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Iron-Catalyzed Carbonylative Suzuki Reactions under Atmospheric Pressure of Carbon Monoxide

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1. General Information

Reagent Information. All the aryl halides and the arylboronic acids were purchased from Alfa Aesar and Accela ChemBio Co., Ltd. and were used as received. PEG-400 was bought from Acros and was pre-dried by using toluene azeotrope. The following iron salts and bases were used: FeCl_2 (98% from Sigma–Aldrich; 99.99% from Alfa Aesar), FeCl_3 (98% and 99.99%, Sigma–Aldrich), NaHCO_3 (99% and 99.998%, Alfa Aesar), and AcOK (99%, Alfa Aesar).

Analytical methods. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of solutions in CDCl_3 were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 instrument. Chemical shifts were expressed in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and refer to the solvent signals (CDCl_3 : H 7.24 and C 77.0 ppm). The signals of water were observed at about 1.58 ppm in CDCl_3 , respectively. Abbreviations for signal couplings are: br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; dd, doublet of doublets; dt, triplet of doublets; td, doublet of triplets; tt, triplet of triplets; ddd, doublet of doublet of doublets; tdd, doublet of doublet of triplets. Coupling constants, J , were reported in hertz unit (Hz). Infrared spectra of neat substances were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet Corporation GC-FTIR NEXUS670 spectrometer. HRMS was performed on a Bruker's *solarix 94* (ESI-FTICR-MS) mass spectrometer.

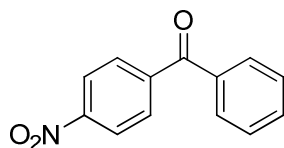
2. General Procedures for Iron-Catalyzed Carbonylative Suzuki Reactions

General Procedure A: A 25 mL Schlenk flask was charged with arylboronic acid (0.75 mmol), FeCl_2 (0.02 mmol, 2.6 mg), ferric chloride (0.03 mmol, 4.9 mg), sodium bicarbonate (1.0 mmol, 84.8 mg), potassium acetate (0.1 mmol, 10.0 mg), PEG-400 (2.0 mL) before standard cycles of evacuation and back-filling with dry and pure carbon monoxide. Corresponding aryl iodide (0.5 mmol) was added successively. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for the indicated time. At the end of the reaction, the reaction mixture was poured into a saturated aqueous NaCl solution (15 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The organic phases were combined, and the

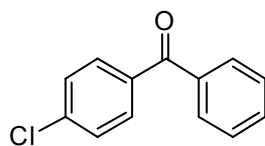
volatile components were evaporated in a rotary evaporator. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: diethyl ether = 25 : 1).

General Procedure B: A 25 mL Schlenk flask was charged with arylboronic acid (0.75 mmol), FeCl₂ (0.05 mmol, 6.4 mg), sodium bicarbonate (1.0 mmol, 84.8 mg), potassium acetate (0.1 mmol, 10.0 mg), PEG-400 (2.0 mL) before standard cycles of evacuation and back-filling with dry and pure carbon monoxide. Corresponding aryl iodide (0.5 mmol) was added successively. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for the indicated time. At the end of the reaction, the reaction mixture was poured into a saturated aqueous NaCl solution (15 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic phases were combined, and the volatile components were evaporated in a rotary evaporator. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent mixture: petroleum ether/diethyl ether = 25 : 1).

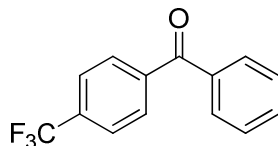
3. Analytical Data of Products



(4-Nitrophenyl)(phenyl)methanone(3aa): Following general procedure A, **3aa** was isolated as a light pink solid (104 mg, 92%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S1]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.79–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.64 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 ppm (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.8, 149.8, 142.9, 136.3, 133.5, 130.7, 130.1, 128.7, 123.5 ppm; mp 136.8–137.2 °C.

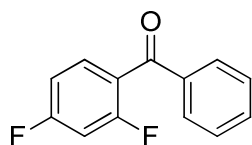


(4-Chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3ba): Following general procedure A, **3ba** was isolated as a white solid (98 mg, 90%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S1]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77–7.72 (m, 4 H), 7.58 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.49–7.43 ppm (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.5, 138.9, 137.2, 135.8, 132.6, 131.4, 129.9, 128.6, 128.4 ppm.; mp 74.3–74.7 °C.

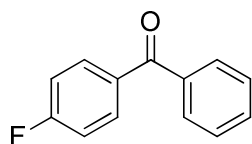


Phenyl(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (3ca): Following general procedure A, **3ca** was isolated as a white solid (94 mg, 75%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S2]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.80–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (tt, J =

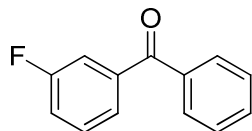
7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 ppm (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.5, 140.7, 136.7, 133.7 (q, $J = 32$ Hz), 133.1, 130.11, 130.08, 128.5, 125.3 (q, $J = 4$ Hz), 123.6 ppm (q, $J = 271$ Hz); mp 116.4–116.9 °C.



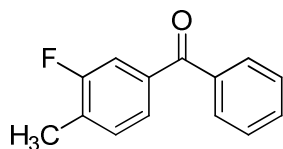
(2,4-Difluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3da): Following general procedure A, **3da** was isolated as light yellow oil (76 mg, 71%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S3]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.61–7.55 (m, 2 H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.01–6.96 (m, 1 H), 6.89 (ddd, $J = 10.5, 8.2, 2.4$ Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.3, 164.9 (dd, $J = 253, 12$ Hz), 160.9 (dd, $J = 254, 12$ Hz), 137.4, 133.4, 132.5 (dd, $J = 10, 4$ Hz), 129.7, 128.5, 123.3 (dd, $J = 14, 4$ Hz), 111.8 (dd, $J = 21, 4$ Hz), 104.7 ppm (t, $J = 25$ Hz).



