

Supporting Information

Nickel-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Epoxides with Aryltriflates: Rapid and Regioselective Construction of Aryl Ketones

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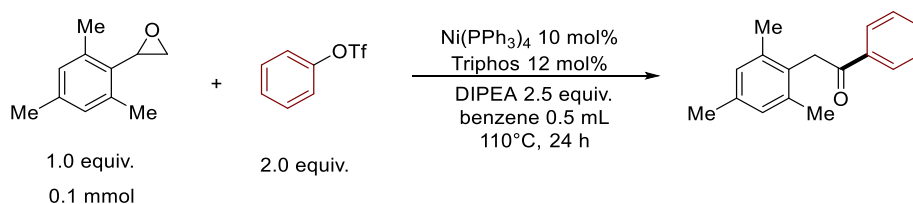
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1. General Information

Unless noted otherwise, all solvents were dried by filtration through a Pure-Solv MD-5 Solvent Purification System (Innovative Technology). Reaction temperatures were reported as the temperatures of the bath surrounding the flasks or cylindrical pressure vessel. Sensitive reagents and solvents were transferred under nitrogen into a nitrogen-filled glovebox with standard techniques. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out using 0.2 mm commercial silica gel plates (silica gel 60, F254, Leyan chemical). Cylindrical pressure vessel (26 x 109 mm (15 mL) with PTFE lined cap attached) were purchased from Synthware. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F NMR) were recorded with a Bruker Model DMX 500 (500 MHz, ^1H at 500 MHz, ^{13}C at 126 MHz,). Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm, δ), downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS, $\delta=0.00\text{ppm}$) and were referenced to residual solvent (CDCl_3 , $\delta=7.26$ ppm (^1H) and 77.00 ppm (^{13}C)). All the ^{19}F chemical shifts were not referenced. Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Data for ^1H NMR spectra were reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, referenced to protium, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, m = multiplet, coupling constant (Hz), and integration). All other materials were obtained from Rhawn Corporation, Aladdin Bio-Chem Technology or Energy chemical and were used as received.

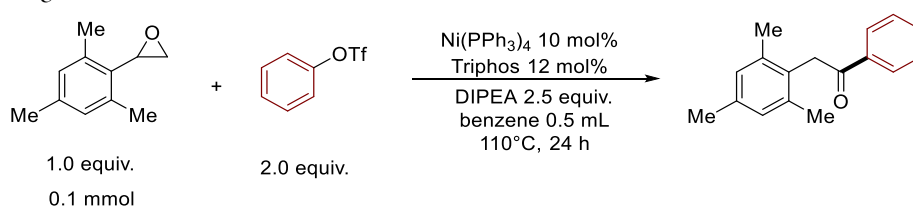
2. The screening of different reaction conditions.

The screening of different nickel precursors.



entry	variation	yield (%)
1	none	90
2	Ni(cod)_2 instead of $\text{Ni(PPh}_3)_4$	14
3	Ni(OTf)_2 instead of $\text{Ni(PPh}_3)_4$	29
4	Ni(acac)_2 instead of $\text{Ni(PPh}_3)_4$	6
5	5 mol% $\text{Ni(PPh}_3)_4$ and 6 mol% Triphos instead of 10 mol% $\text{Ni(PPh}_3)_4$ and 12 mol% Triphos	13
6	without nickel catalyst	trace

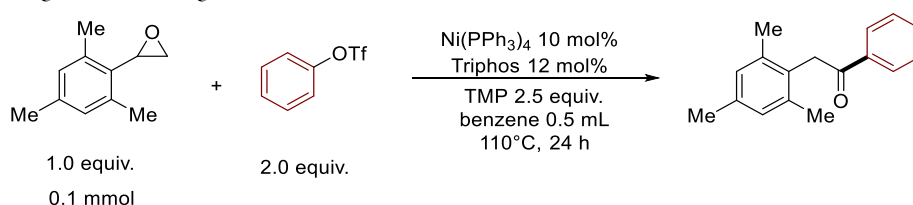
The screening of different base.



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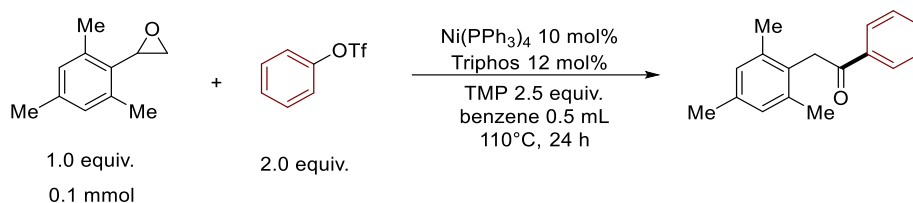
1	none	90
2	TMP instead of DIPEA	92
3	Et ₃ N instead of DIPEA	89
4	dipropylamine instead of DIPEA	13
5	4-methylpiperidine instead of DIPEA	85
6	K ₂ CO ₃ instead of DIPEA	85
7	DBU instead of DIPEA	trace
8	Ag ₂ CO ₃ instead of DIPEA	trace
9	Cs ₂ CO ₃ instead of DIPEA	trace
10	DABCO instead of DIPEA	trace
11	Na ^t OBu instead of DIPEA	trace
12	1.0 equiv. TMP instead of 2.5 equiv. TMP	84
13	1.5 equiv. TMP instead of 2.5 equiv. TMP	85
14	2.0 equiv. TMP instead of 2.5 equiv. TMP	87
15	without base	7

The screening of different ligands.



entry	variation	yield (%)
1	none	92
2	Bis(2-diphenylphosphinoethyl)phenylphosphine instead of Triphos	11
3	Sphos instead of Triphos	trace
4	Davephos instead of Triphos	trace
5	dppp instead of Triphos	14
6	IPr instead of Triphos	trace
7	PCy ₃ instead of Triphos	trace
8	Sphos instead of Triphos	trace
9	IMes instead of Triphos	trace
10	dppe instead of Triphos	6
11	Amphos instead of Triphos	trace
12	without ligand	trace

The screening of other reaction conditions.



entry	variation	yield (%)
1	none	92
2	1.0 equiv. B instead of 2.0 equiv. B	43
3	toluene instead of benzene	84
4	1,3,5-trimethylbenzene instead of benzene	77
5	THF instead of benzene	61
6	DMA instead of benzene	trace
7	NMP instead of benzene	trace
8	DMF instead of benzene	21
9	r.t. instead of 110 °C	trace
10	70 °C instead of 110 °C	trace
11	100 °C instead of 110 °C	88
12	120 °C instead of 110 °C	84

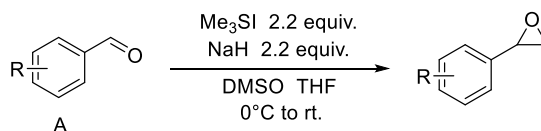
3. General procedure for substrates synthesis

General procedure for triflate derivatives synthesis. Aryl triflates were prepared according to previous literature procedures.¹

General procedure for epoxide derivatives synthesis.

Synthesis of compound 1a-1o (procedure A)

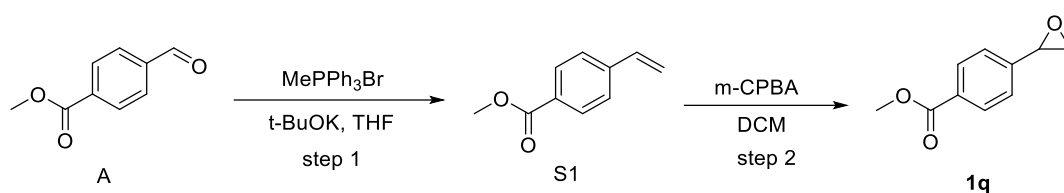
A solution of NaH (33 mol, 2.2 equiv.) and Me₃SI (33 mol, 2.2 equiv.) in DMSO (23 mL) and THF (17 mL) stirred for 30 min at room temperature in a 200mL flask under N₂ atmosphere. Then a solution of A (15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF was added dropwise at 0 °C. After complete addition, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and allowed to stir for 12 hours. The mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl and diluted with EtOAc. Then the mixture was separated and the aqueous layer was back-extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography with Et₃N to give the desired epoxides.



Synthesis of compound 1p (procedure B)

1p was prepared according to previous literature procedures.²

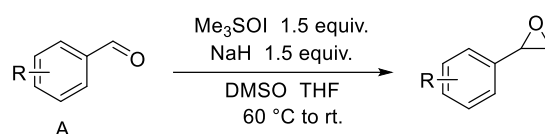
Synthesis of compound 1q (procedure C)



Step 1: To a solution of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (30 mmol) in dry THF (25 mL) was added potassium tertiary-butoxide (20 mmol) at 0 °C under N₂ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, after which the solution was cooled to 0 °C and the aldehyde A (10 mmol) was added dropwise to it as a solution in dry THF (5 mL). The reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for overnight. Upon dilution with diethyl ether, the reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and extracted twice. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: Petroleum ether : EtOAc).

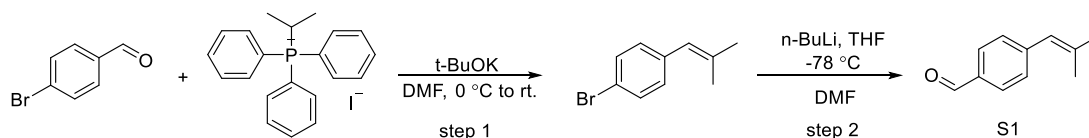
Step 2: To a solution of S1 (5 mmol, 1 equiv.) in DCM (15 mL) was added *m*-CPBA (10 mmol, 2 equiv.) in portions at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 12 hours until the starting material was fully consumed by TLC. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted three times with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, then brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure, then it was purified by column chromatography with Et₃N to give the desired epoxides.

Synthesis of compound 1r, 1t-1y (procedure D)

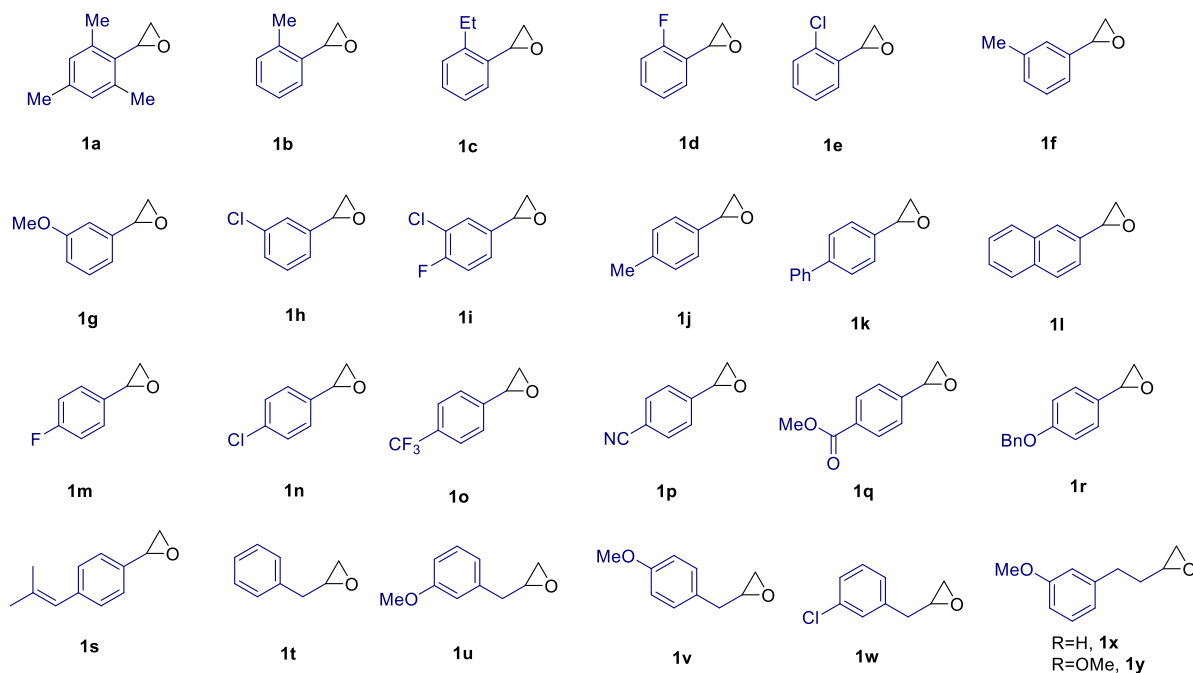


A solution of NaH (15 mol, 1.5 equiv.) and Me₃SOI (15 mol, 1.5 equiv.) in DMSO (15 mL) and THF (10 mL) stirred for 30 min at 60 °C in a 200 mL flask under N₂ atmosphere. Then a solution of A (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF was added dropwise at room temperature and allowed to stir for 12 hours. After complete addition, the mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl and diluted with EtOAc. Then the mixture was separated and the aqueous layer was back-extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography with Et₃N to give the desired epoxides.

