

S(VI) in Three-Component Sulfonamide Synthesis: Use of Sulfuric Chloride as Linchpin in Palladium-Catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling

Xuefeng Wang, Min Yang, Shengqing Ye, Yunyan Kuang and Jie Wu*

Supporting Information

1. General experimental methods (S2).
2. Early investigations using morpholine-4-sulfonyl chloride (S3).
3. Optimization of “standard conditions” (S4–S6).
4. General experimental procedure (S7–S8).
5. Characterization data (S9 – S24).
6. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra of compounds **3** and **4** (S25 – S79).

1. General experimental methods:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PhCN})_2$, phosphine ligands, boronic acids and amines (except morpholine) are purchased from *Bidepharm* and used as received. Morpholine(99.9%, GC) and tetrahydrofuran (THF, 99.5%, *Energyseal*, Extra Dry, with molecular sieves, Water≤50 ppm) were purchased from *Energy Chemical* and used as received. Acetonitrile (MeCN, 99.9%, SafeDry, with molecular sieves, Water≤50 ppm) was purchased from *Adamas-Beta* and used as received. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300-400 mesh, standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230–400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to 254 nm ultraviolet light or iodine stain. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~20 Torr at 30–50°C. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million(ppm) from solvent residual peak on the δ scale. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded in chloroform-*d* or acetone-*d*₆ on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz, 101 MHz and 376 MHz, respectively. All chemical shift values are quoted in ppm and coupling constants quoted in Hz. Melting points are tested automatically on a Melting Point Apparatus produced by *Shanghai JINGMI Scientific Instruments Co., Ltd.* High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a Bruker McrOTOF11 Instrument.

2. Early investigations using Morpholine-4-sulfonyl chloride

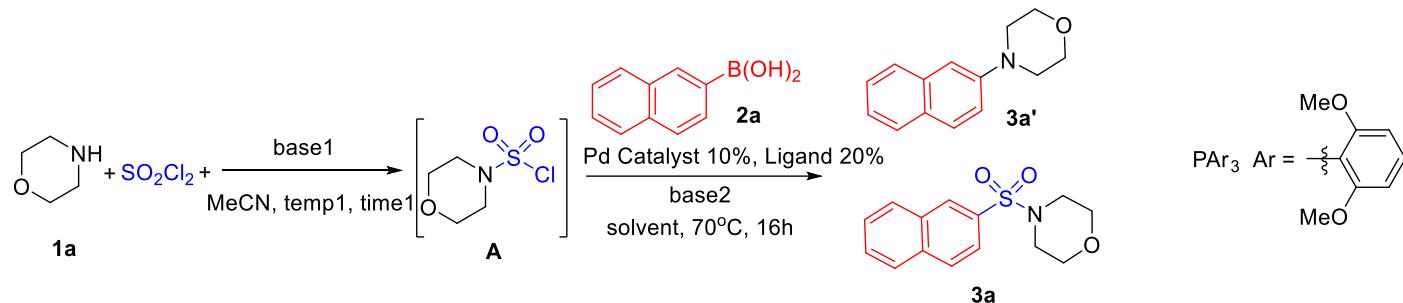
Yields were determined by ^1H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.



Entry	Solvent	Ligand	Base	Temp.	Yield 3a (%)
1	dioxane	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	Na_2CO_3	70	n.d.
2	dioxane	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	K_2CO_3	70	n.d.
3	dioxane	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	KOAc	70	n.d.
4	dioxane	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	Na_2SO_3	70	14
5	dioxane	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	Na_2HPO_4	70	trace
6	dioxane	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	K_2HPO_4	70	trace
7	<u>DMF</u>	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	Na_2SO_3	70	trace
8	<u>MeCN</u>	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	Na_2SO_3	70	15
9	<u>p-Xylene</u>	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	Na_2SO_3	70	n.d.
10	<u>DME</u>	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	Na_2SO_3	70	n.d.
11	<u>THF</u>	$\text{P}^t\text{Bu}_3\text{-HBF}_4$	Na_2SO_3	70	23
12	THF	<u>dppe</u> , <u>dcpp-HBF₄</u> , <u>XPhos</u> , <u>tBuXPhos</u> , <u>P(o-tol)₃</u> , <u>JohnPhos</u> , <u>SPhos</u> , <u>BINAP</u> , <u>dppf</u>	Na_2SO_3	70	n.d.
13	THF	<u>PPh₃</u>	Na_2SO_3	70	trace
14	THF	<u>PAr₃</u> Ar=2,6-di-OMe-C ₆ H ₃	Na_2SO_3	70	57
15	THF	<u>DavePhos</u>	Na_2SO_3	70	30
16	THF	<u>BrettPhos</u>	Na_2SO_3	70	45
17	<u>THF/MeCN</u>	<u>PAr₃</u> Ar=2,6-di-OMe-C ₆ H ₃	Na_2SO_3	70	67
18	THF/MeCN	<u>PAr₃</u> Ar=2,5-di-Me-C ₆ H ₃	Na_2SO_3	70	30
19	THF/MeCN	<u>PAr₃</u> Ar=o-OMe-C ₆ H ₄	Na_2SO_3	70	50
20	THF/MeCN	<u>PAr₃</u> Ar=m-OMe-C ₆ H ₄	Na_2SO_3	70	62
21	THF/MeCN	<u>PAr₃</u> Ar=p-OMe-C ₆ H ₄	Na_2SO_3	70	66
22	THF/MeCN	PAr₃ Ar=2,6-di-OMe-C ₆ H ₃	Na₂SO₃	70	72

3. Optimization of “standard conditions”

Yields were determined by ^1H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.



Entry	SO_2Cl_2 (eq)	Base1 (eq)	Temp1($^\circ\text{C}$)	Time(h)	Pd catalyst	Ligand	Base2 (3.0 eq)	Solvent (ratio)	$3\text{a}'$ yield(%)	3a yield (%)
1	1.5	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(1.2)$	r.t.	0.1667	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	15	39
2	1.5	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(1.2)$	r.t.	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	40	36
3	1.5	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(1.5)$	r.t.	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	30	51
4	2.0	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(1.2)$	r.t.	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	60	26
5	1.5	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(1.2)$	r.t.	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	63	20(2a 1.0 eq)
6	1.5	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(2.1)$	r.t.	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	23	50
7	1.5	DIPEA(1.5)	r.t.	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	27	36
8	1.5	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(1.5)$	Reflux	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	24	39
9	1.5	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(2.0)$	Reflux	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	15	34
10	1.8	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(1.8)$	Reflux	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	24	42
11	1.8	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}(2.4)$	reflux	0.5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PAr_3	Na_2SO_3	THF/MeCN 1:1	16	42

12	1.8	Et ₃ N(3.0)	reflux	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	20	37
Entry	SO ₂ Cl ₂ (eq)	Base1 (eq)	Temp1(°C)	Time(h)	Pd catalyst	Ligand	Base2 (3.0 eq)	Solvent (ratio)	3a' yield(%)	3a yield (%)
13	1.8	Et ₃ N(2.0)	r.t.	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	23	50
14	1.8	Et ₃ N(2.0)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	26	55
15	1.8	Et ₃ N(2.0)	70	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	25	44
16	1.8	Et ₃ N(2.0)	90	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	32	30
17	1.8	Et ₃ N(2.0)	50	1.0	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	24	53
18	1.8	Et ₃ N(2.0)	50	1.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	26	48
19	1.8	Et ₃ N(2.0)	50	2.0	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	20	47
20	1.8	Et ₃ N(2.0)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	38	50
21	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	31	64
22	3.0	Et ₃ N(3.1)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	52	33
23	2.5	Et ₃ N(1.0)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	40	32
24	2.5	Et ₃ N(1.2)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	29	37
25	2.5	Et ₃ N(1.25)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	39	33
26	2.5	Et ₃ N(1.325)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	32	31
27	2.5	Et ₃ N(1.5)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	23	36
28	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.0)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	17	41
29	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.4)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	22	26
30	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	41	54

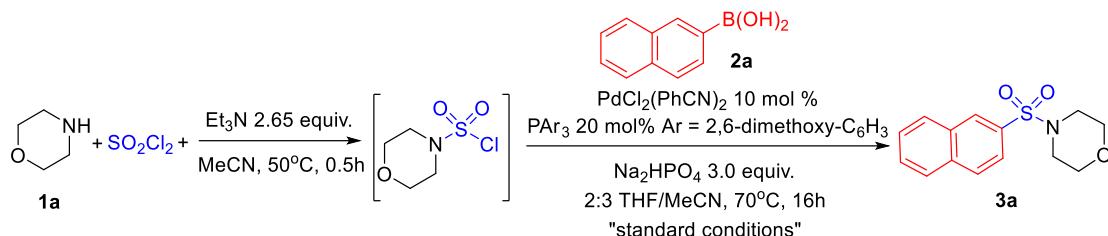
31	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	PdCl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	23	47
32	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	PdBr ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	13	66
33	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	22	51
Entry	SO ₂ Cl ₂ (eq)	Base1 (eq)	Temp1(°C)	Time(h)	Pd catalyst	Ligand	Base2 (3.0 eq)	Solvent (ratio)	3a' yield(%)	3a yield (%)
34	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	16	68
35	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 1:1	18	73
36	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 3:2	18	68
37	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 2:1	19	63
38	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	THF/MeCN 2:3	9	68
39	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	dioxane/MeCN 1:1	24	66
40	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ SO ₃	dioxane/MeCN 3:2	26	57
41	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	K ₂ HPO ₄	THF/MeCN 2:3	33	50
42	2.5	Et₃N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN)₂Cl₂	PAr₃	Na₂HPO₄	THF/MeCN 2:3	5	80
43	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	K ₂ S ₂ O ₅	THF/MeCN 2:3	11	78
44	2.5	Et ₃ N(2.65)	50	0.5	Pd(PhCN) ₂ Cl ₂	PAr ₃	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₅	THF/MeCN 2:3	18	68

Entries 23-29: Et₃N added to SO₂Cl₂ solution in MeCN, then morpholine added.

4. General experimental procedure:

4.1 Procedure of Palladium-catalyzed coupling reaction

*General experimental procedure for the reaction of secondary amine **1**, SO₂Cl₂ and boronic acid **2**. Procedure to product **3aa** is shown below as an example.*

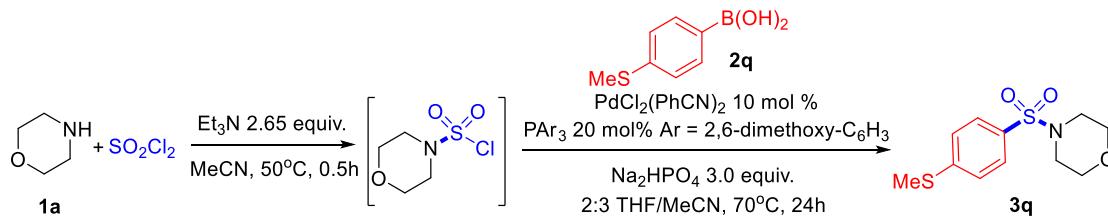


A solution of SO₂Cl₂ (0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in MeCN (1.0 mL) was cooled to 0 °C before morpholine **1a*** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwisely. Then Et₃N (0.53 mmol, 2.65 equiv) was added dropwisely and the mixture was heated to 50 °C for 0.5 h. After the scheduled time, the mixture was cooled to -15 °C for Et₃N-HCl to precipitate. The solution was filtered and transferred to a rubber-septa-sealed tube containing a mixture of 2-naphthaleneboronic acid **2a** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), PdCl₂(PhCN)₂ (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), tris(2,6-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine (0.04 mmol, 20 mol %), and Na₂HPO₄ (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in THF (1.0 mL) under argon. Followed by addition of MeCN (0.5 mL). The mixture was then stirred at 70 °C for 16 h. After the scheduled time, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified directly by flash column chromatography (eluent: 20% EtOAc/n-hexane) to afford the corresponding product **3aa** as a white solid (38.1 mg, 69% yield).

* In cases that amine hydrochloride was used, the amine hydrochloride was treated by 1.0 equiv Et₃N in minimum amount of MeCN before addition to the SO₂Cl₂ solution.

4.2 Procedure of the Gram-scale synthesis of product **3q**

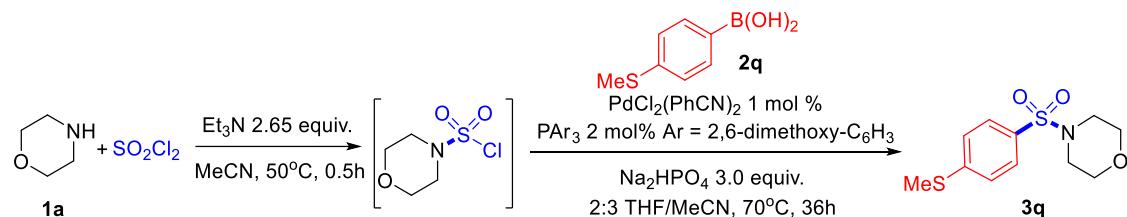
4.2.1 Procedure using 10% Pd catalyst



A solution of SO₂Cl₂ (10 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in MeCN (20 mL) was cooled to 0 °C

before morpholine **1a** (4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwisely. Then Et₃N (10.6 mmol, 2.65 equiv) was added dropwisely and the mixture was heated to 50 °C for 0.5 h. After the scheduled time, the mixture was cooled to -15 °C for Et₃N-HCl to precipitate. The solution was filtered and transferred to a rubber-septa-sealed flask containing a mixture of (4-(methylthio)phenyl)boronic acid **2q** (8.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), PdCl₂(PhCN)₂ (0.4 mmol, 10 mol %), tris(2,6-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine (0.8 mmol, 20 mol %), and Na₂HPO₄ (12.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in THF (20 mL) under argon. Followed by addition of MeCN (10 mL). The mixture was then stirred at 70 °C for 24 h. After the scheduled time, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified directly by flash column chromatography (eluent: 20% EtOAc/n-hexane) to afford the corresponding product **3q** as a white solid (0.674 g, 62% yield).

4.2.2 Procedure using 1% Pd catalyst



A solution of SO₂Cl₂ (10 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in MeCN (20 mL) was cooled to 0 °C before morpholine **1a** (4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwisely. Then Et₃N (10.6 mmol, 2.65 equiv) was added dropwisely and the mixture was heated to 50 °C for 0.5 h. After the scheduled time, the mixture was cooled to -15 °C for Et₃N-HCl to precipitate. The solution was filtered and transferred to a rubber-septa-sealed flask containing a mixture of (4-(methylthio)phenyl)boronic acid **2q** (8.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), PdCl₂(PhCN)₂ (0.04 mmol, 1 mol %), tris(2,6-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine (0.08 mmol, 2 mol %), and Na₂HPO₄ (12.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in THF (20 mL) under argon. Followed by addition of MeCN (10 mL). The mixture was then stirred at 70 °C for 36 h. After the scheduled time, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified directly by flash column chromatography (eluent: 20% EtOAc/n-hexane) to afford the corresponding product **3q** as a white solid (0.585 g, 54% yield).

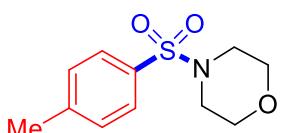
5. Characterization data



4-(Naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)morpholine (**3a**)^[1]

38.1 mg, 69% yield. White solid. M.p. 153.9 – 154.9 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 3.75 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H), 3.10 – 3.05 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.14, 132.35, 129.46, 129.39, 129.14, 128.11, 127.83, 123.11, 66.29, 46.23.



4-Tosylmorpholine (**3b**)^[2]

36.1 mg, 75% yield. White solid. M.p. 139.7 – 140.5 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.76 – 3.70 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 4H), 3.01 – 2.95 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.07, 132.25, 129.87, 128.03, 66.23, 46.12, 21.66.



4-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)morpholine (**3c**)^[1]

43.7 mg, 72% yield. Off-white solid. M.p. 206.5 – 208.8 °C.

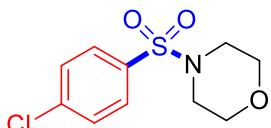
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 3.82 – 3.71 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H), 3.11 – 3.01 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.19, 139.31, 133.85, 129.24, 128.74, 128.52, 127.89, 127.48, 66.27, 46.16.



4-((4-Fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (**3d**)^[1]

31.2 mg, 64% yield. White solid. M.p. 92.5 – 92.7 °C.

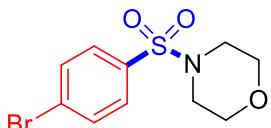
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 3.76 – 3.73 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.01 – 2.98 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.53 (d, *J_F* = 256.6 Hz), 131.47, 130.66 (d, *J_F* = 9.4 Hz), 116.58 (d, *J_F* = 22.6 Hz), 66.19, 46.10. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.50.



4-((4-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3e)^[1]

30.2 mg, 58% yield. White solid. M.p. 145.2 – 146.6 °C.

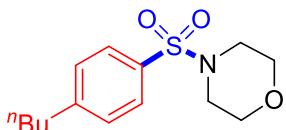
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.76 – 3.72 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.02 – 2.98 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.89, 133.93, 129.63, 129.37, 66.19, 46.08.



4-((4-Bromophenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3f)^[3]

32.4 mg, 53% yield. White solid. M.p. 148.8 – 150.0 °C.

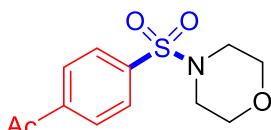
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.47, 132.62, 129.44, 128.37, 66.19, 46.07.



4-((4-Butylphenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3g)

39.7 mg, 70% yield. White solid. M.p. 86.2 – 87.9 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (dt, *J* = 15.4, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.40 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₄H₂₂NO₃S⁺(M + H⁺): 284.1315, found: 284.1318.



1-(4-(Morpholinosulfonyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3h)^[4]

24.2 mg, 45% yield. White solid. M.p. 131.8 – 132.1 °C.

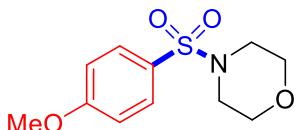
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.76 – 3.72 (m, 4H), 3.04 – 2.99 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.80, 140.46, 139.34, 129.06, 128.22, 66.18, 46.06, 27.00.



