

Supporting Information

Visible-Light-Driven Site-selective Alkylation of Benzo Core of Coumarins

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1. General Information.

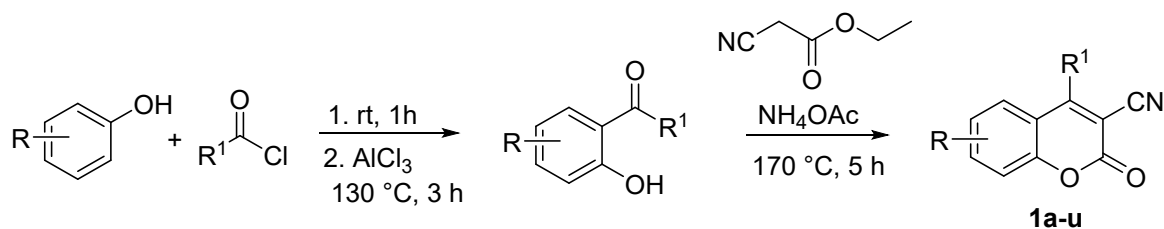
Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded in deuterated solvents with residual protonated solvent signal as internal reference on a Bruker-Ava-400 and Bruker-Ava-500. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million using the solvent resonance internal standard (chloroform, 7.26 and 77.0 ppm). Data is reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant, and integration. Electrospray and electron impact high resolution mass spectrometry was performed by Bruker mass spectrometer. The data is recorded as the ionization method followed by the calculated and measured masses. The Fluorescence emission intensities were measured on Horiba-Jobin-Yvon. Solvents for starting material preparation and coupling reactions were dried before use. Blue LEDs (2.50 W, $\lambda = 465$ nm) Rebel LED, mounted on a 25 mm cool base was purchased from commercial supplier Luxeon Star LEDs Quadica Developments Inc. 10-3447 30 Ave N. Lethbridge, Alberta T1H 7B5 Canada.

2. Preparation of Starting Materials

2.1. Preparation of Coumarins

3, 4-disubstituted cyanocoumarins **1a-1b**^{1a}, **1f-1h**², **1i**³, **1t**⁴ are known starting materials and synthesized accordingly. **1c-1e**, **1j-1n**, **1o**, **1p-1s**, **1u** were synthesized by using known literature procedure.^{1a}

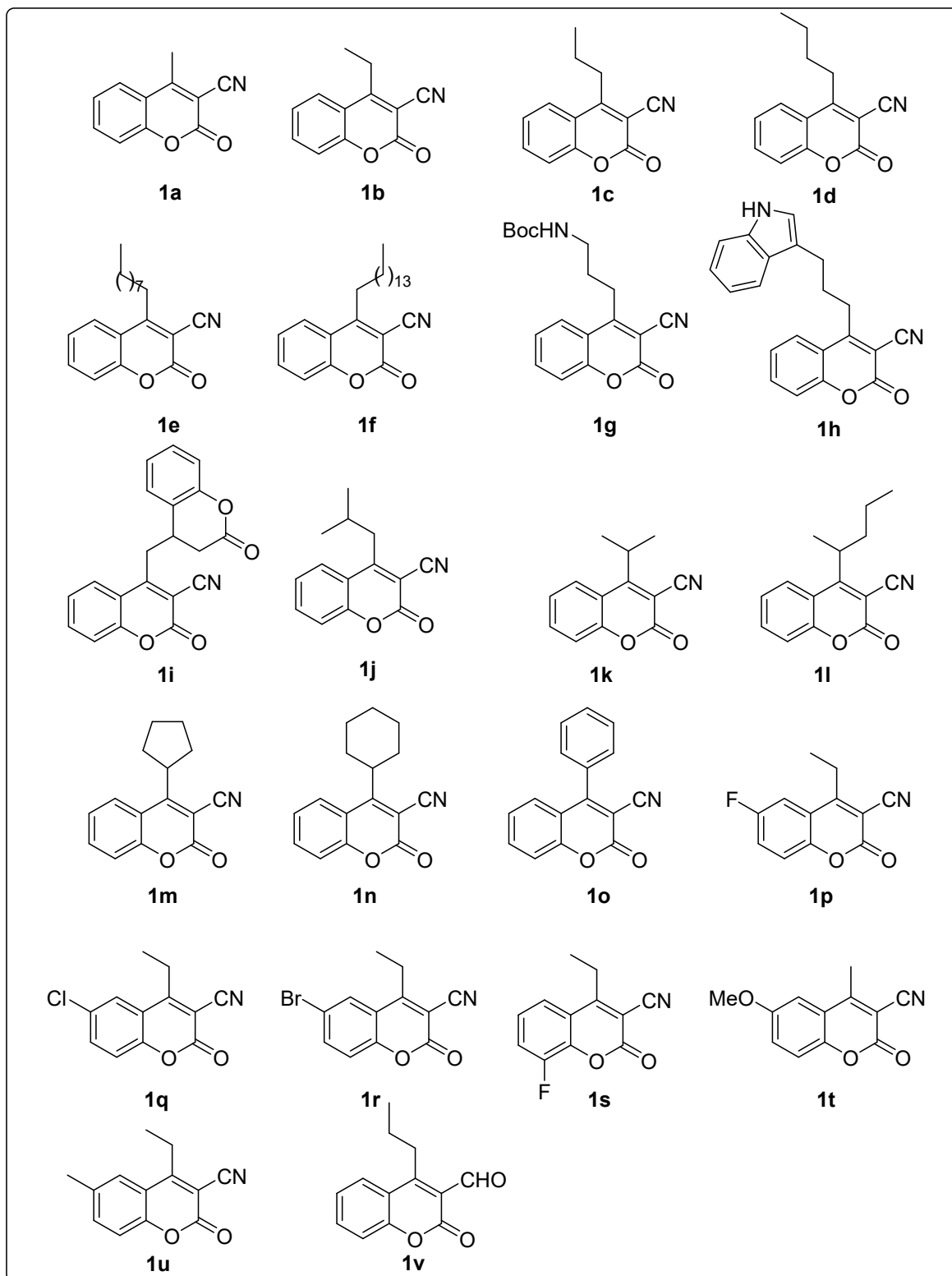
2.1.1. Preparation of 3, 4-disubstituted cyanocoumarins (**1c-1e**, **1g**, **1k-1n**, **1p-1s**, **1u**):



Substituted phenol (4 mmol, 1 equiv) was added in corresponding acyl chloride (6 mmol and 1.5 equiv) and reaction mixture stir for 1 h at rt. After that, AlCl_3 (4 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and reaction mixture heated at 130 °C for 3 h. Brown sticky mixture diluted with EtOAc and extracted with EtOAc (3X50 mL) and washed with brine solution. Resulted oily compound used for further reaction. To a solution of *o*-hydroxy phenone (2 mmol, 1 equiv.) ethyl cyanoacetate (1.5 equiv.) and ammonium acetate (2.5 equiv.) were mixed in 250 mL flask and reflux at 170 °C in oil bath for 5 h. the mixture was then cooled to rt, EtOH (100 mL) was added in the reaction mixture, and stirred for 12 h at rt. The precipitate solid is then filtered and dried. If it is not precipitated, solution was concentrated by evaporation of the solvent.

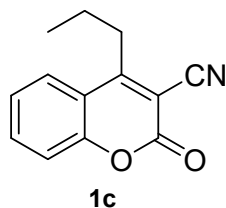
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc: hexane = 5:5) gave a yellow powder solid **1**.

Table S1: Substrate Scope of Substituted Coumarins



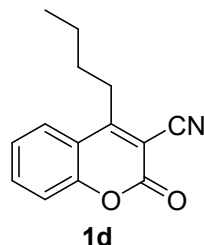
2.1.1.1 Characterization of 3, 4-disubstituted cyanocoumarins.

2-Oxo-4-propyl-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1c)



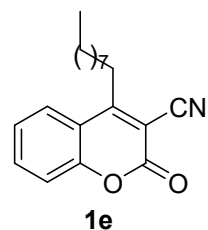
Physical state: White solid; **Yield:** 250 mg (59%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.40 (m, 2 H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.12 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 157.0, 153.9, 135.2, 126.1, 125.5, 118.1, 117.5, 113.6, 102.0, 33.8, 23.5, 14.3. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₁NO₂Na, 236.0682; Found: 236.0678.

4-butyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1d)



Physical state: White solid; **Yield:** 200 mg (44%). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 3.14 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 1.73 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.61 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 156.9, 153.9, 135.2, 126.1, 125.6, 118.0, 117.5, 113.5, 101.7, 31.9, 31.8, 23.0, 13.8. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₄H₁₃NO₂Na, 250.0838; Found: 250.0832.

4-nonyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1e):

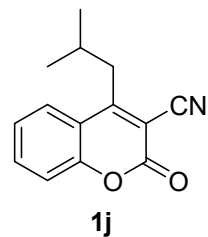


Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 200 mg (34%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 3.16 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.18 (m, 10H), 0.85 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 5.2 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 156.9, 153.8, 135.2, 126.0, 125.6, 117.9, 117.4,

113.5, 101.7, 32.0, 31.8, 29.9, 29.8, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 22.7, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF),**

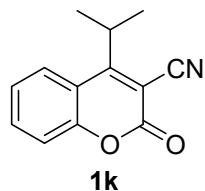
m/z: [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₉H₂₃NNaO₂ 320.1621; Found: 320.1626.

4-isobutyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1j):



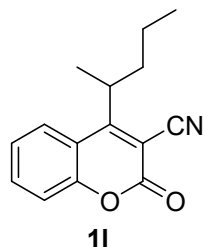
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 213 mg (47 %). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (dt, *J* = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.1 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 156.9, 153.7, 135.2, 126.3, 125.5, 117.9, 117.8, 113.9, 102.4, 40.6, 30.4, 22.7. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₄H₁₄NO₂, 228.1019; Found: 218.1025.

4-isopropyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1k):



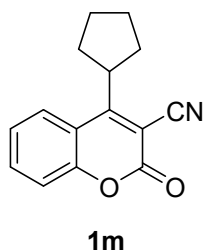
Physical state: yellow solid; **Yield:** 170 mg (40 %). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (dt, *J* = 14.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 157.6, 153.8, 135.0, 126.1, 125.3, 118.4, 117.1, 113.9, 100.8, 29.8, 20.8. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₃H₁₂NO₂, 214.0862; Found: 214.0874.

2-oxo-4-(pentan-2-yl)-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1l)



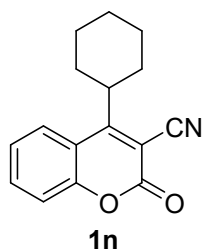
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 193 mg (40 %). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 9.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.31 – 1.21 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 157.5, 153.8, 134.9, 125.2, 118.4, 113.9, 37.2, 29.8, 22.8, 21.6, 14.0. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₅H₁₅NNaO₂, 264.0994; Found 264.1003.

4-cyclopentyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1m)



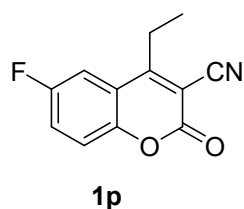
Physical state: yellow solid; **Yield:** 277 mg (58%). **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.88 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 2.26 – 2.04 (m, 6H), 1.90 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 157.5, 153.8, 134.9, 126.1, 125.1, 118.5, 117.3, 113.9, 101.3, 43.1, 33.4, 27.7; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₅H₁₃NO₂Na, 262.0838; Found: 262.0836.

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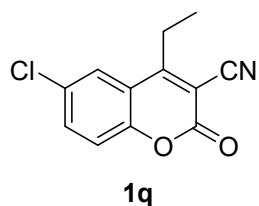
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4-ethyl-6-fluoro-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1p):



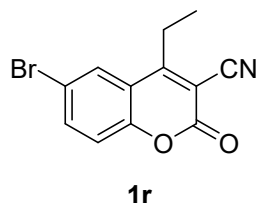
Physical state: Yellow powder; **Yield:** 252 mg (58%). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 3.10 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 160.4, 158.4, 156.6, 150.2, 122.7, 119.8, 118.1, 112.9, 111.4, 102.7, 25.8, 13.9; **¹⁹F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) -114.6. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₂H₉NO₂, 218.0611; Found: 218.0610.

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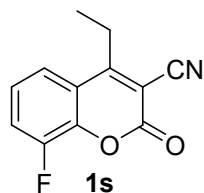
Physical state: Yellow powder; **Yield:** 265 mg (52%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 156.4, 152.3, 135.1, 131.3, 125.3, 119.6, 118.3, 112.9, 102.6, 25.4, 13.9; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₂H₈ClNO₂Na, 256.0135; Found: 256.0127.

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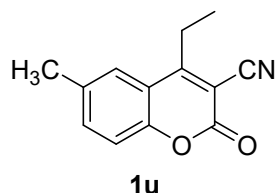
Physical state: Yellow powder; **Yield:** 358 mg (65%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 156.3, 152.8, 137.9, 128.3, 119.8, 118.7, 118.5, 112.9, 102.6, 25.4, 14.0; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₂H₈BrNO₂, 277.9811; Found: 277.9805.

4-ethyl-8-fluoro-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1s):



Physical state: pale yellow solid; **Yield:** 230 mg (53%). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 8.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 155.6, 151.0, 149.0, 142.4, 125.4, 121.2, 119.0, 112.9, 102.3, 25.8, 14.1. **¹⁹F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) -130.8. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₂H₈FN O₂Na, 240.0431; Found: 240.0427.

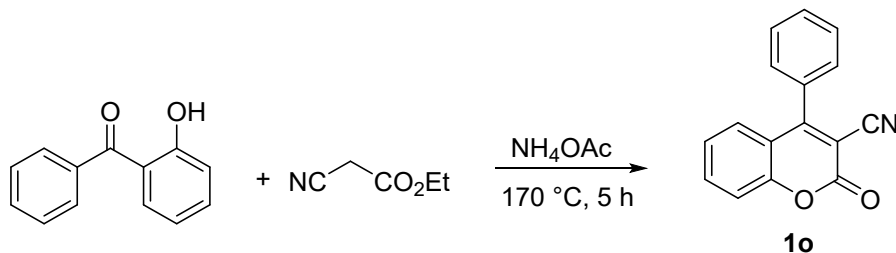
4-ethyl-6-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (1u):



Physical state: Yellow powder; **Yield:** 221 mg (52%). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1,

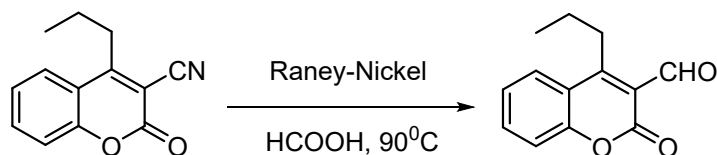
157.2, 152.1, 136.4, 135.6, 125.5, 117.8, 116.9, 113.4, 101.2, 25.3, 21.1, 14.1; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[M+H]^+$ Calcd. For $C_{13}H_{12}NO_2$, 214.0862; Found: 214.0870.

2.1.2. Synthesis of 2-oxo-4-phenyl-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (**1o**):



To a solution of 2-hydroxy benzophenone (2 mmol, 1 equiv.) ethyl cyanoacetate (1.5 equiv.) and ammonium acetate (2.5 equiv.) were mixed in 250 mL flask and reflux at $170\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in oil bath for 5 h. the mixture was then cooled to rt, EtOH (100 mL) was added in the reaction mixture, and stirred for overnight at rt. The precipitate solid is then filtered and dried gave pale yellow solid compound **1o**. **Yield:** 148 mg (30 %). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.71 (ddd, $J = 8.7, 7.2, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (ddd, $J = 9.5, 5.3, 1.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1H). **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.3, 157.1, 154.2, 135.4, 131.8, 131.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 125.5, 118.2, 117.8, 113.6, 101.8. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd. For $C_{16}H_9NNaO_2$, 270.0525; Found 270.0522.

2.1.3. Synthesis of 2-oxo-4-propyl-2H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde (**1v**):^{1b}



A solution of 3-cyanocoumarin (2 mmol) in hot ($80\text{--}90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) formic acid (6 mL) was stirred and treated with Raney nickel (400 mg, wet) as suspension in formic acid (1 mL). The mixture was vigorously stirred at $80\text{--}90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ until completion of reaction (1.5–2 h) as monitored by TLC. Then the mixture was filtered through a Celite pad, which was washed with hot ethyl acetate (30 mL). The resulting clear yellow solution was concentrated in vacuo to give crude aldehyde as yellow oil. A solution of this oil was dissolved in dichloromethane and filtered through a silica gel pad (3–4 cm), which was further washed with dichloromethane until the eluting solution contained no product. Product **1v** was purified by crystallization from ethanol. **Yield:** 216 mg (50 %). **1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.85 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, $J = 8.5, 7.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 3.26 (ddd, $J = 9.7, 5.7, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.73 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.13 (td, $J = 7.3, 1.4$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 191.2, 163.2, 161.4, 154.5, 134.4, 127.0, 125.2, 119.4, 118.3, 117.7, 29.7, 24.0, 14.7.

2.2 Preparation of *N*-(acyloxy)phthalimides (**2**):

All *N*-(Acyloxy)phthalimides) (**2**) were synthesized by following known literature procedure.² The respective carboxylic acid (4.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (721 mg, 4.40 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (988 mg, 4.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (48 mg, 0.80 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) were mixed in a flask with a magnetic stirring bar. Dry THF (20 mL) was added and the orange reaction mixture was stirred for 15 h at rt. After completion of reaction the white precipitate was filtered off and the solution was concentrated by evaporation of the solvent. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc: hexane = 3:7) gave a white solid **2a-r**.

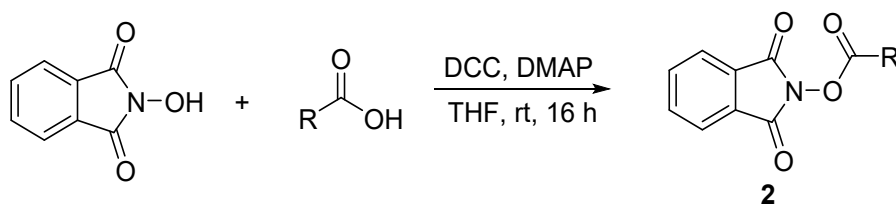
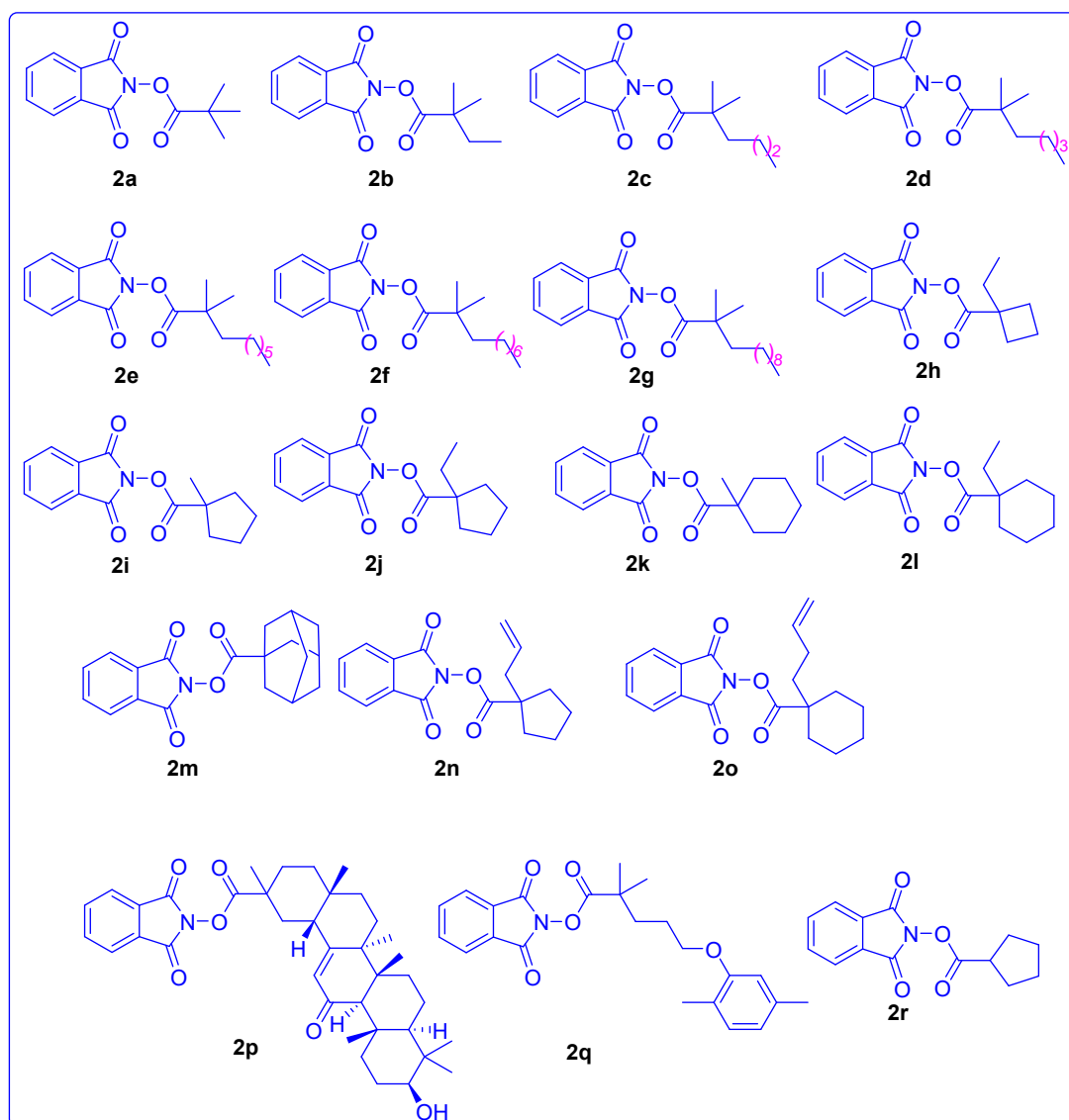
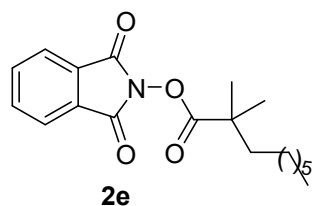


Table S2: Substrate Scope of N-(acyloxy) phthalimide esters



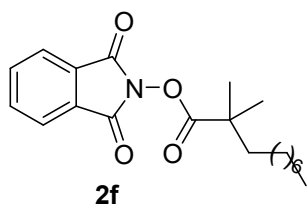
2.2.1 Characterization of NHPI esters

1,3-dioxoisindolin-2-yl 2,2-dimethylnonanoate (2e):



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 700 mg (52%). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 6H), 1.32-1.28 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.1, 162.2, 134.7, 129.1, 123.9, 42.2, 40.8, 31.9, 30.1, 29.2, 25.2, 24.8, 22.7, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₉H₂₅NNaO₄, 354.1676; Found 354.1680.

1,3-dioxoisindolin-2-yl 2,2-dimethyldecanoate (2f)

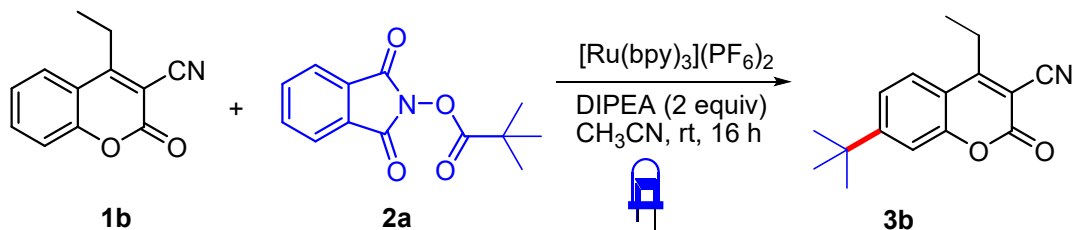


Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 740 mg (54 %). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (dt, *J* = 7.1, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 6H), 1.33 – 1.23 (m, 10H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.0, 162.2, 134.7, 129.1, 123.9, 42.2, 40.8, 31.9, 30.1, 29.5, 29.4, 25.2, 24.8, 22.8, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), *m/z*:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₀H₂₇NNaO₄, 368.1832; Found 368.1835.

3: General procedure of the C-7alkylation of coumarins

3.1. Optimization of reaction condition

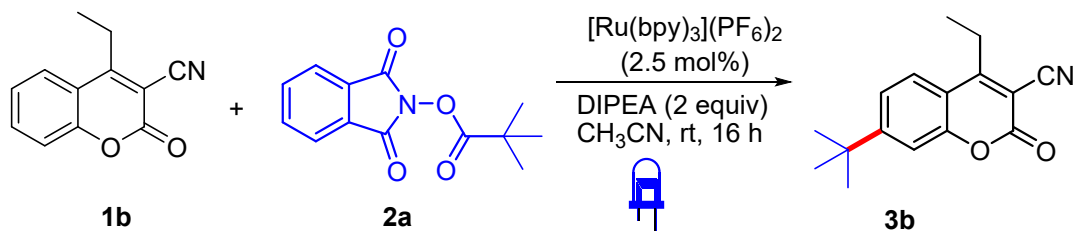
Table S3: Catalyst loading



Entry	mol% of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$	Yield (%)
1	2.5	65
2	5	62
3	10	60

^aReaction conditions: reactions were carried out with 0.2 mmol of **1b** and 0.4 mmol of **2a** in the presence of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$, 0.4 mmol of DIPEA in 2 mL of CH_3CN at rt under blue light irradiation.

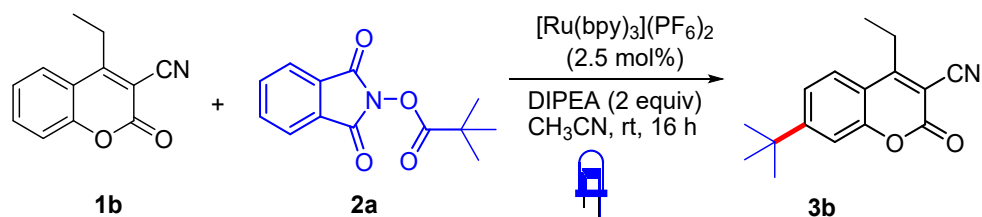
Table S4: Solvent Concentration



Entry	Concentration (M)	Yield (%)
1	0.4	56
2	0.2	58
3	0.1	65
4	0.06	48
5	0.05	32

^aReaction conditions: reactions were carried out with 0.2 mmol of **1b** and 0.4 mmol of **2a** in the presence of 2.5 mol% of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$, 0.4 mmol of DIPEA in CH_3CN at rt under blue light irradiation.

Table S5: Tert-Butyl NHPI ester loading screening



Entry	Equiv of 2a	Yield (%)
1	1	35
2	1.5	58
3	2	65
4	3	62

^aReaction conditions: reactions were carried out with 0.2 mmol of **1b** and **2a** in the presence of 2.5 mol% of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$, 0.4 mmol of DIPEA in 2 mL of CH_3CN at rt under blue light irradiation.

4. Mechanistic Investigations

4.1 Fluorescence titration of photocatalyst

The Fluorescence emission intensities were measured on Horiba-Jobin-Yvon. The excitation wavelength was fixed at 450 nm and the emission wavelength was measured at 613 nm. The samples were prepared in DCM by mixing $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$ of concentration $[1 \times 10^{-6}]$ M and different amount of **1a** of concentration $[1 \times 10^{-3}]$ M in quartz cuvette. For successive quenching, respective amount of quencher was added as described in Figure S1 followed by recording the emission intensity.

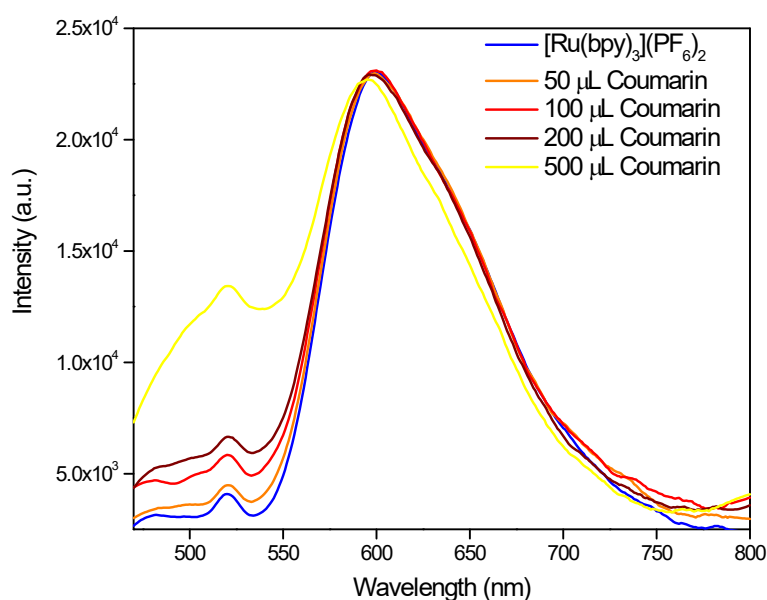


Figure S1: Fluorescence response of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$ upon successive addition of **1a** (100 mM in CH_2Cl_2)

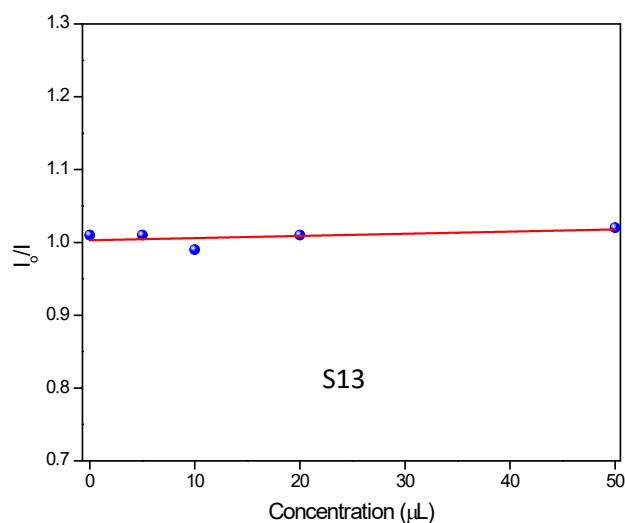


Figure S2: Stern Volmer Plot for Coumarin

The Fluorescence emission intensities were measured on Horiba-Jobin-Yvon. The excitation wavelength was fixed at 450 nm and the emission wavelength was measured at 613 nm. The samples were prepared in DCM by mixing $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$ of concentration $[1 \times 10^{-6}]$ M and different amount of **2a** of concentration $[1 \times 10^{-3}]$ M in quartz cuvette. For successive quenching, respective amount of quencher was added as described in Figure S3 followed by recording the emission intensity.

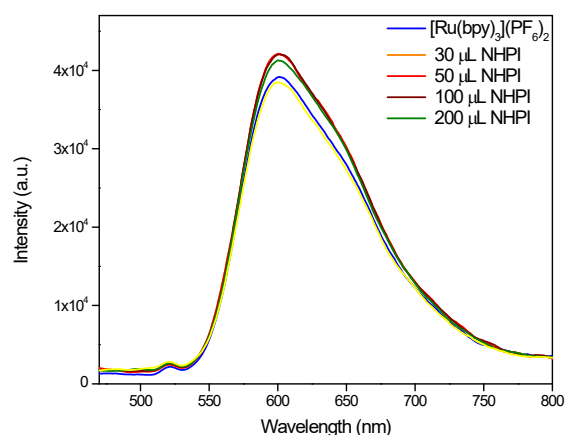


Figure S3: Fluorescence response of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$ upon successive addition of active ester **2a** (100 mM in CH_2Cl_2).

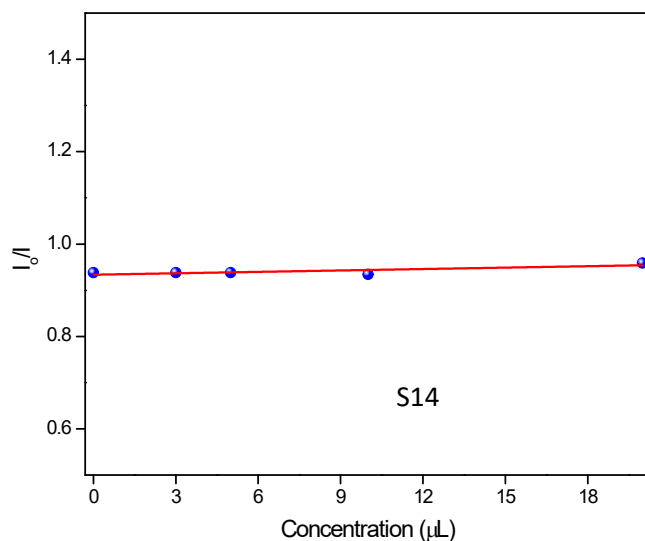


Figure S4: Stern Volmer Plot for NHPI ester.

The Fluorescence emission intensities were measured on Horiba-Jobin-Yvon. The excitation wavelength was fixed at 450 nm and the emission wavelength was measured at 613 nm. The samples were prepared in DCM by mixing $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$ of concentration $[1 \times 10^{-6}]$ M and different amount of **DIPEA** of concentration $[1 \times 10^{-3}]$ M in quartz cuvette. For successive quenching, respective amount of quencher was added as described in Figure S5 followed by recording the emission intensity.

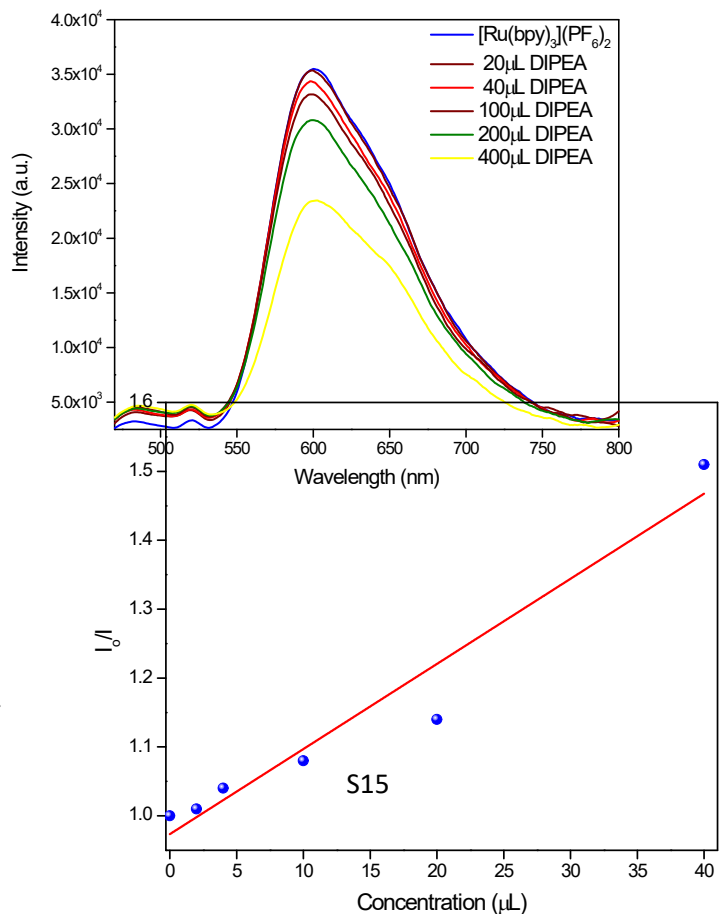


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upon successive addition of DIPEA (100 mM in CH₂Cl₂).

Figure S6: Stern Volmer Plot for DIPEA

4.2 DFT calculations:

All quantum chemical calculations were conducted using DFT as implemented in the Gaussian 09 software suite of *ab initio* quantum chemistry programs with B3LYP level of theory.⁵⁻¹¹ Electronic structure complexes were optimized at the unrestricted level using 6-311G (d,p) basis set. All energy calculations were performed in solvated state. We used the Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM) using the integral equation formalism variant (IEFPCM) as the default self-consistent reaction field (SCRF)¹⁰⁻¹² approach based on accurate numerical solutions of the Poisson-Boltzmann equation by using Acetonitrile (ACN) as a solvent in this DFT calculation. The Gibbs free energies in solution phase G(sol) at room temperature were computed with the following equation (A).

$$\Delta G(\text{sol}) = \Sigma G(\text{sol}) \text{ for products} - \Sigma G(\text{sol}) \text{ for reactants} \dots\dots\dots (\text{A})$$

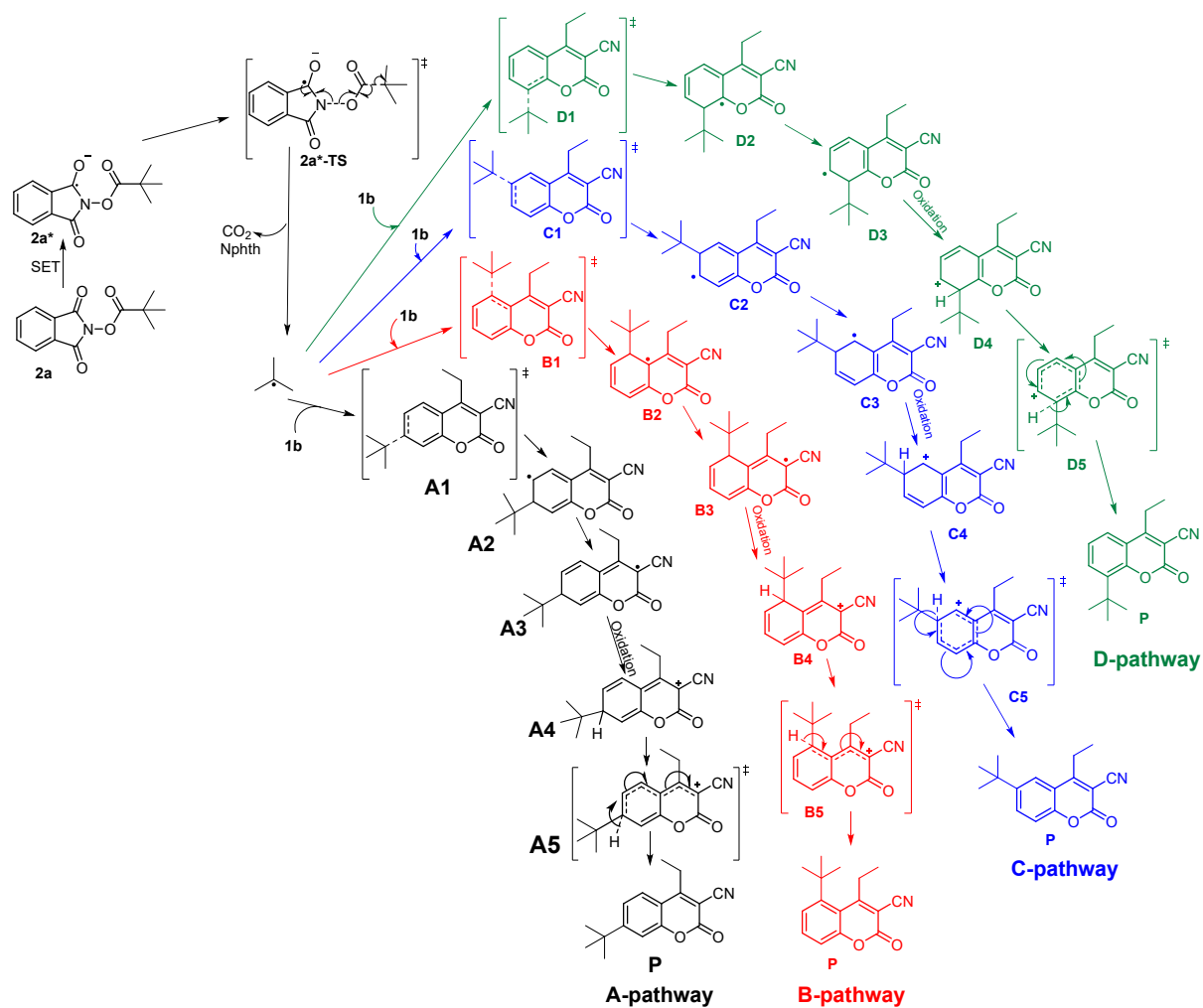
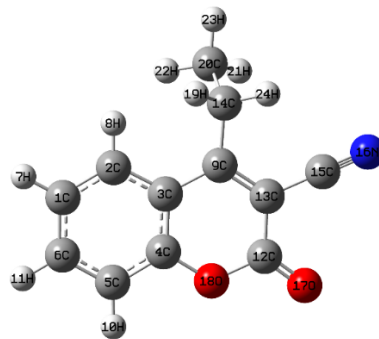


Figure S7. The proposed different pathways (A-D) leading to the production of different regioisomers.



