

Facile synthesis of 1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-1,4-benzodiazepin-3-ones via cyclization of *N*-alkoxy α -halogenoacetamides with *N*-(2-chloromethyl)aryl amides

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1. General information

All reactions were performed in anhydrous solvents under an argon atmosphere and were monitored by thin-layer chromatography carried out on silica gel aluminum sheets (60F-254) and spots were visualized with UV light. All solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and were purified according to standard procedures. *N*-alkoxy α -halogenoacetamides **1**¹ and *N*-(ortho-chloromethyl)aryl amides **2**² can be prepared according to known procedures. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on BRUKER Avance 400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm, δ units), and tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as an internal reference. Coupling constants (J) were expressed in hertz. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on TOF perimer for ESI⁺.

2. General procedure for the Cycloadditions of *N*-alkoxy α -halogenoacetamides with *N*-(2-chloromethyl)aryl amides

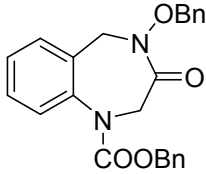
To the solution of *N*-alkoxy α -halogenoacetamides **1** (0.2 mmol) and *N*-(ortho-chloromethyl)aryl amides **2** (0.24 mmol) in DMF (2 mL), Cs₂CO₃ (2.5 equiv) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon atmosphere for the required period of time. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was diluted with 10 mL EA, which was washed with water and brine successively, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 5:1) to afford the product **3** or **5**.

3. Transformation of **3a**

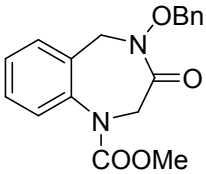
The reaction of Pd/C (5 mol %, palladium on activated carbon, 10% Pd basis) was added to a solution of **3a** (100.0 mg, 0.25 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL). Then the flask was purged with hydrogen using a balloon for three times. The reaction was stirred under hydrogen atmosphere for 2 hour at room temperature. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the crude reaction mixture was filtered through celite and washed with CH₂Cl₂. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Then the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 2:1) to afford the desired product **4**³ (35.9 mg, 88%).

4. Characterization Data

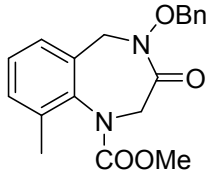
Benzyl 4-(benzyloxy)-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3a)

 Colorless oil (60 mg, 75%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.3, 154.4, 140.7, 135.8, 135.2, 132.8, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 76.6, 67.8, 54.8, 53.0. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 425.4398, found 425.4395. IR (KBr): ν 3032, 1712, 1663, 1498, 1456, 1397, 1315, 1243, 1165, 1046, 699 cm^{-1} .

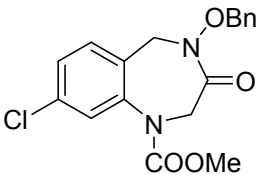
Methyl 4-(benzyloxy)-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3b)

 Colorless oil (41 mg, 63%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 11.7, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 155.1, 135.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.3, 76.7, 54.9, 53.5, 53.1. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 349.3418, found 349.3422. IR (KBr): ν 2977, 2932, 1716, 1498, 1457, 1397, 1314, 1242, 1046, 905, 765, 698 cm^{-1} .

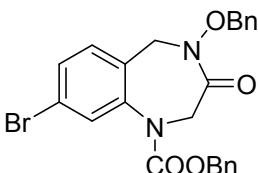
Methyl 4-(benzyloxy)-9-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3c)

 Colorless oil (37 mg, 54%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.0, 155.0, 134.4, 133.4, 131.9, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 127.9, 77.8, 52.3, 48.2, 40.6, 20.7. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 363.3688, found 363.3693. IR (KBr): ν 2963, 2927, 1715, 1655, 1498, 1456, 1404, 1229, 1061, 749, 700, 679 cm^{-1} .

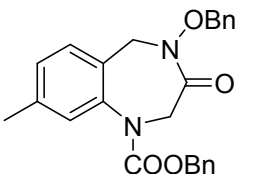
Methyl 4-(benzyloxy)-8-chloro-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3d)

 Colorless oil (31 mg, 43%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 150.5, 141.2, 137.5, 135.1, 130.6, 130.2, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 76.3, 69.0, 53.6, 49.2. HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₄ClNa [M+Na]⁺ 383.7838, found 383.7833. IR (KBr): ν 2923, 1709, 1658, 1452, 1412, 1315, 1260, 1043, 698 cm⁻¹.

Benzyl 4-(benzyloxy)-8-bromo-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3e)

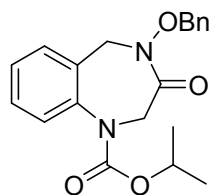
 Colorless oil (48 mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.29 (m, 12H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.29 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 141.9, 135.6, 135.2, 131.2, 130.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 122.7, 76.8, 68.2, 54.4, 52.9. HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₂₁N₂O₄BrNa [M+Na]⁺ 504.3358, found 504.3363. IR (KBr): ν 2924, 1714, 1662, 1490, 1455, 1394, 1358, 1240, 1044, 749, 698 cm⁻¹.

Benzyl 4-(benzyloxy)-8-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3f)

 Colorless oil (53 mg, 63%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.26 (m, 9H), 7.25-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 154.4, 140.1, 136.0, 135.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 76.6, 67.8, 54.5, 53.1, 21.1. HRMS calcd for C₂₅H₂₄N₂O₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 439.4668, found 439.4664. IR (KBr): ν 3063, 2924, 1712, 1662, 1508, 1455, 1395, 1303, 1245, 1128, 1047, 976, 912, 750, 698 cm⁻¹.

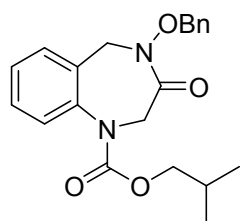
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carboxylate (3g)



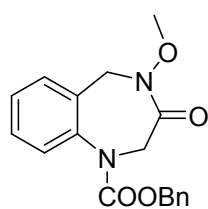
Colorless oil (58 mg, 82%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 4.96-4.93 (m, 1H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 1.23-1.00 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 154.2, 141.1, 135.2, 132.7, 129.8, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 76.6, 70.2, 54.9, 52.8, 21.8. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 377.3958, found 377.3966. IR (KBr): ν 2982, 1713, 1650, 1499, 1458, 1389, 1340, 1245, 1172, 1046, 983, 750, 721 cm^{-1} .

Isobutyl 4-(benzyloxy)-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3h)



Colorless oil (55 mg, 74%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42-7.27 (m, 7H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.94 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.95-1.85 (m, 1H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.4, 151.0, 140.3, 137.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.8, 76.1, 72.4, 69.8, 49.1, 27.8, 19.0. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 391.4228, found 391.4231. IR (KBr): ν 3266, 2956, 1718, 1656, 1537, 1453, 1405, 1060, 960, 748, 697 cm^{-1} .

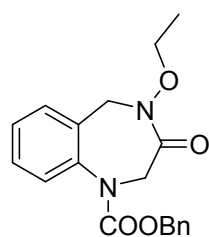
Benzyl 4-methoxy-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3k)



Colorless oil (59 mg, 90%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43-7.26 (m, 8H), 7.26-7.12 (m, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.9, 154.5, 140.9, 135.9, 133.4, 130.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 68.0, 61.9, 53.2, 53.0. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 349.3418, found 349.3425. IR (KBr): ν 2932, 1711, 1662, 1529, 1498, 1456, 1027, 980, 764, 724, 698 cm^{-1} .

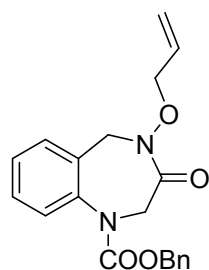
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carboxylate (3l)



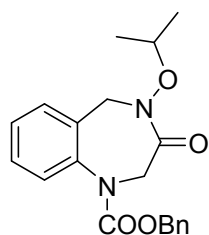
Colorless oil (65 mg, 95%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47-7.08 (m, 9H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.00 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.32-1.17 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.8, 154.2, 140.5, 135.6, 133.0, 129.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 69.5, 67.6, 53.7, 52.6, 13.3. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 363.3688, found 363.3684. IR (KBr): ν 2958, 2890, 1706, 1660, 1499, 1464, 1413, 1364, 1319, 1156, 1080, 795, 772, 749, 698 cm^{-1} .

Benzyl 4-(allyloxy)-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3m)



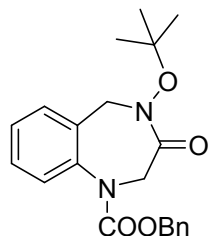
Colorless oil (62 mg, 88%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.10 (m, 8H), 6.08-5.98 (m, 1H), 5.36-5.26 (m, 2H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.3, 154.4, 140.9, 135.9, 133.1, 132.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 121.2, 75.6, 67.9, 54.5, 52.9. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 375.3798, found 375.3803. IR (KBr): ν 2933, 1719, 1663, 1455, 1400, 1362, 1161, 1082, 788, 774, 677 cm^{-1} .

Benzyl 4-isopropoxy-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3n)



Colorless oil (64 mg, 90%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.27 (m, 9H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.34-4.29 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 154.1, 140.5, 135.6, 132.8, 129.5, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 127.2, 76.1, 67.5, 55.0, 52.7, 20.5. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 377.3958, found 377.3961. IR (KBr): ν 2934, 1709, 1659, 1497, 1457, 1400, 1319, 1245, 1045, 990, 748, 724, 699 cm^{-1} .

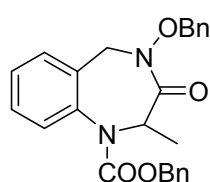
Benzyl 4-(tert-butoxy)-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3o)



Colorless oil (63 mg, 85%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60-

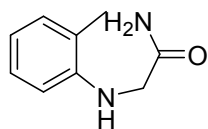
7.31 (m, 8H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 1.24 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.1, 149.0, 140.3, 135.8, 130.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 126.5, 78.5, 69.5, 67.7, 49.3, 27.1. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 391.4228, found 391.4223. IR (KBr): ν 3034, 2976, 1712, 1496, 1397, 1363, 1314, 1213, 1026, 947, 766, 741, 698 cm^{-1} .

