

Supporting Information

Selective synthesis of (1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)- methanone and quinoxaline from aromatic aldehyde and o- phenylenediamine

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Experimental section

General experimental details

¹H-NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to CDCl₃ (δ = 7.26 ppm) or DMSO-d₆ (δ = 2.50 ppm) in as an internal standard. ¹³C-NMR spectra were obtained at 100 MHz and were calibrated with CDCl₃ (δ = 77.0 ppm) or DMSO-d₆ (δ = 39.5 ppm). Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200–300 mesh silica gels. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification.

Typical procedure for the preparation of (1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3aa) and 2-phenylquinoxaline(4aa)

1. (1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3aa)

A mixture of and o-phenylenediamine (1a, 0.2 mmol), phenylacetaldehyde (2a, 0.24 mmol), S₈ (300 mol %), in DMF (2.0 mL) under the air. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C (oil bath temperature) for 10 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was extracted with ethyl acetate and washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the residues were purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether / ethyl acetate(15:1) to afford pure **3aa**.

The crystal data for 3aa

Formula sum	C14 H10 N2 O
Formula weight	222.24 g/mol
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space-group	P b c a (61)
Cell parameters	a=14.761(3) Å b=9.9736(8) Å c=15.8257(19) Å
Cell ratio	a/b=1.4800 b/c=0.6302 c/a=1.0721
Cell volume	2329.86(50) Å ³
Z	8
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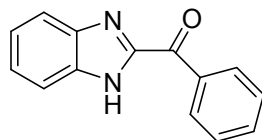
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2. 2-phenylquinoxaline(4aa)

Mix NaHCO₃ (0.4 mmol), o-phenylenediamine (1a, 0.2 mmol), phenylacetaldehyde (2a, 0.24 mmol), in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) under the O₂ atmosphere(1 atm).The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 4

h. After cooling down to room temperature and concentrating in vacuum, the residues were purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether / ethyl acetate(40:1) to afford pure **4aa**.

Analytical data for products



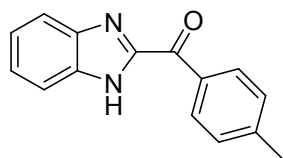
(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3aa**)

mp = 222-223 °C; yield 85%

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.75 – 8.64 (m, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.72 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.42 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.16, 147.73, 143.96, 135.37, 133.97, 133.22, 131.35, 128.58, 126.51, 123.81, 122.29, 112.06.

HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₁N₂O [M+H]⁺223.0863, found 223.0866.



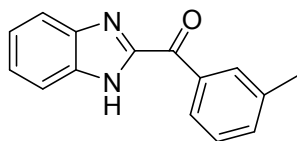
(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (**3ab**)

mp = 263-264 °C; yield 71%

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.50 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.51, 147.95, 145.05, 143.97, 133.05, 132.81, 131.45, 129.33, 126.34, 123.70, 122.26, 111.93, 21.93.

HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O [M+H]⁺ 237.1019, found 237.1023.



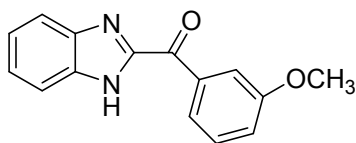
(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(m-tolyl)methanone (3ac)

mp = 162-163 °C; yield 60%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.01 (s, 1H), 8.55 – 8.35 (m, 2H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.39, 147.85, 138.30, 135.43, 134.77, 133.28, 131.53, 128.73, 128.45, 126.39, 124.07, 123.74, 122.25, 112.05, 21.47.

HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O [M+H]⁺ 237.1020, found 237.1023.



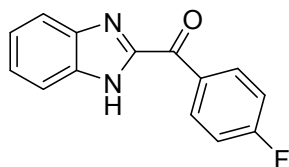
(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(3-methoxyphenyl)methanone (3ad)

mp = 205-208 °C; yield 65%

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.44 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (ddd, *J* = 11.1, 10.1, 4.3 Hz, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.74, 159.57, 147.70, 136.52, 129.63, 126.38, 124.36, 123.80, 122.36, 120.66, 117.03, 115.08, 111.96, 99.98, 55.53.

HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 253.0970, found 253.0972.



(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)methanone (3ae)

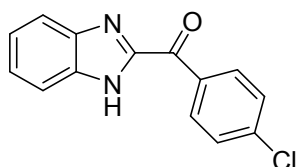
mp = 189-191 °C; yield 44%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.77 (s, 1H), 8.87 – 8.79 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.28, 166.43 (d, *J* = 256.7 Hz), 147.56, 143.91, 134.27 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 133.13, 131.68 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 126.62, 123.92, 122.25, 115.82 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 112.05.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.39 (tt, *J* = 8.4, 5.5 Hz).

HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₀FN₂O [M+H]⁺ 241.0769, found 241.0772.

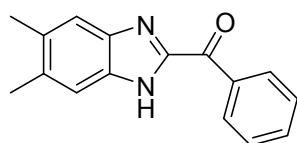


(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(4-chlorophenyl)methanone (3af)

mp = 148-150 °C; Yield 52%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.65 (s, 1H), 8.74 – 8.67 (m, 2H), 7.99 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.60, 147.46, 143.90, 140.65, 133.62, 133.13, 132.79, 128.92, 126.71, 123.97, 122.32, 112.02.
HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 257.0475, found 257.0476.



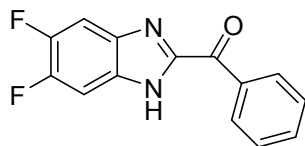
(5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ag)

mp = 199-200 °C; Yield 74%

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.00 (s, 1H), 8.71 – 8.61 (m, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 6H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.19, 147.17, 142.83, 136.57, 135.66, 133.70, 133.30, 132.07, 131.30, 128.48, 121.66, 111.87, 20.84, 20.62.

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 251.1179, found 251.1179.



(5,6-difluoro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ah)

mp = 232-233 °C; Yield 63%

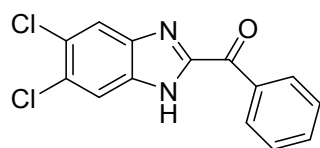
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.79 (s, 1H), 8.58 – 8.51 (m, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.63 (m, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 183.24, 150.07, 138.92 (d, J =

10.2 Hz), 135.69, 134.22, 131.30, 130.33 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz), 128.89, 108.79 (d, $J = 18.0$ Hz), 100.74 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -135.01 (ddd, $J = 20.3, 9.3, 7.4$ Hz), -139.89 (ddd, $J = 20.3, 10.2, 6.9$ Hz).

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ 259.0674$, found 259.0678.



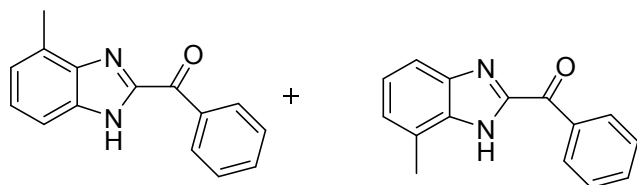
(5,6-dichloro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ai)

mp = 266-268 °C; Yield 40%

^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.97 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 183.59, 150.28, 138.53, 135.61, 134.37, 131.98, 131.32, 129.18, 128.92, 127.39, 118.92.

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+ 291.0081$, found 291.0087.



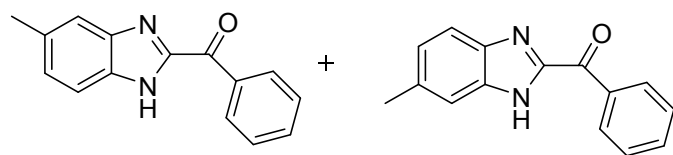
Mixture of (4-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone and (7-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3aj)

mp = 163-164 °C; Yield 80%

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.09 (s, 0.5H), 11.05 (s, 0.5H), 8.79 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 0.5H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 8.5, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 0.5H), 7.32 (dd, $J = 11.6, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 16.8, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 1.5H), 2.60 (s, 1.5H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.73, 184.04, 147.52, 147.13, 143.73, 143.71, 135.62, 133.93, 133.41, 133.12, 132.59, 131.61, 131.45, 130.98, 128.87, 128.53, 126.74, 126.41, 123.99, 123.65, 122.19, 119.65, 109.46, 109.43, 17.15, 16.87.

HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 237.1018, found 237.1023.



Mixture of (5-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone and (6-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ak)

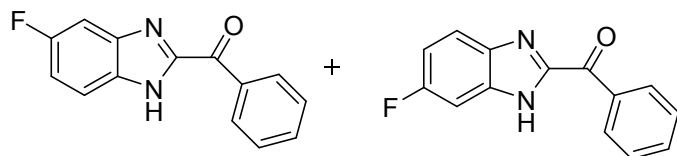
mp = 144-145 °C; Yield 78%

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.84 (s, 0.5H), 10.76 (s, 0.5H), 8.71 – 8.63 (m, 2H), 7.88 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.24 (m, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.15, 184.10, 147.71, 147.41, 144.37, 144.37, 142.21, 142.21, 137.04, 137.04, 135.49, 135.49, 133.82, 133.55, 131.32, 131.28, 128.54, 128.44, 125.89, 125.89,

121.74, 121.57, 111.56, 111.56, 22.14, 21.78.

HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{13}N_2O$ $[M+H]^+$ 237.1017, found 237.1023.



Mixture of (5-fluoro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone and (6-fluoro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3al)

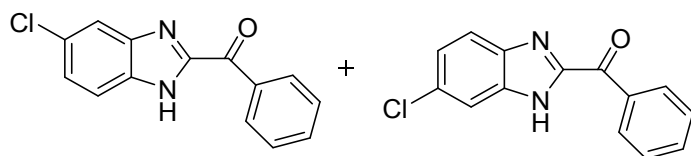
mp = 177-179 °C; Yield 80%

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 11.30 (s, 1H), 8.68 (m, 2H), 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.10 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 184.17, 184.08, 161.75 (d, J = 245.6 Hz), 148.48, 140.50, 135.18, 134.16, 133.72 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 131.36, 128.62, 123.42 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 115.73 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 113.24 (d, J = 25.2 Hz), 112.87 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 107.16 (d, J = 27.3 Hz), 98.28 (d, J = 27.6 Hz).

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -113.11 (td, J = 9.0, 4.9 Hz), -117.98 (td, J = 9.1, 4.5 Hz).

HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}FN_2O$ $[M+H]^+$ 241.0068, found 241.0072.



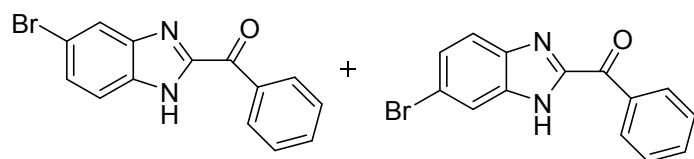
Mixture of (5-chloro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone and (6-chloro-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3am)

mp = 191-192 °C; Yield 70%

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.54 (s, 0.5H), 12.48 (s, 0.5H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.68 (m, 0.5H), 6.57 (m, 1H), 6.44 (m, 3H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 0.5H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.78, 183.74, 148.68, 148.37, 144.63, 142.52, 135.10, 135.06, 134.23, 134.17, 133.63, 132.33, 131.67, 131.36, 131.31, 129.35, 128.64, 128.63, 127.14, 124.89, 123.22, 121.78, 112.88, 111.90.

HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₀ClN₂O [M+H]⁺ 257.0472, found 257.0476



Mixture of (5-bromo-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone and (6-bromo-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3an)

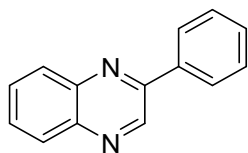
mp = 201-202°C; Yield 86%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.87 (s, 0.5H), 10.80 (s, 0.5H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (s, 0.5H), 7.84 (m, 0.5H), 7.76 (m, 0.5H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.54 (m, 0.5H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.80, 183.79, 148.46, 148.18, 145.11, 142.81, 135.10, 135.05, 134.26, 134.07, 132.01, 132.00, 131.37, 131.32, 131.25, 129.64, 128.64, 127.48, 124.92, 123.53,

120.06, 116.71, 114.99, 113.29.

HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}BrN_2O$ $[M+H]^+$ 300.9968, found 300.9971

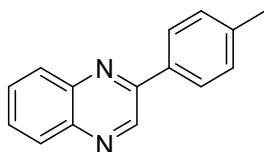


2-phenylquinoxaline(4aa)¹

Yield: 83%

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.22 – 8.10 (m, 4H), 7.82 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 151.86, 143.40, 142.30, 141.59, 136.78, 130.31, 130.21, 129.64, 129.57, 129.18, 129.14, 127.57.

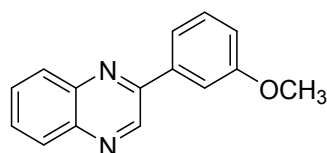


2-(p-tolyl)quinoxaline(4ab)²

Yield: 90%

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.16 – 8.12 (m, 1H), 8.12 – 8.08 (m, 3H), 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 151.84, 143.32, 142.33, 141.45, 140.51, 133.98, 130.20, 129.91, 129.54, 129.30, 129.10, 127.44, 21.45.

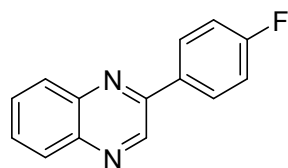


2-(3-methoxyphenyl)quinoxaline(4ac)¹

Yield: 76%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.32 (s, 1H), 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.82 – 7.73 (m, 4H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.32, 151.66, 143.47, 142.25, 141.67, 138.19, 130.32, 130.19, 129.65, 129.62, 129.14, 119.93, 116.24, 112.65, 55.49.



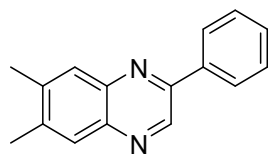
2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinoxaline(4ad)²

Yield: 25%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.21 (m, 2H), 8.16 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.77 (ddd, *J* = 9.6, 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.26 (d, *J* = 250.8 Hz), 150.78, 142.96, 142.21, 141.51, 132.94, 130.43, 129.62, 129.55 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 129.48, 129.15, 116.25 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.58 (dq, *J* = 8.5, 5.4 Hz).

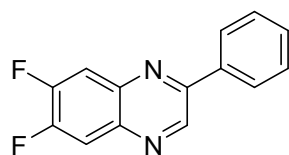


6,7-dimethyl-2-phenylquinoxaline(4ae)¹

Yield: 60%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 20.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 2.50 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.00, 142.41, 141.24, 140.79, 140.58, 140.11, 137.15, 129.82, 129.06, 128.66, 128.15, 127.38, 20.38, 20.35.



6,7-difluoro-2-phenylquinoxaline(4af)³

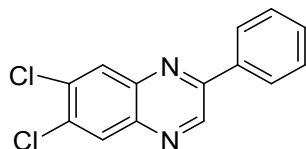
Yield: 95%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.27 (s, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (td, *J* = 10.6, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.64 (dd, *J* = 58.7, 15.8 Hz), 151.97 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 151.09 (dd, *J* = 58.5, 15.8 Hz), 143.35 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 139.23 (dd, *J* = 91.9, 10.4 Hz), 136.11, 130.53, 129.22, 129.17 (d, *J* = 60 Hz), 128.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 127.45, 115.42 – 113.93 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -129.42 (ddd, *J* = 20.9, 10.4, 8.3

Hz), -130.24 (ddd, $J = 20.9, 10.3, 8.3$ Hz).

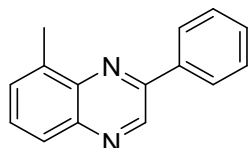


6,7-dichloro-2-phenylquinoxaline(4ag)⁴

Yield: 67%

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.28 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.18 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.50 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.56, 144.22, 141.05, 140.24, 135.94, 134.89, 133.97, 130.75, 130.16, 129.76, 129.25, 127.55.

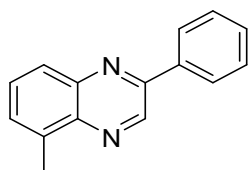


8-methyl-2-phenylquinoxaline(4ah)³

Yield: 15%, Less polar regioisomer

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.34 (s, 1H), 8.23 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 2.84 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.42, 142.45, 142.03, 140.79, 137.33, 136.96, 130.11, 130.07, 129.64, 129.25, 129.16, 127.54, 17.36.

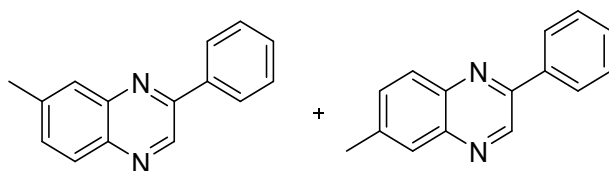


5-methyl-2-phenylquinoxaline(4ah')³

Yield: 60%, More polar regioisomer

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.32 (s, 1H), 8.29 – 8.21 (m, 2H), 7.94 (dd, $J = 7.2, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.18, 142.60, 141.67, 141.33, 137.99, 137.07, 130.16, 130.03, 129.28, 129.08, 127.46, 126.90, 17.10.

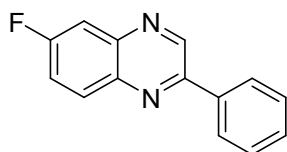


Mixture of 6-methyl-2-phenylquinoxaline and 7-methyl-2-phenylquinoxaline (4ai)²

Yield: 70%

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.27 (s, 0.5H), 9.24 (s, 0.5H), 8.18 (dd, $J = 5.7, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 8.01 (dd, $J = 15.8, 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 18.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 2.59 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.74, 151.04, 143.24, 142.45, 142.37, 141.65, 140.79, 140.76, 140.09, 136.96, 132.58, 131.85, 130.04, 129.94, 129.14, 129.10, 128.62, 128.48, 127.98, 127.50, 127.41, 21.87, 21.84.



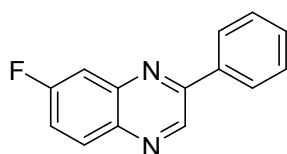
6-fluoro-2-phenylquinoxaline (4aj)³

Yield: 20%, Less polar regioisomer

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.17 (m, 3H), 7.75 (dd, $J = 9.1, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.50 (d, $J = 251.6$ Hz), 151.34, 144.11, 142.17, 139.52, 136.49, 131.67 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 130.28, 129.23, 127.44, 120.72 (d, $J = 25.9$ Hz), 112.72 (d, $J = 21.5$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -108.52 (td, $J = 8.5, 5.7$ Hz).



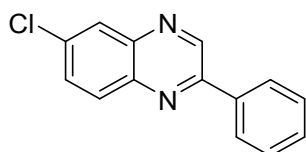
7-fluoro-2-phenylquinoxaline (4aj')³

Yield: 65%, More polar regioisomer

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.28 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.10 (dd, $J = 9.1, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 9.3, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.04 (d, $J = 252.1$ Hz), 152.47, 143.19 (d, $J = 13.3$ Hz), 142.61 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 138.80, 136.39, 131.17 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz), 130.48, 129.19, 127.61, 119.84 (d, $J = 26.0$ Hz), 113.05 (d, $J = 21.4$ Hz).

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -107.82 (td, $J = 8.7, 5.9$ Hz).

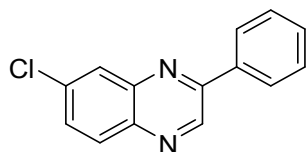


6-chloro-2-phenylquinoxaline(4ak)⁴

Yield: 33%, Less polar regioisomer

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.21 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 8.10 (dd, $J = 9.8, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.95, 144.16, 141.82, 140.85, 136.37, 135.25, 131.34, 130.84, 130.45, 129.23, 128.08, 127.52.

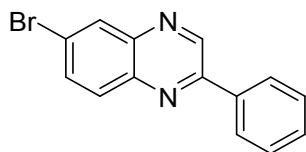


7-chloro-2-phenylquinoxaline(4ak')⁴

Yield: 63%, More polar regioisomer

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.29 (s, 1H), 8.17 (dt, $J = 3.9, 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.50, 143.40, 142.62, 140.07, 136.27, 136.07, 130.55, 130.49, 130.34, 129.21, 128.48, 127.59.

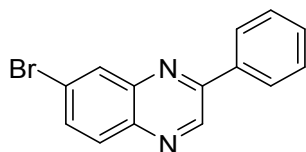


6-bromo-2-phenylquinoxaline(4al)²

Yield: 28%, Less polar regioisomer

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.32 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.06, 144.12, 142.10, 141.08, 136.35, 133.89, 131.46, 130.93, 130.49, 129.25, 127.54, 123.40.



