

Supporting Information

Nickel(II)-catalyzed C(sp²)-H sulfuration/annulation with elemental sulfur: selective access to benzoisothiazolones

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Preparation of amide substrates

Benzamides **1** were prepared by the known method.¹ **1a-1c, 1f, 1h, 1i, 1l, 1q, 1s** and **1aa** were known compounds, **1d, 1e, 1g, 1j, 1k, 1m-1p, 1r, 1t-1z**, and **1ab** were new compounds. Other chemical reagents were commercially available and used without further purification.

4-Bromo-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1d). $R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc =1/1). White solid (1.024 g, 55% yield), m.p. 192-193 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.82 – 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.0, 157.1, 140.7, 137.4, 134.0, 131.8, 128.7, 126.1, 122.9, 122.4, 119.6, 109.2, 54.4, 31.9, 25.7. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₉BrN₃O⁺: 372.0706, found 372.0709.

4-Iodo-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1e). $R_f = 0.2$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc =1/1). White solid (1.048 g, 50% yield), m.p. 197-199 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.2, 157.2, 140.7, 137.8, 137.4, 134.6, 128.7, 122.9, 122.4, 119.6, 109.3, 98.4, 54.3, 31.9, 25.6. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₉IN₃O⁺: 420.0567, found 420.0574.

N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-4-nitrobenzamide (1g). $R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc =1/1). White solid (0.845 g, 50% yield), m.p. 189-191 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 163.7, 157.0, 149.6, 141.0, 140.3, 137.5, 128.2, 123.8, 123.1, 122.6, 119.6, 109.4, 54.7, 32.0, 25.1. HRMS (positive ESI): [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₄O₃⁺: 339.1452, found 339.1455.

N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamide (1j). $R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc =1/1). White solid (1.126 g, 61% yield), m.p. 230-232 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.81 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.7, 157.3, 144.3,

140.9, 140.1, 137.4, 133.7, 128.9, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 122.8, 122.3, 119.7, 109.2, 54.3, 31.9, 26.0. HRMS (positive ESI): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}N_3O^+$: 370.1914, found 370.1918.

4-Isopropyl-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1k).

$R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (0.906 g, 54% yield), m.p. 190–192 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.79 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.30 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.03 (s, 6H), 1.28 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 166.0, 157.2, 152.8, 141.0, 137.3, 132.5, 127.1, 126.7, 122.7, 122.2, 119.7, 109.1, 54.1, 34.1, 31.8, 26.2, 23.8. HRMS (positive ESI): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{26}N_3O^+$: 336.2070, found 332.2074.

3-Fluoro-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1m). $R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (1.183 g, 76% yield), m.p. 222–225 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 164.6, 162.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 246.2$ Hz), 157.1, 140.7, 137.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 6.6$ Hz), 137.4, 130.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 7.8$ Hz), 122.9, 122.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 2.8$ Hz) 122.4, 119.7, 118.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.2$ Hz), 114.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.7$ Hz), 109.2, 54.4, 31.9, 25.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : -111.9. HRMS (positive ESI): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}FN_3O^+$: 312.1507, found 312.1509.

3-Chloro-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1n). $R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (1.229 g, 75% yield), m.p. 203–205 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 164.7, 157.0, 140.7, 137.4, 136.9, 134.8, 131.5, 129.9, 127.4, 125.1, 122.9, 122.3, 119.7, 109.2, 54.4, 31.9, 25.7. HRMS (positive ESI): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{19}ClN_3O^+$: 328.1211, found 328.1210.

3-Bromo-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1o). $R_f = 0.4$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (1.303 g, 70% yield), m.p. 214–216 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.03 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ : 164.6, 157.0, 140.7, 137.3, 137.1, 134.4, 130.3, 130.1, 125.6, 122.9, 122.8, 122.3, 119.6, 109.2, 54.4, 31.9, 25.8. HRMS (positive ESI): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}^+$: 372.0706, found 372.0709.

N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzamid e (1p). $R_f = 0.4$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc =1/1). White solid (1.445 g, 80% yield), m.p. 191-193 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 164.6, 157.1, 140.4, 137.3, 135.9, 131.2 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.7$ Hz), 130.2, 129.2, 128.0 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.5$ Hz), 124.3 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.8$ Hz), 123.8 (q, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 270.9$ Hz), 123.0, 122.5, 119.5, 109.3, 54.5, 32.0, 25.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -62.7. HRMS (positive ESI): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}^+$: 362.1475, found 362.1473.

3-Methyl-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1r). $R_f = 0.4$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc =1/1). White solid (0.922 g, 60% yield), m.p. 210-212 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 166.4, 157.2, 141.0, 138.4, 137.3, 134.8, 132.3, 128.5, 127.8, 124.0, 122.6, 122.1, 119.6, 109.2, 54.1, 31.8, 26.3, 21.4. HRMS (positive ESI): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}^+$: 308.1757, found 308.1758.

2-Fluoro-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1t). $R_f = 0.5$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc =1/1). White solid (0.856 g, 55% yield), m.p. 146-147 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 162.1, 160.5 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 245.6$ Hz), 156.7, 141.4, 137.2, 133.4 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 9.4$ Hz), 131.7, 124.8, 122.5, 121.9, 121.5 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 11.9$ Hz), 119.7, 116.1 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 24.5$ Hz), 109.1, 54.2, 31.6, 27.0. ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -113.2. HRMS (positive ESI): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_3\text{O}^+$: 312.1507, found 312.1506.

2-Chloro-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1u). $R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc =1/1). White solid (0.951 g, 58% yield), m.p. 191-192 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.38$, 1H), 7.33-7.22 (m, 4H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 165.4, 156.6, 141.0, 137.3, 135.6, 131.2, 130.7, 130.3, 130.0, 127.1, 122.7, 122.2, 119.7, 109.1, 54.7, 31.8, 26.3. HRMS (positive ESI): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}^+$: 328.1211, found 328.1212.

2-Bromo-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1v). $R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (1.229 g, 66% yield), m.p. 192–193 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 166.5, 156.7, 140.9, 138.3, 137.4, 133.4, 131.2, 129.5, 127.6, 122.8, 122.2, 119.7, 119.4, 109.2, 54.8, 31.9, 26.0. HRMS (positive ESI): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}^+$: 372.0706, found 372.0707.

3,4-Dimethoxy-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1w). $R_f = 0.2$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (0.813 g, 46% yield), m.p. 189–191 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 2.0, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.92 (m, 6H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 165.6, 157.3, 151.8, 149.1, 140.9, 137.3, 127.6, 122.7, 122.2, 119.6, 119.3, 110.7, 110.3, 109.2, 56.1, 56.0, 54.2, 31.9, 26.2. HRMS (positive ESI): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$: 354.1812, found 354.1816.

3,5-Dimethoxy-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1x). $R_f = 0.2$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (0.990 g, 56% yield), m.p. 190–191 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 2.02 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 165.9, 160.9, 157.0, 140.8, 137.2, 137.0, 122.8, 122.3, 119.6, 109.2, 105.0, 103.7, 55.6, 54.2, 31.8, 26.3. HRMS (positive ESI): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$: 354.1812, found 354.1815.

3,5-Dimethyl-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1y). $R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (0.964 g, 60% yield), m.p. 215–217 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.46 (s, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.01 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 166.5, 157.2, 141.0, 138.3, 137.3, 134.8, 133.1, 124.7, 122.6, 122.1, 119.7, 109.1,

54.1, 31.8, 26.4, 21.3. HRMS (positive ESI): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{24}N_3O^+$: 322.1914, found 322.1917.

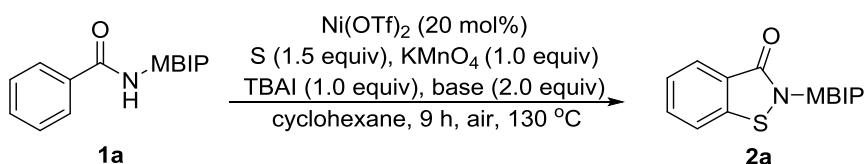
3,4-Dichloro-N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1z).

$R_f = 0.4$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (0.978 g, 54% yield), m.p. 217–218 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.66 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 2.1, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 163.7, 157.0, 140.5, 137.4, 135.8, 135.1, 133.1, 130.6, 129.4, 126.1, 123.0, 122.5, 119.6, 109.3, 54.5, 32.0, 25.4. HRMS (positive ESI): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}Cl_2N_3O^+$: 362.0821, found 362.0825.

N-(2-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2-naphthamide (1ab). $R_f = 0.3$ (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1). White solid (0.944 g, 55% yield), m.p. 218–220 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.00 – 7.85 (m, 4H), 7.84 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 6H); $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 166.1, 157.3, 140.9, 137.3, 134.8, 132.7, 132.2, 129.0, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 123.6, 122.8, 122.3, 119.7, 109.2, 54.4, 31.9, 26.1. HRMS (positive ESI): $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}N_3O^+$: 344.1757, found 344.1759.

Optimization of reaction conditions

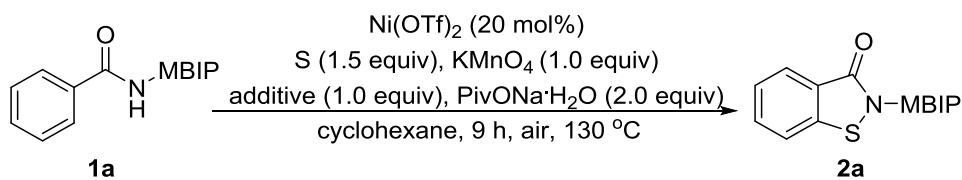
Table S1. Optimization of base^a



Entry	Base	Yield ^b (%)
1	none	11
2	KOH	0
3	Na_2CO_3	0
4	$NaHCO_3$	trace
5	PivOK	4
6	<i>t</i> -BuOK	0
7	PivONa·H ₂ O	96
8 ^c	PivONa·H ₂ O	88

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.10 mmol), S (0.15 mmol), Ni(OTf)₂ (20 mol%), cyclohexane (1.0 mL), KMnO₄ (1.0 equiv), base (2.0 equiv), TBAI (1.0 equiv), 130 °C, under air, 9 h.
^bIsolated yields. ^cBase (1.0 equiv). TBAI = tetrabutylammonium iodide.

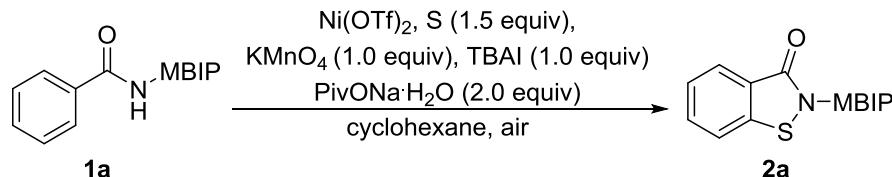
Table S2. Optimization of additive^a



Entry	Additive	Yield ^b (%)
1	TBAB	75
2	TBAHSO ₄	31
3	THAB	0
4	TBAI	96

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.10 mmol), S (0.15 mmol), Ni(OTf)₂ (20 mol%), cyclohexane (1.0 mL), KMnO₄ (1.0 equiv), PivONa·H₂O (2.0 equiv), additive (1.0 equiv), 130 °C, under air, 9 h. ^bIsolated yields. ^cBase (1.0 equiv). TBAB = tetrabutylammonium bromide, TBAHSO₄ = tetrabutylammonium hydrogen sulfate, THAB = tetrahexylammonium benzoate.

Table S3. Optimization of catalyst loading, temperature and reaction time^a



Entry	Ni(OTf) ₂ (mol%)	Temp (°C)	Time (h)	Yield ^b (%)
1	20	130	9	96
2	10	110	9	20
3	10	120	9	45
4	10	130	9	65
5	10	140	9	98
6	10	140	6	78

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.10 mmol), S (0.15 mmol), Ni(OTf)₂, KMnO₄ (1.0 equiv), PivONa·H₂O (2.0 equiv), TBAI (1.0 equiv), cyclohexane (1.0 mL), under air. ^bIsolated yields.

Crystal reports for **2a**

Crystals of **2a** (CCDC 1869264) were obtained by recrystallization from EtOAc/ Petroleum ether at ambient temperature. The data were collected on an Oxford Diffraction Gemini E

diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ \AA}$) for compound **2a**. The structure was solved by direct methods using the SHELXS-97 program, and all non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically on F^2 by the full-matrix least-squares technique, which used the SHELXL-97 crystallographic software package. The hydrogen atoms were included but not refined.

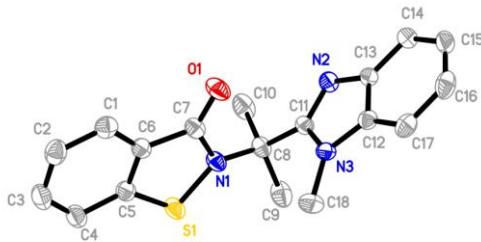


Figure S1. Molecular structure of **2a** (showing one of four independent molecules in the unit cell). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

Table S4. Summary of crystal structure determination for **2a**

	2a
Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₇ N ₃ OS
Formula weight	323.40
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	12.3938(4)
b/Å	14.5761(8)
c/Å	18.8153(11)
$\alpha/^\circ$	79.216(5)
$\beta/^\circ$	89.365(4)
$\gamma/^\circ$	75.485(4)
Volume/Å ³	3230.2(3)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}} \text{ g/cm}^3$	1.330
μ/mm^{-1}	1.838
F(000)	1360.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.19 × 0.16 × 0.13
Radiation	CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)

2Θ range for data collection/ ^o	7.21 to 134.14
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 8, -17 ≤ k ≤ 16, -22 ≤ l ≤ 22
Reflections collected	24480
Independent reflections	11514 [R _{int} = 0.0406, R _{sigma} = 0.0550]
Data/restraints/parameters	11514/0/841
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.096
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0787, wR ₂ = 0.2182
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0959, wR ₂ = 0.2302
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.48/-0.30

Table S5. Selected bond lengths (Å) for compound 2a

	Length/Å		Length/Å
C5-S1	1.752(5)	C11-N2	1.314(5)
C6-C7	1.471(6)	C11-N3	1.379(5)
C7-N1	1.368(6)	C12-N3	1.376(6)
C7-O1	1.219(5)	C13-N2	1.380(5)
C8-C11	1.514(6)	C18-N3	1.459(6)
C8-N1	1.494(6)	N1-S1	1.730(4)

Table S6. Selected angles (°) for compound 2a

	Angle/°		Angle/°
C4-C5-S1	126.5(4)	N2-C11-N3	112.8(4)
C6-C5-S1	111.8(3)	N3-C11-C8	123.3(4)
C1-C6-C7	126.2(4)	N3-C12-C13	105.8(4)
C5-C6-C7	113.4(4)	N3-C12-C17	132.2(4)
N1-C7-C6	108.7(4)	N2-C13-C12	109.7(4)
O1-C7-C6	127.4(4)	N2-C13-C14	129.7(4)
O1-C7-N1	123.9(4)	C7-N1-C8	123.4(4)
C9-C8-C10	110.6(4)	C7-N1-S1	115.6(3)
C11-C8-C9	109.0(4)	C8-N1-S1	117.0(3)
C11-C8-C10	109.7(4)	C11-N2-C13	105.4(4)
N1-C8-C9	110.8(4)	C11-N3-C18	130.1(4)
N1-C8-C10	107.9(4)	C12-N3-C11	106.2(3)
N1-C8-C11	108.8(3)	C12-N3-C18	123.7(4)
N2-C11-C8	123.7(4)	N1-S1-C5	89.9(2)

Kinetic isotope experiments

Parallel experiments

Table S7. Parallel experiments

Entry	Time(min)	Yield of 2a	Yield of [D ₄]- 2a
1	30	10.98%	7.33%
2	40	13.91%	10.38%
3	50	16.08%	12.21%
4	60	21.95%	15.57%

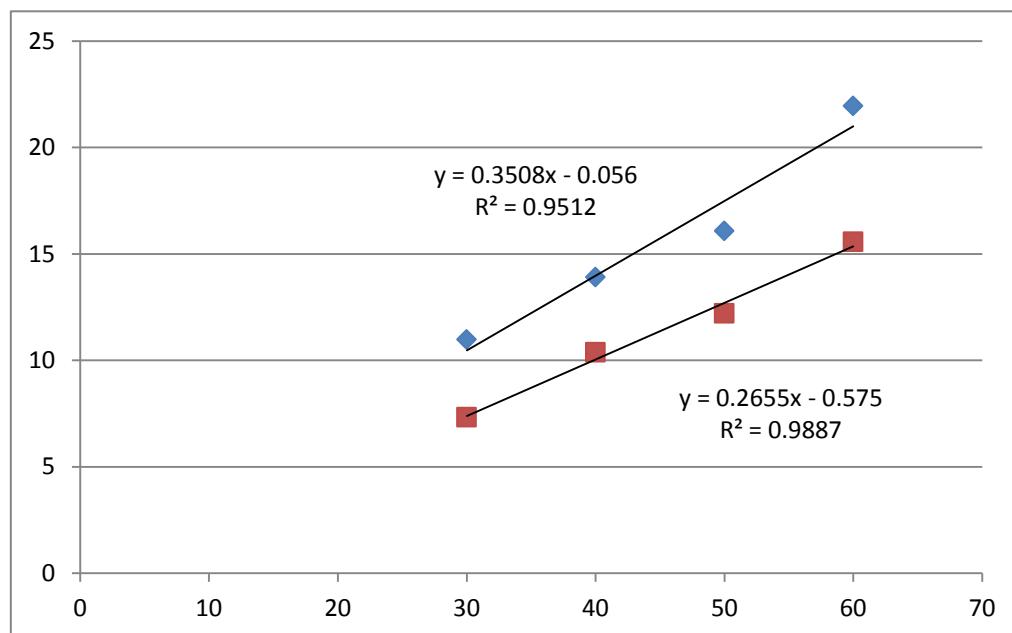
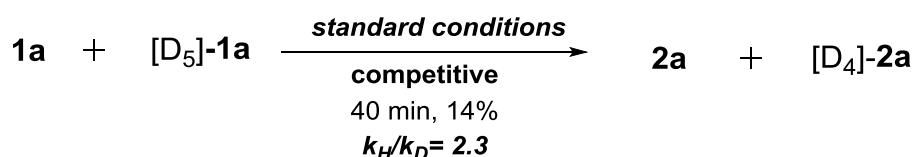


Figure S2. Parallel Experiments

The calculated $k_H/k_D = 0.3508/0.2655 = 1.3$

Intermolecular competition experiment



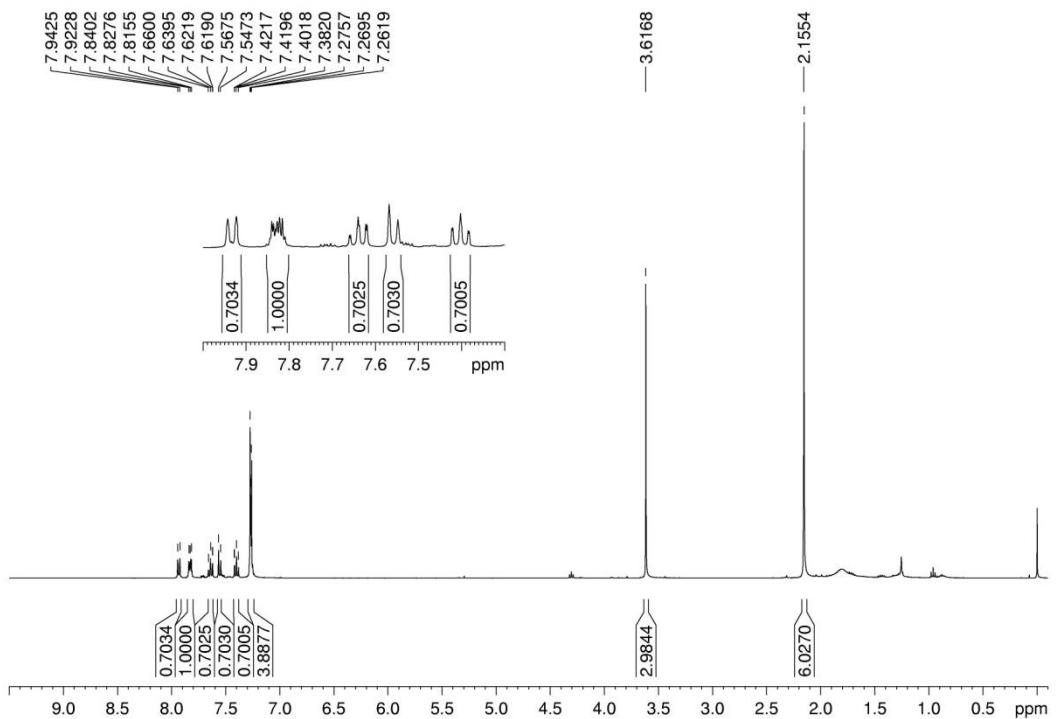
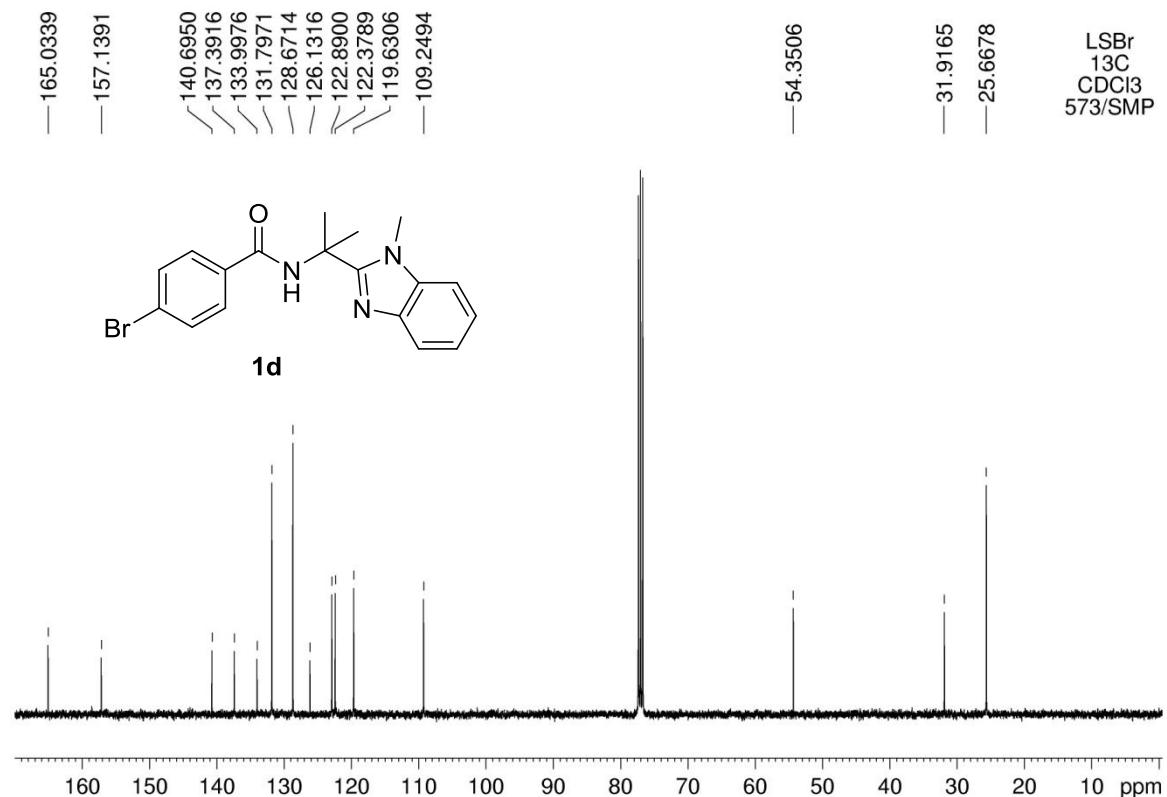
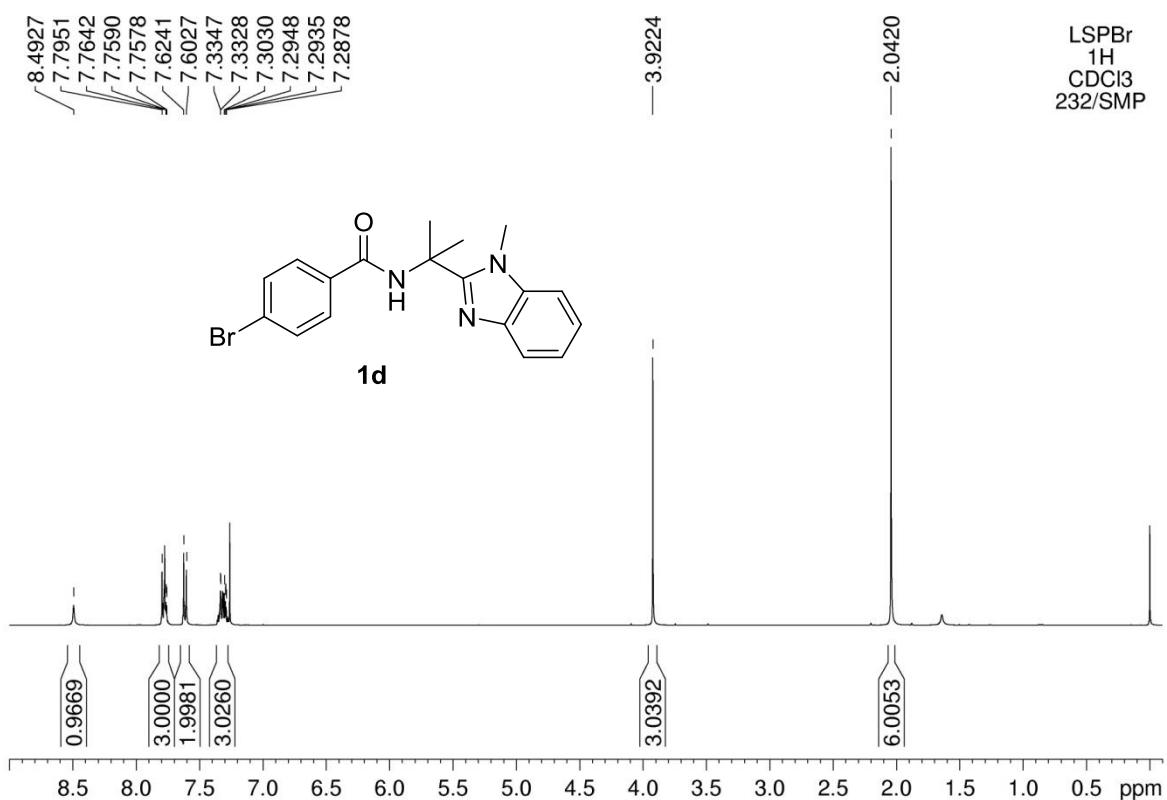