Benzyl 4-(benzyloxy)-2-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepine-1-carboxylate (3p)



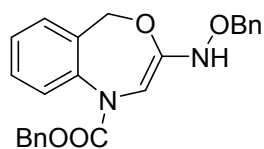
Colorless oil (62 mg, 74%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.86 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.57-5.35 (m, 1H), 5.25-5.04 (m, 2H), 4.94 (q, J = 10.9 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.24-1.19 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.5, 154.2, 137.6, 135.8, 135.1, 133.1, 129.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 76.1, 67.4, 57.1, 55.0, 18.0. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 439.4668, found 439.4671. IR (KBr): ν 3032, 2938, 1712, 1531, 1455, 1397, 1318, 1124, 1045, 994, 726, 699 cm^{-1} .

2-(o-tolylamino)acetamide (4)



Known compound³, White solid (36 mg, 88%). mp 139–140 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 7.4, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (dd, J = 7.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H). HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 187.1978, found 187.1981.

Benzyl 3-((benzyloxy)amino)benzo[e][1,4]oxazepine-1(5H)-carboxylate (5)



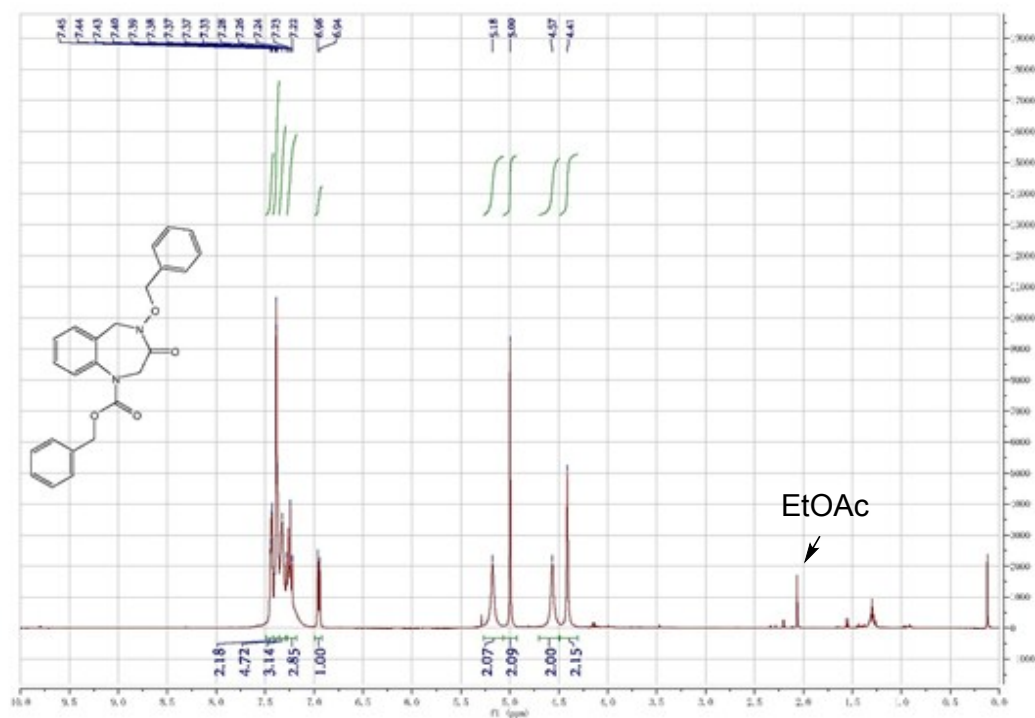
Colorless oil (68 mg, 85%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.38 (m, 10H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 5.01 (s, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 154.2, 136.8, 136.4, 132.7, 131.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 124.1, 122.7, 78.0, 66.8, 62.7, 48.5. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 425.4398, found 425.4405. IR (KBr): ν 3276, 3036, 3021, 2967, 1717, 1657, 1592, 1453, 1297, 1227, 1099, 1052, 989, 755, 620 cm^{-1} .