6-bromo-2-phenylquinoxaline(4aI')²

Yield: 40%, More polar regioisomer

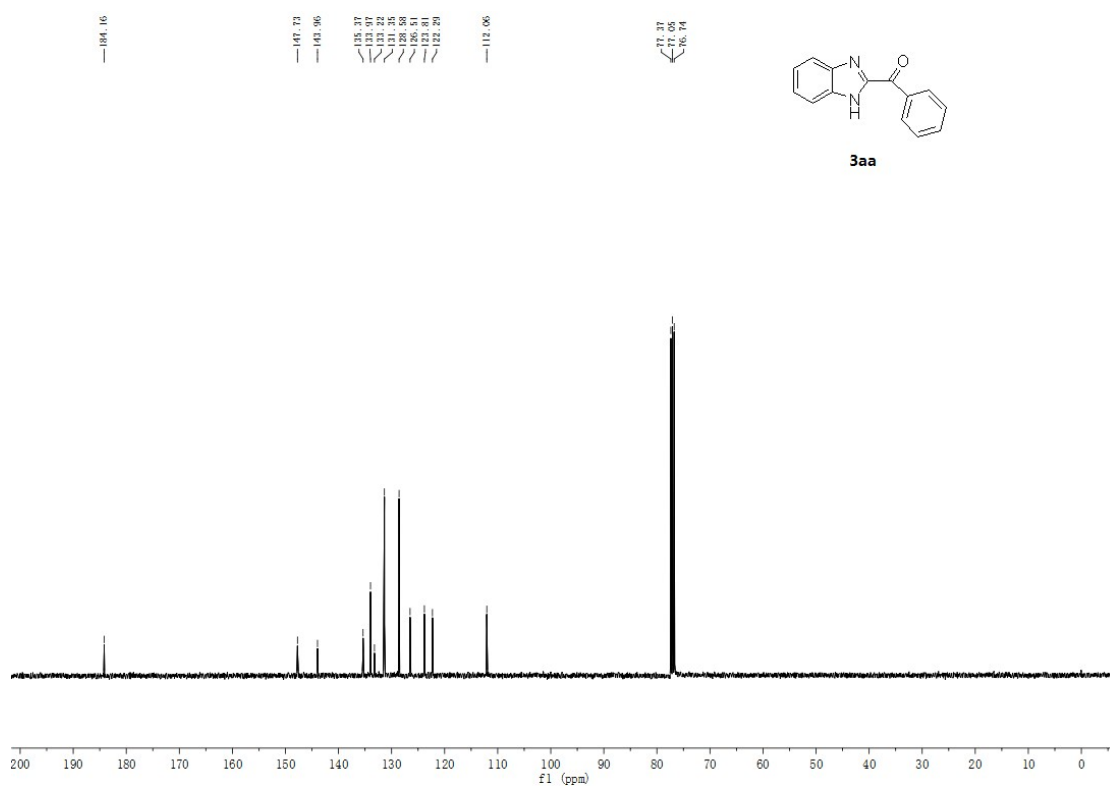
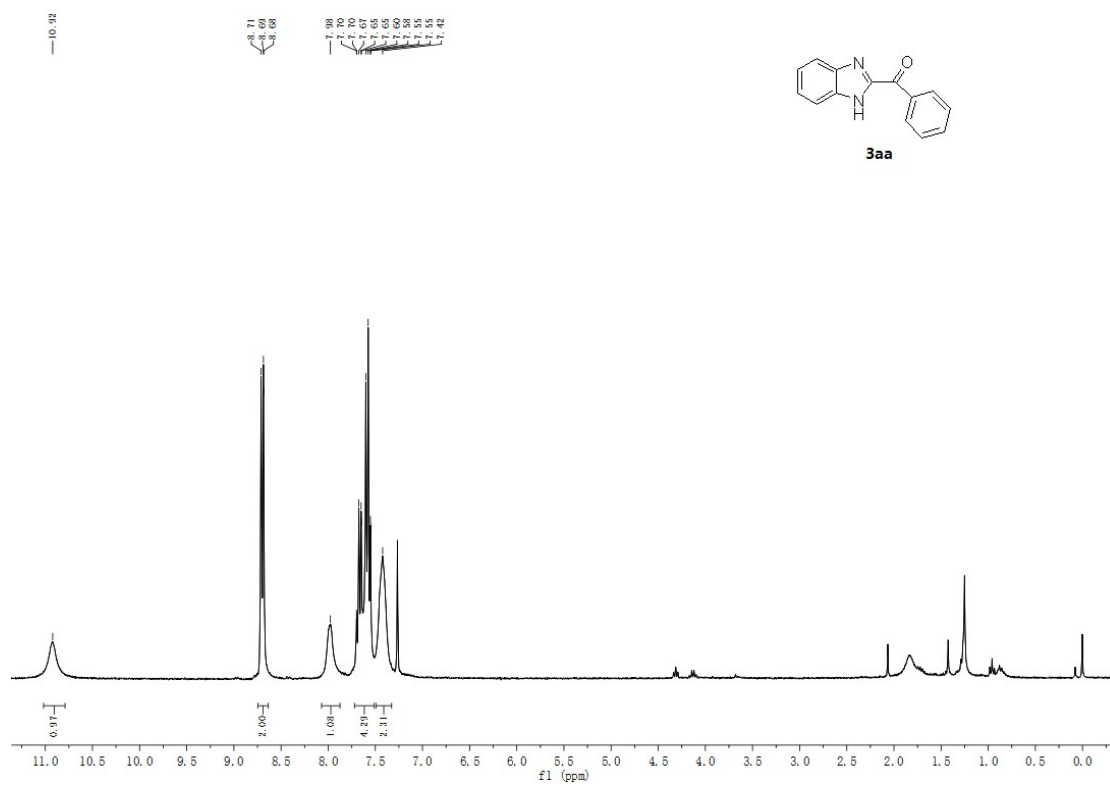
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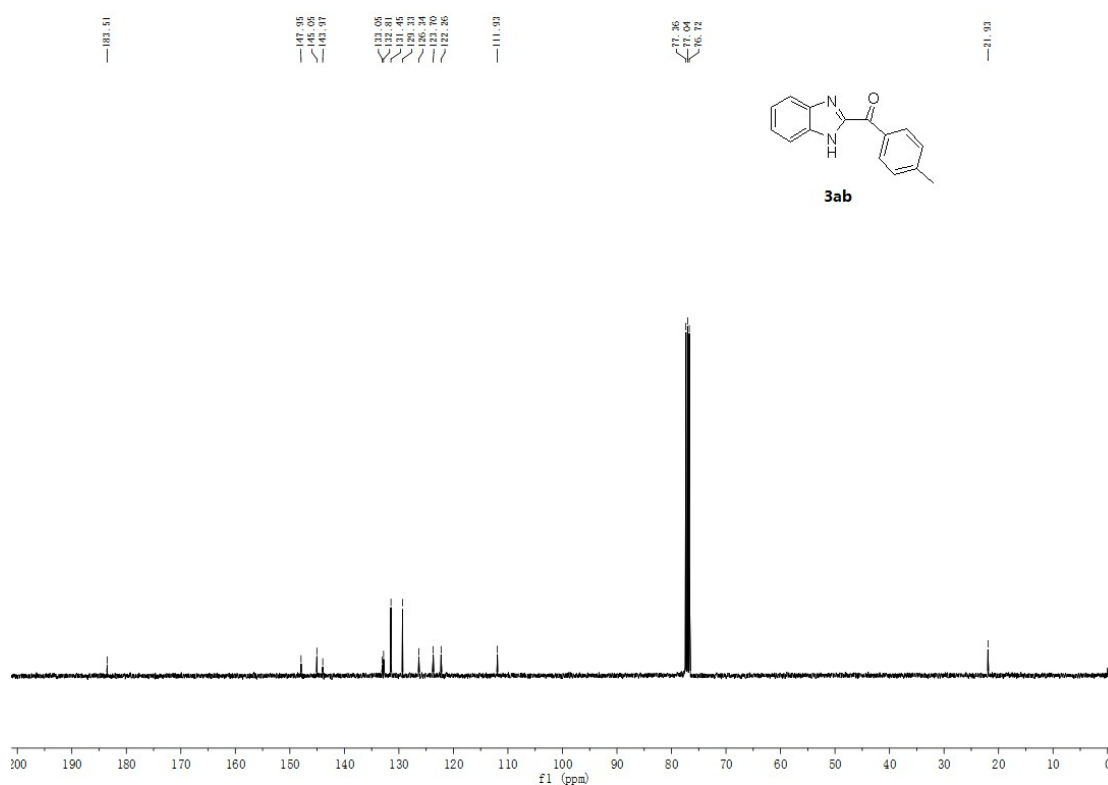
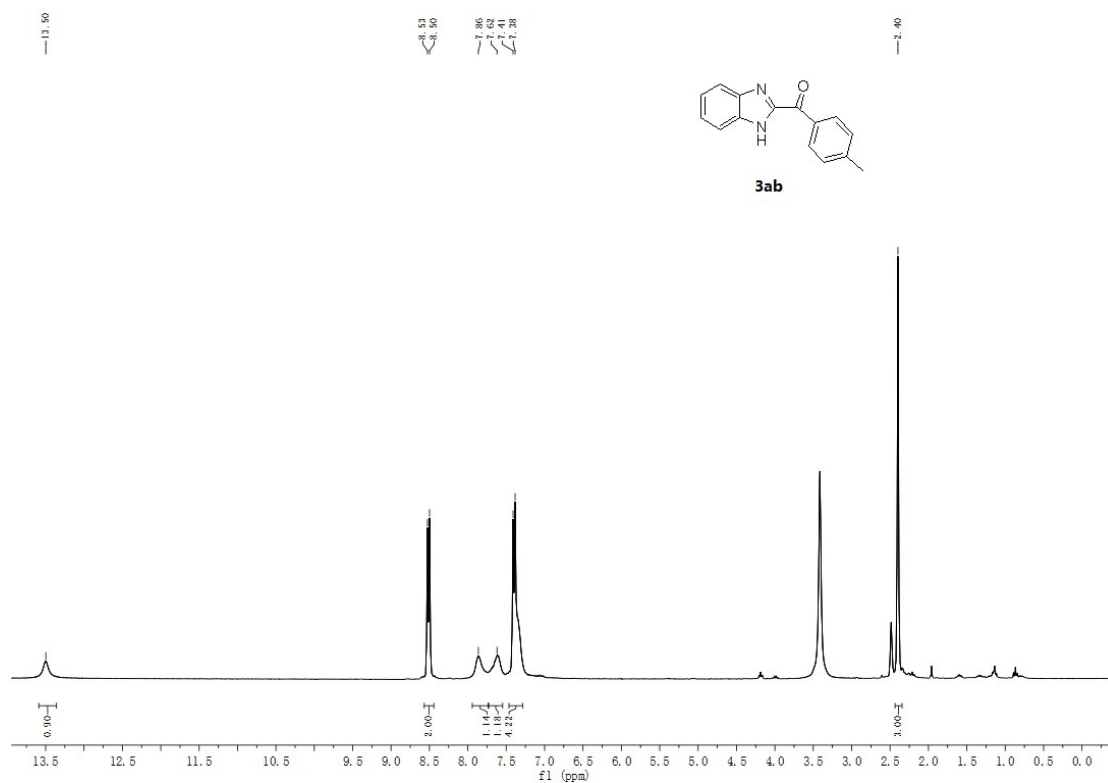
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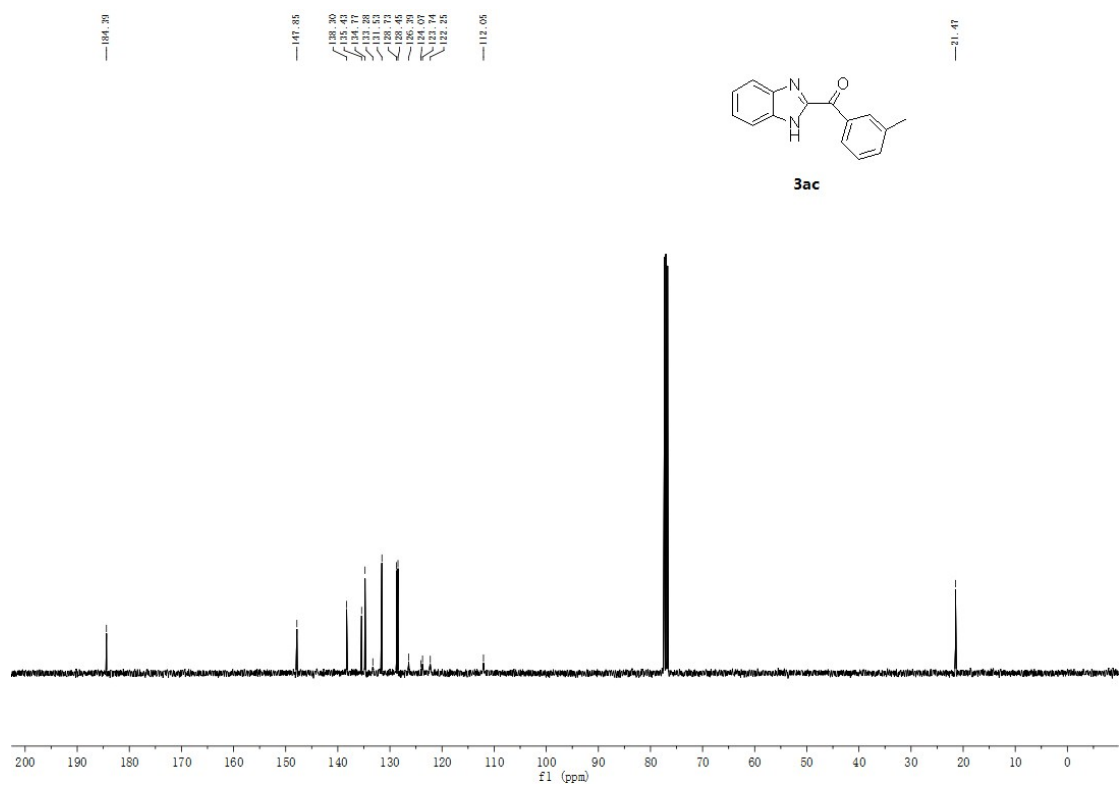
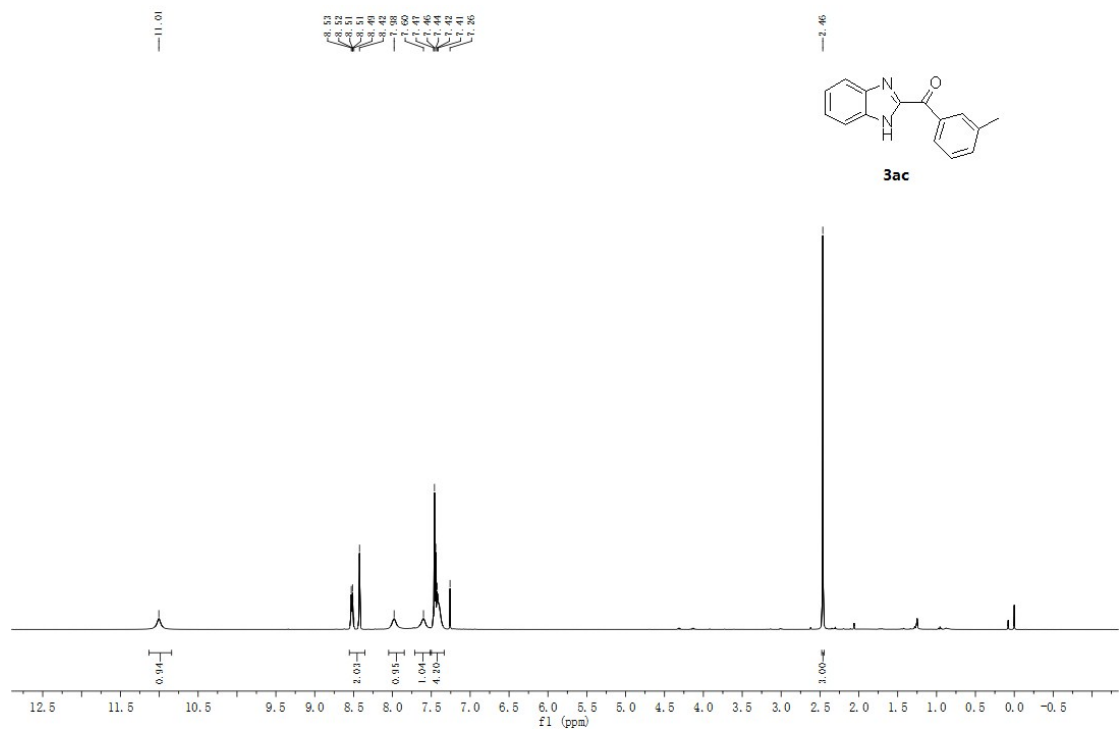
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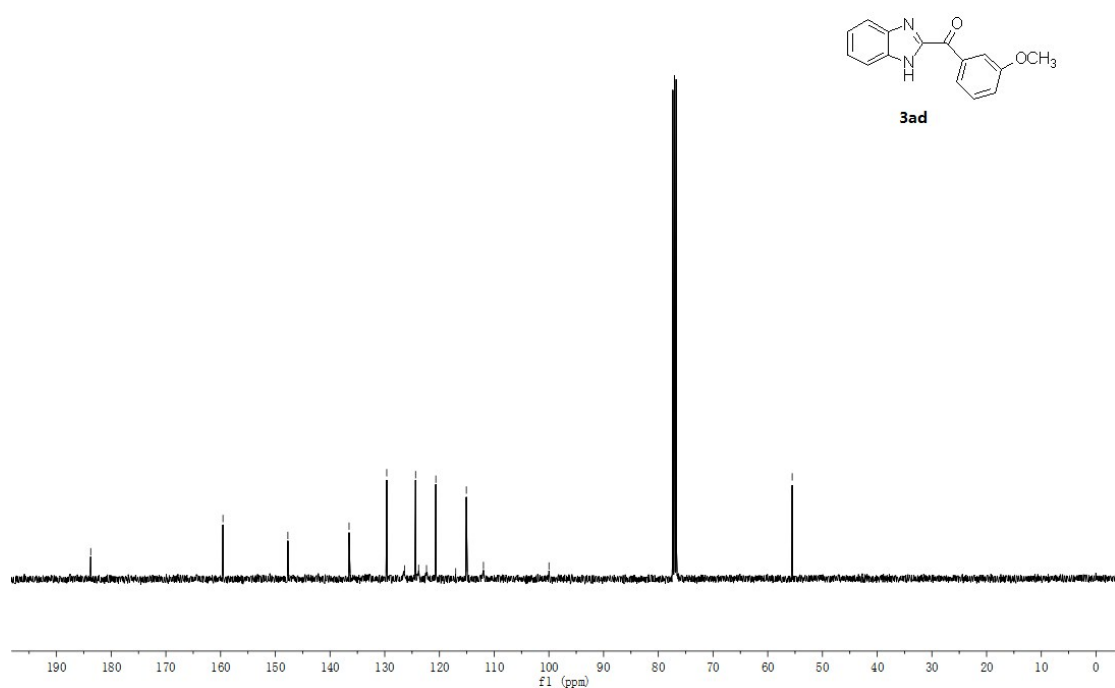
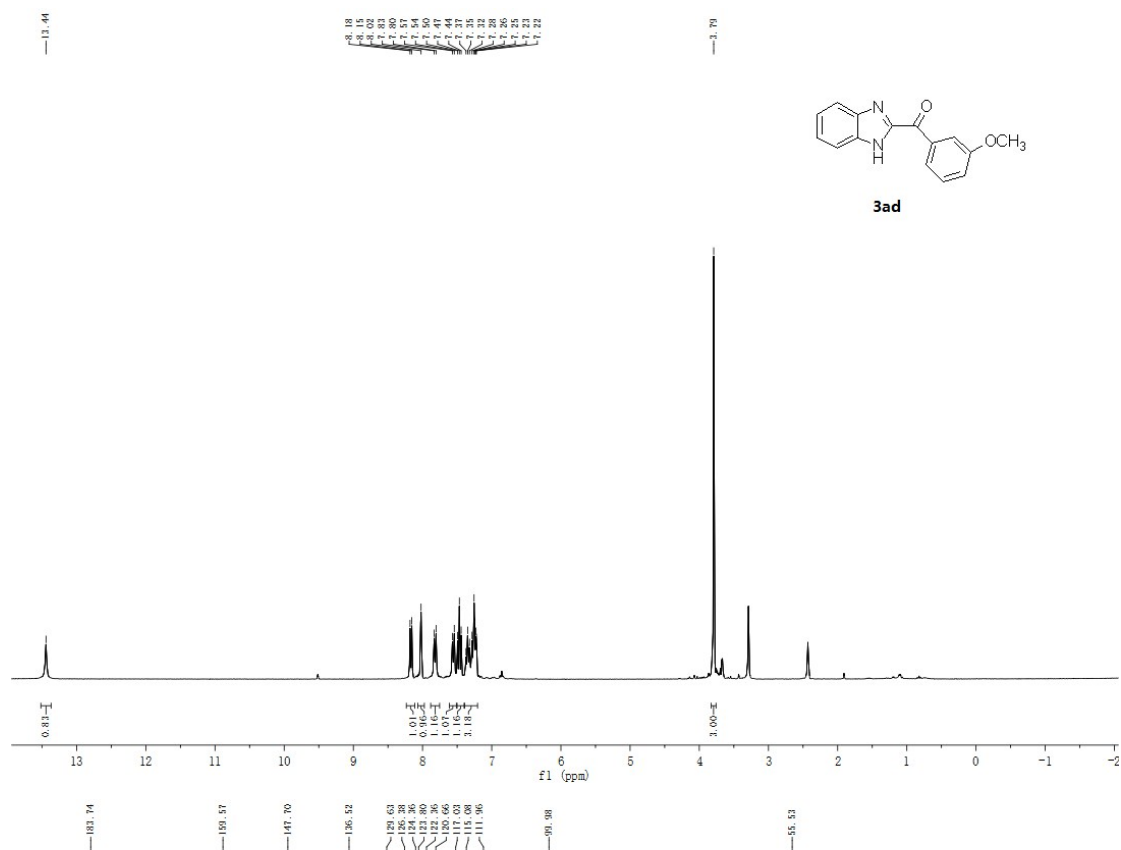
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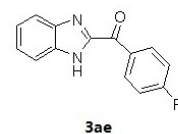
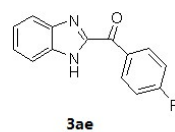
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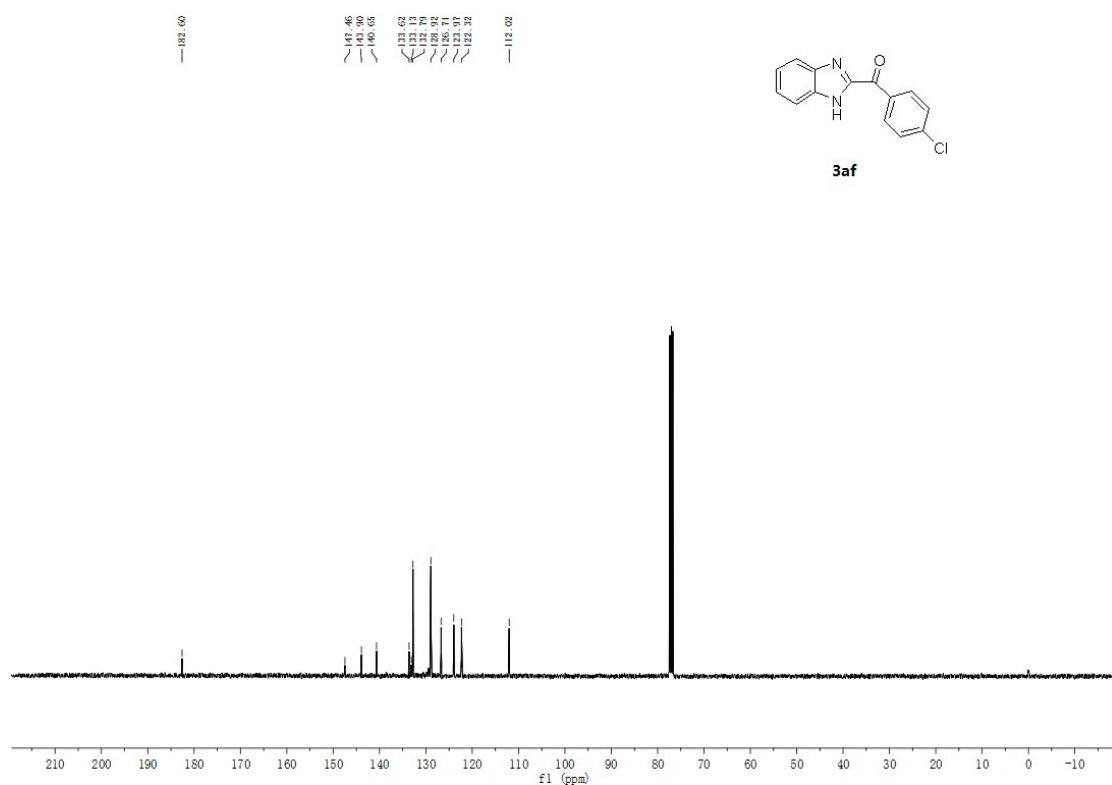
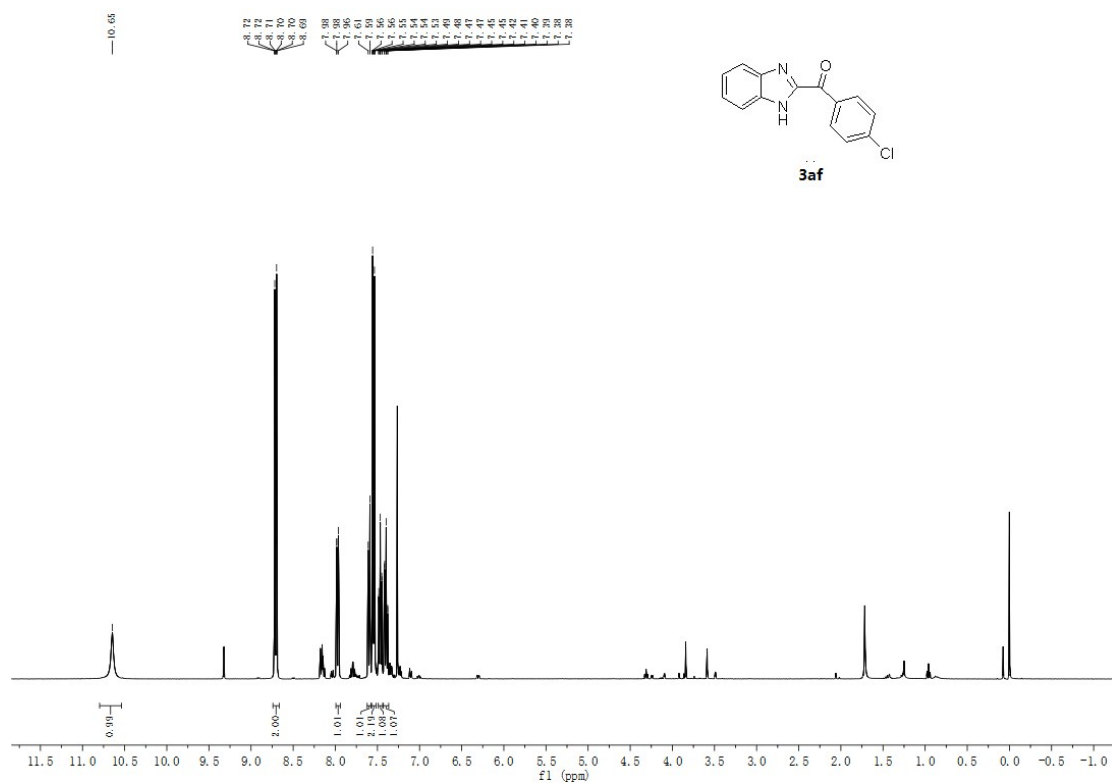