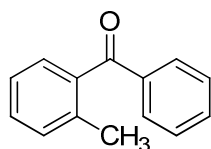
(4-Fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3ea): Following general procedure A, **3ea** was isolated as a light yellow oil (92 mg, 93%), known compound; The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S4]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83–7.86 (m, 2 H), 7.74–7.76 (m, 2 H), 7.58 (tt, $J = 7.4, 1.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.14 ppm (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.3, 165.4 (d, $J = 253$ Hz), 137.5, 133.8 (d, $J = 3$ Hz), 132.61, 132.58 (d, $J = 15$ Hz), 129.9, 128.4, 115.4 ppm (d, $J = 22$ Hz).



(3-Fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3fa): Following general procedure A, **3fa** was isolated as a light yellow oil (92 mg, 92%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S5]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.61–7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.50–7.42 (m, 4 H), 7.27 ppm (tdd, *J* = 8.3, 2.6, 1.0 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.3 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 162.5 (d, *J* = 247 Hz), 139.6 (d, *J* = 6 Hz), 137.0, 132.8, 130.0, 129.9, 128.4, 125.8 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 119.4 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 116.7 ppm (d, *J* = 22 Hz).

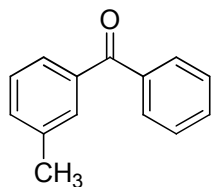


(3-Fluoro-4-methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3ga): Following general procedure A, **3ga** was isolated as a light yellow solid (88 mg, 82%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.78–7.75 (m, 2 H), 7.58 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.49–7.47 (m, 3 H), 7.45 (s, 1 H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.2 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 160.9 (d, *J* = 245 Hz), 137.4, 137.0 (d, *J* = 6 Hz), 132.5, 131.3 (d, *J* = 5 Hz), 130.2 (d, *J* = 17 Hz), 129.9, 128.3, 125.8 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 116.5 (d, *J* = 23 Hz), 14.8 ppm (d, *J* = 4 Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₂FO [M+H] *m/z* 215.08722, found *m/z* 215.08641; IR: ν_{max}(KBr) = 3414, 3068, 2929, 2855, 1651, 1598, 1500, 1449, 1421, 1384, 1288, 899, 832, 723, 697 cm⁻¹; mp 43.7–44.5 °C.

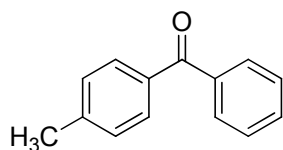


Phenyl(*o*-tolyl)methanone (3ha): Following general procedure A, **3ha** was isolated as a light yellow oil (86 mg, 87%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S2]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.56 (tt, *J* = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1 H),

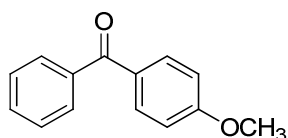
H), 7.31–7.21 (m, 3 H), 2.31 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.7, 138.6, 137.7, 136.7, 133.1, 131.0, 130.2, 130.1, 128.5, 128.4, 125.2, 20.0 ppm.



Phenyl(*m*-tolyl)methanone (3ia): Following general procedure A, **3ia** was isolated as light yellow oil (80 mg, 82%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S2]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.61 (s, 1 H), 7.60–7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 2 H), 2.40 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.0, 138.1, 137.7, 137.6, 133.2, 132.3, 130.4, 130.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 21.4 ppm.

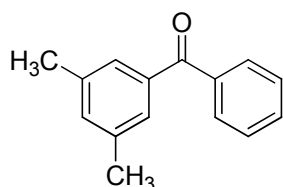


Phenyl(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3ja): Following general procedure A, **3ja** was isolated as a white solid with low melting point (90 mg, 92%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S2]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.78–7.75 (m, 2 H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.42 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.5, 143.2, 137.9, 134.8, 132.1, 130.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.2, 21.6 ppm.

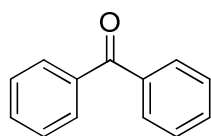


(4-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (3ka): Following general procedure A, **3ka** was isolated as light white solid (84 mg, 80%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S2]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.75–7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.54 (tt, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1 H),

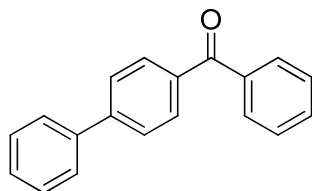
7.47–7.43 (m, 2 H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.6, 163.2, 138.3, 132.6, 131.9, 130.2, 129.7, 128.2, 113.6, 55.5 ppm; mp 60.2–61.1 °C.



3,5-Dimethylphenyl(phenyl)methanone (3la): Following general procedure A, **3la** was isolated as a light yellow solid (96 mg, 91%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S6]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.56 (tt, $J = 7.4$, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (s, 2 H), 7.20 (s, 1 H), 2.36 ppm (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.1, 137.88, 137.86, 137.7, 134.0, 132.2, 130.0, 128.2, 127.8, 21.20 ppm; mp 58.4–59.3 °C.

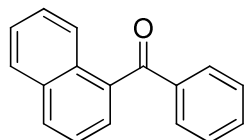


Benzophenone (3ma): Following general procedure A, **3ma** was isolated as a white solid with low melting point (86 mg, 95%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S2]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80–7.78 (m, 4 H), 7.57 (tt, $J = 7.4$, 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.46 ppm (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.7, 137.6, 132.4, 130.0, 128.2 ppm.

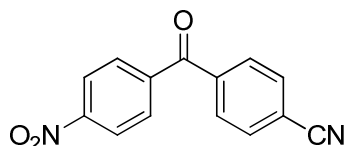


[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl(phenyl)methanone (3na): Following general procedure A, **3na** was isolated as a light white solid (102 mg, 80%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S7]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3):

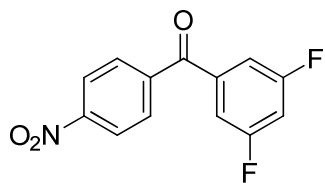
δ = 7.89 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (dd, J =8.0, 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (dd, J =8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (tt, J =8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 4 H), 7.39 (tt, J =8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.3, 145.2, 139.9, 137.7, 136.2, 132.3, 130.7, 130.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 126.9 ppm; mp 101.4–102.3 °C.



