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Organocatalyzed diastereoselective cyclization of β -alkyl nitroolefins with alkylidene malononitriles: new approach to azetidine nitrones and isoxazoles

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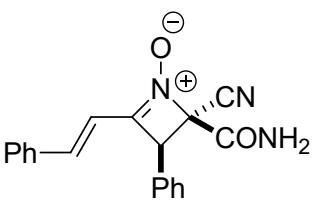
General information: All the reactions were carried out either under an inert atmosphere or air and monitored by TLC using Merck 60 F₂₅₄ pre-coated silica-gel plates and the products were visualized by UV detection. Flash chromatography was carried out using silica-gel (200-300 mesh). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on 500 MHz and 400 MHz spectrometers. Data for ¹H NMR are reported as a chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant J (Hz), integration, and assignment, data for ¹³C are reported as a chemical shift. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) data analysis was carried out using ESI-TOF-MS. Melting points were recorded on an Electro thermal melting points apparatus and are uncorrected.

Starting materials: All the β -alkyl nitroalkenes (**1a-1d**)¹ and alkylidene malononitriles (**2a-z**)² were synthesized by literature known procedures. All the starting materials were known in the literatures. All the catalysts were purchased from commercial suppliers.

General procedure for the synthesis of azetidine nitrone (**3**):

To a stirred solution of 3-nitroallylarene **1** (0.2 mmol) and alkylidene malononitrile **2** (0.24 mmol) in dry DCM (1.0 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added DABCO (0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed, followed by the extraction with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The extracted solvent was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The combined organic phases were concentrated under reduced pressure at room temperature to give the crude product. It was purified by silica gel column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:5) as a mixture of solvent to provide a pure solid nitrone product **3**. The yield was calculated based on the pure product with a mixture of diastereomer. The above procedure was followed for synthesizing all the products in Scheme 2. Finally, the purified product with a mixture of diastereomer was partially crystallized by using ethyl acetate/hexane as a mixture of solvent to obtain major isomer which was characterized by its spectroscopic data (¹H, ¹³C NMR and HRMS data).

(2*S*^{*},3*R*^{*})-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-phenyl-4-((E)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (**3aa**):


White solid; mp 141-143 °C; yield = 82%; dr = 84:16; R_f = 0.30
 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53-7.34 (m, 8H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H)
 ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 154.9, 142.2, 135.7, 131.9, 131.1, 131.0, 130.4,

130.3, 129.9, 129.0, 114.0, 112.1, 77.1, 51.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₅N₃O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 340.1056, found 340.1063.

The relative stereochemistry of major isomer **3aa** was assigned by its single-crystal-X-ray diffraction data.

Crystallographic data: Single crystal X-ray structural of compound **3aa** was measured on the SuperNova, Dual, Mo at home/near, Eos-XRD at 150(2) K using graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda\alpha = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The strategy for the Data collection was evaluated by using the CrysAlisPro CCD software. The data were collected by the standard 'phi-omega scan techniques, and were scaled and reduced using CrysAlisPro RED software. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97, and refined by full matrix least-squares with SHELXL-97, refining on F_2 . The positions of all the atoms were obtained by direct methods. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The remaining hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically constrained positions, and refined with isotropic temperature factors, generally $1.2U_{eq}$ of their parent atoms. The crystal data are summarized in Table S1. The **CCDC** number(**2292044**) can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 union Road, Cambridge CB21 EZ, UK; Fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

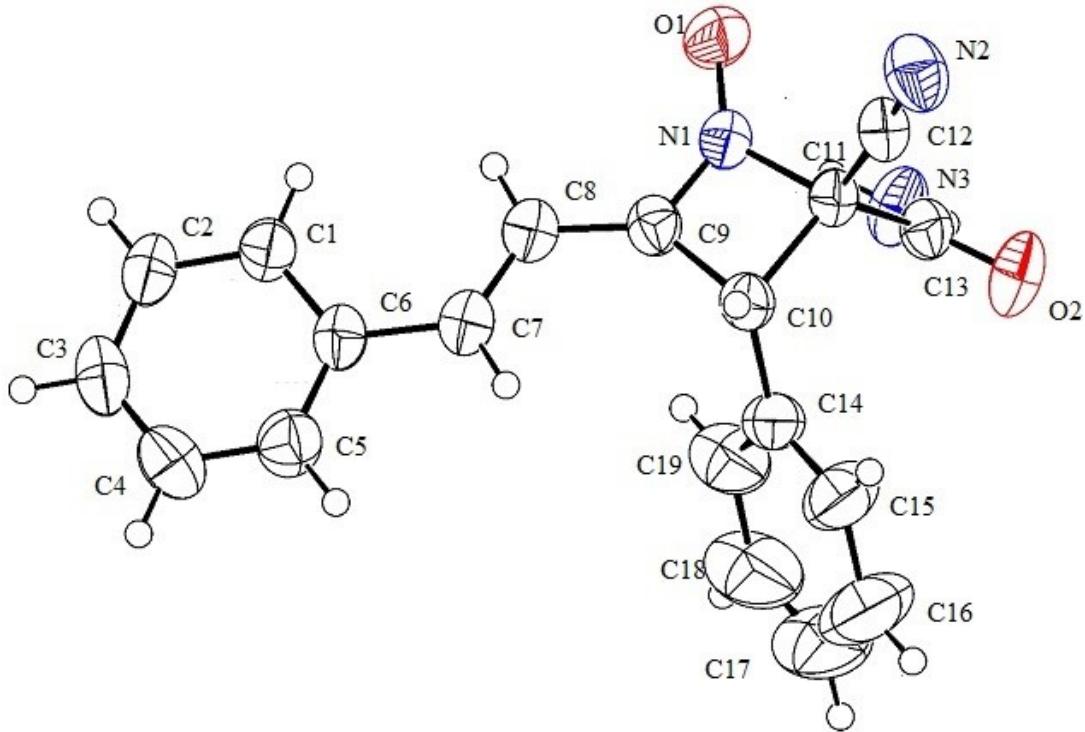


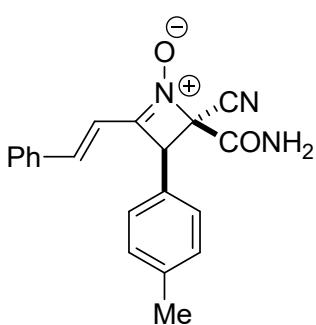
Figure S1. ORTEP diagram of compound **3aa** (CCDC **2292044**), thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

Table S1: Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 3aa.

Compound	3aa
Empirical formula	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ N ₃ O ₂
Formula weight	317.1164
Temperature/K	298K
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	11.8860(8)
b/Å	12.6490(6)
c/Å	12.3805(9)
α/°	90
β/°	114.440(9)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1694.6(2)
Z	7
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.244
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.083
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Radiation	Mo Kα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	6.442 to 58.686

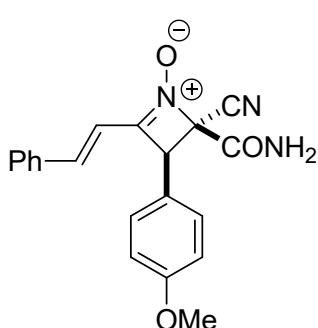
Index ranges	$-15 \leq h \leq 15, -16 \leq k \leq 17, -16 \leq l \leq 16$
Reflections collected	20440
Independent reflections	4226 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0512, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0425$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4226/0/217
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.047
Final R indexes [$I >= 2\sigma (I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0619, wR_2 = 0.1729$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0888, wR_2 = 0.1901$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.42/-0.28
CCDC	2292044

(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-4-((*E*)-styryl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ab):**



White solid; mp 152-154 °C; yield = 81%; dr = 84:16; $R_f = 0.28$ (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.19 (br s, 4H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.3, 154.0, 141.0, 140.1, 134.7, 130.8, 130.1, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 126.9, 113.0, 111.1, 76.2, 50.7, 21.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₃O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 332.1394 found 332.1375.

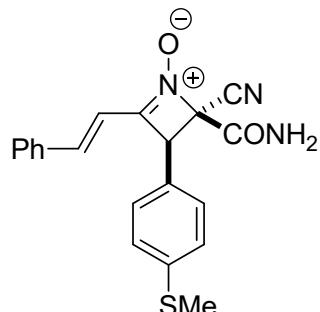
(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ac):**



White solid; mp 158-160 °C; yield = 79%; dr = 81:19; $R_f = 0.27$ (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 160.2, 154.0, 141.0, 134.7, 130.9, 130.1, 129.2, 128.0, 121.7,

114.8, 113.0, 111.1, 76.2, 55.4, 50.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₇N₃O₃Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 370.1162, found 370.1188.

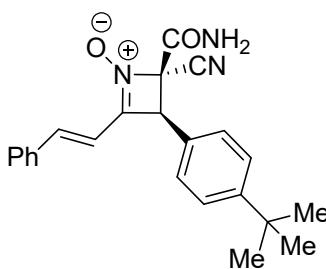
(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ad):**



White solid; mp 152-154 °C; yield = 77%; dr = 82:18; $R_f = 0.28$ (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.22 (br s, 4H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 153.8, 141.4, 141.1, 134.7, 130.9, 129.3,

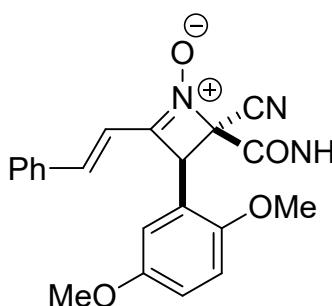
129.1, 128.0, 126.5, 126.2, 112.9, 111.0, 76.1, 50.5, 15.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{17}N_3O_2SNa^+[M+Na]^+$: 386.0934, found 386.0962.

(2*S,3*R**)-3-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-2-carbamoyl-2-cyano-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ae):**



1-oxide (3ae): White solid; mp 167-169 °C; yield = 78%; dr = 86:14; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.3, 154.1, 153.1, 141.1, 134.8, 130.8, 129.2, 128.6, 128.0, 126.8, 126.3, 113.1, 111.2, 76.2, 50.6, 34.9, 31.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{23}N_3O_2^+ [M+H]^+$: 374.1863, found 374.1866.

(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3af):**



White solid; yield = 75%; mp 168-170 °C; R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/ hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.87 (br s, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 153.5, 152.7, 140.4, 134.8, 130.7 (2C), 129.2, 127.9, 119.7, 115.6, 114.9, 113.2, 112.0, 111.4, 75.9, 56.4, 55.9, 45.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{19}N_3O_4Na^+[M+Na]^+$: 400.1268, found 400.1254.

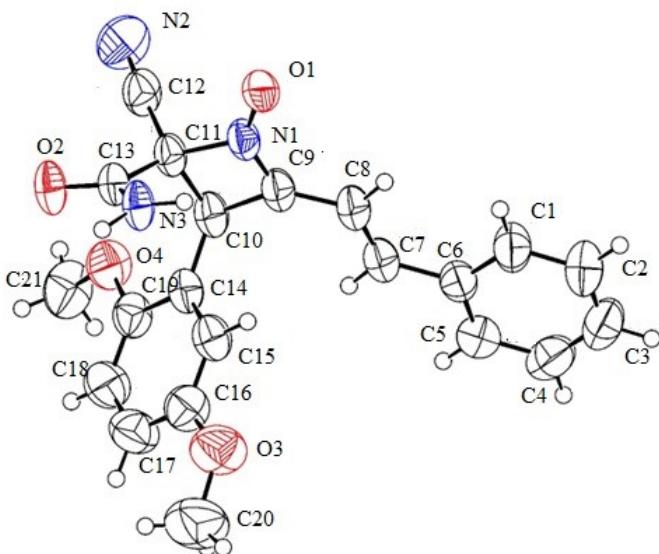


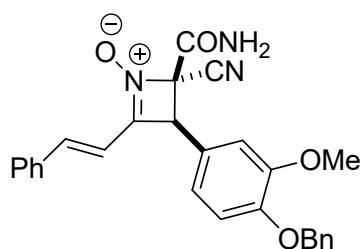
Figure S1. ORTEP diagram of compound **3af** (CCDC **2292045**), thermal ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

Table S2: Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 3af.

Compound	3af
Empirical formula	C ₂₁ H ₁₉ N ₃ O ₄
Formula weight	377.1376
Temperature/K	293 K
Wavelength/Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	I2/a
a/Å	16.4422(7)
b/Å	14.3442(5)
c/Å	17.1296(7)
α/°	90
β/°	99.822(4)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3980.8(3)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.259
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.089
F (000)	1584.0
Radiation	Mo Kα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	6.35 to 58.162
Index ranges	-22 ≤ h ≤ 21, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -23 ≤ l ≤ 20
Reflections collected	25442
Independent reflections	4942 [R _{int} = 0.0565, R _{sigma} = 0.0298]
Data/restraints/parameters	4942/0/260
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.050

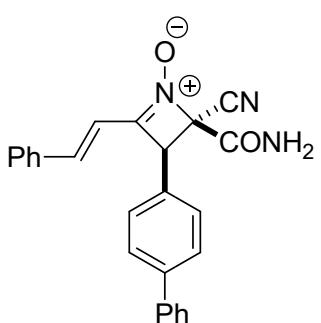
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0640, wR ₂ = 0.1435
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0911, wR ₂ = 0.1665
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.15/-0.26
CCDC	2292045

(2*S*^{*,3*R*^{*})-3-(4-(Benzylloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-carbamoyl-2-cyano-4-((E)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ag):}



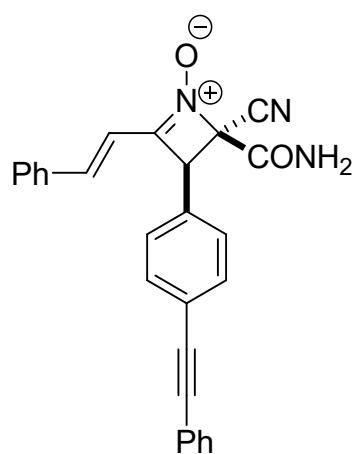
White solid; mp 153-155 °C; yield = 76%; dr = 80:20; R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 154.0, 150.1, 149.6, 141.1, 136.7, 134.7, 130.9, 129.3, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 122.5, 121.3, 113.8, 113.1, 112.3, 111.0, 76.3, 71.1, 56.3, 50.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₂₄N₃O₄⁺[M+H]⁺: 454.1761, found 454.1777.

(2*S*^{*,3*R*^{*})-3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-carbamoyl-2-cyano-4-((E)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ah):}



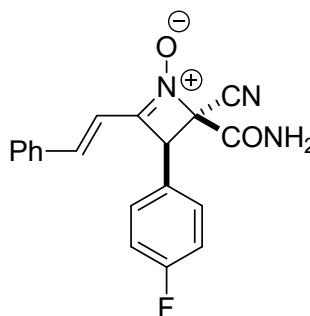
White solid; mp 160-162 °C; yield = 80%; dr = 83:17; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 153.9, 142.8, 141.1, 140.0, 134.7, 130.9, 129.3(2C), 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 113.0, 111.0, 76.2, 50.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₁₉N₃O₂Na⁺[M+Na]⁺: 416.1376, found 416.1375.

(2*S*^{*,3*R*^{*})-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(4-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-4-((E)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ai):}



White solid; mp 155-157 °C; yield = 78%; dr = 85:15; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.25 (m, 10H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 3H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 153.6, 141.1, 134.6, 132.5, 131.8, 131.0, 130.0, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 125.2, 122.9, 112.9, 110.9, 91.4, 88.5, 76.1, 50.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₂₀N₃O₂N⁺[M+H]⁺: 418.1550, found 418.1559.

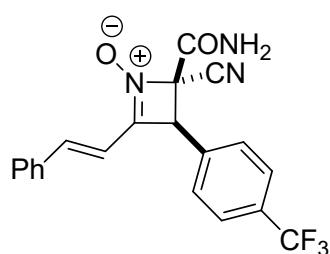
(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3aj):** White solid; mp 150-152 °C; yield = 82%; dr = 85:15; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.93 (s, 2H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 162.4(d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 244 Hz), 159.7, 152.1, 137.8, 135.0, 131.79 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 130.0, 129.1, 127.7, 127.0, 115.4 (d, $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 21.4 Hz), 114.2, 112.1, 78.7, 47.6 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ(major isomer) -112.8 ppm; δ(minor isomer) -113.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₉H₁₉FN₃O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 358.0962, found 358.0958.



(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-cyano-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ak):** White solid; mp 158-160 °C; yield = 84%; dr = 82:18; R_f = 0.33 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 153.4, 141.1, 136.8, 134.5, 131.0, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 112.8, 110.8, 75.9, 50.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄ClN₃O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 374.0667, found 374.0669.

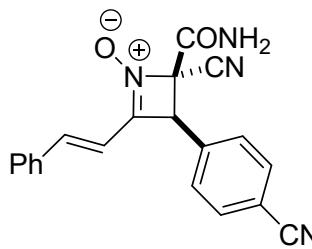
(2*S,3*R**)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-carbamoyl-2-cyano-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3al):** White solid; mp 166-168 °C; yield = 80%; dr = 81:19; R_f = 0.31 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (br s, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.9, 153.3, 141.2, 134.5, 132.7, 131.0, 130.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.0, 124.4, 112.8, 110.8, 75.7, 50.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄⁷⁹BrN₃O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 418.0162, found 418.0166.

(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-4-((*E*)-styryl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3am):** White solid; mp 174-176 °C; yield = 81%; dr = 82:18; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H



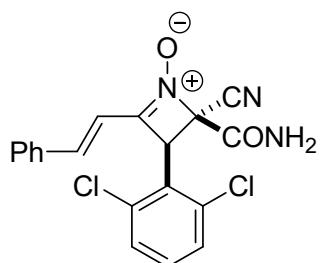
¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.5, 151.8, 137.9, 135.6, 135.0, 130.5, 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 127.7, 125.3 (q), 114.0, 112.1, 78.4, 47.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₅F₃N₃O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 386.1111, found 386.1123.

(2*S*^{*},3*R*^{*})-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(4-cyanophenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3an)



(2*S*^{*},3*R*^{*})-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(4-cyanophenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3an): White solid; mp 180-182 °C; yield = 79%; dr = 83:17; R_f = 0.26 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.97 (s, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.9, 152.1, 138.4, 136.9, 135.4, 132.7, 131.1, 130.5, 129.5, 128.2, 118.9, 114.4, 112.5, 112.2, 78.8, 48.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₄N₄O₂Na⁺[M+Na]⁺: 363.1009, found 363.1041

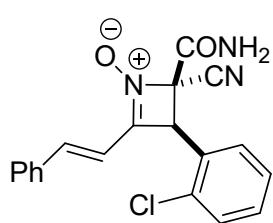
(2*S*^{*},3*R*^{*})-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ao)



(2*S*^{*},3*R*^{*})-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ao): White solid; mp 167-169 °C; yield = 68%; dr = 93:7; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.05-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 154.2, 139.1, 134.8, 131.5, 130.8, 130.6, 129.5, 129.2, 127.9, 125.8, 112.5, 110.9, 76.9, 44.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₄Cl₂N₃O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 386.0458, found 386.0463.

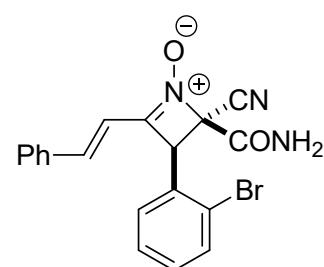
((2*S*^{*},3*R*^{*})-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ap): White solid; mp 152-154 °C; yield = 76%; dr = 87:13; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 161.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 249.18 Hz), 159.9, 152.6, 140.8, 134.7, 131.93 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz), 130.9, 129.3, 128.0, 124.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.7 Hz), 117.89 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 13.6 Hz), 116.4, 116.2, 112.7, 111.1, 75.2, 44.31 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 4.3 Hz) ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₅FN₃O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺: 336.1143, found 336.1141.

(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-cyano-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-**



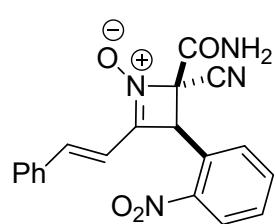
oxide (3aq): White solid; mp 170-172 °C; yield = 75%; dr = 86:14; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.65-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.2, 151.4, 138.1, 135.1, 134.4, 130.9, 130.6, 130.0, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 127.7, 127.0, 114.0, 112.4, 78.3, 46.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_4^+$ [M+H] $^+$: 352.0847, found 352.0845.

(2*S,3*R**)-3-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-carbamoyl-2-cyano-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-**



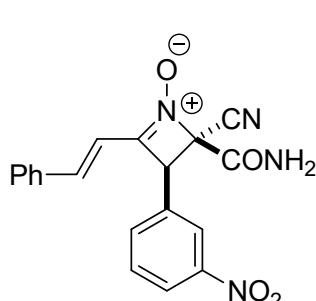
oxide (3ar): White solid; mp 161-163 °C; yield = 73%, dr = 88:12; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.23 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.1, 151.6, 138.1, 135.1, 132.7, 131.2, 130.8, 130.5, 130.0, 129.1, 127.7, 127.5, 125.1, 114.0, 112.4, 78.2, 48.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}^{79}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_2^+$ [M+H] $^+$: 396.0342, found 396.0338; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}^{81}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_2^+$ [M+H] $^+$: 398.0322, found 396.0342.

(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(2-nitrophenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-**



oxide (3as): White solid; mp 156-158 °C; yield = 74%; dr = 86:14; R_f = 0.29 (EtOAc/ hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.28-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.76 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.11 (m, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.2, 151.0, 148.3, 138.3, 135.1, 134.0, 132.1, 130.5, 130.0, 129.1, 127.7, 126.8, 125.3, 114.1, 112.1, 79.0, 45.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4^+$ [M+H] $^+$: 363.1088, found 363.1080.

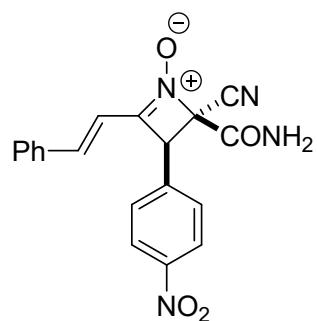
(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-**



oxide (3at): White solid; mp 166-168 °C; yield = 79%; dr = 87:13; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 6.4

Hz, 3H), 7.10 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.6, 152.7, 148.8, 141.3, 134.9, 134.4, 132.6, 131.2, 130.6, 129.3, 128.1, 125.0, 123.5, 112.4, 110.6, 75.5, 49.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$: 363.1088, found 363.1087.

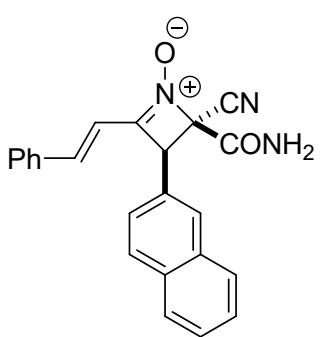
(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3at')**



oxide (3at'): White solid; yield; mp 175-176 °C; dr = 81:19 R_f = 0.27 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 159.4, 151.8, 147.8, 138.4, 138.0, 135.0, 131.1, 130.1, 129.1, 127.8, 123.4, 113.9, 112.0, 78.3, 47.3 ppm;

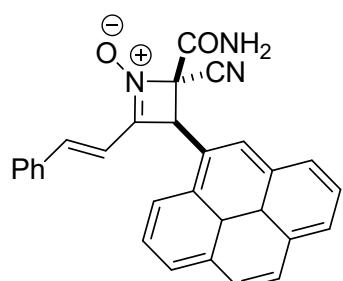
HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$: 363.1088, found 363.1072.

