

Supporting Information

A general metal free approach to α -ketoamides via oxidative amidation-diketonization of terminal alkynes

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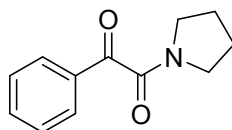
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General procedure for synthesis of α -ketoamides

TMSOTf (444 μ l, 2mmol) was added to a solution of terminal alkyne (102 μ L, 1mmol) in DMSO (1 ml) followed by the addition of iodine in catalytic amount and amine (1.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was then heated at 80 $^{\circ}$ C for 6 h and the product formation was monitored by TLC. After completion, reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50ml). The combined organic layers were washed with brine solution, concentrated on rotary evaporator and purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate and hexane to afford corresponding pure products.

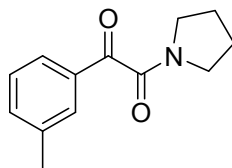
Note: Sometimes the TMSOTf evaporates during addition; in those cases further addition of TMSOTf may be required.

Spectroscopic Data:



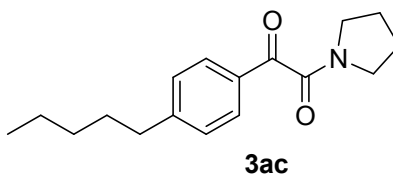
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1-phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3aa): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 3.75 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.50 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.16 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.5, 164.9, 134.5, 133.0, 129.8, 128.9, 46.6, 45.2, 25.9, 24.0.

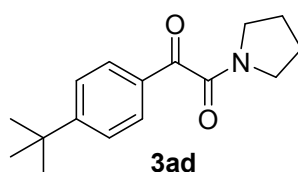


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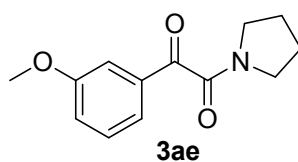
1-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-(m-tolyl)ethane-1,2-dione (3ab): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.00 – 1.91 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.8, 165.1, 138.9, 135.4, 133.0, 130.2, 128.8, 127.2, 46.7, 45.2, 25.9, 24.0.



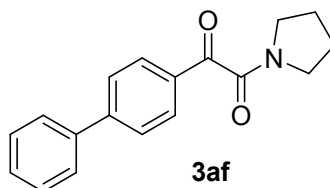
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1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3ad): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.42 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.95 (m, 4H), 1.34 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.4, 165.2, 158.7, 130.3, 129.9, 125.9, 46.7, 45.2, 35.3, 31.0, 25.9, 24.0.

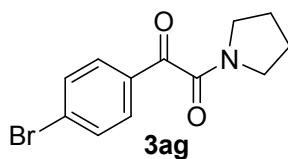


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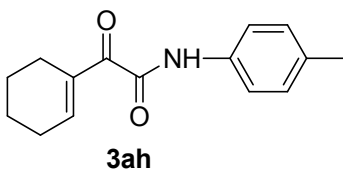


1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3af): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.3$,

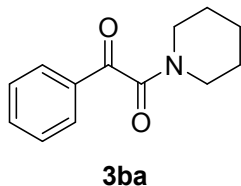
1H), 3.60 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.39 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.89 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191, 164.9, 147.3, 139.6, 131.7, 130.5, 129.02, 128.5, 127.6, 127.3, 46.7, 45.3, 25.9, 24.0.



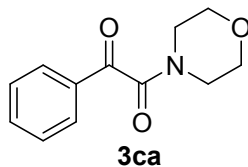
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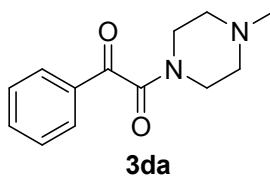
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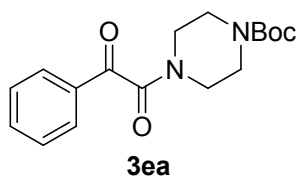
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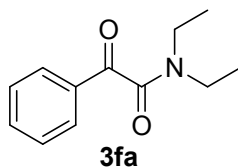
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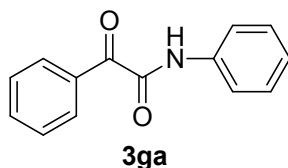
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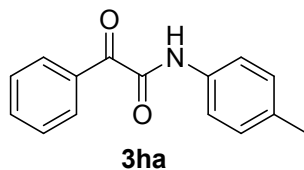
tert-butyl 4-(2-oxo-2-phenylacetyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3ea): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 3.83 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.66 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.50 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 3.37 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.44 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.1, 165.6, 154.4, 130.0, 129.6, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 80.6, 45.7, 41.2, 28.3.



