

Supporting Information

Palladium-catalyzed carbonylative C-C bond activation of cyclobutanones

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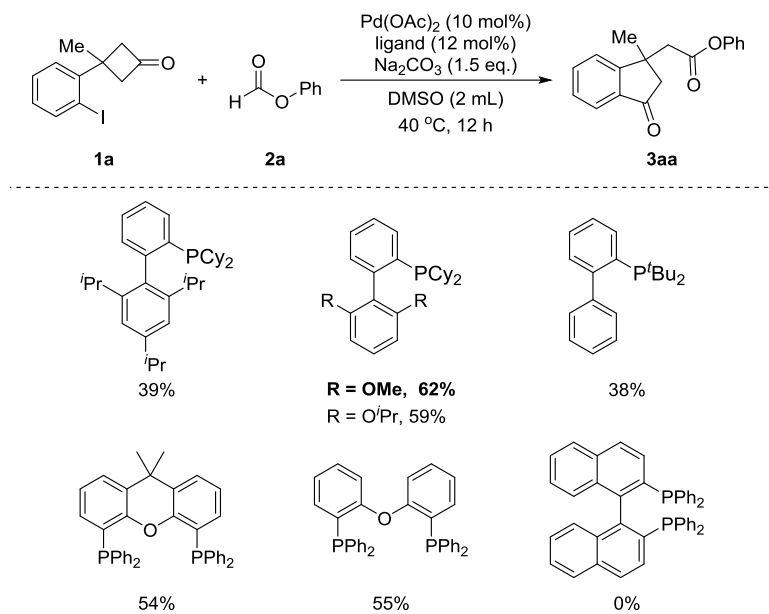
General information

Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out under N₂ atmosphere. All reagents were from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. All solvents were dried by standard techniques and distilled prior to use. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 meshes) using petroleum ether (bp. 60~90 °C) and ethyl acetate as eluent. ¹H NMR (400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance (400 MHz) spectrometer, using CDCl₃ as the solvent and TMS as internal standard; chemical shifts were quoted in parts per million and *J* values were given in hertz. The following abbreviations were used to describe peak splitting patterns when appropriate: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = double doublet, ddd = double doublet of doublets, t = triplet, dt = double triplet, q = quatriplet, m = multiplet, br = broad. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed on a Waters Micromass GCT (ESI-TOF).

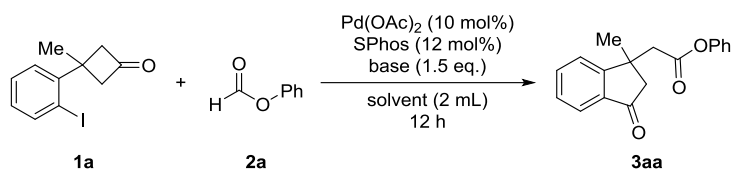
Optimization of Reaction Conditions

Reaction of cyclobutanones and phenyl formate.

Table S1: Optimization of ligands.^a

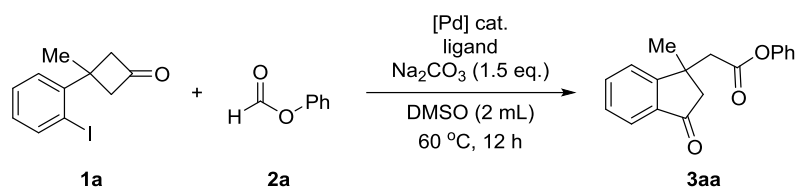


^aUnless otherwise noted, the reaction conditions were as follows: **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), ligand (12 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (1.5 eq.), DMSO 2 mL, 40 °C for 12 h. Isolated yield.

Table S2: Optimization of solvents, temperature and bases.^a

Entry	Solvent	Temp.(°C)	base	Yield(%) ^b
1	DMSO	40	Na ₂ CO ₃	62
2	toluene	40	Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
3	DCM	40	Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
4	dioxane	40	Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
5	CH ₃ CN	40	Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
6	THF	40	Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
7	DMSO	25	Na ₂ CO ₃	27
8	DMSO	60	Na₂CO₃	75
9	DMSO	70	Na ₂ CO ₃	68
10	DMSO	60	K ₂ CO ₃	61
11	DMSO	60	Cs ₂ CO ₃	24
12	DMSO	60	Ag ₂ CO ₃	trace
13	DMSO	60	K ₃ PO ₄	51

^aUnless otherwise noted, the reaction conditions were as follows: **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), SPhos (12 mol%), base (1.5 eq.), solvent 2 mL for 12 h. ^bIsolated yield.

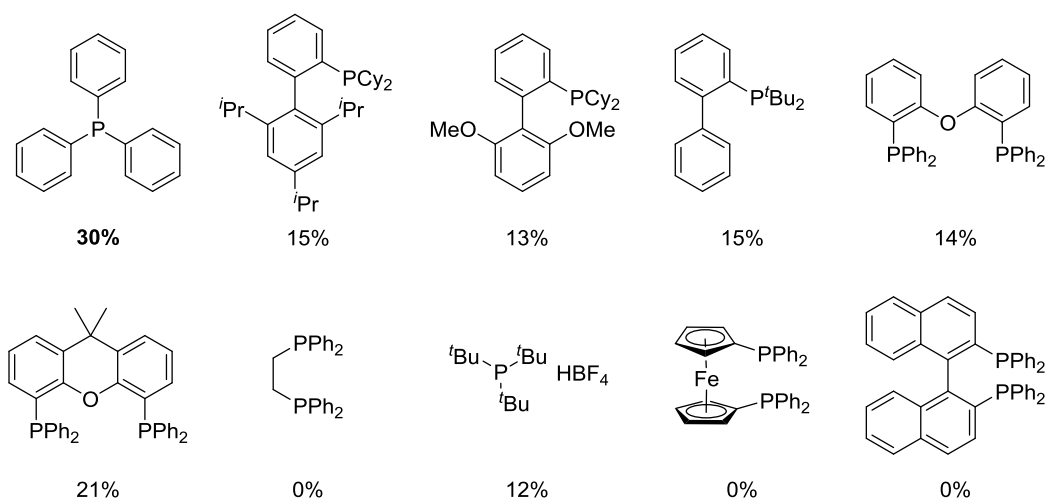
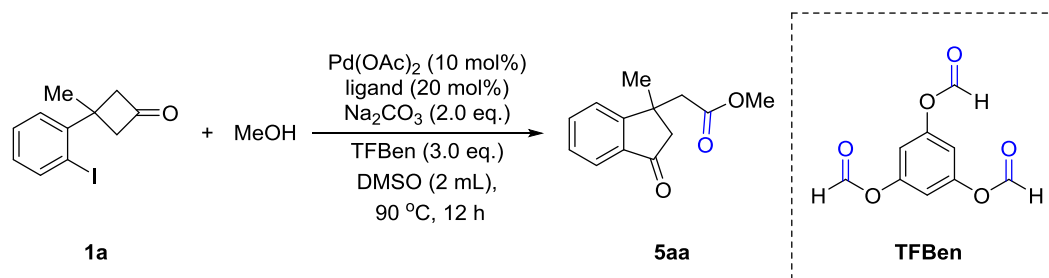
Table S3: Optimization of catalysts and ligands.^a

Entry	[Pd] cat.	Ligand	Yield(%) ^b
1	PdCl ₂	SPhos	76
2	Pd(TFA) ₂	SPhos	60
3	Pd(dba) ₂	SPhos	67
4	Pd(MeCN) ₂ Cl ₂	SPhos	75
5	Pd(acac) ₂	SPhos	56
6	Pd(dppb)Cl ₂	SPhos	80
7	Pd(dppb)Cl ₂	/	75
8	Pd(dtbpf)Cl ₂	SPhos	87
9	Pd(dtbpf)Cl ₂	/	80
10	PdCl ₂	dppf	88
11^c	PdCl₂	dppf	83
12 ^d	PdCl ₂	dppf	67

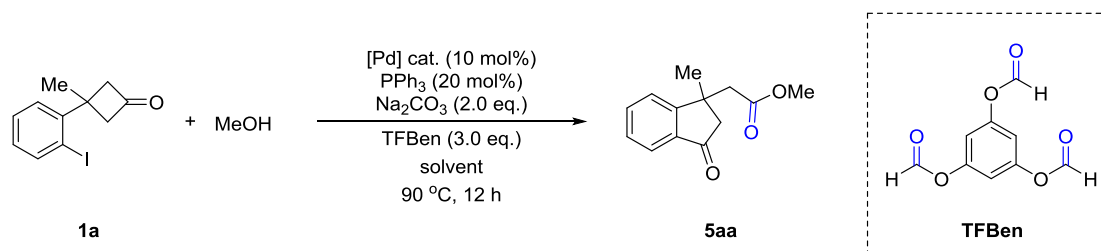
^aUnless otherwise noted, the reaction conditions were as follows: **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.), [Pd] cat. (10 mol%), ligand (12 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (1.5 eq.), DMSO 2 mL, 60 °C for 12 h. ^bIsolated yield. ^cPdCl₂ (5 mol%), dppf (6 mol%). ^dPdCl₂ (2.5 mol%), dppf (3 mol%).

Reaction of cyclobutanones, MeOH and TFBen.

Table S4: Optimization of ligands.^a



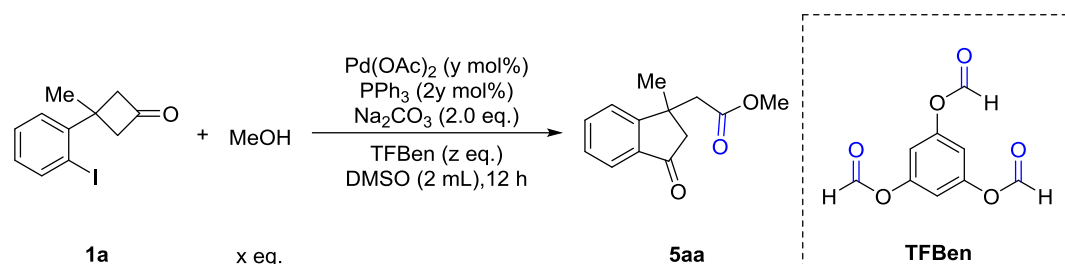
^a Unless otherwise noted, the reaction conditions were as follows: **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **TFBen** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.), **MeOH** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (10 mol%), ligand (20 mol%), Na_2CO_3 (2.0 eq.), DMSO 2 mL, 90 °C for 12 h. Isolated yield.

Table S5: Optimization of catalysts and solvents.^a

Entry	[Pd] cat.	Solvent	Yield(%) ^b
1	Pd(OAc)₂	DMSO	30
2	Pd(CH ₃ CN) ₂ Cl ₂	DMSO	18
3	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	DMSO	22
4	Pd(TFA) ₂	DMSO	18
5	[PdCl(allyl)] ₂	DMSO	15
6	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	DMSO	12
7	Pd(cod)Cl ₂	DMSO	17
8	PdBr ₂	DMSO	19
9	PdCl ₂	DMSO	24
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	CH ₃ CN	N.D.
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	DMF	20
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	DCE	N.D.
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	THF	N.D.
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	Toluene	N.D.
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	Hexane	N.D.
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	EtOAc	N.D.

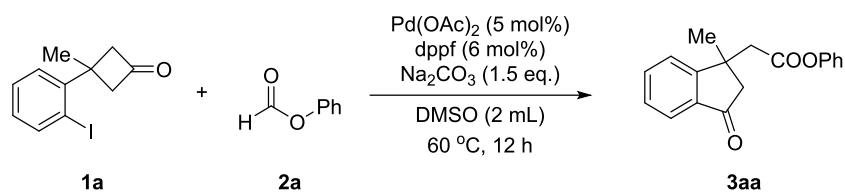
^a Unless otherwise noted, the reaction conditions were as follows: **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), **TFBen** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.), **MeOH** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.), [Pd] cat. (10 mol%), PPh₃ (20 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (2.0 eq.), solvent 2 mL, 90 °C for 12 h. ^bIsolated yield. N.D. = Not determined.

Table S6: Optimization of temperature and the amount of methanol, catalyst/ligand and TFBen.^a

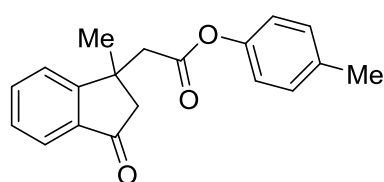
 1a x eq. 5aa TFBen					
Entry	MeOH (x eq.)	Temp.(°C)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (y mol%)	TFBen (z eq.)	Yield(%) ^b
1	3	90	10	3	30
2	5	90	10	3	45
3	10	90	10	3	50
4	10	60	10	3	trace
5	10	100	10	3	75
6	10	110	10	3	84
7	10	120	10	3	86
8	10	130	10	3	86
9	10	120	5	3	85
10	10	120	2.5	3	86
11	10	120	2.5	2	84
12	10	120	2.5	1	76

^aUnless otherwise noted, the reaction conditions were as follows: **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), Na₂CO₃ (2.0 eq.), DMSO 2 mL, 12 h. ^bIsolated yield.

Typical procedure for the synthesis of esters 3



A vial was charged with 3-(2-iodophenyl)-3-methylcyclobutan-1-one **1a** (57.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), PdCl₂ (1.8 mg, 5 mol%), dppf (6.7 mg, 6 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (31.8 mg, 1.5 eq.) and evacuated under high vacuum and backfilled with N₂. DMSO (2 mL) and phenyl formate (32 uL, 1.5 eq.) were next added. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C in an oil bath for 12 h, and then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was extracted with EA and dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and then purified by silica column (PE-EtOAc, 20:1) to get the product **3aa**. The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (46.5 mg, 83%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.7, 169.3, 160.4, 150.2, 136.0, 135.1, 129.4, 128.2, 126.0, 123.9, 123.6, 121.3, 50.3, 45.6, 40.6, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NaO₃, 303.1005; found 303.1001.

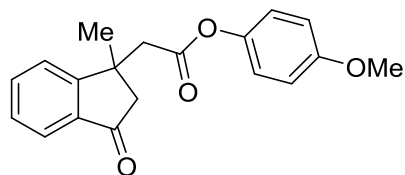


3ab

3-methyl-3-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl) ethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (50.5 mg, 86%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

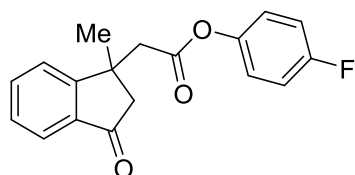
CDCl₃) δ 204.8, 169.6, 160.5, 148.0, 136.0, 135.7, 135.1, 130.0, 128.2, 124.0, 123.7, 121.0, 50.4, 45.7, 40.7, 28.9, 20.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NaO₃, 317.1148; found 317.1145.



3ac

4-methoxyphenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

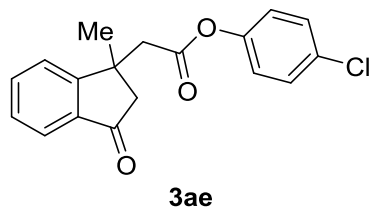
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (45.0 mg, 73%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.16 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.8, 169.8, 160.5, 157.4, 143.7, 136.0, 135.1, 128.3, 124.0, 123.7, 122.1, 114.5, 55.6, 50.4, 45.7, 40.7, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NaO₄, 333.1097; found 333.1090.



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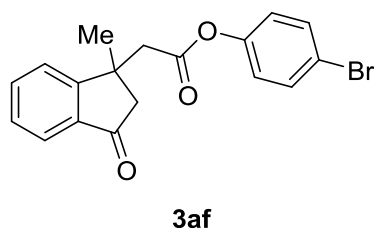
4-fluorophenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (59.0 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.74 (m, 2H), 3.14 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 204.6, 169.4, 160.28, 160.26 (d, J = 244.5 Hz), 146.0 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 136.0, 135.2, 128.3, 123.9, 123.7, 122.7 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 23.3 Hz), 50.4, 45.6, 40.6, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅FNao₃, 321.0897; found 321.0898.



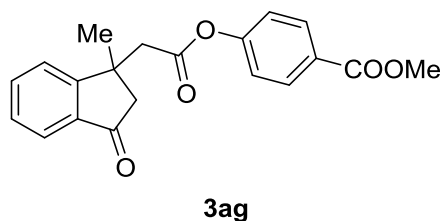
4-chlorophenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (62.2 mg, 99%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.73 (m, 2H), 3.14 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.7, 168.2, 159.3, 147.7, 135.1, 134.2, 130.4, 128.6, 127.4, 122.9, 122.8, 121.8, 49.4, 44.7, 39.7, 27.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNaO}_3$, 337.0602; found 337.0594.



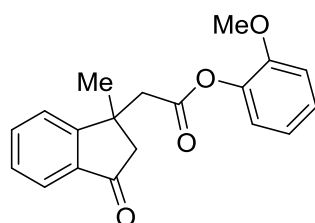
4-bromophenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (64.5 mg, 90%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.38 (m, 3H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.14 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.6, 168.1, 159.2, 148.2, 135.0, 134.2, 131.5, 127.4, 122.9, 122.7, 122.2, 118.1, 49.4, 44.7, 39.7, 27.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNaO}_3$, 381.0097; found 381.0079.



methyl 4-(2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetoxy) benzoate

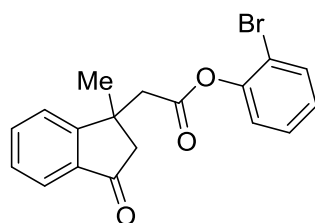
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (50.5 mg, 75%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.14 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 204.6, 168.8, 166.3, 160.2, 153.8, 136.0, 135.2, 131.2, 128.4, 127.9, 123.9, 123.8, 121.4, 52.3, 50.4, 45.8, 40.7, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_5$, 361.1046; found 361.1056.



3ah

2-methoxyphenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (49.3 mg, 80%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.79 (m, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.22 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.1, 169.0, 161.0, 151.0, 139.4, 136.0, 135.1, 128.1, 127.1, 123.9, 123.6, 122.6, 120.8, 112.4, 55.7, 50.3, 45.3, 40.7, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_4$, 333.1097; found 333.1107.



3ai

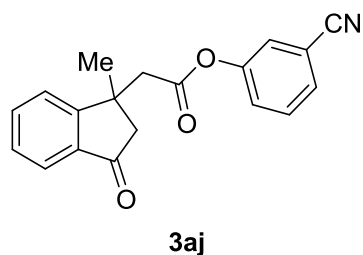
2-bromophenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (70.2 mg, 98%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.61 (m,

1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.25 (td, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (td, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.7, 168.5, 160.4, 147.8, 135.9, 135.1, 133.3, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 123.8, 123.6, 123.5, 116.0, 50.3, 45.0, 40.3, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNaO}_3$, 381.0097; found 381.0100.

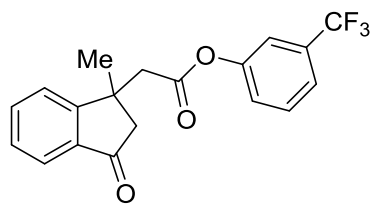
A gram-scale procedure for the synthesis of **3ai**:

A vial was charged with 3-(2-iodophenyl)-3-methylcyclobutan-1-one **1a** (1.144 g, 4 mmol), PdCl_2 (36 mg, 5 mol%), dppf (134 mg, 6 mol%), Na_2CO_3 (636 mg, 1.5 eq.) and evacuated under high vacuum and backfilled with N_2 . DMSO (40 mL) and phenyl formate (1.200 g, 1.5 eq.) was next added. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C in an oil bath for 12 h, and then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was extracted with EA and dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated under reduced pressure and then purified by silica column (PE-EtOAc, 20:1) to get the product **3ai** (1.250 g, 87%).



3-cyanophenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

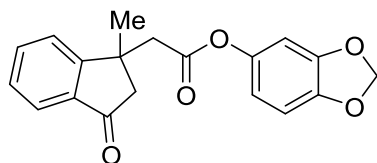
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (54.9 mg, 90%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 1H), 3.11 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.4, 168.8, 159.9, 150.2, 1366.0, 135.2, 130.4, 129.7, 128.4, 126.4, 125.1, 123.9, 123.7, 117.7, 113.4, 50.3, 45.5, 40.6, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_3$, 328.0944; found 328.0936.



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3-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

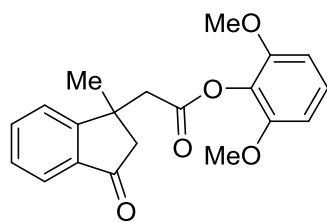
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (59.9 mg, 86%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.09-6.97 (m, 2H), 3.15 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.5, 169.0, 160.1, 150.3, 136.1, 135.2, 132.0 (q, $J = 33.0$ Hz), 130.1, 128.4, 125.1, 124.0, 123.8, 123.5 (q, $J = 270.7$ Hz), 122.9 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 118.7 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 50.4, 45.7, 40.7, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_5$, 371.0865; found 371.0875.



3al

benzo[d][1,3] dioxol-5-yl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

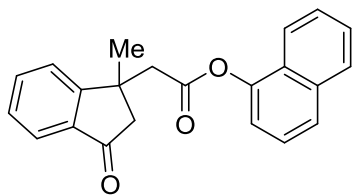
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (44.9 mg, 70%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.25 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 3.14 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.63 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.7, 169.7, 160.4, 148.0, 145.5, 144.5, 136.0, 135.1, 128.3, 123.9, 123.7, 113.7, 108.0, 103.5, 100.8, 50.4, 45.6, 40.6, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_5$, 347.0890; found 347.0900.



3am

2,6-dimethoxyphenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

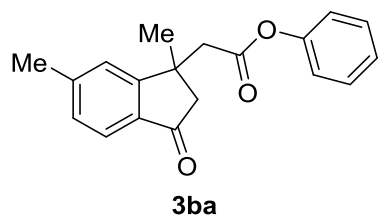
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (25.9 mg, 38%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.25 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.4, 168.6, 161.3, 152.2, 135.9, 135.0, 128.4, 128.0, 126.5, 123.9, 123.6, 104.8, 56.1, 50.3, 45.1, 40.8, 29.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{10}\text{NaO}_5$, 363.1203; found 363.1211.



3an

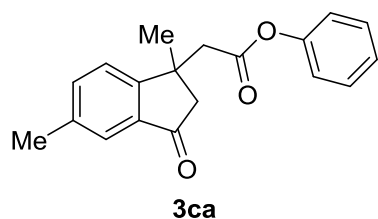
3-methyl-3-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (60.7 mg, 92%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 5H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.7, 169.5, 160.4, 146.2, 136.1, 135.2, 134.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.6, 126.47, 126.45, 126.2, 125.3, 123.9, 123.7, 120.9, 117.9, 50.3, 45.4, 40.6, 29.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_3$, 353.1148; found 353.1142.



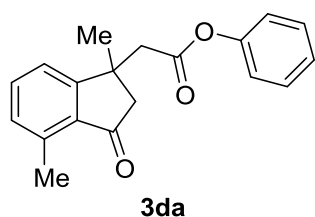
phenyl 2-(1,6-dimethyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (55.4 mg, 94%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.2, 169.4, 161.0, 150.2, 146.3, 133.7, 129.49, 129.46, 126.0, 124.2, 123.5, 121.4, 50.6, 45.7, 40.4, 28.8, 22.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NaO₃, 317.1148; found 317.1148.



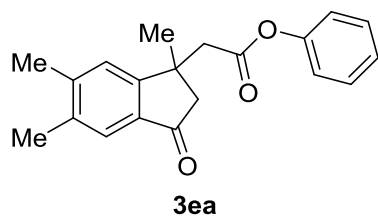
phenyl 2-(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (50.1 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.9, 169.4, 157.9, 150.3, 138.3, 136.3, 136.1, 129.4, 126.0, 123.65, 123.62, 121.4, 50.7, 45.7, 40.3, 28.9, 21.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NaO₃, 317.1148; found 317.1147.



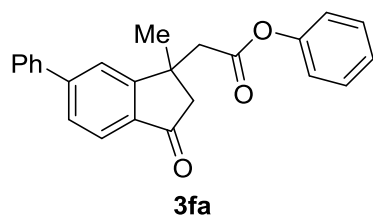
phenyl 2-(1,4-dimethyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (46.7 mg, 80%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.62 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.7, 169.5, 161.3, 150.3, 138.8, 134.3, 133.3, 130.0, 129.4, 126.0, 121.4, 121.1, 50.8, 45.8, 39.8, 29.0, 18.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_3$, 317.1148; found 317.1138.



phenyl 2-(1,5,6-trimethyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

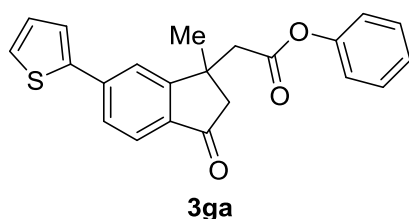
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. White solid. mp 79-81 °C. (59.7 mg, 97%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.5, 169.4, 158.8, 150.3, 145.3, 137.2, 134.1, 129.4, 125.9, 124.6, 123.9, 121.4, 50.7, 45.7, 40.2, 28.8, 21.0, 19.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_3$, 331.1305; found 331.1309.



phenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-6-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

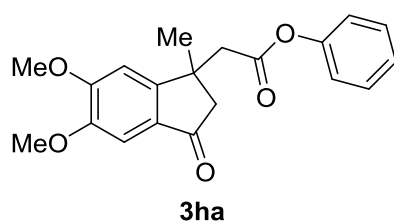
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (61.1 mg, 86%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.70-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.49 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz,

2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.23 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.2, 169.4, 161.1, 150.2, 148.3, 140.2, 134.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.5, 127.67, 127.60, 126.0, 124.1, 122.5, 121.4, 50.8, 45.7, 40.7, 28.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_3$, 379.1305; found 379.1286.



phenyl 2-(1-methyl-3-oxo-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

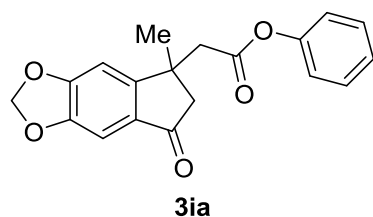
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (53.8 mg, 75%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 3.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 5.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, $J = 5.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 2H), 3.19 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.69 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.63 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.8, 169.4, 161.4, 150.2, 143.0, 141.0, 134.8, 129.5, 128.5, 127.0, 126.2, 126.0, 125.3, 124.4, 121.4, 120.6, 50.7, 45.6, 40.6, 28.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}$, 385.0869; found 385.0854.



phenyl 2-(5,6-dimethoxy-1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

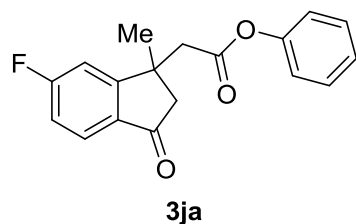
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TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{20}H_{20}NaO_5$, 363.1203; found 363.1194.



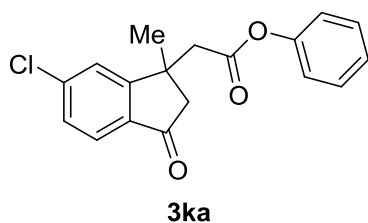
phenyl 2-(5-methyl-7-oxo-6,7-dihydro-5H-indeno[5,6-d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. White solid. (46.8 mg, 73%). mp 139-141 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.94-6.88 (m, 3H), 6.06 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 202.4, 169.3, 158.0, 154.5, 150.2, 148.8, 130.7, 129.5, 126.0, 121.4, 103.3, 102.5, 102.1, 50.6, 45.7, 40.4, 28.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{19}H_{16}NaO_5$, 347.0890; found 347.0876.



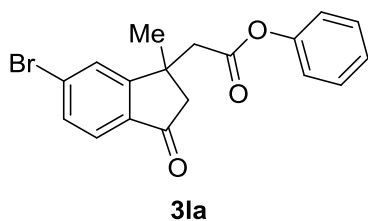
5-fluoro-3-methyl-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (33.6 mg, 57%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.76 (dd, J = 8.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12 (td, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 202.8, 169.2, 167.4 (d, J = 256.9 Hz), 163.5 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 150.2, 132.5, 129.6, 126.23 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 126.16, 121.4, 116.6 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 110.9 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 50.6, 45.5, 40.6, 28.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{18}H_{15}FNaO_3$, 321.0897; found 321.0891.



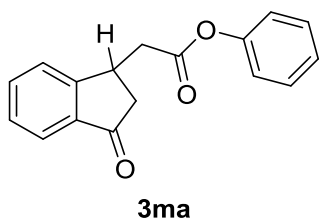
5-chloro-3-methyl-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (50.0 mg, 80%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.83 (m, 2H), 3.14 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.1, 169.1, 161.9, 150.1, 141.5, 134.5, 129.5, 129.0, 126.1, 124.9, 124.3, 121.3, 50.4, 45.3, 40.5, 28.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNaO}_3$, 337.0602; found 337.0593.



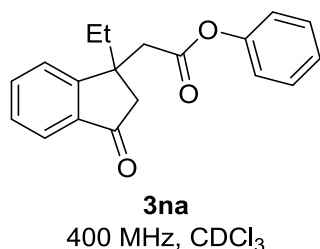
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The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (56.8 mg, 79%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.4, 169.1, 162.1, 150.2, 134.9, 131.9, 130.4, 129.6, 127.5, 126.1, 125.1, 121.4, 50.4, 45.4, 40.6, 28.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNaO}_3$, 381.0097; found 381.0088.



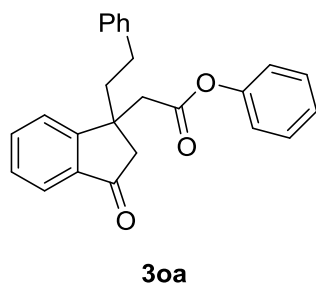
3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (45.4 mg, 85%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.89-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd, $J = 16.4, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, $J = 16.0, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.0, 169.3, 155.3, 149.4, 135.9, 134.1, 128.6, 127.3, 125.1, 124.5, 122.9, 120.4, 42.3, 39.4, 33.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_3$, 289.0835; found 289.0835.



3-ethyl-3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one

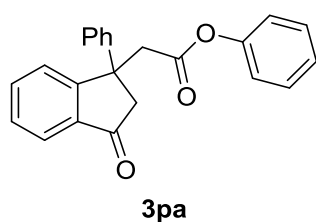
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (48.0 mg, 82%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.11-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.97 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 (dq, $J = 14.8, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dq, $J = 14.8, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 0.77 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.9, 169.5, 158.6, 150.2, 137.1, 134.9, 129.4, 128.2, 126.0, 124.3, 123.6, 121.3, 47.2, 44.6, 44.3, 33.9, 8.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_3$, 317.1148; found 317.1152.



3-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3-phenethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil.

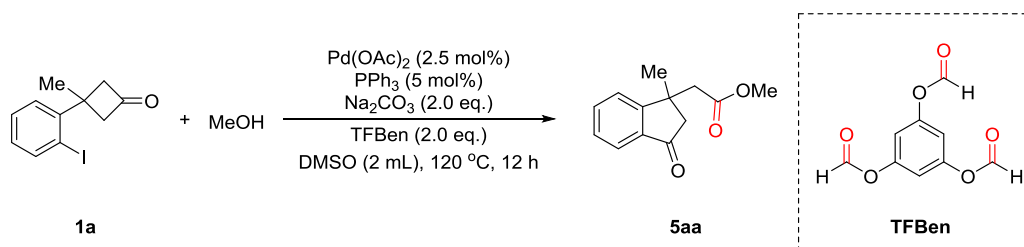
(62.7 mg, 85%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.20-3.10 (m, 2H), 3.02 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.34-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.08 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.5, 169.3, 158.4, 150.1, 141.1, 136.9, 135.1, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.1, 125.9, 124.2, 123.6, 121.3, 47.6, 44.5, 44.2, 43.0, 31.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_3$, 393.1461; found 393.1471.



phenyl 2-(3-oxo-1-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetate

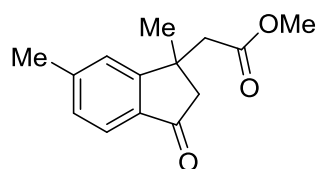
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (56.8 mg, 83%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.09 (m, 5H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.6, 169.2, 158.4, 150.1, 145.8, 136.9, 135.1, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 127.0, 126.3, 126.0, 123.7, 121.3, 52.9, 48.2, 44.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_3$, 365.1148; found 365.1158.

Typical procedure for the synthesis of esters 5.



A vial was charged with 3-(2-iodophenyl)-3-methylcyclobutan-1-one **1a** (57.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.2 mg, 2.5 mol%), PPh_3 (2.7 mg, 5 mol%), Na_2CO_3 (42.4 mg, 2.0 eq.), TFBen (84.0 mg, 2.0 eq.) and evacuated under high vacuum and backfilled with N_2 . DMSO (2 mL) and methanol (81 μL , 10.0 eq.) was next added. The mixture was

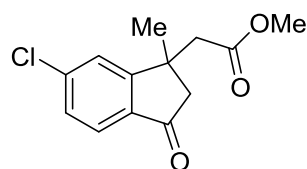
stirred at 120 °C for 12 h, and then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was extracted with EA and dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and then purified by silica column (PE-EtOAc, 20:1) to get the product **5aa**. The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (36.7 mg, 84%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.0, 171.3, 160.8, 135.8, 135.0, 128.0, 123.7, 123.5, 51.5, 50.4, 45.4, 40.3, 28.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NaO₃, 241.0835; found 241.0846.



5ba

methyl 2-(1,6-dimethyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. White solid. mp 67-69 °C. (41.9 mg, 90%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.6, 171.3, 161.4, 146.2, 133.6, 129.3, 124.0, 123.4, 51.6, 50.7, 45.5, 40.2, 28.5, 22.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆NaO₃, 255.0992; found 255.1000.

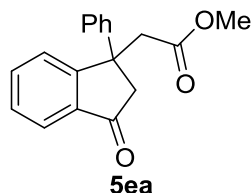


5ca

methyl 2-(6-chloro-1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

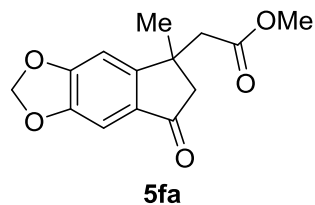
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. White solid. mp 80-82 °C. (46.5 mg, 92%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 18.8

Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.4, 171.0, 162.3, 141.4, 134.4, 128.8, 124.8, 124.2, 51.7, 50.5, 45.1, 40.3, 28.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClNaO}_3$, 275.0445; found 275.0453.



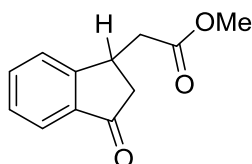
methyl 2-(3-oxo-1-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. White solid. mp 81-83 °C. (45.7 mg, 82%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.9, 171.0, 158.8, 145.9, 136.7, 135.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.8, 126.0, 126.0, 123.5, 53.1, 51.7, 48.0, 43.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_3$, 303.0992; found 303.1003.



methyl 2-(5-methyl-7-oxo-6,7-dihydro-5H-indeno[5,6-d][1,3] dioxol-5-yl) acetate

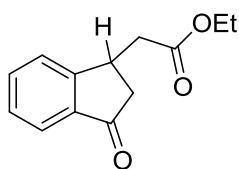
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. White solid. mp 76-78 °C. (49.4 mg, 94%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 2.98 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.7, 171.2, 158.4, 154.4, 148.7, 130.6, 103.2, 102.4, 102.1, 51.7, 50.7, 45.5, 40.1, 28.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_5$, 285.0733; found 285.0745



5da

methyl 2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

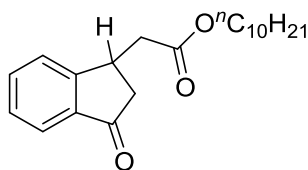
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (33.8 mg, 83%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.86-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 19.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, $J = 16.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 16.0, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.4, 172.3, 156.7, 136.9, 135.0, 128.1, 125.5, 123.8, 52.0, 43.4, 40.2, 34.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NaO}_3$, 227.0679; found 227.0667.



5db

ethyl 2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

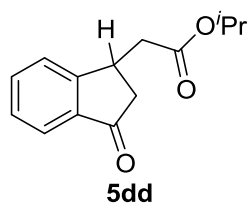
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (40.4 mg, 87%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.86-3.74 (m, 1H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, $J = 16.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, $J = 16.0, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.4, 171.8, 156.7, 136.9, 135.0, 128.1, 125.5, 123.8, 60.9, 43.4, 40.5, 34.6, 14.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_3$, 241.0835; found 241.0844.



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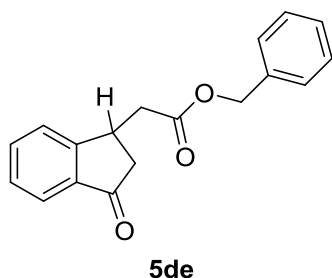
decyl 2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (46.2 mg, 70%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.88-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.00 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, $J = 16.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, $J = 16.0, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.65-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.23 (m, 14H), 0.92-0.83 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.5, 172.0, 156.9, 137.0, 135.1, 128.2, 125.6, 123.9, 65.3, 43.5, 40.7, 34.8, 32.1, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.4, 28.8, 26.1, 22.9, 14.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{NaO}_3$, 353.2087; found 353.2097.



isopropyl 2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

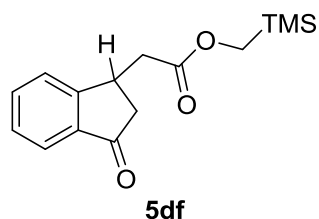
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (23.1 mg, 47%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 (hept, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.73 (m, 1H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J = 16.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, $J = 16.0, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.18 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.4, 171.2, 156.8, 136.9, 134.9, 128.0, 125.5, 123.7, 68.3, 43.3, 40.7, 34.7, 21.84, 21.80. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_3$, 255.0992; found 255.1002.



benzyl 2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

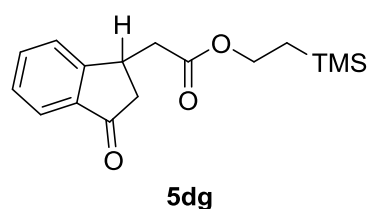
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (33.6 mg, 60%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.54 (m,

1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.30 (m, 5H), 5.20-5.11 (m, 2H), 4.10-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.13-2.76 (m, 2H), 2.61 (dd, $J = 16.0, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.3, 171.6, 156.6, 136.9, 135.6, 135.0, 128.7, 128.51, 128.47, 128.1, 125.5, 123.8, 66.7, 43.3, 40.4, 34.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}_3$, 303.0992; found 303.1004.



