

Supplementary information

Iron catalyzed deconstructive alkylation through chlorine radical induced C-C single bond cleavage under visible light

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1. General Information

Reagents were purchased at Energy Chemical, Bidepharm, Aladdin, TCI, and Adamas-Beta and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Anhydrous FeCl_3 and TBACl (Tetrabutyl ammonium chloride) were stored and weighed in the glovebox. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE III 400 and AVANCE III 600 instruments. ^1H NMR chemical shifts are referenced to the residual hydrogen signals of the deuterated solvent CDCl_3 (7.26 ppm) or DMSO- d_6 (2.50 ppm and for ^{13}C). The ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts are referenced to the ^{13}C signals of the deuterated solvent CDCl_3 (77.16 ppm) or DMSO- d_6 (39.52 ppm). Abbreviations used in the description of NMR data are listed as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet, br = broad. HRMS were recorded on Orbitrap LC/MS (Q Exactive). GC-MS analyses were carried out on Agilent 5977B and Agilent GC/MSD 8890 GC system. TLC was performed using commercially prepared 100-400 mesh silica gel plates (GF254), and visualization was effected at shortwave UV light (254 nm). Product purification was accomplished by flash chromatography using 300-400 mesh silica gel.

The LED light was assembled using the 450 nm chips purchased from GuangHong Chips. The emission spectrum of the LED light is shown below (**Figure S1**).

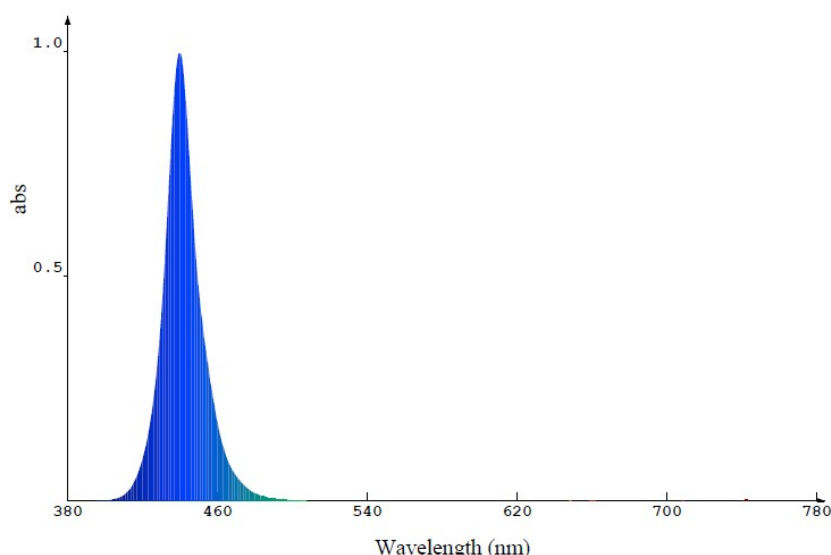


Figure S1. The spectrum of the LED light

2. Application experiments

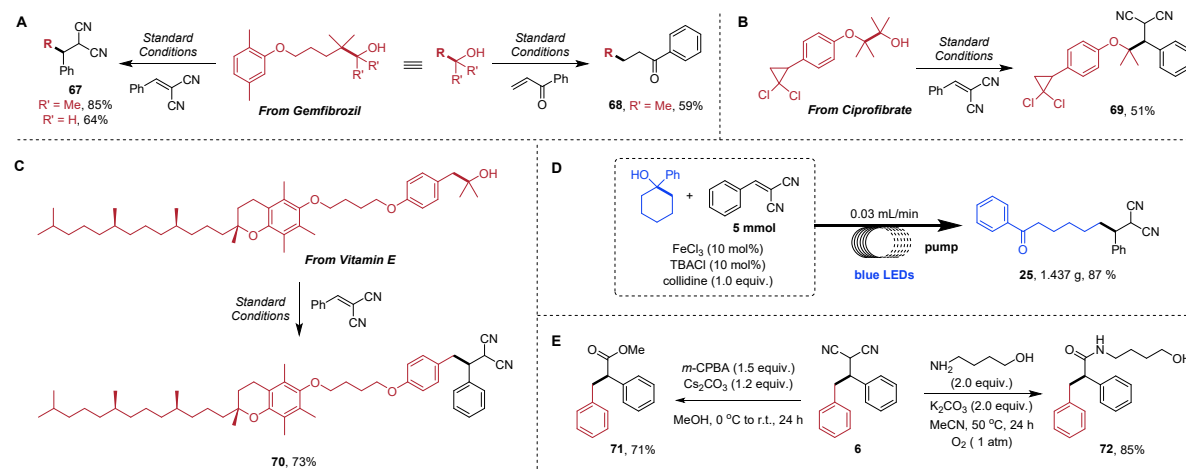


Figure S2. Application experiments. **A**, **B**, **C**, Late-stage functionalization. **D**, Gram scale reaction. **E**, Transformation of malononitrile group.

3. Experimental Section

3.1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions^a

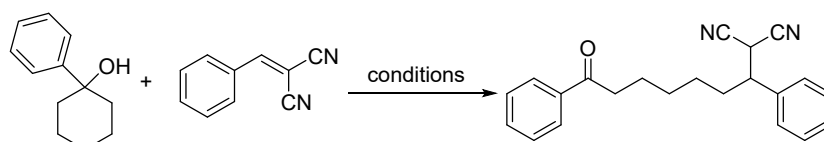


Table S1. Optimization for this study

entry	catalyst	additive	base	light	solvent	yield (%) ^b
1	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	none	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
2	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (5 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	14
3	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	83
4	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (20 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	80
5	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (30 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	69
6	FeCl ₃ (5 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	40
7	FeCl ₃ (5 mol%)	TBACl (5 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	63
8	FeCl ₃ (1 mol%)	TBACl (1 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	28
9	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ (5 mol%)	None	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
10	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ (5 mol%)	TBACl (40 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	trace

11	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ (5 mol%)	TBACl (50 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	trace
12	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ .9H ₂ O (10 mol%)	None	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
13	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ .9H ₂ O (10 mol%)	TBACl (40 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	56
14	Fe(NO ₃) ₃ .9H ₂ O (10 mol%)	TBACl (50 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	63
15	Fe(OAc) ₂ OH (10 mol%)	None	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
16	Fe(OAc) ₂ OH (10 mol%)	TBACl (40 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	11
17	Fe(OAc) ₂ OH (10 mol%)	TBACl (50 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	13
18	FeBr ₃ (10 mol%)	None	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
19	FeBr ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (40 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	45
20	FeBr ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (50 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	47
21	Fe(OTf) ₃ (10 mol%)	None	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
22	Fe(OTf) ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (40 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	26
23	Fe(OTf) ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (50 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	21
24	PC1 (5 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
25	PC2 (5 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
26	PC3 (5 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
27	PC4 (5 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
28	PC5 (5 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
29	CeCl ₃ (5 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
30 ^c	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	LiCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	12
31 ^c	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	NaCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	19
32 ^c	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	NH ₄ Cl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	13
33 ^c	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	67
34	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TEACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	78
35	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	81
36	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	none	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
37	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,6-lutidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	62
38	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	pyridine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	9
39	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	Et ₃ N	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
40	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	K ₂ CO ₃	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	0
41	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	NaHCO ₃	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	15

42	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine (0.5 equiv.)	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	67
43	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine (2.0 equiv.)	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	80
44	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	None	MeCN	0
45	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W)	MeCN	64
46	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (24W)	MeCN	57
47	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	400nm (24W)	MeCN	0
48	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	365nm (24W)	MeCN	0
49	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	DCE	50
50	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	DCM	55
51 ^d	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	74
52 ^e	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	94
53 ^e	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBPCl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (50W*2)	MeCN	91
54 ^f	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	450nm (24W)	MeCN	61
55 ^f	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	white (24W)	MeCN	26
56 ^f	FeCl ₃ (10 mol%)	TBACl (10 mol%)	2,4,6-collidine	sunlight	MeCN	15

^aReaction conditions: alcohol (0.4 mmol), alkene (0.2 mmol), catalyst, additive, base (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and solvent (2 mL, 0.1 M) were irradiated with LEDs under N₂ for 12 h.

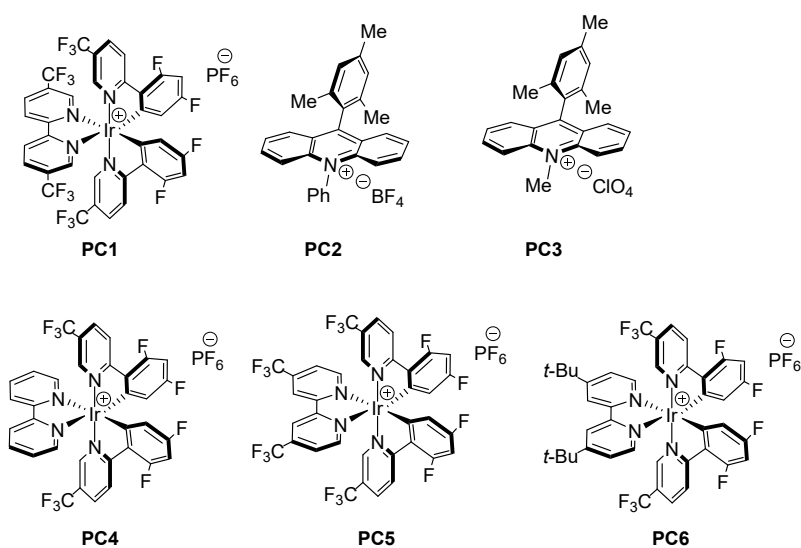
^bDetermined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

^calcohol (0.8 mmol), alkene (0.4 mmol), catalyst, additive, base (0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and solvent (4 mL, 0.1 M) were irradiated with LEDs under N₂ for 12 h.

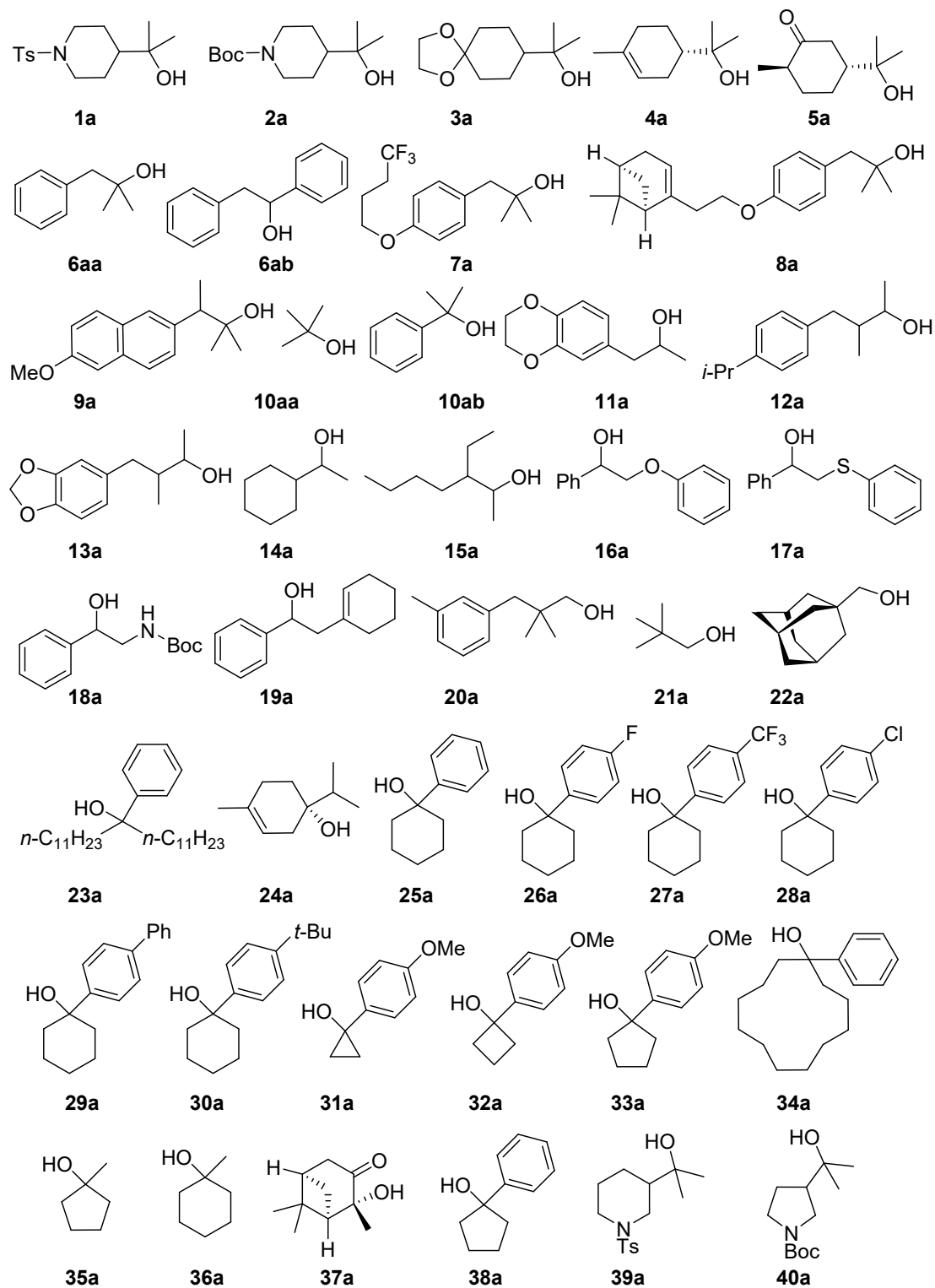
^dalcohol (0.2 mmol), alkene (0.4 mmol), catalyst, additive, base (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and solvent (2 mL, 0.1 M) were irradiated with LEDs under N₂ for 12 h.

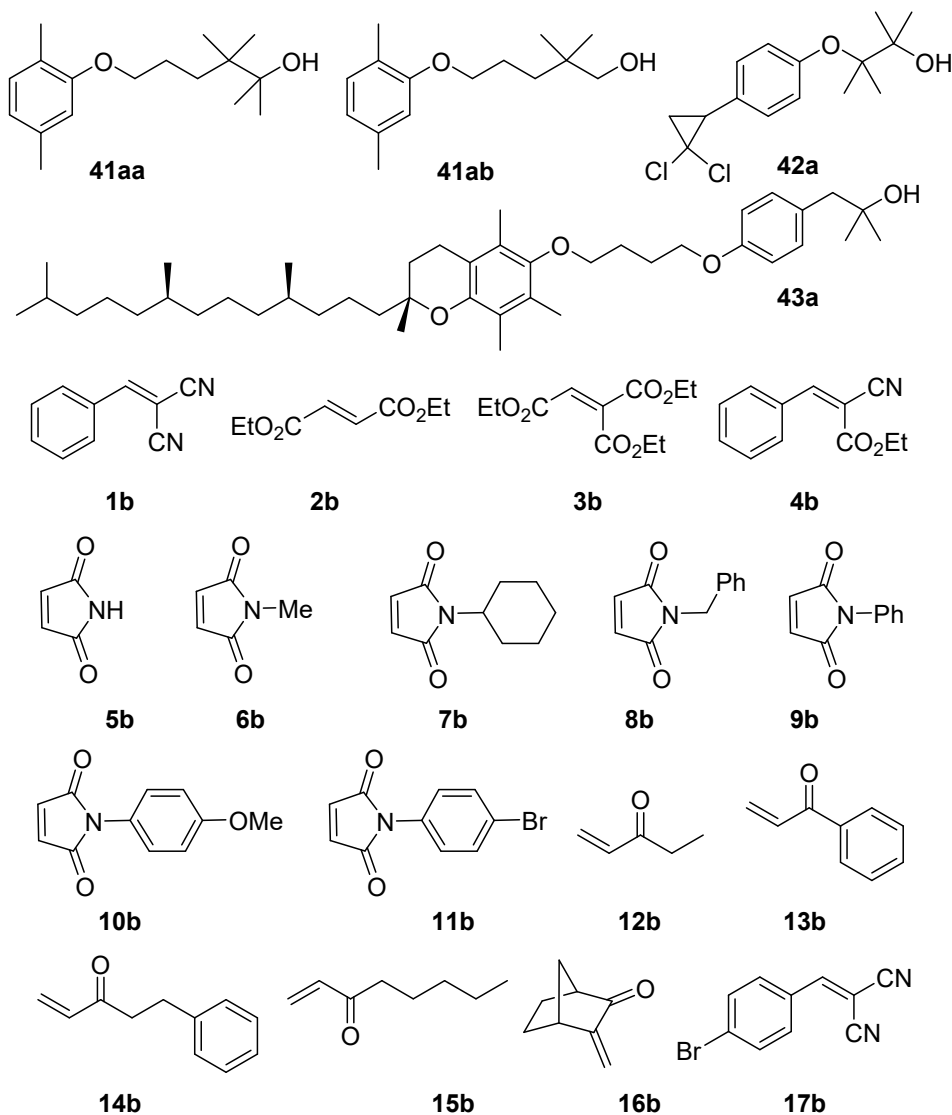
^e48 h, isolated yield.

^fwithout stirring.



3.2 Preparation of Starting Materials





16a, 17a, 23a, 25a, 26a, 27a, 28a, 29a, 30a, 31a, 32a, 33a, 34a were synthesized and used in our laboratory. For details about the procedures and spectral data, please see our previous work.¹ **4a, 6aa, 6ab, 10aa, 10ab, 14a, 18a, 20a, 21a, 22a, 24a, 35a, 36a, 37a, 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, 10b, 11b, 12b, 13b, 15b, 16b** were purchased and used without further purification. **1a, 2a, 3a, 5a, 7a, 8a, 9a, 11a, 12a, 13a, 15a, 19a, 38a, 39a, 40a, 41aa, 41ab, 42a, 43a, 14b, 17b** were synthesized and the procedures are shown below:

General procedure for the methylation of carboxylic acids:

A 250 mL round bottom flask was charged with a stir bar. To a solution of relevant carboxylic acids (0.25 M in DMF) was added potassium carbonate (1.0 equiv.) and iodomethane (1.2 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 hours at room temperature, then extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified via column chromatography to

afford the desired esters for the next step.

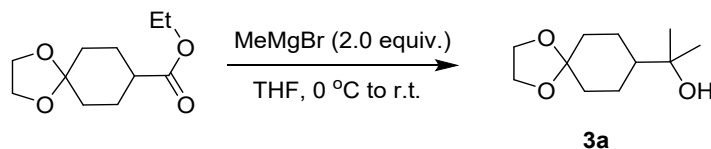
General procedure for synthesis of starting materials with Grignard solution:

A flame-dried round bottom flask was charged with a stir bar and degassed. To a solution of relevant esters, ketones, and aldehydes (0.2 M in anhydrous THF) was added commercial grignard solution (1 M in THF, 2.0 equiv.) dropwise at 0 °C. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was quenched by slow addition of ice water. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate and combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Concentrated and purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to obtain the pure alcohols.

1a was synthesized according to a reported procedure.² ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.92 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.22 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.25 – 1.19 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 6H).

2a was synthesized according to a reported procedure.² ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 4.23 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.33 (m, 11H), 1.24 – 1.09 (m, 8H).

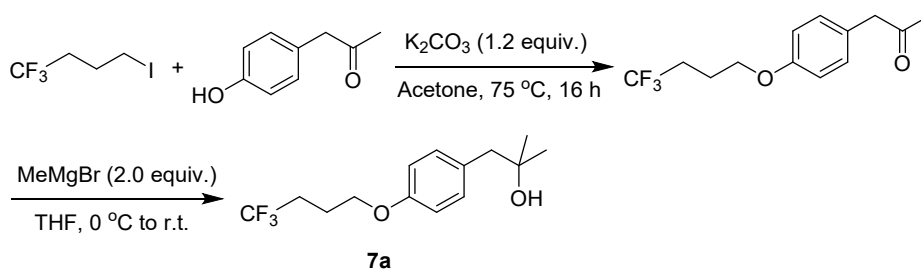
3a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



Following the general procedure with ethyl 1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane-8-carboxylate (2.14 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) to obtain **3a** as a colorless oil (1.62 g, 81%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.94 (s, 4H), 1.85 – 1.77 (m, 4H), 1.62 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.39 – 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.19 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 108.9, 72.7, 64.3, 64.3, 48.1, 34.9, 27.1, 24.9. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₁₁H₂₀O₃ [M+Na]⁺: 223.1305; found: 223.1301.

5a was synthesized according to a reported procedure.³ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 2.50 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.35 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 1.87 (m, 4H), 1.77 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.17 – 1.09 (m, 6H), 0.99 – 0.86 (m, 3H).

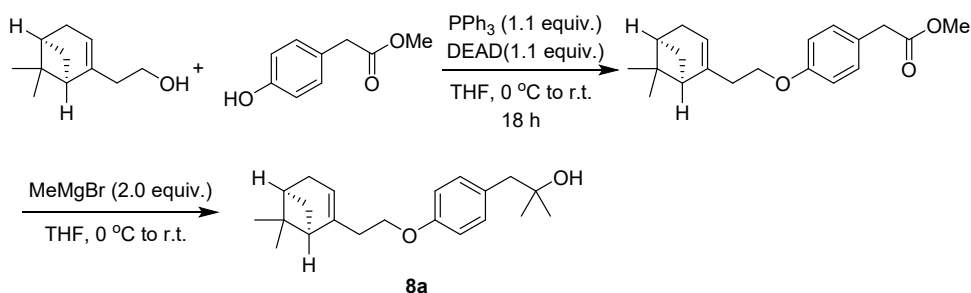
7a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



For step one, 1,1,1-trifluoro-4-iodobutane (8.57 g, 36 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), 1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propan-2-one (4.51 g, 30 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and potassium carbonate (4.98 g, 36 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were dissolved in acetone (80 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 75 °C for 16 h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a thin pad of silica gel, and purified by flash column chromatography to obtain the relevant ketone as a colorless oil (6.32 g, 81 %). **¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.36 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.07 – 2.01 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 206.9, 157.8, 130.6, 127.3 (q, J = 276.1 Hz), 126.8, 114.8, 66.1, 50.2, 30.8 (q, J = 29.1 Hz), 29.3, 22.3 (q, J = 2.9 Hz). **¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ -66.32.

For step two, to a solution of 1-(4-(4,4,4-trifluorobutoxy)phenyl)propan-2-one (2.6 g, 10 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added commercial methylmagnesium bromide solution (20 mL, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) dropwise at 0 °C. Then following the general procedure to obtain **7a** as a colorless oil (1.60 g, 58%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (s, 2H), 2.39 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 157.5, 131.6, 130.4, 127.3 (q, J = 275.9 Hz), 114.4, 70.9, 66.2, 49.0, 30.9 (q, J = 29.0 Hz), 29.3, 22.4 (q, J = 3.1 Hz). **¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ -66.31. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₁₄H₁₉F₃O₂ [M+Na]⁺: 299.1229; found: 299.1224.

8a was synthesized according to the following procedures:

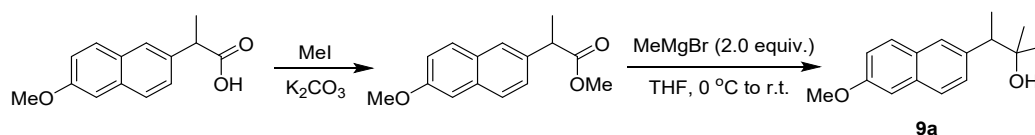


For step one, following the typical Mitsunobu reaction procedure, a flame-dried 100 mL round

bottom flask was charged with a stir bar and degassed. 2-((1R,5S)-6,6-dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2-en-2-yl)ethan-1-ol (930 mg, 5.6 mmol), methyl 2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)acetate (930 mg, 5.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and PPh₃ (1.63 g, 6.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were dissolved in THF (20 mL). Then DEAD (6.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv., 40% in toluene) solution was added dropwise to the reaction mixture at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h, concentrated under vacuum and purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to obtain the relevant ester as a colorless oil (757 mg, 43 %) with good purity and used in the next step directly. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.37 – 5.31 (m, 1H), 3.95 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 2.50 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.31 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 0.83 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 172.5, 158.2, 144.6, 130.3, 126.0, 118.7, 114.8, 66.5, 52.1, 46.0, 40.9, 40.4, 38.2, 36.7, 31.8, 31.5, 26.4, 21.3.

For step two, to a solution of relevant ester (1.57 g, 5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) prepared in step one in THF (25 mL) was added commercial methylmagnesium bromide solution (10 mL, 10 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) dropwise at 0 °C. Then following the general procedure to obtain **8a** as a colorless oil (1.13 g, 72%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.37 – 5.29 (m, 1H), 3.95 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (s, 2H), 2.52 – 2.33 (m, 3H), 2.32 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.13 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 6H), 0.84 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 157.8, 144.7, 131.4, 129.7, 118.6, 114.4, 70.9, 66.5, 48.9, 46.0, 40.8, 38.2, 36.7, 31.8, 31.5, 29.2, 26.4, 21.3. **HRMS (APCI):** calculated for C₂₁H₃₀O₂ [M+Na]⁺: 337.2138; found: 337.2132.

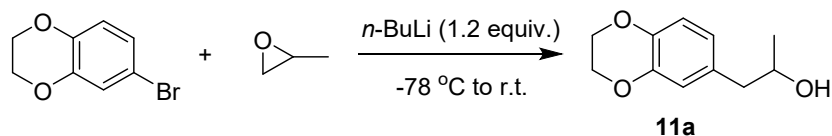
9a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



The step one was prepared according to a reported procedure.⁴ **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.71 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 3.89 – 3.79 (m, 4H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 1.56 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). For step two, following the general procedure with methyl 2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propanoate (2.44 g, 10 mmol) to obtain **9a** as a colorless oil (2.03 g, 83%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.40 –

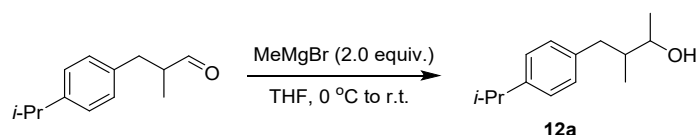
7.35 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.93 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.21 (s, 6H). **^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform- d)** δ 157.5, 138.7, 133.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.2, 127.4, 126.5, 118.9, 105.6, 73.0, 55.4, 50.4, 28.3, 27.1, 16.1. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 267.1356; found: 267.1351.

11a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



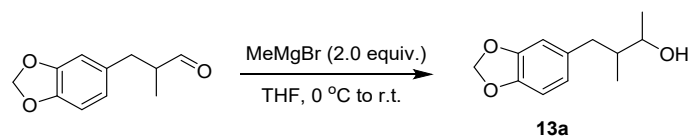
A flame-dried 100 mL Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar and degassed. To a solution of 6-bromo-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine (2.15 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (50 mL) was added commercial *n*-BuLi solution (12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) dropwise at -78 °C. Then 2-methyloxirane (1.16 g, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added to the mixture dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed and stirred at room temperature for 18 h, concentrated under vacuum and purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to obtain **11a** as a colorless oil (621 mg, 32 %). **^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d)** δ 6.82 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.74 – 6.71 (m, 1H), 6.69 – 6.65 (m, 1H), 4.24 (s, 4H), 4.00 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d)** δ 143.6, 142.3, 131.8, 122.4, 118.1, 117.4, 69.0, 64.5, 64.4, 45.1, 22.8. **HRMS (APCI)**: calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$: 177.0905; found: 177.0906.

12a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



Following the general procedure with 3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-methylpropanal (1.90 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) to obtain **12a** as a colorless oil (1.50 g, 73%). The dr ratio is 1.3:1, determined by ^1H NMR. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of diastereoisomers. **^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d)** δ 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 9.19H), 3.77 – 3.70 (m, 1.00H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 1.27H), 2.90 – 2.76 (m, 4.57H), 2.38 – 2.16 (m, 4.54H), 1.84 – 1.70 (m, 2.31H), 1.25 – 1.20 (m, 13.11H), 1.18 – 1.14 (m, 6.83H), 0.84 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2.94H), 0.82 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3.81H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d)** δ 146.2, 138.5, 138.3, 129.1, 126.3, 126.3, 71.2, 70.3, 42.3, 41.8, 38.9, 38.8, 33.7, 24.1, 20.4, 19.6, 14.6, 13.7. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 229.1563; found: 229.1559.

13a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



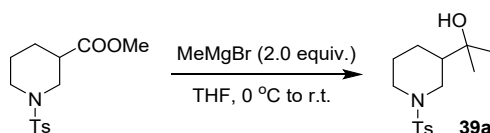
Following the general procedure with 3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methylpropanal (1.92 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) to obtain **13a** as a colorless oil (1.62 g, 78%). The dr ratio is 1.2:1, determined by ^1H NMR. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of diastereoisomers. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.75 – 6.70 (m, 2.09H), 6.69 – 6.65 (m, 2.08H), 6.64 – 6.58 (m, 2.14H), 5.91 (s, 4.32H), 3.78 – 3.71 (m, 1.00H), 3.71 – 3.63 (m, 1.16H), 2.82 – 2.69 (m, 2.21H), 2.36 – 2.23 (m, 2.23H), 1.80 – 1.66 (m, 2.67H), 1.23 – 1.14 (m, 6.61H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3.01H), 0.82 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3.50H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 147.6, 147.6, 145.7, 135.1, 134.9, 122.0, 122.0, 109.6, 109.6, 108.1, 108.1, 100.8, 71.4, 70.3, 42.5, 42.0, 39.2, 38.9, 20.7, 19.9, 14.7, 13.6. HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 231.0992; found: 231.0988.

15a was synthesized according to a reported procedure.⁵ ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.87 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 1.43 – 1.20 (m, 9H), 1.17 – 1.11 (m, 3H), 0.95 – 0.86 (m, 6H).

19a was synthesized according to a reported procedure.⁶ ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 5.61 – 5.55 (m, 1H), 4.77 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.22 (m, 3H), 2.10 – 1.99 (m, 3H), 1.96 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.53 (m, 4H).

38a was synthesized according to a reported procedure.⁷ ^1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.95 (m, 6H), 1.88 – 1.80 (m, 2H).

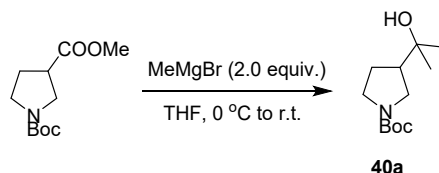
39a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



Following the general procedure with methyl 1-(4-toluenesulfonyl)piperidin-3-carboxylate (2.97 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) to obtain **39a** as a white solid (1.55 g, 52%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.62 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.00 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.79 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.15 – 1.94 (m, 3H), 1.86 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H),

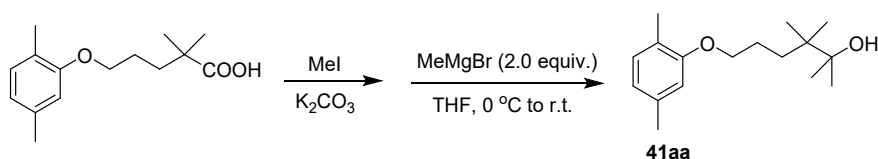
1.03 – 0.88 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 143.4, 133.4, 129.7, 127.7, 71.7, 47.7, 46.6, 46.6, 28.2, 26.7, 25.1, 25.0, 21.6. HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 320.1291; found: 320.1285.

40a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



Following the general procedure with 1-(tert-butyl) 3-methylpyrrolidine-1,3-dicarboxylate (2.29 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) to obtain **40a** as a white solid (1.58 g, 69%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 3.59 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 3.28 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 3.17 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.28 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.91 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.22 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 154.8, 79.2, 70.6, 70.5, 49.8, 49.0, 46.9, 46.7, 46.3, 45.9, 28.7, 28.5, 28.2, 28.2, 26.5, 25.9. HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 252.1570; found: 252.1565.

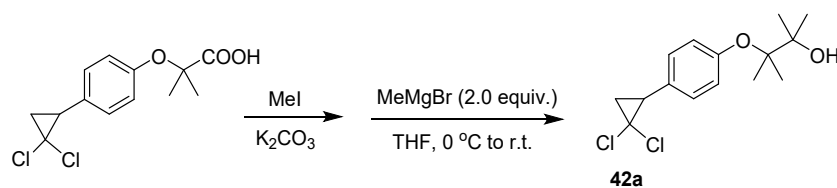
41aa was synthesized according to the following procedures:



The step one was prepared according to a reported procedure.⁸ ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.03 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 3.97 – 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.79 – 1.72 (m, 4H), 1.26 (s, 6H). For step two, following the general procedure with methyl 5-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2,2-dimethylpentanoate (2.64 g, 10 mmol) to obtain **41aa** as a colorless oil (1.37 g, 52%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.02 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.87 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 0.96 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.2, 136.5, 130.4, 123.7, 120.7, 112.1, 75.7, 68.8, 39.8, 33.3, 25.5, 25.1, 21.6, 21.5, 15.9. HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 287.1982; found: 287.1977.

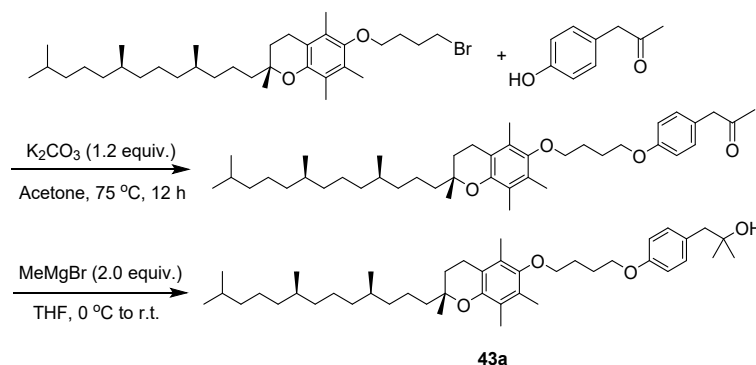
41ab was synthesized according to a reported procedure.⁹ ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.05 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 3.96 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.49 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 0.97 (s, 6H).

42a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



The step one was prepared according to a reported procedure.¹⁰ **¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.85 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.77 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 6H). For step two, following the general procedure with methyl 2-(4-(2,2-dichlorocyclopropyl)phenoxy)-2-methylpropanoate (3.03 g, 10 mmol) to obtain **42a** as a colorless oil (879 mg, 29%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.91 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.76 (s, 1H), 2.00 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.33 (s, 6H), 1.24 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 154.3, 130.1, 129.6, 124.2, 85.8, 75.2, 60.9, 35.1, 26.0, 24.8, 21.6.

43a was synthesized according to the following procedures:



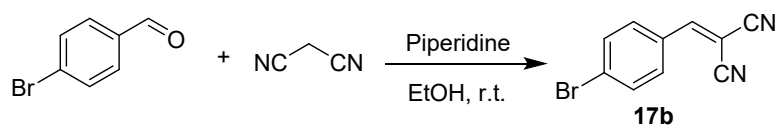
For step one, (R)-6-(4-bromobutoxy)-2,5,7,8-tetramethyl-2-((4R,8R)-4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)chromane (5.66 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), potassium carbonate (1.66 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), and 1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propan-2-one (1.80 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were dissolved in acetone (25 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 75 °C for 12 h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered through a thin pad of silica gel, and purified by flash column chromatography to obtain the relevant ketone as a colorless oil (1.84 g, 29 %). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.09 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 2.56 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.14 – 2.10 (m, 6H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.05 – 1.92 (m, 4H), 1.85 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.47 – 1.34 (m, 4H), 1.33 – 1.03 (m, 17H), 0.90 – 0.81 (m, 12H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 207.0, 158.4, 148.4, 147.9, 130.5, 127.9, 126.3, 125.9, 123.0, 117.6, 115.0, 74.9, 72.6, 68.0, 50.3, 40.2,

39.5, 37.6, 37.6, 37.6, 37.4, 32.9, 32.8, 31.5, 29.2, 28.1, 27.2, 26.5, 24.9, 24.6, 24.0, 22.9, 22.8, 21.2, 20.8, 19.9, 19.8, 12.9, 12.1, 11.9. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₄₂H₆₆O₄ [M+Na]⁺: 657.4853; found: 657.4840.

For step two, to a solution of 1-(4-(4-(((R)-2,5,7,8-tetramethyl-2-((4R,8R)-4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)chroman-6-yl)oxy)butoxy)phenyl)propan-2-one (3.18 g, 5 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added commercial methylmagnesium bromide solution (10 mL, 10 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) dropwise at 0 °C. Then following the general procedure to obtain **43a** as a colorless oil (1.99 g, 61%). **¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (s, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.49 (m, 3H), 1.45 – 1.19 (m, 22H), 1.16 – 1.03 (m, 6H), 0.89 – 0.82 (m, 12H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 158.0, 148.4, 147.9, 131.5, 129.8, 127.9, 125.9, 123.0, 117.7, 114.4, 74.9, 72.7, 70.9, 68.0, 49.0, 40.2, 39.5, 37.7, 37.6, 37.5, 37.4, 33.0, 32.9, 31.5, 29.2, 28.1, 27.2, 26.5, 25.0, 24.6, 24.0, 22.9, 22.8, 21.2, 20.8, 19.9, 19.8, 12.9, 12.1, 11.9. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₄₃H₇₀O₄ [M+Na]⁺: 673.5166; found: 673.5152.

14b was synthesized according to a reported procedure.¹¹ **¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.39 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.97 – 2.89 (m, 4H).

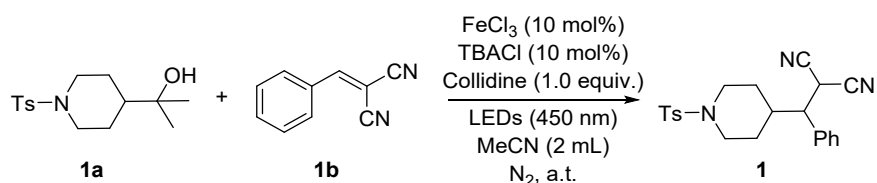
17b was synthesized according to the Knoevenagel condensation reaction.



A 100 mL Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar. To a solution of 4-bromobenzaldehyde (1.85 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), malononitrile (660 mg, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in EtOH (10 mL) was added piperidine (100 μL). The reaction mixture was warmed and stirred at room temperature for 6 h, purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to obtain **16b** as a light yellow solid (1.63 g, 70 %). **¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.79 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.67 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 158.6, 133.2, 131.9, 130.1, 129.8, 113.6, 112.5, 83.7.

3.3 Synthesis of Products

General procedure:



FeCl_3 (97.3 mg, 0.6 mmol) and TBACl (166.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) were dissolved in MeCN (60 mL) with vigorous agitation in the glovebox. A 25 mL Schlenk tube with screw-cap was added relevant michael acceptor (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv., if solid), alcohol (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv., if solid). The Schlenk tube was then transferred into the glovebox, where FeCl_3 /TBACl solution (2 mL) was added. Then, collidine (26 μL , 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), michael acceptor (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv., if liquid), and alcohol (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv, if liquid) were added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. The resulting mixture was irradiated by two blue LED lamps and stirred at ambient temperature. After 12-72 hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated and then purified by flash column chromatography to obtain the product.

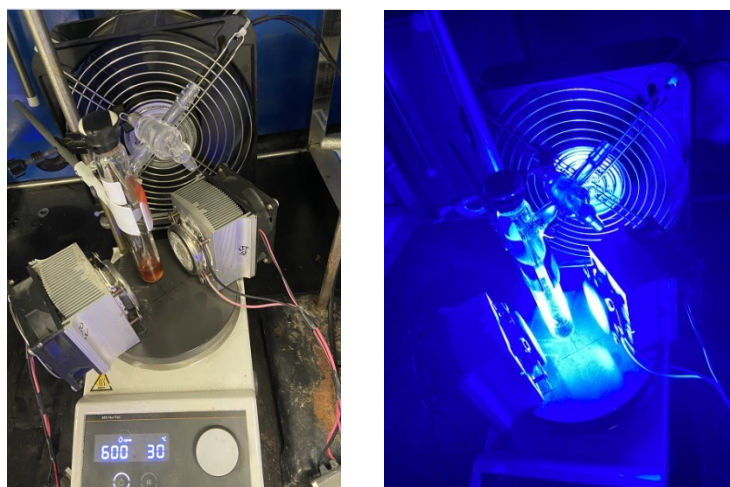
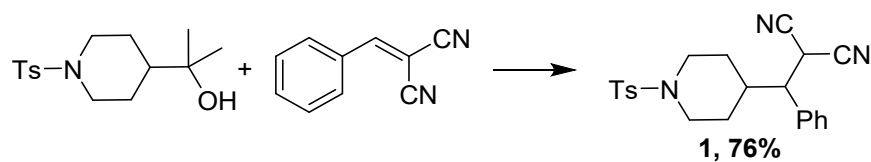


Figure S3. The reaction setup using Schlenk tube

Compound 1

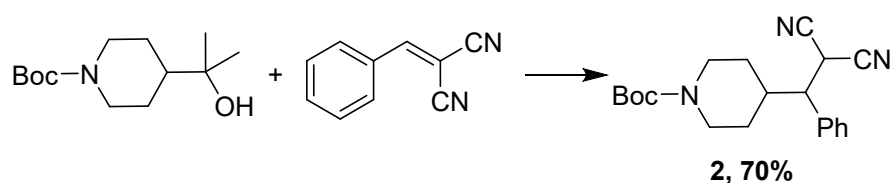


2-(phenyl(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and

benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was concentrated and then purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, DCM) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (59.8 mg, 76%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 4.16 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96 – 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.77 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.23 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 144.0, 135.7, 132.5, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 128.2, 127.8, 111.7, 51.2, 46.2, 46.0, 37.5, 29.8, 29.3, 27.2, 21.7. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₂H₂₃N₃O₂S [M+Na]⁺: 416.1403; found: 416.1395.

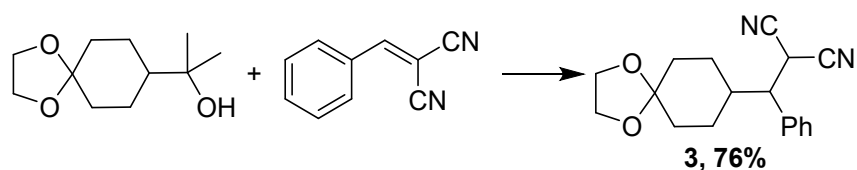
Compound 2



tert-butyl 4-(2,2-dicyano-1-phenylethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, Upon completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated and then purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 200:1 DCM/MeOH) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (47.5 mg, 70%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.47 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.34 – 3.90 (m, 3H), 2.95 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.85 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.70 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.24 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.33 – 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.10 – 0.96 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 154.6, 136.0, 129.5, 129.2, 128.3, 111.9, 111.8, 79.9, 51.8, 43.5, 38.2, 30.4, 28.5, 27.2. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₀H₂₅N₃O₂ [M-H]⁻: 338.1874; found: 338.1871.

Compound 3

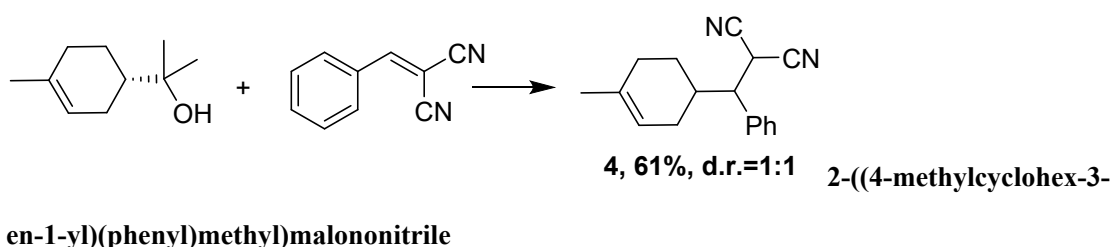


2-(phenyl(1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl)methyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and

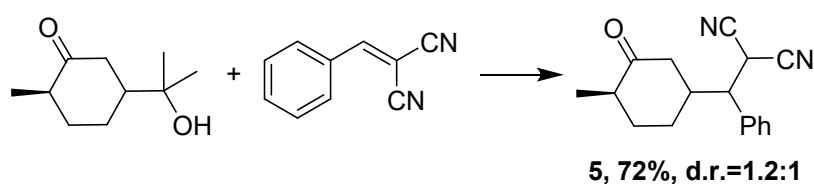
benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was concentrated and then purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 200:1 DCM/MeOH) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (45.0 mg, 76%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.45 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 – 3.86 (m, 4H), 2.95 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.41 (m, 3H), 1.27 – 1.15 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 136.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.2, 112.1, 111.9, 108.1, 64.5, 64.4, 51.8, 38.1, 34.1, 28.5, 28.2, 27.7. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₁₈H₂₀N₂O₂ [M-H]⁺: 295.1452; found: 295.1449.

Compound 4



Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with dichloromethane. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 40:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (30.5 mg, 61%). The dr ratio is 1:1, determined by ¹H NMR. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of diastereoisomers. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.47 – 7.28 (m, 10H), 5.42 – 5.34 (m, 1H), 5.27 – 5.19 (m, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.35 – 2.10 (m, 4H), 2.07 – 1.76 (m, 6H), 1.65 (s, 6H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.37 (m, 1H), 1.21 – 1.09 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 136.8, 136.7, 135.0, 133.7, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.4, 119.4, 118.4, 112.2, 112.0, 111.9, 51.5, 51.1, 35.4, 30.2, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 27.6, 27.5, 27.1, 26.8, 23.4, 23.3. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₁₇H₁₈N₂ [M-H]⁺: 249.1397; found: 249.1398.

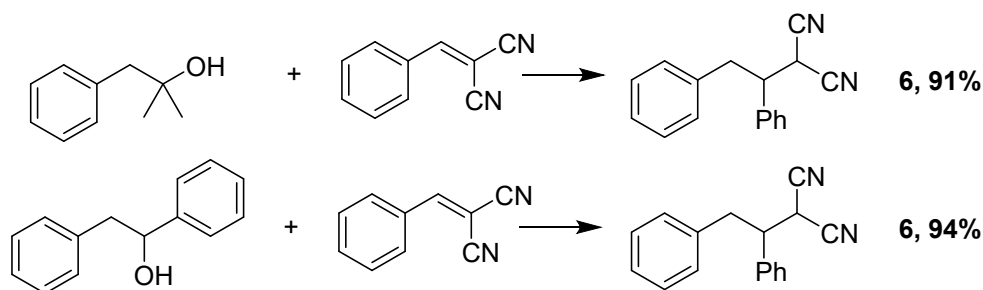
Compound 5



2-(((4R)-4-methyl-3-oxocyclohexyl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was concentrated and then purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, CHCl₃) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (38.4 mg, 72%). The dr ratio is 1.2:1, determined by ¹H NMR. The small polar diastereoisomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.26 – 2.13 (m, 3H), 1.96 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0, 135.3, 129.7, 129.5, 128.1, 111.7, 52.1, 45.2, 44.6, 41.4, 33.8, 30.3, 27.5, 14.2. The large polar diastereoisomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.66 – 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.15 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.6, 135.2, 129.6, 129.4, 128.4, 111.7, 111.5, 52.0, 46.1, 44.8, 41.3, 33.6, 28.9, 27.2, 14.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O [M-H]⁻: 265.1346; found: 265.1343.