(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3au)**



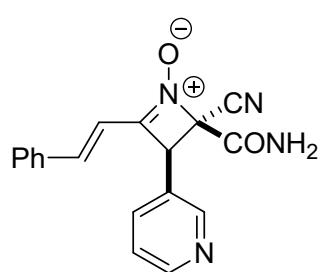
oxide (3au): White solid; mp 160-162 °C; yield = 79%; dr = 86:14; R_f = 0.28 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.60-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 159.6, 152.3, 137.8, 135.0, 133.0, 132.5, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7(2C), 127.6, 126.8, 126.5, 114.3, 112.3, 78.7, 48.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na] $^+$: 390.1213, found 390.1218.

(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(pyren-1-yl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3av)**



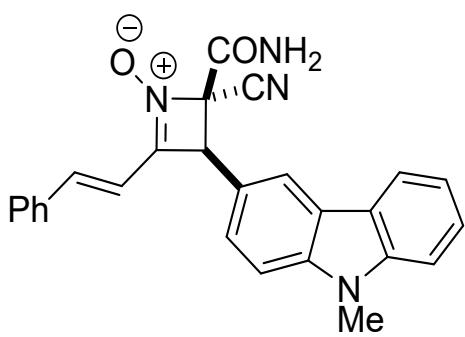
(3av): White solid; mp 165-167 °C; yield = 71%; dr = 80:20; R_f = 0.25 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.43-8.34 (m, 4H), 8.25 (dd, J = 8.3, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 8.20-8.12 (m, 2H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 159.6, 152.5, 138.1, 135.1, 131.2, 130.7, 130.2, 130.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 127.2, 126.6, 125.9, 125.8, 124.4, 124.2, 124.0, 123.6, 122.8, 114.4, 112.7, 79.0, 46.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$ [M+H] $^+$: 442.1550, found 442.1538.

(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(pyridin-3-yl)-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide**



(3aw): White solid; mp 153-155 °C; yield = 80%; dr = 90:10; R_f = 0.15 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.61 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 6.4, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.18 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.6, 151.7, 150.5, 150.0, 137.9, 137.0, 135.0, 130.1, 129.1, 127.7, 126.9, 123.4, 114.0, 112.1, 78.5, 45.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na] $^+$: 341.1009, found 341.1025.

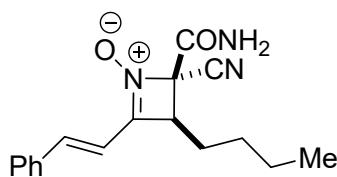
(*E*)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(9-methyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-4-styryl-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ax): Orange solid; mp 120-122 °C; yield = 75%; dr = 77:23; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/Hexane = 30/70); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (mixture of diastereomers) 8.15-



8.01 (m, 2.0H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 8H), 7.19-7.07 (m, 3H), 5.98 (s, 0.25H), 5.69 (s, 0.75H), 5.04 (s, 0.75H), 4.99 (s, 0.25H), 3.87 (s, 0.75H), 3.84 (s, 2.25H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) (mixture of diastereomer) 160.4 (161.9), 154.6 (154.1), 141.6*, 141.5*, 141.1 (140.9), 134.7 (134.8), 130.8 (130.7), 129.2*, 128.0 (127.9), 126.6

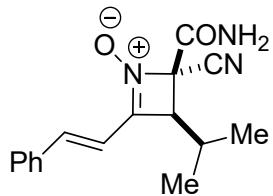
(126.57), 126.0 (125.8), 123.4 (123.6), 122.3 (122.4), 120.9 (121.0), 120.7 (120.8), 119.8*, 119.61 (119.59), 113.2*, 111.16 (111.24), 109.4 (109.5), 108.91 (108.87), 76.8 (60.6), 51.7 (49.3), 31.1 (29.3) ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2^+$ [M+H] $^+$: 421.1659, found 421.1670. * Indicates overlap peaks; In parentheses indicate the peaks of minor isomer.

(2*S,3*R**)-3-Butyl-2-carbamoyl-2-cyano-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ay):**



White solid; mp 146-148 °C; yield = 51%; dr = 78:22; R_f = 0.20 (EtOAc/ hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 4H), 6.79 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 3.61 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.00-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.44 (m, 3H), 1.39 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.4, 155.4, 141.1, 134.9, 130.8, 129.3, 127.9, 113.2, 111.6, 73.7, 46.6, 29.2, 27.6, 22.7, 13.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na] $^+$: 330.1369, found 330.1361.

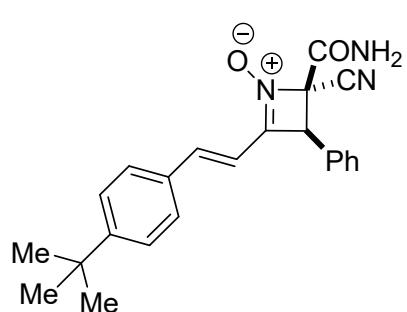
(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-isopropyl-4-((*E*)-styryl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide**



(3az): White solid; mp 131-133 °C; yield = 49%; dr = 78:22; R_f = 0.2 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 3.97 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H)

ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 162.9, 161.9, 141.3, 135.0, 129.7, 128.9, 127.5, 118.2, 115.8, 84.5, 60.3, 27.3, 22.0, 18.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 306.1213, found 306.1204.

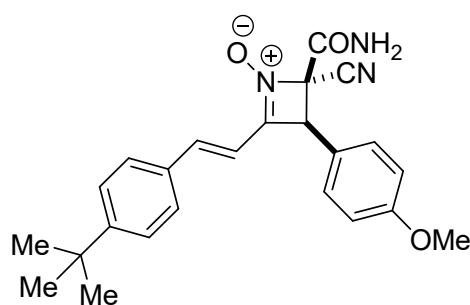
(2*S,3*R**)-4-((*E*)-4-(*tert*-Butyl)styryl)-2-carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ba)**



1-oxide (3ba): White solid; mp 166-168 °C; yield = 81%; dr = 85:15; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40-7.33 (m, 7H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H) 7.07 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 1.31 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.3, 154.8, 154.1, 141.1, 131.9, 130.1,

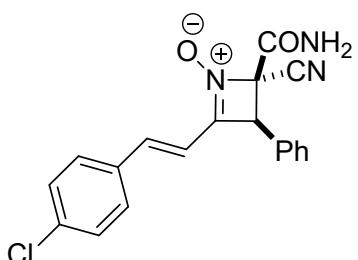
130.0, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 126.3, 113.0, 110.2, 75.9, 50.8, 35.1, 31.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 374.1863, found 374.1875.

(2*S,3*R**)-4-((*E*)-4-(*tert*-Butyl)styryl)-2-carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3bc)**



dihydroazete 1-oxide (3bc): White solid; mp 170-172 °C; yield = 78%; dr = 87:13; R_f = 0.22 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (br s, 4H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.9, 160.3, 154.8, 154.1, 141.0, 132.2, 130.2, 127.9, 126.3, 122.0, 114.9, 113.2, 110.4, 76.3, 55.5, 50.8, 35.2, 31.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 426.1788, found 426.1772.

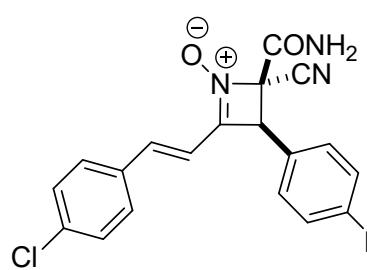
(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-4-((*E*)-4-chlorostyryl)-2-cyano-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydroazete 1-oxide (3ca)**



oxide (3ca): White solid; mp 156-158 °C; yield = 79%; dr = 83:17; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 16.0 Hz), 6.97 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H),

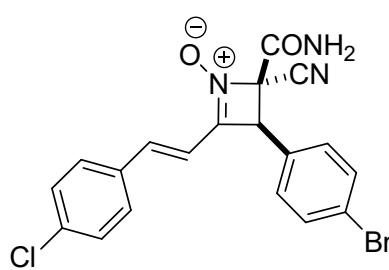
5.65 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.9, 153.5, 139.5, 136.8, 133.2, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 112.9, 111.4, 76.2, 50.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2^+[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 352.0847, found 352.0859.

(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-4-((*E*)-4-chlorostyryl)-2-cyano-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2,3-**



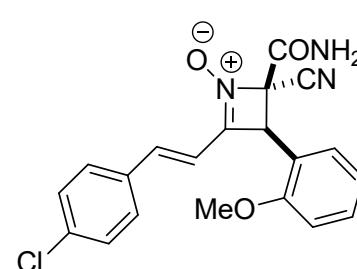
dihydroazete 1-oxide (3cb): White solid; mp 153-155 °C; yield = 77%; dr = 80:20; R_f = 0.26 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (br s, 4H), 7.09 (s, 1H) 7.08 (d, J = 16.4 Hz), 6.96 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.1, 153.7, 140.2, 139.4, 136.8, 133.2, 130.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 126.8, 112.9, 111.5, 76.3, 50.7, 21.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 366.1004, found 366.1015.

(2*S,3*R**)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-carbamoyl-4-((*E*)-4-chlorostyryl)-2-cyano-2,3-**



dihydroazete 1-oxide (3cl): White solid; mp 165-167 °C; yield = 76%; dr = 88:12; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 159.5, 151.8, 136.3, 134.4, 134.0, 131.7, 131.4, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 122.5, 114.0, 112.9, 78.5, 47.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}{^{79}\text{Br}}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 329.9952, found 329.9963.

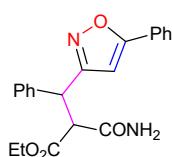
(2*S,3*R**)-2-Carbamoyl-4-((*E*)-4-chlorostyryl)-2-cyano-3-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,3-**



dihydroazete 1-oxide (3cf): White solid; mp 169-171 °C; yield = 73%; yield = 76%; dr = 87:13; R_f = 0.20 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.89-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.1, 153.5, 153.1, 152.7, 138.8, 136.6, 133.4, 129.5, 129.0, 119.6, 115.6, 114.9, 113.1,

112.0, 111.9, 76.0, 56.4, 55.9, 45.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{19}ClN_3O_4^+ [M+H]^+$: 412.1059, found 412.1056.

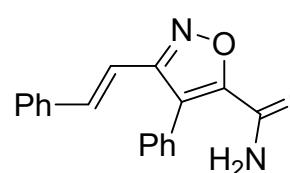
Ethyl 3-amino-3-oxo-2-[phenyl(5-phenylisoxazol-3-yl)methyl]propanoate (3aaa): White



Solid, Yield = 28%; mp = 160 °C; R_f = 0.30 (Ethyl acetate/hexane = 40:60); dr = 60:40; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ (major isomer) 7.78 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (q, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ (mixture of diastereomer = 66:34) 7.78 -7.71 (m, 2H), 7.65 (s, 0.34H), 7.54-7.45 (m, 2.66H), 7.43-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.16 (s, 0.66H), 7.00 (s, 0.34H), 6.98 (s, 0.66H), 6.90 (s, 0.34H), 4.84-4.72 (m, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 0.34 H), 4.32 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 0.66H), 4.05 (q, J = 6.1 Hz, 0.68H), 3.88 (q, J = 6.5, 1.32H), 1.09 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1.02H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1.98H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ (major isomer) 168.6, 167.8, 167.2, 164.9, 138.9, 130.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.3, 126.7, 125.4, 100.2, 60.6, 56.1, 42.9, 13.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{20}N_2O_4Na^+ [M+Na]^+$: 387.1315, found 387.1288.

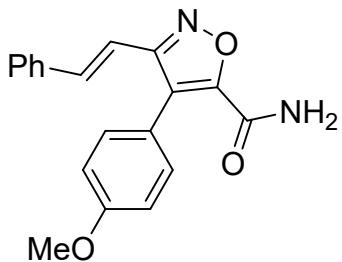
One-pot sequential synthesis of isoxazole 4: To a stirred solution of 3-nitroallylarene **1** (0.2 mmol) and alkylidene malononitrile **2** (0.24 mmol) in dry DCM (1.0 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added DABCO (0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitor by TLC. After completion of the reaction, pTSA (50 mol%) was added to the above reaction mixture and stirring was continued for 12-16h. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), washed with saturated $NaHCO_3$ solution, brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Evaporation of the solvent left the crude product which was purified by silica gel column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:9) as an eluent, leading to a pure isoxazole **4**. All the products in Scheme 3 were synthesized by the above procedure and characterized by their spectroscopic data (¹H, ¹³C NMR and HRMS data).

(E)-4-Phenyl-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4a): White solid; yield = 82%; mp 151-154



°C; R_f = 0.35 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.42 (m, 8H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 160.9, 155.5, 135.9, 135.5, 130.5, 129.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.4, 117.8, 111.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{18}H_{14}N_2O_2Na^+ [M+Na]^+$: 313.0947, found 313.0953.

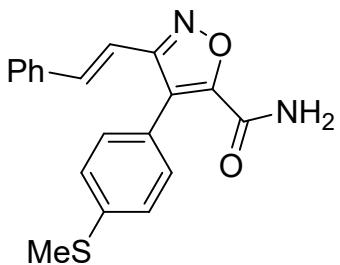
(E)-4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide(4b): White solid; yield = 80%; mp 154-156 °C; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ



8.25 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 163.5, 161.4, 159.2, 158.1, 135.2, 135.0, 130.8, 129.4, 128.9, 127.4, 120.3, 116.0, 114.2, 111.6, 55.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na]⁺ :

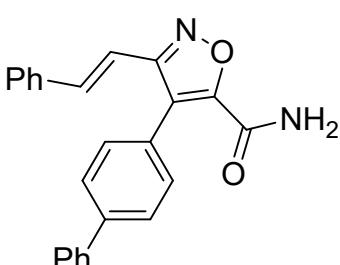
343.1053, found 343.1064.

(E)-4-(4-Methylthiophenyl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4c): White solid; mp 165-167 °C; yield = 80%, R_f = 0.33 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H



NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 7H), 6.83 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.4, 160.9, 155.4, 139.4, 135.9, 135.5, 130.9, 129.6, 129.101, 127.4, 126.2, 124.8, 117.3, 111.6, 15.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}^+$ [M+Na]⁺: 359.0825, found 359.0827.

(E)-4-([1,1'-1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4d): White solid; mp



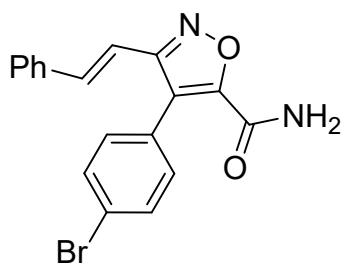
199-201 °C; yield = 81%; R_f = 0.34 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.44 (m, 7H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.89 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 160.9, 155.5, 141.4, 140.7, 136.0, 135.6, 130.9, 129.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 117.5, 111.7 ppm;

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na]⁺ : 389.1260, found 389.1261.

(E)-4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4e): White solid; mp 174-176

°C; yield = 83%, R_f = 0.35 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 164.2, 163.0, 162.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 243.86 Hz), 157.8, 135.5, 135.1, 131.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz), 129.5, 128.9, 127.6, 124.6 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 115.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 21.35 Hz), 115.3, 111.3 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -113.78 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na]⁺ : 331.0853, found 331.0862.

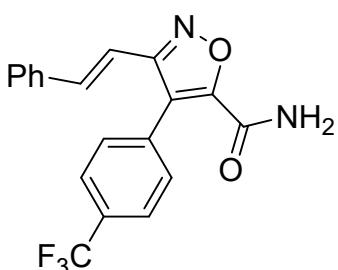
(E)-4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4f): White solid; yield = 81%;



mp 208-210 °C; R_f = 0.35 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.54 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.01 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ 164.3, 161.0, 157.7, 135.8, 135.1, 131.7(2C), 131.5, 129.5, 128.9, 127.6, 121.6, 115.2, 111.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI)

m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2{}^{79}\text{BrNa}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 391.0053, found 391.0056; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2{}^{81}\text{BrNa}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 393.0032, found 393.0034.

(E)-3-Styryl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)isoxazole-5-carboxamide (4g): White solid; mp 207-209 °C; yield = 77%; R_f = 0.35; (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)



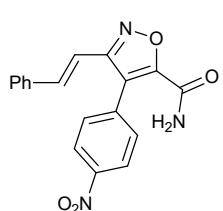
δ 7.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 3H), 6.79 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 160.6, 155.2, 136.9, 135.2, 132.3, 130.9, 129.9, 129.1, 127.5, 125.5 (q), 125.3, 123.1, 116.5, 110.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for

$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 381.0821, found 381.0830.

(E)-4-(4-Cyanophenyl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4h): White solid; mp 209-211

°C; yield = 80%; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 164.9, 160.8, 157.5, 136.4, 135.0, 133.5, 132.4, 130.6, 129.7, 128.9, 127.8, 118.7, 114.9, 111.0, 110.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 338.0900, found 338.0898.

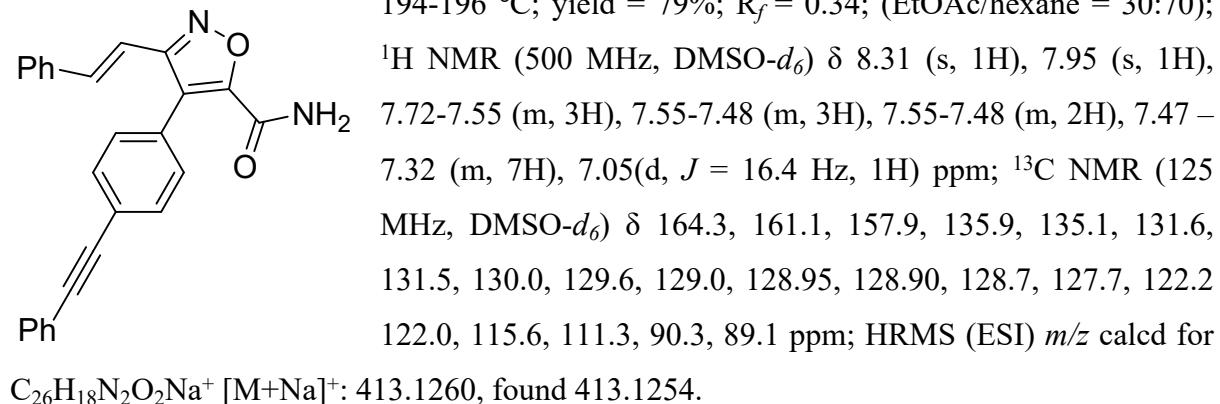
(E)-2-Carbamoyl-2-cyano-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-styryl-2,3-dihydroazete oxide (4i): White



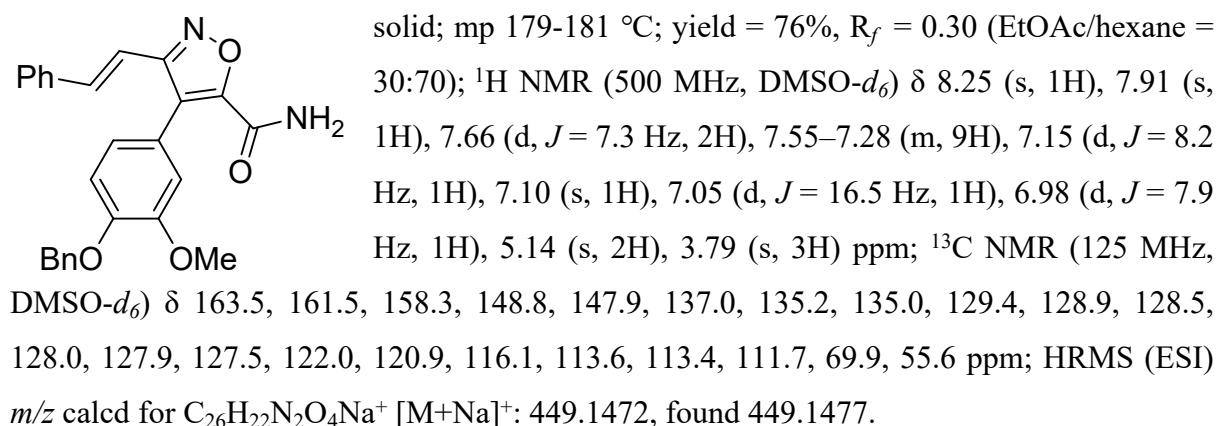
solid; yield = 78%; mp 175-176 °C; R_f = 0.27; (EtOAc/hexane = 40:60); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.4, 151.8, 147.8, 138.4,

138.0, 135.0, 131.1, 130.1, 129.1, 127.8, 123.4, 113.9, 112.0, 78.3, 47.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₄O₄Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 358.0798, found 358.0805.

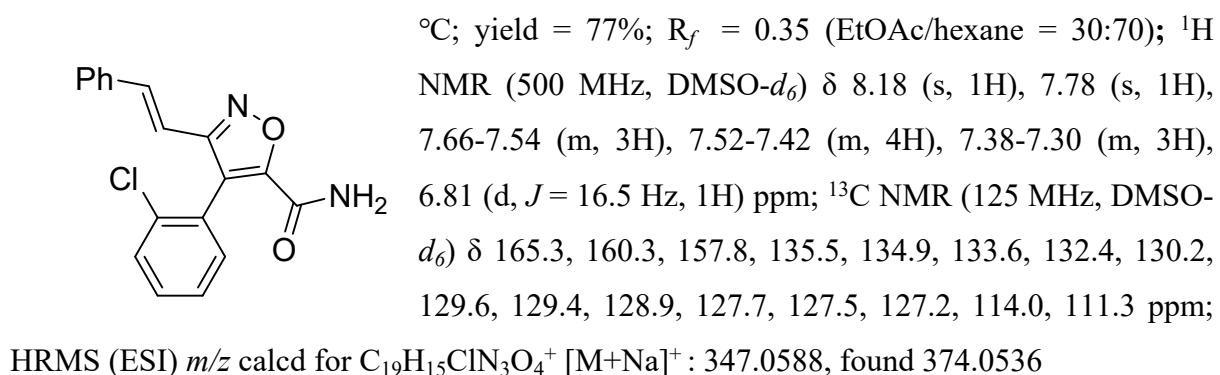
(E)-4-(4-(Phenylethynyl)phenyl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4j): White solid; mp



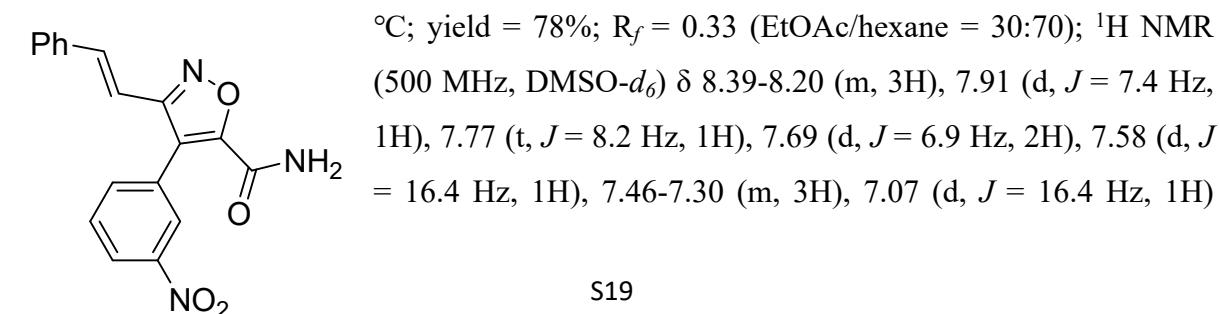
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(E)-4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4l): White solid; mp 174-176

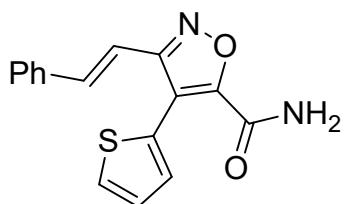


(E)-4-(3-Nitrophenyl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4m): White solid; mp 191-193



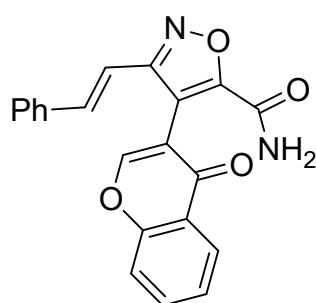
ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.2, 160.7, 157.3, 147.8, 136.5, 136.4, 135.1, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7, 128.9, 127.7, 124.6, 122.9, 114.4, 111.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 358.0798 found 358.0779.