Methyl 4-(morpholinosulfonyl)benzoate (**3i**)^[4]

22.8 mg, 40% yield. White solid. M.p. 140.2 – 142.3 °C.

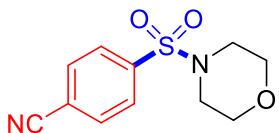
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.76 – 3.72 (m, 4H), 3.05 – 3.00 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.68, 139.45, 134.40, 130.47, 127.94, 66.21, 52.85, 46.09.



4-((4-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (**3j**)^[1]

38.9 mg, 76% yield. White solid. M.p. 106.5 – 108.7 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.37, 130.11, 126.83, 114.43, 66.22, 55.77, 46.13.



4-(Morpholinosulfonyl)benzonitrile (**3k**)^[4]

16.7 mg, 33% yield. White solid. M.p. 155.7 - 158.1 °C.

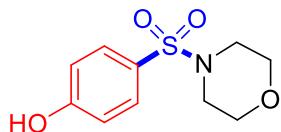
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (s, 4H), 3.77 – 3.74 (m, 4H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.04, 133.11, 128.51, 117.26, 117.05, 66.18, 46.04.



4-((4-(Trimethylsilyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (**3l**)^[1]

36.1 mg, 61% yield. White powder. M.p. 144.9 – 145.8 °C.

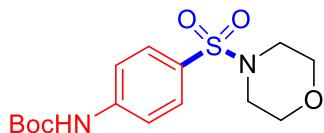
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 3.75 – 3.71 (m, 4H), 3.02 – 2.98 (m, 4H), 0.30 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.61, 135.26, 134.03, 126.83, 66.22, 46.08, -1.27.



4-(Morpholinosulfonyl)phenol (3m**)^[4]**

32.9 mg, 68% yield. White solid. M.p. 144.1 – 147.3 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.86 (broad, 1H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.00 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 3.65 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.87 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 162.18, 131.21, 118.31, 116.67, 66.70, 47.13.



tert-Butyl (4-(morpholinosulfonyl)phenyl)carbamate (3n**)^[5]**

47.3 mg, 73% yield. White solid. M.p. 162.7 – 163.9 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.70 (m, 4H), 2.99 – 2.94 (m, 4H), 1.52 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.25, 143.16, 129.33, 128.58, 118.03, 81.78, 66.21, 46.12, 28.36.



4-((4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3o**)^[1]**

36.2 mg, 59% yield. Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77 – 3.73 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.03 – 2.99 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.62, 133.83, 130.09, 121.10, 120.36(q, J_F = 260.7 Hz), 66.18, 46.07. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -57.72.



4-((4-Phenoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3p**)**

38.4 mg, 61% yield. White solid. M.p. 149.4 – 150.6 °C.

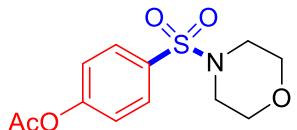
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 3.77 – 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.02 – 2.98 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.14, 155.12, 130.37, 130.20, 128.67, 125.23, 120.53, 117.66, 66.23, 46.13. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₆H₁₈NO₄S⁺(M + H⁺): 320.0951, found: 320.0952.



4-((4-(Methylthio)phenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3q)^[1]

40.4 mg, 74% yield. White solid. M.p. 133.4 – 134.3 °C.

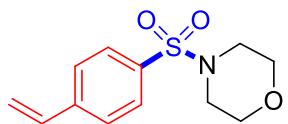
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.00 – 2.95 (m, 4H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.44, 130.92, 128.25, 125.52, 66.20, 46.10, 14.90.



4-(Morpholinatosulfonyl)phenyl acetate (3r)

31.9 mg, 56% yield. White solid. M.p. 107.0 – 109.1 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.06 – 2.99 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.67, 154.34, 132.63, 129.57, 122.53, 66.21, 46.08, 21.27. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₂H₁₆NO₅S⁺(M + H⁺): 286.0744, found: 286.0742.



4-((4-Vinylphenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3s)

15.3 mg, 30% yield. Off-white solid. M.p. 125.5 – 128.5 °C.

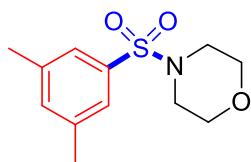
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.39, 135.38, 128.34, 126.88, 117.85, 66.24, 46.12. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₂H₁₅NNaO₃S⁺(M + Na⁺): 276.0665, found: 276.0668.



4-(*o*-Tolylsulfonyl)morpholine (3t**)^[1]**

31.5 mg, 66% yield. White solid. M.p. 127.0 – 127.4 °C.

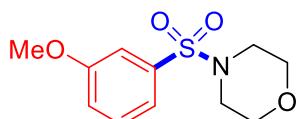
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 3.72 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.31, 135.17, 133.22, 133.06, 130.58, 126.31, 66.47, 45.46, 20.97.



4-((3,5-Dimethylphenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3u**)^[6]**

36.0 mg, 71% yield. White solid. M.p. 149.2 – 151.4 °C.

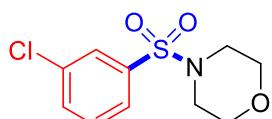
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (s, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 3.75 – 3.72 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.01 – 2.97 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 2.39 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.30, 134.92, 125.51, 66.27, 46.17, 21.40.



4-((3-Methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3v**)^[1]**

37.7 mg, 74% yield. White solid. M.p. 125.9 – 127.3 °C.

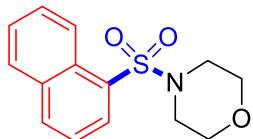
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.12, 136.46, 130.33, 120.08, 119.24, 112.93, 66.25, 55.82, 46.15.



4-((3-Chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3w**)^[1]**

34.3 mg, 66% yield. White solid. M.p. 144.2 – 145.2 °C.

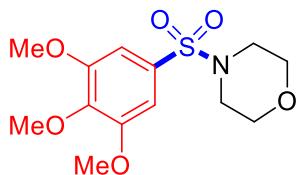
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.23, 135.68, 133.36, 130.59, 127.93, 126.03, 66.20, 46.11.



4-(Naphthalen-1-ylsulfonyl)morpholine (**3x**) ^[1]

36.1 mg, 65% yield. White solid. M.p. 105.3 – 105.9 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.86, 134.52, 132.10, 130.96, 129.21, 129.10, 128.30, 127.08, 125.25, 124.25, 66.39, 45.75.



4-((3,4,5-Trimethoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (**3y**) ^[1]

29.2 mg, 46% yield. White solid. M.p. 109.2 – 110.0 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.94 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 9H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.04 – 2.98 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.52, 142.06, 129.97, 105.26, 66.22, 61.07, 56.62, 46.10.



4-(Benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-ylsulfonyl)morpholine (**3z**) ^[1]

32.6 mg, 60% yield. White solid. M.p. 144.5 – 146.5 °C.

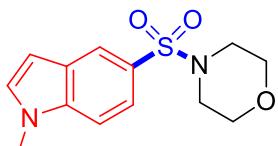
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.00 – 2.97 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.81, 148.41, 128.50, 123.67, 108.49, 108.10, 102.51, 66.20, 46.14.



4-(Benzofuran-5-ylsulfonyl)morpholine (3aa**)^[1]**

37.6 mg, 71% yield. White solid. M.p. 125.5 – 128.0 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.03 – 2.98 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.04, 147.41, 129.95, 128.09, 124.09, 122.22, 112.21, 107.21, 66.21, 46.20.



4-((1-Methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3ab**)^[1]**

39.8 mg, 71% yield. White solid. M.p. 171.4 – 175.5 °C.

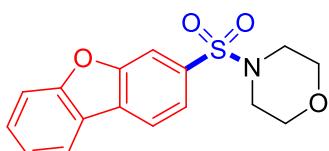
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.02 – 2.97 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.68, 131.38, 128.10, 125.60, 122.34, 120.87, 109.66, 102.87, 66.29, 46.30, 33.30.



4-((1-Methyl-1*H*-indazol-6-yl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3ac**)**

41.6 mg, 74% yield. White solid. M.p. 156.7 – 160.0 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 3.78 – 3.70 (m, 4H), 3.05 (broad, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.96, 133.36, 133.21, 126.35, 122.26, 118.85, 110.09, 66.25, 46.20, 36.15. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₂H₁₆N₃O₃S⁺ (M + H⁺): 282.0907, found: 282.0911.

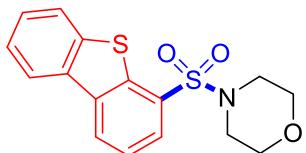


4-(Dibenzo[*b,d*]furan-3-ylsulfonyl)morpholine (3ad**)^[7]**

28.6 mg, 45% yield. White solid. M.p. 208.7 – 211.3 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.51, 152.41, 133.73, 129.32, 123.76, 122.37, 121.67, 121.24, 112.35, 111.92, 66.28, 46.27.



4-(Dibenzo[*b,d*]thiophen-4-ylsulfonyl)morpholine (3ae)

44.0 mg, 66% yield. White solid. M.p. 149.2 – 150.4 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.21 – 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.16 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.32, 138.32, 138.15, 134.05, 130.36, 128.02, 127.65, 125.98, 125.08, 124.65, 122.61, 121.92, 66.21, 46.23.

HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₆H₁₆NO₃S₂⁺ (M + H⁺): 334.0566, found: 334.0566.



4-((6-Methoxypyridin-3-yl)sulfonyl)morpholine (3af)^[1]

30.2 mg, 58% yield. White solid. M.p. 156.0 – 157.5 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.78 – 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.84, 148.13, 137.93, 124.67, 111.60, 66.13, 54.47, 45.99.



(E)-4-(Styrylsulfonyl)morpholine (3ag)^[8]

21.3 mg, 42% yield. Yellow solid. M.p. 158.8 – 160.8 °C.

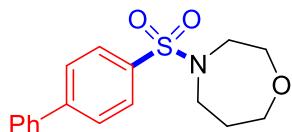
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.76 (m, 4H), 3.19 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.40, 132.54, 131.28, 129.29, 128.45, 120.69, 66.42, 45.85.



4-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)-2-methylmorpholine (3ah)

25.6 mg, 41% yield. White crystalline solid. M.p. 179.6 – 182.6 °C.

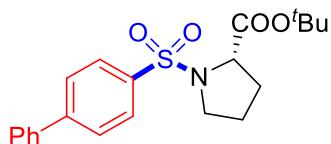
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.59 (t, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (td, *J* = 11.5, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H). HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₇H₂₀NO₃S⁺ (M + H⁺): 318.1158, found: 318.1162.



4-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)-1,4-oxazepane (3ai)

39.9 mg, 63% yield. White crystalline solid. M.p. 127.8 – 130.1 °C.

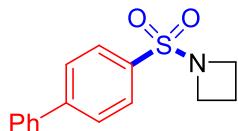
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.74 (m, 4H), 3.48 – 3.37 (m, 4H), 2.02 – 1.93 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.64, 139.41, 137.69, 129.20, 128.62, 127.90, 127.63, 127.44, 71.30, 69.63, 51.57, 47.04, 30.49. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₇H₂₀NO₃S⁺ (M + H⁺): 318.1158, found: 318.1158.



tert-Butyl ([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)-L-proline (3aj)

54.8 mg, 71% yield. Off-white solid. M.p. 83.0 – 85.0 °C.

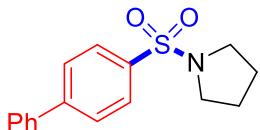
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.95 (m, 3H), 1.84 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.40, 145.65, 139.54, 137.56, 129.15, 128.53, 128.11, 127.71, 127.44, 81.81, 61.33, 48.48, 31.15, 28.04, 24.72. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₂₁H₂₆NO₄S⁺ (M + H⁺): 388.1577, found: 388.1572.



1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)azetidine (3ak)

26.8 mg, 49% yield. White solid. M.p. 115.8 – 118.0 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.14, 139.43, 133.55, 129.24, 129.01, 128.72, 127.84, 127.50, 51.10, 15.48. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₅H₁₆NO₂S⁺ (M + H⁺): 274.0896, found: 274.0898.



1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)pyrrolidine (3al)

26.9 mg, 47% yield. White solid. M.p. 130.5 – 133.0 °C.

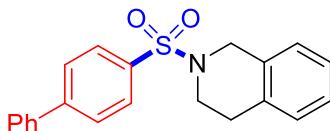
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 1.85 – 1.78 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.59, 139.52, 135.85, 129.20, 128.59, 128.18, 127.75, 127.45, 48.10, 25.41. HRMSESI) Calc. for C₁₆H₁₈NO₂S⁺ (M + H⁺): 288.1053, found: 288.1062.



1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)piperidine (3am)

25.4 mg, 42% yield. White solid. M.p. 176.9 – 178.0 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.07 – 3.01 (m, 4H), 1.67 (dt, *J* = 11.3, 5.8 Hz, 4H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.59, 139.51, 135.21, 129.20, 128.60, 128.34, 127.68, 127.46, 47.11, 25.36, 23.68. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₇H₂₀NO₂S⁺ (M + H⁺): 302.1209, found: 302.1208.

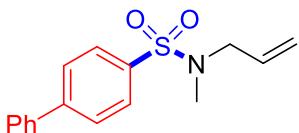


2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3an)

36.9 mg, 53% yield. Off-white solid. M.p. 133.9 – 135.6 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11 –

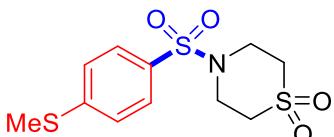
7.03 (m, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.43 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.95 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.92, 139.40, 135.20, 133.21, 131.73, 129.20, 128.97, 128.65, 128.34, 127.83, 127.45, 126.92, 126.51, 47.69, 43.89, 28.99. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+$ ($M + \text{H}^+$): 350.1209, found: 350.1209.



N-Allyl-N-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-sulfonamide (3ao)

21.2 mg, 37% yield. White solid. M.p. 86.8 – 88.4 °C.

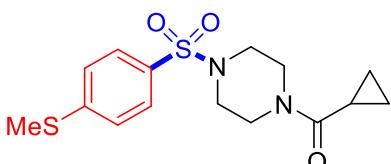
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 4.42 (tt, J = 6.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (qd, J = 12.1, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (dd, J = 14.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, J = 14.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.21, 139.25, 135.40, 129.25, 128.77, 128.13, 128.06, 127.47, 58.71, 54.22, 46.63, 37.80. HRMS(EI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+$ (M^+): 287.0975, found: 287.0986.



4-((4-(Methylthio)phenyl)sulfonyl)thiomorpholine 1,1-dioxide (3ap)

29.5 mg, 46% yield. White solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (broad, 4H), 3.17 – 3.11 (m, 4H), 2.54 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.51, 132.31, 127.67, 125.84, 51.50, 44.96, 14.88. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}_3^+$ ($M + \text{Na}^+$): 344.0055, found: 344.0060.

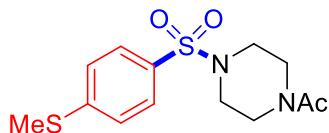


Cyclopropyl(4-((4-(methylthio)phenyl)sulfonyl)piperazin-1-yl)methanone (3aq)

35.3 mg, 52% yield. White solid. M.p. 78 – 80 °C. (Measured manually)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (broad, 4H), 3.01 (broad, 4H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.66 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 0.96 – 0.90 (m, 2H), 0.77 – 0.70 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.13, 146.66, 131.08, 128.14, 125.59, 46.36,

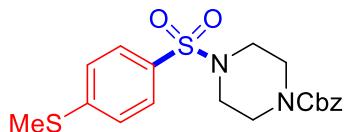
46.08, 45.05, 41.52, 14.90, 11.02, 7.82. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for $C_{15}H_{21}N_2O_3S_2^+$ ($M + H^+$): 341.0988, found: 341.0966.



1-(4-((Methylthio)phenyl)sulfonyl)piperazin-1-yl)ethan-1-one (3ar)

39.6 mg, 63% yield. Yellow solid.

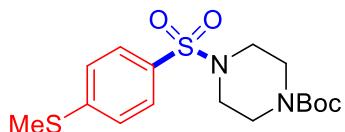
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.66 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.52 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.01 – 2.92 (m, 4H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.91, 146.69, 130.78, 128.05, 125.50, 46.16, 45.87, 45.71, 40.73, 21.30, 14.81. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for $C_{13}H_{18}N_2O_3S_2^+$ ($M + H^+$): 315.0832, found: 315.0832.



Benzyl 4-((4-(methylthio)phenyl)sulfonyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3as)

44.7 mg, 55% yield. White solid. M.p. 126.3 – 126.9 °C.

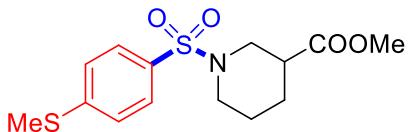
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 7H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.58 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.97 (broad, 4H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 154.89, 146.56, 136.29, 131.08, 128.66, 128.35, 128.17, 128.12, 125.54, 67.64, 45.91, 43.31, 14.87. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for $C_{19}H_{22}N_2NaO_4S_2^+$ ($M + Na^+$): 429.0913, found: 429.0921.



tert-Butyl 4-((4-(methylthio)phenyl)sulfonyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3at)

39.4 mg, 53% yield. White crystalline solid. M.p. 158.9 – 159.6 °C.

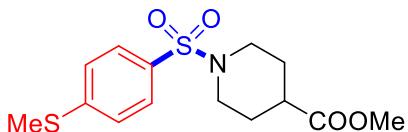
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.62 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.51 – 3.46 (m, 4H), 3.01 – 2.91 (m, 4H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 154.27, 146.43, 131.35, 128.16, 125.56, 80.52, 46.00, 43.25, 28.44, 14.90. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for $C_{16}H_{24}N_2NaO_4S_2^+$ ($M + Na^+$): 395.1070, found: 395.1084.