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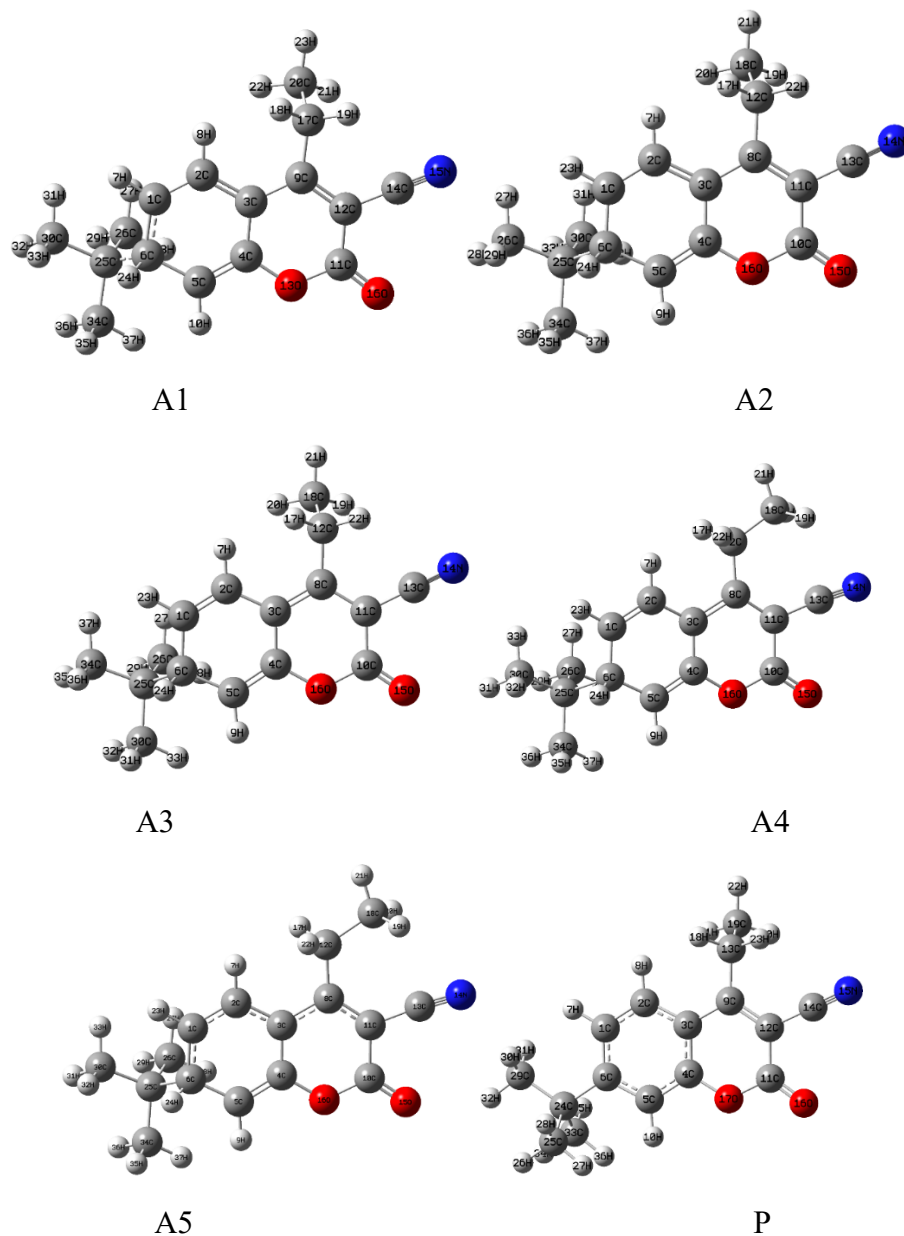
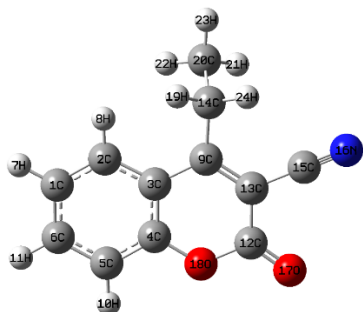


Figure S8. DFT-optimized structures of substrates, product, intermediates and transition states in the A-pathway.



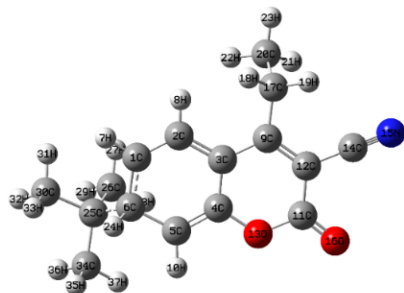
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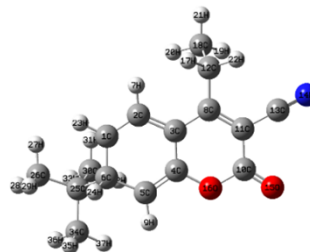
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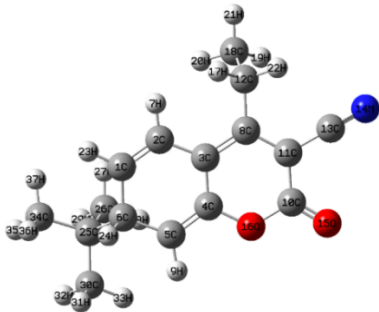
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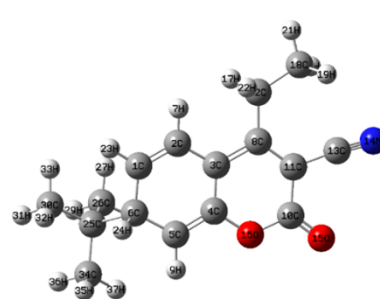
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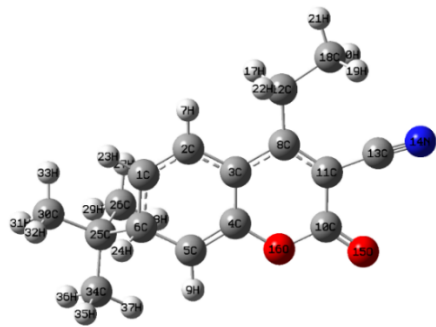
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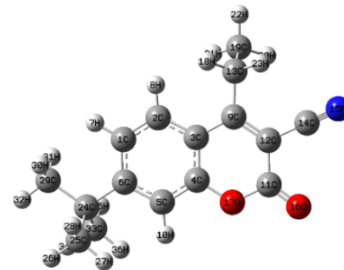
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20	H	1.768343	1.313320	0.008471
21	H	0.920147	1.738170	1.475827
22	H	1.319496	0.068667	1.149717
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24	C	-6.860440	2.106197	-0.015690
25	C	-7.380775	2.836367	-1.267769
26	H	-8.411928	2.594108	-1.419206
27	H	-7.278723	3.892895	-1.132732
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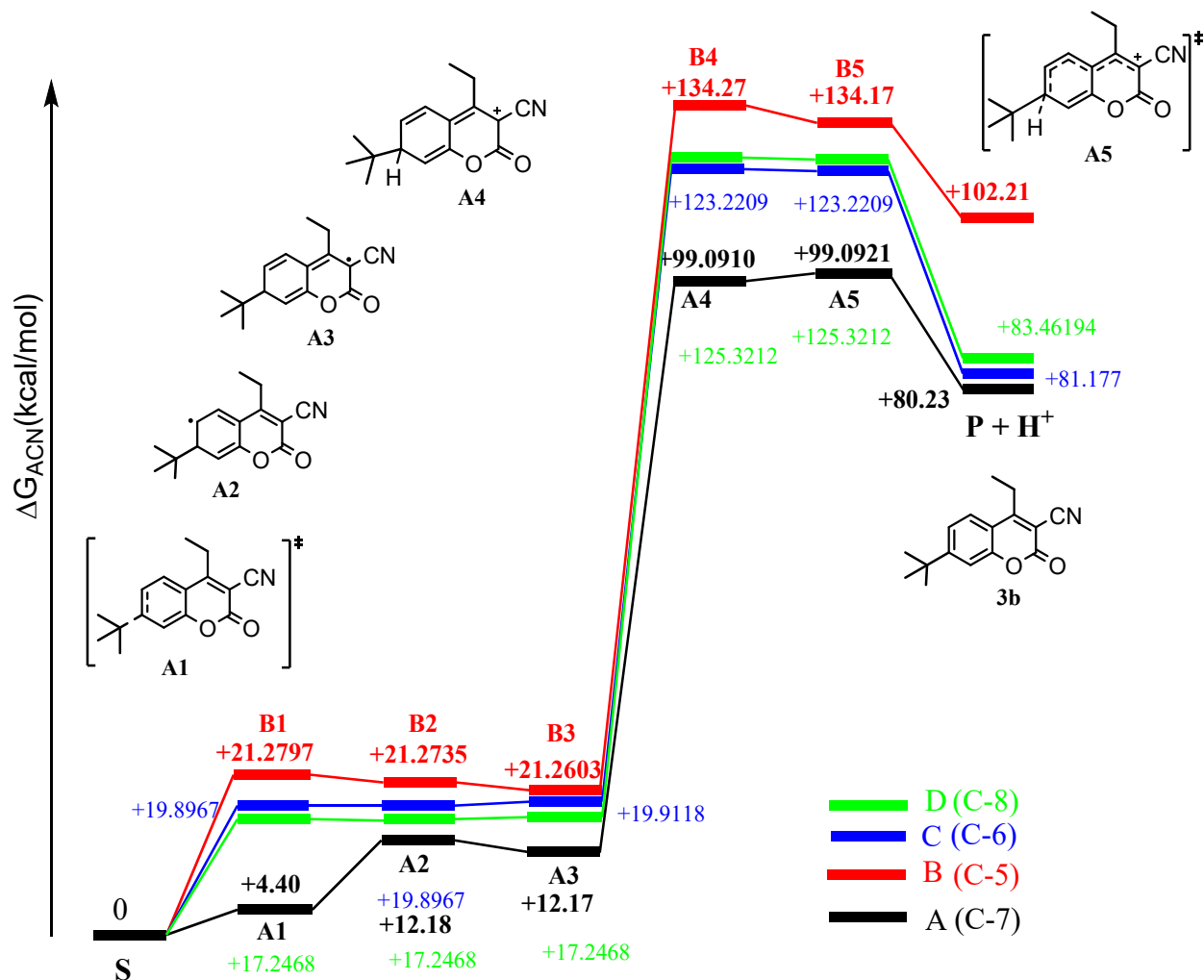
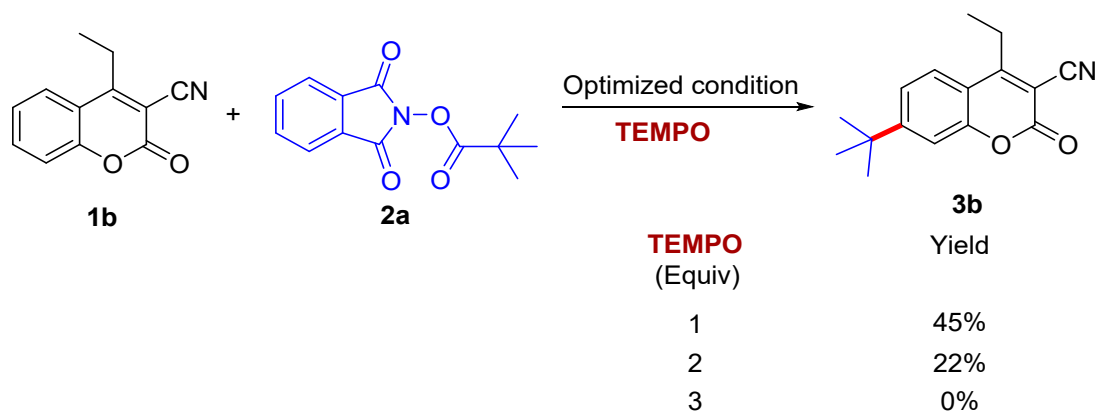
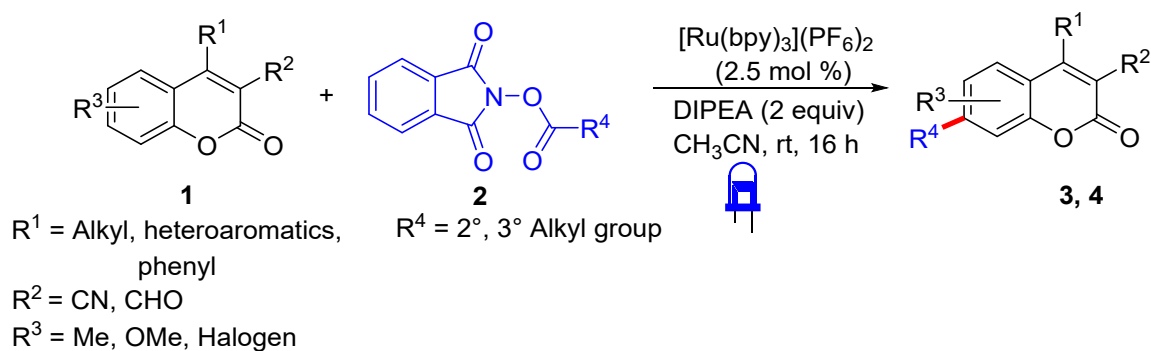


Figure S9. DFT-calculated reaction energy profile of regioselective alkylation.

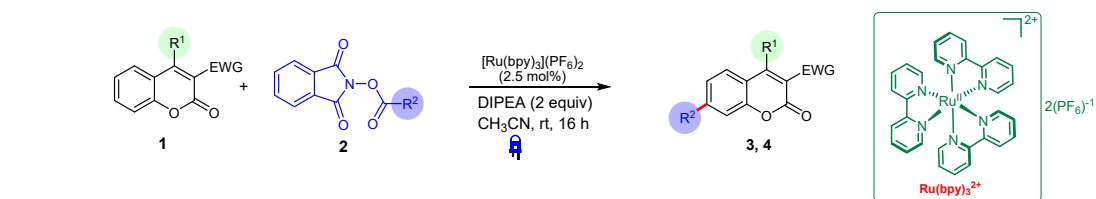
4.3 Radical quenching experiments:



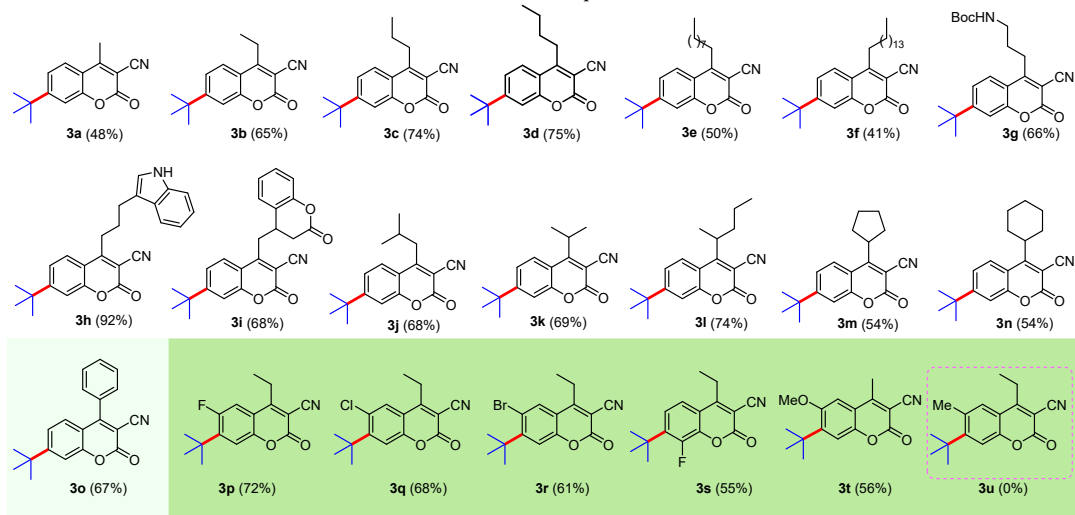
5. General procedure of the C7-alkylation of coumarins



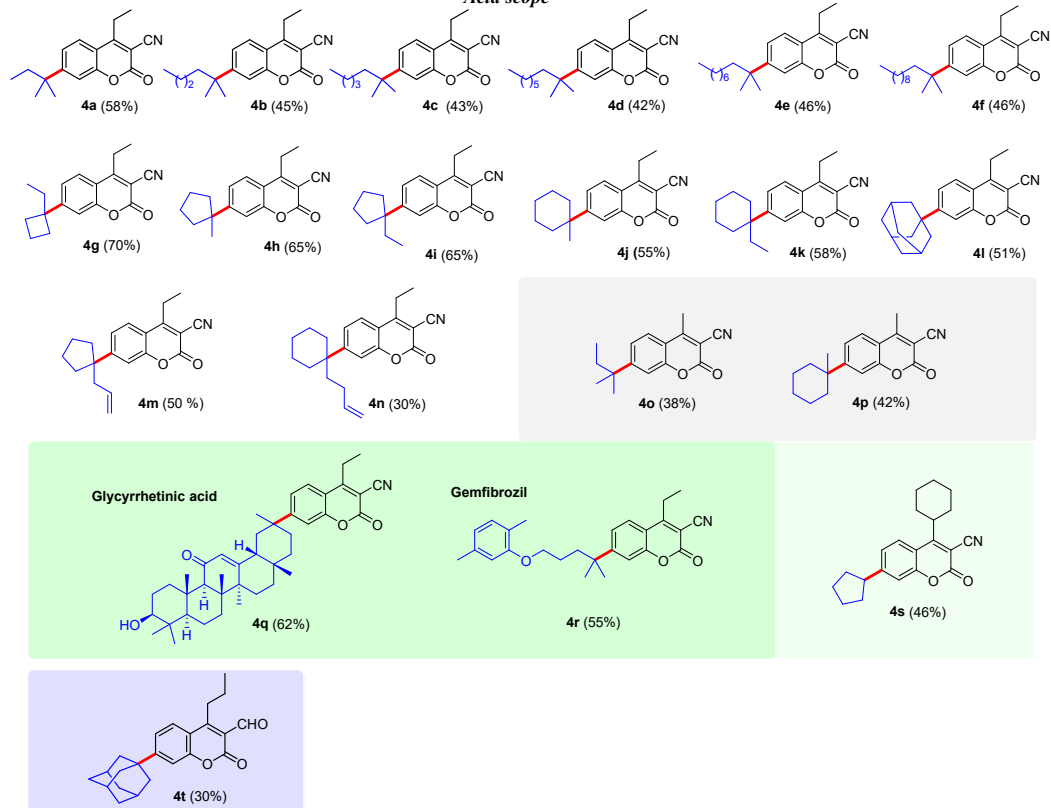
0.2 mmol of coumarin (1.0 equiv.), *N*-(acyloxy) phthalimides (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv.) were taken in a long neck round bottom flask and 2.5 mol % of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$ was added into it, the RB was capped with septum. After that 2.0 equiv. of DIPEA and 2 ml of dry CH_3CN were added into the reaction mixture via syringe. The mixture was degassed and filled with N_2 (three times). The reaction mixture was irradiated with blue LED for 16 h. After completion (monitored through TLC), reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO_3 solution and extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL), washed with brine solution. After removal of solvent in vacuo, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc-hexane (3:7 to 5:5) as eluent to provide the desired product.



Coumarin scope



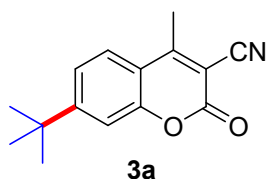
Acid scope



^aReaction Conditions: All of the reactions were carried out with 0.2 mmol of **1** and 0.4 mmol of **2** in presence of 2.5 mol % of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{PF}_6)_2$, 0.4 mmol of DIPEA in 2 mL of CH_3CN at rt under blue light irradiation.

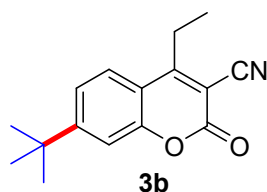
5.1. Characterization of products

7-(*tert*-butyl)-4-methyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3a):



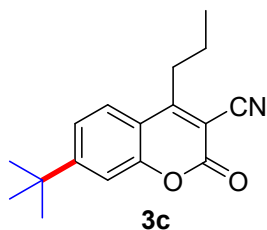
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 23 mg (48%). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H). **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3, 160.6, 157.3, 153.6, 125.7, 123.2, 115.9, 114.5, 113.8, 101.5, 35.8, 31.0, 18.3. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), *m/z*:** [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₅H₁₆NO₂, 242.1176; Found: 242.1151.

7-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3b):



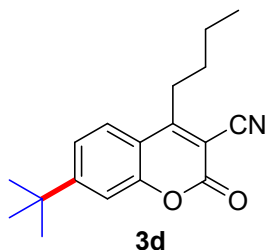
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 33 mg (65%). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 160.5, 157.5, 154.2, 125.5, 123.2, 114.9, 114.8, 113.6, 100.4, 35.8, 31.0, 25.3, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), *m/z*:** [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₈NO₂, 256.0135; Found: 256.0127

7-(*tert*-butyl)-2-oxo-4-propyl-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3c):



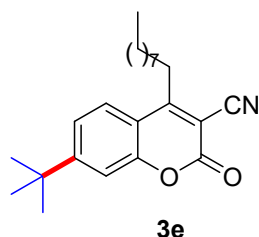
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 40 mg (74%). **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 3.16 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 1.79 (dt, *J* = 14.9, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 160.4, 157.5, 154.0, 125.7, 123.2, 115.1, 114.8, 113.8, 100.8, 35.7, 33.8, 30.9, 23.5, 14.3; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), *m/z*:** [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₇H₂₀NO₂, 270.1488; Found: 270.1479

7-(*tert*-butyl)-4-butyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3d):



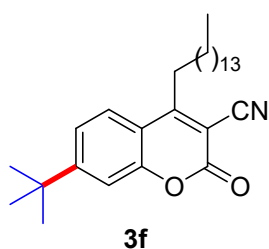
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 42 mg (75%). **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 3.19 – 2.94 (m, 2H), 1.73 (s, 2H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 9H), 1.03 – 0.96 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 160.4, 157.5, 154.1, 125.6, 123.2, 115.1, 114.8, 113.8, 100.7, 35.8, 32.1, 31.8, 30.9, 23.1, 13.9; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), *m/z*:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₈H₂₁NO₂Na, 306.1464; Found: 303.1465

7-(tert-butyl)-4-nonyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3e)



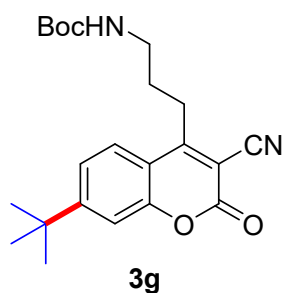
Physical state: yellow oil; **Yield:** 35 mg (50%) **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.12 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.50 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.29 – 1.22 (m, 10H), 0.89 – 0.85 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 160.4, 157.5, 154.1, 125.6, 123.2, 115.1, 114.8, 113.8, 100.7, 35.8, 32.0, 31.9, 30.9, 30.1, 29.9, 29.8, 29.4, 29.4, 22.7, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₃H₃₁NO₂Na, 376.2247; Found 376.2254.

7-(tert-butyl)-2-oxo-4-pentadecyl-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3f)



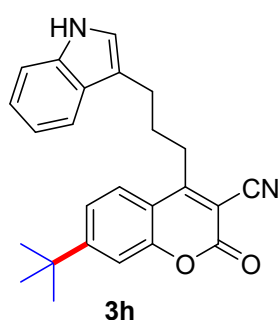
Physical state: yellow oil; **Yield:** 36 mg (41 %) **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.12 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 19.9 Hz, 22H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 160.4, 157.5, 154.1, 125.6, 123.2, 115.1, 114.8, 113.8, 100.7, 35.7, 32.0, 31.0, 30.1, 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 22.8, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₉H₄₃NO₂Na, 460.3186; Found 460.3182.

tert-butyl (3-(7-(tert-butyl)-3-cyano-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl)propyl)carbamate (3g)



Physical state: brown solid; **Yield:** 51 mg (66%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.17 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.36 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 160.7, 157.3, 156.2, 154.2, 125.6, 123.4, 114.9, 114.9, 113.8, 100.9, 79.8, 40.4, 35.8, 30.9, 30.1, 29.2, 28.5. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₂H₂₈N₂O₄Na, 407.1941; Found 407.1944.

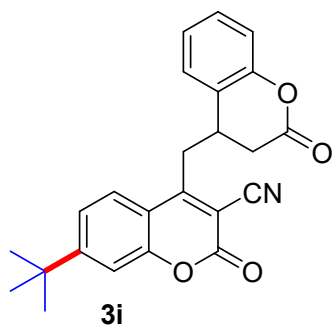
4-(3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propyl)-7-(tert-butyl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3h)



Physical state: brown solid; **Yield:** 71 mg (92%). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 3.13 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.23 – 2.14 (m, 2H),

1.32 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 160.3, 157.5, 153.9, 136.6, 127.3, 125.6, 123.1, 122.3, 122.1, 119.6, 118.9, 115.0, 114.7, 114.6, 113.9, 111.4, 100.6, 35.7, 31.6, 30.9, 30.1, 25.5. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$, 407.1729; Found 407.1730.

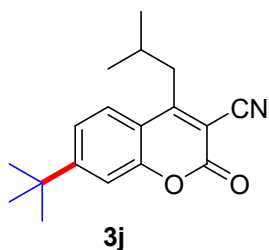
7-(tert-butyl)-2-oxo-4-((2-oxochroman-4-yl)methyl)-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3i)



Physical state: Brown solid **Yield:** 53 mg (68%) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.36 – 3.25 (m, 2H), 2.93 (qd, J = 16.2, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 162.6, 161.2, 156.9, 153.9, 151.5, 129.8, 127.8, 125.4, 125.0, 123.5, 123.4, 117.7, 115.2, 114.8, 113.5, 102.0, 36.1, 35.8, 35.8, 34.9, 30.9. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:**

$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_4$ 410.1362; Found 410.1361.

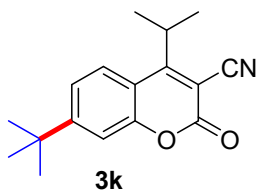
7-(tert-butyl)-4-isobutyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3j)



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 39 mg (68%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (dp, J = 13.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 160.4, 157.4, 153.9, 125.9, 123.1, 115.5, 114.7,

114.1, 101.4, 40.6, 35.7, 30.9, 30.5, 22.8. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 306.1464; Found 306.1474.

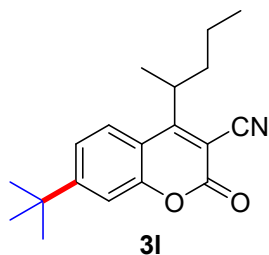
7-(tert-butyl)-4-isopropyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3k)



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 37 mg (69%) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 3.72 (dt, J = 14.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 160.2, 158.0, 154.0, 125.7, 122.9, 115.1, 114.6, 114.1,

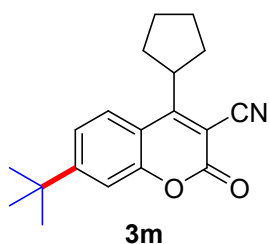
99.7, 35.7, 30.9, 20.8. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 292.130800; Found 292.131330.

7-(tert-butyl)-2-oxo-4-(pentan-2-yl)-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3l)



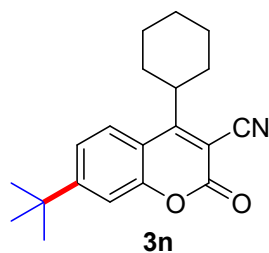
Physical state: sticky oil; **Yield:** 44 mg (74%) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 11.4, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.27 – 1.12 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.9, 160.1, 157.9, 153.9, 134.9, 122.9, 114.9, 114.2, 92.2, 36.7, 35.6, 30.8, 28.5, 24.8, 21.5, 14.0. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z :** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 320.162100; Found 320.163010.

7-(tert-butyl)-4-cyclopentyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3m)



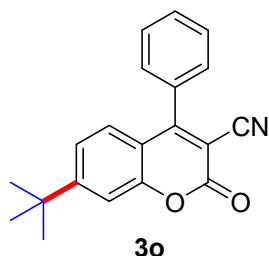
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 32 mg (54%) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 3.79-3.71 (m, 1H), 2.22 – 2.06 (m, 6H), 1.93 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 160.0, 157.9, 153.9, 125.8, 122.8, 115.1, 114.8, 114.2, 100.1, 43.2, 35.7, 33.4, 30.9, 27.7. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z :** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 318.1464; Found 318.1478.

7-(tert-butyl)-4-cyclohexyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3n)



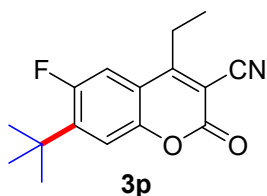
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 33 mg (54%) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 2.19 (d, J = 20.9 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.45 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.7, 160.1, 153.9, 122.9, 115.0, 76.8, 35.6, 30.9, 29.9, 26.6, 25.5. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z :** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 332.1621; Found 332.1625.

7-(tert-butyl)-2-oxo-4-phenyl-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3o)



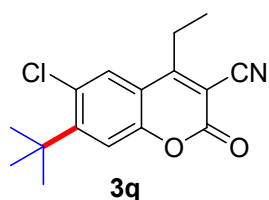
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 41 mg (67%) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.1, 160.7, 157.6, 154.4, 132.1, 131.2, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 123.2, 115.8, 114.5, 113.9, 100.6, 35.8, 30.9. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z :** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 326.1151; Found 326.1150.

7-(tert-butyl)-4-ethyl-6-fluoro-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3p):



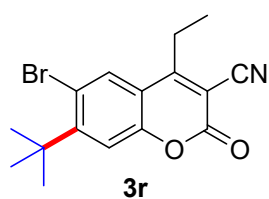
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 39 mg (72%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 3.06 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.46 – 1.36 (m, 12H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 160.4, 157.1, 150.0, 146.8, 117.0, 115.8, 113.2, 111.9, 101.4, 77.5, 76.9, 35.5, 29.5, 25.5, 13.9; **¹⁹F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) -111.6. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), *m/z*:** [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₇FNO₂, 274.1237; Found: 274.1243.

7-(*tert*-butyl)-6-chloro-4-ethyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3q):



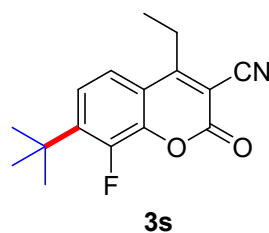
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 40 mg (68%). **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 3.08 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (s, 9H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H); **¹³C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 156.8, 155.3, 152.3, 130.8, 128.2, 117.6, 115.9, 113.1, 101.7, 37.2, 29.3, 25.2, 14.0; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), *m/z*:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₆ClNO₂Na, 312.0761; Found: 312.0773

6-bromo-7-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3r):



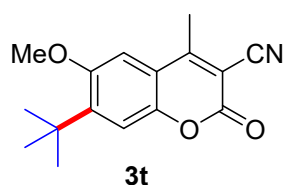
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 41 mg (61%). **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 3.08 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 156.6, 156.5, 152.7, 132.0, 118.6, 117.7, 116.3, 113.0, 101.7, 37.7, 29.3, 25.2, 14.0; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), *m/z*:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₆BrNO₂Na, 356.0256; Found: 356.0273

7-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethyl-8-fluoro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3s)



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 30 mg (55%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.45 – 1.38 (m, 12H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 156.1, 147.9, 144.8, 123.2, 120.0, 119.9, 116.9, 113.2, 101.3, 35.6, 29.7, 25.5, 14.5. **¹⁹F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl₃) -128.8. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), *m/z*:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₆FNO₂Na, 296.1057; Found 296.1056.

7-(*tert*-butyl)-6-methoxy-4-methyl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonitrile (3t)

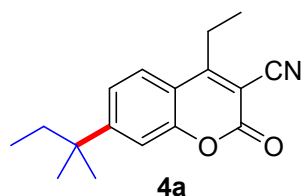


Physical state: yellow solid; **Yield:** 30 mg (56%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 3H),

1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.8, 157.5, 156.1, 148.8, 148.0, 116.3, 114.0, 105.6, 101.5, 55.8, 36.1, 29.3, 18.4

. HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$, 294.1101; Found 294.1093.

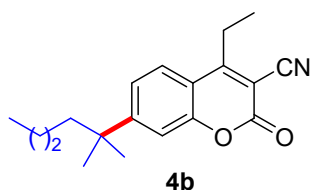
4-ethyl-2-oxo-7-(tert-pentyl)-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4a):



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 31 mg (58%). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 3.11 (q, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.70 (dd, $J = 14.9, 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 1.32 (s, 4H), 0.69 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 159.2, 157.5, 154.1, 125.4, 123.8, 115.6, 114.8, 113.6, 100.3, 39.1, 36.7, 28.2,

25.3, 14.1, 9.2; HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 292.1307; Found: 292.1316

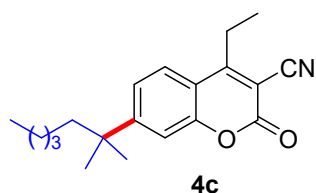
4-ethyl-7-(2-methylhexan-2-yl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4b):



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 27 mg (45%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (q, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.63 (dd, $J = 8.4, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.33 (s, 6H), 1.22 (dd, $J = 14.9, 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.00 (ddd, $J = 12.1, 10.3, 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 0.82 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 159.5, 157.5, 154.2, 125.4, 123.7, 115.5, 114.7, 113.6, 100.3, 44.0, 38.9, 28.7, 27.0, 25.3, 23.4, 14.1, 14.1. HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 320.1621, Found 320.1629.

$J = 14.9, 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.00 (ddd, $J = 12.1, 10.3, 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 0.82 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 159.5, 157.5, 154.2, 125.4, 123.7, 115.5, 114.7, 113.6, 100.3, 44.0, 38.9, 28.7, 27.0, 25.3, 23.4, 14.1, 14.1. HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 320.1621, Found 320.1629.

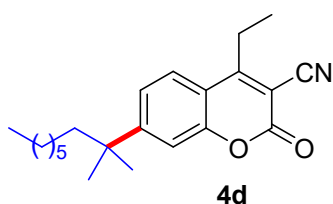
4-ethyl-7-(2-methylheptan-2-yl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4c)



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 27 mg (43%) ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 3.11 (q, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.33 (s, 6H), 1.23 – 1.17 (m, 4H), 0.82 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.9, 159.5, 157.5, 154.2, 125.4, 123.7, 115.5, 114.7, 113.6, 100.3, 44.2, 38.9, 32.5, 28.7, 25.3, 24.5, 22.6, 14.2, 14.1. HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_2$, 334.1777; Found 334.1781.

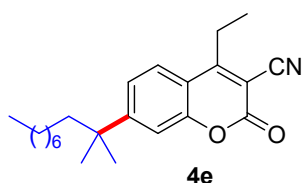
Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.9, 159.5, 157.5, 154.2, 125.4, 123.7, 115.5, 114.7, 113.6, 100.3, 44.2, 38.9, 32.5, 28.7, 25.3, 24.5, 22.6, 14.2, 14.1. HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_2$, 334.1777; Found 334.1781.

4-ethyl-7-(2-methylnonan-2-yl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4d):



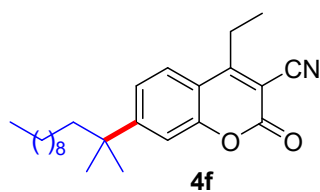
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 29 mg (42%) **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 6H), 1.26 – 1.21 (m, 3H), 1.18 (s, 5H), 1.01 (s, 2H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.0, 159.5, 157.5, 154.1, 125.4, 123.7, 115.5, 114.7, 113.6, 100.3, 44.3, 38.9, 31.9, 30.3, 29.3, 28.7, 25.3, 24.8, 22.7, 14.2, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₂H₂₉NO₂Na, 362.2090; Found 362.2095.

4-ethyl-7-(2-methyldecan-2-yl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4e)



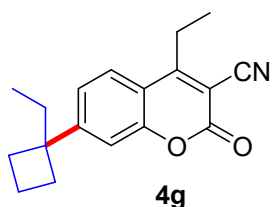
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 33 mg (46%) **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.59 (m, 3H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 6H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (s, 6H), 1.05 – 0.98 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.0, 159.5, 157.5, 154.2, 125.4, 123.7, 115.5, 114.7, 113.6, 100.3, 44.3, 38.9, 31.9, 30.3, 29.6, 29.4, 28.7, 25.3, 24.8, 22.8, 14.2, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₃H₃₁NO₂Na, 376.2247; Found: 376.2252.

4-ethyl-7-(2-methyldodecan-2-yl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4f)



Physical state: sticky; **Yield:** 35 mg (46%) **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.59 (m, 3H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 6H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 10H), 1.06 – 0.98 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.0, 159.5, 157.5, 154.2, 125.4, 123.7, 115.5, 114.7, 113.6, 100.3, 44.3, 38.9, 32.0, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 28.7, 24.8, 22.7, 14.2, 14.1. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₅H₃₅NO₂Na, 404.2560; Found: 404.2566.

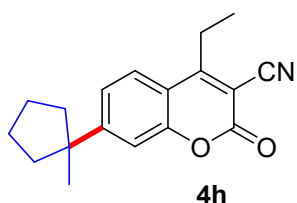
4-ethyl-7-(1-ethylcyclobutyl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4g)



Physical state: white solid **Yield:** 39 mg (70%). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 3.11 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 20.1, 9.4 Hz, 2H), 2.22 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.14

– 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.89 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.66 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 159.9, 157.5, 154.1, 125.4, 123.6, 115.3, 114.7, 113.6, 100.2, 47.7, 34.8, 32.5, 25.4, 15.9, 14.2, 8.9. HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 304.1308; Found 304.1308.

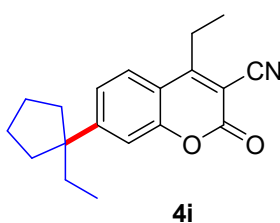
4-ethyl-7-(1-methylcyclopentyl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4h)



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 36 mg (65%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (q, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.81 (m, 6H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.1, 160.8, 157.6, 154.1, 125.5, 124.1, 115.4, 114.7, 113.6, 100.2, 77.4, 77.2, 76.9, 48.0, 39.6, 29.1, 25.3, 23.8, 14.2. HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 304.1308; Found 304.1314.

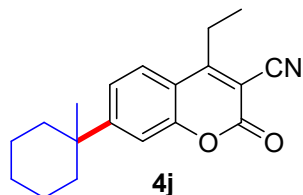
4-ethyl-7-(1-ethylcyclopentyl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4i)



Physical state: sticky white solid; **Yield:** 38 mg (65%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 3.11 (q, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.77 – 1.75 (s, 2H), 1.67 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 0.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 158.7,

157.5, 153.9, 125.2, 124.8, 116.5, 114.8, 113.6, 100.3, 52.5, 37.2, 34.2, 25.4, 23.3, 14.2, 9.6. HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 318.1464; Found: 318.1466.

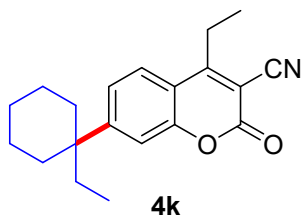
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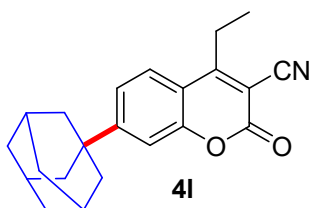
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 32 mg (55%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H),

7.39 (s, 1H), 3.11 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 (s, 2H), 1.66 – 1.57 (m, 6H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 5H), 1.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 159.7, 157.6, 154.4, 125.6, 123.7, 115.6, 114.7, 113.6, 100.3, 77.4, 39.3, 37.7, 26.2, 25.3, 22.7, 14.2; HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 318.1464; Found: 318.1472.

4-ethyl-7-(1-ethylcyclohexyl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4k)



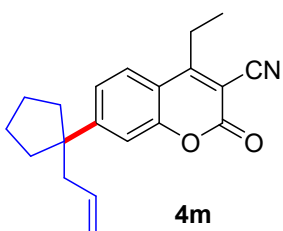
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 36 mg (58%) **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (dq, *J* = 14.9, 8.3, 7.4 Hz, 8H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.33 – 1.30 (m, 1H), 0.56 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.0, 157.3, 154.2, 125.3, 124.6, 116.8, 114.7, 113.6, 100.3, 42.8, 35.7, 26.5, 25.3, 22.5, 14.2, 8.0. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₀H₂₃NNaO₂, 332.1621; Found 332.1626.



7-(adamantan-1-yl)-4-ethyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4l):

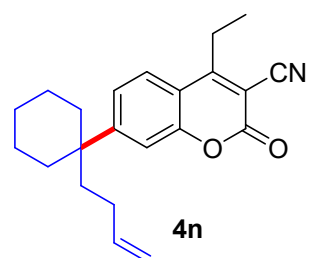
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 34 mg (51%). **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 6H), 1.76 (t, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 6H), 1.40 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 6.7 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 160.5, 157.6, 154.3, 125.5, 122.8, 114.8, 114.7, 113.6, 100.1, 42.8, 37.3, 36.6, 28.7, 25.3, 14.2; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₂H₂₃NO₂Na, 356.1621; Found: 356.1617.

7-(1-allylcyclopentyl)-4-ethyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4m)



Physical state: white sticky solid; **Yield:** 31 mg (50%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (ddt, *J* = 17.4, 10.1, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.96 – 4.84 (m, 2H), 3.11 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (ddd, *J* = 12.7, 8.8, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 158.3, 157.5, 153.9, 134.3, 125.2, 124.7, 117.9, 116.4, 114.8, 113.6, 100.4, 51.8, 45.6, 37.2, 37.1, 25.3, 23.2, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+Na]⁺ Calcd. For C₂₀H₂₁NNaO₂, 330.146450; Found 330.146096.

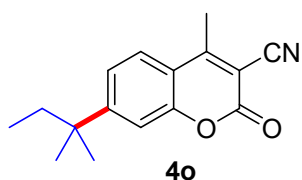
7-(1-(but-3-en-1-yl)cyclohexyl)-4-ethyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4n)



Physical state: pale white solid; **Yield:** 20 mg (30%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 5.63 (dq, *J* = 16.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.92 – 4.81 (m, 2H), 3.12 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz,

2H), 2.14 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.62 (m, 8H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.34 – 1.28 (m, 3H), 1.25-1.22 (m, 1H), 0.89 – 0.85 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.9, 157.4, 157.0, 154.3, 138.6, 125.5, 124.5, 116.8, 114.8, 114.6, 113.6, 100.5, 42.5, 36.2, 29.8, 28.0, 26.4, 25.3, 22.5, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$, 358.1777; Found 358.1762.

