81, 14.86, 11.78. IR (neat) ν 2922, 2851, 1515, 1429, 1268, 1120, 1081, 924, 830, 806, 682, 592. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₃N₂OS₂(M+H)⁺: 277.0464, found: 277.0464.

2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-phenyloxazole (3b')



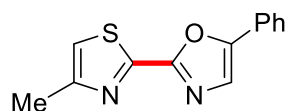
White solid, m.p.: 176-177 °C, 32 mg, yield: 51%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.88, 155.84, 153.19, 151.78, 148.32, 137.03, 129.30, 129.01, 127.07, 124.90, 124.08, 116.82, 103.77, 77.38, 77.06, 76.75, 55.87. IR (neat) ν 3015, 2969, 2942, 1738, 1365, 1228, 1091, 906, 832, 684, 539, 516. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂N₂O₂S(M+Na)⁺: 331.0512, found: 331.0515.

2-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-phenyloxazole (3c')



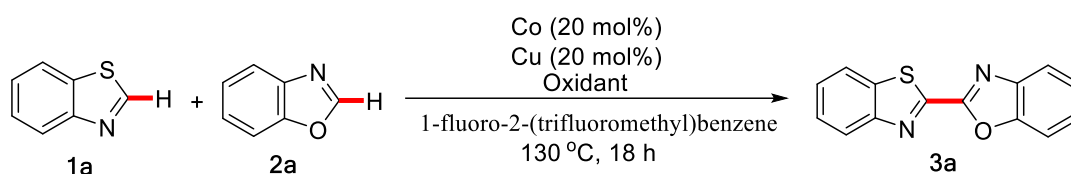
White solid, m.p.: 104-105 °C, 28 mg, yield: 54%. (known compound²) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 1H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.97, 152.14, 150.72, 149.81, 130.0, 128.88, 127.29, 124.9, 124.67, 123.63, 14.90, 11.58. IR (neat) ν 2969, 2924, 2853, 1588, 1448, 1423, 1365, 1228, 1204, 1036, 947, 761, 689. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₂N₂OS(M+Na)⁺: 279.0563, found: 279.0562.

2-(4-methylthiazol-2-yl)-5-phenyloxazole (3d')



White solid, m.p.: 106-107 °C, 30 mg, yield: 61%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.81, 154.95, 153.88, 152.42, 129.05, 128.92, 127.17, 124.73, 123.72, 116.30, 17.23. IR (neat) ν 2922, 2854, 1679, 1486, 1421, 1300, 1041, 909, 720, 690, 546, 502. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₀N₂OS(M+Na)⁺: 265.0406, found: 265.0407.

2.2 Aerobic and Anaerobic Control Experiments



Entry	Co source (20 mol %)	Cu source (20 mol %)	Oxidant	Additives	^c Yield [%]
26 ^a	Co(NO ₃) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O	O ₂	CH ₃ COONa (1.0 equiv)	56 (22 ^d , 12 ^e)
27 ^b	Co(NO ₃) ₂ ·6H ₂ O	Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O	Ar	CH ₃ COONa (1.0 equiv)	8 (10 ^d , 6 ^e)

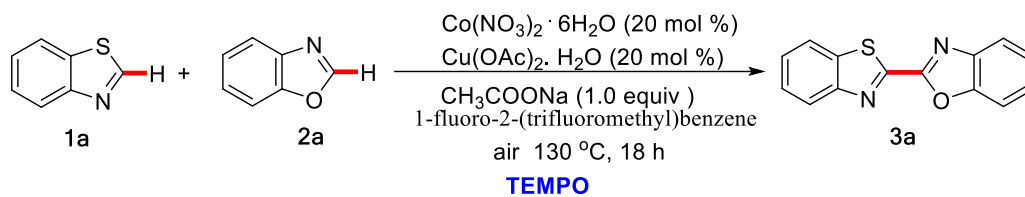
Table S1. Aerobic and Anaerobic Control Experiments

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), [Co] (0.04 mmol), [Cu] (0.04 mmol), 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL), O₂, 130 °C, 18 h. ^bReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), [Co] (0.04 mmol), [Cu] (0.04 mmol), 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL), Ar, 130 °C, 18 h. ^cCrude ¹H NMR yields of desired product **3a** determined by using dibromomethane as an internal standard. ^dCrude ¹H NMR yields of self-coupling product **4a** 2,2'-bibenzothiazole determined by using dibromomethane as an internal standard. ^eCrude ¹H NMR yields of self-coupling product **5a** 2,2'-bibenzoxazole determined by using dibromomethane as an internal standard and based on **1a**.

2.3 Radical Trapping Experiment

A 35 mL oven-dried pressure tube was charged with **1a** benzothiazole (27.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2a** benzo[d]oxazole (35.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (8 mg, 0.04 mmol), Co(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (11.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), CH₃COONa (16.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), TEMPO (1.0 equiv./ 2.0 equiv./ 3.0 equiv.) and 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL). The tube was sealed and stirred vigorously at 130 °C for 18 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc,

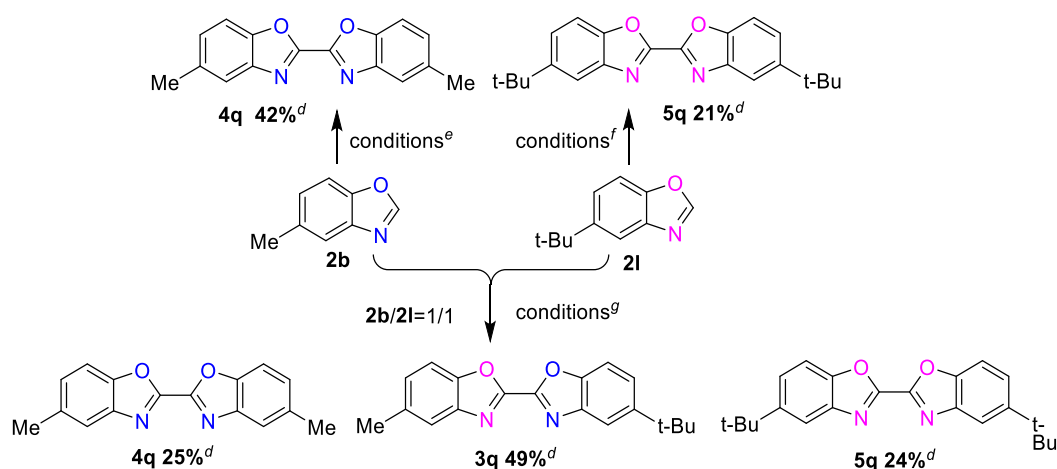
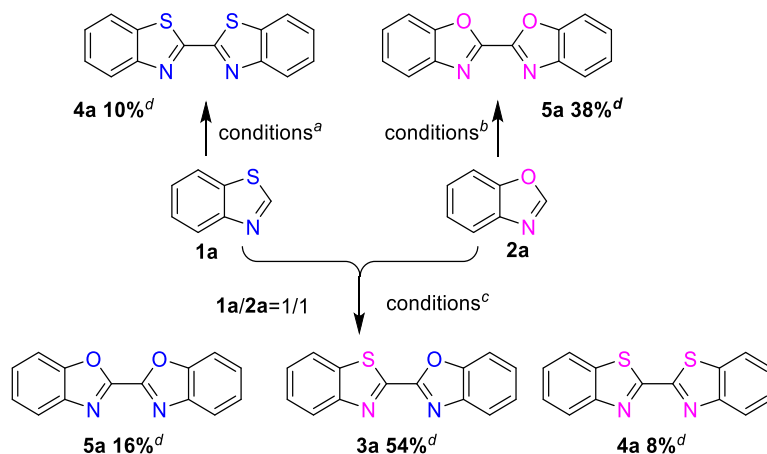
filtered through a celite pad and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was analyzed by ^1H NMR in CDCl_3 using dibromomethane as internal standard.



		product
entry1	No TEMPO	76%
entry2	TEMPO (1.0 equiv)	68%
entry3	TEMPO (2.0 equiv)	64%
entry4	TEMPO (3.0 equiv)	65%

Scheme S1. Radical Trapping Experiment

2.4 Cobalt-Copper Cocatalyzed Self-coupling and Cross-coupling Control Experiments



Scheme S2. Cobalt-Copper Cocatalyzed Self-coupling and Cross-coupling Control

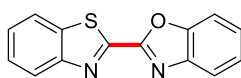
Experiments

^a Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ • H₂O (8 mg, 0.04 mmol), Co(NO₃)₂ • 6H₂O (11.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), CH₃COONa (16.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL), air, 130 °C, 18 h. ^b Reaction Conditions: **2a** (0.4 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ • H₂O (8 mg, 0.04 mmol), Co(NO₃)₂ • 6H₂O (11.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), CH₃COONa (16.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL), air, 130 °C, 18 h. ^c Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ • H₂O (8 mg, 0.04 mmol), Co(NO₃)₂ • 6H₂O (11.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), CH₃COONa (16.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL), air, 130 °C, 18 h. ^d Crude ¹H NMR yields determined by using dibromomethane as an internal standard. ^e Reaction Conditions: **2b** (0.4 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ • H₂O (8 mg, 0.04 mmol), Co(NO₃)₂ • 6H₂O (11.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), CH₃COONa (16.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL), air, 130 °C, 18 h. ^f Reaction Conditions: **2l** (0.4 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ • H₂O (8 mg, 0.04 mmol), Co(NO₃)₂ • 6H₂O (11.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), CH₃COONa (16.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL), air, 130 °C, 18 h. ^g Reaction conditions: **2b** (0.2 mmol), **2l** (0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ • H₂O (8 mg, 0.04 mmol), Co(NO₃)₂ • 6H₂O (11.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), CH₃COONa (16.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), 1-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.8 mL), air, 130 °C, 18 h.

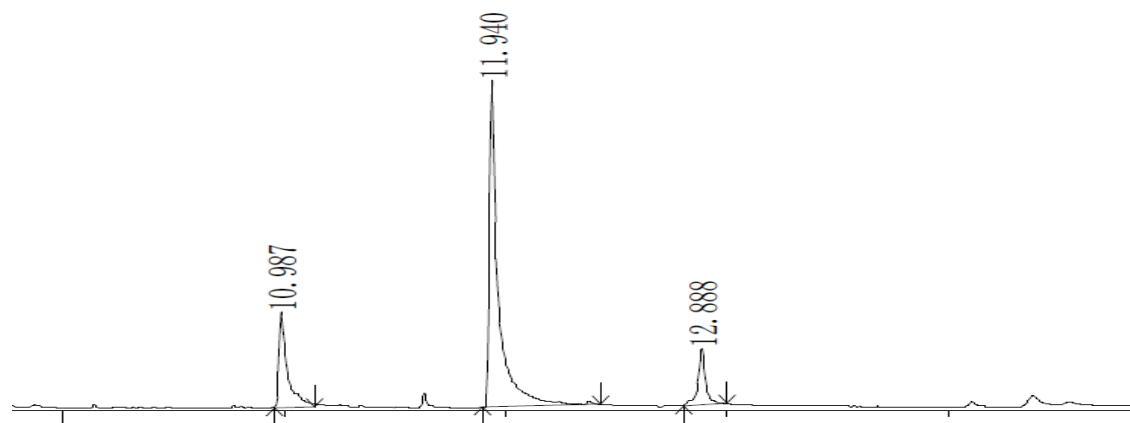
When the two reactants **1a** and **2a** were added in a ratio of 1/1, the cross-coupling product **3a**

was achieved with the yield of 54%, and the yields of the self-coupling product were 8% and 16%, respectively (GC-MS data can also initially show that the cross-coupling product **3a** is the major product). When only one of the reactants **1a** or **2a** was added, self-coupling product was obtained with yields of 10% and 38%, respectively. It is shown that this reaction tends to inhibit the self-coupling reaction and preferentially generates a cross-coupling product under these Co-Cu co-catalyzed conditions. However, when **2b** 5-Me benzoxazole and **2l** 5-t-Bu benzoxazole were added in a ratio of 1/1, there were no cross-coupling reaction selectivity, suggesting that the cross-coupling selectivity of the reaction involved the difference in the substrates.

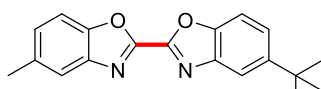
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2	11.940	11.895	12.430	90082909	70.59	31511773	68.35	2.86
3	12.888	12.805	13.000	13325183	10.44	5416247	11.75	2.46
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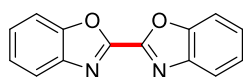
3a



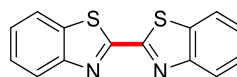
	Retention time	I. Time	F. Time	Peak area	Peak area%	Peak height	Peak Peak%	Area/Height
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2	13.217	13.165	13.405	99348177	47.44	41458108	45.46	2.40 MI
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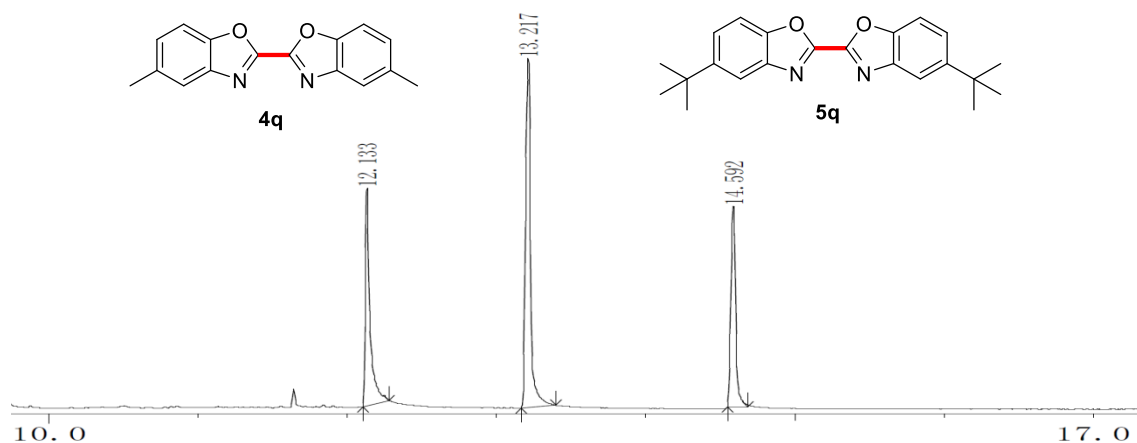
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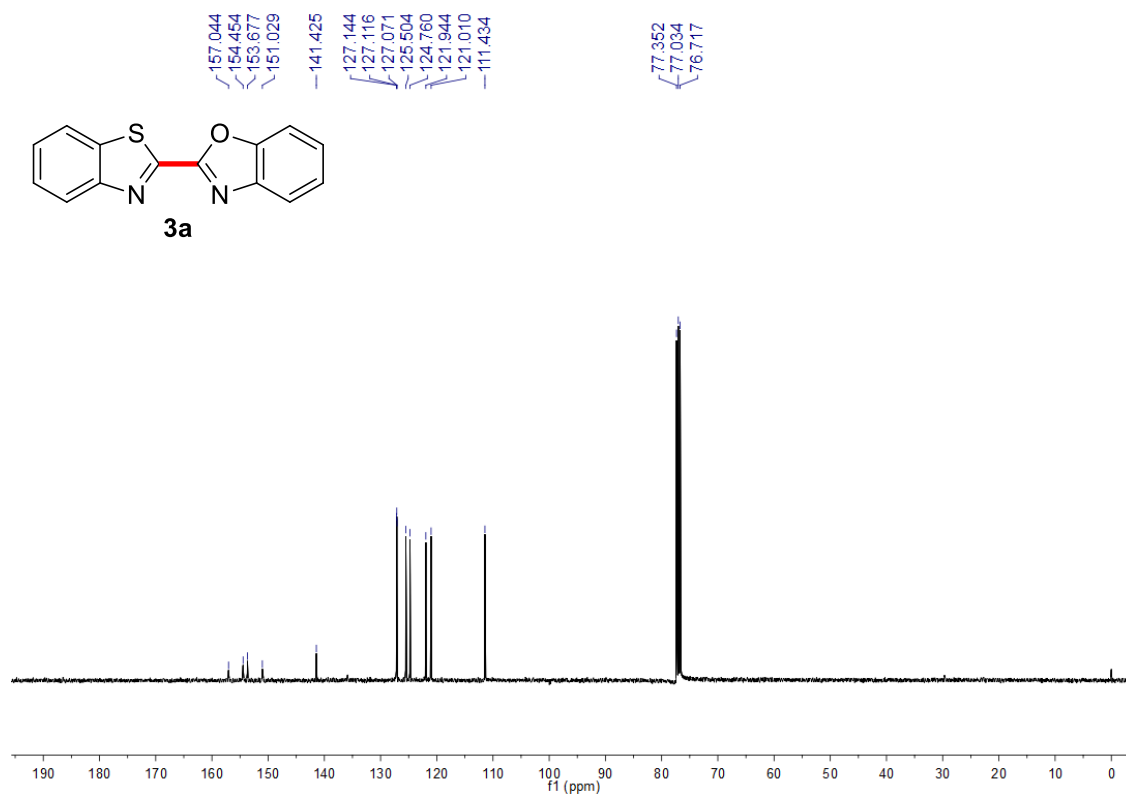
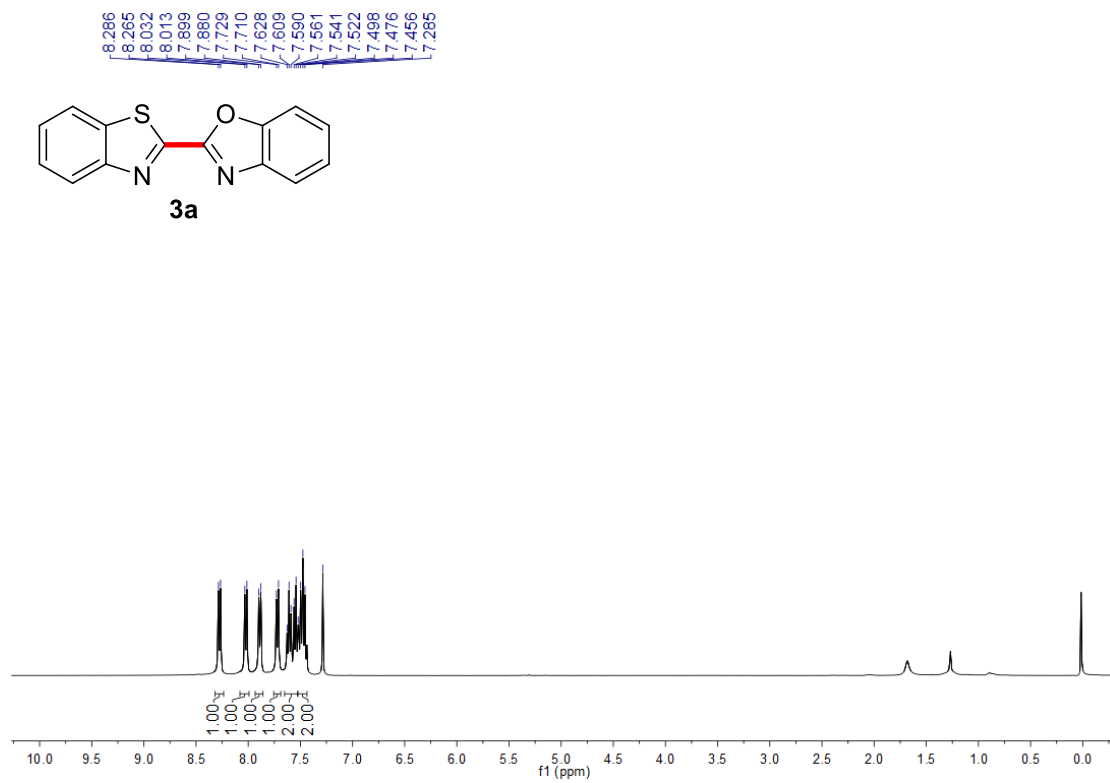