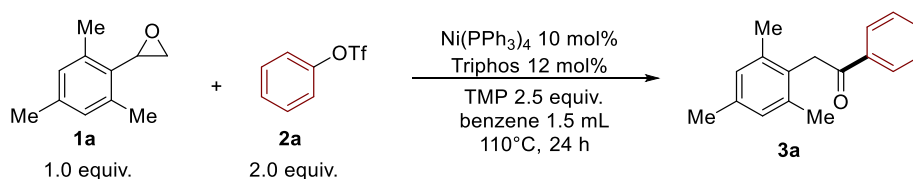
Synthesis of compound 1s (procedure E)



S1 was prepared according to previous literature procedures,³ and then 1s was prepared according to procedure D.

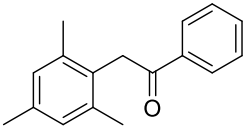


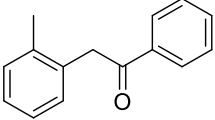
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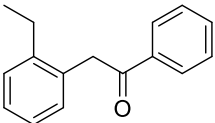


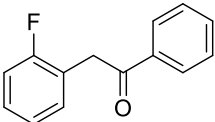
A flame-dried 15 mL cylindrical pressure vessel was charged with 2-mesityloxirane **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate **2a** (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). The cylindrical pressure vessel was directly transferred into a nitrogen-filled glovebox without caps. Then, $\text{Ni}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (33.2 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), Triphos (22.5 mg, 0.036 mmol, 12 mol%), TMP (105.9 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) and 1.5 mL dry benzene were added. Then the cylindrical pressure vessel was tightly sealed, transferred out of the glovebox and stirred at 110 °C or 130 °C with corresponding reaction time. After the completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired ketone product **3a**.

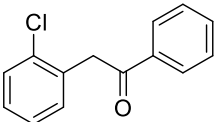
5. Characterization data for the products

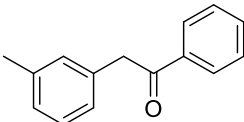
 **3a** (CAS: 5350-76-5): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.2, 137.2, 136.9, 136.4, 133.2, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 39.4, 21.0, 20.4. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.⁷

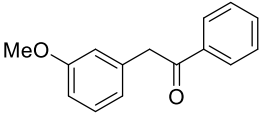
 **3b** (CAS: 6332-83-8): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.5, 136.9, 133.5, 133.2, 130.4, 130.3, 128.7, 128.36, 127.3, 126.1, 43.5, 19.8. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.⁹

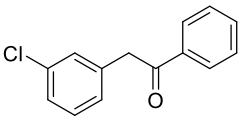
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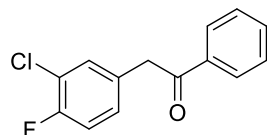
 **3d** (CAS: 3826-47-9): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 4.36 (s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.3, 161.0 (d, J = 246.1 Hz), 136.4, 133.3, 131.7 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 128.9 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 128.7, 128.4, 124.2 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 121.9 (d, J = 16.2 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 38.6. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -117.14. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁰

 **3e** (CAS: 57479-60-4): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 3H), 4.47 (s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.4, 136.6, 134.5, 133.3, 133.2, 131.7, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 126.9, 43.2. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁰

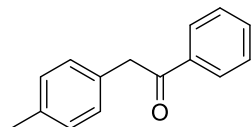
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 **3g** (CAS: 29955-26-8): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.5, 159.8, 136.6, 136.0, 133.2, 129.7, 128.7, 121.8, 115.1, 112.4, 55.2, 45.6. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹¹

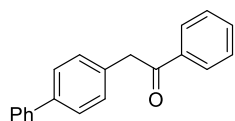
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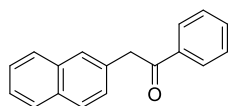
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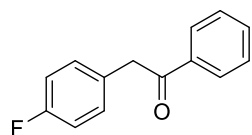
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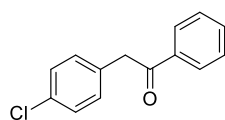
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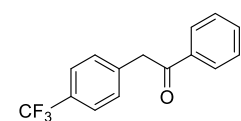
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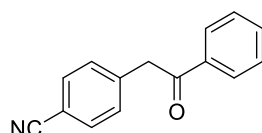
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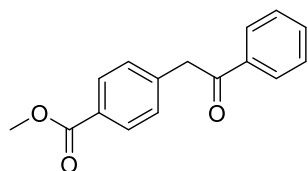
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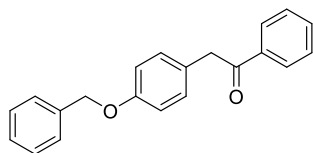
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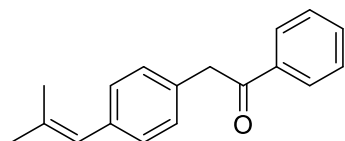
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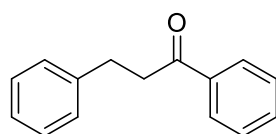
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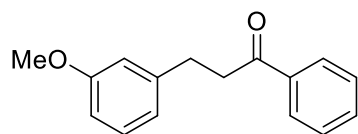
3r $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.92, 157.83, 137.05, 136.65, 133.13, 130.53, 128.65, 128.62, 128.60, 127.97, 127.50, 126.82, 115.11, 70.05, 44.65. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 303.1380, found: 303.1385.



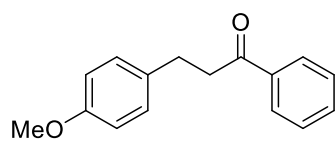
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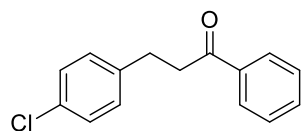
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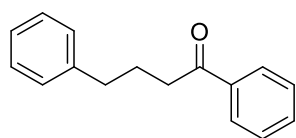
3u (CAS: 15101-68-5): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.76 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.30 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.05 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.2, 159.7, 142.9, 136.8, 133.1, 129.5, 128.6, 128.0, 120.8, 114.2, 111.4, 55.2, 40.4, 30.2. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁴



3v (CAS: 1669-49-4): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.30 (t, 7.8Hz, 2H), 3.09(t, 7.8Hz, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.8, 163.4, 141.4, 130.3, 129.9, 128.5, 128.4, 126.0, 113.7, 55.4, 40.1, 30.3. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁴

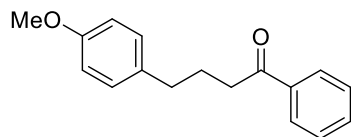


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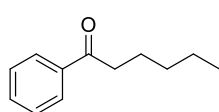
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128.0, 125.9, 37.7, 35.2, 25.7. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.^{1c}



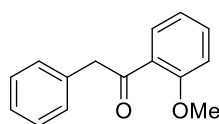
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was in accord with the literature.^{1c}



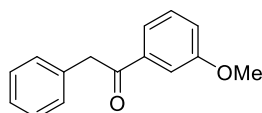
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literature.¹⁵



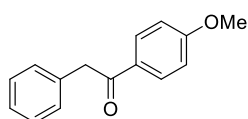
4a (CAS: 33470-10-9): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.2, 158.4, 135.3, 133.5, 130.7, 129.7, 128.4, 128.3, 126.6, 120.7, 111.5, 55.5, 50.2. All spectral data was in accord with the

literature.¹⁸

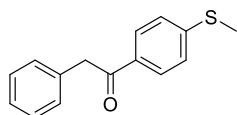


4b (CAS: 62381-24-2): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, J = 7.6, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.5, 159.9, 138.0, 134.6, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 126.9, 121.3, 119.7, 112.9, 55.4, 45.7. All

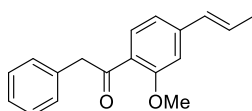
spectral data was in accord with the literature.⁸



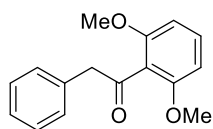
4c (CAS: 1023-17-2): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.01 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.3, 163.6, 135.0, 131.0, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 126.8, 113.8, 55.5, 45.3. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.⁹



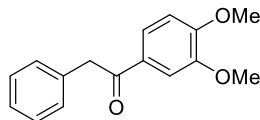
4d (CAS: 73242-07-6): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.7, 146.1, 134.7, 132.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 126.9, 125.0, 45.4, 14.8. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁶



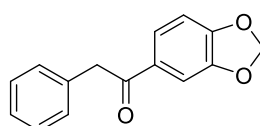
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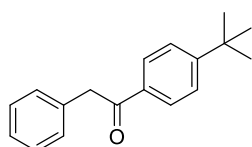
4f (CAS: 52856-19-6): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 6H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.3, 156.7, 134.4, 130.8, 130.0, 128.2, 126.7, 120.0, 104.0, 55.8, 51.5. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁸



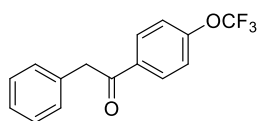
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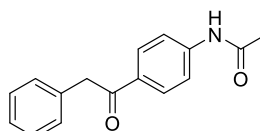
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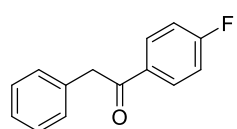
4i (CAS: 121149-70-0): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.3, 156.9, 134.8, 134.1, 129.5, 128.7, 128.7, 126.8, 125.6, 45.5, 35.1, 31.1. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁷



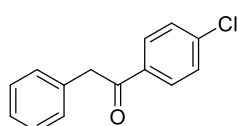
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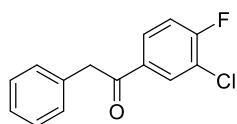
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4l (CAS: 347-84-2): $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.12 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.1, 165.8, (d, J = 255.4 Hz), 134.4, 133.0 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 129.4, 128.8, 127.0, 115.8 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 45.5. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -105.0. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.⁸

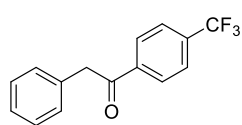


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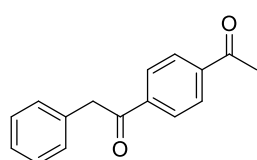
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(d, $J = 18.5$ Hz), 116.9 (d, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 45.5. ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -107.4.

