

# Copper-catalyzed sulfonylation of *N*-tosylhydrazones followed by a one-pot C-N bond formation

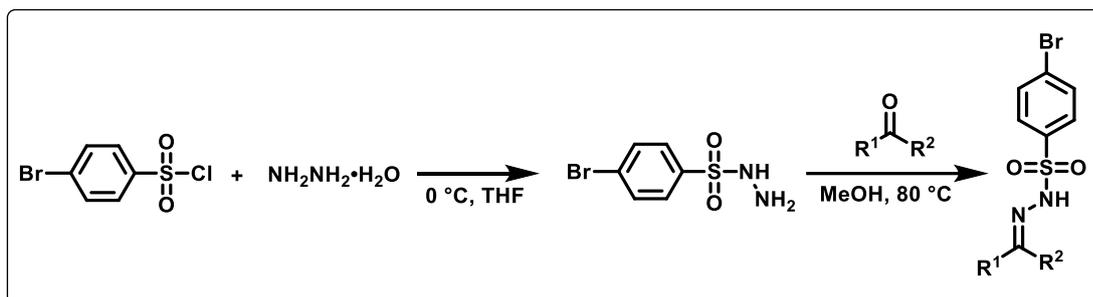
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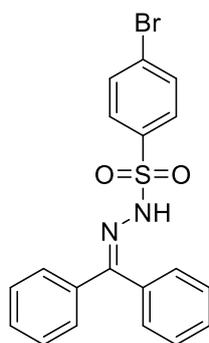
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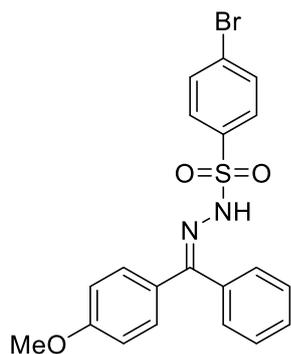
## 1. General procedure for the preparation of compounds 1:



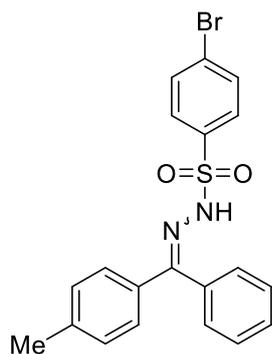
Hydrazine hydrate (12.5 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of sulfonyl chloride (5.0 mmol) in dry THF (25.0 mL) at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  under  $\text{N}_2$ . After vigorous stirring for 30 min at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , ethyl acetate (60.0 mL) was added, and the mixture was washed repeatedly with ice-cold 10% aqueous sodium chloride solution ( $3 \times 20.0\text{ mL}$ ). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Sulfonyl hydrazide was obtained and used for the next step without further purification. To a rapidly stirred suspension of sulfonyl hydrazides (1 eq) in dry methanol (2 mL/mmol) at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , the ketone (1 eq) was added dropwise. Within 2 - 12 hours, the *N*-sulfonyl hydrazones began to precipitate. The mixture was cooled to  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , and the product was collected on a Büchner funnel, washed with petroleum ether, then was dried in vacuo to afford the pure product.



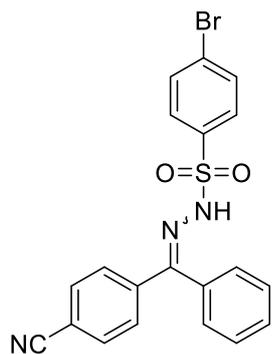
**4-bromo-*N'*-(diphenylmethylene)benzenesulfonylhydrazone (1a)**<sup>1</sup> White solid (1.85g, 89%); mp  $215 - 218\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3194, 1574, 1445, 1389, 1375, 1349, 1317, 1172, 1092, 1067, 1053, 1026, 1009; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.87 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.58 (bs, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 155.0, 137.7, 136.4, 132.5, 131.1, 130.4, 130.2, 130.0, 129.6, 128.5, 128.44, 128.37, 127.7; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}$ )<sup>+</sup>  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_2\text{NaO}_2\text{S}$  calcd. 438.9915, found 438.9910.



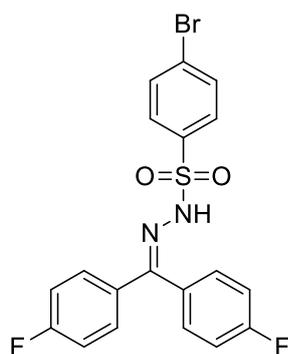
**4-bromo-*N'*-((4-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methylene)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1b)** White solid (1.62g, 73%); mp 131 – 133 °C; IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3185, 1606, 1573, 1509, 1457, 1445, 1374, 1349, 1317, 1300, 1251, 1171, 1054, 1029, 1010;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.86 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.66 (m, 2.5H), 7.52 – 7.26 (m, 3.3H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 3.3H), 6.88-6.80 (m, 0.7H), 3.87 – 3.80 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 161.2, 160.8, 154.9, 154.8, 137.6, 136.7, 132.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 127.7, 122.1, 115.2, 113.7, 55.4, 55.3; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $(M + \text{Na})^+$   $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_2\text{NaO}_3\text{S}$  calcd. 469.0020, found 469.0019.



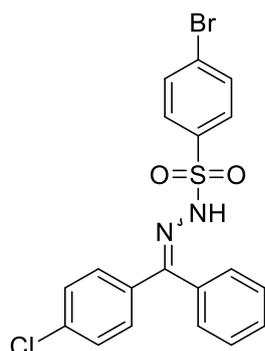
**4-bromo-*N'*-((phenyl(p-tolyl)methylene)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1c)** White solid (1.89g, 88%); mp 184 – 188 °C; IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3191, 1573, 1371, 1345, 1315, 1297, 1171, 1091, 1066, 1051, 1009;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 2.44 – 2.34 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 155.1, 140.4, 137.6, 136.4, 132.3, 130.5, 130.0, 129.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 21.4; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $(M + \text{Na})^+$   $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_2\text{NaO}_2\text{S}$  calcd. 453.0071, found 453.0069.



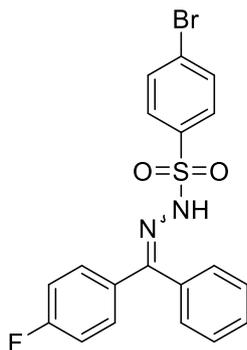
**4-bromo-*N'*-((4-cyanophenyl)(phenyl)methylene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1d)** Light yellow solid (1.92g, 87%); mp 188 – 192 °C; IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3125, 2234, 1573, 1405, 1351, 1318, 1279, 1162, 1113, 1092, 1068, 1054, 1025, 1011; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.85 – 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 7H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 152.5, 140.4, 137.4, 132.6, 132.2, 130.9, 130.3, 130.0, 129.5, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 118.5, 113.4; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 442.0048, found 442.0042.



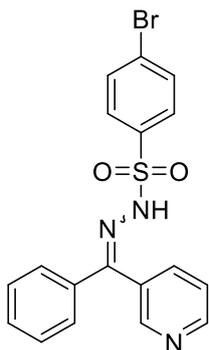
***N'*-bis(4-fluorophenyl)methylene-4-bromobenzenesulfonohydrazide (1e)** White solid (1.85g, 82%); mp 187 – 191 °C; IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3203, 1600, 1573, 1505, 1381, 1346, 1310, 1225, 1173, 1155, 1090, 1066, 1050, 1009; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.59 (bs, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.03 – 6.96 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 164.1 (d, *J* = 251.4 Hz), 163.7 (d, *J* = 251.8 Hz), 152.9, 137.5, 132.5, 130.6 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 126.8 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 117.3 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (188 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): -108.68, -110.04; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrF<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 474.9726, found 474.9726.



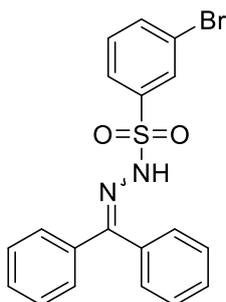
**4-bromo-*N'*-((4-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methylene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1f)** White solid (1.87g, 83%); mp 154 – 158 °C; IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3183, 1650, 1575, 1486, 1444, 1389, 1347, 1316, 1279, 1171, 1089, 1068, 1051, 1010; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 153.7, 137.6, 136.4, 136.1, 134.9, 132.5, 130.7, 130.6, 130.4, 130.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 472.9525, found 472.9516.



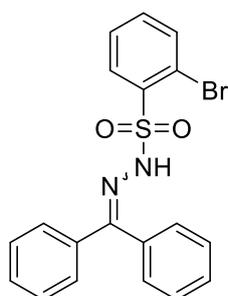
**4-bromo-*N'*-((4-fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methylene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1g)** White solid (1.86g, 86%); mp 203 – 208 °C; IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3210, 1573, 1505, 1380, 1347, 1318, 1230, 1170, 1066, 1051, 1008;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 7.04 – 6.93 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 164.1 (d,  $J = 251.2$  Hz), 163.6 (d,  $J = 251.6$  Hz), 153.94, 137.6 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 136.31, 132.51, 130.76, 130.65, 130.51, 130.34, 130.07, 129.73, 129.61, 129.56, 128.50, 128.29, 127.70, 117.2 (d,  $J = 25.0$  Hz), 115.51 (d,  $J = 21.8$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (188 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  - 109.05, -110.32; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$   $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrFN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  calcd. 435.0001, found 434.9999.



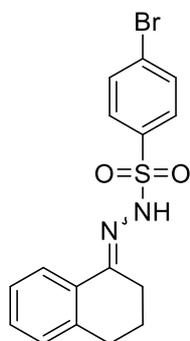
**4-bromo-*N'*-(phenyl(pyridin-3-yl)methylene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1h)** White solid (708mg, 34%); mp 167 – 172 °C; IR (film,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1591, 1574, 1469, 1440, 1414, 1388, 1346, 1331, 1282, 1157, 1092, 1050, 1027, 1010;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 10.85 (bs, 1H), 8.71 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 4H), 7.69 (dt,  $J_1 = 1.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.8$ , 1H), 7.56 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.9$  Hz,  $J_2 = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.27 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 152.2, 150.2, 149.0, 138.2, 136.7, 136.6, 132.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.5, 127.1, 127.0, 123.9; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : (M + H) $^+$   $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$  calcd. 418.0048, found 418.0043



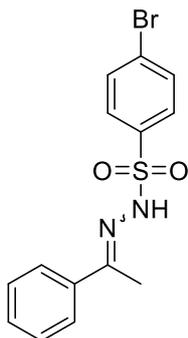
**3-bromo-*N'*-(diphenylmethylene)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1i)** White solid (1.76g, 85%); mp 134 – 137 °C; IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3191, 1444, 1394, 1346, 1321, 1162, 1116, 1062, 1032; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 8.15 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 1.1 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (ddd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 1.0 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.9 Hz, *J*<sub>3</sub> = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 155.2, 140.4, 136.4, 131.0, 130.7, 130.4, 130.2, 130.0, 128.4, 128.4, 127.8, 126.6, 123.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: (M + H)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 417.0095, found 417.0098.



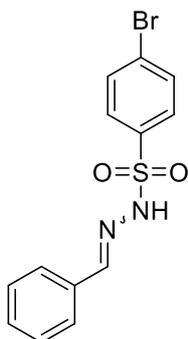
**2-bromo-*N'*-(diphenylmethylene)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1j)** Yellow solid (1.80g, 87%); mp 94 – 99 °C; IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1576, 1447, 1379, 1345, 1320, 1306, 1169, 1127, 1104, 1058, 1026; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 8.39 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 1.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (bs, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 1.3 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.47 (td, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 1.8 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 7H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 155.2, 137.8, 136.3, 135.0, 134.4, 133.2, 131.1, 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 119.7; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 438.9915, found 438.9913.



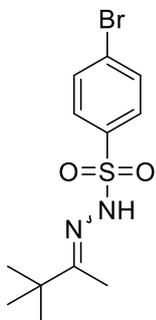
**4-bromo-*N'*-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1k)** White solid (1.59g, 84%); mp 178 – 181 °C; IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3200, 1570, 1468, 1389, 1338, 1315, 1279, 1167, 1078, 1065, 1050, 1006; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.96 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 1.3 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 2.3 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (p, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 140.0, 137.6, 132.4, 131.4, 130.0, 129.8, 128.6, 126.7, 125.1, 123.2, 29.4, 25.6, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 402.9915, found 402.9914.



**4-bromo-*N'*-(1-phenylethylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1l)<sup>2</sup>** White solid (1.46g, 83%); mp 171 – 175 °C; **IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3213, 1576, 1409, 1389, 1342, 1303, 1168, 1086, 1069, 1049, 1011; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ (ppm): 7.98 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.68 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 2.21 – 2.18 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ (ppm): 153.5, 137.5, 137.2, 132.4, 130.0, 129.8, 128.6, 126.4, 13.6; **HRMS (ESI) *m/z*:** (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 376.9758, found 376.9755.

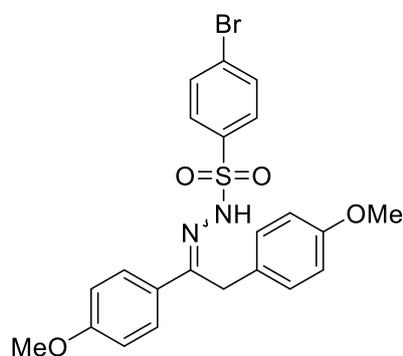


***N'*-benzylidene-4-bromobenzenesulfonohydrazide (1m)<sup>3</sup>** White solid (1.30g, 77%); mp 159 – 161 °C; **IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3177, 1573, 1420, 1389, 1359, 1327, 1309, 1225, 1173, 1091, 1067, 1042, 1010; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ (ppm): 8.13 (bs, 1H), 7.88 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.339 – 7.32 (m, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ (ppm): 148.7, 137.4, 133.0, 132.5, 130.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6; **HRMS (ESI) *m/z*:** (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 362.9602, found 362.9600.

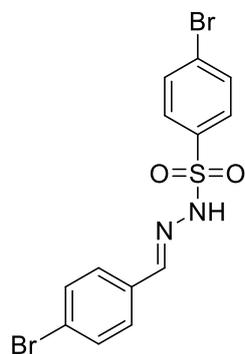


**4-bromo-*N'*-(3,3-dimethylbutan-2-ylidene)benzenesulfonohydrazide (1n)** White solid (1.27g, 76%); mp 179 – 182 °C; **IR (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3218, 1574, 1468, 1389, 1341, 1234, 1172, 1125, 1090, 1069, 1040, 1003; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ (ppm): 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 9H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75**

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 164.8, 137.4, 132.1, 129.9, 128.3, 39.0, 27.6, 12.0; **HRMS** (ESI)  $m/z$ : (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 357.0071, found 357.0068.

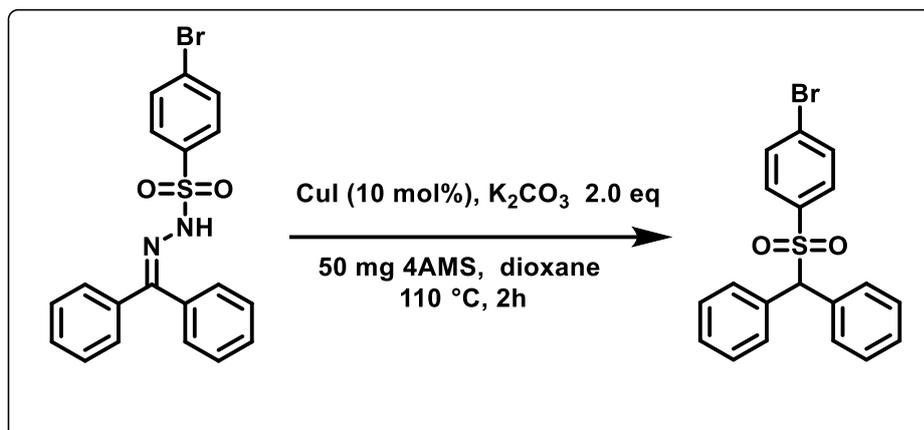


***N'*-(1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)ethylidene)-4-bromobenzenesulfonylhydrazide (1o)** Yellow solid (1.74g, 71%); **mp** 142 – 145 °C; **IR** (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3201, 1610, 1576, 1510, 1470, 1397, 1363, 1318, 1298, 1260, 1244, 1178, 1167, 1067, 1030, 1002; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.76 – 7.56 (m, 6H), 6.90 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 6.72 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 1.4H), 3.81 (s, 2.2H), 3.78 (s, 2.6H), 3.77 (s, 1.3H), 3.67 (s, 0.5H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 161.3, 159.0, 154.7, 137.4, 132.4, 132.2, 131.1, 130.5, 130.2, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 125.3, 115.0, 114.1, 114.0, 55.5, 55.4, 55.3, 44.5, 44.0, 32.6; **HRMS** (ESI)  $m/z$ : (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>S calcd. 513.0283, found 513.0279.



**(*E*)-4-bromo-*N'*-(4-bromobenzylidene)benzenesulfonylhydrazide (1p)** White solid (mg, 87%); **mp** 213 - 214 °C; **R<sub>f</sub>** = 0.3 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 8/2); **IR** (film, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3176, 1572, 1466, 1362, 1334, 1278, 1169, 1088, 1063, 1005; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 11.72 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 146.5, 138.1, 132.8, 132.4, 131.8, 129.2, 128.7, 127.1, 123.5; **HRMS** (ESI)  $m/z$ : (M + H)<sup>+</sup> C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S calcd. 418.8888, found 418.8882.

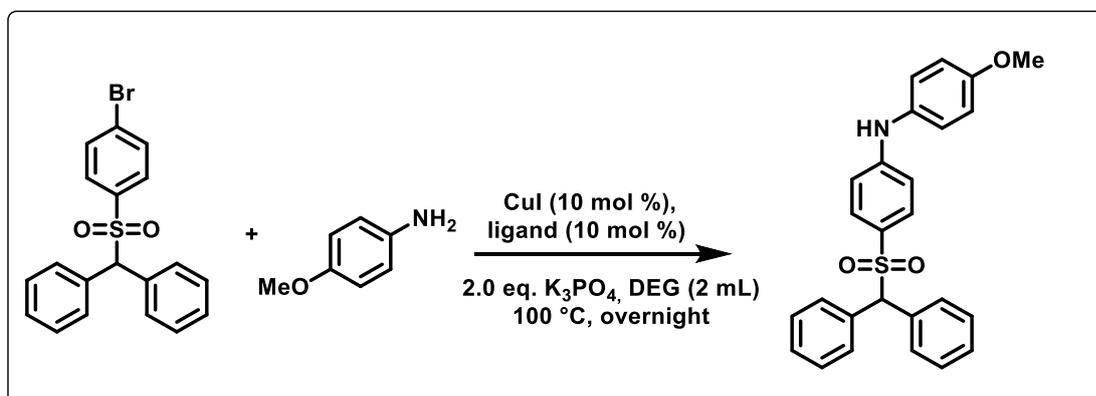
## 2. General procedure for the first step:



A 10 mL sealed tube with a magnetic stir bar charged with sulfonylhydrazones (0.3 mmol, 1 equiv),  $\text{CuI}$  (5.7 mg, 0.1 equiv),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (83 mg, 2 equiv), 50 mg 4A MS, and the mixture was put under argon atmosphere for five minutes, and then dioxane (2 mL) was added. The reaction vessel was placed in a preheated oil bath at  $110\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and then stirring at this temperature for 2 h. After the total consumption of the starting material (TLC), the reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to ambient temperature. The crude was purified by column chromatography flash on silica gel using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (8/2) as the eluent to afford the desired product.

**(((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)methylene)dibenzene (2a)** White solid (108 mg, 93%); **mp**  $172 - 173\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; **R<sub>f</sub>** = 0.3 (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate 7/3); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.55 - 7.45 (m, 8H), 7.35 - 7.31 (m, 6H), 5.28 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 137.5, 132.8, 132.1, 130.7, 130.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 76.7; **HRMS** (ESI)  $m/z$ :  $(\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$   $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNaO}_2\text{S}$  calcd. 408.9874, found 408.9878.

## 3. General procedure for the second step:

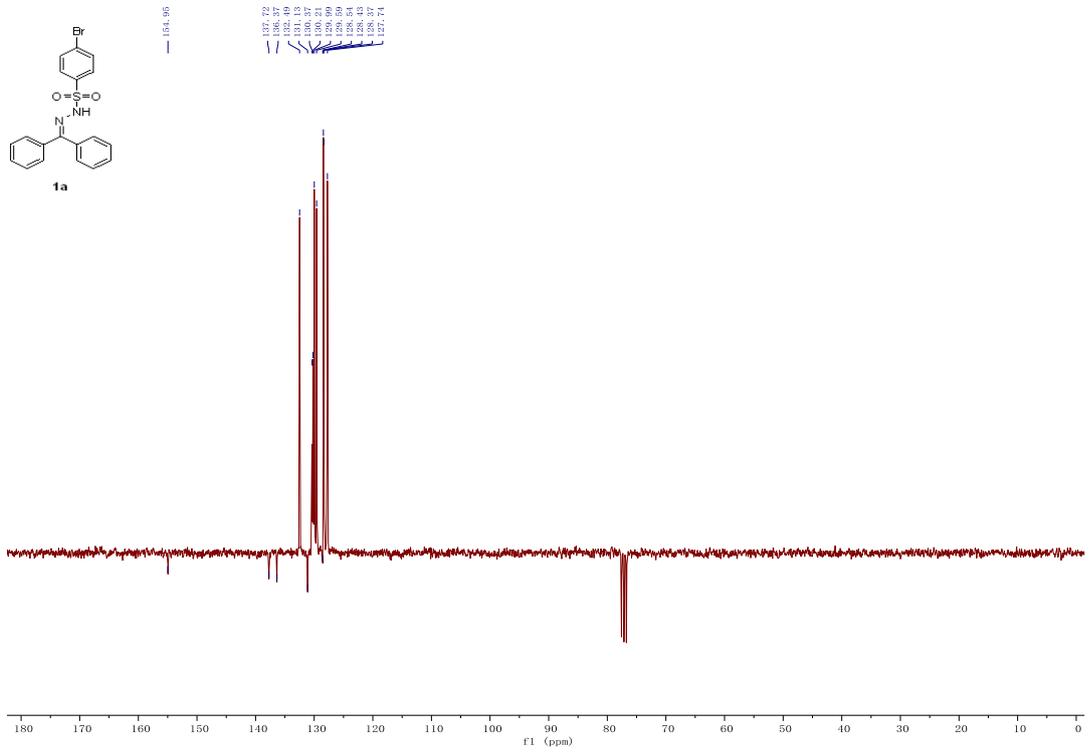
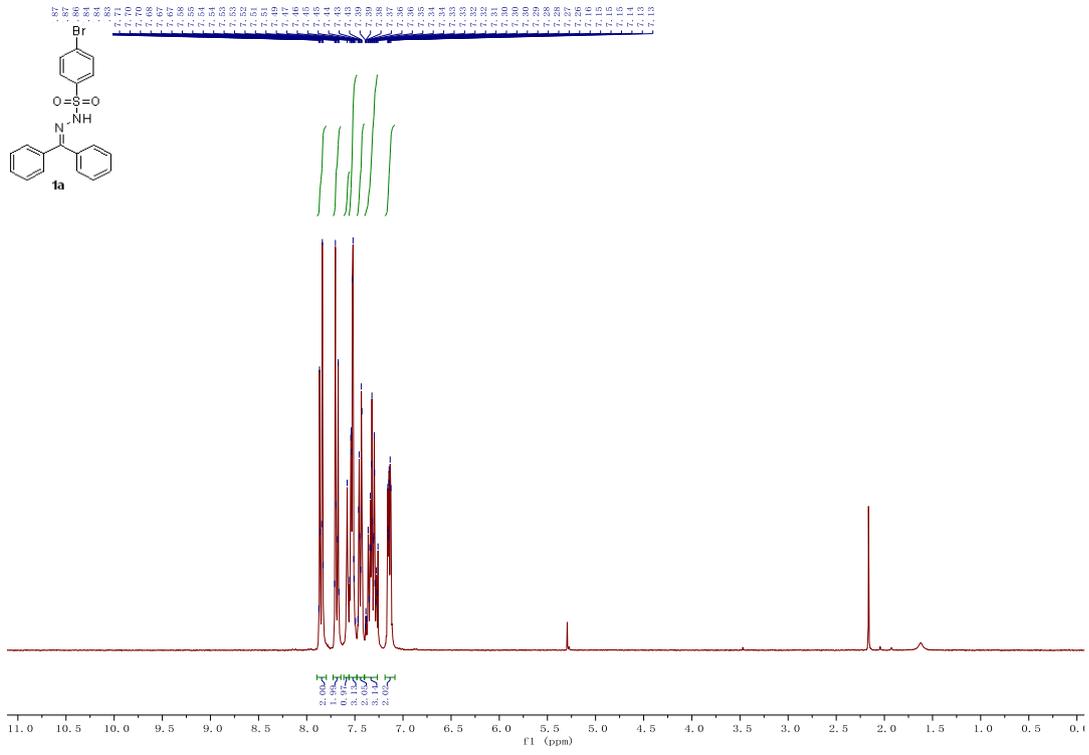


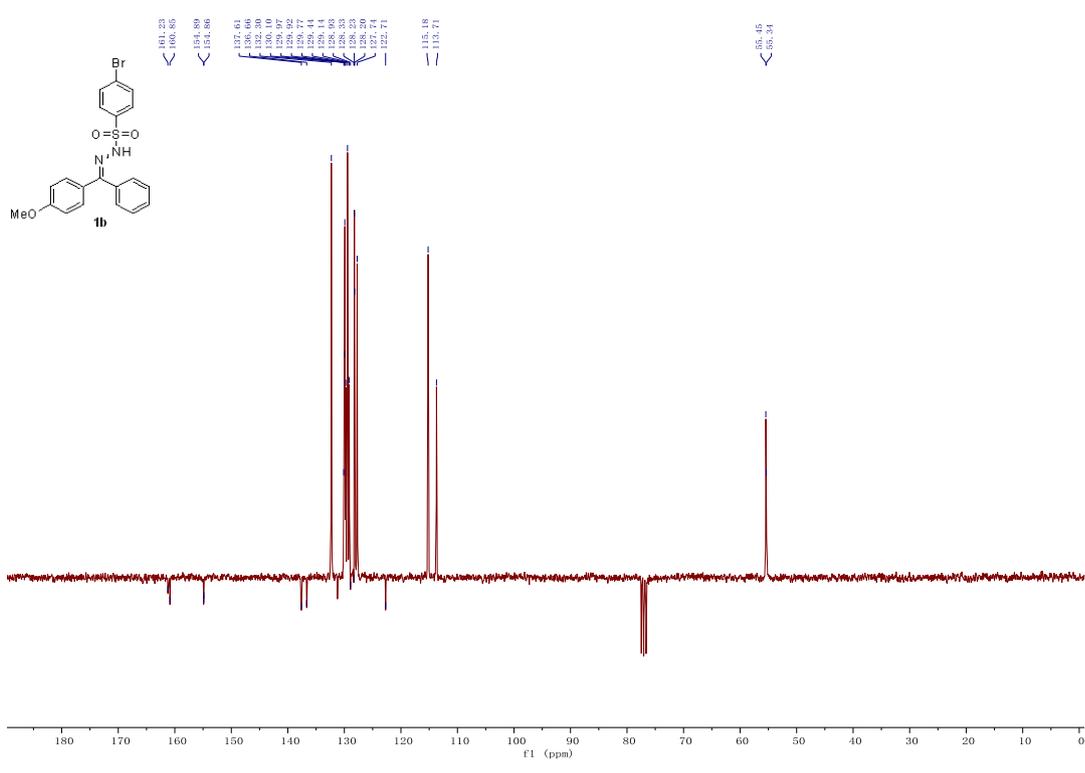
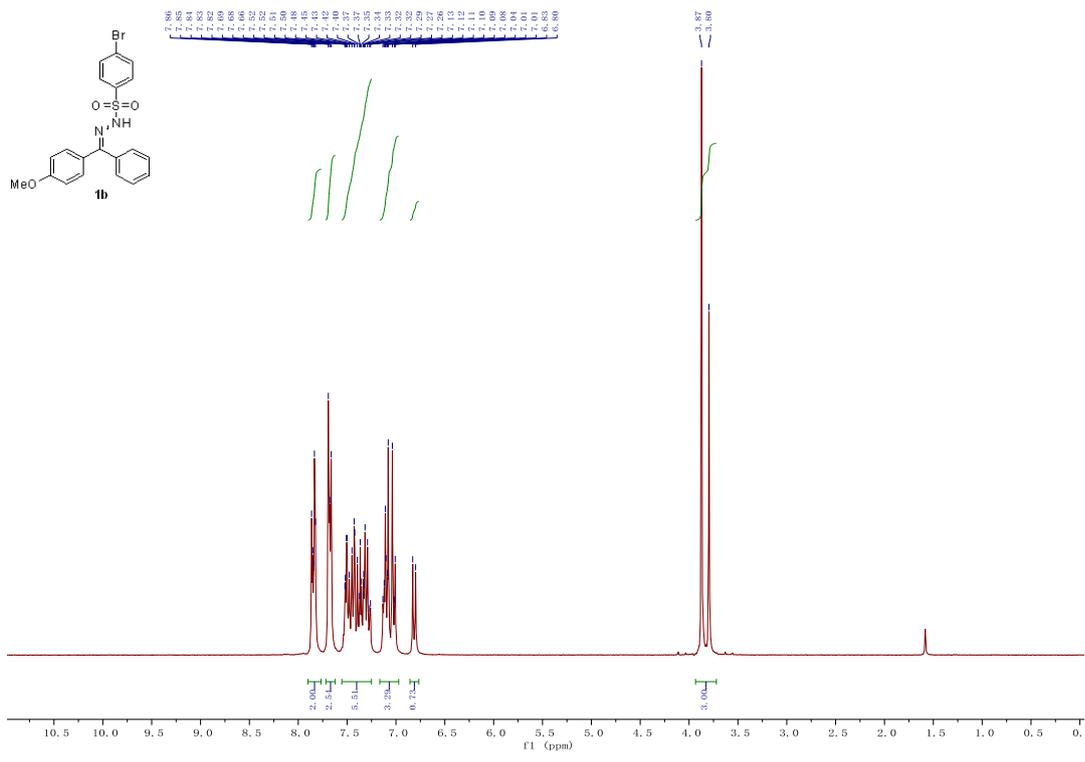
(((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)methyl)dibenzene (0.3 mmol, 1.0 eq), corresponding amine (1.2 eq),

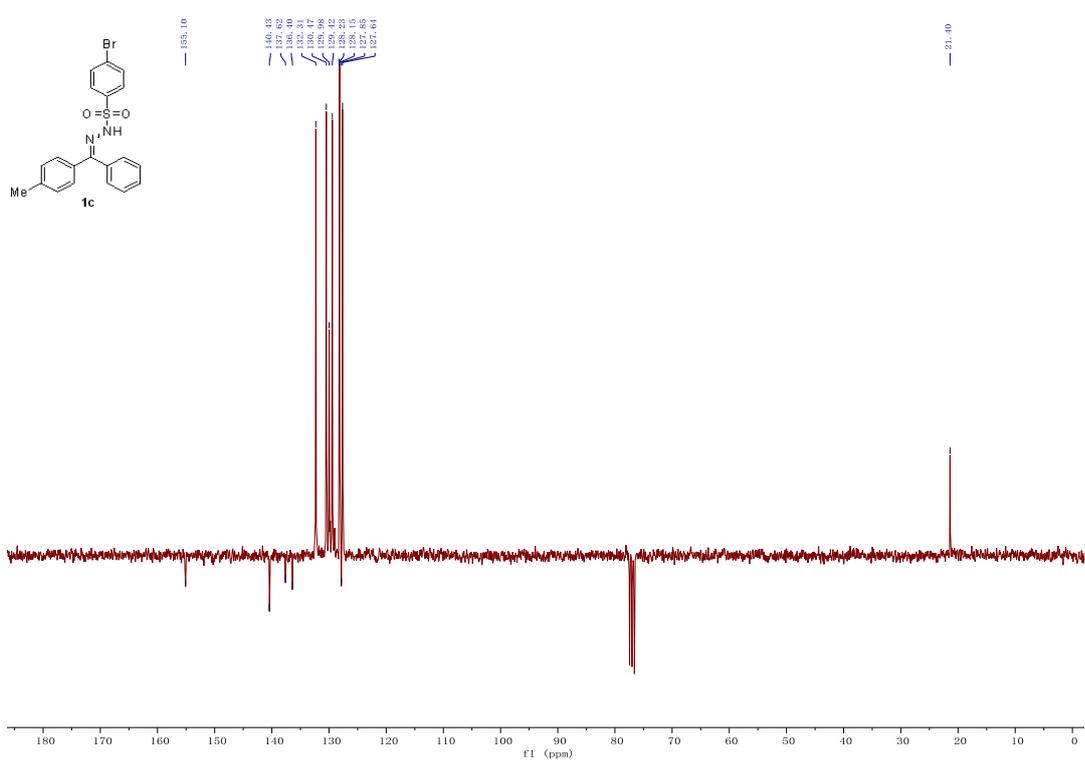
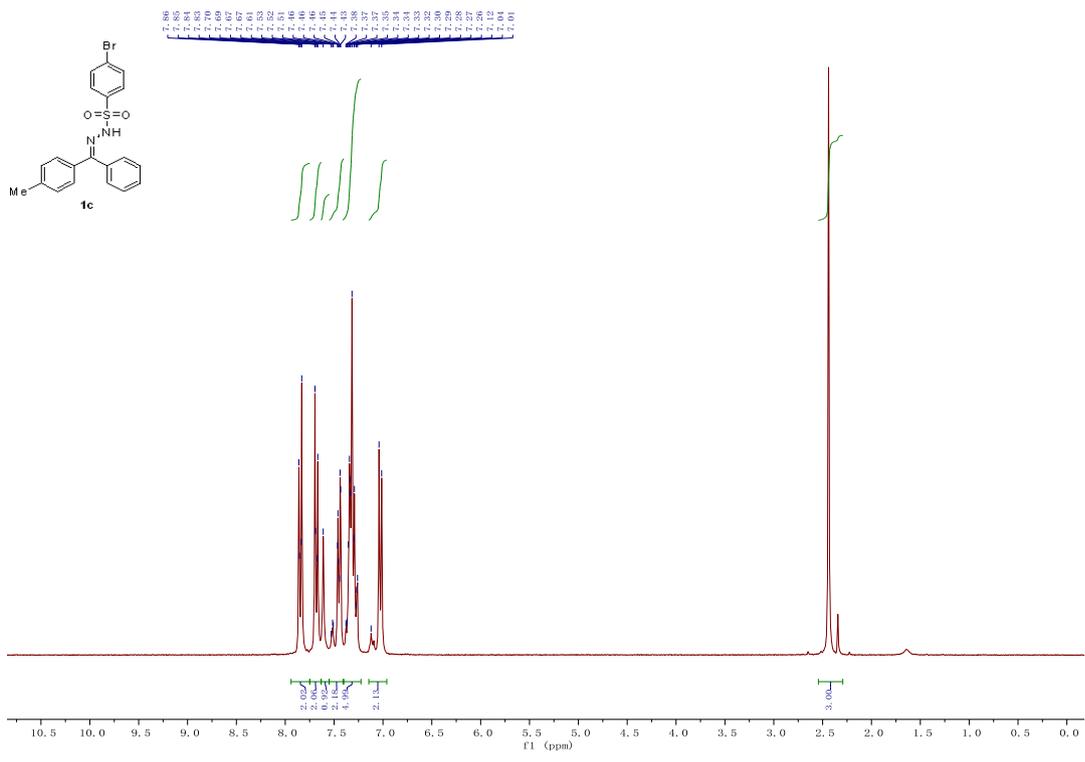
CuI (5.7 mg, 0.1 equiv), ligand (0.1 eq), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (127 mg, 2.0 eq) were mixed under argon atmosphere for five minutes, and 2 mL of solvent was added to the mixture. The reaction vessel was placed in a preheated oil bath and then stirring at this temperature overnight. After the total consumption of the starting material (TLC), the reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to ambient temperature and then extracted with MeOH/DCM (V/V 1/9). The organic layer was combined and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The crude was purified by column chromatography flash on silica gel using cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (7/3) as eluent to afford the desired product.