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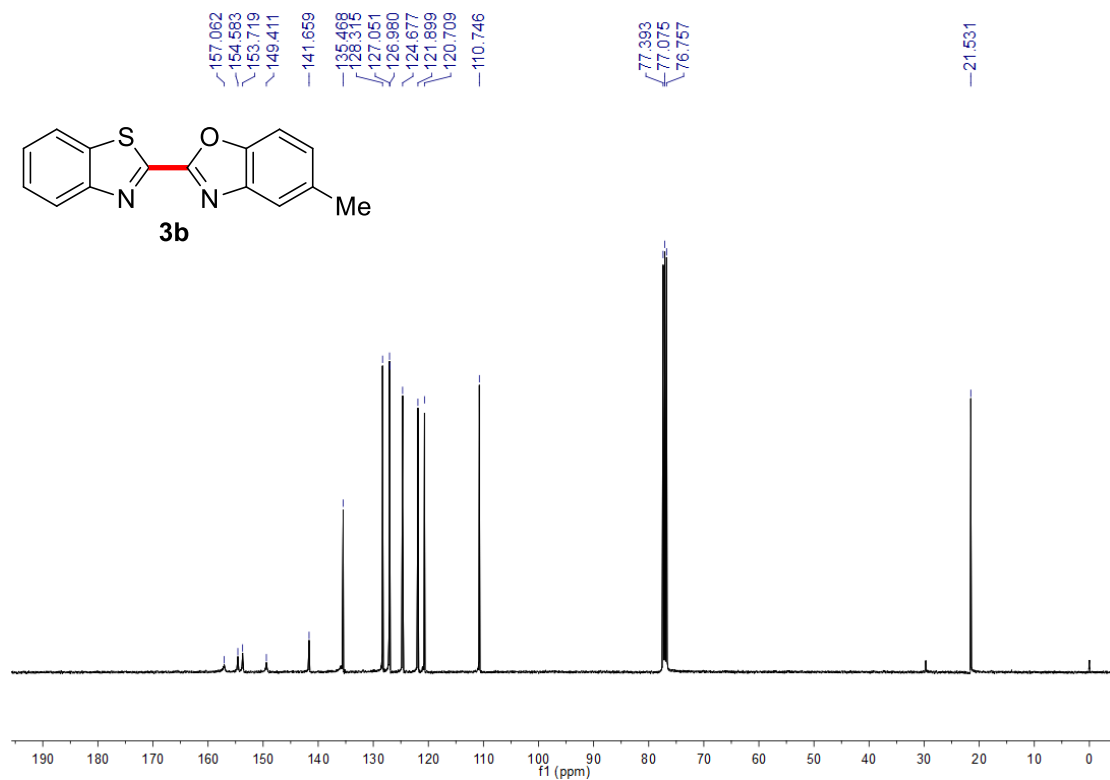
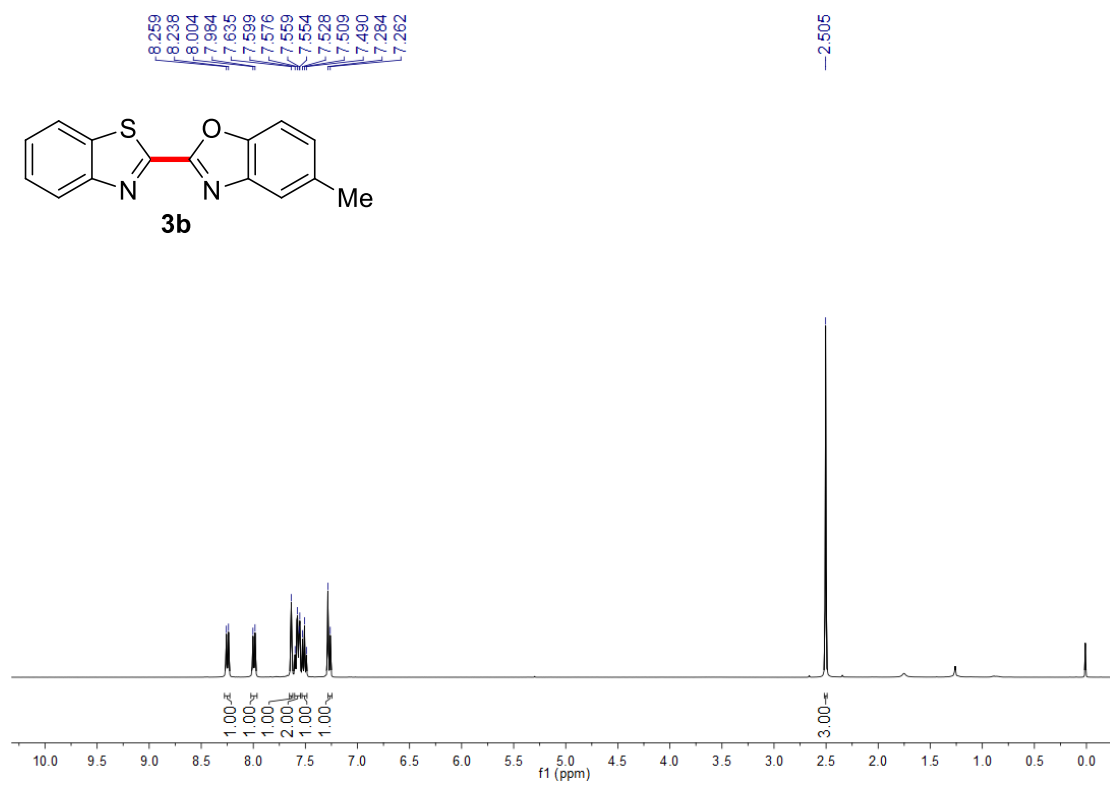
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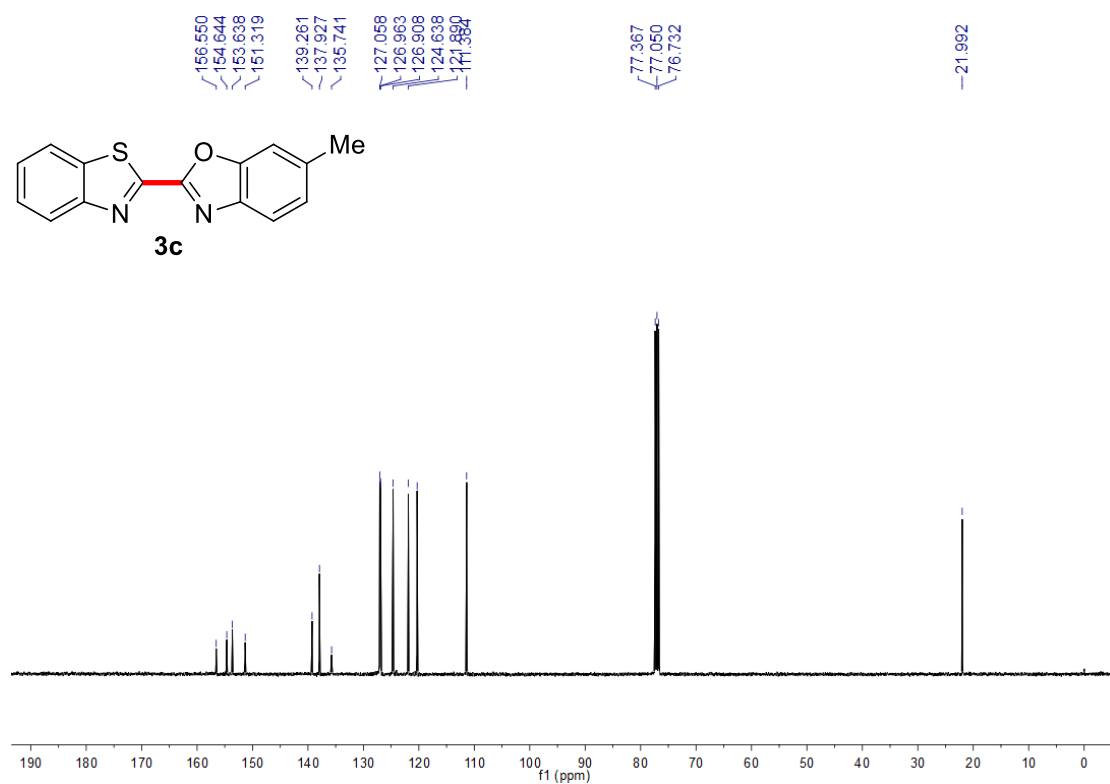
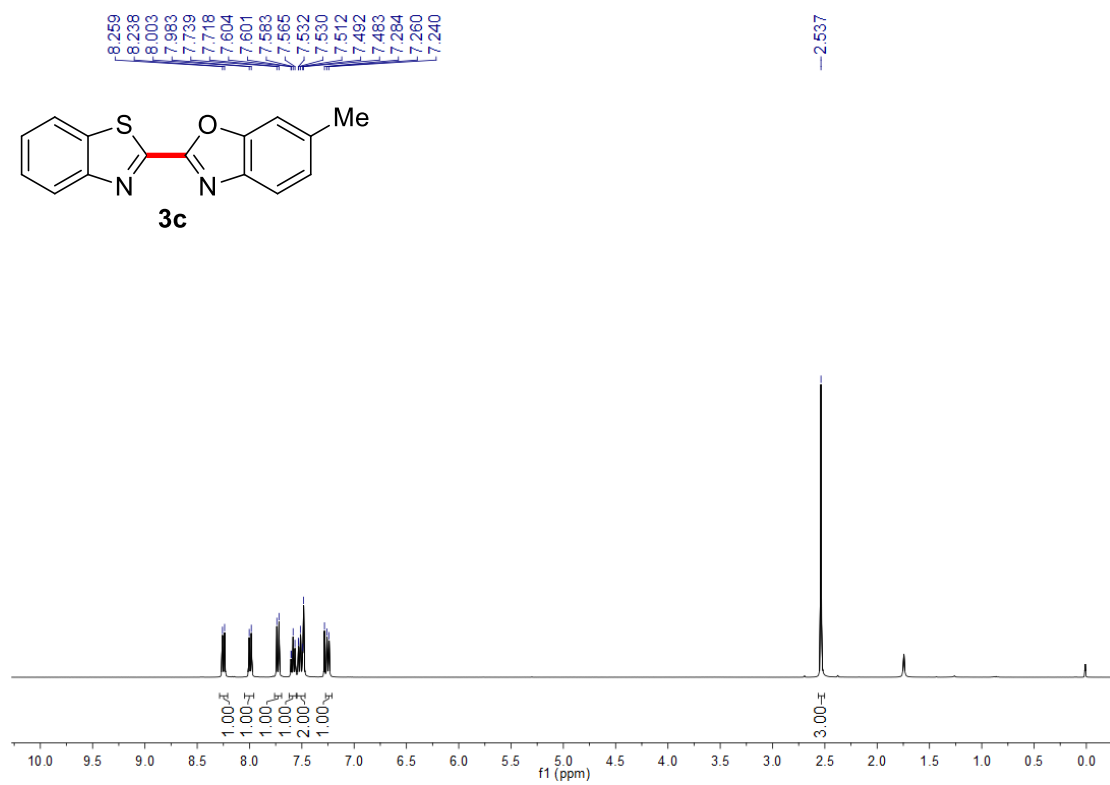
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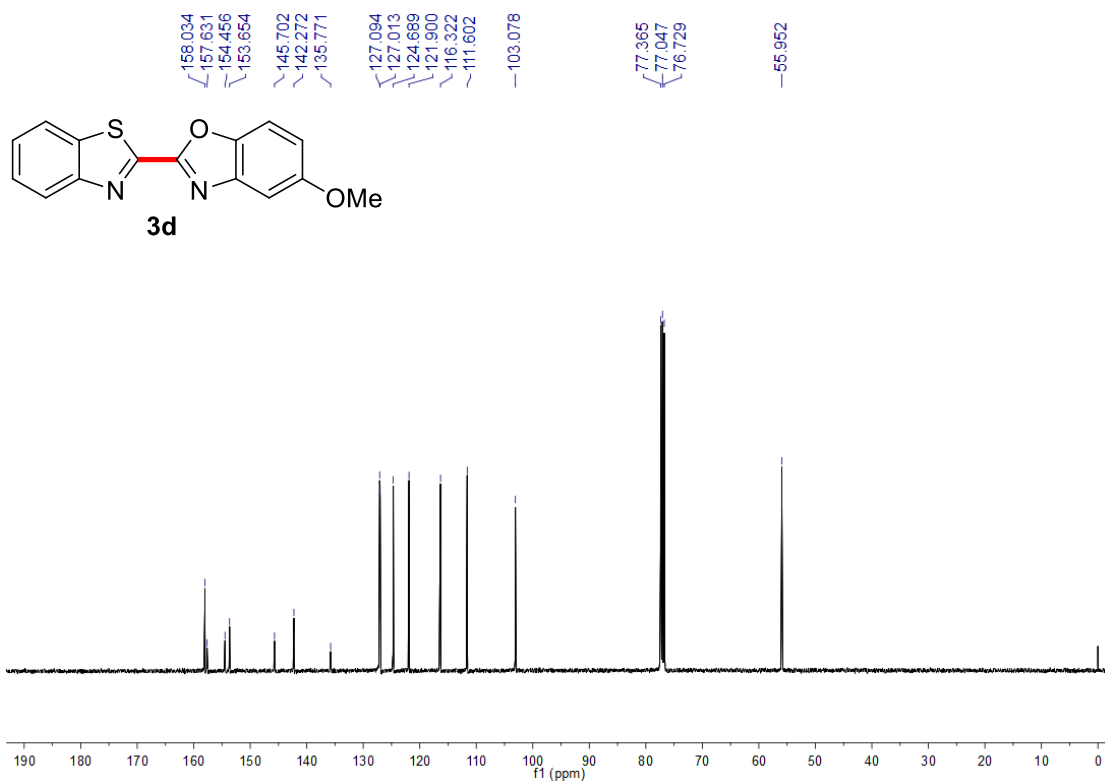
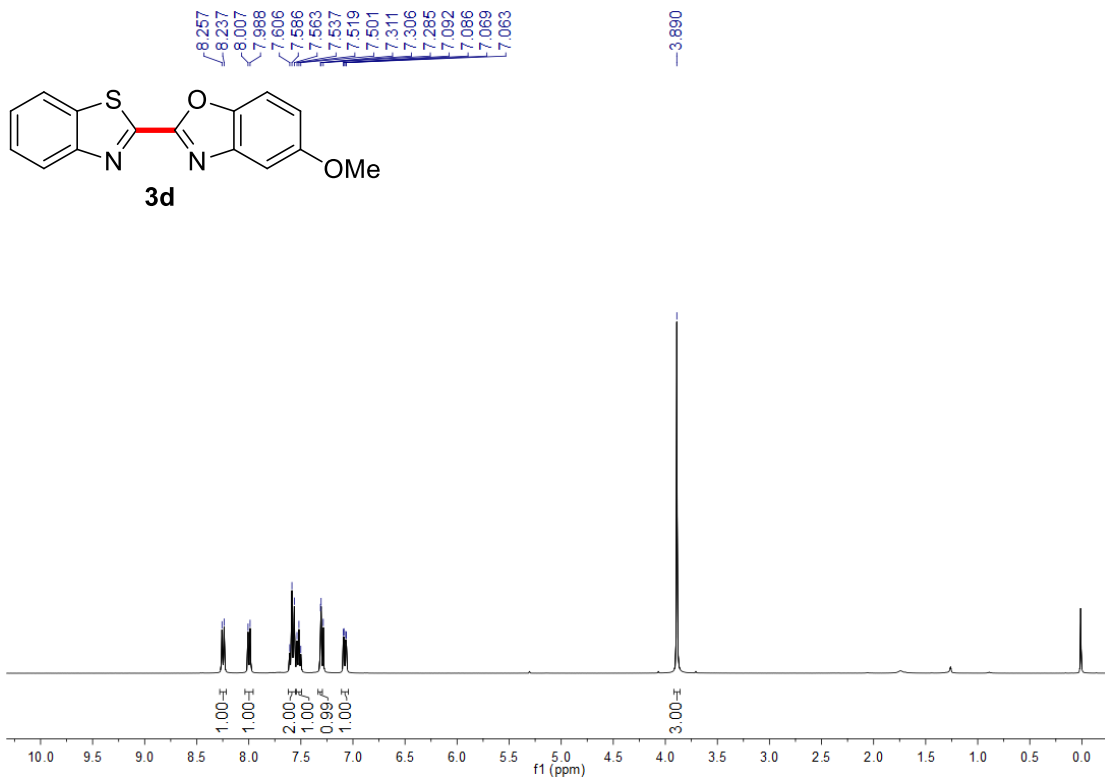
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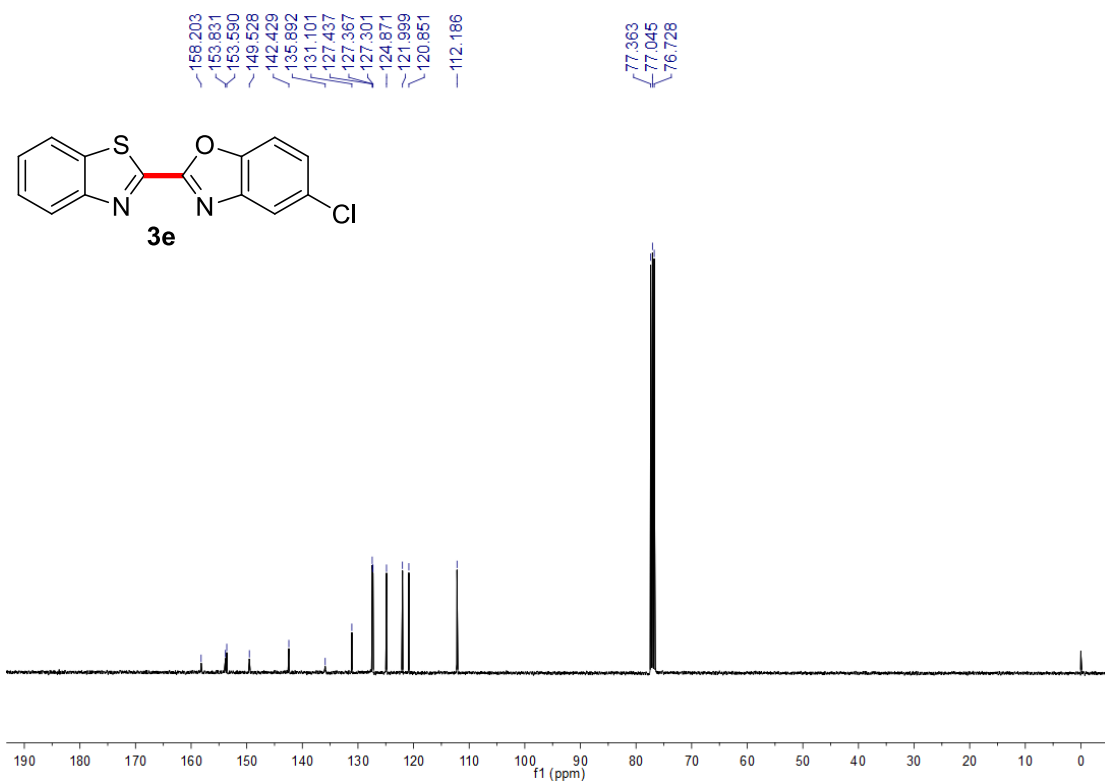
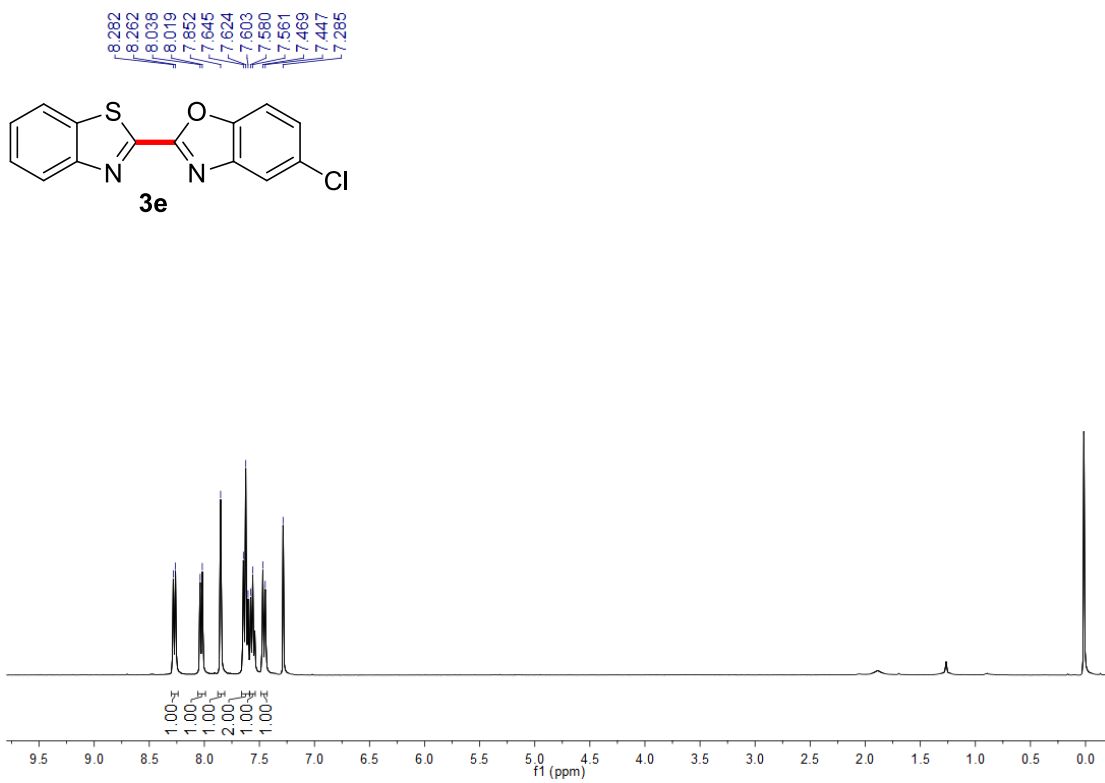
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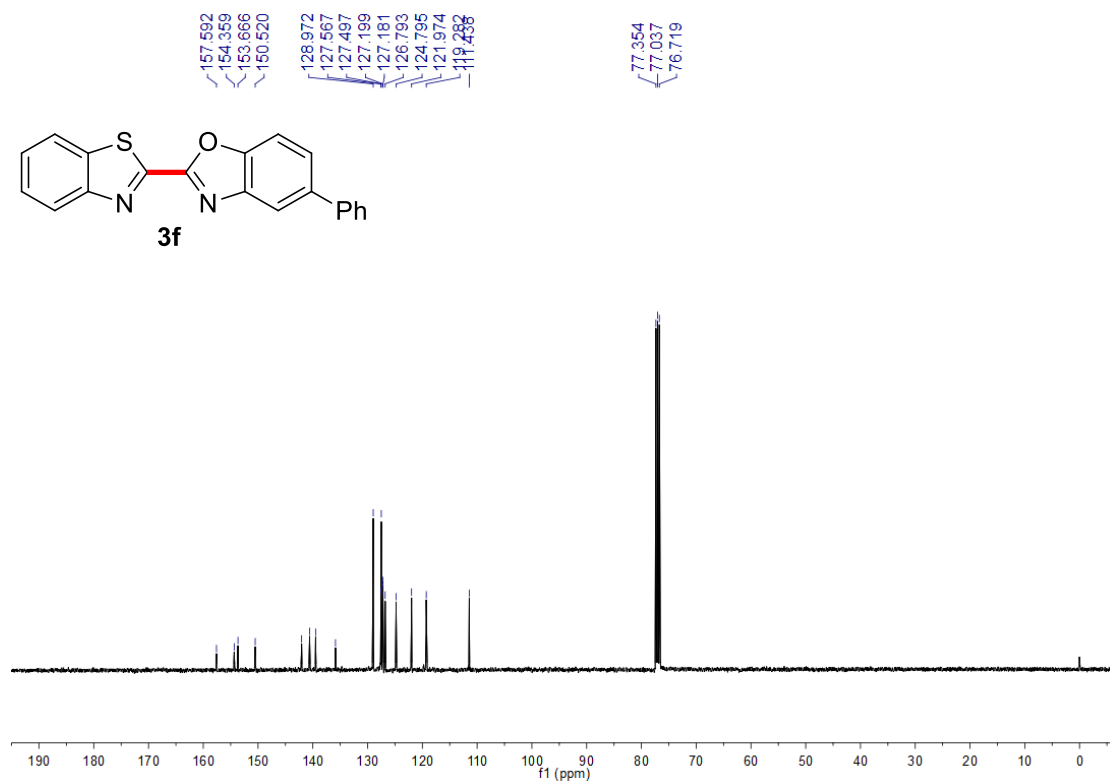
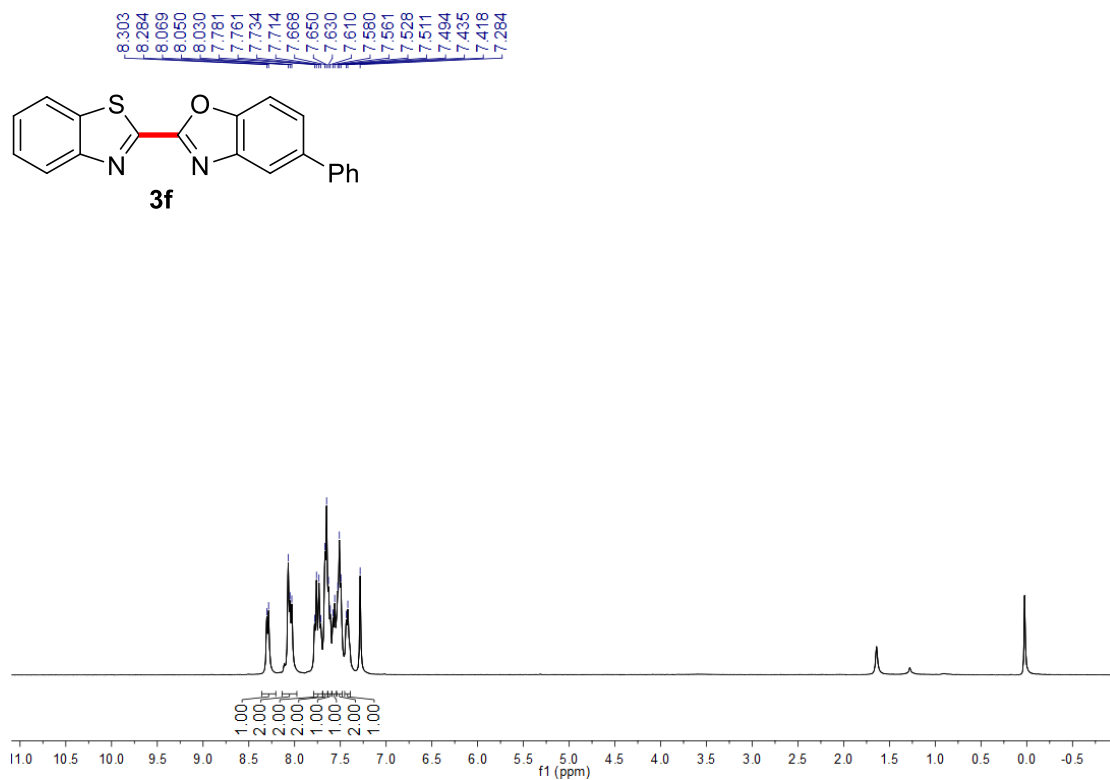
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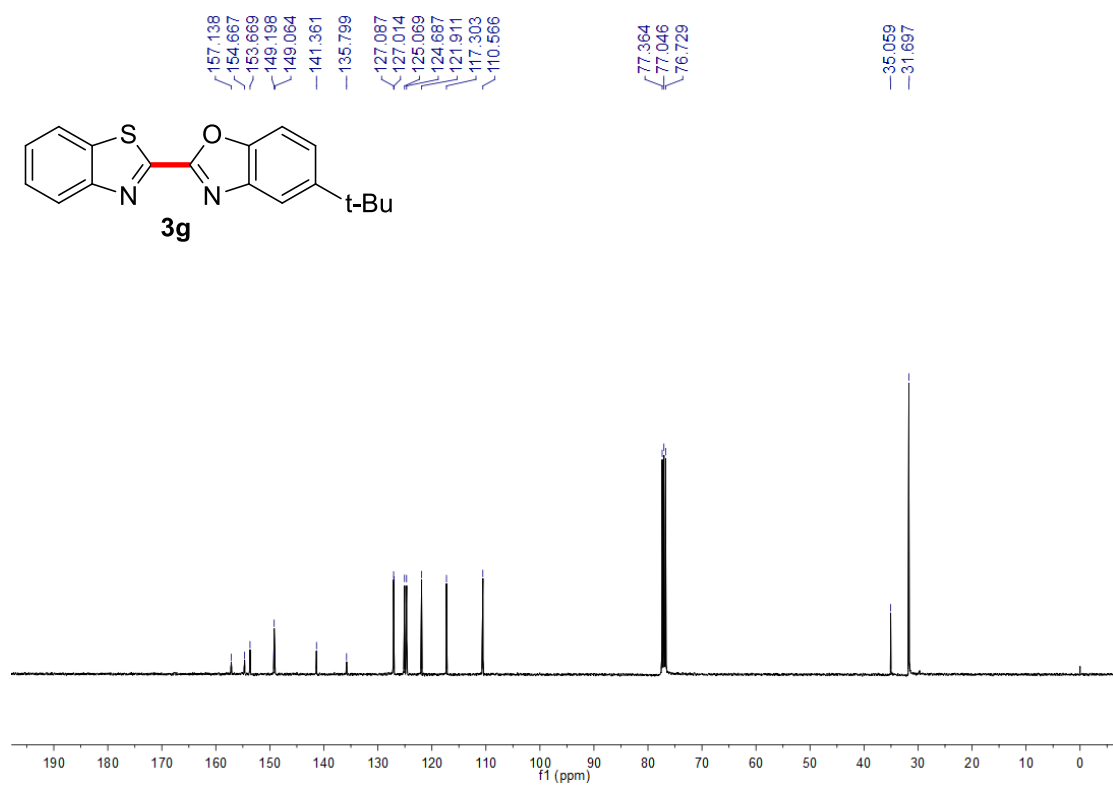
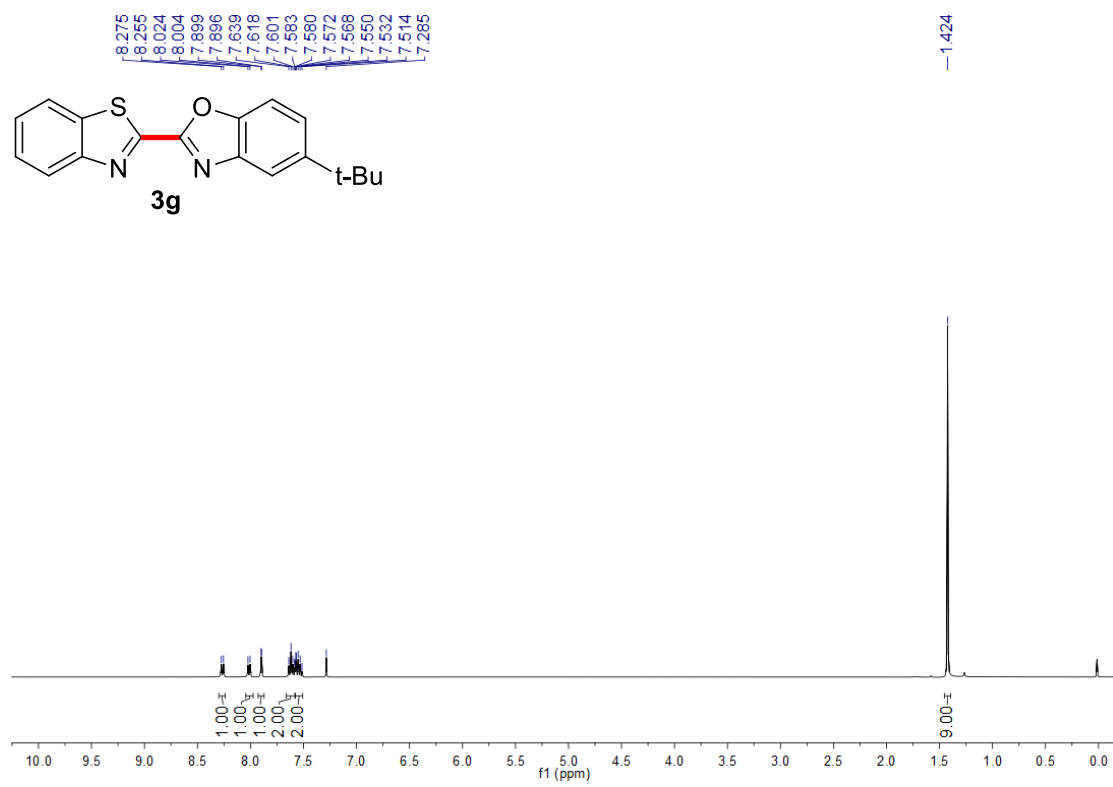
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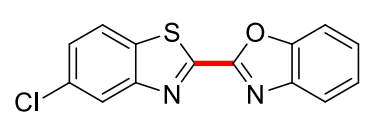
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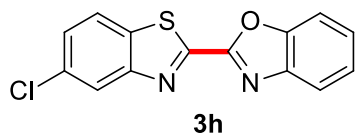
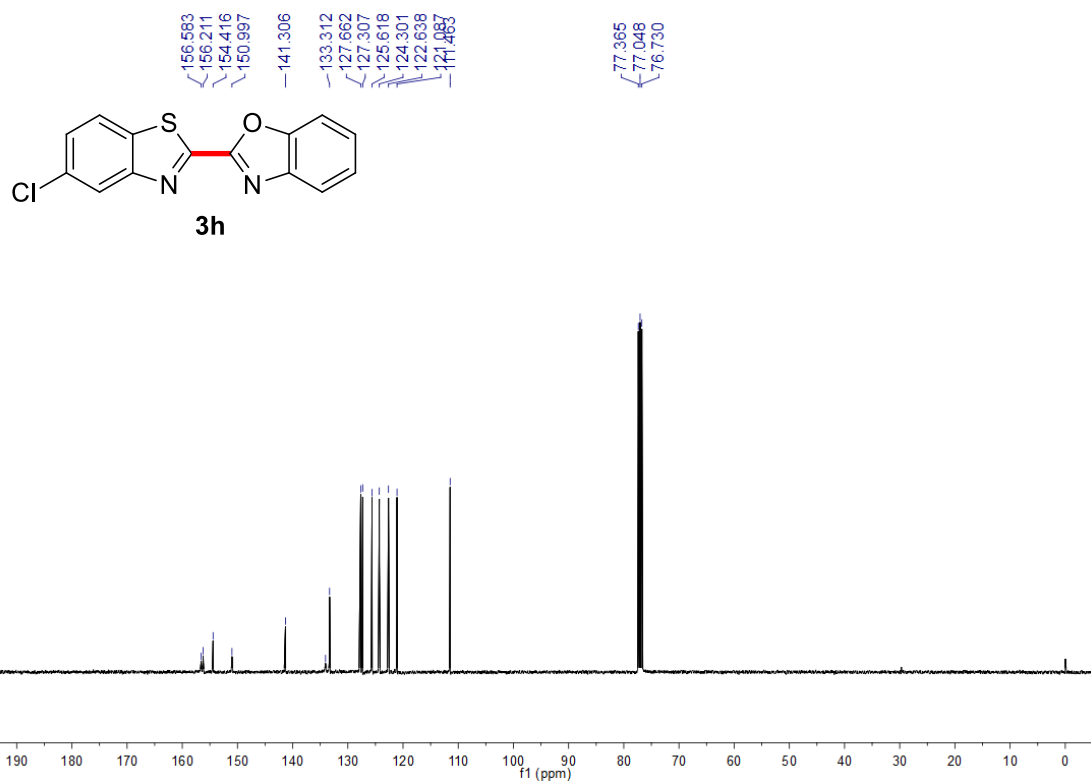
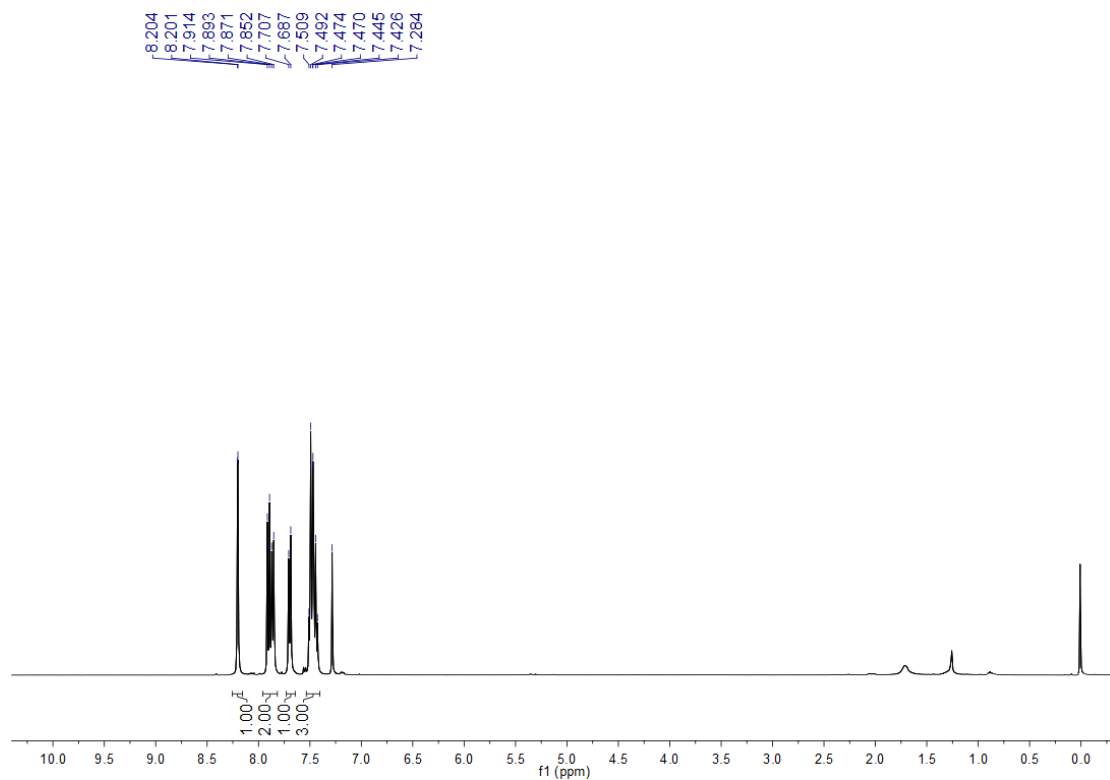