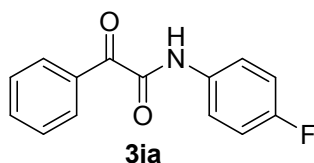
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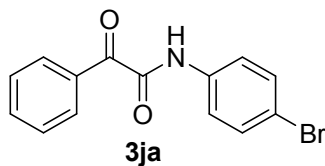
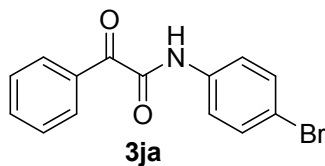
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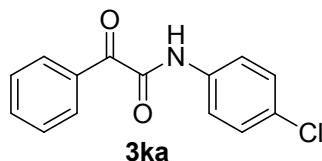
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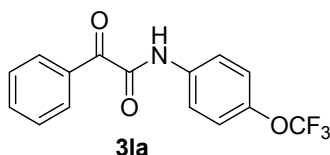
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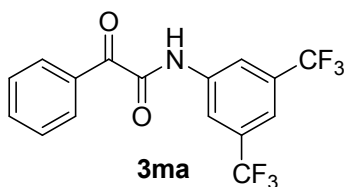
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N-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3ka): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.54 – 8.28 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.59 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.2, 161.1, 158.7, 134.7, 131.4, 128.5, 121.7, 121.6, 116.1, 115.8

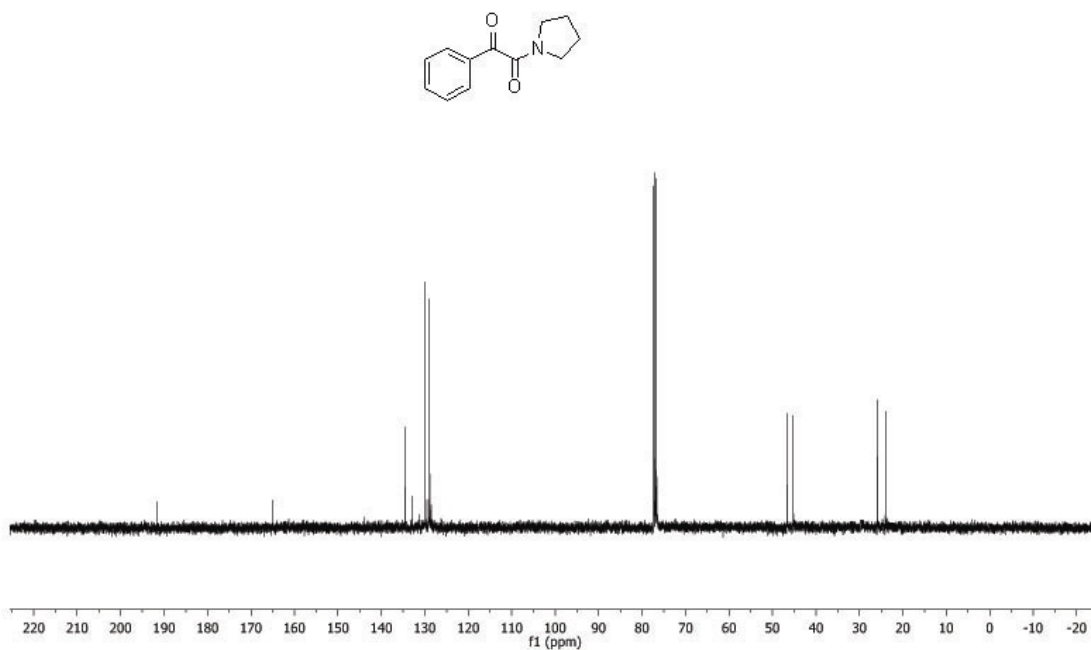
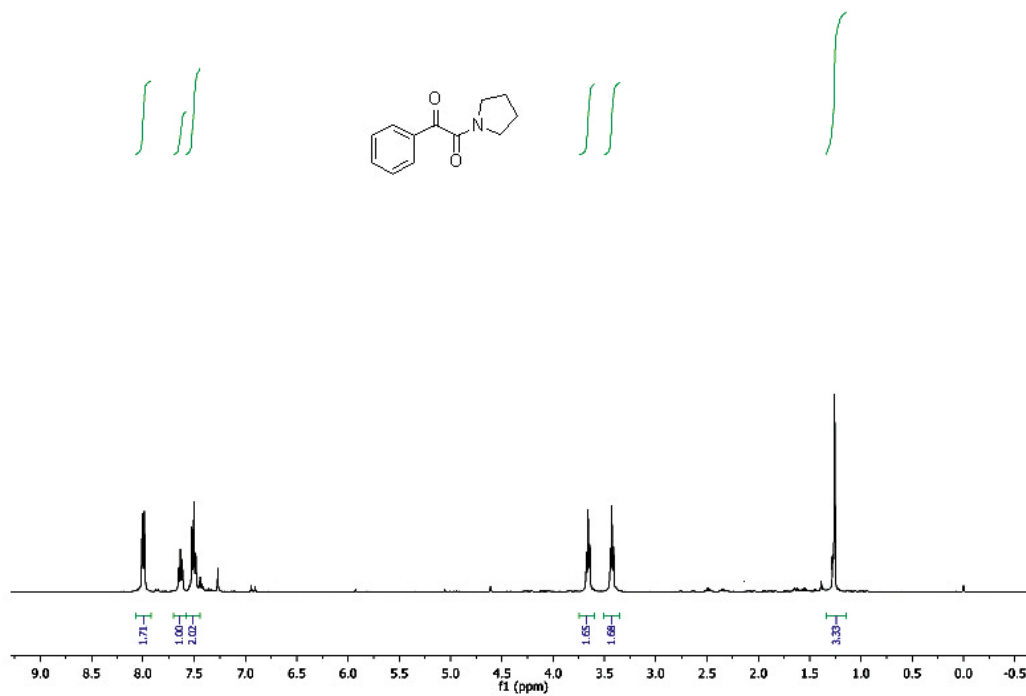