Figure S3 ^1H NMR spectrum of product from the intermolecular KIE experiment

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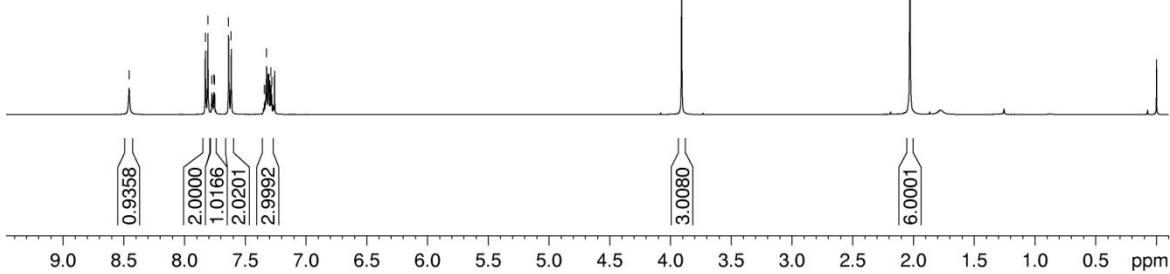
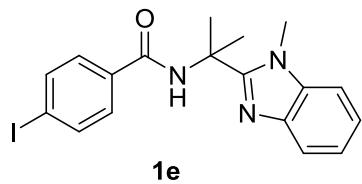
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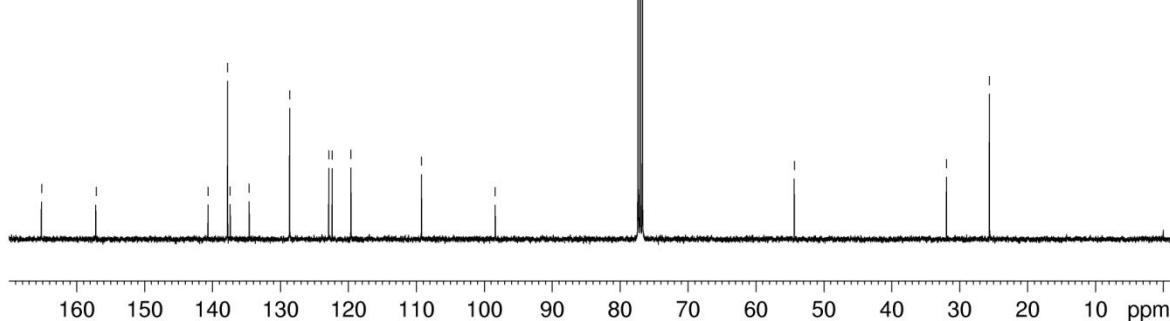
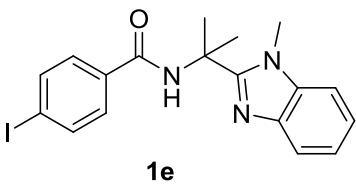


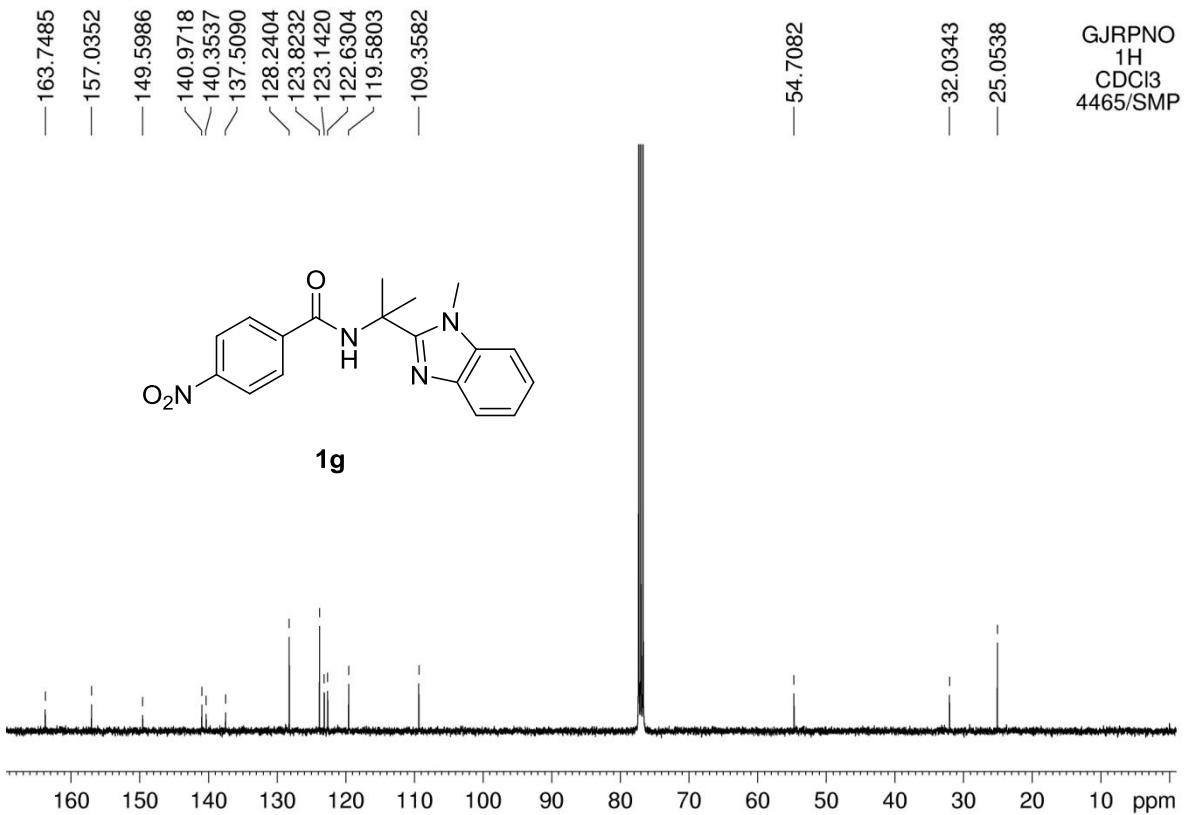
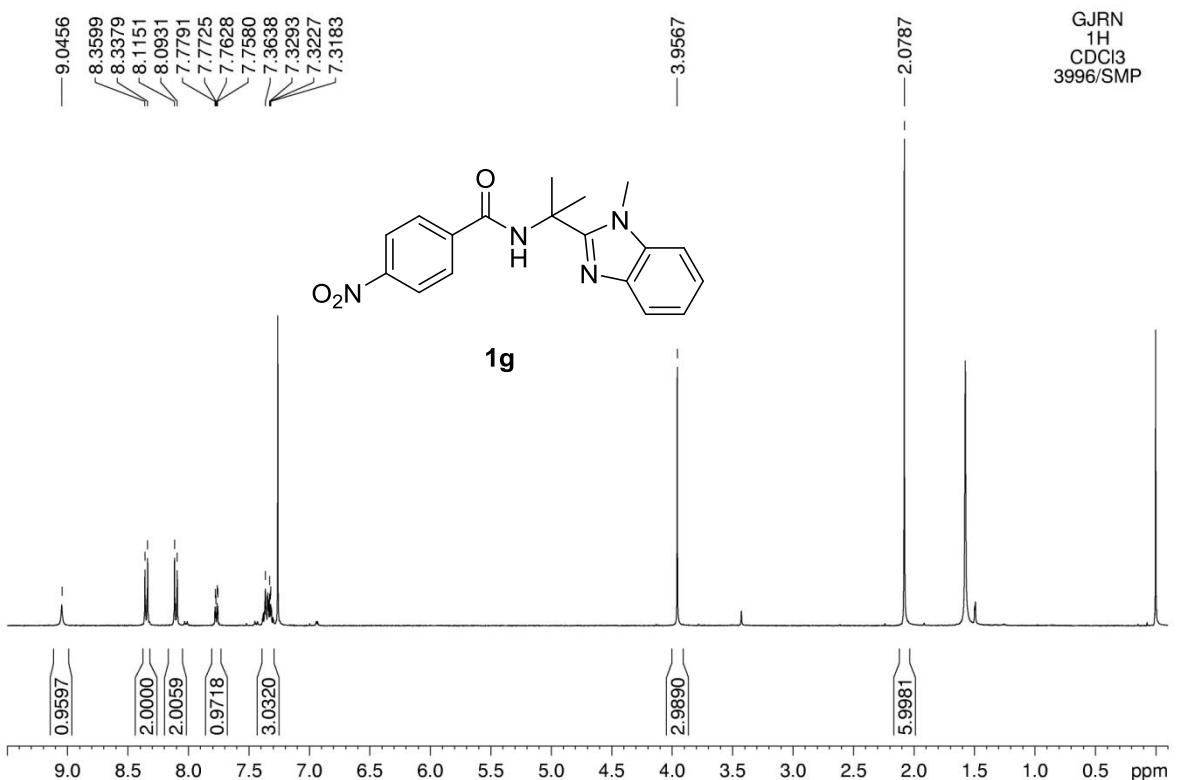
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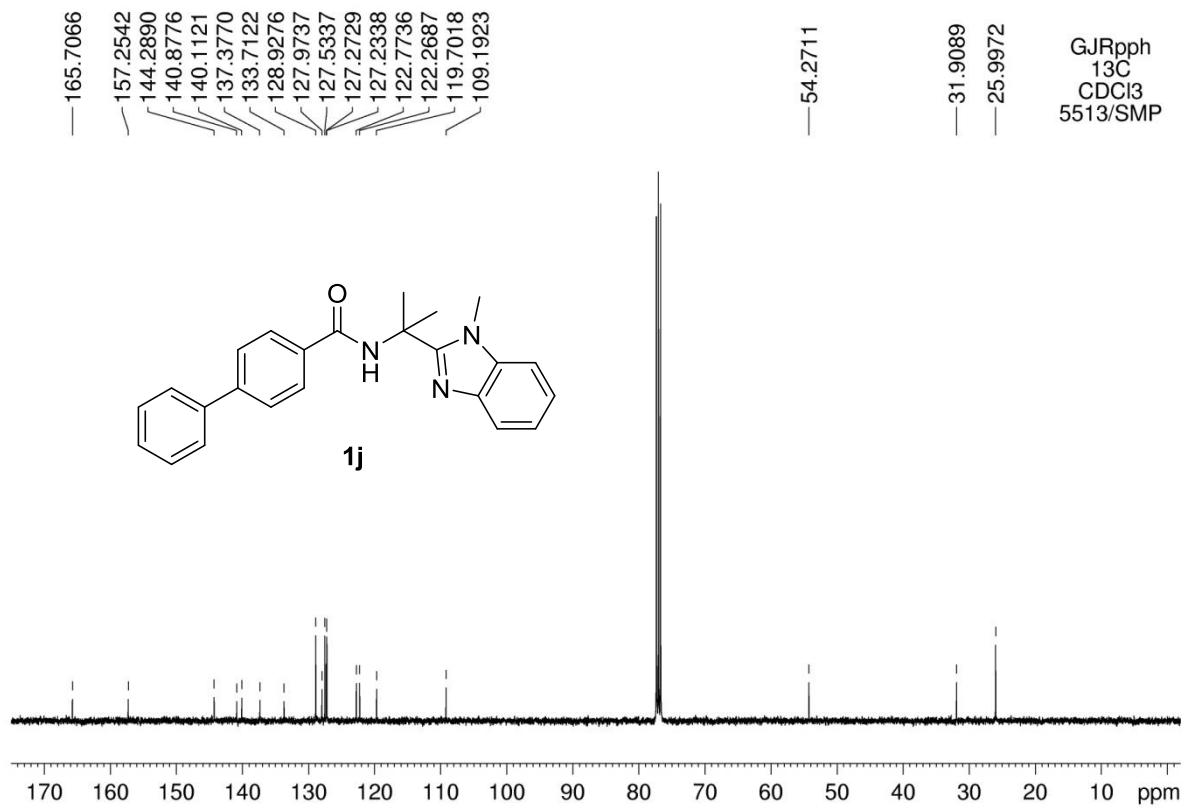
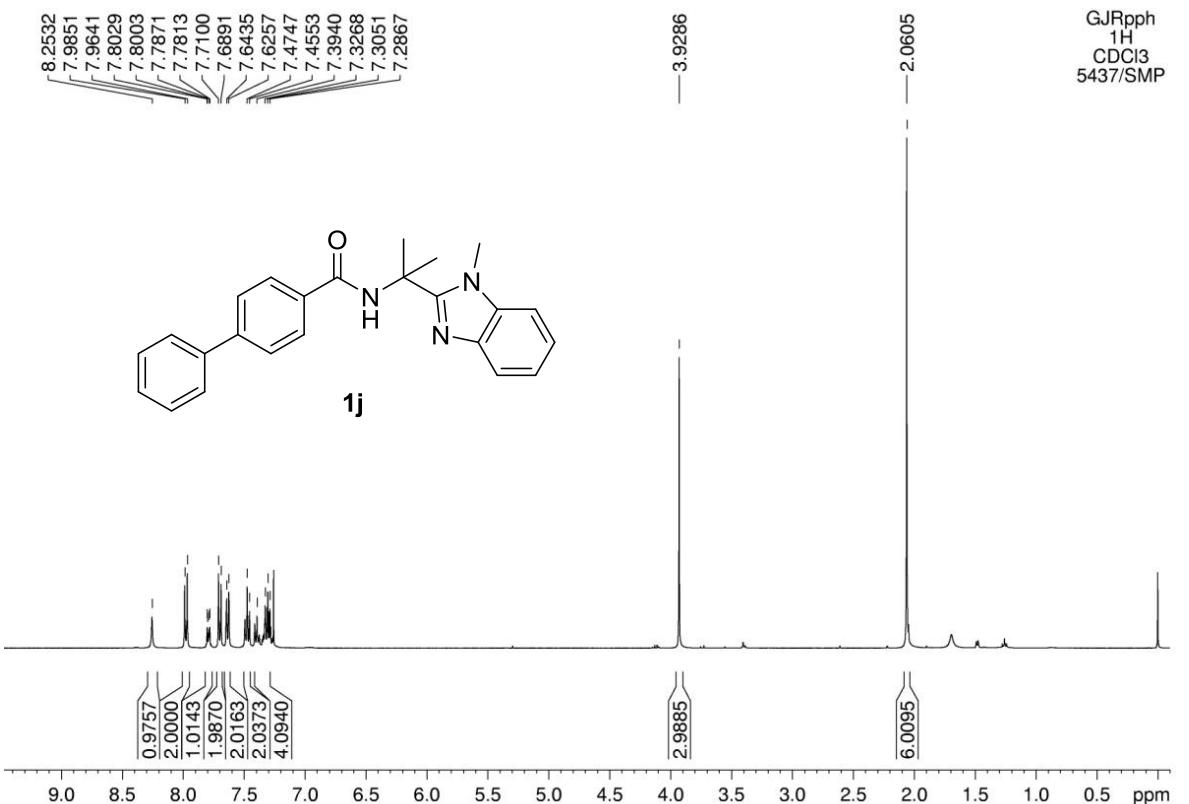
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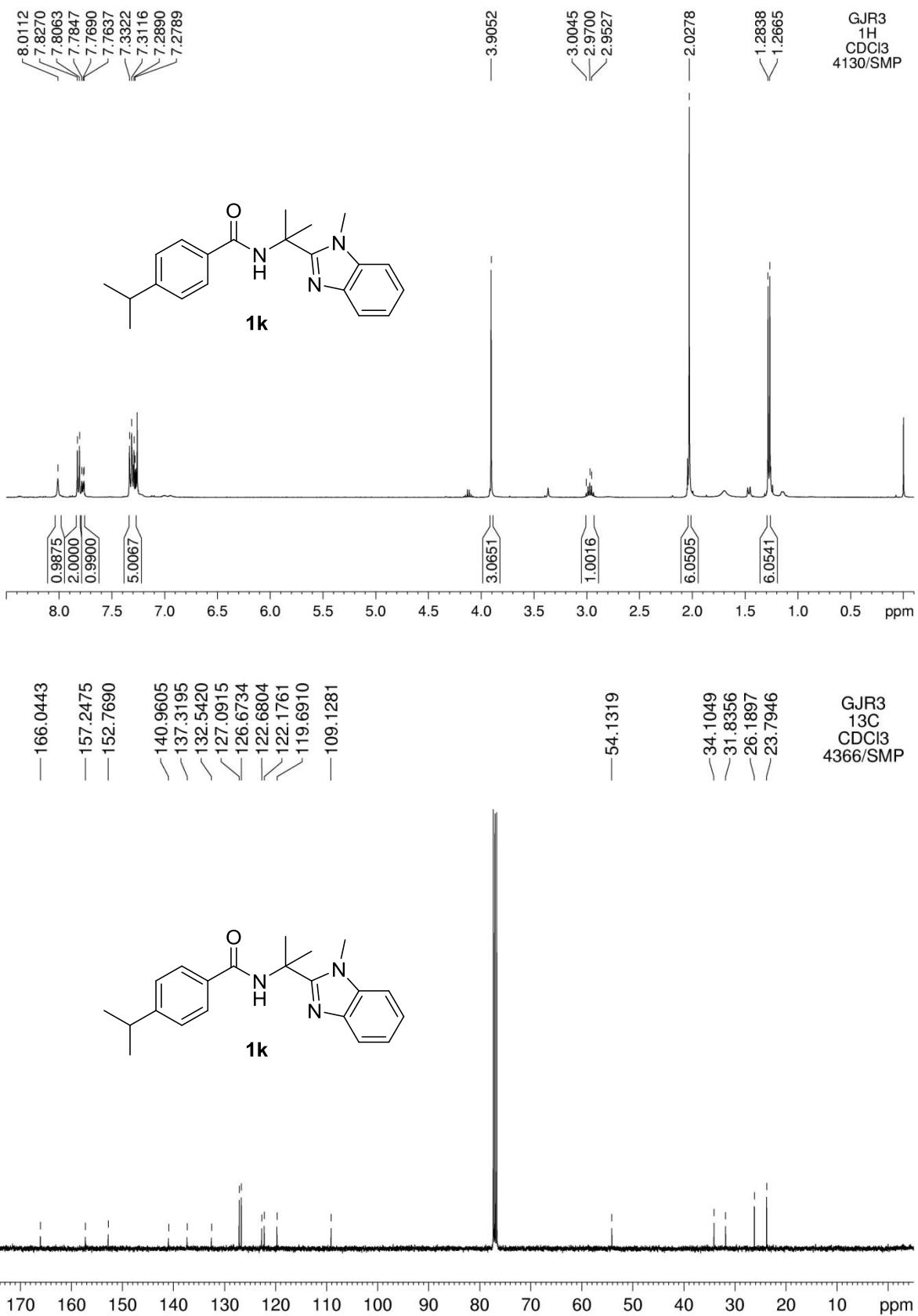
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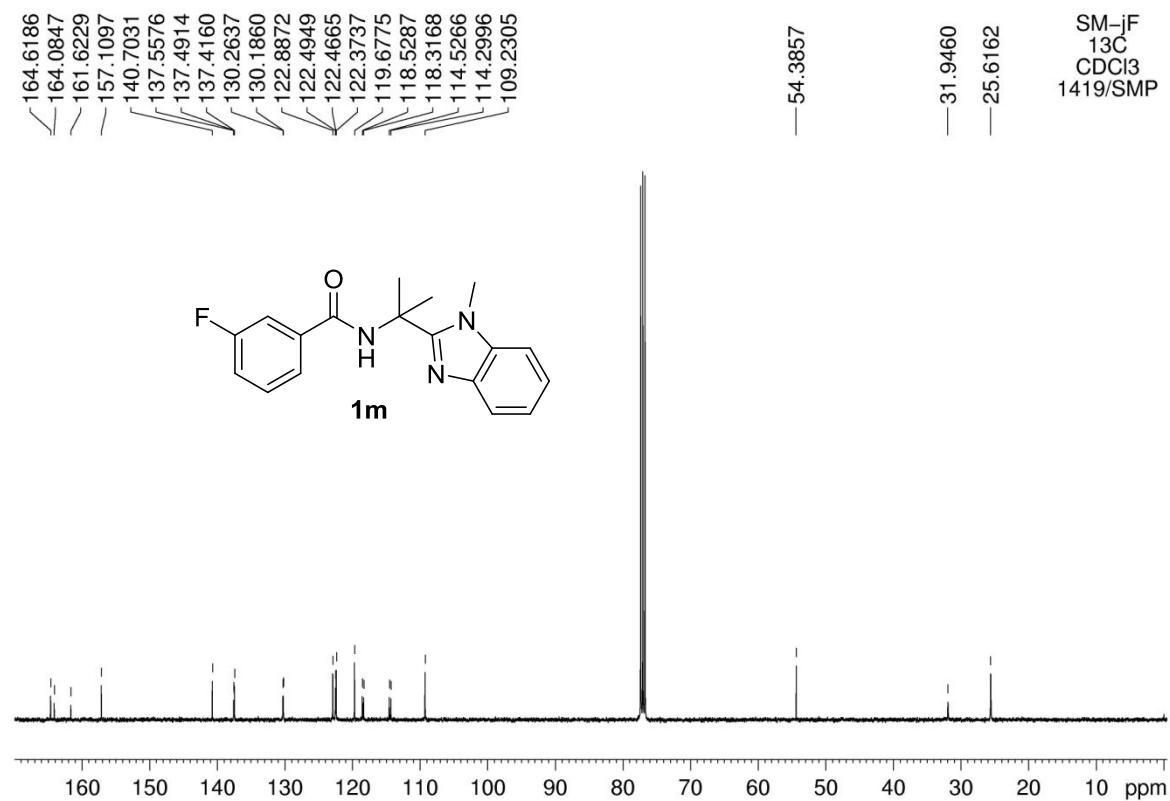
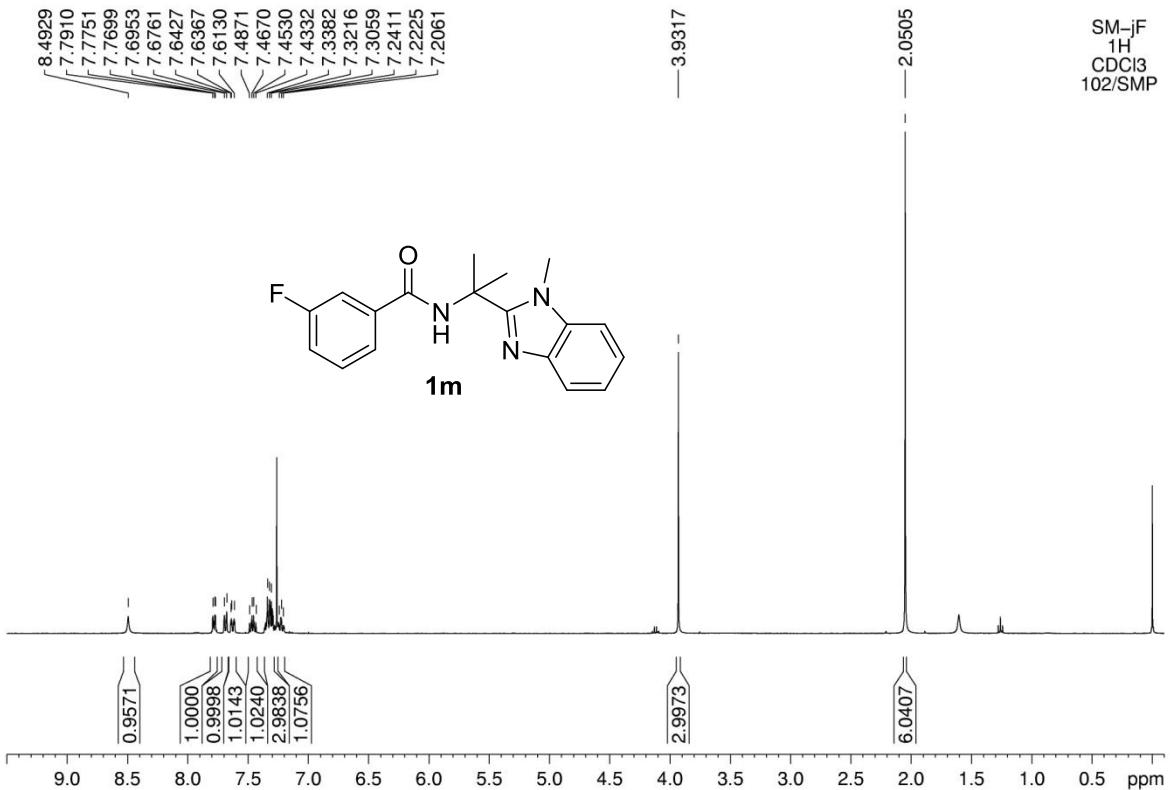
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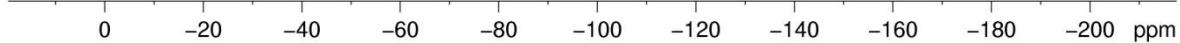
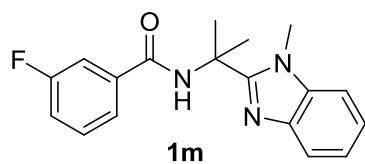








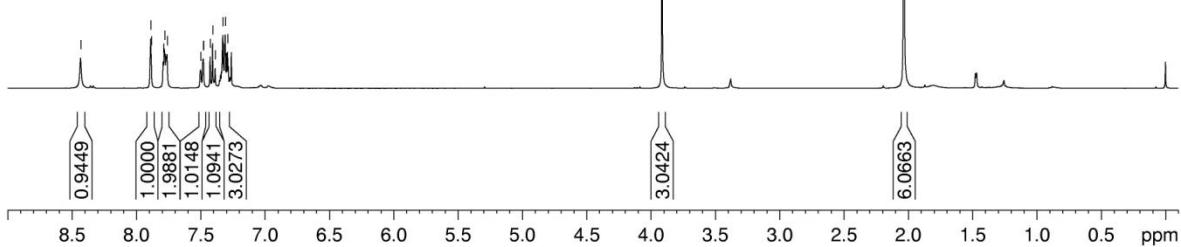
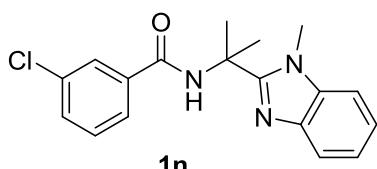
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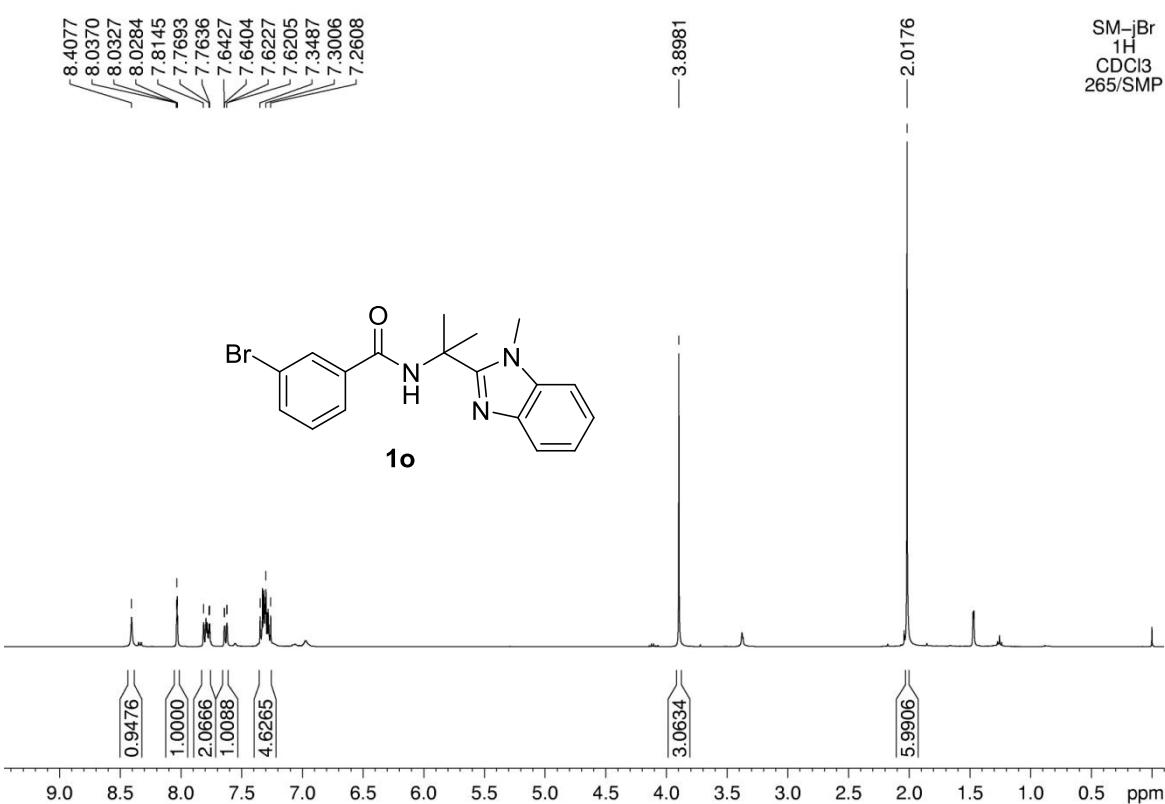
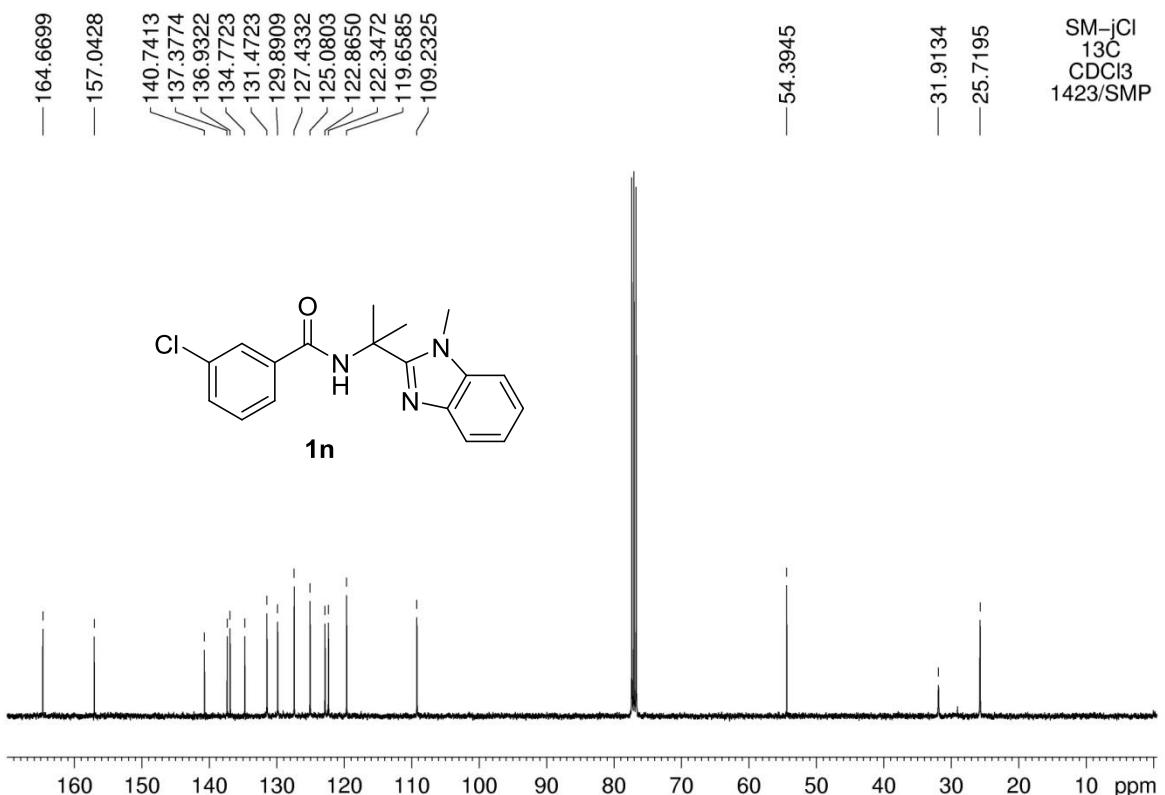