Methyl 1-((4-(methylthio)phenyl)sulfonyl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (3au)

35.5 mg, 54% yield. Light yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (tt, *J* = 10.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.47 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (td, *J* = 11.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.32 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.24, 146.01, 131.85, 128.03, 125.46, 52.06, 47.80, 46.37, 41.09, 29.81, 26.57, 24.08, 14.87. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₄H₂₀NO₄S₂⁺ (M + H⁺): 330.0828, found: 330.0828.



Methyl 1-((4-(methylthio)phenyl)sulfonyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3av)

33.4 mg, 51% yield. Off-white solid. M.p. 102.6 – 105.5 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.63 – 3.57 (m, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.46 (td, *J* = 11.7, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.29 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.96 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.36, 145.96, 131.86, 128.04, 125.43, 52.01, 45.50, 39.97, 29.81, 27.52, 14.87. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₁₄H₂₀NO₄S₂⁺ (M + H⁺): 330.0828, found: 330.0838.



1-Tosylpiperidine (3aw)

24.7 mg, 52% yield. White solid.

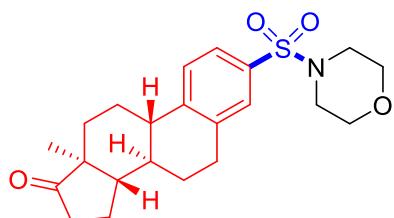
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.98 – 2.93 (m, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.65 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.43 – 1.37 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.42, 133.35, 129.66, 127.84, 47.06, 25.28, 23.64, 21.65.



2-Tosyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3ax)

29.5 mg, 52% yield. Off-white solid.

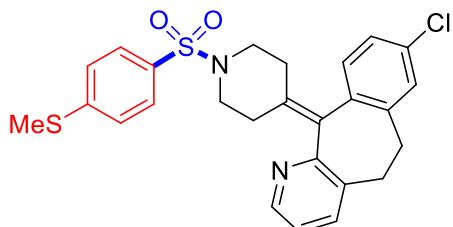
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.81, 133.30, 133.17, 131.73, 129.82, 128.92, 127.86, 126.84, 126.47, 126.44, 47.65, 43.84, 28.98, 21.64.



(8*R*,9*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-13-Methyl-3-(morpholinosulfonyl)-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-one (**4a**)

61.7 mg, 73% yield. White sticky solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 3.00 – 2.95 (m, 6H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 18.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.35 (td, *J* = 10.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 1.98 (m, 4H), 1.67 – 1.46 (m, 6H), 0.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.47, 145.64, 138.03, 132.22, 128.32, 126.30, 125.32, 66.23, 50.55, 47.95, 46.12, 44.63, 37.73, 35.89, 31.58, 29.48, 26.18, 25.64, 21.68, 13.91. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for C₂₂H₃₀NO₄S⁺ (M + H⁺): 404.1890, found: 404.1894.



8-Chloro-11-((4-(methylthio)phenyl)sulfonyl)piperidin-4-ylidene)-6,11-dihydro-5*H*-benzo[5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-*b*]pyridine (**4b**)

48.7 mg, 49% yield. Light yellow oil.

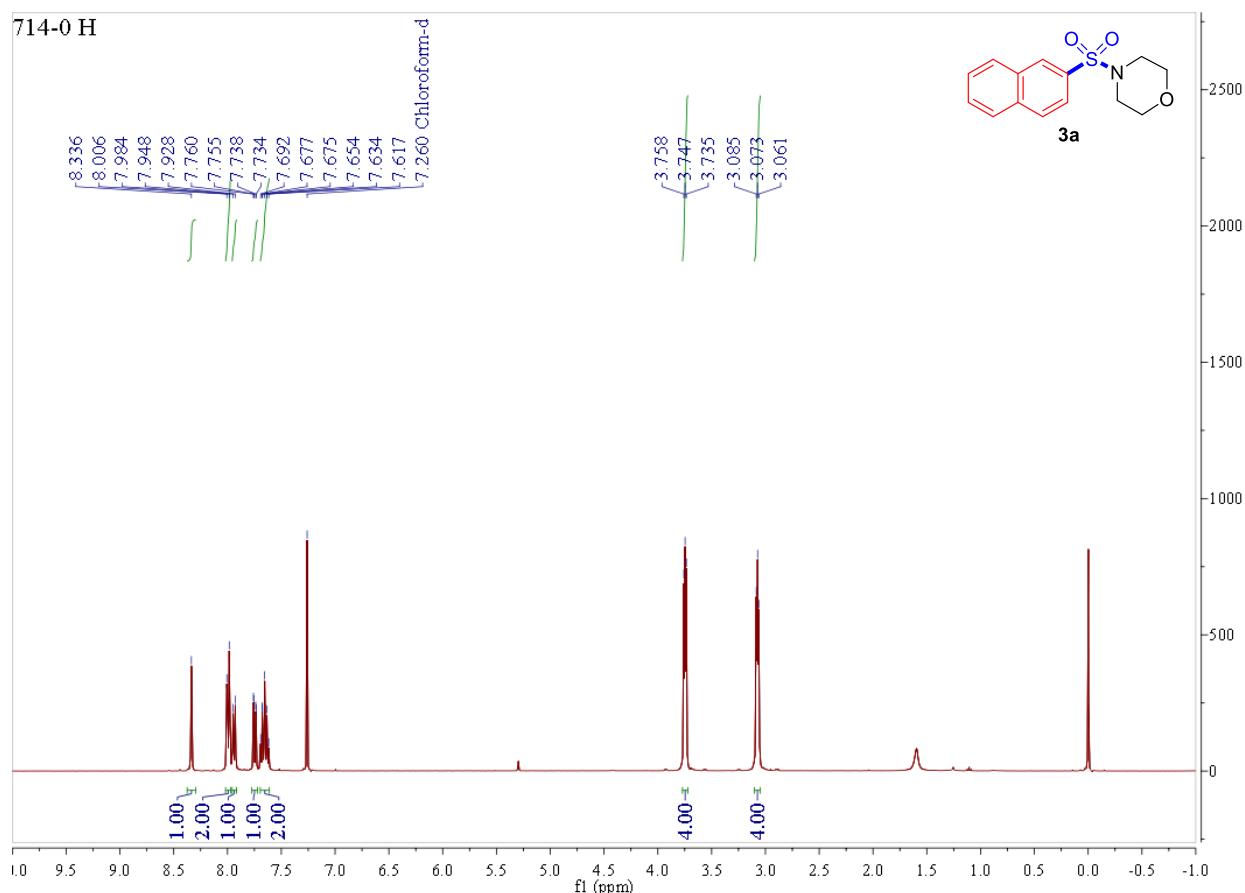
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 – 3.19 (m, 4H), 2.95 – 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.82 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.52 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.31 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.72, 146.78, 145.93, 139.63, 137.78, 137.44, 135.90, 134.93, 133.49, 133.23, 132.23,

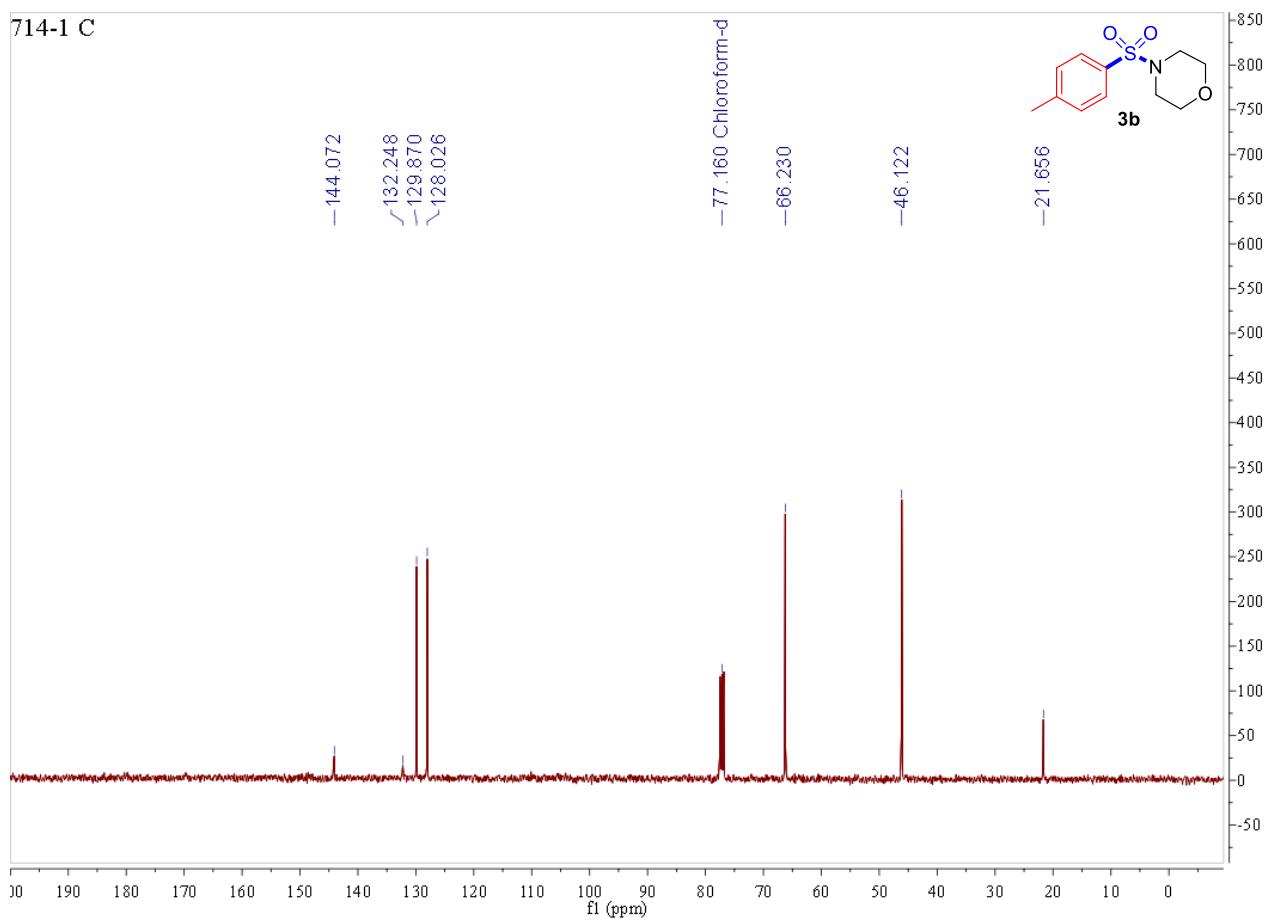
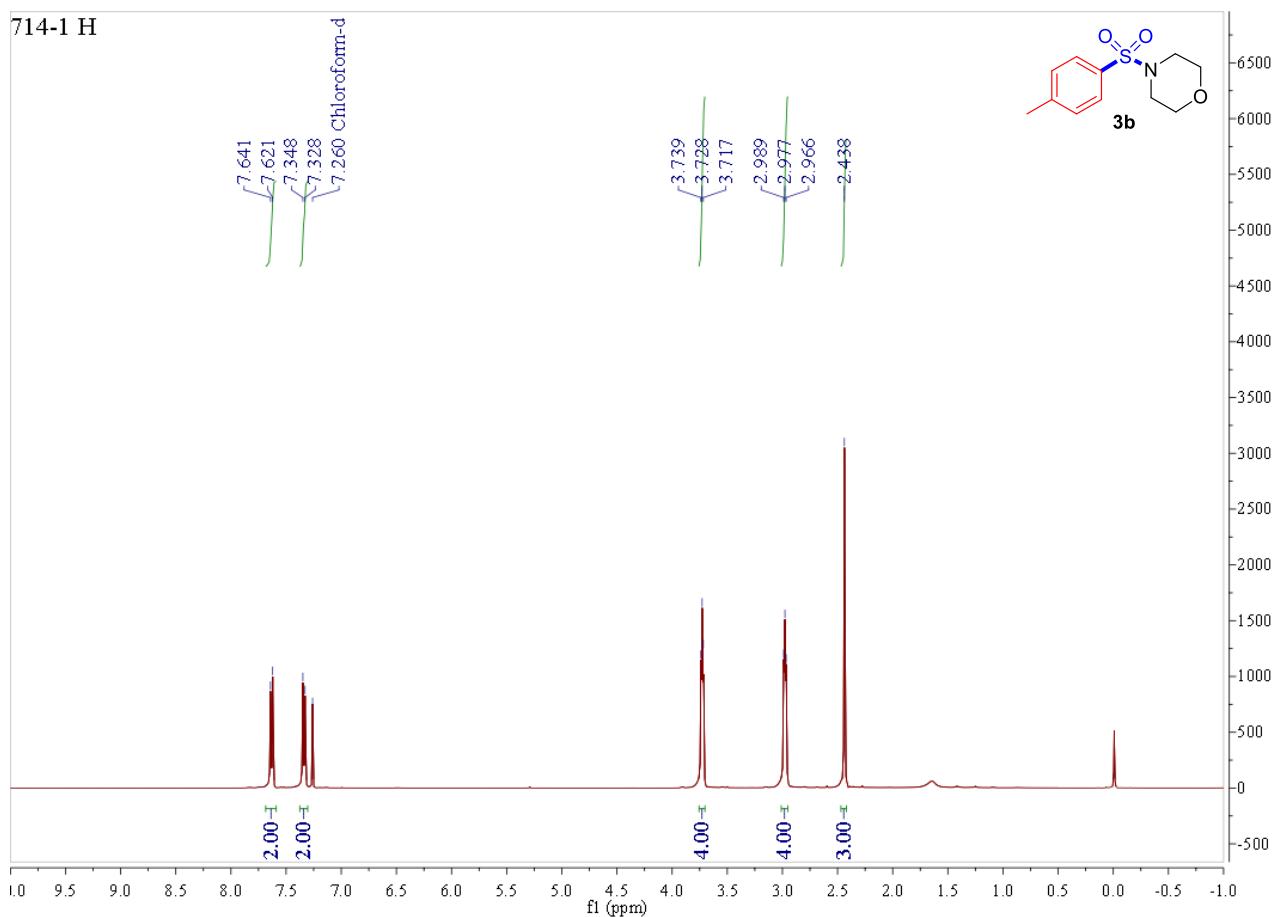
130.50, 129.14, 128.05, 126.33, 125.56, 122.53, 47.47, 31.71, 31.56, 30.30, 30.03, 14.96. HRMS(ESI) Calc. for $C_{26}H_{26}ClN_2O_2S_2^+(M + H^+)$: 497.1119, found: 497.1101.