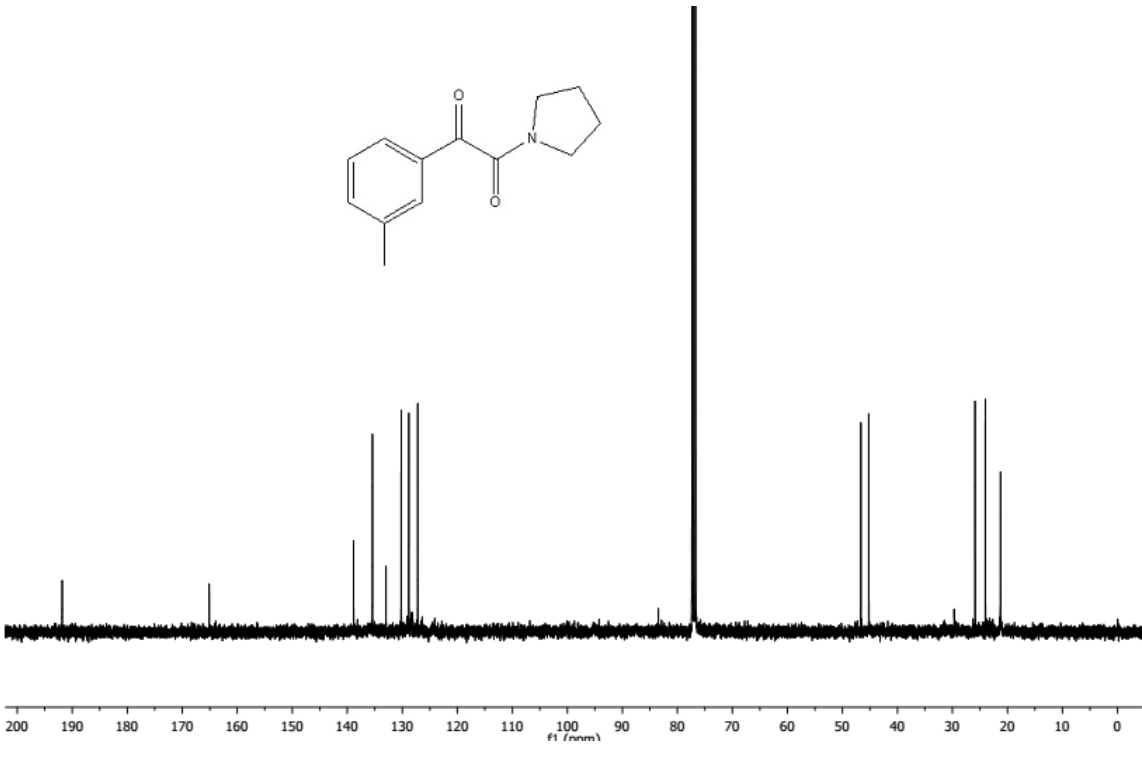
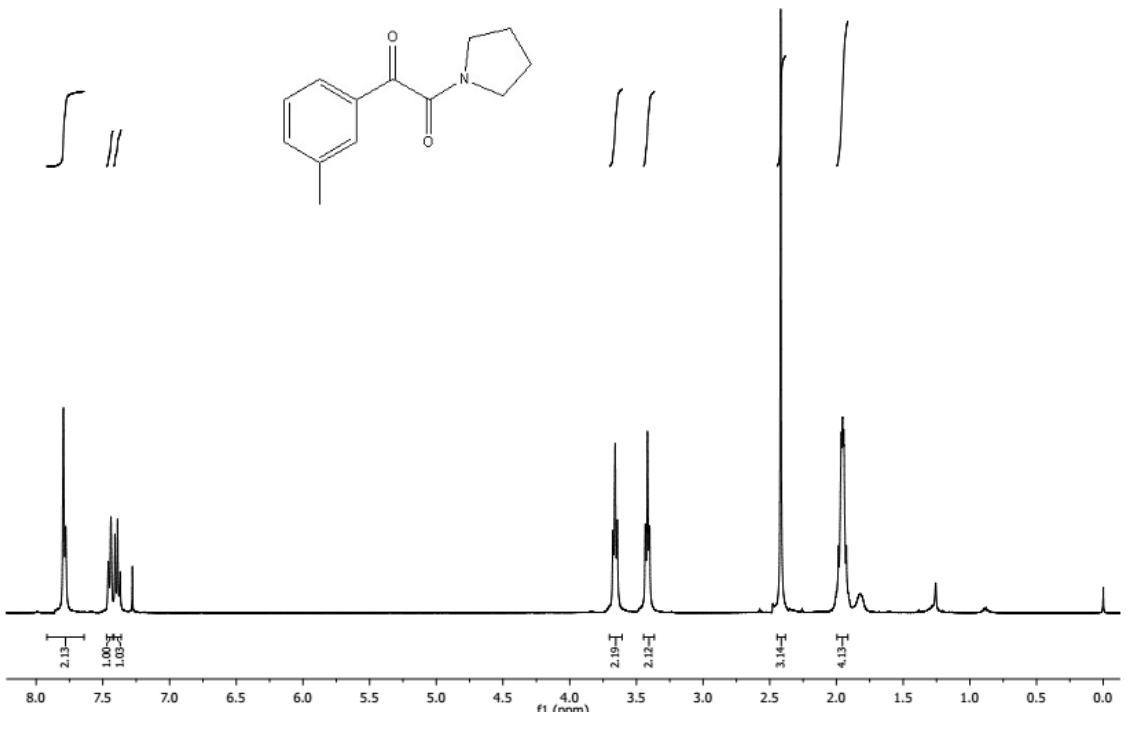
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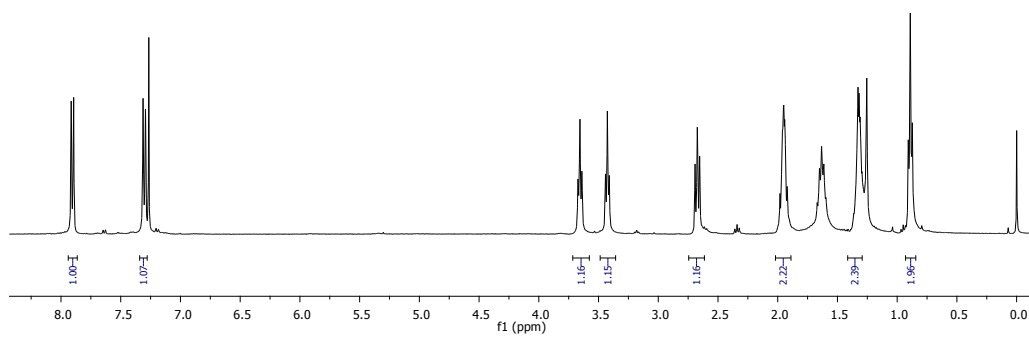
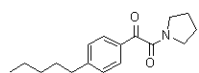


