

**Asymmetric Synthesis of Oxazolines bearing α -Stereocenters
through Radical Addition-Enantioselective Protonation Enabled
by Cooperative Catalysis**

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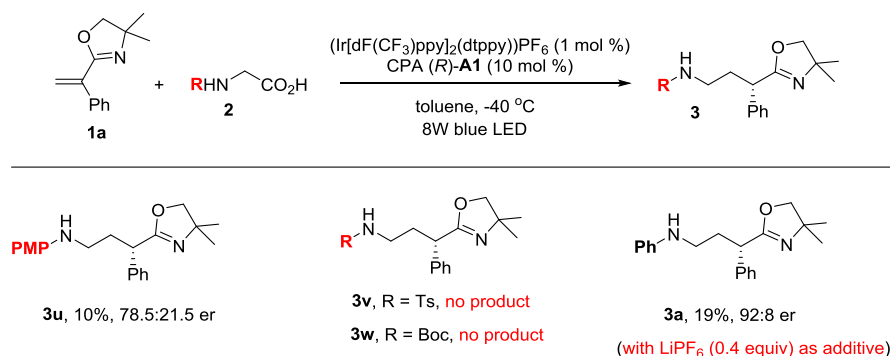
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General Information

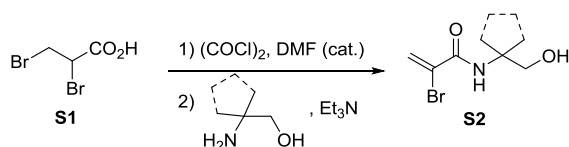
Unless otherwise noted, all commercial reagents were used without further purification. Solvents were purified by passage through an activated alumina column under nitrogen. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis of reaction mixtures was performed using Huanghai silica gel HSGF254 TLC plates, and visualized under UV or by staining with ceric ammonium molybdate or potassium permanganate. Flash column chromatography was carried out on Huanghai Silica Gel HHGJ-300, 300-400 mesh. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectras were recorded using a Bruker Avance III HD spectrometer (FT, 500 MHz or 400 MHz for ^1H , 126 MHz or 101 MHz for ^{13}C , 471 or 376 MHz for ^{19}F). Data for ^1H NMR were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane and referenced to residual solvent peaks), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad resonance), integration, coupling constant (Hz). Data for ^{13}C NMR were reported in terms of chemical shift. Mass spectral data were obtained from an Agilent Technologies 6230 TOF LC/MS spectrometer in electrospray ionization (ESI⁺) mode. Optical rotation was measured by an Autopol V Plus/VI digital polarimeter. X-ray structure analysis was performed using a Bruker D8 Venture X-ray single crystal diffractometer. Enantiomeric excess was determined on an Agilent 1260 Chiral HPLC using IA, IB, IC, ID and IG columns.

Scheme S1. Incompatible substrate scope.



Synthesis of substrates

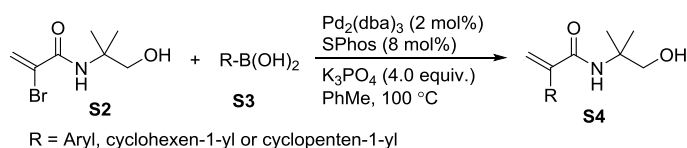
Procedure I for the dimethyl oxazolines synthesis: Synthesis of 2-bromo-N-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-yl) acrylamide **S2**:



To a solution of 2,3-dibromopropionic acid (**S1**, 13.6 g, 59.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in dry ice bath cooled DCM (150 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (7.87 g, 62.0 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) dropwisely. Then DMF (129 mg, 1.77 mmol, 3 mol%) was added and the dry ice bath was removed. After stirring at room temperature for 3 hrs, the solvent was removed in vacuo to give a residue. To a solution of the abovementioned residue in dry DCM (300 mL) was added was Et₃N (17.9 g, 177 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol (7.88 g, 88.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) at 0 °C. After stirring overnight, the reaction mixture was washed with brine (50 mL×3), and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give the product **S2** (14.4 g) which was used without further purification. This bromo acrylamide can be stored in -20 °C refrigerator for more than 6 months.

Procedure II for the dimethyl oxazolines synthesis: Synthesis of 2-substituted-N-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-yl) acrylamide **S4**:

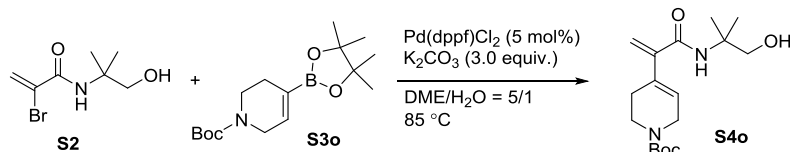
Method A: Procedure for other 2-substituted-N-(1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-yl) acrylamide **S4a~S4n** (precursors of **1a~1n**, respectively)



Toluene (20 mL) was added to a mixture of **S2** (1.0 g, 4.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), R-B(OH)₂ **S3** (9

mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Pd₂(dba)₃ (82 mg, 0.09 mmol, 2 mol%), SPhos (148 mg, 0.36 mmol, 8 mol%) and K₃PO₄ (2.84 g, 13.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) under N₂ atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C until the bromo acrylamide was totally consumed (in 3 hours). Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (70 mL) and washed with brine (25 mL×3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the coupling product **S4**.

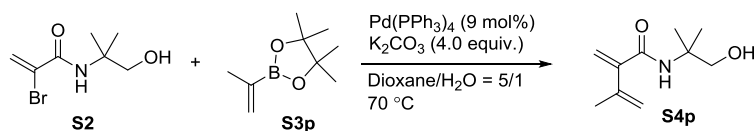
Method B: Procedure for synthesis of **S4o** (precursor of **1o**)



The compound was prepared using a modified version of a previously reported procedure ^[1].

A mixed solvent of 1,2-dimethoxyethane and distilled water (DME/H₂O = 5/1, 3 mL, bubbled by N₂ for 15 min) was added to a mixture of **S2** (222 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **S3o** (371 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (37 mg, 0.05 mmol, 5 mol%) and K₂CO₃ (414 mg, 3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) under N₂ atmosphere. After stirring at 85 °C for 30 min, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and washed with brine (15 mL×3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1) to afford the coupling product **S4o** (120 mg, 37% yield).

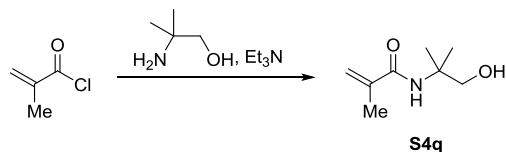
Method C: Procedure for synthesis of **S4p** (precursor of **1p**)



The compound was prepared using a modified version of a previously reported procedure ^[2].

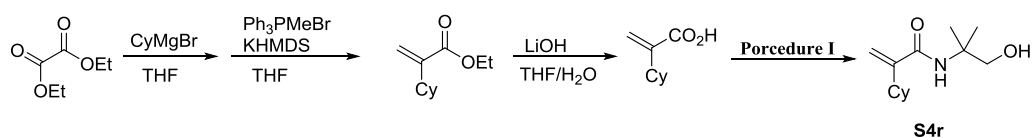
A mixed solvent of dioxane and distilled water (dioxane /H₂O = 5/1, 10 mL, bubbled by N₂ for 15 min) was added to a mixture of **S2** (538 mg, 3.2 mmol, 1.4 equiv.), **S3p** (500 mg, 2.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (234 mg, 0.20 mmol, 9 mol%) and K₂CO₃ (1.24 g, 9.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) under N₂ atmosphere. After stirring at 70 °C overnight, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and washed with brine (15 mL×3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5/1) to afford the coupling product **S4p** (353 mg, 85% yield).

Method D: procedure for synthesis of **S4q** (precursor of **1q**)



To a mixture of methacryloyl chloride (1.56 g, 15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and Et₃N (2.25 g, 22.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry ice bath cooled DCM (80 mL) was added 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol (1.73 g, 19.5 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) dropwisely. After stirring at room temperature for 3 hrs, the mixture was washed with brine (30 mL×3) and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give the product **S4q** (2.07 g, 88%), which was used without further purification.

Method E: procedure for synthesis of **S4r** (precursor of **1r**)



The compound was prepared using a modified version of a previously reported procedure^[3].

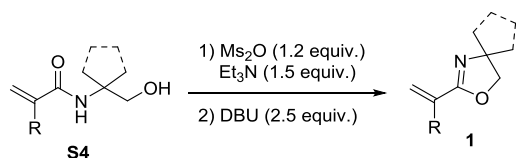
A solution of diethyl oxalate (3.65 g, 25 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 25 mL dry THF was cooled to -78 °C, then cyclohexylmagnesium bromide (12.5 mL, 2.5 M, 25 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added in 1 hour and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 hour. Next, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and quenched with 25 mL saturated ammonium chloride aqueous solution. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (50 mL×3), the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude keto ester product, which was dissolved in dry THF 25 mL and used in the next step.

To a mixture of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (8.93 g, 25 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 50 mL dry THF at -78 °C was added KHMDS (25 mL, 1.0 M, 25 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dropwisely. The mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 minutes, then it was allowed to stirred at room for 1 hour. Next, it was cooled to -78 °C again, and was added dropwisely the above solution of crude keto ester in 25 mL THF. After stirring at the same temperature for 1 hour, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred at the same temperature overnight. Next, EtOAc 100 mL was added, and the mixture was washed with brine (50 mL×3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 40/1) to afford the ethyl 2-cyclohexylacrylate 2.10 g, 46% for two steps.

A solution of ethyl 2-cyclohexylacrylate (2.10 g, 11.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and LiOH (1.38 g, 57.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) in a mixed solvent of THF/H₂O (23 mL/23 mL) was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was extracted with ether 30 mL. The aqueous phase was acidized with 2 N hydrochloric acid to pH = 2~3, then it was extracted with EtOAc (25 mL×3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the 2-cyclohexylacrylic acid 1.55 g (88%), which was used without further purification.

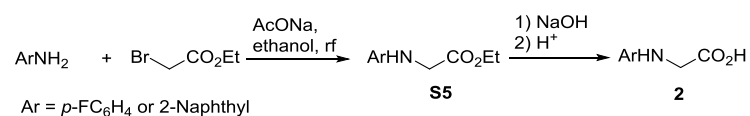
The acrylamide was prepared using the almost same procedure with **procedure I**.

Procedure III for the dimethyl oxazolines synthesis: synthesis of dimethyl oxazoline substrates **1 via cyclization**



To an ice bath cooled solution of acrylamide (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and Et₃N (303 mg, 3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in dry DCM (16 mL) was added a solution of Ms₂O (418 mg, 2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in dry DCM (5 mL) dropwisely. Then the mixture was allowed to stirred at room temperature until the acrylamide totally consumed (typically, 1 h) as monitored by TLC, which was then followed by the addition of 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU, 760 mg, 5 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). After consumption of the intermediate as monitored by TLC analysis, the mixture was diluted with DCM (30 mL) and washed with brine (15 mL×3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the alkenyl oxazoline product **1**.

Procedure for the *N*-Arylglycine synthesis:



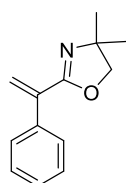
The compound was prepared using a modified version of a previously reported procedure^[4].

To a solution of aryl amine (20.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and ethyl bromoacetate (3.3 g, 20.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous ethanol (5 mL) was added anhydrous NaOAc (1.64 g, 20.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The mixture was refluxed overnight under N₂ atmosphere and cooled to room temperature. Then the mixture was diluted with DCM (60 mL) and washed with brine (20 mL×3). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the ethyl arylglycinate **S5**.

A mixture of ethyl arylglycinate **S5** (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and a solution of NaOH (2 N, 5.5 mL 1.1 equiv.) was refluxed under N₂ atmosphere for 0.5 hour. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was acidified with 2 N HCl until pH of the solution was ~3. The precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with distilled water, then dried at 50 °C with an oil pump overnight. The solid was purified by recrystallization in ethanol.

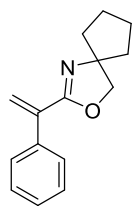
Characterization of substrates and products

4,4-dimethyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1a**)



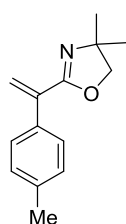
Light yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 1.36 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.0, 138.3, 137.7, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 123.1, 78.8, 68.2, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) found [M+H]⁺ 202.1226, C₁₃H₁₆NO⁺ requires 202.1226.

2-(1-phenylvinyl)-3-oxa-1-azaspiro[4.4]non-1-ene (**1b**)



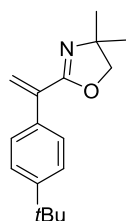
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.09 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (s, 2H), 2.06 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.57 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.1, 138.2, 137.7, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 122.9, 78.6, 78.4, 40.1, 24.7. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 228.1383, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ requires 228.1383.

4,4-dimethyl-2-(1-(*p*-tolyl)vinyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1c**)



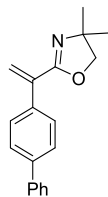
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.37 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.03 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.2, 138.2, 138.1, 134.9, 129.0, 128.2, 122.3, 78.9, 68.2, 28.4, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 216.1384, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ requires 216.1383.

2-(1-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)vinyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1d**)



Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.28 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 161.9, 151.5, 139.1, 135.9, 129.0, 125.4, 122.4, 78.9, 68.9, 35.0, 31.6, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 258.1853, $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}^+$ requires 258.1852.

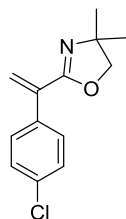
2-(1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)vinyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1e**)



Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 6H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.13 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 1.39 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.0, 141.1, 141.0, 137.9, 136.7, 128.9, 128.8, 127.4,

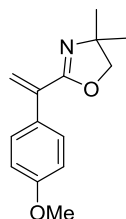
127.2, 127.1, 123.1, 78.9, 68.3, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) found $[M+H]^+$ 278.1539, $C_{19}H_{20}NO^+$ requires 278.1539.

2-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1f**)



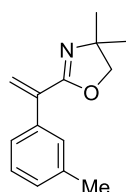
Light yellow oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.10 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 1.34 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.7, 137.3, 136.3, 134.3, 129.8, 128.5, 123.6, 78.9, 68.4, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[M+H]^+$ 236.0831, $C_{13}H_{15}ClNO^+$ requires 236.0837.

2-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1g**)



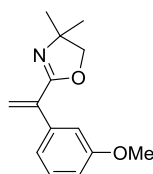
Light yellow oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.00 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.3, 159.7, 137.7, 130.3, 129.5, 121.6, 113.7, 78.8, 68.2, 55.4, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[M+H]^+$ 232.1333, $C_{14}H_{18}NO_2^+$ requires 232.1332.

4,4-dimethyl-2-(1-(*m*-tolyl)vinyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1h**)



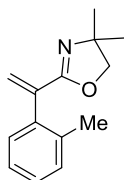
Light yellow oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.2, 138.5, 137.8, 137.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.1, 125.5, 122.9, 78.9, 68.2, 28.4, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) found $[M+H]^+$ 216.1385, $C_{14}H_{18}NO^+$ requires 216.1383.

2-(1-(3-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1i**)



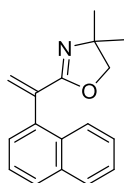
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.0, 159.3, 139.1, 138.2, 129.2, 123.2, 120.8, 114.2, 113.8, 78.8, 68.2, 55.3, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 232.1331, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2^+$ requires 232.1332.

4,4-dimethyl-2-(1-(*o*-tolyl)vinyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1j**)



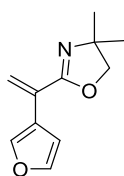
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 6.23 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.0, 138.9, 138.3, 136.2, 130.1, 129.6, 128.3, 125.8, 124.8, 79.1, 68.1, 28.3, 20.1. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 216.1383, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ requires 216.1383.

4,4-dimethyl-2-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)vinyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1k**)



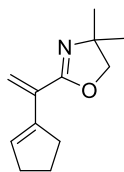
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 – 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.54 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 6.45 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.73 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 1.30 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.6, 137.7, 136.3, 133.6, 131.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.0, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 125.4, 79.2, 68.0, 28.2. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 252.1383, $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ requires 252.1383.

2-(1-(furan-3-yl)vinyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1l**)



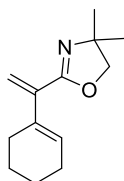
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.95 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 1.34 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.9, 142.7, 142.5, 129.0, 121.9, 119.8, 108.7, 78.4, 68.0, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 192.1015, $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2^+$ requires 192.1019.

2-(1-(cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)vinyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1m**)



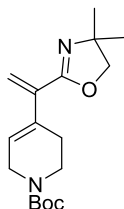
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 6.71 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.55 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 161.3, 139.3, 134.7, 133.5, 120.5, 78.2, 68.8, 34.2, 33.9, 28.6, 23.2. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 192.1383, $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ requires 192.1383.

2-(1-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)vinyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1n**)



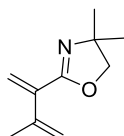
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 6.18 – 6.03 (m, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 2.22 – 2.09 (m, 4H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 162.5, 139.7, 133.8, 128.9, 117.2, 78.6, 67.8, 28.4, 26.2, 25.8, 22.6, 22.0. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 206.1537, $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}^+$ requires 206.1539.

tert-butyl-4-(1-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)vinyl)-3,6-dihydropyridine-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (**1o**)



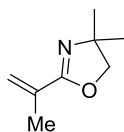
Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 6.30 (brs, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.01 – 3.92 (m, 4H), 3.51 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 – 2.30 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.26 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 161.2, 154.9, 139.1, 133.6, 125.6, 119.8, 79.5, 78.4, 68.8, 44.4, 43.8, 41.5, 40.1, 28.6, 28.5, 27.5. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 307.2011, $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ requires 307.2016.

4,4-dimethyl-2-(3-methylbuta-1,3-dien-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1p**)



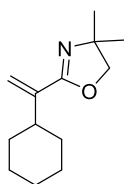
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 5.76 (s, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 161.8, 140.6, 139.3, 120.5, 117.1, 78.6, 67.9, 28.4, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 166.1224, $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}^+$ requires 166.1226.

4,4-dimethyl-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1q**)



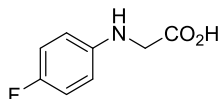
Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 5.80 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.43 – 5.35 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.01 – 1.96 (m, 3H), 1.29 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.9, 133.2, 121.5, 78.9, 67.7, 28.4, 19.6. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 140.1070, $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}^+$ requires 140.1070.

2-(1-cyclohexylvinyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1r**)



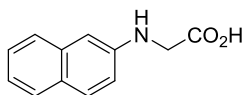
Light yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 5.80 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 2.55 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.48 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 6H), 1.20 – 1.02 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.6, 143.6, 118.0, 78.5, 67.6, 39.6, 32.8, 28.4, 26.6, 26.5. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 208.1696, $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^+$ requires 208.1696.

(4-fluorophenyl)glycine (**2b**)



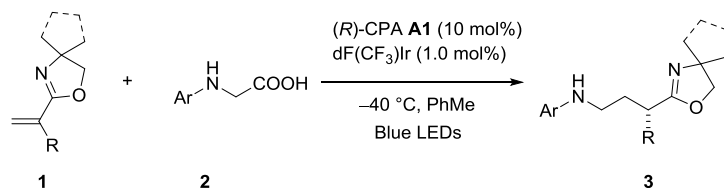
Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 6.93 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.66 – 6.52 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 175.0, 157.4 (d, $J = 233.6$ Hz), 145.8 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 116.3 (d, $J = 22.6$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 46.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ -130.2. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 170.0608, $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{FNO}_2^+$ requires 170.0612.

naphthalen-2-ylglycine (**2c**)



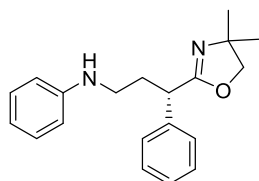
Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 3.41 (brs, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.6, 146.2, 135.0, 128.4, 127.5, 126.7, 126.1, 125.6, 121.3, 118.3, 102.7, 44.7. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 202.0858, $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2^+$ requires 202.0863.

Asymmetric catalytic reactions



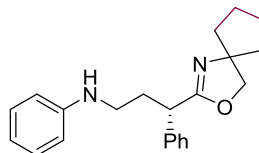
A 10 mL Schlenk tube containing a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.13 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), **2** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), (R)-CPA **A1** (5.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%) and Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (1.1 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1.0 mol%) was added toluene (4.0 mL) under N₂ atmosphere and sealed with a rubber cap without pinholes (in a glove box). After stirring at -40 °C (in an ethanol bath) under the irradiation of an 8 W blue LED strip (λ_{max} = 460 nm, from 400 nm to 500 nm) from a 5 cm distance for 24 hours, the reaction was quenched with 3 drops of Et₃N. The reaction mixture was directly purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =2/1 or 1/1, in ~ 8 minutes) to afford the product **3**.

(S)-N-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-phenylpropyl)aniline (**3a**)



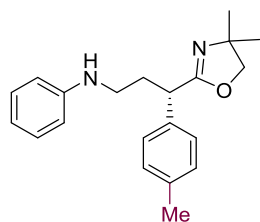
White solid. 20.6 mg, 67% yield. 95.5:4.5 er. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.93 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.7, 148.2, 139.9, 129.3, 128.8, 127.8, 127.3, 117.2, 112.7, 79.1, 67.0, 43.3, 42.0, 33.5, 28.5, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) found [M+H]⁺ 309.1960, C₂₀H₂₅N₂O⁺ requires 309.1961. [α]_D²⁰ = +50.2 (c 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; t_R = 5.6 min (major), 6.7 min (minor).

(S)-N-(3-phenyl-3-(3-oxa-1-azaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-2-yl)propyl)aniline (**3b**)



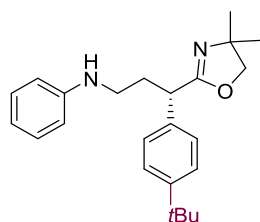
White solid. 22.1 mg, 66% yield. 96:4 er. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.87 (brs, 1H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.44 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.79 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.53 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.6, 148.2, 140.0, 129.3, 128.8, 127.9, 127.3, 117.2, 112.8, 78.8, 77.3, 43.5, 42.0, 40.2, 39.9, 33.5, 24.6, 24.6. HRMS (ESI) found [M+H]⁺ 335.2119, C₂₂H₂₇N₂O⁺ requires 335.2118. [α]_D²⁰ = +32.3 (c 1.0, CHCl₃). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; t_R = 5.6 min (major), 6.5 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)propyl)aniline (**3c**)



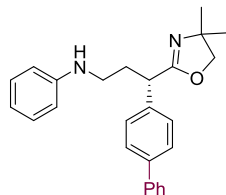
White solid. 27.3 mg, 85% yield. 94.5:5.5 er. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.22 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.68 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.01 – 3.83 (m, 2H), 3.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 1H), 3.13 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.46 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.21 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.30 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.9, 148.3, 137.0, 136.8, 129.6, 129.3, 127.7, 117.2, 112.8, 79.2, 67.1, 42.9, 42.0, 33.6, 28.5, 28.3, 21.2. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 323.2115, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 323.2118. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = +54.0 (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; t_{R} = 5.6 min (major), 7.0 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)propyl)aniline (**3d**)



White solid. 21.5 mg, 59% yield. 95:5 er. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.74 – 6.64 (m, 1H), 6.59 – 6.51 (m, 2H), 3.72 (brs, 1H), 3.96 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 – 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.45 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 1.31 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.9, 150.1, 148.3, 136.7, 129.3, 127.4, 125.7, 117.2, 112.8, 79.1, 67.0, 42.9, 42.1, 34.5, 33.6, 31.4, 28.5, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 365.2591, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 365.2587. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ = +41.4 (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; t_{R} = 5.0 min (major), 5.6 min (minor).

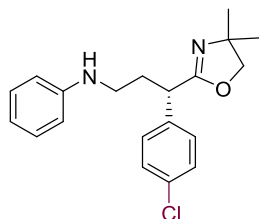
(*S*)-*N*-(3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)propyl)aniline (**3e**)



Light yellow solid. 23.1 mg, 60% yield. 95.5:4.5 er. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.98 – 3.81 (m, 3H), 3.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (td, J = 6.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.50 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.7, 148.3, 140.8, 140.3, 138.9, 129.3, 128.9, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 117.3, 112.8, 79.2,

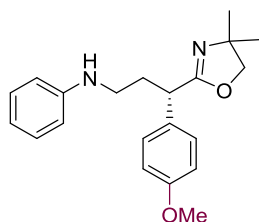
67.1, 43.0, 42.0, 33.6, 28.5, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[M+H]^+$ 385.2276, $C_{26}H_{29}N_2O^+$ requires 385.2274. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +72.4$ (c 1.0, $CHCl_3$). HPLC: Chiralpak IG column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_R = 11.0$ min (major), 13.6 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)propyl)aniline (**3f**)



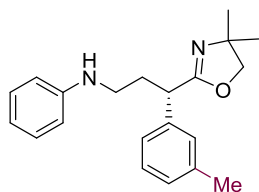
White solid. 22.5 mg, 66% yield. 92.5:7.5 er. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.12 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.60 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (brs, 1H), 3.84 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.61 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.04 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.3, 148.2, 138.4, 133.2, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 117.4, 112.8, 79.2, 67.1, 42.7, 41.9, 33.5, 28.5, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) found $[M+H]^+$ 343.1574, $C_{20}H_{24}ClN_2O^+$ requires 343.1572. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +41.7$ (c 1.0, $CHCl_3$). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_R = 6.2$ min (major), 7.0 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propyl)aniline (**3g**)



White solid. 21.0 mg, 62% yield. 93:7 er. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.93 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.75 (brs, 1H), 3.66 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.29 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 167.0, 158.9, 148.3, 131.9, 129.3, 128.9, 117.3, 114.3, 112.8, 79.2, 67.1, 55.4, 42.5, 42.0, 33.7, 28.5, 28.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[M+H]^+$ 339.2063, $C_{21}H_{27}N_2O_2^+$ requires 339.2067. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +49.4$ (c 1.0, $CHCl_3$). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_R = 7.3$ min (major), 8.9 min (minor).

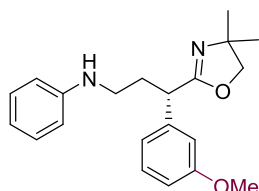
(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(*m*-tolyl)propyl)aniline (**3h**)



White solid. 28.8 mg, 89% yield. 90.5:9.5 er. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 6.93 (m, 5H), 6.58 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 – 3.75 (m, 2H),

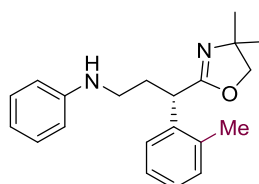
3.72 (brs, 1H), 3.57 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.35 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.10 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 166.8, 148.3, 139.8, 138.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 124.7, 117.2, 112.8, 79.1, 67.0, 43.3, 42.0, 33.6, 28.5, 28.3, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 323.2115, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 323.2118. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +39.9$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 4.9$ min (major), 5.8 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)propyl)aniline (**3i**)



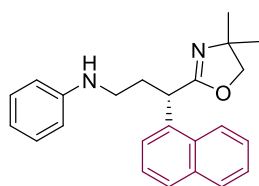
White solid. 13.3 mg, 39% yield. 90:10 er. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.40 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 – 6.49 (m, 2H), 4.05 – 3.75 (m, 6H), 3.70 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.49 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.32 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 166.7, 160.0, 148.3, 141.4, 129.8, 129.3, 120.2, 117.3, 113.3, 112.9, 112.8, 79.2, 67.1, 55.3, 43.4, 42.0, 33.5, 28.5, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 339.2068, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ requires 339.2067. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +34.8$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 6.2$ min (major), 9.1 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(*o*-tolyl)propyl)aniline (**3j**)



White solid. 13.0 mg, 39% yield. 95:5 er. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.44 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 6.75 – 6.61 (m, 1H), 6.61 – 6.39 (m, 2H), 3.98 (dd, $J = 8.2, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (q, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.54 (brs, 1H), 3.24 – 3.12 (m, 2H), 2.60 – 2.31 (m, 4H), 2.16 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.31 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 166.9, 148.3, 138.3, 136.2, 130.7, 129.3, 127.1, 126.7, 126.5, 117.3, 112.8, 79.1, 67.1, 42.2, 38.9, 33.2, 28.5, 28.4, 19.8. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 323.2115, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 323.2114. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +29.3$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 4.7$ min (major), 6.7 min (minor).

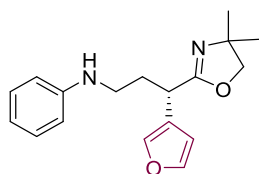
(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)propyl)aniline (**3k**)



White solid. 16.5 mg, 46% yield. 91:9 er. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.30 – 8.11 (m,

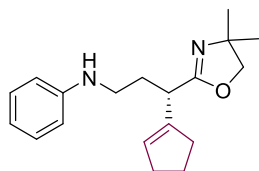
1H), 7.98 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.69 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.52 (dd, $J = 8.4, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 – 3.71 (m, 3H), 3.24 (td, $J = 6.7, 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.72 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.35 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 167.1, 148.3, 136.0, 134.2, 131.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.0, 126.4, 125.8, 125.6, 125.0, 123.3, 117.3, 112.9, 79.3, 67.3, 42.4, 39.1, 33.2, 28.5, 28.5. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 359.2120, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 359.2118. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +51.4$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 6.1$ min (major), 7.3 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(furan-3-yl)propyl)aniline (**3l**)



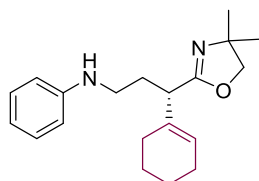
Light yellow solid. 16.2 mg, 54% yield. 90.5:9.5 er. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.70 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 – 6.50 (m, 2H), 6.46 – 6.22 (m, 1H), 3.94 (m, 3H), 3.72 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.31 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.19 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.30 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.4, 148.2, 143.2, 139.7, 129.3, 123.6, 117.3, 112.8, 110.0, 79.3, 67.1, 41.8, 34.1, 32.7, 28.5, 28.3. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 299.1754, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ requires 299.1754. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +3.87$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 6.3$ min (major), 7.0 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(cyclopent-1-en-1-yl)-3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)propyl)aniline (**3m**)



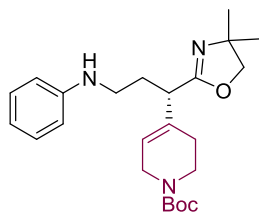
White solid. 23.0 mg, 77% yield. 95:5 er. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.68 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.60 – 5.56 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 3.84 (brs, 1H), 3.32 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.15 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.29 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.3, 148.3, 141.9, 129.3, 126.9, 117.2, 112.8, 79.1, 67.1, 42.1, 39.4, 33.1, 32.5, 30.4, 28.6, 28.5, 23.3. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 299.2119, $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 299.2118. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +2.13$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 4.7$ min (major), 5.2 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)propyl)aniline (**3n**)



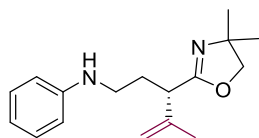
White solid. 26.0 mg, 83% yield. 98.5:1.5 er. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.72 – 6.62 (m, 1H), 6.62 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 5.67 – 5.58 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.84 (brs, 1H), 3.14 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 – 1.99 (m, 3H), 2.00 – 1.87 (m, 3H), 1.68 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.28 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.6, 148.4, 135.6, 129.3, 124.7, 117.1, 112.7, 79.0, 67.0, 45.1, 42.2, 30.0, 28.6, 28.4, 25.8, 25.4, 22.9, 22.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 313.2275, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 313.2274. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +47.0$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 4.5$ min (major), 5.4 min (minor).

tert-butyl(*S*)-4-(1-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propyl)-3,6-dihydro-pyridine-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (**3o**)



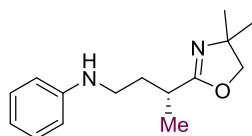
White solid. 20.7 mg, 50% yield. 93:7 er. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.15 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.67 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.57 (brs, 1H), 4.02 – 3.77 (m, 5H), 3.53 – 3.38 (m, 2H), 3.21 – 3.08 (m, 3H), 2.19 – 2.00 (m, 3H), 1.99 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.27 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.9, 155.0, 148.2, 134.7, 129.3, 121.2, 117.3, 112.8, 79.7, 79.1, 67.2, 44.2, 43.6, 42.0, 41.0, 39.7, 29.9, 28.6, 28.6, 28.5, 28.4, 26.1. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 414.2748, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$ requires 414.2751. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +18.0$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak ID column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 11.6$ min (minor), 13.8 min (major).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-4-methylpent-4-en-1-yl)aniline (**3p**)



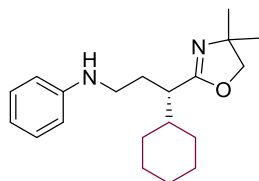
White solid. 18.8 mg, 69% yield. 98.5:1.5 er. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.24 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.68 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 – 6.53 (m, 2H), 4.94 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 3.78 (brs, 1H), 3.16 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 2.23 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.29 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 6H), 1.02 – 0.75 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.2, 148.3, 143.2, 129.4, 117.3, 113.7, 112.8, 79.2, 67.1, 44.8, 42.1, 30.1, 28.6, 28.4, 20.1. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 273.1961, $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 273.1961. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +10.6$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IB column, 99:01 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 8.5$ min (major), 9.3 min (minor).

(*R*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)butyl)aniline (**3q**)



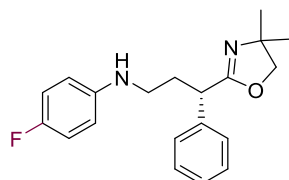
White solid. 18.4 mg, 75% yield. 84.5:15.5 er. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.16 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.84 (brs, 1H), 3.23 – 3.12 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 169.0, 148.3, 129.3, 117.2, 112.8, 79.0, 66.9, 41.9, 33.8, 31.7, 28.6, 28.5, 18.2. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 247.1803, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 247.1805. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -25.4$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 97:03 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 7.0$ min (major), 7.6 min (minor).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-cyclohexyl-3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)propyl)aniline (**3r**)



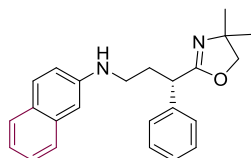
White solid. 24.7 mg, 79% yield. 87:13 er. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 6.67 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.76 (brs, 1H), 3.20 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 3.12 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.33 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.76 (m, 3H), 1.76 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 6H), 1.25 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 1.17 – 1.01 (m, 2H), 0.95 (qd, $J = 12.4, 3.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 167.3, 148.3, 129.3, 117.2, 112.8, 78.8, 66.9, 43.4, 42.5, 40.4, 30.9, 30.8, 29.3, 28.7, 28.7, 26.5, 26.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 315.2432, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 315.2431. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -31.1$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IB column, 95:05 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 5.2$ min (minor), 5.8 min (major).

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-phenylpropyl)-4-fluoroaniline (**3s**)



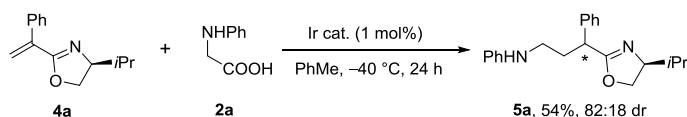
White solid. 22.0 mg, 67% yield. 91.5:8.5 er. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.79 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.45 – 6.33 (m, 2H), 3.88 – 3.77 (m, 2H), 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.12 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.36 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.11 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 166.7, 155.8 (d, $J = 235.6$ Hz), 144.6 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 139.8, 128.9, 127.8, 127.4, 115.7 (d, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 113.5 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 79.2, 67.1, 43.4, 42.7, 33.5, 28.5, 28.3. ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ -128.4. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 327.1867, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 327.1867. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +37.3$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 5.9$ min (major), 7.5 min (minor)

(*S*)-*N*-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-phenylpropyl)naphthalen-2-amine (**3t**)



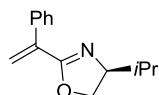
Light yellow solid. 25.0 mg, 70% yield. 95.5:4.5 er. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.76 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.83 (dt, $J = 8.7, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 4.49 – 3.83 (m, 3H), 3.76 (td, $J = 7.7, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.62 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.34 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.8, 145.9, 139.9, 135.3, 129.0, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.4, 126.0, 121.9, 118.1, 104.3, 79.2, 67.1, 43.5, 42.0, 33.4, 28.5, 28.4. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +50.0$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 359.2118, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 359.2118. HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 6.9$ min (major), 9.0 min (minor).

Control experiment



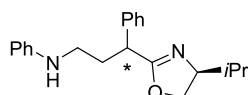
The same conditions were used expect without using CPA (*R*)-**A1** and the product was purified by flash column chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 0~60%).

(*S*)-4-isopropyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**4a**)



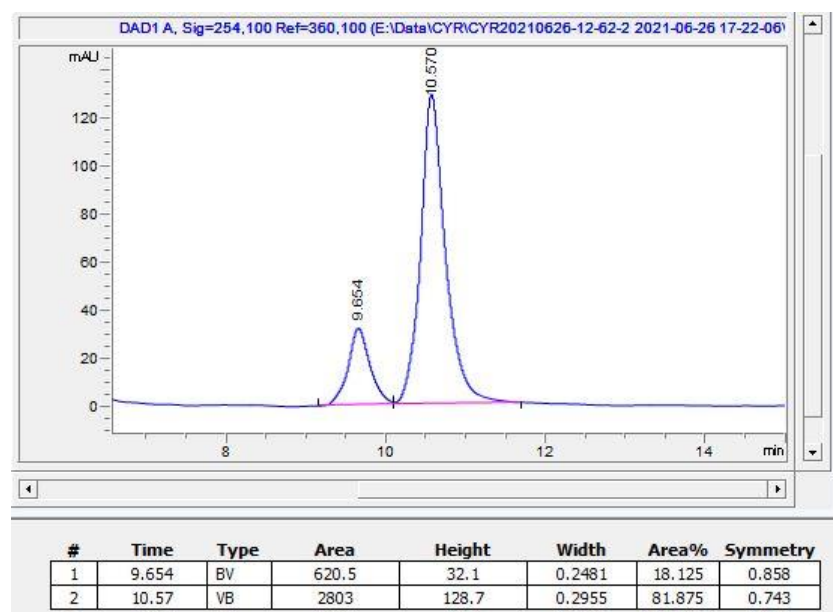
Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 7.65 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.06 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (td, $J = 7.4, 6.7, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ 163.2, 139.2, 138.8, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 123.1, 74.1, 70.3, 33.7, 19.1, 18.8. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -90.2$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 216.1382, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ requires 216.1383.

N-(3-((*S*)-4-isopropyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-phenylpropyl)aniline (**5a**)



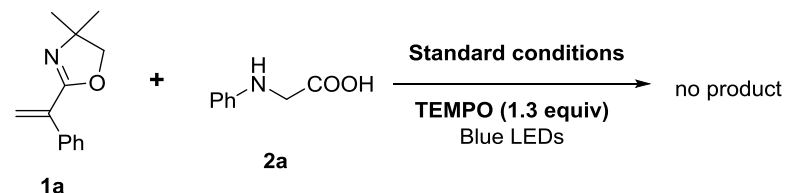
Thick light yellow oil. 17.3 mg, 54%, 82:18 dr. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.62 – 6.51 (m, 2H), 4.31 – 3.52 (brs, 1H), 4.24 – 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.99 – 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.77 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.1, 148.2, 139.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.0, 127.4, 117.3, 112.8, 71.9, 70.1, 43.5, 41.9, 33.4, 32.6, 19.0, 18.1. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 323.2129, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires 323.2118. Dr value was calculated by HPLC using ultraviolet detector (254

nm): Chiralpak IB column, 97/03 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; t_R = 9.6 min (minor), 10.6 min (major).



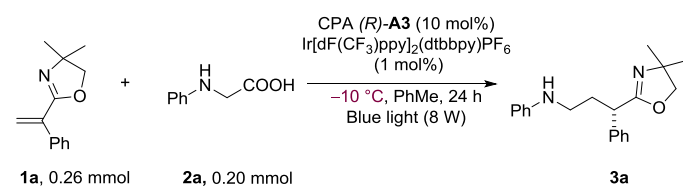
Mechanistic studies

Radical quenching experiment



A 10 mL Schlenk tube containing a magnetic stir bar, **1a** (0.13 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), **2a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), (*R*)-CPA **A1** (5.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), Ir[dF(CF₃)ppy]₂(dtbbpy)PF₆ (1.1 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1.0 mol%) and TEMPO (0.13 mmol) was added toluene (4.0 mL) under N₂ atmosphere and sealed with a rubber cap without pinholes (in a glove box). After stirring at -40 °C (in an ethanol bath) under the irradiation of an 8 W blue LED strip (λ_{max} = 460 nm, from 400 nm to 500 nm) from a 5 cm distance for 24 hours, the reaction was quenched with 3 drops of Et₃N and no desired addition product was found by TLC analysis.

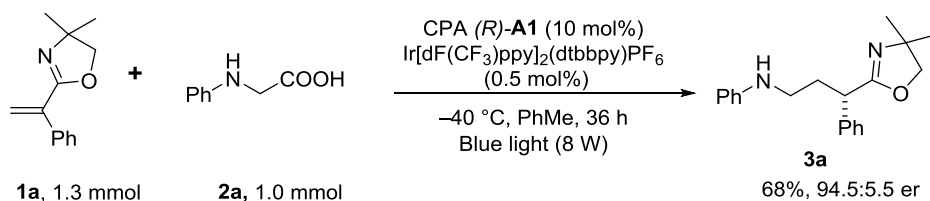
Light On-Off experiment



A 25 mL flask containing a magnetic stir bar, **1a** (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), **2a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), CPA **A3** (11.4 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) and Ir cat. (2.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%) under N₂ atmosphere was added toluene 8.0 mL and sealed with a rubber cap. The reaction was

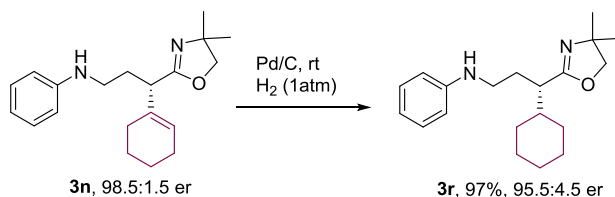
stirred at $-10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (in an ethanol bath) under the irradiation of an 8 W blue LED strip ($\lambda_{\text{max}} = 460\text{ nm}$, from 400 nm to 500 nm) from a 5 cm distance. The blue LEDs was on from 0 to 45 min, and 90 to 135 min period, and the reaction was kept in dark from 45 to 90 min and 135 to 180 min period. At the time of 45, 90, 135 and 180 min, 0.5 mL of the reaction solution was draw with syringe and concentrated in vacuo and the yields were determined by HPLC analysis using product **3u** as the internal standard.

Large scale reaction



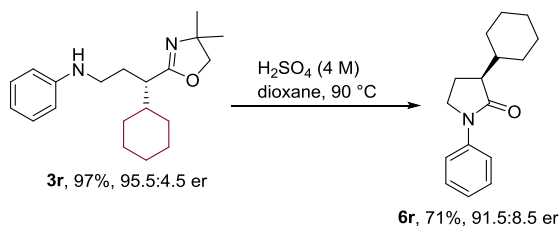
A 50mL flask containing a magnetic stir bar, **1a** (263 mg, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), **2a** (150 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), CPA (*R*)-**A1** (57 mg, 0.1 mmol, 10 mol%) and photocatalyst $\text{Ir}[\text{dF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{ppy}]_2(\text{dtbbpy})\text{PF}_6$ (5.5 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.5 mol%) under N_2 atmosphere was added toluene (20.0 mL) and sealed with a rubber cap without pinholes (in a glove box). After stirring at $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (in an ethanol bath) under the irradiation of an 8 W blue LED strip ($\lambda_{\text{max}} = 460\text{ nm}$, from 400 nm to 500 nm) from a 5 cm distance for 36 hours, the reaction was quenched with 3 drops of Et_3N , the reaction mixture was directly purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =2/1 or 1/1 including 0.5% Et_3N) to afford the product **3a** 208 mg (68% yield) with 94.5:5.5 er.

Transformations of chiral product



A mixture of **3n** (22.3 mg, 0.068 mmol, 98.5:1.5 er) and Pd/C (Pd 10%, 55% H_2O , 10 mg, 7.6 mol%) in MeOH (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature under H_2 (1 atm) for 6 h. The mixture was filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/ EtOAc = 3/1) to afford the product **3r** (21.6 mg, 97% yield, 95.5:4.5 er).

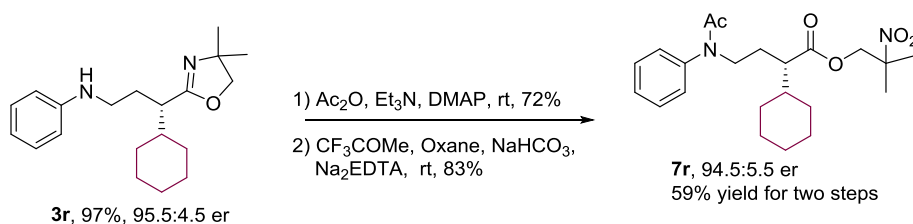
(*S*)-3-cyclohexyl-1-phenylpyrrolidin-2-one (**6r**)



3r (20.0 mg, 0.064 mmol) was dissolved in a mixed solvent of dioxane (0.5 mL) and sulfuric acid (0.5 mL, 4 M in H_2O). The mixture was stirred at 90 °C under N_2 atmosphere for 20 hours, then diluted with EtOAc 20 mL and wash with brine (7 mL \times 3). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 10/1) to afford the product **6r** (11.0 mg, 71%, 91.5:8.5 er)^[51].

Light yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 2.58 (td, J = 8.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.59 (m, 5H), 1.36 – 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.23 – 1.04 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 175.7, 139.7, 128.9, 124.4, 119.9, 48.9, 47.2, 38.8, 31.3, 28.2, 26.6, 26.5, 26.4, 20.5. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 244.1694, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}^+$ requires 244.1696. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +28.1 (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IB column, 90:10 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; t_R = 6.8 min (minor), 8.5 min (major); 91.5:8.5 er.

2-methyl-2-nitropropyl (*S*)-2-cyclohexyl-4-(*N*-phenylacetamido)butanoate (**7r**)



To a solution of **3r** (19.2 mg, 0.061 mmol, 95.5:4.5 er) and DMAP (1.5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 20 mol%) in dry DCM (1 mL) was added Et_3N (24.6 mg, 0.244 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) and Ac_2O (18.7 mg, 0.183 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and directly purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/3) to afford the acetylated product (15.7 mg, 72%).

To a solution of acetylated product (15.1 mg, 0.042 mmol) in acetonitrile (0.6 mL) was added 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone (47.5 mg, 0.42 mmol, 10.0 equiv., using a precooled syringe) and an aqueous solution of EDTANa_2 (0.4 mL, 4×10^{-4} M in water, 0.38 mol%) at 0 °C. Then a mixture of Oxone (261 mg, 0.42 mmol, 10.0 equiv.) and NaHCO_3 (107 mg, 1.27 mmol, 30.0 equiv.) was added portionwisely in 25 min at 0 °C. After stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ aqueous solution (0.5 mL), diluted with EtOAc 20 mL, washed with brine (7 mL \times 3). The combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by flash chromatography (300~400 mesh silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 1/1) to afford the ester **7r** (14.2 mg, 94.5:5.5 er, 59% yields for two steps).