Compound 6

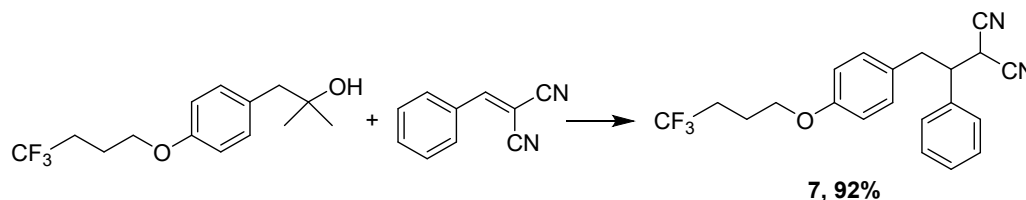


2-(1,2-diphenylethyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a pale yellow oil (46.3 mg, 94%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 – 7.22 (m, 8H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.31 – 3.20 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 136.7, 136.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.1,

127.7, 112.2, 111.6, 48.4, 38.6, 28.6. **HRMS (ESI):** calculated for $C_{17}H_{14}N_2$ $[M-H]^+$: 245.1084; found: 245.1083.

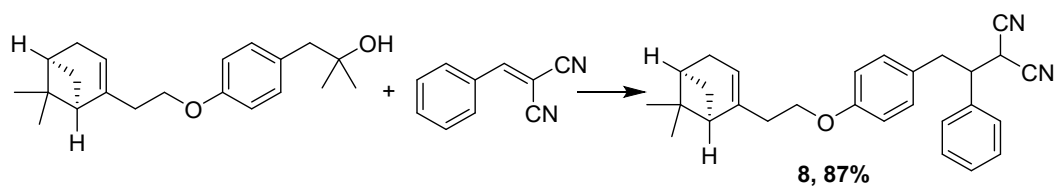
Compound 7



2-(1-phenyl-2-(4-(4,4,4-trifluorobutoxy)phenyl)ethyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a pale yellow oil (68.5 mg, 92%). **1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.38 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.09 – 2.00 (m, 2H). **^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 158.1, 136.5, 130.2, (130.0, 126.3, 124.5 are the peaks from CF_3 group, and one of the peaks overlapped with the 128.14 ppm peak), 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.1, 115.1, 112.2, 111.6, 66.1, 48.6, 37.8, 30.8 (q, J = 29.1 Hz), 28.5, 22.3 (q, J = 3.0 Hz). **^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ -66.27. **HRMS (ESI):** calculated for $C_{21}H_{19}F_3N_2O$ $[M-H]^+$: 371.1377; found: 371.1376.

Compound 8

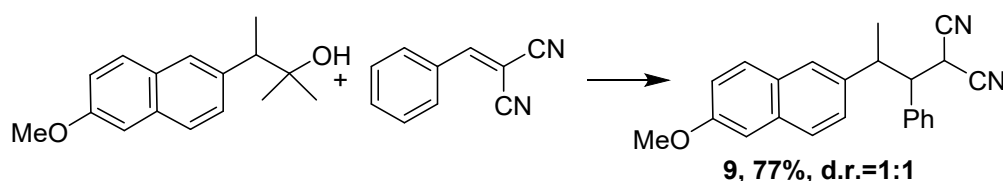


(2-(4-(2-((1R,5S)-6,6-dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2-en-2-yl)ethoxy)phenyl)-1-

phenylethyl)malononitrile Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a pale yellow oil (71.4 mg, 87%). **1H NMR (400 MHz,**

Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.38 – 5.31 (m, 1H), 3.94 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 3.22 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.34 (m, 3H), 2.32 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.10 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 0.83 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 158.5, 144.5, 136.6, 130.0, 129.3, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 118.8, 115.2, 112.3, 111.6, 66.5, 48.6, 46.0, 40.8, 38.2, 37.8, 36.6, 31.8, 31.5, 28.5, 26.4, 21.3. **HRMS (APCI)**: calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 411.2431; found: 411.2420.

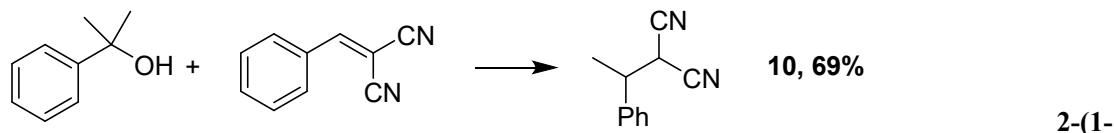
Compound 9



2-(2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylpropyl)malononitrile

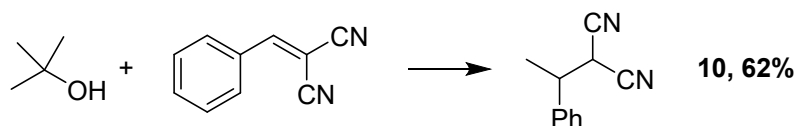
Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a pale yellow oil (52.4 mg, 77%). The dr ratio is 1:1, determined by ^1H NMR. The small polar diastereoisomer: **^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.85 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.59 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.59 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.34 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 158.2, 137.3, 135.7, 134.3, 129.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.7, 126.5, 124.7, 119.8, 112.3, 111.7, 105.8, 55.5, 53.7, 42.2, 28.9, 20.8. The large polar diastereoisomer: **^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 4.09 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.51 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 157.9, 135.7, 134.9, 133.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 127.1, 127.0, 126.5, 119.3, 112.7, 112.1, 105.6, 77.4, 55.4, 52.7, 41.6, 27.7, 20.4. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 363.1468; found: 363.1460.

Compound 10



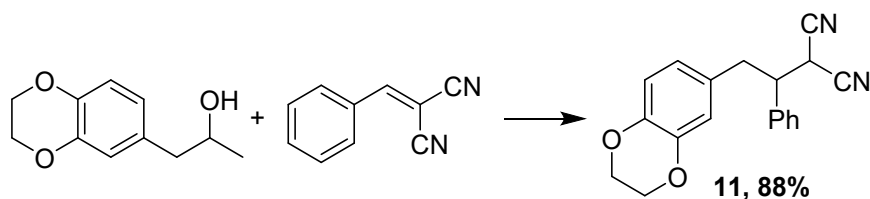
phenylethyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 40:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (23.5 mg, 69%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.2, 129.3, 128.9, 127.3, 112.0, 111.8, 41.2, 31.2, 17.8. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₁₁H₁₀N₂ [M-H]⁻: 169.0771; found: 169.0764.



Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with *tert*-butanol (2 mmol, 10 equiv.) and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 40:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (21.1 mg, 62%).

Compound 11

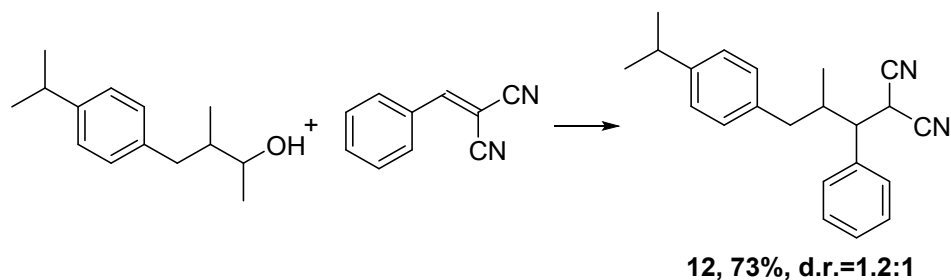


2-(2-(2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-6-yl)-1-phenylethyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 5:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (53.6 mg, 88%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 –

7.36 (m, 5H), 6.83 – 6.63 (m, 3H), 4.23 (s, 4H), 3.87 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.43 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.14 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.0, 143.1, 136.6, 129.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.1, 121.9, 117.9, 117.6, 112.3, 111.5, 64.4, 64.4, 48.4, 37.8, 28.5. HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 303.1139; found: 303.1136.

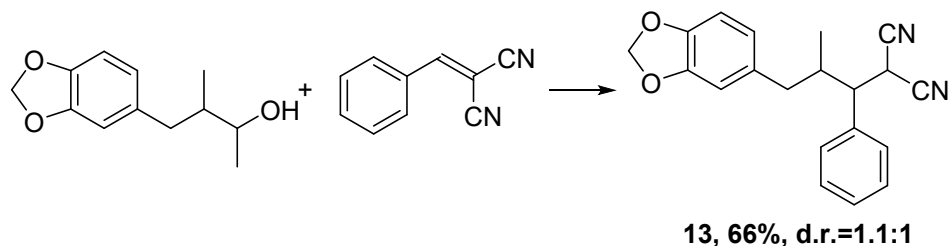
Compound 12



2-(3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-2-methyl-1-phenylpropyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 3:2 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (46.2 mg, 73%). The dr ratio is 1.2:1, determined by ^1H NMR. The isolated product gives 1.4:1 dr ratio and two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of diastereoisomers. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{Chloroform}-d$) δ 7.51 – 7.37 (m, 10.41H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1.17H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2.07H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 4.90H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 2.92H), 4.23 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.99H), 4.18 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1.40H), 3.15 – 3.10 (m, 1.02H), 3.01 – 2.96 (m, 1.44H), 2.95 – 2.82 (m, 2.61H), 2.81 – 2.75 (m, 1.04H), 2.67 – 2.61 (m, 1.50H), 2.59 – 2.50 (m, 2.28H), 2.39 – 2.32 (m, 1.08H), 2.14 – 2.07 (m, 1.54H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6.94H), 1.23 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 8.67H), 1.06 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 4.23H), 0.80 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3.02H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.4, 147.2, 136.6, 136.4, 136.1, 135.8, 129.5, 129.2, 129.2, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 126.9, 126.6, 112.2, 112.1, 111.8, 52.2, 51.2, 40.8, 39.7, 37.1, 36.9, 33.9, 33.8, 28.1, 27.7, 24.2, 24.2, 17.4, 16.4. HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 315.1867; found: 315.1864.

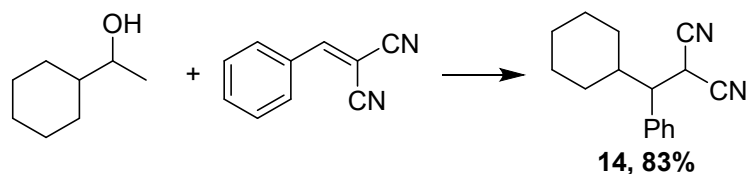
Compound 13



2-(3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methyl-1-phenylpropyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 1:2 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (42.0 mg, 66%). The dr ratio is 1.1:1, determined by ^1H NMR. The isolated product gives 1.4:1 dr ratio and two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of diastereoisomers. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 9.65H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1.04H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1.81H), 6.79 – 6.75 (m, 1.04H), 6.73 – 6.67 (m, 2.38H), 6.66 – 6.60 (m, 1.09H), 6.53 – 6.44 (m, 2.72H), 5.96 (s, 2.00H), 5.92 (s, 2.72H), 4.22 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1.00H), 4.18 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1.36H), 3.15 – 3.09 (m, 1.00H), 2.99 – 2.93 (m, 1.37H), 2.78 – 2.71 (m, 1.03H), 2.62 – 2.56 (m, 1.41H), 2.54 – 2.41 (m, 2.44H), 2.33 – 2.25 (m, 1.05H), 2.08 – 2.00 (m, 1.48H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 4.08H), 0.79 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3.00H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.0, 147.8, 146.4, 146.2, 136.6, 135.8, 132.9, 132.6, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 122.2, 122.1, 112.2, 112.1, 112.1, 111.8, 109.5, 109.4, 108.5, 108.3, 101.1, 101.1, 52.1, 51.2, 41.0, 39.9, 37.3, 37.1, 28.1, 27.7, 17.3, 16.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 317.1296; found: 317.1291.

Compound 14¹²

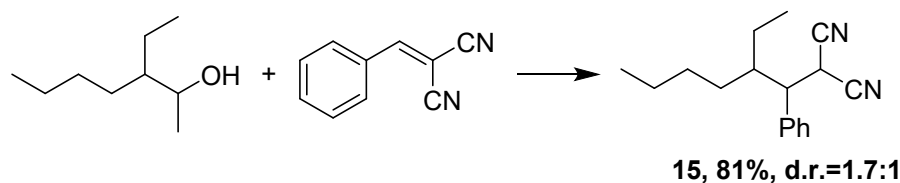


2-(cyclohexyl(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and

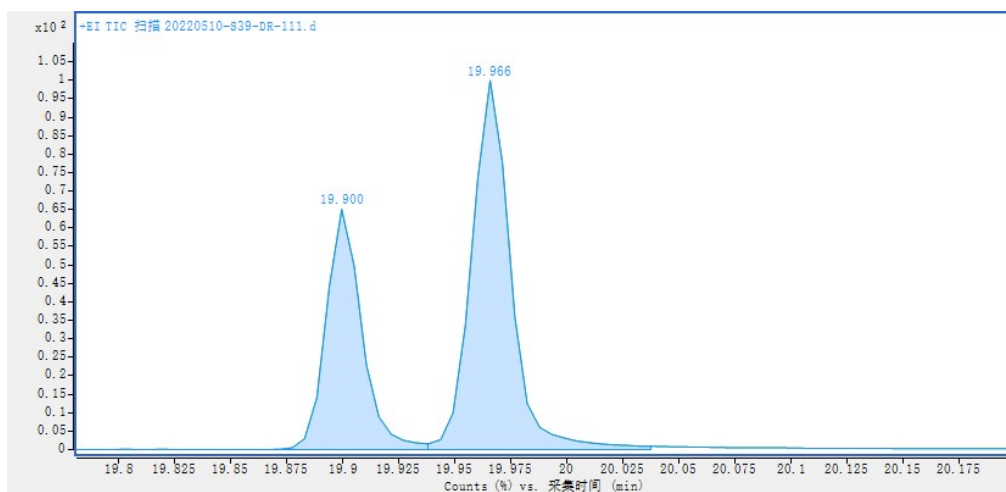
purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 25:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (39.6 mg, 83%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.43 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 1.81 (m, 3H), 1.72 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.23 – 1.02 (m, 3H), 0.87 – 0.77 (m, 1H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 136.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.4, 112.3, 112.1, 52.5, 39.4, 31.3, 30.7, 27.3, 26.0, 26.0, 25.9.

Compound 15

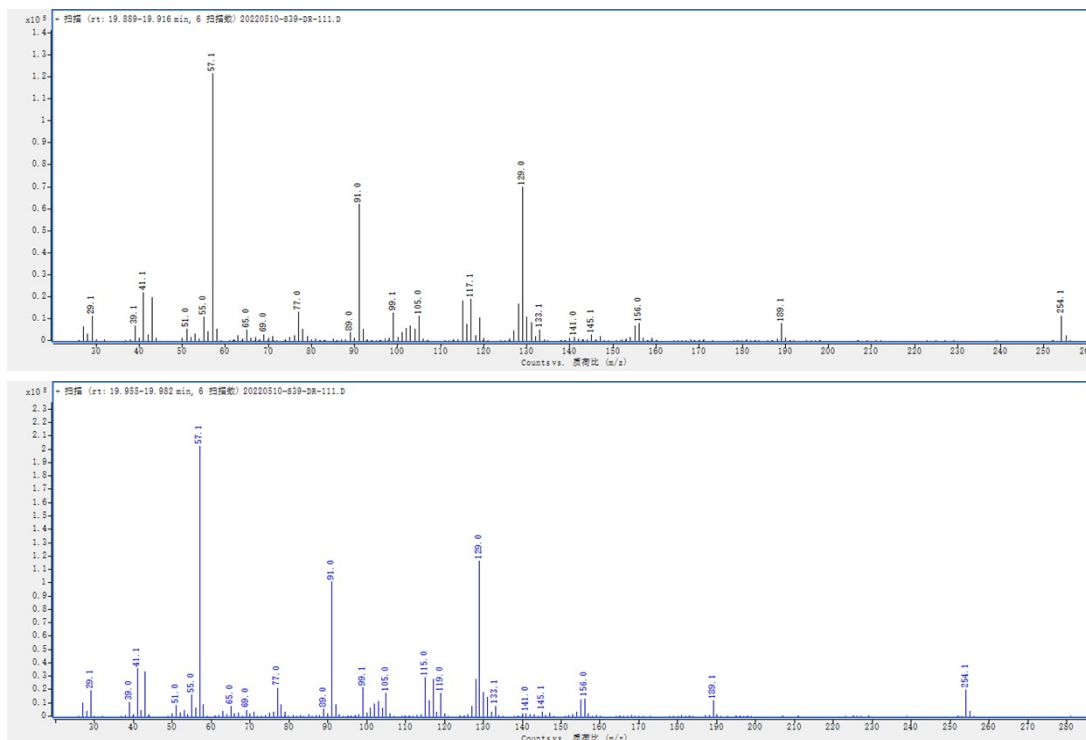


2-(2-ethyl-1-phenylhexyl)malononitrile

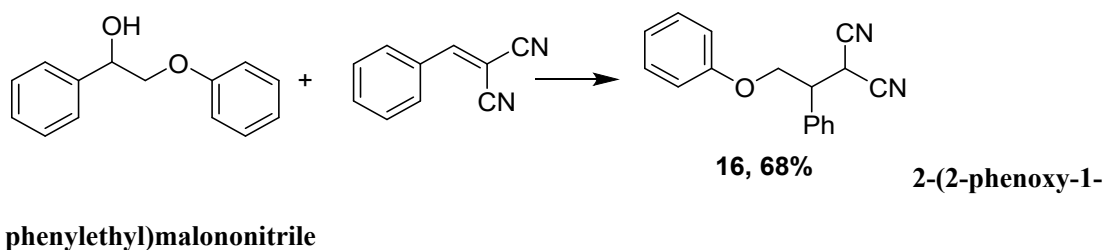
Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (39.6 mg, 83%). The dr ratio is 1.7:1, determined by GC-MS. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of diastereoisomers. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.14 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.31 (m, 5H), 1.24 – 1.05 (m, 3H), 1.00 – 0.92 (m, 3H), 0.81 – 0.74 (m, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 136.7, 136.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.5, 112.3, 112.1, 49.2, 49.0, 40.0, 40.0, 29.0, 28.7, 28.1, 27.9, 27.8, 27.8, 23.1, 22.8, 22.2, 22.0, 14.2, 14.0, 9.9, 9.7. **HRMS (ESI):** calculated for C₁₇H₂₂N₂ [M-H]⁻: 253.1710; found: 253.1707.



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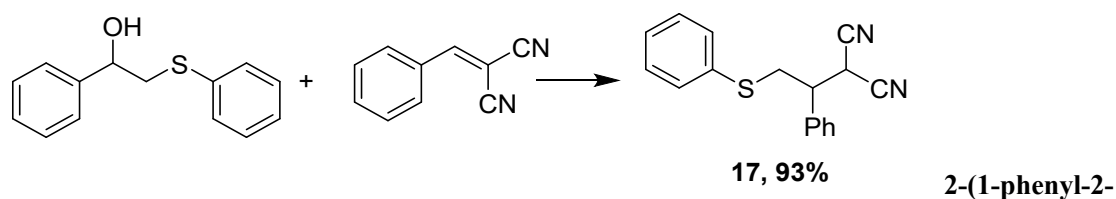


Compound 16



Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 1:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a pale yellow oil (35.7 mg, 68%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.34 (m, 2H), 3.74 – 3.66 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.6, 134.0, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 128.3, 122.3, 114.8, 112.0, 111.5, 67.3, 46.2, 26.6. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O [M-H]⁺: 261.1033; found: 261.1036.

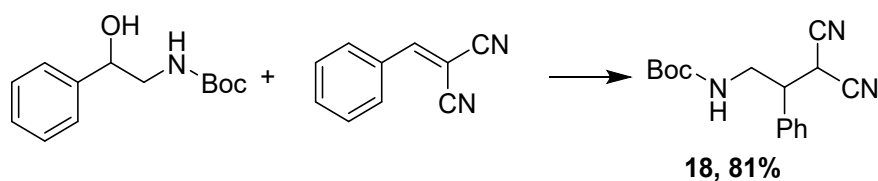
Compound S17



(phenylthio)ethyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a pale yellow oil (51.8 mg, 93%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.46 – 7.26 (m, 10H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 3.33 – 3.26 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 135.6, 133.2, 130.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.0, 127.9, 112.0, 111.2, 45.7, 36.6, 28.1. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₁₇H₁₄N₂S [M-H]⁻: 277.0805; found: 277.0808.

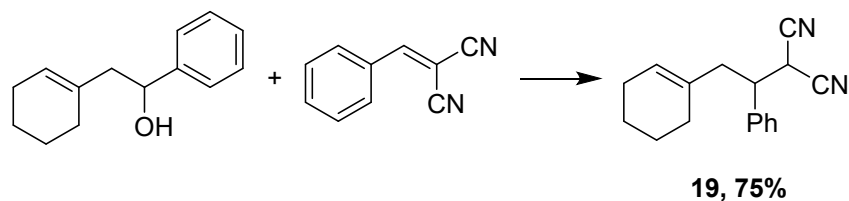
Compound 18



tert-butyl (3,3-dicyano-2-phenylpropyl)carbamate

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, DCM) to afford the titled compound as a light yellow oil (46.2 mg, 81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.46 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 135.0, 129.5, 129.4, 128.1, 112.0, 111.6, 80.7, 46.3, 43.0, 28.4, 27.3. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₁₆H₁₉N₃O₂ [M+Na]⁺: 308.1370; found: 308.1361.

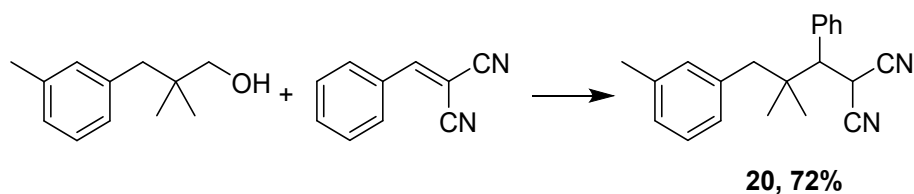
Compound 19



2-(2-(cyclohex-1-en-1-yl)-1-phenylethyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (37.6 mg, 75%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 5.67 – 5.62 (m, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.39 – 3.31 (m, 1H), 2.76 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.81 (m, 4H), 1.67 – 1.51 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 137.1, 132.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.1, 127.1, 112.5, 111.7, 44.2, 41.0, 28.8, 28.1, 25.3, 22.8, 22.1. **HRMS (ESI):** calculated for C₁₇H₁₈N₂ [M-H]⁺: 249.1397; found: 249.1393.

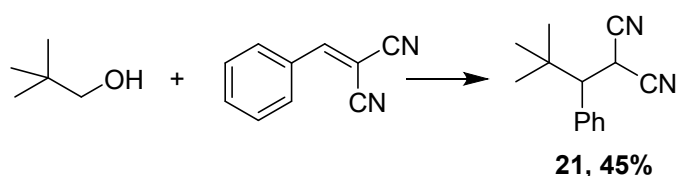
Compound 20



2-(2,2-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-(m-tolyl)propyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 1:2 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (43.5 mg, 72%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 137.8, 136.9, 136.0, 131.7, 130.0, 128.9, 128.9, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 113.4, 113.1, 56.2, 47.1, 38.6, 25.3, 25.1, 21.5. **HRMS (ESI):** calculated for C₂₁H₂₂N₂ [M-H]⁺: 301.1710; found: 301.1706.

Compound 21¹³

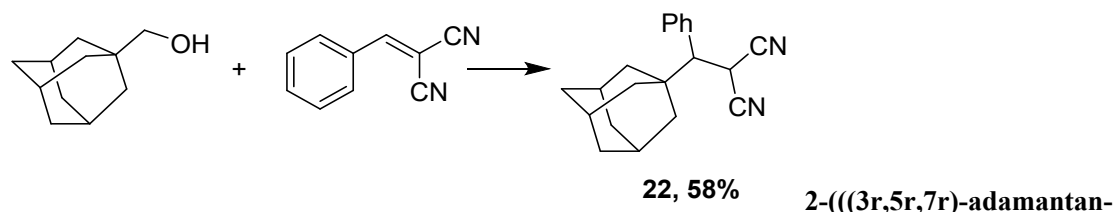


2-(2,2-dimethyl-1-phenylpropyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was

filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 100:1 Petroleum ether/ EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (19.1 mg, 45%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 136.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 113.3, 113.3, 56.9, 35.0, 28.6, 25.2.

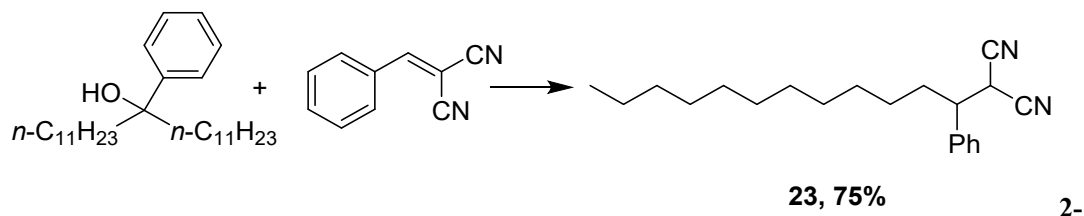
Compound 22



1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 100:1 Petroleum ether/ EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (33.7 mg, 58%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.25 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 1.99 (m, 3H), 1.75 – 1.56 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 135.4, 129.8, 128.7, 128.7, 113.6, 113.4, 58.2, 40.5, 36.7, 36.5, 28.5, 23.9. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₀H₂₂N₂ [M-H]⁺: 289.1710; found: 289.1712.

Compound 23

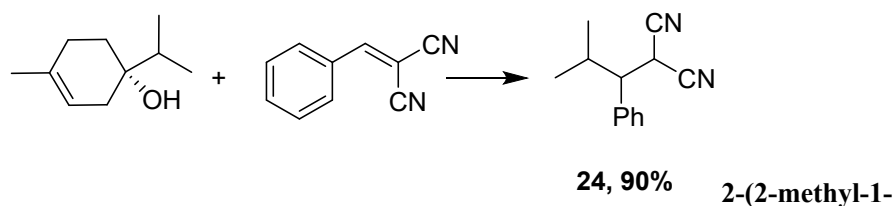


(1-phenyldodecyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 50:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the

titled compound as a colorless oil (46.6 mg, 75%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 3.88 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.16 (m, 18H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 137.0, 129.4, 128.9, 127.9, 112.1, 46.7, 32.2, 32.0, 30.4, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.4, 29.4, 29.2, 27.1, 22.8, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₁H₃₀N₂ [M-H]⁻: 309.2336; found: 309.2337.

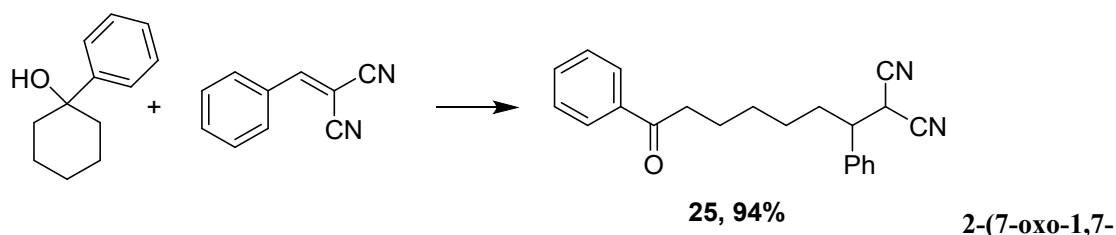
Compound 24



phenylpropyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 40:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (35.7 mg, 90%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.51 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 4.16 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 1.14 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 136.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.4, 112.3, 112.0, 53.6, 30.4, 27.9, 21.1, 20.5. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₁₃H₁₄N₂ [M-H]⁻: 197.1084; found: 197.1080.

Compound 25

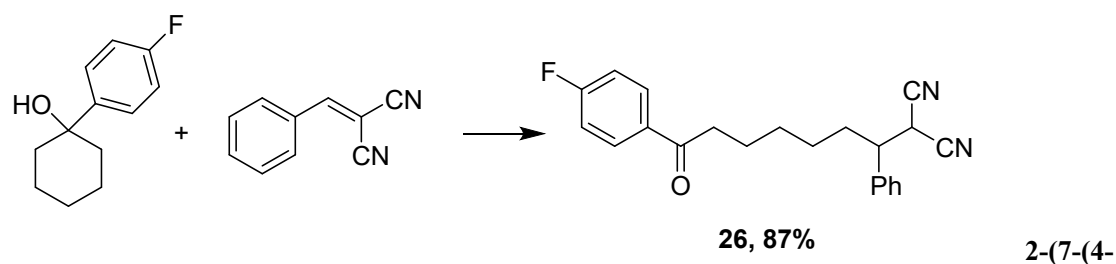


diphenylheptyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the

titled compound as a colorless oil (62.1 mg, 94%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.97 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 3.93 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.23 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 200.2, 137.0, 136.8, 133.1, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 112.1, 46.6, 38.3, 32.0, 30.3, 28.8, 26.9, 23.9. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O [M+Na]⁺: 353.1624; found: 353.1619.

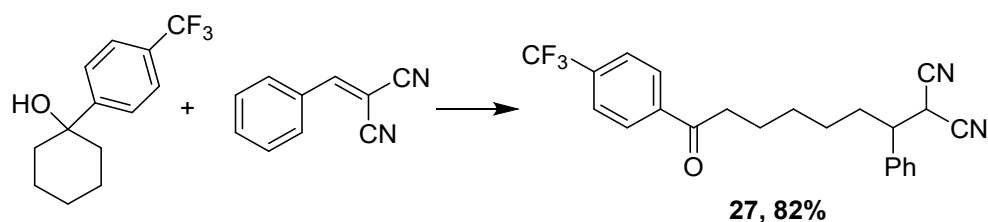
Compound 26



2-(7-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-oxo-1-phenylheptyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 8:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (60.6 mg, 87%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.98 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 3.89 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.24 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.06 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.24 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 198.5, 167.1, 164.6, 136.8, 133.5, 133.5, 130.8, 130.7, 129.5, 129.1, 127.9, 115.9, 115.7, 112.0, 112.0, 46.7, 38.2, 32.1, 30.4, 28.9, 27.0, 23.9. **¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ -105.40 – -105.48 (m). **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₂H₂₁FN₂O [M+Na]⁺: 371.1530; found: 371.1522.

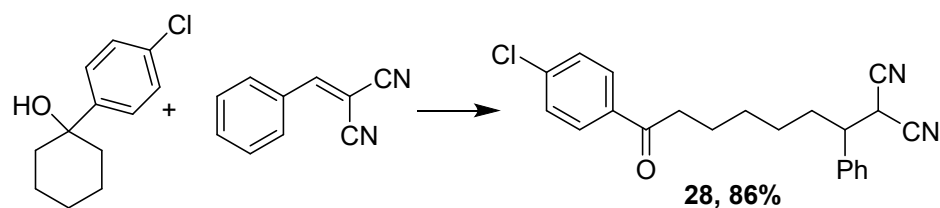
Compound 27



2-(7-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-7-oxo-1-phenylheptyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (65.3 mg, 82%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 8.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 3.90 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.25 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 199.1, 139.7, 136.8, 134.5 (q, J = 32.7 Hz), 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 127.9, 125.8 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.7 (d, J = 272.7 Hz), 112.0, 112.0, 46.7, 38.6, 32.1, 30.4, 28.8, 27.0, 23.7. **¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ -63.10. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₃H₂₁F₃N₂O [M+Na]⁺: 421.1498; found: 421.1490.

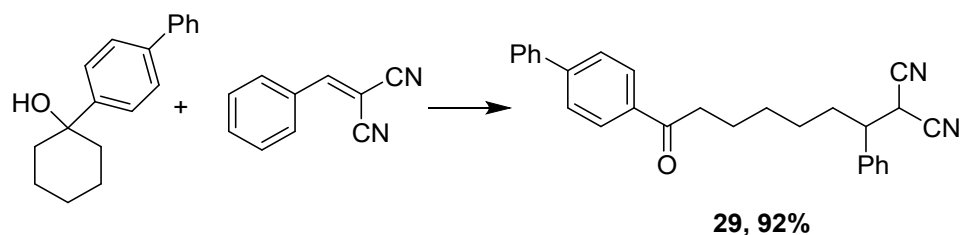
Compound 28



2-(7-(4-chlorophenyl)-7-oxo-1-phenylheptyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (62.8 mg, 86%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 3.89 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.88 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.25 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 198.9, 139.6, 136.8, 135.4, 129.5, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 127.9, 112.0, 112.0, 46.7, 38.3, 32.1, 30.4, 28.8, 27.0, 23.8. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₂H₂₁ClN₂O [M+Na]⁺: 387.1235; found: 387.1227.

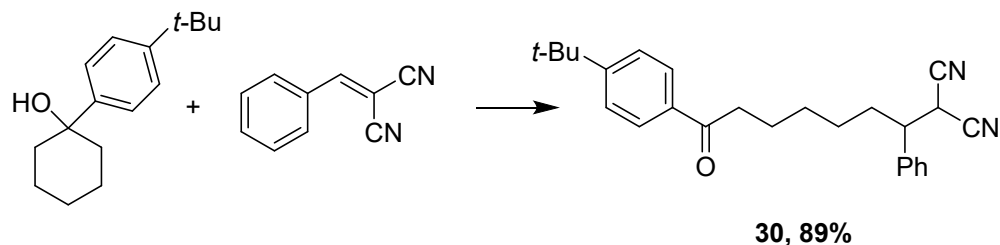
Compound 29



2-(7-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-7-oxo-1-phenylheptyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (74.8 mg, 92%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.02 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.25 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.8, 145.8, 139.9, 136.8, 135.8, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 112.0, 46.7, 38.4, 32.1, 30.3, 28.9, 26.9, 24.0. HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₈H₂₆N₂O [M+Na]⁺: 429.1937; found: 429.1929.

Compound 30

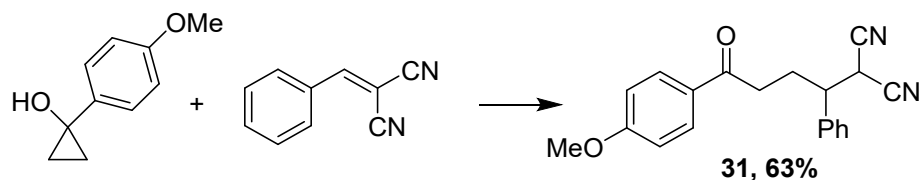


2-(7-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-7-oxo-1-phenylheptyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 8:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a light yellow oil (68.8 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.22 (m, 13H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.9, 156.8, 136.8, 134.5, 129.4, 129.0,

128.1, 127.9, 125.6, 112.0, 46.6, 38.2, 35.2, 32.1, 31.2, 30.3, 28.9, 27.0, 24.0. **HRMS (ESI):** calculated for $C_{26}H_{30}N_2O$ $[M+Na]^+$: 409.2250; found: 409.2240.

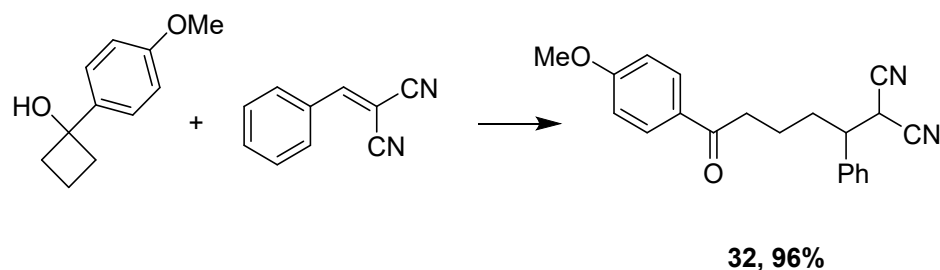
Compound 31



2-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-1-phenylbutyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 8:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a grey solid (40.1 mg, 63%). **1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6)** δ 7.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.44 – 5.18 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.57 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 2.99 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.10 (m, 1H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6)** δ 197.5, 163.6, 138.0, 130.5, 129.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 114.3, 114.1, 113.7, 56.0, 44.6, 35.3, 29.6, 27.0. **1H NMR (600 MHz, Acetone- d_6)** δ 7.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 0.5H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.05 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.32 (m, 1H). **^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, Acetone- d_6)** δ 197.3, 164.5, 138.4, 130.9, 130.7, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2, 114.5, 114.0, 113.8, 55.9, 46.0, 45.9, 35.8, 30.5, 27.6, 27.5. **HRMS (ESI):** calculated for $C_{20}H_{18}N_2O_2$ $[M-H]^-$: 317.1296; found: 317.1296.

Compound 32

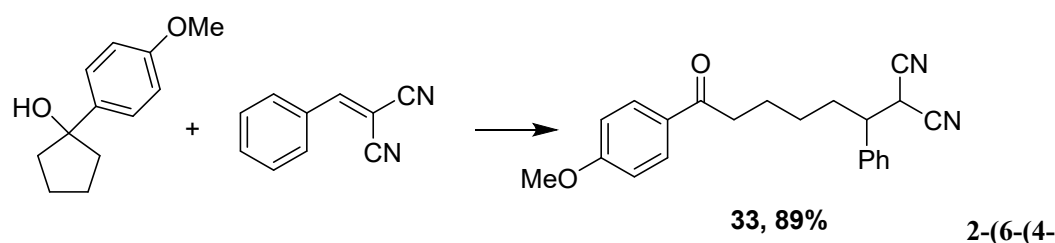


2-(5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-1-phenylpentyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was

filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (63.8 mg, 96%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.91 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.95 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.29 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 3.00 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.12 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.59 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 197.8, 163.6, 136.5, 130.2, 129.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 113.8, 112.1, 112.0, 55.5, 46.5, 37.3, 31.6, 30.2, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₂ [M+Na]⁺: 355.1417; found: 355.1410.

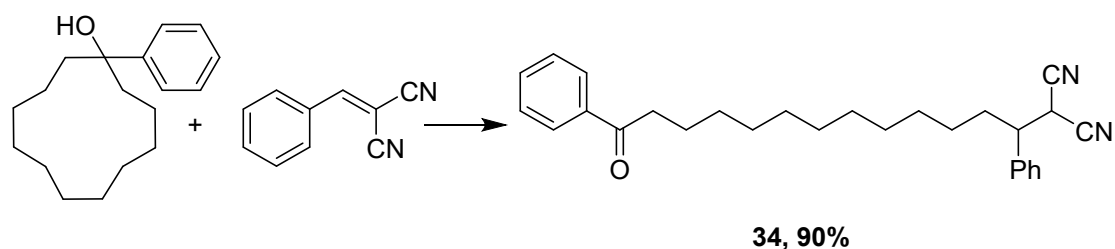
Compound 33



methoxyphenyl)-6-oxo-1-phenylhexyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 6:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (61.7 mg, 89%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.94 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 6.98 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.28 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.10 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.22 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 198.40, 163.49, 136.70, 130.28, 129.92, 129.32, 128.91, 127.90, 113.78, 112.09, 112.07, 55.51, 46.27, 37.67, 32.04, 30.15, 26.66, 23.74. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₂ [M+Na]⁺: 369.1574; found: 369.1569.

Compound 34



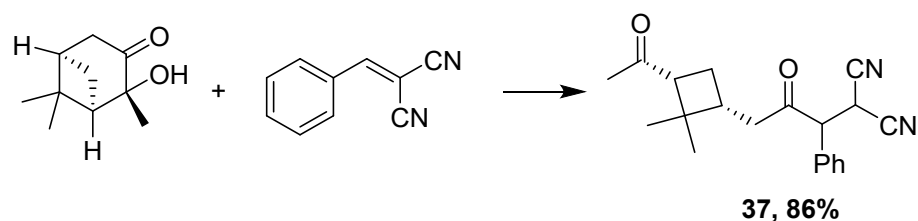
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Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 8:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (47.3 mg, 93%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 3.97 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.03 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.16 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 208.6, 136.6, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 112.1, 46.2, 43.1, 31.9, 30.2, 29.9, 26.4, 23.0. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O [M+Na]⁺: 277.1311; found: 277.1308.

phenyloctyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 8:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (48.3 mg, 90%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 3.94 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.37 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.03 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.18 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 208.9, 136.7, 129.3, 128.9, 127.8, 112.0, 46.4, 43.3, 31.9, 30.2, 29.9, 28.6, 26.8, 23.3. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O [M+Na]⁺: 291.1468; found: 291.1464.

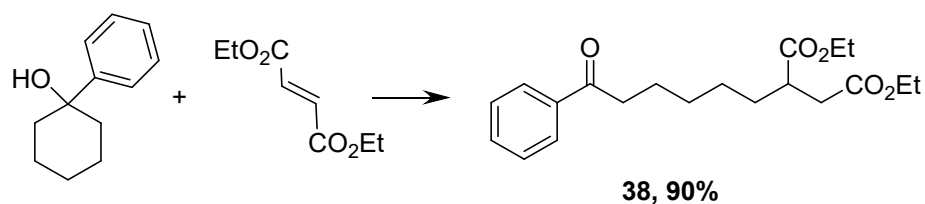
Compound 37



2-(3-(3-acetyl-2,2-dimethylcyclobutyl)-2-oxo-1-phenylpropyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, DCM) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (55.4 mg, 86%). The dr ratio is 1:1, determined by ¹H NMR. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of diastereoisomers. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 4.41 – 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.28 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 2.91 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.33 (m, 6H), 2.05 – 1.97 (m, 6H), 1.94 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 3H), 0.56 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 207.5, 207.4, 203.4, 203.2, 131.1, 130.9, 130.3, 130.3, 130.2, 130.2, 128.7, 128.6, 112.1, 112.0, 111.4, 58.7, 58.6, 54.2, 54.0, 43.5, 43.2, 42.2, 42.1, 36.9, 36.8, 30.4, 30.3, 25.6, 25.5, 22.8, 22.6, 17.8, 17.2. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₀H₂₂N₂O₂ [M+Na]⁺: 345.1574; found: 345.1565.

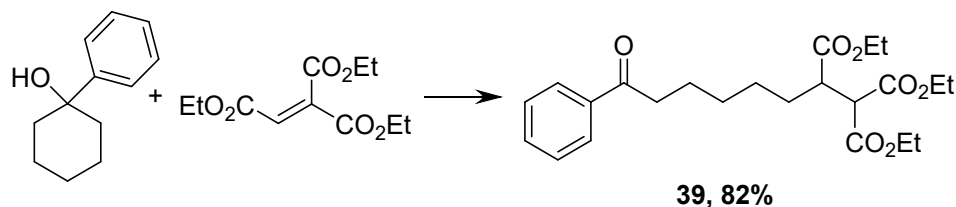
Compound 38



diethyl 2-(6-oxo-6-phenylhexyl)succinate

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 1:2 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (62.7 mg, 90%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 4.18 – 4.10 (m, 4H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.86 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.74 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.45 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.43 – 1.33 (m, 4H), 1.28 – 1.22 (m, 6H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 200.4, 175.1, 172.1, 137.1, 133.1, 128.7, 128.1, 60.7, 60.7, 41.4, 38.5, 36.3, 31.9, 29.2, 26.9, 24.2, 14.3, 14.3. **HRMS (APCI):** calculated for C₂₀H₂₈O₅ [M+H]⁺: 349.2009; found: 349.1997.

Compound 39

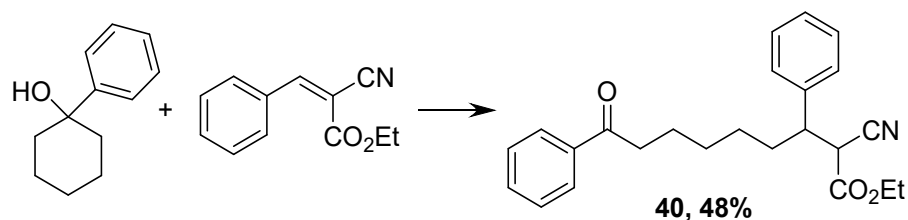


triethyl 8-oxo-8-phenyloctane-1,1,2-tricarboxylate

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (68.9 mg, 82%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.13 (m, 6H), 3.76 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.15 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.76 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.31 (m, 4H), 1.29 – 1.22 (m, 9H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 200.3, 173.5, 168.0, 168.0, 137.0, 132.9, 128.6, 128.0, 61.7, 61.7, 60.8, 53.9, 44.3, 38.4, 29.9, 29.0, 26.3, 24.0, 14.2, 14.1, 14.0. **HRMS (APCI):**

calculated for $C_{23}H_{32}O_7$ $[M+H]^+$: 421.2221; found: 421.2207.

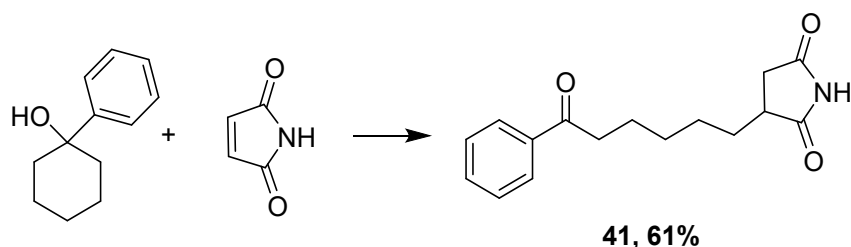
Compound 40



ethyl 2-cyano-9-oxo-3,9-diphenylnonanoate

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (36.2 mg, 48%). The dr ratio is 1:1, determined by 1H NMR. The product gives two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of diastereoisomers. **1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.95 – 7.88 (m, 4H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 10H), 4.16 – 4.04 (m, 4H), 3.78 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.35 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.86 (m, 4H), 2.00 – 1.79 (m, 4H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.44 – 1.19 (m, 8H), 1.17 – 1.08 (m, 6H). **^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$)** δ 200.3, 200.3, 165.5, 165.4, 139.2, 138.5, 137.1, 133.0, 133.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 127.9, 127.9, 116.0, 115.6, 62.8, 62.7, 46.0, 45.8, 45.2, 44.6, 38.4, 38.4, 33.3, 32.1, 29.0, 29.0, 27.1, 27.0, 24.0, 24.0, 13.9, 13.9. **HRMS (APCI)**: calculated for $C_{24}H_{27}NO_3$ $[M+H]^+$: 378.2064; found: 378.2055.