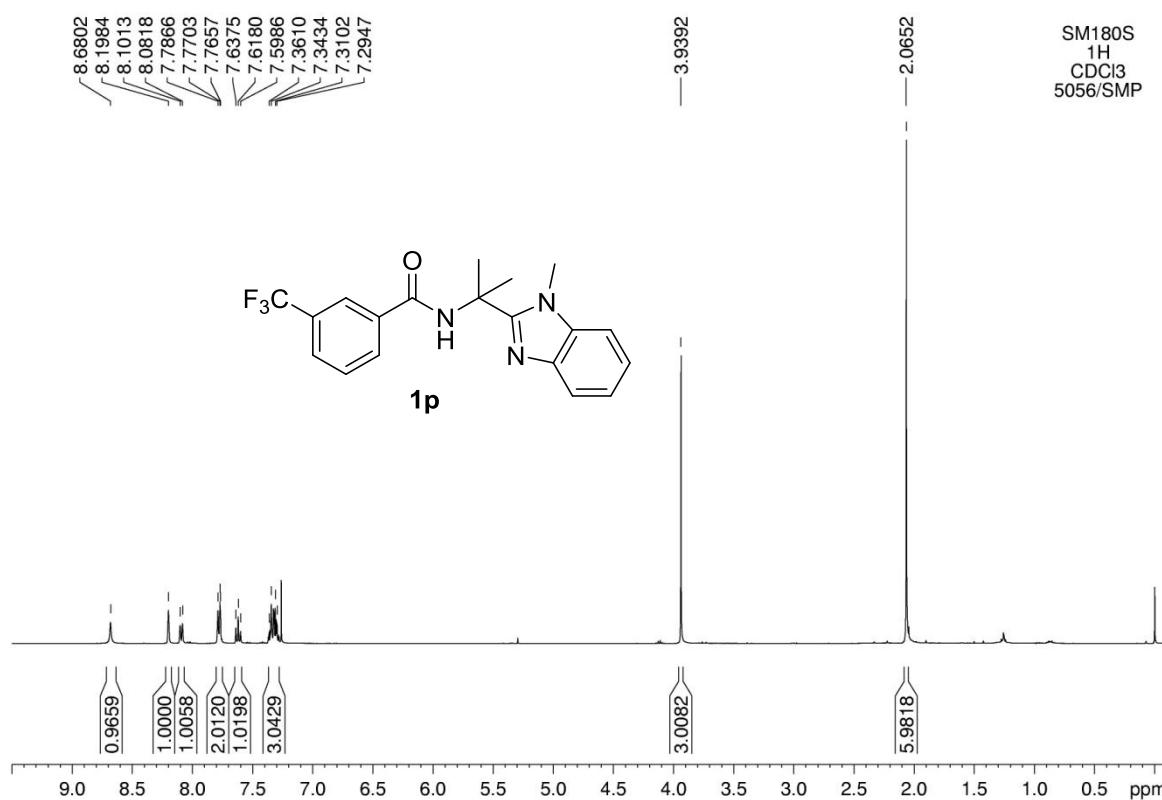
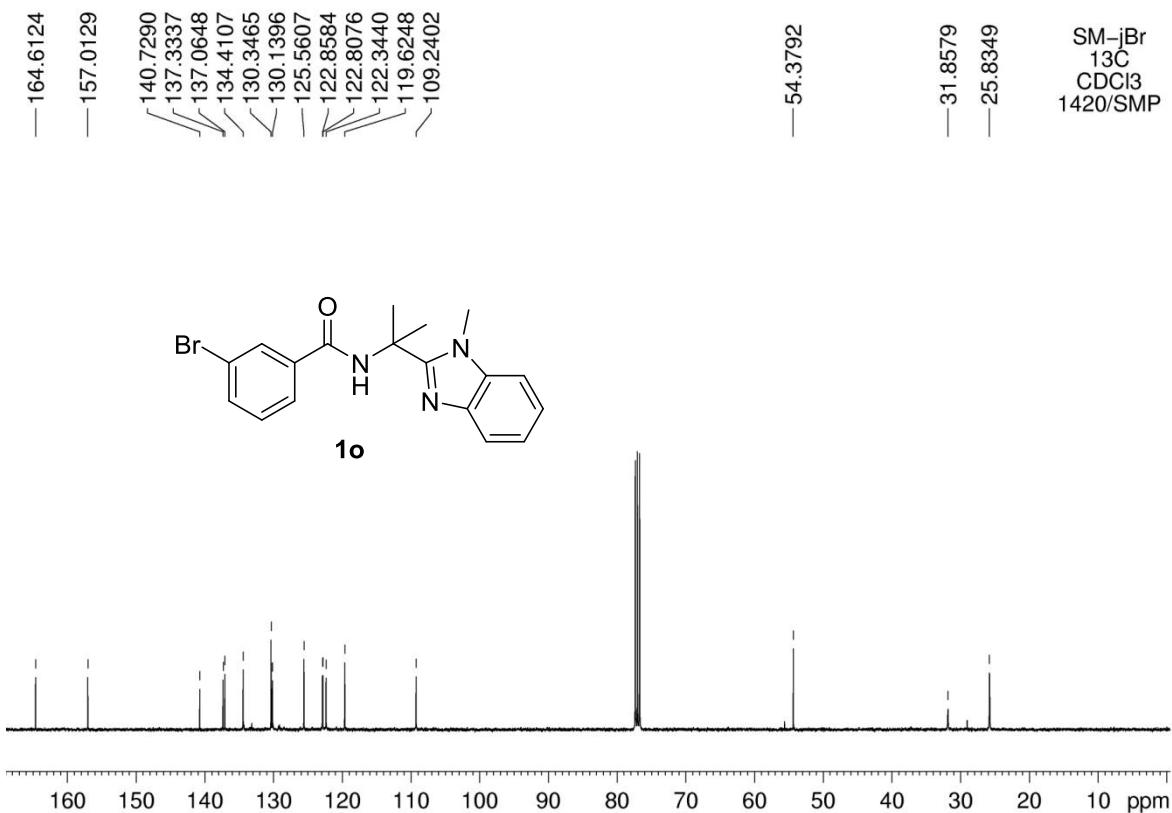
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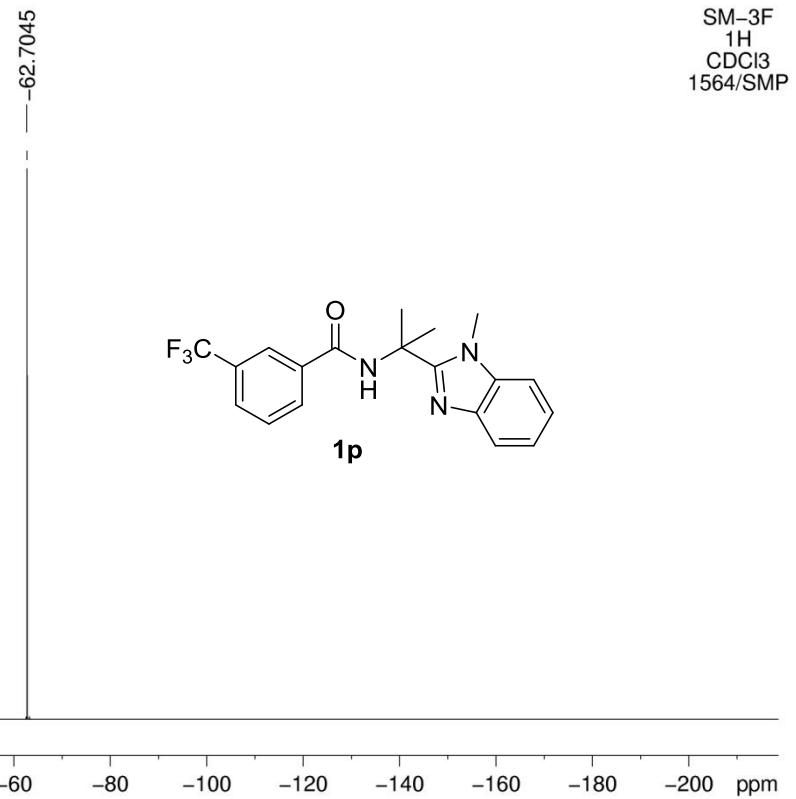
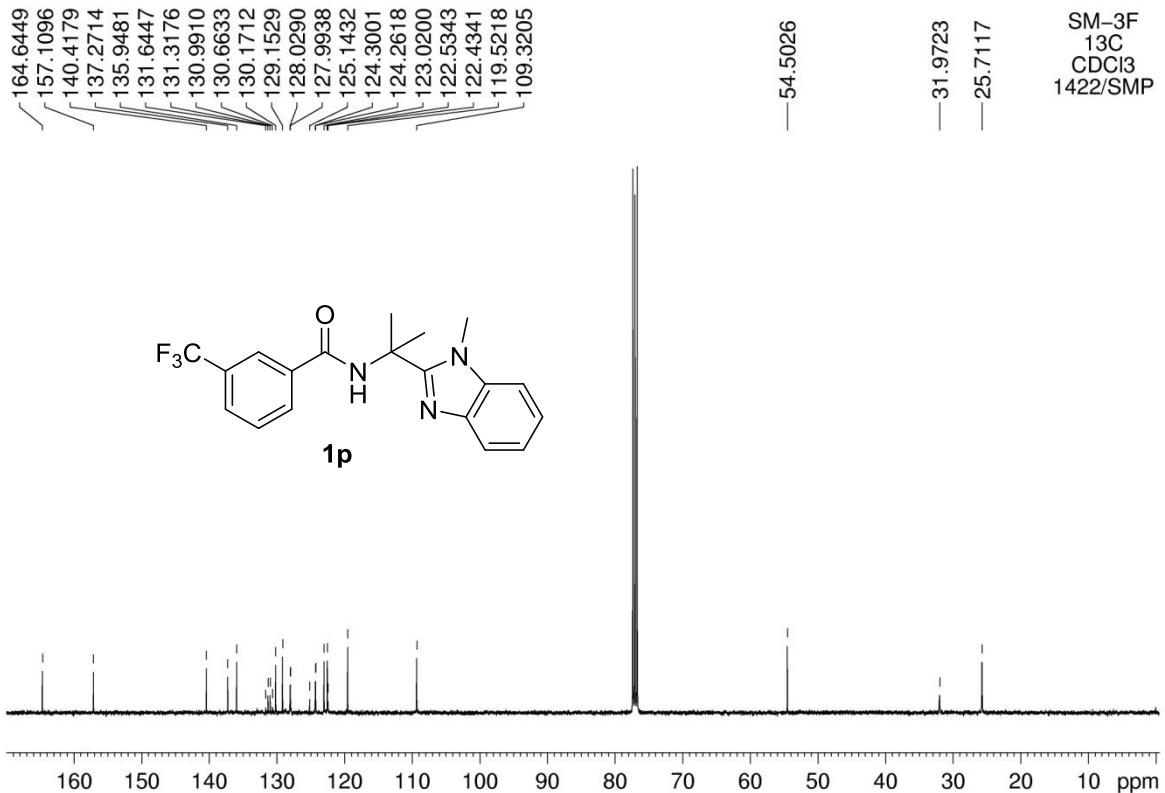
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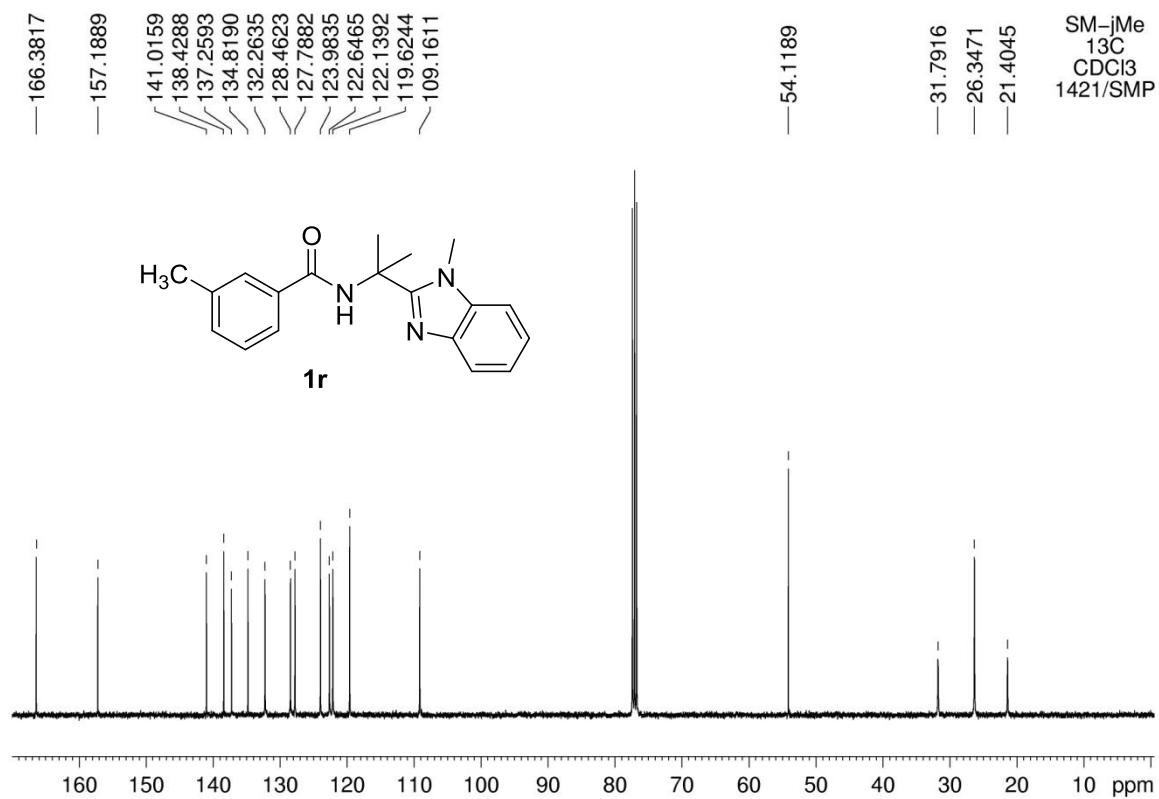
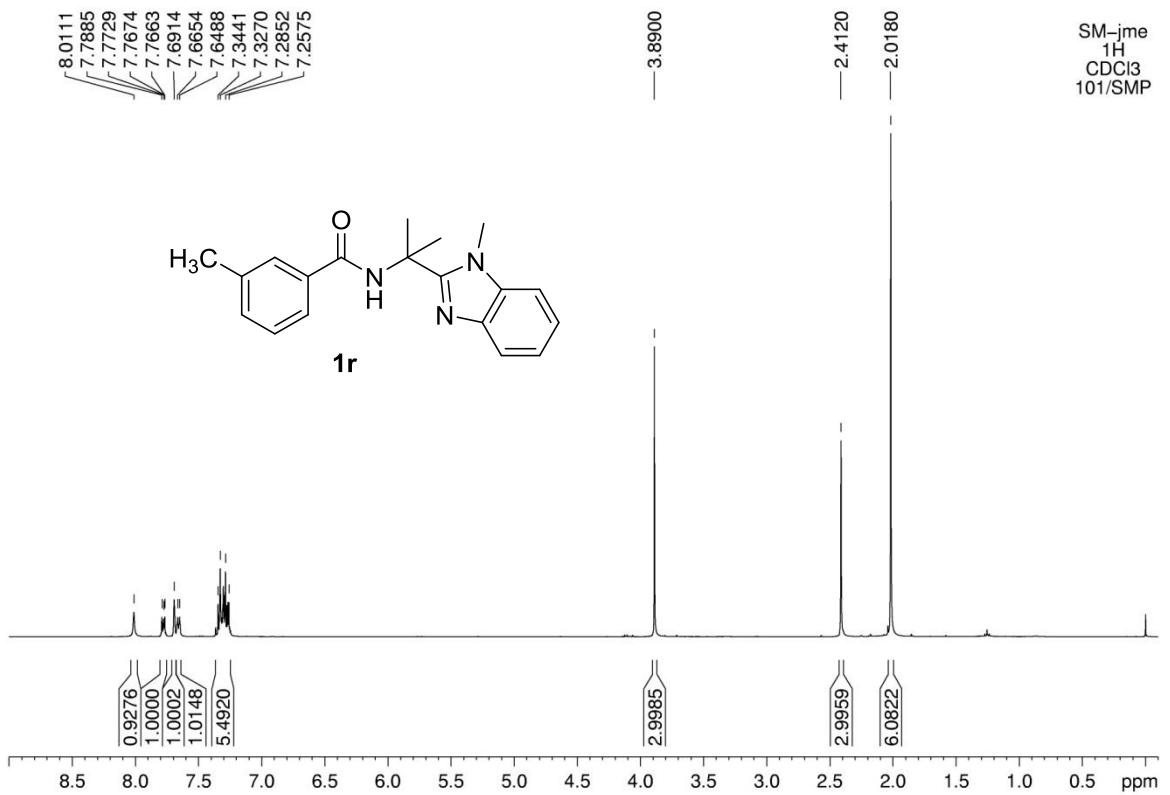
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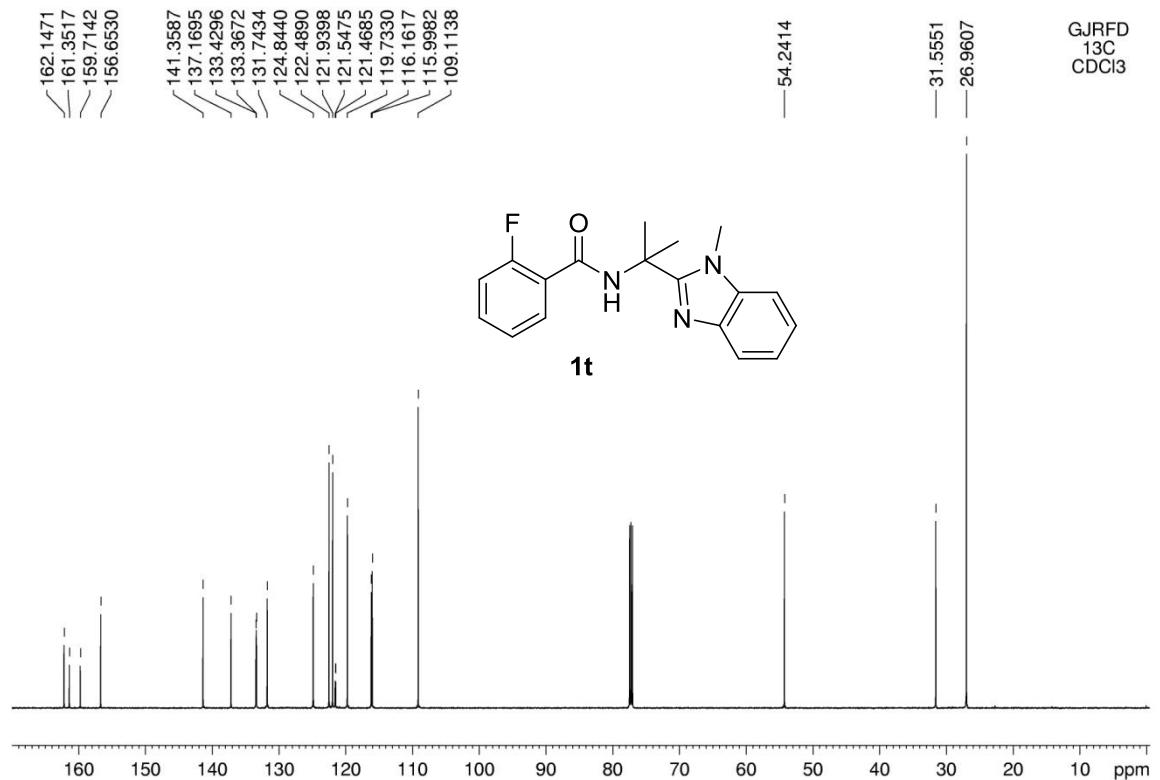




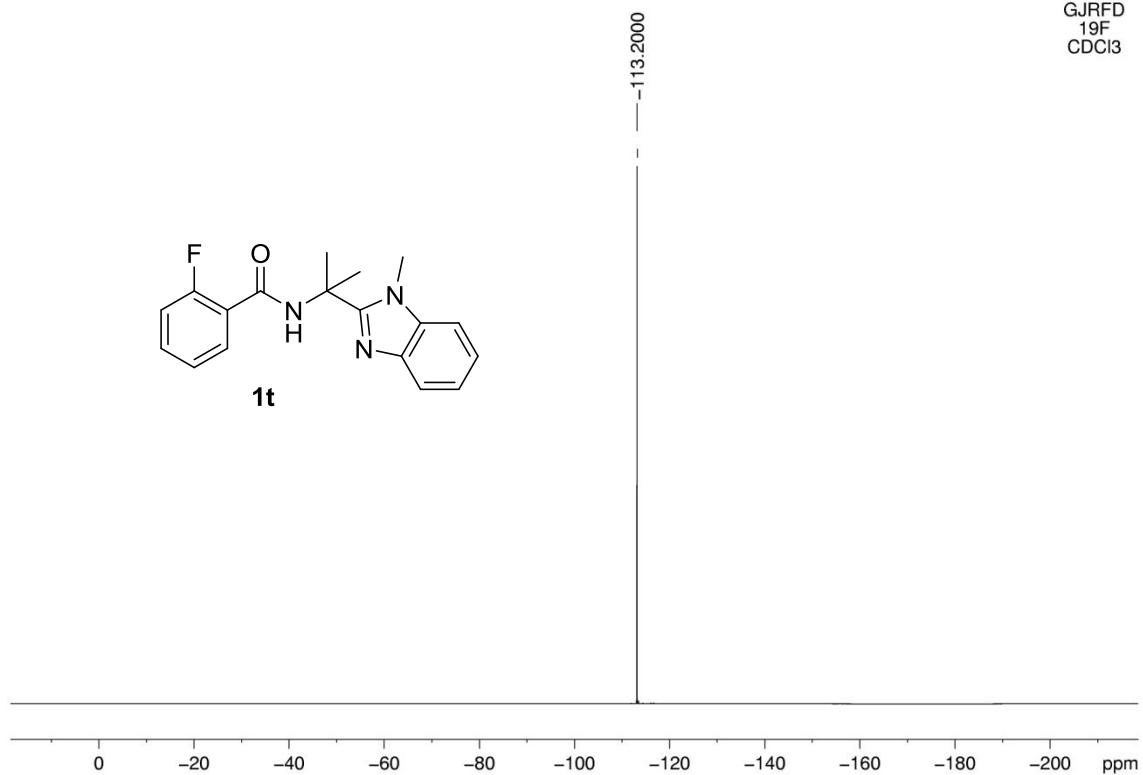
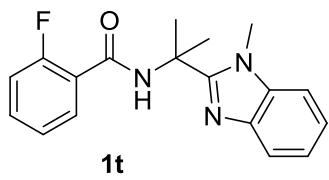




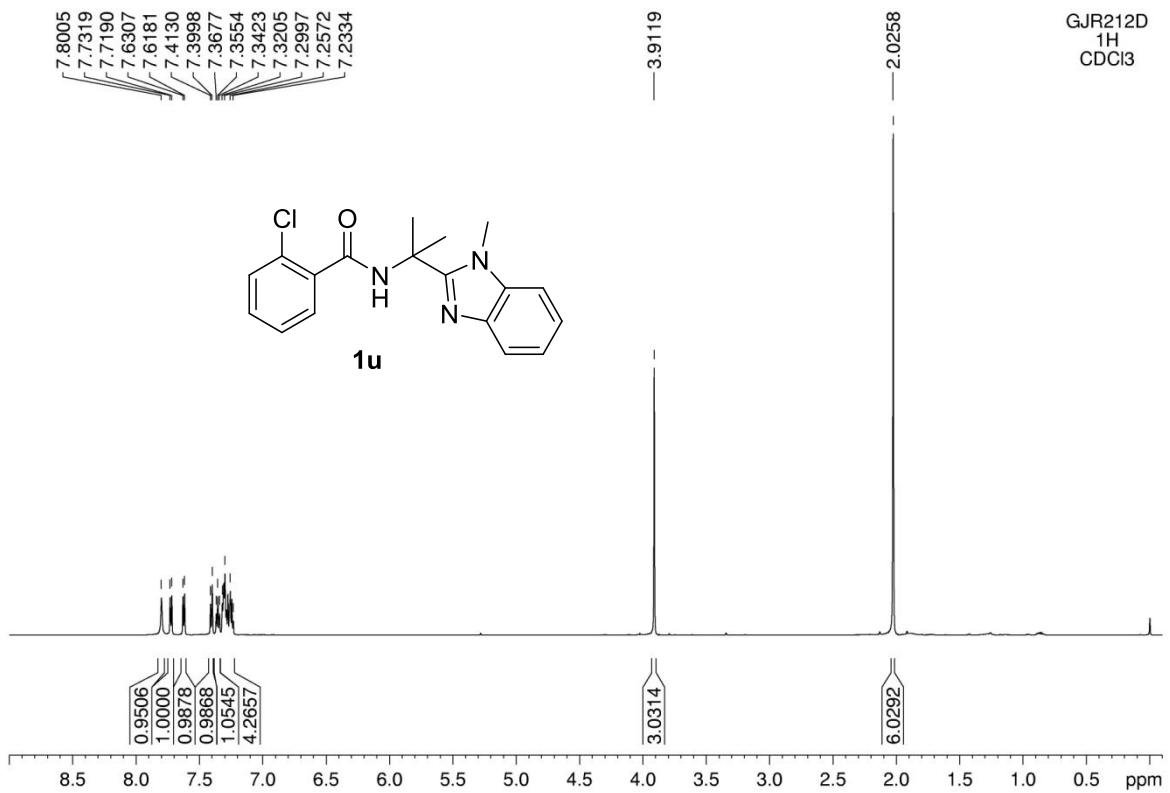
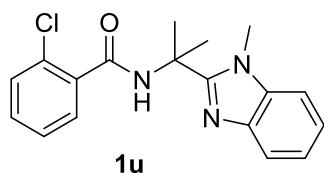