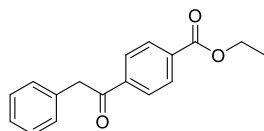


4o (CAS: 61062-55-3): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 4.31 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.6, 139.2, 134.5 (q, $J = 33.0$ Hz), 133.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 127.2, 125.7 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 123.6 (q, $J = 272.9$ Hz), 122.5, 120.3, 45.9. ^{19}F NMR (471

MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.2. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁷

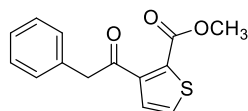


4p (CAS: 6420-94-6): ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 8.07 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.4, 197.1, 140.2, 139.7, 134.0, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 127.1, 45.9, 26.9. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁷



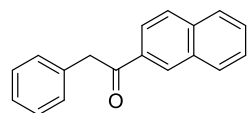
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spectral data was in accord with the literature.¹⁸



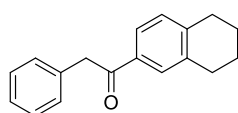
4r: yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.7, 161.8, 147.6, 133.6, 131.4, 130.4, 129.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.1, 52.7, 50.3. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$):

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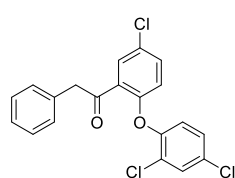
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δ 197.6, 135.6, 134.7, 134.0, 132.5, 130.4, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 126.9, 126.8, 124.3, 45.6. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.⁸



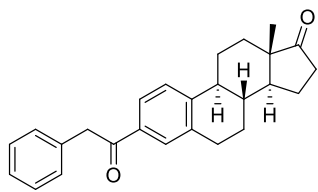
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197.6, 143.4, 137.6, 134.9, 134.1, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 126.8, 125.8, 45.4, 29.7, 29.4, 23.0, 22.8. All spectral data was in accord with the literature.⁸



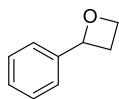
4u: colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 8.8$, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.7, 153.7, 149.8, 134.0, 133.2, 130.9, 130.7, 130.6, 129.7, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.0, 127.0, 122.0, 118.3, 50.0. HRMS (ESI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$):

391.0059, found: 391.0060.



4v: White solid. Melting point: 164 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 2.99-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.51 (dd, J = 19.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.47 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.32 (td, J = 10.9, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.19-2.11 (m 1H), 2.09-2.02 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 0.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 220.5, 197.5, 145.6, 137.0, 134.8, 134.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 126.8, 126.2, 125.7, 50.5, 47.9, 45.4, 44.7, 37.8, 35.8, 31.6, 29.4, 26.3, 25.6, 21.6, 13.8. **HRMS** (ESI): Calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$): 373.2168, found: 373.2171.

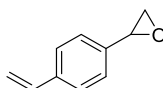
6. Unsuccessful examples



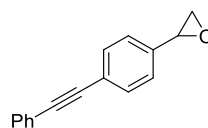
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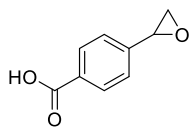
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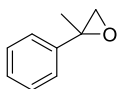
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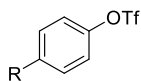
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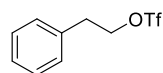
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R = I, messy
R = Br, low yield



messy

7. DFT calculation for the mechanistic study

7.1 Computational details

All calculations were performed using Gaussian 16, Revision A.03 package.⁴ All of the reactants, intermediates, transition states, products were optimized by the DFT with the B3LYP-D3(BJ) functional.⁵ For geometry optimizations and frequency calculations, BS-I basis set system was employed. In BS-I, we employed LANL2DZ basis set for Ni with effective core potentials, 6-31G(d) basis sets for H, C and O. All the stationary structures were characterized with no imaginary frequency and the transition state structures (TSs) were characterized with a single imaginary frequency. Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations were performed on all the TSs. The solvent effect of benzene was evaluated through the SMD method,⁶ in which a better basis system BS-II was used. In BS-II, we employed SDD basis sets for Ni, 6-311++G(2d,2p) basis sets for the other atoms. All reported energies are free energies at a concentration of 1 M and a temperature of 298.15 K

7.2 Energy profiles of nickel insertion to epoxide

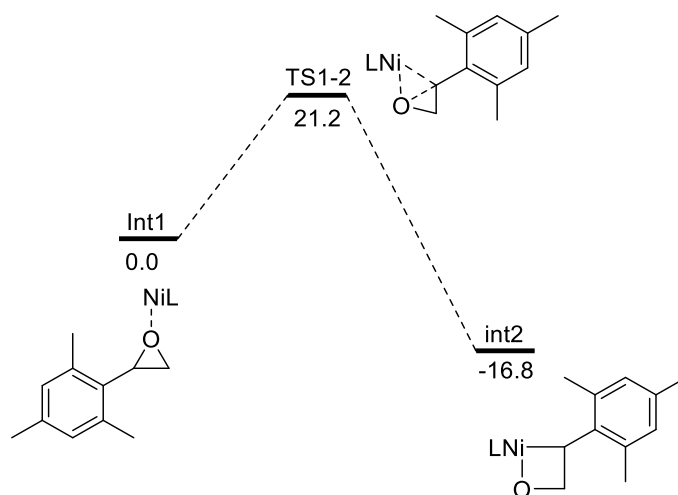


Figure S5.2.1 Nickel insertion to epoxide

The formation of intermediate 1 via TS1-2 is estimated to be exothermic about 17 kcal/mol by DFT calculations, and the needed free energy barrier is 21.2 kcal/mol, which is affordable under the current conditions

Cartesian coordinates of the optimized structures:

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E = -3282.346029 a.u.