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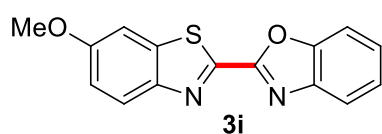


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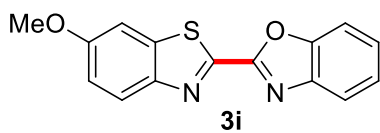
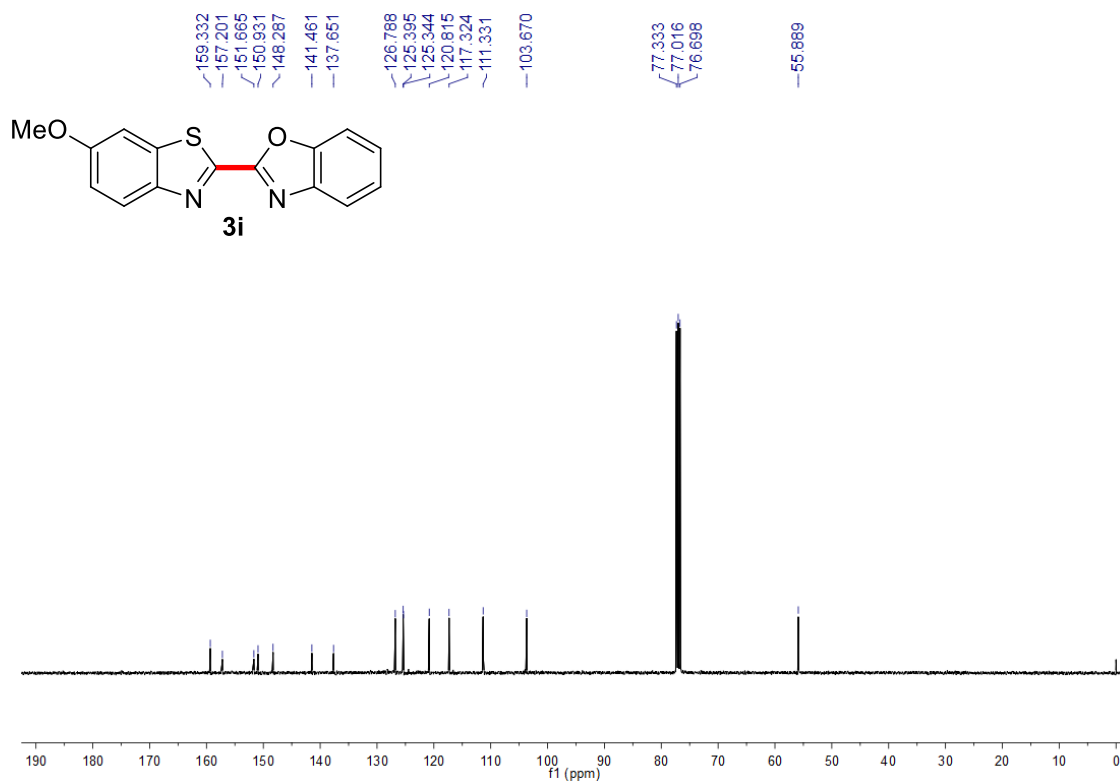
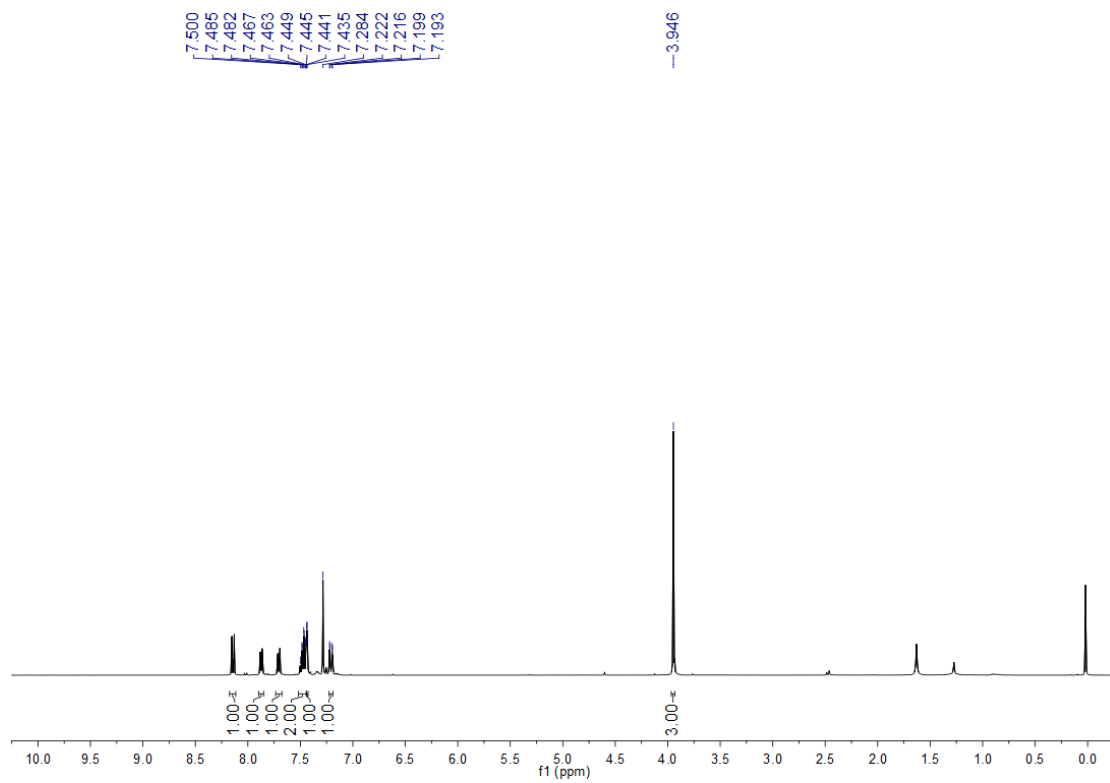