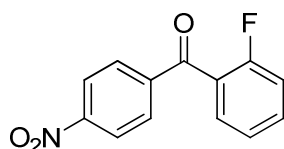
Naphthalen-1-yl(phenyl)methanone (30a): Following general procedure A, **30a** was isolated as light white solid (104 mg, 91%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S2]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.09 (d, J =9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.99 (d, J =8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, J =7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (d, J =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.60–7.56 (m, 2 H), 7.55–7.48 (m, 3 H), 7.45 ppm (t, J =7.7 Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.0, 138.2, 136.3, 133.7, 133.2, 131.2, 130.9, 130.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 126.4, 125.6, 124.3 ppm; mp 73.1–73.8 °C.



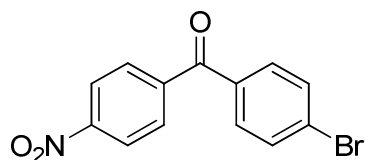
4-(4-Nitrobenzoyl)benzonitrile (3ac): Following general procedure B, **3ac** was isolated as a light yellow solid (114 mg, 91%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S8]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.35 (d, J =8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.92 (d, J =8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.87 (d, J =8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.82 ppm (d, J =8.6 Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.2, 150.3, 141.3, 139.7, 132.5, 130.8, 130.3, 123.8, 117.6, 116.7 ppm; mp 151.7–152.4 °C.



(3,5-Difluorophenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (3ad): Following general procedure A, **3ad** was isolated as a white solid (118 mg, 90%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.35 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.09 ppm (tt, $J = 8.4, 2.3$ Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.1 (t, $J = 3$ Hz), 162.9 (dd, $J = 251, 12$ Hz), 150.2, 141.5, 139.1 (t, $J = 8$ Hz), 130.7, 123.8, 113.0 (dd, $J = 19, 8$ Hz), 108.8 ppm (t, $J = 25$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ m/z 264.04722, found m/z 264.04683; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{KBr}) = 3416, 3080, 1669, 1594, 1523, 1442, 1330, 1239, 869, 815, 729\text{ cm}^{-1}$; mp 122.6–123.0 °C.

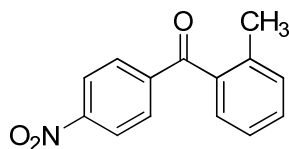


(2-Fluorophenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (3ae): Following general procedure A, **3ae** was isolated as a white solid (110 mg, 90%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S10]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.29 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 7.64–7.56 (m, 2 H), 7.30 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.19–7.14 ppm (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.7, 160.3 (d, $J = 252$ Hz), 150.2, 142.4, 134.4 (d, $J = 9$ Hz), 131.0 (d, $J = 2$ Hz), 130.4 (d, $J = 1$ Hz), 125.6 (d, $J = 14$ Hz), 124.7 (d, $J = 4$ Hz), 123.6, 116.5 ppm (d, $J = 21$ Hz); mp 116.3–116.8 °C.

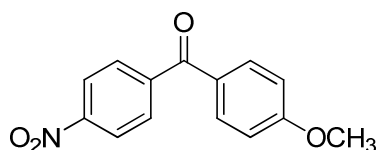


(4-bromophenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (3ag): Following general procedure B, **3ag** was isolated as a yellow solid (130 mg, 86%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S11]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3):

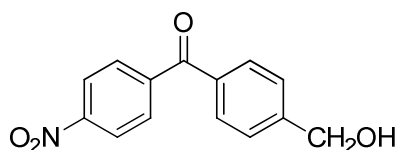
δ 8.36–8.29 (m, 2 H), 7.93–7.85 (m, 2 H), 7.65 (s, 4 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 193.70, 149.87, 142.32, 134.92, 132.01, 131.47, 130.57, 128.76, 123.62; mp 123.6–124.3 °C.



(4-Nitrophenyl)(*o*-tolyl)methanone (3ah): Following general procedure A, **3ah** was isolated as a light pink solid (94 mg, 79%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S1]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.28 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 1 H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 3 H), 2.36 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.6, 150.2, 142.7, 137.6, 136.9, 131.5, 131.3, 130.9, 129.1, 125.5, 123.6, 20.2 ppm; mp 86.8–87.3 °C.

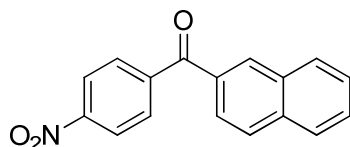


(4-Methoxyphenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (3ai): Following general procedure A, **3ai** was isolated as a white solid (110 mg, 87%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S12]. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H); 3.88 ppm (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.4, 164.0, 149.4, 143.7, 132.6, 130.3, 128.8, 123.4, 113.9, 55.6 ppm; mp 122.1–122.7 °C.

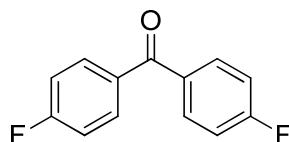


(4-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone (3aj): Following general procedure B, **3aj** was isolated as a light yellow solid (104 mg, 81%), known

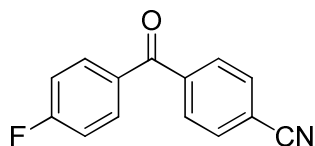
compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S13]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 4.81 (s, 2 H), 1.76 ppm (br s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.5, 149.8, 146.7, 142.9, 135.4, 130.6, 130.4, 126.7, 123.5, 64.5 ppm; mp 141.2–141.6 °C.