N-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3ma): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 8.42 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.4, 159.1, 138.1, 135.2, 132.8, 132.5, 131.5, 128.8, 124.1, 121.8, 119.7, 118.5.

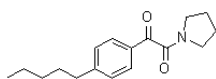
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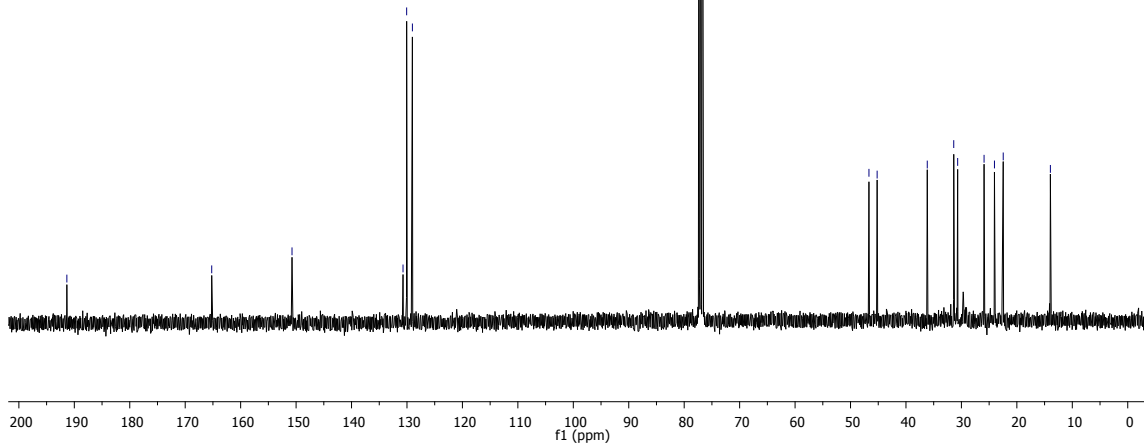


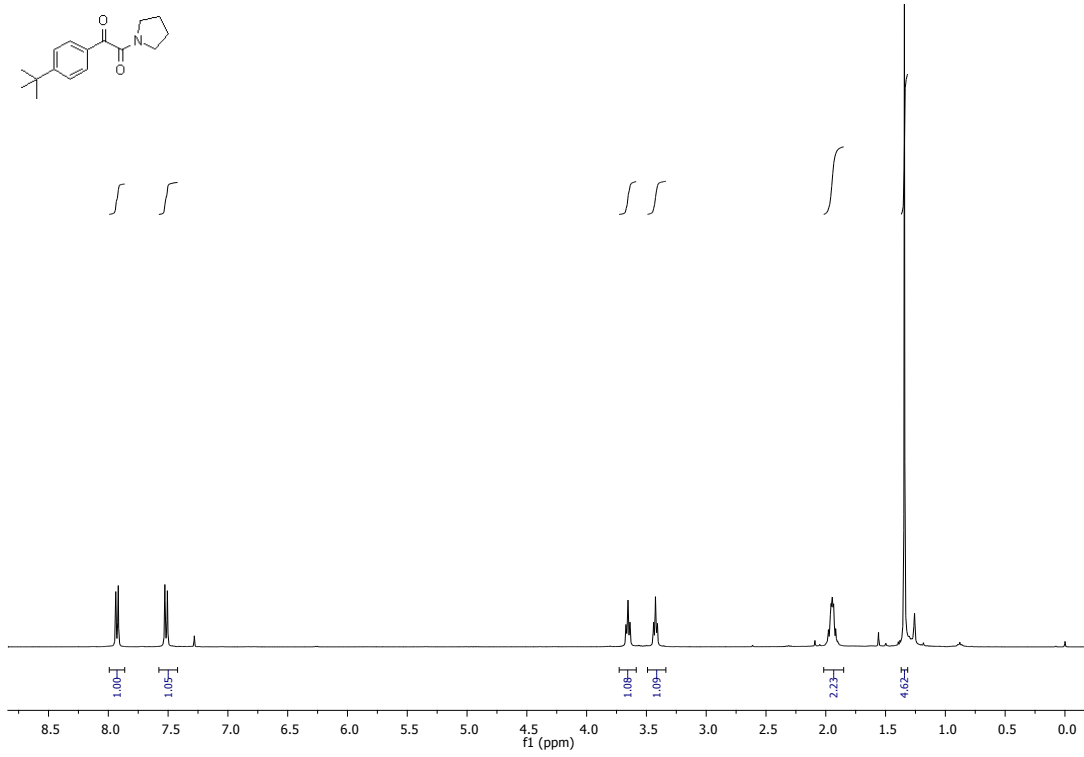
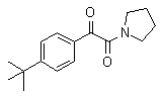


