

Synthesis of 4-Styrylquinolines via Direct Oxidative C3-Alkenylation of Anthranils under Pd(II) Catalysis

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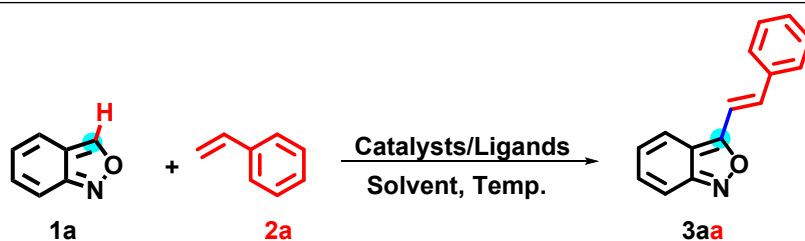
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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

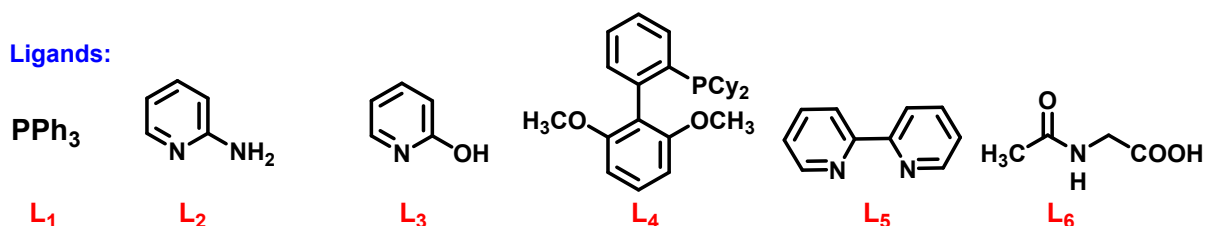
General Information

All reagents were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, TCI, and local vendors and were used without further purification. All experiments were carried out in pressure glass sealed tube purchased from local vendors. All the solvents used for the reaction were purchased from a local vendor and used as received. The product purification by column chromatography was accomplished using silica gel 100-200 mesh. Analytical TLC was performed with Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates, and the products were visualized by UV detection. ^1H , ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Avance III, and Bruker at 400 MHz, 100 MHz and 376 MHz spectrometers respectively using CDCl_3 . In the experimental section, the ^1H NMR chemical shifts are expressed in the form of ppm (δ) relative to $\delta = 7.26$ for CDCl_3 whereas $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR chemical shifts are expressed relative to $\delta = 77.00$. Multiplicities in the ^1H NMR spectra are described as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, bs = broad singlet; coupling constants are reported in Hz. HRMS and Electron Spray Ionization (ESI) (m/z) spectra were recorded on Agilent Technologies 6530 Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS.

Optimizations of the reaction conditions for the synthesis (E)-3-styrylbenzo[c]isoxazoles (3a):



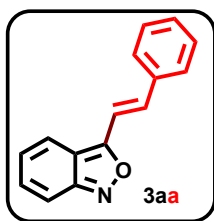
Ligands:



S.No.	Catalyst/Ligand	Solvent	Temp [°C]	Yield(%) ^b
1	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	rt	trace
2	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	60 °C	61%
3	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	80 °C	63%
4	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	100 °C	66%
5	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	110 °C	78%
6	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	120 °C	76%
7	Pd(OAc) ₂ (20%)	Toluene	110 °C	74%
8	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5%)	Toluene	110 °C	58%
9	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	110 °C	48% ^c
10	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	110 °C	69% ^d
11	PdCl ₂ (10%)	Toluene	110 °C	trace
12	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ (10%)	Toluene	110 °C	trace
13	Cu(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	120 °C	n.o.
14	AgOAc (10%)	Toluene	110 °C	n.o.
15	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	DMSO	110 °C	40% ^b
16	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	CH ₃ CN	110 °C	39% ^c
17	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	DMF	110 °C	n.o.
18	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Dioxane	110 °C	n.o.
19	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	110 °C	78% ^e
20	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)	Toluene	110 °C	26% ^f
20	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)/ L ₁	Toluene	110 °C	57%
21	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)/ L ₂	Toluene	110 °C	62%
22	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)/ L ₃	Toluene	110 °C	51%
23	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)/ L ₄	Toluene	110 °C	56%
24	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)/ L ₅	Toluene	110 °C	48%
25	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10%)/ L ₆	Toluene	110 °C	50%

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (1.0 mmol), **2a** (1.1 mmol), catalyst (0.1 mmol), solvent (3.0 mL) at 110 °C, 24 h in a pressure glass-sealed tube. ^bIsolated yield; ^cwhen the reaction was run for 12 h.; ^dwhen the reaction was run for 36 h.; ^e under O₂; ^f under N₂.

General Experimental Procedure for the synthesis of (E)-3-styrylbenzo[c]isoxazoles (3a**):** A mixture of anthranil (**1a**, 1.0 mmol), styrene (**2a**, 1.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.1 mmol), and toluene (3.0 mL) were taken in a pressure glass sealed tube. The screw of the pressure glass tube was then tightened and allowed to stir at 110 °C for 24 h. When the reaction was completed (determined by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled

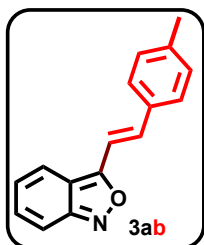


and passed through celite, solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to get the crude product (**3aa**) which was purified by column chromatography using 2% (ethyl acetate: hexane) on 100-200 mesh silica gel to get the product **3aa** in 78% yield (172 mg), as a yellow solid, m. p. 110 -

112 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.65 – 7.55 (m, 5H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H); 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.43, 157.33, 135.57, 135.00, 130.81, 129.31, 128.88, 127.17, 123.98, 119.76, 115.69, 115.20, 111.94; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₂NO [M+H] is 222.0913, found 222.0922.

“**Note:** Following the same above experimental procedure all the desired products (**3ab-3at**) and (**3bc-3ef**) were prepared”.

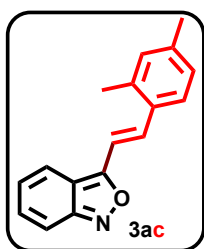
(E)-3-(4-methylstyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3ab):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4% ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether) to afford **3ab** as a yellow solid (145 mg, 61%), m. p. 113 - 115 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.4 Hz,

1H), 2.33 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.80, 157.42, 139.72, 135.19, 132.95, 130.86, 129.71, 127.22, 123.86, 119.90, 115.56, 115.25, 111.12, 21.42.; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO [M+H] is 236.1070, found 236.1036.

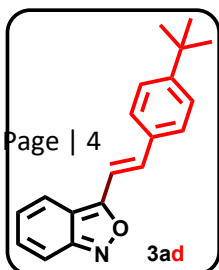
(E)-3-(2,4-dimethylstyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3ac):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether) to afford **3ac** as a yellow solid (162 mg, 65%), m. p. 68 - 70 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 - 7.06 m, 2H), 7.02 (dd,

J = 8.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 164.00, 157.42, 139.46, 137.00, 132.77, 131.77, 131.64, 130.87, 127.22, 125.22, 123.84, 119.87, 115.56, 115.22, 111.89, 21.28, 19.79; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NO [M+H] is 250.1226, found 250.1227.

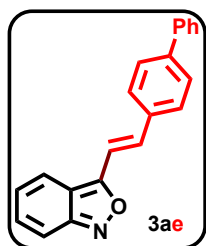
(E)-3-(4-(tert-butyl)styryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3ad):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (50% ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether) to afford **3ad** as a yellow solid (168 mg, 61%), m. p. 118

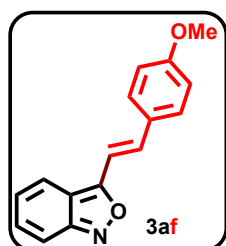
- 120 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.95, 157.56, 153.05, 135.21, 133.07, 131.01, 127.21, 126.09, 124.01, 120.07, 115.72, 115.38, 111.43, 34.99, 31.33; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO [M+H] is 278.1539, found 278.1528.

(E)-3-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)vinyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3ae):



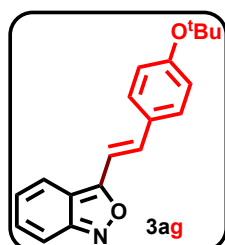
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3ae** as a yellow solid (193 mg, 65%), m. p. 132 - 134 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.74 – 7.61 (m, 8H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.55, 157.44, 142.11, 140.22, 134.67, 134.61, 130.90, 128.89, 127.73, 127.60, 126.98, 124.07, 119.83, 115.80, 115.32, 111.91; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₁₅NO [M+H] is 298.1226, found 298.1231.

(E)-3-(4-methoxystyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3af):



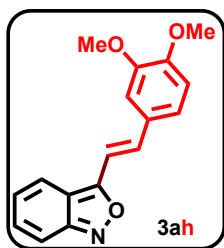
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3af** as a yellow solid (158 mg, 63%), m. p. 120 - 122 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.97, 160.68, 157.38, 134.81, 130.82, 128.74, 128.43, 123.63, 119.93, 115.31, 115.12, 114.41, 109.88, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 55.37; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂ [M+H] is 252.1019, found 252.1025.

(E)-3-(4-(tert-butoxy)styryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3ag):



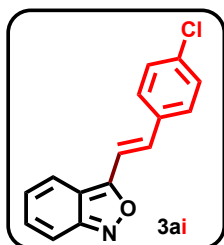
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3ag** as a yellow solid (175 mg, 60%), m. p. 156 - 158 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 - 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 164.06, 157.09, 134.98, 131.03, 130.73, 128.20, 124.20, 123.94, 120.05, 115.69, 115.30, 110.84, 79.40, 29.02; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₂ [M+H] is 294.1489, found 294.1485.

(E)-3-(3,4-dimethoxystyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3ah):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3ah** as a yellow solid (237 mg, 80%), m. p. 105 - 107 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.77, 150.32, 149.19, 134.93, 130.75, 128.62, 123.59, 121.32, 119.86, 115.25, 115.01, 111.13, 110.00, 108.98, 76.68, 55.86, 55.85; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NO₃ [M+H] is 282.1125, found 282.1123.

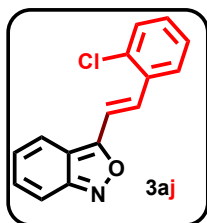
(E)-3-(4-chlorostyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3ai):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3ai** as a yellow solid (165 mg, 64%), m. p. 174 - 176 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ

163.09, 157.42, 135.11, 134.16, 133.58, 130.94, 129.20, 128.36, 124.28, 119.65, 115.94, 115.37, 112.43, 76.68; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₁ClNO [M+H] is 256.0524, found 256.0525.

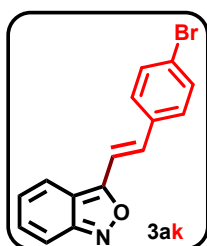
(E)-3-(2-chlorostyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3aj):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3aj** as a yellow solid (160 mg, 63%), m. p. 90 - 92 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H); **¹³C**

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.25, 157.47, 134.46, 130.85, 130.23, 130.12, 127.13, 126.58, 124.52, 119.78, 116.06, 115.51, 114.58; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₁ClNO [M+H] is 256.0524, found 256.0529.

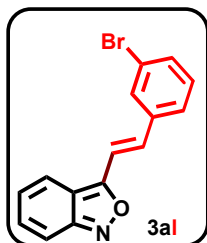
(E)-3-(4-bromostyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3ak):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3ak** as a yellow solid (188 mg, 63%), m. p. 180 - 182 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 9.2 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.07

(dd, $J = 8.6, 6.5$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 163.07, 157.45, 134.66, 133.62, 132.17, 130.88, 128.59, 124.30, 123.39, 119.65, 115.99, 115.42, 112.62; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 300.0019, found 300.0024.

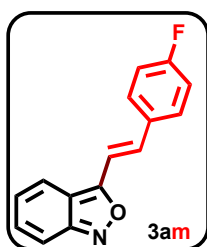
(E)-3-(3-bromostyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3a_l):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3a_l** as a yellow solid (176 mg, 59%), m. p. 144 - 146 °C.; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, $J = 17.8, 9.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 8.7, 6.4$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ

13C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.79, 157.38, 137.74, 133.15, 132.05, 130.93, 130.41, 129.74, 125.95, 124.42, 123.10, 119.59, 116.12, 115.38, 113.16; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 300.0019, found 300.0022.

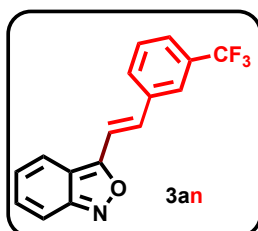
(E)-3-(4-fluorostyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3a_m):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3a_m** as a yellow solid (129 mg, 54%), m. p. 121 - 123 °C.; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 7.56 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.24 (ddd, $J = 9.0, 6.4, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 8.7, 6.4$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 164.55, 163.29,

162.06, 157.39, 133.79, 131.92, 131.89, 130.93, 129.00, 128.92, 124.12, 119.71, 116.19, 115.97, 115.74, 115.30, 111.77, 111.74; **^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -110.86; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 240.0819, found 240.0818.

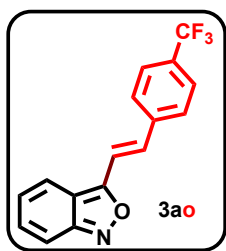
(E)-3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)styryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3a_n):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3a_n** as a yellow solid (162 mg, 56%), m. p. 127 - 129 °C.; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 - 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 8.7, 6.4$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 162.69, 157.46, 136.48, 133.13, 131.68, 131.35, 130.98, 130.32, 129.50, 125.70,

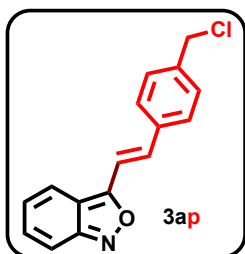
125.66, 124.58, 123.67, 123.63, 120.72, 119.58, 116.26, 115.49, 115.33, 113.63; **^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -62.83; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 290.0787, found 290.0796.

(E)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)styryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3a_o):



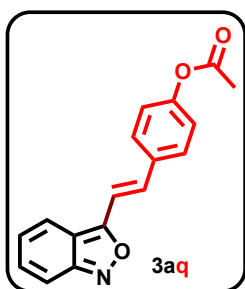
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3a_o** as a yellow solid (182 mg, 63%), m. p. 153 - 155 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 162.62, 157.43, 139.02, 133.05, 131.00, 130.93, 130.61, 127.30, 125.96, 125.92, 125.88, 125.85, 125.28, 124.66, 122.57, 119.52, 116.34, 115.49, 114.10; **¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ -62.67; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₀F₃NO [M+H] is 290.0787, found 290.0788.

(E)-3-(4-(chloromethyl)styryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3a_p):



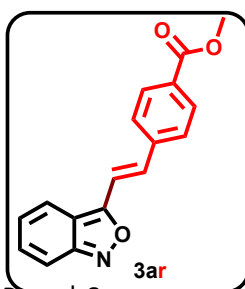
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3a_p** as a yellow solid (180 mg, 67%), m. p. 148 - 150 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.72 – 7.56 (m, 5H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.24, 157.42, 138.53, 135.82, 134.19, 130.92, 129.22, 127.54, 124.24, 119.73, 115.93, 115.36, 112.56, 45.78; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₃ClNO [M+H] is 270.0680, found 270.0686.

(E)-4-(2-(benzo[c]isoxazol-3-yl)vinyl)phenyl acetate (3a_q):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3a_q** as a yellow solid (181 mg, 65%), m. p. 135 - 137 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 - 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 169.26, 163.30, 157.39, 151.34, 133.96, 133.42, 130.92, 128.27, 124.14, 122.19, 119.74, 115.82, 115.31, 112.14, 21.14; **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₃ [M+H] is 280.0968, found 280.0967.

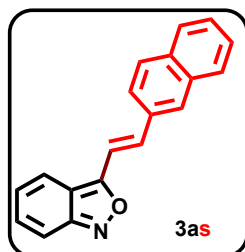
Methyl (E)-4-(2-(benzo[c]isoxazol-3-yl)vinyl)benzoate (3a_r):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (8% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3a_r** as a yellow solid (175 mg, 63%), m. p. 132 - 134 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 8.01 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.4 Hz, 1H),

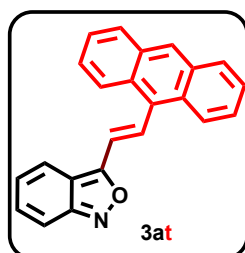
7.00 (dd, $J = 8.6, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 166.56, 162.81, 157.45, 139.93, 133.57, 130.99, 130.43, 130.21, 127.06, 124.61, 119.60, 116.34, 115.50, 114.04, 52.26; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] is 280.0968, found 280.0970.

(E)-3-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3a_s):



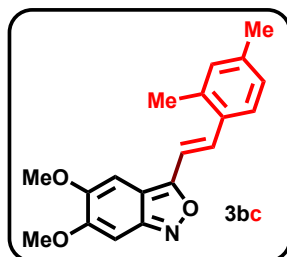
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3a_s** as a yellow solid (168 mg, 62%), m. p. 174 - 176 °C.; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 9.0, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 8.6, 6.5$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 163.57, 157.44, 135.15, 133.78, 133.50, 133.15, 130.88, 128.71, 128.63, 128.36, 127.77, 126.88, 126.72, 124.06, 123.01, 119.85, 115.82, 115.31, 112.18; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] is 272.1070, found 272.1084.

(E)-3-(2-(anthracen-9-yl)vinyl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3a_t):



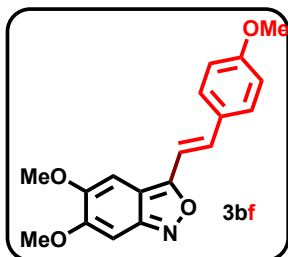
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3a_t** as a yellow solid (205 mg, 64%), m. p. 165 - 167 °C.; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 8.57 (d, $J = 16.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.43 – 8.35 (m, 2H), 8.09 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 16.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 8.7, 6.8$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 163.03, 157.54, 132.00, 131.41, 131.02, 130.59, 129.59, 128.92, 127.93, 126.28, 125.40, 125.35, 124.43, 120.83, 119.76, 115.99, 115.40; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] is 322.1226, found 322.1220.

(E)-3-(2,4-dimethylstyryl)-5,6-dimethoxybenzo[c]isoxazole (3b_c):



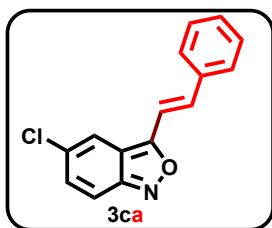
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3b_c** as a yellow solid (241 mg, 78%), m. p. 80 - 82 °C.; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 7.63 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 161.11, 155.43, 155.05, 149.60, 138.94, 136.72, 132.00, 131.55, 131.00, 127.08, 124.99, 111.69, 111.32, 94.61, 91.44, 56.12, 55.99, 21.22, 19.76; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] is 310.1438, found 310.1443.

(E)-5,6-dimethoxy-3-(4-methoxystyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3bf):



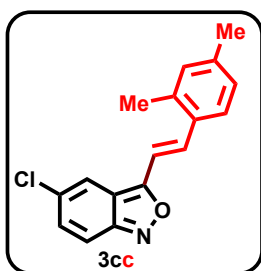
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (30% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3bf** as a yellow solid (217 mg, 70%), m. p. 154 - 156 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 6H), 3.86 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 161.09, 160.33, 155.41, 155.03, 149.48, 133.08, 128.74, 128.45, 114.31, 111.01, 109.84, 94.73, 91.40, 56.10, 56.01, 55.33; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₄ [M+H] is 312.1230, found 312.1198.

(E)-5-chloro-3-styrylbenzo[c]isoxazole (3ca):



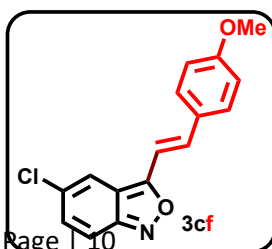
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3ca** as a yellow solid (160 mg, 63%), m. p. 144 - 146 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 - 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 - 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.23 - 7.22 - 7.15 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.31, 155.90, 135.70, 135.43, 132.71, 129.71, 129.62, 129.02, 127.32, 118.32, 116.96, 115.85, 111.57; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₁ClNO [M+H] is 256.0524, found 256.0523.

(E)-5-chloro-3-(2,4-dimethylstyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3cc):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (3% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3cc** as a yellow solid (167 mg, 59%), m. p. 123 - 125 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.75, 155.90, 139.75, 137.13, 133.35, 132.69, 131.70, 131.53, 129.42, 127.27, 125.28, 118.35, 116.85, 115.69, 111.32, 21.30, 19.80; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₅ClNO [M+H] is 284.0837, found 284.0844.

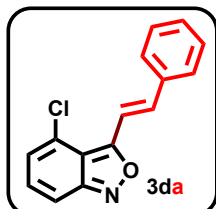
(E)-5-chloro-3-(4-methoxystyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3cf):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3cf** as a yellow liquid (185 mg, 65%); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.62 - 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.25 (dd,

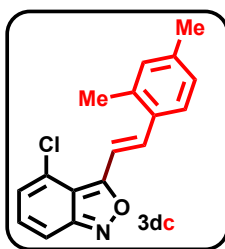
$J = 9.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.81, 160.90, 155.89, 135.44, 132.64, 129.22, 128.88, 128.23, 118.46, 116.81, 115.42, 114.50, 109.43, 55.42; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₃ClNO₂ [M+H] is 286.0629, found 286.0626.

(E)-4-chloro-3-styrylbenzo[c]isoxazole (3da):



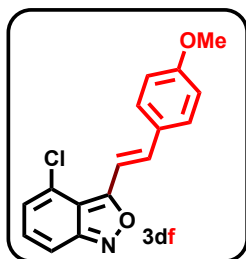
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3da** as a yellow solid (150 mg, 59%), m. p. 130 - 132 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.72 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 9.0, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 164.11, 158.22, 136.45, 135.62, 131.03, 129.60, 128.97, 127.49, 126.35, 123.76, 114.29, 114.15, 112.50; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₁ClNO [M+H] is 256.0524, found 256.0521.

(E)-4-chloro-3-(2,4-dimethylstyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3dc):

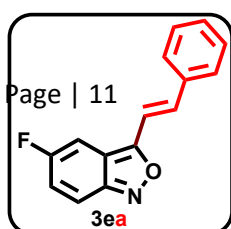


Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3dc** as a yellow solid (195 mg, 69%), m. p. 137 - 139 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.95 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 8.9, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 164.55, 158.22, 139.68, 137.26, 134.10, 131.74, 131.66, 130.98, 127.22, 126.45, 125.58, 123.51, 114.17, 113.90, 112.45, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 21.30, 19.84; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₁₅ClNO [M+H] is 284.0837, found 284.0832.

(E)-4-chloro-3-(4-methoxystyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3df):



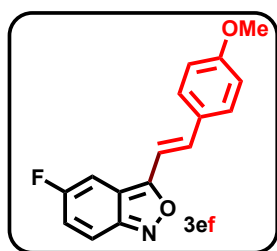
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (4% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **3df** as a yellow solid (185 mg, 65%), m. p. 127 - 129 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 9.0, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 164.56, 160.87, 158.20, 136.17, 130.97, 129.06, 128.44, 126.47, 123.35, 114.42, 114.11, 113.67, 110.36, 77.32, 77.00, 76.68, 55.40; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₃ClNO₂ [M+H] is 286.0629, found 286.0617.



(E)-5-fluoro-3-styrylbenzo[c]isoxazole (3ea):

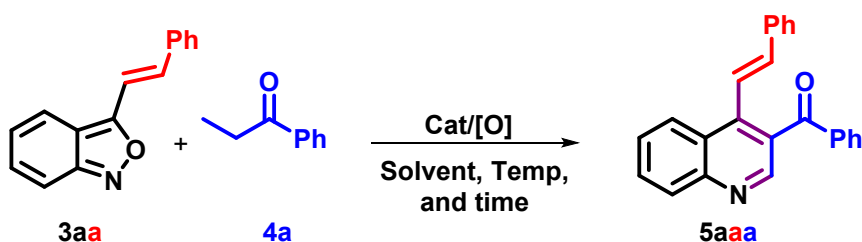
Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (2% ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether) to afford **3ea** as a yellow solid (136 mg, 57%), m. p. 137 - 139 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 163.78, 163.67, 160.14, 157.68, 155.49, 135.49, 134.88, 129.43, 128.97, 127.21, 124.06, 123.75, 117.97, 117.88, 114.84, 114.74, 111.71, 101.72, 101.47; **¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -115.24; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₁FNO [M+H] is 240.0819, found 240.0815.

(E)-5-fluoro-3-(4-methoxystyryl)benzo[c]isoxazole (3ef):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (5% ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether) to afford **3ef** as a yellow solid (169 mg, 63%), m. p. 136 - 138 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 7.52 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 164.29, 160.75, 157.50, 155.52, 134.66, 128.75, 128.34, 123.99, 123.69, 117.83, 117.73, 114.46, 109.64, 101.85, 101.60; **¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -115.96; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₃FNO₂ [M+H] is 270.0925, found 270.0930.

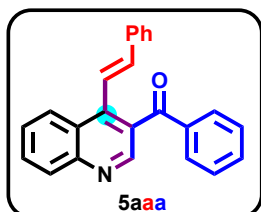
Optimizations of the reaction conditions for the synthesis of (E)-phenyl(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5aaa):



S.No.	Catalyst	Oxidant	Solvent	Temp/[°C]	Yield(%) ^b
1	CuI	TEMPO	DME	110 °C	trace
2	CuBr	TEMPO	DME	110 °C	10%
3	Cu(OAc) ₂	TEMPO	Toluene	110 °C	50%
4	Cu(OAc) ₂	TEMPO	Dioxane	110 °C	40%
5	Cu(OAc) ₂	TEMPO	DMF	110 °C	55%
6	Cu(OAc) ₂	TEMPO	DMSO	110 °C	75%
7	Cu(OAc) ₂	TEMPO	1,2-DCB	110 °C	88%
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	TEMPO	1,2-DCB	110 °C	n.o%
9	Cu(OAc) ₂	TEMPO	1,2-DCB	110 °C	88% ^c
10	Cu(OAc) ₂	TEMPO	1,2-DCB	110 °C	71% ^d

^aReaction Conditions: **3aa** (1.0 mmol), **4a** (1.1 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), TEMPO (1.0 mmol), 1,2-DCB (3.0 mL), 24 hrs in sealed tube. ^bYield = isolated yield, ^c When reaction was run for 36 hrs.; ^dWhen reaction was run for 12 hrs.

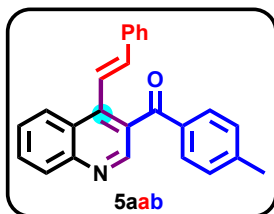
General Experimental Procedure for the synthesis of (E)-phenyl(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (**5aaa**):



A mixture of 3-alkenylated anthranil (**3aa**, 0.22 mmol), propiophenone (**4a**, 0.22 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.022 mmol), TEMPO (0.22 mmol) and 1,2-dichlorobenzene (1.0 mL) in a sealed tube was stirred at 110 °C for 24 h. When the reaction was completed (determined by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled and diluted with water (10 ml), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 ml). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, solvent was evaporate under reduced pressure to get crude product (**5aaa**) which was purified by column chromatography using 10% (ethyl acetate:hexane) on 100-200 mesh silica gel to get the product **5aaa** in 88% yield, ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 19.1, 11.9 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (s, 5H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.18, 149.06, 148.61, 143.51, 139.76, 137.64, 136.09, 133.39, 130.65, 130.47, 130.00, 129.62, 128.79, 128.62, 127.46, 126.79, 125.99, 125.42, 122.19; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₈NO [M+H] is 336.1383, found 336.1374.

“**Note:** Following the same above experimental procedure all the desired products (**5aab-5aam**) were prepared”.

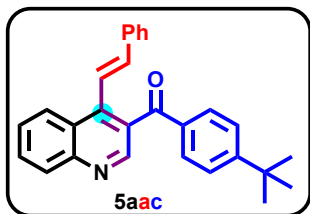
(E)-(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (5aab):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **5aab** as a brown liquid (68 mg, 86%); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.22 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (m, *J* = 7.8, 2.6 Hz, 5H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H),

2.37 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 196.71, 148.94, 148.53, 144.48, 143.18, 139.52, 136.18, 135.00, 130.73, 130.50, 129.99, 129.89, 129.35, 128.72, 128.60, 127.38, 126.82, 126.02, 125.40, 122.12, 21.66; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₀NO [M+H] is 350.1539, found 350.1535.

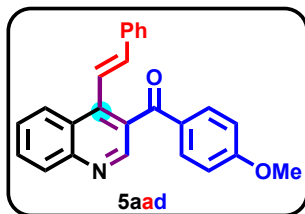
(E)-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5aac):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **5aac** as a yellow liquid (73 mg, 83%); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 8.96 (s, 1H), 8.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 3.9 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 5H), 6.82 (d, *J* =

16.4 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 196.75, 157.28, 149.12, 148.62, 143.42, 139.47, 136.28, 135.05, 130.75, 130.55, 130.02, 129.74, 128.69, 128.56, 127.39, 126.82, 126.05, 125.60, 125.52, 122.41, 35.13, 30.97; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₈H₂₆NO [M+H] is 392.2009, found 392.2013.

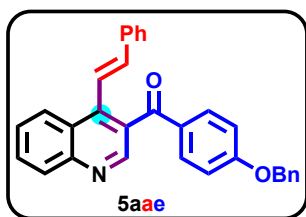
(E)-phenyl(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5aad):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **5aad** as a brown liquid (70 mg, 85%); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.87 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 11.2,

4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 195.35, 164.15, 148.49, 140.02, 136.31, 132.42, 131.09, 130.91, 130.45, 129.69, 129.04, 128.85, 127.77, 127.09, 126.30, 125.61, 122.02, 114.15, 77.48, 77.16, 76.84, 55.68; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₀NO₂ [M+H] is 366.1489, found 366.1481.

(E)-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5aae):

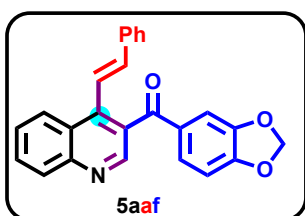


Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **5aaf** as a brown liquid (87 mg, 87%); **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 8.1 Hz,

2H), 7.84 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.36– 7.30 (m, 6H),

6.95 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 195.55, 163.04, 148.91, 148.56, 142.85, 139.47, 136.25, 135.94, 132.24, 130.86, 130.61, 130.42, 130.06, 128.75, 128.68, 128.66, 128.26, 127.43, 127.38, 126.87, 126.04, 125.38, 122.06, 114.77, 70.19; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₃₁H₂₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺ is 442.1802, found 442.1802.

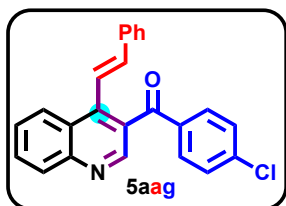
(E)-benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5aaf):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **5aaf** as a yellow solid (73 mg, 86%), m. p. 128 - 130 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.2,

1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 194.89, 152.33, 148.33, 143.31, 139.71, 136.09, 132.14, 130.69, 129.65, 128.87, 128.69, 127.57, 127.16, 126.89, 125.36, 121.79, 108.83, 107.97, 101.98; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₁₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺ is 380.1281, found 380.1280.

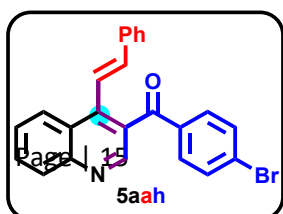
(E)-(4-chlorophenyl)(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5aag):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **5aag** as a yellow solid (69 mg, 83%), m. p. 114 - 116 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 5H), 6.82 (d, *J*

= 16.3 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 195.15, 147.54, 141.11, 140.22, 135.70, 135.65, 131.71, 130.96, 130.00, 129.35, 129.13, 128.81, 128.76, 128.21, 126.97, 126.15, 125.55, 121.52; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₇ClNO [M+H]⁺ is 370.0993, found 370.0989.

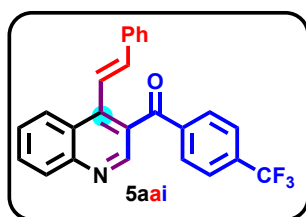
(E)-(4-bromophenyl)(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5aah):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **5aah** as a yellow solid (80 mg, 86%), m. p.

153 - 155 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 5H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 196.09, 148.77, 148.55, 143.68, 140.17, 136.42, 135.91, 131.98, 130.99, 130.90, 129.98, 129.94, 129.03, 128.73, 128.68, 127.64, 126.82, 125.93, 125.37, 121.98; **HRMS**(ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₇BrNO [M+H] is 414.0488, found 414.0481.

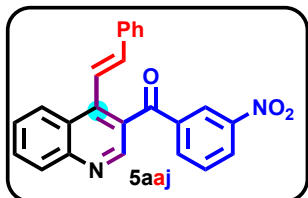
(E)-(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (5aai):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (12% ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether) to afford **5aai** as a yellow solid (76 mg, 84%), m. p. 100 - 102 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.21 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 9.2, 4.7 Hz, 3H), 7.68 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 3H),

7.23 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 196.23, 149.06, 148.85, 143.99, 140.79, 140.39, 135.76, 134.44, 134.12, 131.01, 130.11, 129.63, 129.60, 129.06, 128.66, 127.66, 126.71, 125.85, 125.64, 125.60, 125.56, 125.37, 124.76, 122.17, 122.04; **¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -63.22; **HRMS**(ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₁₇F₃NO [M+H] is 404.1257, found 404.1257.

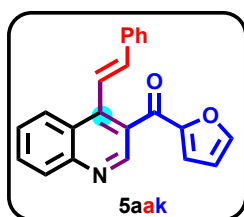
(E)-(3-nitrophenyl)(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5aaj):



Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (25% ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether) to afford **5aaj** as a yellow solid (73 mg, 86%), m. p. 144 - 146 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 9.01 (s, 1H), 8.54 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H),

8.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 194.94, 148.75, 148.25, 141.11, 139.14, 135.47, 134.68, 131.44, 129.90, 129.33, 128.98, 128.79, 127.96, 127.32, 126.73, 125.39, 124.13, 121.80; **HRMS**(ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₇N₂O₃ [M+H] is 381.1234, found 381.1227.

(E)-furan-2-yl(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5aak):

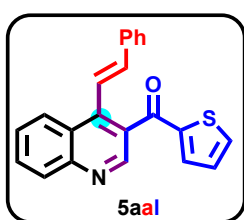


Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether) to afford **5aak** as a yellow solid (57 mg, 78%), m. p. 82 - 84 °C.; **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)**: δ 9.01 (s, 1H), 8.29 – 8.17 (m,

2H), 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 8.6, 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, $J = 3.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 183.53, 152.63, 148.50, 147.46, 144.37, 139.51, 136.10, 130.91, 129.78, 129.41, 128.87, 128.71, 127.51, 126.93, 126.06, 125.65, 121.83, 120.62, 112.72; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 326.1176, found 326.1167.

Plausible reaction mechanism for the synthesis of

(E)-(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (5a_{al}):

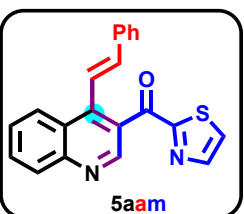


Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (10% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **5a_{al}** as a reddish brown liquid (58 mg, 76%);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.30 – 8.21 (m, 2H), 7.85 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz,

1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 4.9, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 188.46, 148.04, 144.49, 139.80, 136.13, 135.49, 135.36, 130.92, 130.50, 129.68, 128.95, 128.74, 128.37, 127.66, 126.97, 126.13, 125.60, 121.76; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 342.0947, found 342.0938.

(E)-(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)(thiazol-2-yl)methanone (5a_{am}):

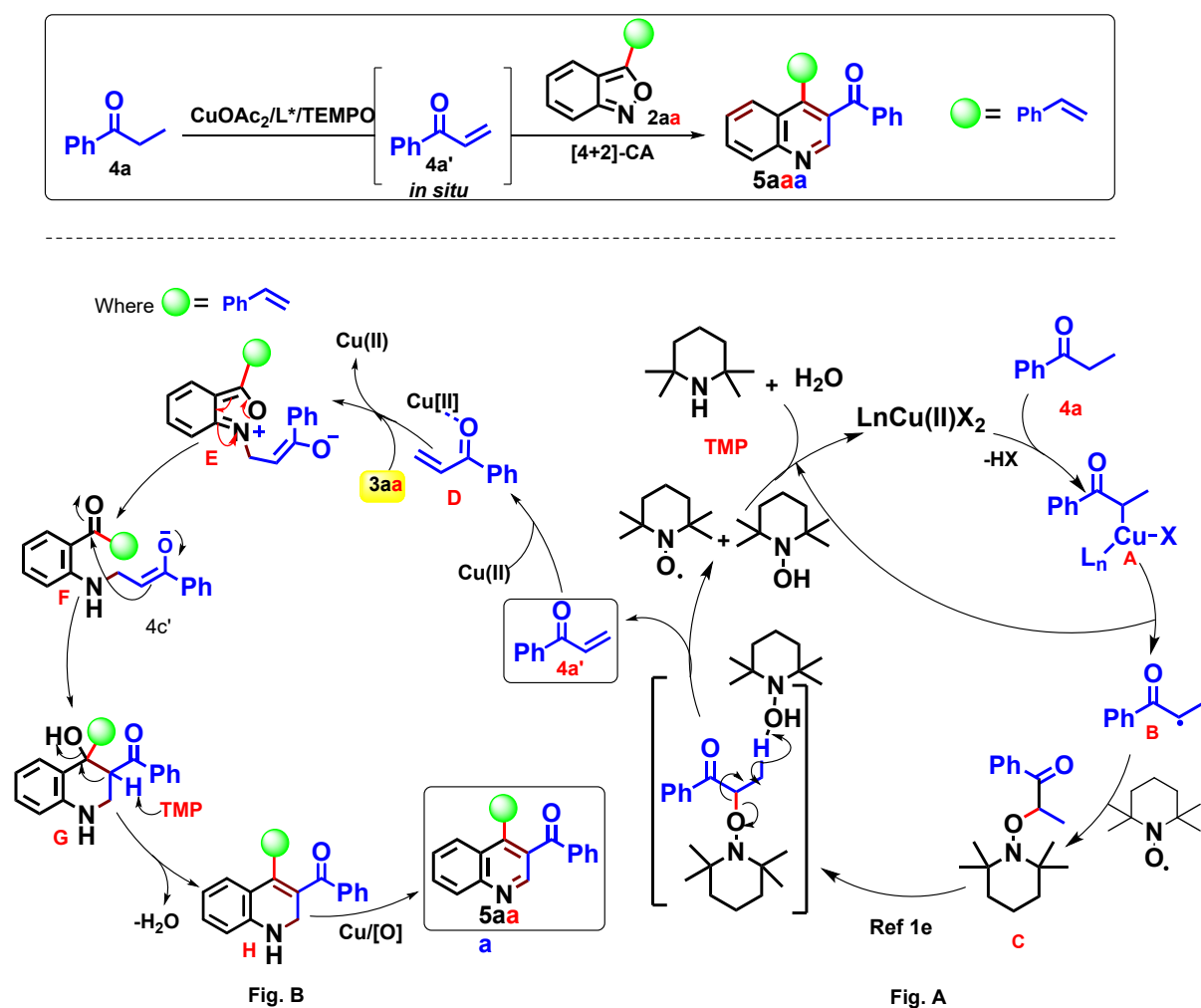


Purified by column chromatography on silica gel (35% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to afford **5a_{am}** as a brown solid (56 mg, 73%), m. p. 132

- 134 °C.; **^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 9.19 (s, 1H), 8.22 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (ddd, $J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.67

– 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.76 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H).); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 187.94, 167.45, 149.25, 148.79, 145.68, 145.11, 139.05, 136.14, 131.18, 129.88, 128.84, 128.71, 128.52, 127.43, 126.81, 126.62, 126.13, 125.86, 123.32; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$ is 343.0900, found 343.0896.

Plausible reaction mechanism for the synthesis of (*E*)-phenyl(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (5a_{aa}):



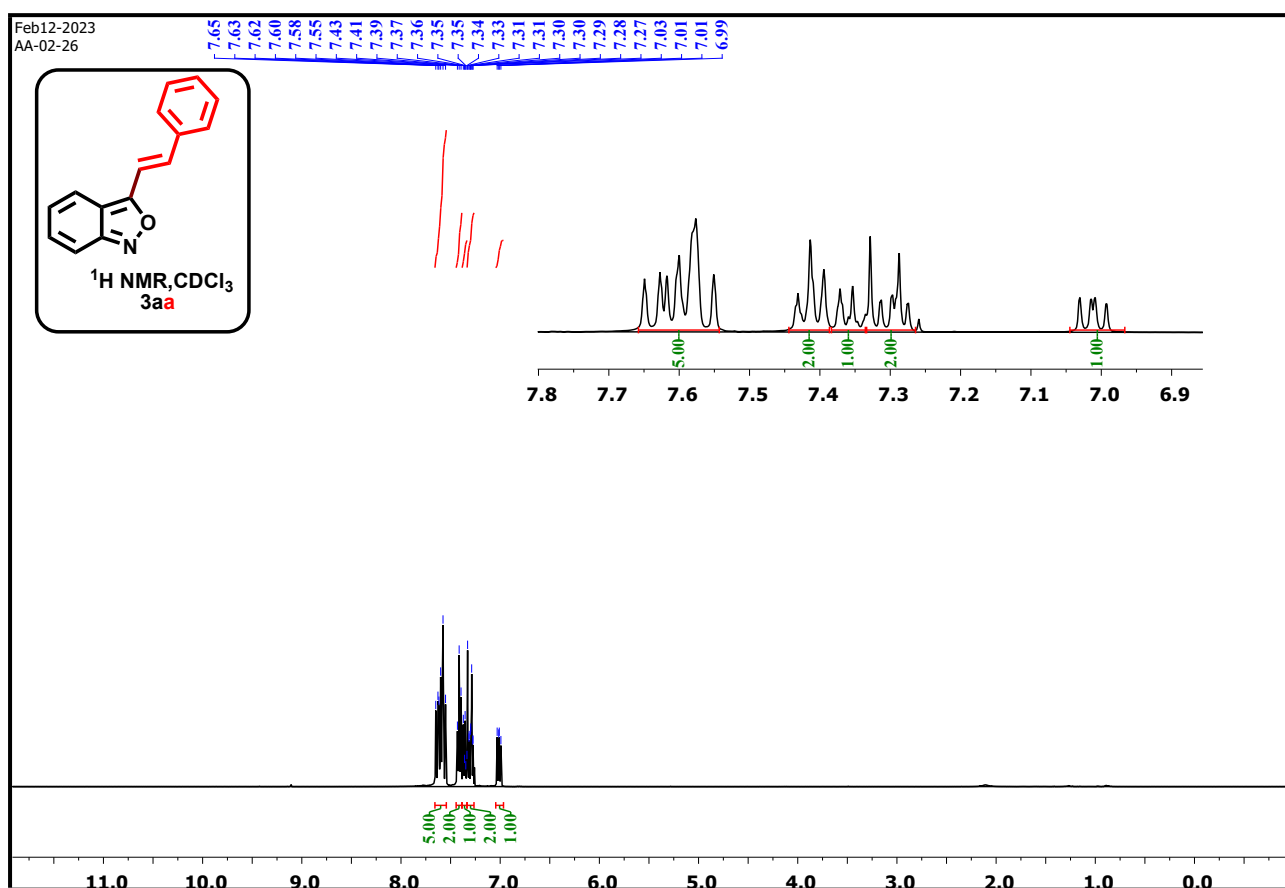
Scheme 1. Possible reaction pathways: **Fig. A:** possible catalytic cycle for in situ generation of α,β-unsaturated ketone from saturated ketone. **Fig B:** a possible route for [4+2] cycloaddition between in situ generated of α,β-unsaturated ketone and 3-styrylanthranil (3a_a).