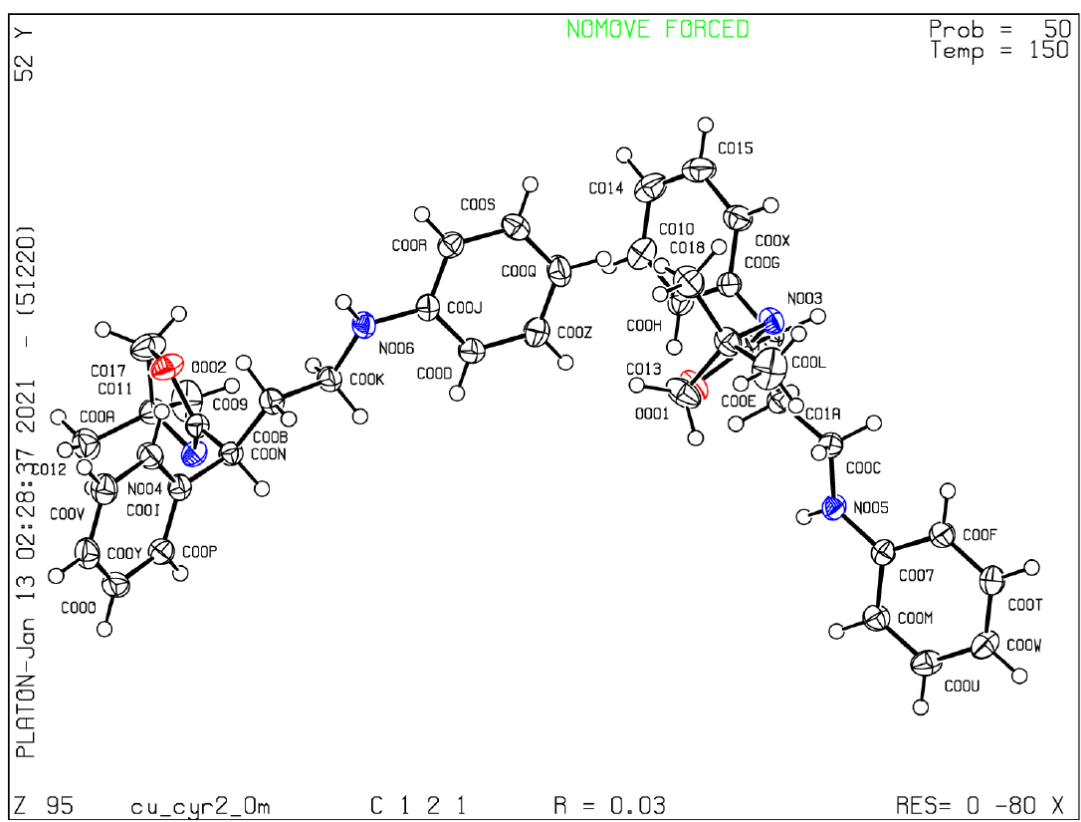
White solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.42 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.45 – 4.23 (m, 2H), 3.93 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.49 – 3.33 (m, 1H), 2.22

(q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.46 (m, 14H), 1.29 – 1.02 (m, 3H), 1.02 – 0.83 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 174.2, 170.4, 143.0, 129.9, 128.1, 128.1, 86.1, 68.3, 49.1, 47.4, 40.3, 30.8, 30.4, 27.0, 26.4, 26.3, 26.3, 23.3, 23.3, 22.9. HRMS (ESI) found $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 405.2380, $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5^+$ requires 405.2384. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +10.6$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3). HPLC: Chiralpak IA column, 70:30 hexanes/ isopropanol, 1 ml/min; $t_{\text{R}} = 5.9$ min (major), 6.7 min (minor); 94.5:5.5 er.

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X-Ray structure



X-ray structure of **3a** (CCDC number 2092728)

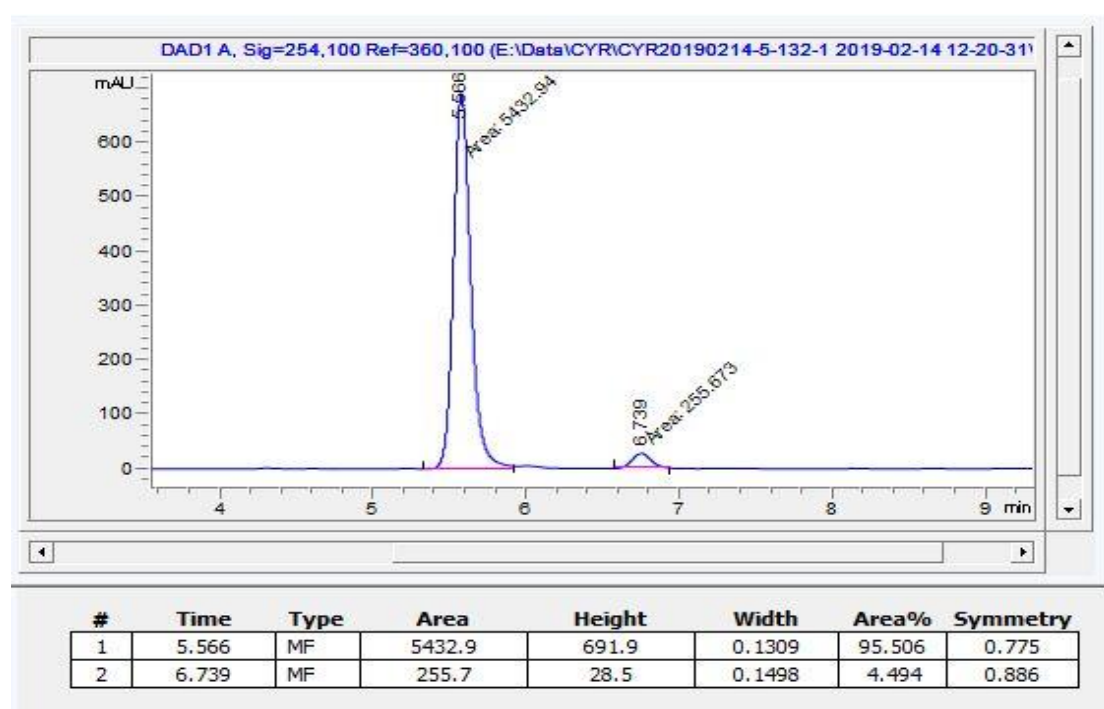
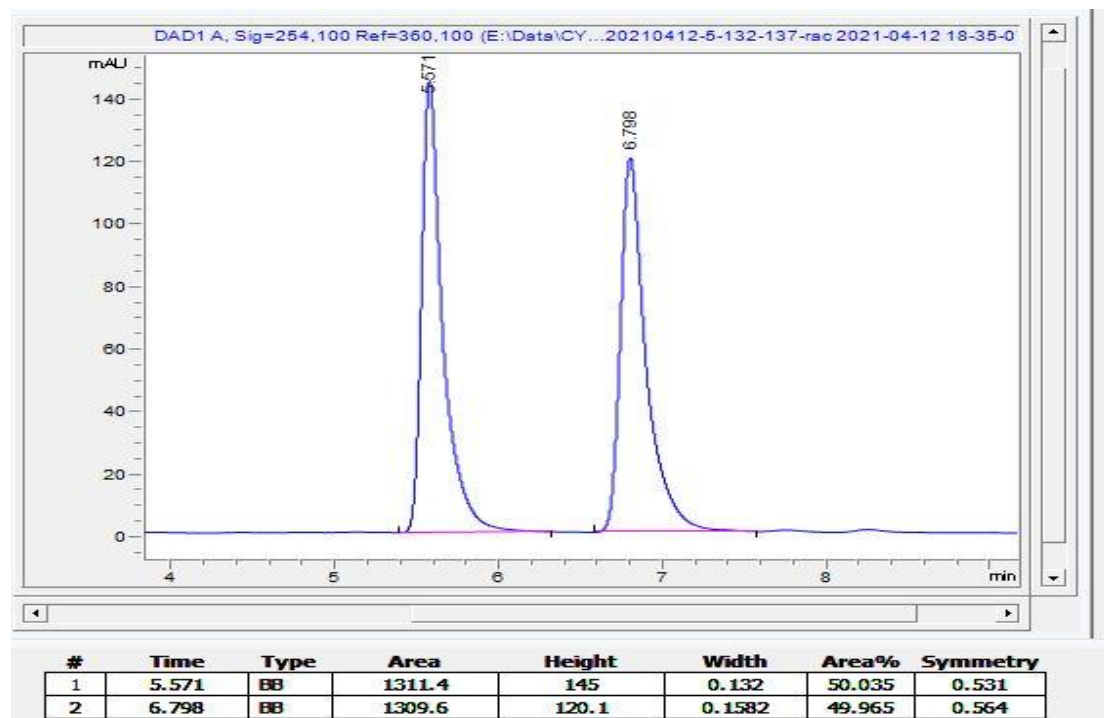
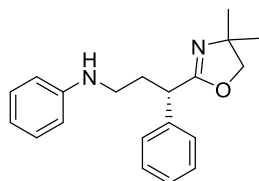
Single crystal data of **3a**

Identification code

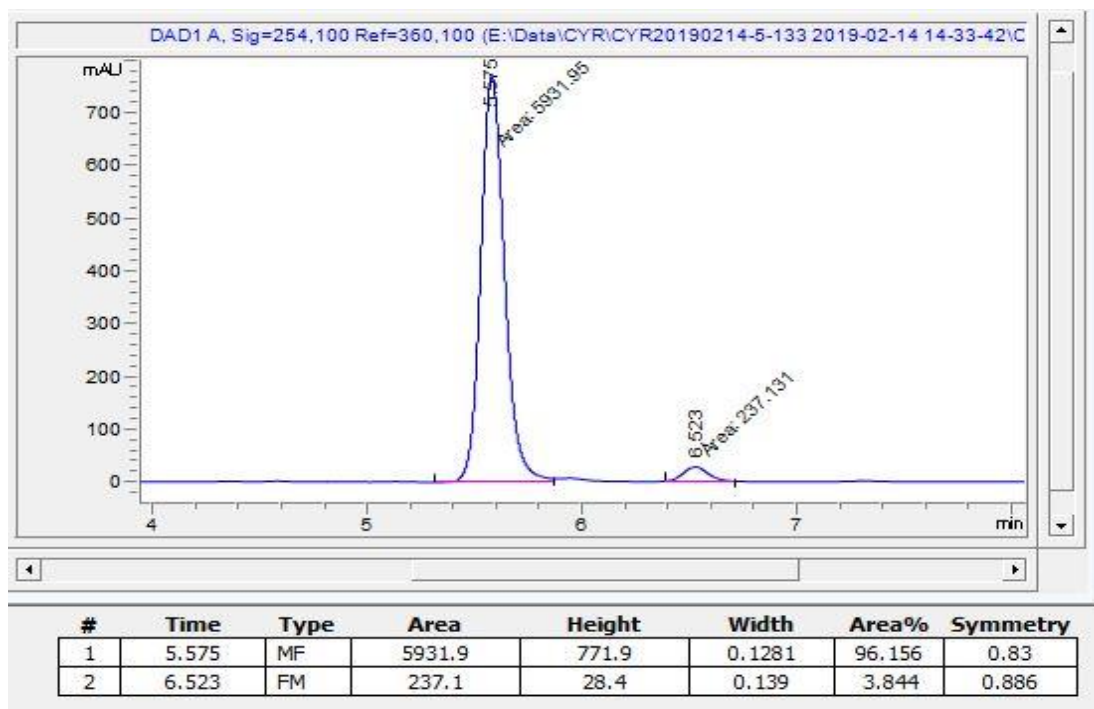
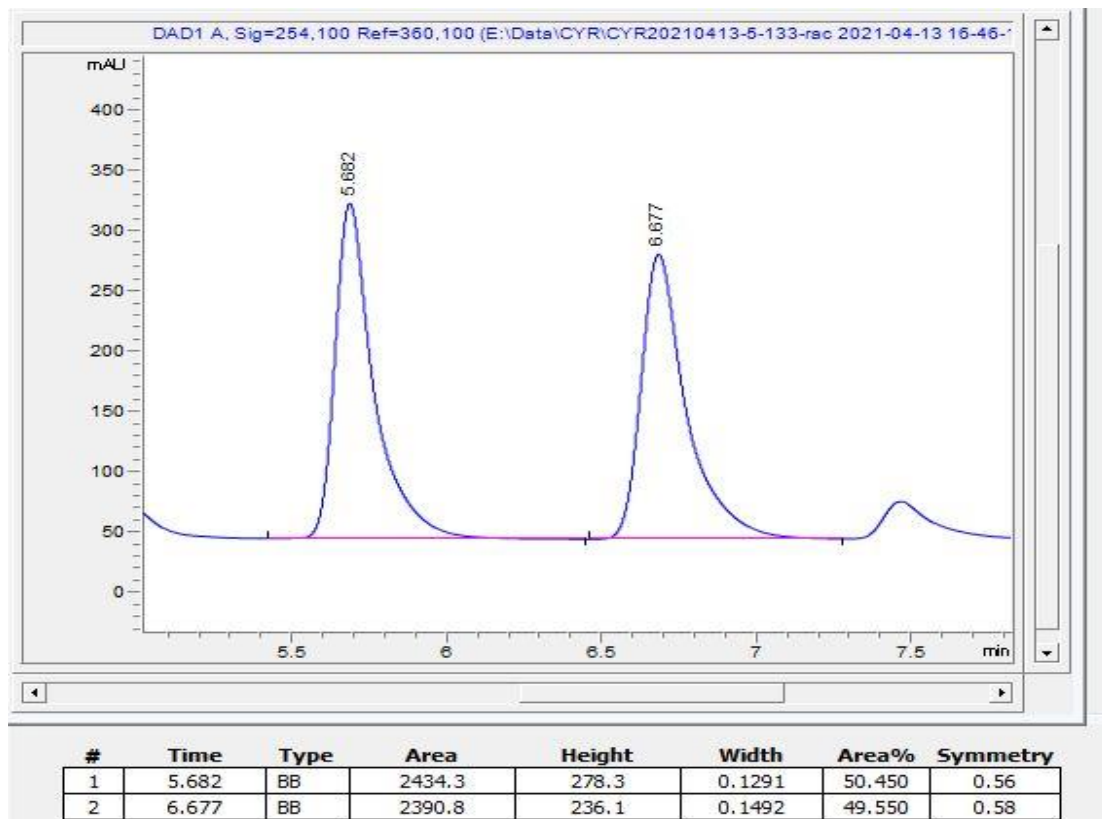
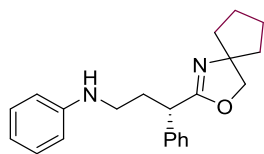
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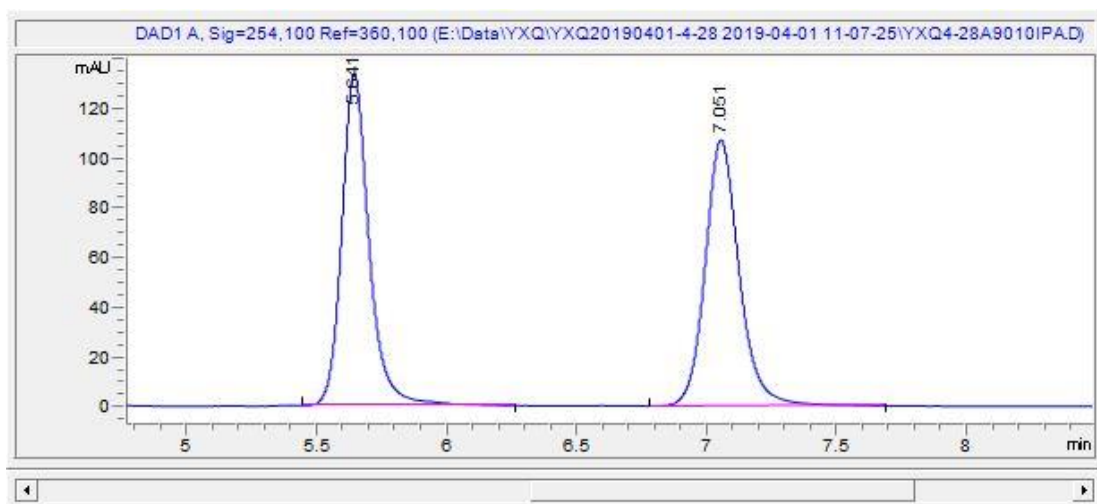
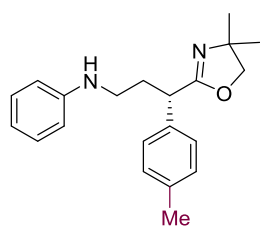
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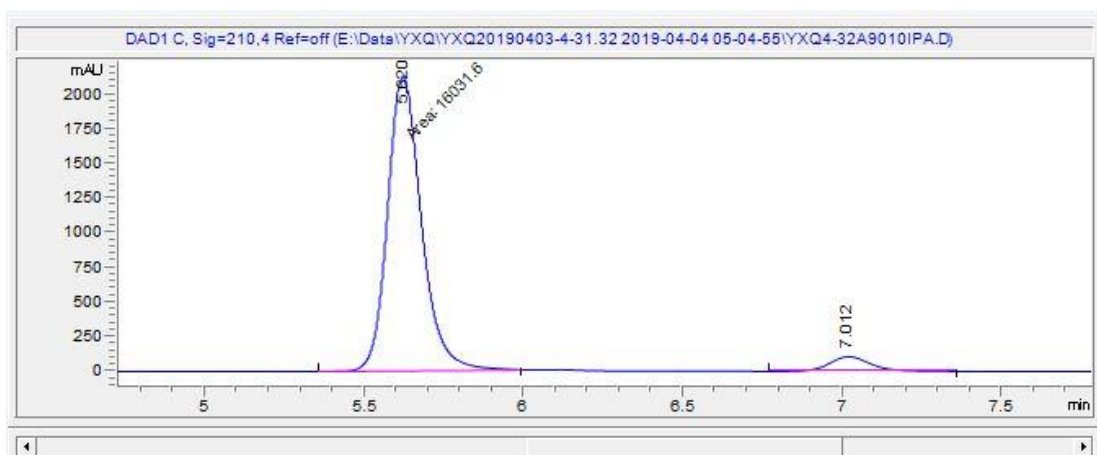
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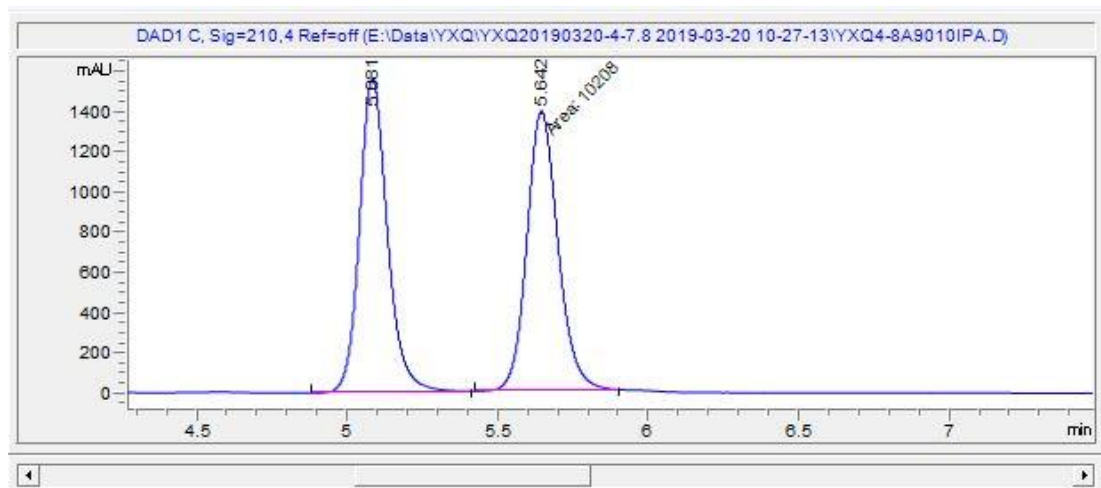
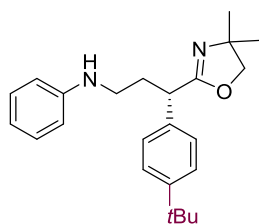


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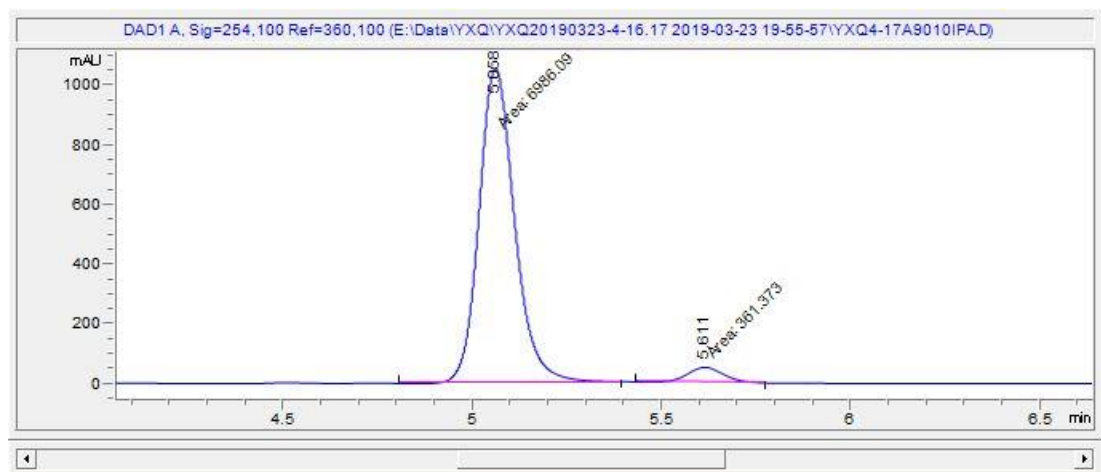


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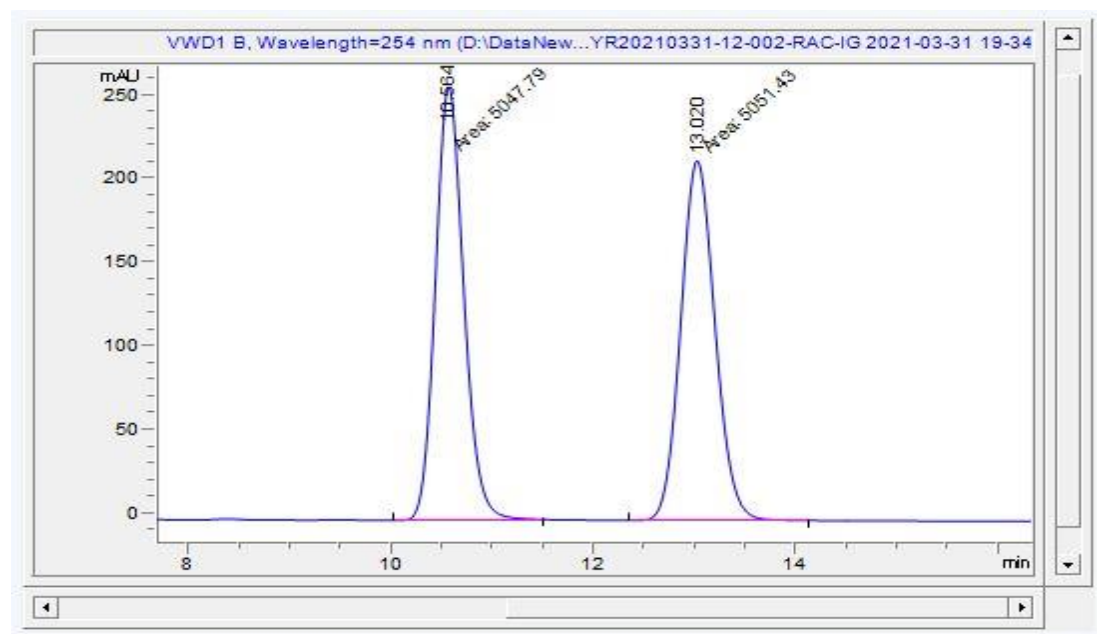
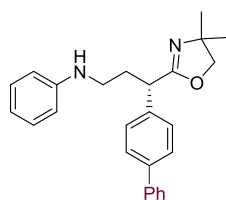


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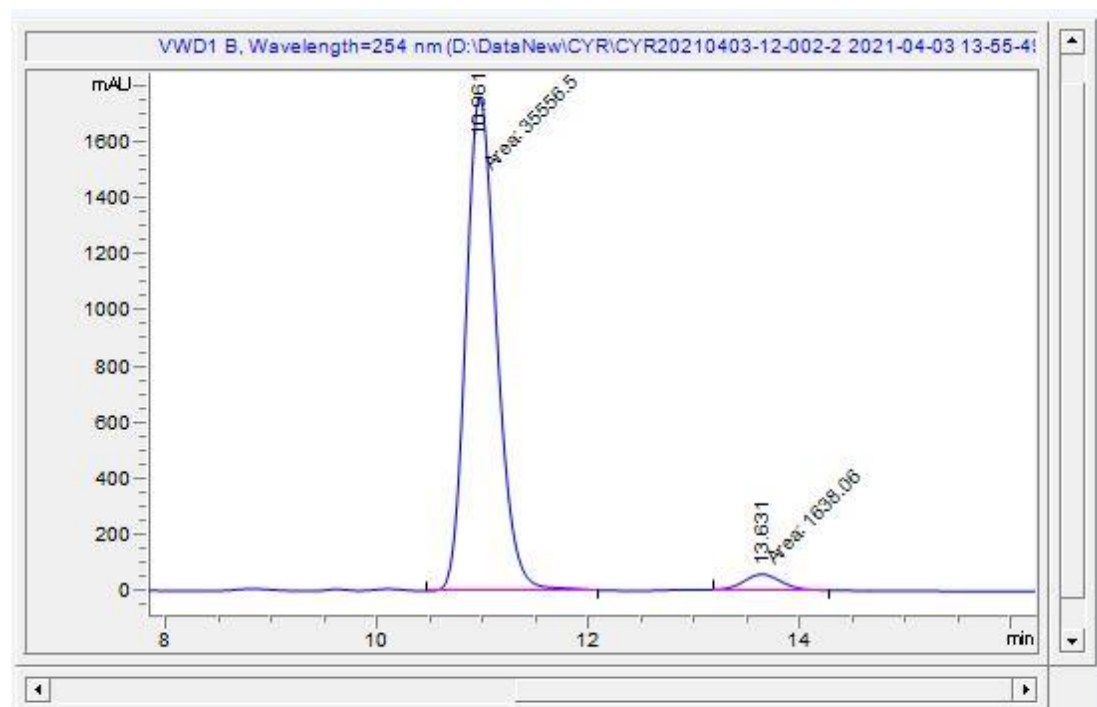


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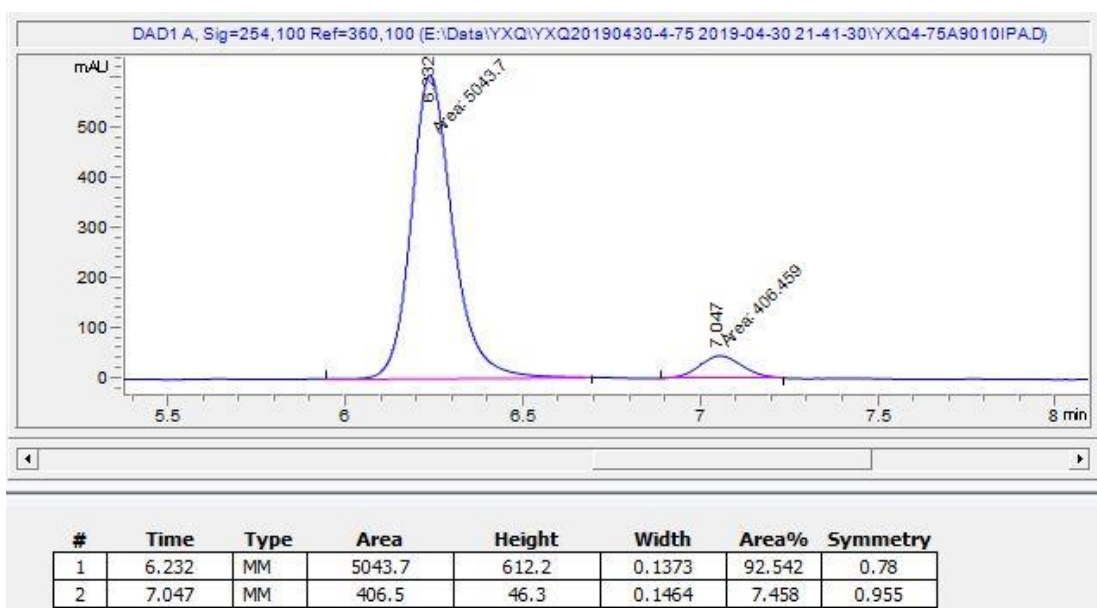
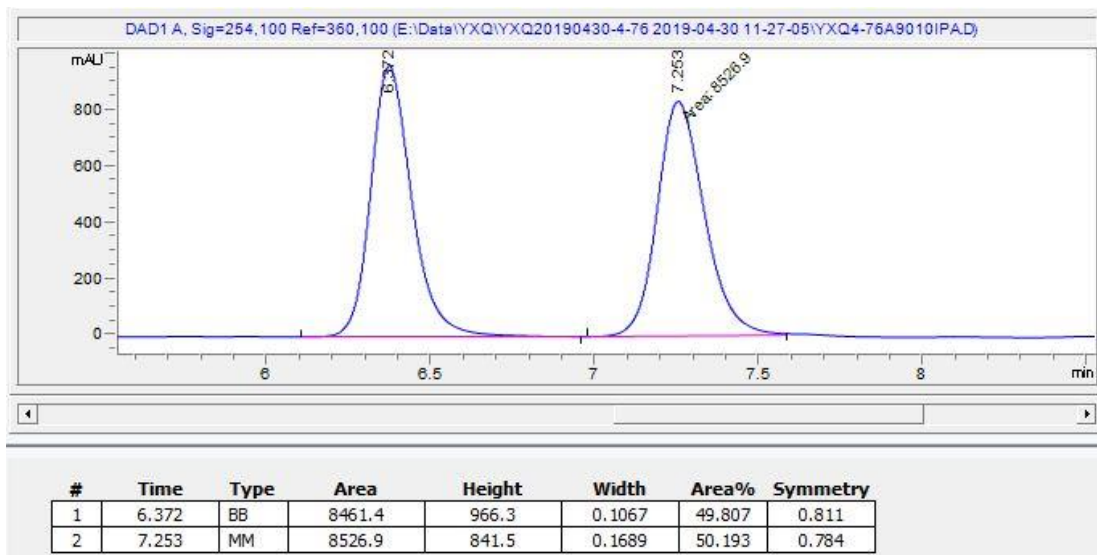
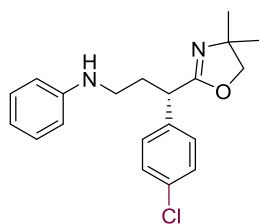


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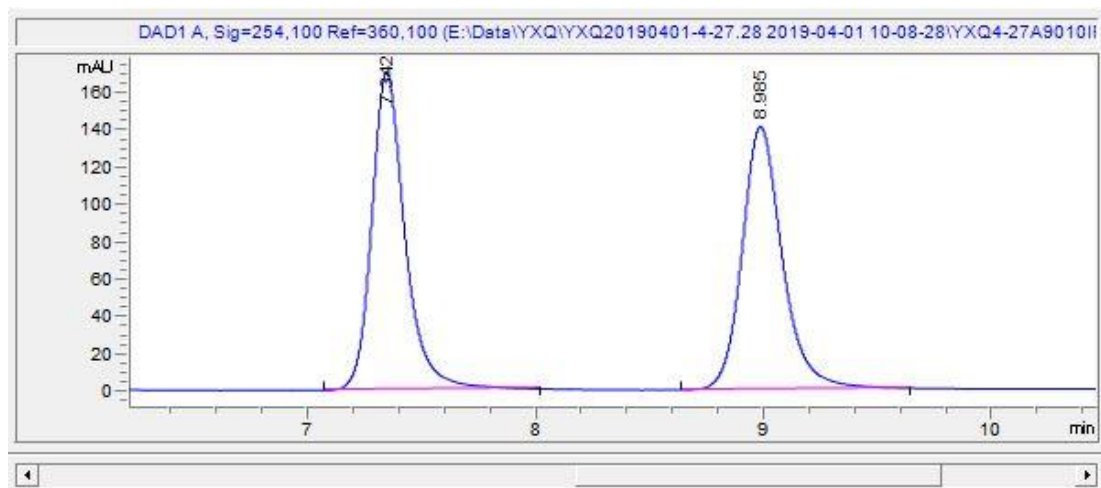
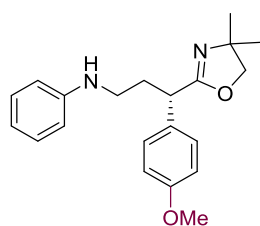


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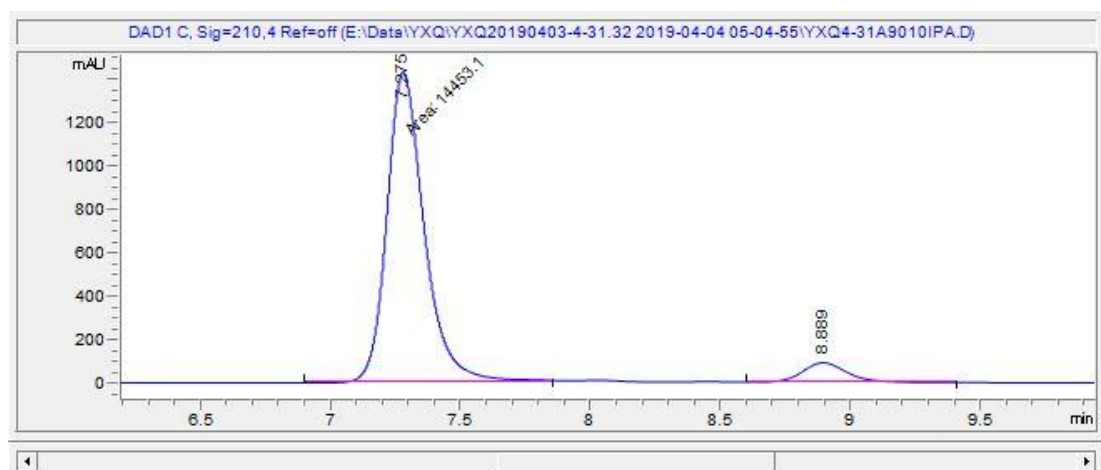
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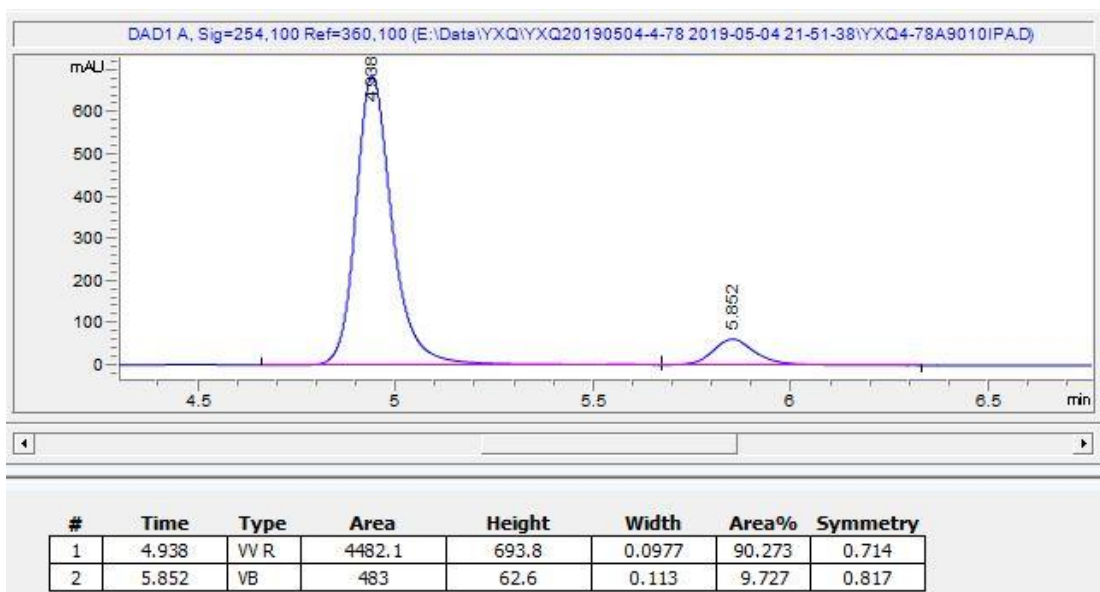
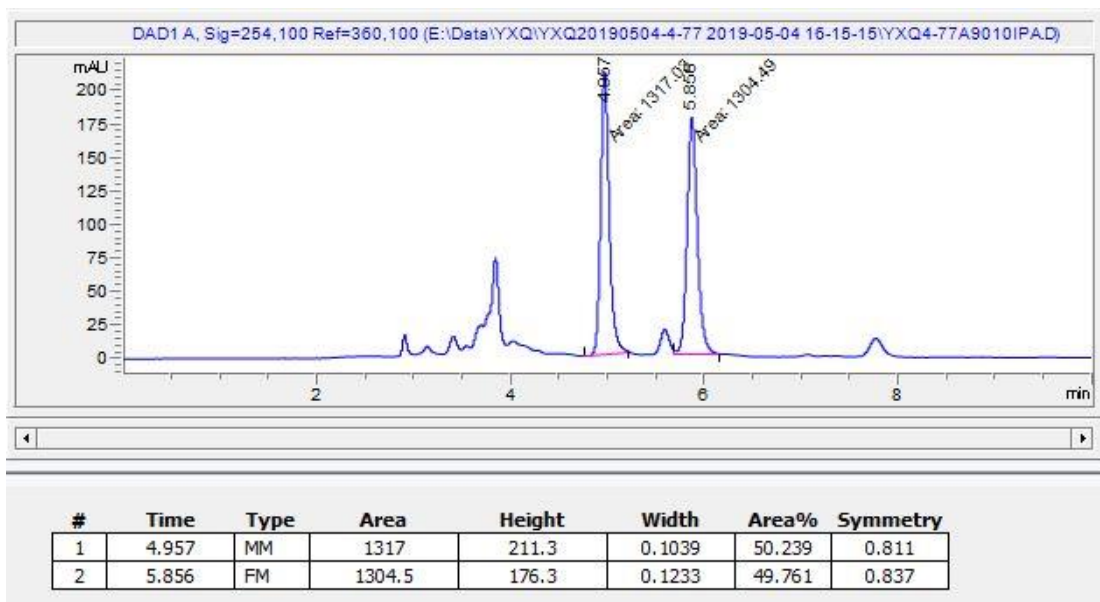
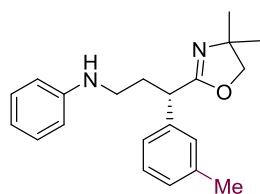


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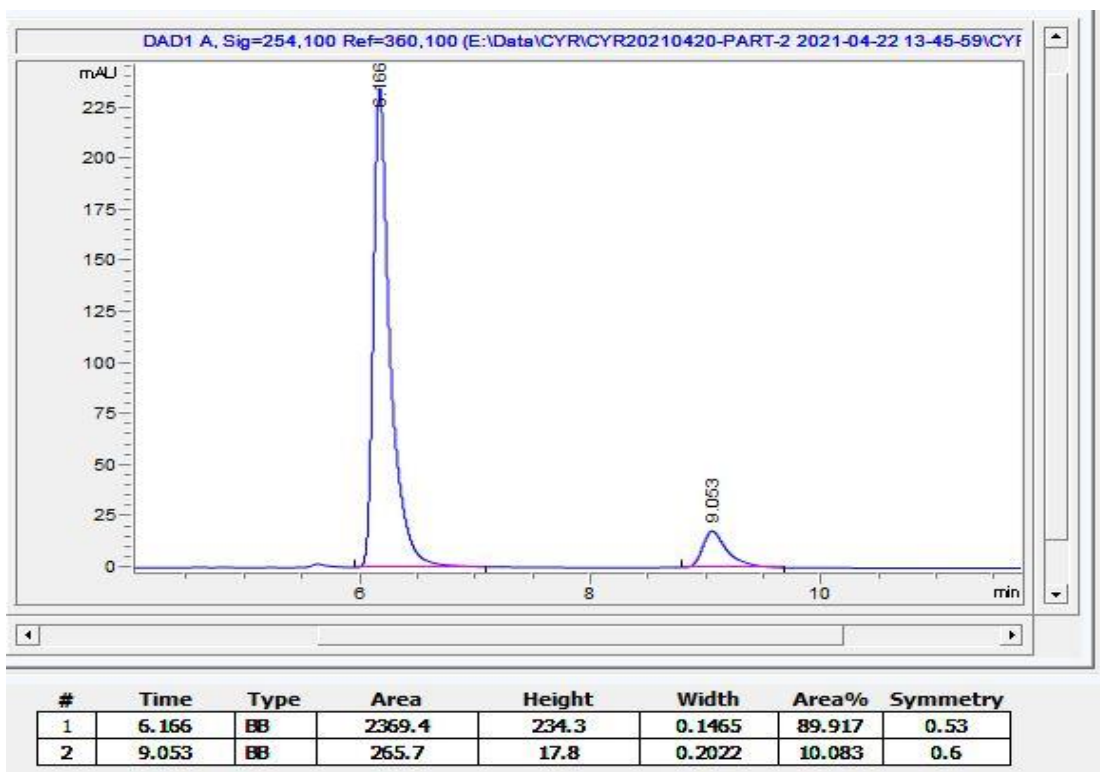
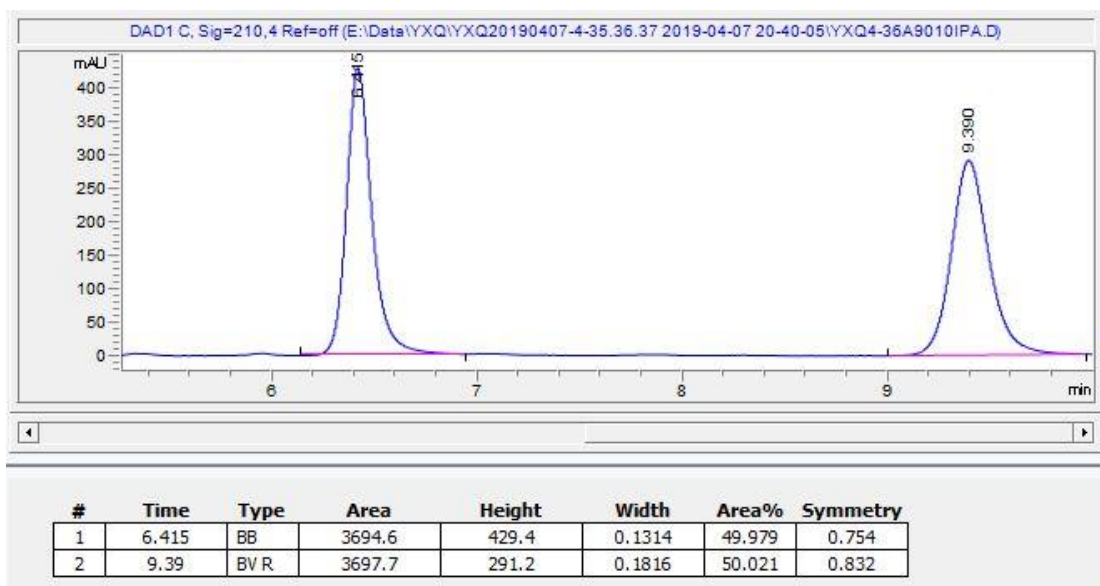
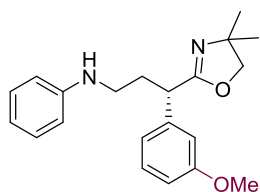