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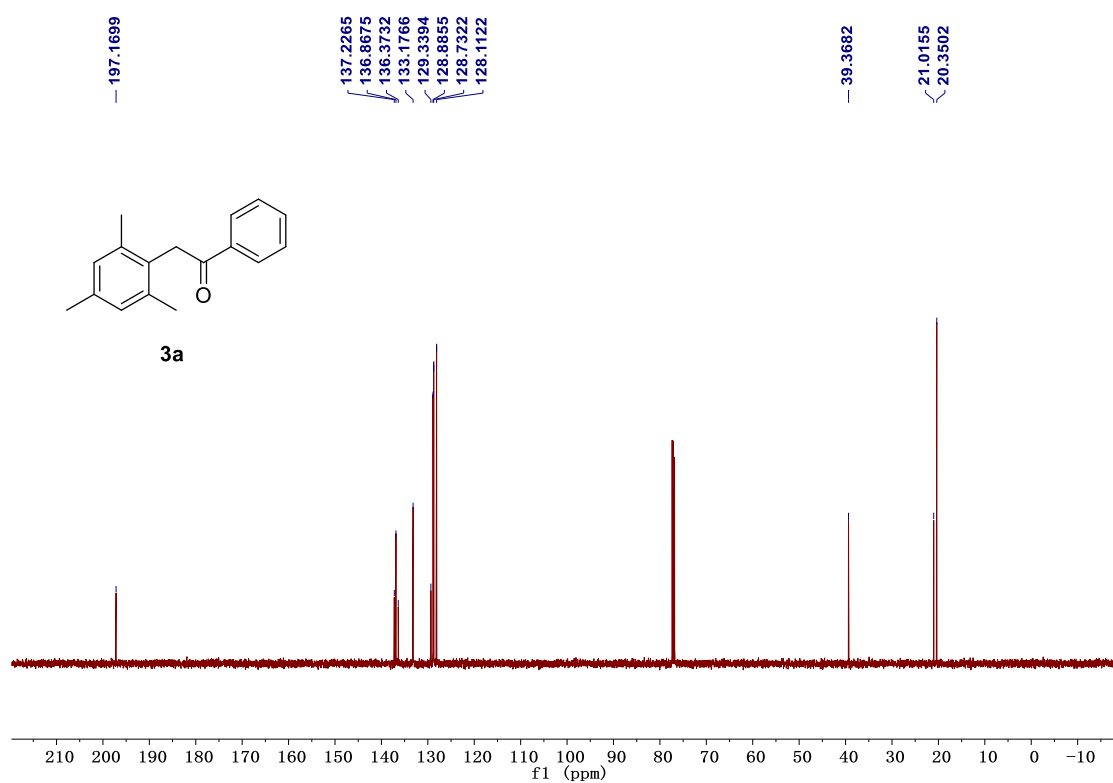
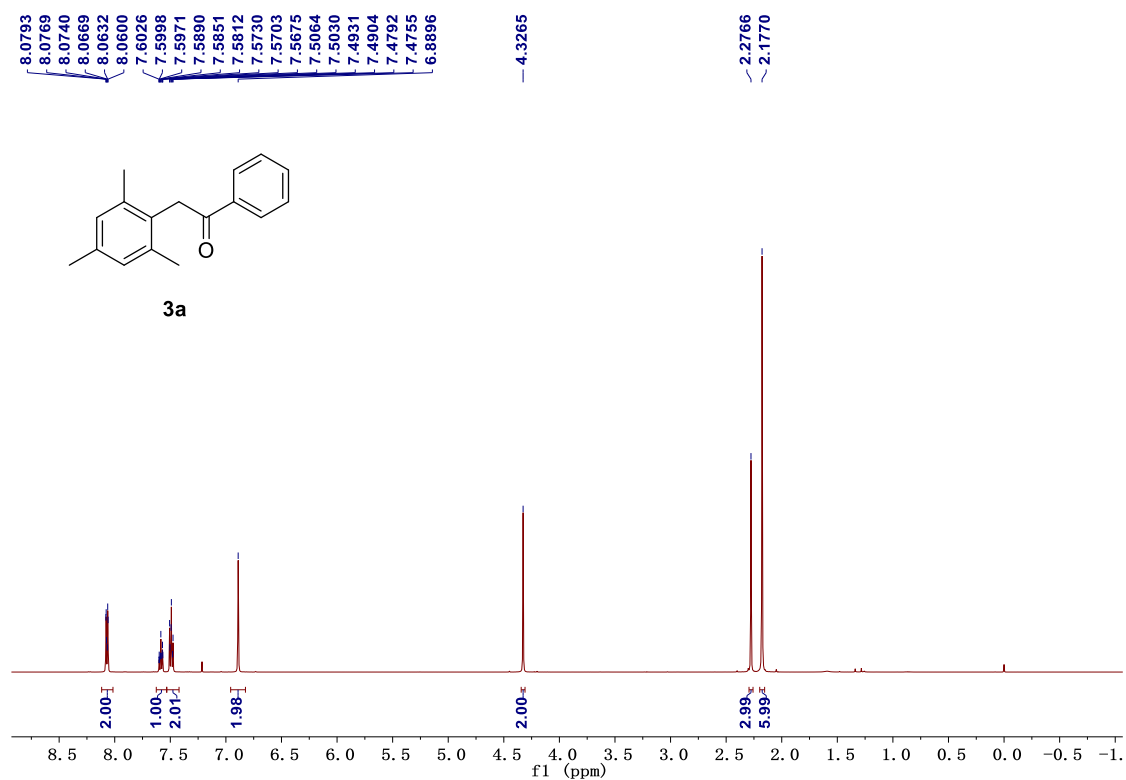
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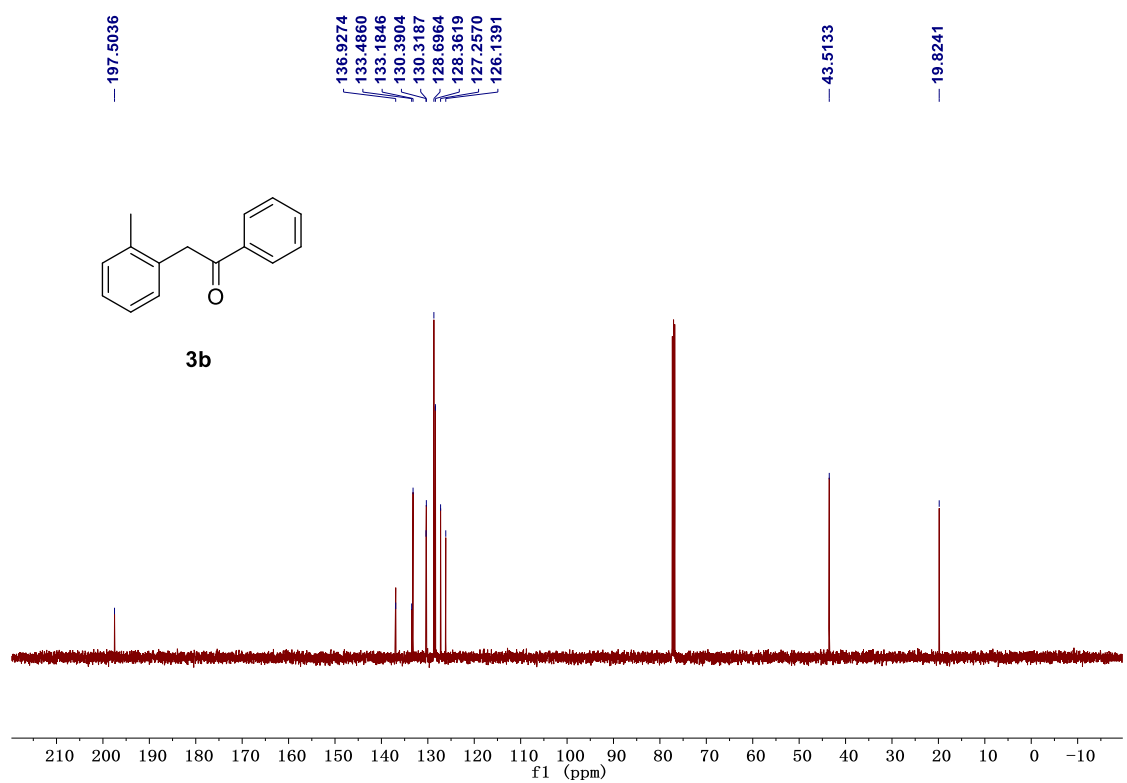
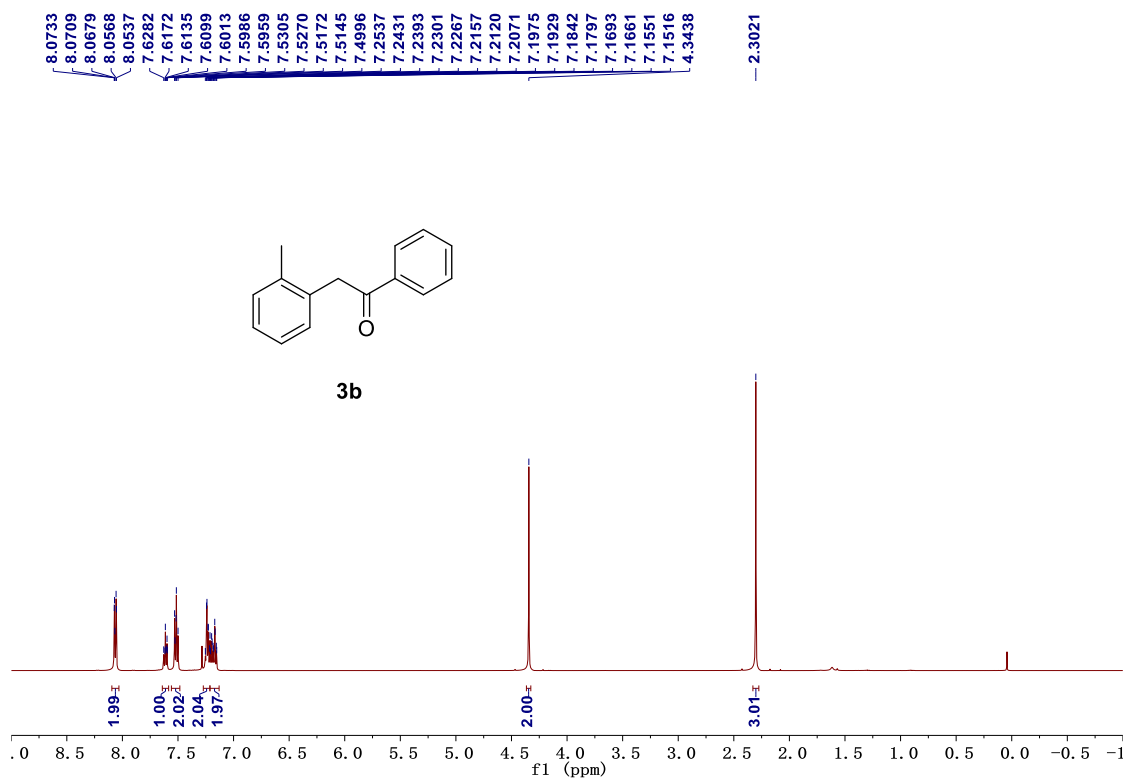
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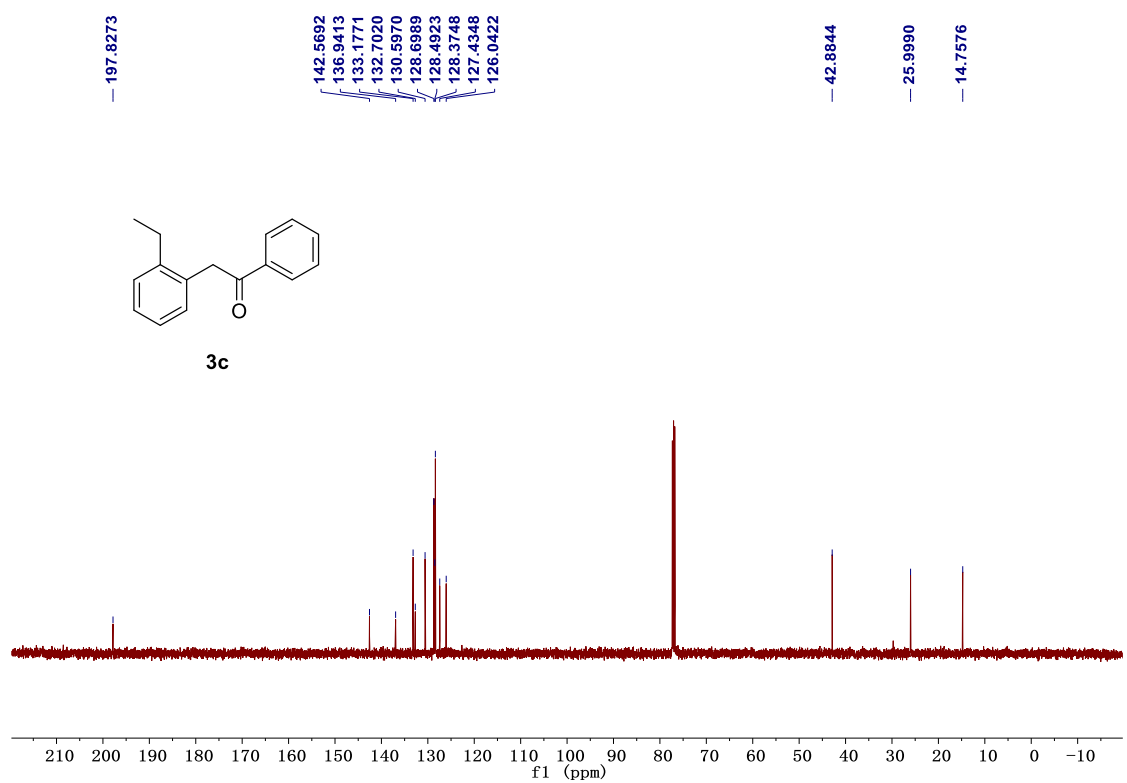
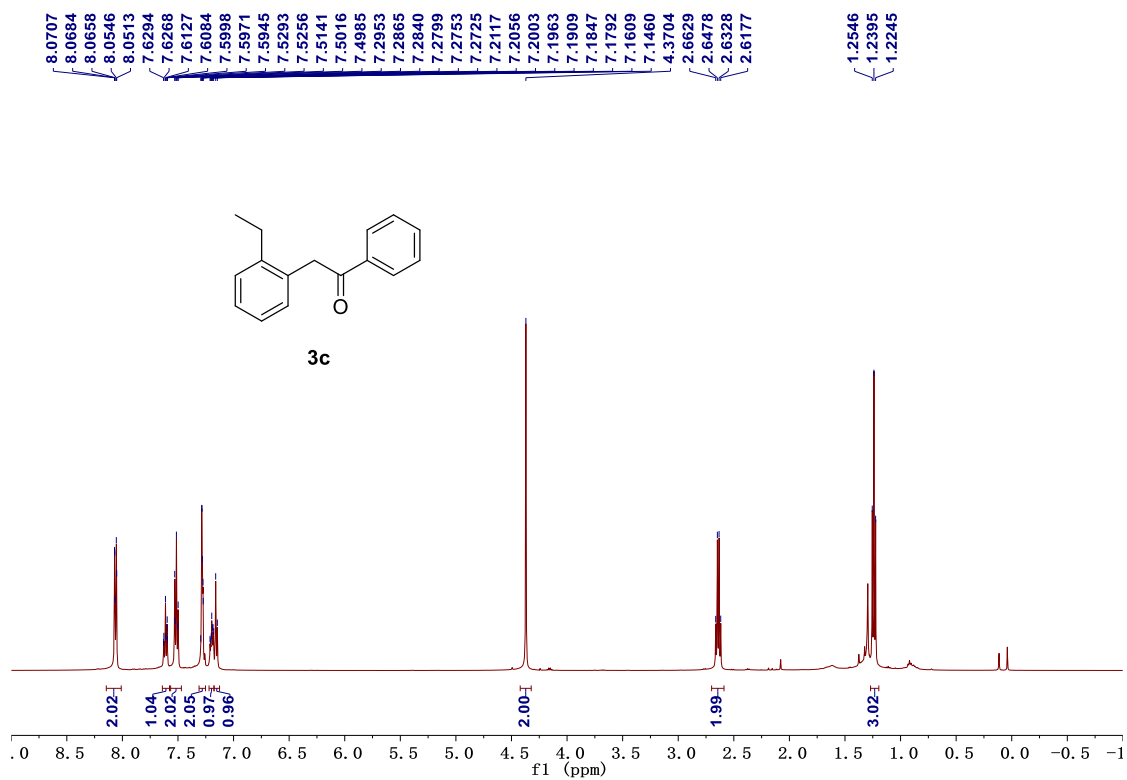
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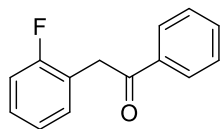
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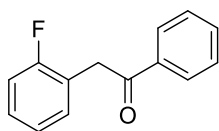
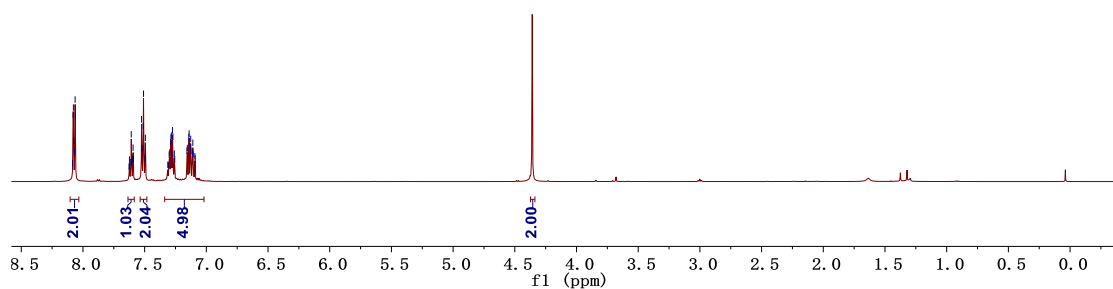