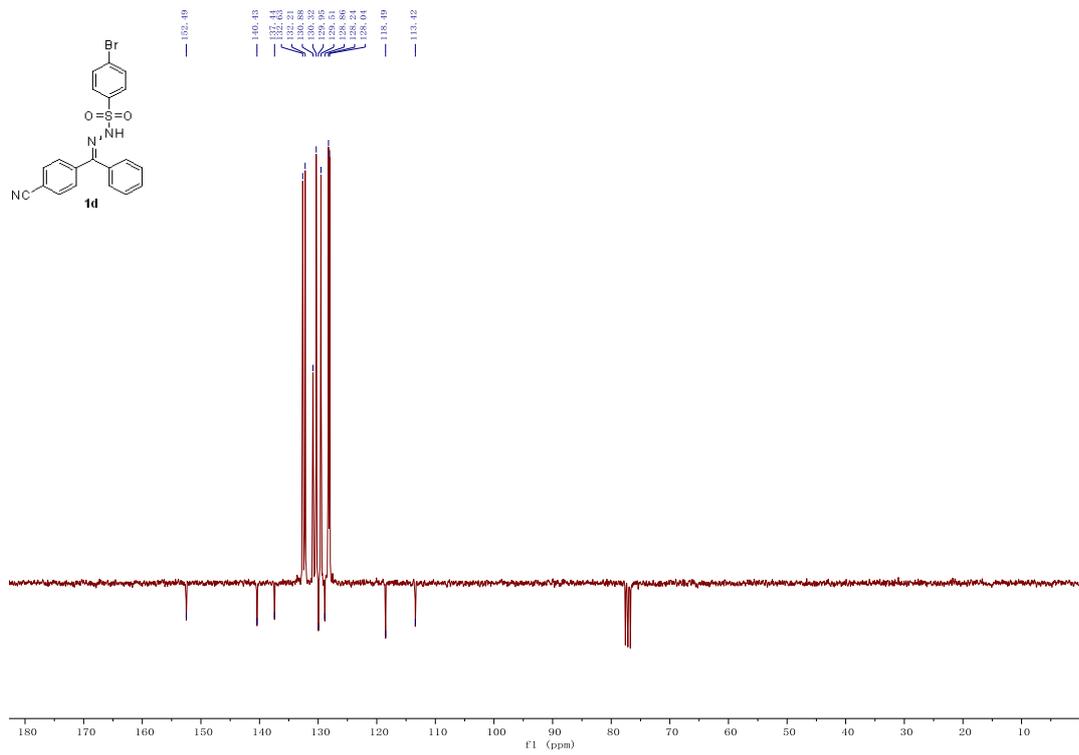
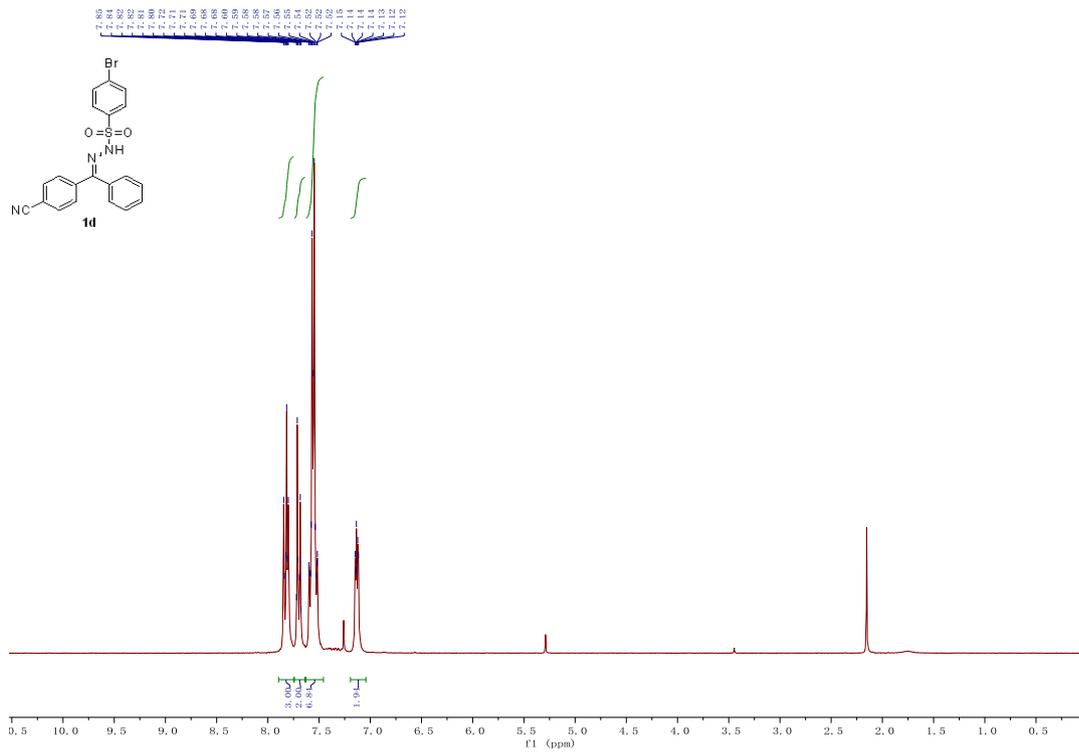
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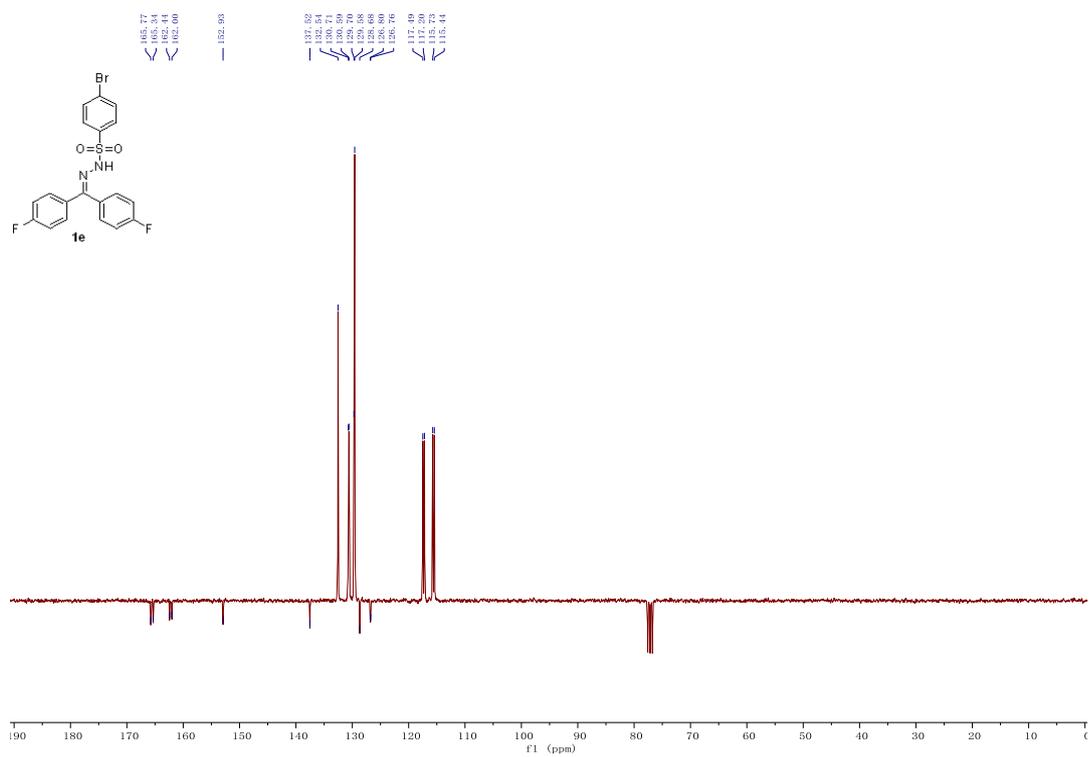
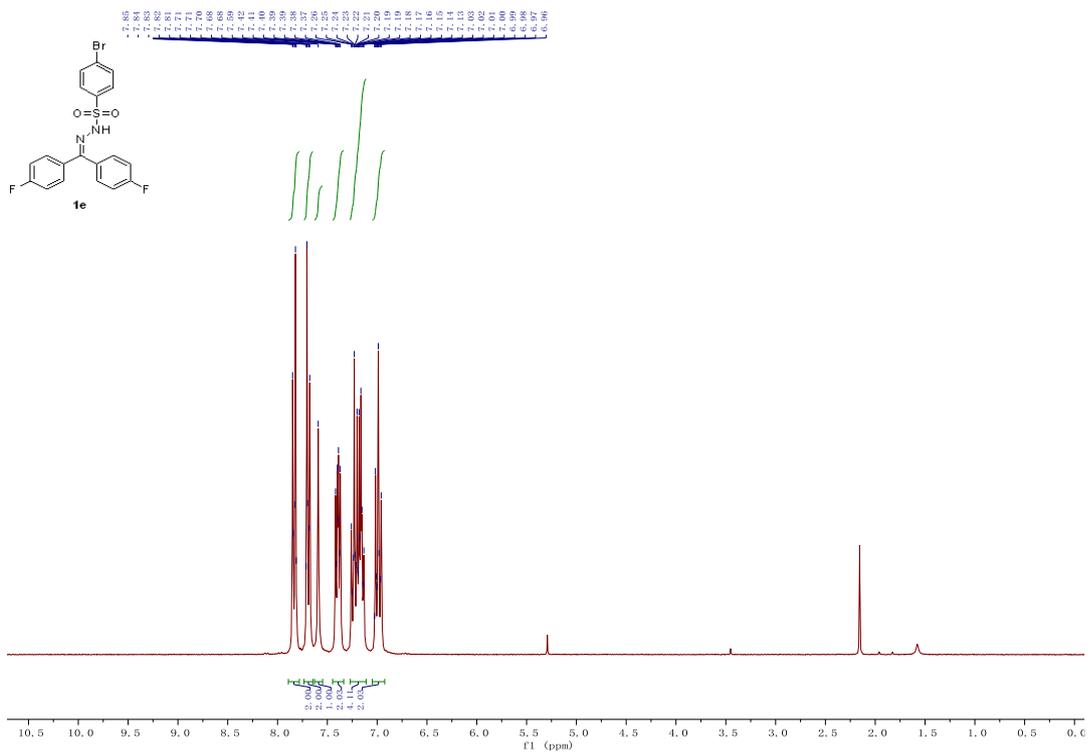
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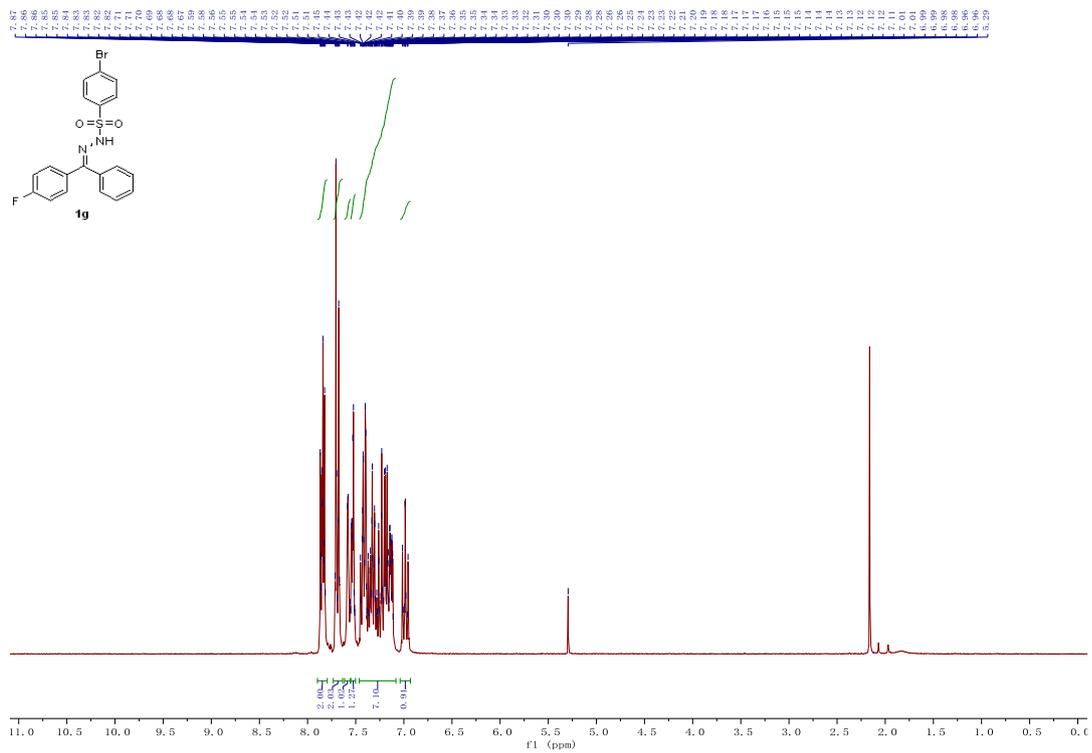
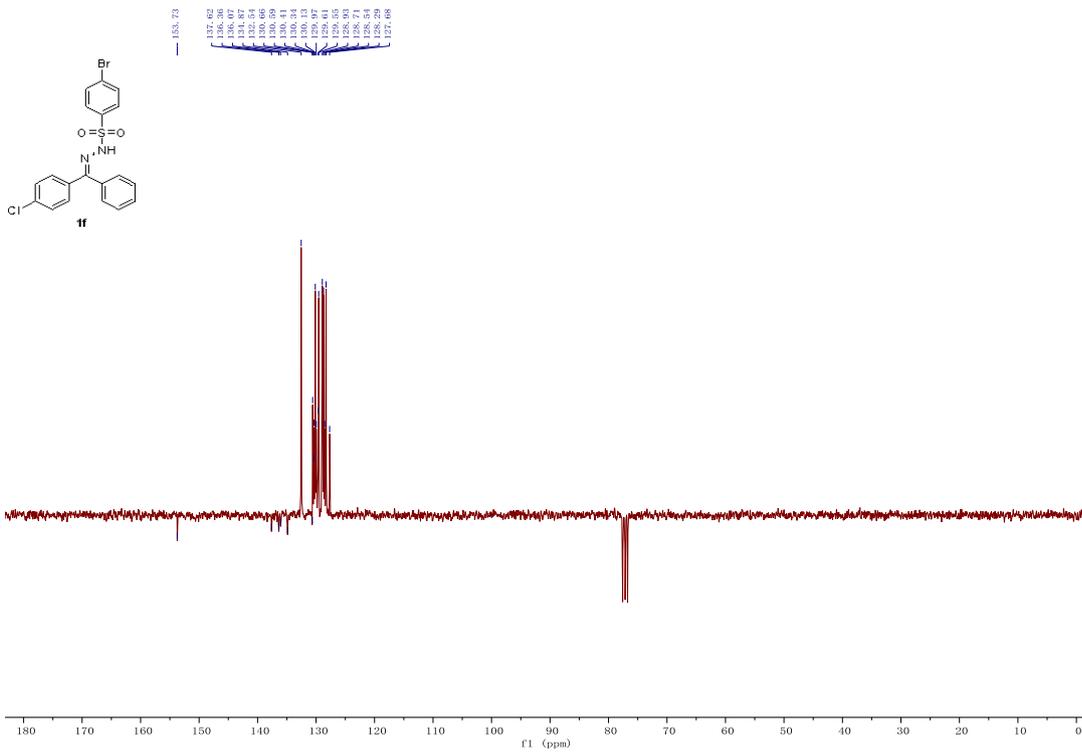


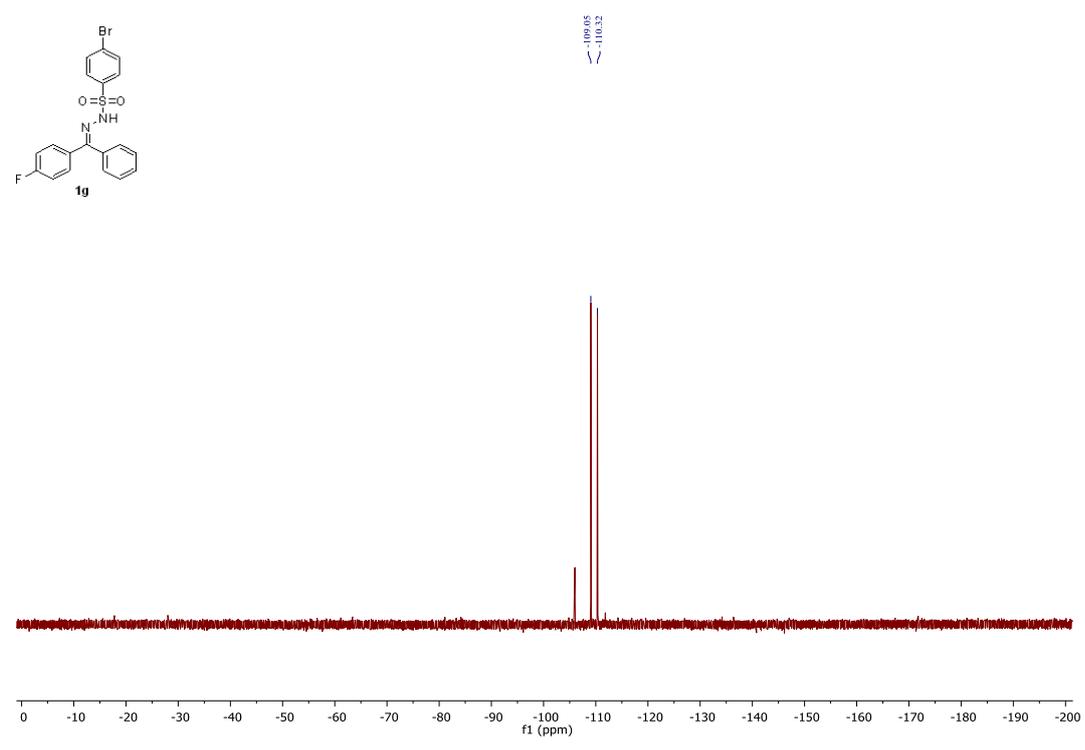
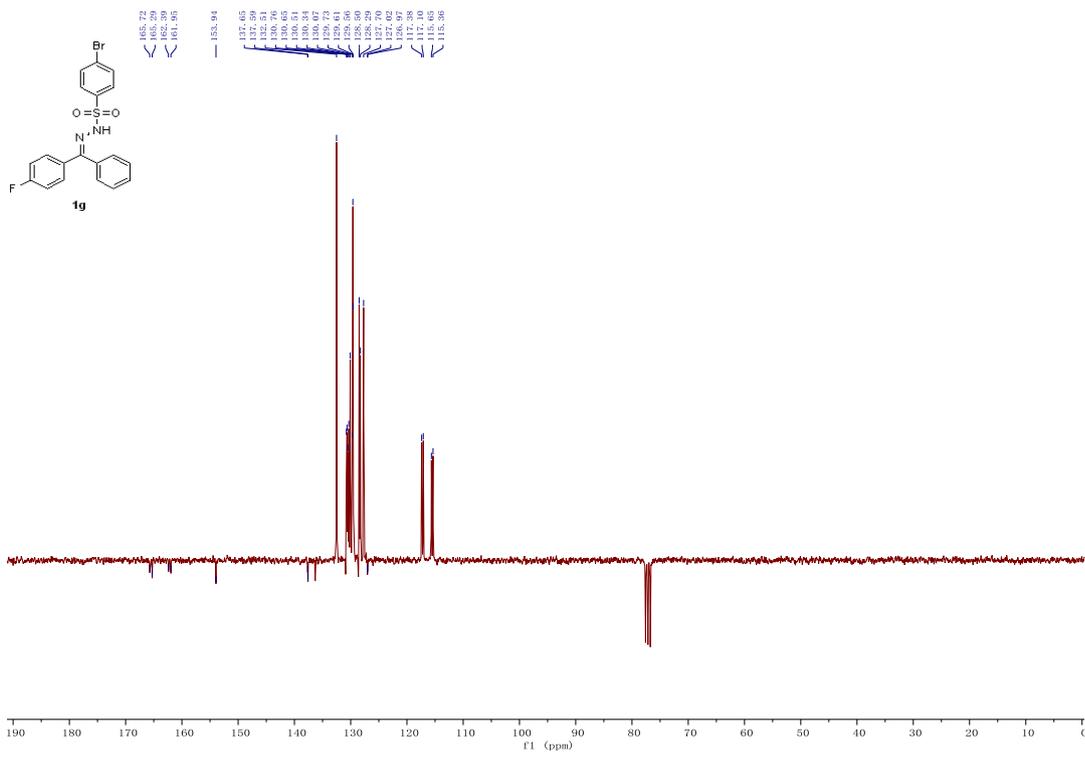


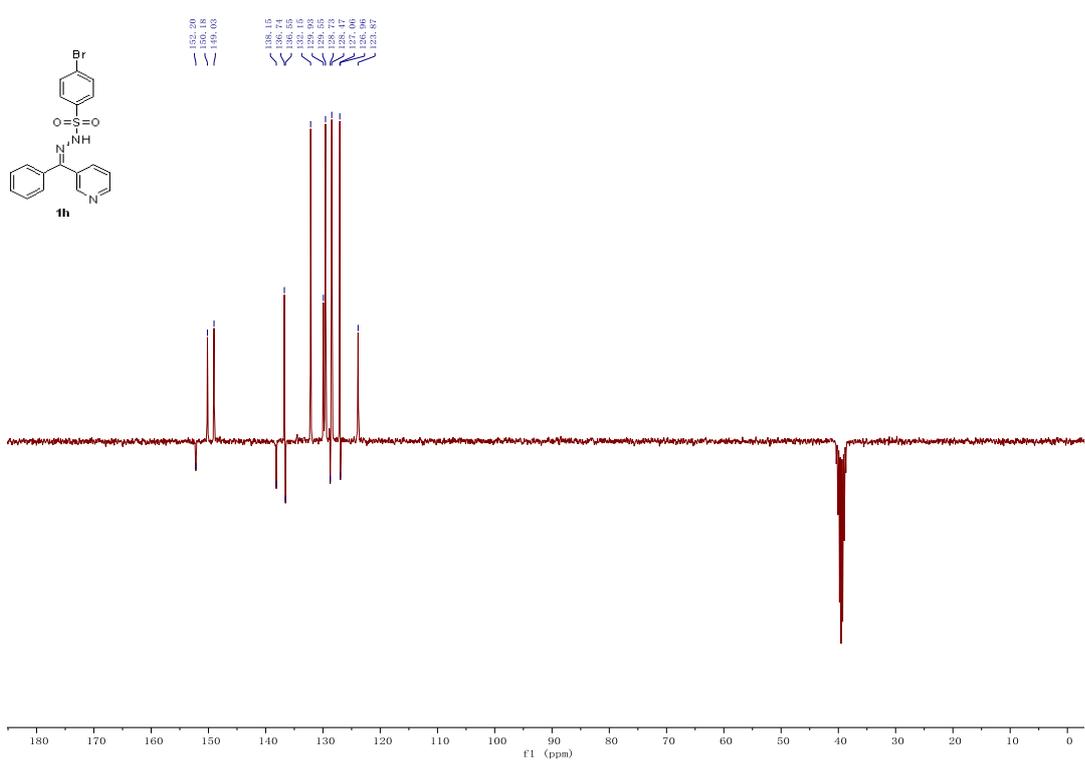
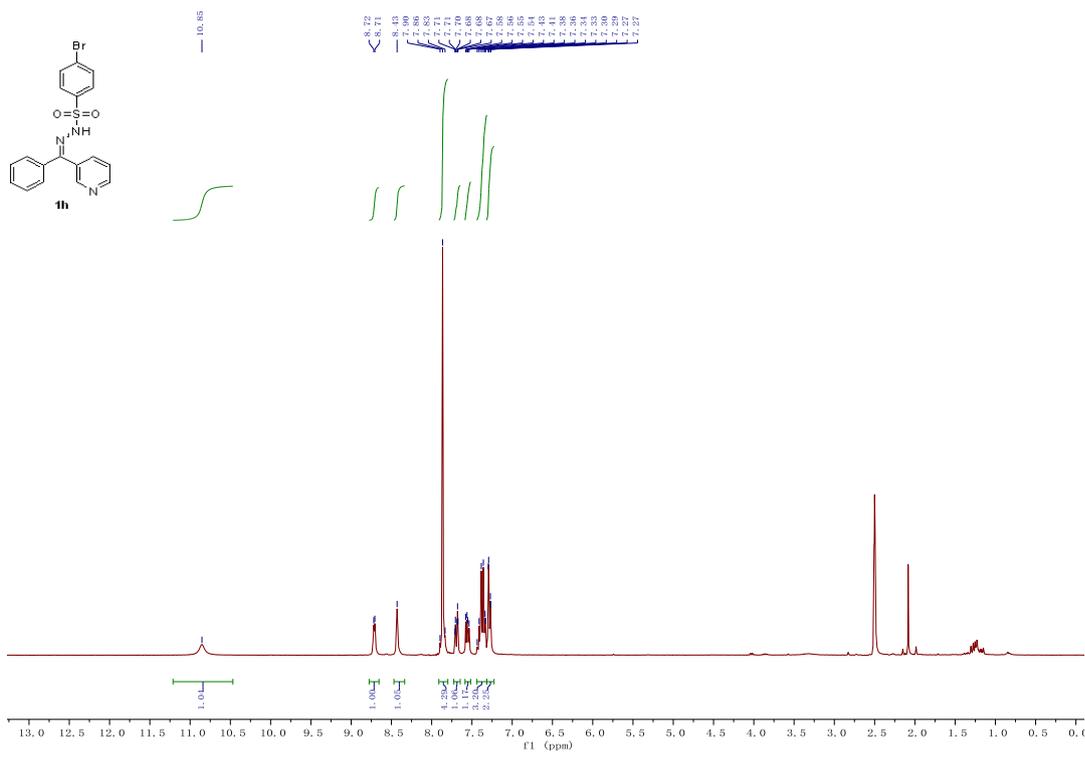




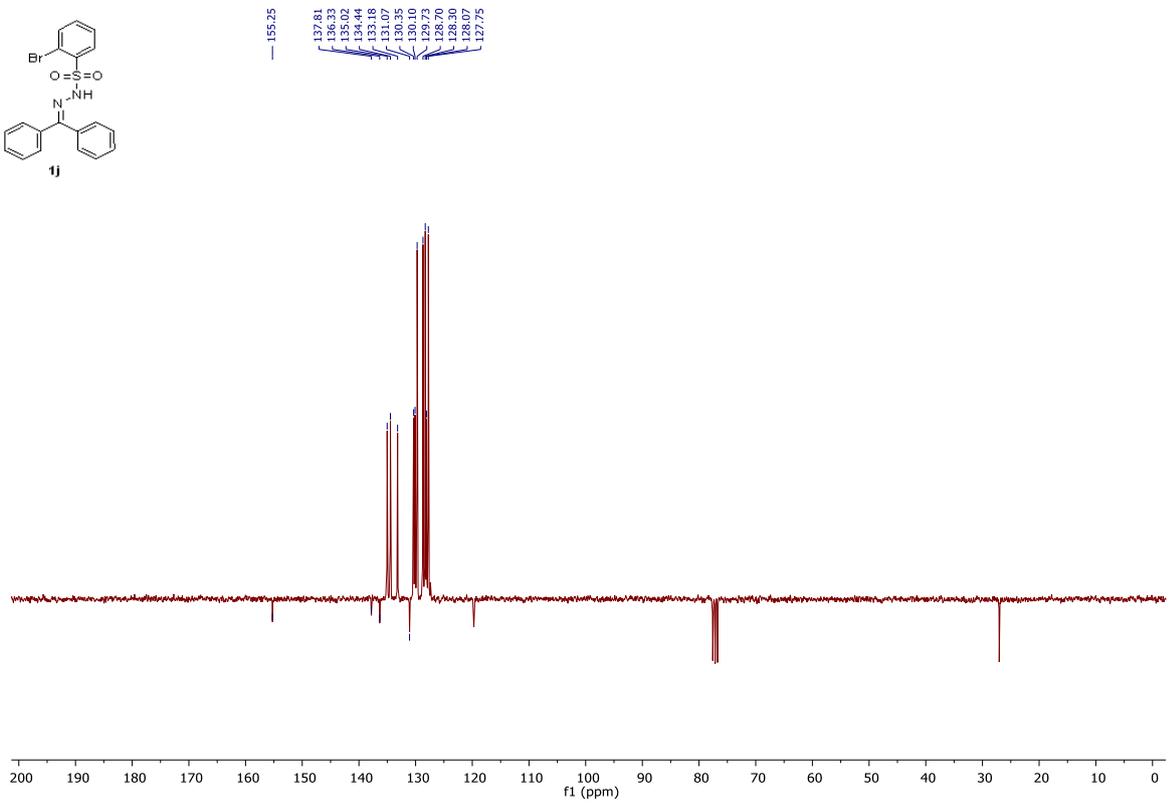
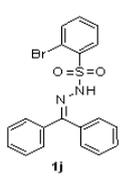
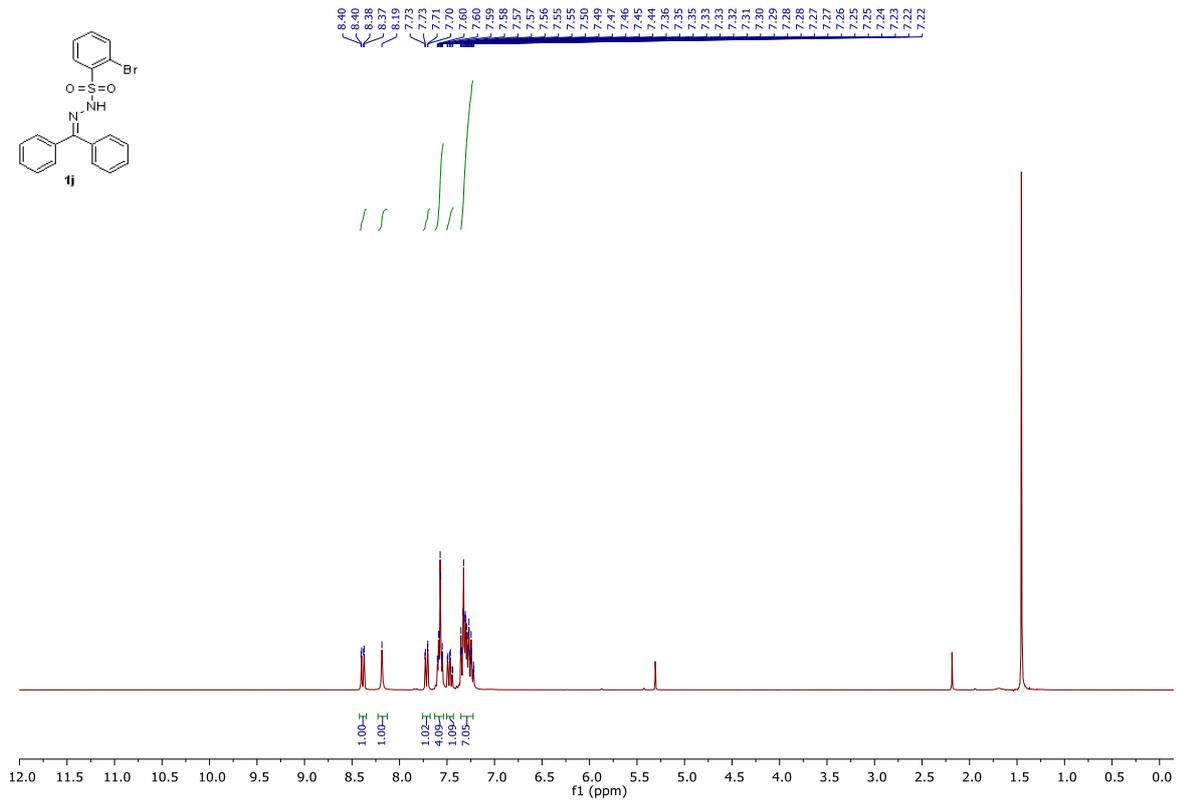
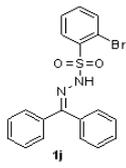


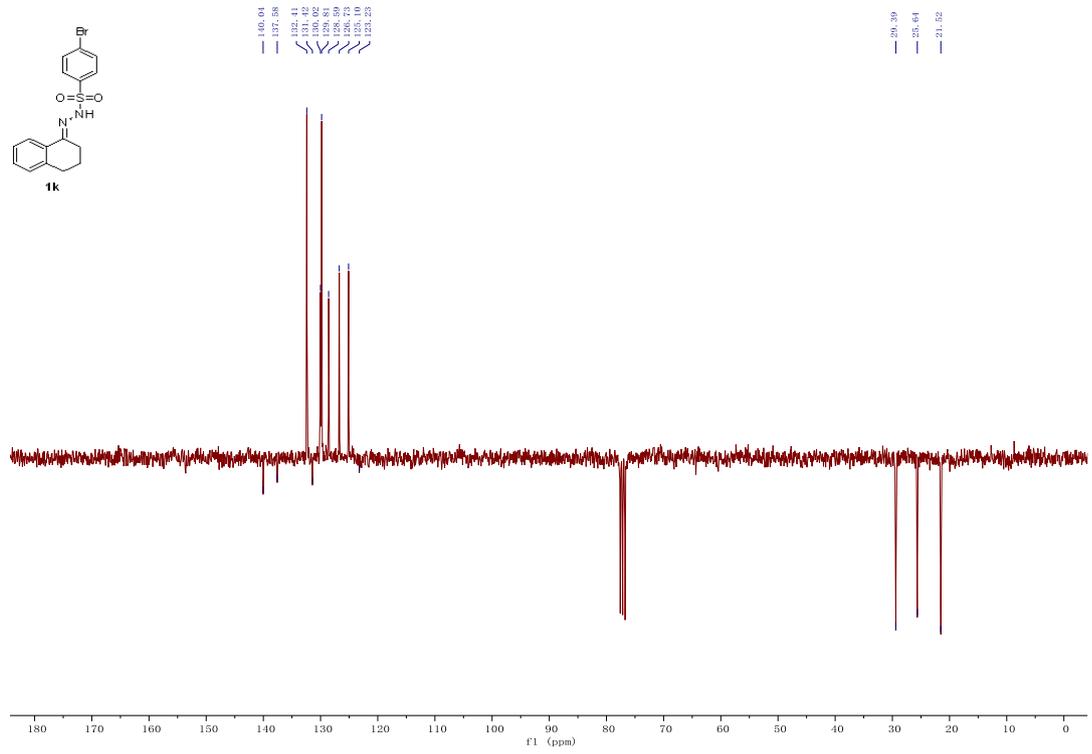
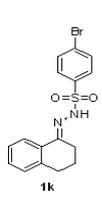
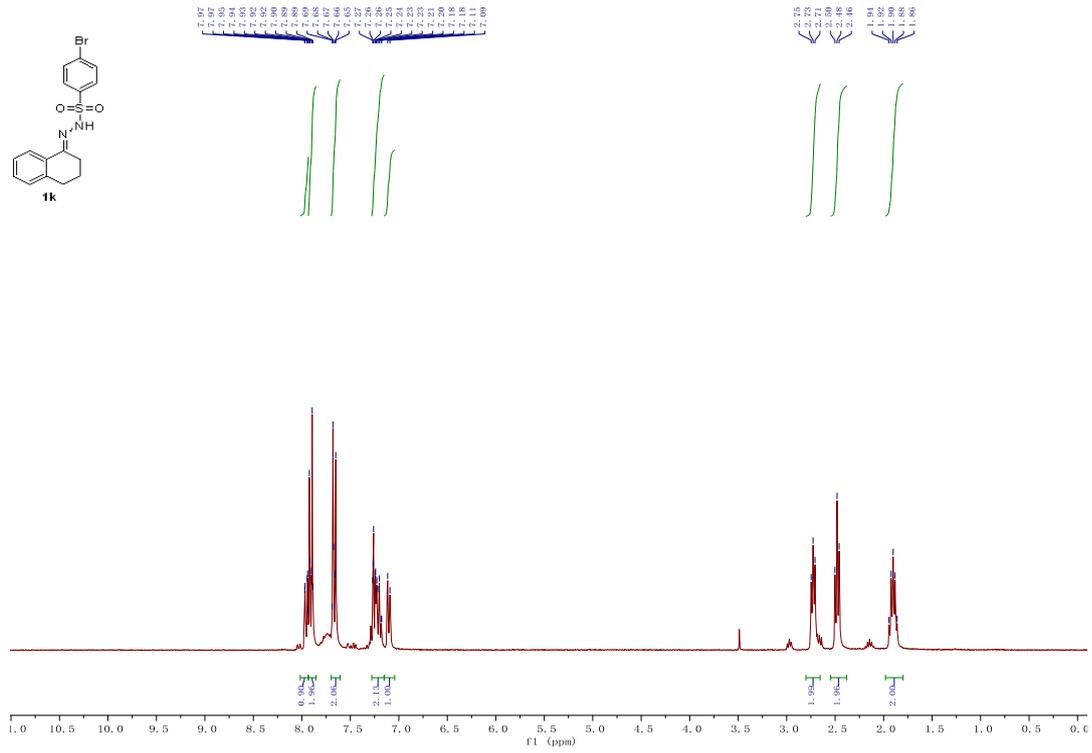
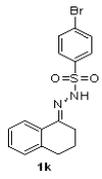


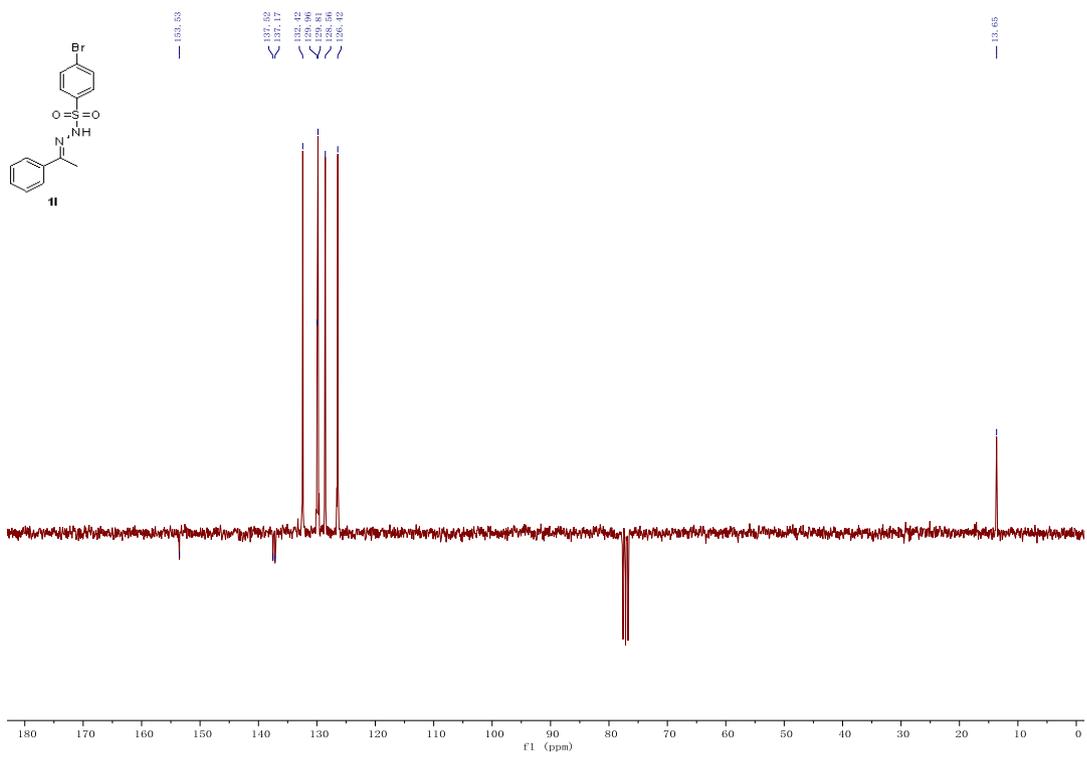
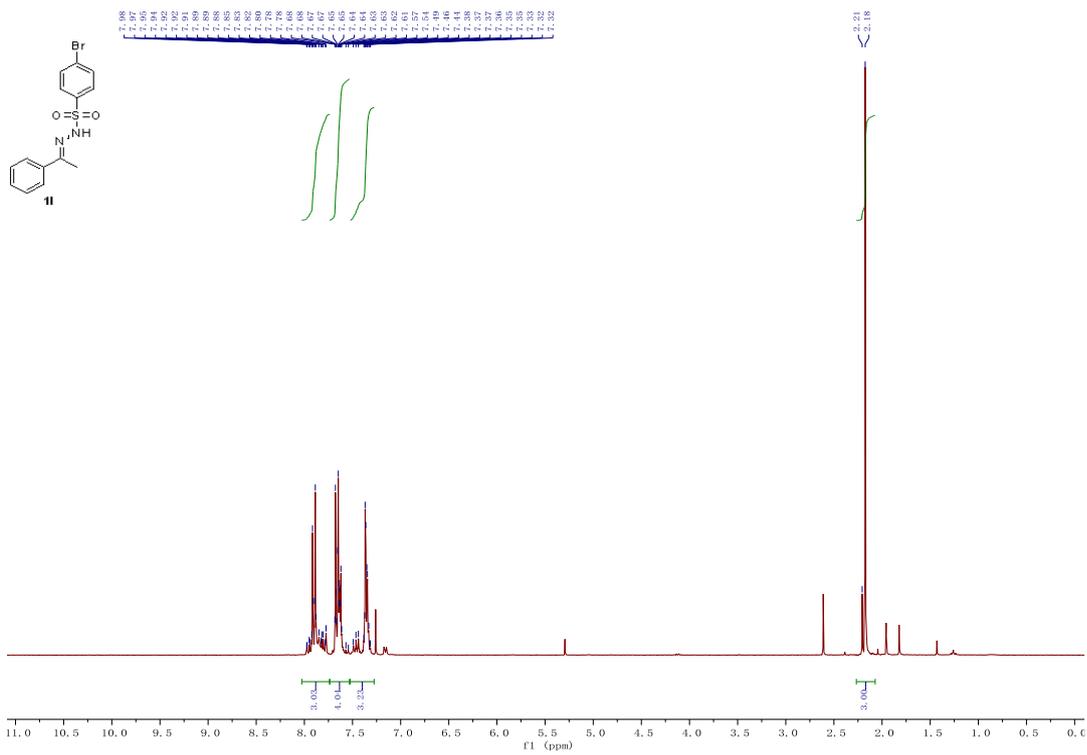