(E)-3-Styryl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)isoxazole-5-carboxamide (4n): White solid; mp 166-168 °C;



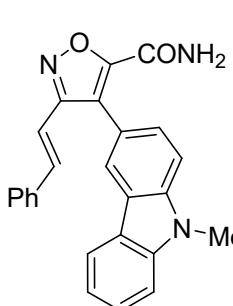
yield = 76%; R_f = 0.36 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.15 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 160.7, 155.4, 136.5, 135.5, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 128.2, 127.6 (2C), 127.5, 111.7, 111.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{SNa}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 319.0512 found 319.0488.

(E)-4-(4-Oxo-4*H*-chromen-3-yl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4o): White solid; mp



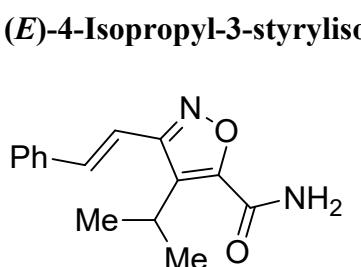
190-192 °C; yield = 74%; R_f = 0.26 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 174.8, 165.8, 160.6, 158.5, 156.0, 155.8, 135.3, 134.9, 134.4, 129.4, 128.8, 127.7, 125.7, 125.4, 123.3, 118.5, 113.8, 111.9, 107.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 381.0845, found 381.0824.

(E)-4-(9-Methyl-9*H*-carbazol-3-yl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5- carboxamide (4p) : White solid;



mp = 170-172 °C; yield = 76%; R_f = 0.30; (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.41 (m, 7H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.88 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.4, 161.1, 155.9, 141.5, 141.0, 135.7, 135.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.3, 127.4, 126.2, 123.1, 122.7, 122.4, 120.7, 119.3, 118.6, 118.5, 112.0, 108.8, 108.7, 29.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 394.1550, found 394.1580 .

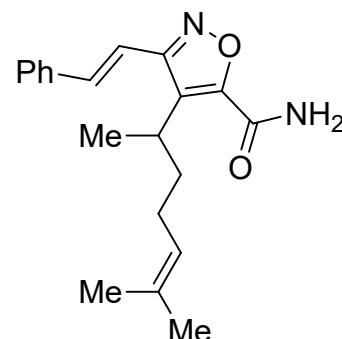
(E)-4-Isopropyl-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4q): White solid; mp 135-137 °C; yield



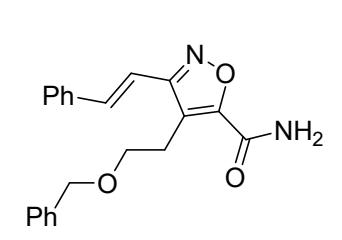
= 53%; R_f = 0.40 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.02 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 3.56-3.47 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

165.2, 162.1, 155.6, 135.8, 134.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.2, 122.7, 112.3, 23.2, 22.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{16}N_2O_2Na^+ [M+Na]^+$: 279.1104, found 279.1104.

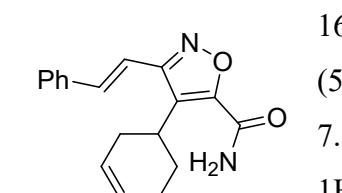
(E)-4-(6-Methylhept-5-en-2-yl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4r): White solid; yield =

 60%; mp 168-170 °C; R_f = 0.4 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.32 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.07 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32-3.24 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.85 (m, 3H), 1.77-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.35 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.8, 161.8, 156.3, 135.8, 134.3, 132.0, 129.3, 129.1, 127.2, 124.3, 121.3, 112.1, 36.1, 28.1, 26.5, 25.9, 20.8, 17.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_2Na^+ [M+Na]^+$: 347.1730, found 347.1707.

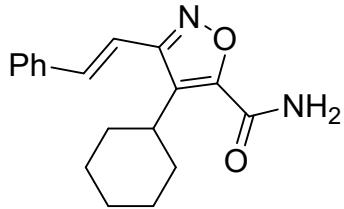
(E)-4-(2-(Benzylxy)ethyl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4s): White solid; mp 120-

 122 °C; yield = 64%; R_f = 0.34 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.47 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.73 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.7, 161.7, 155.8, 138.4, 135.8, 134.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 114.2, 112.1, 73.1, 70.0, 23.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{20}N_2O_3Na^+ [M+Na]^+$: 371.1366, found 371.1364.

(E)-4-(Cyclohex-3-en-1-yl)-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4t): White solid; mp 165-

 167 °C; yield = 66%; R_f = 0.36 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.53 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.36 -7.31 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 5.83-5.72 (m, 2H), 3.45-3.37 (m, 1H), 2.49-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.12 (m, 4H), 1.86-1.83 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.7, 162.0, 156.1, 135.8, 134.6, 129.3, 129.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 121.3, 112.3, 31.6, 29.3, 28.2, 25.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_2Na^+ [M+Na]^+$: 317.1260, found 317.1262.

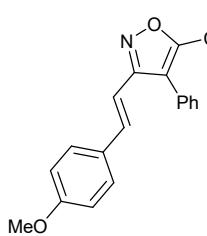
(E)-4-Cyclohexyl-3-styrylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4u): White solid; mp 168-170 °C;



yield = 62%; R_f = 0.4 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 3.19-3.07 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.70 (m, 7H), 1.48-1.28 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 162.1, 156.1, 135.9, 134.4,

129.3, 129.0, 127.3, 121.9, 112.6, 33.4, 32.6, 27.0, 26.0 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 319.1417, found 319.1402.

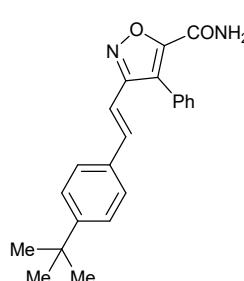
(E)-3-(4-Methoxystyryl)-4-phenylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4v): White solid; yield =



80%; mp 184-185 °C; R_f = 0.25 (EtOAc/hexane = 30/70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47-7.36 (m, 8H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 161.1, 160.8, 155.5, 135.5, 130.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 116.9, 114.5, 109.6,

55.5 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 343.1053, found 343.1045.

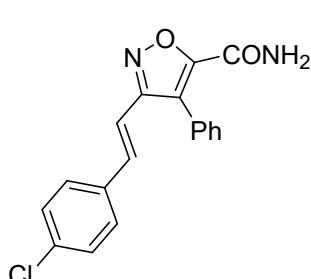
(E)-3-(4-(tert-Butyl)styryl)-4-phenylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4w): White solid; yield; mp



145-146 °C; yield = 82%; R_f = 0.27 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49-7.37 (m, 10H), 6.80 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 160.9, 155.5, 153.1, 135.8, 132.8, 130.5, 128.54, 128.50, 128.48, 127.3, 126.0, 117.4, 110.9, 35.0, 31.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 369.1573, found

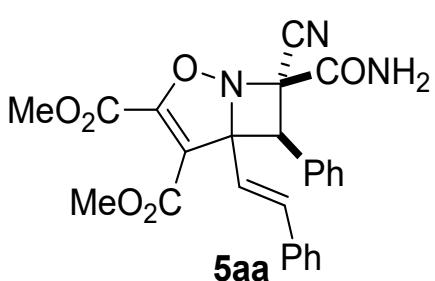
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(E)-3-(4-Chlorostyryl)-4-phenylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (4x): White solid; yield = 78%;



mp 180-182 °C; R_f = 0.30 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48-7.29 (m, 10H), 6.80 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.1, 160.78, 155.6, 135.3, 134.5, 134.0, 130.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.61, 128.59, 128.3, 118.1, 112.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 347.0558, found 347.0567.

Compound 5aa: White solid; mp = 153-155 °C; yield = 90%; dr = 99:1; R_f = 0.30



(EtOAc/hexane = 30/70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37–7.08 (m, 8H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.05 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 5.97 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7, 161.1, 158.0, 151.5, 135.5, 133.5, 130.9, 130.4, 129.3, 128.8(2C), 128.7, 126.9, 124.5, 115.4, 114.4, 81.6, 70.9, 58.4, 53.9, 52.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₆Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 482.1323, found 482.1329.

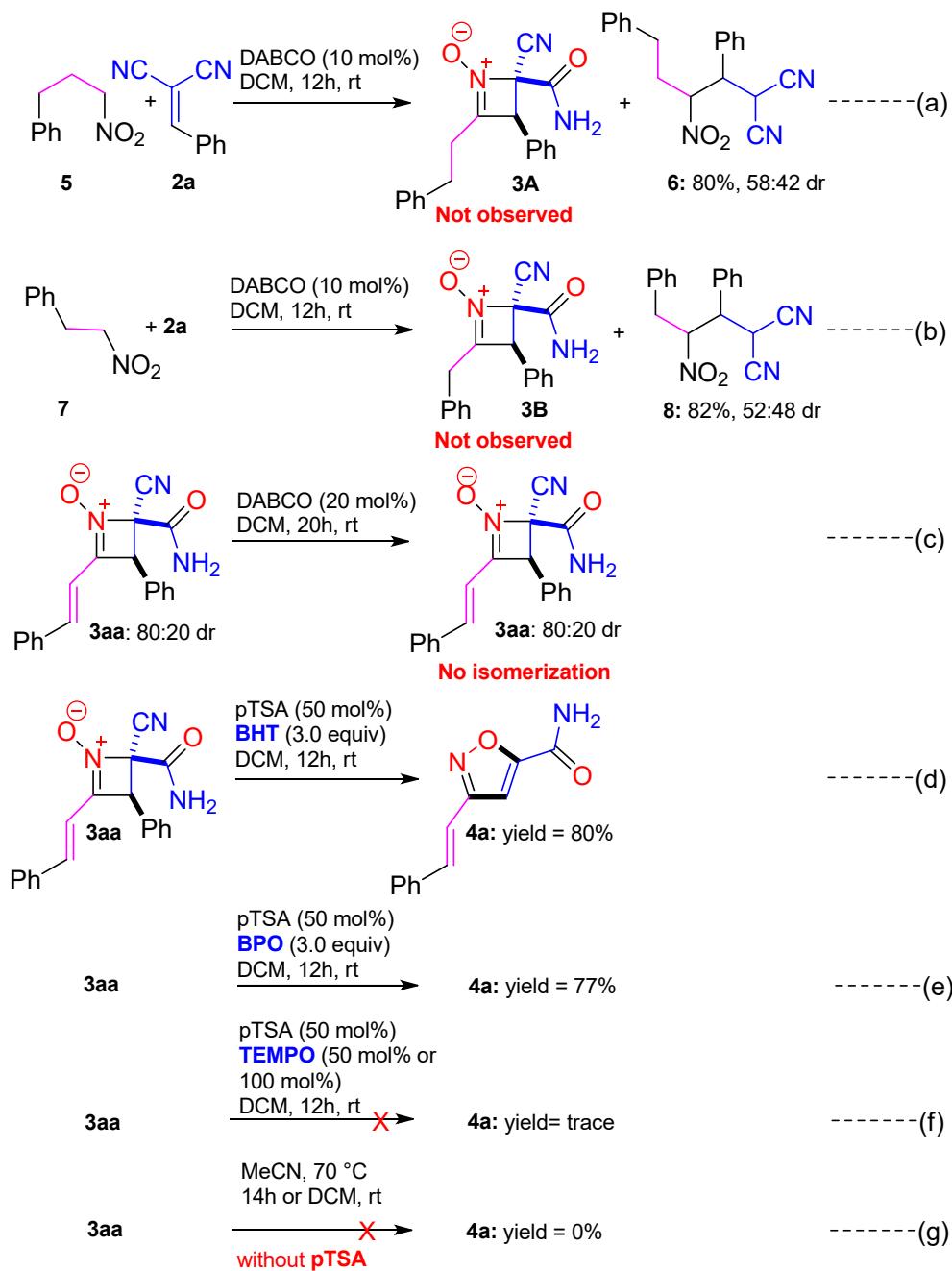
Hydrogenation reaction of 4a: To a stirred solution of compound **4a** (0.1 mmol) in dry THF (5.0 mL) was added Pd/C(10 mg), followed by degassing three times. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was hydrogenated at 10 °C under an H₂-balloon for 3h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was passed through a short plug silica-gel and washed with ethyl acetate. Next, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography over silica-gel to deliver the **6aa**.

3-Phenethyl-4-phenylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (6aa): Colorless solid; yield = 86% (25.1 mg); mp = 80-81 °C; R_f = 0.35 (EtOAc/hexane = 30:70); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.27–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.12–7.03 (m, 4H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 3.07–2.97 (m, 4H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8, 161.2, 155.2, 139.8, 130.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.43, 128.36, 128.2, 126.7, 117.6, 33.7, 27.7 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ : 315.1104, found 315.1085.

Synthesis of 3-(1-hydroxy-3-oxobutyl)-4-phenylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (7aa): To a stirred solution of compound **4a** (0.1 mmol) in acetone/H₂O (5.0 mL, 9:1) was added KMnO₄ (2.0 equiv) at room temperature for 4h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched with AcOH (0.15 mL), followed by evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure to provide crude mass. Then, it was directly purified by column chromatography over silica-gel to give **7aa** in 51% yield.

3-(1-Hydroxy-3-oxobutyl)-4-phenylisoxazole-5-carboxamide (7aa): Colorless solid; yield = 51% (14.0 mg); mp = 78-80 °C; R_f = 0.28 (EtOAc/hexane = 50:50); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.42 (br s, 5H), 5.98 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.08–5.0 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 16.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd, J = 16.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ 205.6, 169.6, 161.3, 157.4, 129.5, 128.41, 128.35, 127.9, 115.4,

59.6, 47.8, 30.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{14}N_2O_4Na^+$ [M+Na]⁺ : 297.0846, found 297.0828.

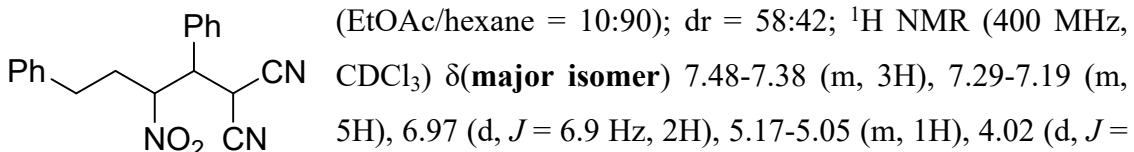


Scheme S1. Control experiment

Synthesis of compound 6 (Scheme S1a): To a stirred solution of 3-nitropropyl benzene (**5**; 0.2 mmol) and compound **2a** (0.24 mmol) in dry DCM (1.0 mL) at room temperature was added DABCO (0.02 mmol) under an argon atmosphere for 12 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography to give the pure

Michael adduct **6**. The product was characterized by its spectroscopic data (¹H, ¹³C NMR and HRMS).

2-(2-Nitro-1,4-diphenylbutyl)malononitrile (6): Gummy liquid; yield = 80%; R_f = 0.60



Minor isomer: R_f = 0.58 (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 4H), 5.11-5.04 (m, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.42-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.04 (m, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.7, 131.3, 130.6, 129.9, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.2, 111.0, 110.8, 87.0, 49.3, 33.2, 32.0, 26.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₃O₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 342.1213, found 342.1235.

Synthesis of compound 8 (Scheme S1b): The above procedure has been followed for the synthesis of Michael adduct **8** from 2-nitroethyl benzene (**7**) and **2a**.

2-(2-Nitro-1,3-diphenylpropyl)malononitrile (8): yield = 82%; R_f = 0.62; (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); dr = 52:48; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (**major isomer**) 7.60-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.0-6.95 (m, 2H), 5.38-5.30 (m, 1H), 4.07 (t, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.13-2.91 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (**major isomer**) 133.7, 131.4, 130.7, 130.3, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 110.4, 110.2, 90.1, 48.6, 38.4, 27.8 ppm.

Minor isomer: R_f = 0.60; (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 4H), 5.39-5.33 (m, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 14.5, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, J = 14.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.7, 131.0, 130.7, 130.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 111.2, 111.0, 88.0, 48.5, 37.0, 27.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₅N₃O₂Na⁺[M+Na]⁺: 328.1056, found 328.1030.

Isomerization reaction (Scheme S1c). A mixture of compound **3aa** (0.1 mmol, dr = 80:20) and DABCO (20 mol%) in DCM (0.5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 20h. After

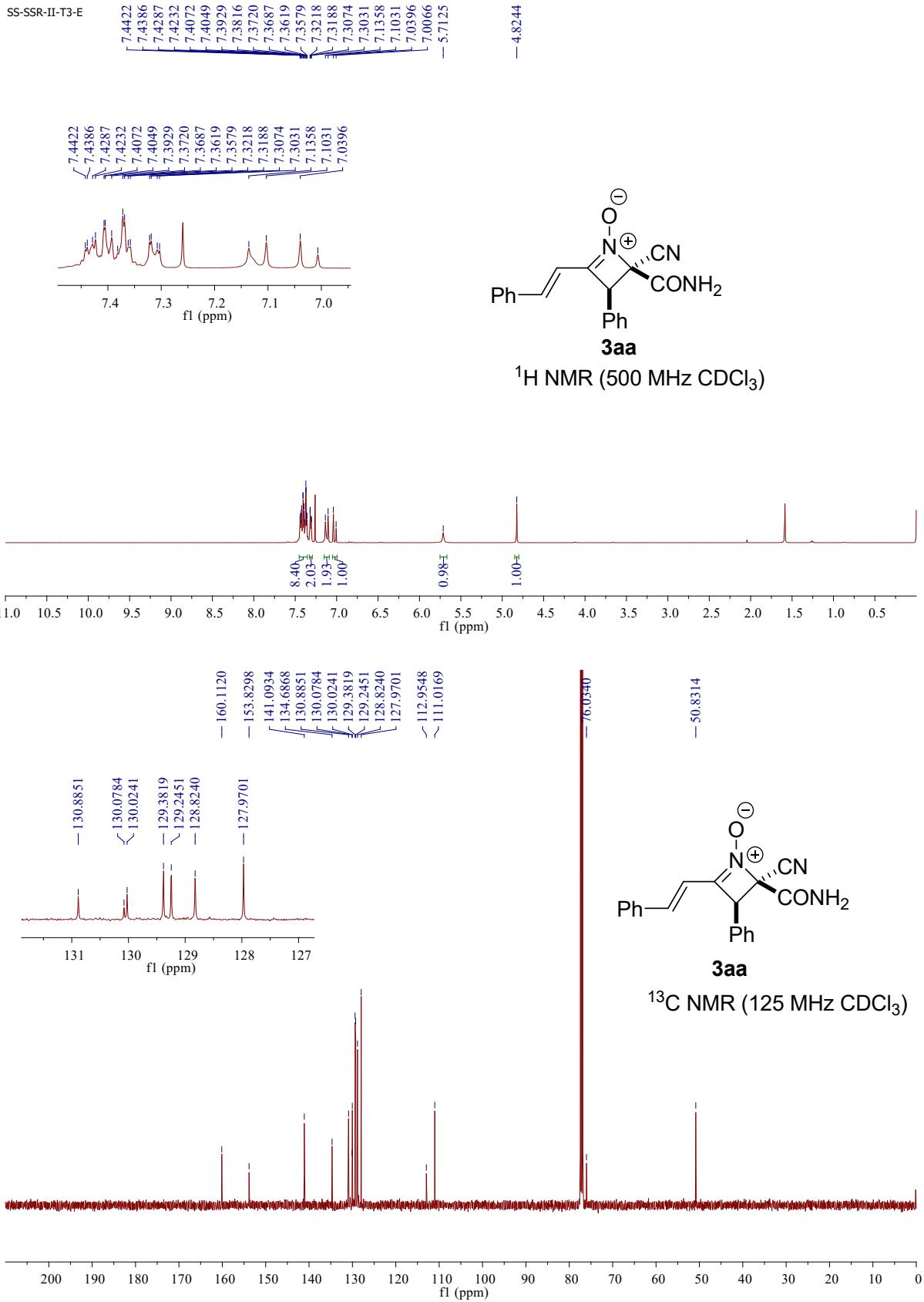
usual workup, we have taken ^1H NMR of the isolated crude product. The data indicated that no isomerization took place.