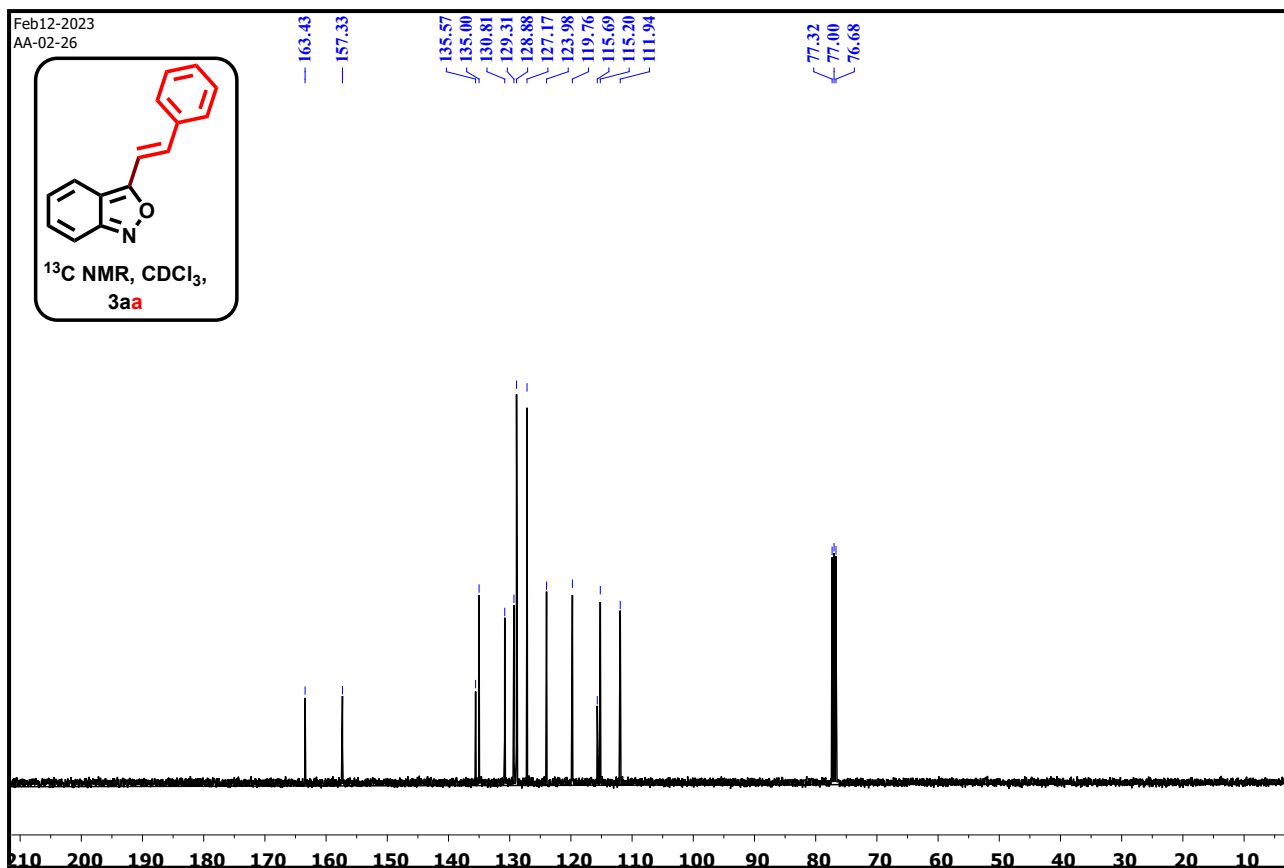
Based on the literature reports¹⁻² the mechanism a plausible reaction mechanism for the synthesis of (*E*)-phenyl(4-styrylquinolin-3-yl)methanone (**5aaa**) from 3-alkenylated anthranil (**3aa**) and propiophenone (**4a**) is drawn in scheme 1.

First, Cu(OAc)₂ enolizes the saturated ketone (**4a**) to form complex **A**. This complex undergoes homolytic bond cleavage, generating Cu(I) species and intermediate **B**. Upon reacting with TEMPO, it produces α -TEMPO-substituted ketone **C**. Subsequently, another molecule of TEMPO abstracts the β -hydrogen of intermediate **C**, leading to the elimination of TEMPOH and the formation of the desired α,β -unsaturated ketone **4a'**. The Cu(I) species are then oxidized by either TEMPO or TEMPOH, regenerating Cu(II) species (**Fig. A**).

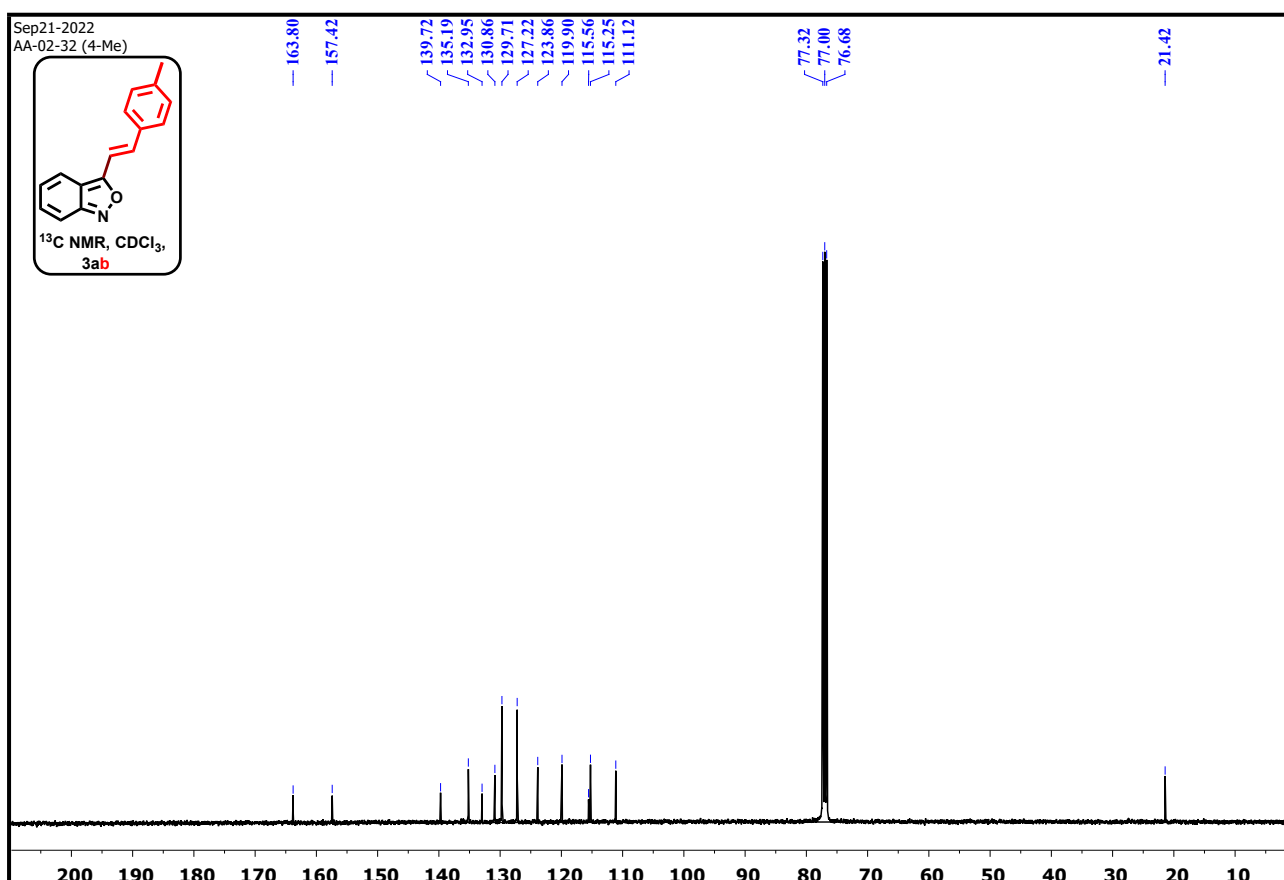
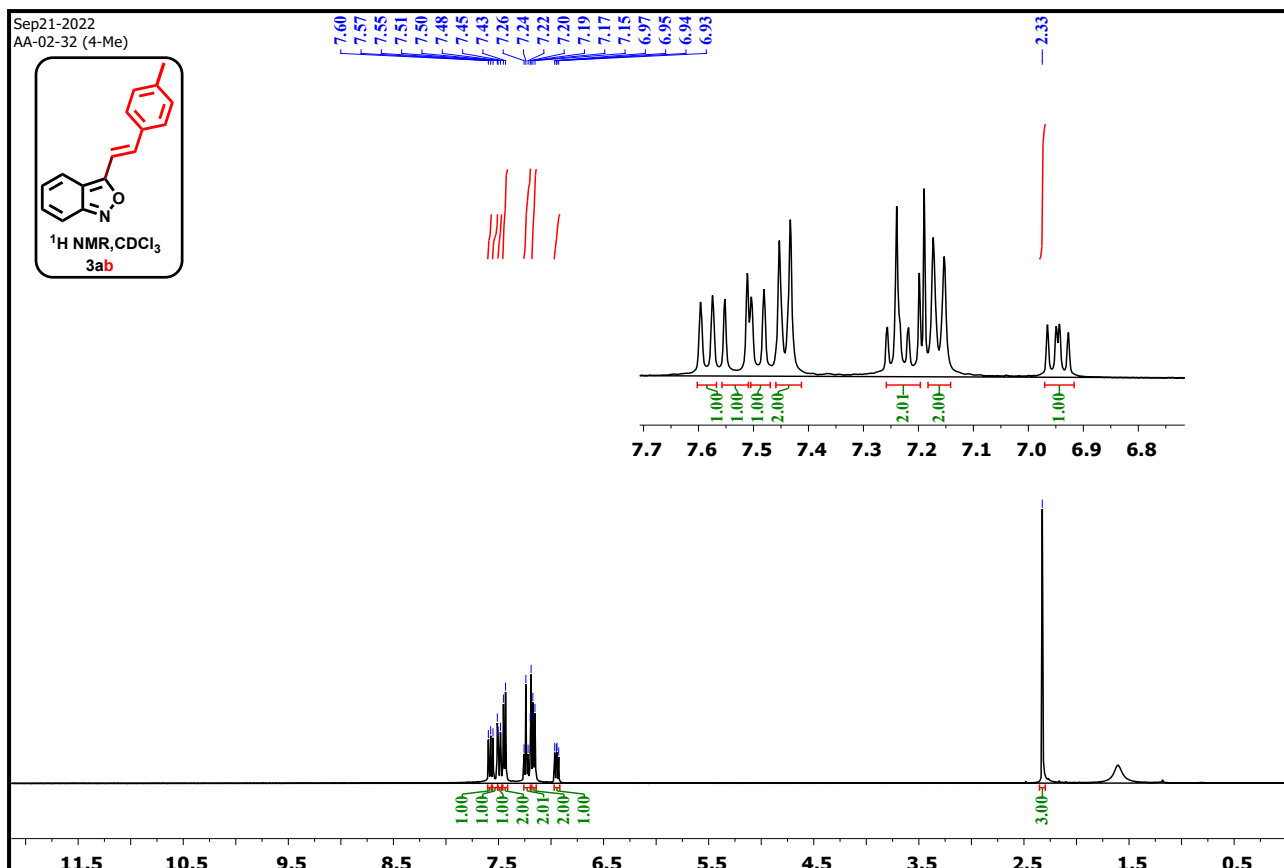
In the next step, the nitrogen atom of anthranil (**3aa**) attacks the β -position of enone (**D**), resulting in intermediate **E**. The polarized N-O bond of intermediate **E** undergoes cleavage to produce intermediate **F**. The intermediate **F** then undergoes intramolecular cyclization, followed by TMP-mediated dehydration, resulting in the dihydroquinolene **H**. Finally, intermediate **H** undergoes copper-catalyzed aerobic oxidation [O] to yield the desired **5aaa** (**Fig. B**).

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 3a

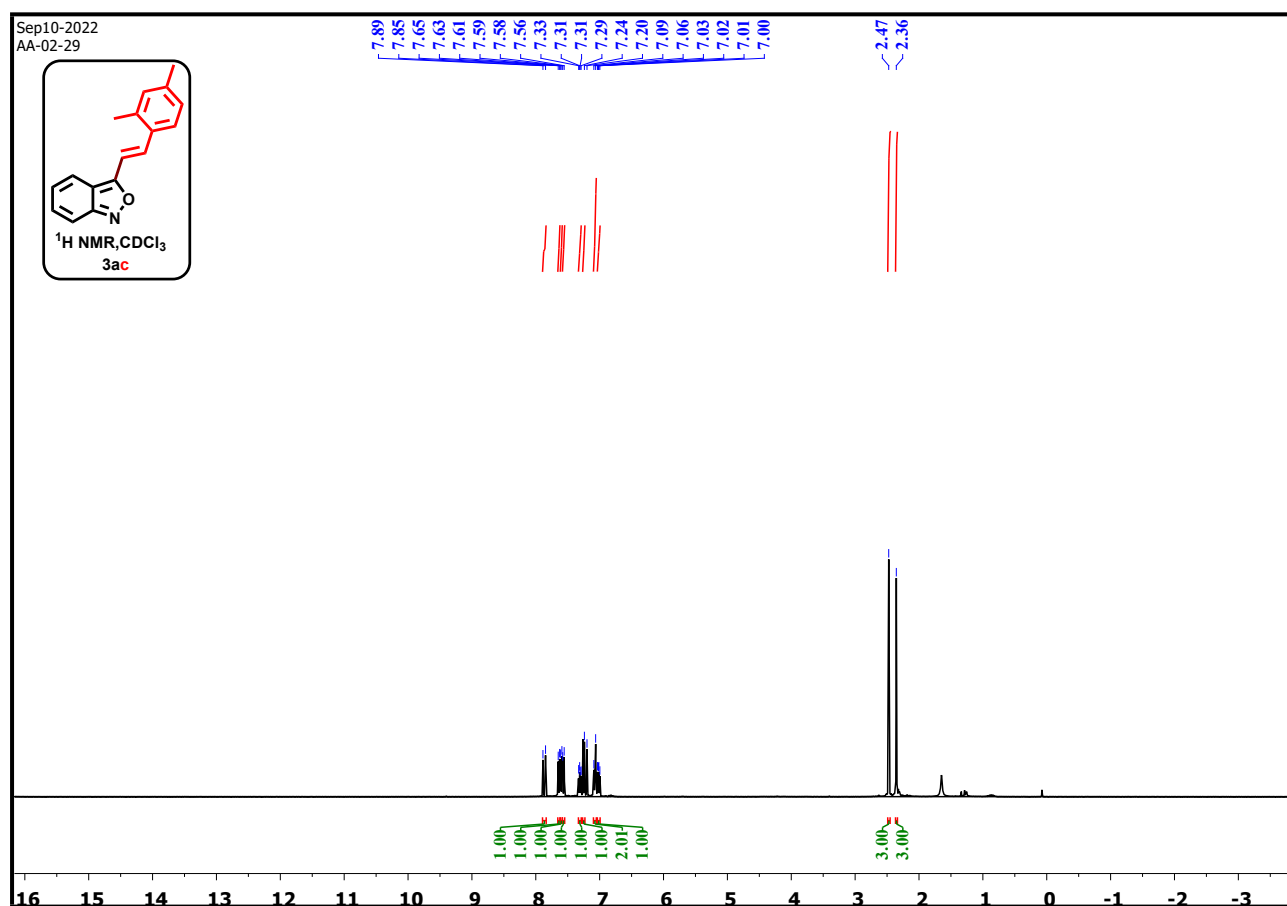


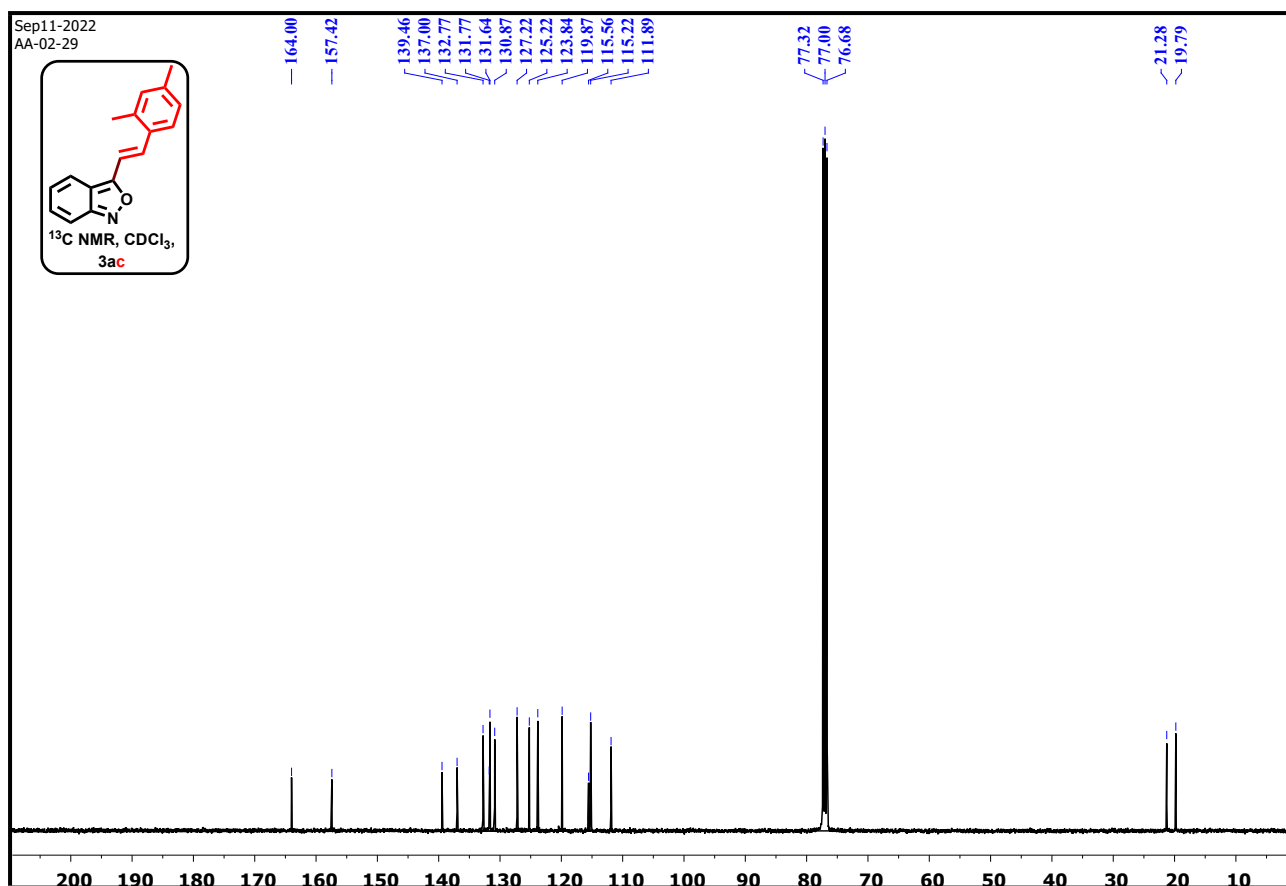


¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **3a**

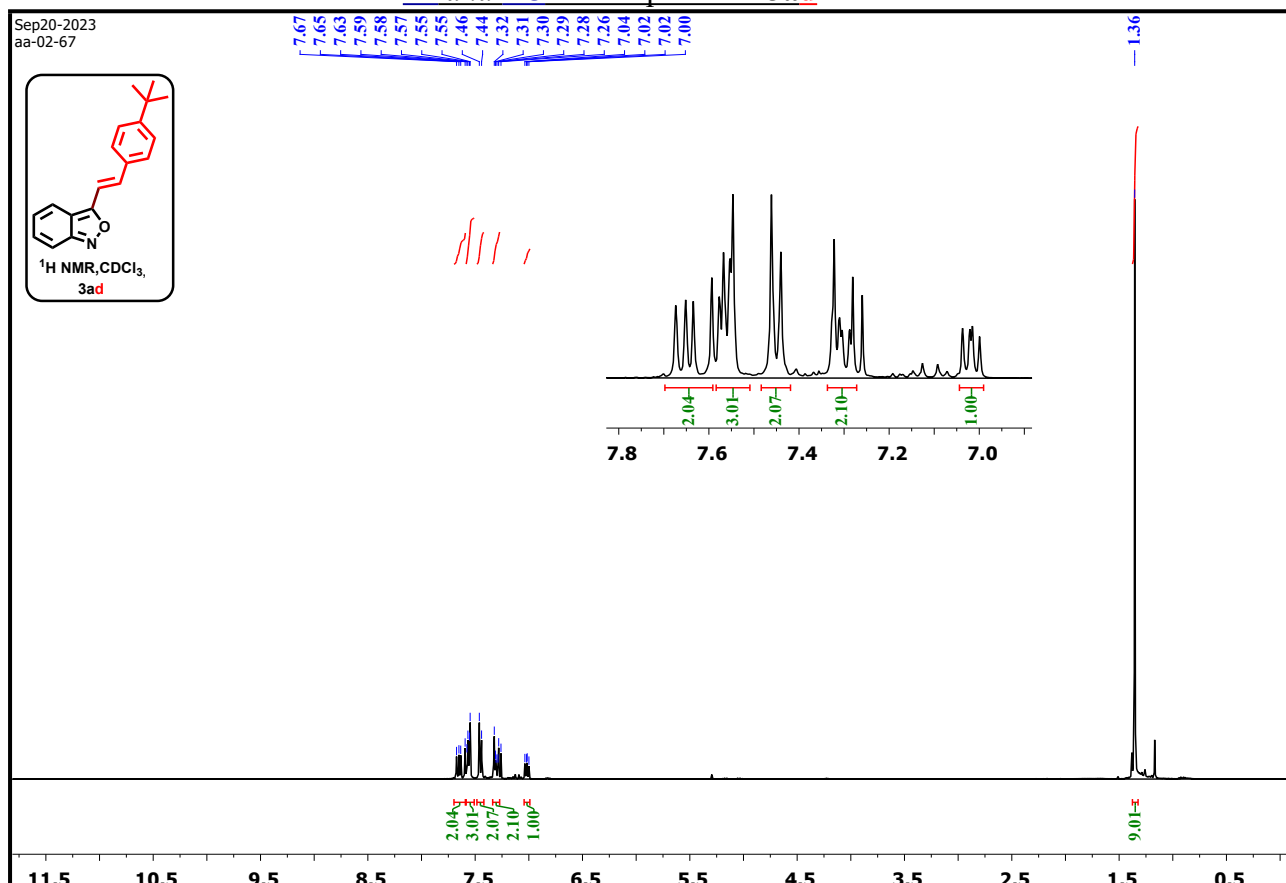


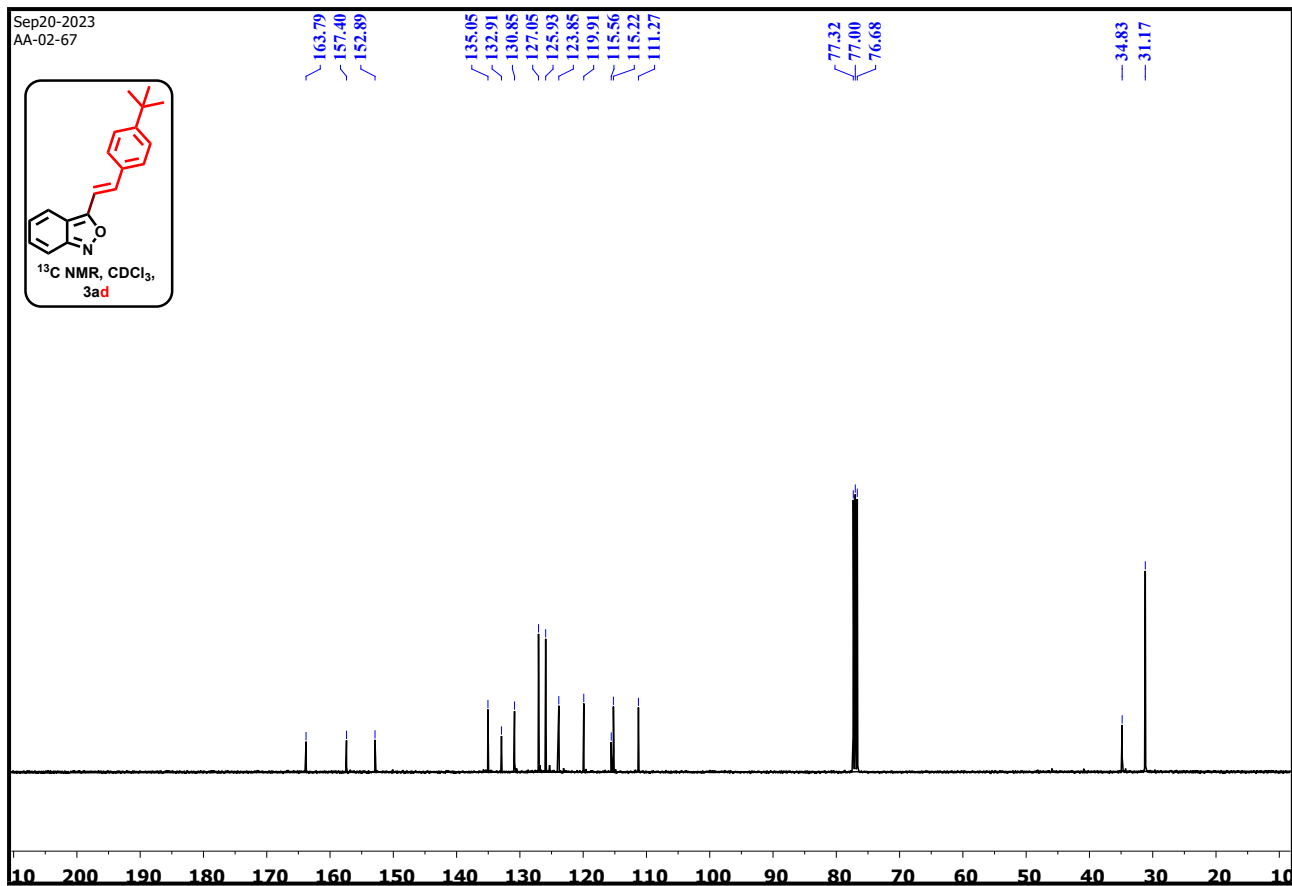
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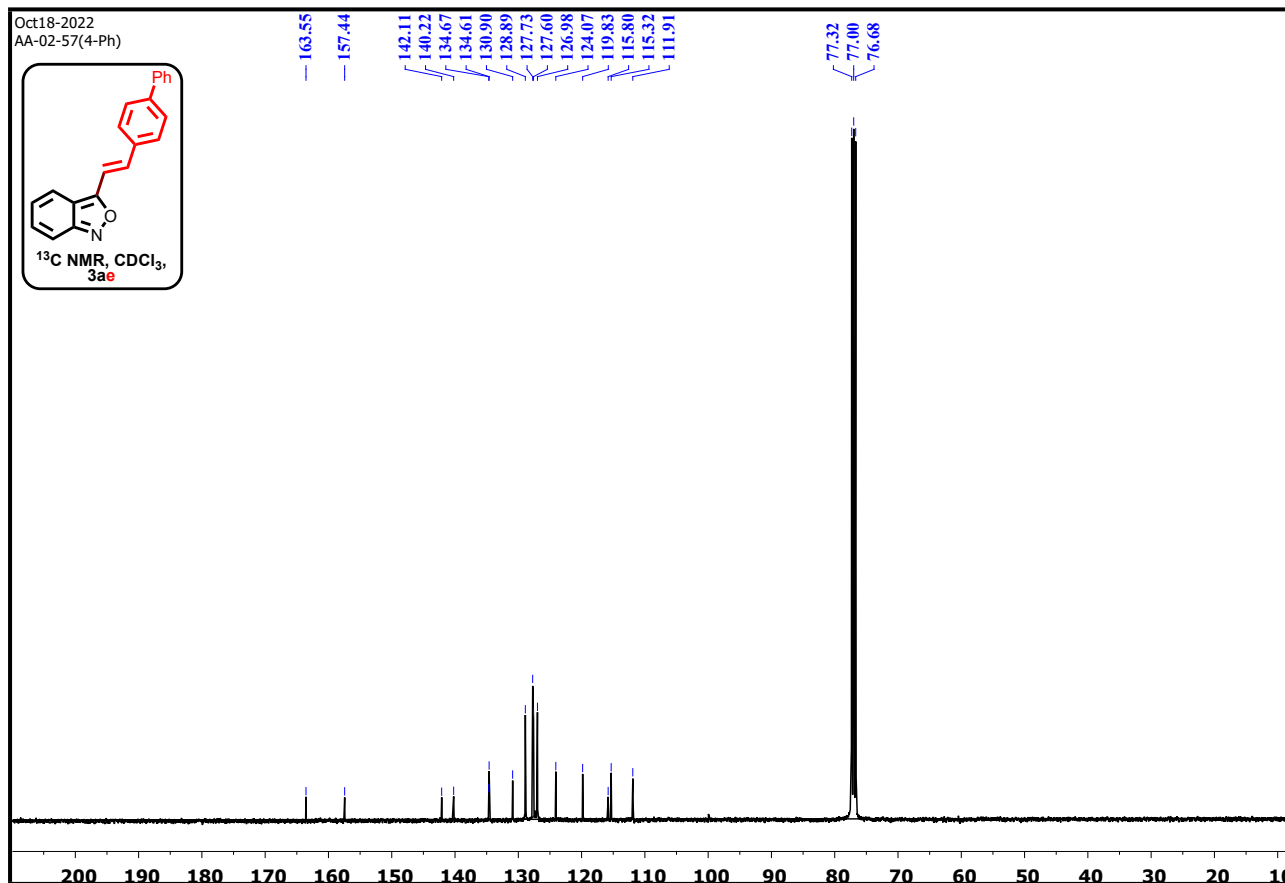
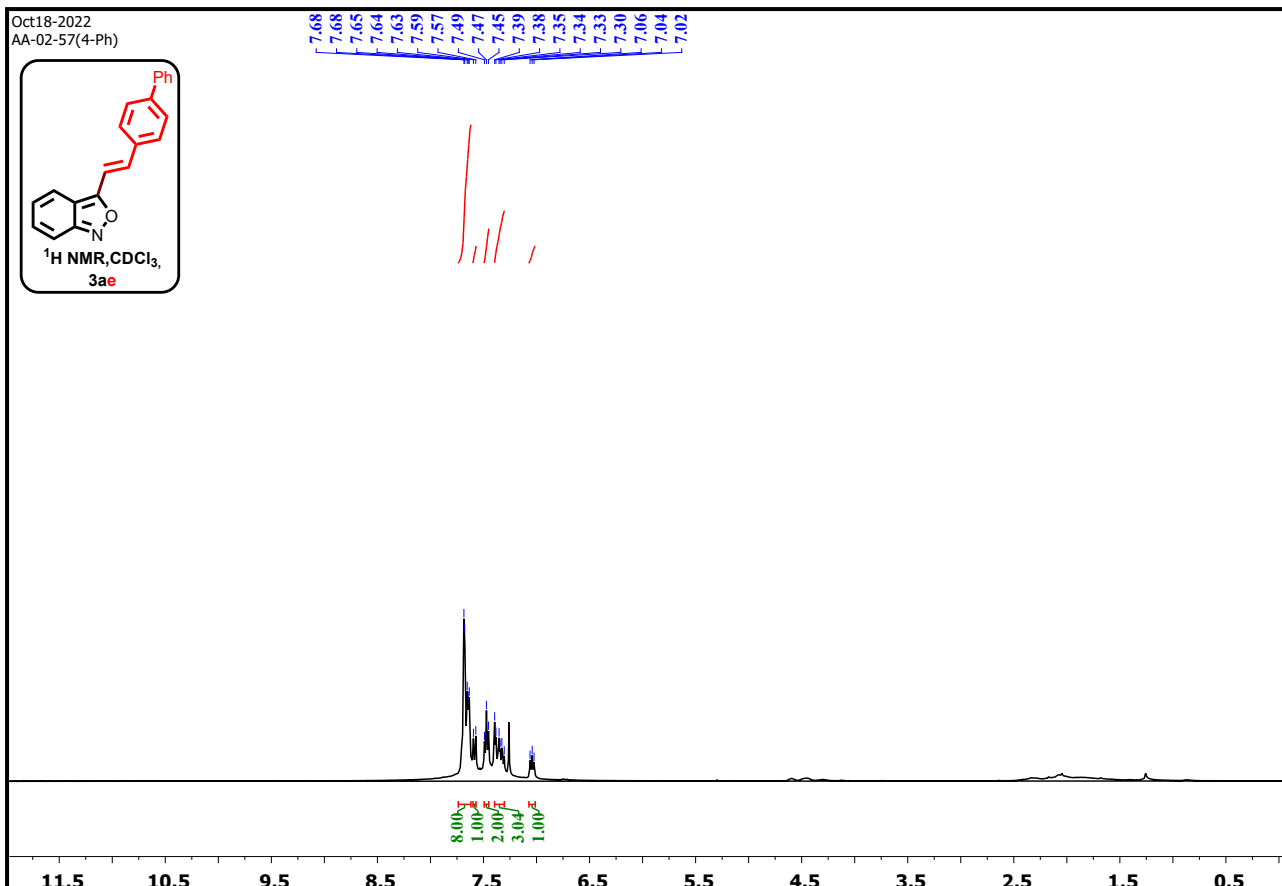


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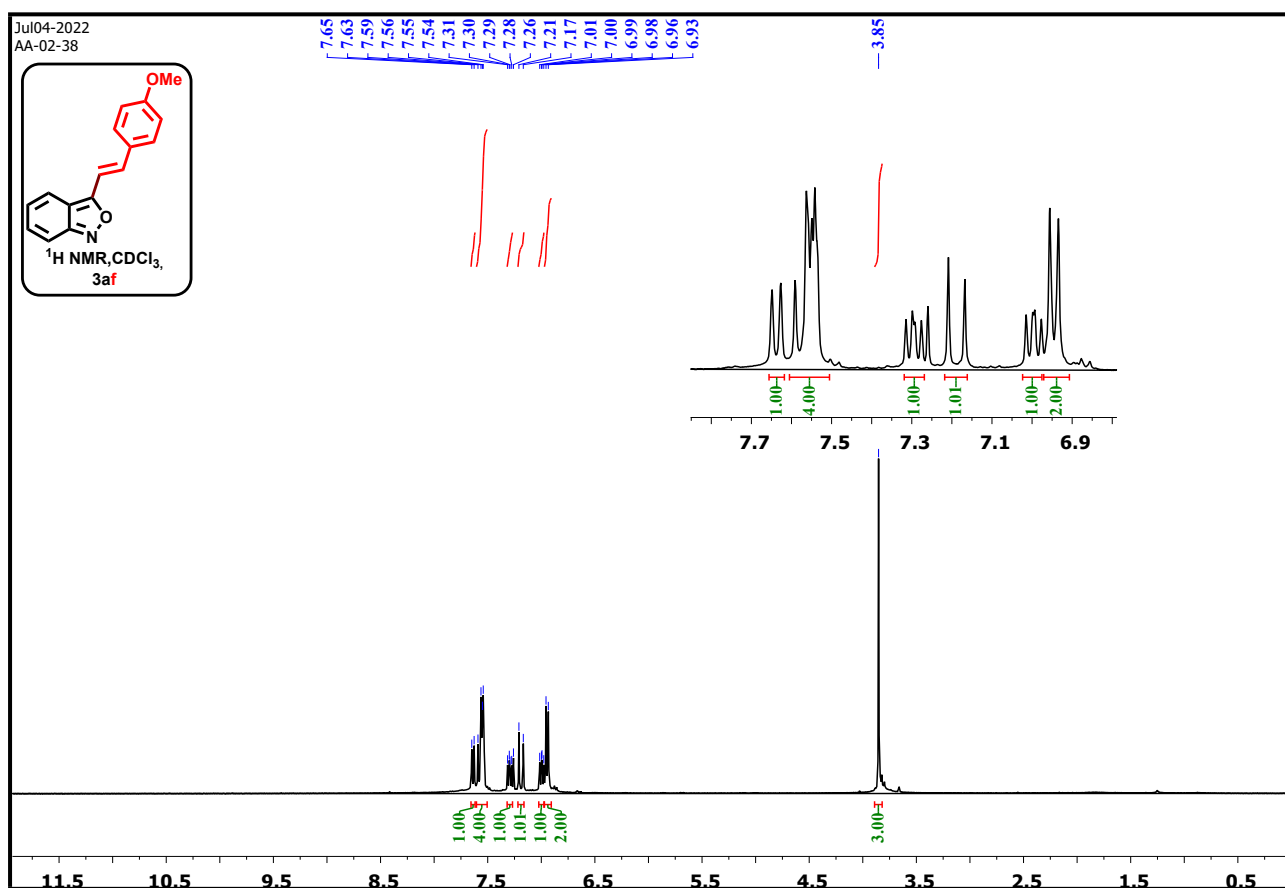


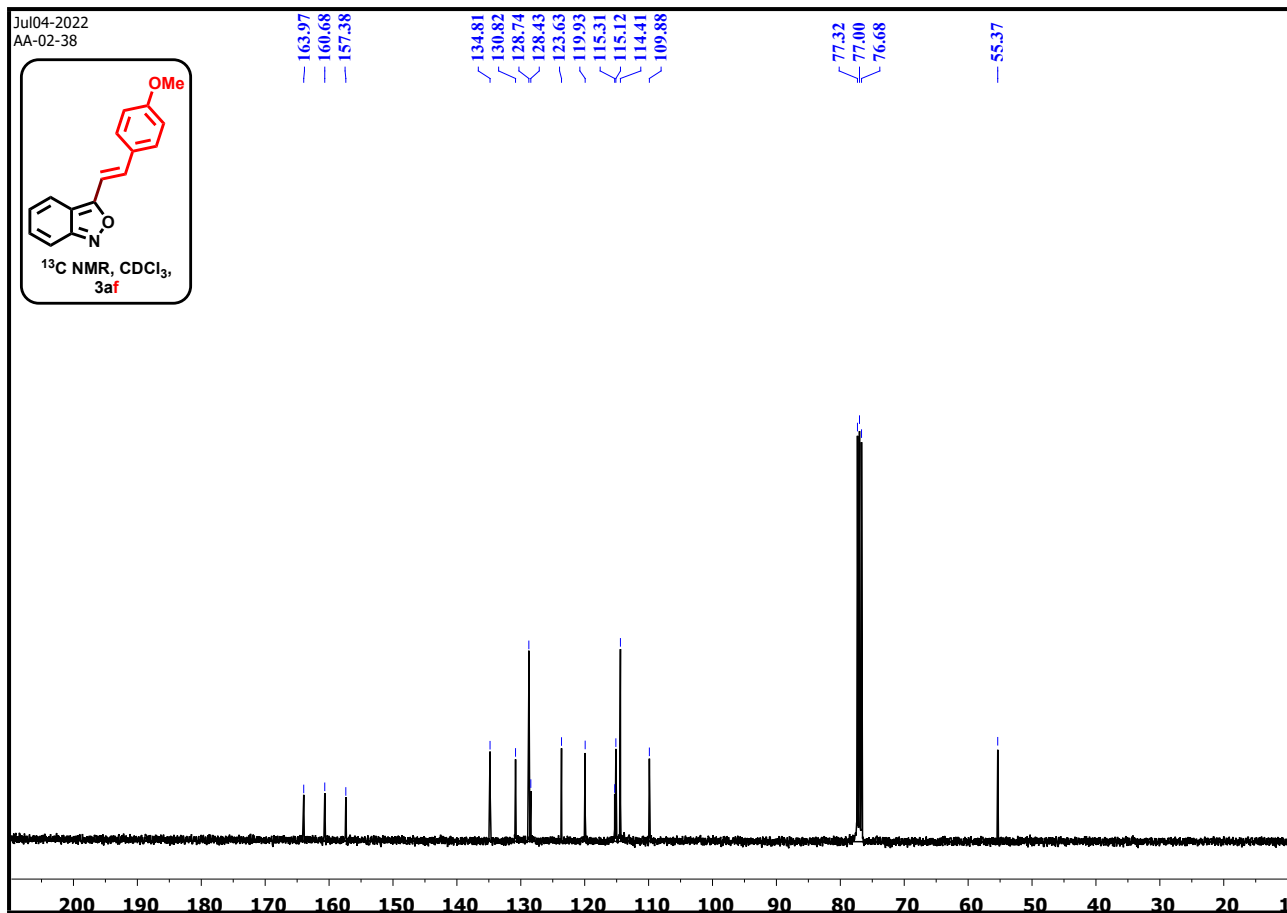


¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 3ae



^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of **3af**

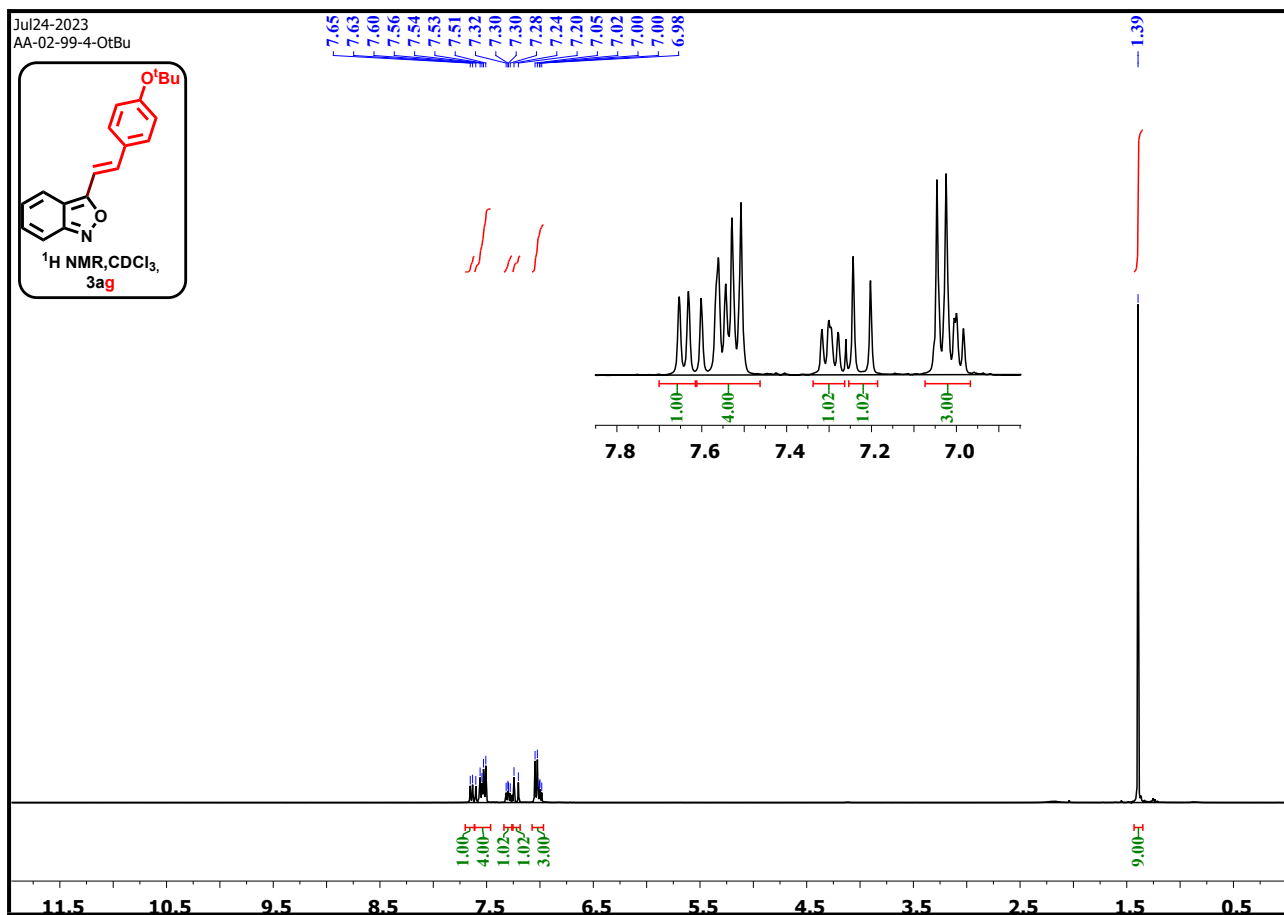
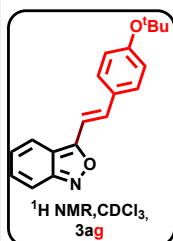


