

Lewis base-Catalyzed Cascade [4+2]-Annulation Reaction of *N*-alkoxy Acrylamides and Acyl Isothiocyanates: Facile Access to 2-imino-1, 3-thiazinone Derivatives

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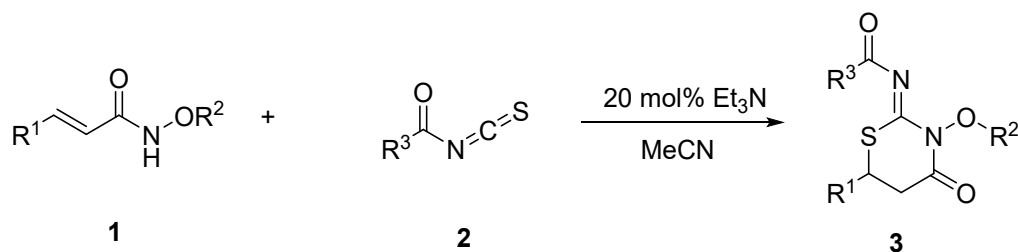
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1. General information

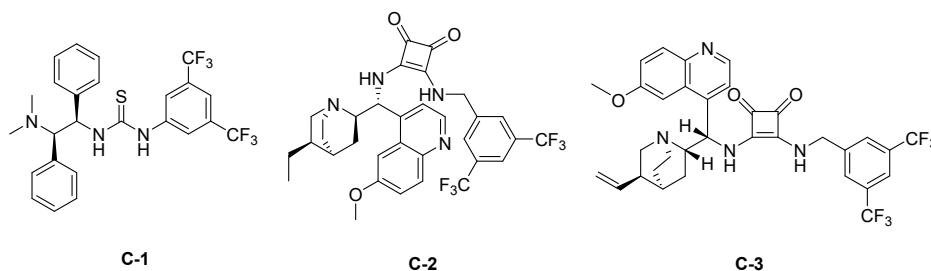
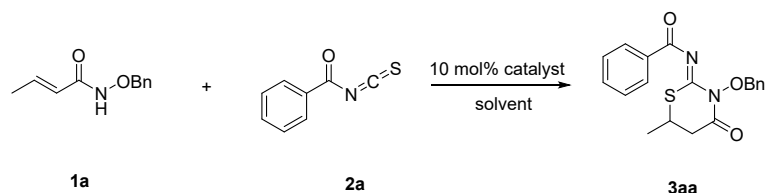
All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of air in oven dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a rotary evaporator or an oil pump. Flash column chromatography was performed using Qingdao Haiyang flash silica gel (100–200 mesh). NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance DPX400 spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Mass spectra were acquired with an Agilent 6520 Q-TOF MS system equipped with an Electrospray ionization (ESI) source. Melting points were determined on a Stuart SMP3 melting point apparatus. X-ray crystallographic data were collected using a Bruker APEX-II CCD. The *N*-alkoxy acrylamides **1** were prepared by the reported procedure.¹ The acyl isothiocyanates **2** were synthesized according to the known literature procedure.²

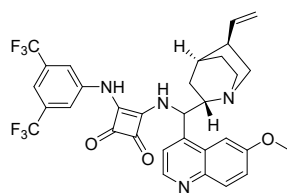
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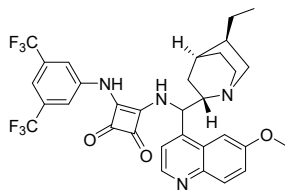
To a stirred solution of *N*-alkoxy acrylamides **1** (0.20 mmol) and acyl isothiocyanates **2** (0.24 mmol) in anhydrous MeCN (2.0 mL), Et₃N (0.2 equiv.) was added. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by TLC. After the reaction was complete, solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 5:1) to furnish the corresponding product **3**.

3. Optimization of reaction conditions for the organocatalytic asymmetric [4+2]-cycloaddition reaction of *N*-alkoxy acrylamide **1a** and benzoyl isothiocyanate **2a**^{a, b}

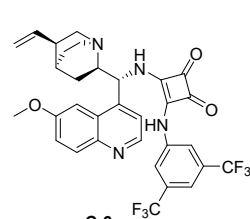




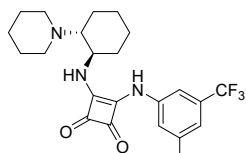
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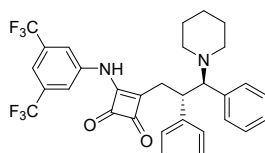
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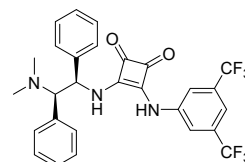
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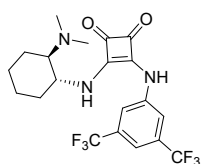
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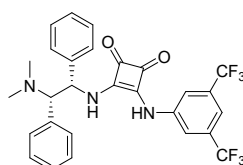
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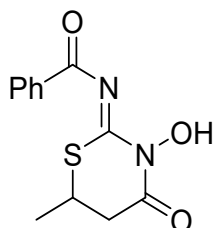
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Entry	Cat.	Solvent	Time(h)	Yield(%) ^b	ee(%) ^c
1	C-1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	30	-30
2	C-2	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	42	-53
3	C-3	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	40	68
4	C-4	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	Trace	n.d. ^d
5	C-5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	38	60
6	C-6	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	30	-41
7	C-7	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	Trace	n.d. ^d
8	C-8	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	Trace	n.d. ^d
12	C-9	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	35	-25
13	C-10	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	30	-31
14	C-11	CH ₂ Cl ₂	24	Trace	n.d. ^d
15	C-3	CHCl ₃	24	35	53
16	C-3	CH ₃ CN	24	Trace	n.d.
17	C-3	toluene	24	28	40
18	C-3	DCE	24	38	67
19	C-3	EtOAc	24	Trace	n.d. ^d

^a Reactions were carried out with **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (0.20 mmol), and 10 mol% catalyst in 2 mL of solvent at rt. ^b Isolated yields. ^c Determined by HPLC analysis. ^d Not detected.

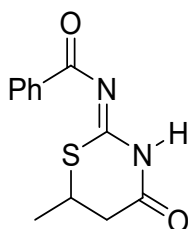
4. Chemoselective deprotection of product 3aa

N-(3-hydroxy-6-methyl-4-oxo-1,3-thiazinan-2-ylidene)benzamide (4)



Under a nitrogen atmosphere, TiCl_4 (289mg 1.0mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of **3aa** (71 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 2mL of DCM in an ice bath, After stirring for 30 minutes at room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched by saturated NaHCO_3 and extracted with DCM, The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc 1:1) to give the compound **4**.

N-(6-methyl-4-oxo-1,3-thiazinan-2-ylidene)benzamide (5)



To a solution of **3aa** (71 mg, 0.2 mmol) in MeOH (1.5 mL) and EtOAc (1.5 mL) added 10% Pd/C (28 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours. After filtration through a plug of Celite, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified via flash column chromatography (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford compound **5**.

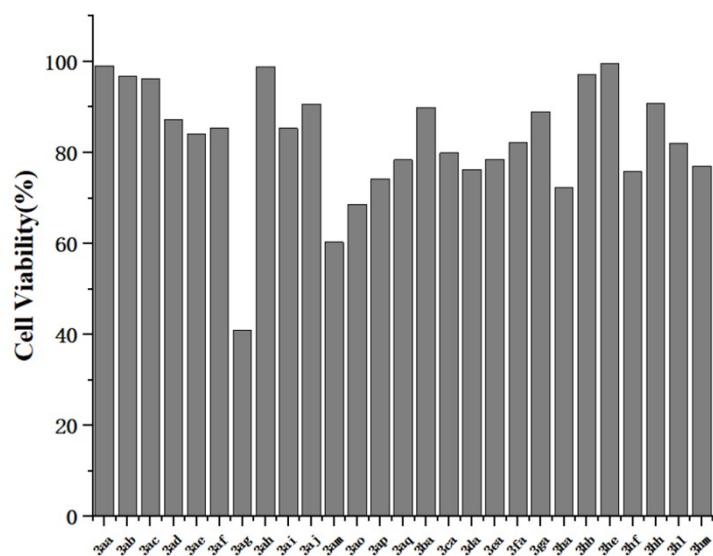
5. Antitumor activity investigation towards human lung adenocarcinoma cell line

5.1 Cell Lines and Cell Culture

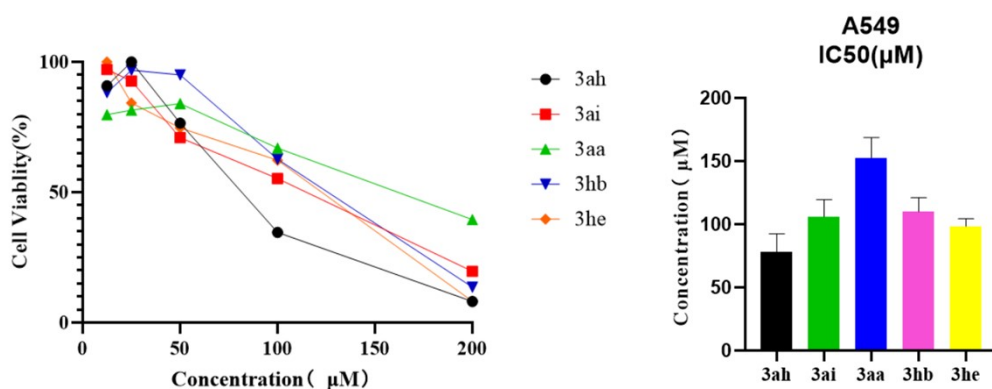
Human cancerous cell line: A549 (human lung adenocarcinoma cell line) used in this study. The cell was cultivated in RPMI 1640 medium, supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum containing L-glutamine and 1% penicillin-streptomycin (HyClone) and maintained in a humidified atmosphere of 95% air, 5% CO_2 at 37 °C.

5.2 Vitro anticancer activities of the synthesized 2-imino-1, 3-thiazinone derivatives against cancerous A549.

The in vitro anticancer activity of the synthesized 2-imino-1, 3-thiazinone derivatives against human lung adenocarcinoma cell line A549 was investigated. Using oxaliplatin as a positive control, most of these compounds exhibited the anticancer activity. Among them, the inhibition rates of eight compounds measured at a concentration of 250 μM exceeded 90%, and the highest inhibition rate was up to 99.67%. Subsequently, five compounds (**3aa**, **3ah**, **3ai**, **3hb**, **3he**) were selected to test the IC_{50} value. Unfortunately, high concentrations of lead compounds are required to inhibit the cell viability of cancerous A549. Although **3ah** exhibits optimal antitumor activity, but further modification was still needed.



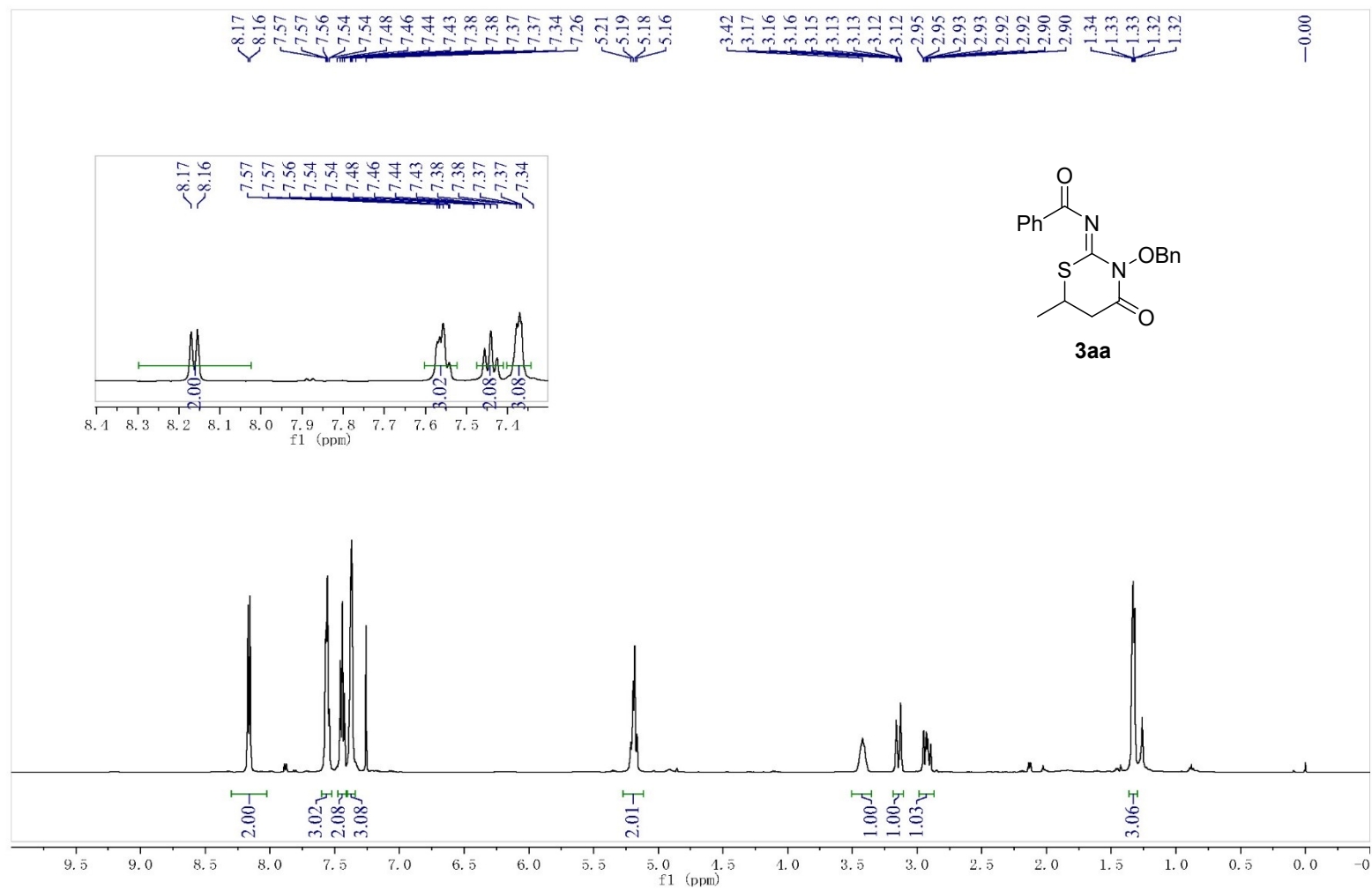
Compound	Inhibition rate against cancerous A549 (average)
3aa	99.03664383
3ab	96.76821289
3ac	96.14657586
3ad	87.30551129
3ae	84.08826565
3af	85.32426952
3ag	40.8717471
3ah	98.83306703
3ai	85.30245785
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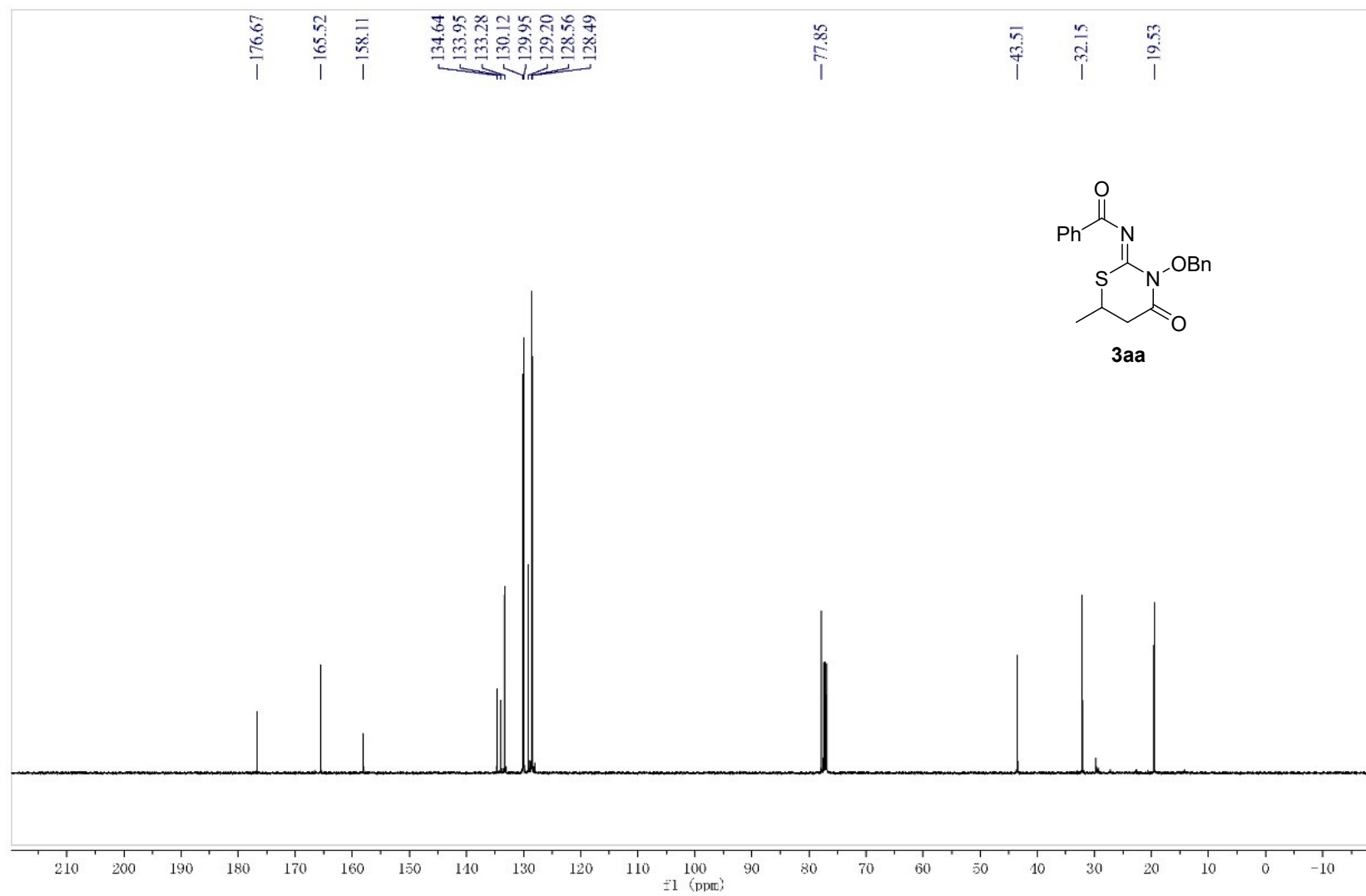


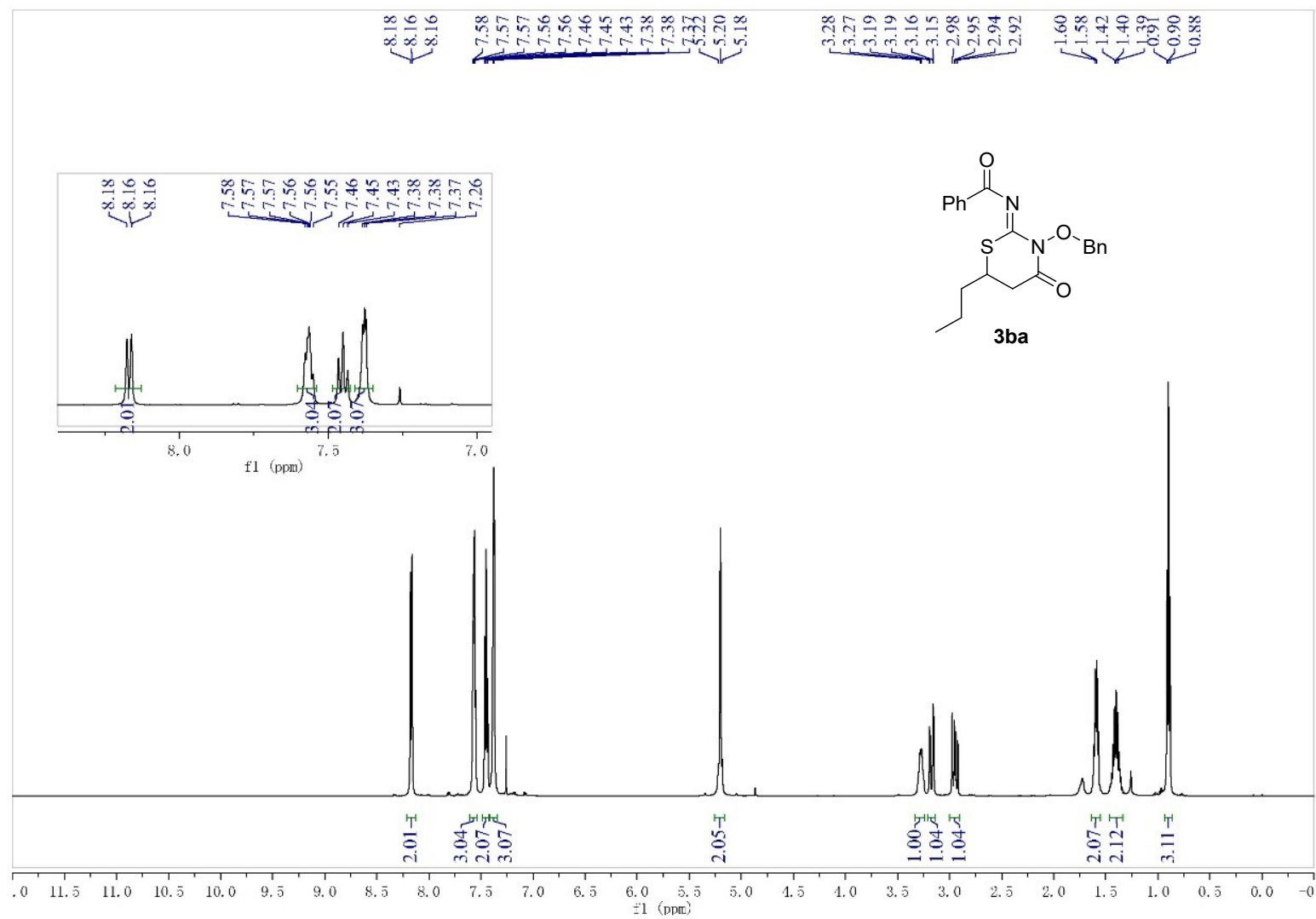
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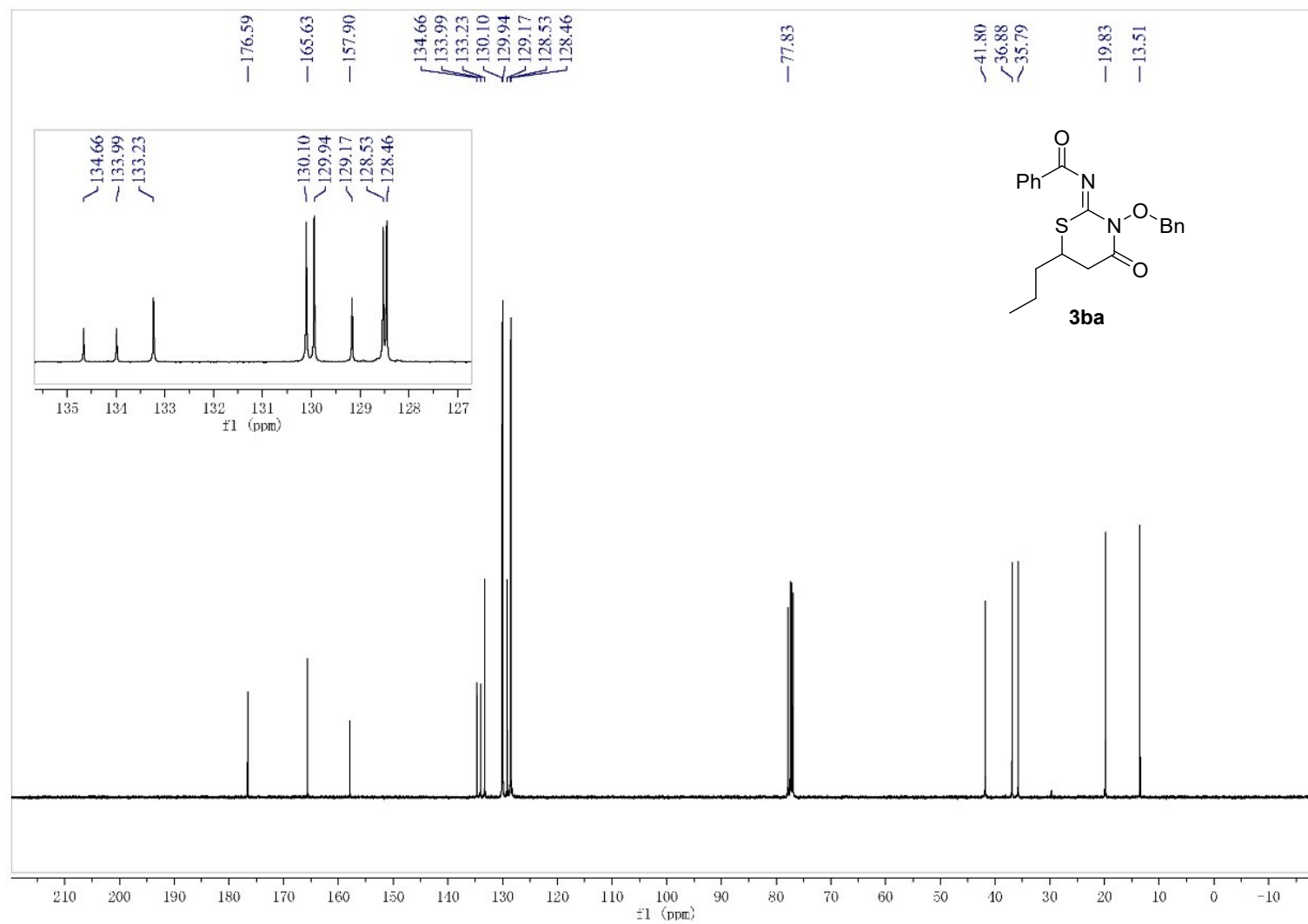
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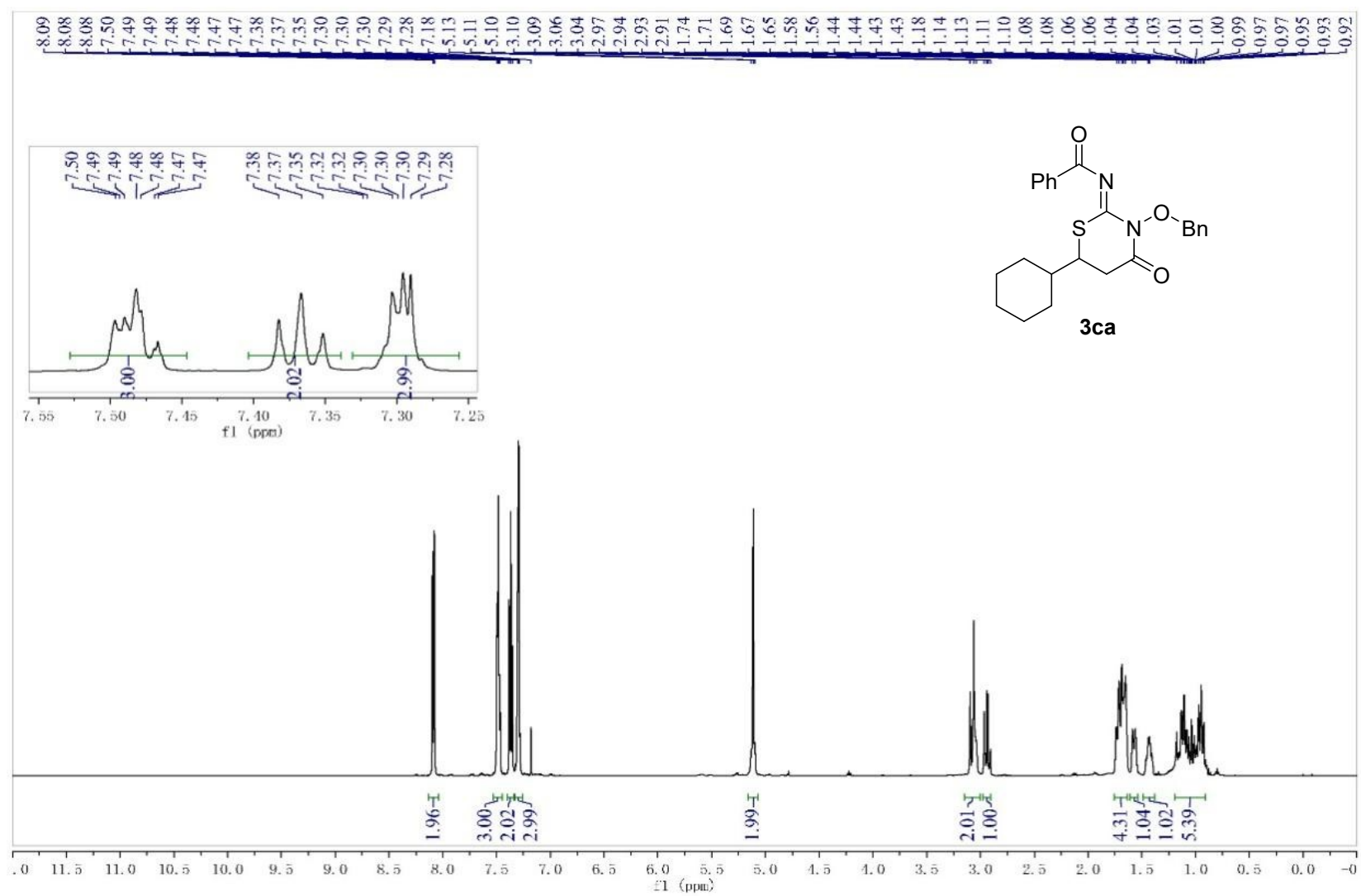
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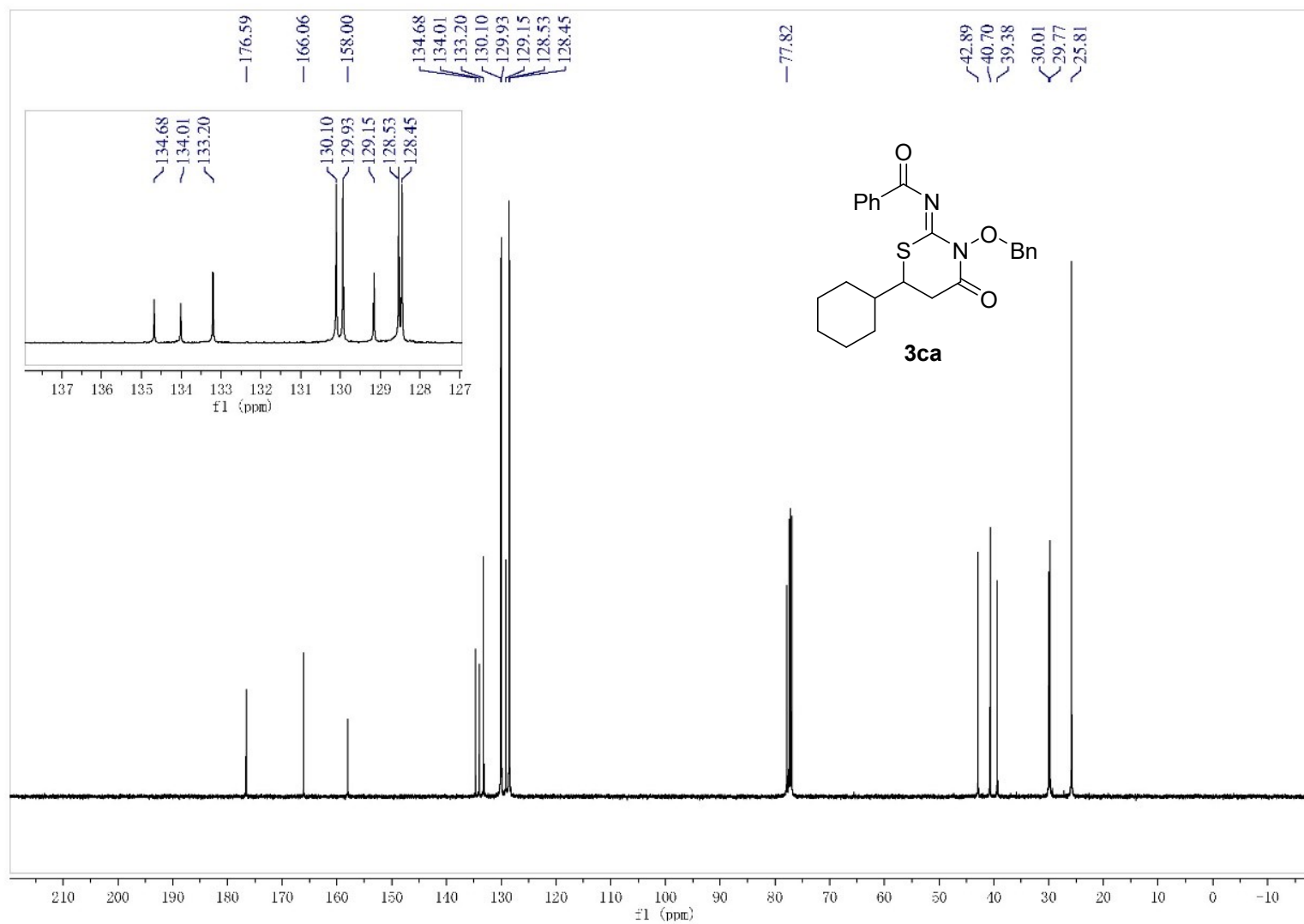