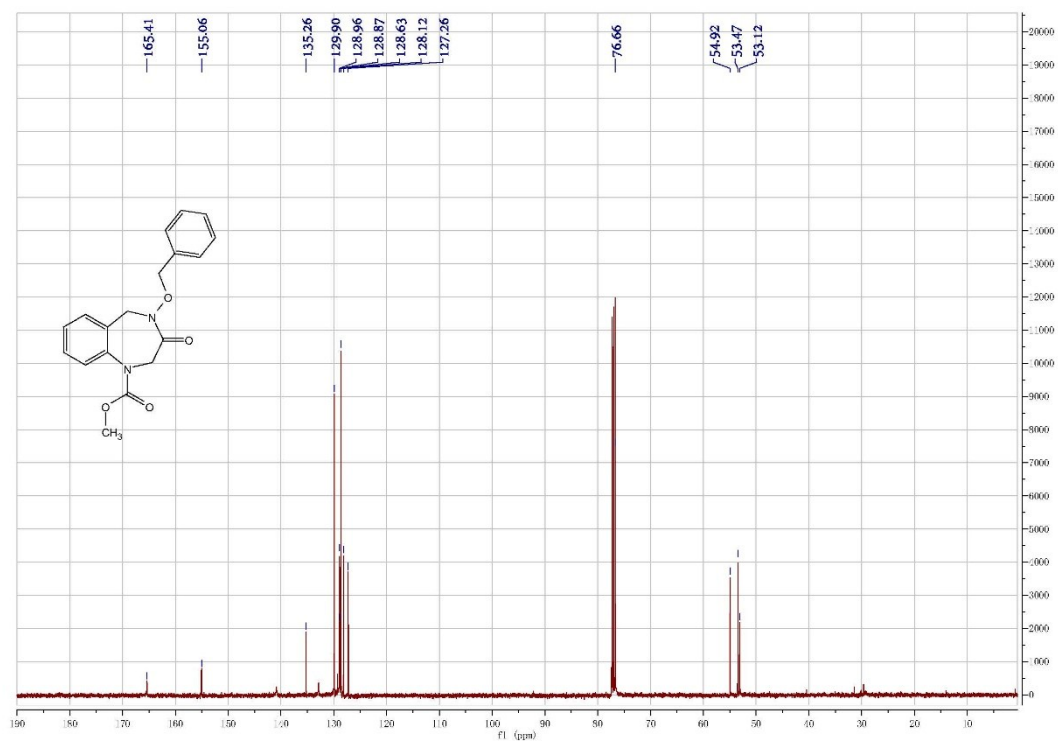
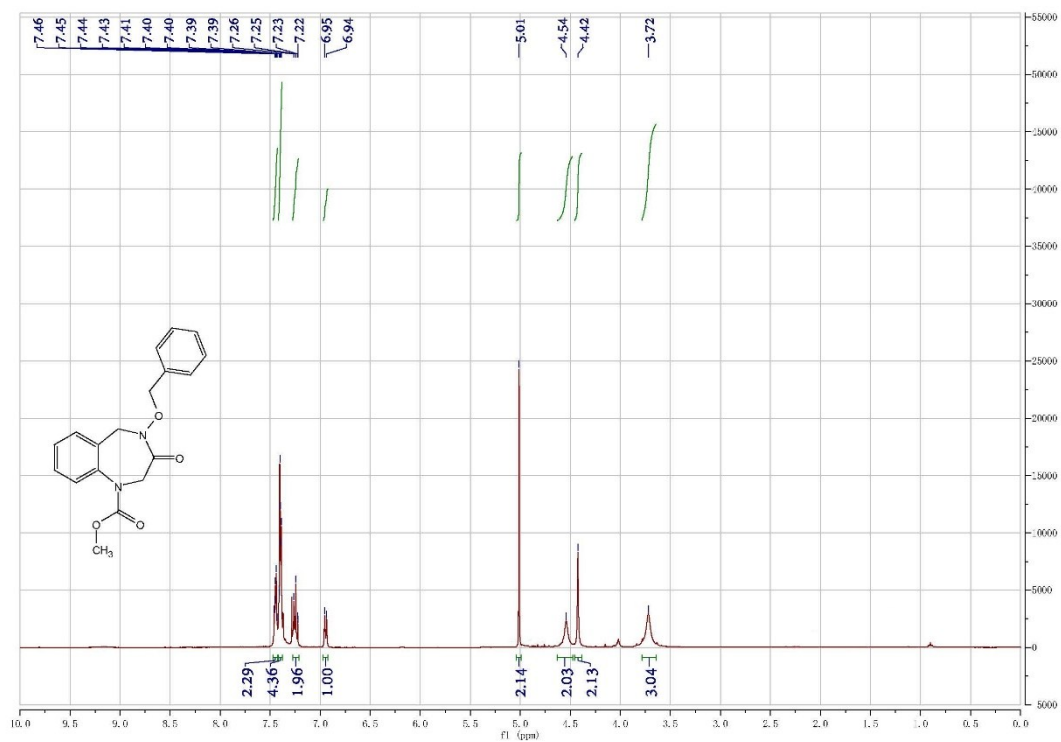
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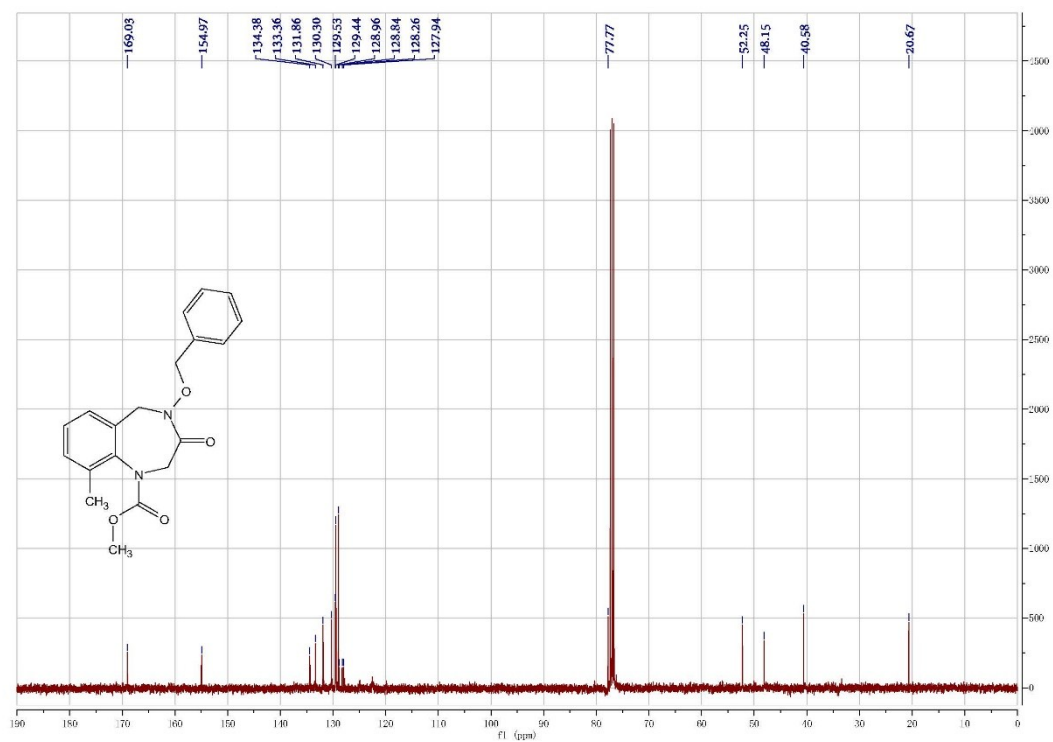
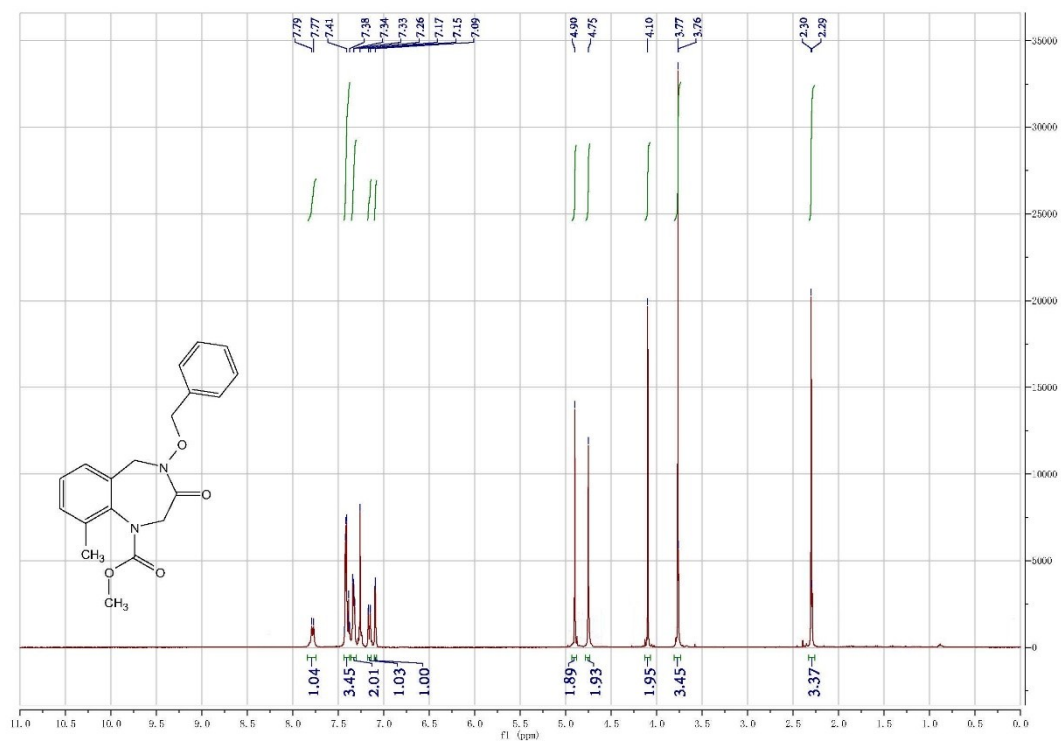
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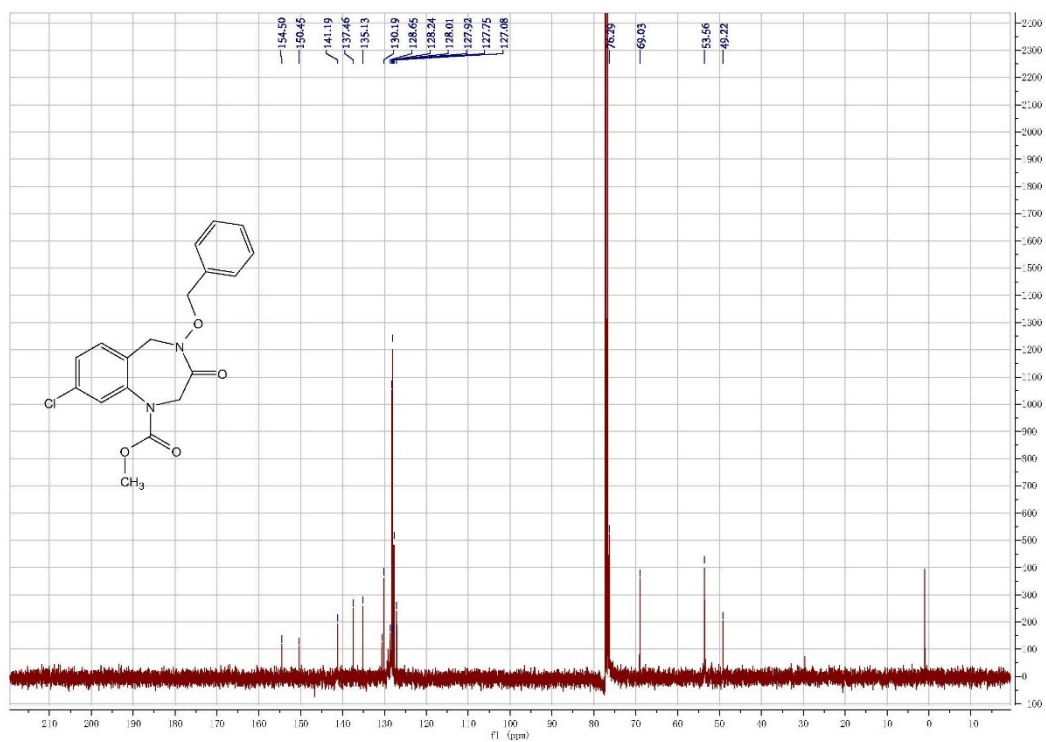
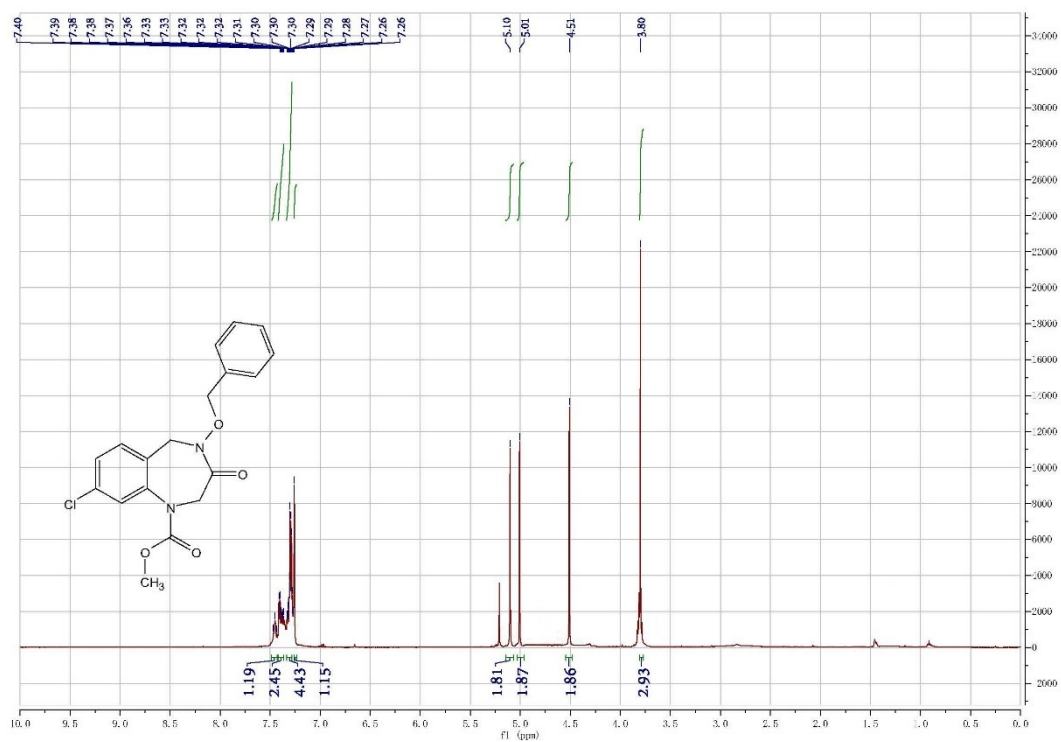