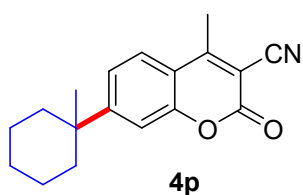
4-methyl-2-oxo-7-(tert-pentyl)-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4o):



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 19 mg (38%). ^1H -NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 14.6, 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 1.69 (dd, $J = 14.9, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 6H), 0.68

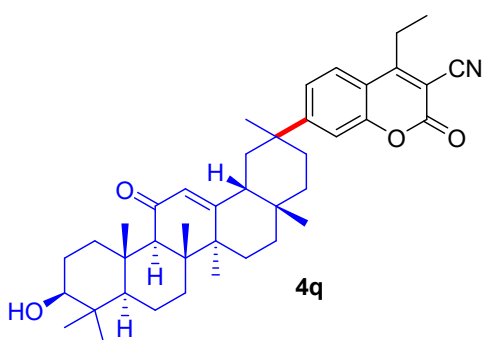
(t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C -NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.3, 159.3, 157.3, 153.6, 125.6, 123.7, 115.9, 115.3, 113.8, 101.5, 39.2, 36.7, 28.2, 18.2, 9.2; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$, 256.1332; Found: 256.1343

4-methyl-7-(1-methylcyclohexyl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4p)



Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 23 mg (42%) ^1H -NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H) 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.04-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.44 (m, 4H) 1.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C -NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.3, 159.8,

153.8, 125.8, 123.7, 115.8, 115.4, 101.4, 39.3, 37.7, 26.2, 22.7 18.3. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ Calcd. For $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_2$, 304.1307; Found: 304.1312

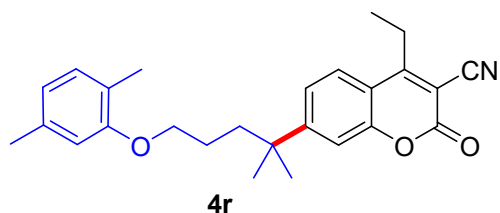


4-ethyl-7-((4aR,6aS,6bR,8aR,10S,12aS,12bR,14bR)-10-hydroxy-2,4a,6a,6b,9,9,12aheptamethyl-13-oxo-1,2,3,4,4a,5,6,6a,6b,7,8,8a,9,10,11,12,12a,12b,13,14b-icosahydricen-2-yl)-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4q):

Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 77 mg (62%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.22 (dd, $J = 10.7, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.77 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.52 (m, 9H), 1.40 (dt, $J = 15.1, 5.1$ Hz, 6H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.3, 169.2, 167.9, 160.7, 157.4, 154.2, 128.8, 125.7, 123.0, 114.9, 114.5, 113.5, 100.5, 78.8,

61.9, 54.9, 47.4, 45.6, 43.4, 42.9, 39.2, 38.7, 37.2, 32.8, 32.3, 32.0, 28.7, 28.2, 27.3, 26.4, 25.3, 23.7, 23.5, 18.9, 17.6, 16.5, 15.7, 14.1; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[M+K]^+$ Calcd. For $C_{41}H_{53}NO_4K$, 662.3606; Found: 662.3614

7-(5-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2-methylpentan-2-yl)-4-ethyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-



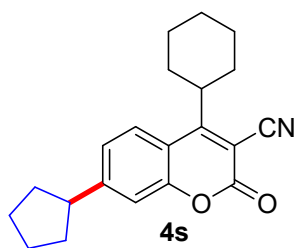
carbonitrile (4r):

Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 48 mg (55%). **¹H**

NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.64 – 8.49 (m, 1H), 8.38 (t, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 8.01

(s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.64 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 2.26 (m, 4H), 2.18 – 2.11 (m, 8H); **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.3, 167.9, 158.8, 157.5, 156.9, 154.2, 136.6, 132.9, 132.0, 130.5, 125.5, 123.6, 121.4, 120.9, 115.6, 114.9, 113.6, 111.9, 100.4, 67.6, 40.4, 38.7, 29.1, 28.8, 25.3, 25.0, 21.5, 15.9, 14.2; **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd. For $C_{26}H_{29}NO_3Na$, 426.2039; Found: 426.2032.

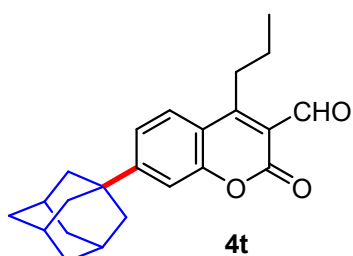
4-cyclohexyl-7-cyclopentyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonitrile (4s)



Physical state: white solid **Yield:** 29 mg (46%). **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 3.19 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.13 (ddd, J = 10.7, 6.6, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (dt, J = 12.2, 6.6 Hz, 5H), 1.75 (ddd, J = 7.1, 6.1, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.46

(s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.8, 158.5, 155.9, 154.1, 124.6, 116.4, 46.1, 34.5, 29.8, 26.7, 25.7, 25.5. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd. For $C_{21}H_{23}NO_2Na$, 344.1621; Found: 344.1607.

7-((3r,5r,7r)-adamantan-1-yl)-2-oxo-4-propyl-2H-chromene-3-carbaldehyde (4t)



Physical state: Light yellow liquid. **Yield:** 21 mg (30%). **¹H** **NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40

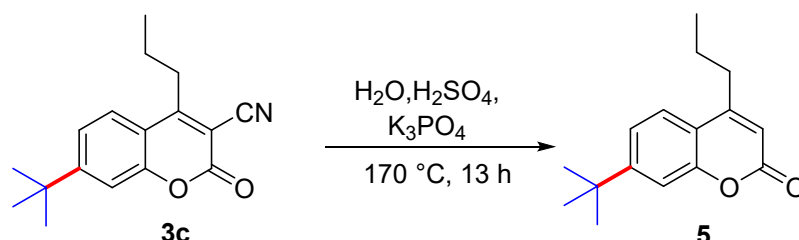
(d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.30 – 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.12 (m, 4H), 1.93 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 6H), 1.83 – 1.75 (m,

6H), 1.67 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 191.4,

163.4, 161.9, 159.6, 154.9, 126.6, 122.4, 117.5, 117.1, 114.2, 42.8, 36.9, 36.7, 29.8, 28.8, 24.0, 14.7. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd. For $C_{23}H_{26}O_3Na$ 373.1780; Found 373.1781.

5.2. Transformations of 3c

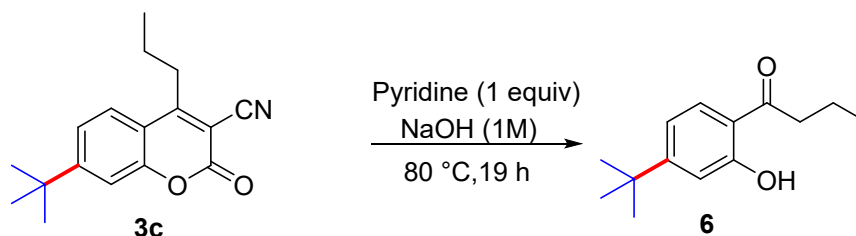
7-(tert-butyl)-4-propyl-2H-chromen-2-one (5):



Compound **5** was synthesized using known literature procedure,¹ **3c** 40 mg (0.14 mmol), distilled H_2O (1mL), conc. H_2SO_4 (0.12 mL), and conc. H_3PO_4 (0.5 mL) were charged in 5mL round bottom flask and fitted with reflux condenser. The reaction mixture was then heated to 170° C for 13 hr. Upon completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to rt and distilled H_2O (5mL) was added slowly. The precipitated solid was filtered, washed with distilled H_2O , hexane and dried over vacuum pump.

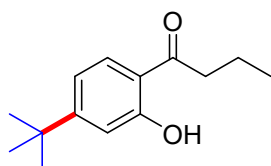
Physical state: white solid; **Yield:** 9 mg (26 %). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.56 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 2.73 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 161.6, 156.1, 153.9, 124.0, 121.8, 117.0, 114.3, 113.3, 35.3, 33.8, 31.2, 29.9, 21.6, 14.0. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** $[M+Na]^+$ Calcd. For $C_{16}H_{20}NaO_2$, 267.1356; Found 267.1359.

1-(4-(tert-butyl)-2-hydroxyphenyl)butan-1-one (6):



Compound **6** was synthesized using known literature procedure¹, **3c** (40 mg, 1.0 eq, 0.14 mmol) was suspended in 1M aqueous NaOH (1.5 mL, 10.0 eq, 1.48 mmol) in a 5mL vial. Pyridine (approx. 11 μ L, 1.0 eq) was added whereupon the mixture turned slightly yellowish. The vial was purged with argon, capped and heated under magnetic stirring in an oil bath at 80 °C for

19 h. The clear yellow reaction mixture was cooled down to rt and treated with 1M HCl till a pH of 2-3 was reached. The formed solid was extracted with EtOAc (3x1 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with concentrated NaHCO₃ solution (1 mL), brine (1 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (9:1 Hexane:Ethyl acetate) to afford the title compound **6** (19 mg, 0.086 mmol) as oily liquid in 62 % yield.

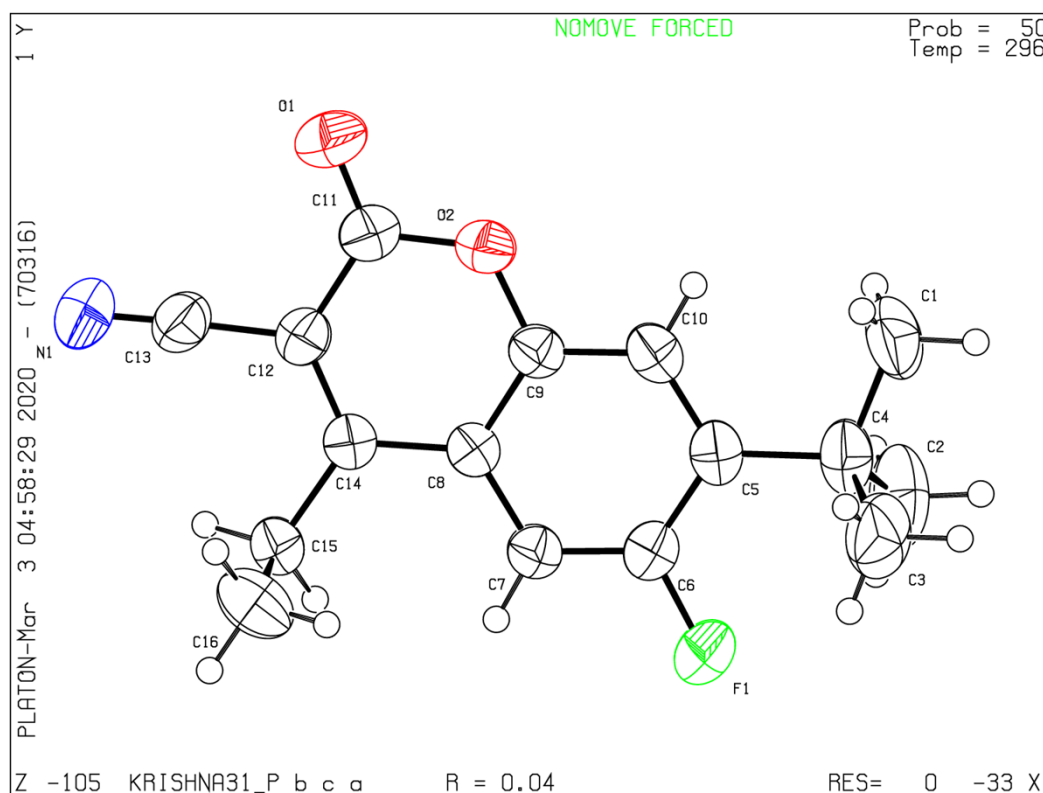


Physical state: oil; **Yield:** 19 mg (62 %). **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.39 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.3, 162.6, 160.9, 129.8, 117.2, 116.7, 115.3, 40.2, 35.4, 30.9, 18.3, 14.0, 1.2. **HRMS (ESI/QTOF), m/z:** [M+H]⁺ Calcd. For C₁₄H₂₁O₂, 221.153606; Found 221.154024.

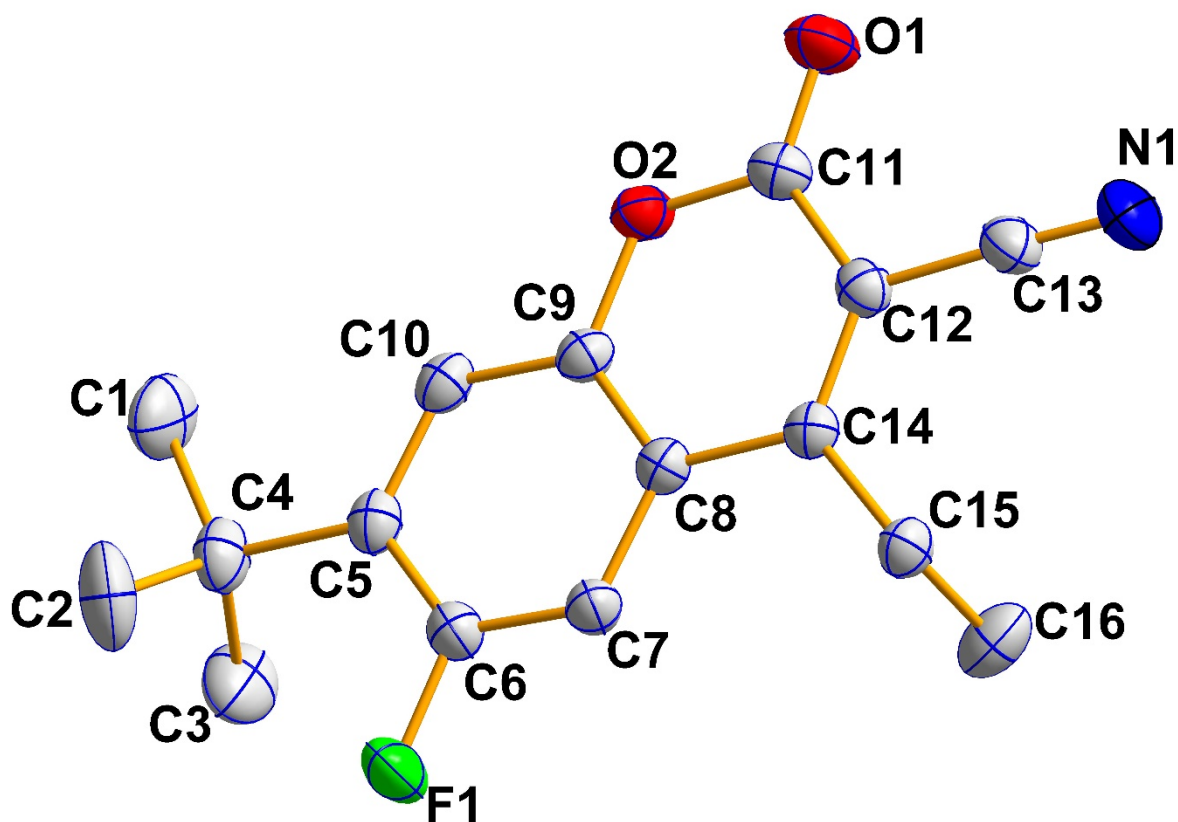
6. Crystallographic data

Sample preparation: Single crystal of compound **3p** suitable for the X-ray diffraction studies were grown from its EtOH/Heptane solution at room temperature.

Molecular structure determination of compounds **3p**: Single crystal X-ray diffraction data for compound **3p** was collected using a Bruker SMART APEX diffractometer equipped with a 3-axis goniometer. The crystals were covered with Paratone-*N* and mounted a glass capillary. The data were collected at room temperature using Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$). Integration of data was performed using SAINT. Empirical absorption correction was applied using SADABS. Structure solutions were accomplished by direct methods and refined by full matrix least-square on F² using OLEX2. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The position of hydrogen atoms was fixed according to a riding model and were refined isotropically.



Single Crystal X-ray Structure of Compound **3p**.



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Table S15. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3p

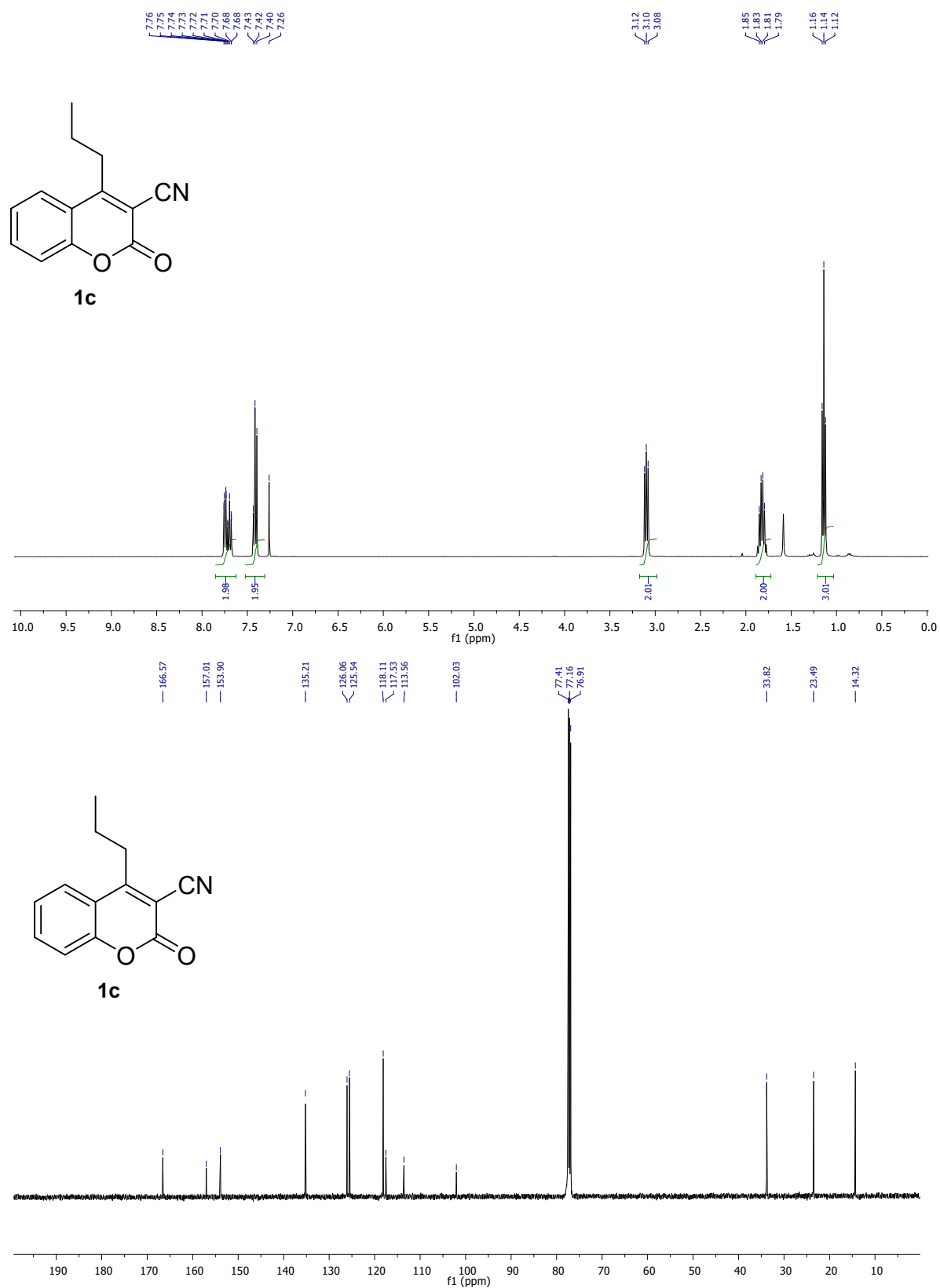
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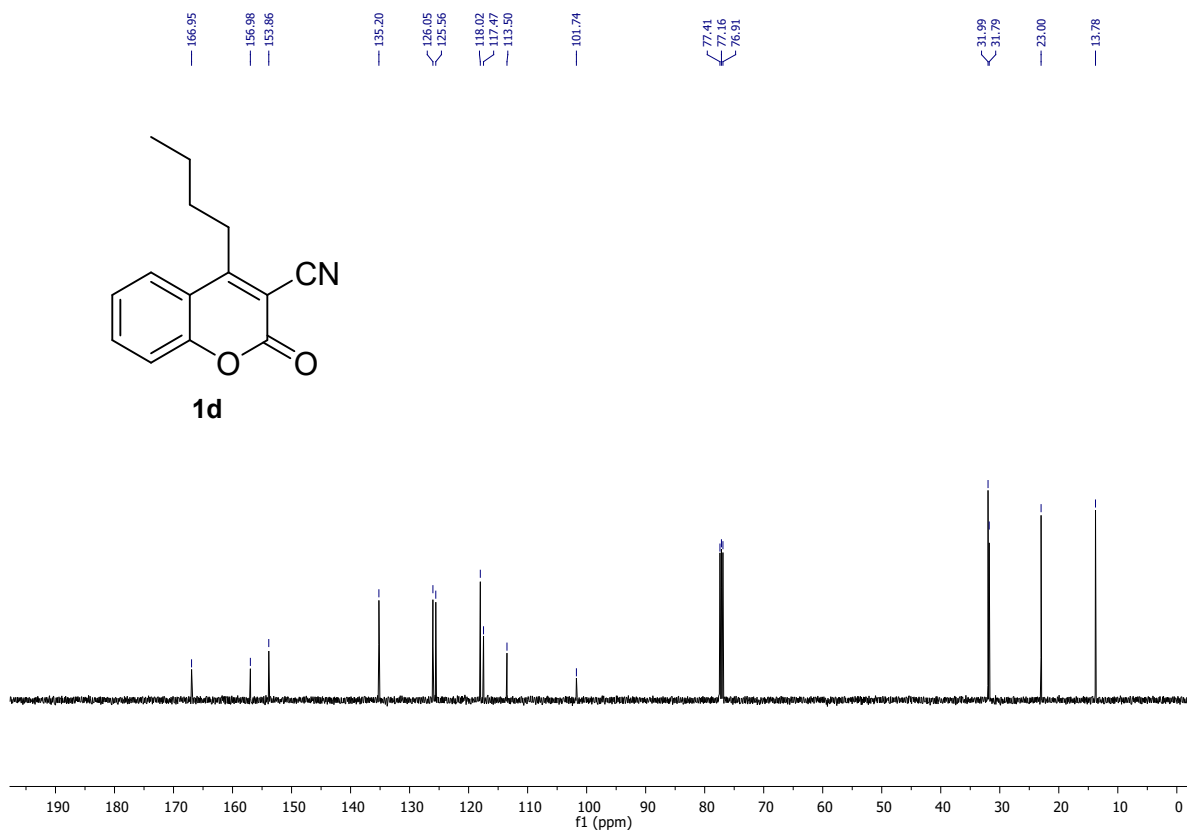
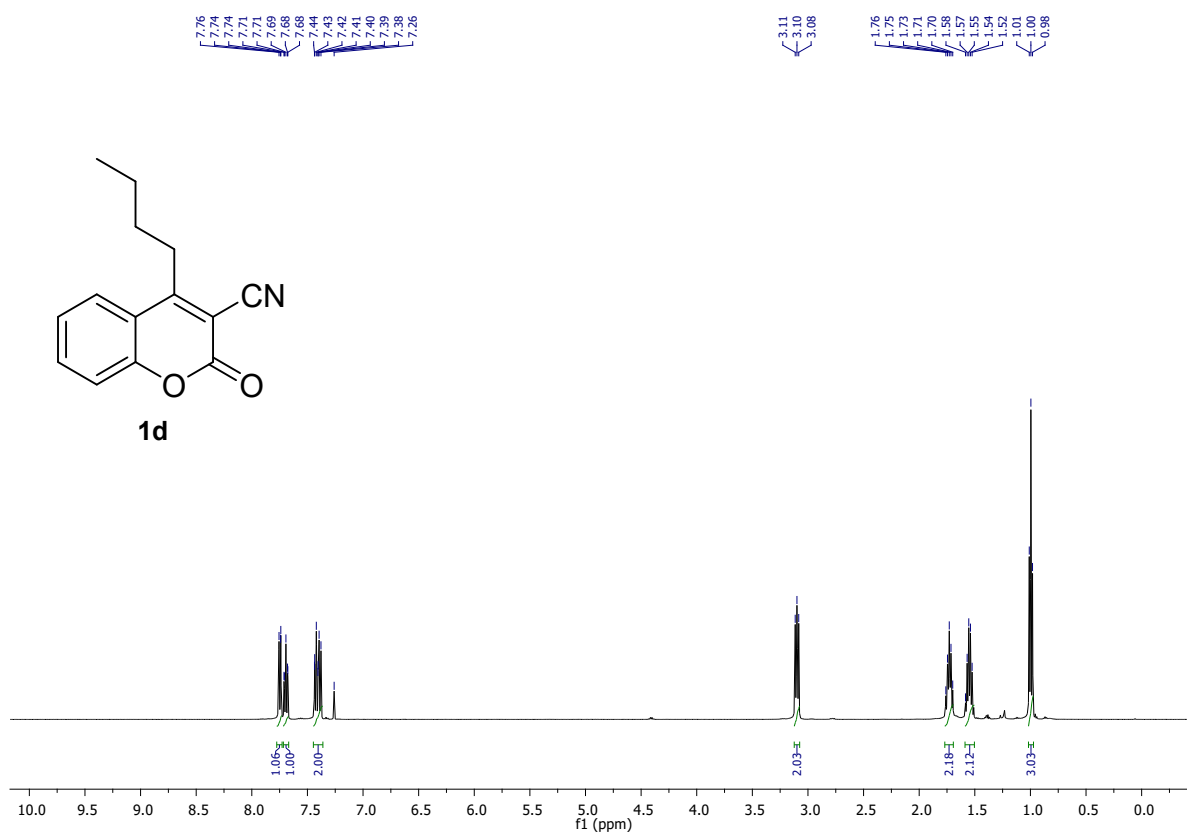
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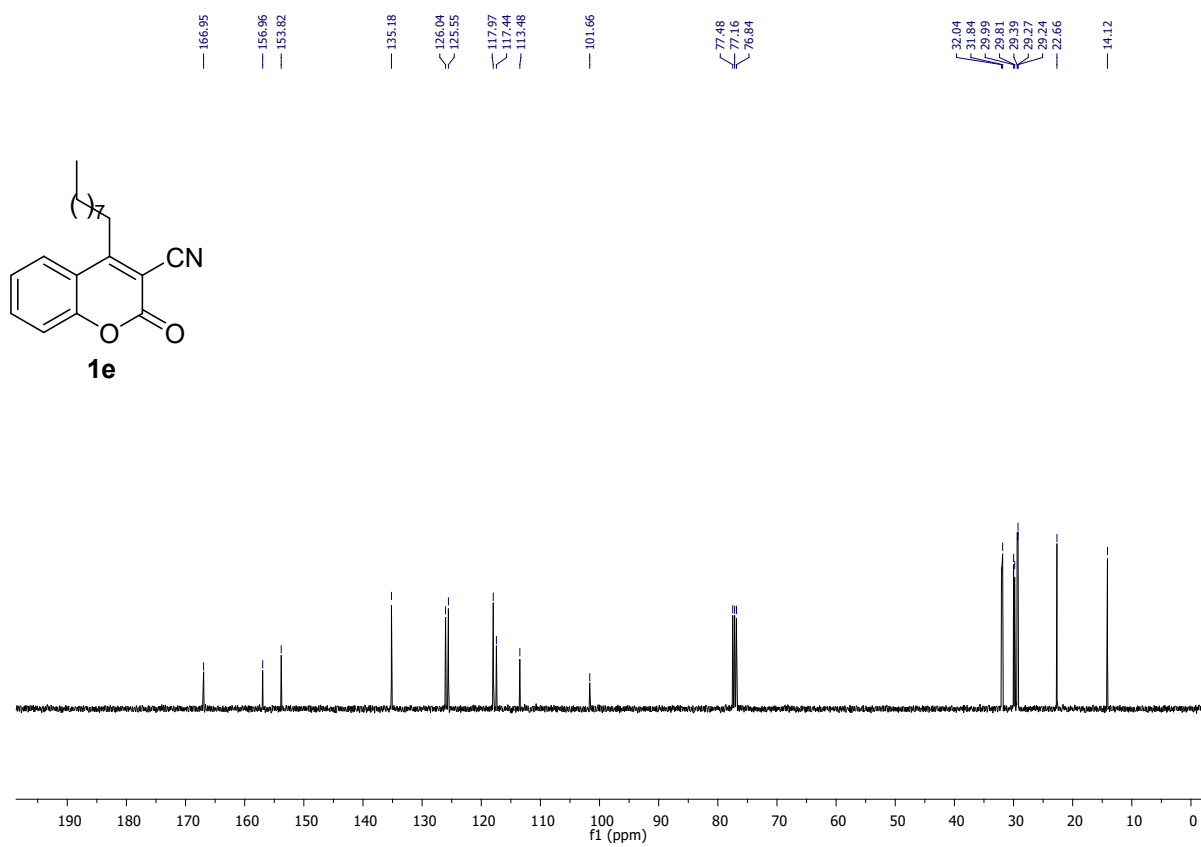
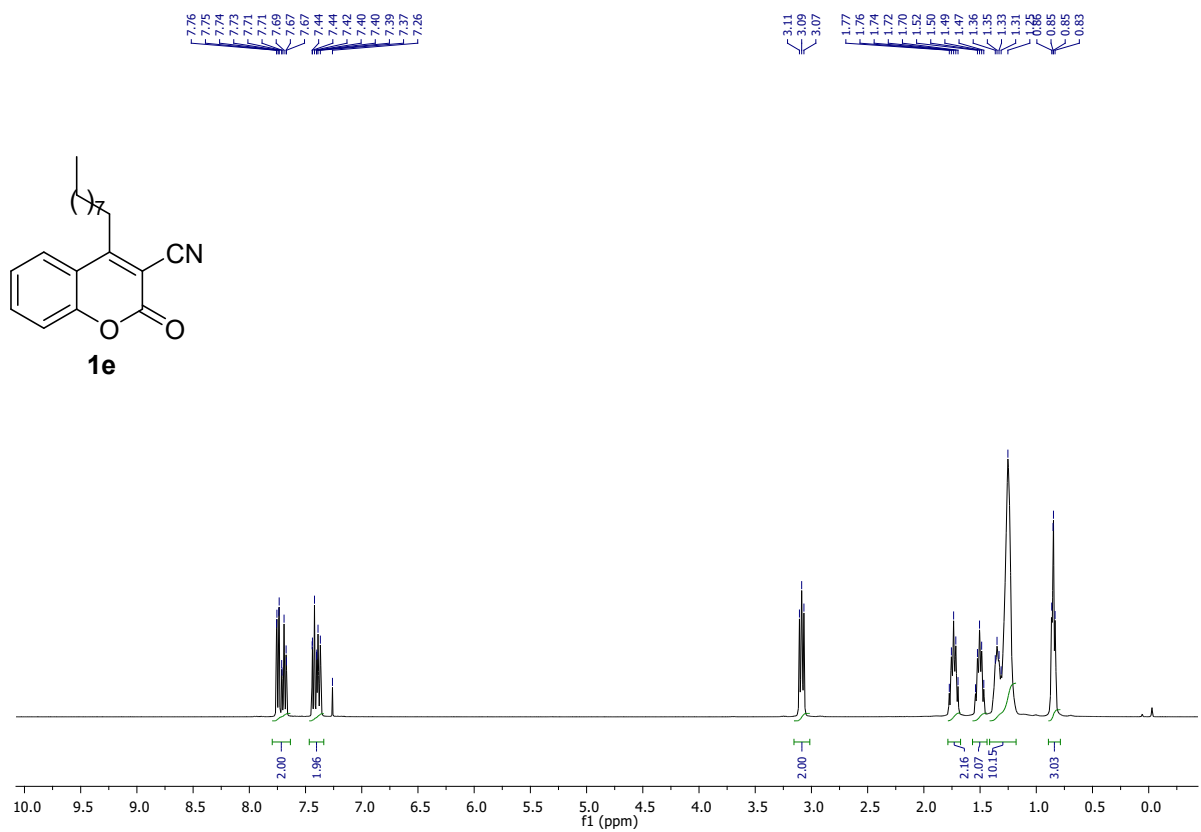
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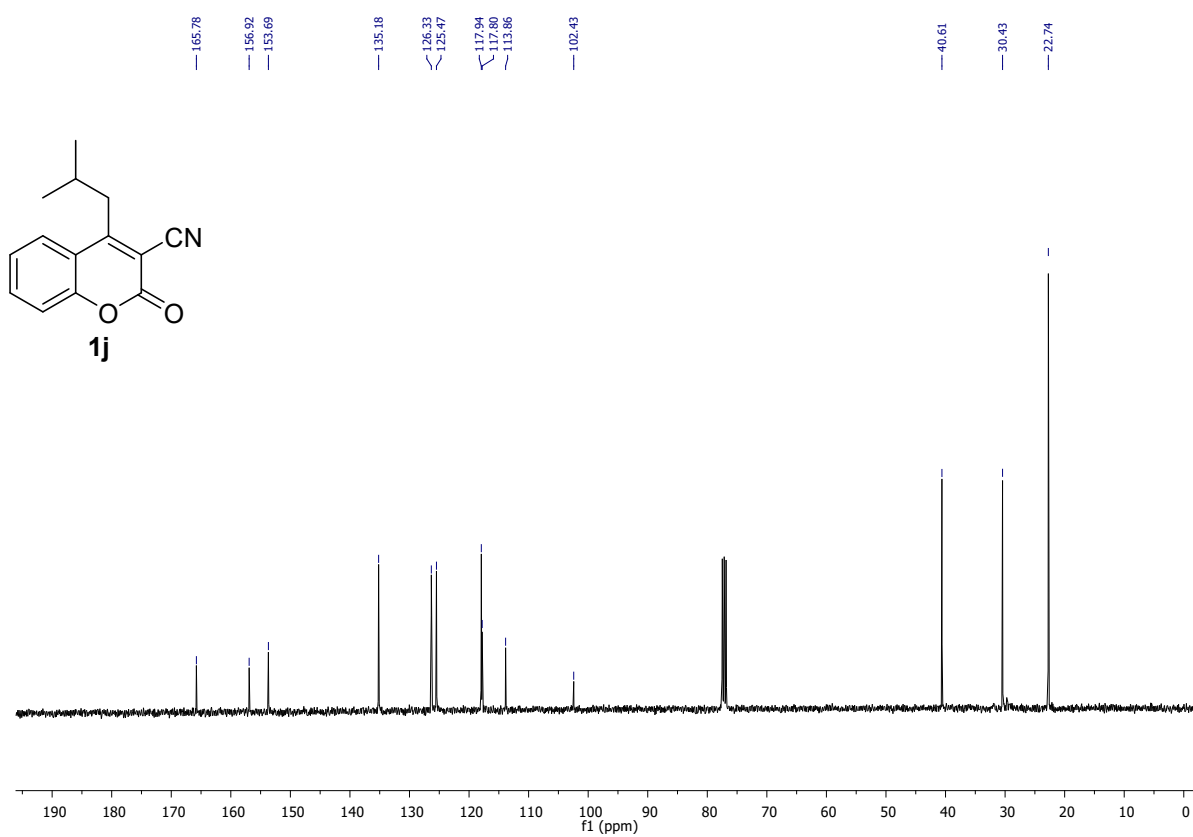
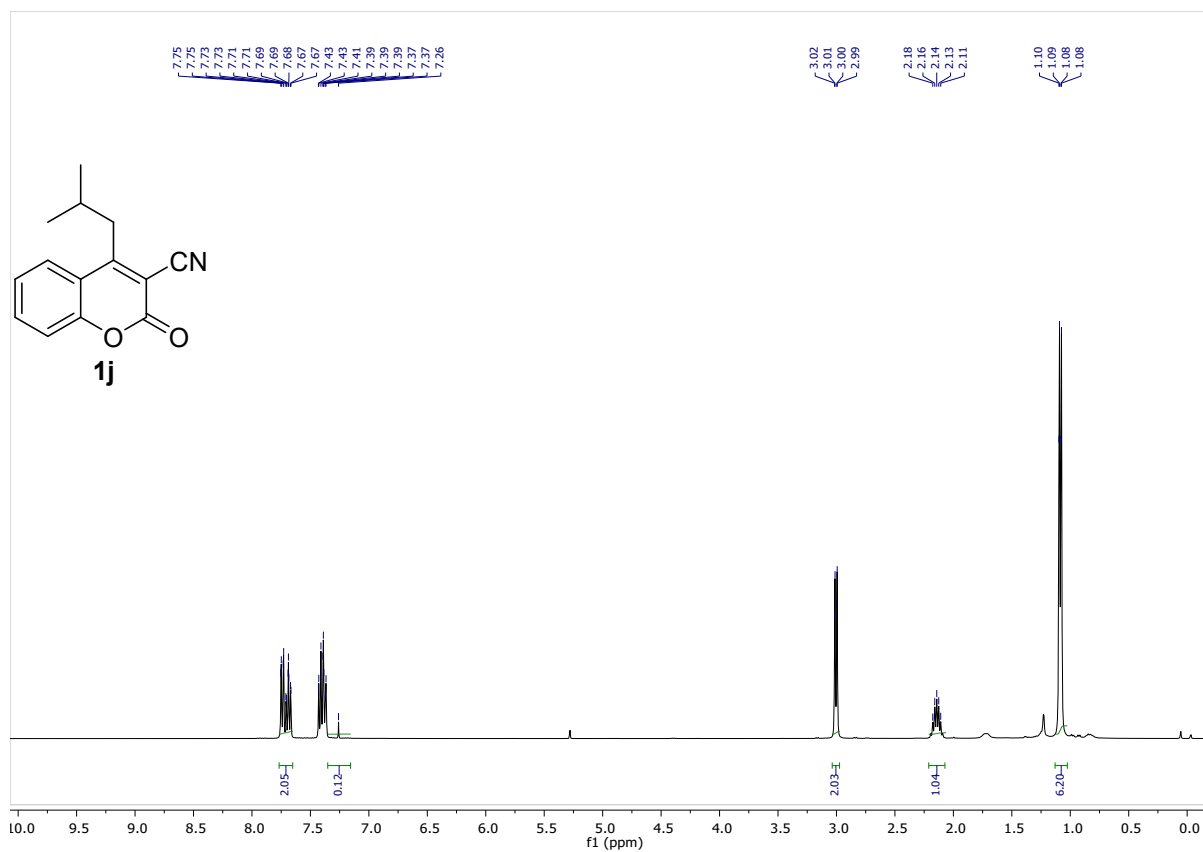
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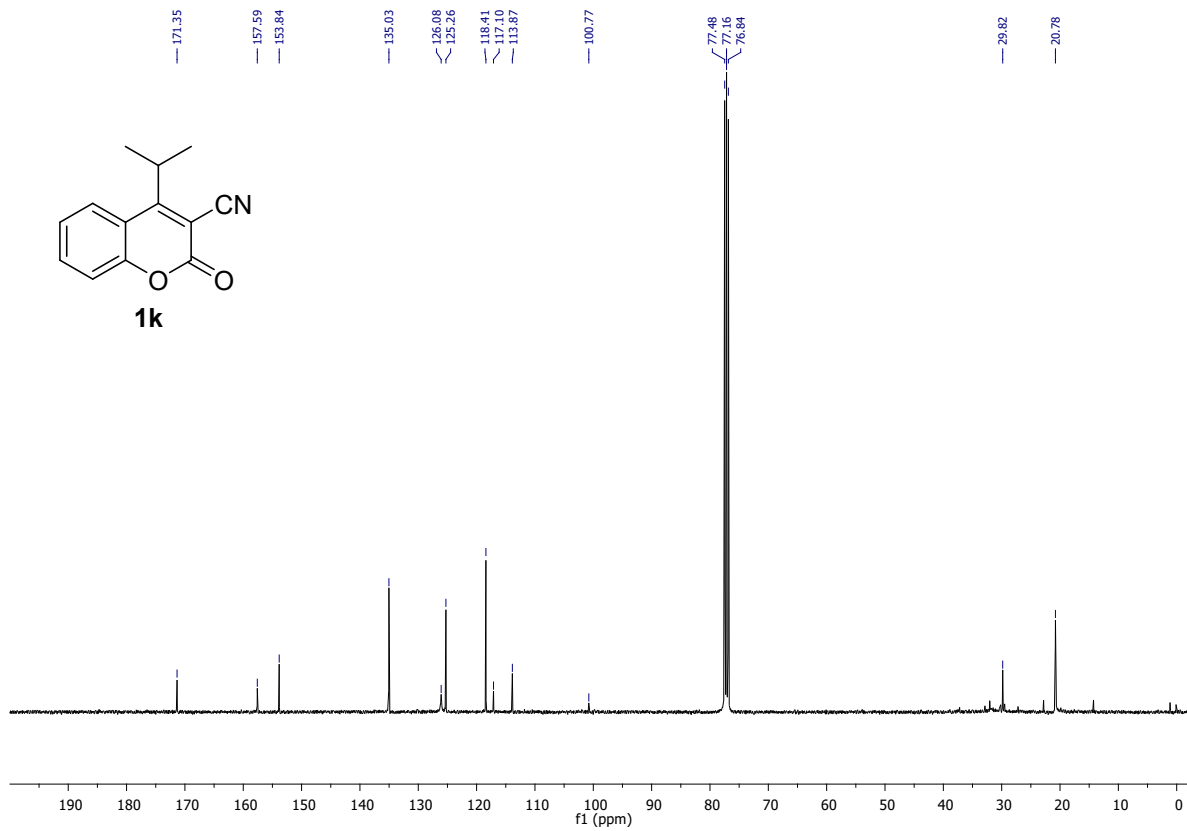
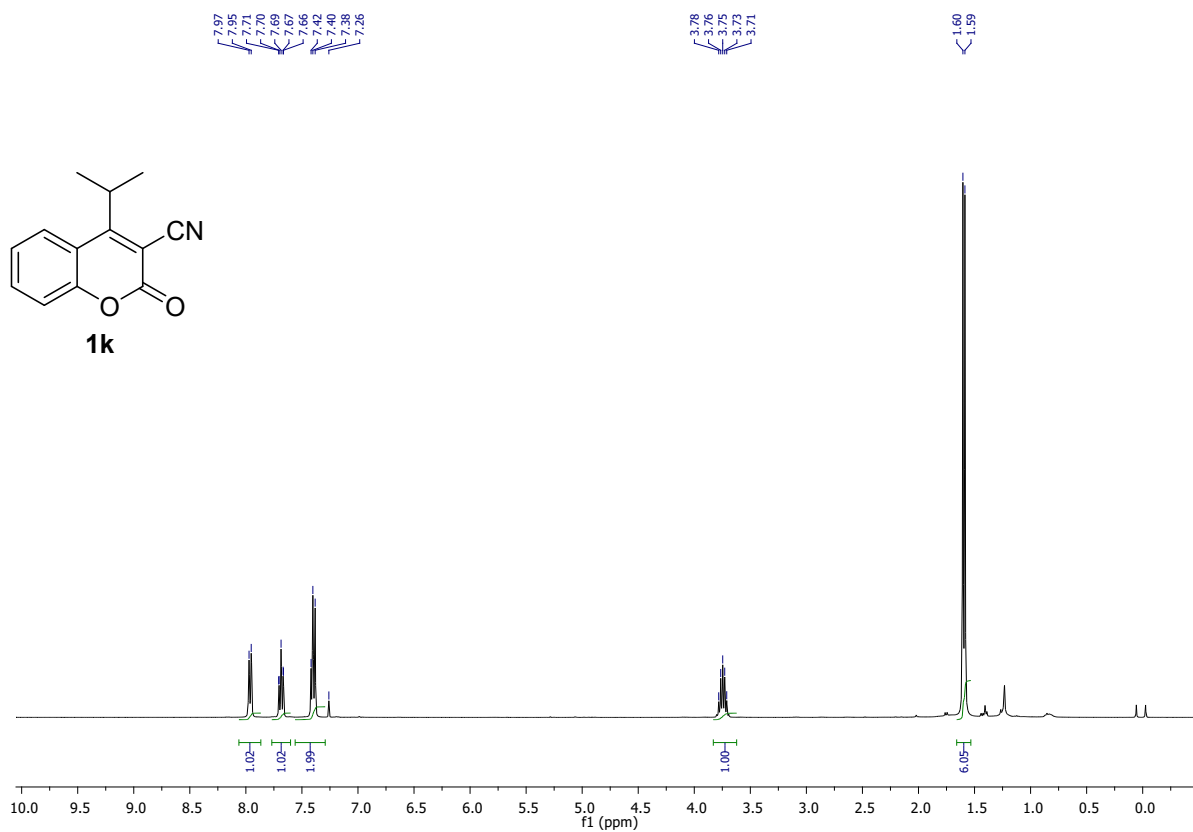
8. ^1H and ^{13}C spectra of compounds