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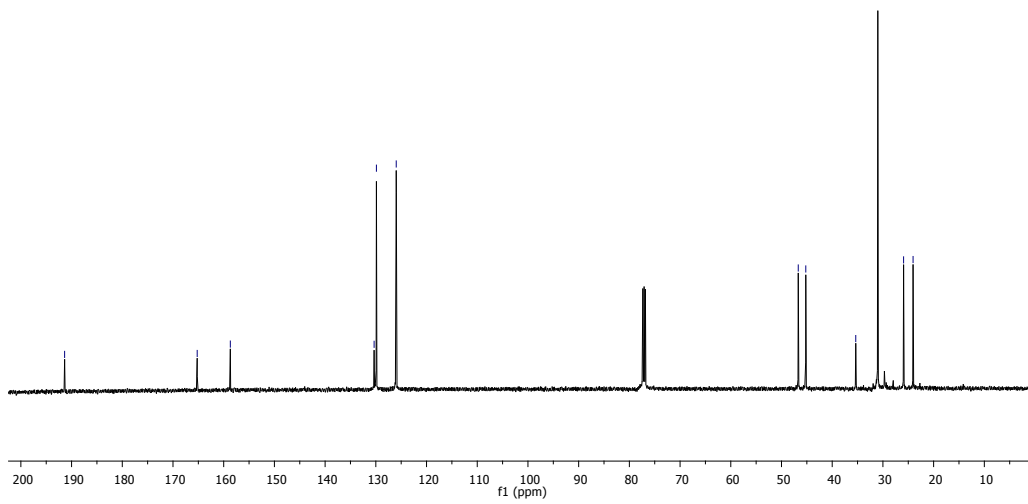
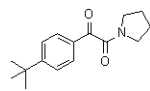
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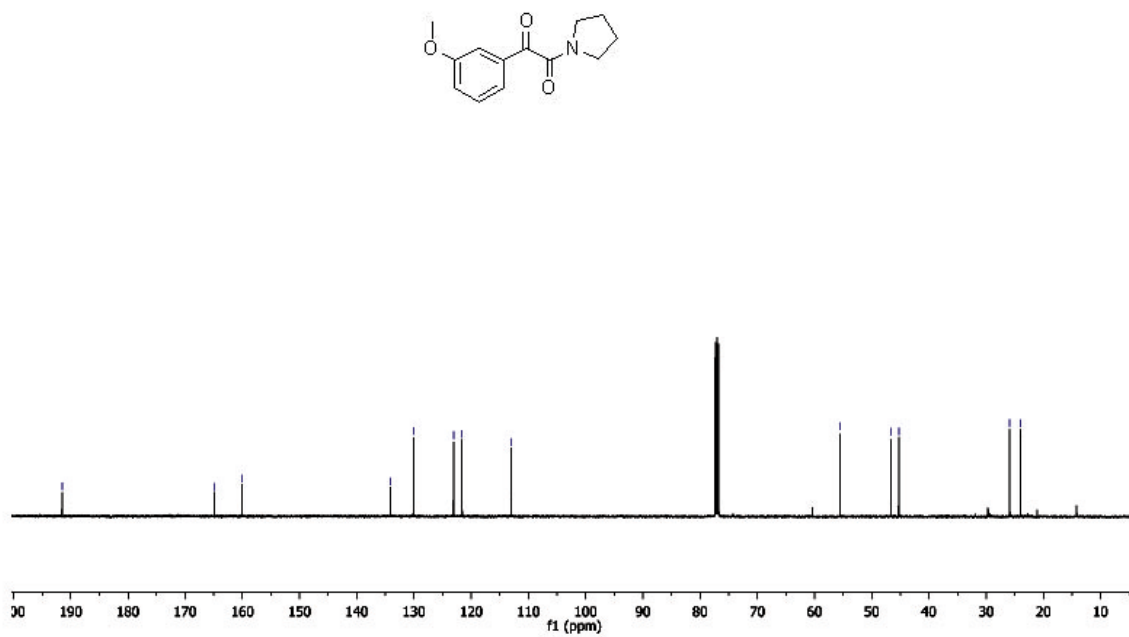
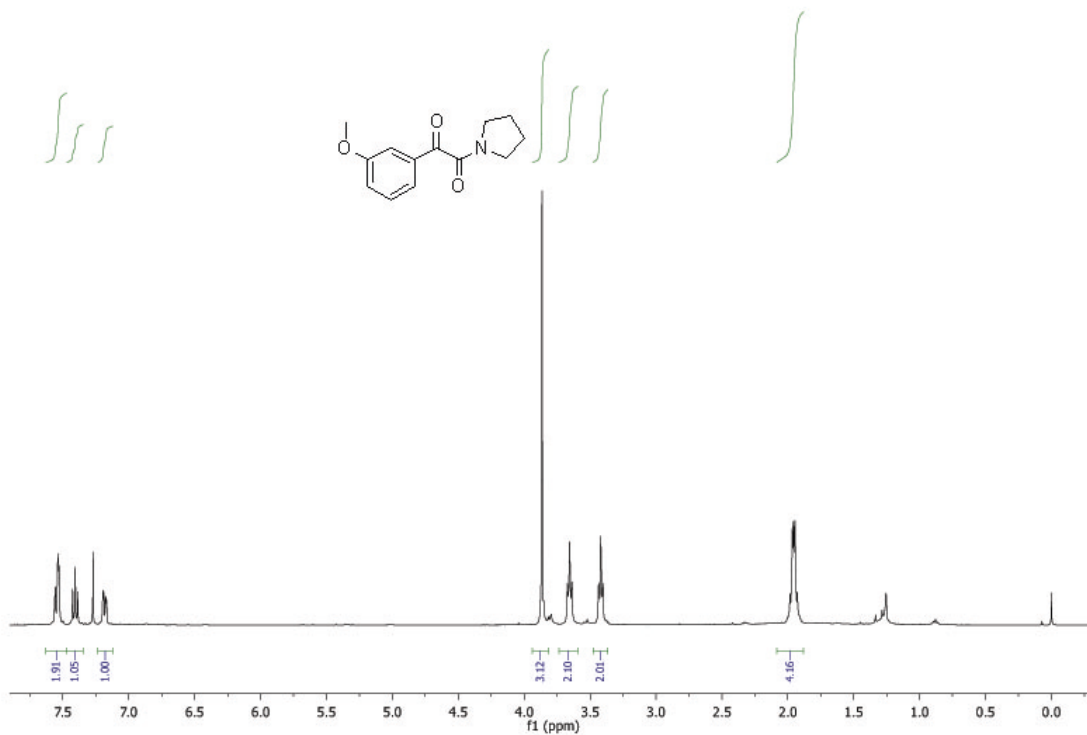