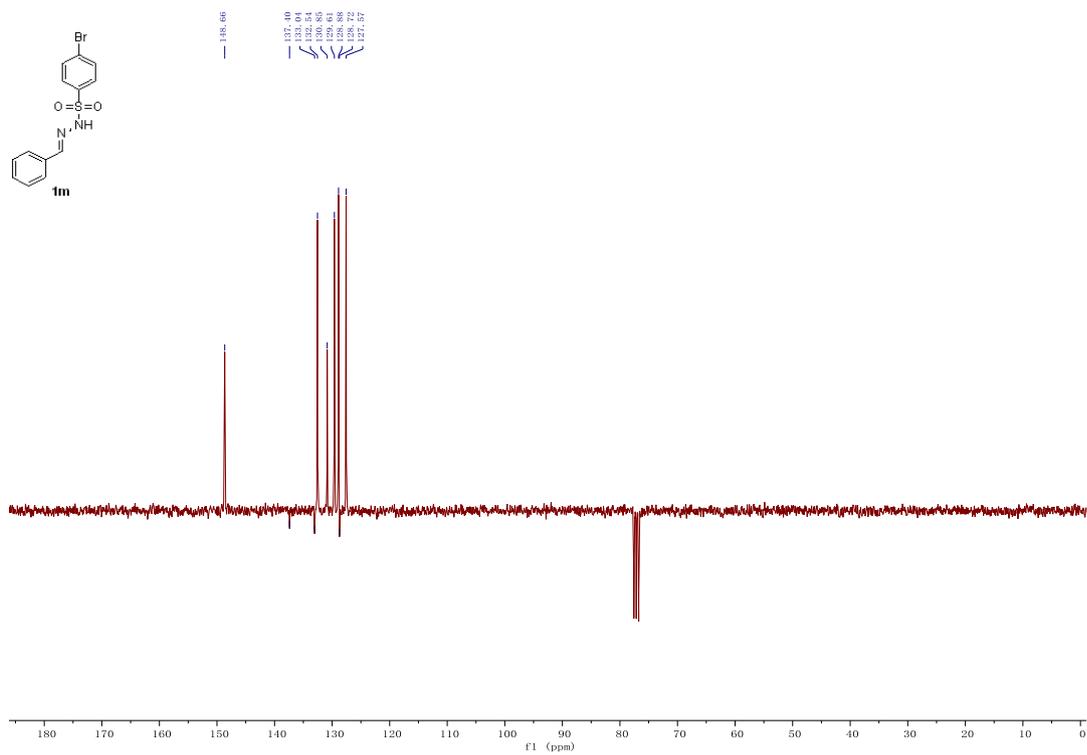
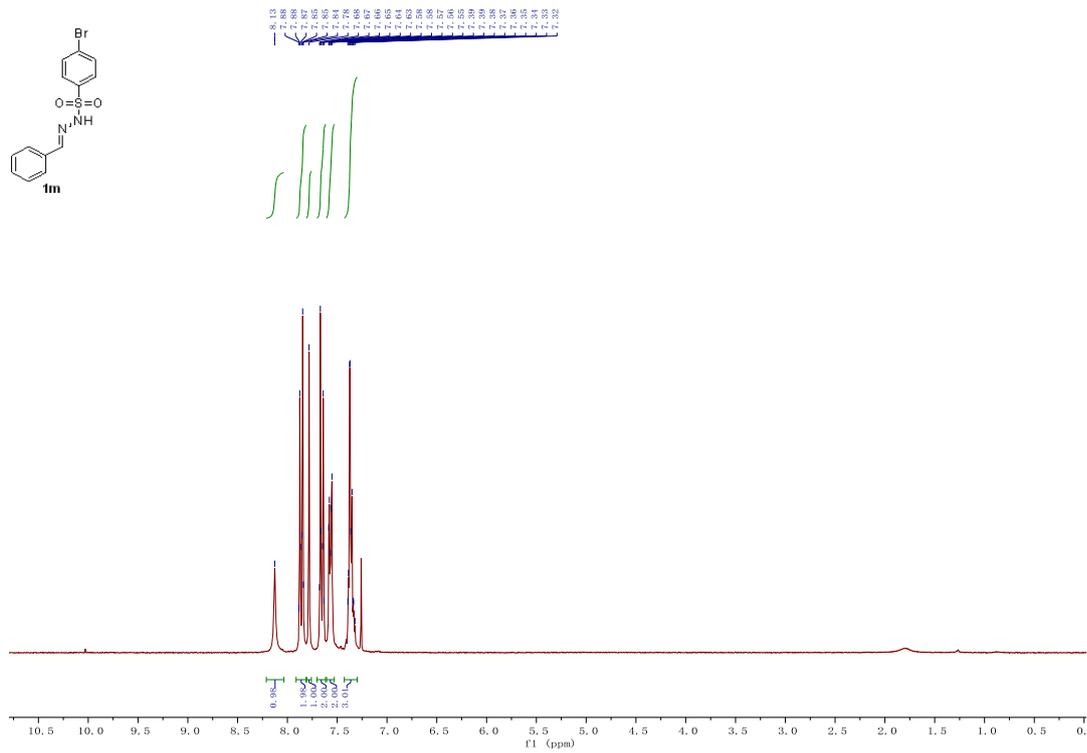
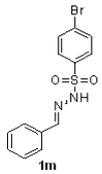


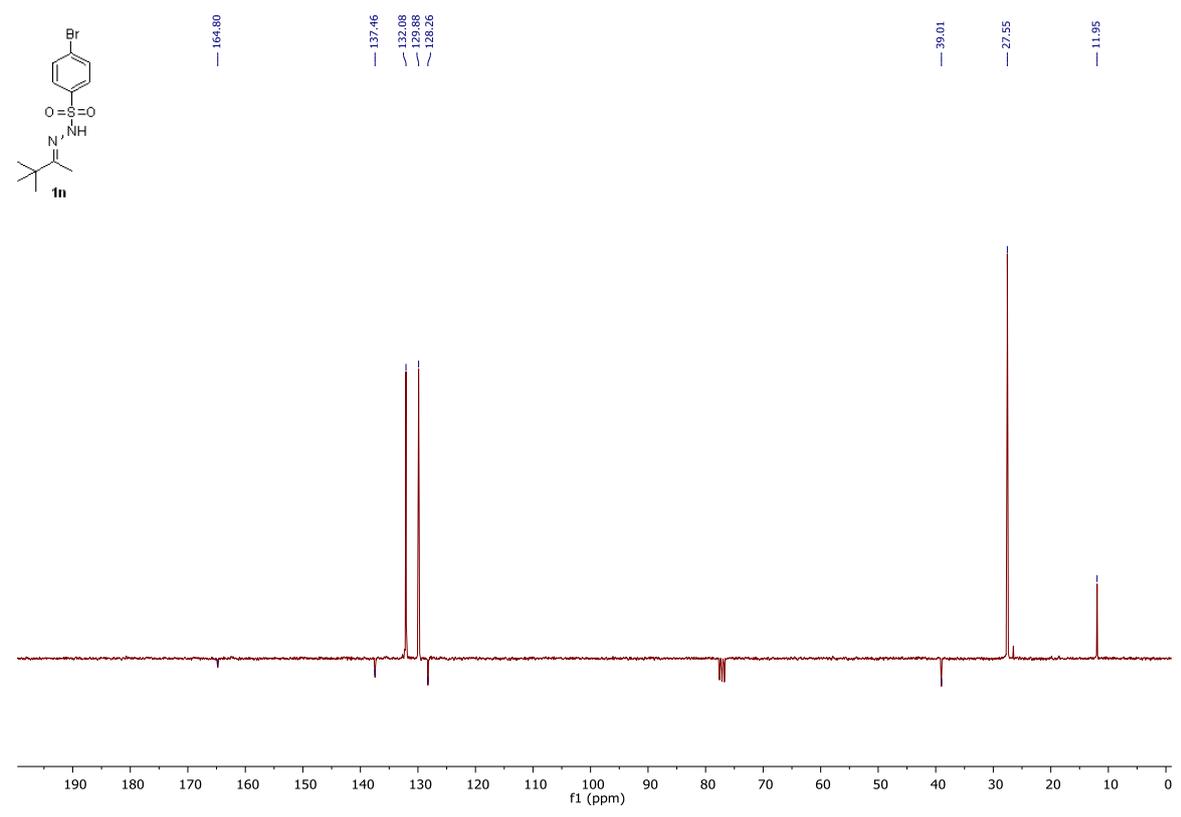
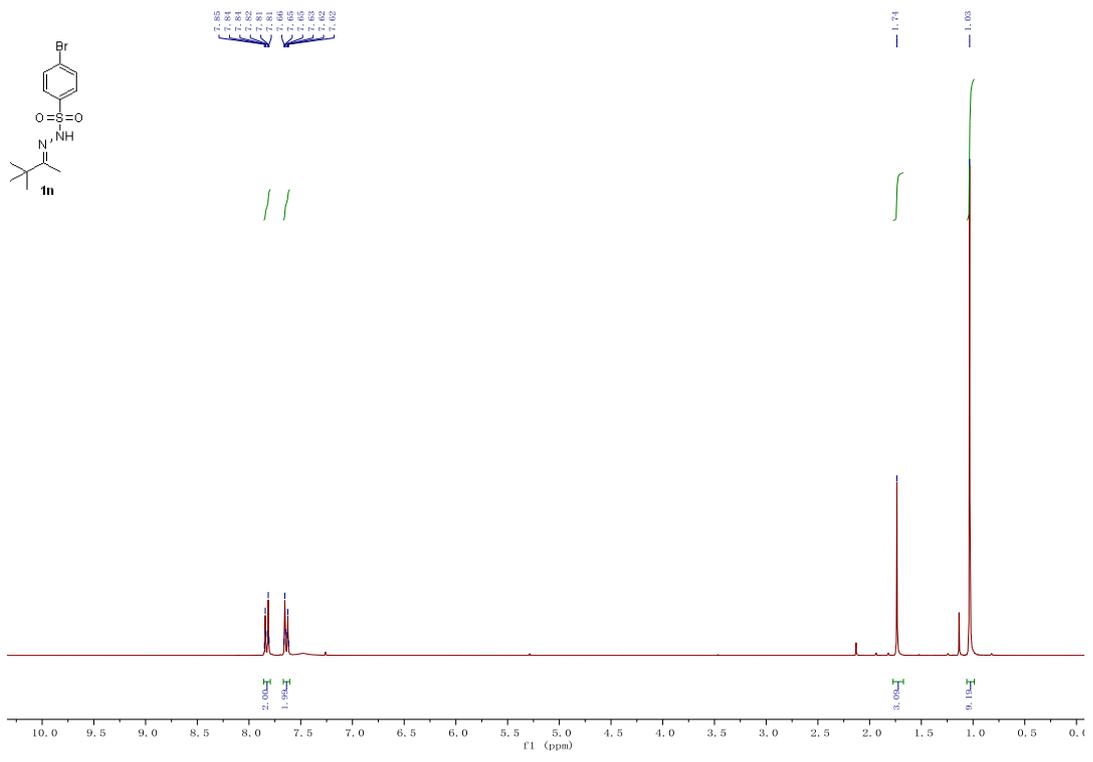


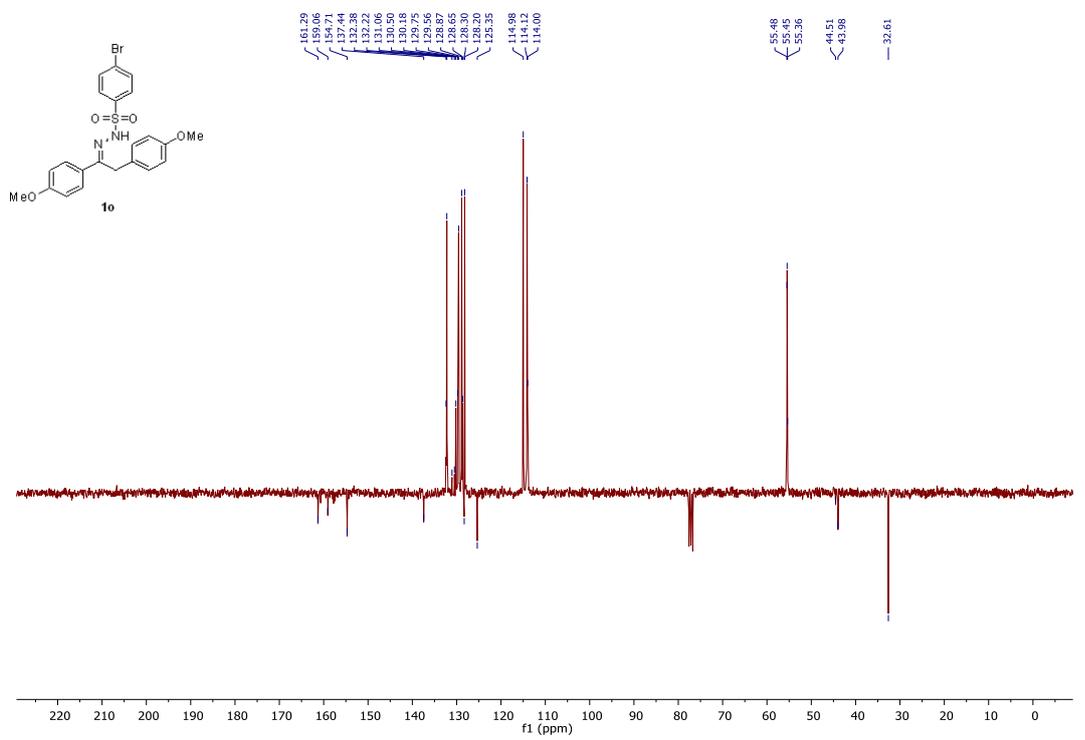
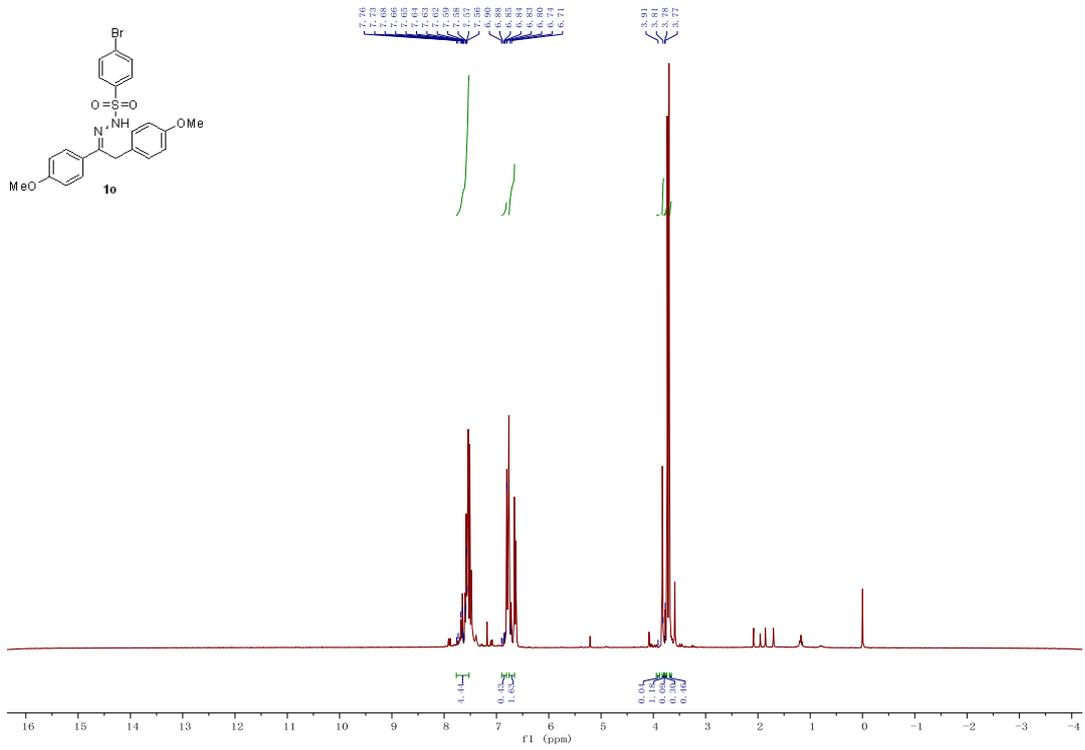




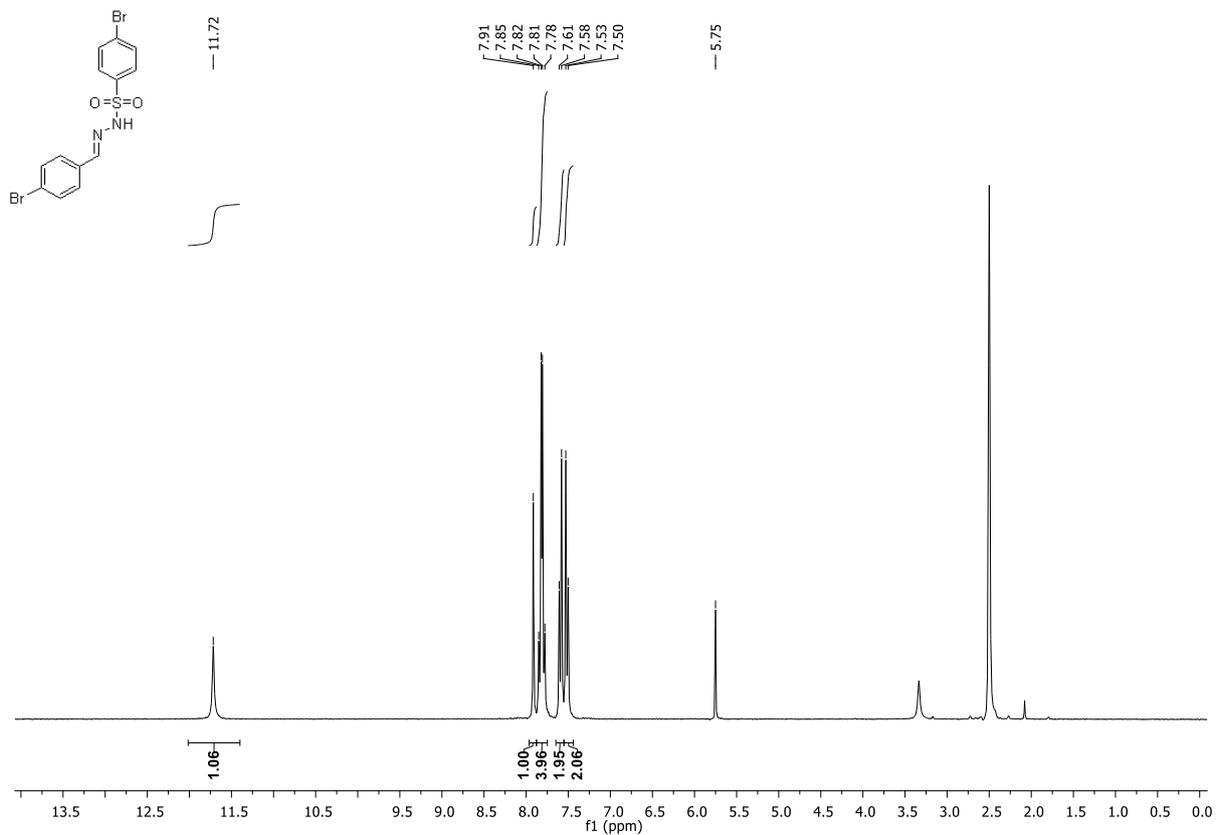




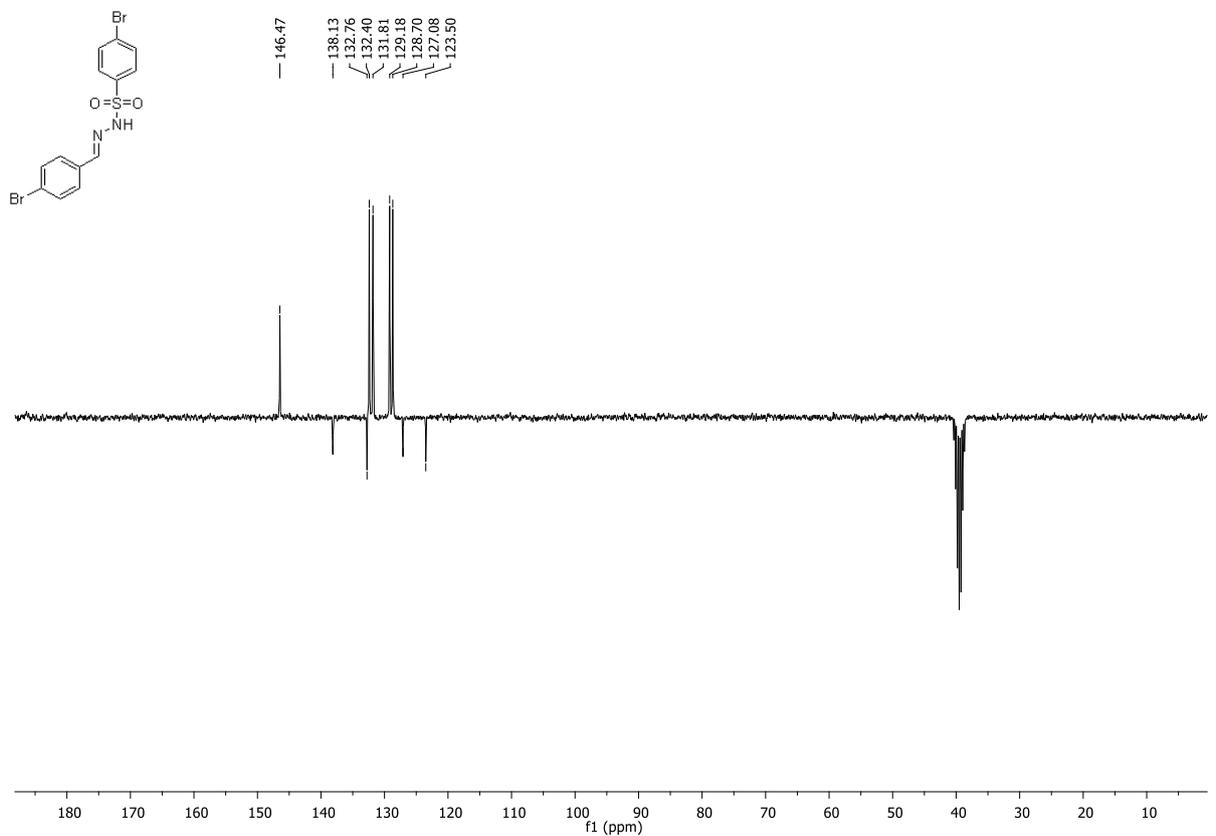


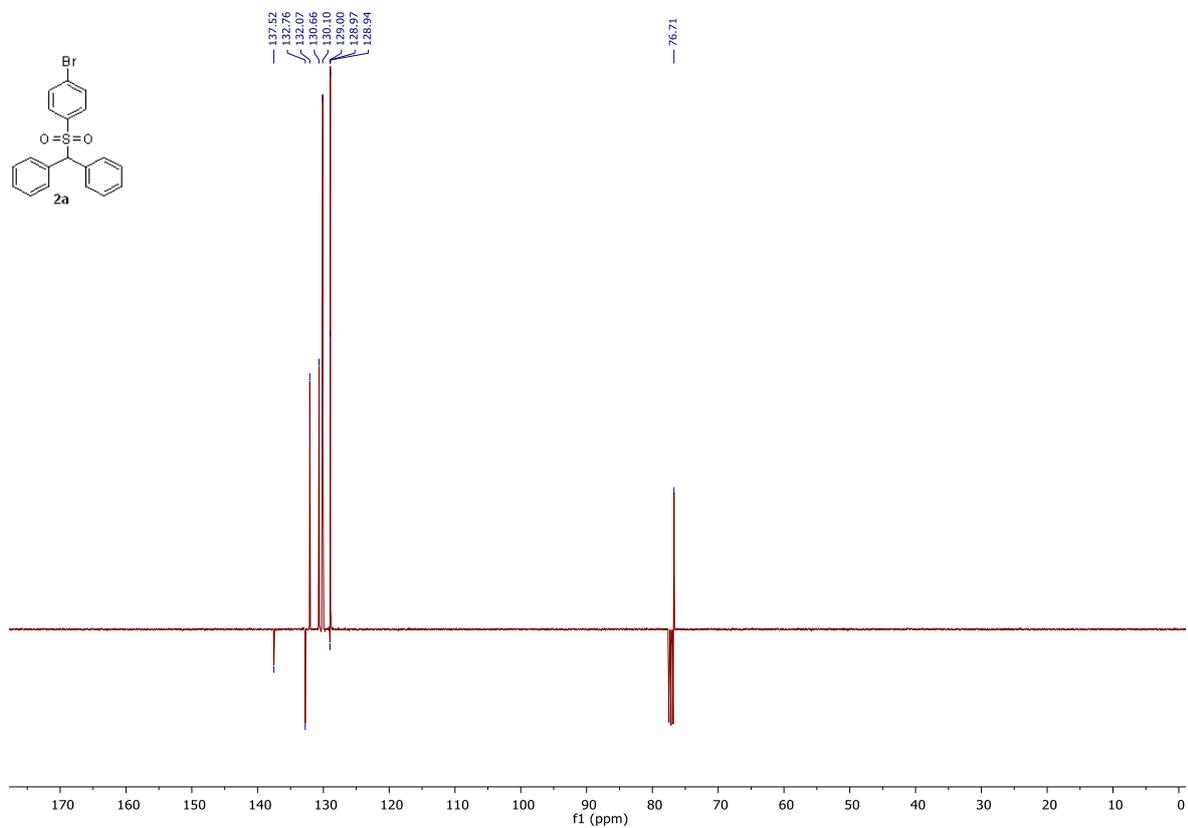
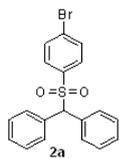
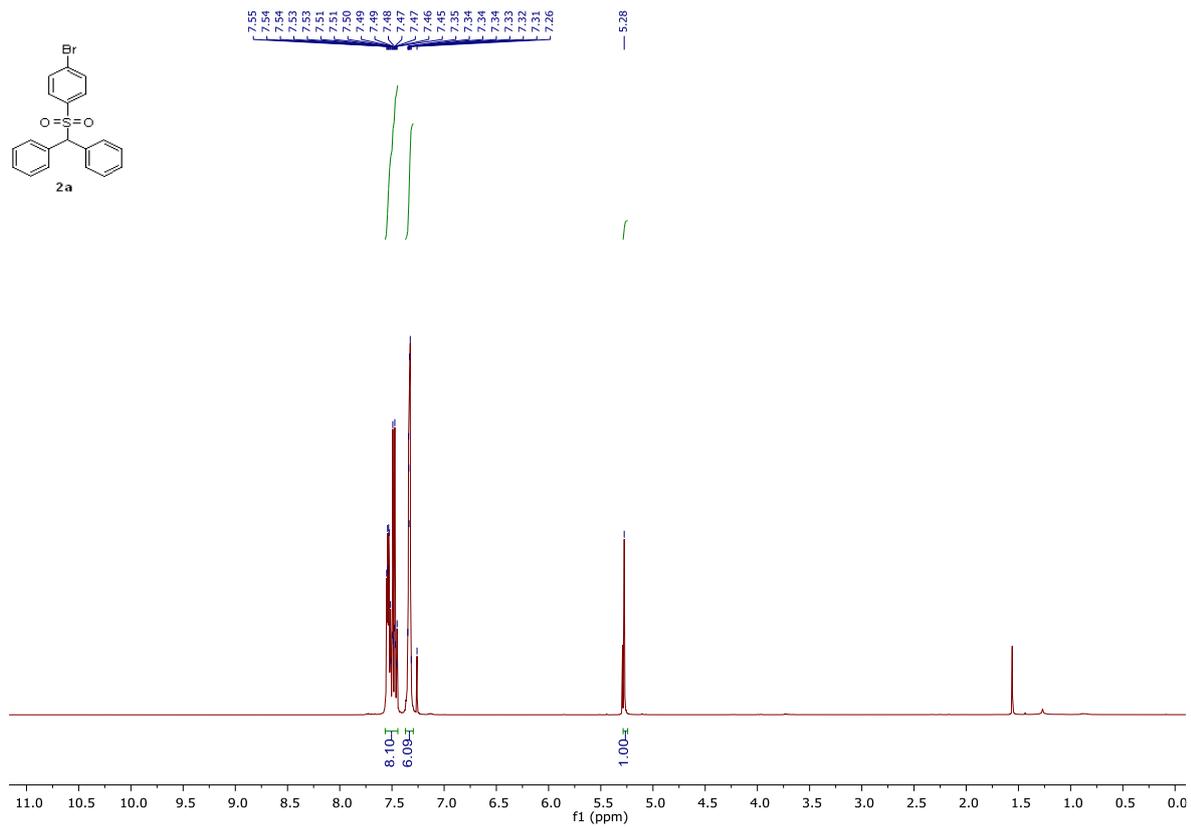
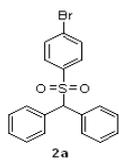


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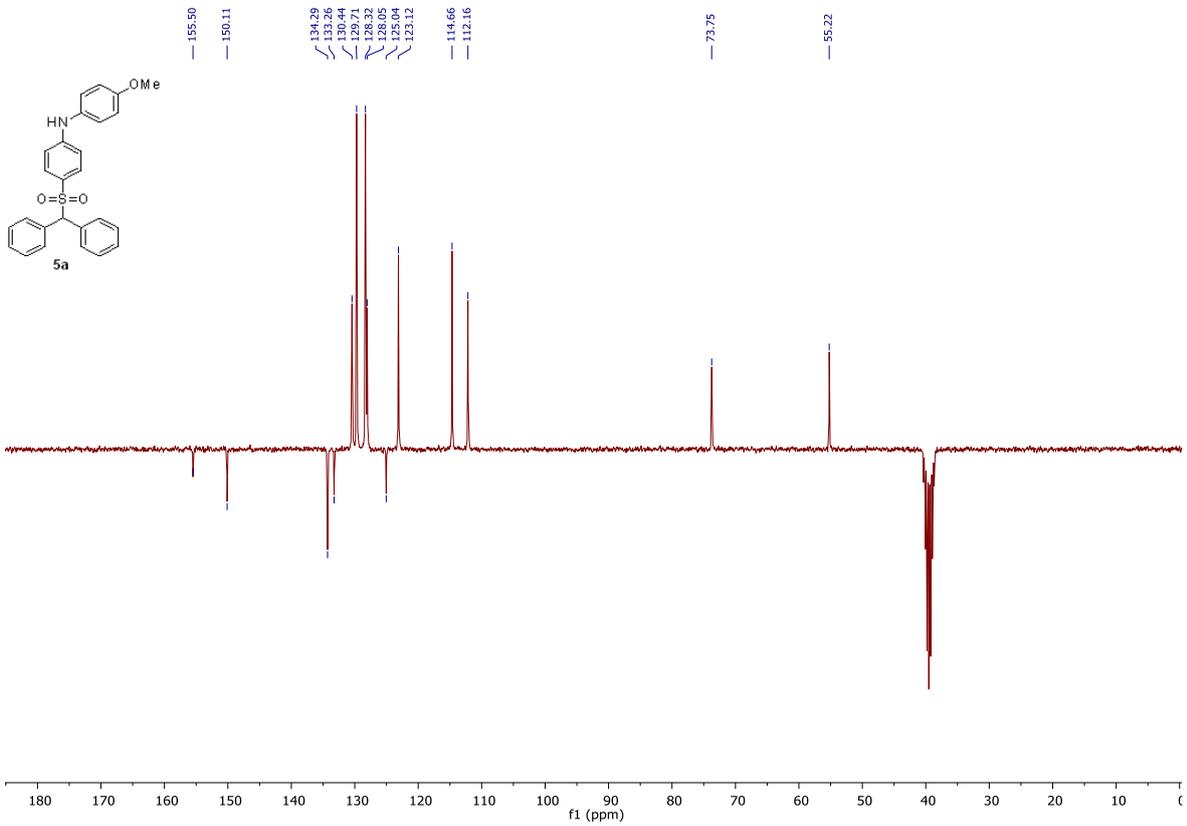
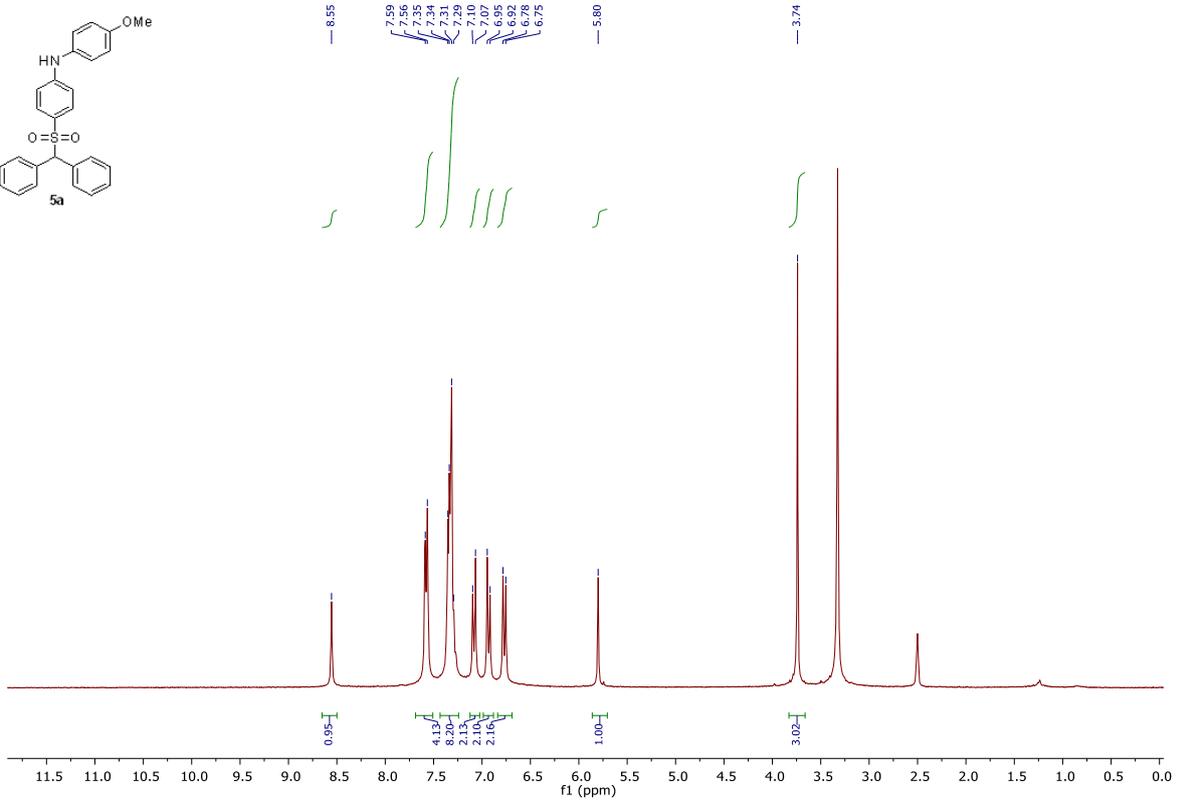
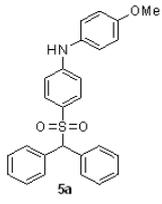