Compound 41

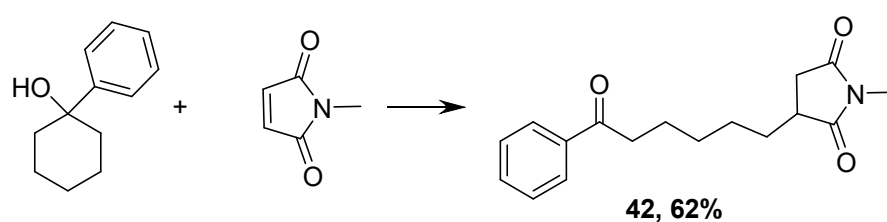


3-(6-oxo-6-phenylhexyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by

flash column chromatography (silica gel, 8:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (33.3 mg, 61%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.92 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.39 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 200.4, 180.8, 177.4, 137.0, 133.1, 128.7, 128.1, 41.3, 38.4, 35.6, 31.0, 29.0, 26.7, 24.0. **HRMS (ESI):** calculated for C₁₆H₁₉NO₃ [M-H]⁻: 272.1292; found: 272.1292.

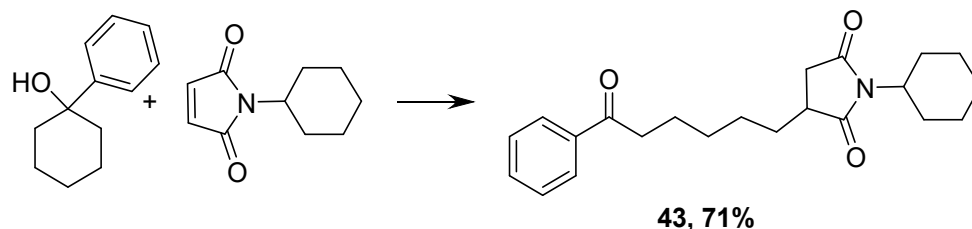
Compound 42



1-methyl-3-(6-oxo-6-phenylhexyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (35.6 mg, 62%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.99 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 3.02 – 2.93 (m, 5H), 2.88 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.80 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.38 (m, 5H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 200.3, 180.2, 176.9, 137.0, 133.1, 128.7, 128.1, 40.0, 38.4, 34.5, 31.3, 29.1, 26.8, 24.9, 24.0. **HRMS (APCI):** calculated for C₁₇H₂₁NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 288.1594; found: 288.1587.

Compound 43

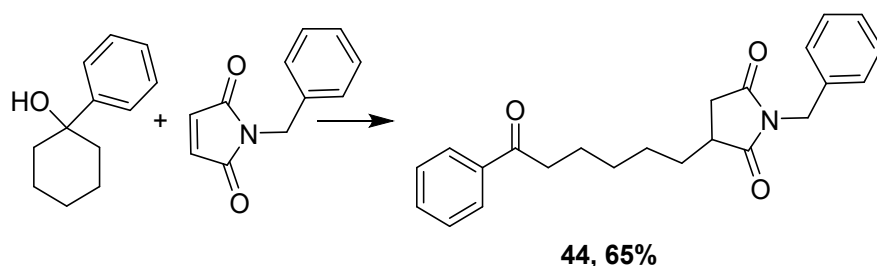


1-cyclohexyl-3-(6-oxo-6-phenylhexyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered

through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 7:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (50.5 mg, 71%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.99 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 4.01 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.82 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 2.39 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.72 (m, 5H), 1.69 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.59 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.14 (m, 8H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 200.3, 180.2, 176.9, 137.1, 133.1, 128.7, 128.1, 51.7, 39.5, 38.4, 34.4, 31.4, 29.1, 28.9, 26.6, 26.0, 25.1, 24.1. **HRMS (APCI):** calculated for C₂₂H₂₉NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 356.2220; found: 356.2212.

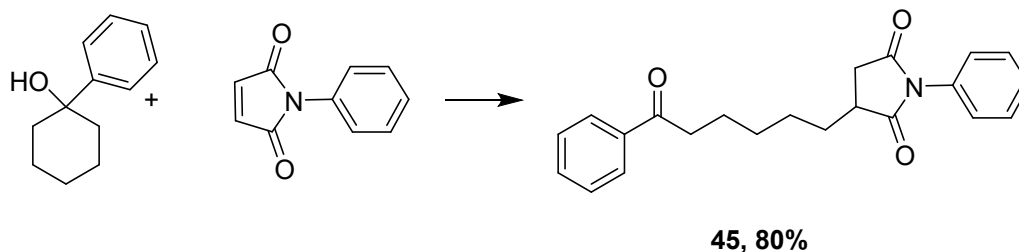
Compound 44



1-benzyl-3-(6-oxo-6-phenylhexyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 5:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (47.2 mg, 65%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.97 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.87 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.32 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 200.2, 179.7, 176.4, 137.0, 135.9, 133.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 42.4, 39.9, 38.4, 34.4, 31.2, 29.0, 26.6, 24.0. **HRMS (ESI):** calculated for C₂₃H₂₅NO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 386.1727; found: 386.1716.

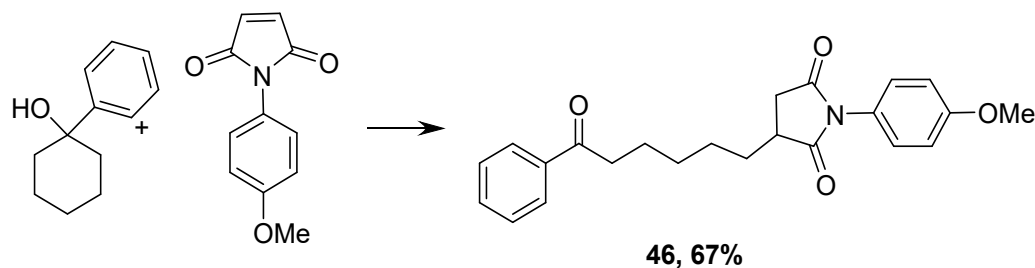
Compound 45



3-(6-oxo-6-phenylhexyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with dichloromethane. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (55.9 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 3.05 – 2.92 (m, 4H), 2.59 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.07 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.39 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.2, 179.0, 175.7, 137.1, 133.1, 132.0, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.5, 40.0, 38.4, 34.7, 31.4, 29.1, 26.7, 24.0. HRMS (APCI): calculated for C₂₂H₂₃NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 350.1751; found: 350.1738.

Compound 46

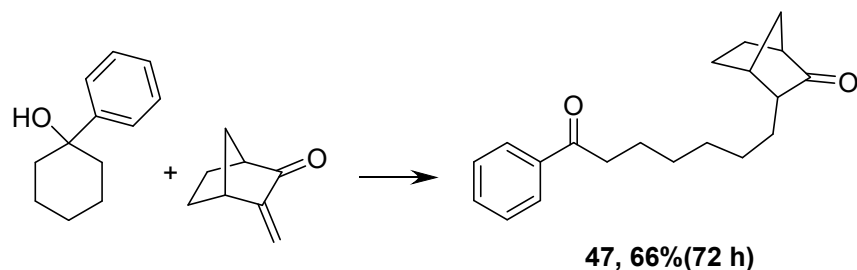


1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(6-oxo-6-phenylhexyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 1:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (50.8 mg, 67%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.05 – 2.92 (m, 4H), 2.60 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 2H),

1.70 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.41 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.2, 179.3, 176.0, 159.6, 137.1, 133.1, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 124.6, 114.6, 55.6, 40.0, 38.4, 34.6, 31.5, 29.1, 26.7, 24.1. HRMS (APCI): calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 380.1856; found: 380.1848.

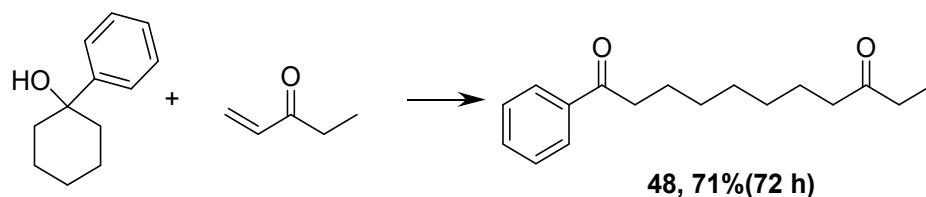
Compound 47



(1S,3R,4R)-3-(7-oxo-7-phenylheptyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 50:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (39.4 mg, 66%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{Chloroform-}d$) δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.65 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.63 (m, 6H), 1.60 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.31 (m, 7H), 1.24 – 1.13 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 220.4, 200.6, 137.2, 133.0, 128.7, 128.2, 53.7, 50.7, 38.7, 38.3, 37.2, 29.5, 29.3, 28.0, 26.4, 25.5, 24.4, 21.3. HRMS (APCI): calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 299.2006; found: 299.1998.

Compound 48

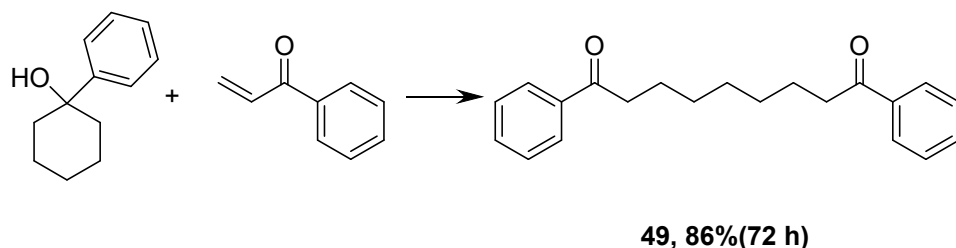


1-phenylundecane-1,9-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 60:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (37.0 mg, 71%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{Chloroform-}d$) δ 7.99 – 7.93

(m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 2.96 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 – 2.36 (m, 4H), 1.78 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.28 (m, 6H), 1.05 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 212.1, 200.7, 137.2, 133.0, 128.7, 128.2, 42.5, 38.7, 36.0, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 24.4, 24.0, 8.0. HRMS (APCI): calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 261.1849; found: 261.1843.

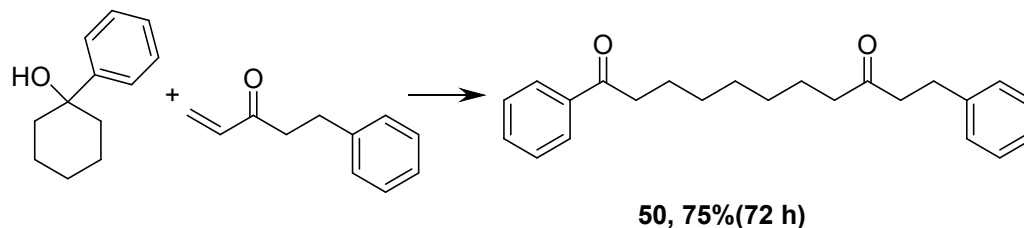
Compound 49¹⁴



1,9-diphenylnonane-1,9-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 60:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (53.0 mg, 86%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{Chloroform-}d$) δ 7.99 – 7.92 (m, 4H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 2.97 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 4H), 1.78 – 1.70 (m, 4H), 1.44 – 1.37 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.7, 137.2, 133.0, 128.7, 128.2, 38.7, 29.5, 29.4, 24.4.

Compound 50

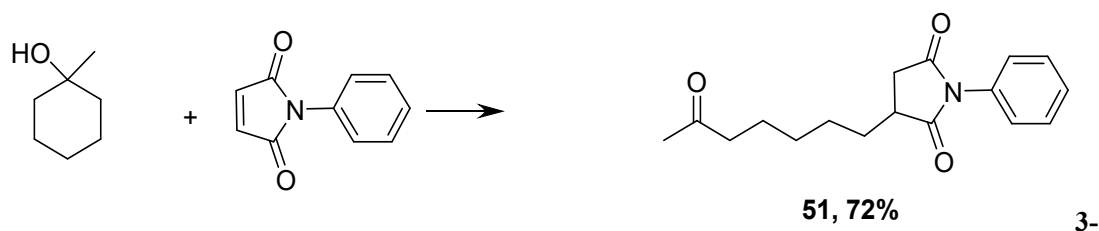


1,11-diphenylundecane-1,9-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 70:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (50.5 mg, 75%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{Chloroform-}d$) δ 7.95 (d, $J =$

7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 2.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.24 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.4, 200.6, 141.3, 137.2, 133.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 126.2, 44.4, 43.1, 38.7, 29.9, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 24.4, 23.8. HRMS (APCI): calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 337.2162; found: 337.2153.

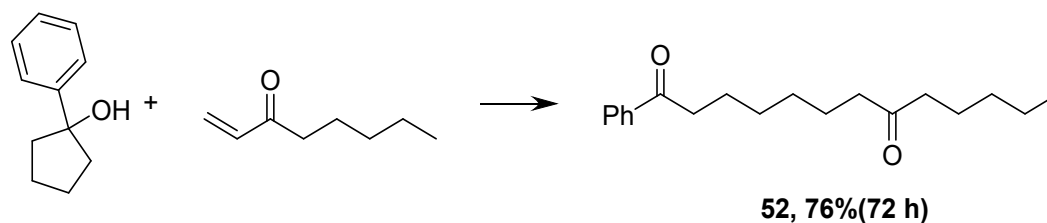
Compound 51



(6-oxoheptyl)-1-phenylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-methylcyclohexan-1-ol (45.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant Michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 5:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (41.4 mg, 72%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{Chloroform-}d$) δ 7.48 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 3.06 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.45 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.05 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.33 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.0, 179.0, 175.7, 132.0, 129.3, 128.7, 126.5, 43.6, 40.1, 34.7, 31.5, 30.1, 29.0, 26.7, 23.5. HRMS (APCI): calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 288.1594; found: 288.1588.

Compound 52

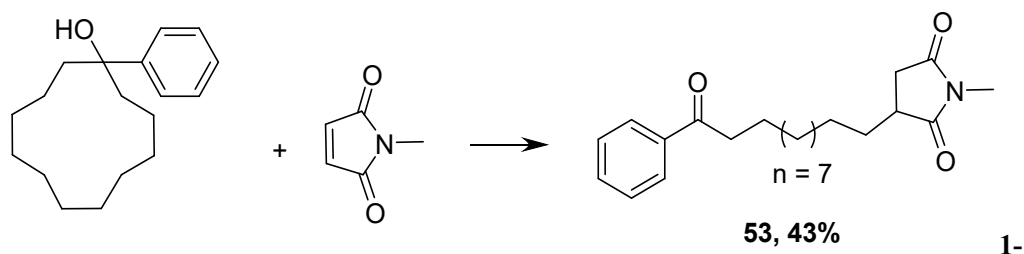


1-phenyltridecane-1,8-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclopentan-1-ol (64.9 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant Michael acceptor. After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered

through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 60:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (43.8 mg, 76%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 8.01 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 2.34 (m, 4H), 1.79 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.42 – 1.24 (m, 8H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 211.7, 200.6, 137.2, 133.0, 128.7, 128.2, 43.0, 42.8, 38.6, 31.6, 29.3, 29.2, 24.3, 23.8, 23.7, 22.6, 14.1. **HRMS (APCI)**: calculated for C₁₉H₂₈O₂ [M+H]⁺: 289.2162; found: 289.2155.

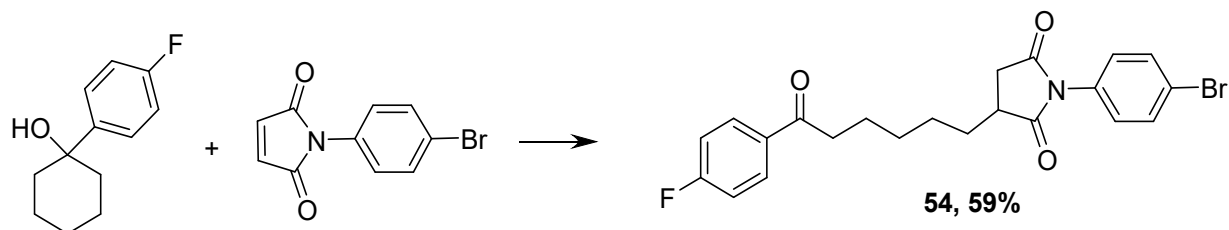
Compound 53



methyl-3-(12-oxo-12-phenyldodecyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (104 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (32.0 mg, 43%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.01 – 2.93 (m, 5H), 2.87 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.44 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.44 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.25 (m, 16H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 200.7, 180.3, 177.0, 137.2, 133.0, 128.7, 128.2, 40.1, 38.8, 34.5, 31.5, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 26.9, 24.9, 24.5. **HRMS (APCI)**: calculated for C₂₃H₃₃NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 372.2533; found: 372.2526.

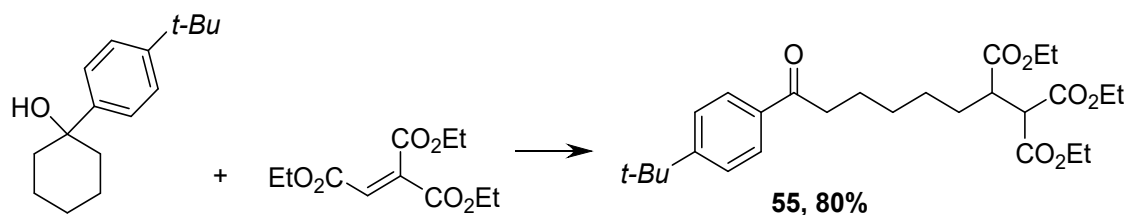
Compound 54



1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(6-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-oxohexyl)pyrrolidine-2,5-dione

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-(4-fluorophenyl)cyclohexan-1-ol (77.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 3:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (52.7 mg, 59%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 8.03 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 3.07 – 2.92 (m, 4H), 2.62 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.41 (m, 4H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 178.6, 175.3, 165.8 (d, J = 254.7 Hz), 133.5 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 132.5, 131.0, 130.8 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 128.0, 122.5, 115.8 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 40.1, 38.3, 34.7, 31.5, 29.1, 26.8, 24.0. **¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ -105.41. **HRMS (APCI):** calculated for C₂₂H₂₁BrFNO₃ [M+H]⁺: 446.0762; found: 446.0752.

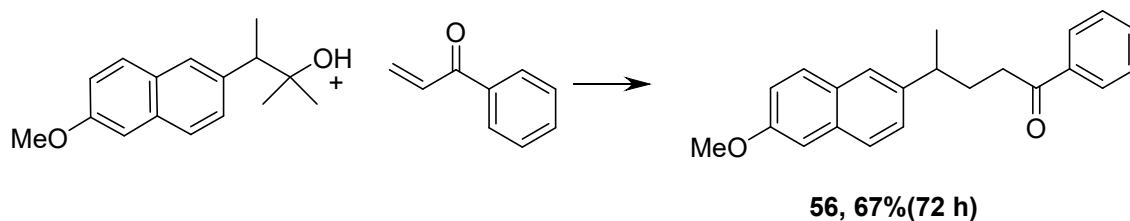
Compound 55



triethyl 8-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-8-oxooctane-1,1,2-tricarboxylate

Prepared following the general procedure with 1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)cyclohexan-1-ol (92.9 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a white solid (76.3 mg, 80%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.25 – 4.13 (m, 6H), 3.73 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 – 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 13H), 1.30 – 1.22 (m, 9H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 200.0, 173.6, 168.1, 168.1, 156.7, 134.5, 128.1, 125.6, 61.7, 60.9, 54.0, 44.4, 38.3, 35.1, 31.2, 30.0, 29.1, 26.4, 24.2, 14.2, 14.1, 14.1. **HRMS (APCI):** calculated for C₂₇H₄₀O₇ [M+H]⁺: 477.2847; found: 477.2832.

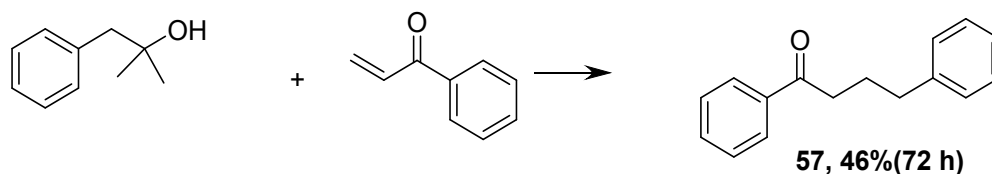
Compound 56¹⁵



4-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylpentan-1-one

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 25:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (42.7 mg, 67%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.00 – 2.77 (m, 3H), 2.21 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.5, 157.4, 141.7, 137.0, 133.4, 133.0, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 127.2, 126.2, 125.4, 118.8, 105.7, 55.4, 39.6, 36.9, 32.5, 22.9.

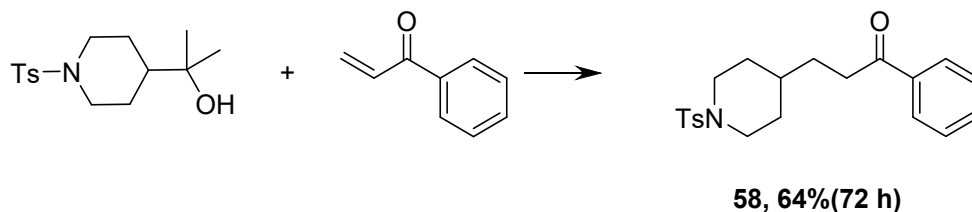
Compound 57¹⁶



1,4-diphenylbutan-1-one

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 25:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (20.6 mg, 46%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.14 – 2.02 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.3, 141.8, 137.1, 133.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.1, 77.4, 37.8, 35.3, 25.8.

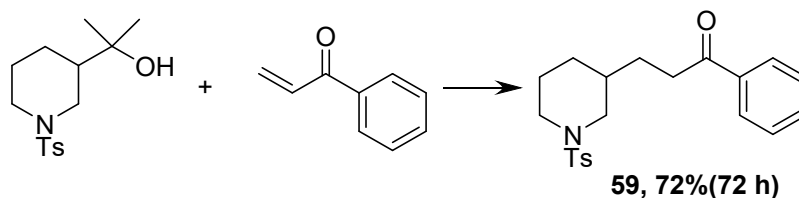
Compound 58



1-phenyl-3-(1-tosylpiperidin-4-yl)propan-1-one

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 5:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (47.6 mg, 64%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.81 – 3.71 (m, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.27 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.24 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.0, 143.5, 136.8, 133.2, 133.1, 129.7, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 77.4, 46.4, 35.4, 34.6, 31.4, 30.2, 21.6. HRMS (APCI): calculated for C₂₁H₂₅NO₃S [M+H]⁺: 372.1628; found: 372.1620.

Compound 59

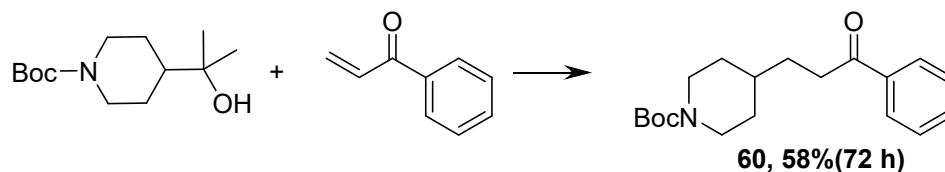


1-phenyl-3-(1-tosylpiperidin-3-yl)propan-1-one

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 5:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (53.5 mg, 72%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.68 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.36 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.55 (m, 6H), 0.98 – 0.85 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.8, 143.5, 136.8, 133.2, 133.2, 129.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.8, 77.4, 51.6, 46.8, 35.9, 35.4, 30.2,

27.8, 24.4, 21.6. **HRMS (APCI)**: calculated for $C_{21}H_{25}NO_3S$ $[M+H]^+$: 372.1628; found: 372.1619.

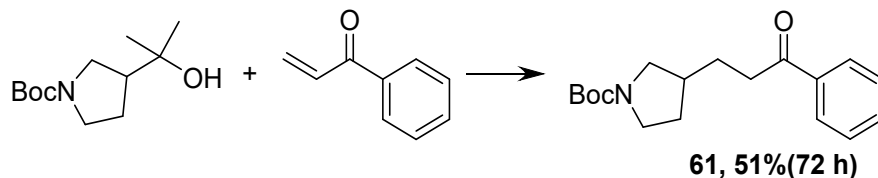
Compound 60¹⁵



tert-butyl 4-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 5:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (36.8 mg, 58%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.20 – 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.74 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 10H), 1.20 – 1.09 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 200.3, 155.0, 137.0, 133.1, 128.7, 128.1, 79.4, 44.1, 35.7, 30.8, 28.6.

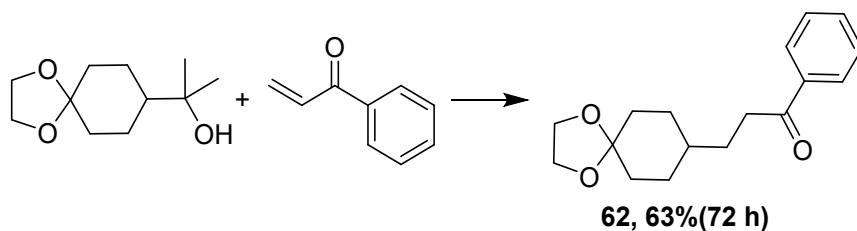
Compound 61



tert-butyl (S)-3-(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 5:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (30.9 mg, 51%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.99 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.64 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 3.32 – 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.05 – 2.86 (m, 3H), 2.26 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 199.8, 154.7, 136.9, 133.3, 128.8, 128.1, 79.2, 51.7, 51.1, 45.8, 45.5, 38.8, 37.9, 37.1, 32.0, 31.2, 28.7, 27.6. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for $C_{18}H_{25}NO_3$ $[M+Na]^+$: 326.1727; found: 326.1719.

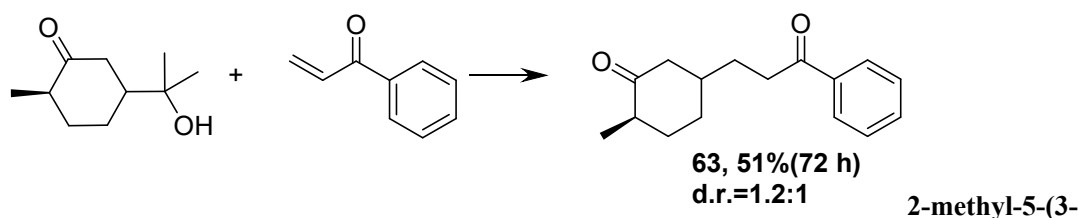
Compound 62



1-phenyl-3-(1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl)propan-1-one

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 20:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (34.6 mg, 63%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 4H), 3.02 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.23 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.6, 137.1, 133.0, 128.7, 128.2, 109.1, 64.4, 64.3, 36.4, 36.1, 34.6, 30.7, 30.2. HRMS (APCI): calculated for C₁₇H₂₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 275.1642; found: 275.1635.

Compound 63

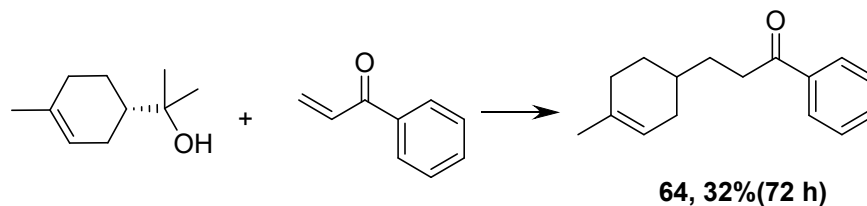


oxo-3-phenylpropyl)cyclohexan-1-one

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 5:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (24.9 mg, 51%). The isolated product gives 1.2:1 dr ratio and two sets of NMR signals, owing to the presence of diastereoisomers. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 – 7.93 (m, 4.29H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 2.21H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 4.16H), 3.07 – 2.91 (m, 4.30H), 2.52 – 2.43 (m, 3.04H), 2.40 – 2.34 (m, 1.18H), 2.32 – 2.27 (m, 1.00H), 2.17 – 2.02 (m, 3.53H), 1.99 – 1.91 (m, 2.43H), 1.90 – 1.80 (m, 3.04H), 1.79 – 1.73 (m, 2.69H), 1.72 –

1.64 (m, 2.70H), 1.50 – 1.43 (m, 1.25H), 1.39 – 1.31 (m, 1.31H), 1.08 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2.97H), 1.02 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3.46H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 213.9, 212.6, 199.8, 199.8, 136.9, 133.2, 133.2, 128.7, 128.1, 128.1, 48.2, 45.5, 44.9, 44.7, 40.2, 37.7, 36.1, 35.9, 34.9, 32.2, 31.4, 31.1, 28.3, 28.3, 15.5, 14.4. HRMS (APCI): calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 245.1536; found: 245.1530.

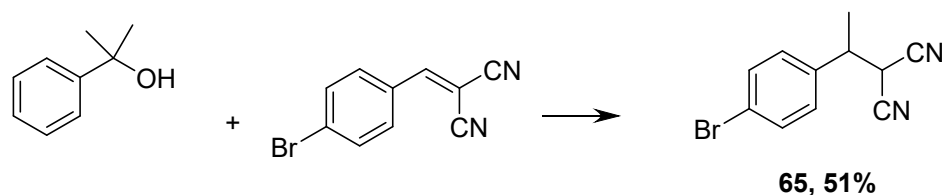
Compound 64



3-(4-methylcyclohex-3-en-1-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 30:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (14.6 mg, 32%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{Chloroform-}d$) δ 7.96 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.39 – 5.33 (m, 1H), 3.06 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.06 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.37 – 1.19 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.8, 137.2, 134.2, 133.0, 128.7, 128.2, 120.4, 36.4, 33.3, 32.0, 30.9, 30.2, 29.3, 23.7. HRMS (APCI): calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 229.1587; found: 229.1579.

Compound 65¹⁷

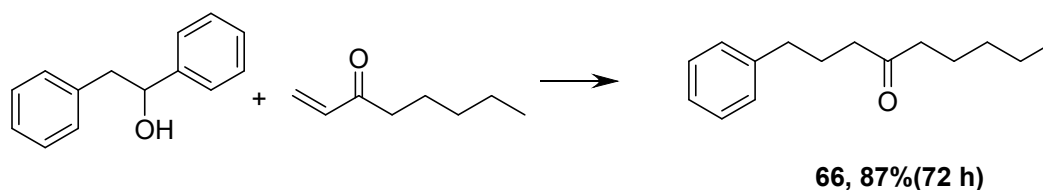


2-(1-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 2-(4-bromobenzylidene)malononitrile (46.6 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and

purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a light yellow oil (25.4 mg, 51%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.1, 132.6, 129.1, 123.2, 111.7, 111.5, 40.8, 31.2, 17.9.

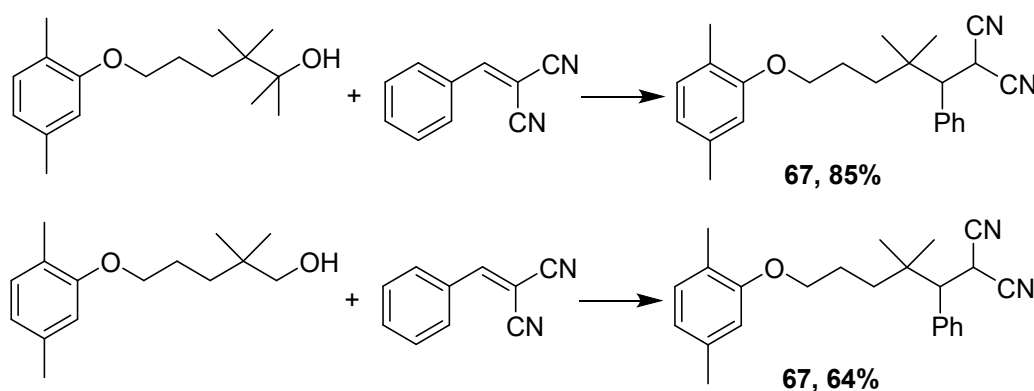
Compound 66¹⁶



1-phenylnonan-4-one

Prepared following the general procedure with 1,2-diphenylethan-1-ol (79.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and relevant michael acceptor. After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 60:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (38.0 mg, 87%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 – 2.33 (m, 4H), 1.95 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.22 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.3, 141.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.0, 43.0, 42.0, 35.3, 31.6, 25.4, 23.7, 22.6, 14.1.

Compound 67

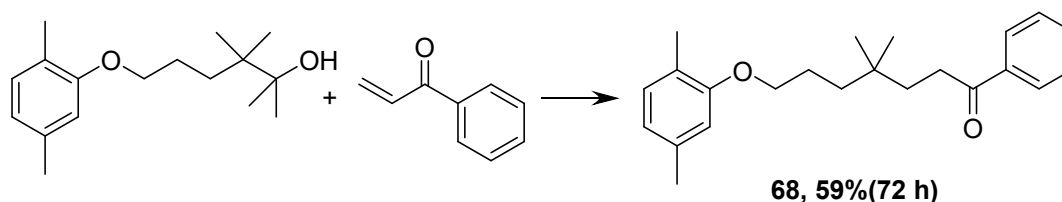


2-(5-(2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2,2-dimethyl-1-phenylpentyl)malononitrile

Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and

purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 8:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (61.3 mg, 85%), (46.1 mg, 64%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.95 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 3.10 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.85 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 156.8, 136.7, 135.9, 130.5, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 123.6, 121.0, 113.4, 113.1, 112.0, 67.6, 55.2, 37.5, 37.3, 25.4, 25.3, 24.9, 24.0, 21.5, 15.9. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for C₂₄H₂₈N₂O [M+Na]⁺: 383.2094; found: 383.2084.

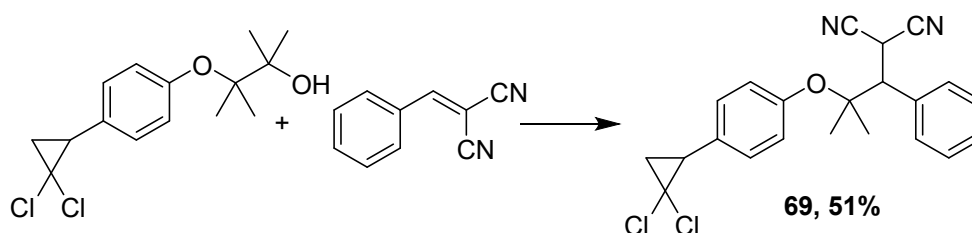
Compound 68



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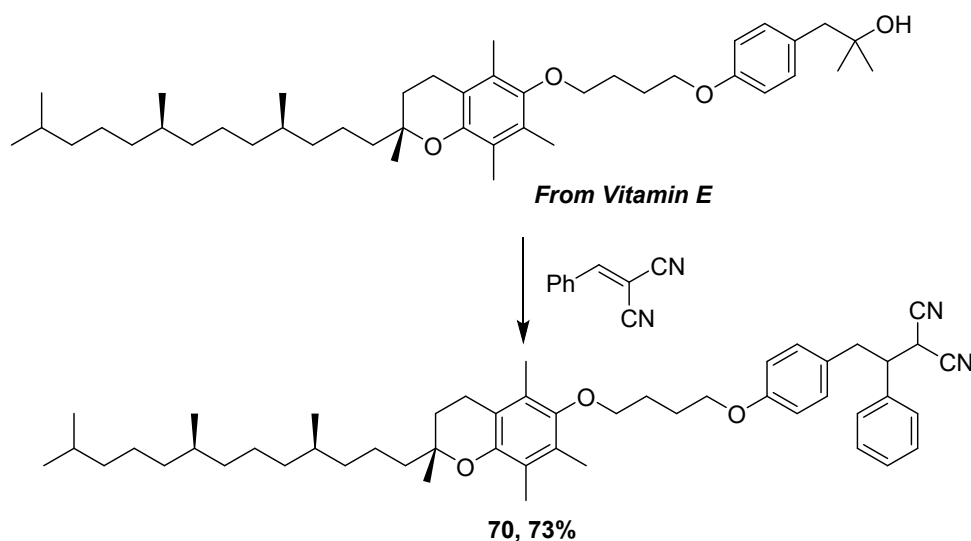
Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and 1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (26.4 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 72 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 40:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (39.9 mg, 59%). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)** δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.98 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.83 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 0.97 (s, 6H). **¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 201.0, 157.1, 137.2, 136.6, 133.0, 130.4, 128.7, 128.2, 123.6, 120.7, 112.1, 68.5, 38.1, 35.9, 33.8, 32.5, 27.2, 24.4, 21.5, 16.0. **HRMS (APCI)**: calculated for C₂₃H₃₀O₂ [M+H]⁺: 339.2319; found: 339.2311.

Compound 69



2-(2-(4-(2,2-dichlorocyclopropyl)phenoxy)-2-methyl-1-phenylpropyl)malononitrile Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM to afford the titled compound as a light yellow oil (40.7 mg, 51%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.81 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.9, 135.3, 131.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 124.1, 113.5, 113.1, 81.5, 60.8, 57.3, 35.0, 27.1, 26.1, 24.9, 24.4. HRMS (APCI): calculated for C₂₂H₂₀Cl₂N₂O [M+H]⁺: 399.1026; found: 399.1020.

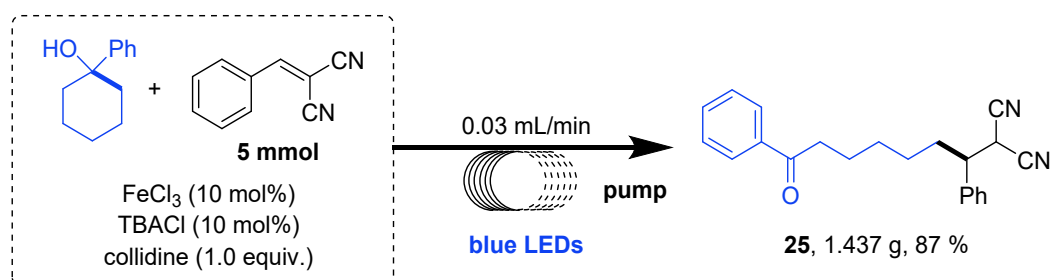
Compound 70



Prepared on 0.2 mmol scale following the general procedure with relevant alcohol and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol). After 48 h irradiation, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short silica column and washed with DCM. The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2:1 Petroleum ether/DCM) to afford the titled compound as a light yellow oil (109.1 mg, 73%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.43 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.93 (m, 2H),

1.84 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.03 (m, 22H), 0.88 – 0.83 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.7, 148.4, 147.9, 136.7, 130.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 125.9, 123.0, 117.7, 115.3, 112.3, 111.6, 74.9, 72.6, 68.1, 48.7, 40.2, 39.5, 37.9, 37.6, 37.6, 37.6, 37.4, 32.9, 32.9, 31.5, 28.5, 28.1, 27.2, 26.5, 24.9, 24.6, 24.0, 22.9, 22.8, 21.2, 20.8, 19.9, 19.8, 12.9, 12.1, 11.9. HRMS (APCI): calculated for $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{70}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 747.5459; found: 747.5434.

3.4 Gram-Scale and Large-Scale Reaction



A 100 mL heart shaped bottle flask equipped with a magnetic stirbar was charged with 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (1763 mg, 10 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and benzylidenemalononitrile (771 mg, 5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The flask was then transferred into the glovebox, where FeCl_3 /TBACl solution (50 mL) from the general procedure was added. Then, collidine (650 μL , 5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. As shown in **Figure S4**, a peristaltic pump was filled with the reaction mixture and attached to the flow apparatus made with a condenser. The flow apparatus itself was cooled by Flowing water as well as additional cooling fans, and equipped with six 50 W 450nm blue LEDs. The flow apparatus itself was set up with flow rate = 0.03 mL/min, after approximately 28 h the reacted red brown solution was collected. Excess solvent was removed under reduced pressure followed by purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 10:1 Petroleum ether/ EtOAc) to obtain the crude product contains a very small amount of collidine. Then purified through a short silica column and washed with DCM to obtain the pure product (1.437 g, 87%).

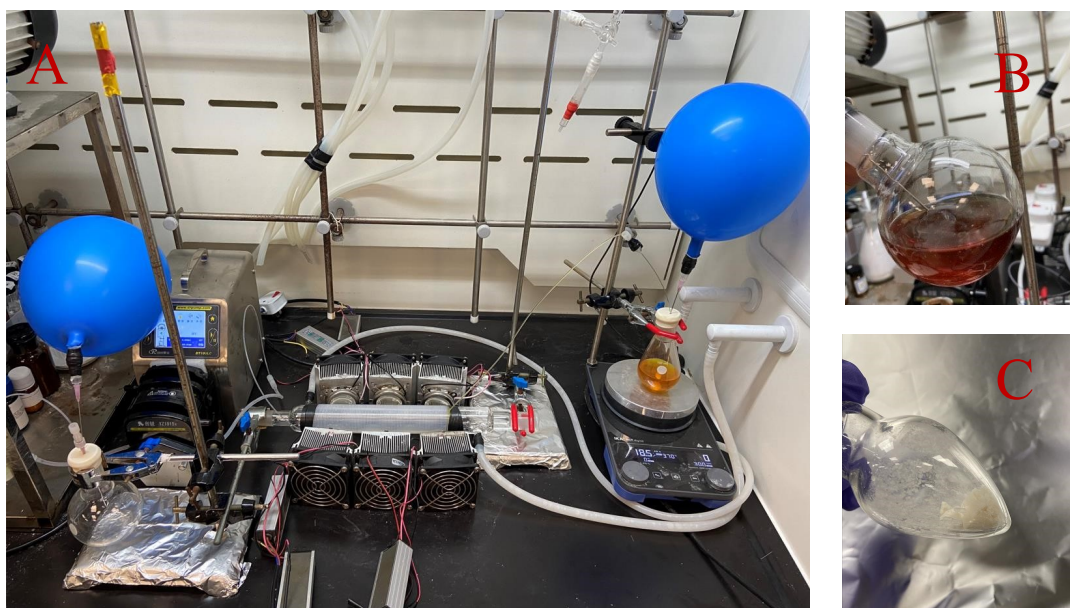
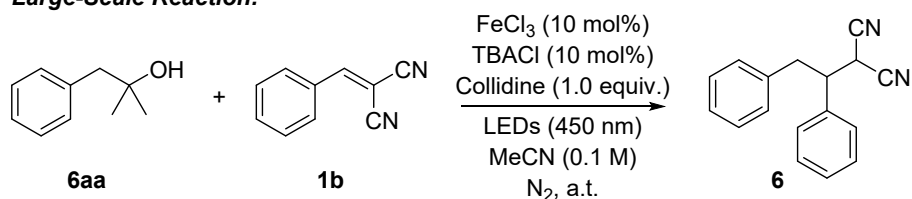


Figure S4. The gram-scale reaction. **A**, The continuous-flow setup. **B**, The mixture after irradiation. **C**, Compound **25** purified by column chromatography.

Large-Scale Reaction:



For the large scale experiment, A 100 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirbar was charged with 2-methyl-1-phenylpropan-2-ol (601 mg, 4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and benzylidenemalononitrile (308 mg, 2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The flask was then transferred into the glovebox, where $\text{FeCl}_3/\text{TBACl}$ solution (20 mL) from the general procedure was added. Then, collidine (260 μL , 2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. As shown in **Figure S5**, the resulting mixture was irradiated by two 50W blue LED lamps and stirred at ambient temperature. After 5 days, the reaction mixture was concentrated and then purified by flash column chromatography to obtain the product **6** as a light yellow oil (369 mg, 75%).

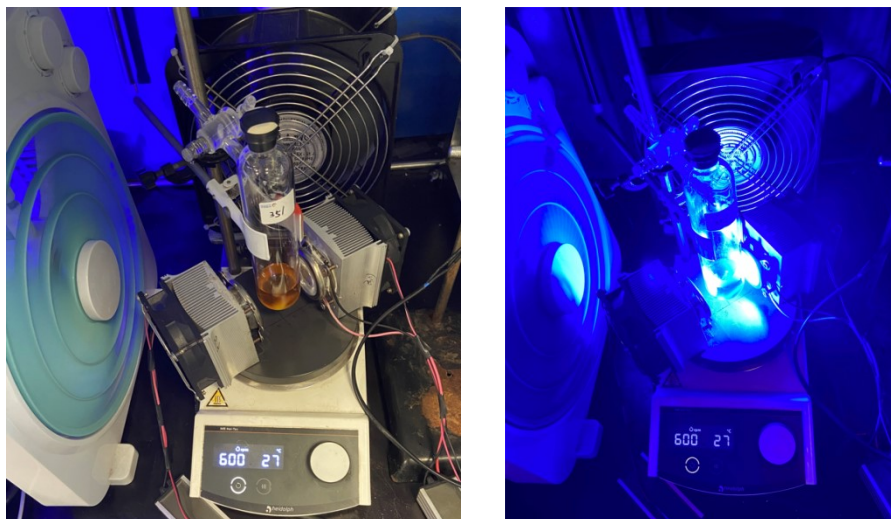
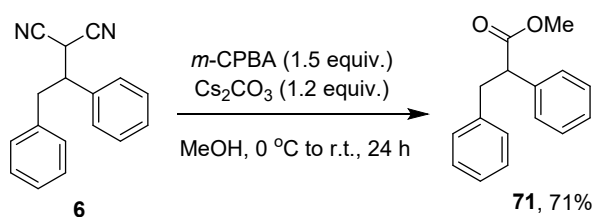


Figure S5. The large-scale reaction setup

3.5 Transformation of Product

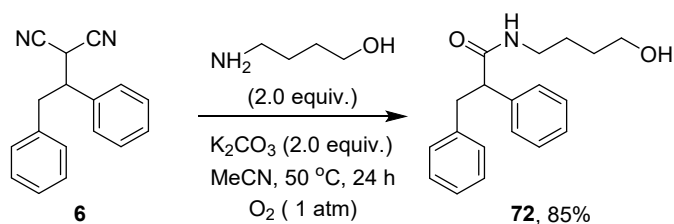
Compound 71¹⁸



methyl 2,3-diphenylpropanoate

Under N₂ atmosphere, a flame-dried 25 mL schlenk flask was charged with compound **6** (49.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and anhydrous cesium carbonate (78.2 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Then *m*-CPBA (51.8 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) dissolved in 2 mL anhydrous MeOH was added dropwise into the mixture at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Upon completion, The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 20:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (34.1 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.89 – 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.46 – 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.06 – 2.97 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.0, 139.2, 138.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.5, 126.5, 53.7, 52.1, 39.9, 19.3.