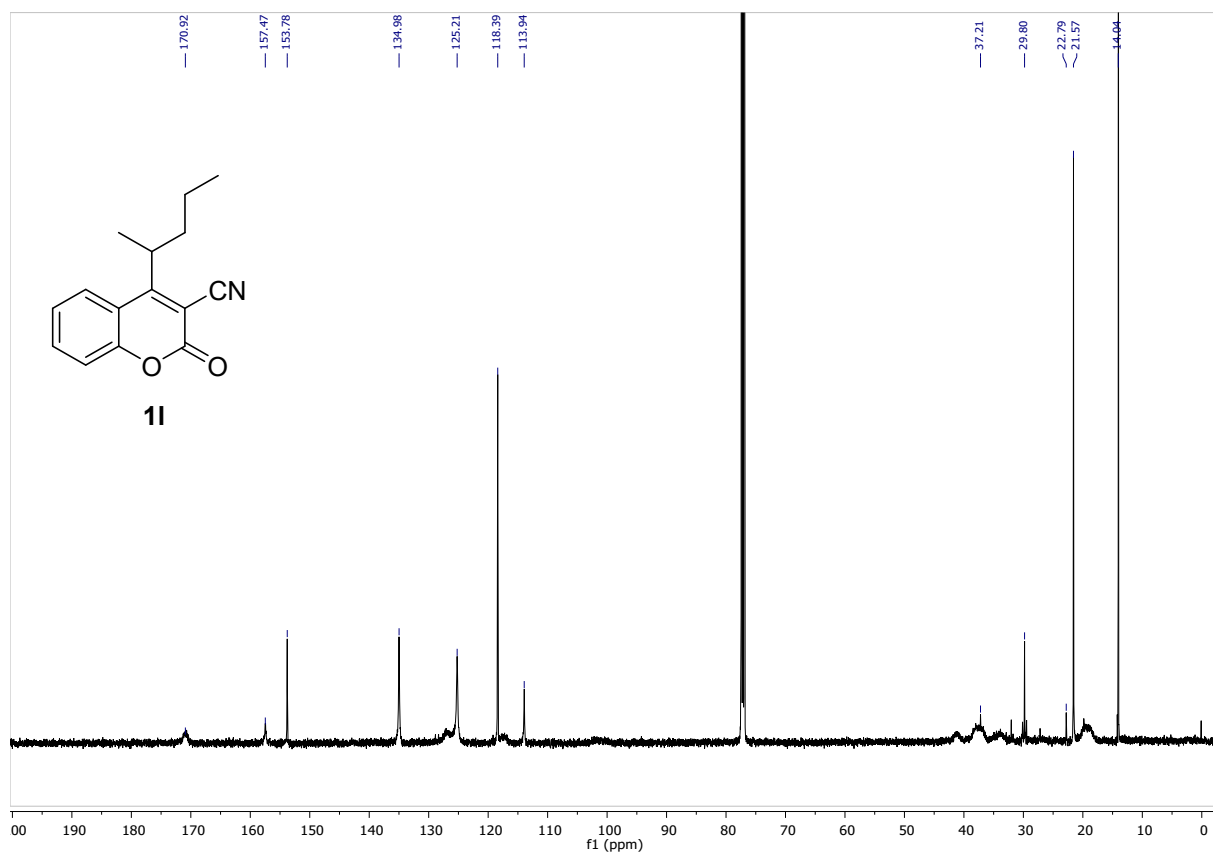
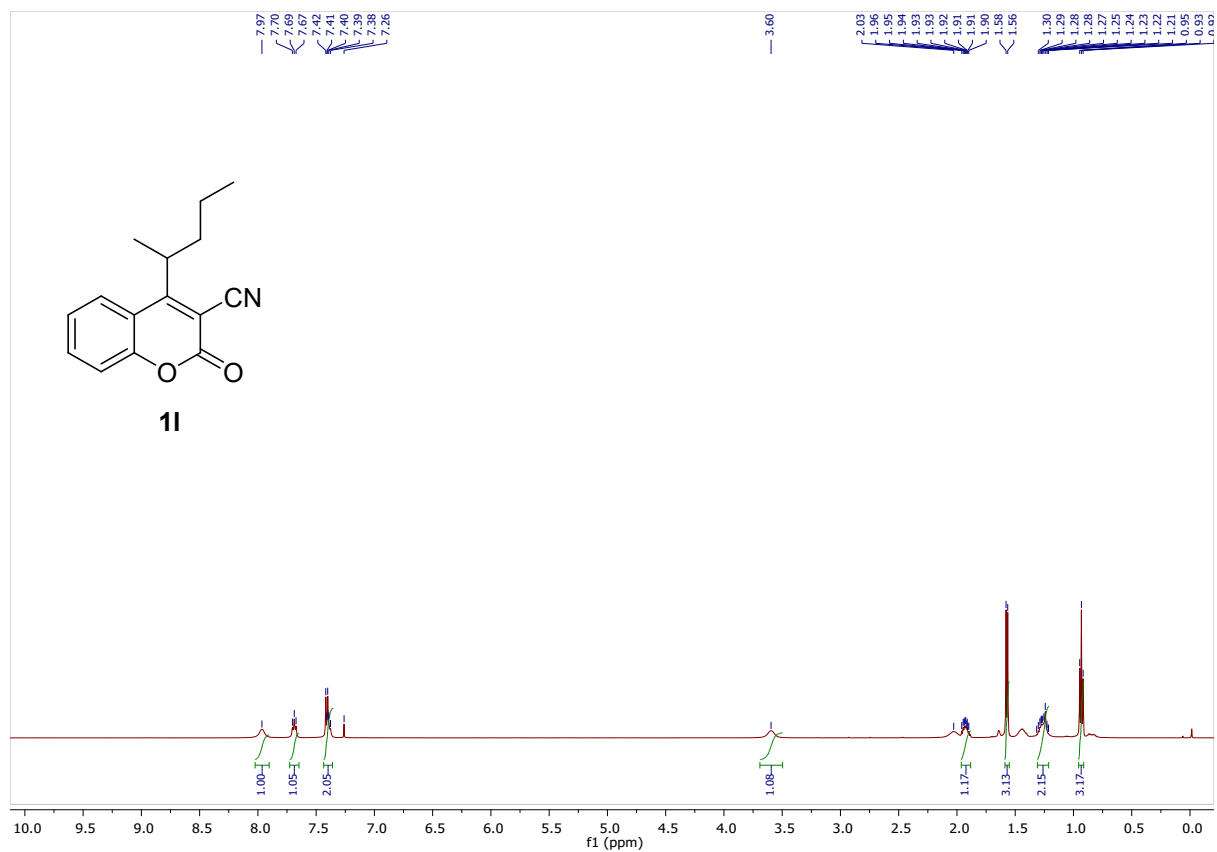


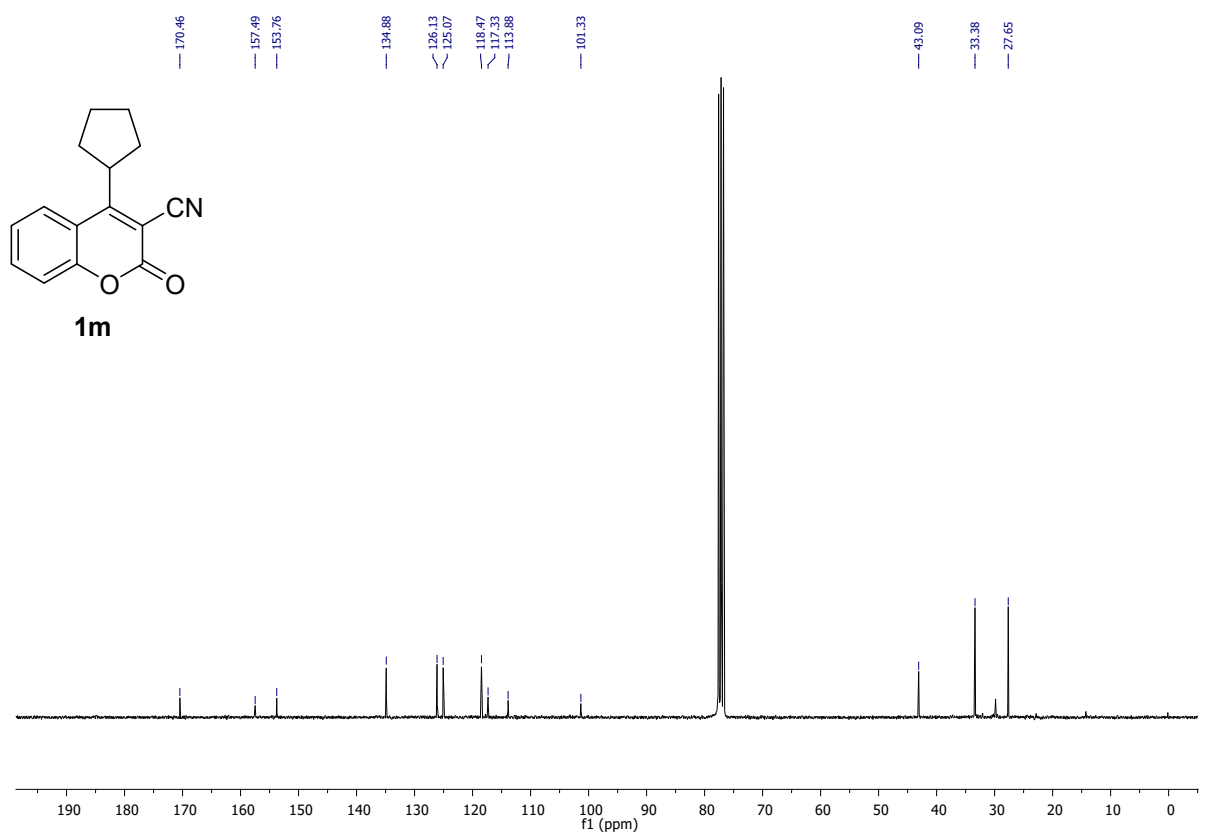
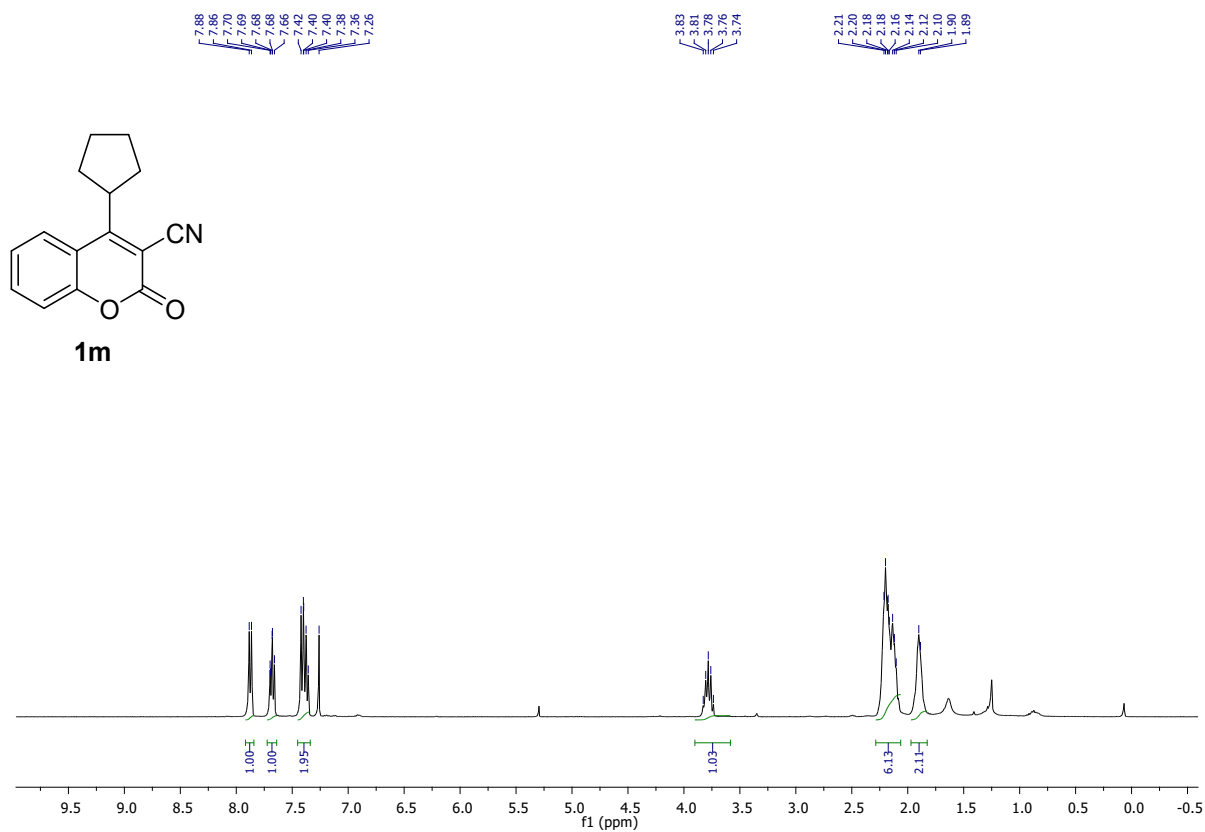


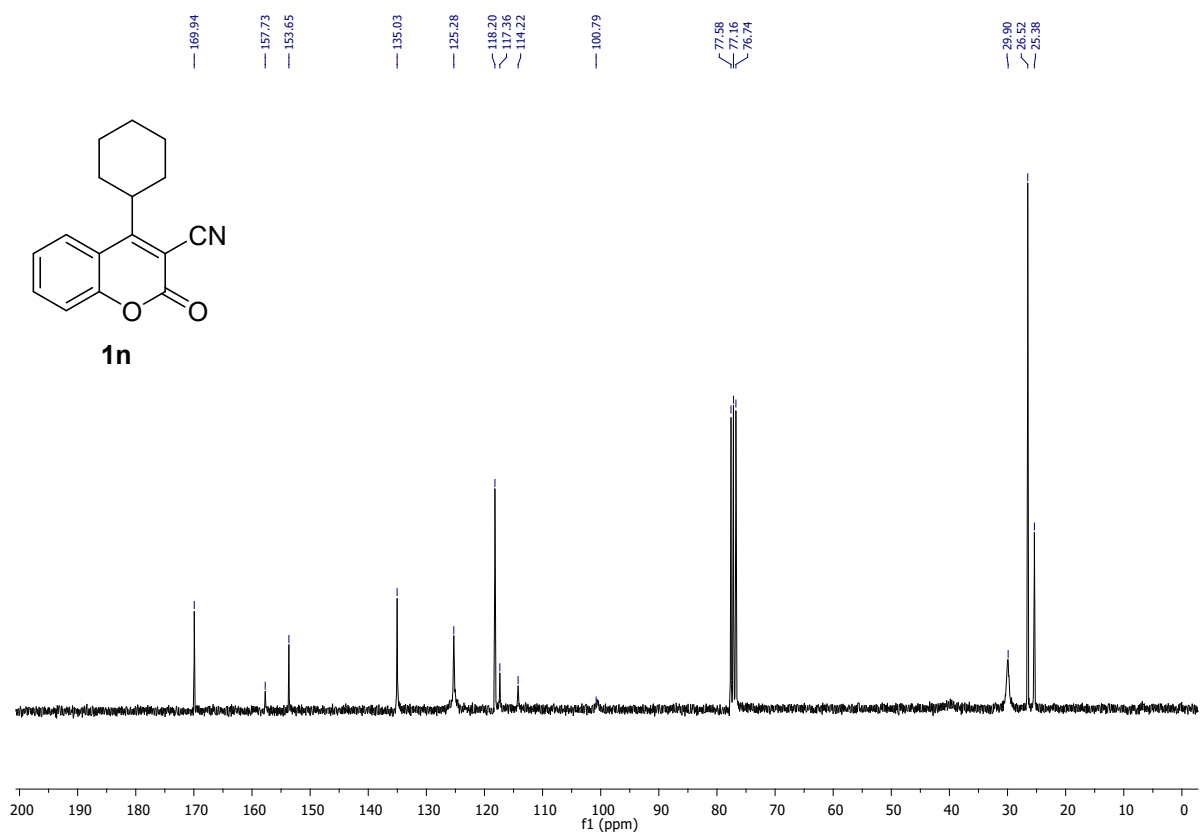
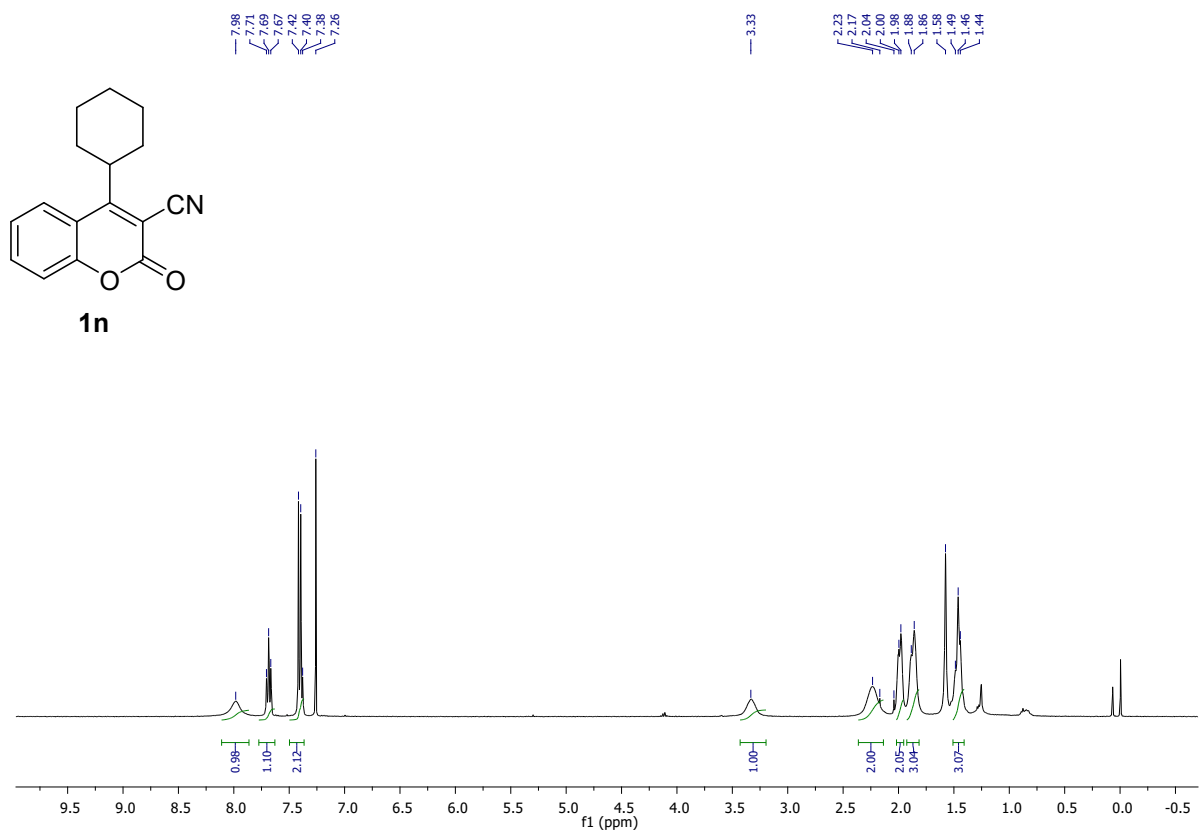


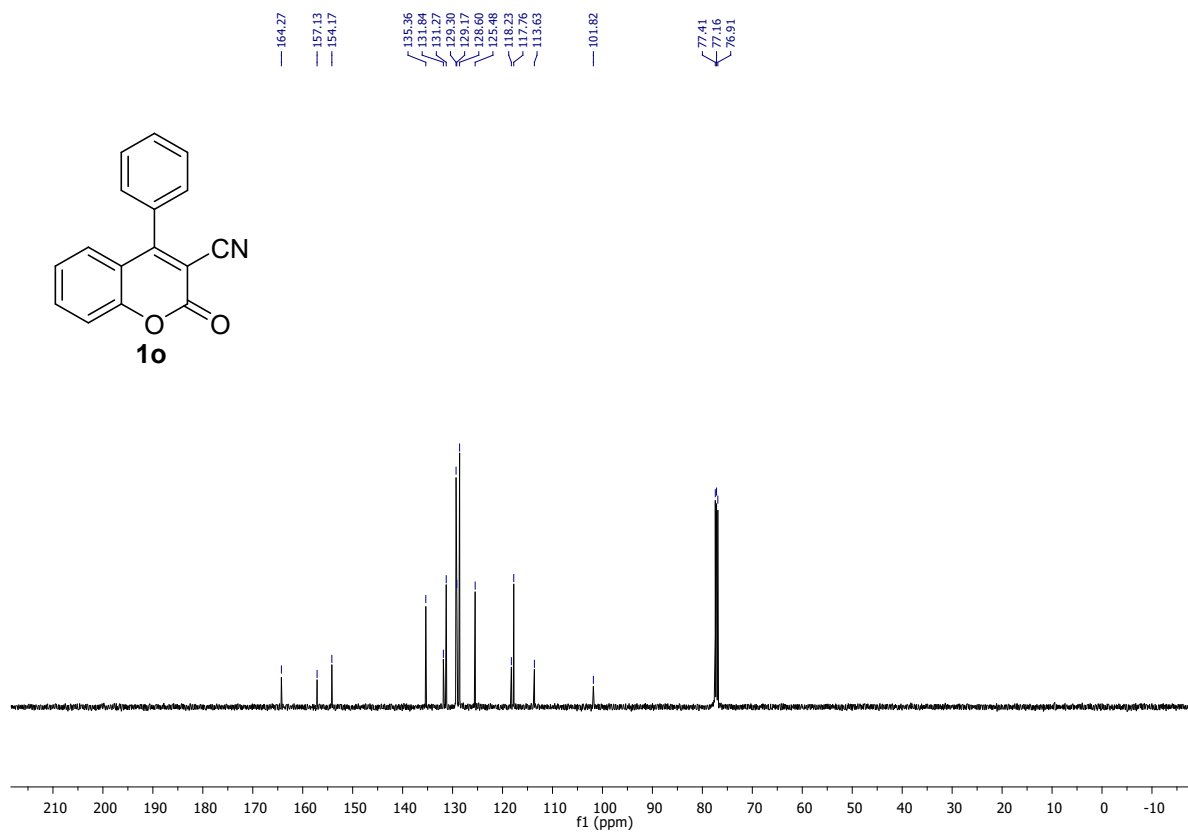
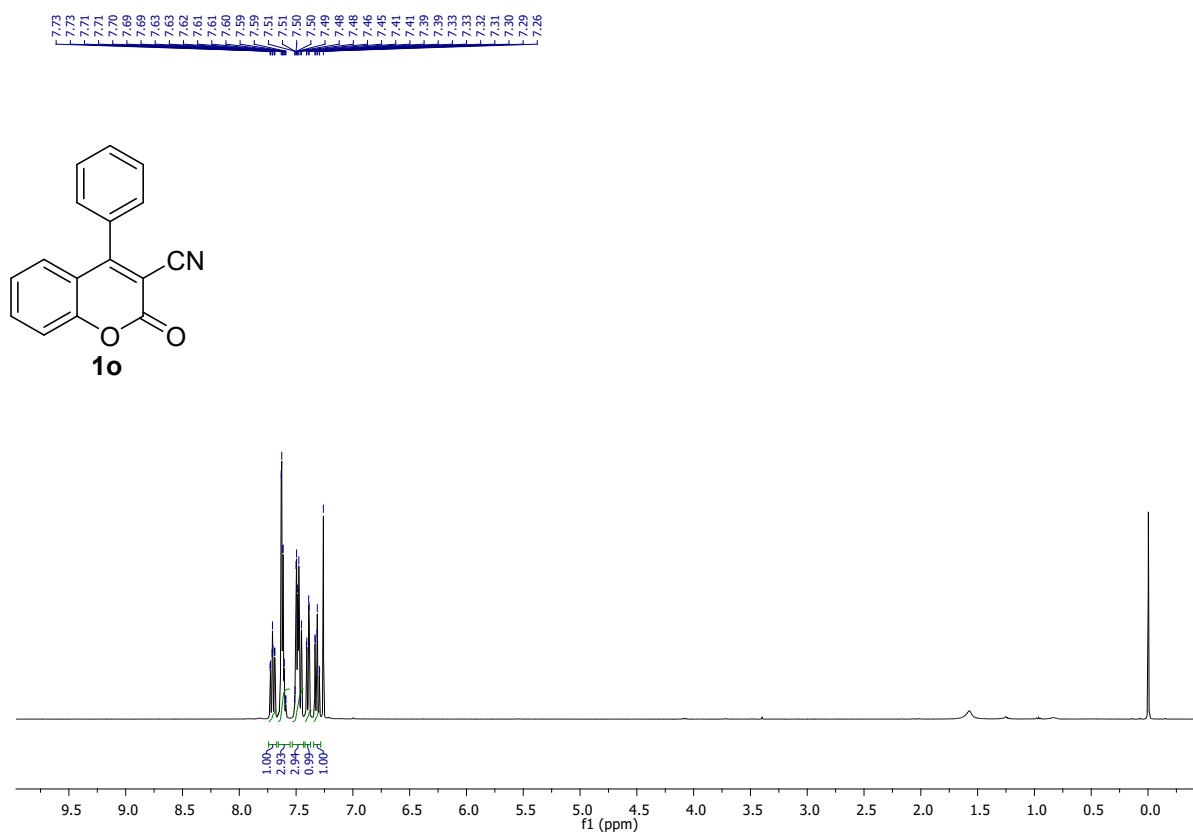


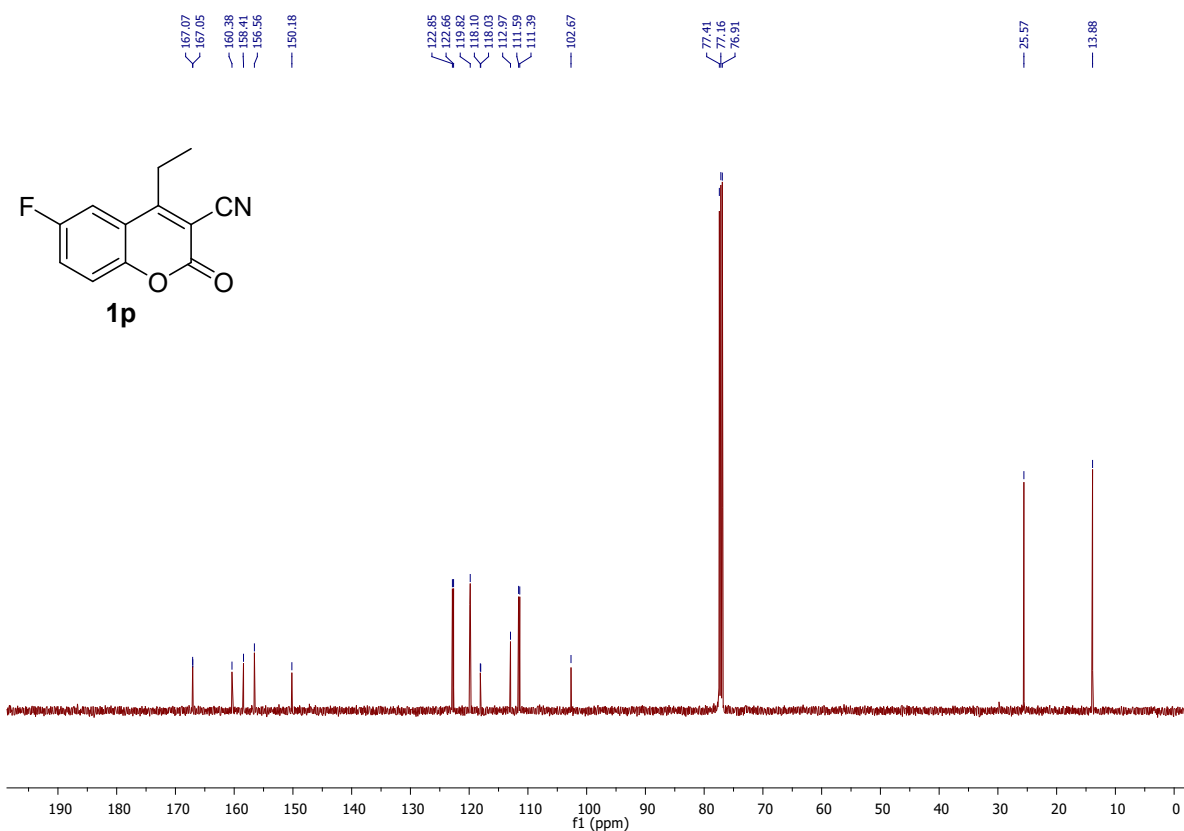
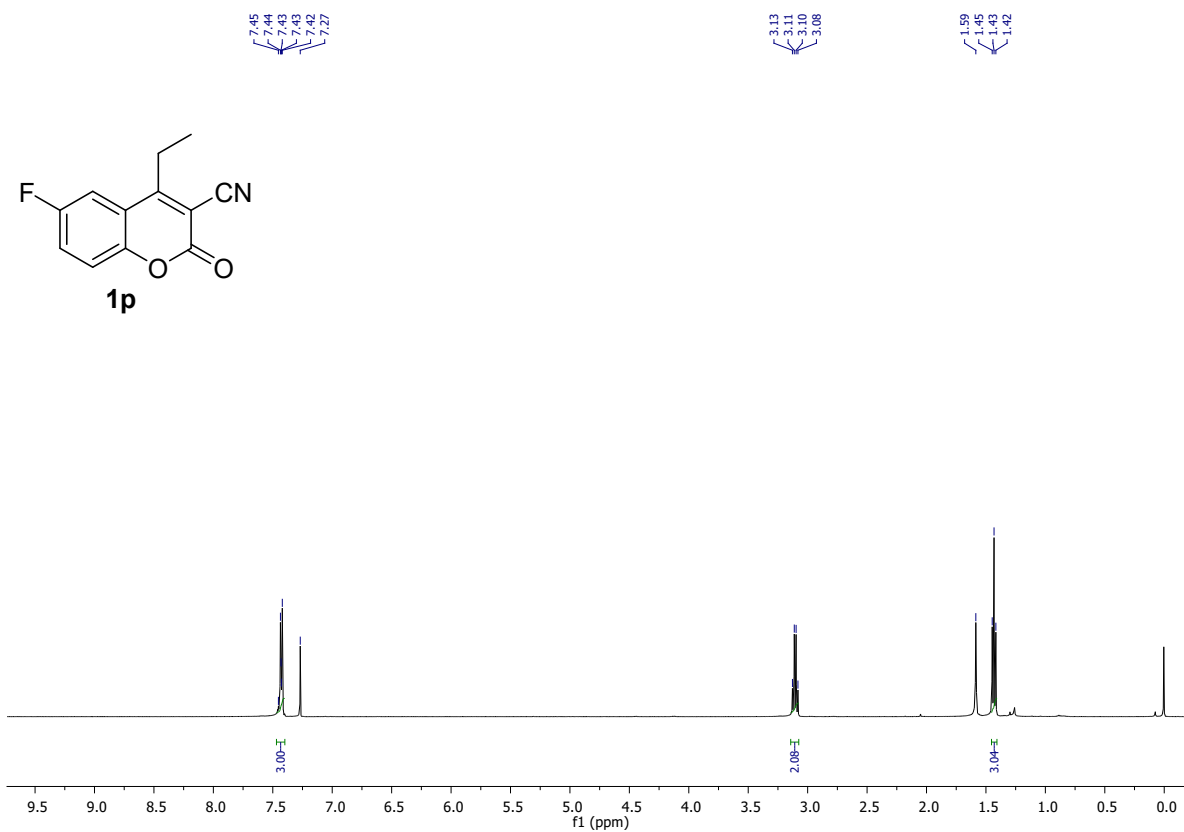




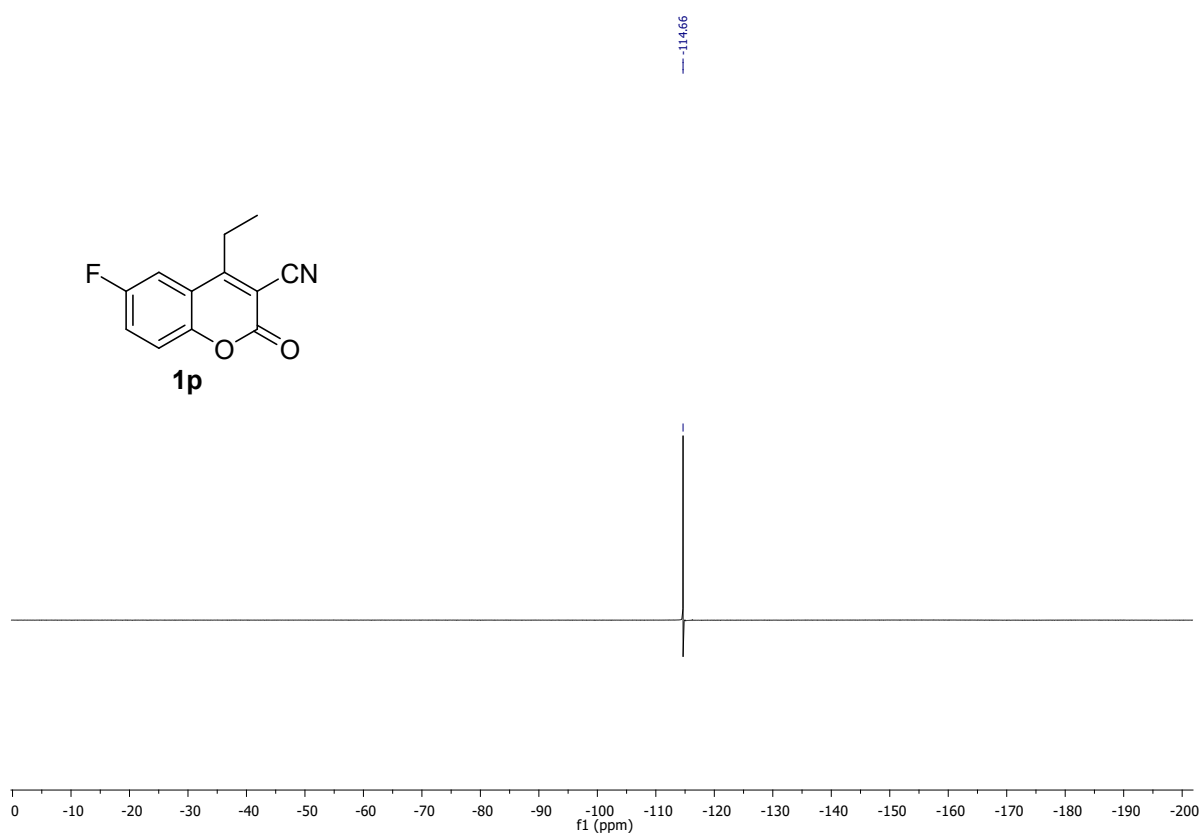


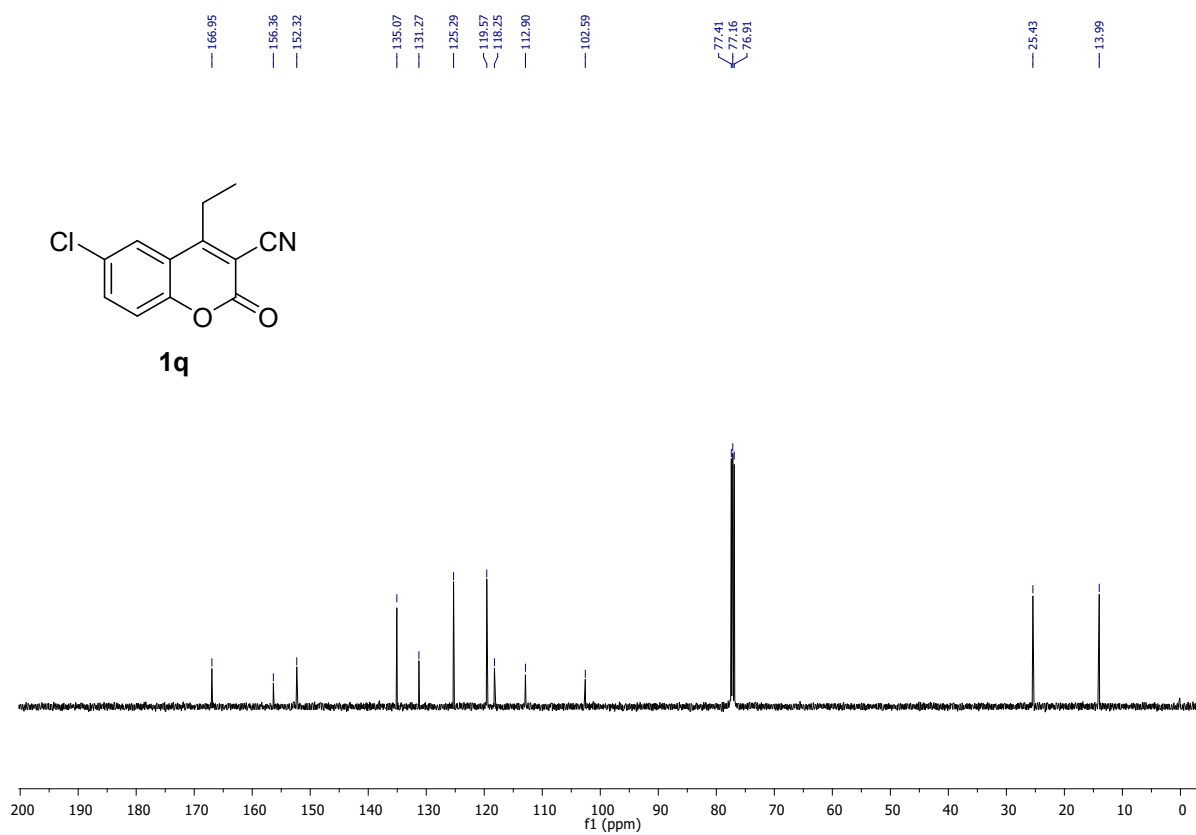
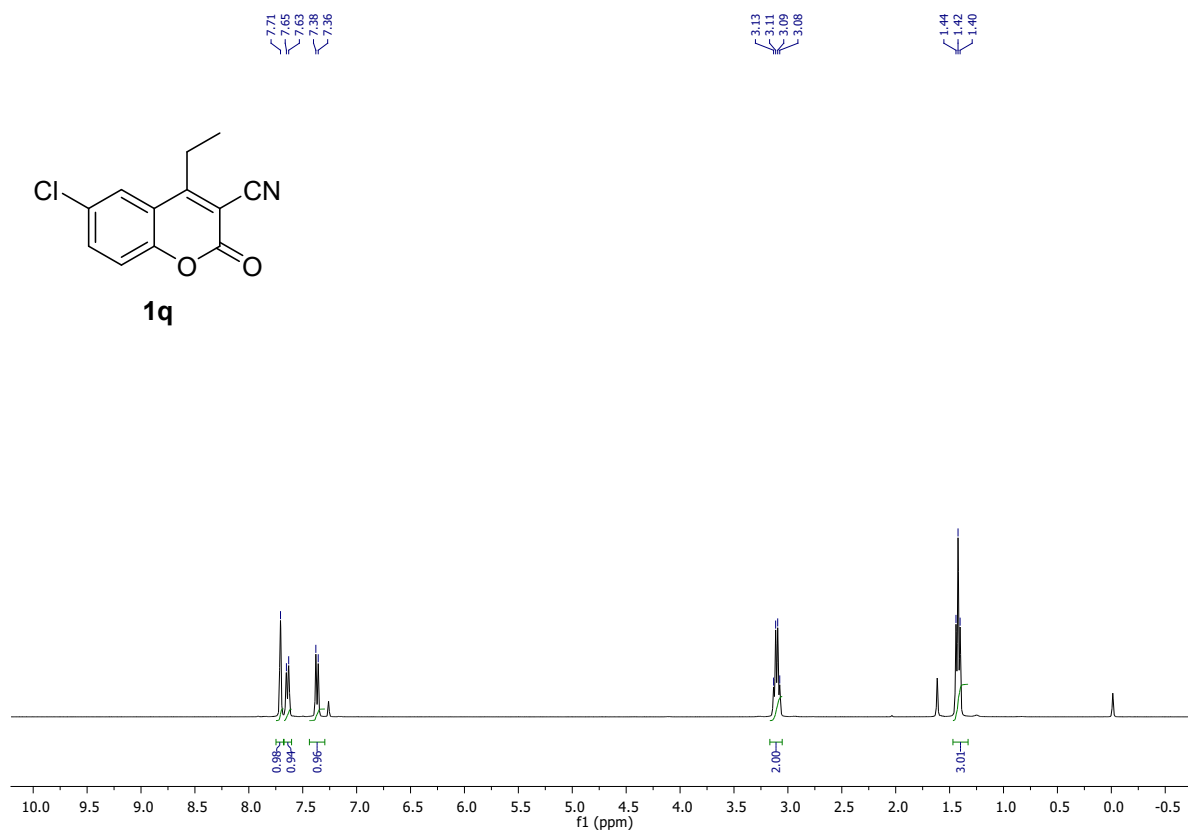