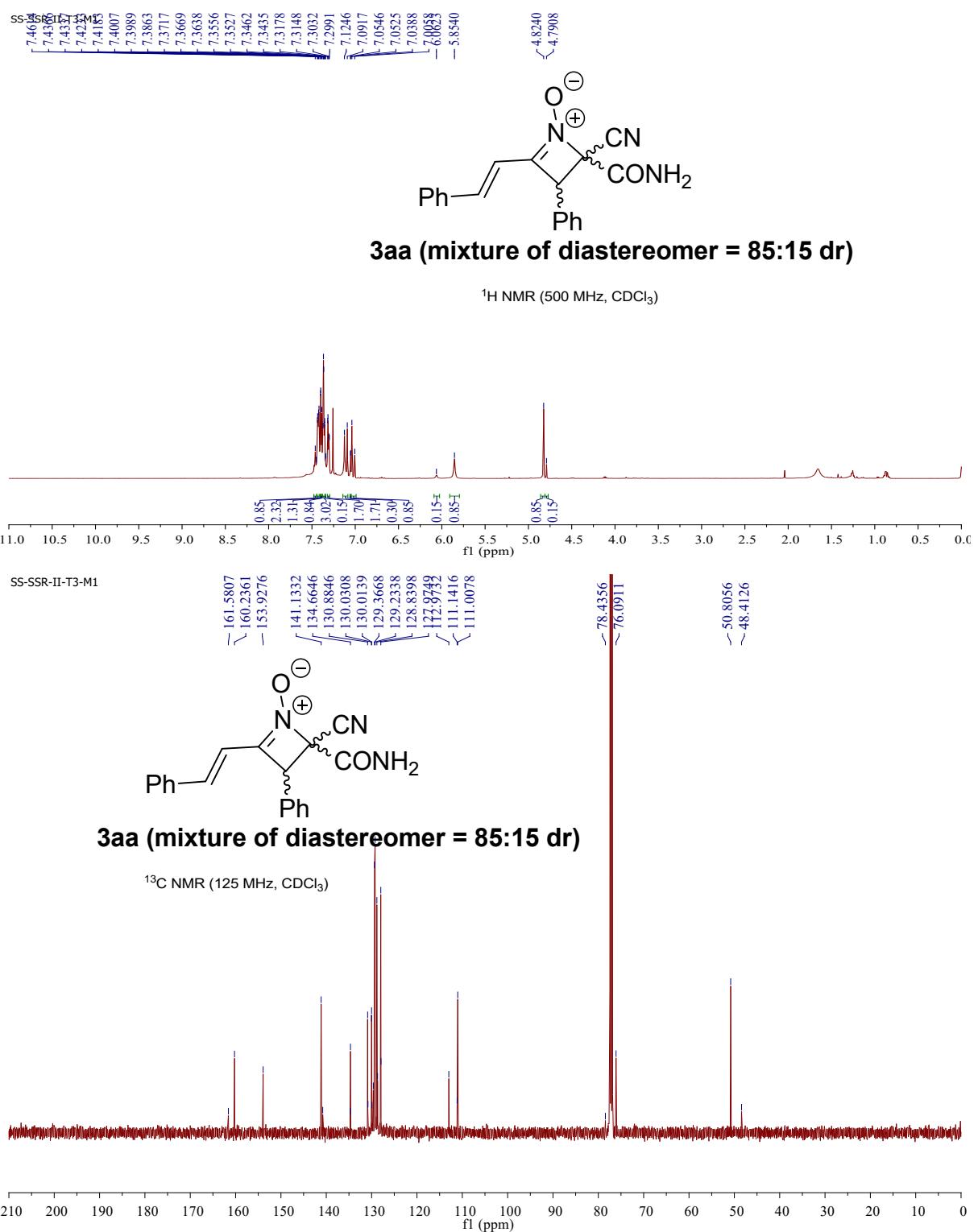
BHT and BPO mediated reactions (Schemes S1d and 1e): To a stirred solution of **3aa** (0.1 mmol) and pTSA (50 mol%) in dry DCM (2.0 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added BHT or BPO (0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv) at room temperature for 12h. After usual work-up, the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography to afford a pure product **4a** in 80% yield (BHT) and 77% yield (BPO).

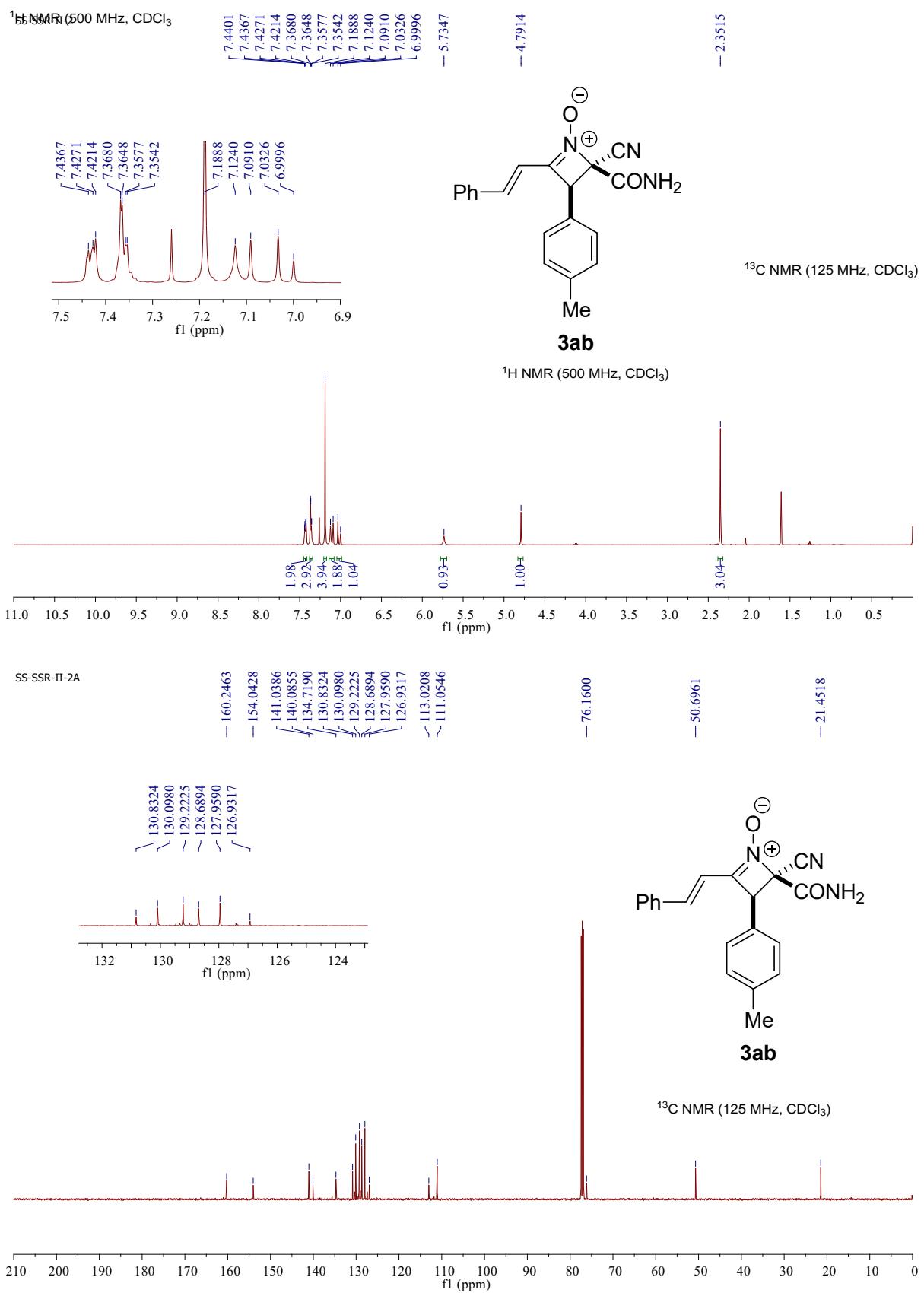
TEMPO mediated reaction (Scheme S1f). To a stirred solution of **3aa** (0.1 mmol) and pTSA (50 mol%) in dry DCM (2.0 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added TEMPO (50 mol%) at room temperature for 12h. The TLC and ^1H NMR of crude mixture showed that a trace amount of desired product **4a** was formed.

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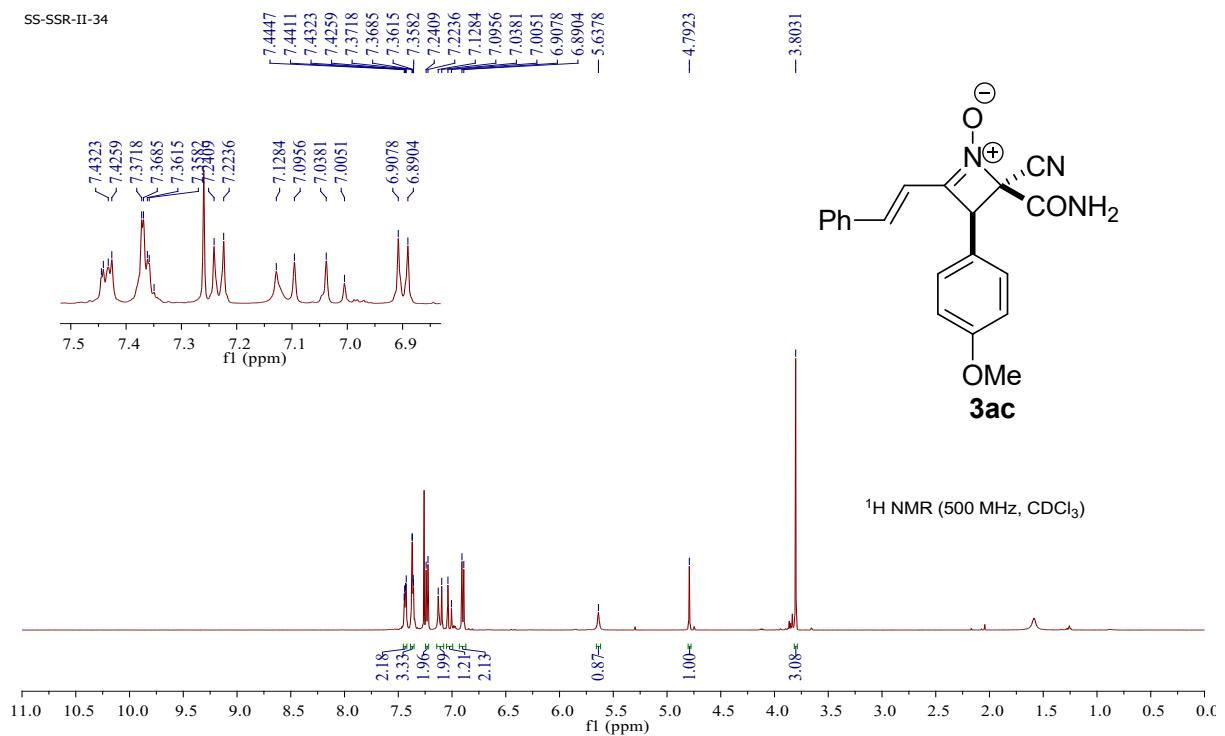
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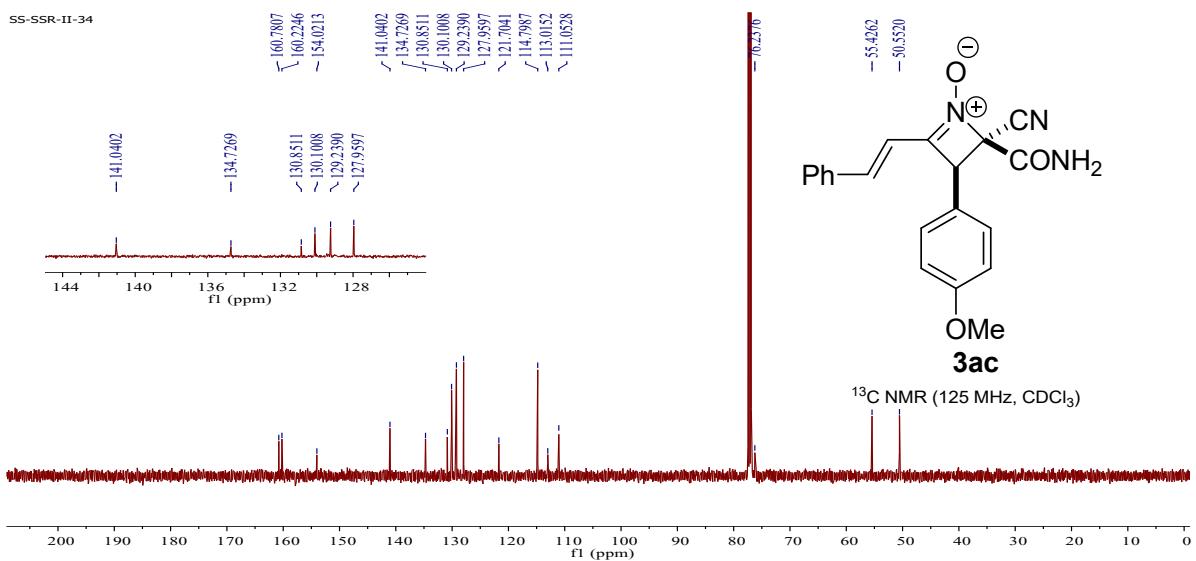




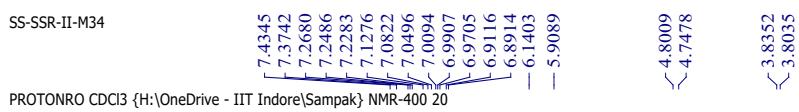
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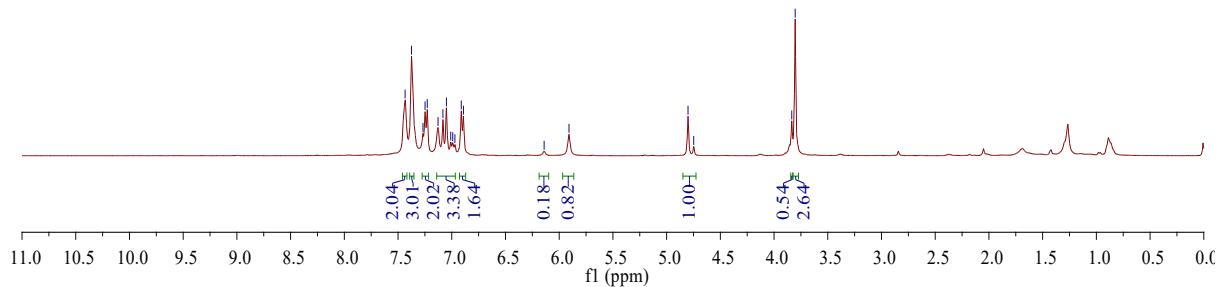


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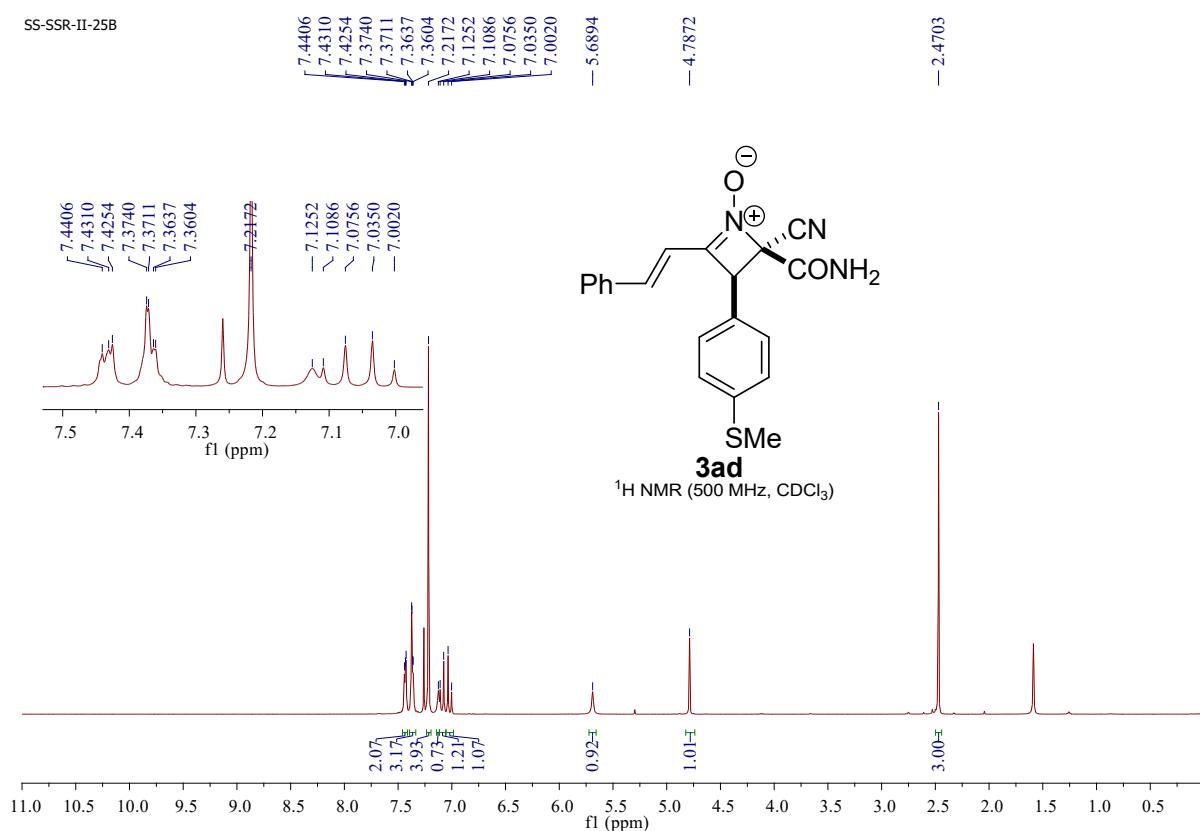


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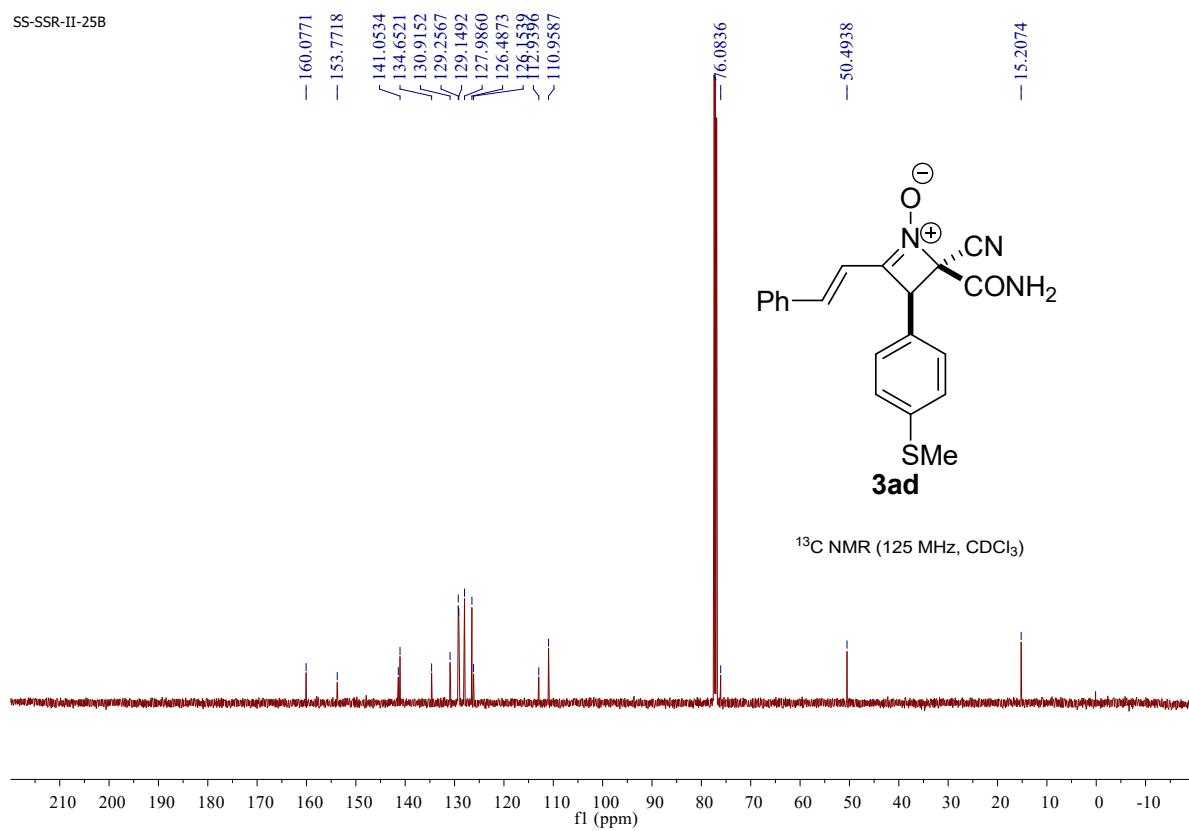
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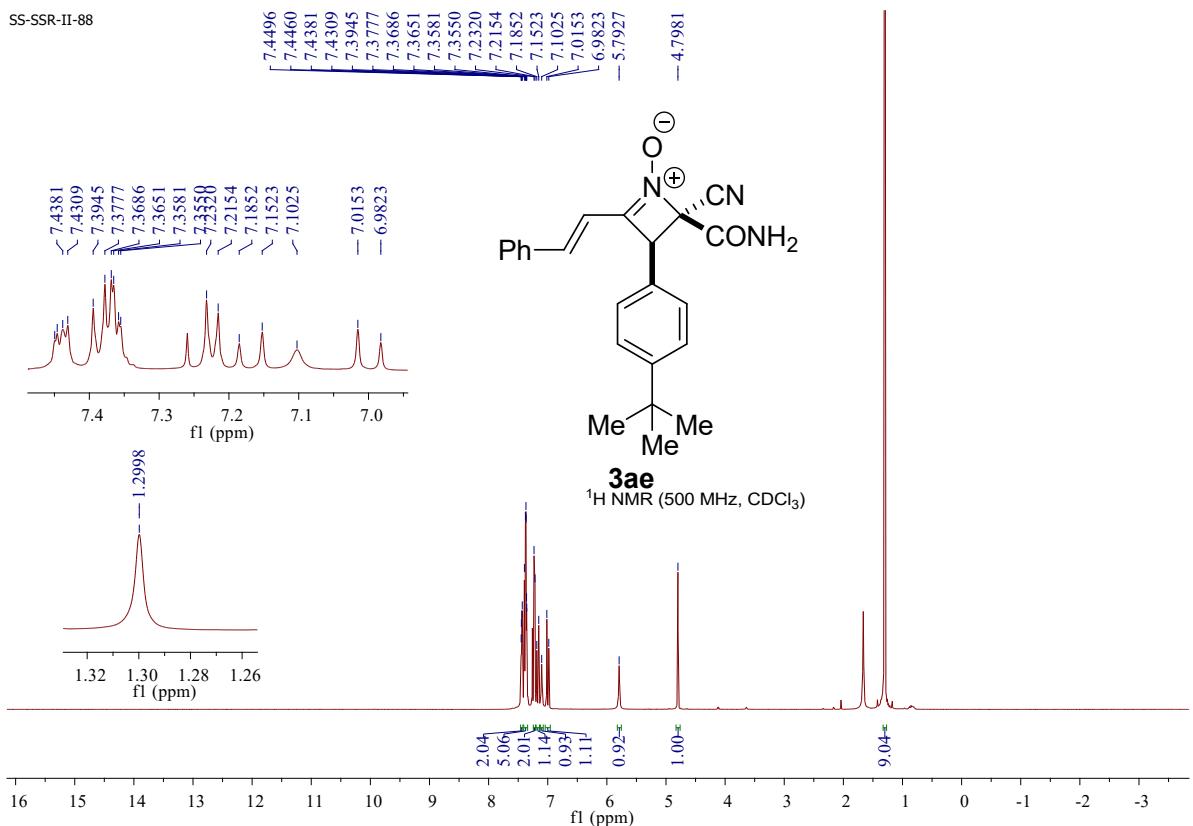
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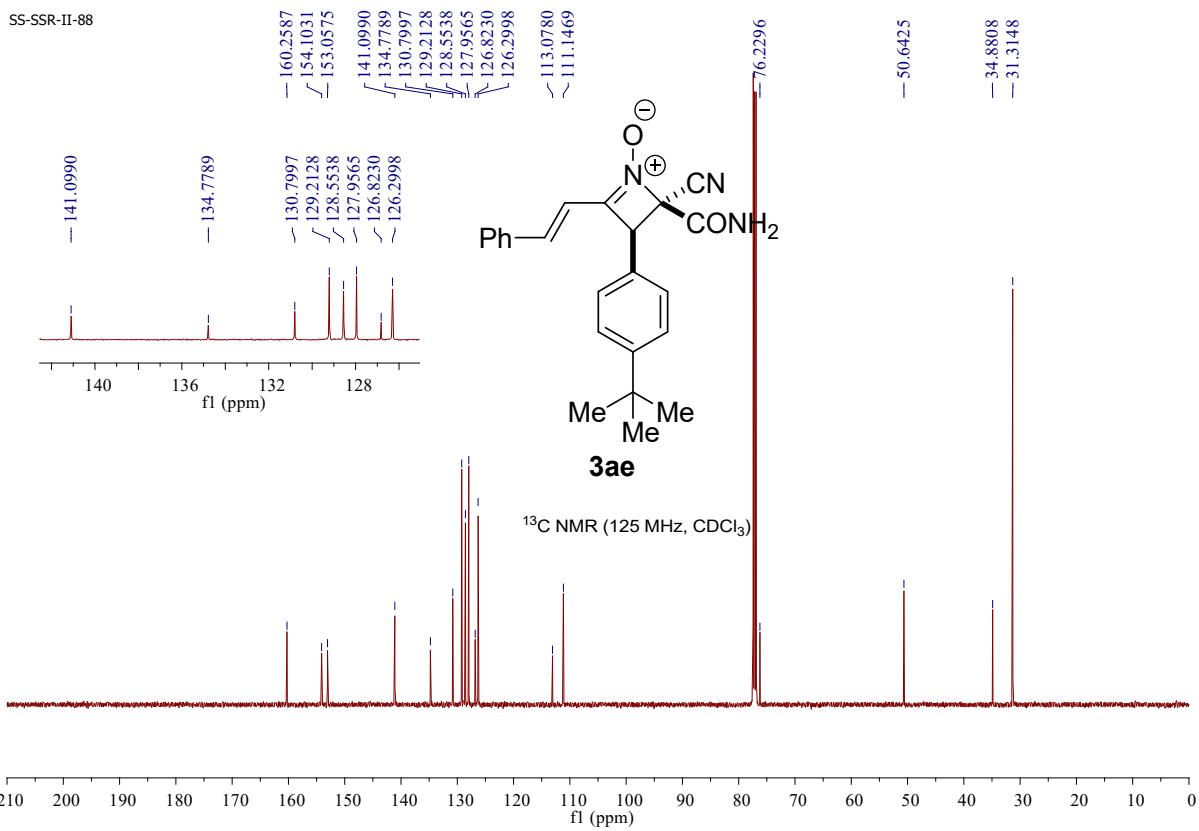