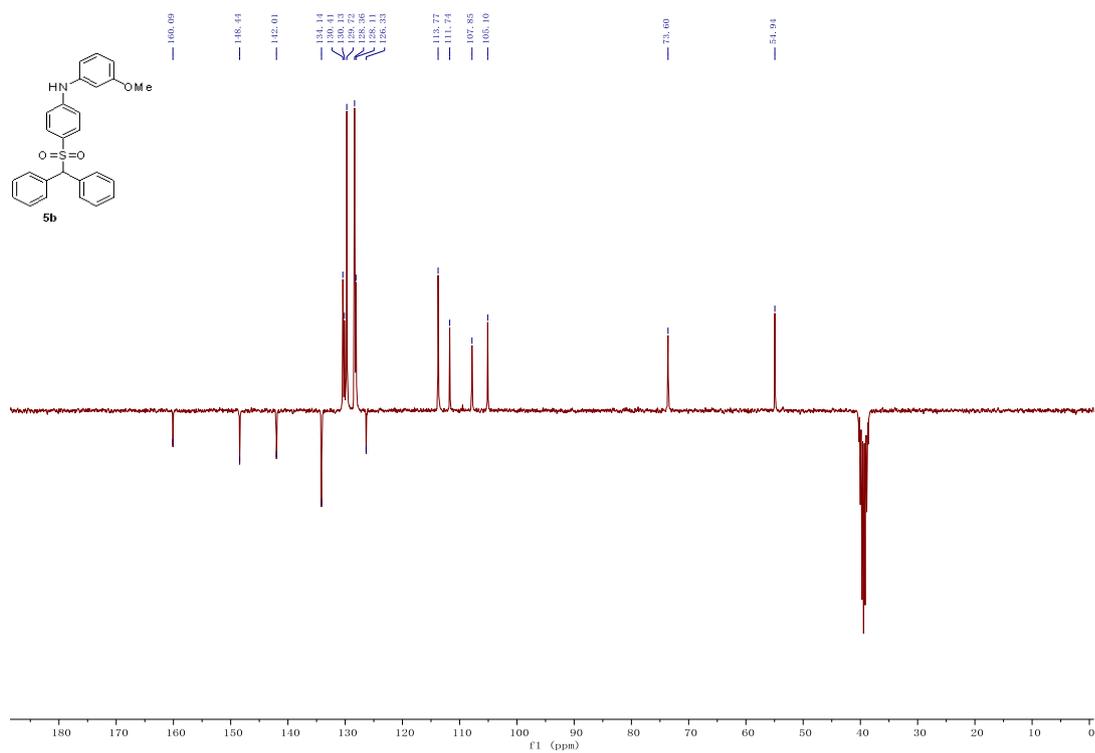
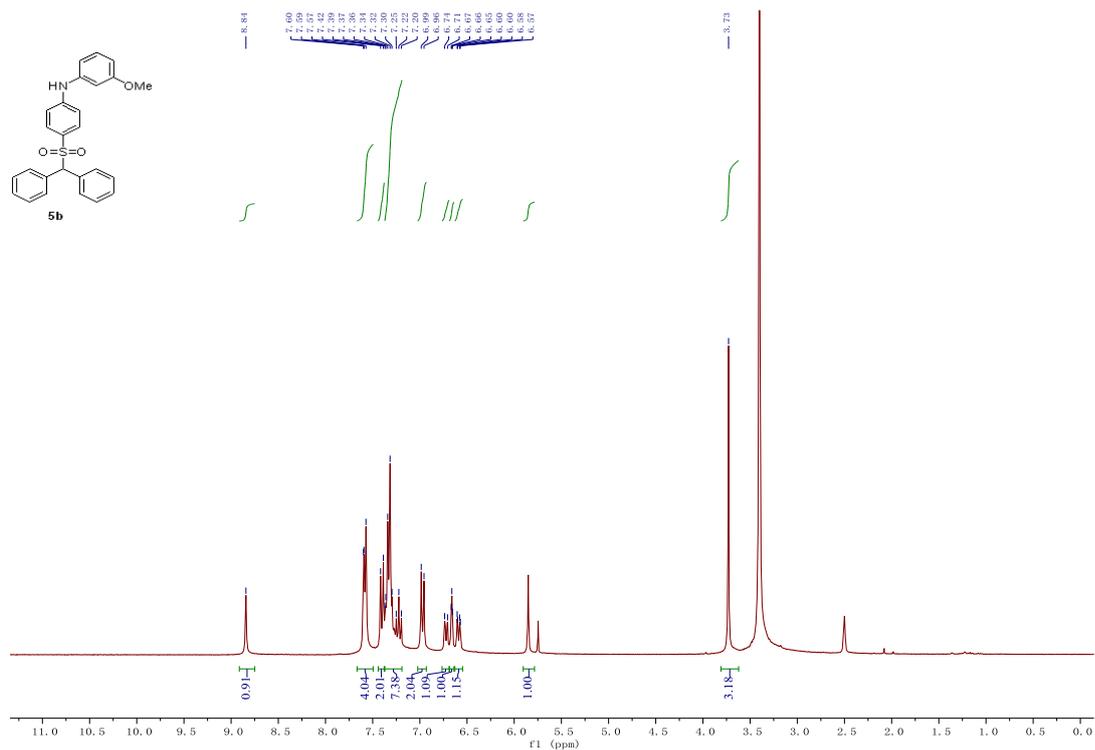
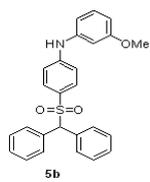
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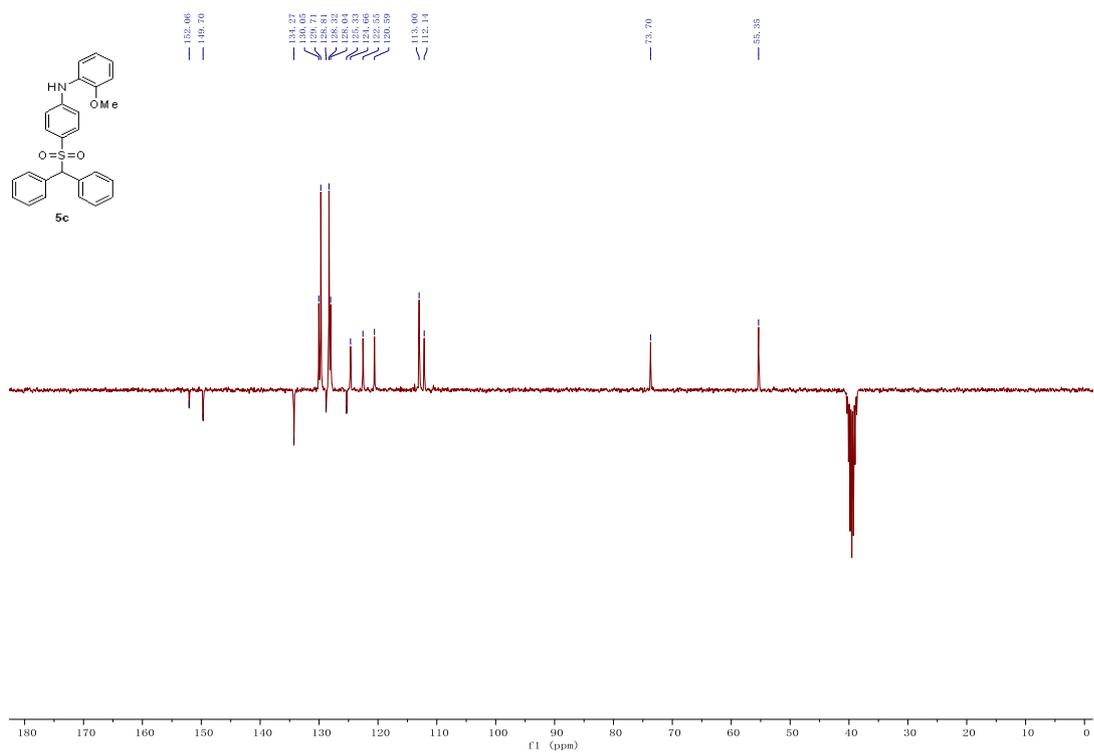
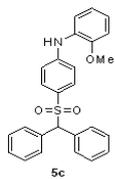
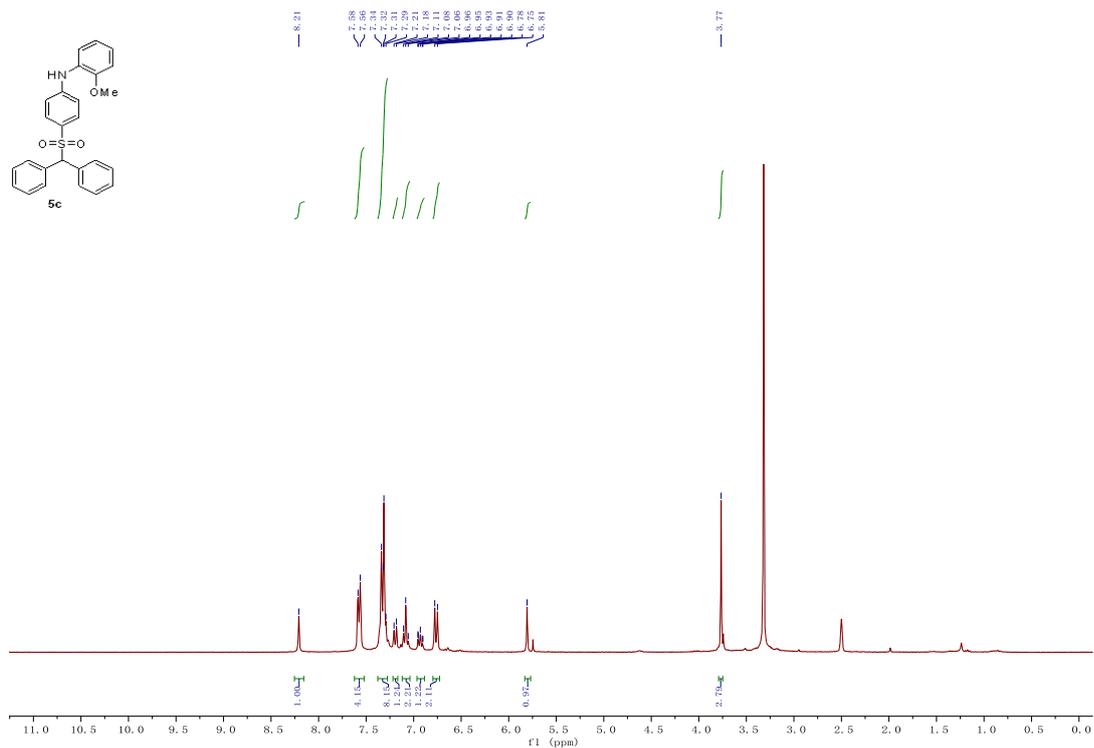
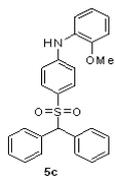


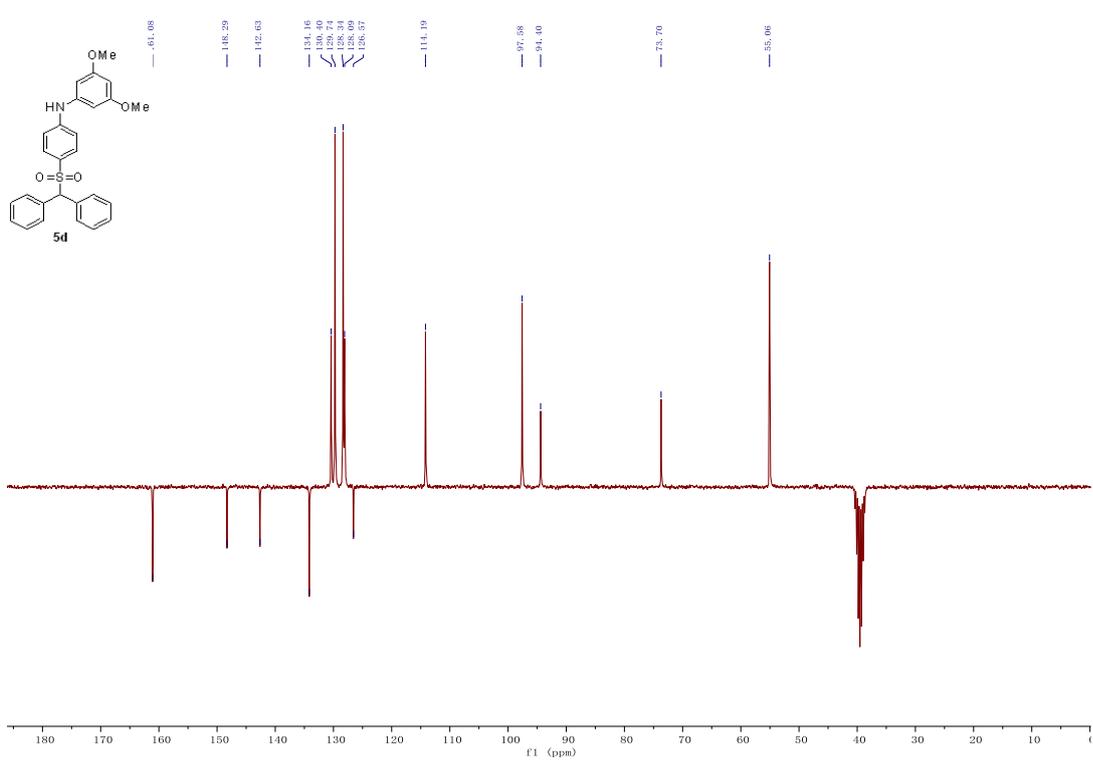
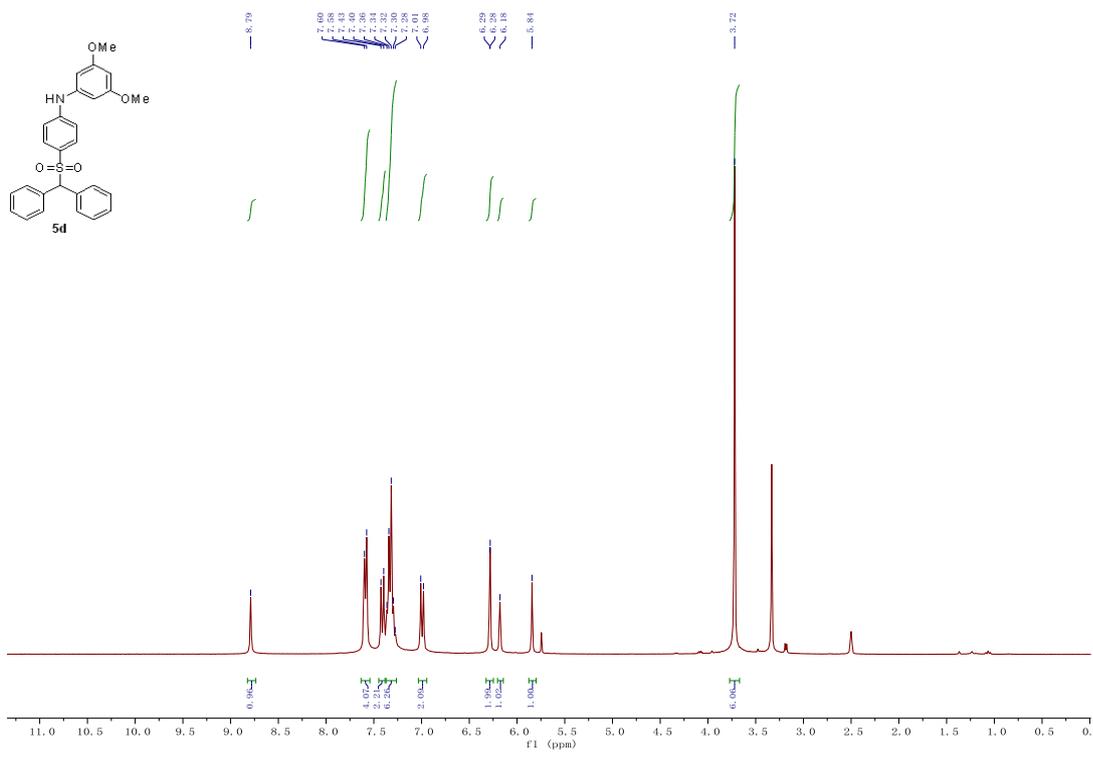


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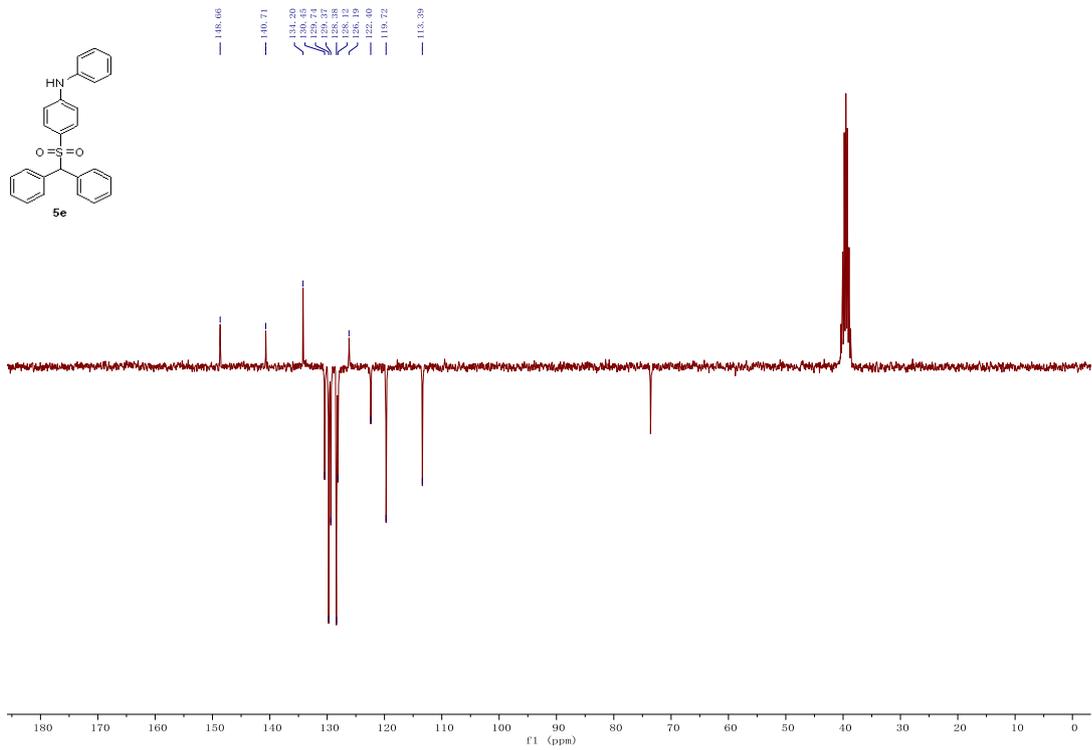
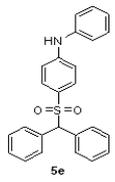
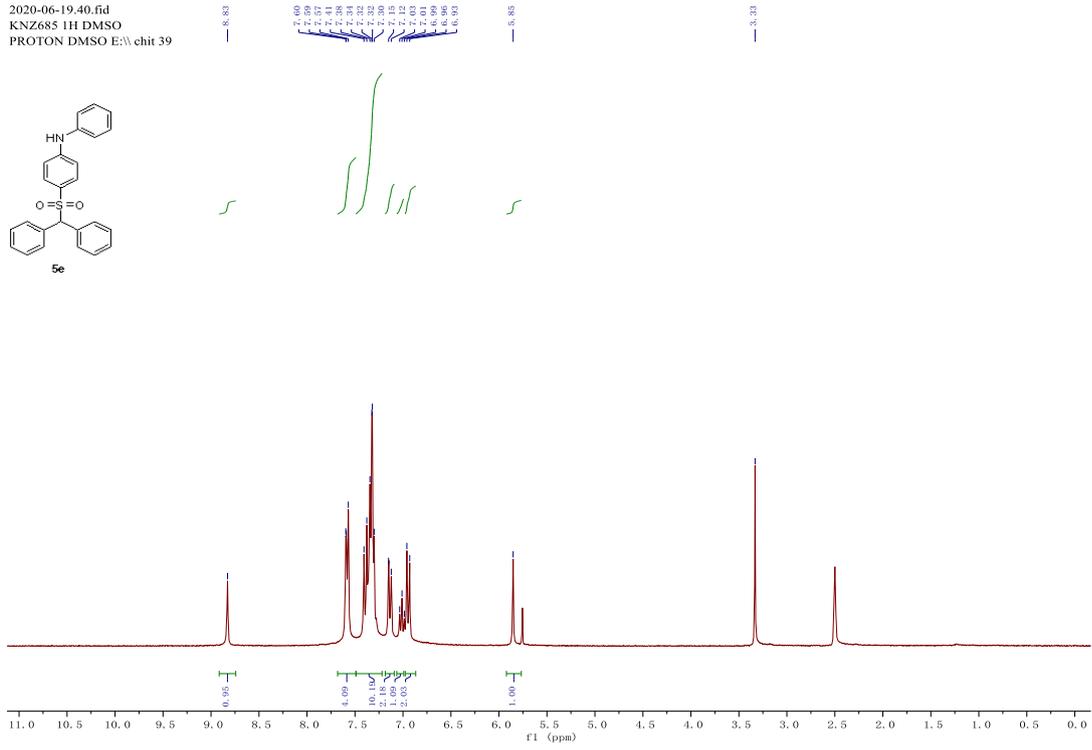
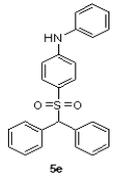


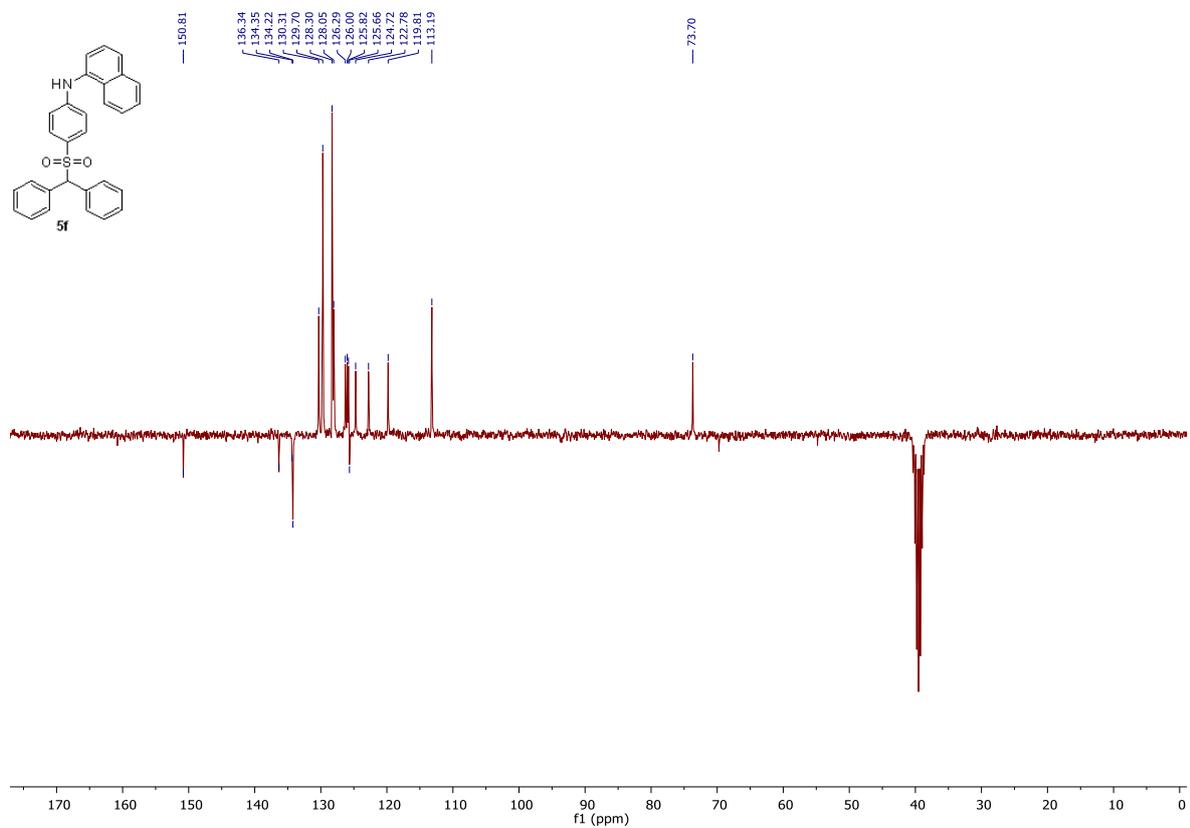
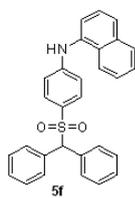
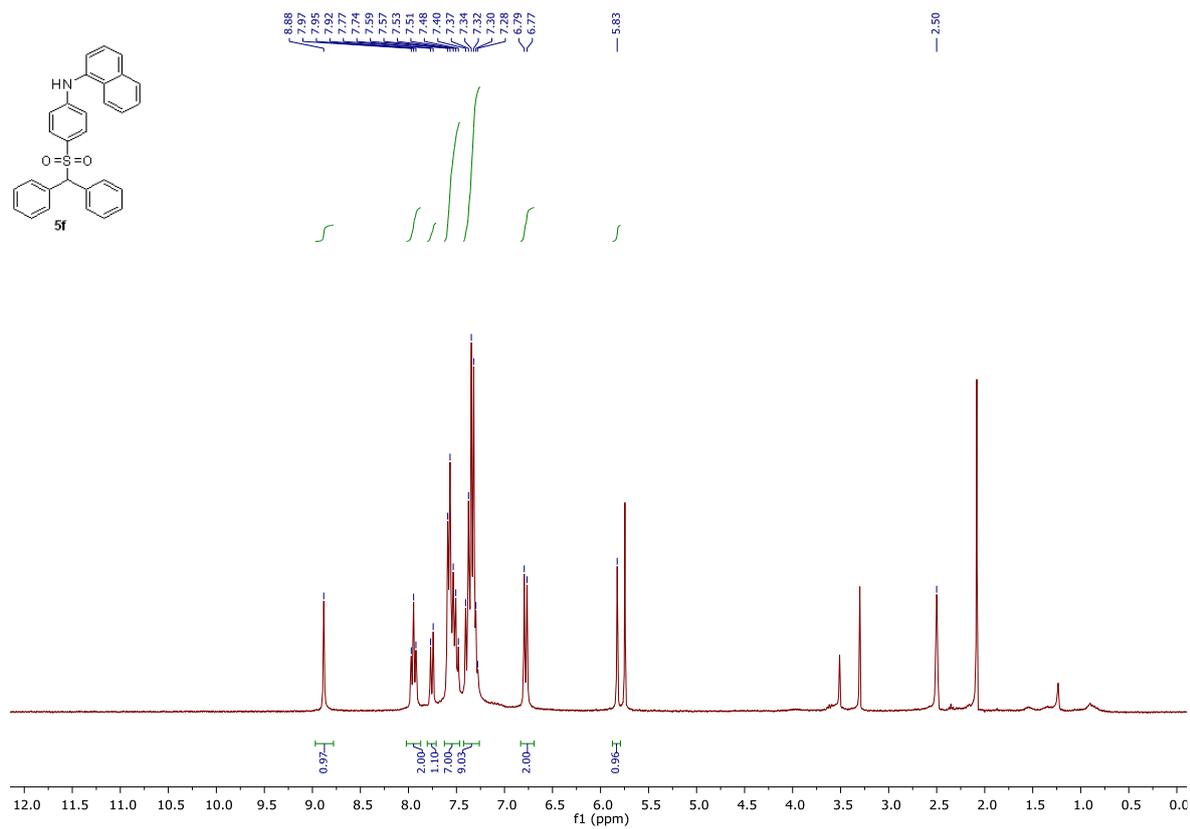
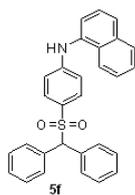


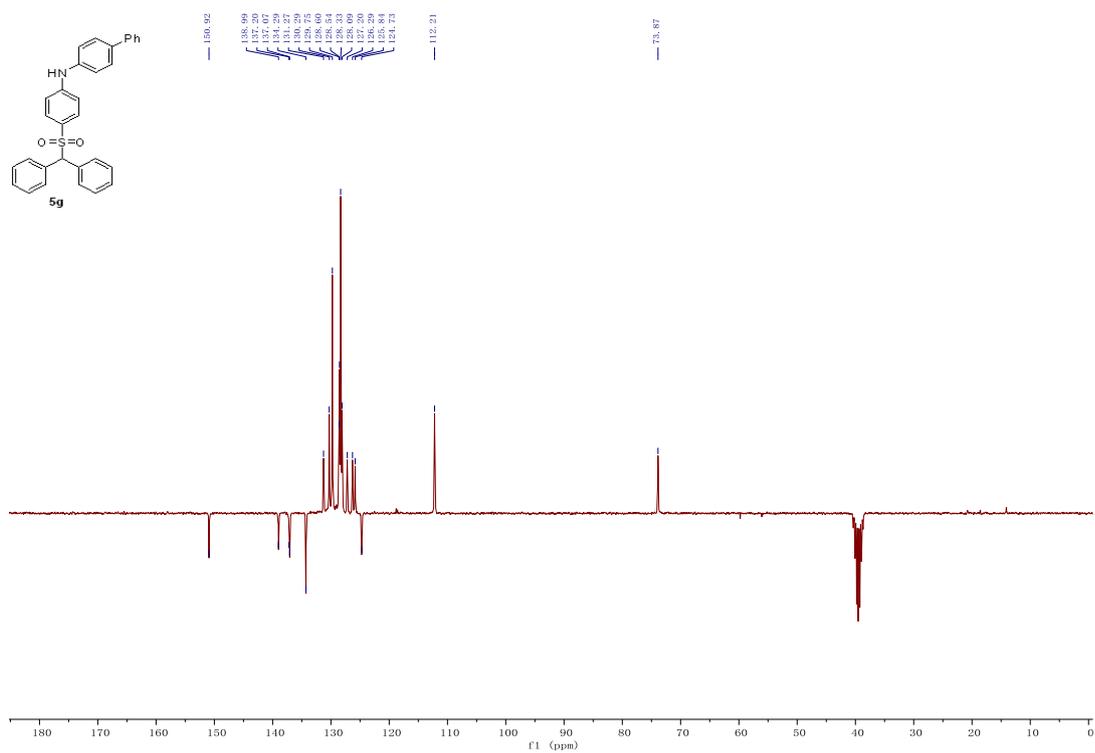
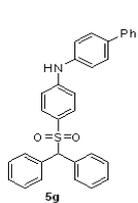
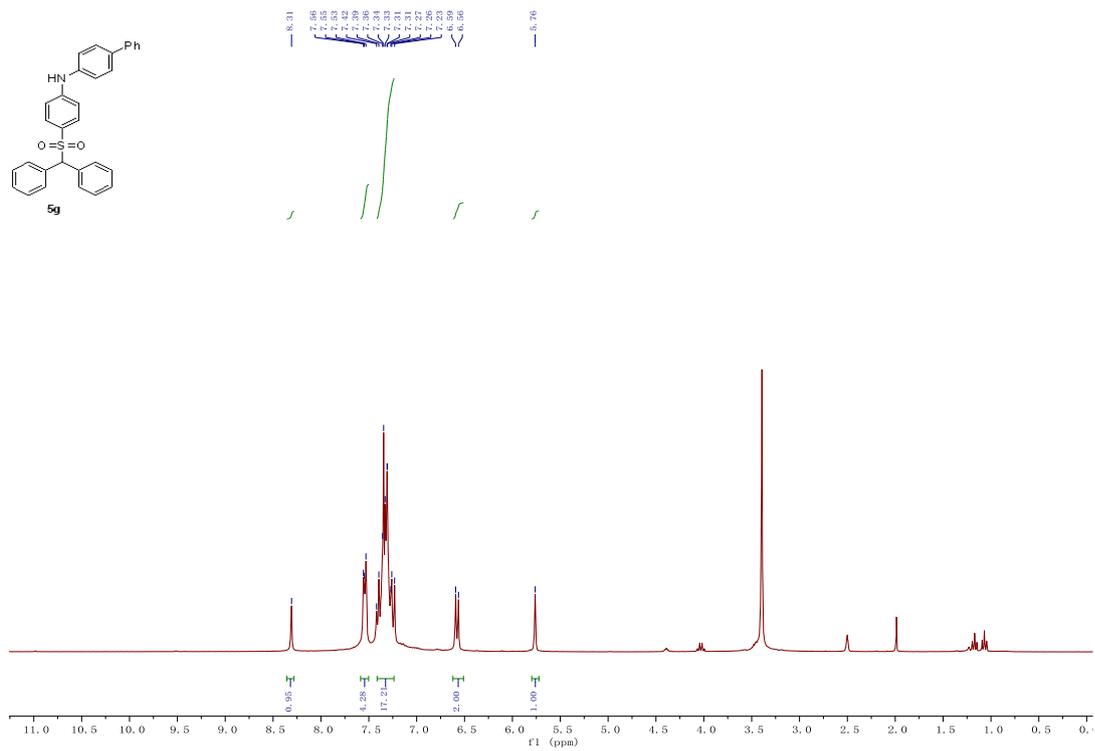
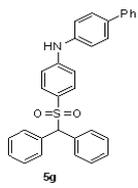


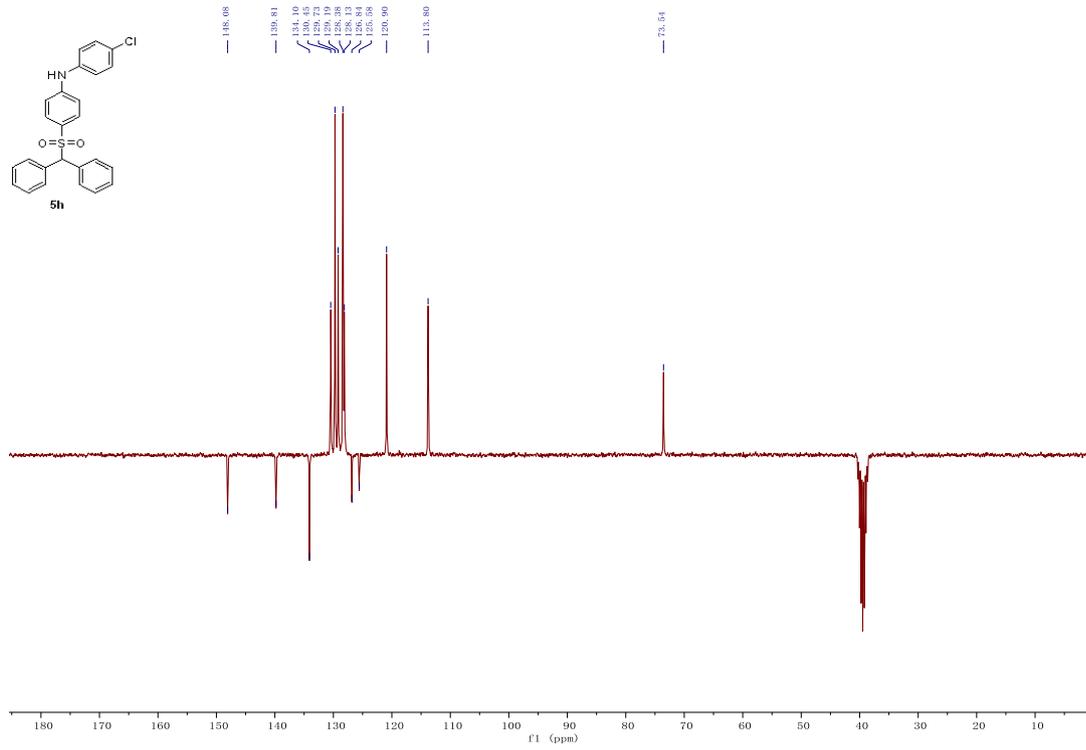
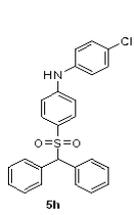
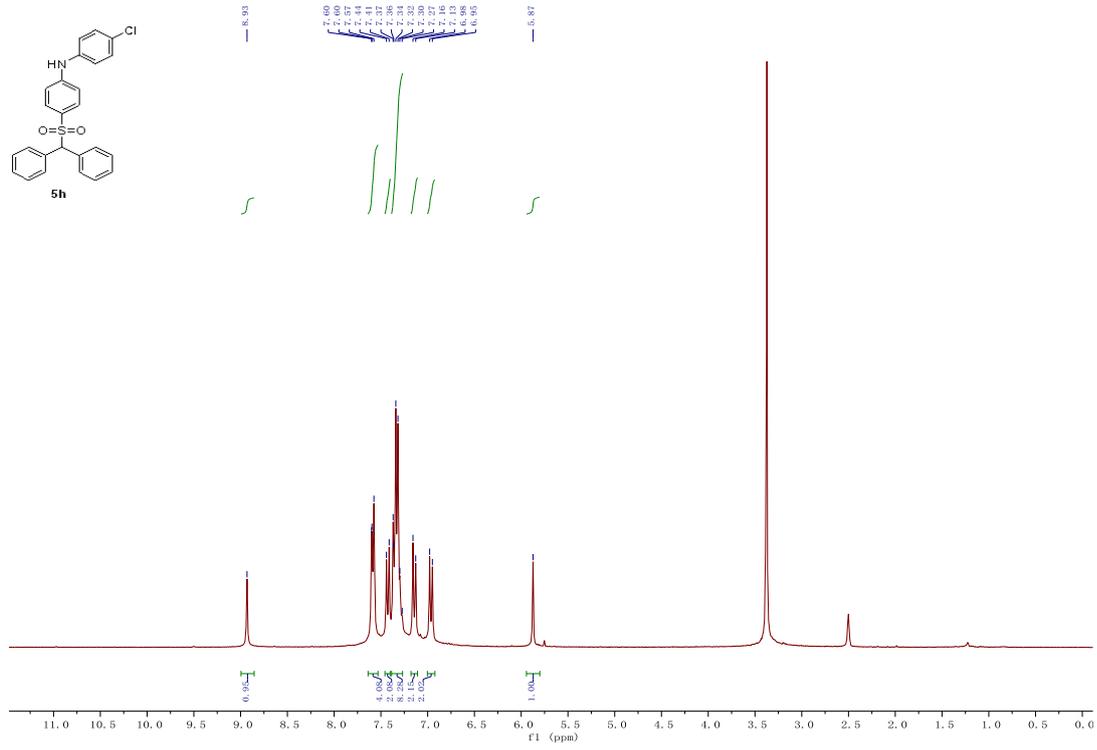
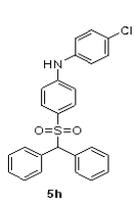


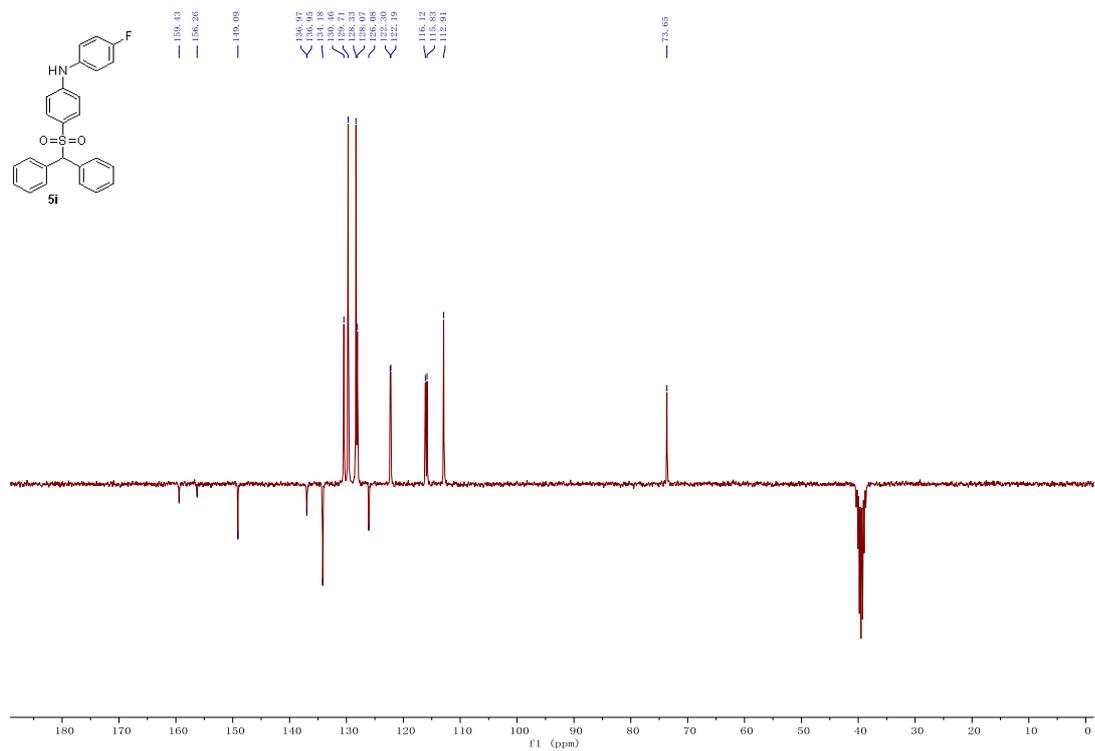
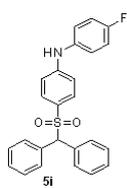
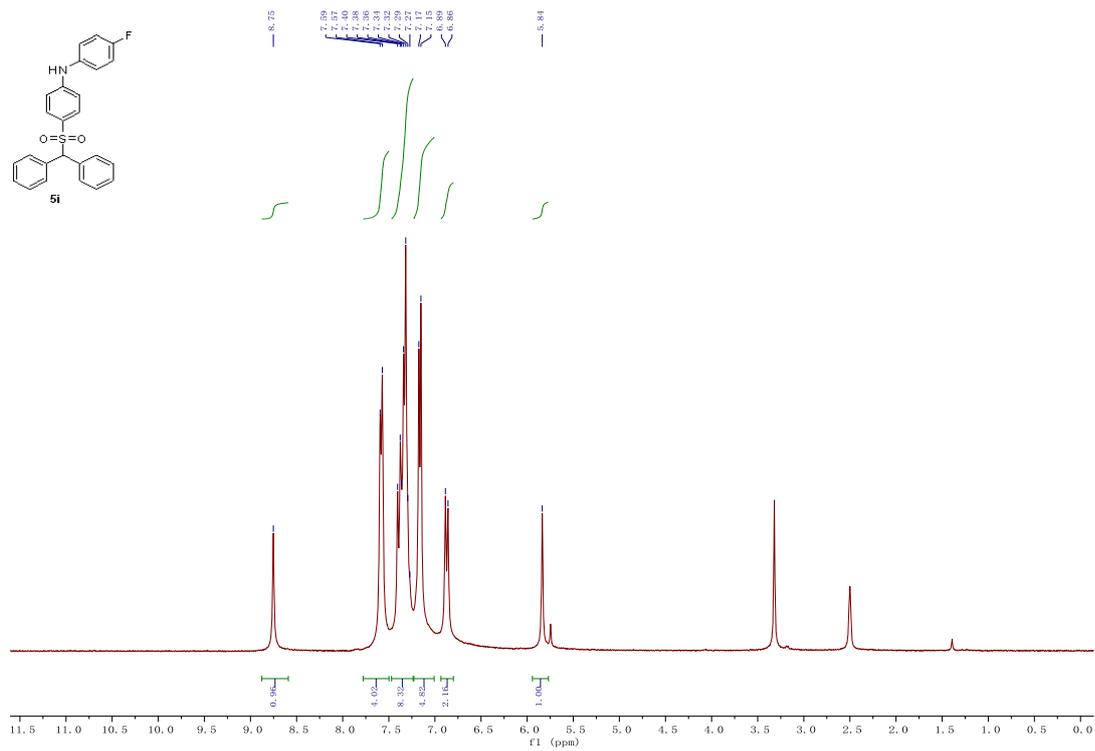
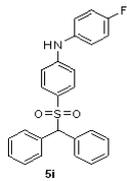
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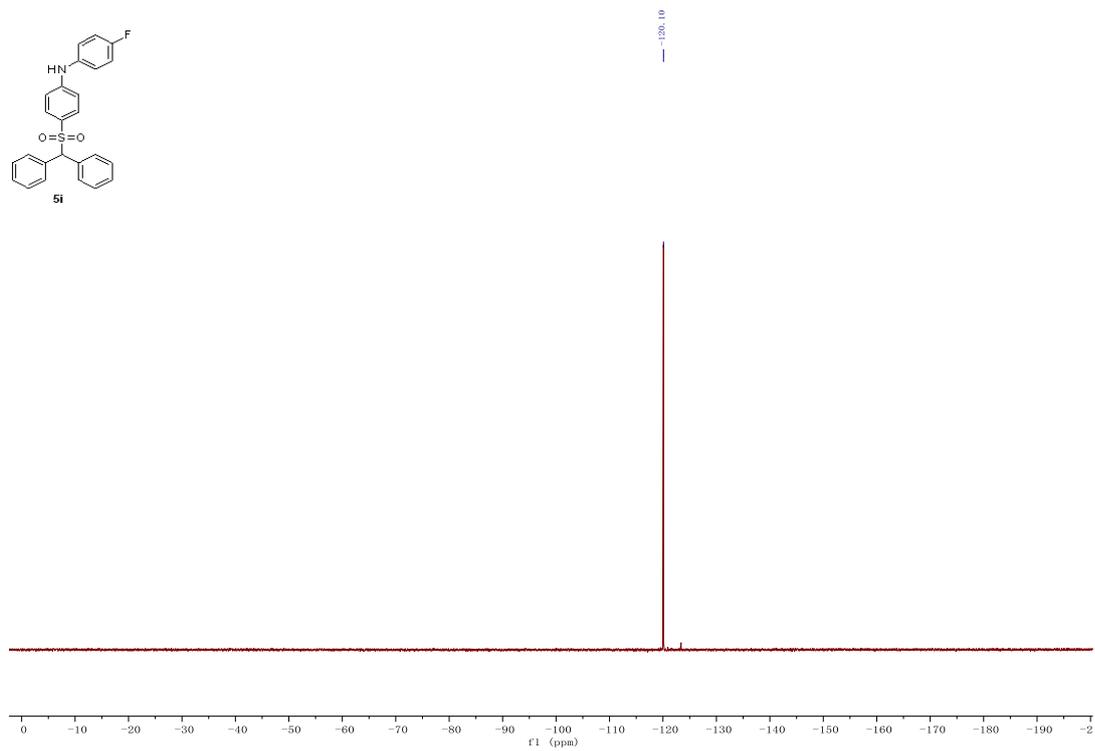
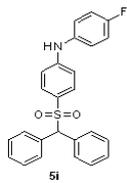