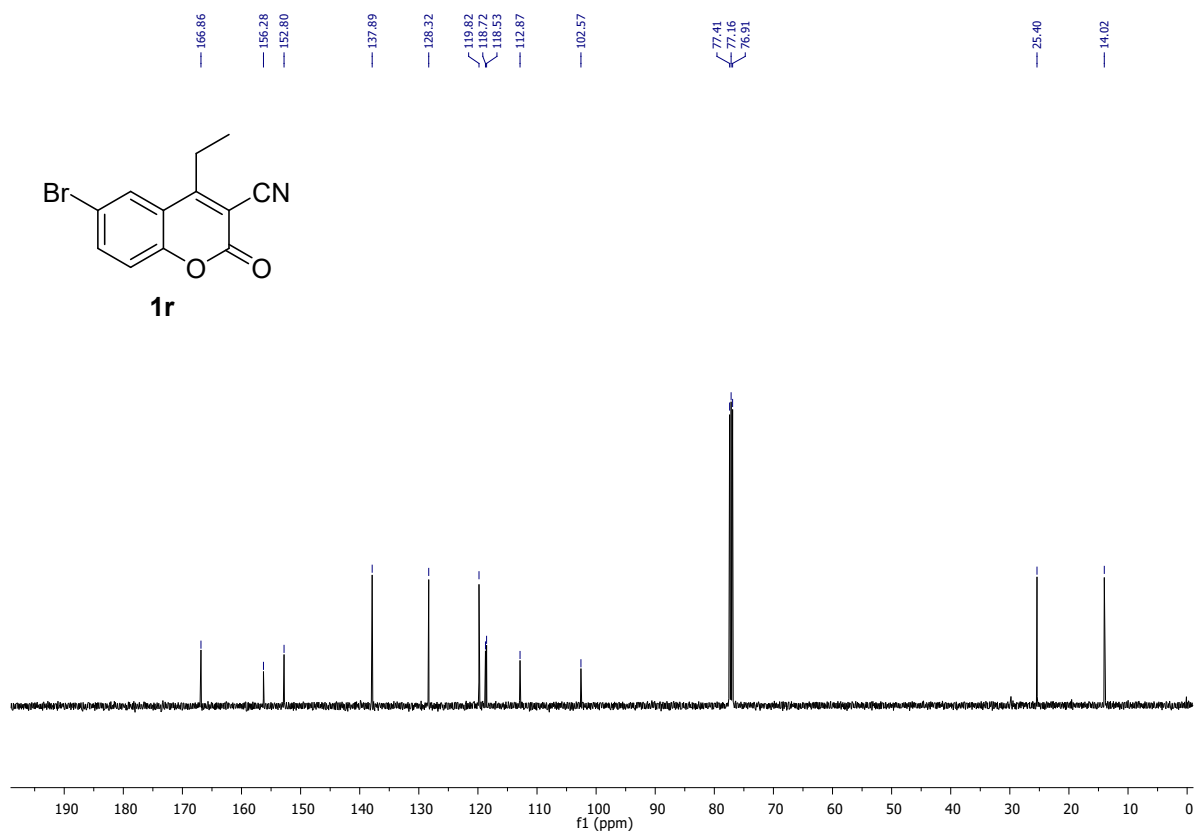
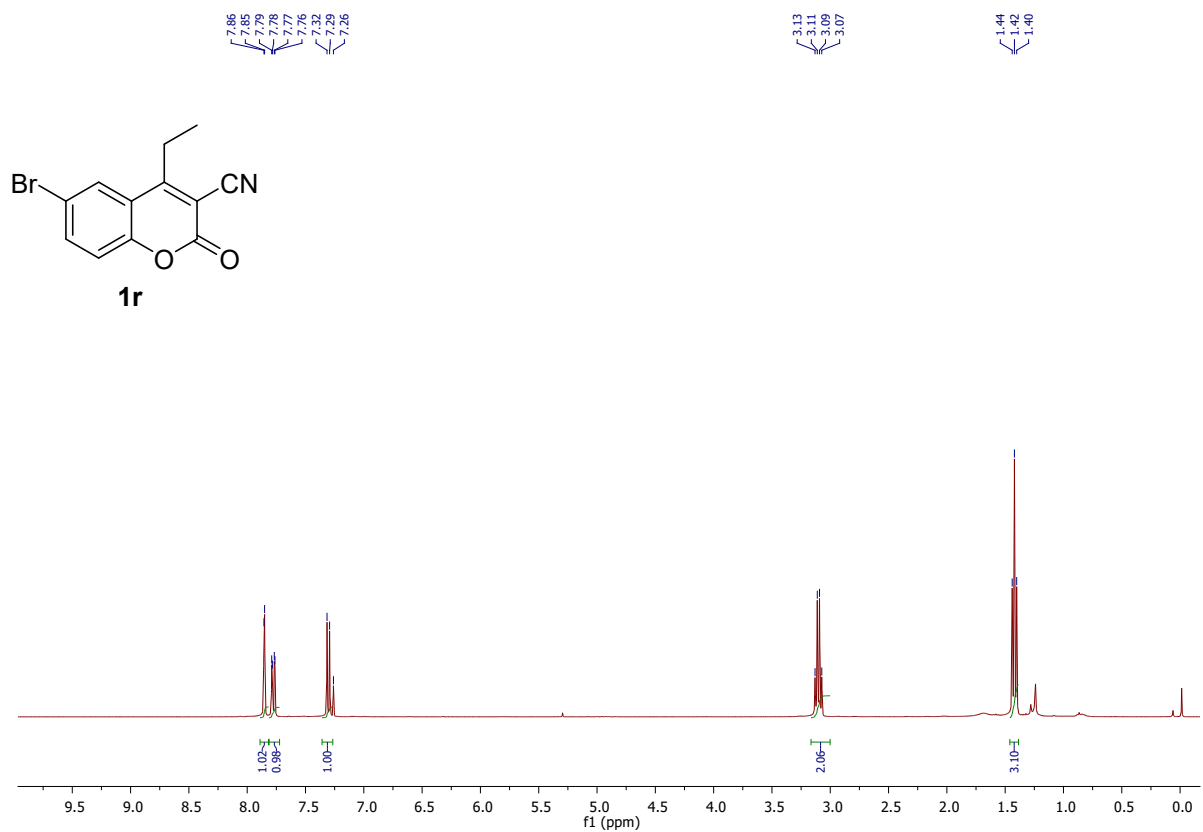


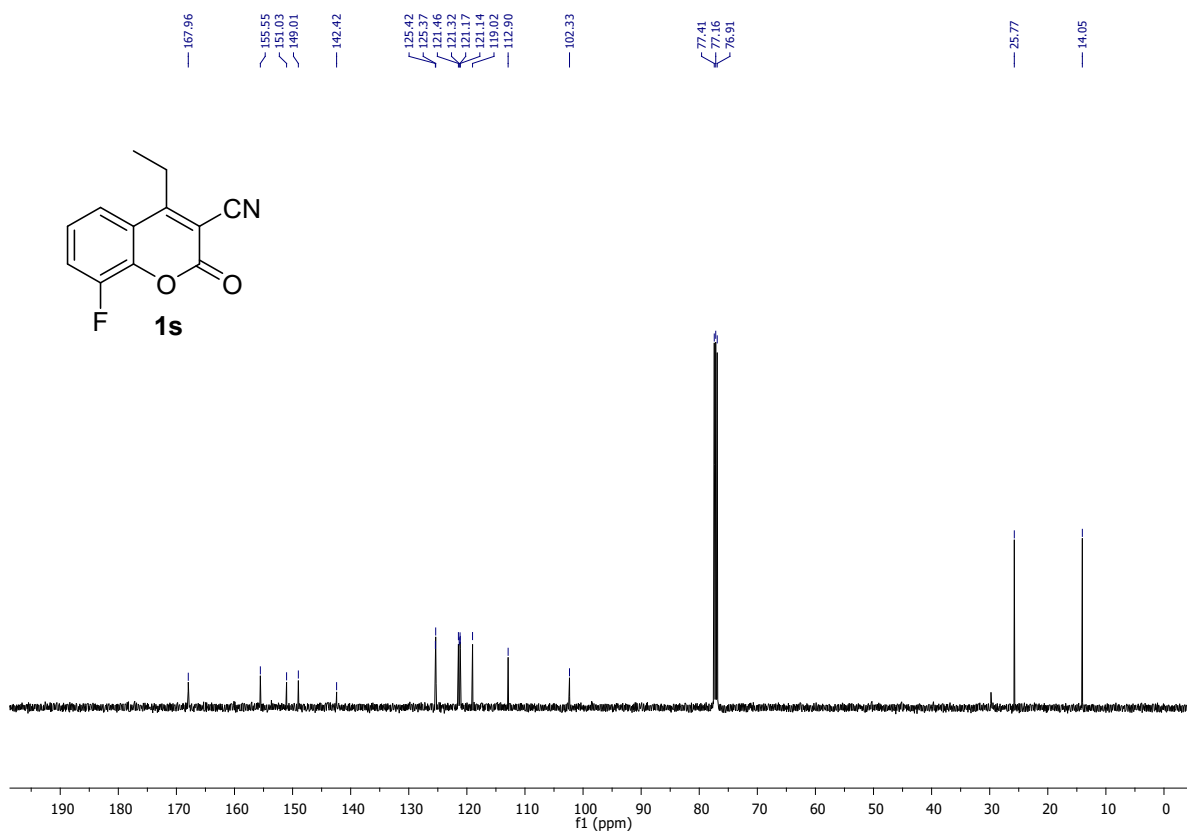
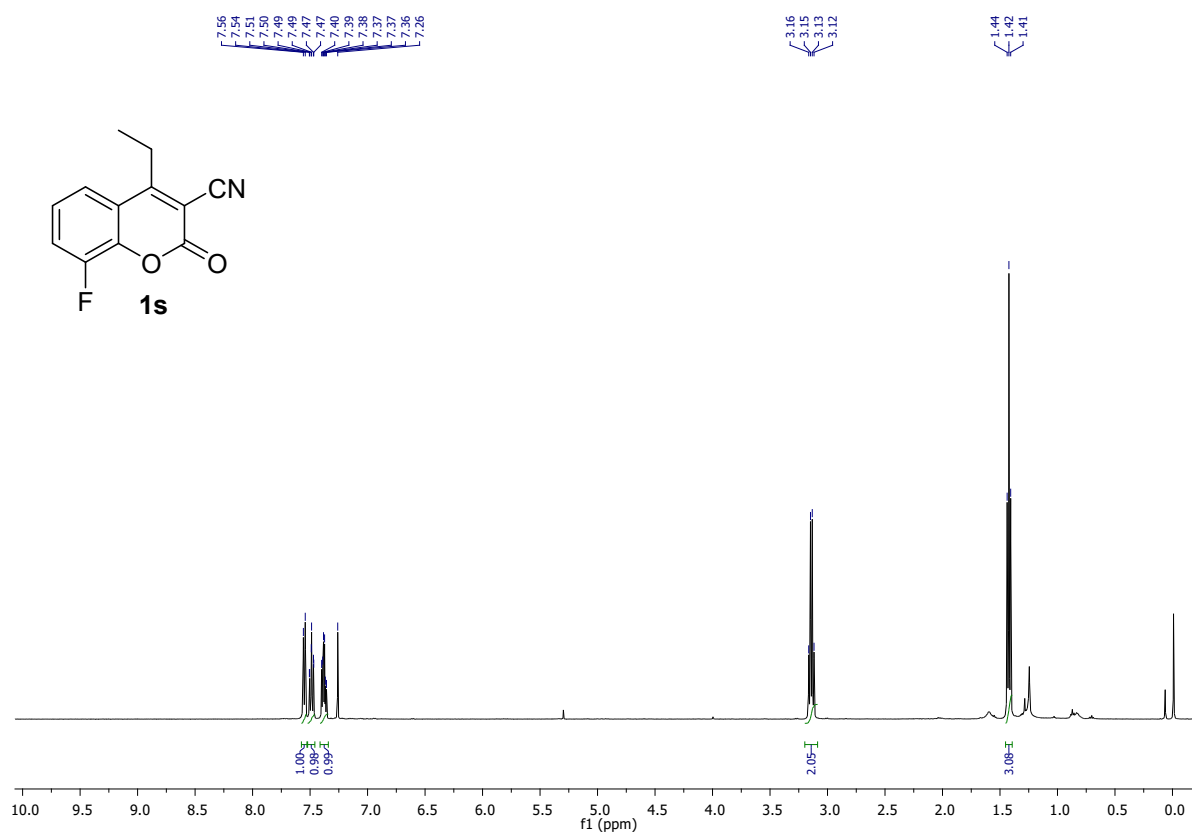


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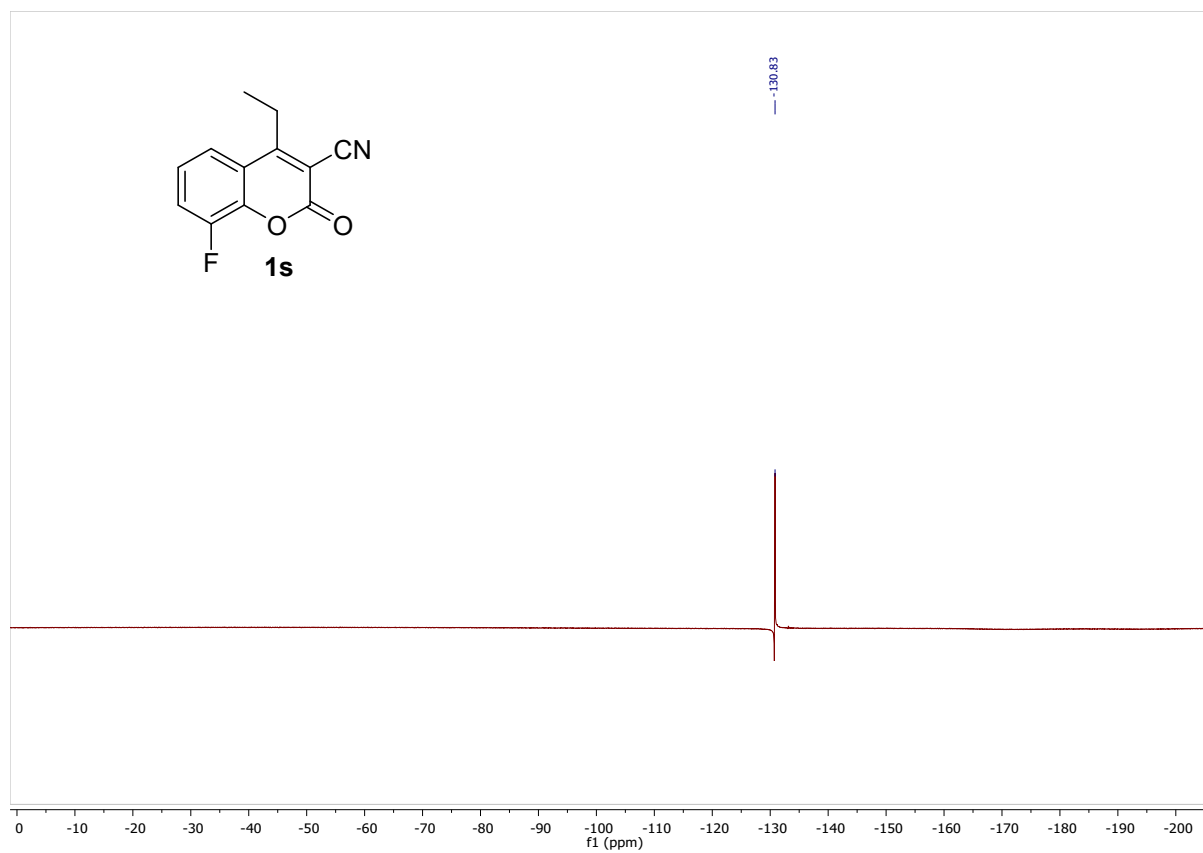


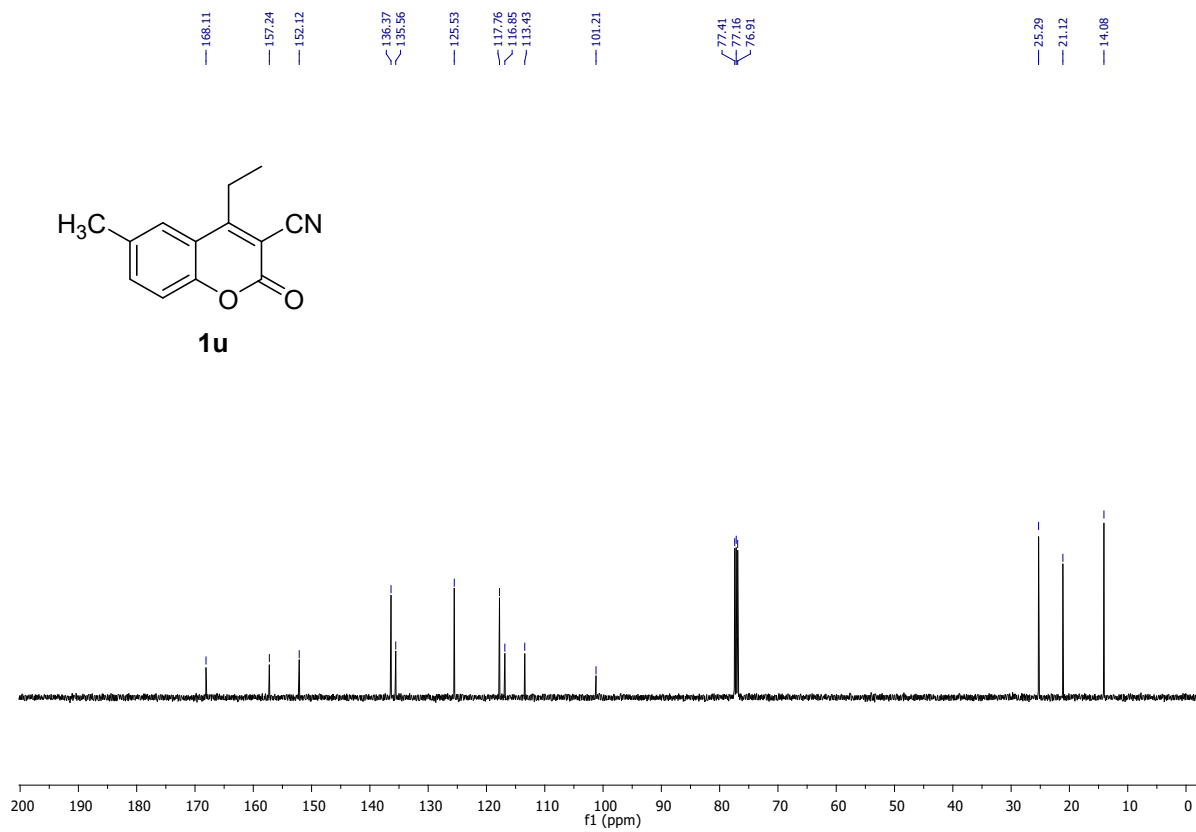
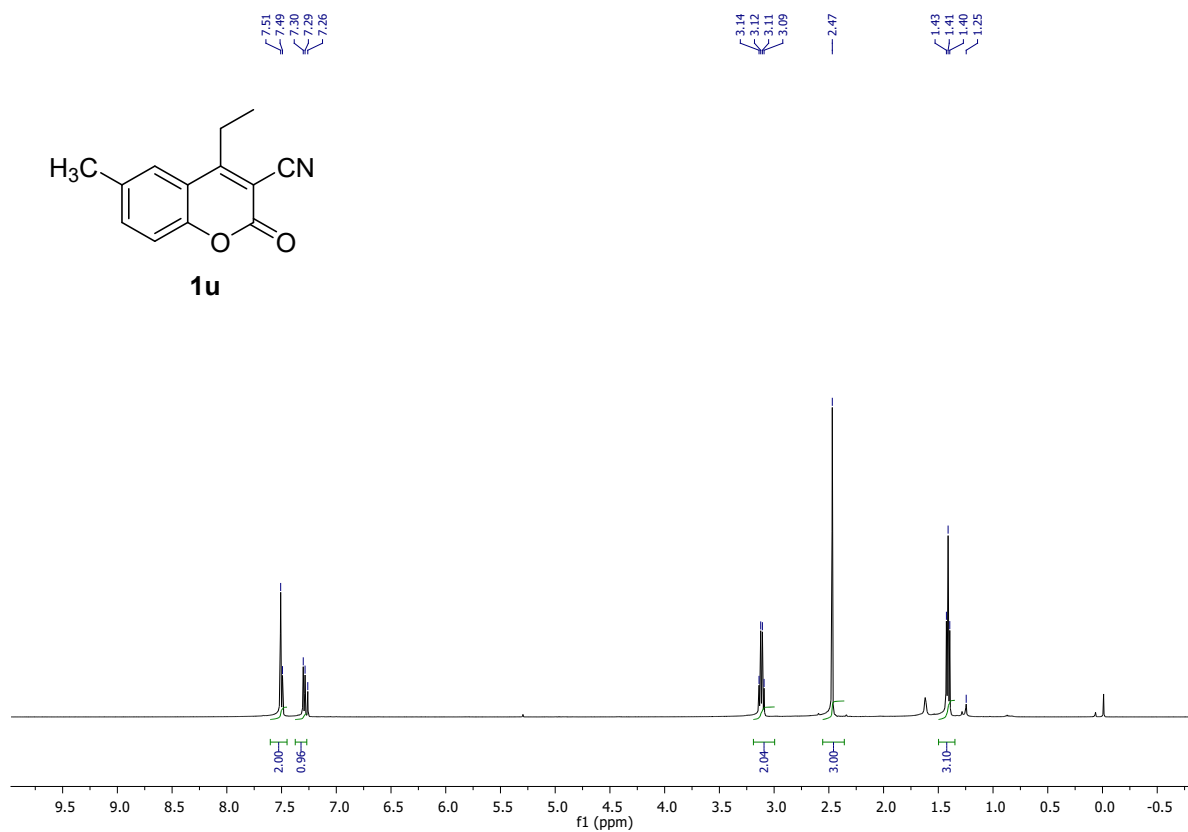


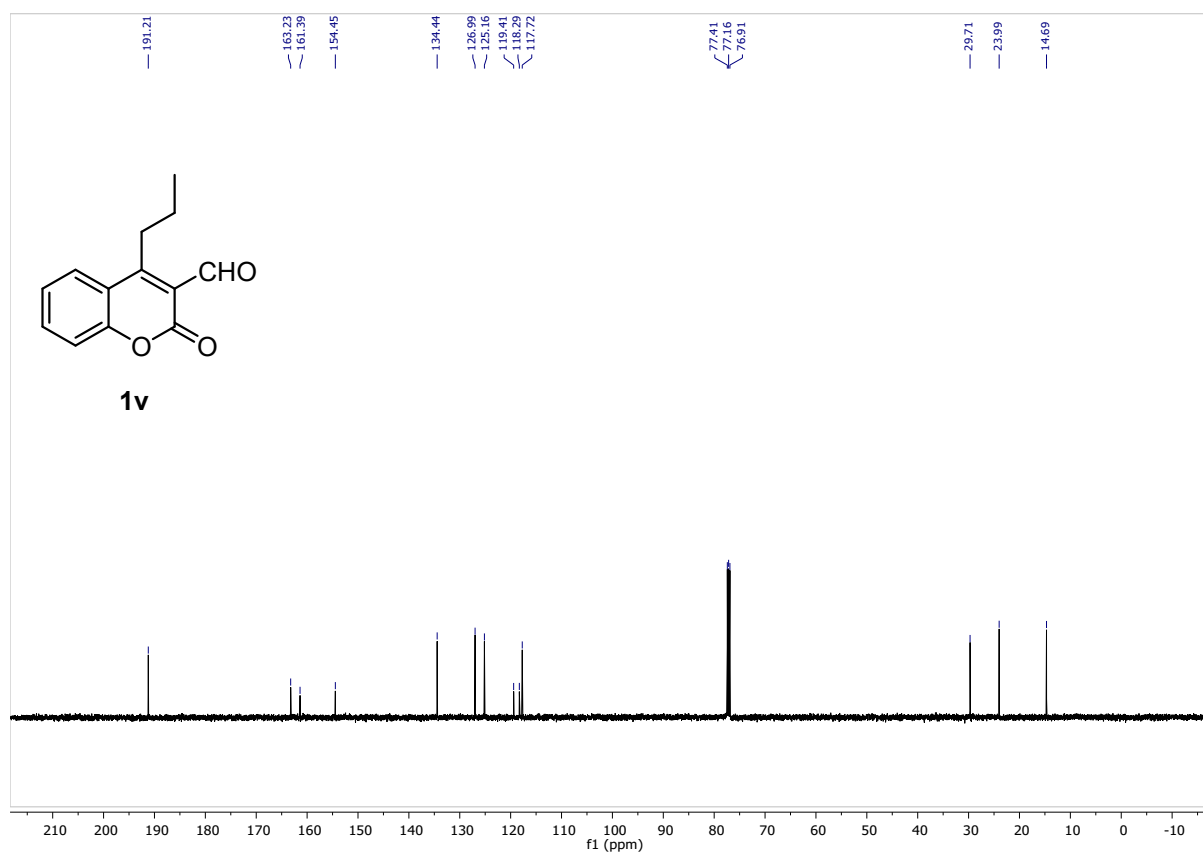
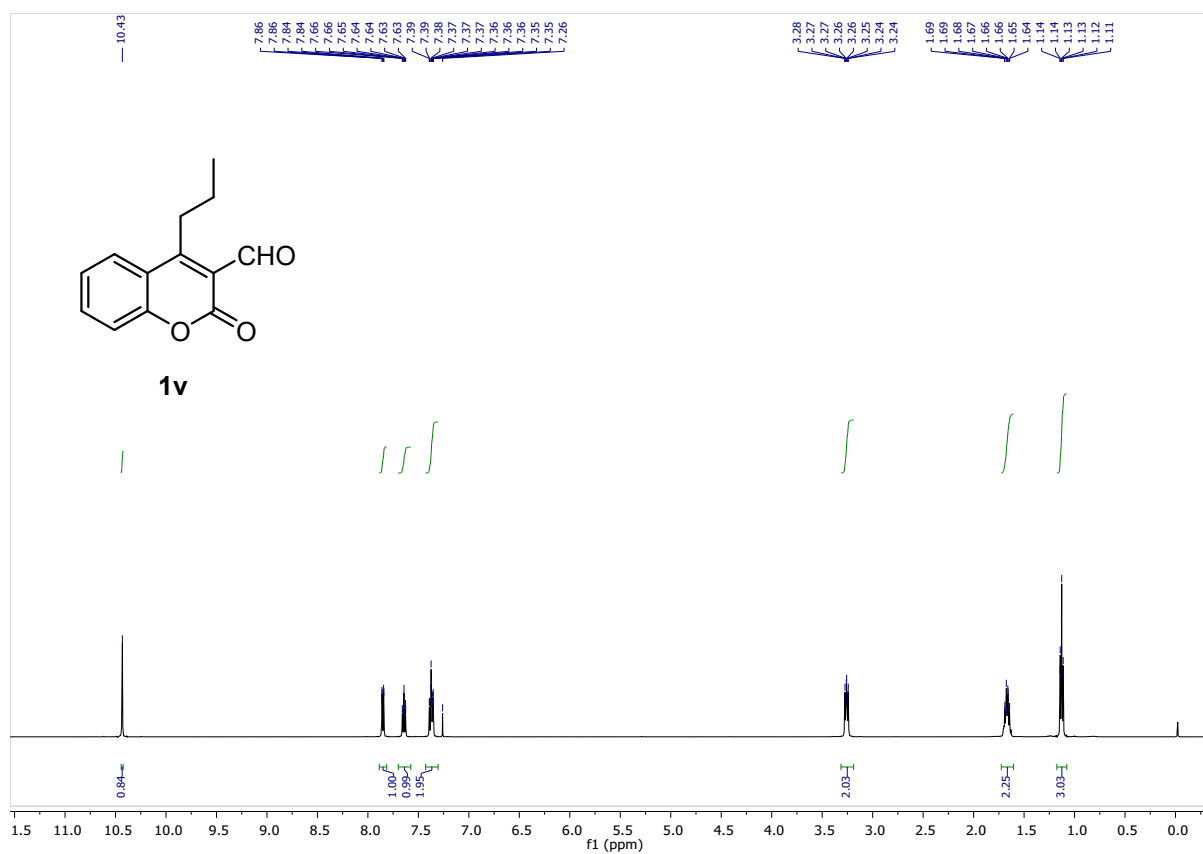


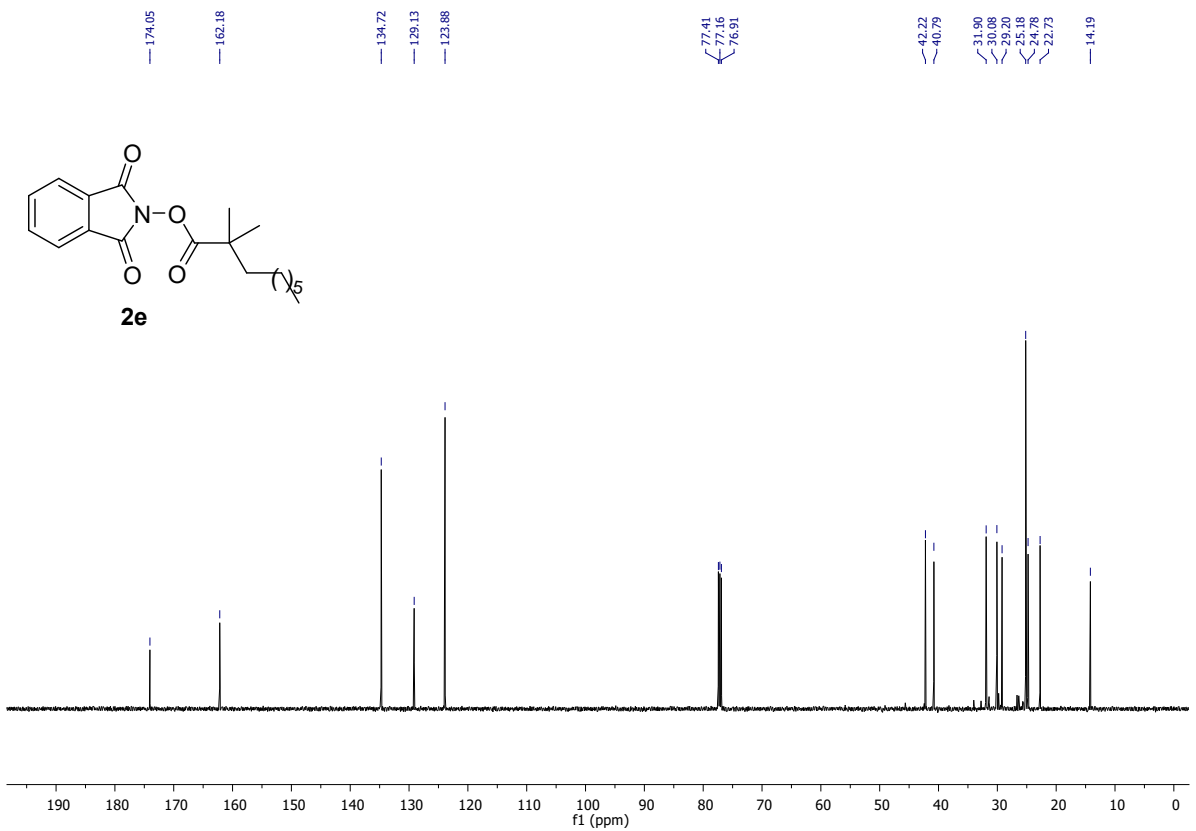
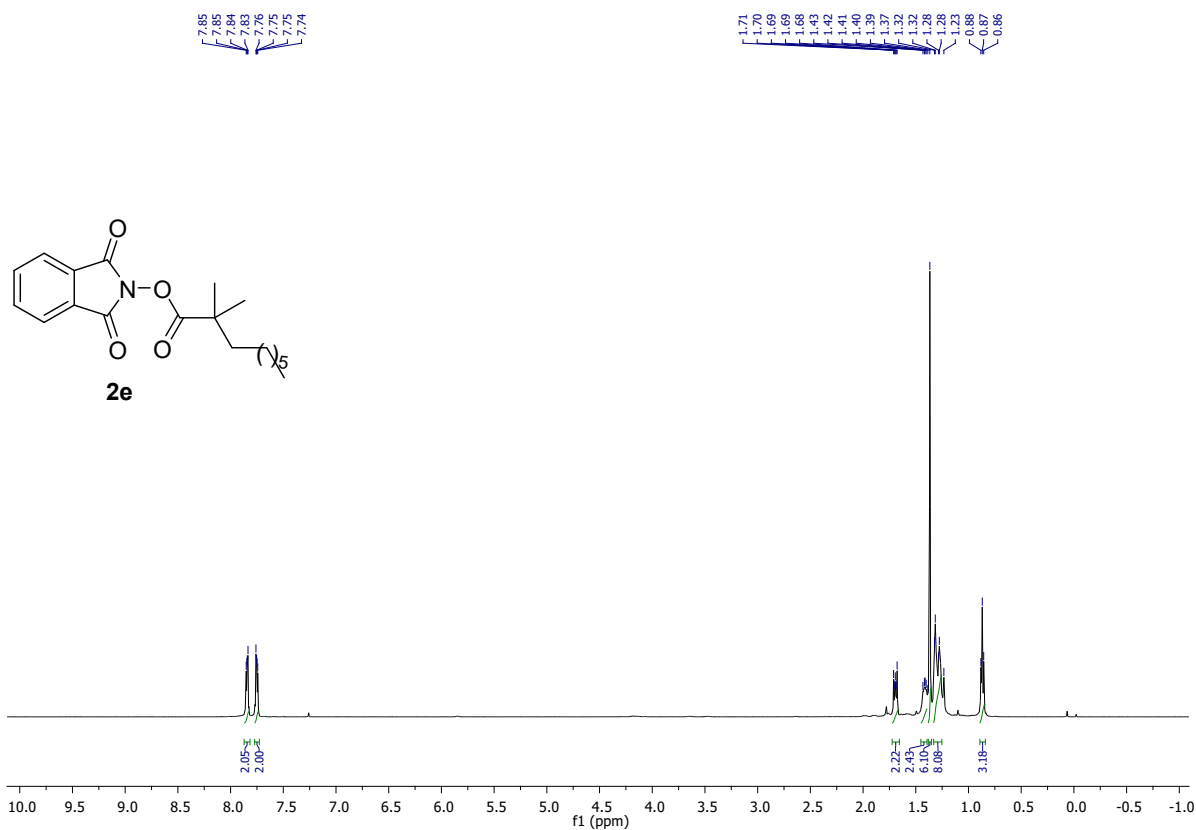