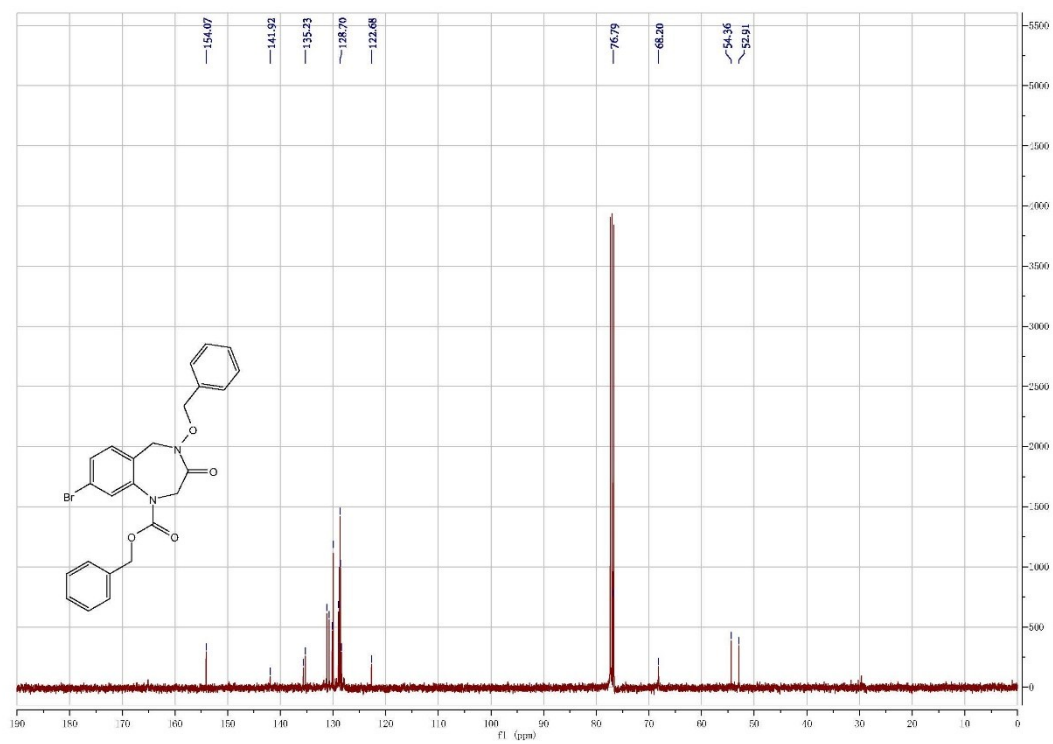
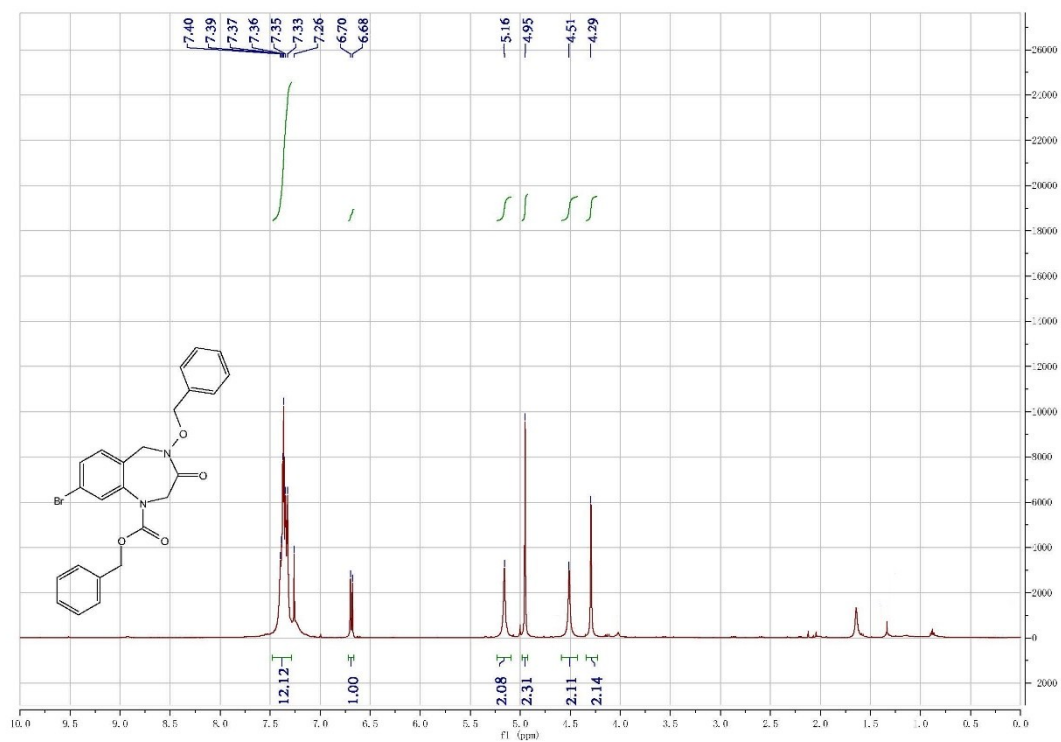
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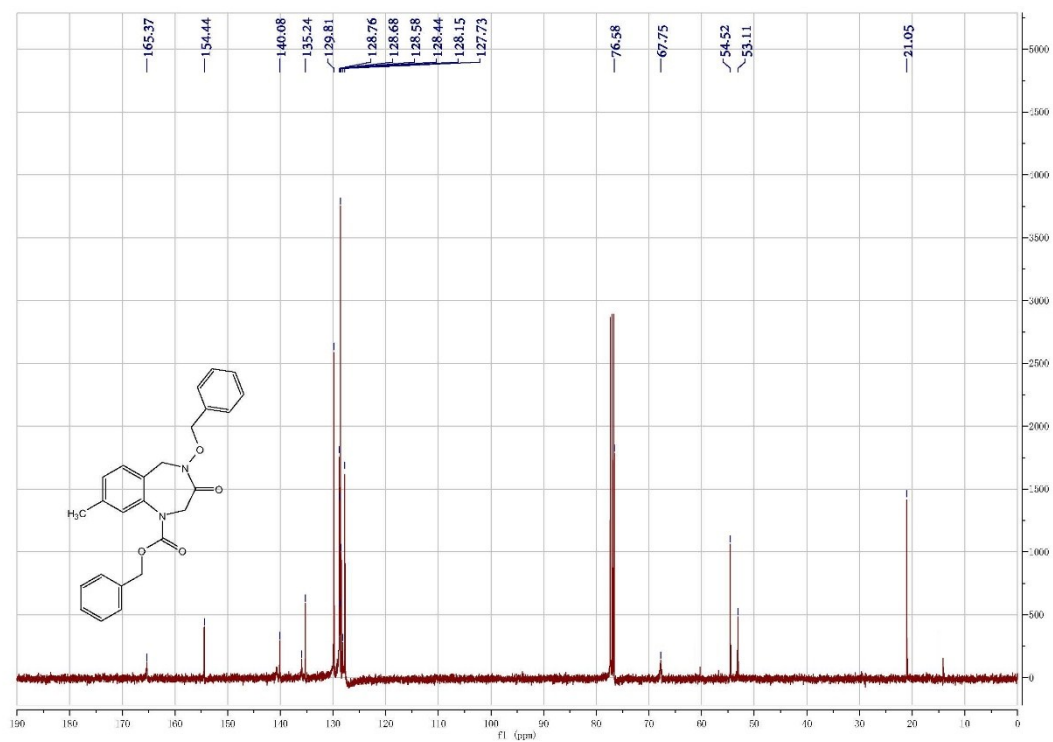
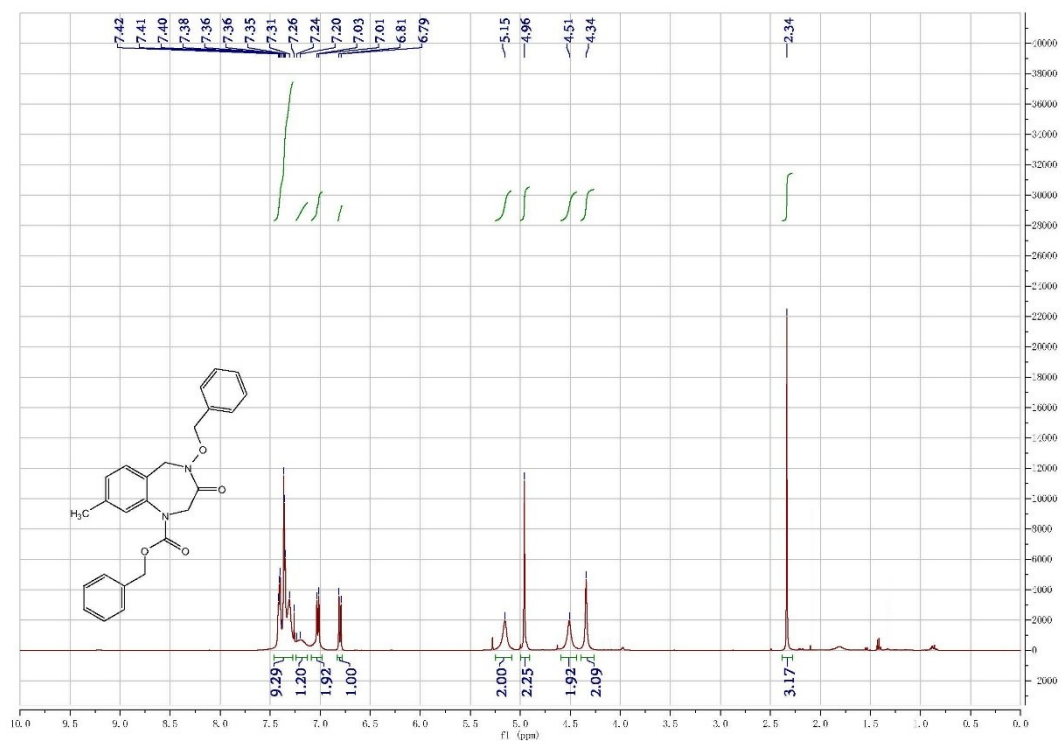
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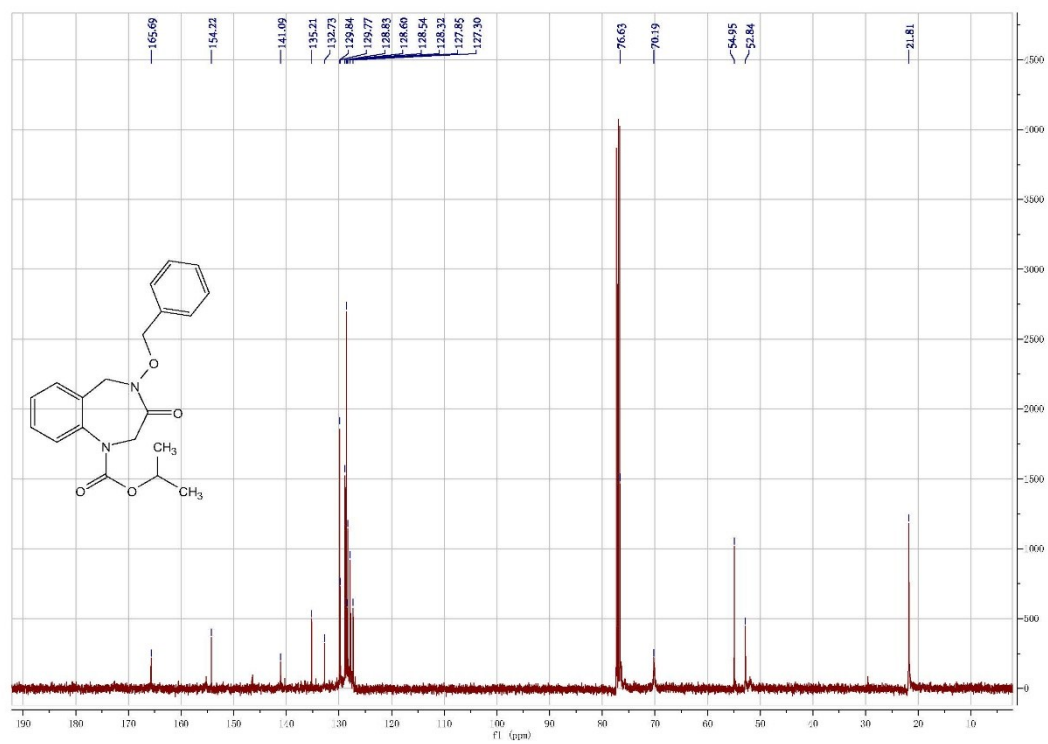
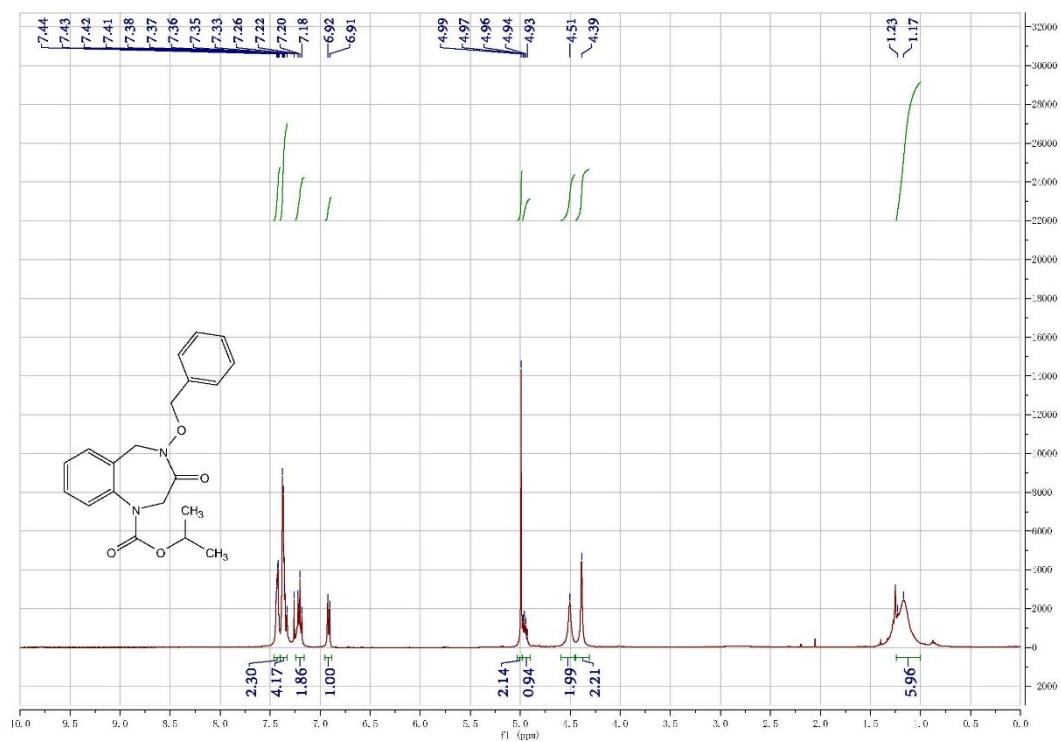
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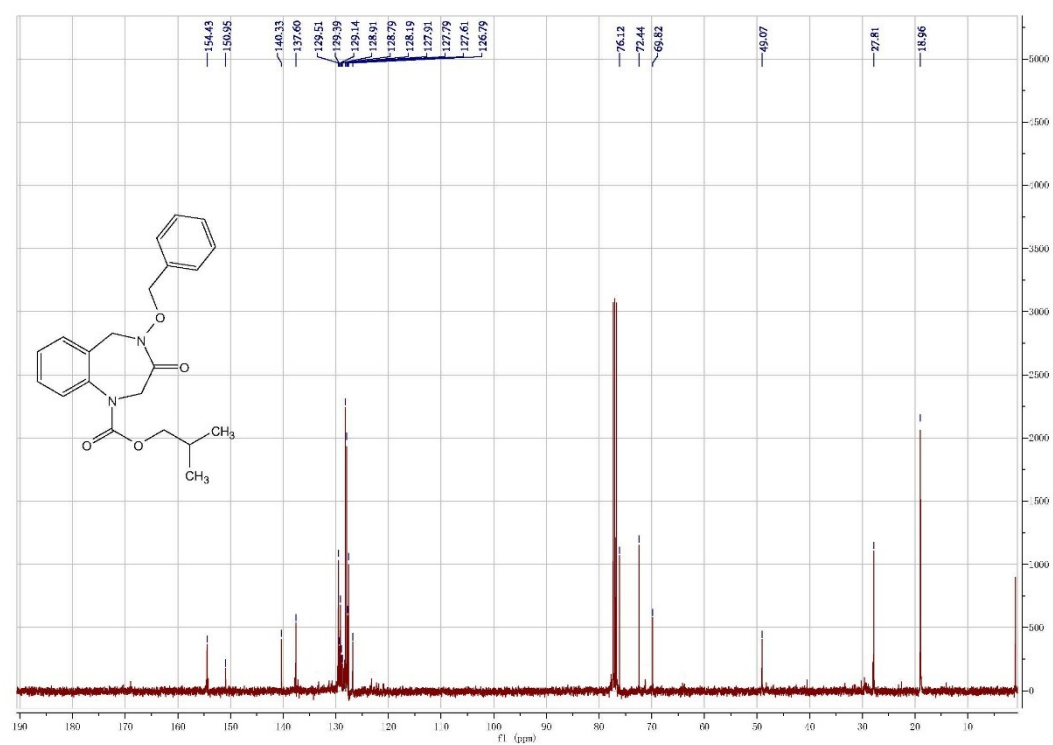
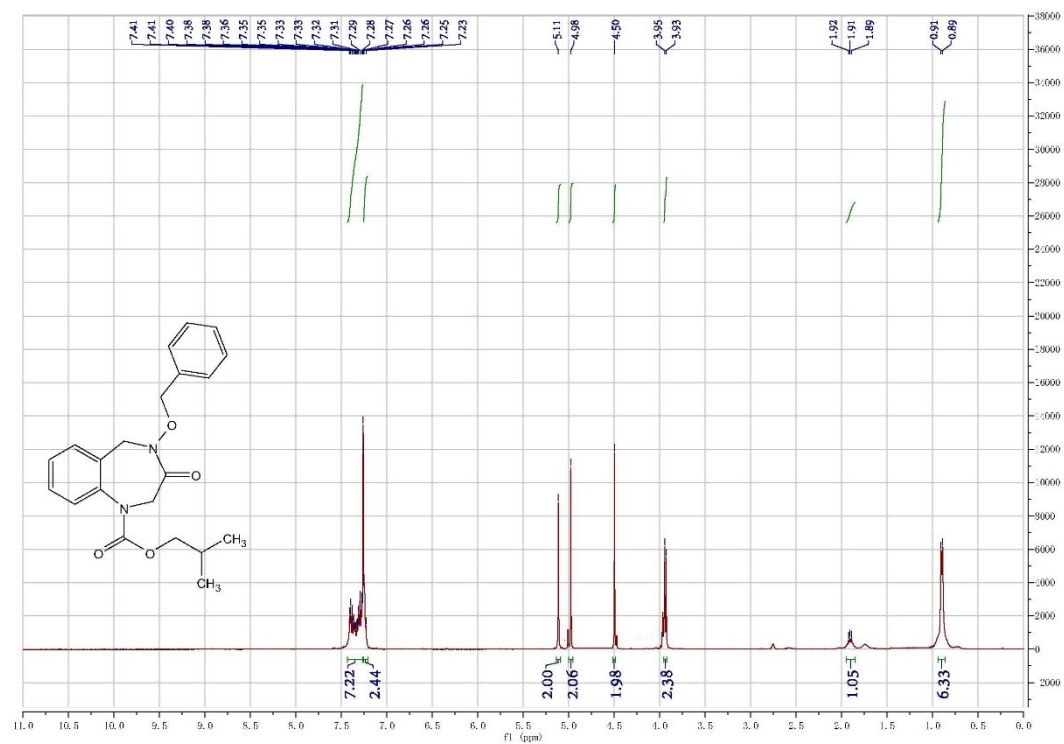
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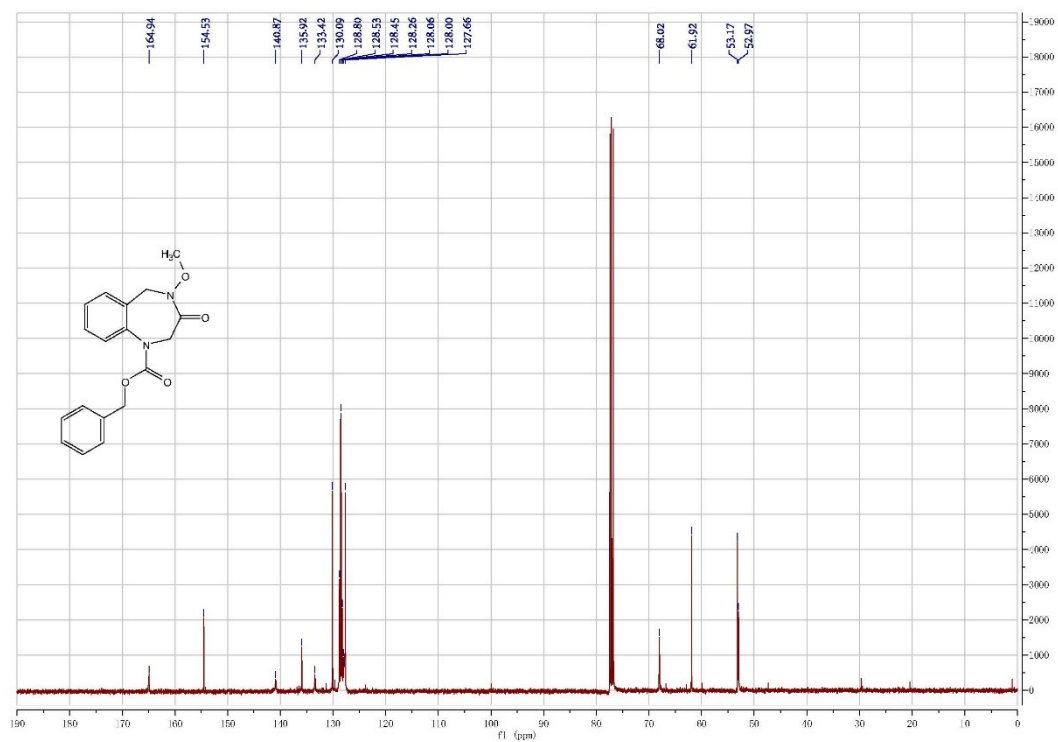
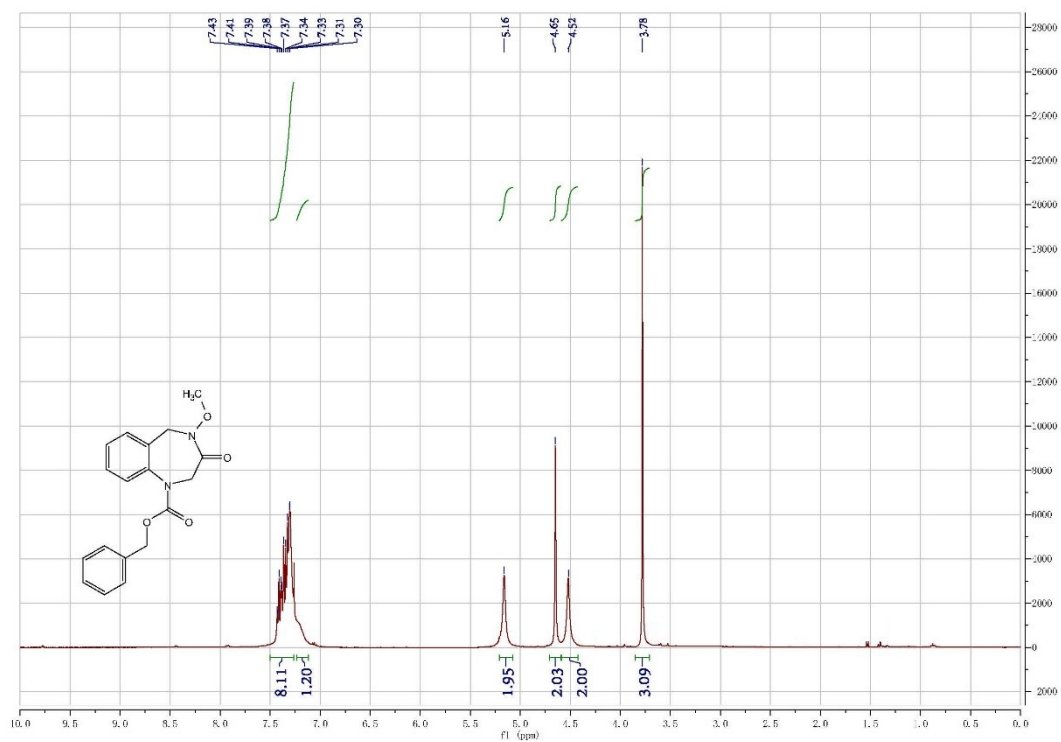
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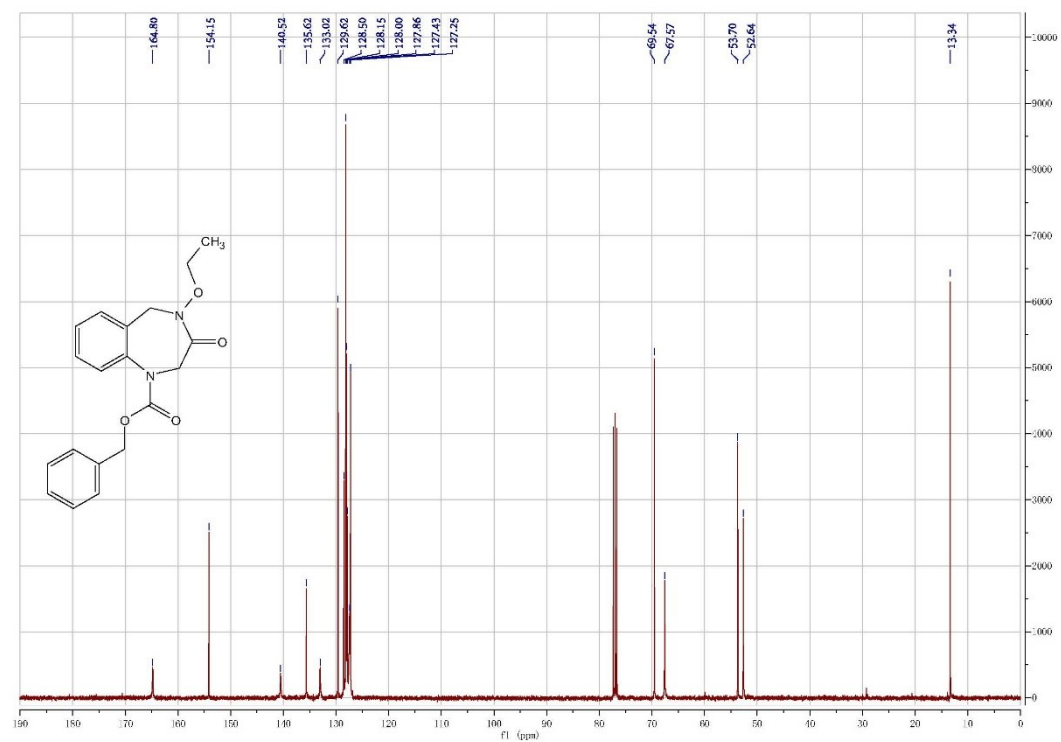
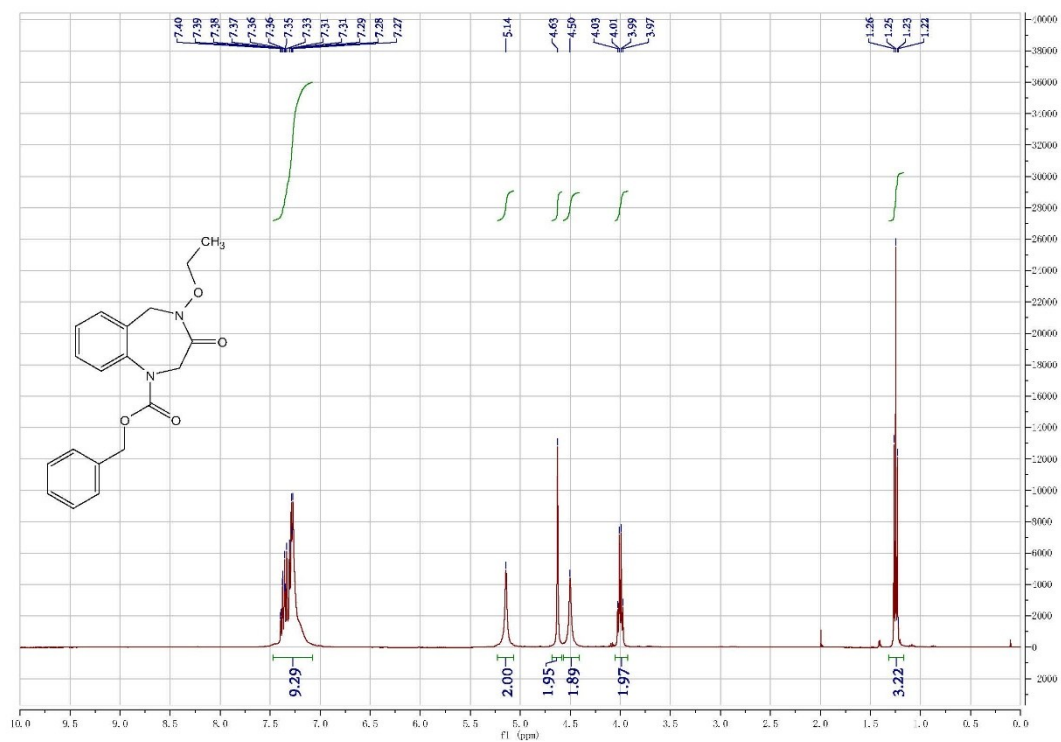