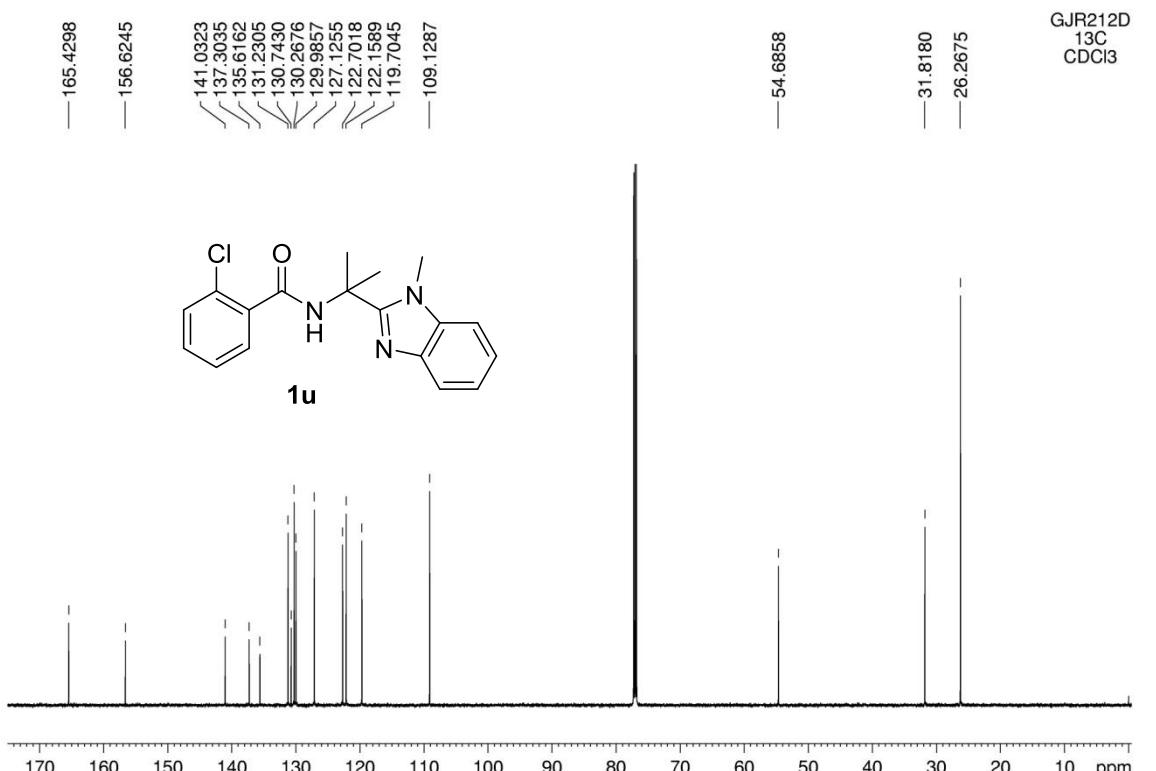


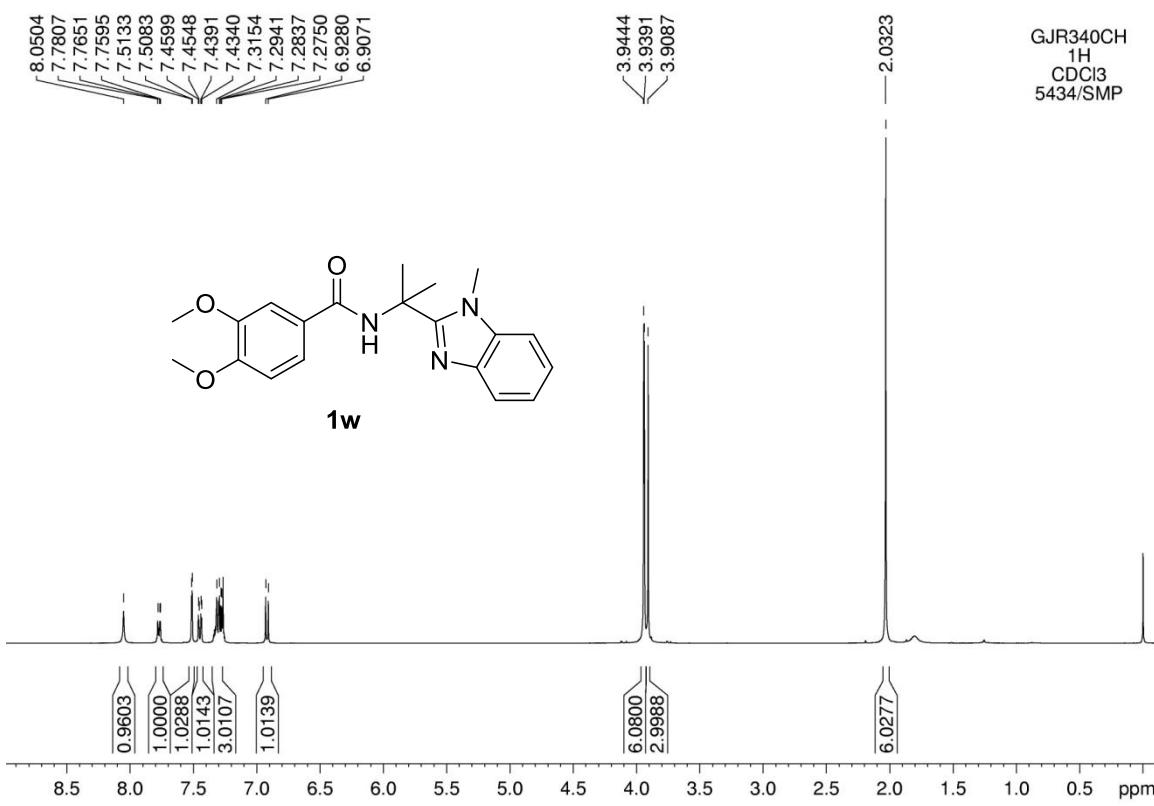
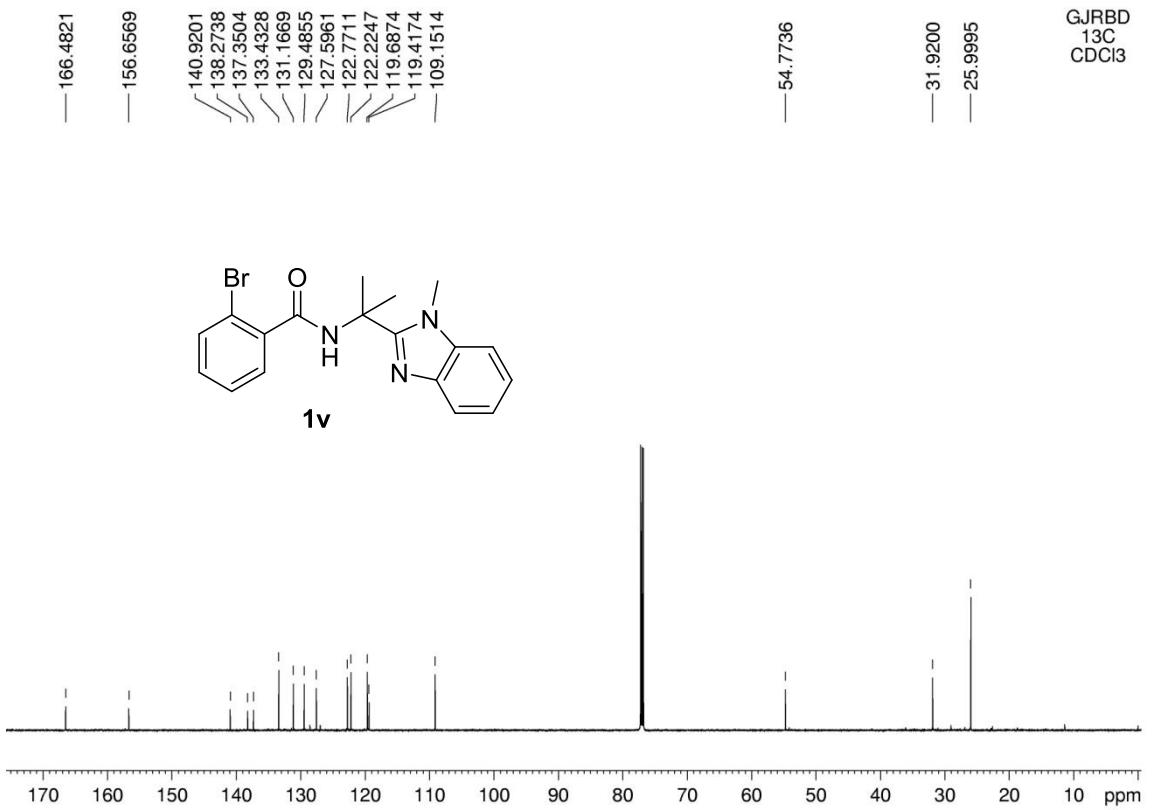
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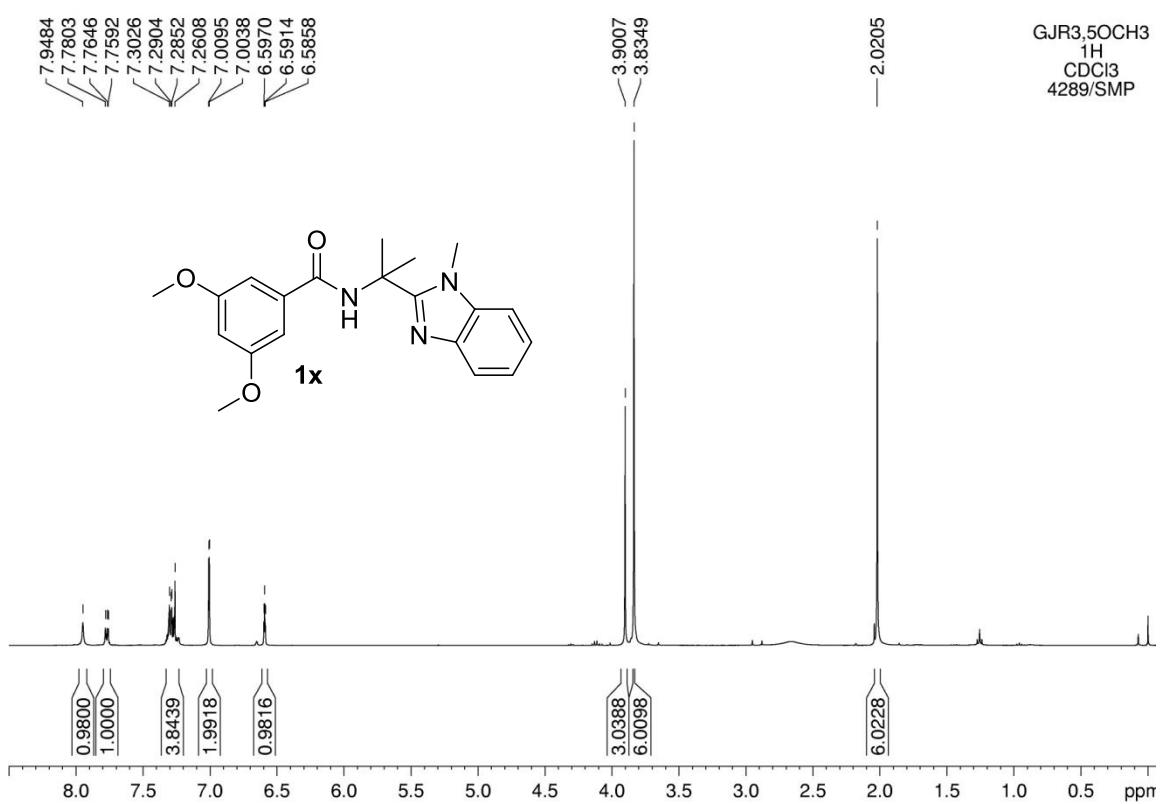
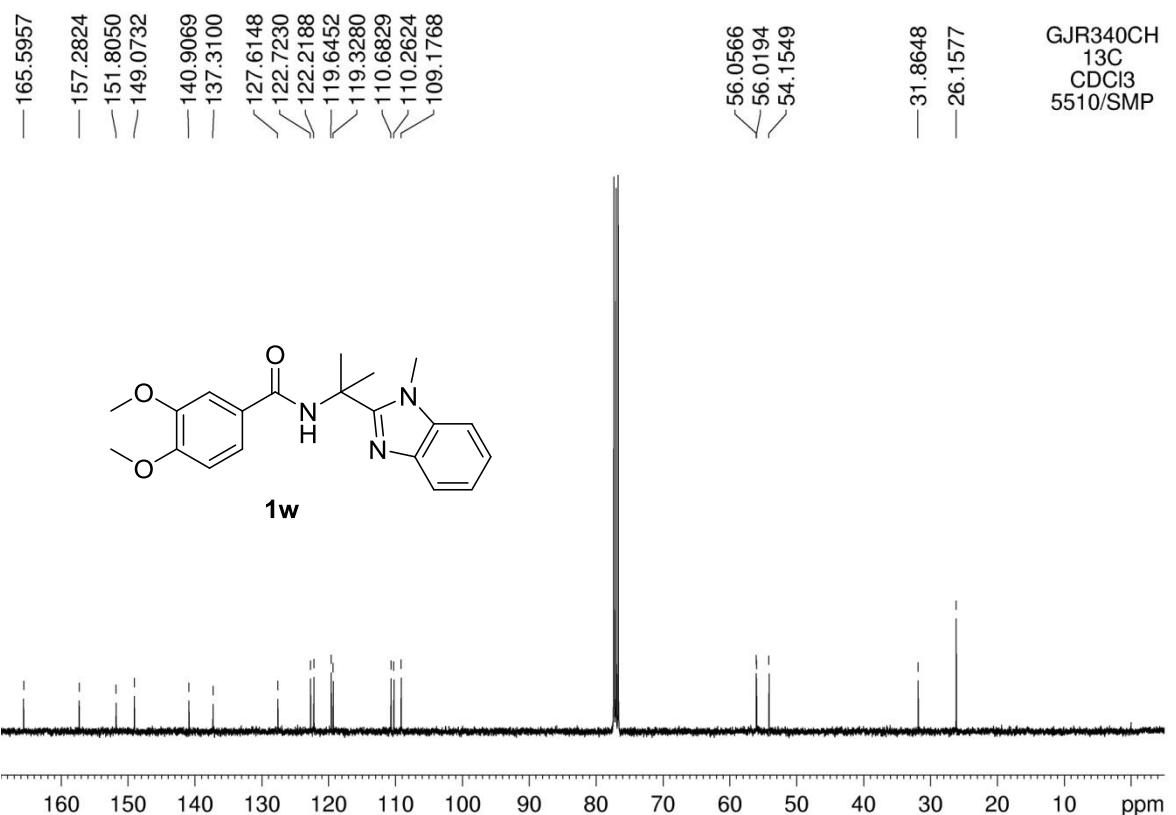


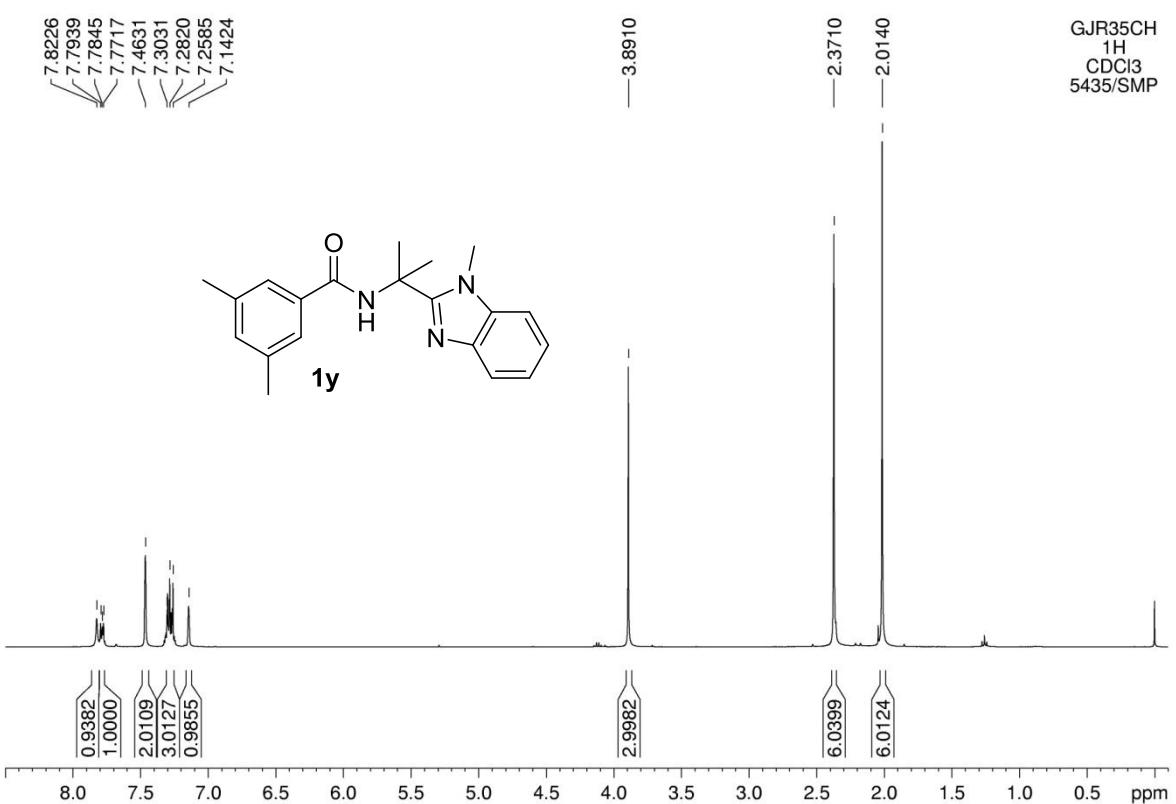
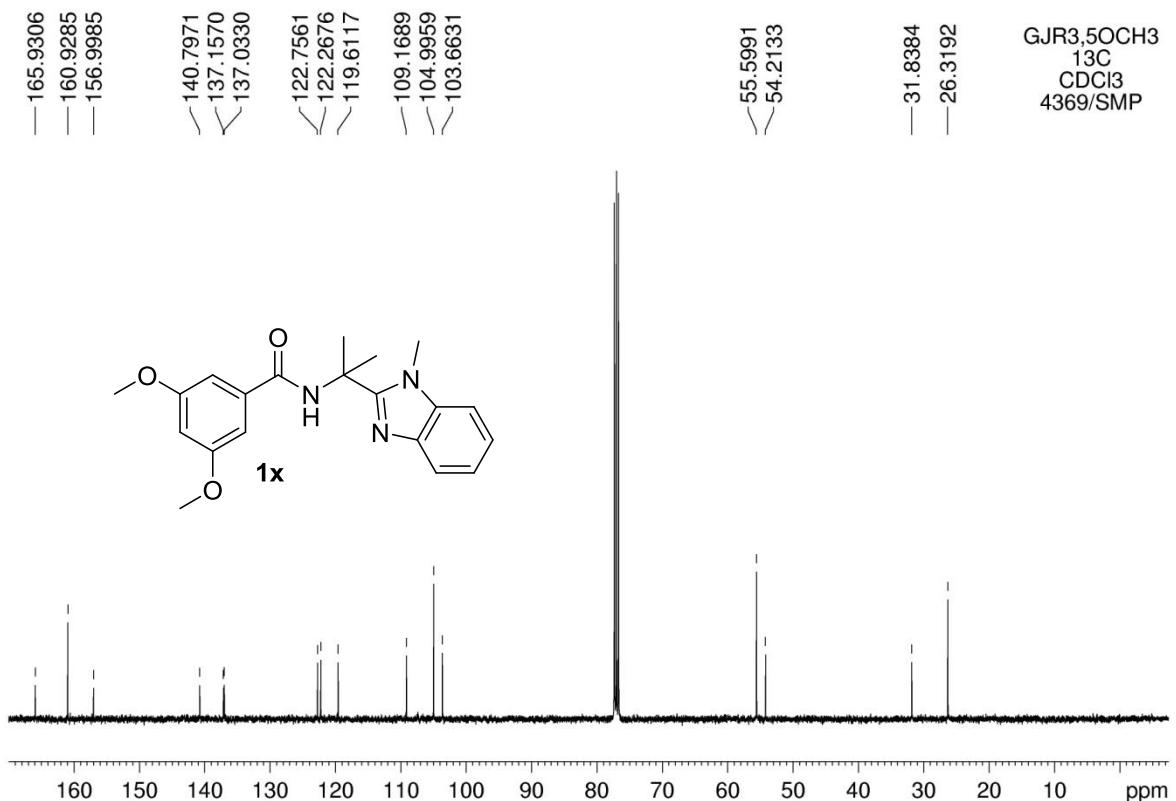
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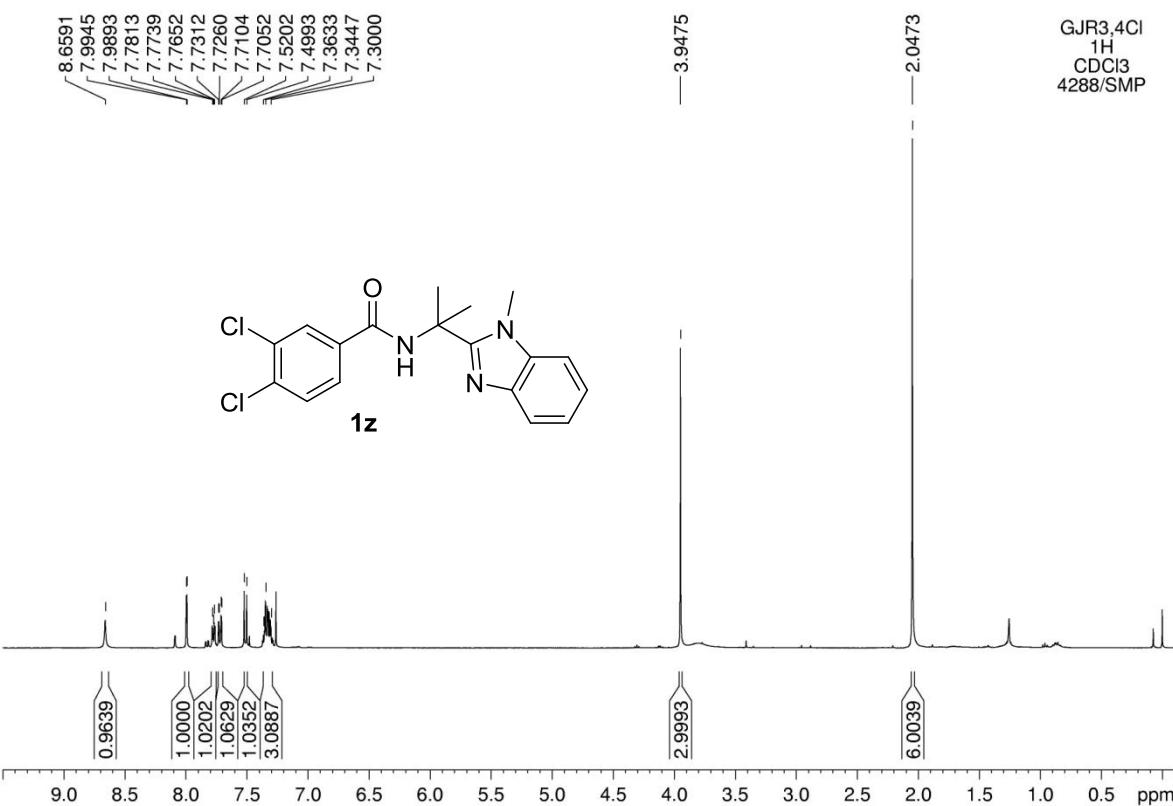
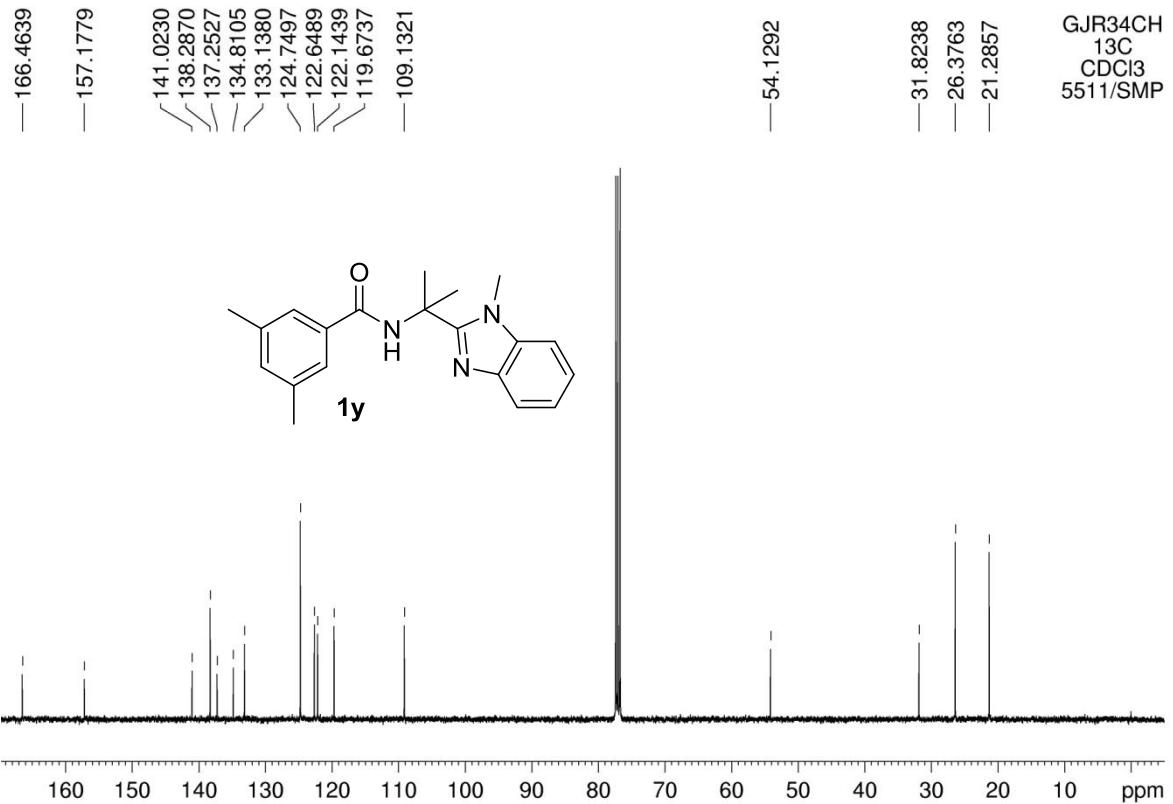