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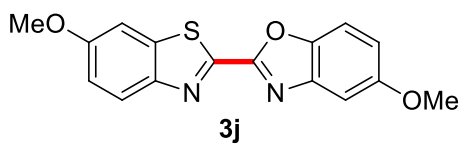
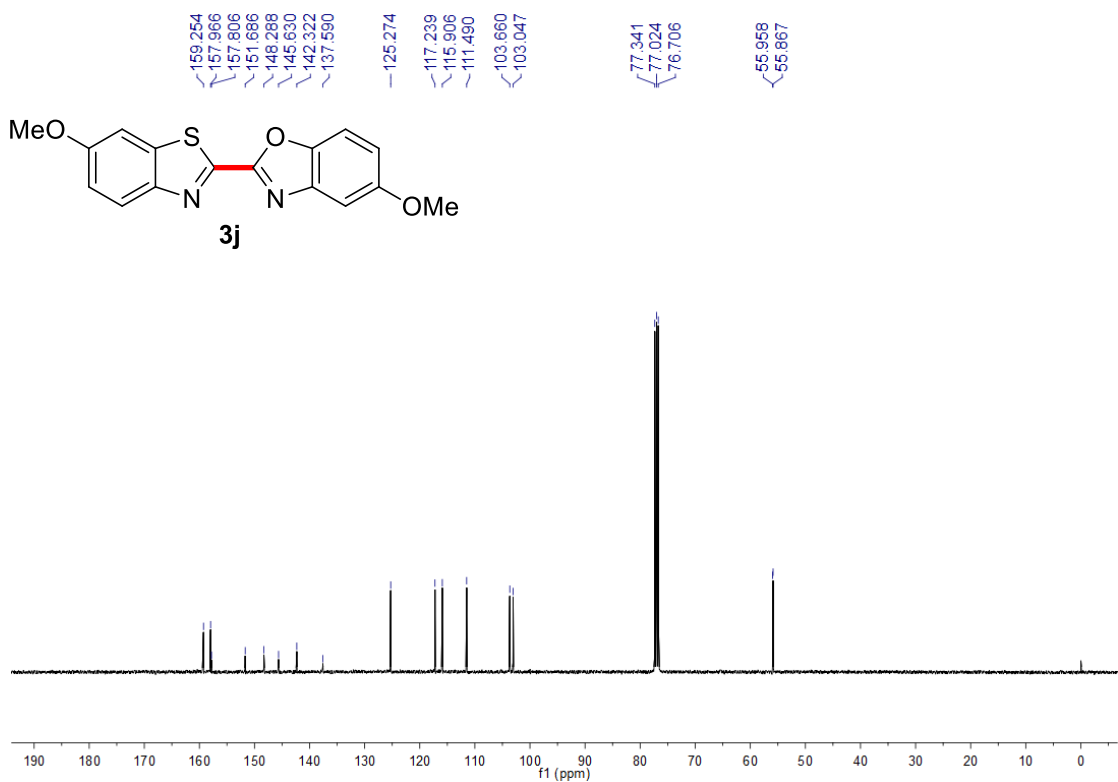
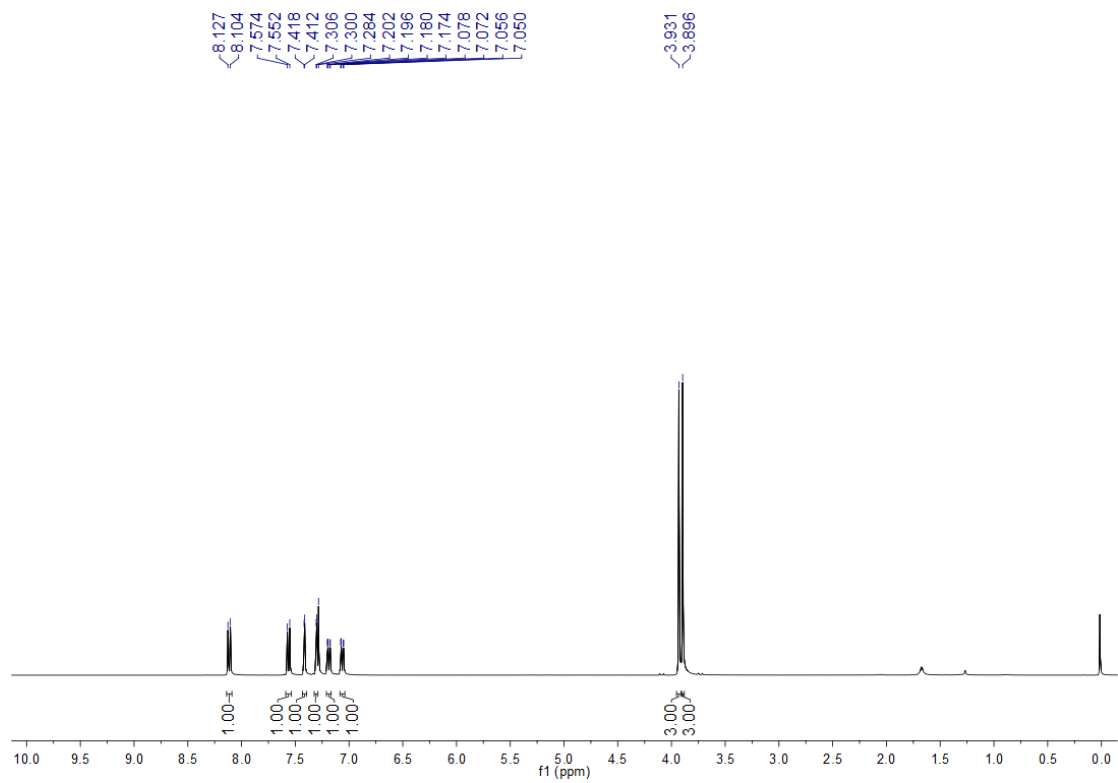
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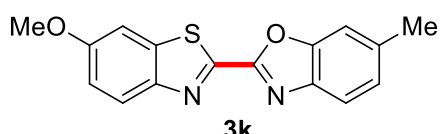
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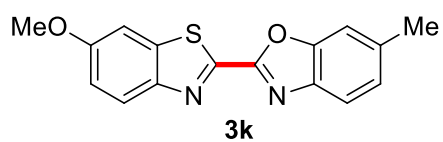
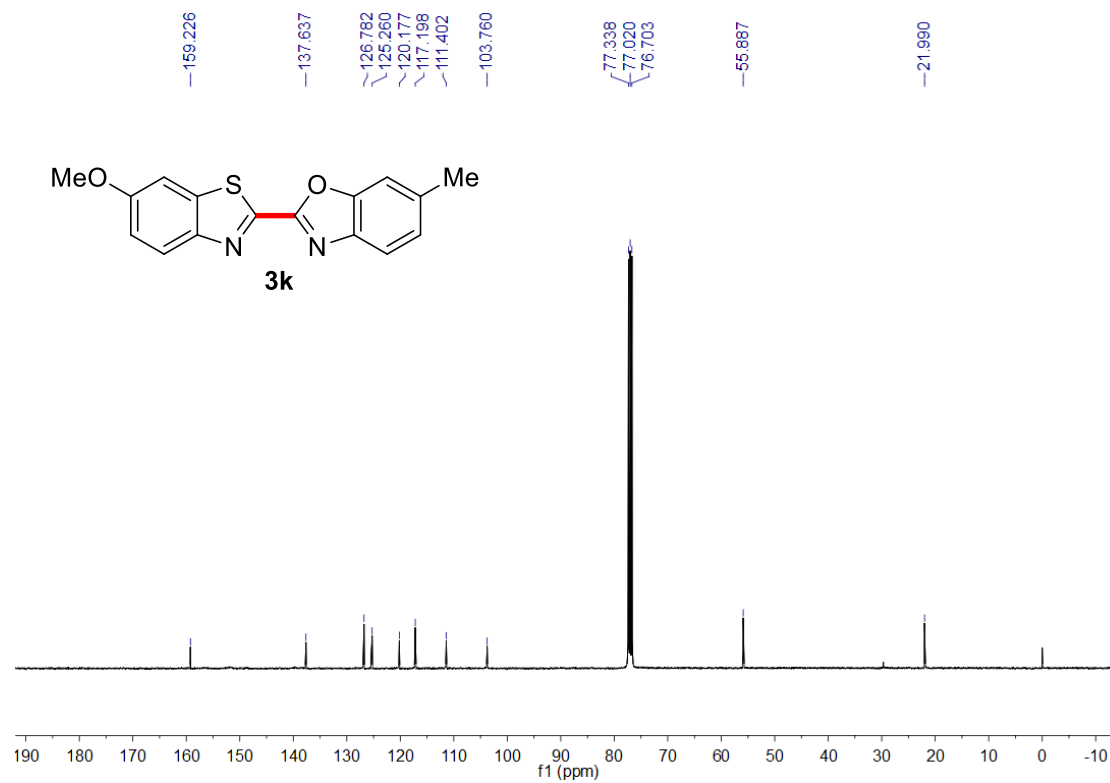
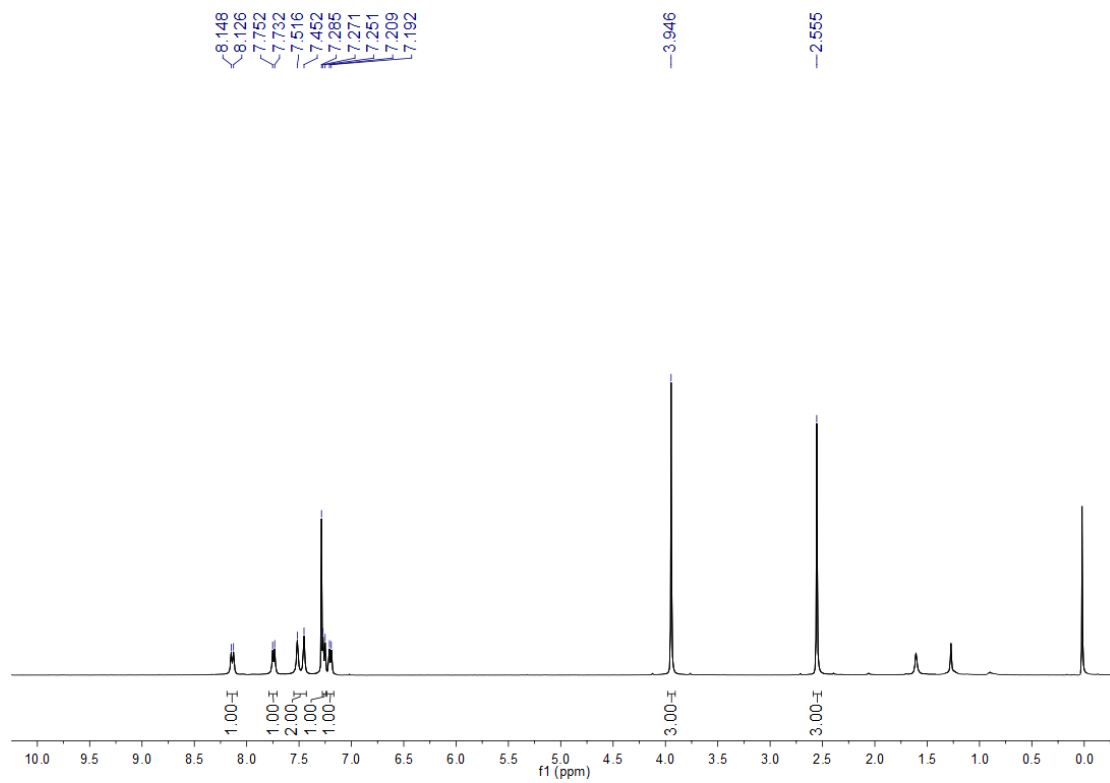
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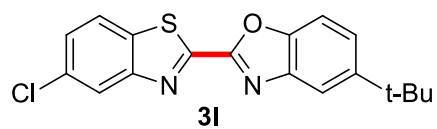


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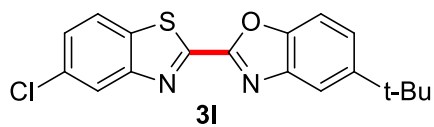
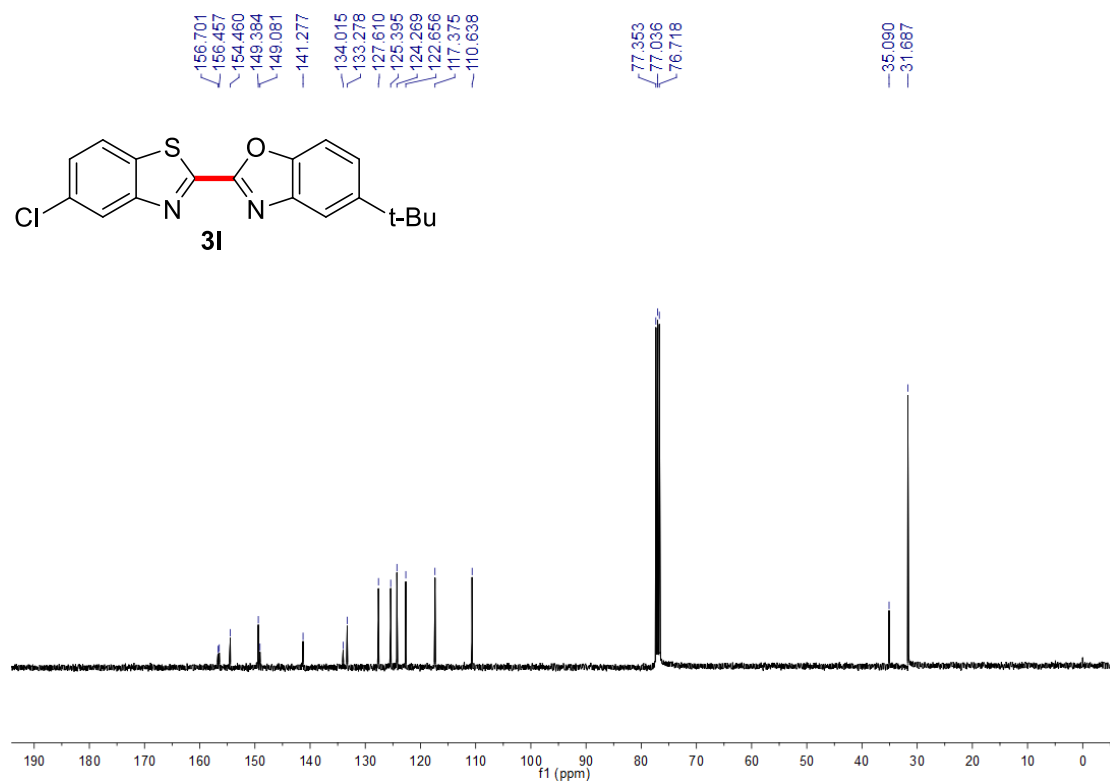
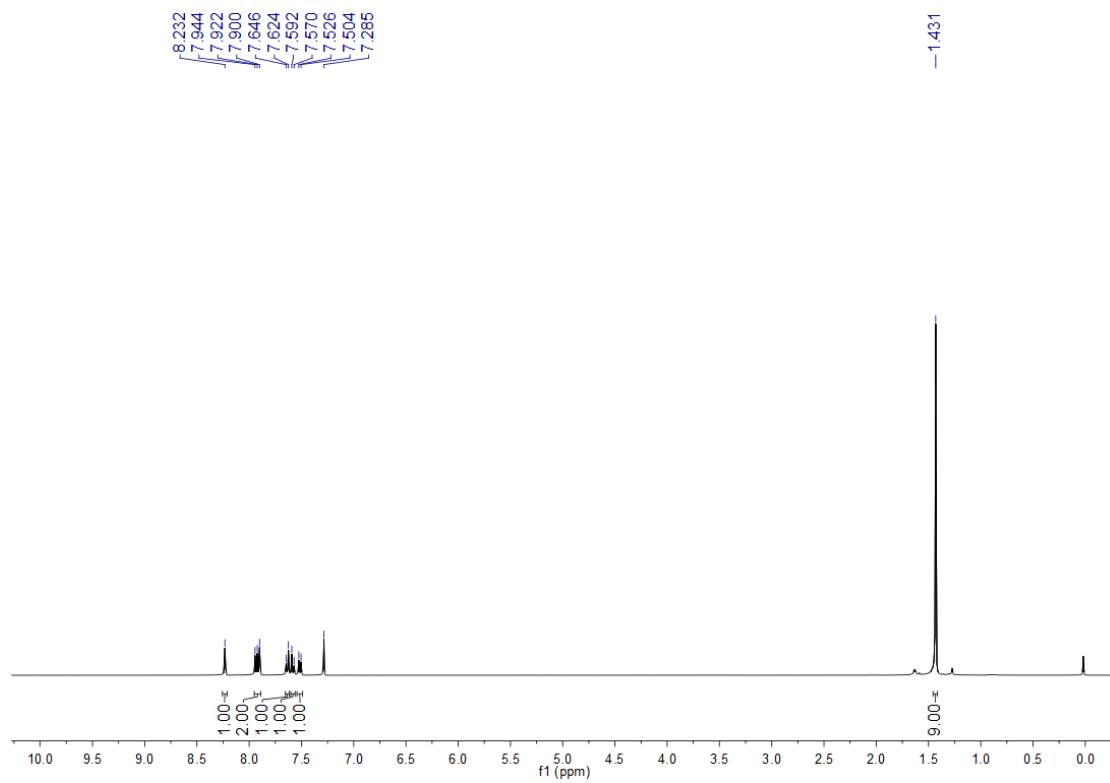