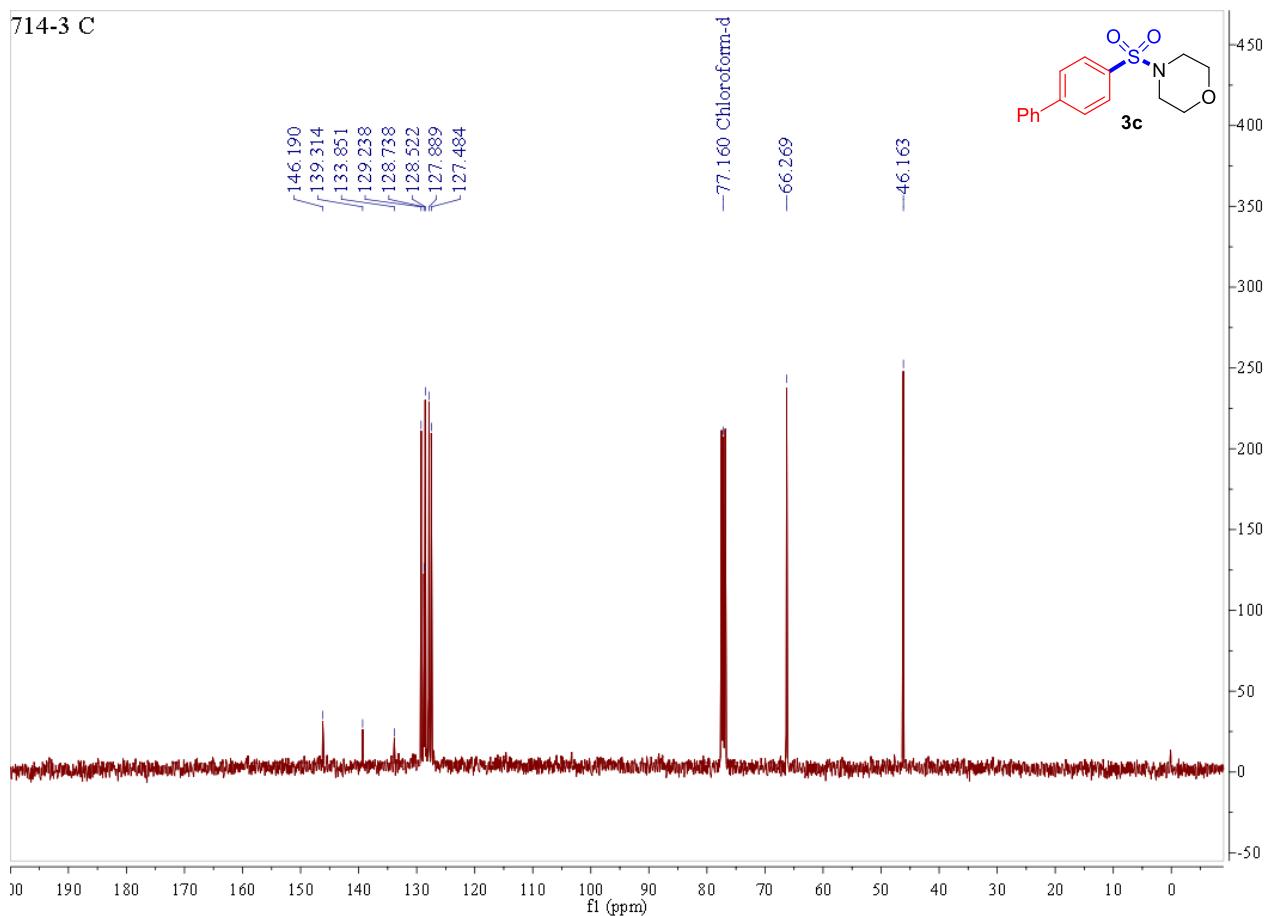
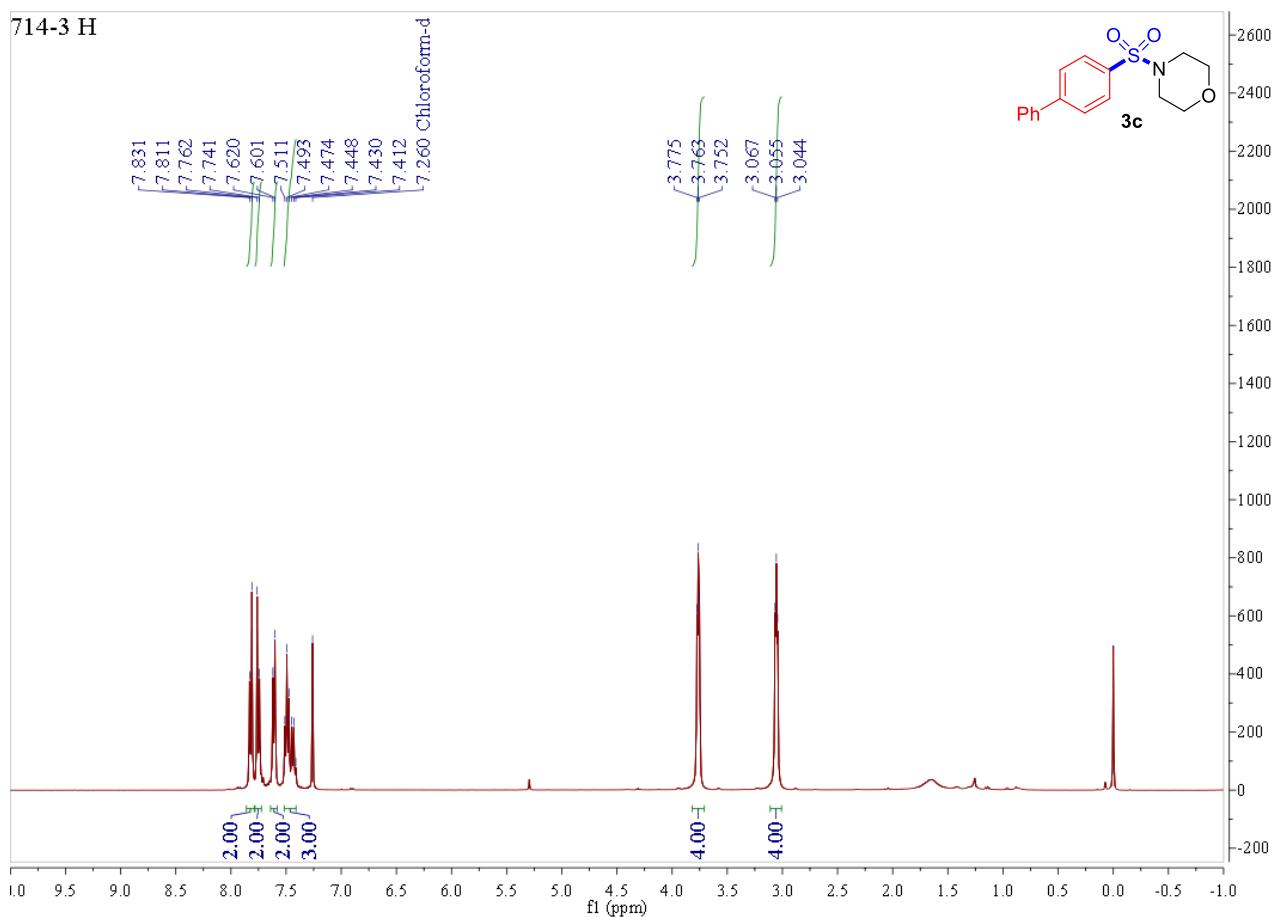
References:

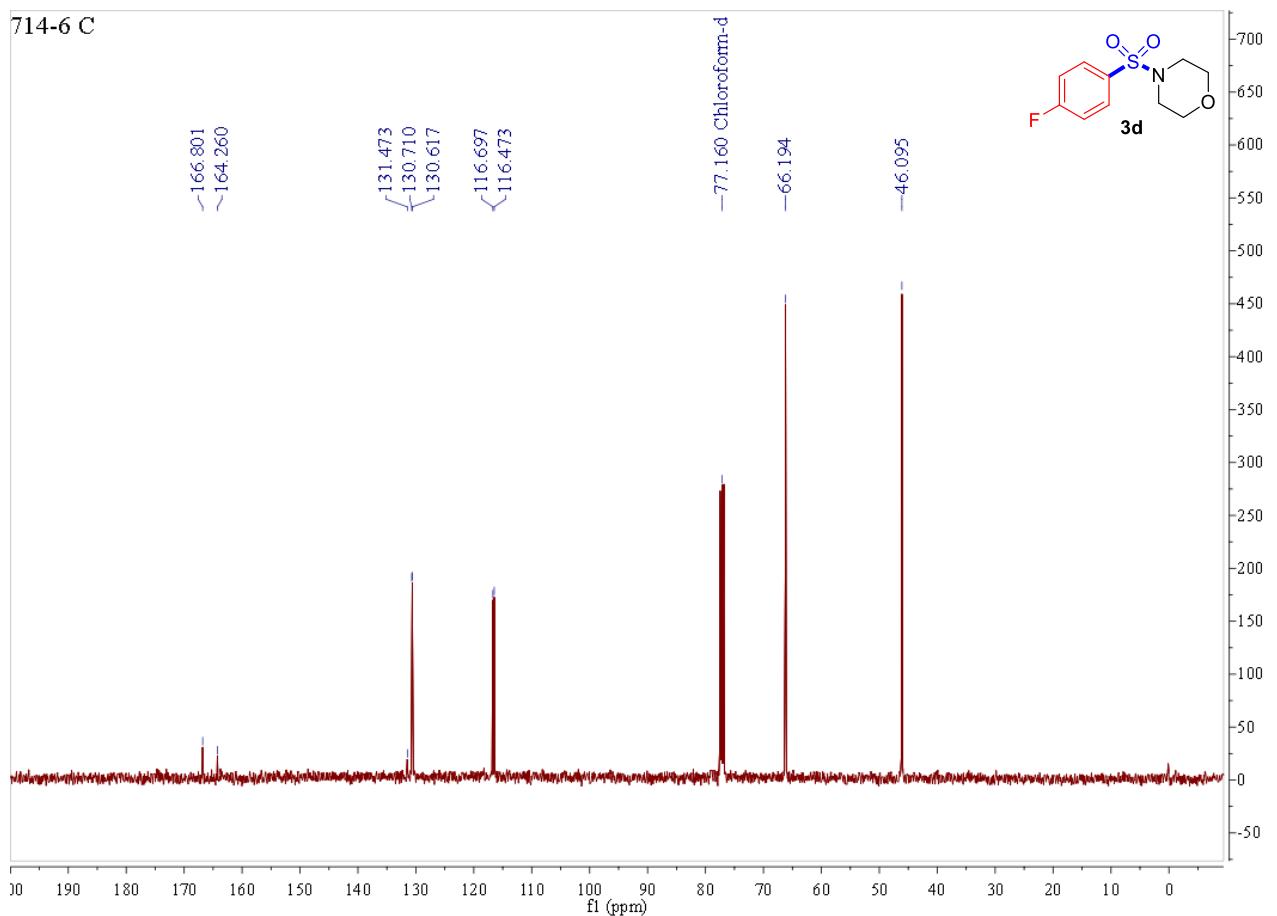
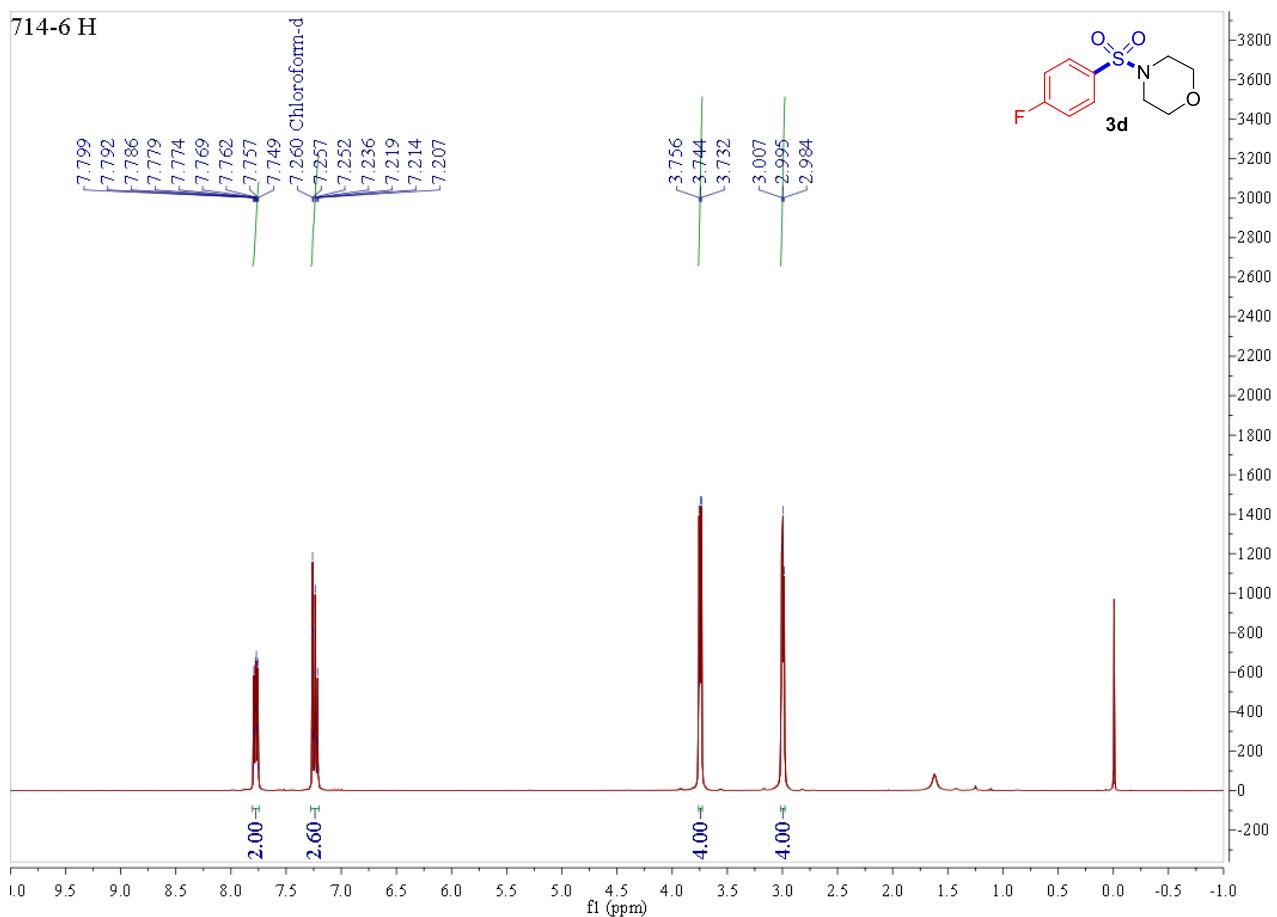
- [1] This compound is known, and NMR data is in agreement with reported in *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2018**, *140*, 8781.
- [2] This compound is known, and NMR data is in agreement with reported in *Green Chem.* **2015**, *17*, 1395.
- [3] This compound is known, and NMR data is in agreement with reported in *Org. Lett.* **2018**, *20*, 1167.
- [4] This compound is known, and NMR data is in agreement with reported in *Synlett* **2016**, *27*, 101.
- [5] This compound is known, and NMR data is in agreement with reported in *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2011**, *52*, 820.
- [6] This compound is known, and NMR data is in agreement with reported in *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 10204.
- [7] This compound is known, and NMR data is in agreement with reported in *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 9250.
- [8] This compound is known, and NMR data is in agreement with reported in *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 9086.

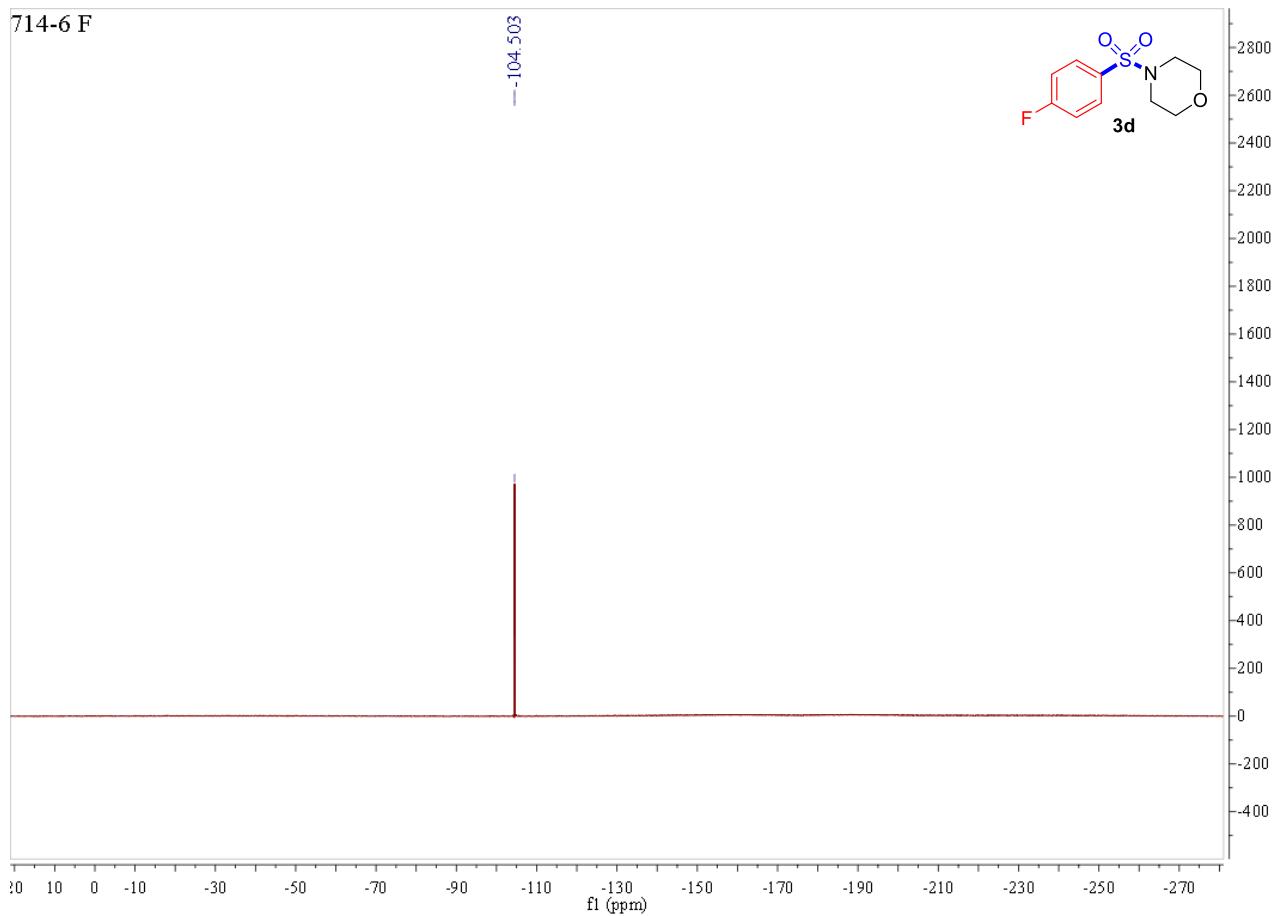
5. ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR spectra of compounds 3 and 4.