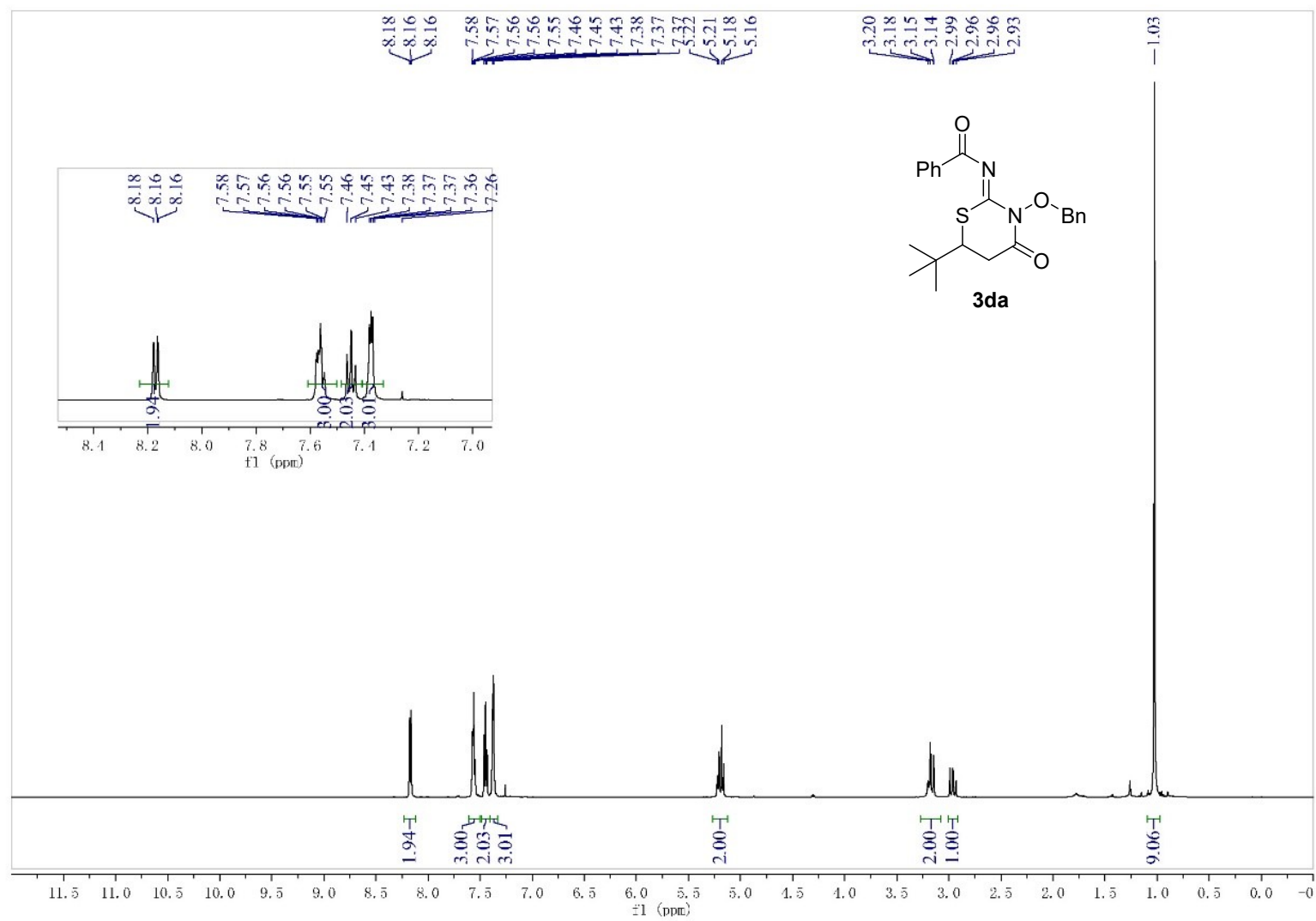


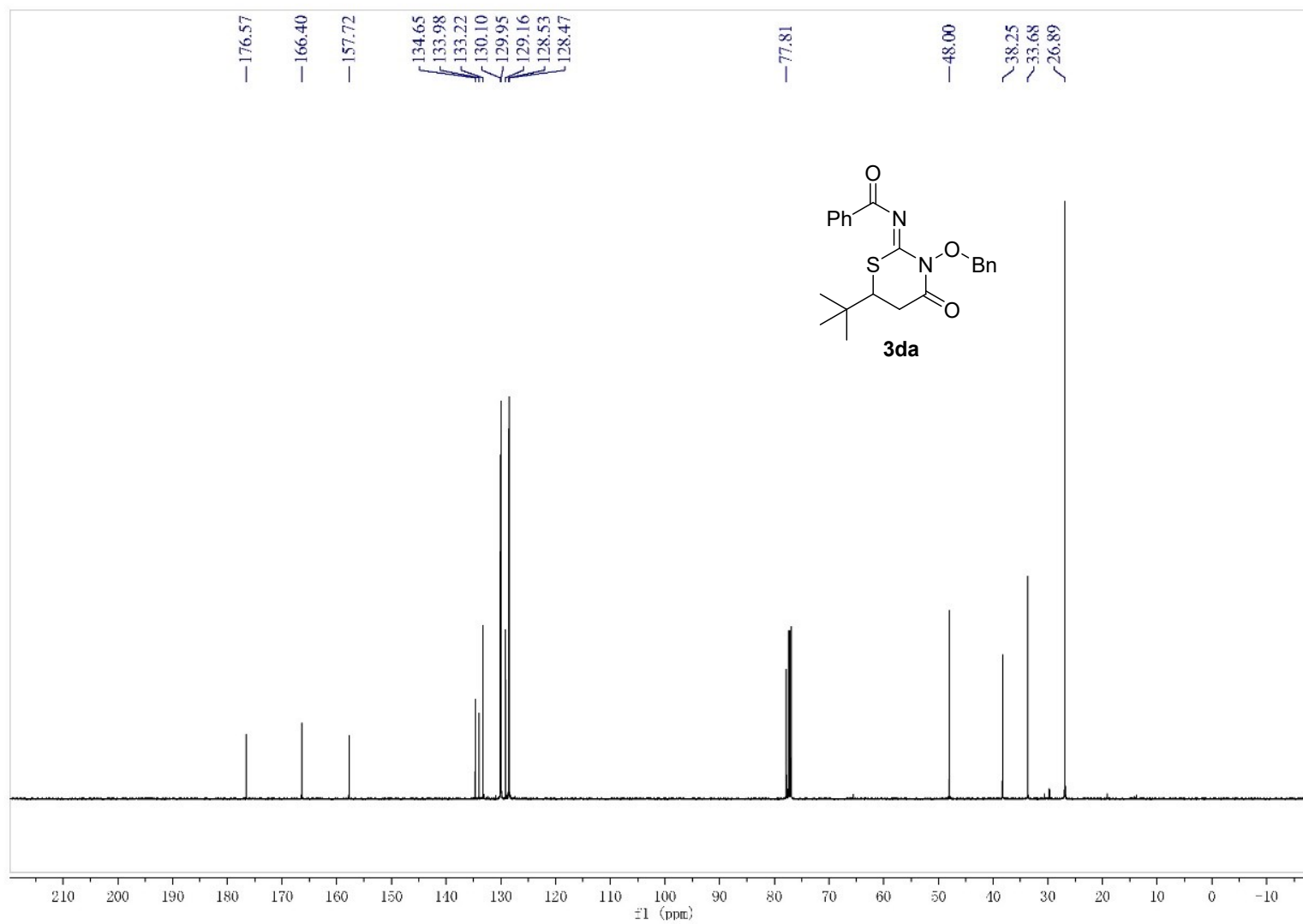


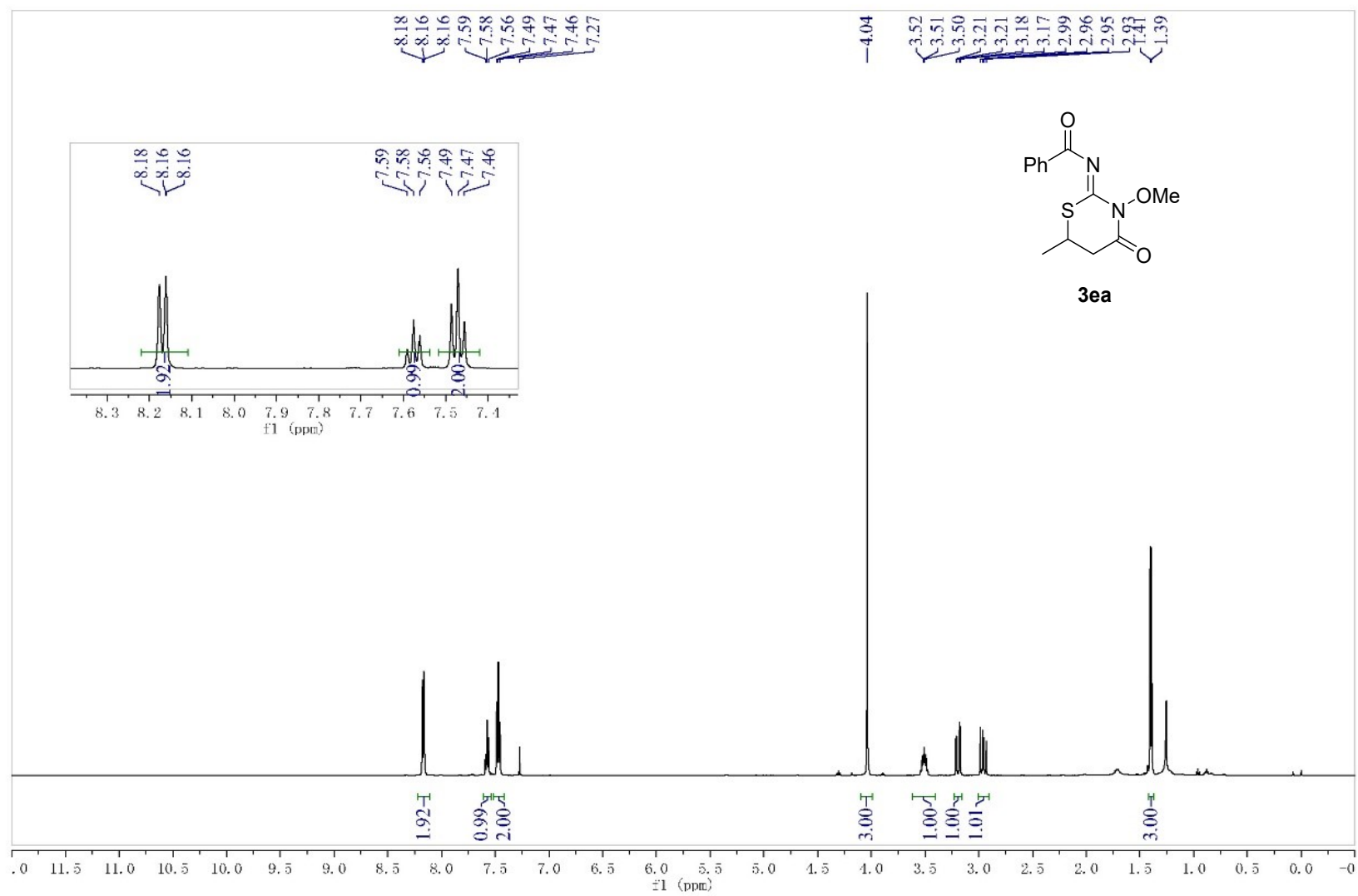


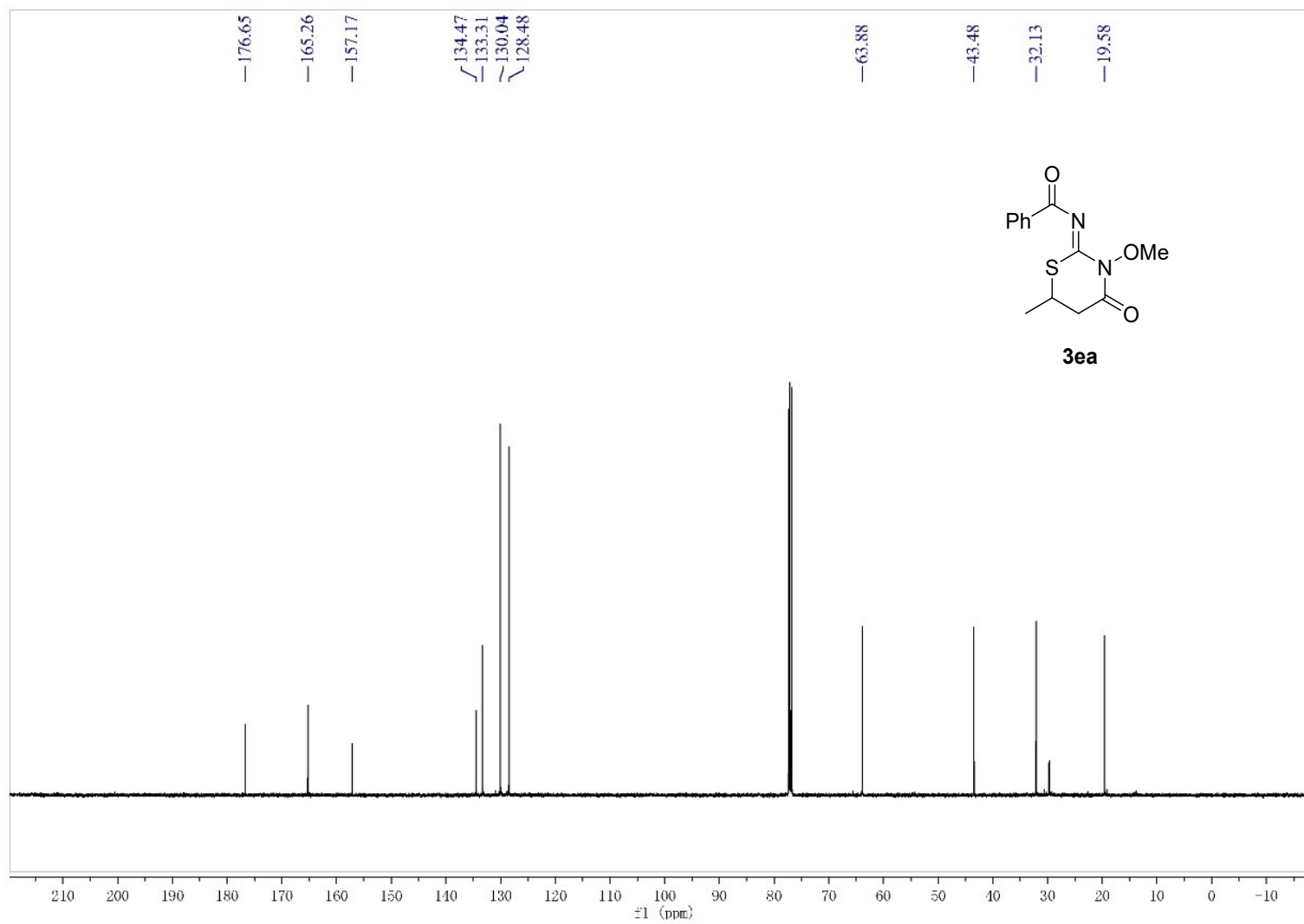


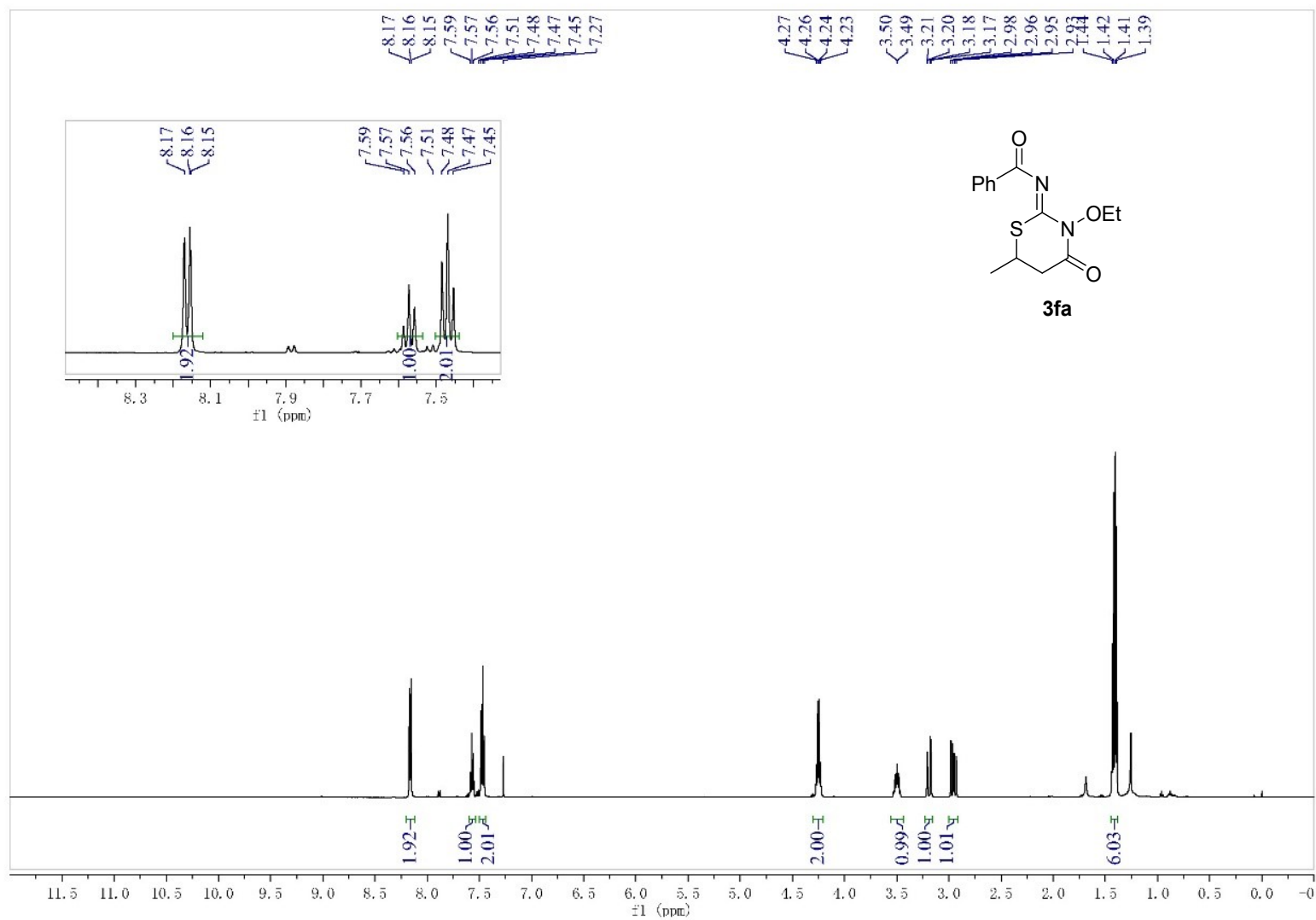


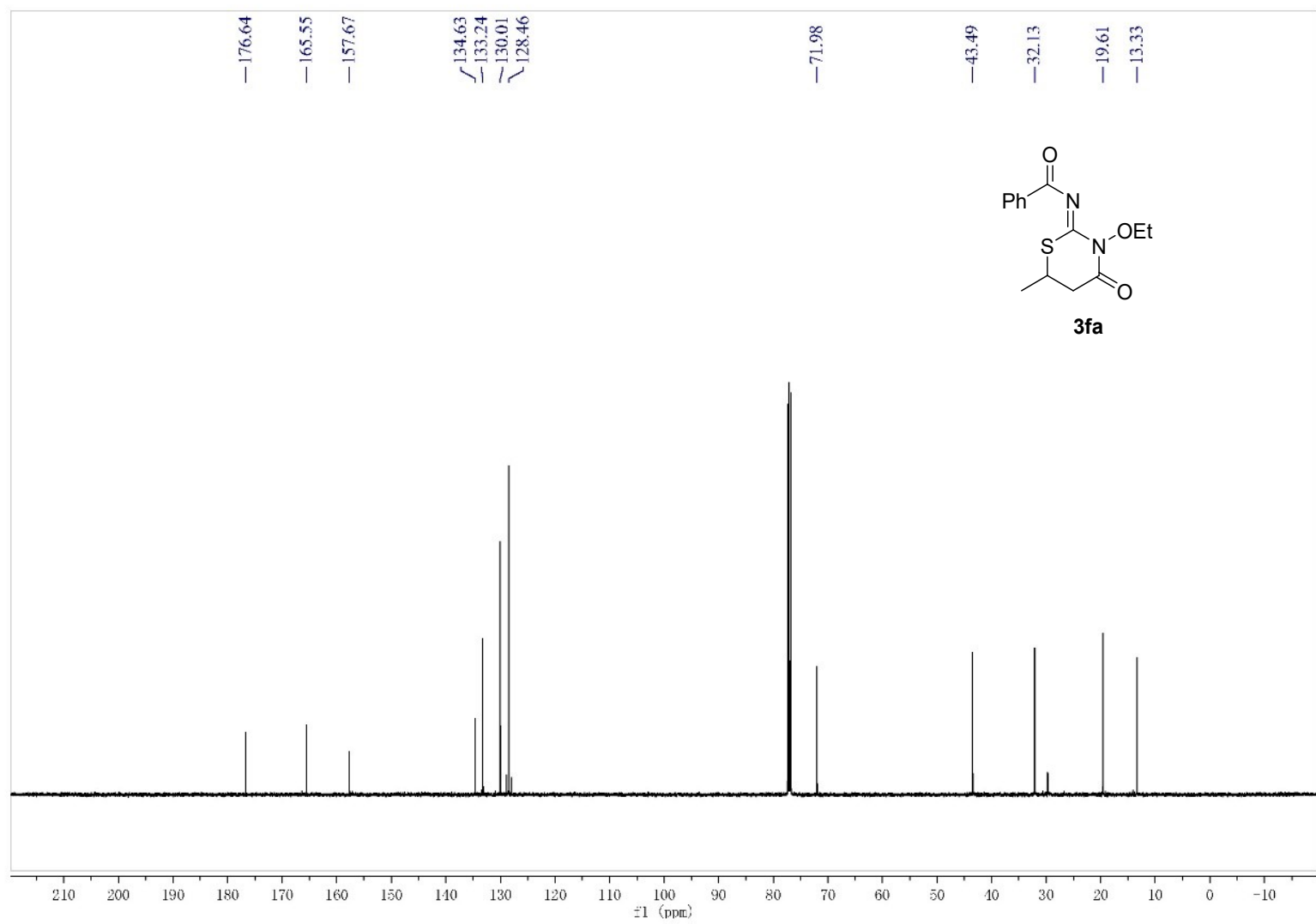


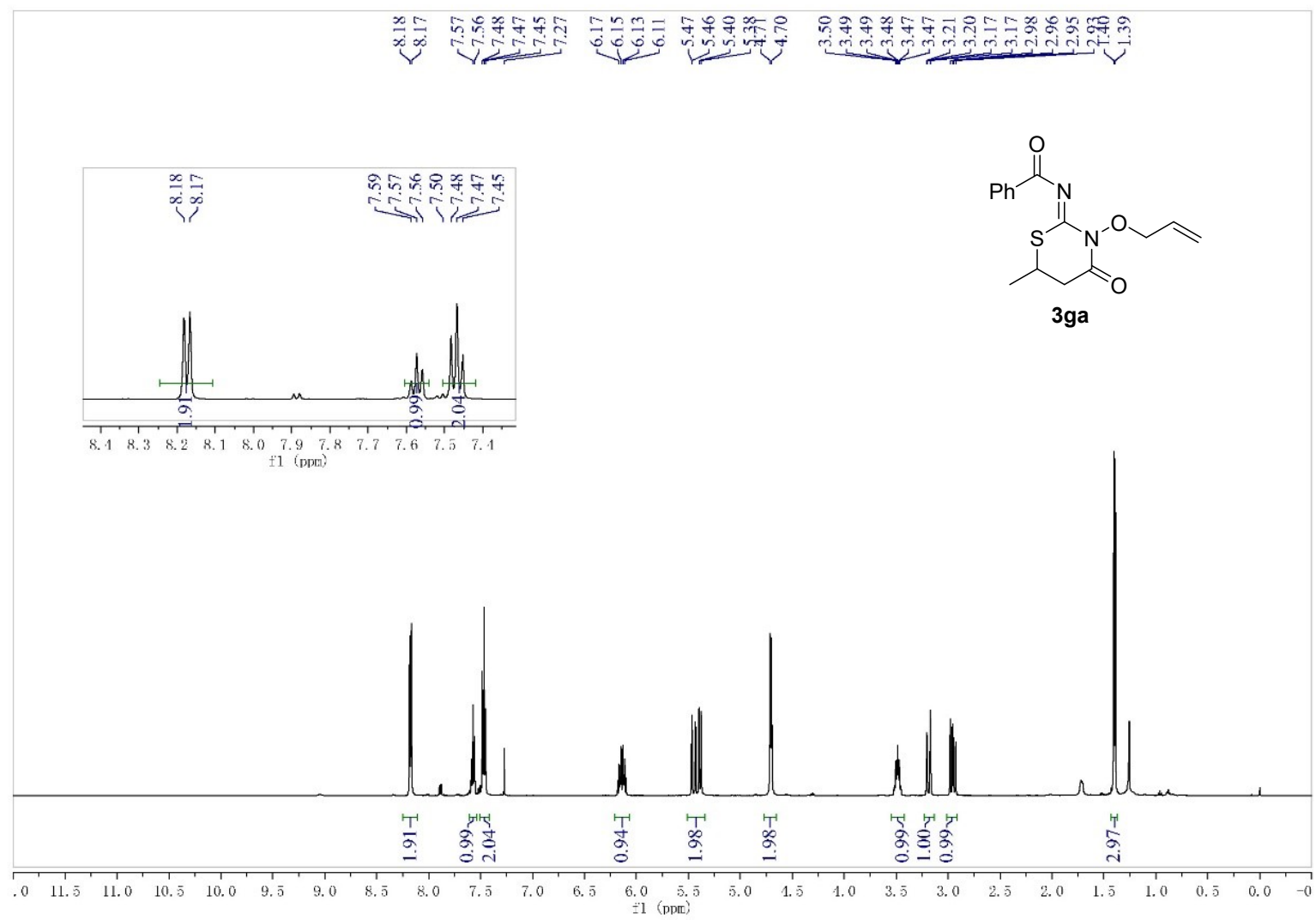


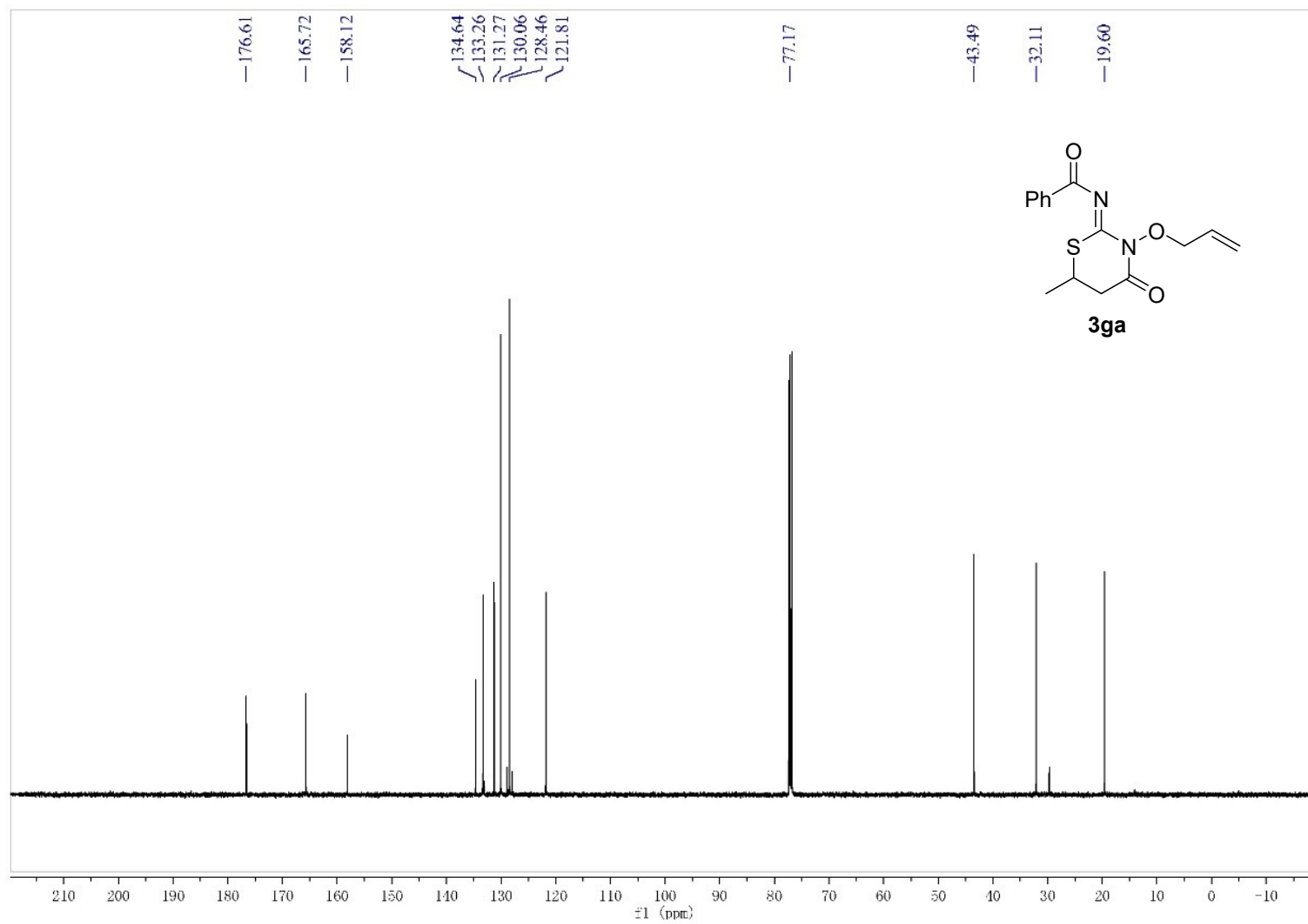


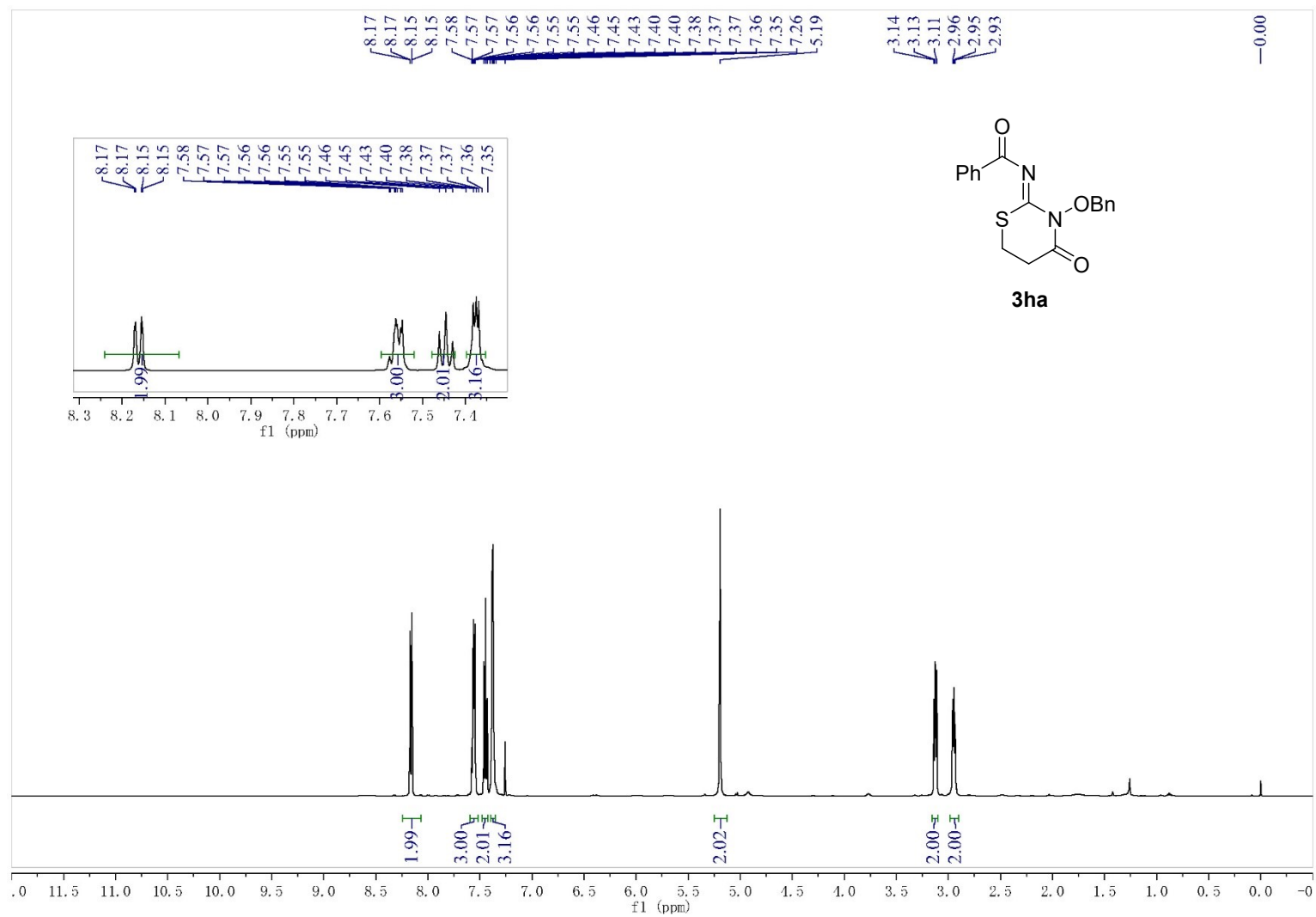


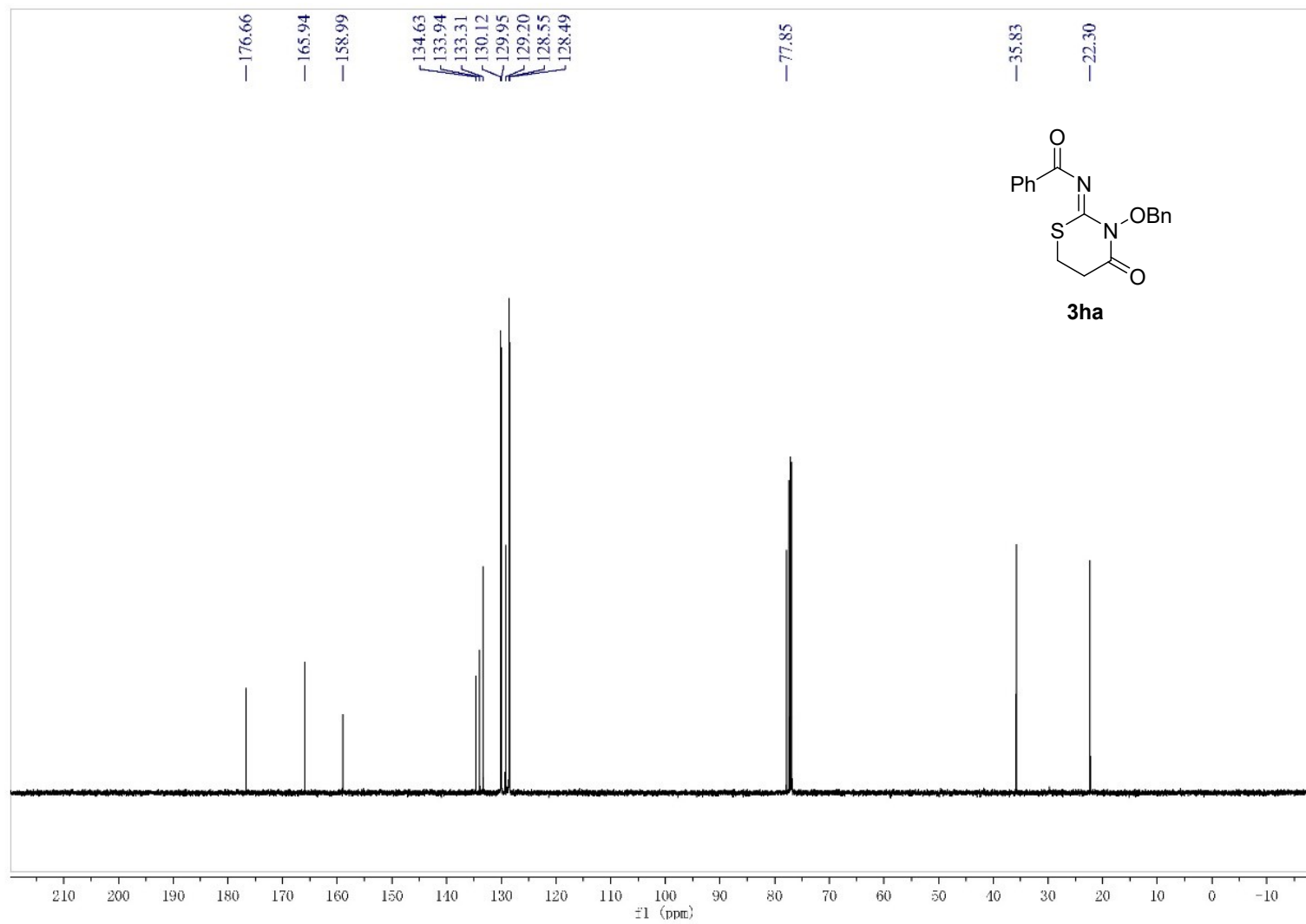


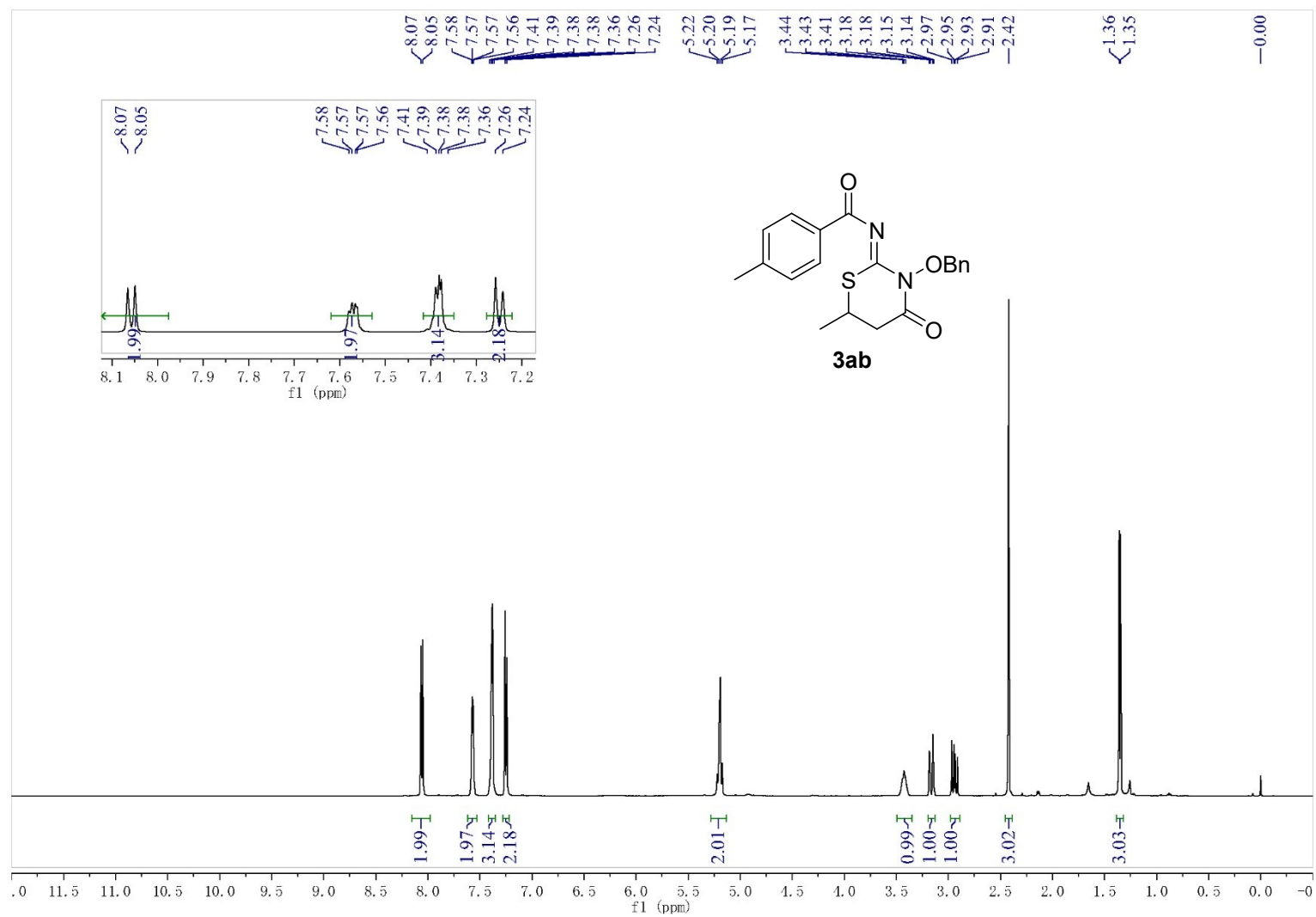


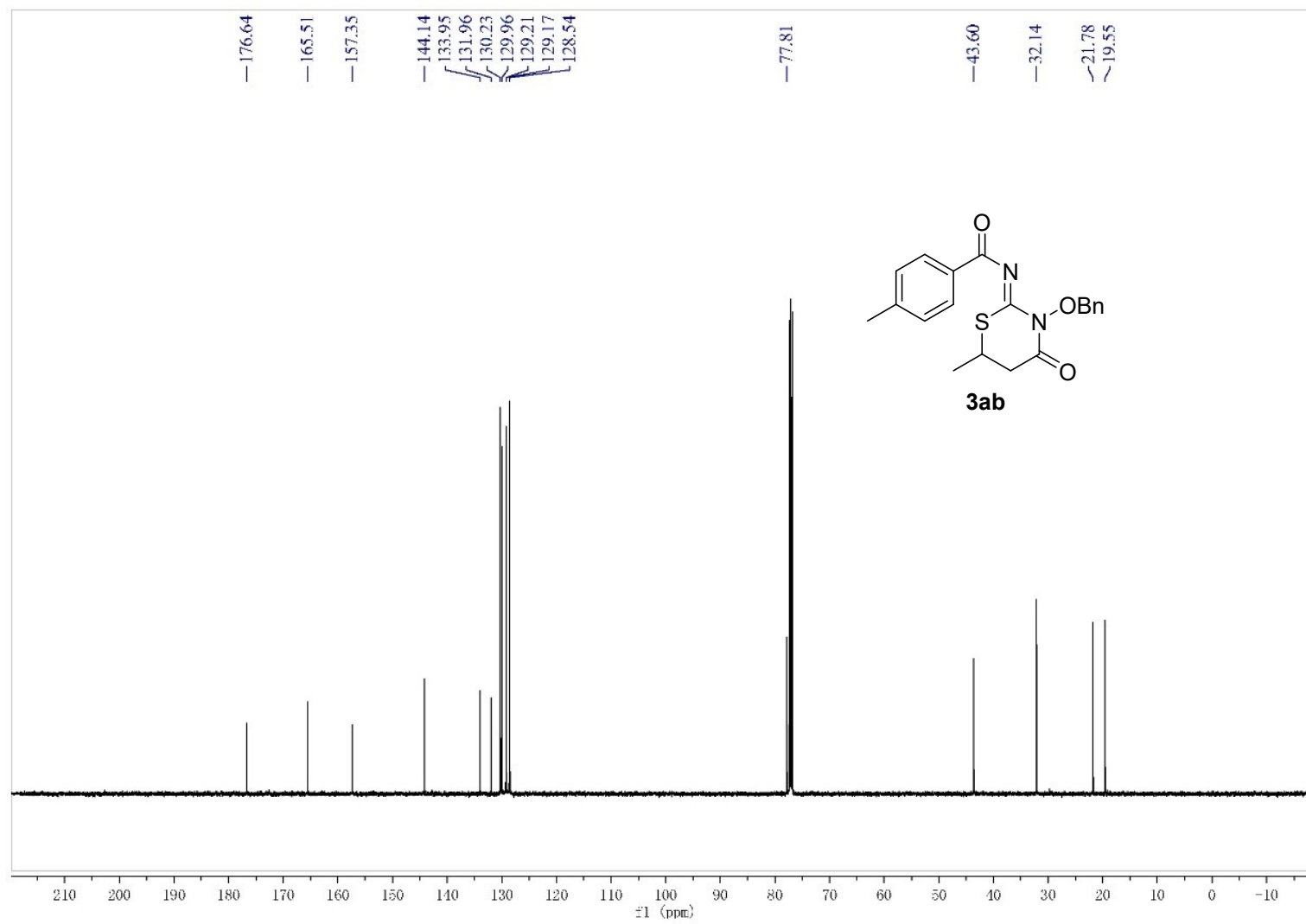


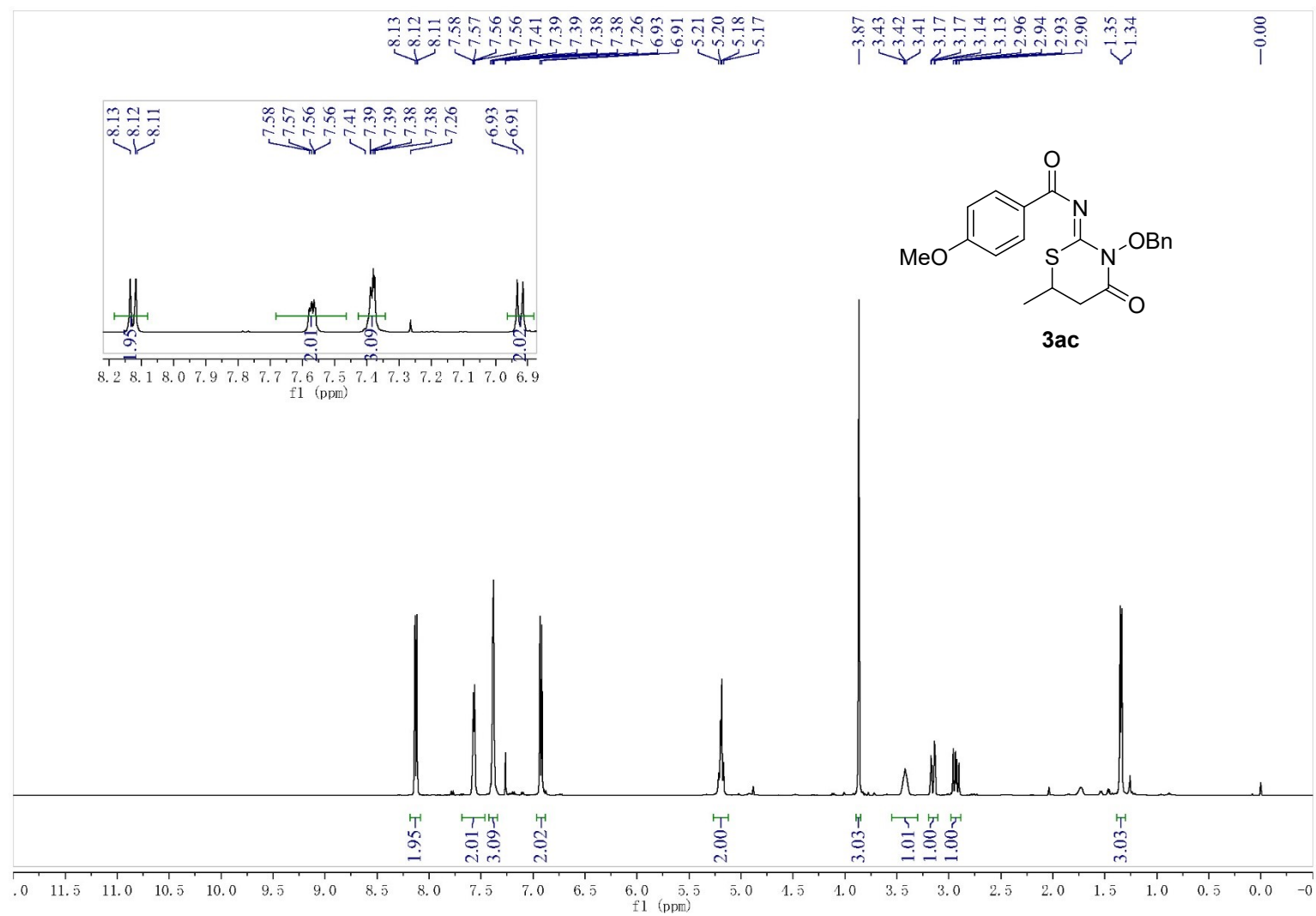


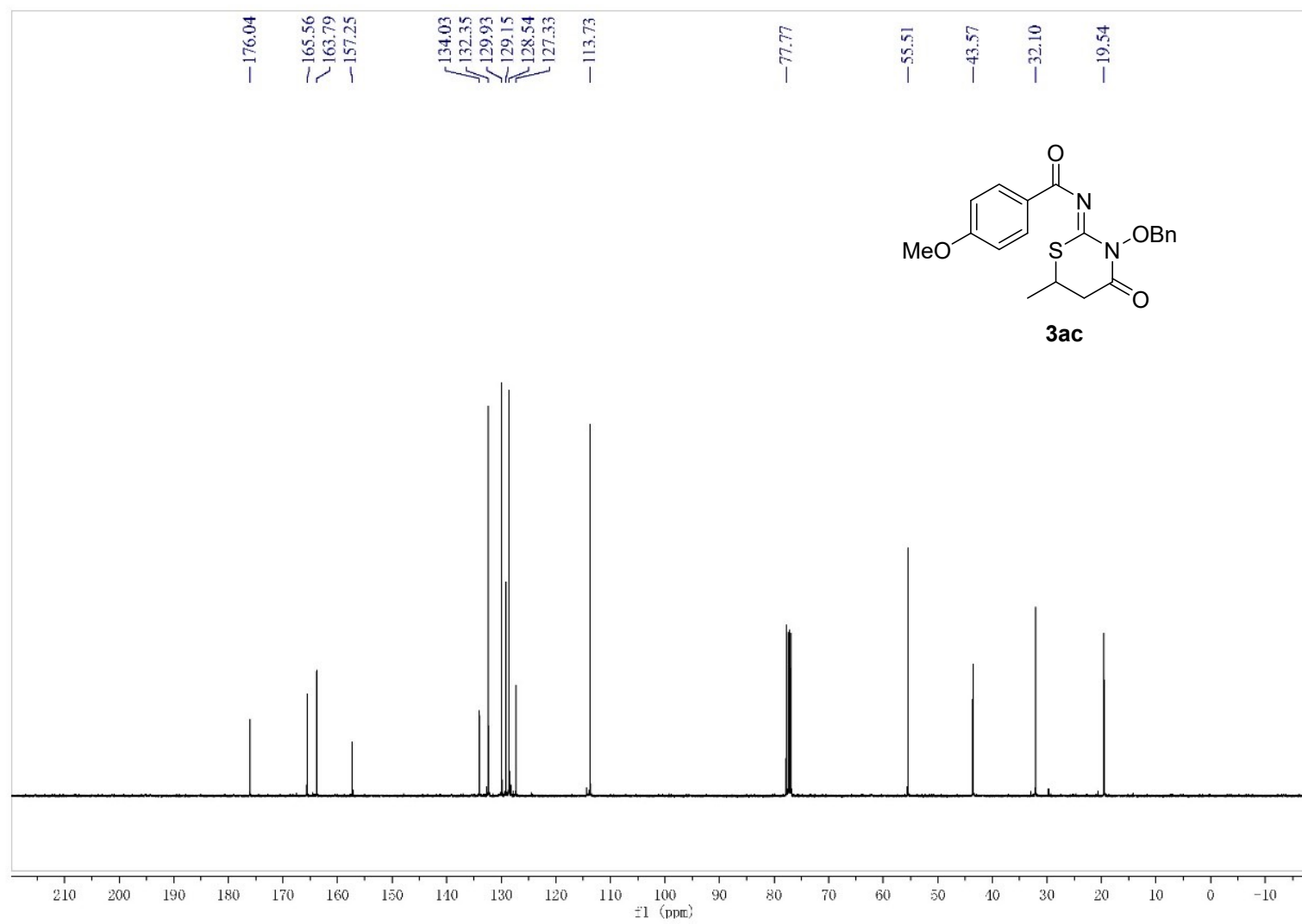


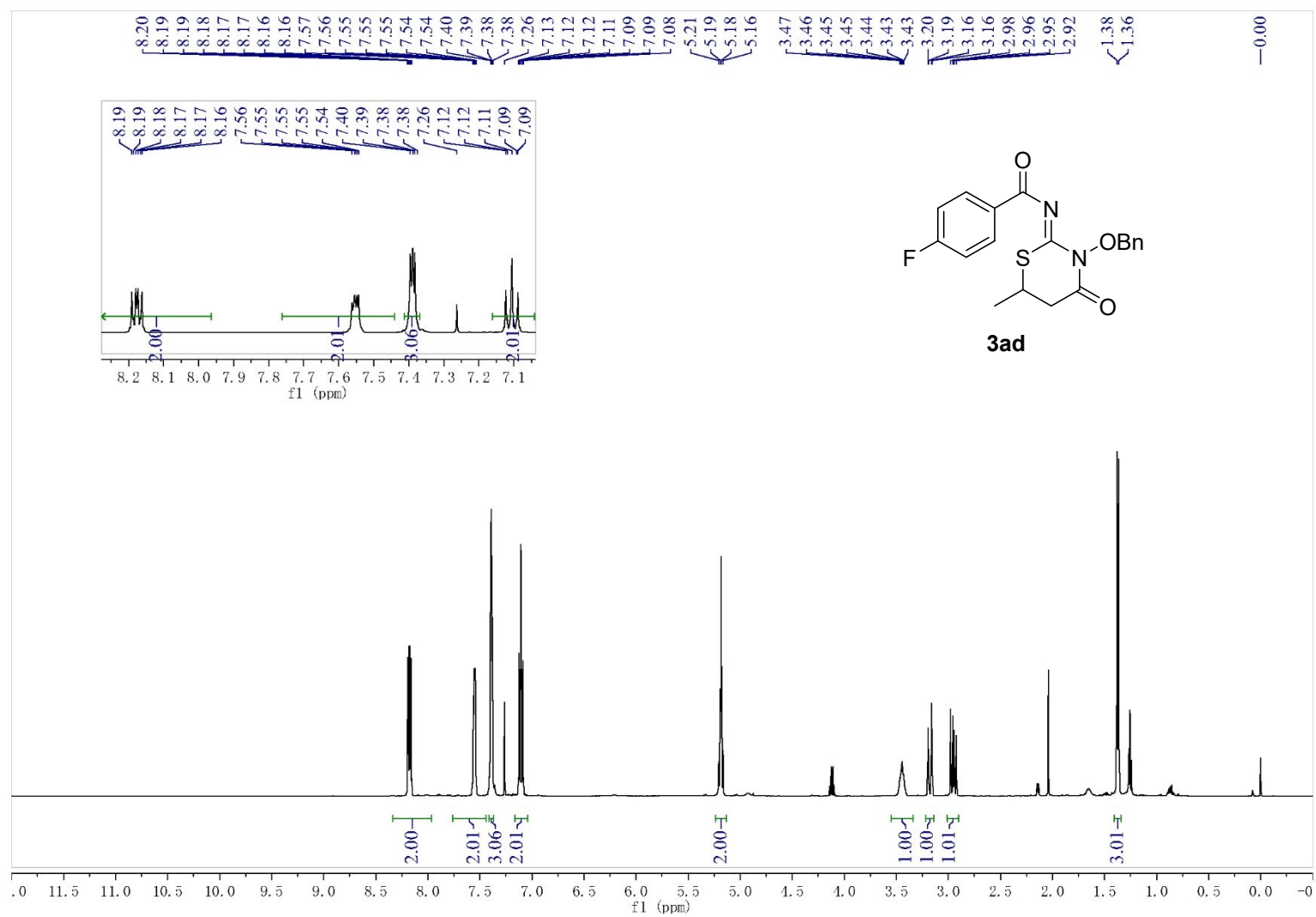


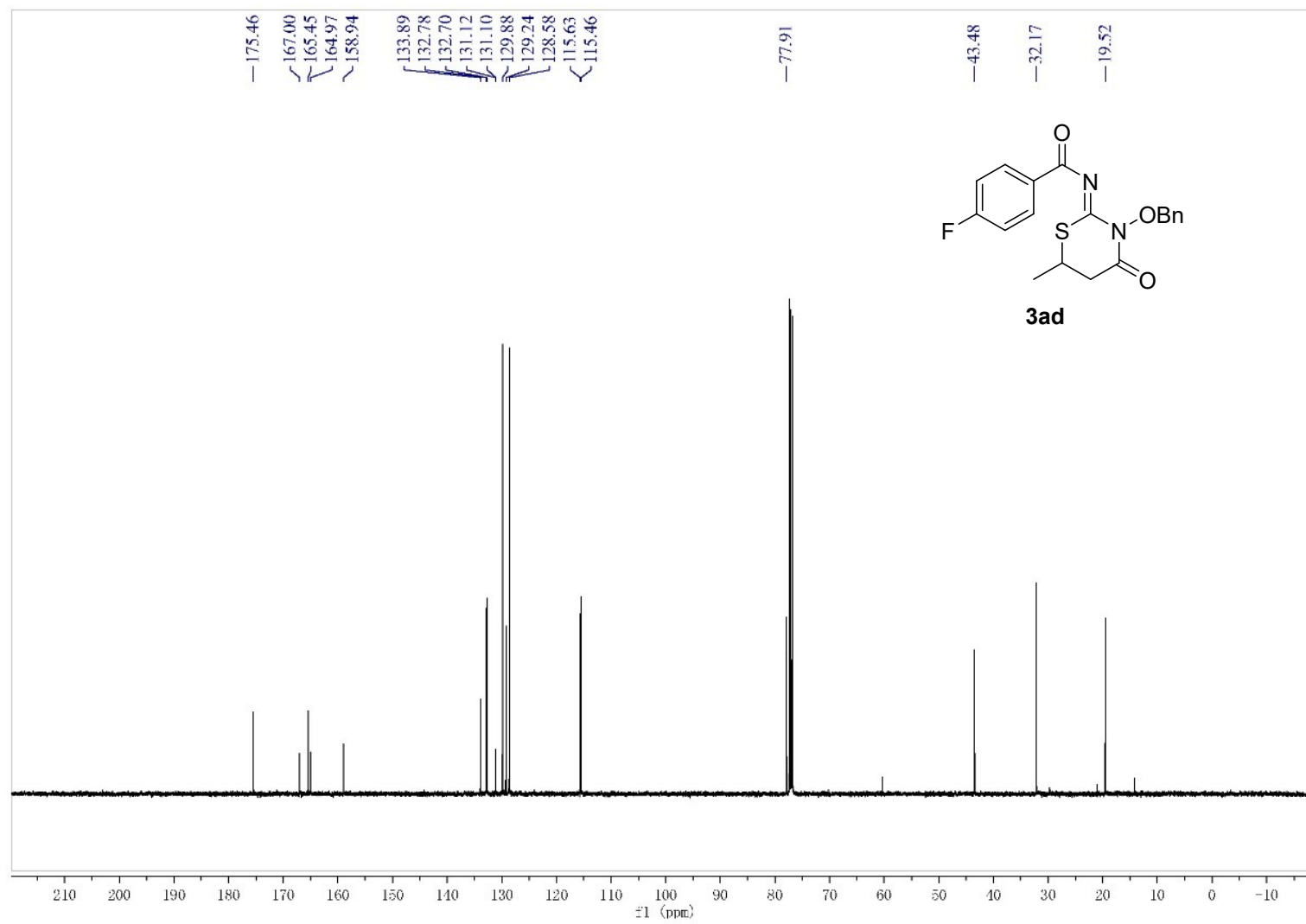


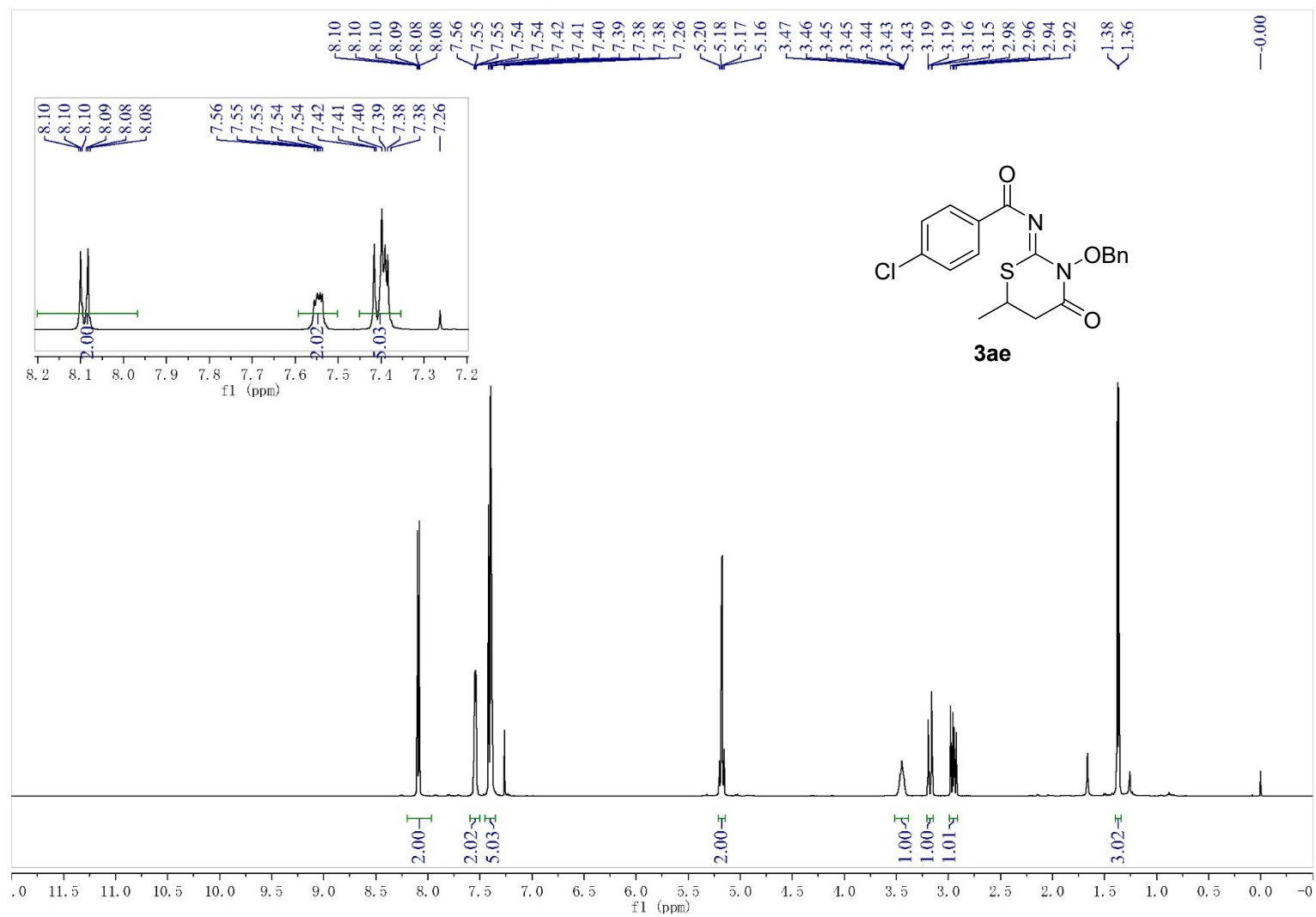


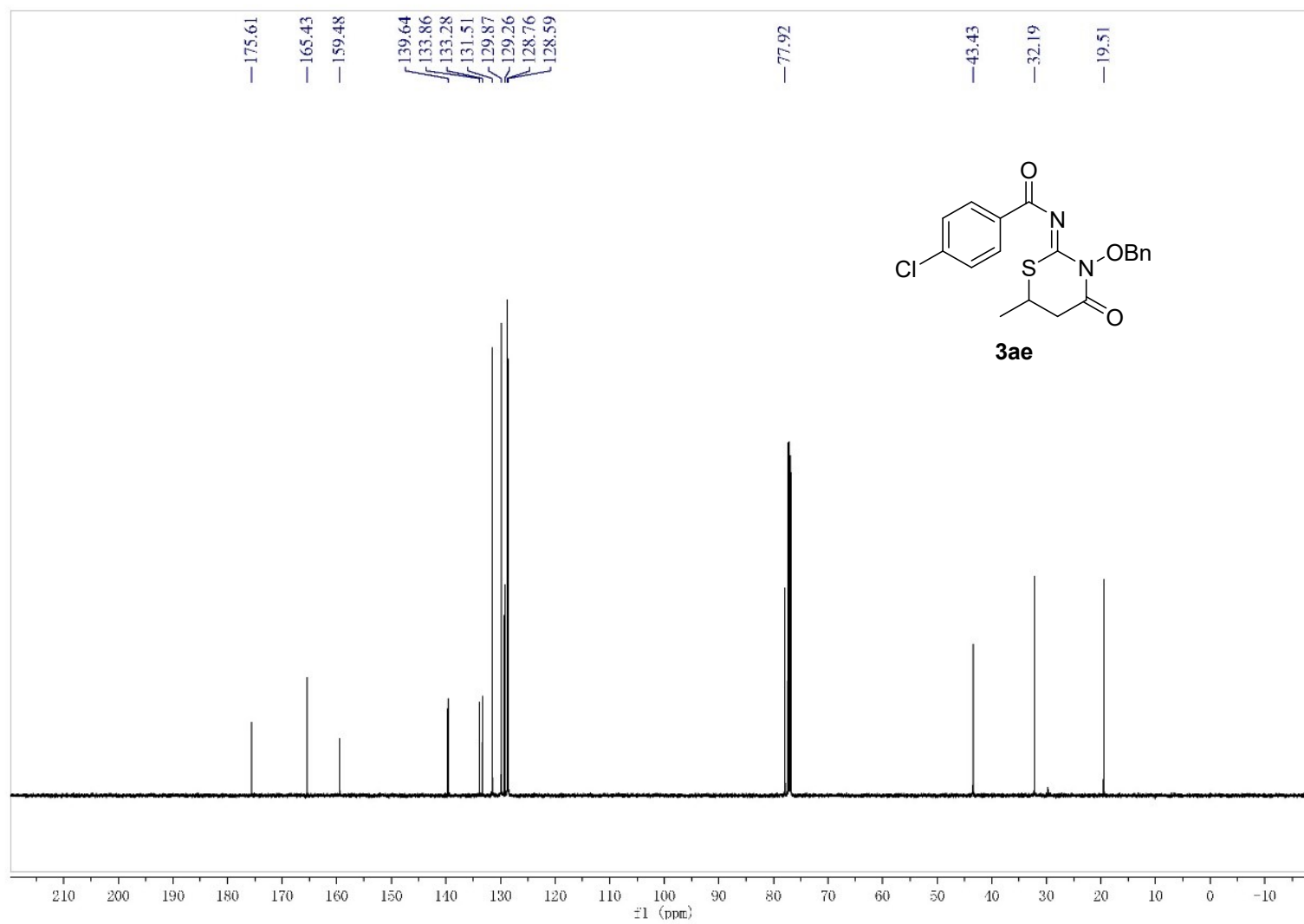


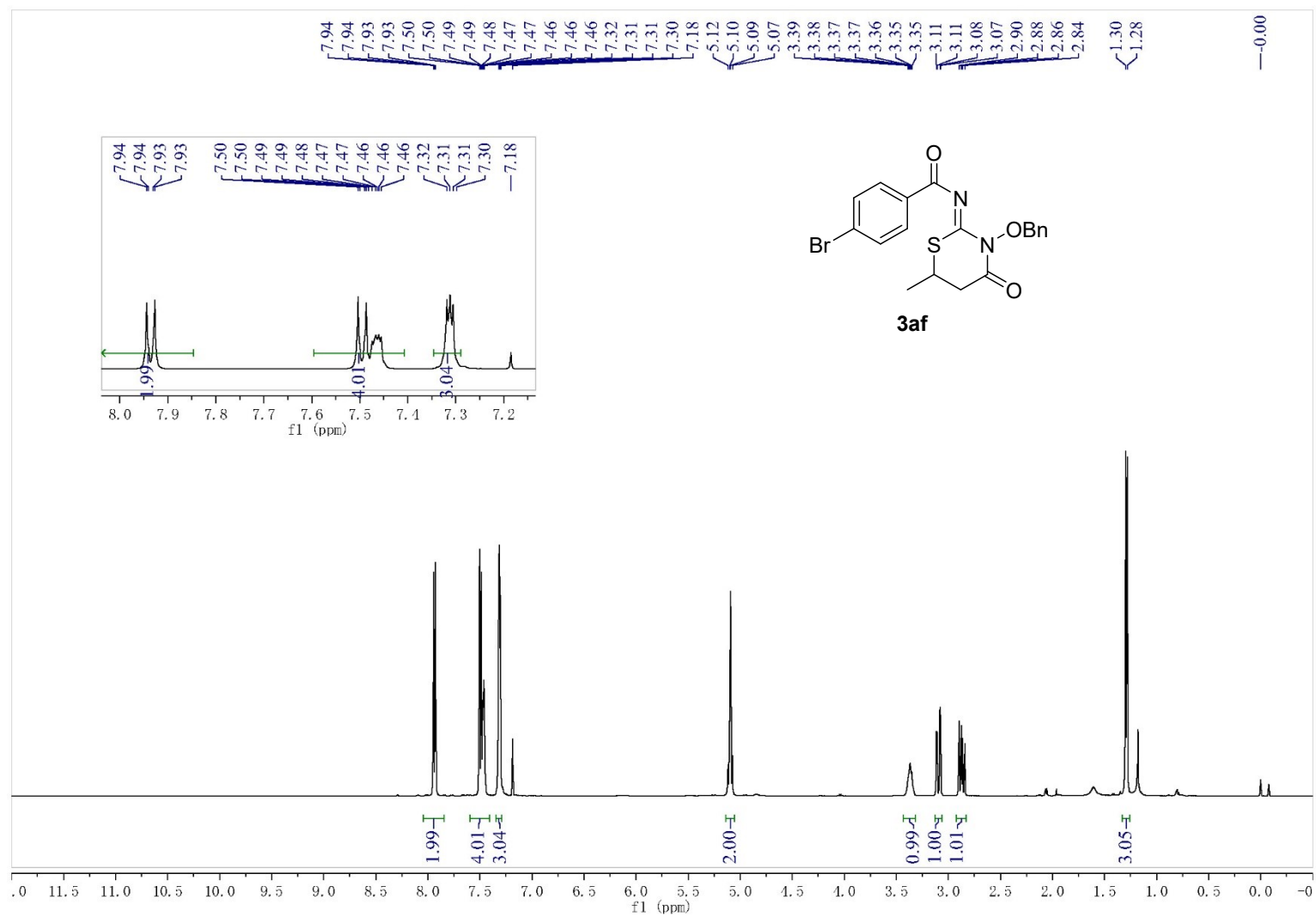