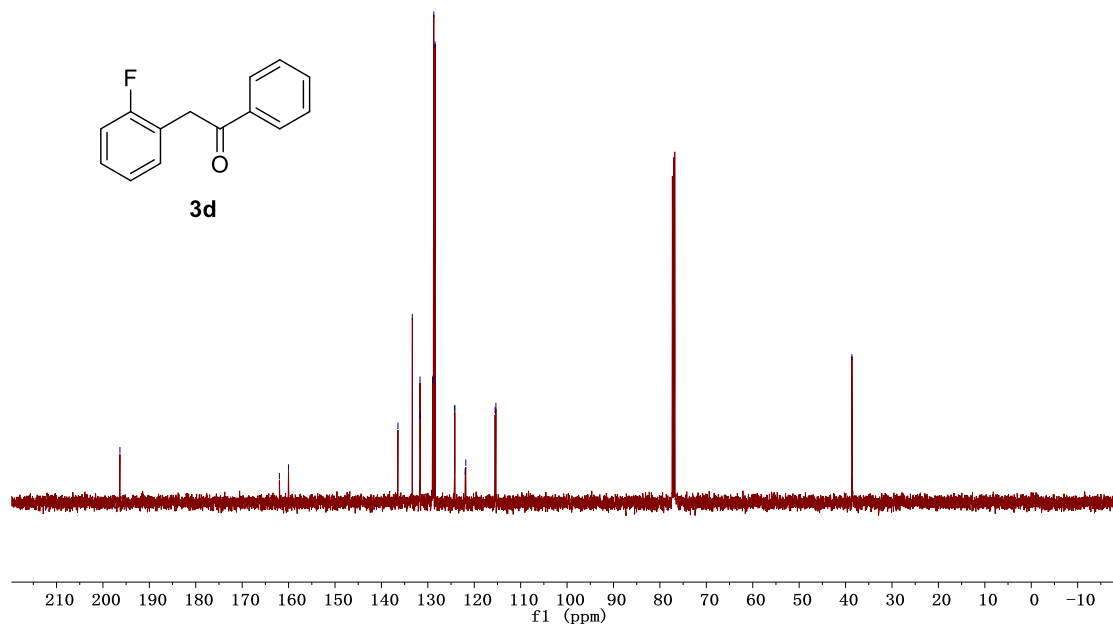


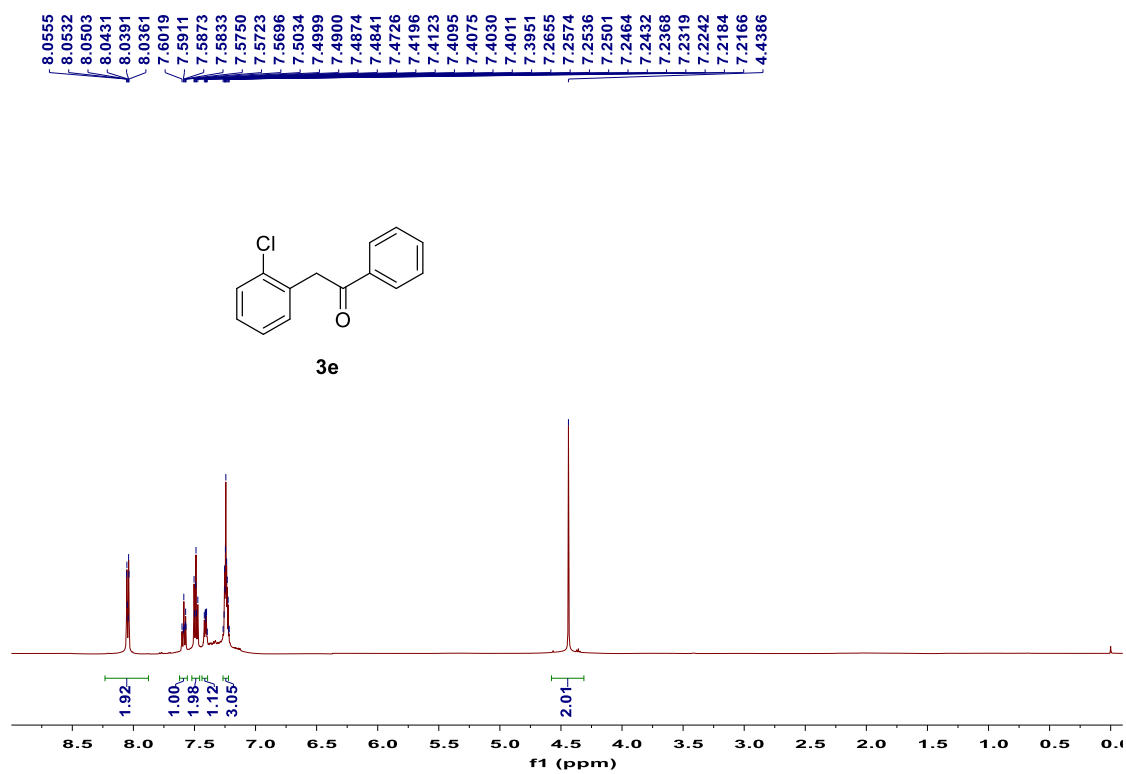
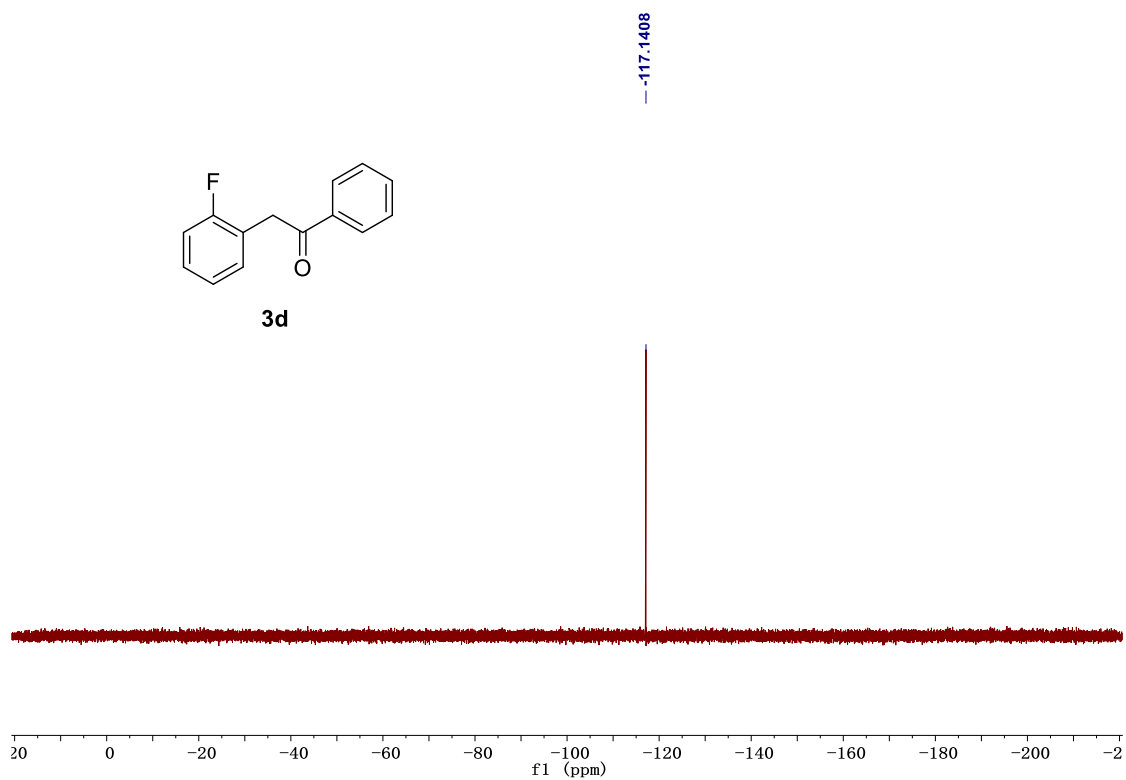