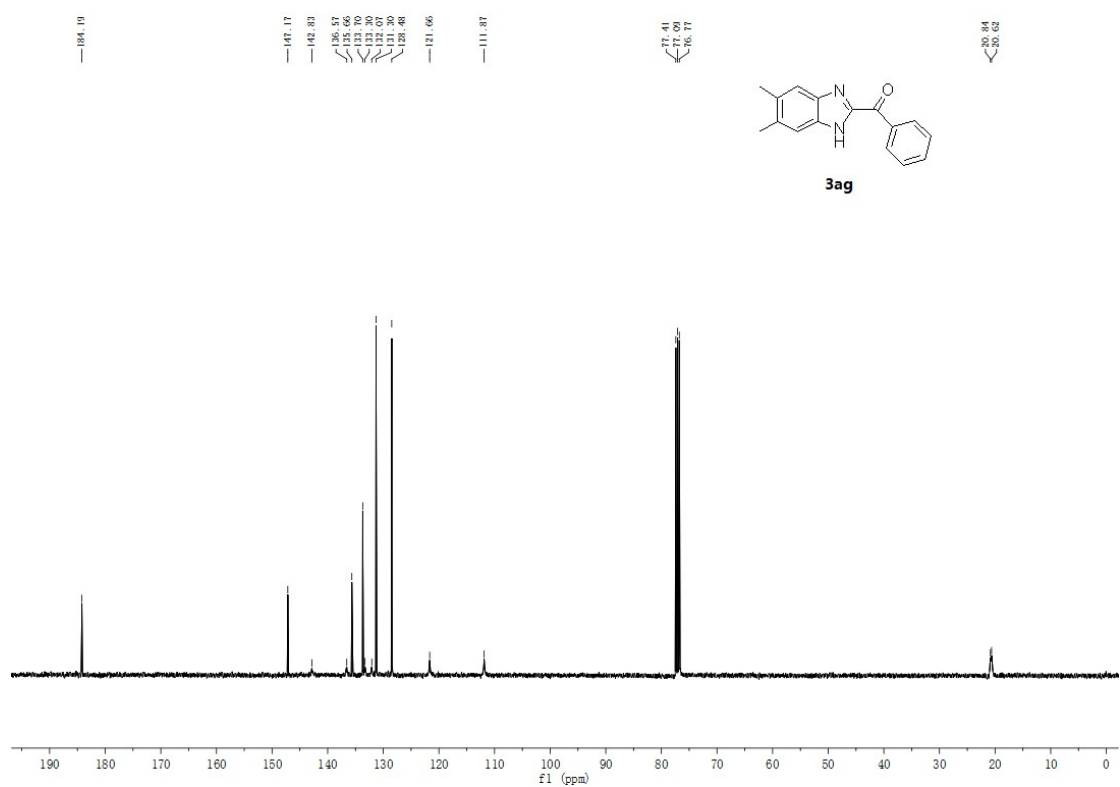
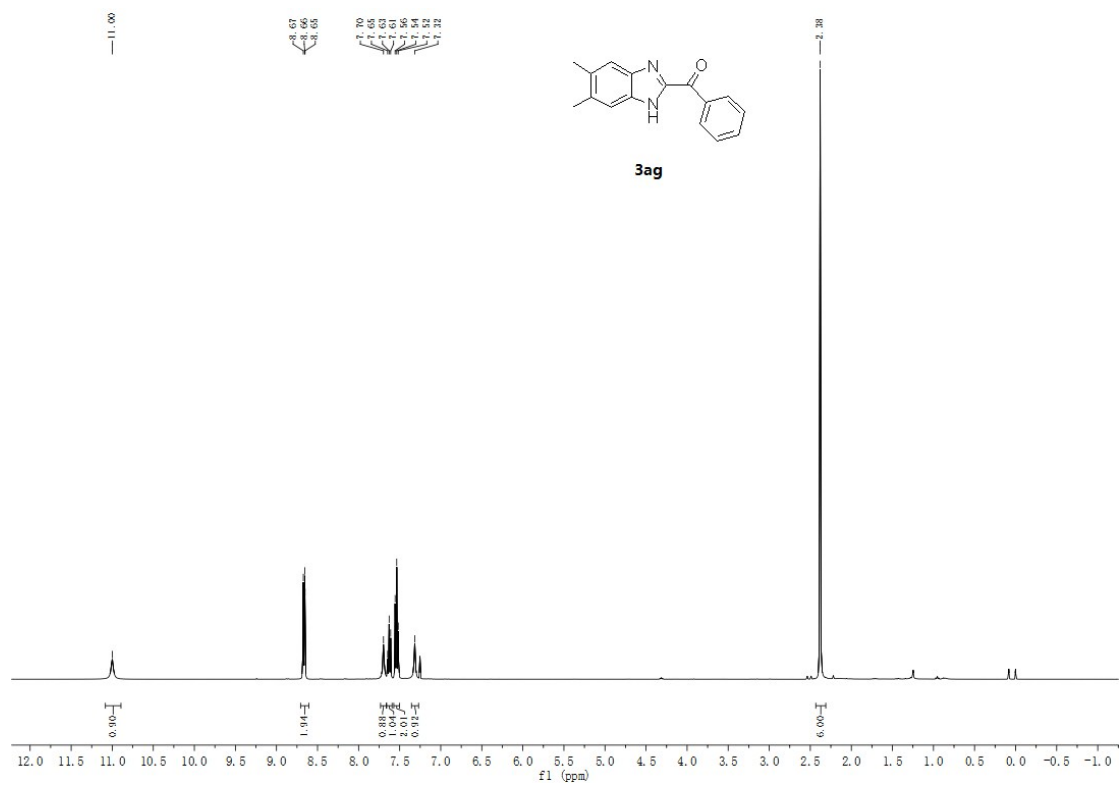


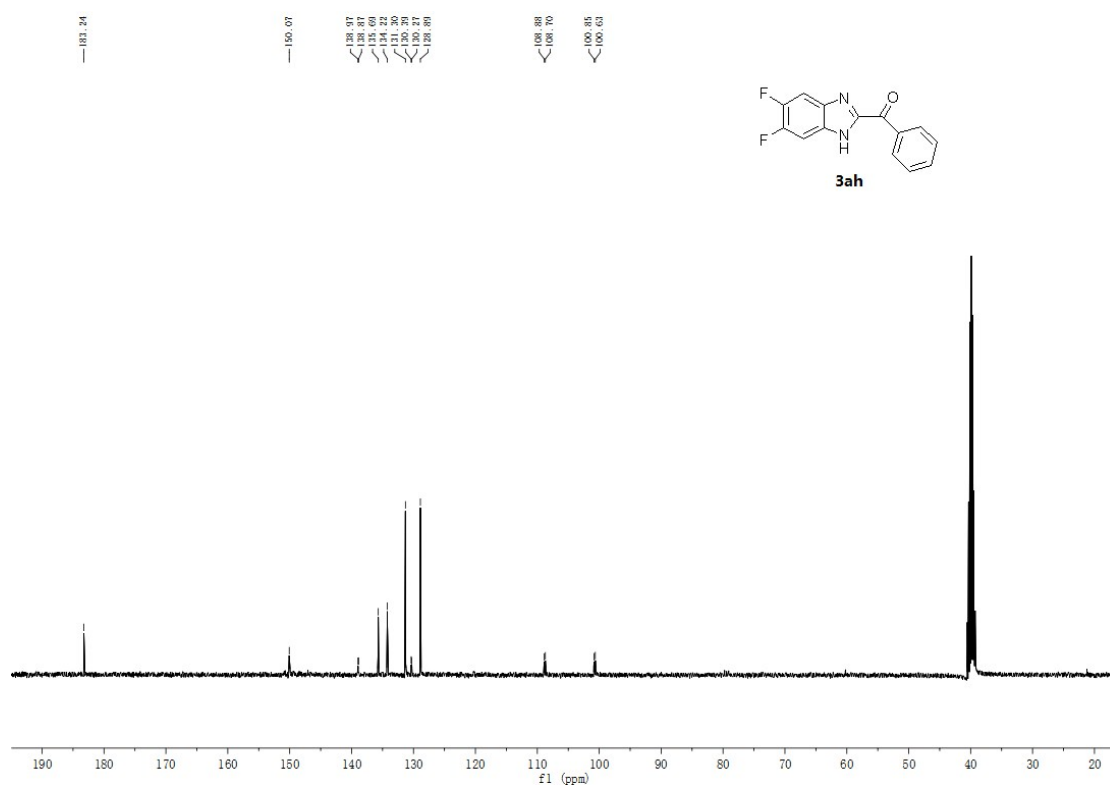
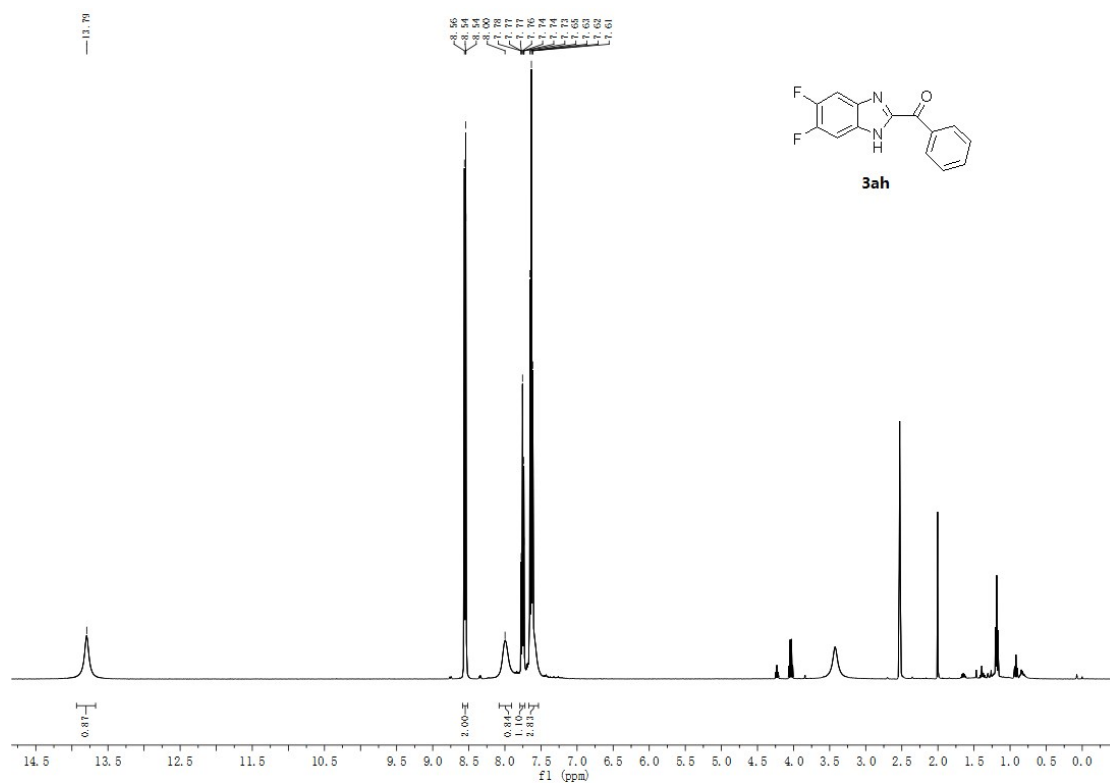


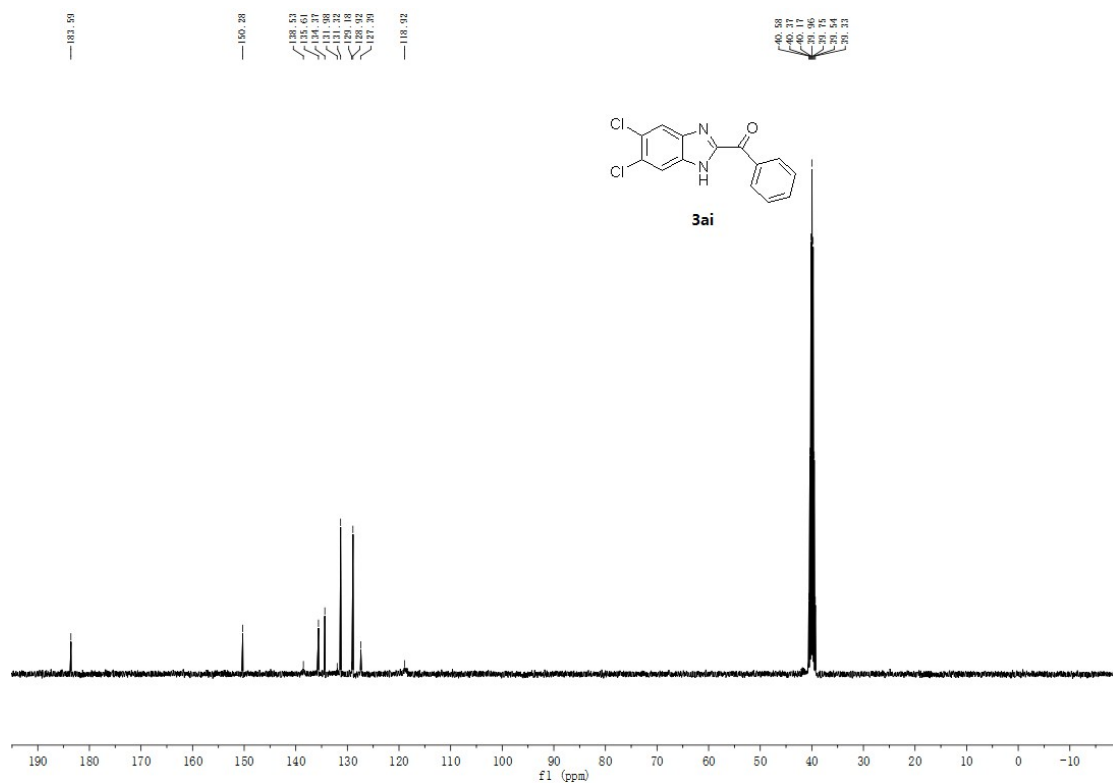
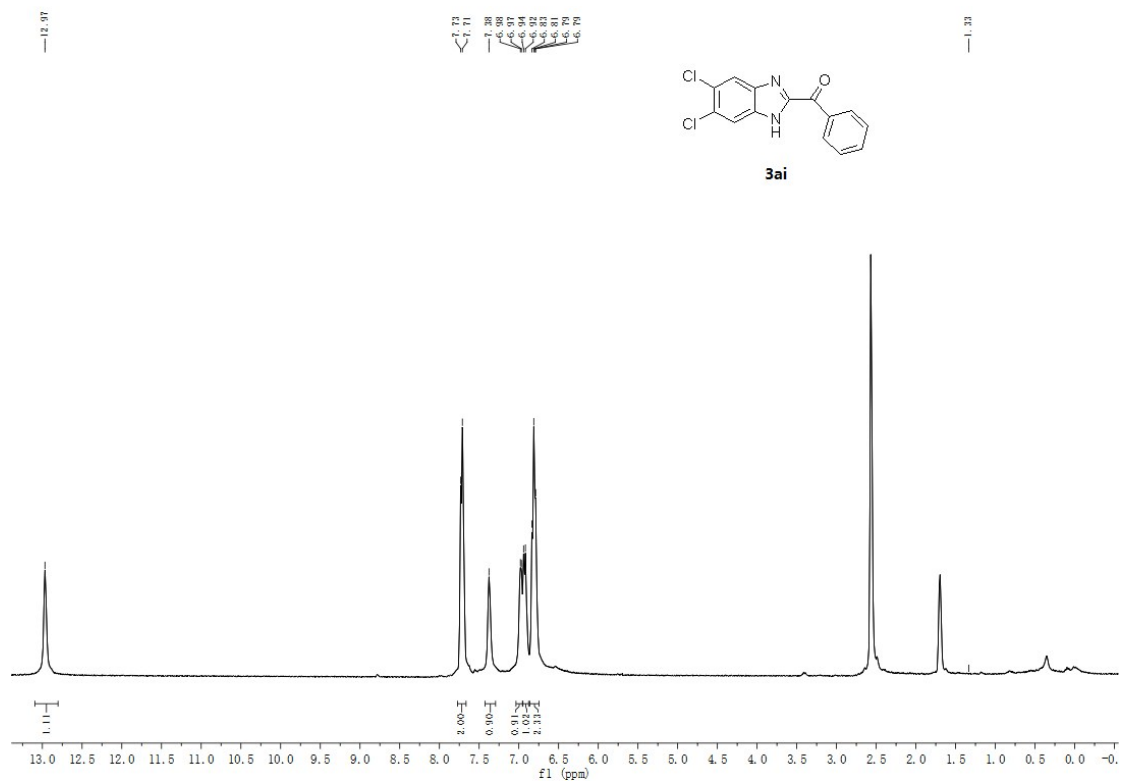