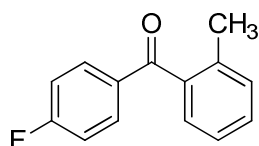
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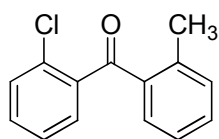
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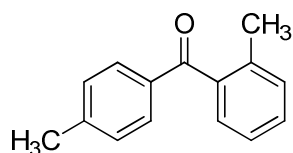
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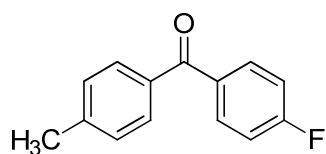
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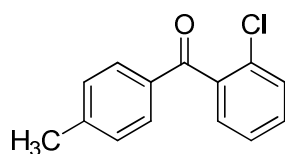
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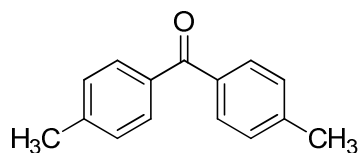
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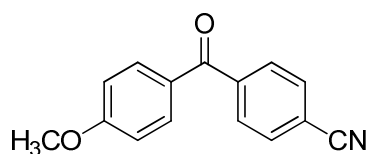
(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-tolyl)methanone (3jf): Following general procedure A, **3jf** was isolated as a white solid (96 mg, 91%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S16]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.42 ppm (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.0, 165.2 (d, *J* = 252 Hz, 2 H), 143.3, 134.8, 134.1 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 132.5 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 130.1, 129.0, 115.3 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 21.6 ppm; mp 91.8–92.3 °C.



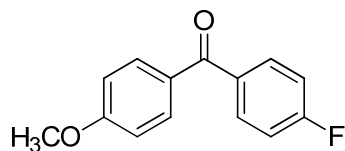
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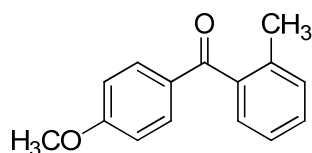
Di-*p*-tolylmethanone (3jm): Following general procedure A, **3jm** was isolated as a white solid (86 mg, 83%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S16]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4 H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4 H). 2.42 ppm(s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.3, 142.9, 135.2, 130.2, 128.9, 21.6 ppm; mp 76.0–76.6 °C.



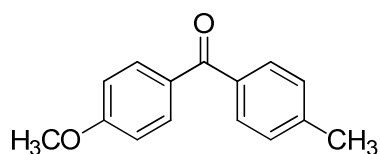
4-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)benzonitrile (3kc): Following general procedure A, **3kc** was isolated as a white solid (108 mg, 91%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[17]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79–7.72 (m, 6 H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0, 2 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.6, 163.8, 143.0, 132.5, 132.0, 129.8, 128.8, 118.0, 115.0, 113.8, 55.5 ppm; mp 129.3–130.1 °C.



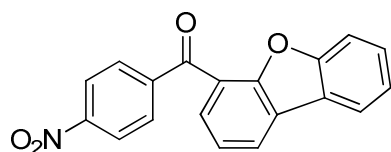
(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (3kf): Following general procedure A, **3kf** was isolated as a white solid (96 mg, 83%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S18]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 (dt, *J*=8.0, 2.4, 4 H), 7.12 (t, *J*=8.0, 2 H), 6.94 (d, *J*=8.0, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.0, 165.0 (d, *J* = 251 Hz), 163.2, 134.4 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 132.3, 132.2 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 129.9, 115.3 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 113.6, 55.4 ppm; mp 88.0–88.3 °C.



(4-Methoxyphenyl)(2-tolyl)methanone (3kh): Following general procedure B, **3kh** was isolated as a pale yellow liquid (104 mg, 92%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S19]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0, 2 H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1 H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 3 H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.0, 2 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.3, 163.7, 139.1, 136.1, 132.5, 130.8, 130.5, 129.7, 127.9, 125.1, 113.7, 55.5, 19.8 ppm.



(4-Methoxyphenyl)(4-tolyl)methanone (3km): Following general procedure B, **3km** was isolated as a white solid (92 mg, 83%), known compound. The NMR spectroscopic data agree with those described in ref.^[S20]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83 (d, *J*=8.0, 2 H), 7.70 (d, *J*=8.0, 2 H), 7.26 (d, *J*=8.0, 2 H), 6.93 (d, *J*=8.0, 2 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.4, 163.0, 142.6, 135.5, 132.4, 130.5, 130.0, 128.9, 113.5, 55.5, 21.6 ppm; mp 76.3–77.0 °C.