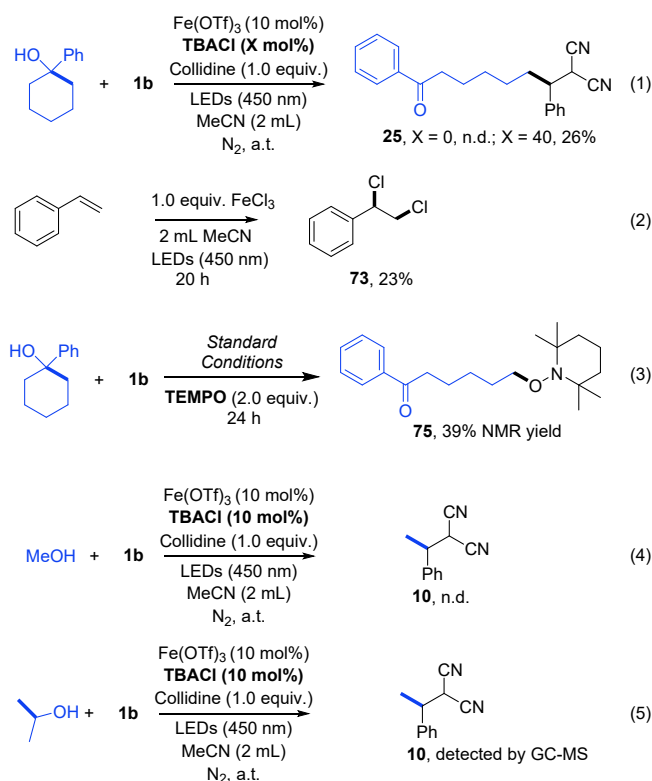
Compound 72¹⁹



N-(4-hydroxybutyl)-2,3-diphenylpropanamide

Under O₂ balloon atmosphere, a flame-dried 25 mL schlenk flask was charged with compound **6** (49.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), anhydrous potassium carbonate (55.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 4-amino-1-butanol (35.7 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) Then anhydrous MeCN was added as solvent and stirred at 50 °C for 24 h. Upon completion, The solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 1:2 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (50.6 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.07 (m, 10H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.59 – 3.45 (m, 4H), 3.26 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 3.16 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 3.02 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 1.46 – 1.31 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 139.9, 139.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.4, 126.3, 62.4, 55.8, 39.8, 39.4, 29.6, 26.1.

4. Mechanistic Studies.



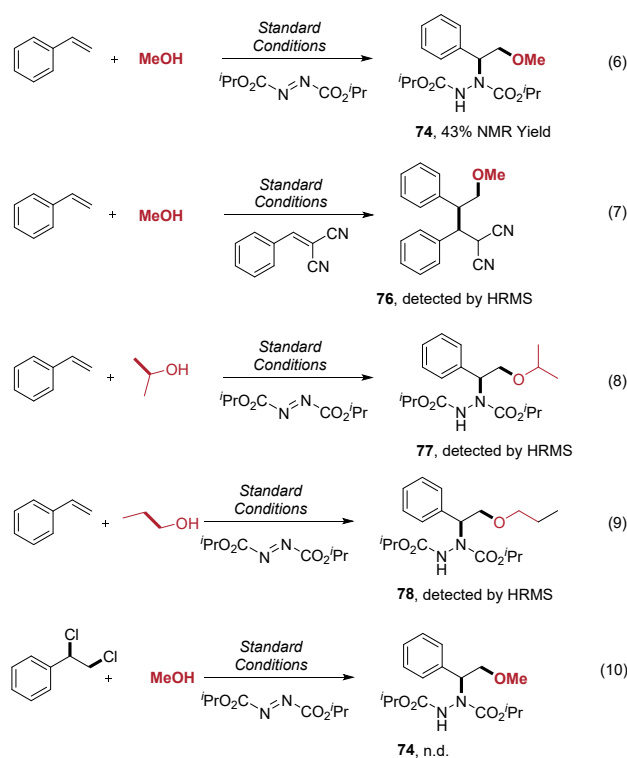
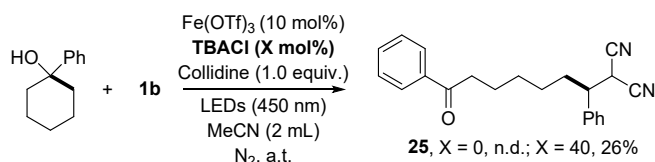


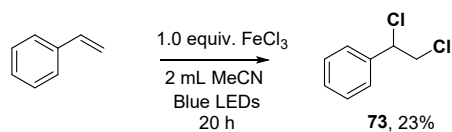
Figure S6. Mechanistic study.

4.1 Chlorine Source Control Experiment

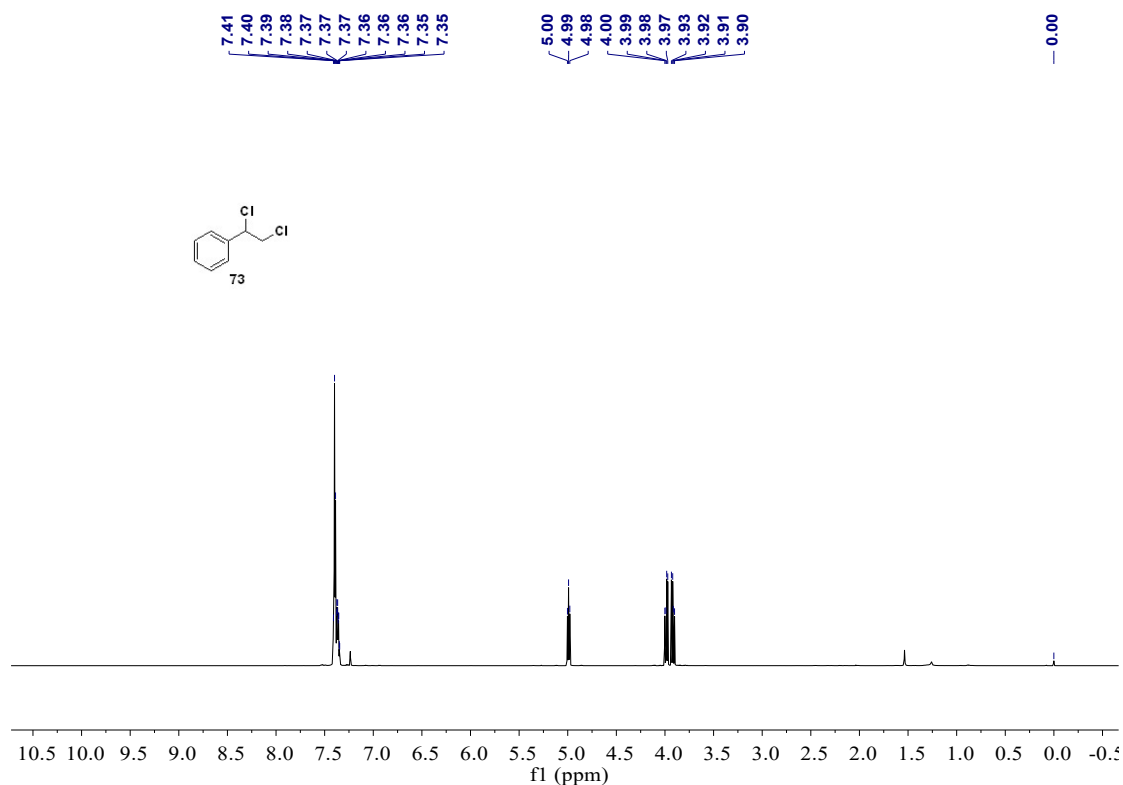


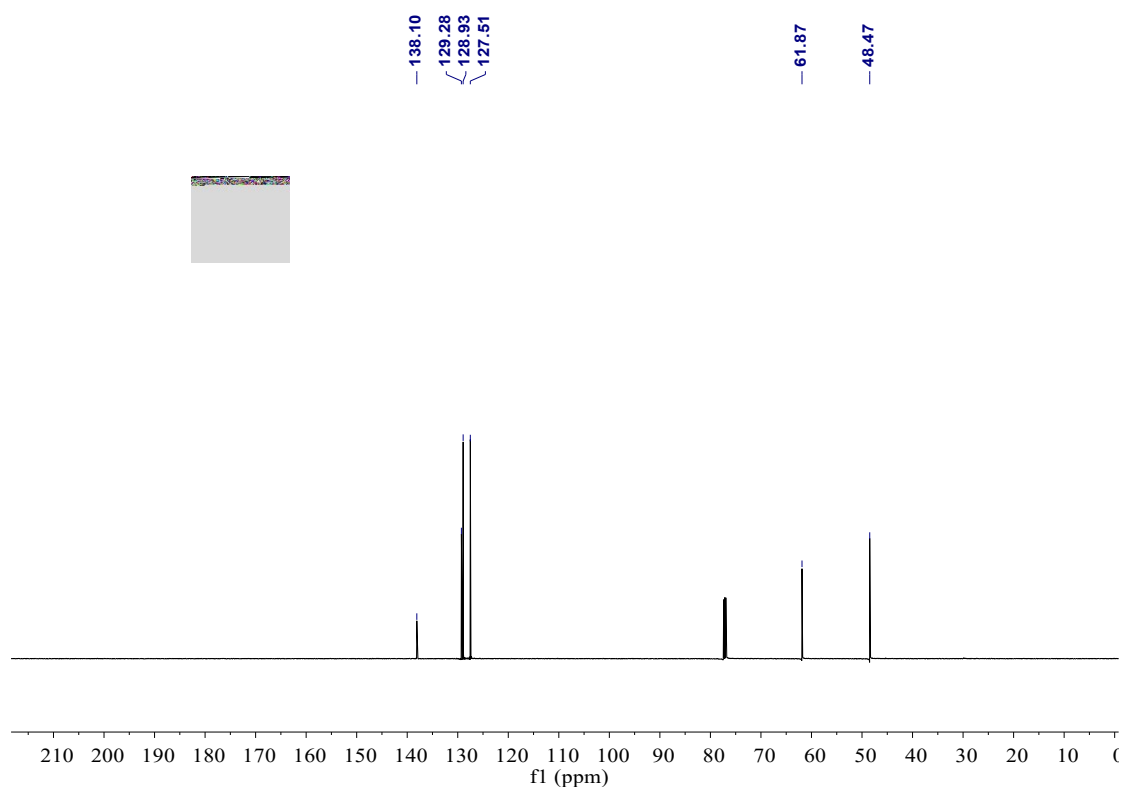
A 25 mL Schlenk tube with screw-cap was added 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The Schlenk tube was then transferred into the glovebox, where $\text{Fe}(\text{OTf})_3$ (4.1 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and TBACl (X mol%) were added. Then, collidine (26 μL , 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 2 mL anhydrous MeCN were added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. The resulting mixture was irradiated by two 50W blue LED lamps. After 48 hours, the yield of **25** was determined by ^1H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. In the absence of chlorine source, **25** was not detected. The NMR yield of **25** was 26% when TBACl (22.2 mg, 0.08 mmol, 0.4 equiv.) was added.

4.2 Chlorine Radical Trapping Reaction

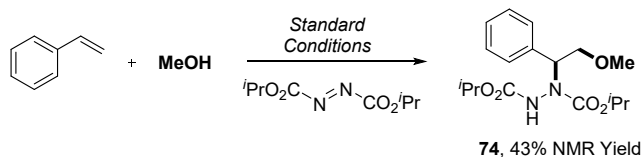


A 25 mL Schlenk tube with screw-cap was added FeCl_3 (32.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in the glovebox. Then, styrene (23 μL , 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 2 mL anhydrous MeCN were added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. The resulting mixture was irradiated by two 50W blue LED lamps for 20 h. Upon completion, the solvent was removed and purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 40:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the titled compound as a colorless oil (8.1 mg, 23%). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{Chloroform-}d$) δ 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 5.01 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.96 – 3.92 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.1, 129.3, 128.9, 127.5, 61.9, 48.5. Spectra are consistent with reported literature values.²⁰

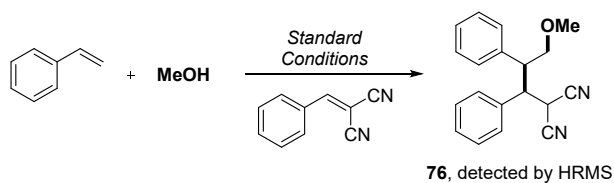
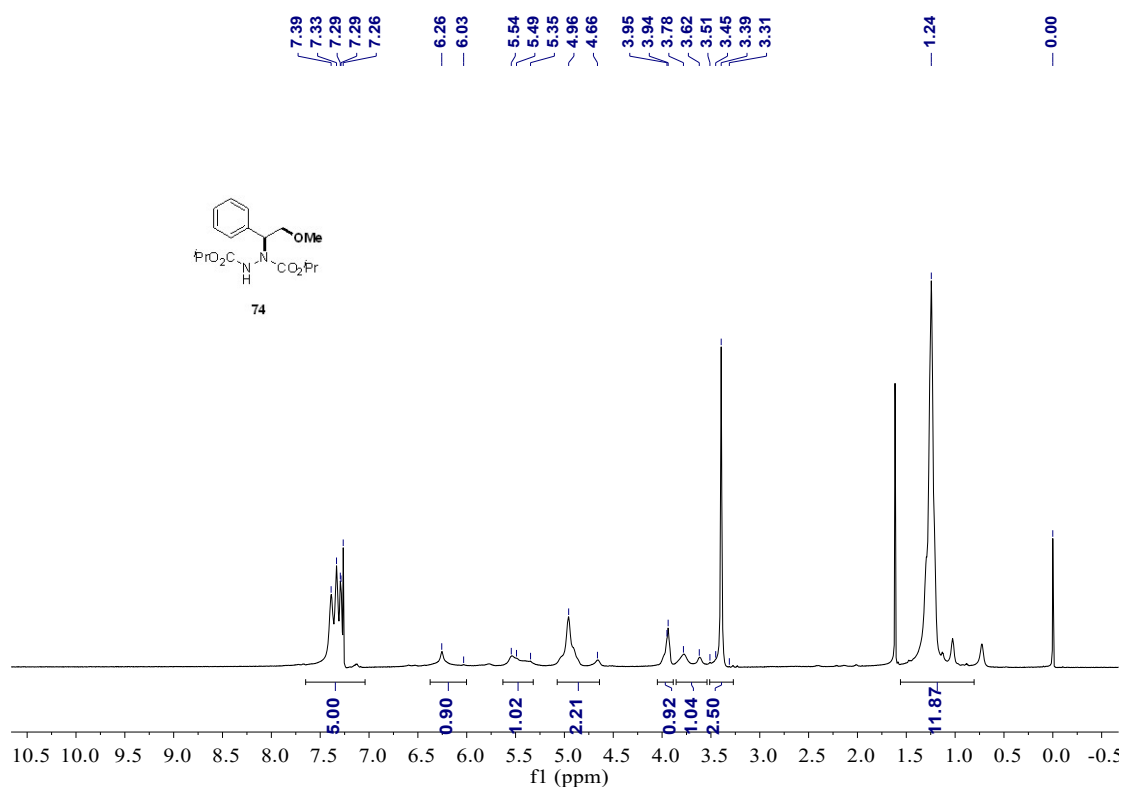




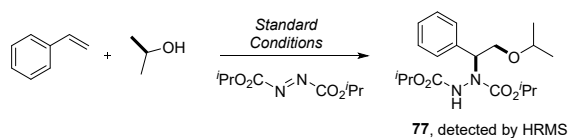
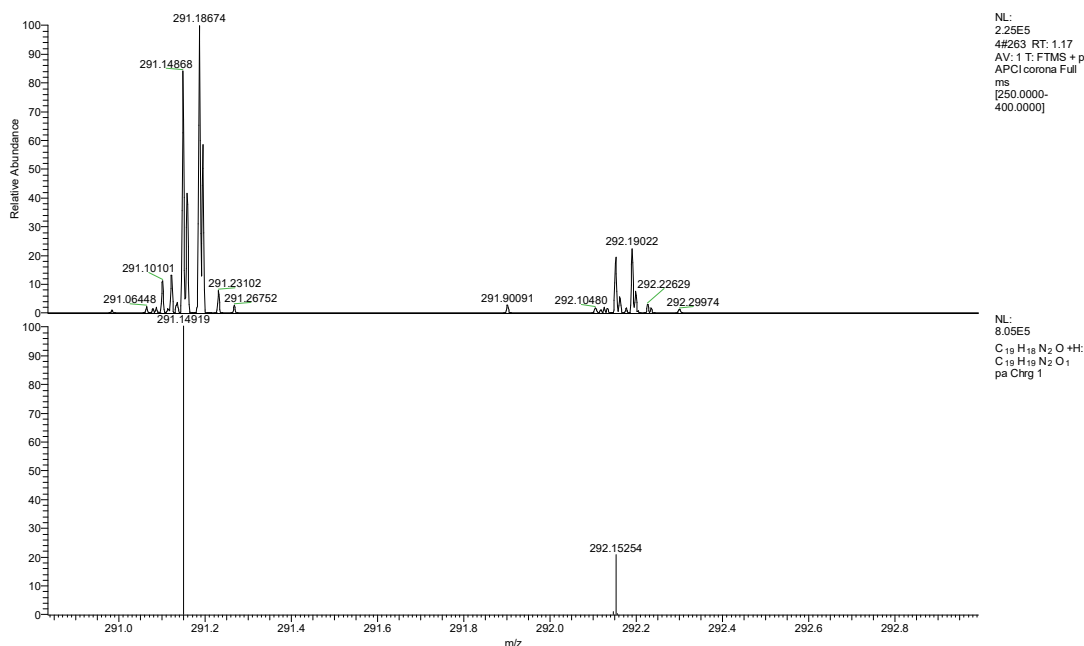
4.3 Alkoxy Radical Trapping Reaction



A 25 mL Schlenk tube with screw-cap was transferred into the glovebox, where FeCl_3 (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and TBACl (5.6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) were added. Then, diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), styrene (92 μL , 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), collidine (26 μL , 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), anhydrous MeOH (16 μL , 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 2 mL anhydrous MeCN were added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. The resulting mixture was irradiated by two 50W blue LED lamps. After 12 hours, the yield of **74** was 43% determined by ^1H NMR analysis using 3,4,5-Trichloropyridine as an internal standard. For NMR analysis, **74** was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 5:1 Petroleum ether/EtOAc) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CHCl_3 - d) δ 7.65 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 6.38 – 6.00 (m, 1H), 5.63 – 5.32 (m, 1H), 5.07 – 4.64 (m, 2H), 4.05 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.86 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 12H). Spectra are consistent with reported literature values.²¹

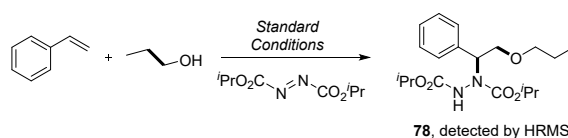
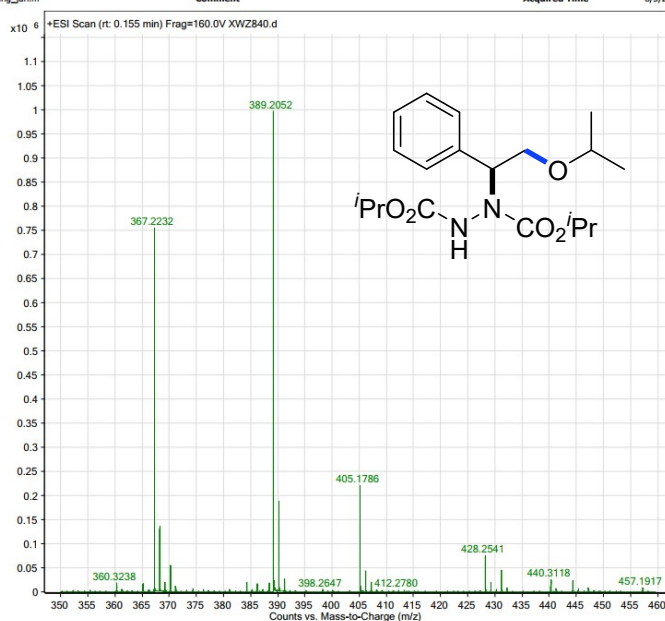


A 25 mL Schlenk tube with screw-cap was transferred into the glovebox, where FeCl_3 (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and TBACl (5.6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) were added. Then, benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), styrene (92 μL , 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), collidine (26 μL , 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), anhydrous MeOH (16 μL , 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 2 mL anhydrous MeCN were added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. The resulting mixture was irradiated by two 50W blue LED lamps. After 12 hours, **76** was detected by HRMS. **HRMS (APCI)**: calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 291.1492; found: 291.1487.



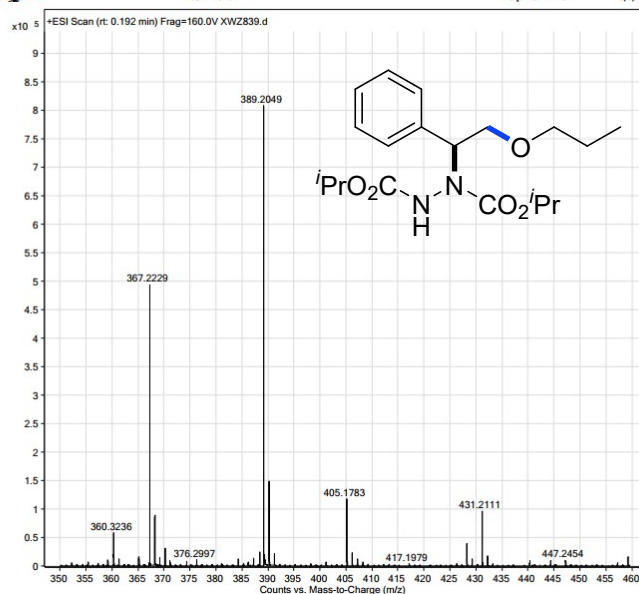
A 25 mL Schlenk tube with screw-cap was transferred into the glovebox, where FeCl_3 (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and TBACl (5.6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) were added. Then, diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), styrene (92 μL , 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), collidine (26 μL , 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), isopropanol (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 2 mL anhydrous MeCN were added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. The resulting mixture was irradiated by two 50W blue LED lamps. After 12 hours, **77** was detected by HRMS. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 367.2227; found: 367.2232. calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 389.2047; found: 389.2052.

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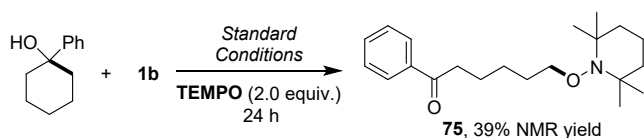


A 25 mL Schlenk tube with screw-cap was transferred into the glovebox, where FeCl_3 (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and TBACl (5.6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) were added. Then, diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (40.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), styrene (92 μL , 0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.), collidine (26 μL , 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), *n*-propanol (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and 2 mL anhydrous MeCN were added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. The resulting mixture was irradiated by two 50W blue LED lamps. After 12 hours, **78** was detected by HRMS. **HRMS (ESI)**: calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 367.2227; found: 367.2229. calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 389.2047; found: 389.2049.

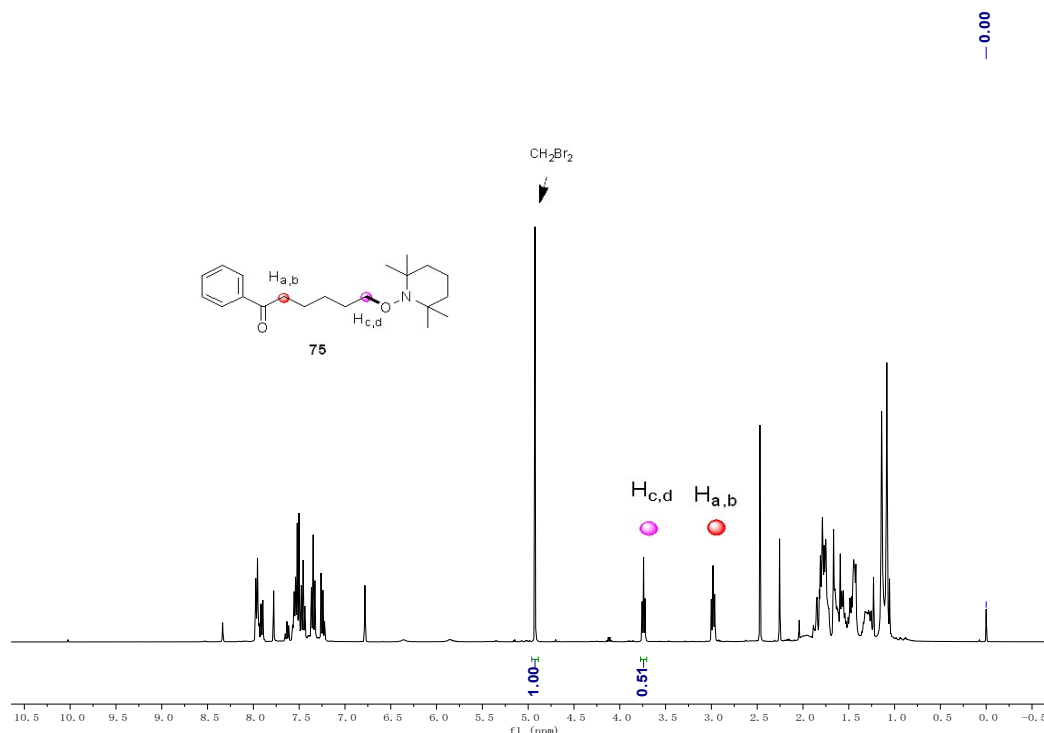
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4.4 Radical-Captured Experiment



A 25 mL Schlenk tube with screw-cap was added 1-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (70.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinoxy (TEMPO) (62.5 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and benzylidenemalononitrile (30.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.). The tube was then transferred into the glovebox, where FeCl₃ (3.2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and TBACl (5.6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) were added. Then, collidine (26 μL, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 2 mL anhydrous MeCN were added via syringe under nitrogen atmosphere outside the glovebox. The resulting mixture was irradiated by two 50W blue LED lamps. After 24 hours, the NMR yield of **75** was 39% determined by ¹H NMR analysis using dibromomethane (53.6 mg) as an internal standard. Spectra are consistent with reported literature values.¹

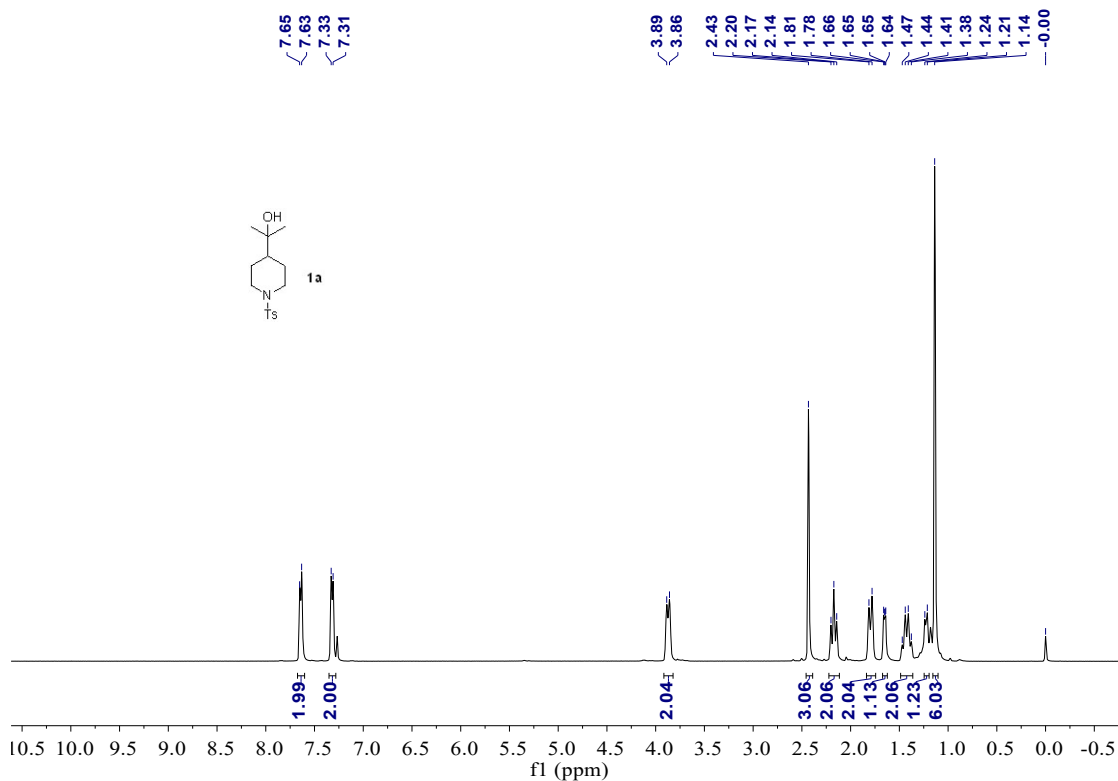


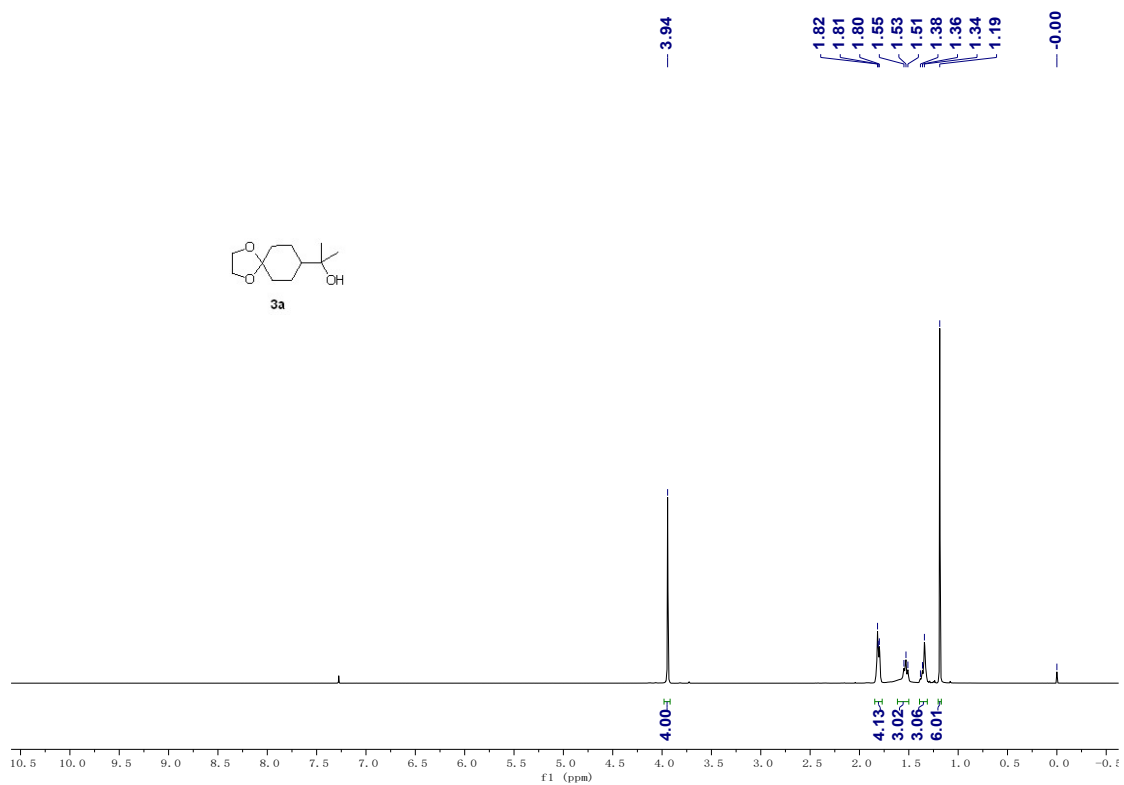
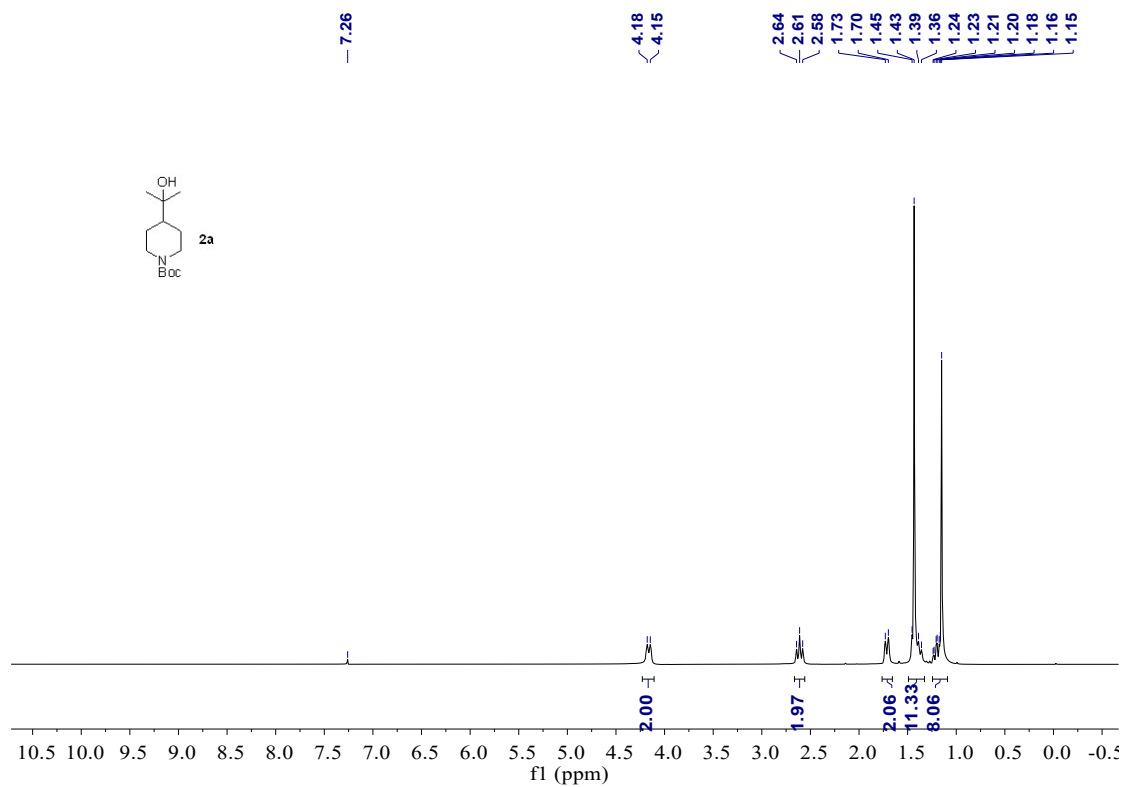
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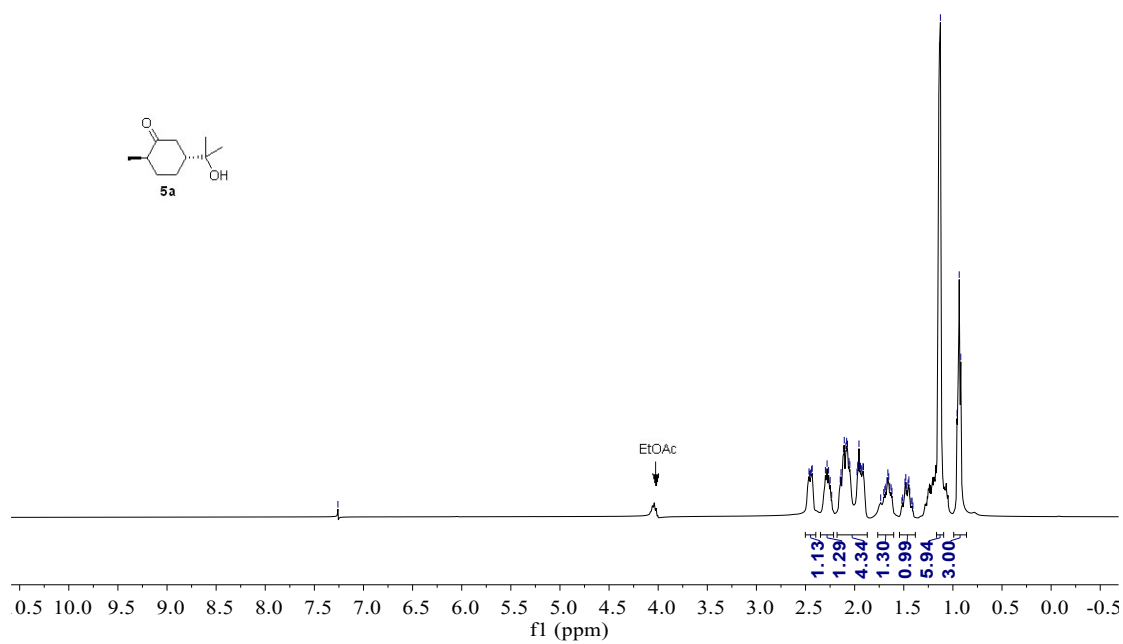
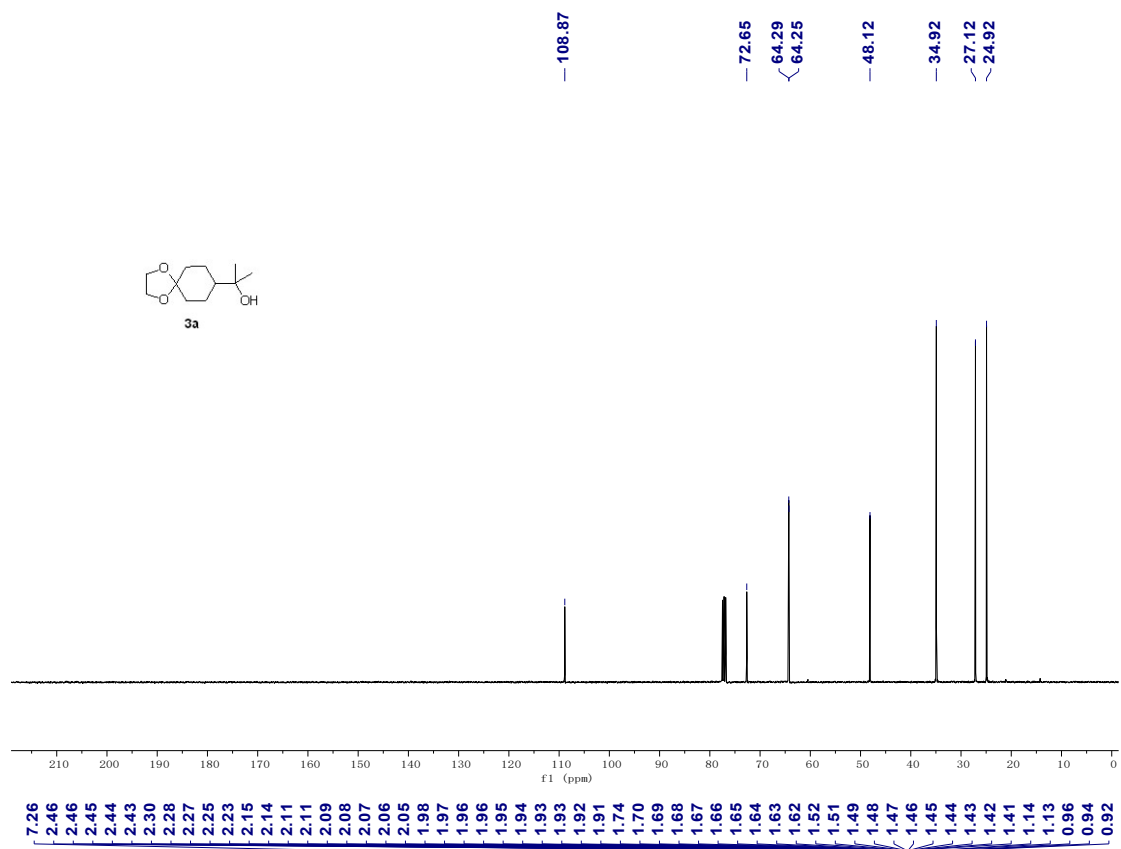
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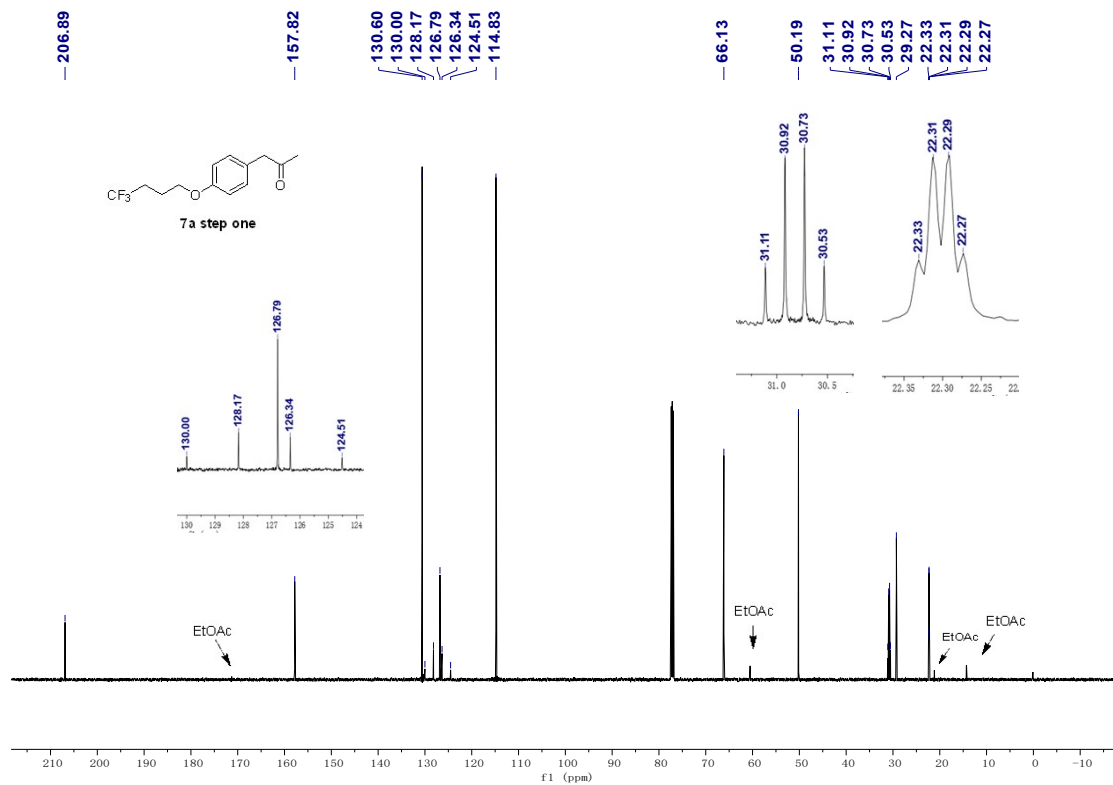
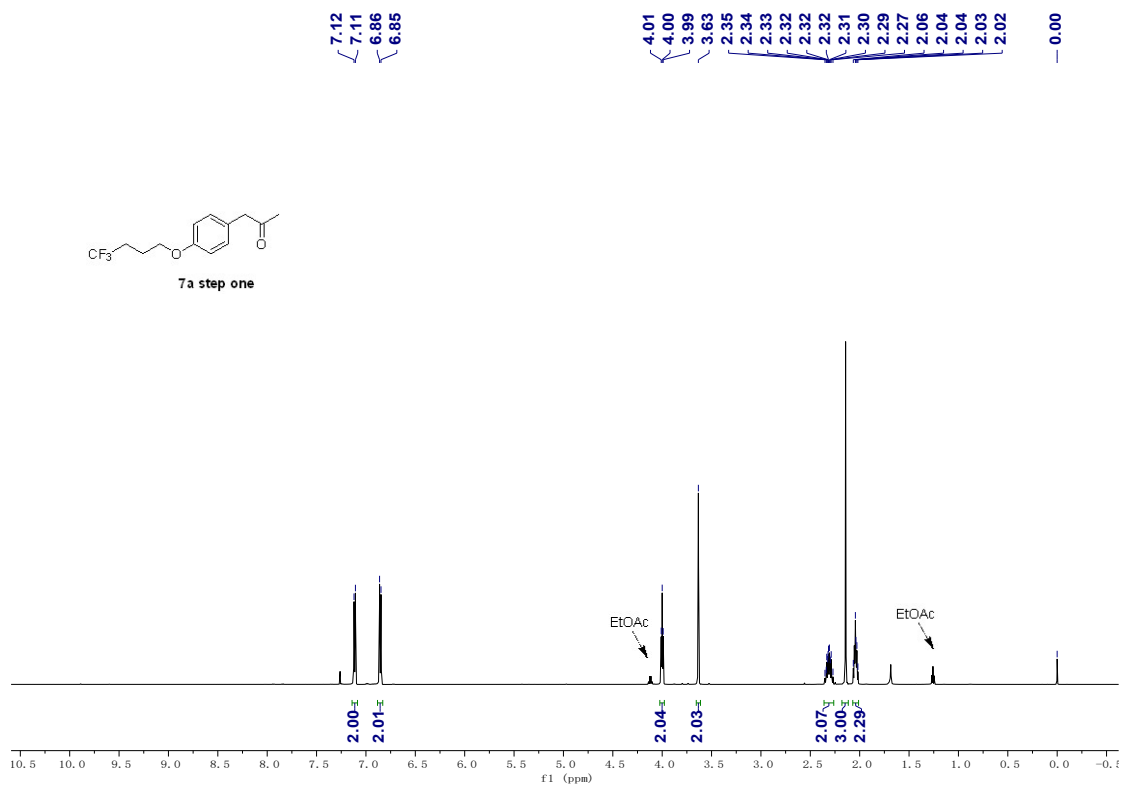
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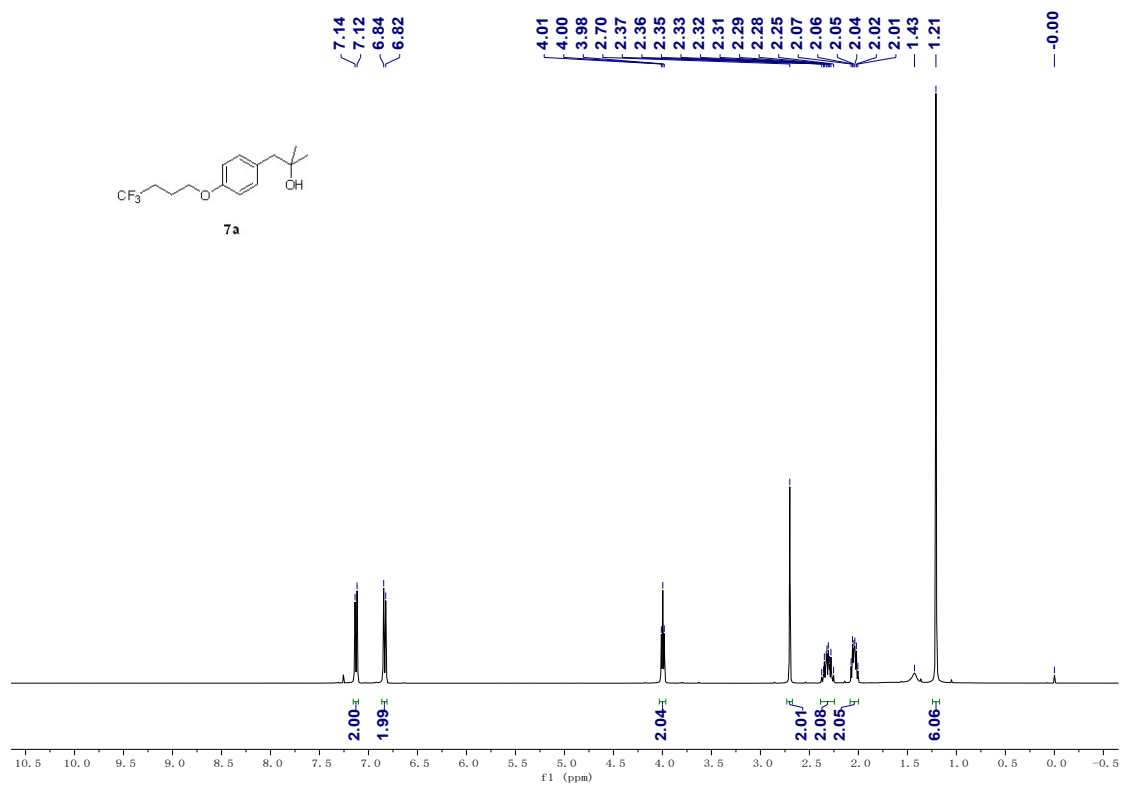
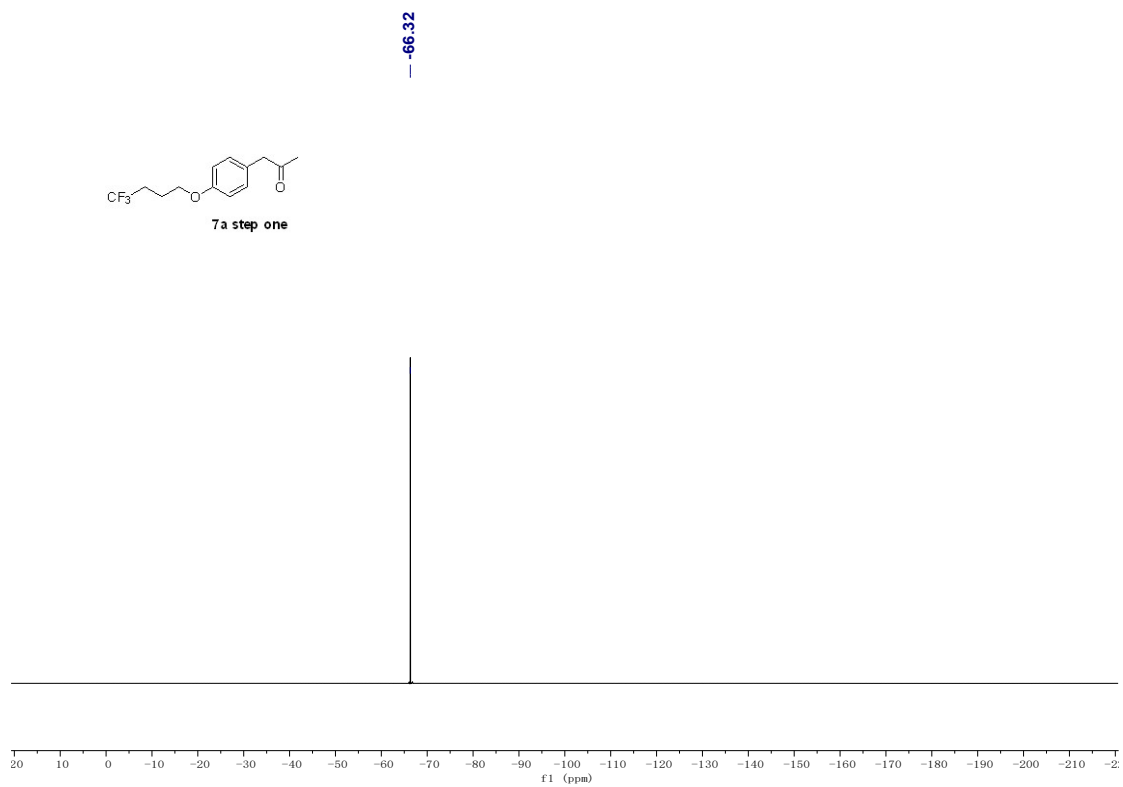
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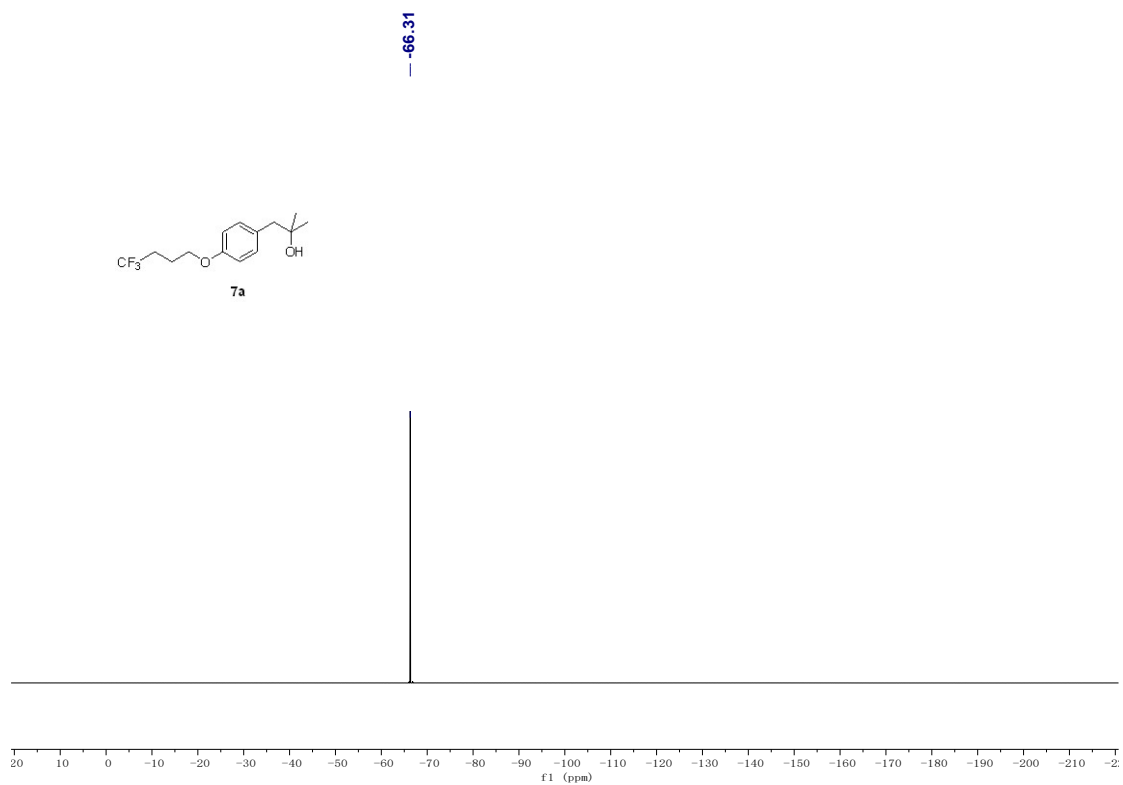
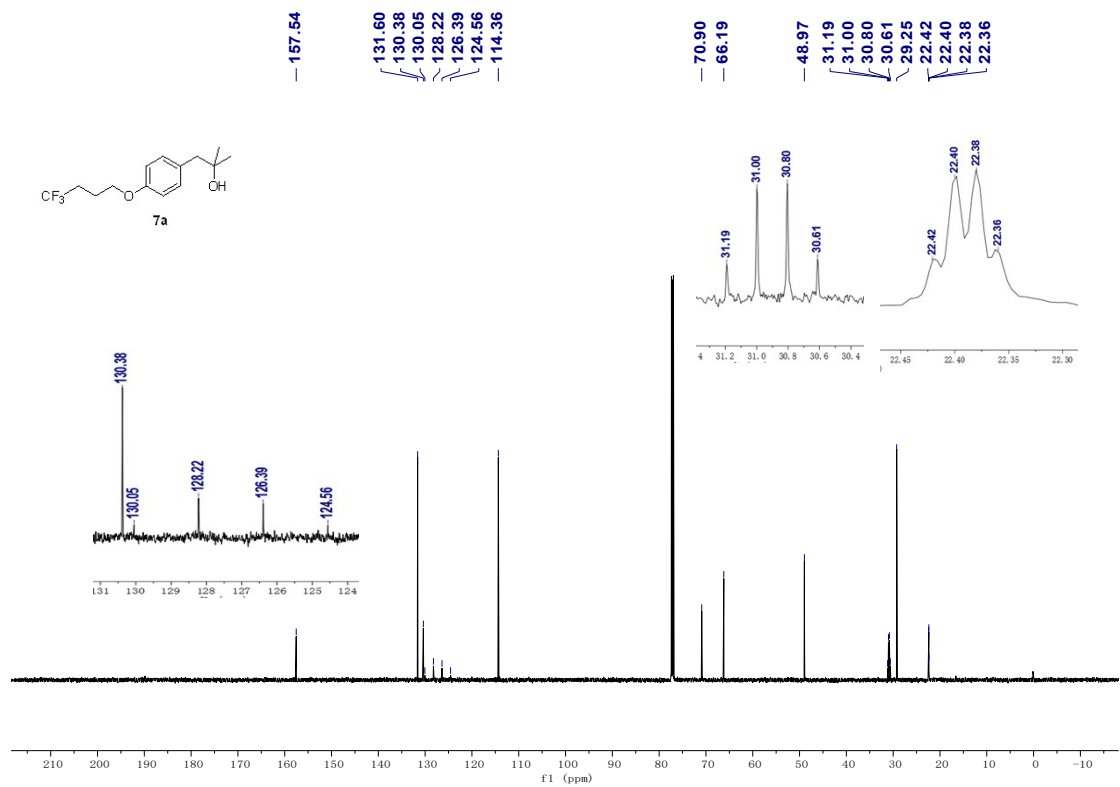