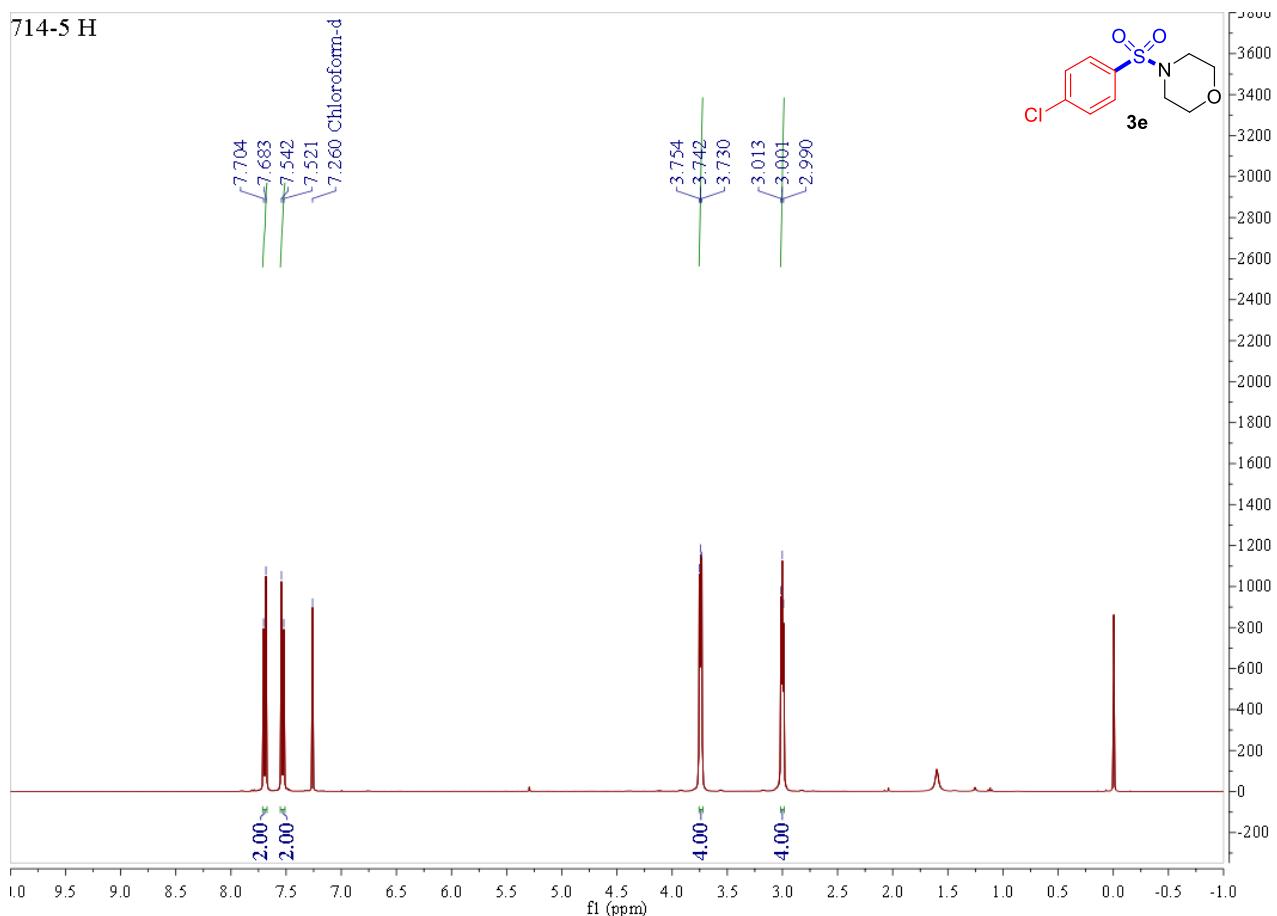


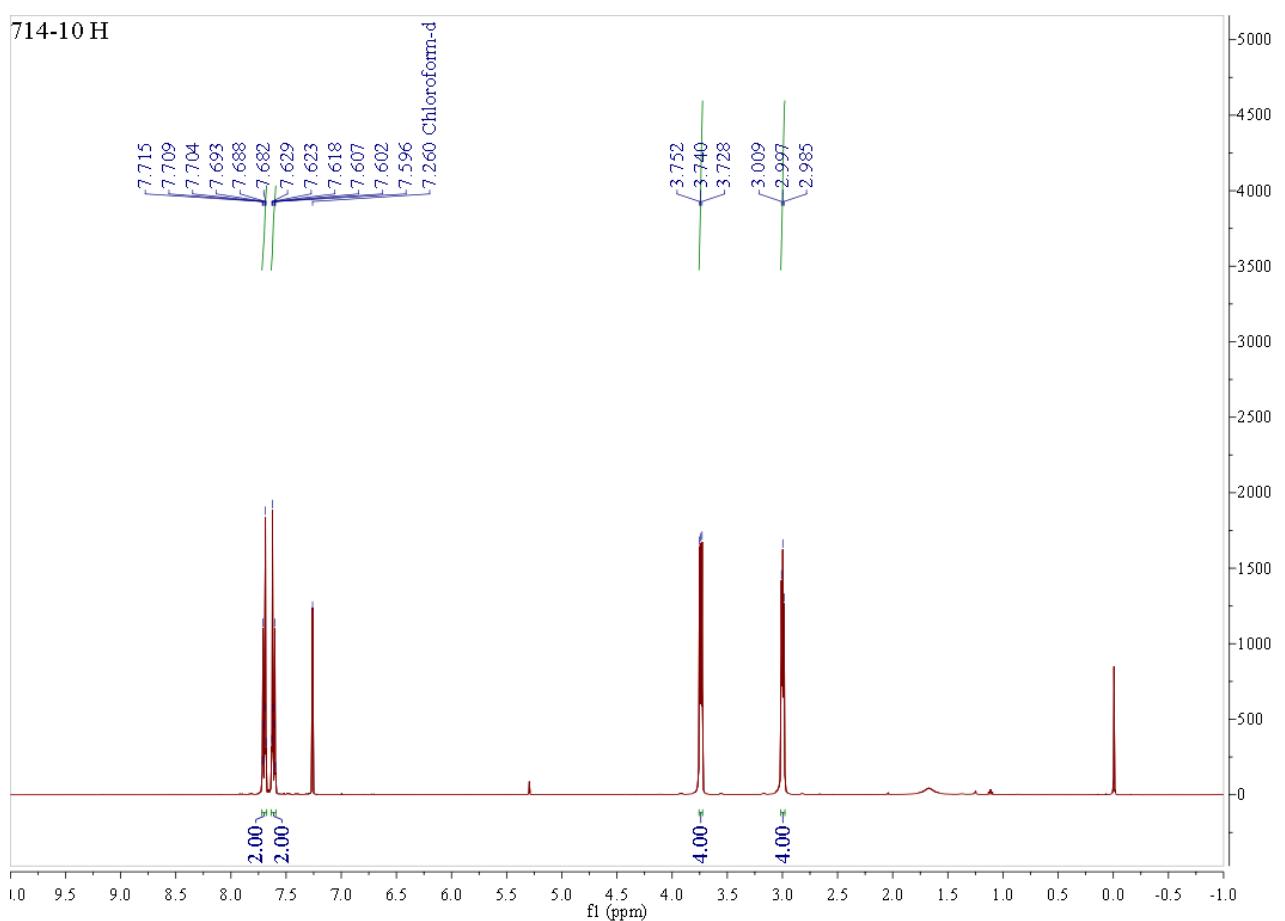
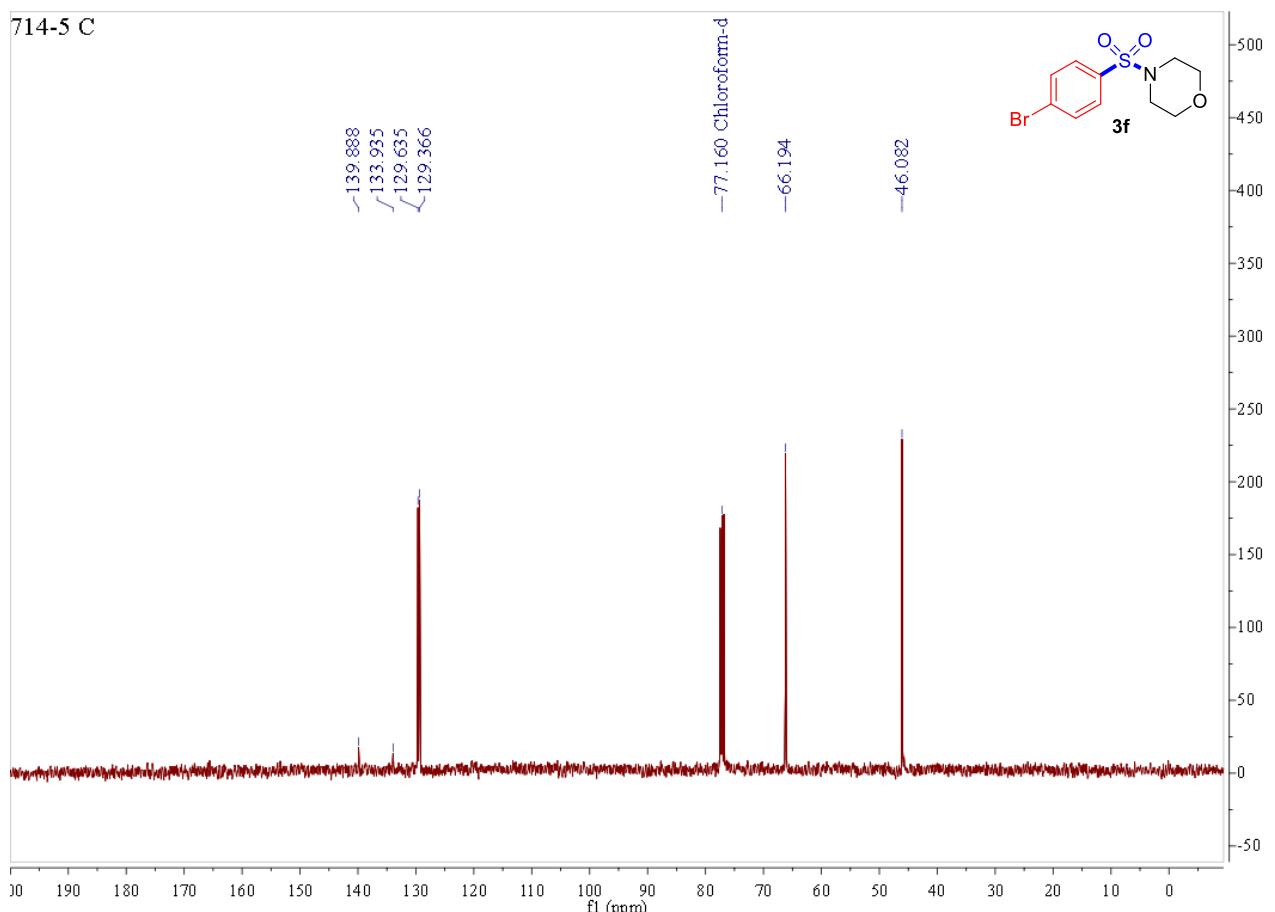


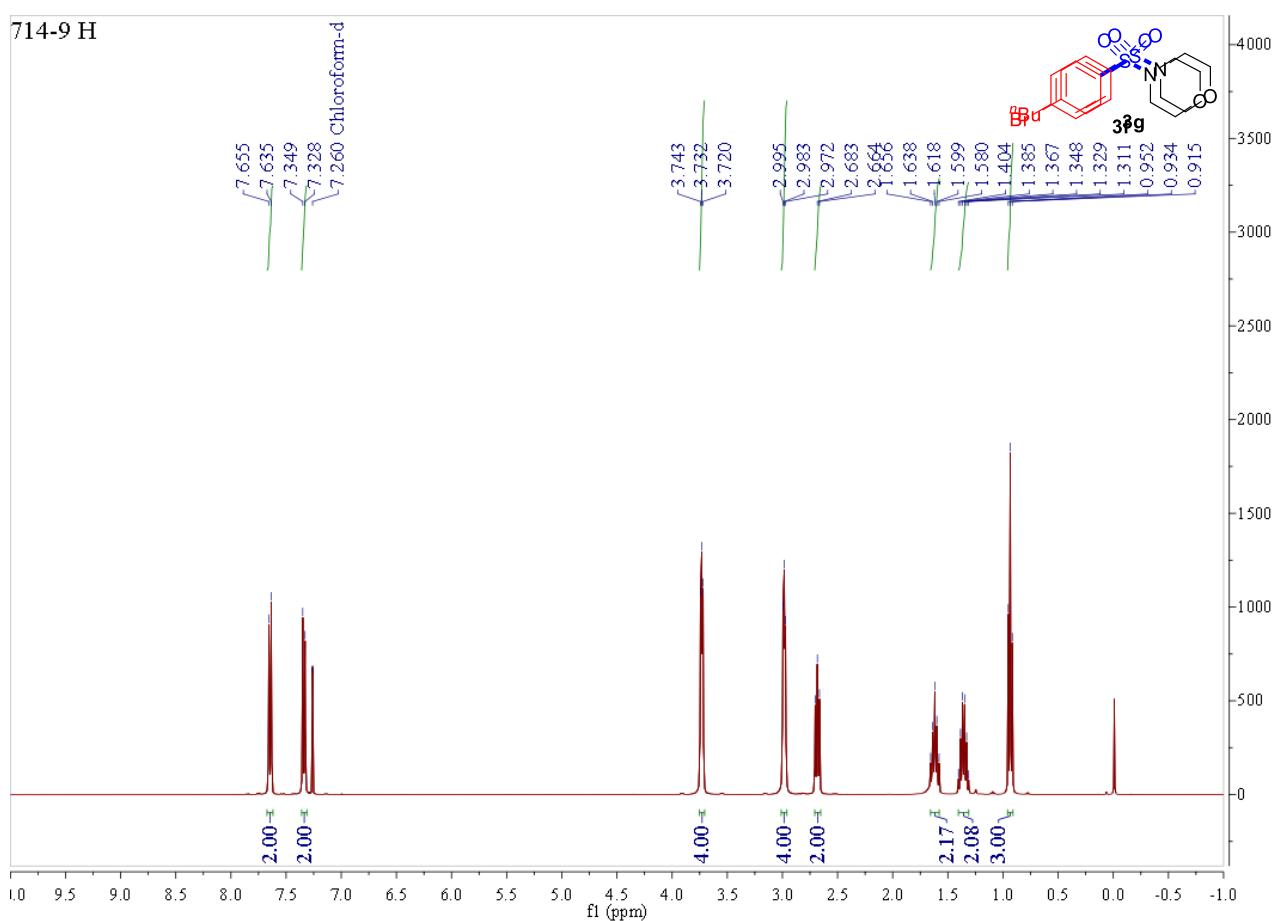
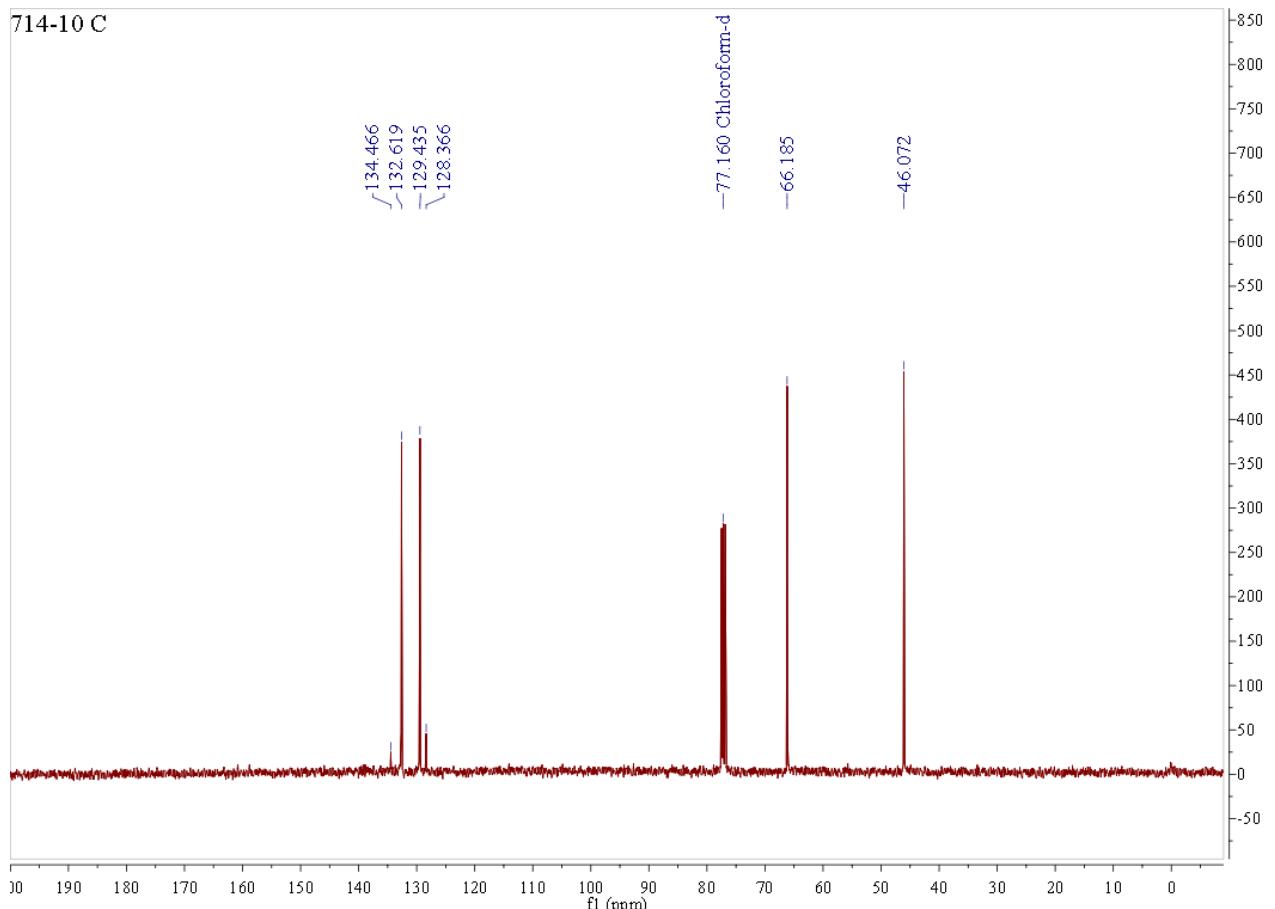