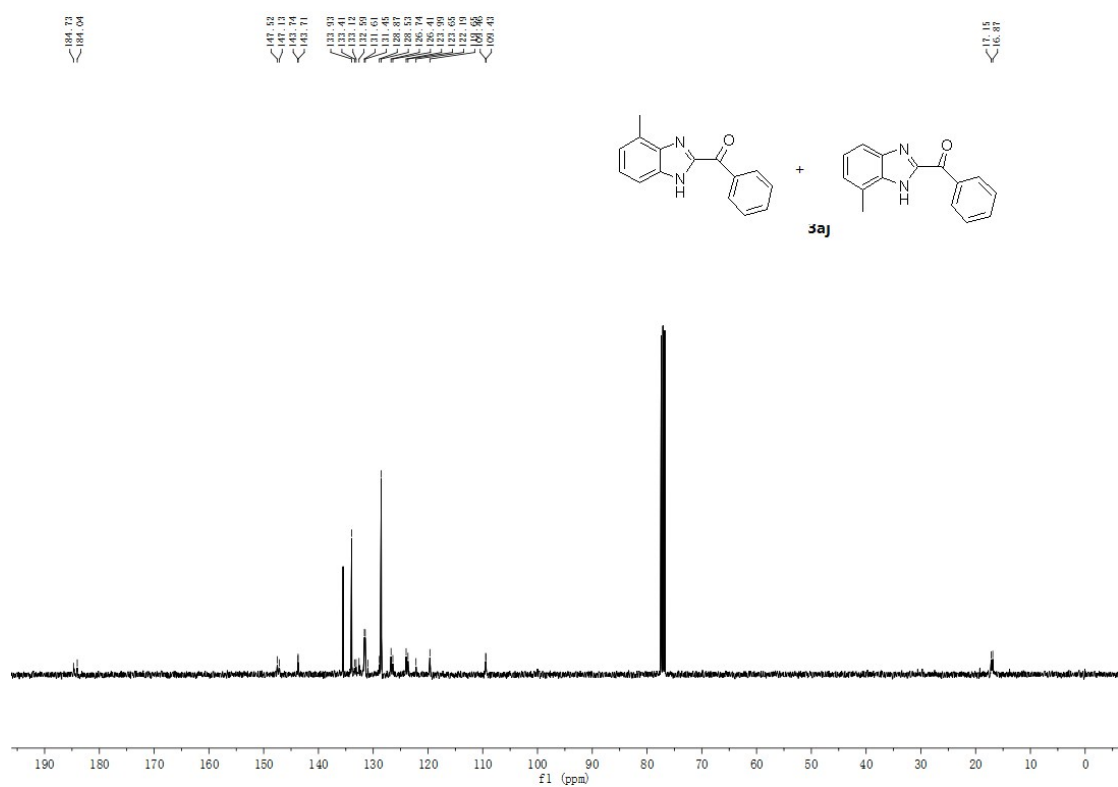
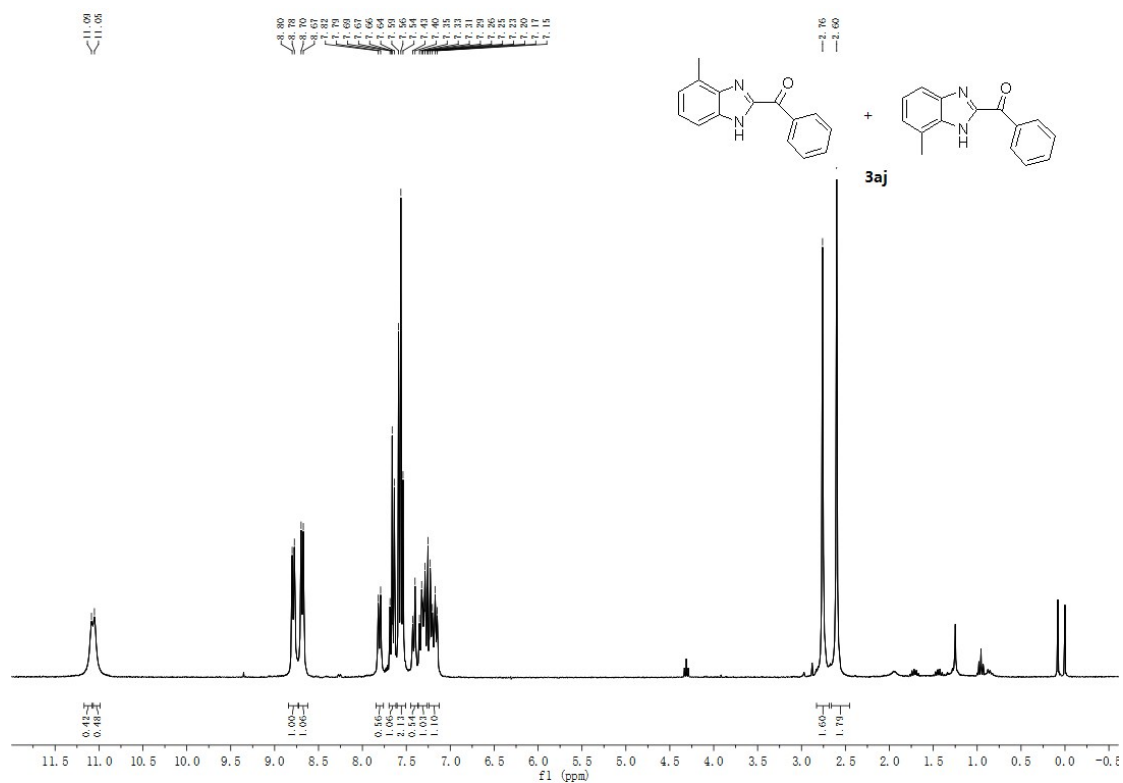


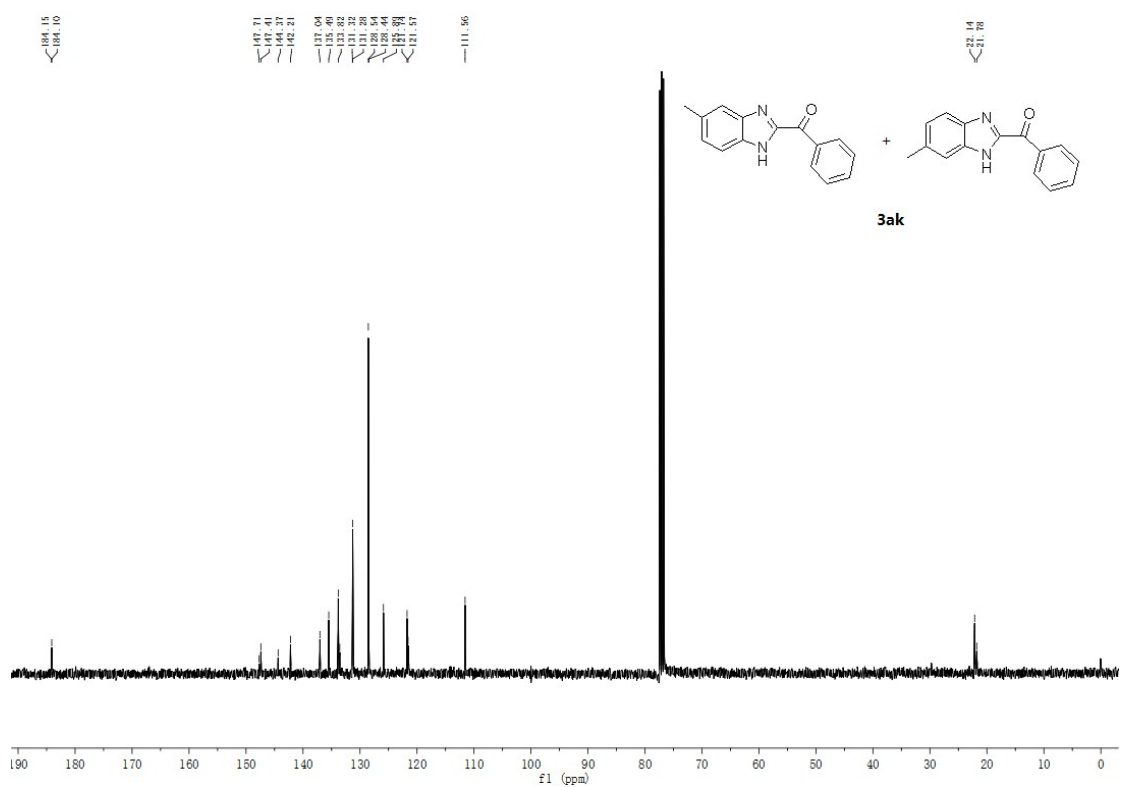
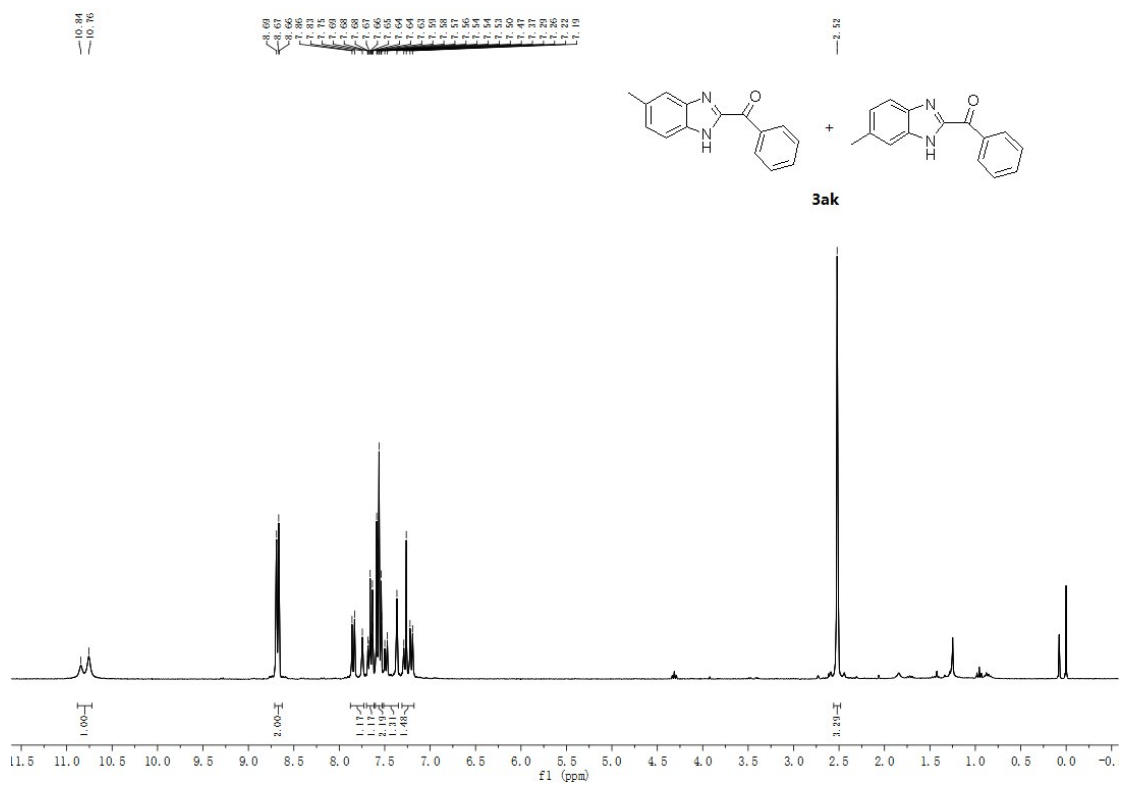


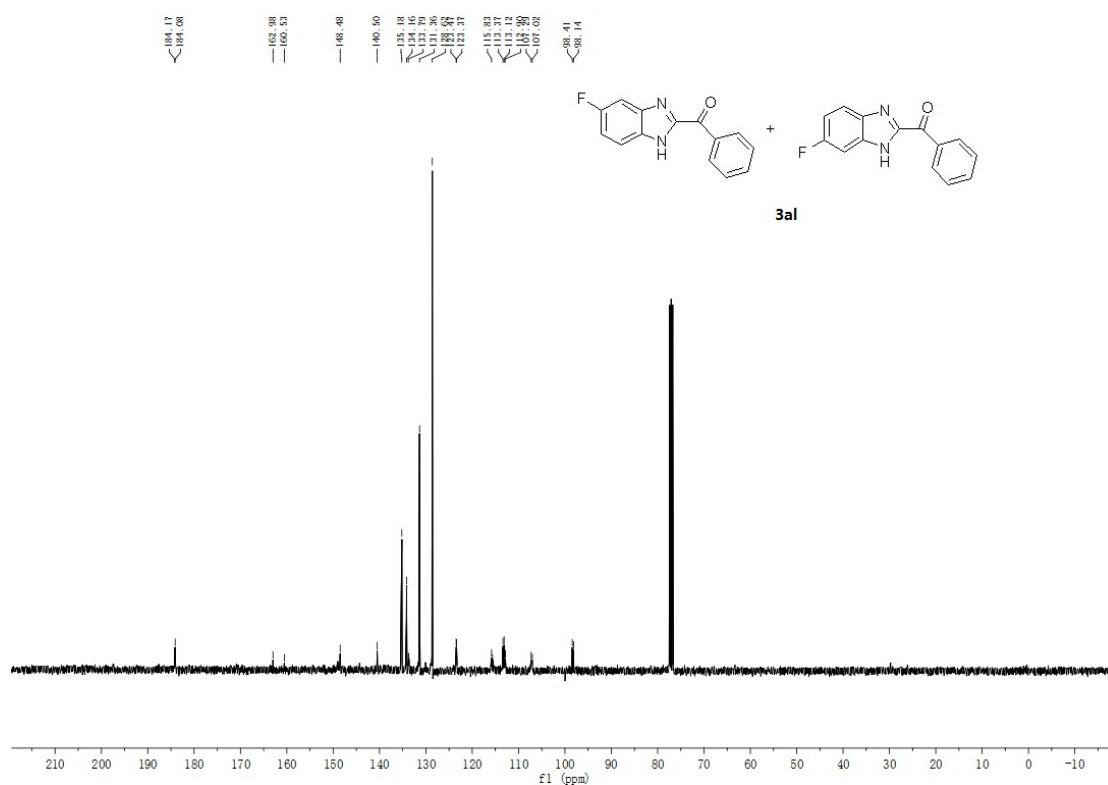
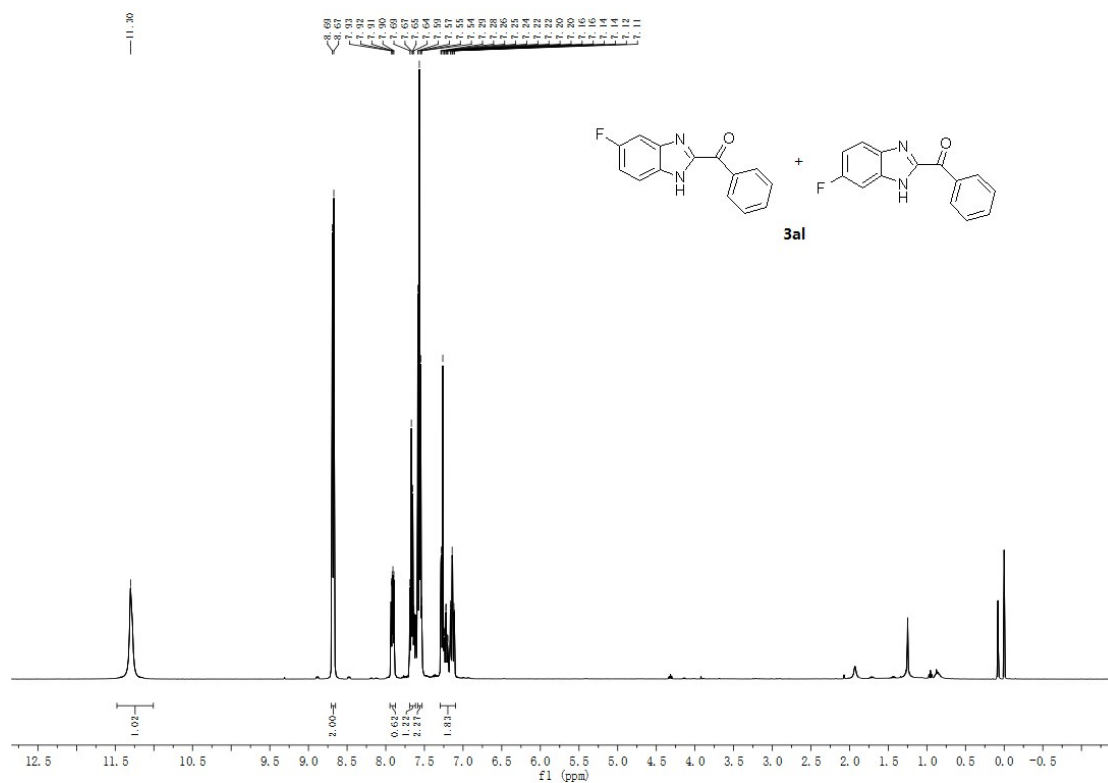


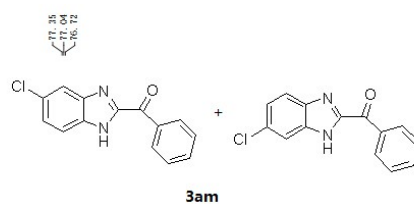
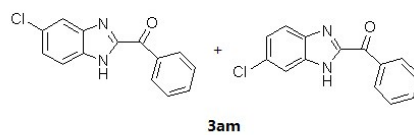


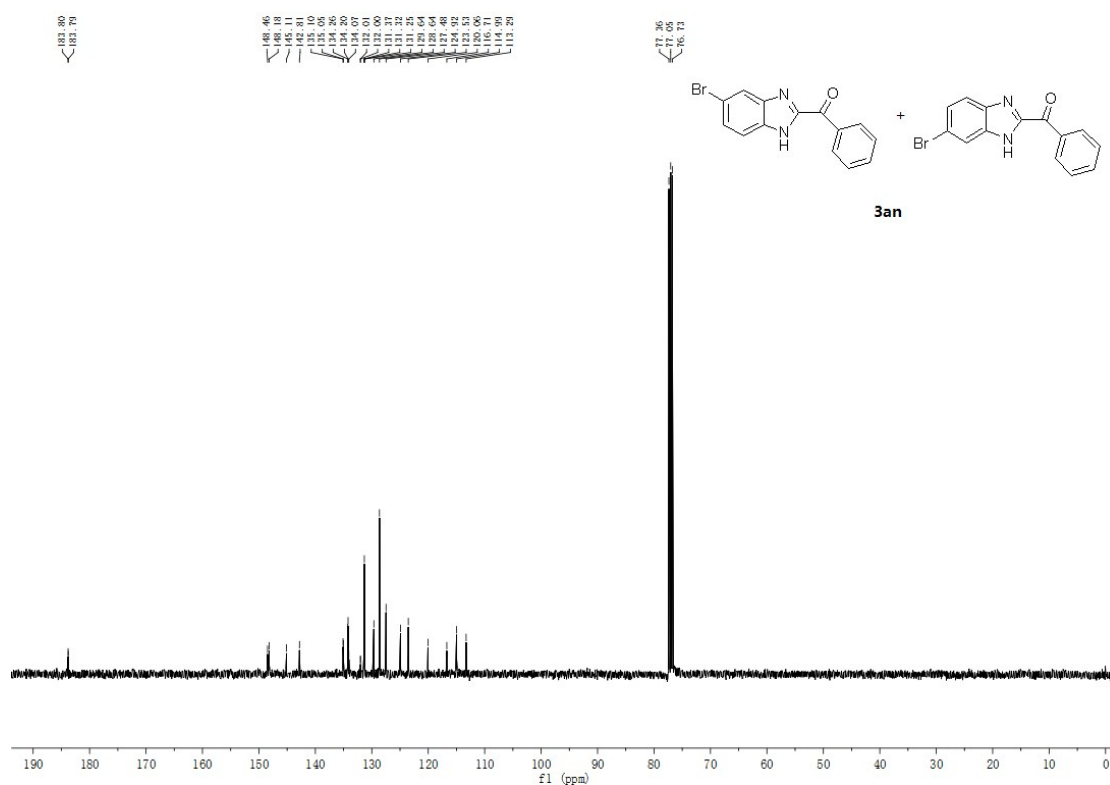
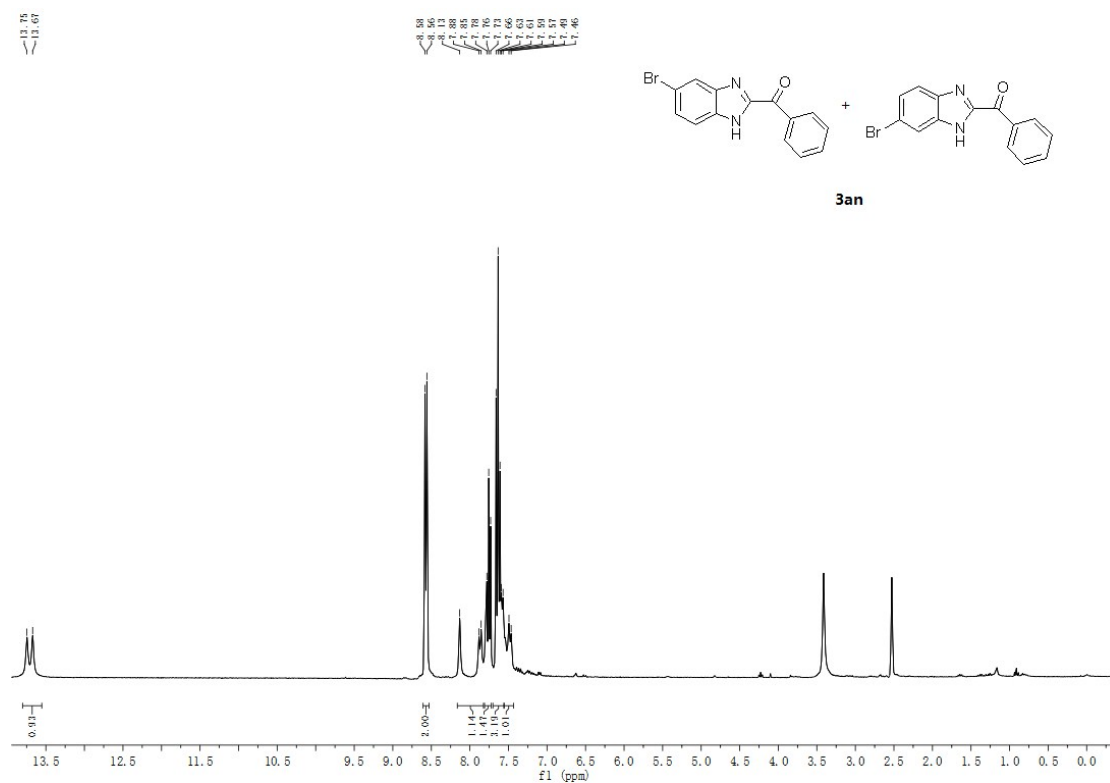