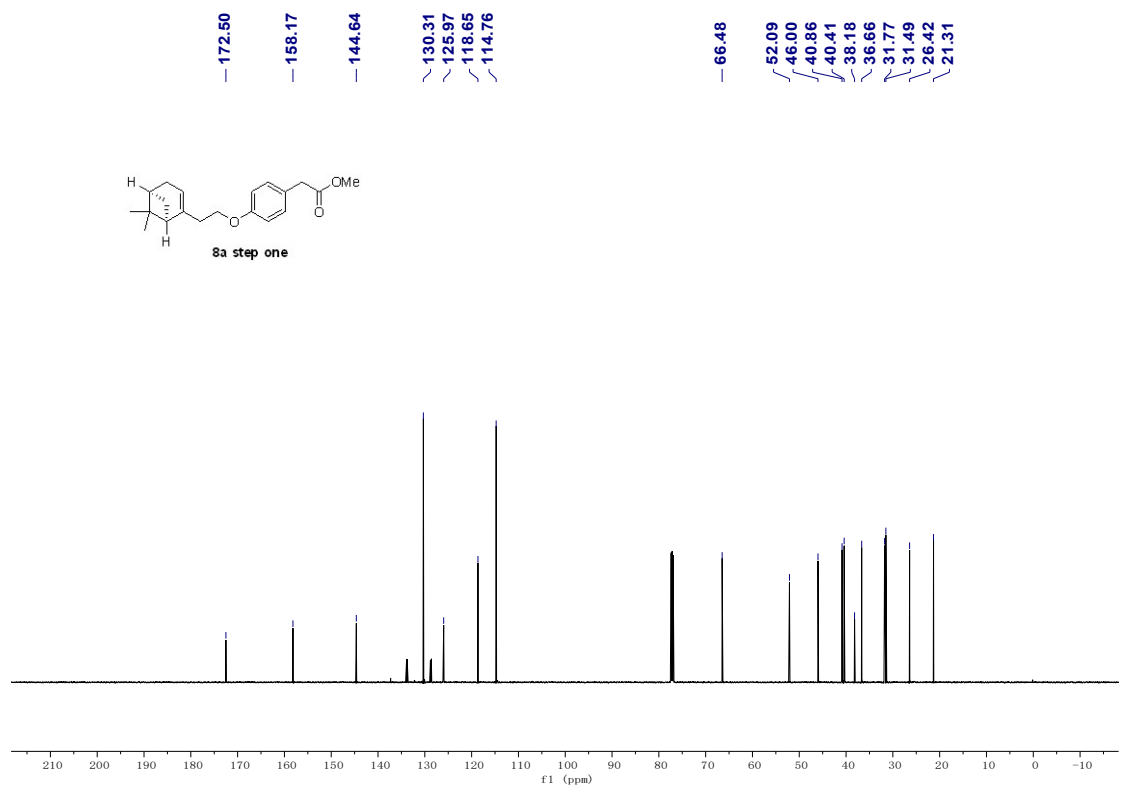
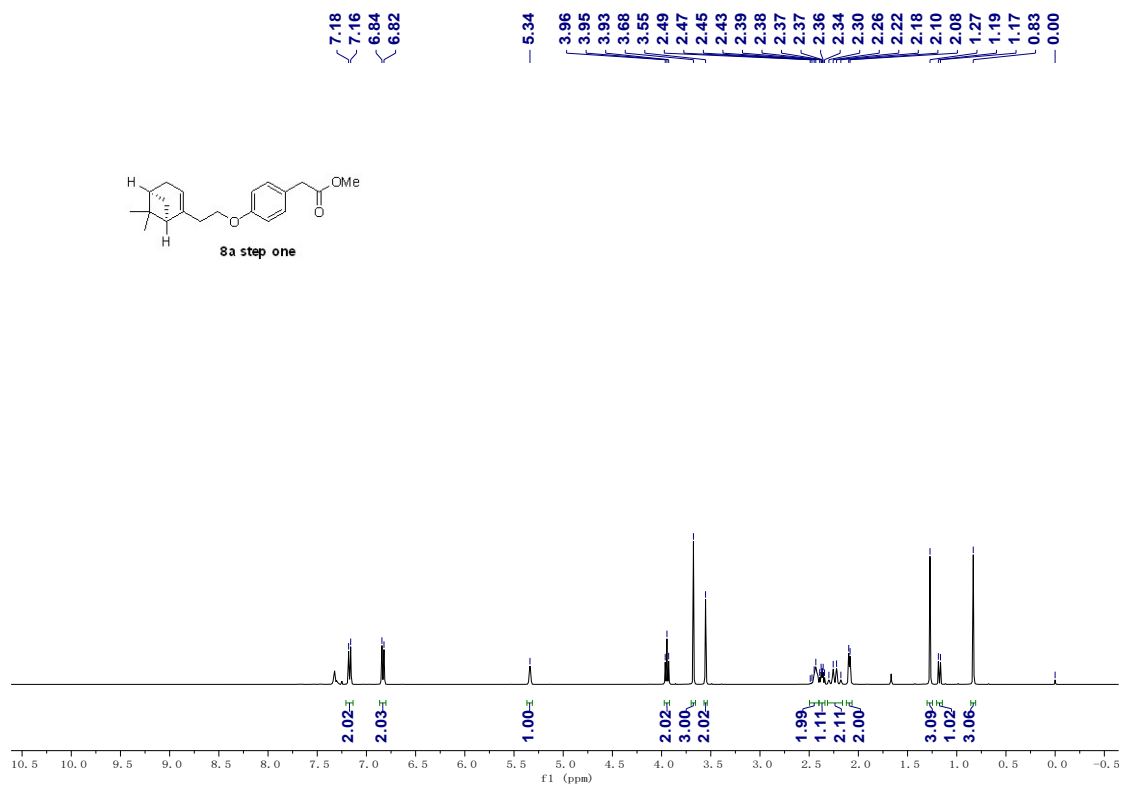


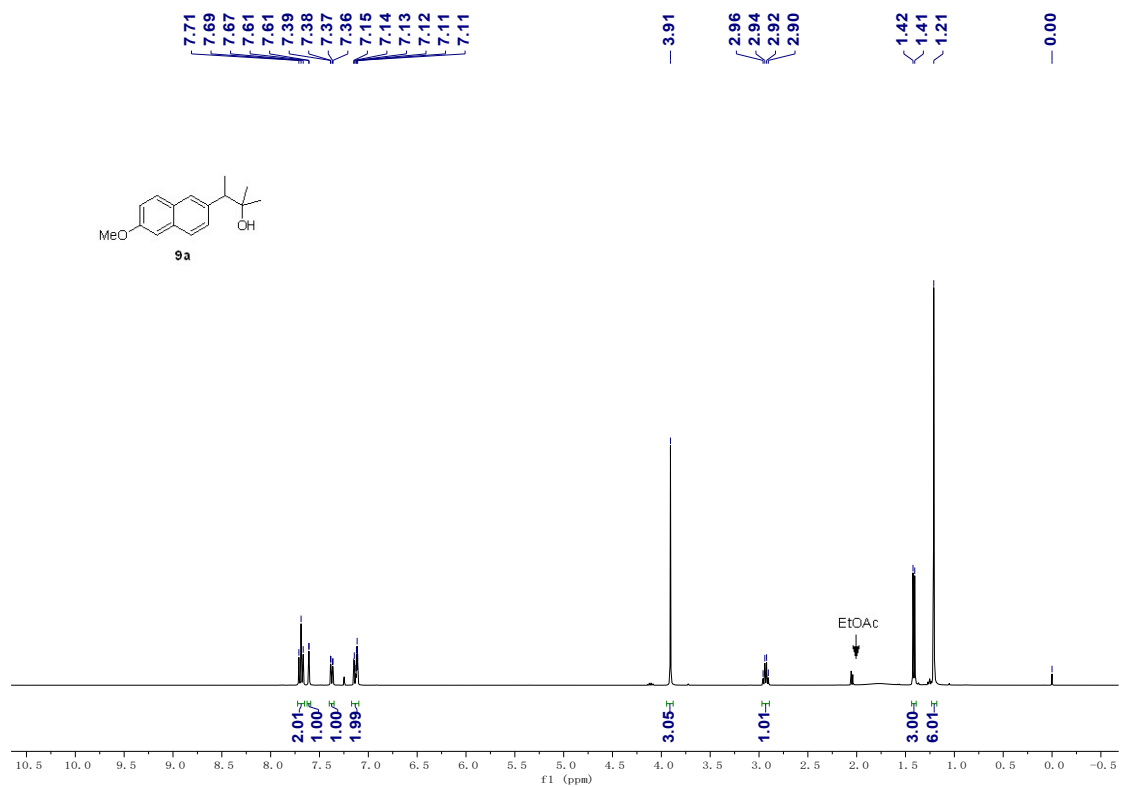
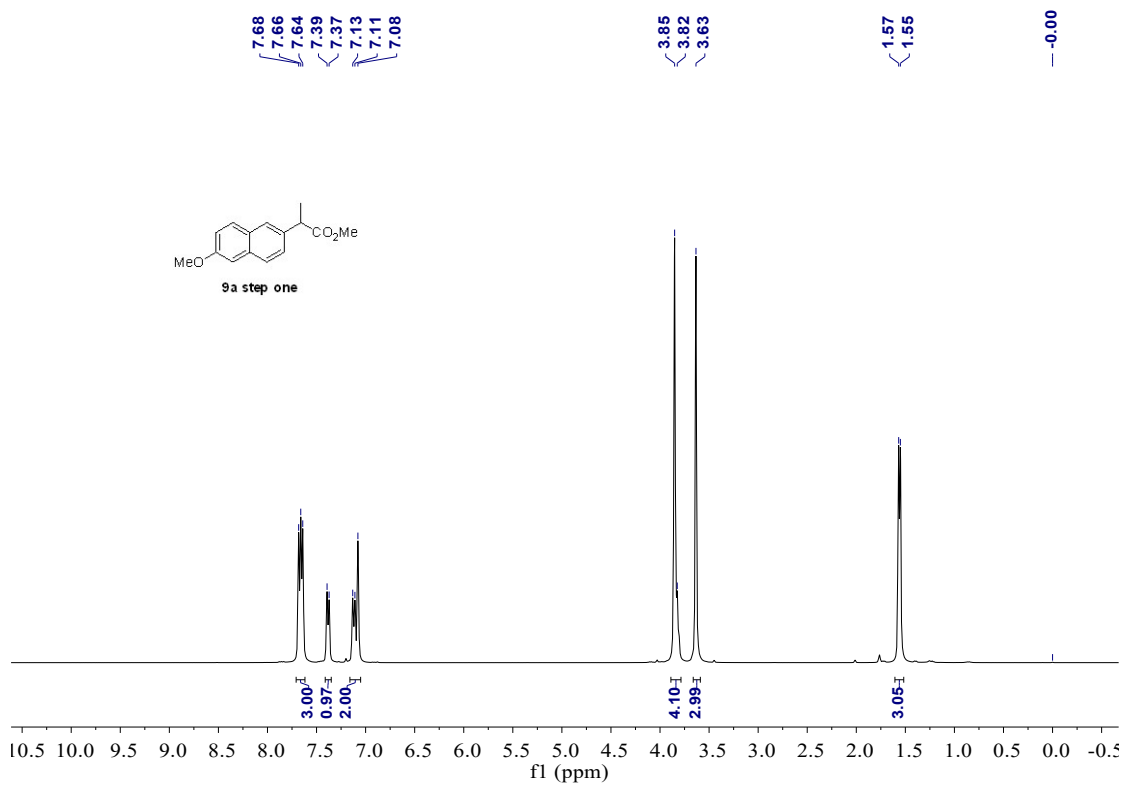


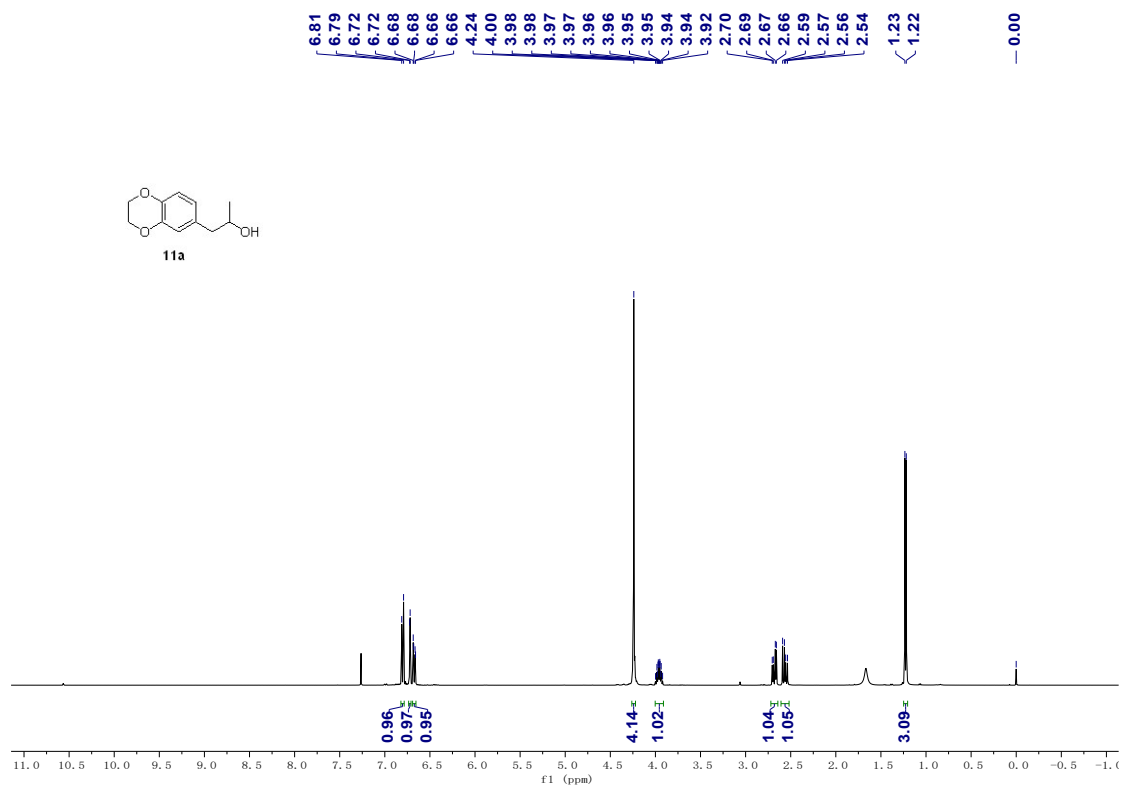
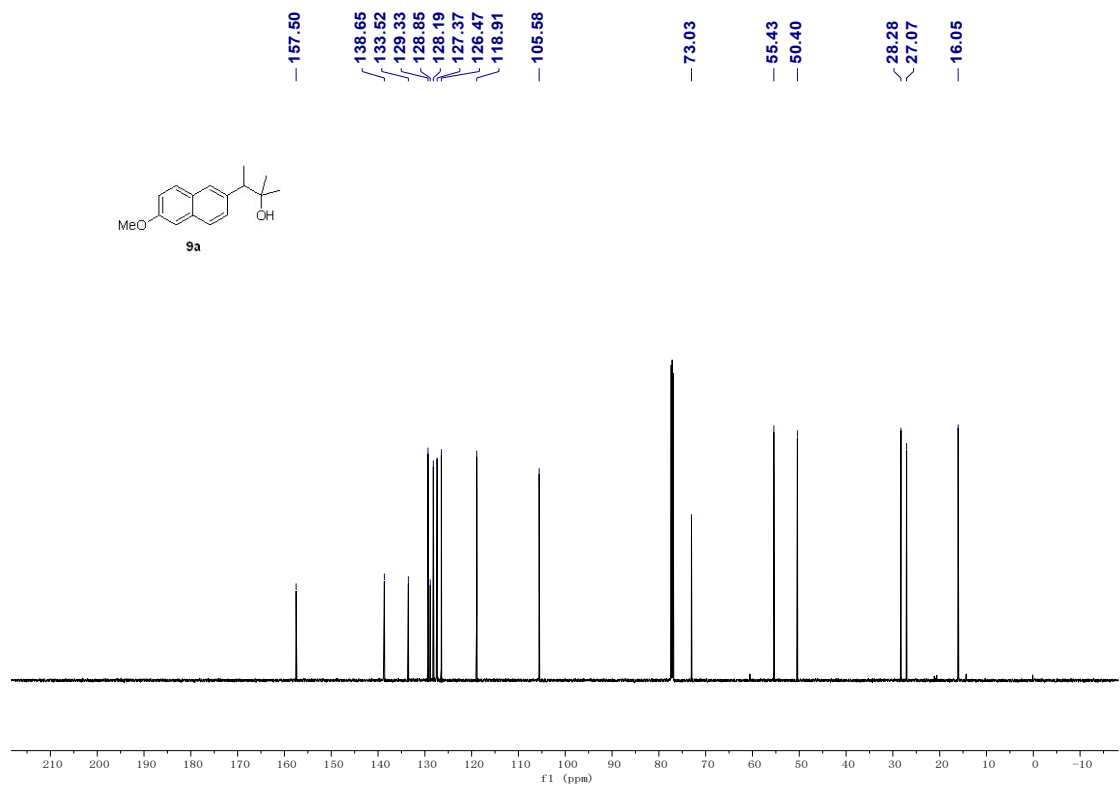


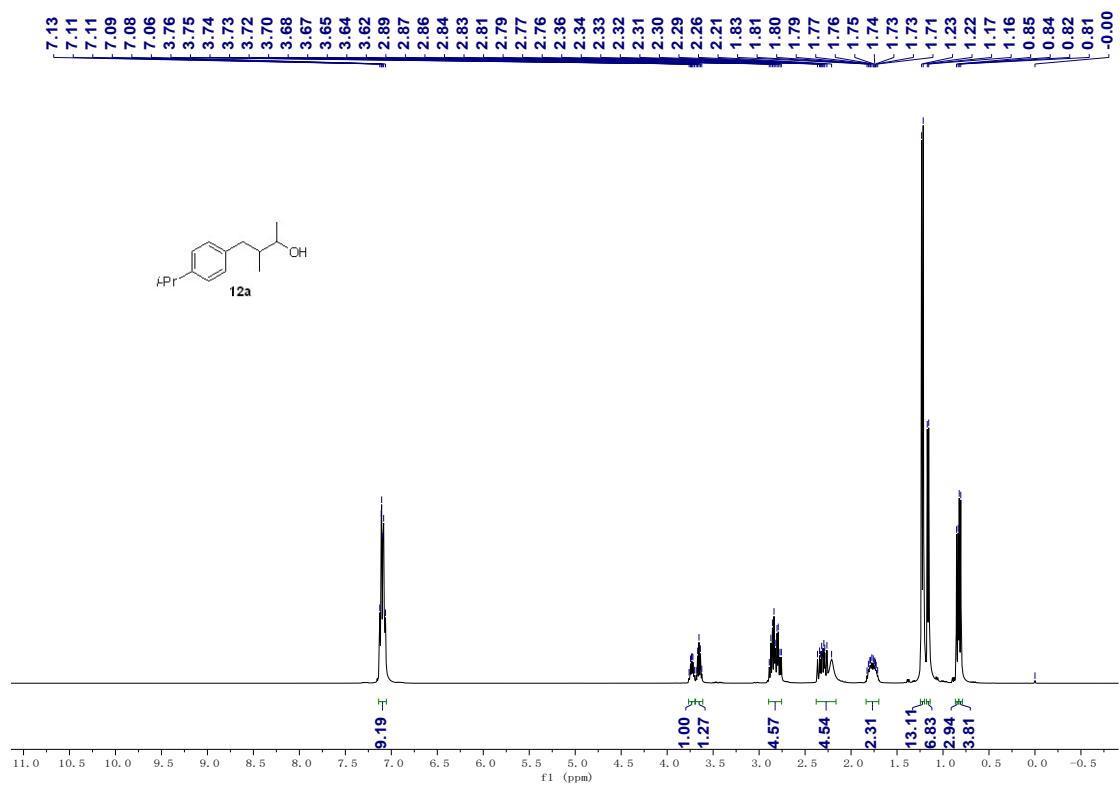
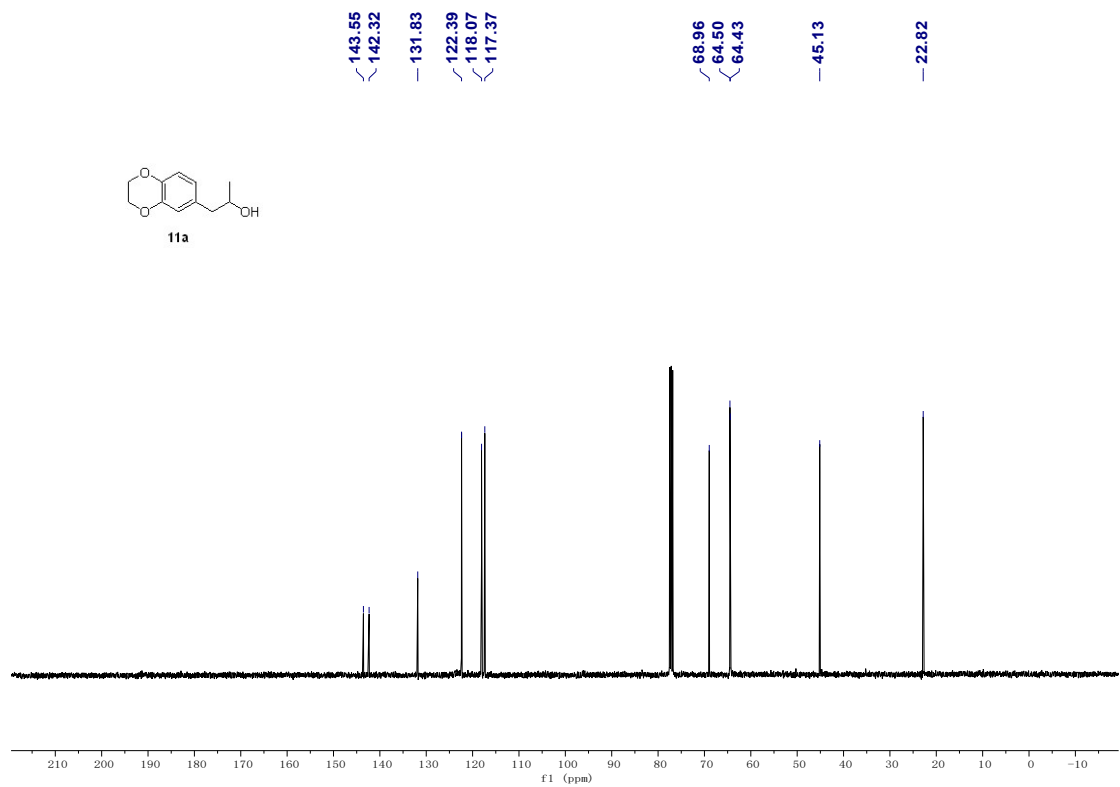


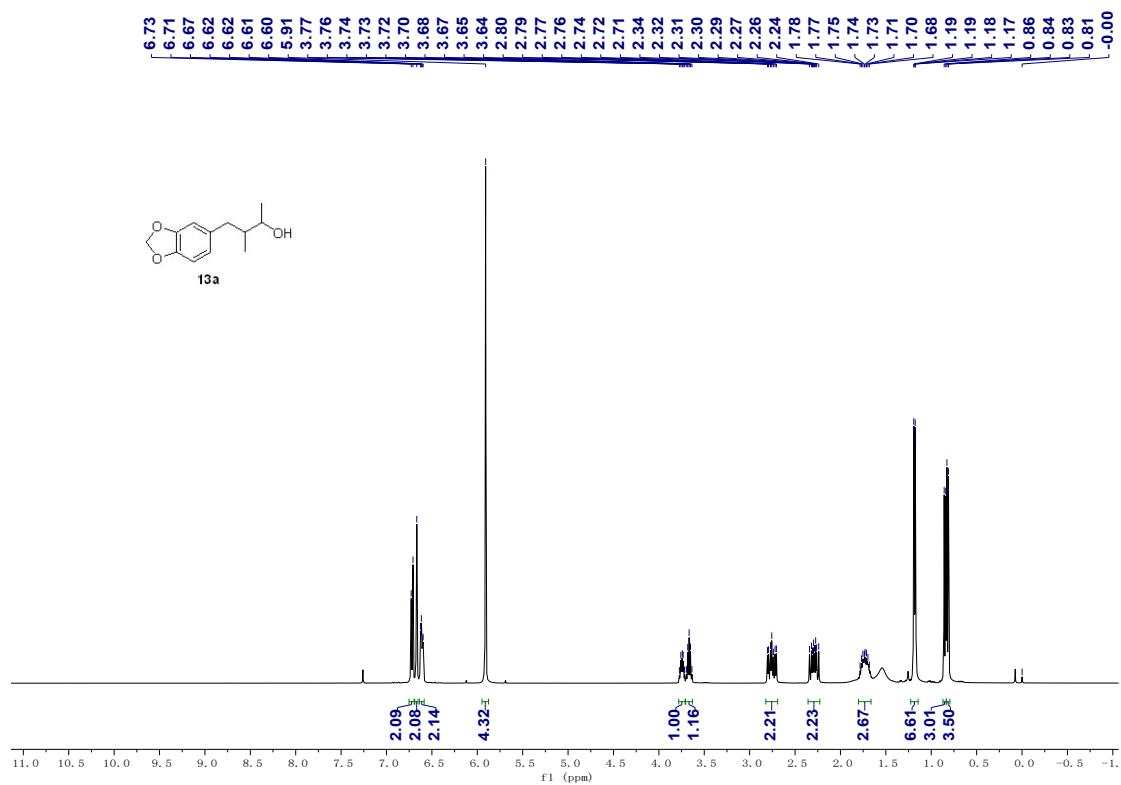
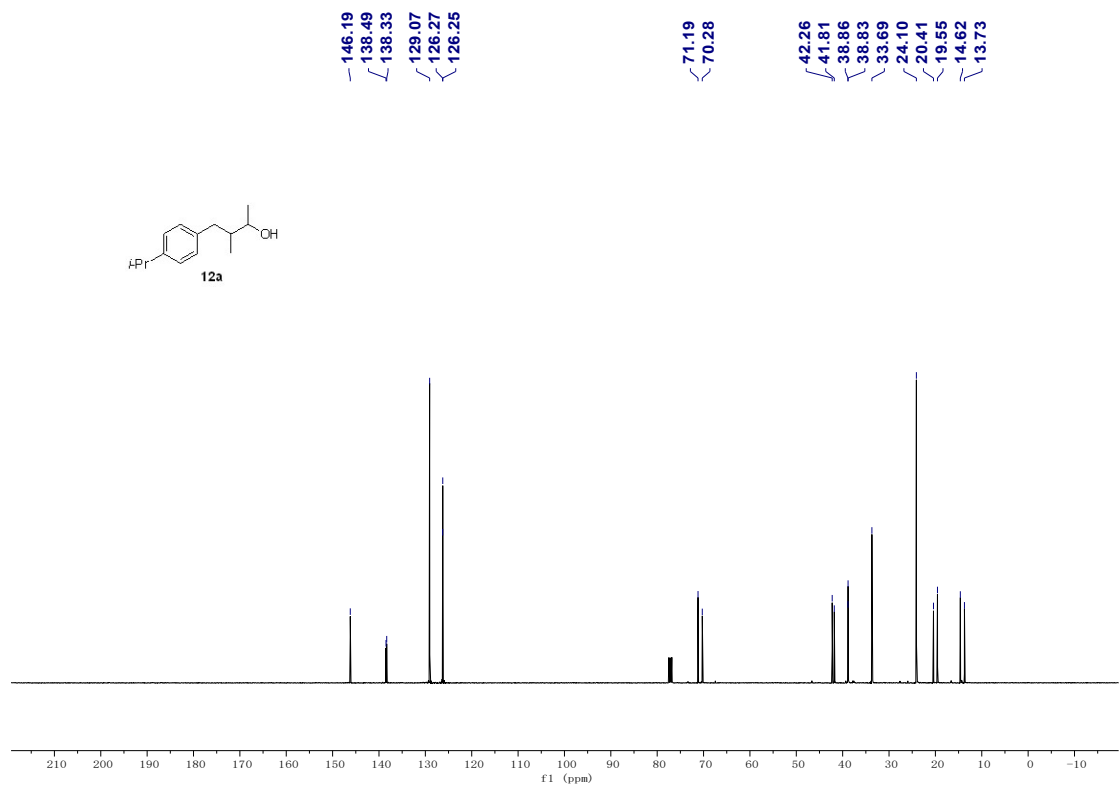


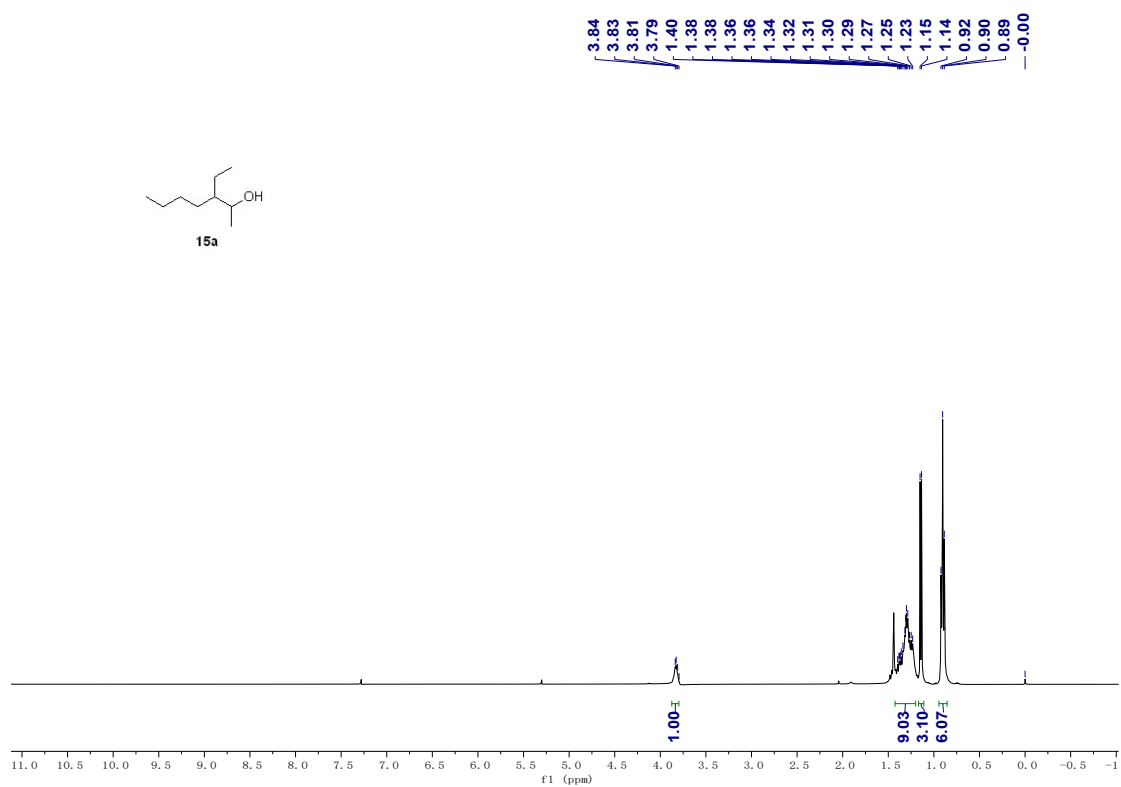
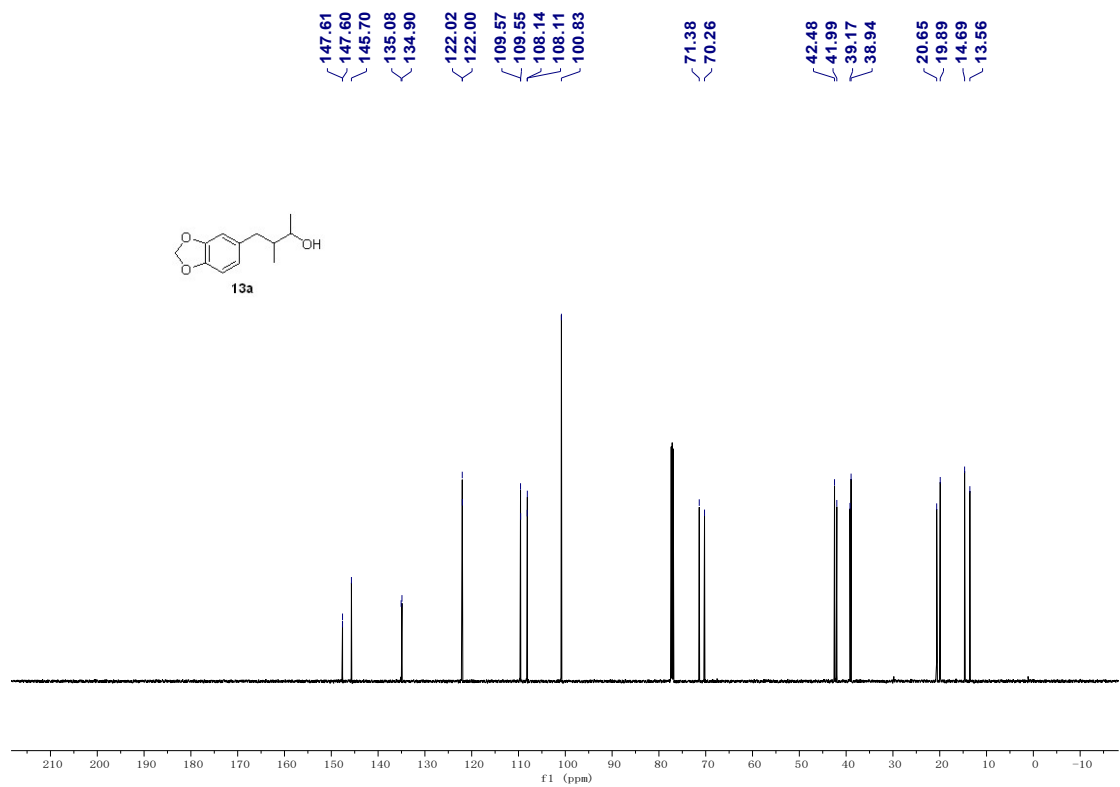


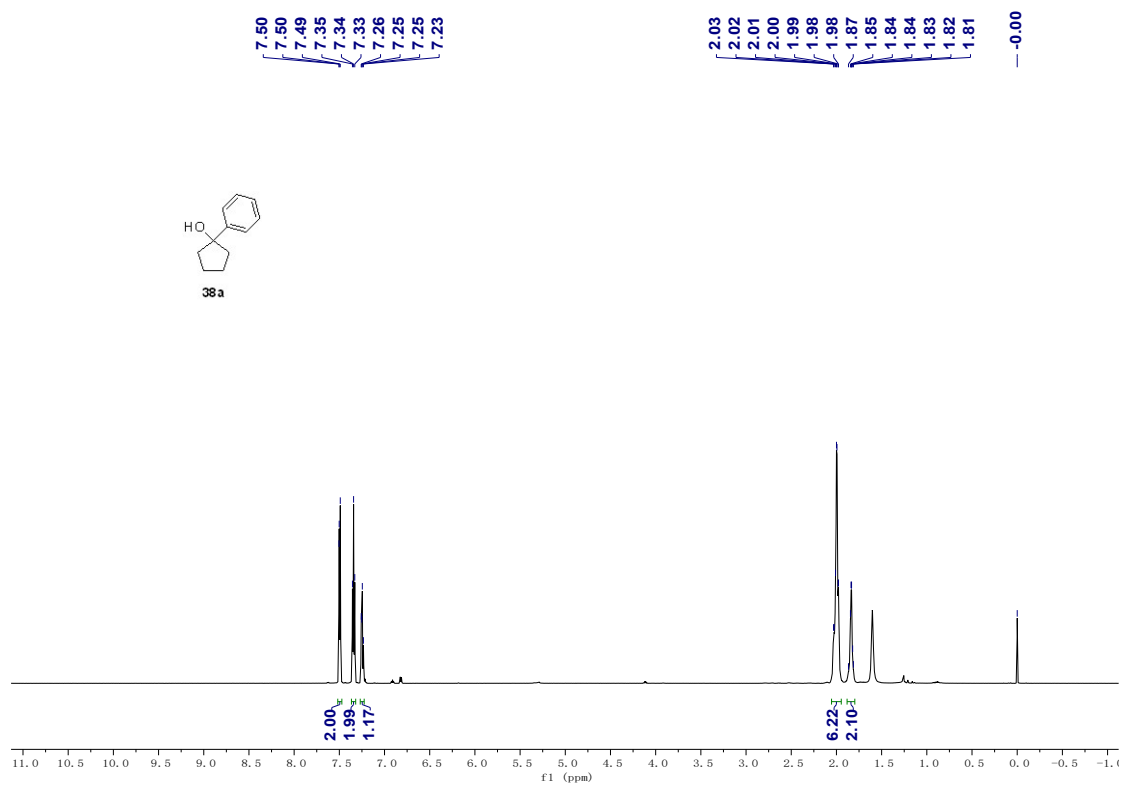
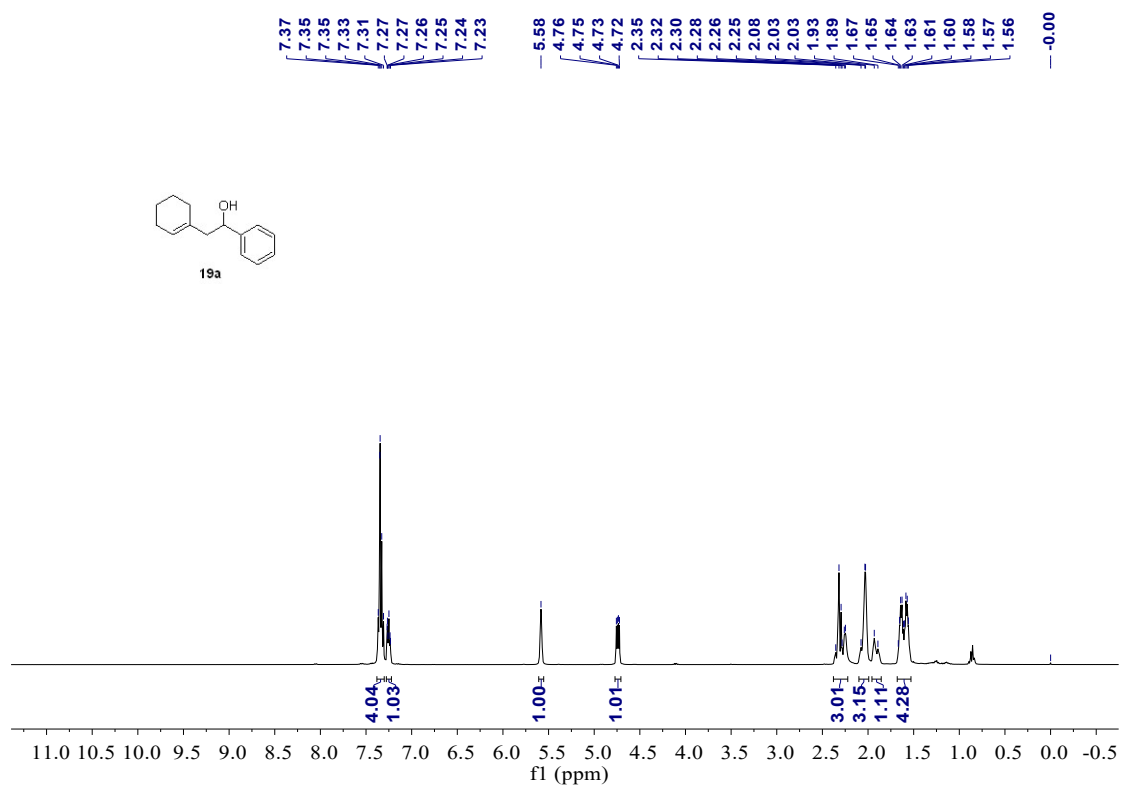