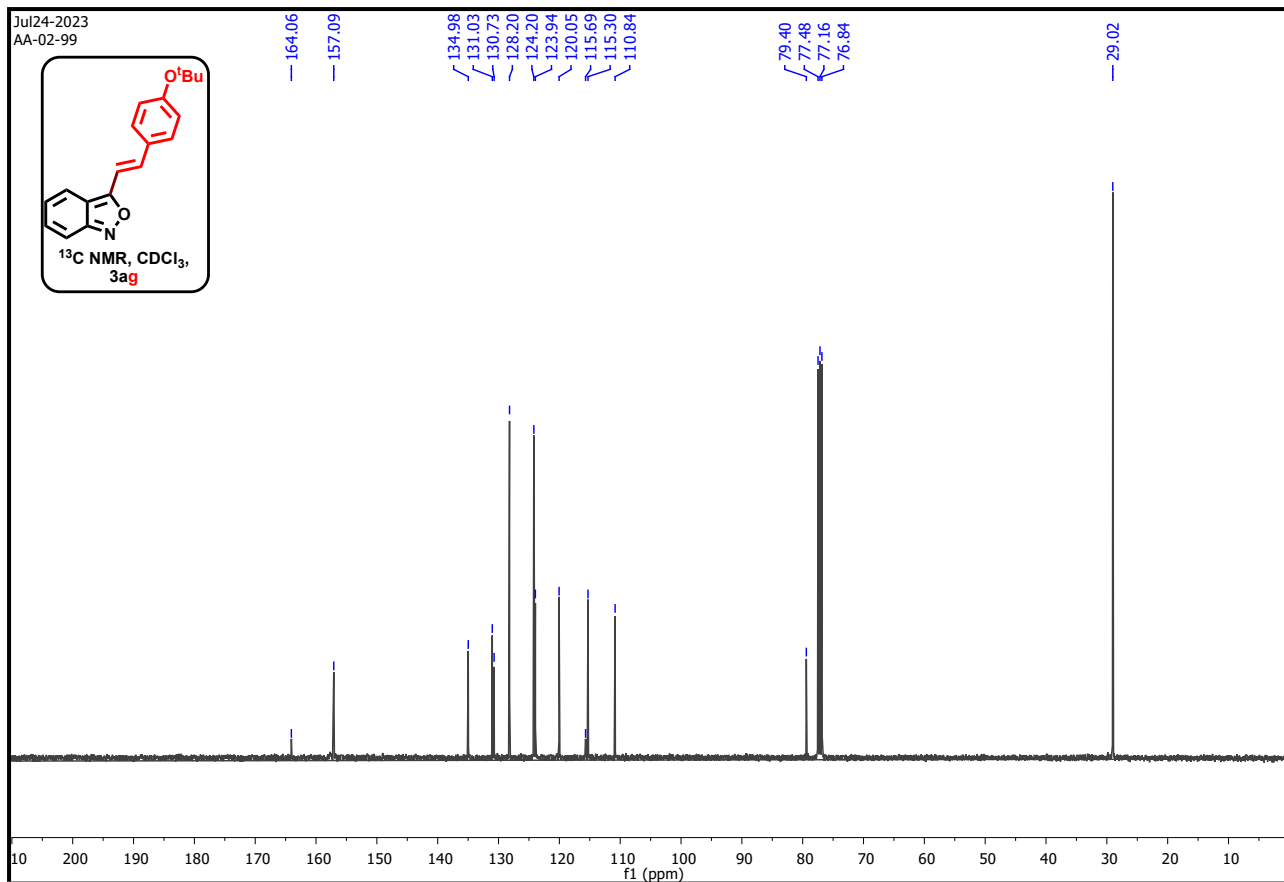


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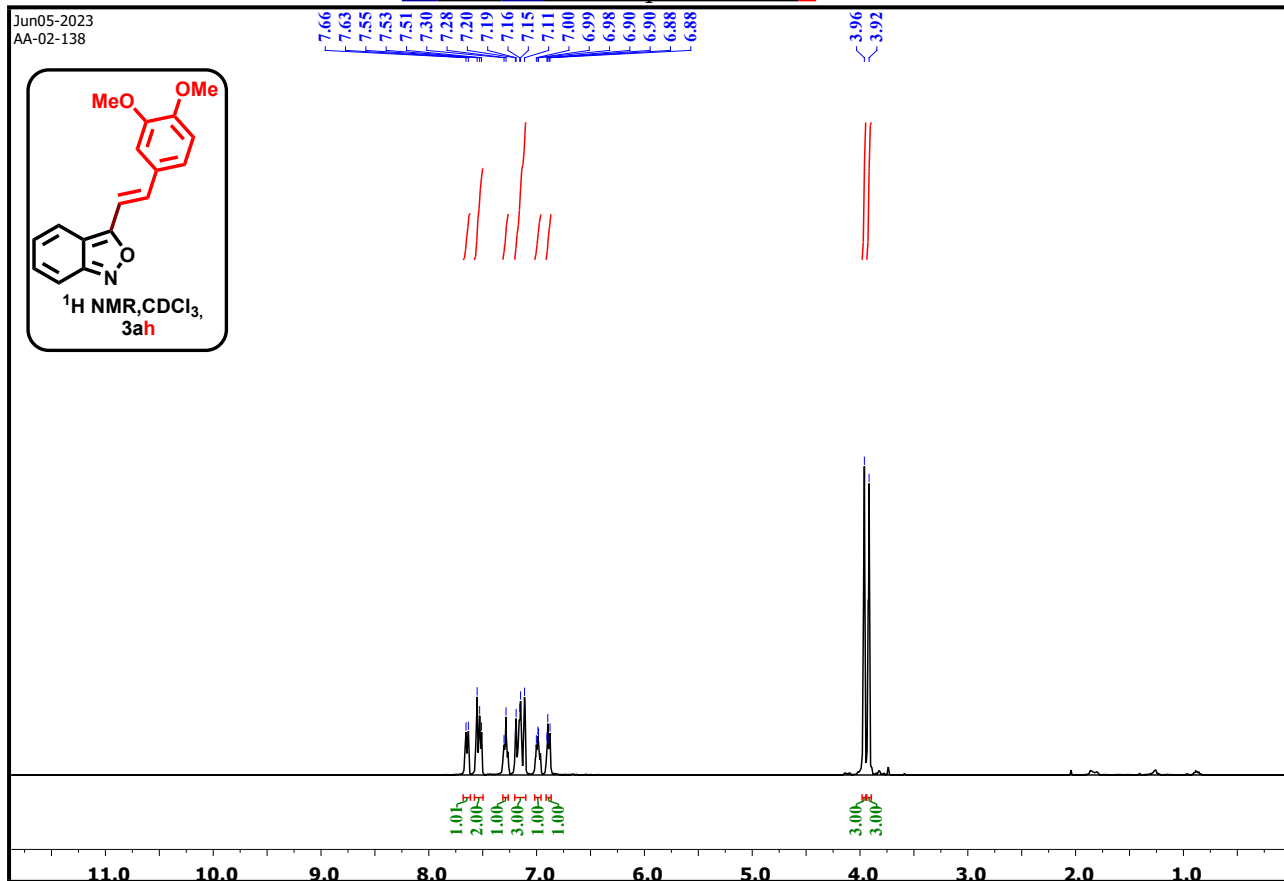
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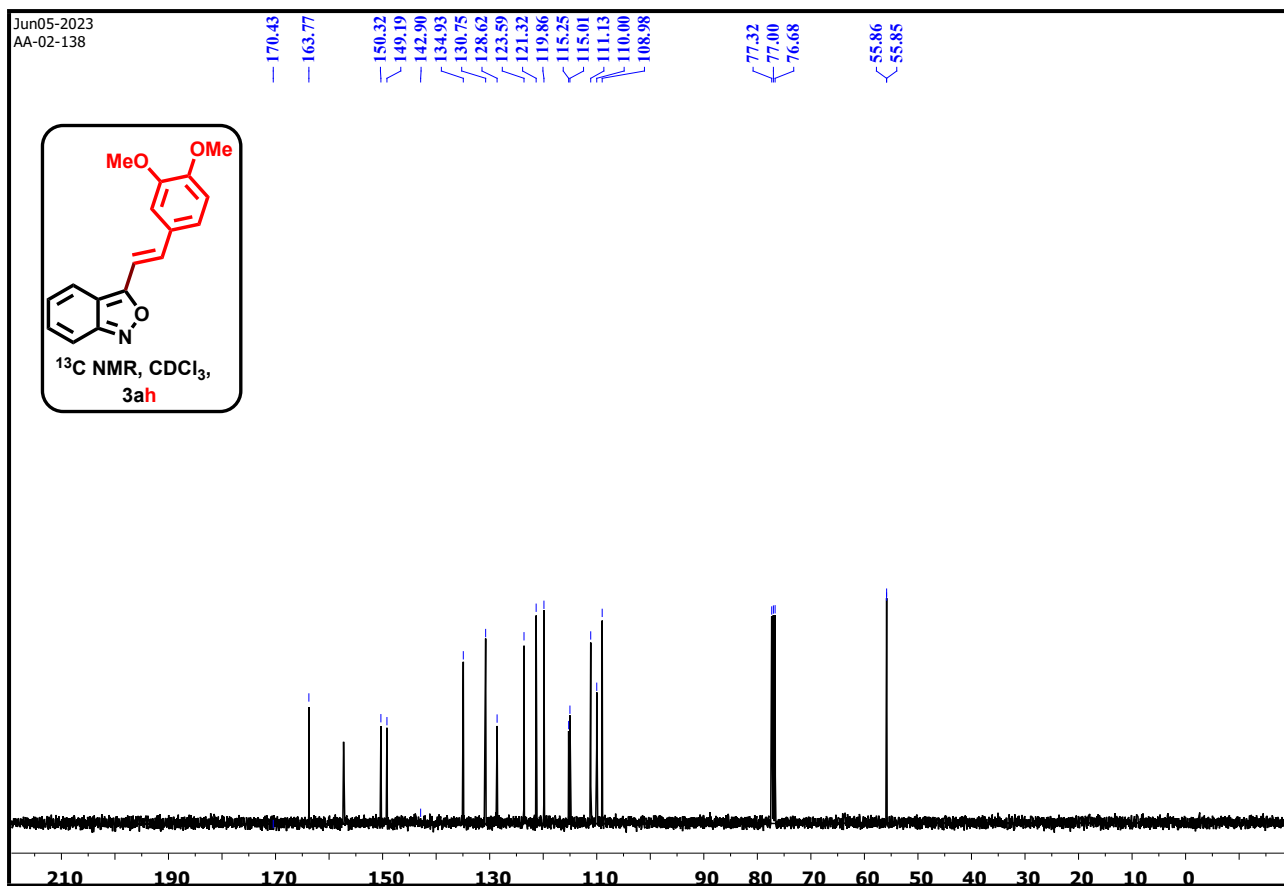




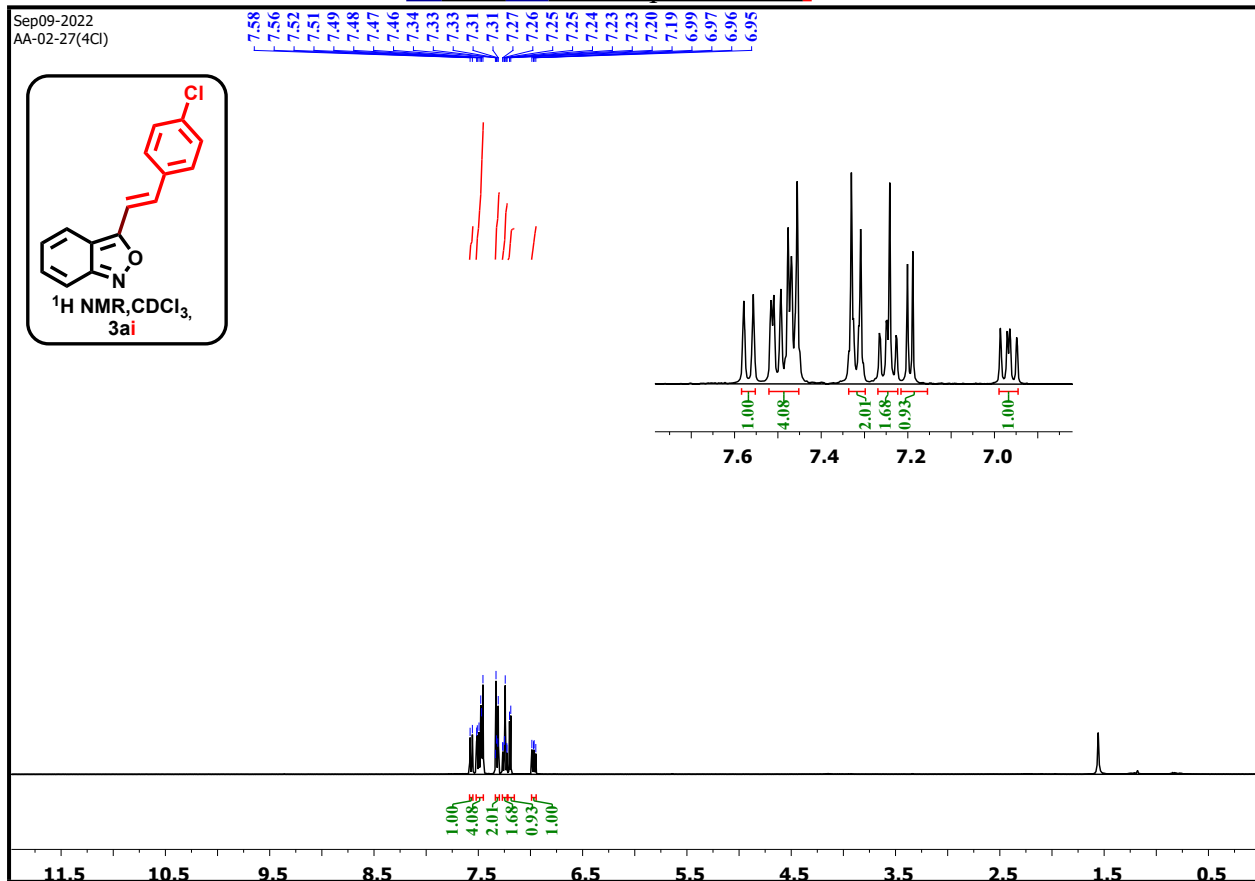
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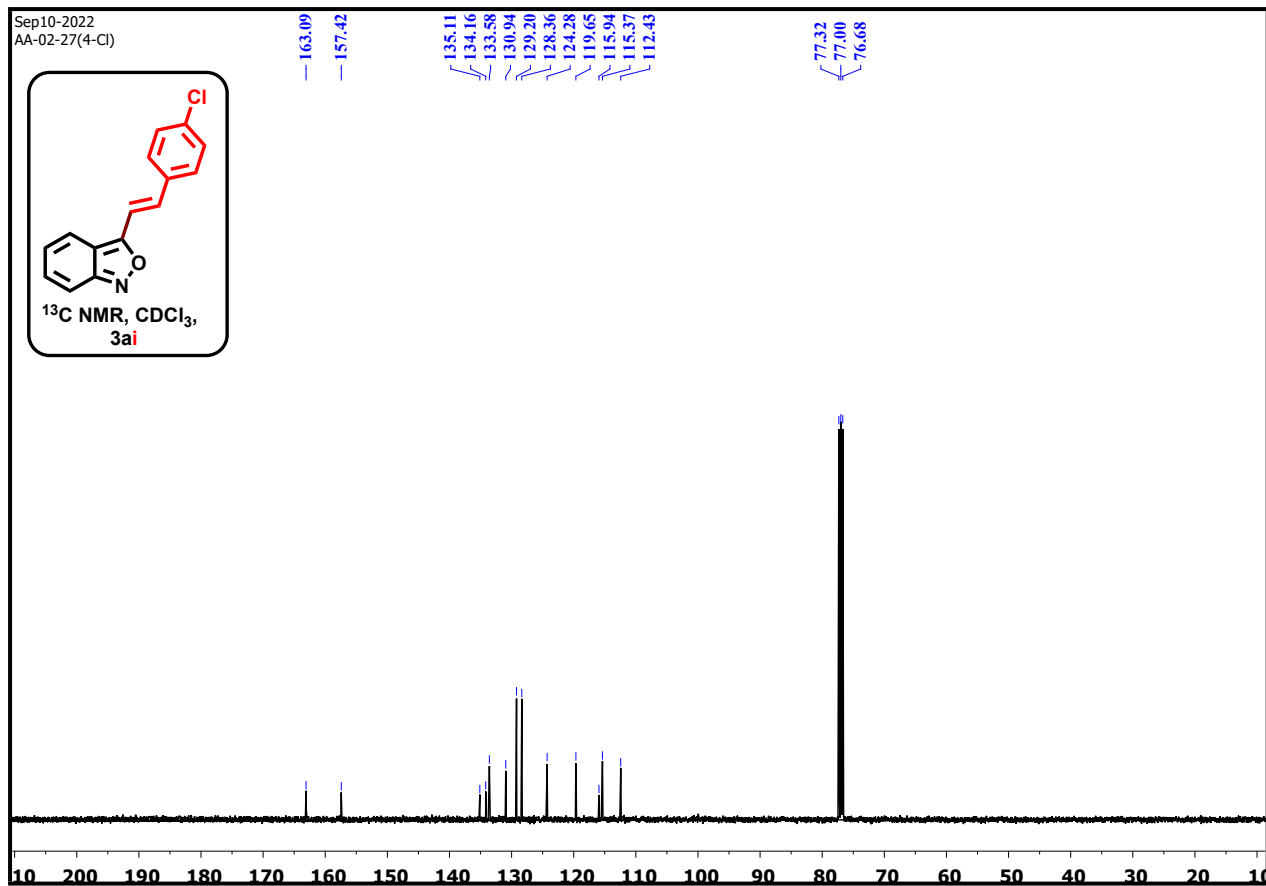
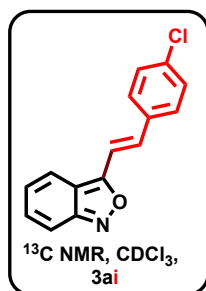
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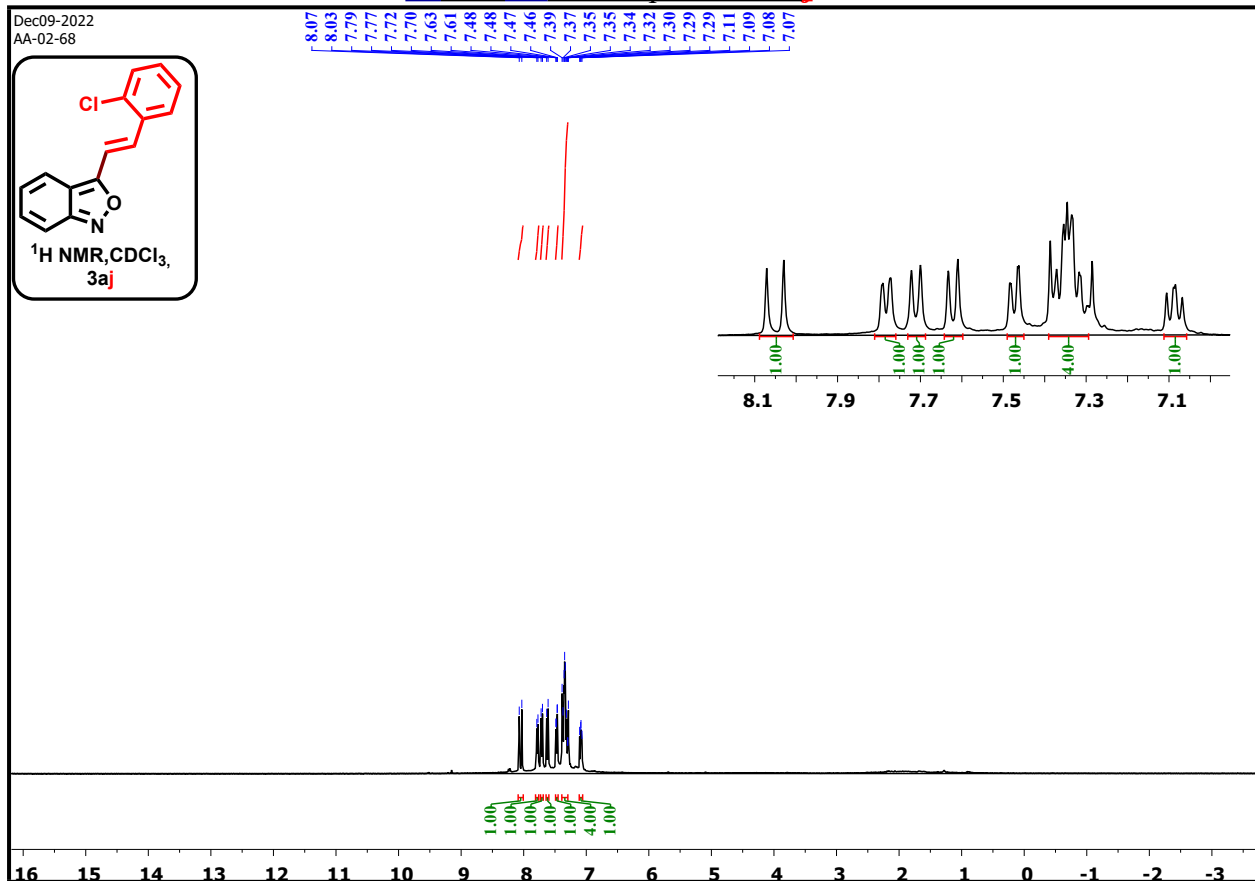
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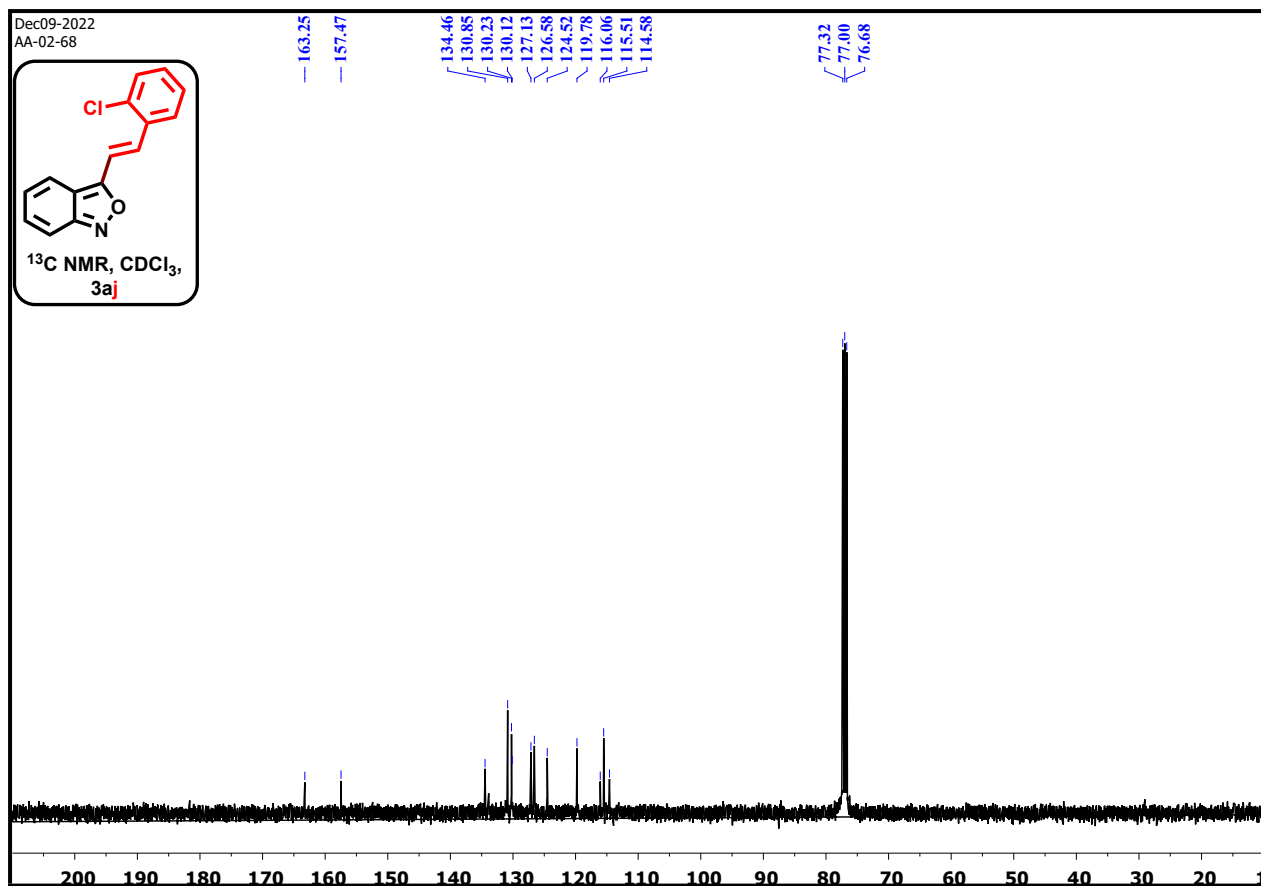
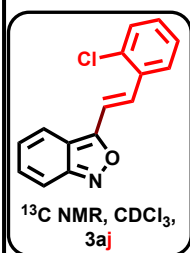
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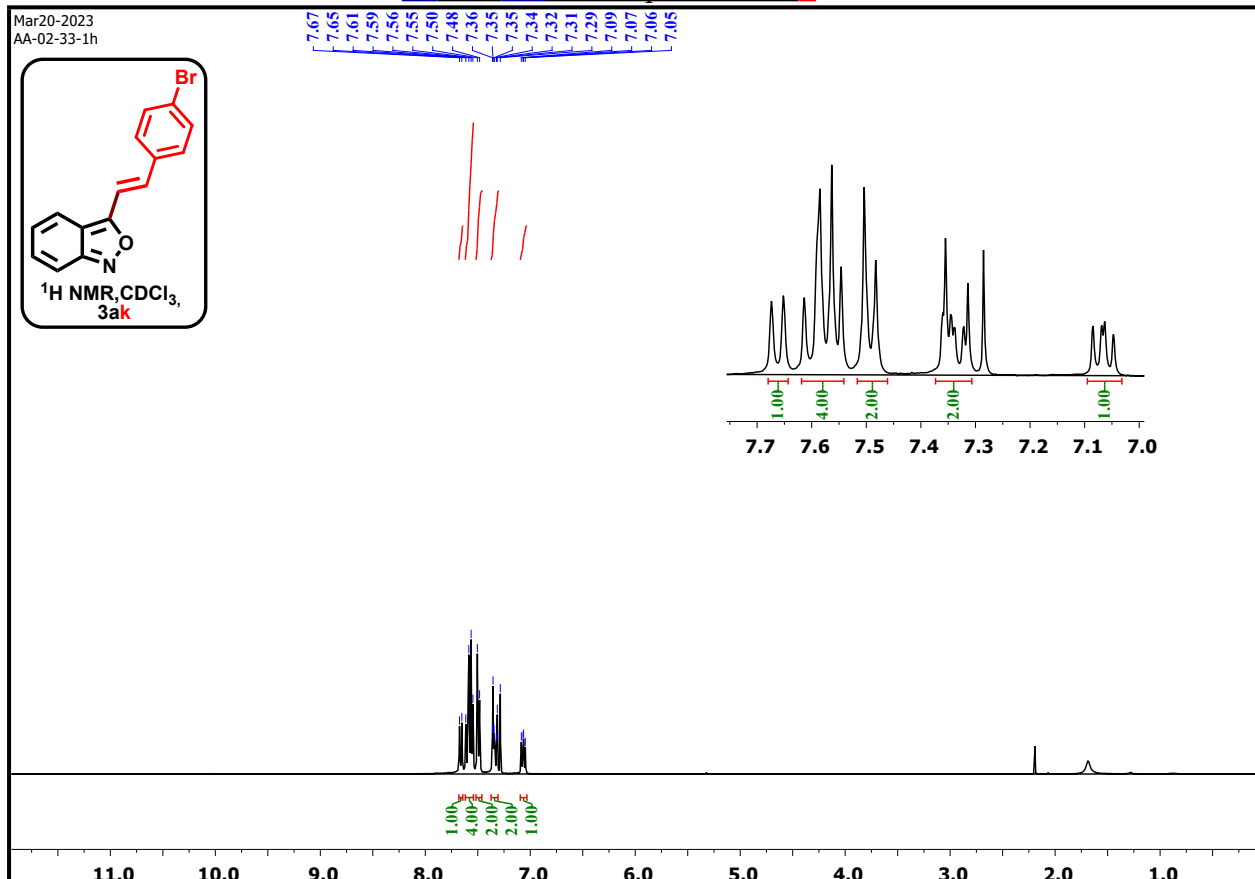
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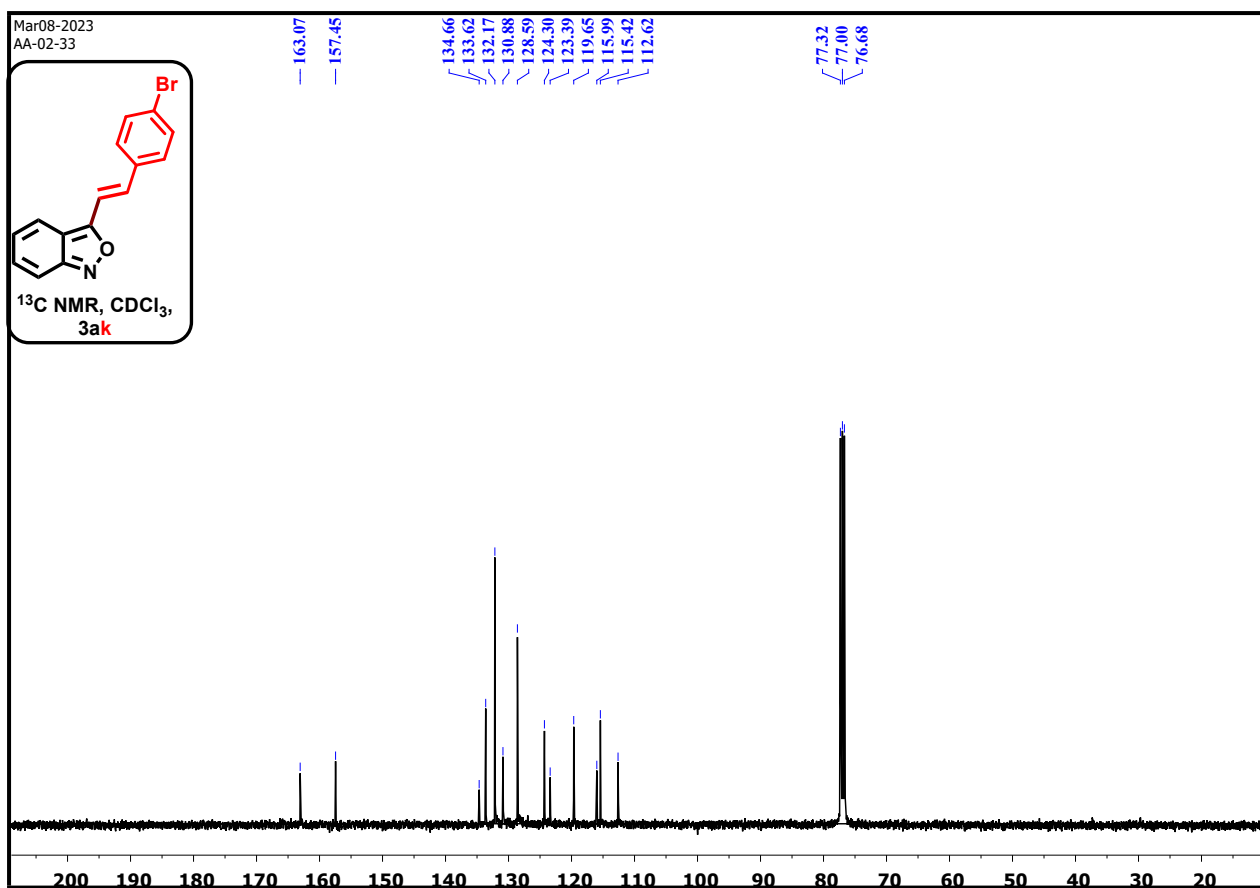


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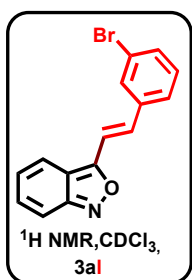
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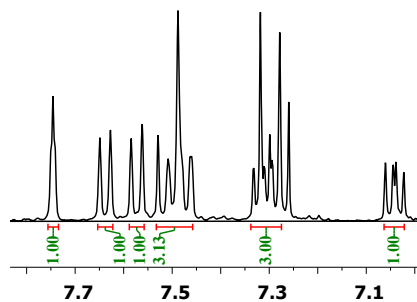


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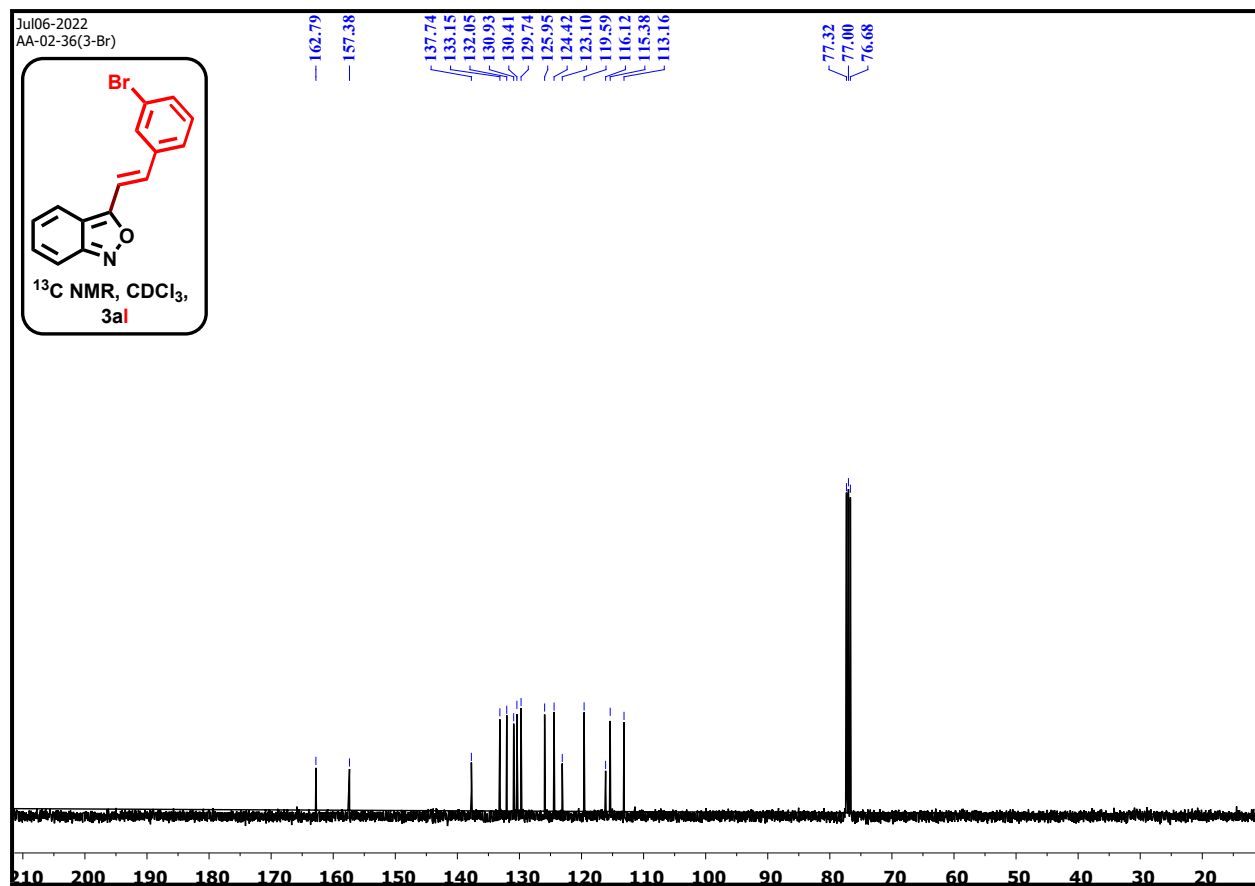
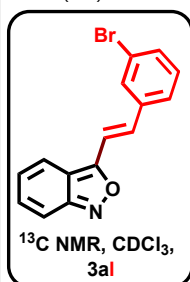
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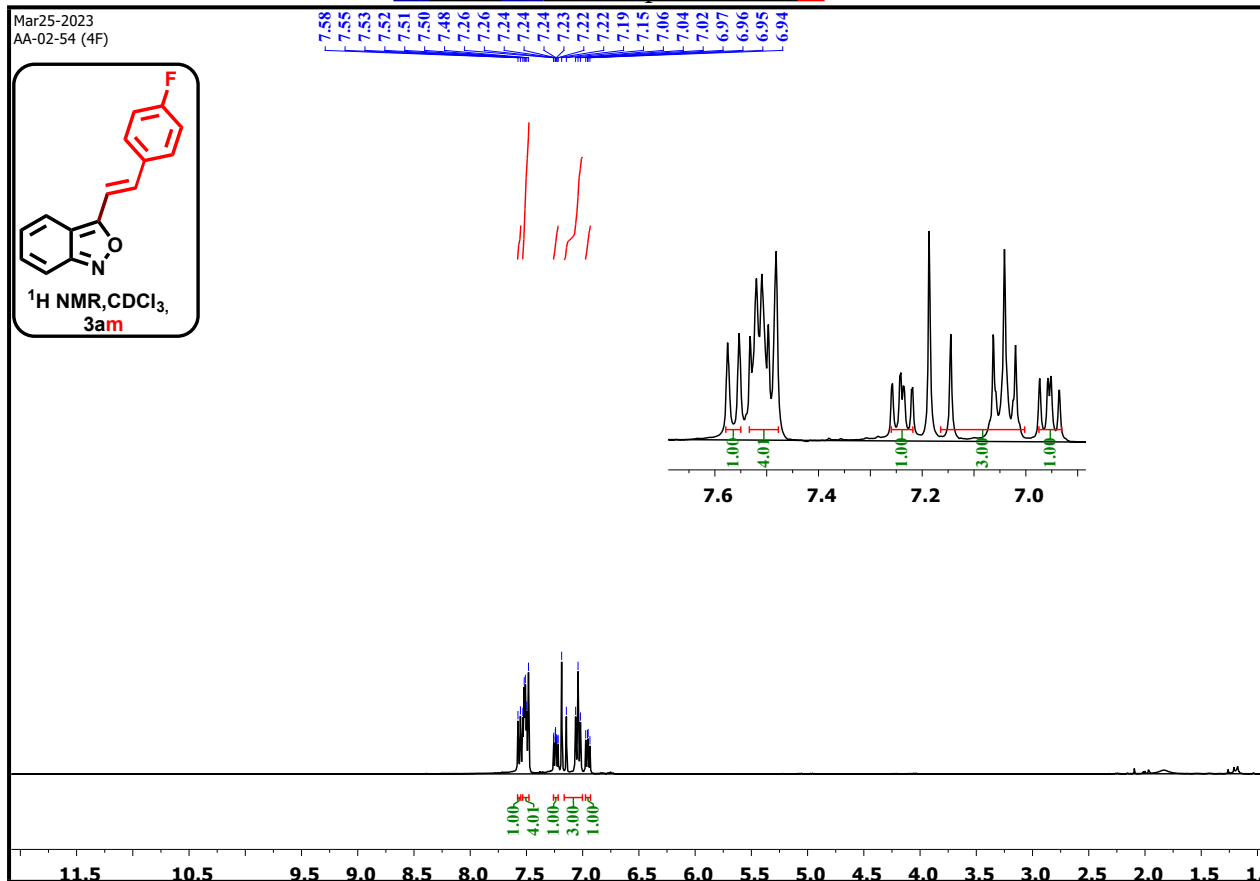
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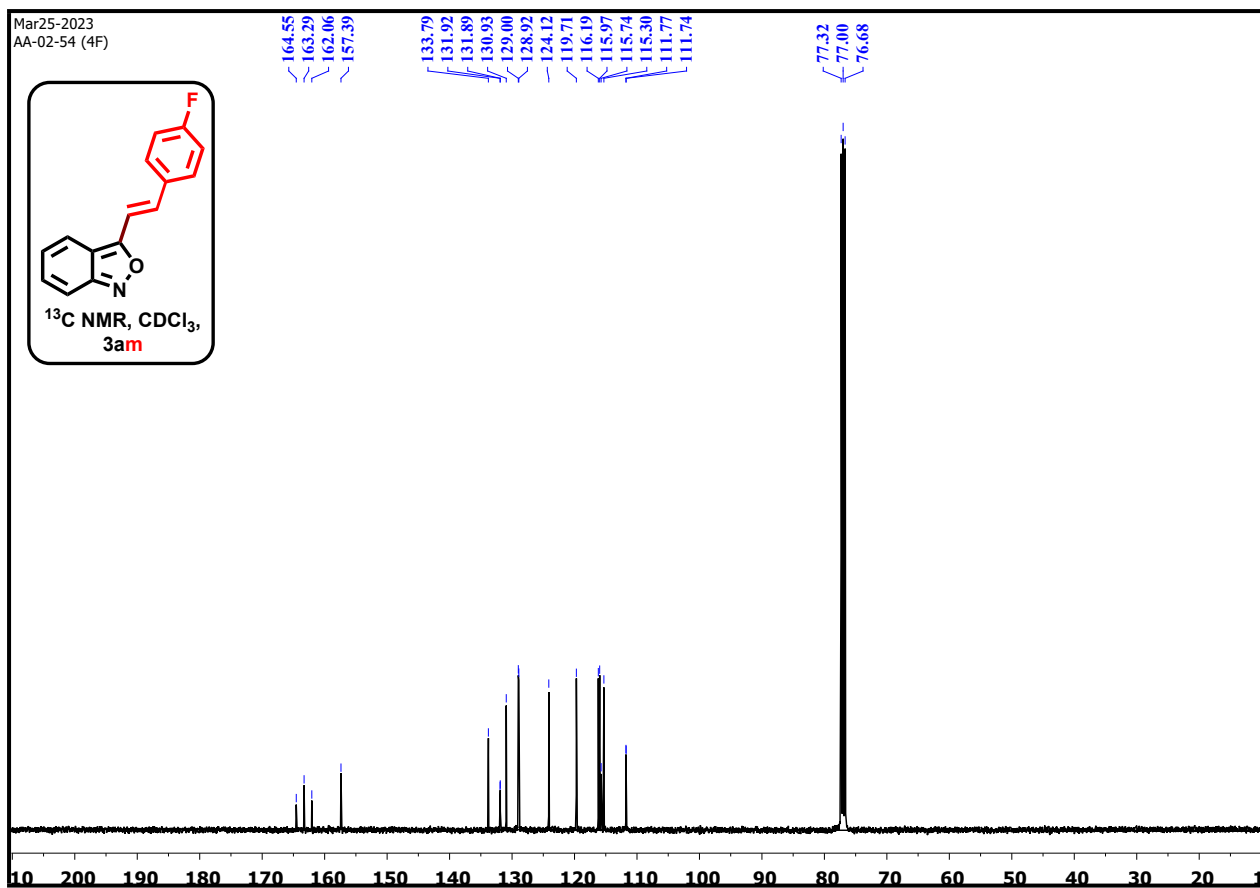
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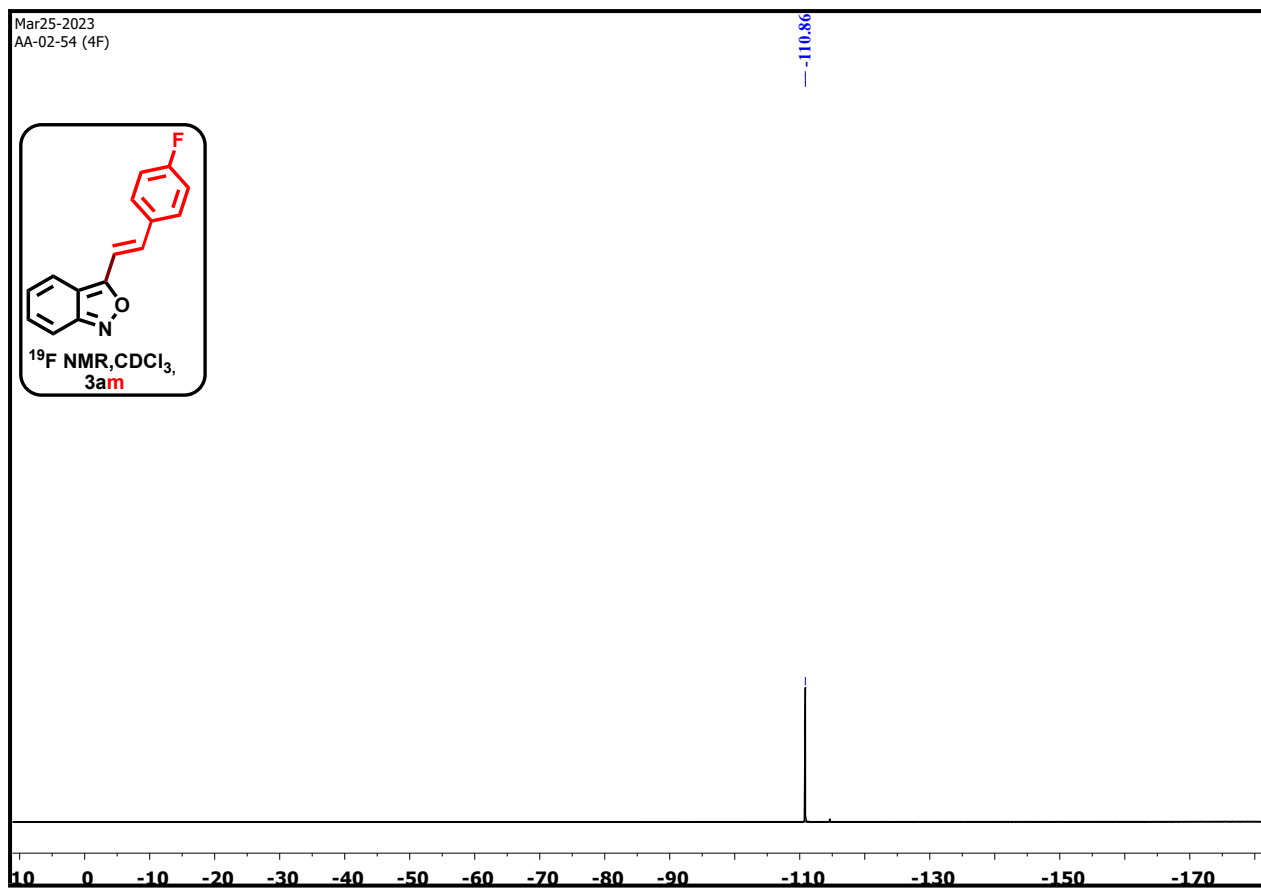
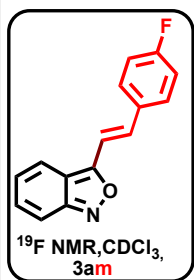
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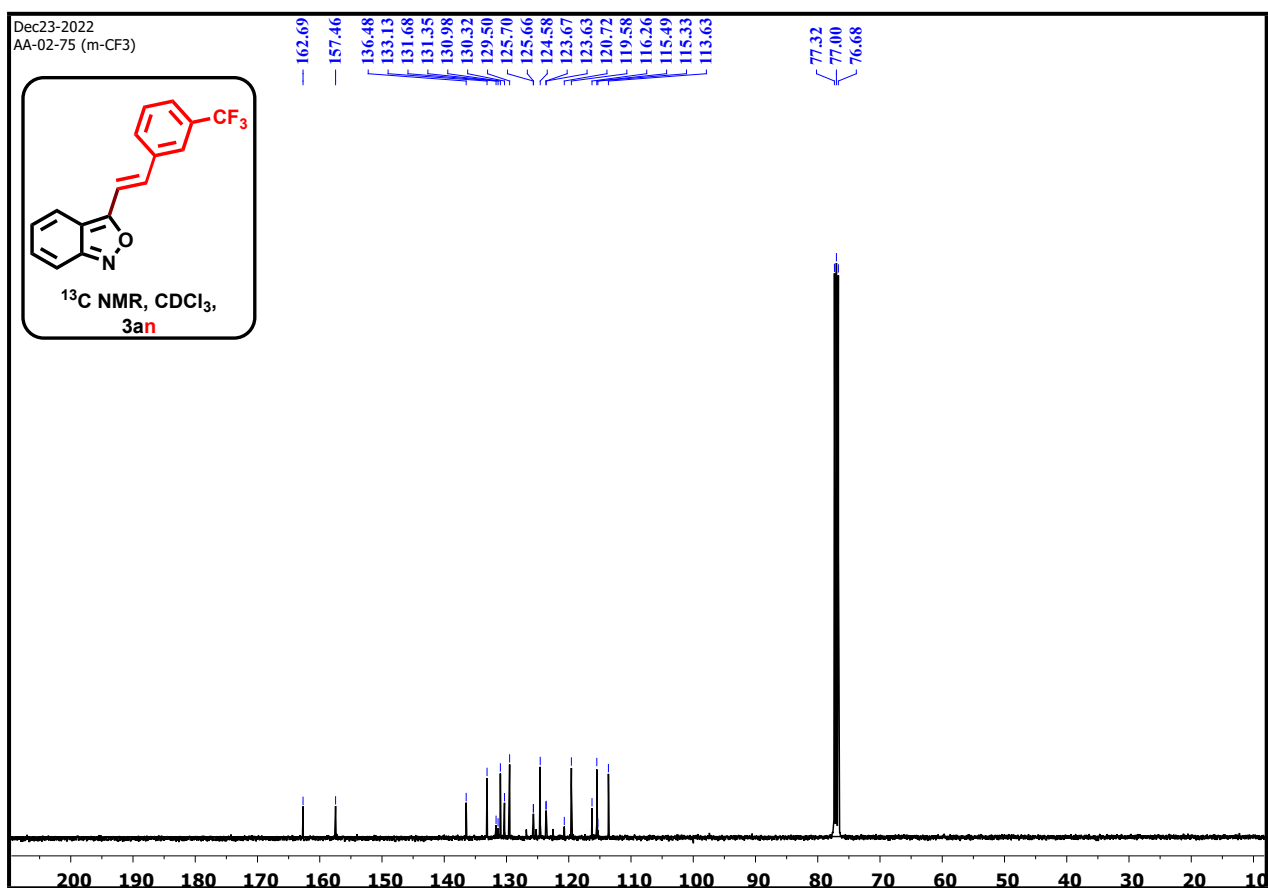
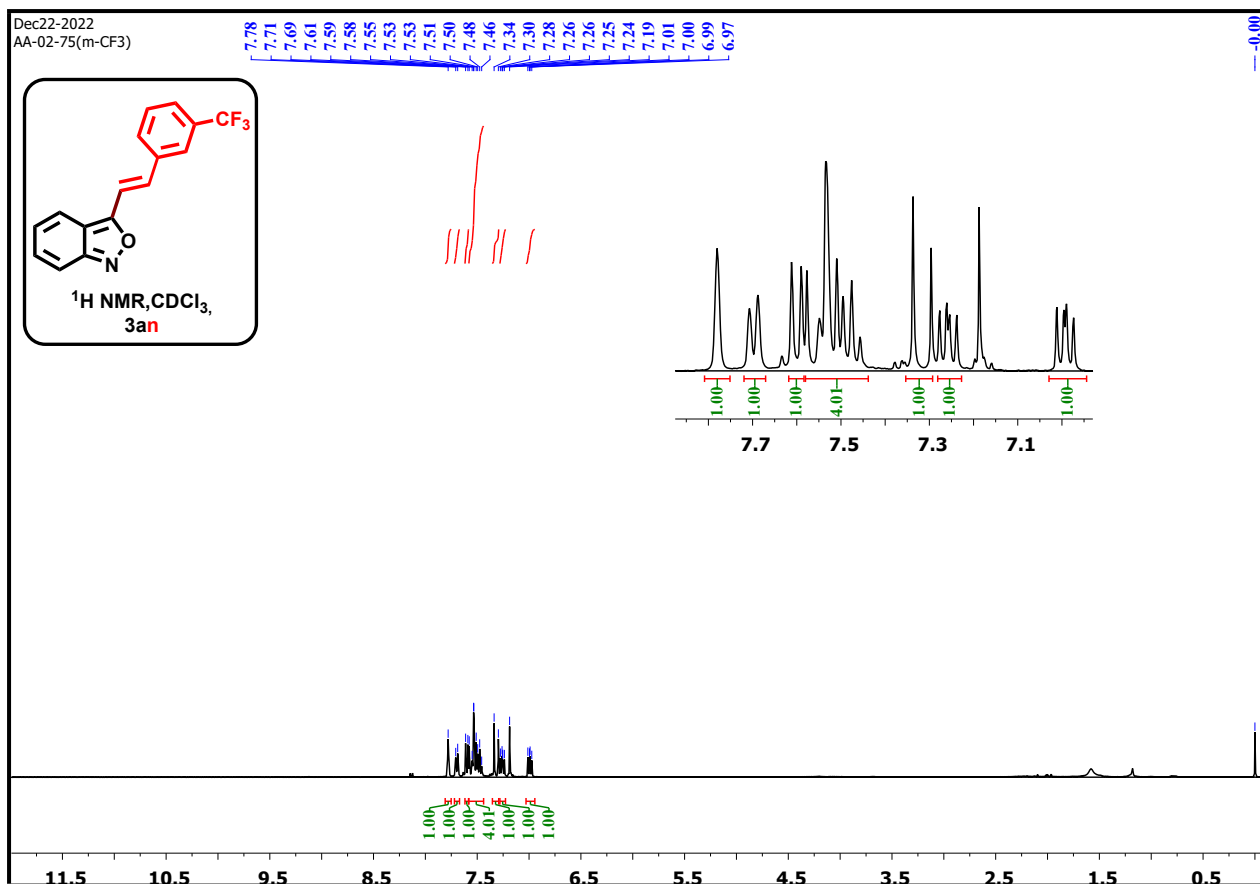