(trimethylsilyl)methyl 2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

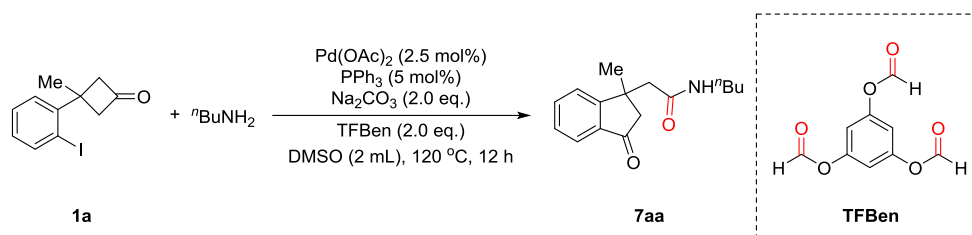
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Yellow oil. (42.1 mg, 76%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.95 (m, 3H), 2.97 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, $J = 16.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 15.6, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 0.05 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.2, 172.4, 156.7, 136.7, 134.8, 127.9, 125.4, 123.6, 58.2, 43.3, 40.3, 34.6, -3.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_3\text{Si}$, 299.1074; found 299.1085.



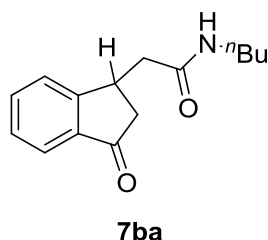
2-(trimethylsilyl) ethyl 2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetate

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (49.8 mg, 86%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.87-3.75 (m, 1H), 2.99 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, $J = 16.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, $J = 16.0, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.01-0.92 (m, 2H), 0.03 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.3, 171.8, 156.7, 136.8, 134.9, 128.0, 125.4, 123.7, 63.1, 43.3, 40.6, 34.6, 17.4, -1.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_3\text{Si}$, 313.1230; found 313.1241.

Typical procedure for the synthesis of amides 7.



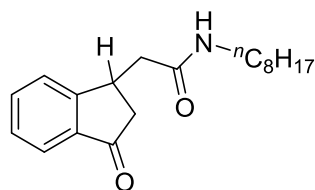
A vial was charged with 3-(2-iodophenyl)-3-methylcyclobutan-1-one **1a** (57.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (1.2 mg, 2.5 mol%), PPh₃ (2.7 mg, 5 mol%), Na₂CO₃ (42.4 mg, 2.0 eq.), TFBen (84.0 mg, 2.0 eq.) and evacuated under high vacuum and backfilled with N₂. DMSO (2 mL) was next added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 min at 120 °C in an oil bath. n-Butylamine (20 uL, 0.2 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min at 120 °C. Then the second batch of n-butylamine (20 uL, 0.2 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 h, then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was extracted with EA and dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and then purified by silica column (PE-EtOAc, 5:1) to get the product **7aa**. The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1. Colorless oil. (48.1 mg, 93%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.20-2.97 (m, 3H), 2.57 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55-2.47 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.32-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.19-1.09 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.5, 170.0, 161.4, 136.0, 135.0, 128.0, 123.7, 123.6, 50.4, 47.9, 41.0, 39.2, 31.6, 28.7, 20.0, 13.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁NNaO₂, 282.1464; found 282.1455.



N-butyl-2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetamide

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1. White solid. (47.2 mg, 96%). mp 85-87 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H),

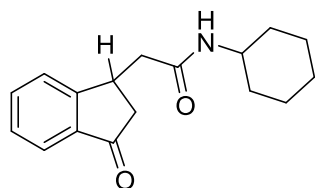
7.58 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 3.92 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.35-3.21 (m, 2H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, $J = 14.4, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.43-2.30 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.25 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.8, 170.8, 157.5, 136.8, 135.0, 128.1, 125.8, 123.8, 43.3, 43.1, 39.5, 35.1, 31.7, 20.2, 13.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_2$, 268.1308; found 268.1319.



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N-octyl-2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetamide

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1. White solid. mp 171-173 °C. (46.7 mg, 78%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.79 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.97-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.25 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.94 (dd, $J = 19.6, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, $J = 14.4, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.44-2.30 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.19 (m, 10H), 0.86 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.8, 170.8, 157.5, 136.8, 135.0, 128.0, 125.8, 123.8, 43.3, 43.1, 39.8, 35.1, 31.9, 29.7, 29.3, 29.3, 27.0, 22.7, 14.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaO}_2$, 324.1934; found 324.1945.

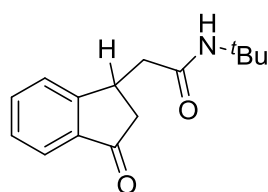


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N-cyclohexyl-2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetamide

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1. White solid. mp 70-72 °C. (43.3 mg, 80%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.92-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.82-3.71 (m, 1H), 2.90 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.60

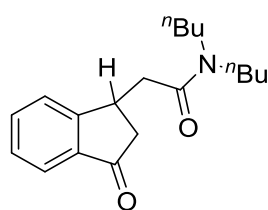
(dd, $J = 14.4, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.41-2.27 (m, 2H), 1.95-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.52 (m, 3H), 1.41-1.26 (m, 2H), 1.17-1.05 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.8, 169.8, 157.5, 136.7, 135.0, 128.0, 125.8, 123.7, 48.5, 43.2, 43.1, 35.1, 33.23, 33.16, 25.5, 24.92, 24.90. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{NaO}_2$, 294.1464; found 294.1478.



7bd

N-(tert-butyl)-2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetamide

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1. White solid. mp 73-75 °C. (39.4 mg, 81%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 3.93-3.81 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, $J = 14.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 (dd, $J = 19.2, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dd, $J = 14.4, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.9, 170.1, 157.6, 136.7, 134.9, 127.9, 125.8, 123.7, 51.5, 43.9, 43.1, 35.1, 28.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_2$, 268.1308; found 268.1315.

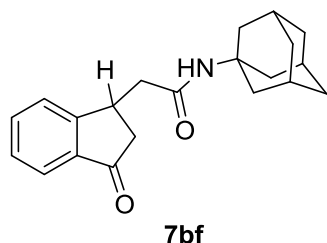


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N, N-dibutyl-2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetamide

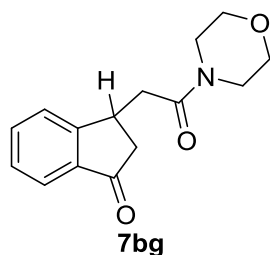
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1. Colorless oil. (44.4 mg, 74%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.38-3.29 (m, 2H), 3.19-3.10 (m, 2H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, $J = 16.0, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, $J = 16.0, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.40 (m, 4H),

1.36-1.22 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.2, 170.3, 158.0, 137.0, 134.9, 127.9, 125.8, 123.7, 47.8, 46.1, 44.2, 40.0, 35.0, 31.3, 30.0, 20.4, 20.1, 14.0, 13.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNaO}_2$, 324.1934; found 324.1949.



N-(adamantan-1-yl)-2-(3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl) acetamide

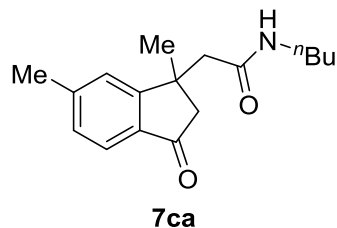
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. White solid. mp 211-213 °C. (50.2 mg, 78%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 3.95-3.77 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dd, $J = 14.4, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.39-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.02 (m, 3H), 1.96 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.64 (t, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.9, 169.8, 157.6, 136.7, 134.9, 127.9, 125.8, 123.6, 52.2, 43.9, 43.1, 41.6, 36.3, 35.1, 29.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_2$, 346.1777; found 346.1790.



3-(2-morpholino-2-oxoethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one

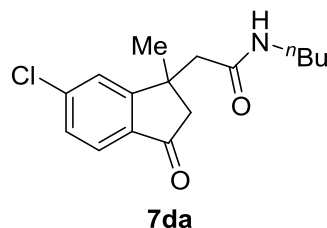
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1. White solid. mp 81-83 °C. (46.8 mg, 90%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.89 (m, 1H), 3.74-3.55 (m, 6H), 3.43-3.37 (m, 2H), 3.05 (dd, $J = 19.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, $J = 16.4, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, $J = 16.4, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd, $J = 19.2, 3.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.9, 169.6, 157.6, 137.0, 134.9, 128.0, 125.8, 123.8,

67.0, 66.6, 45.9, 44.2, 42.2, 39.9, 34.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{15}H_{17}NNaO_3$, 282.1100; found 282.1109.



N-butyl-2-(1,6-dimethyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetamide

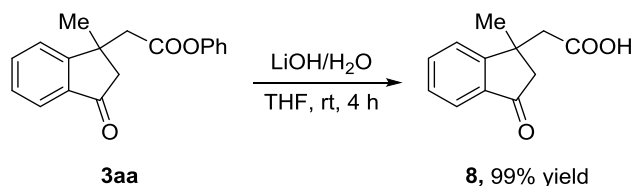
The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1. Colorless oil. (50.0 mg, 92%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.6 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.3 (s, 1H), 7.2 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 3.2-3.0 (m, 3H), 2.6-2.4 (m, 3H), 2.4 (s, 3H), 1.5 (s, 3H), 1.3-1.2 (m, 2H), 1.2-1.1 (m, 2H), 0.8 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 205.0, 170.1, 162.0, 146.2, 133.7, 129.2, 124.1, 123.5, 50.7, 48.0, 40.8, 39.1, 31.6, 28.6, 22.3, 20.0, 13.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{17}H_{23}NNaO_2$, 296.1621; found 296.1615.



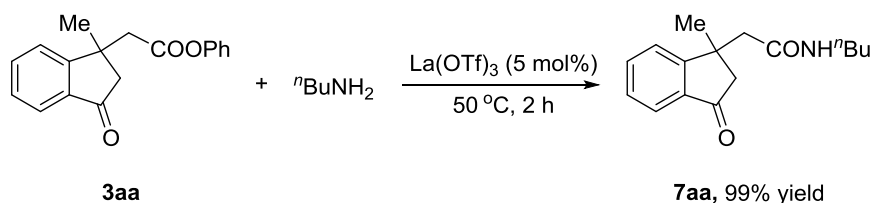
N-butyl-2-(6-chloro-1-methyl-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)acetamide

The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 3:1. Colorless oil. (50.1 mg, 85%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.6 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.5 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.3 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.7 (s, 1H), 3.2 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 3.2-3.0 (m, 2H), 2.6-2.5 (m, 3H), 1.5 (s, 3H), 1.3-1.3 (m, 2H), 1.2-1.1 (m, 2H), 0.8 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 203.9, 169.7, 162.8, 141.3, 134.5, 128.7, 124.8, 124.3, 50.6, 47.5, 41.0, 39.2, 31.6, 28.6, 20.0, 13.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $C_{16}H_{20}ClNNaO_2$, 316.1075; found 316.1061.

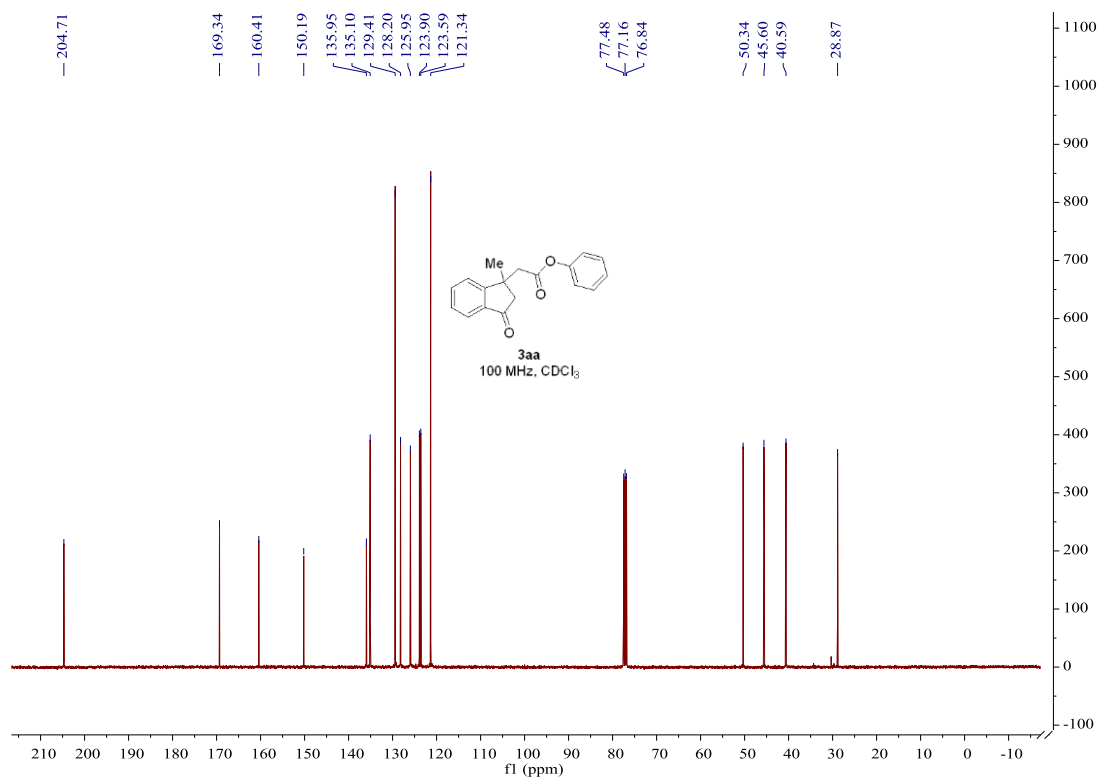
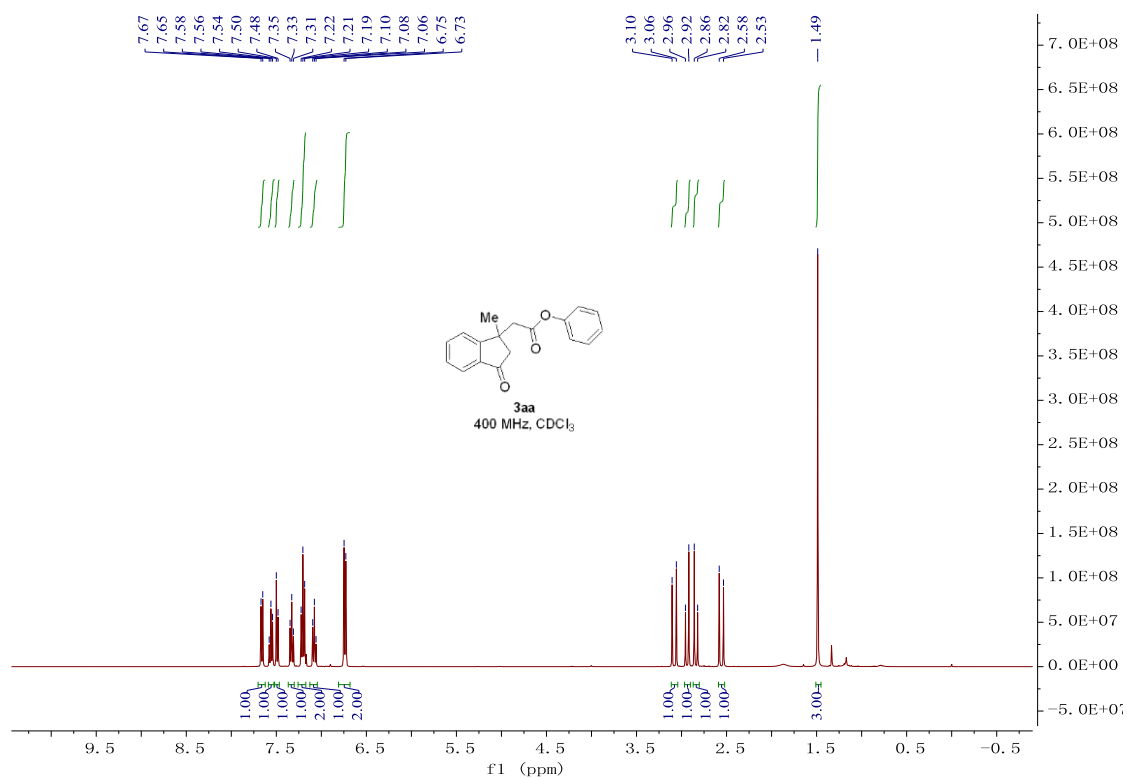
Procedures for the synthesis of 7aa and 8.

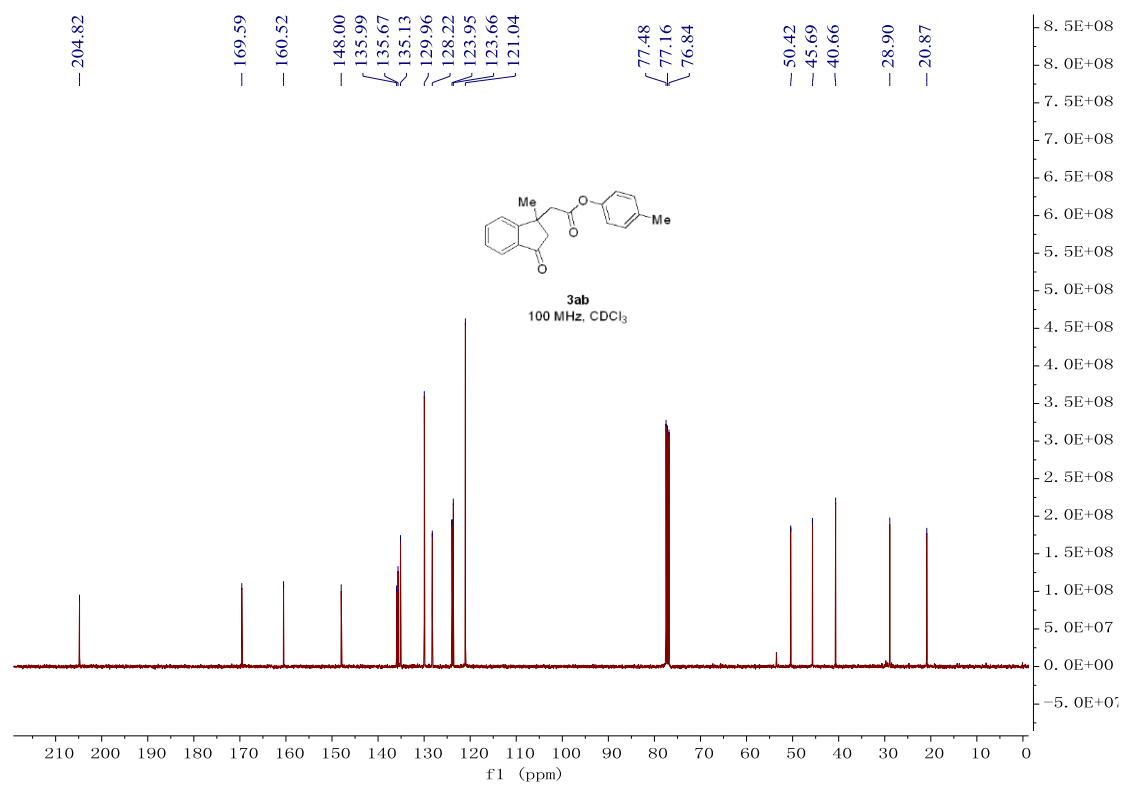
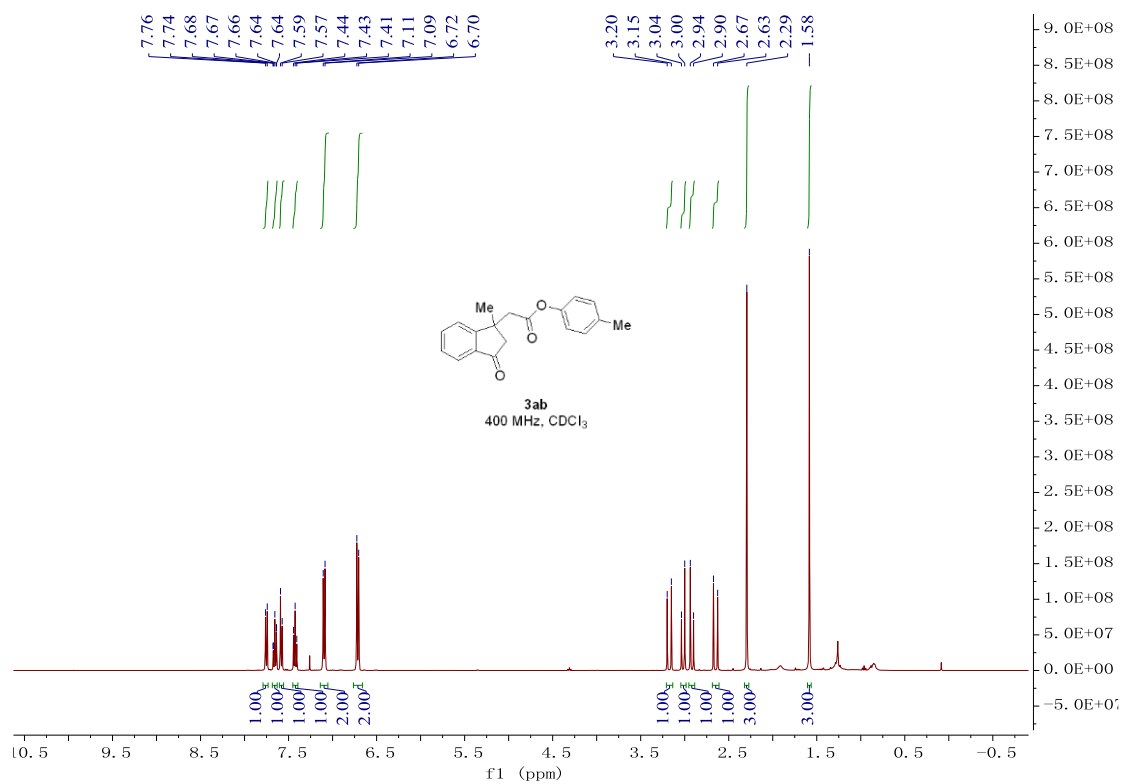


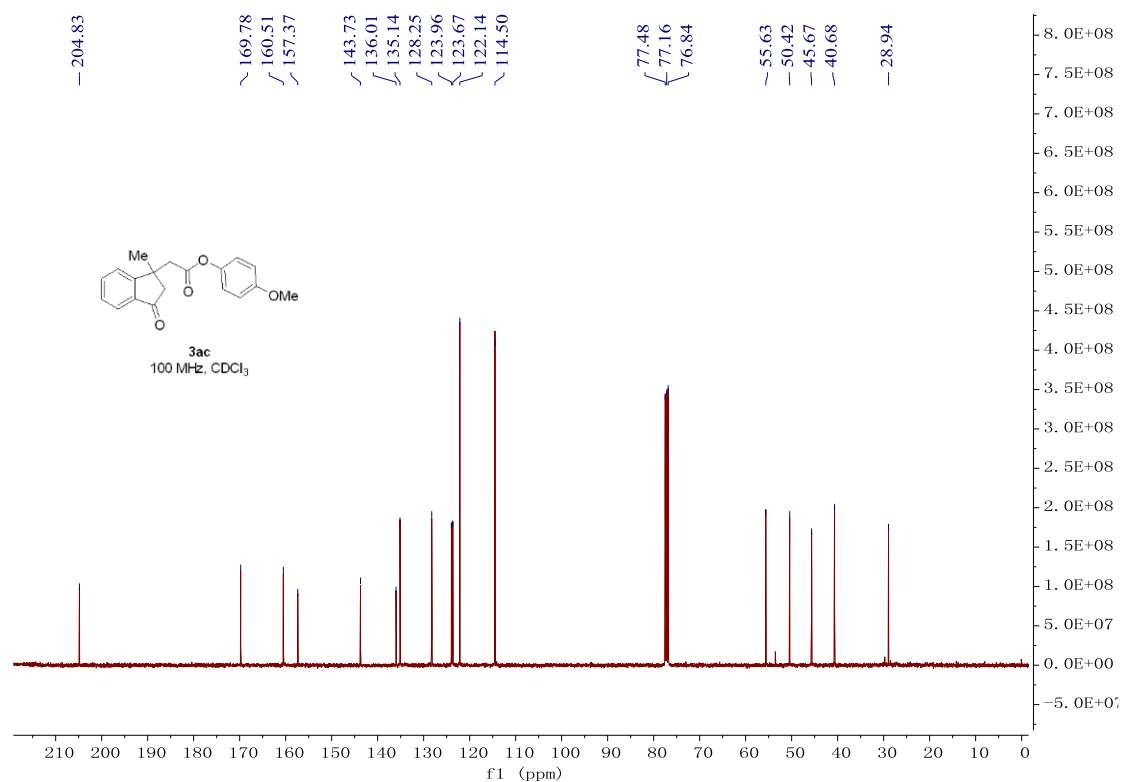
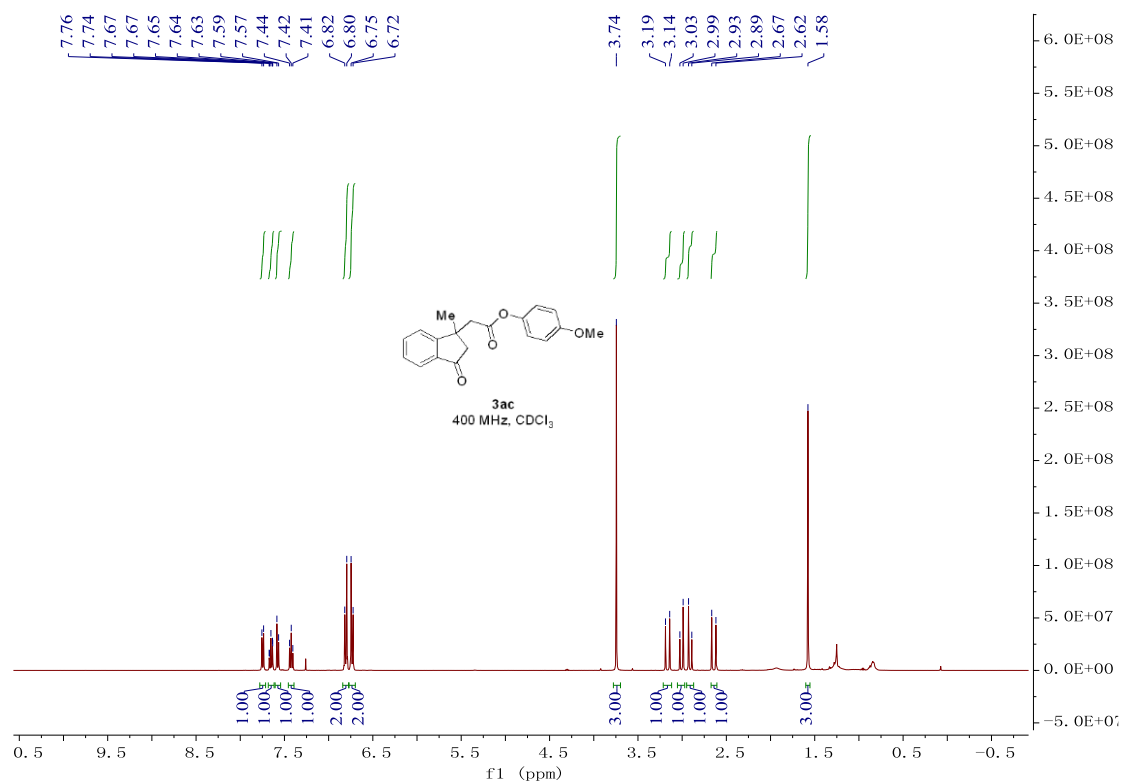
To a solution of **3aa** (0.14 g, 0.50 mmol) in THF (3.0 mL) and water (0.50 mL) at 0 °C were added 30% H₂O₂ (0.29 mL) and LiOH (2.0 M, aqueous) (0.75 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 6 h, quenched with Na₂S₂O₃ (0.7 M) (3 mL) and NaHCO₃ (0.5 M) (6 mL), stirred for another 15 min, acidified with 20% HCl, extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give acid **8** as a white solid (100.1 mg, 99% yield). The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1. Colorless oil. (100.9 mg, 99%). mp 75-77 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.00 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.8, 175.0, 160.0, 134.6, 134.3, 127.1, 122.68, 122.67, 49.3, 44.1, 39.2, 27.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂NaO₃, 227.0679; found 227.0688.

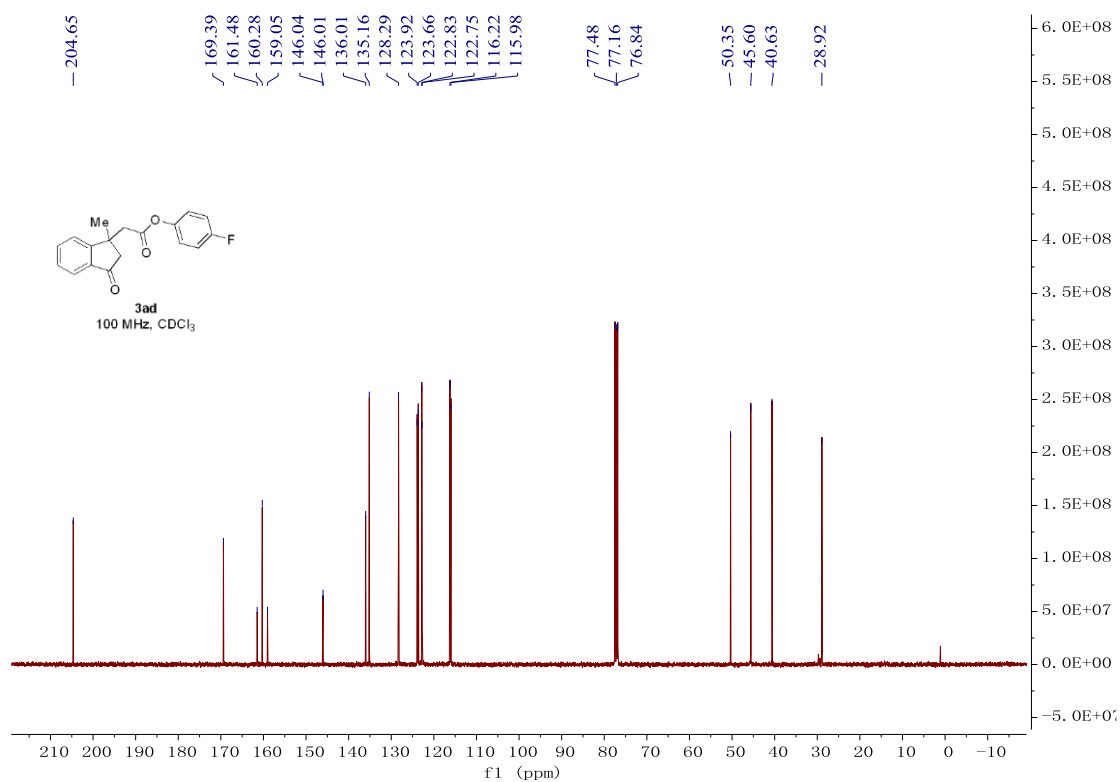
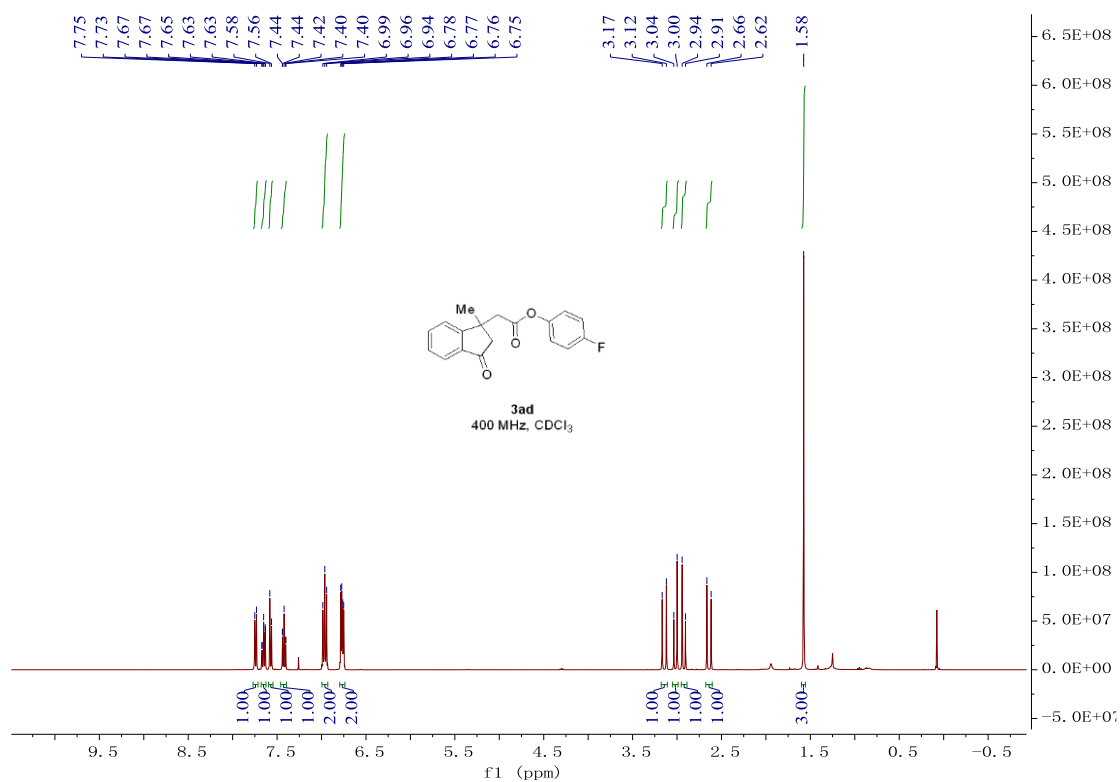


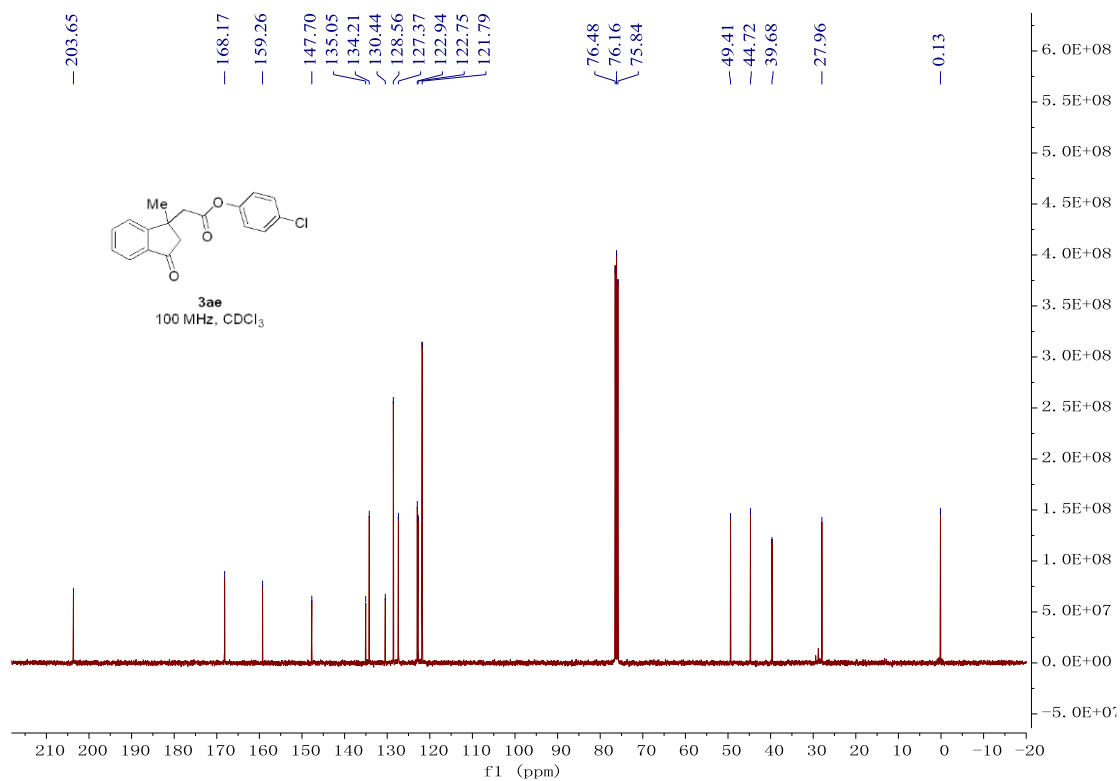
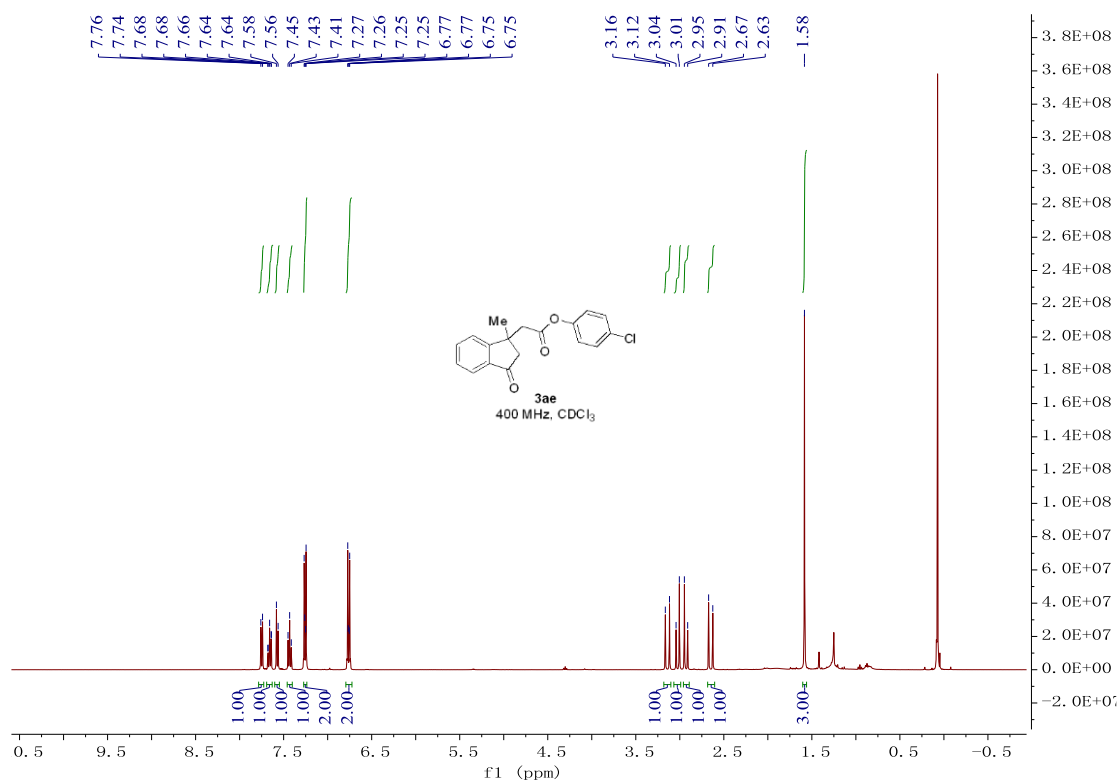
To a solution of **3aa** (0.028 g, 0.1 mmol) in 1 mL *n*BuNH₂ was added La(OTf)₃ (3 mg, 5 mol%). The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h, concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to give amide **7aa** as a colorless oil (25.7 mg, 99% yield). The mobile phase for flash chromatography: hexane/ethyl acetate = 20:1. Colorless oil. (25.6 mg, 99%).