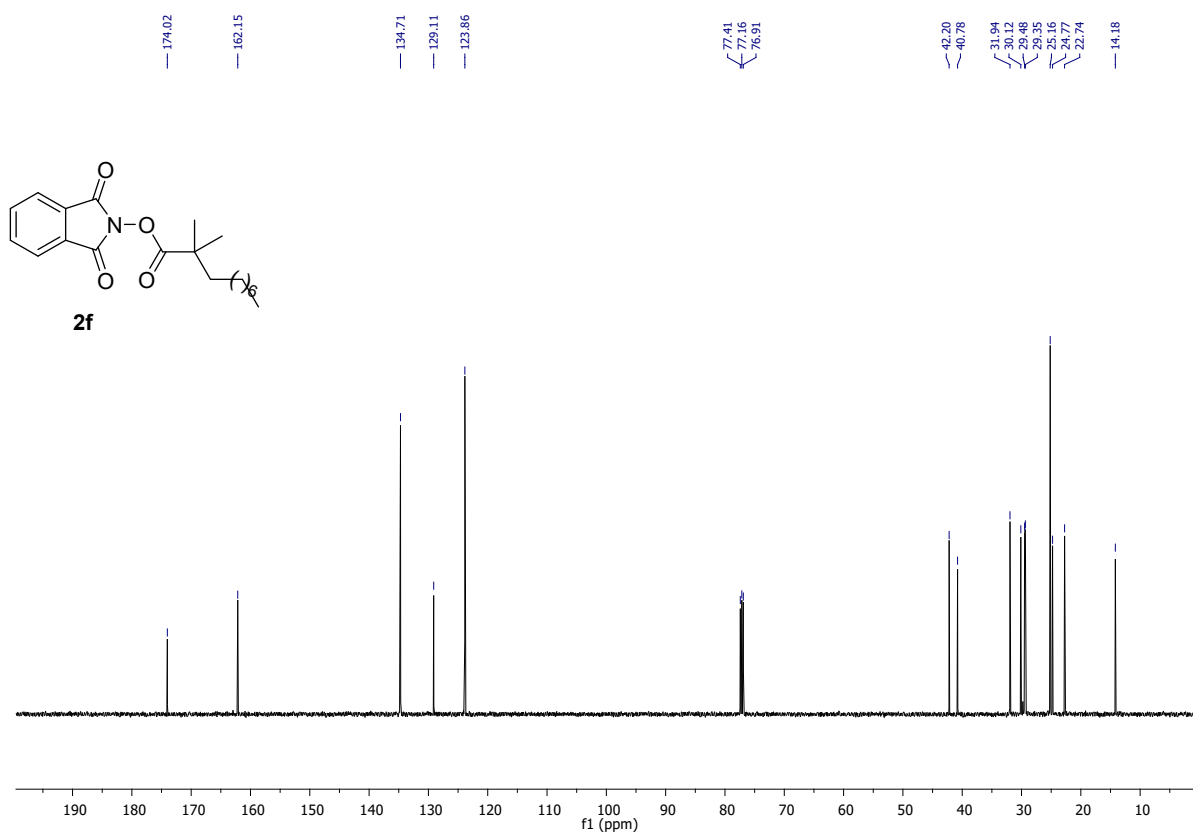
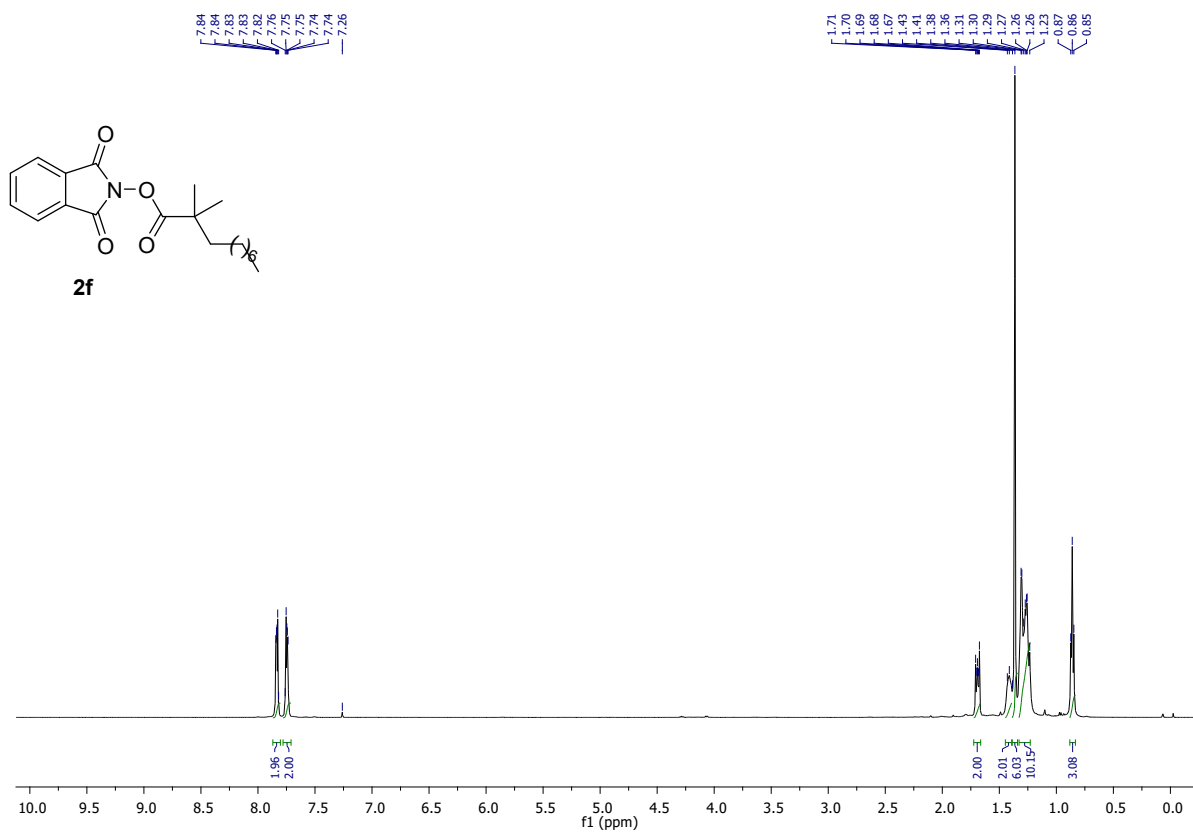
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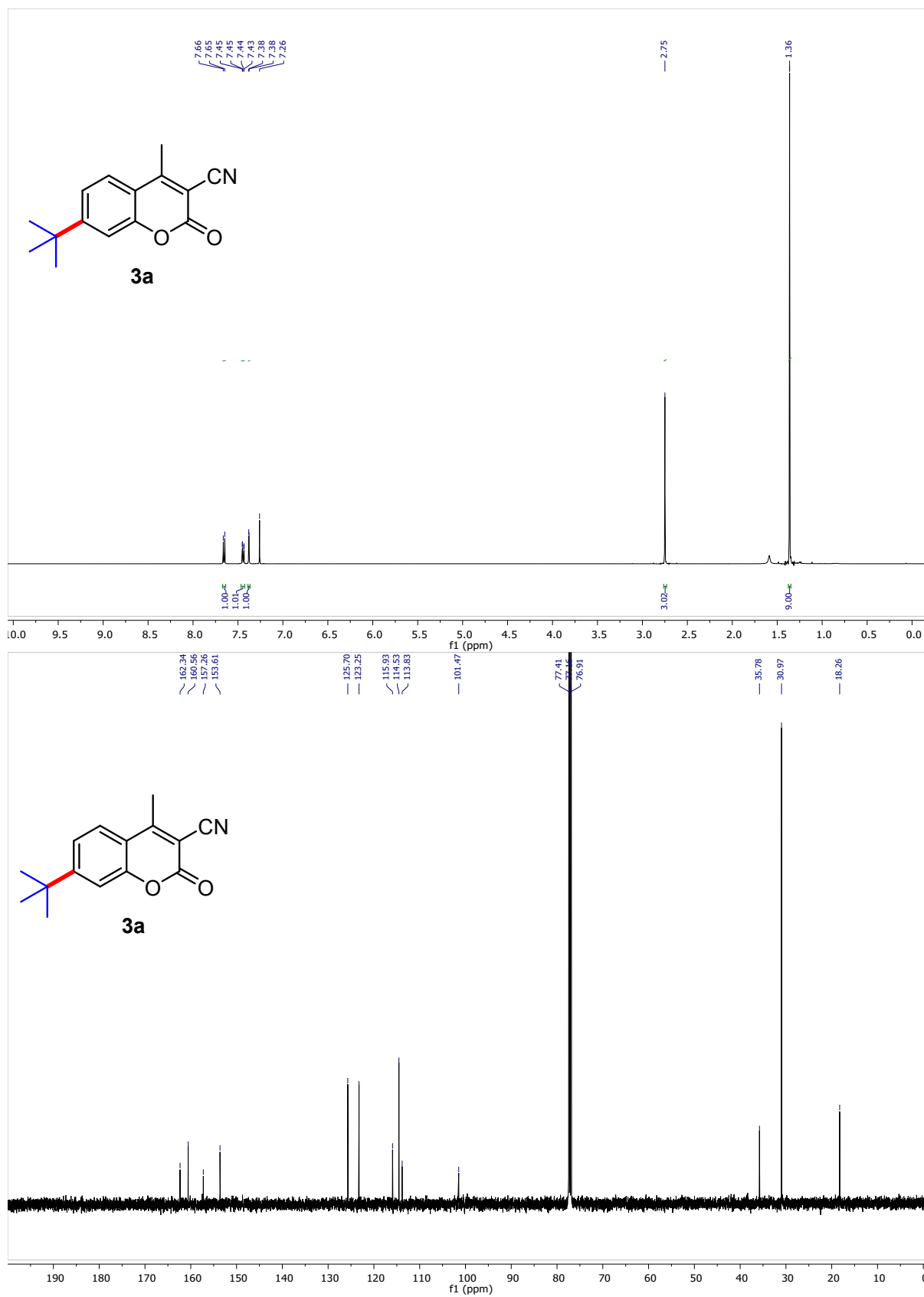


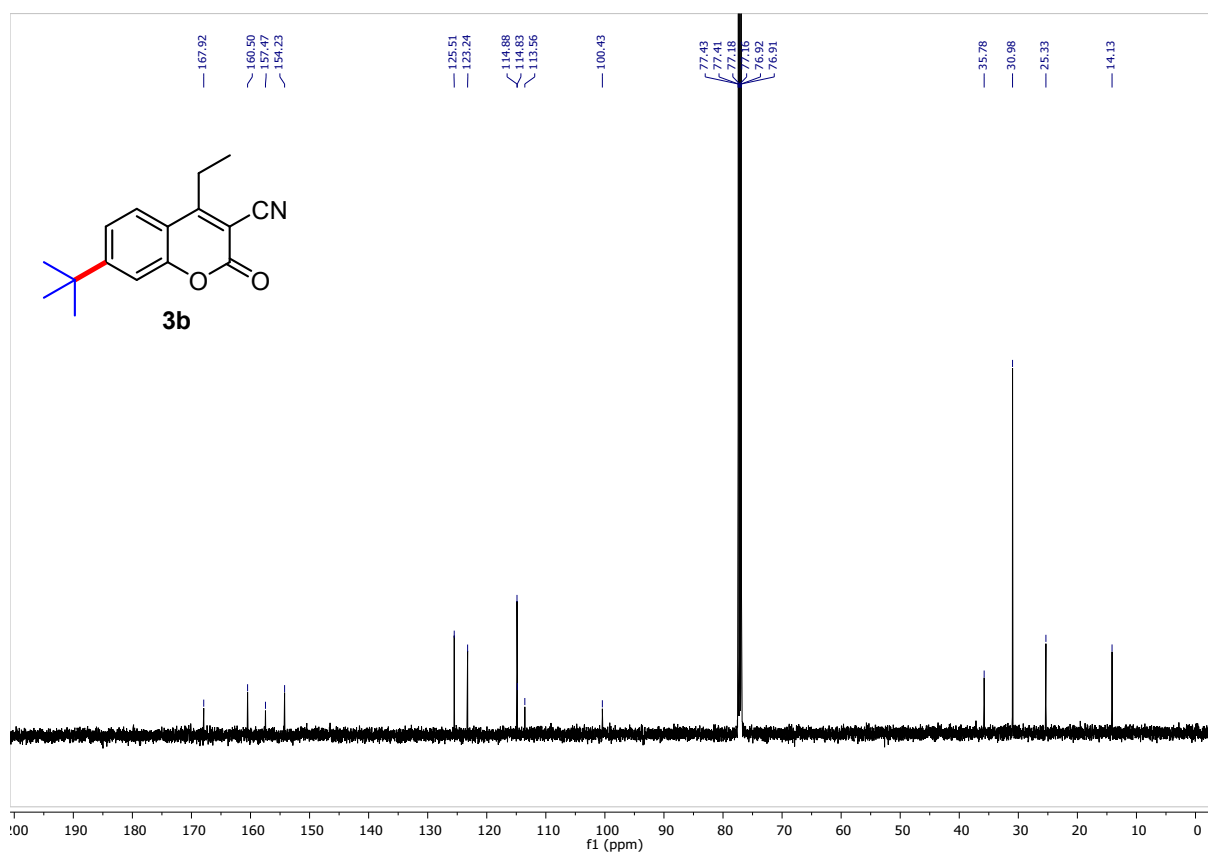
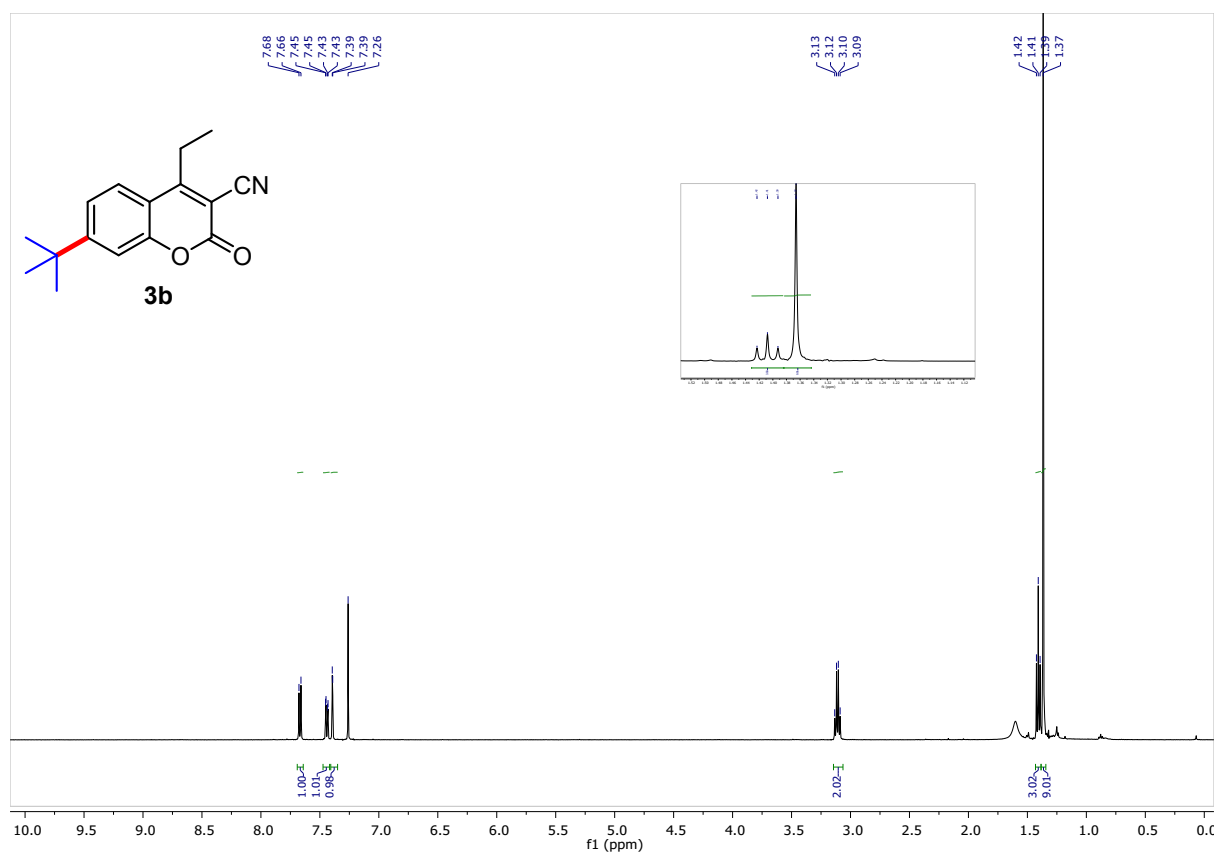


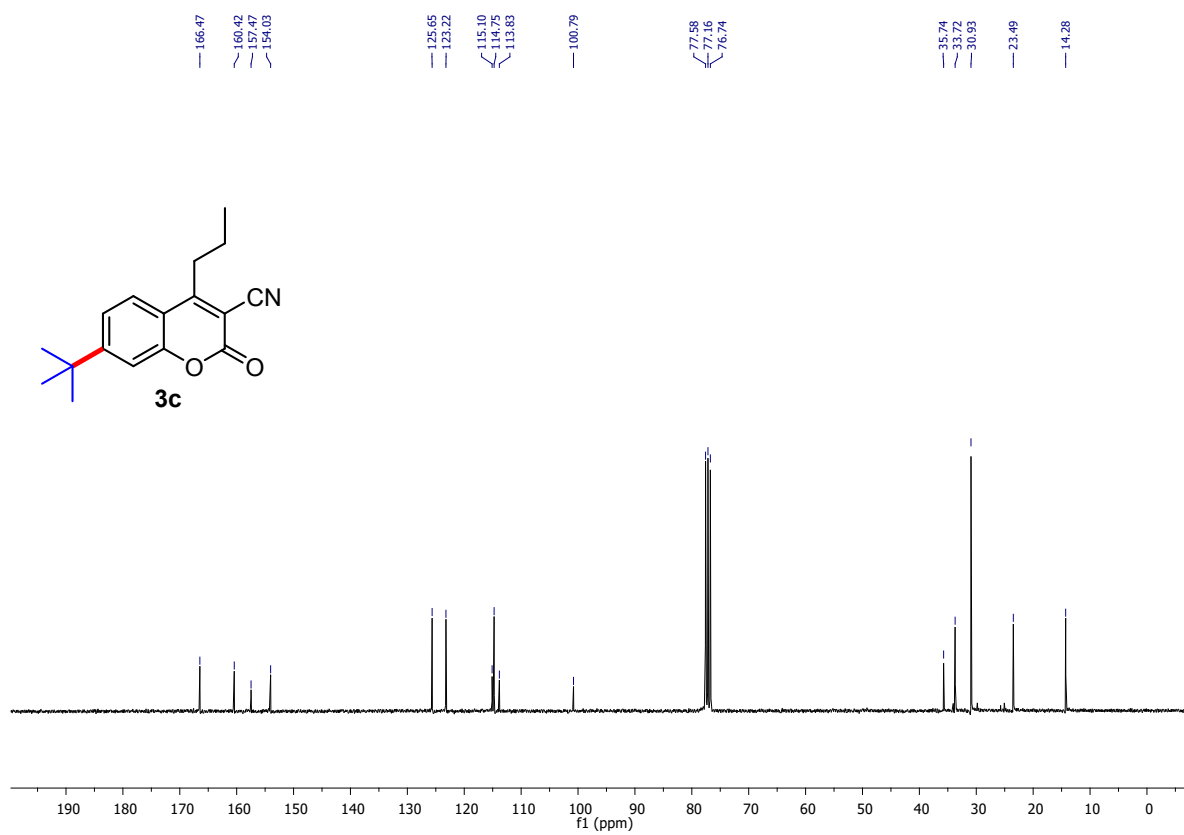
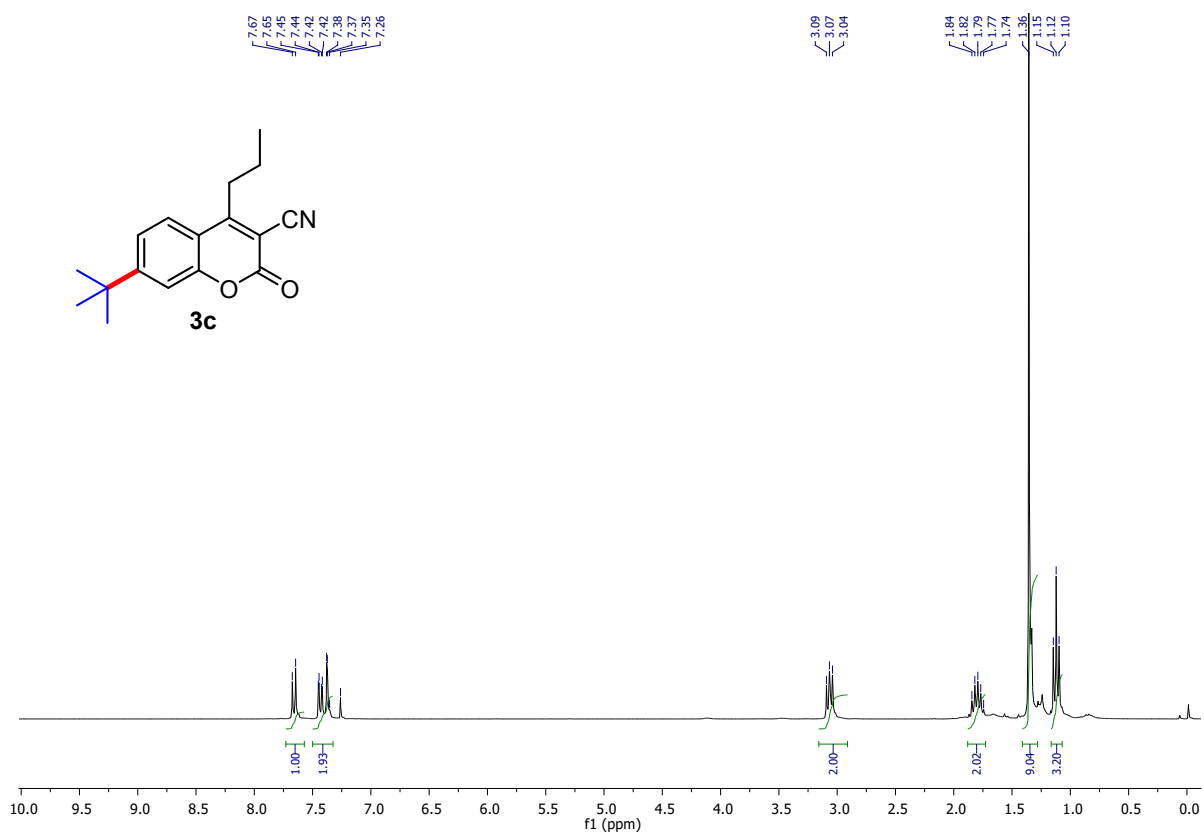


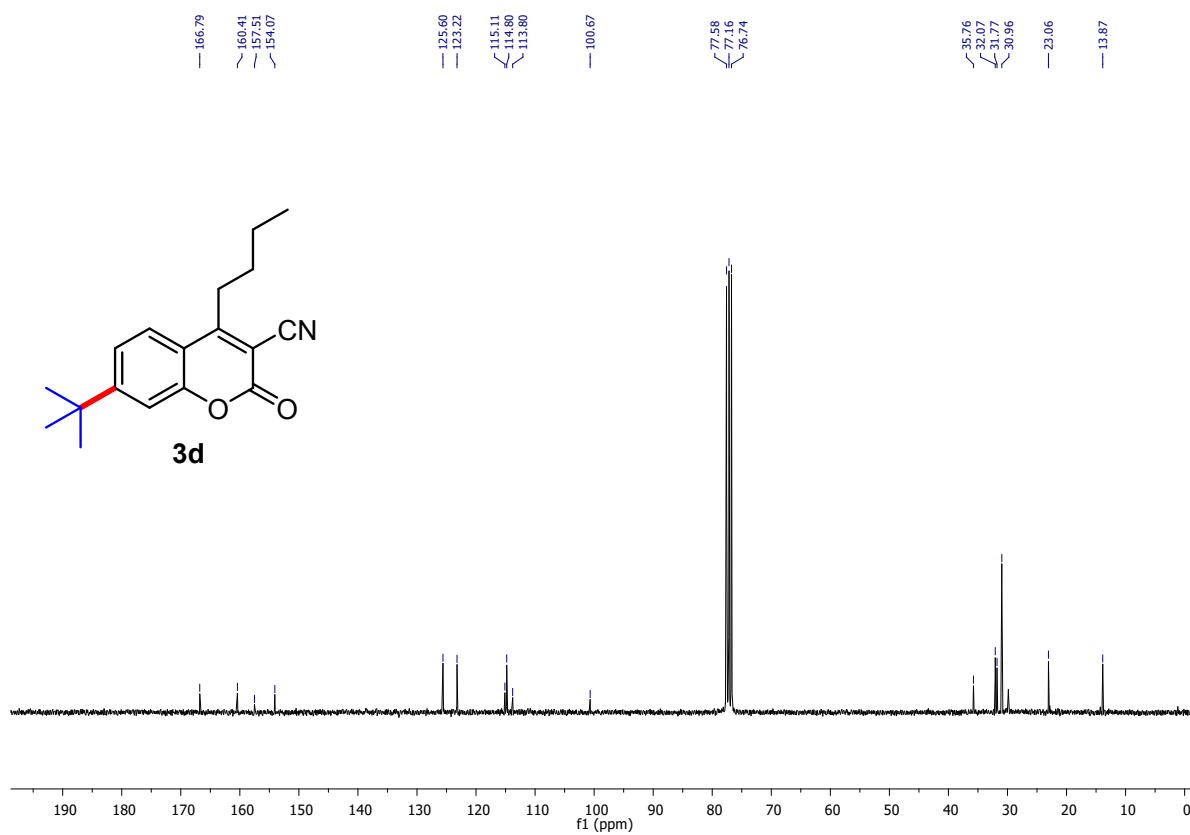
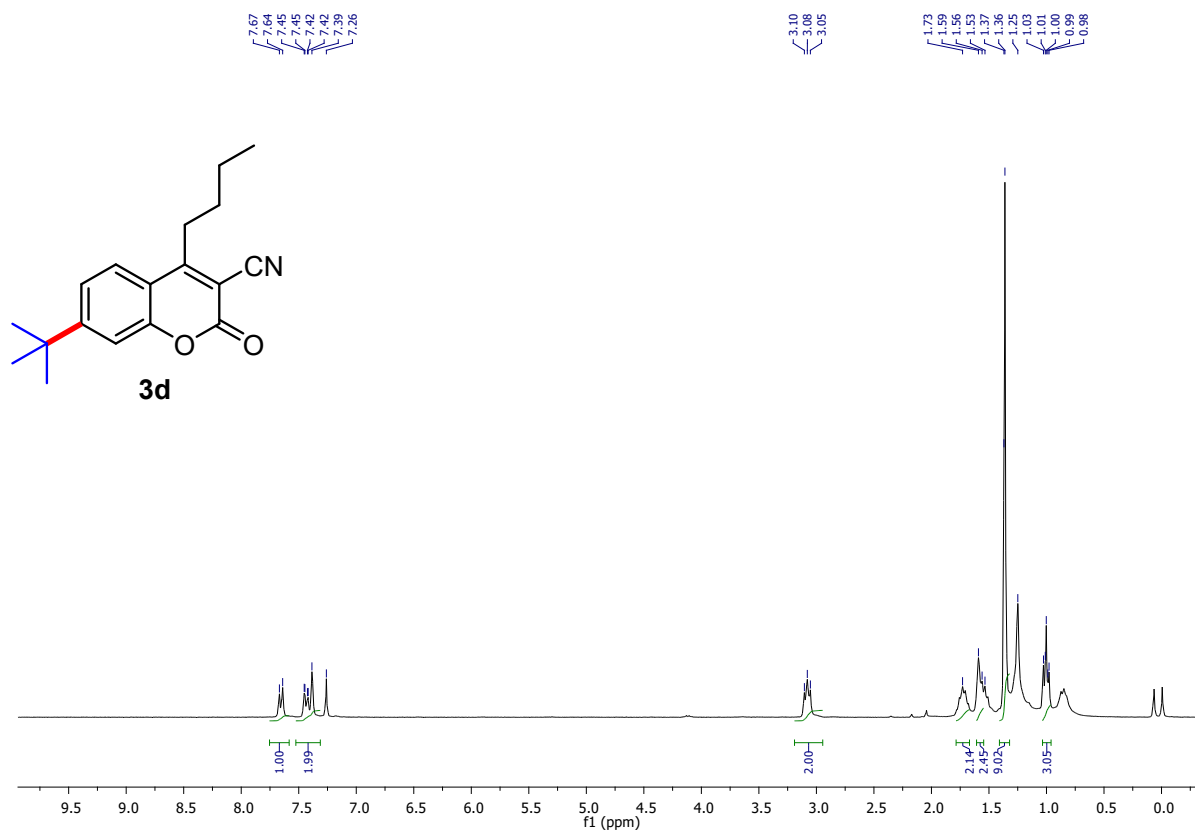


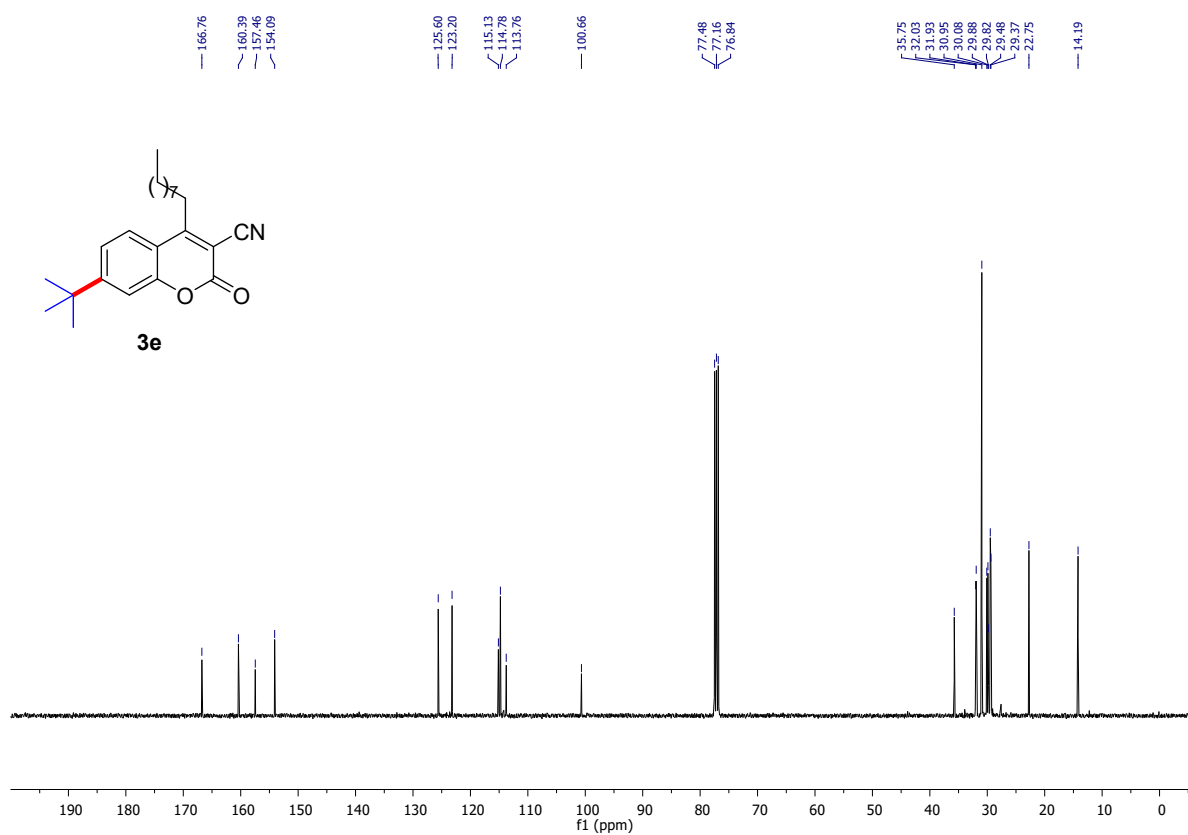
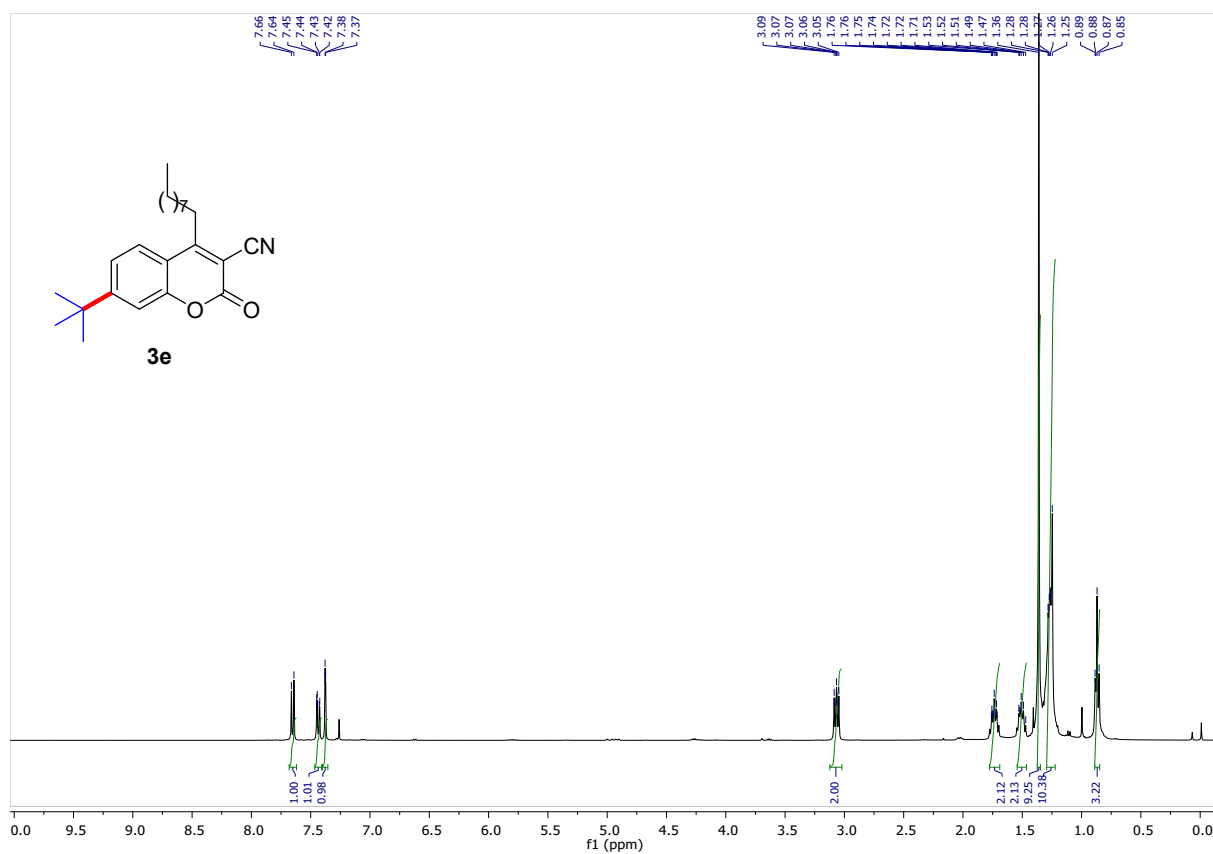


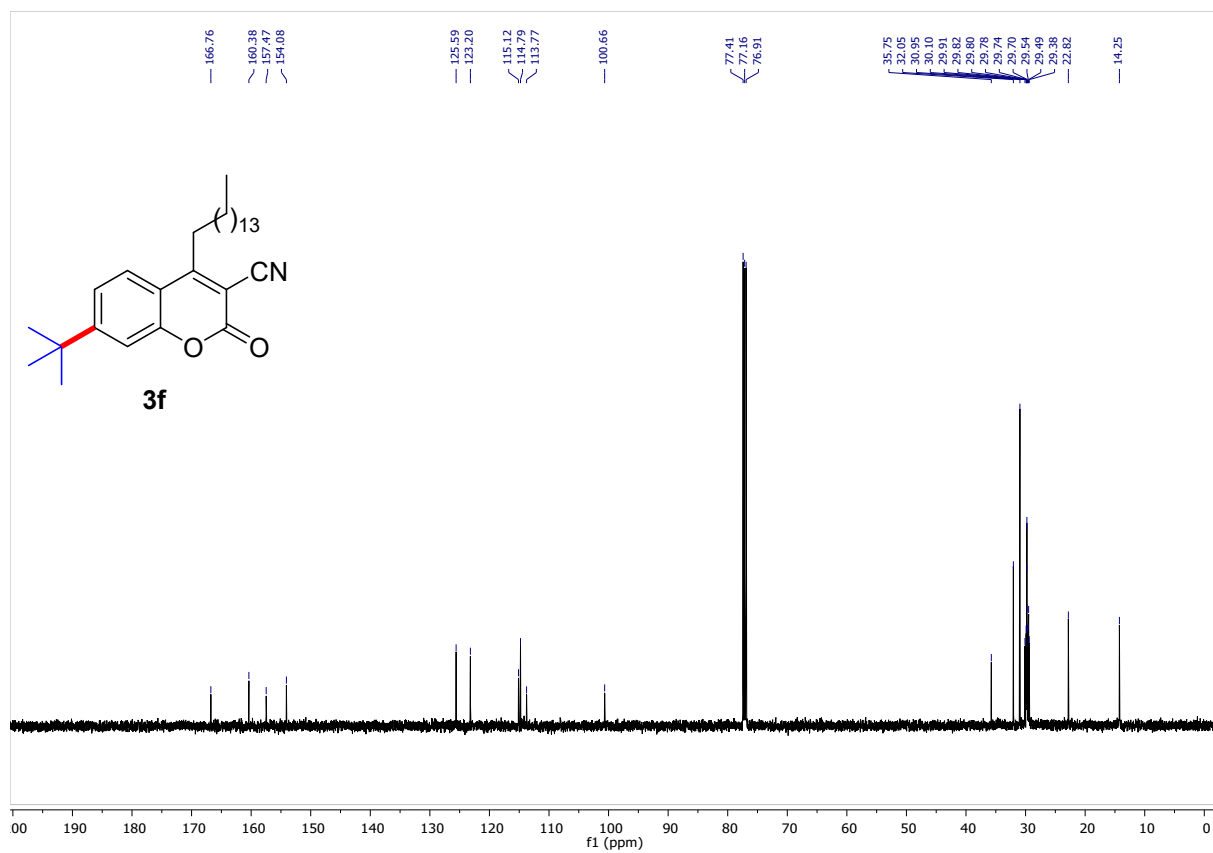
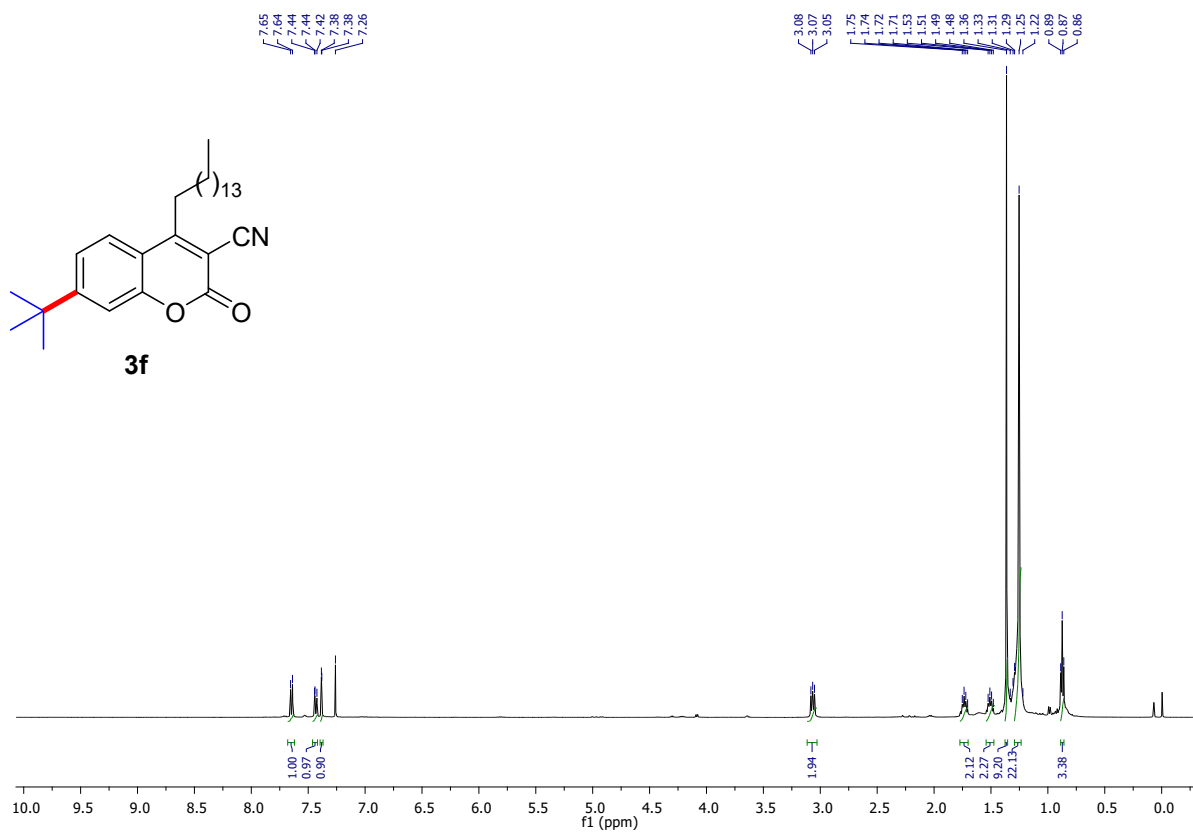