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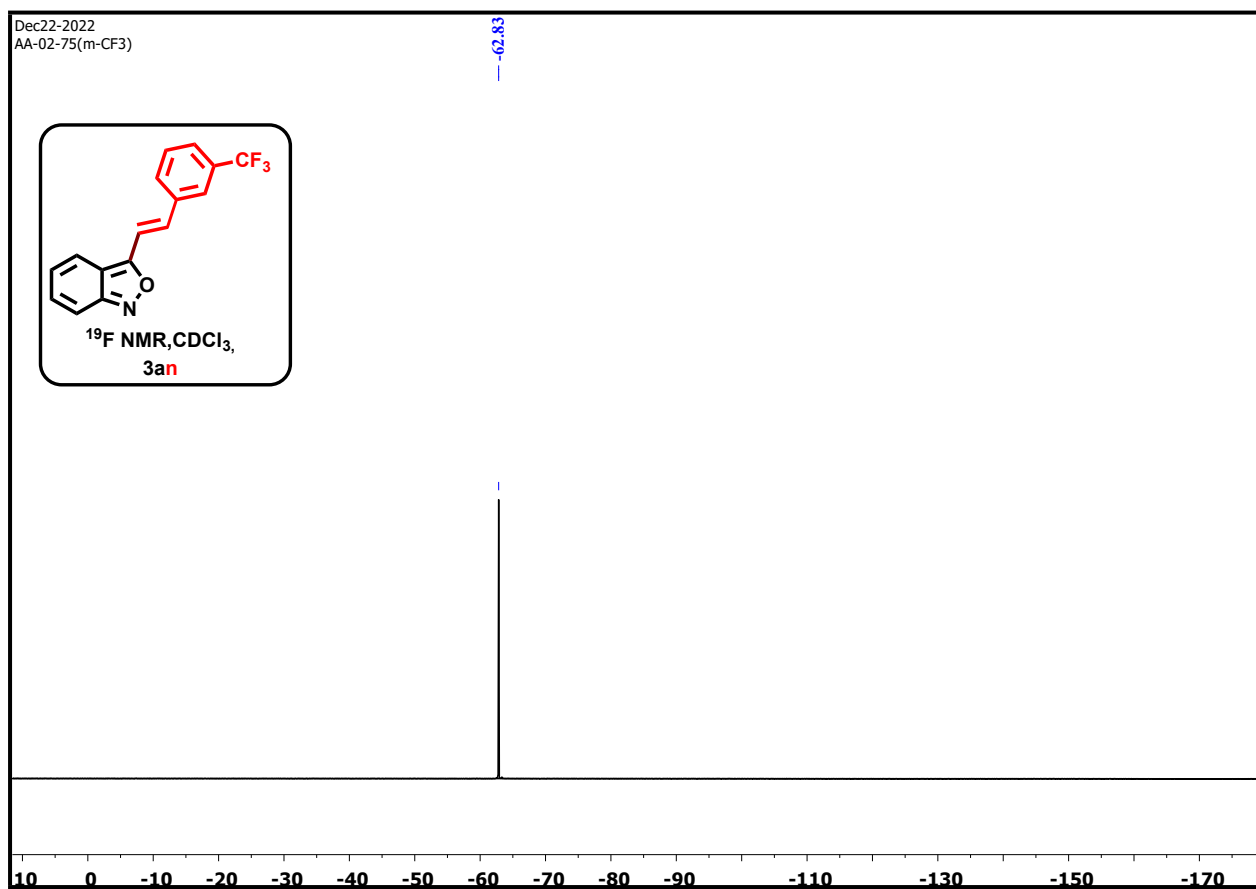
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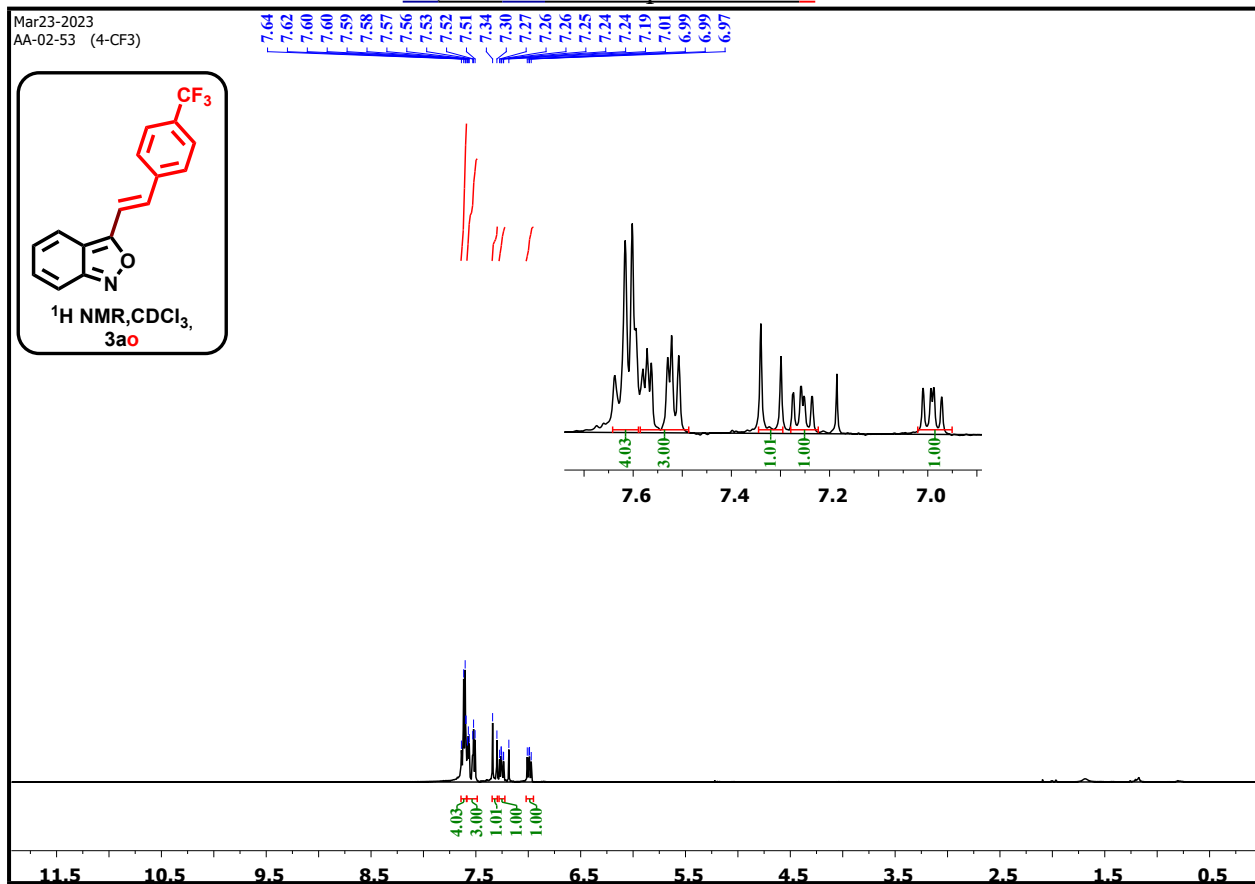
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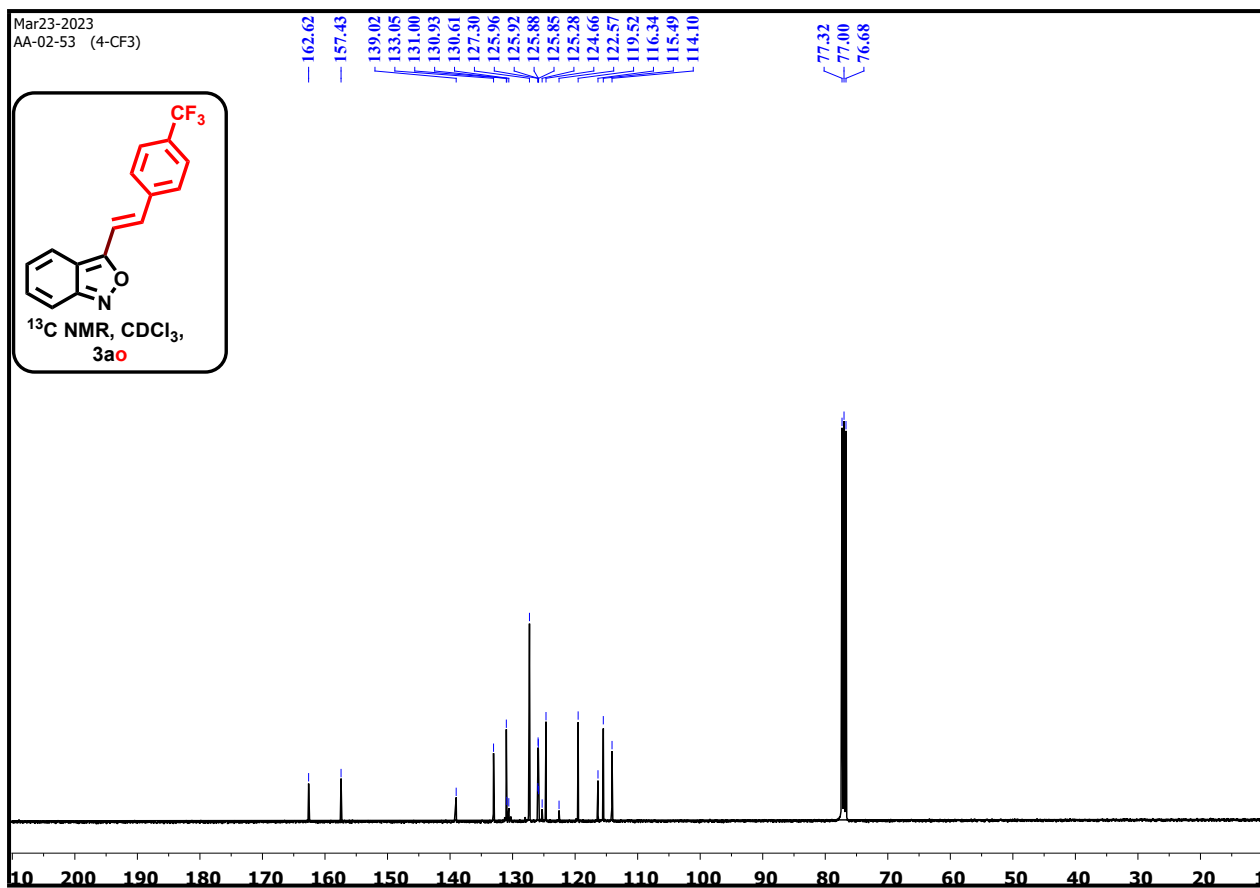


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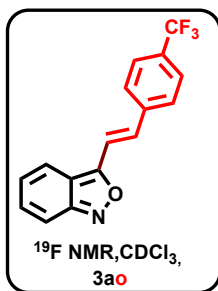
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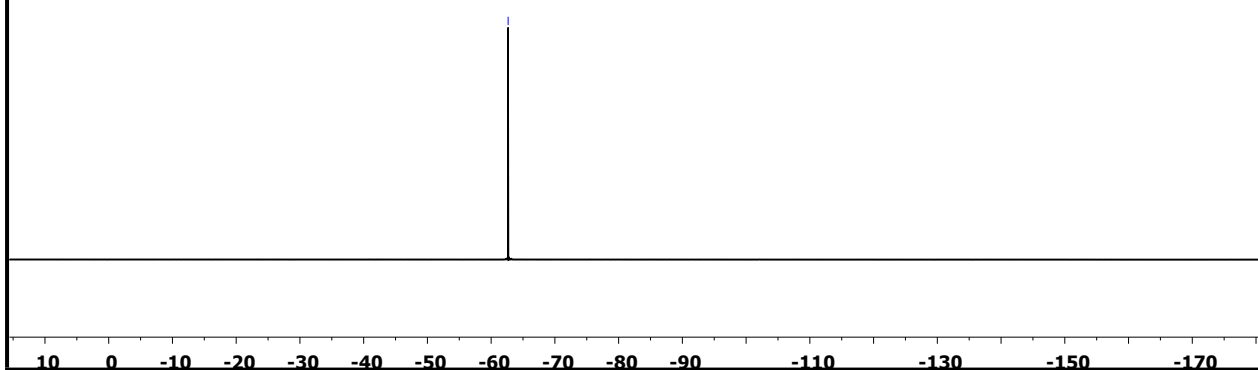


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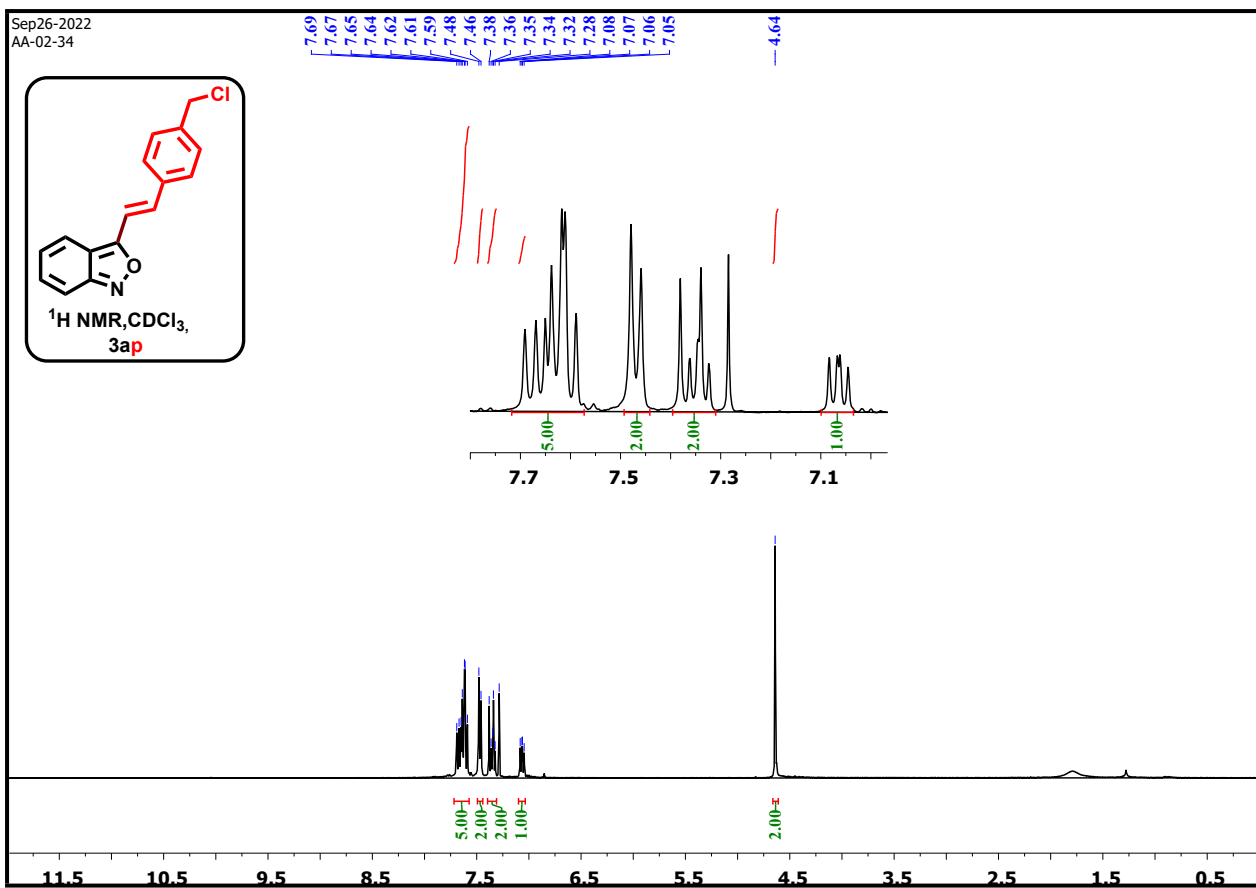
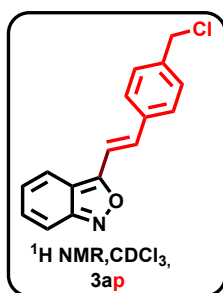


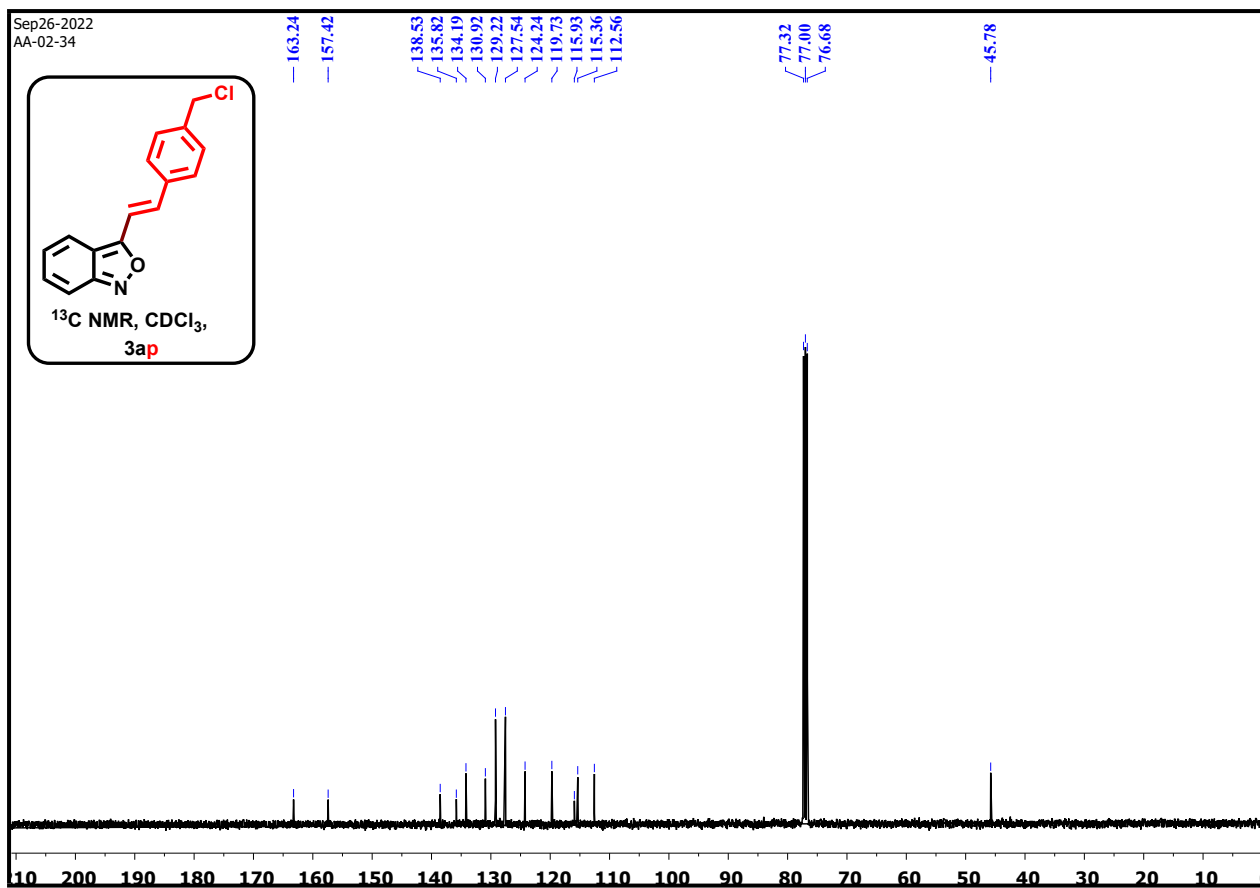
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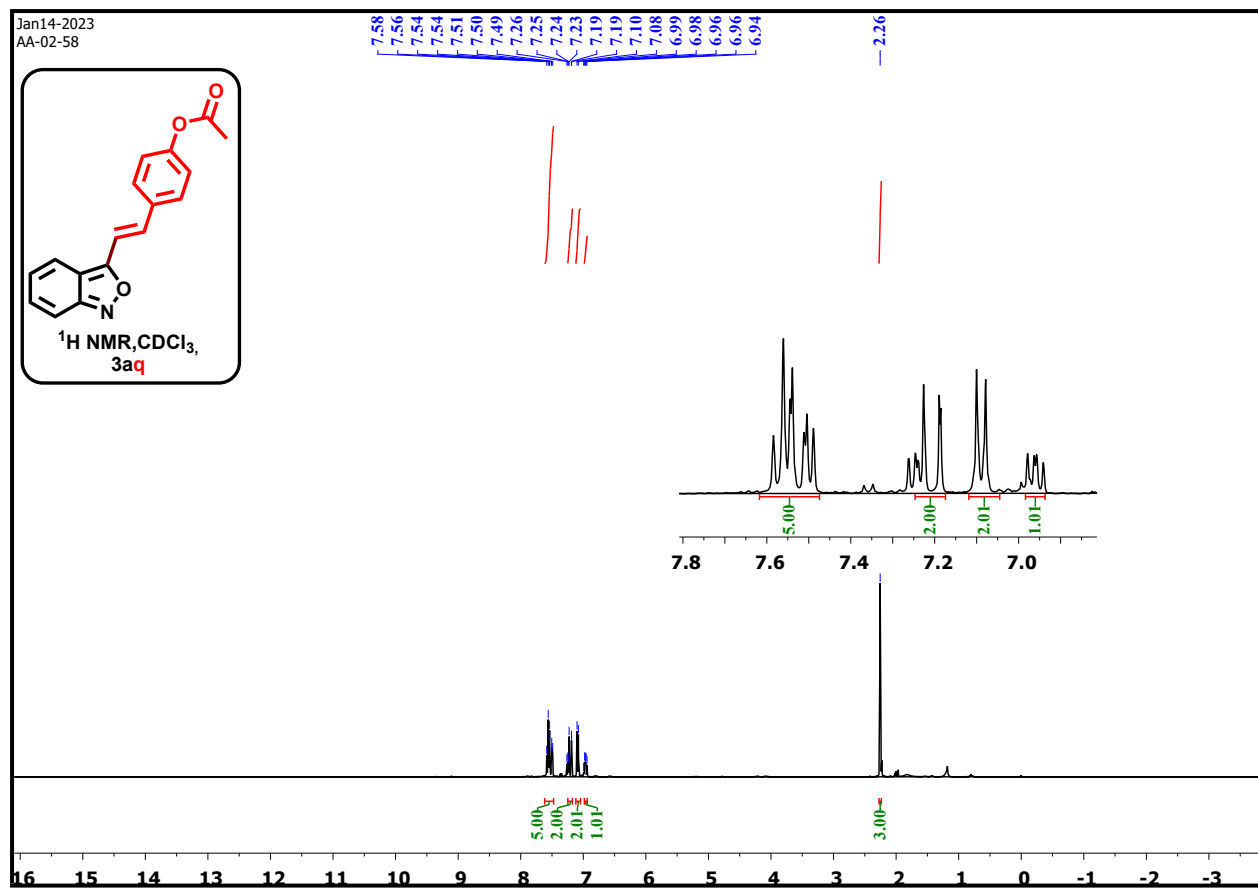
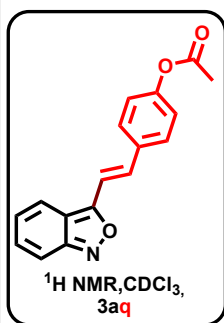
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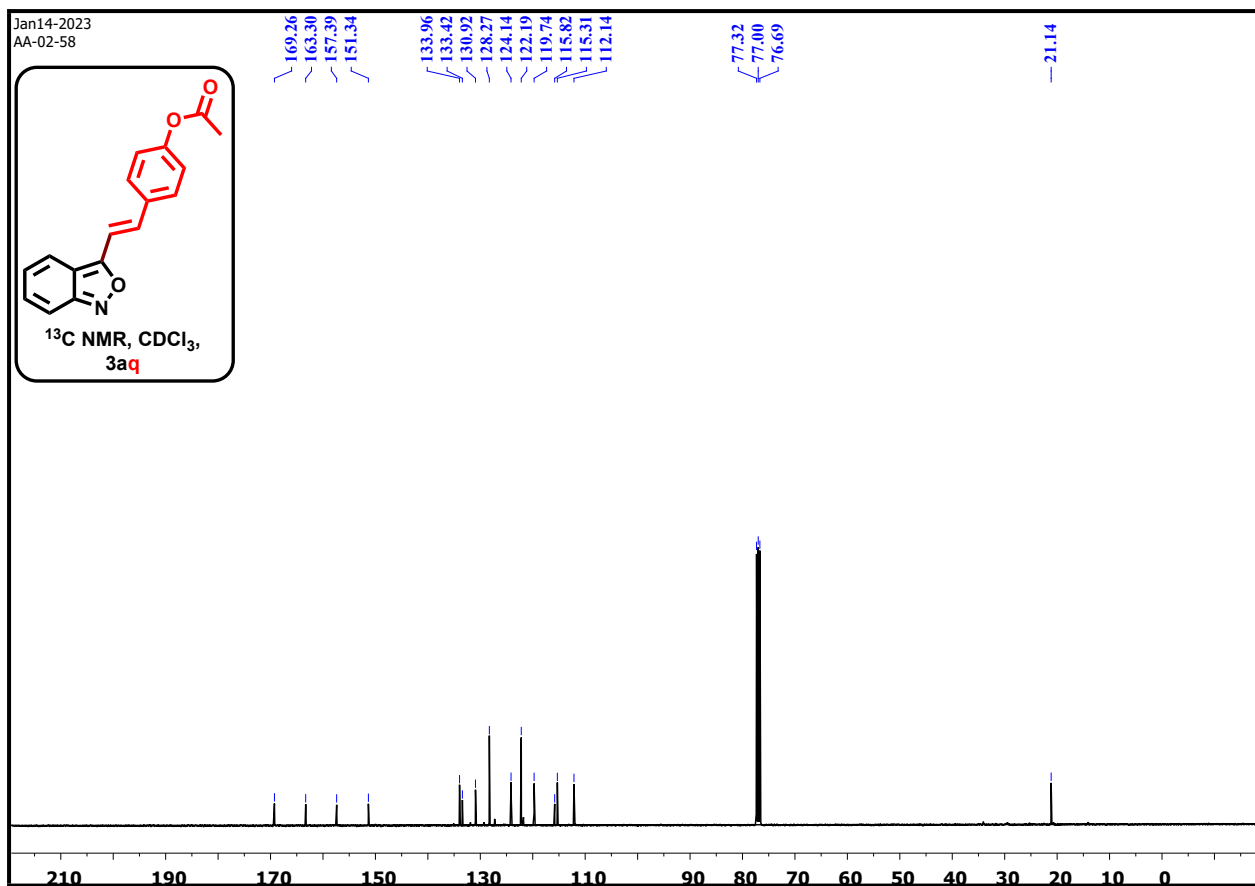
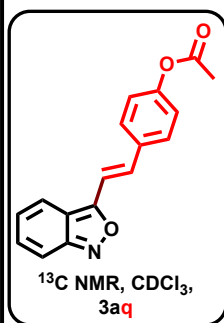


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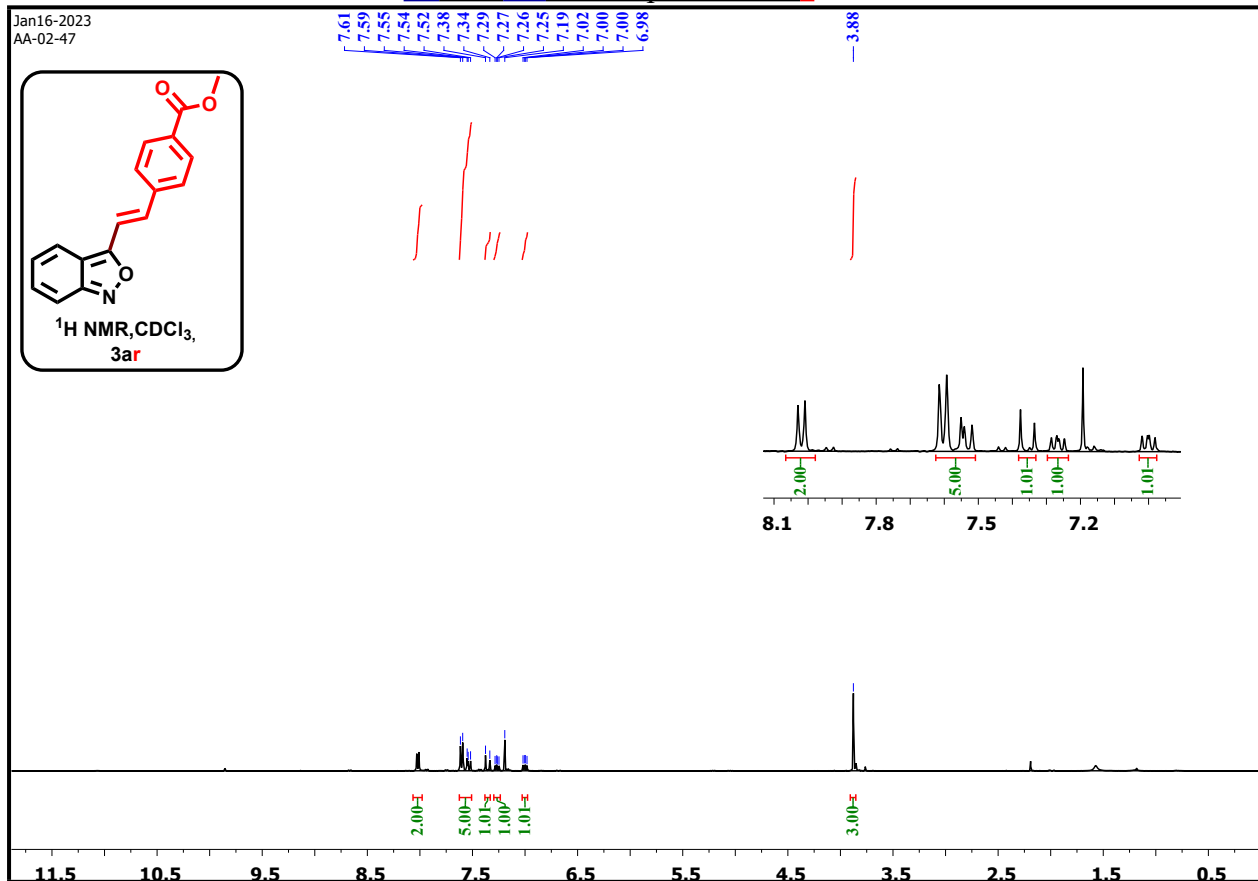
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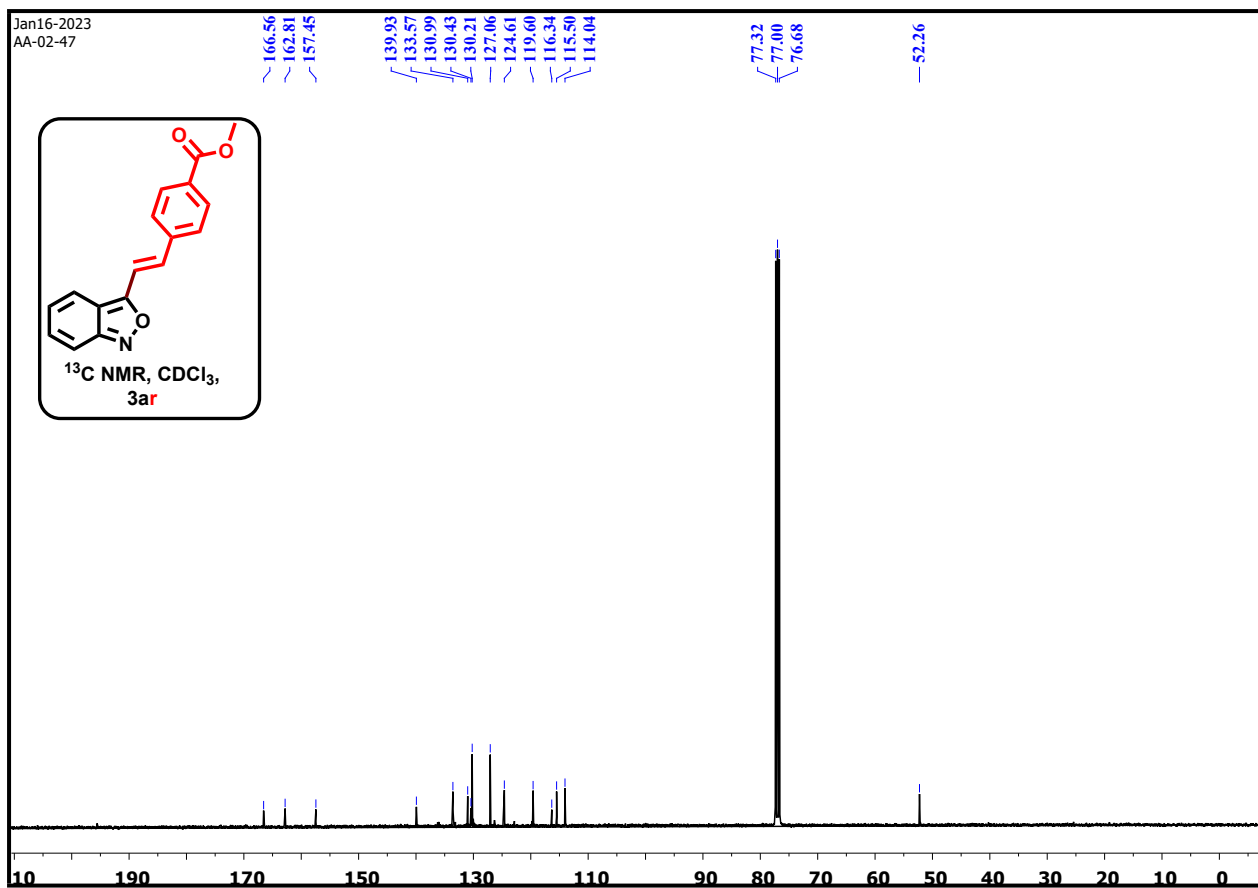
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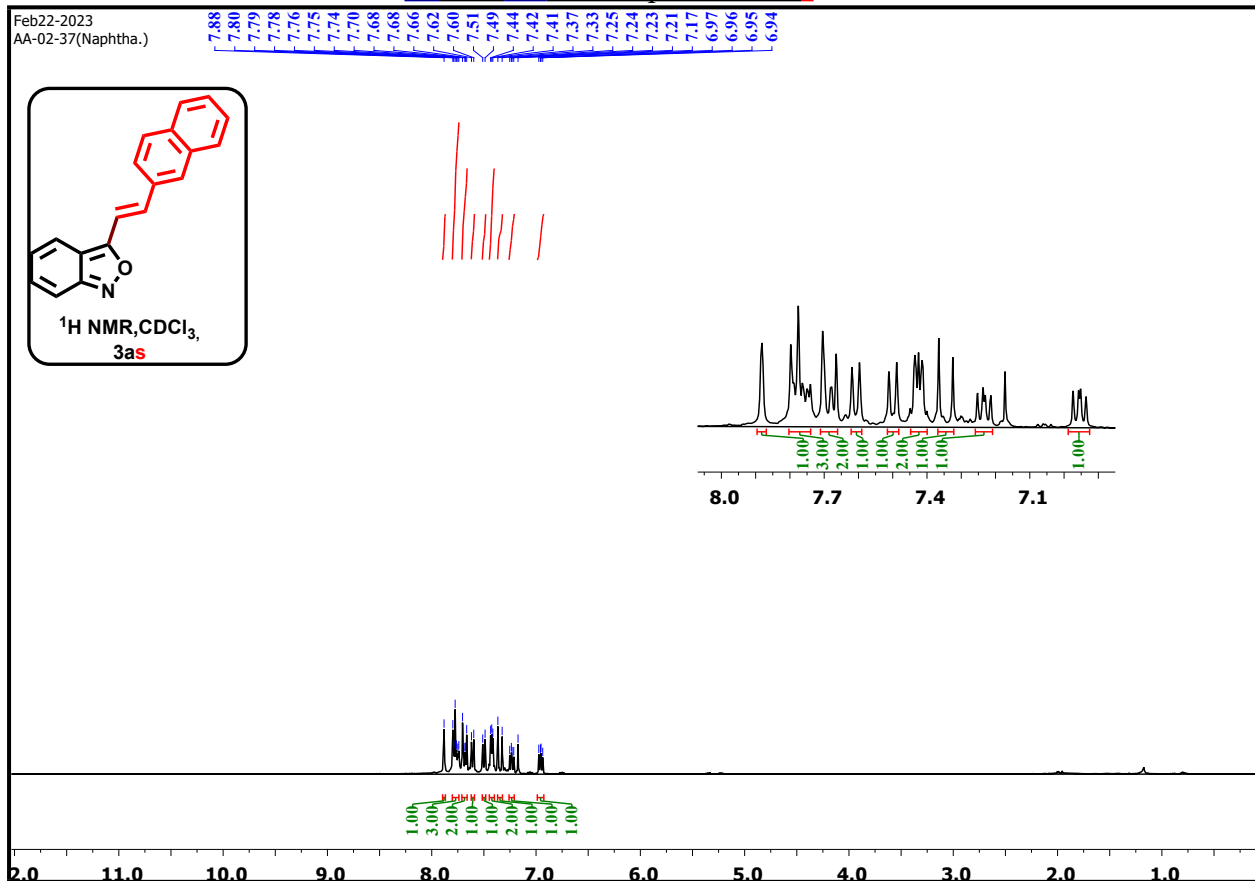
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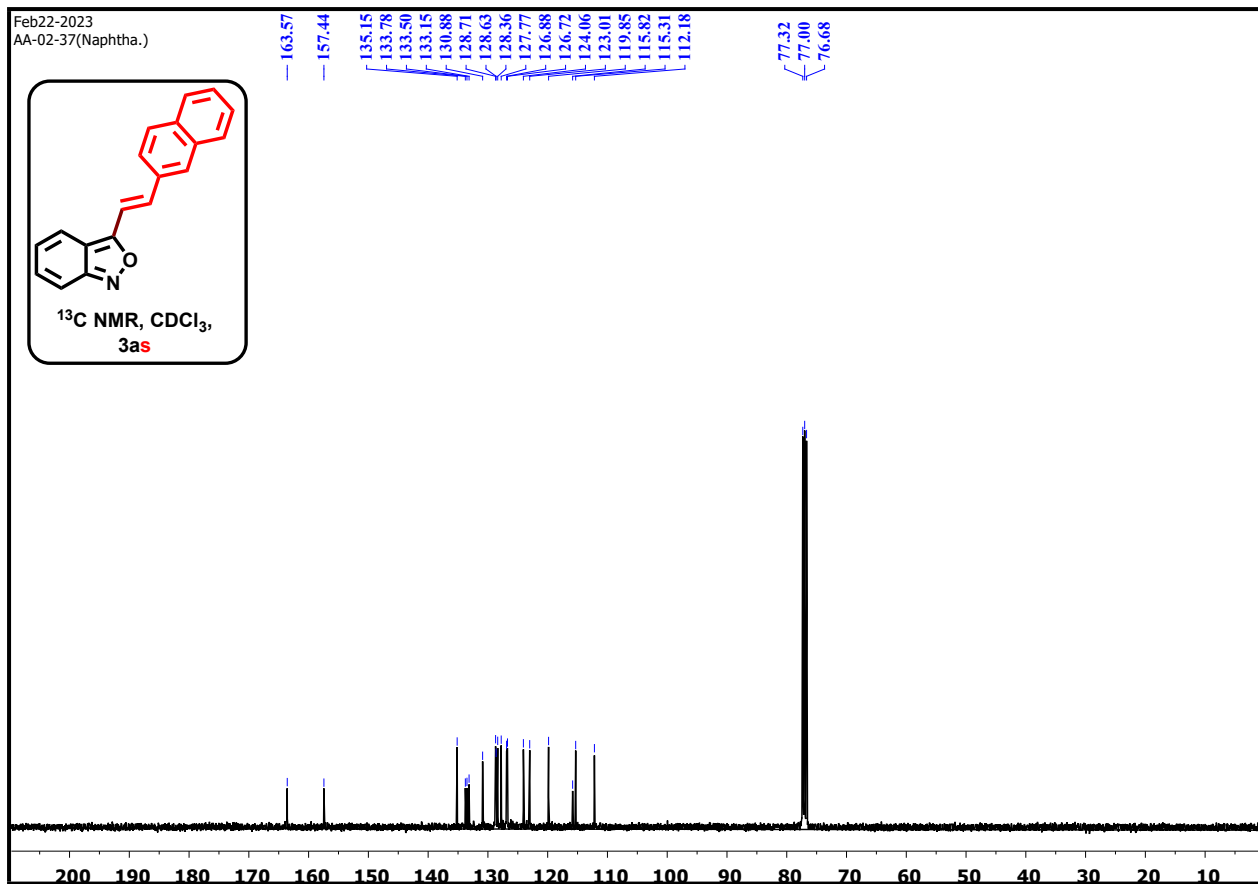