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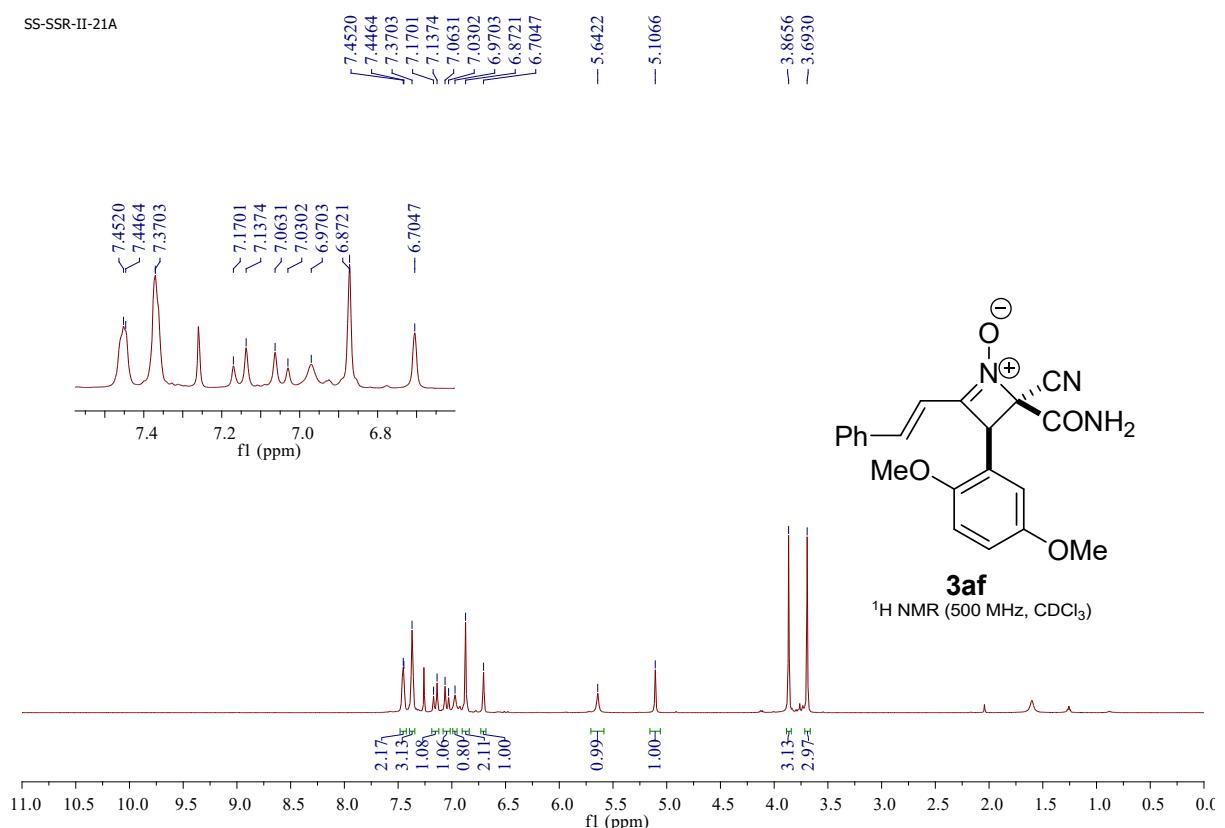


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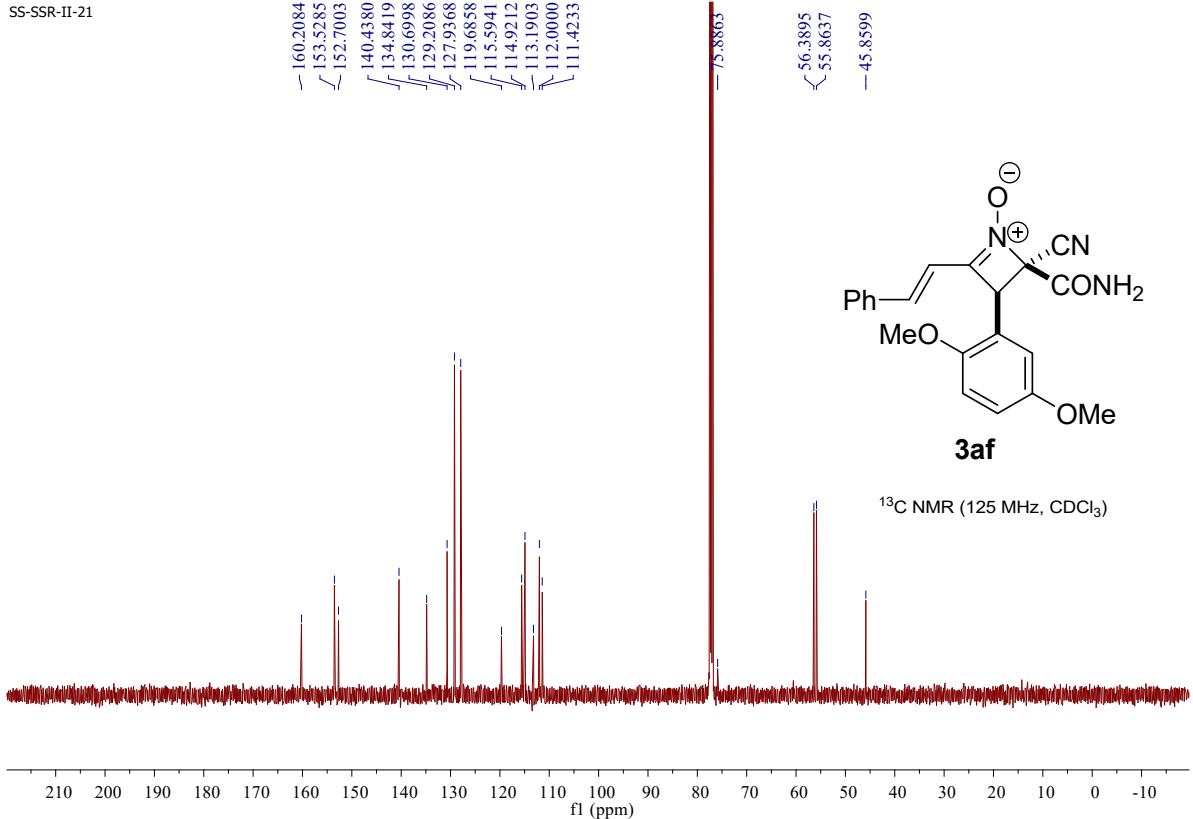
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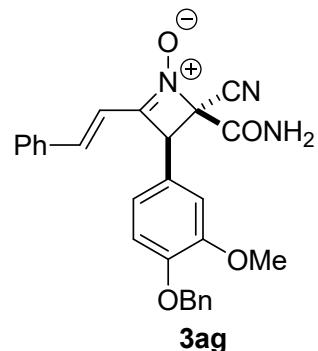
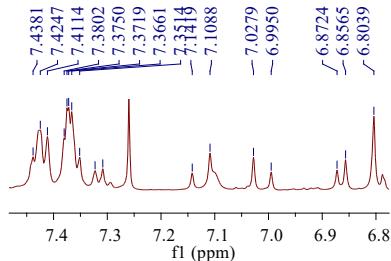
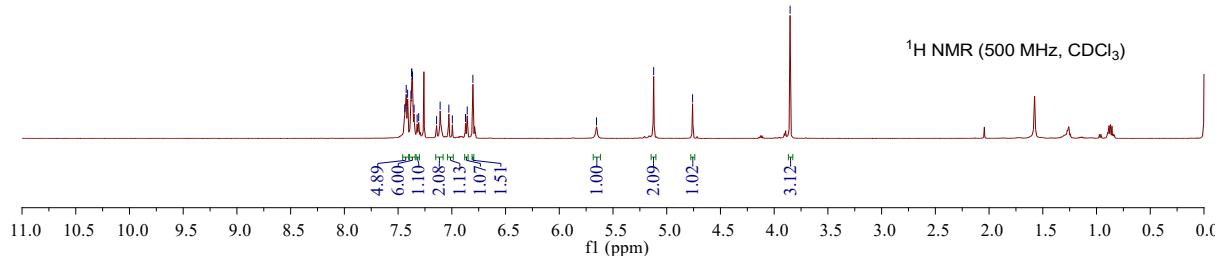
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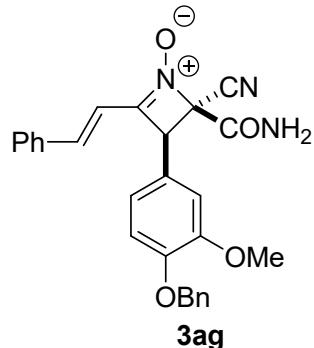
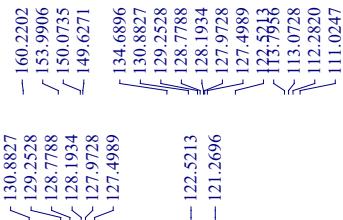
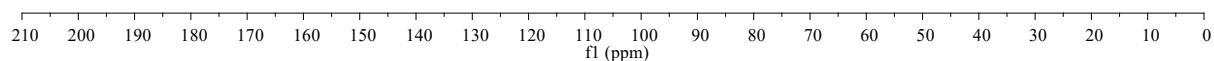
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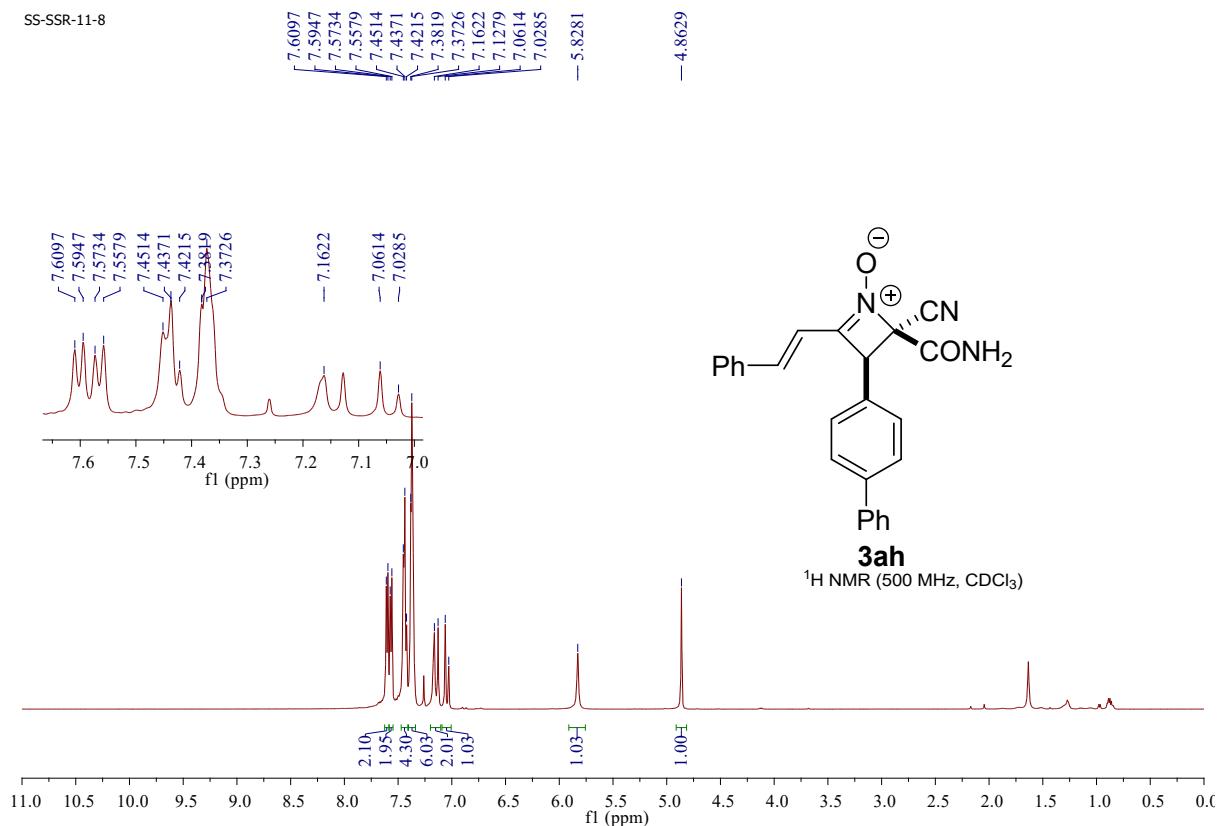
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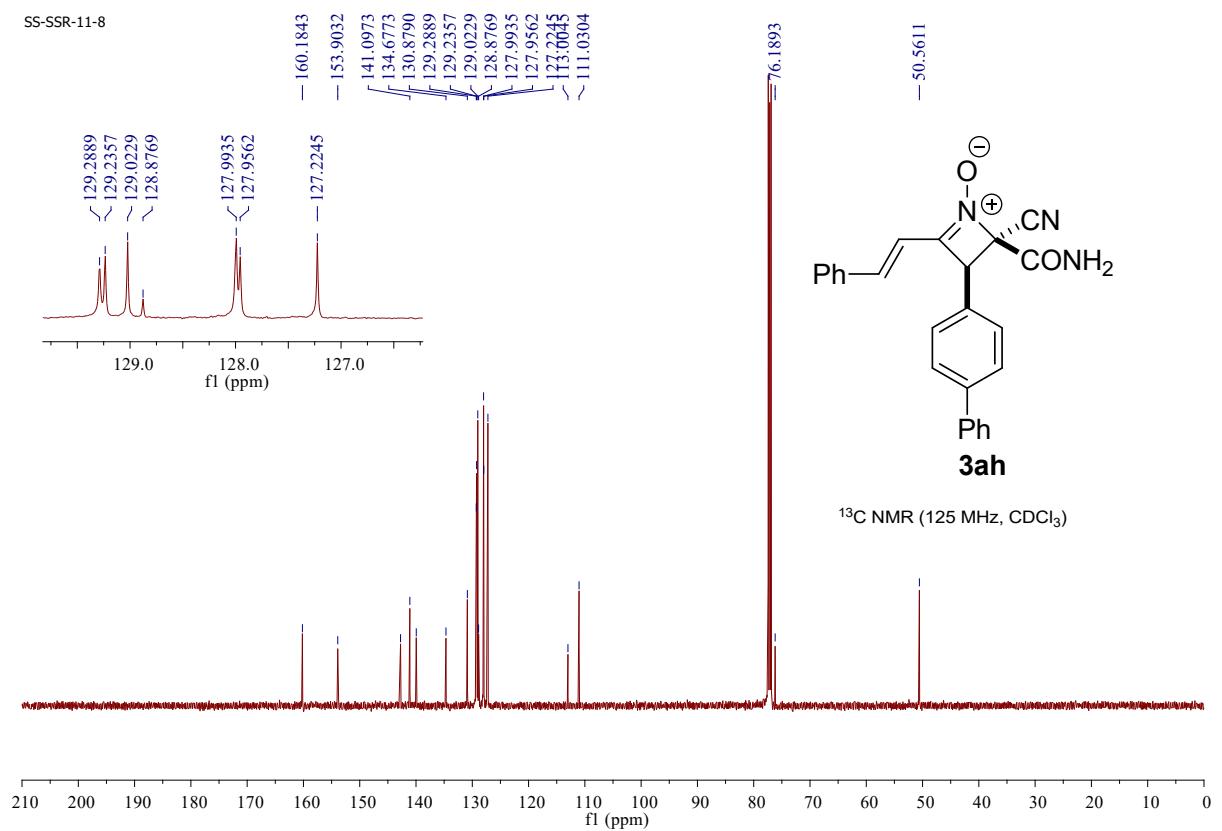
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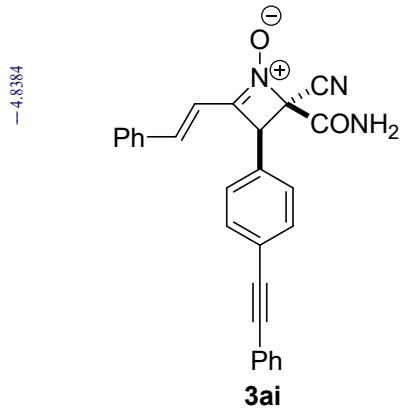


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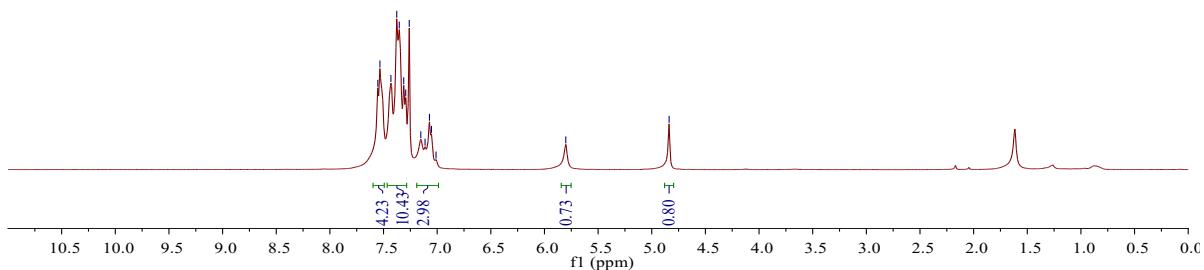


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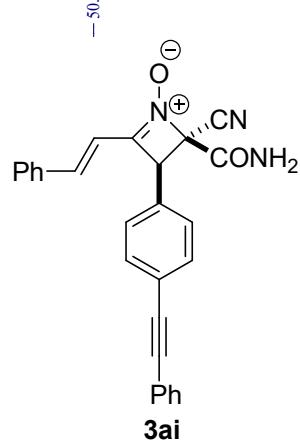


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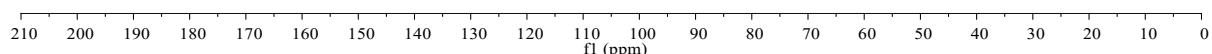