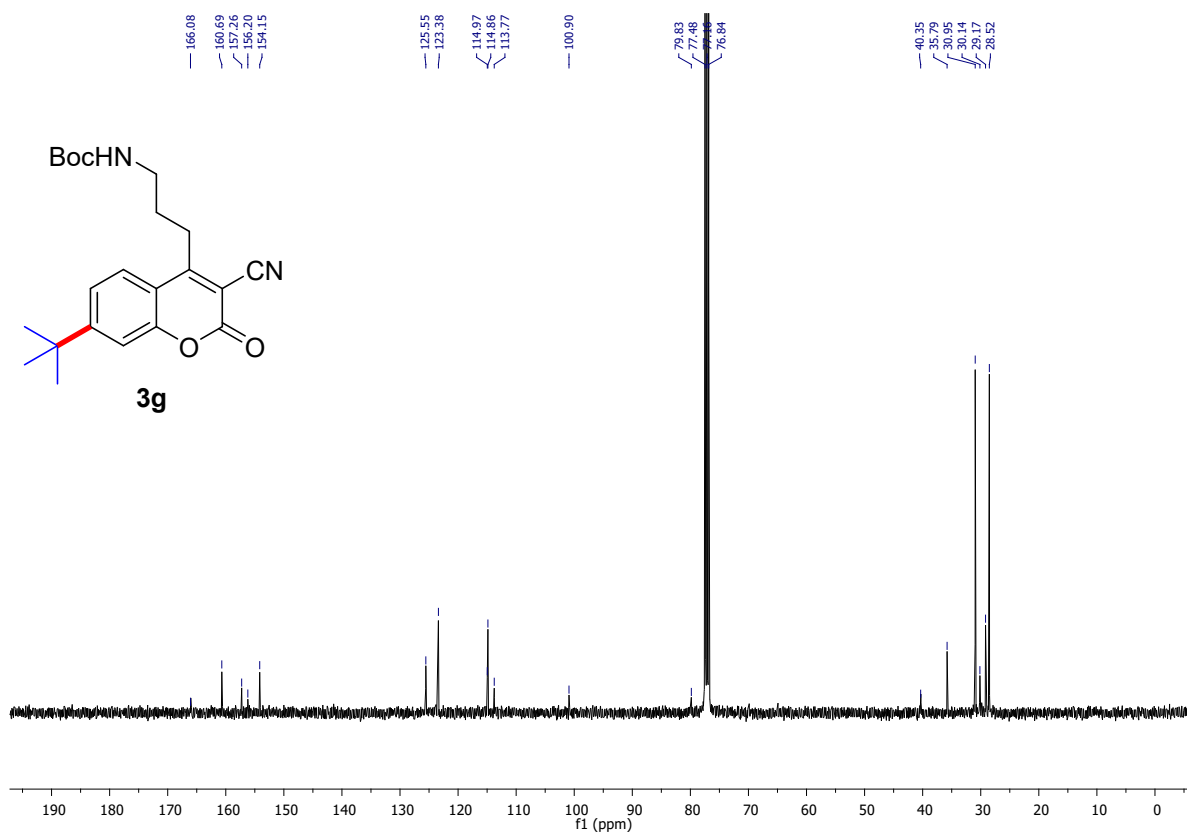
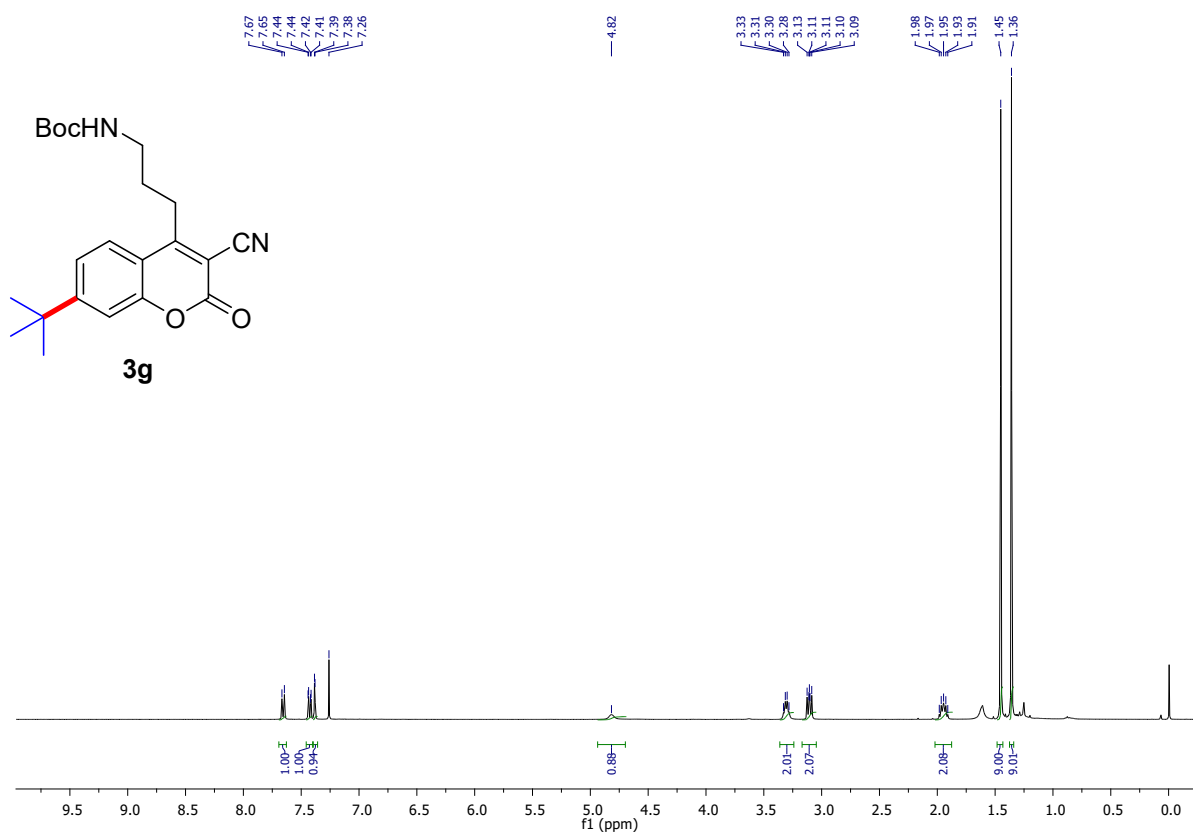


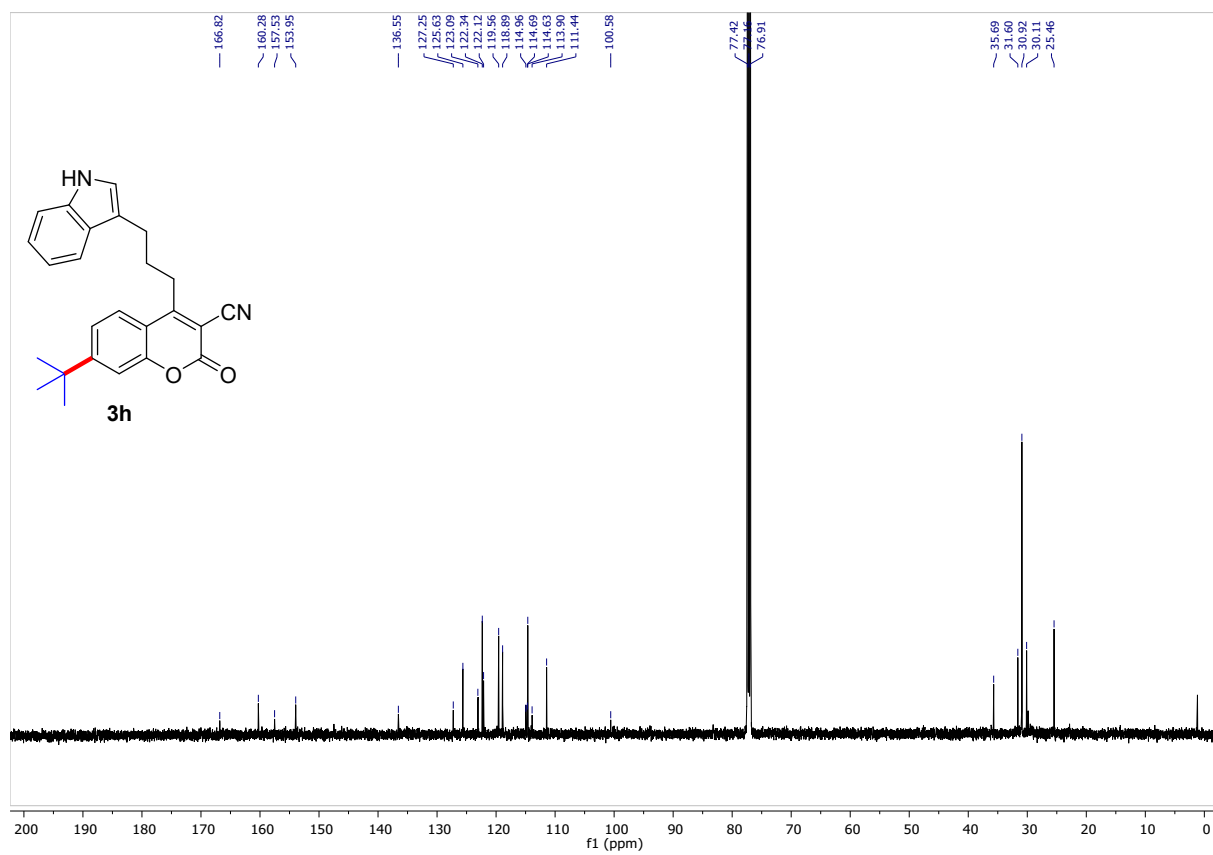
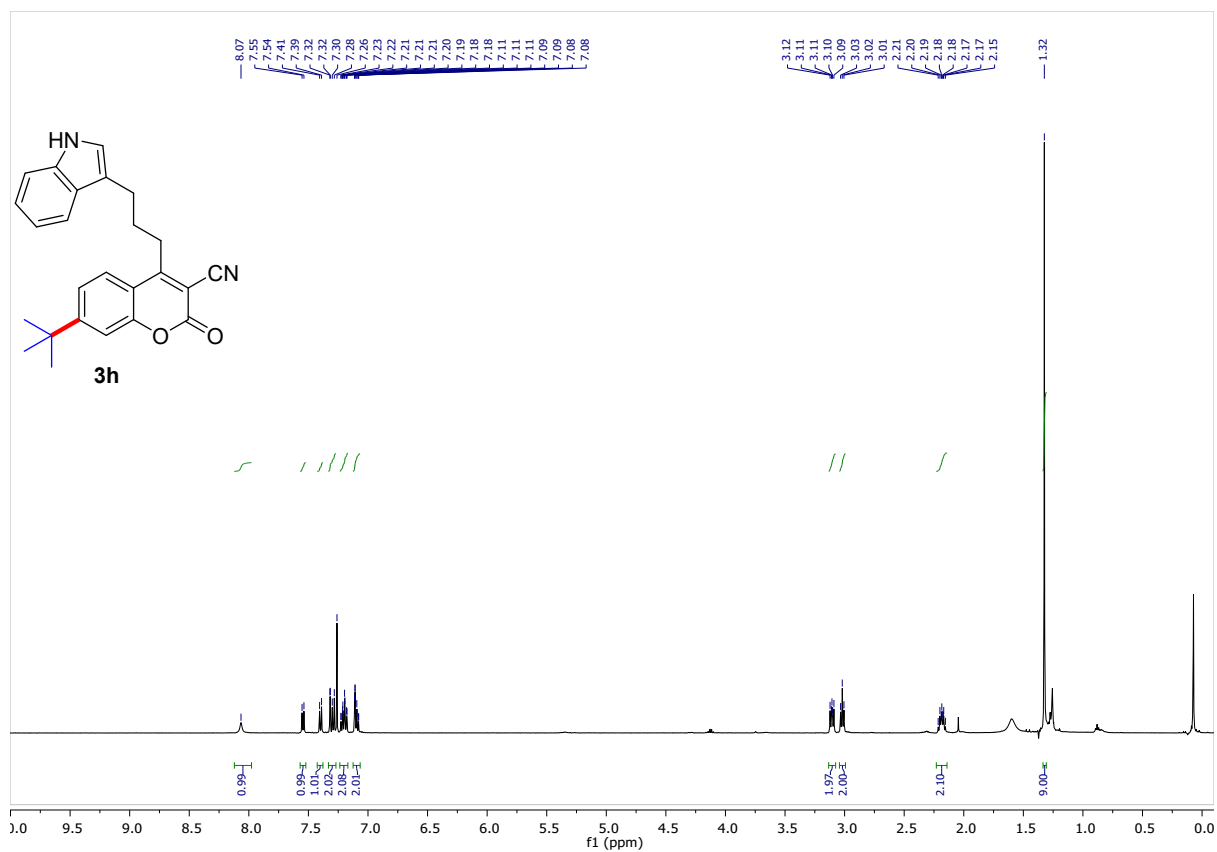


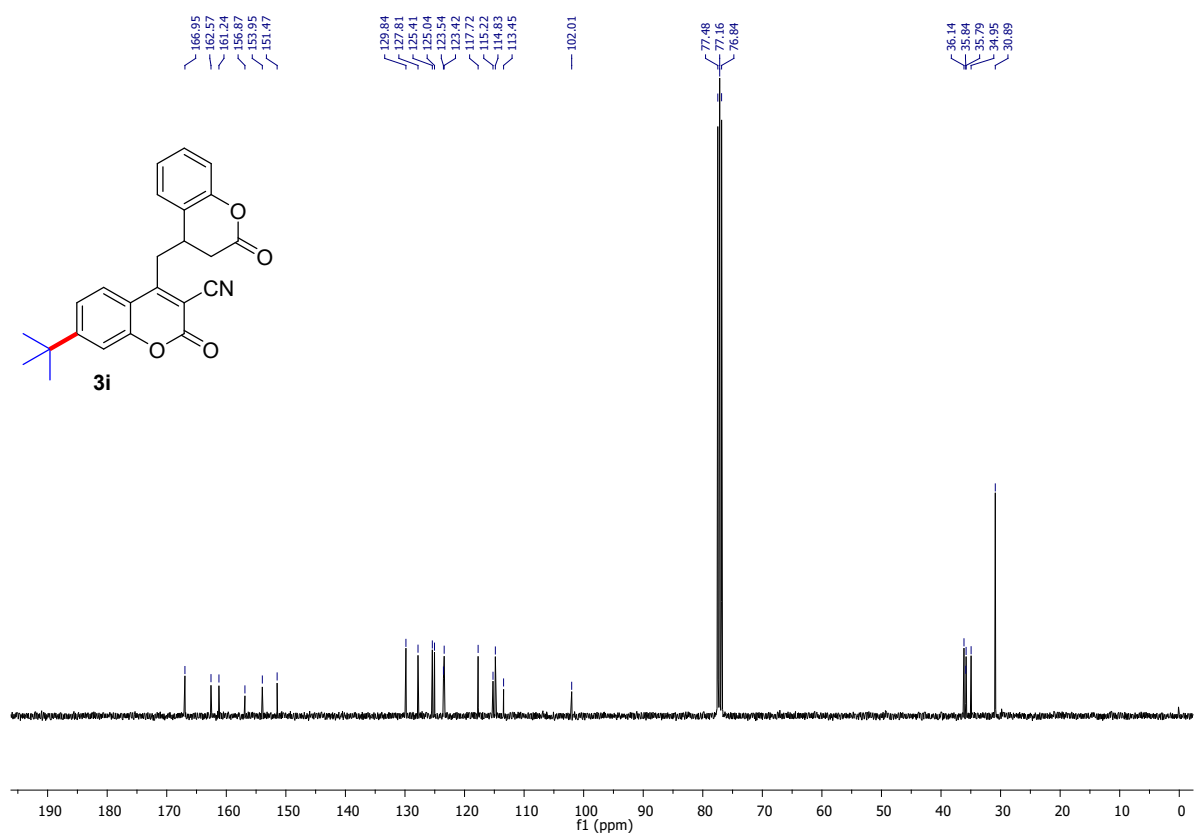
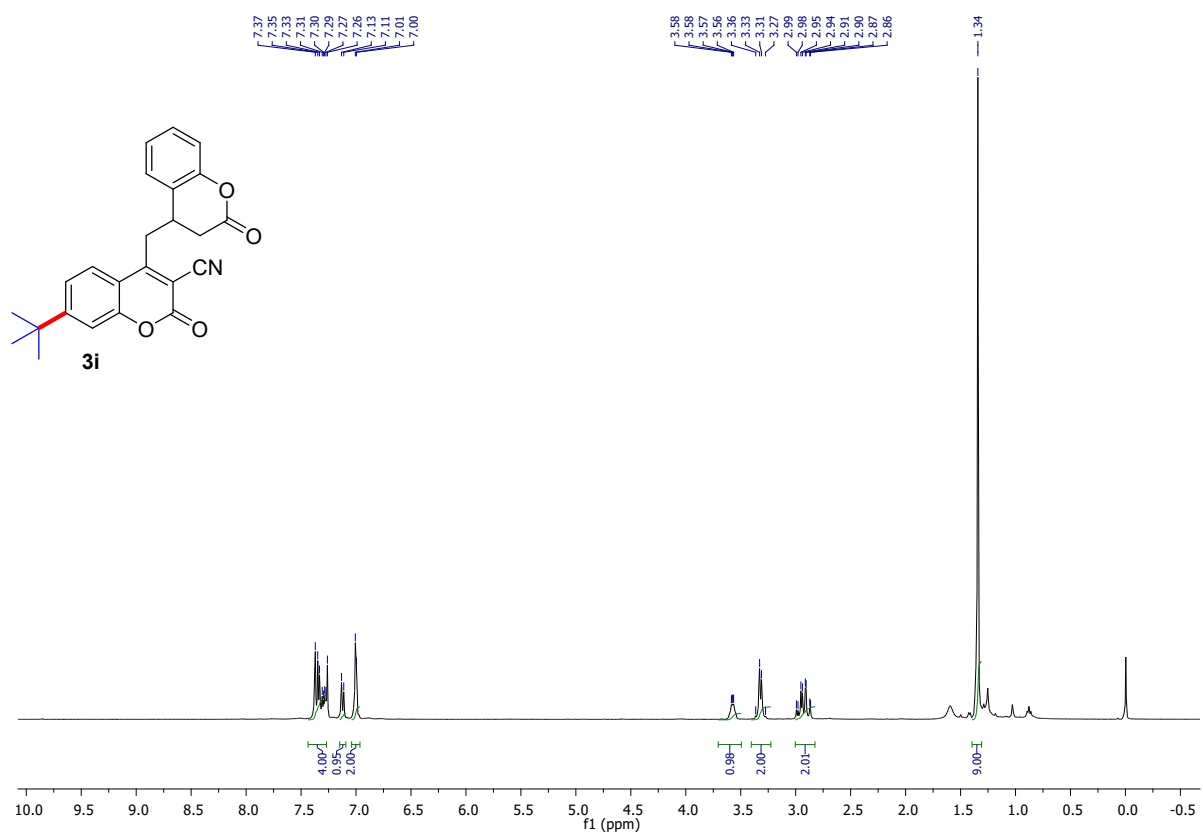


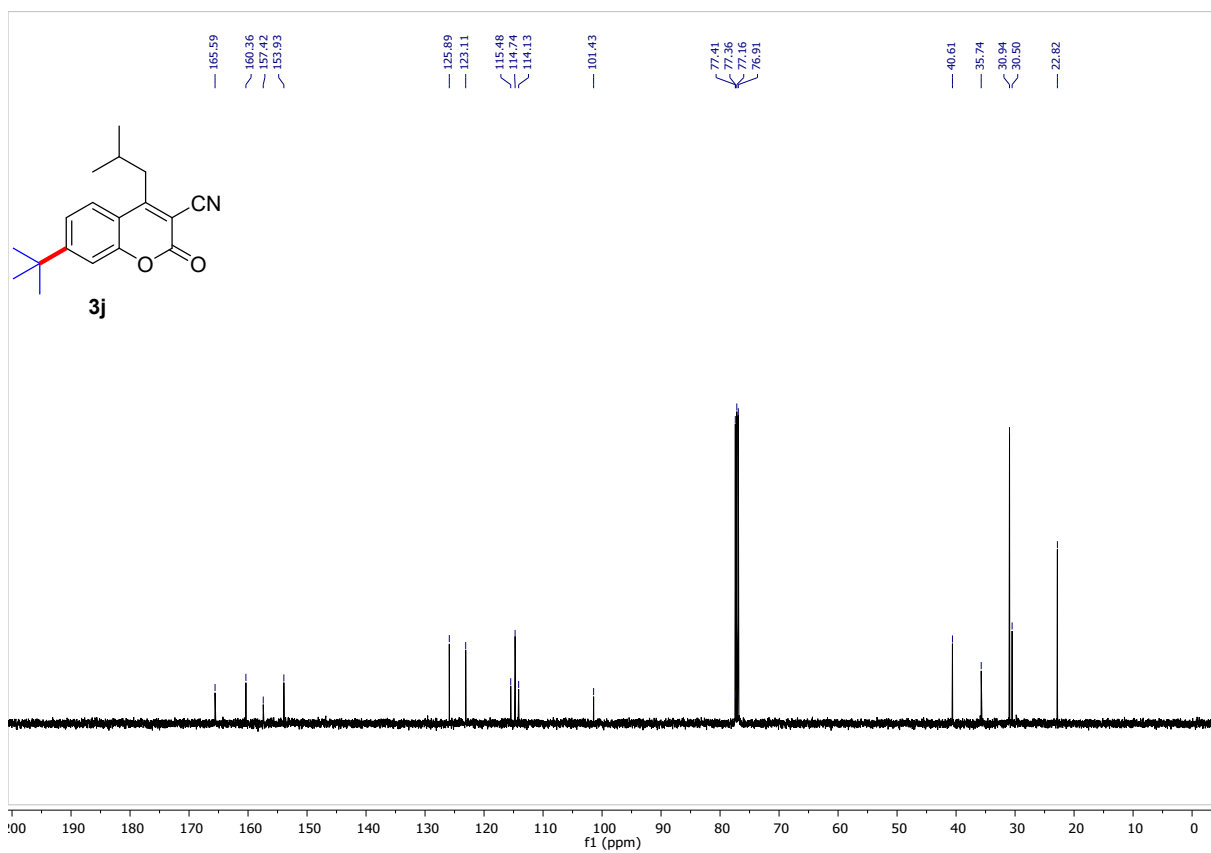
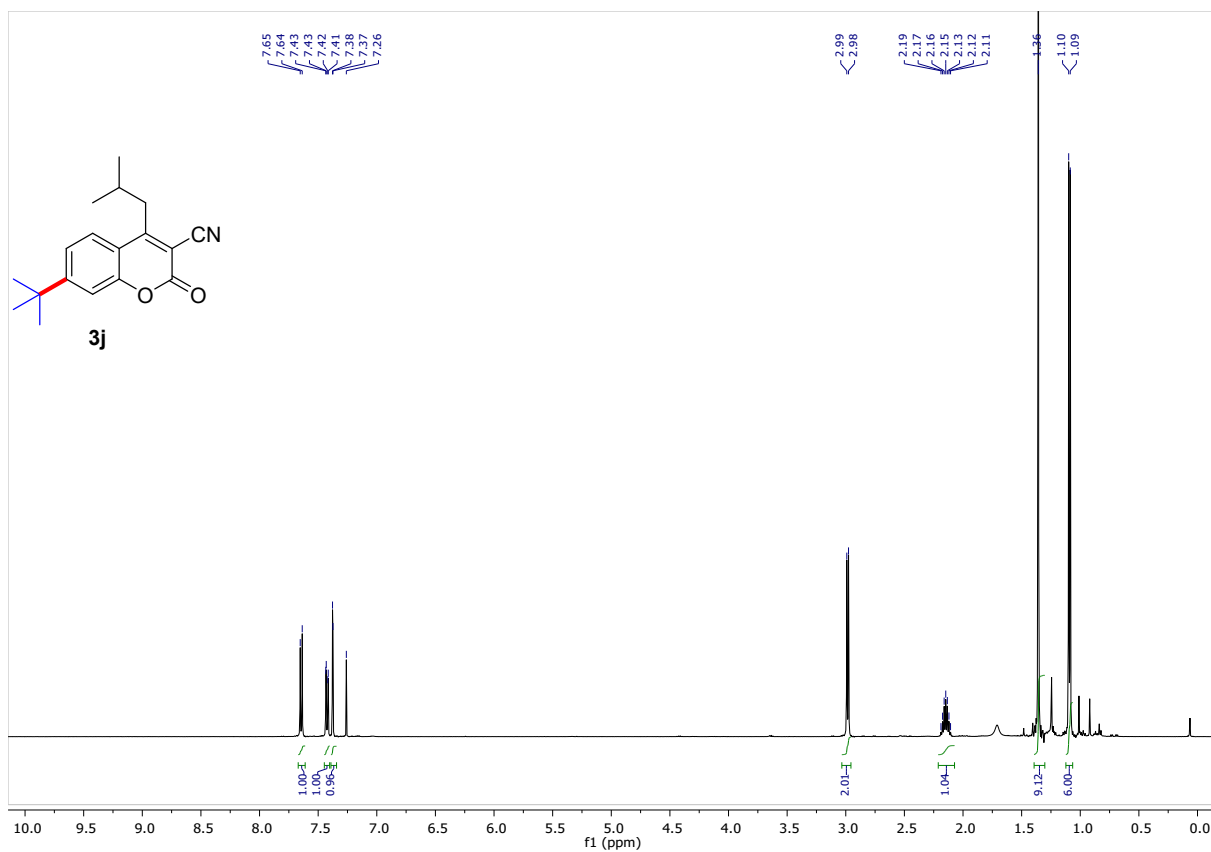


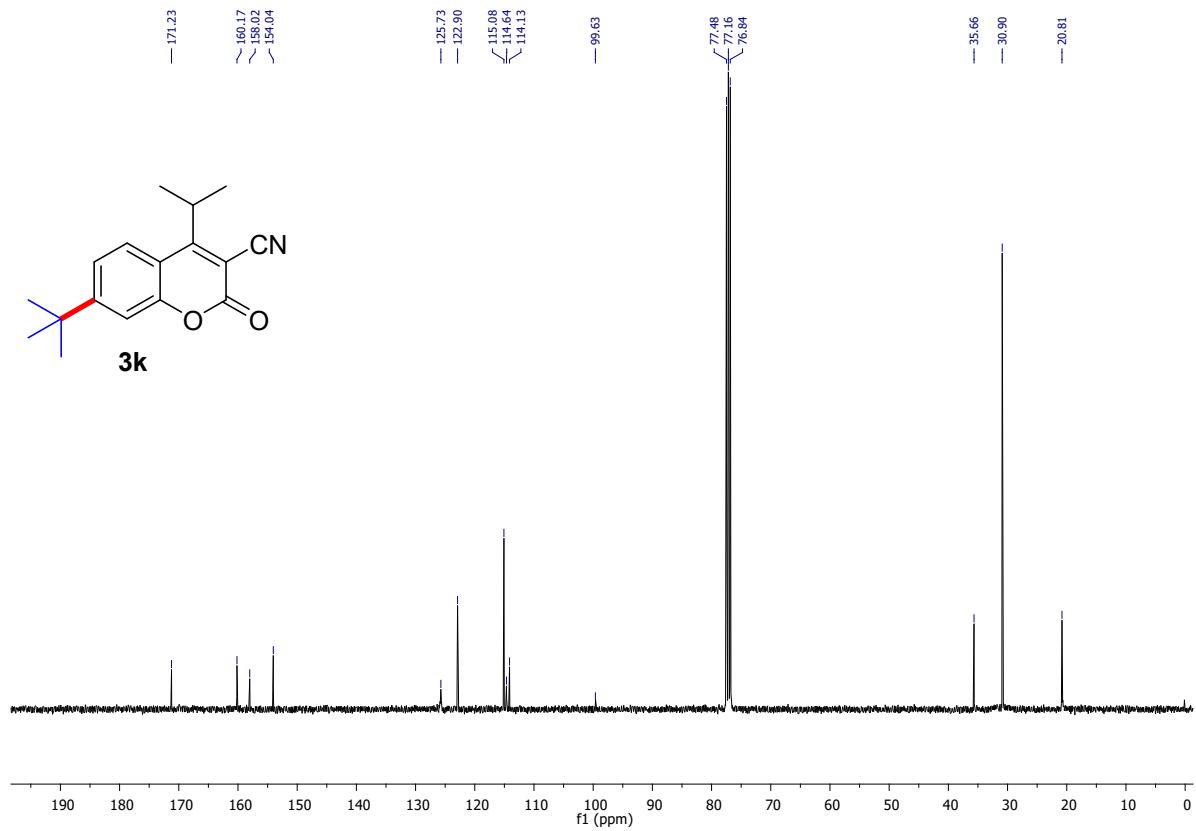
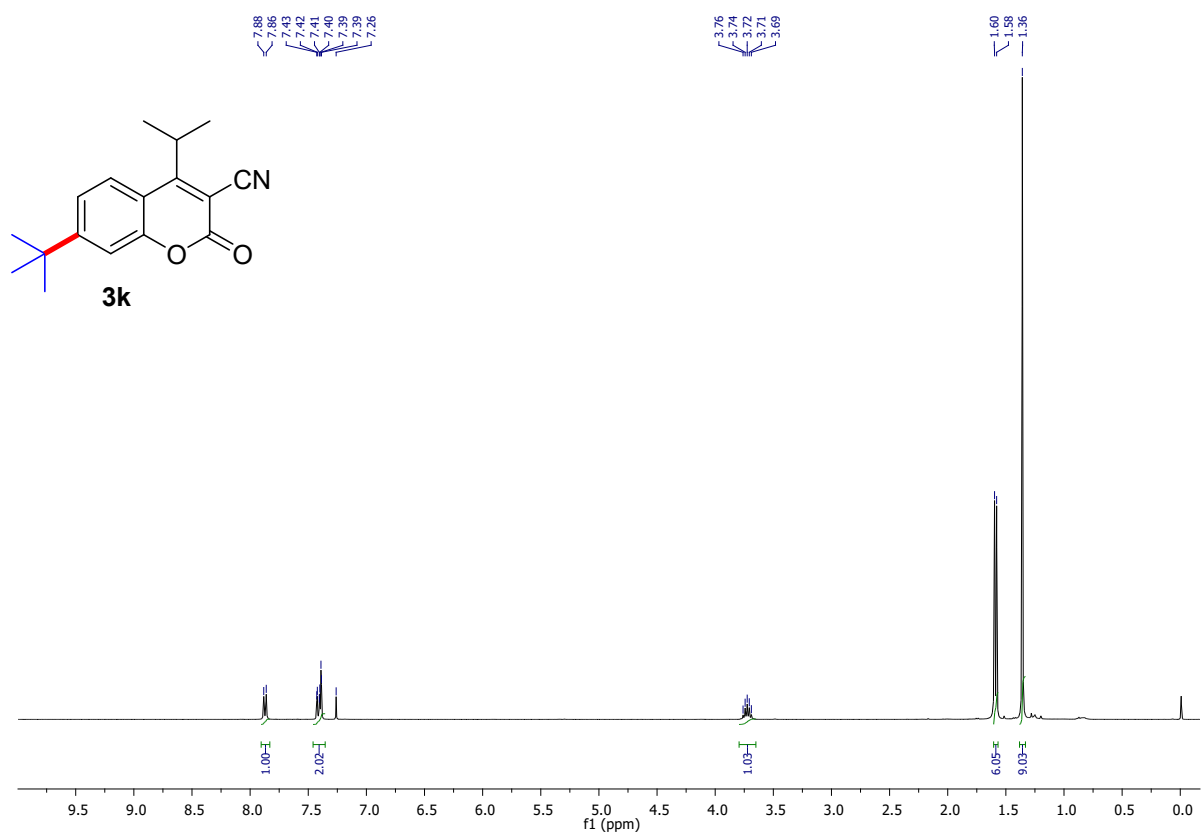


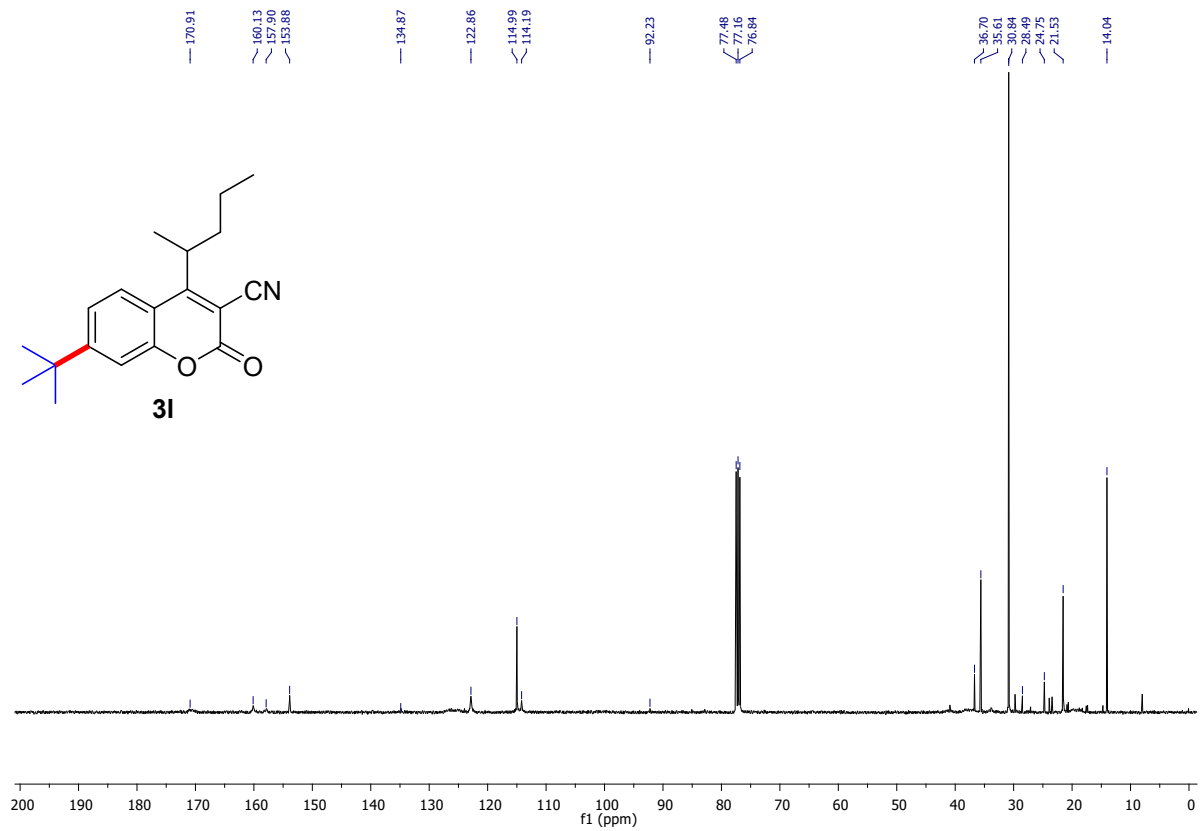
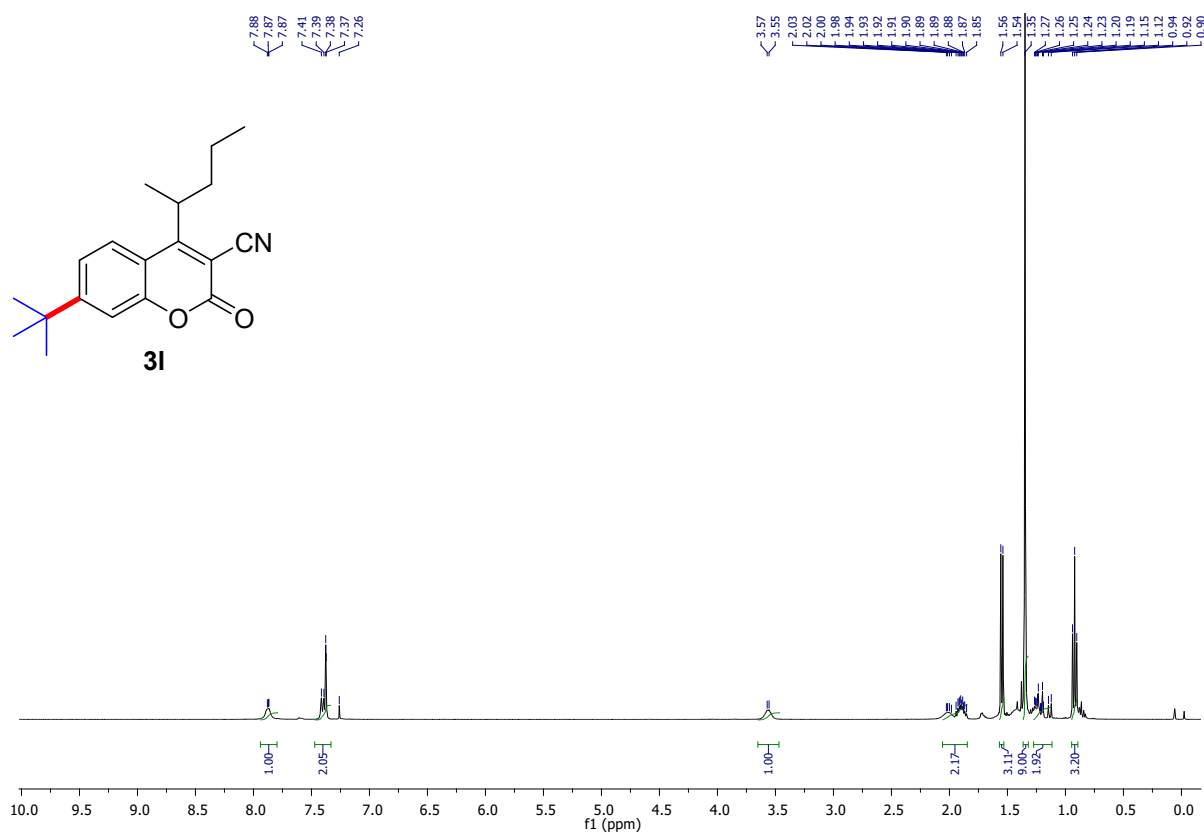


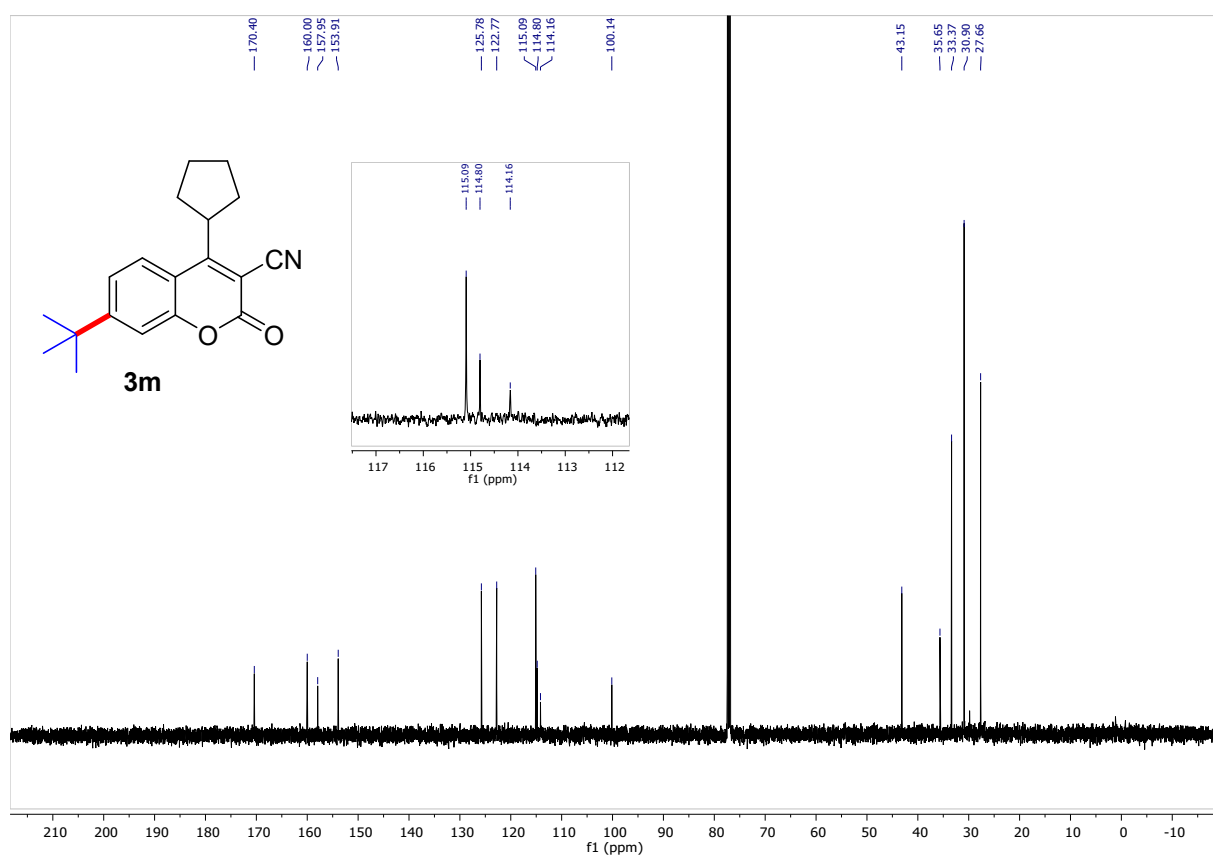
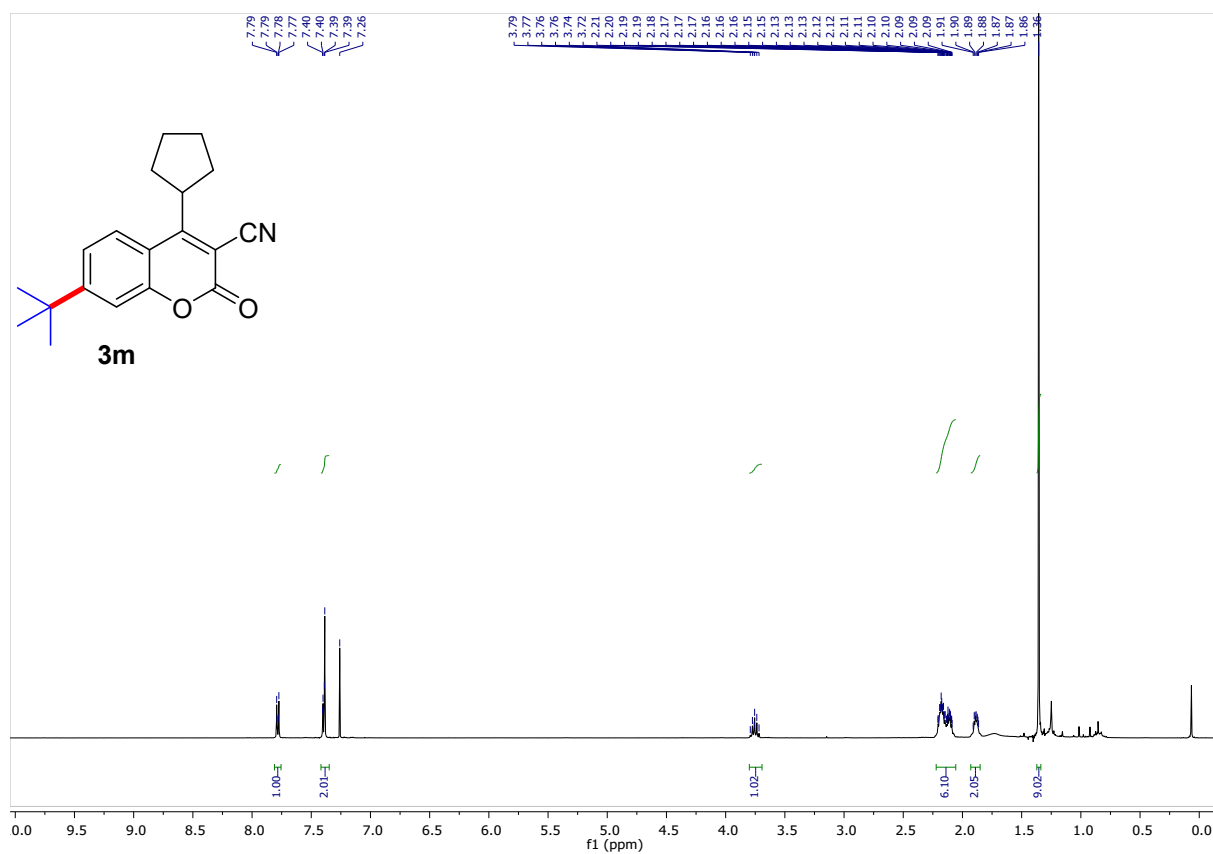