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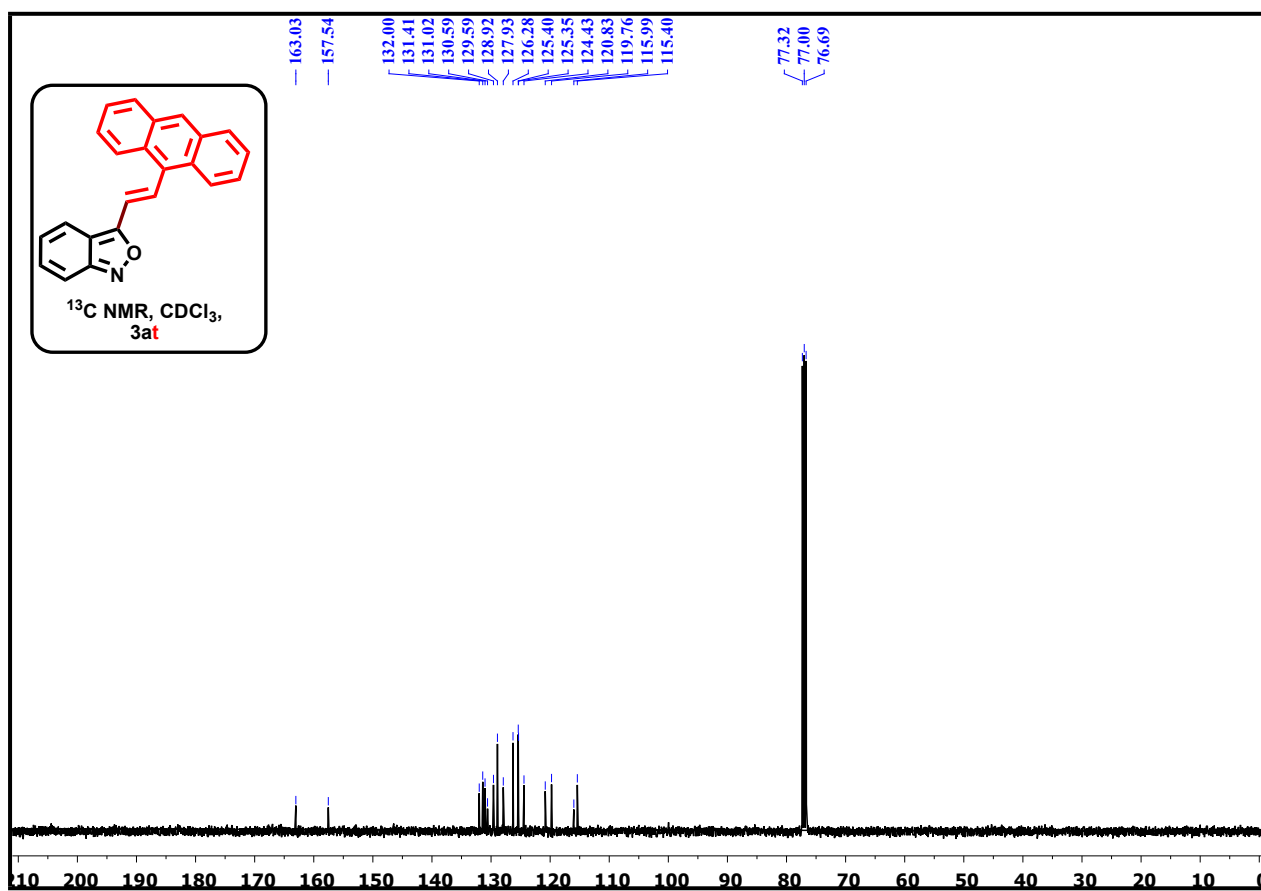
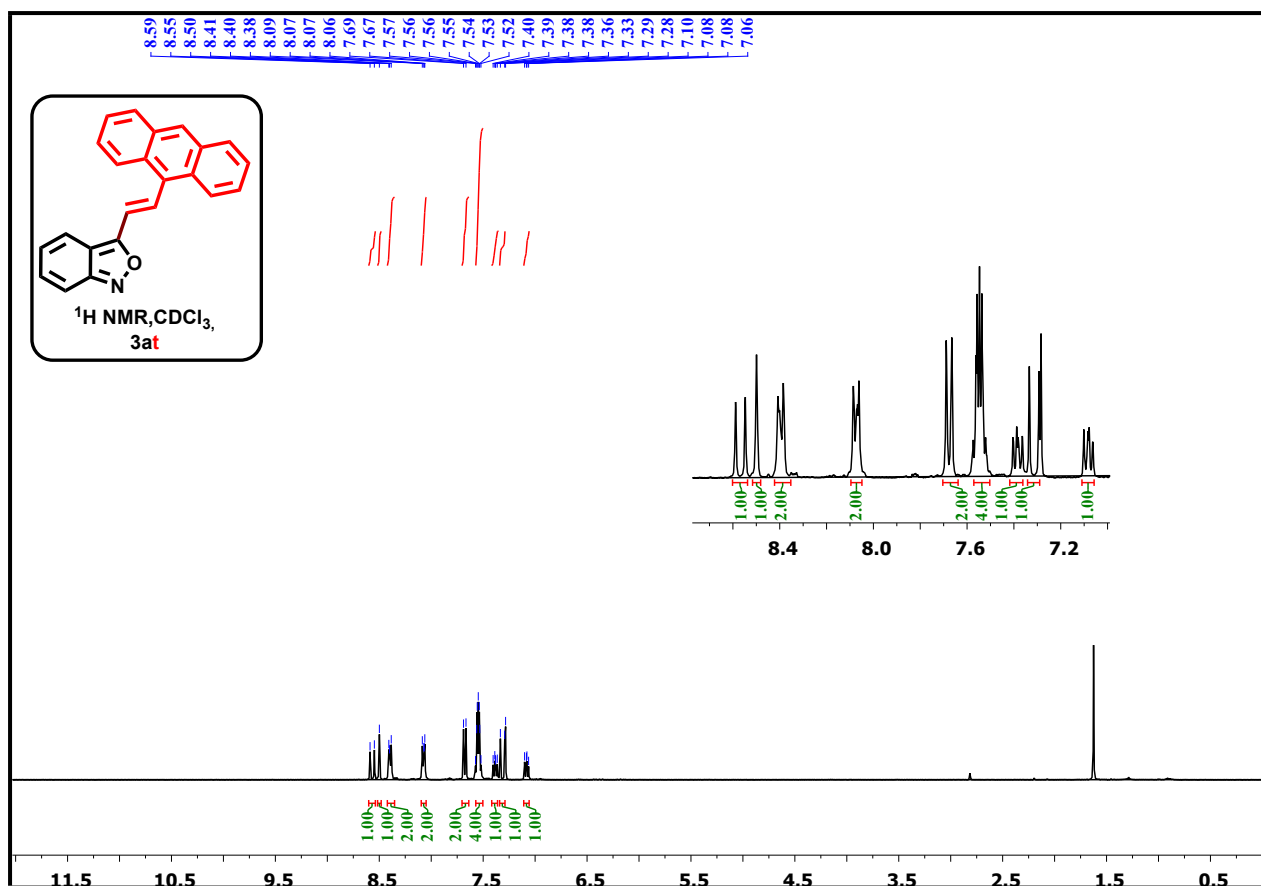


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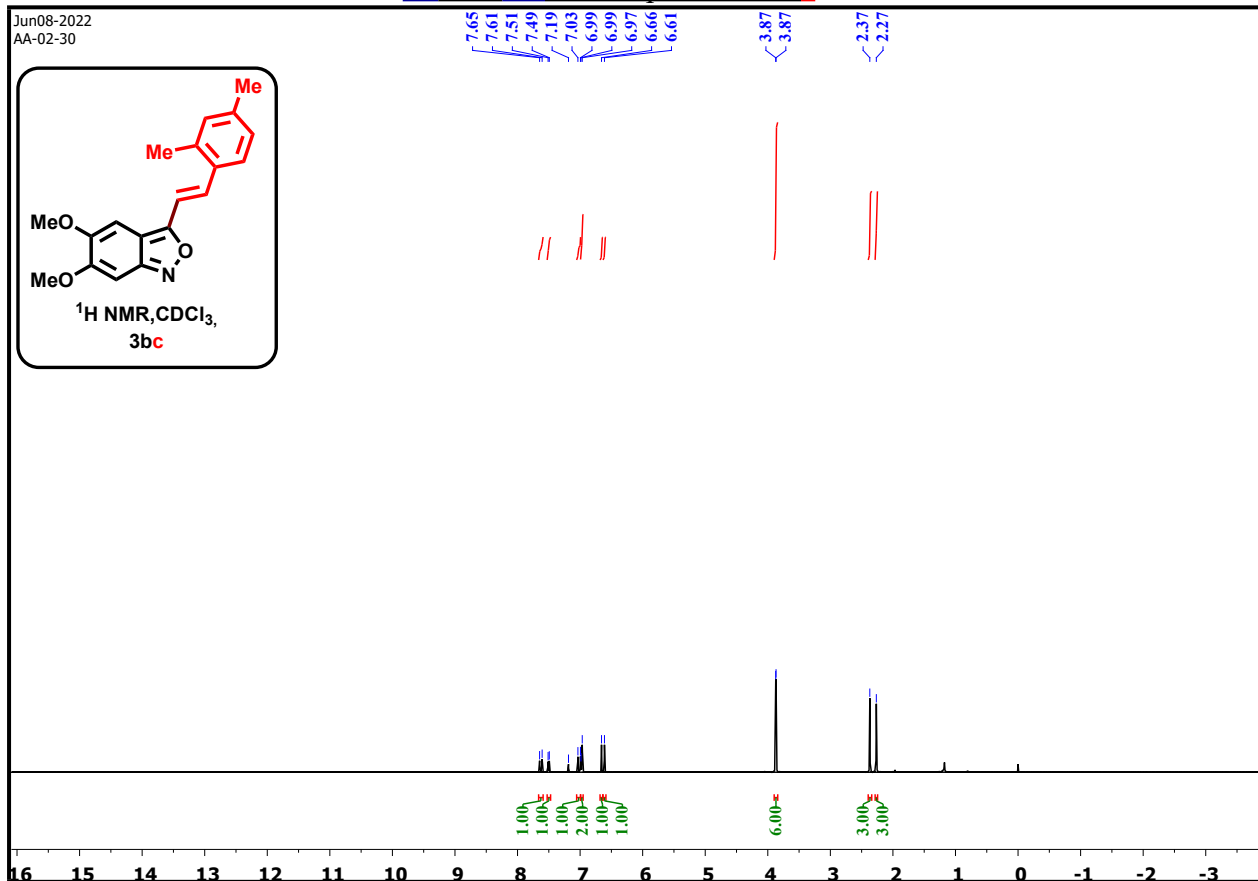




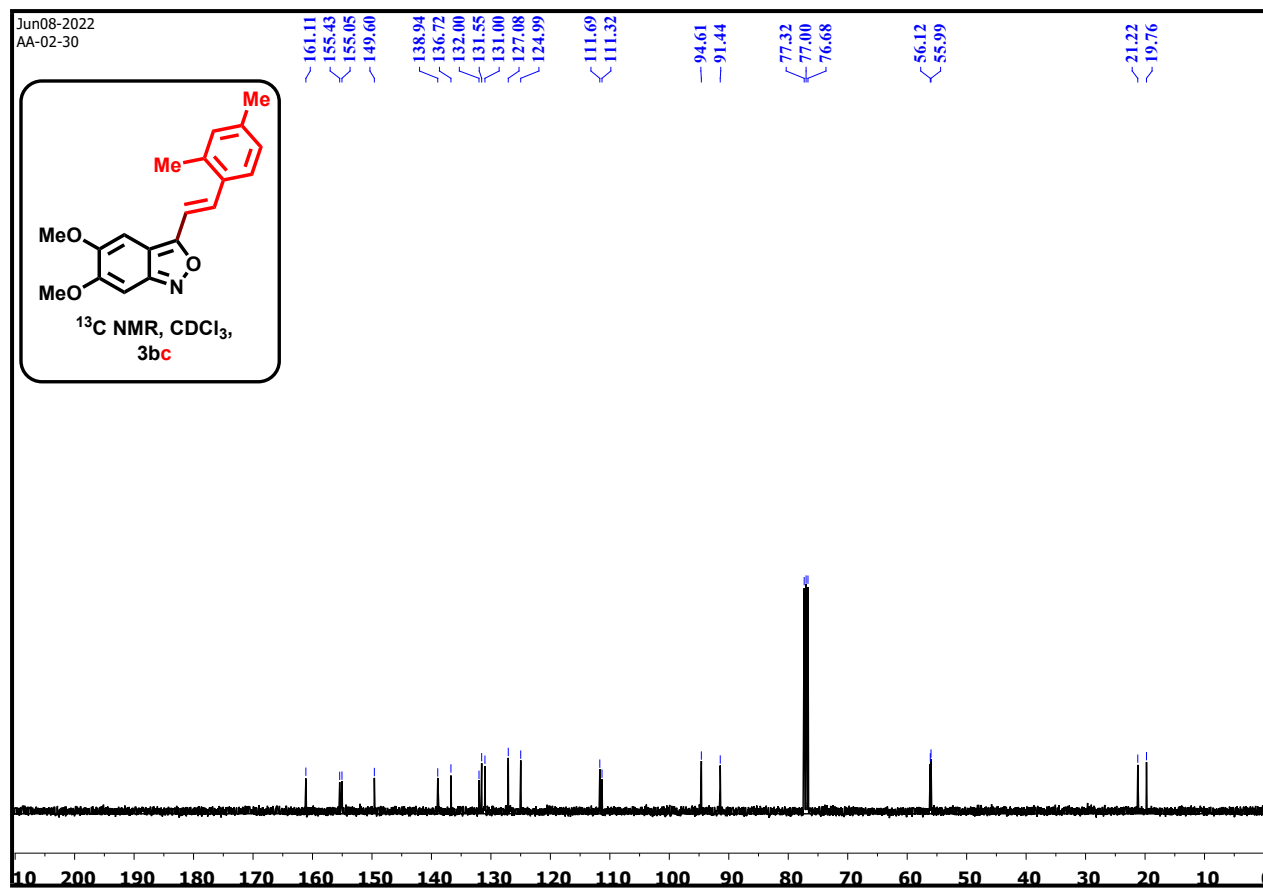
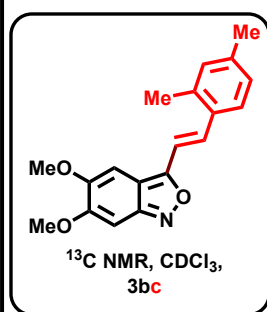
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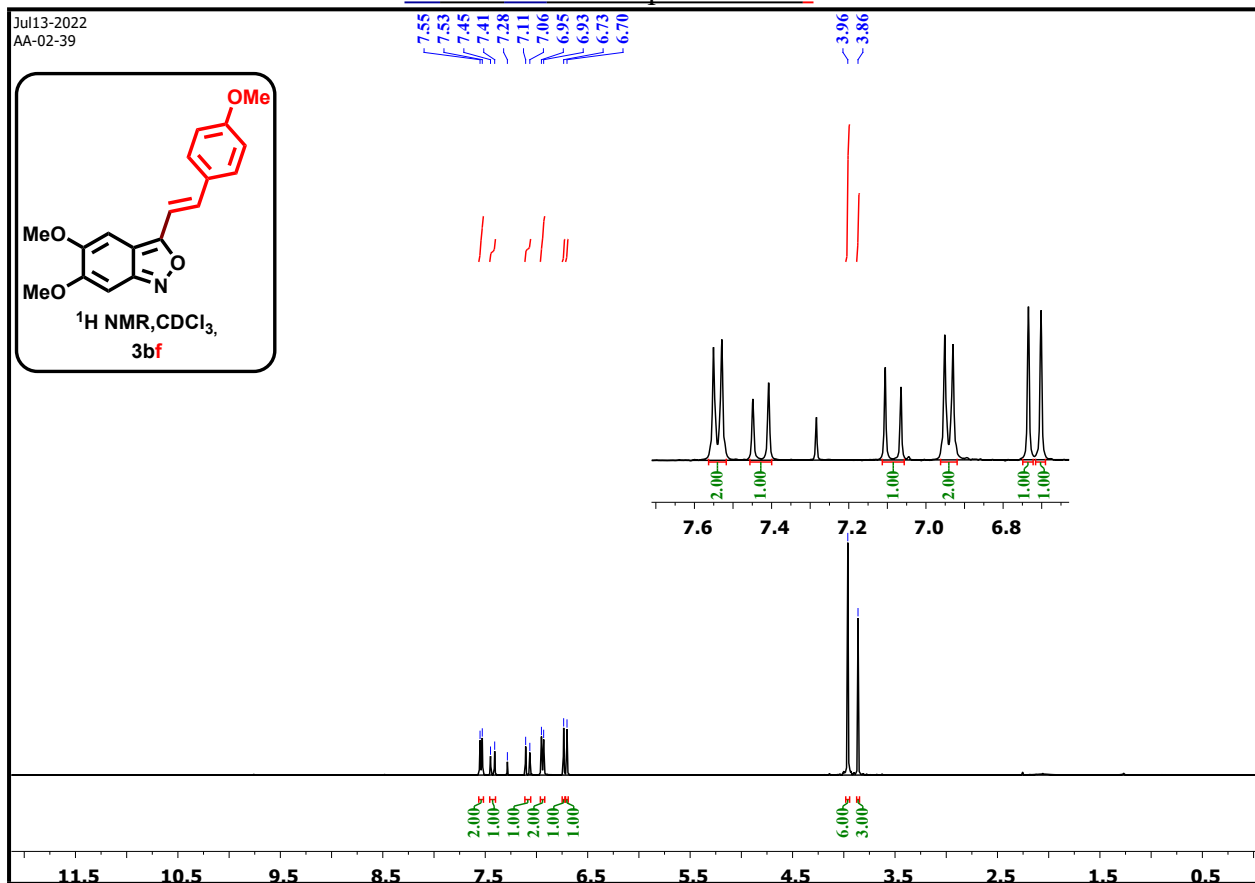
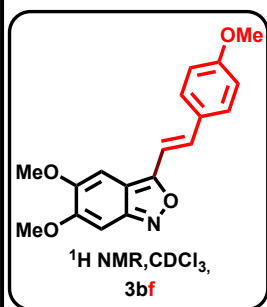


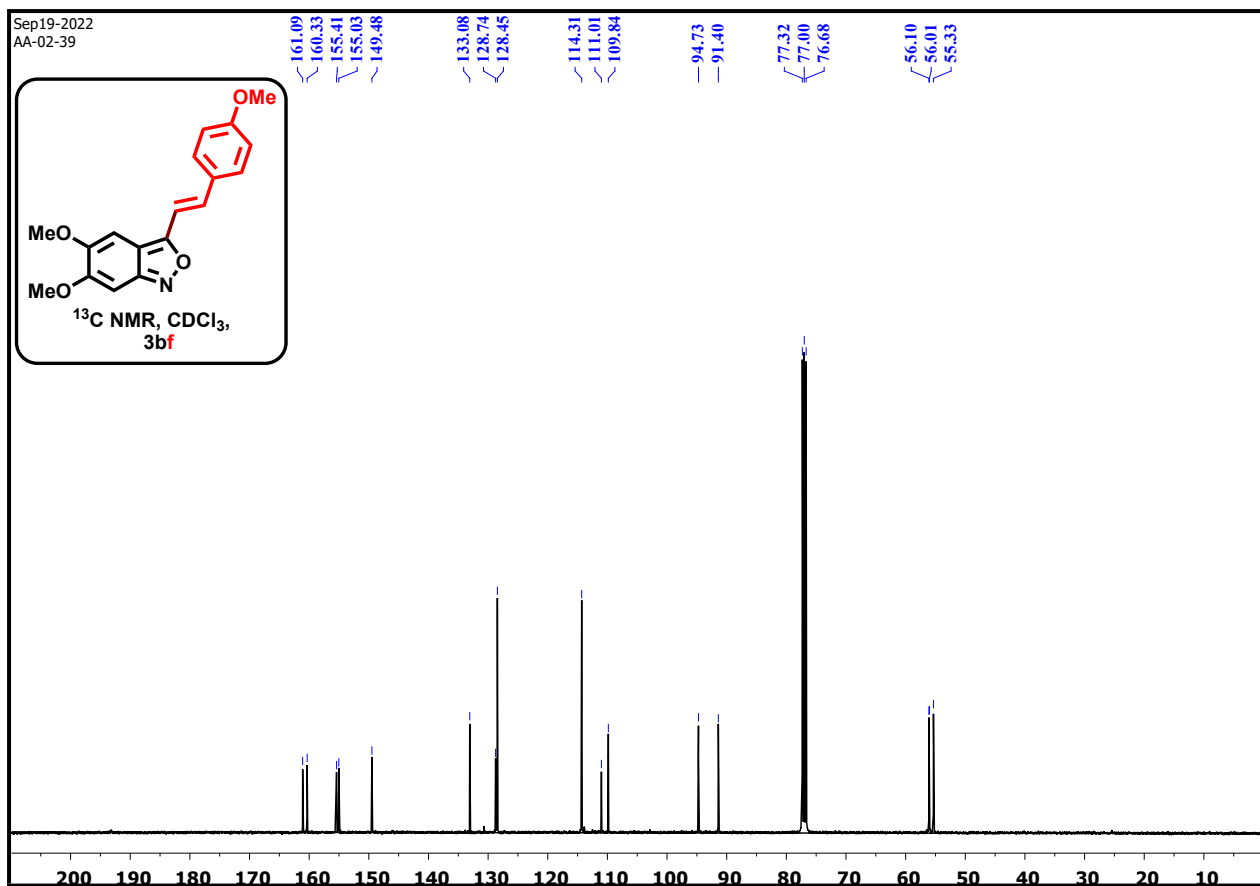
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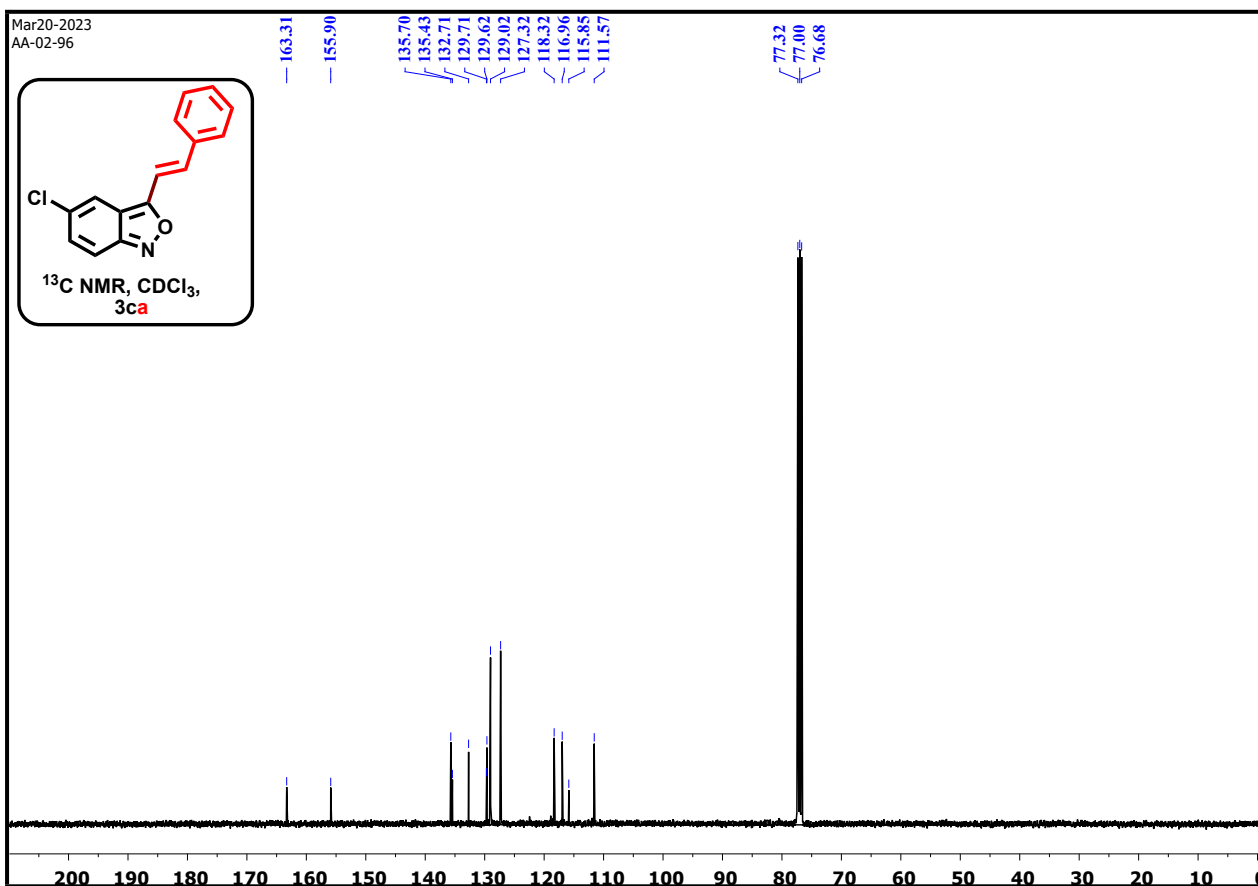
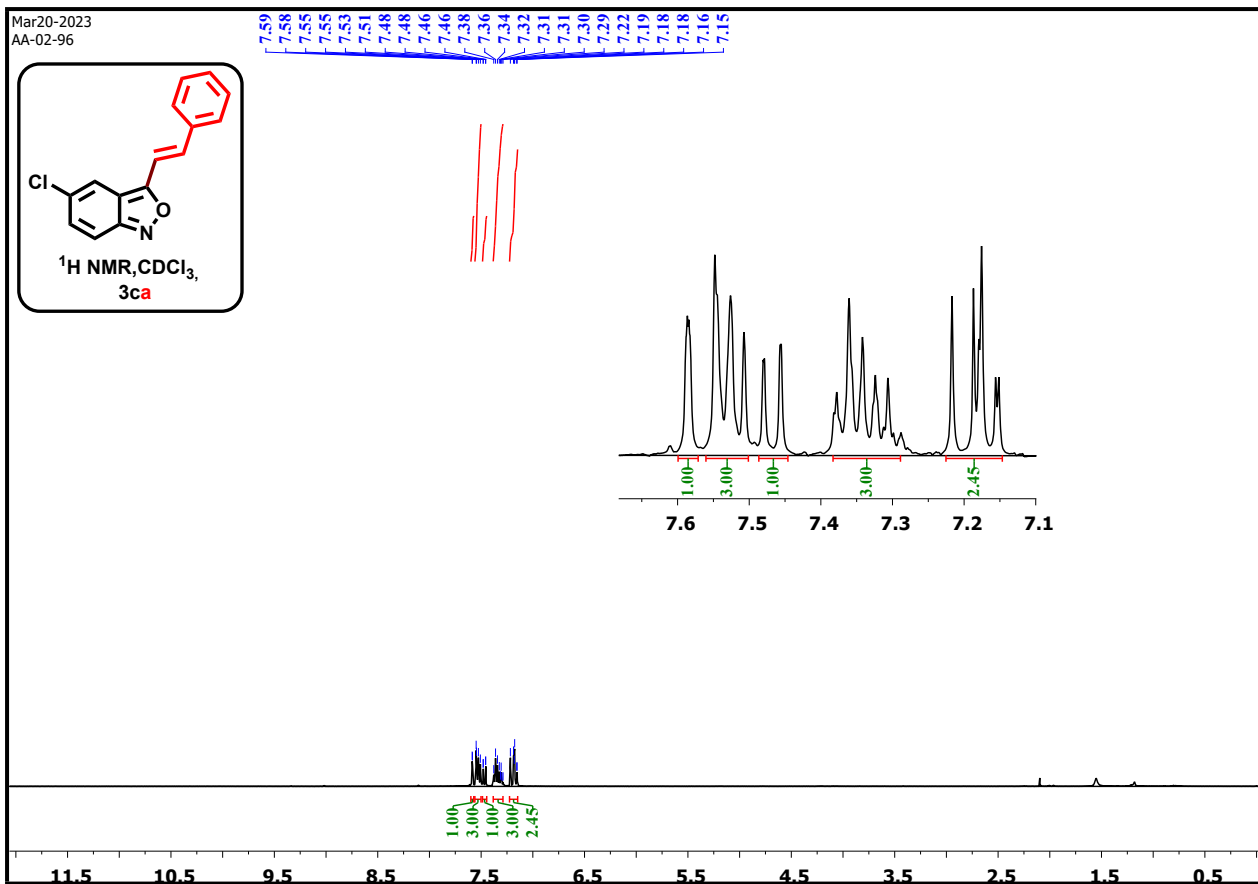
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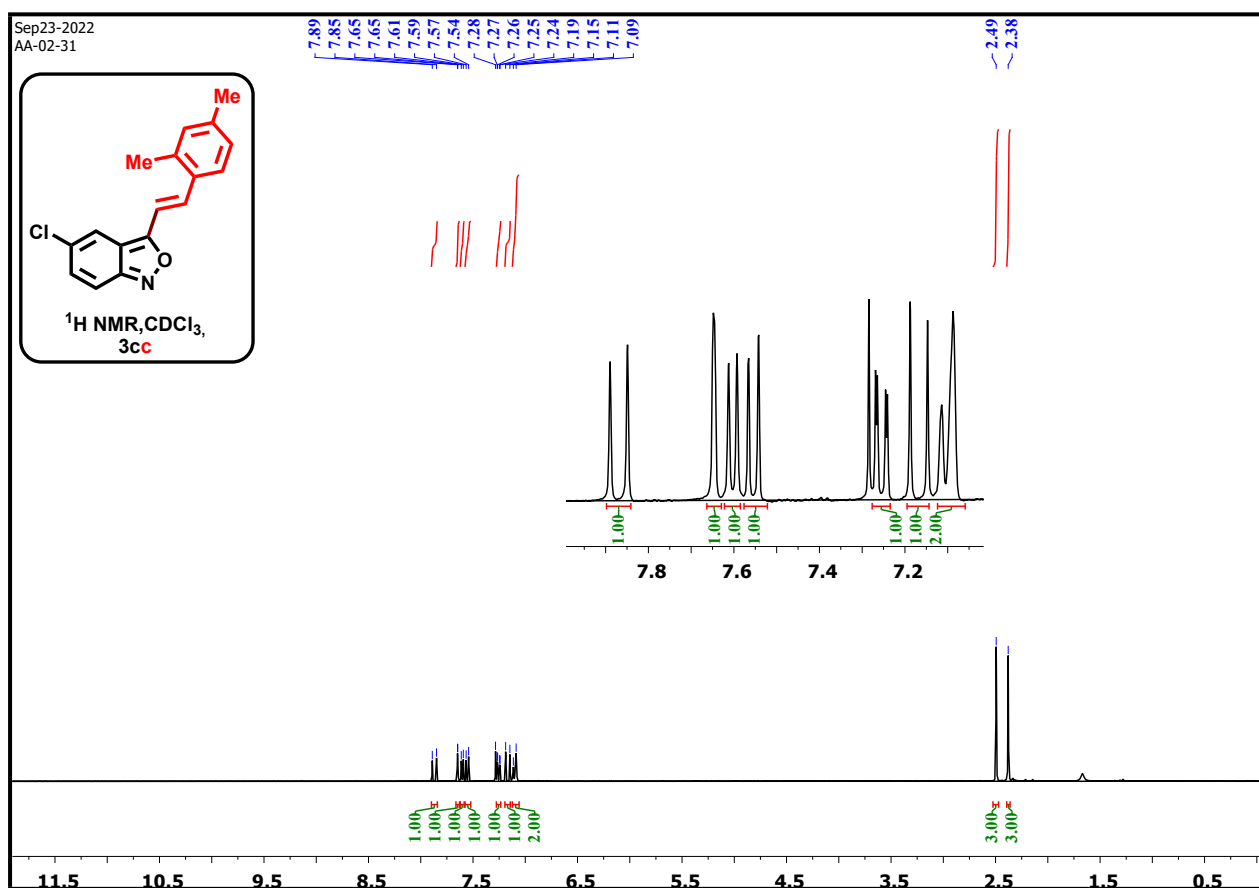




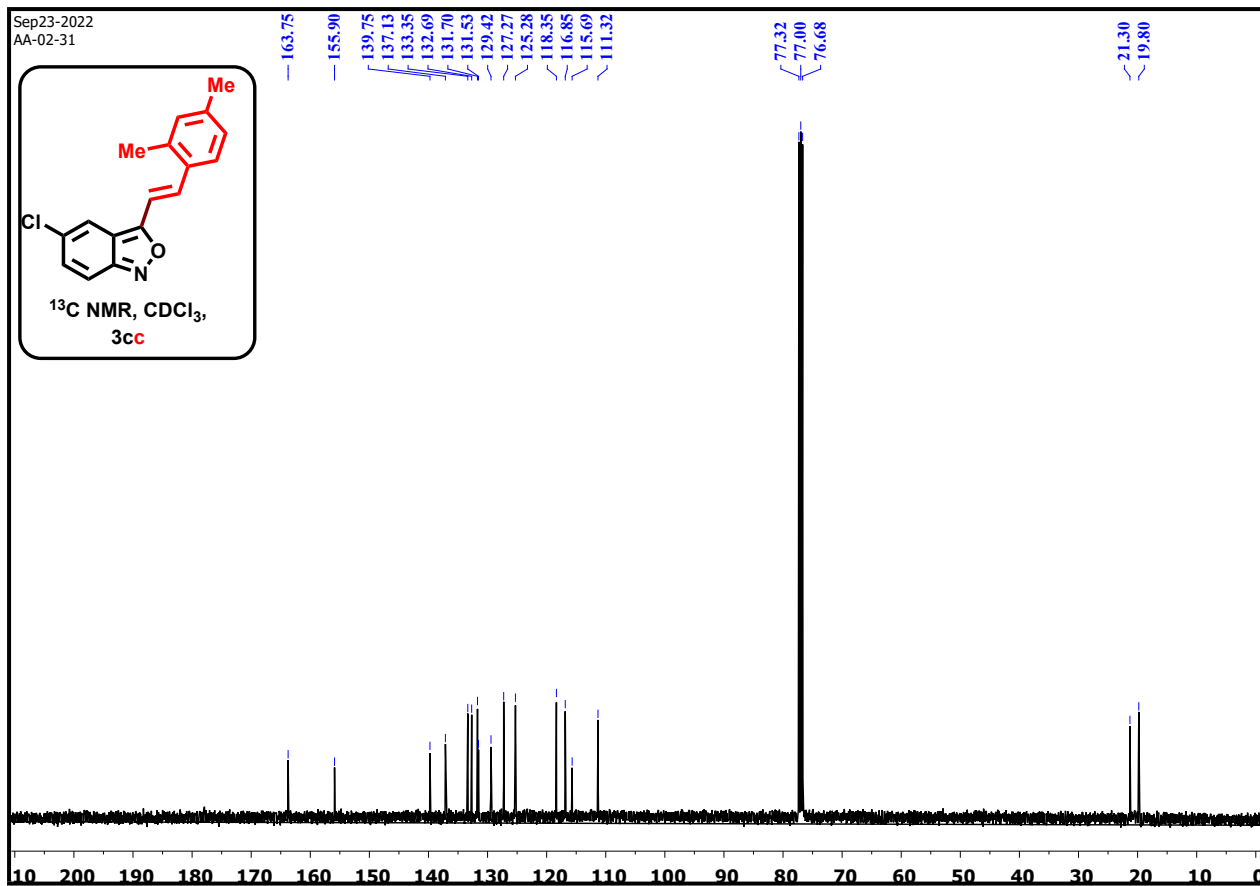
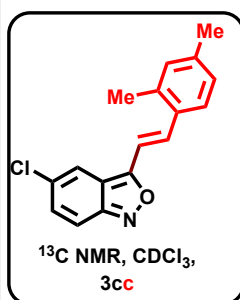
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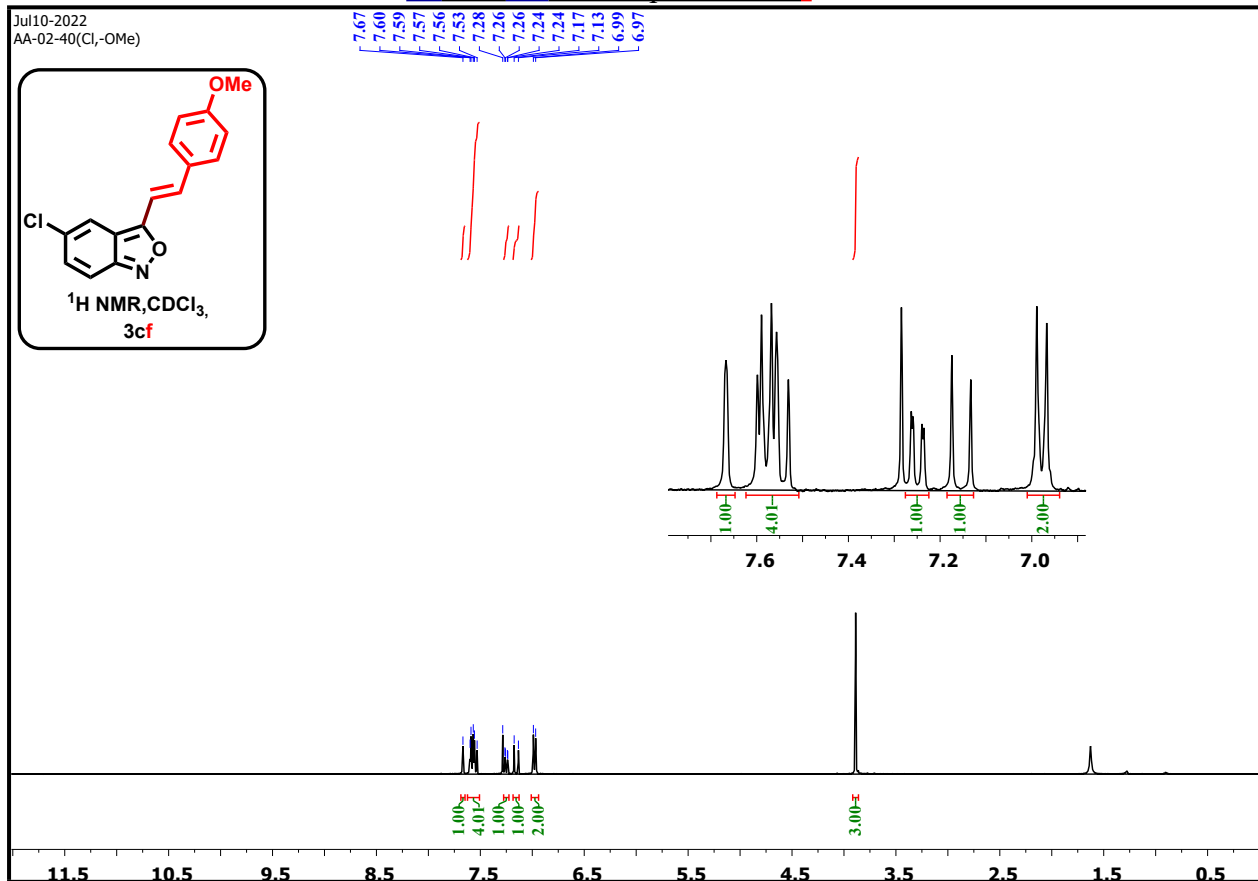
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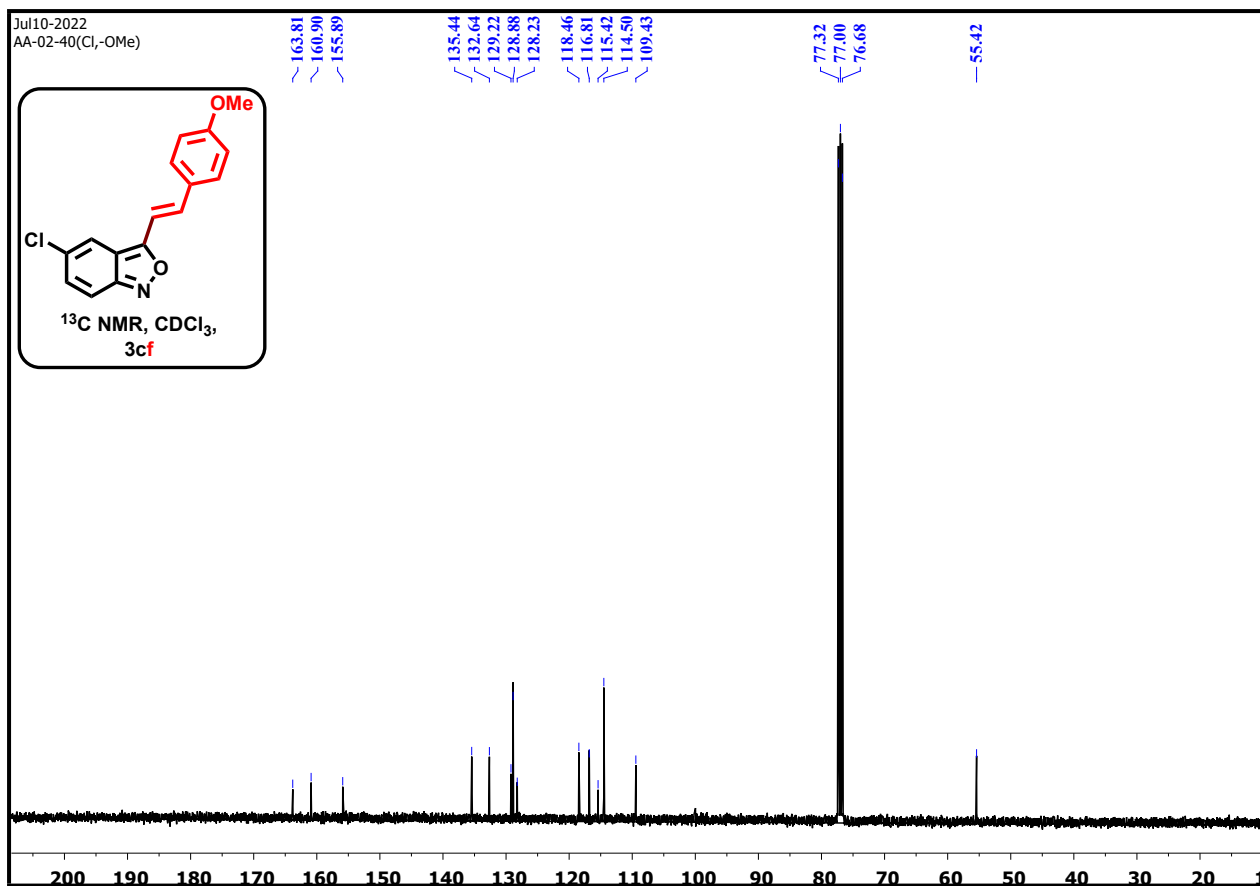