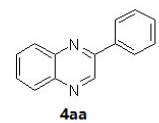
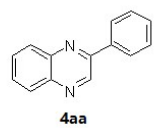


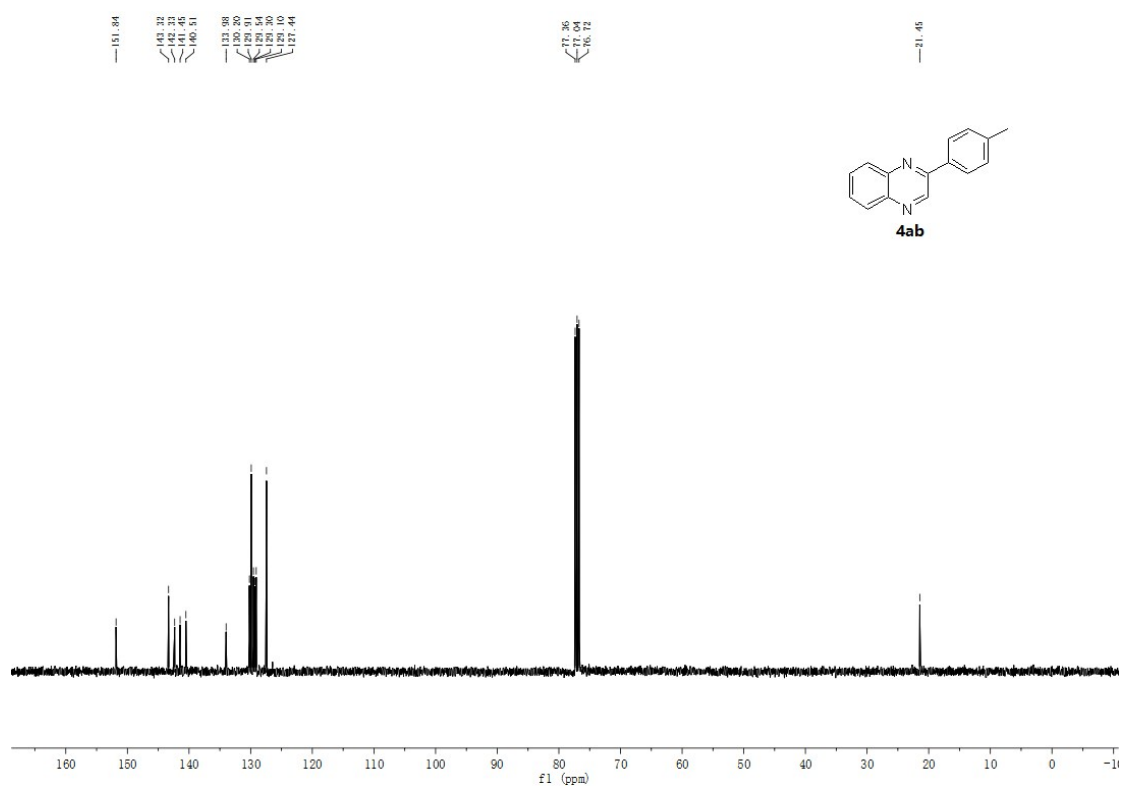
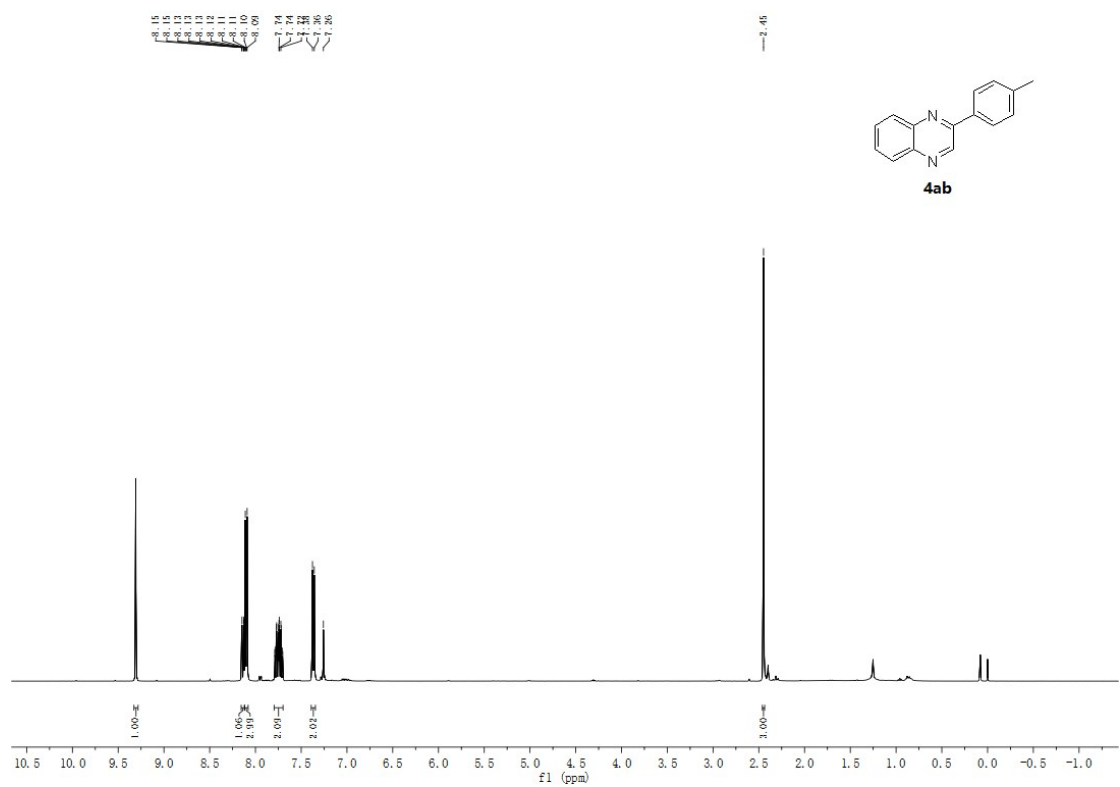


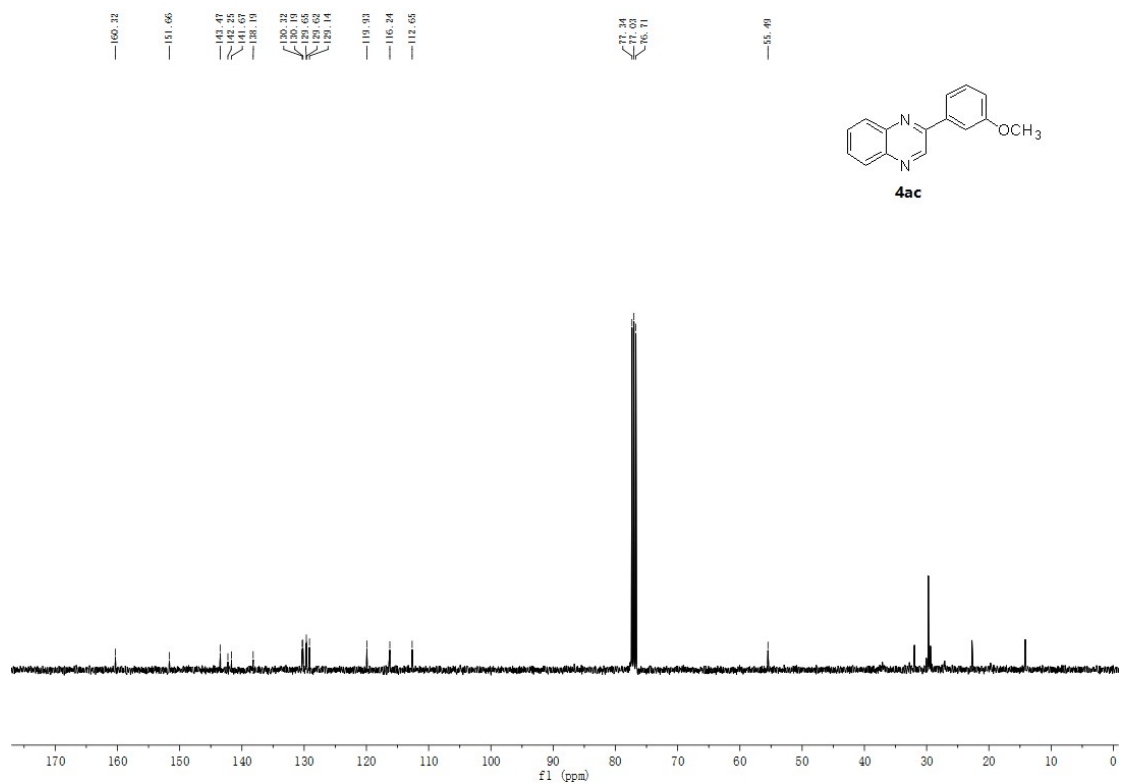
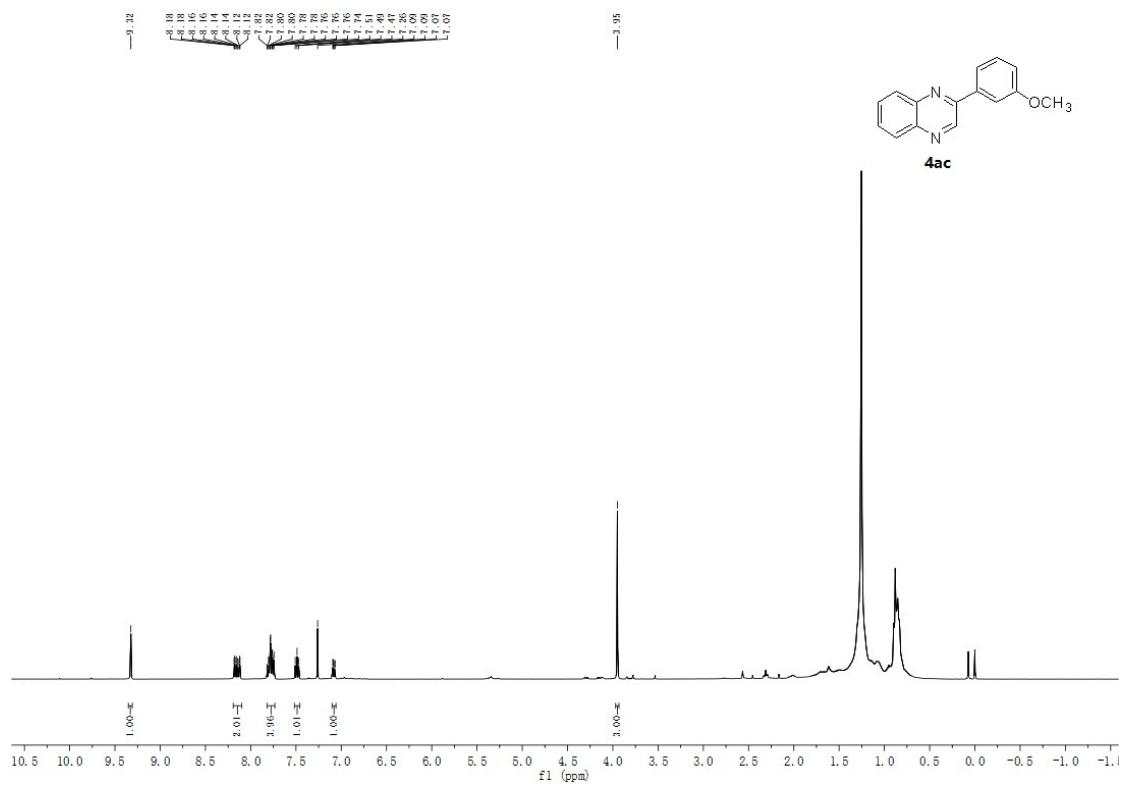


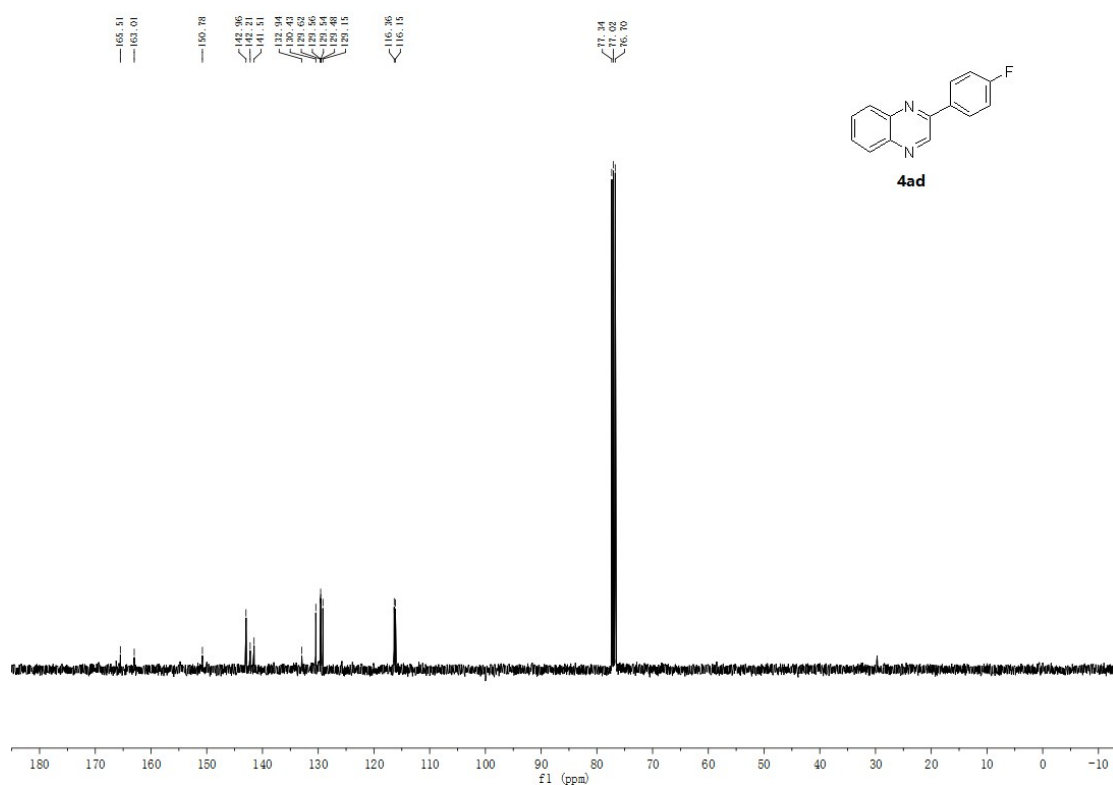
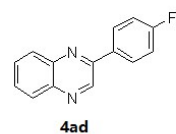
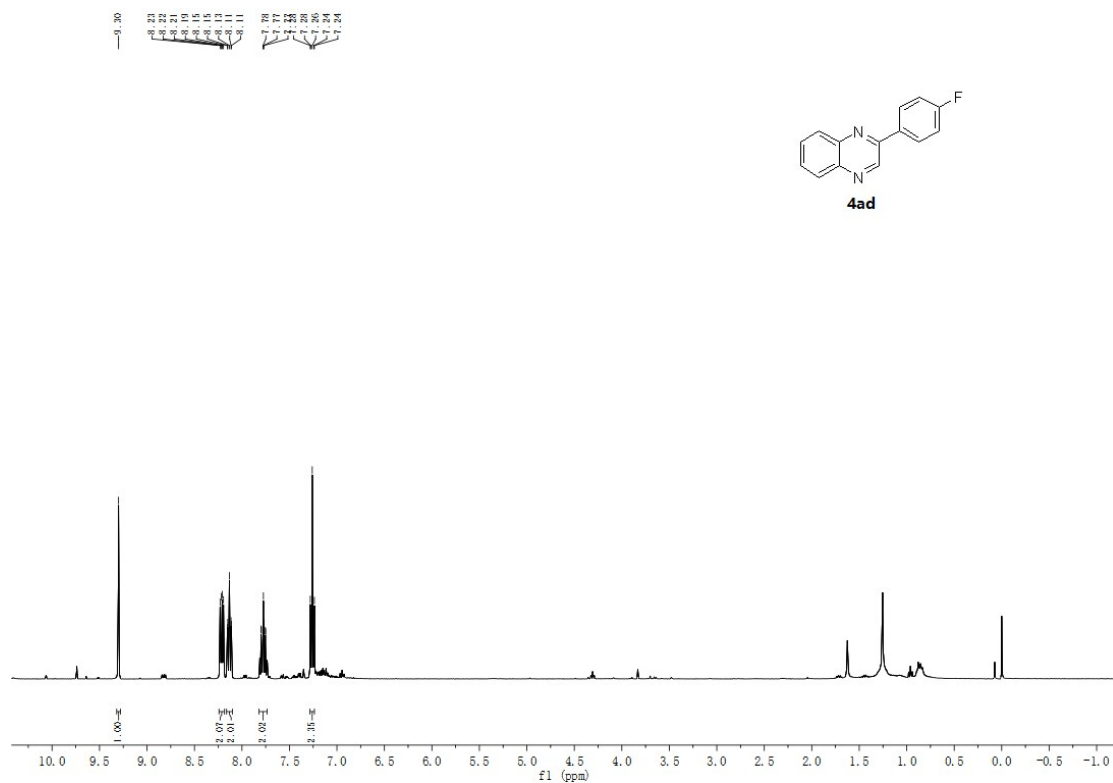
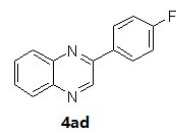


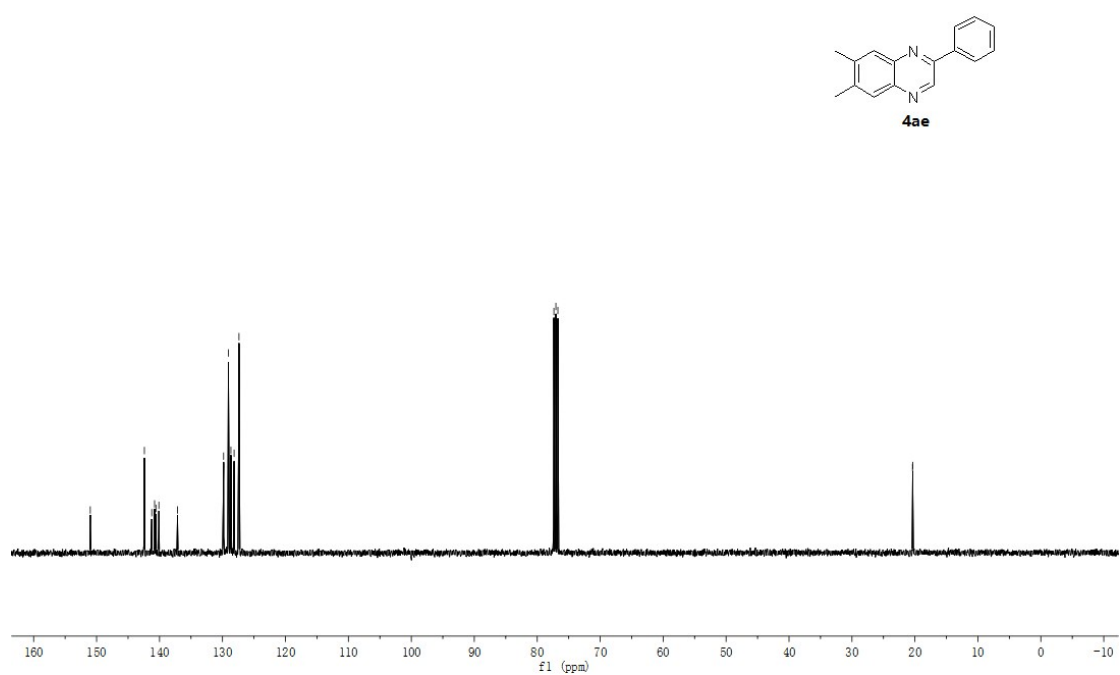
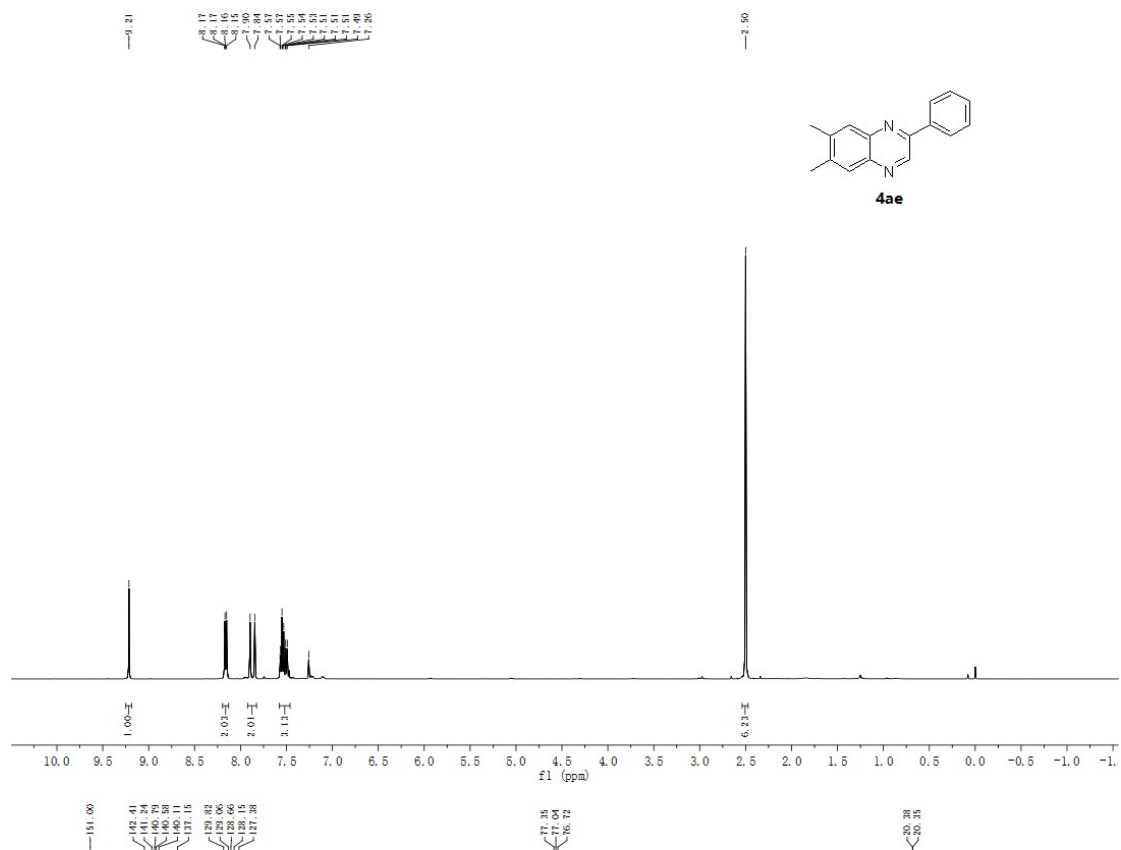