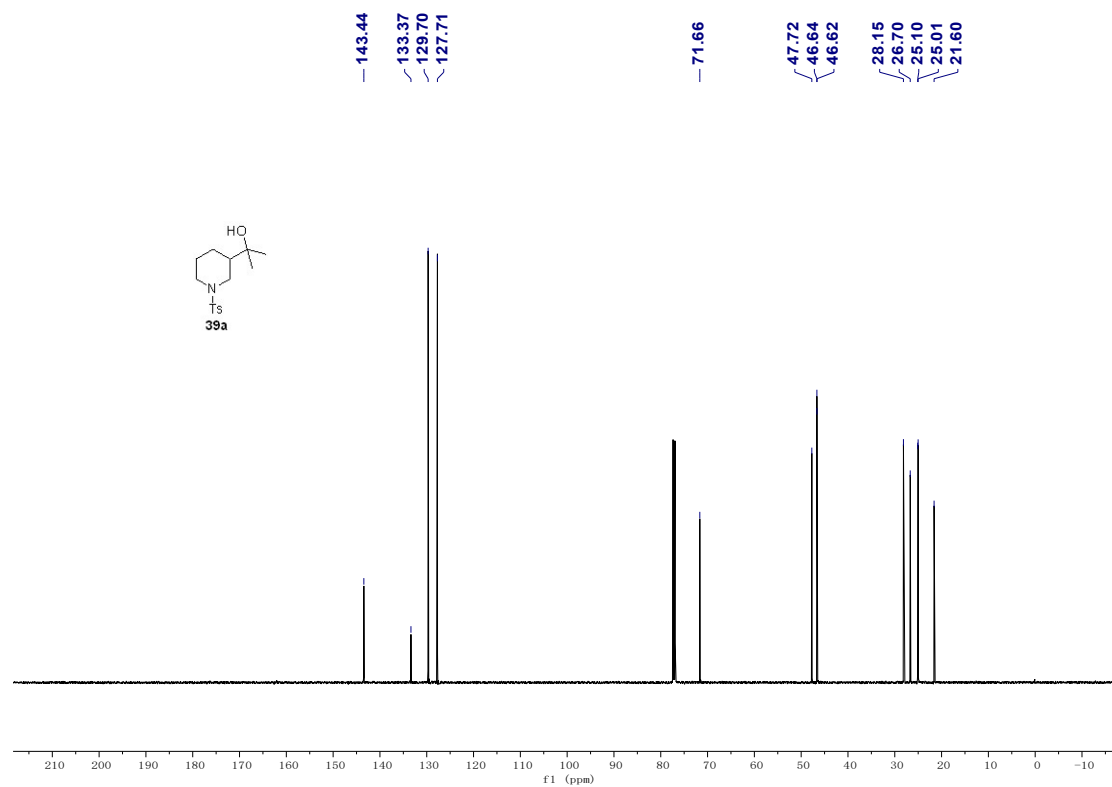
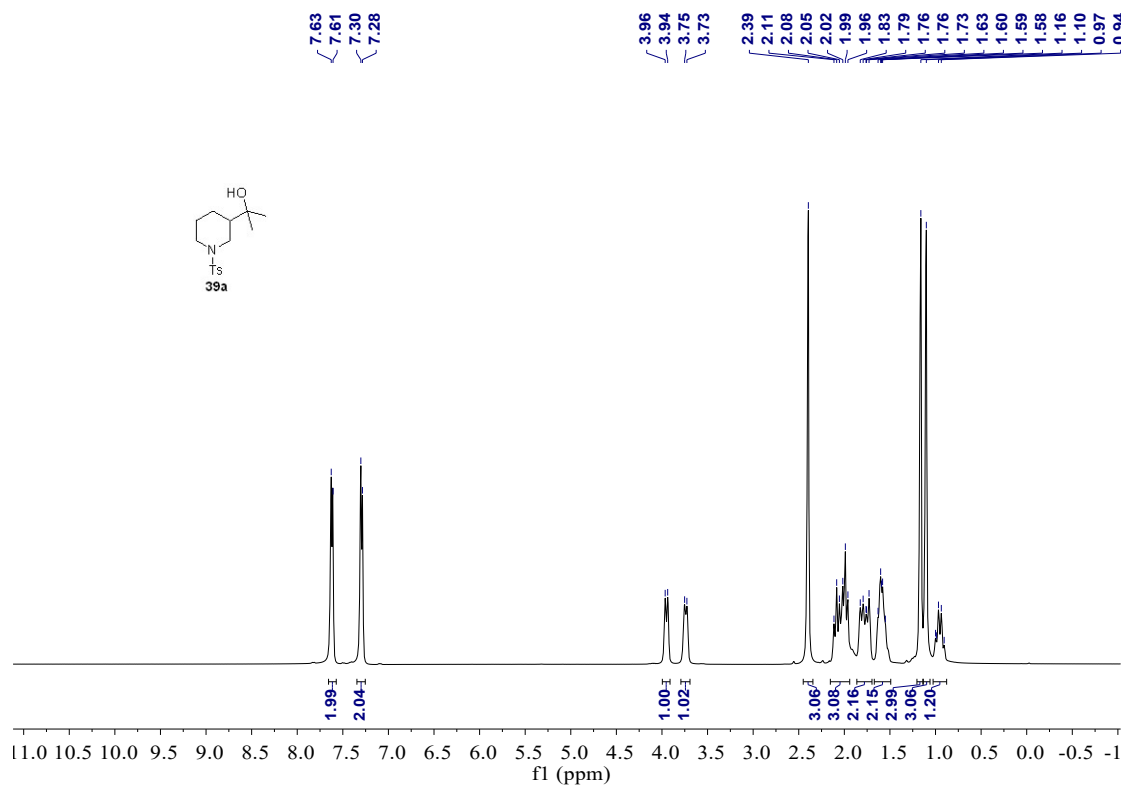


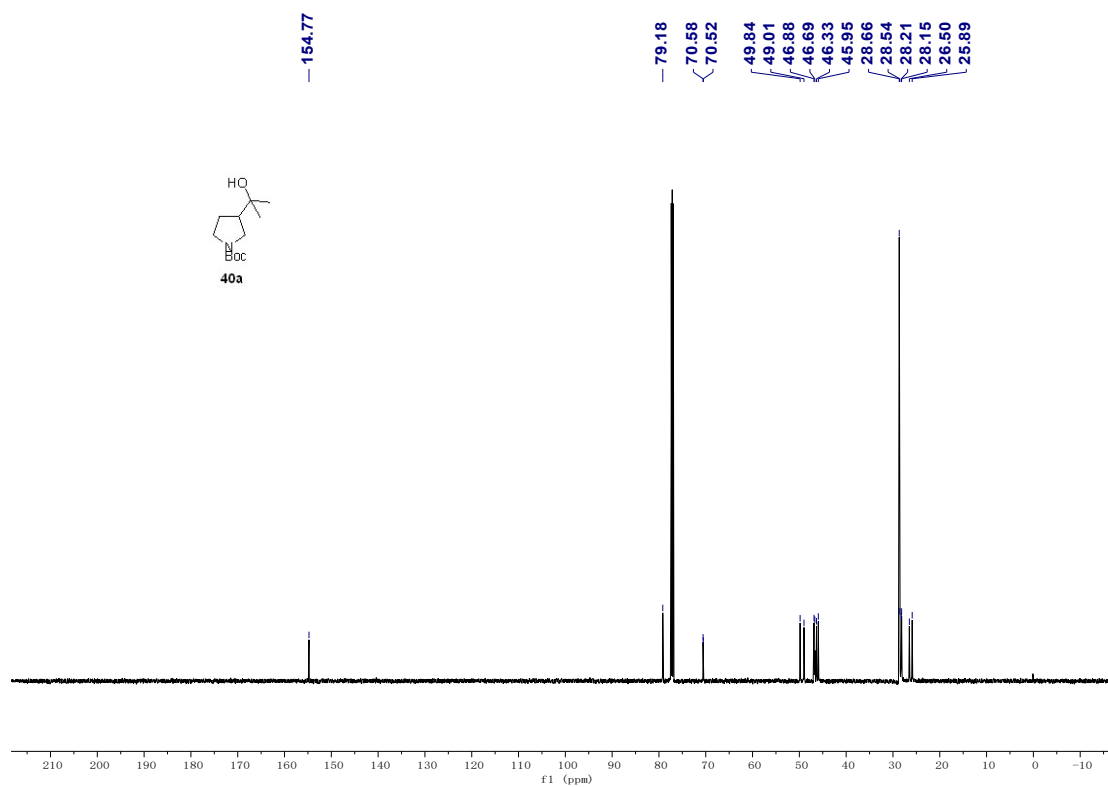
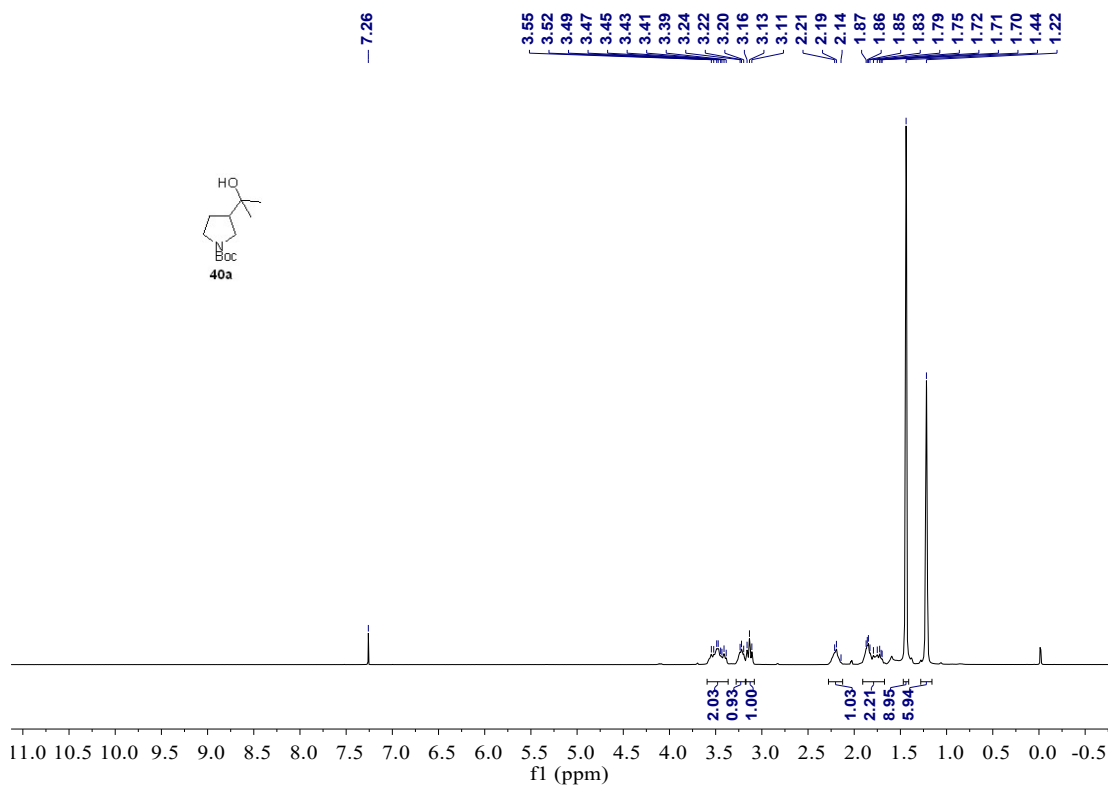


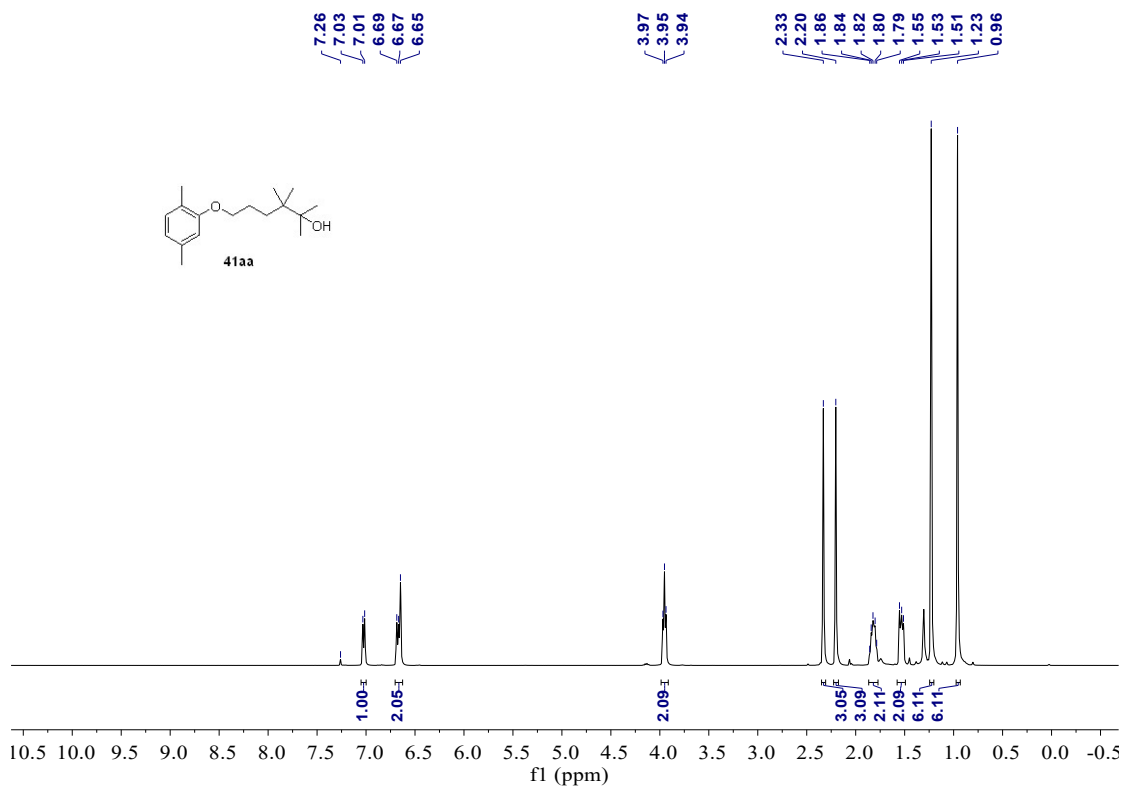
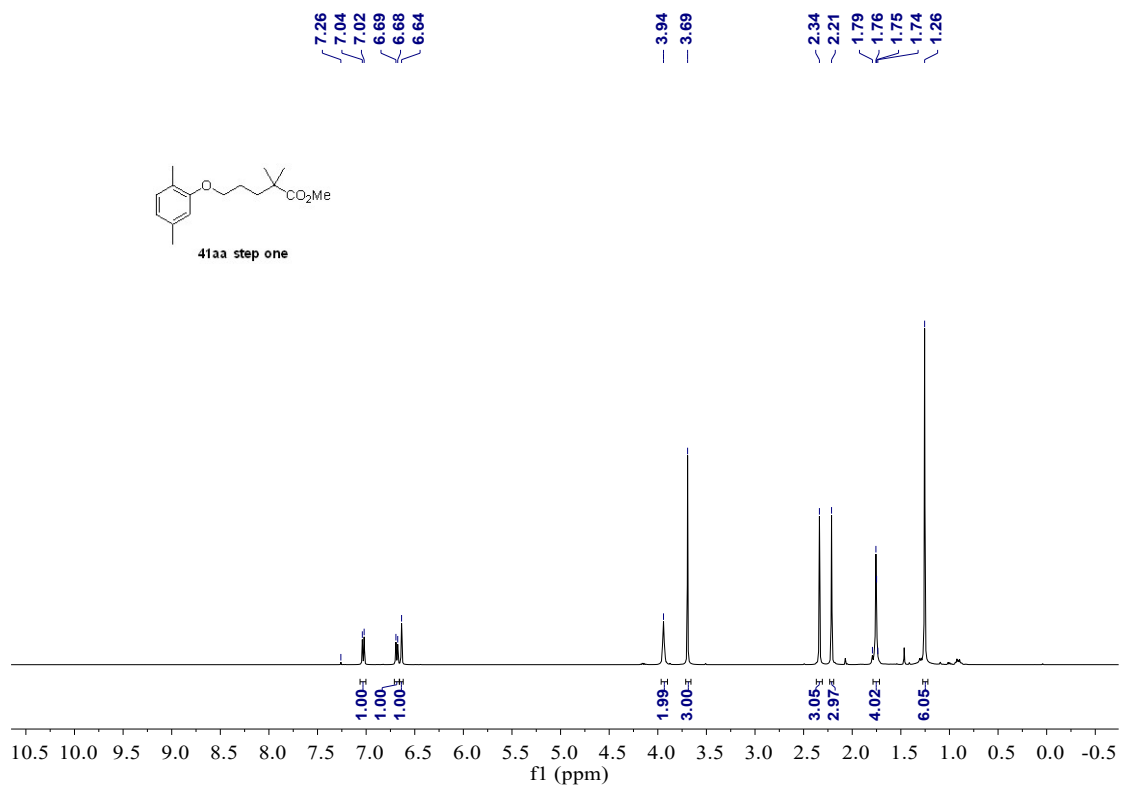


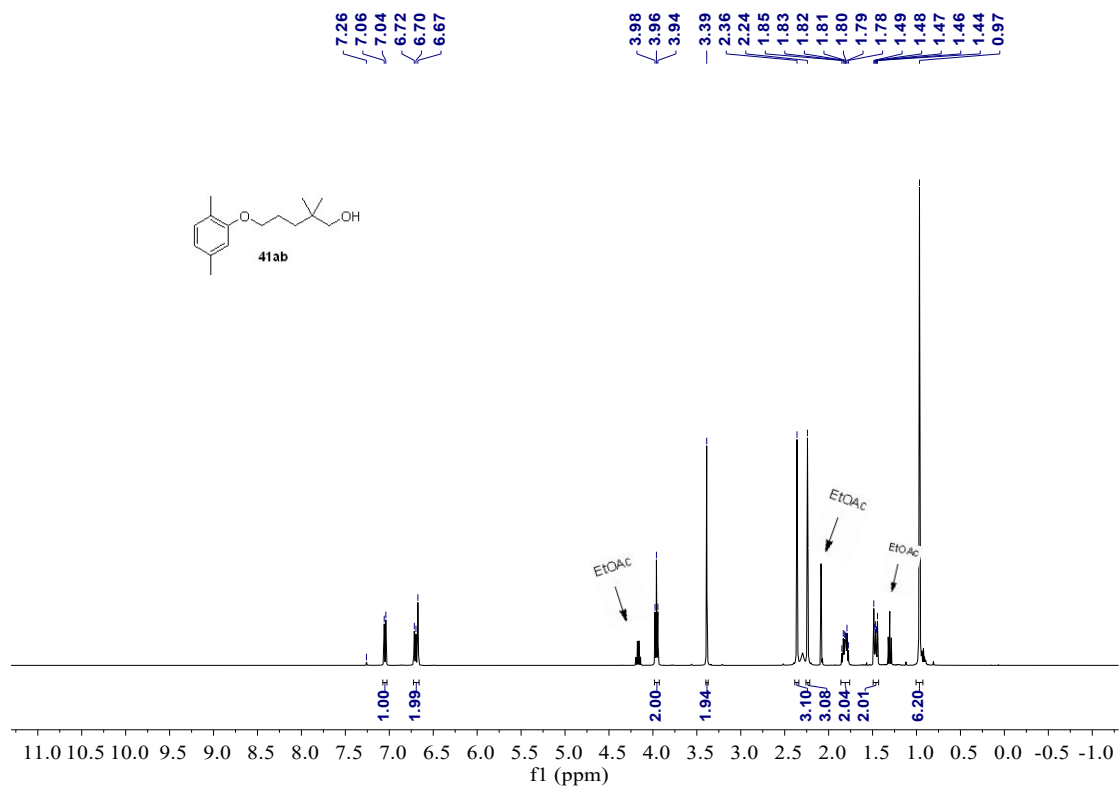
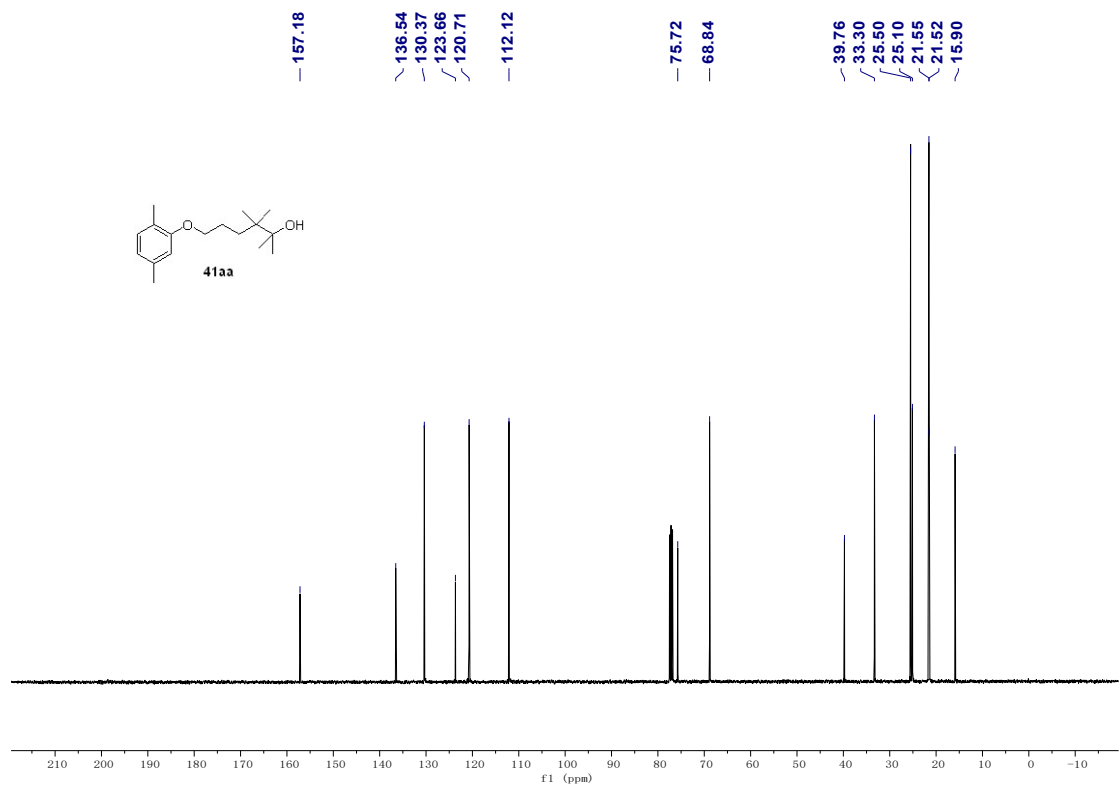


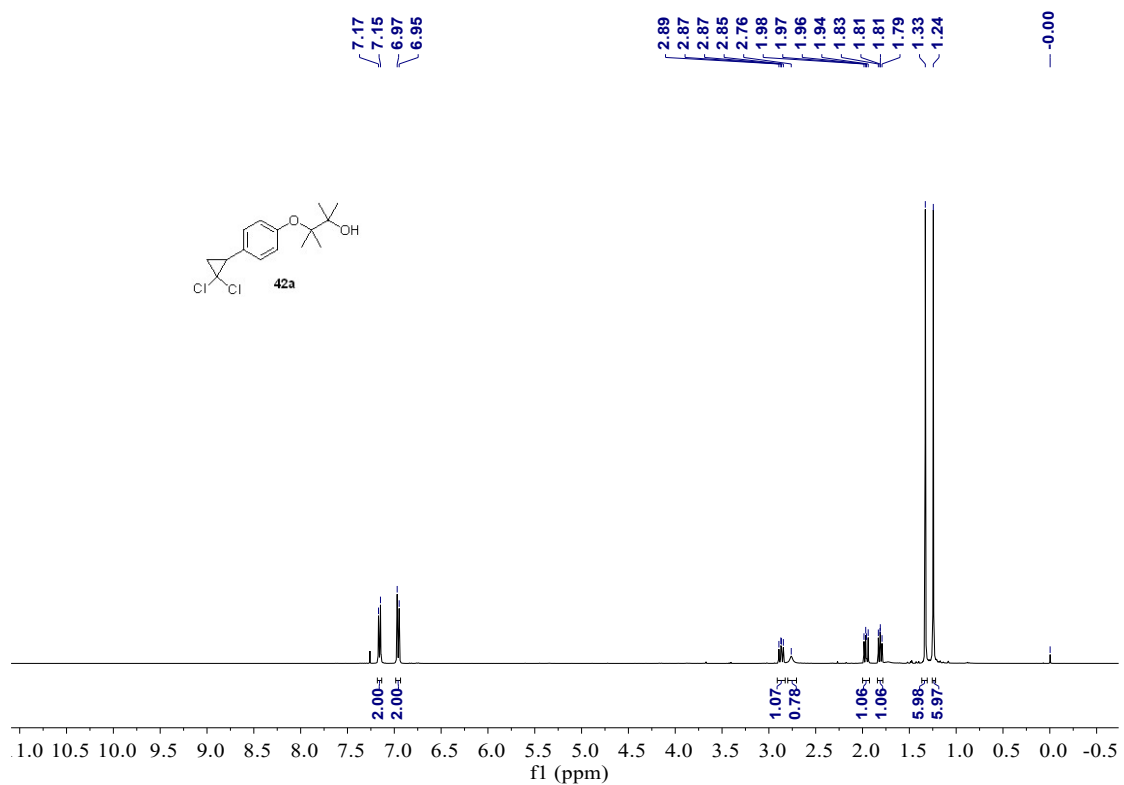
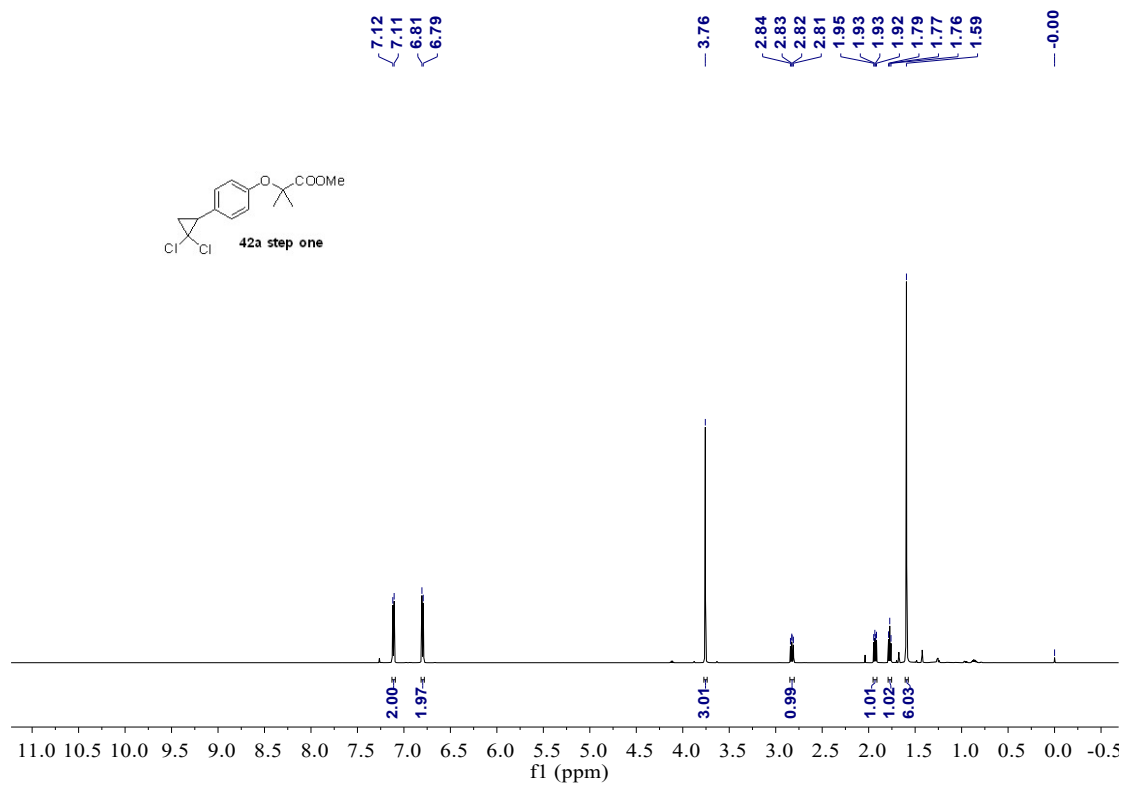


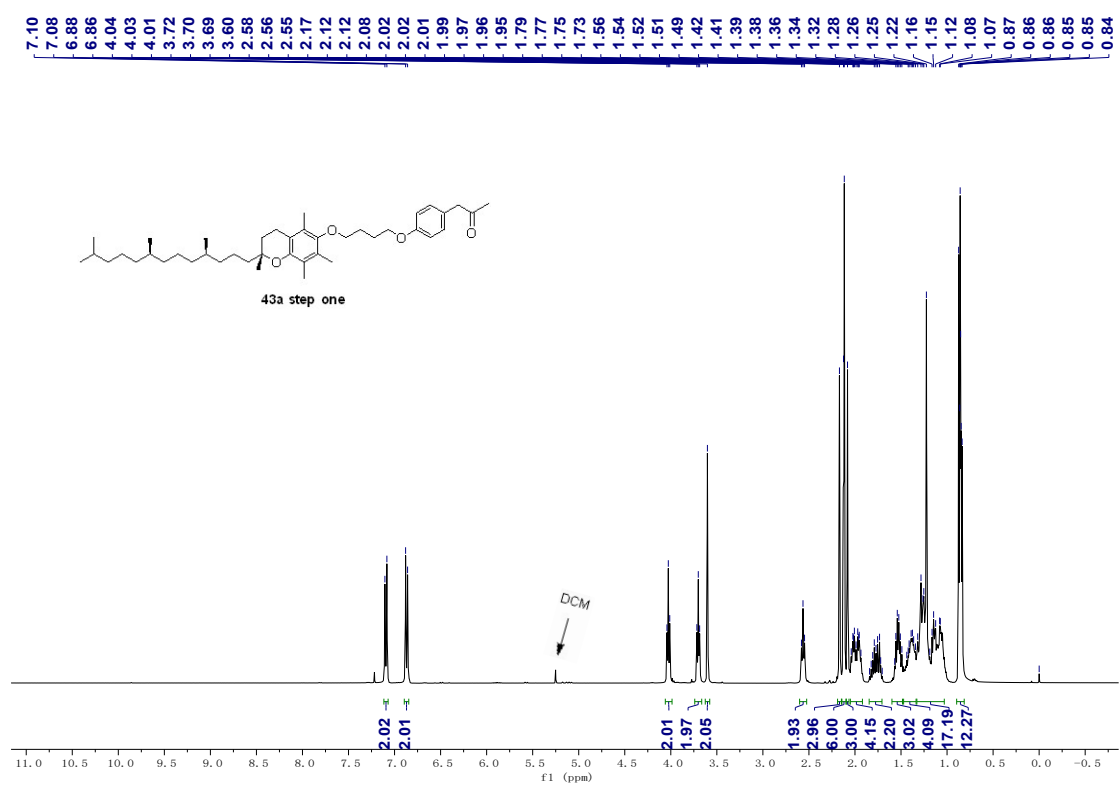
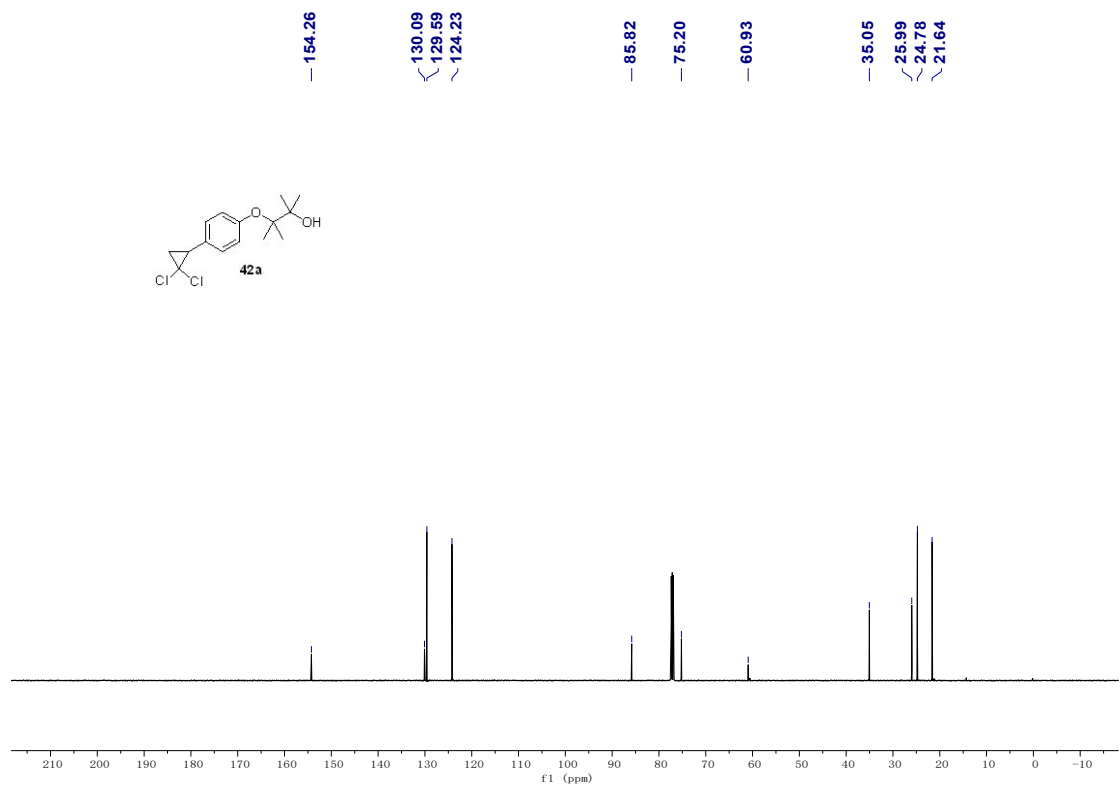


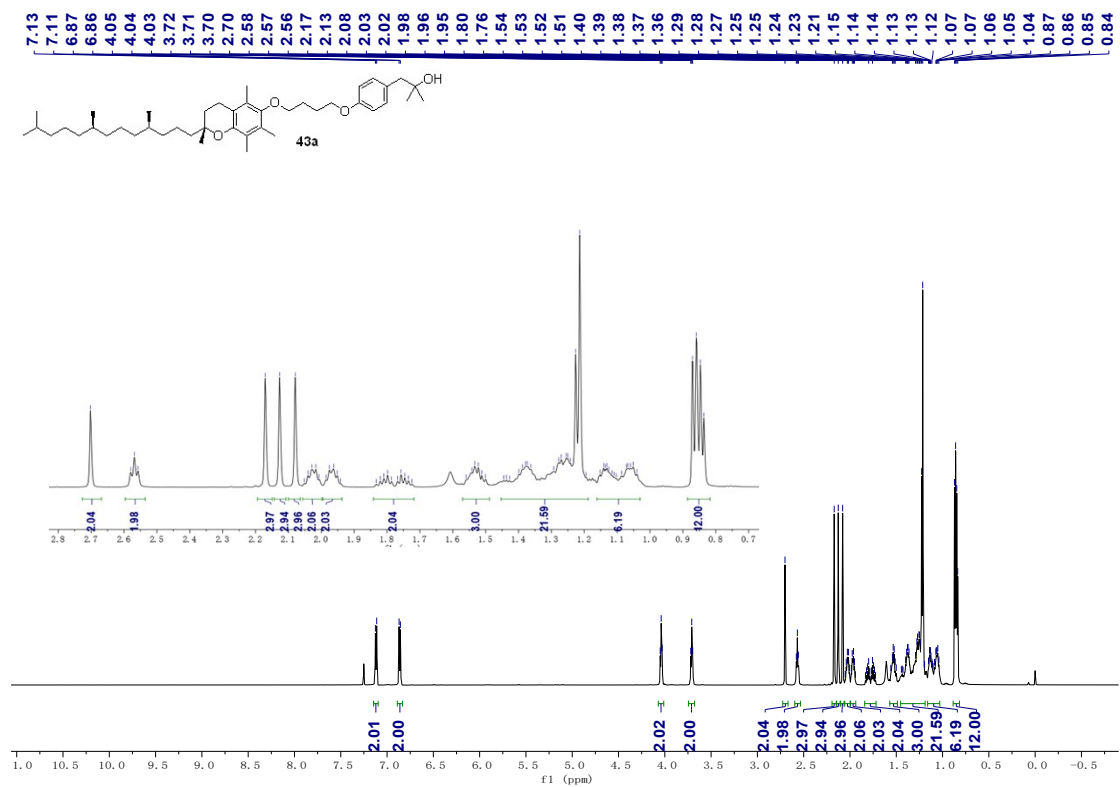
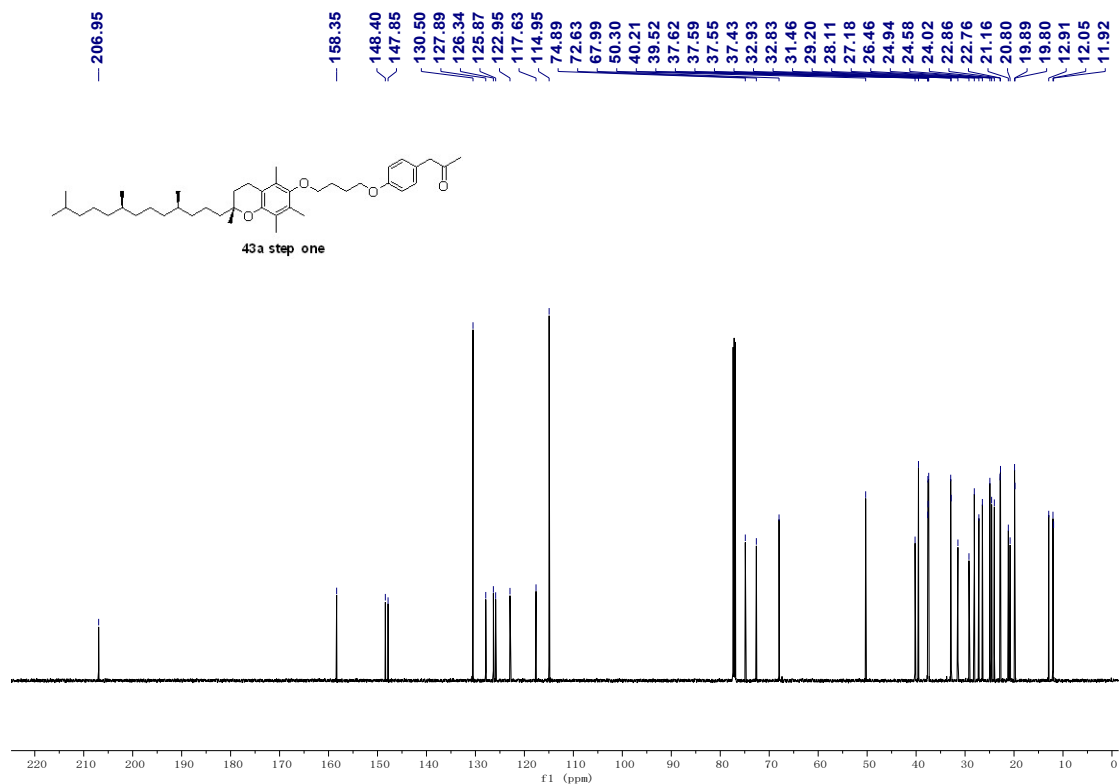


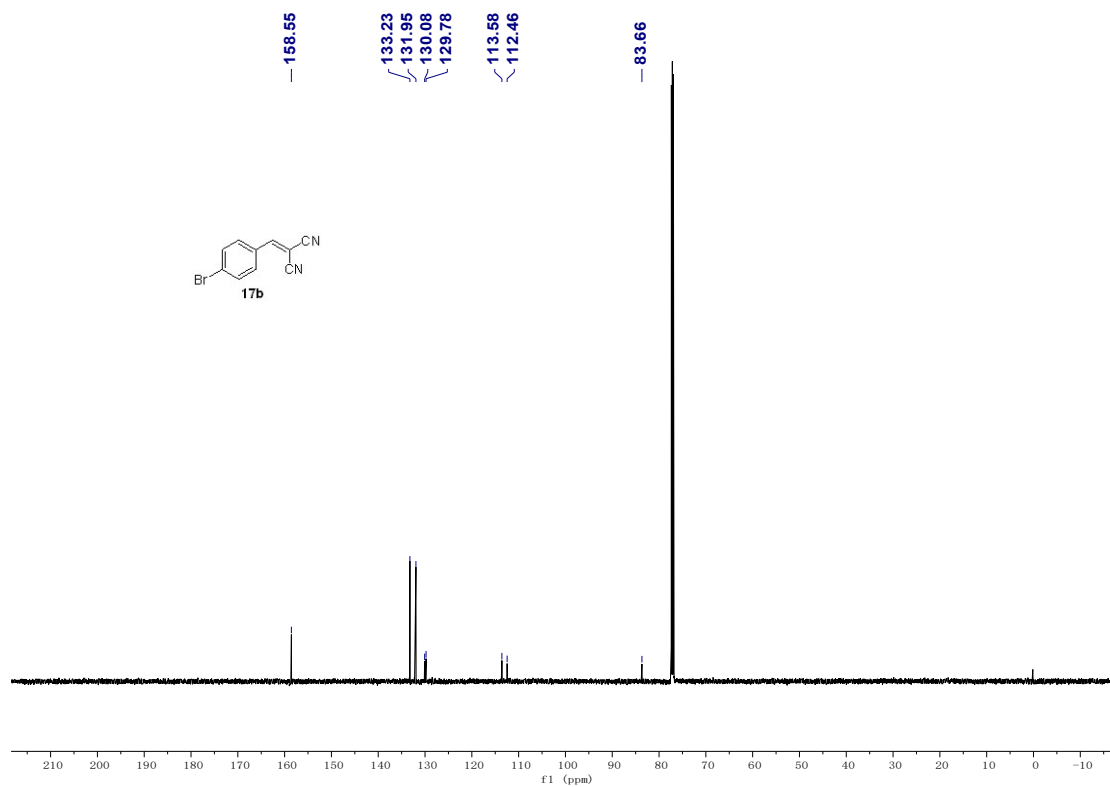
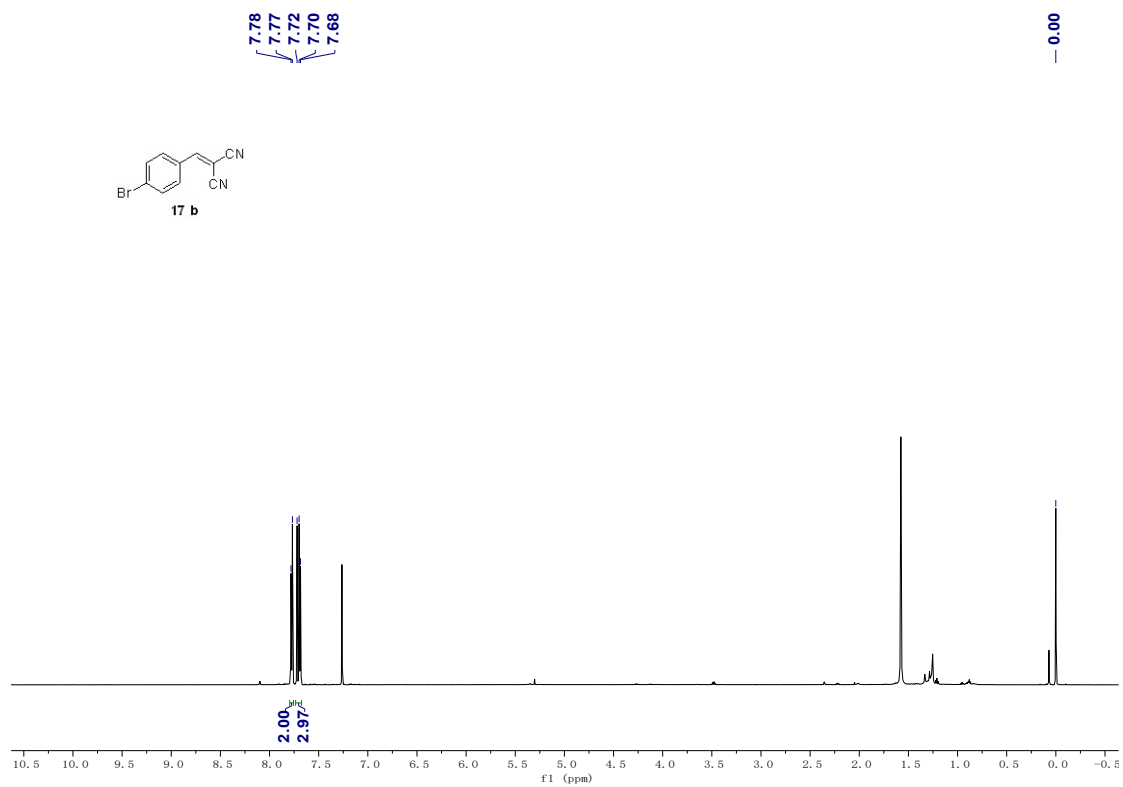