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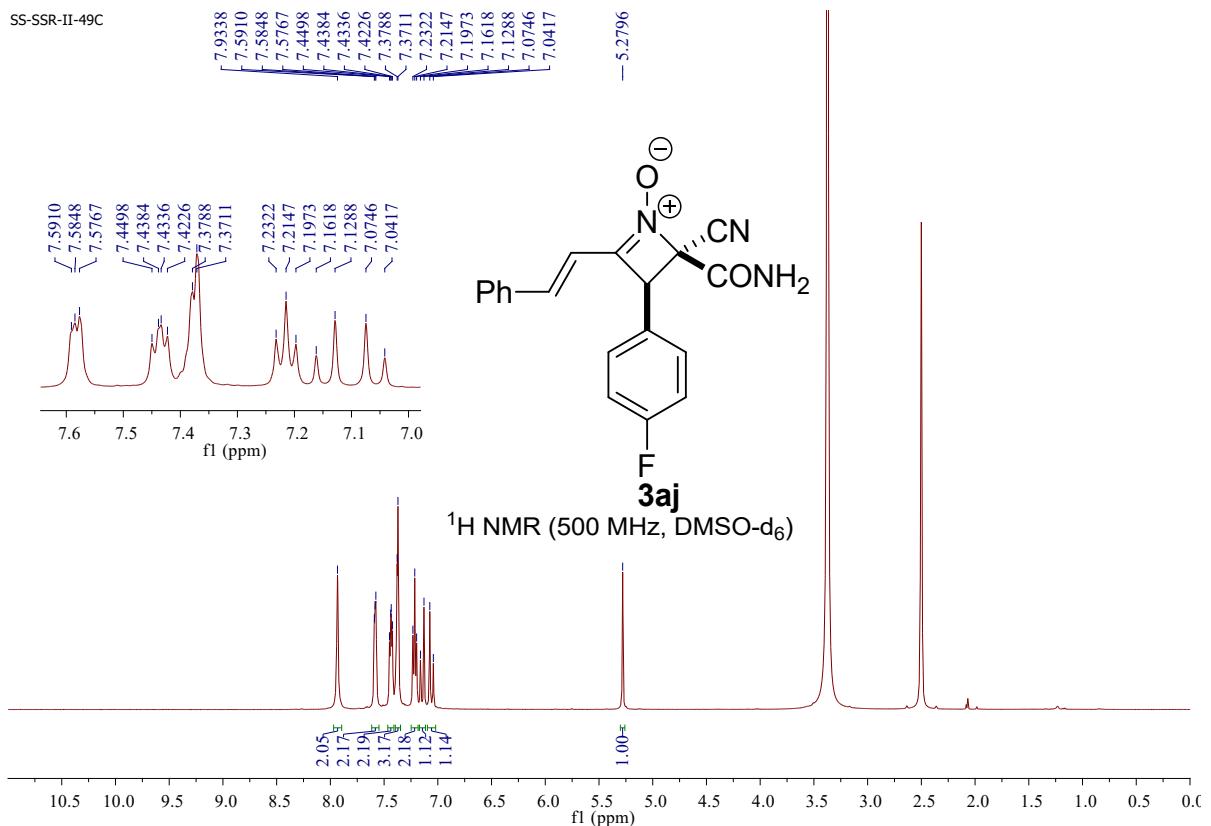
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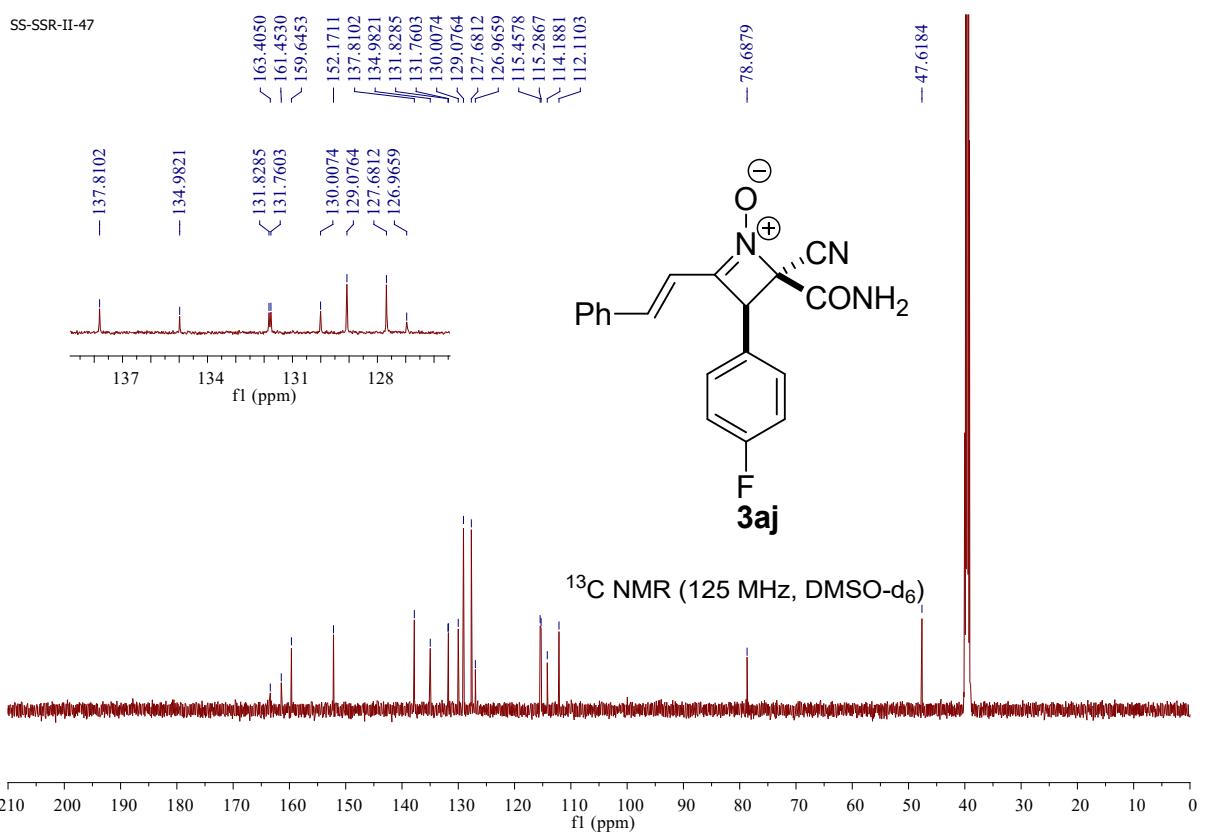
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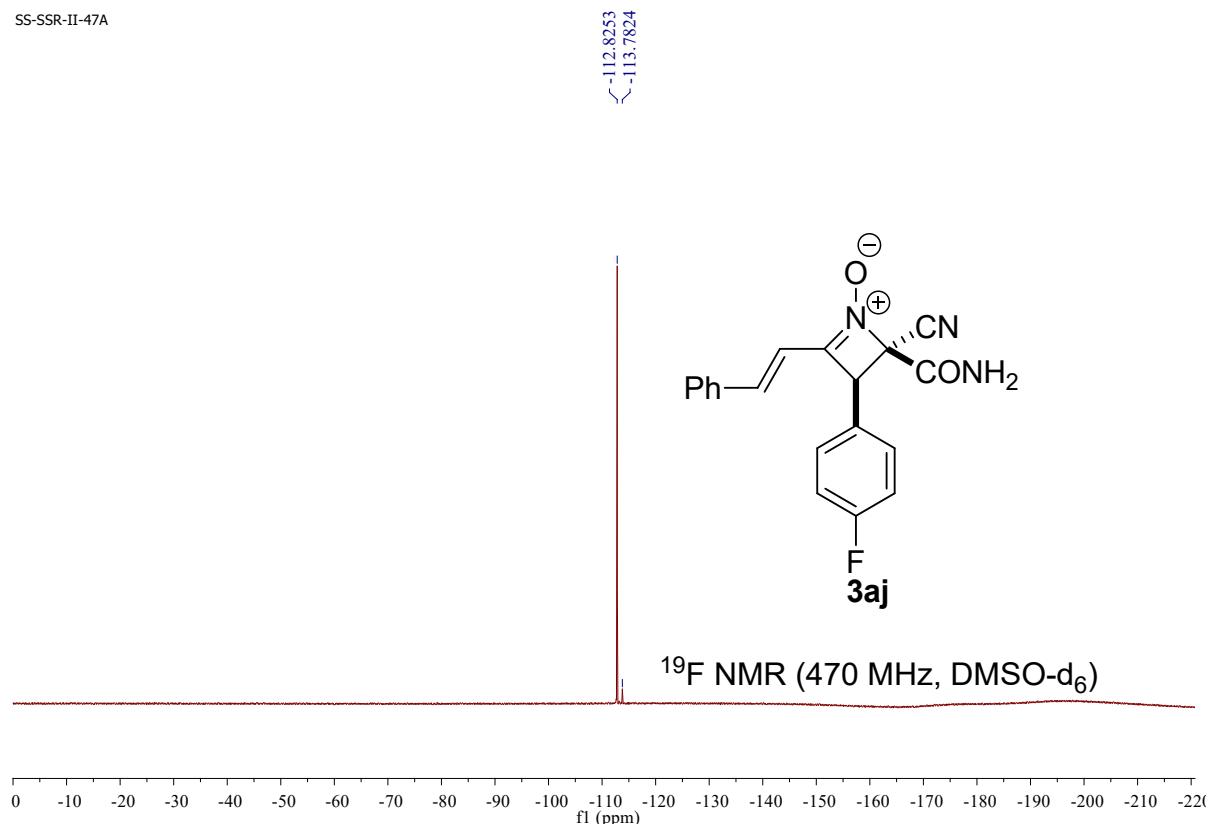


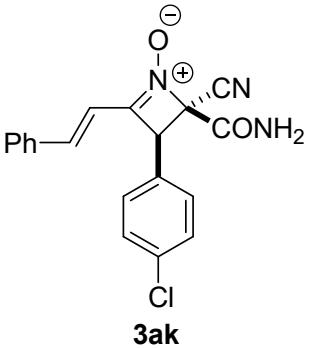
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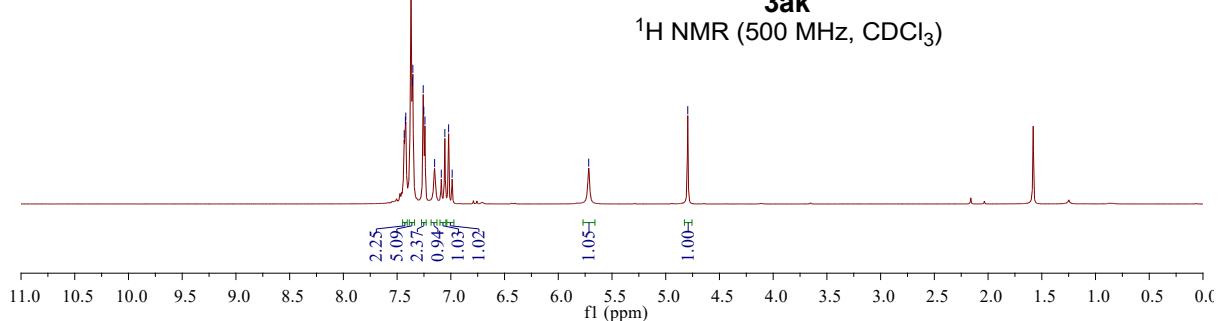
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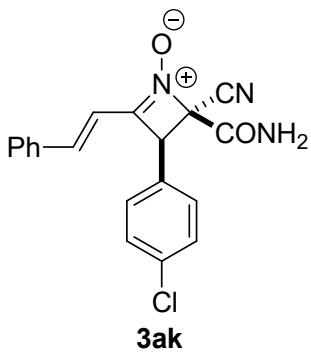




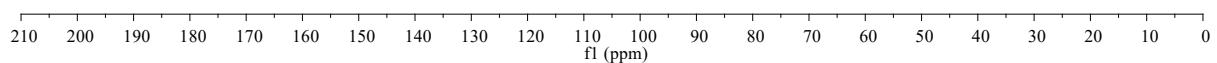
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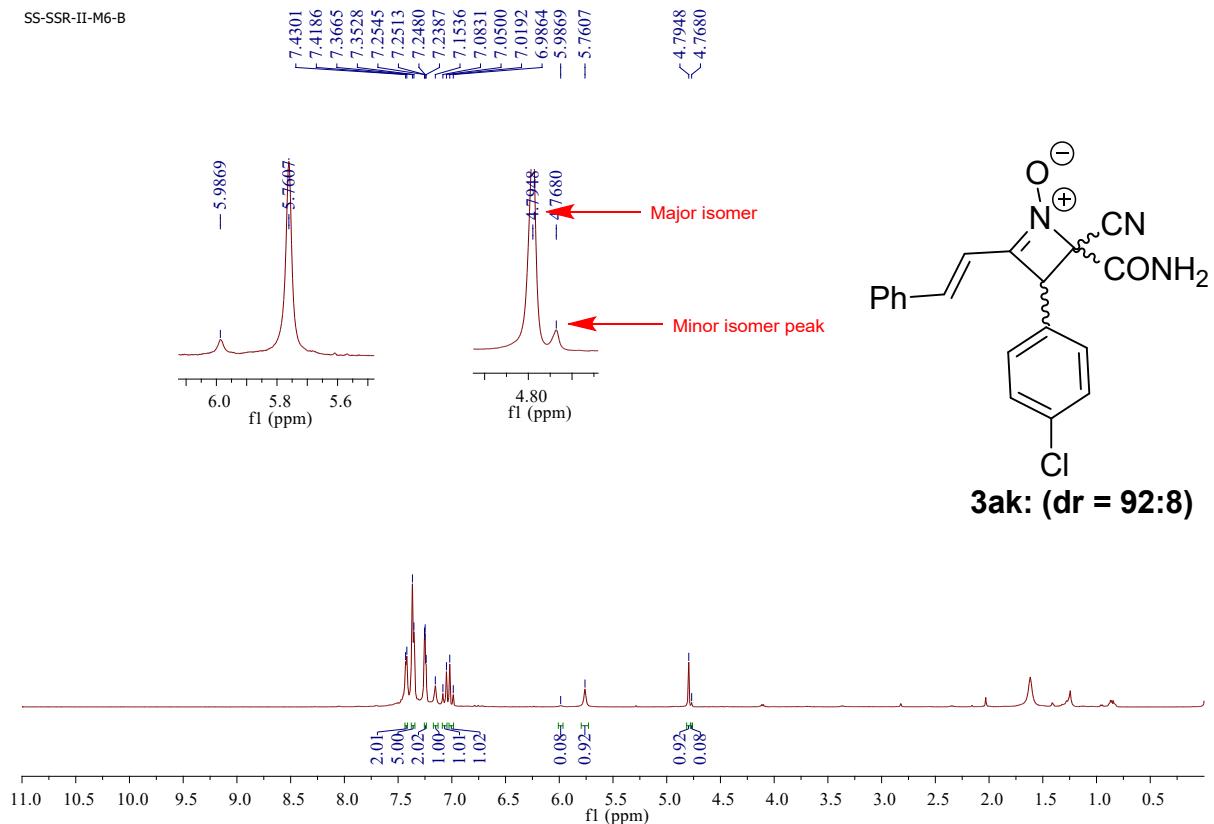
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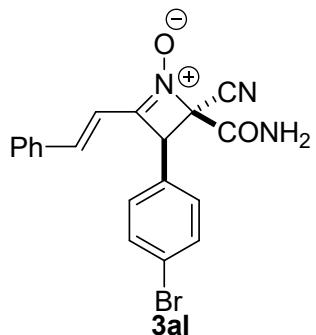
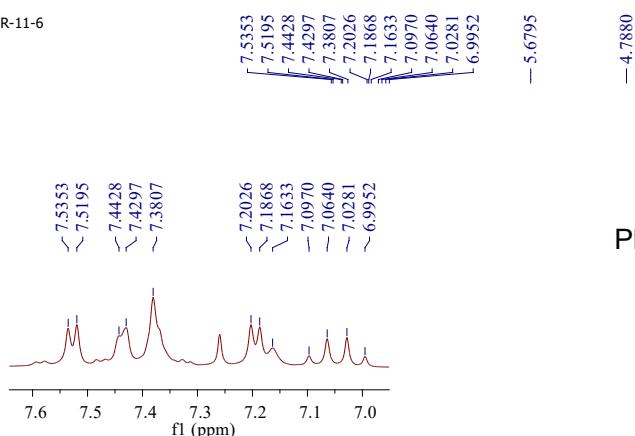
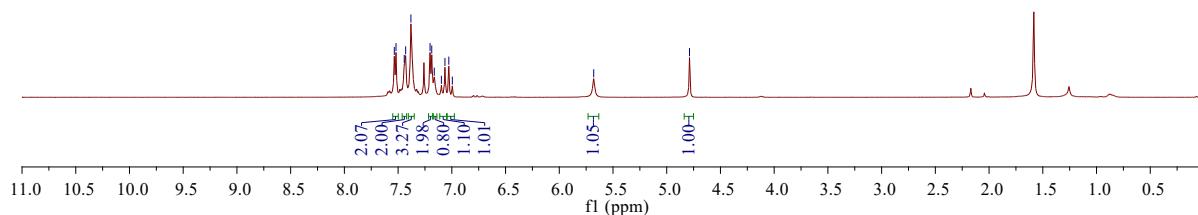
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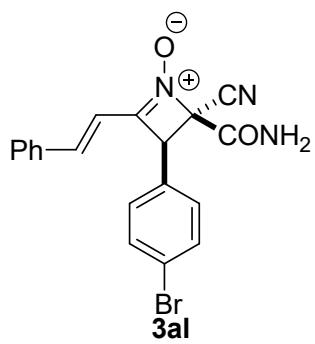
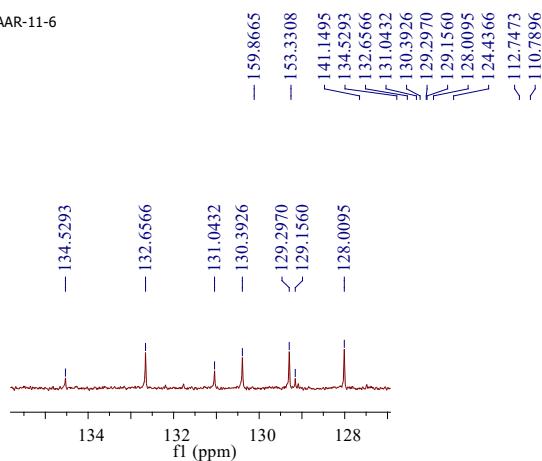
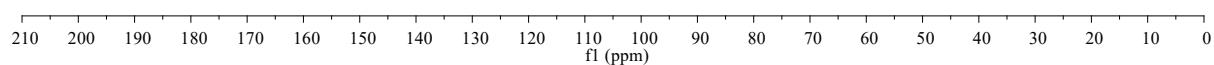
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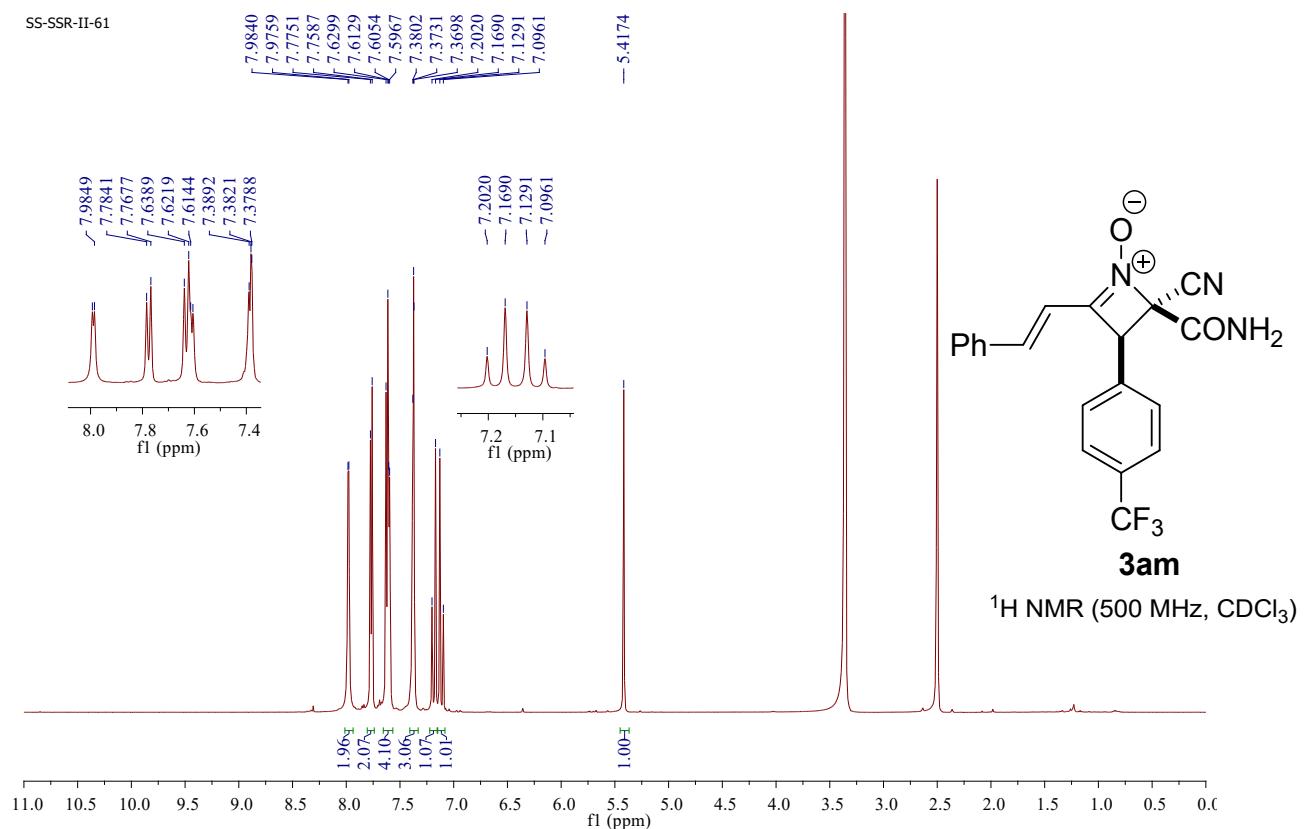
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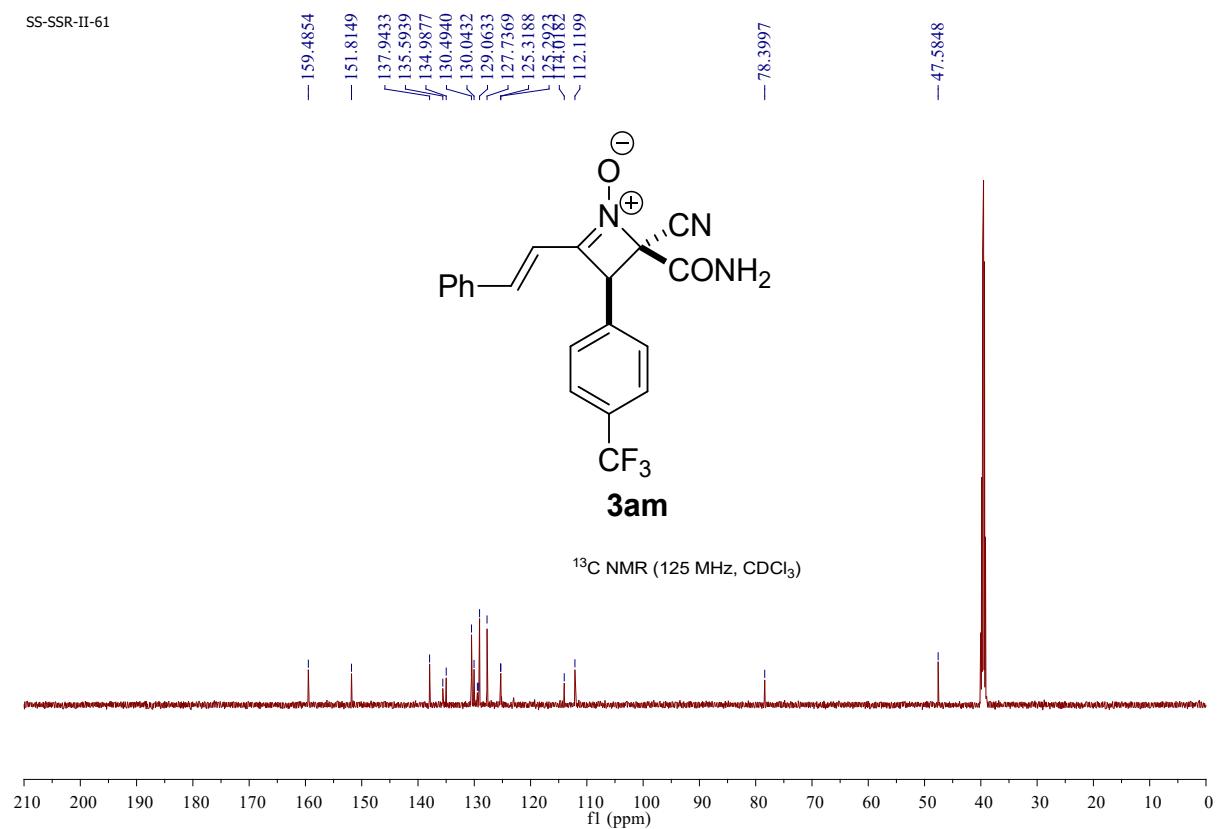
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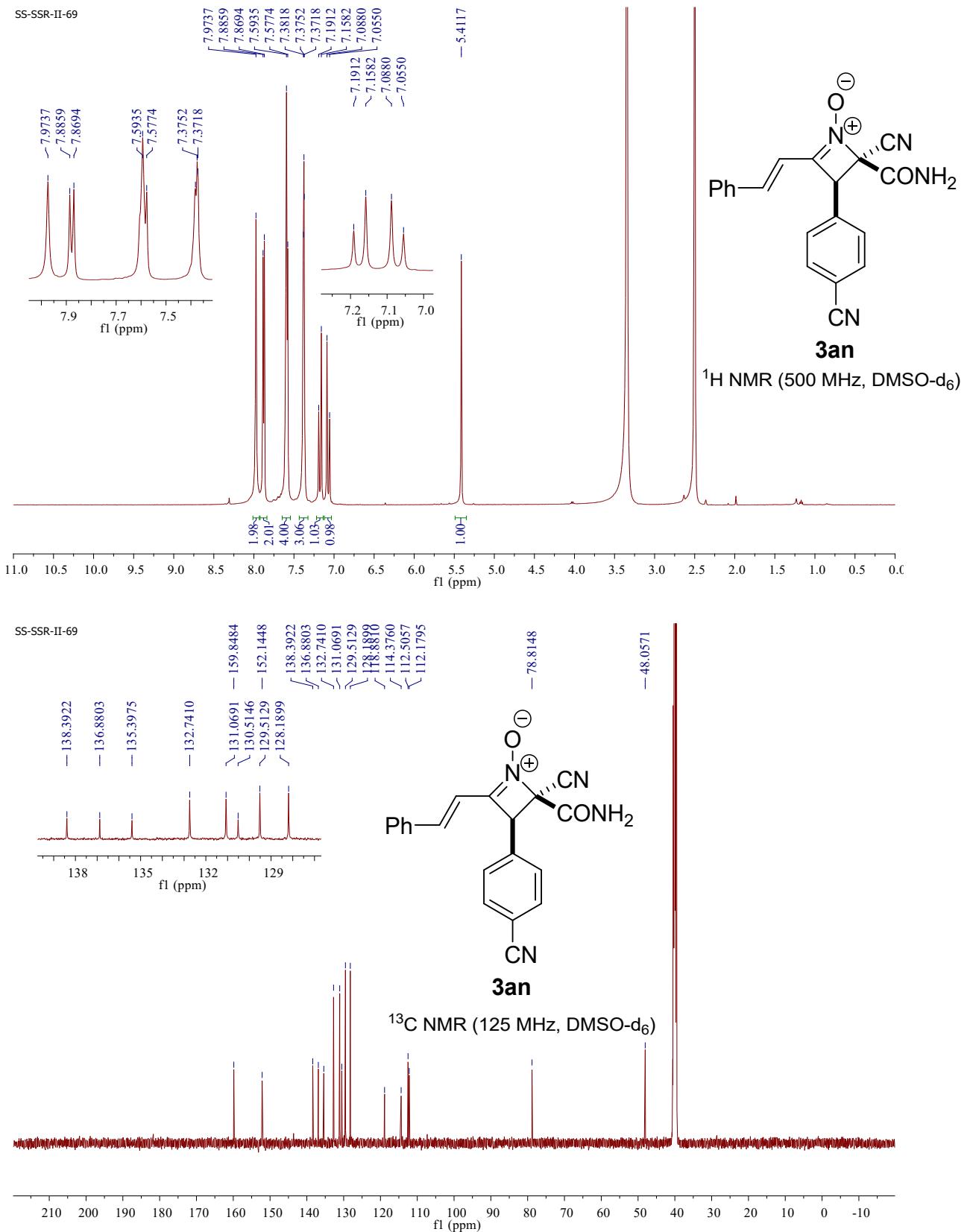
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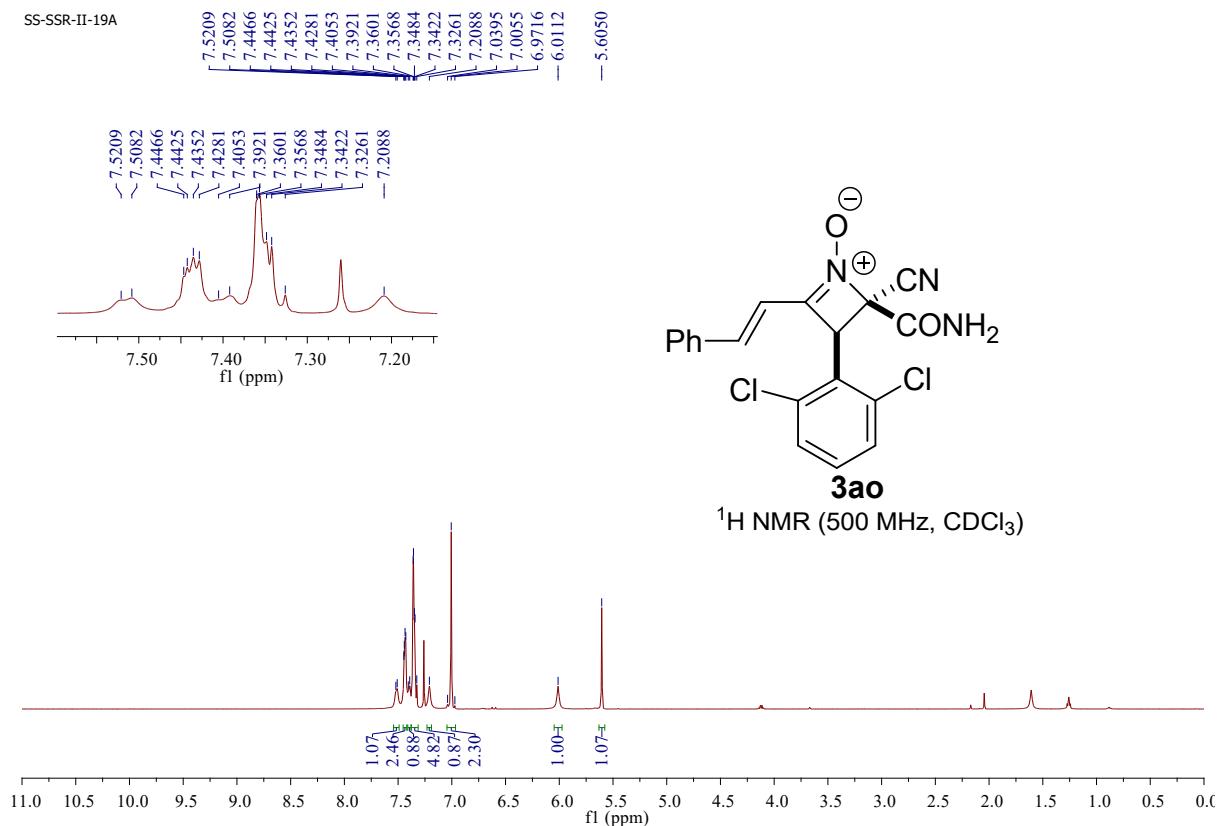