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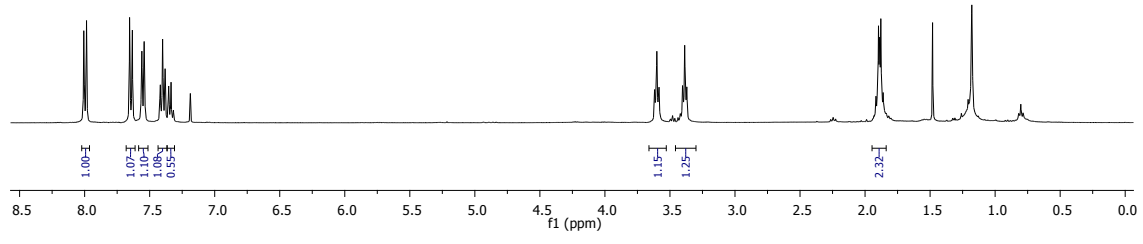
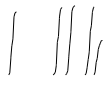
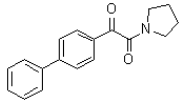
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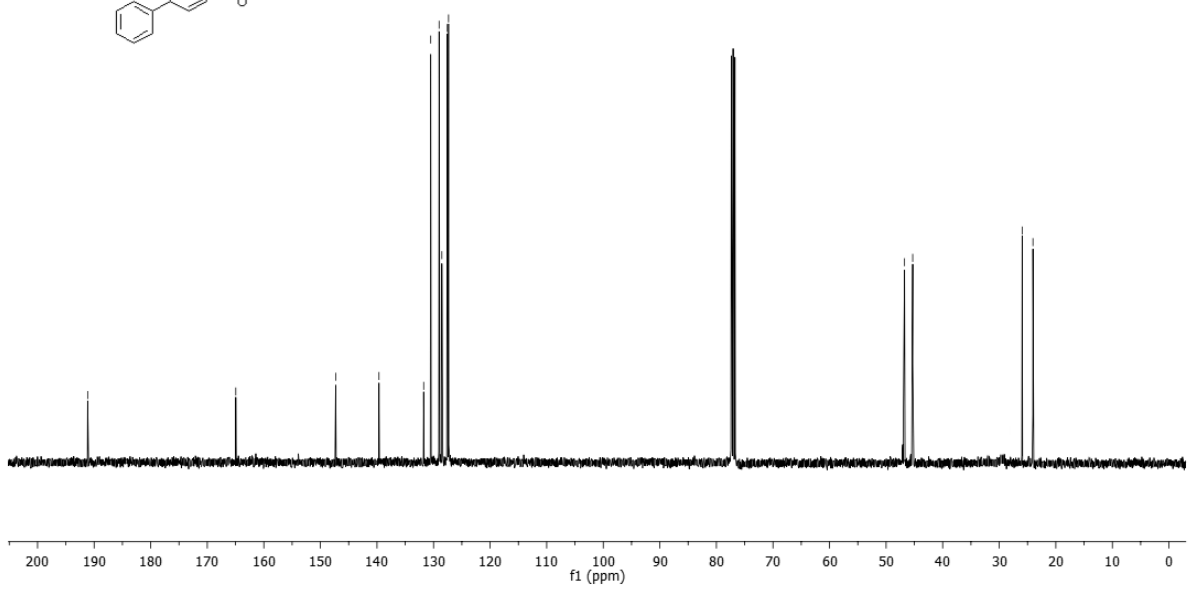