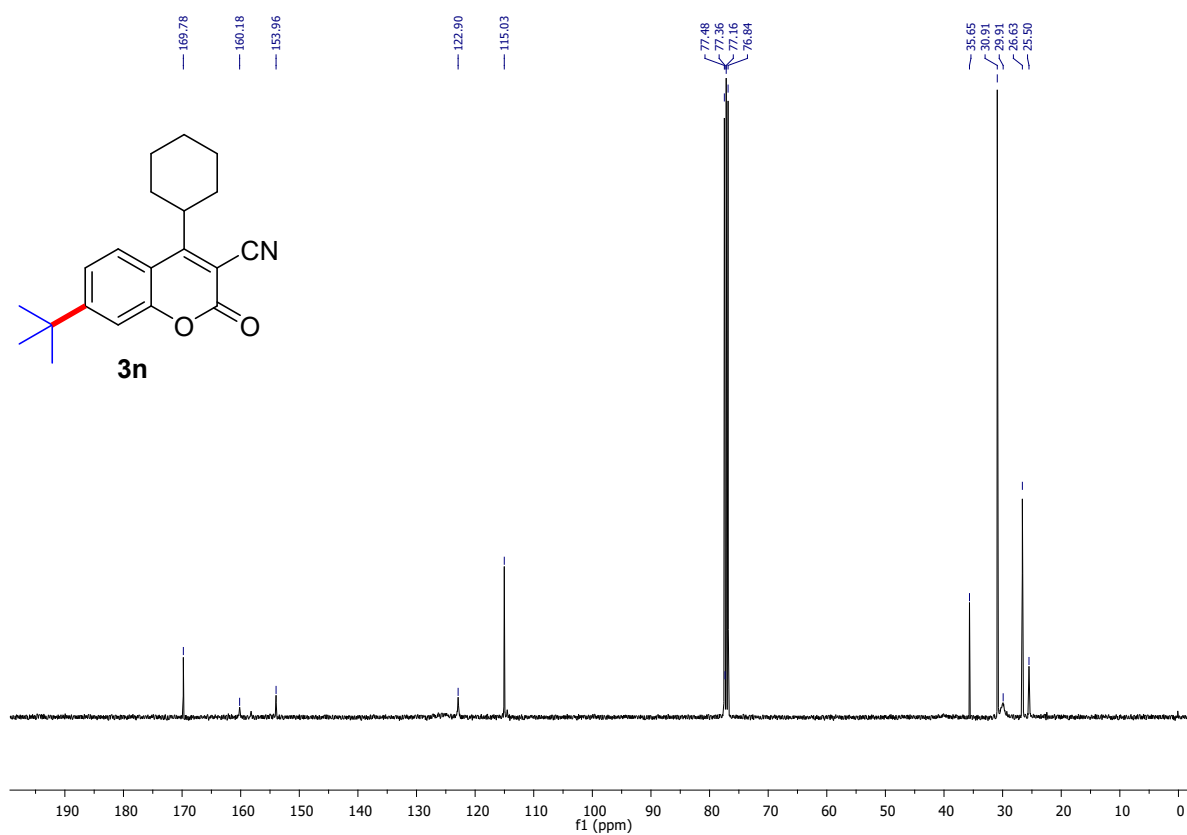
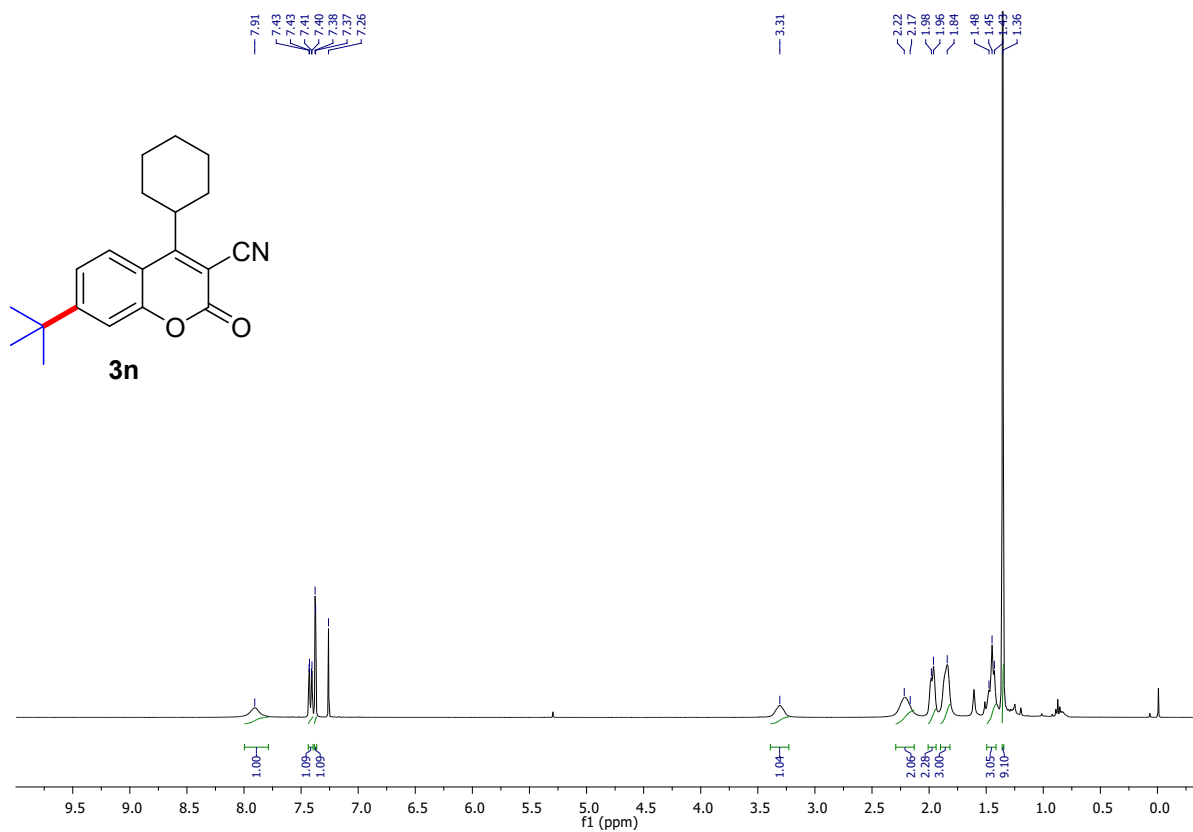


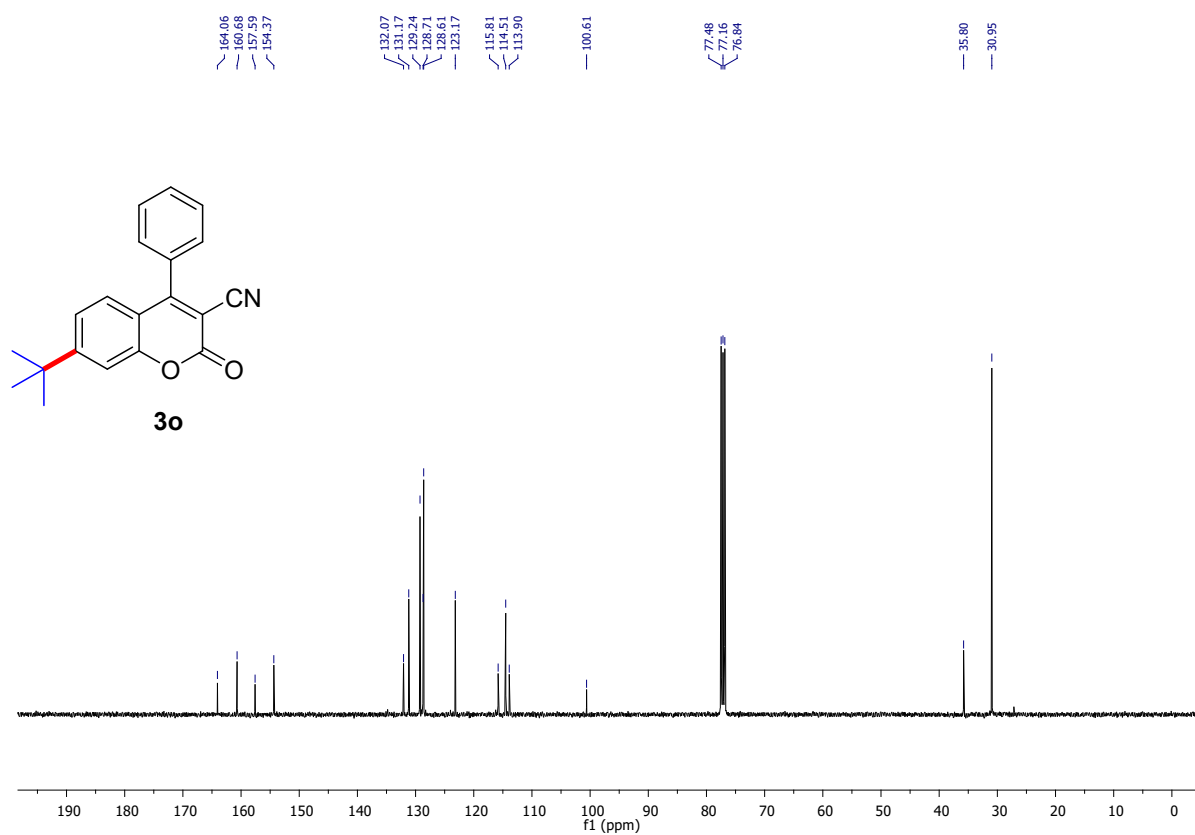
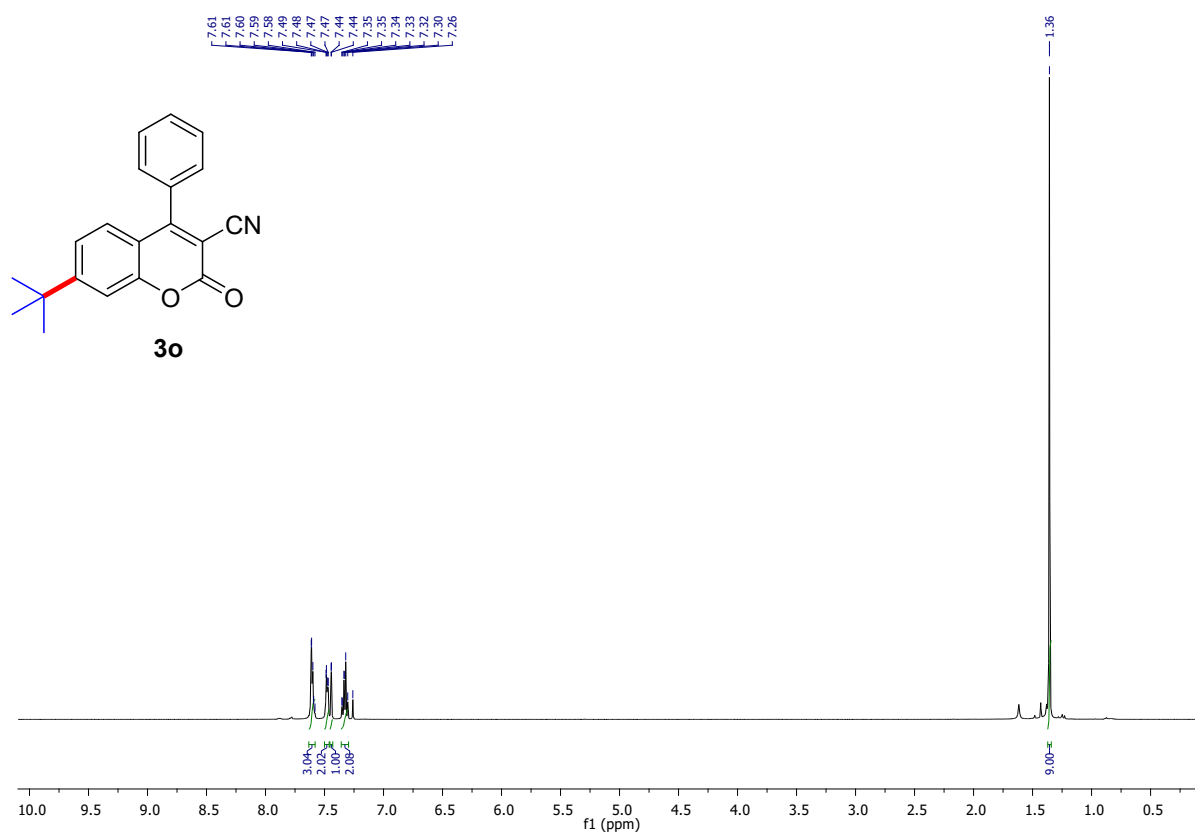


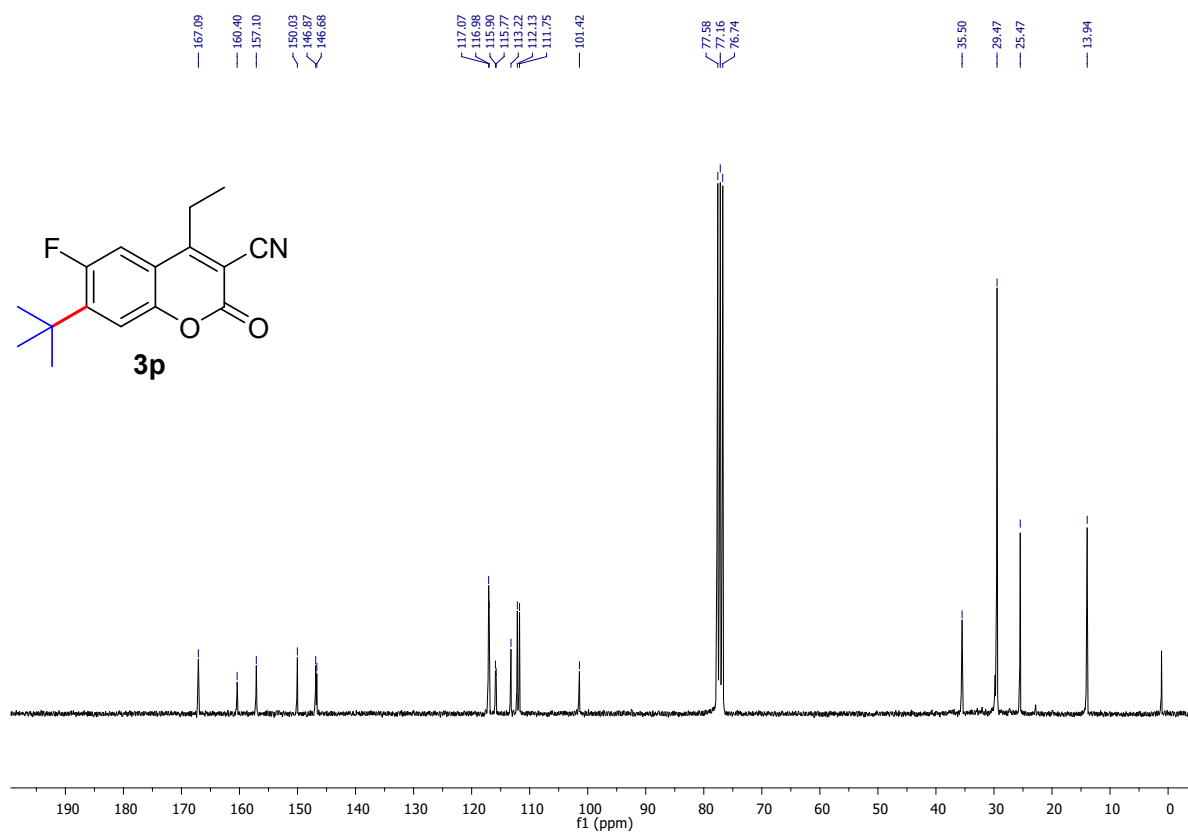
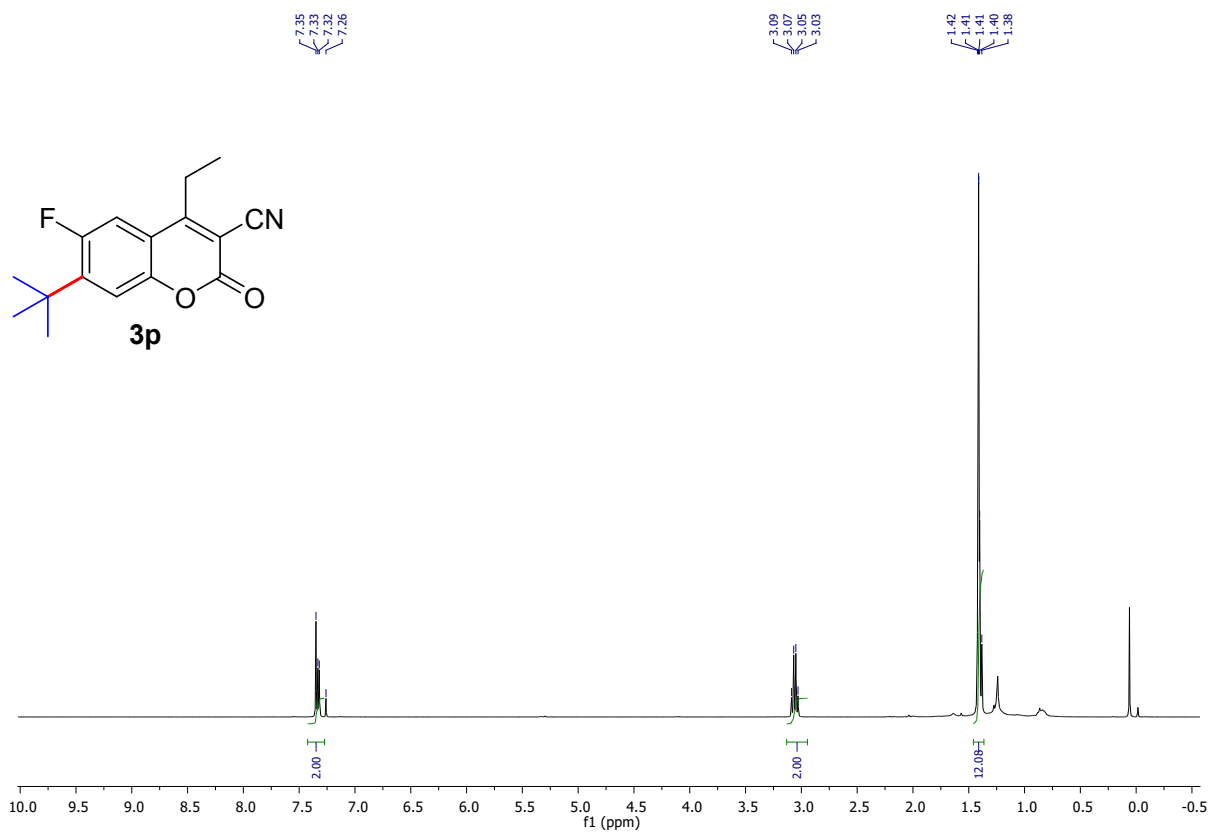




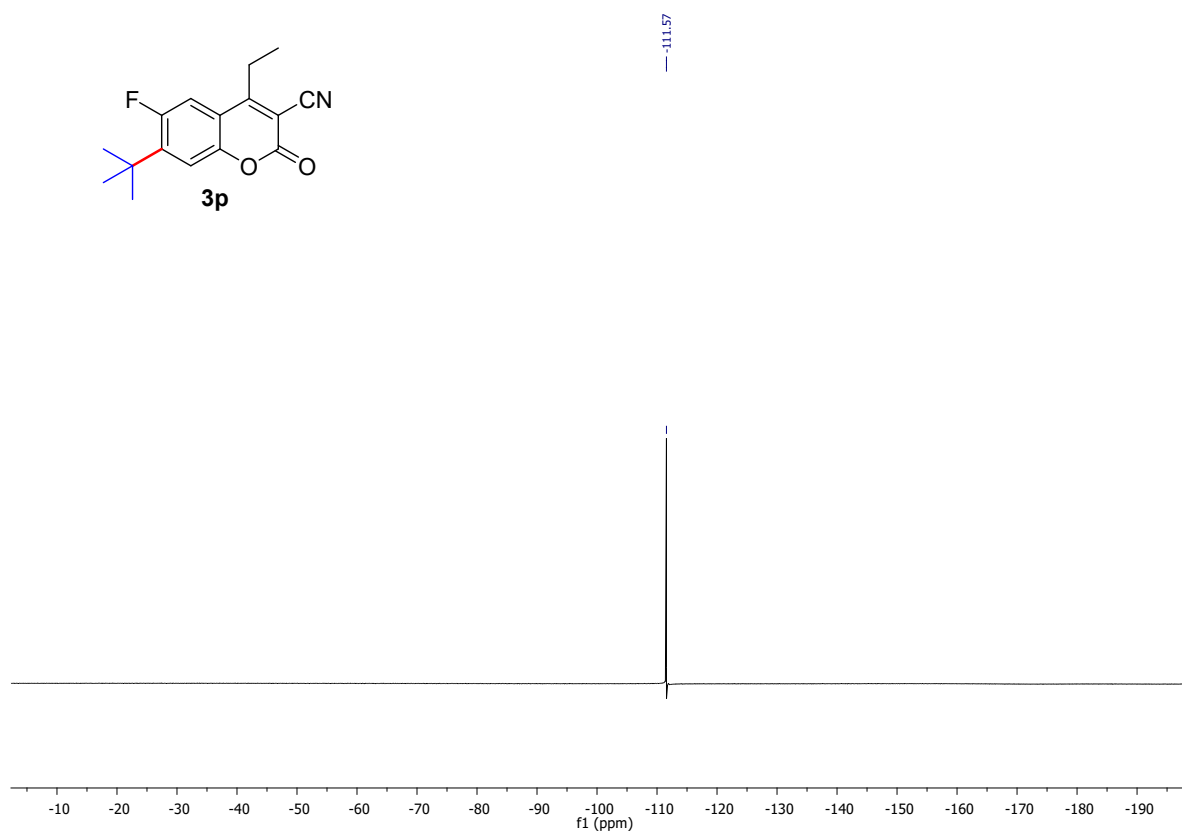


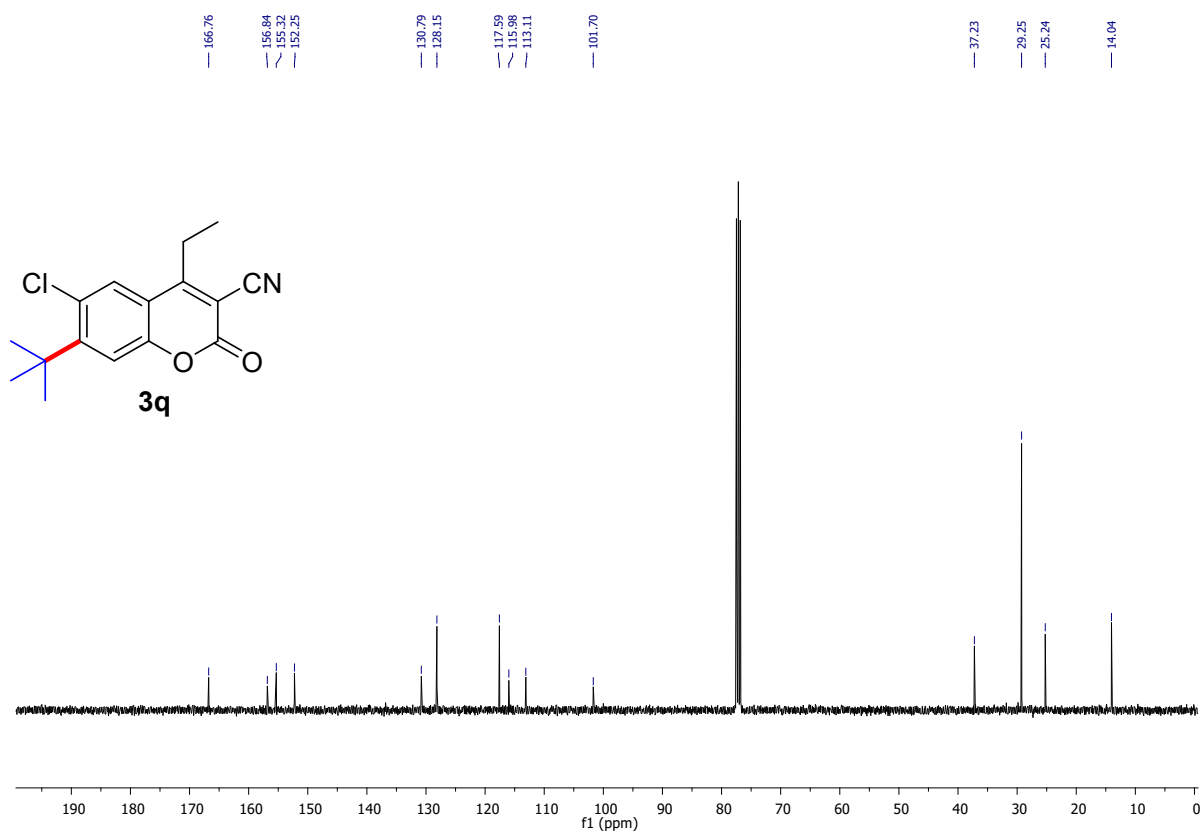
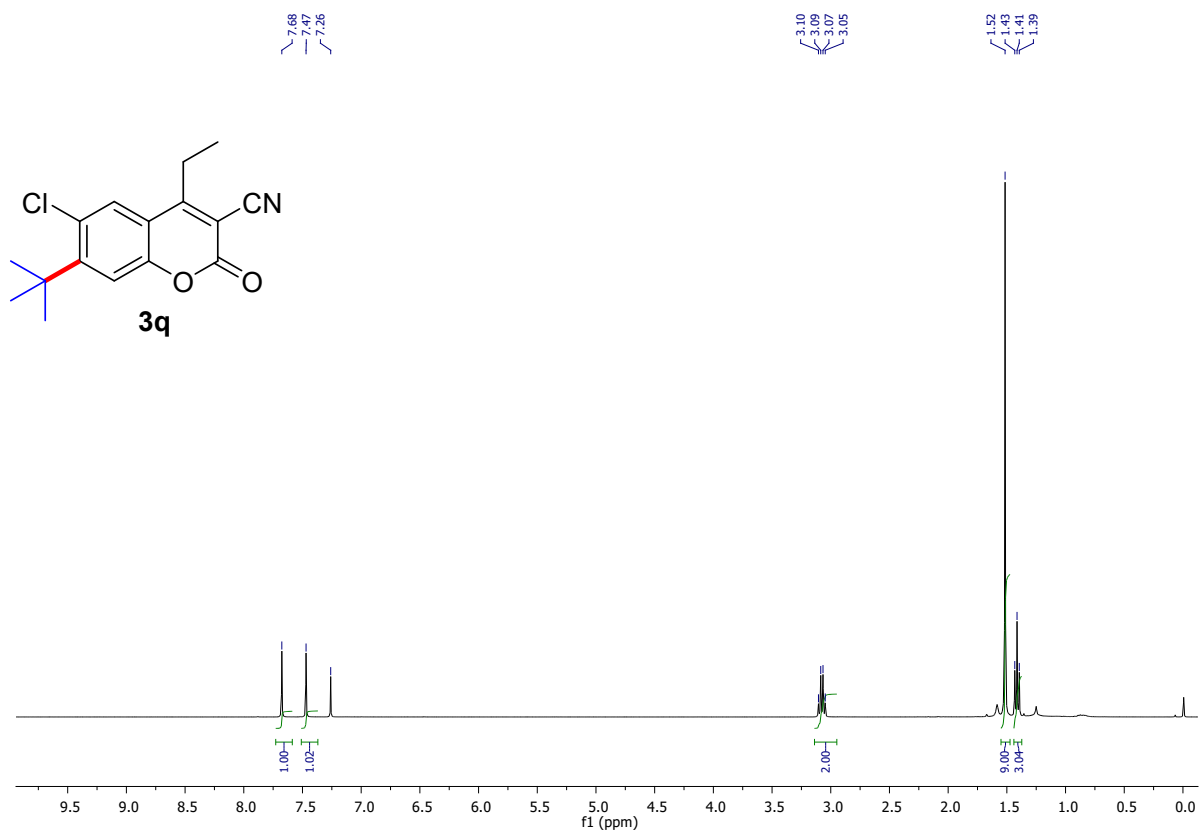


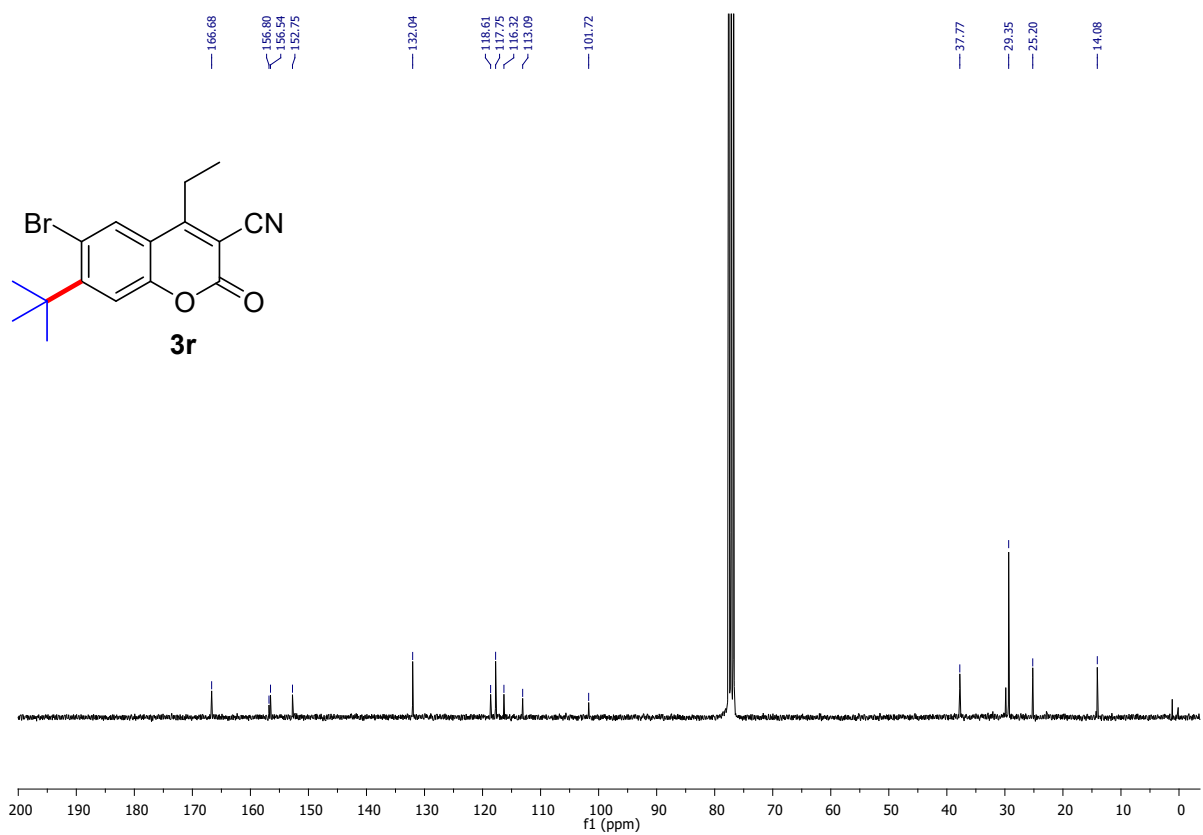
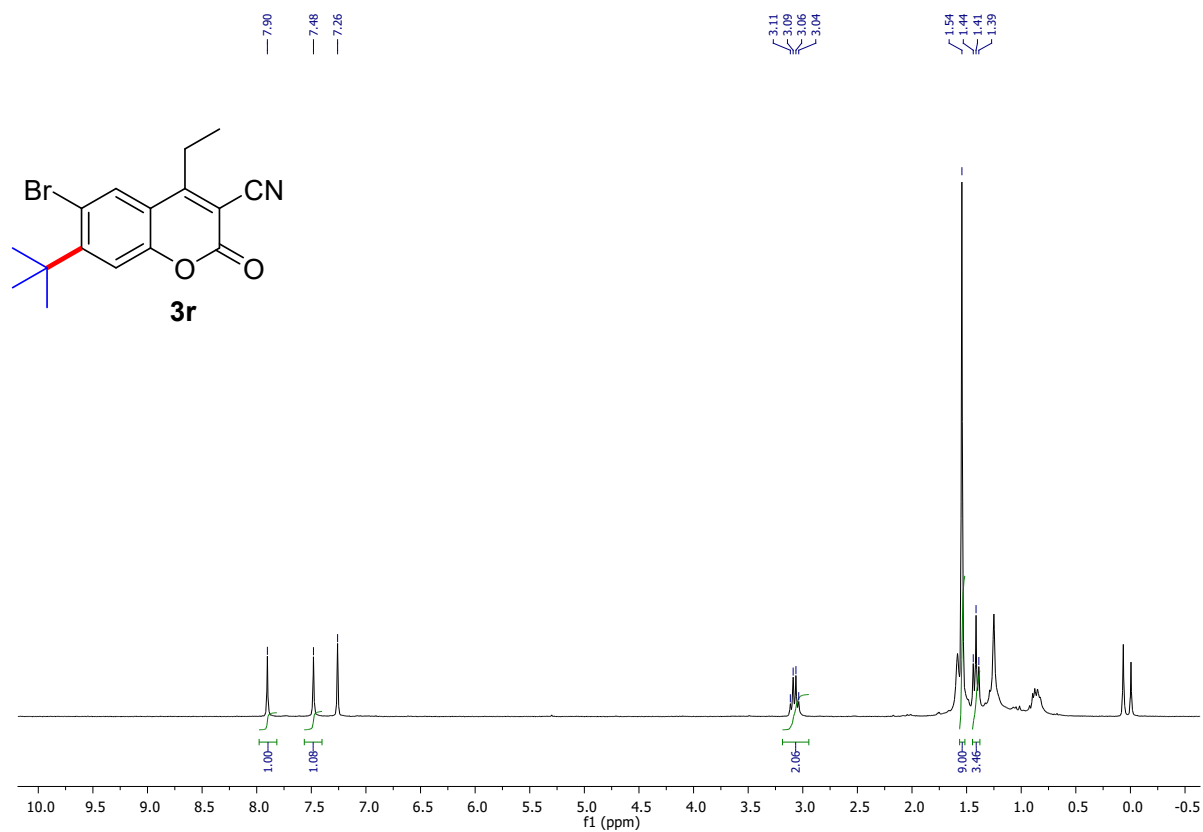


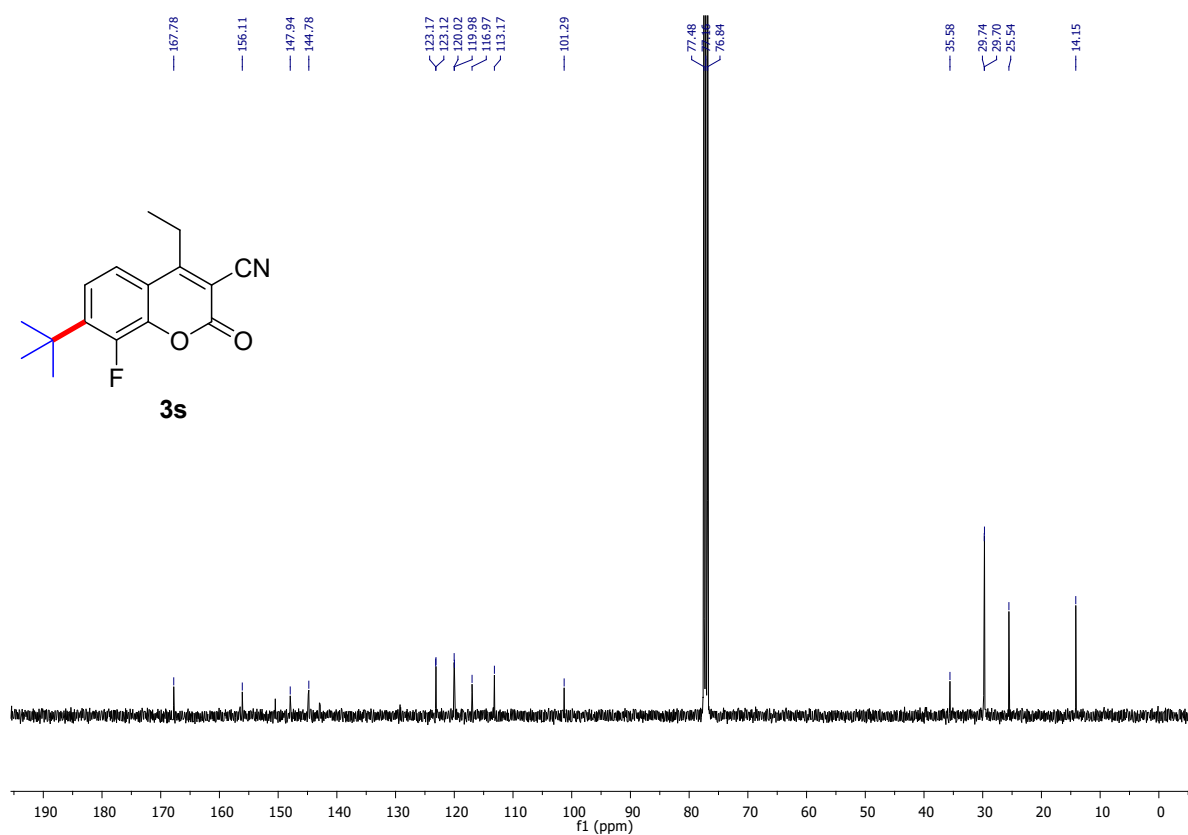
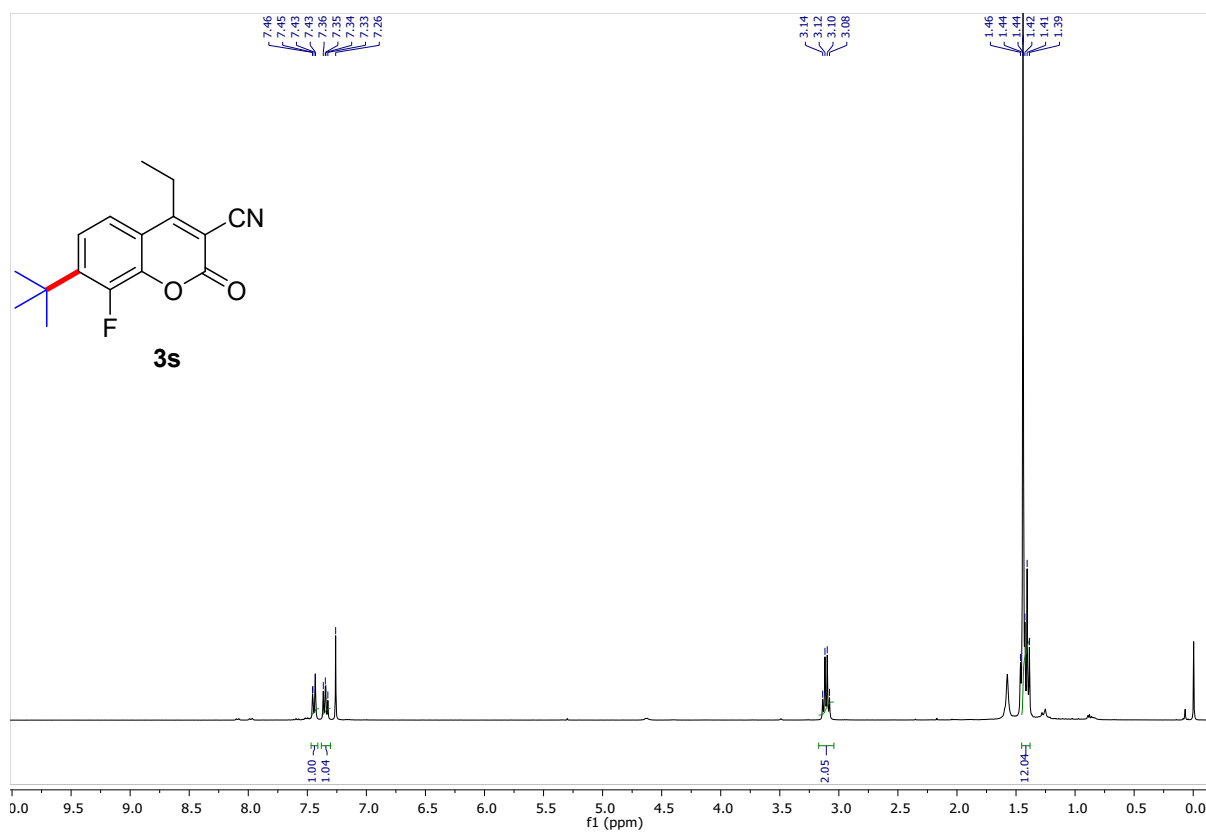


^{19}F NMR of compound 3p









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