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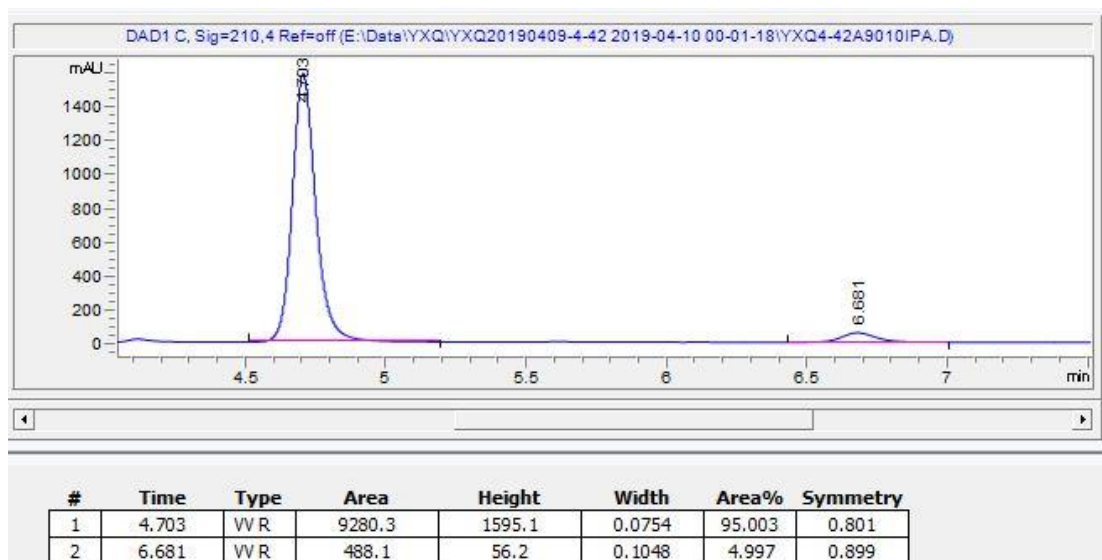
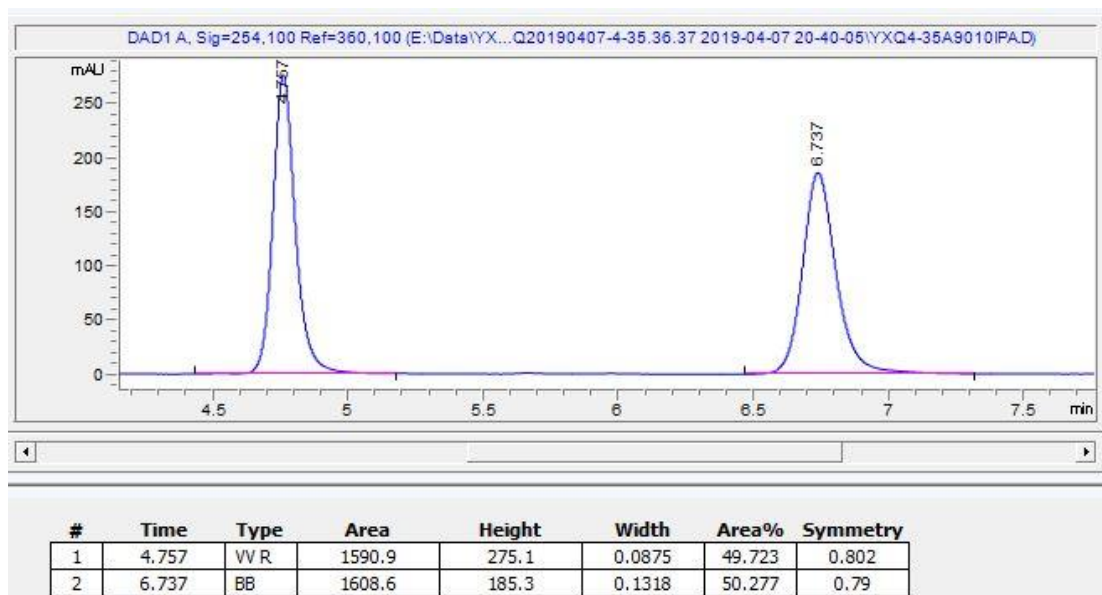
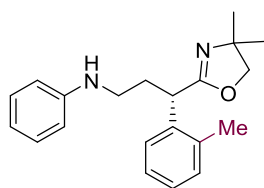
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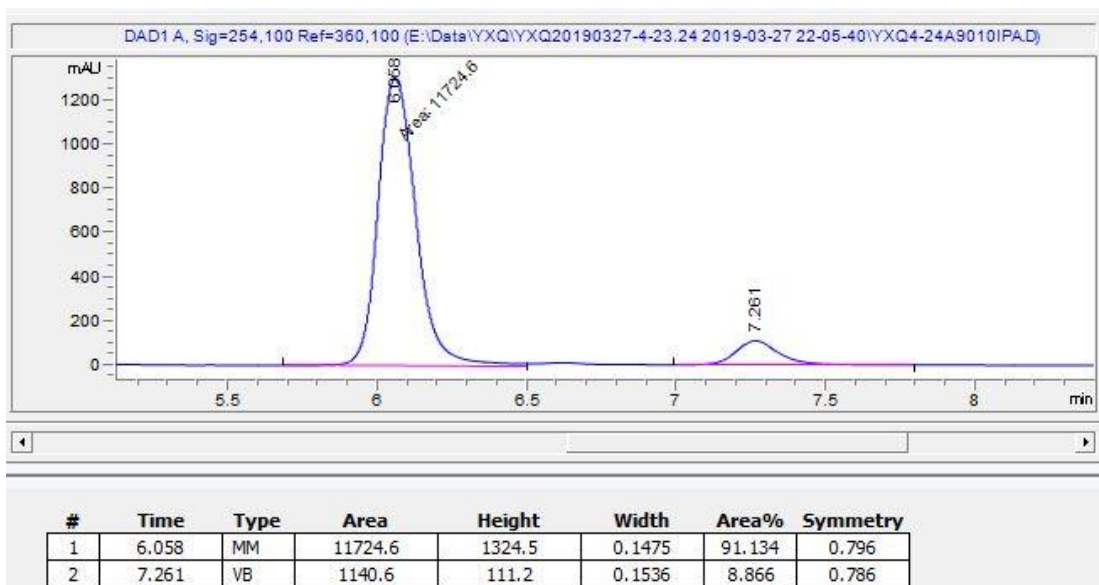
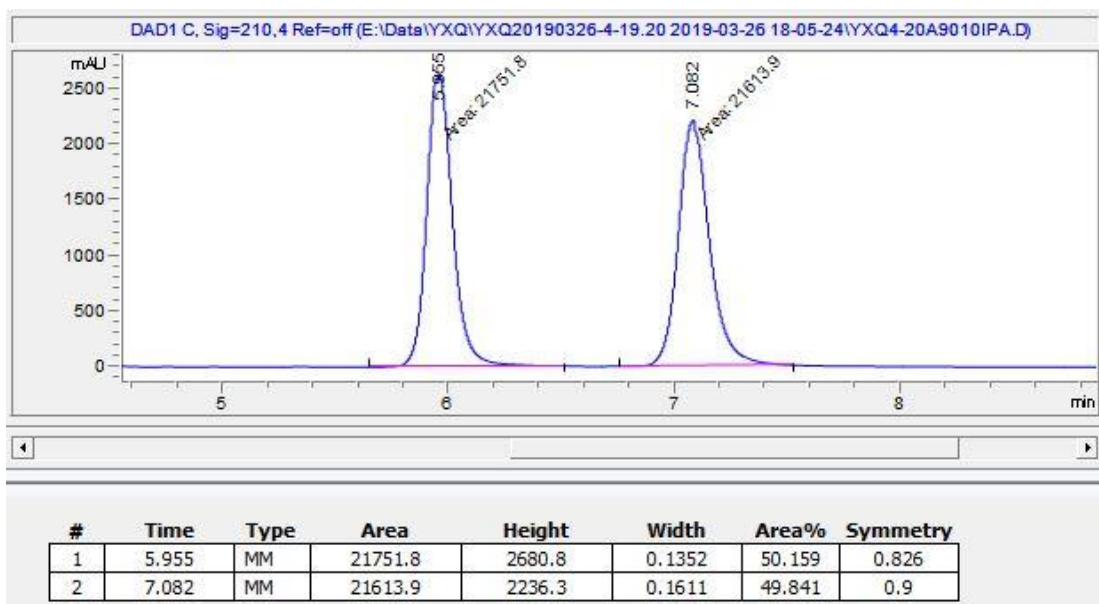
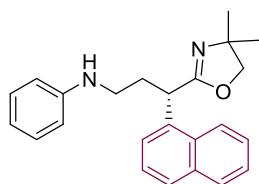
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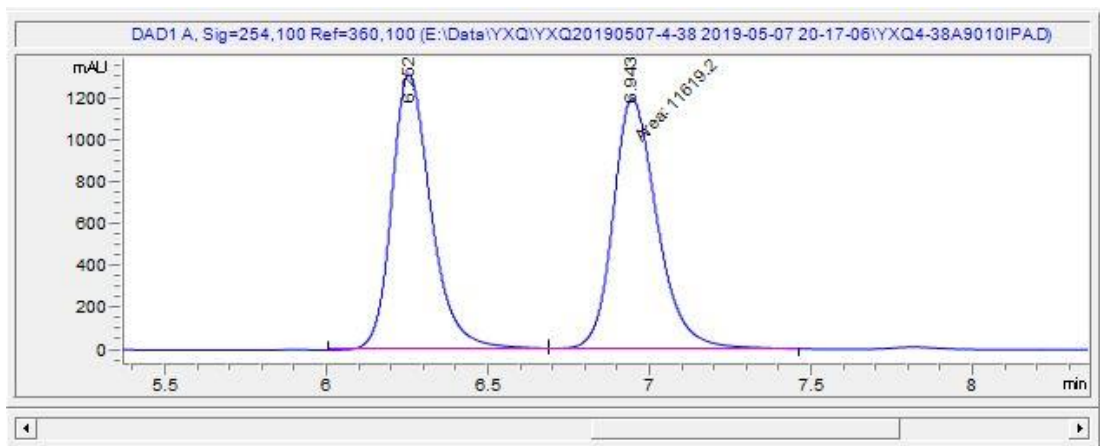
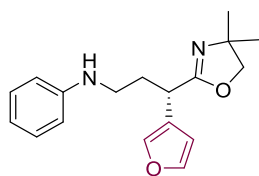
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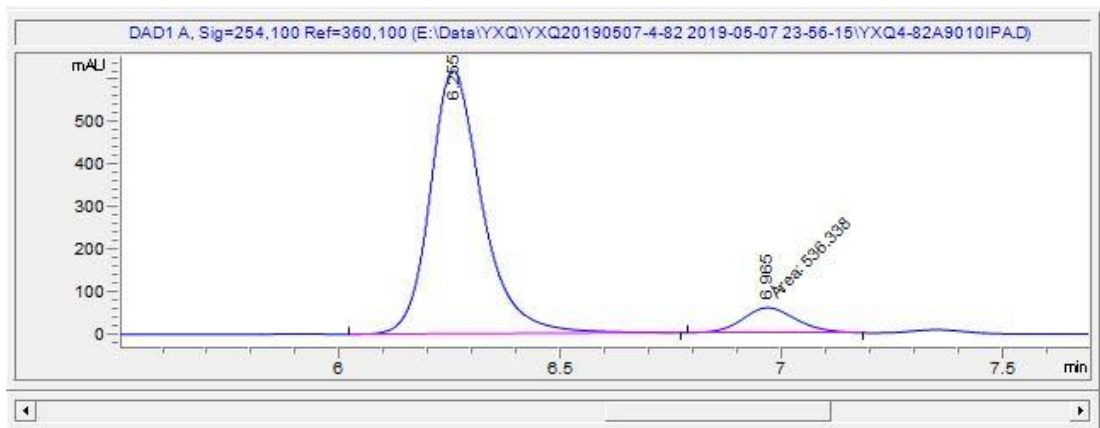
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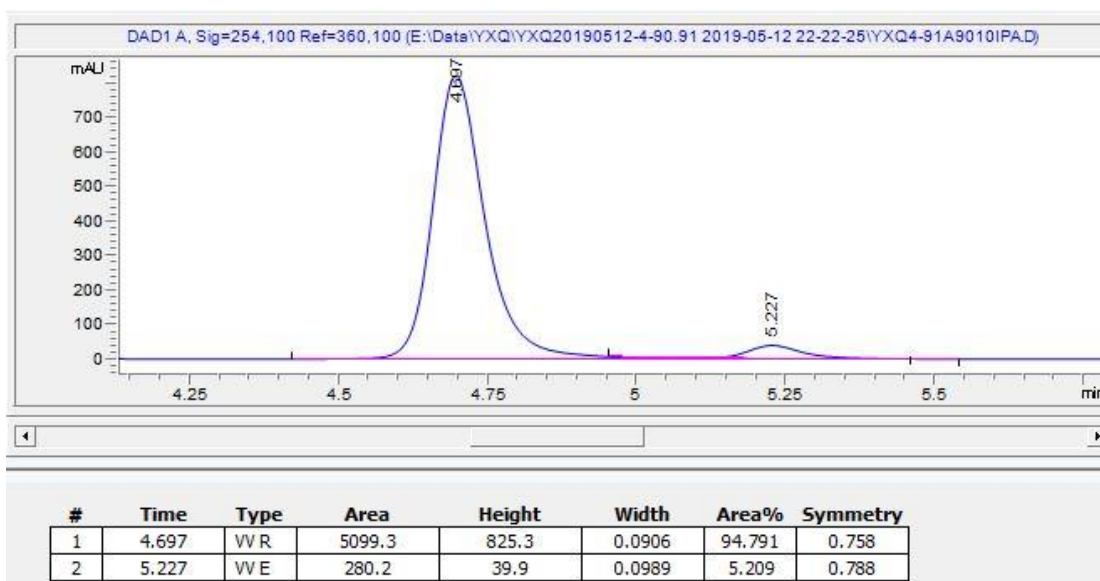
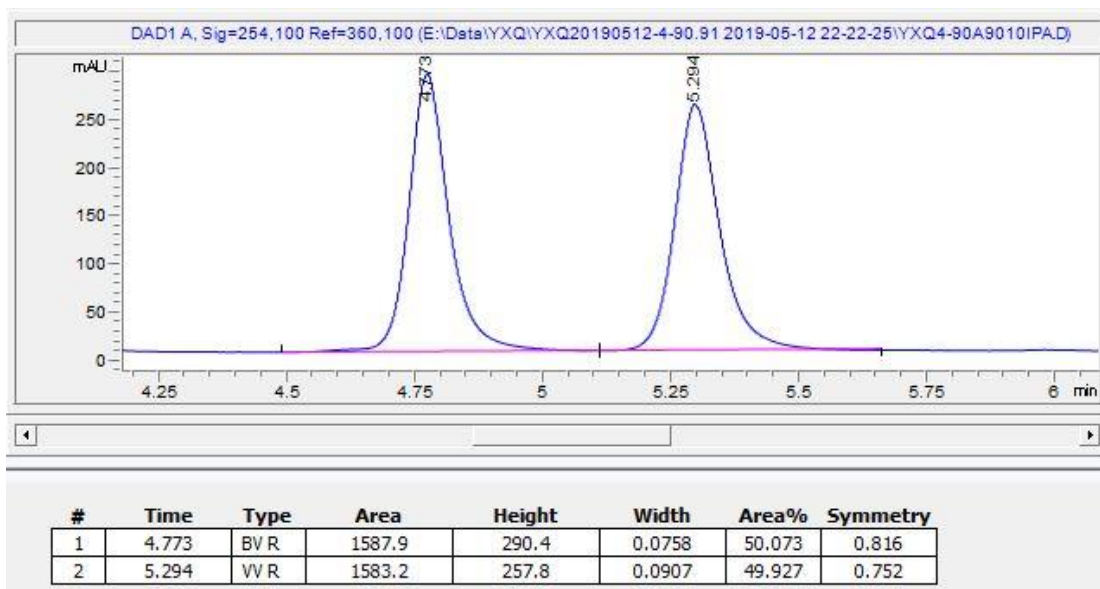
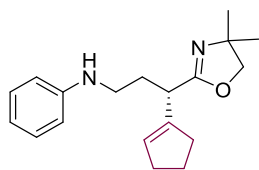


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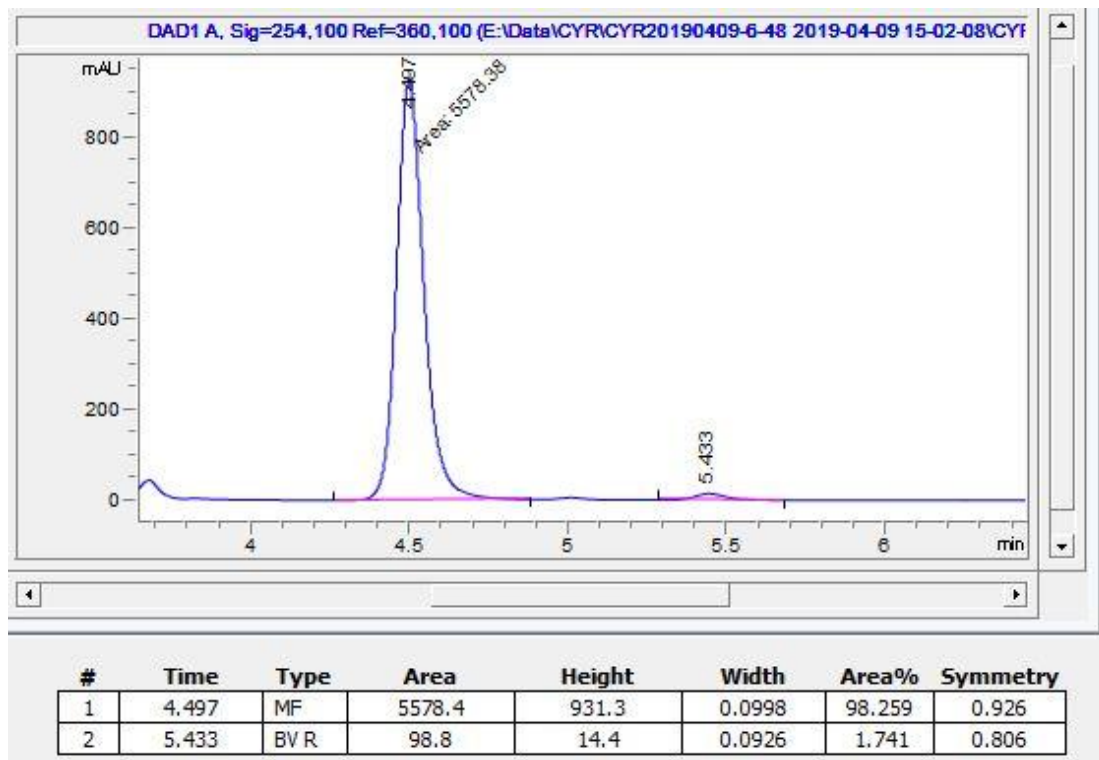
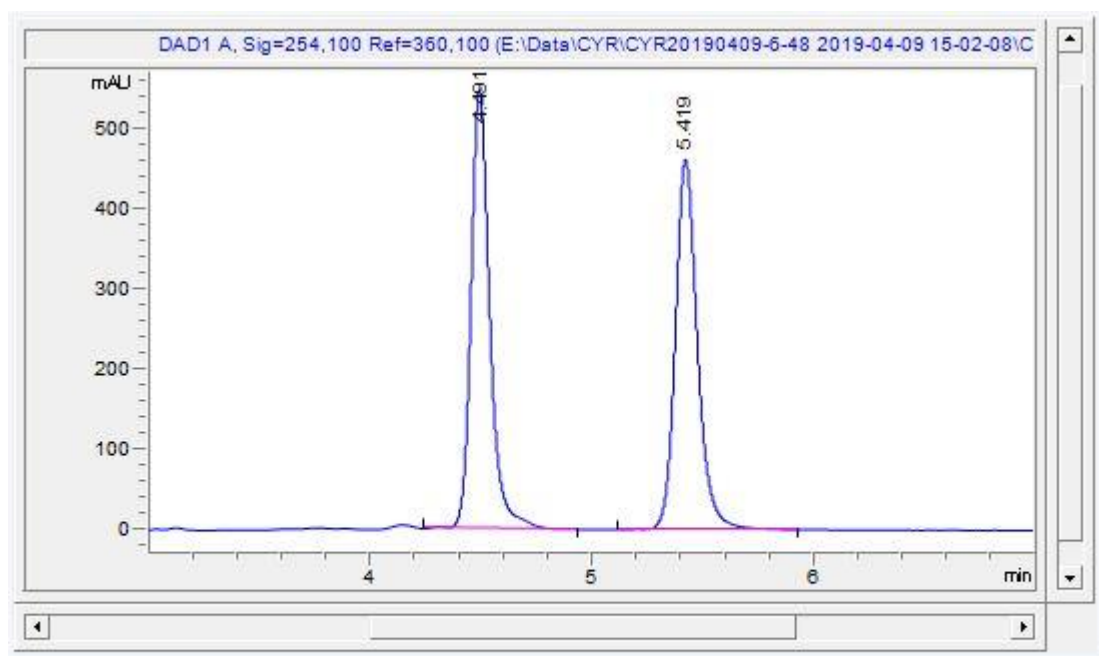
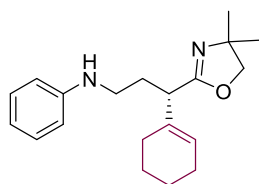


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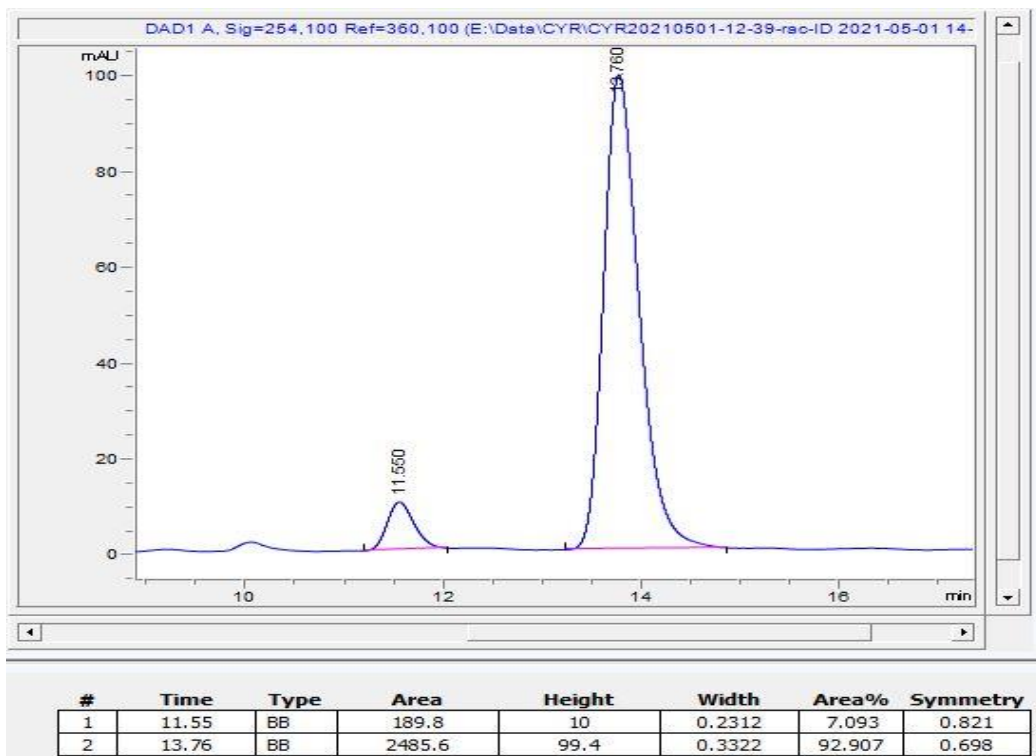
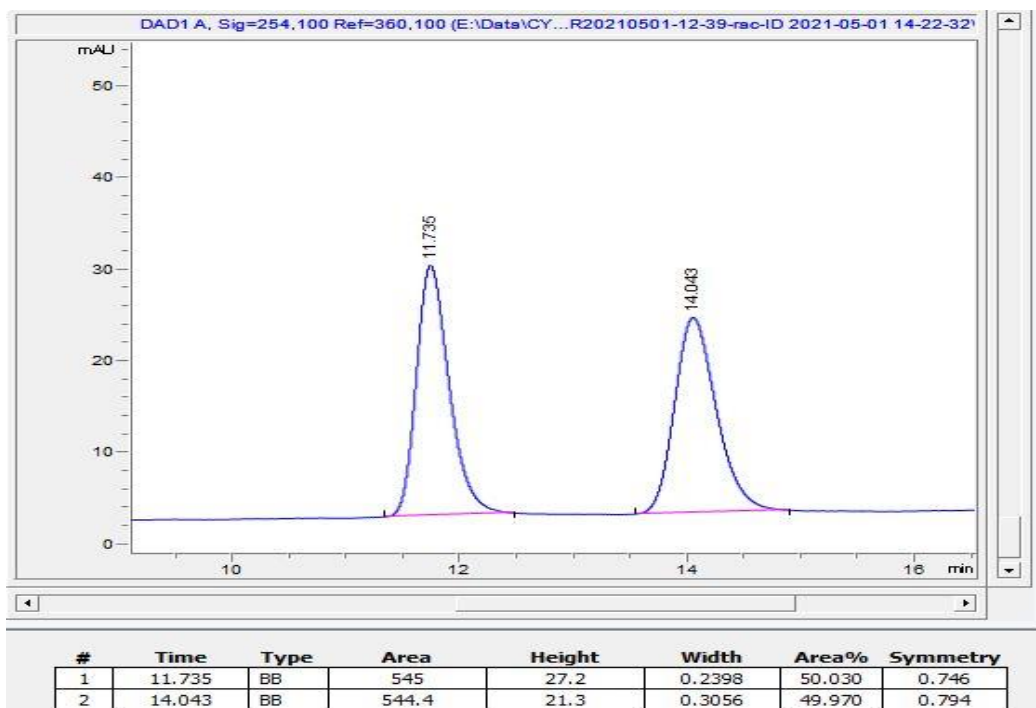
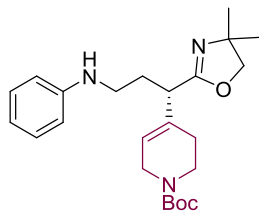
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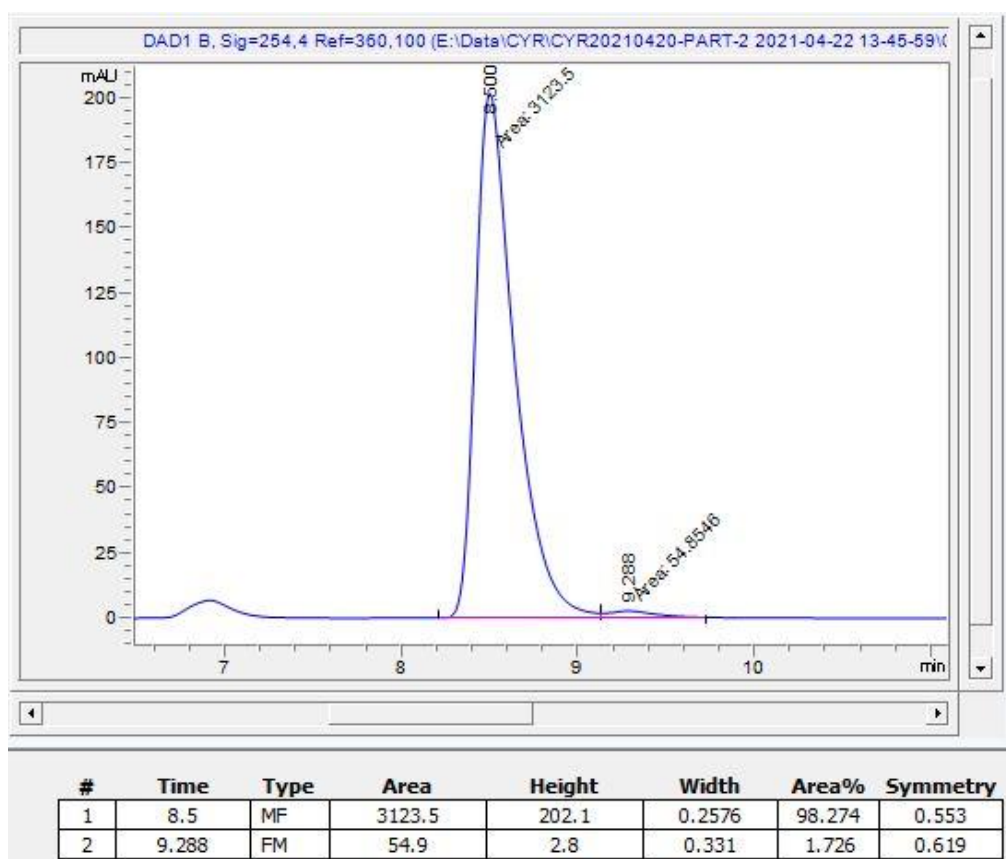
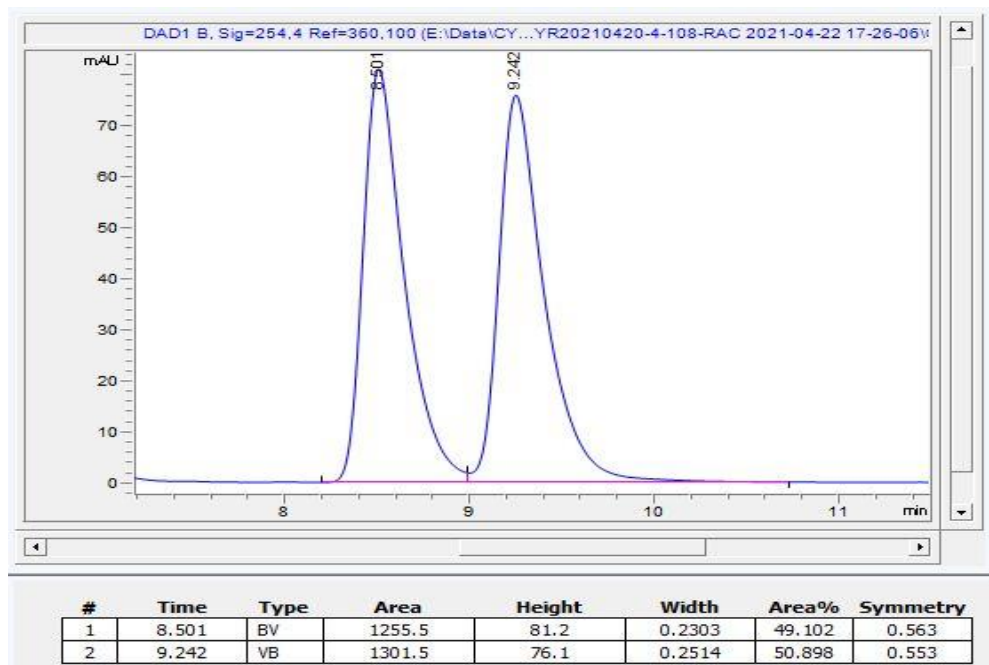
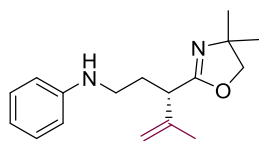
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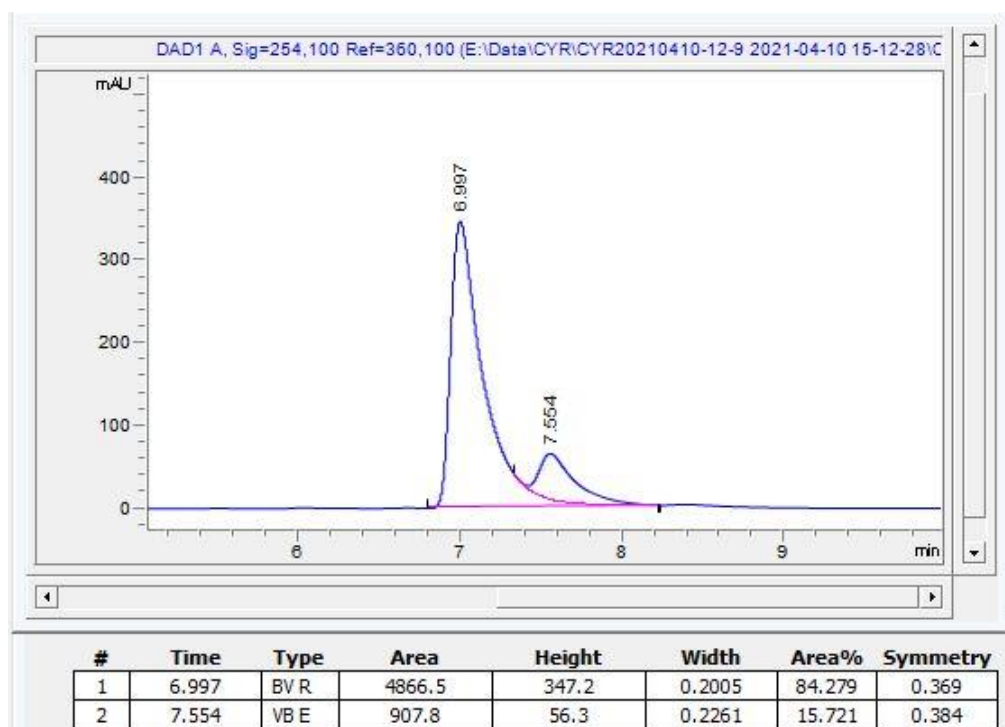
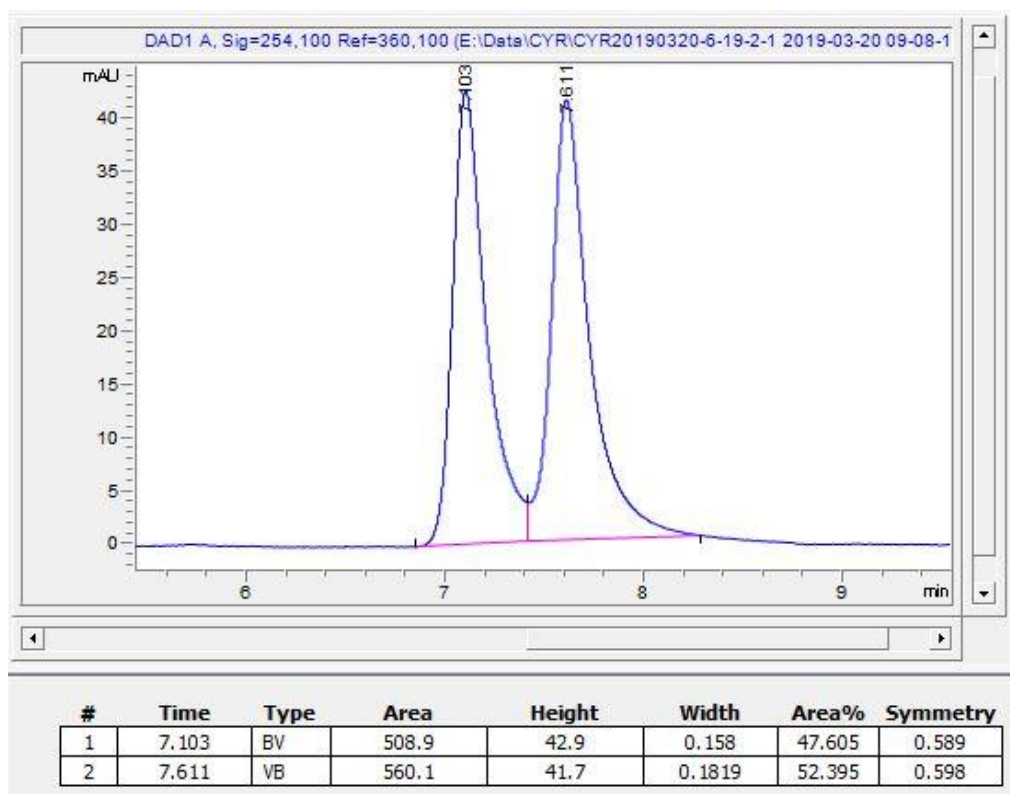
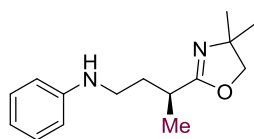
tert-butyl-(*S*)-4-(1-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propyl)-3,6-dihydropyridine-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (**30**)



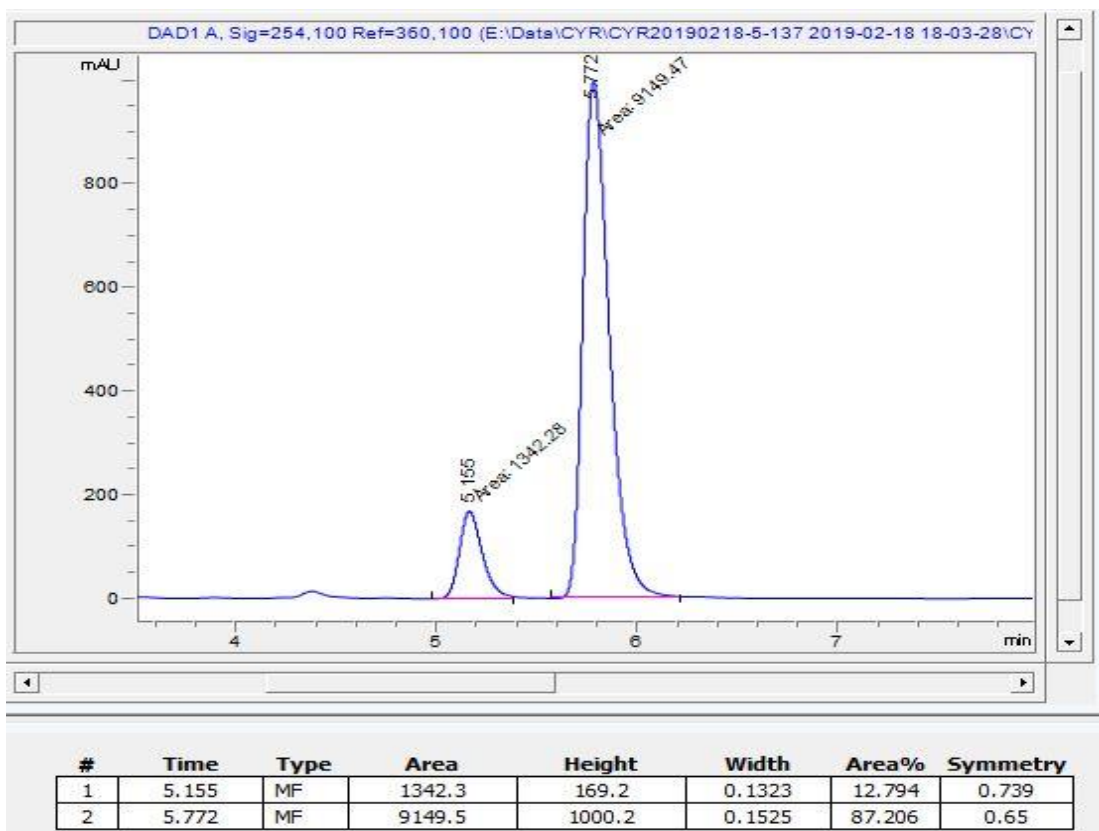
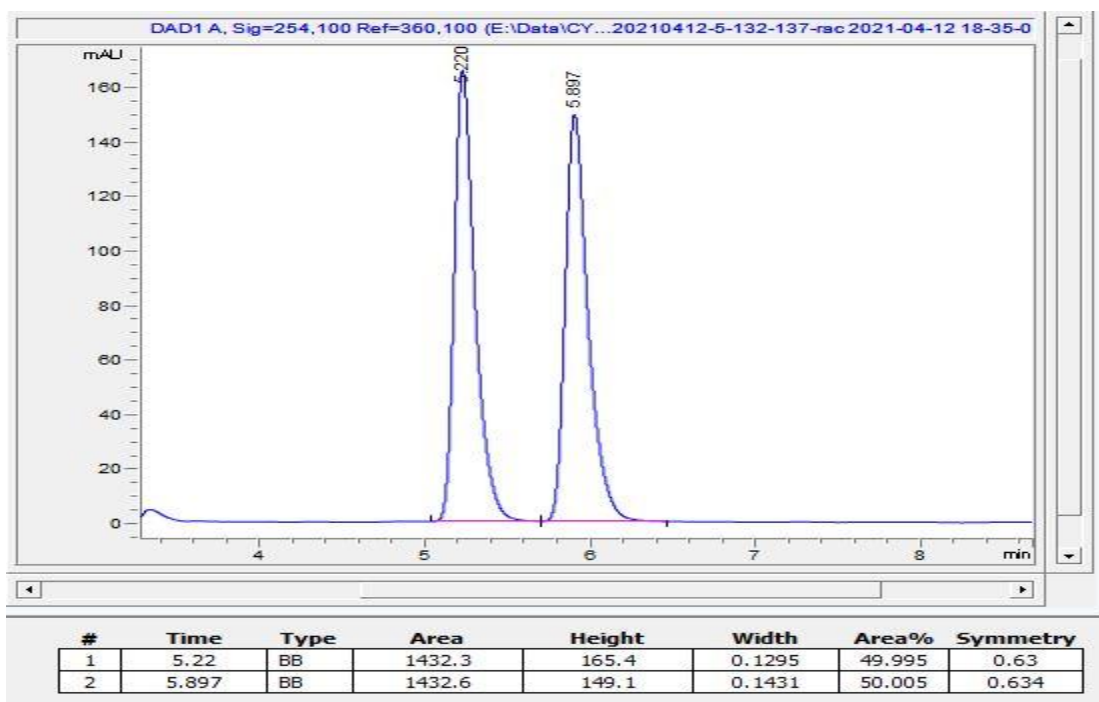
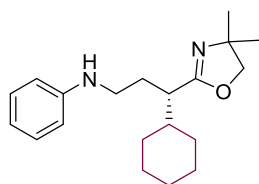
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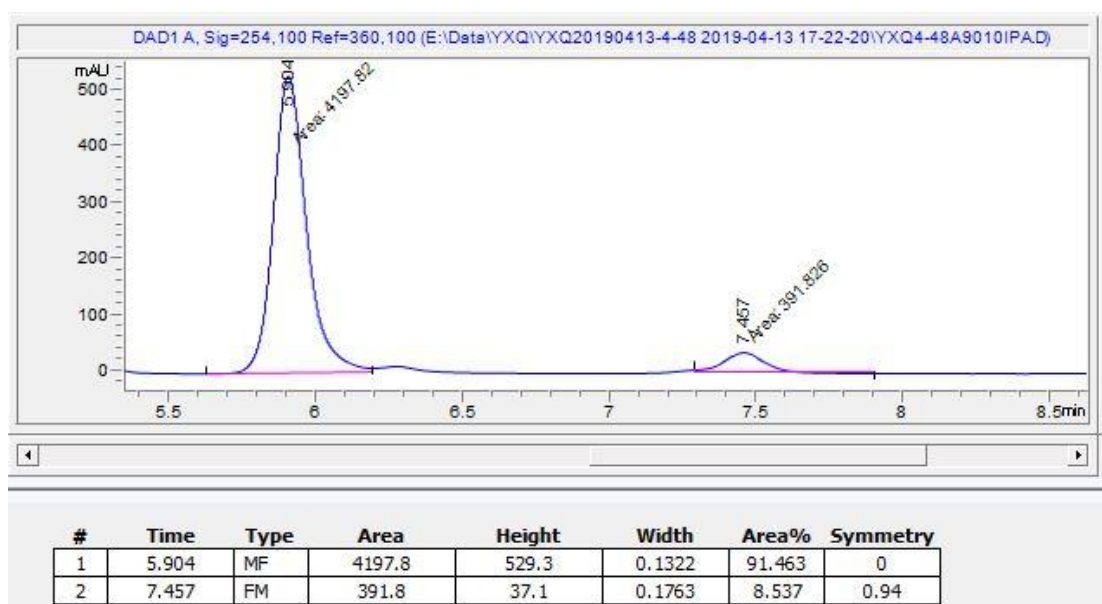
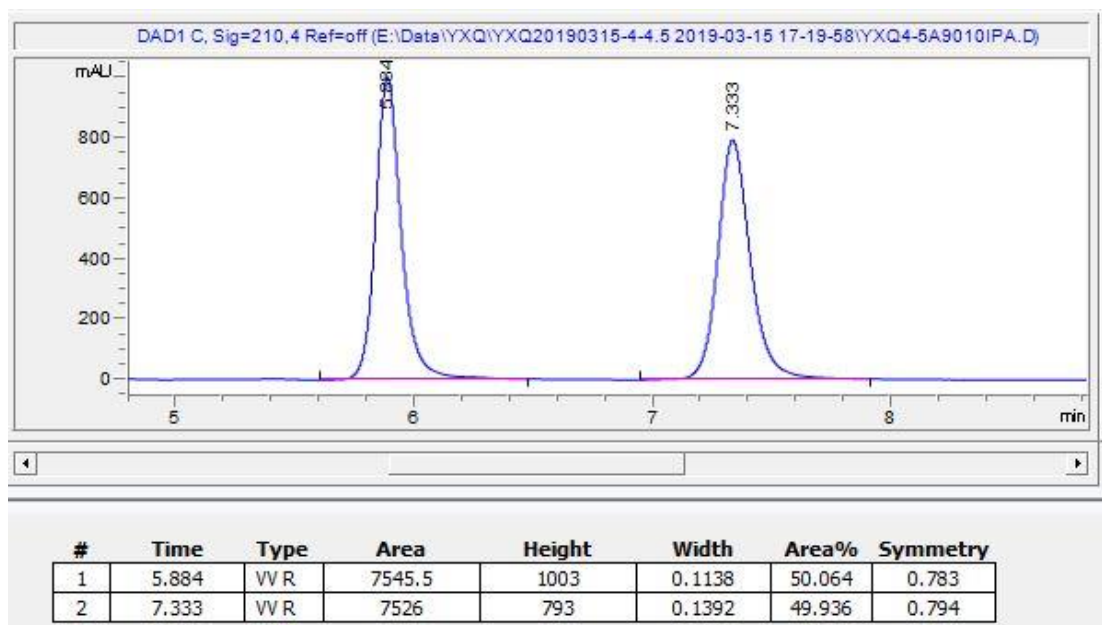
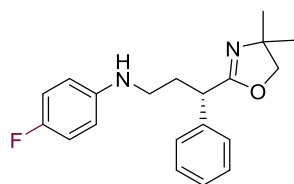
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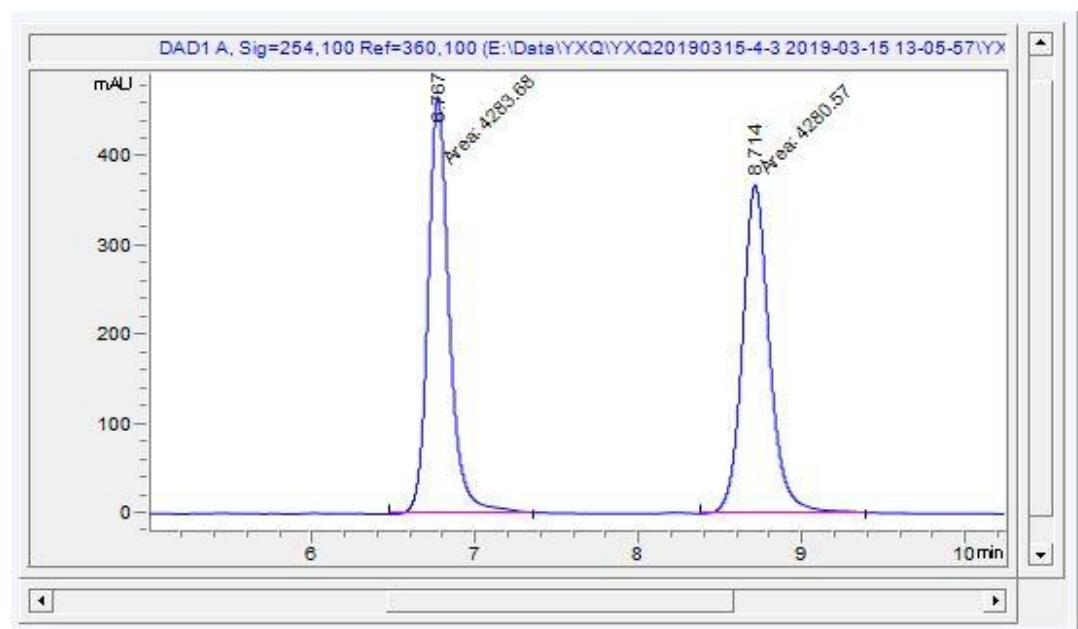
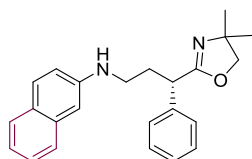
(S)-N-(3-cyclohexyl-3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)propyl)aniline (**3r**)



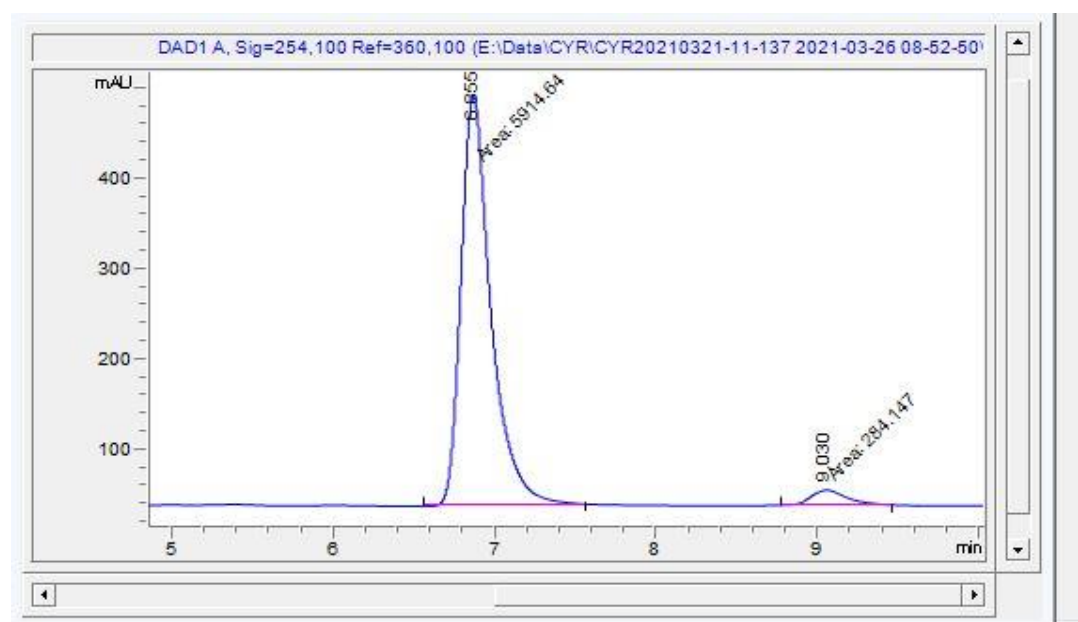
(S)-N-(3-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-phenylpropyl)-4-fluoroaniline (**3s**)