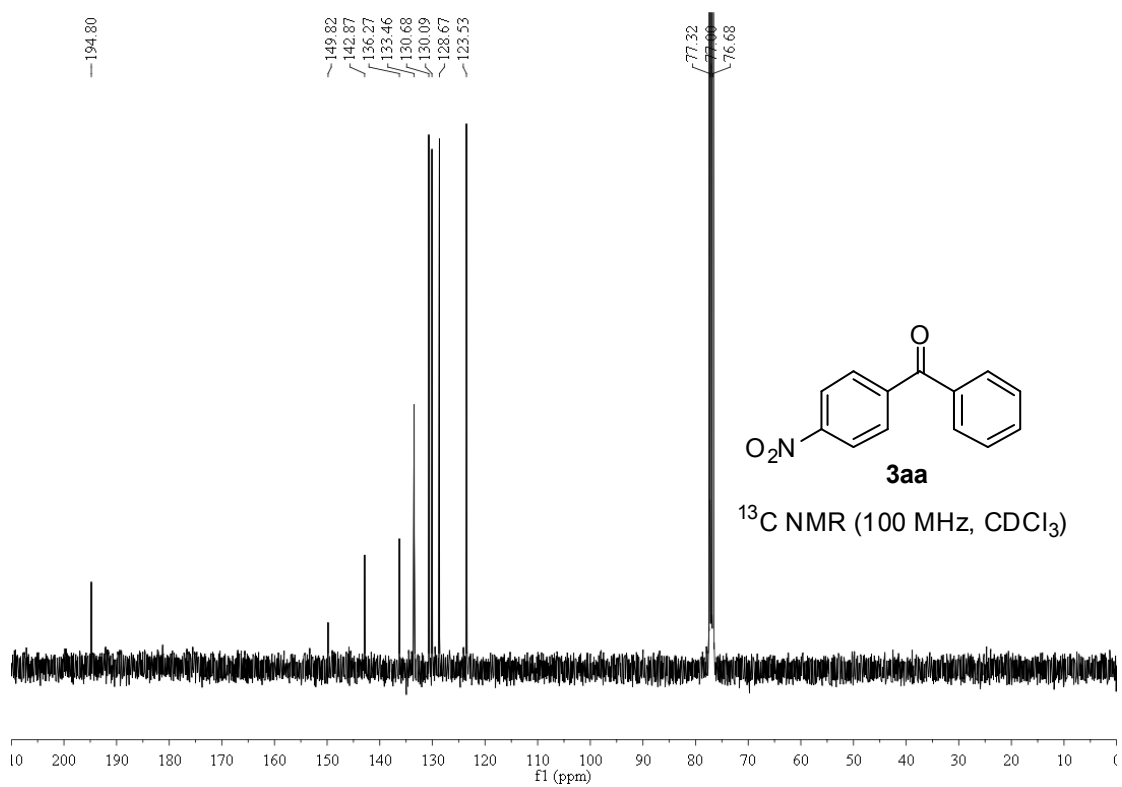
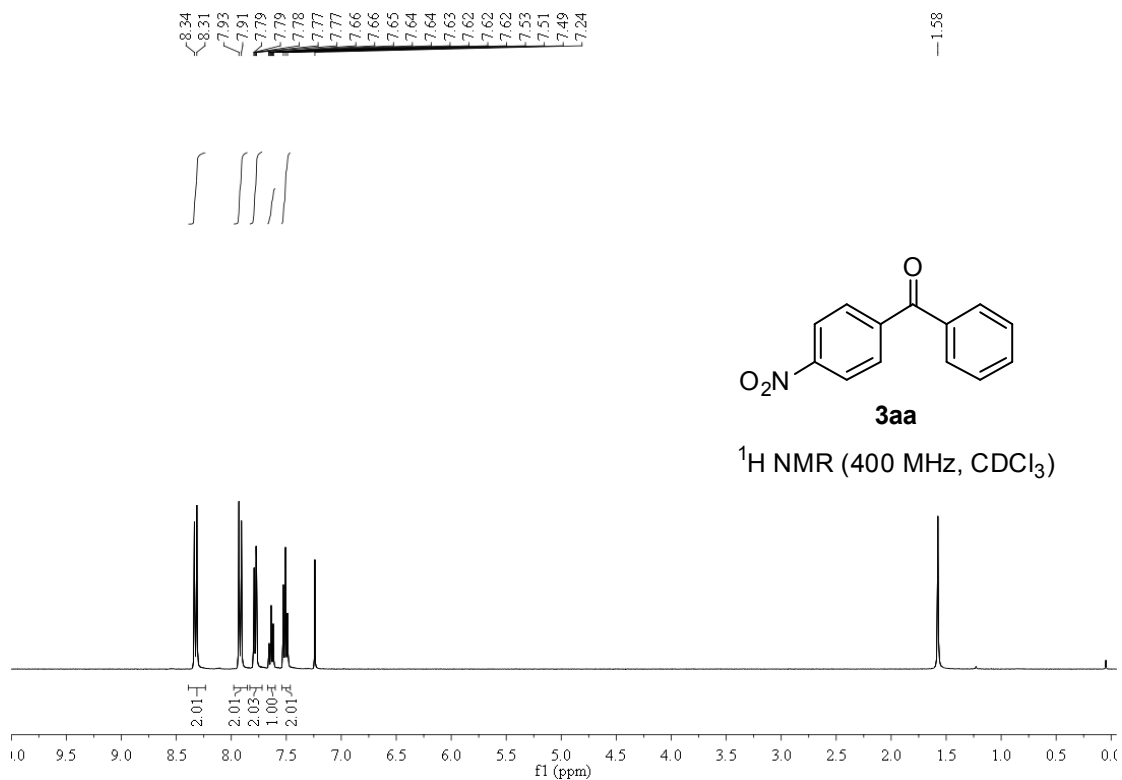
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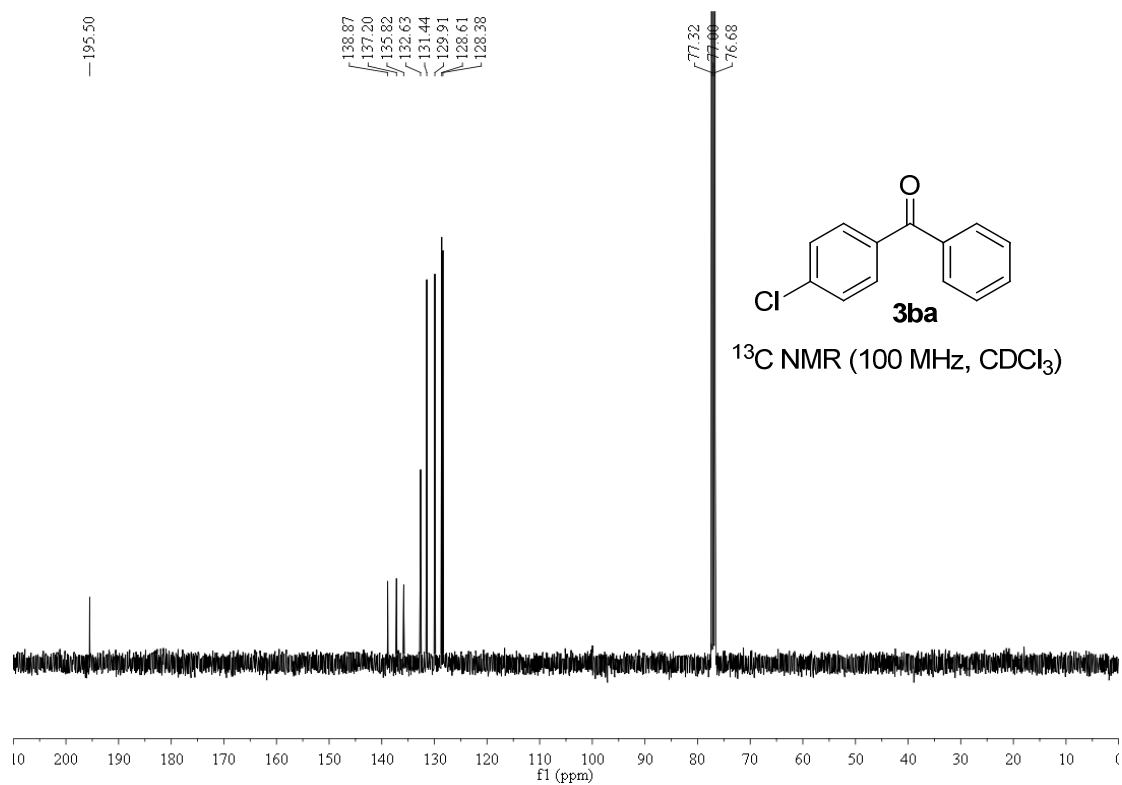