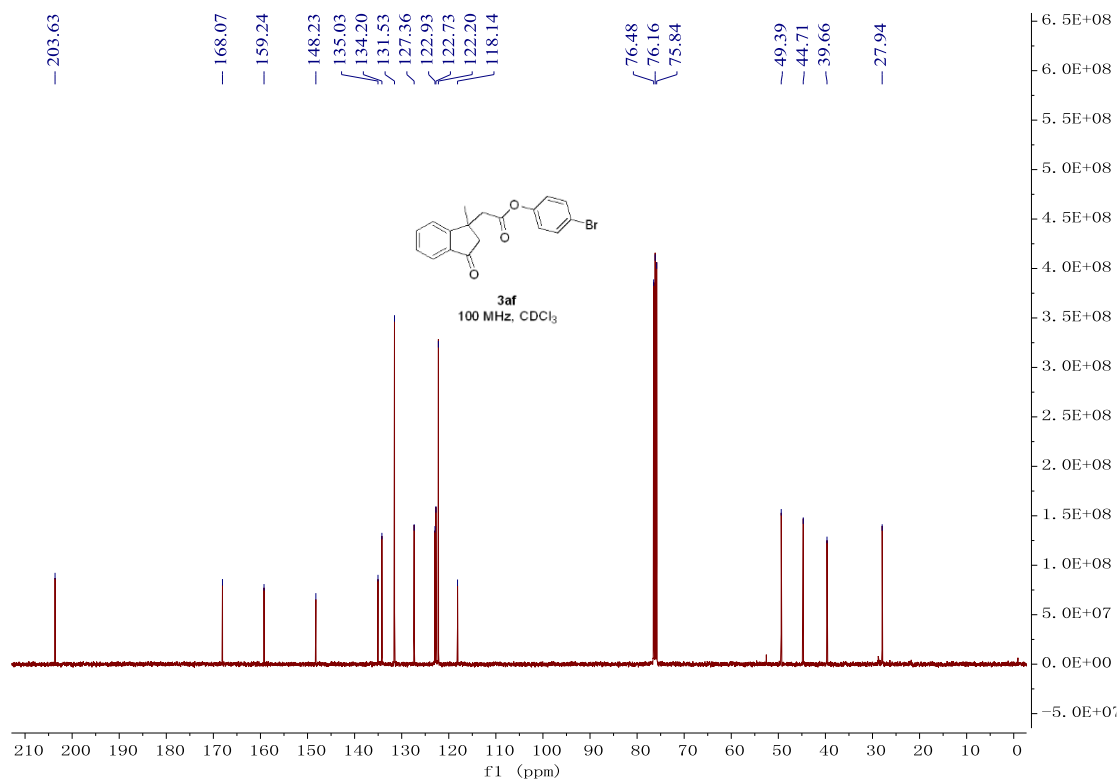
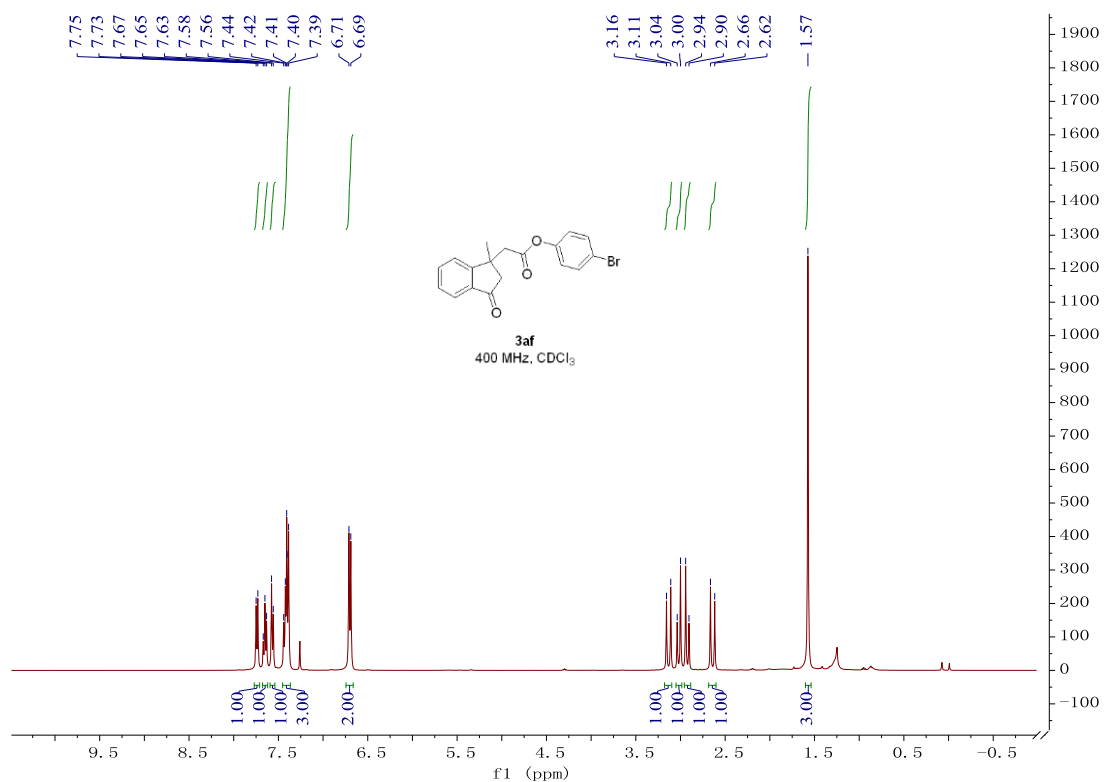


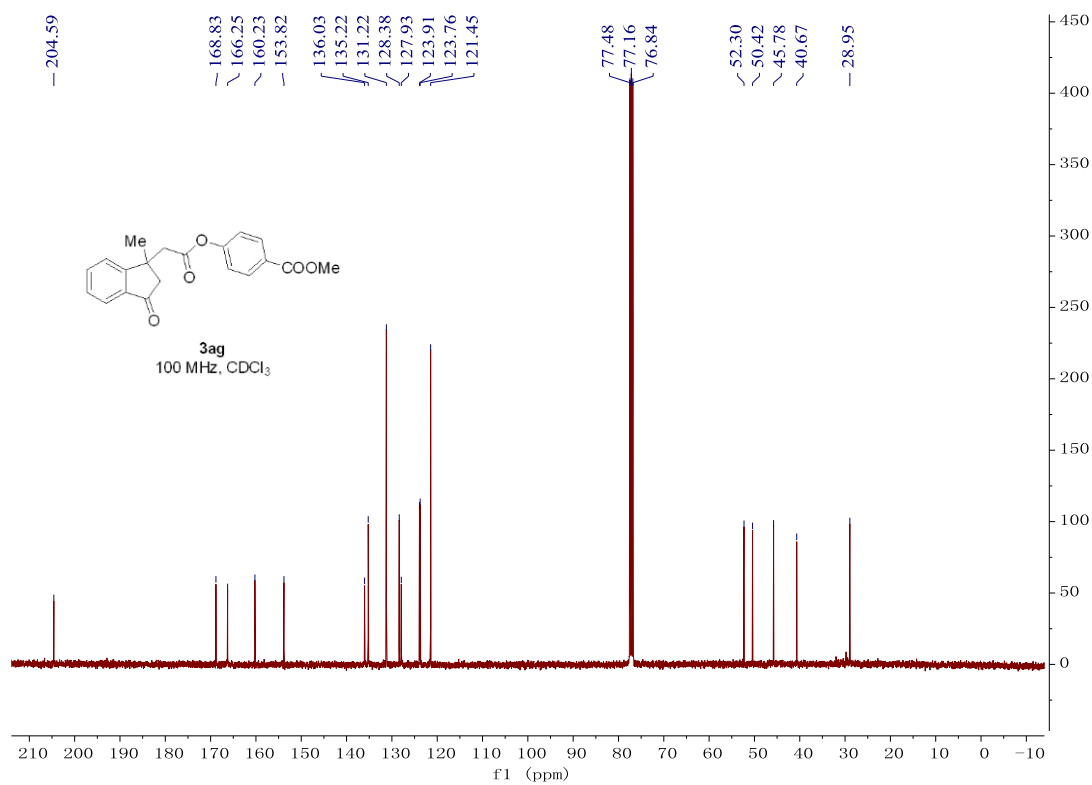
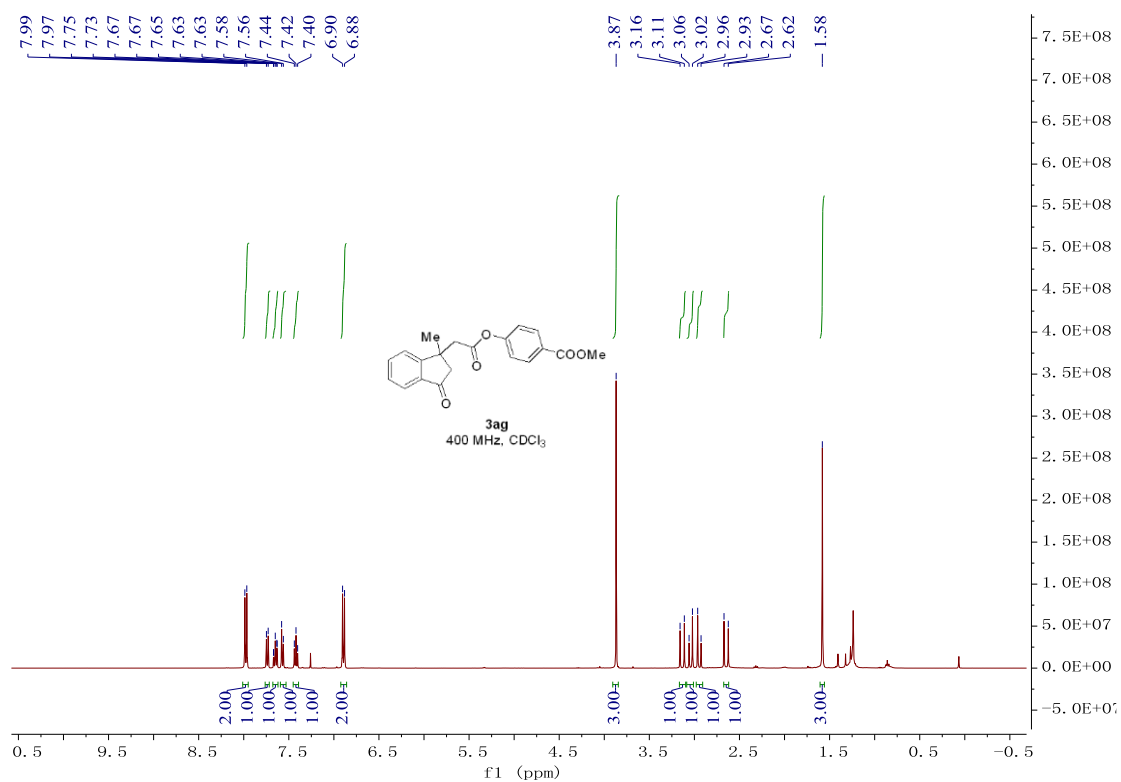


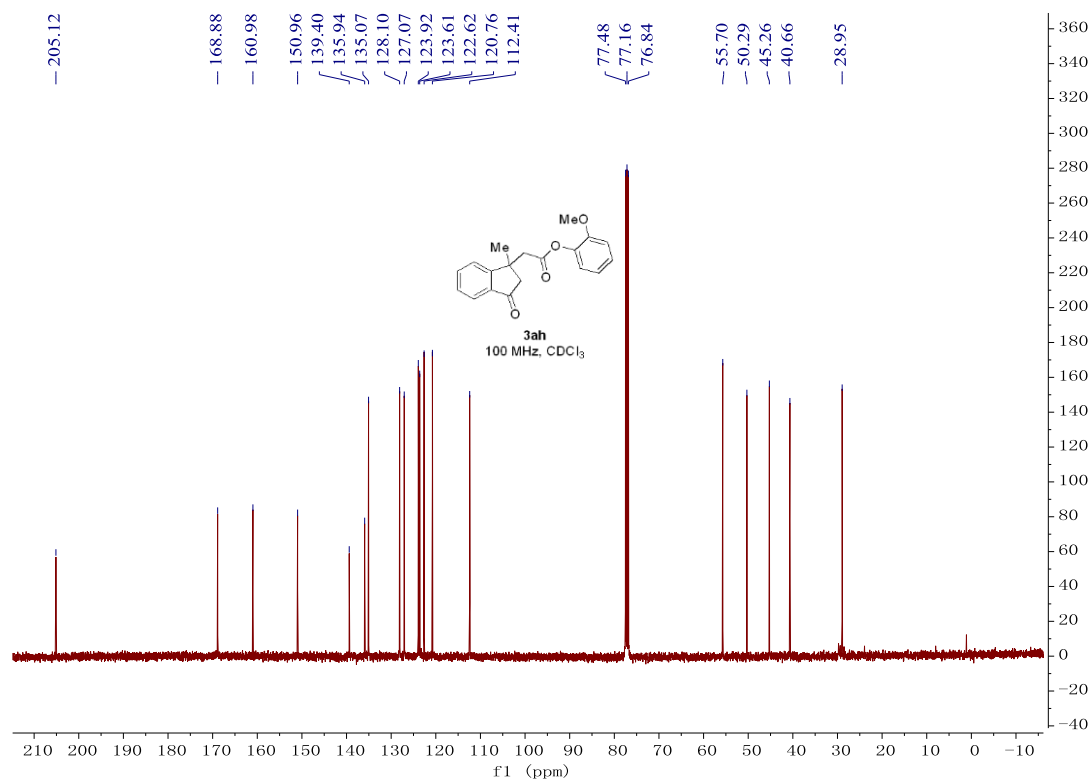
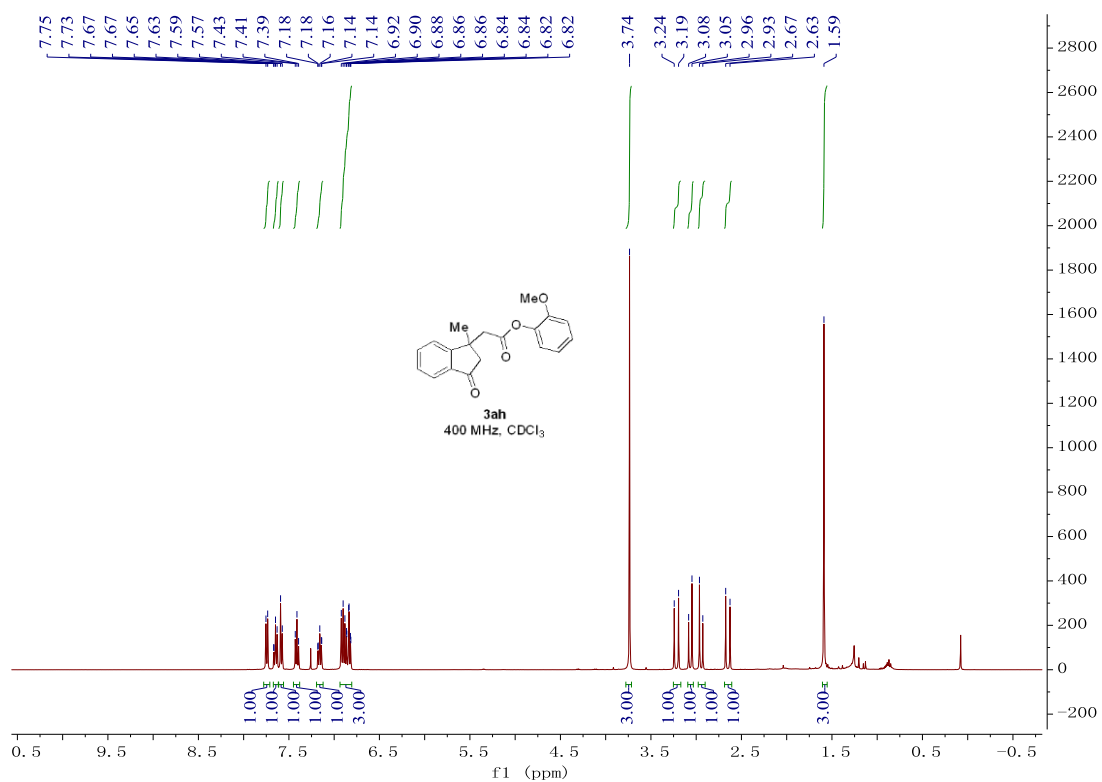


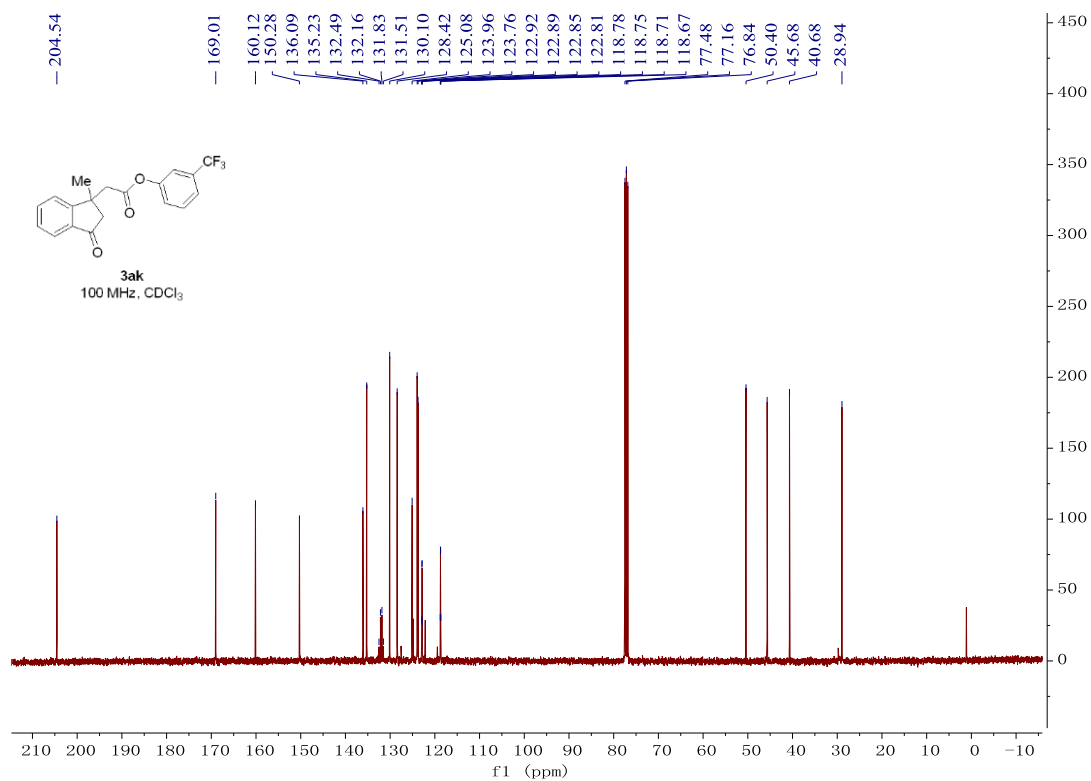
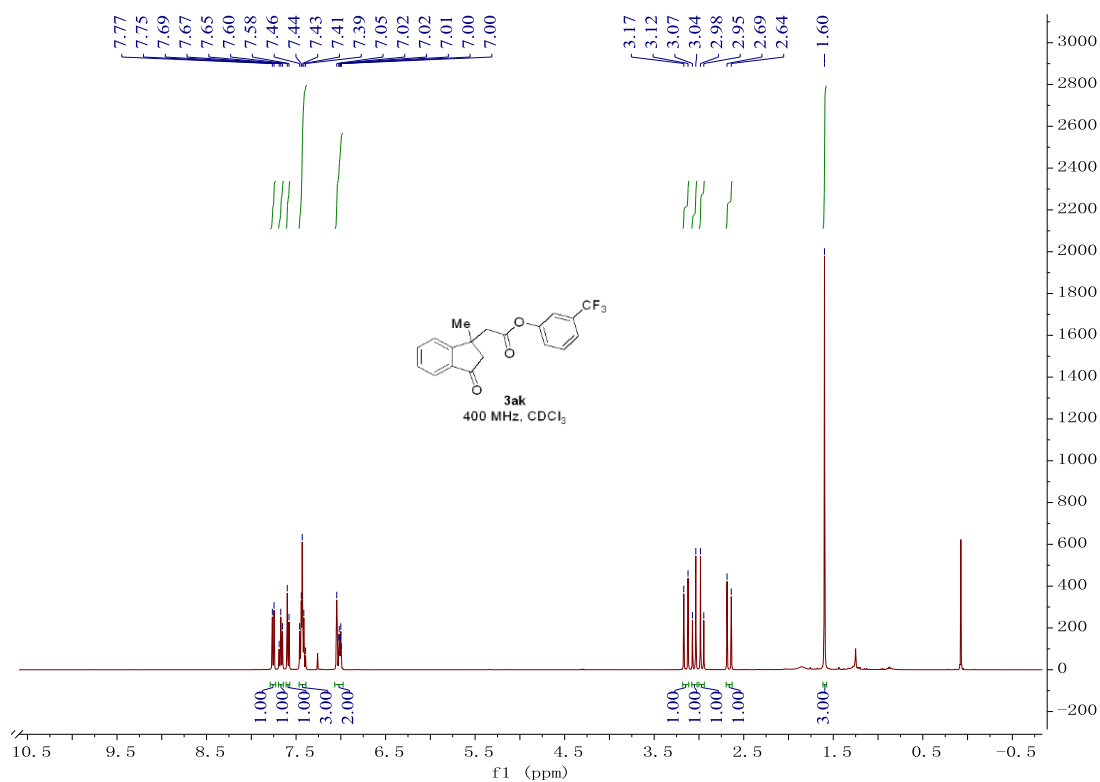


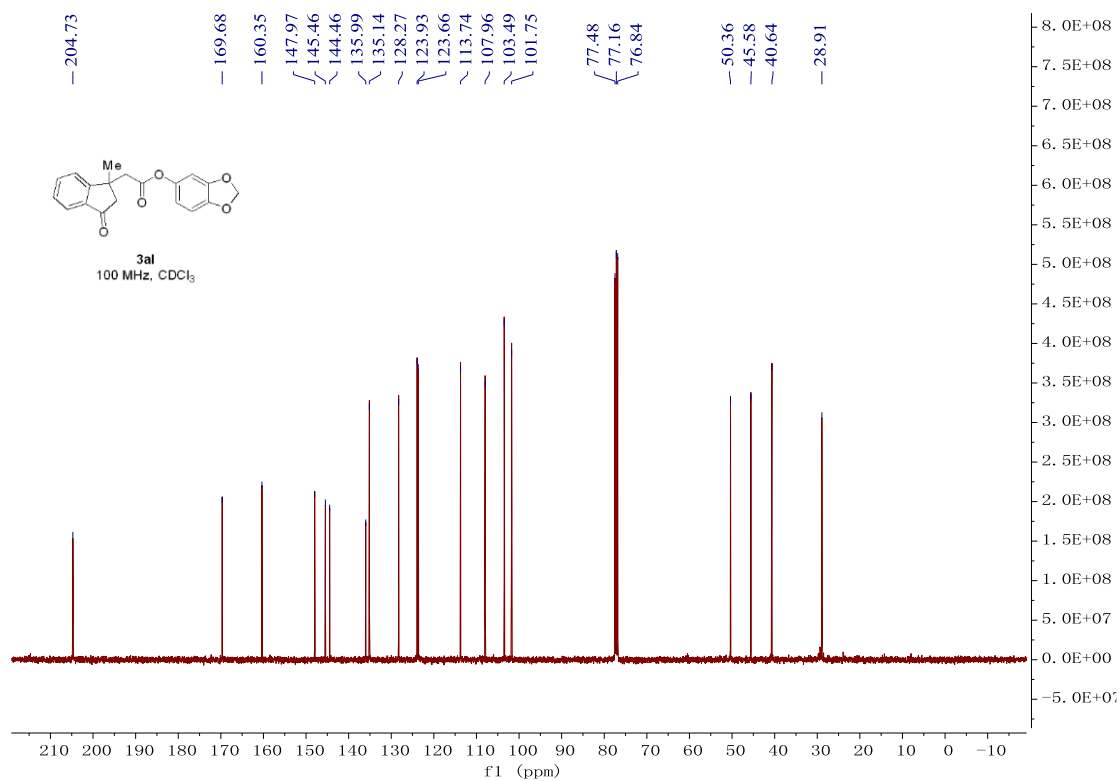
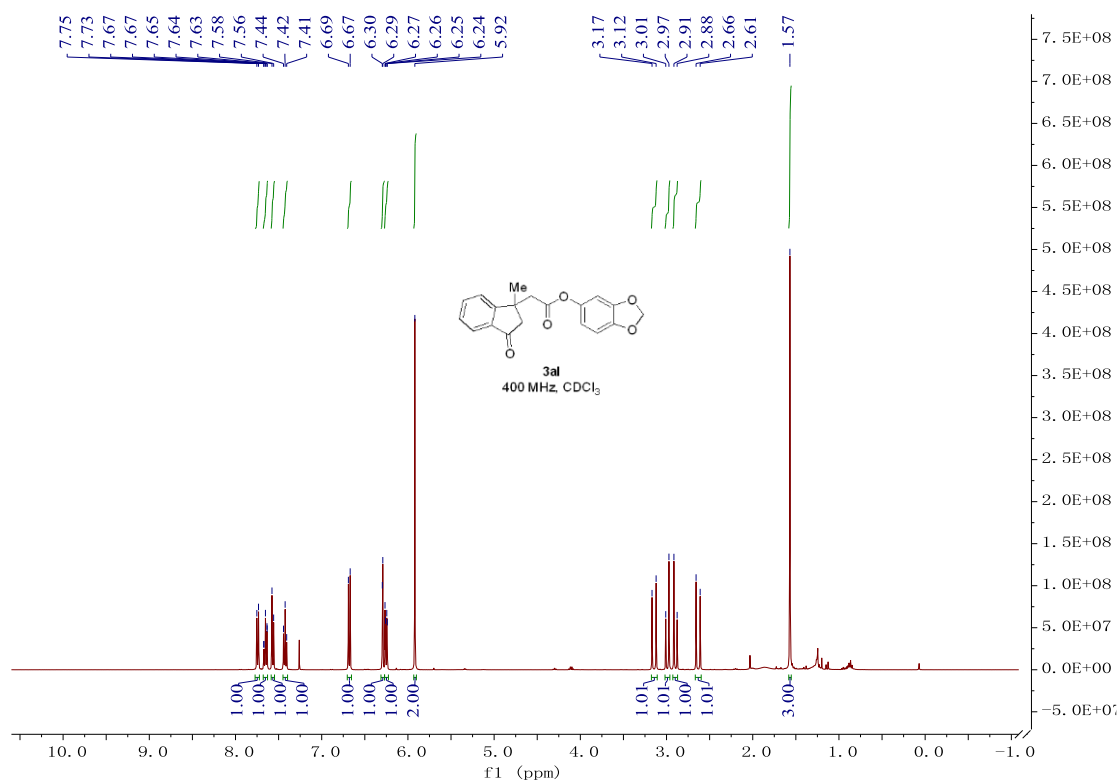


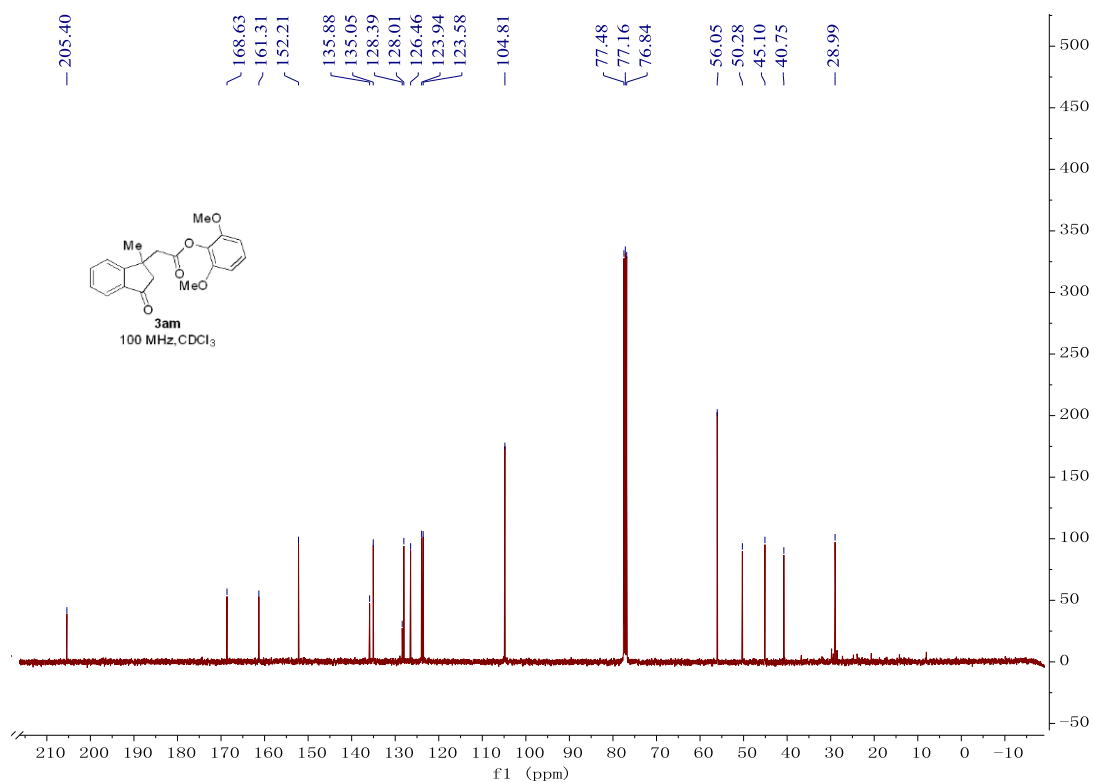
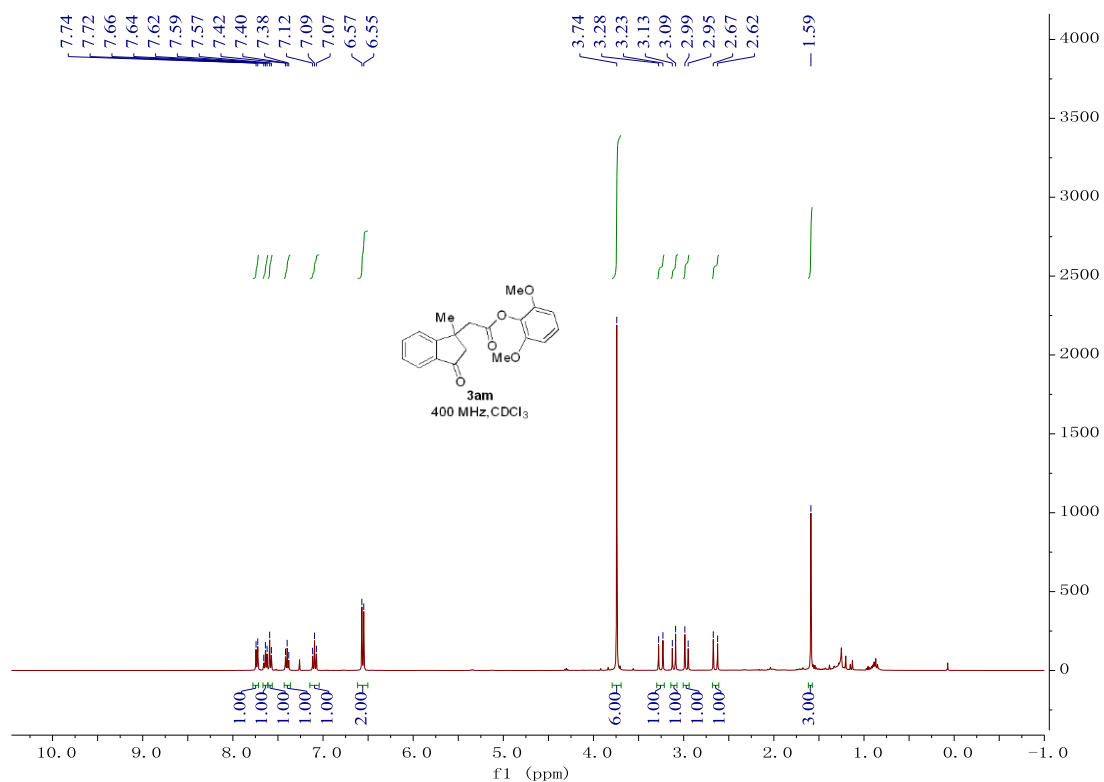


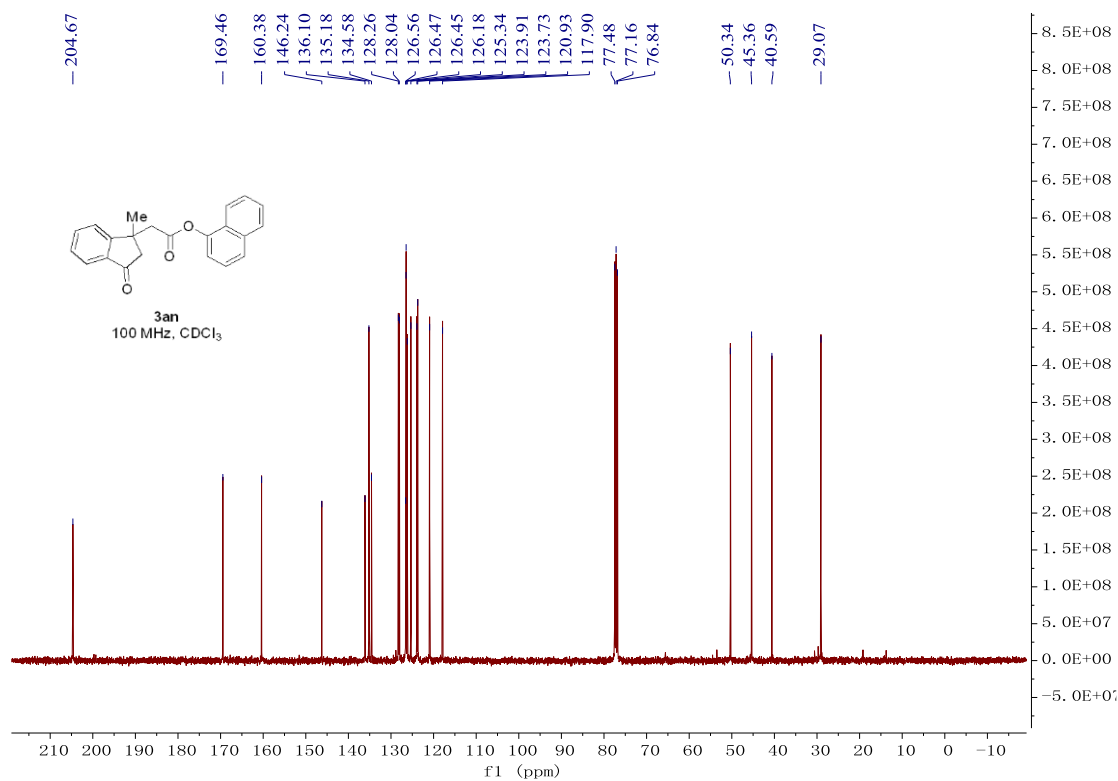
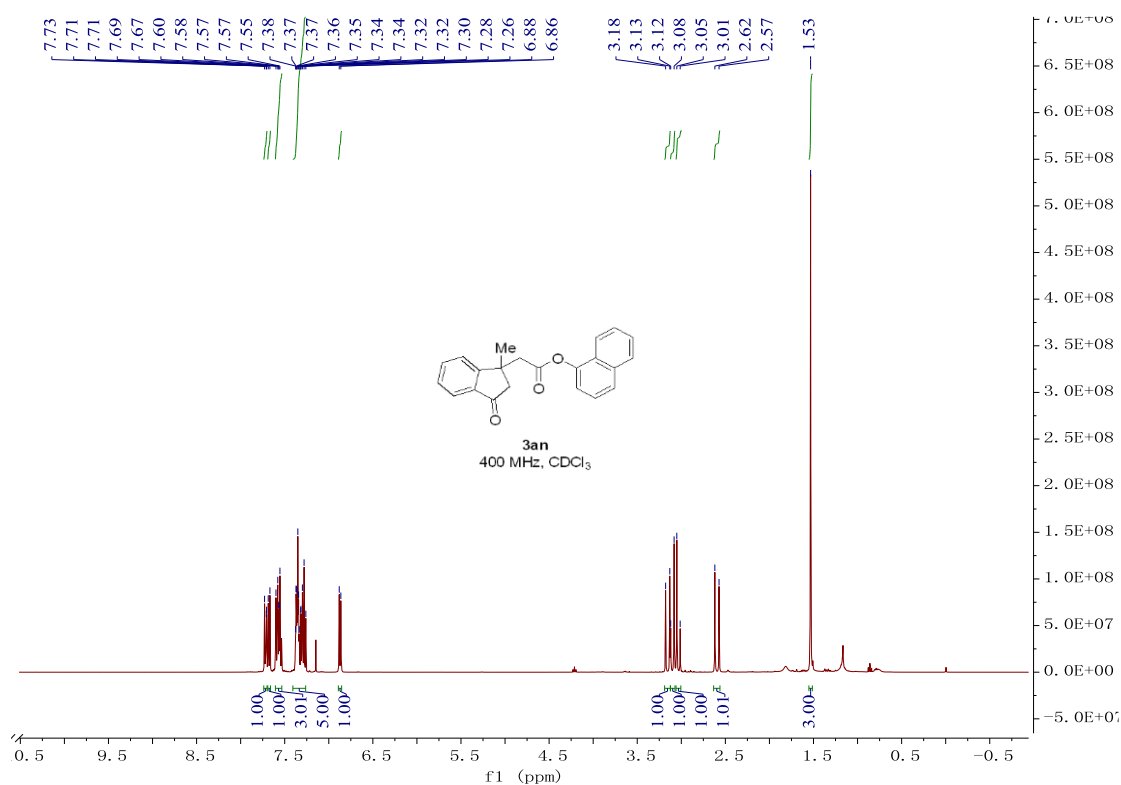