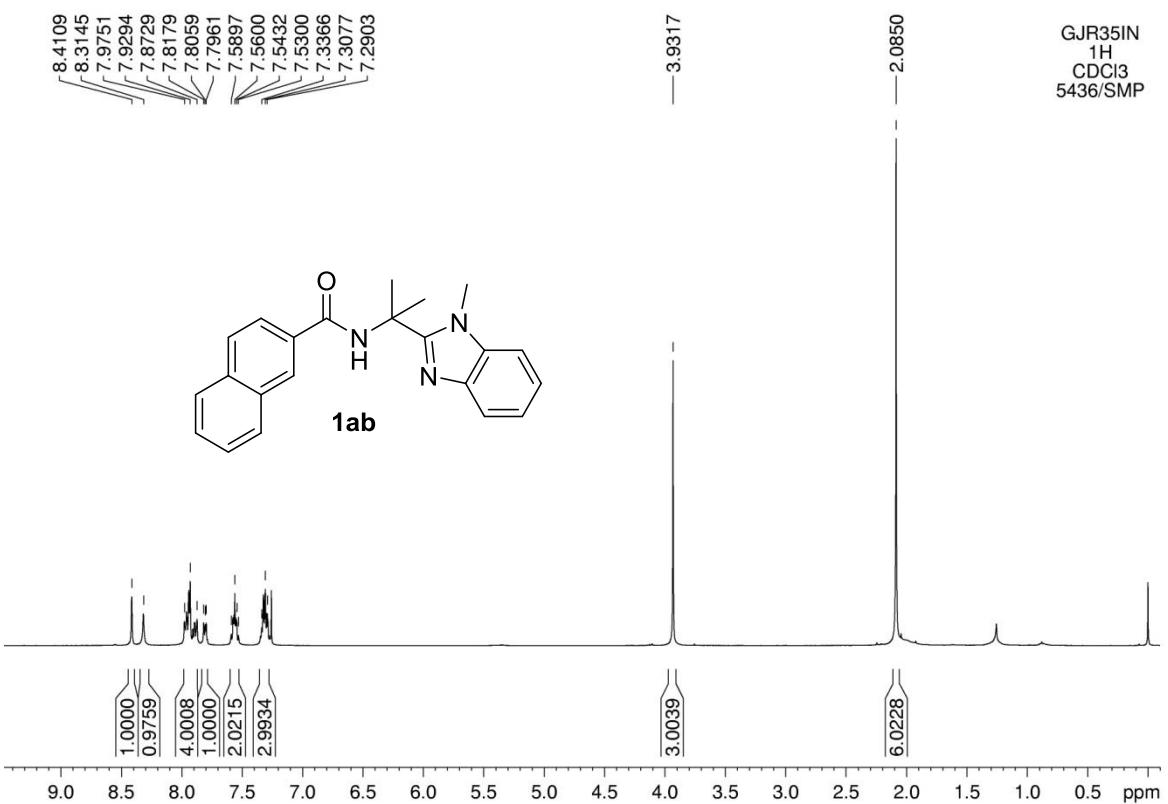
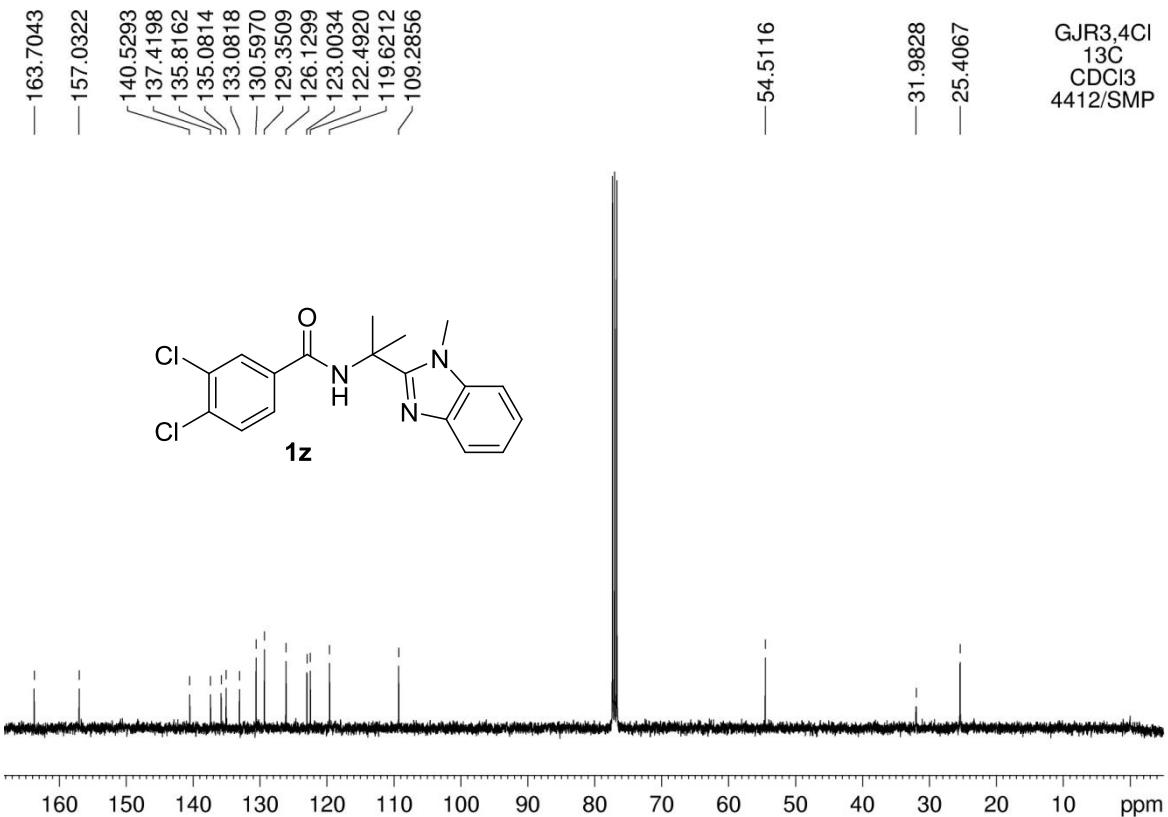


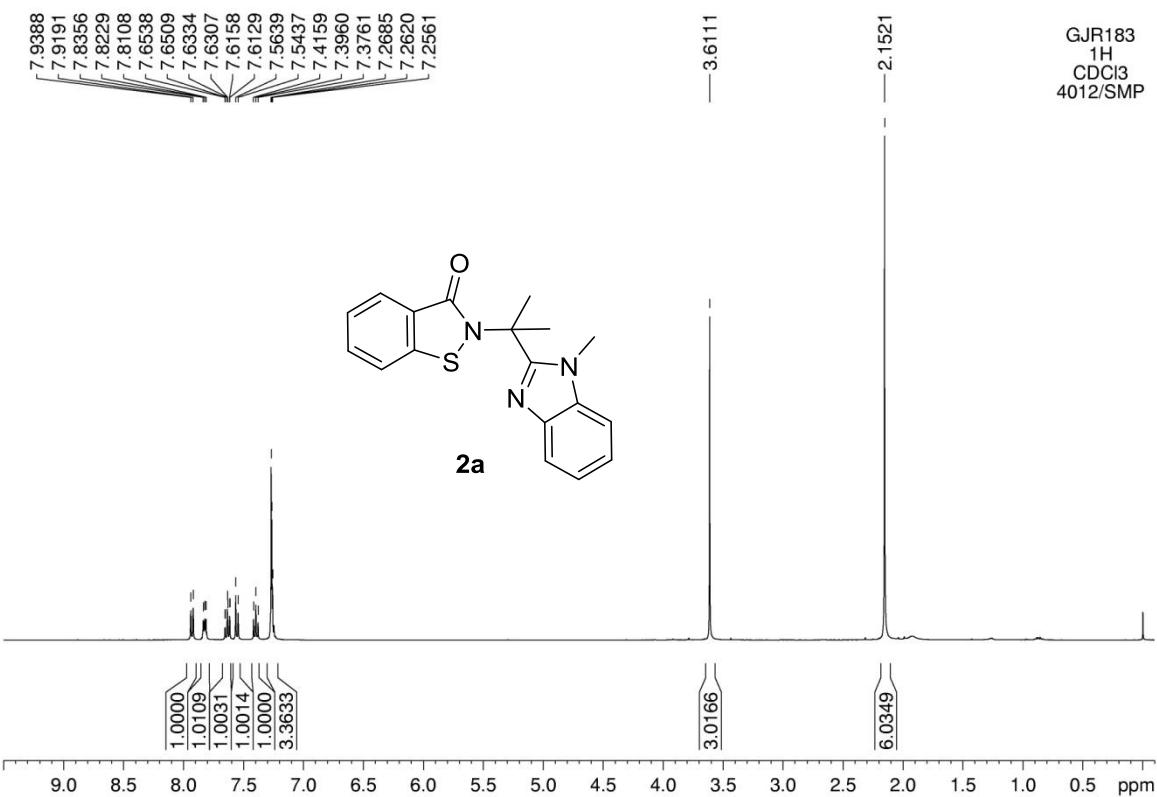
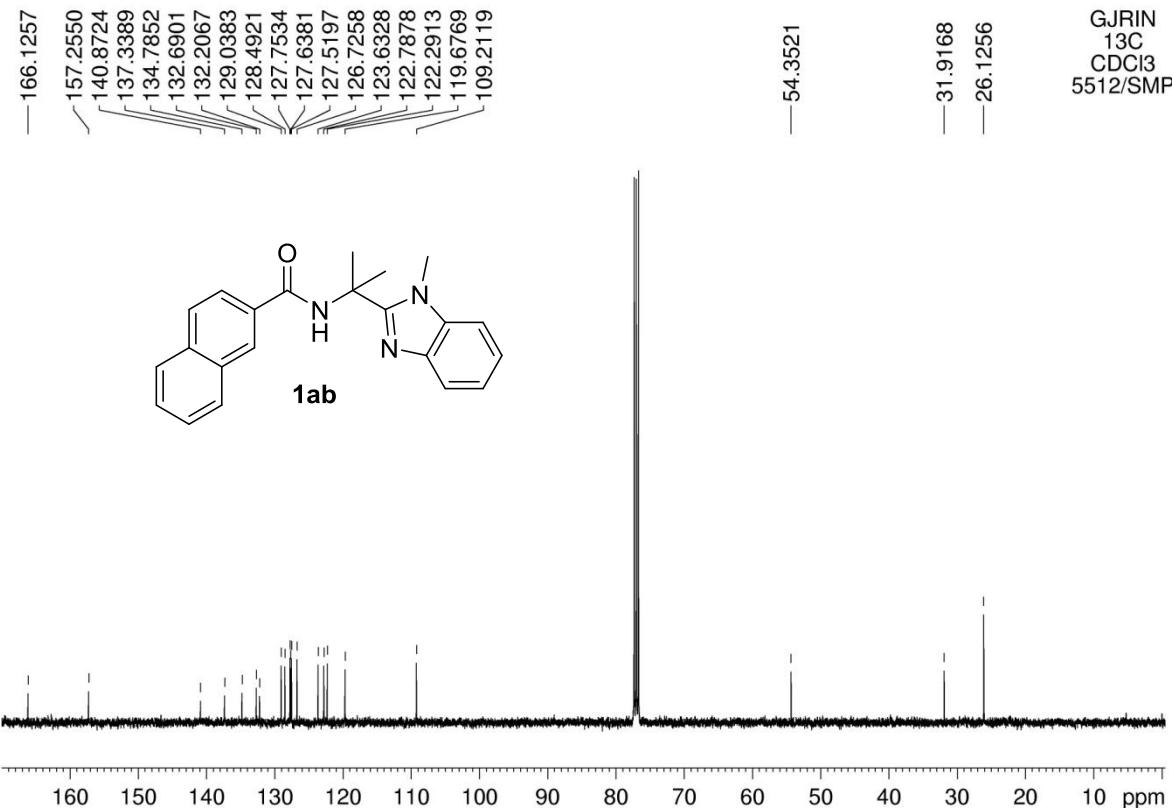


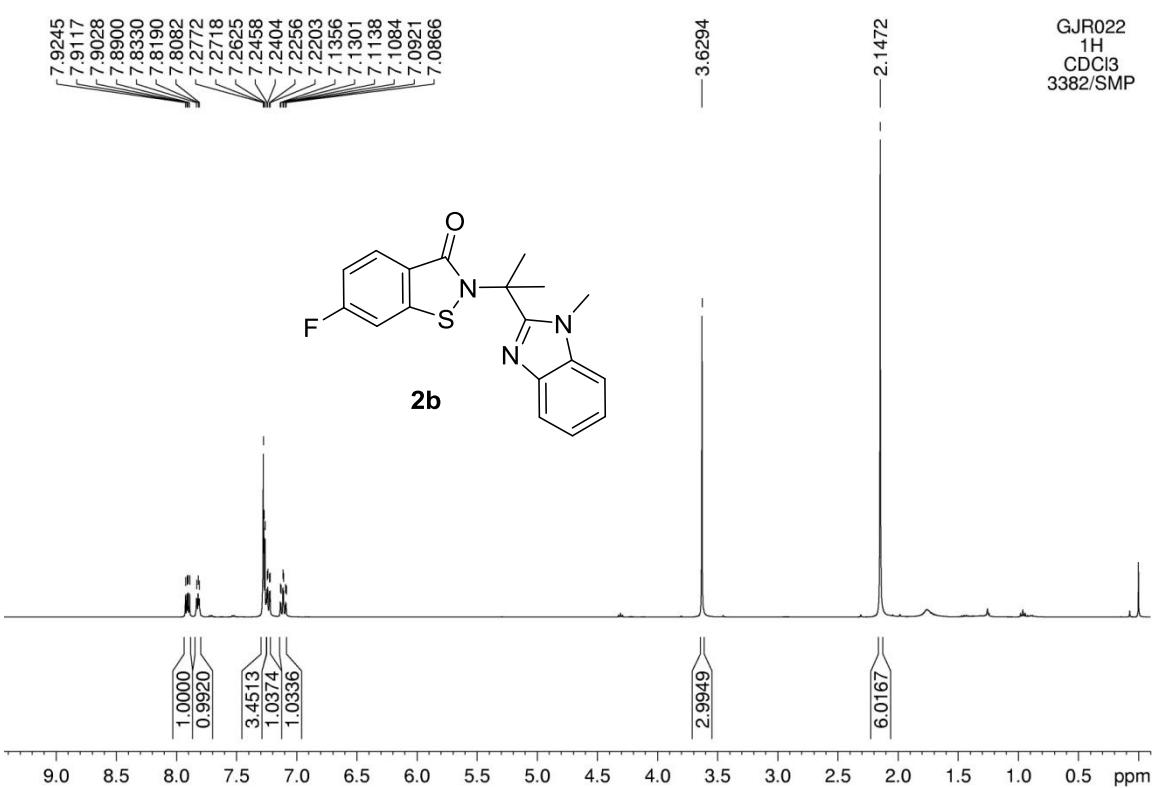
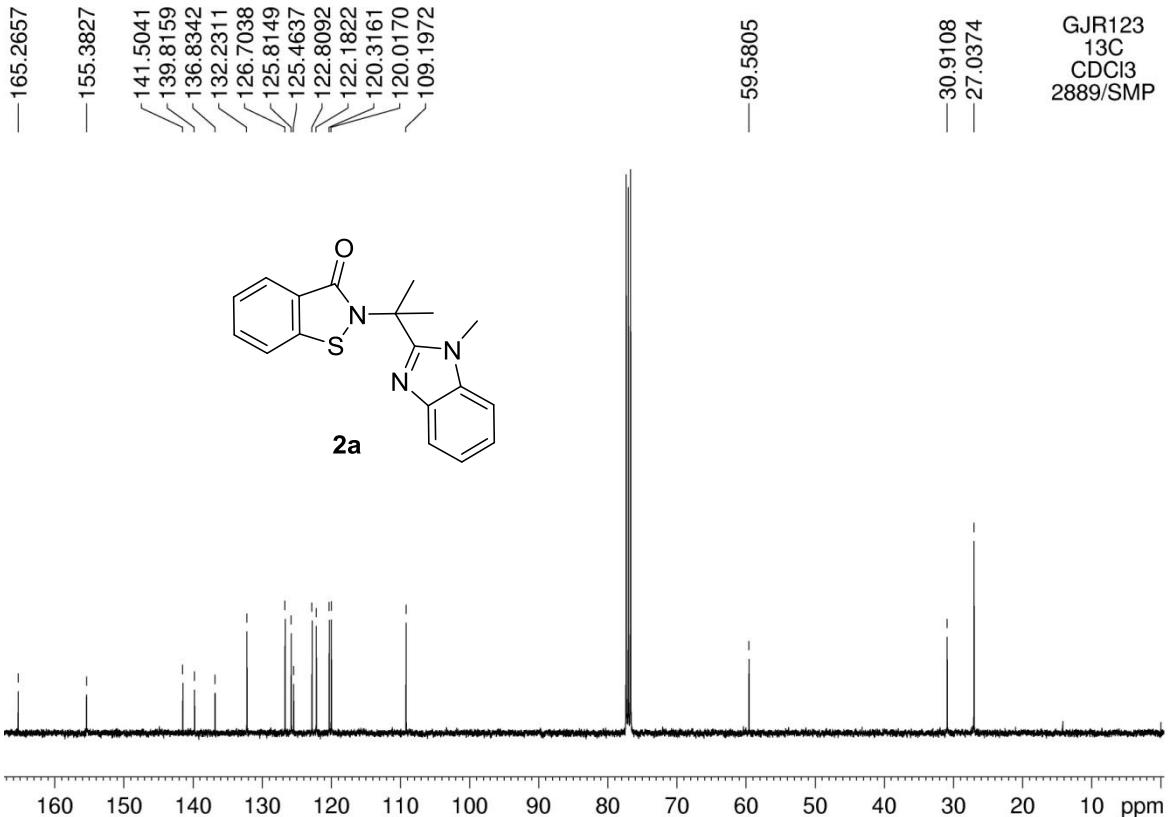


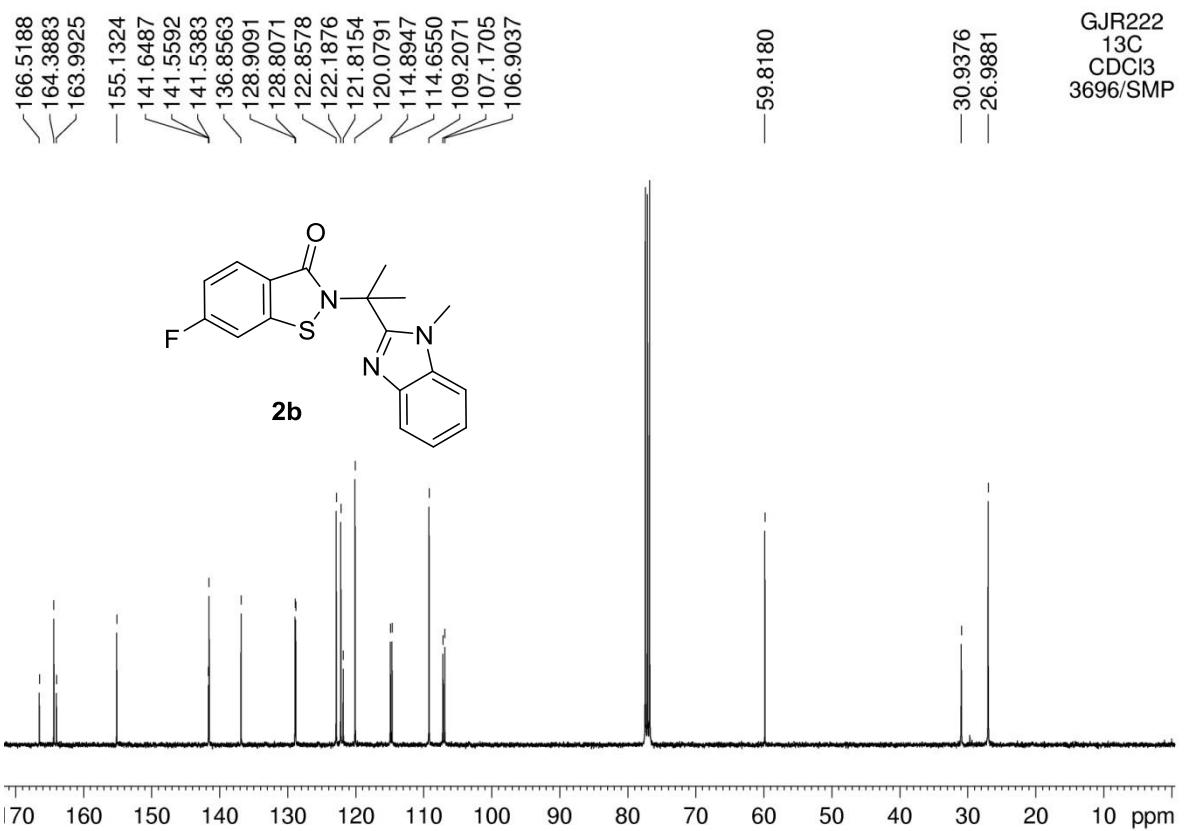


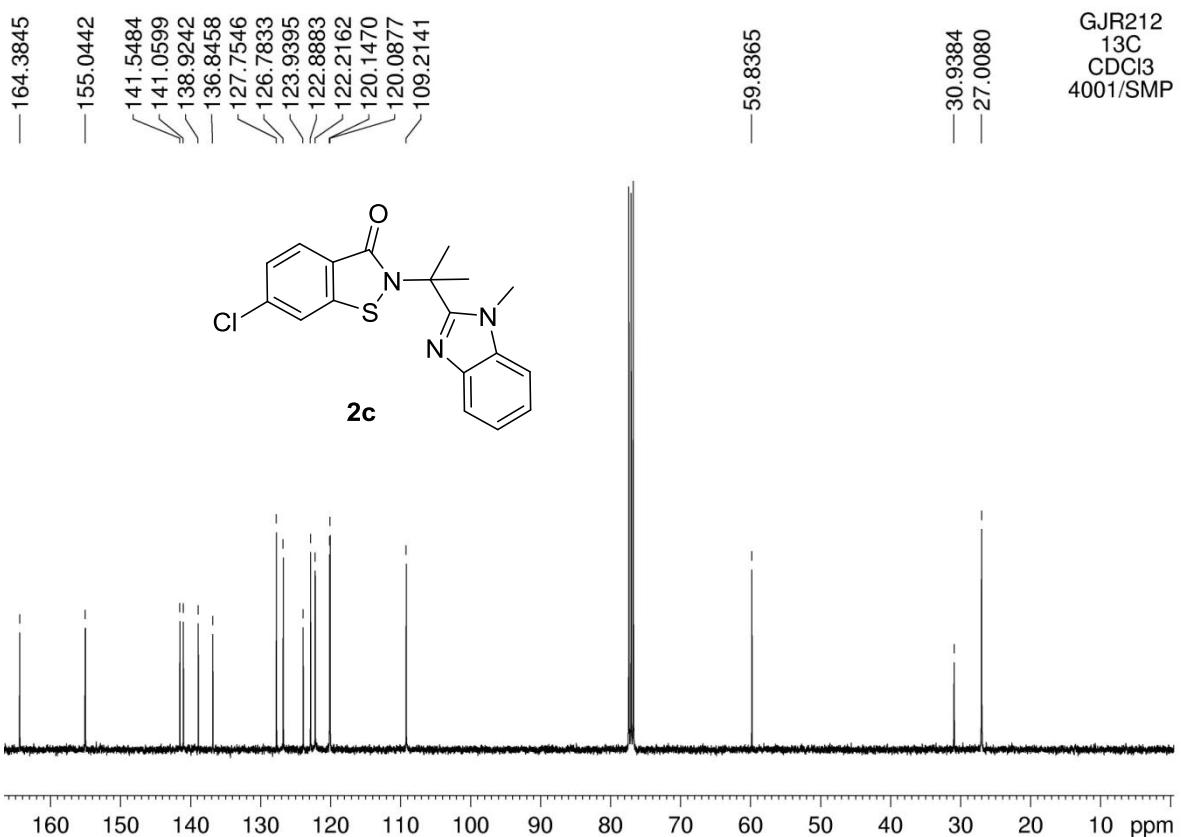
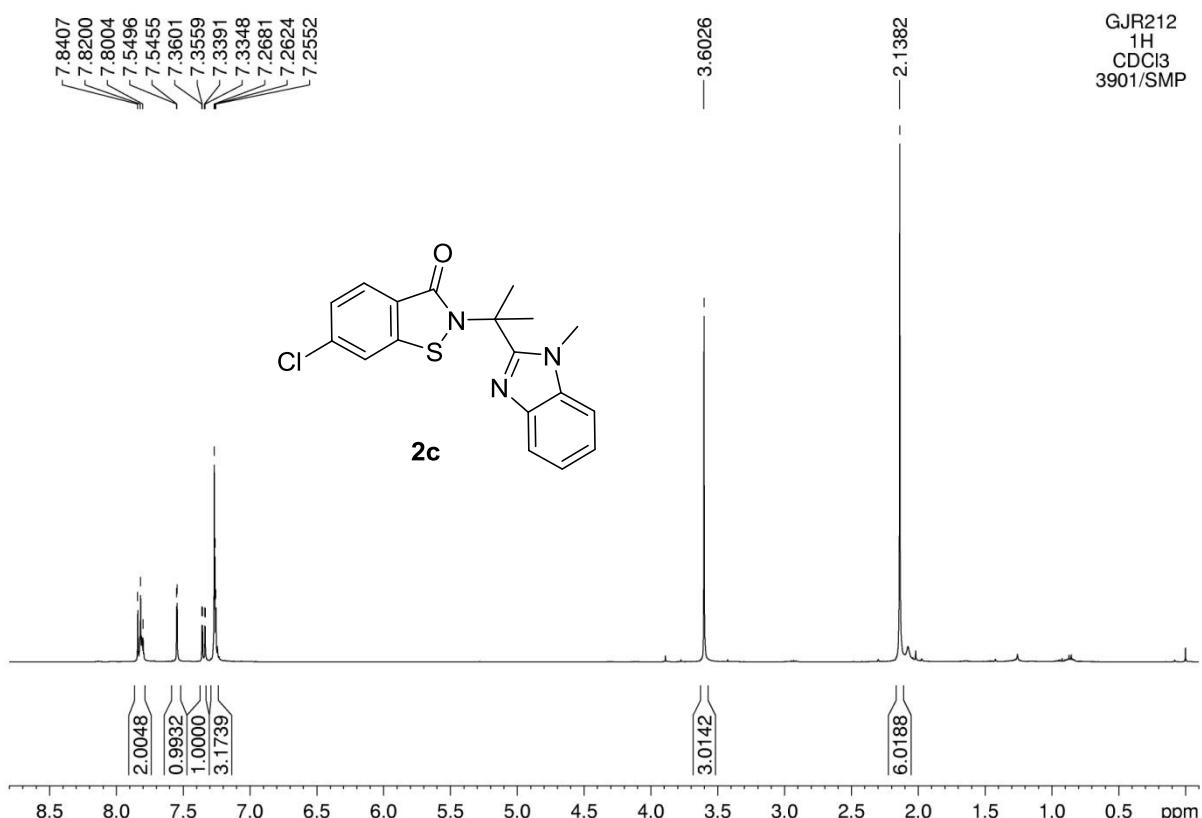