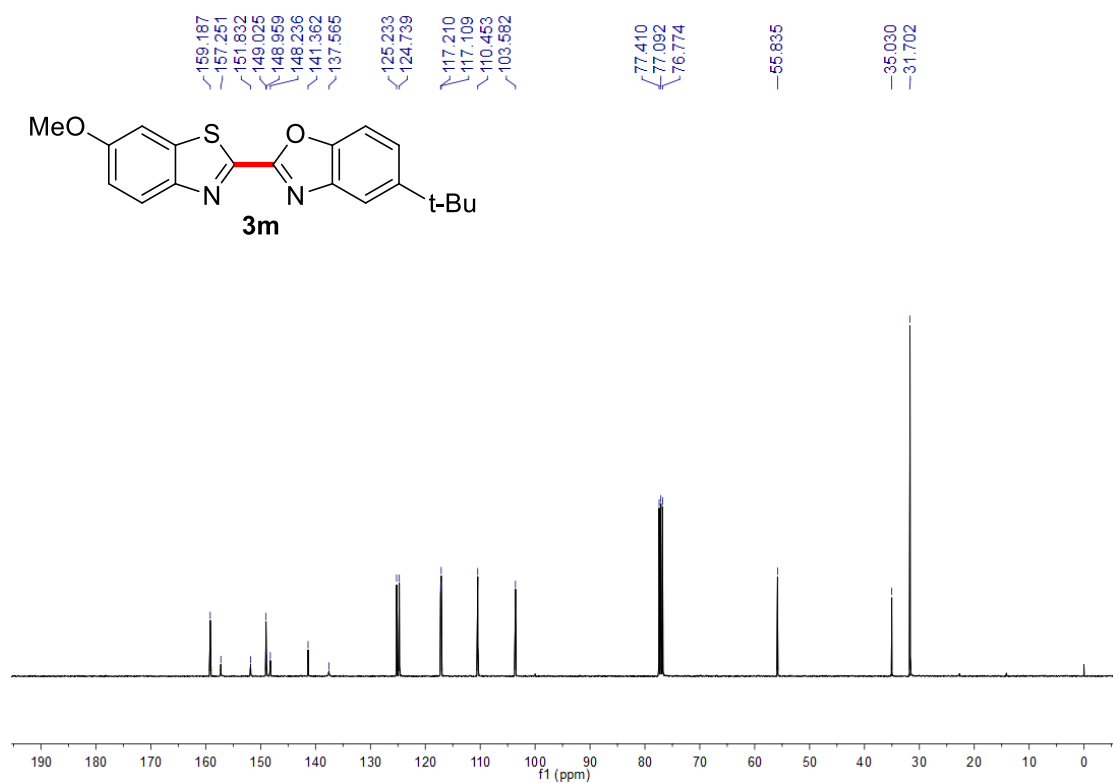
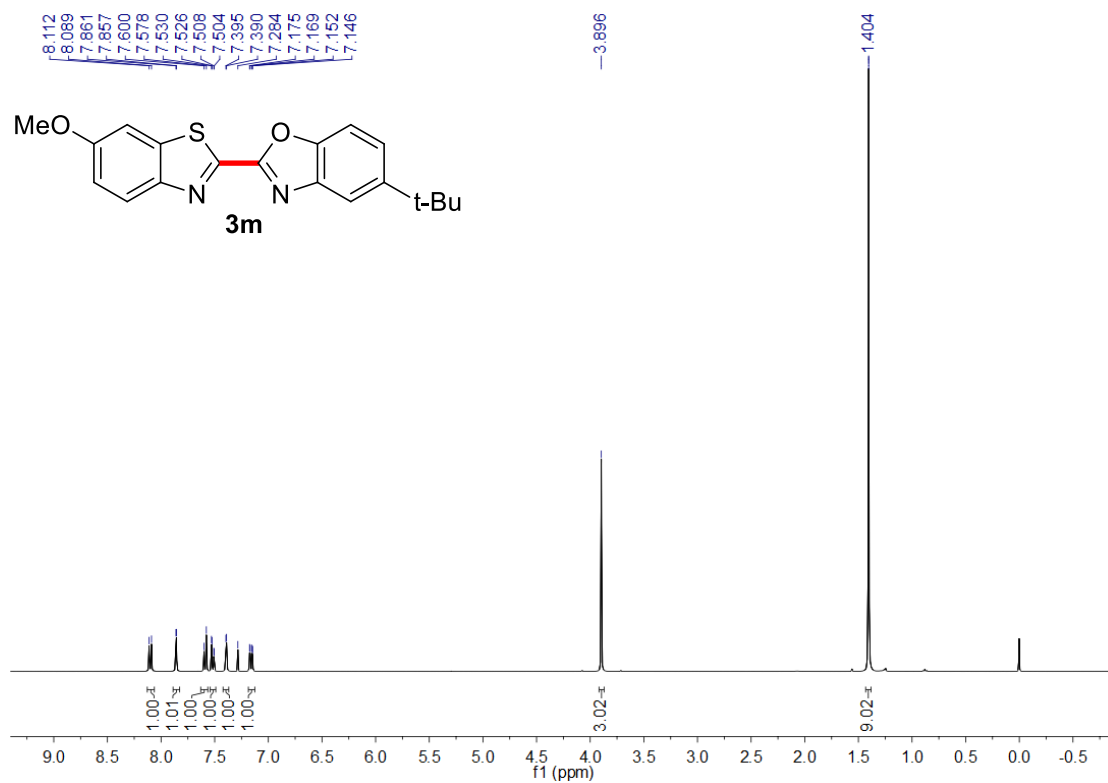
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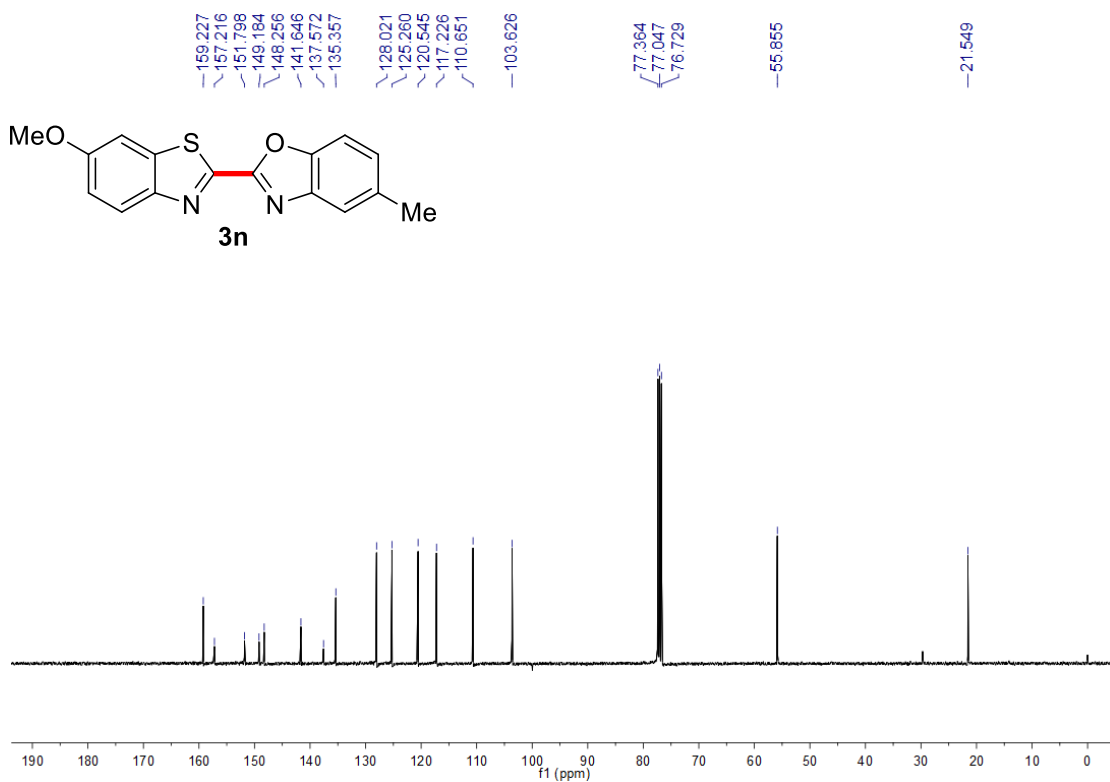
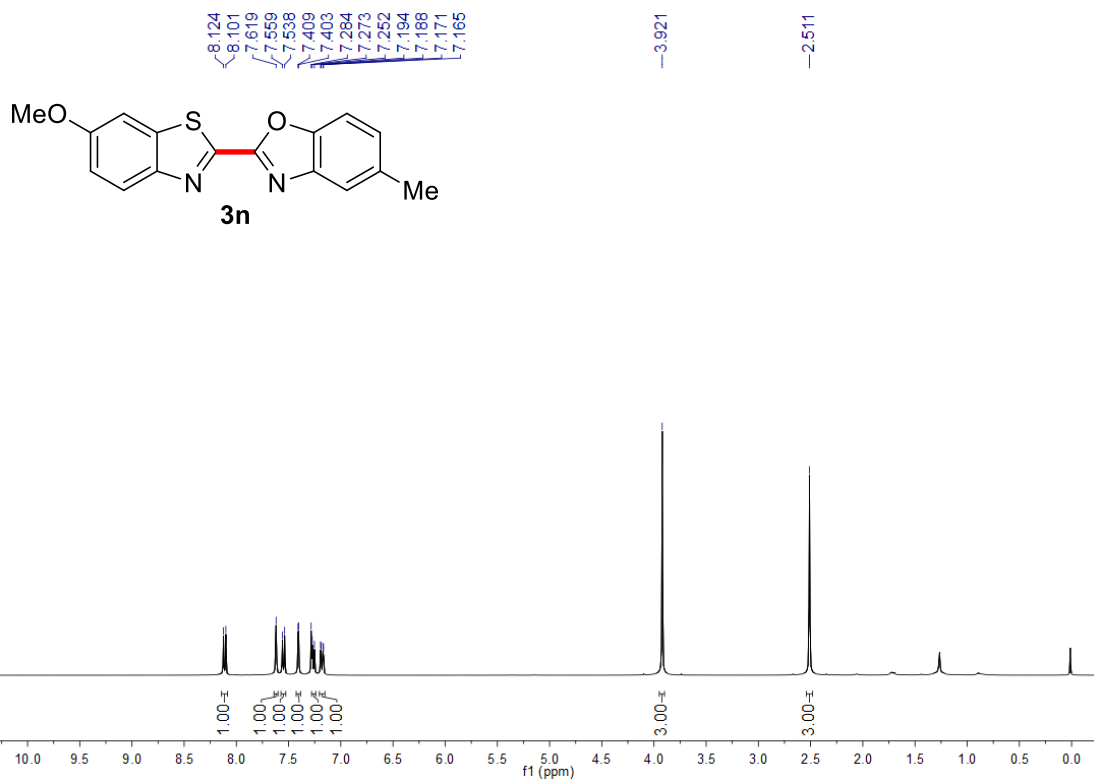
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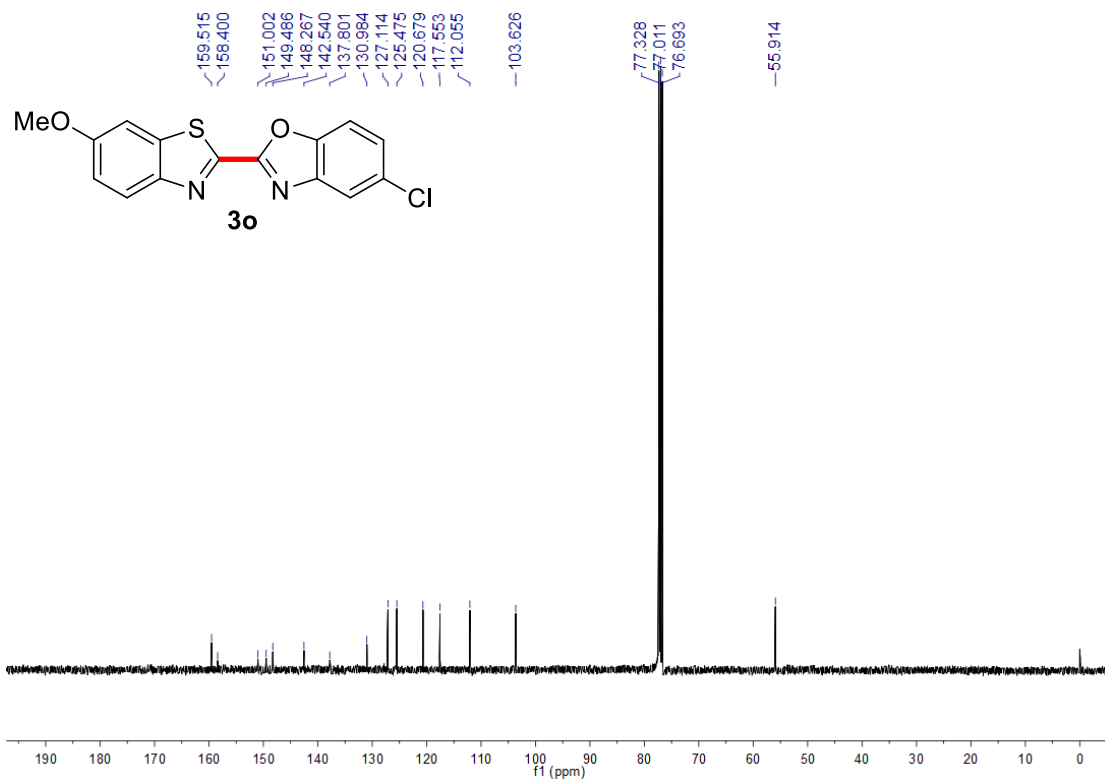
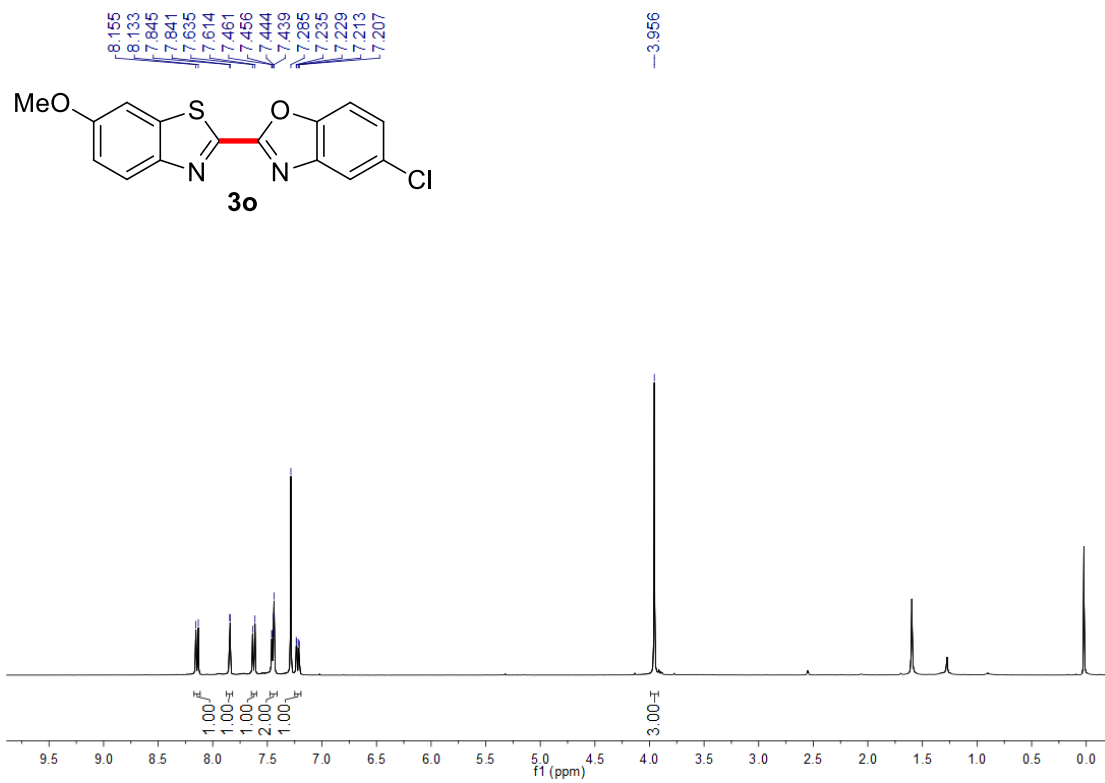
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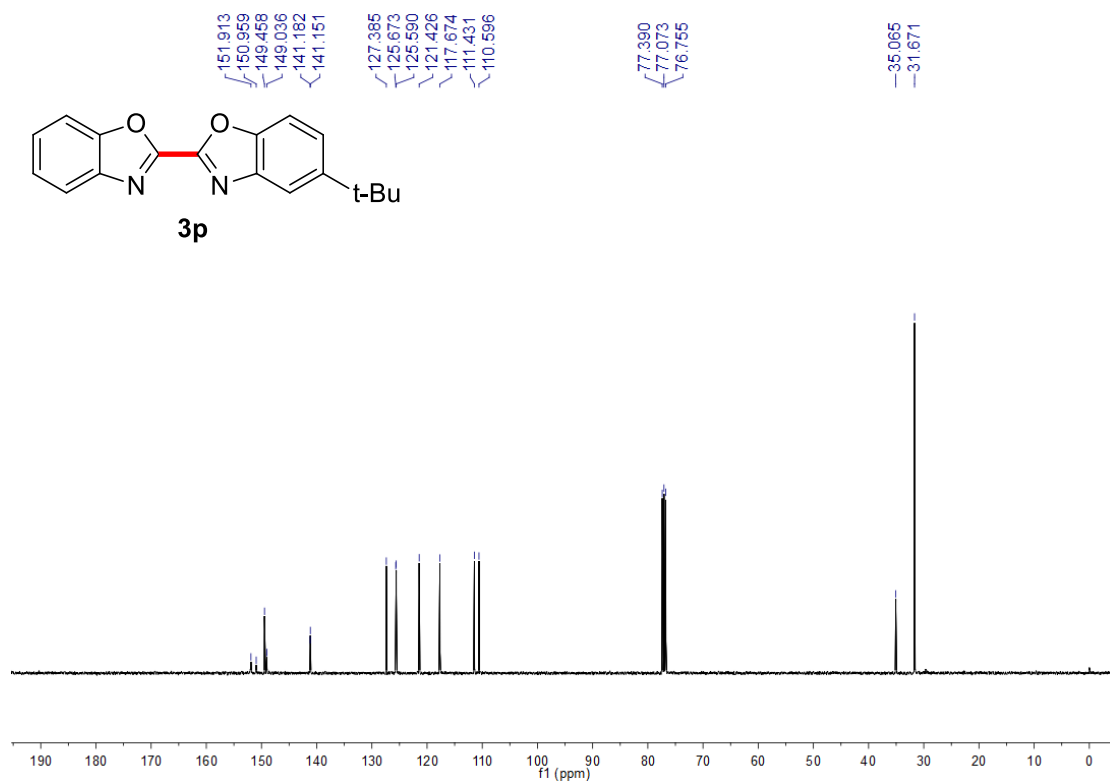
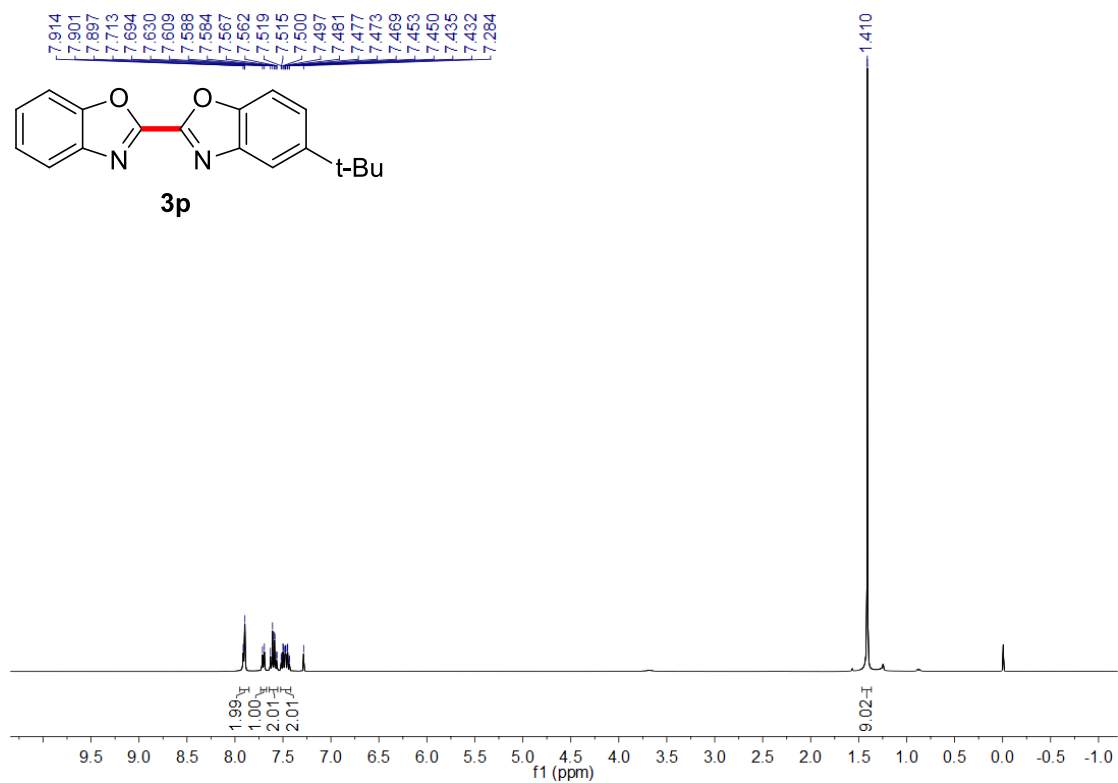
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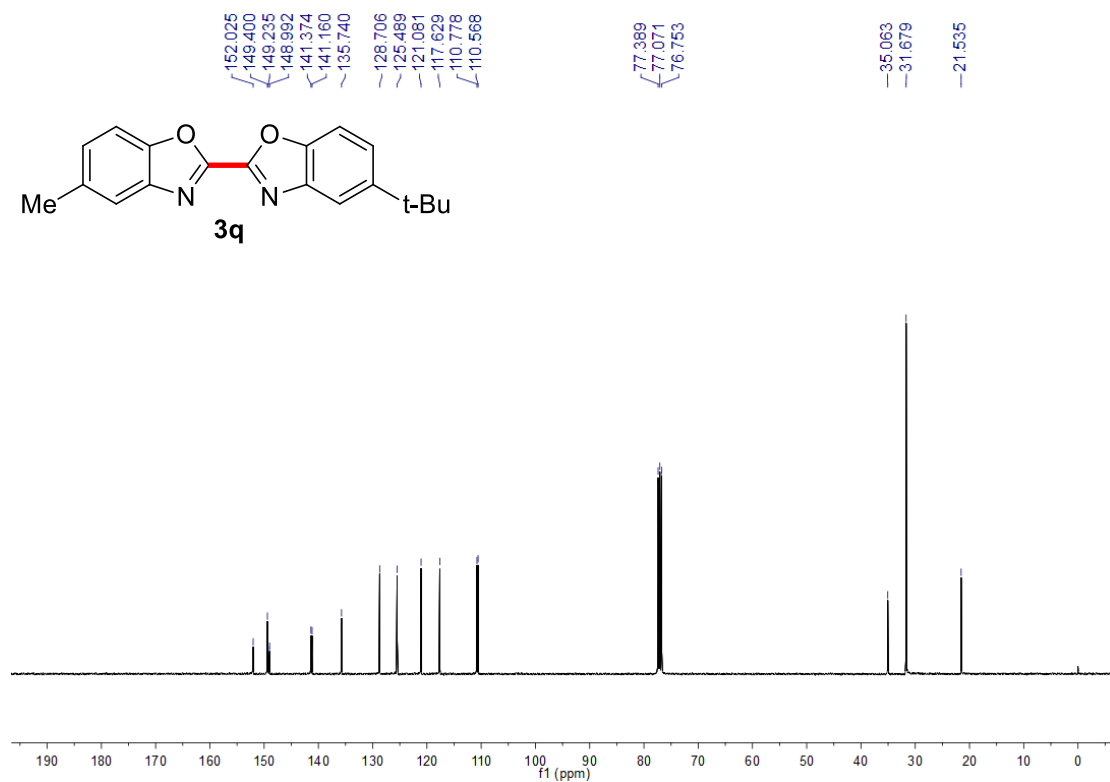
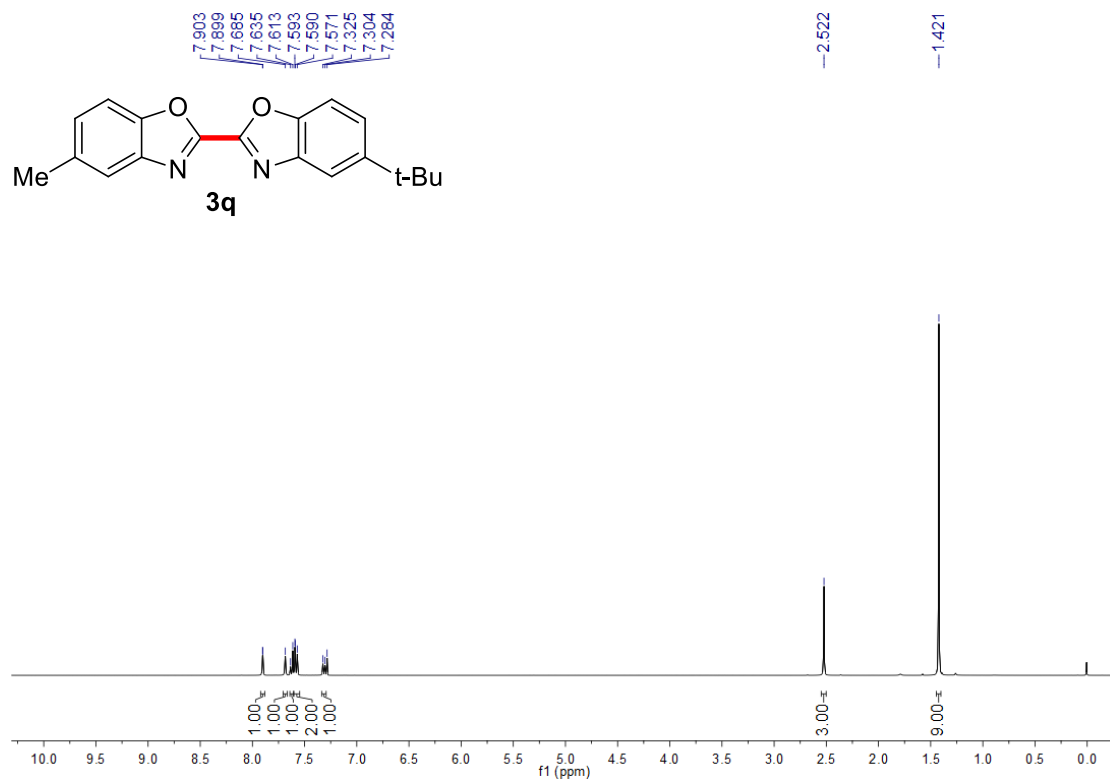
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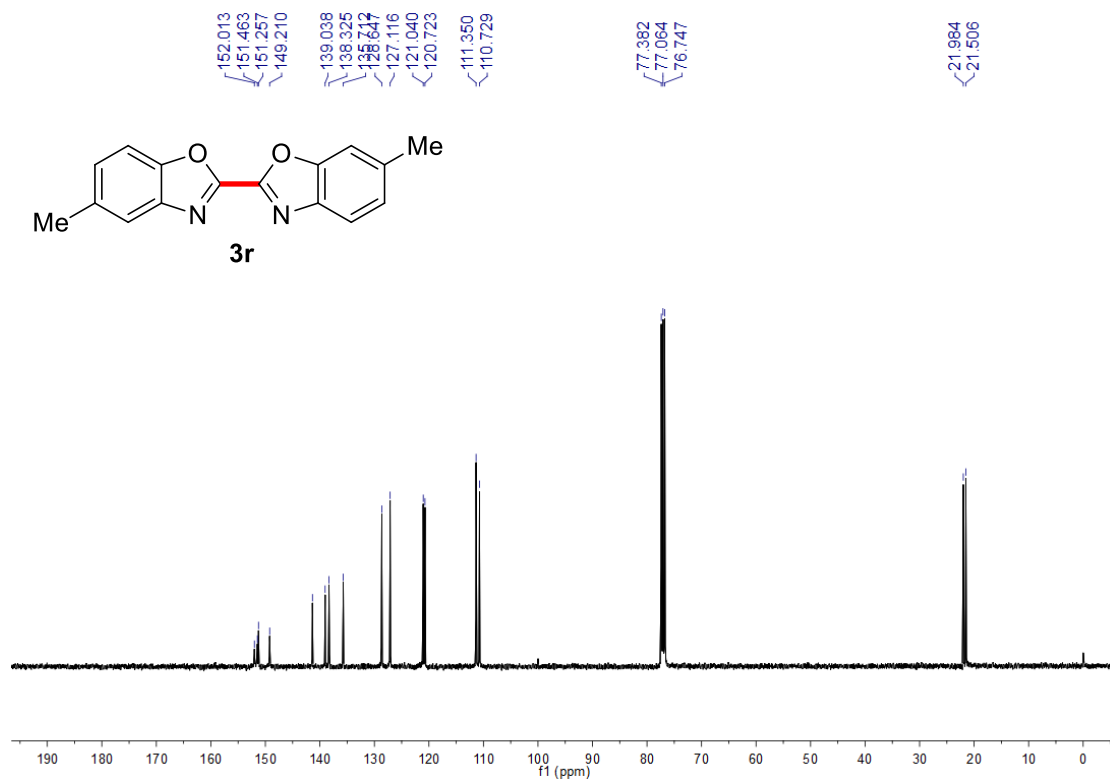
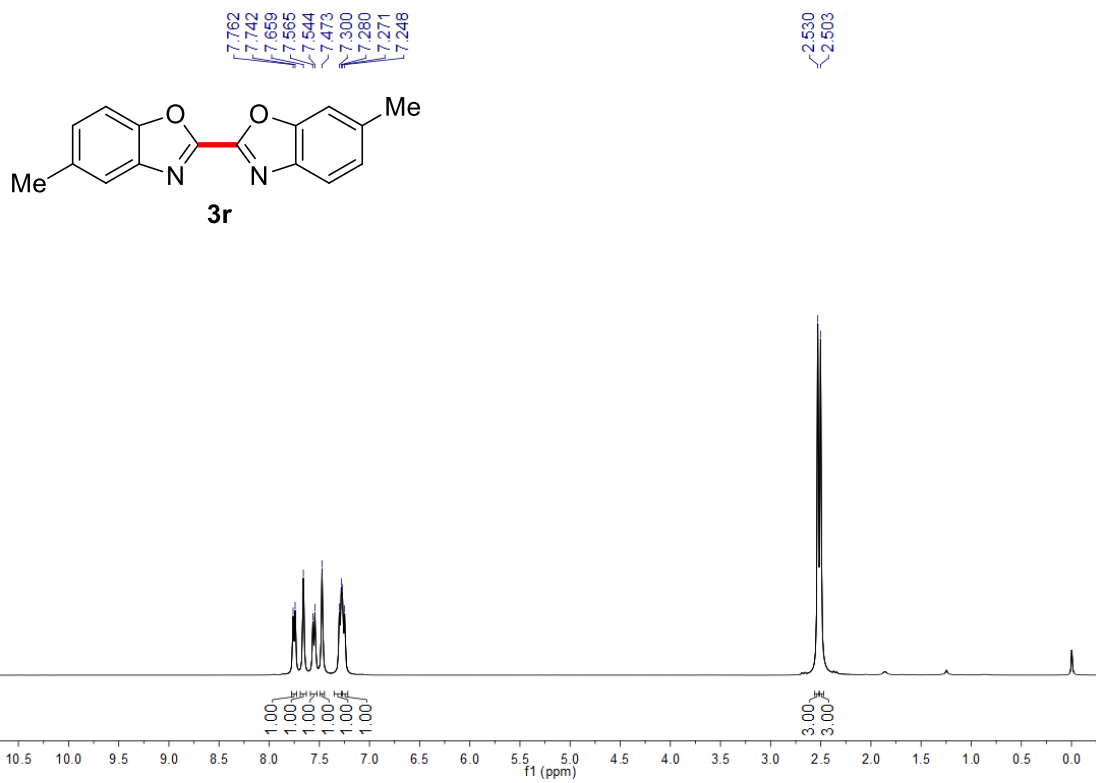
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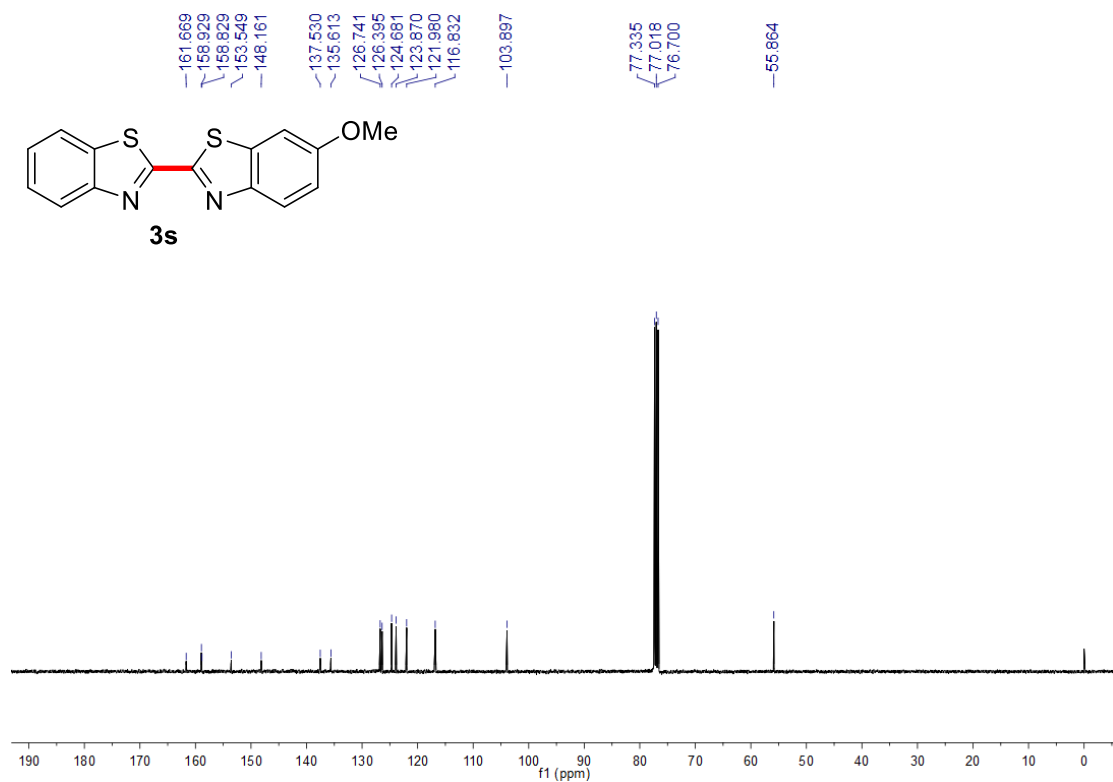
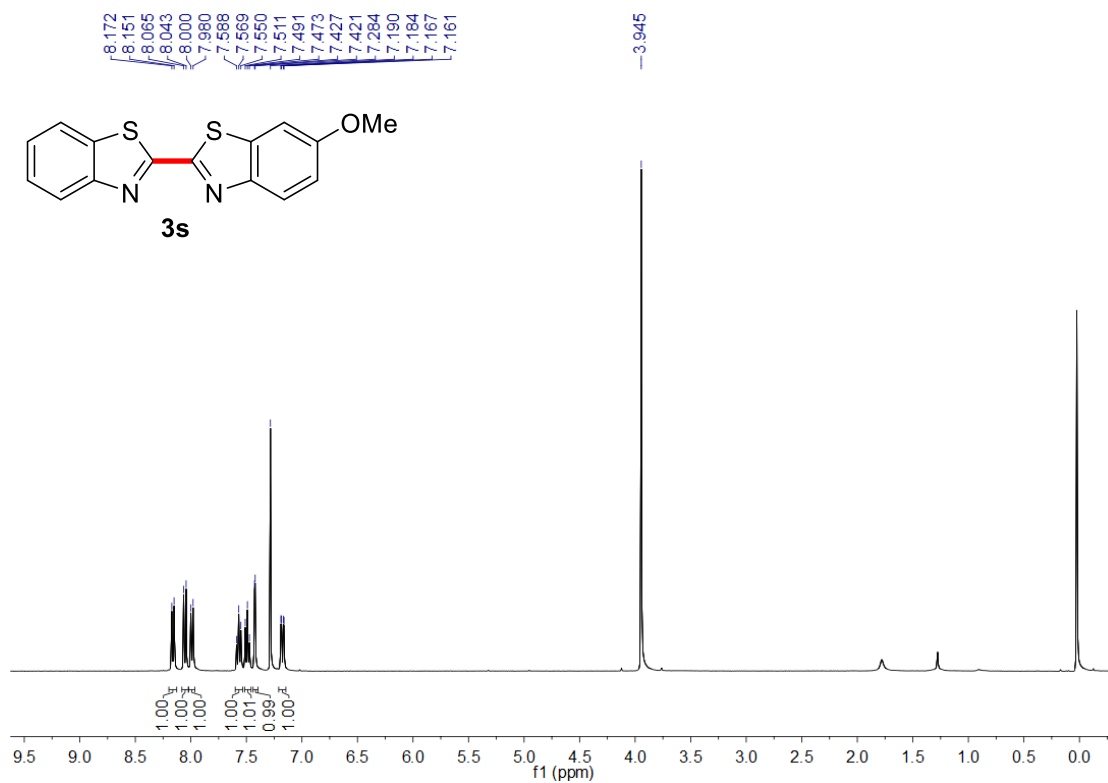
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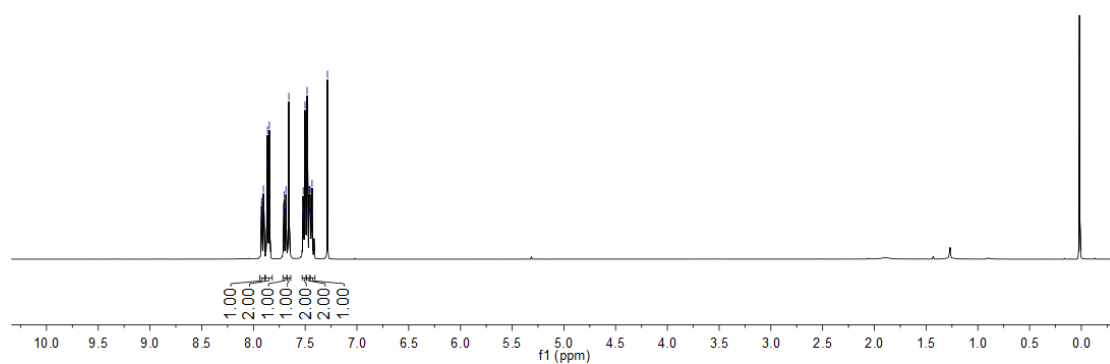
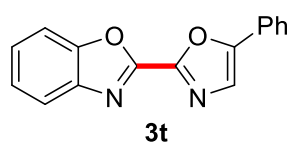