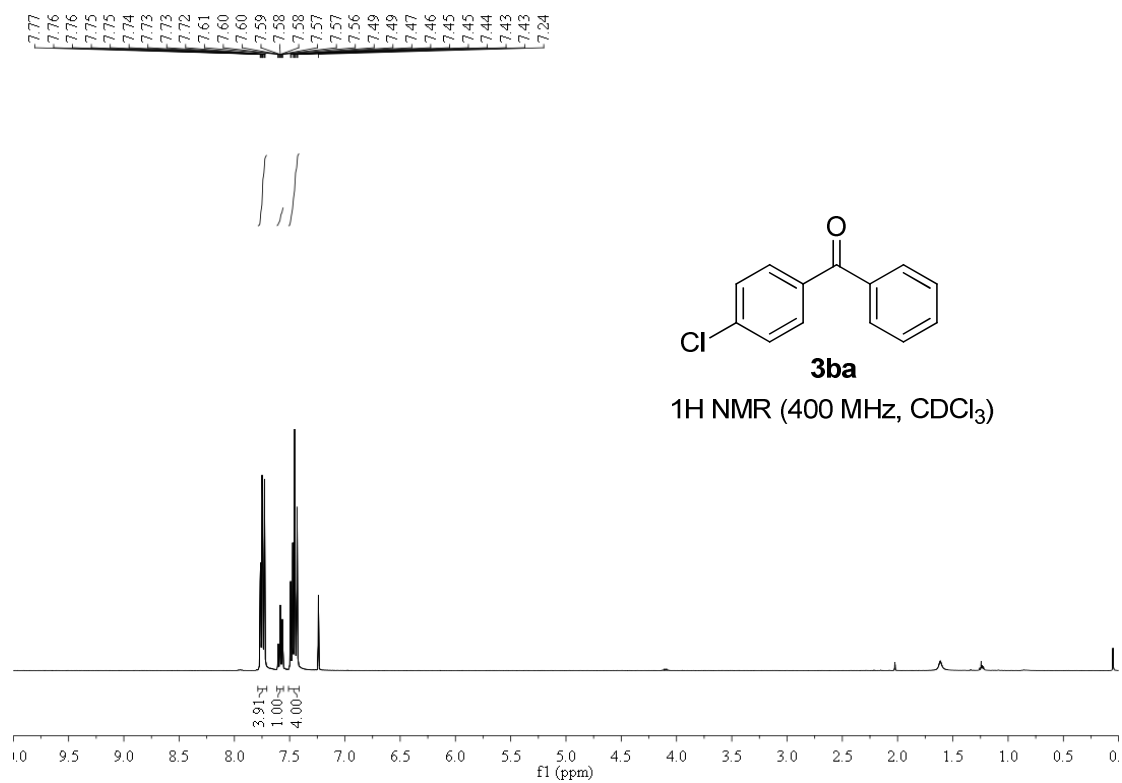
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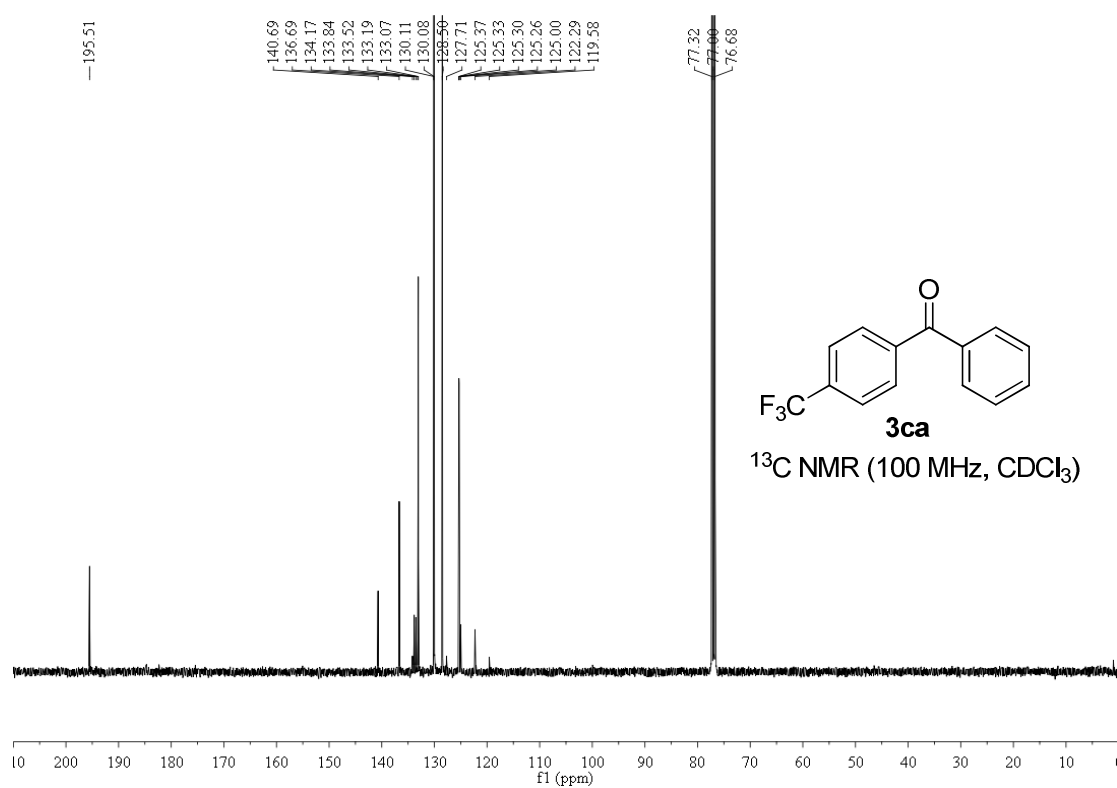
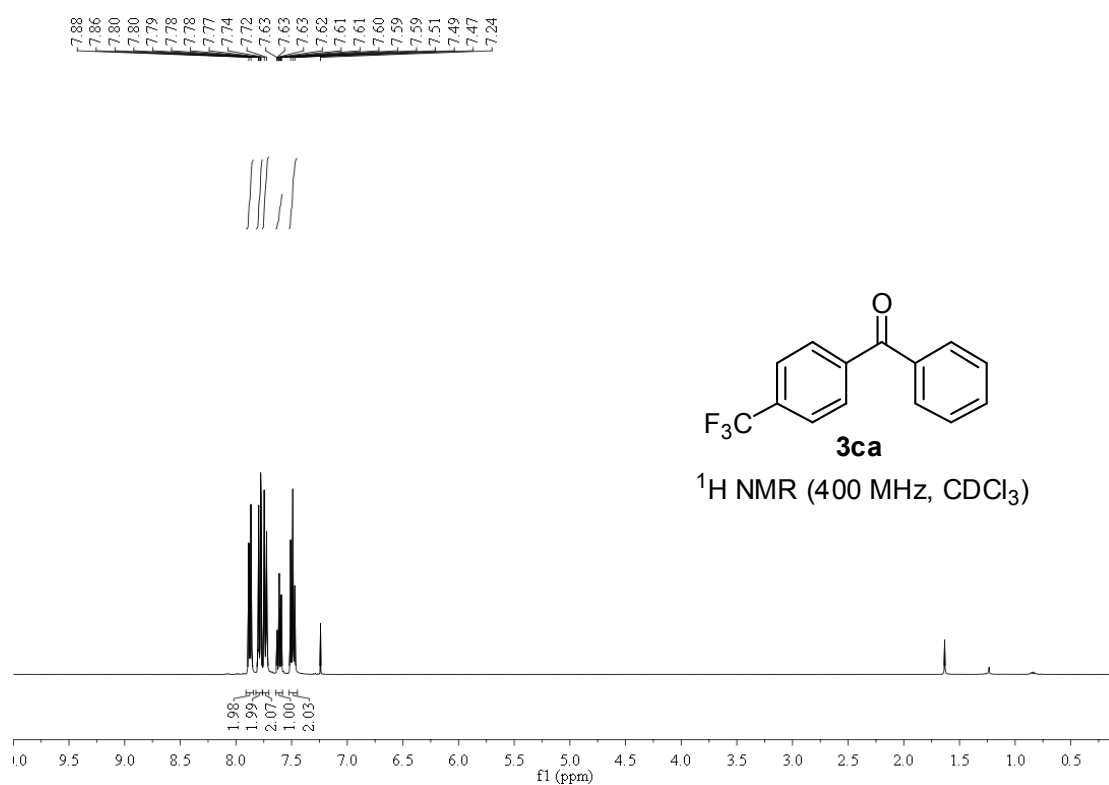
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