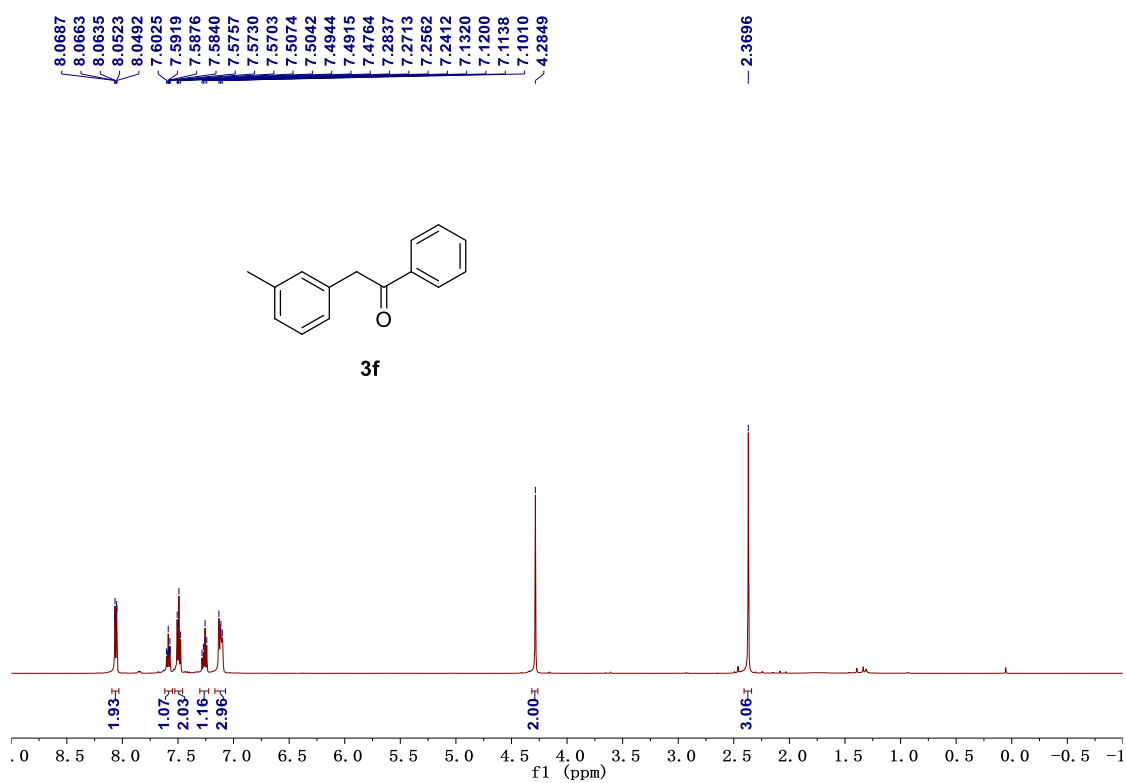
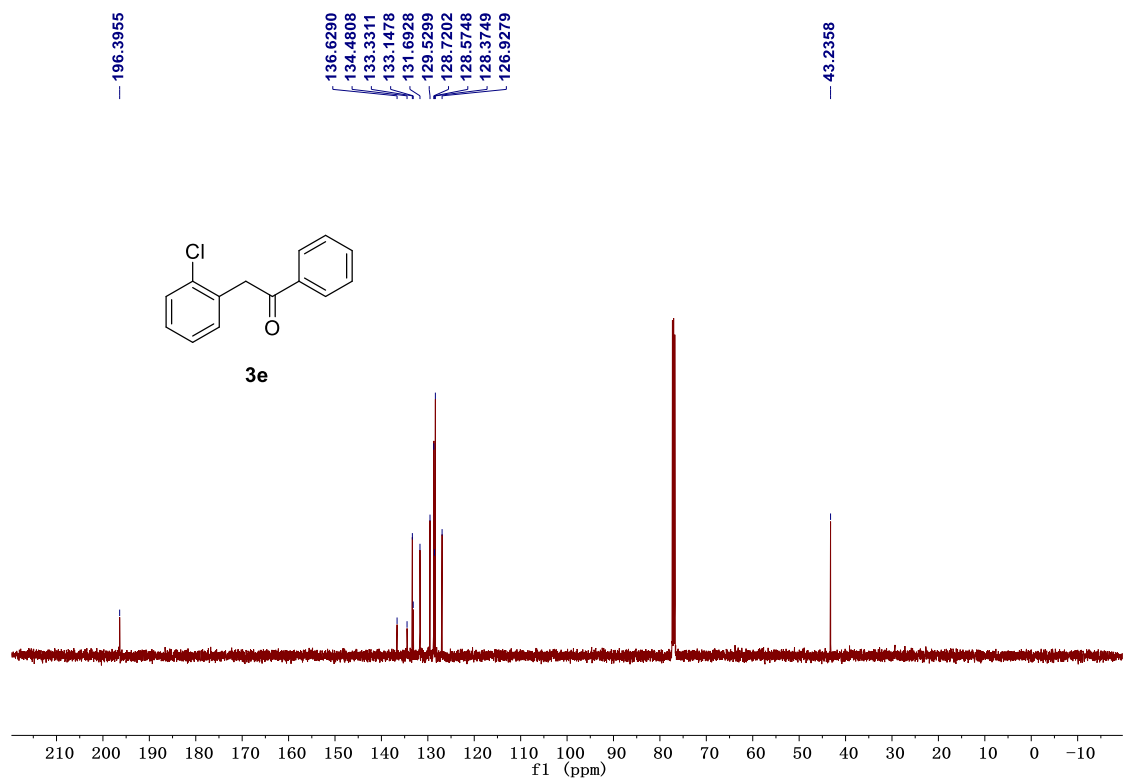
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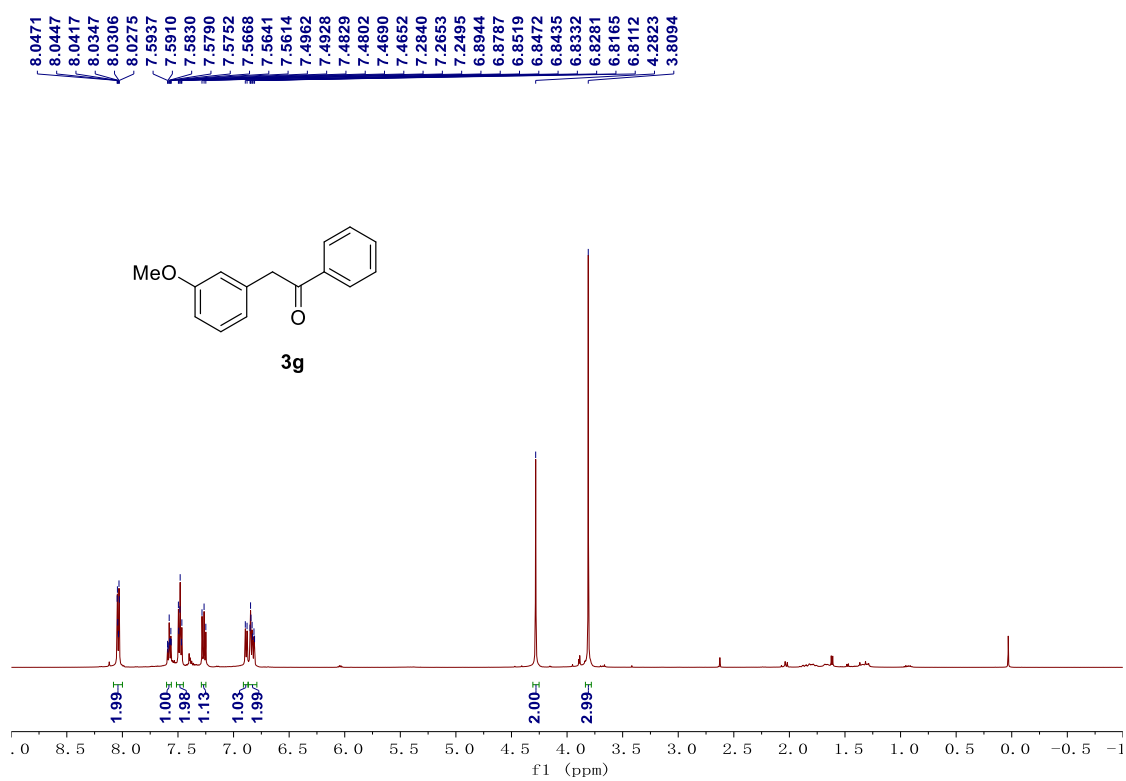
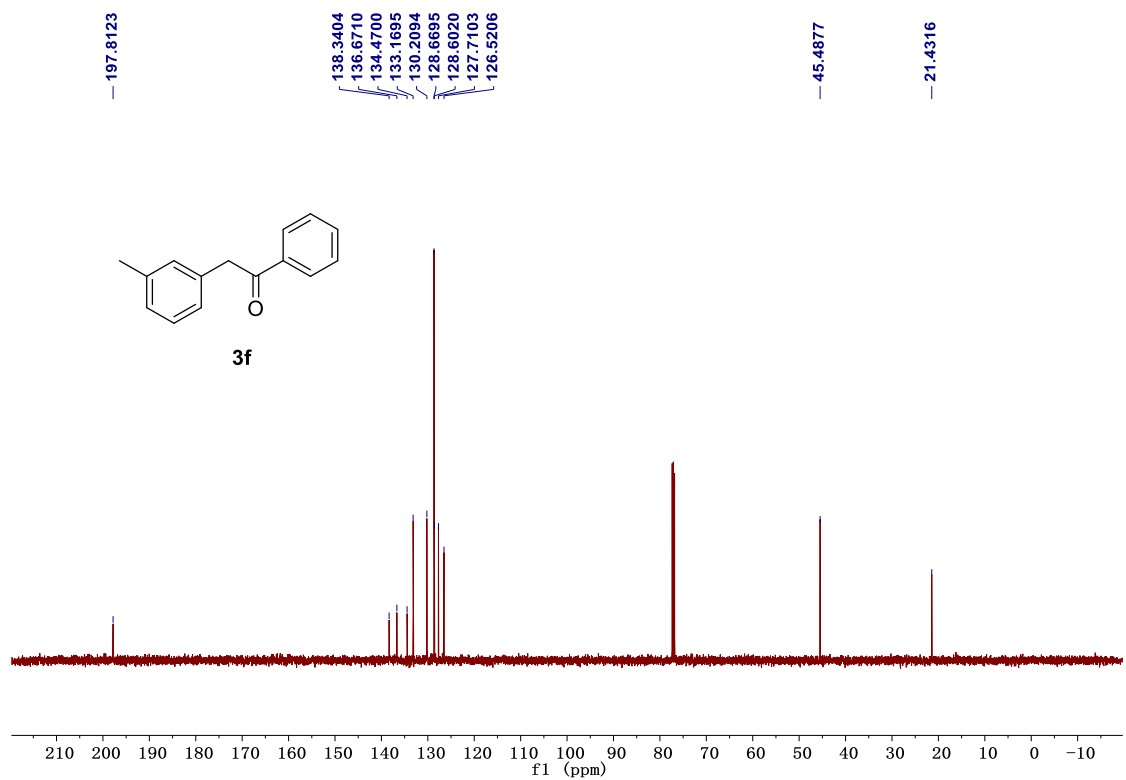


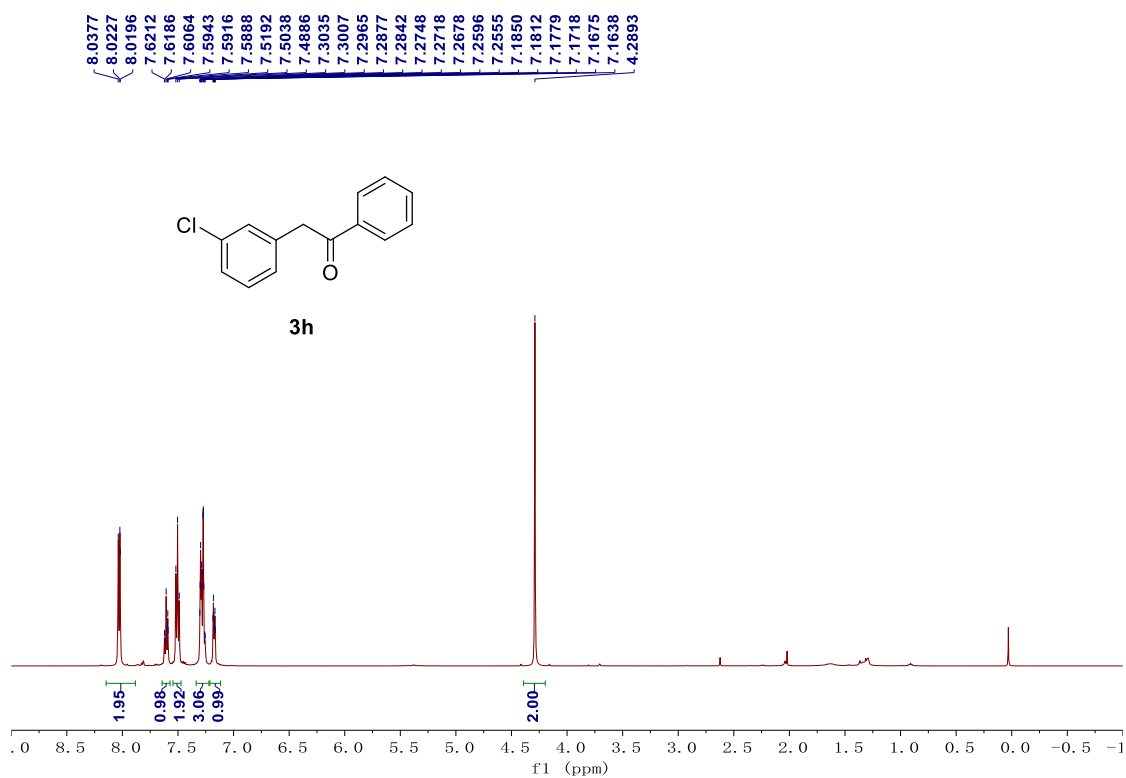
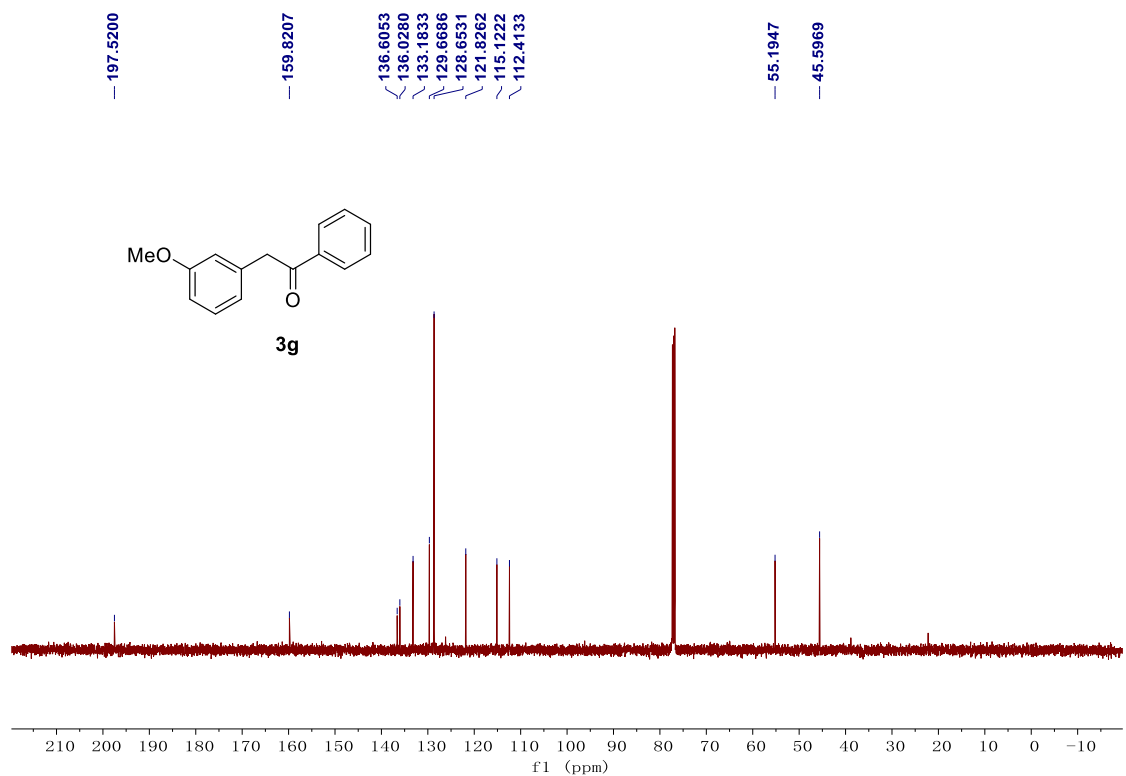
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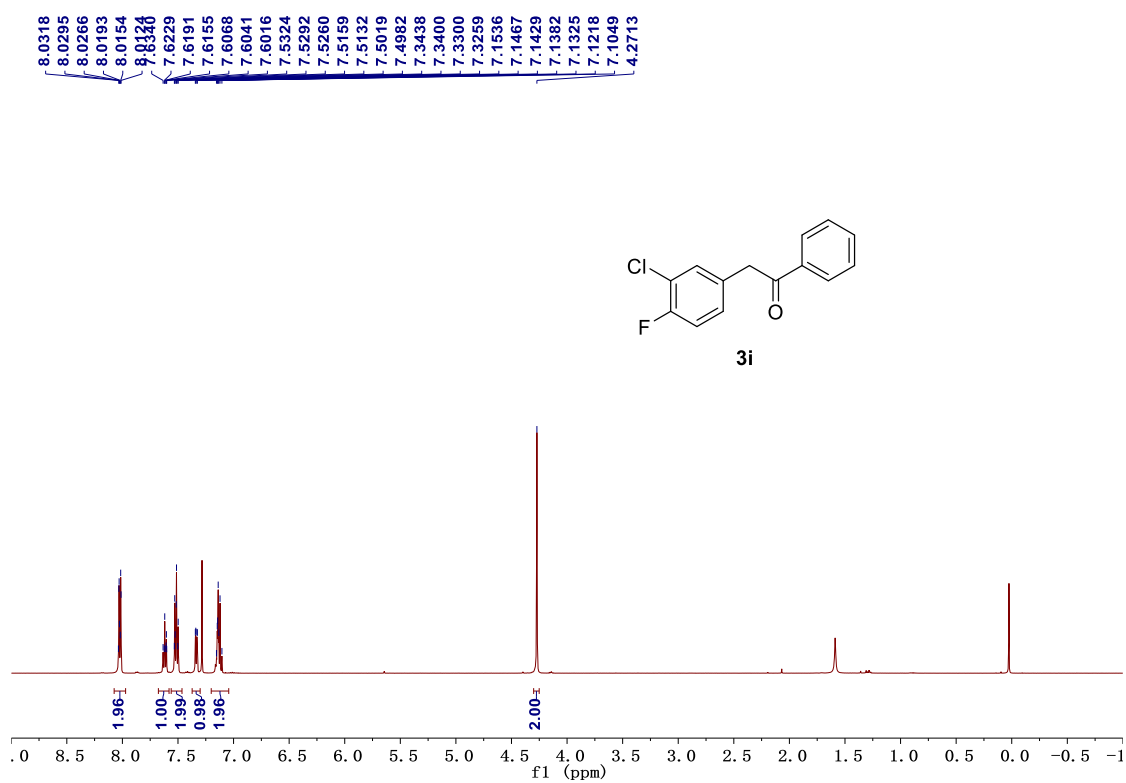
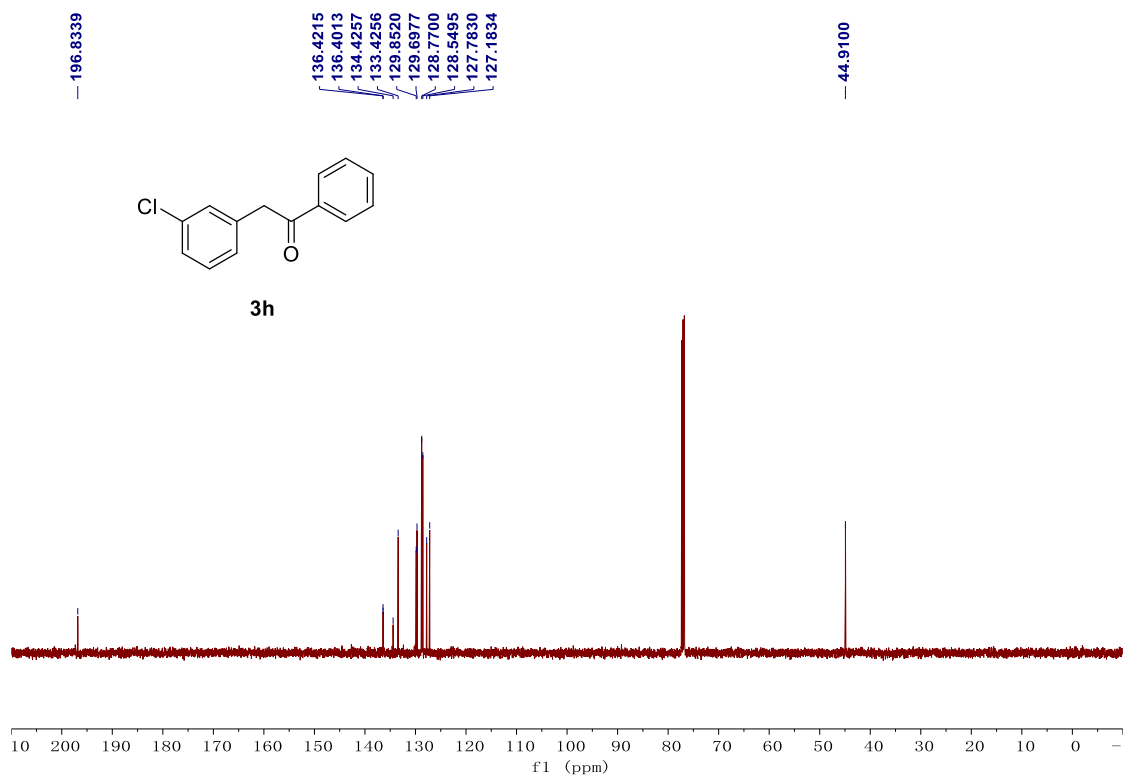