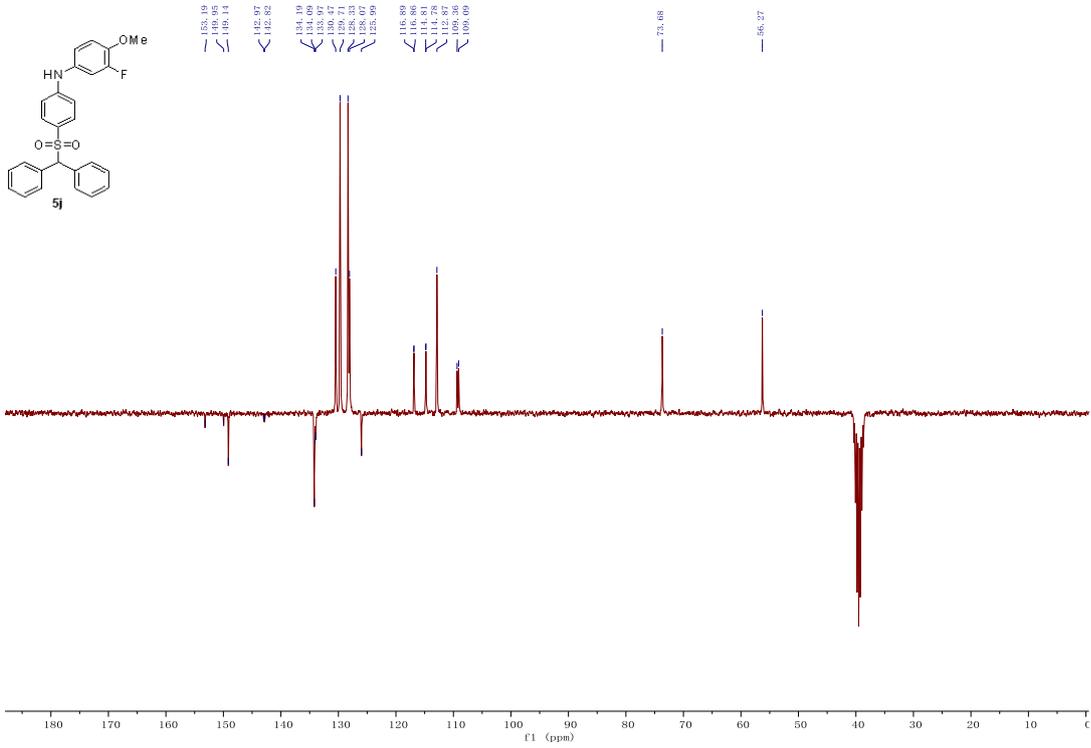
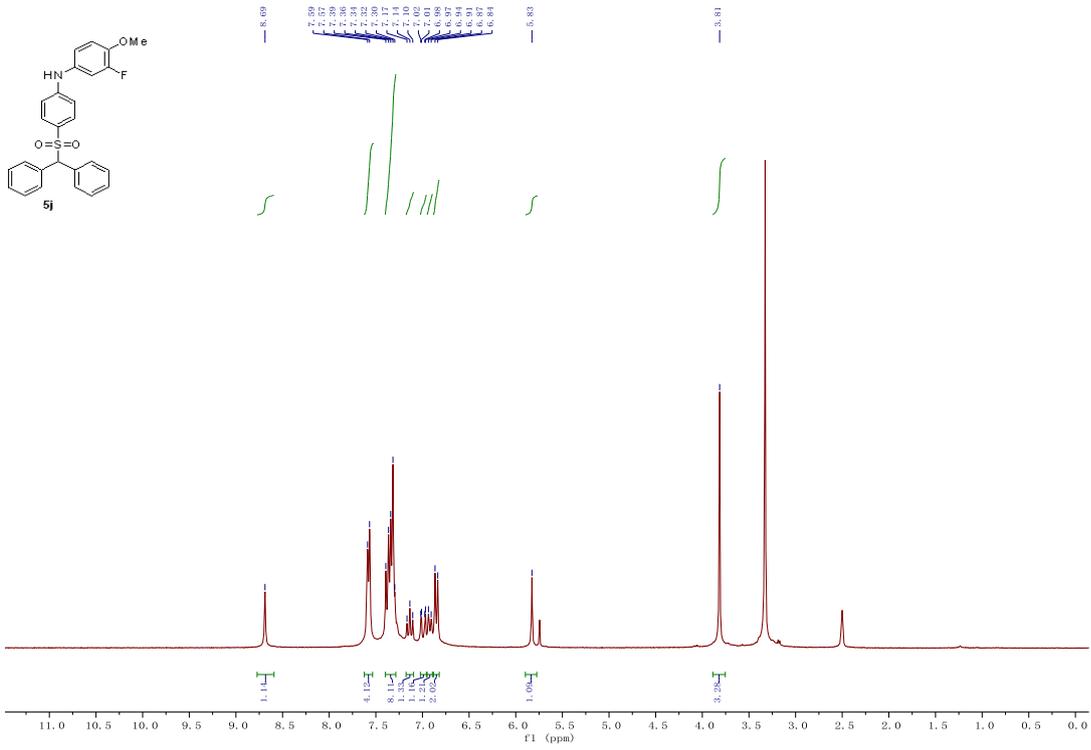
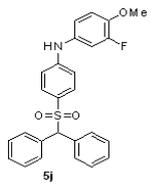


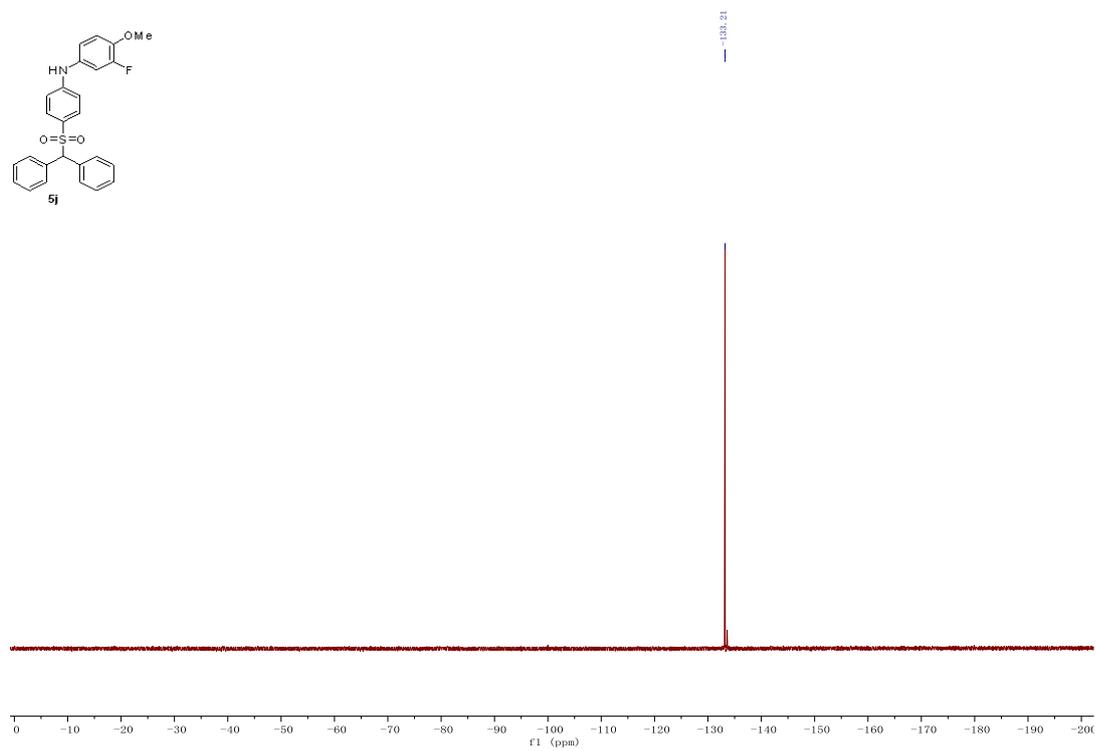
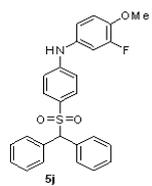


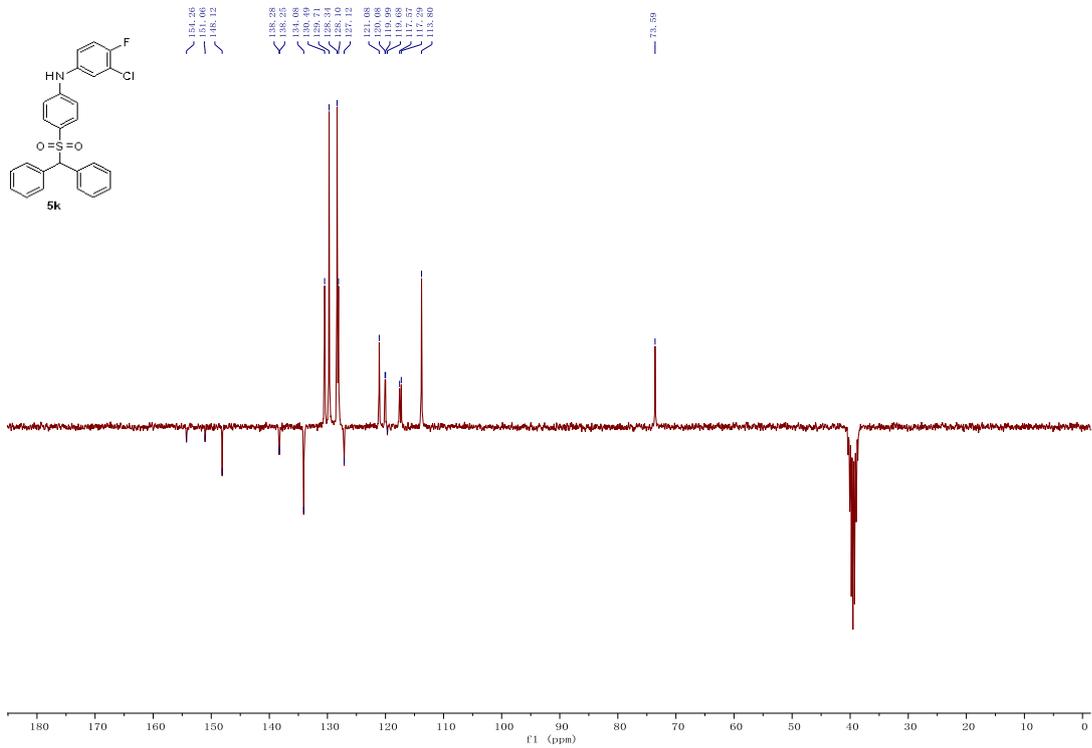
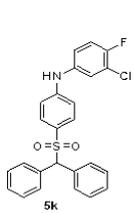
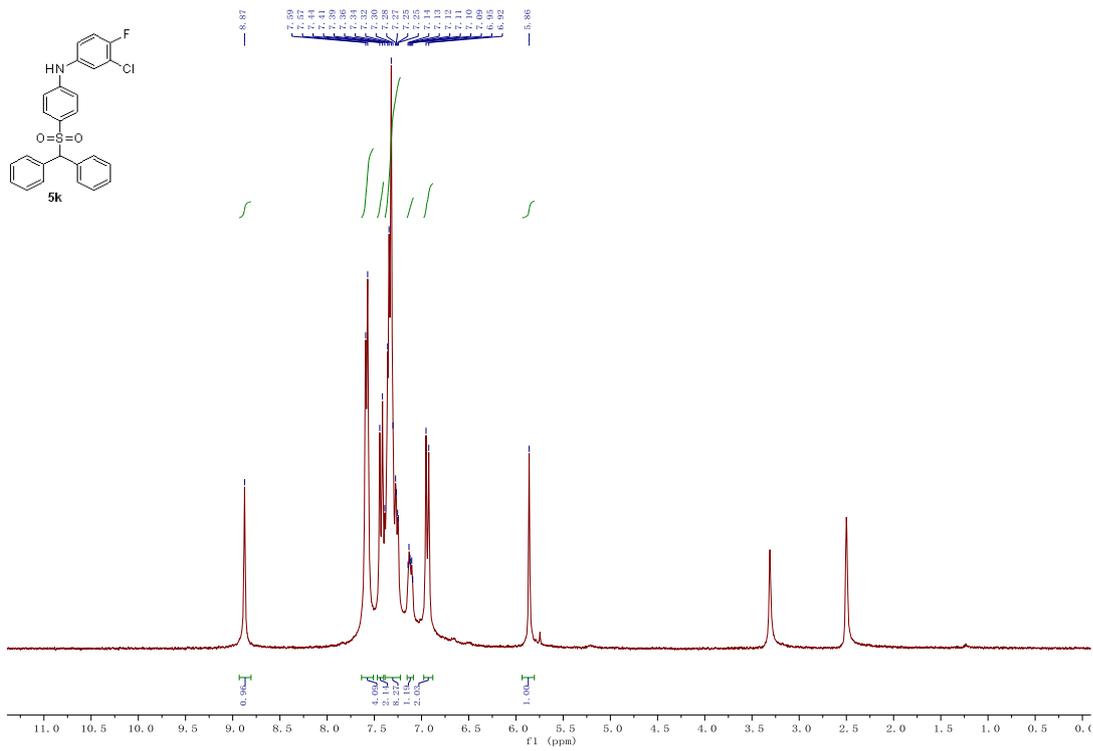
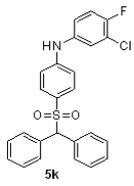


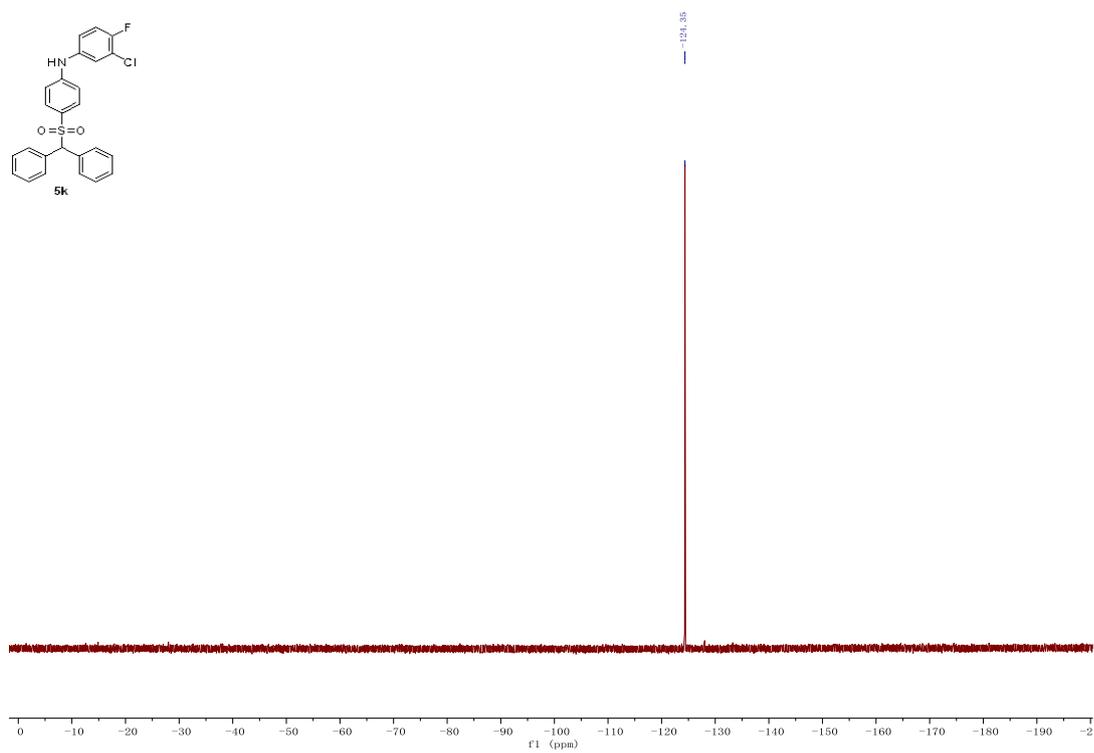
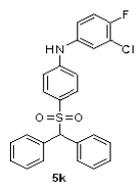


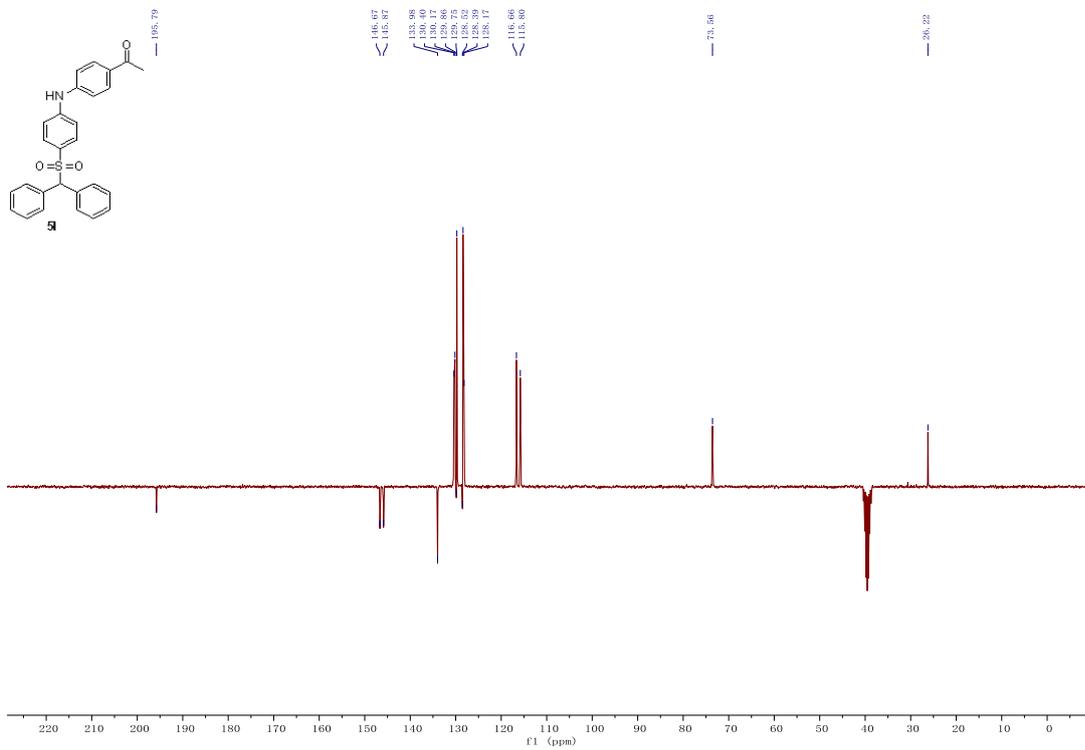
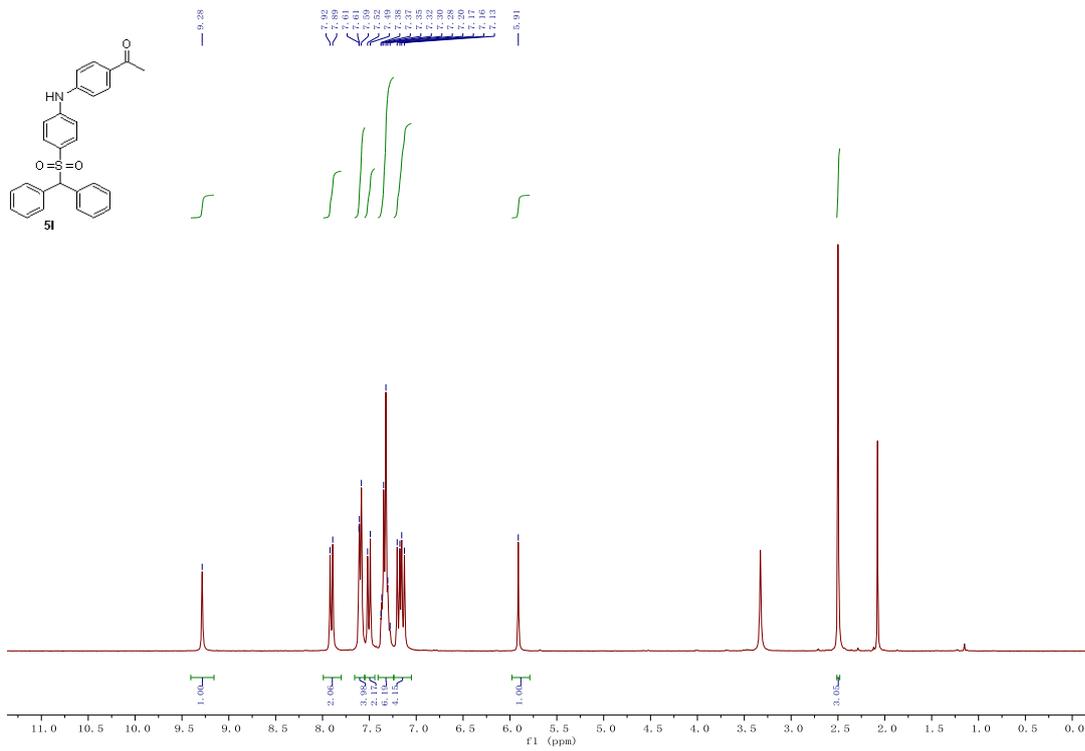


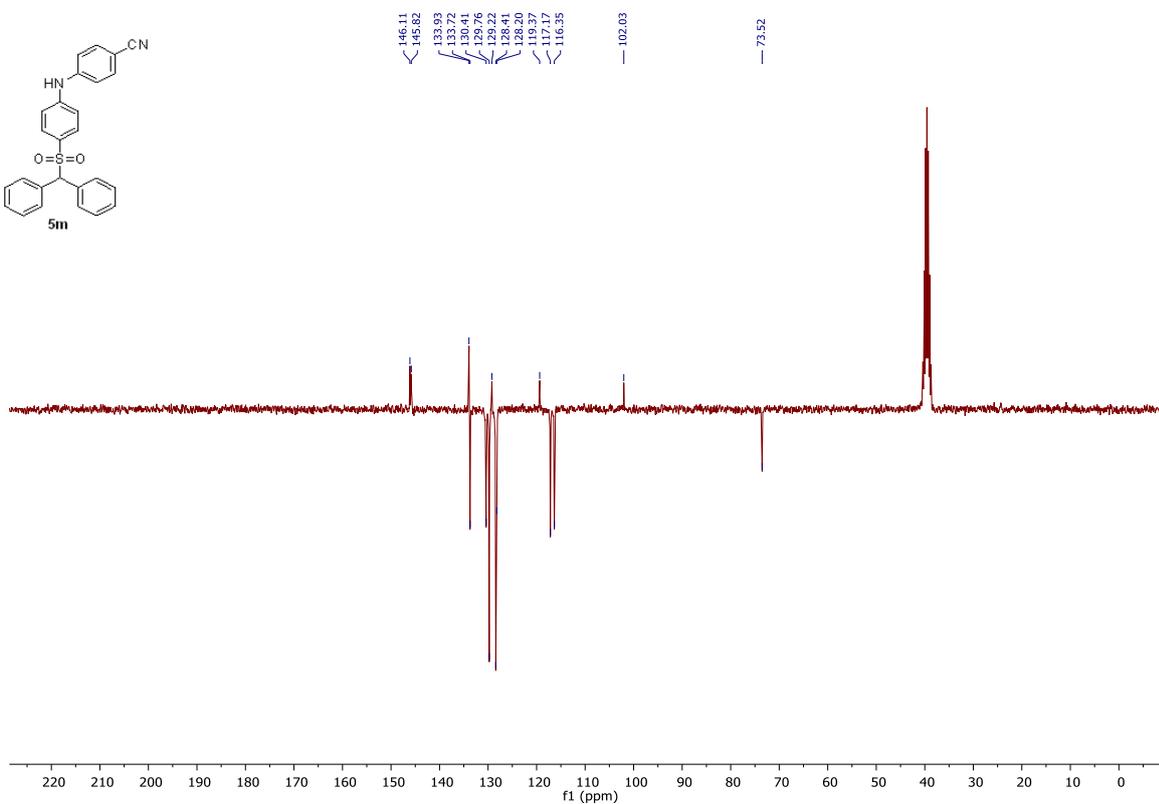
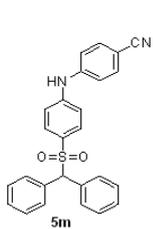
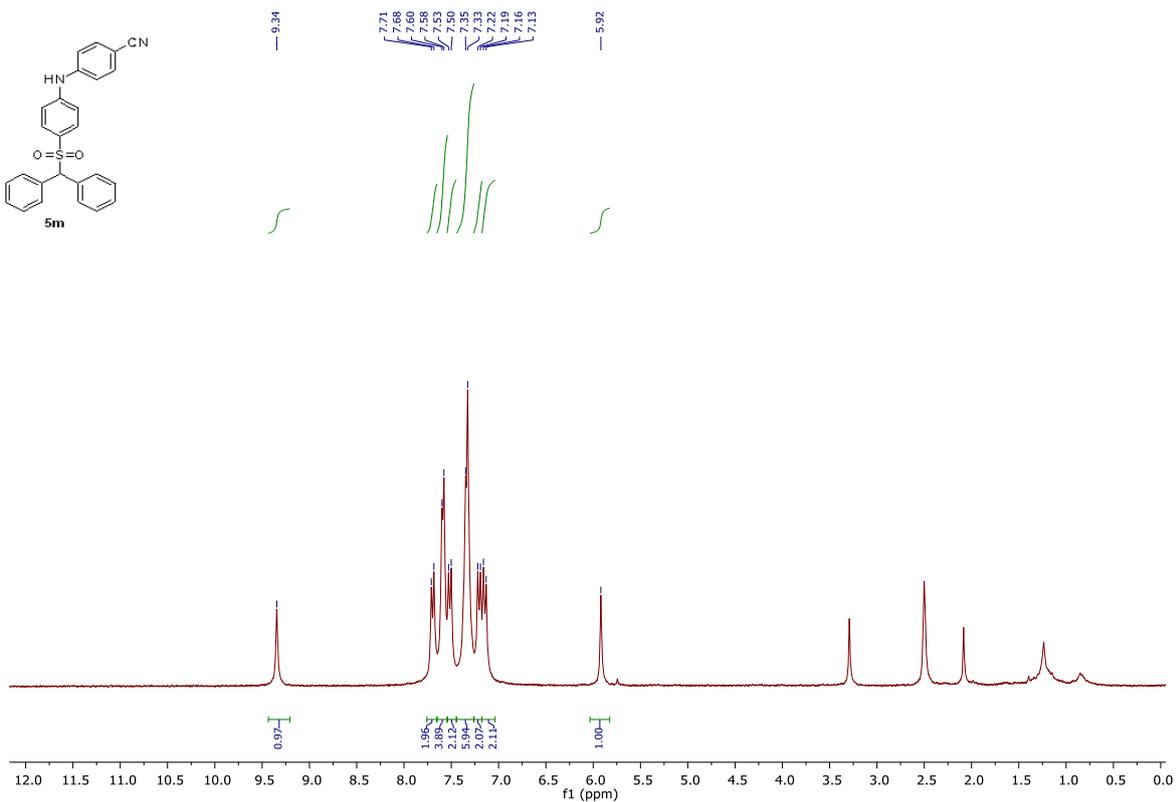
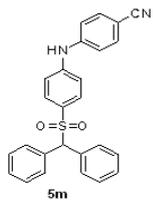


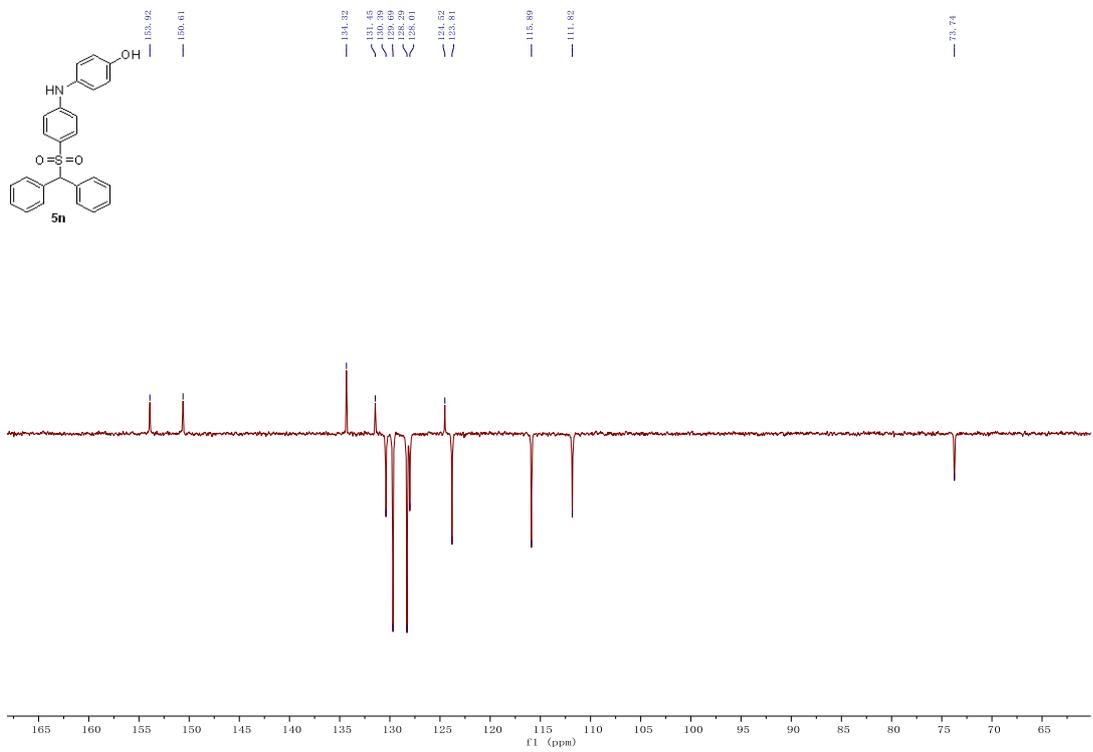
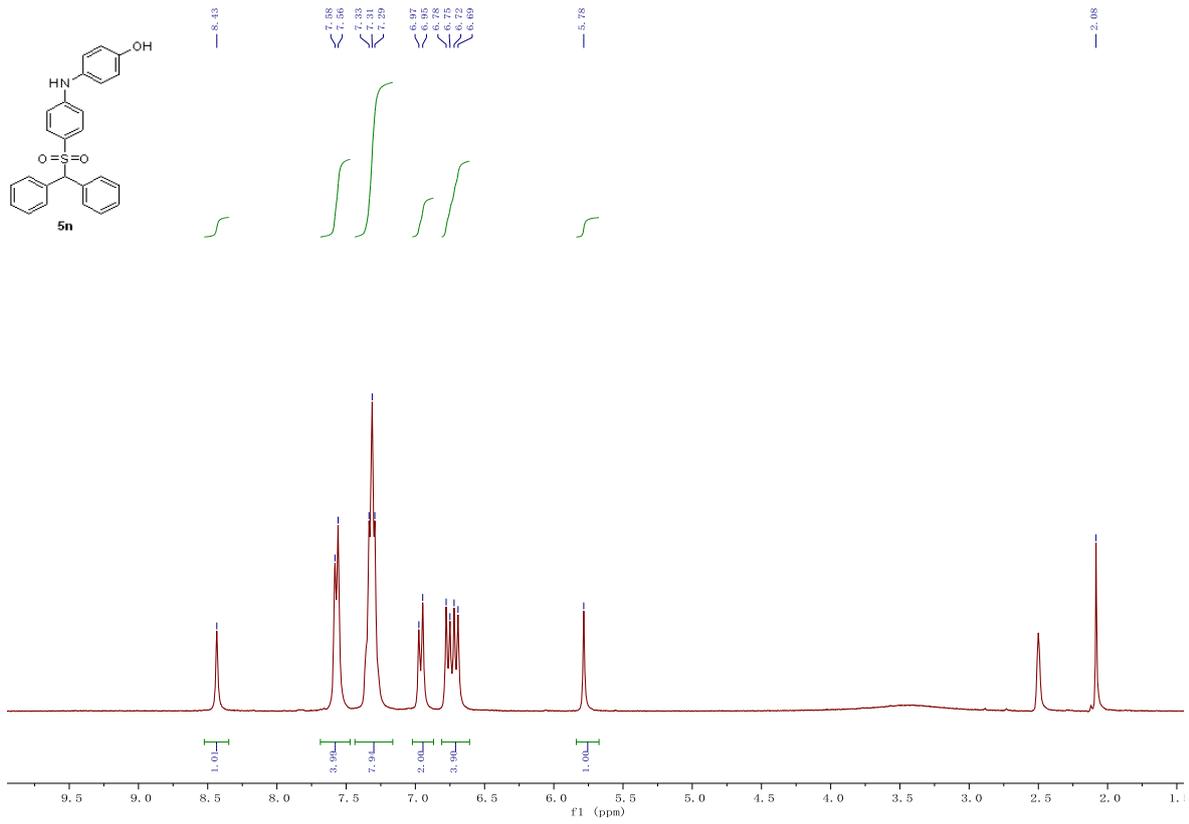


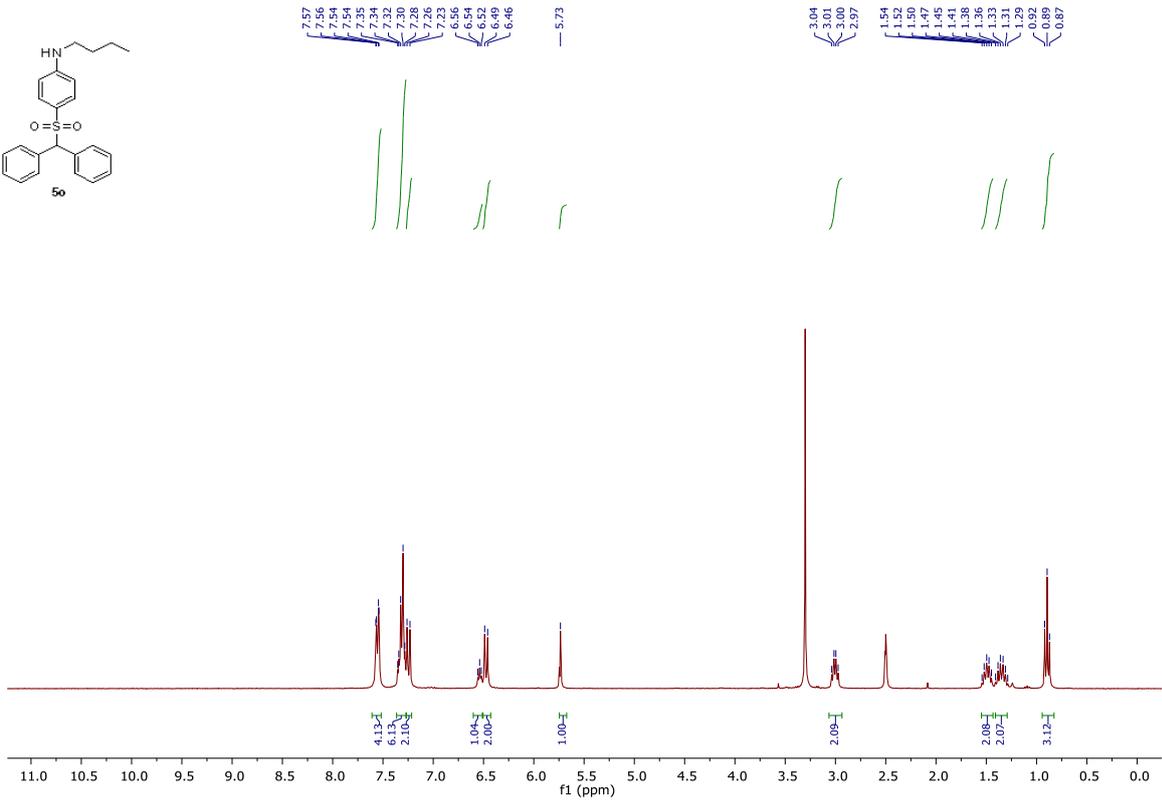
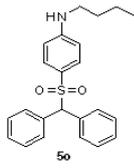