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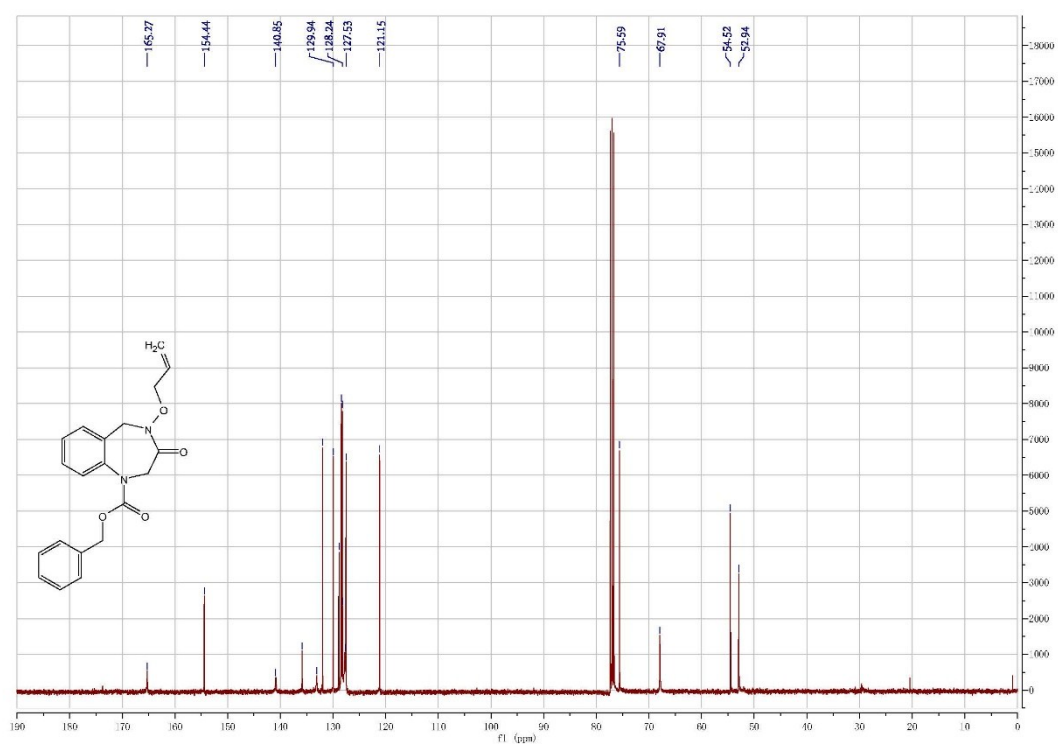
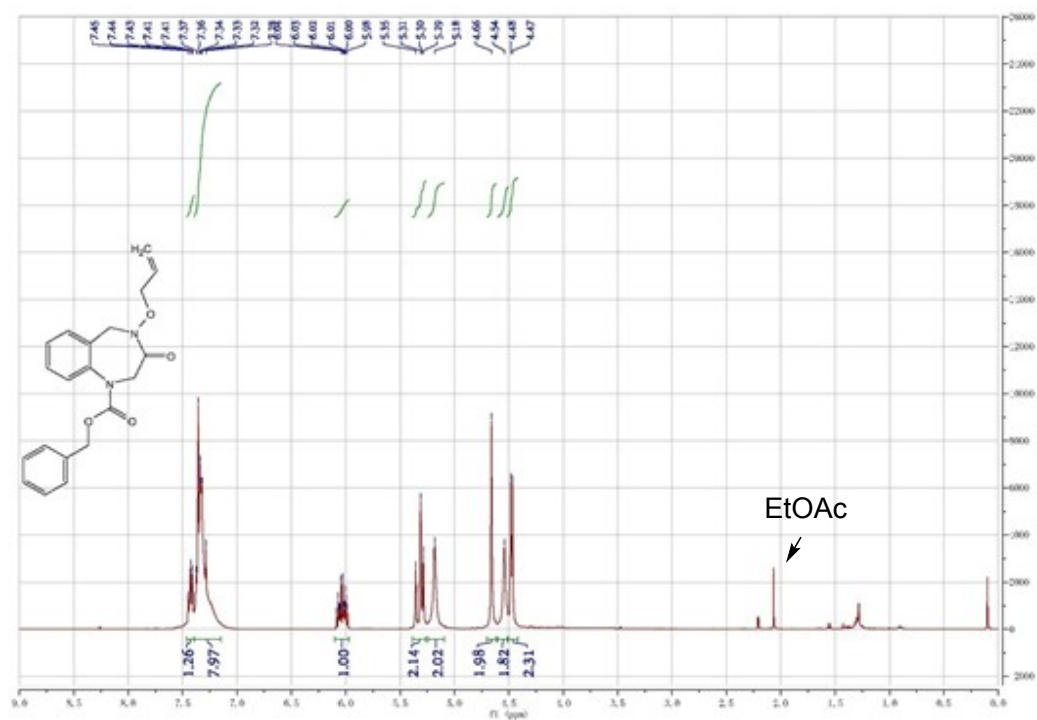