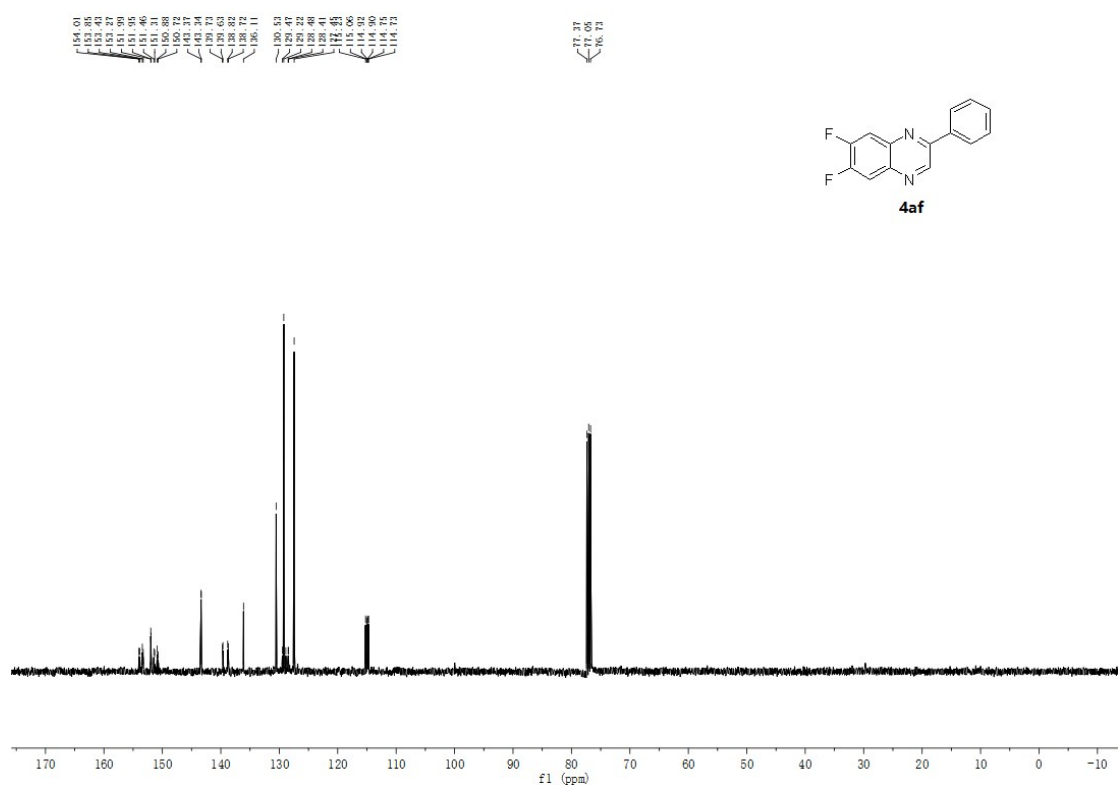
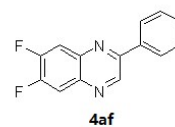
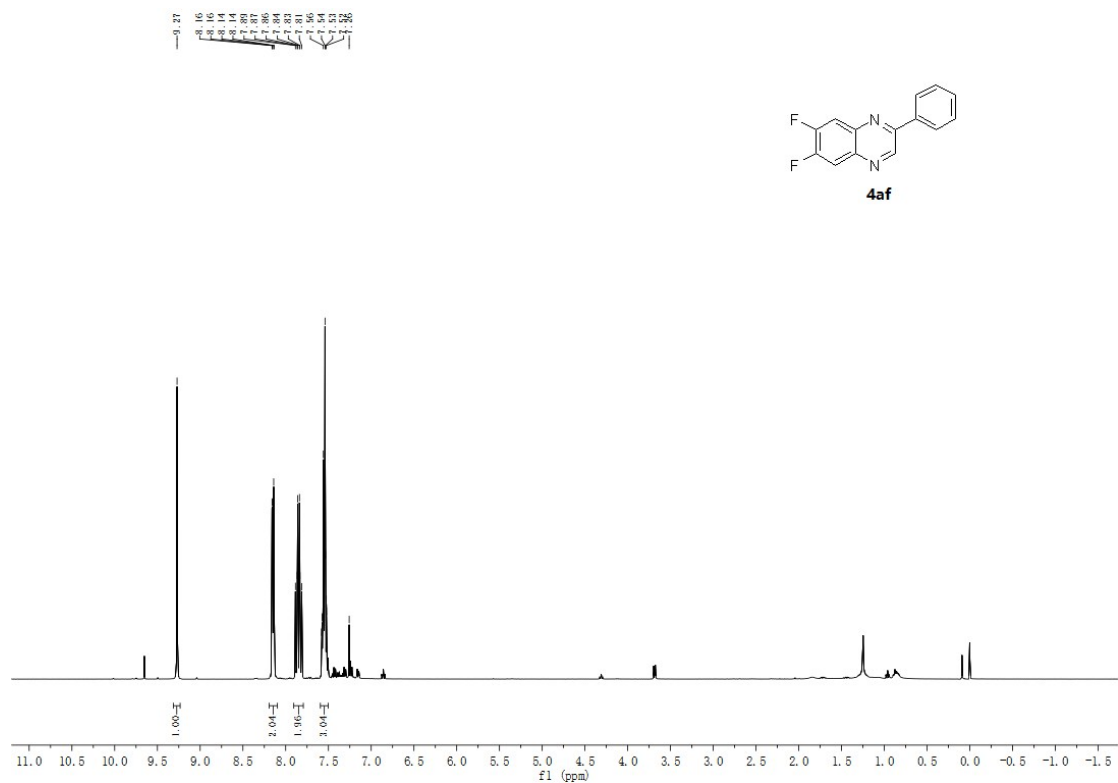
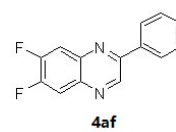


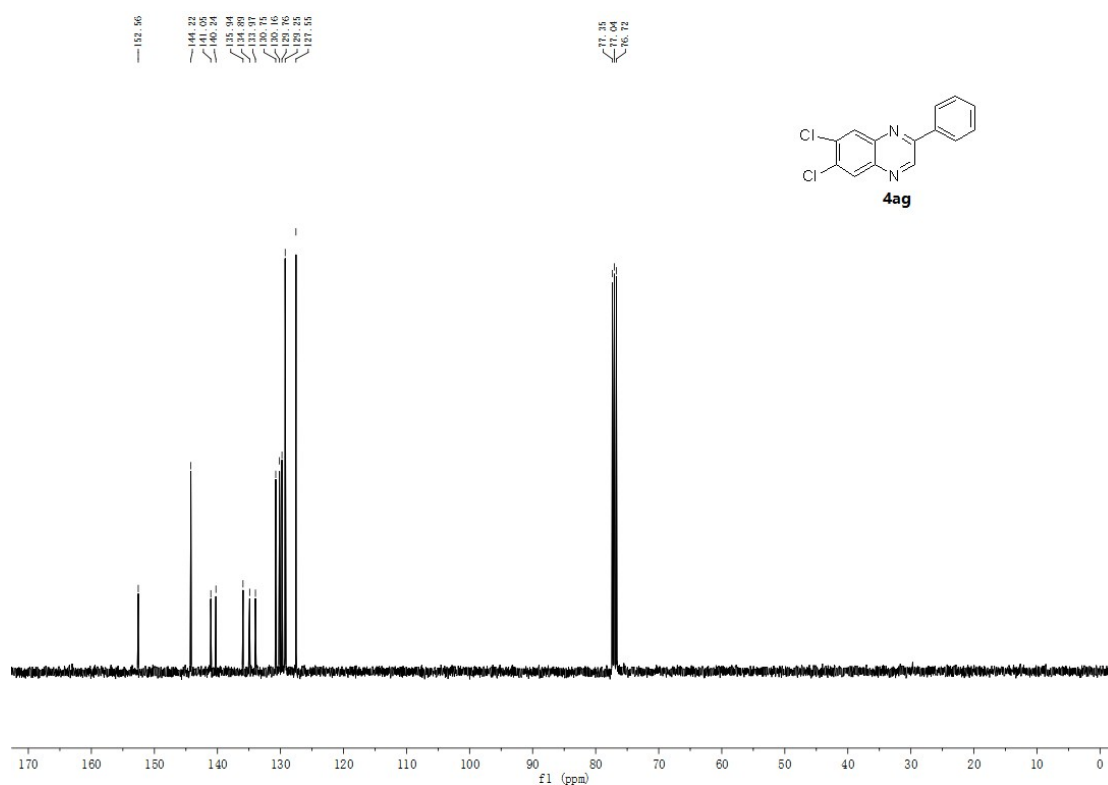
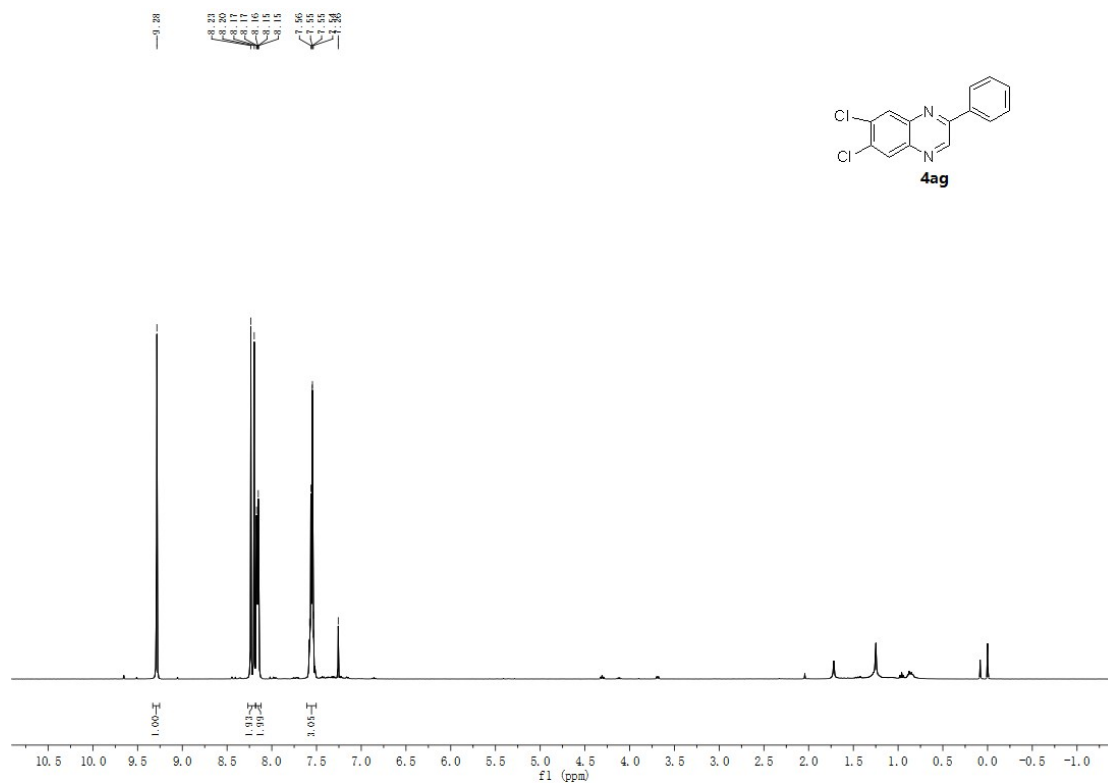


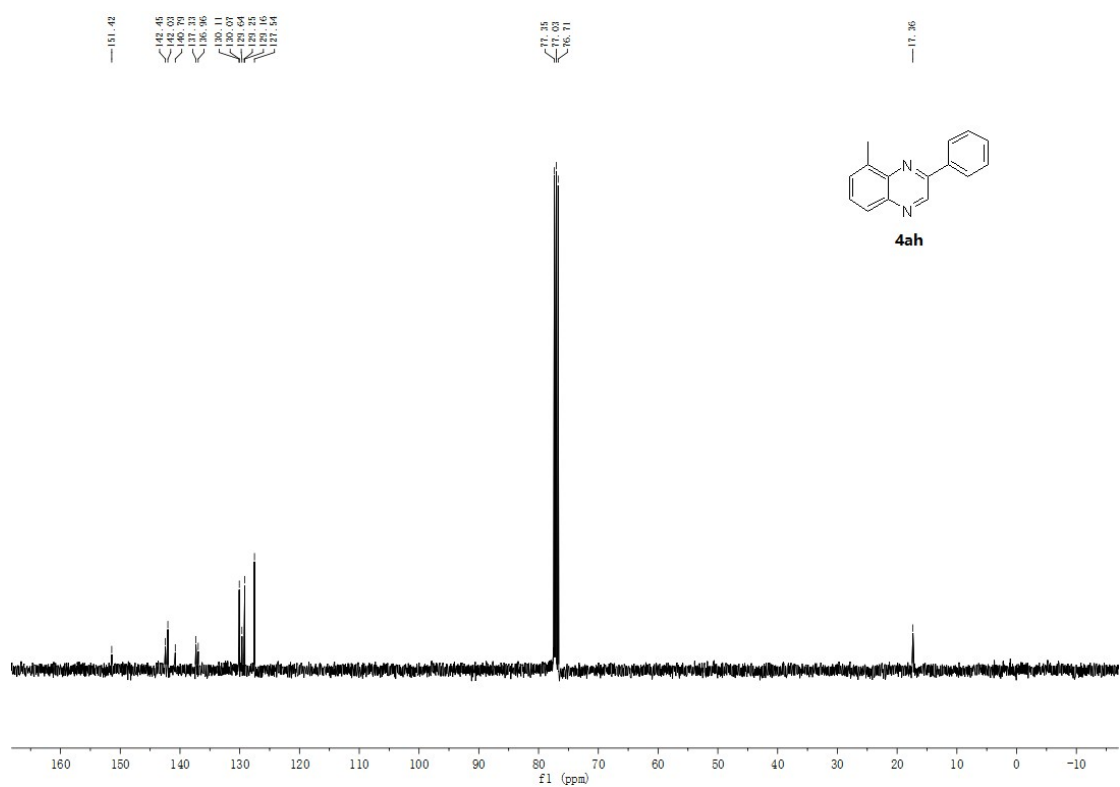
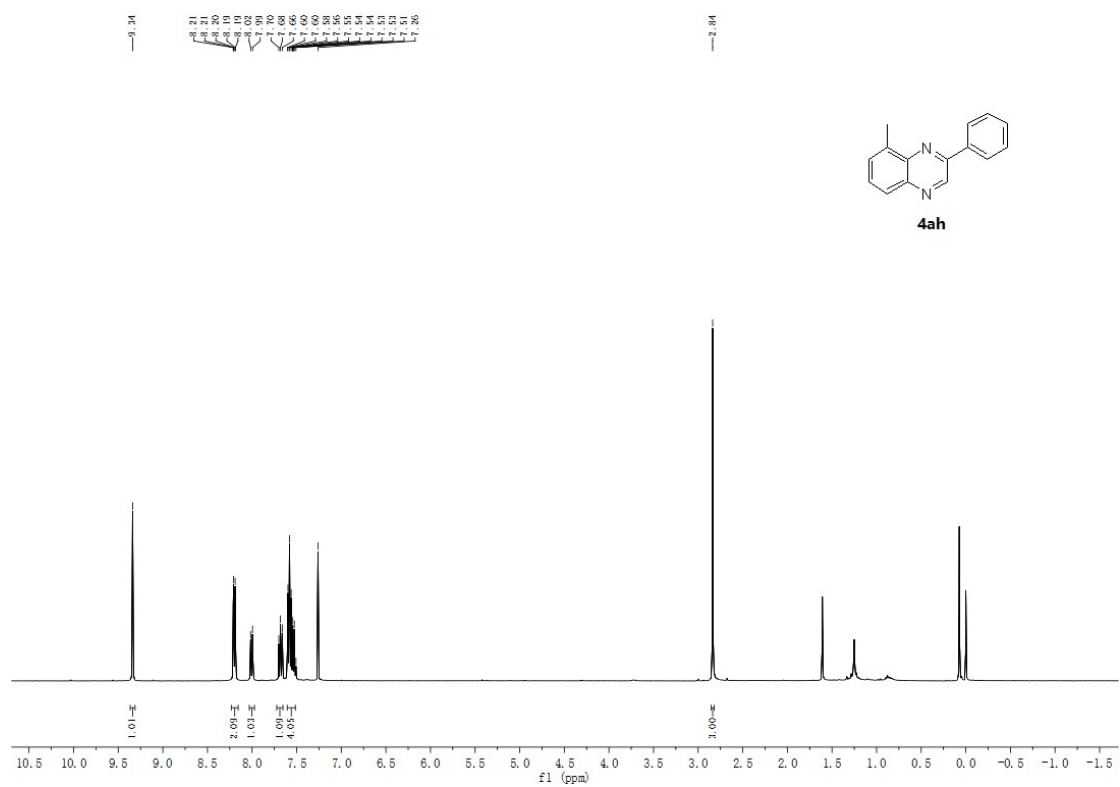