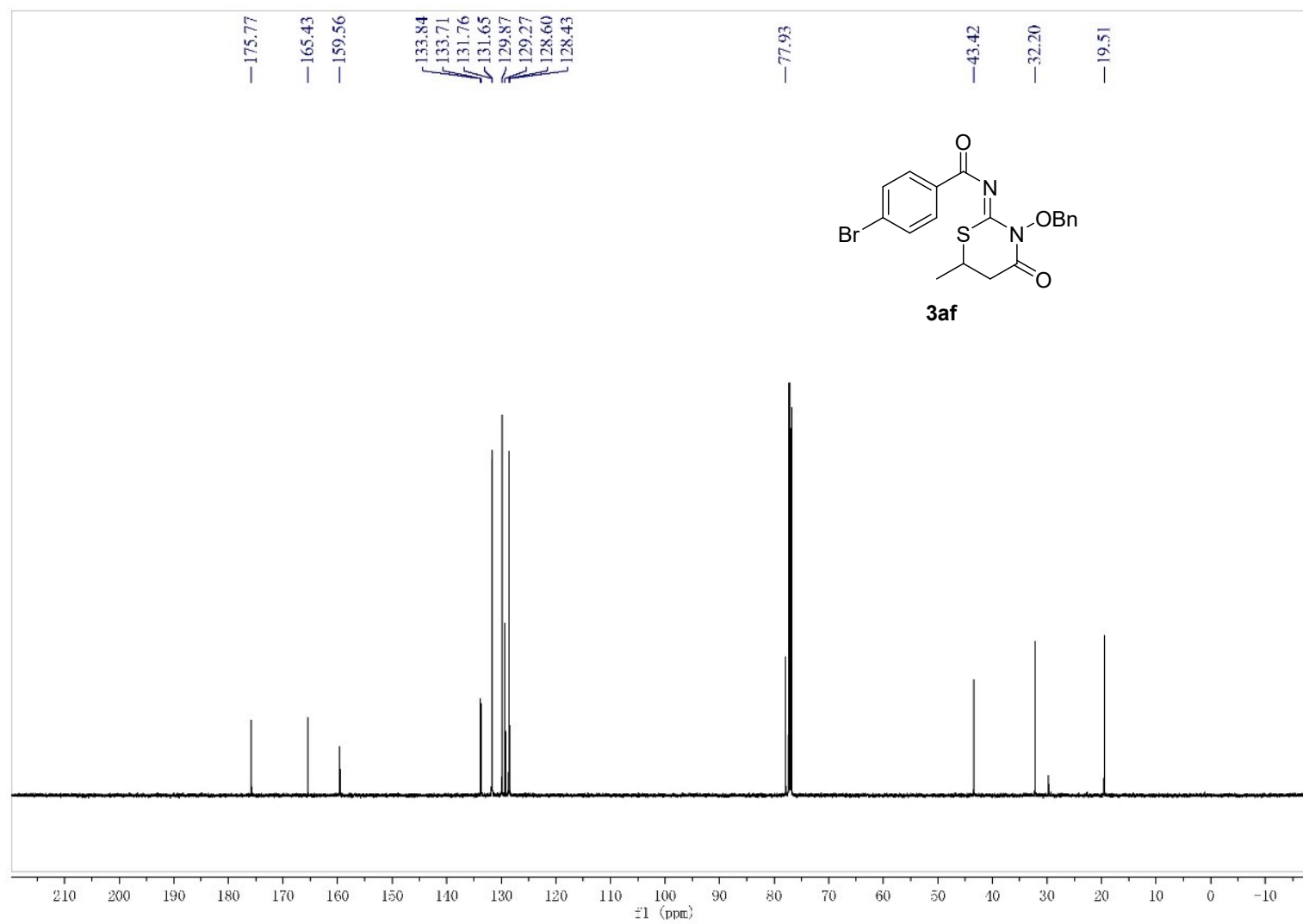


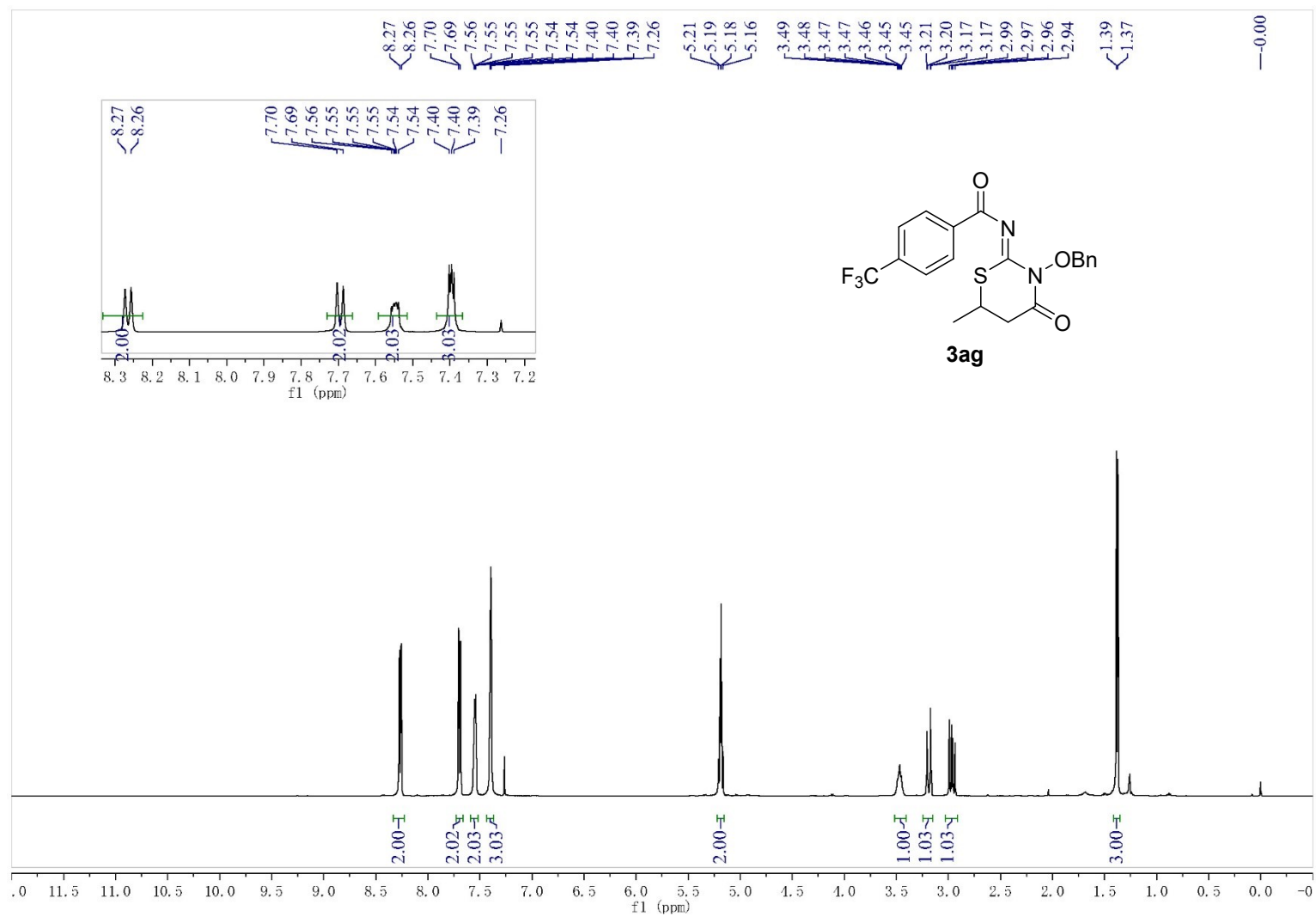


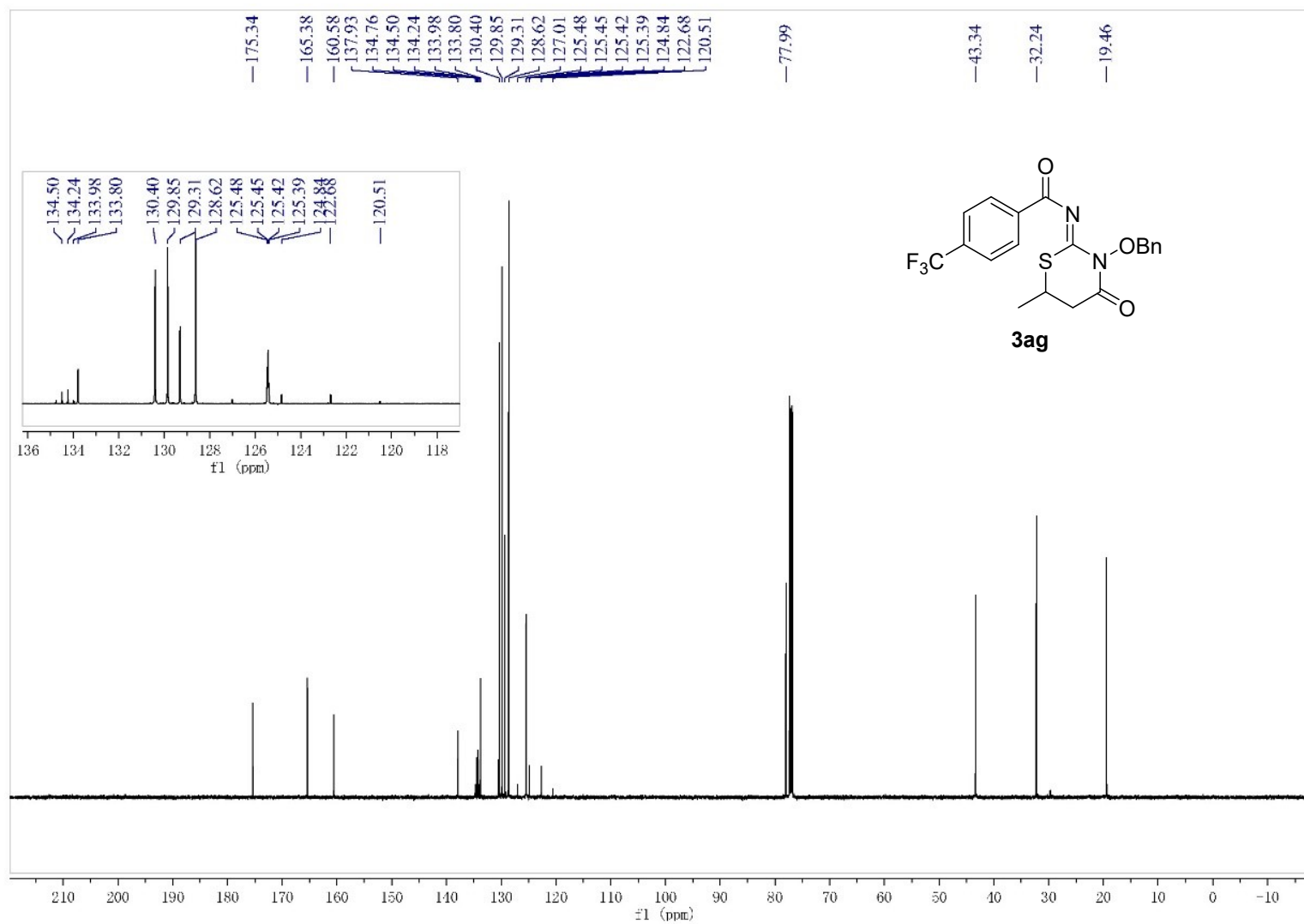


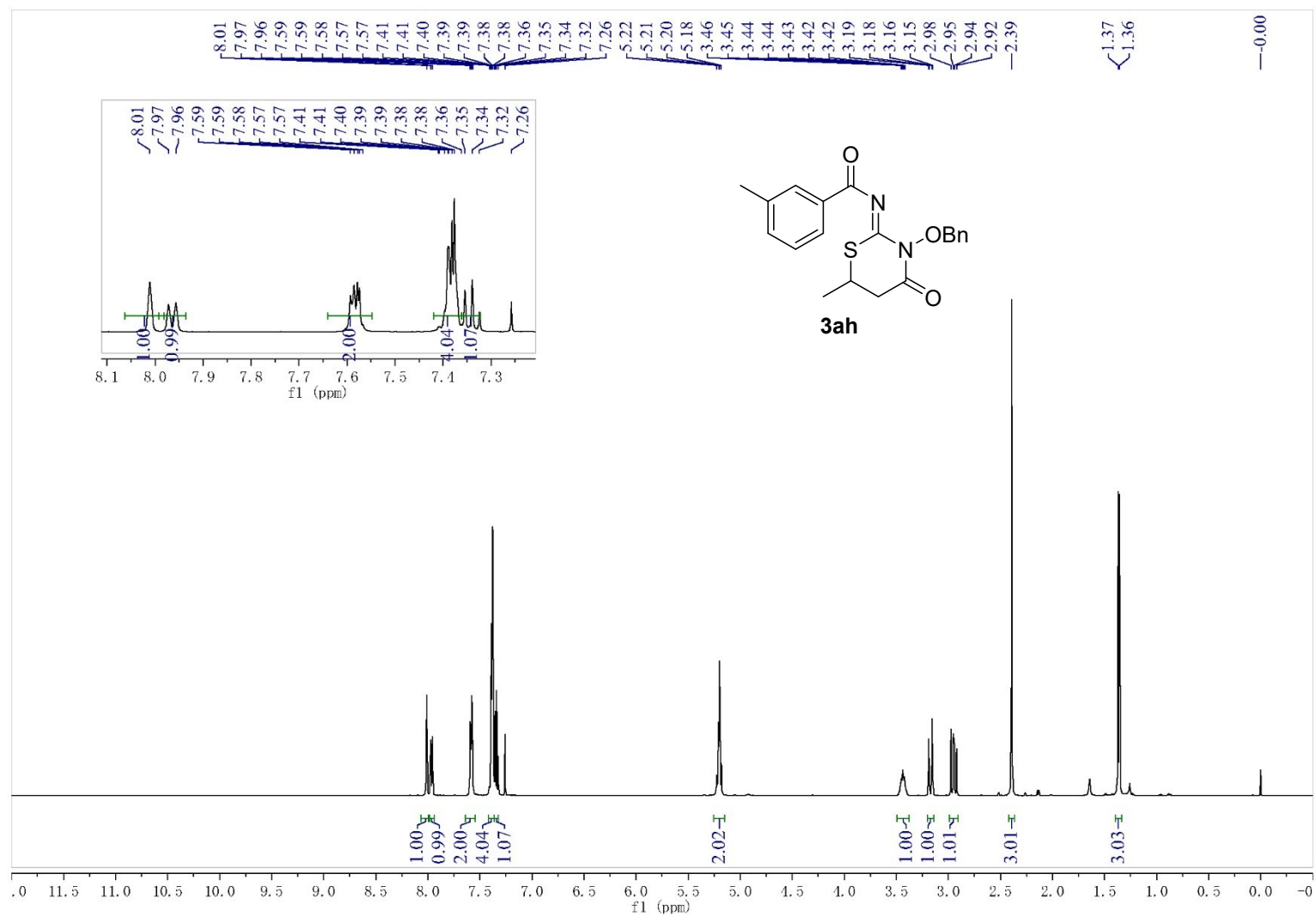


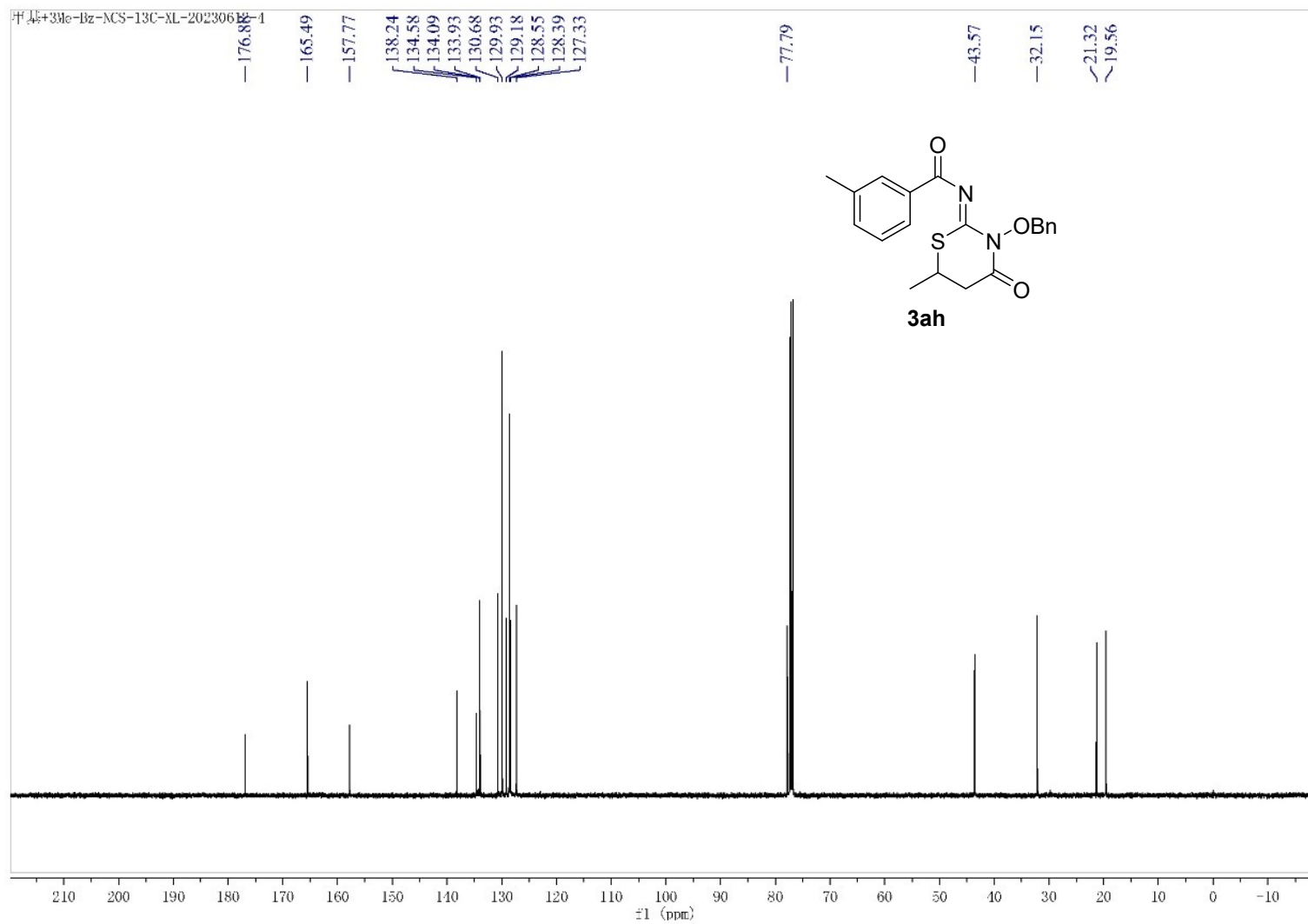


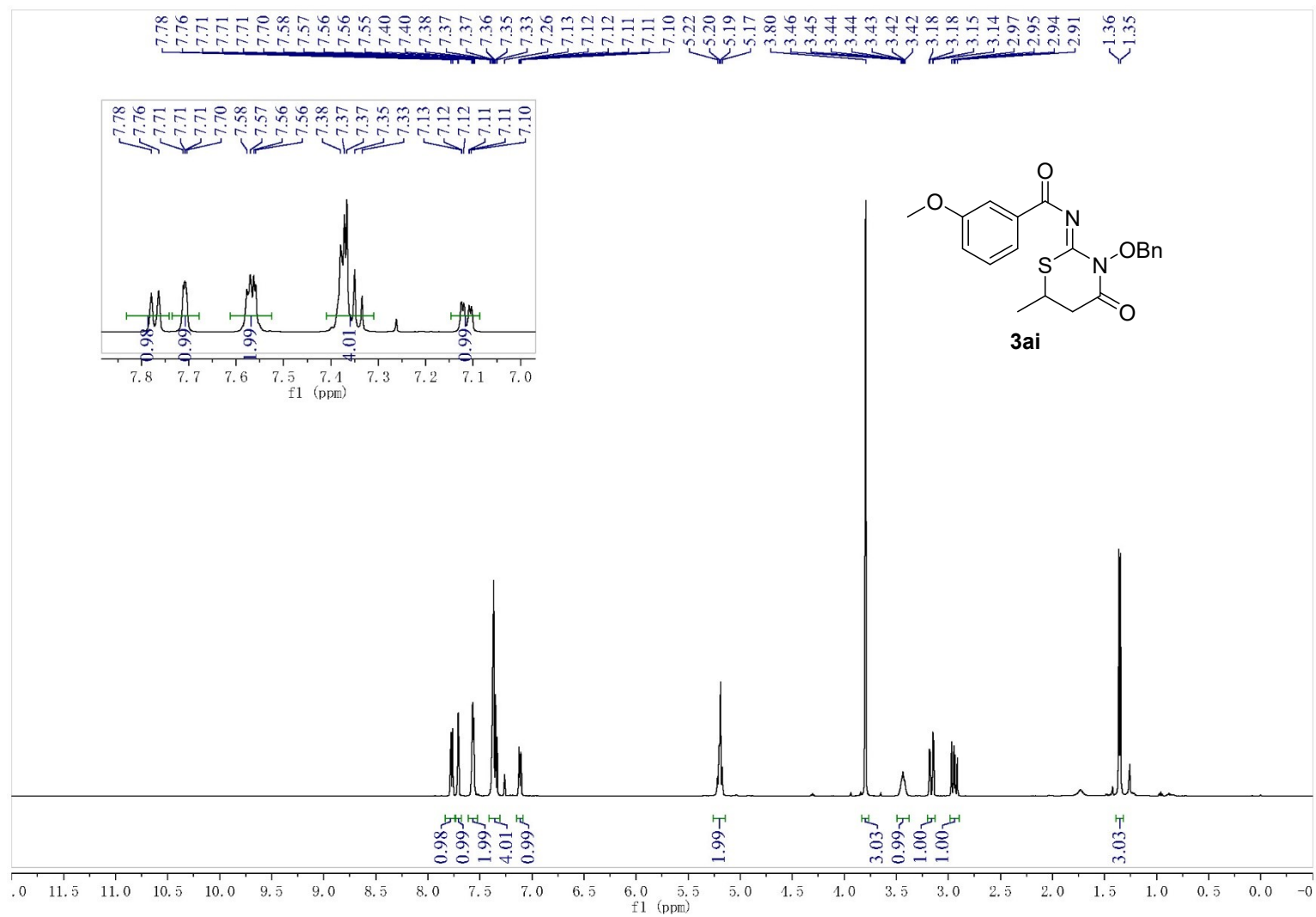


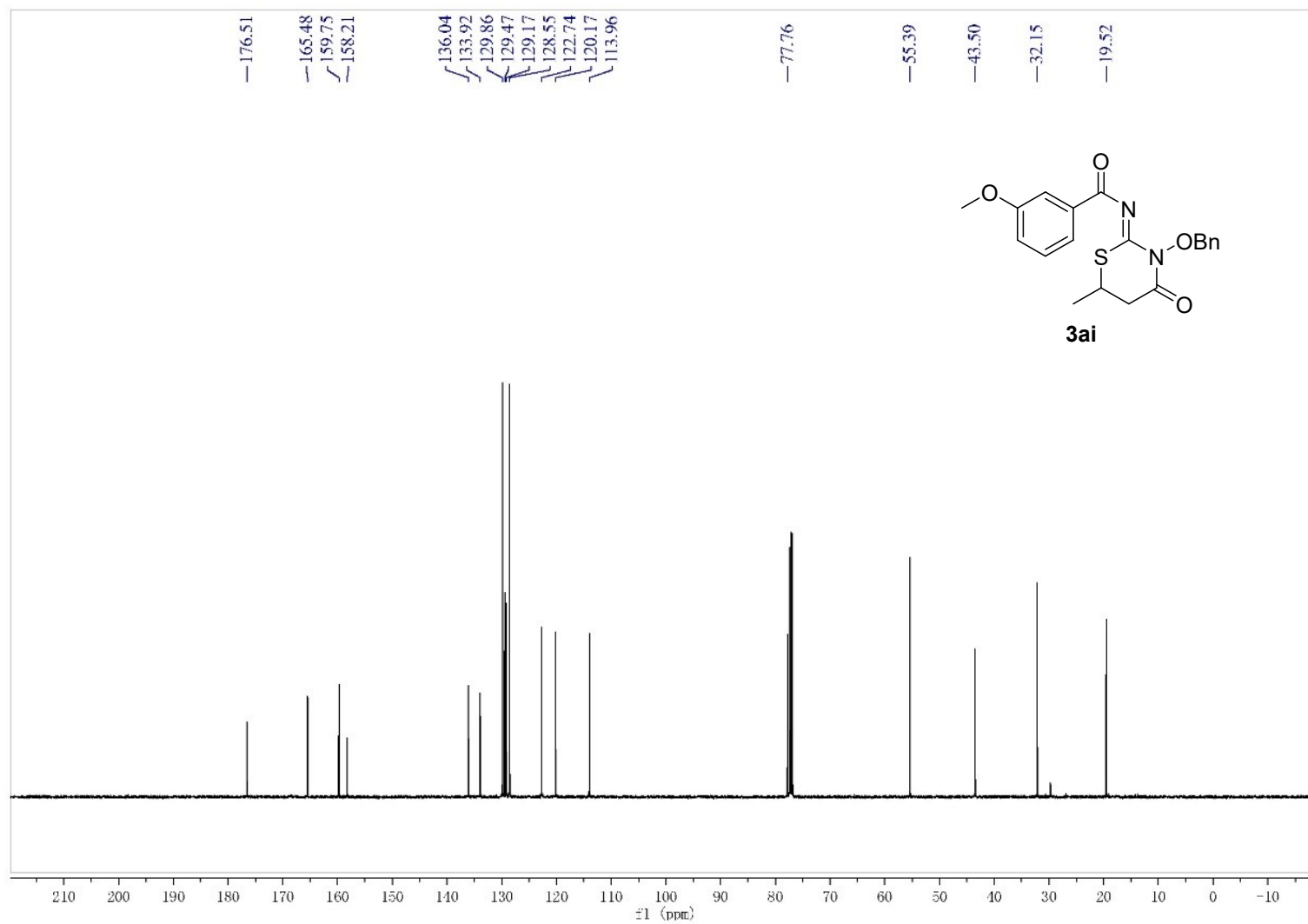


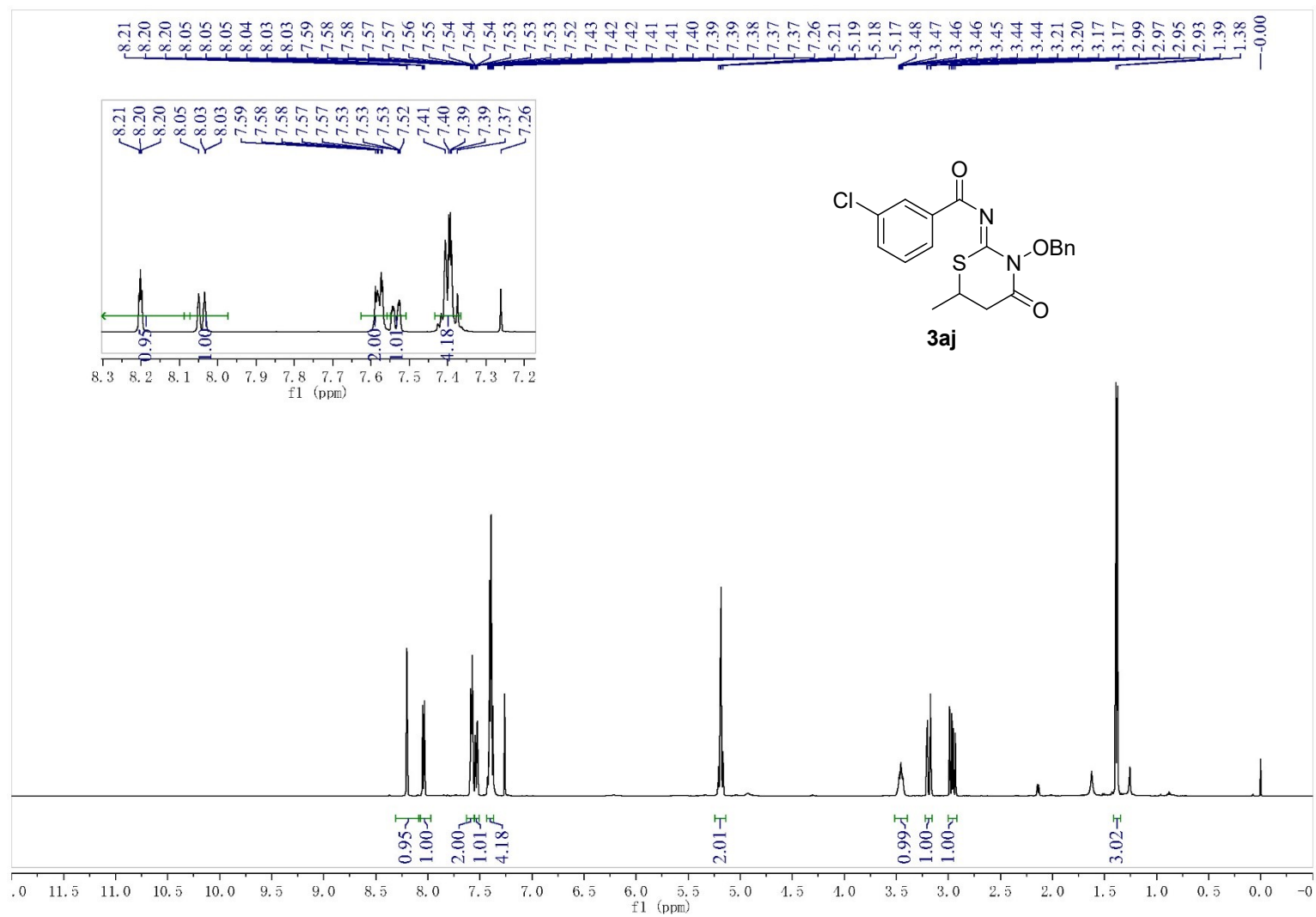


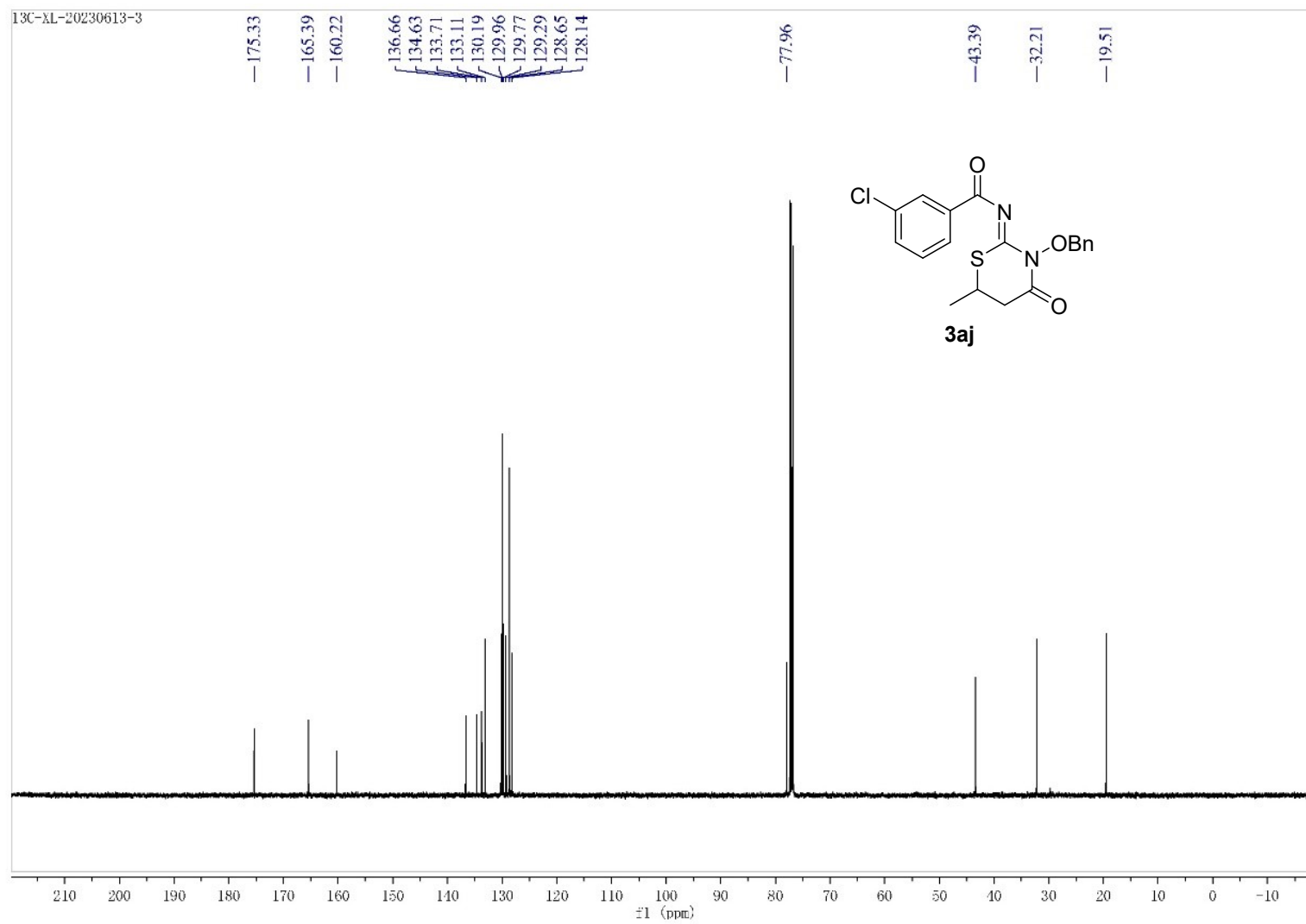


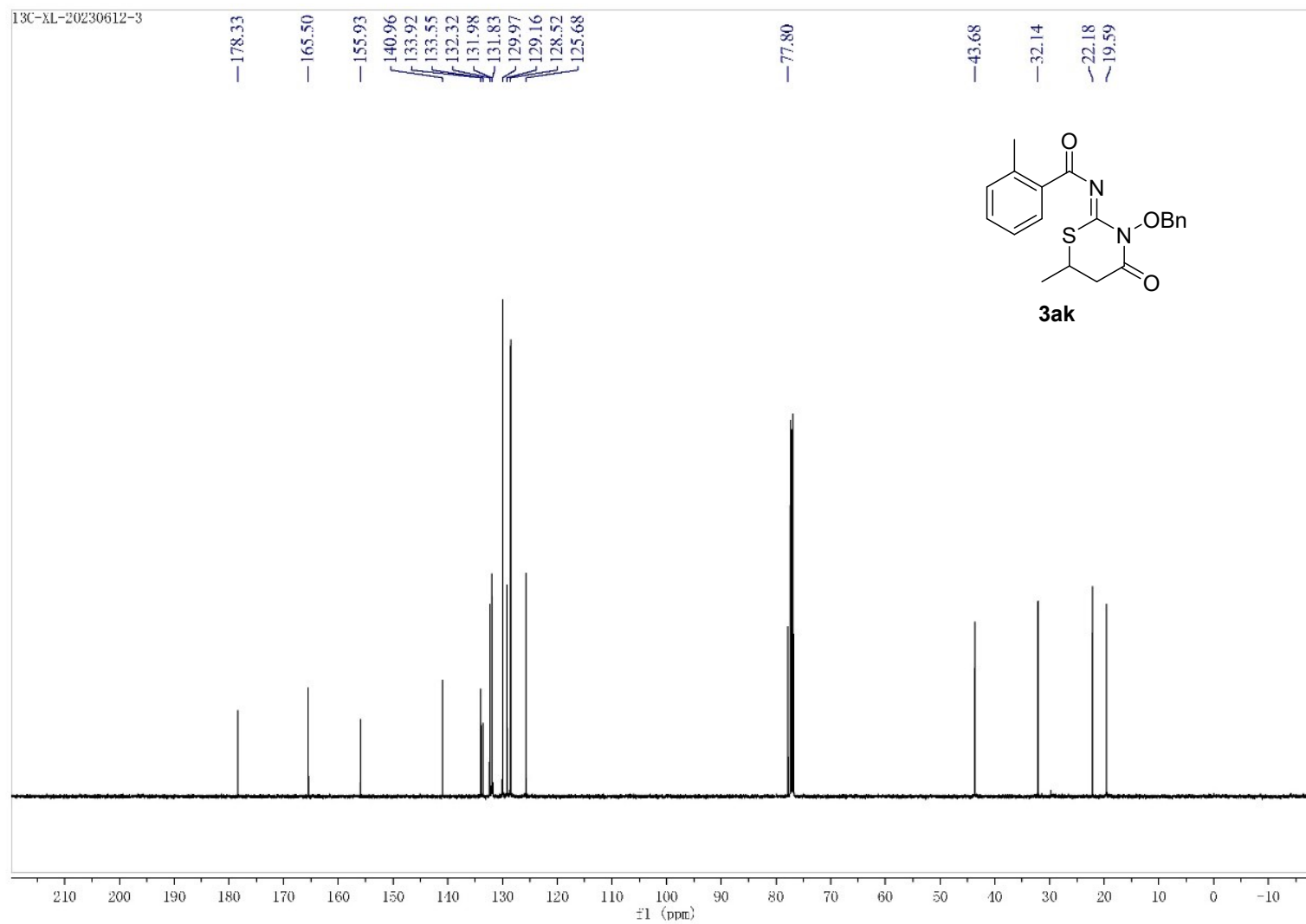


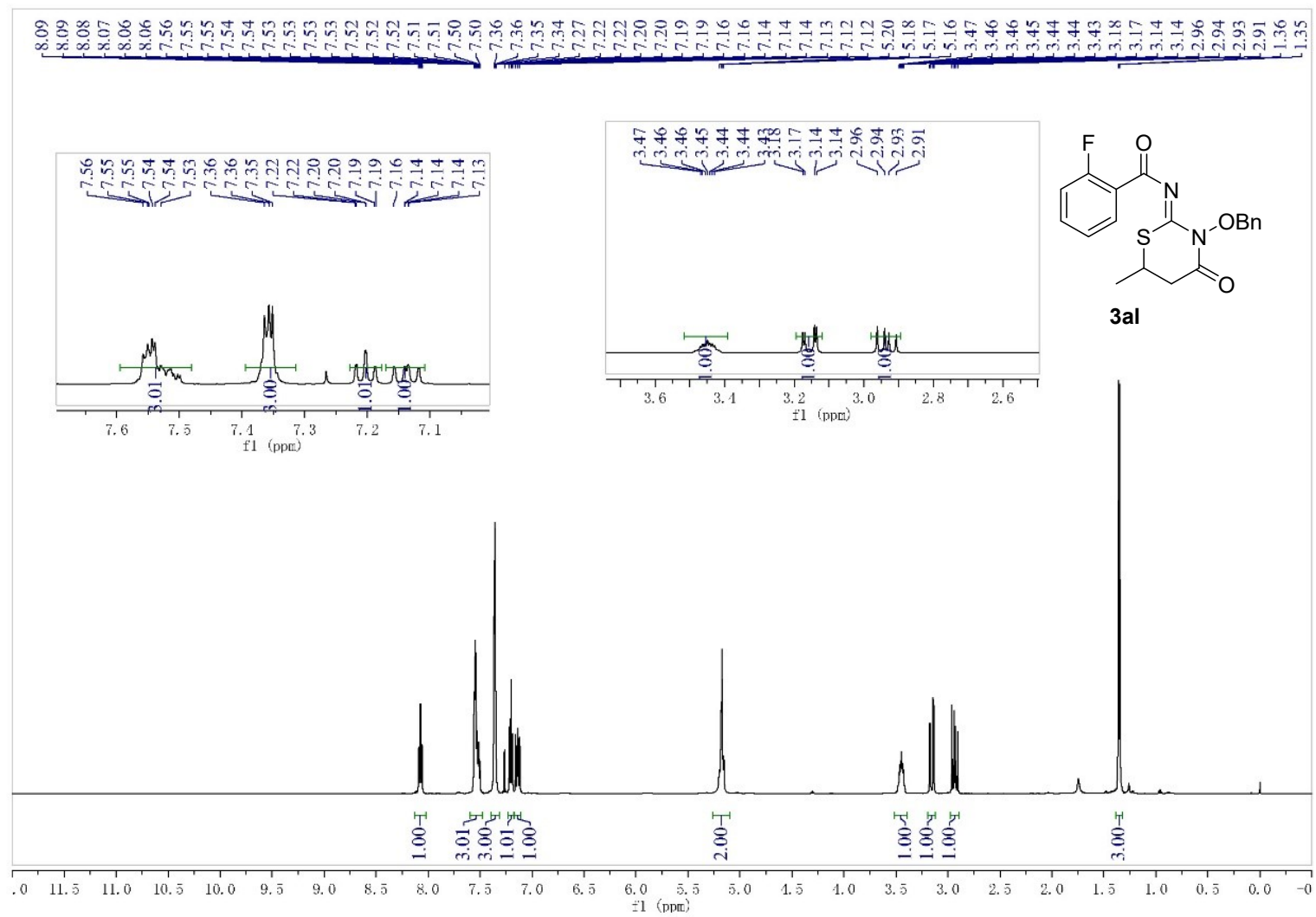


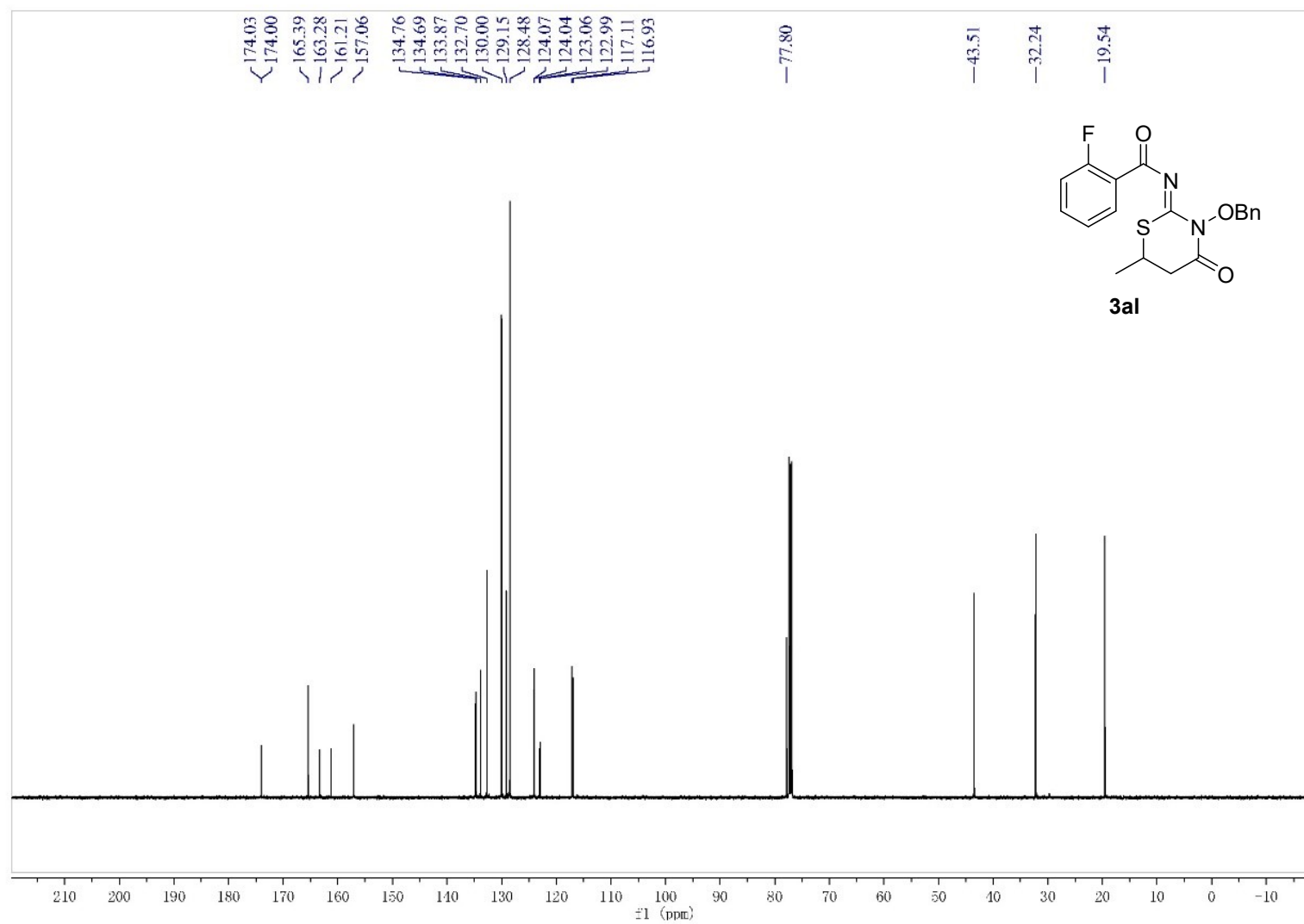


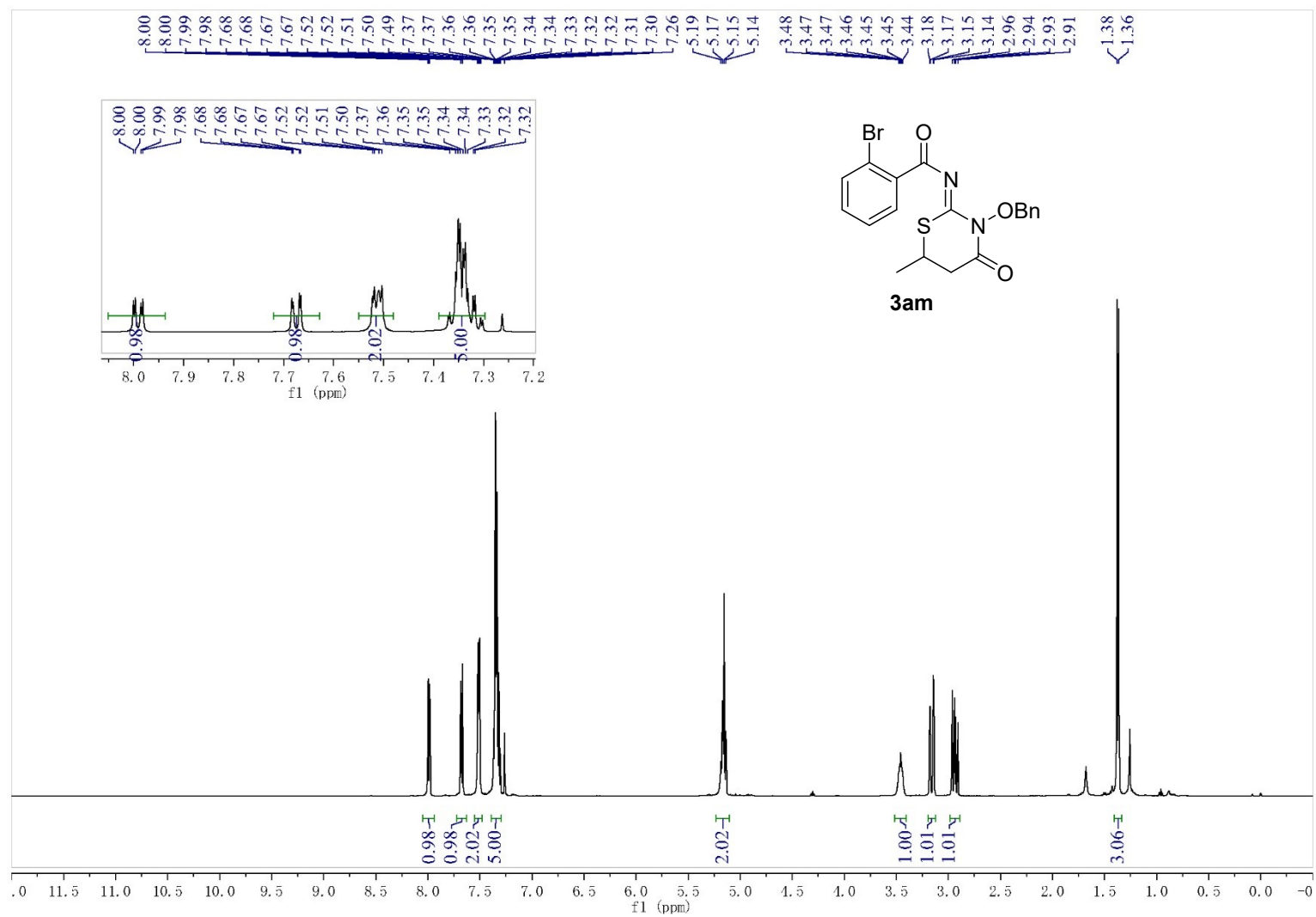


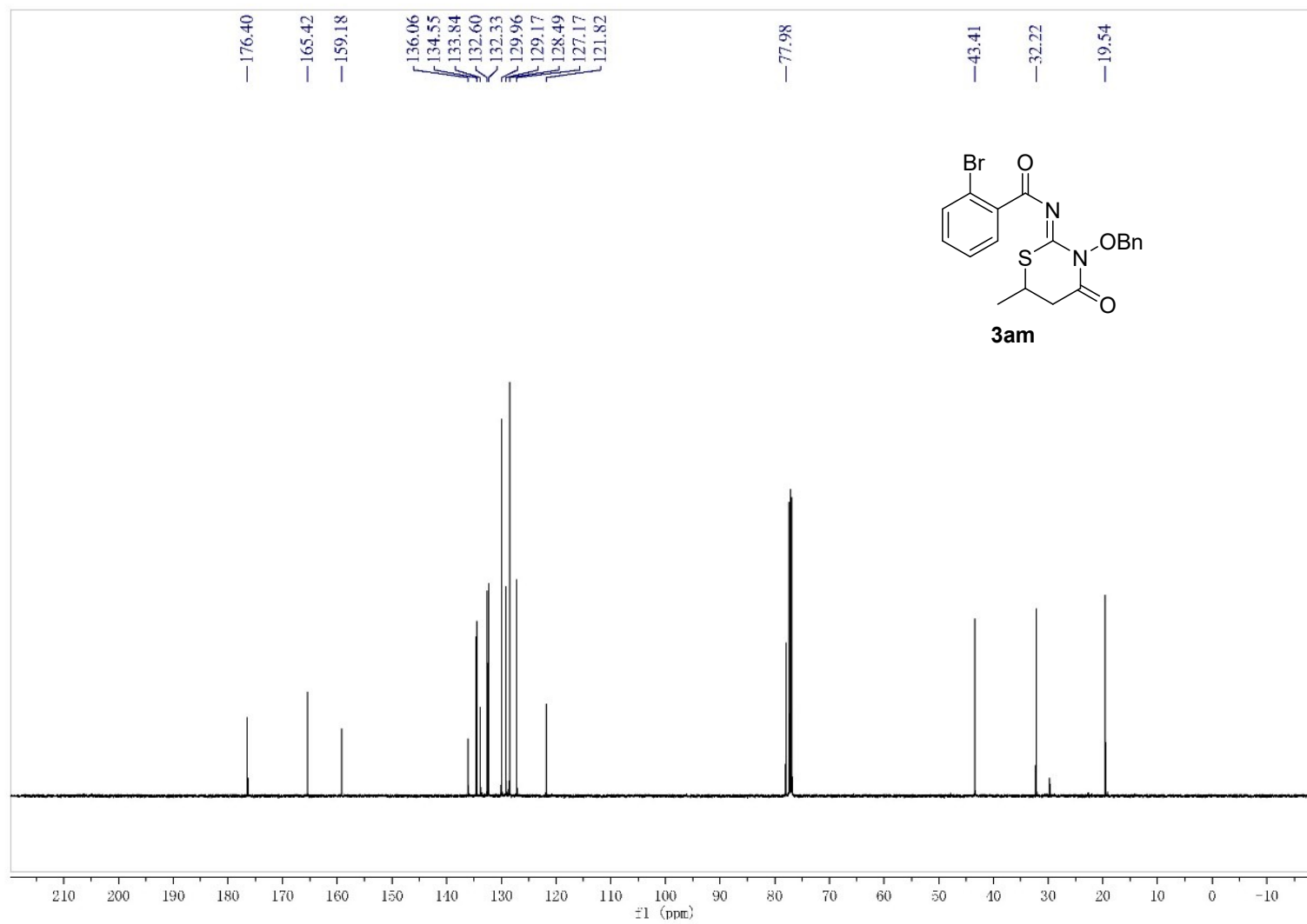


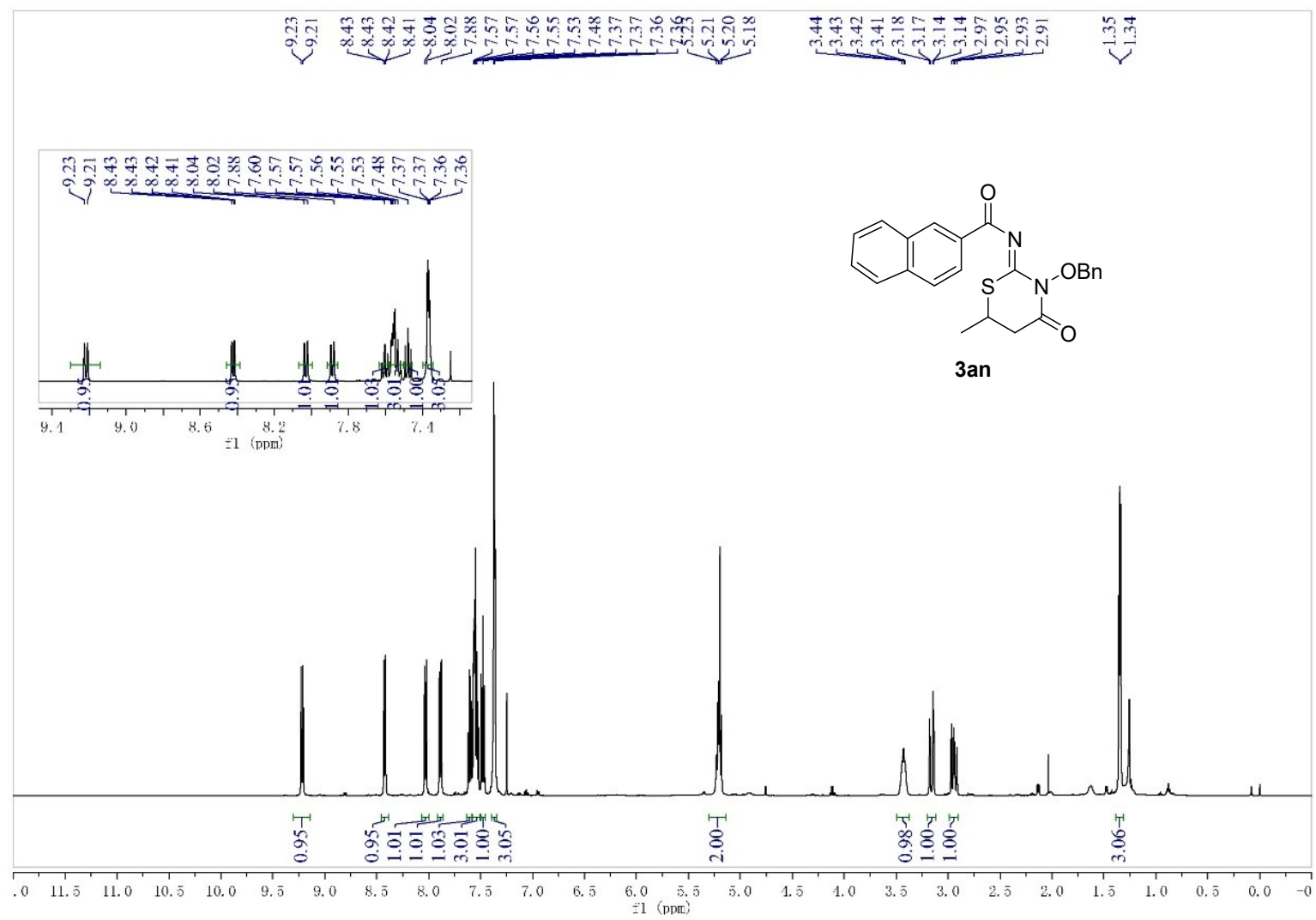


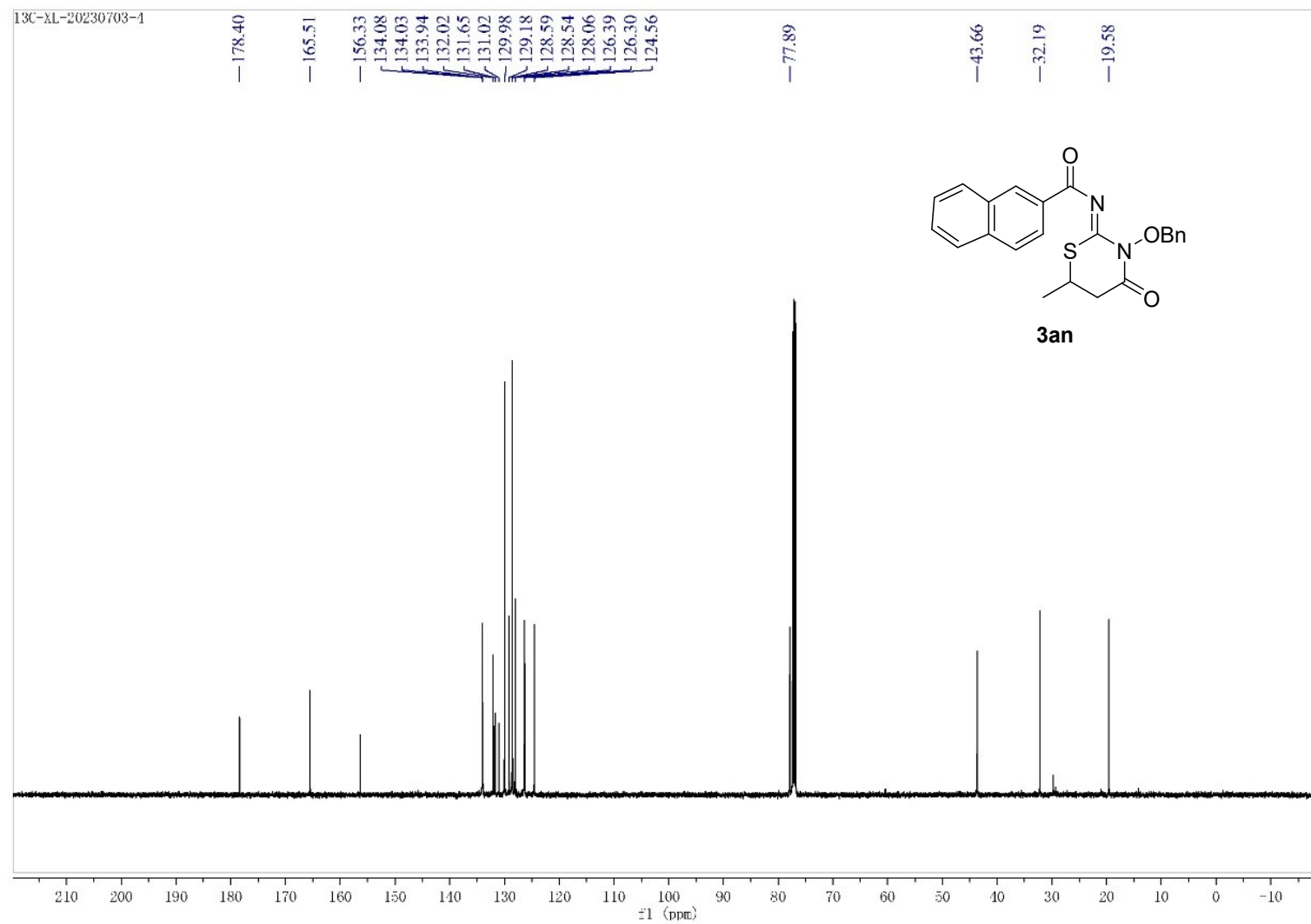


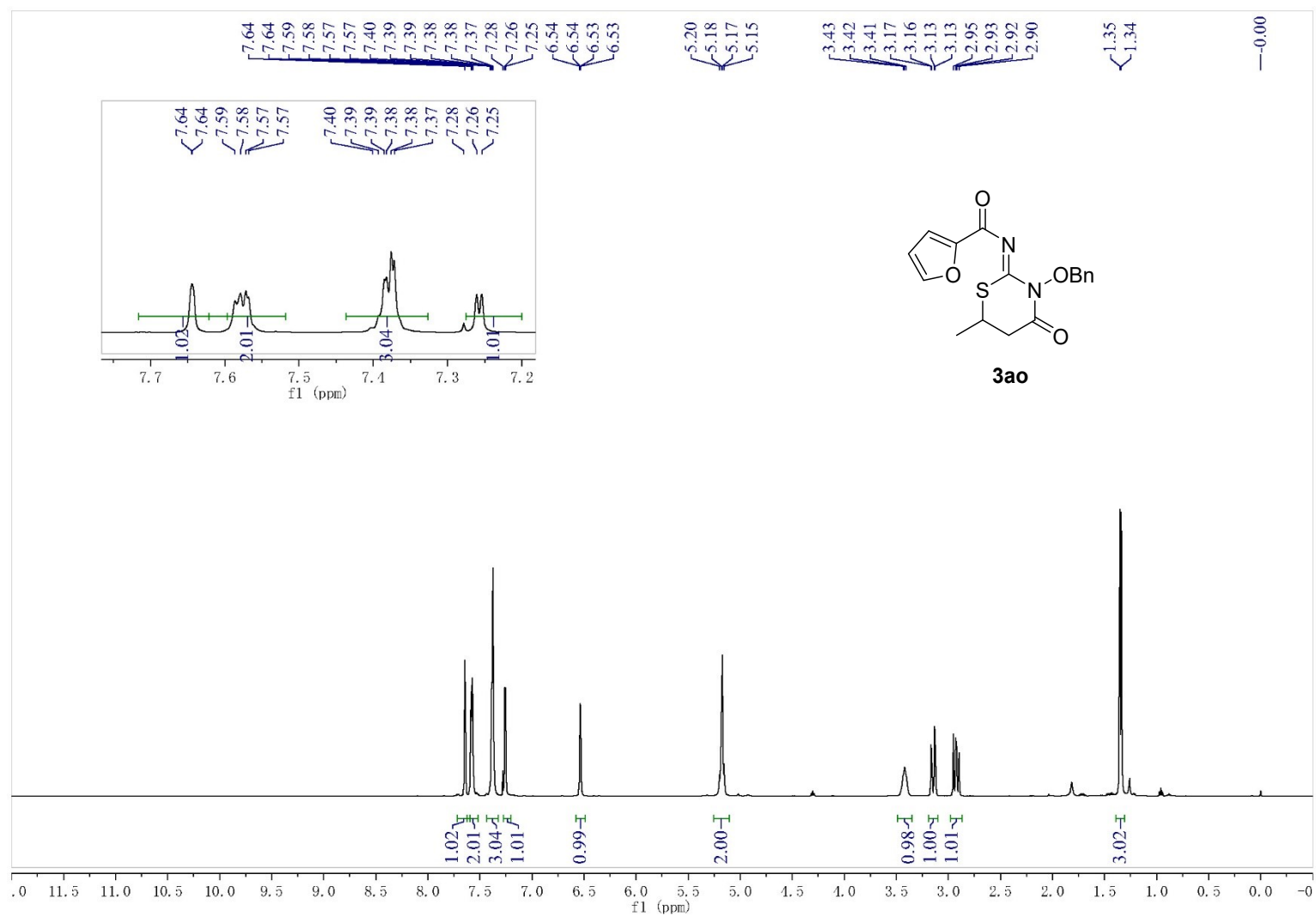


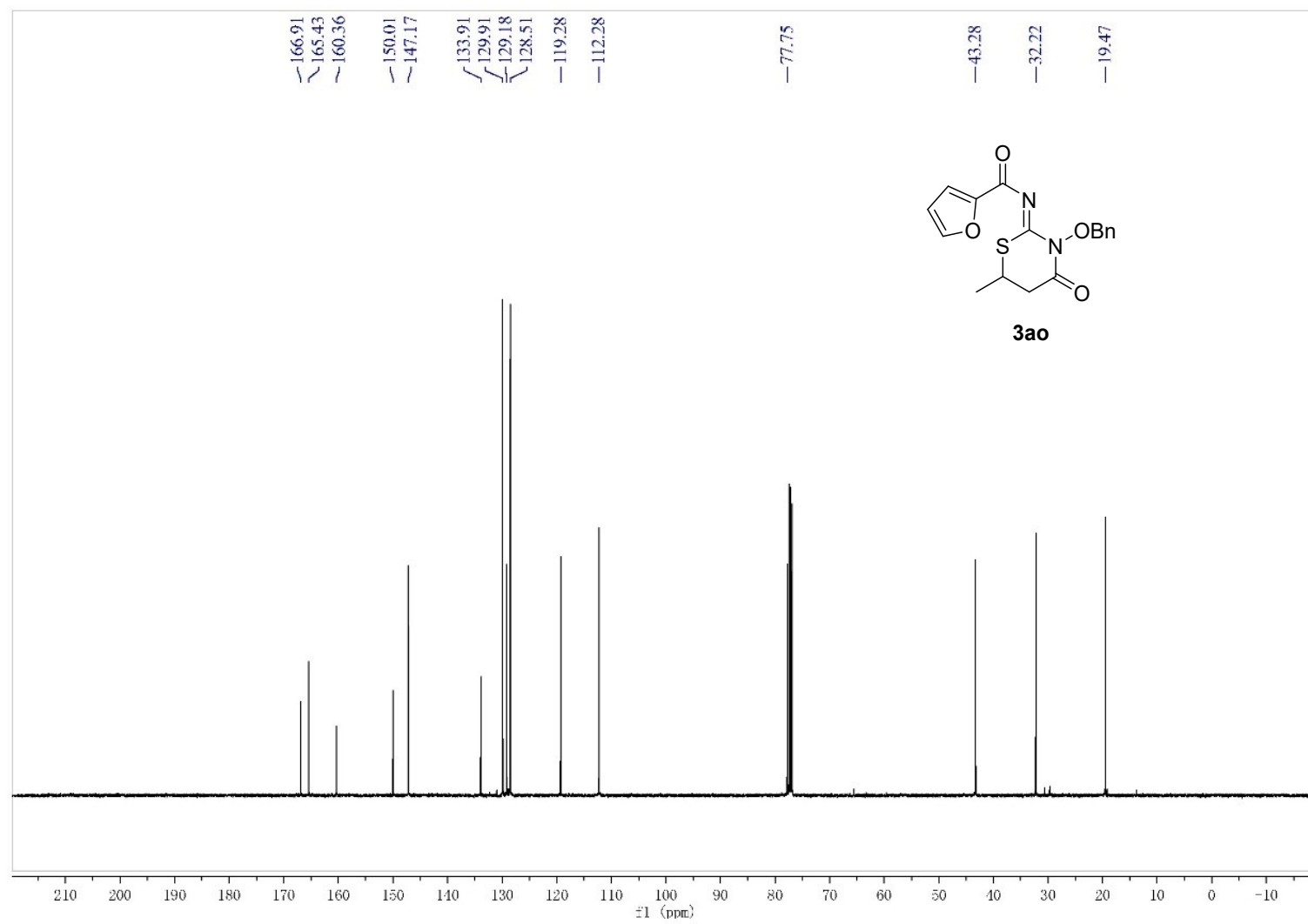


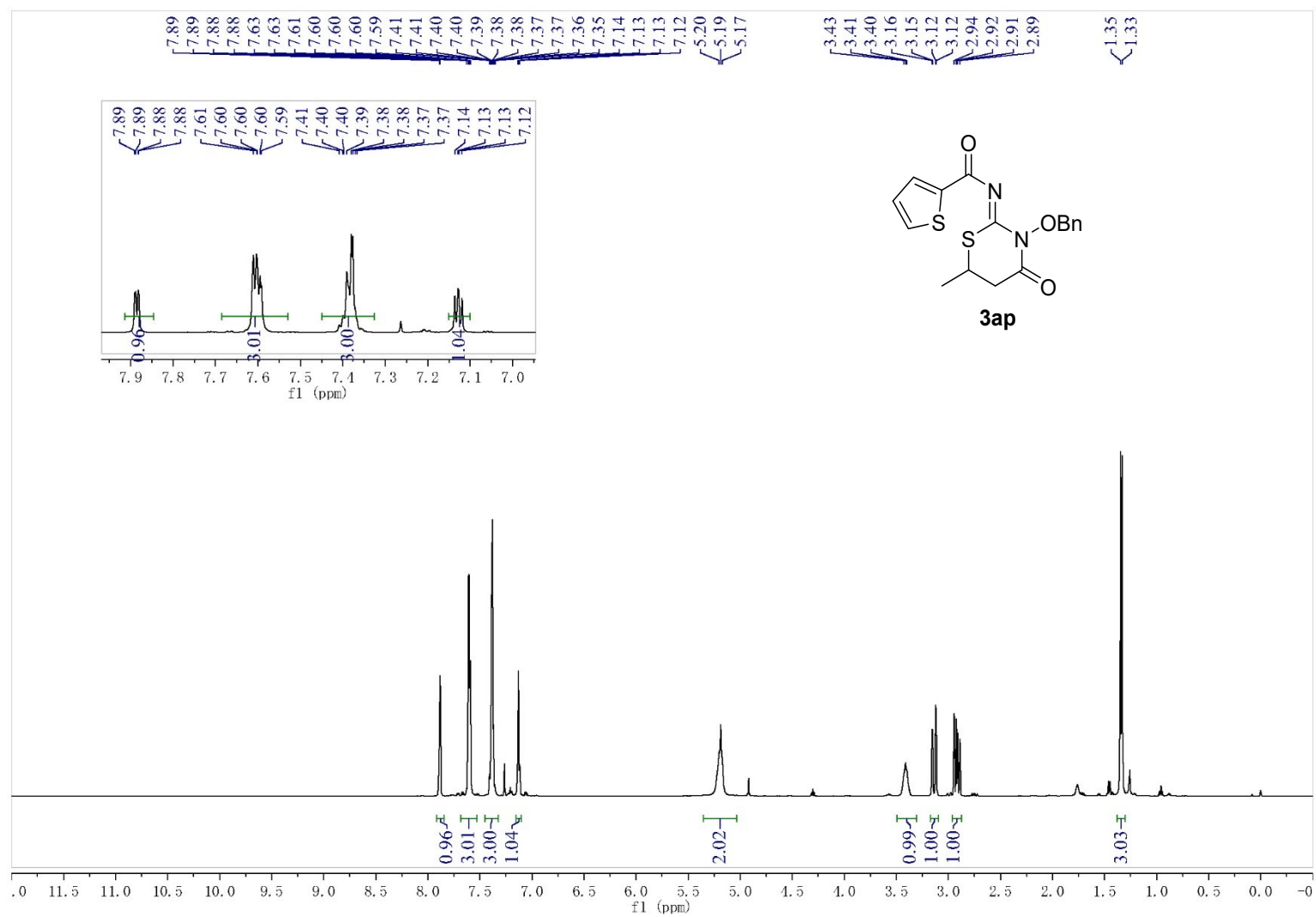


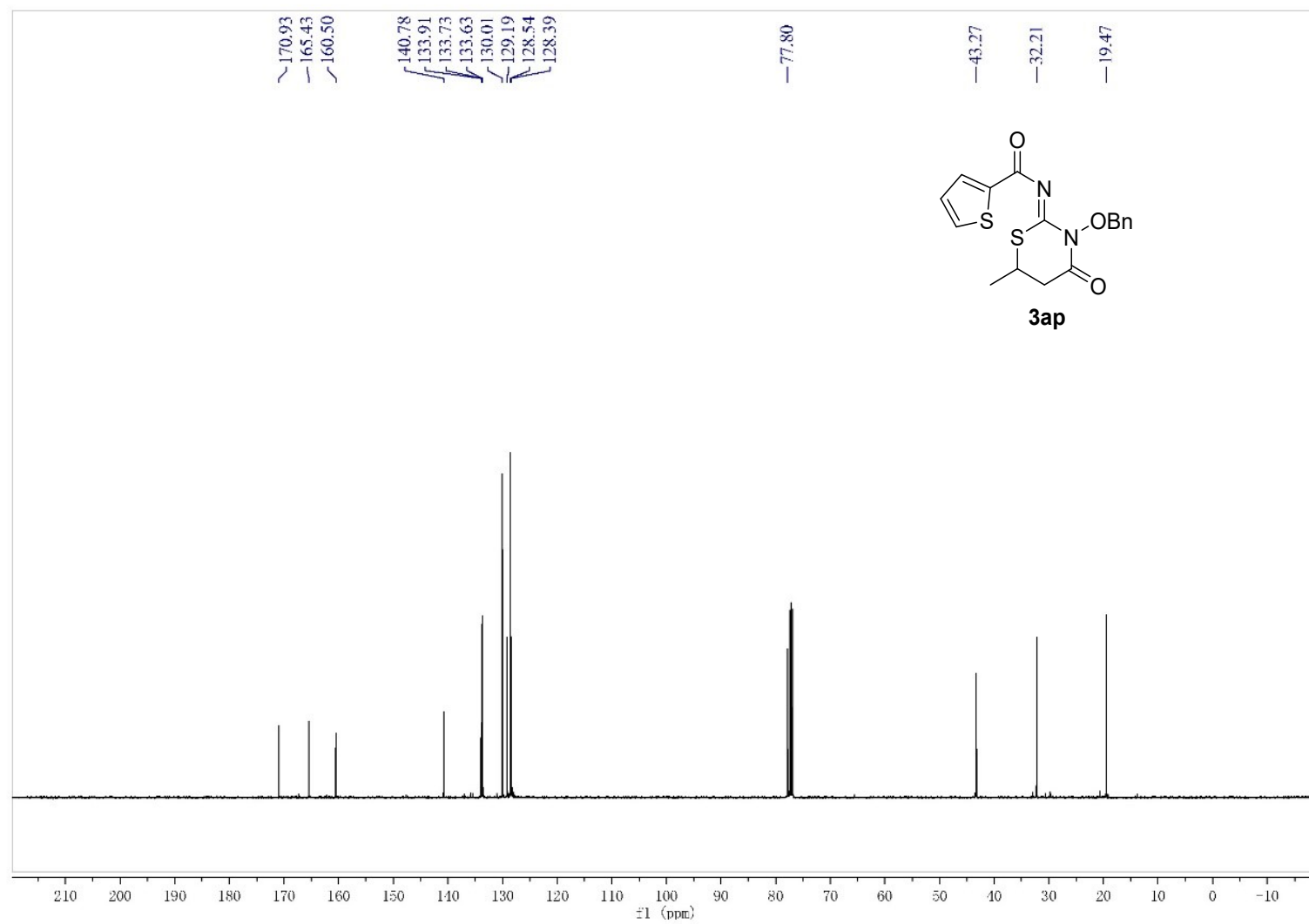