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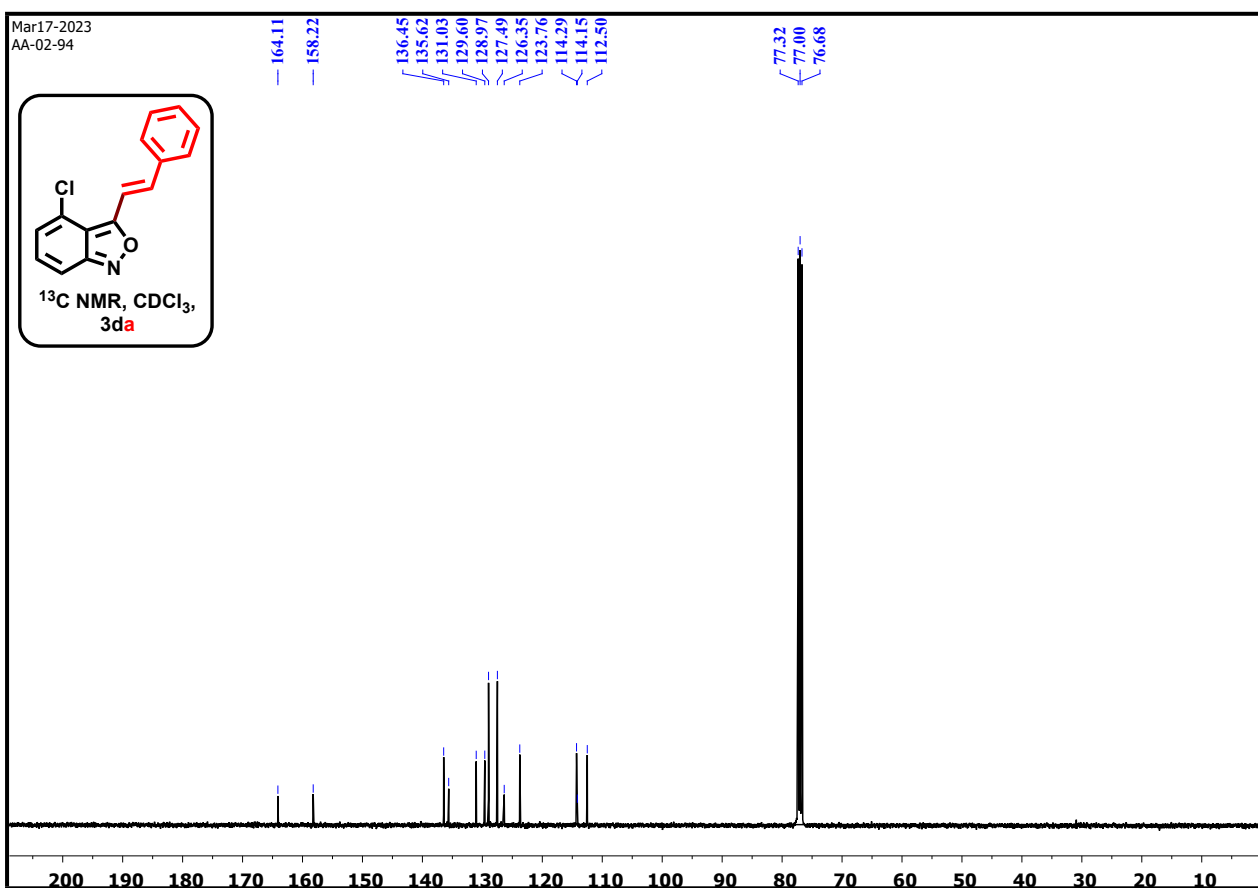
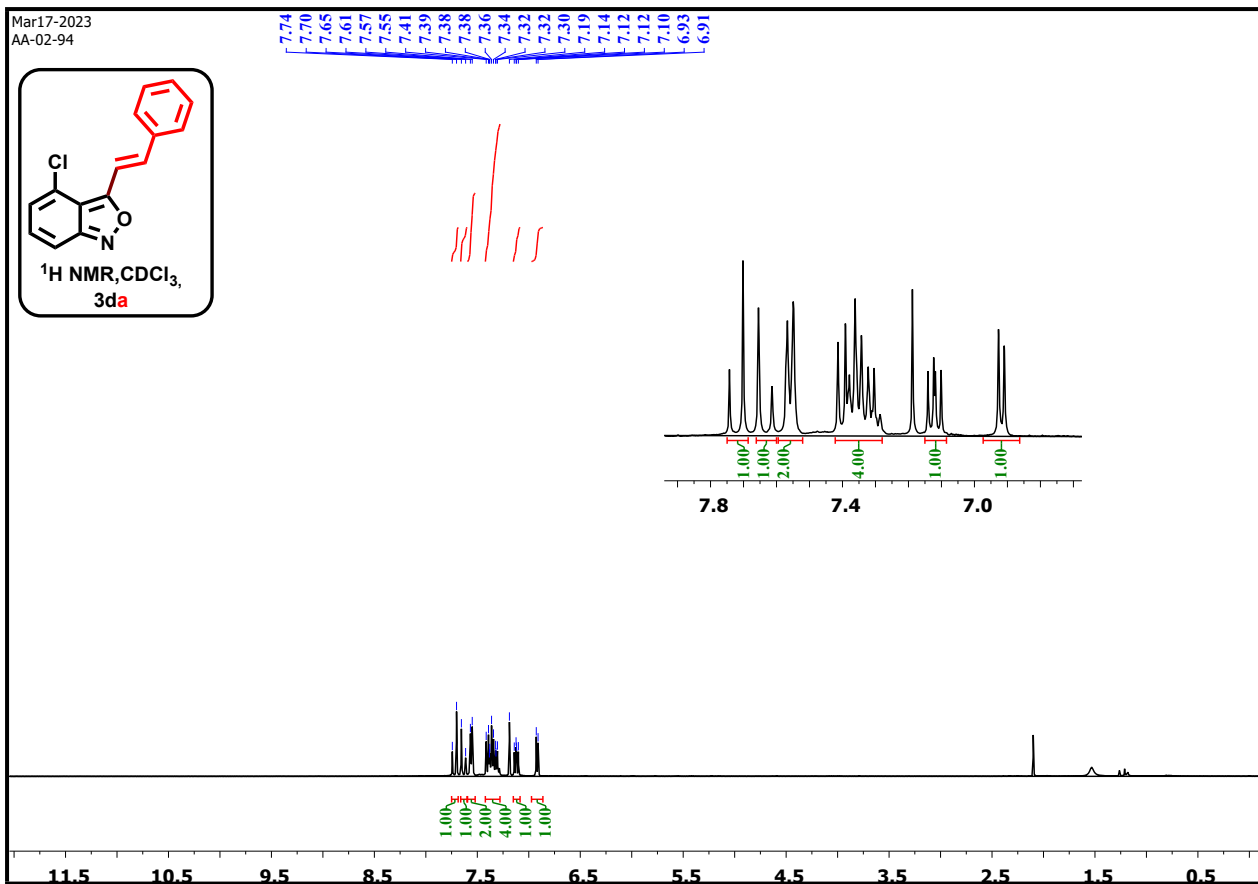


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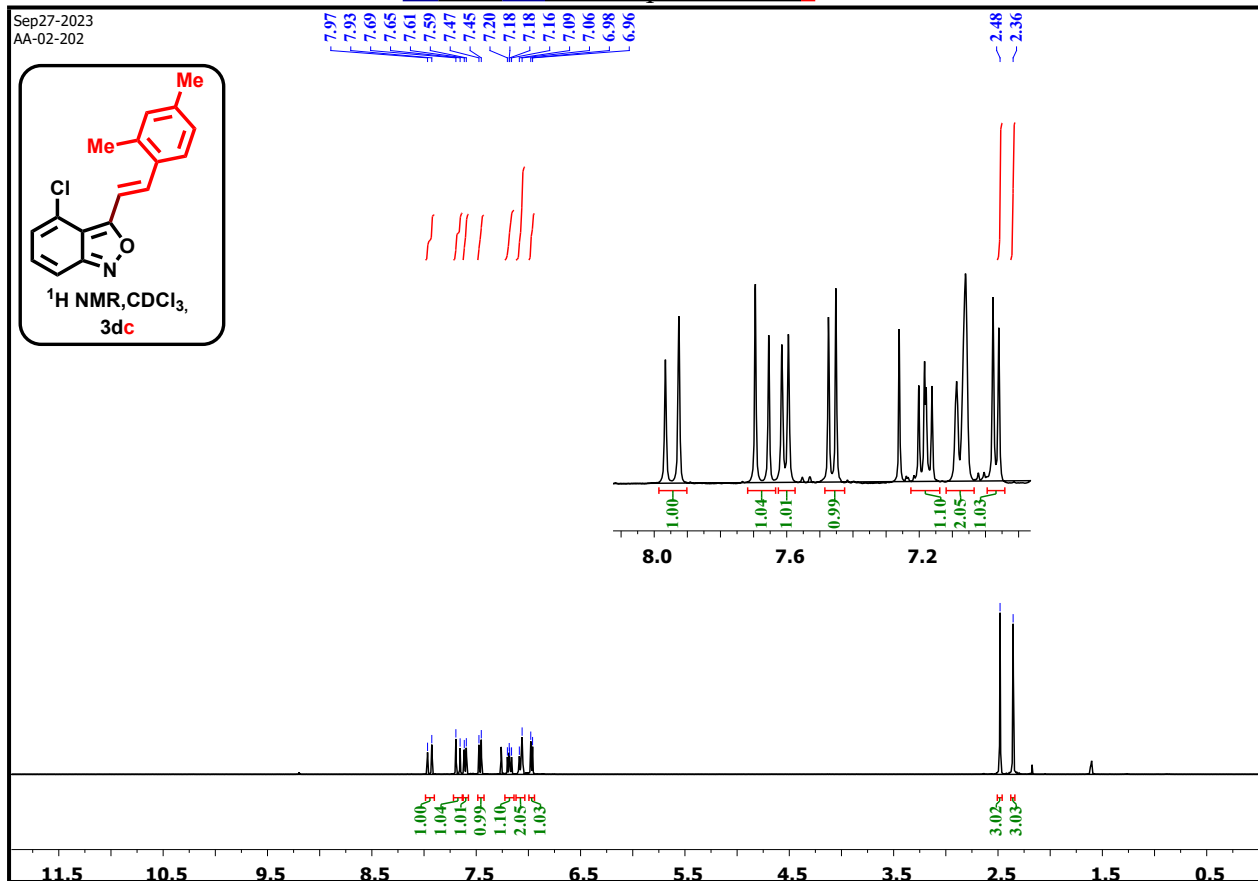




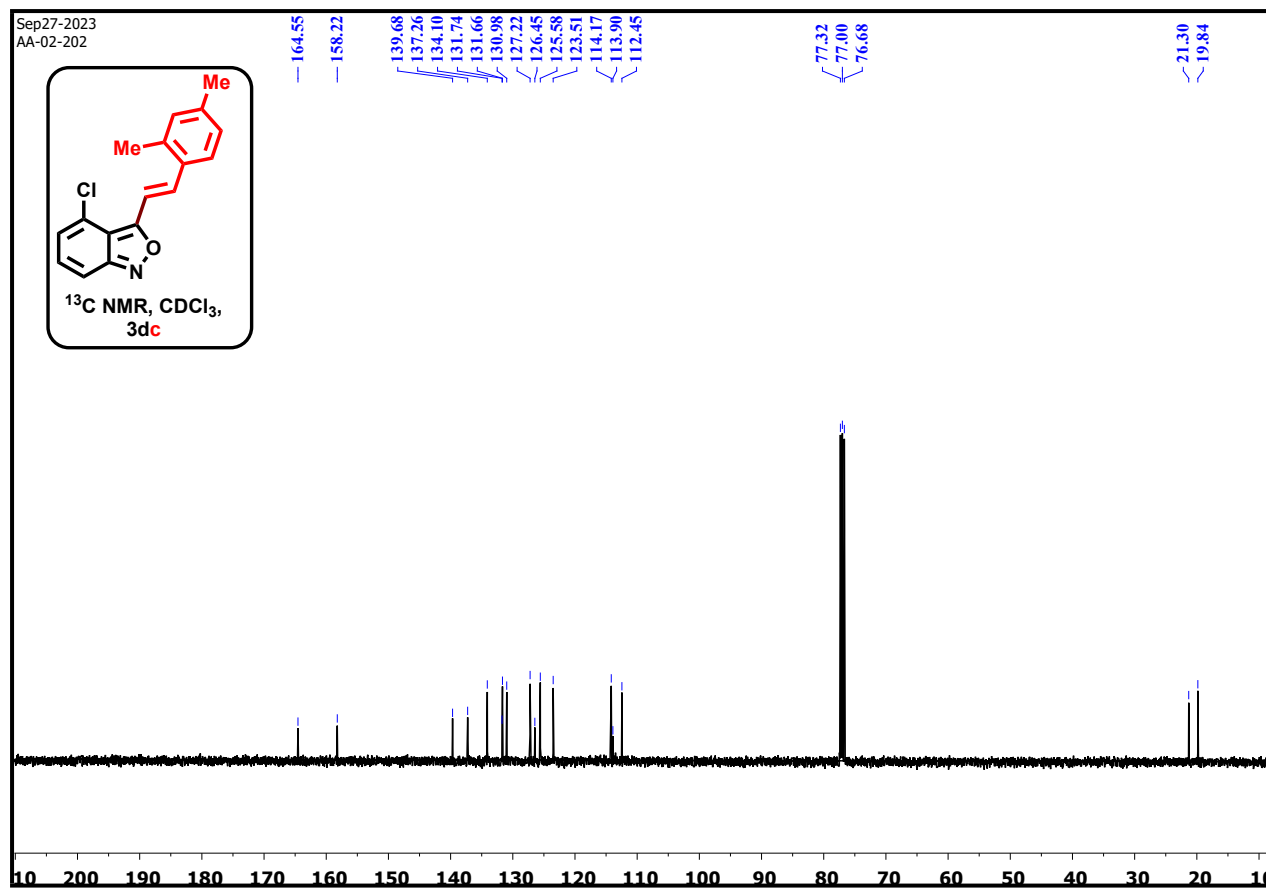
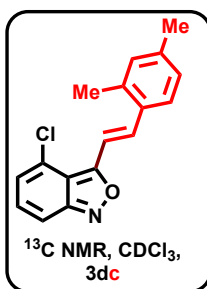
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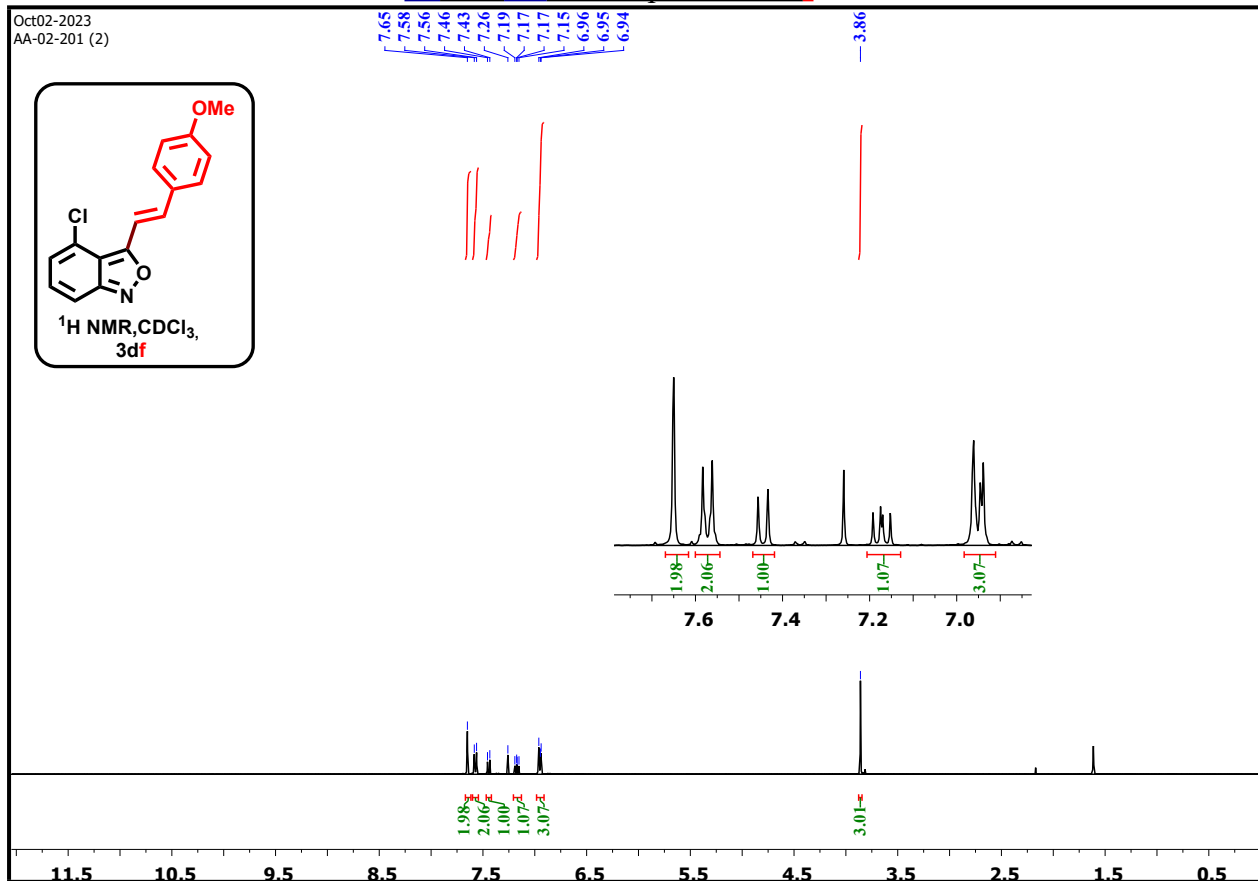
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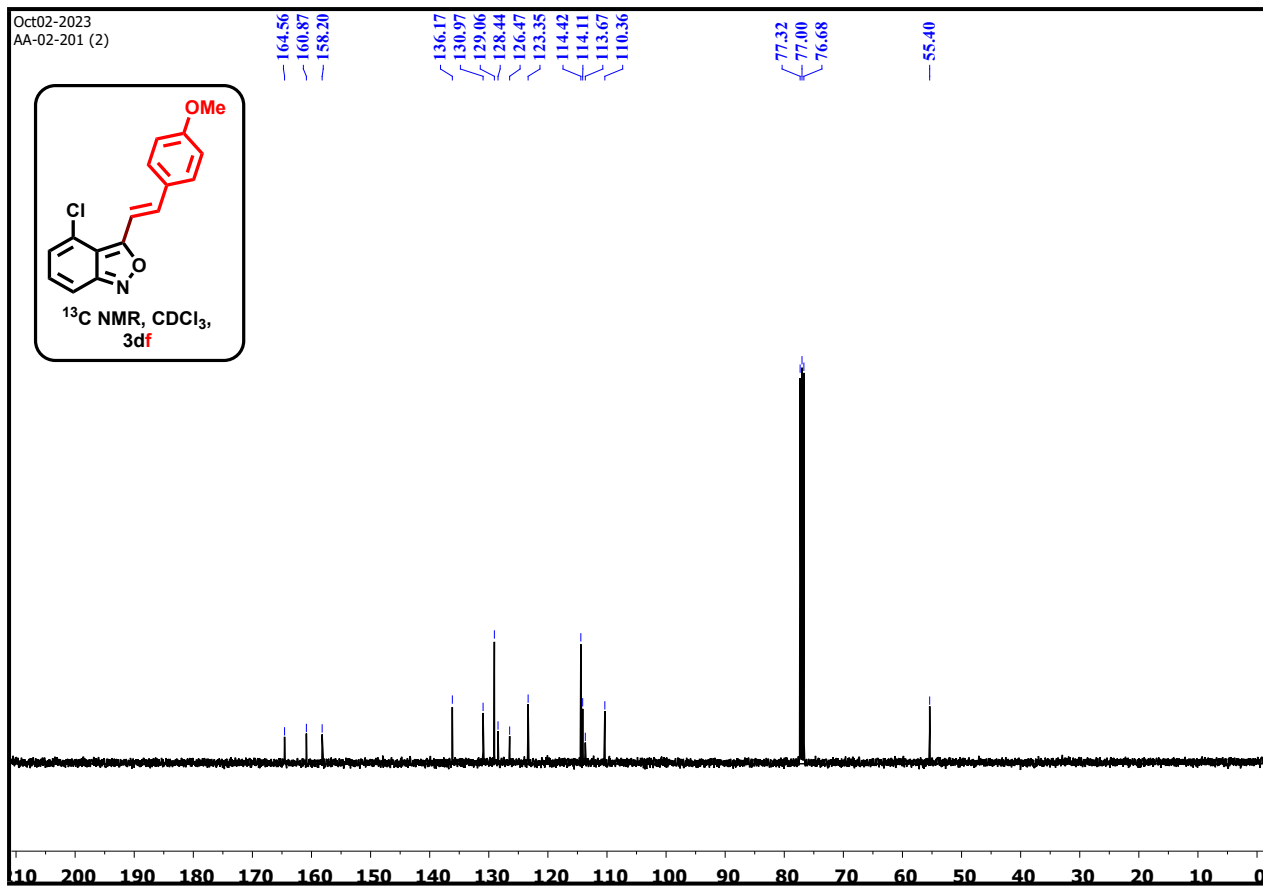
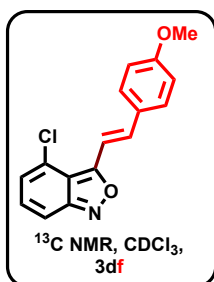
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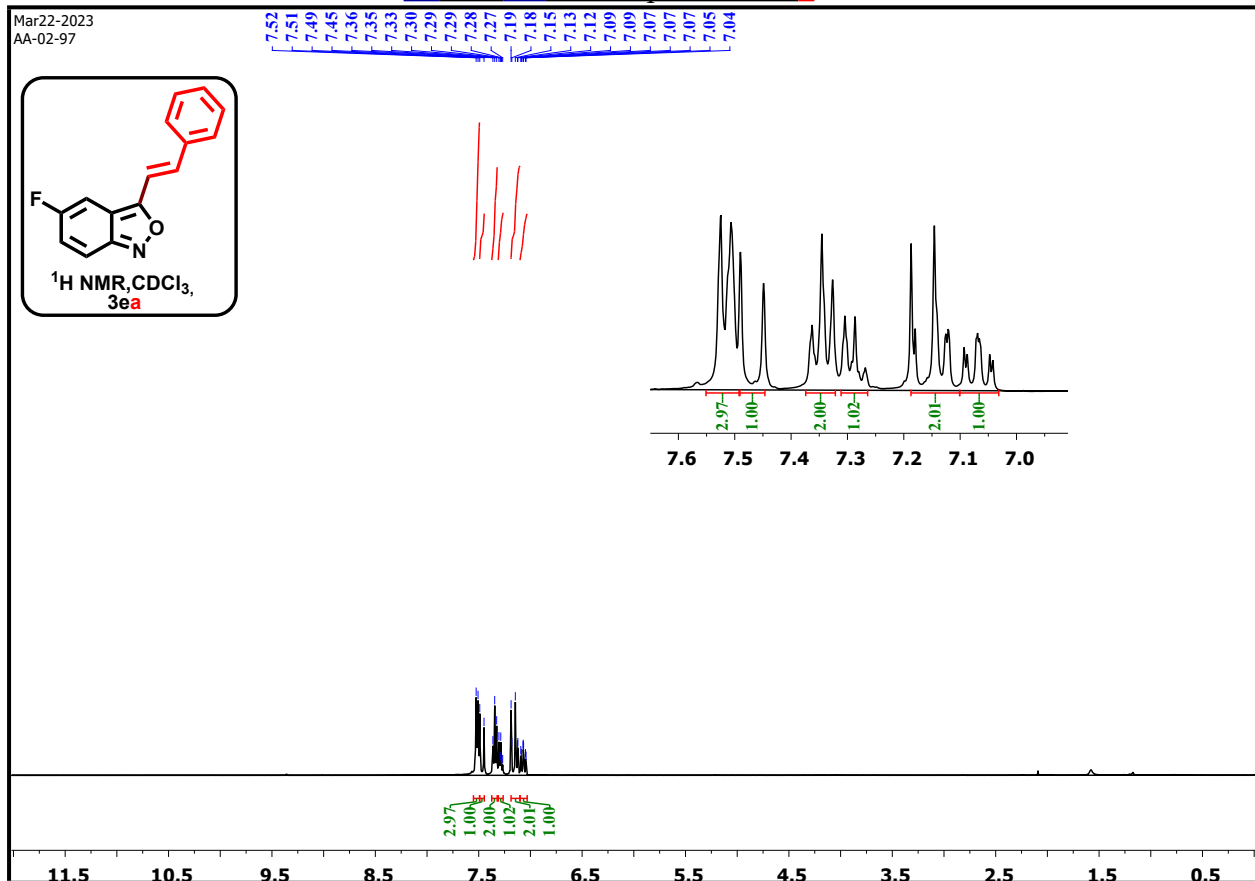
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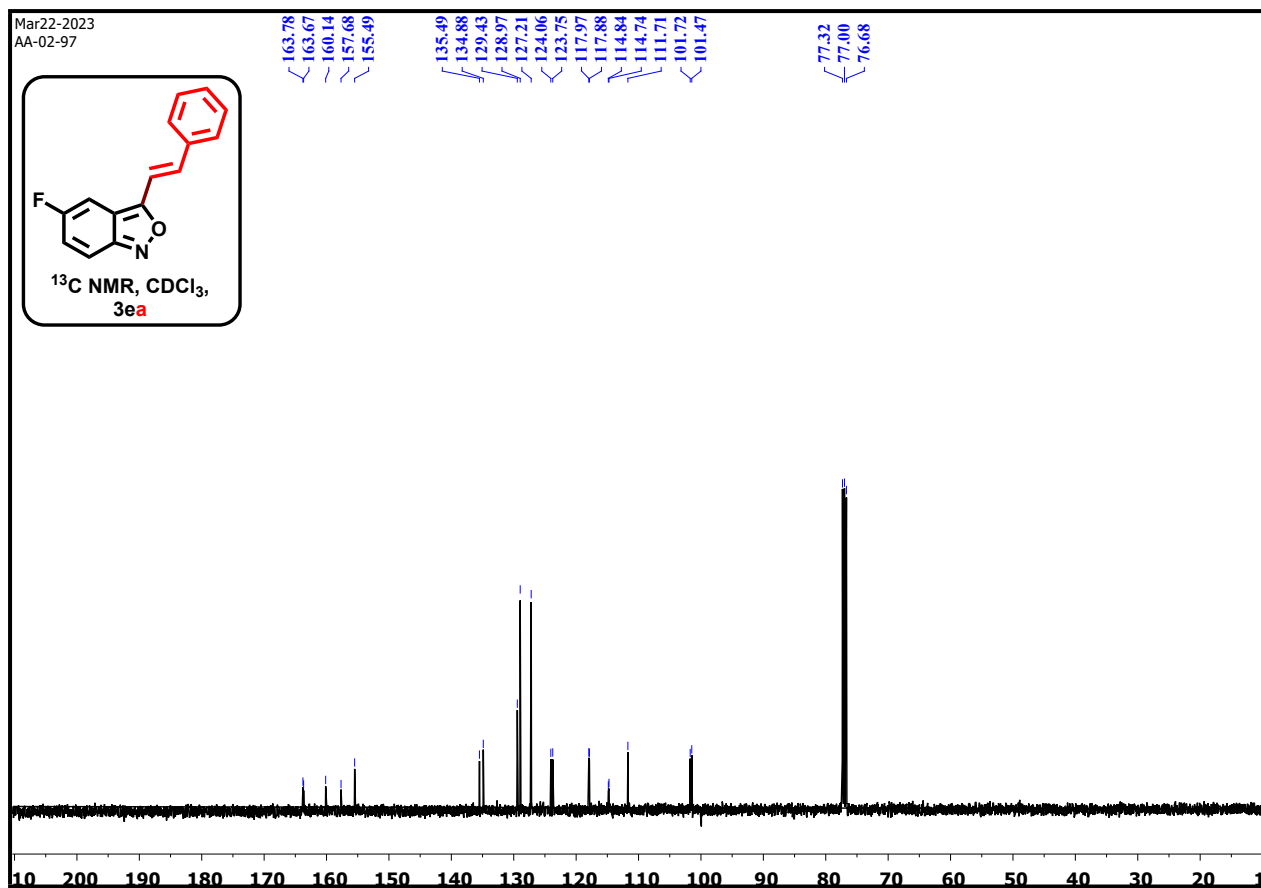
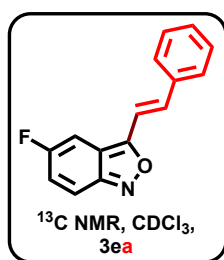
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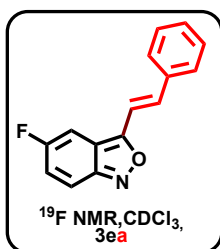


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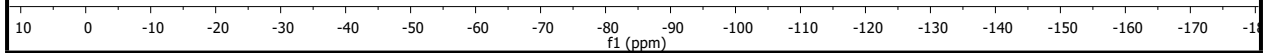


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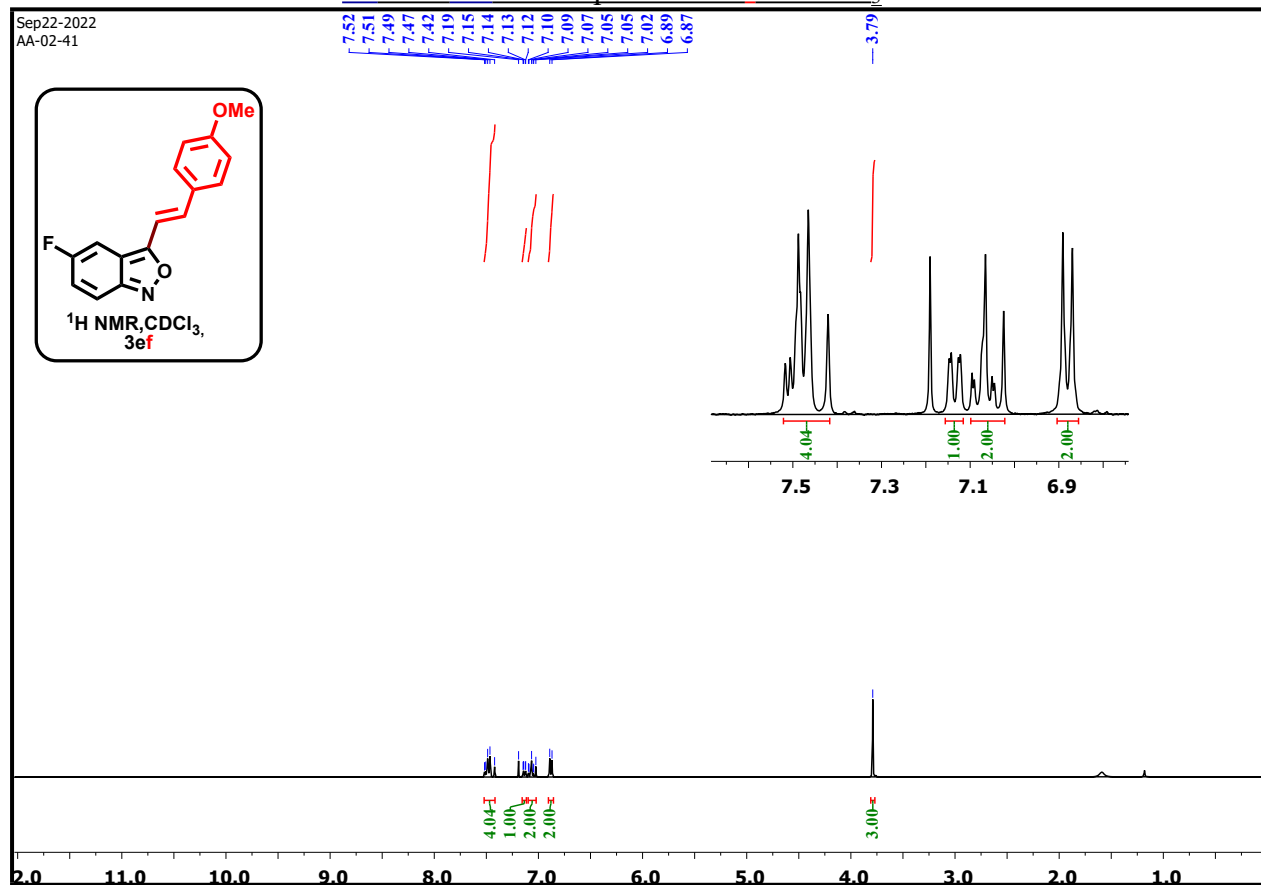
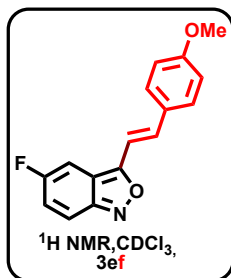


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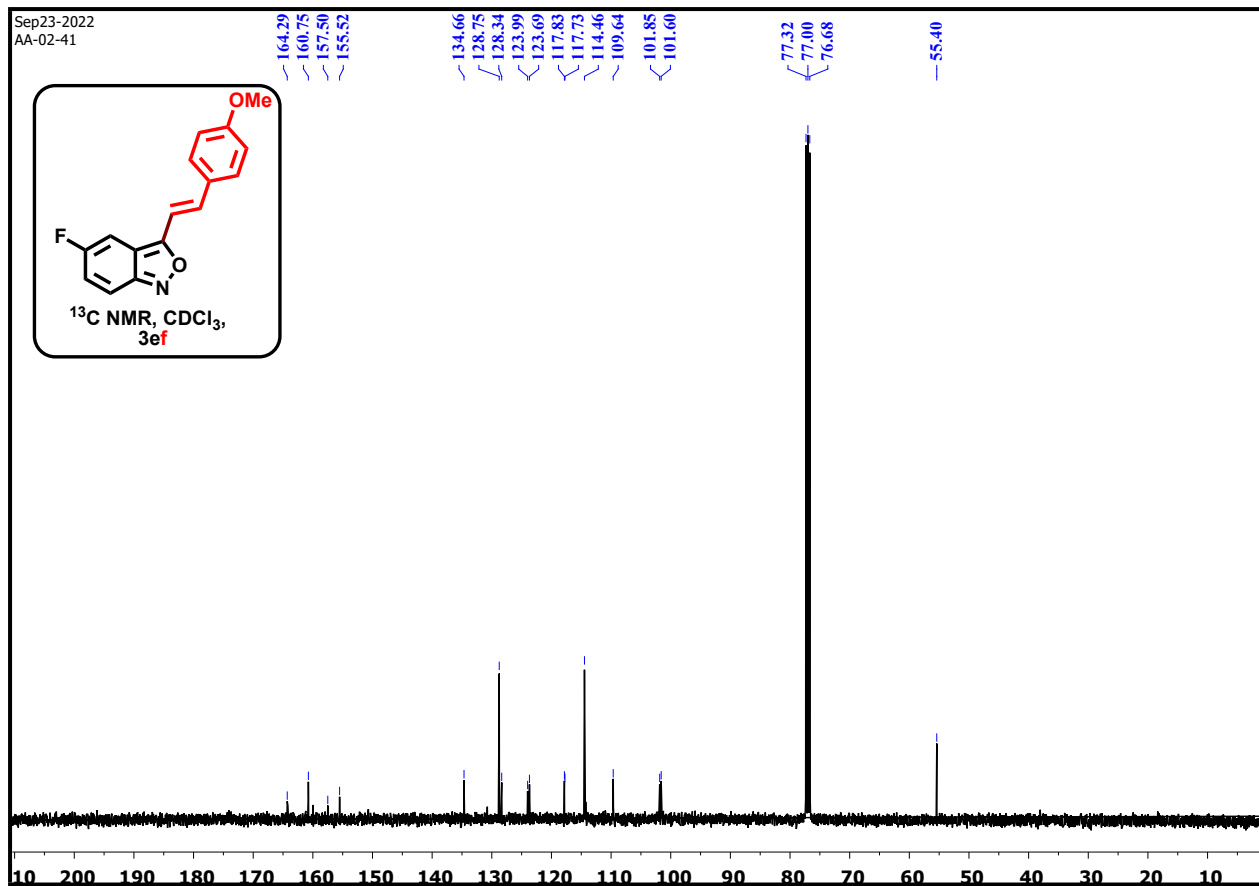
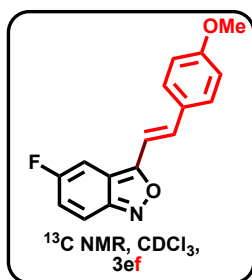