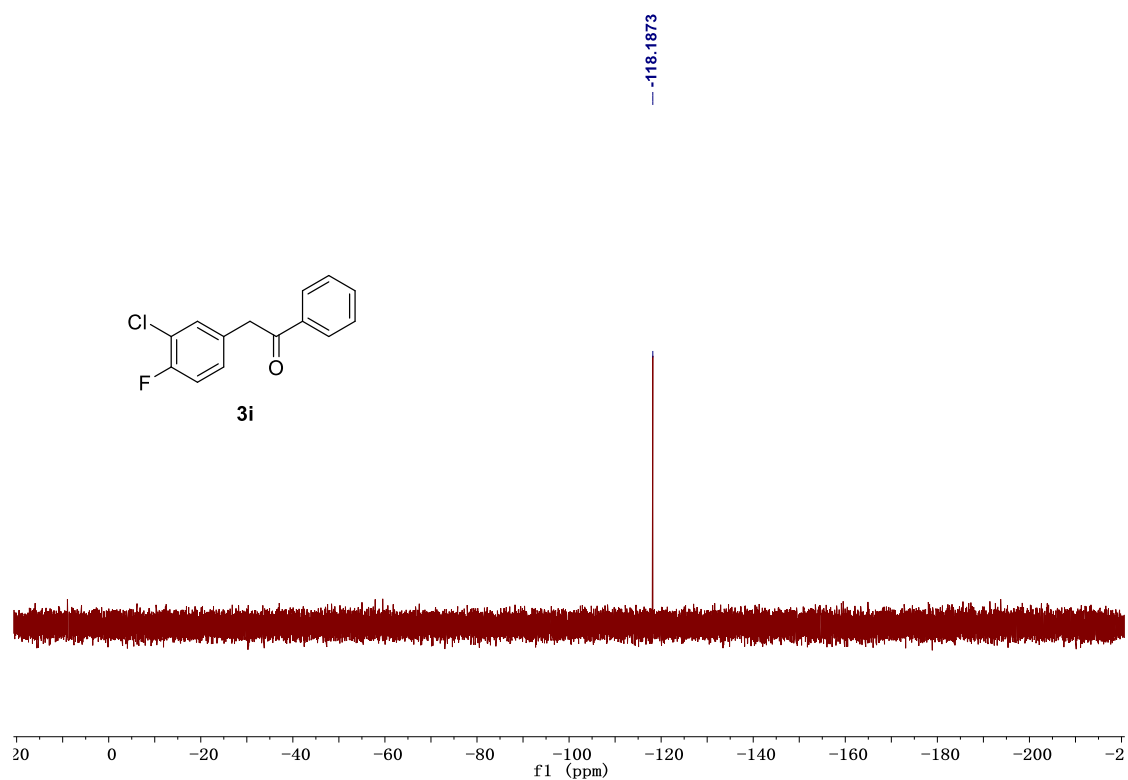
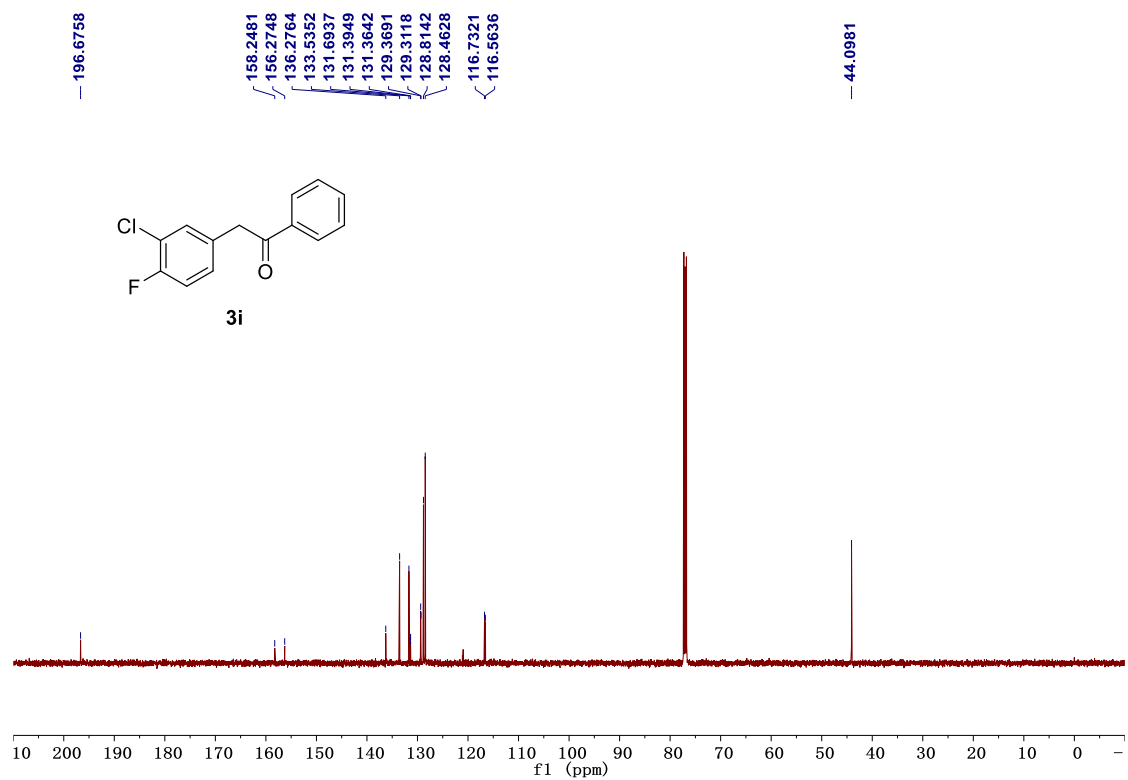