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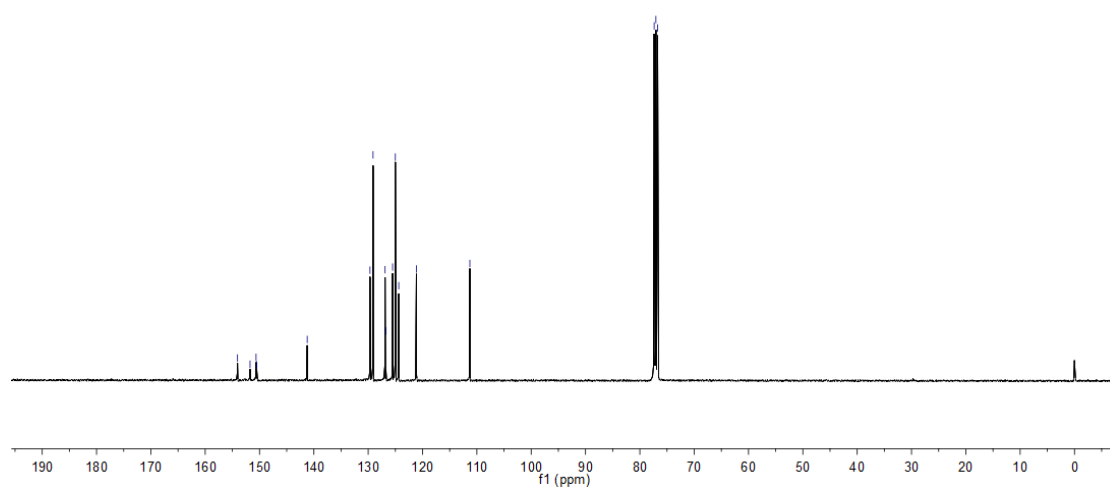
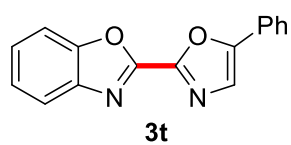