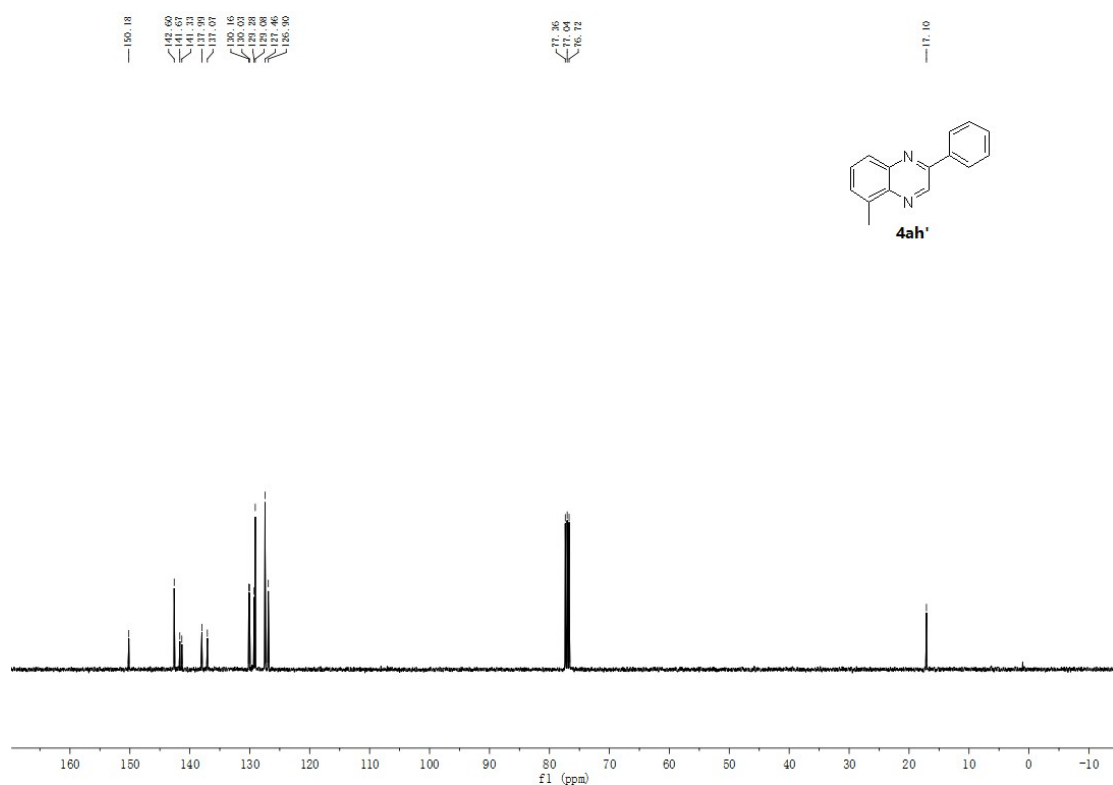
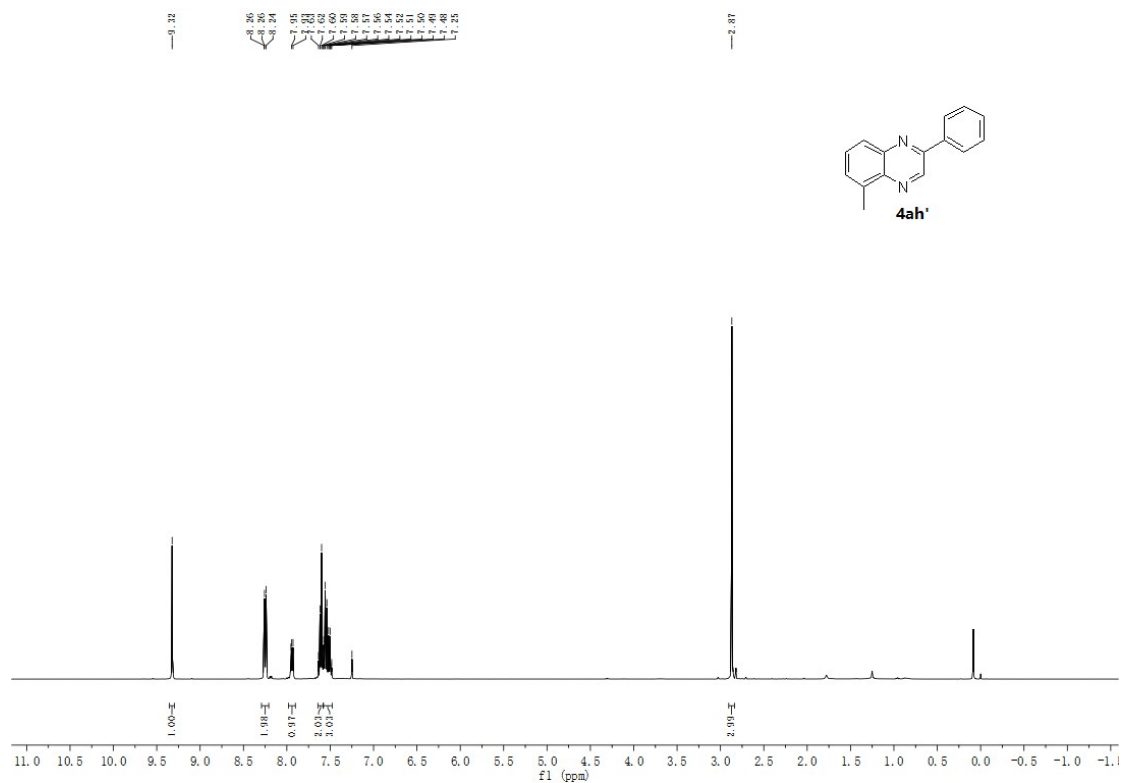


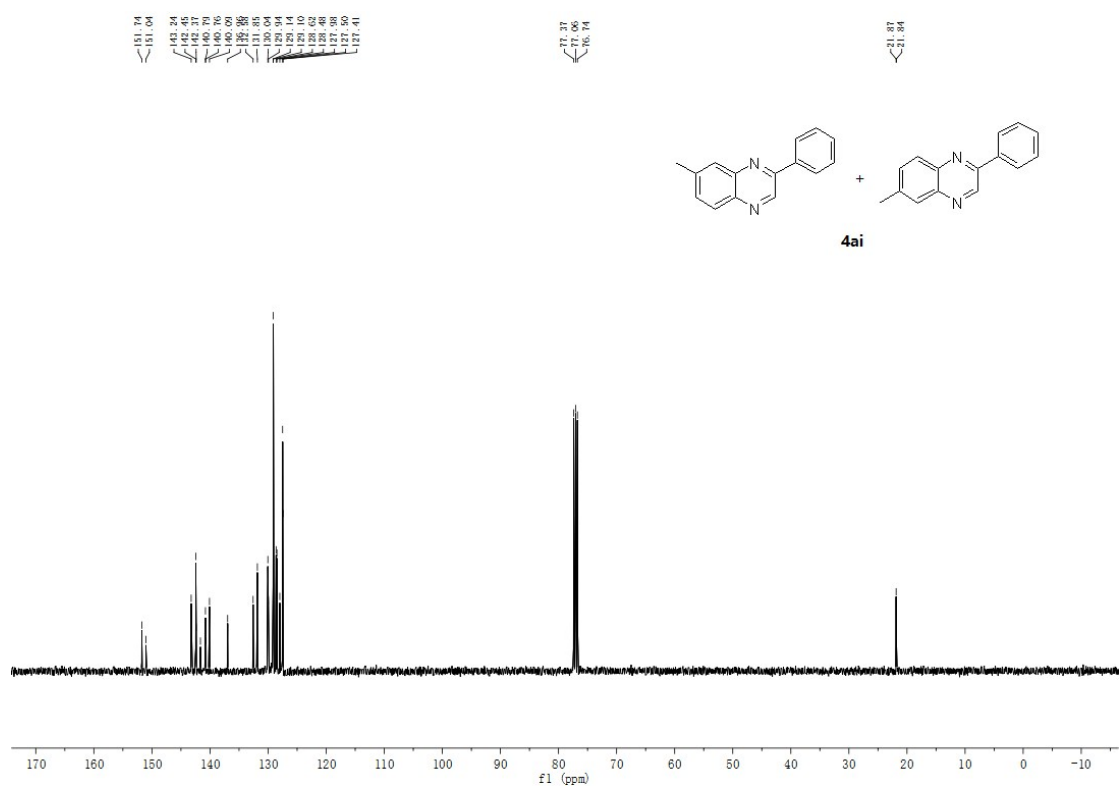
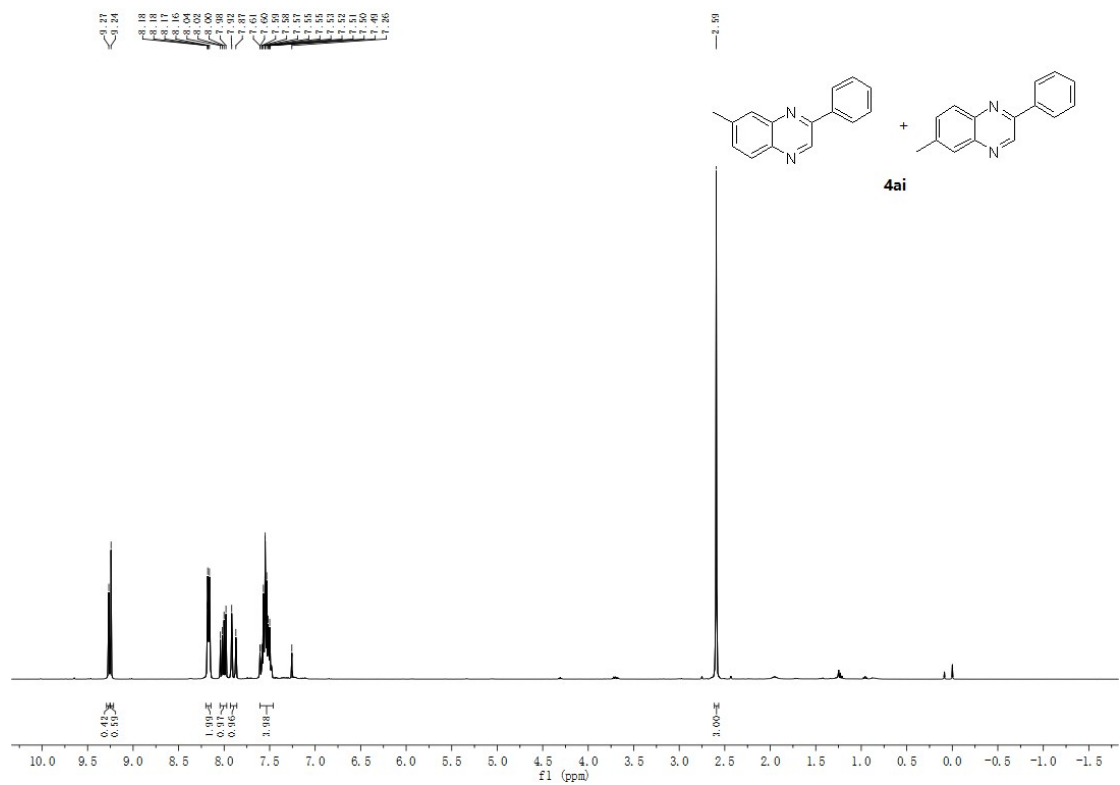


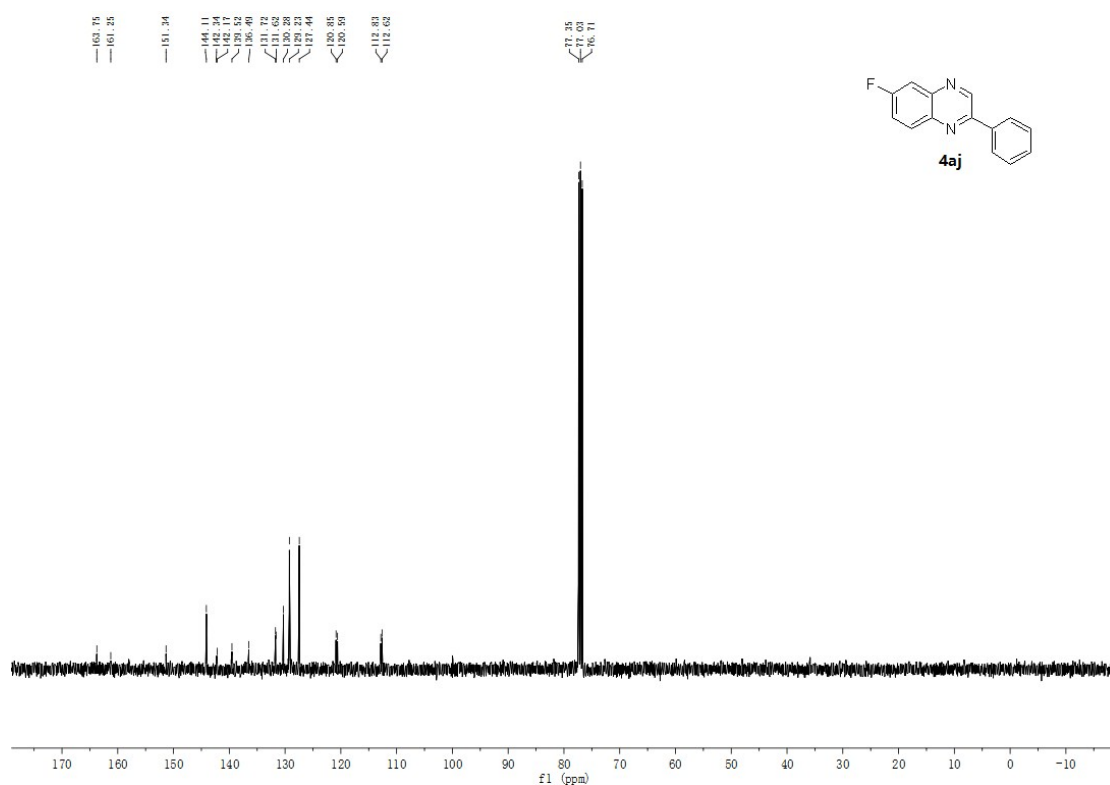
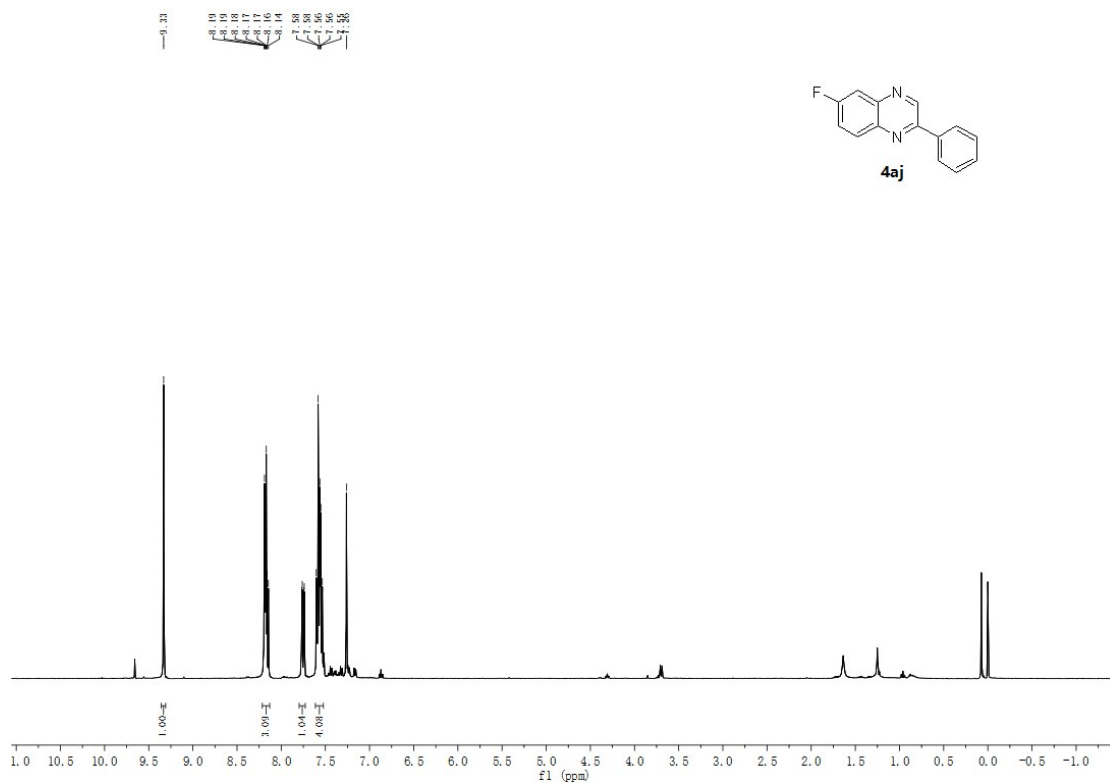


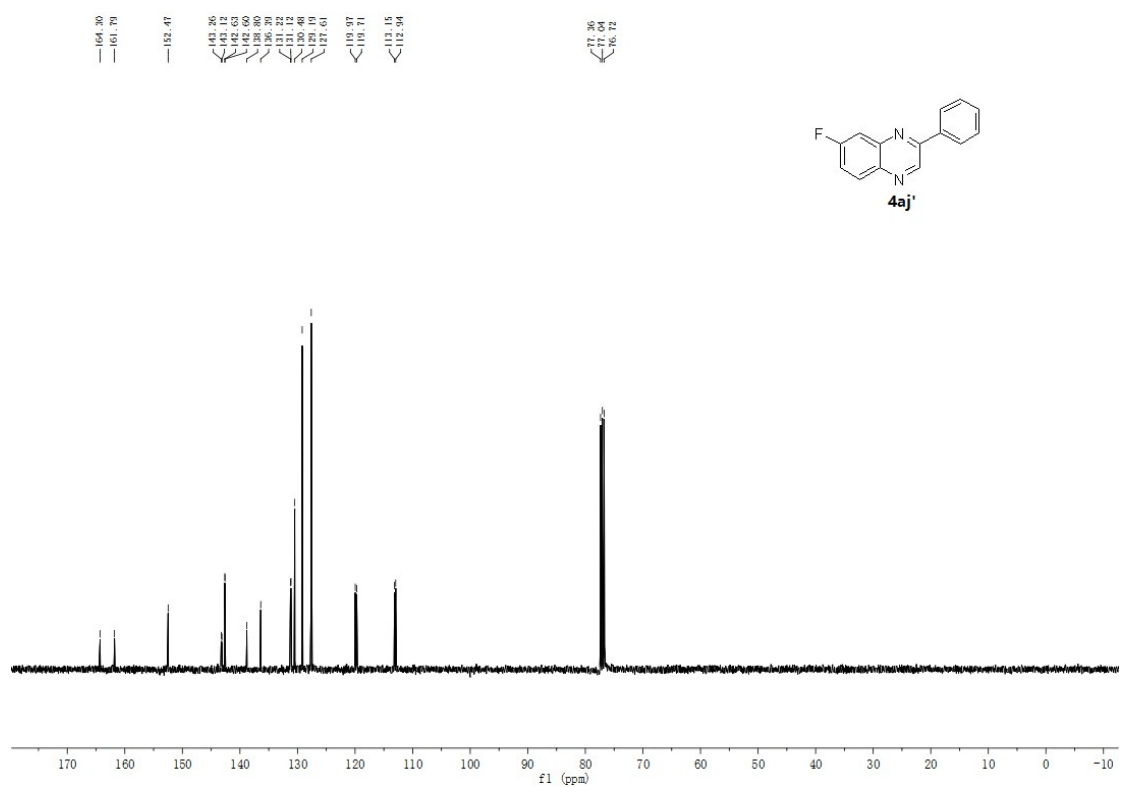
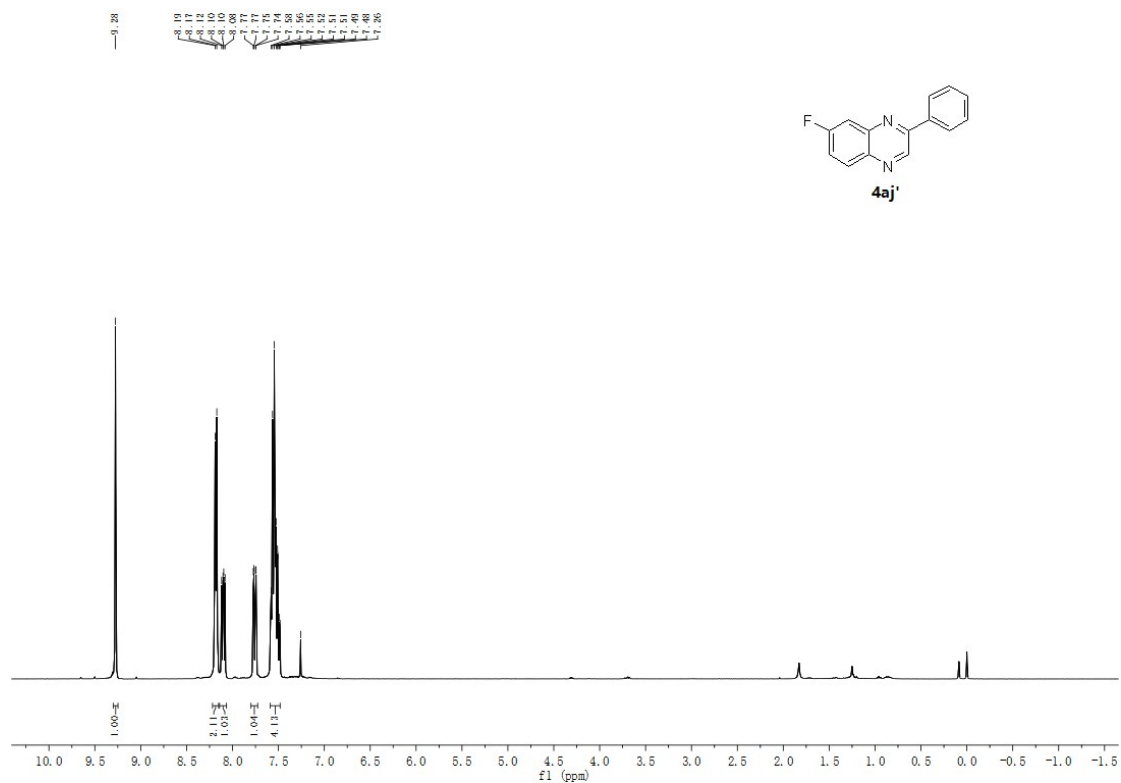




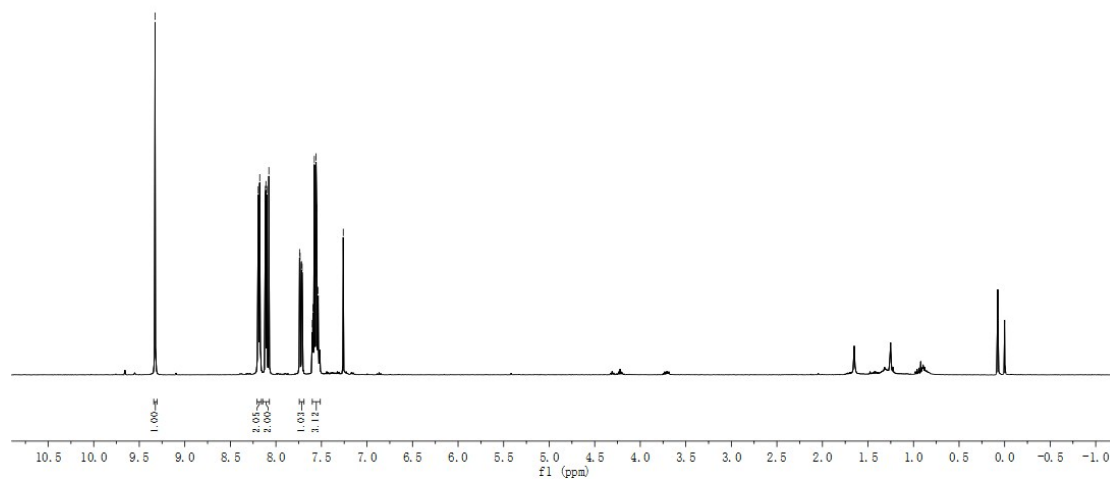
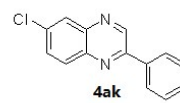