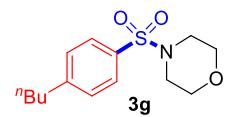


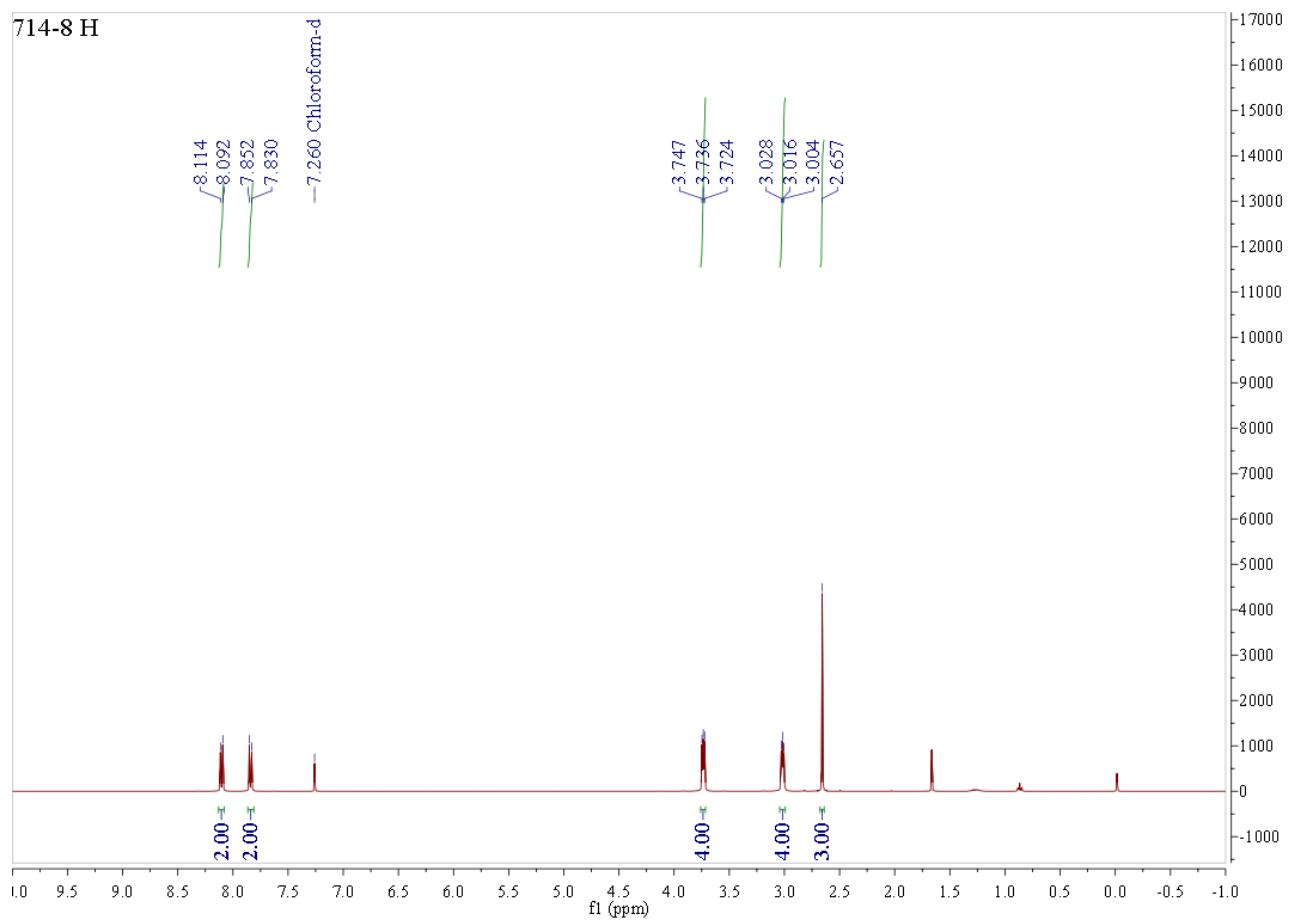
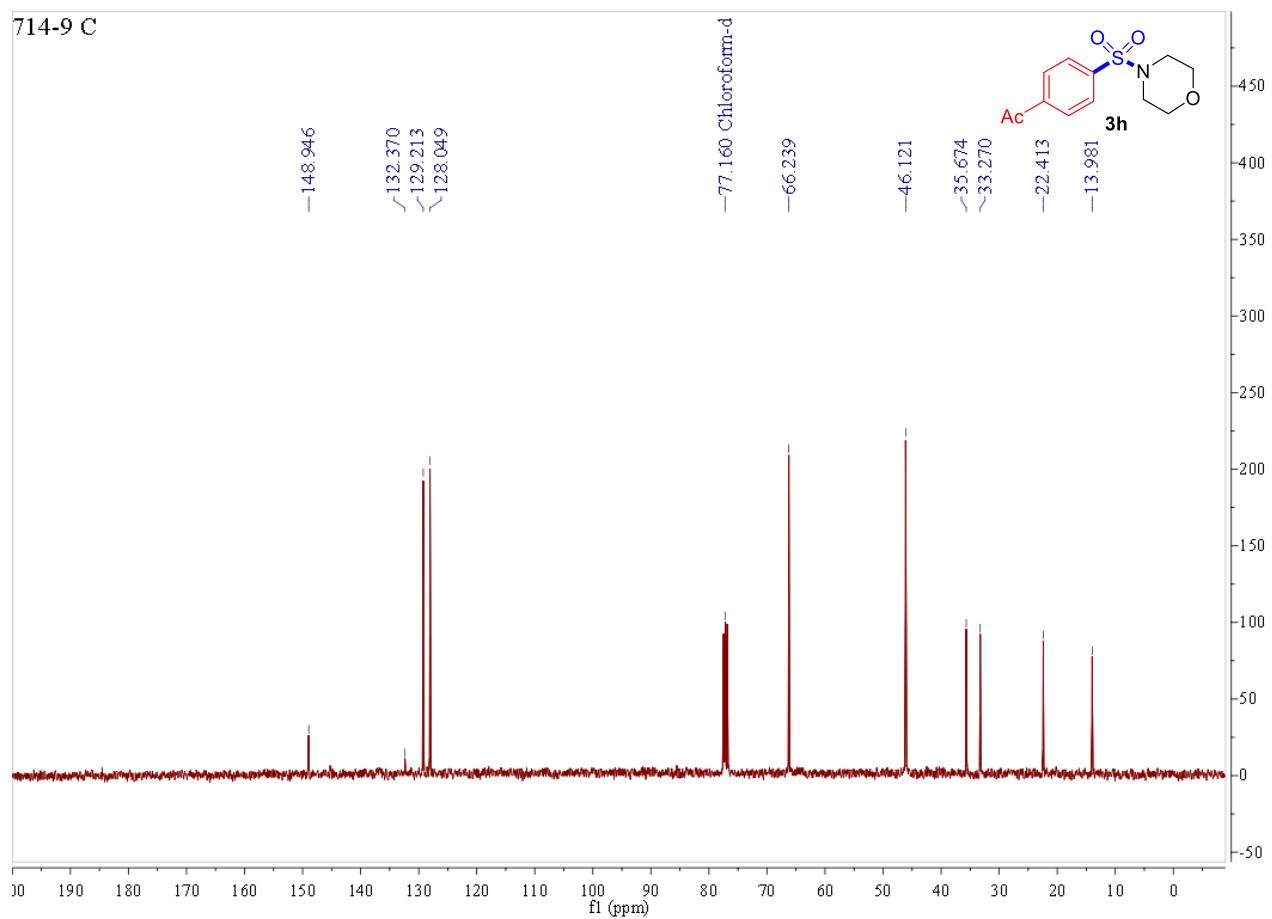


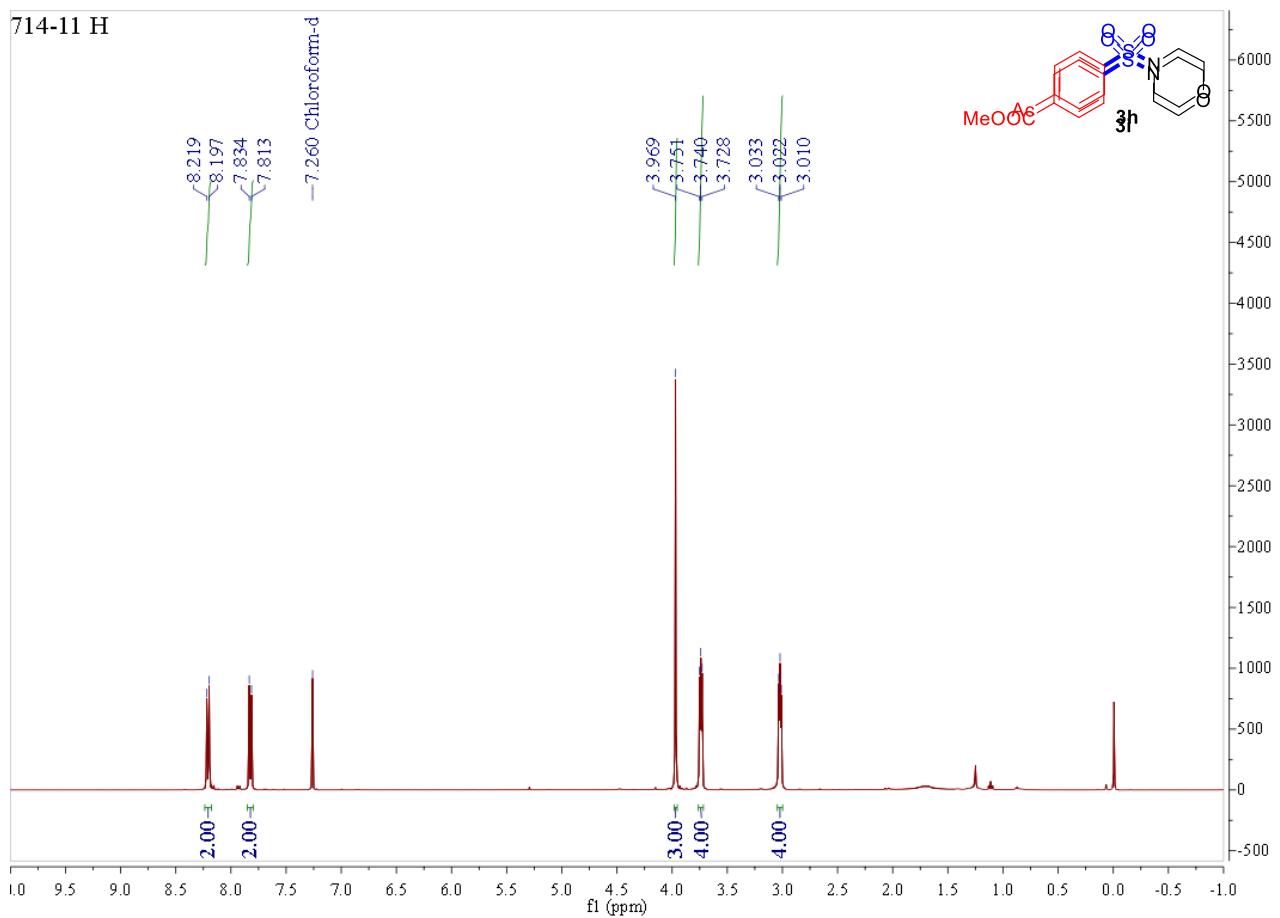
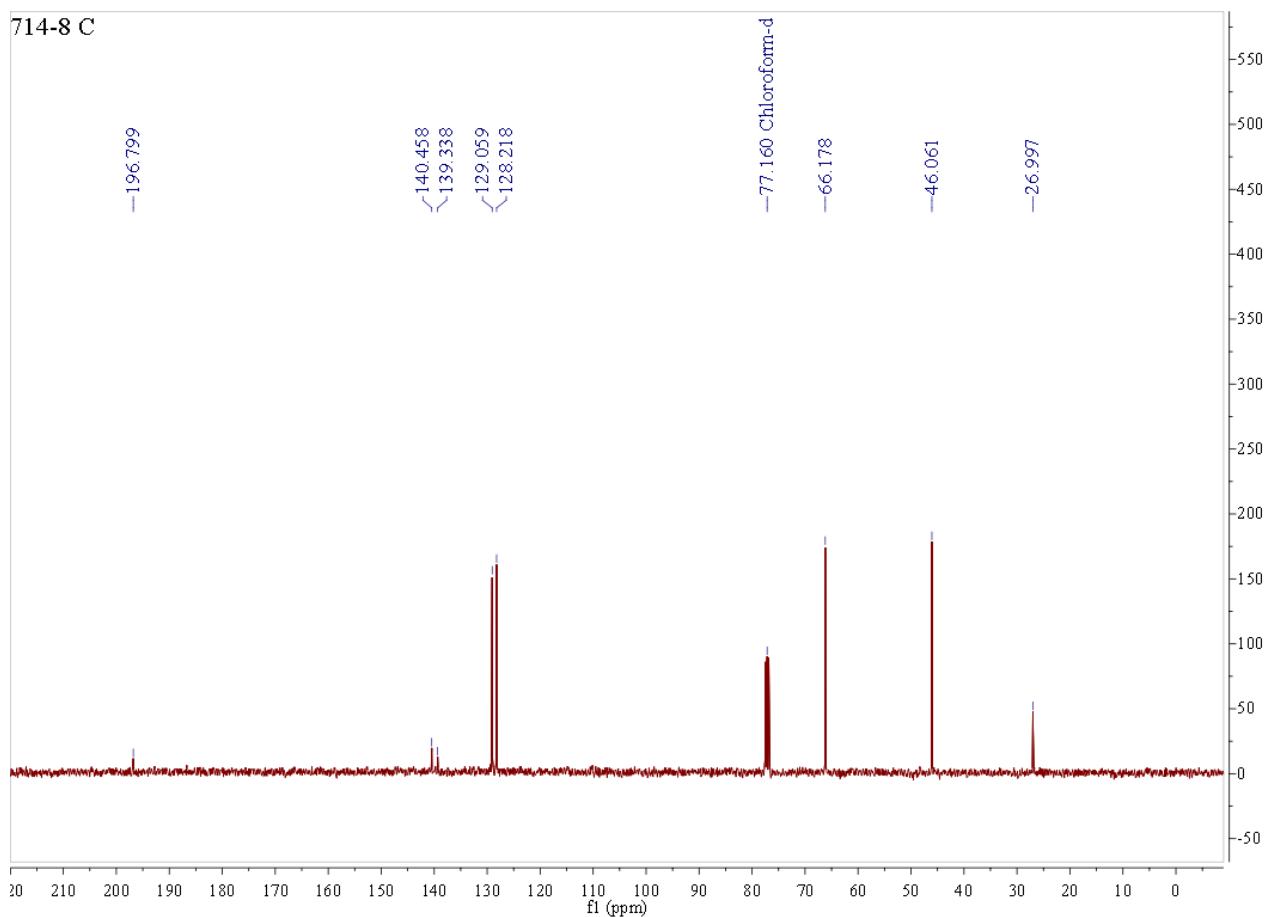




S32

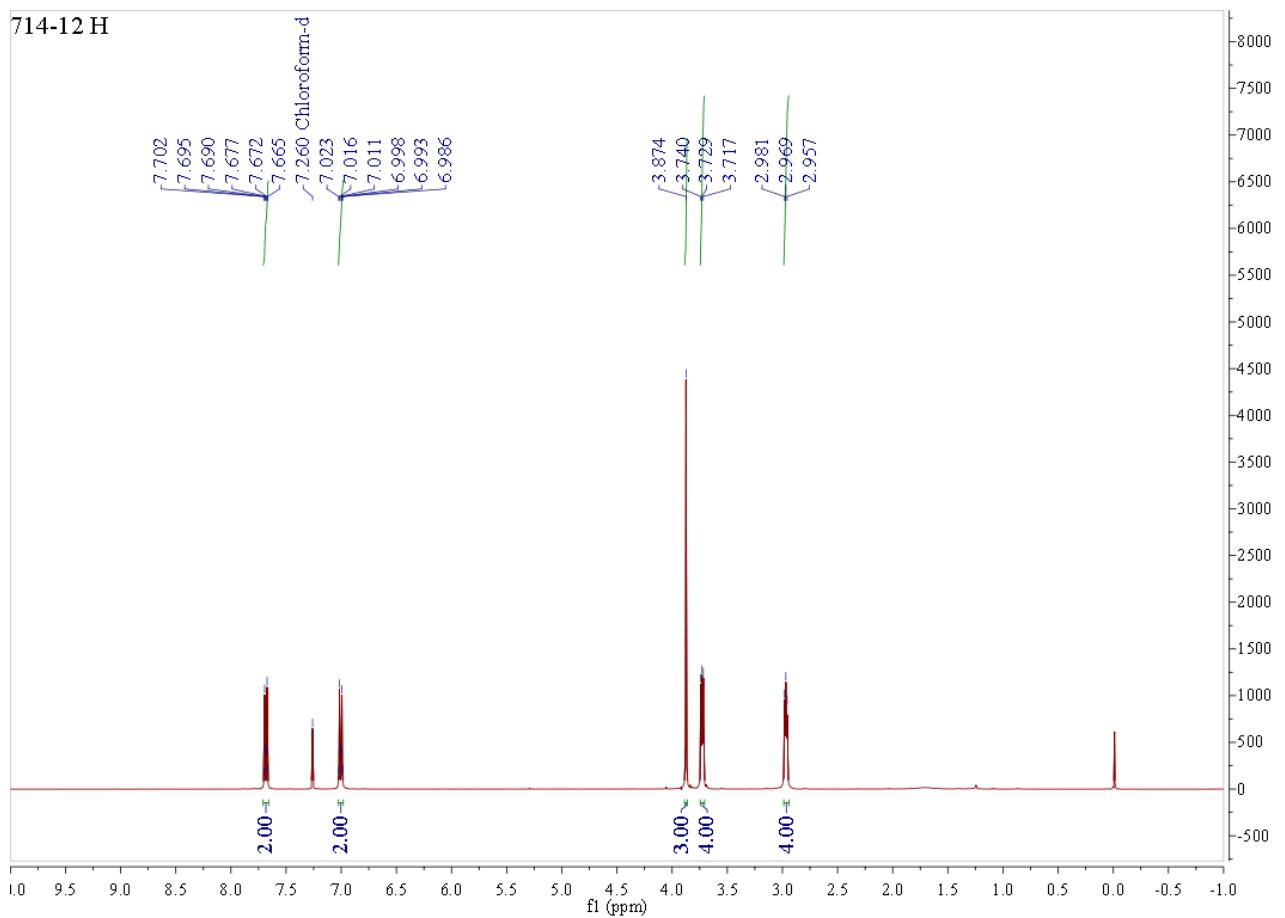
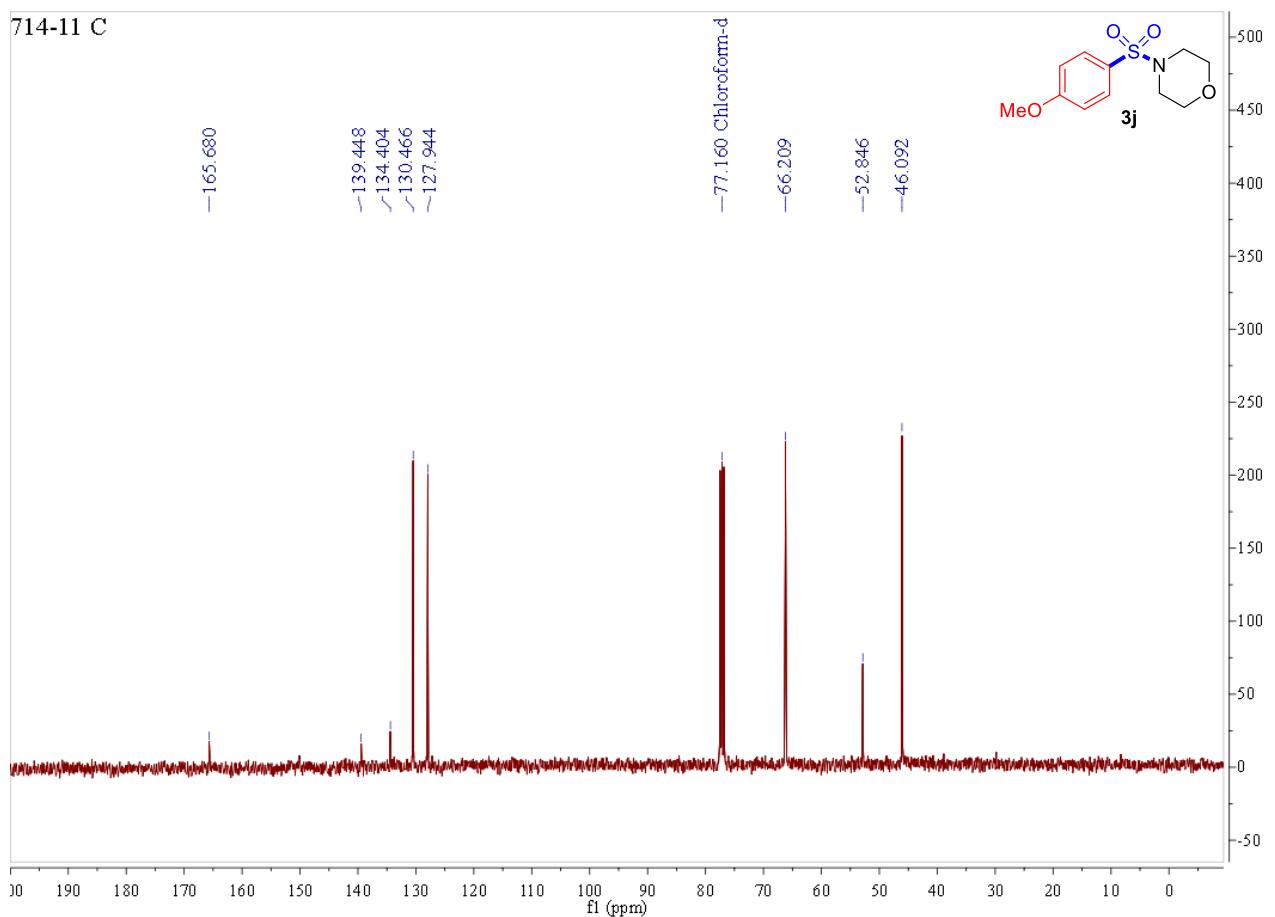