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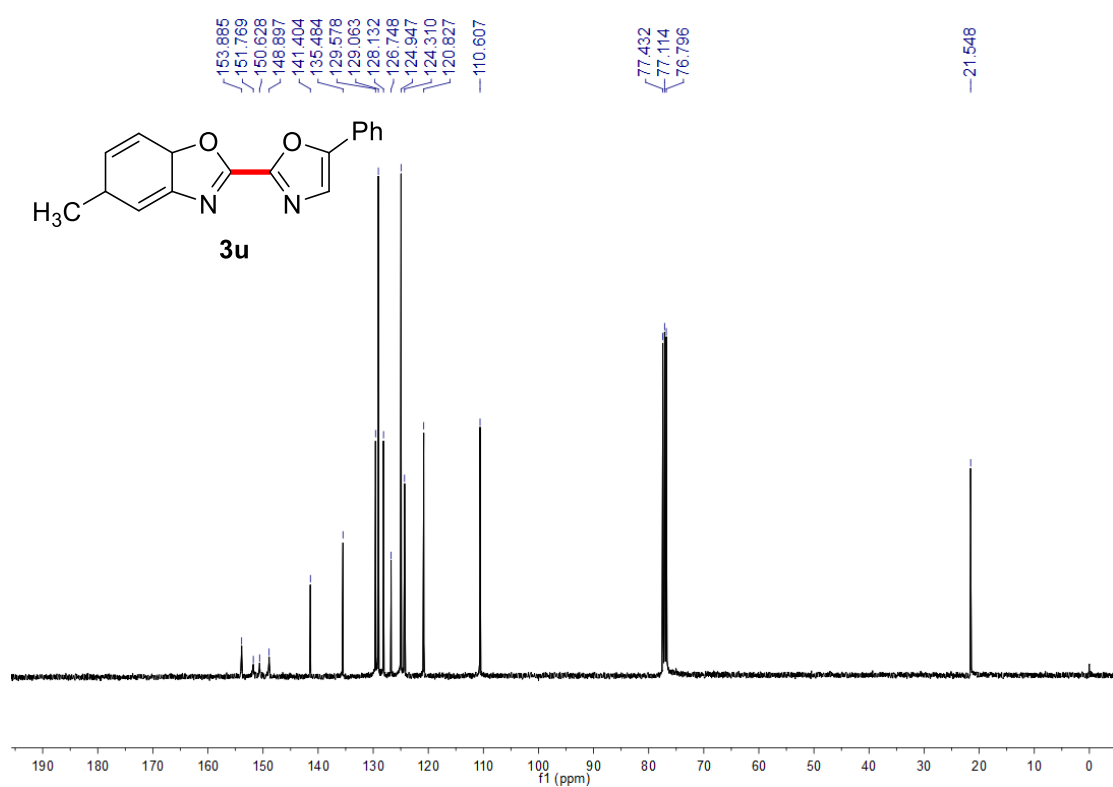
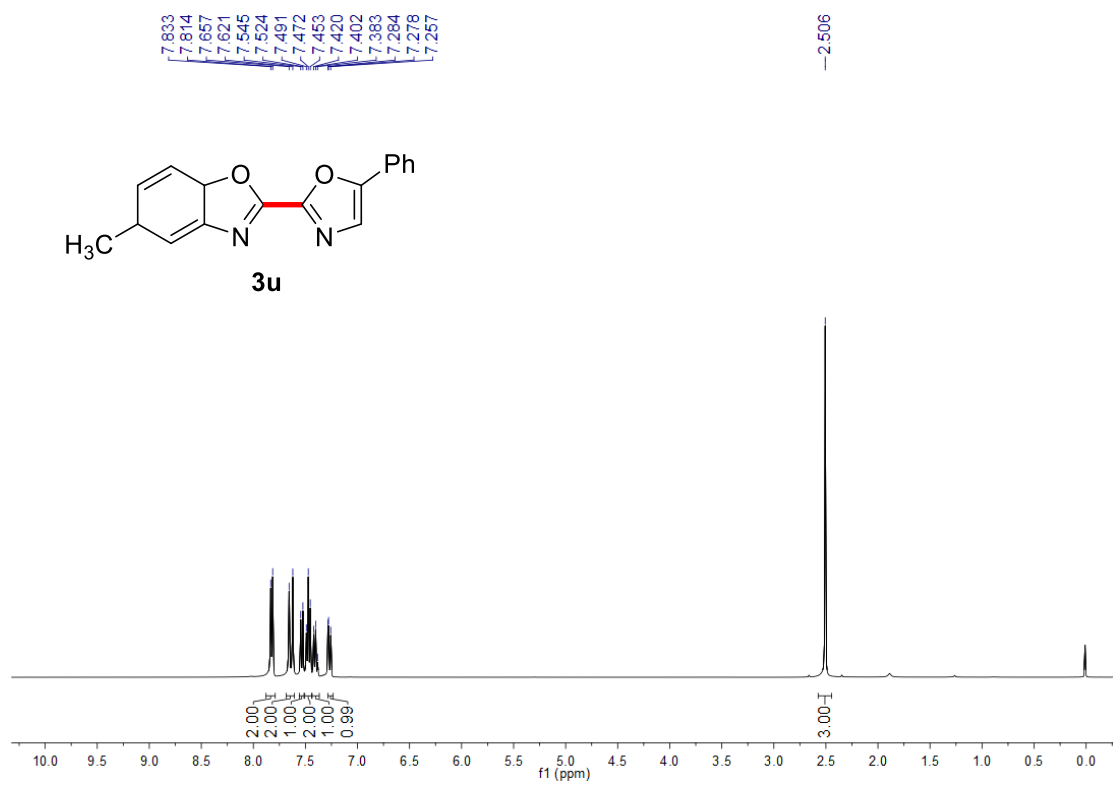
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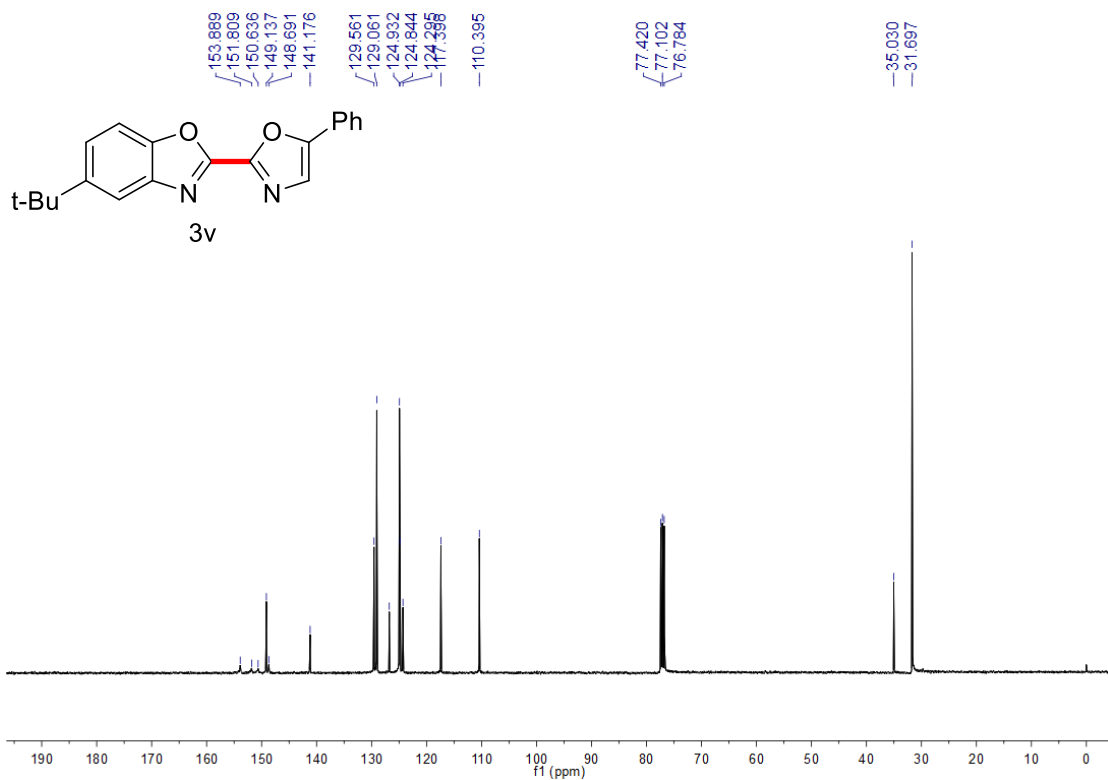
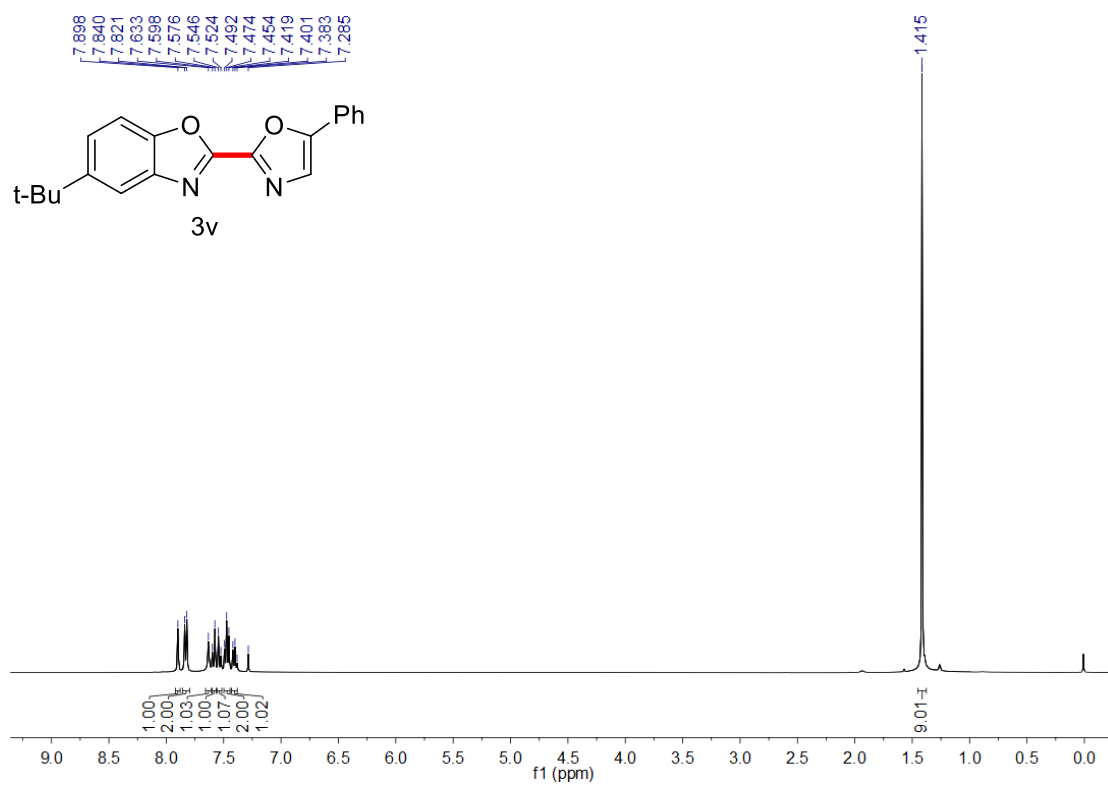
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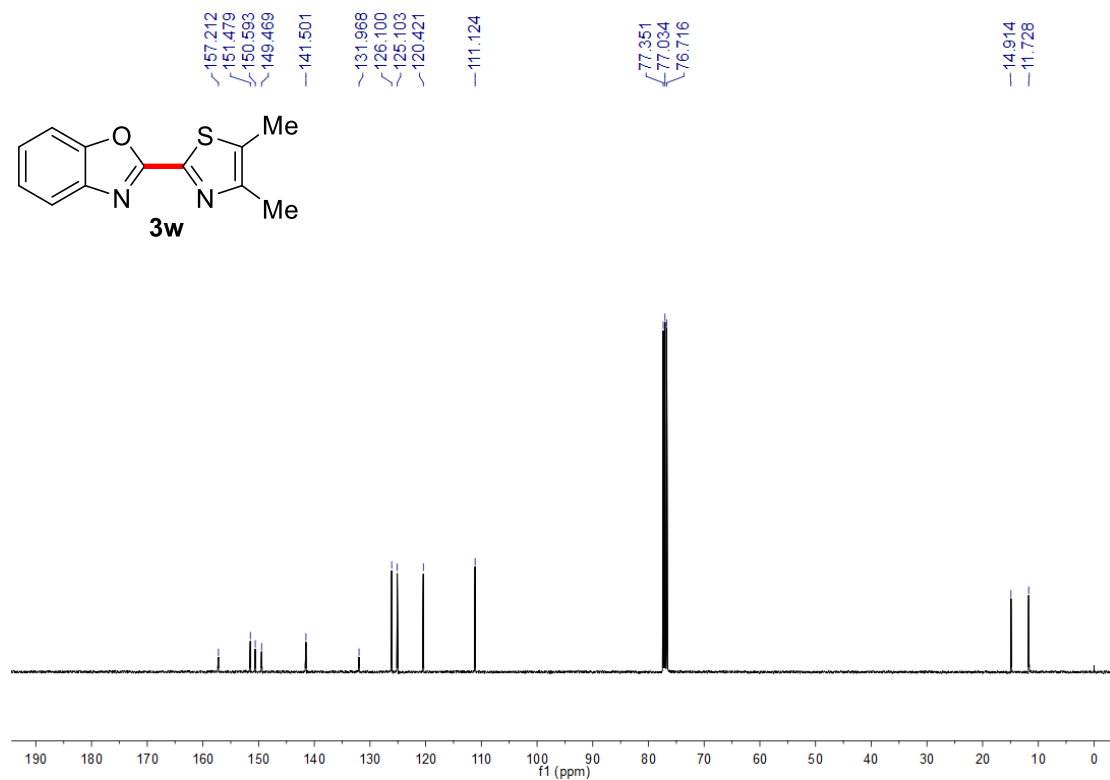
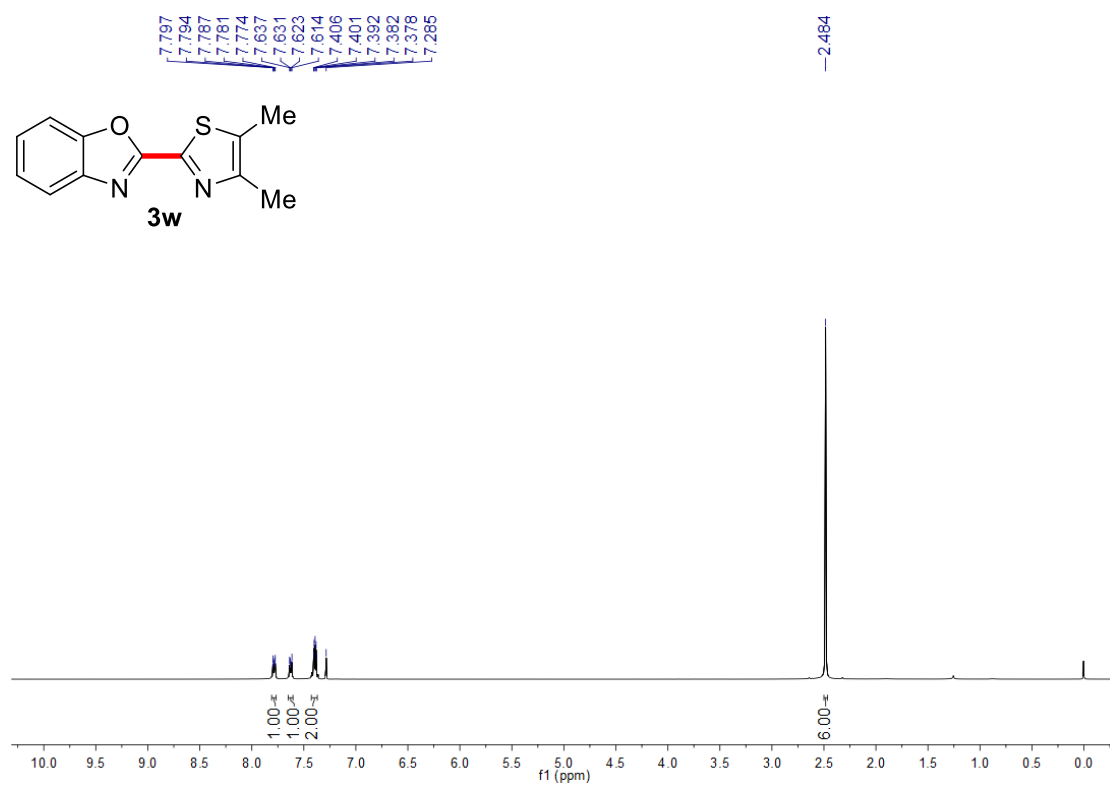
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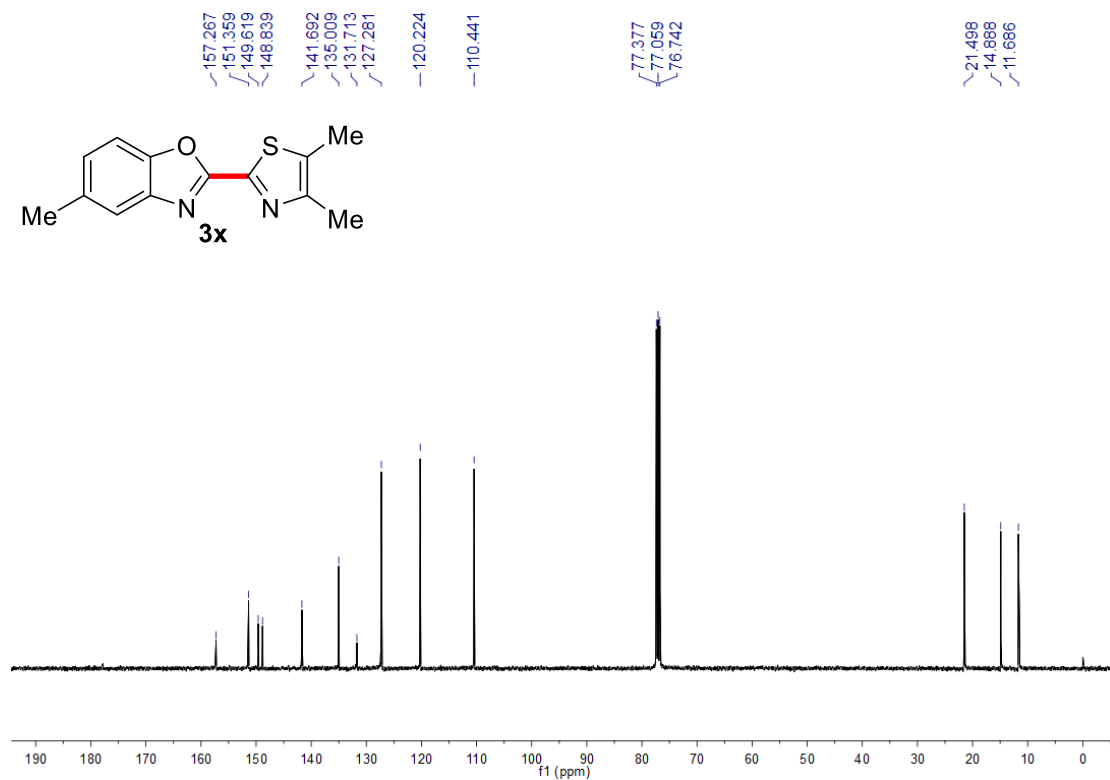
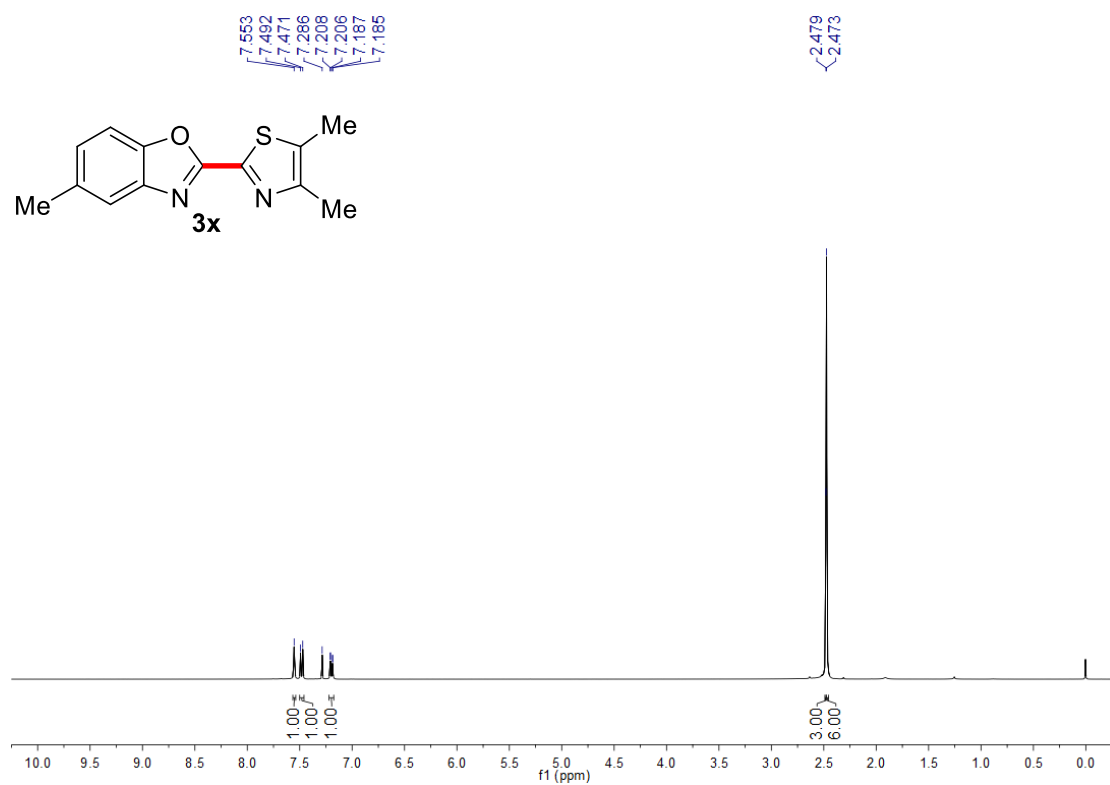
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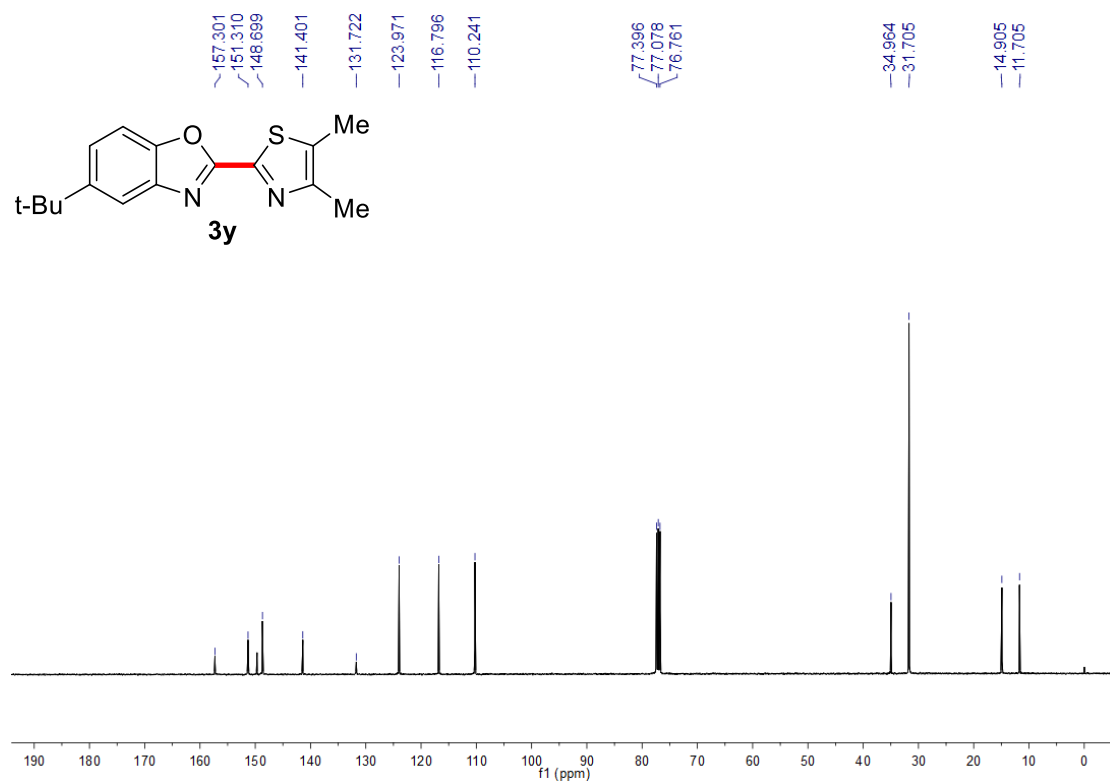
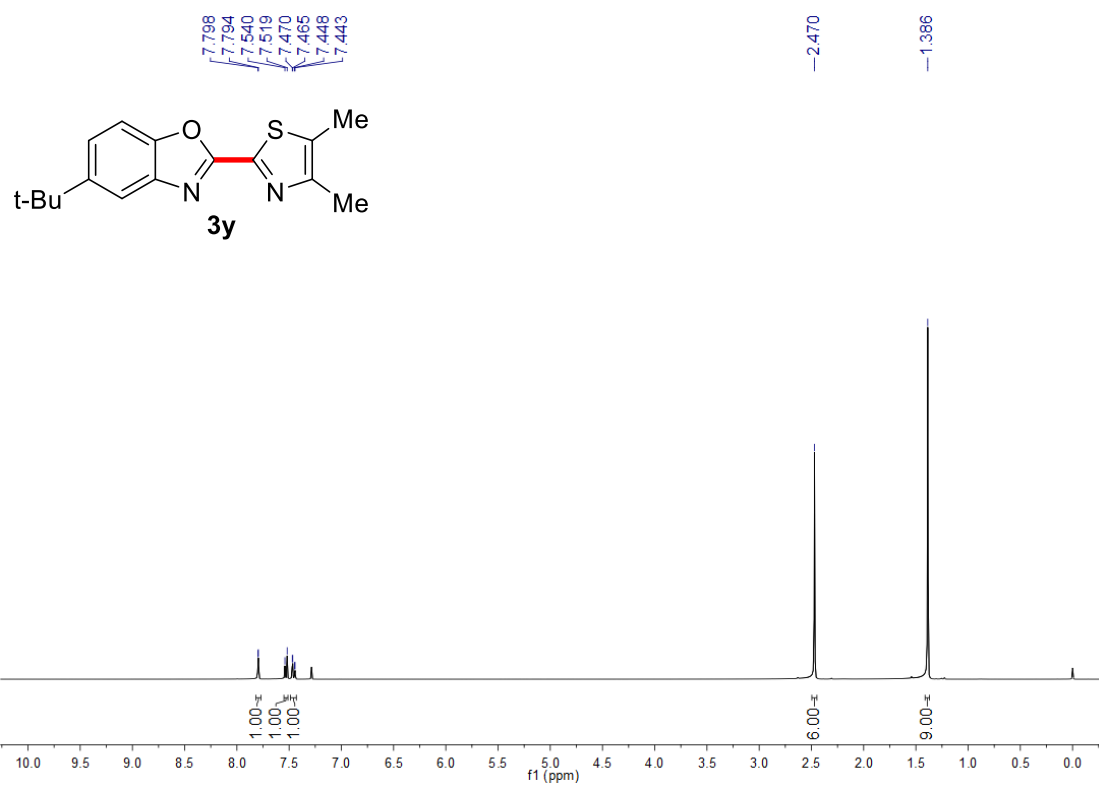
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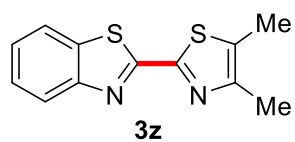
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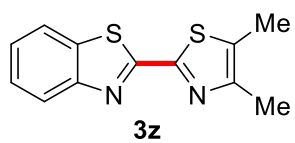
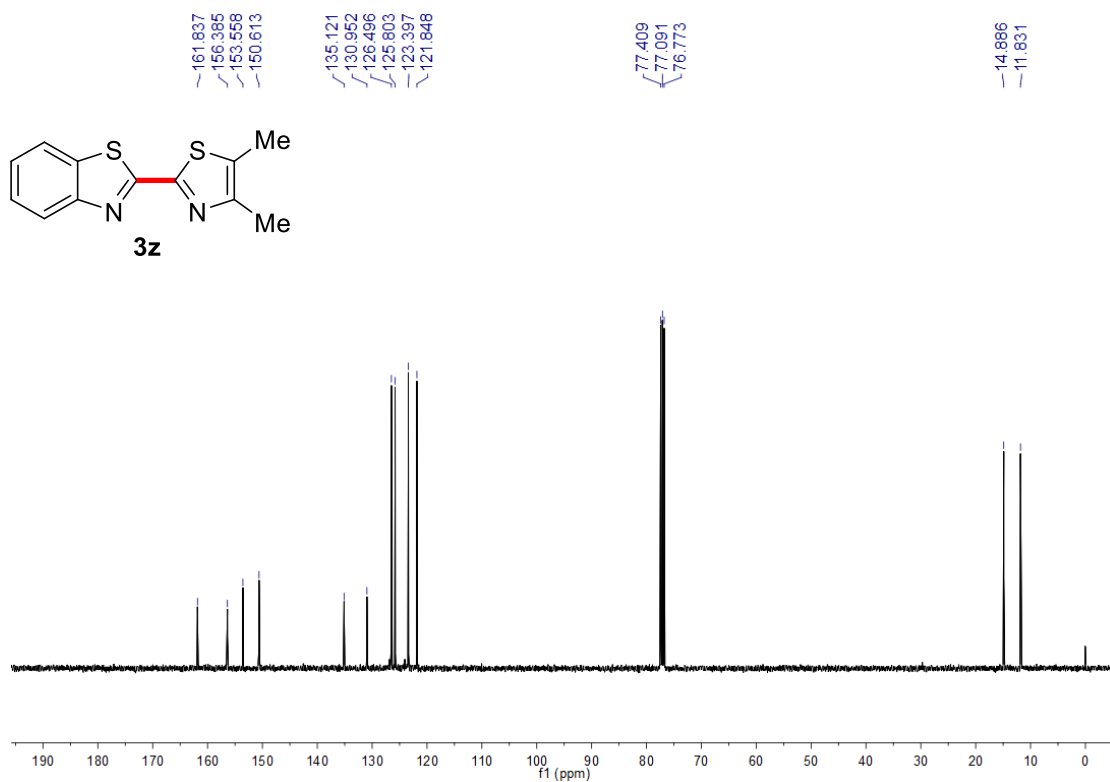
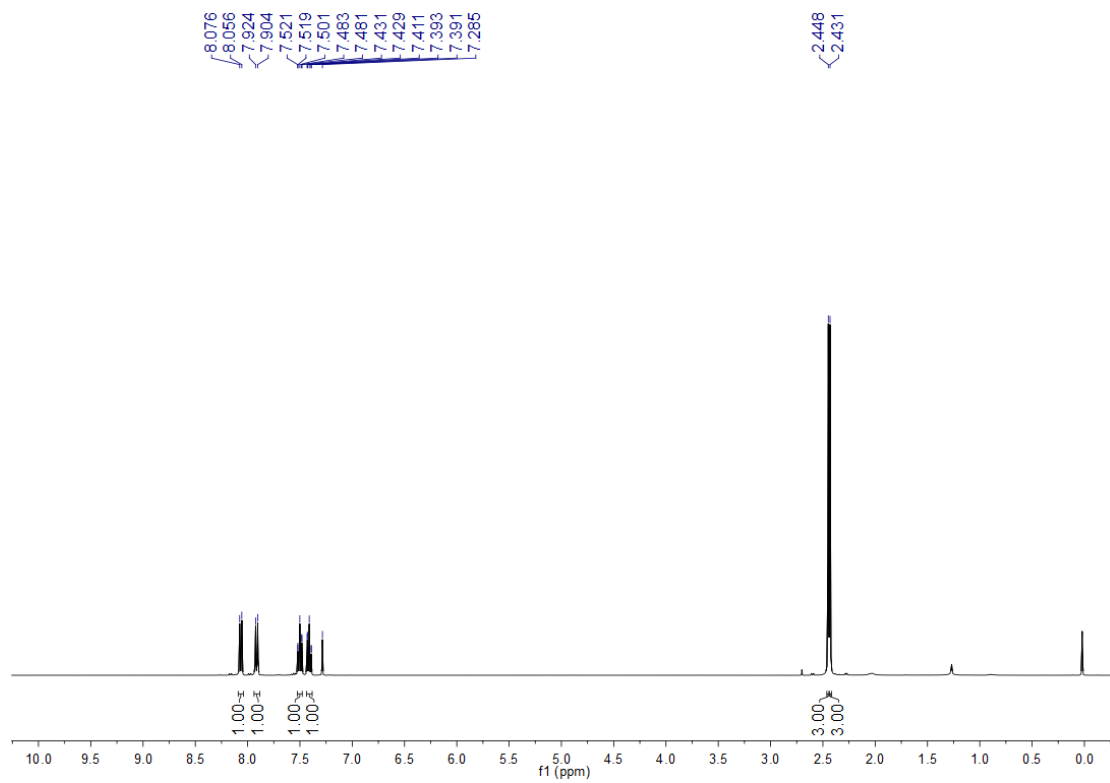
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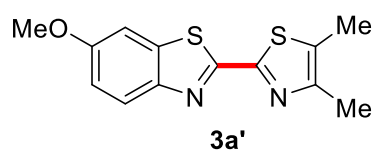
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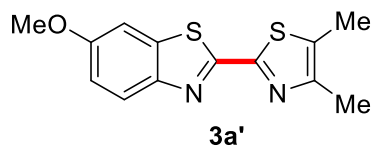
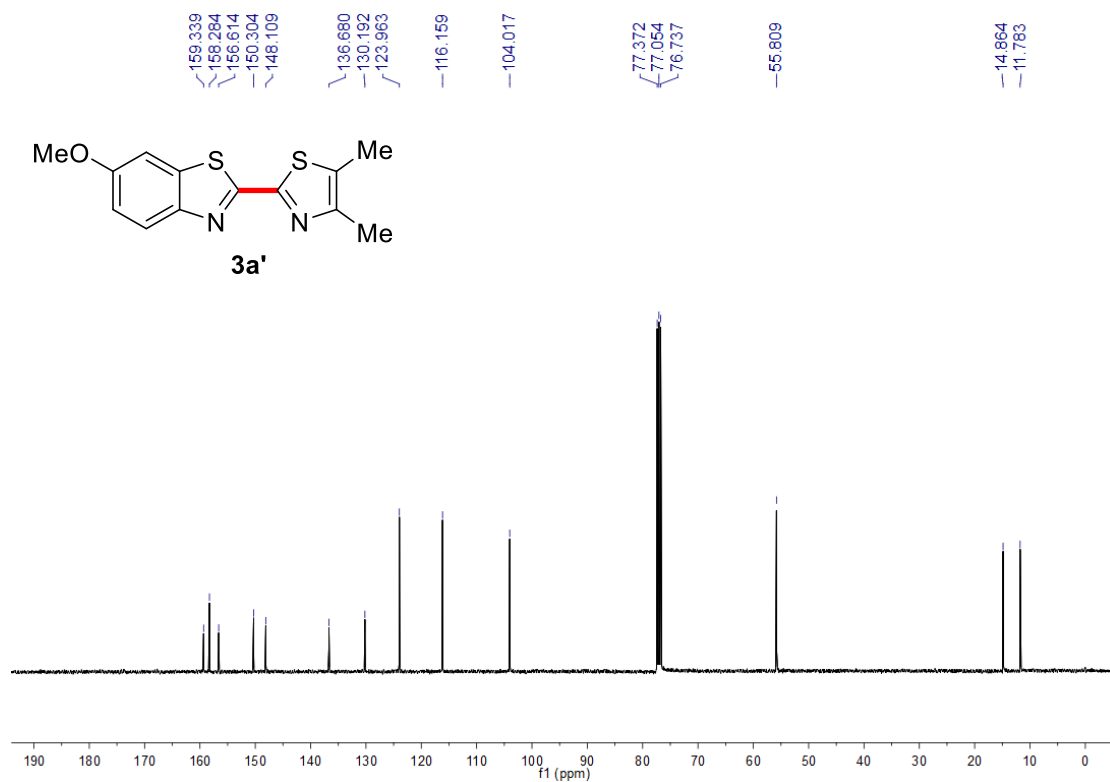
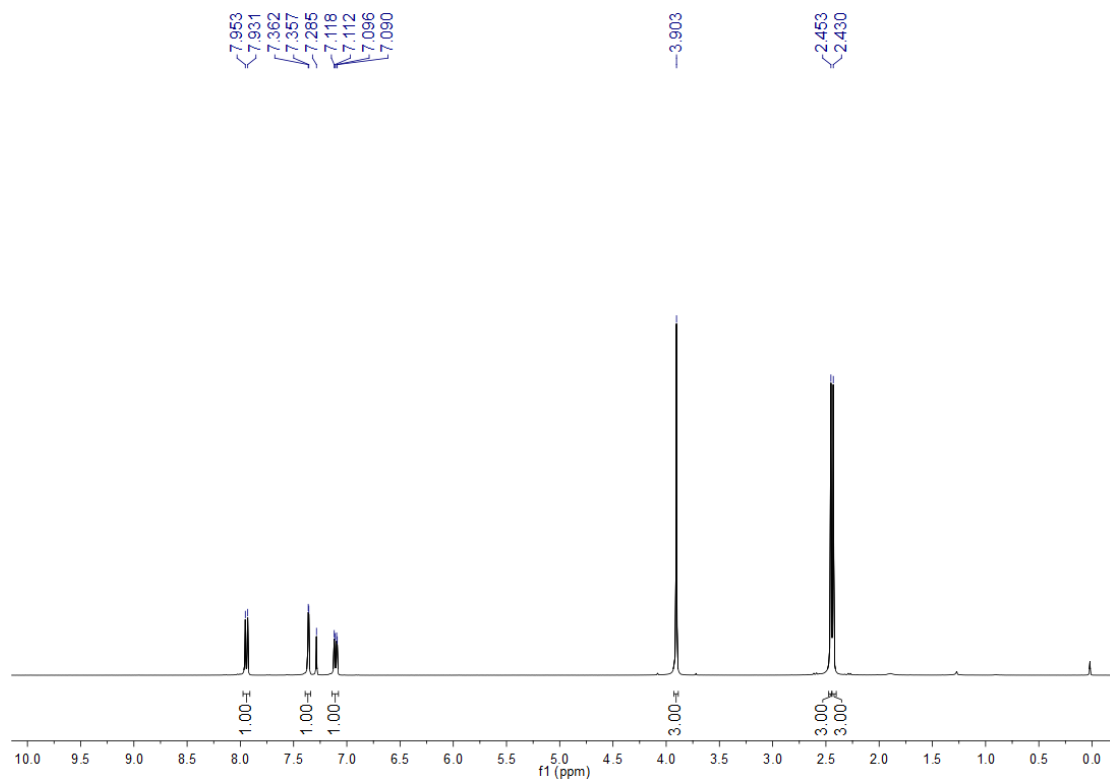
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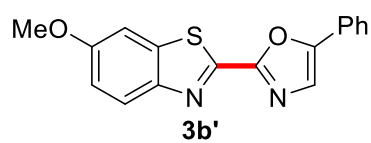
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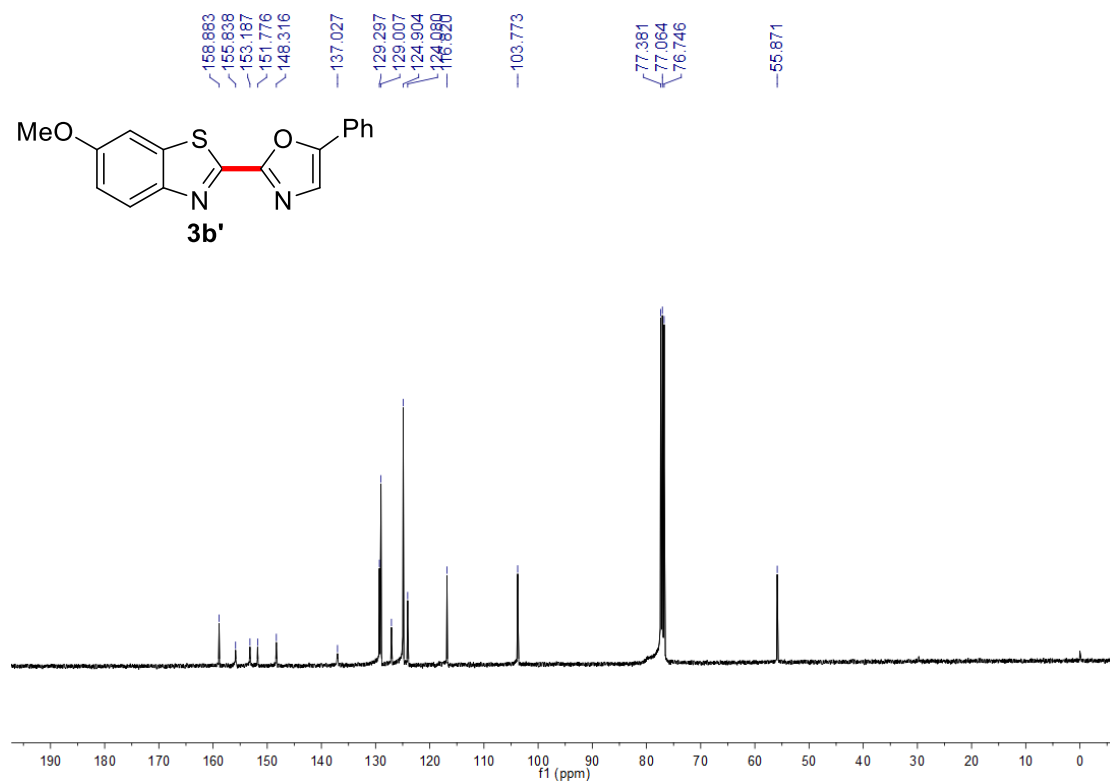
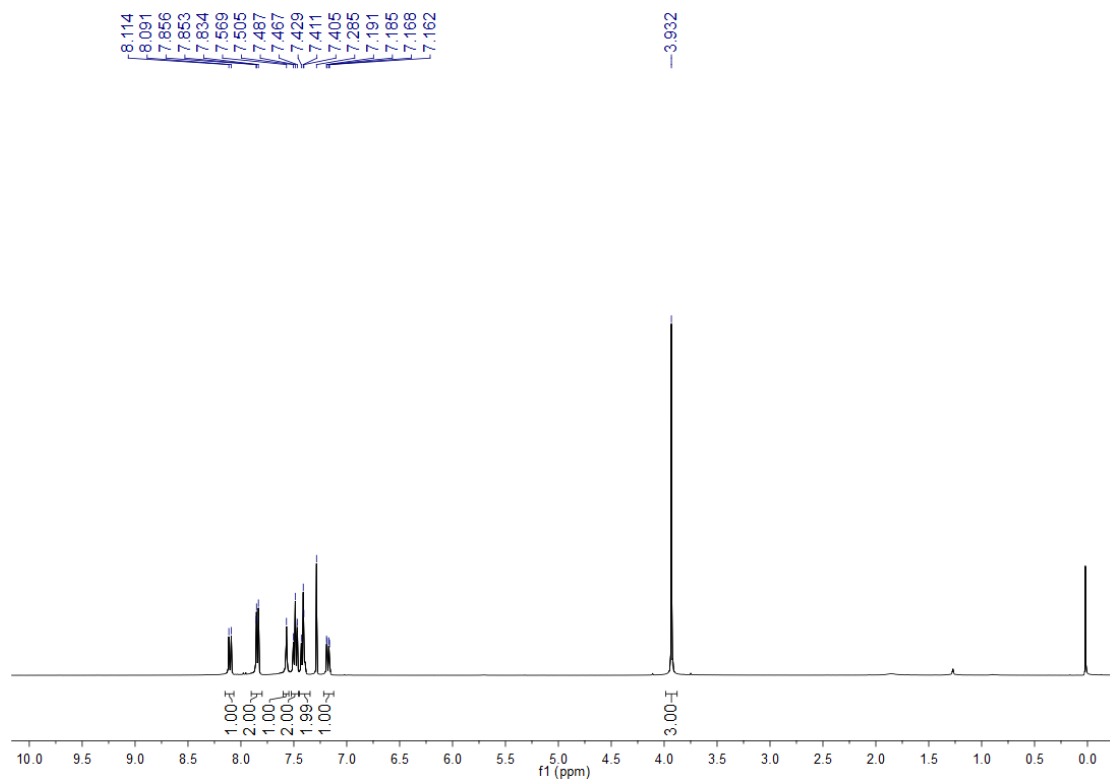