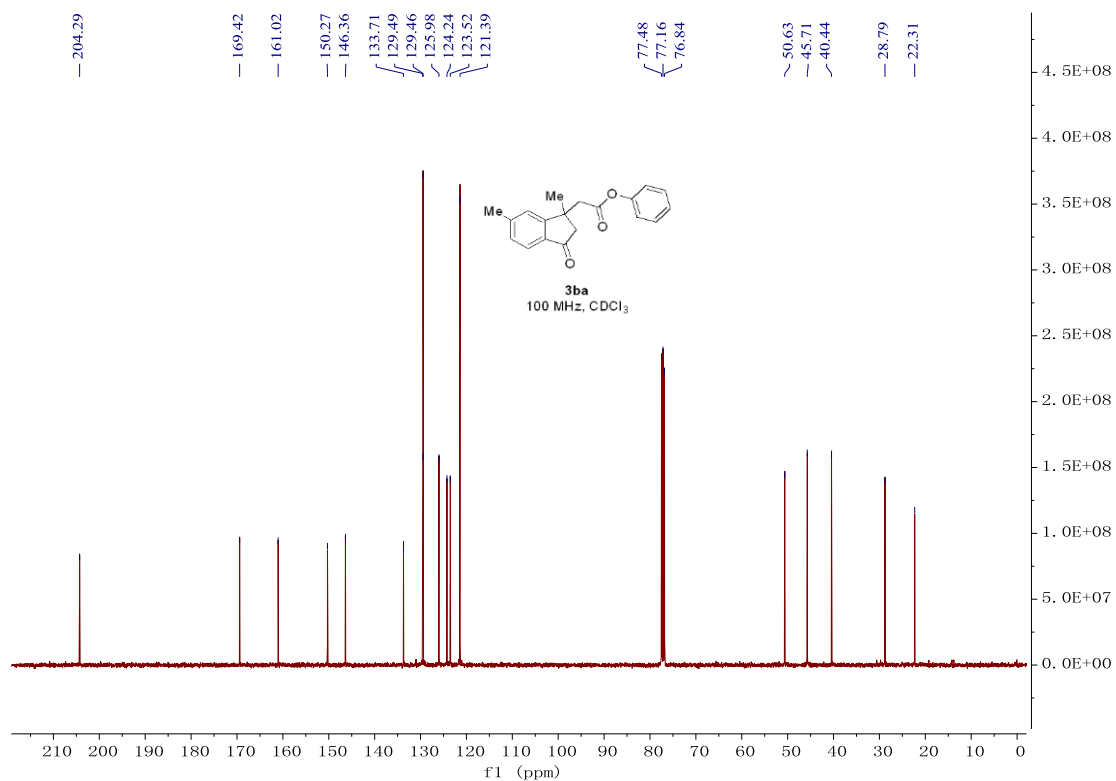
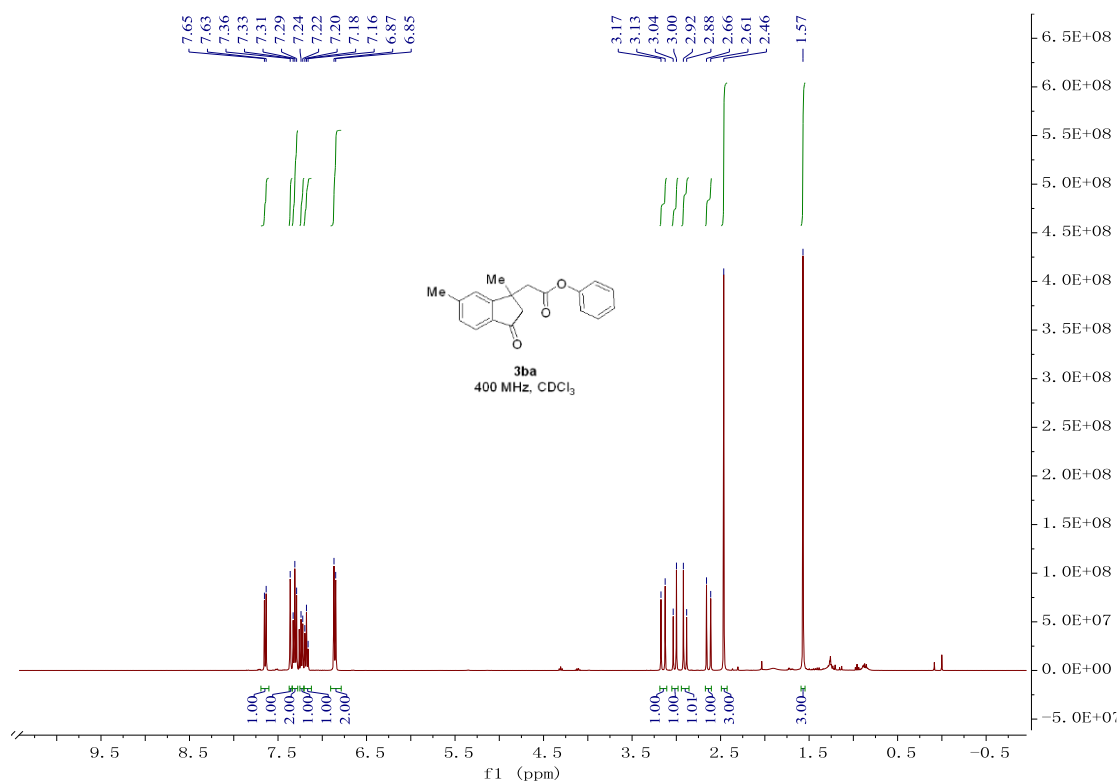


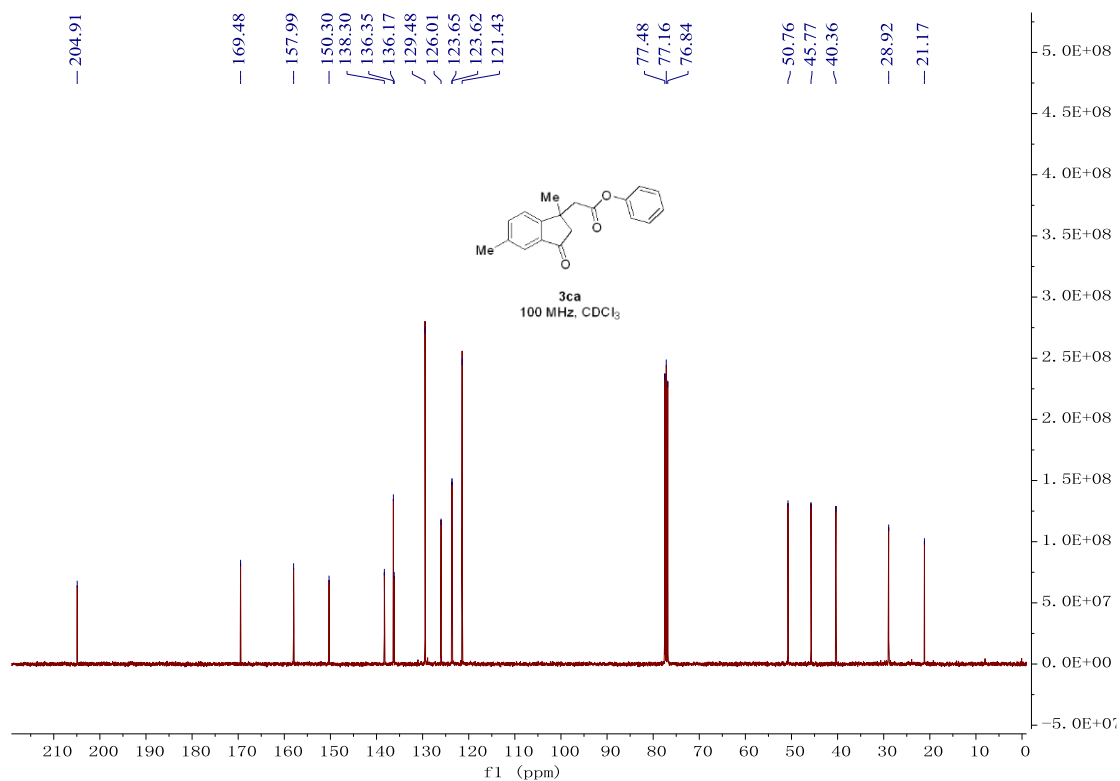
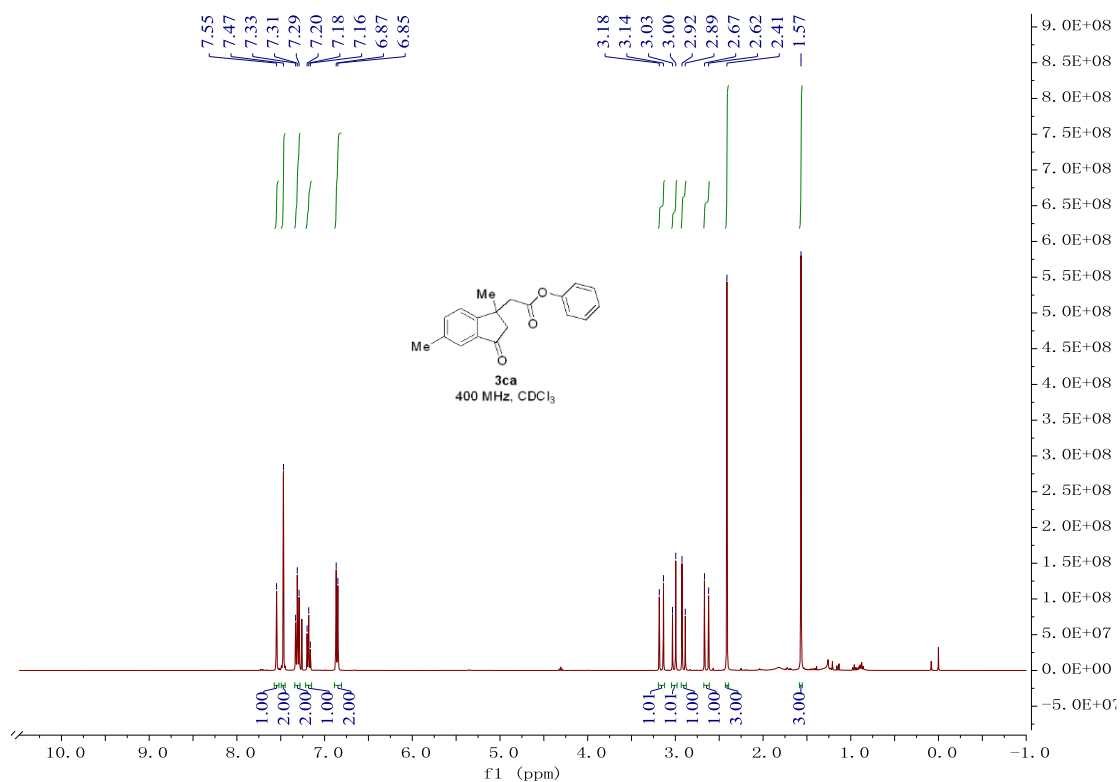


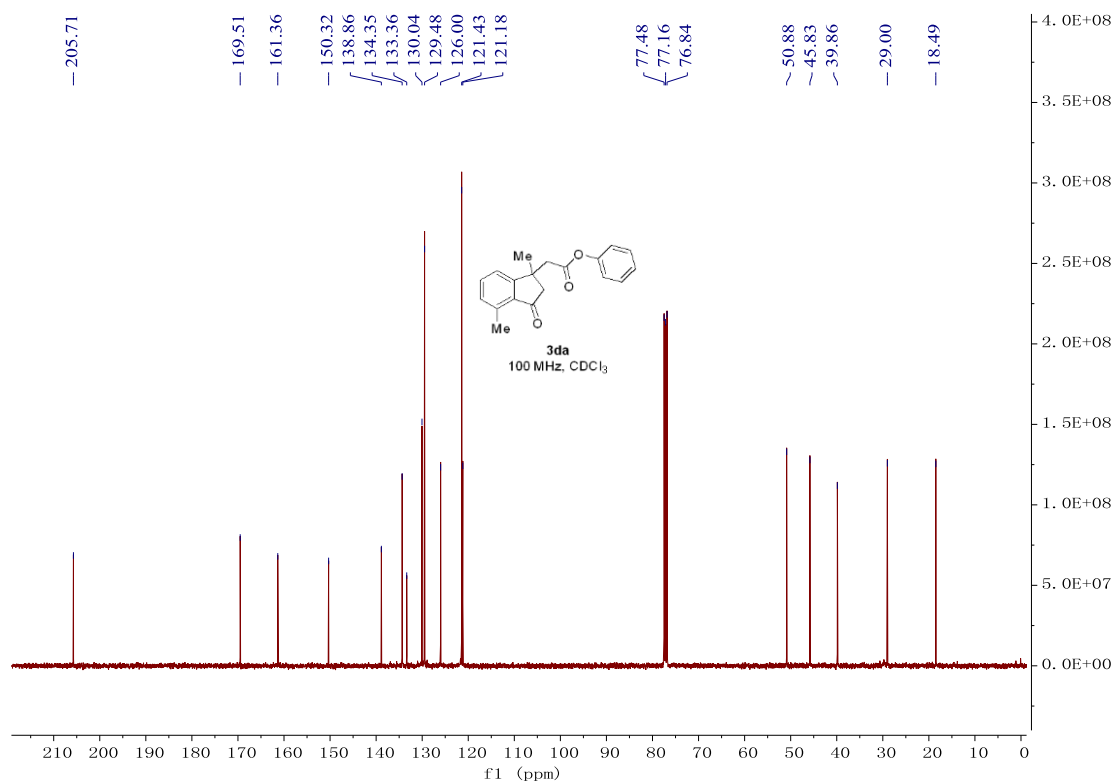
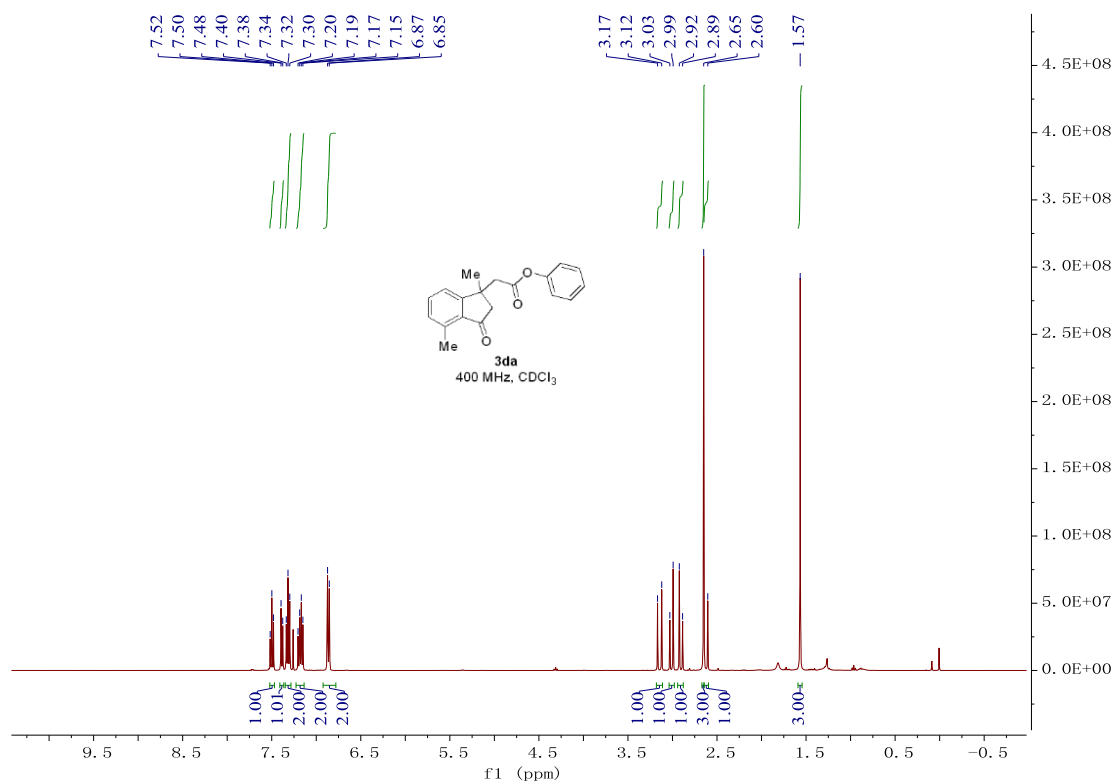


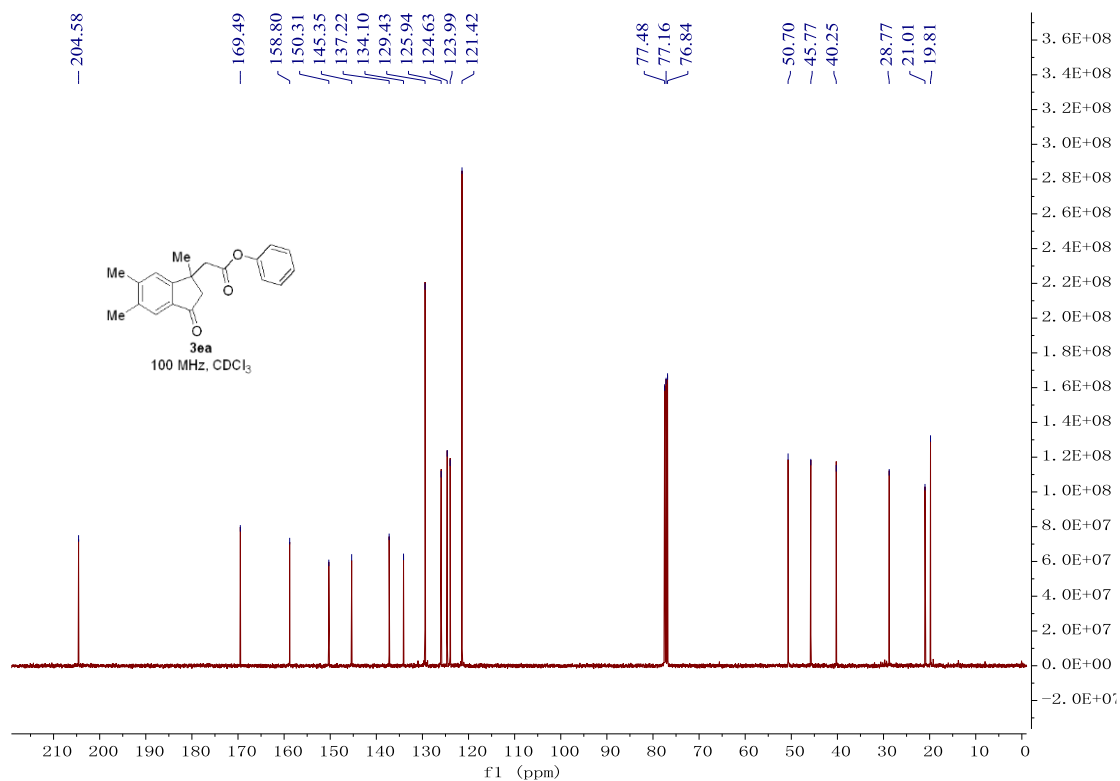
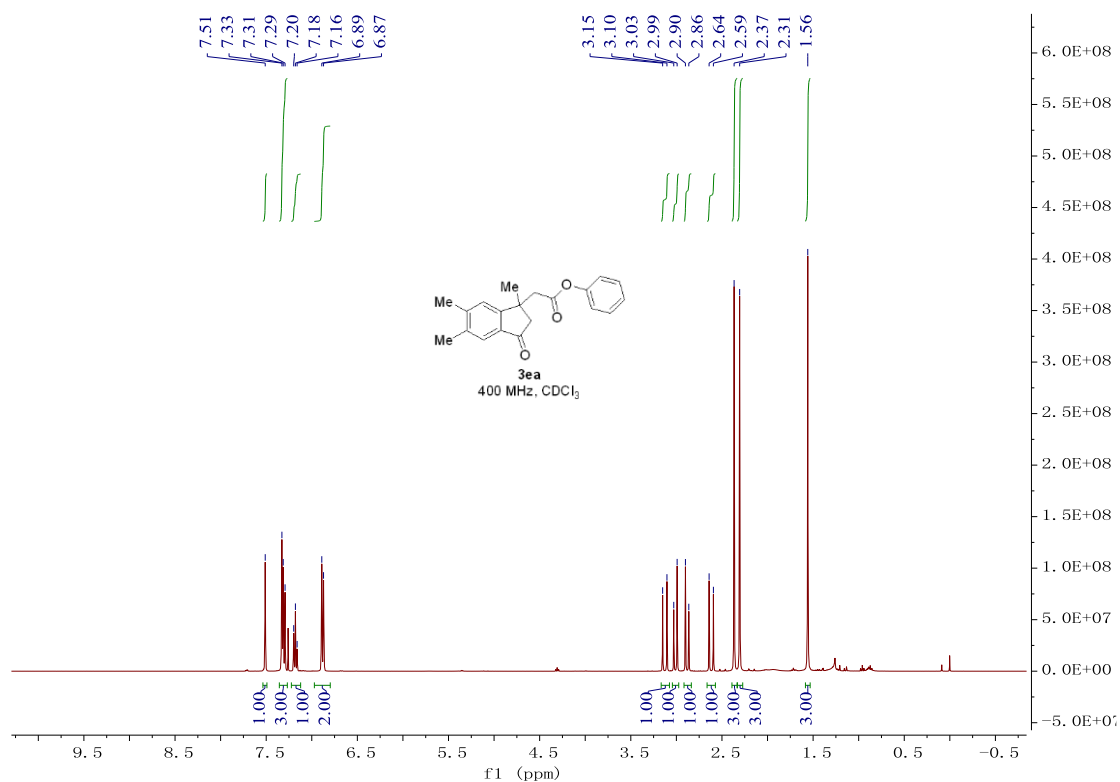


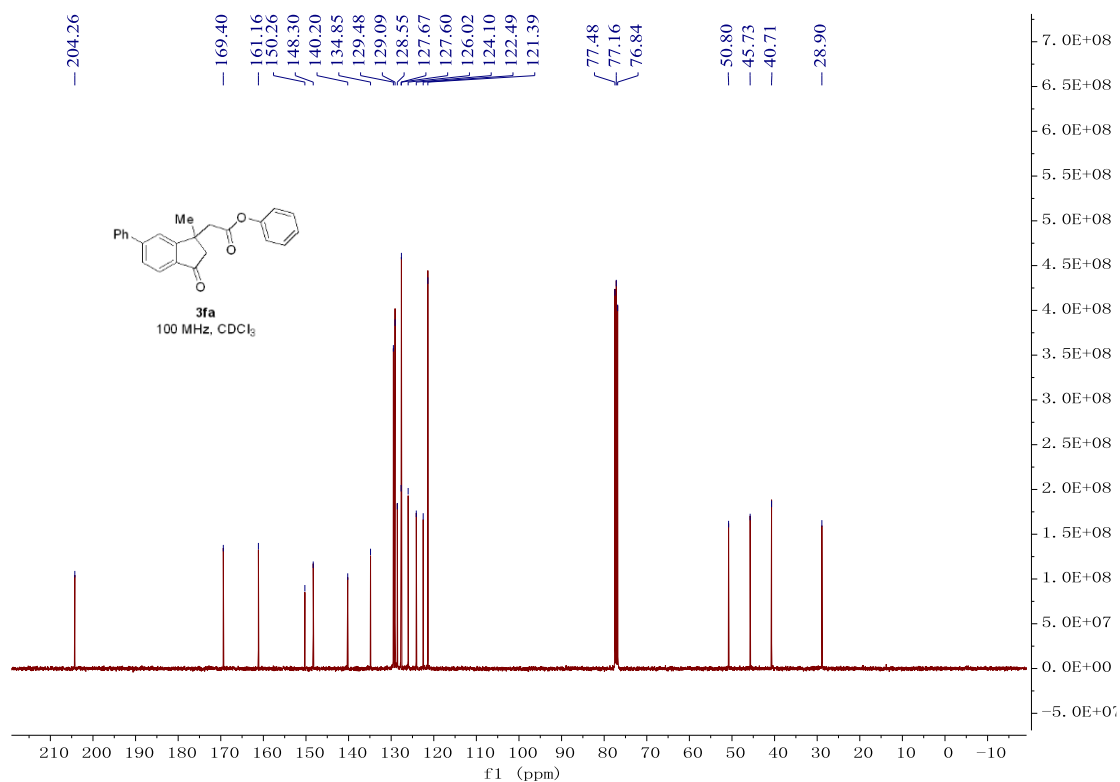
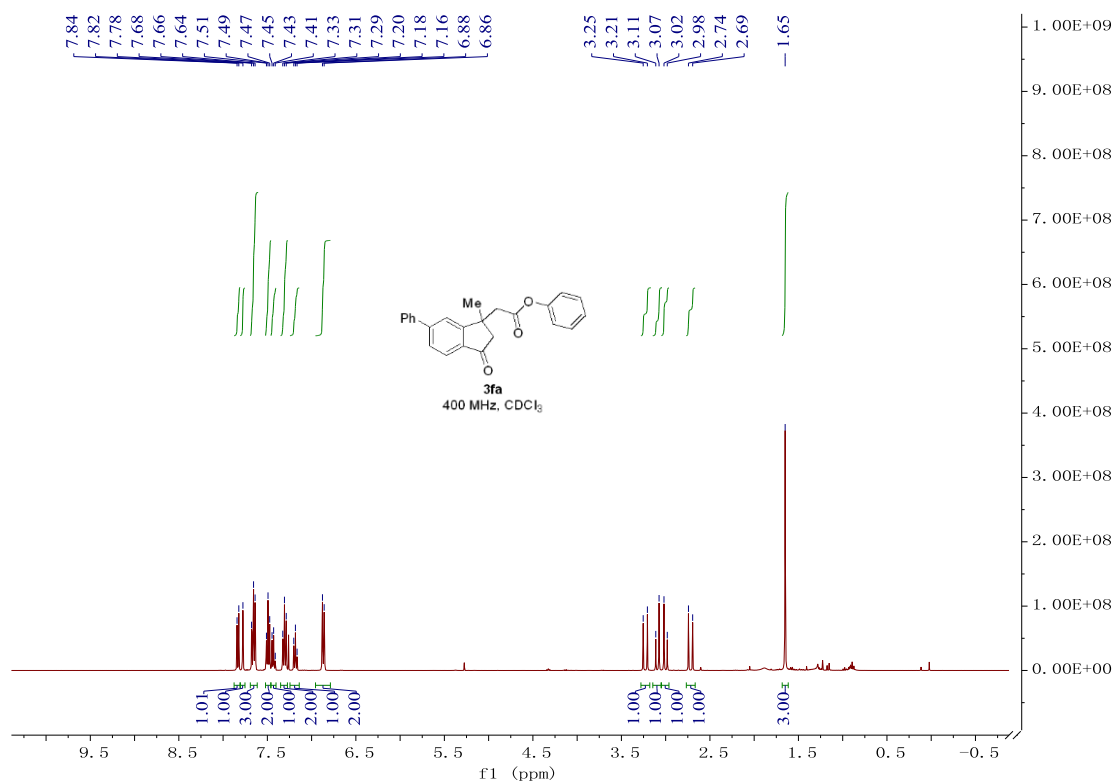


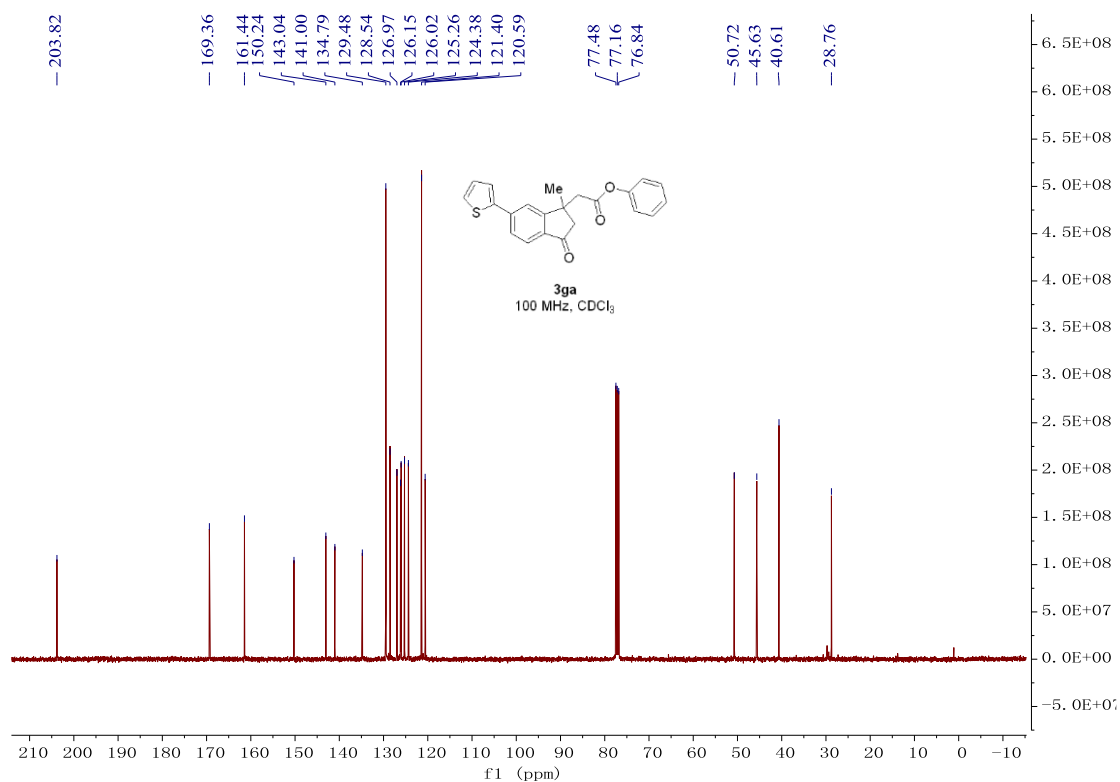
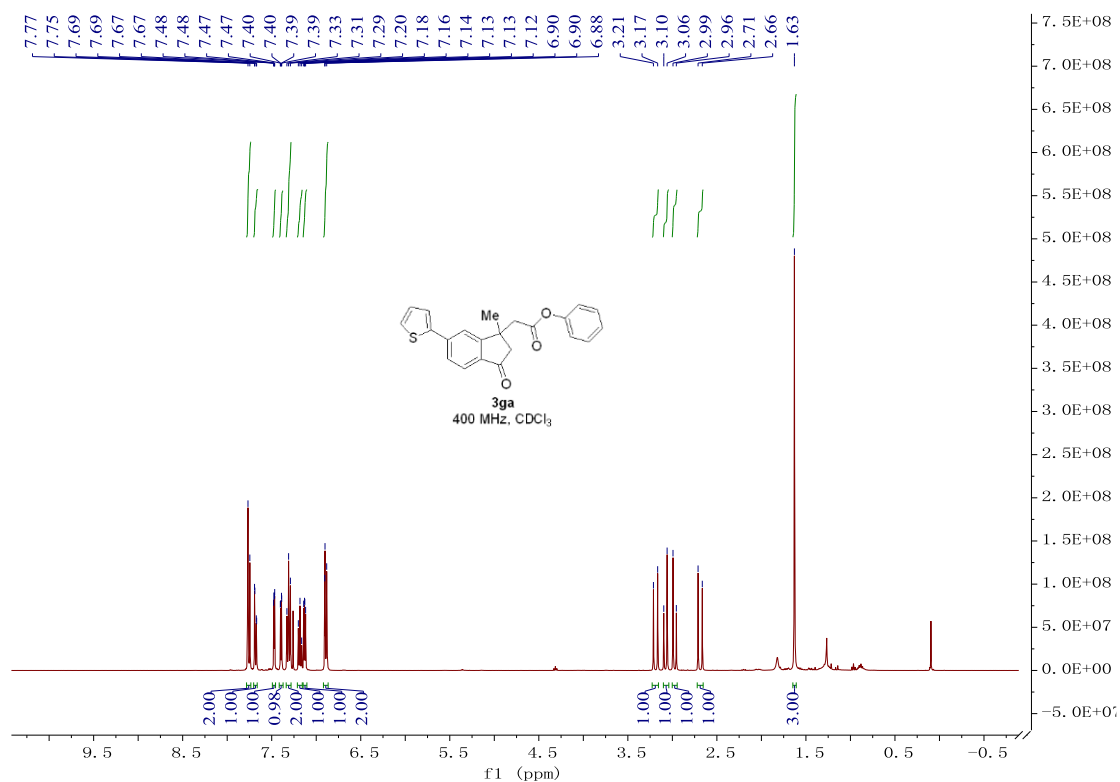


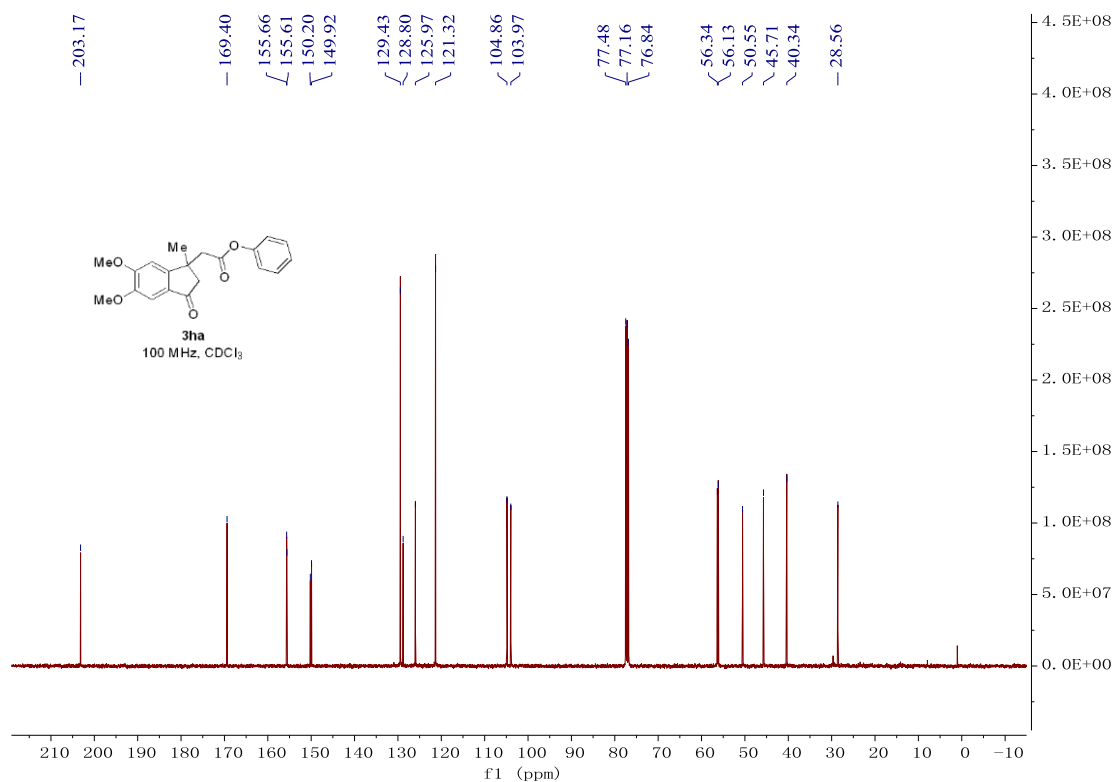
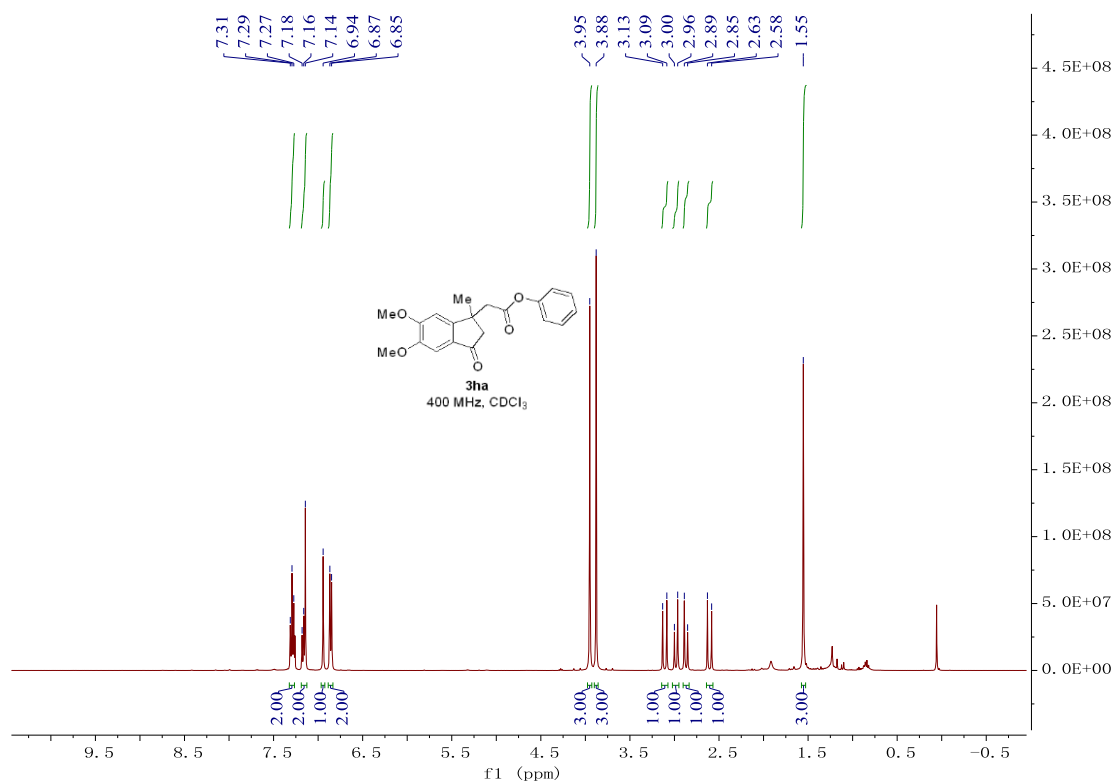