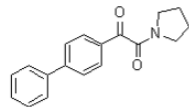
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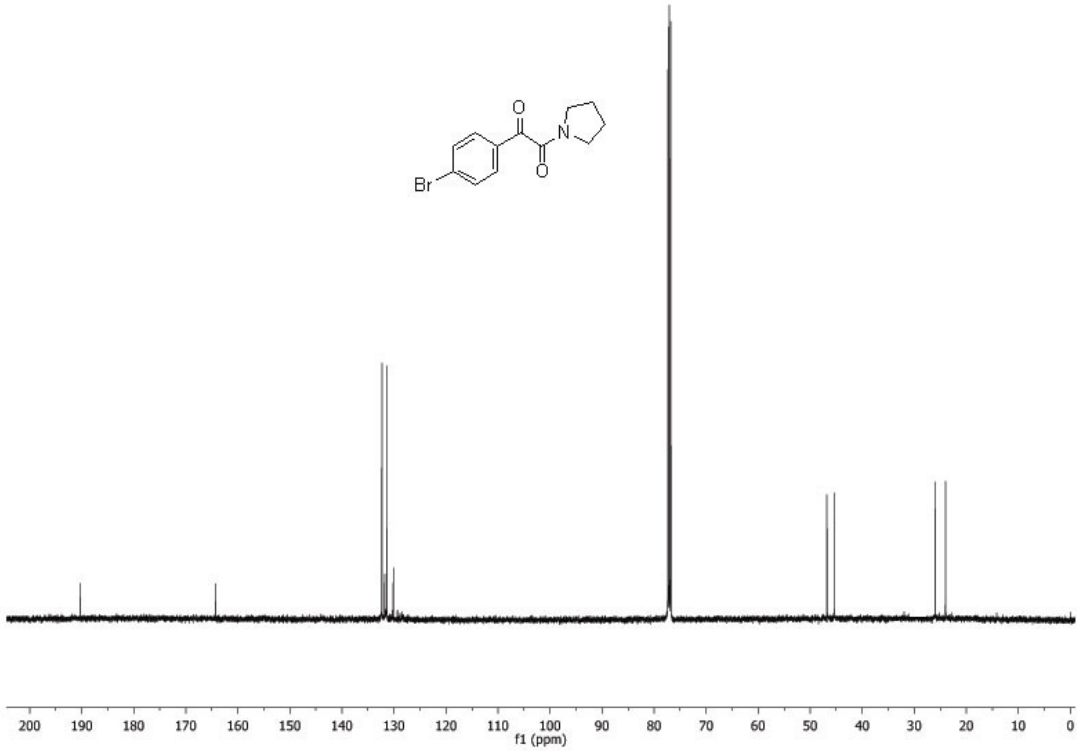
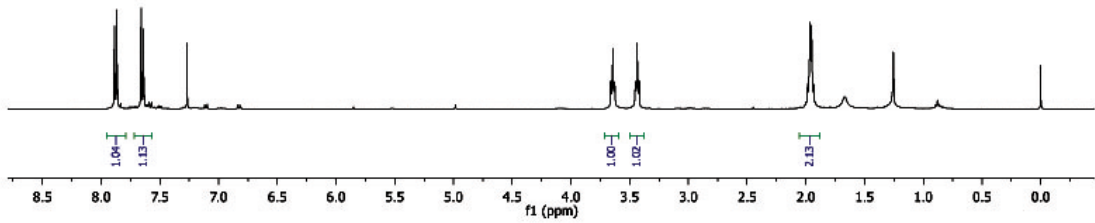
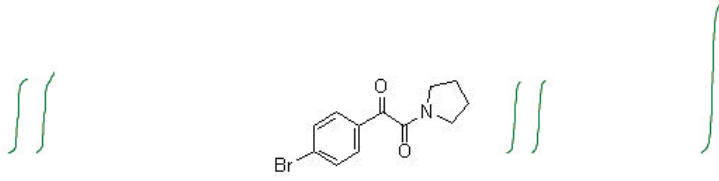