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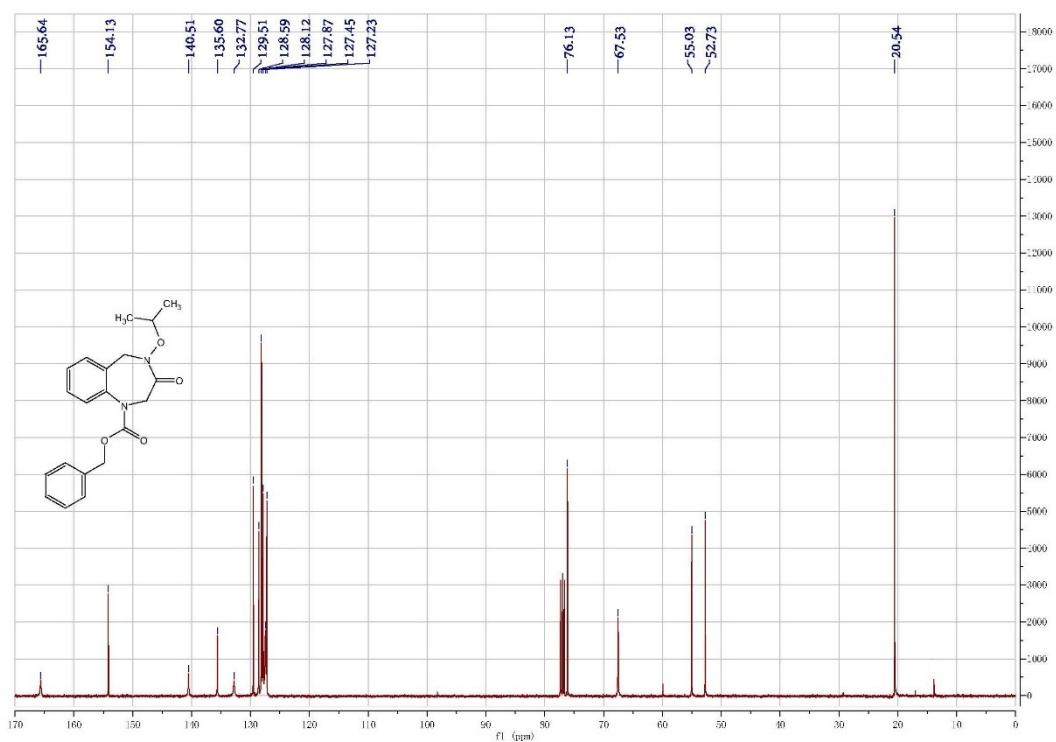
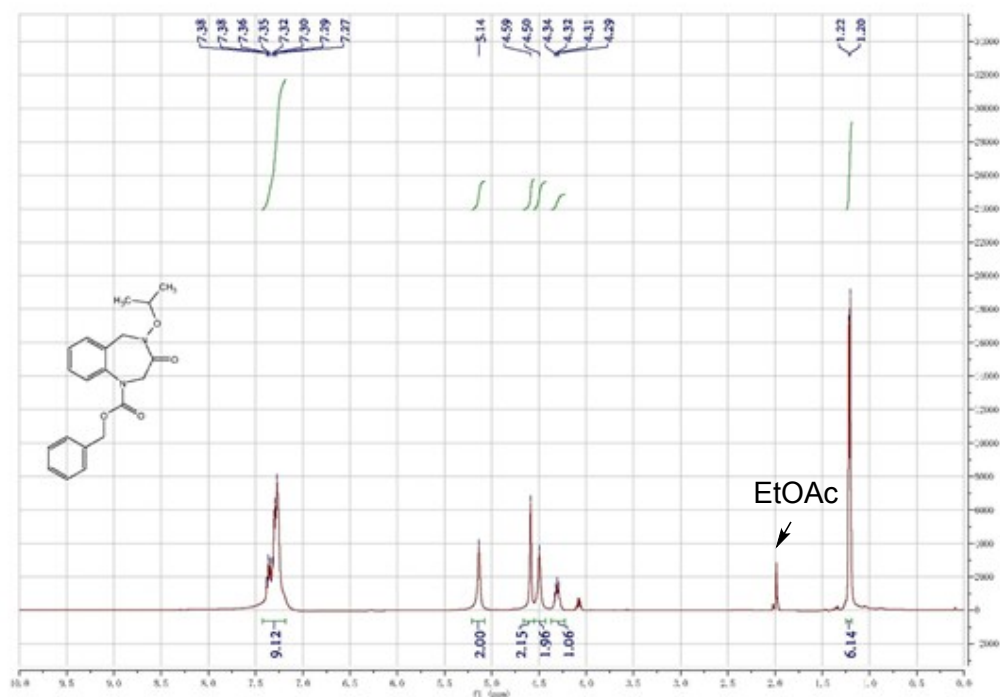