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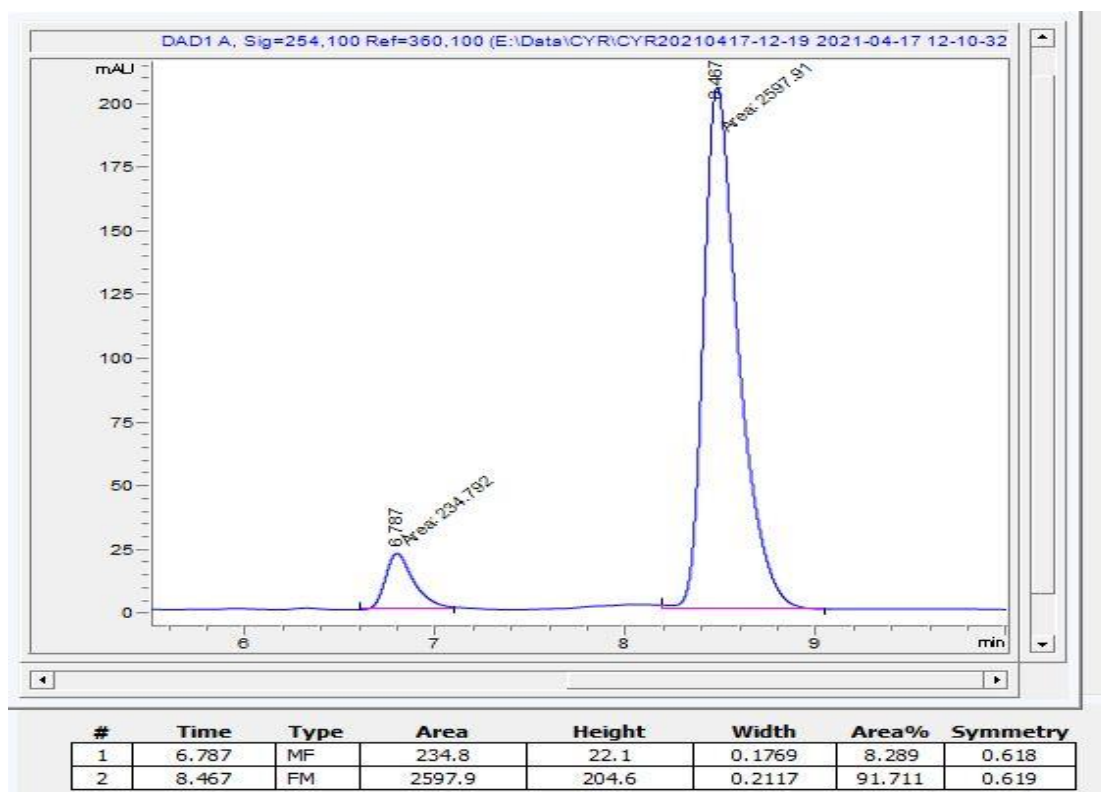
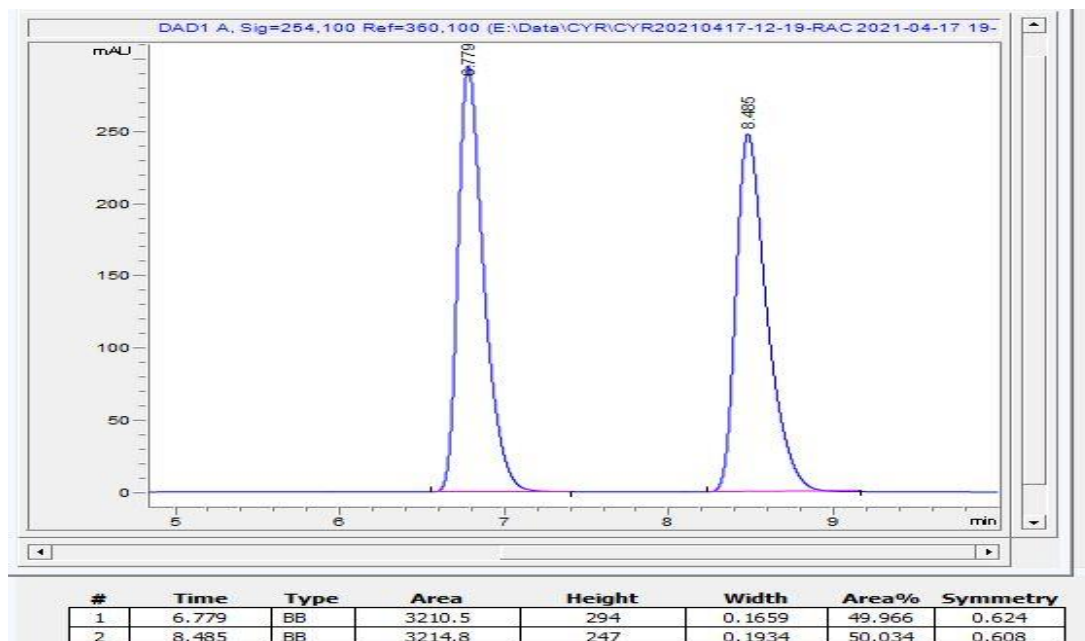
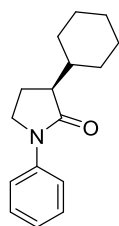


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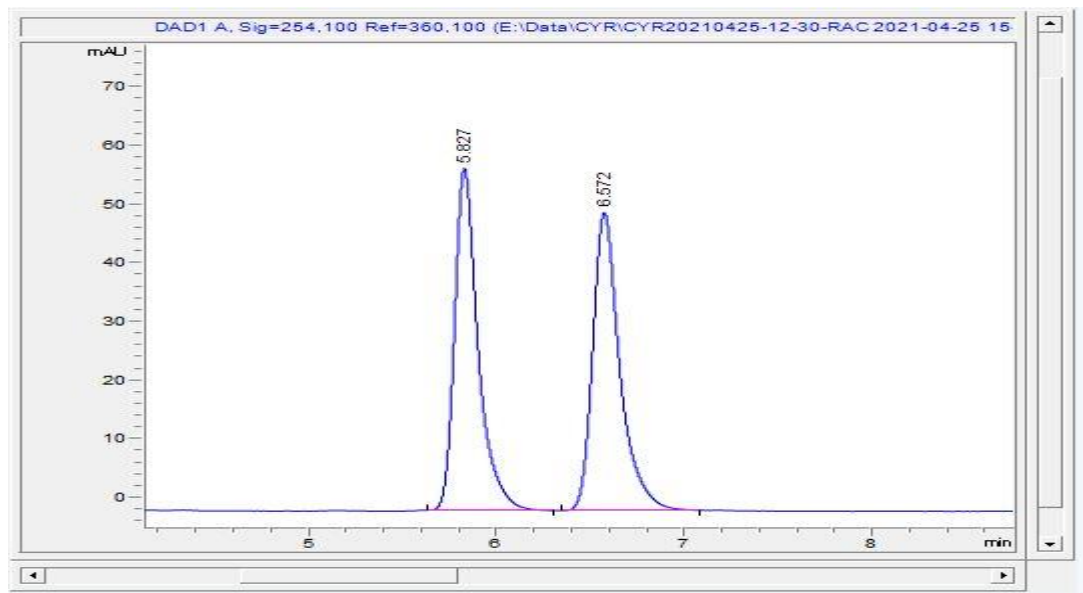
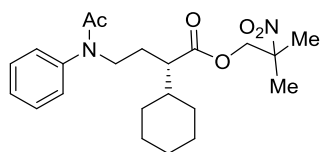


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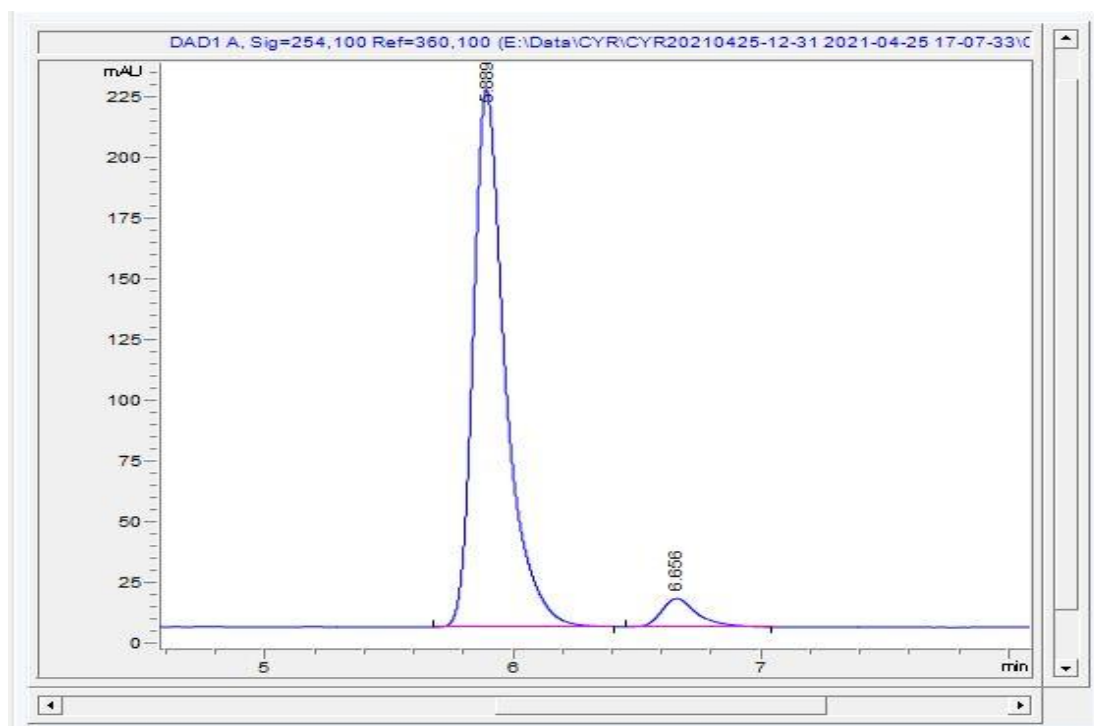
(S)-3-cyclohexyl-1-phenylpyrrolidin-2-one (**6r**)



2-methyl-2-nitropropyl (*S*)-2-cyclohexyl-4-(*N*-phenylacetamido)butanoate (**7r**)



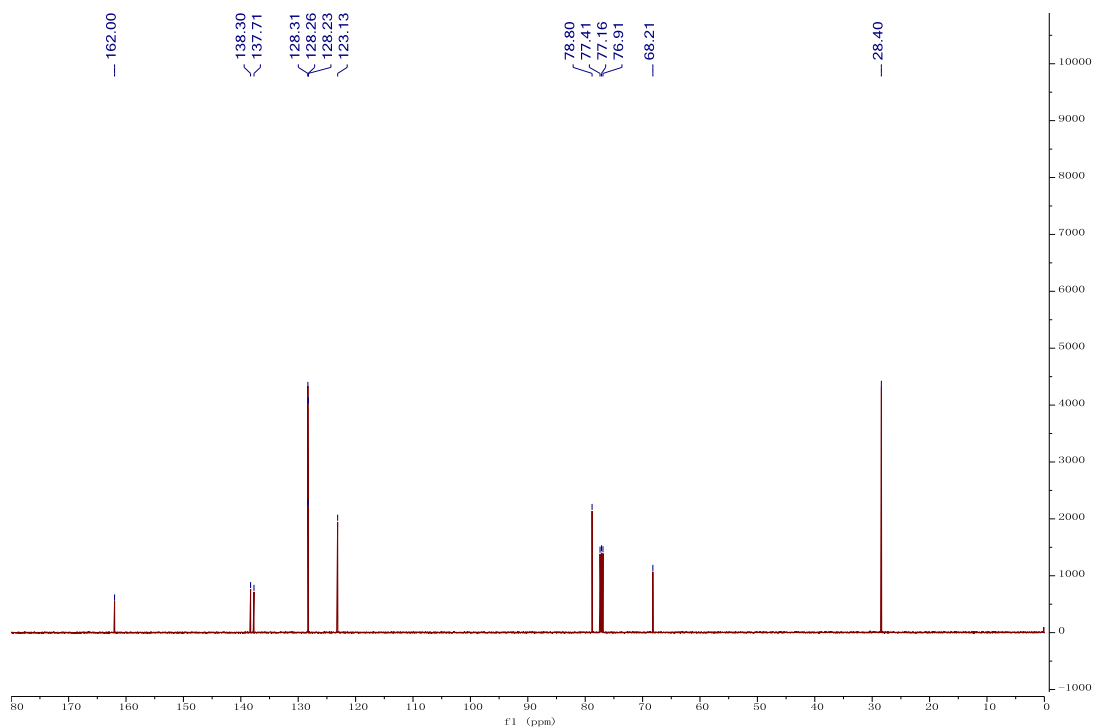
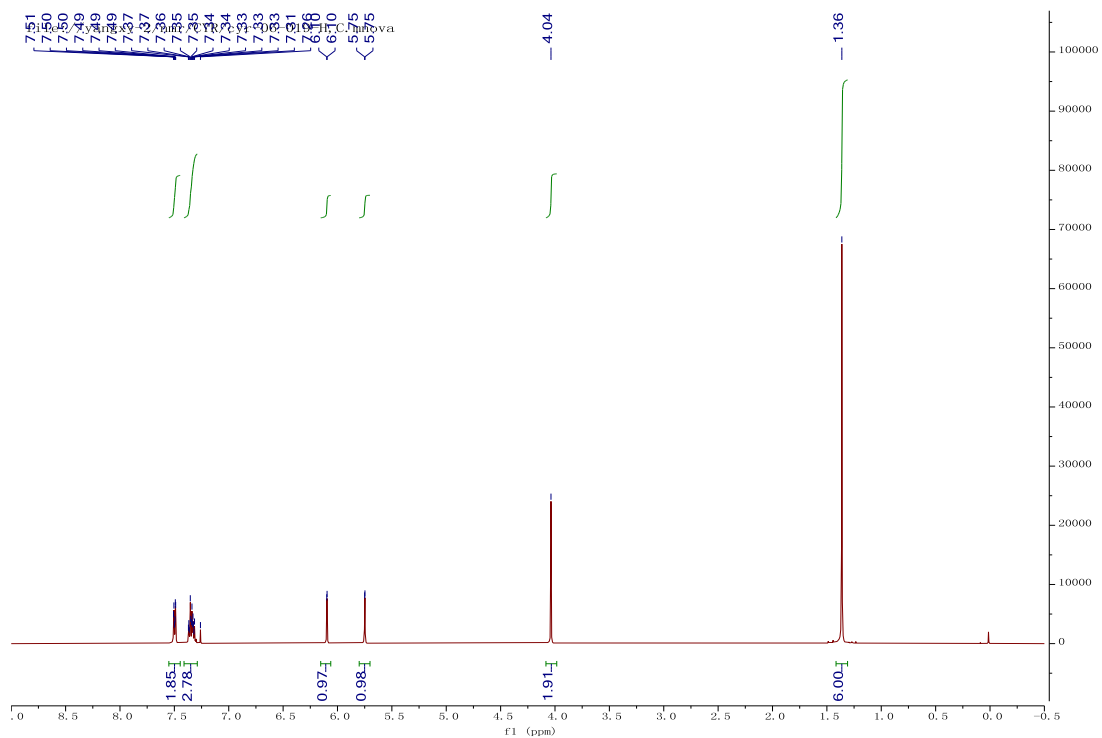
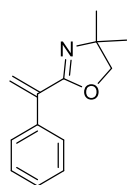
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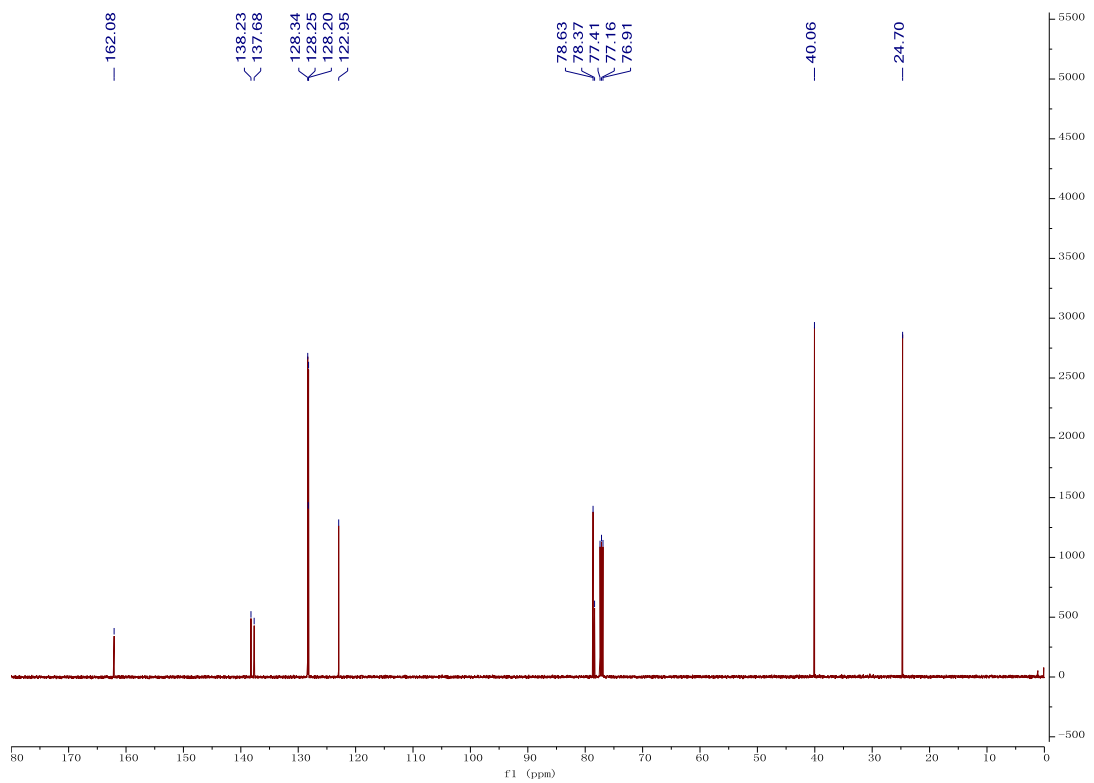
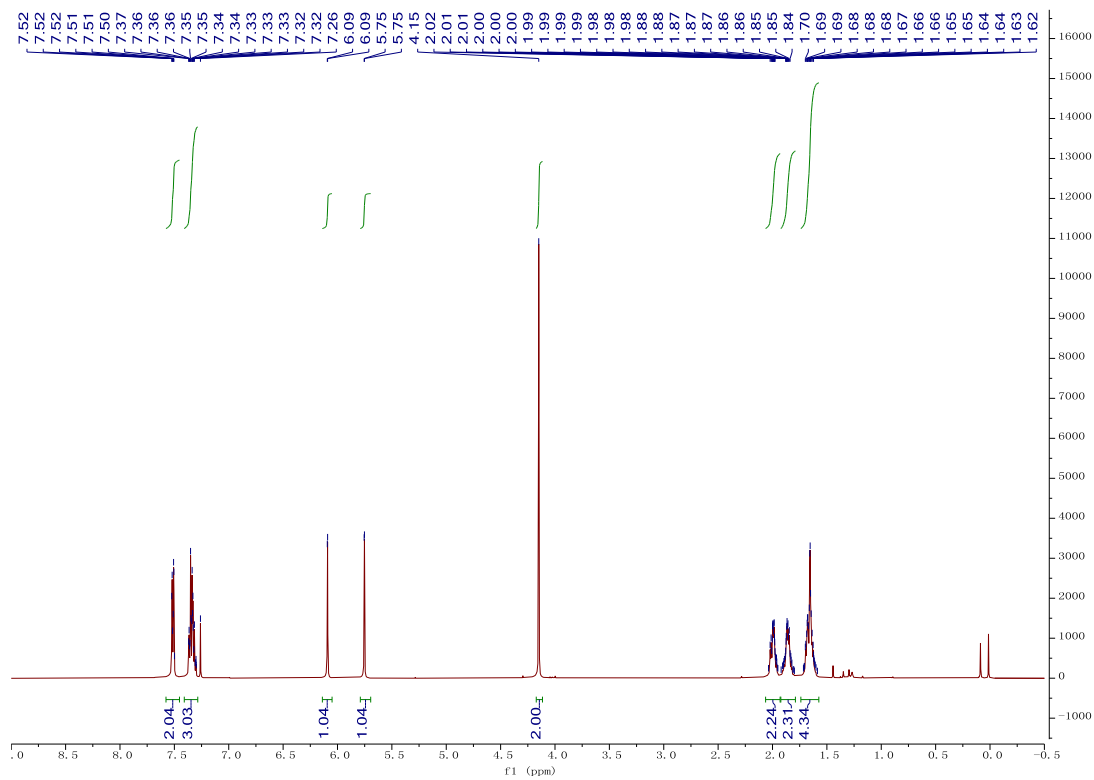
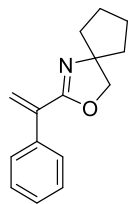
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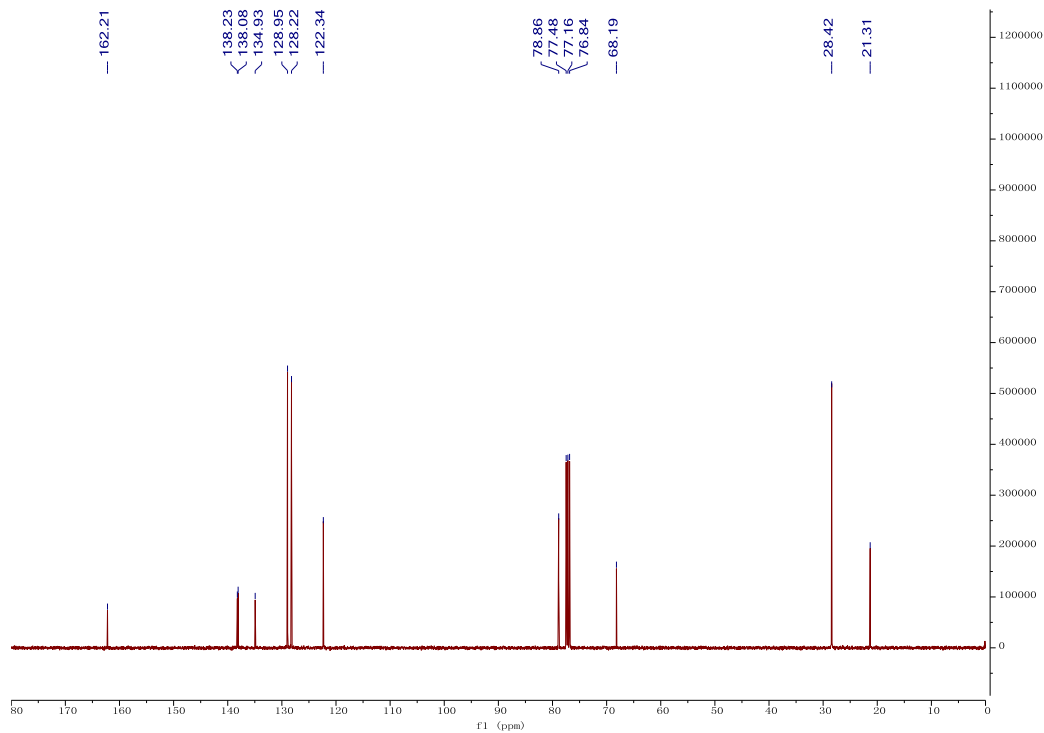
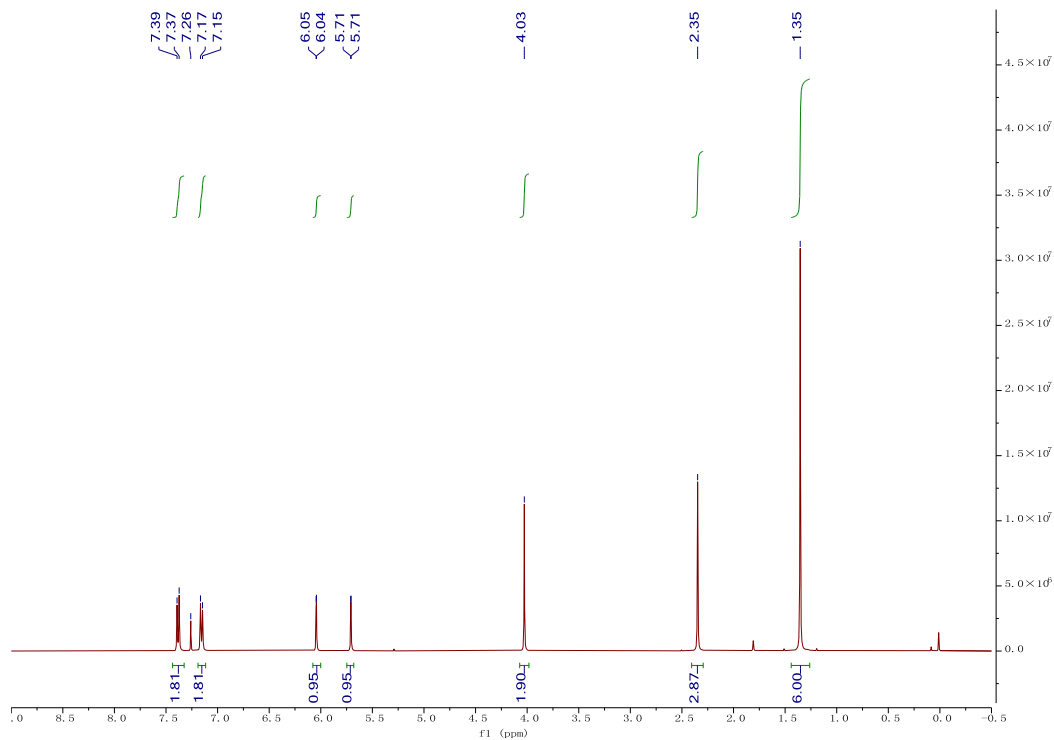
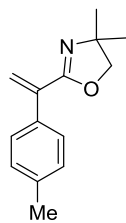
4,4-dimethyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**1a**)