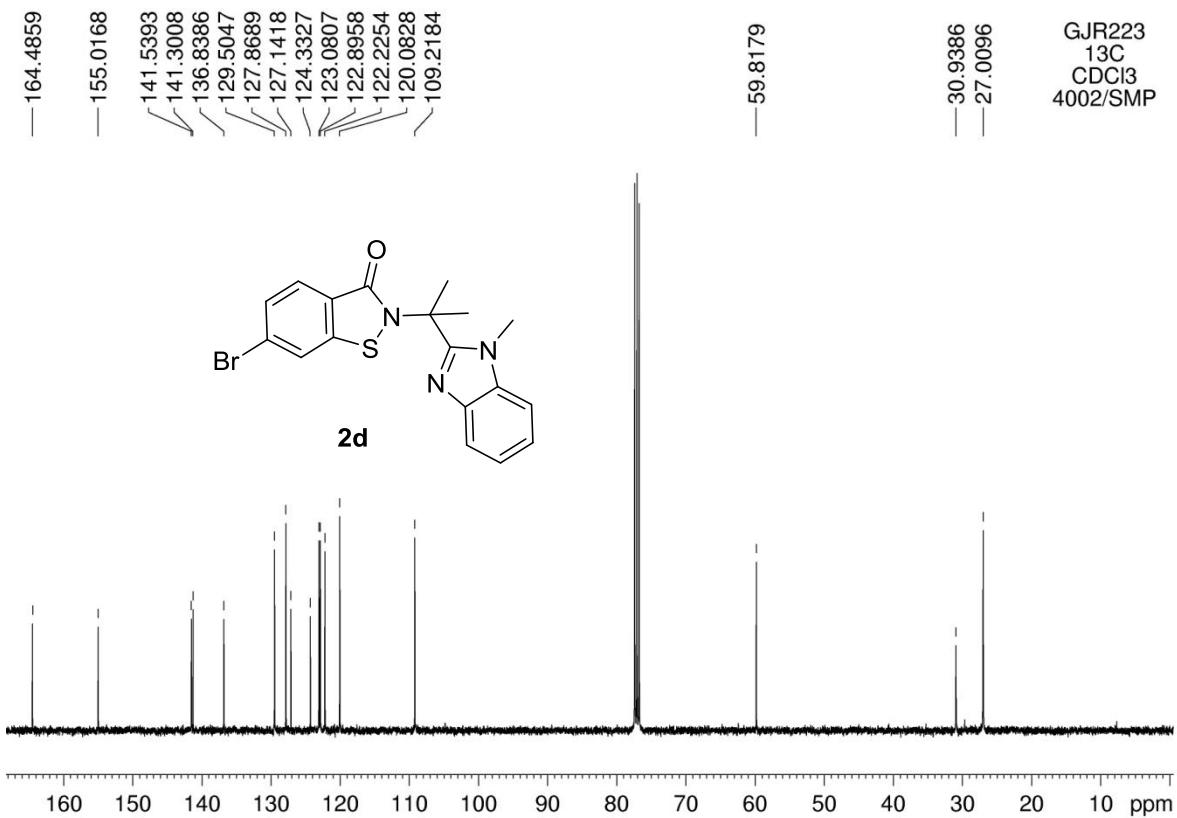
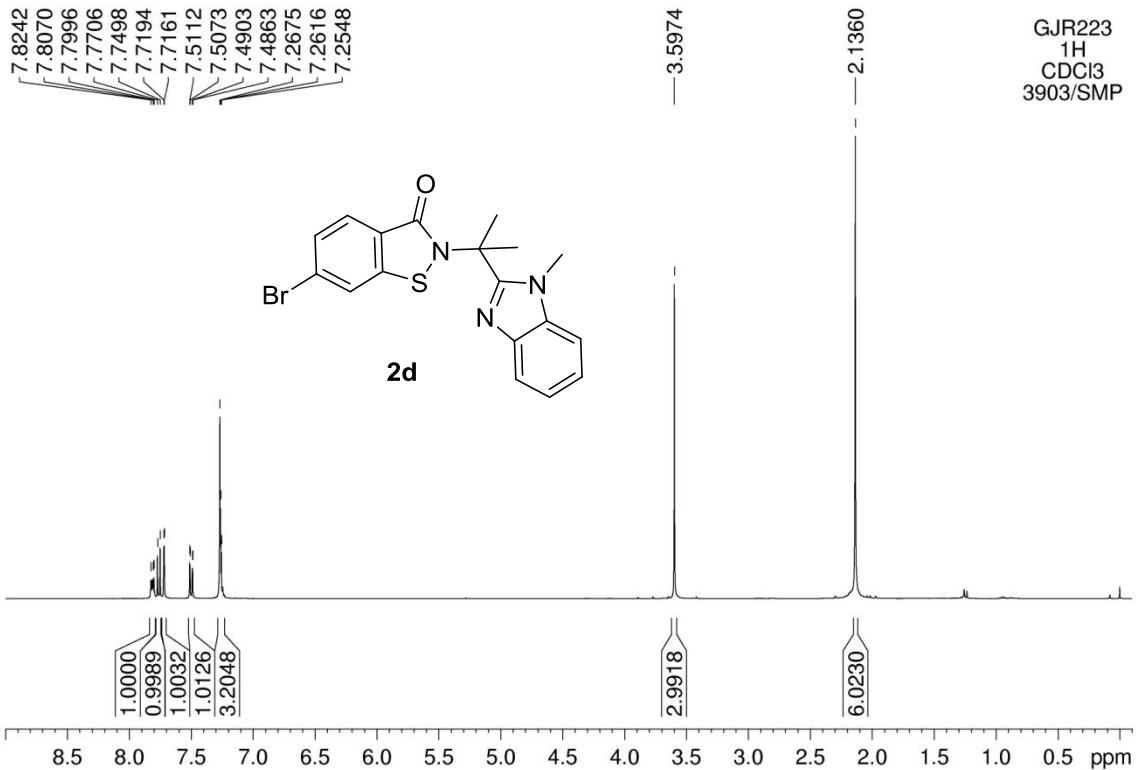


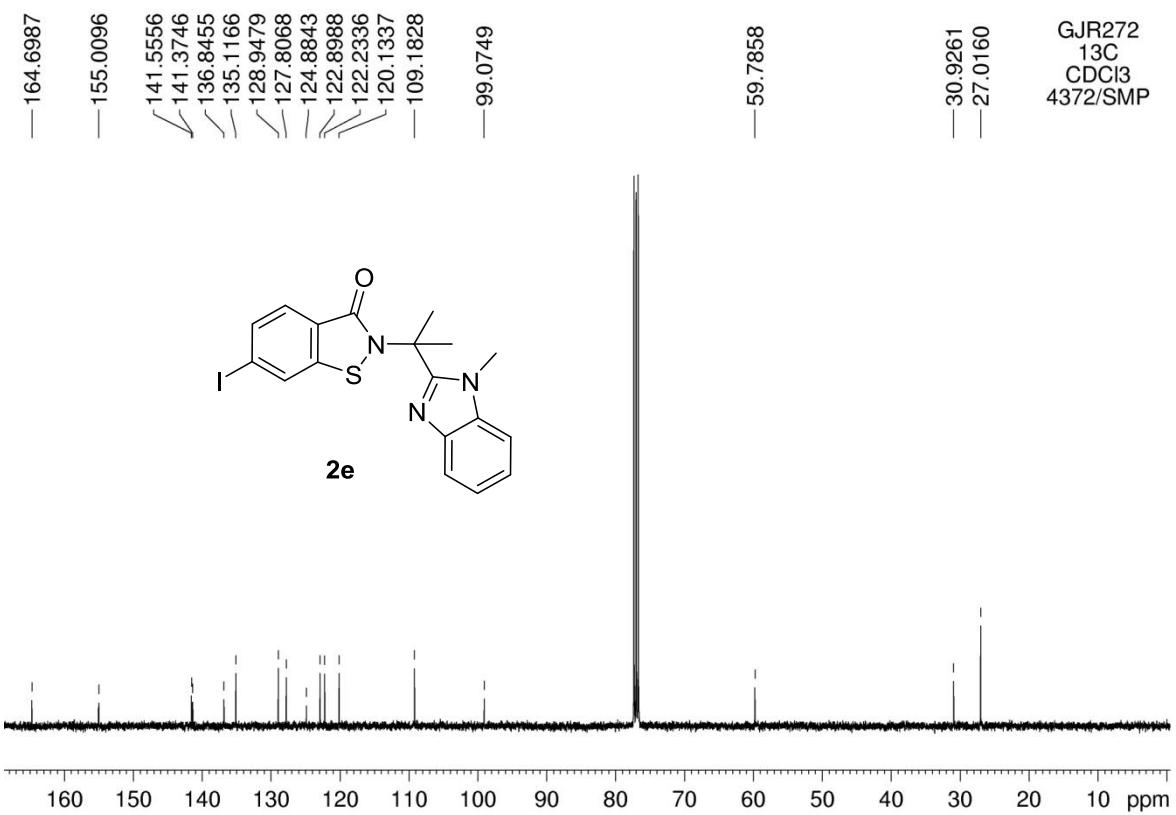
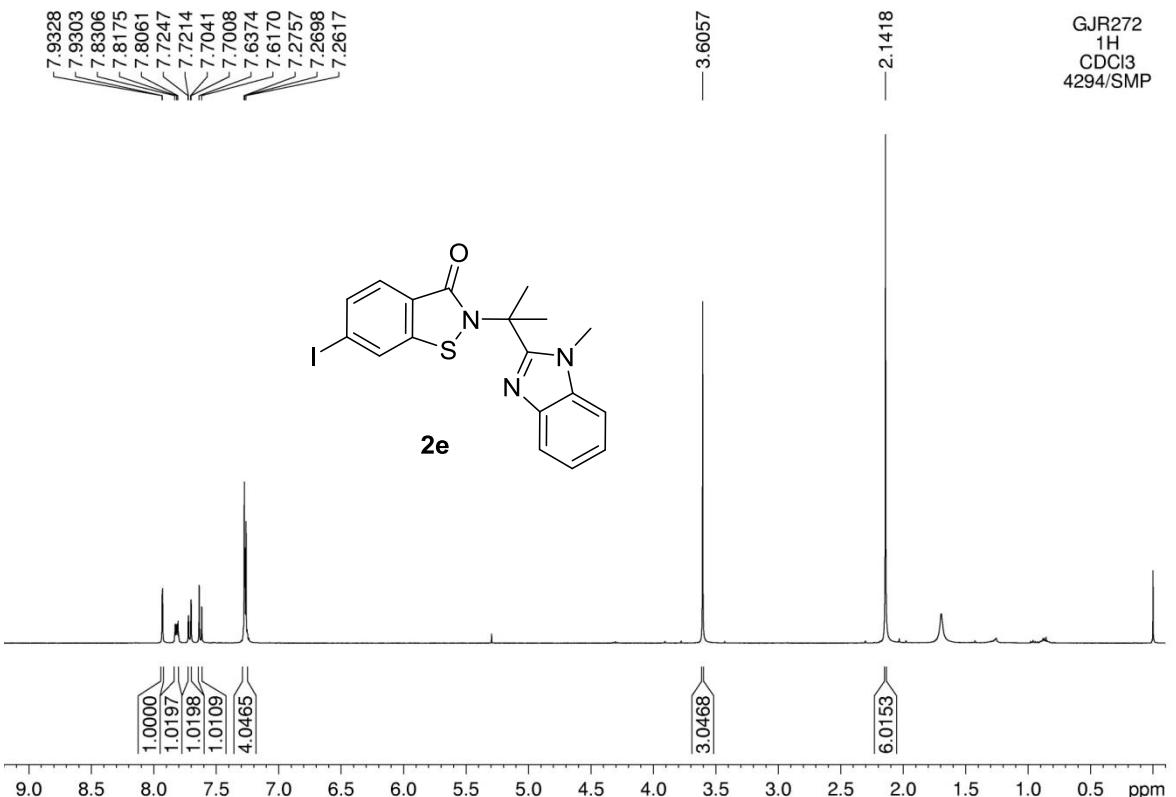


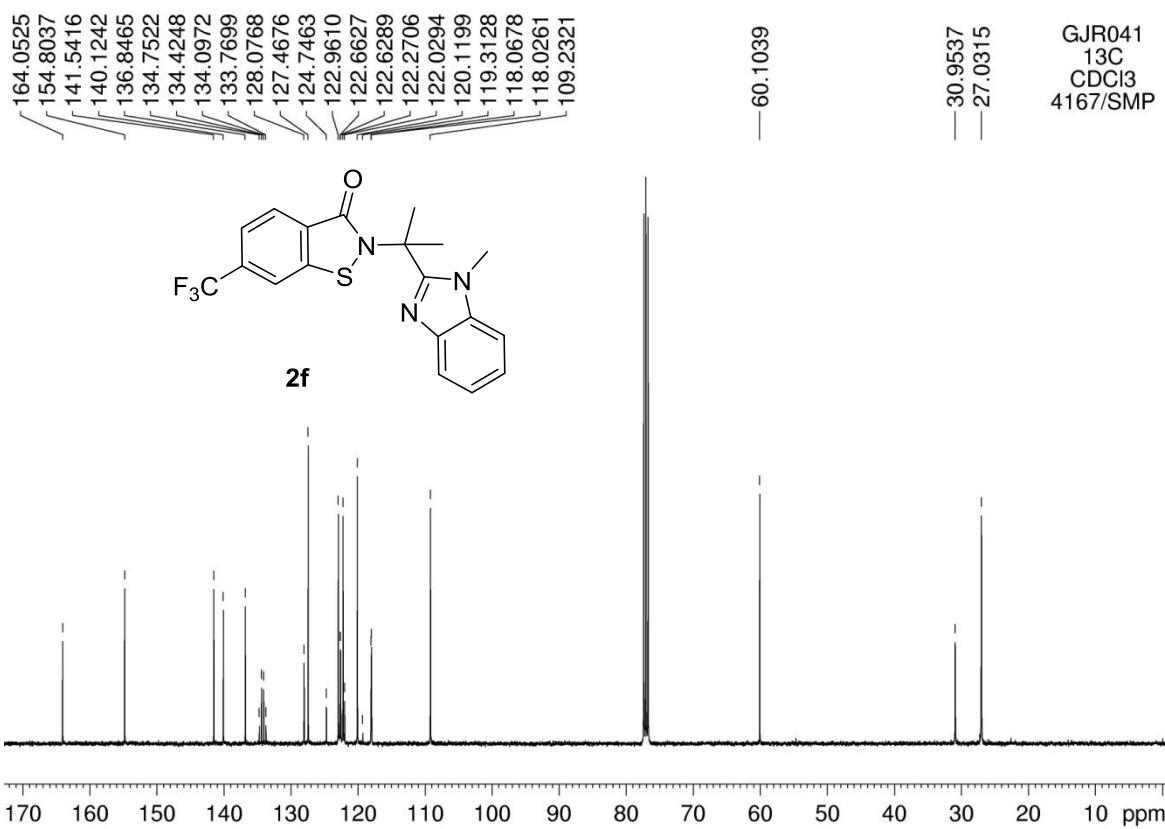
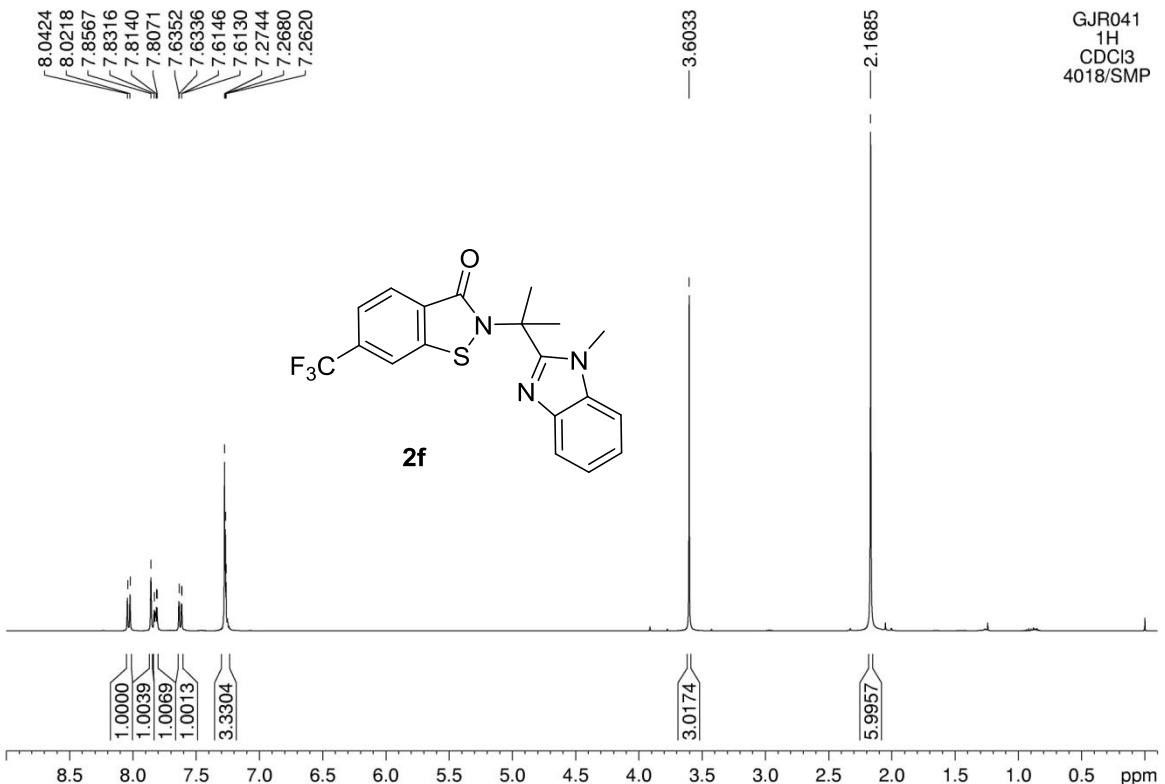




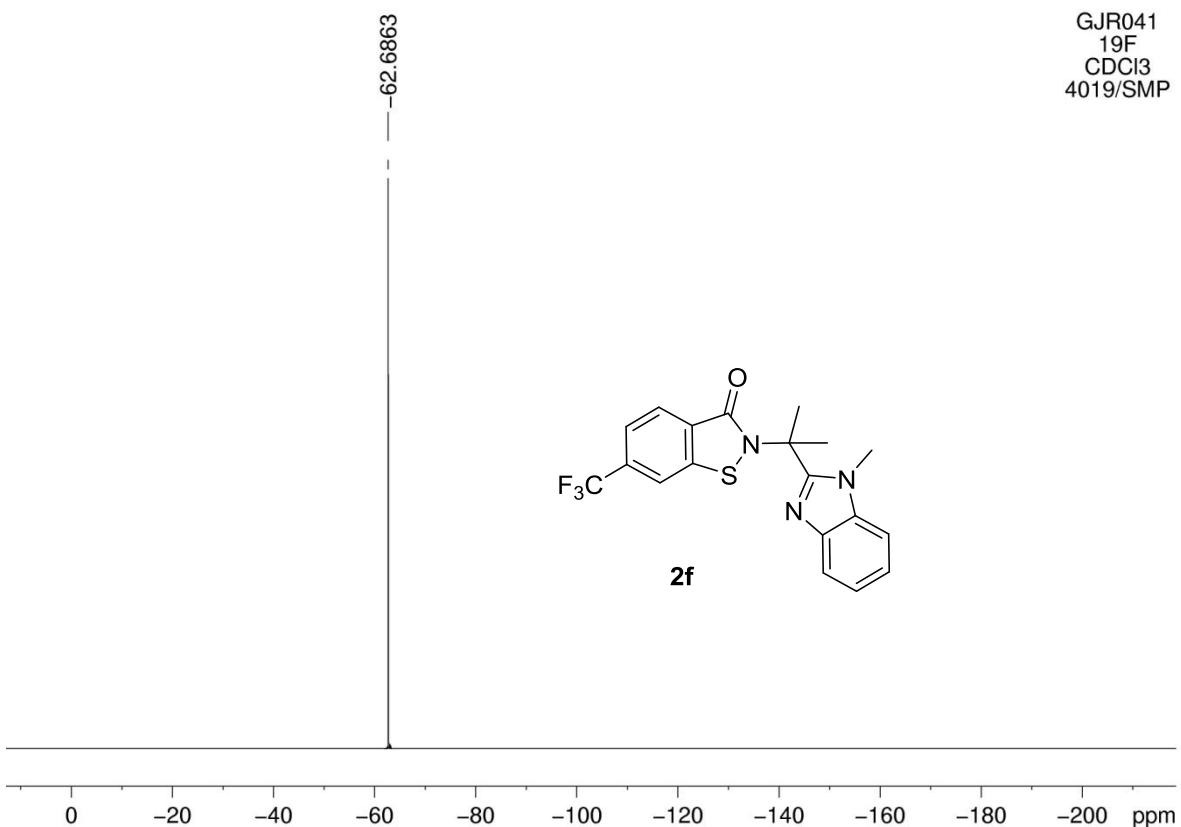
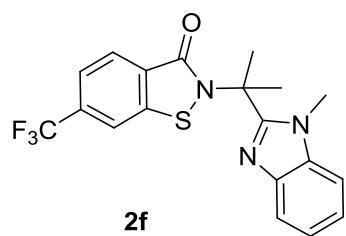




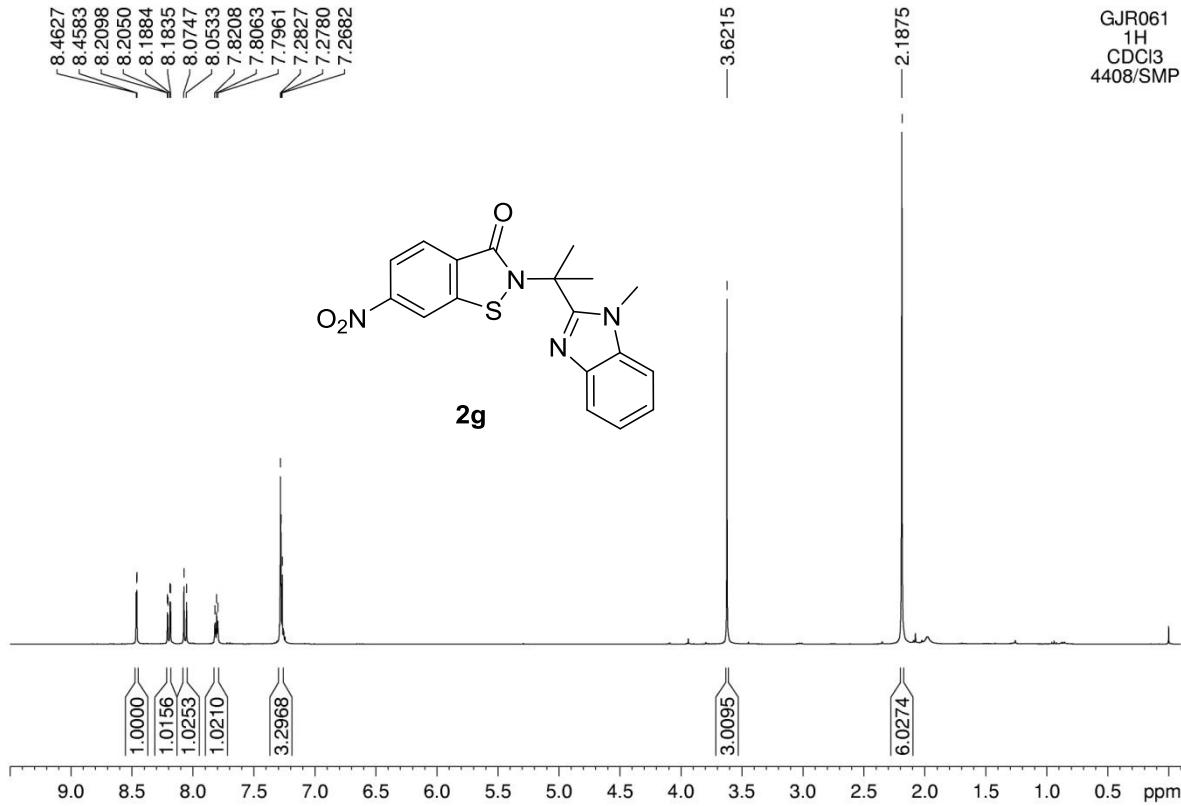
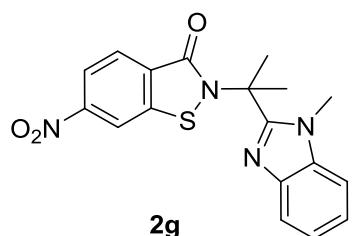


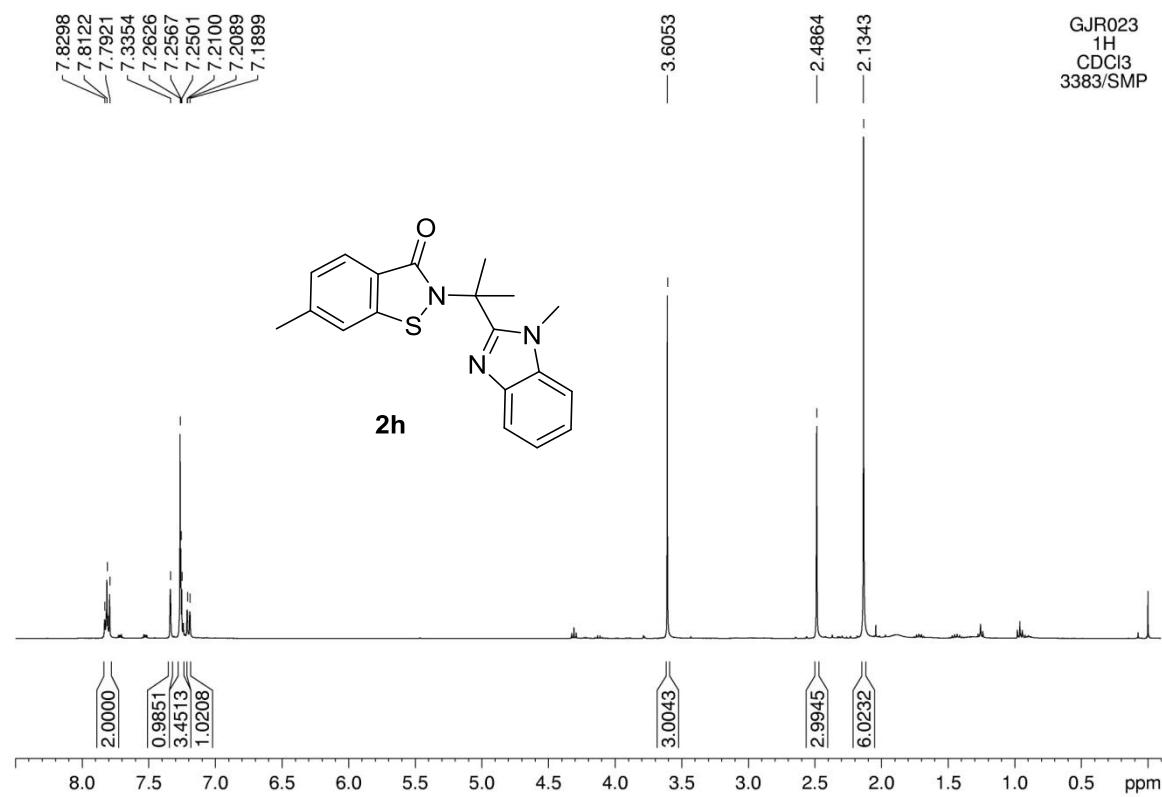
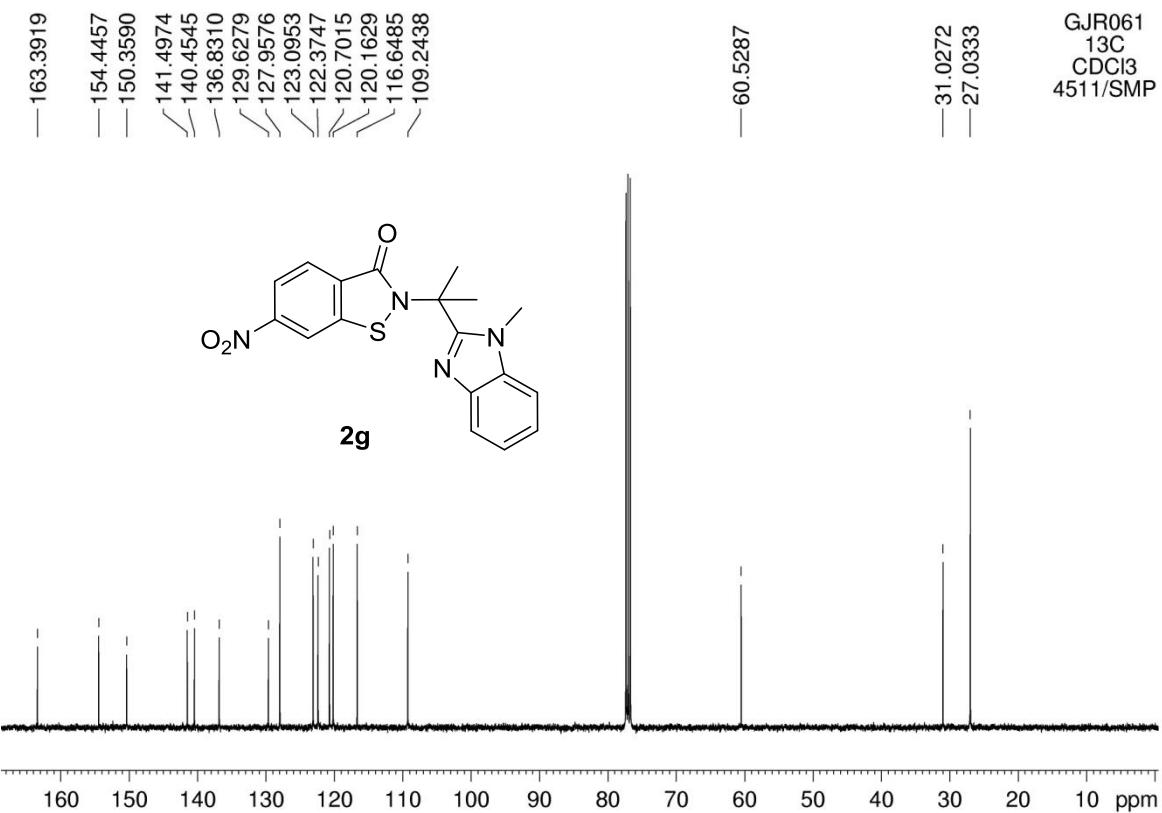