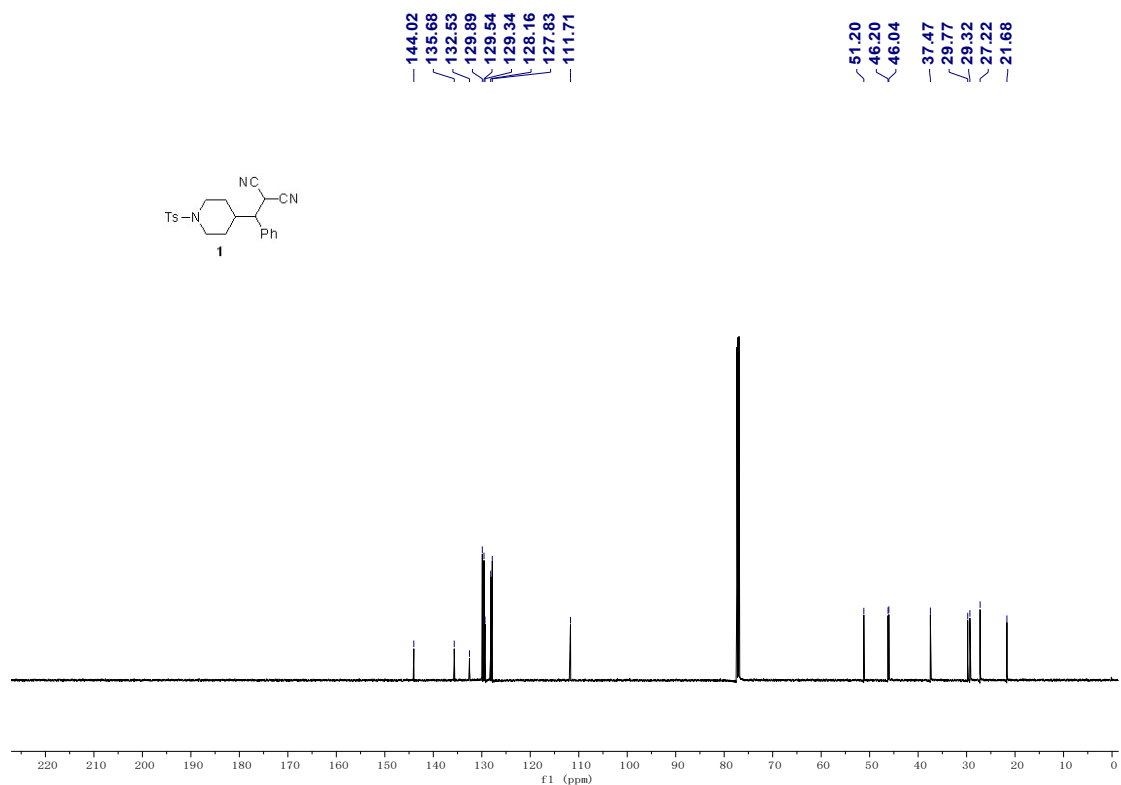
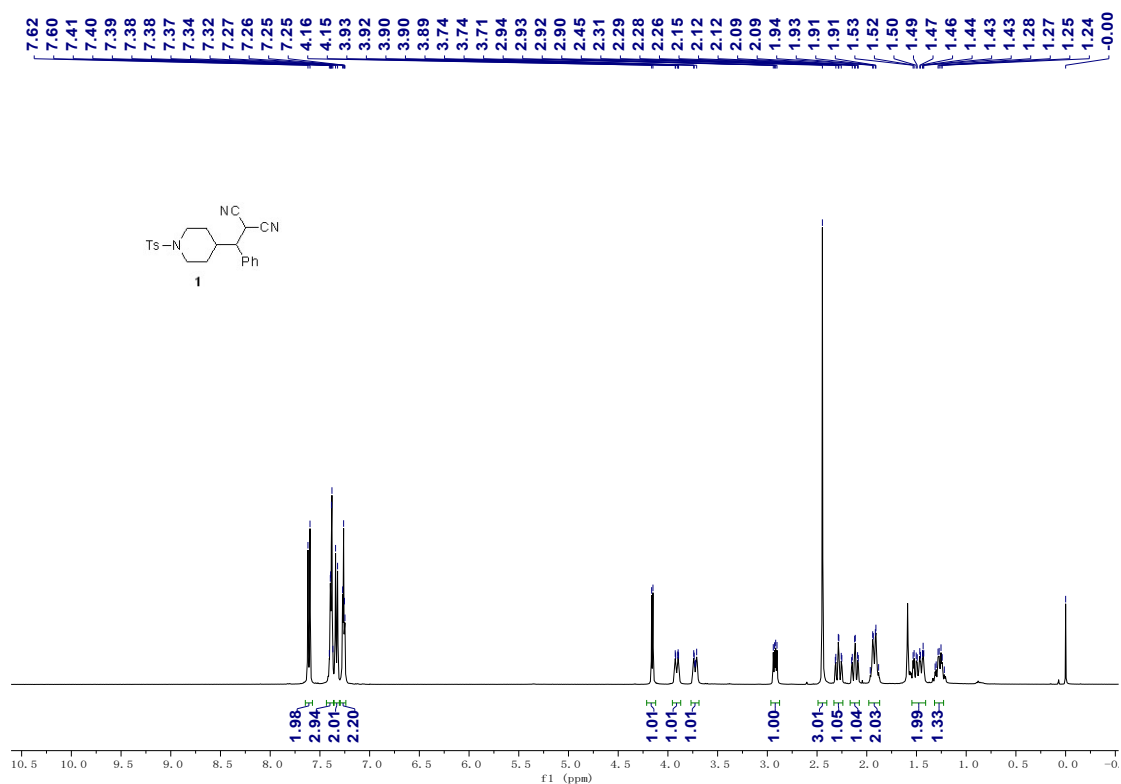


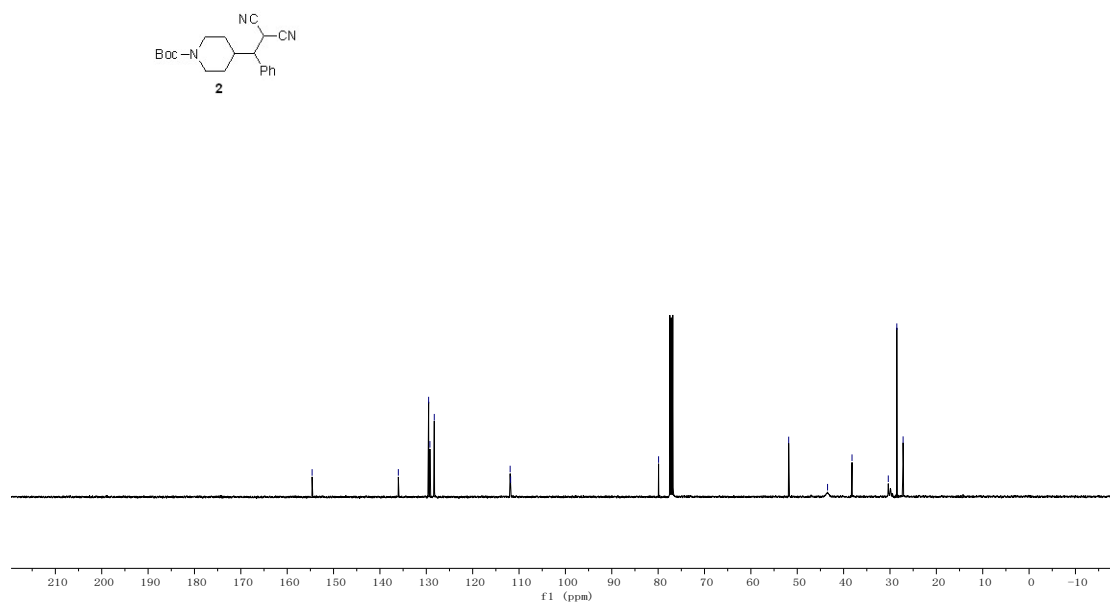
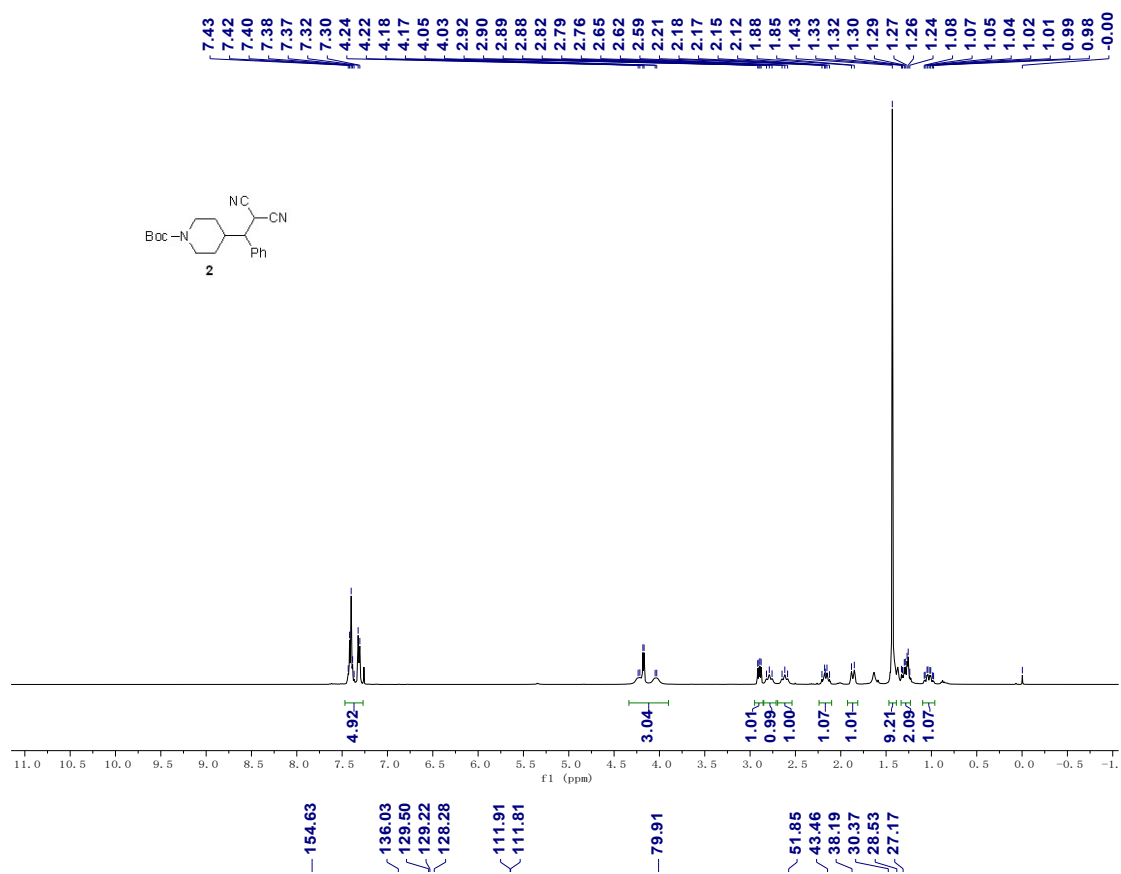


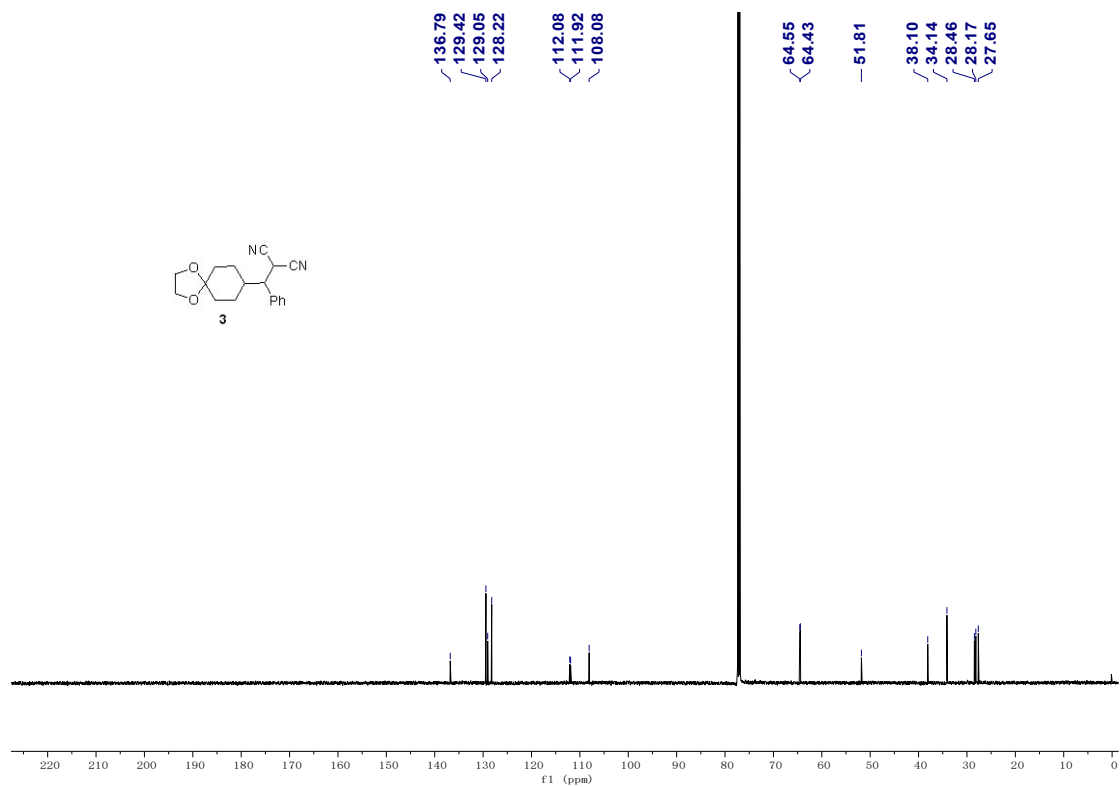
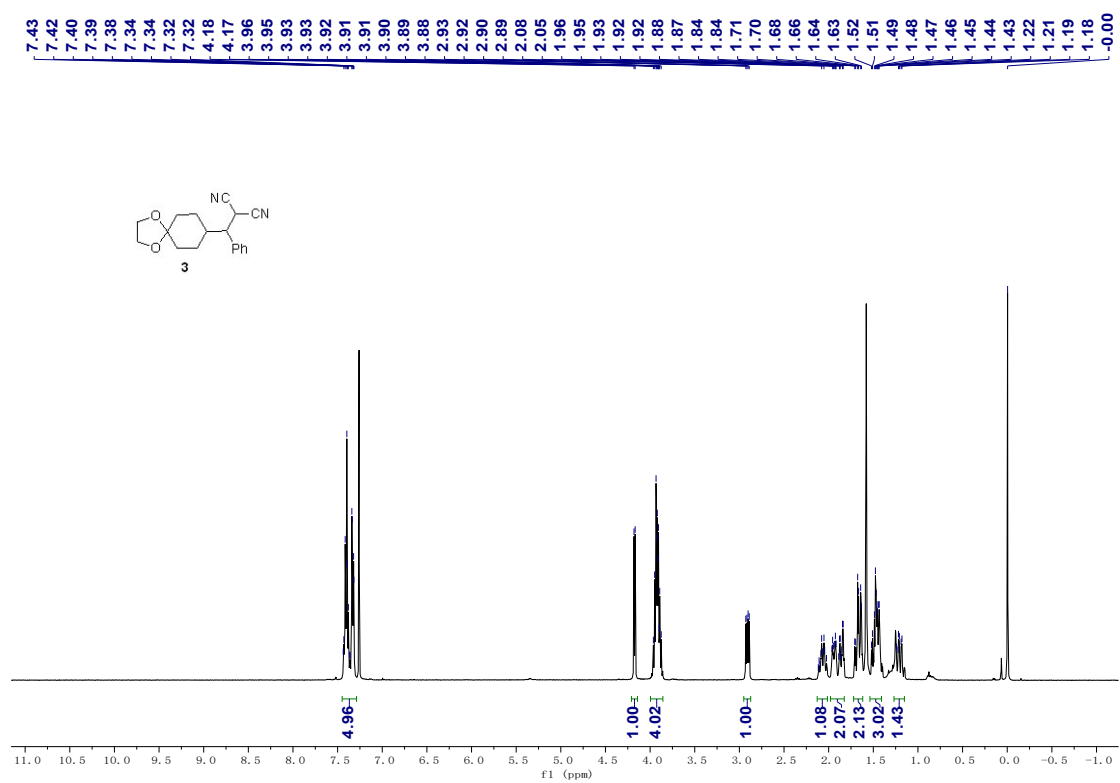


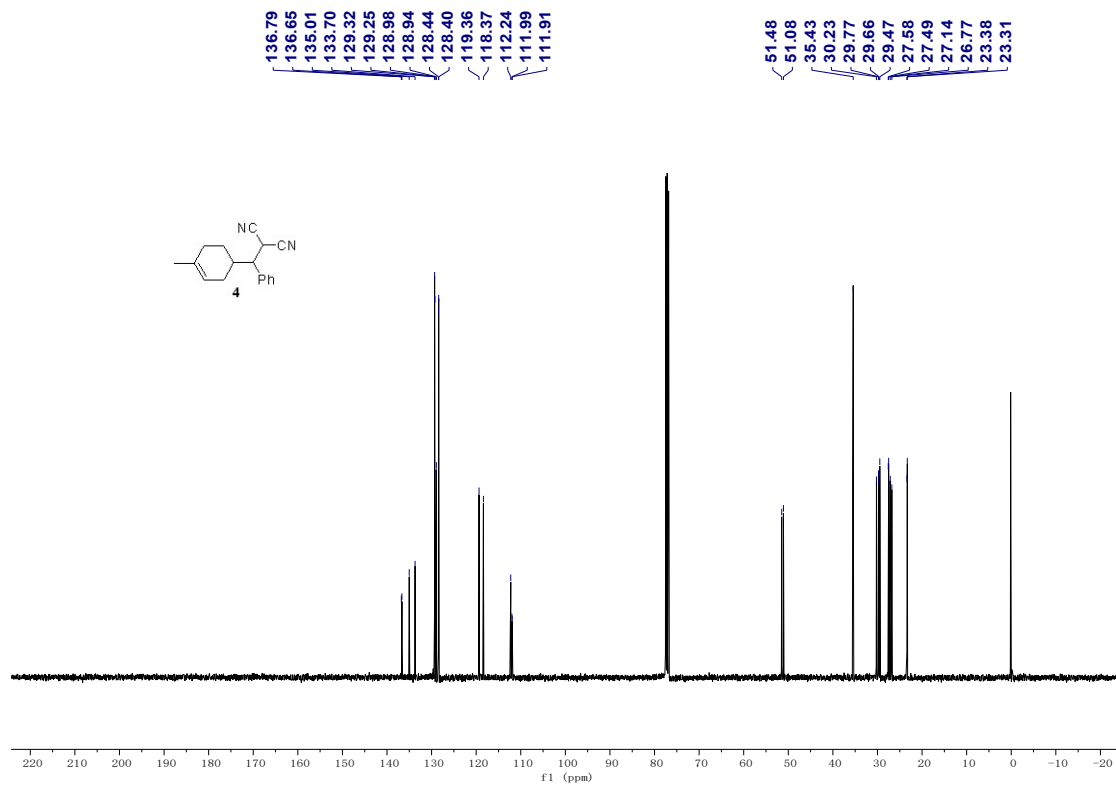
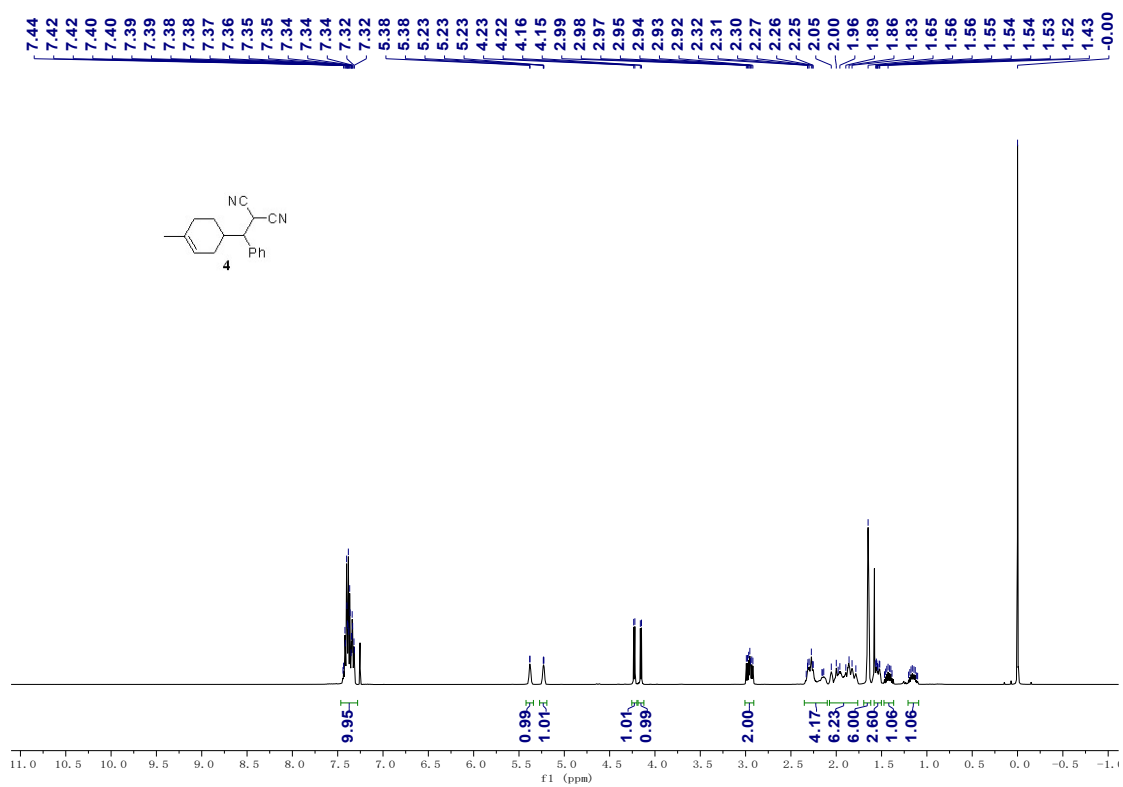


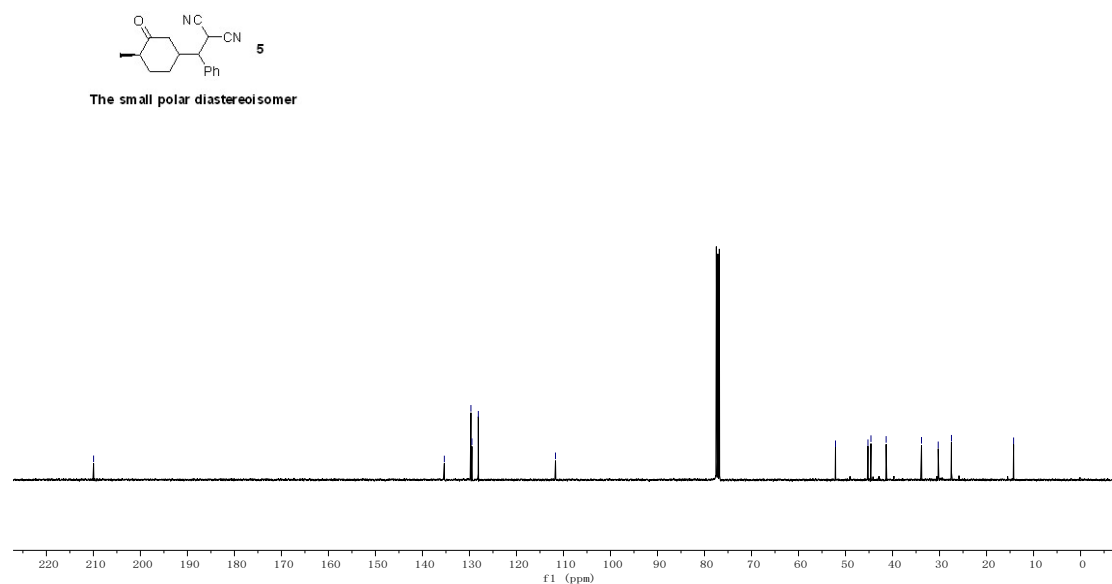
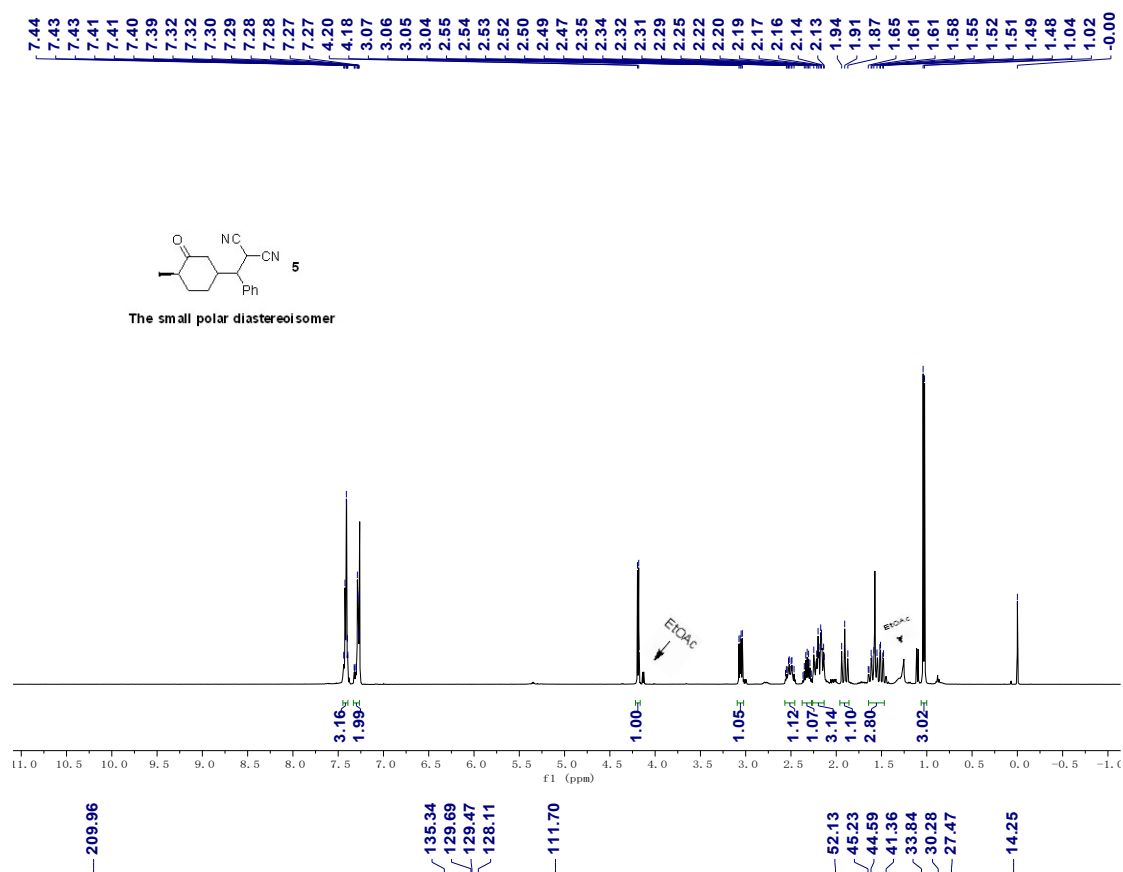


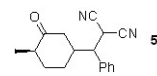
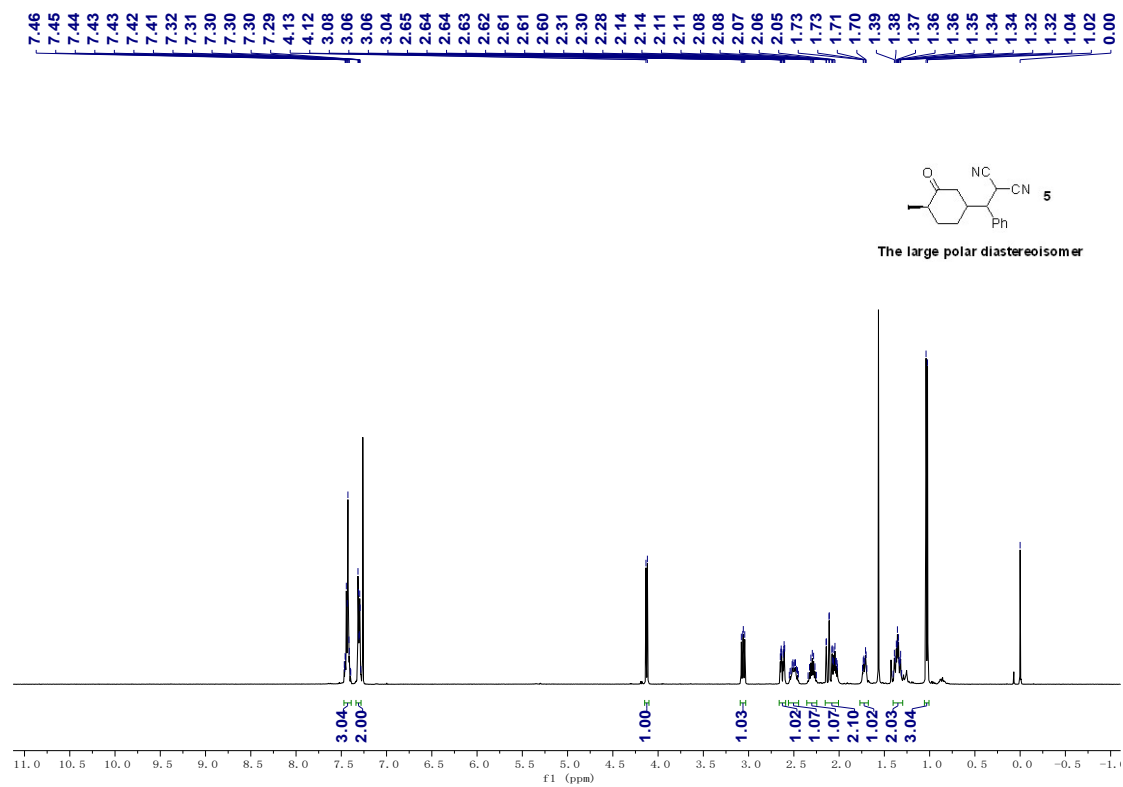




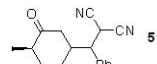
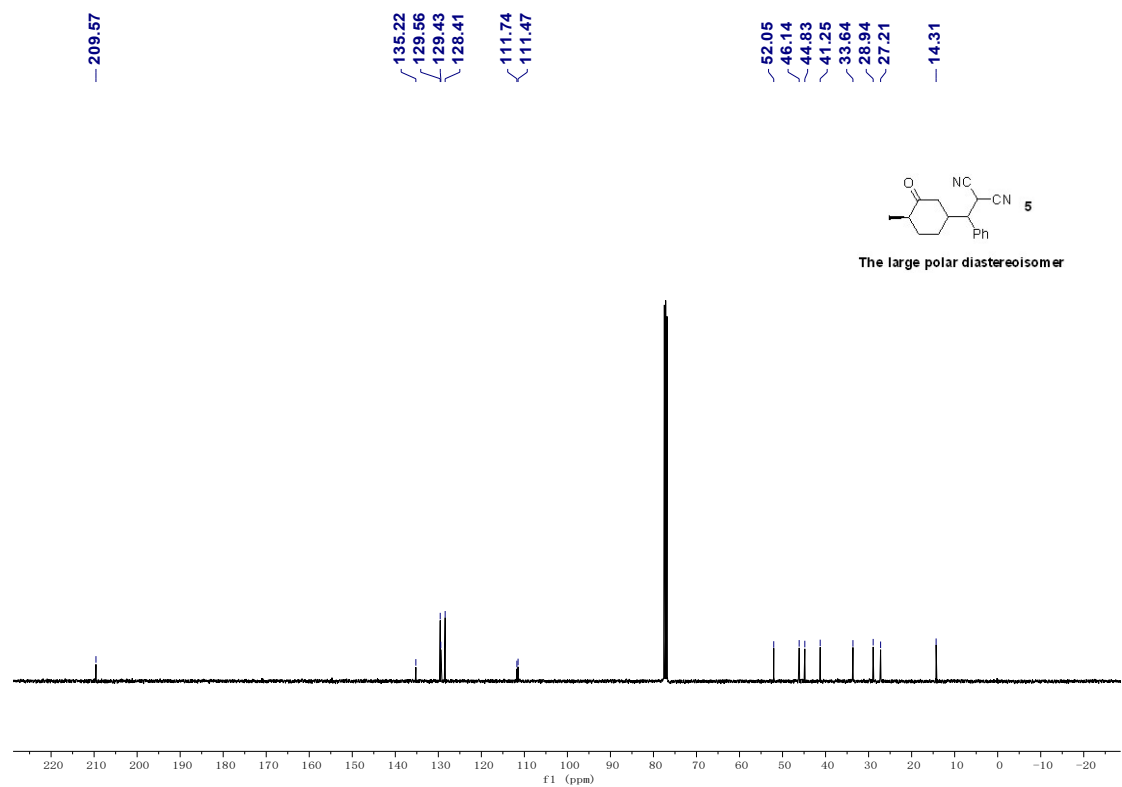




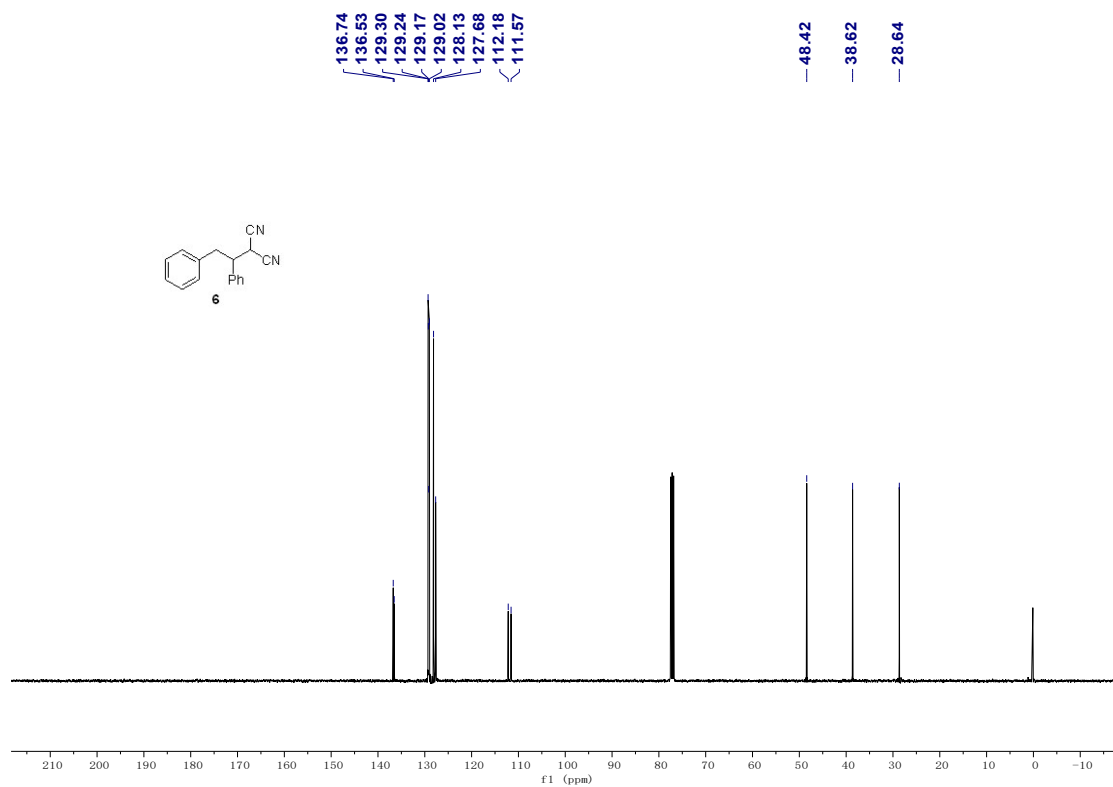
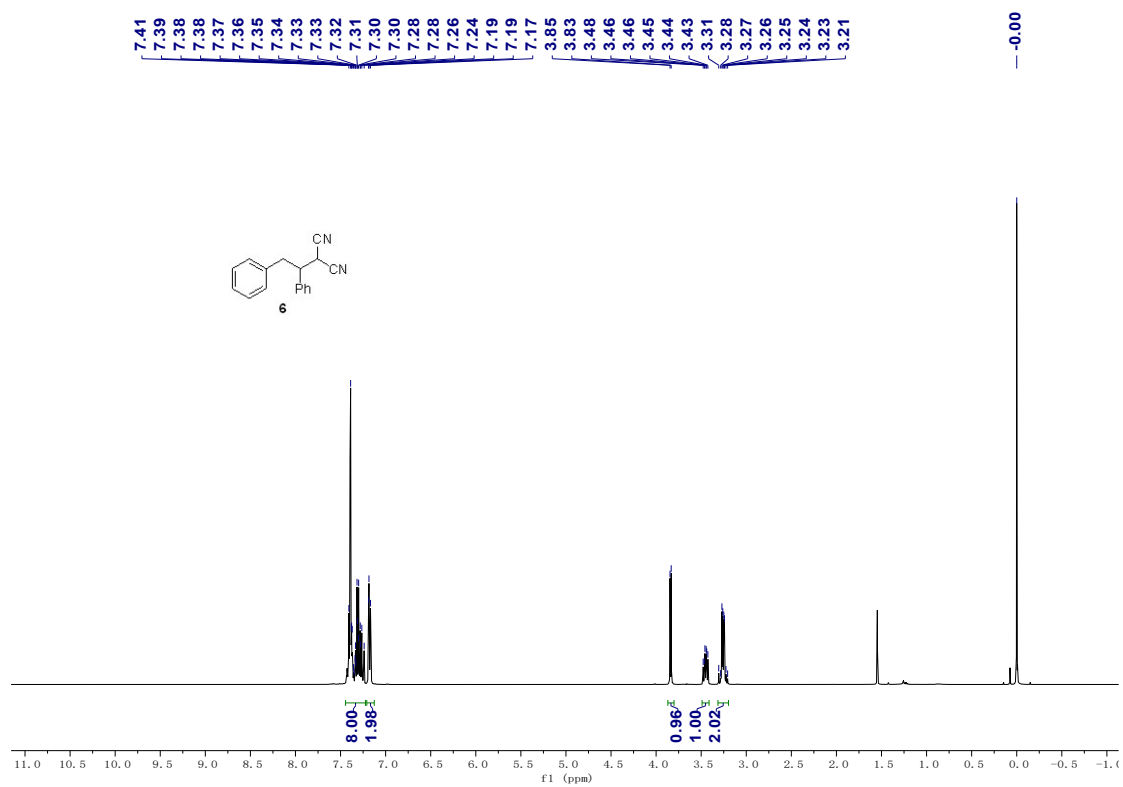


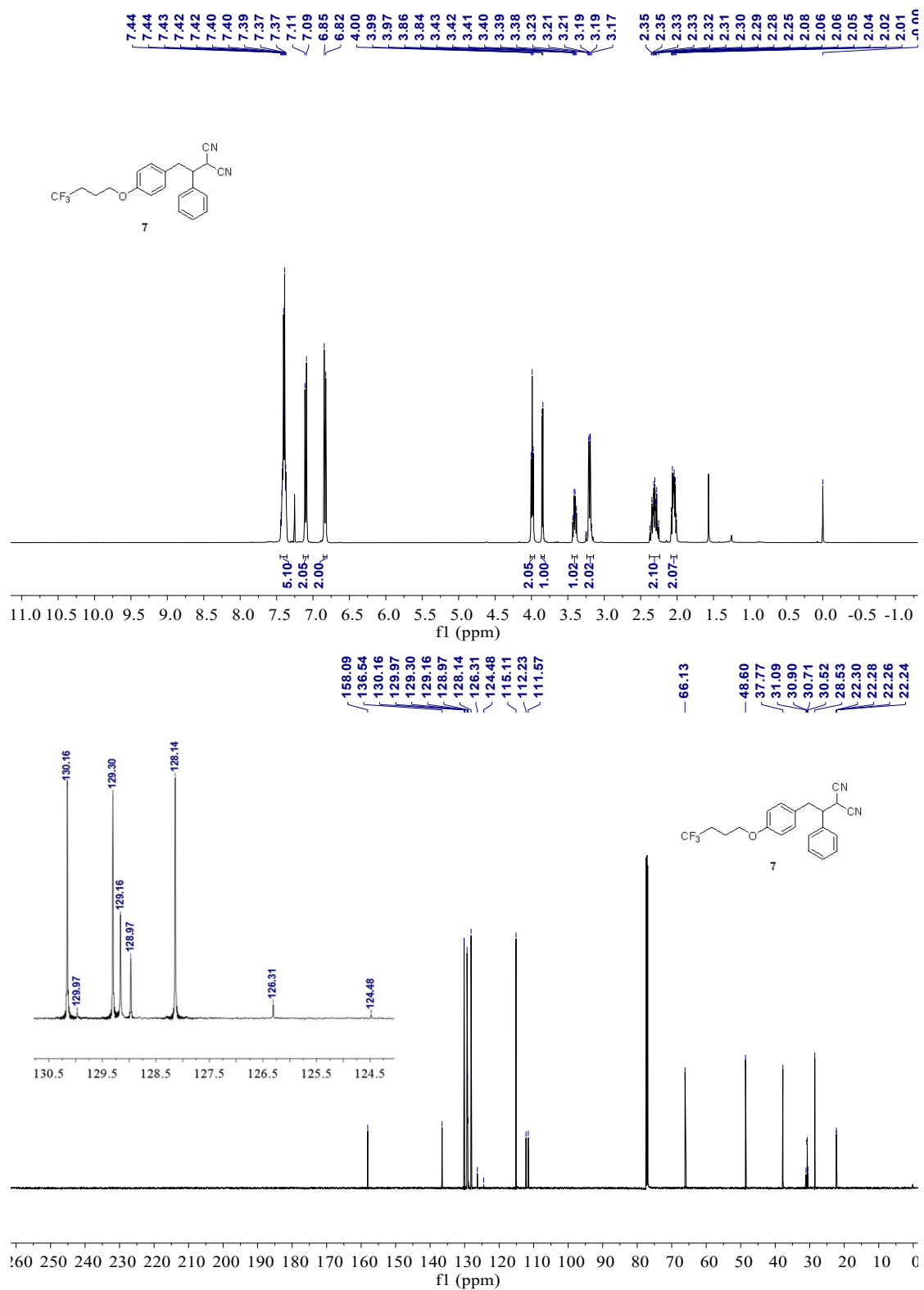


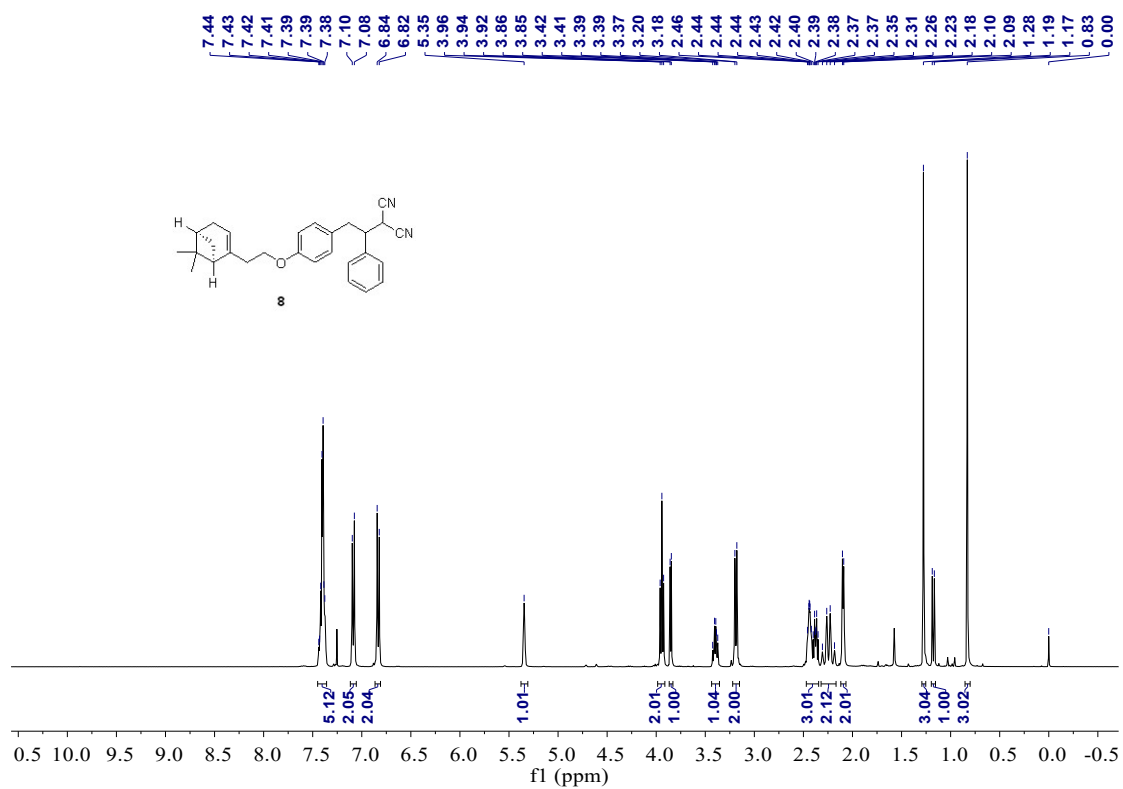
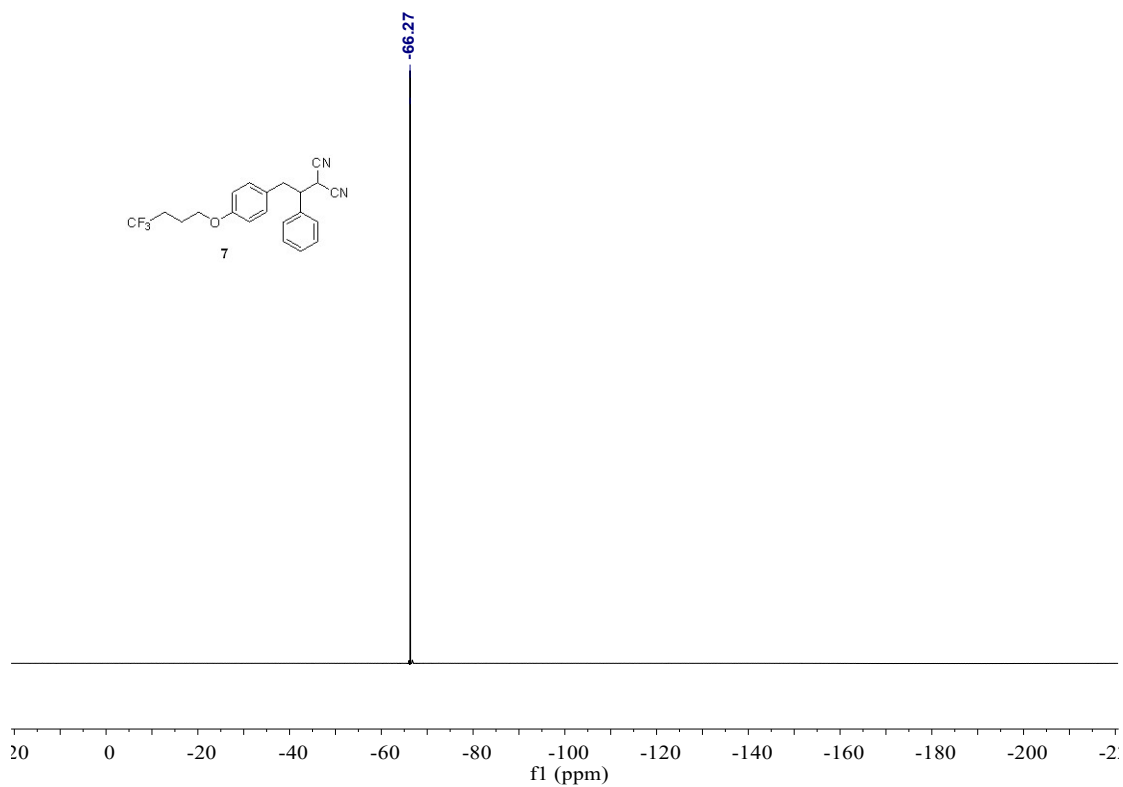
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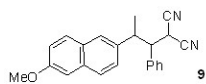
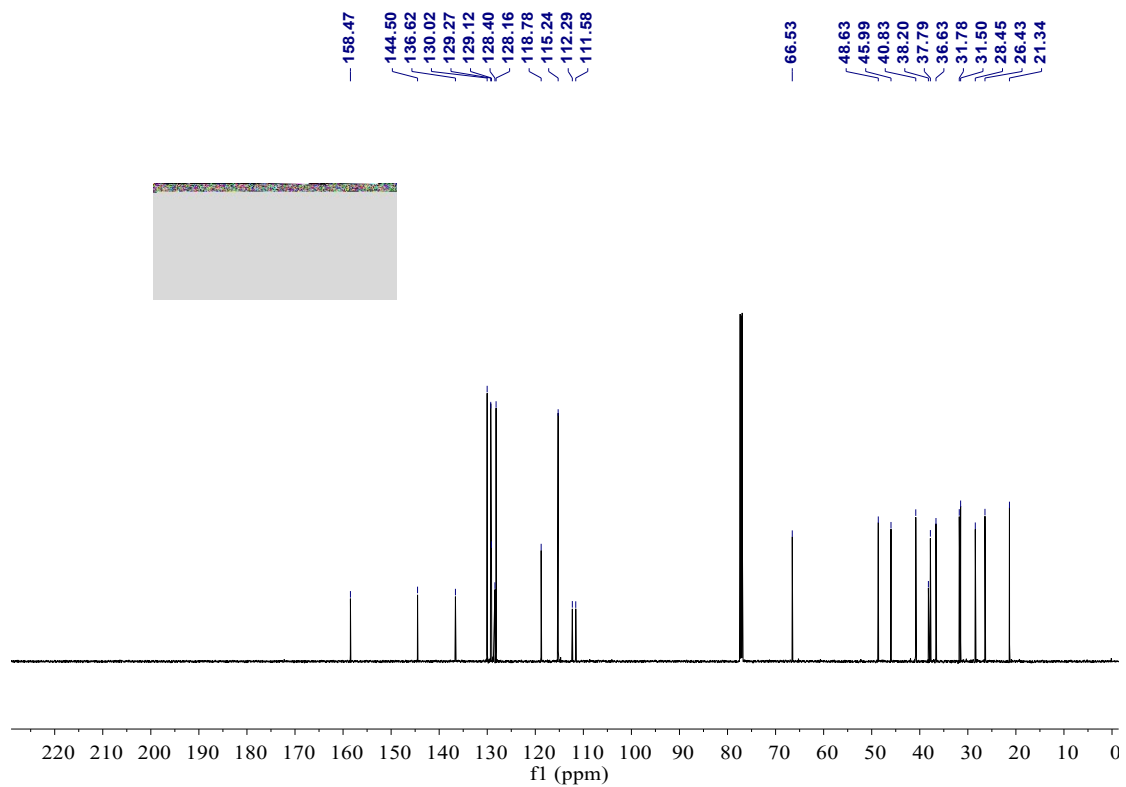