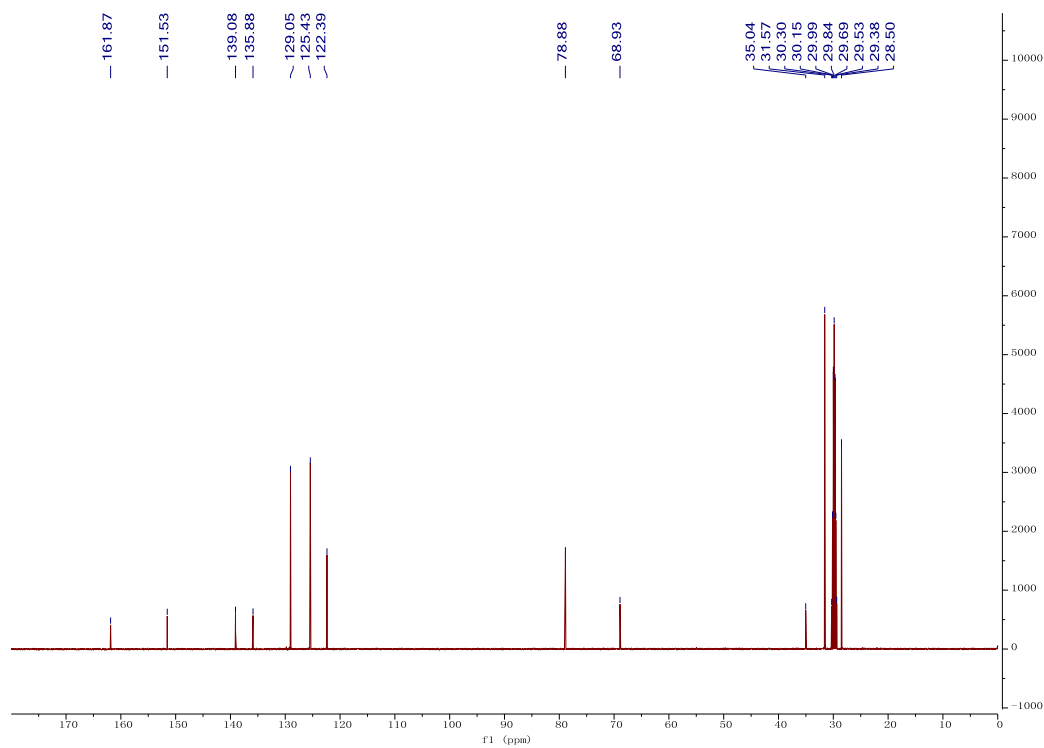
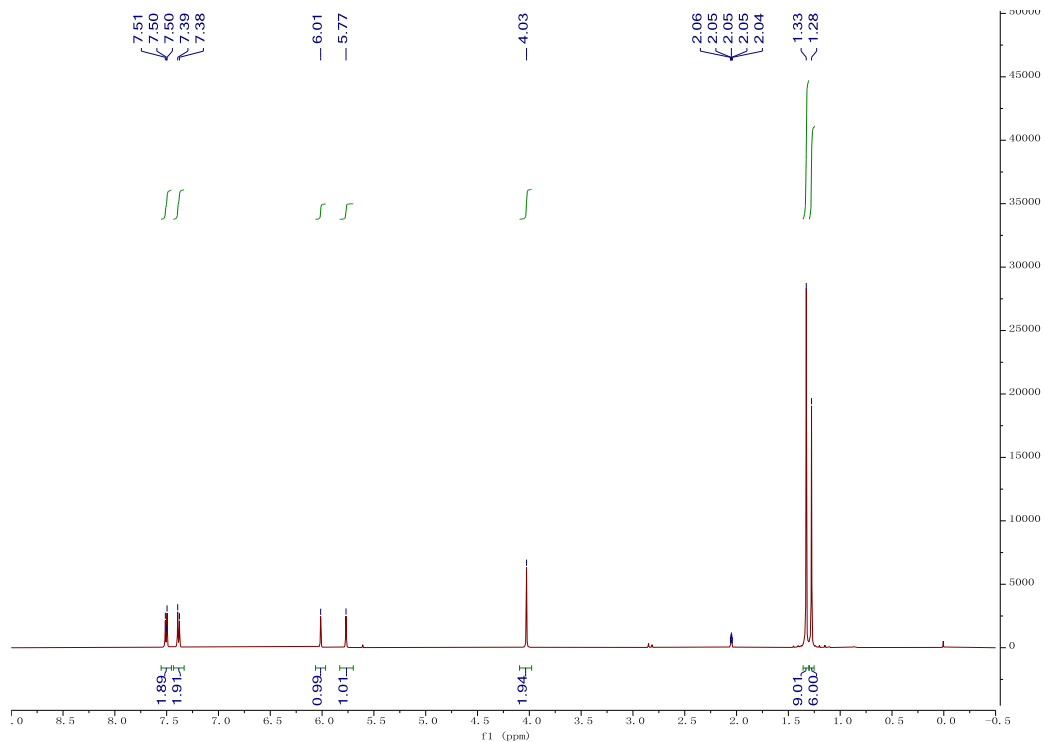
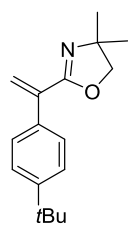
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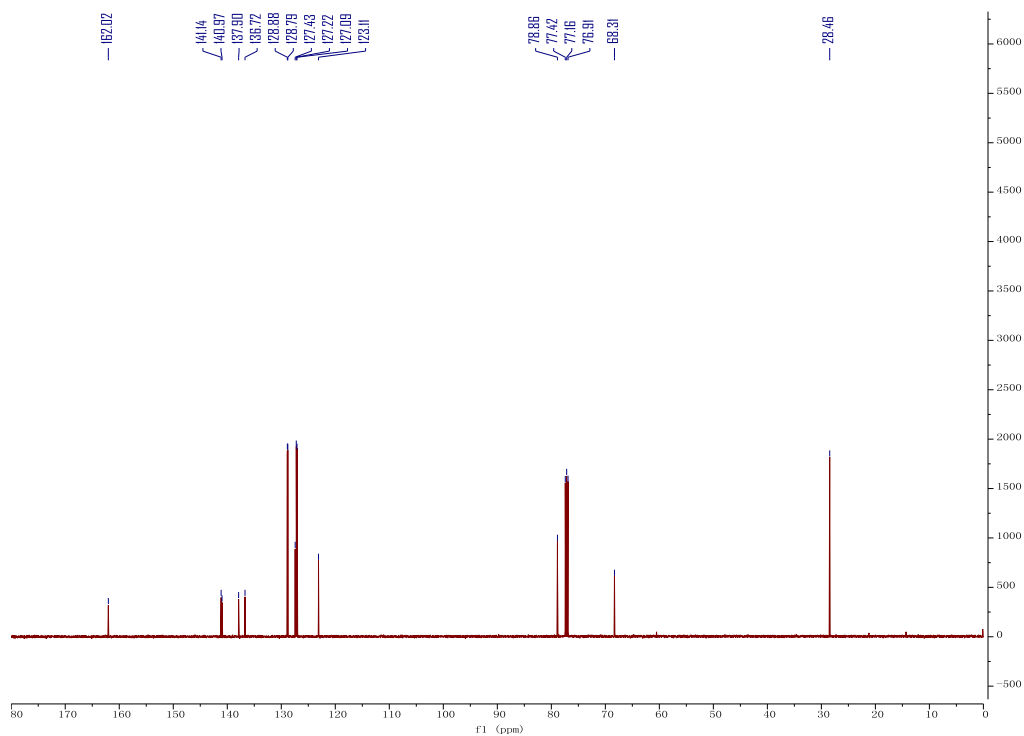
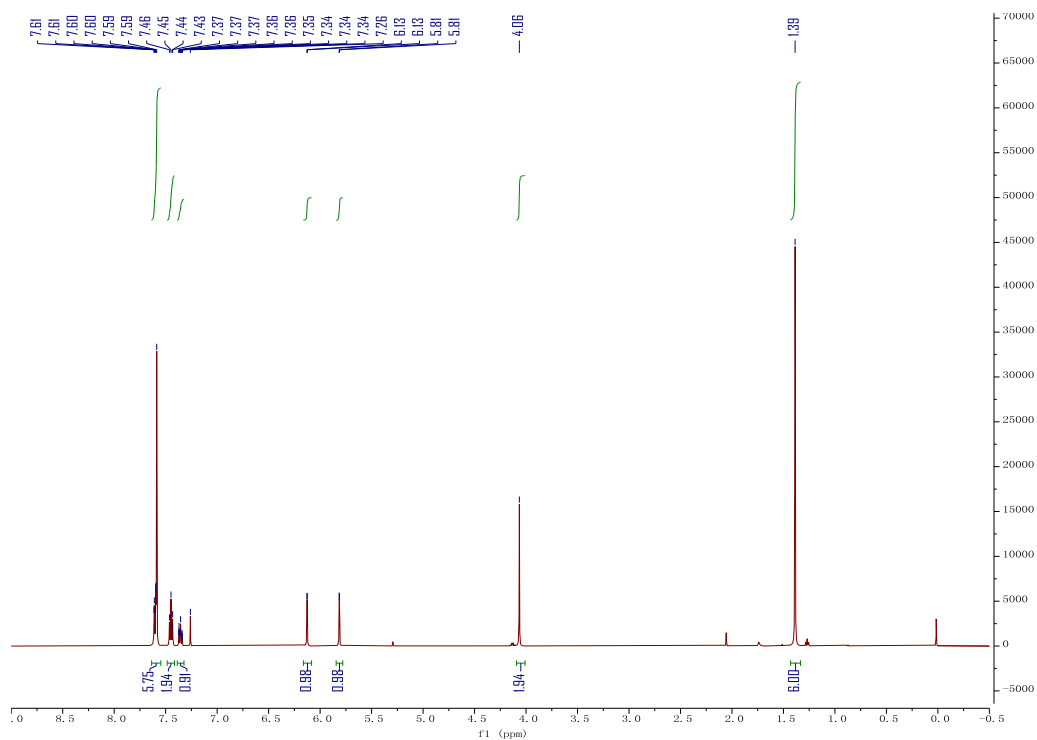
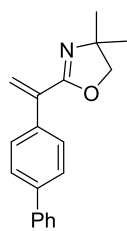
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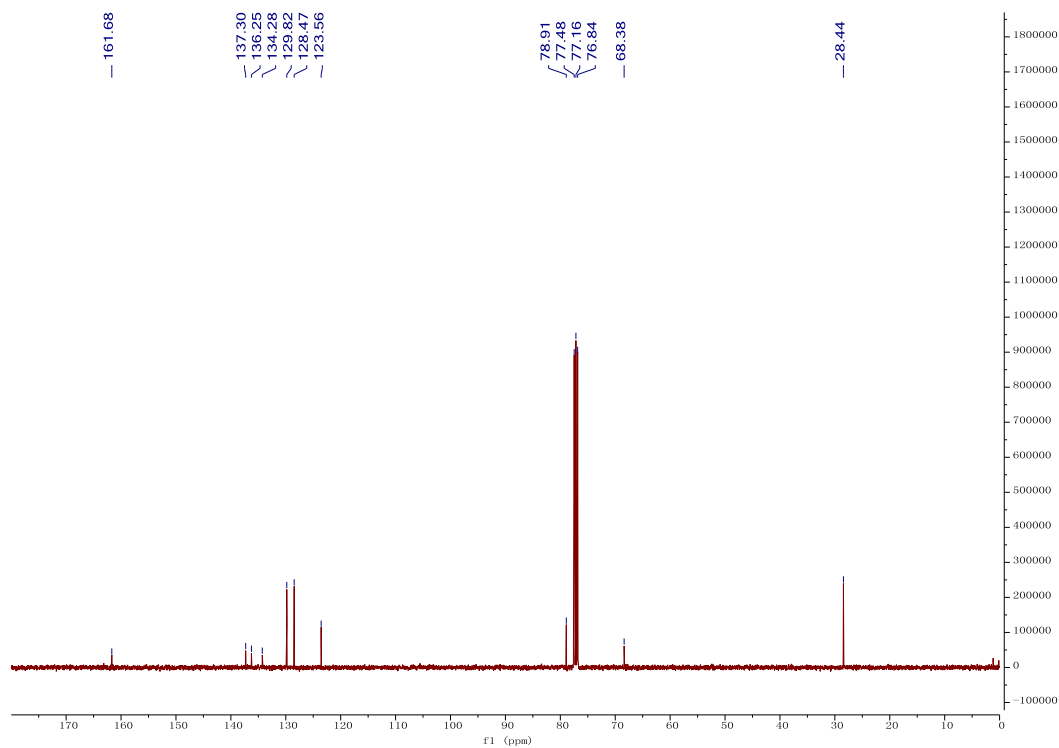
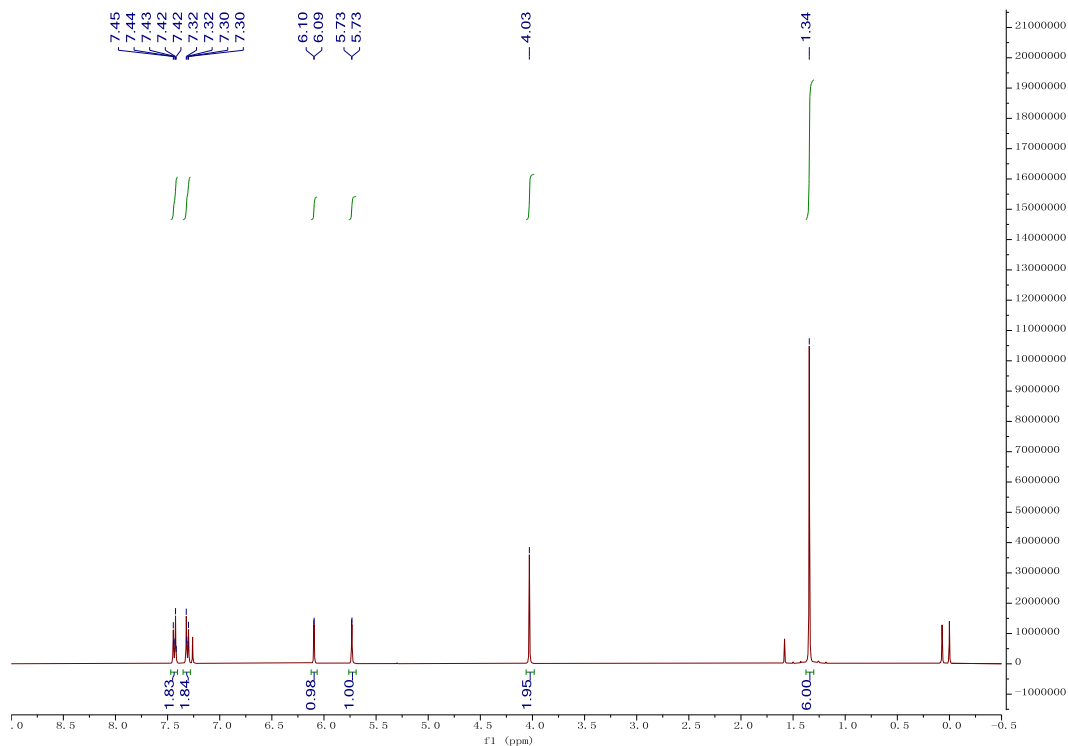
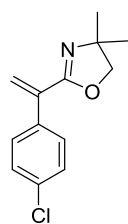
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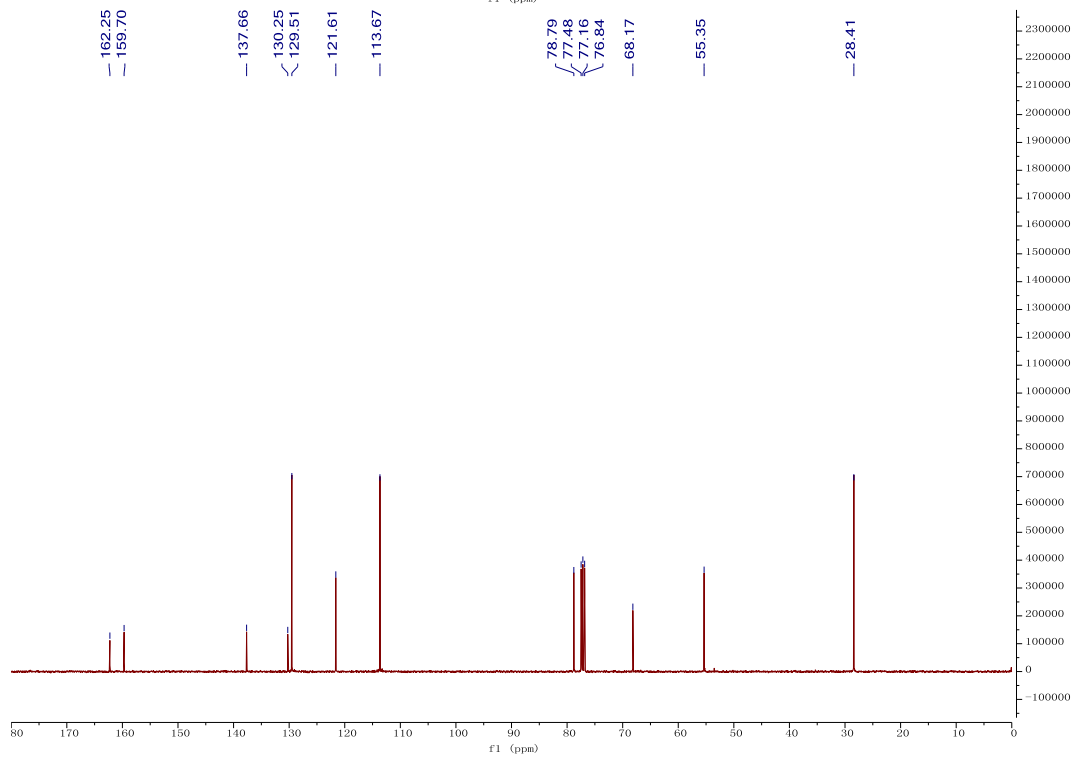
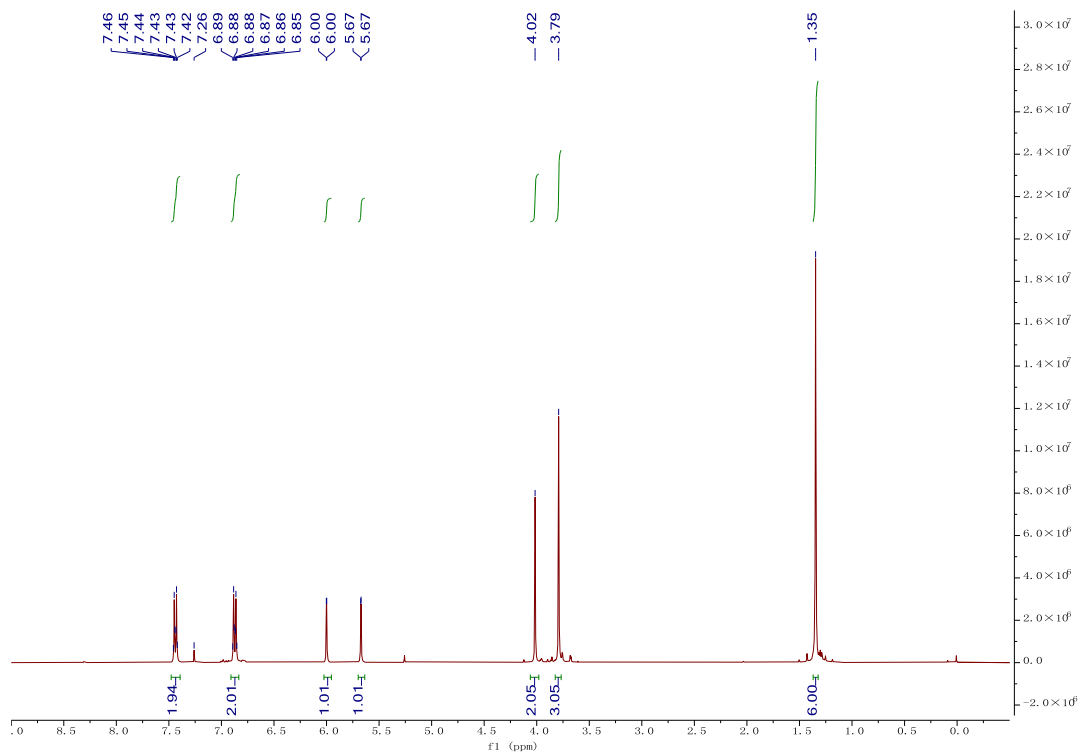
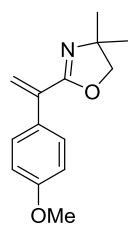
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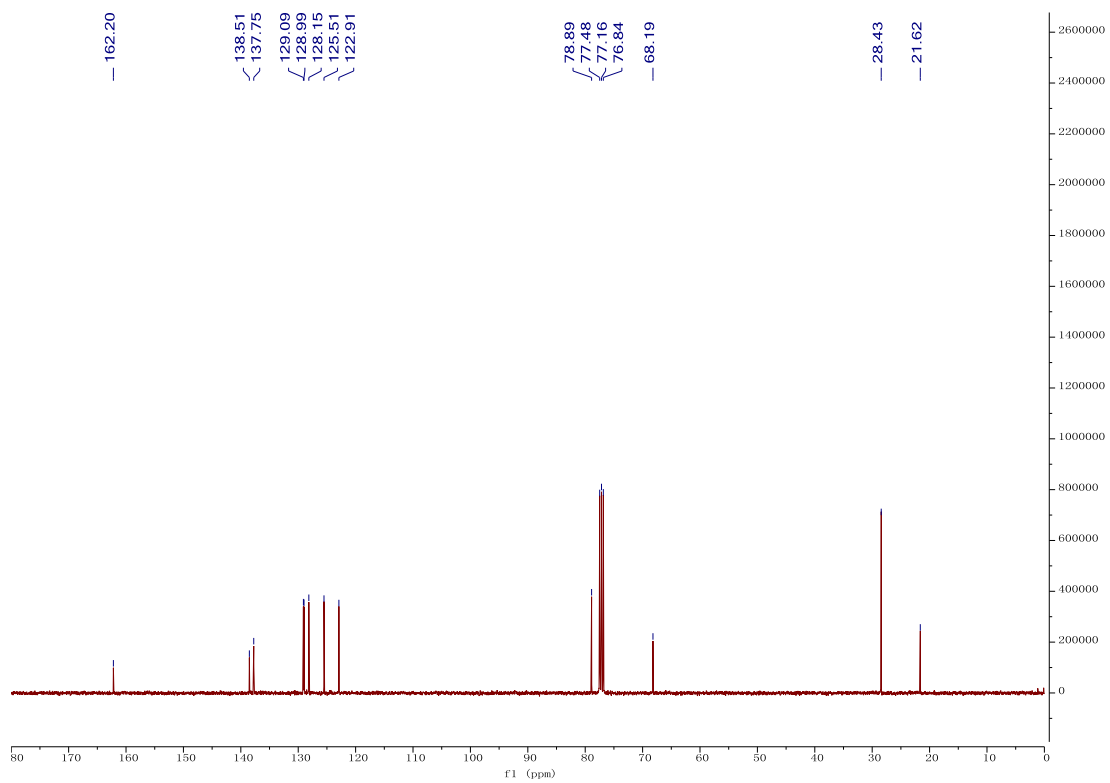
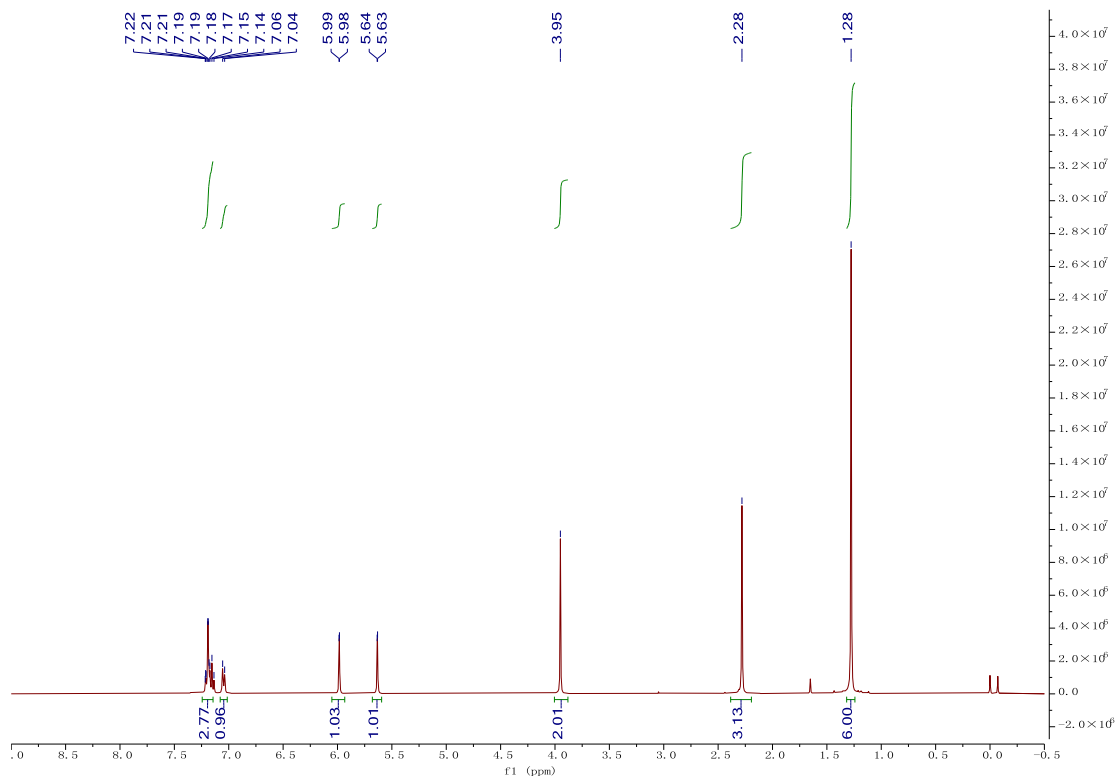
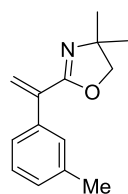
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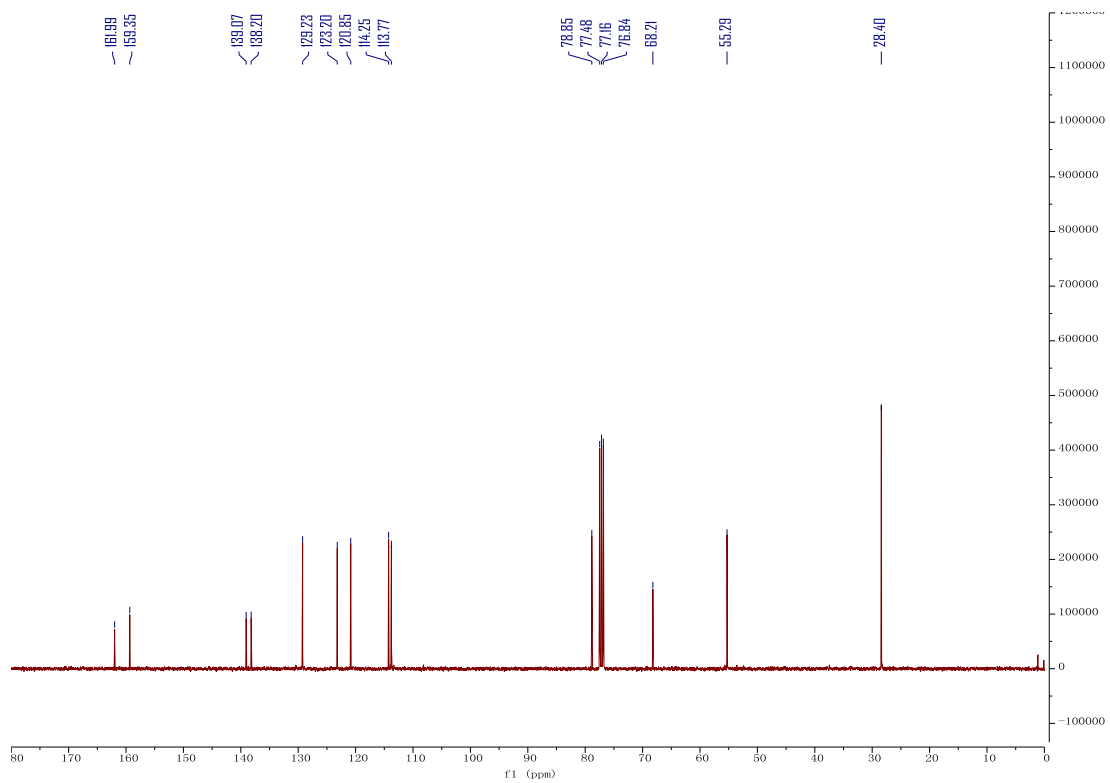
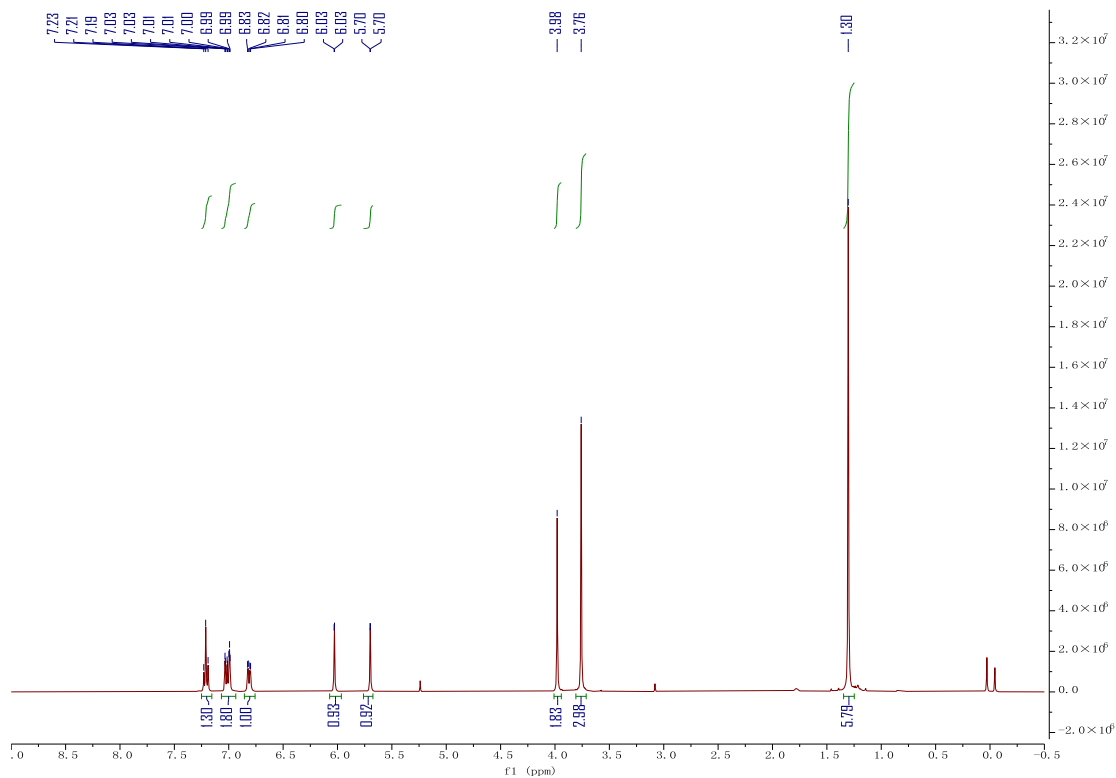
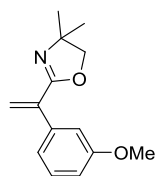
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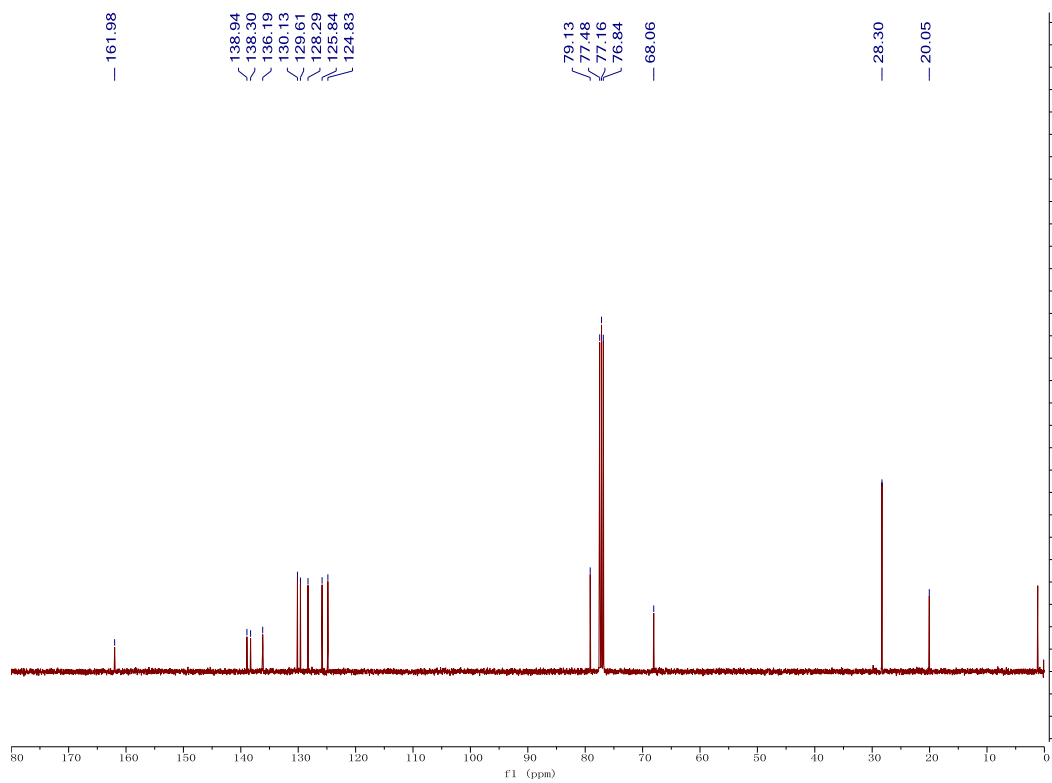
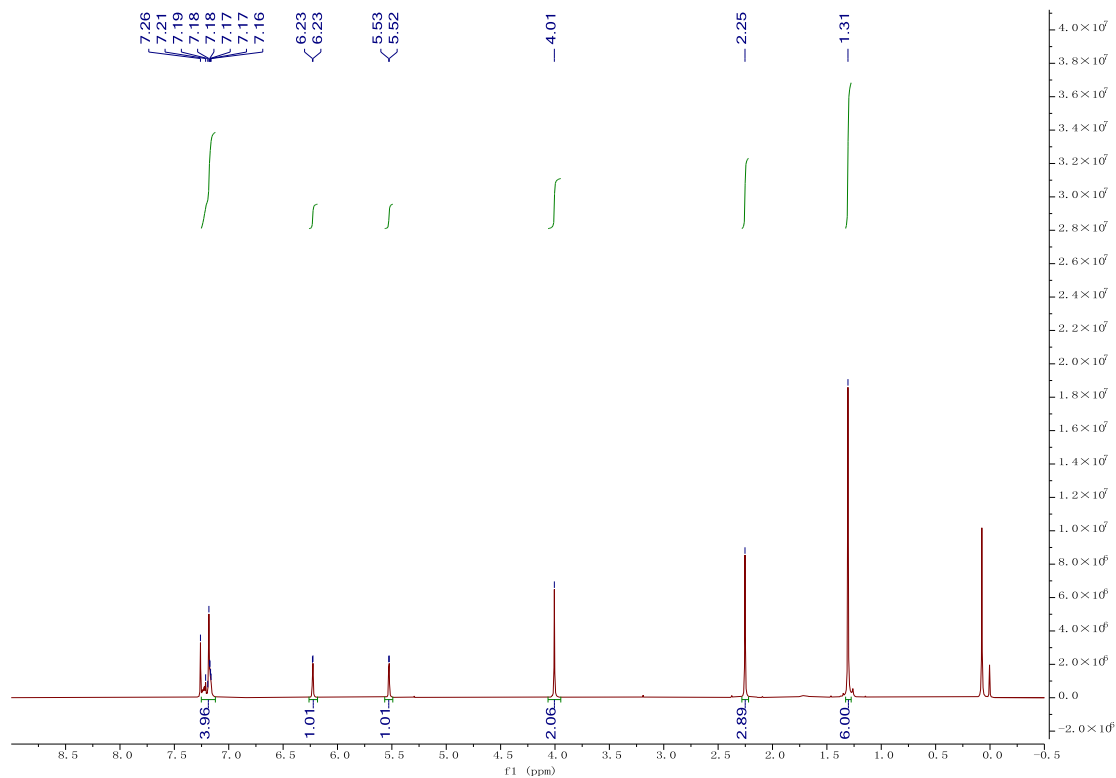
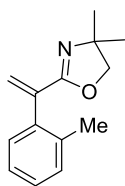
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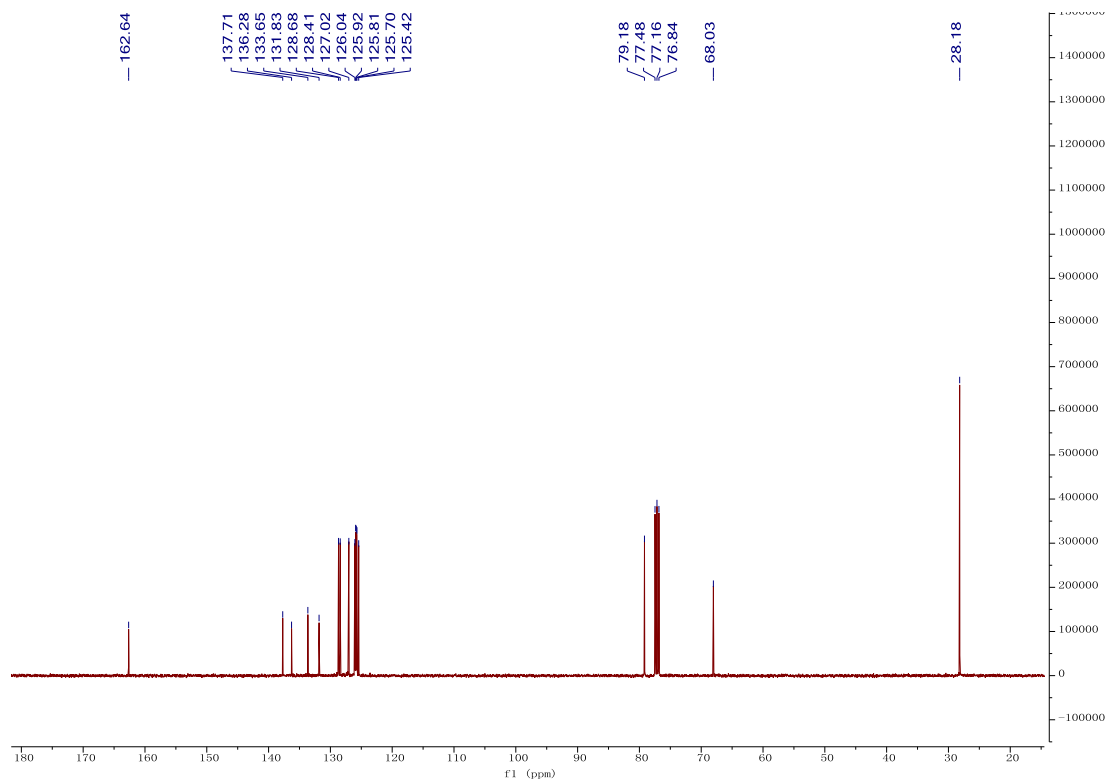
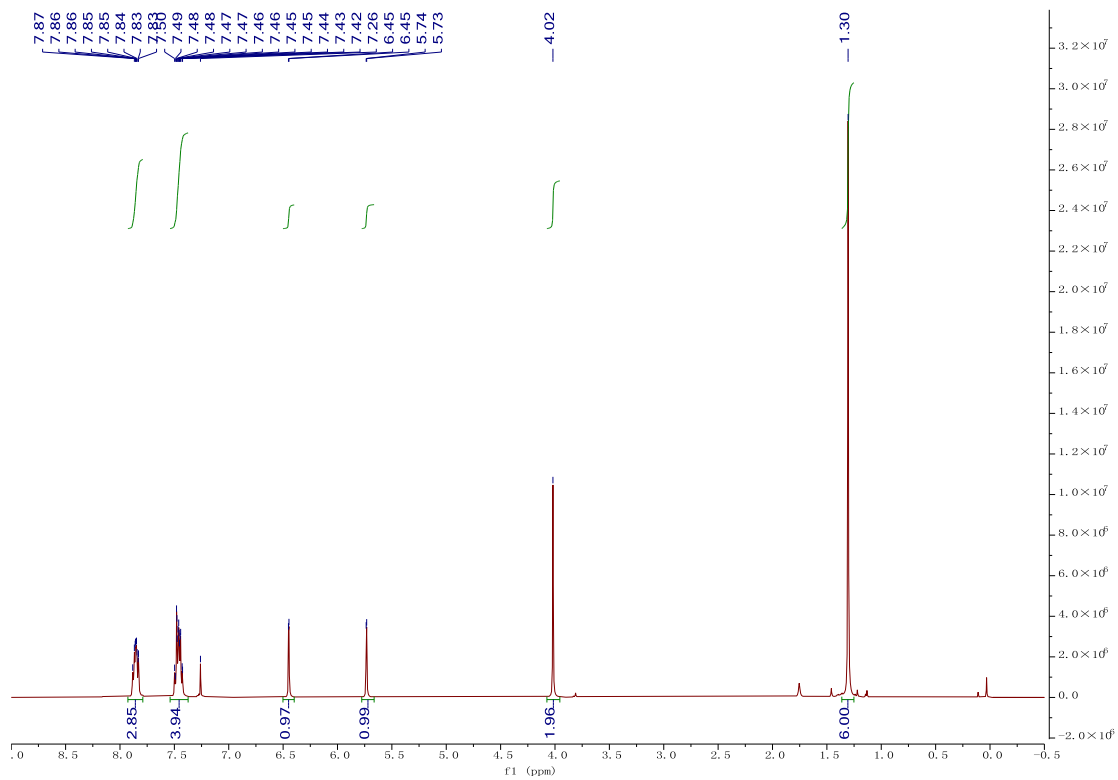
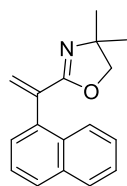
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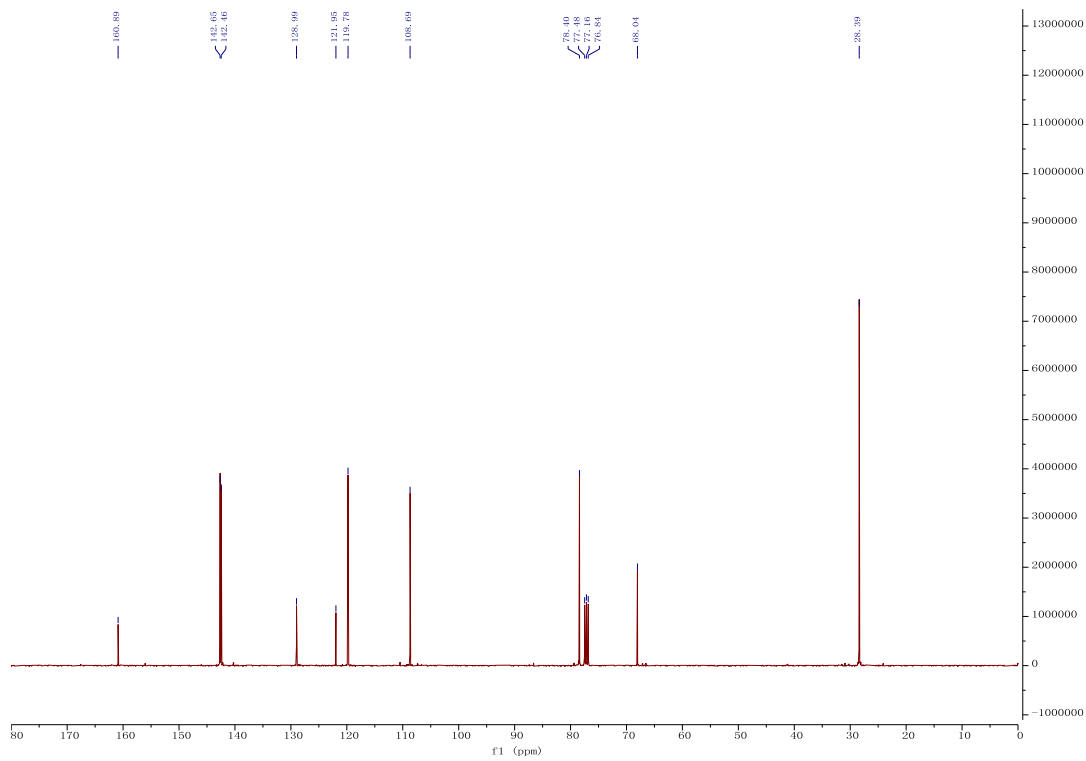
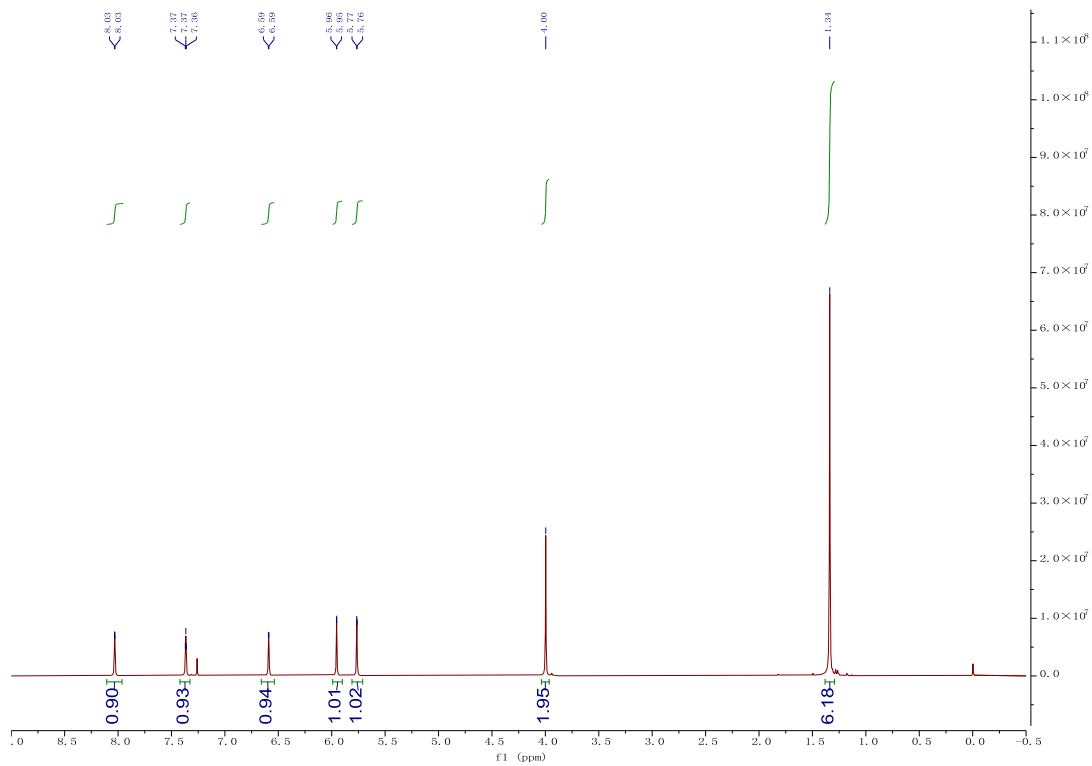
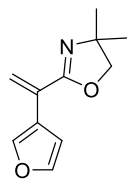
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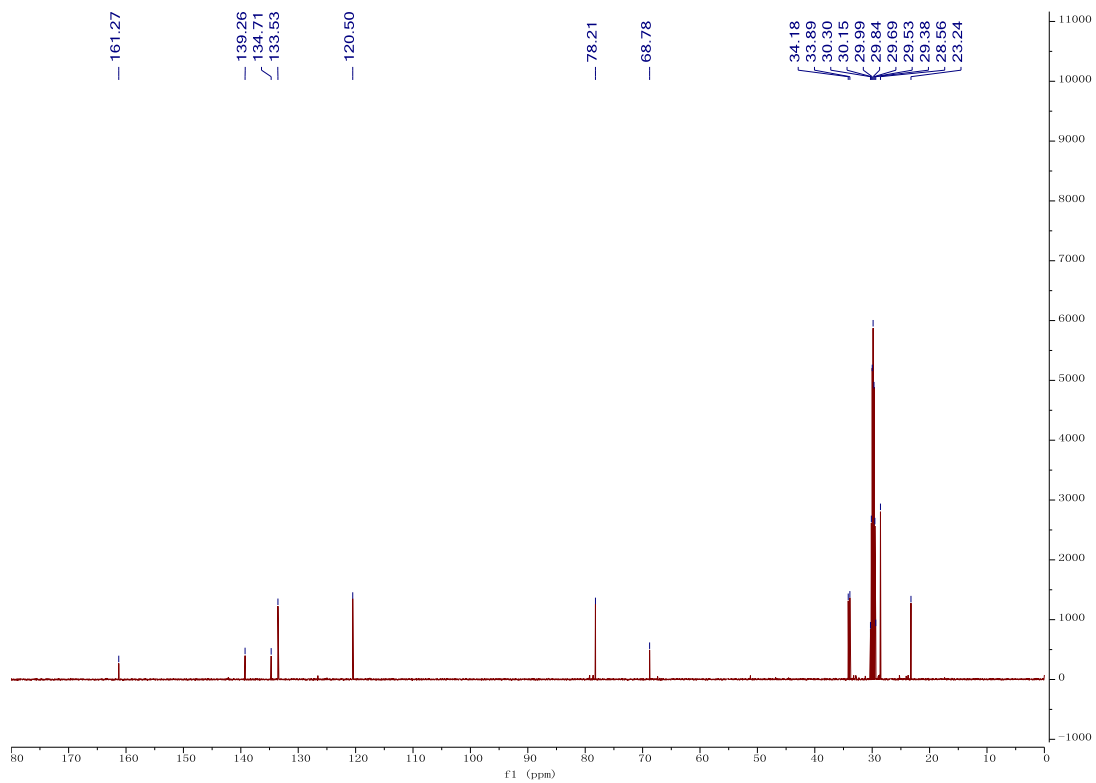
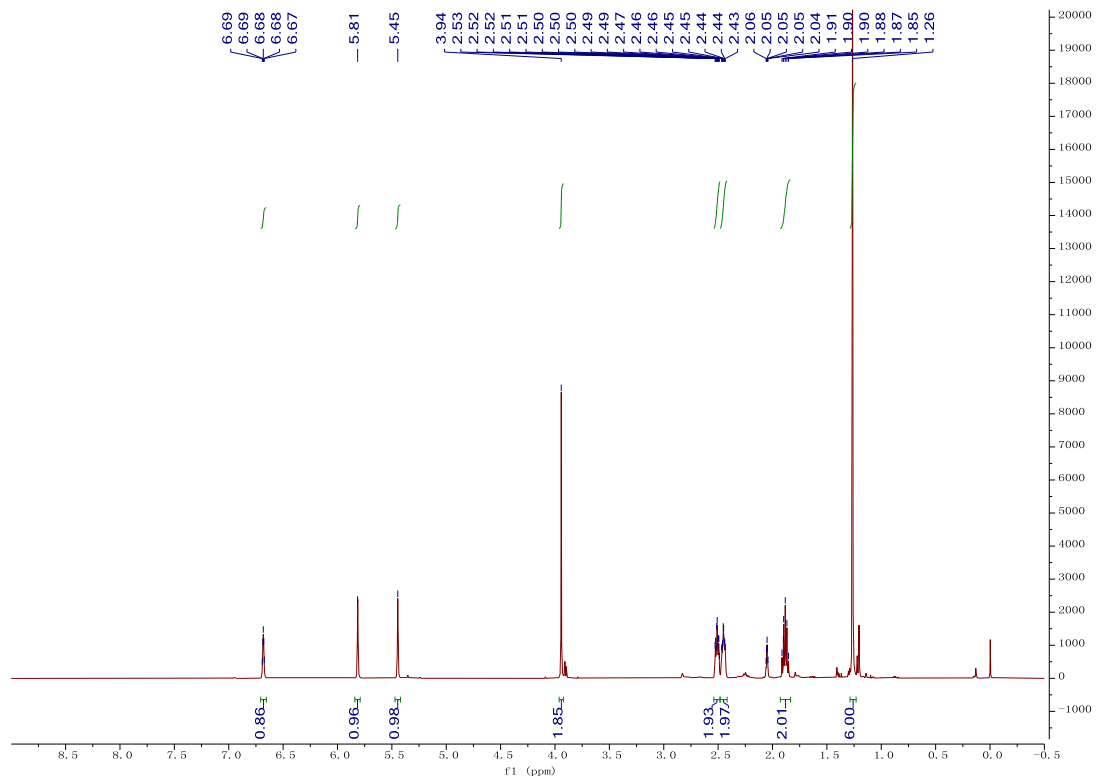
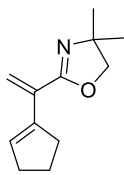
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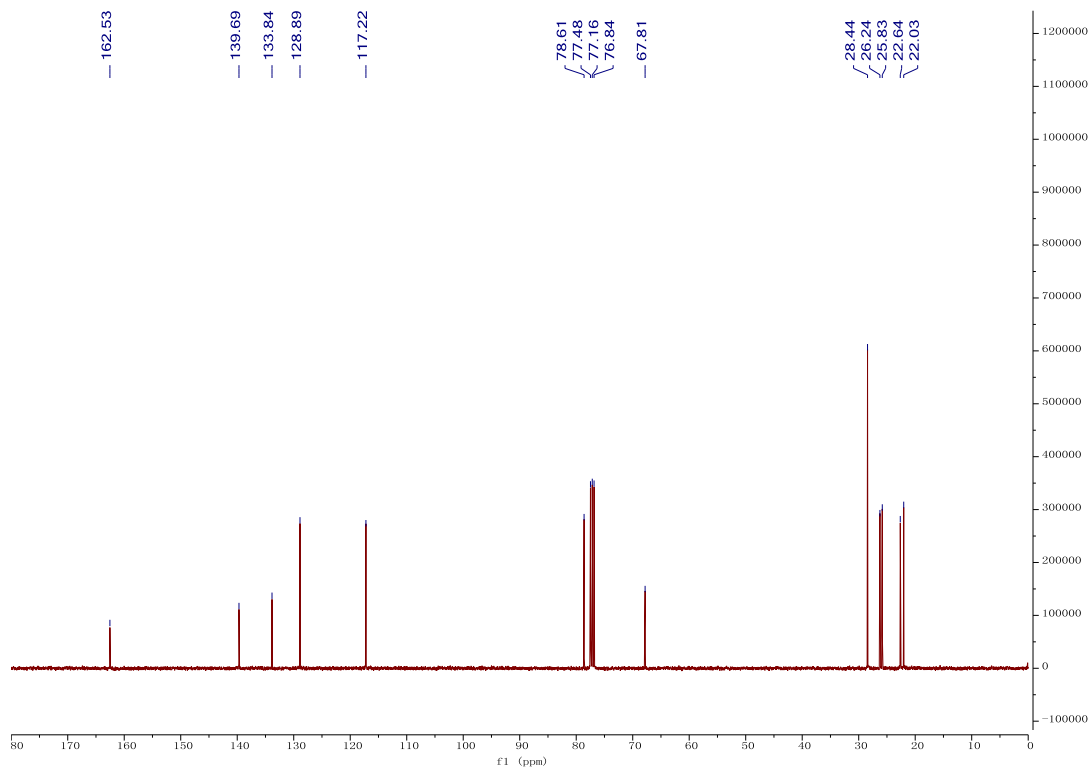
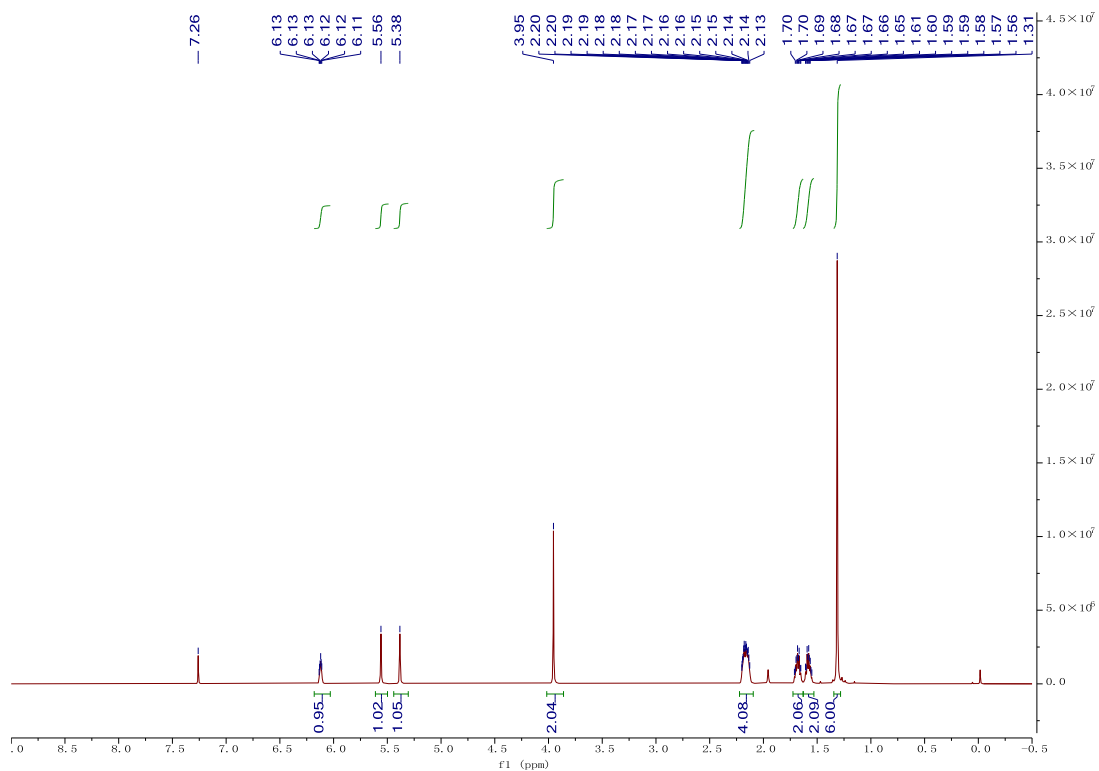
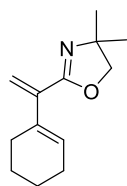
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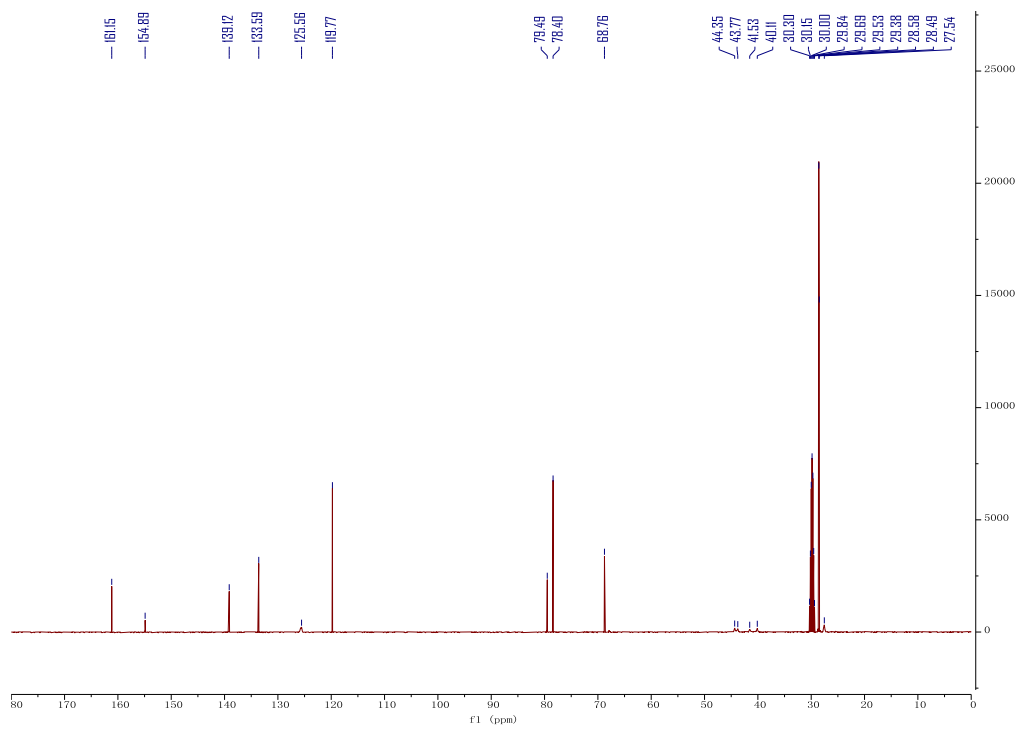
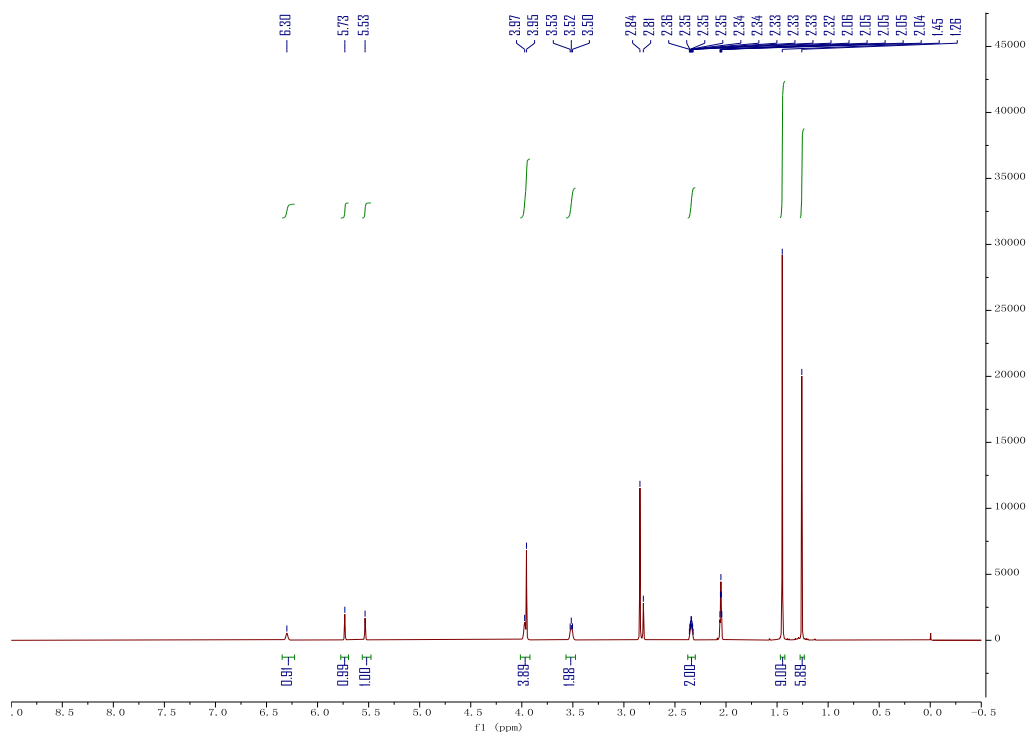
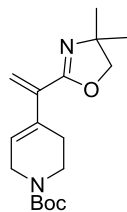
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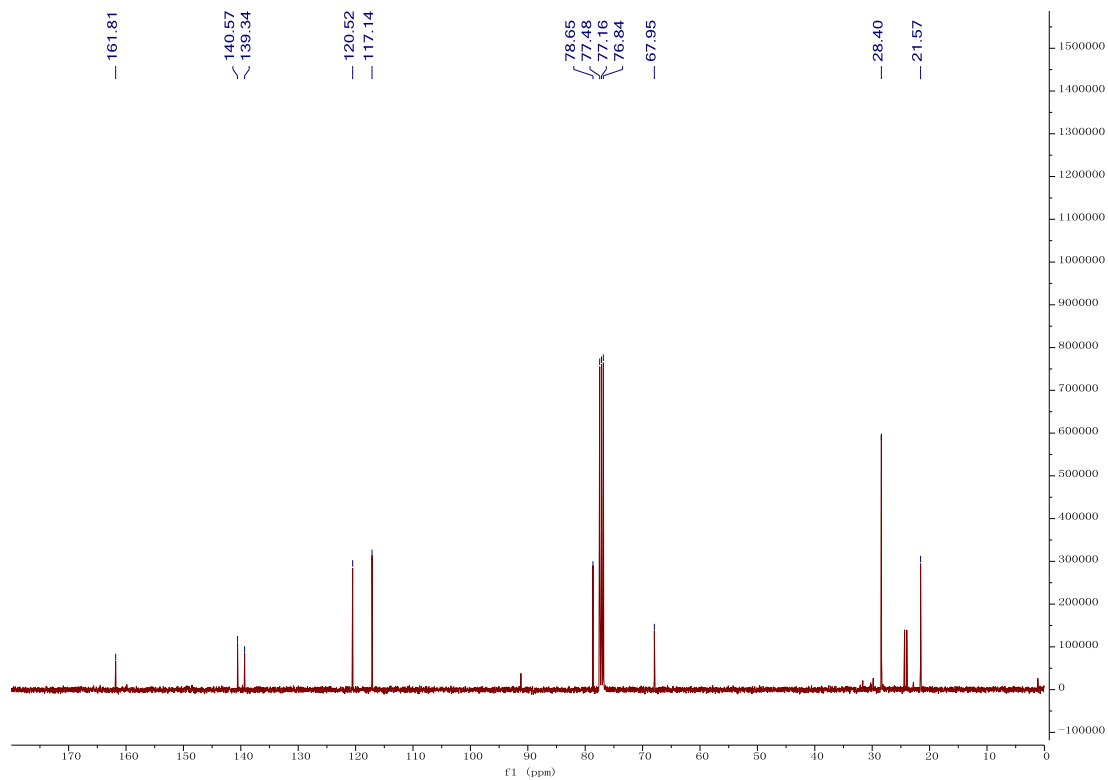
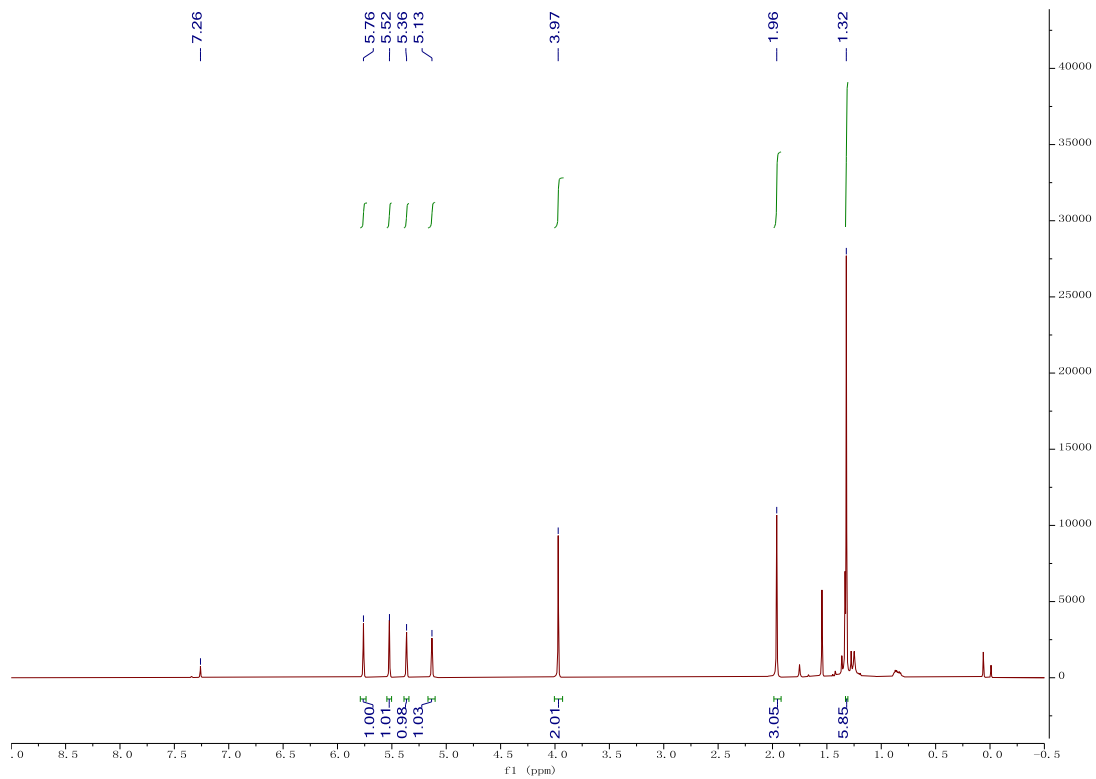
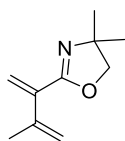
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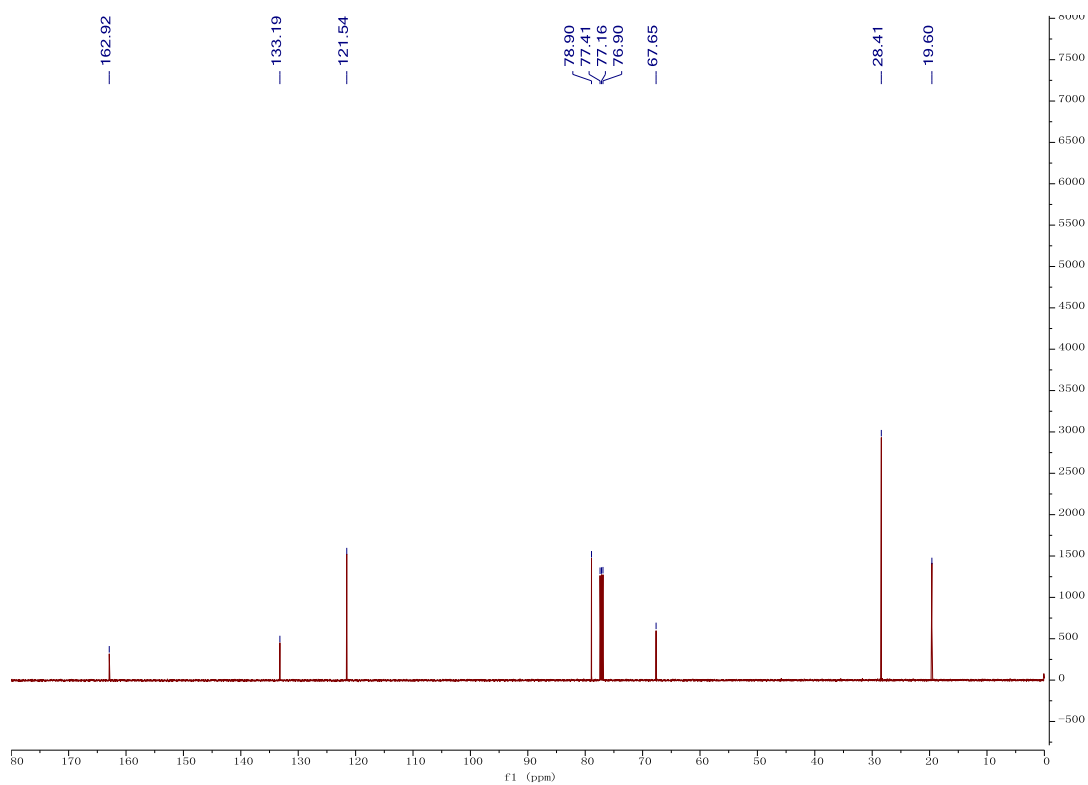
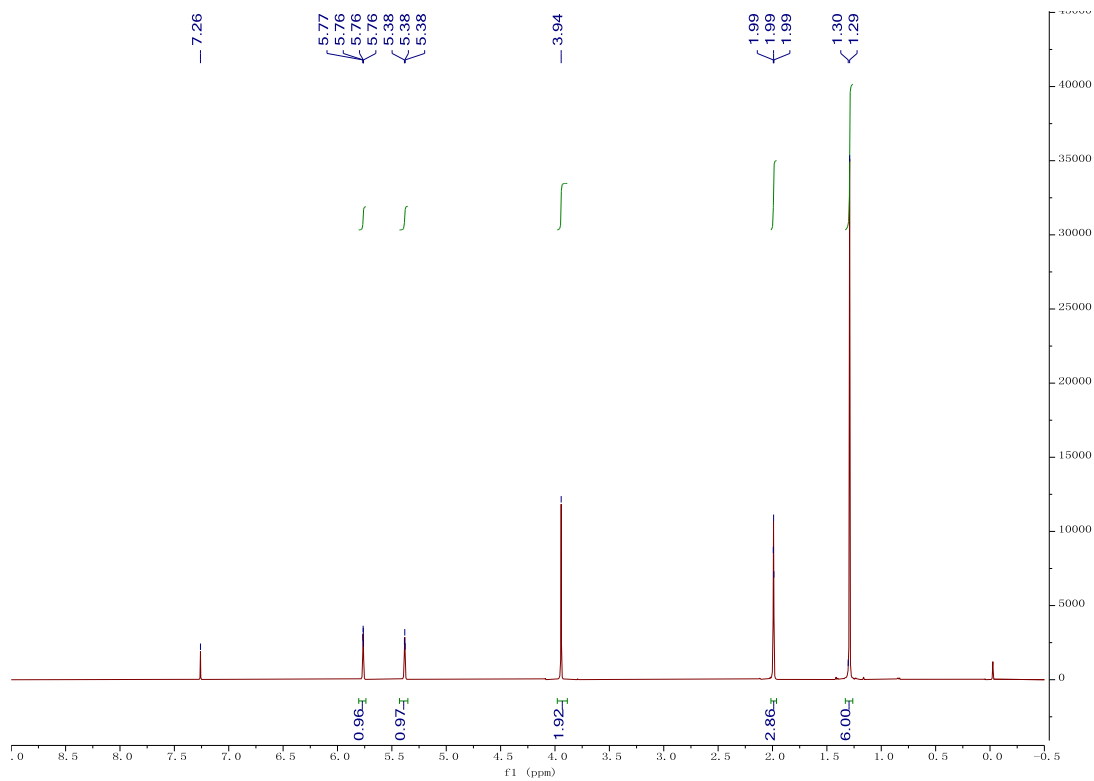
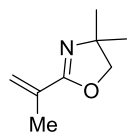
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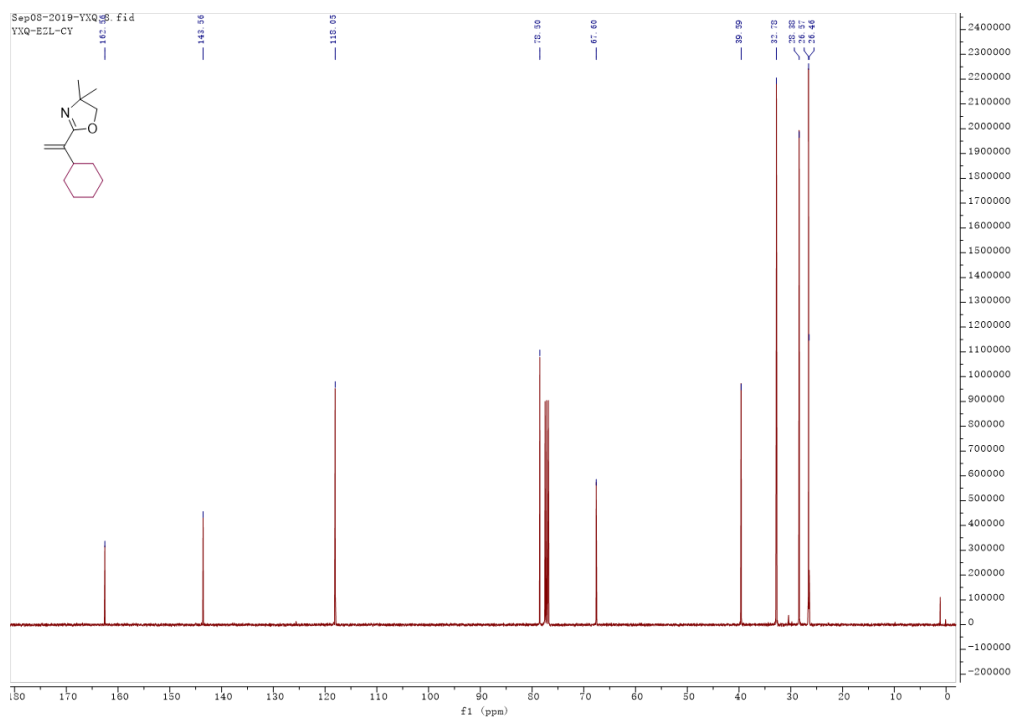
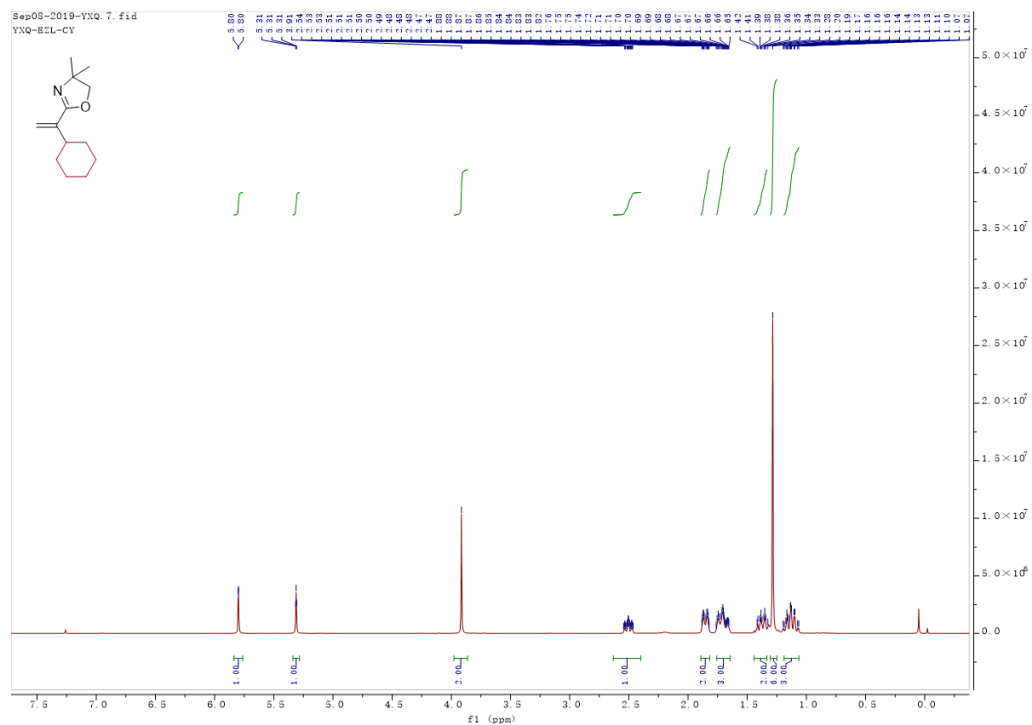
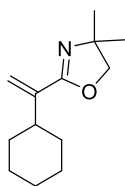
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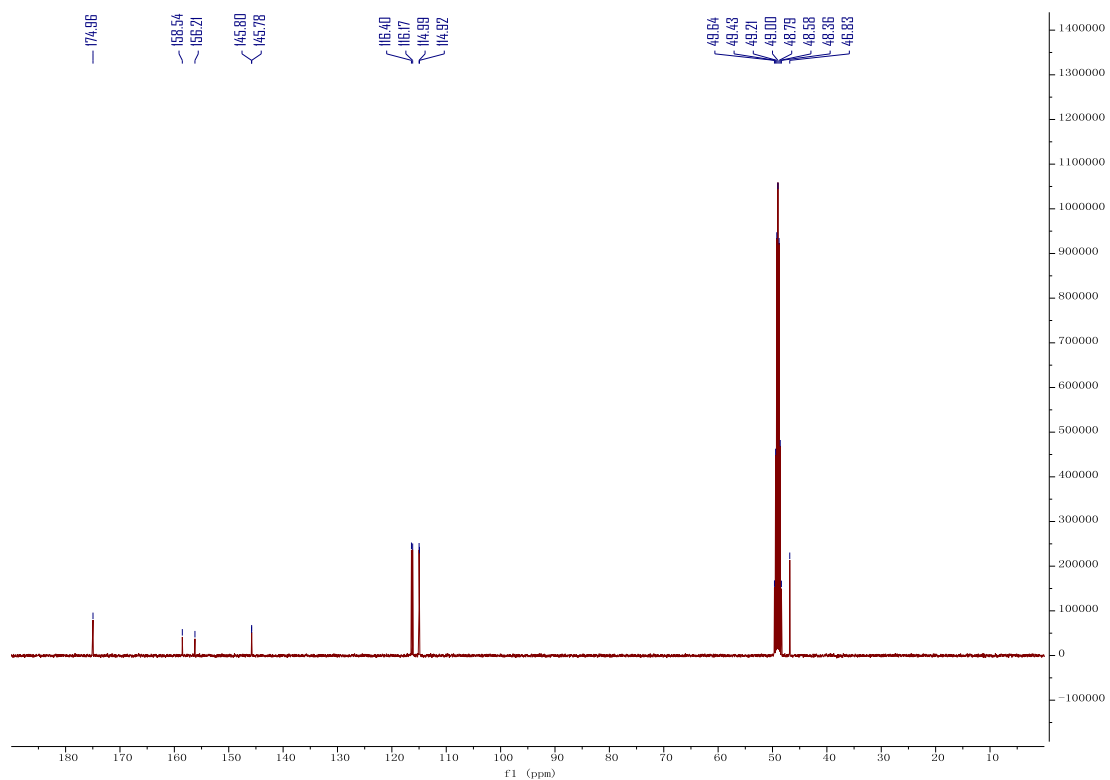
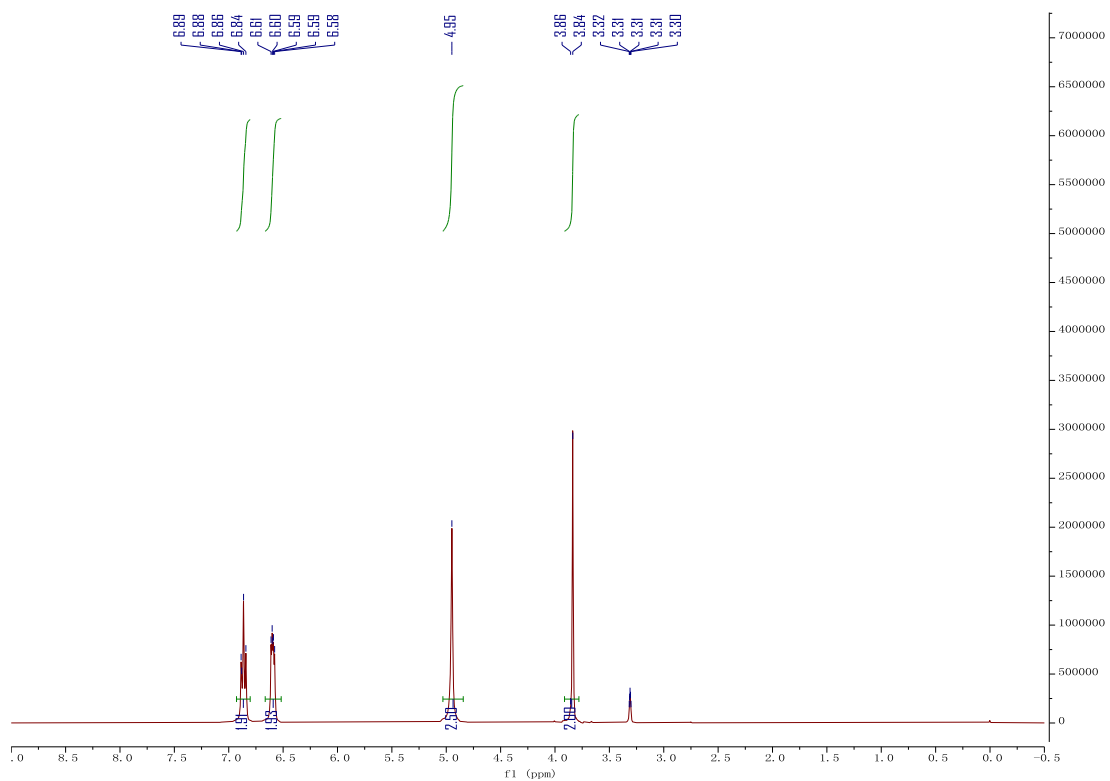
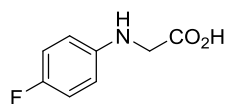
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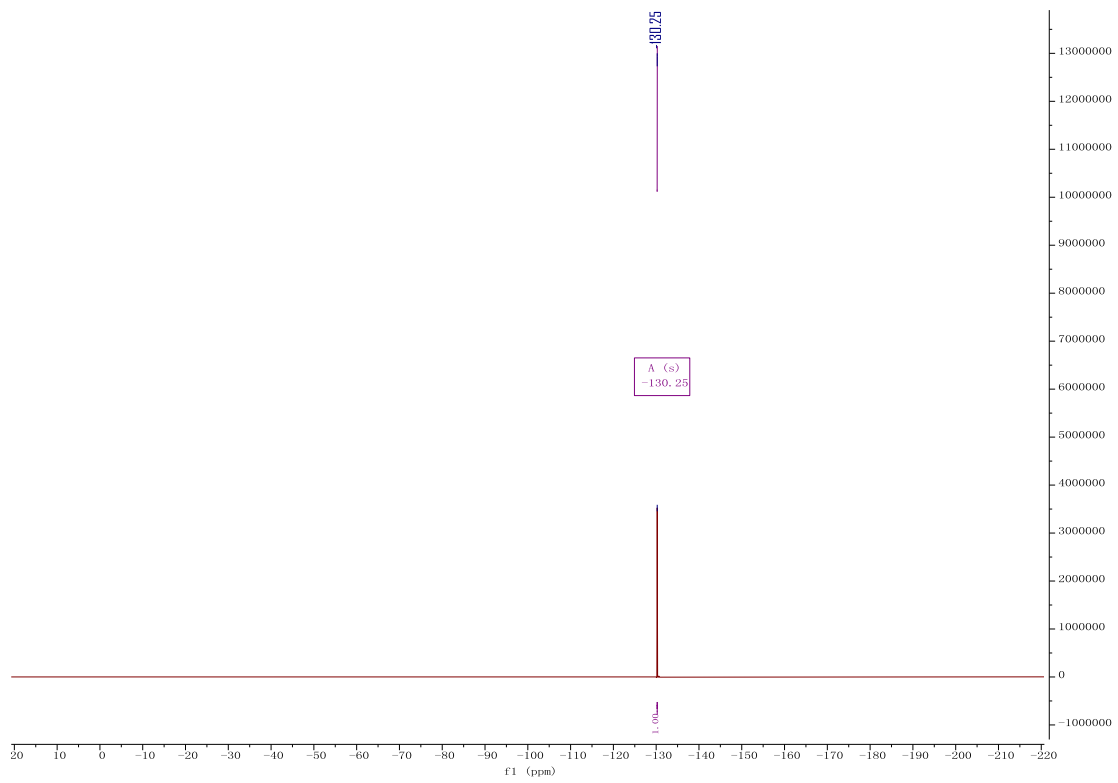