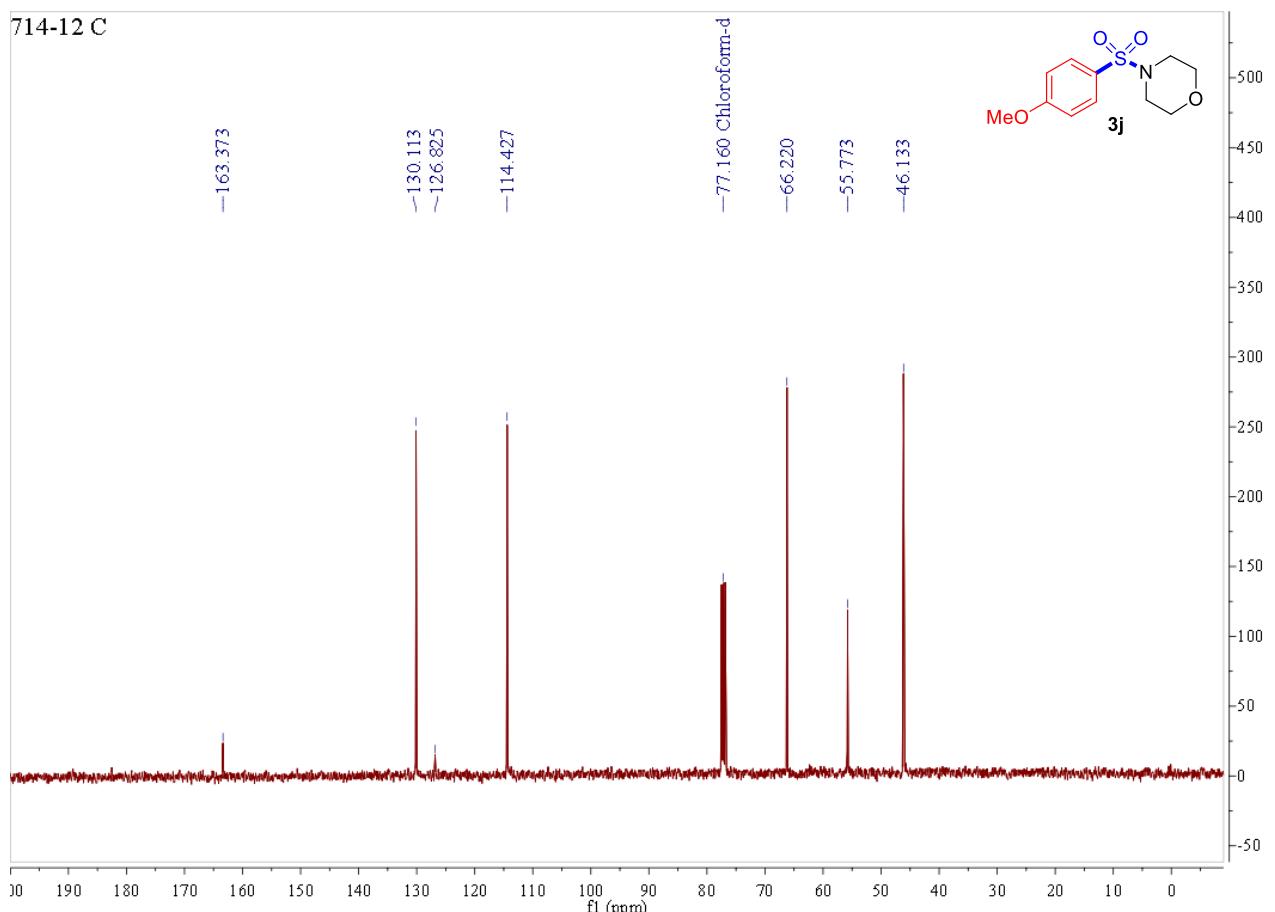


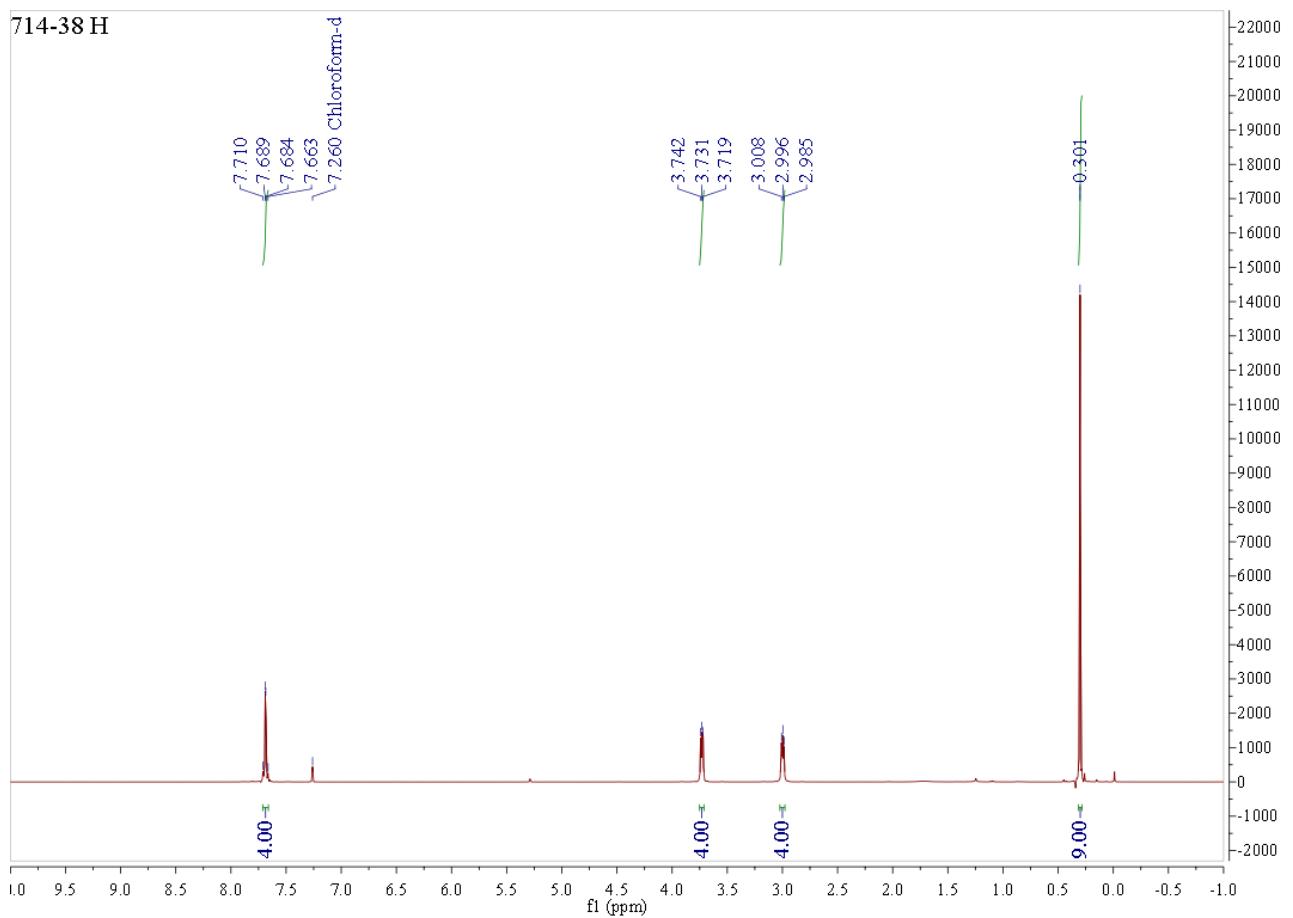
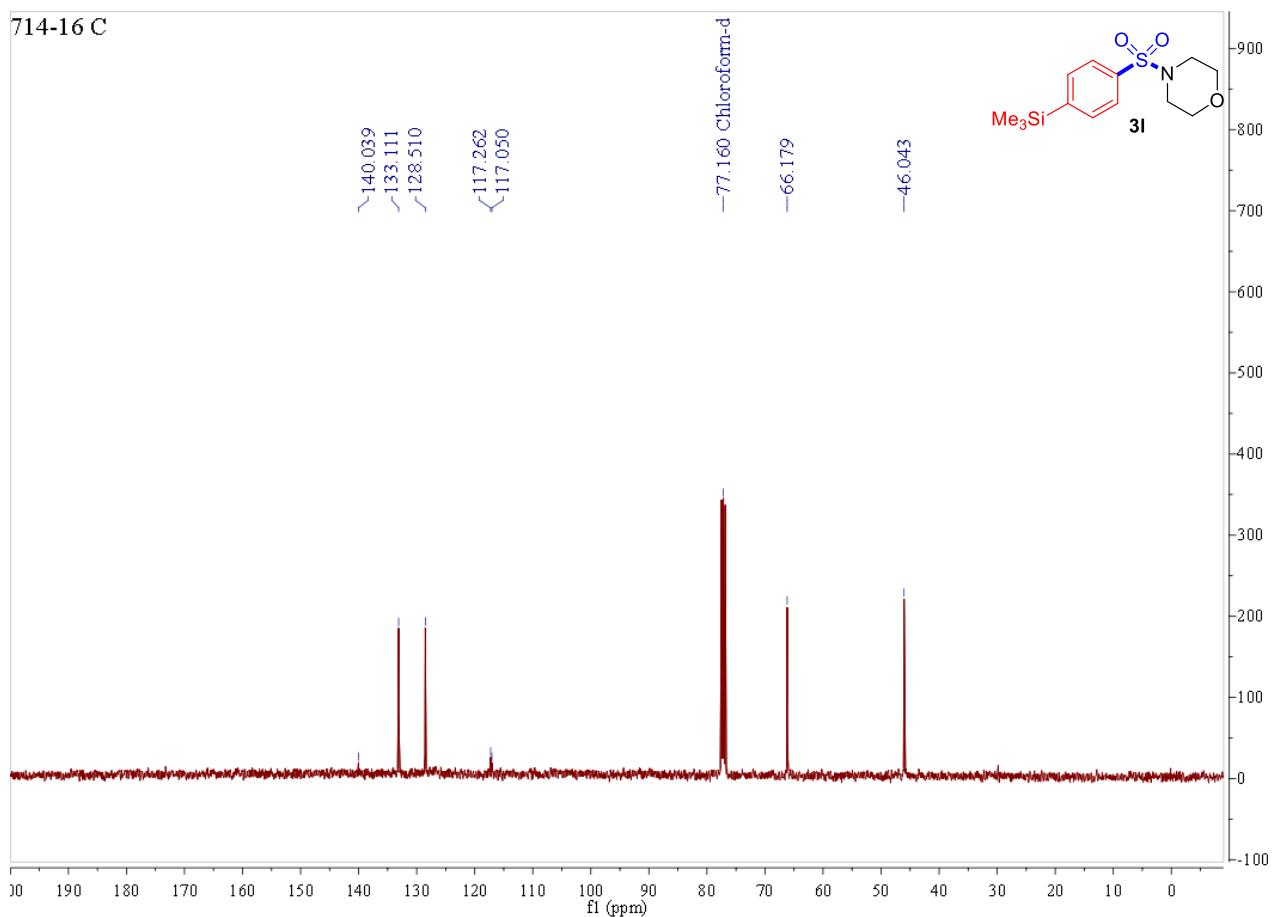


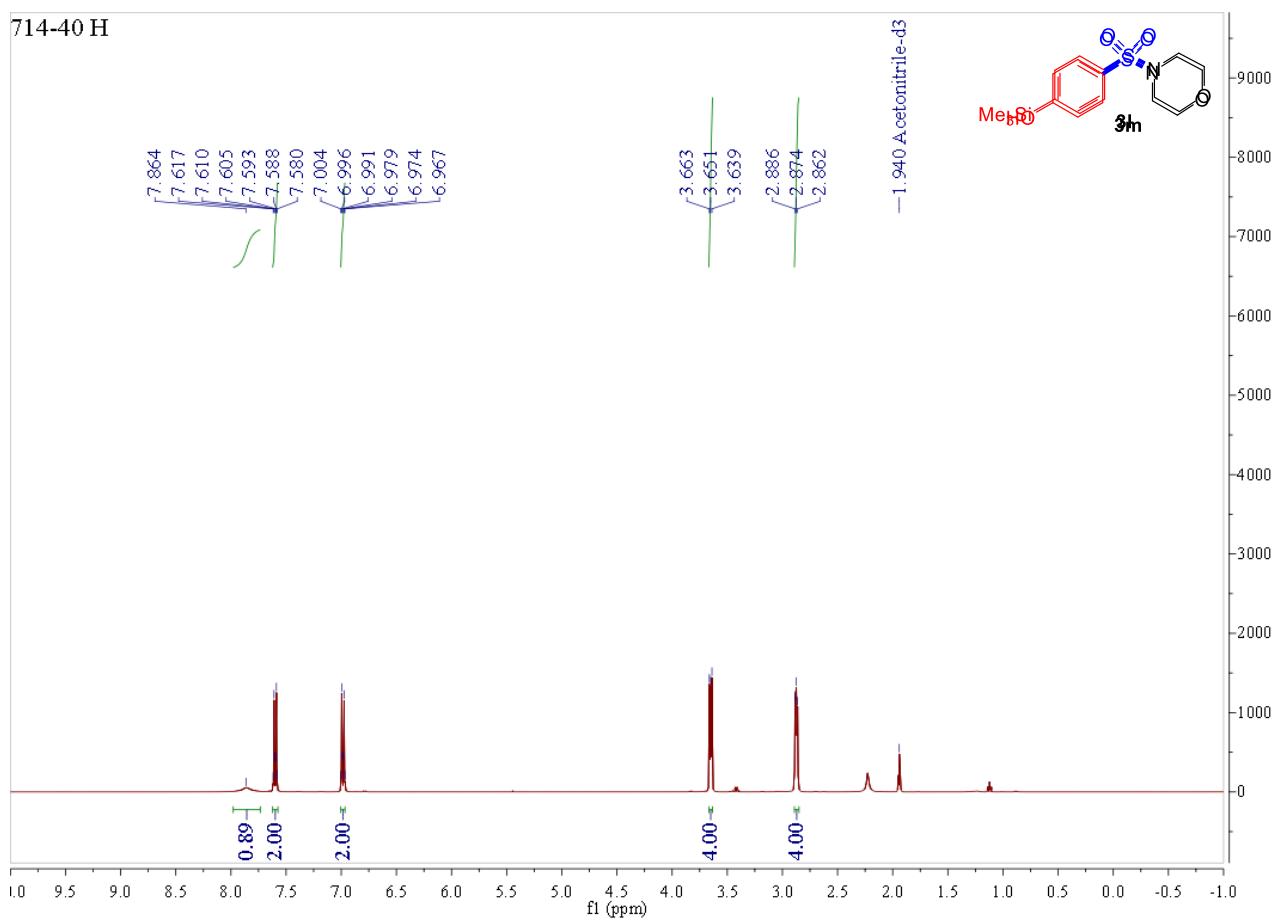
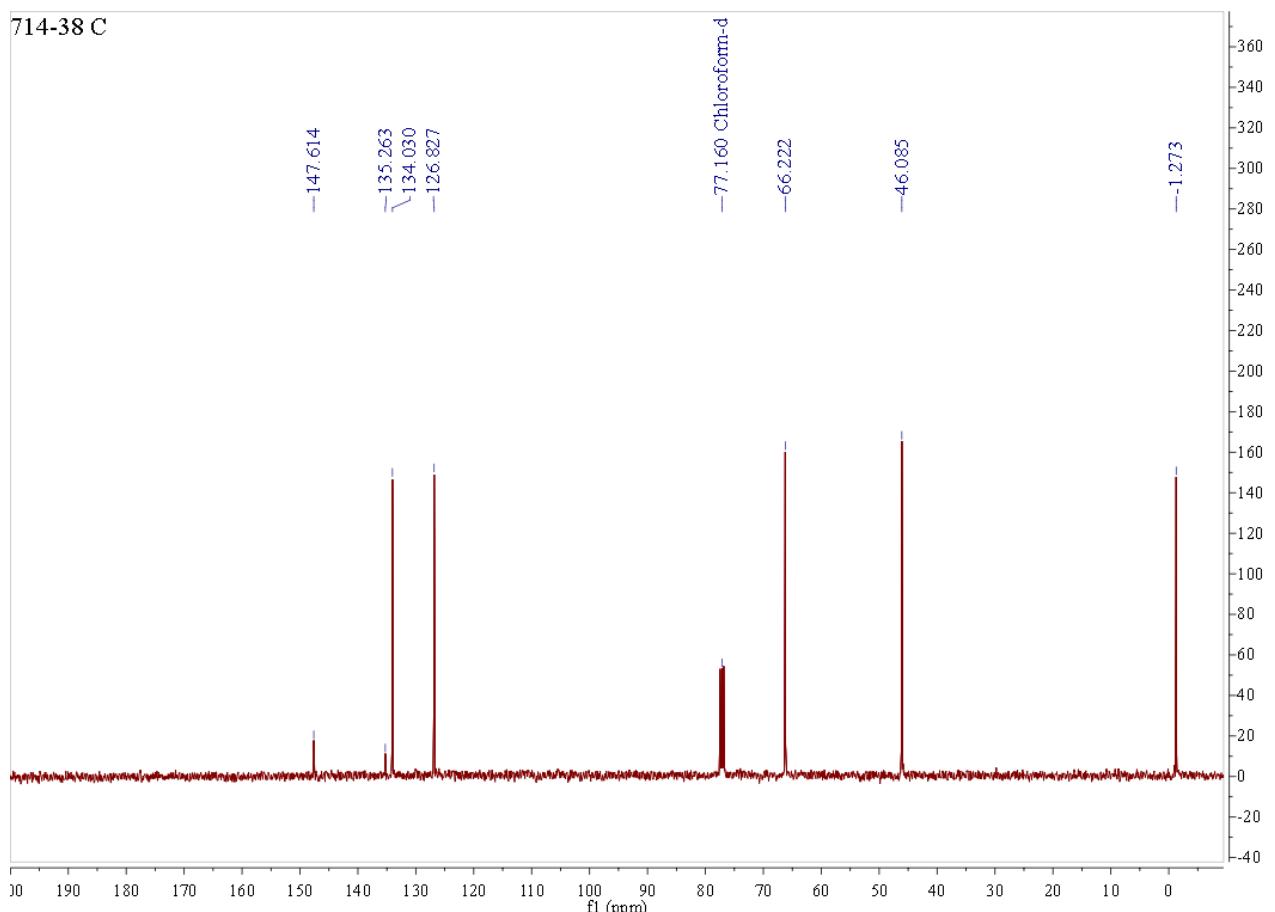
S34