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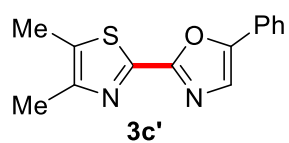


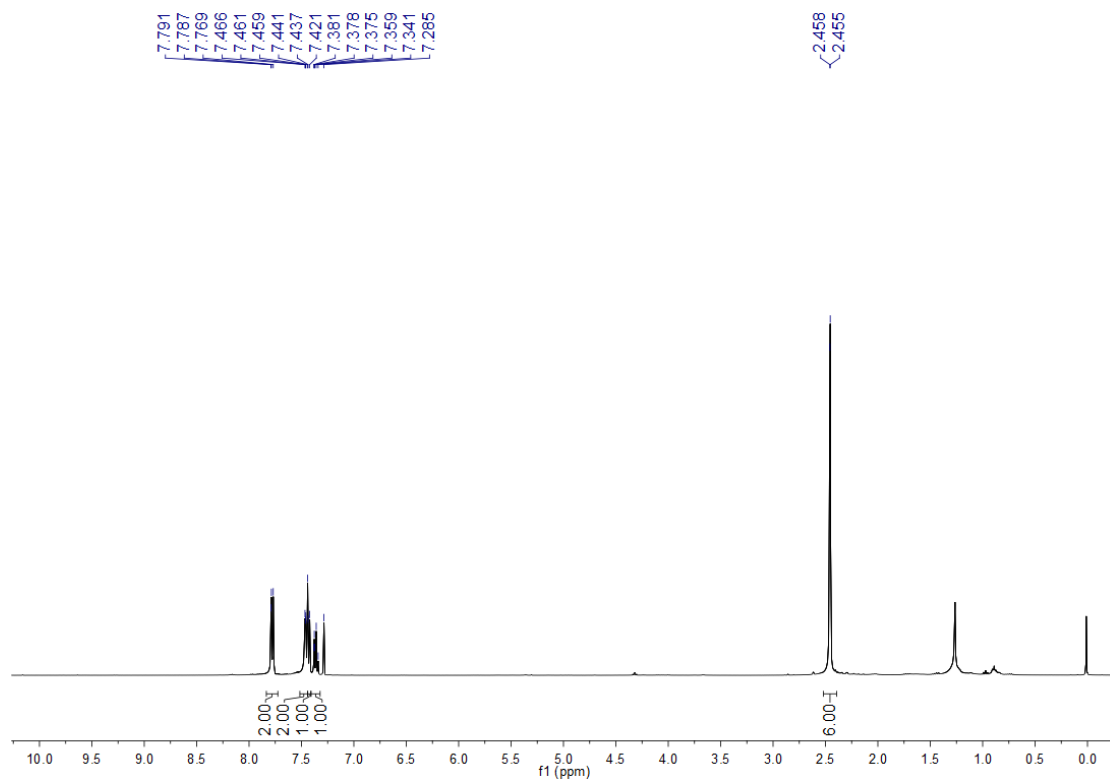
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