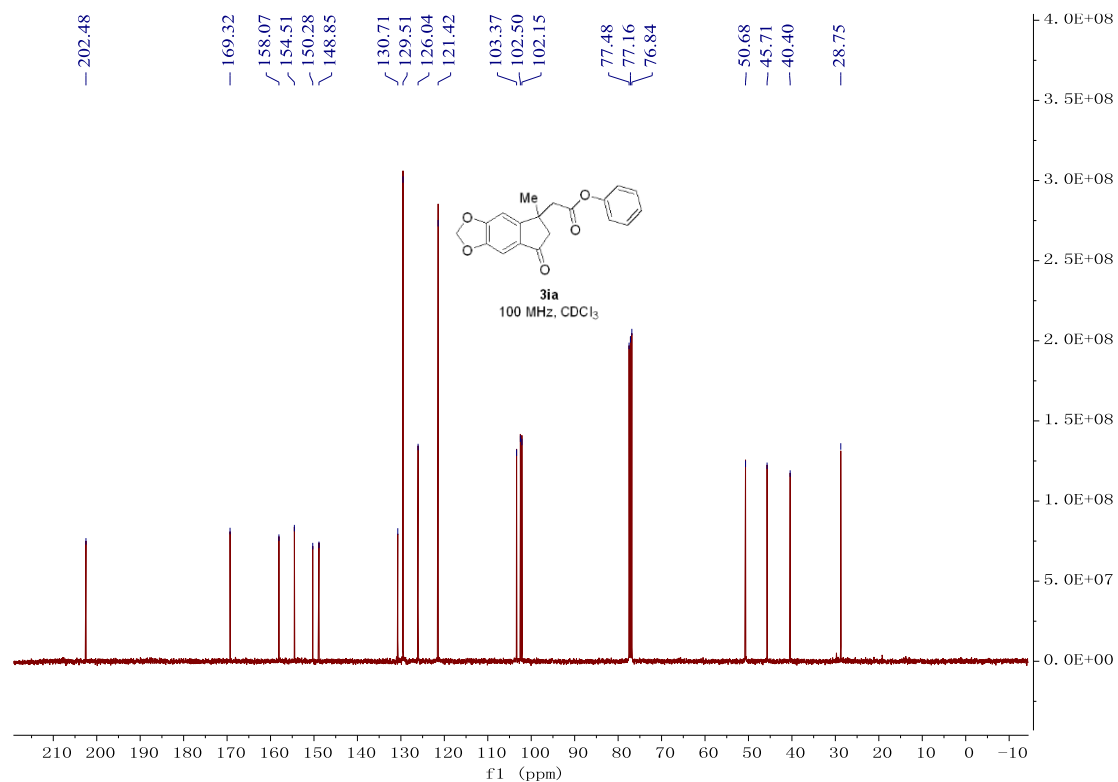
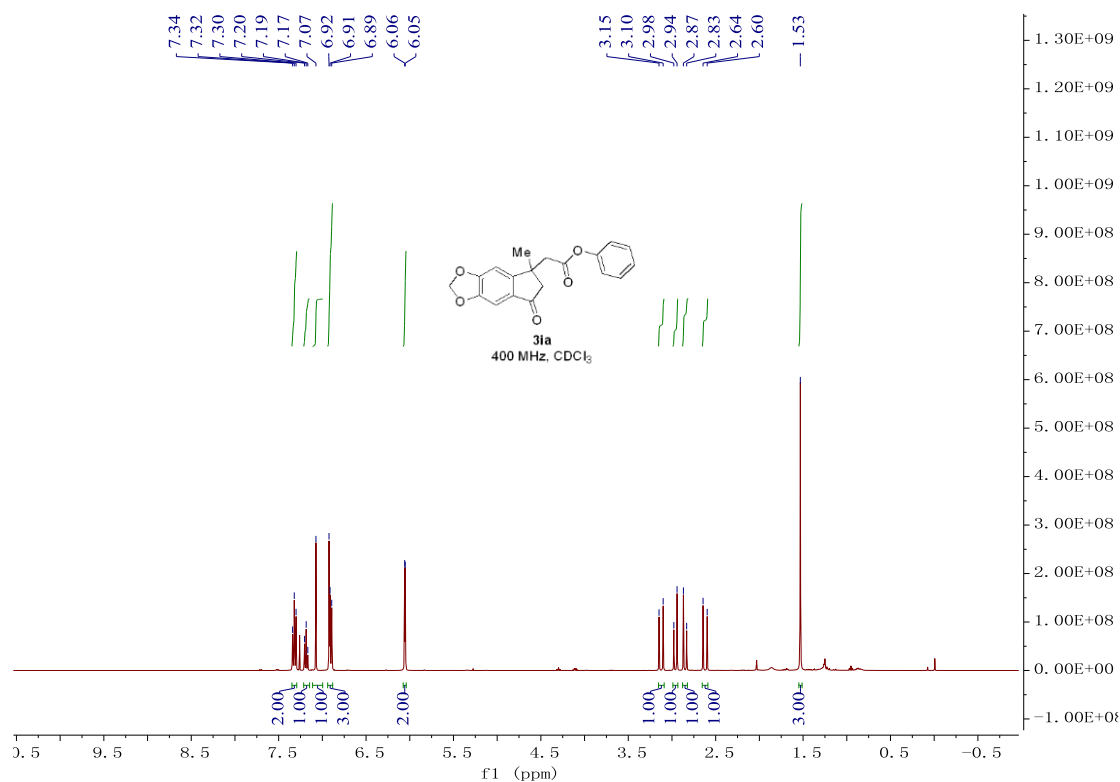


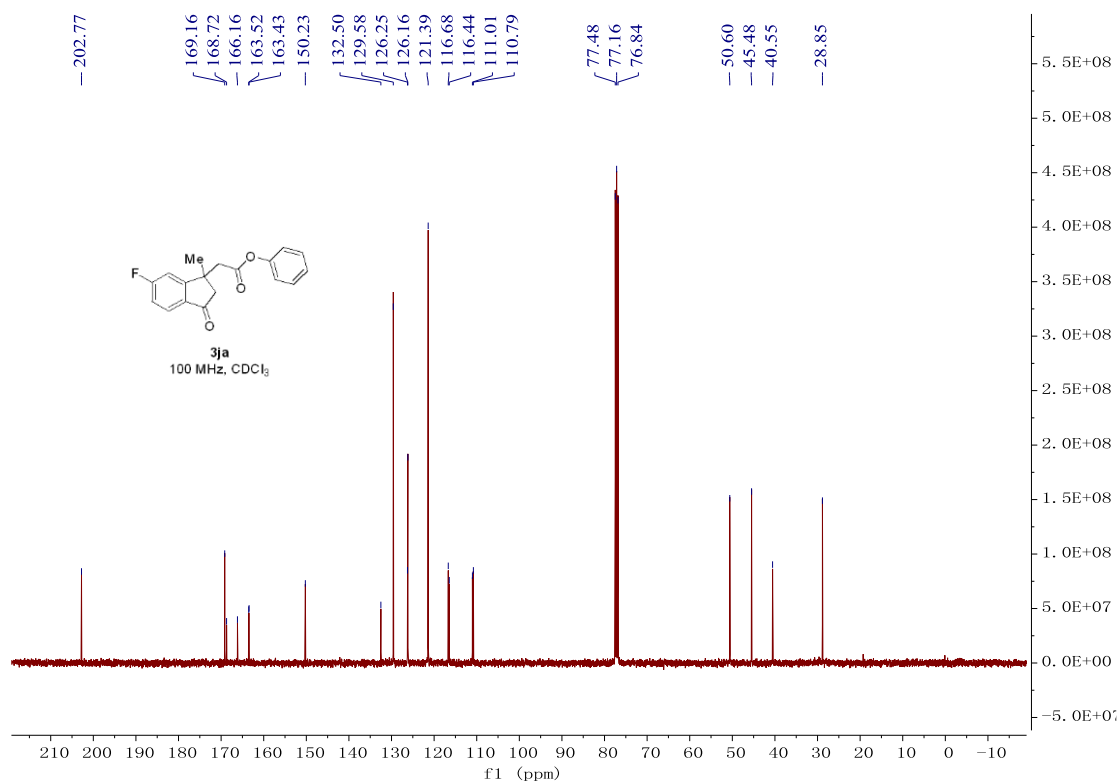
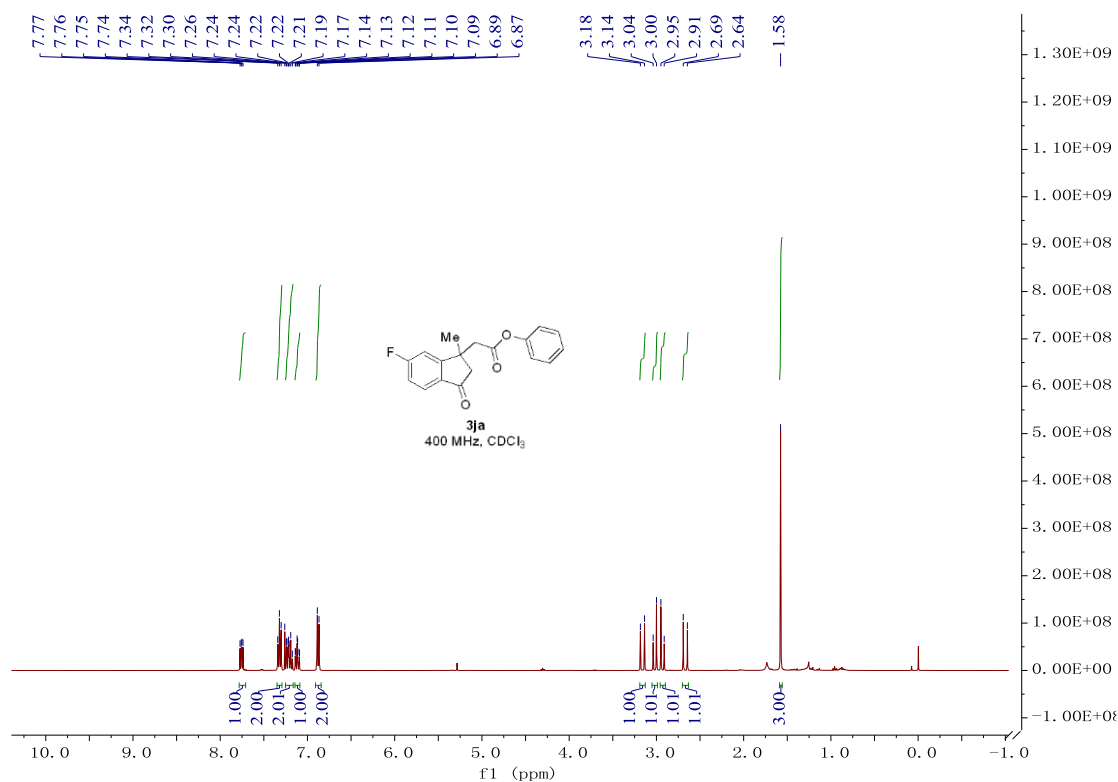


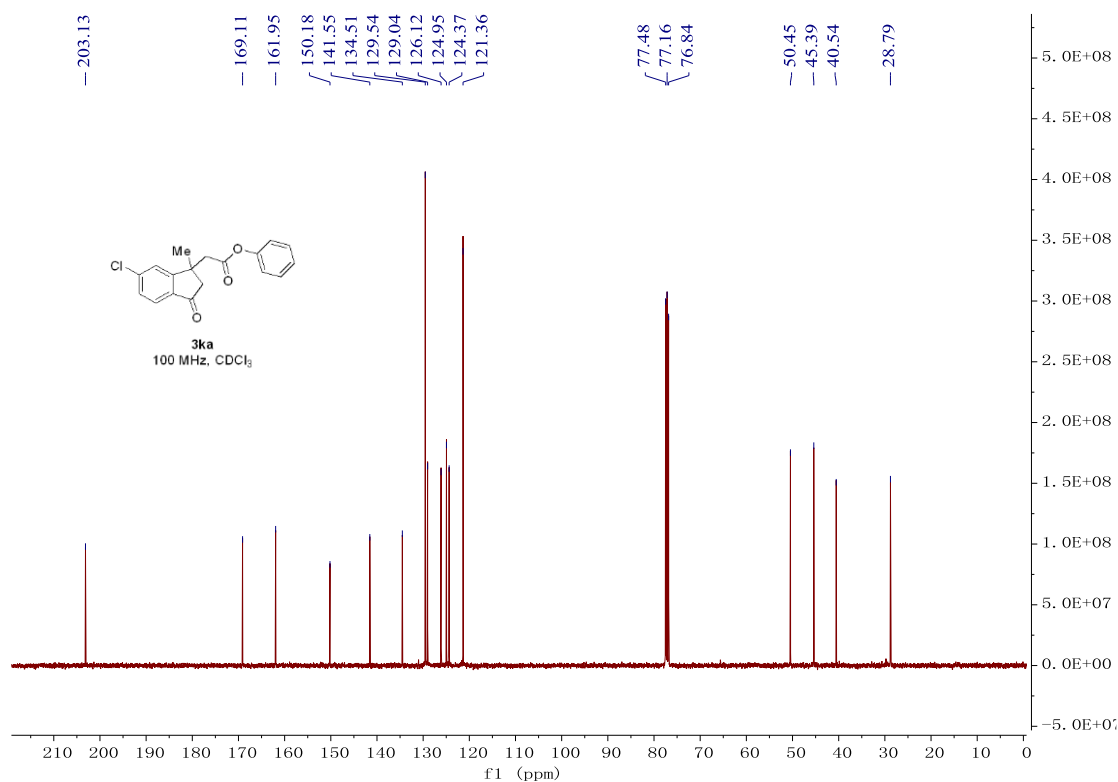
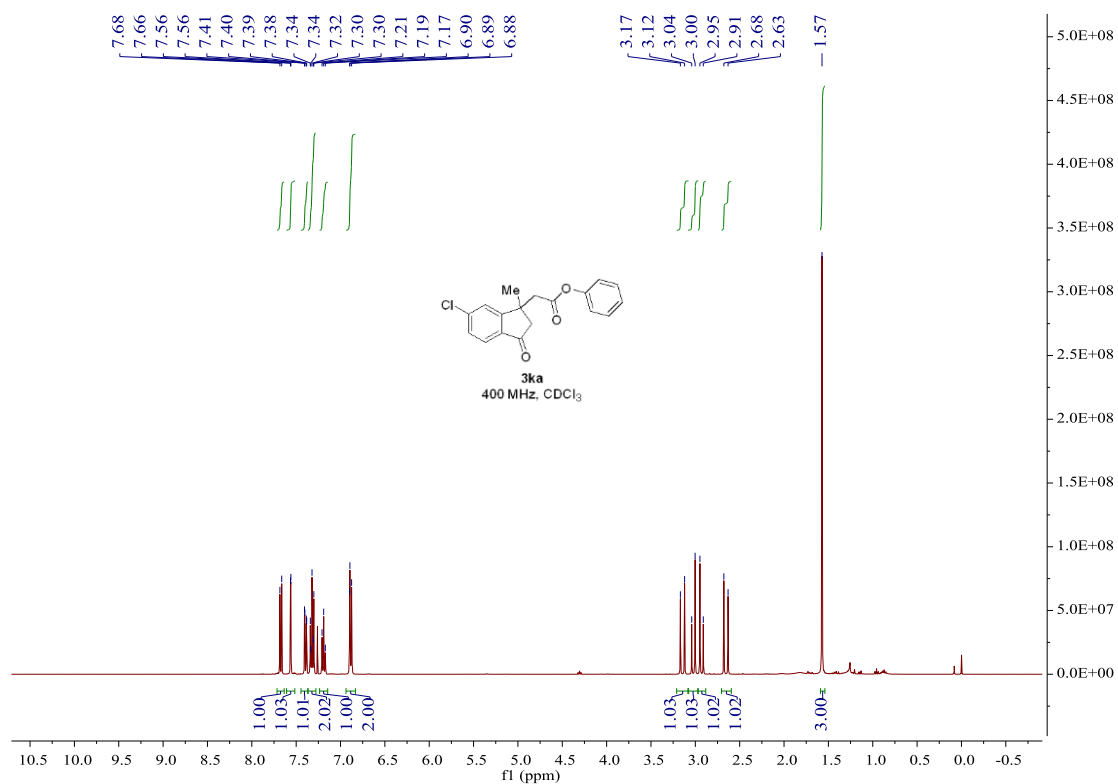


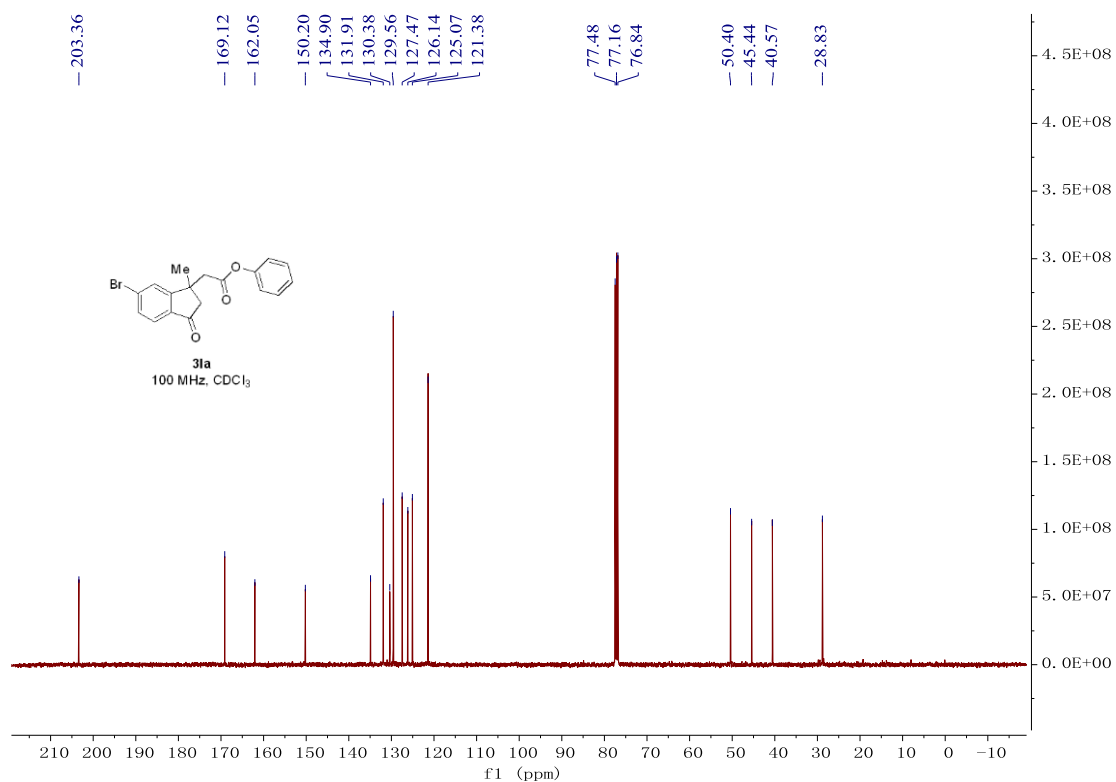
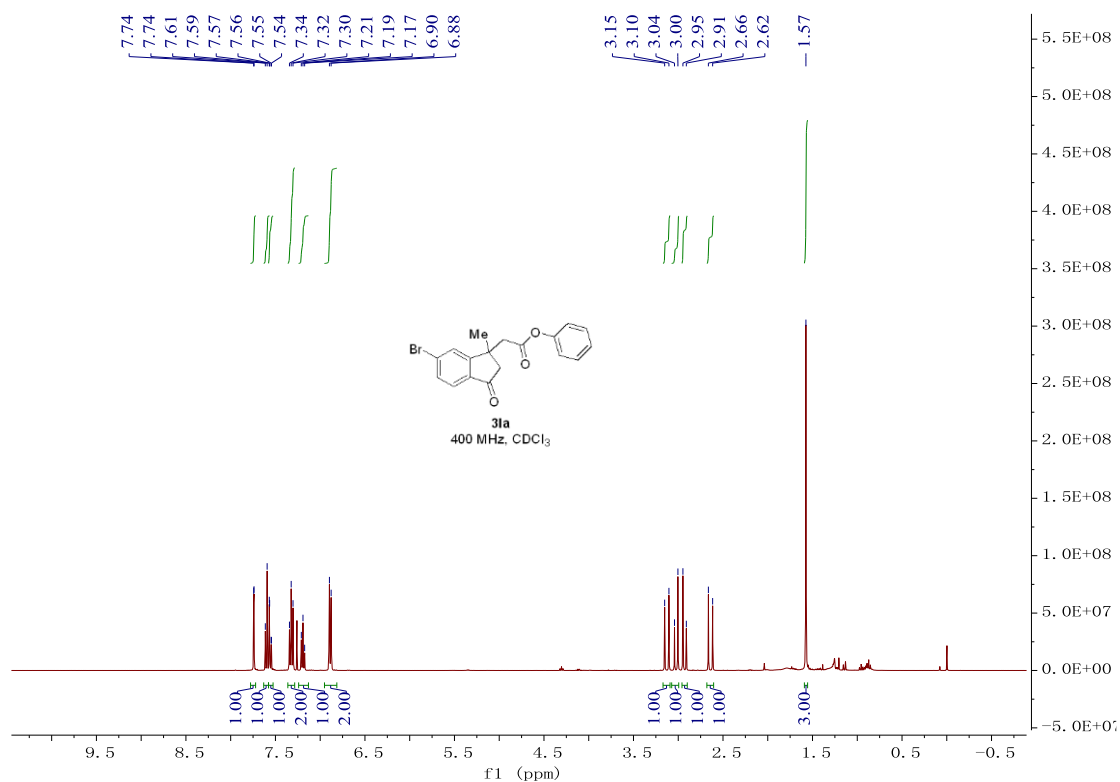


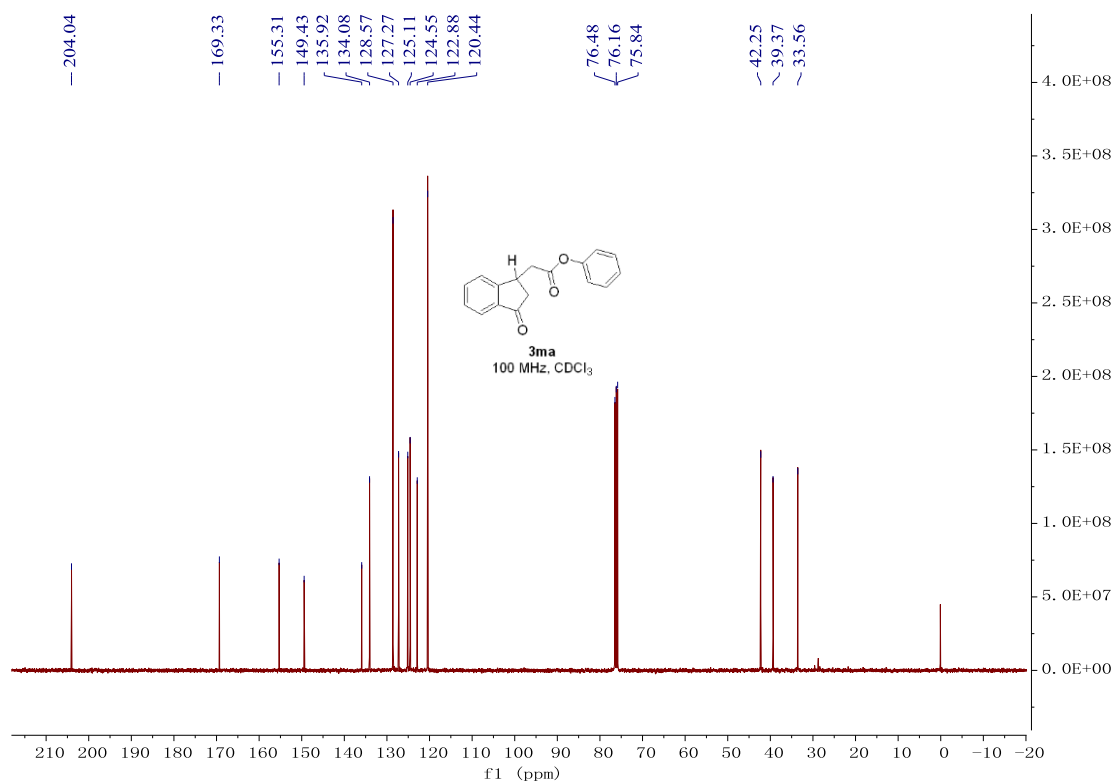
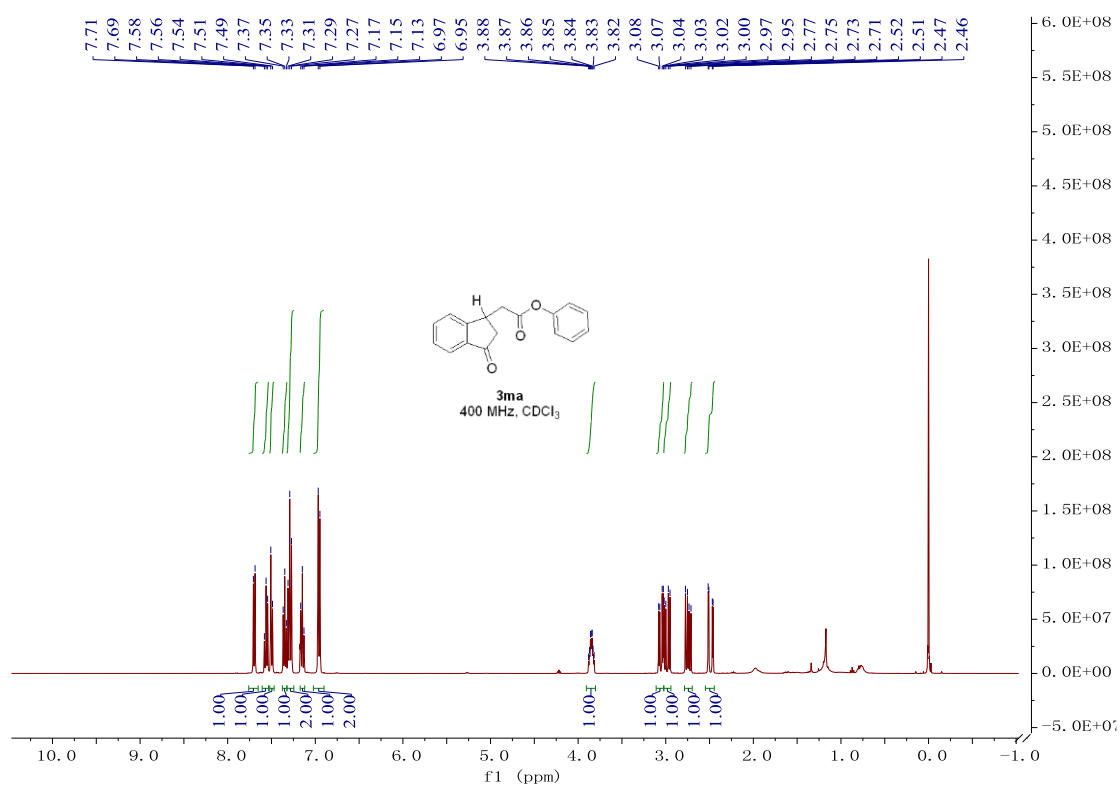


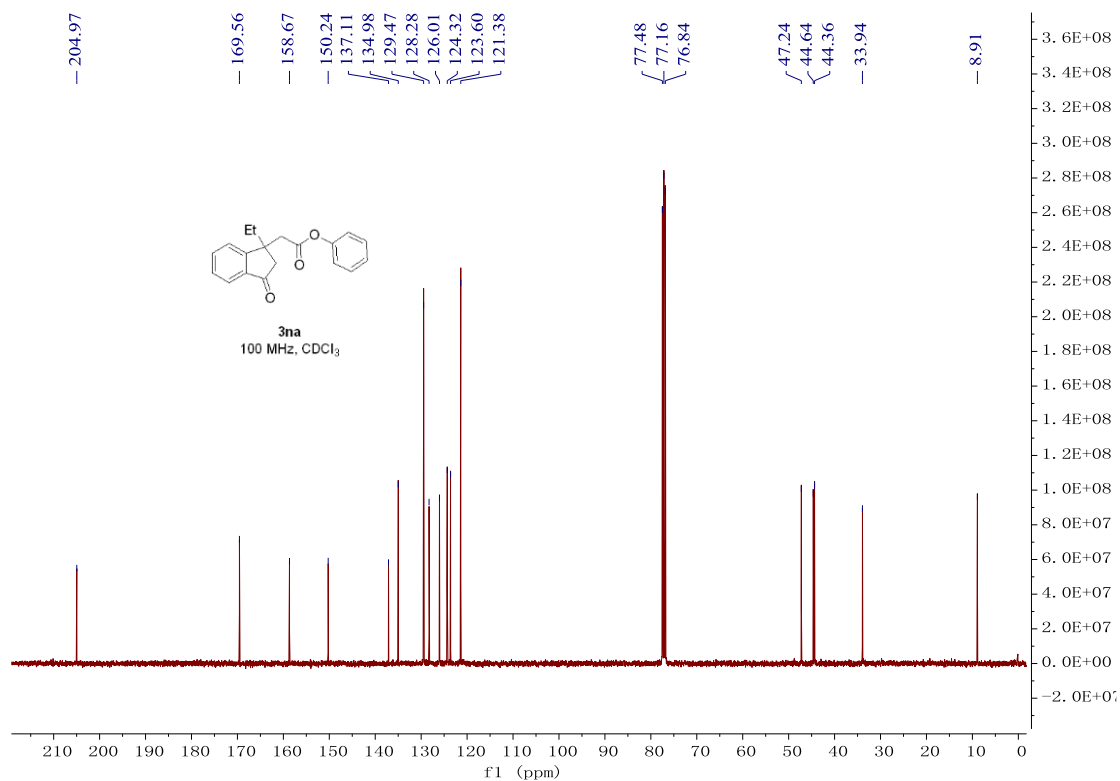
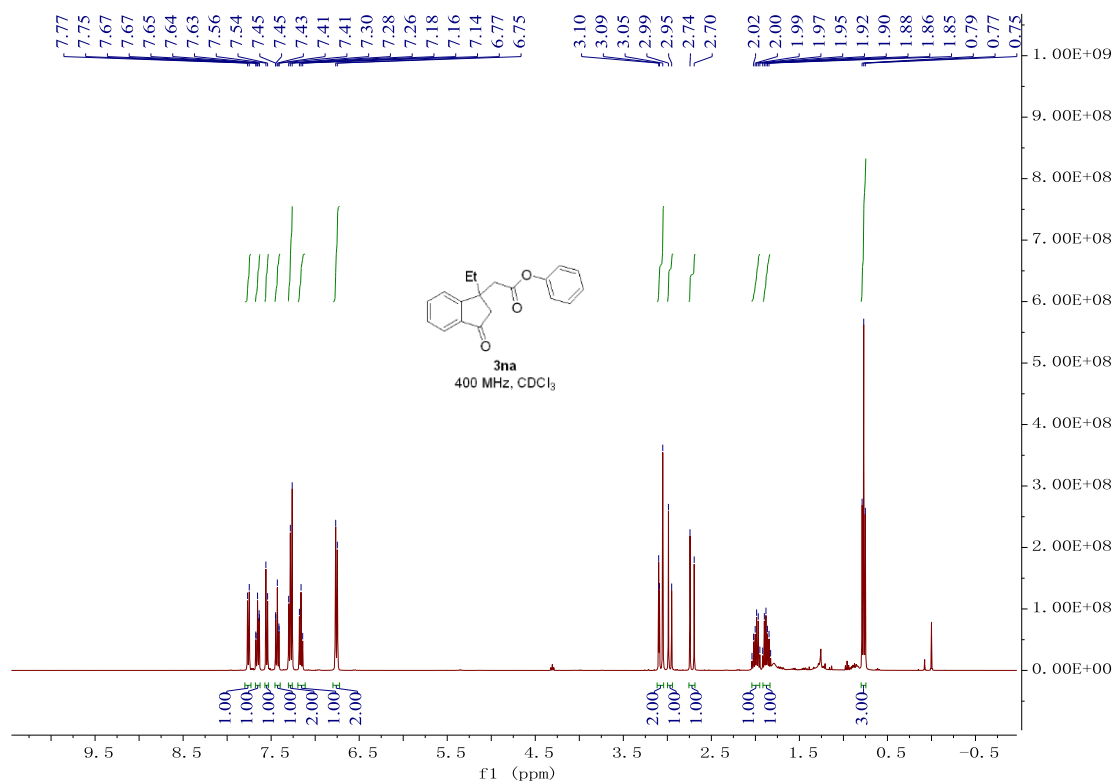


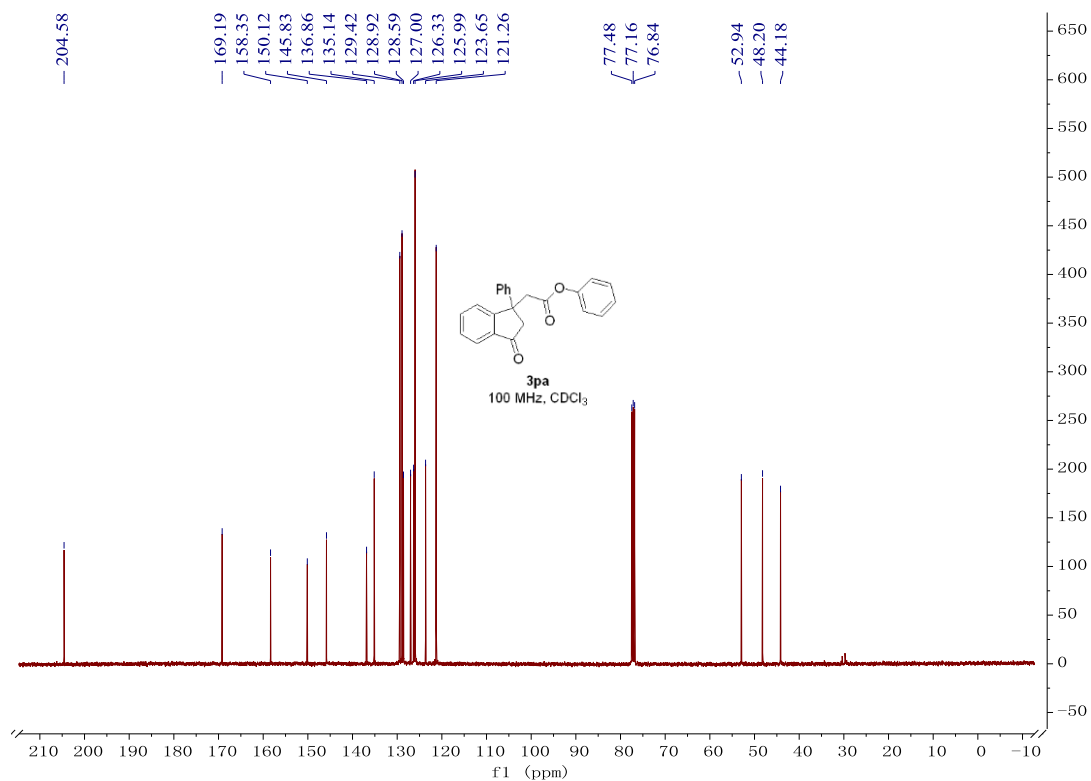
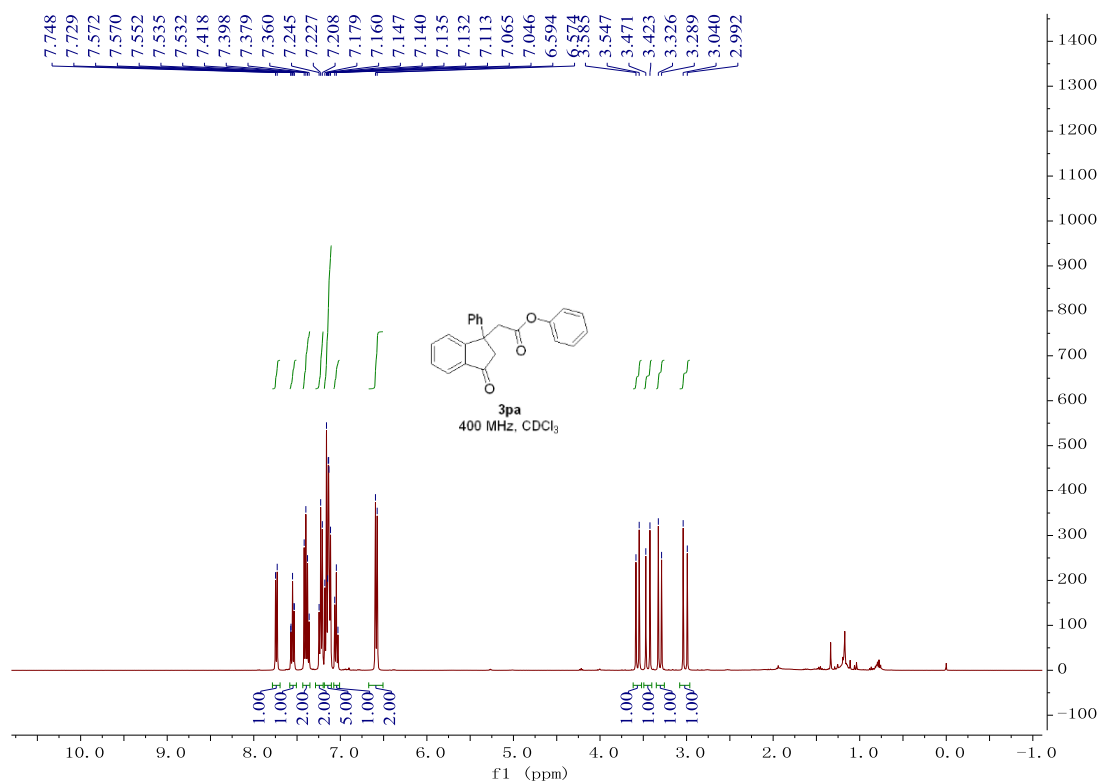