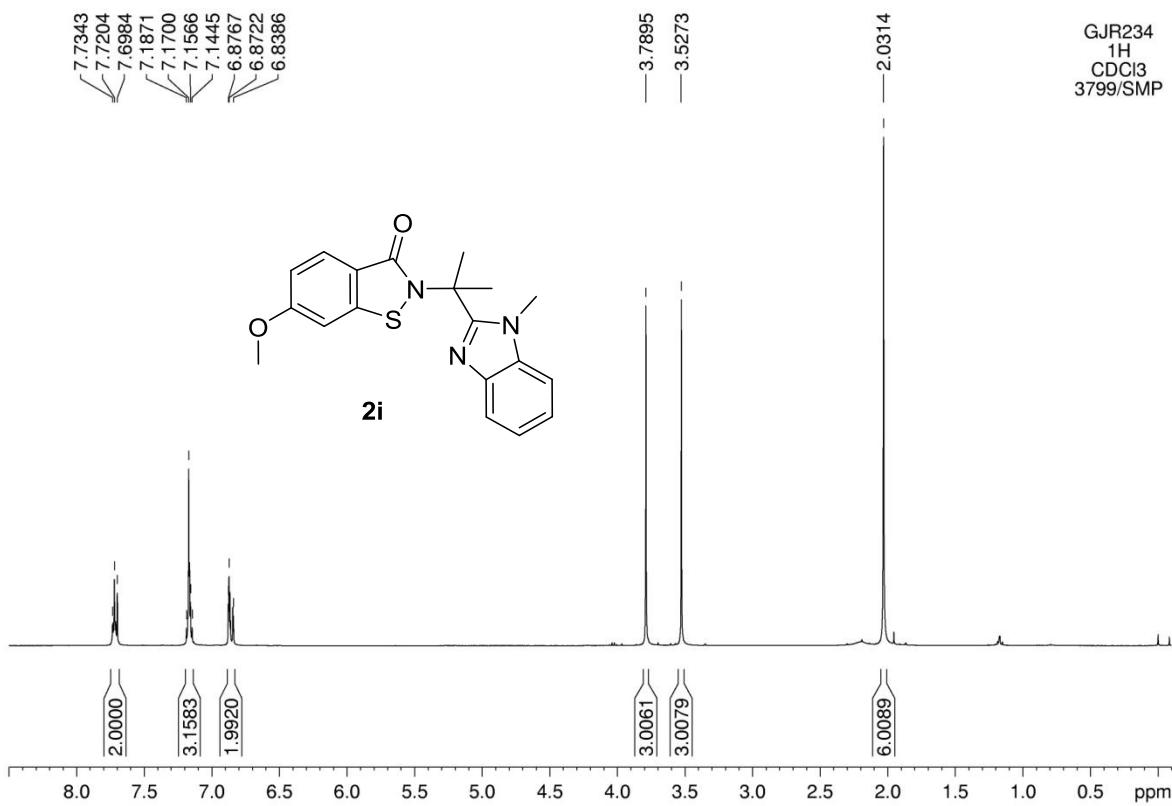
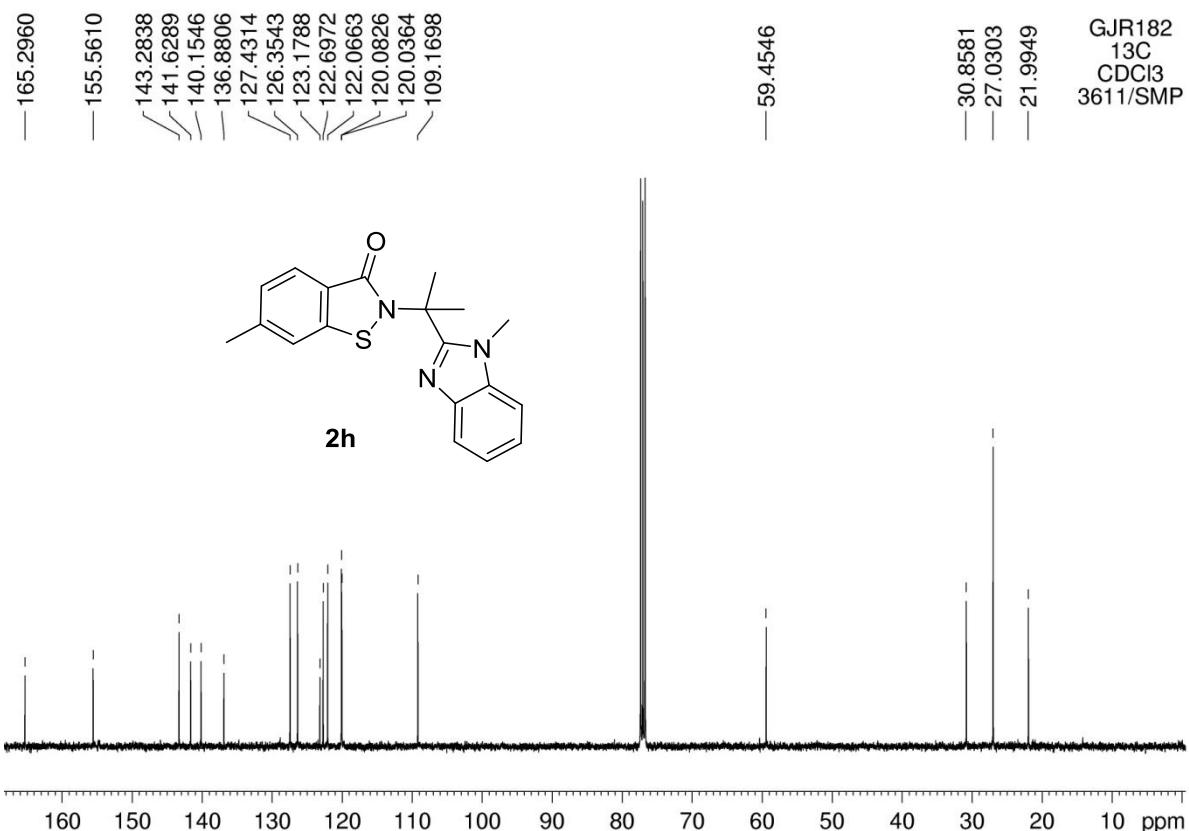
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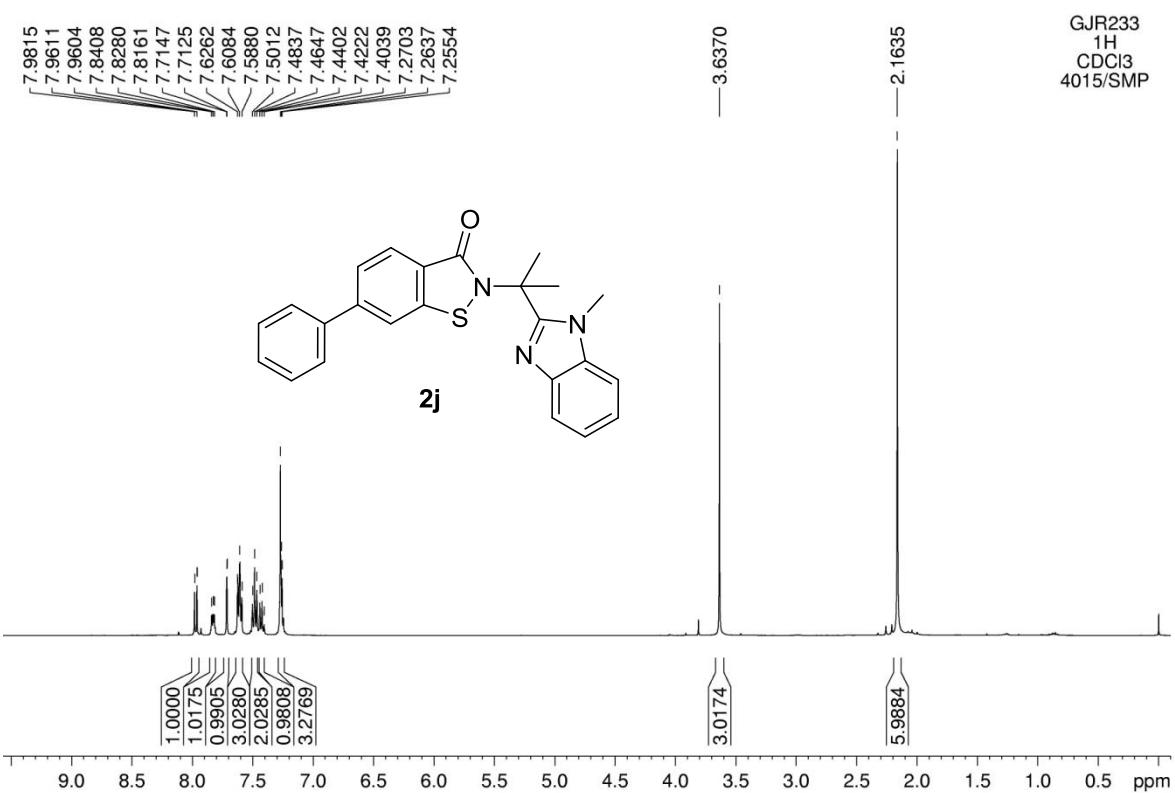
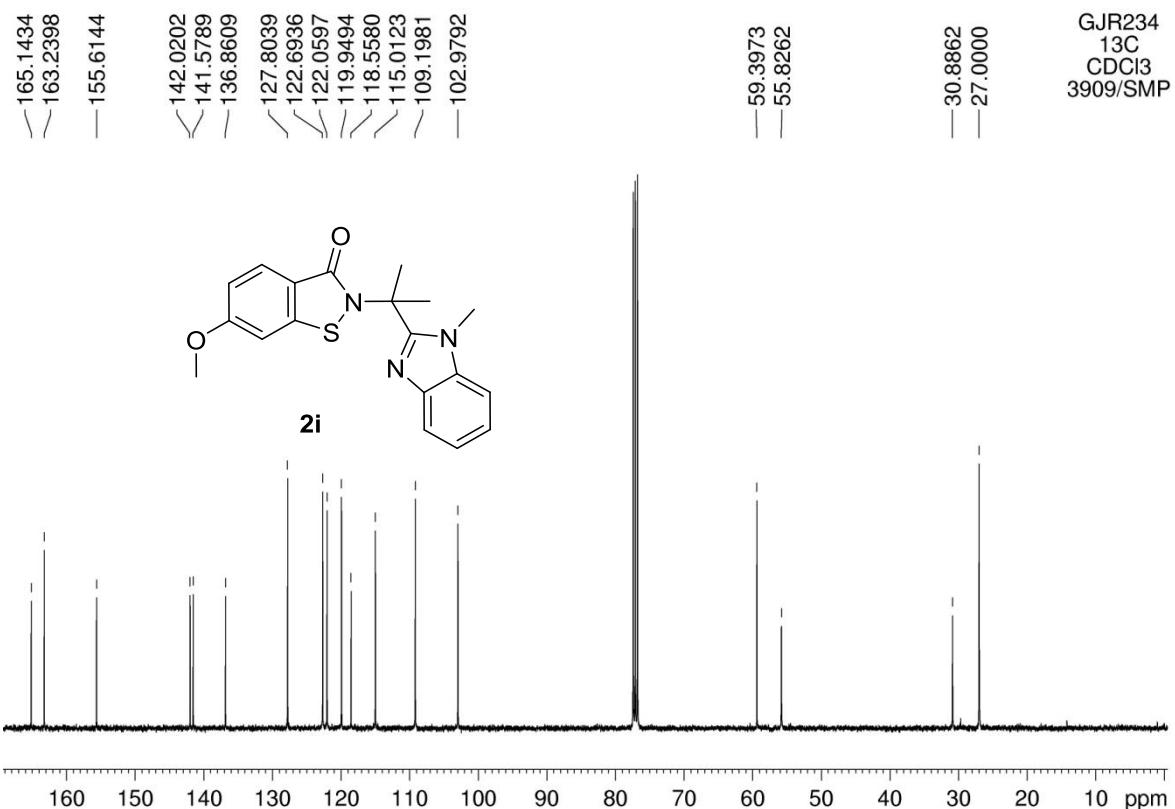


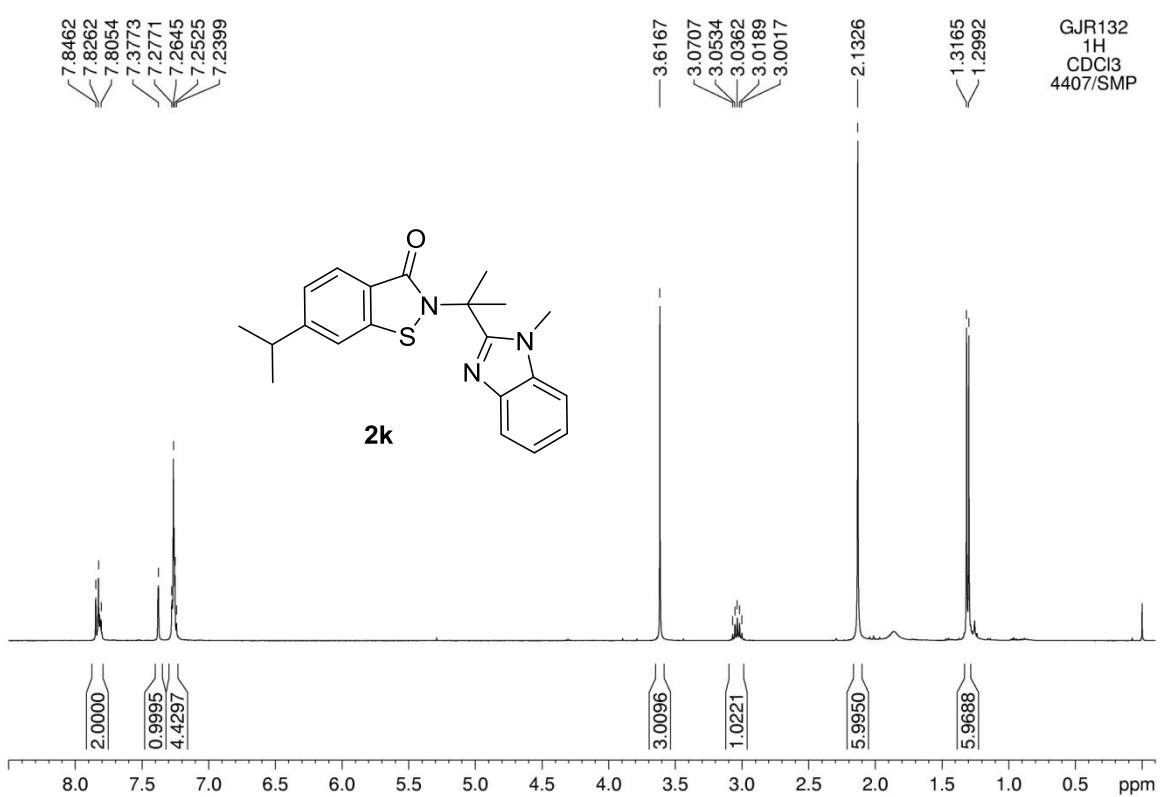
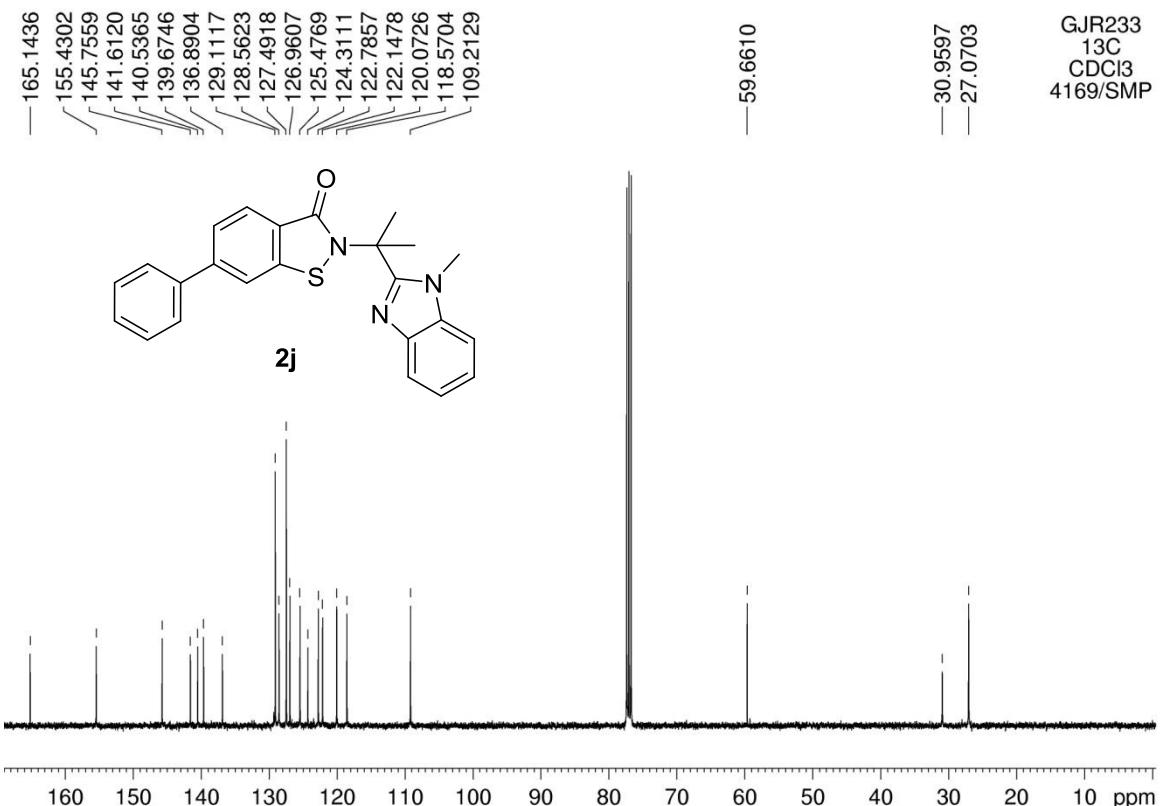
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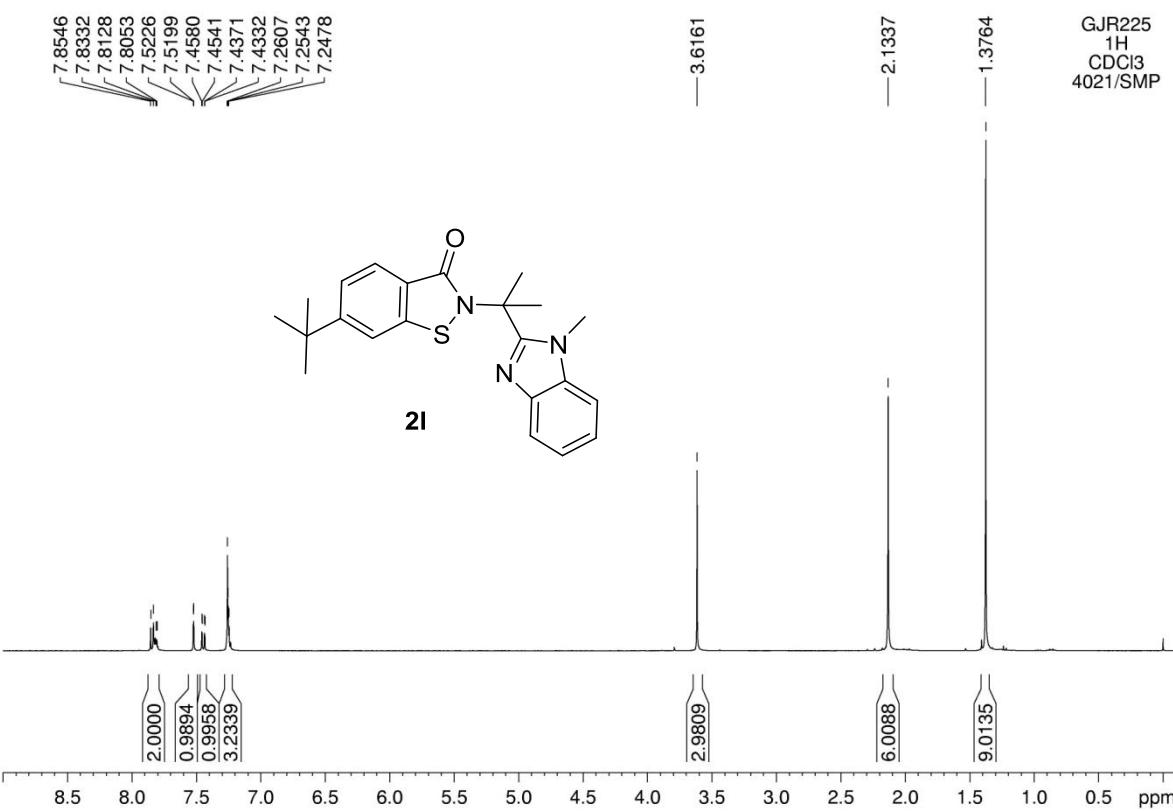
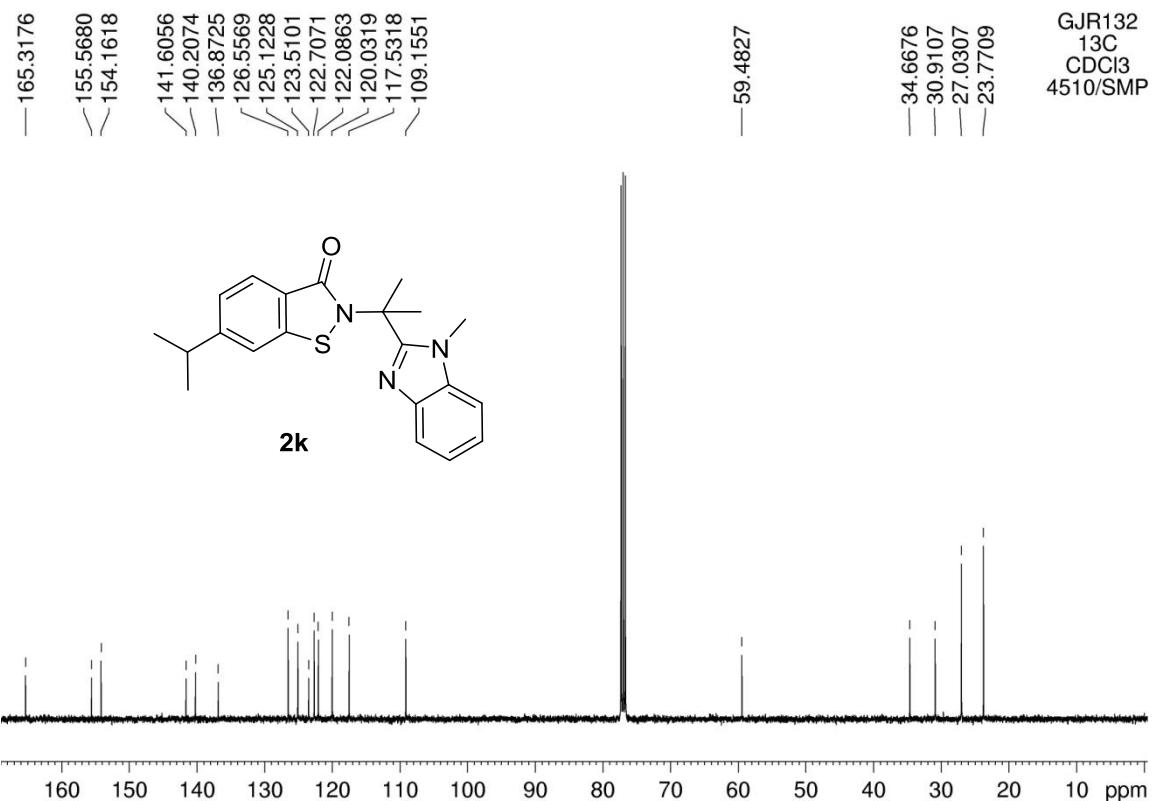