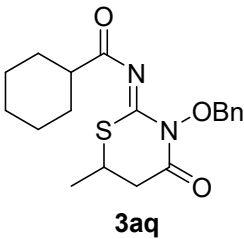


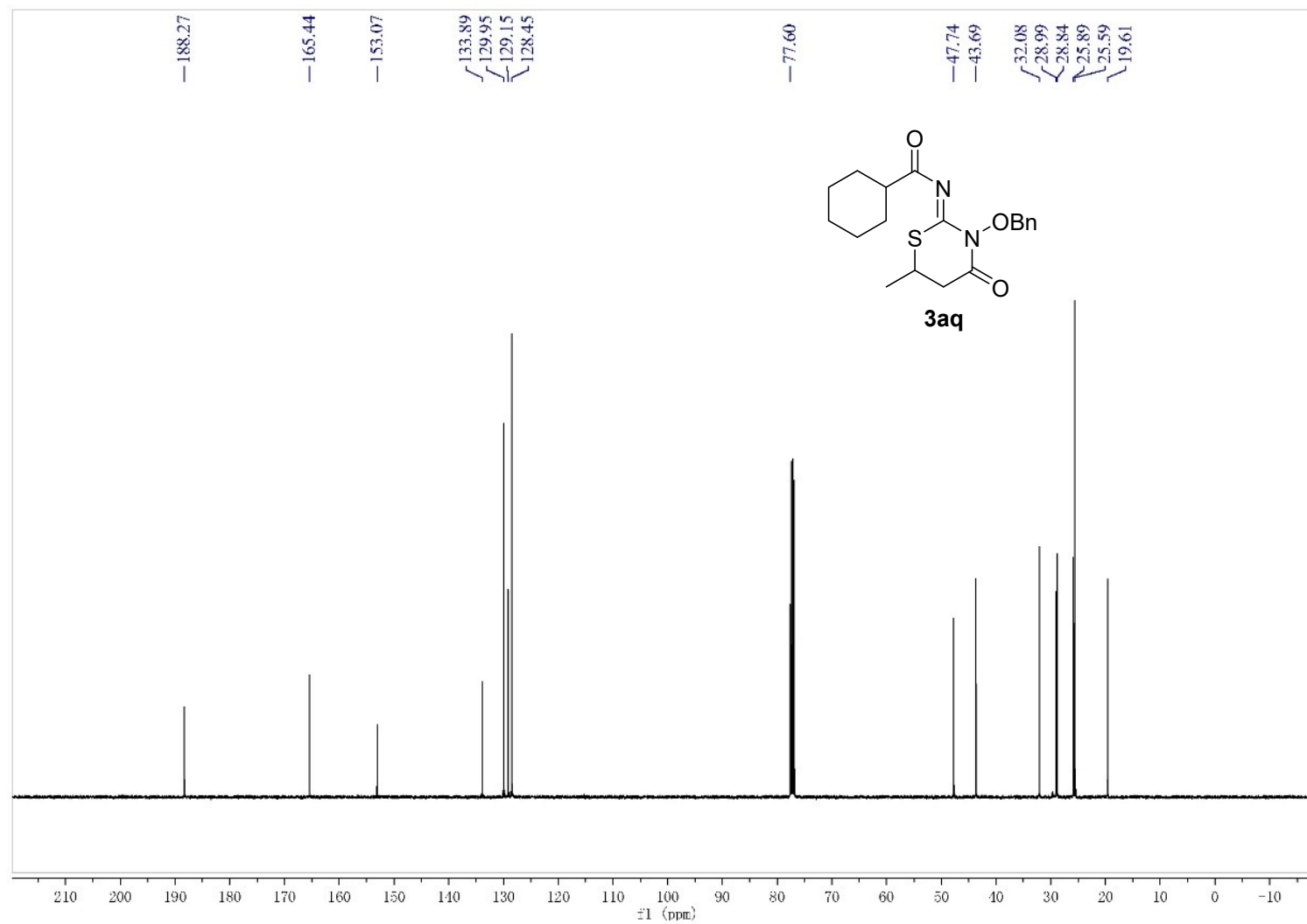


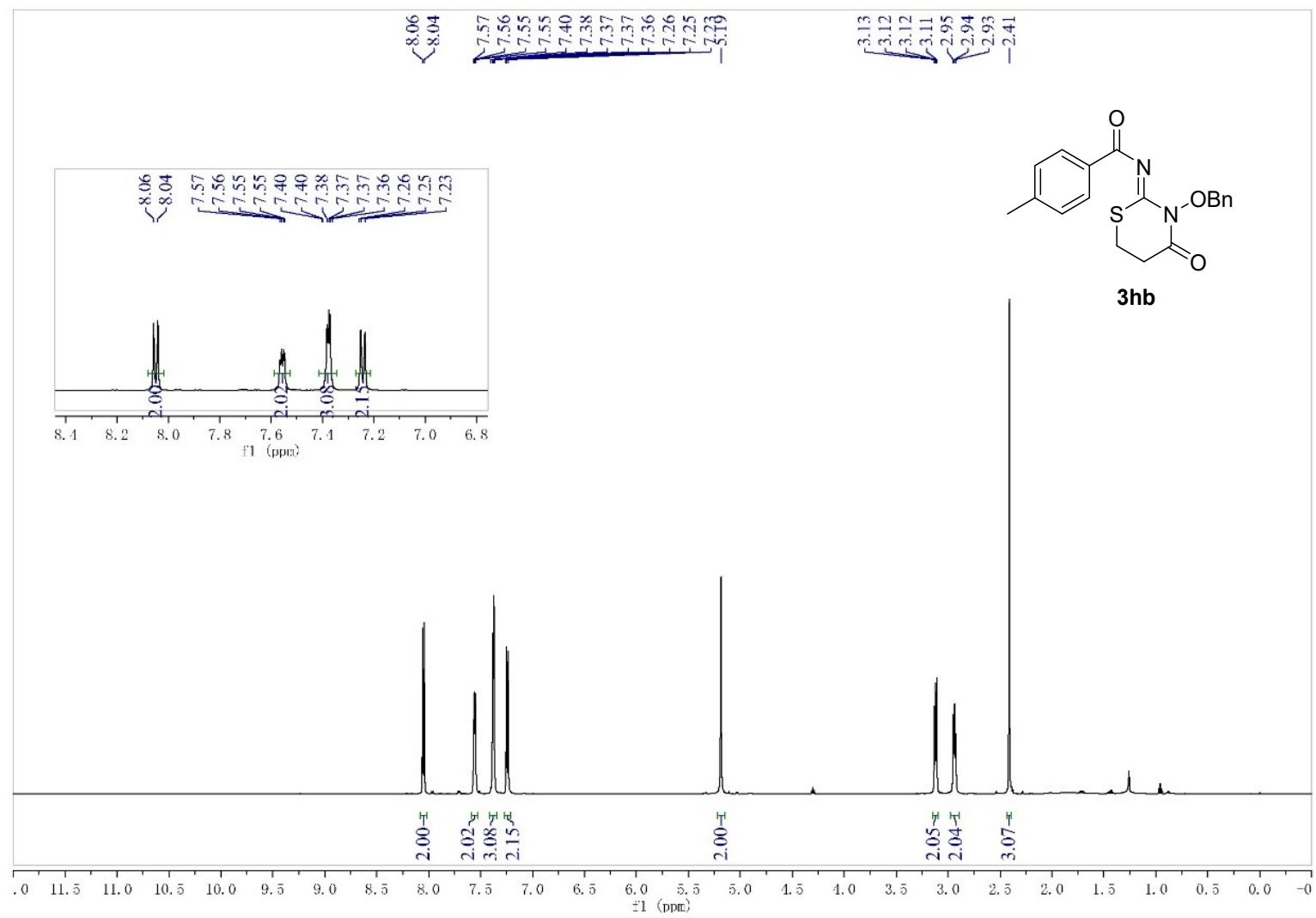


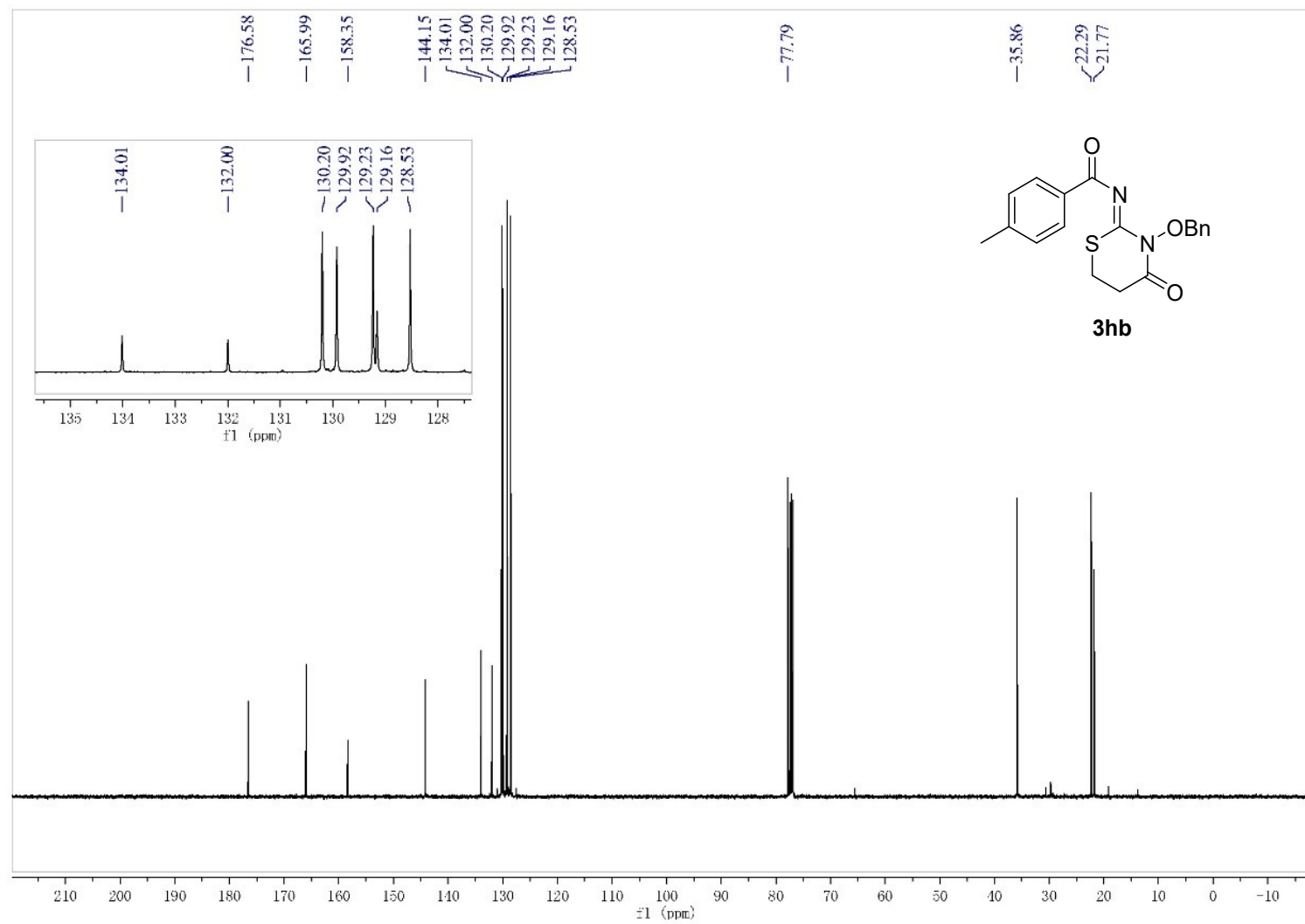


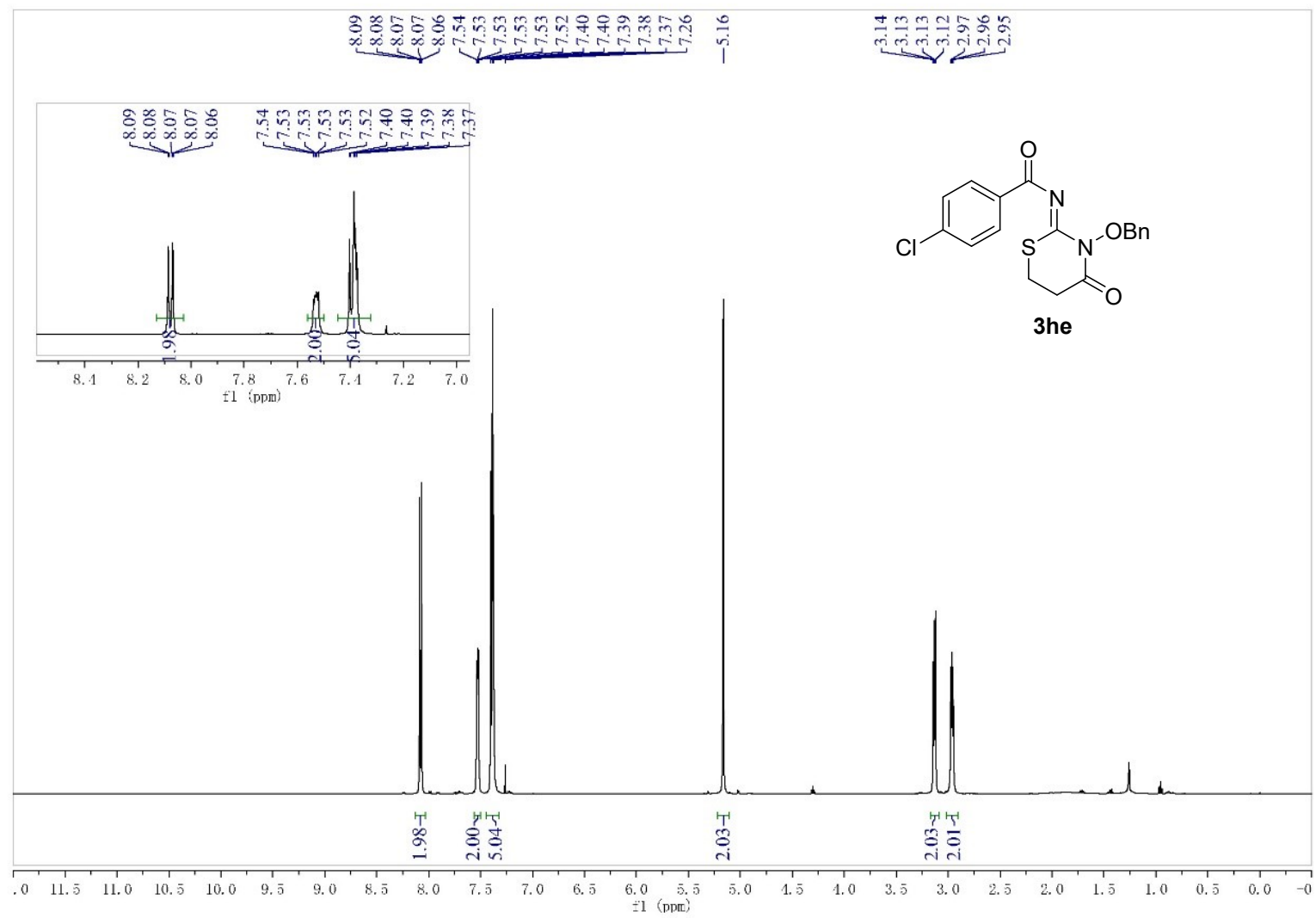


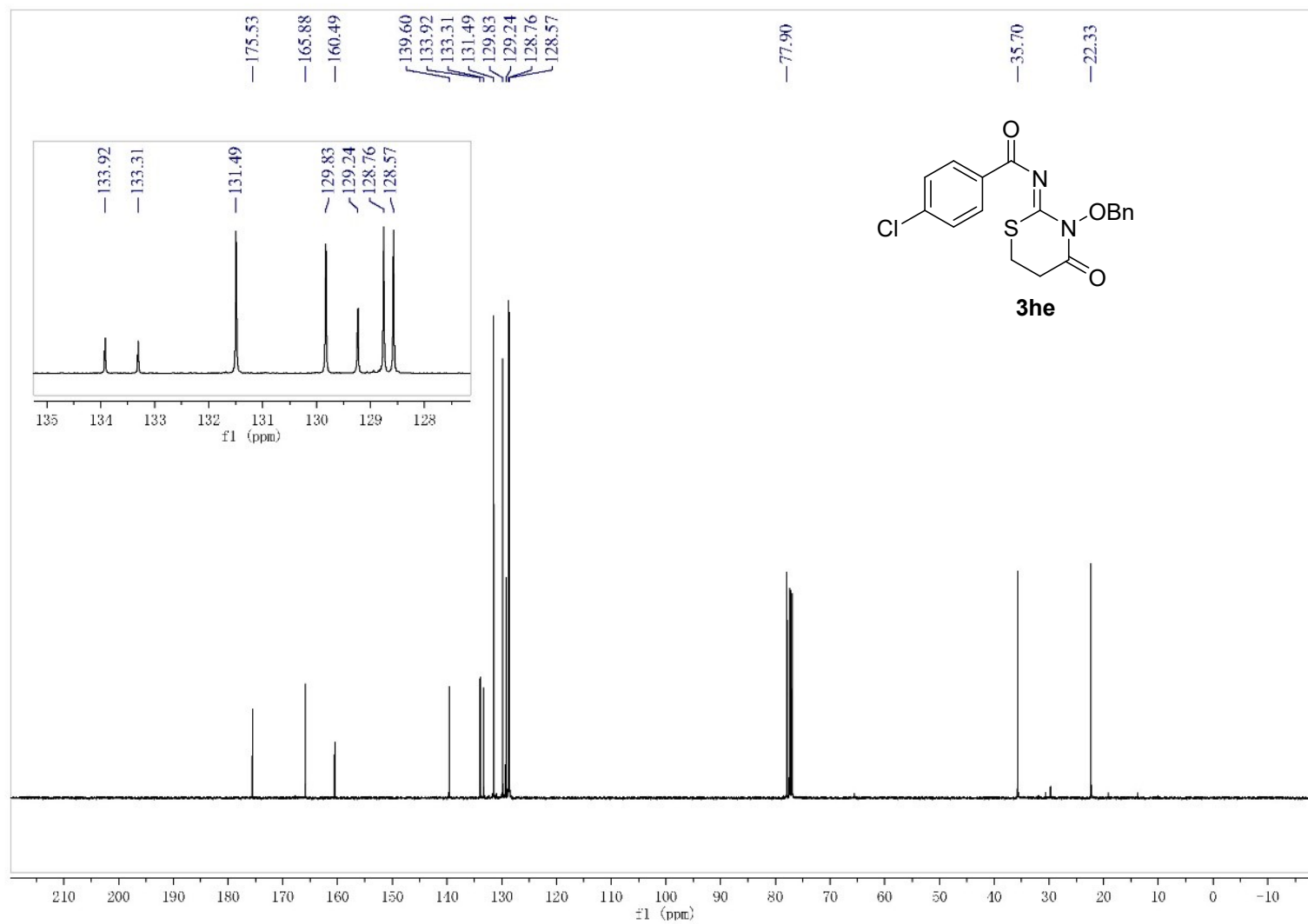


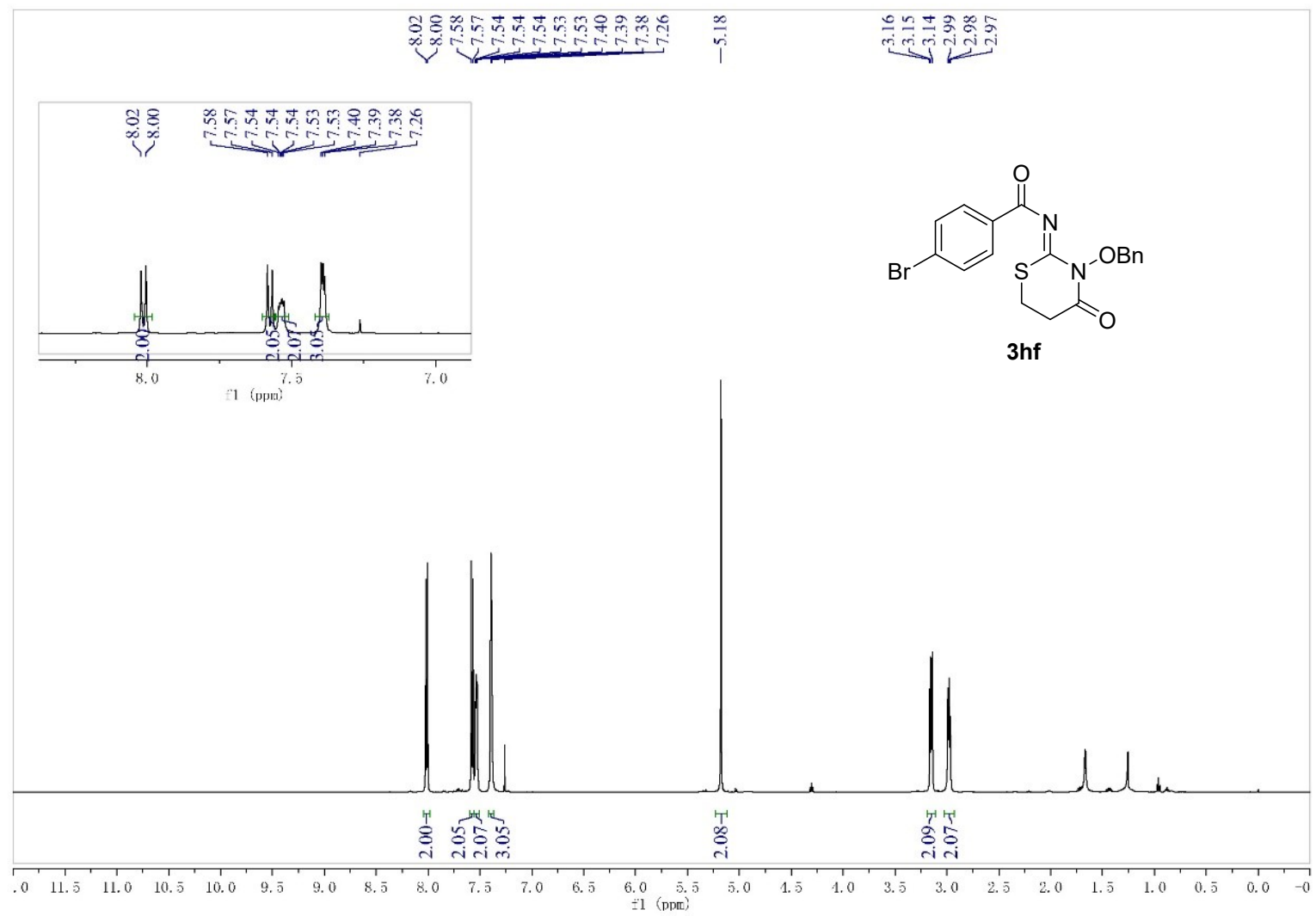


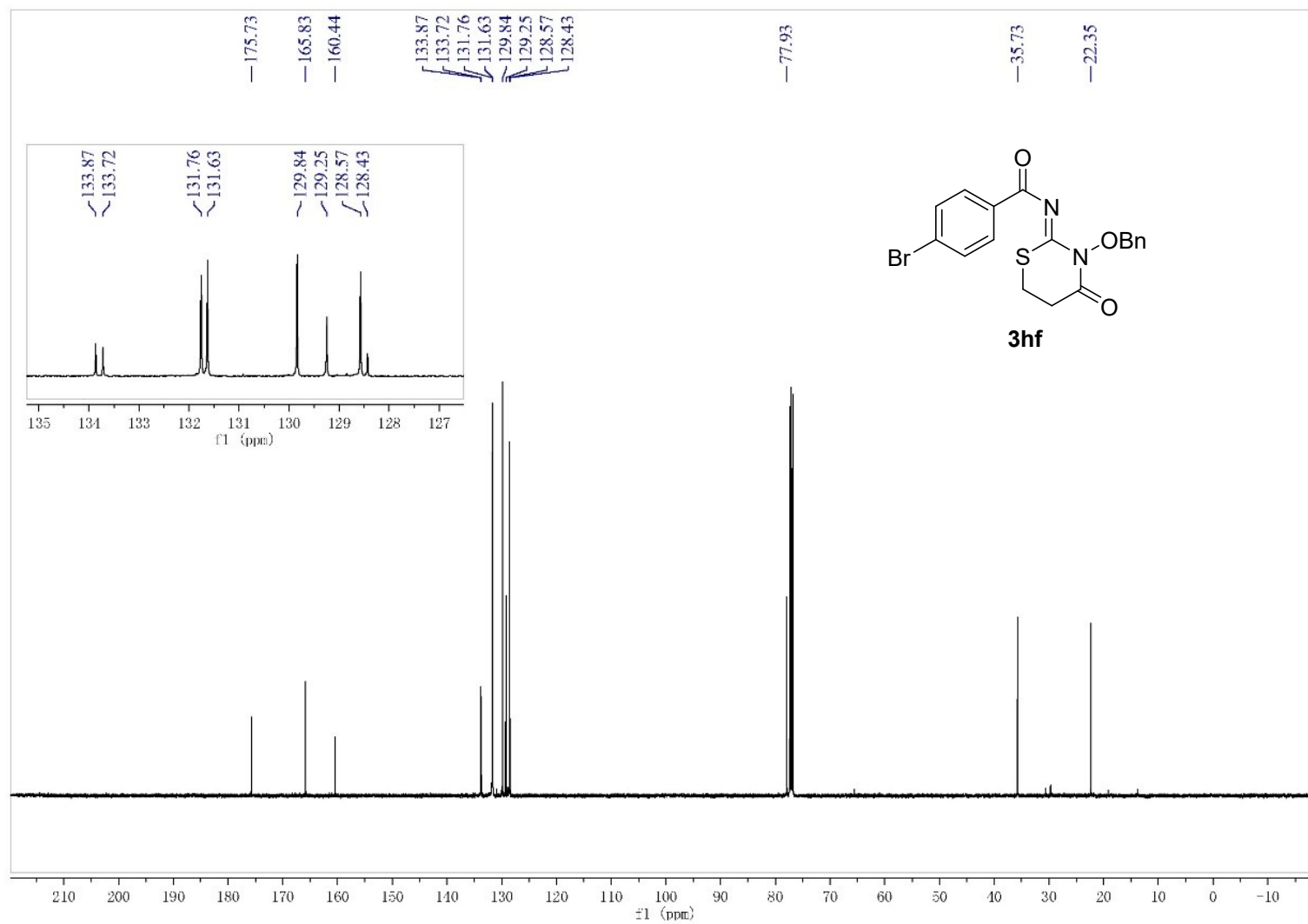


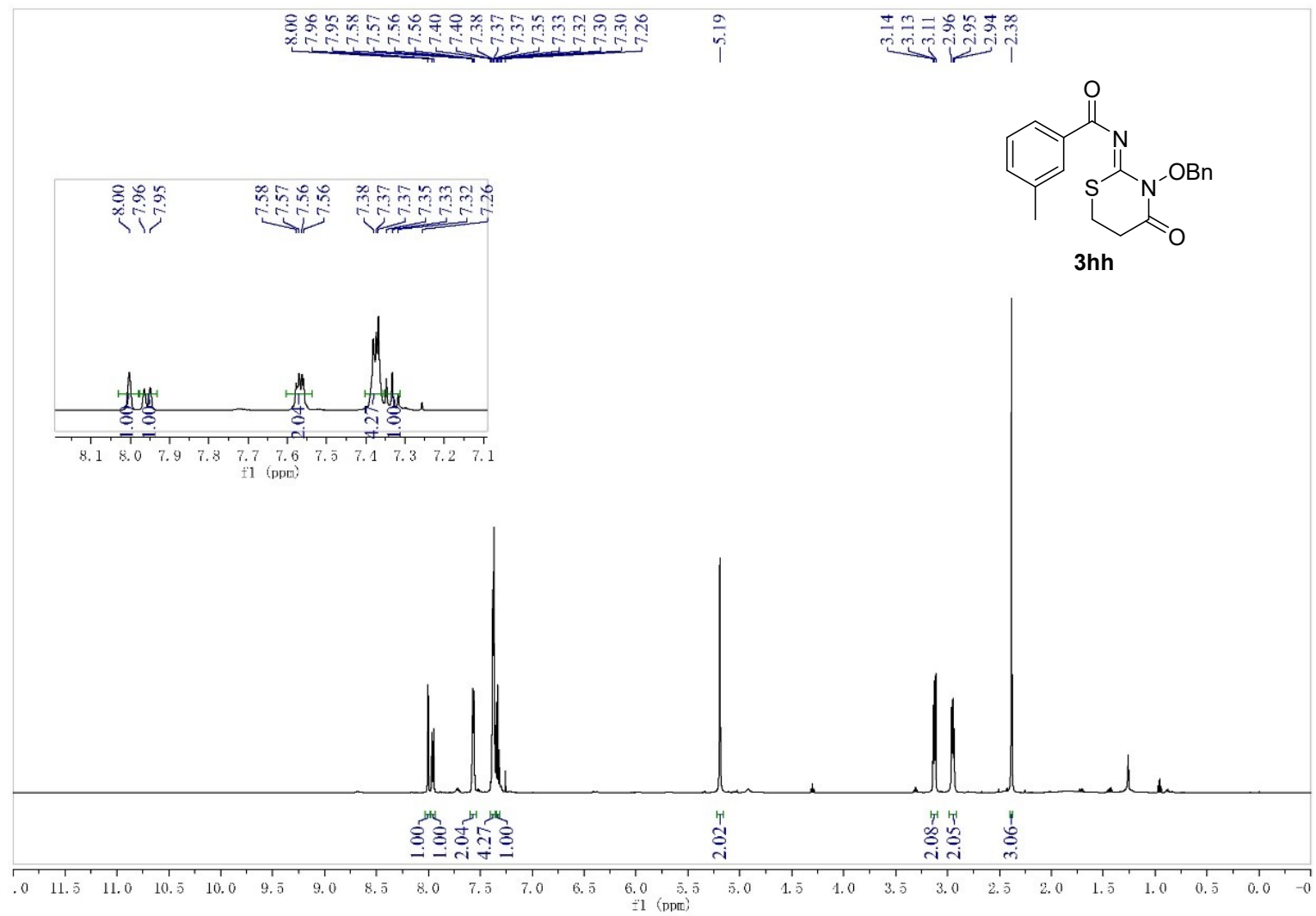


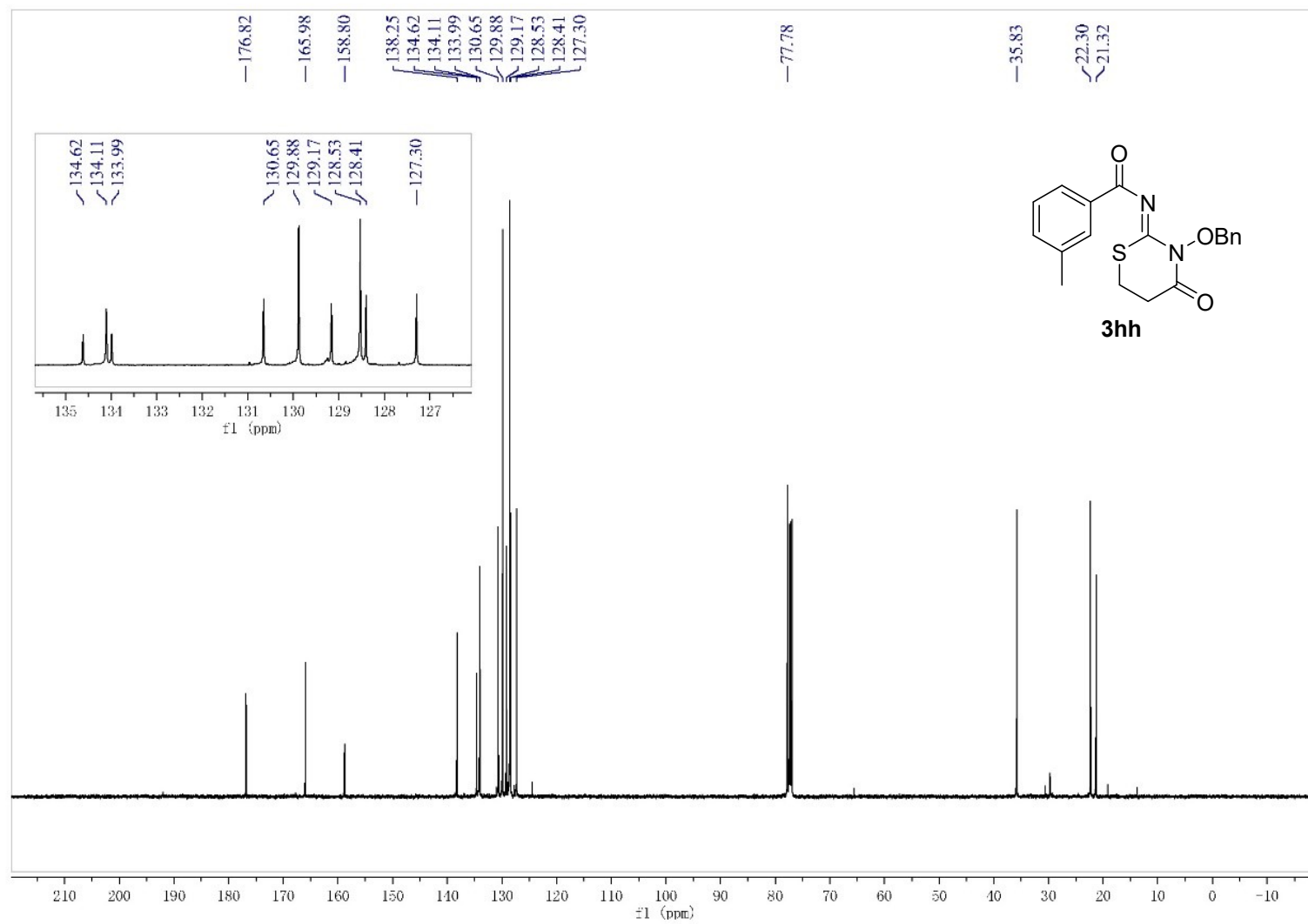


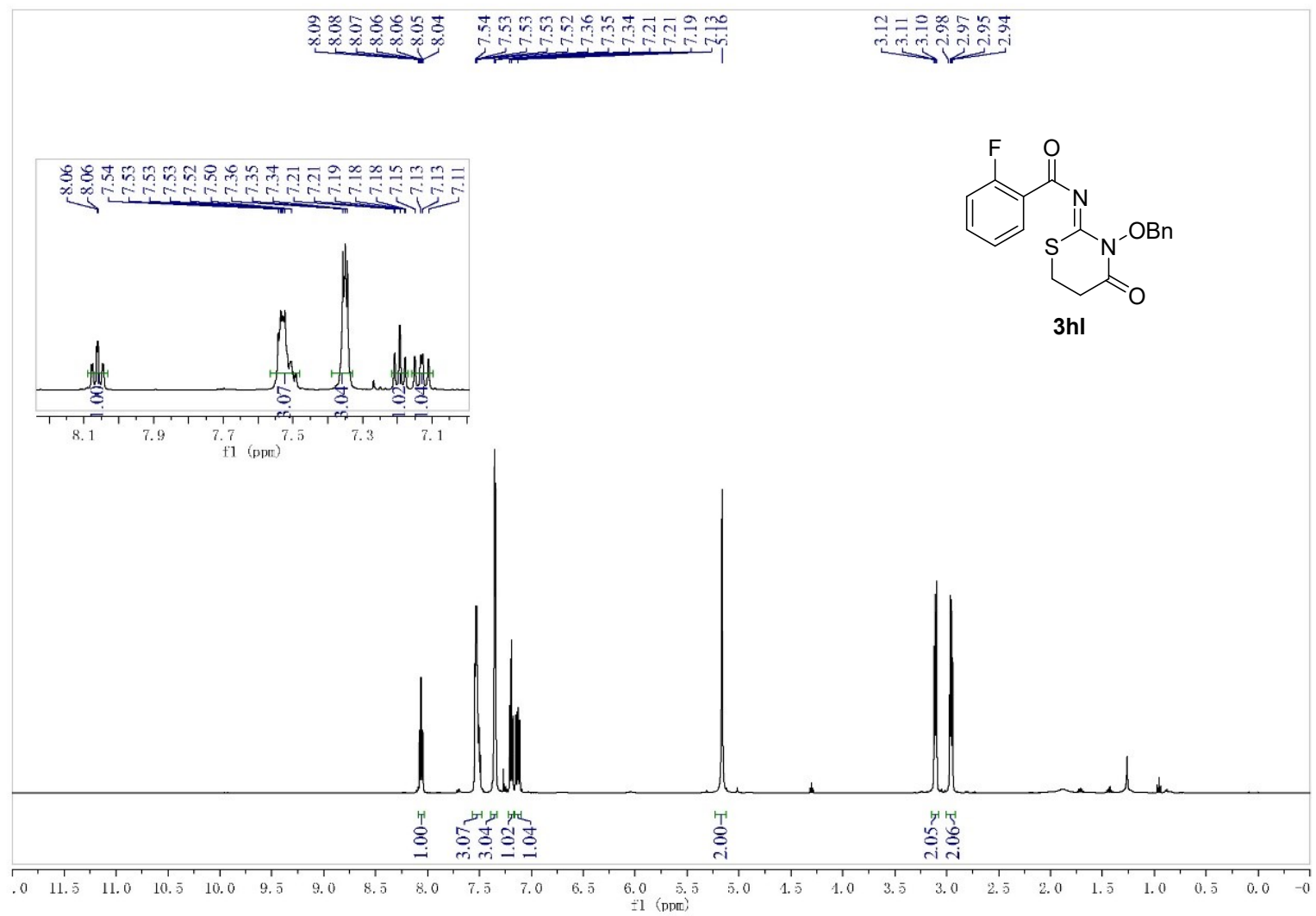


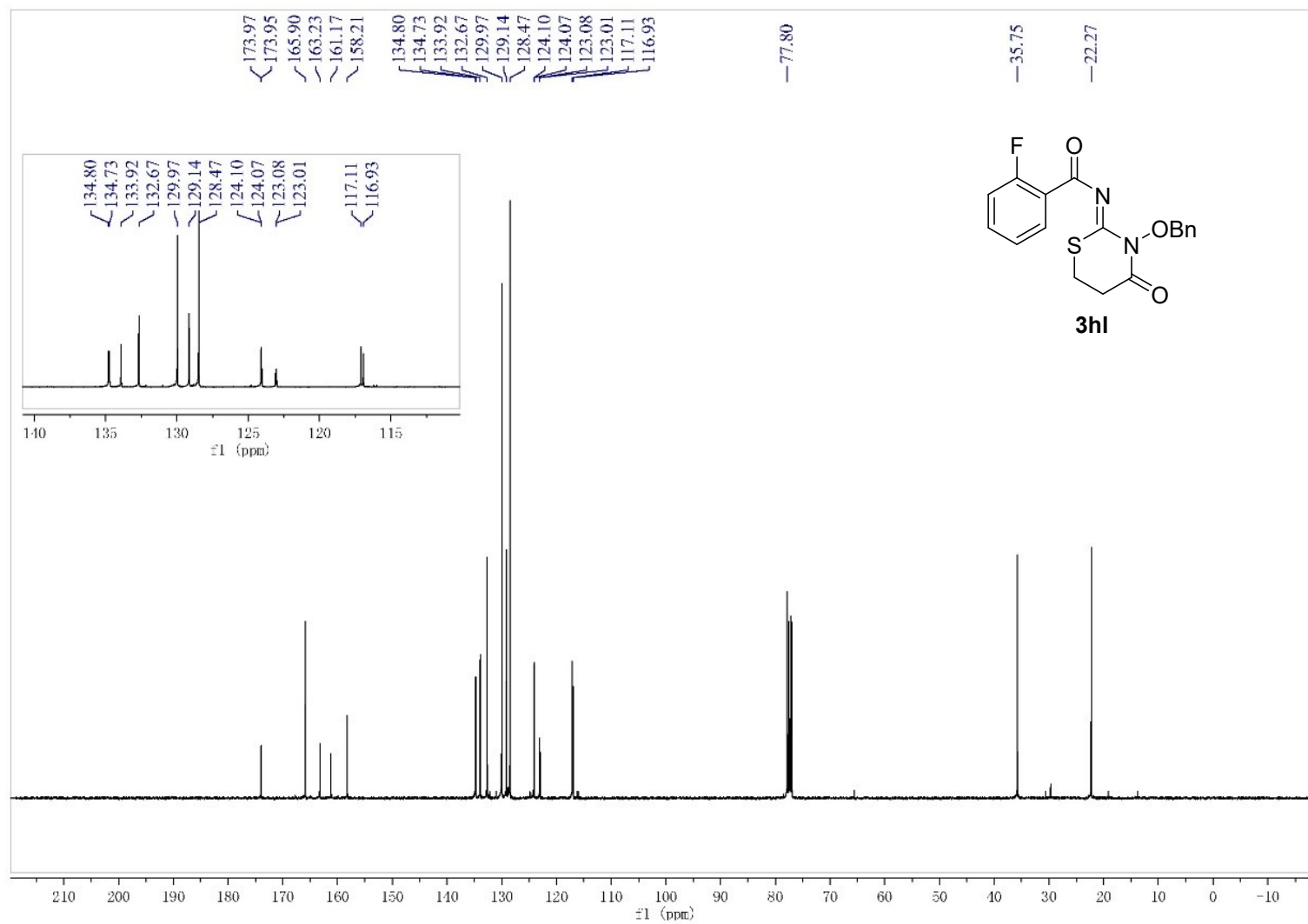


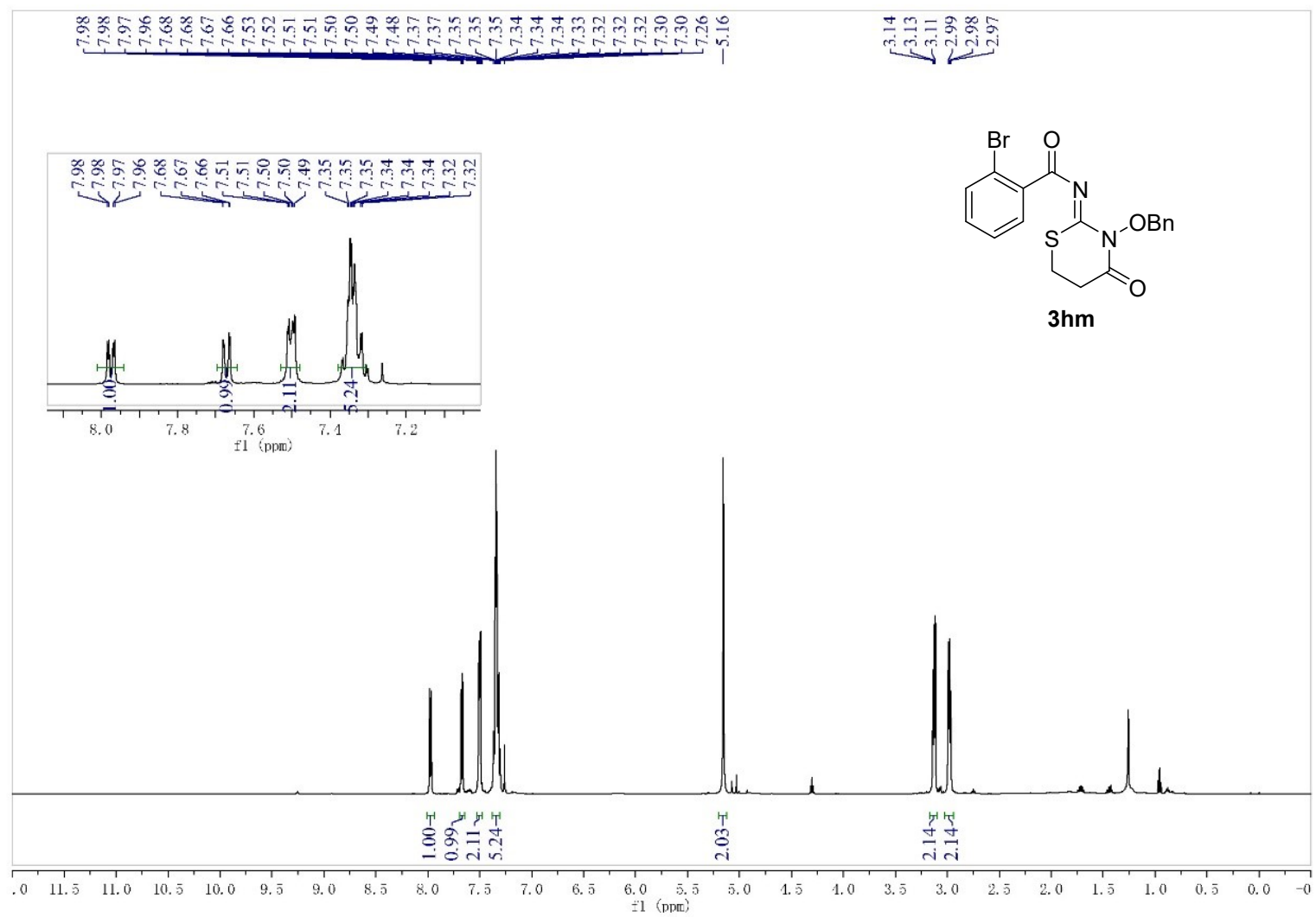


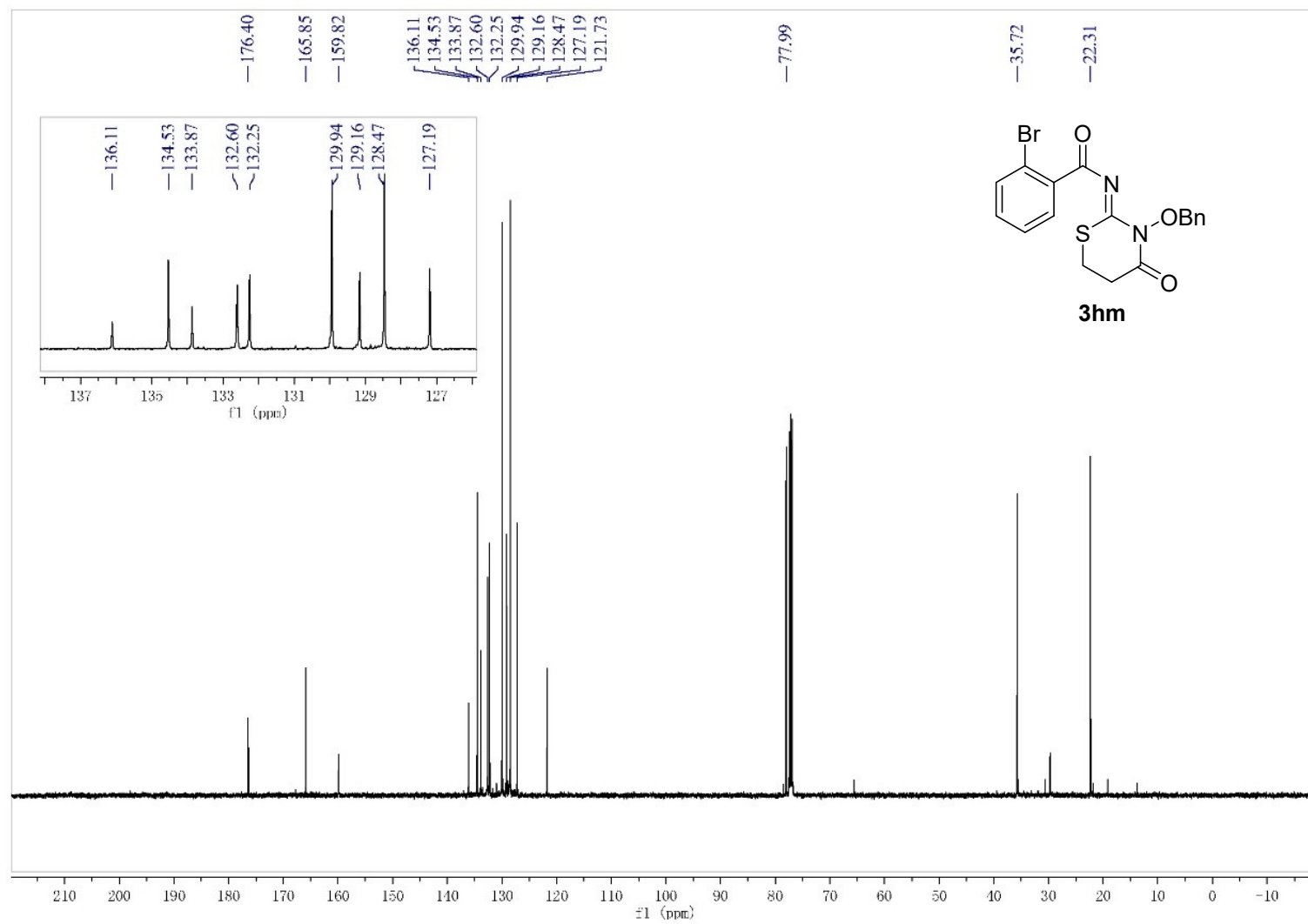


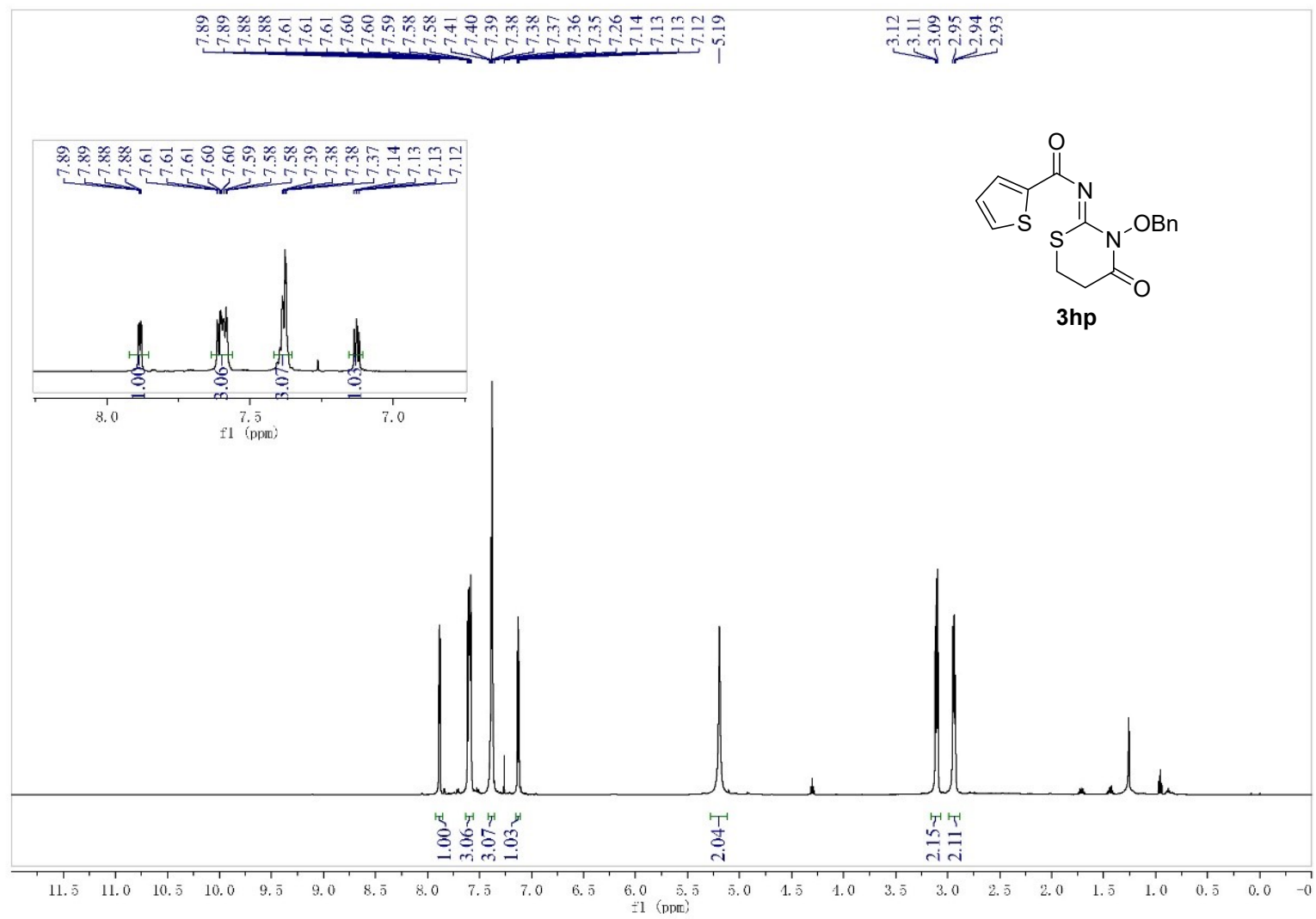


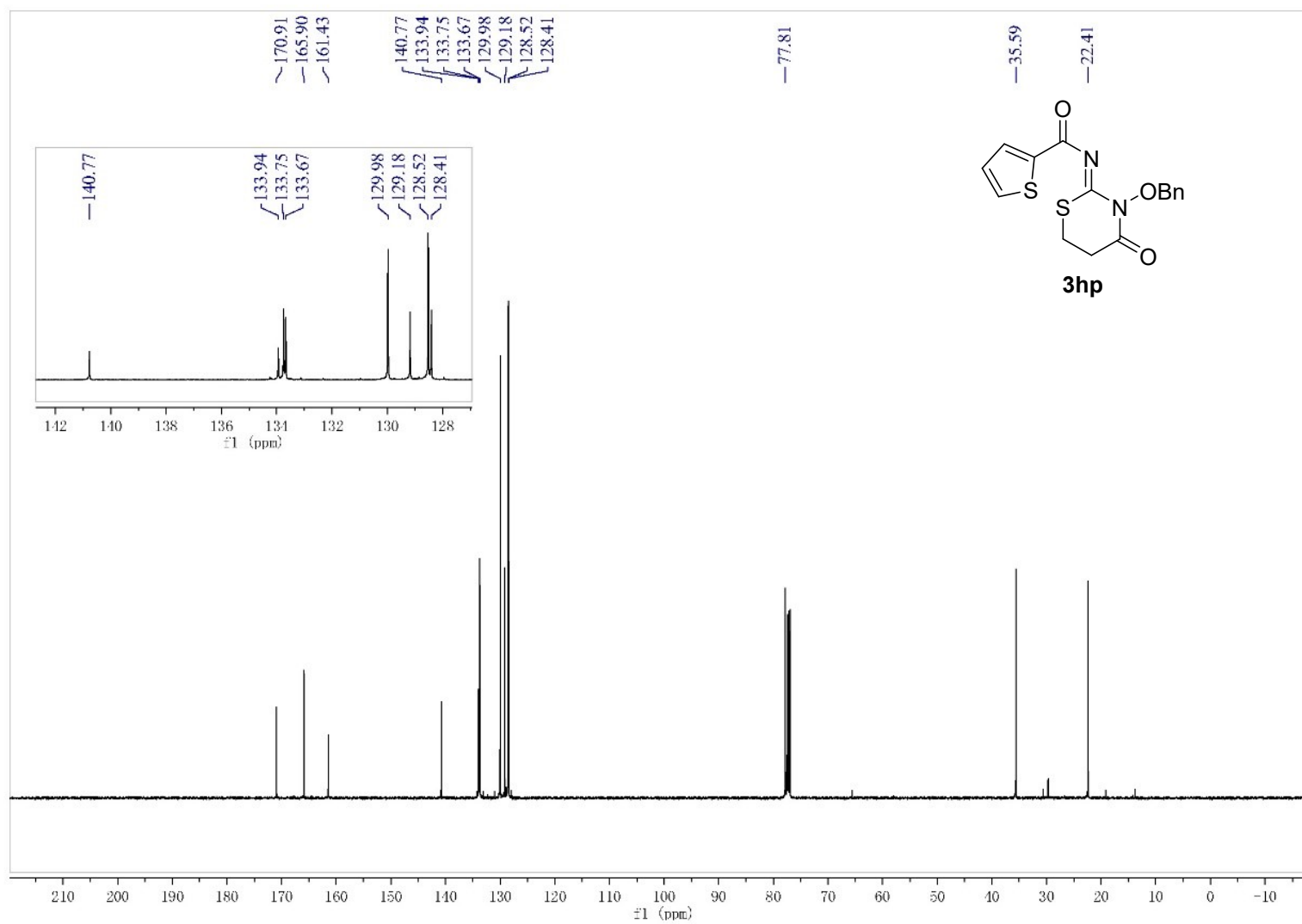


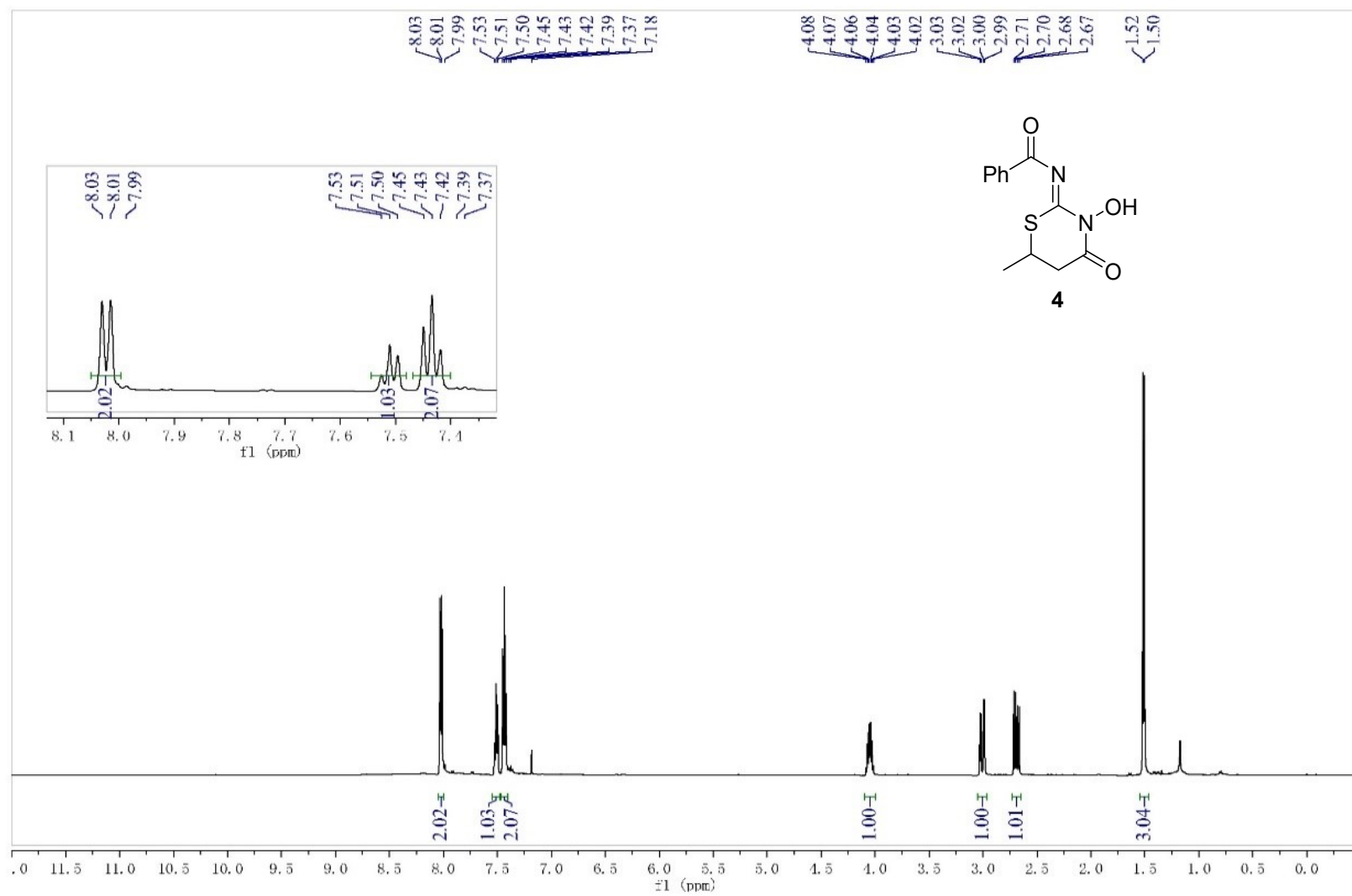


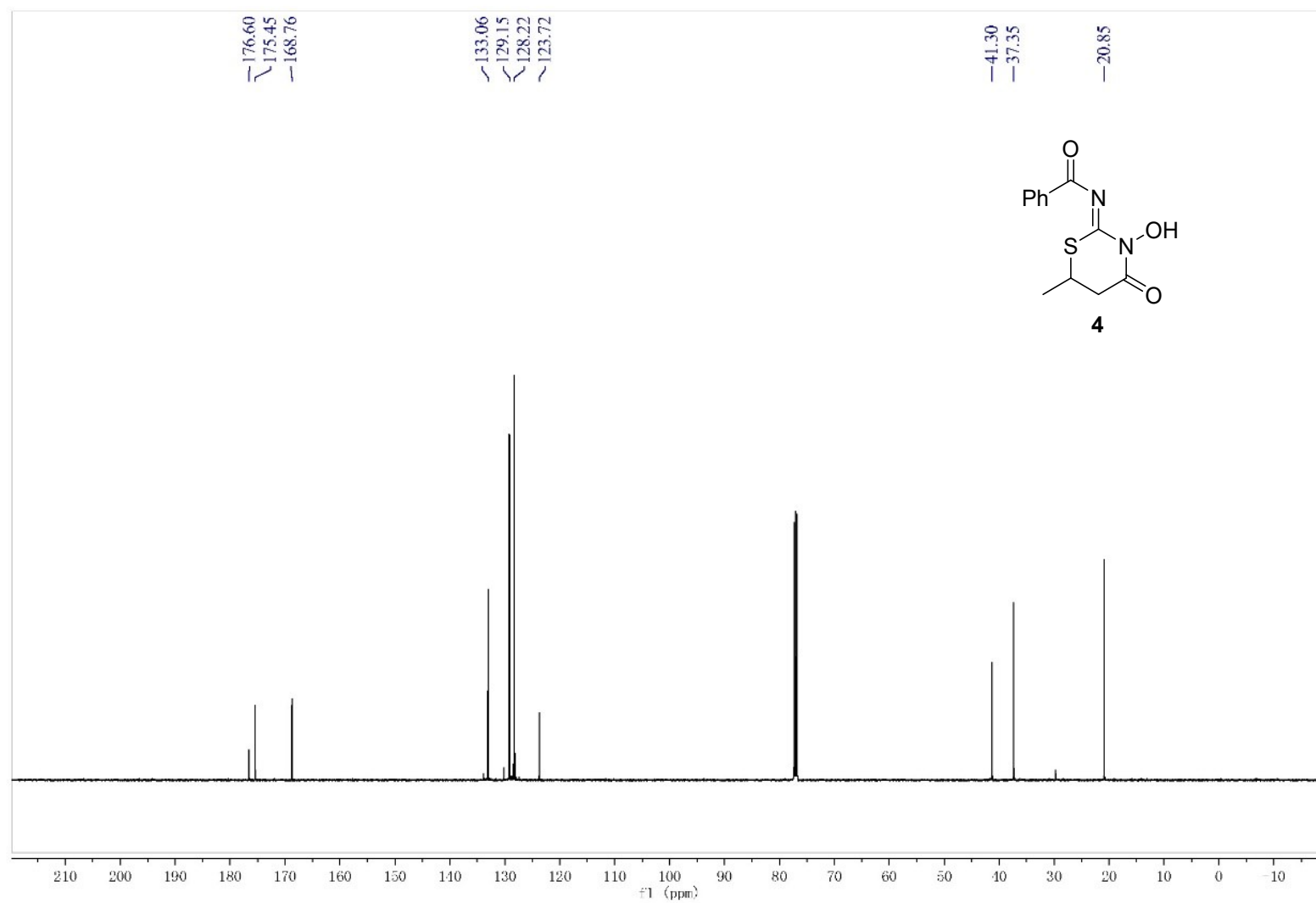


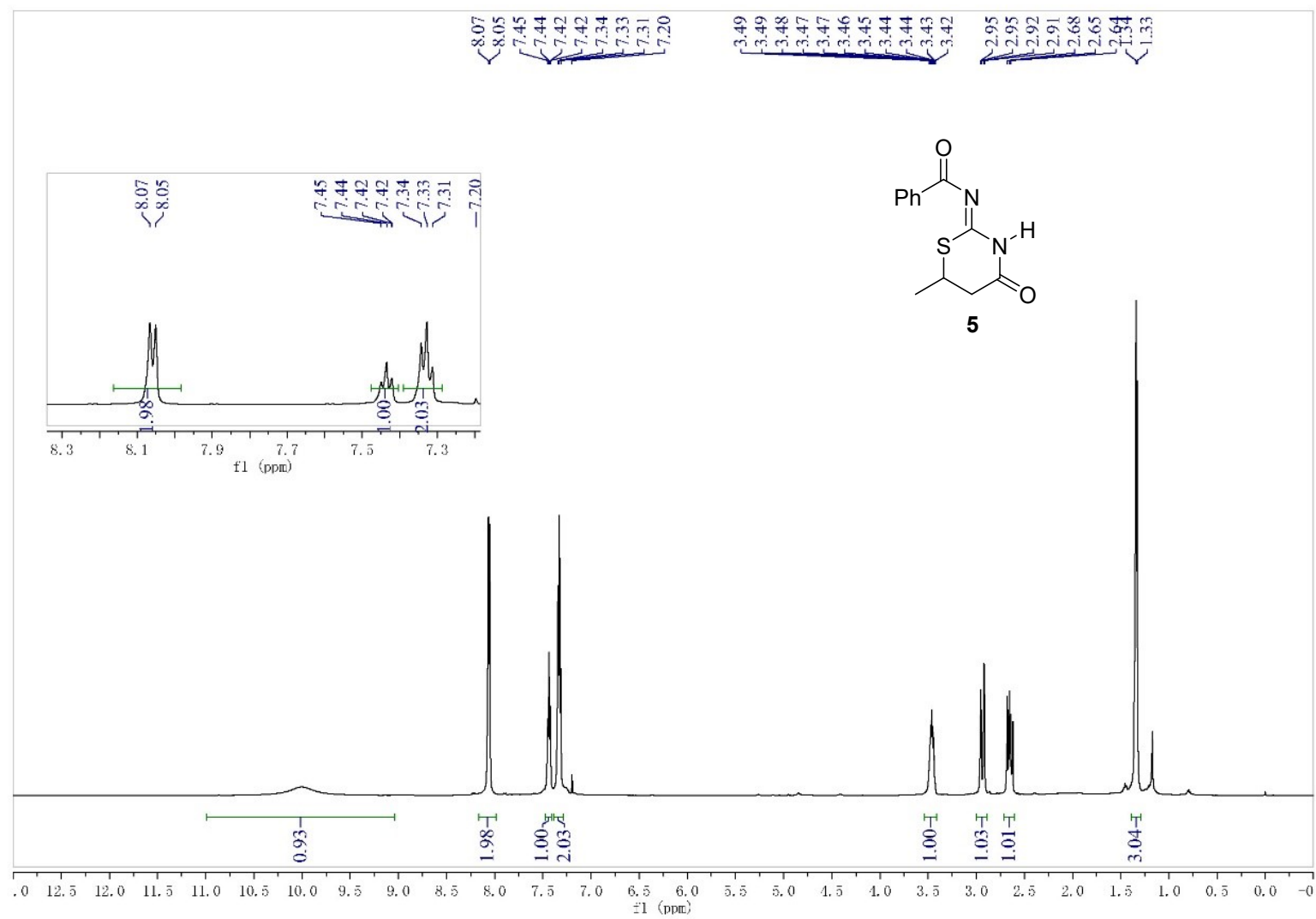