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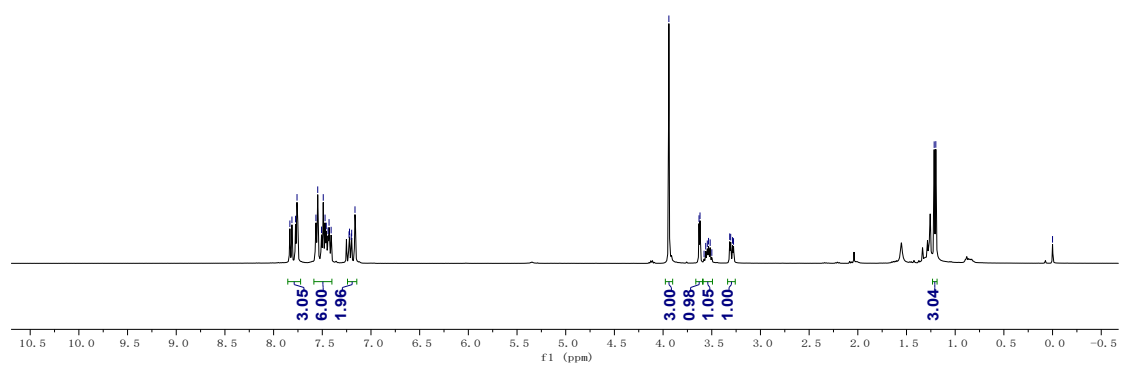


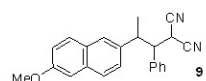
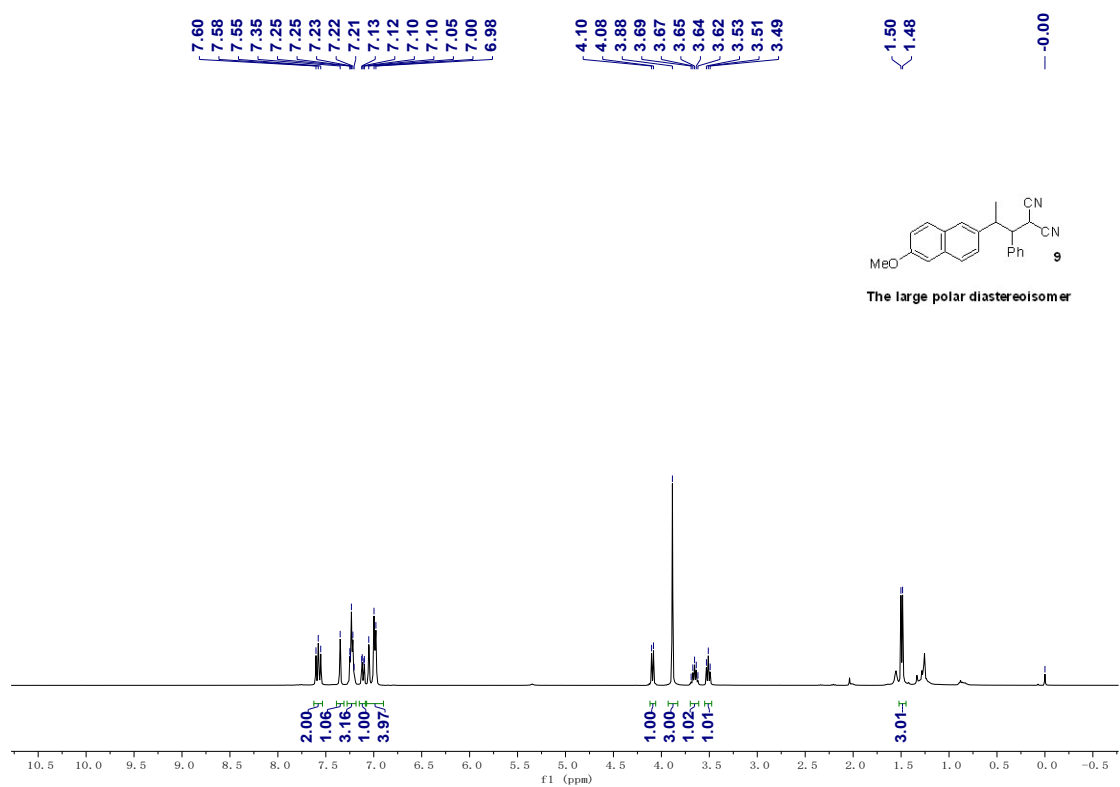
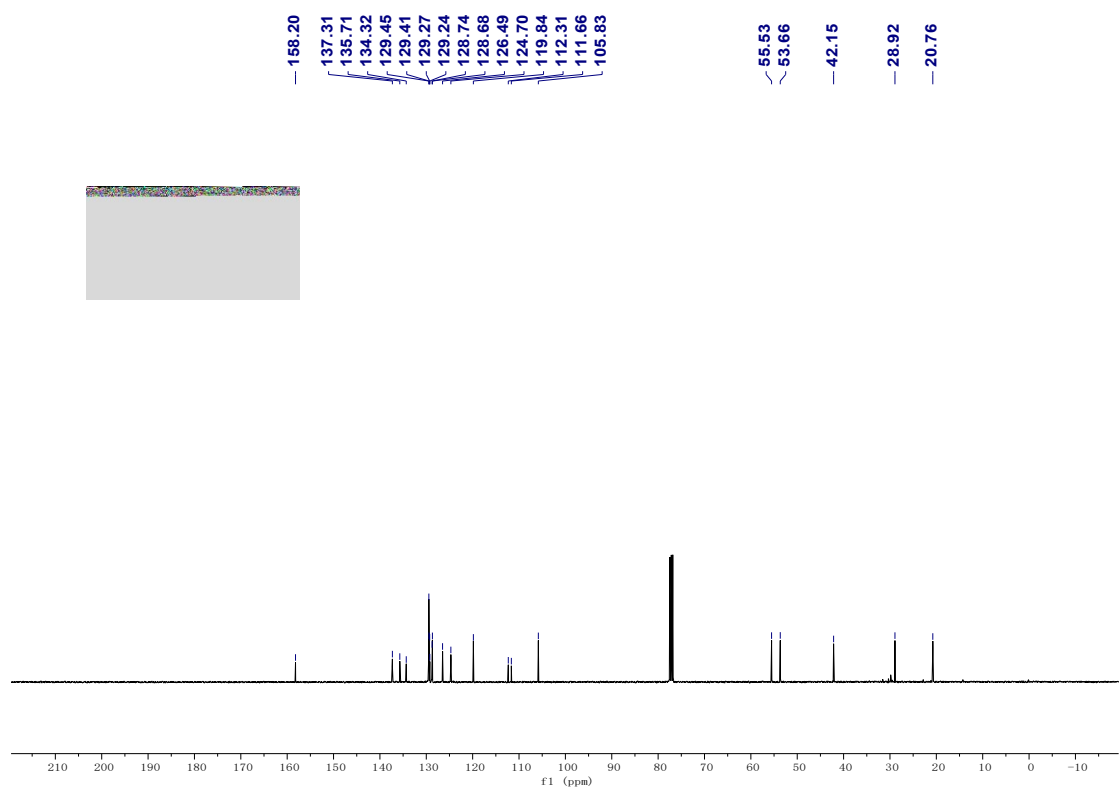




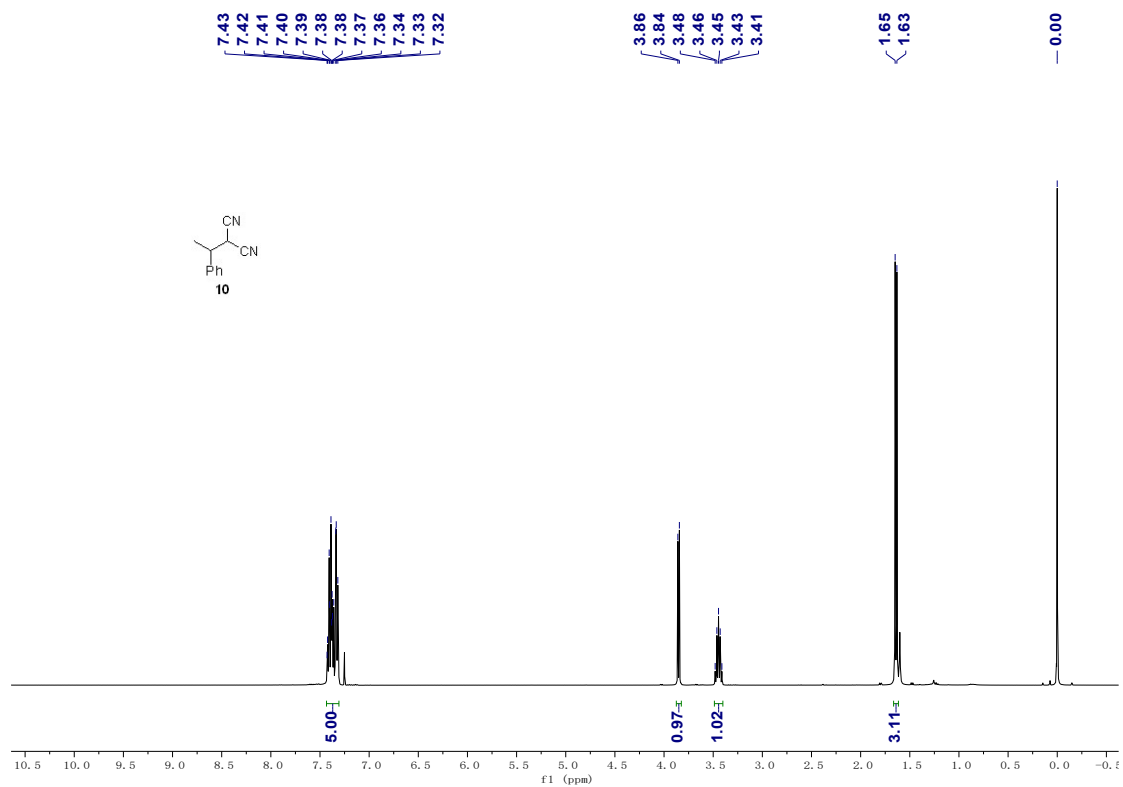
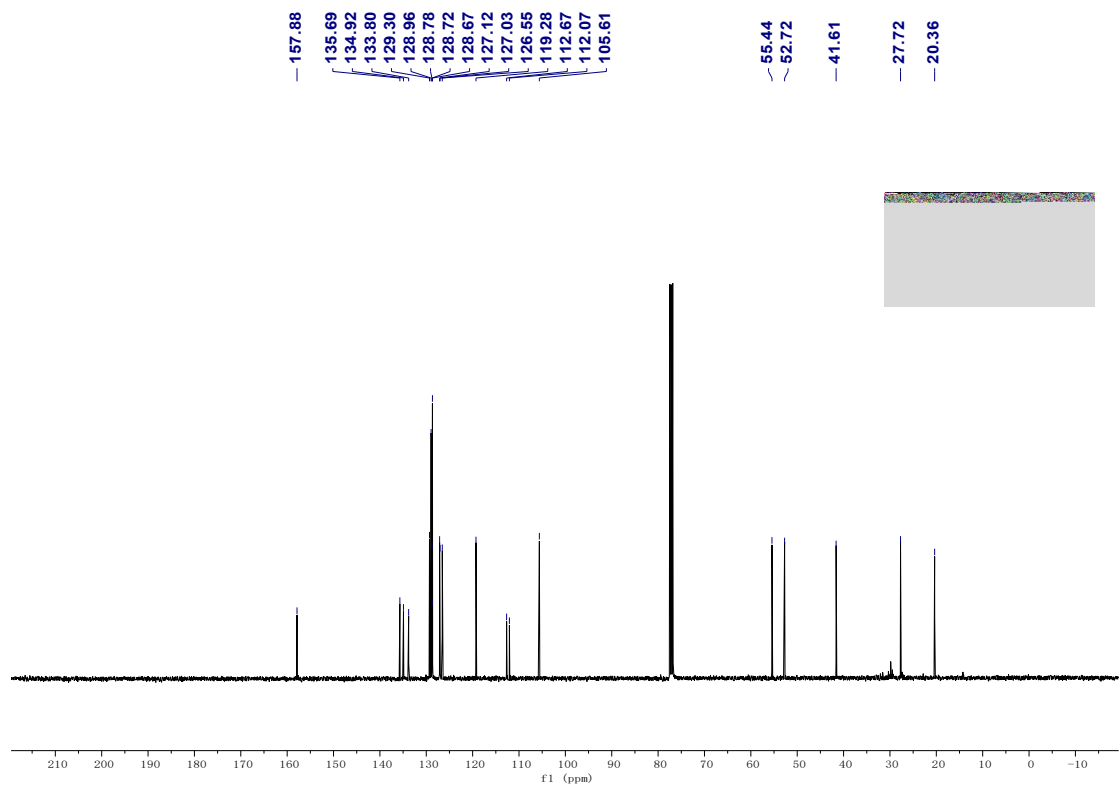


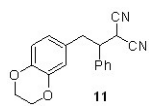
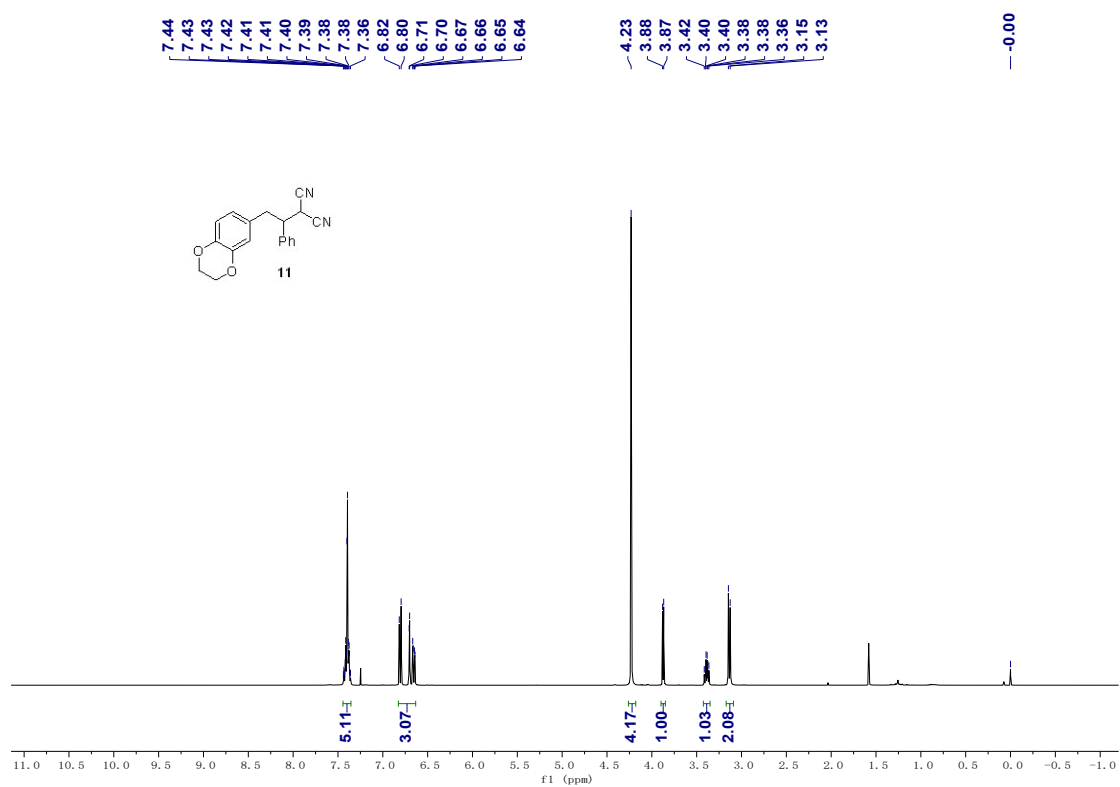
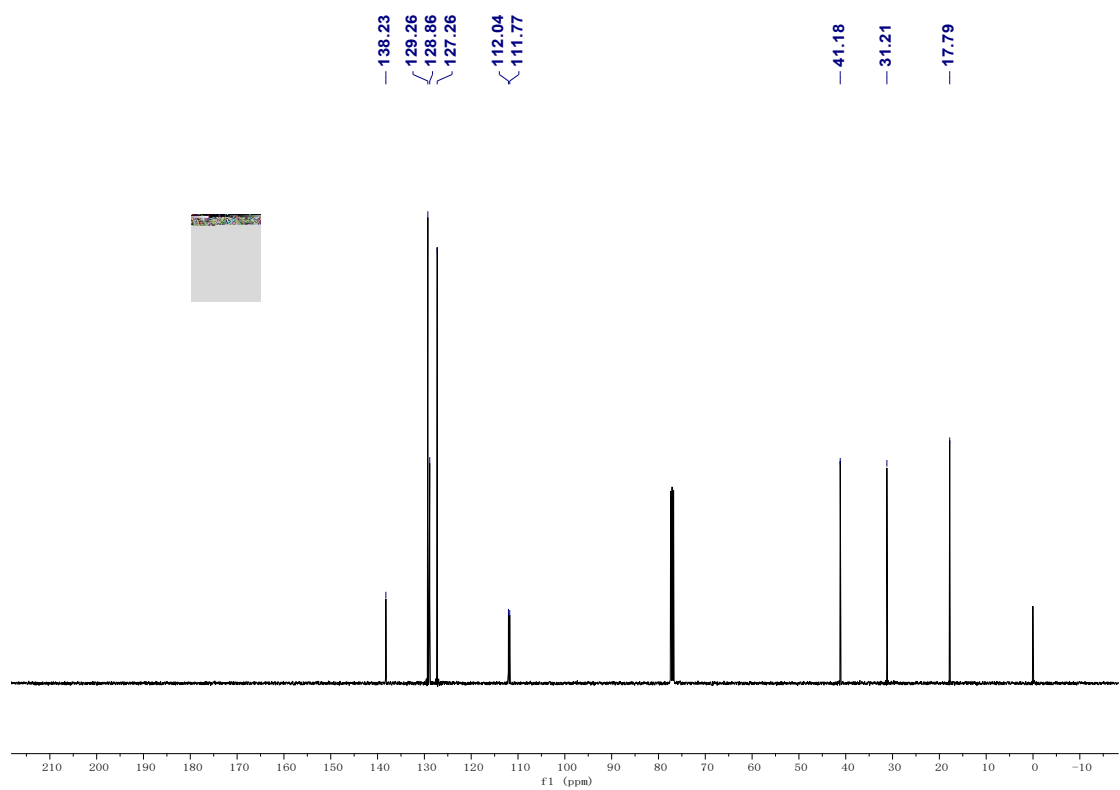
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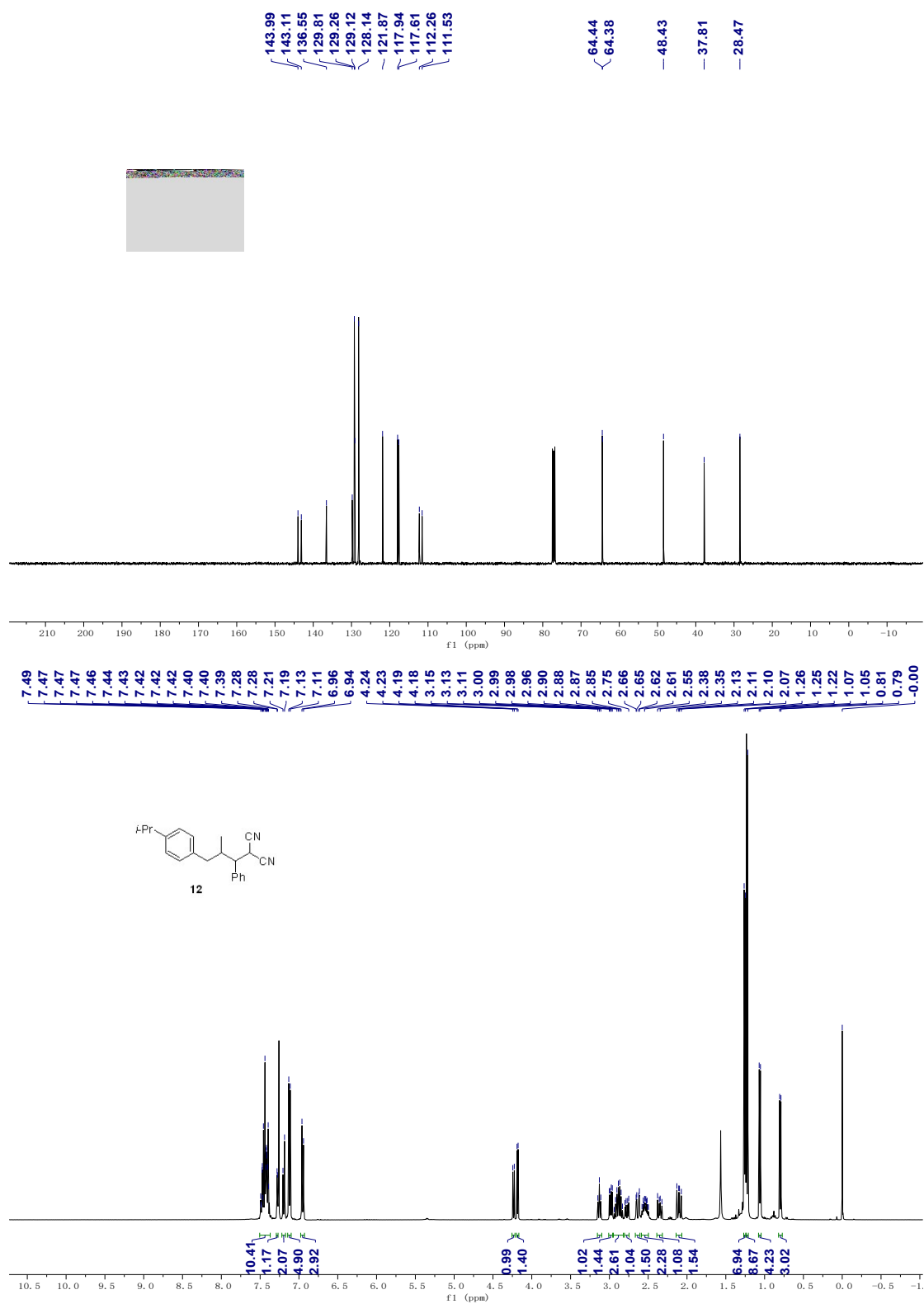


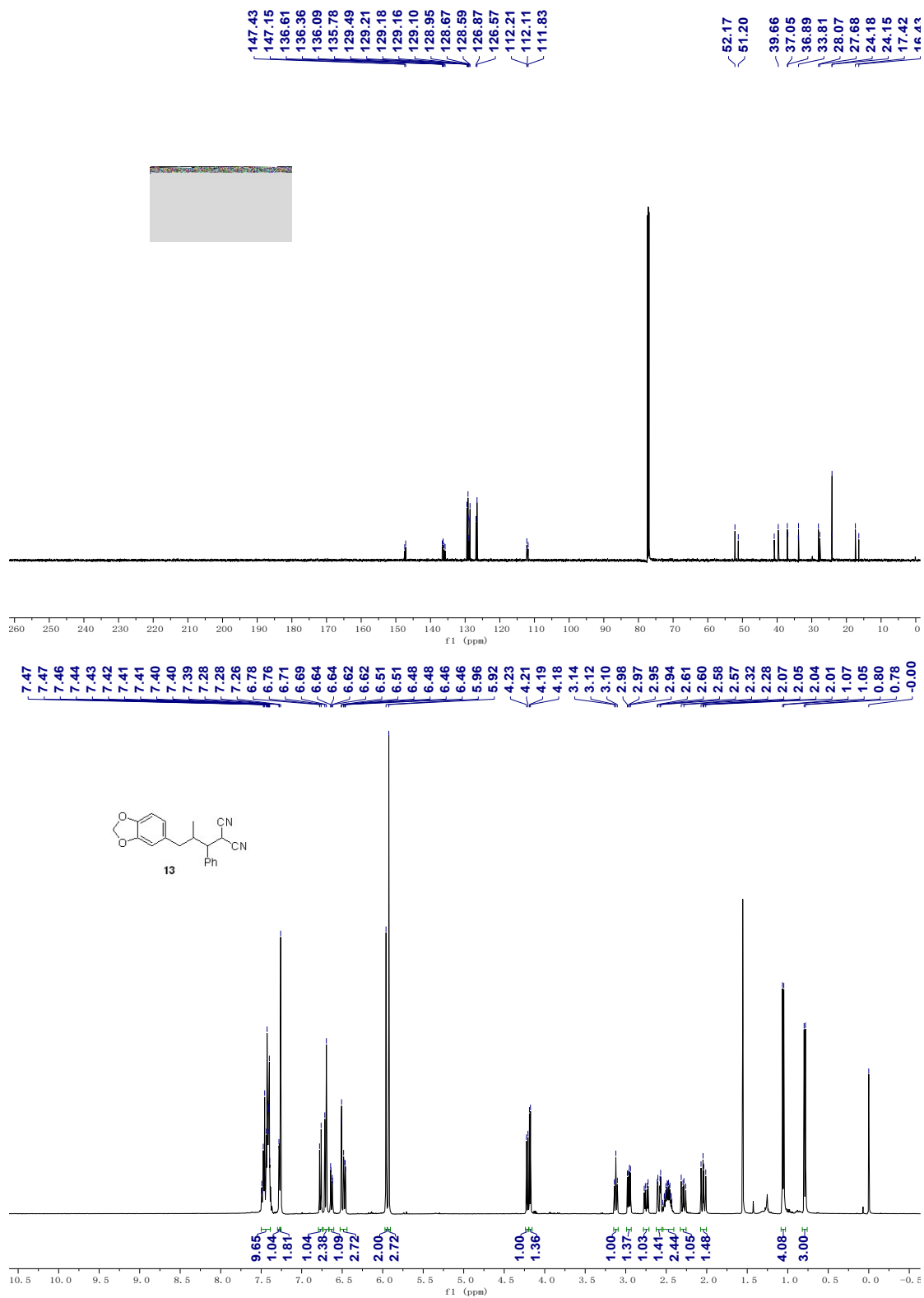


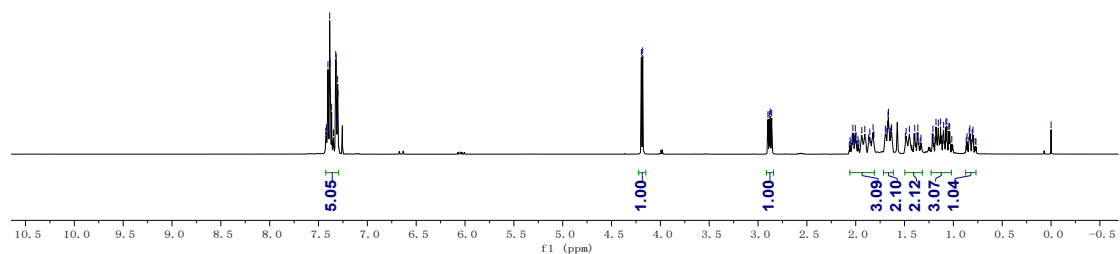
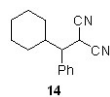
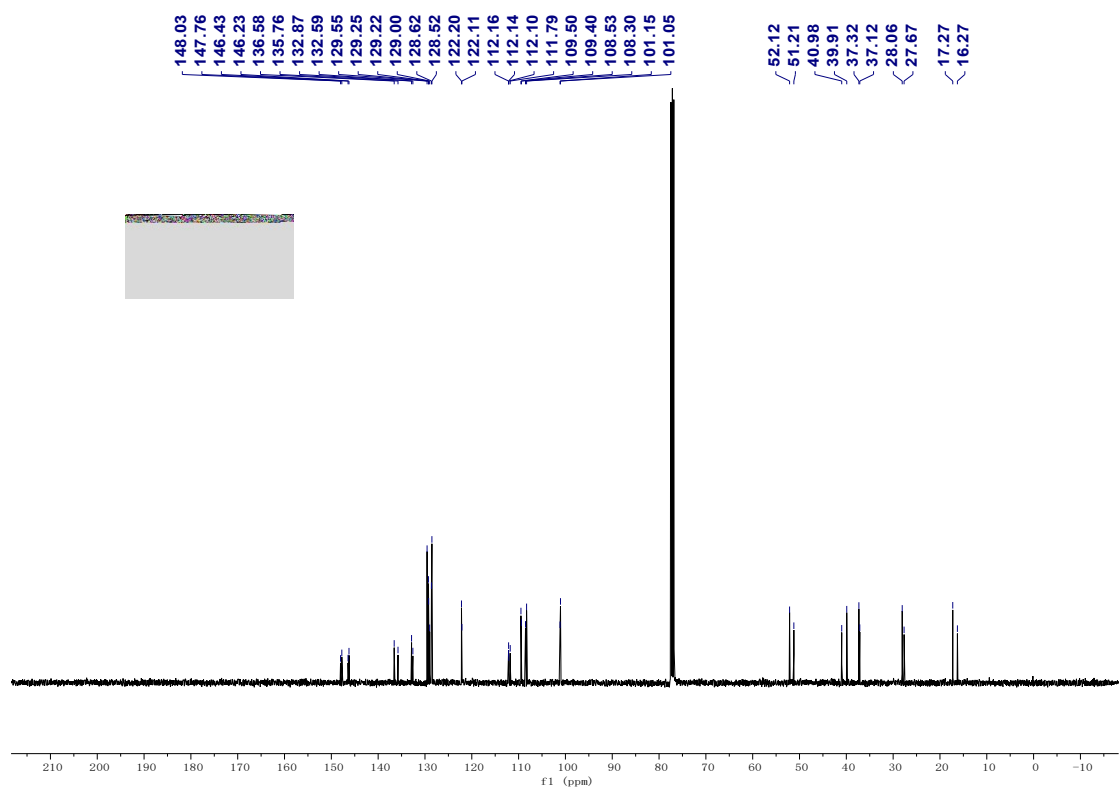
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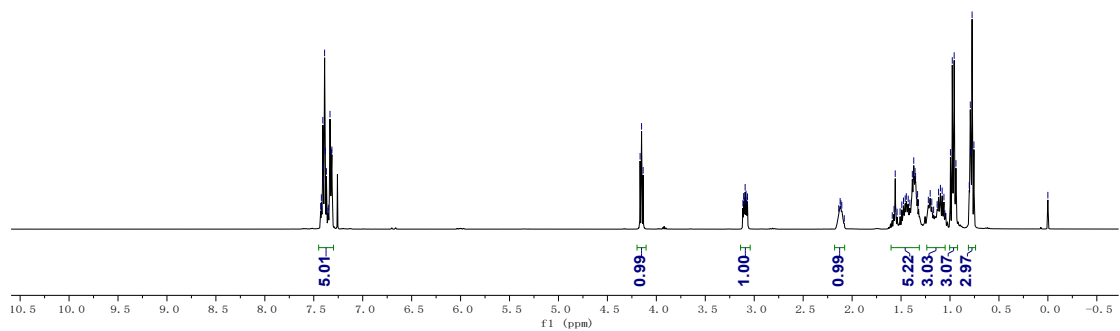
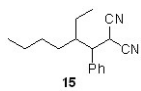
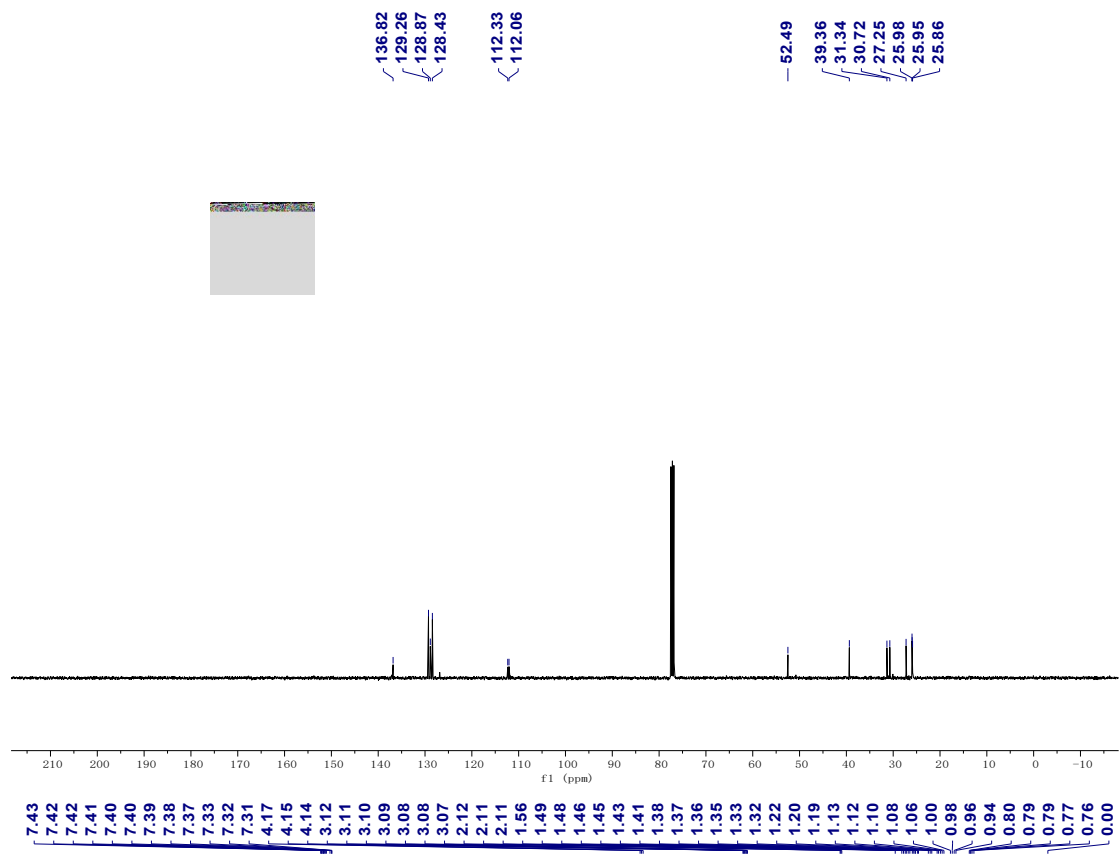


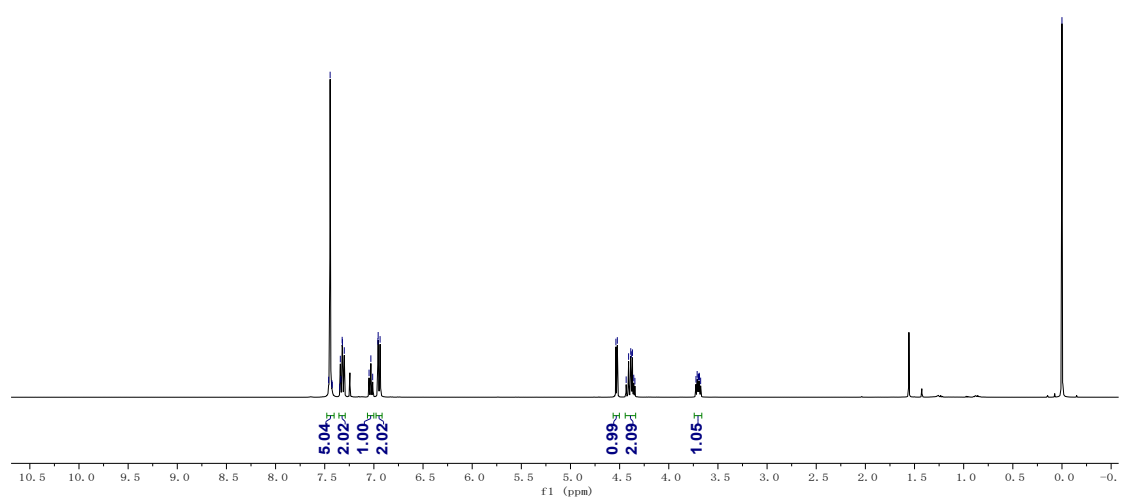
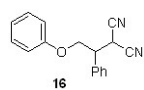
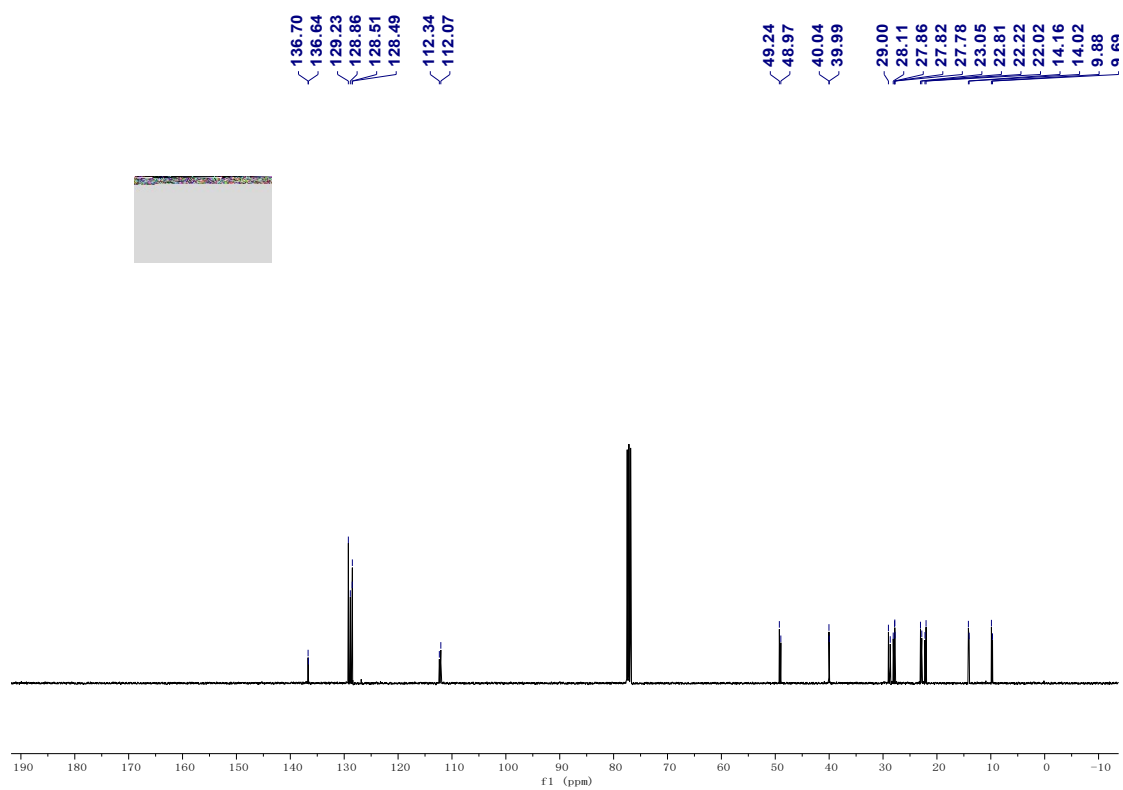


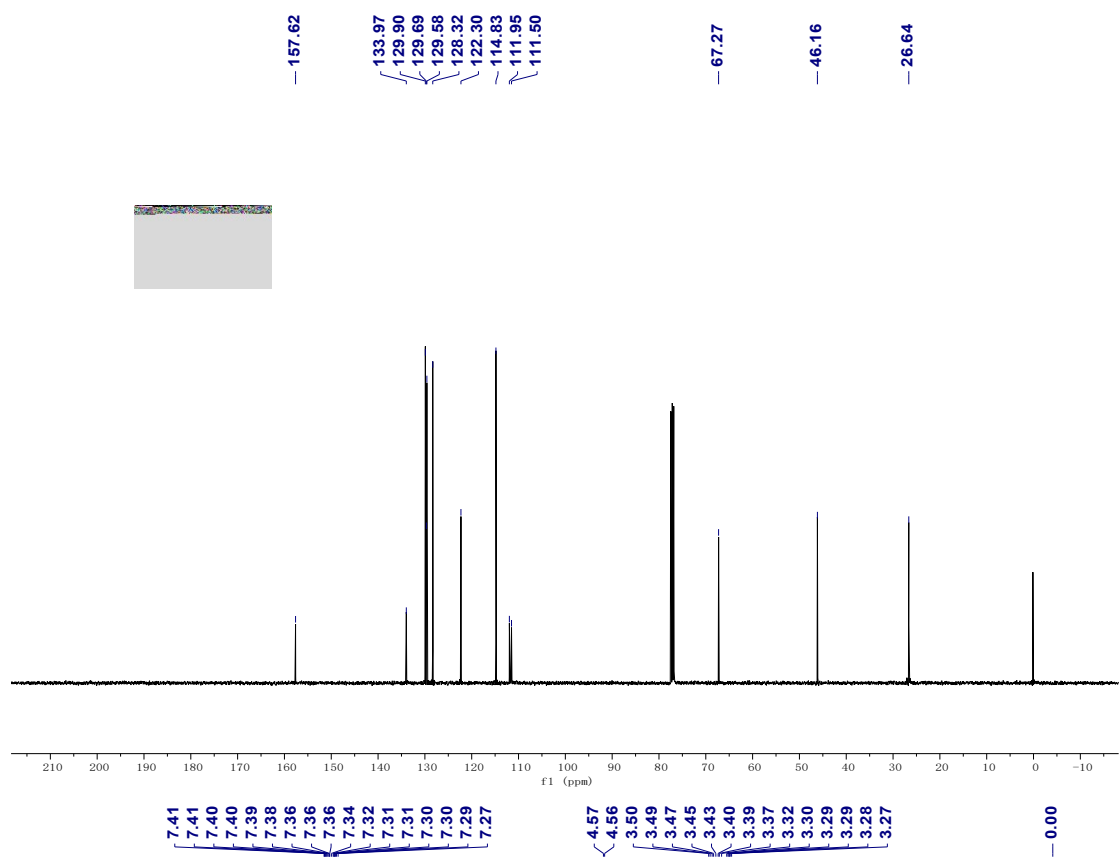












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