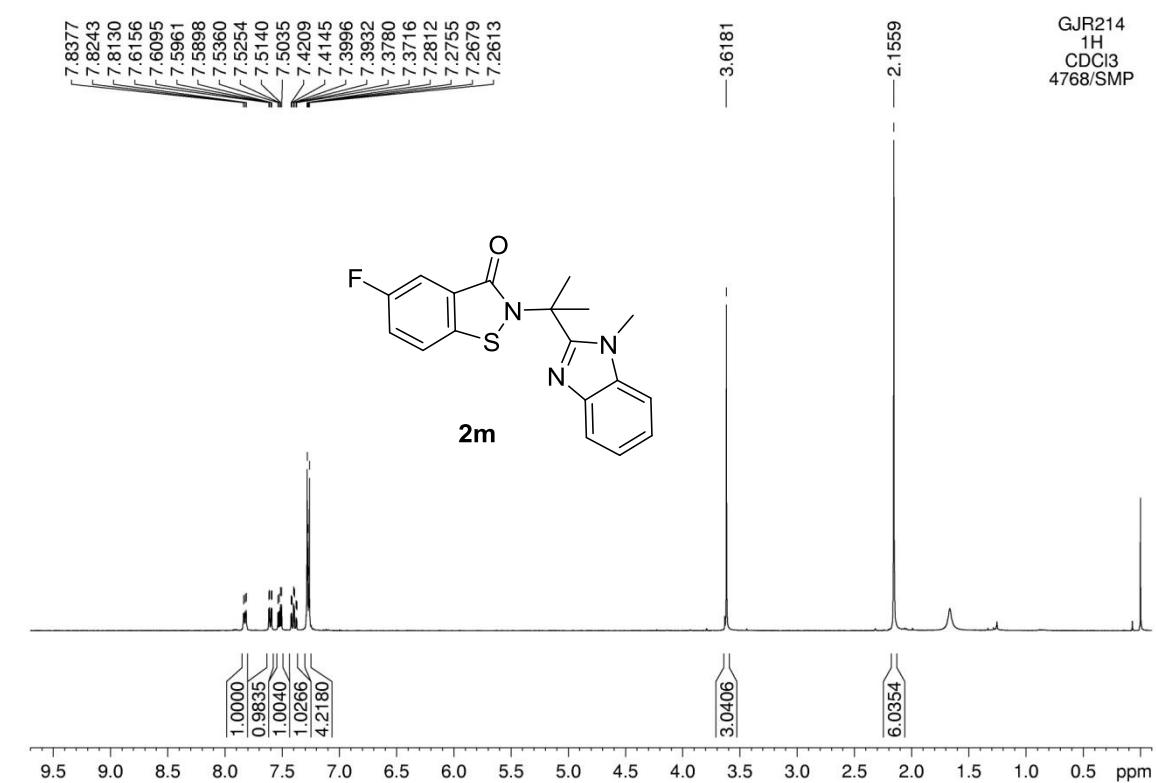
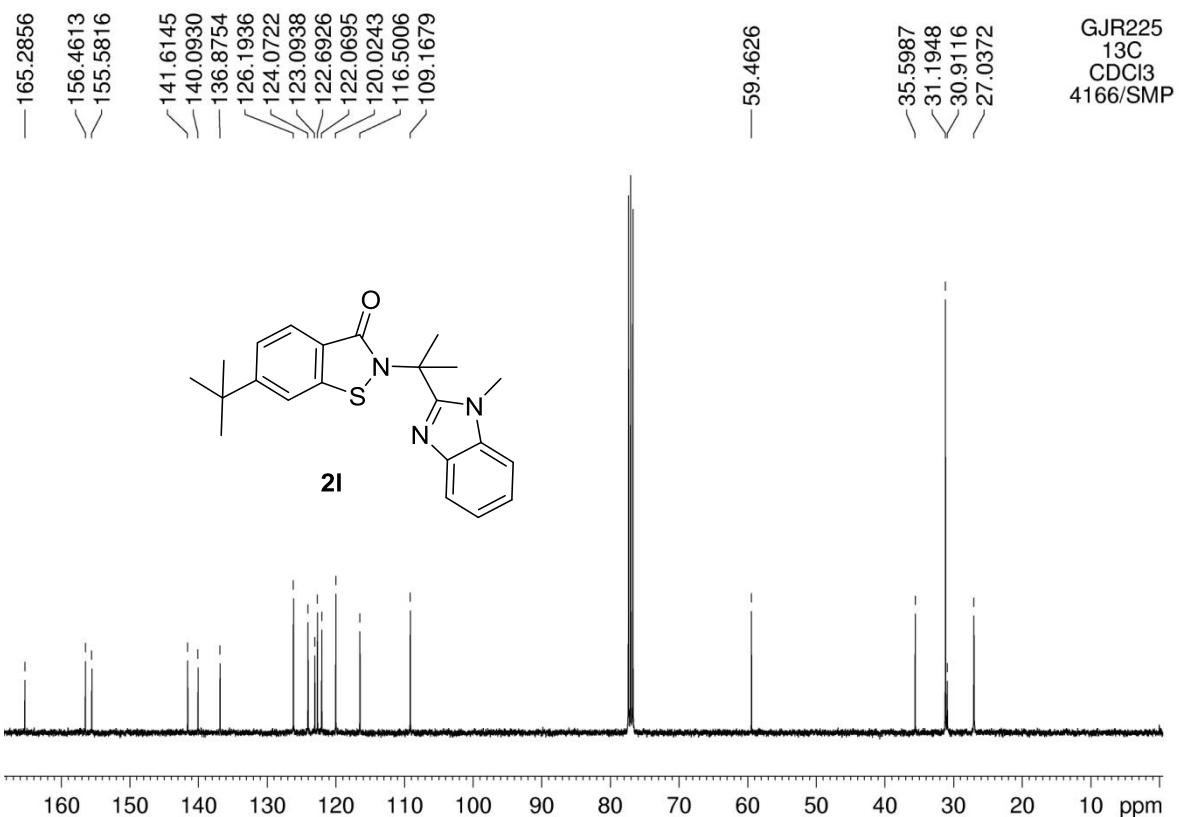


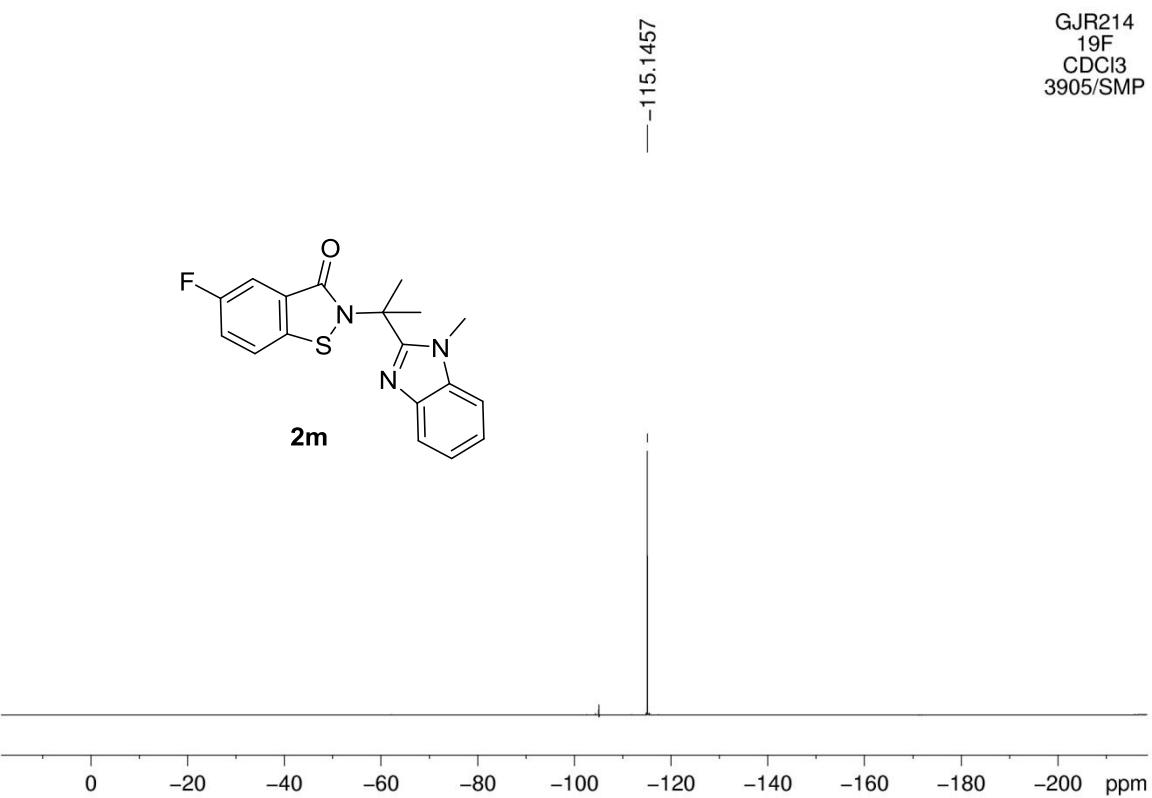
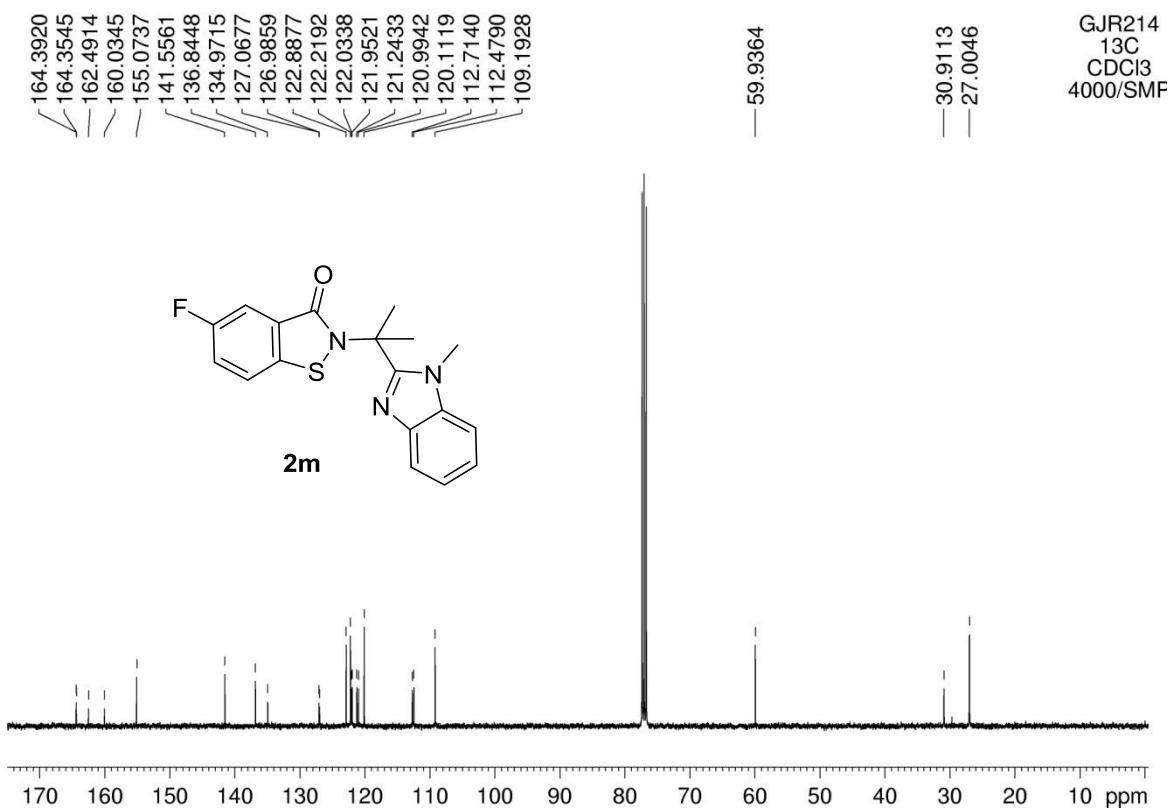


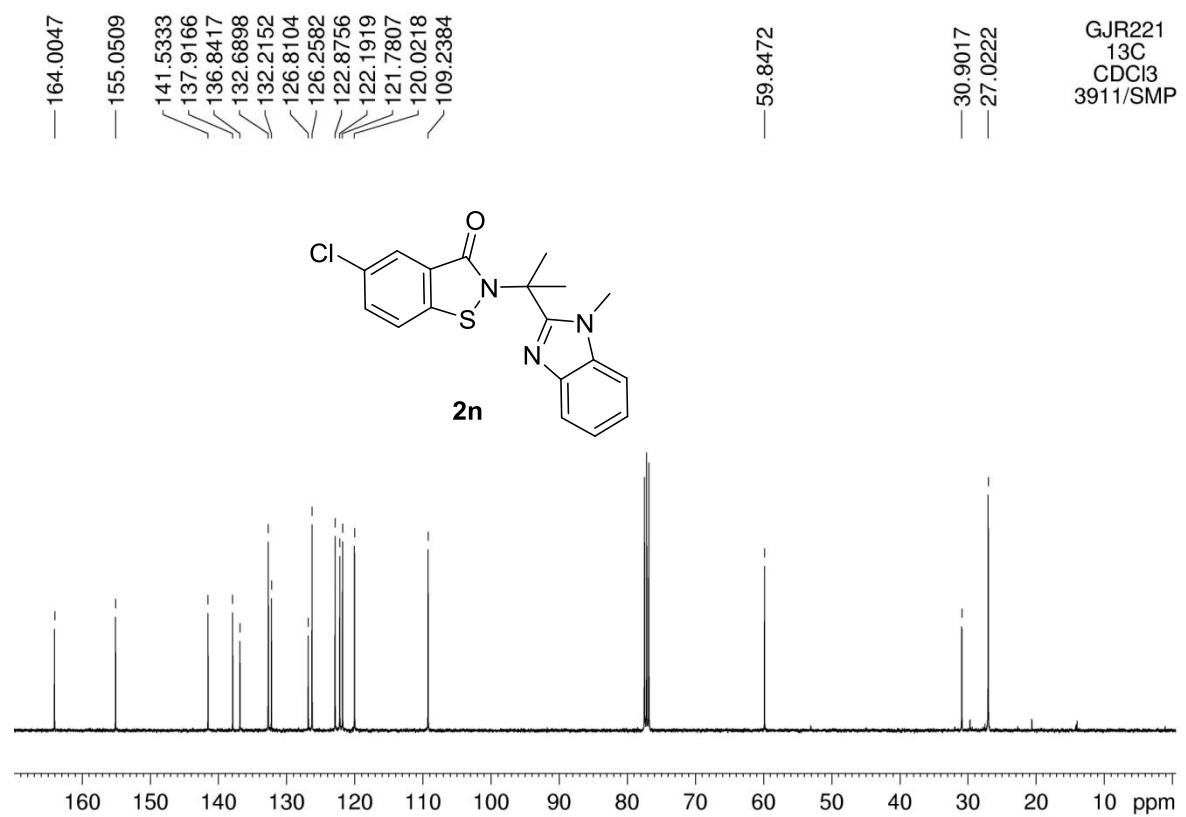
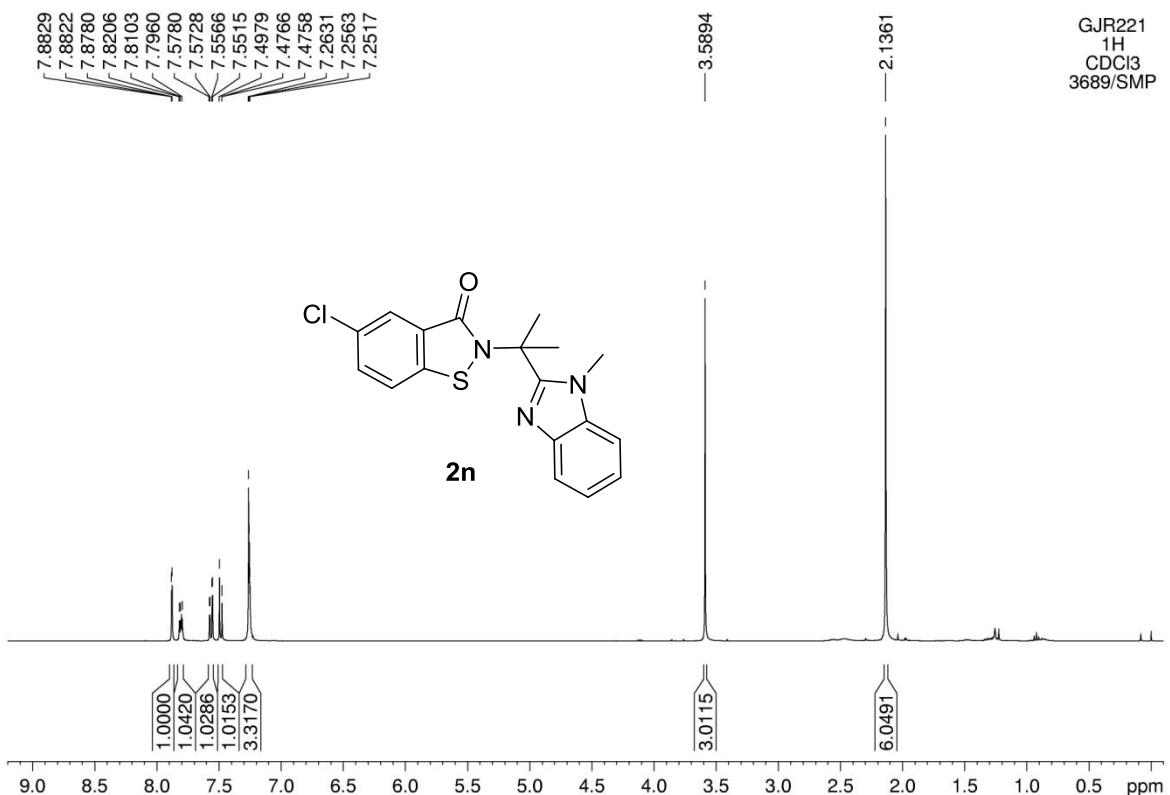


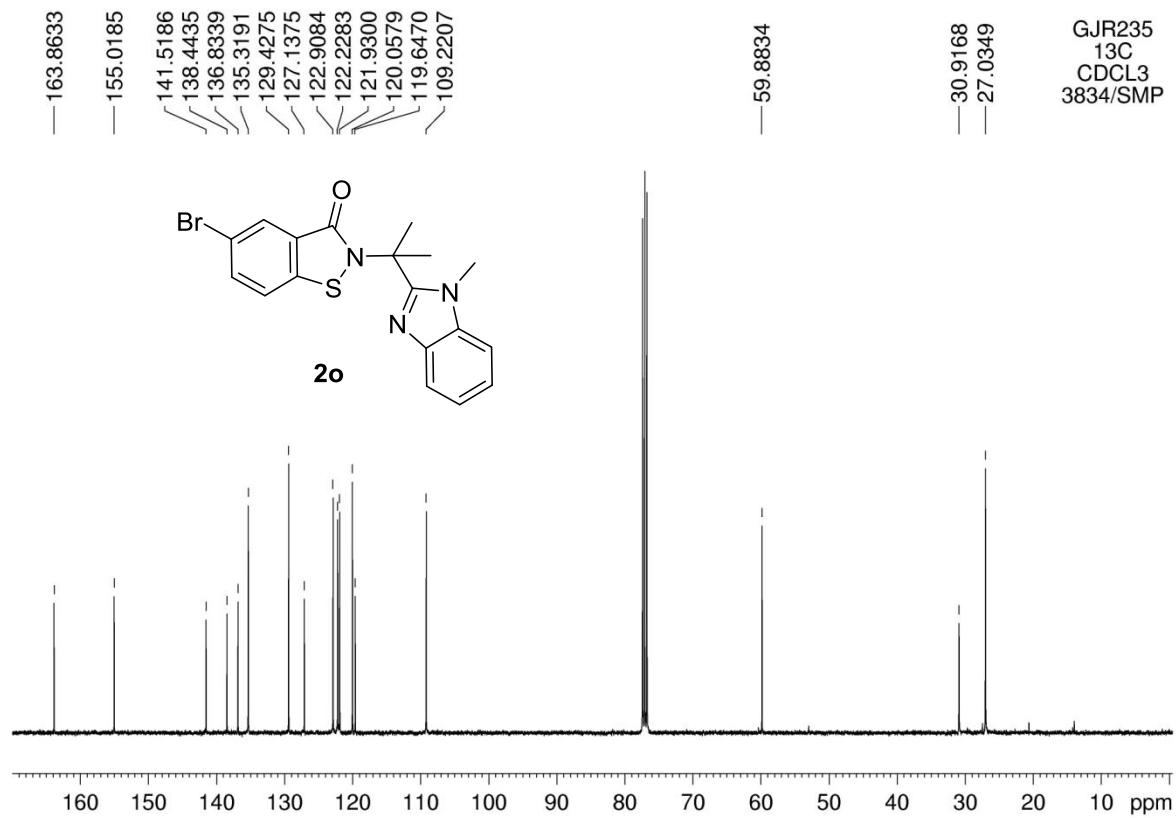
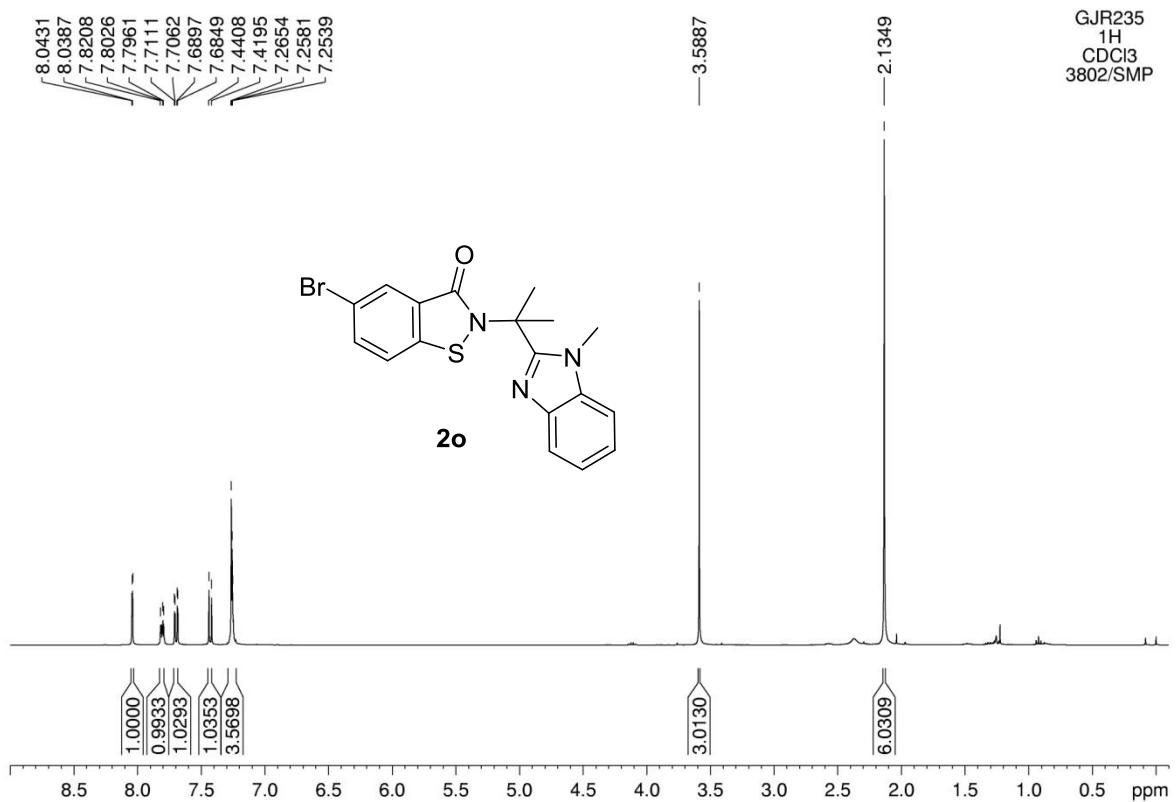


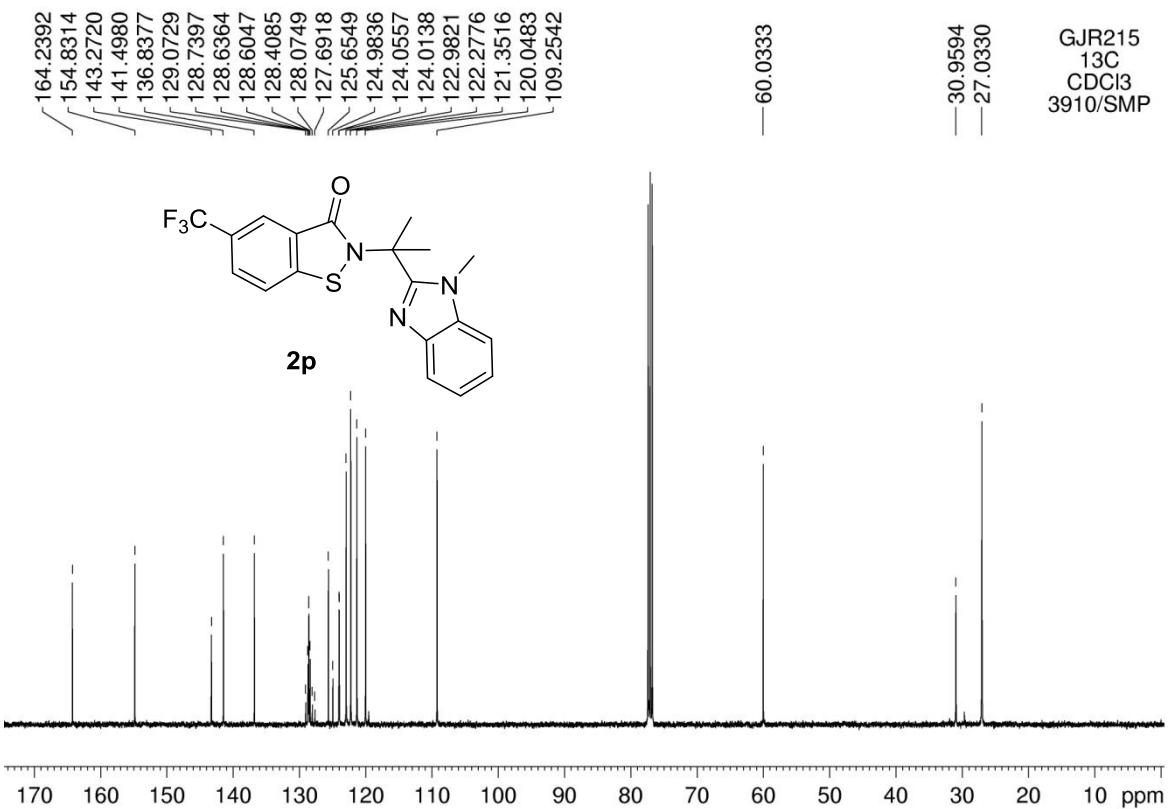
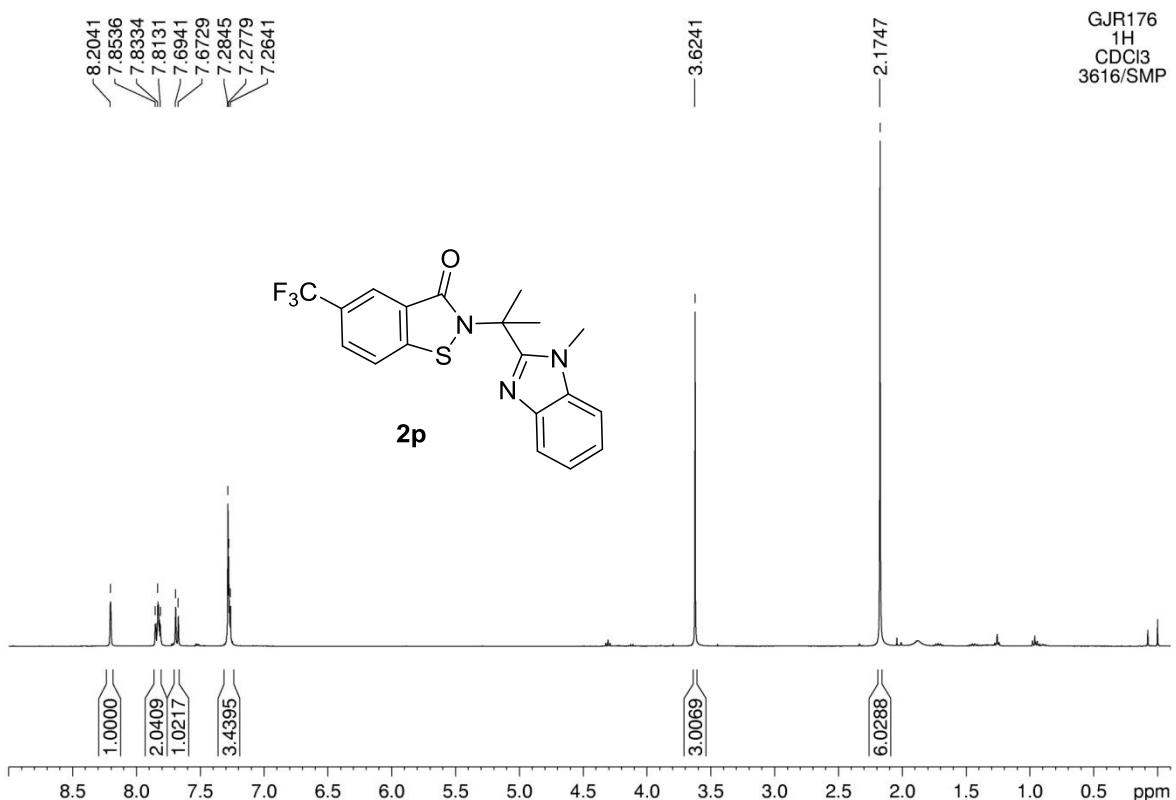




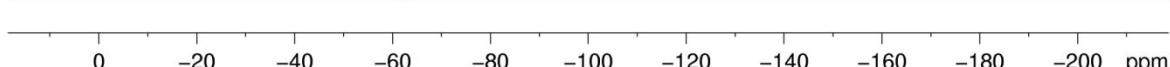
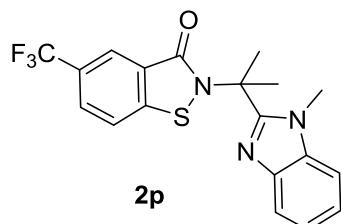








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