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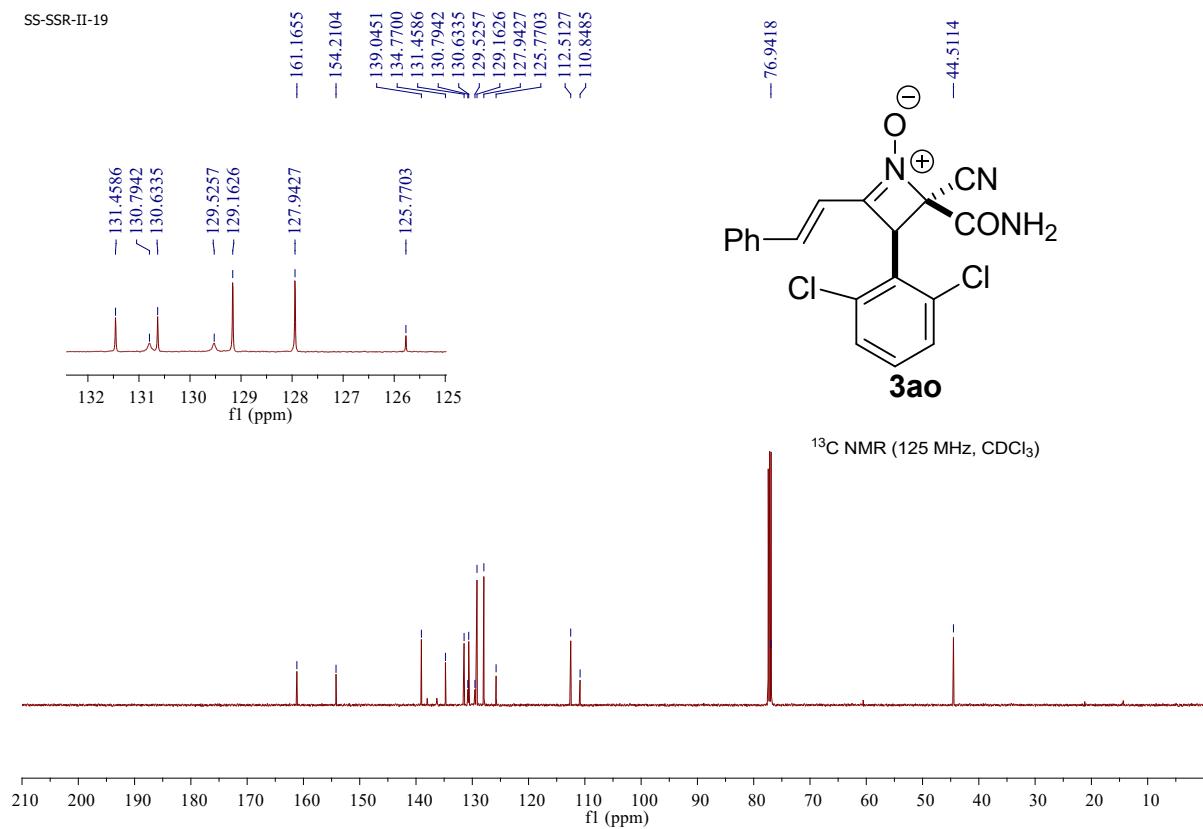




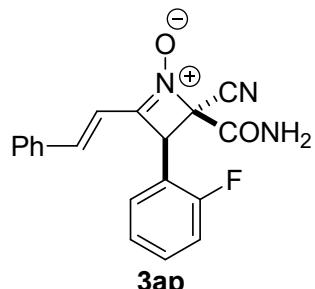
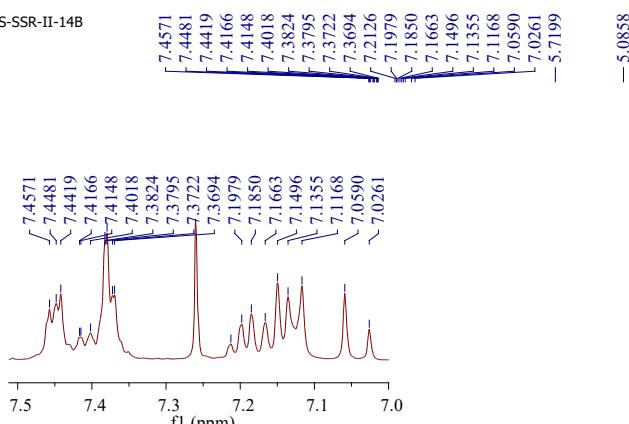
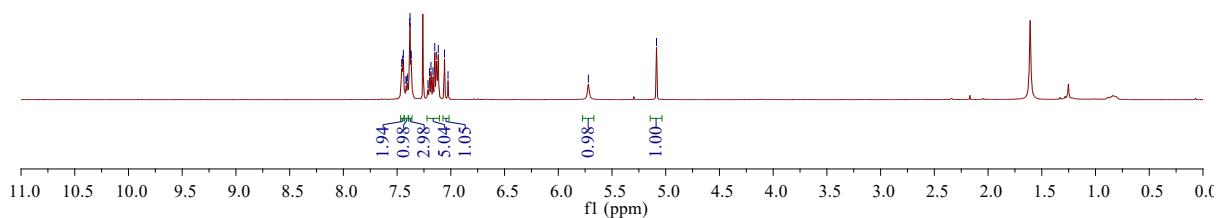
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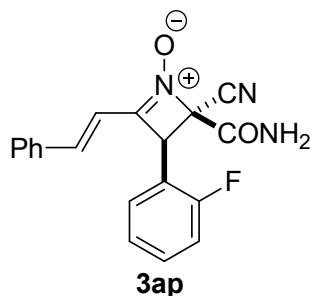
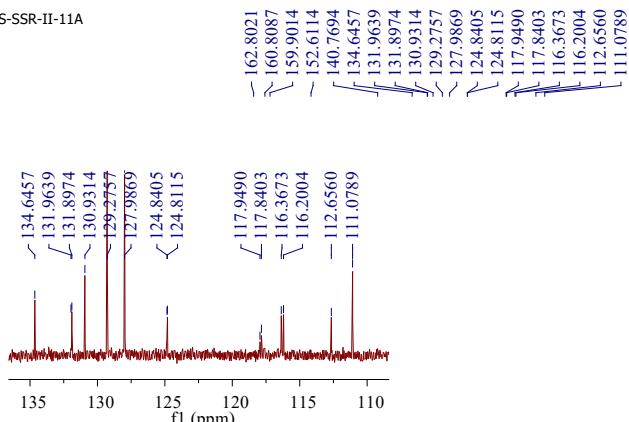
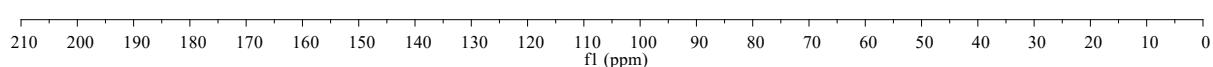
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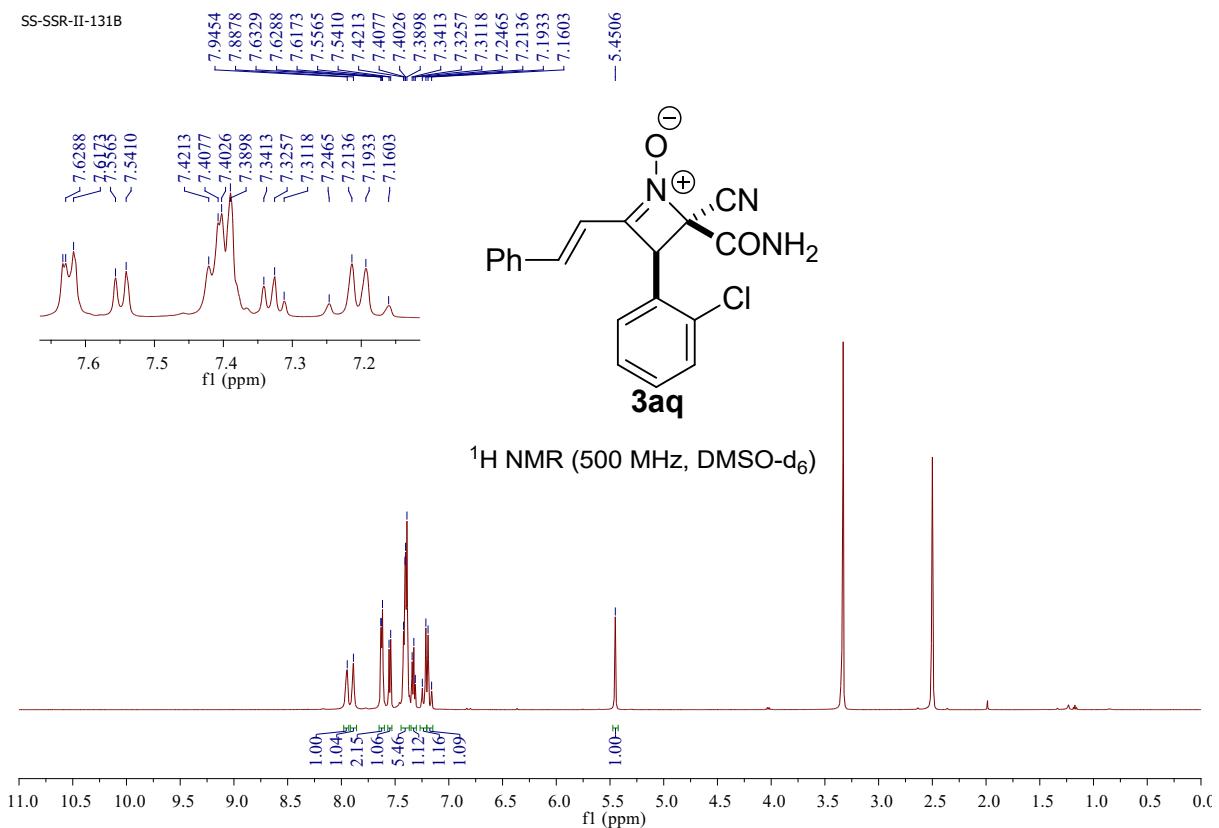
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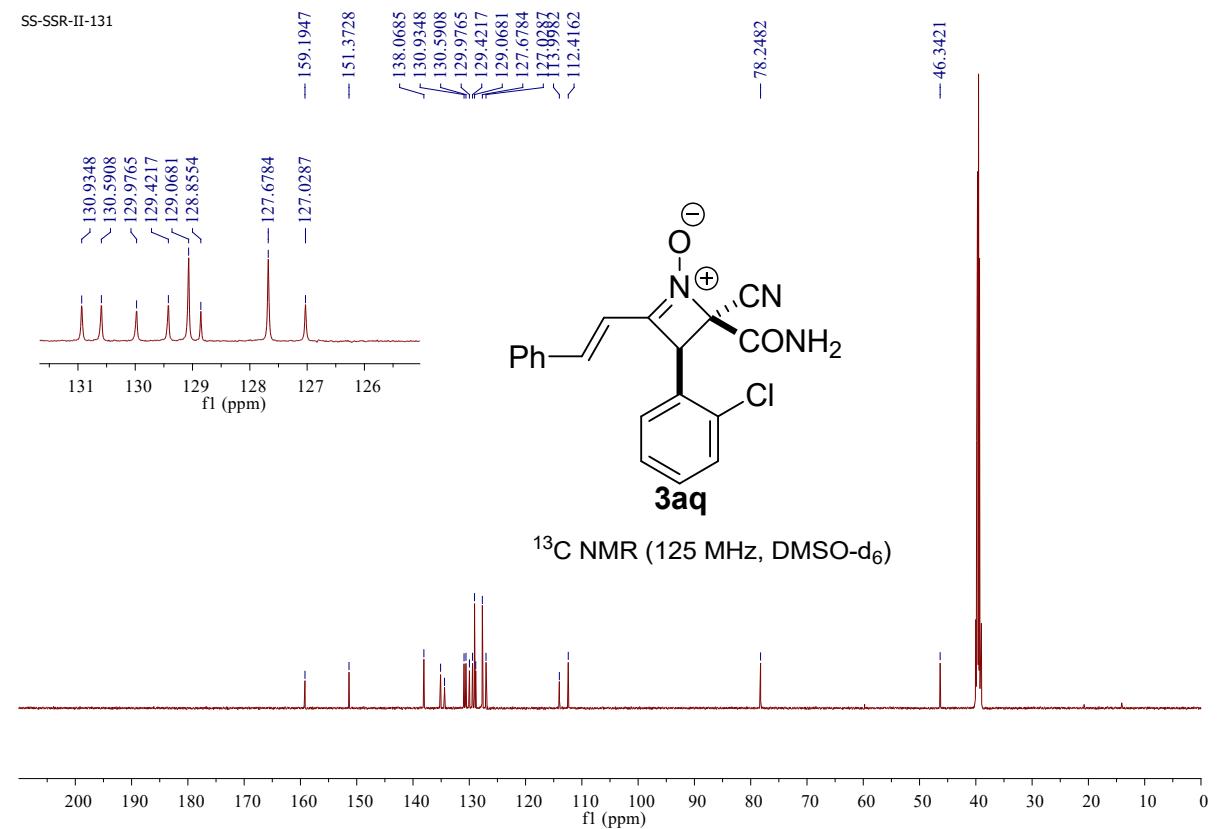
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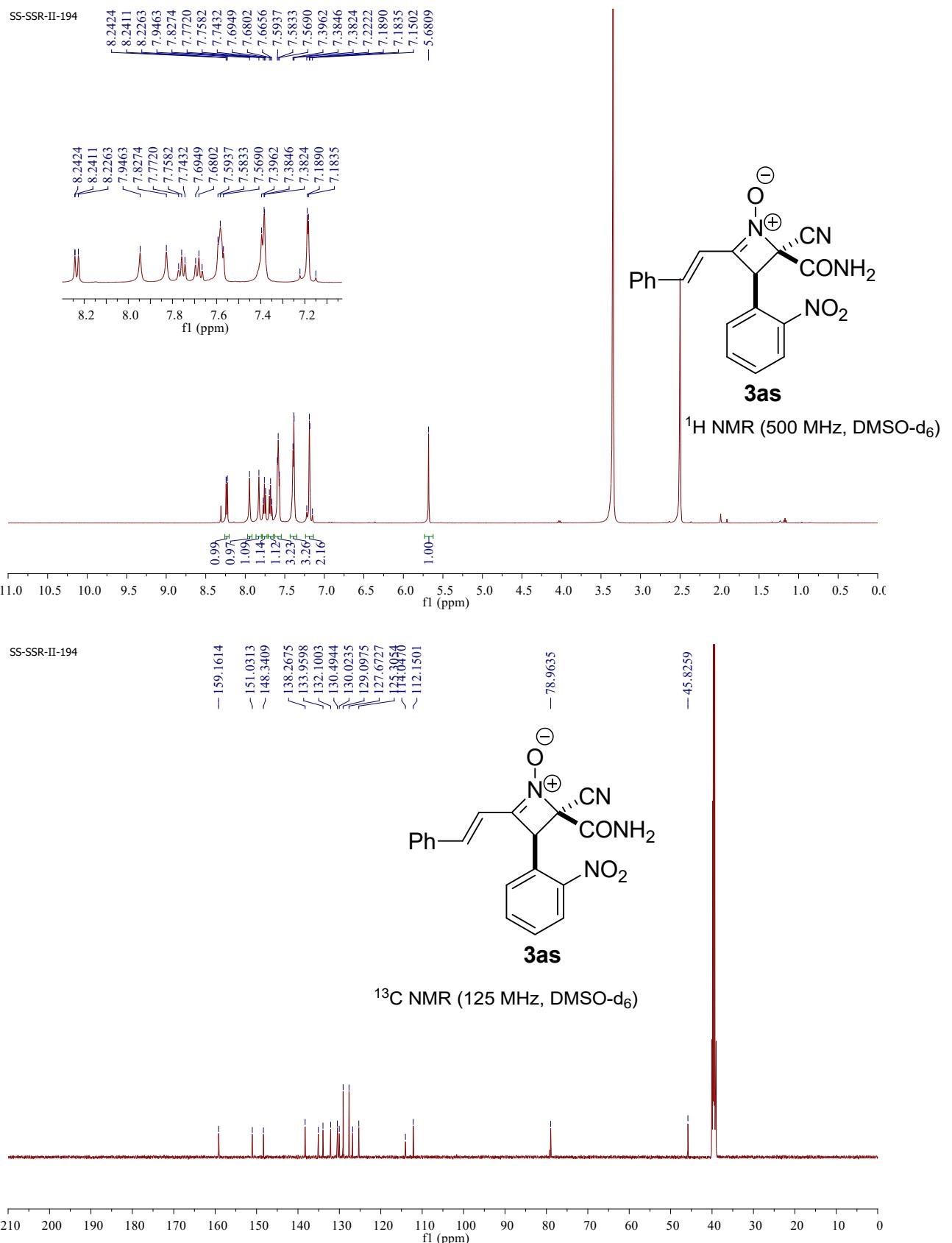
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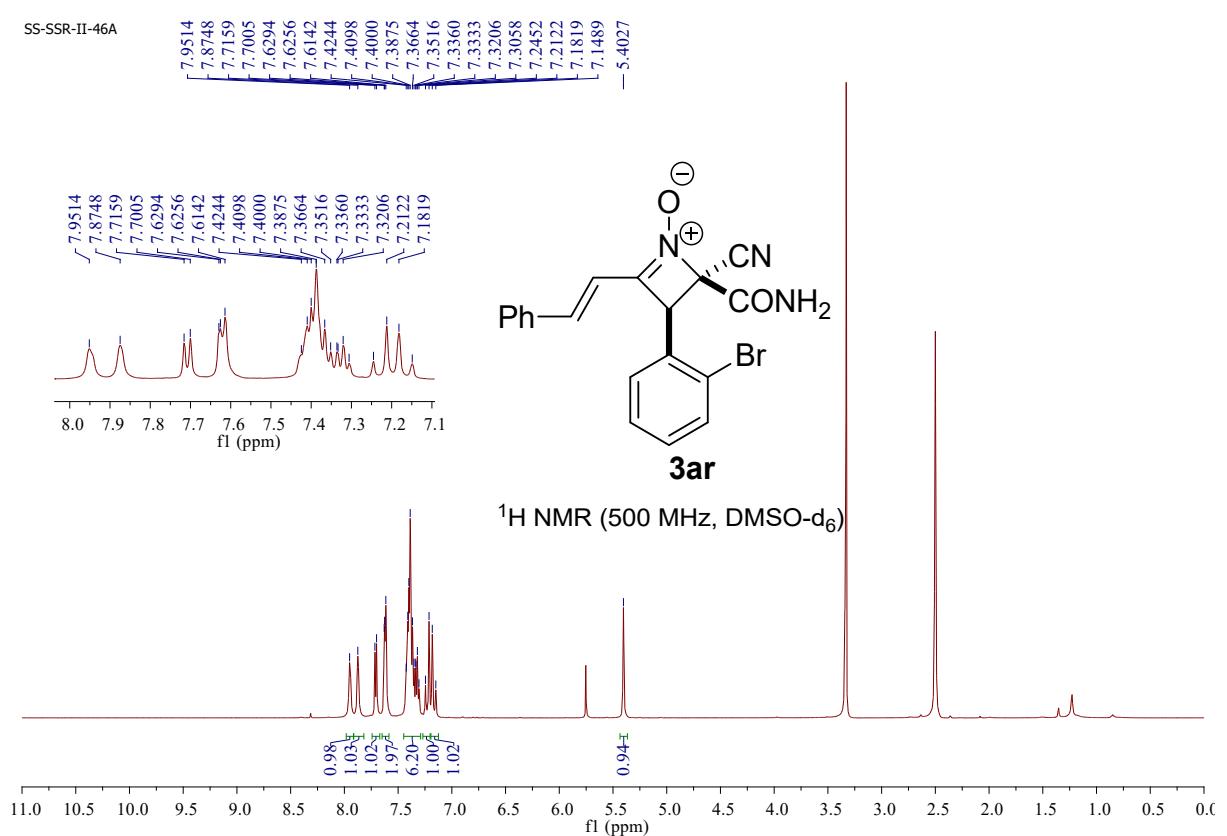