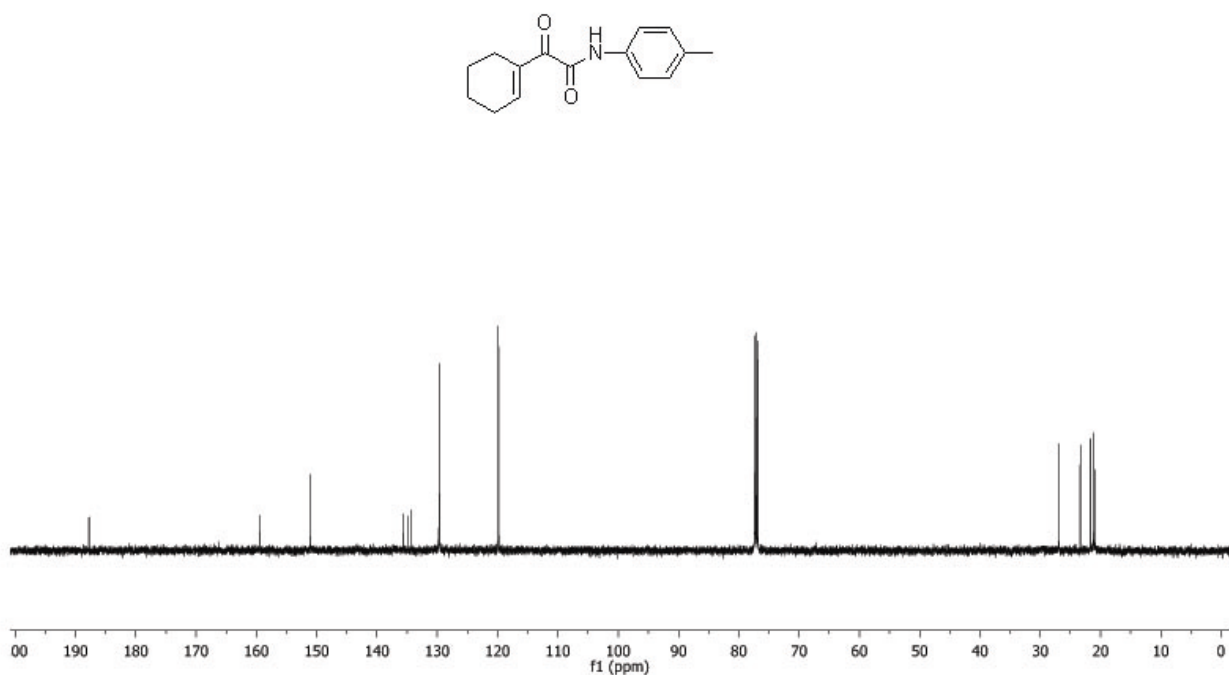
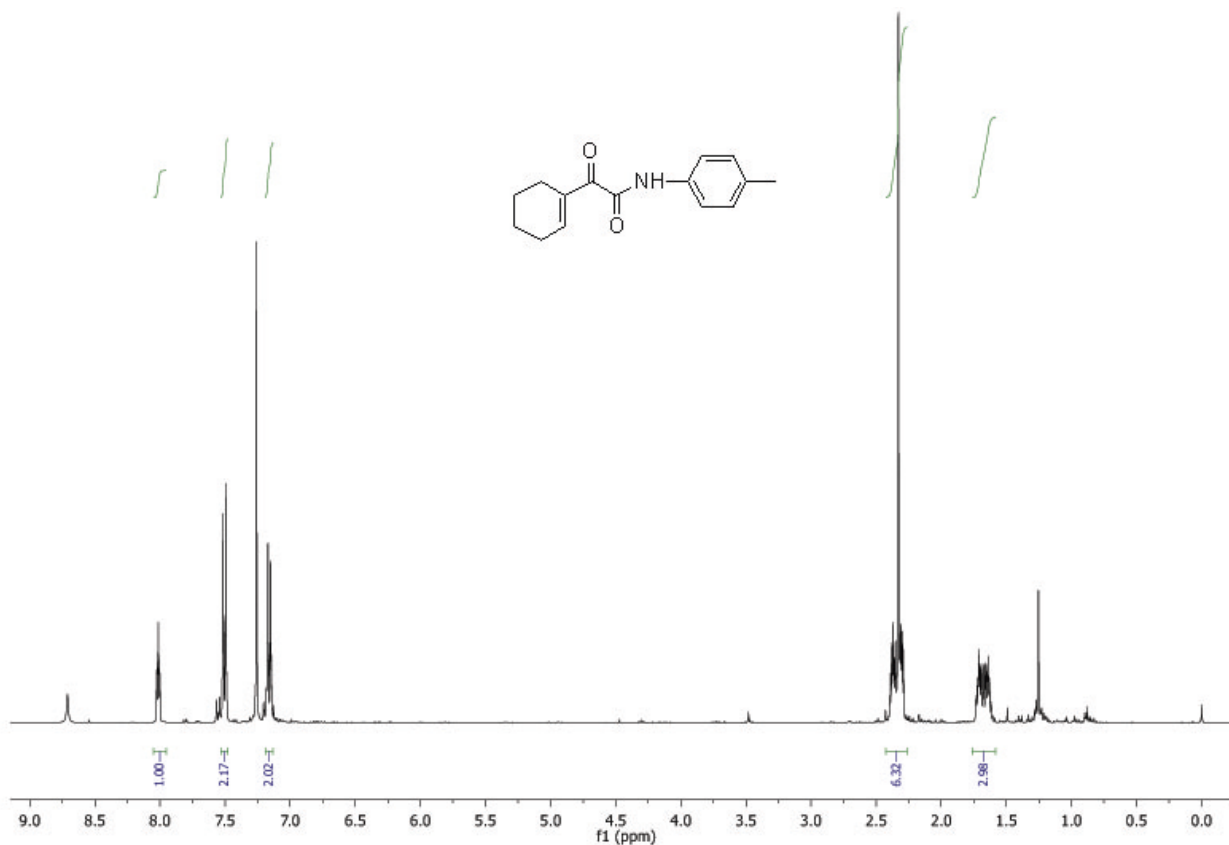




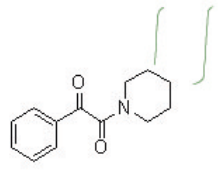
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- 25.94
- 24.04







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