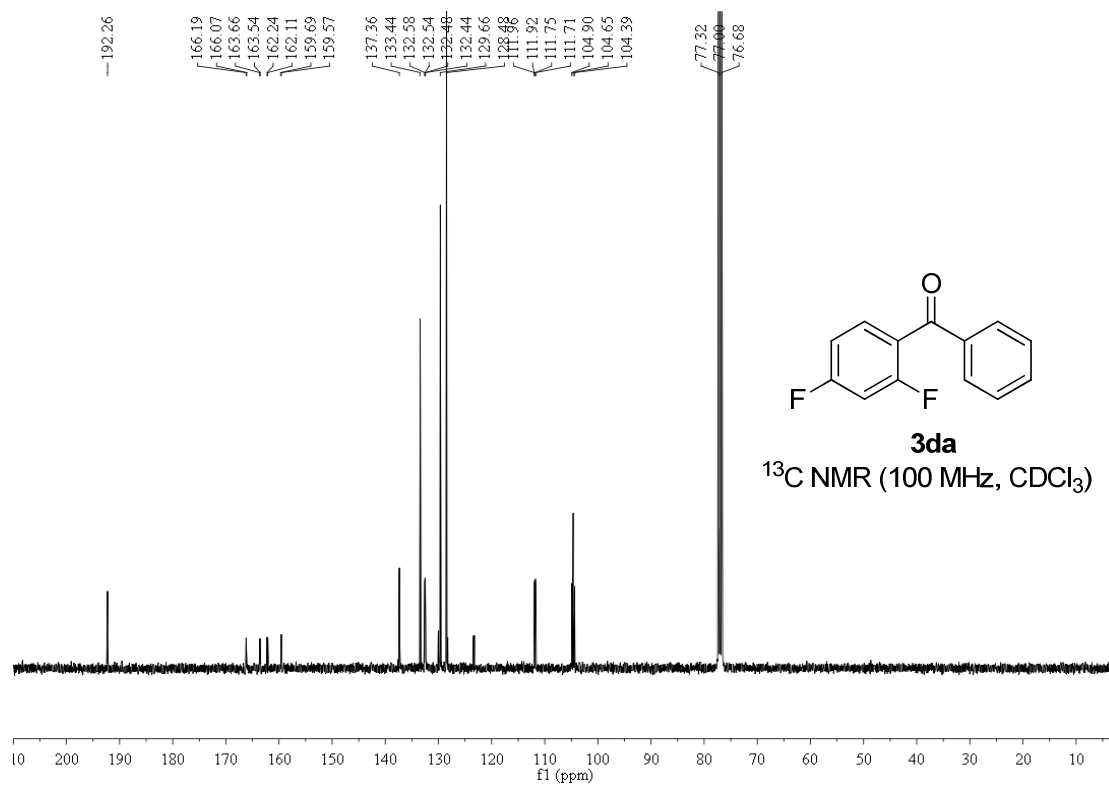
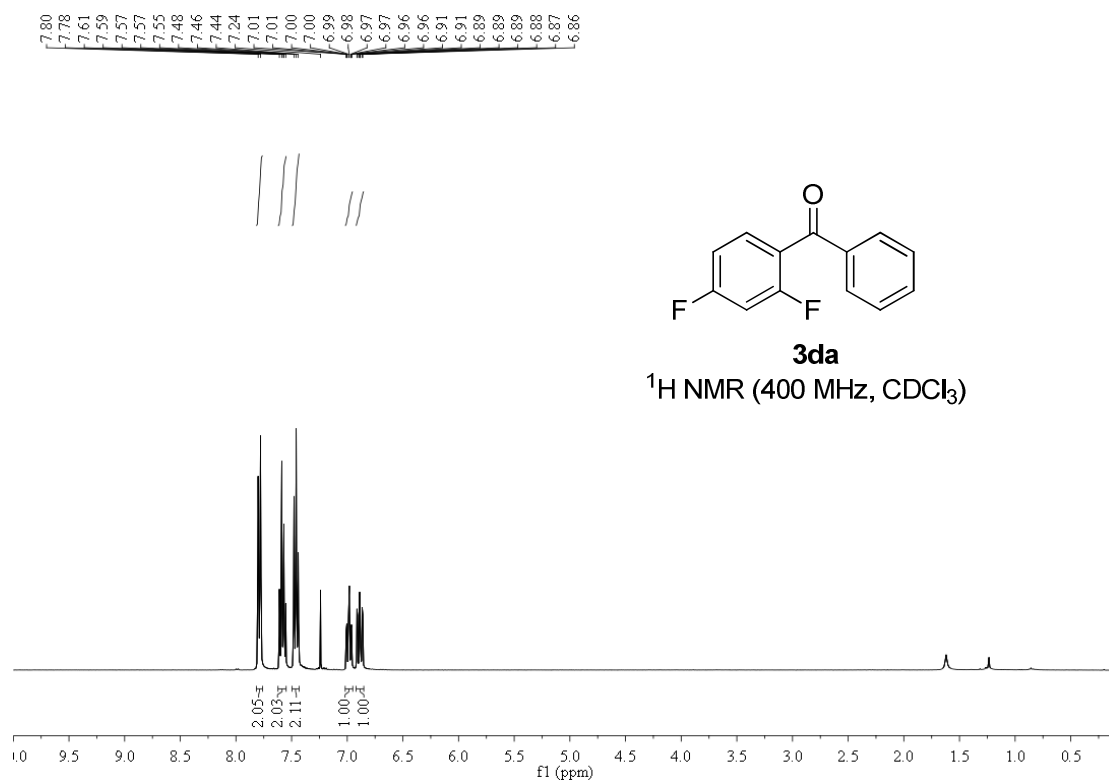
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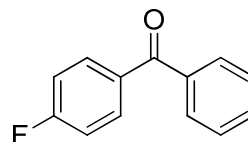