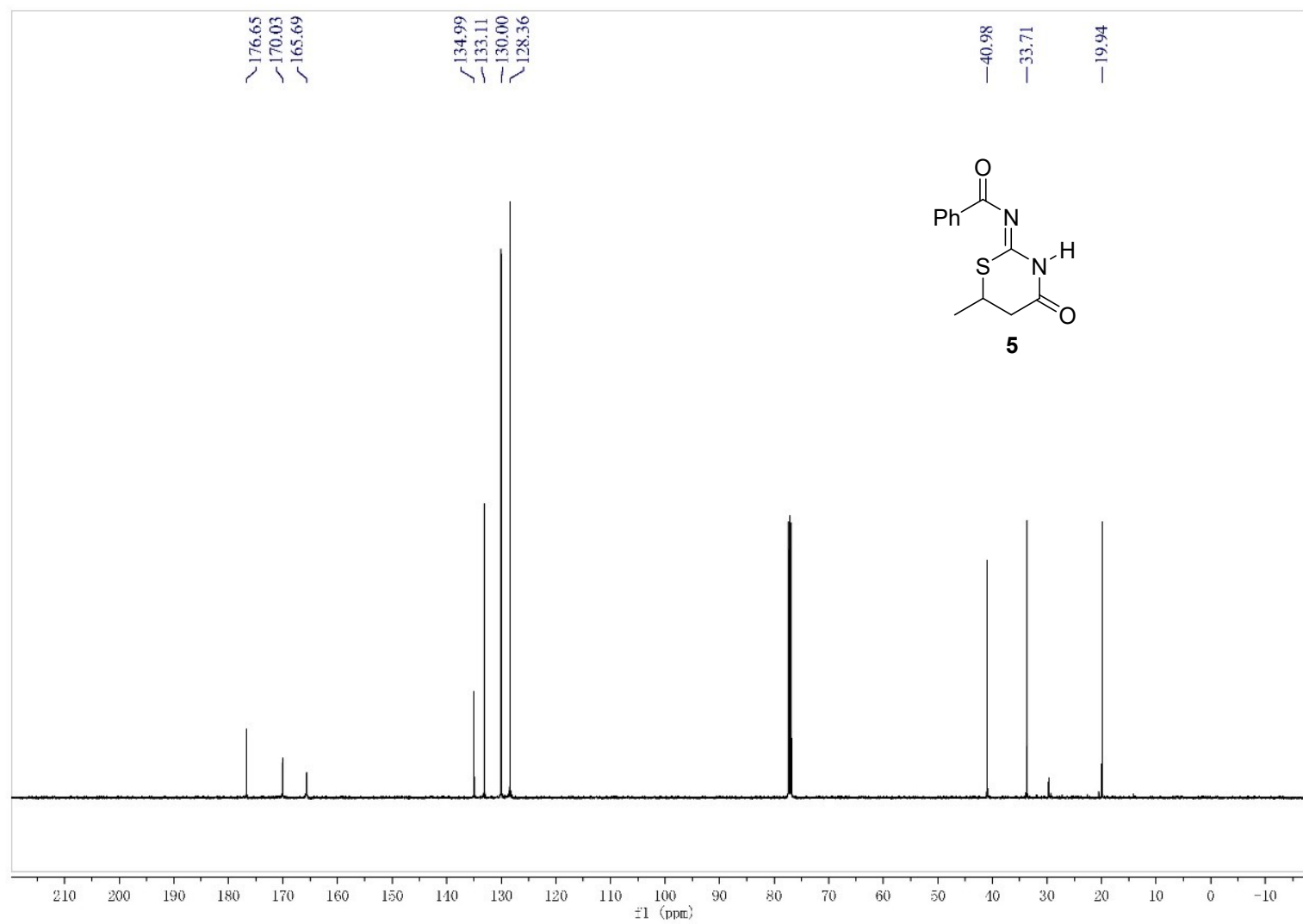








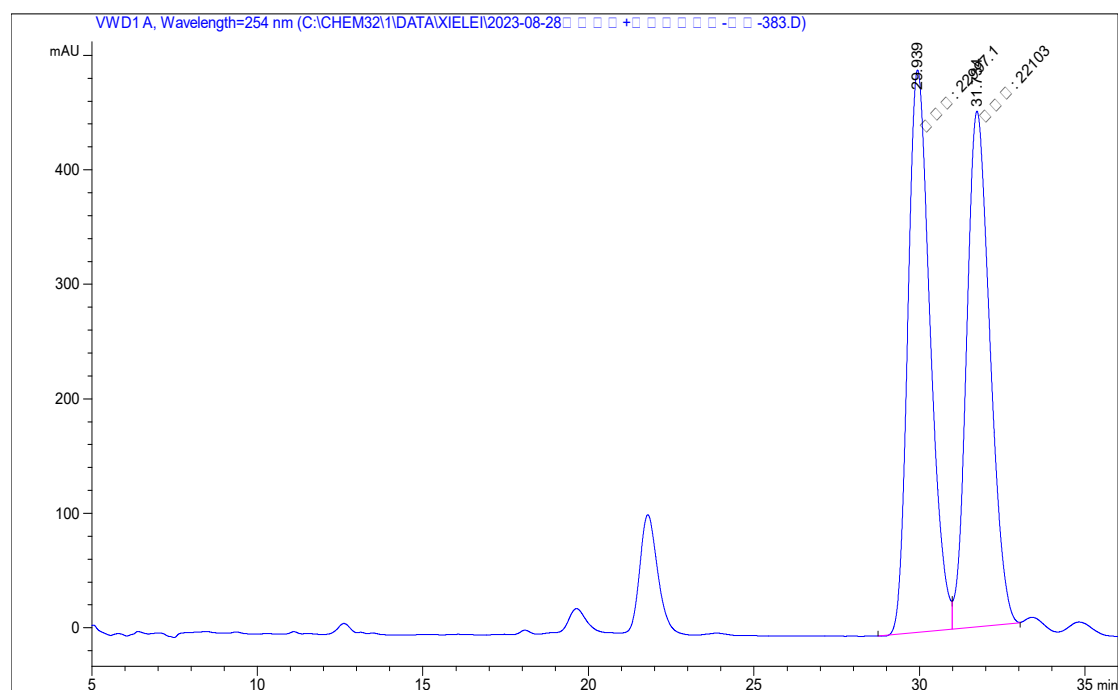
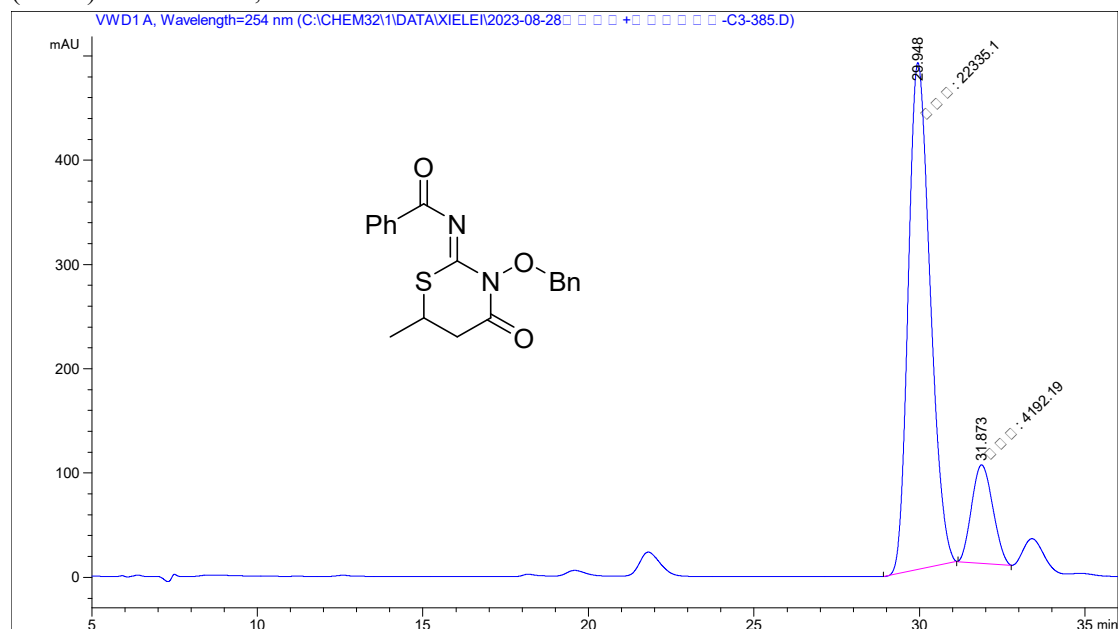




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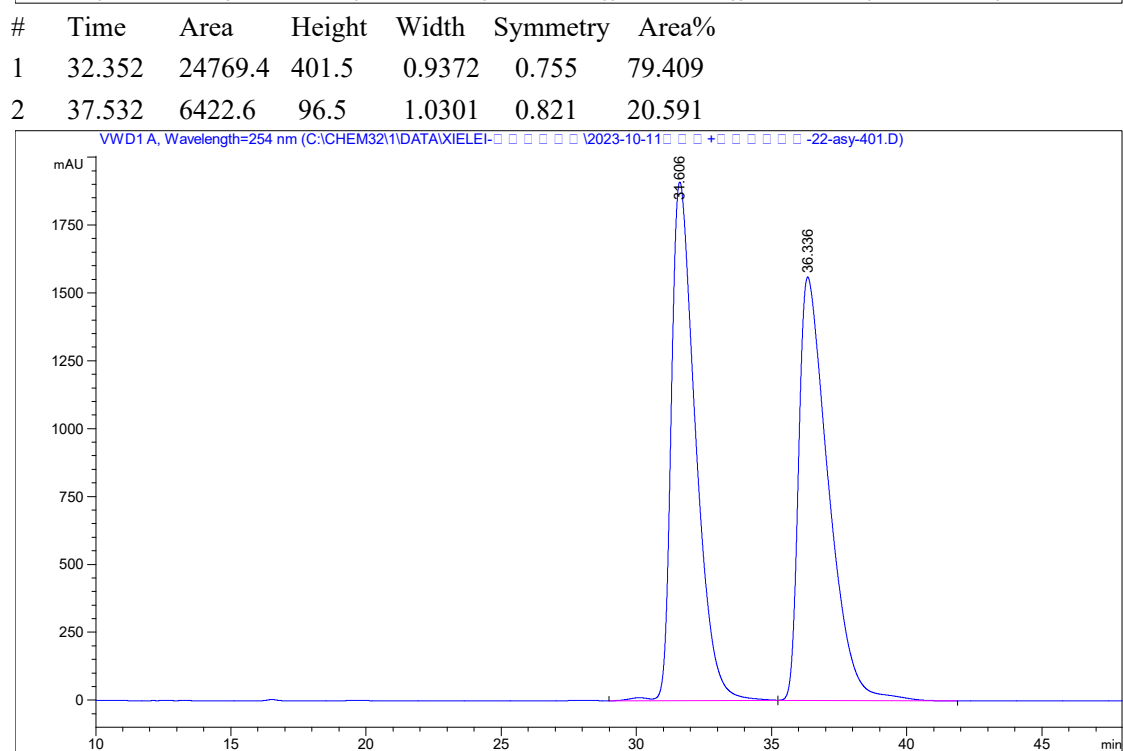
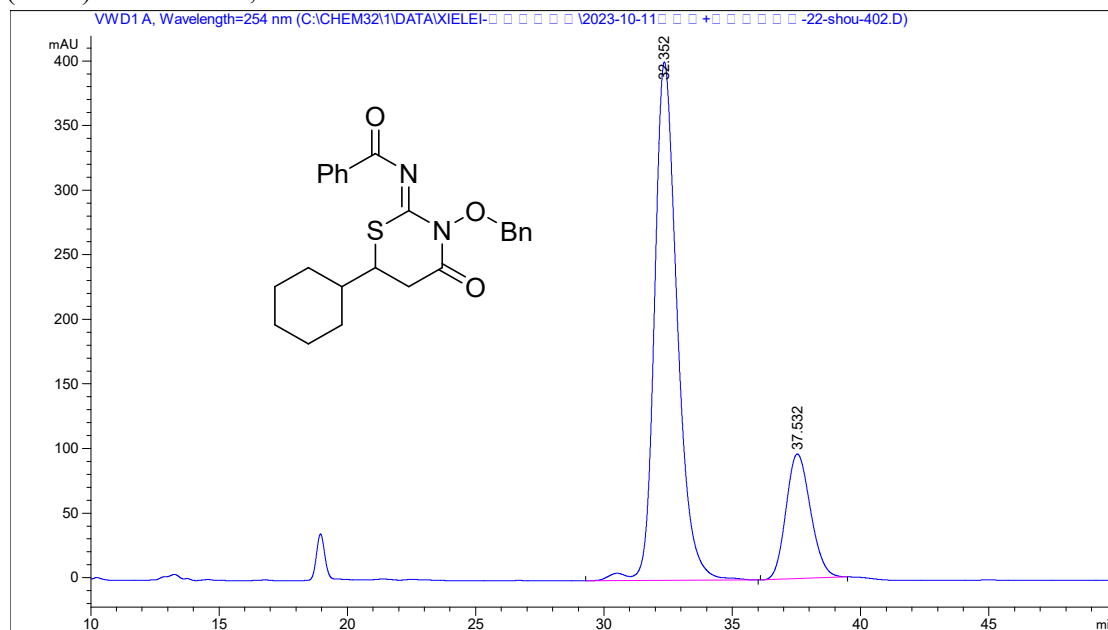
HPLC Chromatograms for the product for 3aa

Daicel Chiralcel-IC, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_R (major) = 29.948 min, t_R (minor) = 31.873 min; 68% ee.



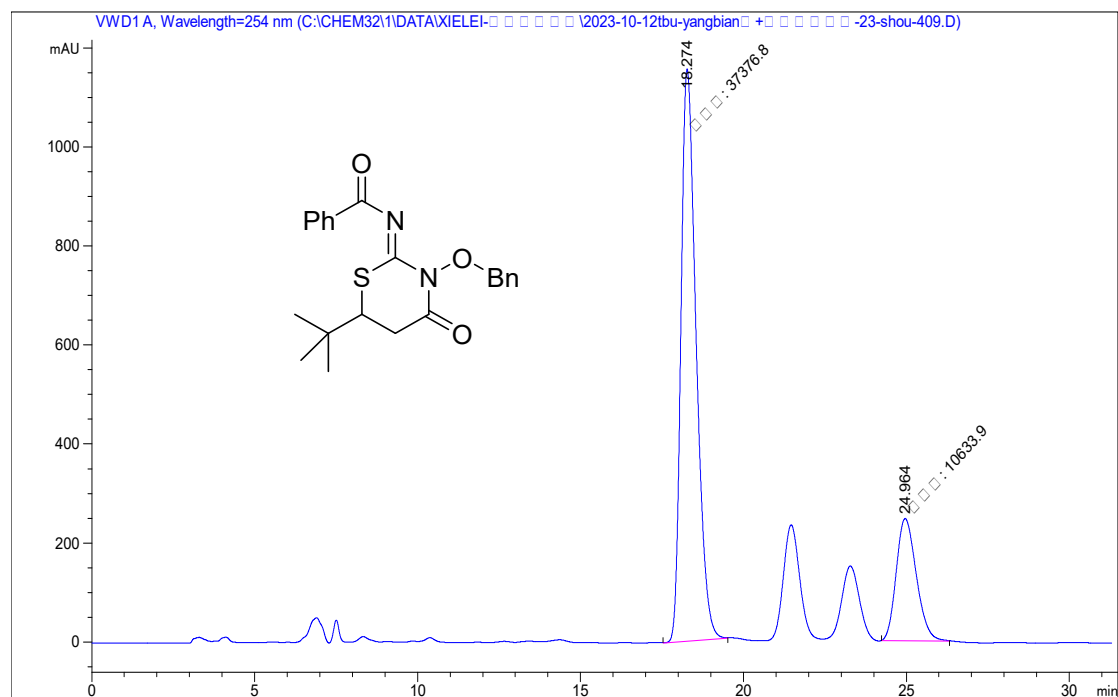
HPLC Chromatograms for the product for 3ca

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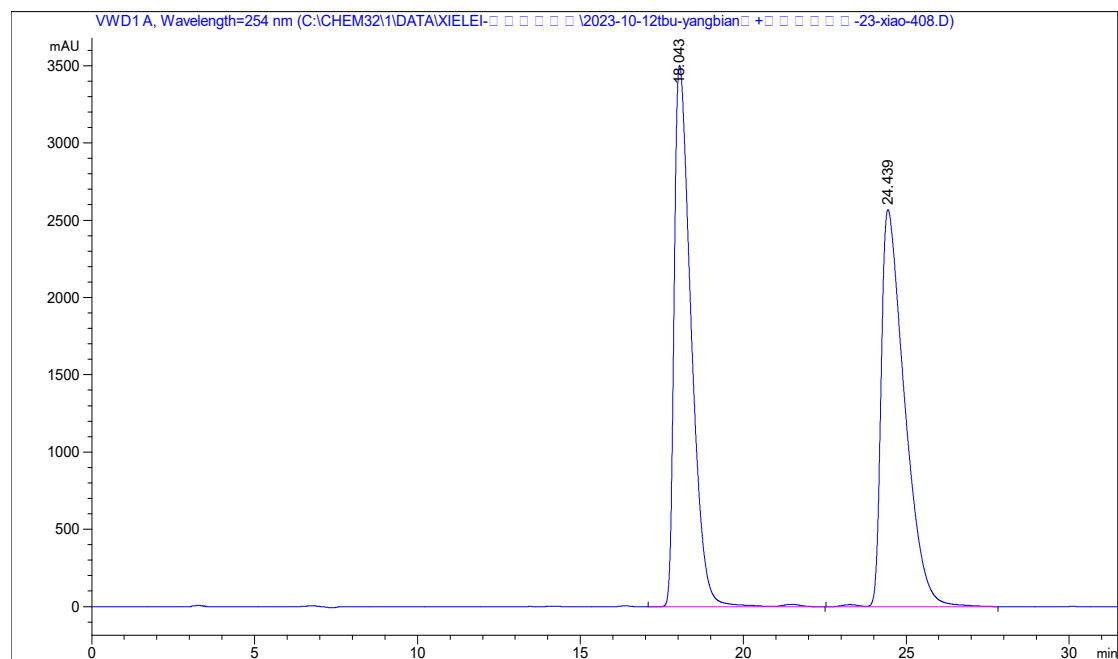


HPLC Chromatograms for the product for 3da

Daicel Chiralcel-IC, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_R (major) = 18.274 min, t_R (minor) = 24.964 min; 56% ee.



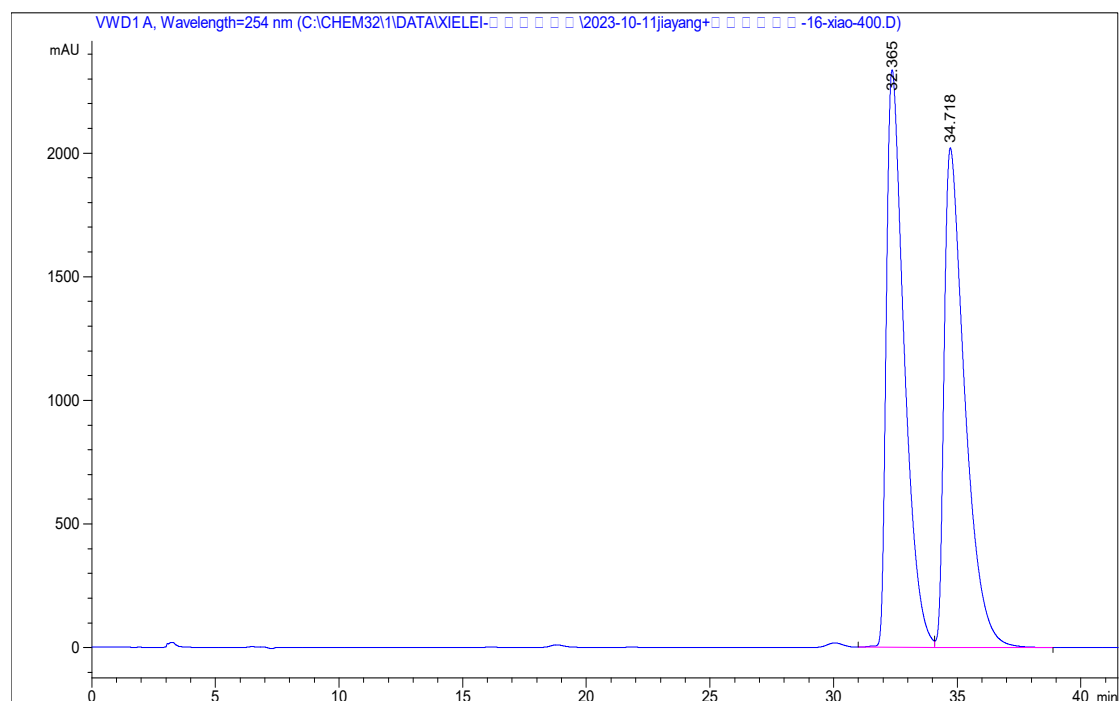