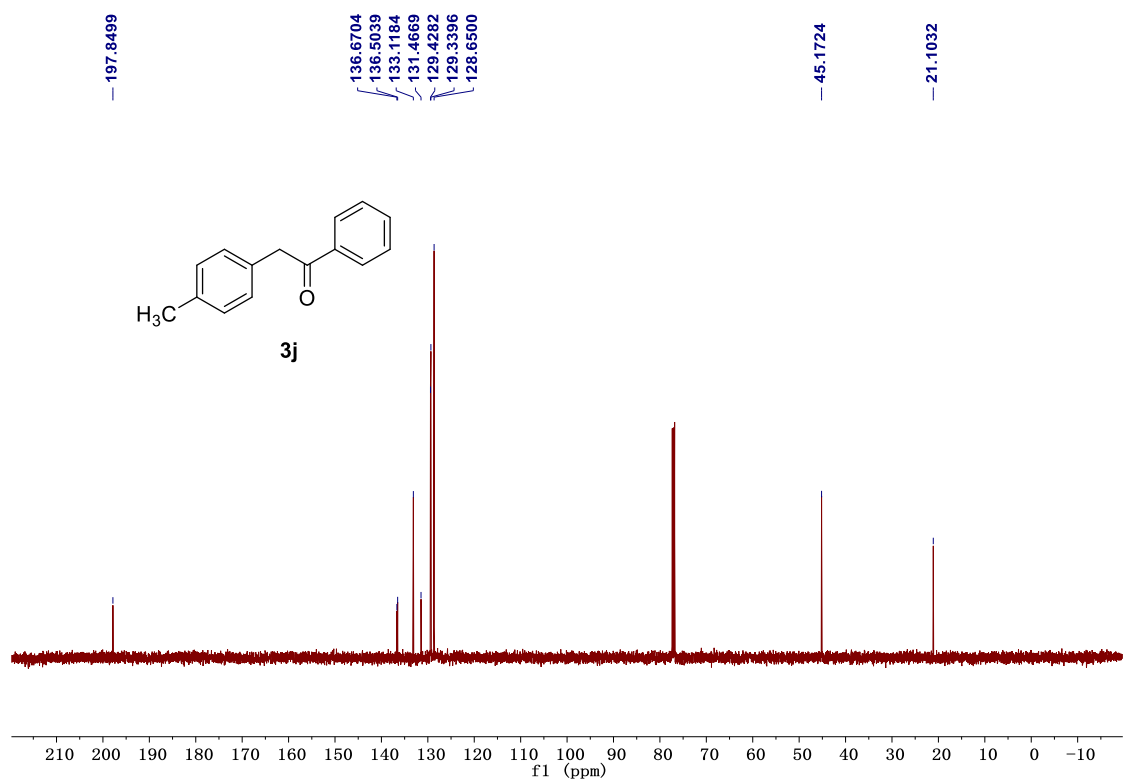
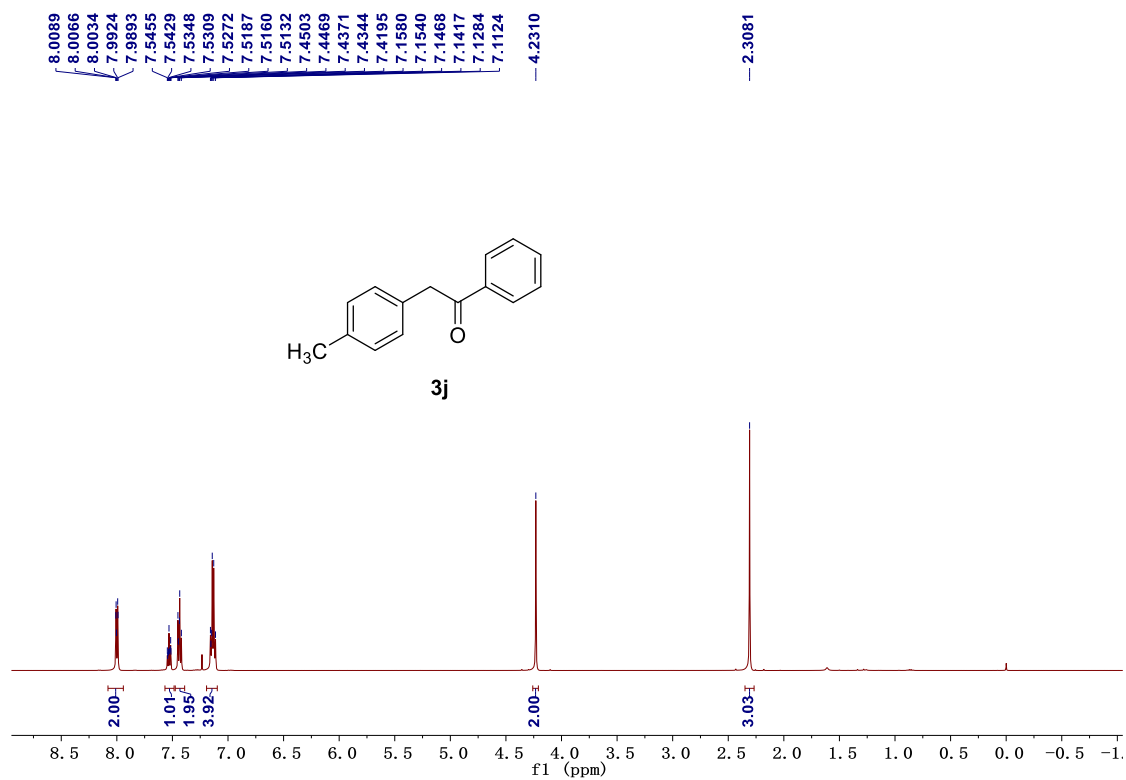


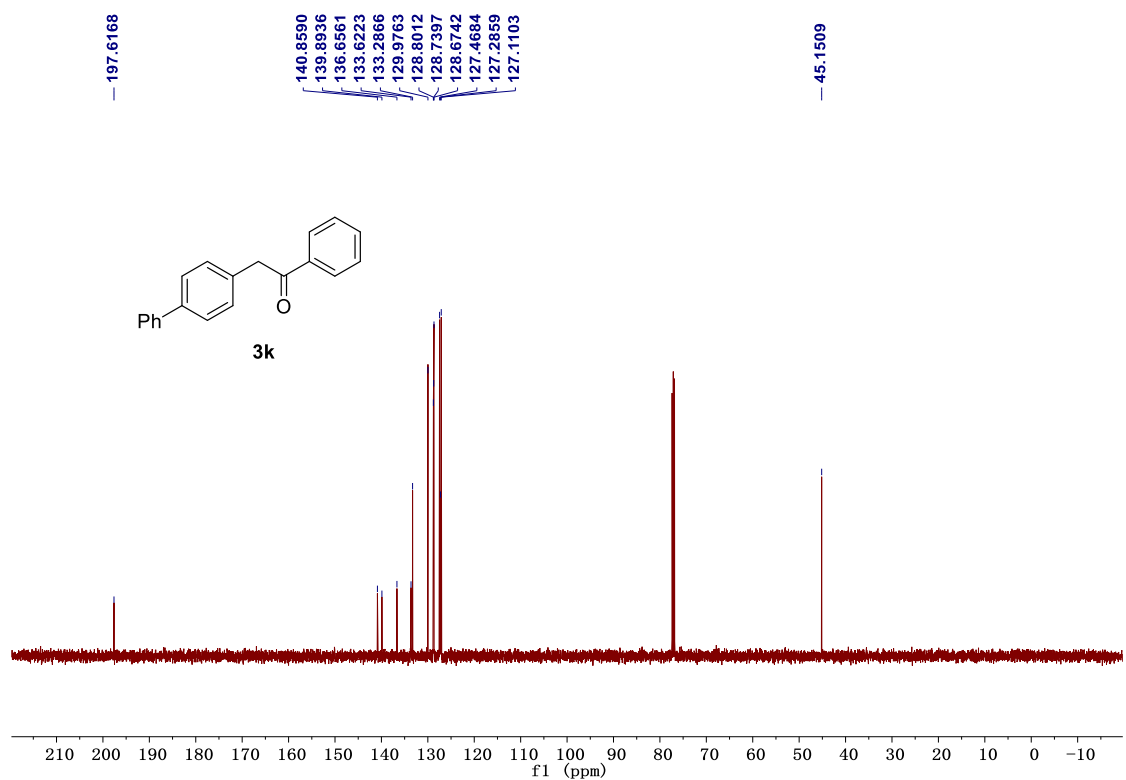
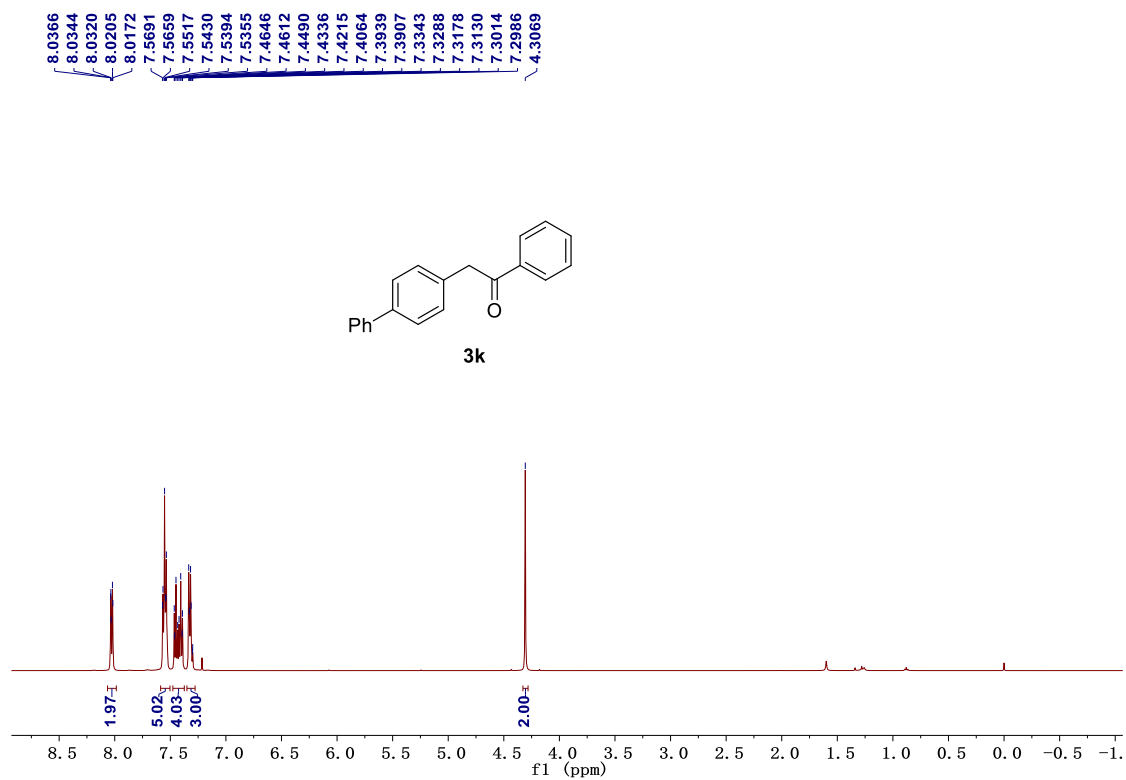




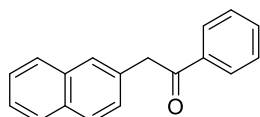




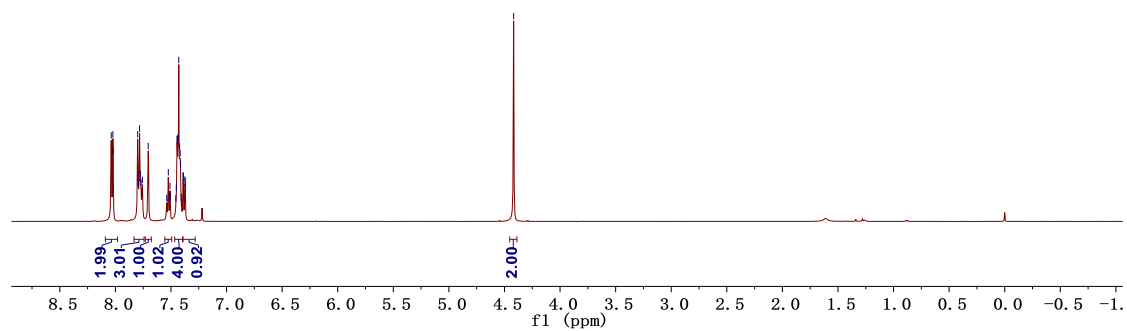




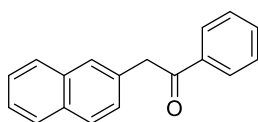
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