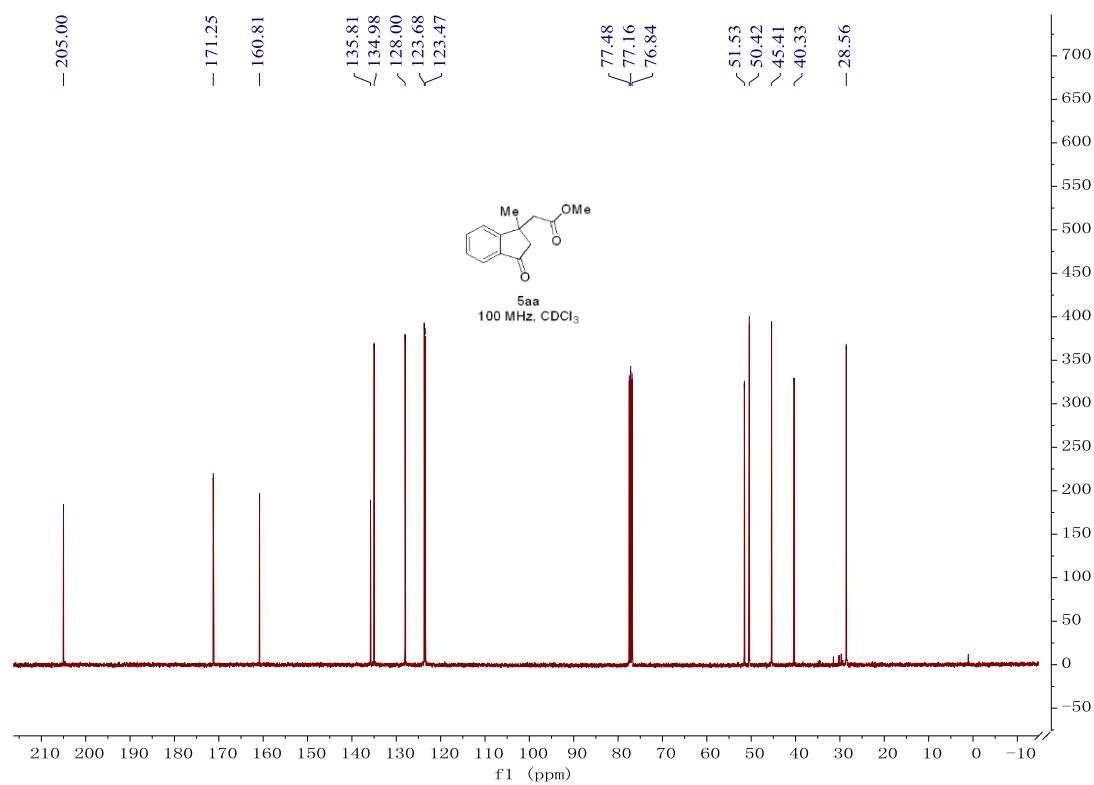
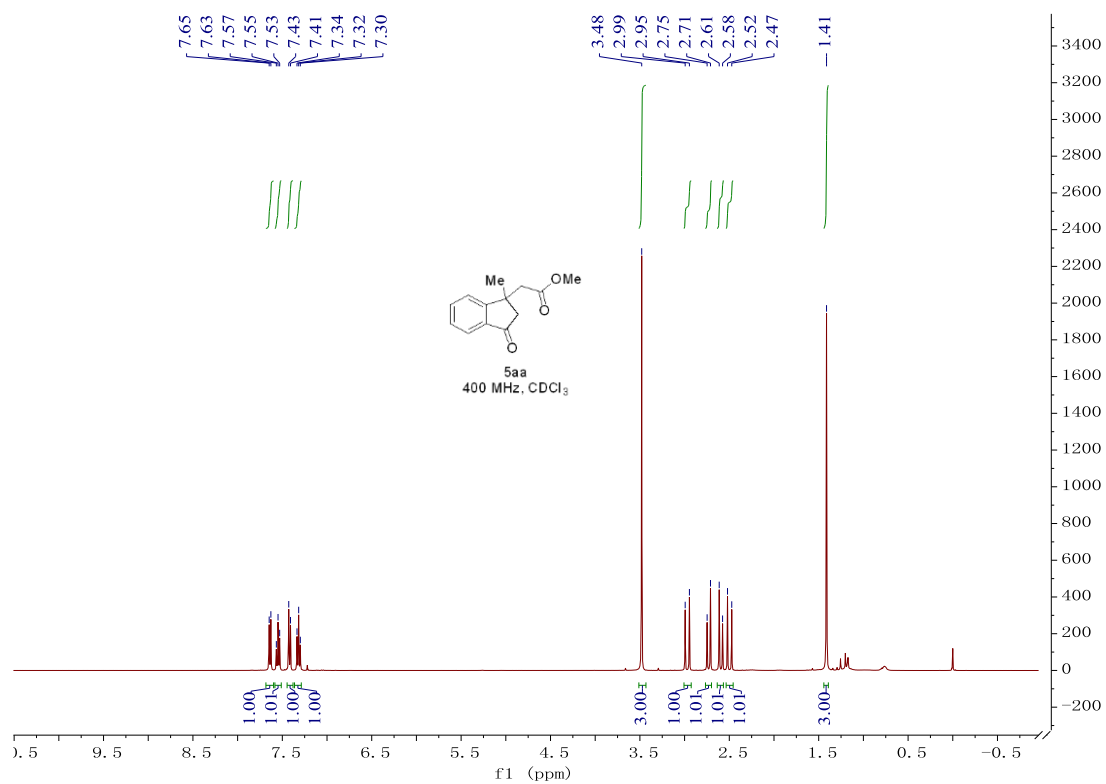


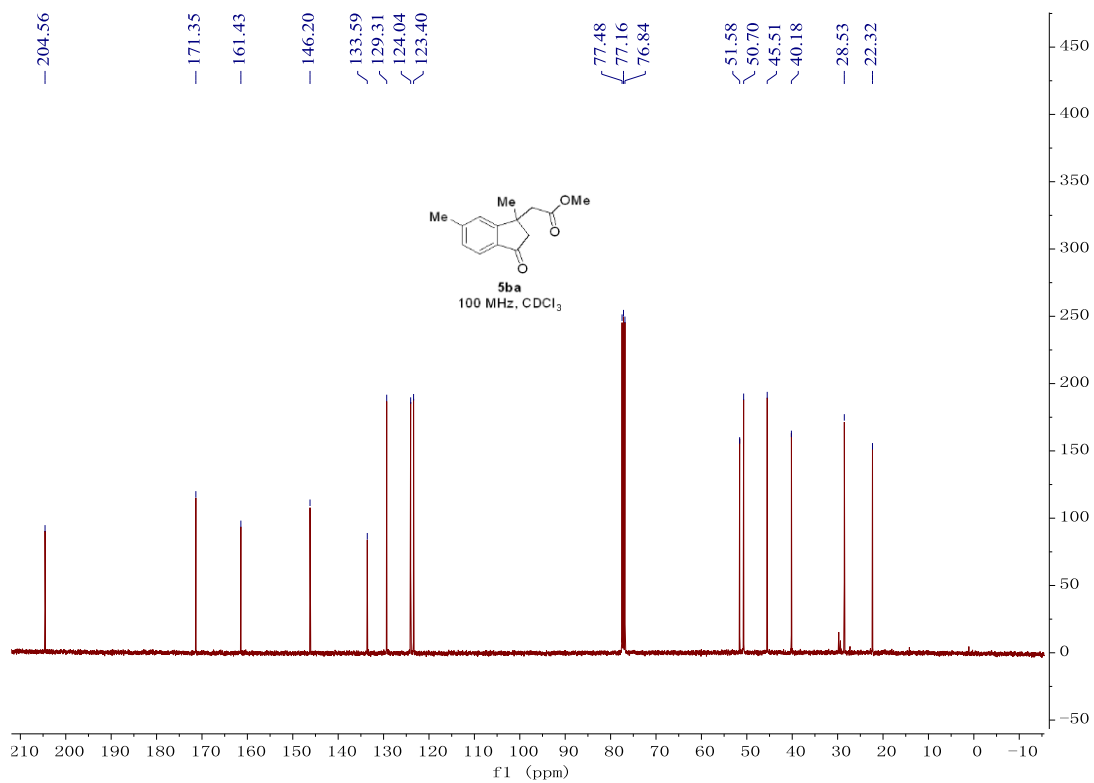
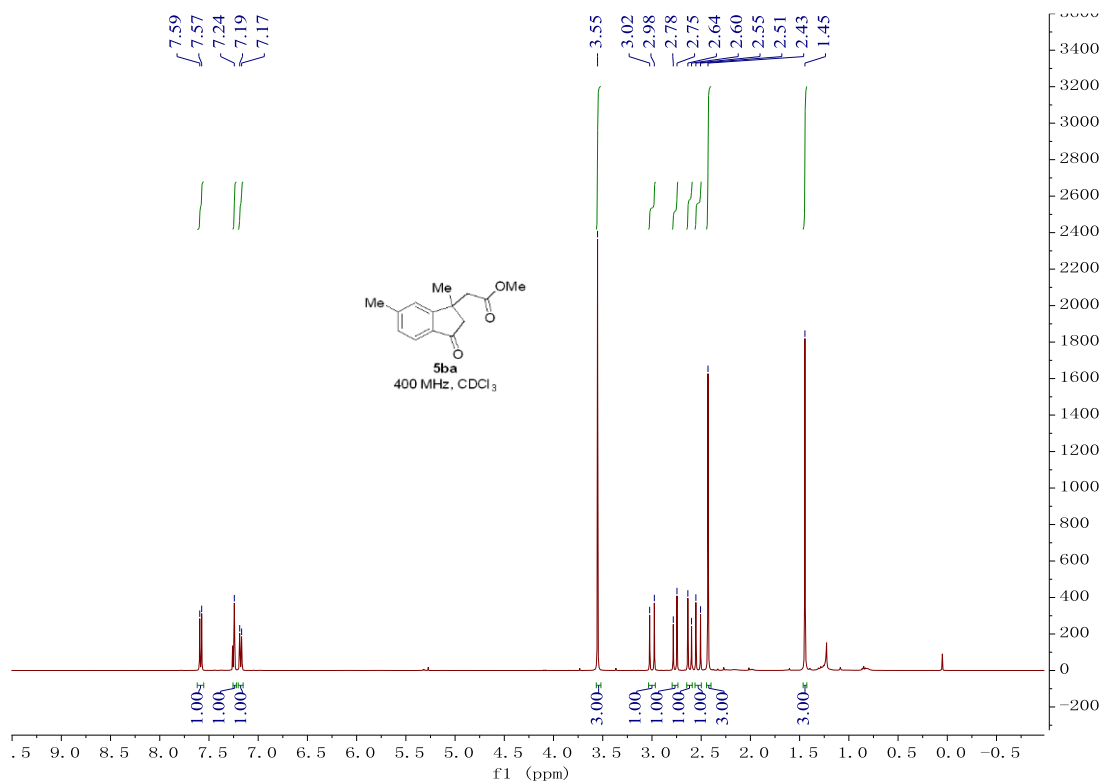


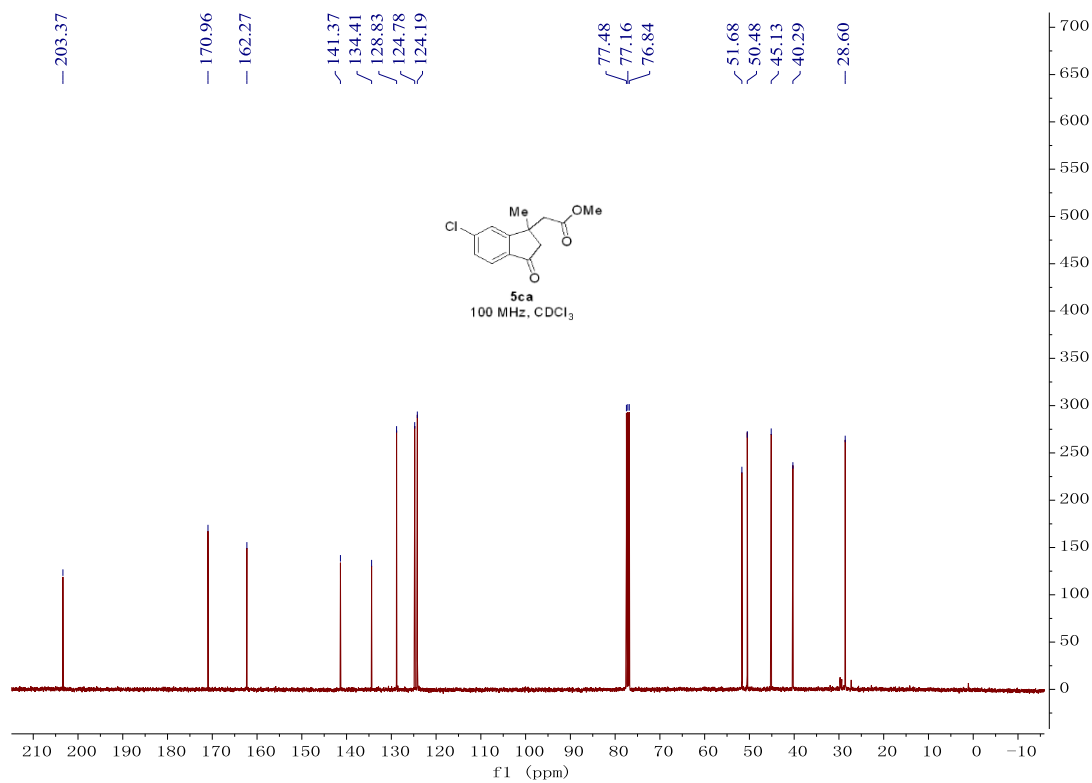
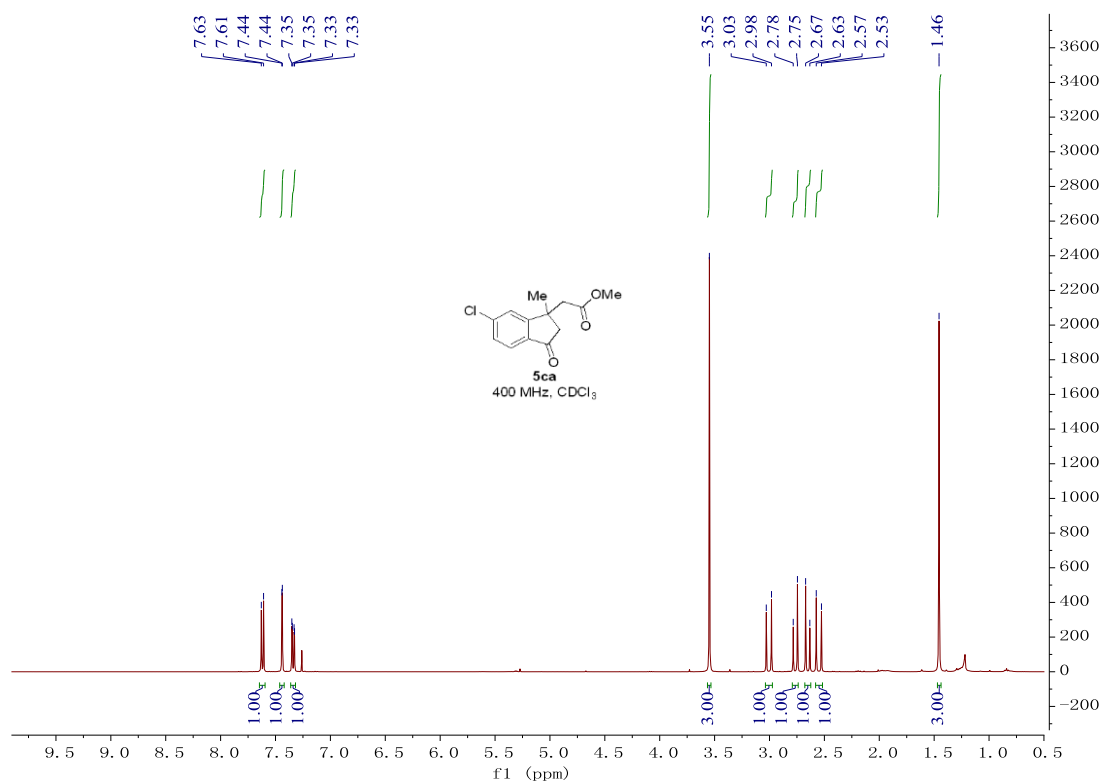


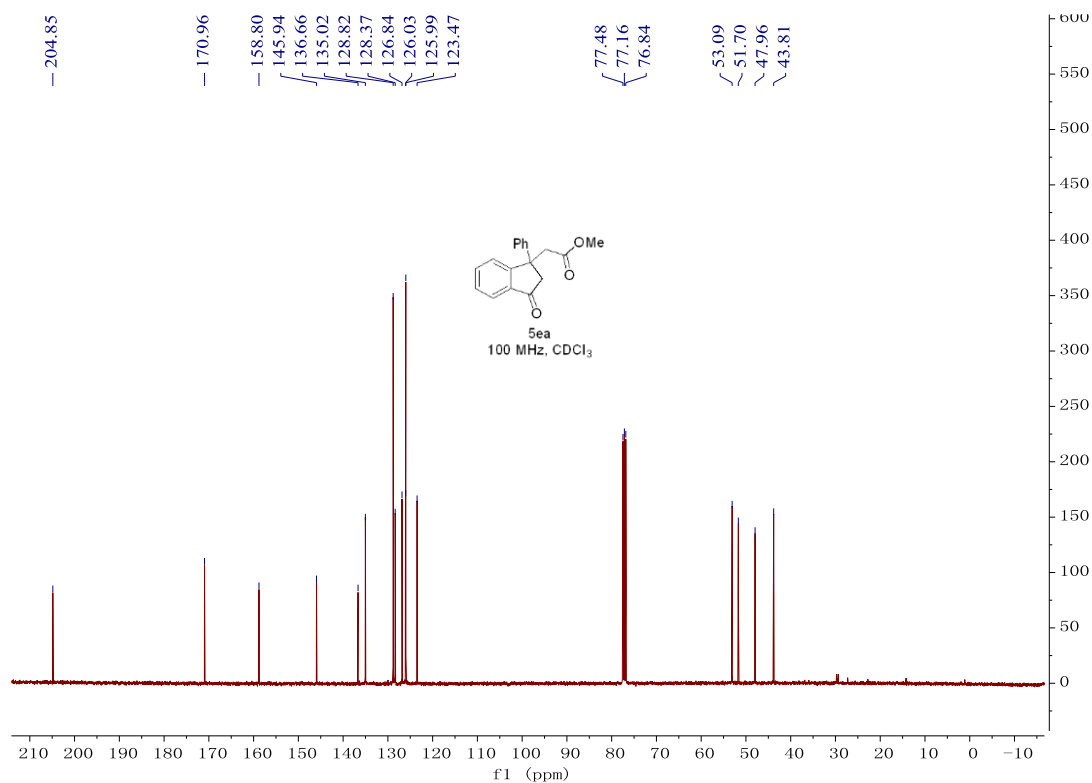
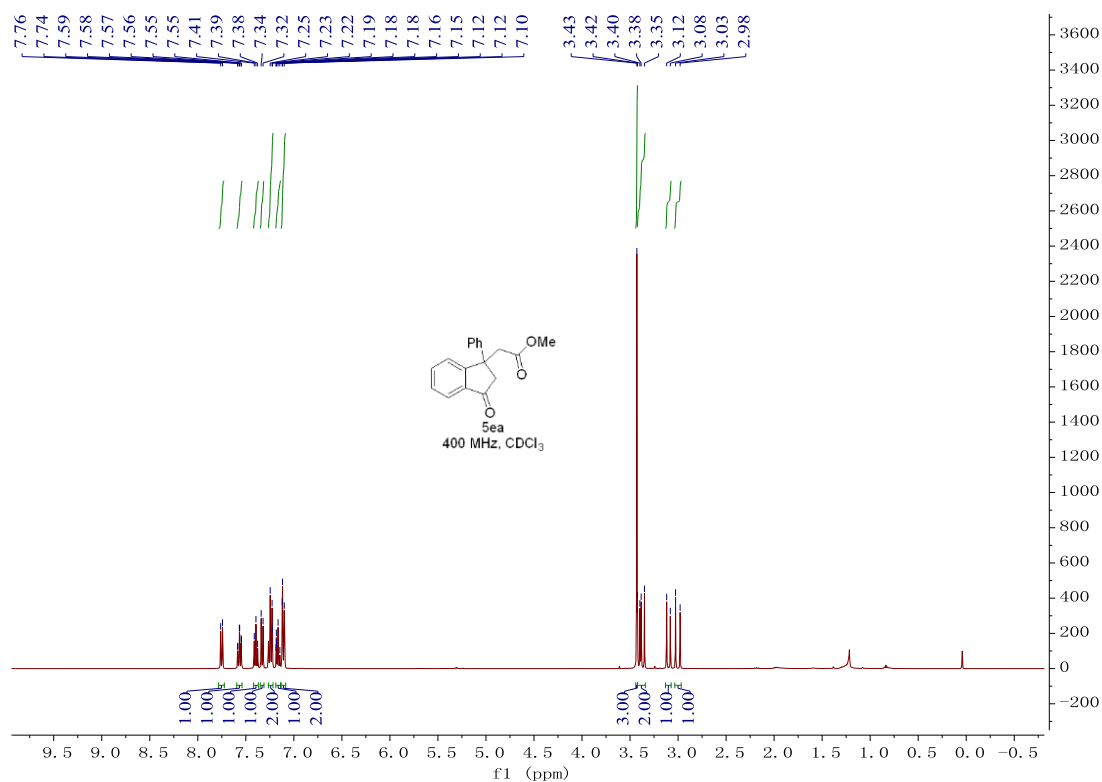


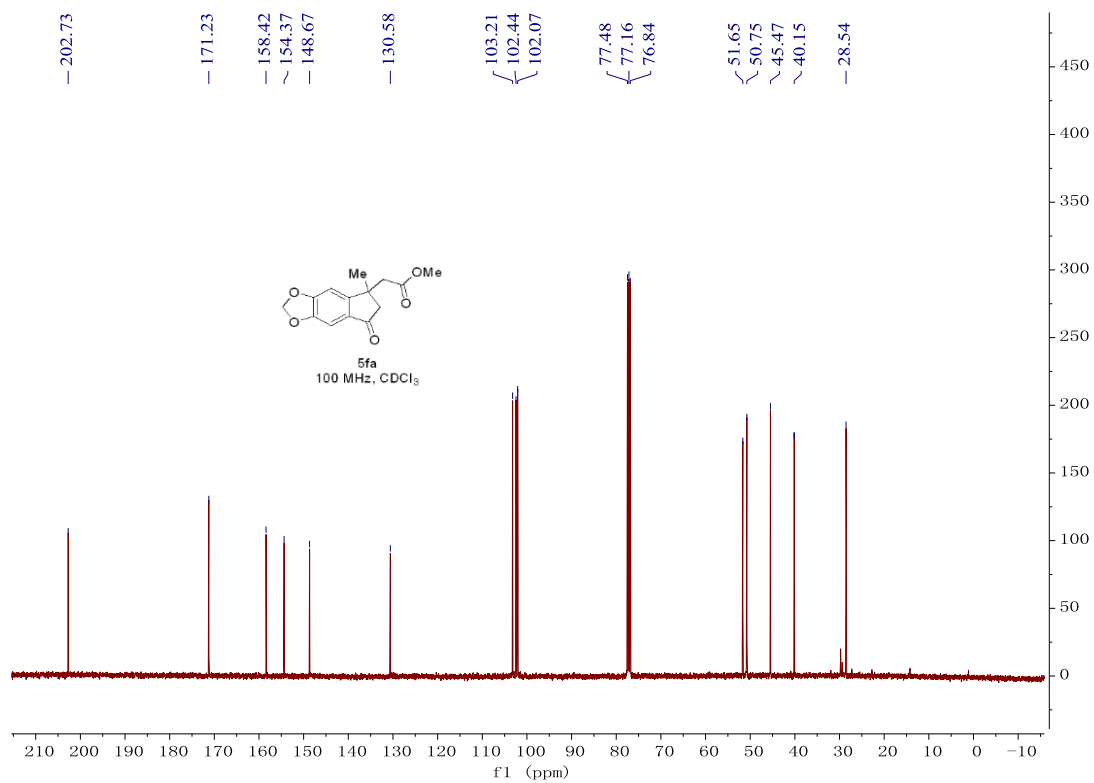
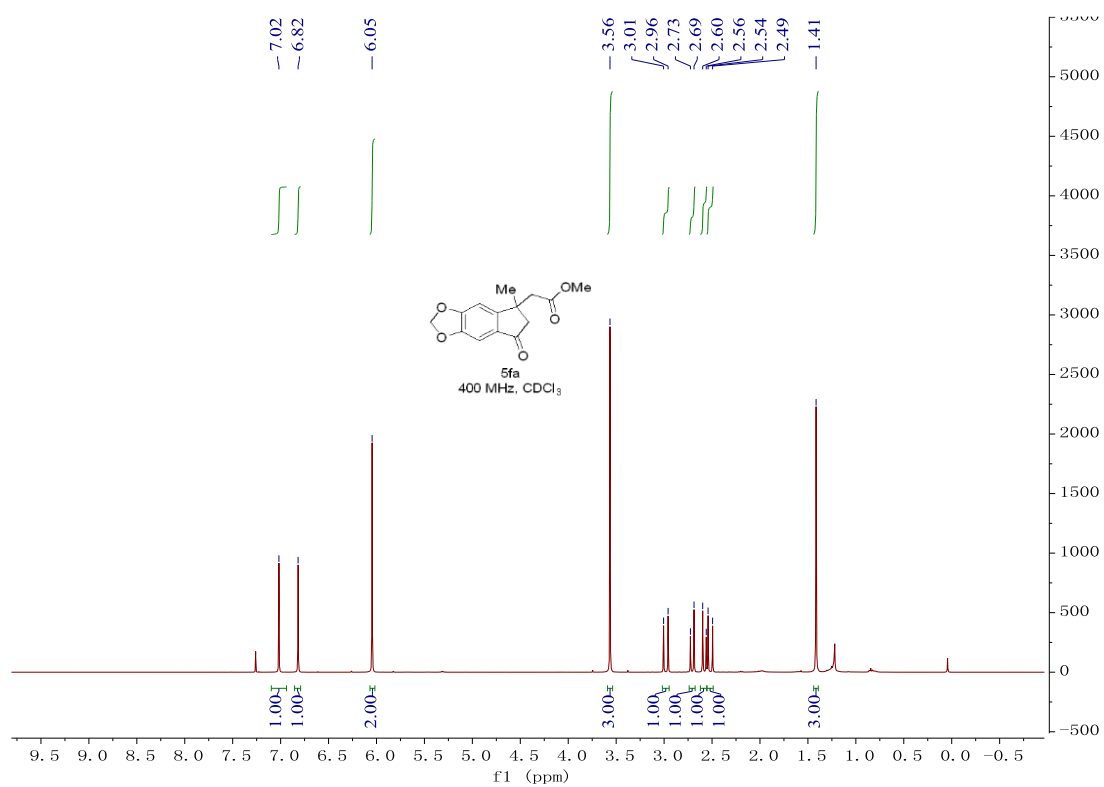


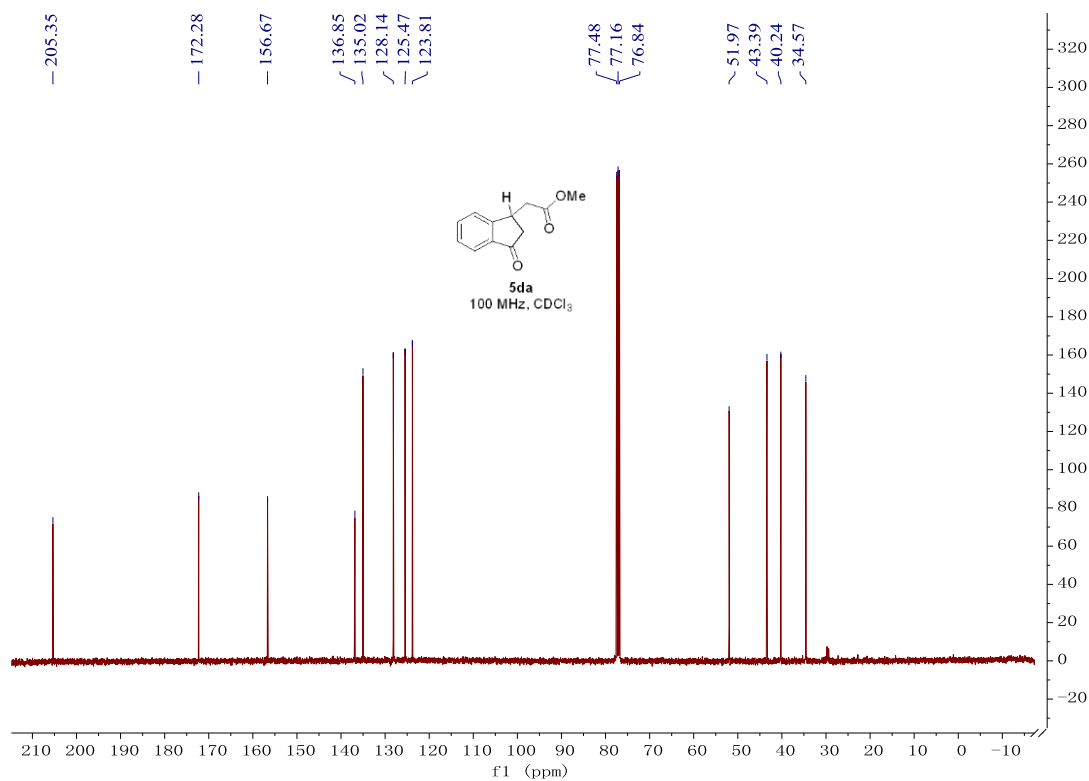
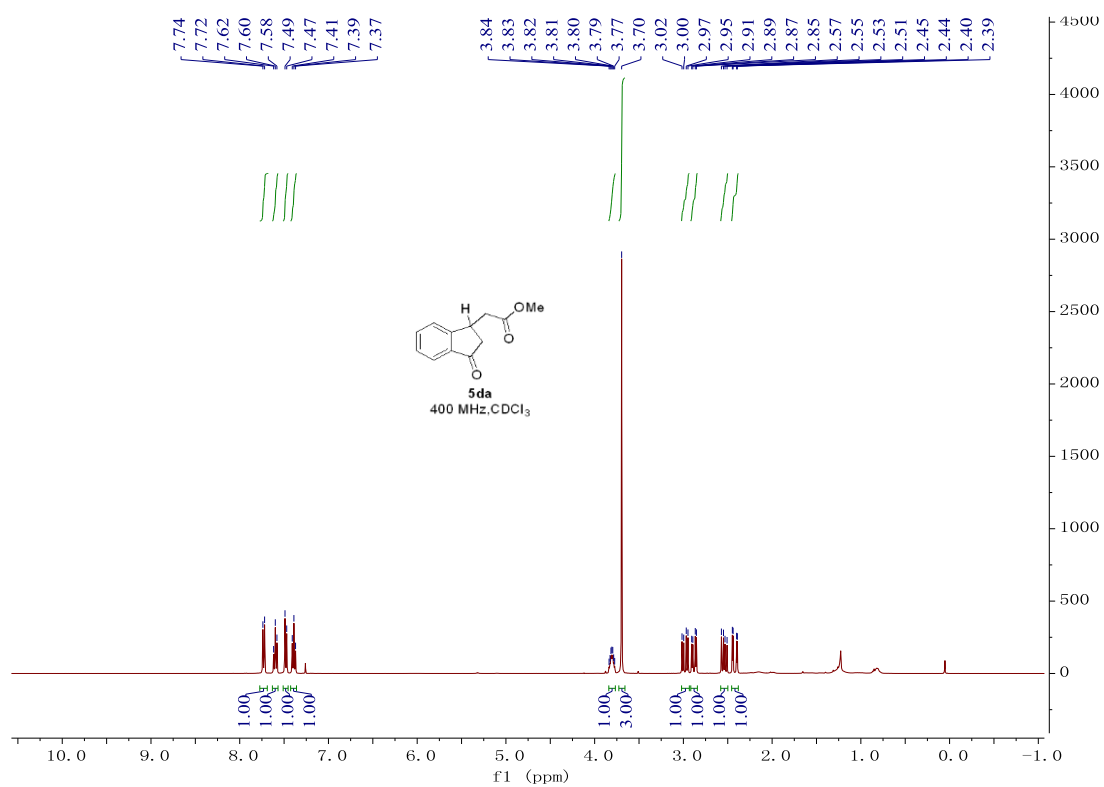


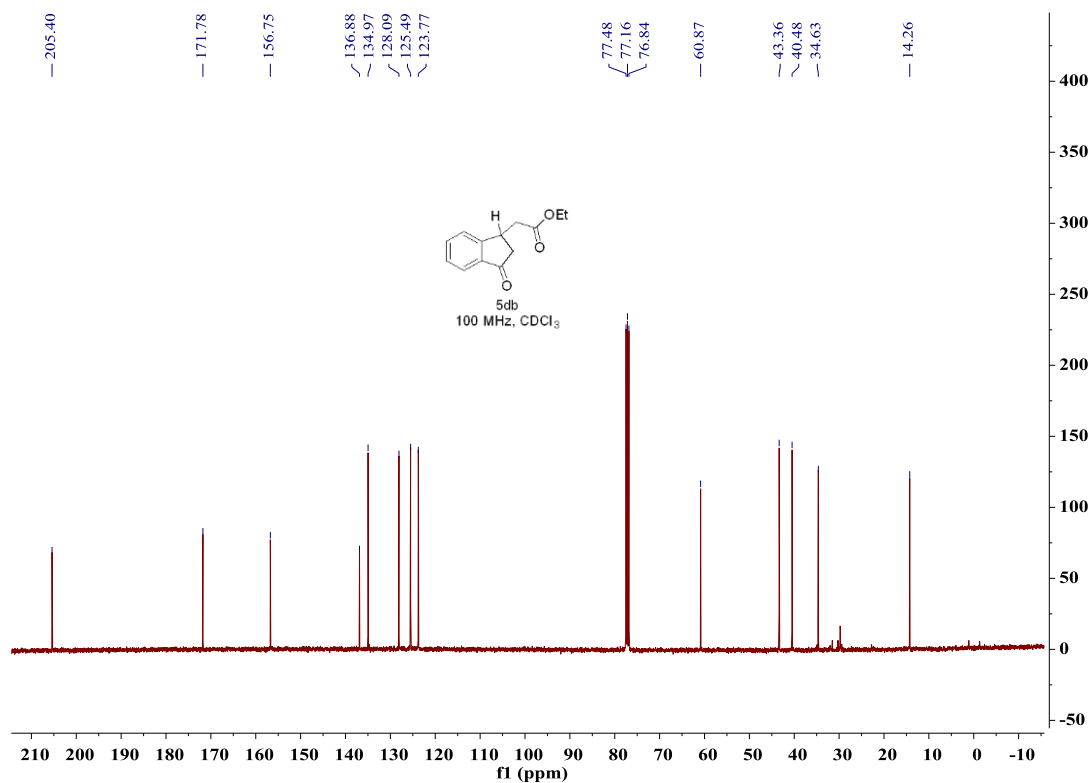
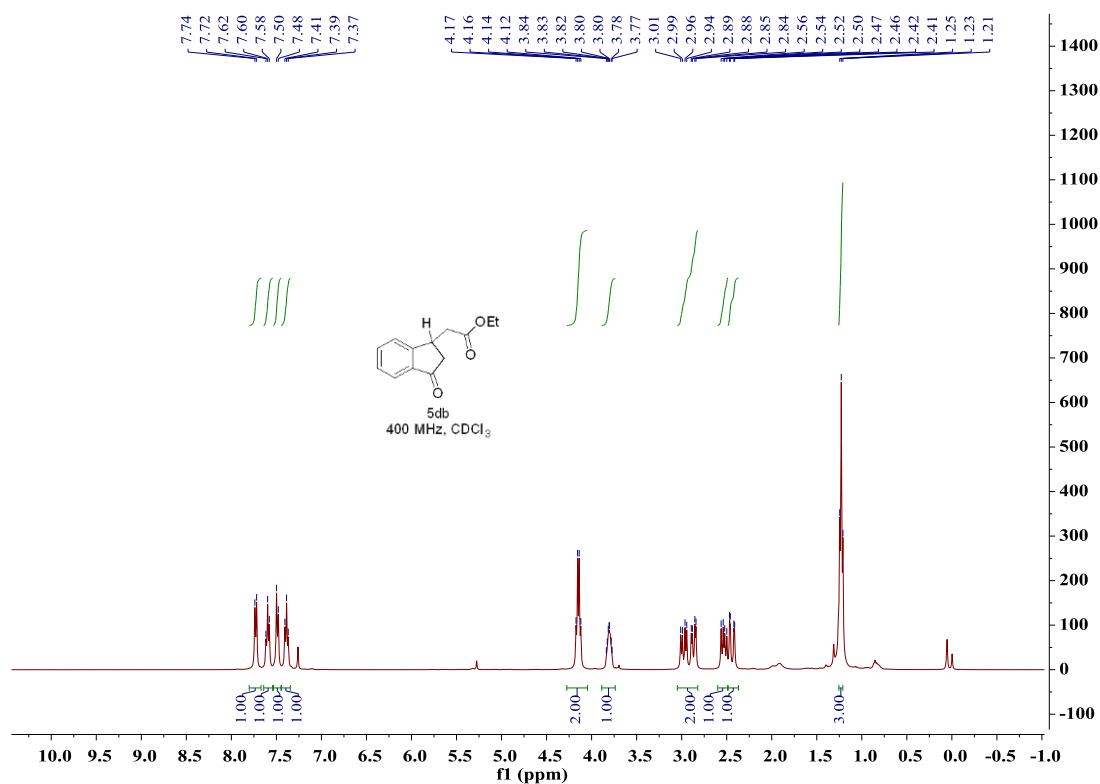


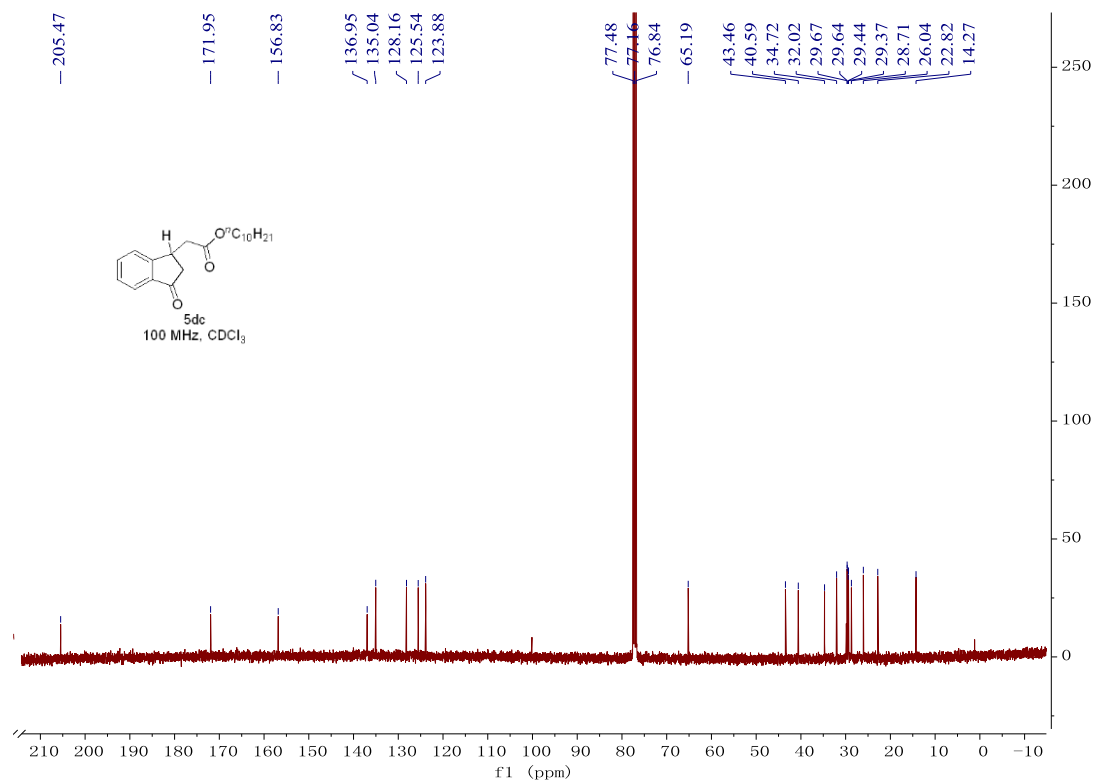
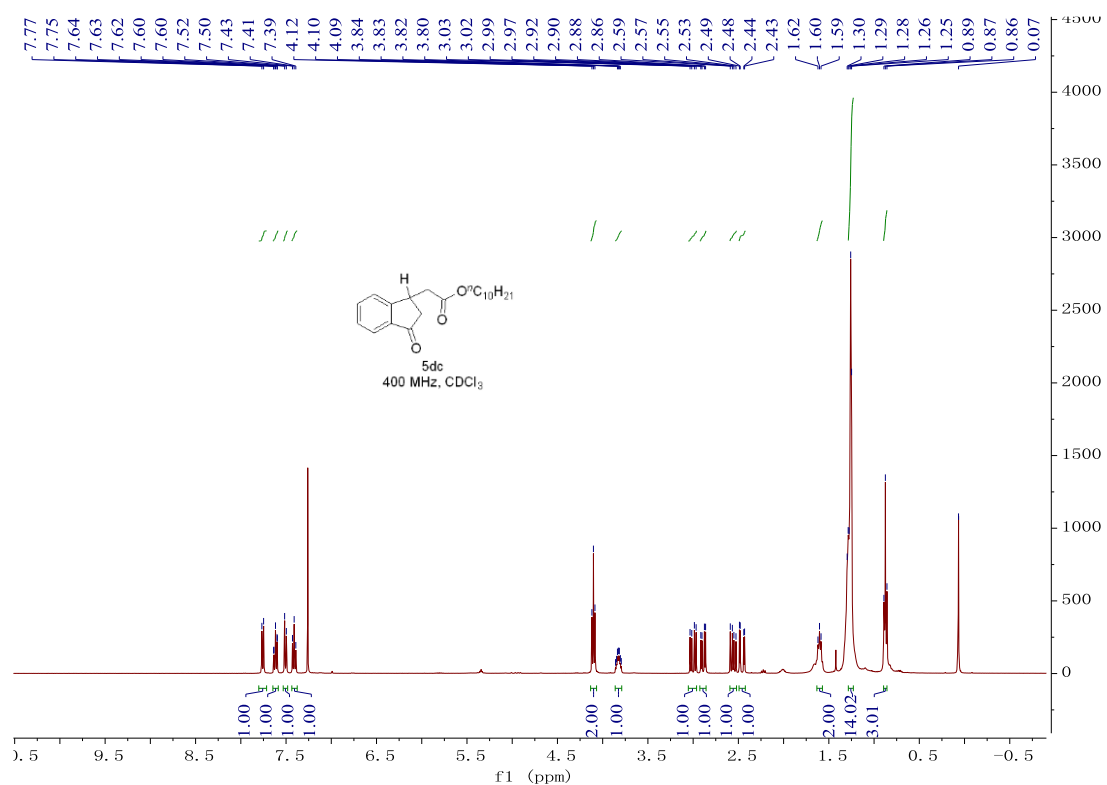