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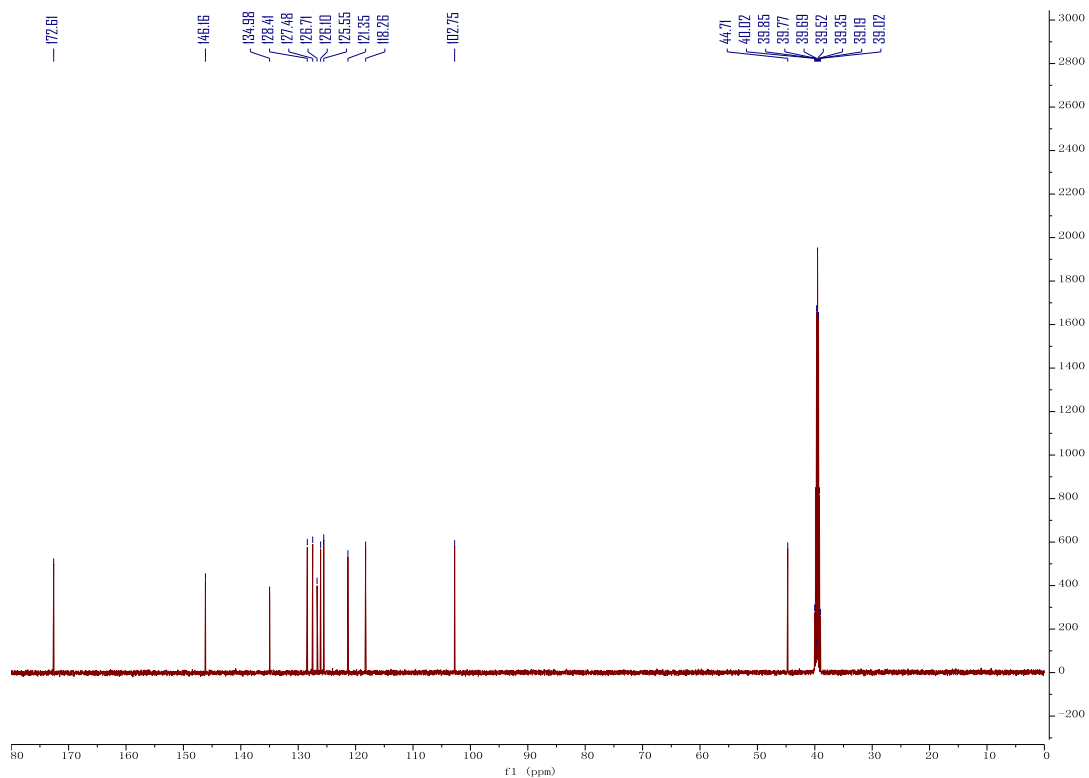
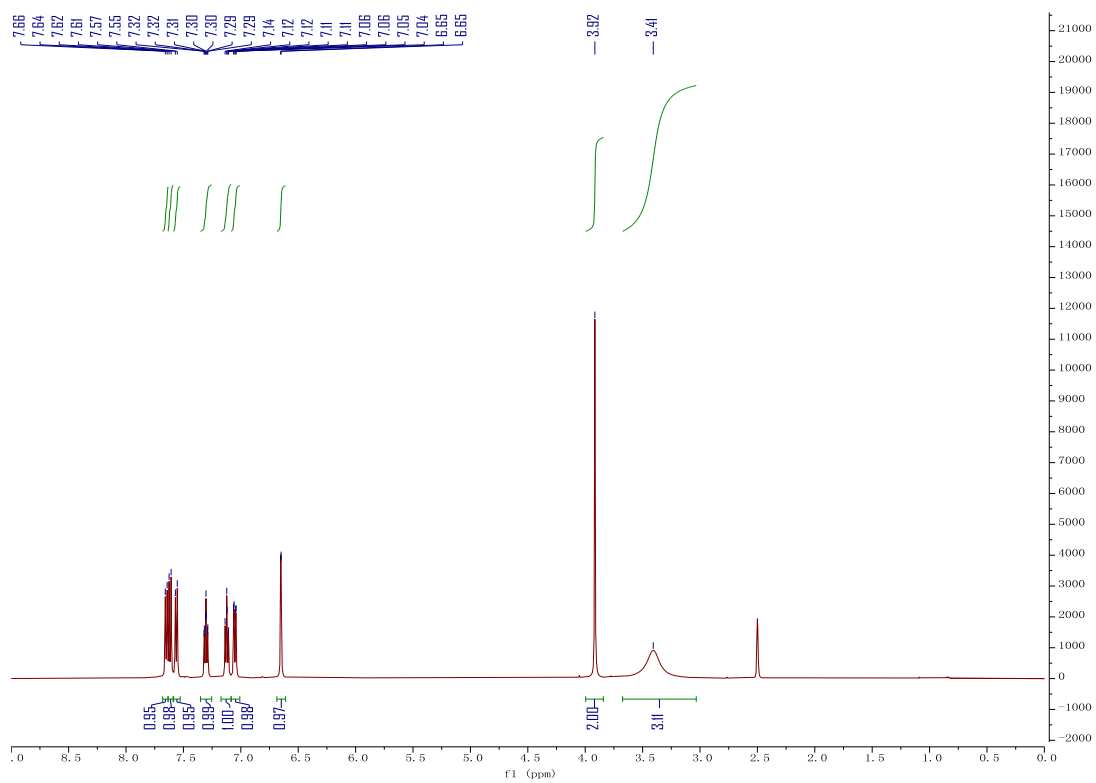
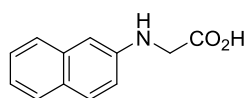


(4-fluorophenyl)glycine (**2b**)

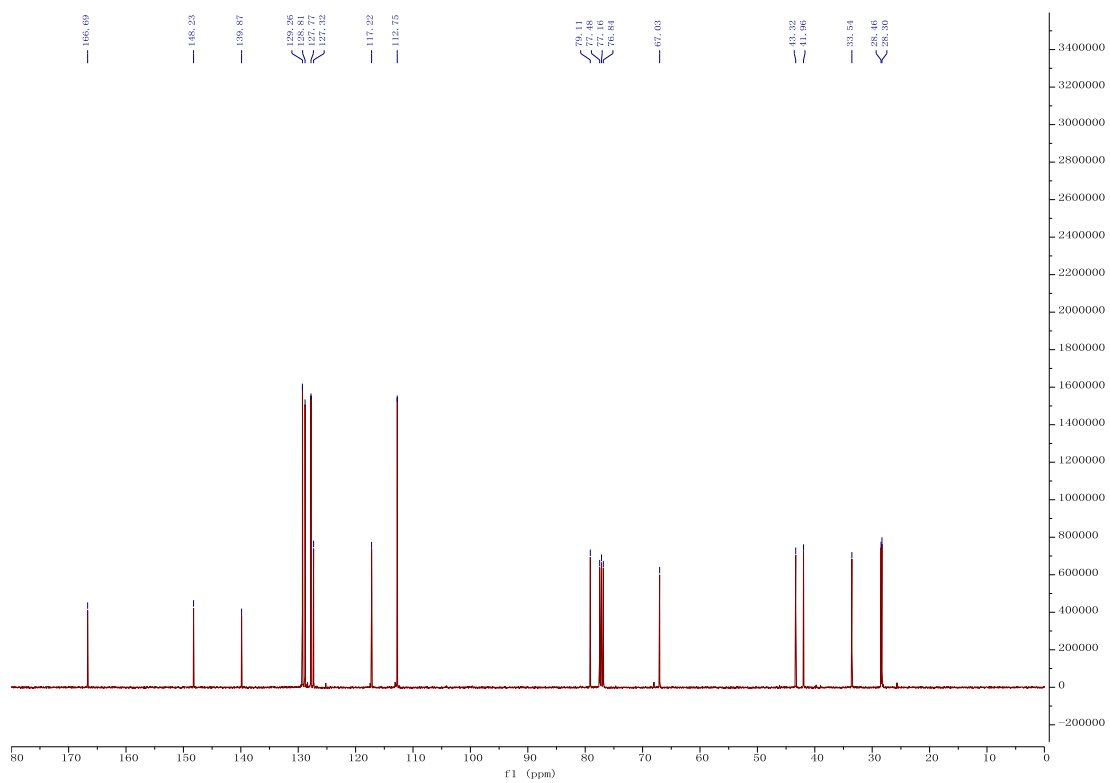
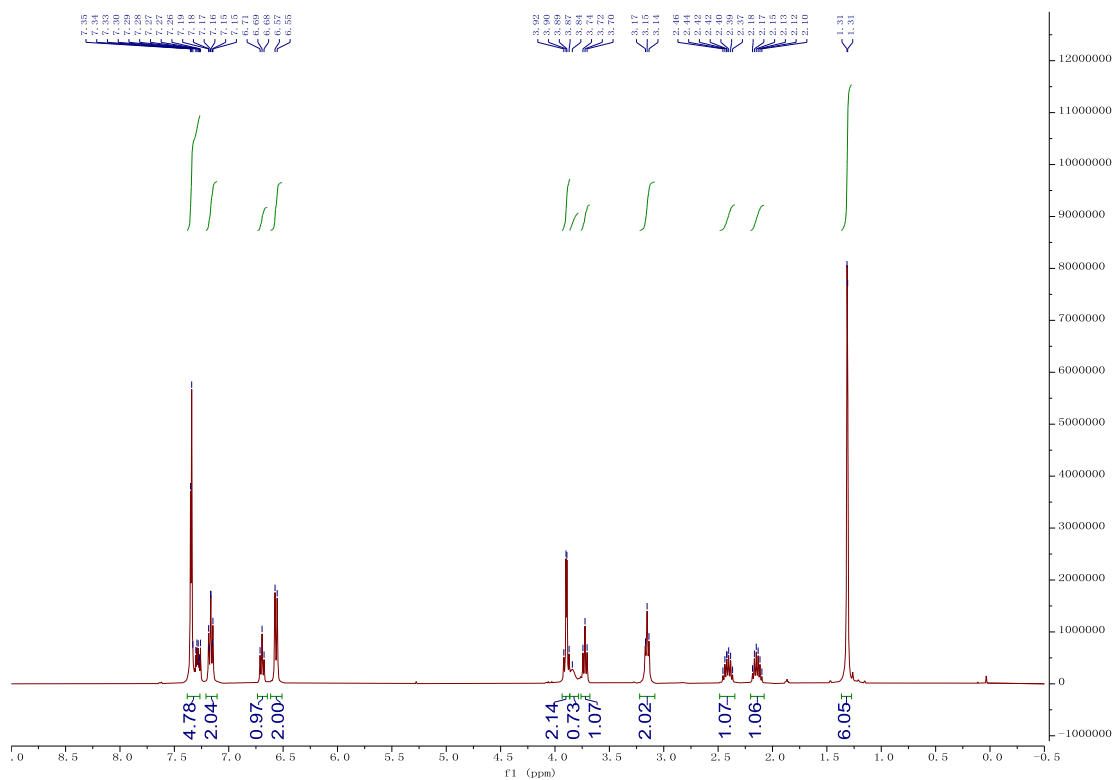
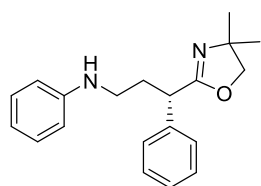




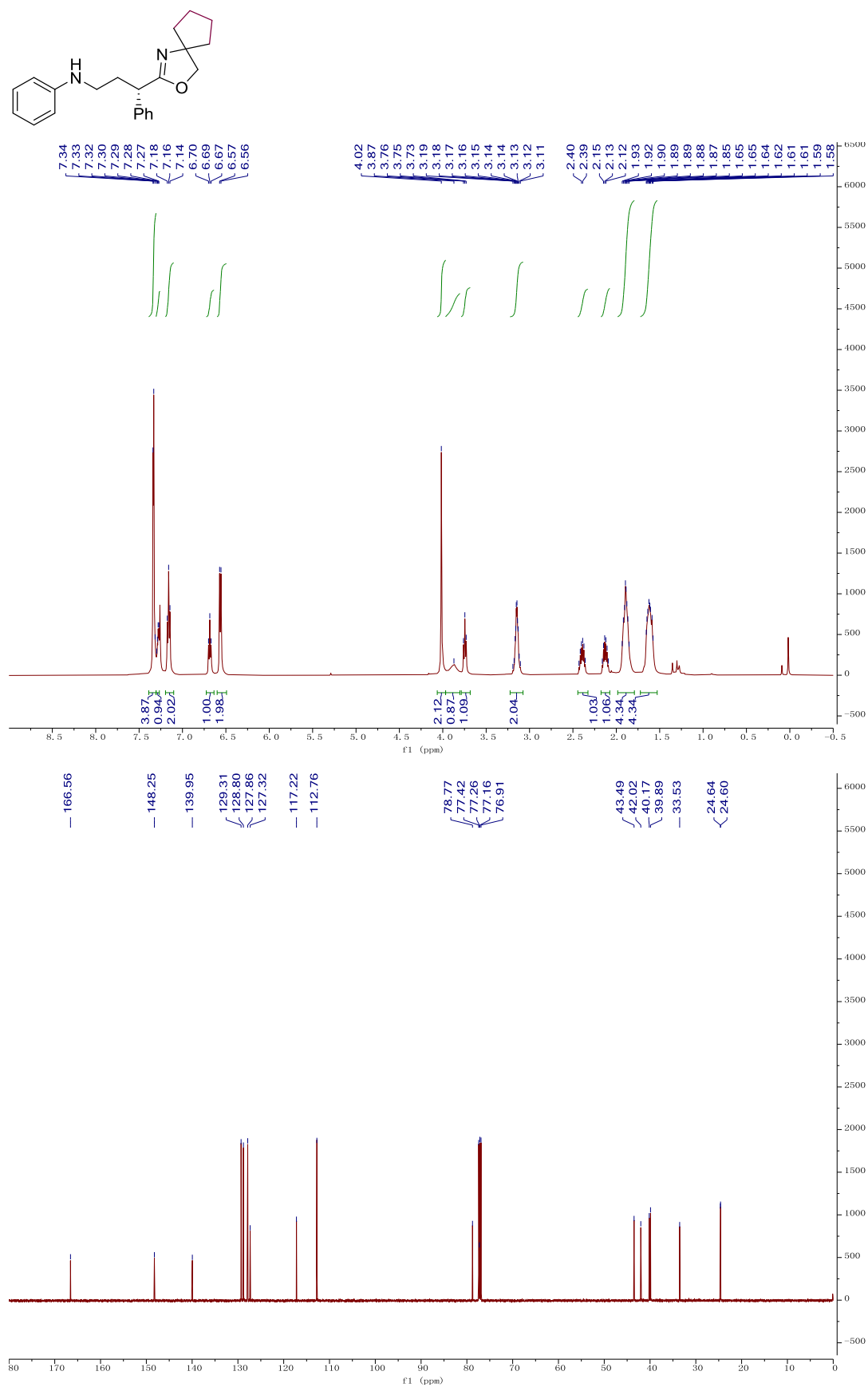
naphthalen-2-ylglycine (**2c**)