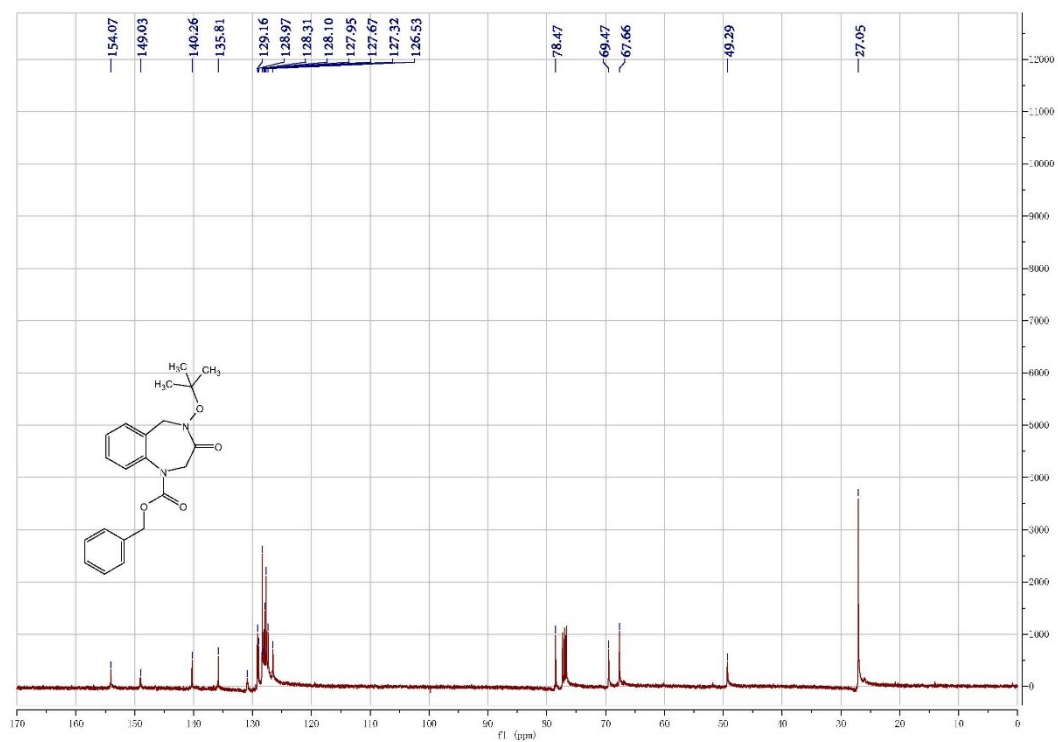
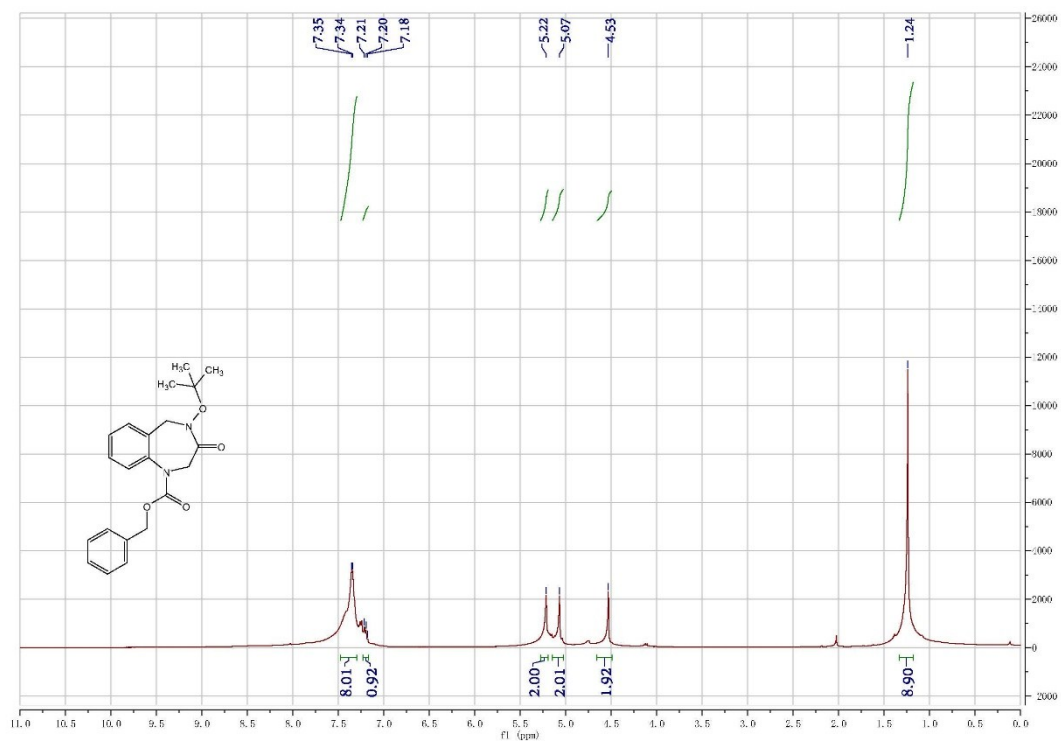