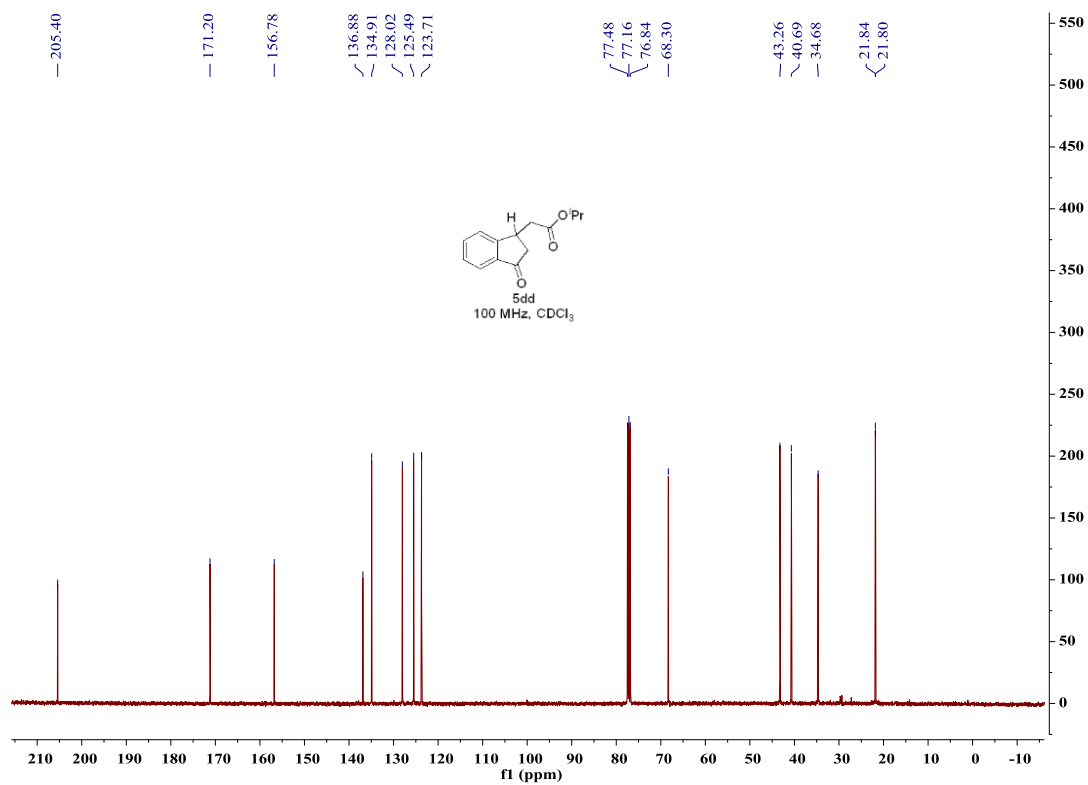
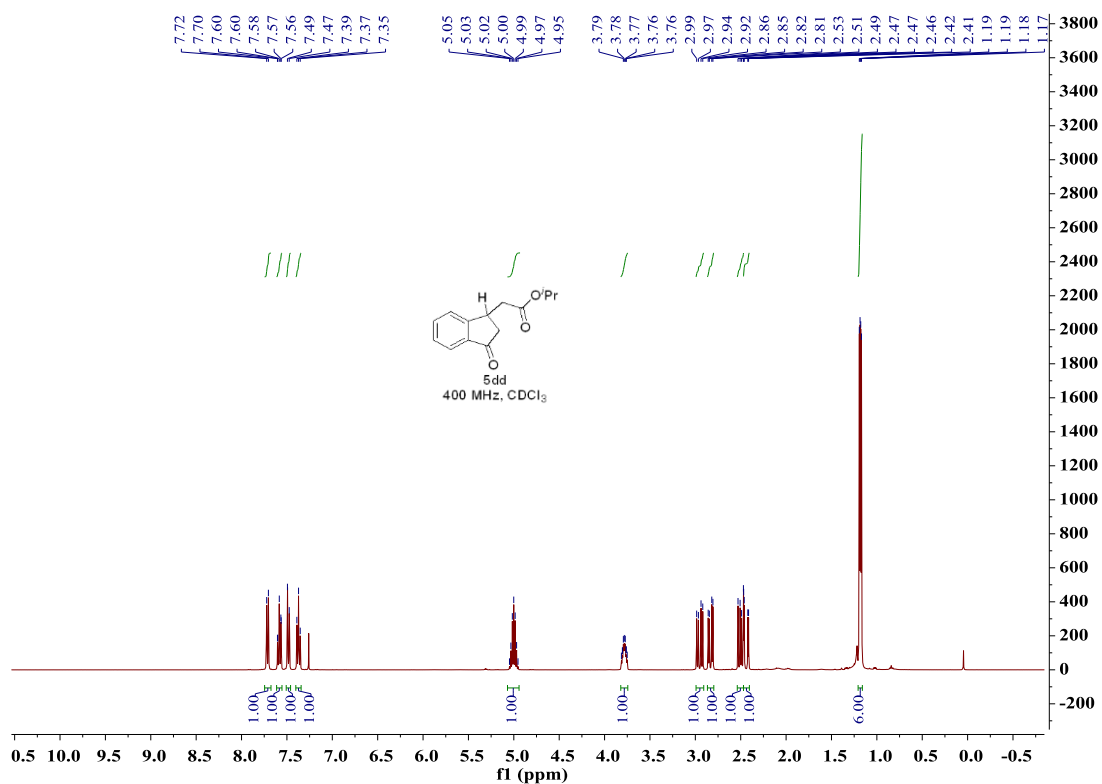


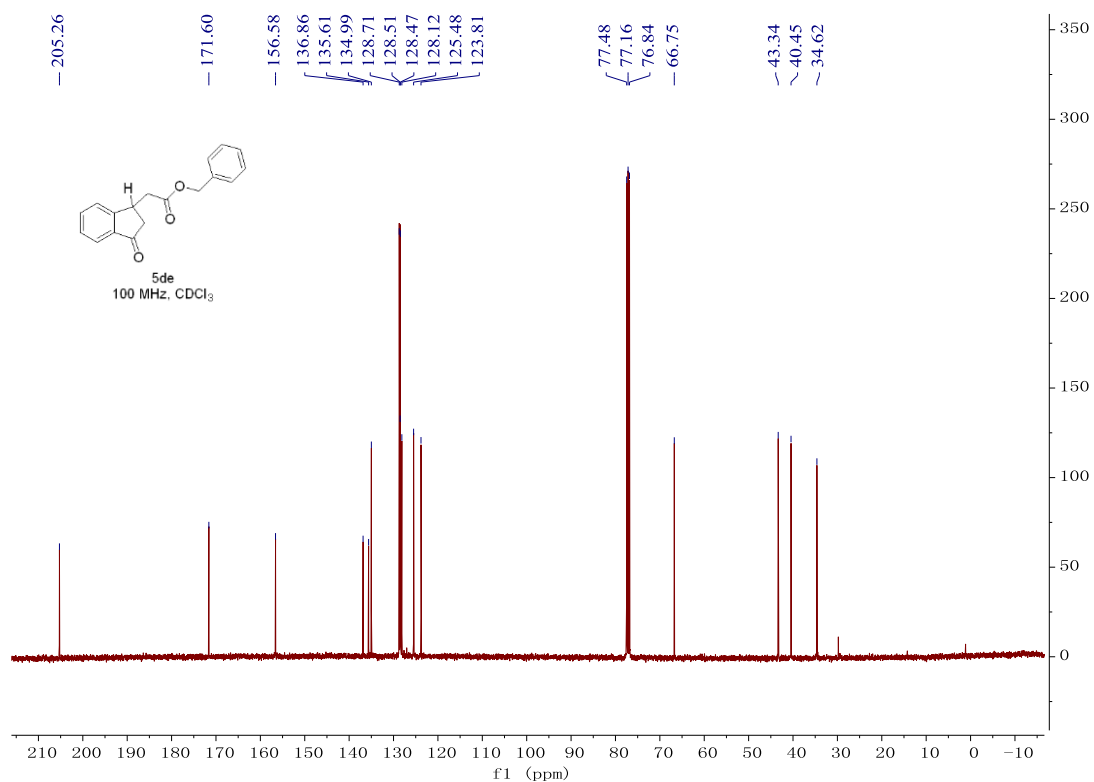
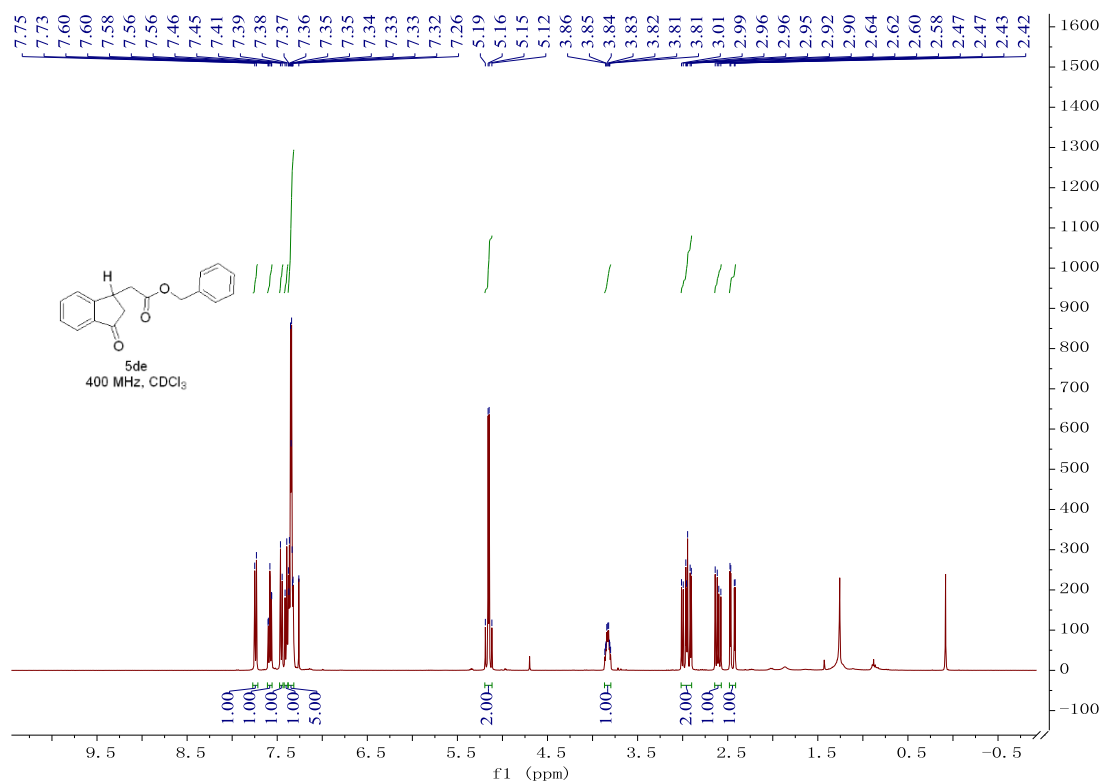


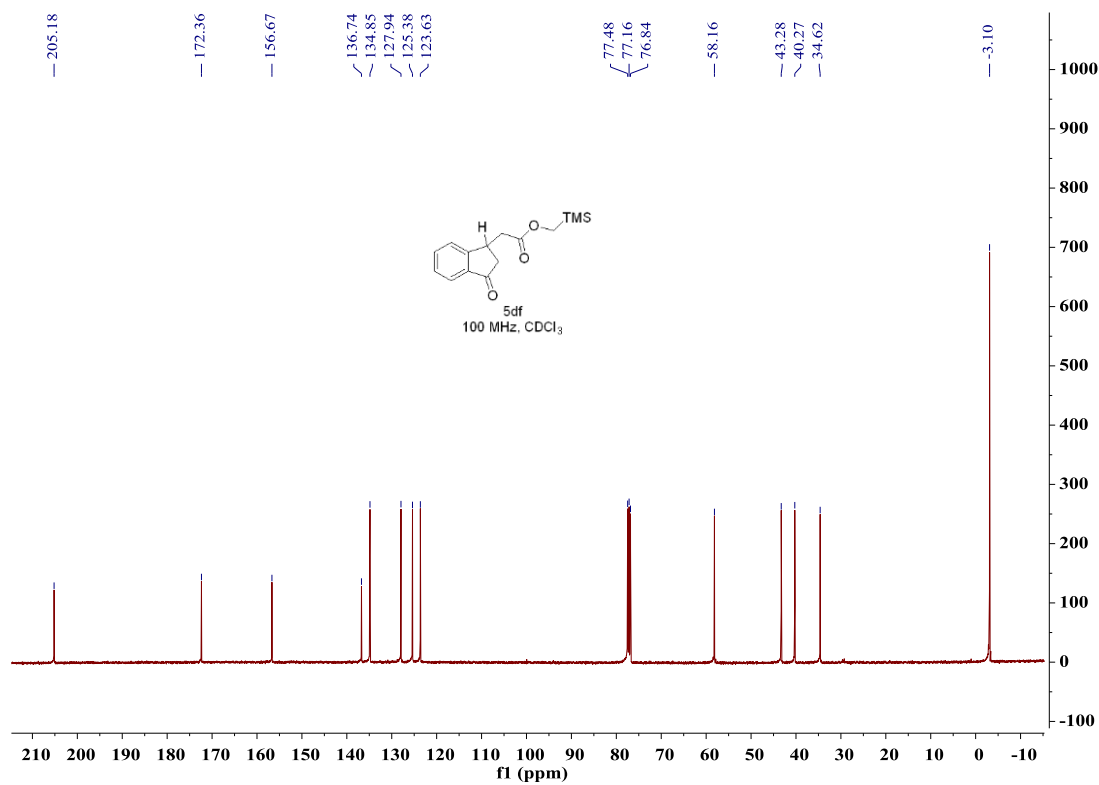
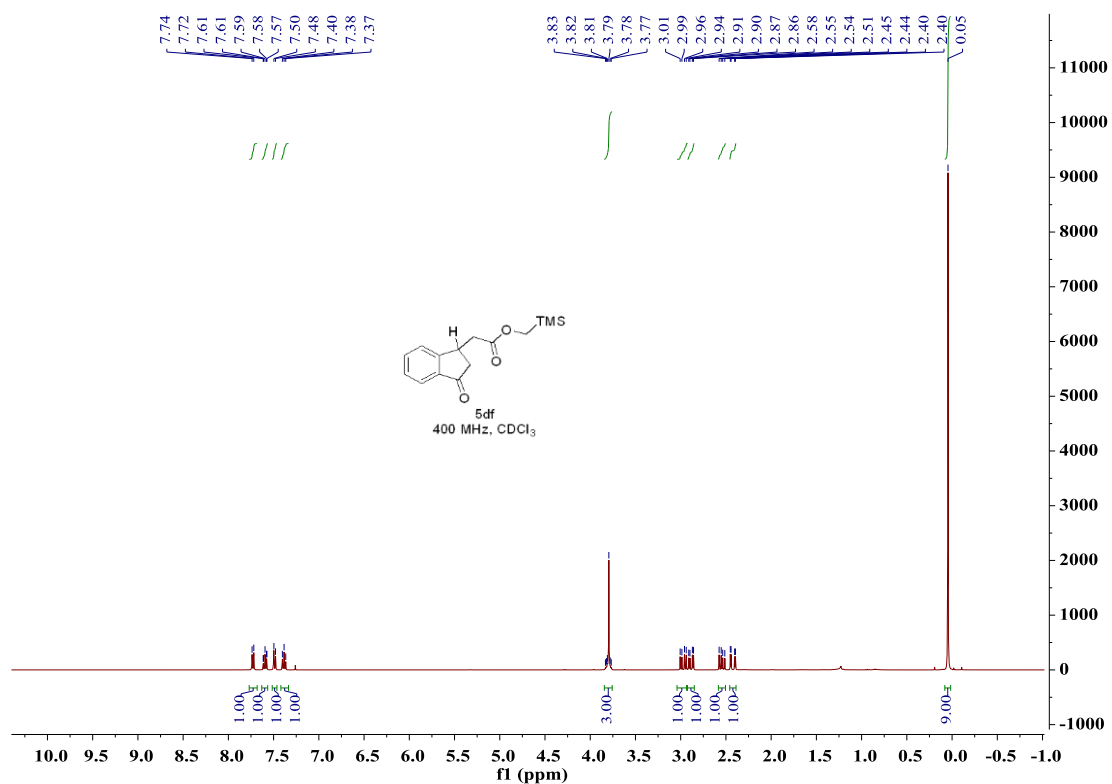


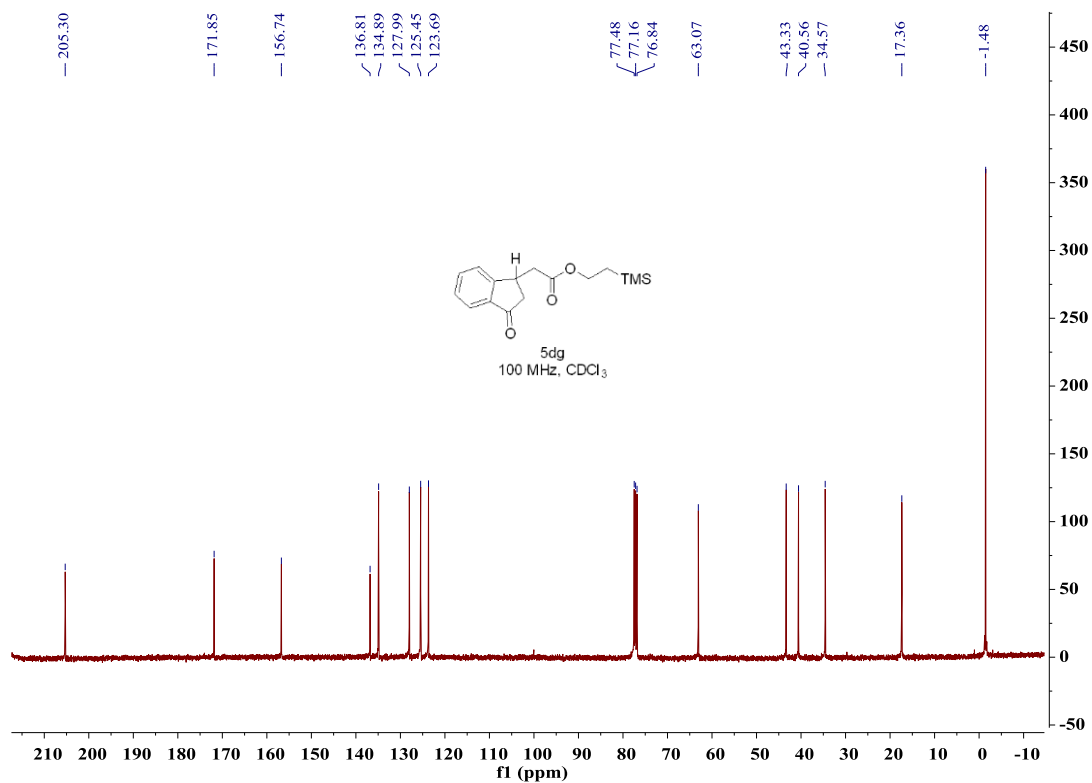
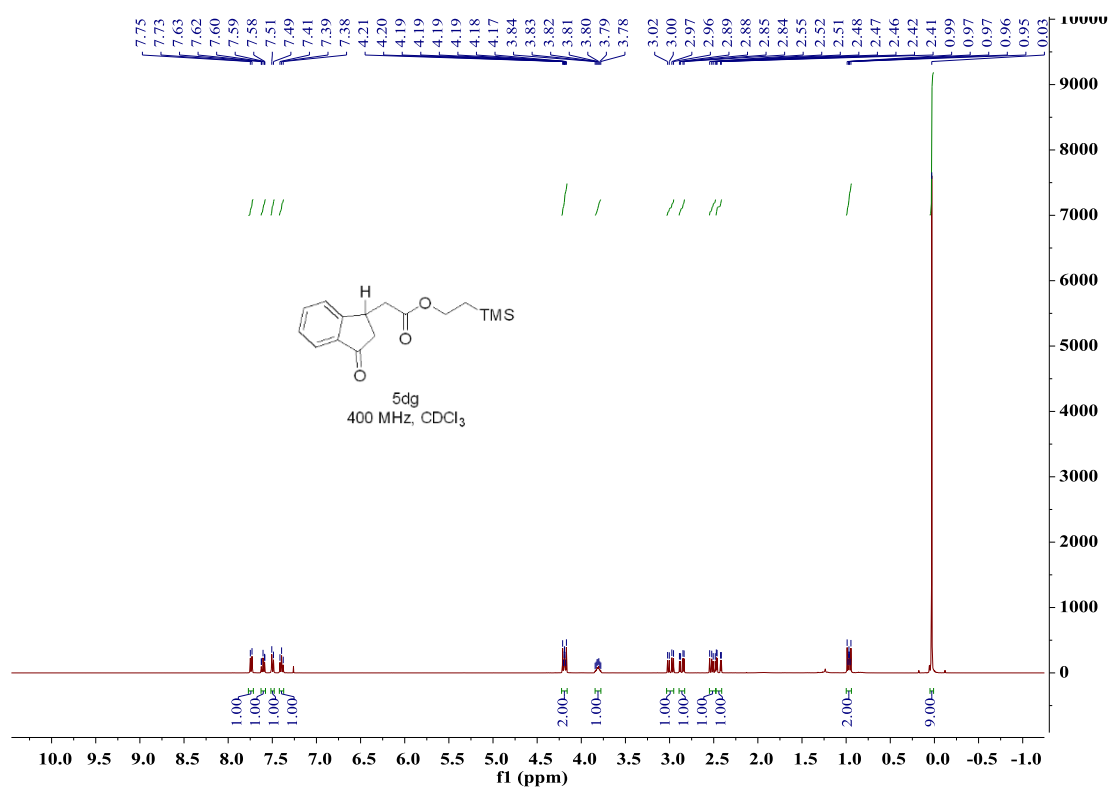


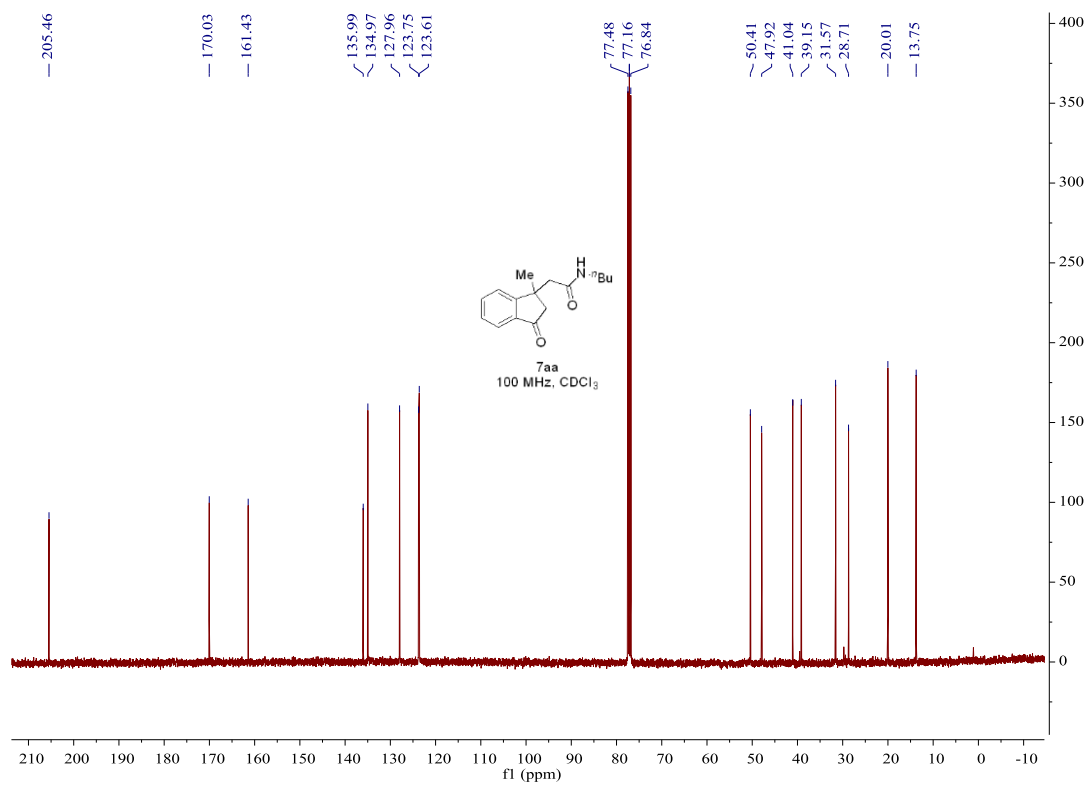
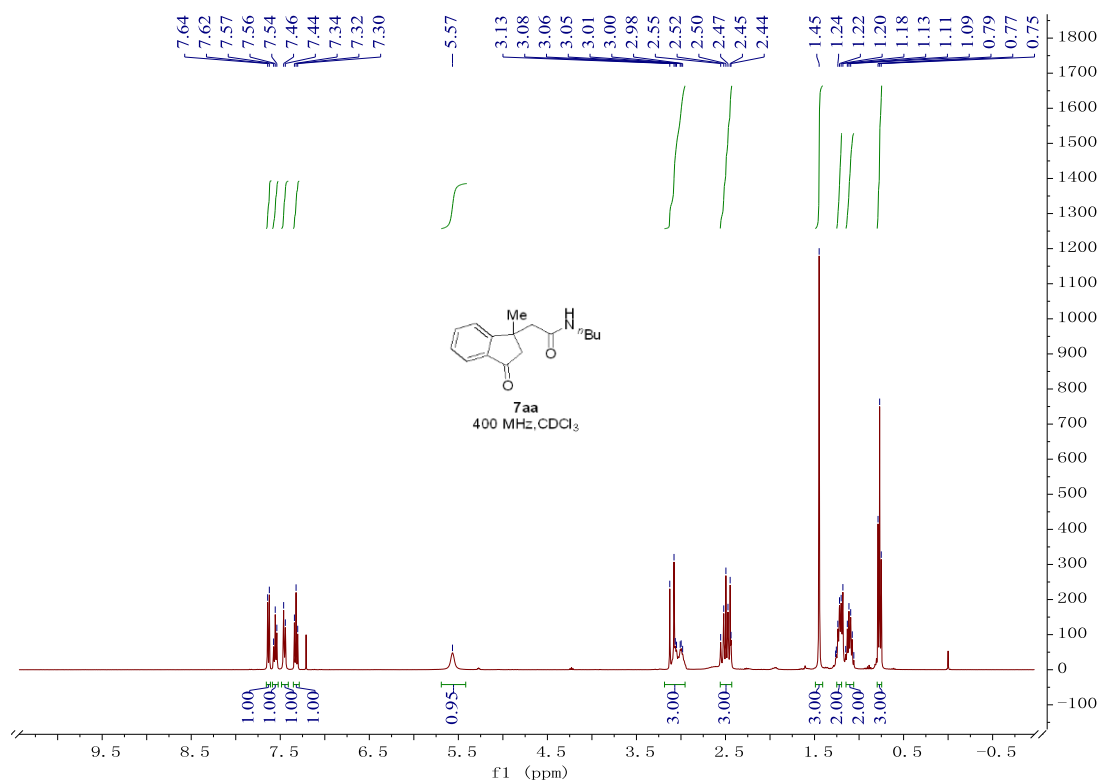


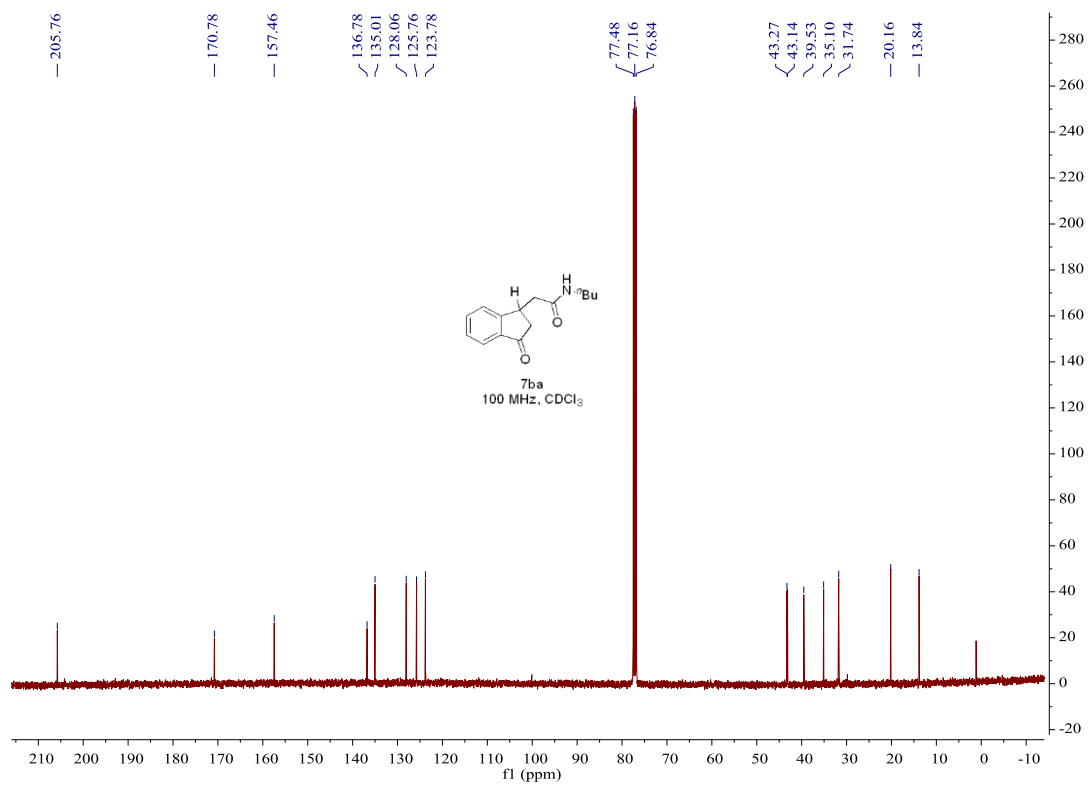
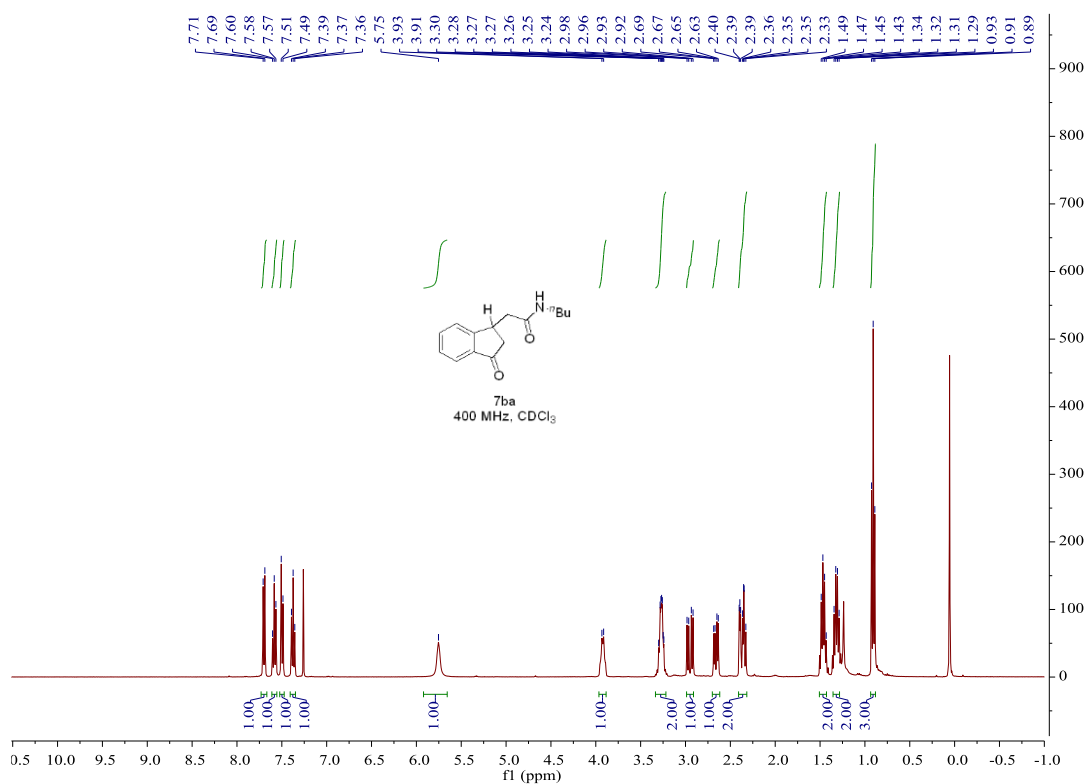


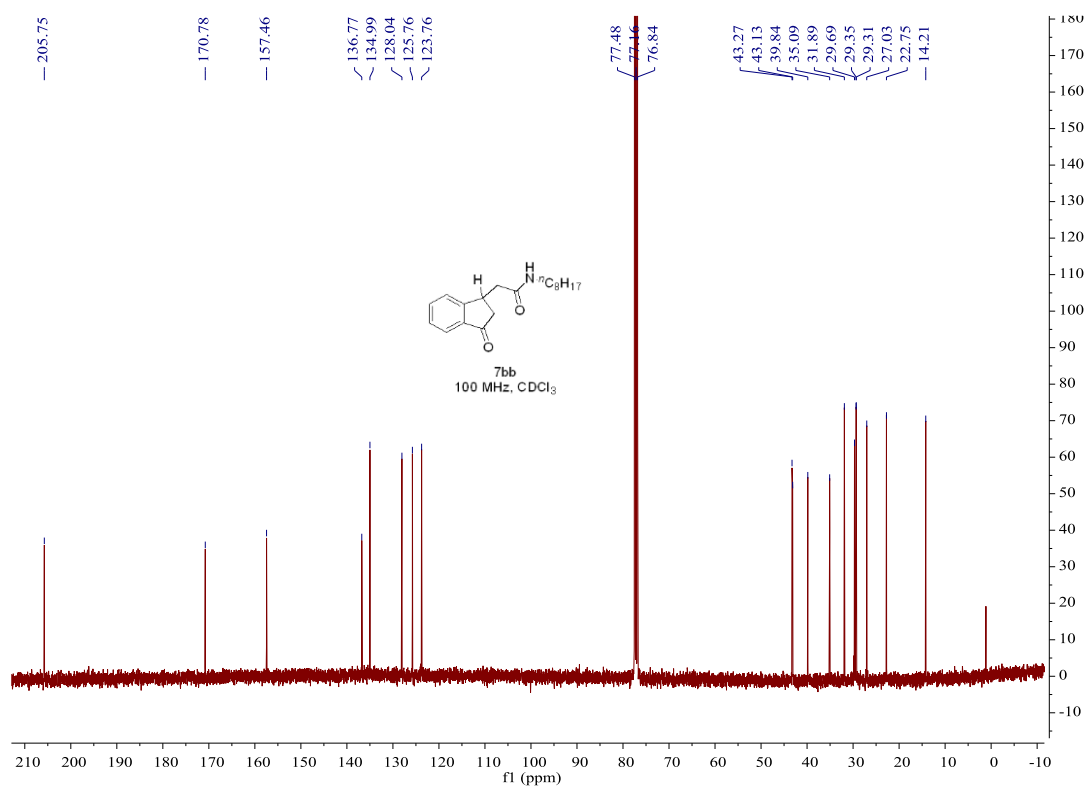
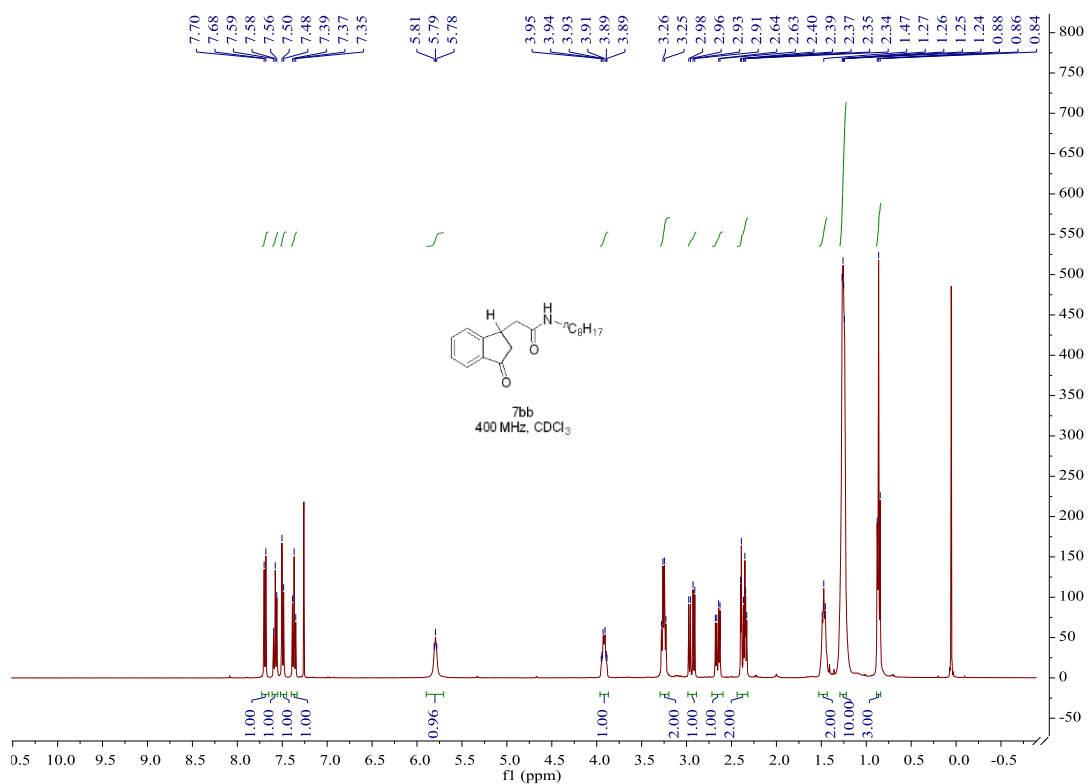