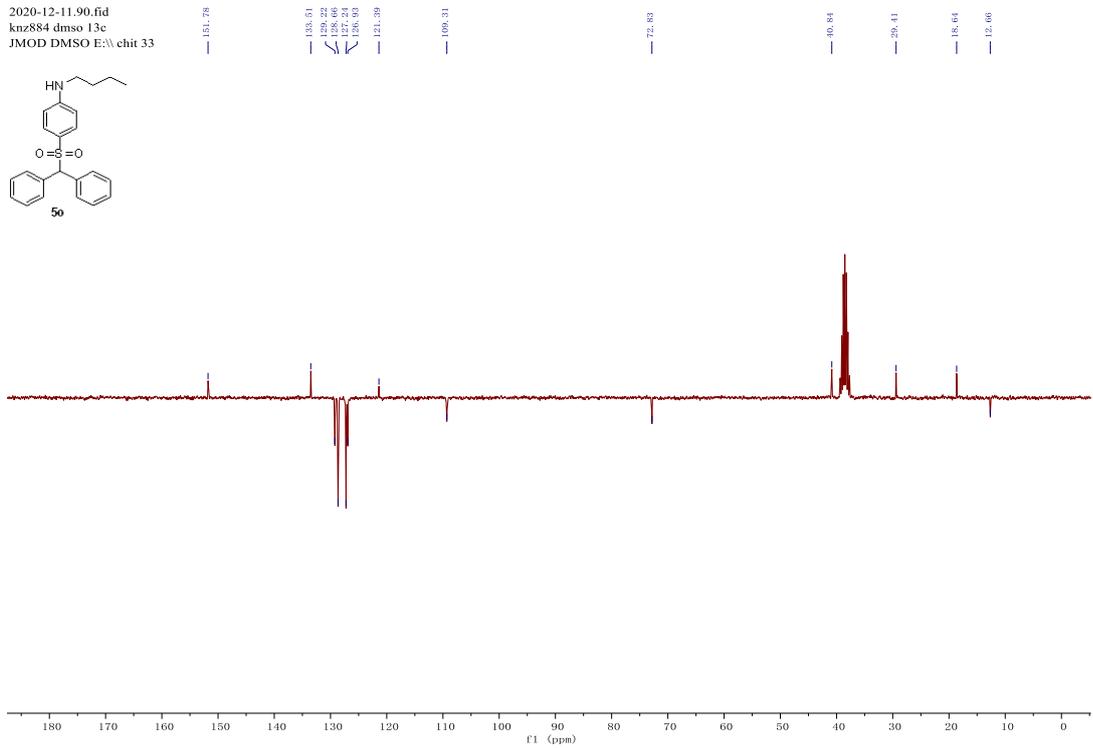


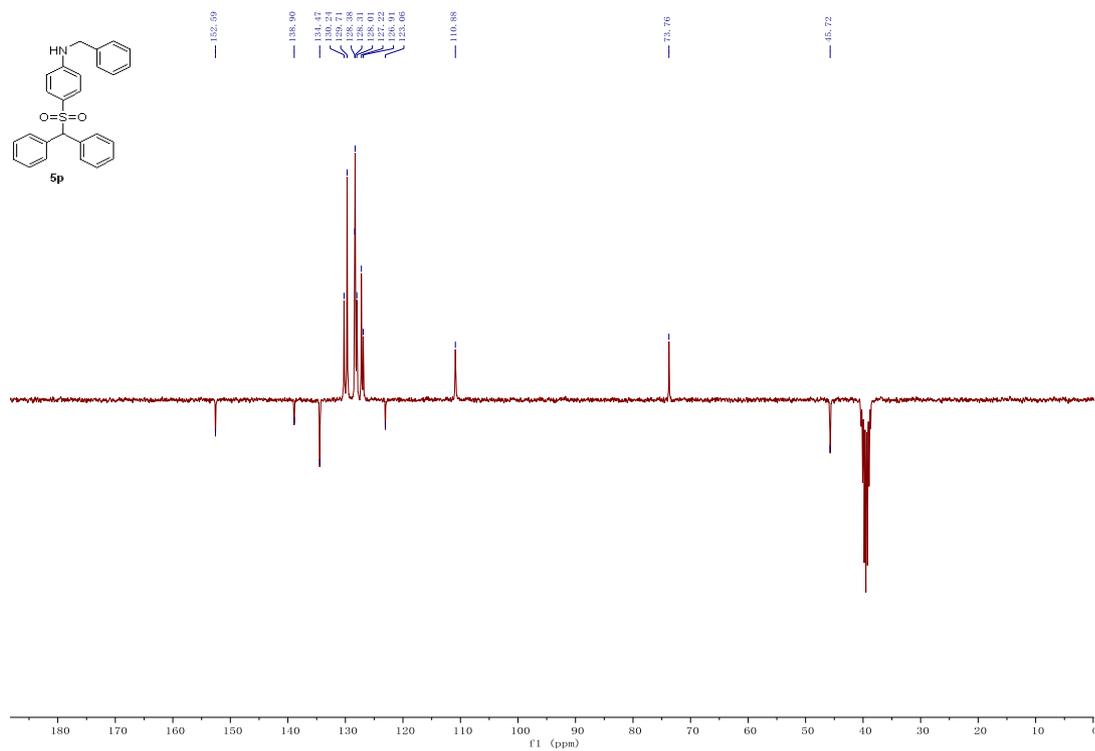
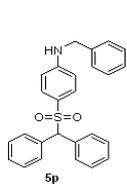
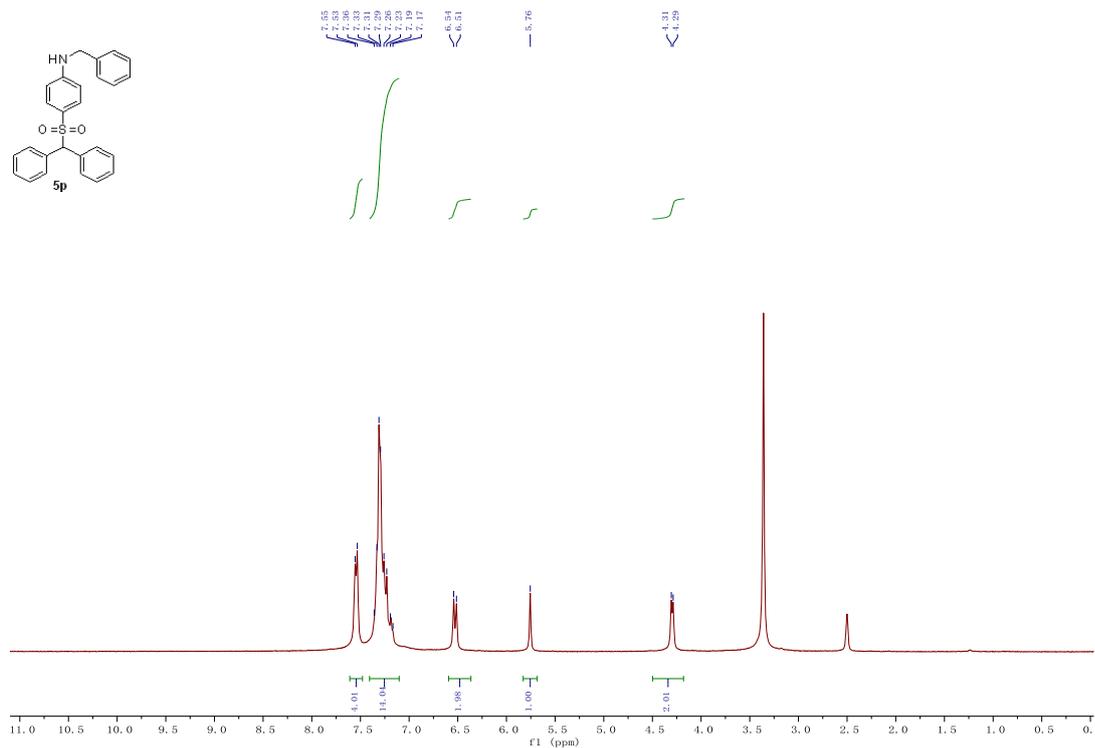
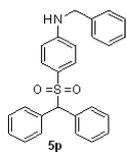


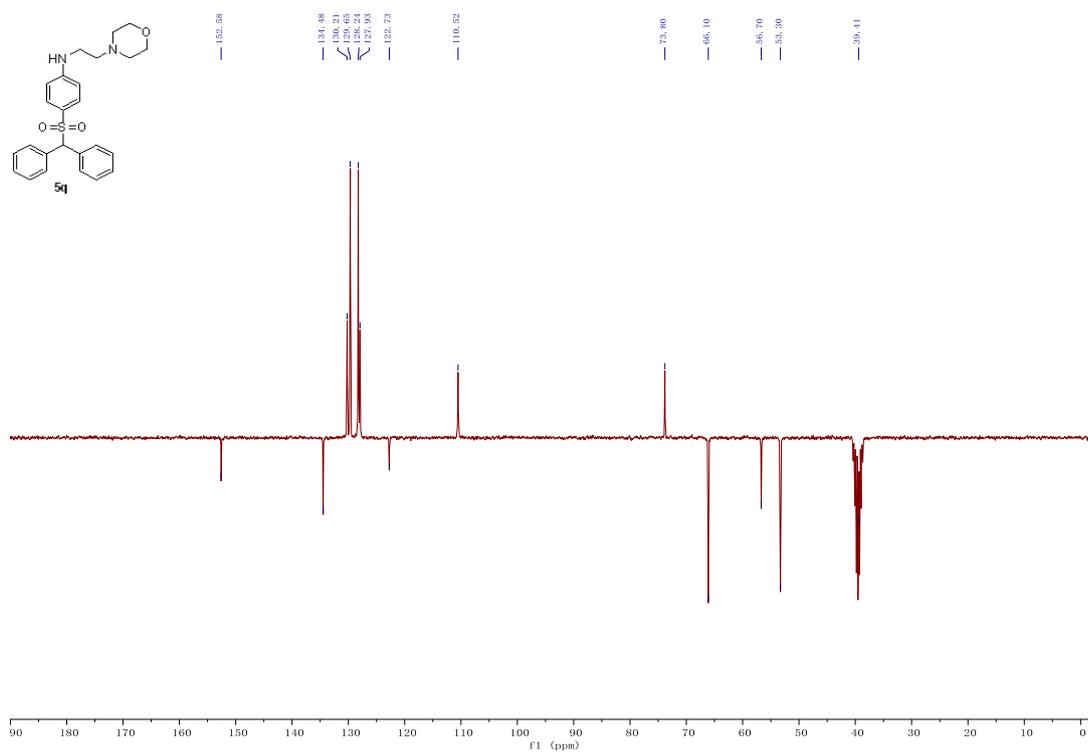
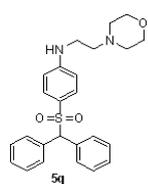
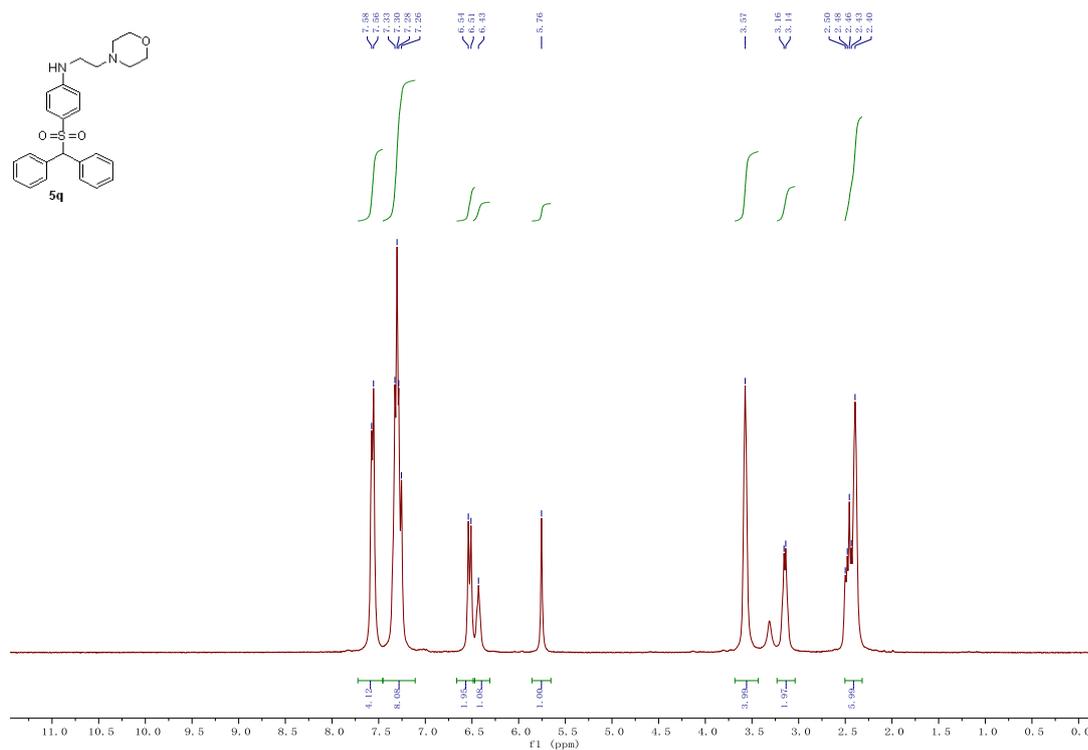
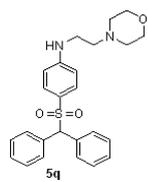


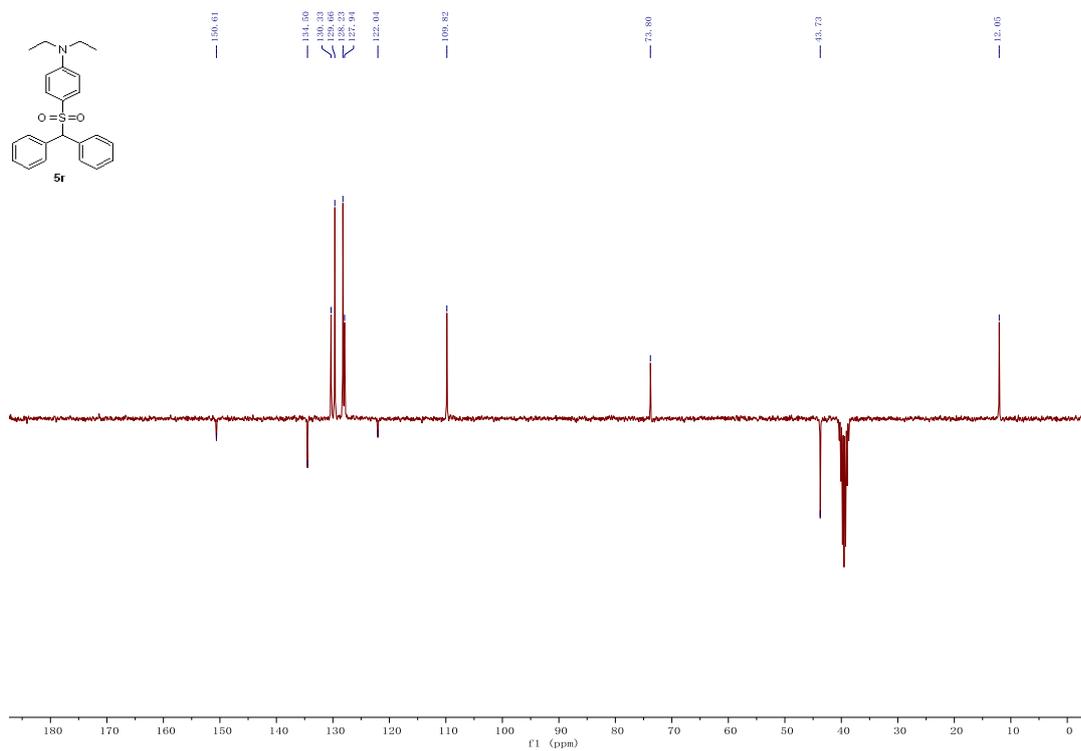
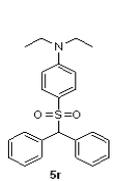
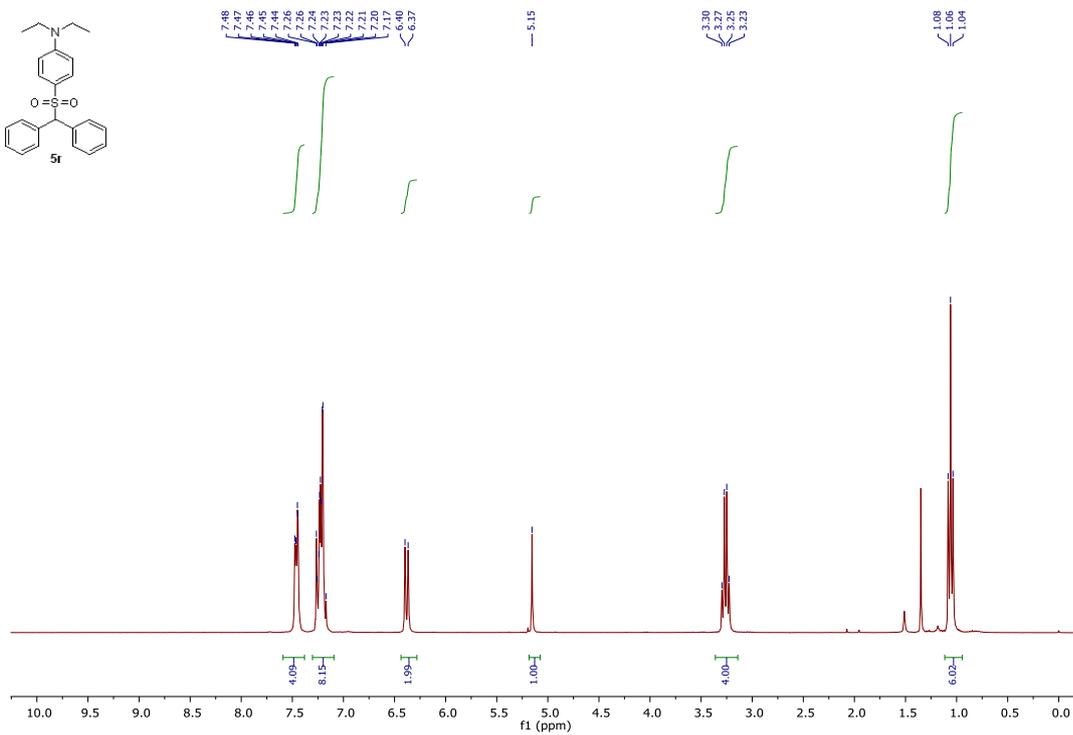
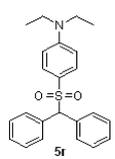


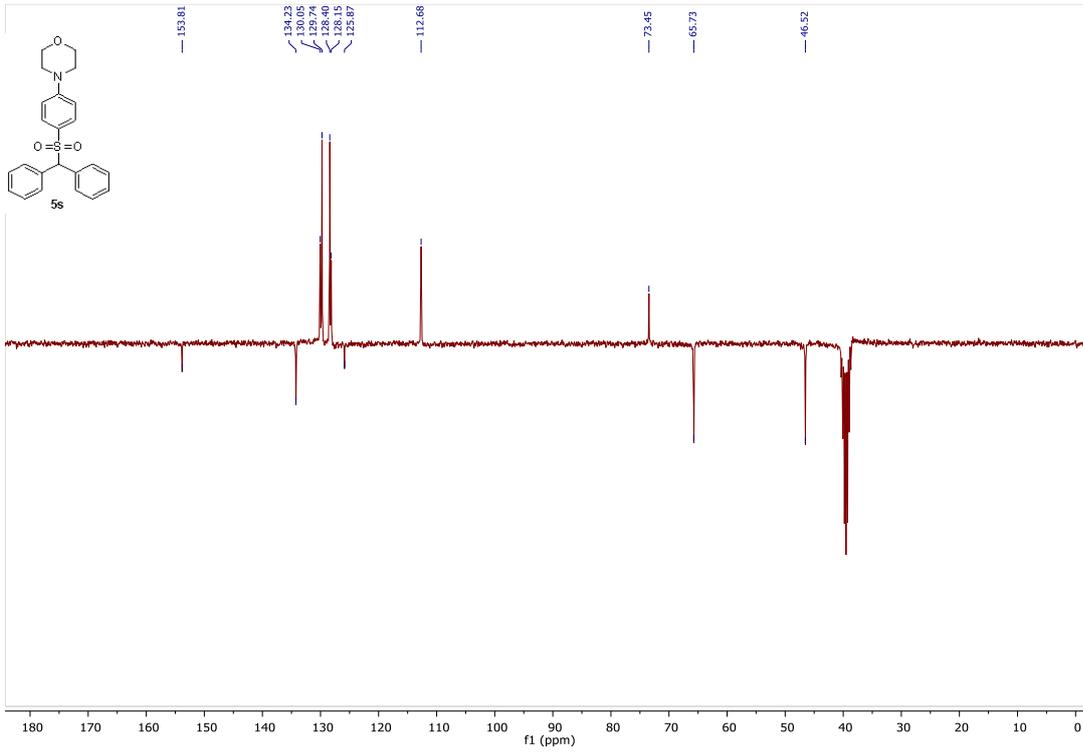
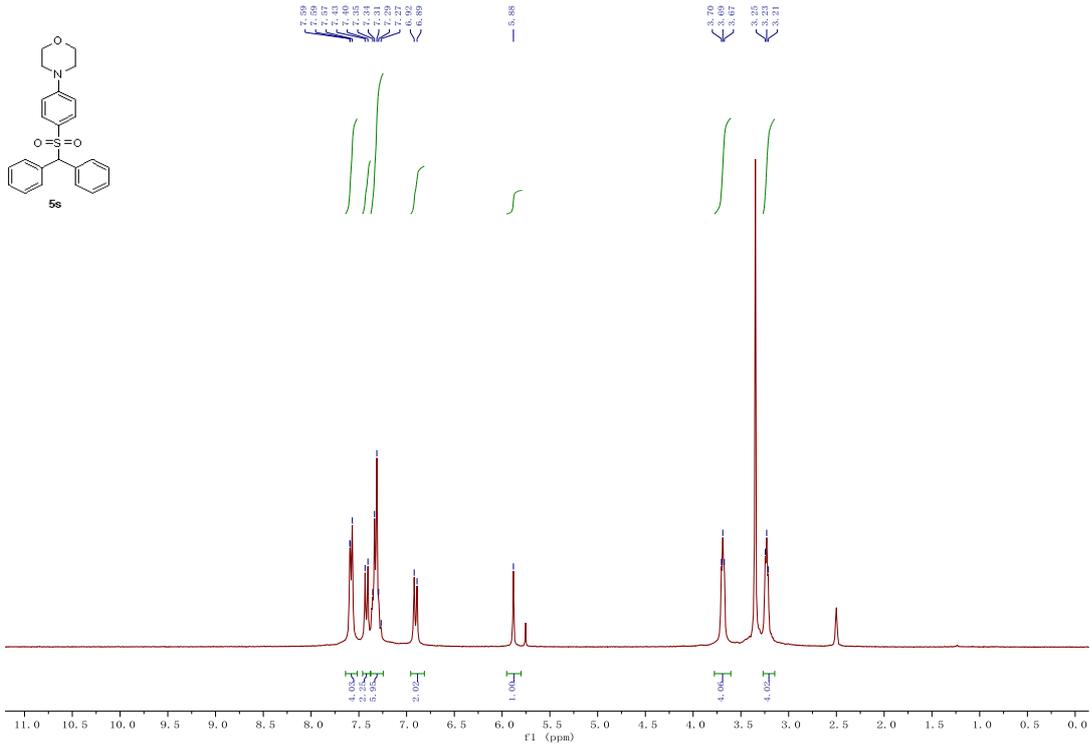
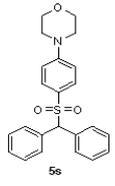
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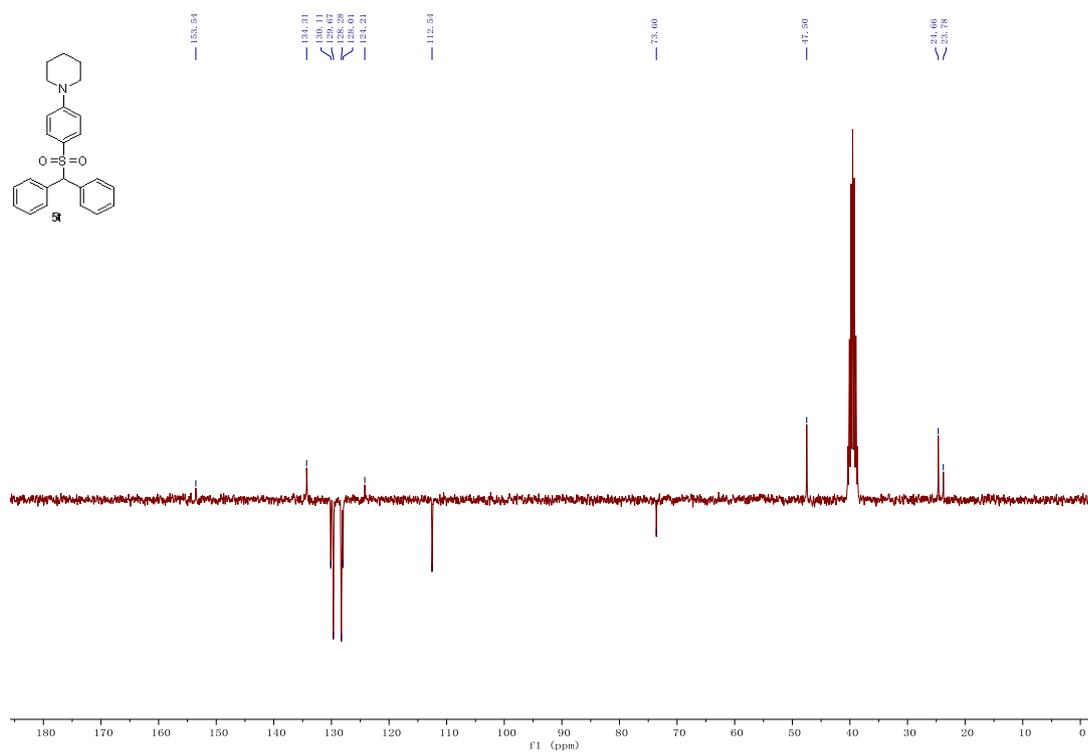
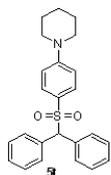
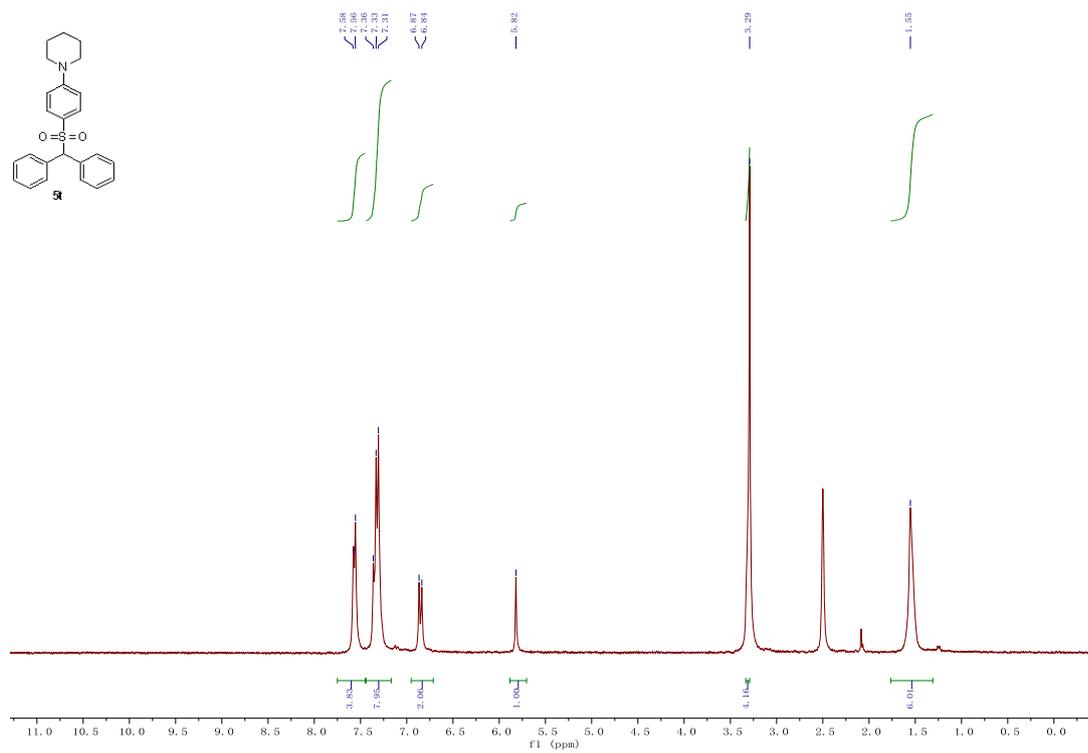
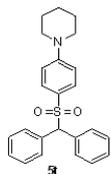


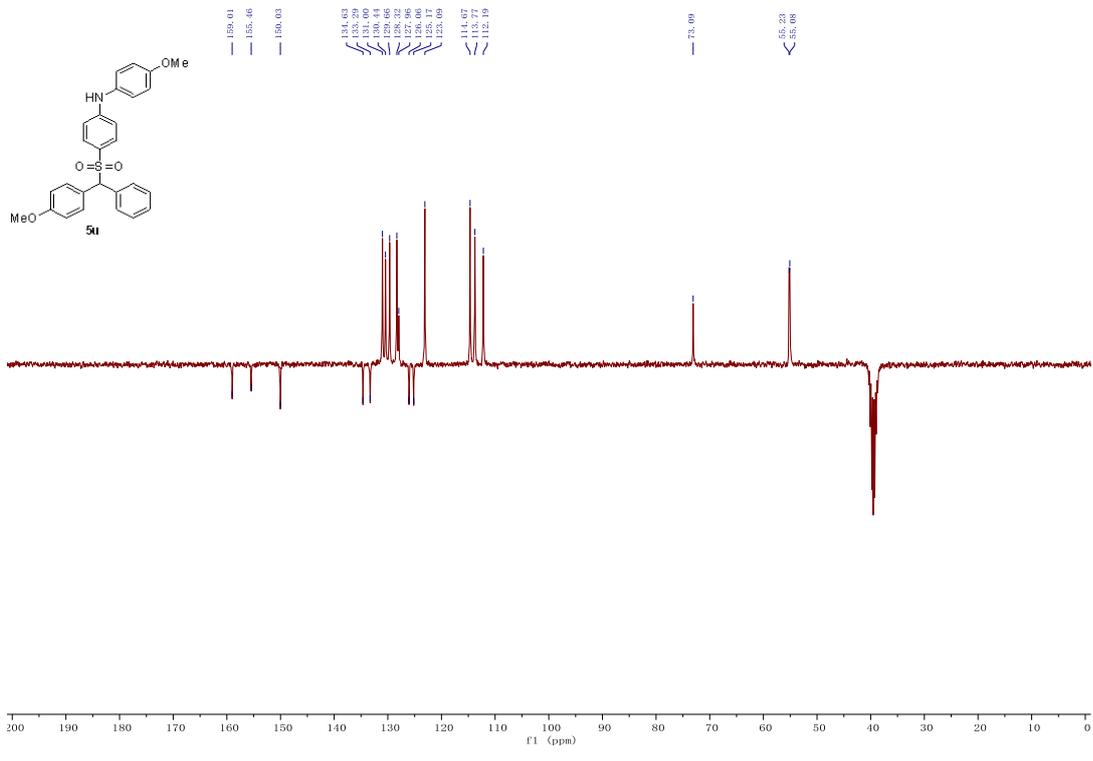
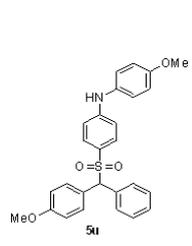
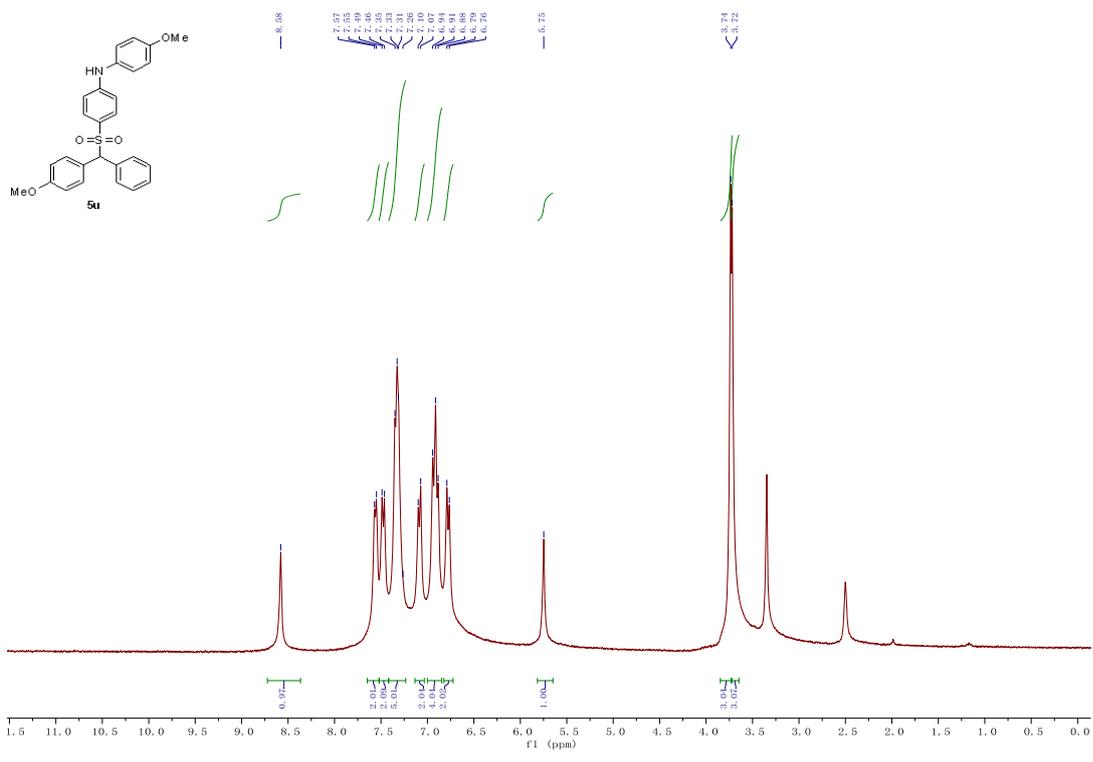
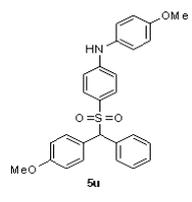


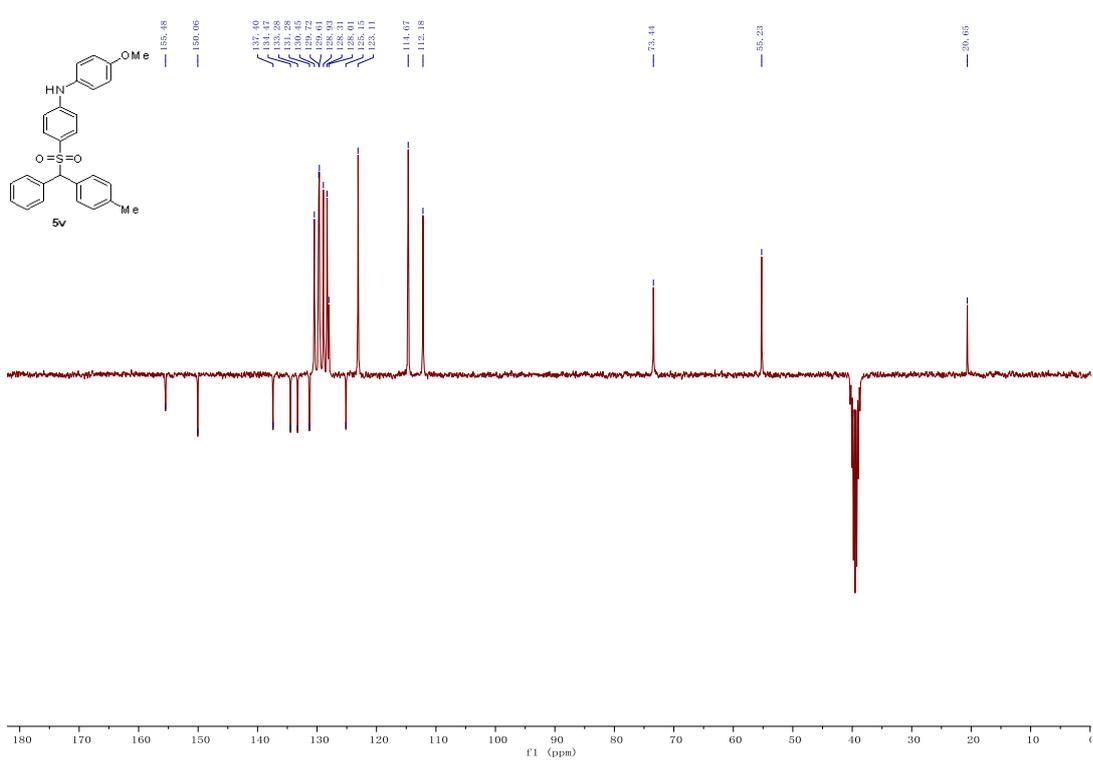
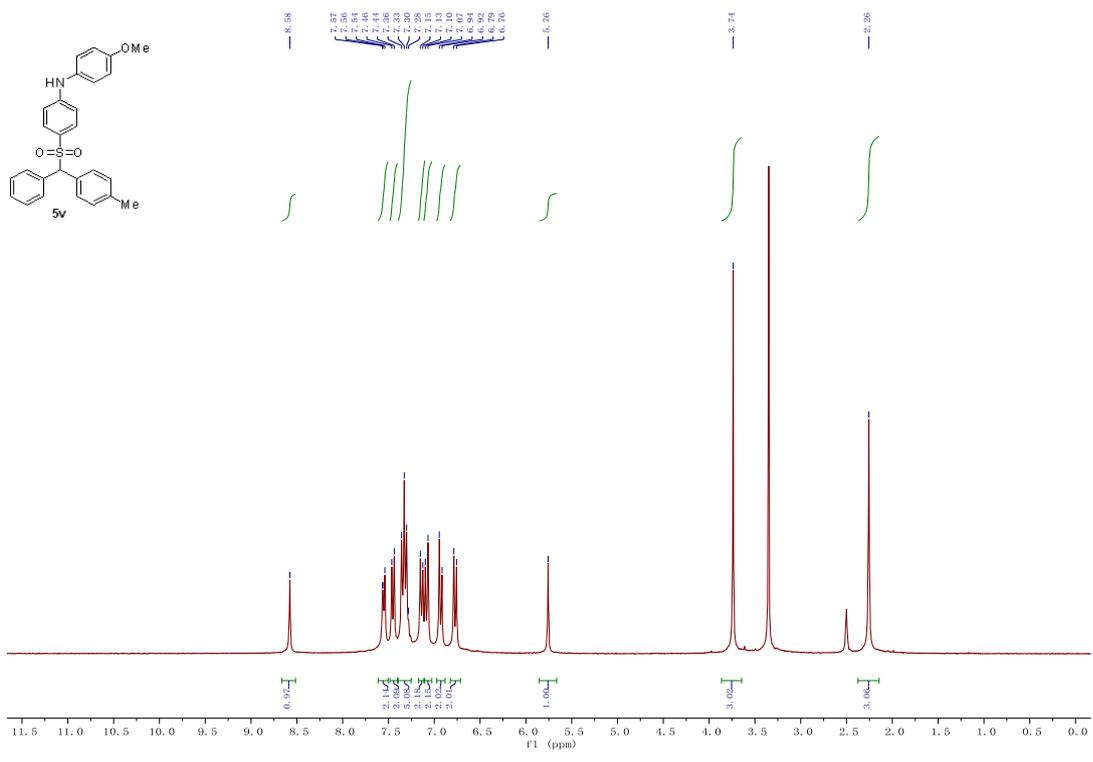