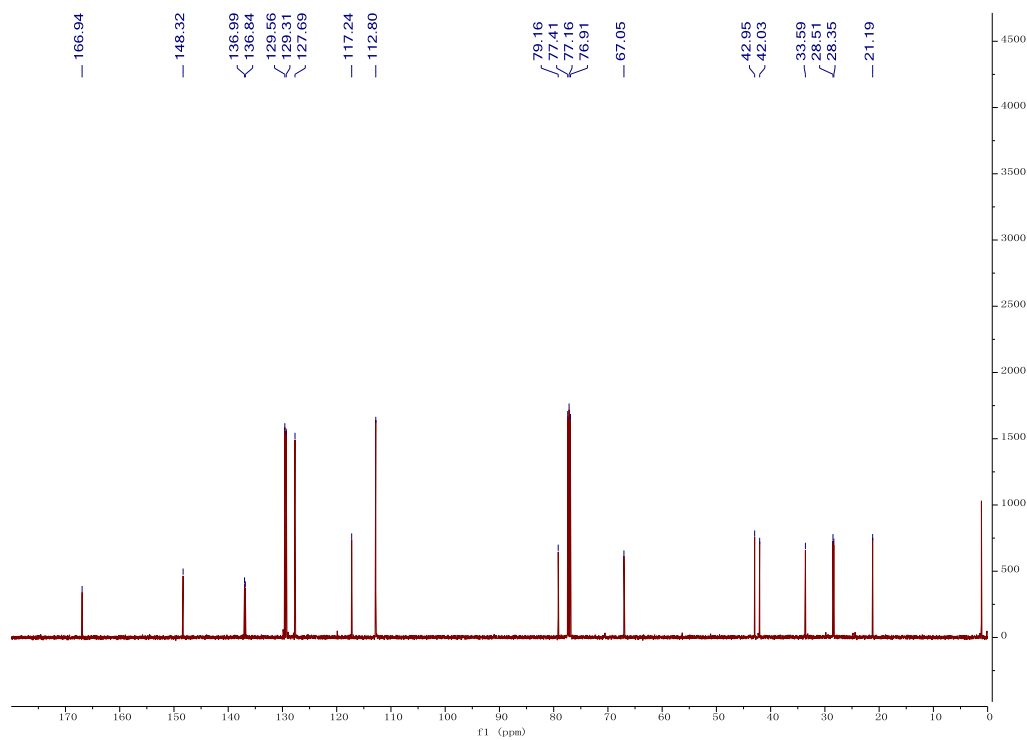
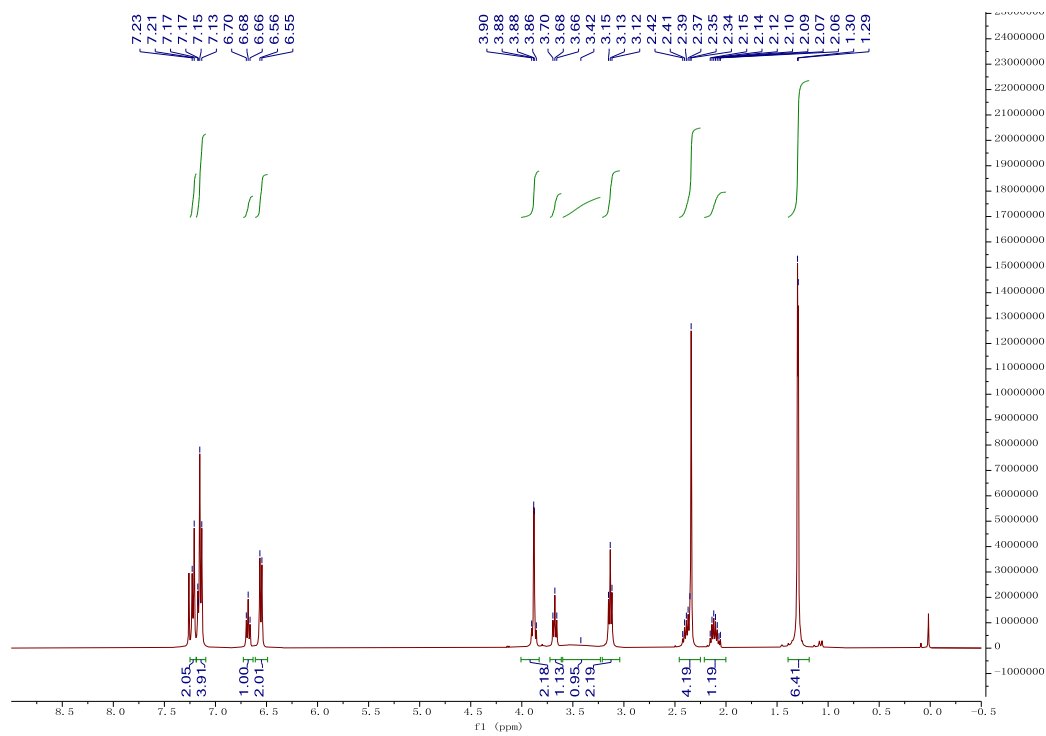
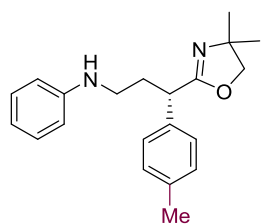
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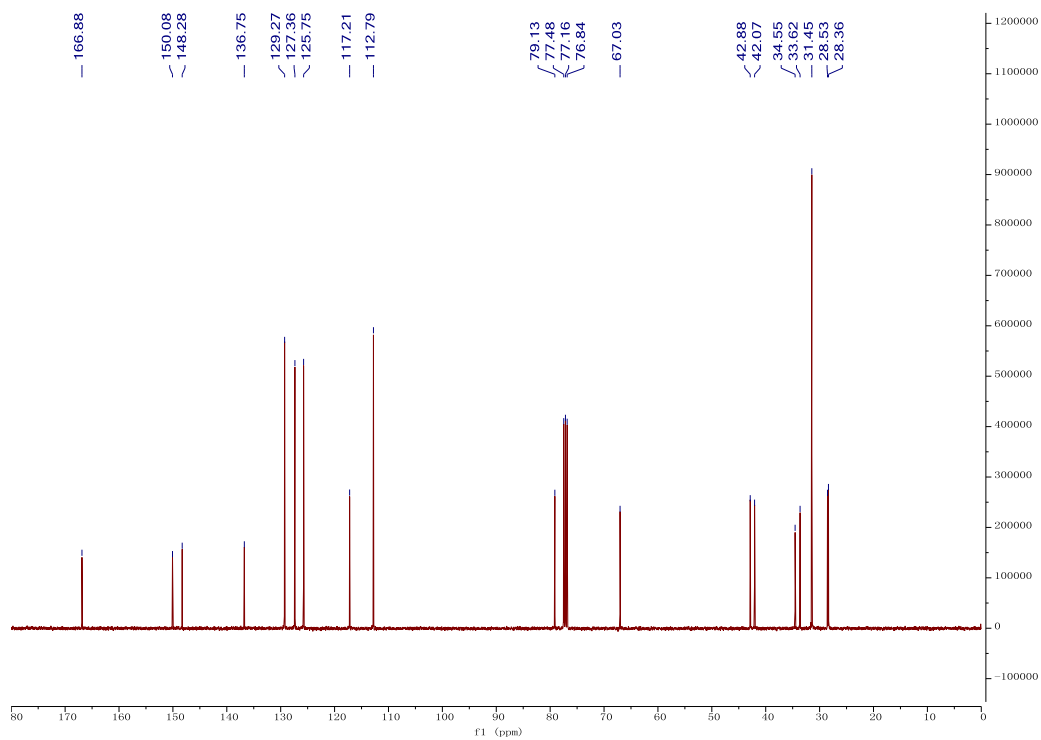
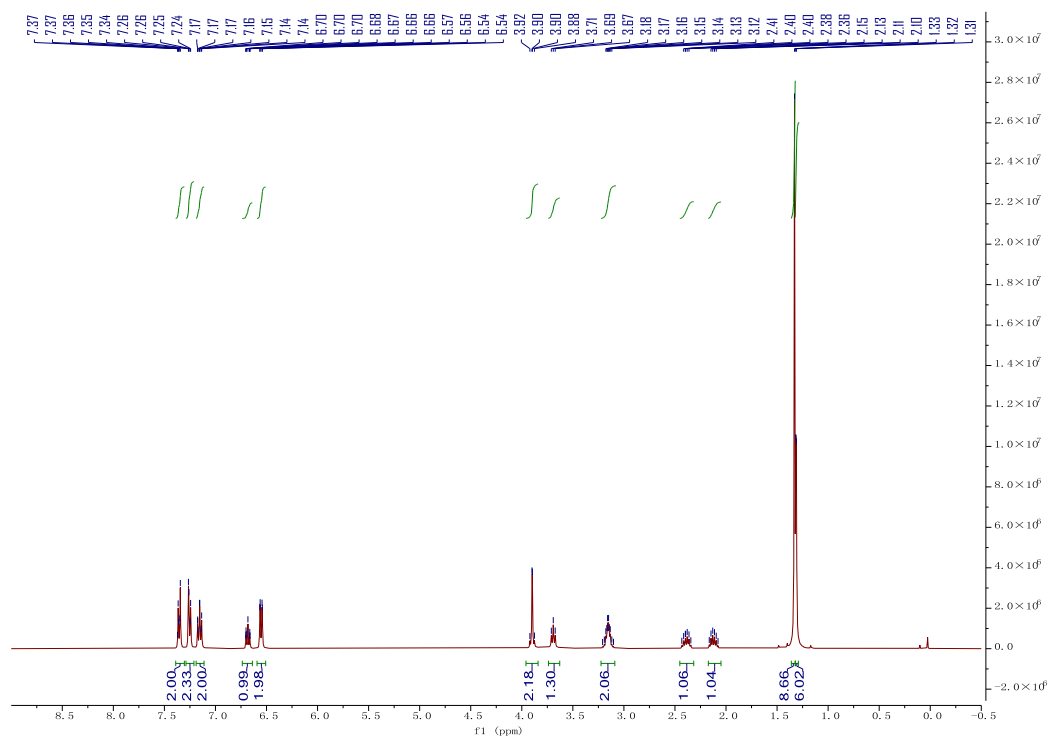
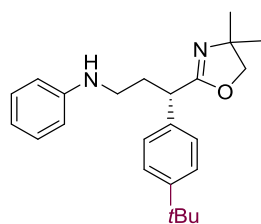
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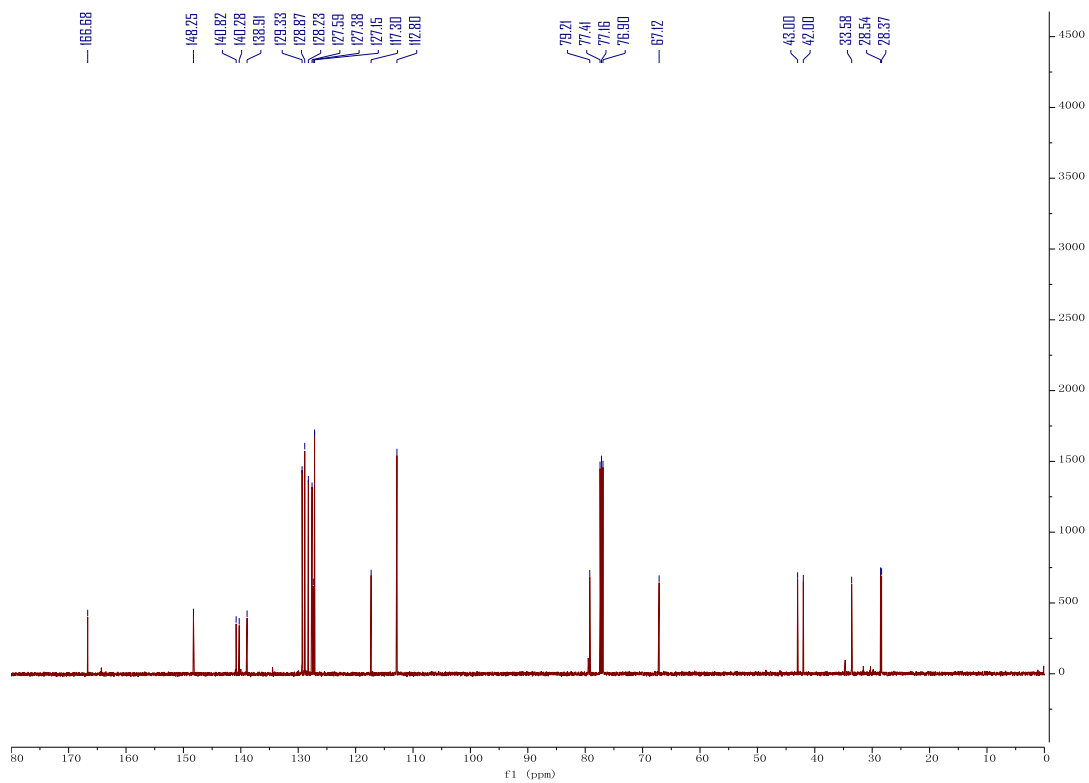
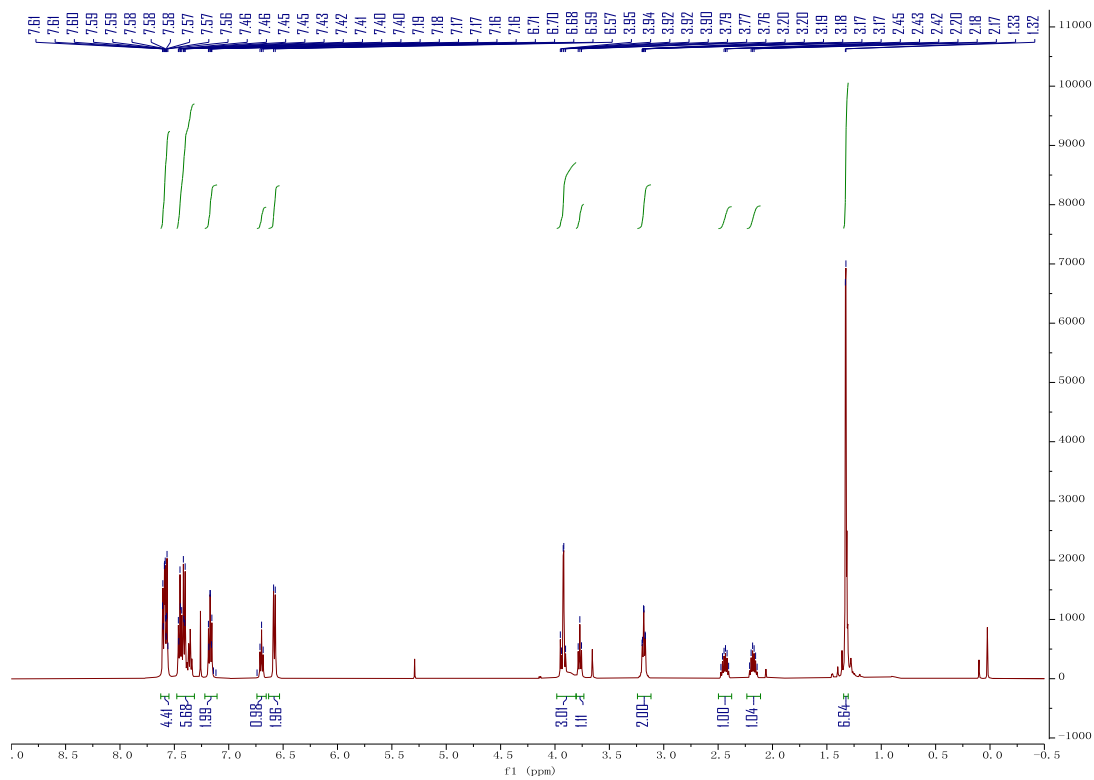
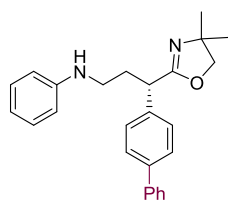
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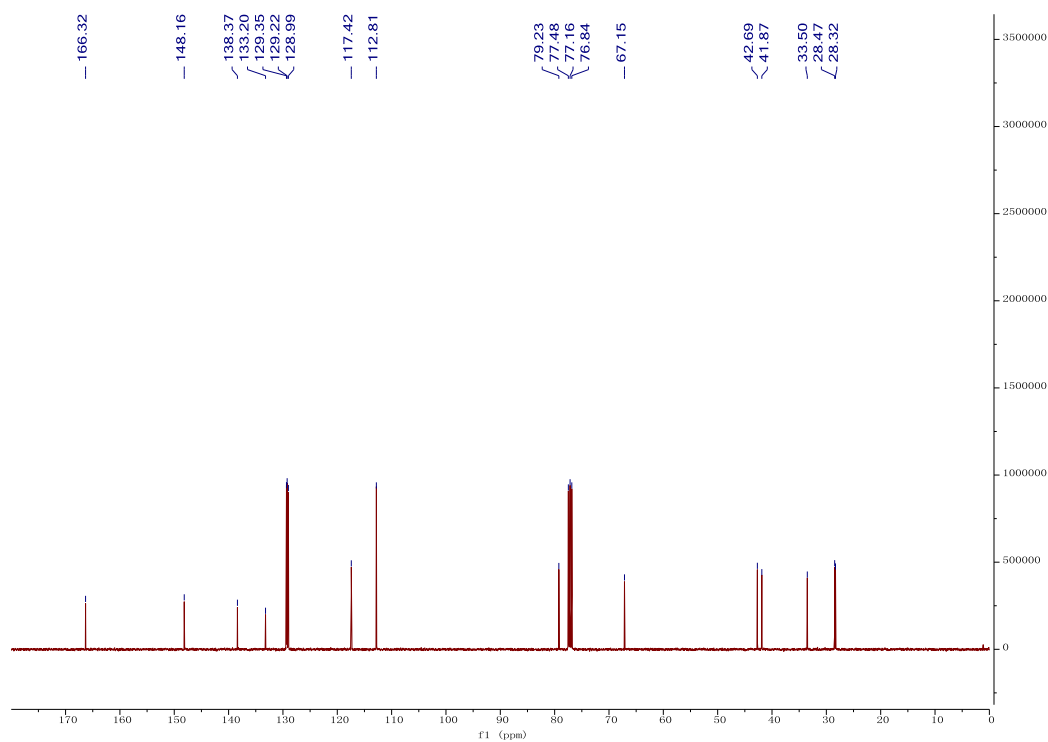
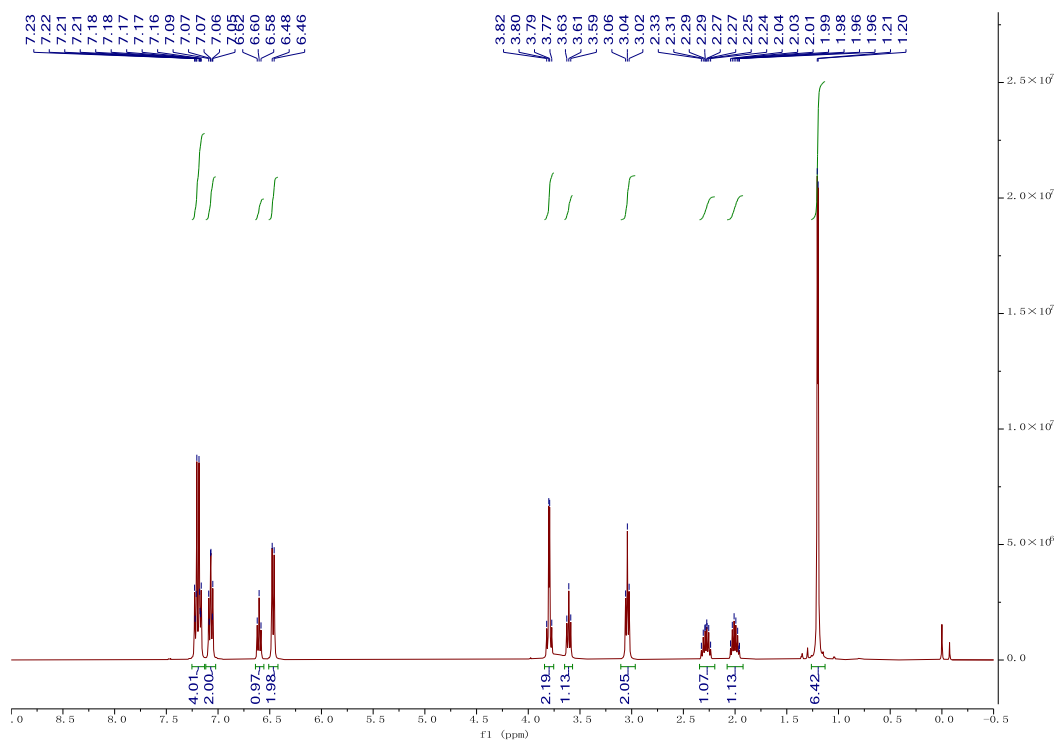
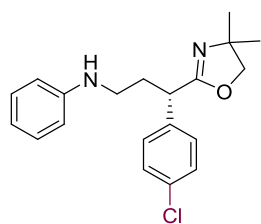
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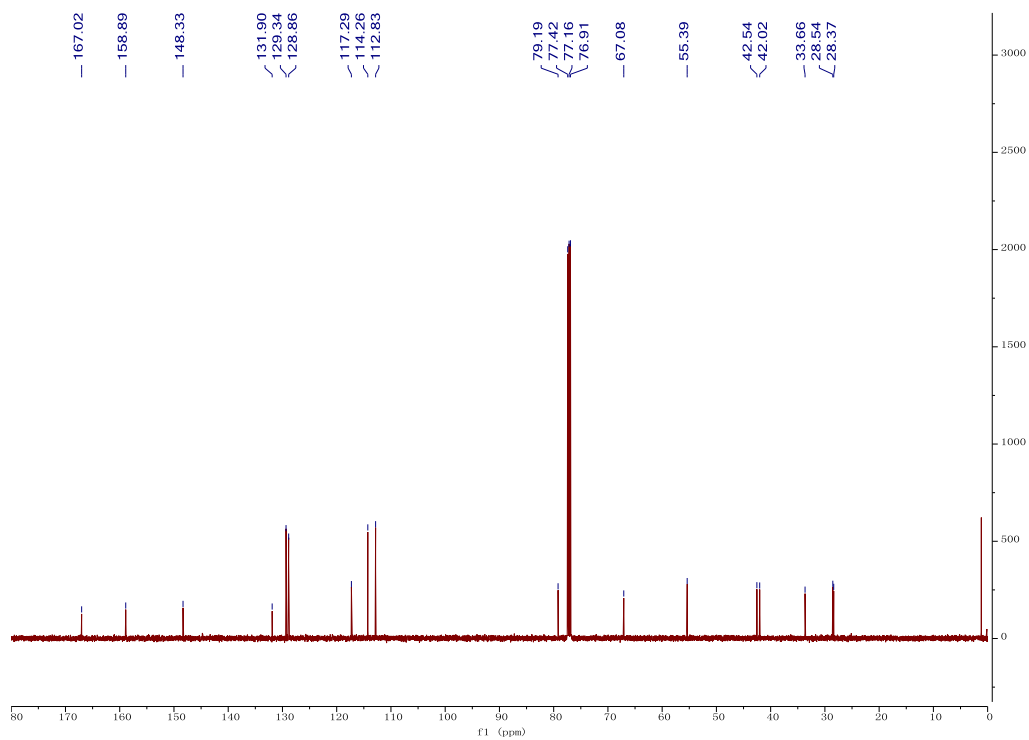
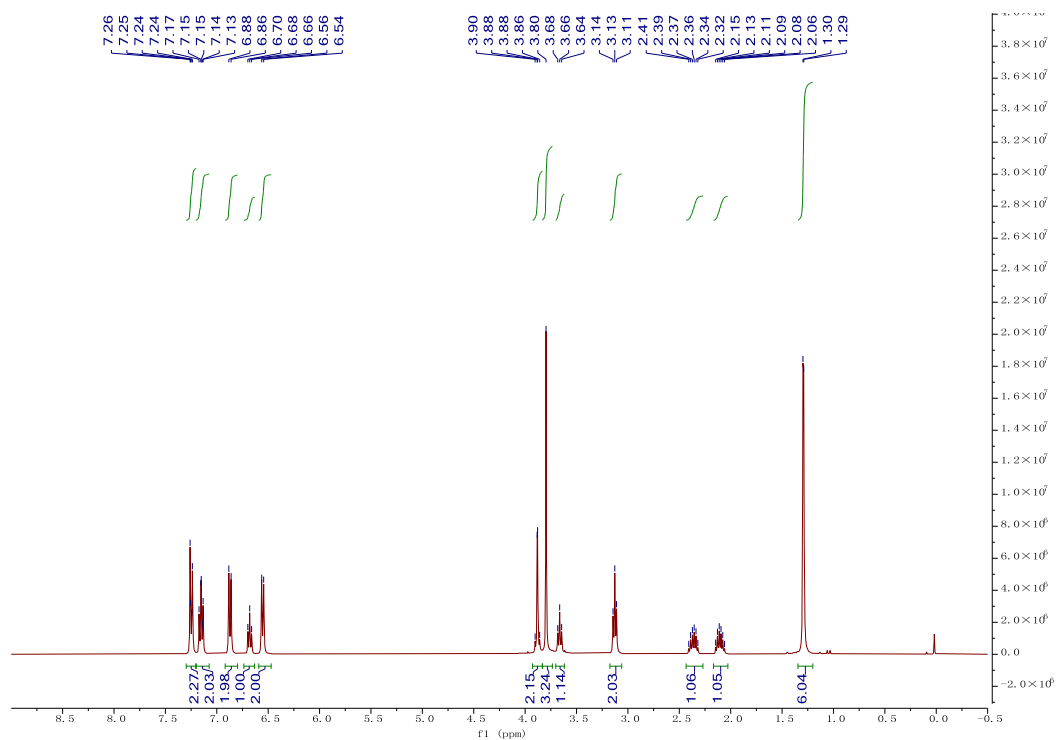
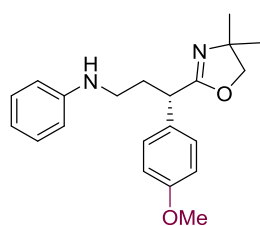
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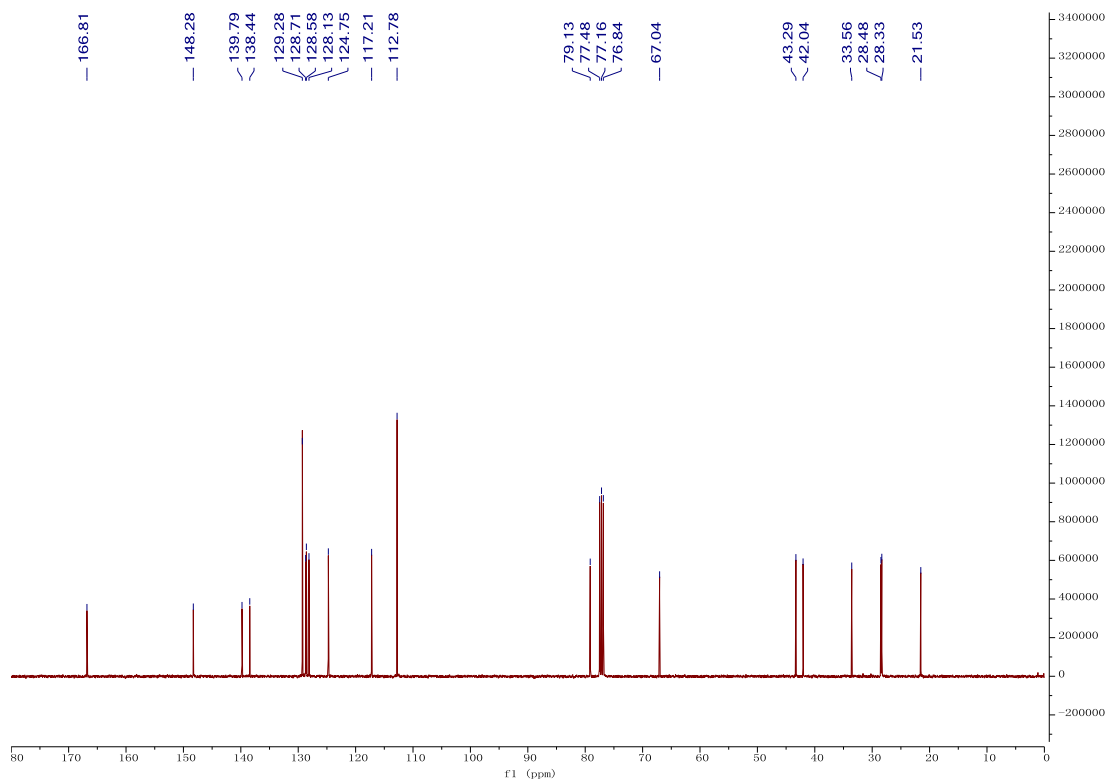
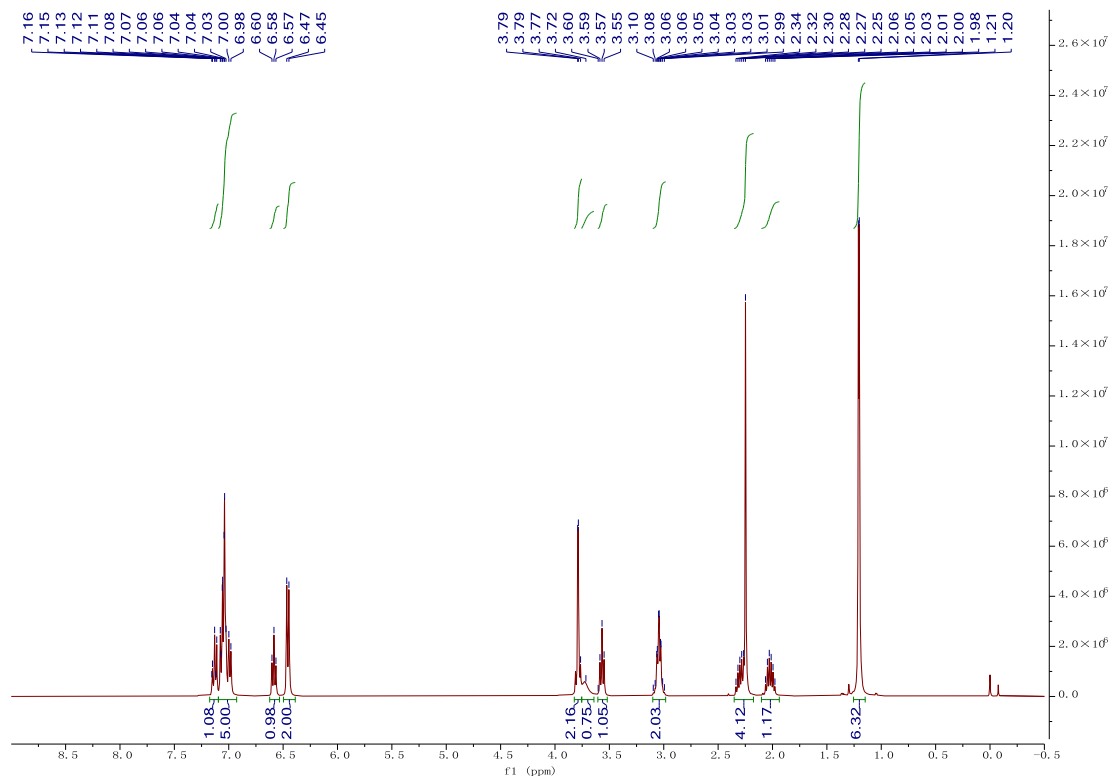
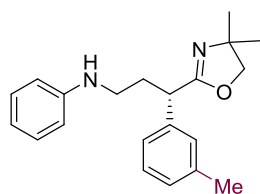
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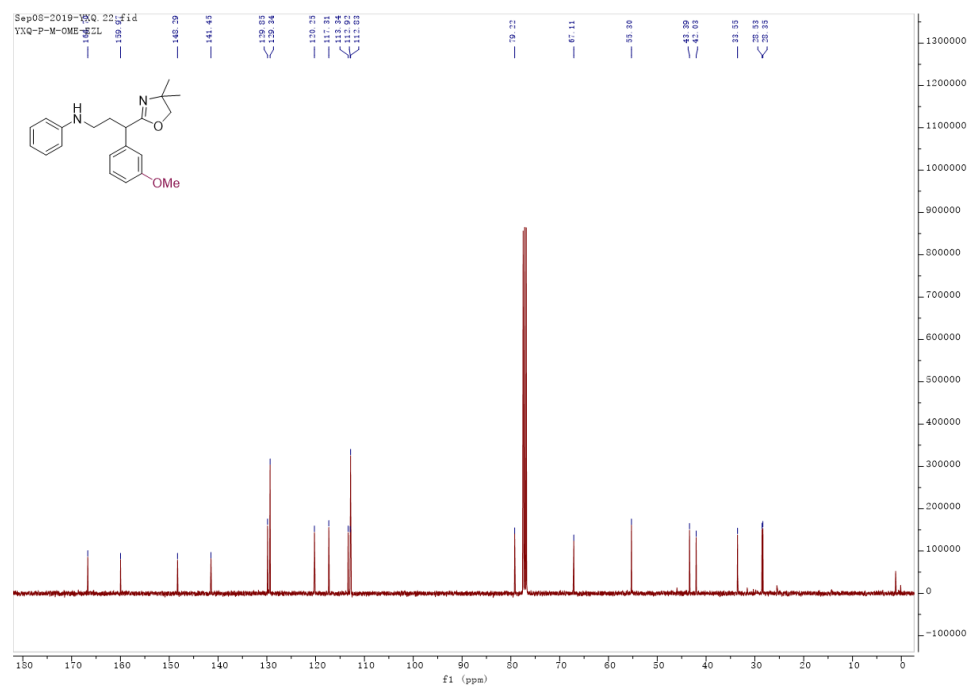
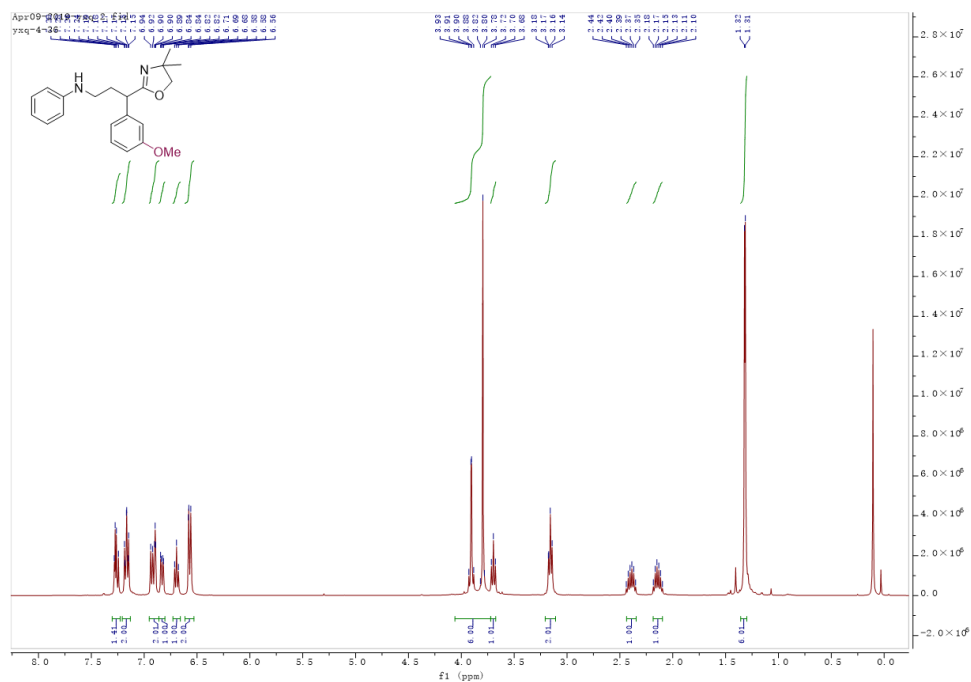
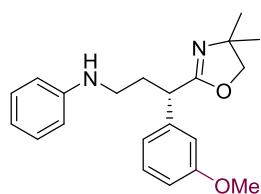
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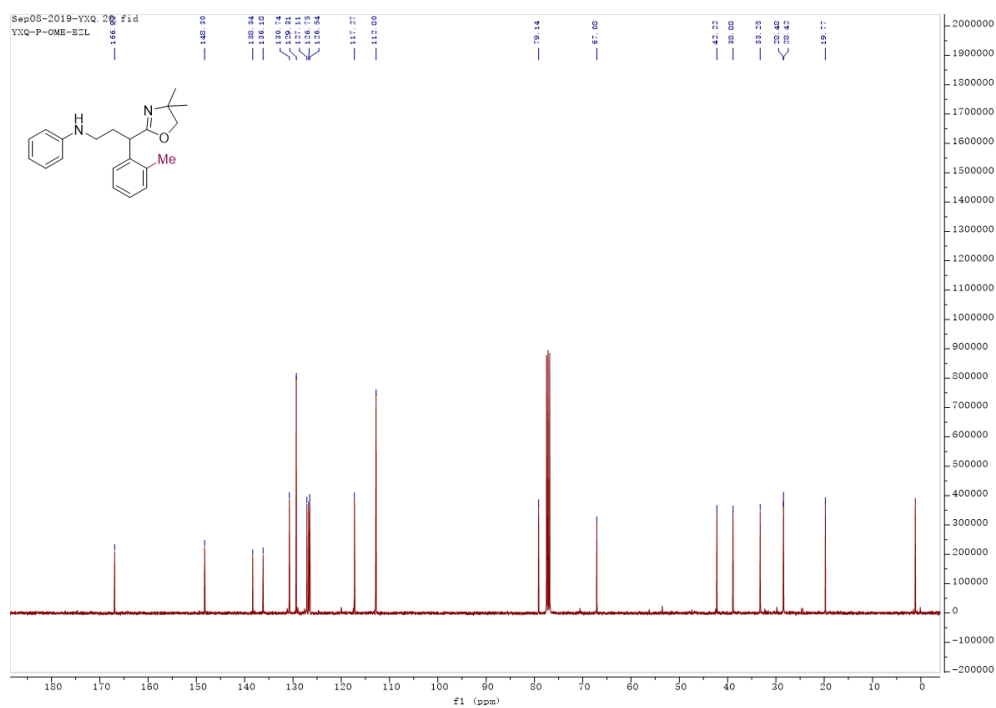
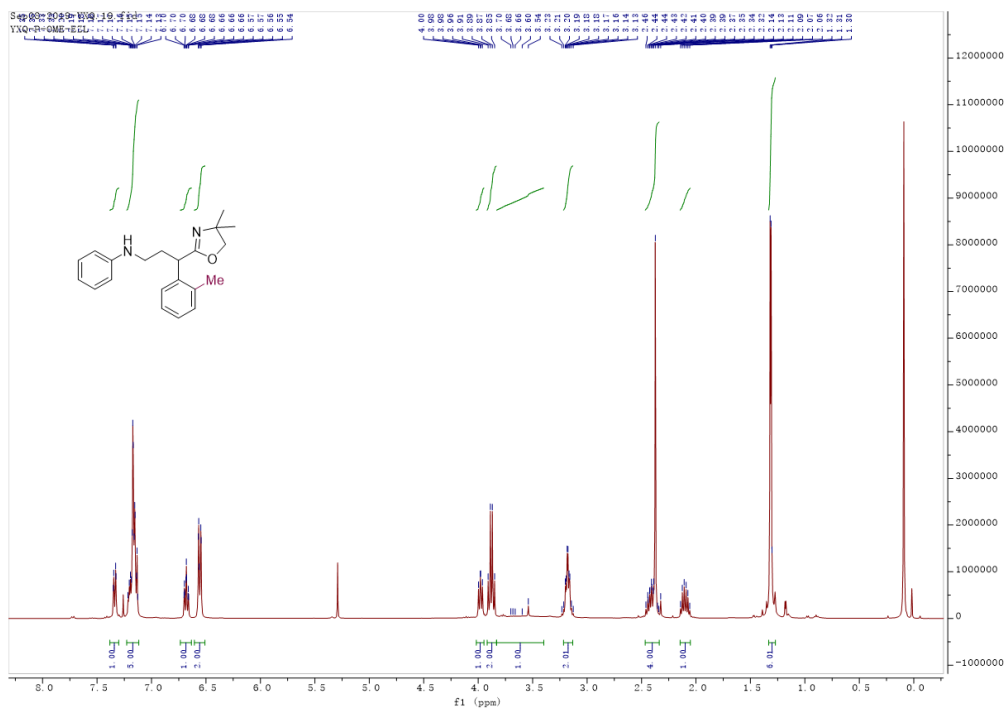
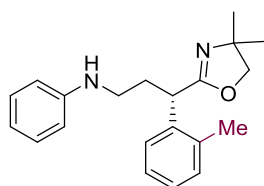
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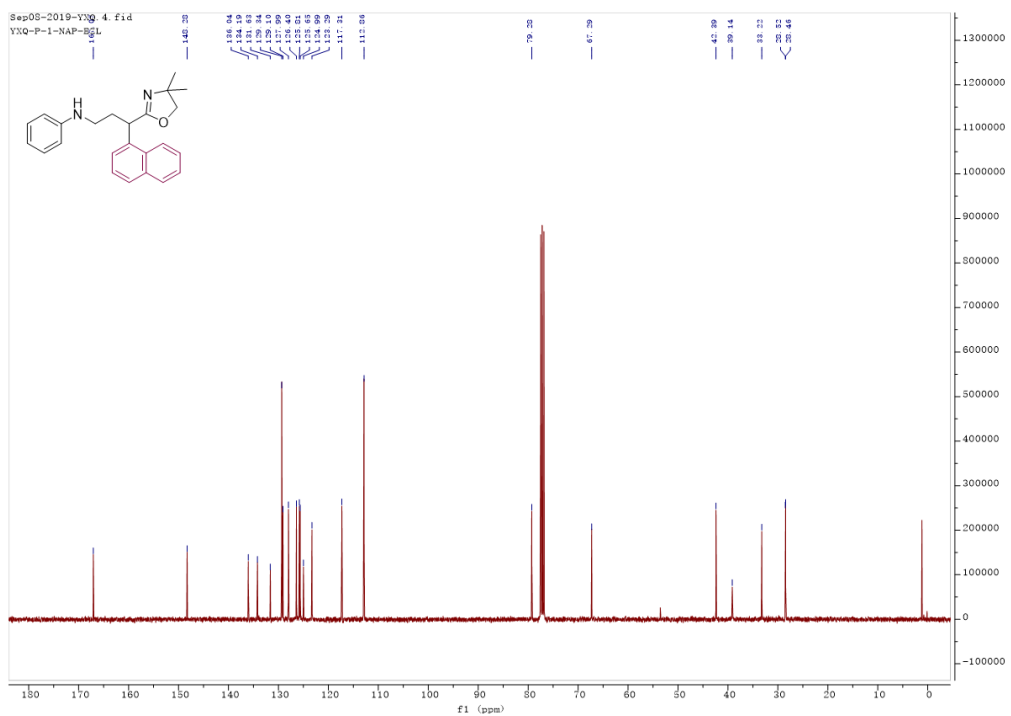
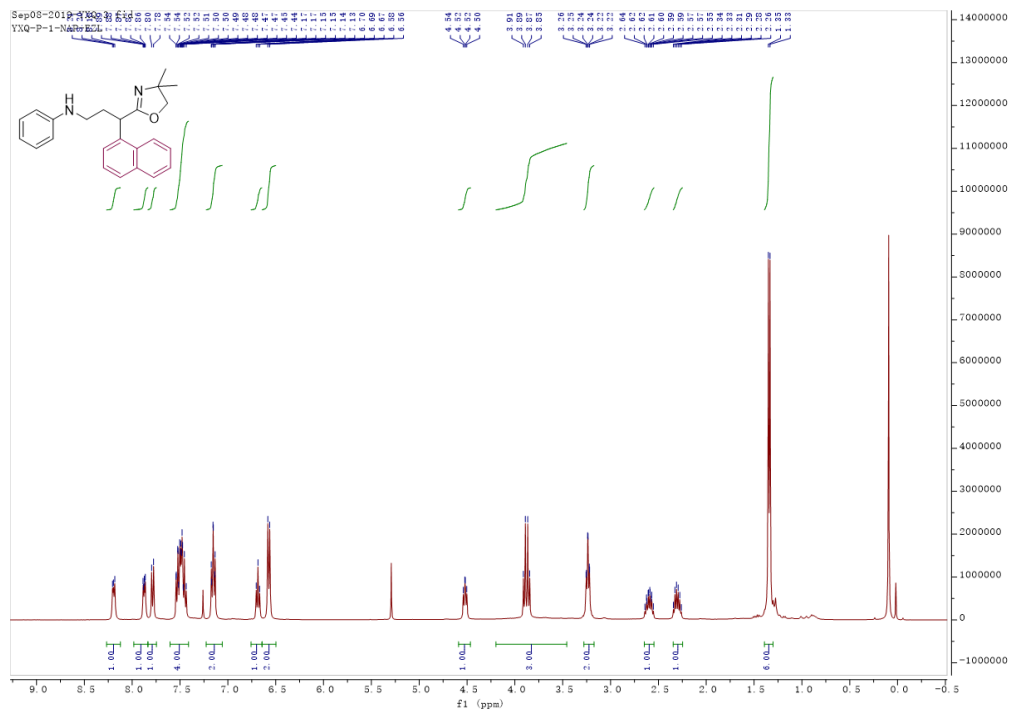
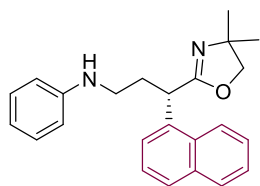
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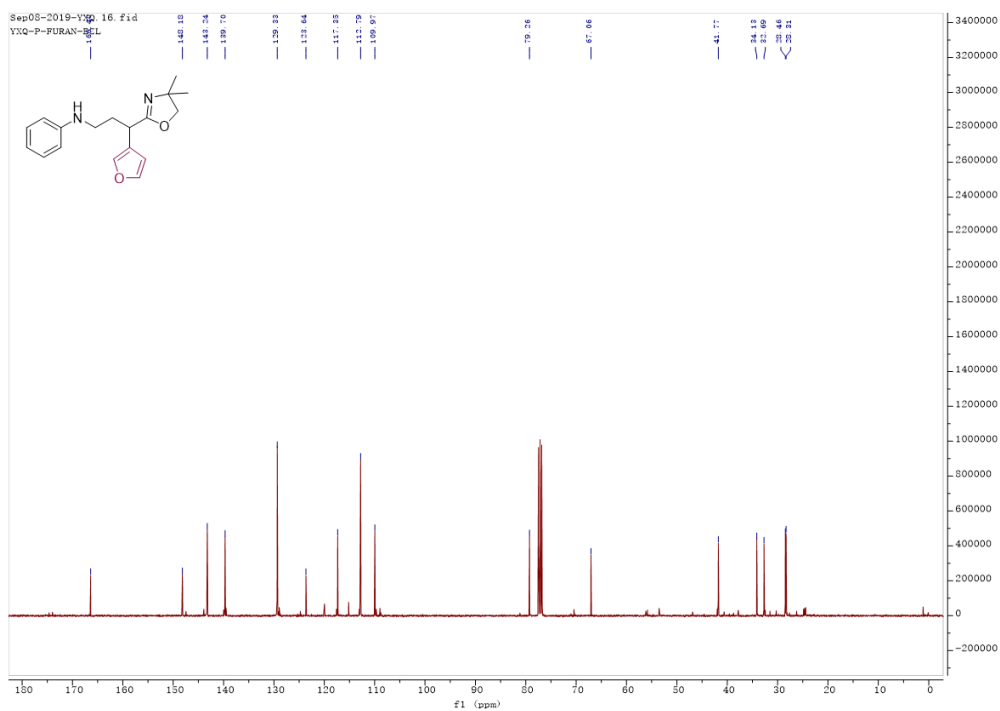
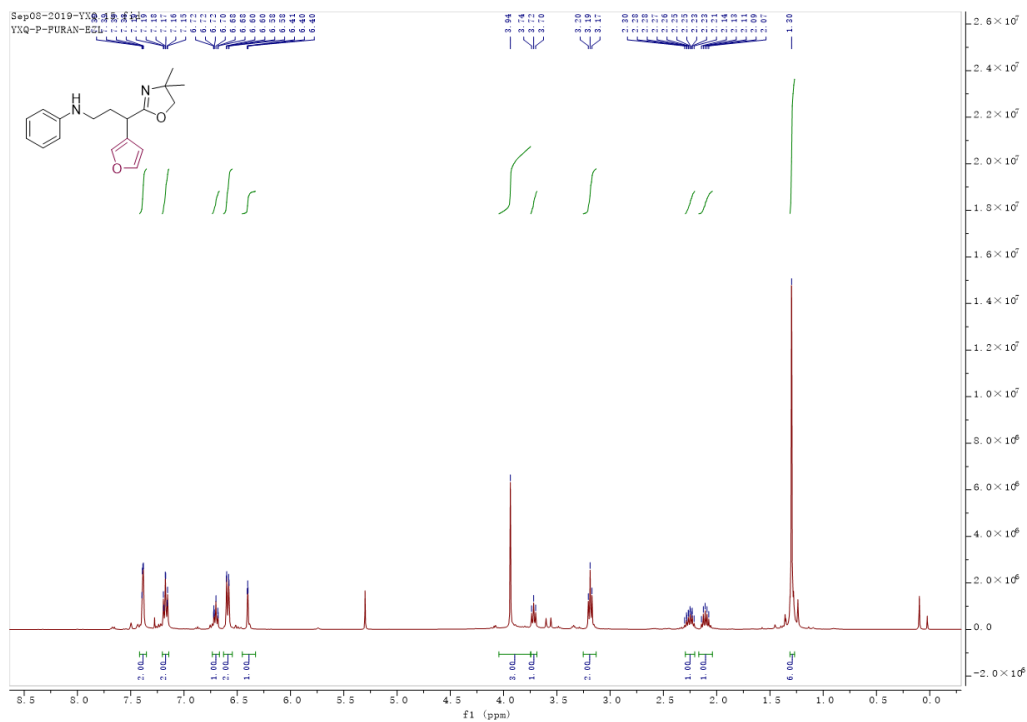
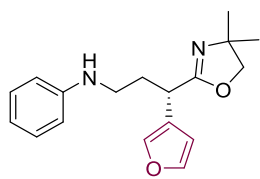
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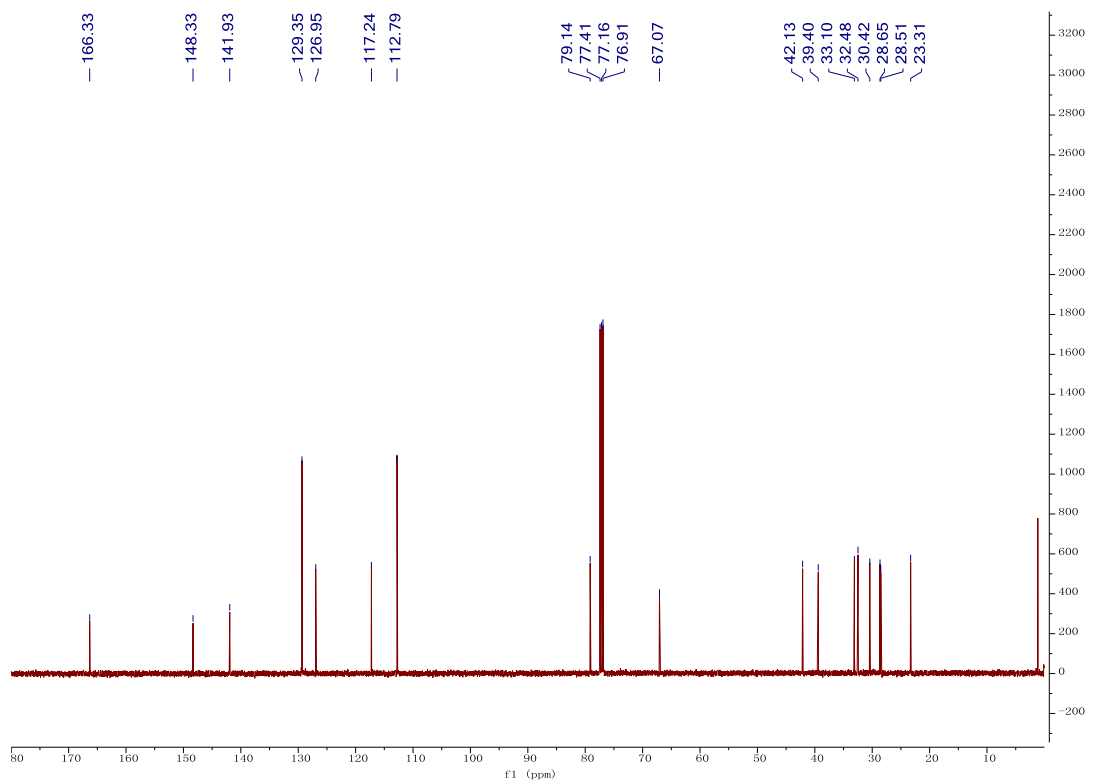
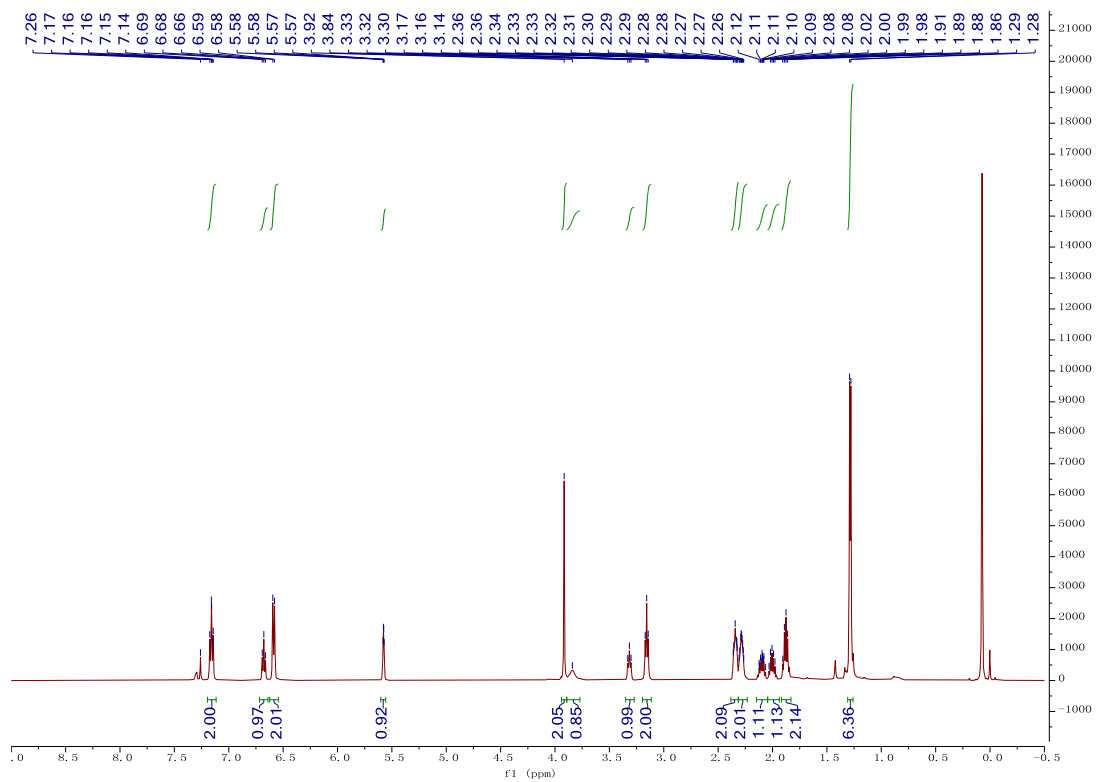
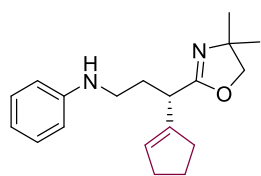
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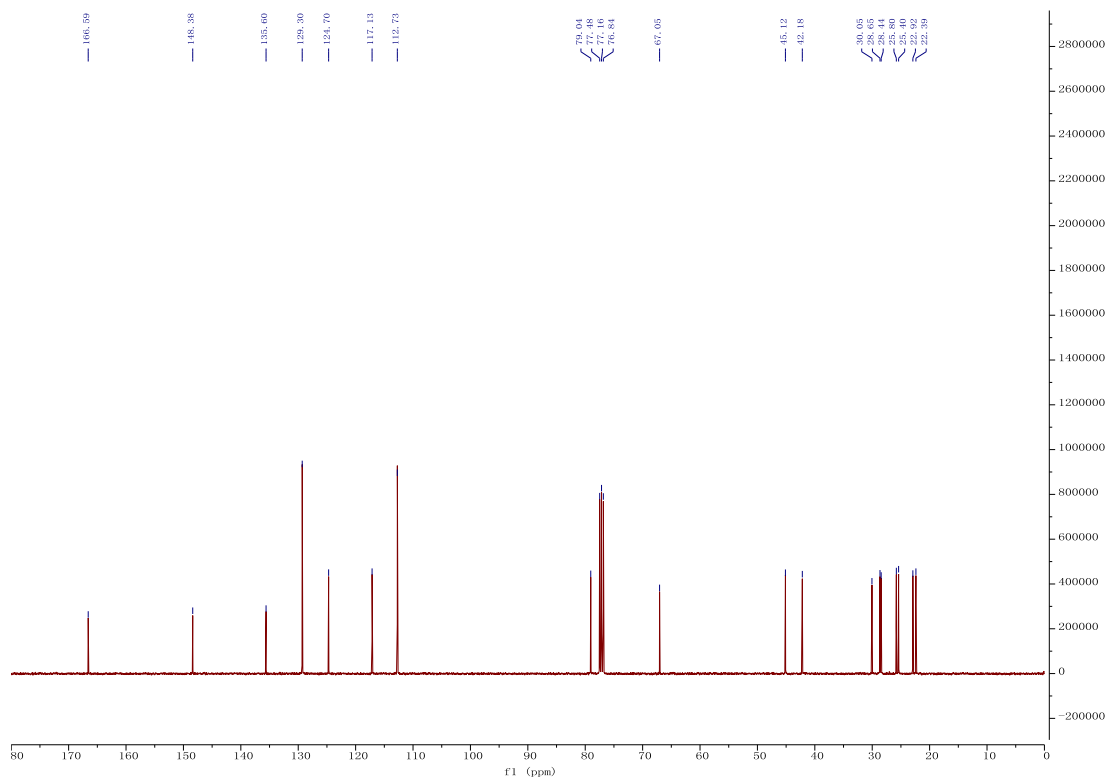
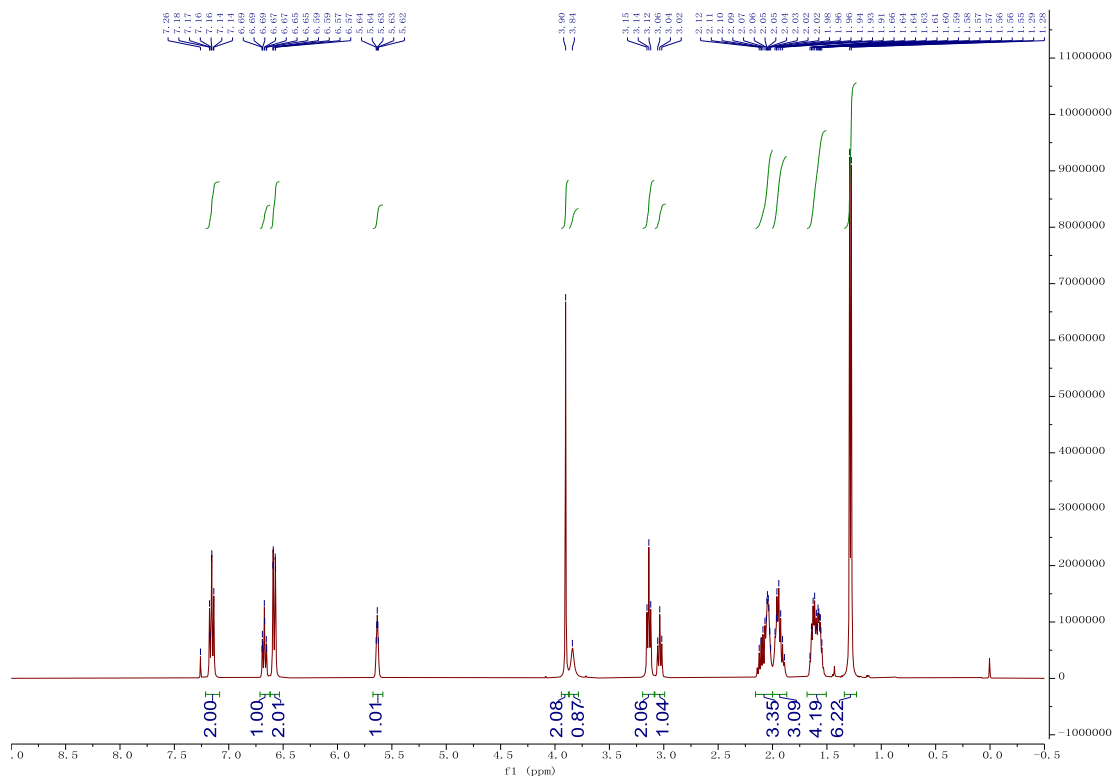
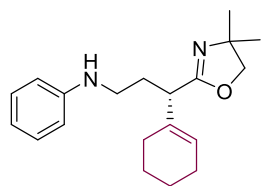
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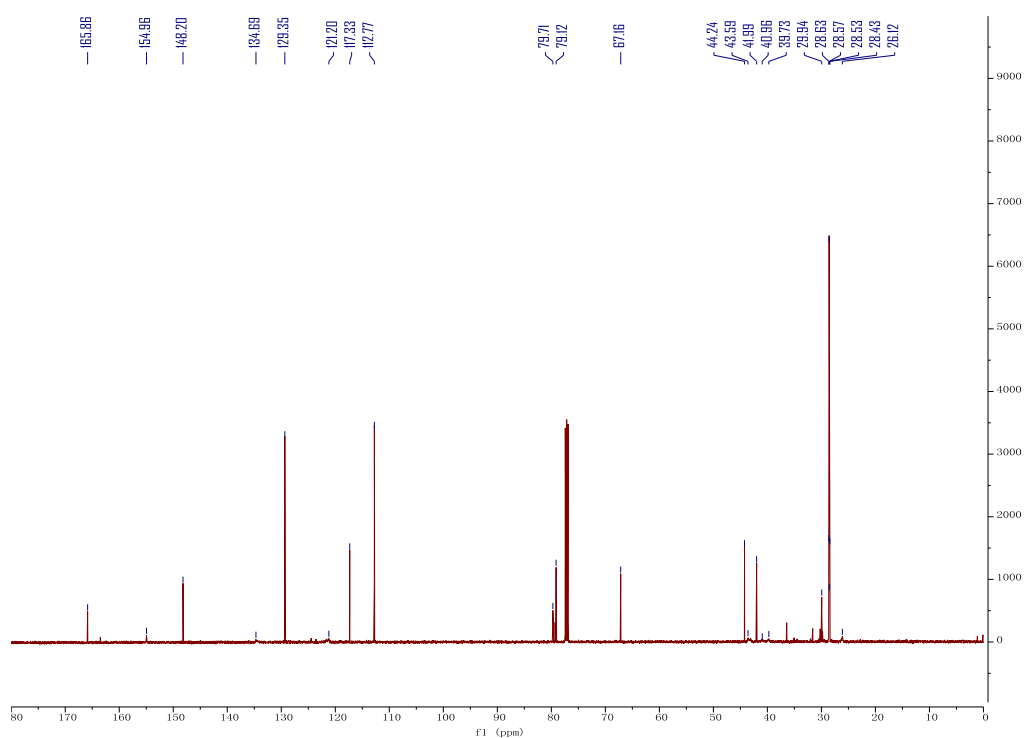
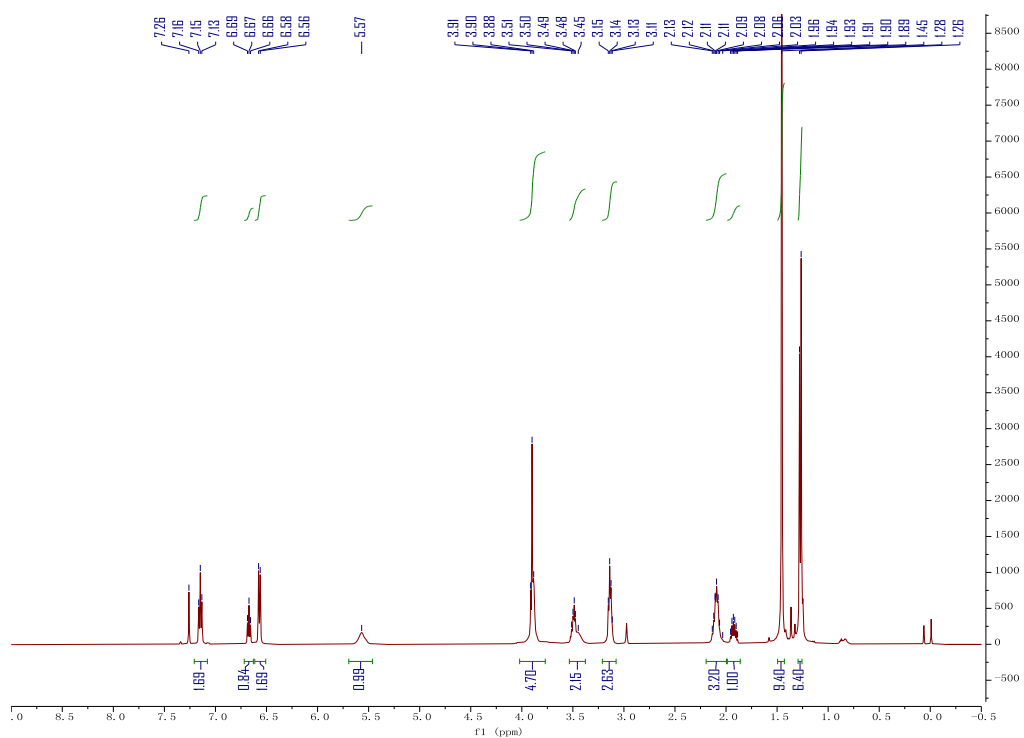
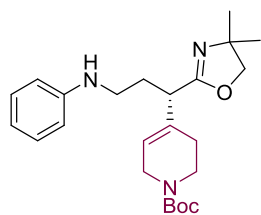
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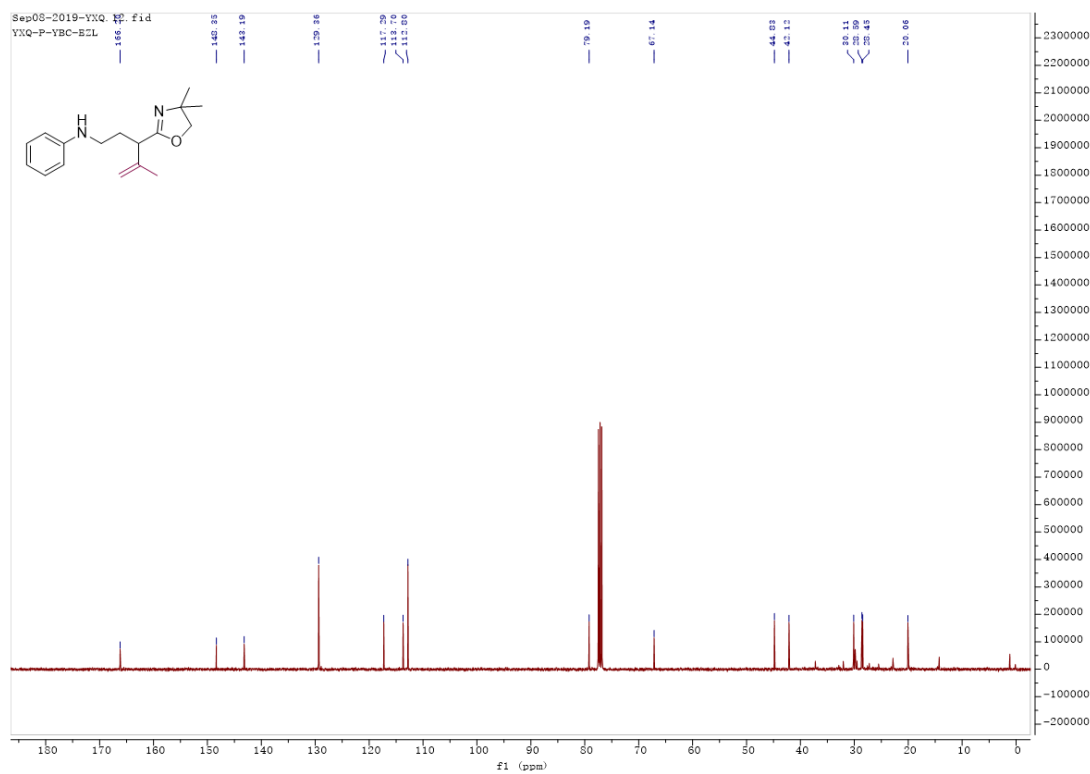
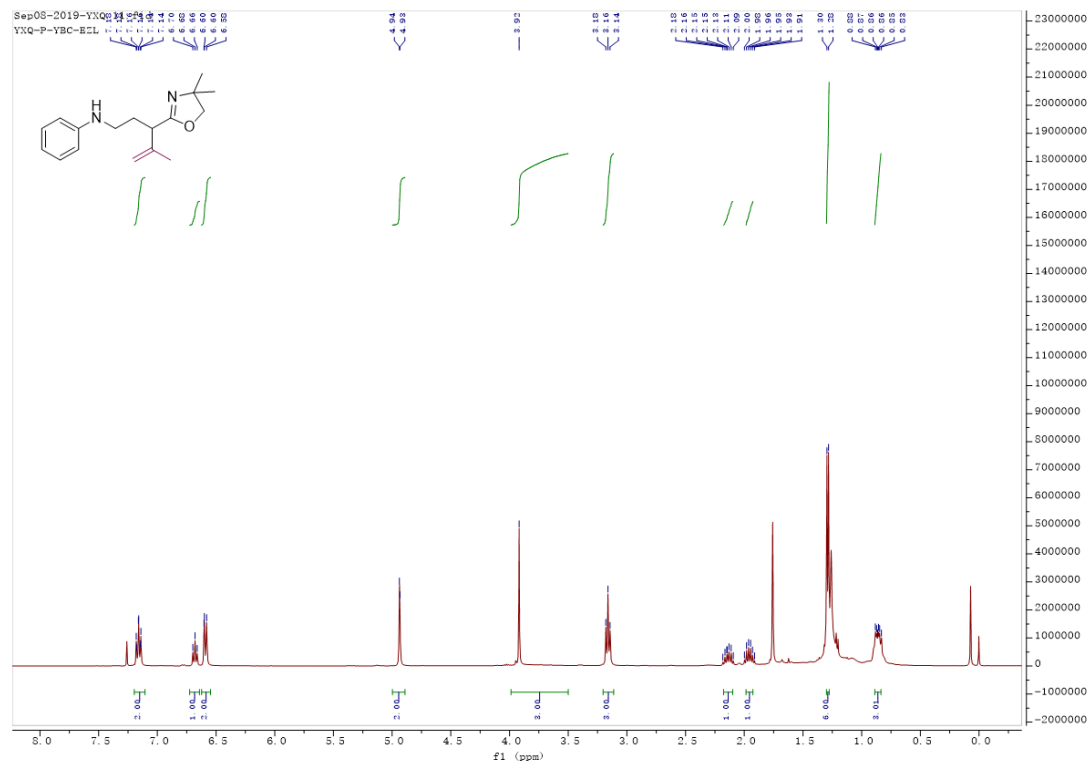
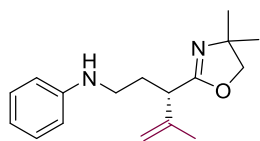
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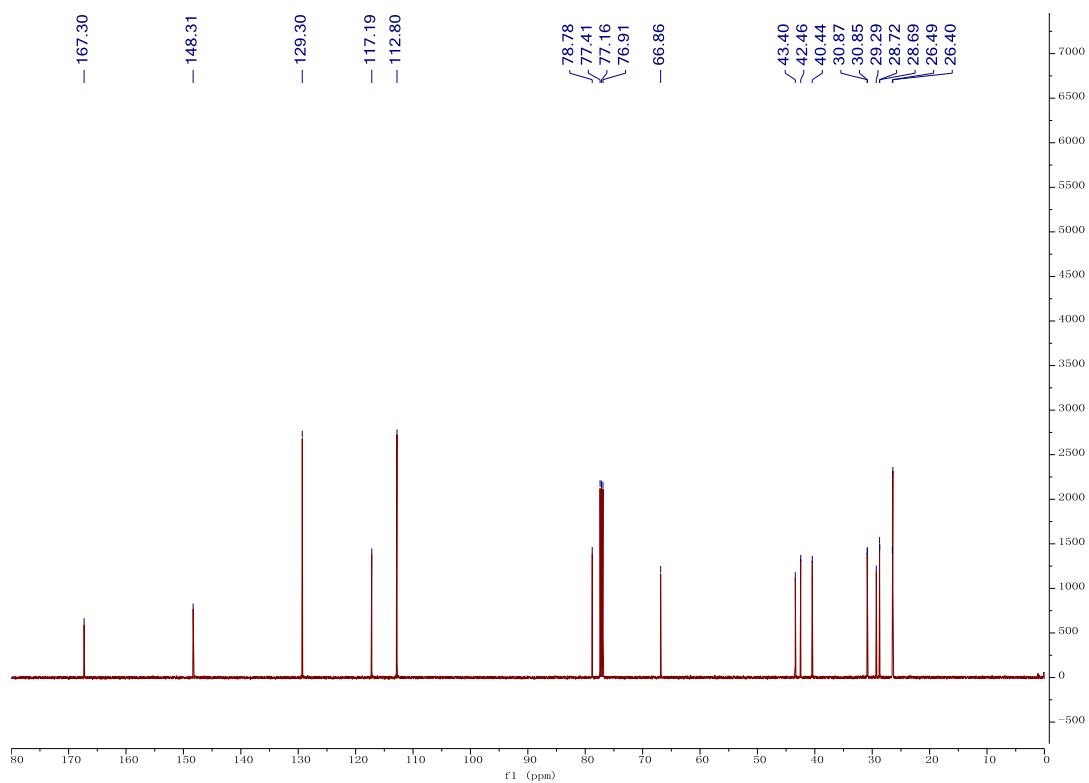
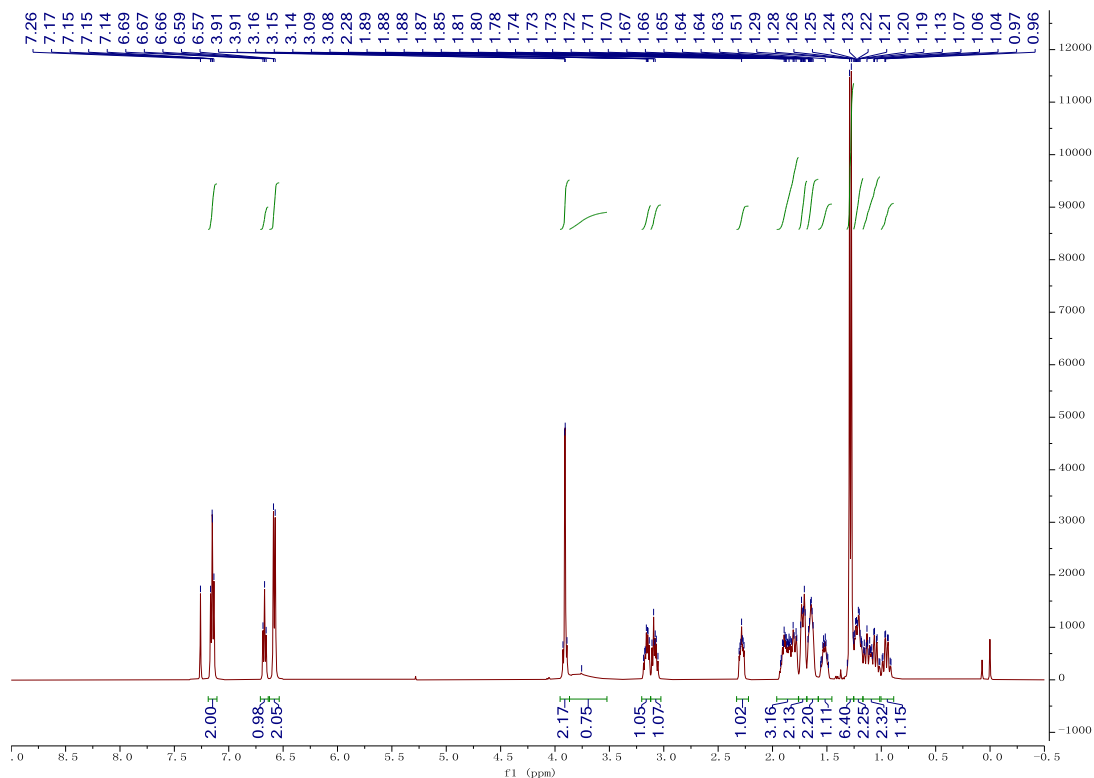
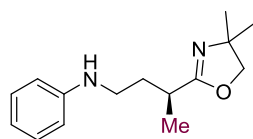
tert-butyl-(*S*)-4-(1-(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-(phenylamino)propyl)-3,6-dihydropyridine-1(2*H*)-carboxylate (**30**)