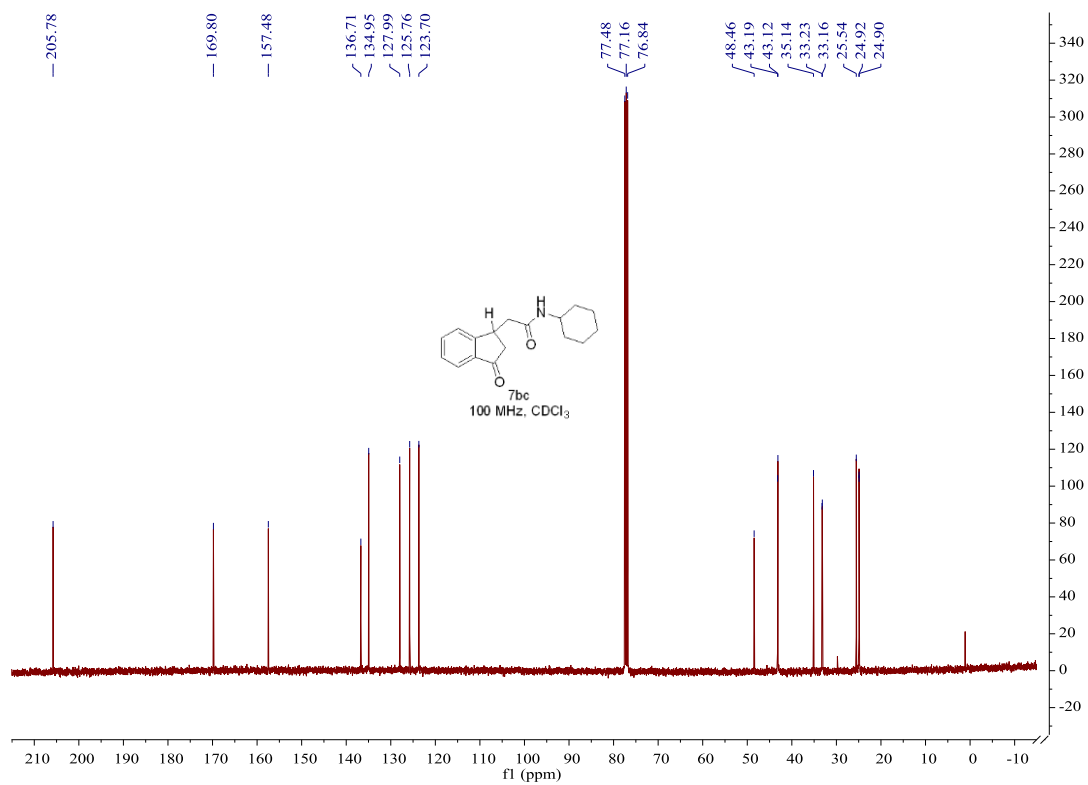
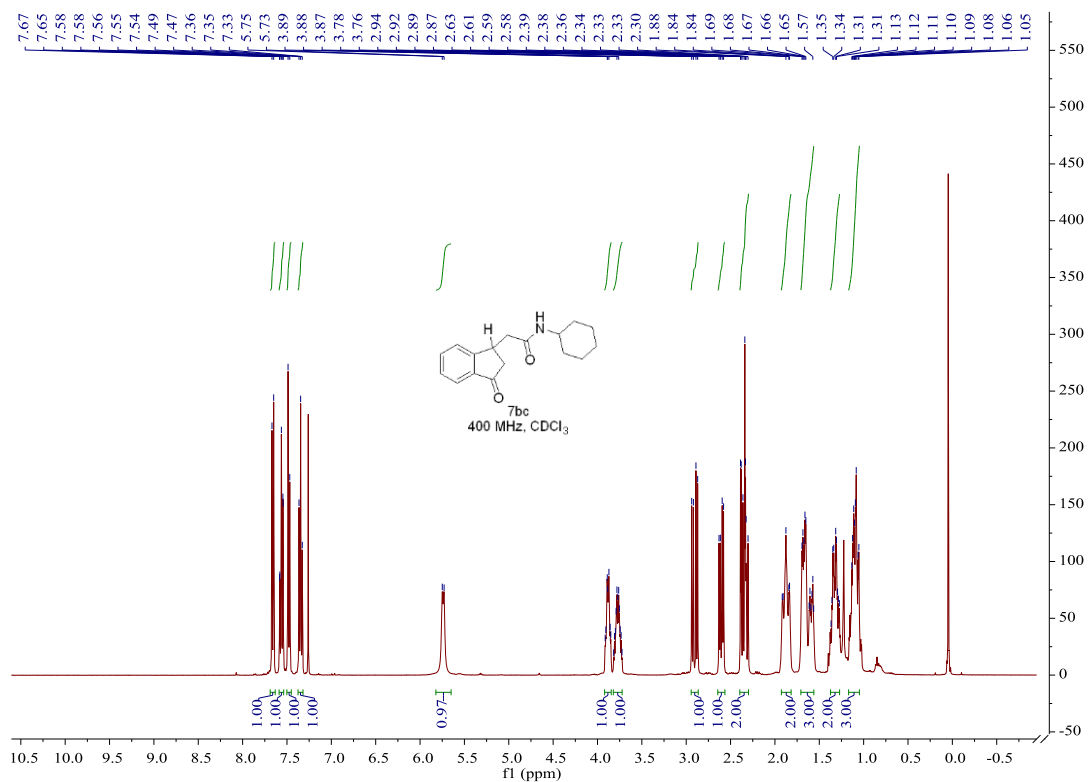


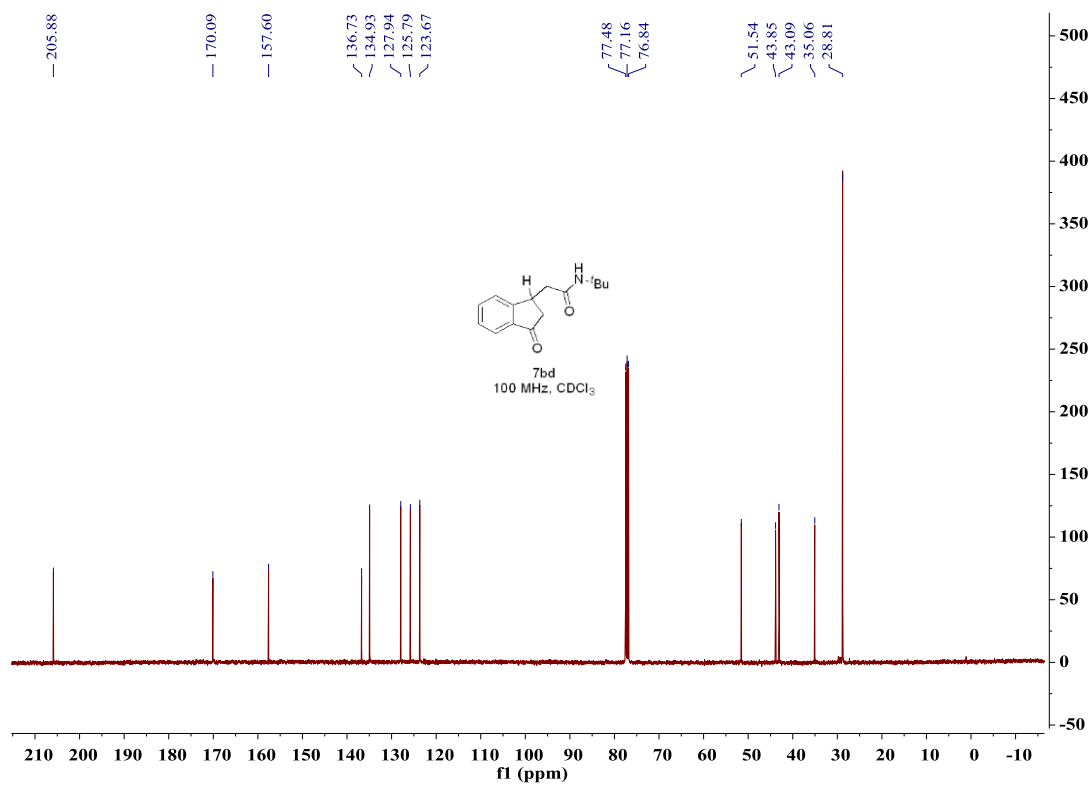
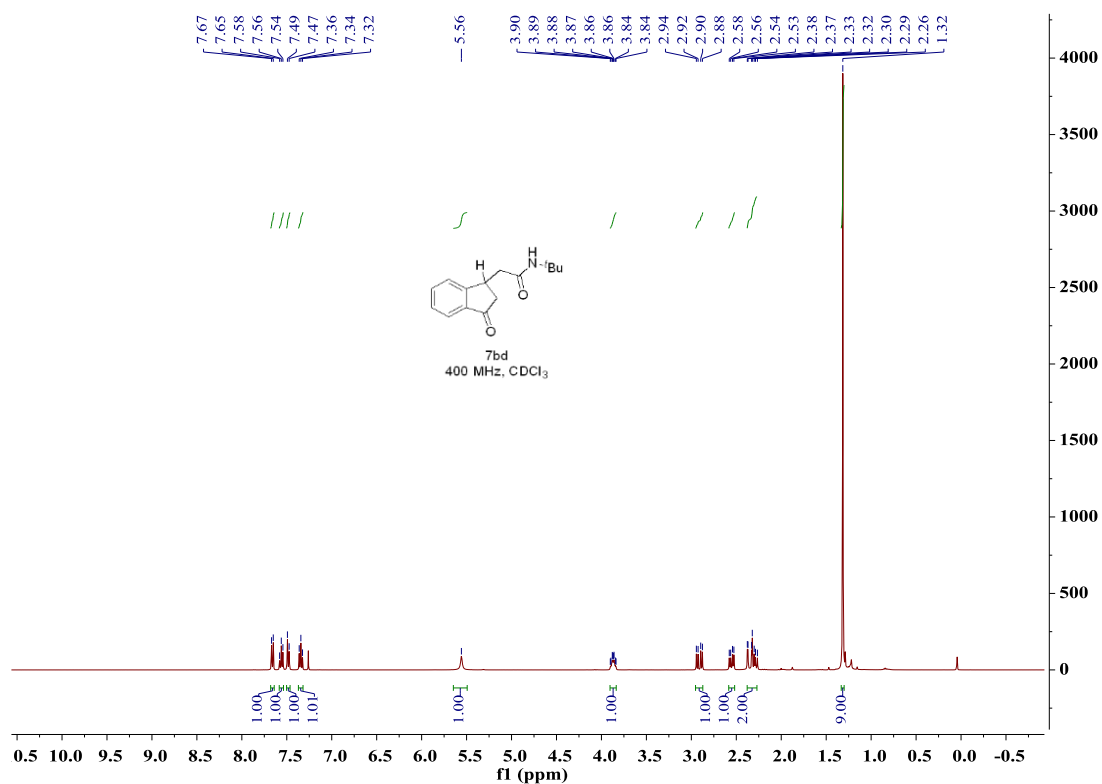


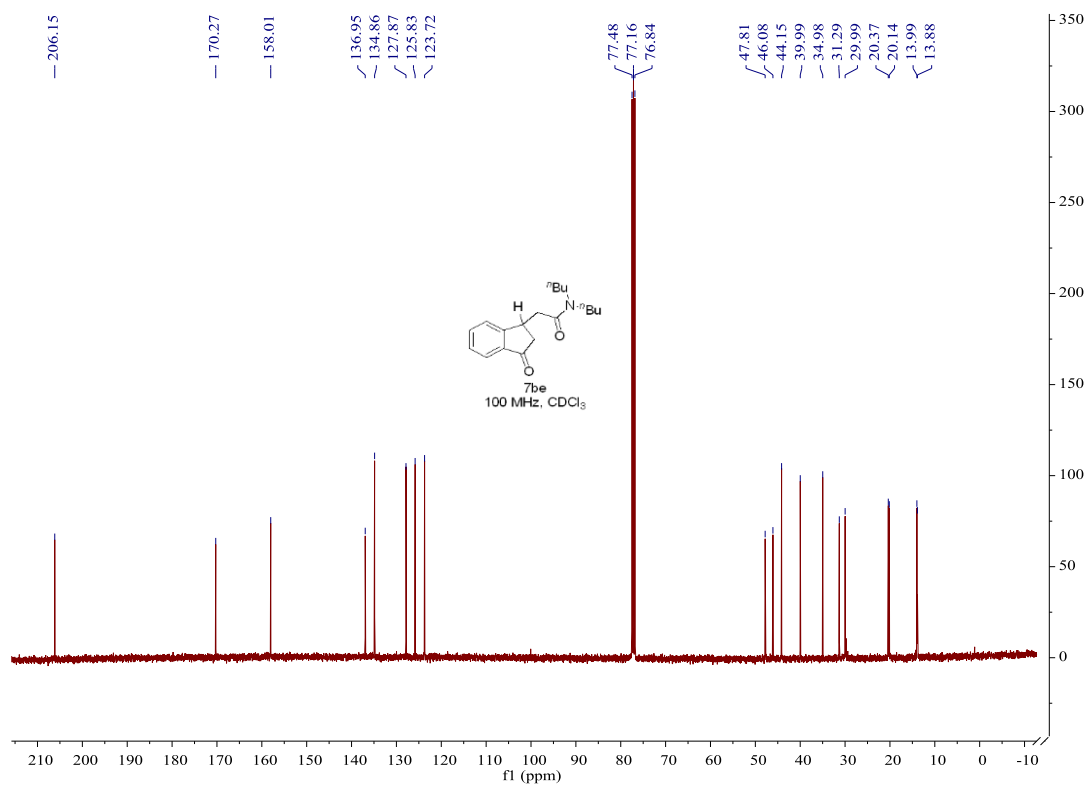
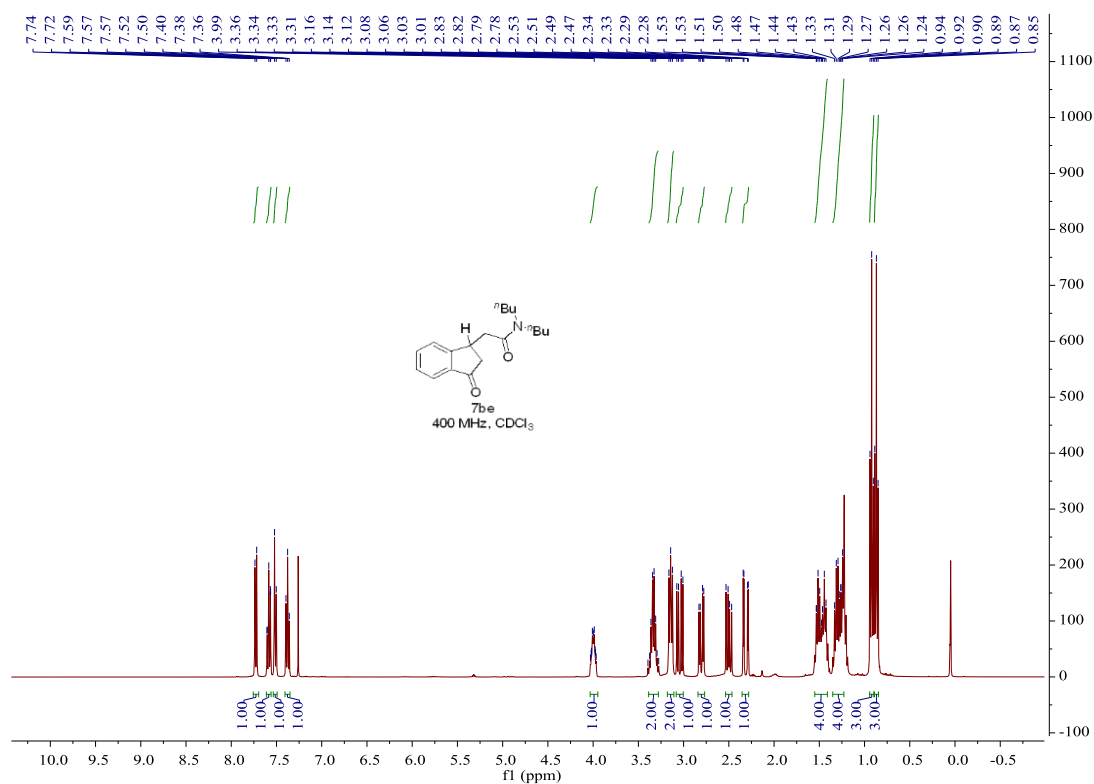


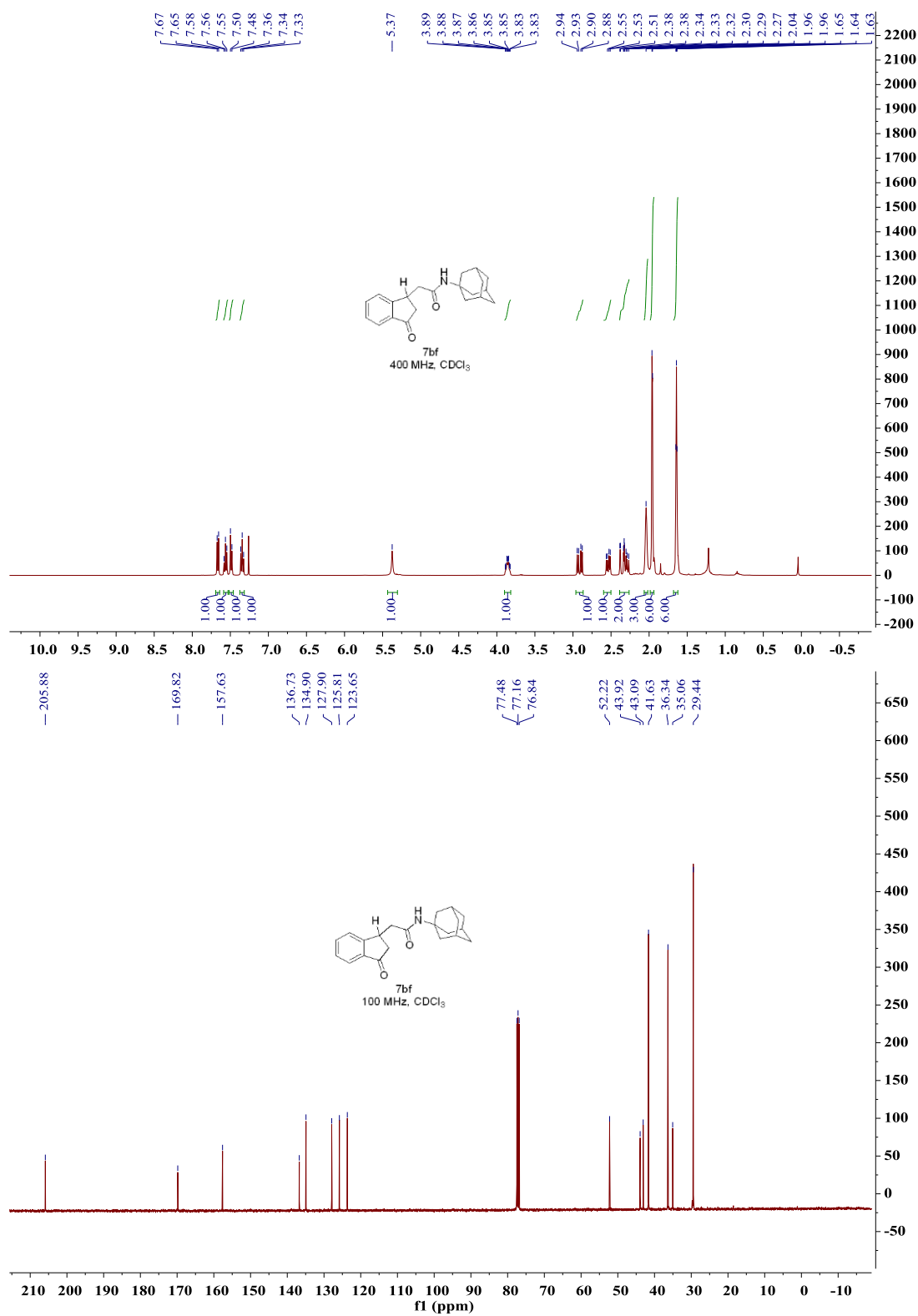


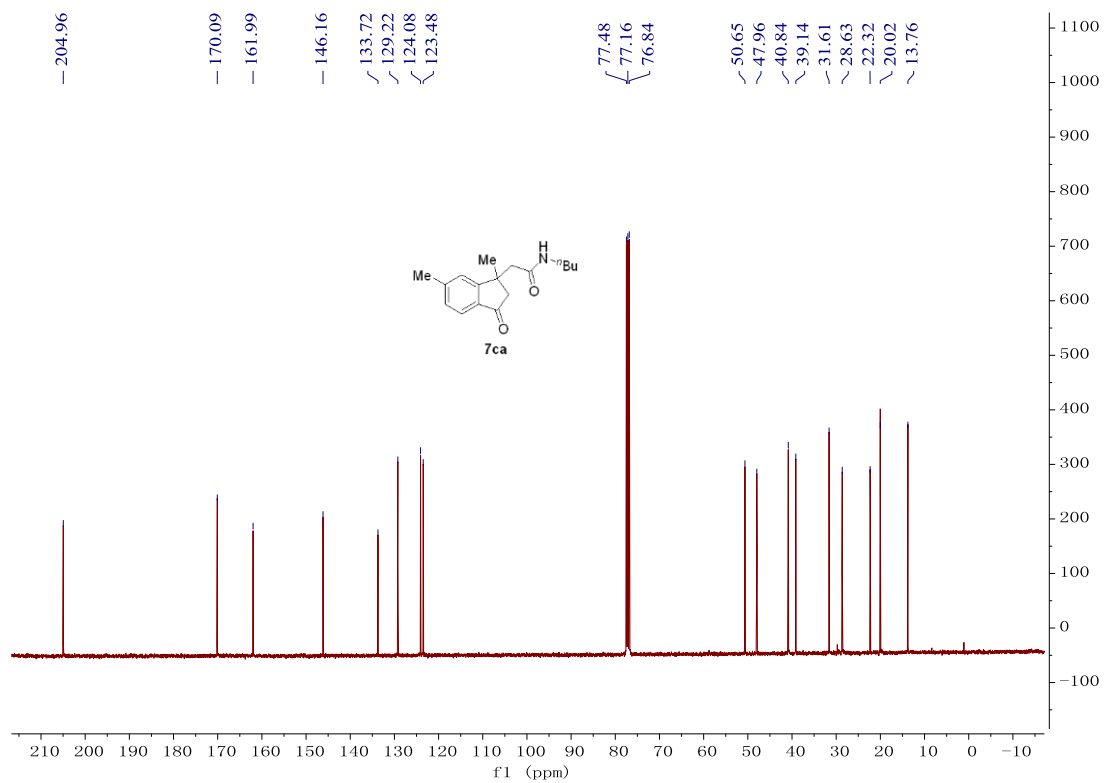
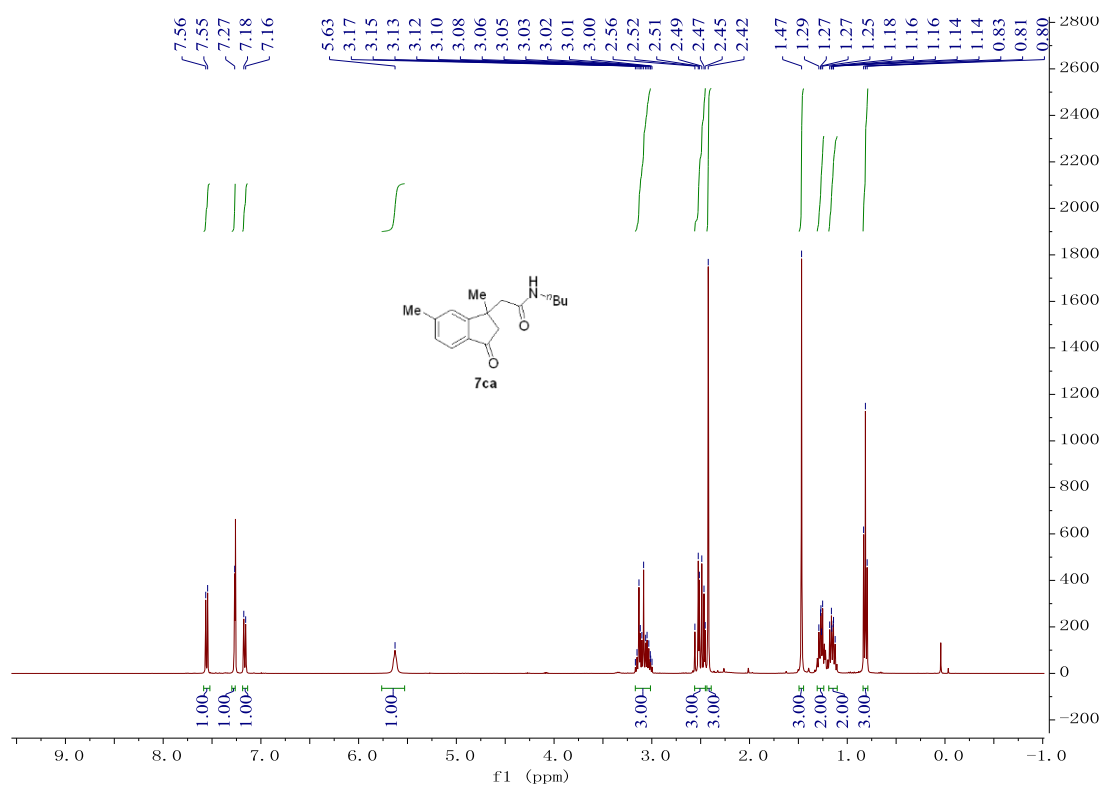


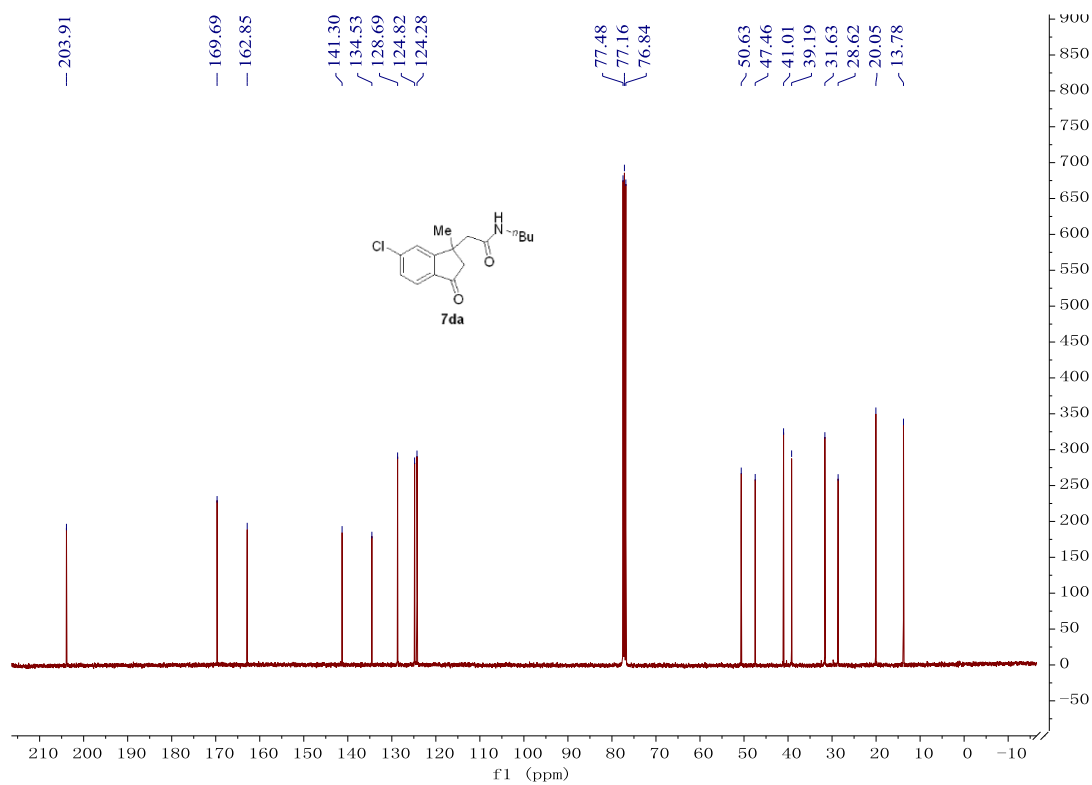
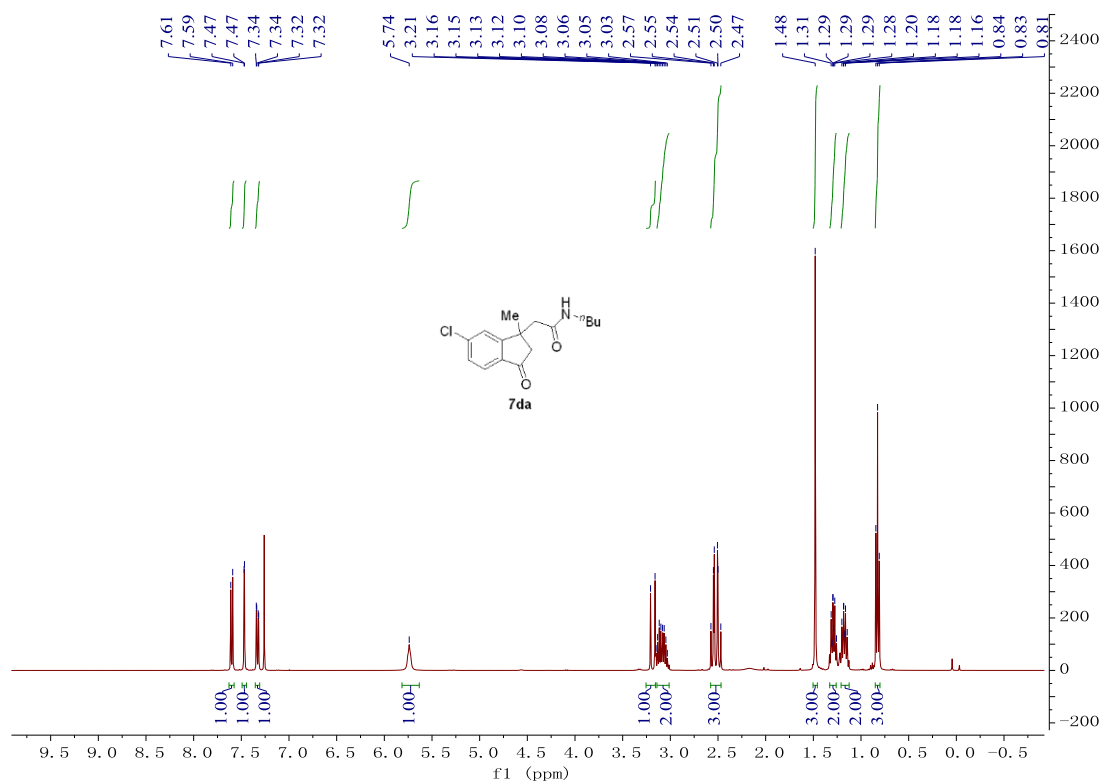


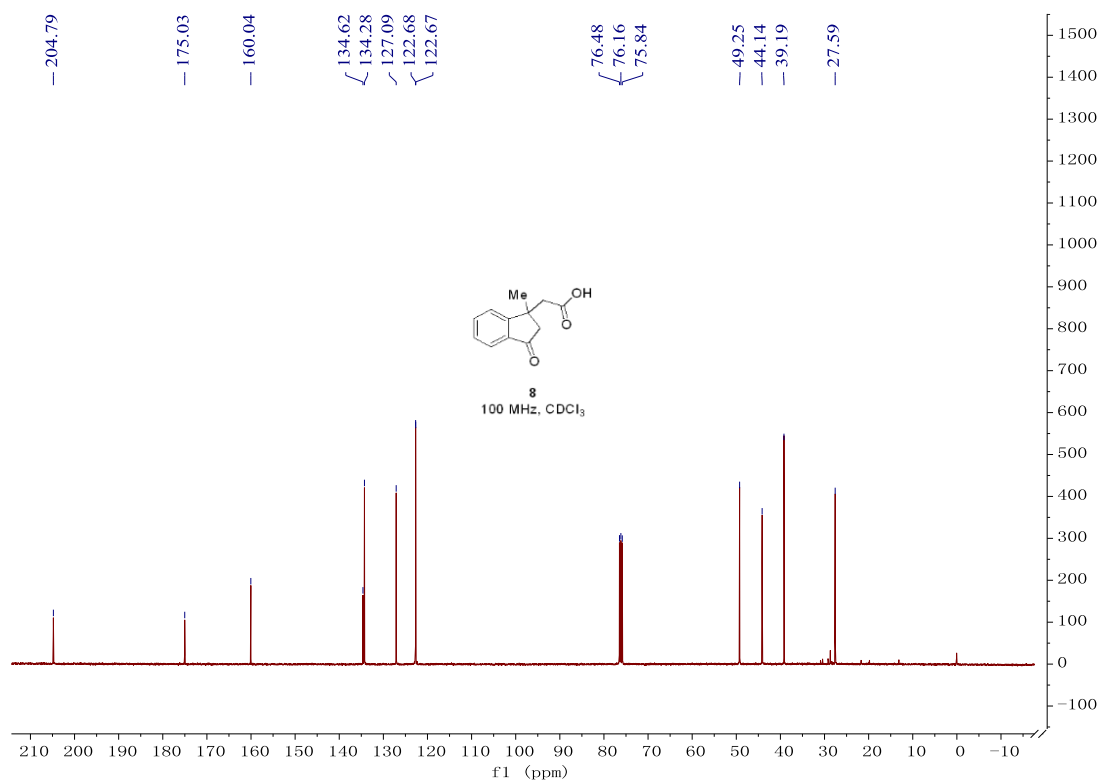
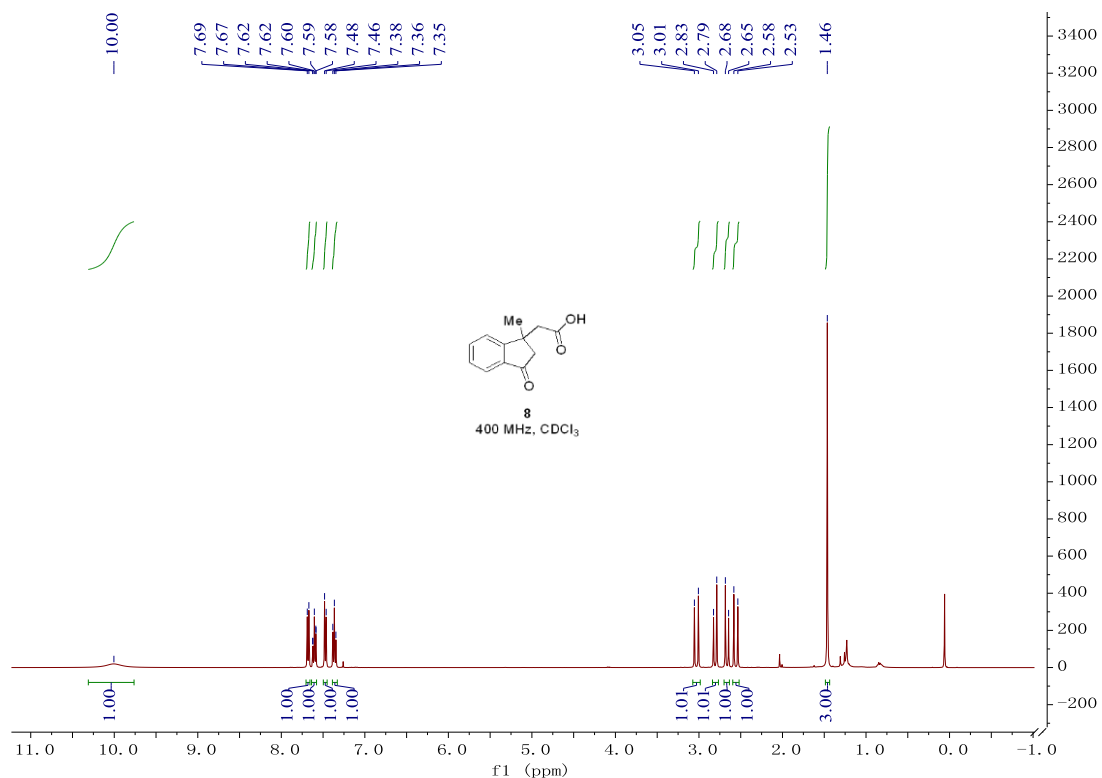












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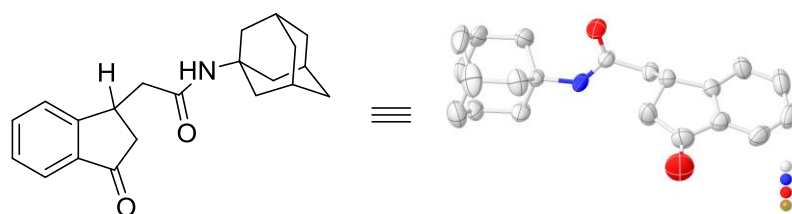


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for mo210106a.

Identification code	mo210106a
Empirical formula	C ₂₁ H ₂₅ NO ₂
Formula weight	323.42
Temperature/K	294.55
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	Cc
a/Å	15.542(3)
b/Å	11.666(3)
c/Å	20.268(4)
α /°	90
β /°	107.742(7)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	3500.3(13)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.227
μ/mm^{-1}	0.078
F(000)	1392.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.15 × 0.15 × 0.12
Radiation	MoK α (λ = 0.71073)
2 θ range for data collection/°	4.22 to 61.106
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 21, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -26 ≤ l ≤ 27
Reflections collected	16760
Independent reflections	8300 [R _{int} = 0.0406, R _{sigma} = 0.0617]
Data/restraints/parameters	8300/2/433
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.013
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2 σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0515, wR ₂ = 0.1012
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.1013, wR ₂ = 0.1224
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.15/-0.17
Flack parameter	-0.3(9)