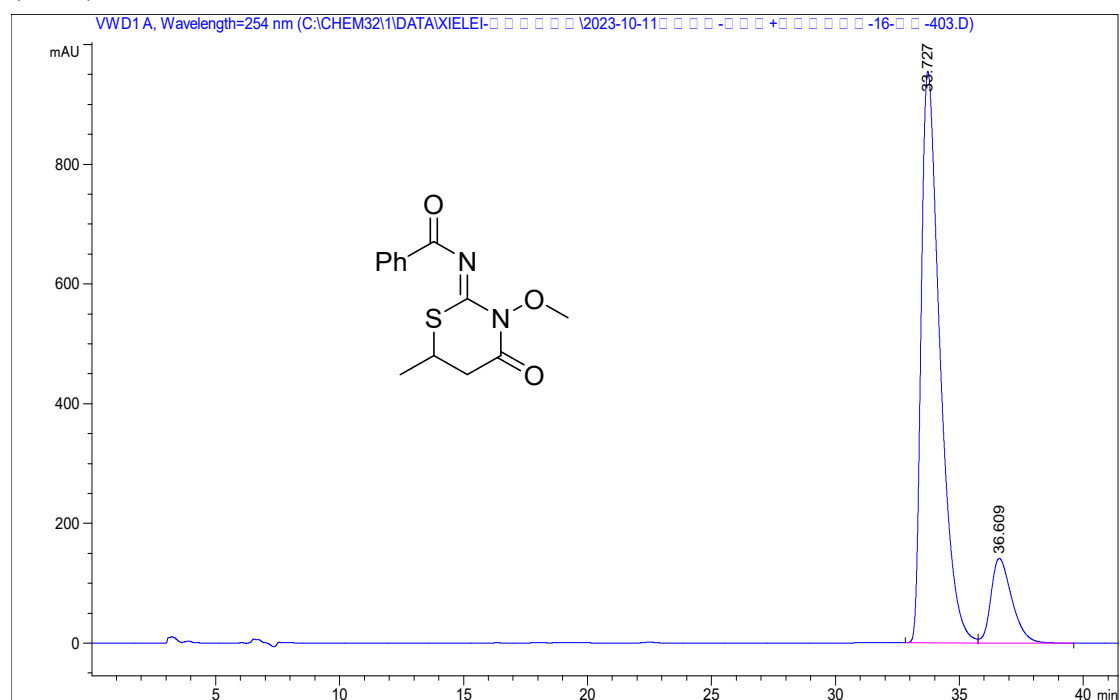
#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Symmetry	Area%
1	18.274	37376.8	1156.8	0.5385	0.663	77.851
2	24.964	10633.9	247.2	0.7169	0.773	22.149



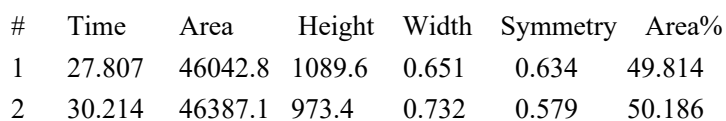
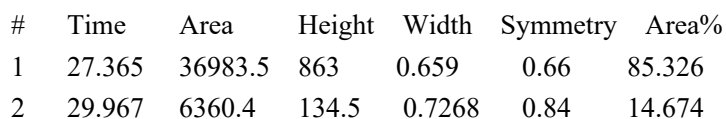
#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Symmetry	Area%
1	18.043	127382.8	3505.7	0.5549	0.434	49.829
2	24.439	128258.8	2569.2	0.7422	0.384	50.171

HPLC Chromatograms for the product for 3ea

Daicel Chiralcel-IC, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_R (major) = 33.727 min, t_R (minor) = 36.609 min; 72% ee.

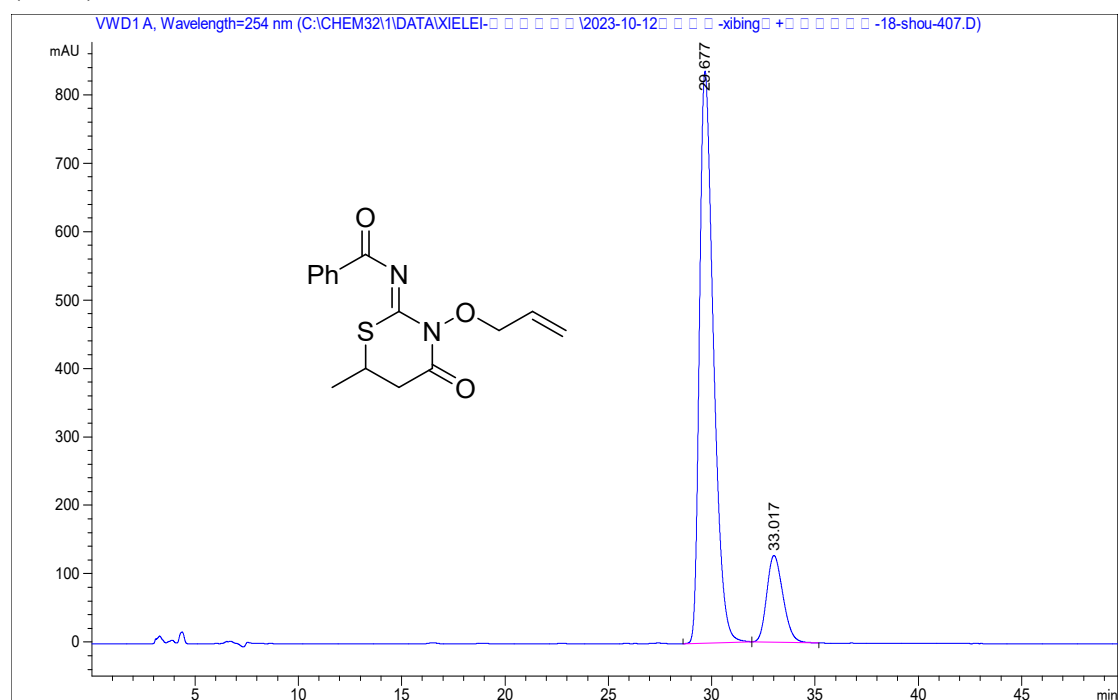


Daicel Chiralcel-IC, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_R (major) = 27.365 min, t_R (minor) = 29.967 min; 71% ee.

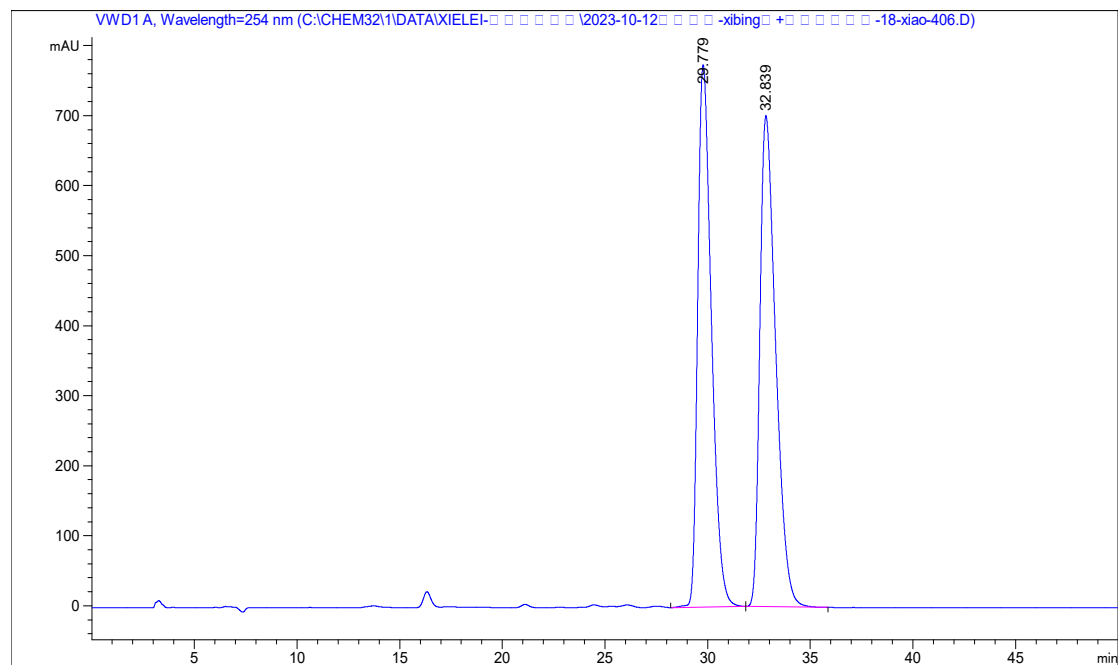