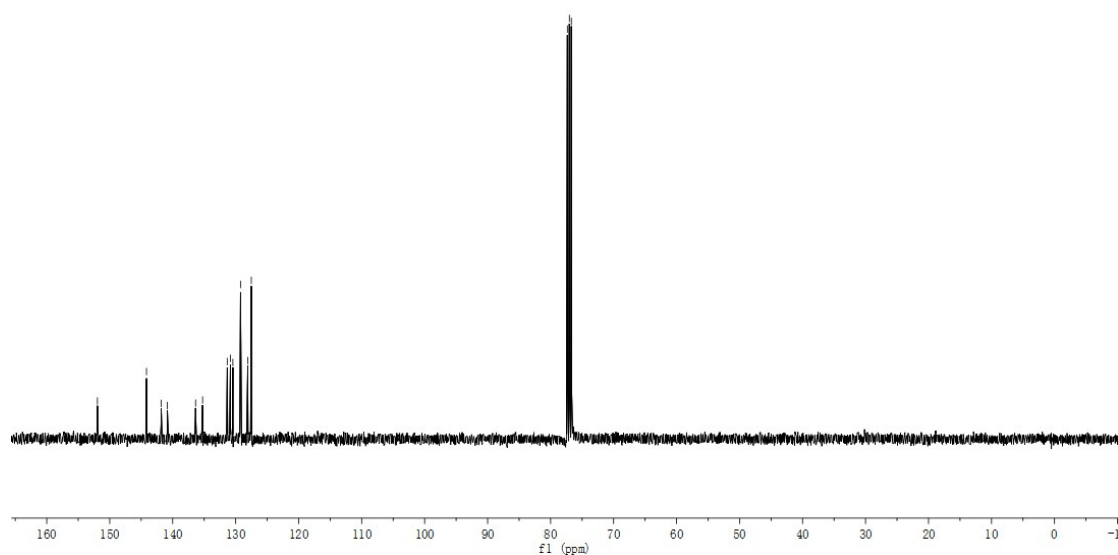
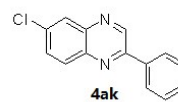


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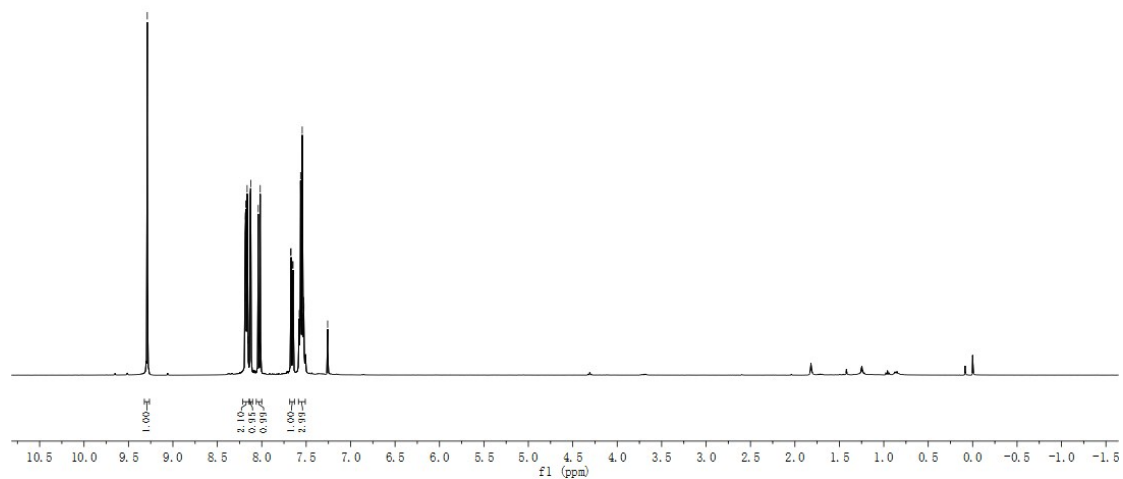
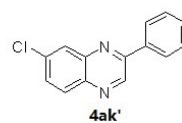


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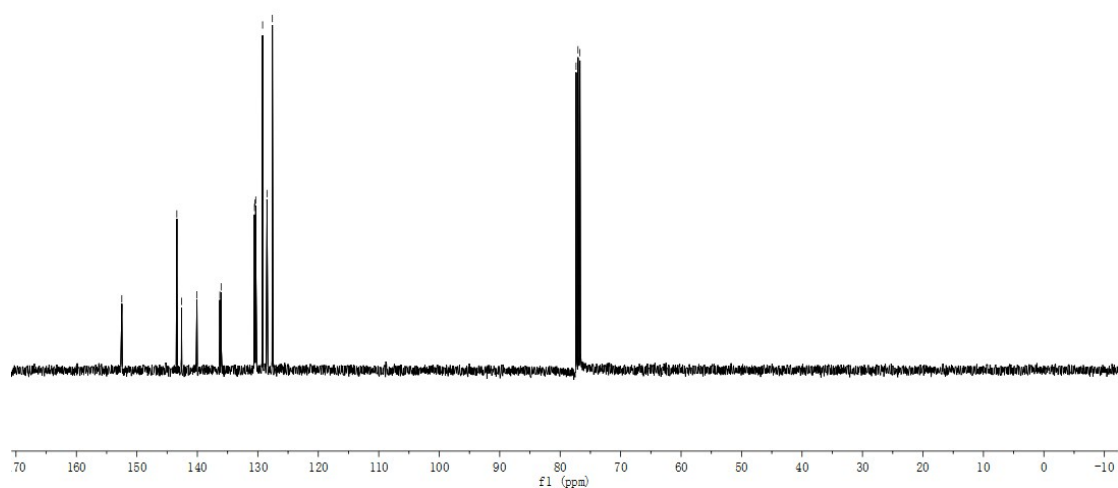
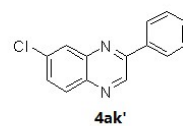


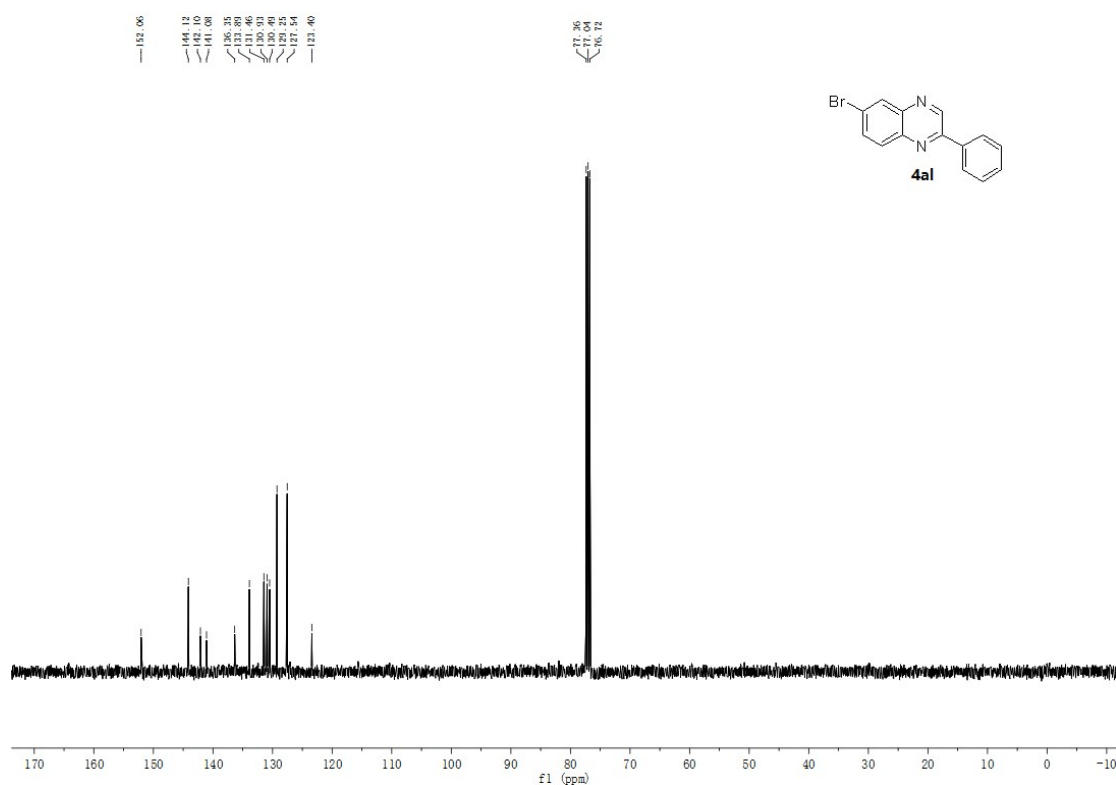
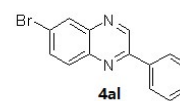
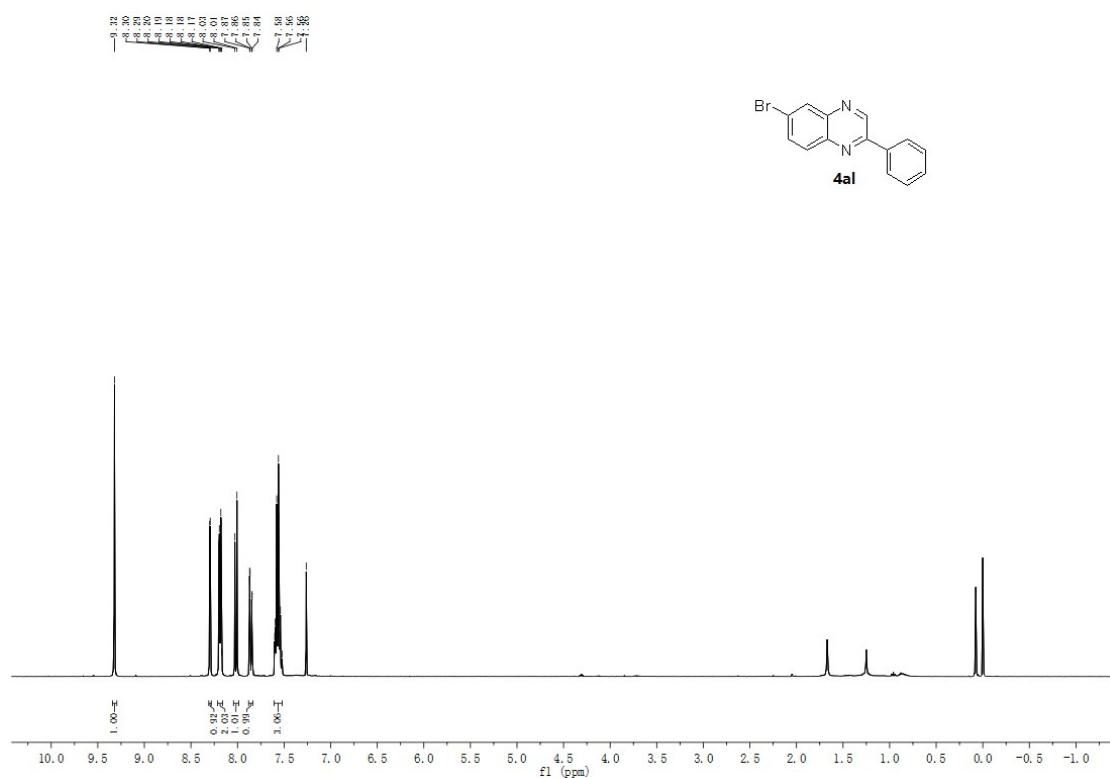
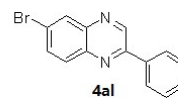
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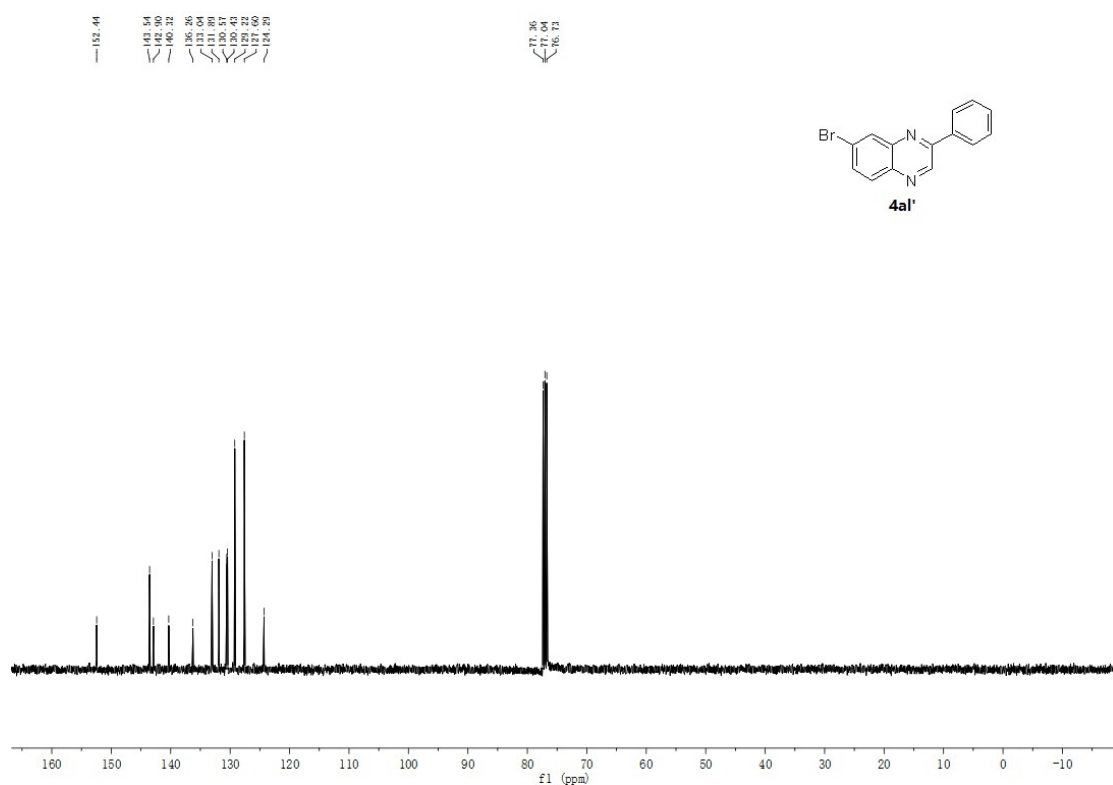
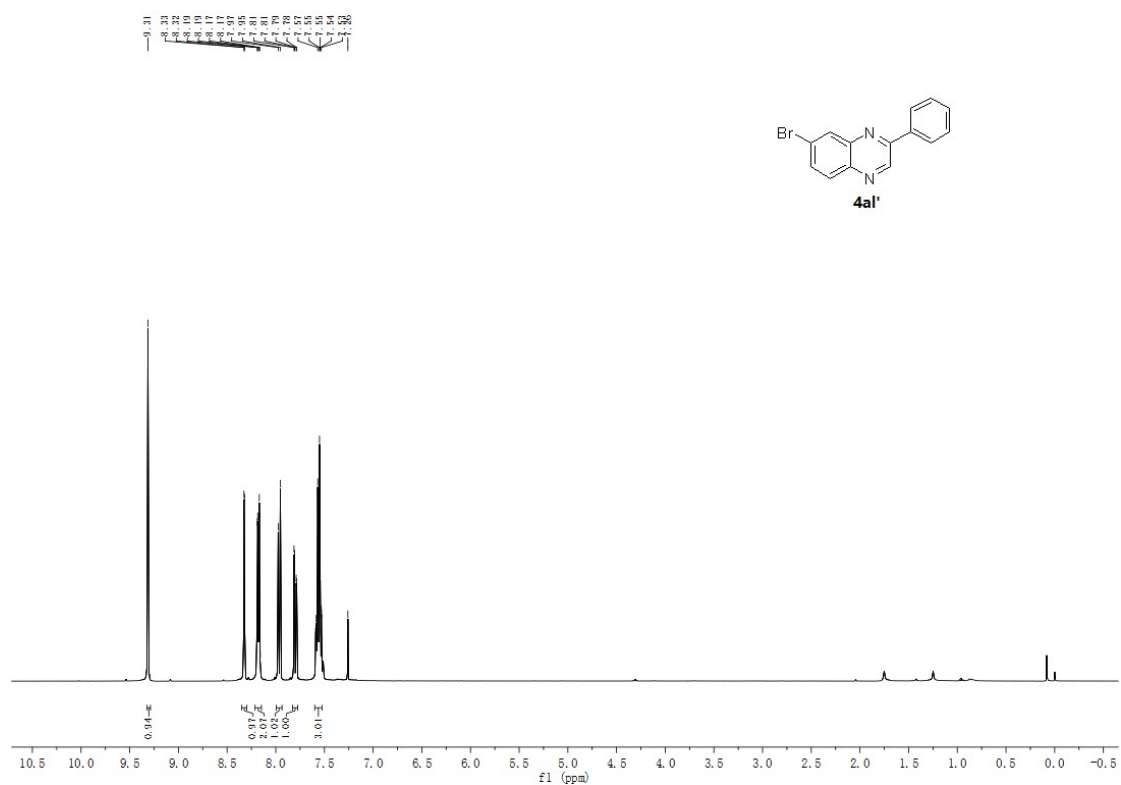
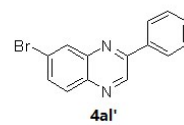


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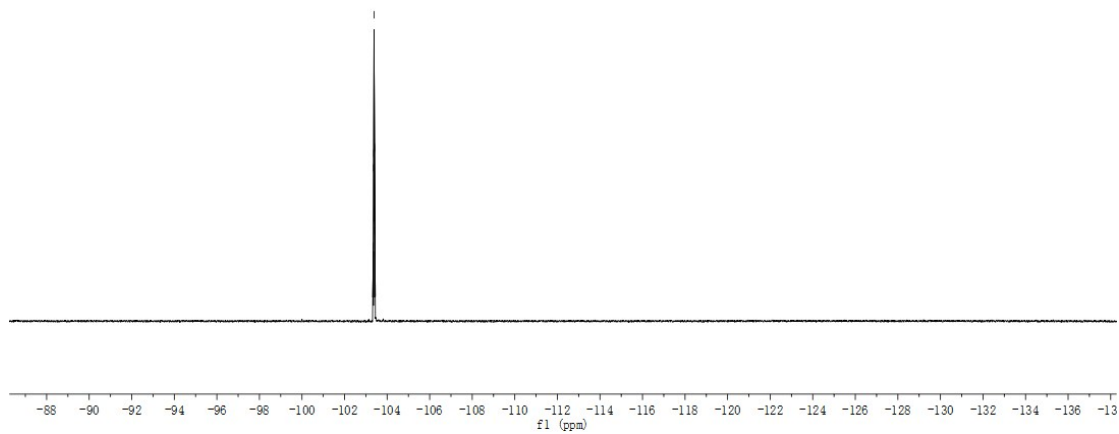
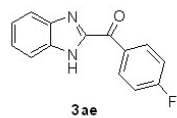
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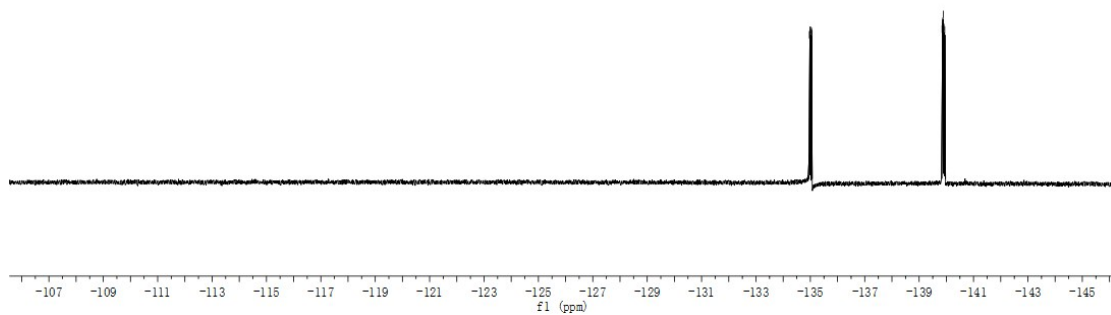
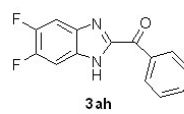


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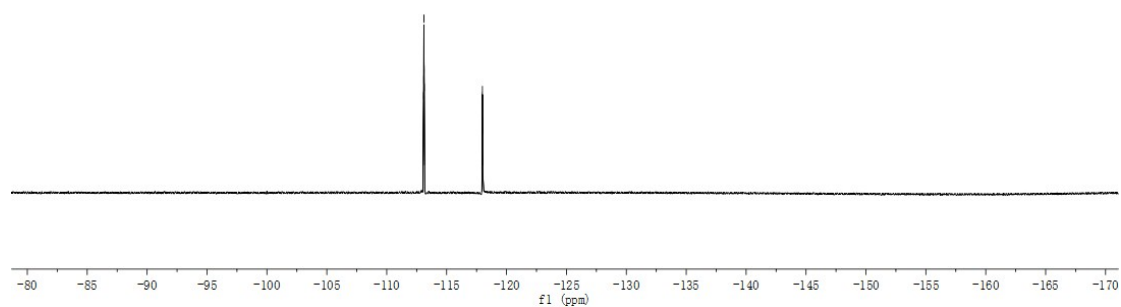
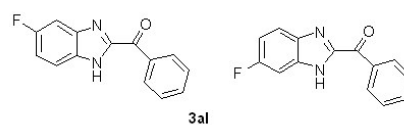


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