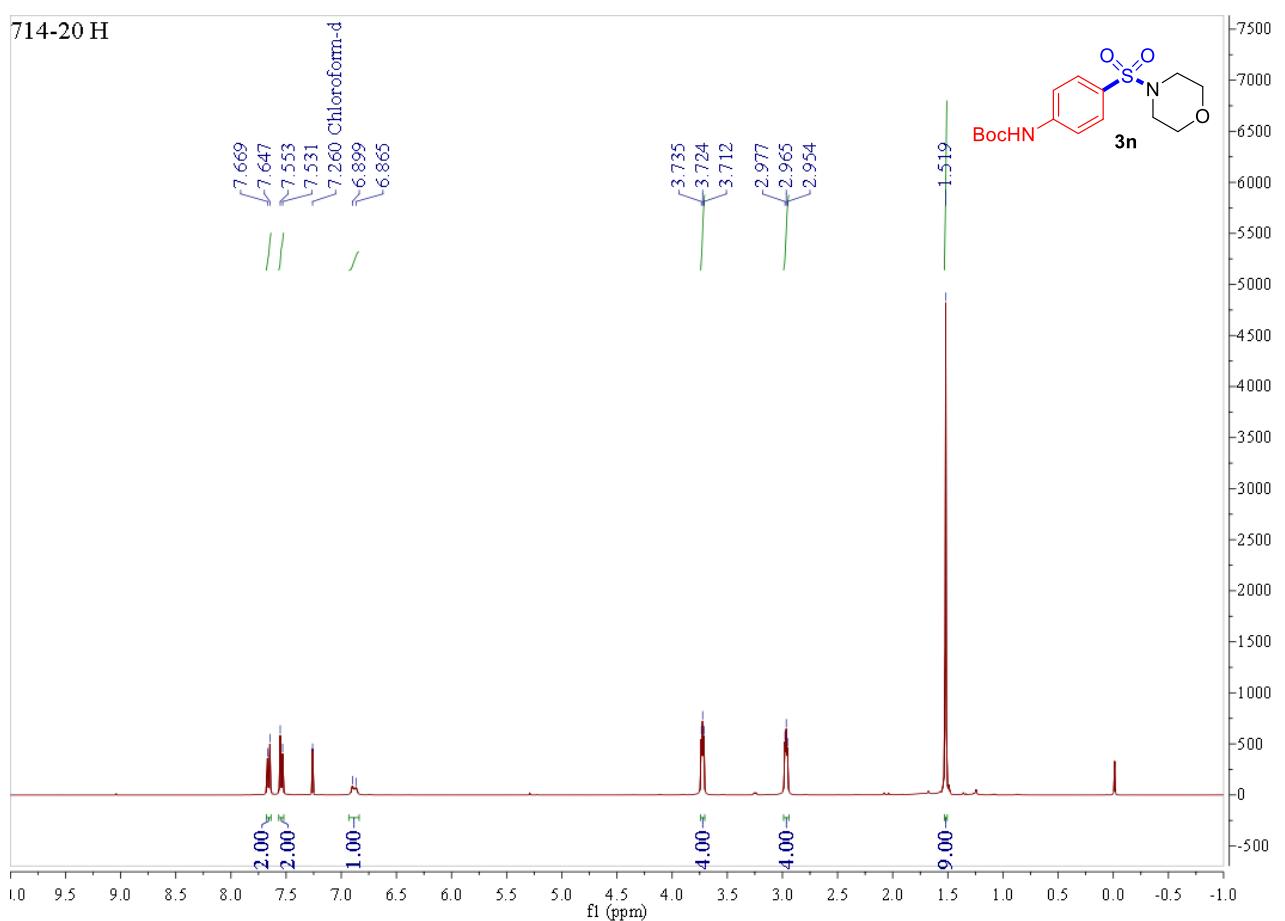
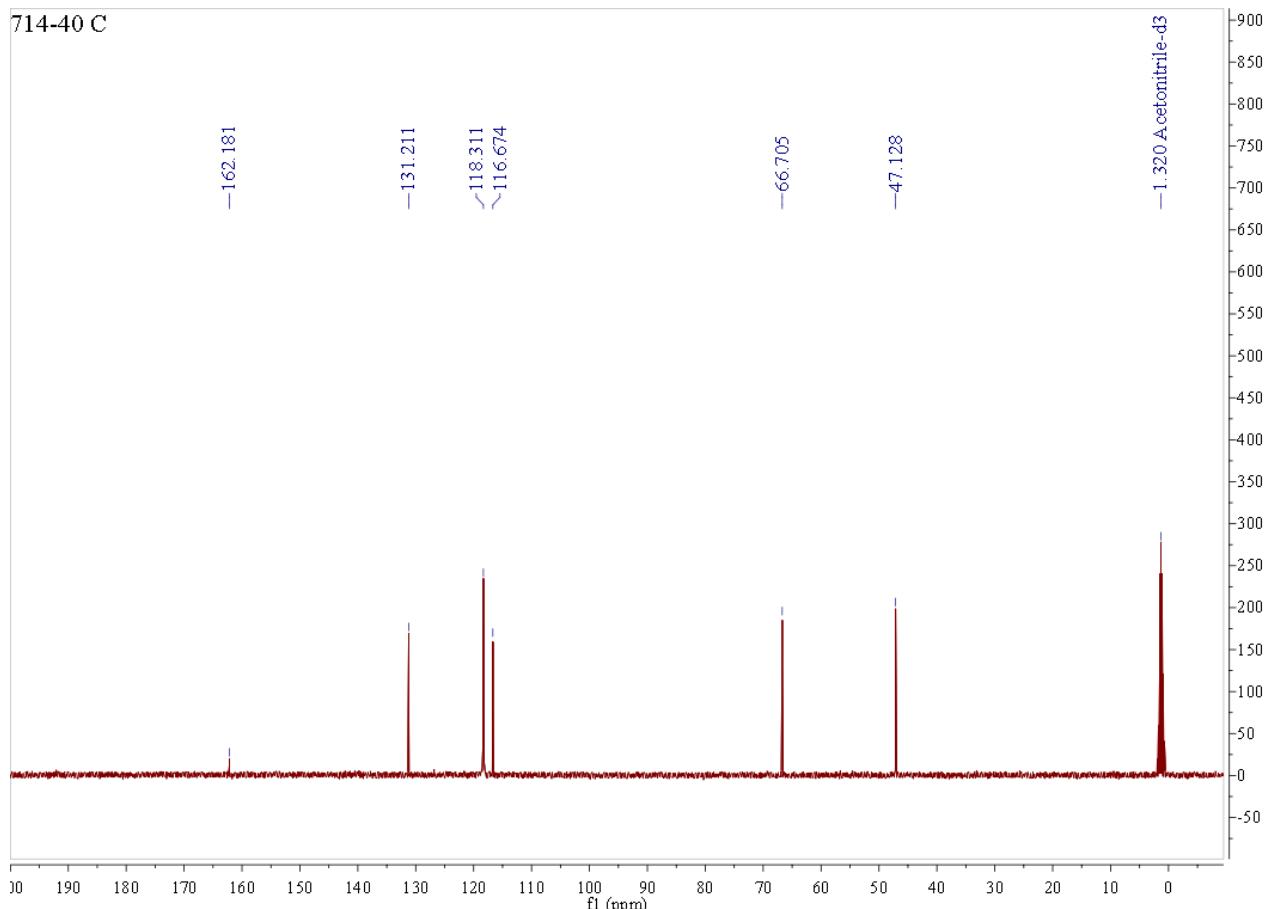






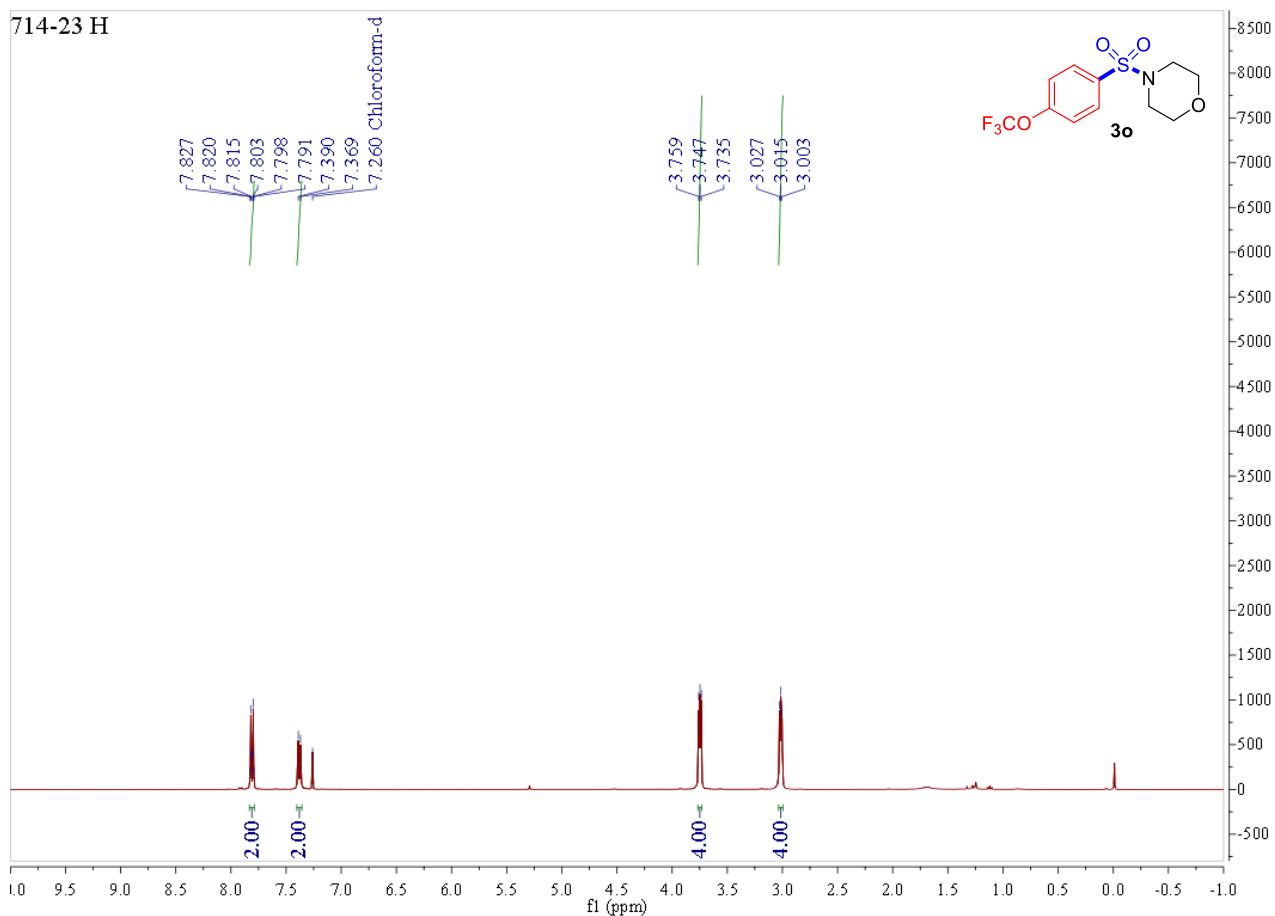
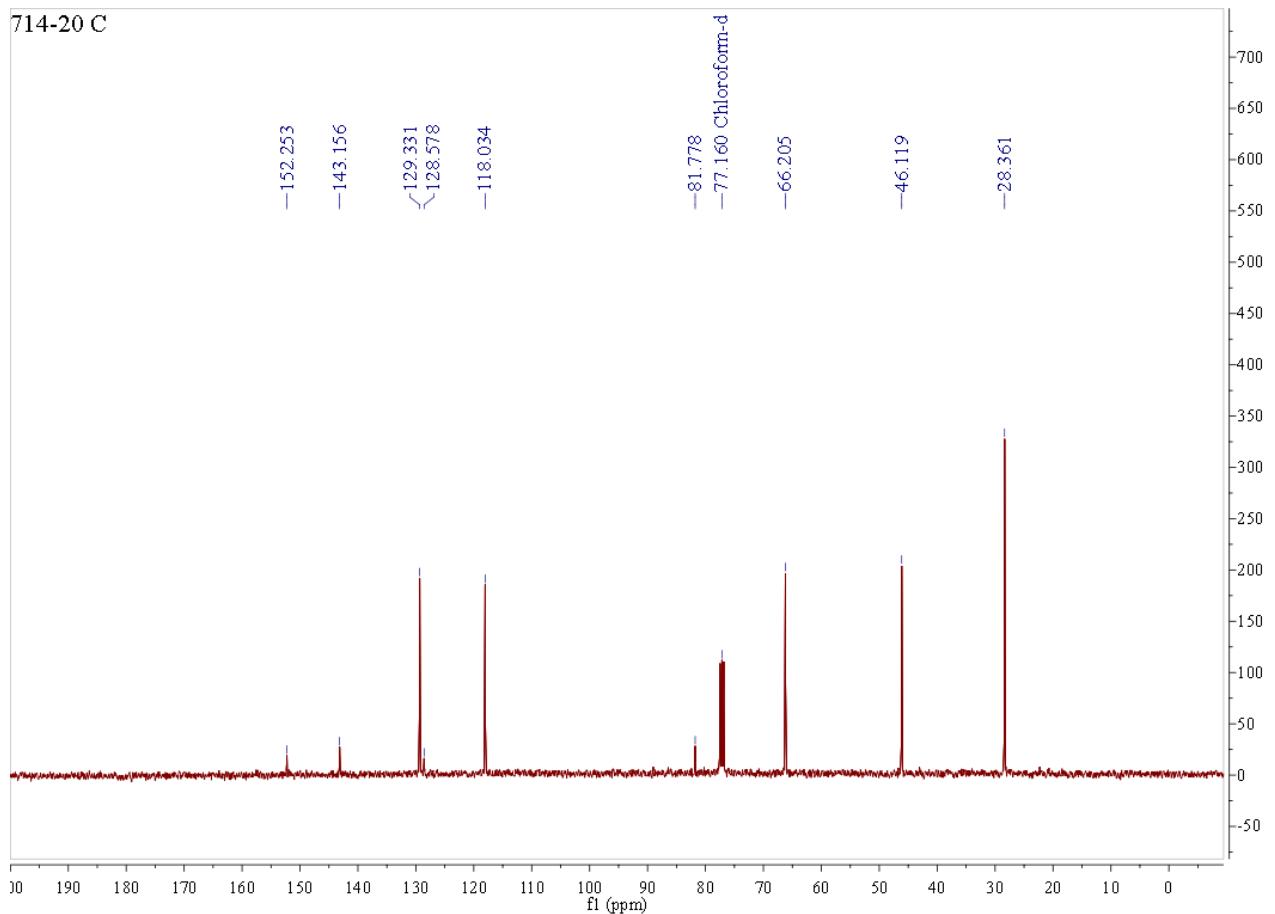
S38





S39





S40