HPLC Chromatograms for the product for 3ga

Daicel Chiralcel-IC, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_R (major) = 29.677 min, t_R (minor) = 33.017 min; 70% ee.



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Symmetry	Area%
1	29.677	39160.8	836.5	0.7202	0.602	85.024
2	33.017	6897.8	126.6	0.8458	0.766	14.976



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Symmetry	Area%
1	29.779	35859.9	774.8	0.71	0.612	48.892
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9. X-Ray Crystallographic Data of 3aa

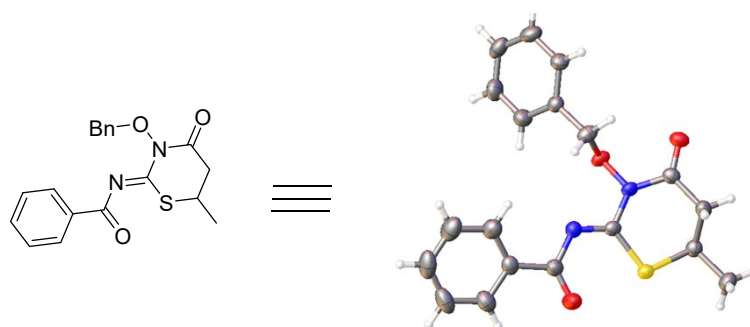


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3aa.

Empirical formula	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ N ₂ O ₃ S
Formula weight	354.41
Temperature/K	296.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	32.264(3)
b/Å	6.0091(5)
c/Å	19.0987(17)
α/°	90
β/°	110.3890(10)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3470.9(5)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.356
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.207
F(000)	1488.0
Crystal size/mm ³	? × ? × ?
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.714 to 54.728
Index ranges	-30 ≤ h ≤ 41, -7 ≤ k ≤ 7, -24 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected	9891
Independent reflections	3885 [R _{int} = 0.0153, R _{sigma} = 0.0183]
Data/restraints/parameters	3885/0/227
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.032
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0337, wR ₂ = 0.0831
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0407, wR ₂ = 0.0876
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.23/-0.20