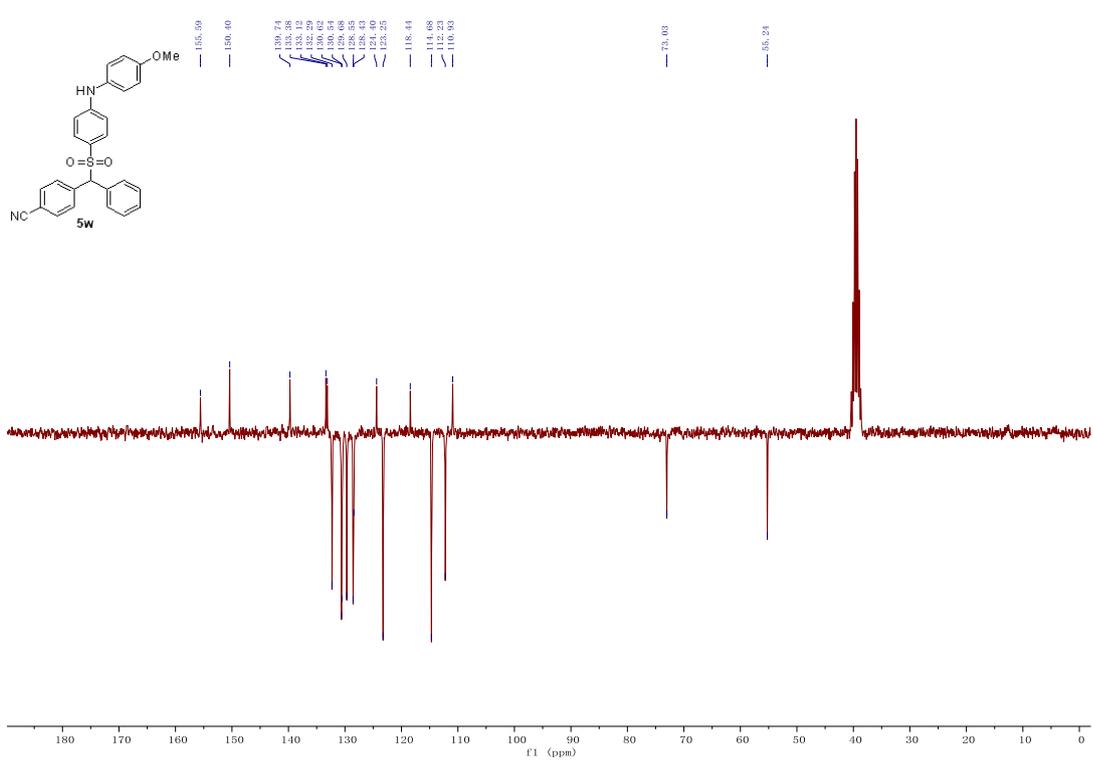
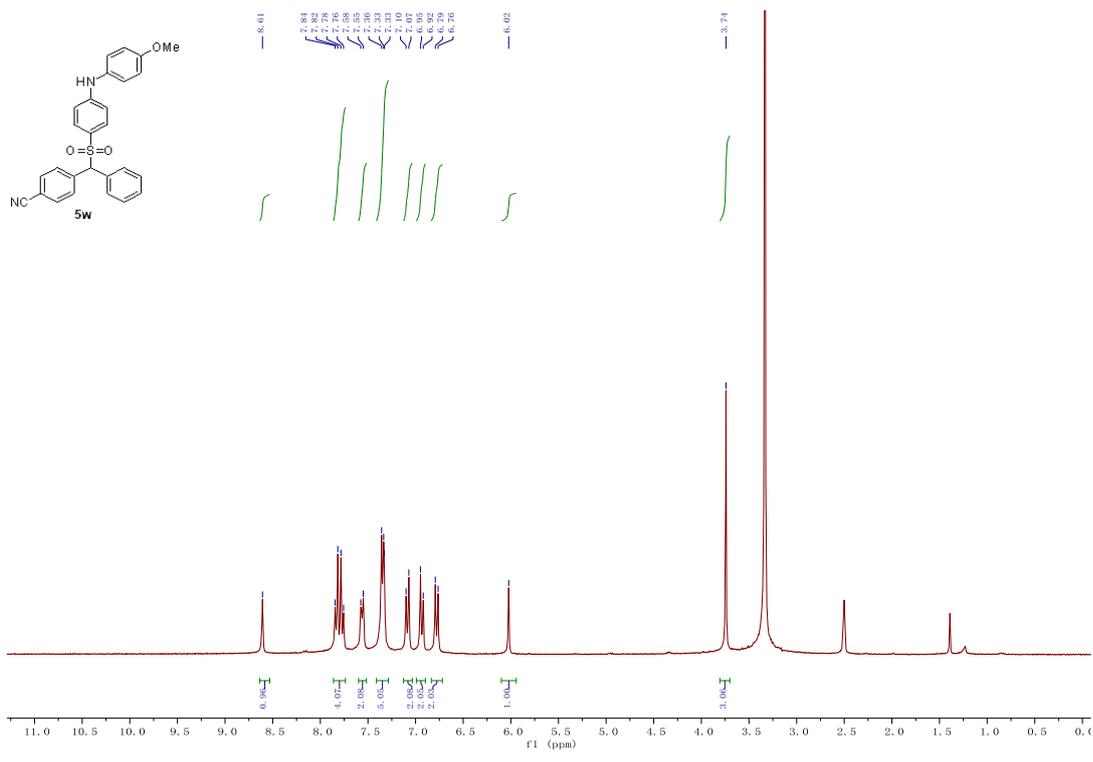


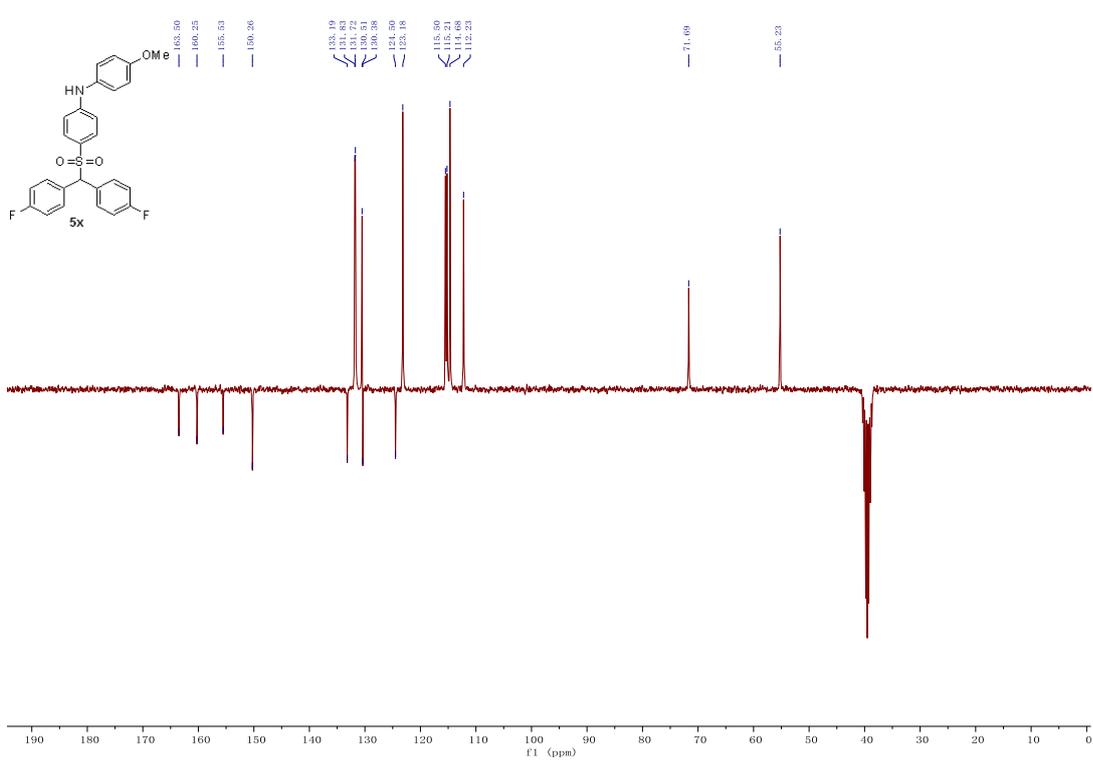
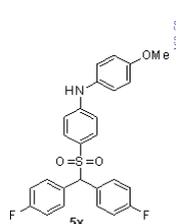
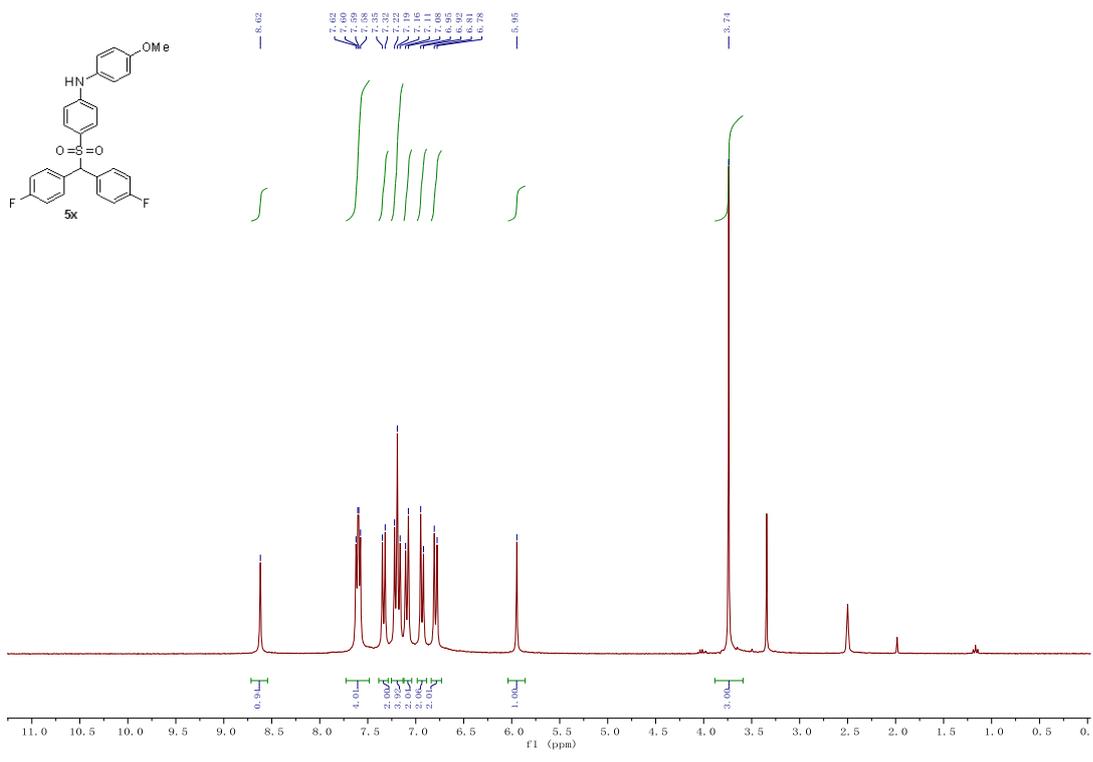
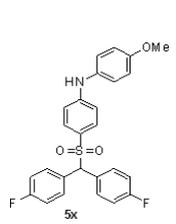


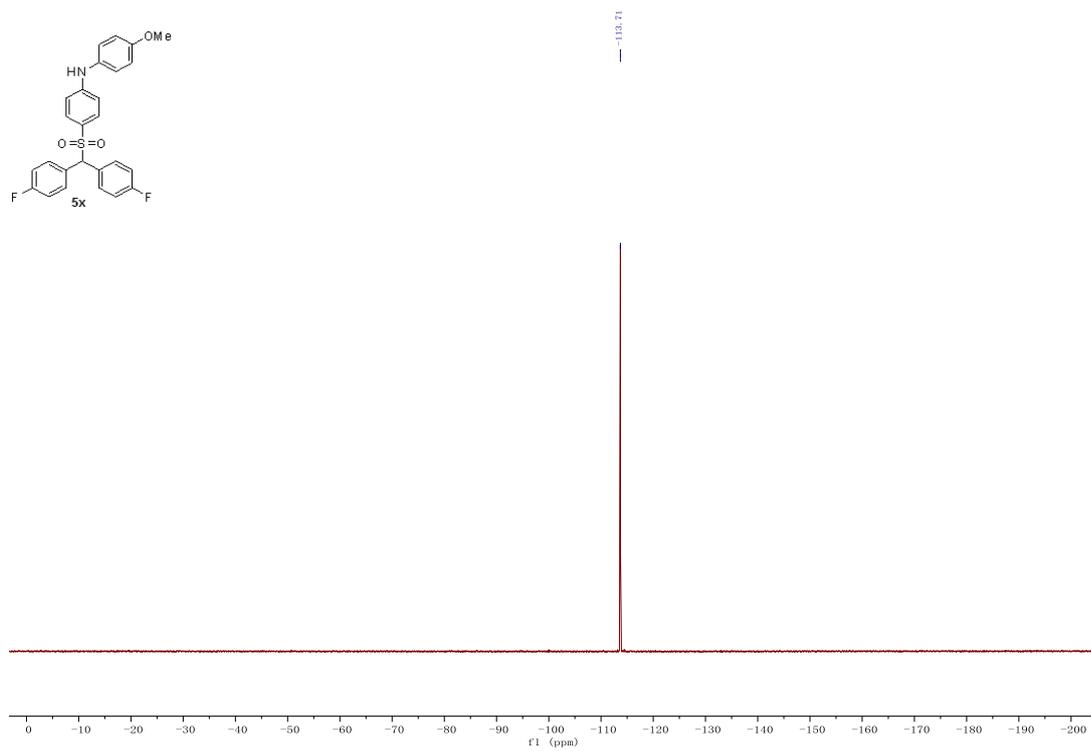
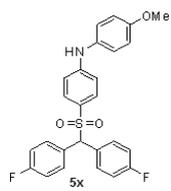


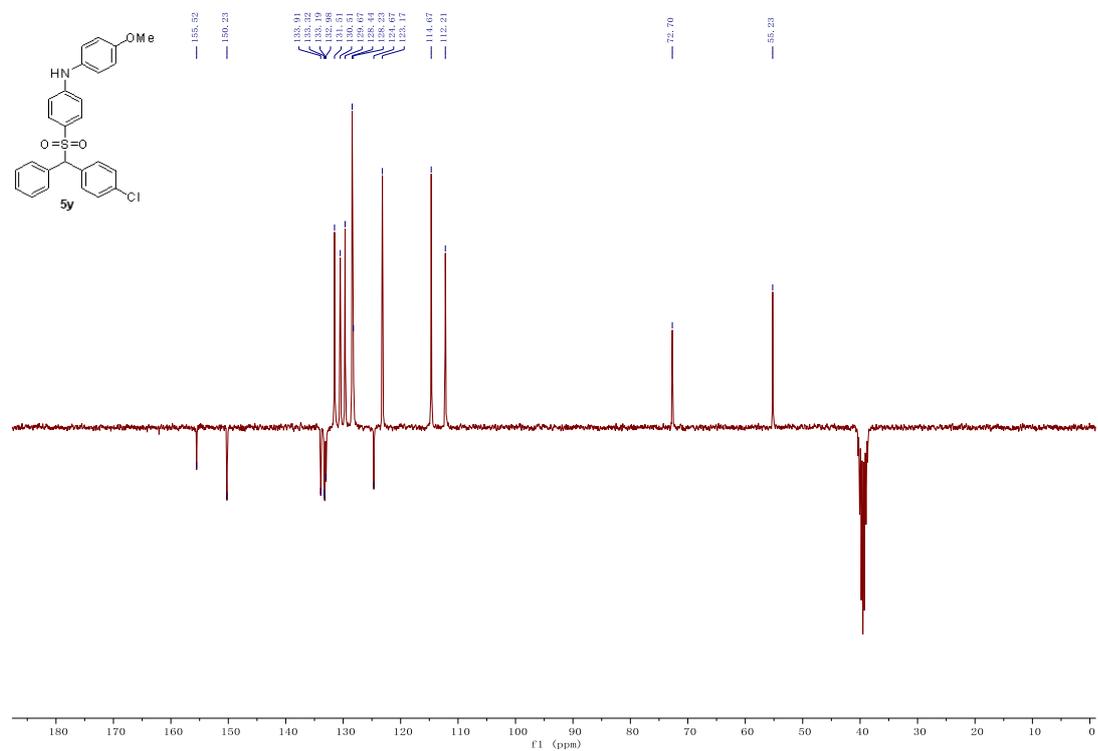
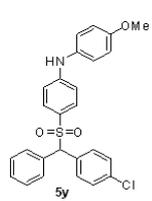
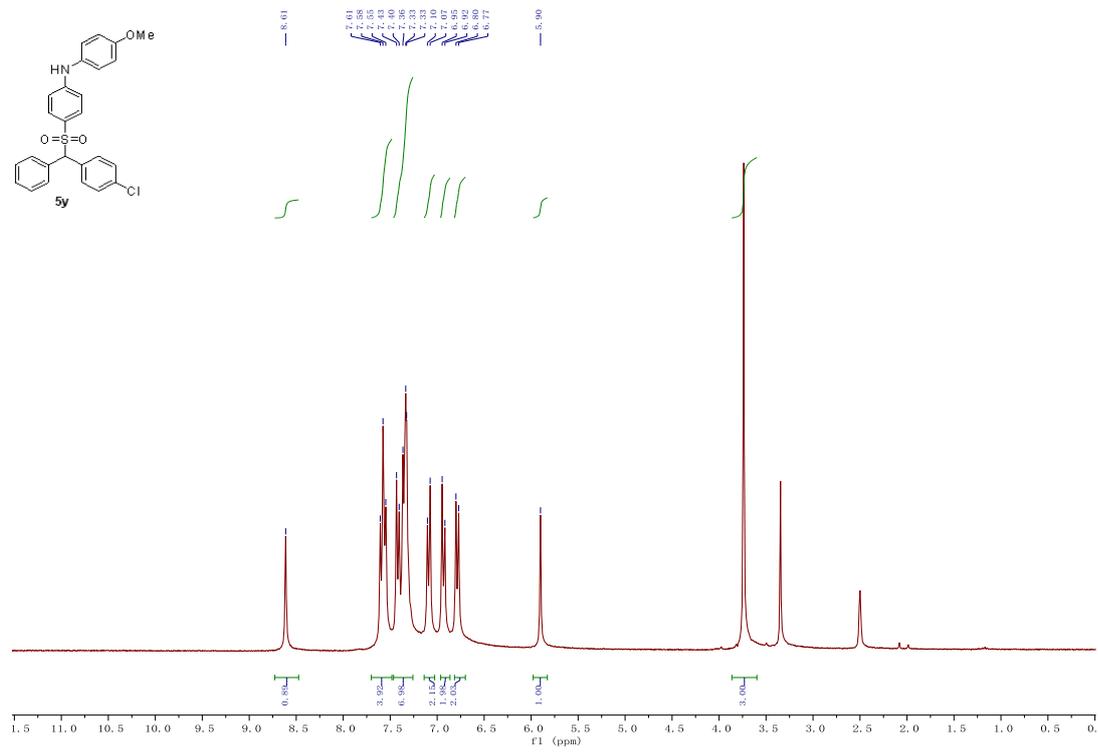
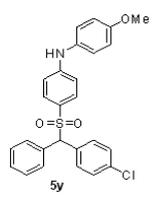


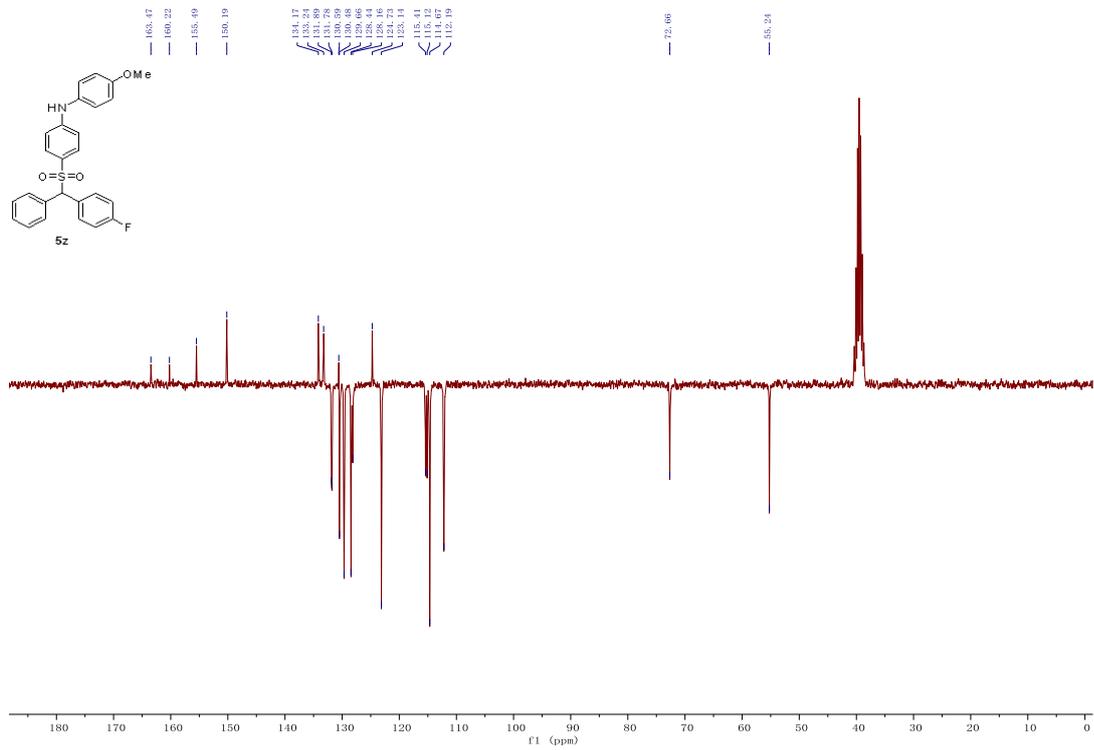
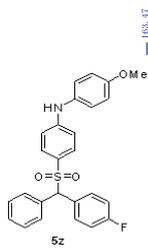
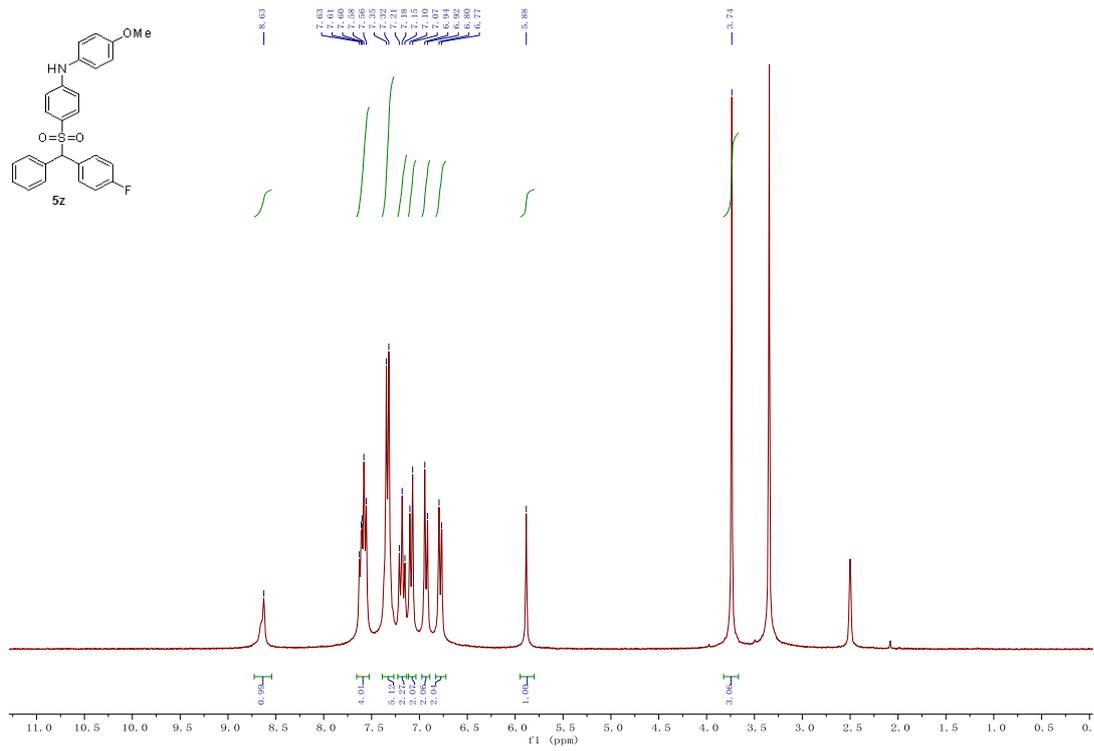
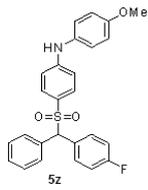


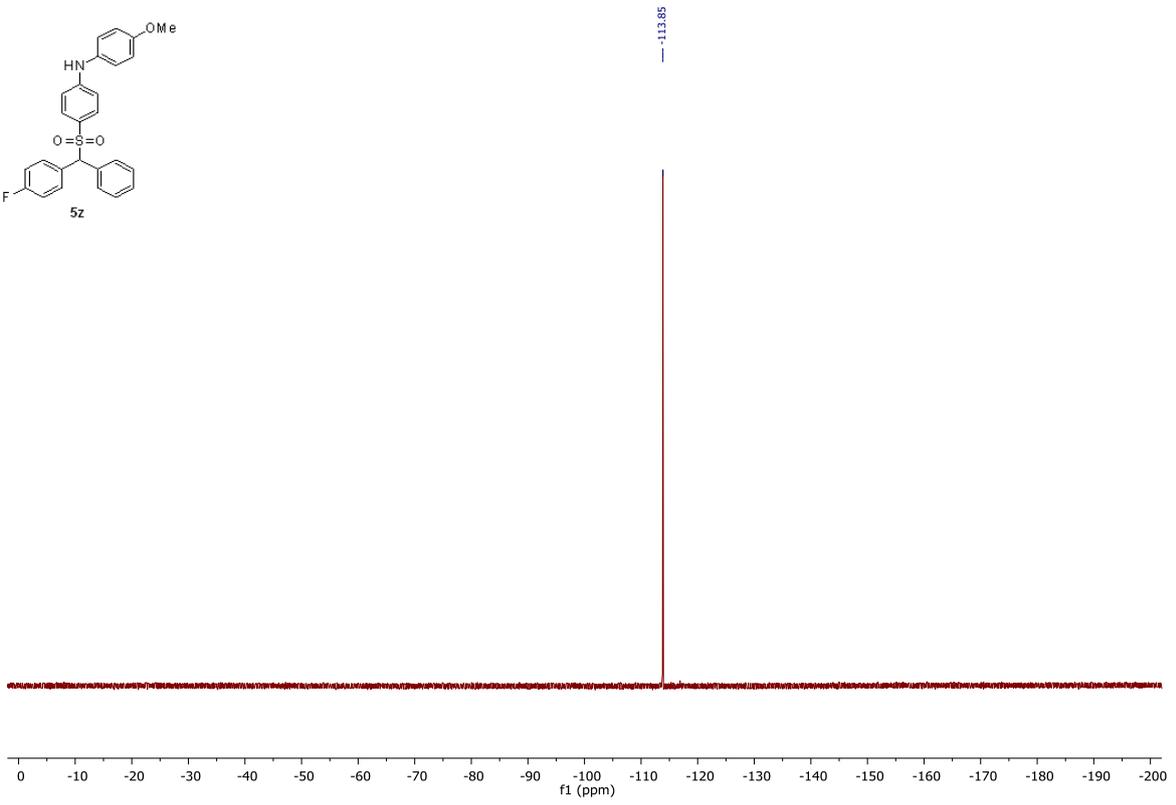
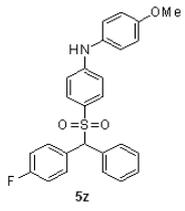


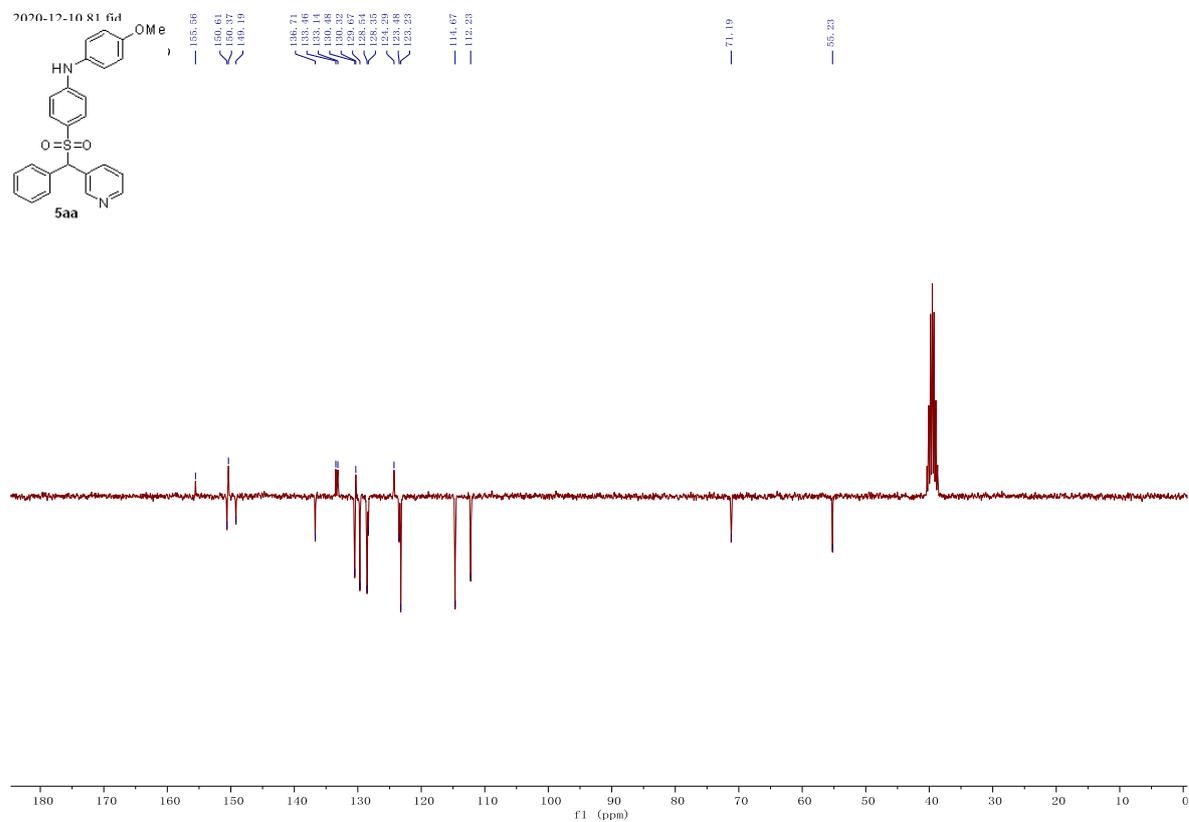
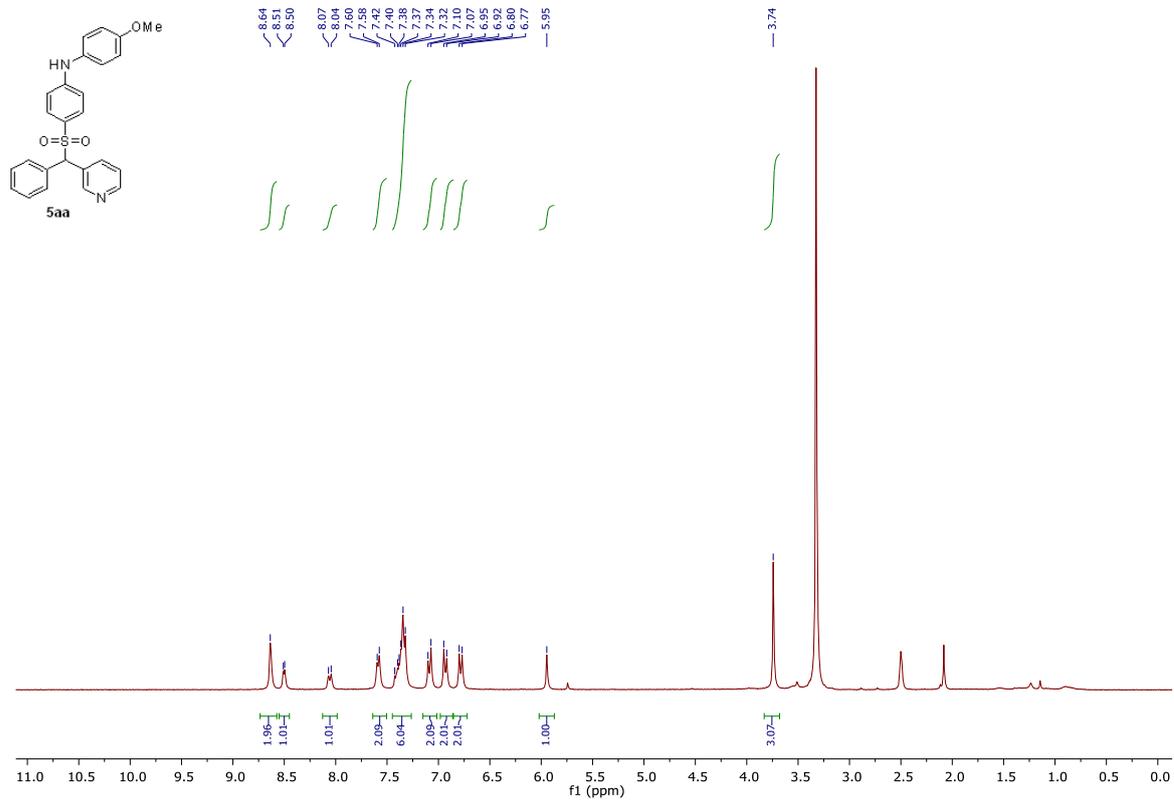


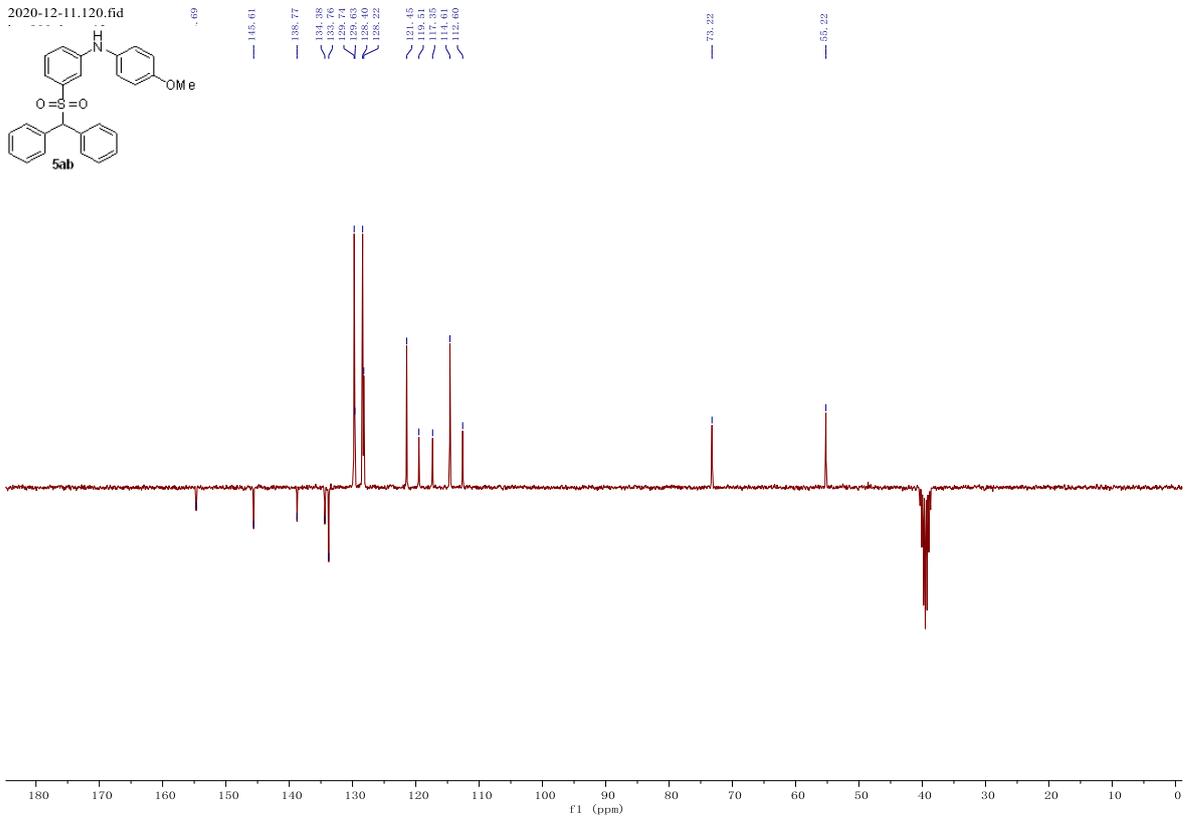
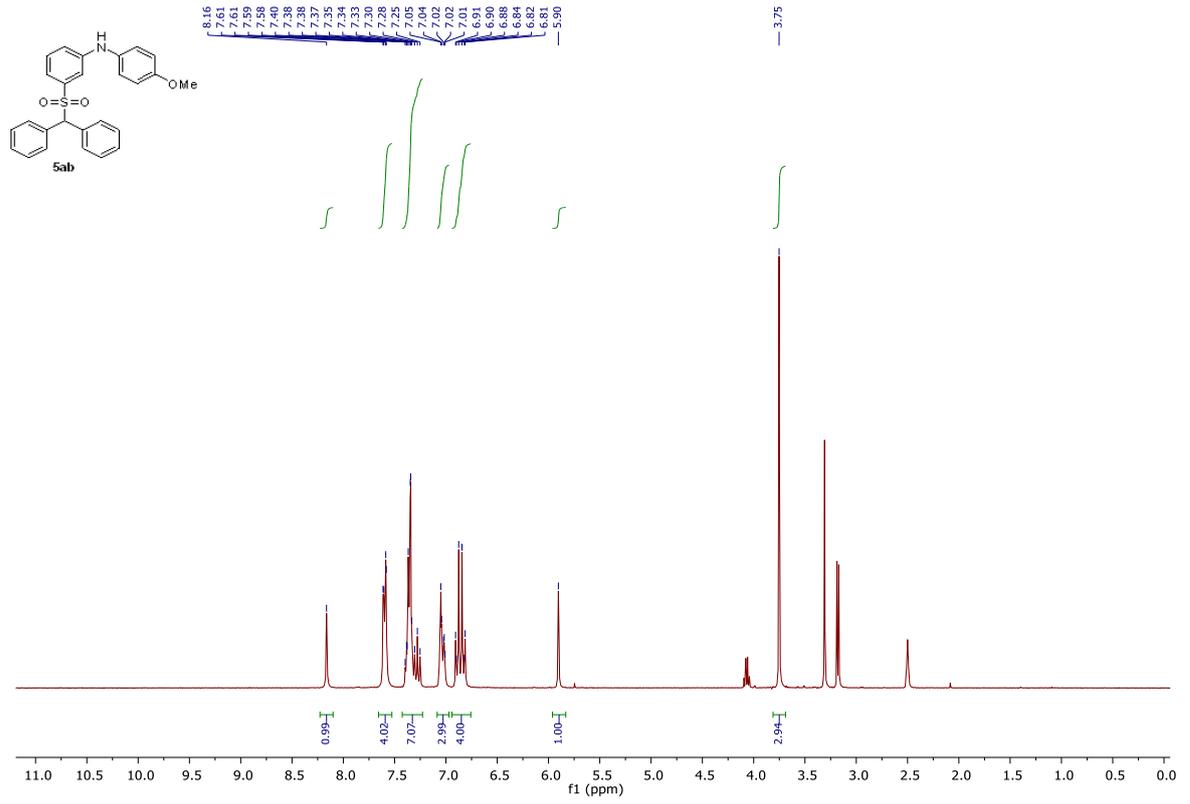