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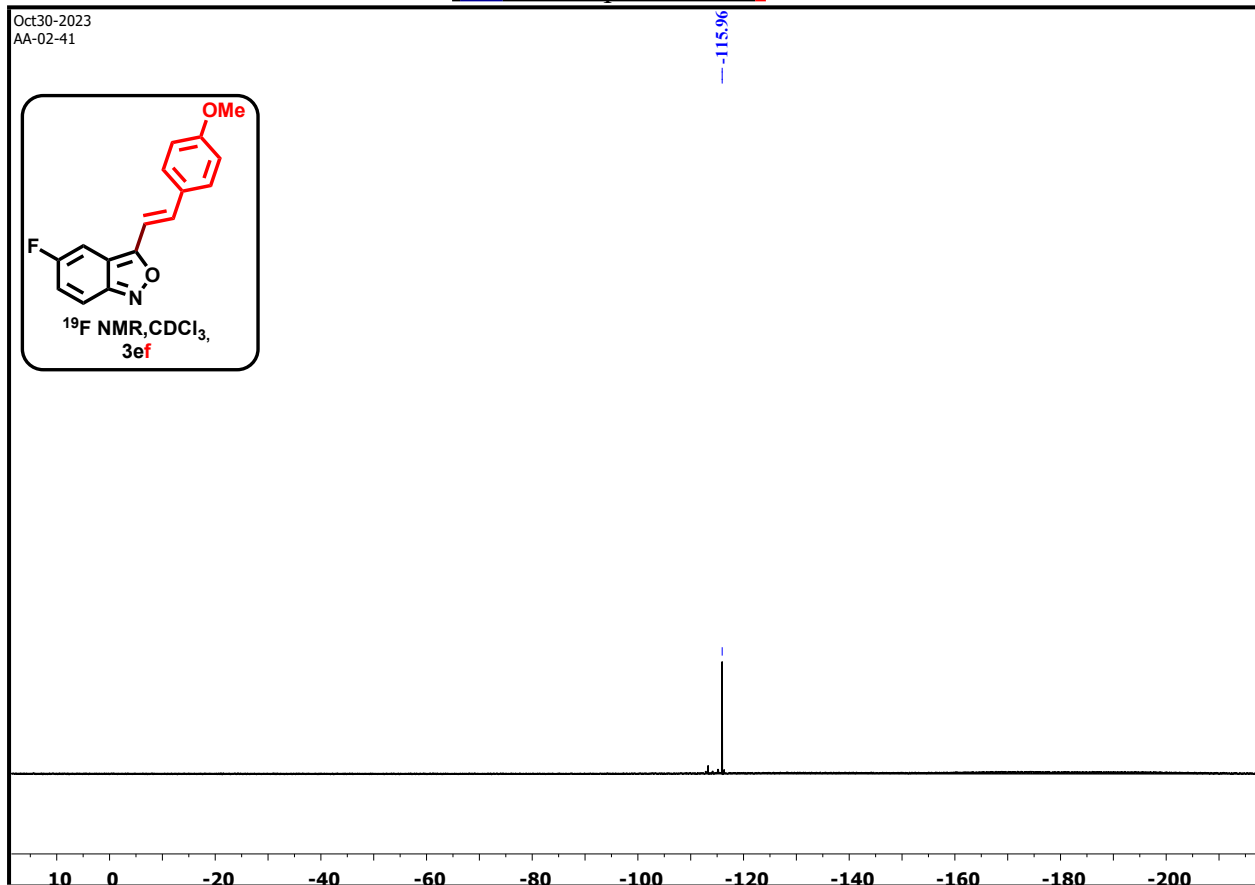
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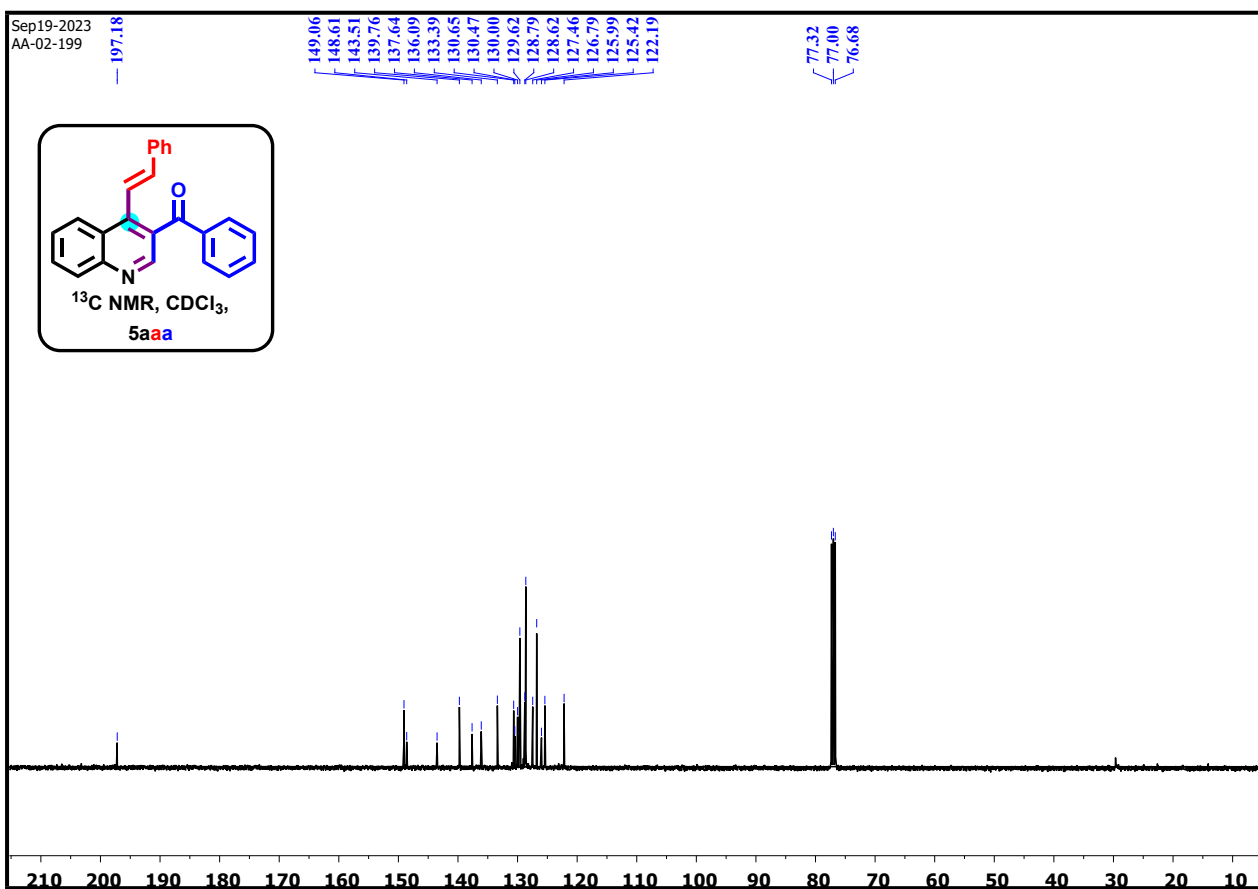
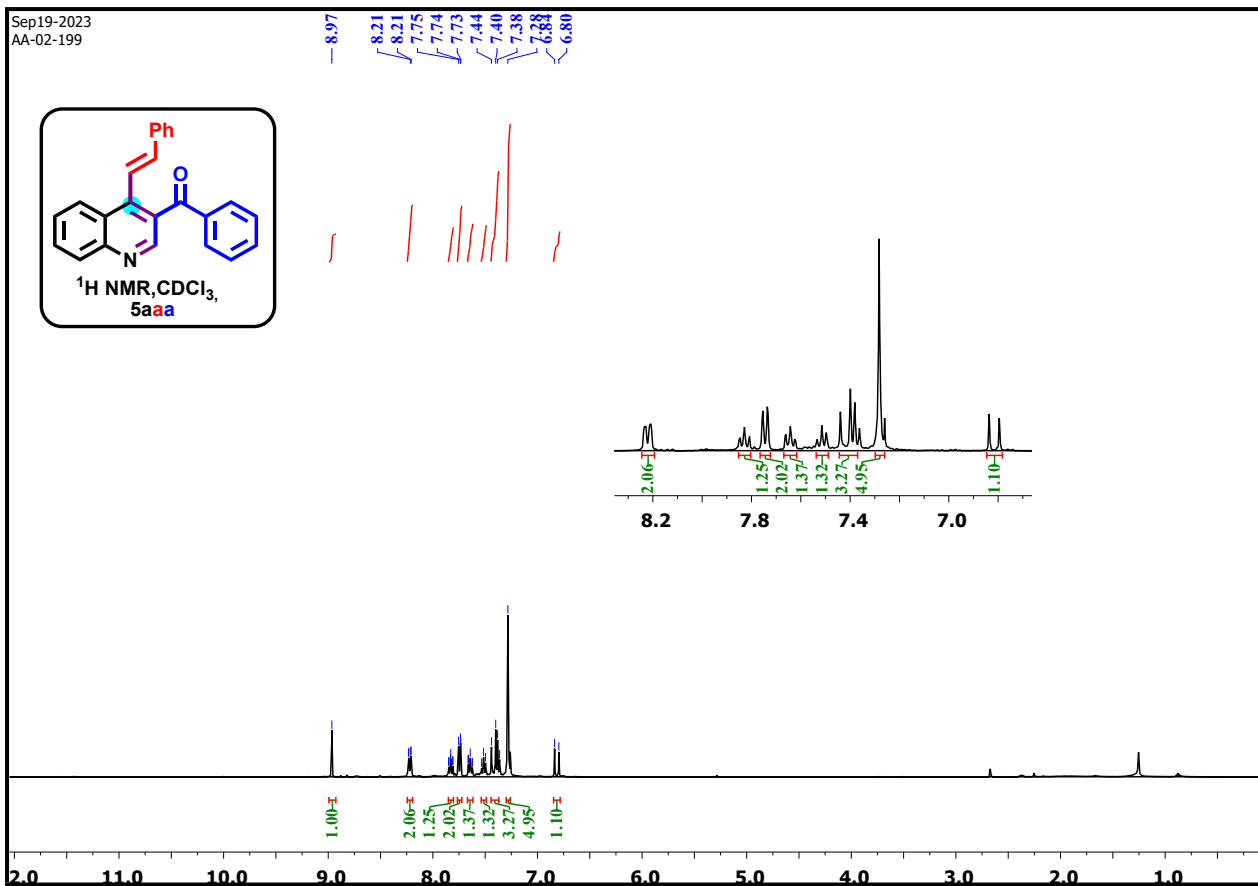
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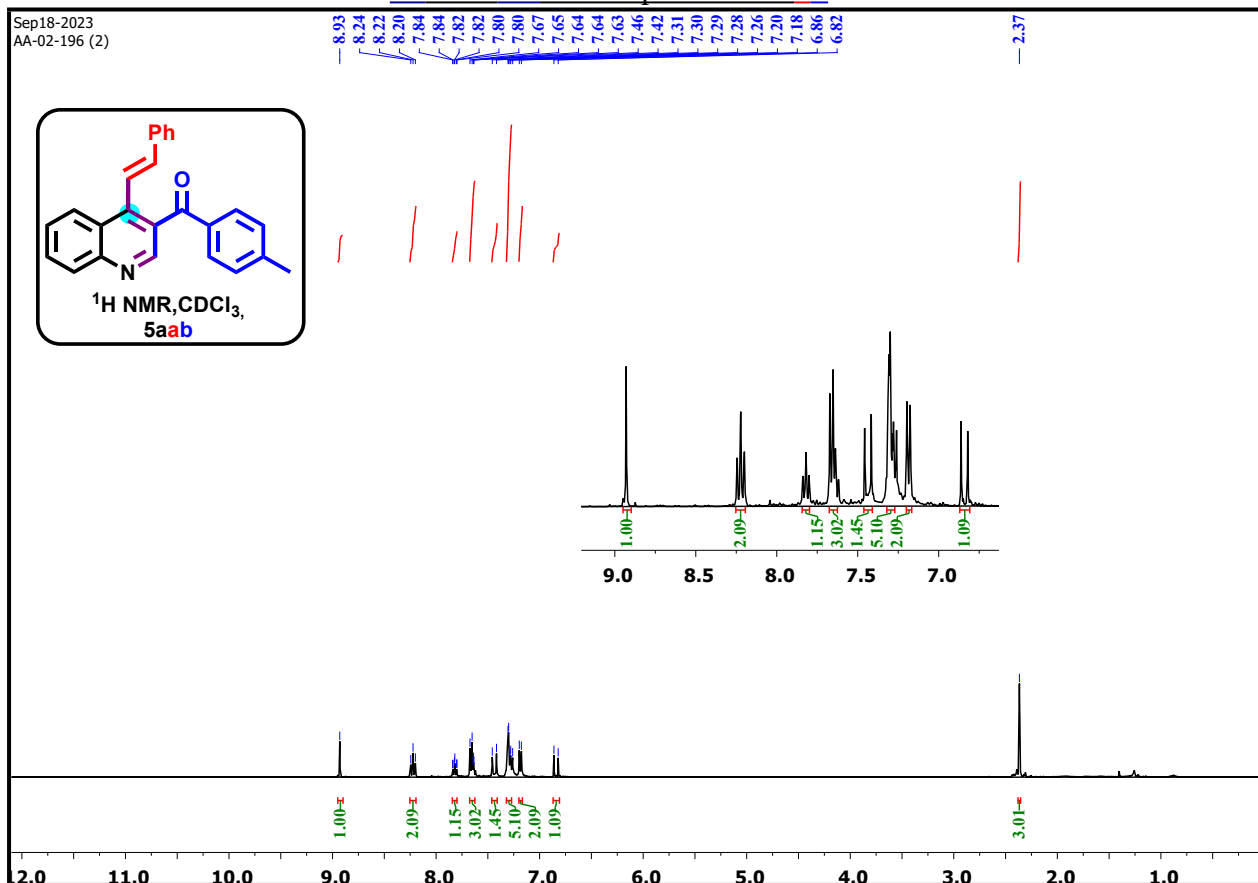
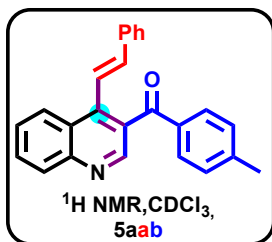


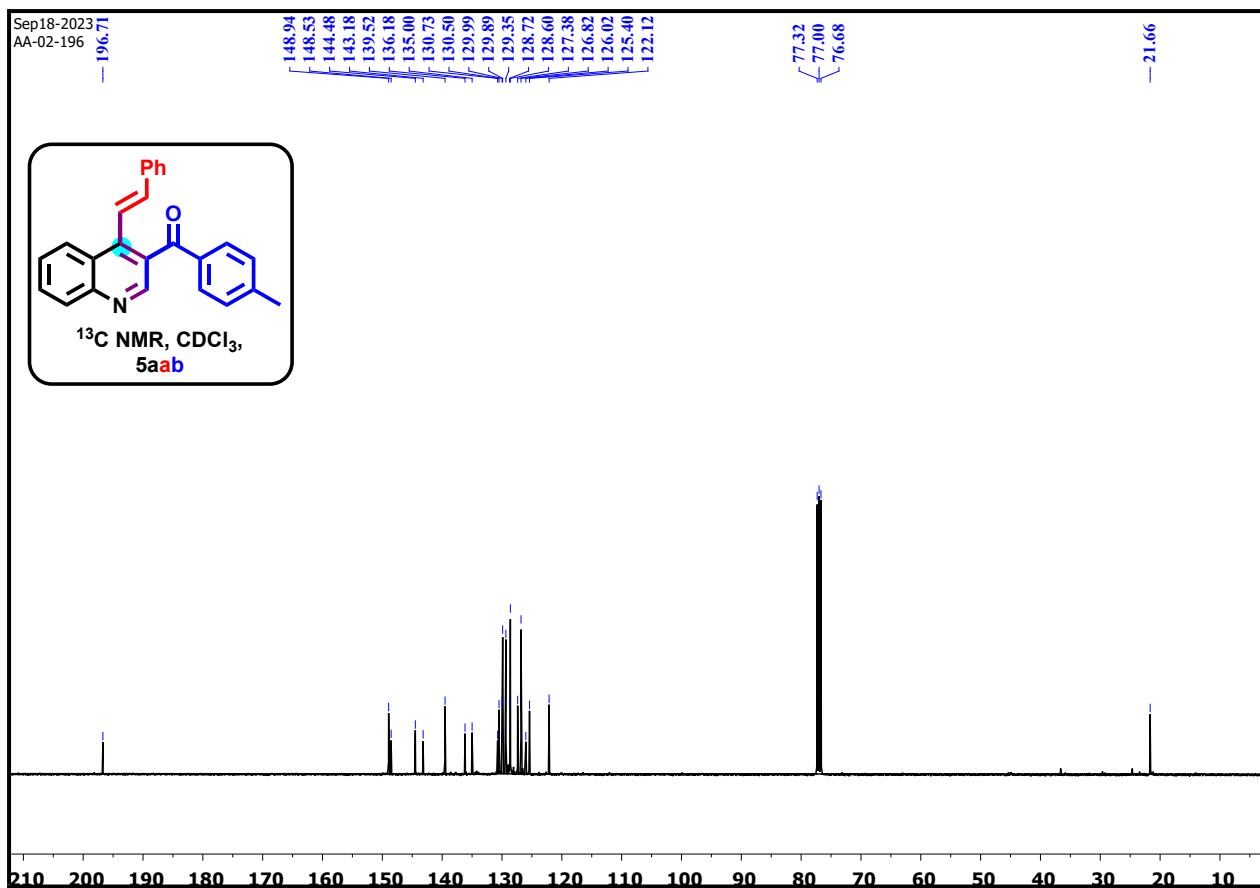
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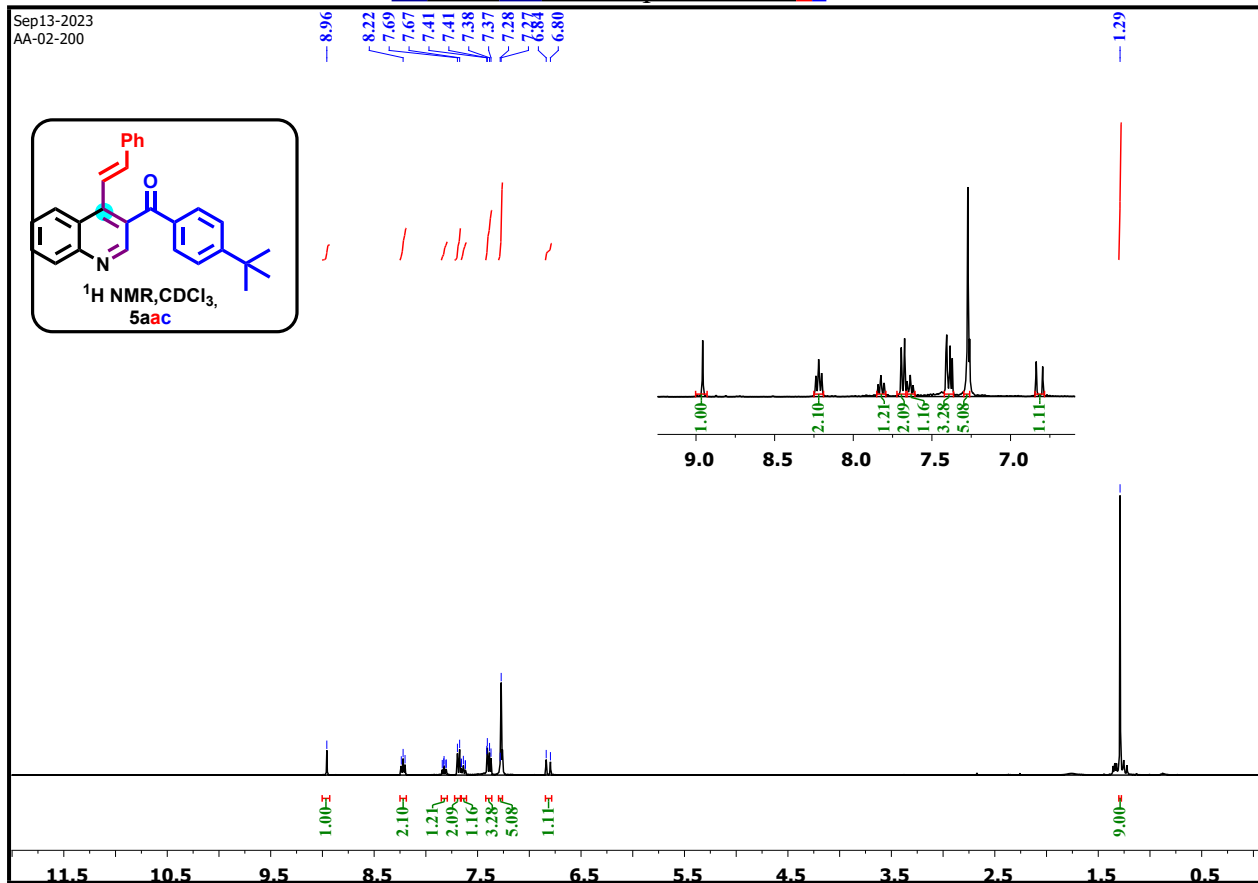
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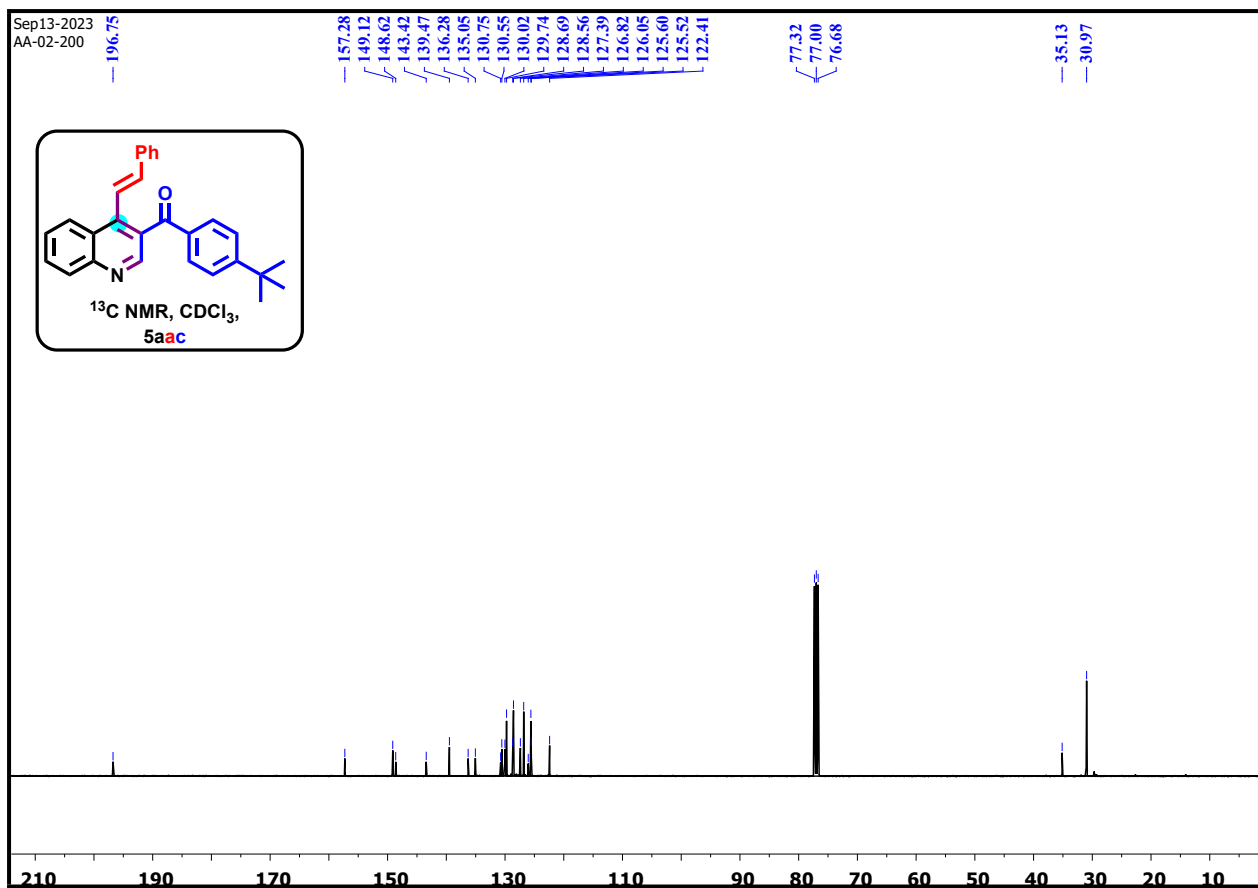
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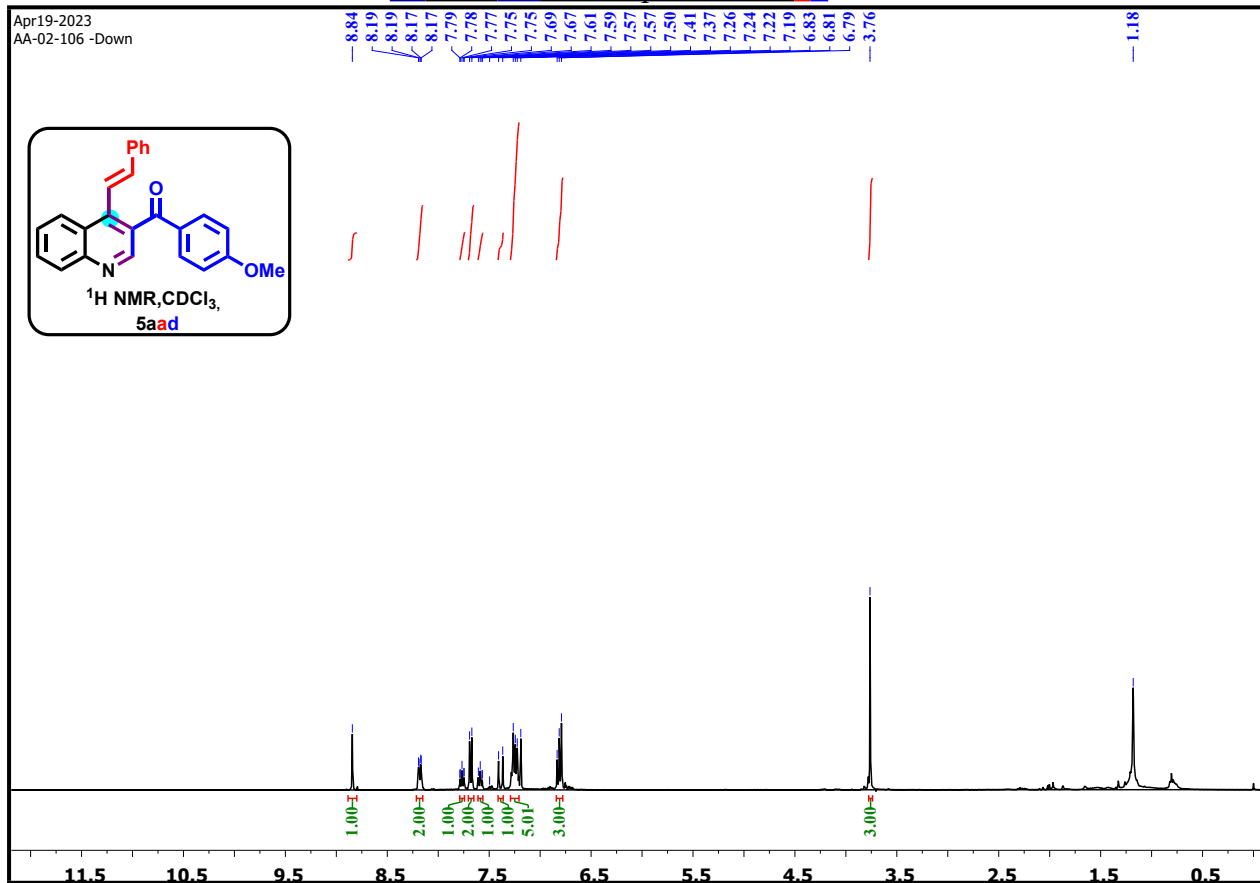


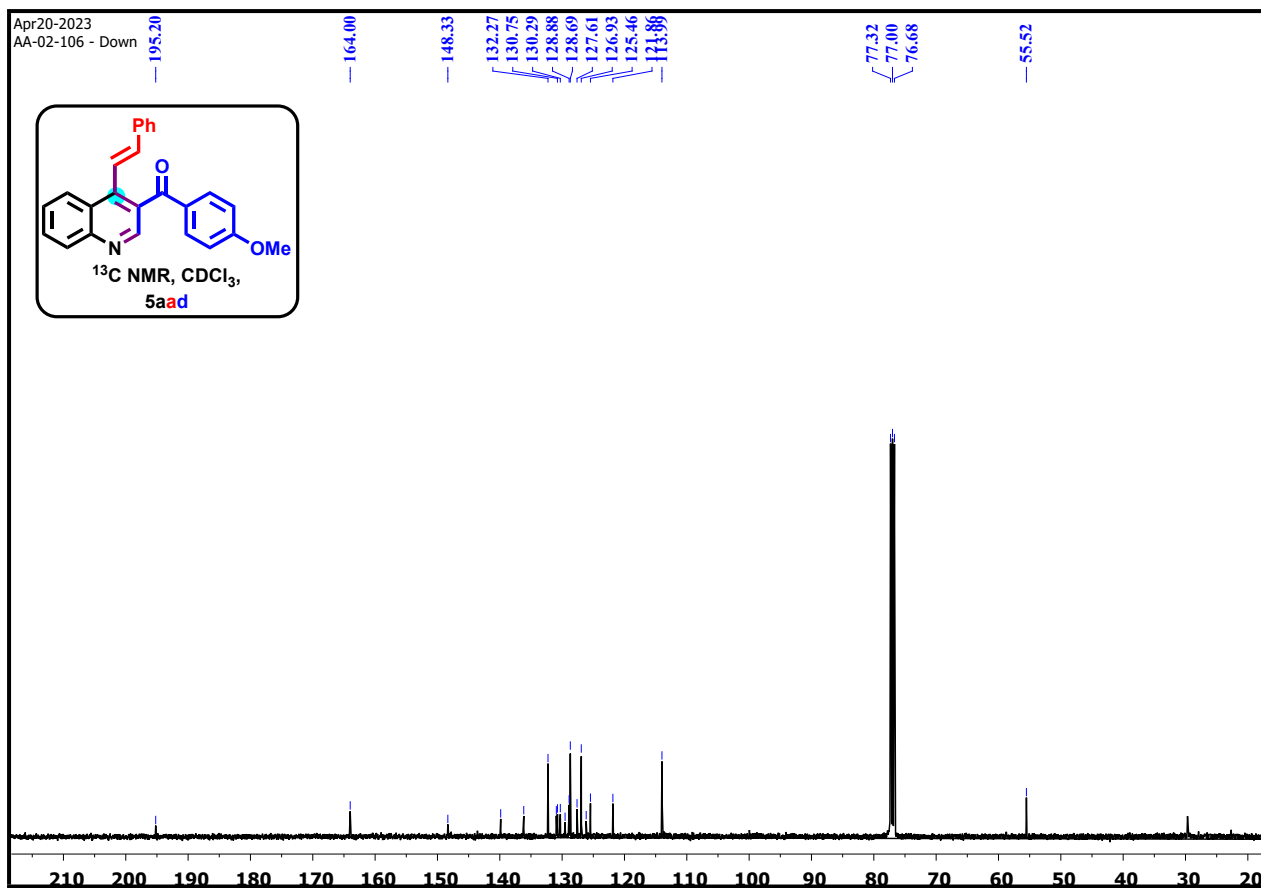
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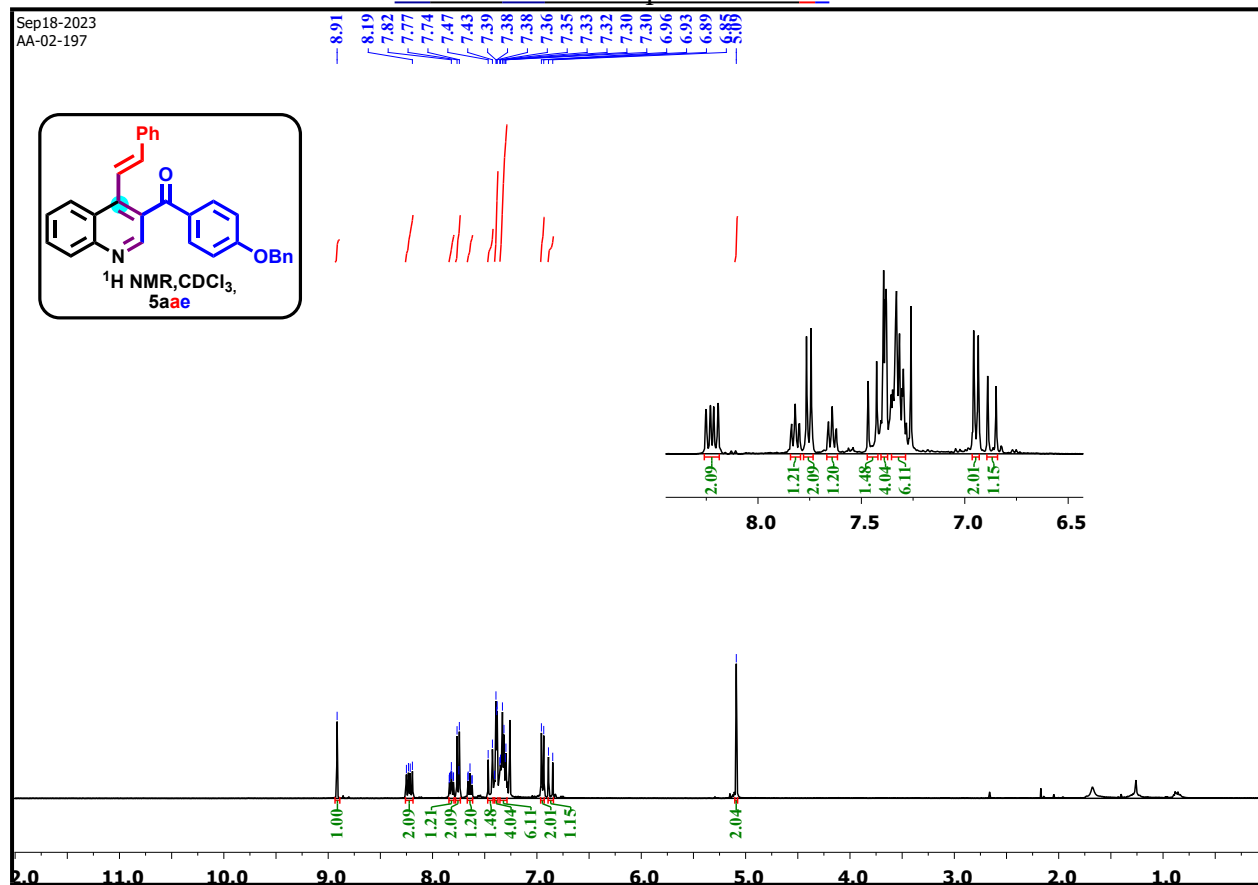
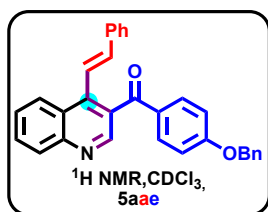
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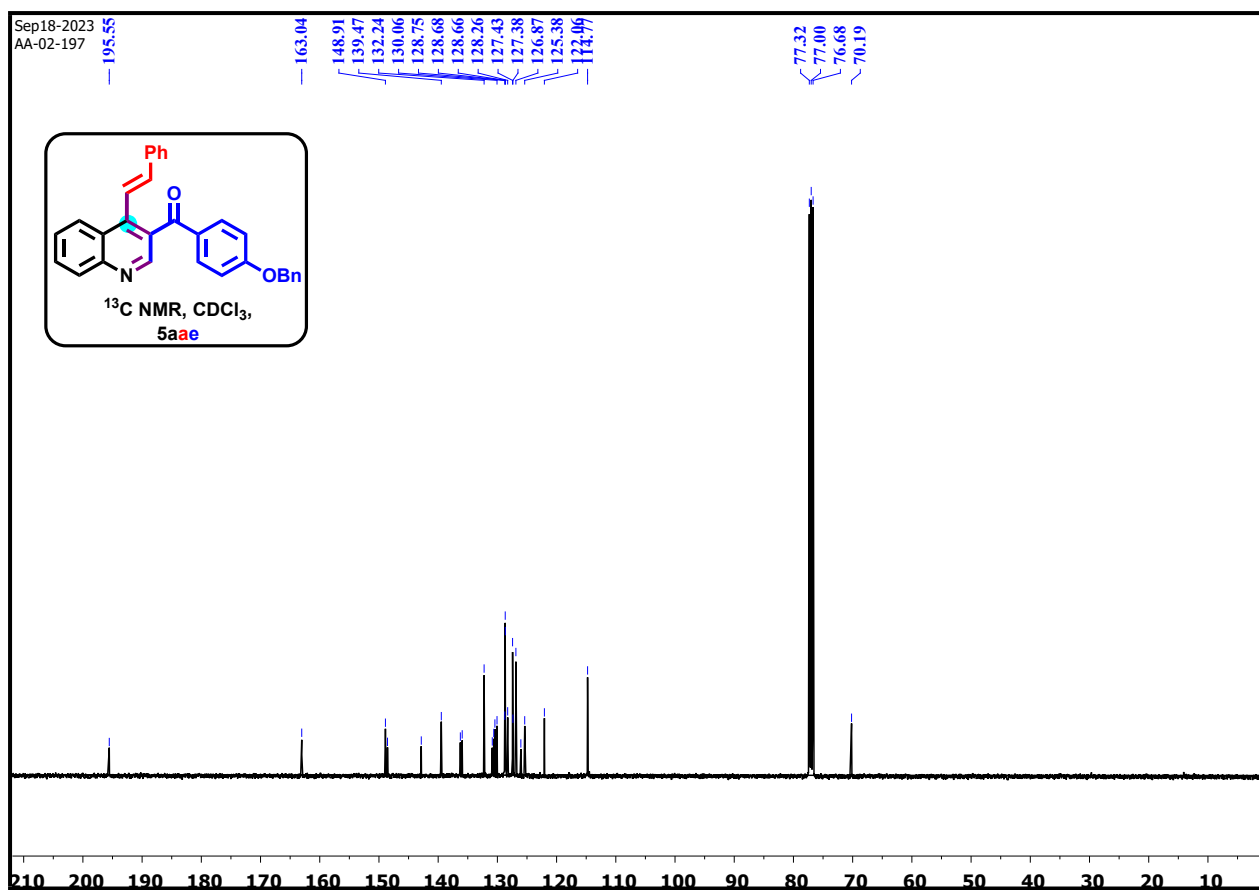




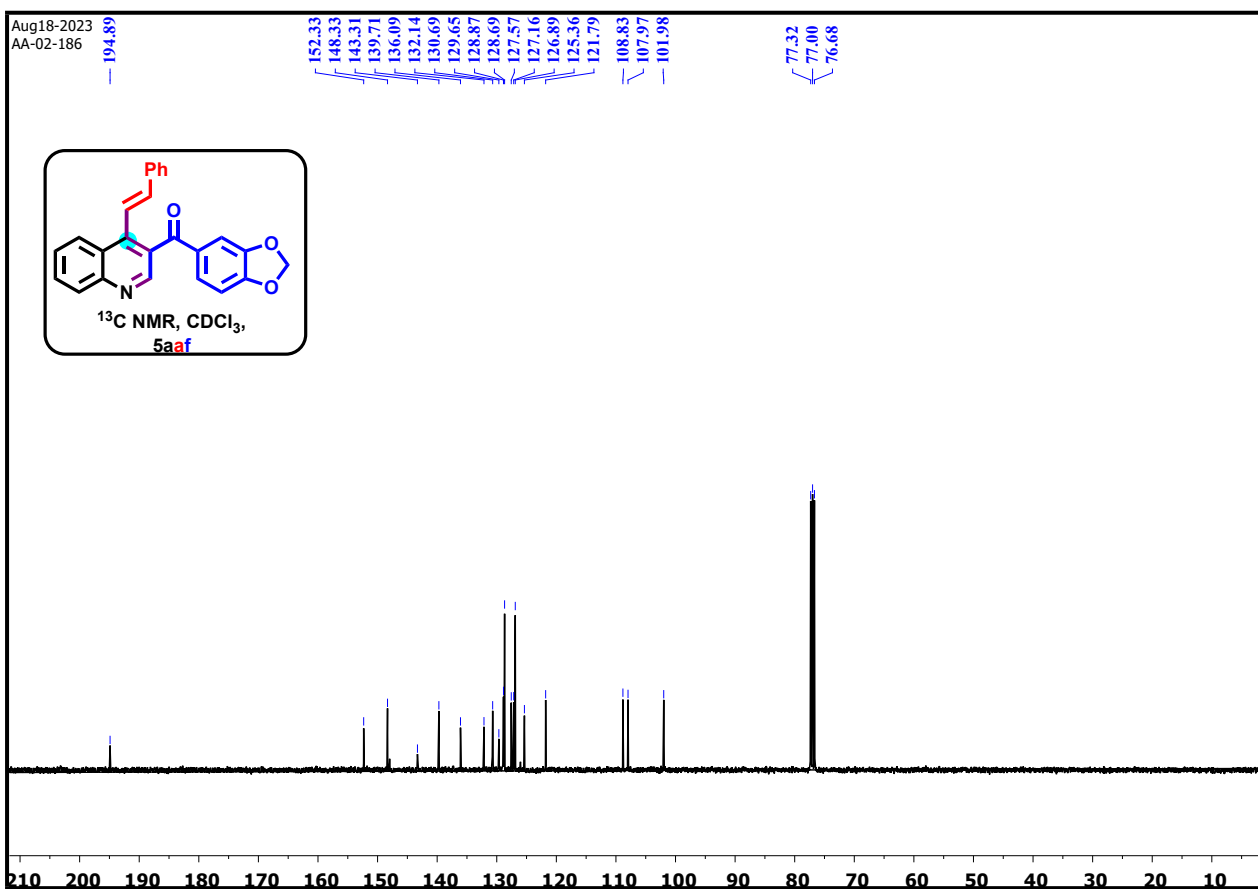
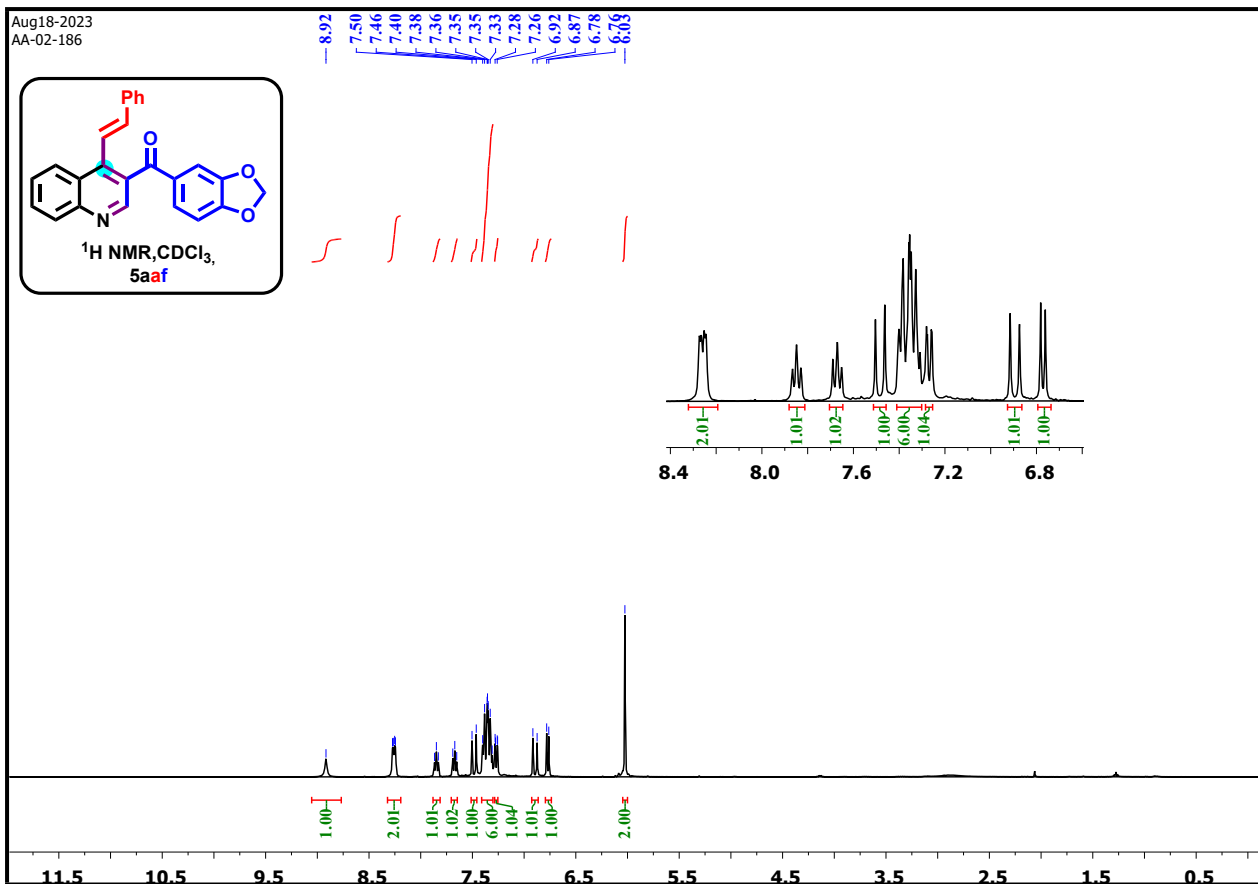
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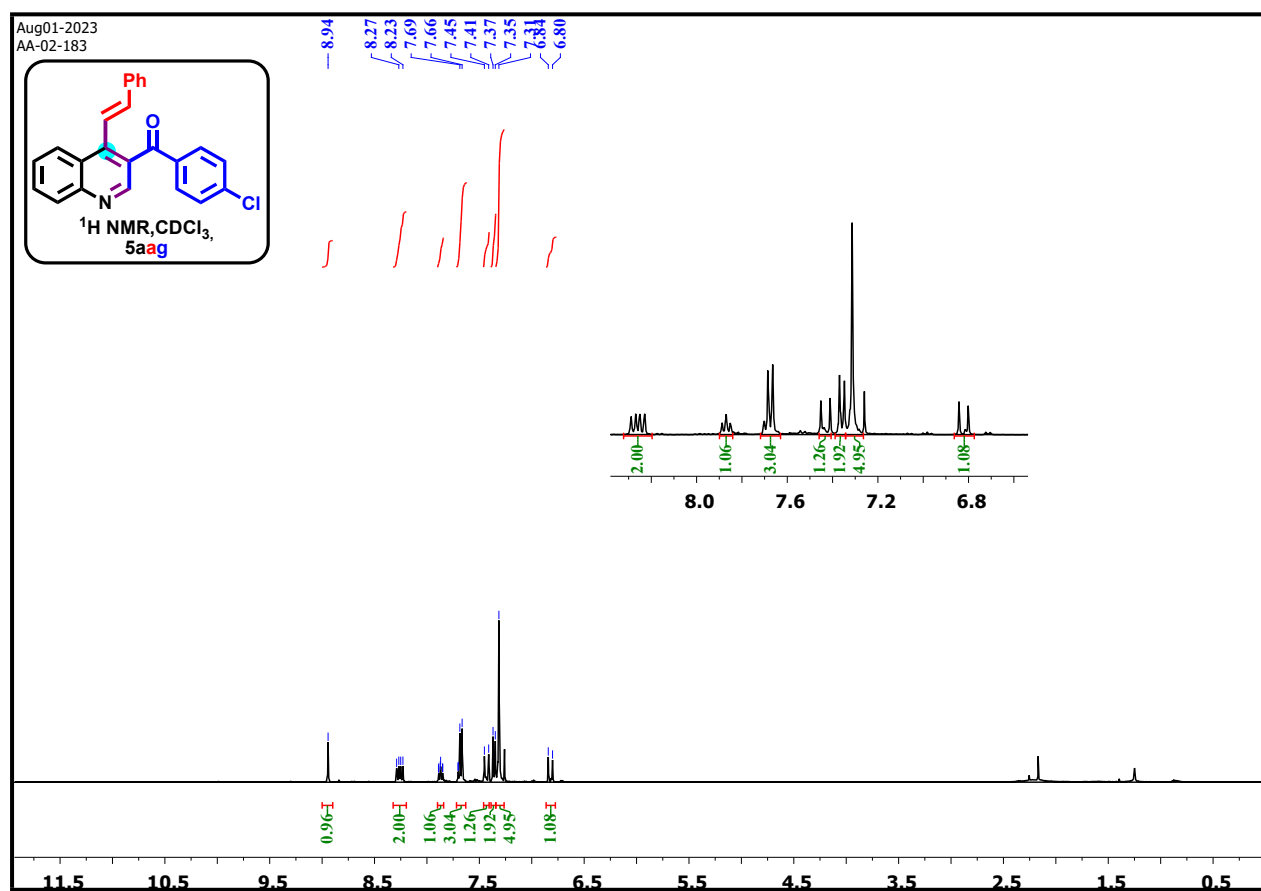