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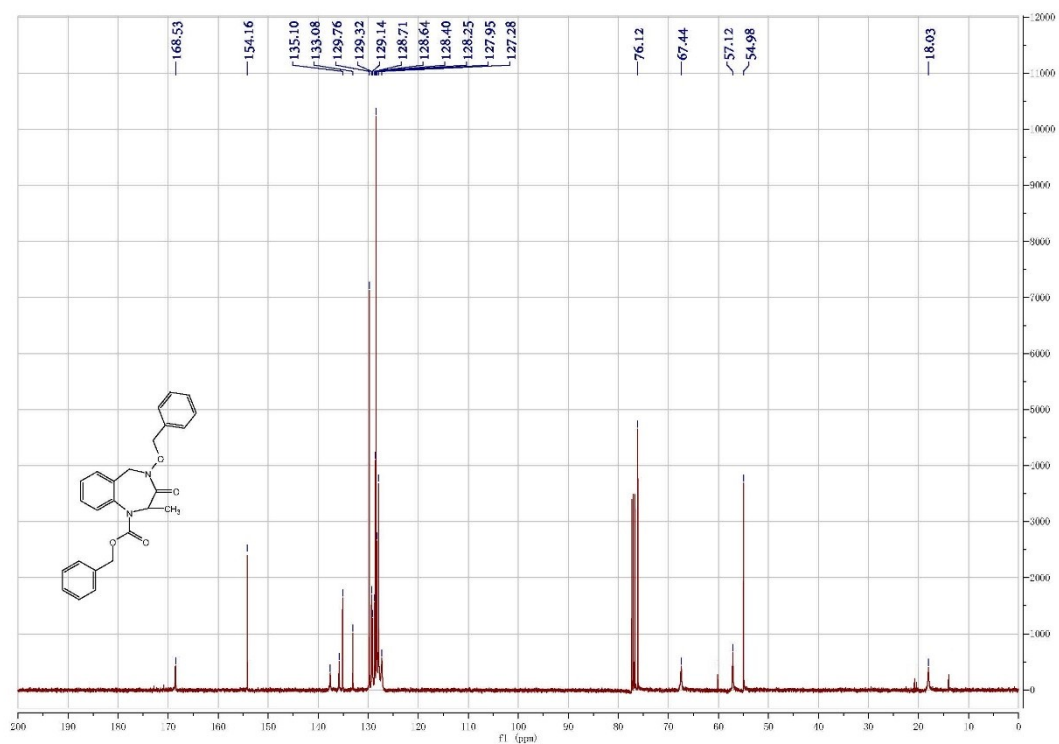
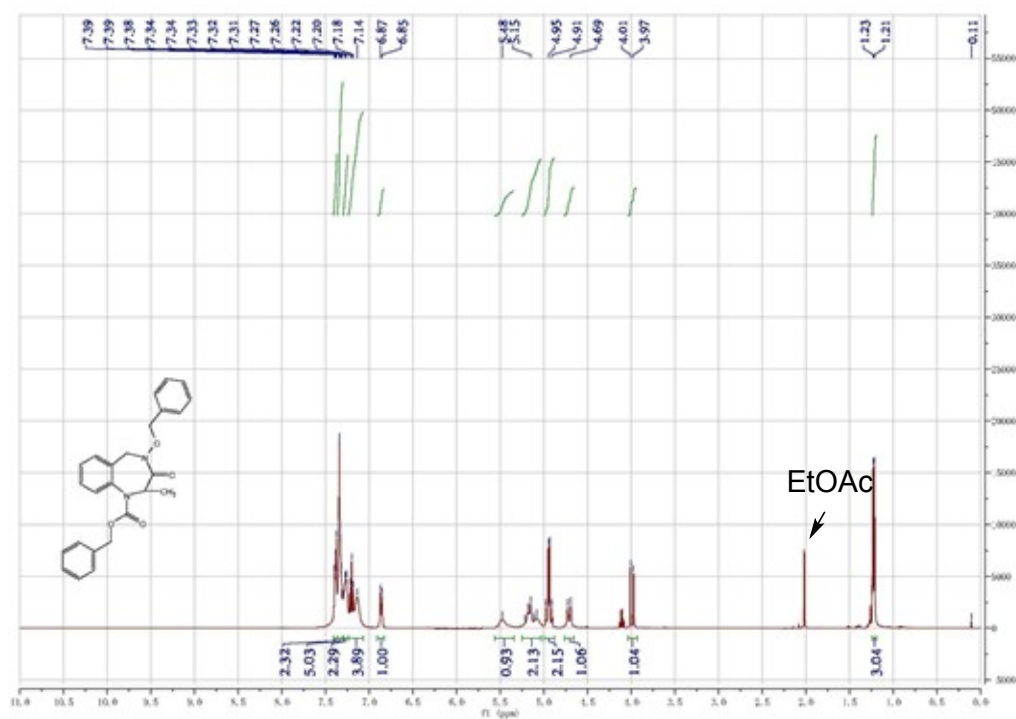


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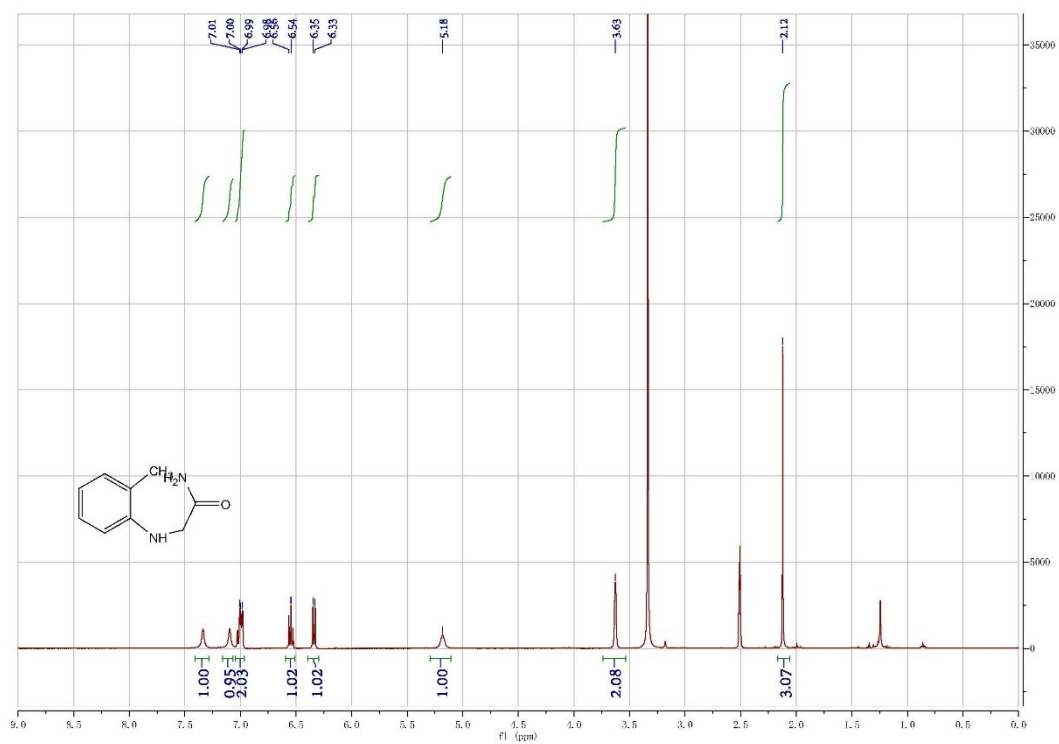




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