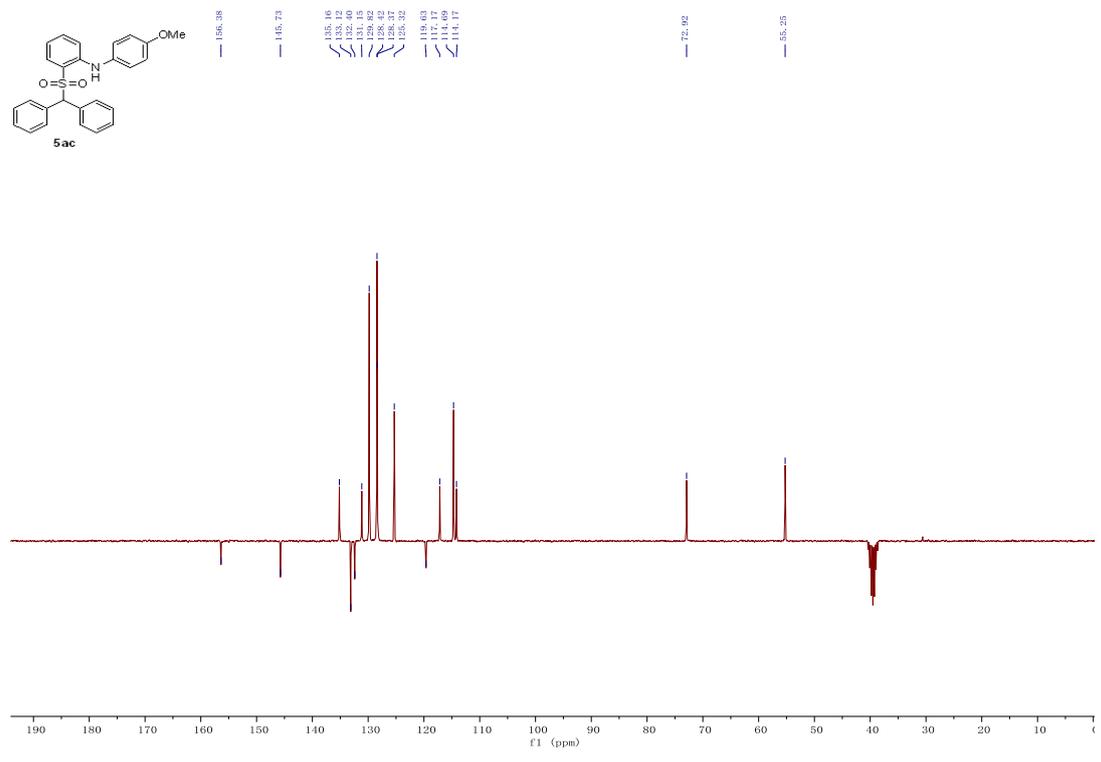
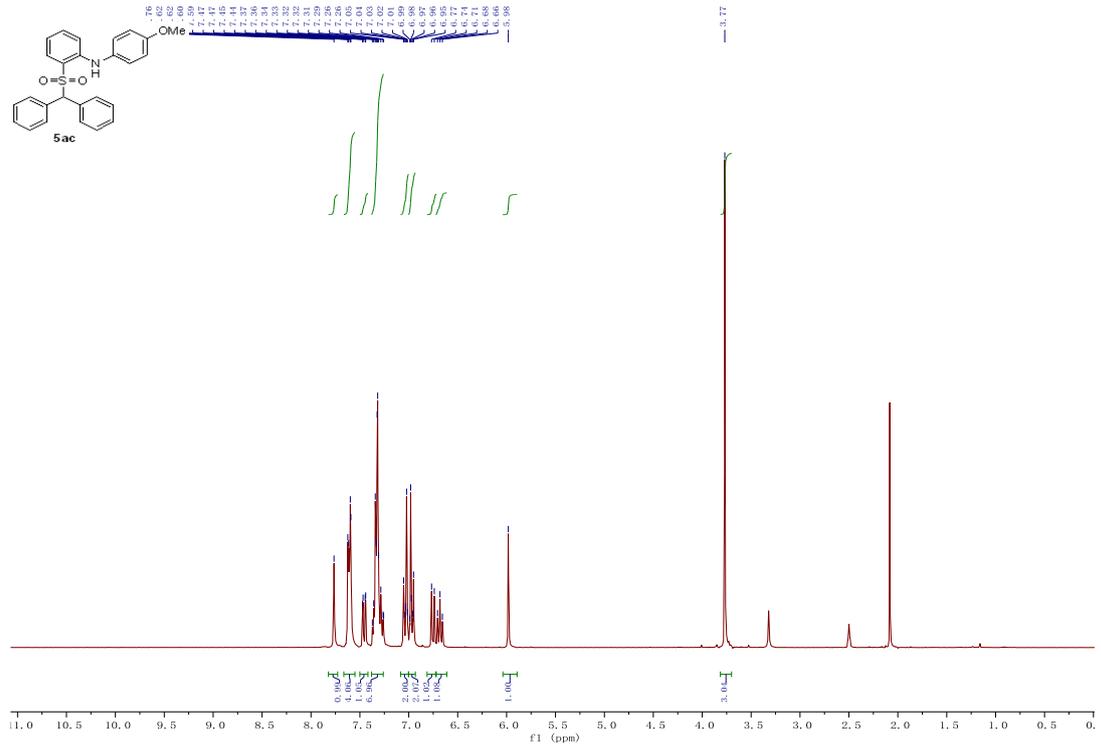


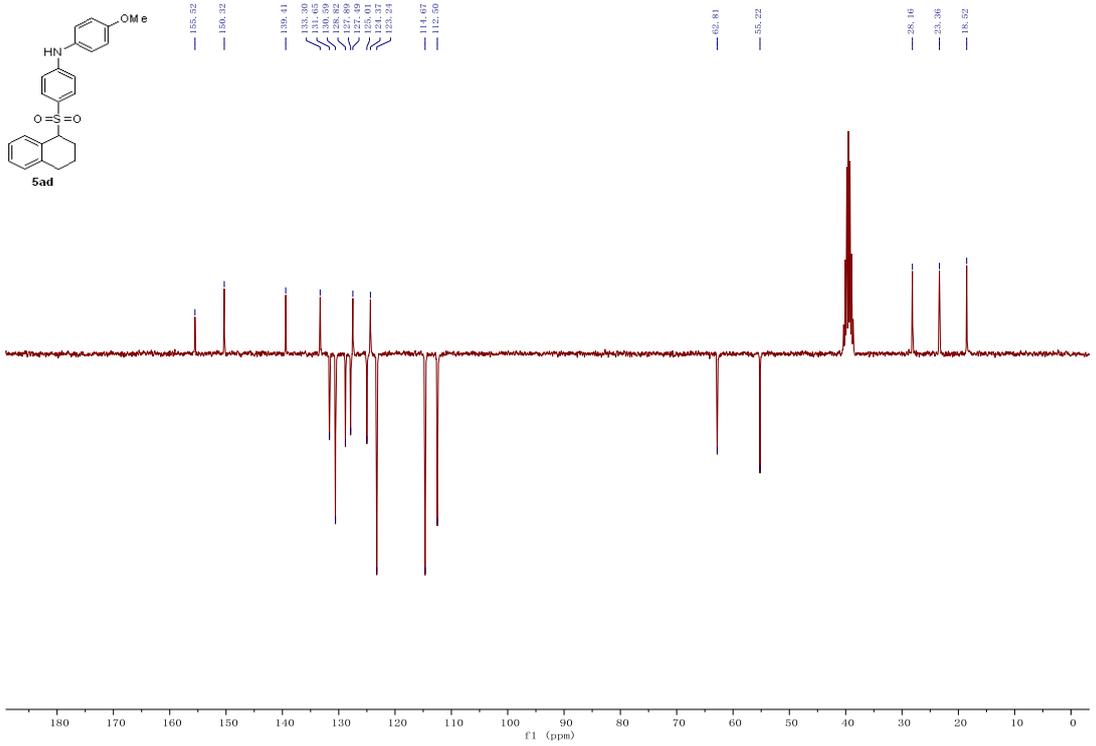
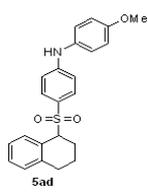
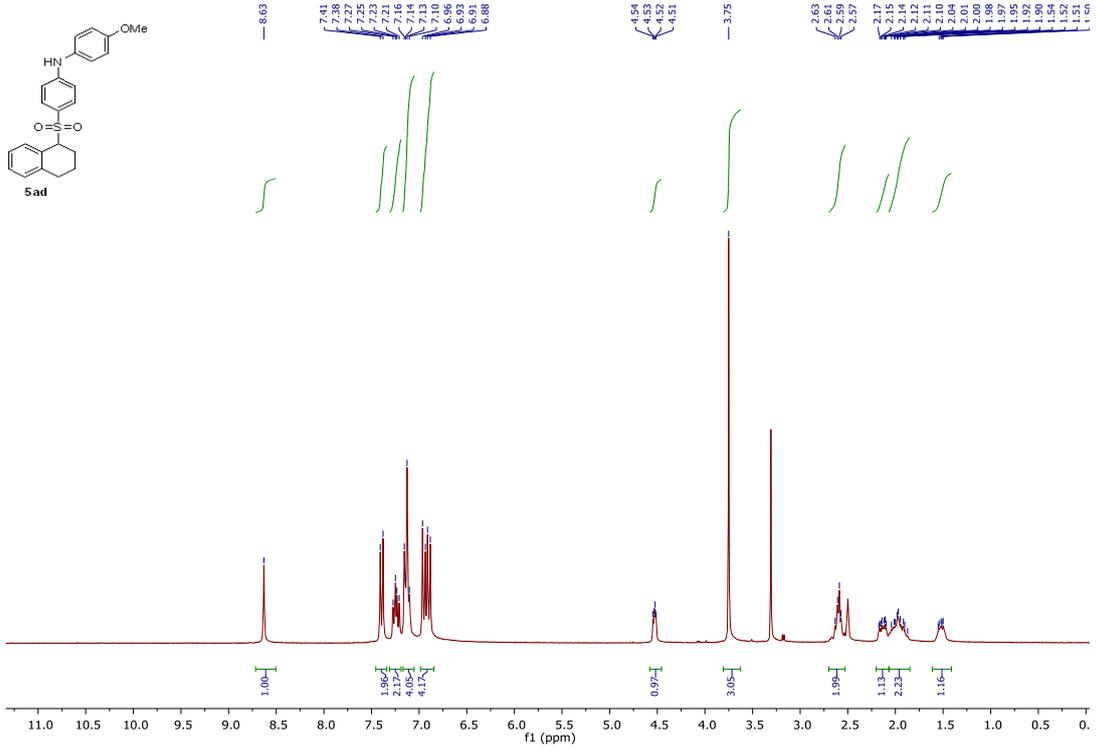
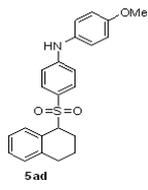


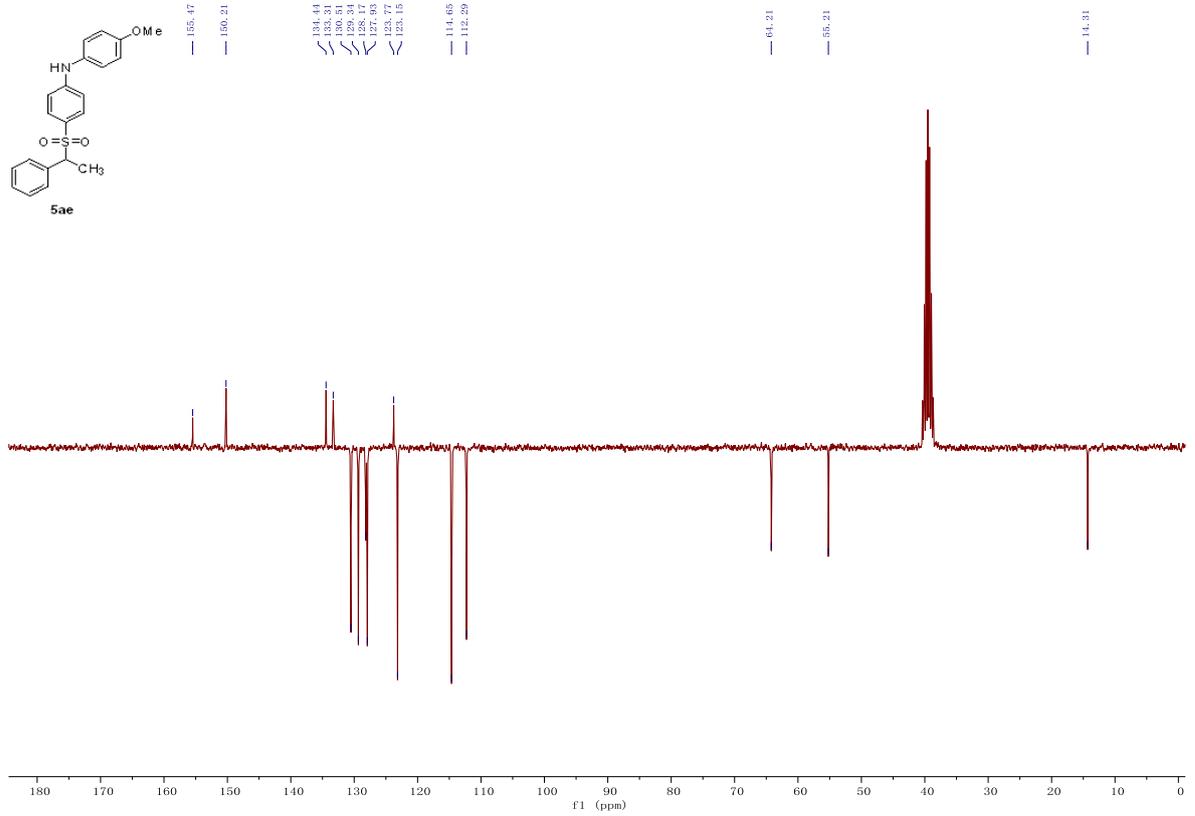
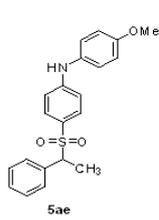
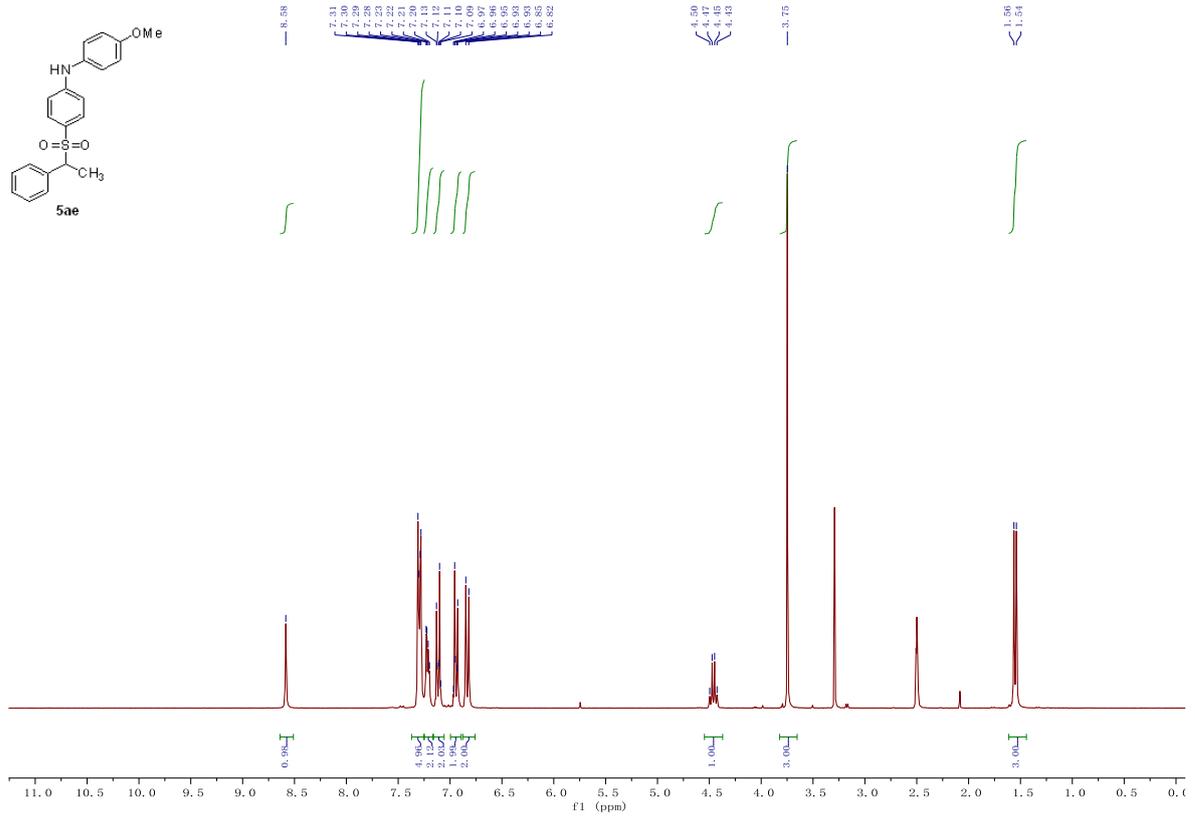
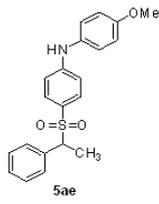


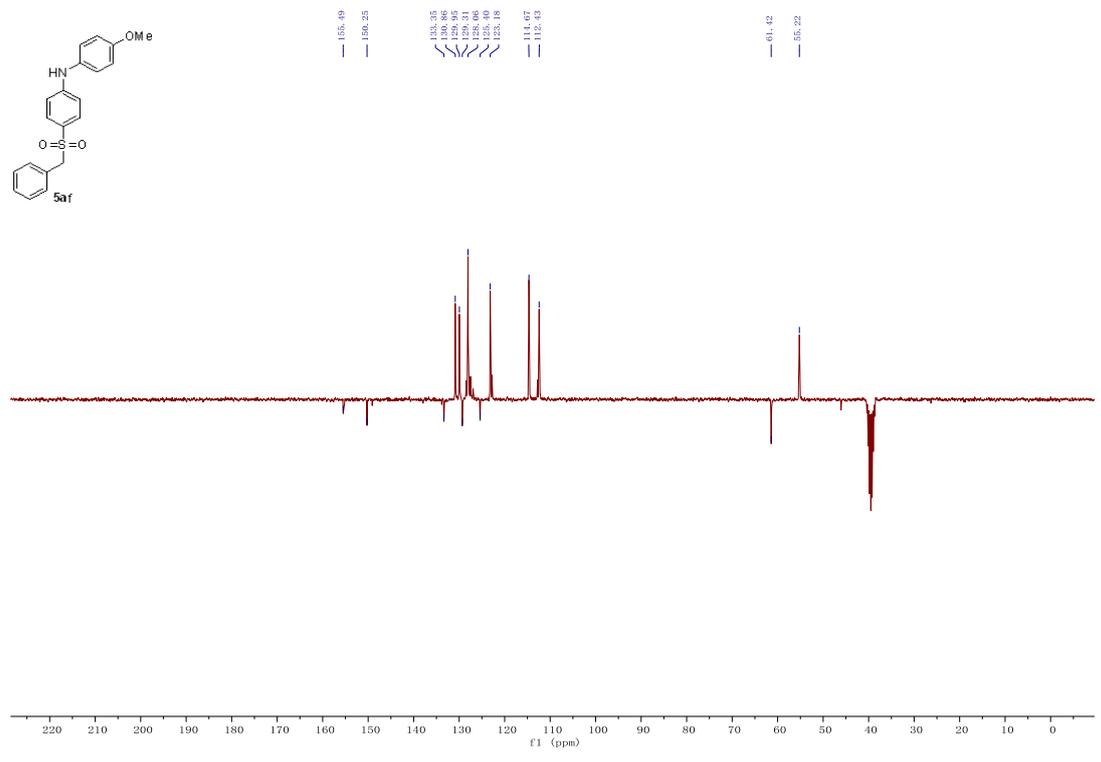
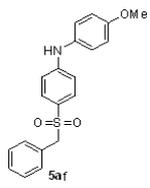
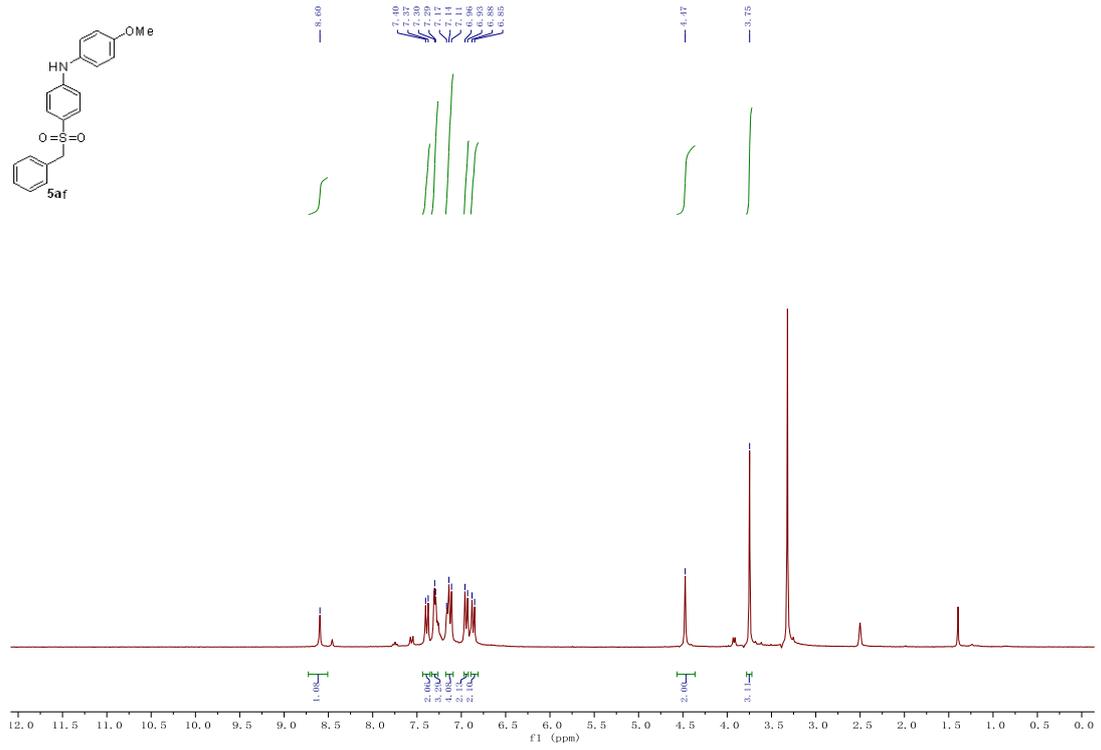
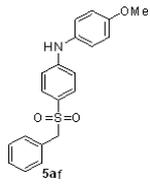


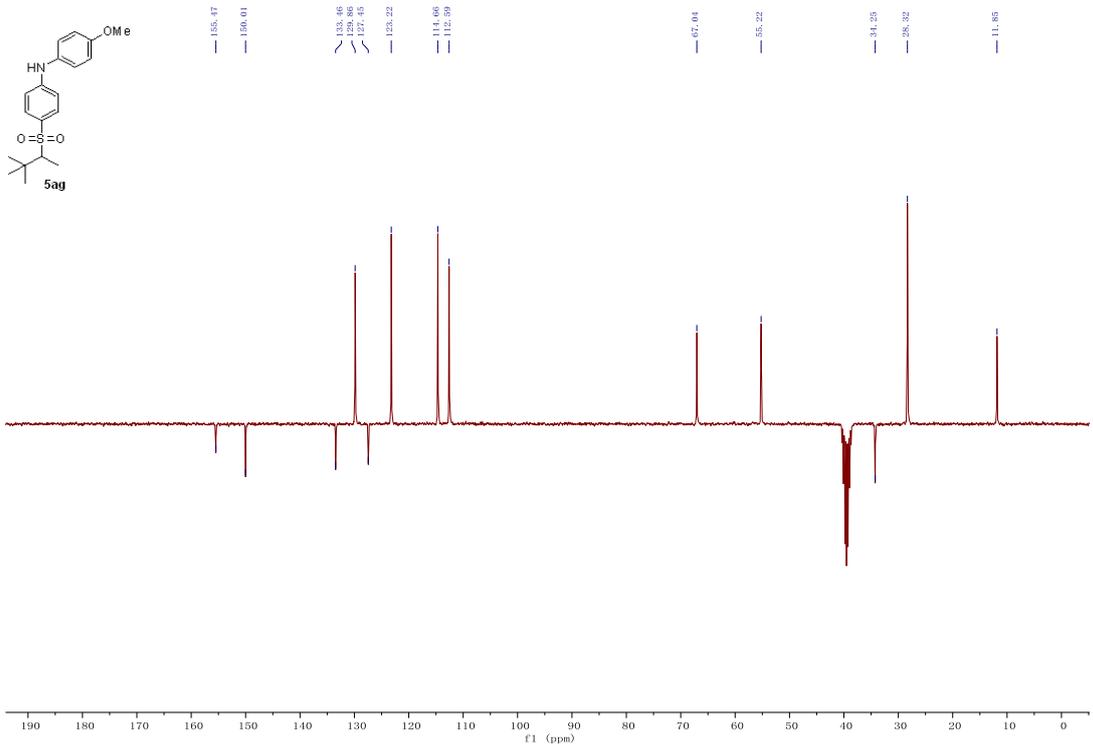
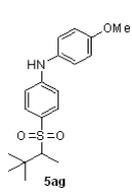
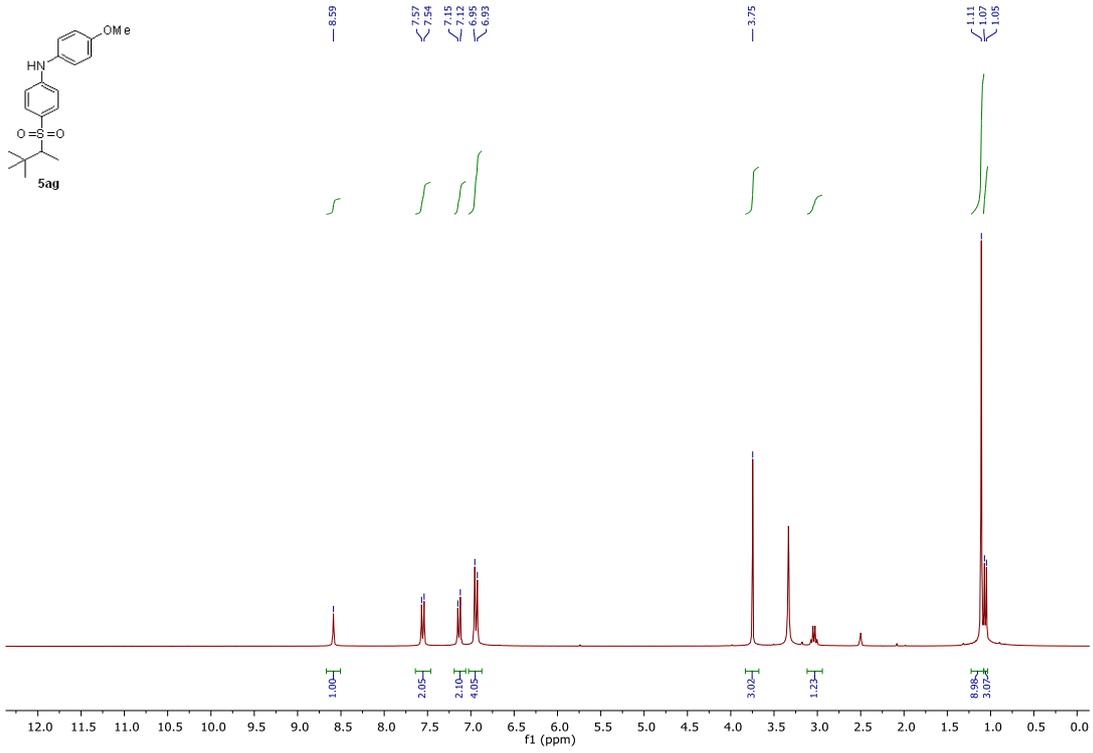
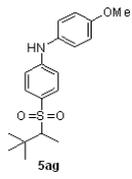


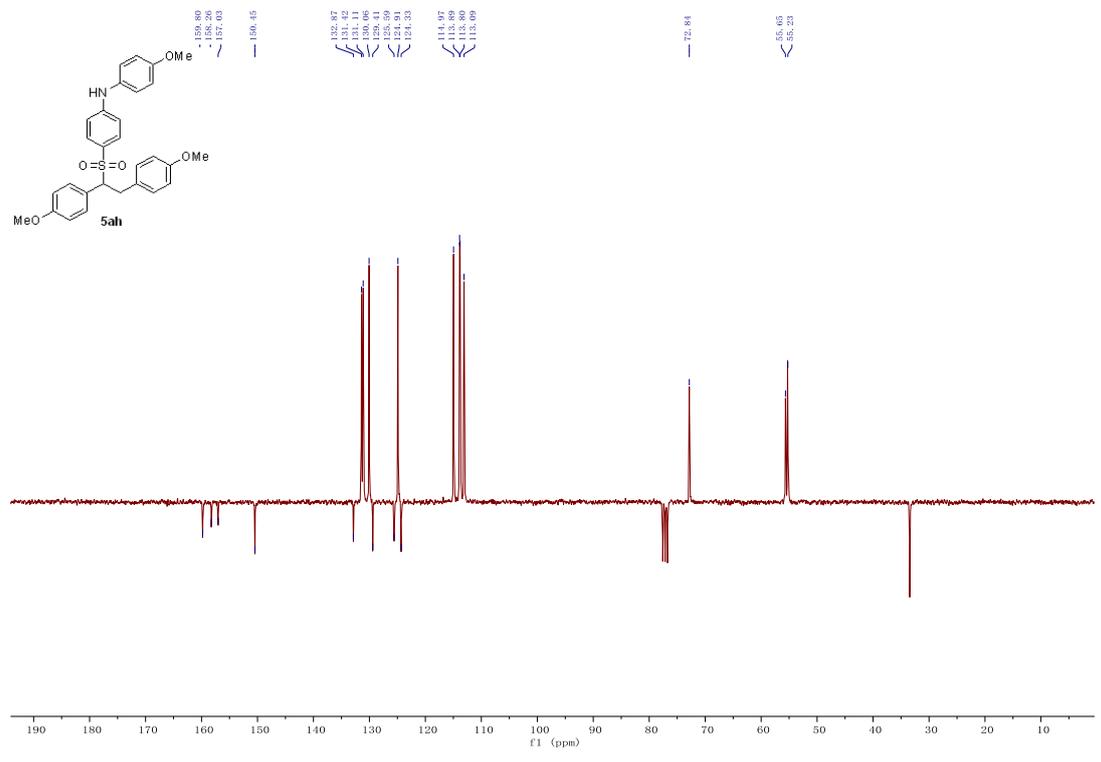
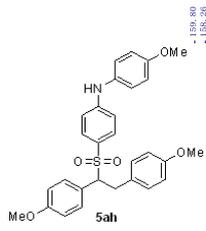
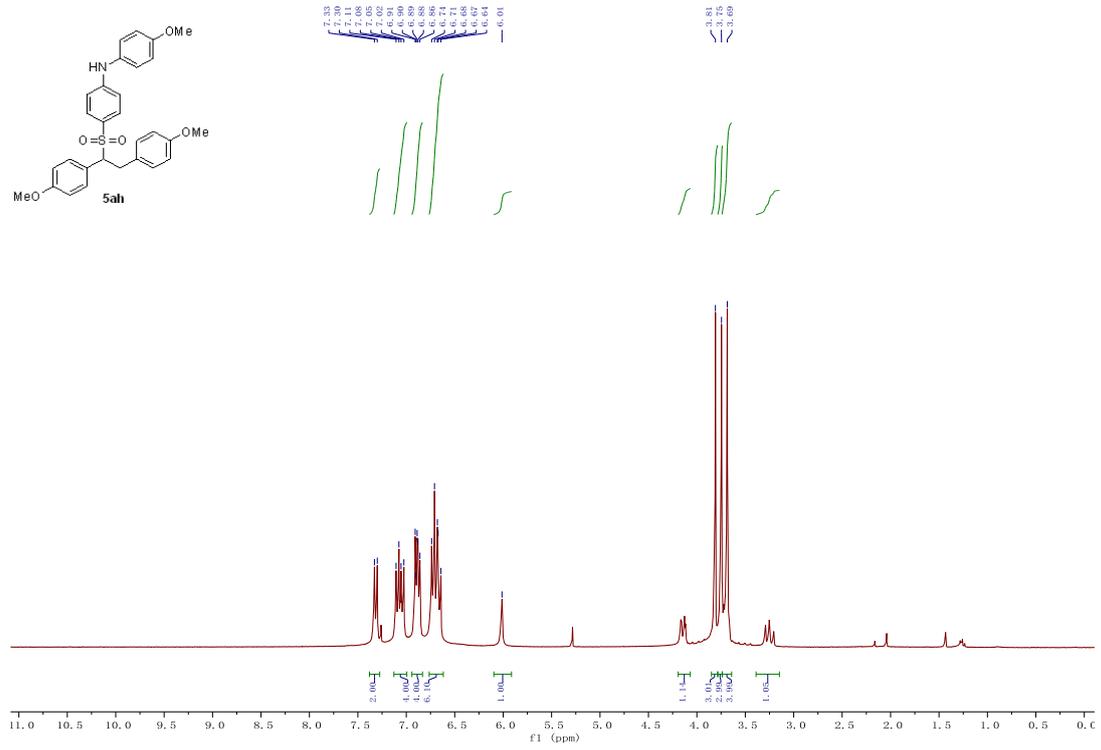
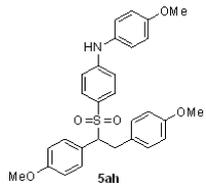




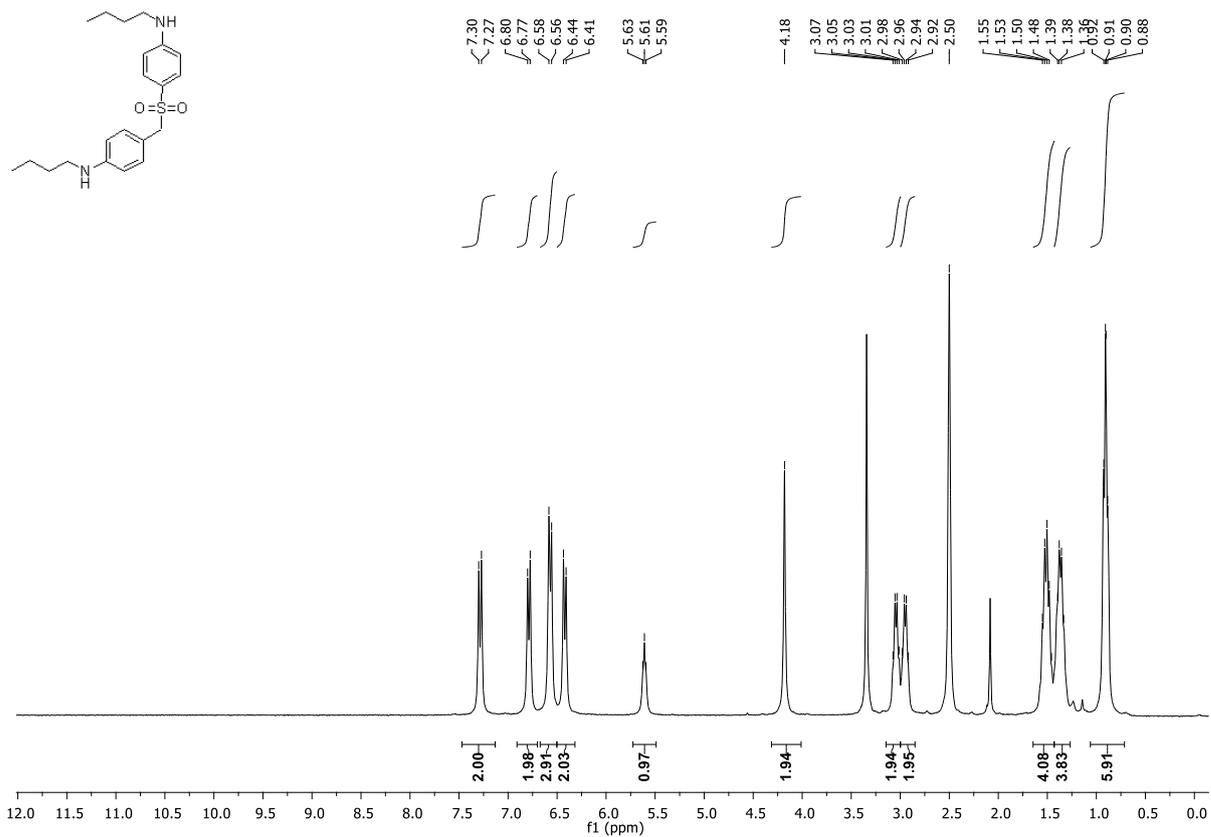




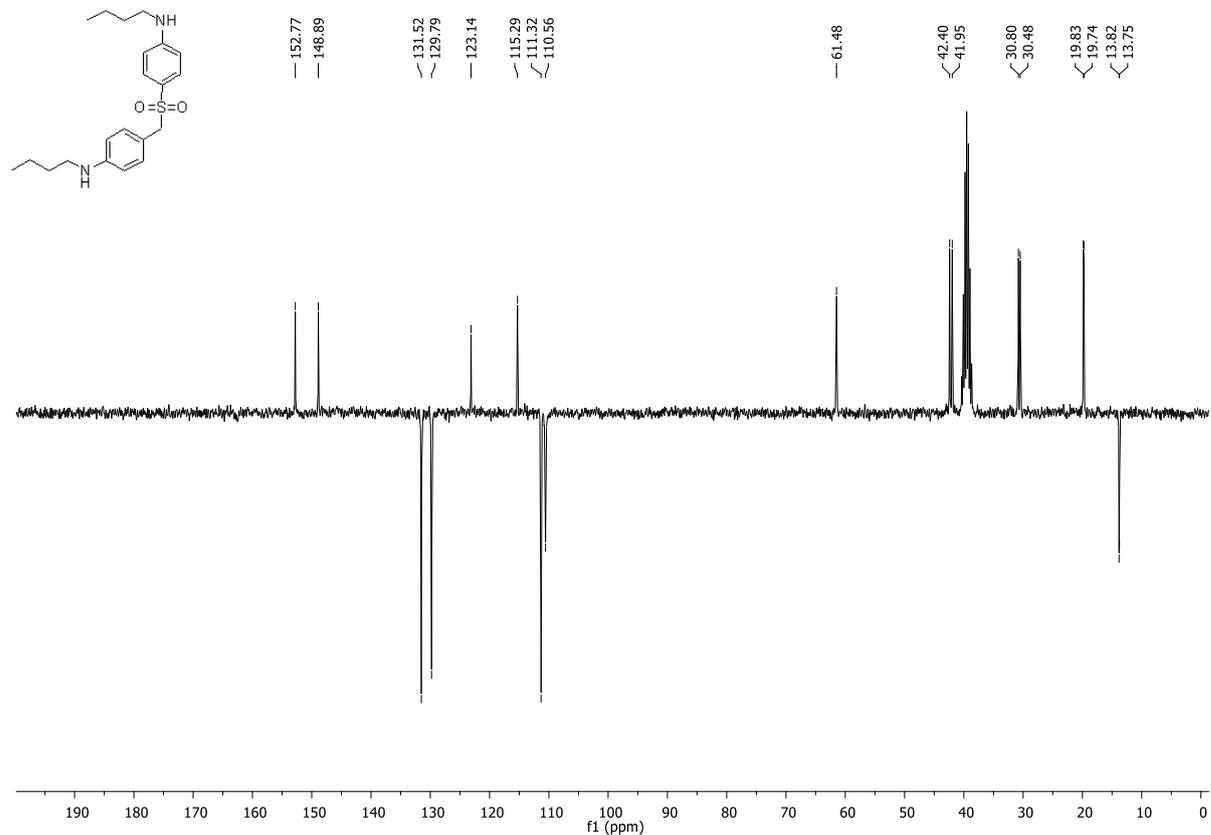




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