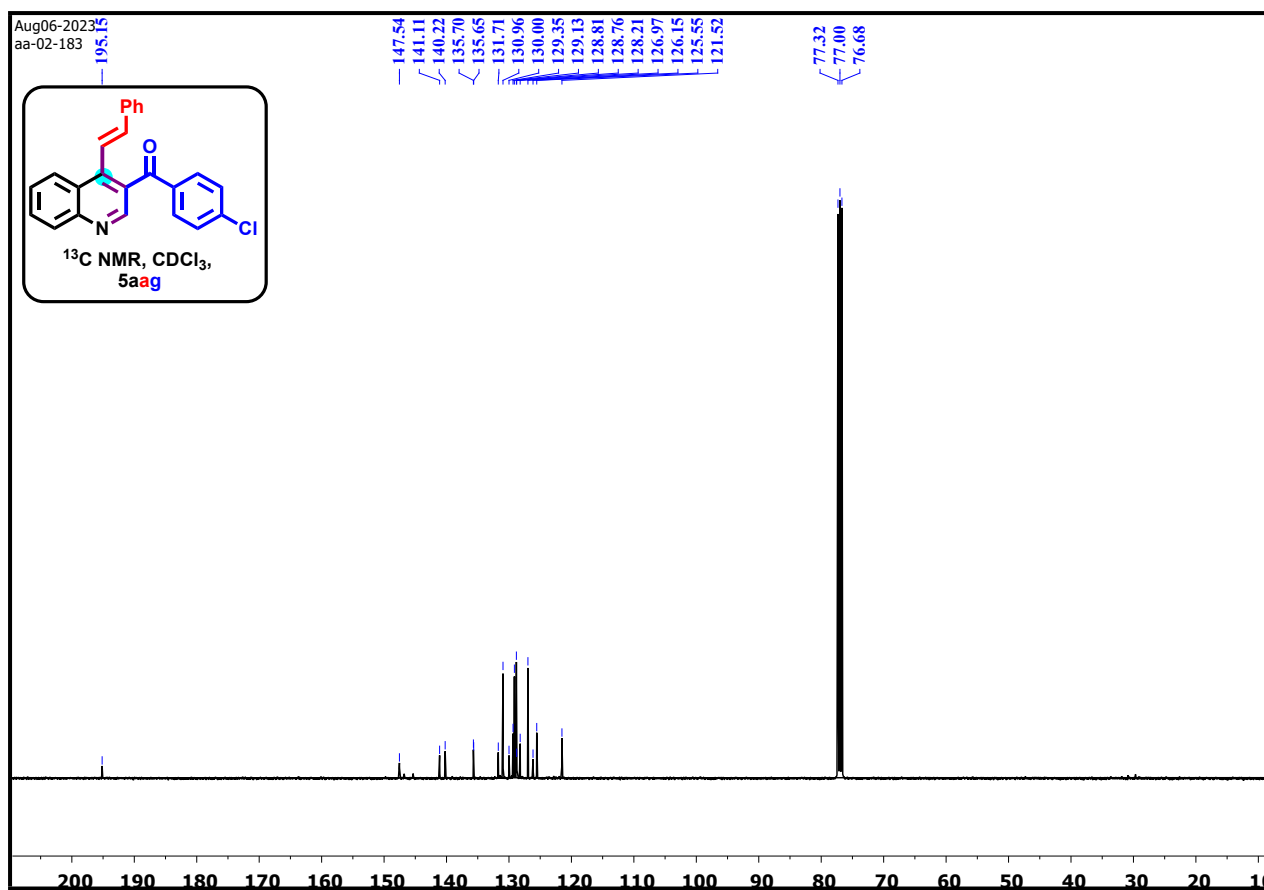


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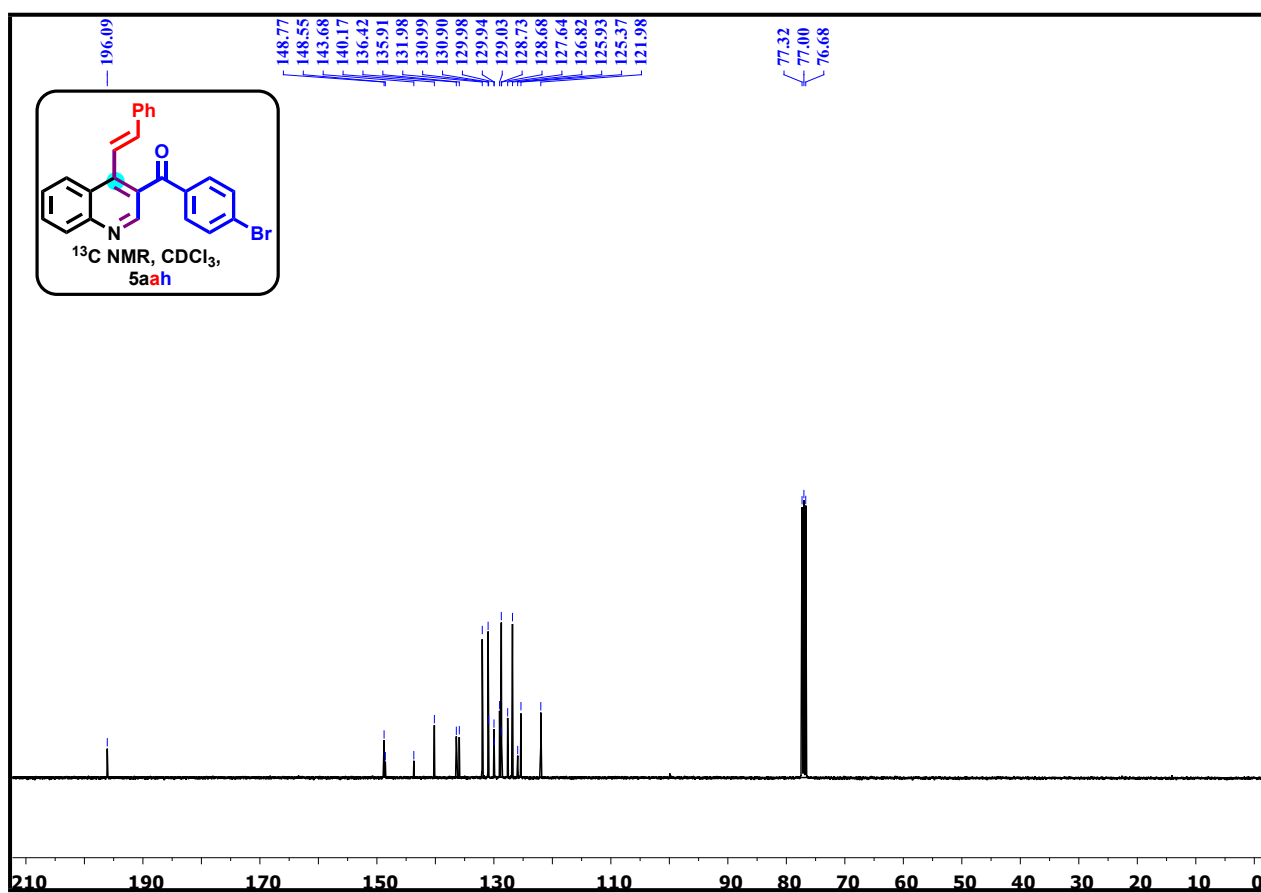
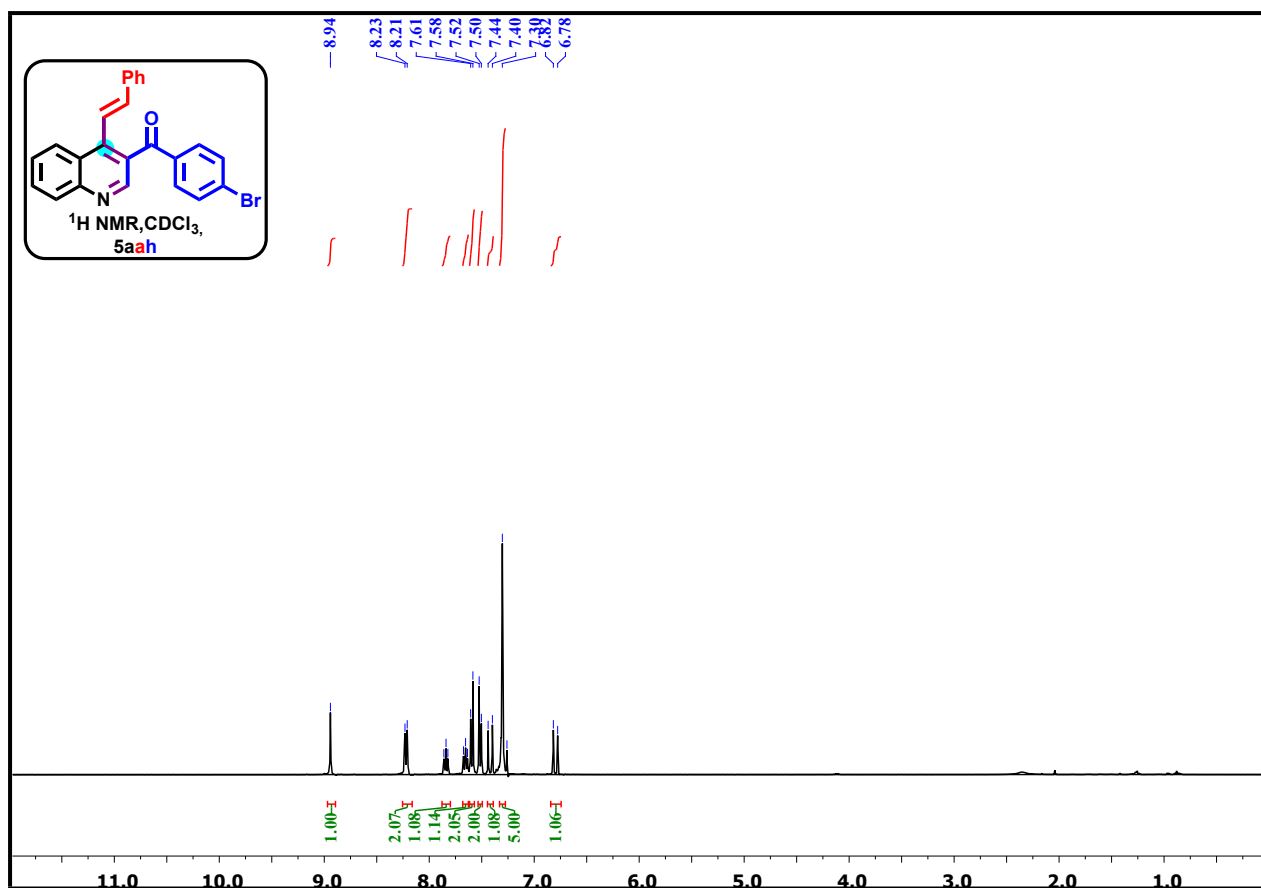


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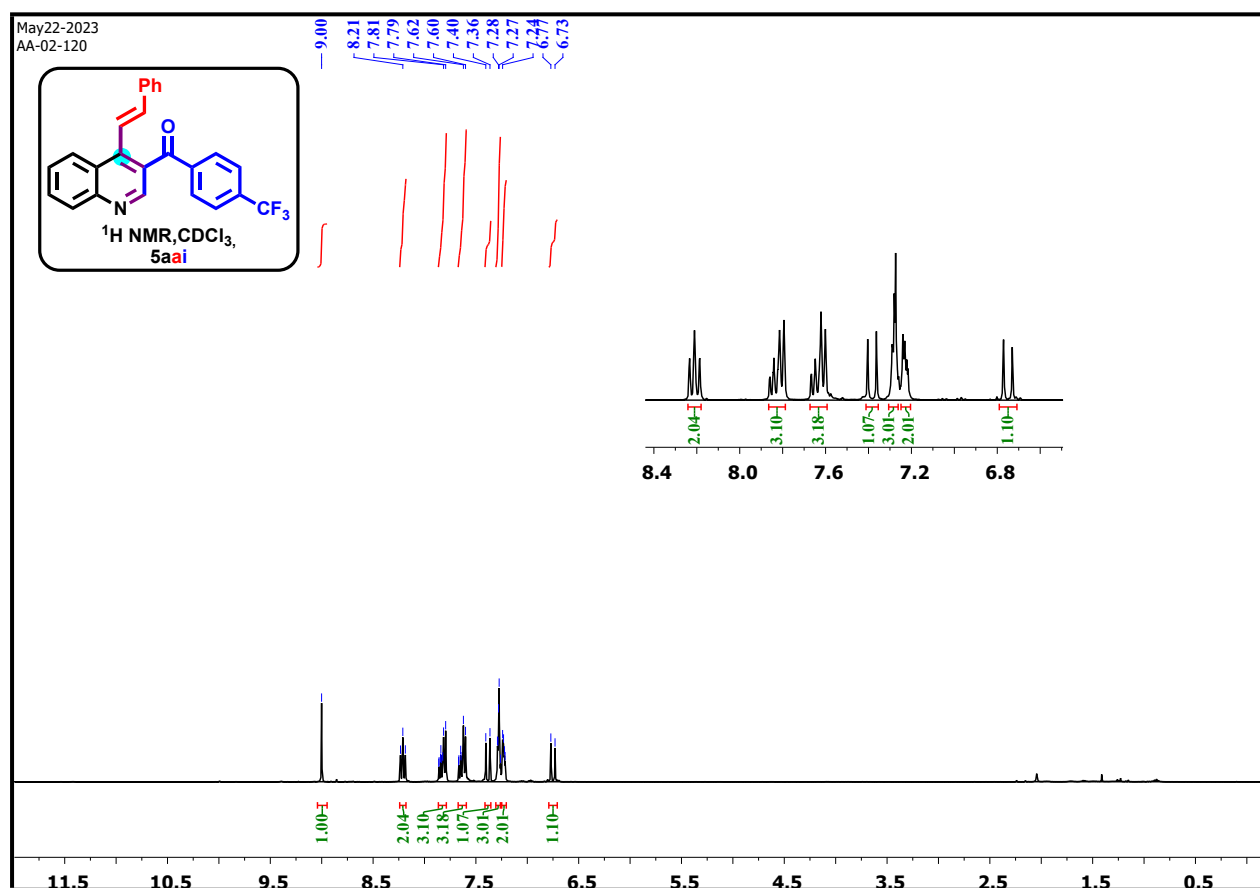


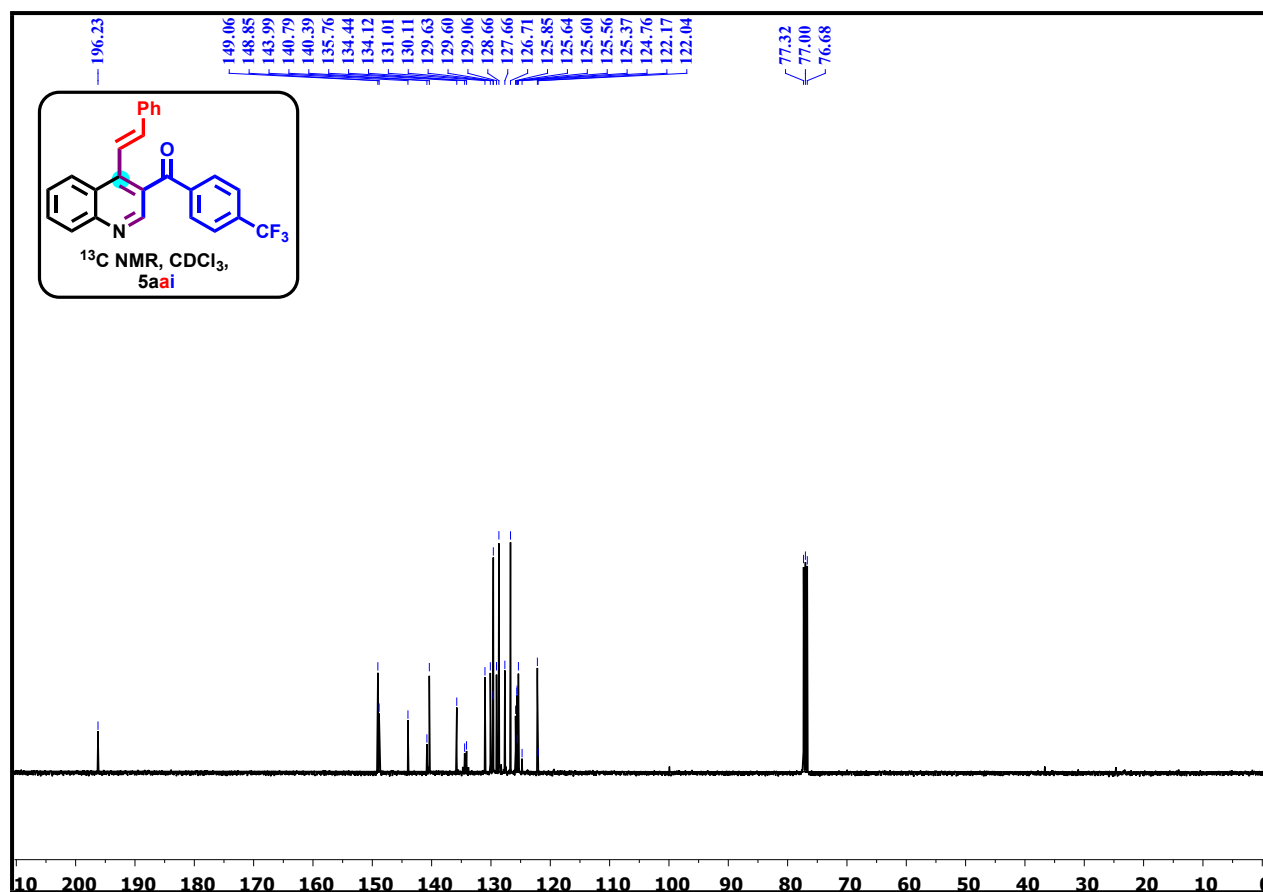


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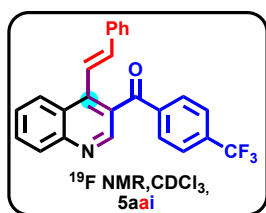
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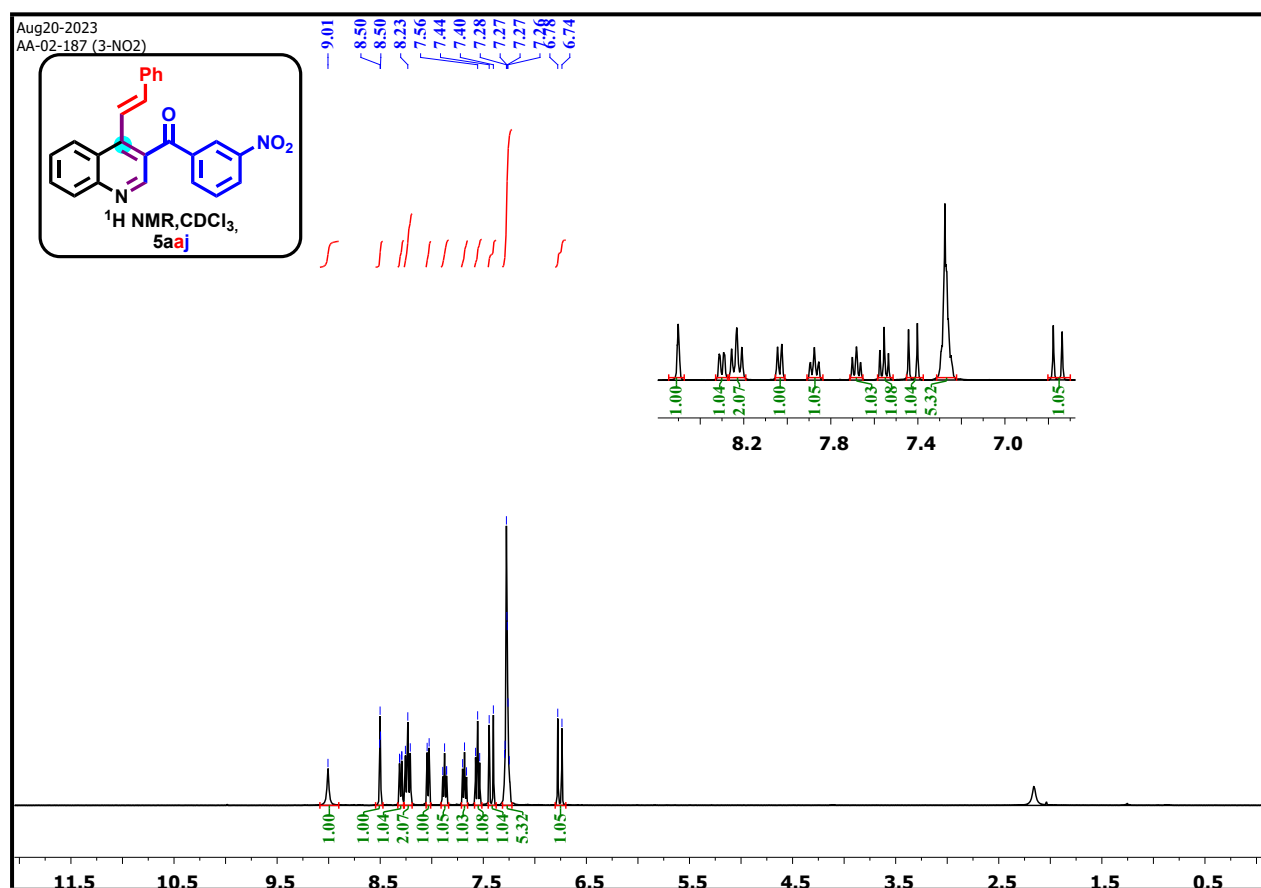
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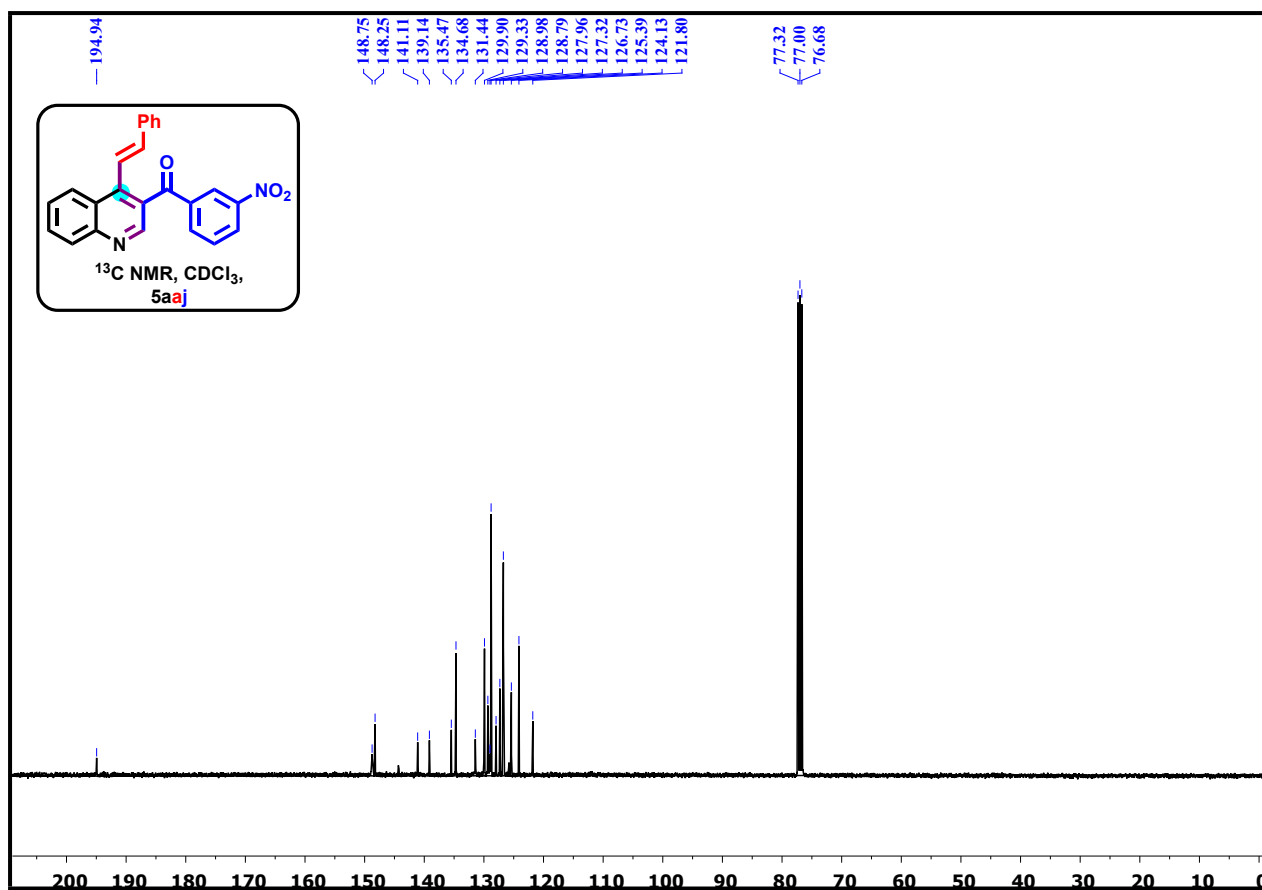


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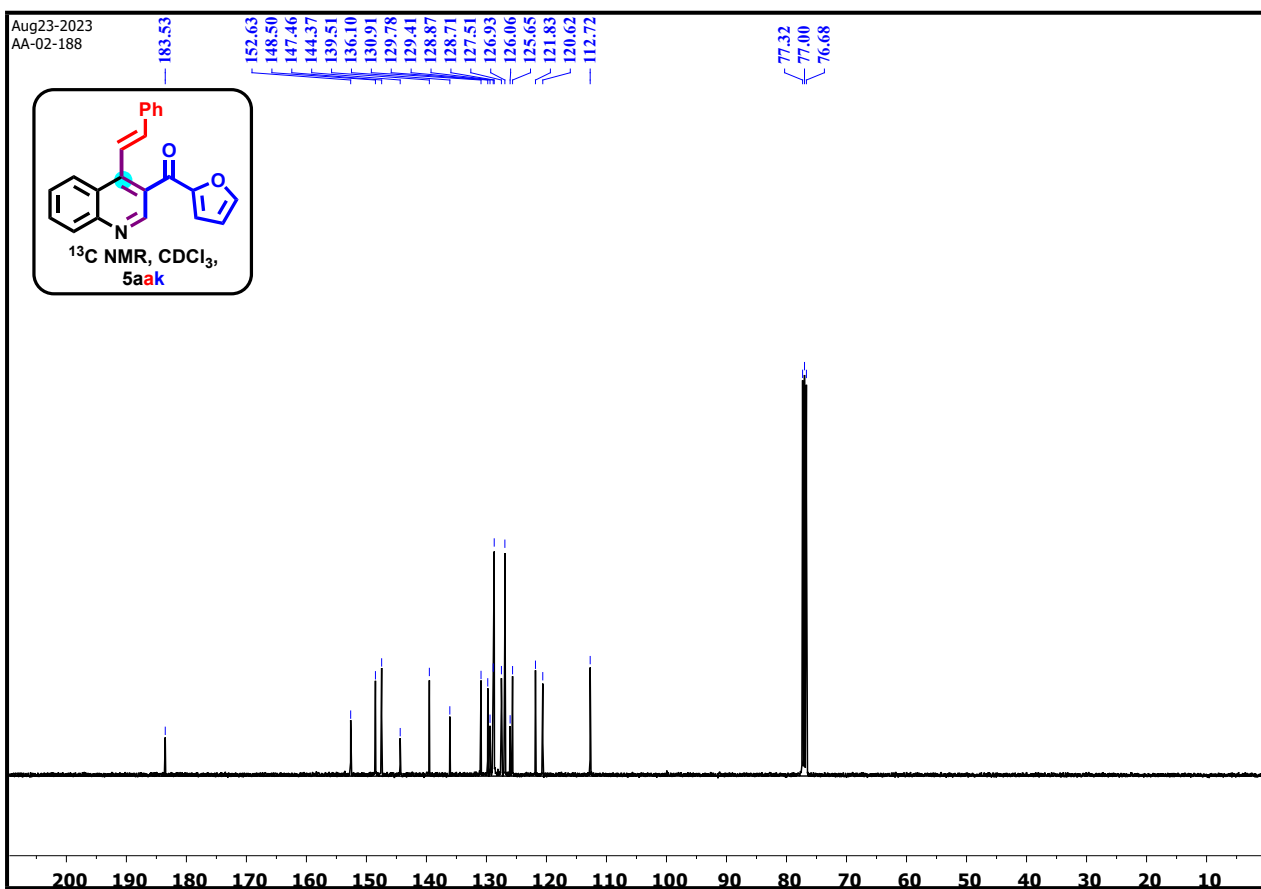
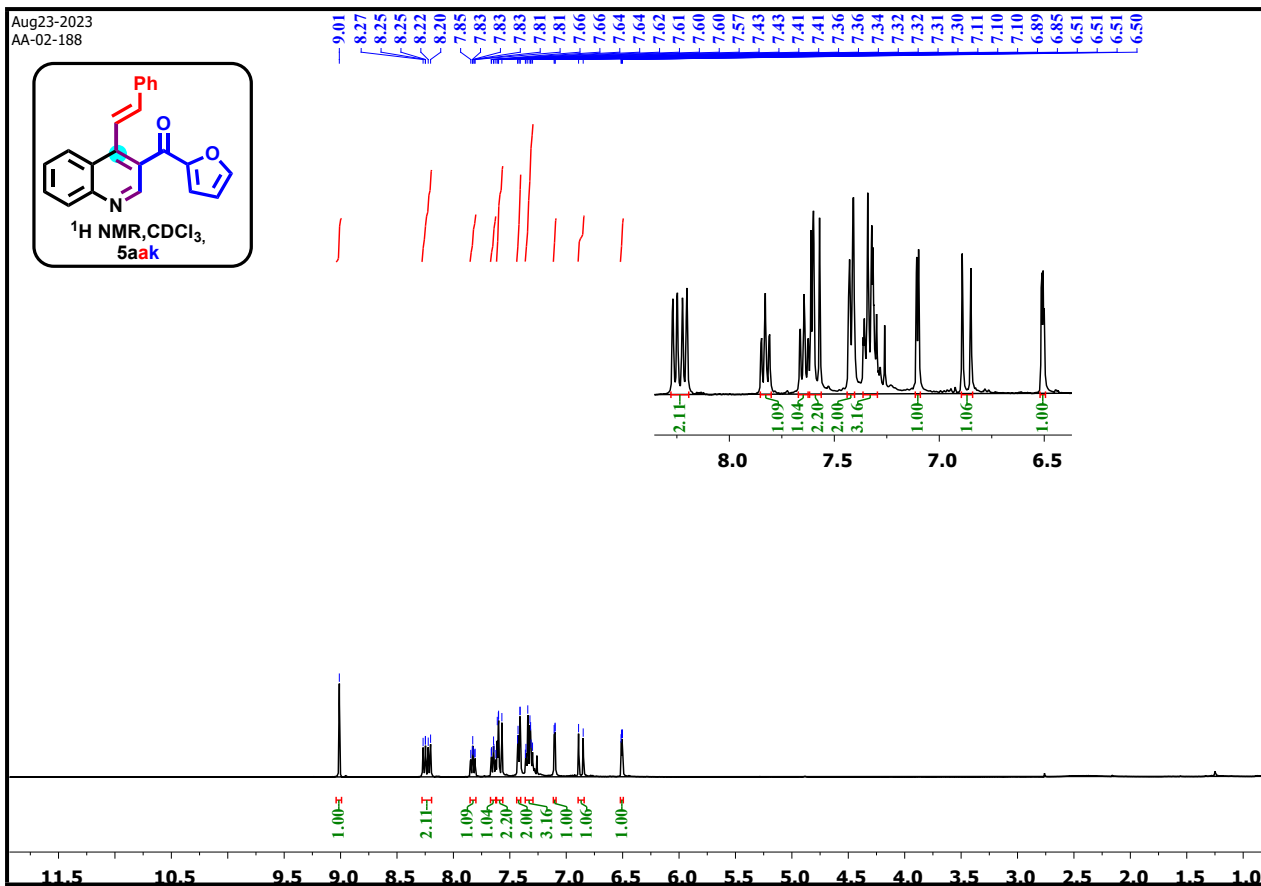
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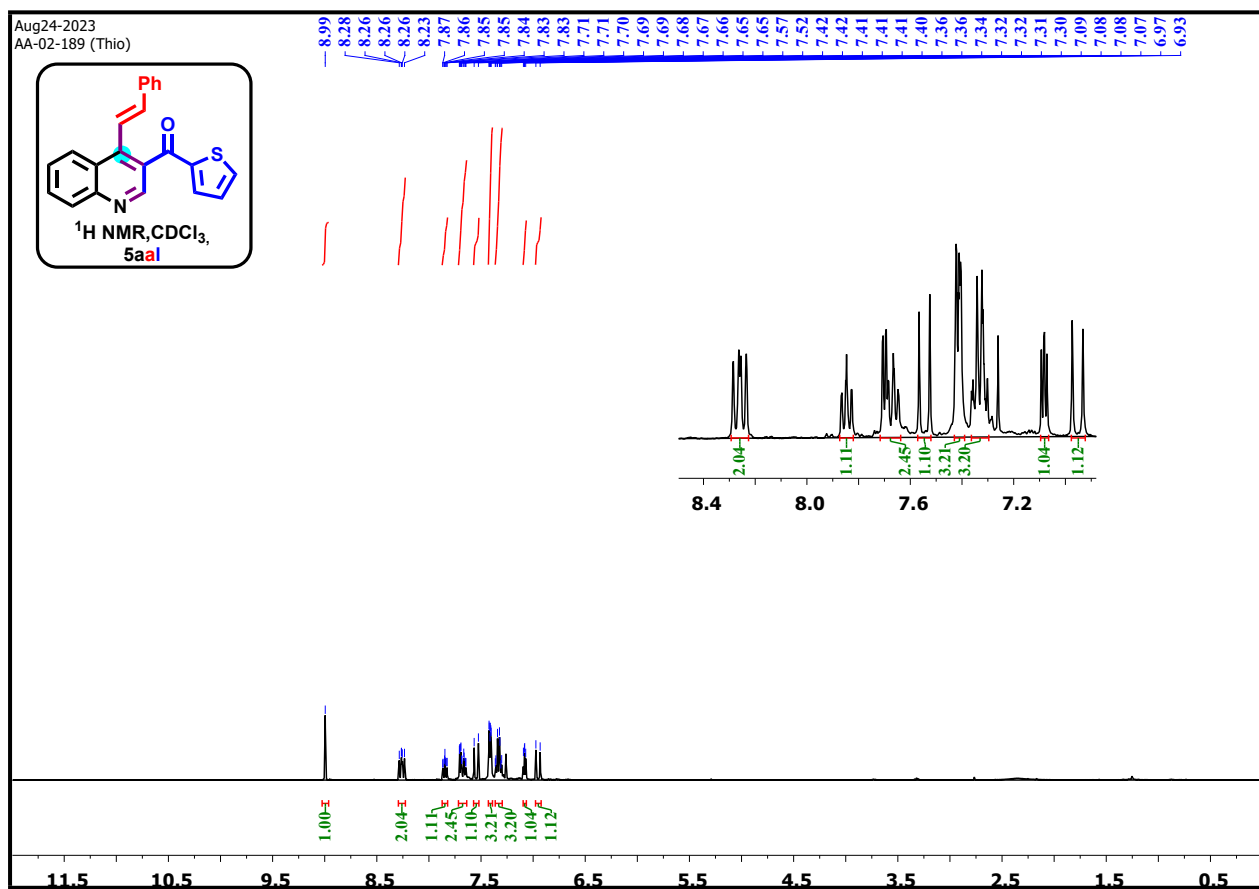


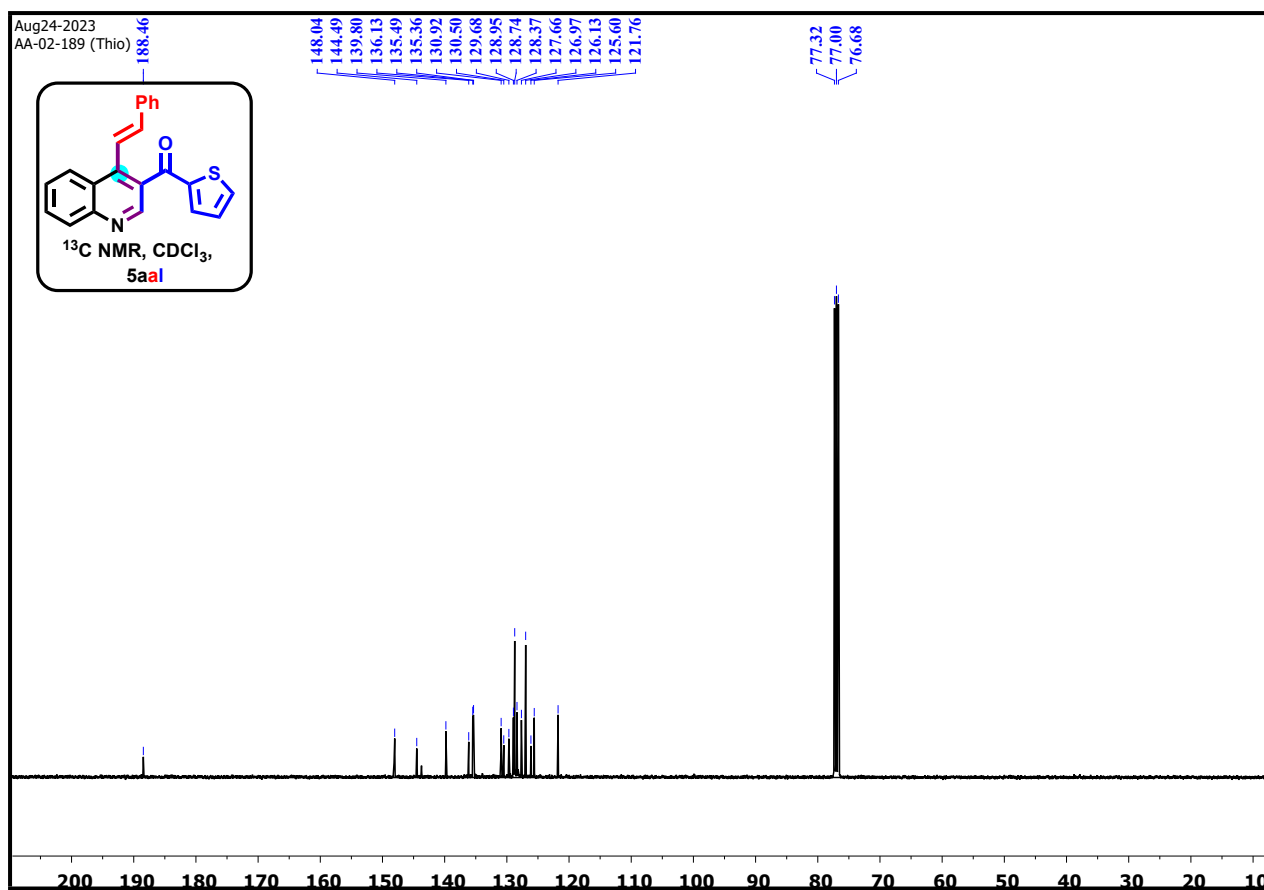


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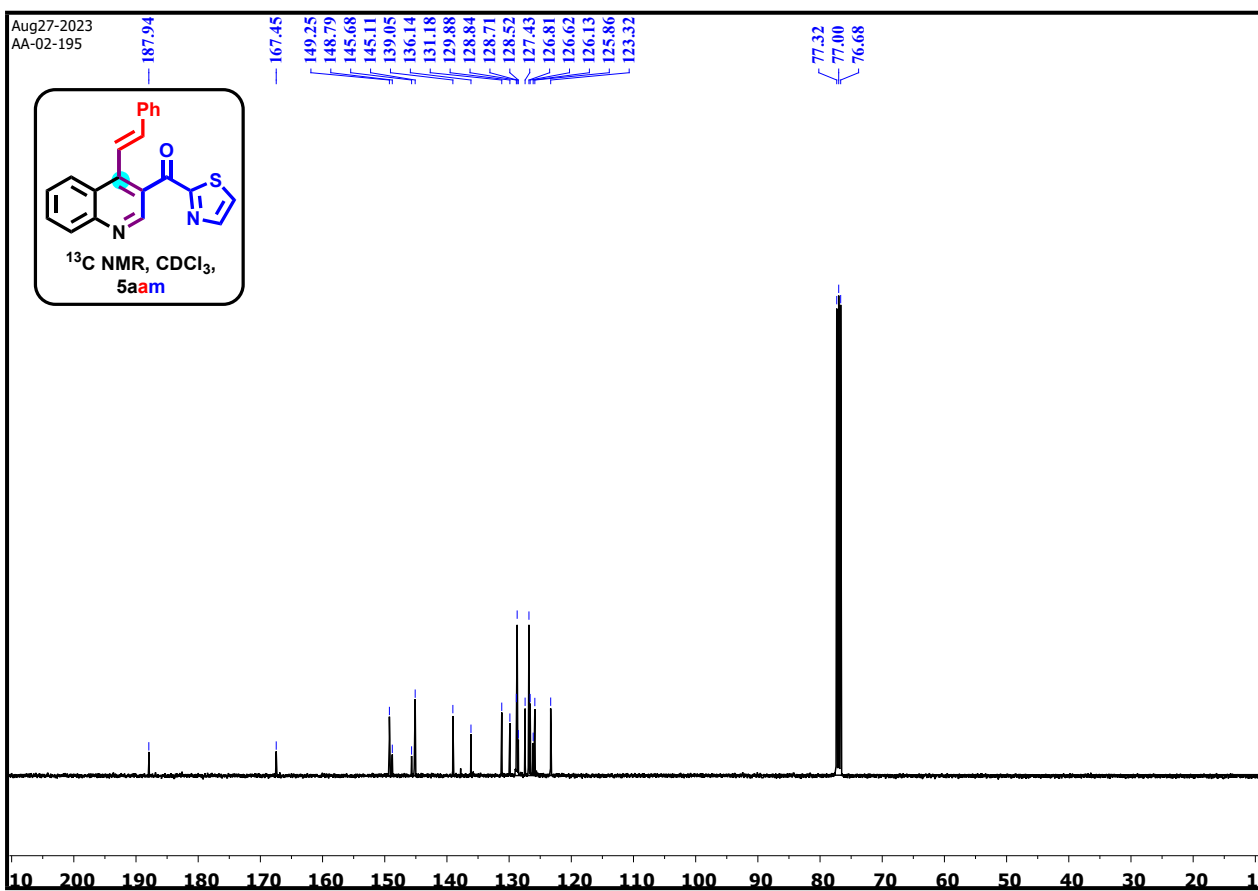
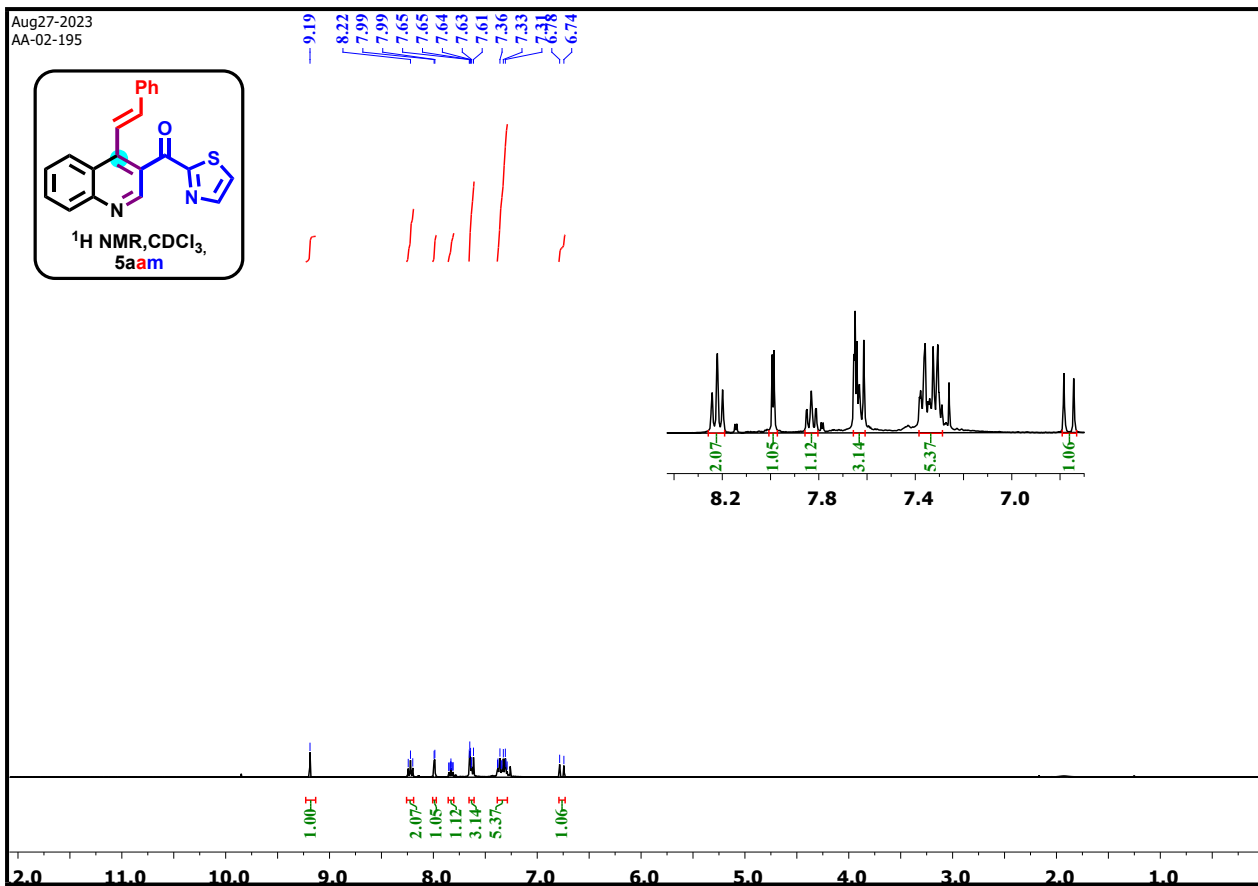


¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **5a**





¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 5a*am*



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