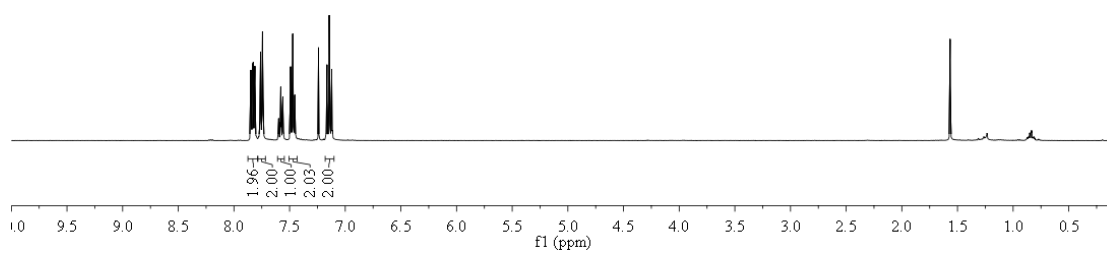
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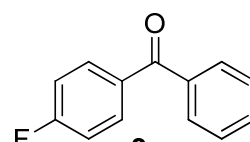


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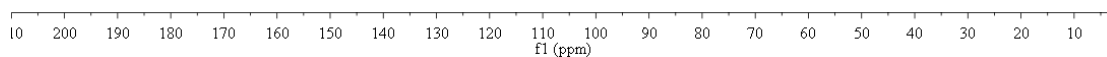
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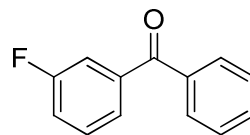
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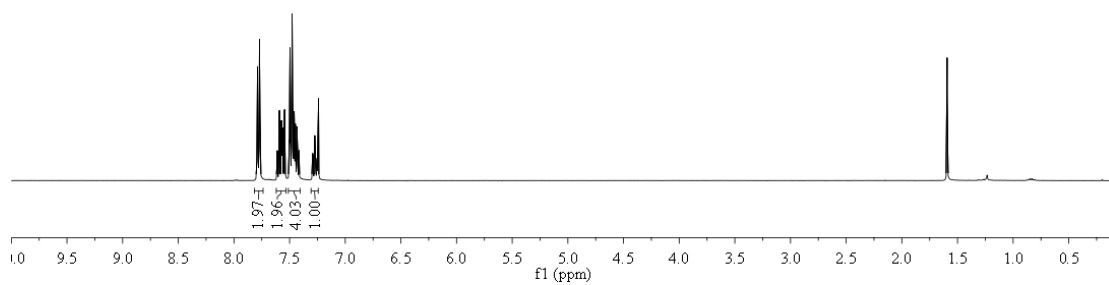
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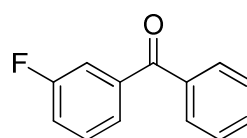
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