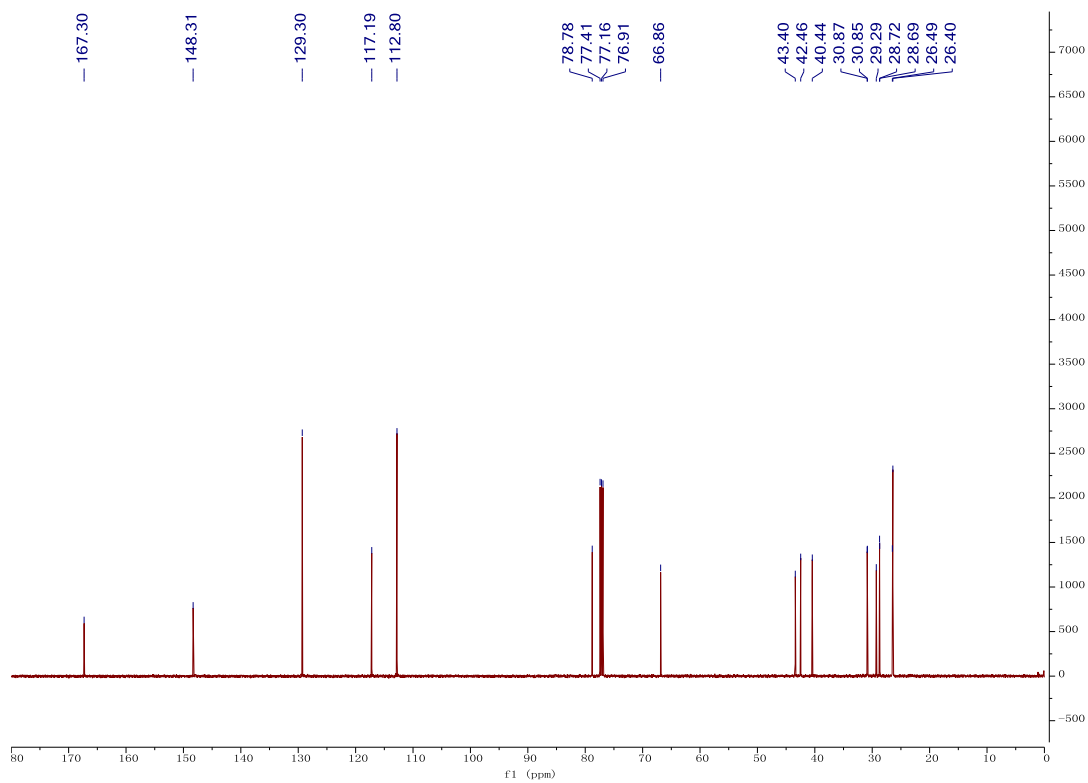
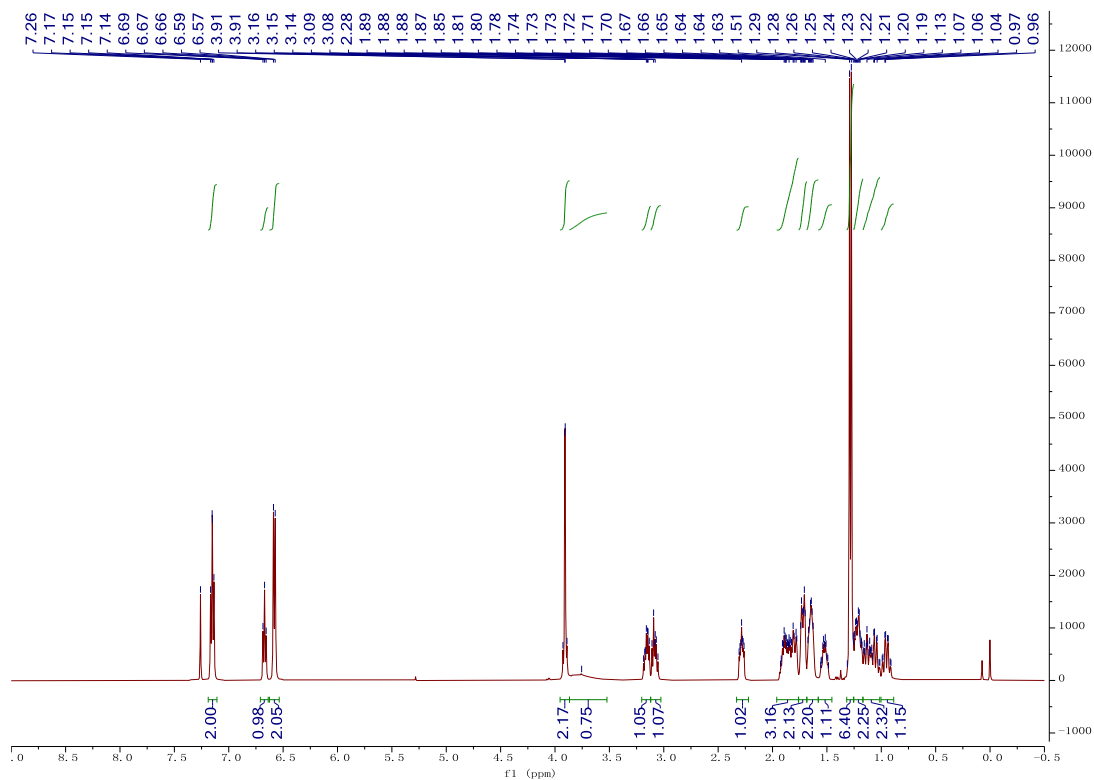
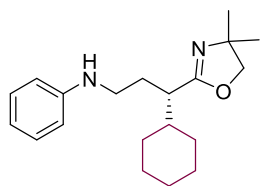
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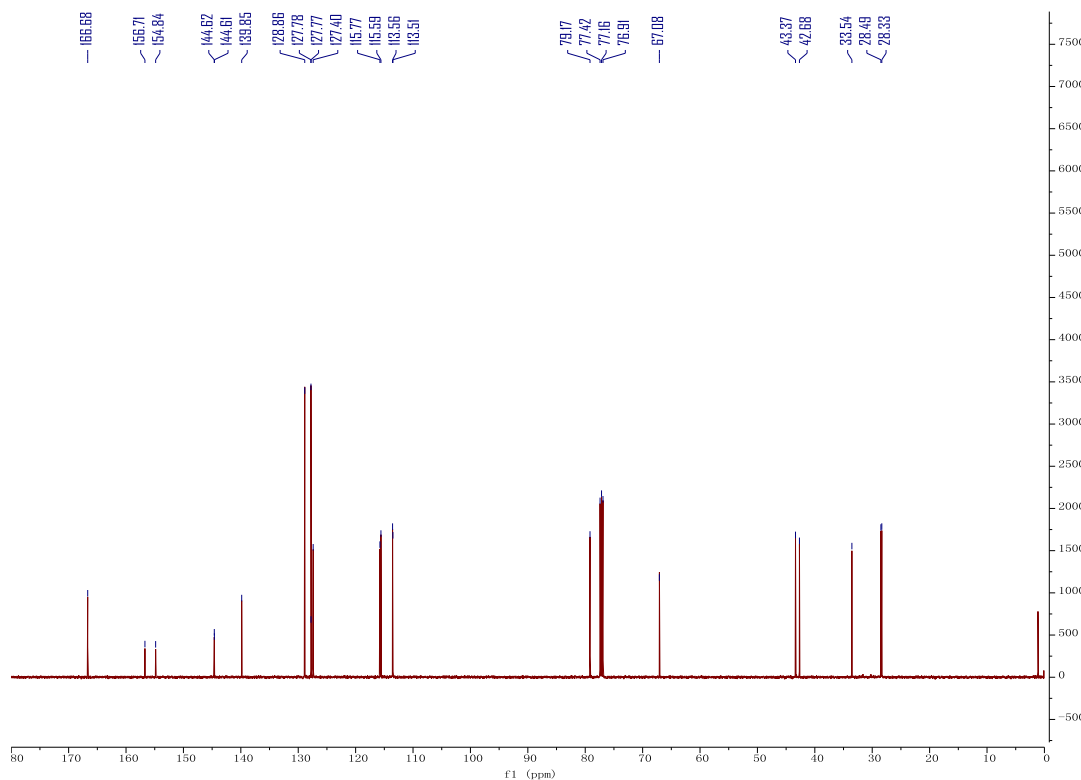
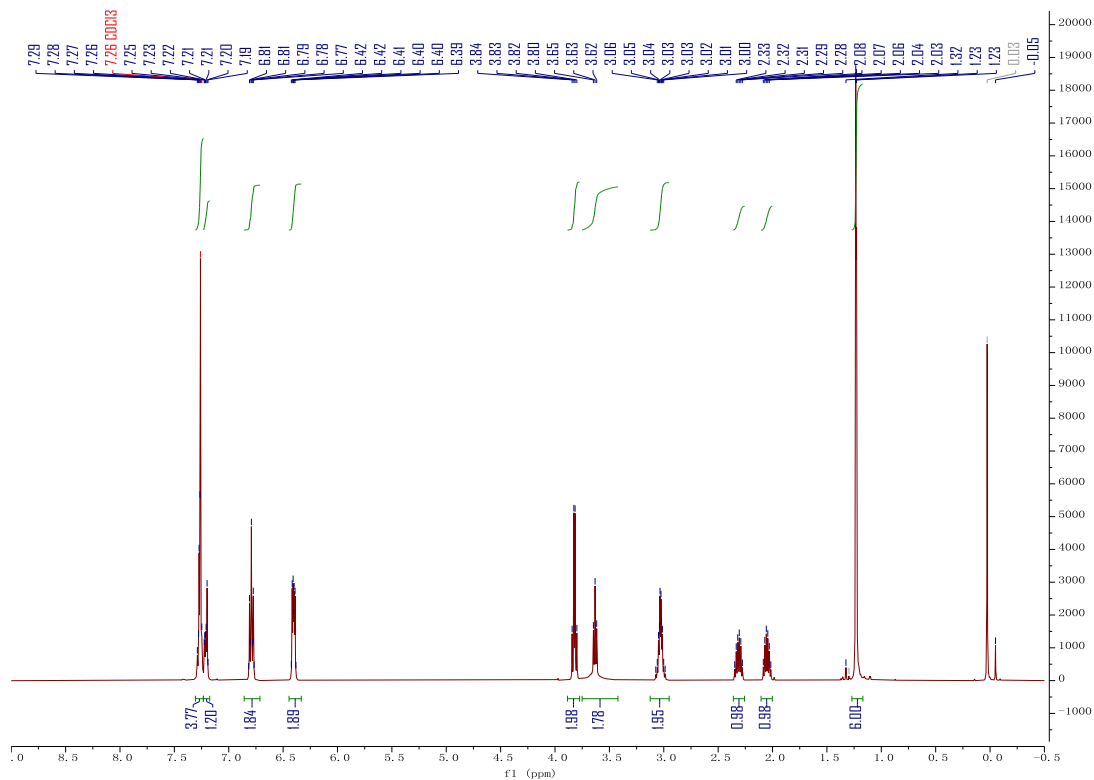
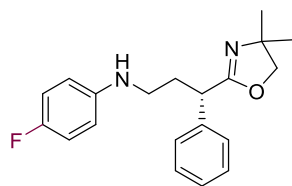
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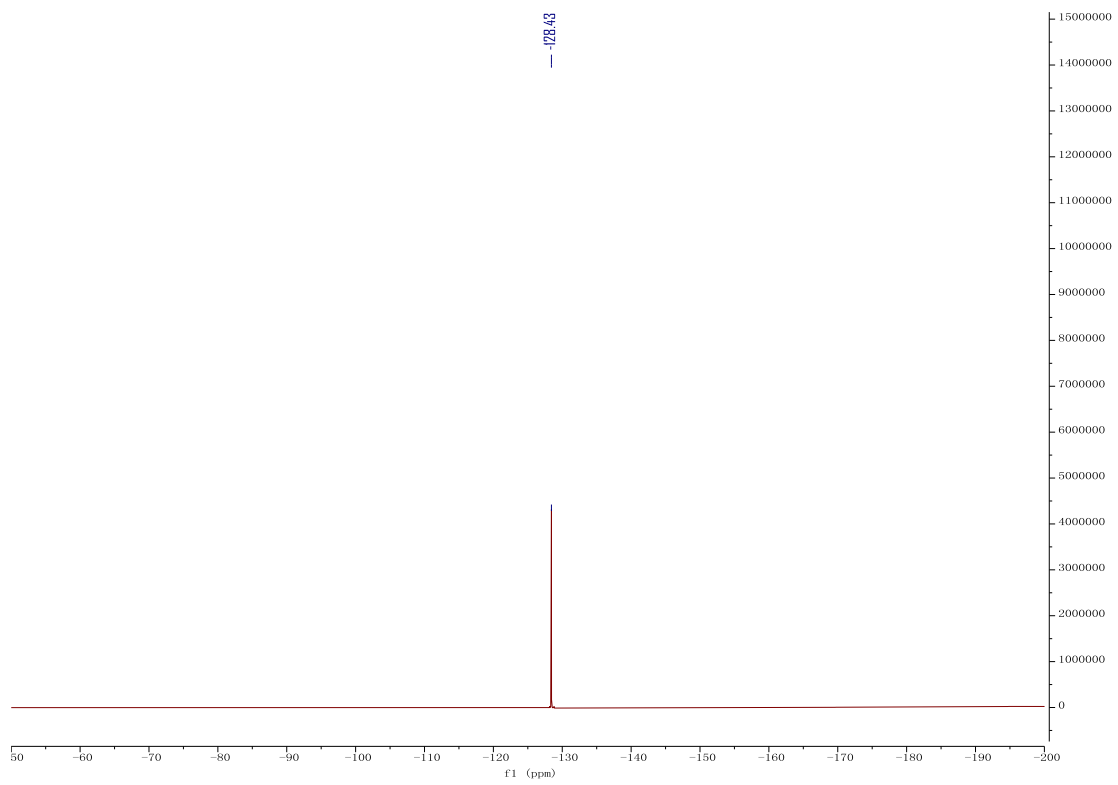


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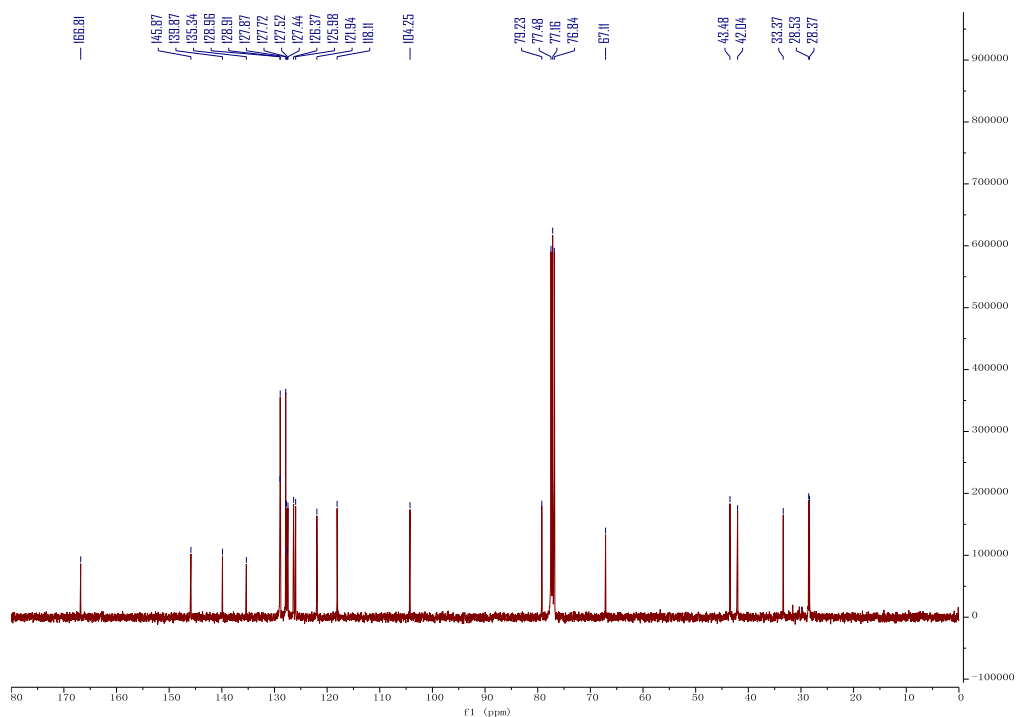
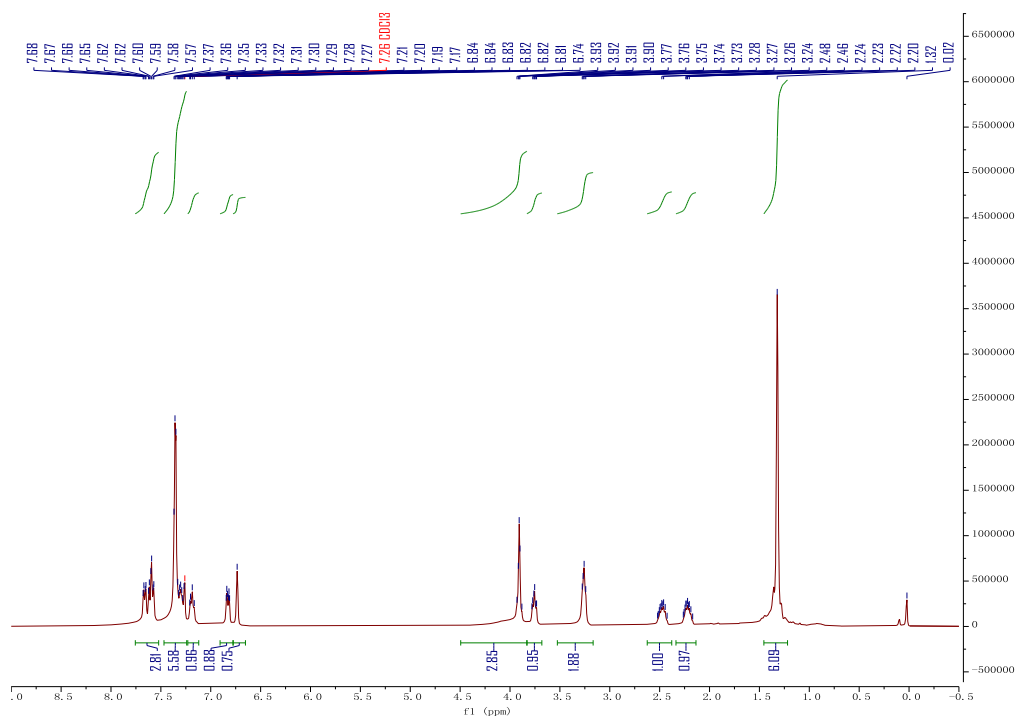
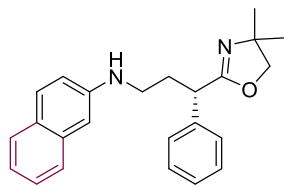


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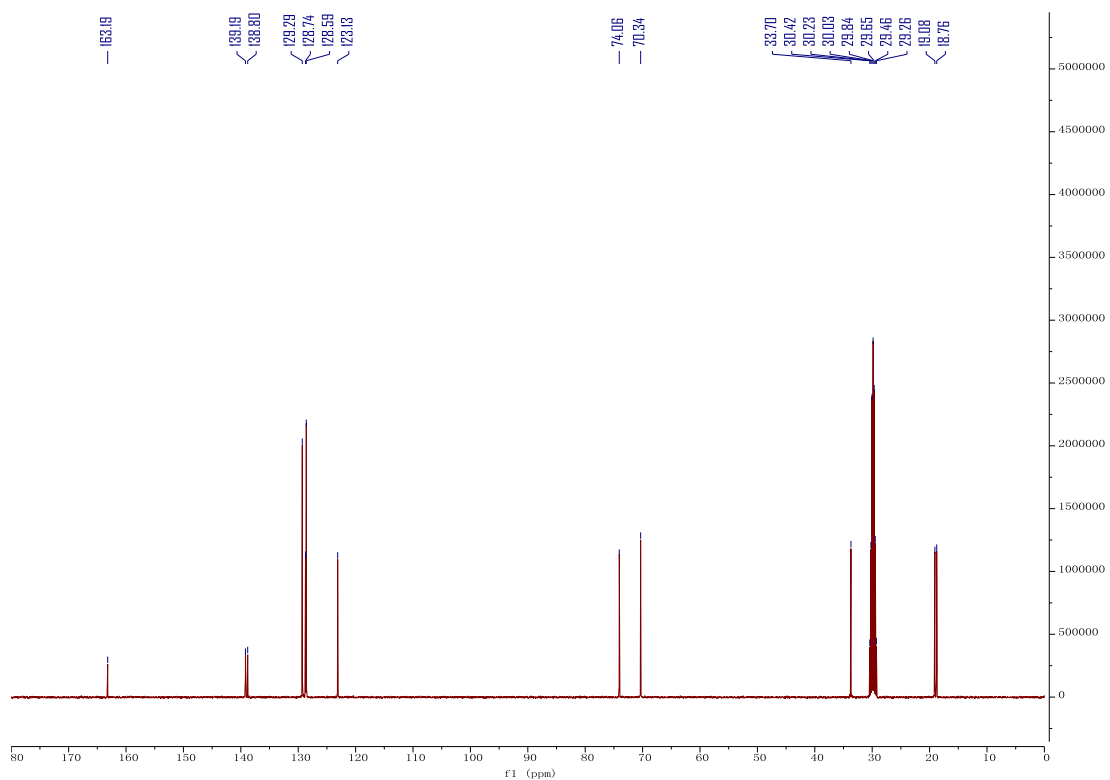
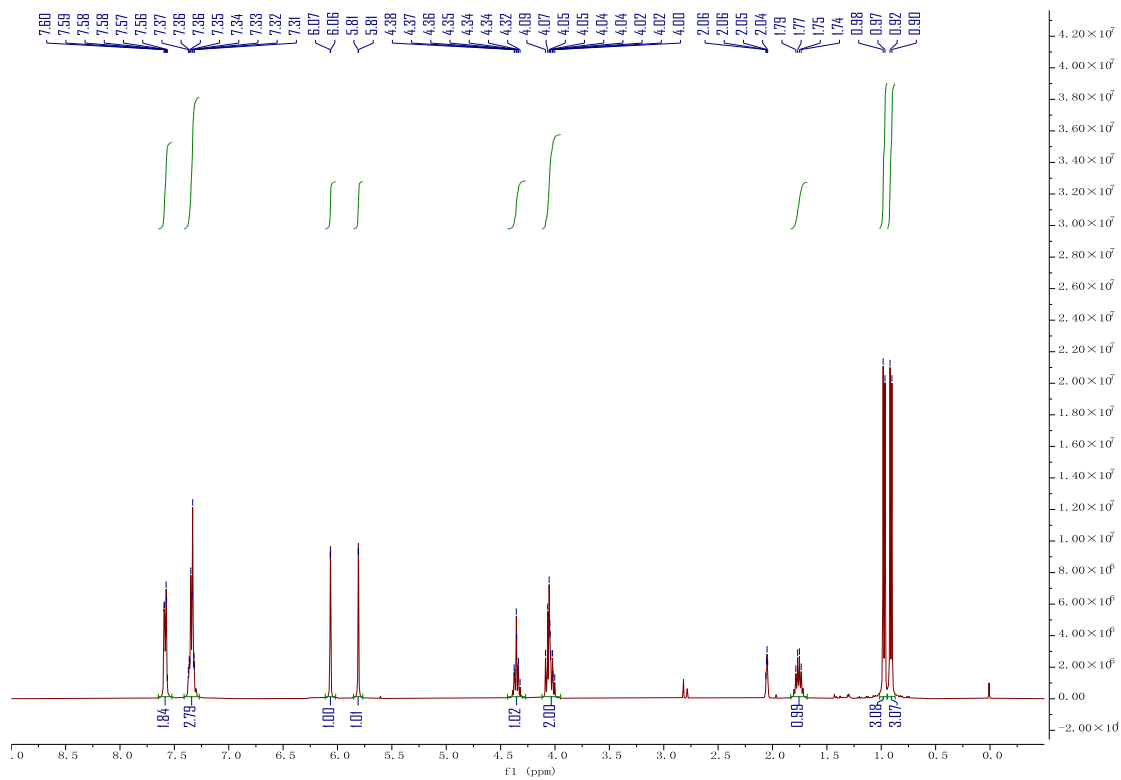
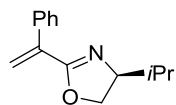




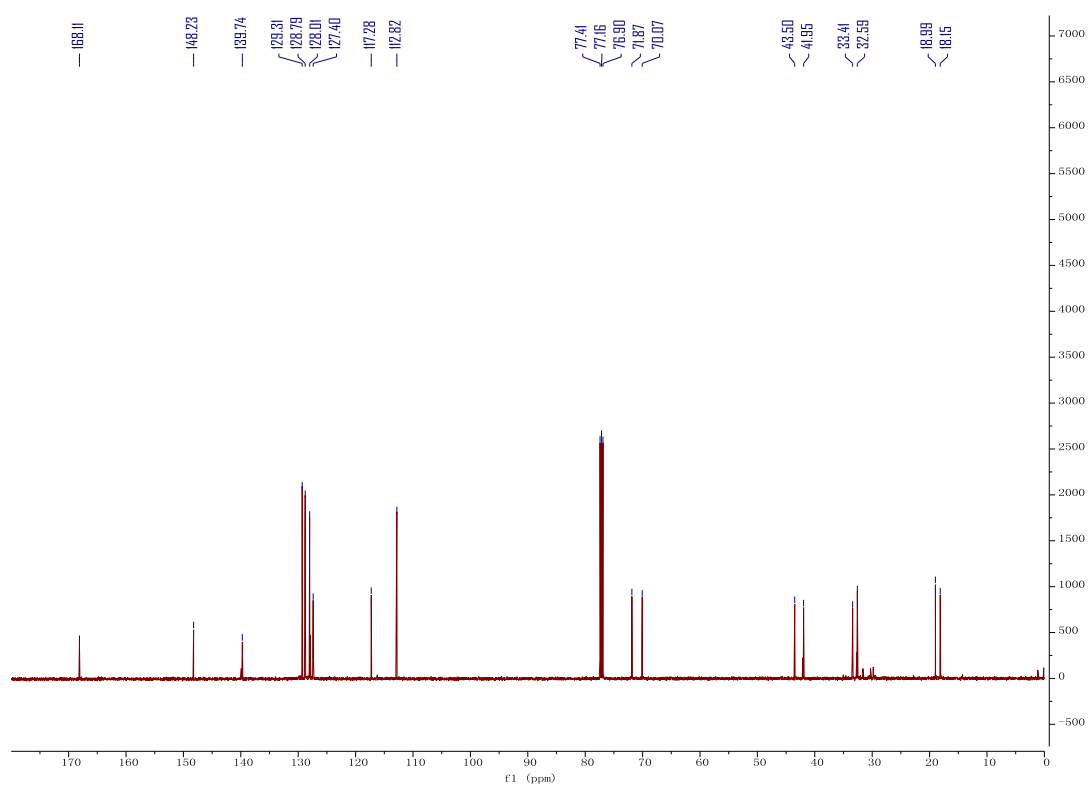
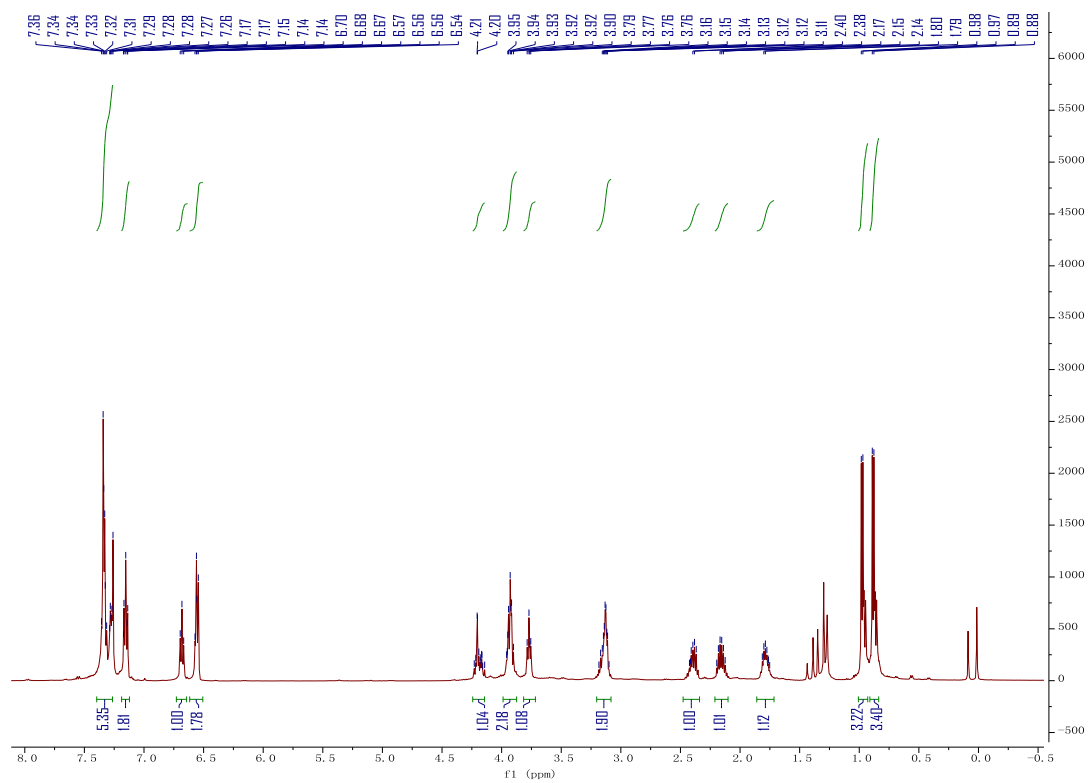
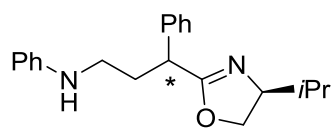
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(3t)



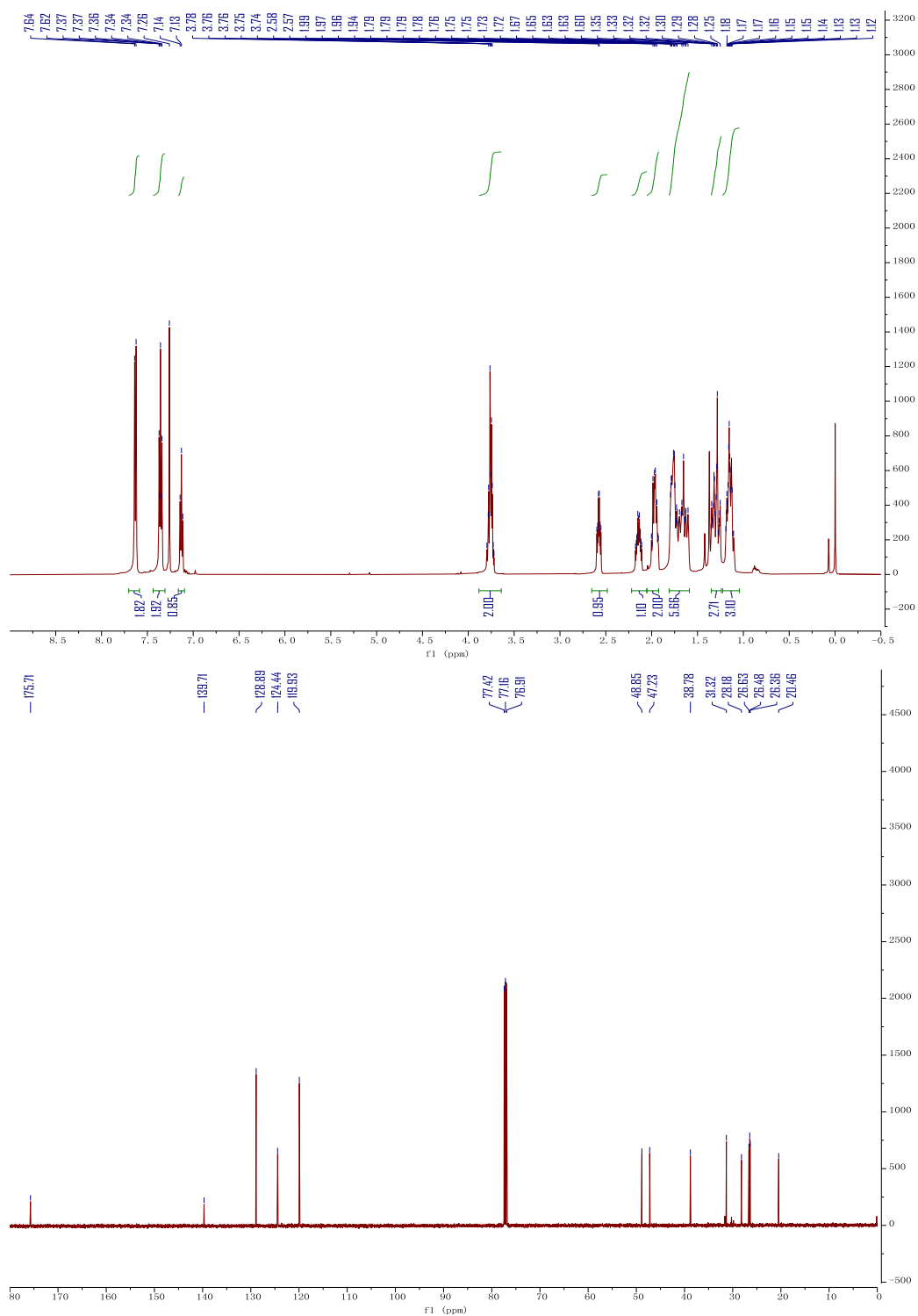
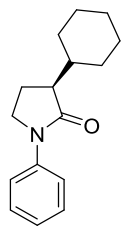
(S)-4-isopropyl-2-(1-phenylvinyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**4a**)



N-(3-((*S*)-4-isopropyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-3-phenylpropyl)aniline (**5a**)



(S)-3-cyclohexyl-1-phenylpyrrolidin-2-one (**6r**)



2-methyl-2-nitropropyl (S)-2-cyclohexyl-4-(N-phenylacetamido)butanoate (**7r**)