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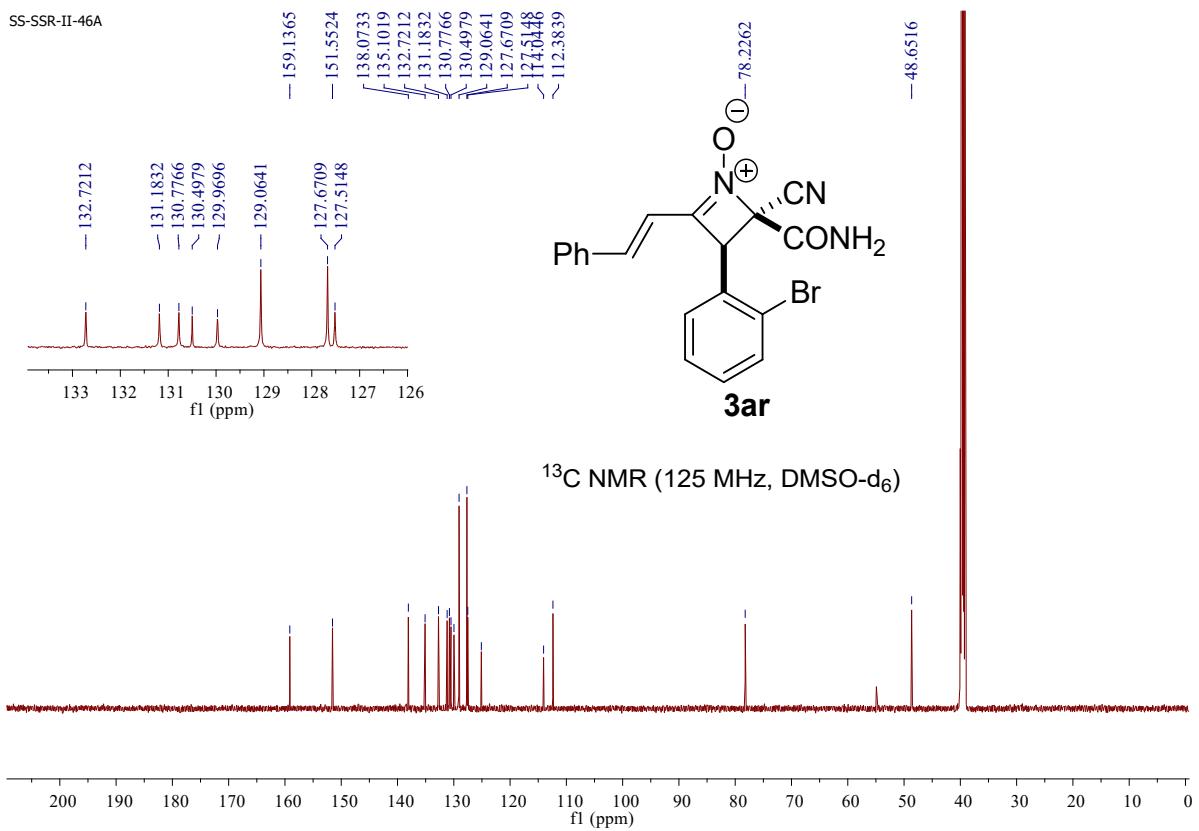




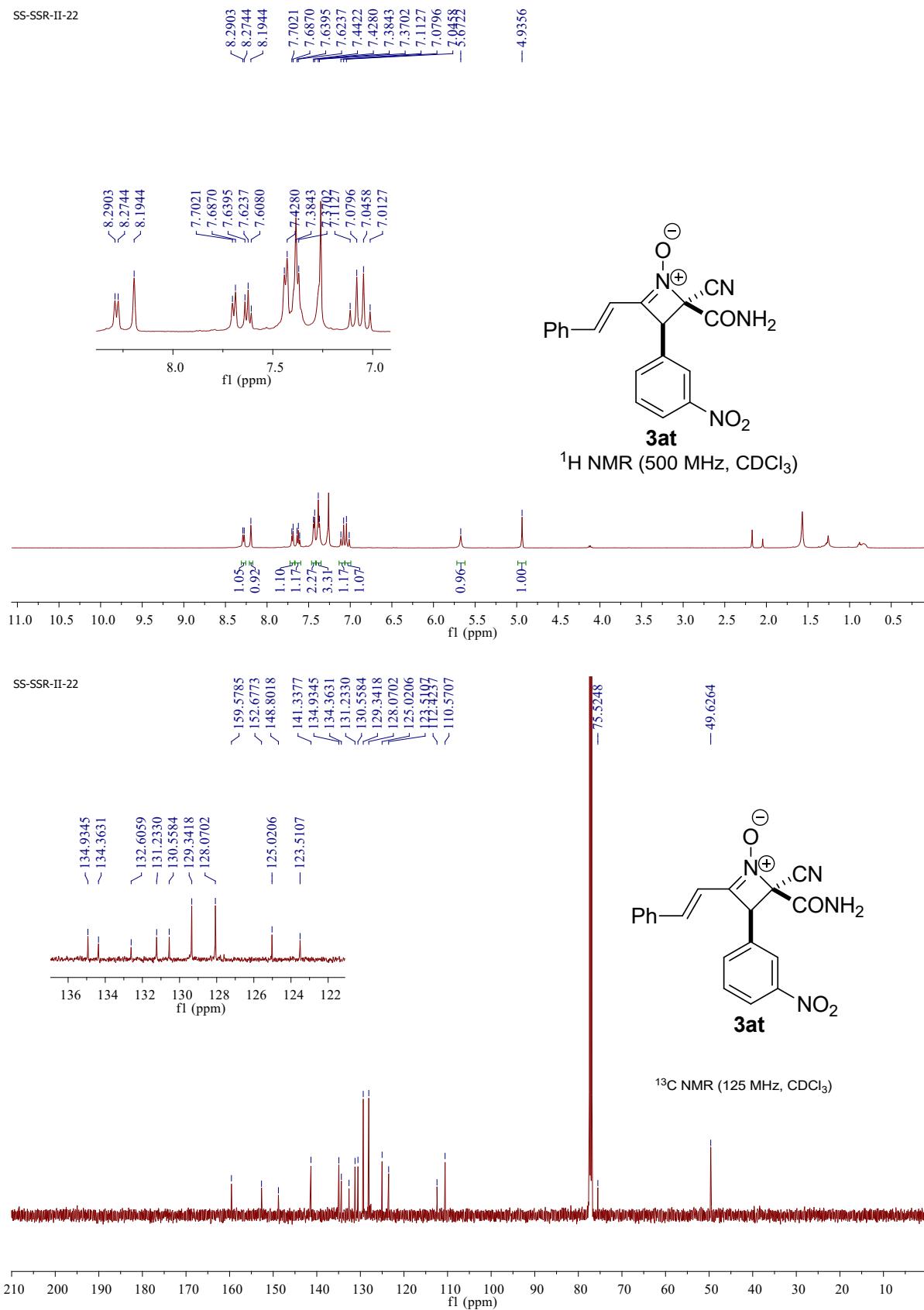
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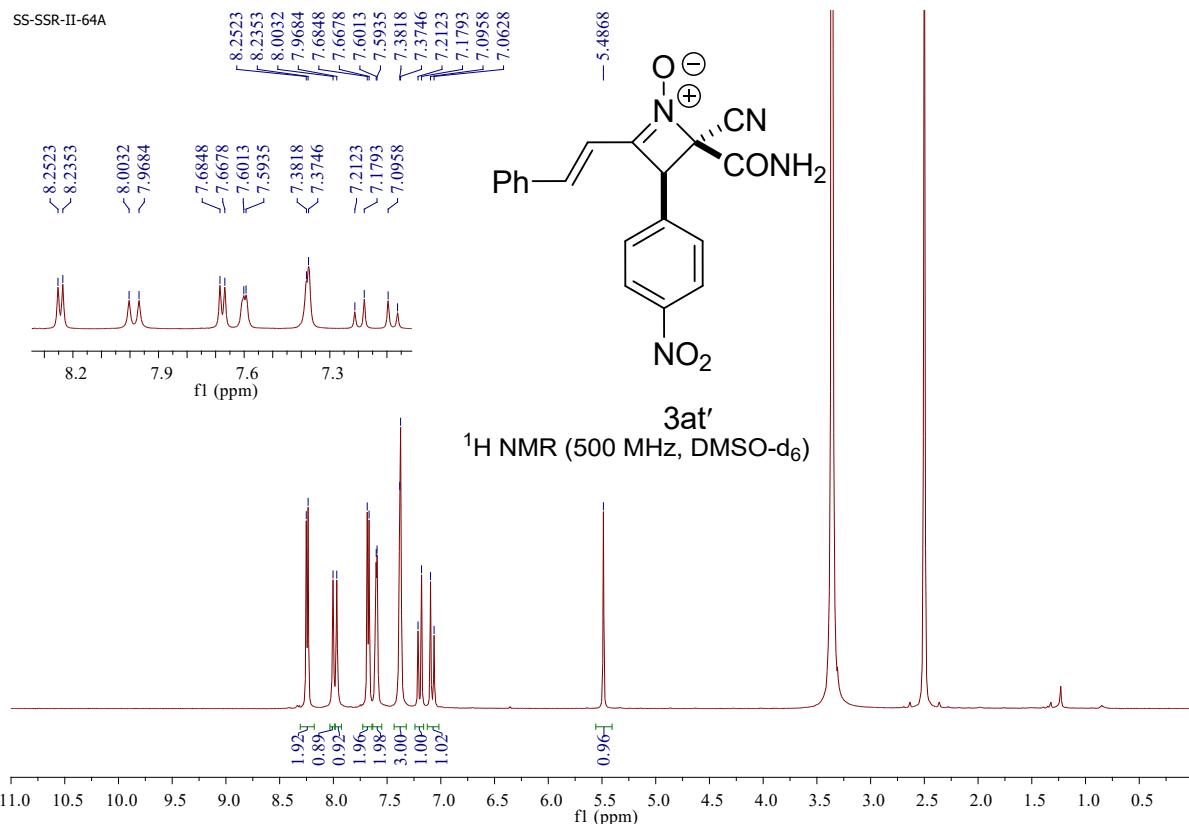


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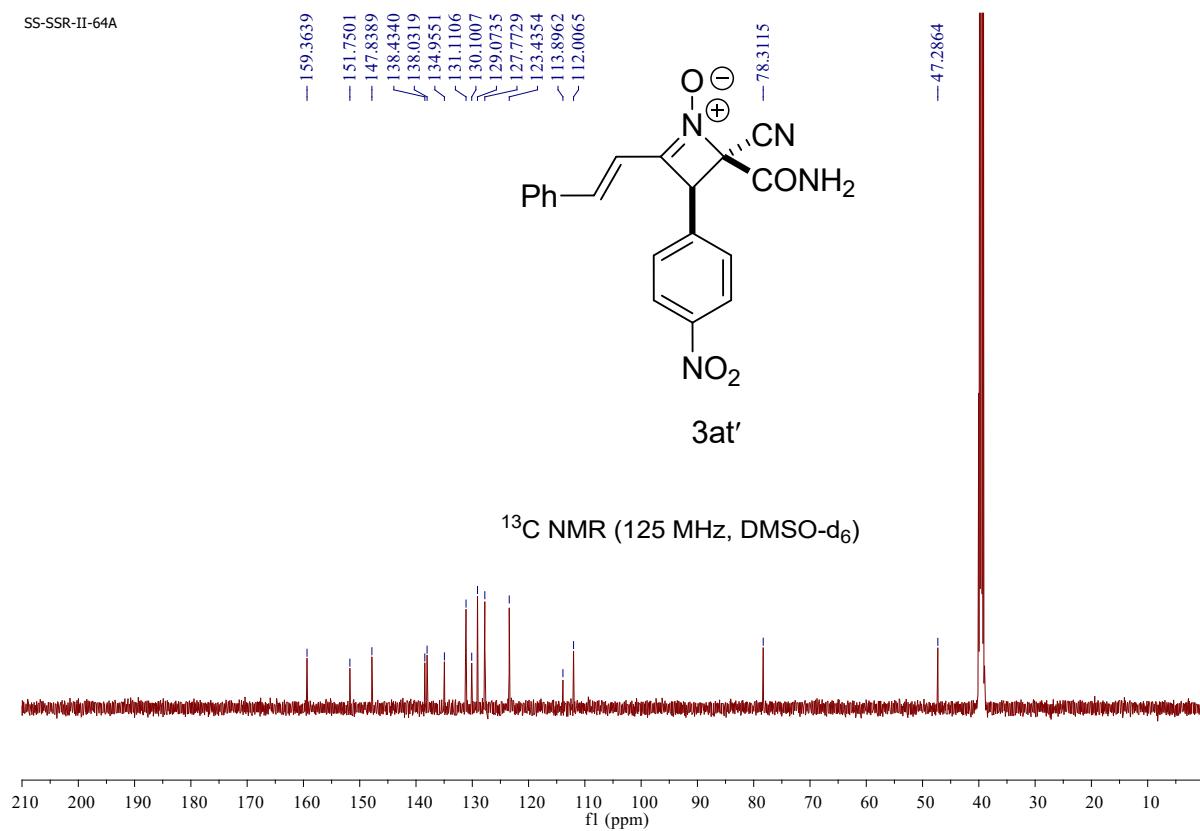


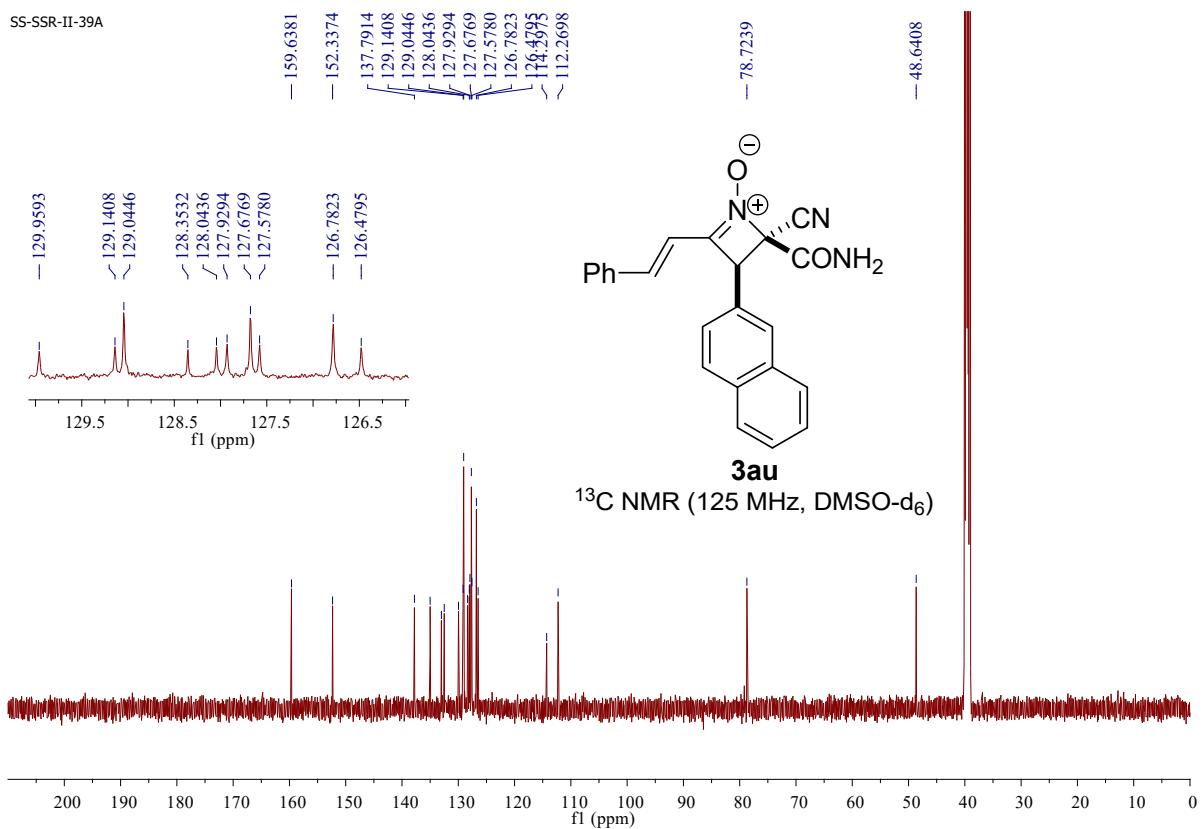
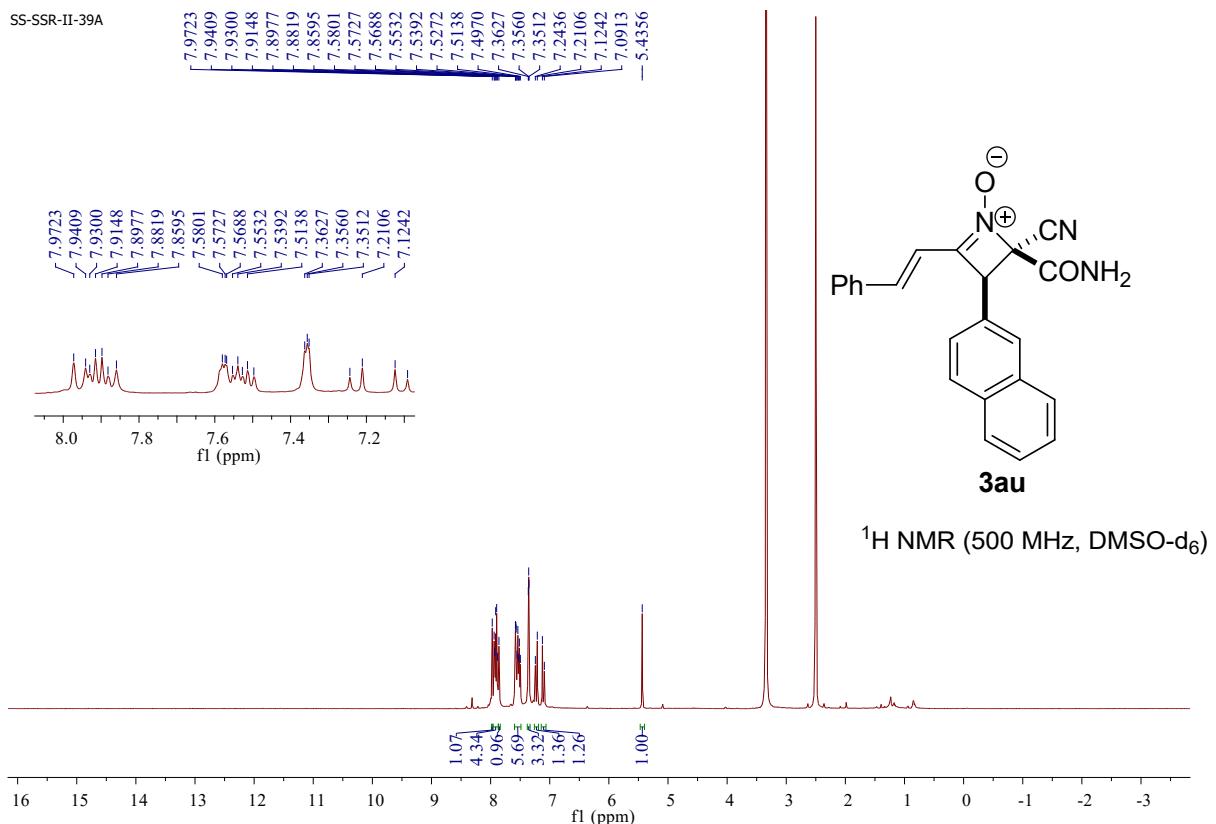
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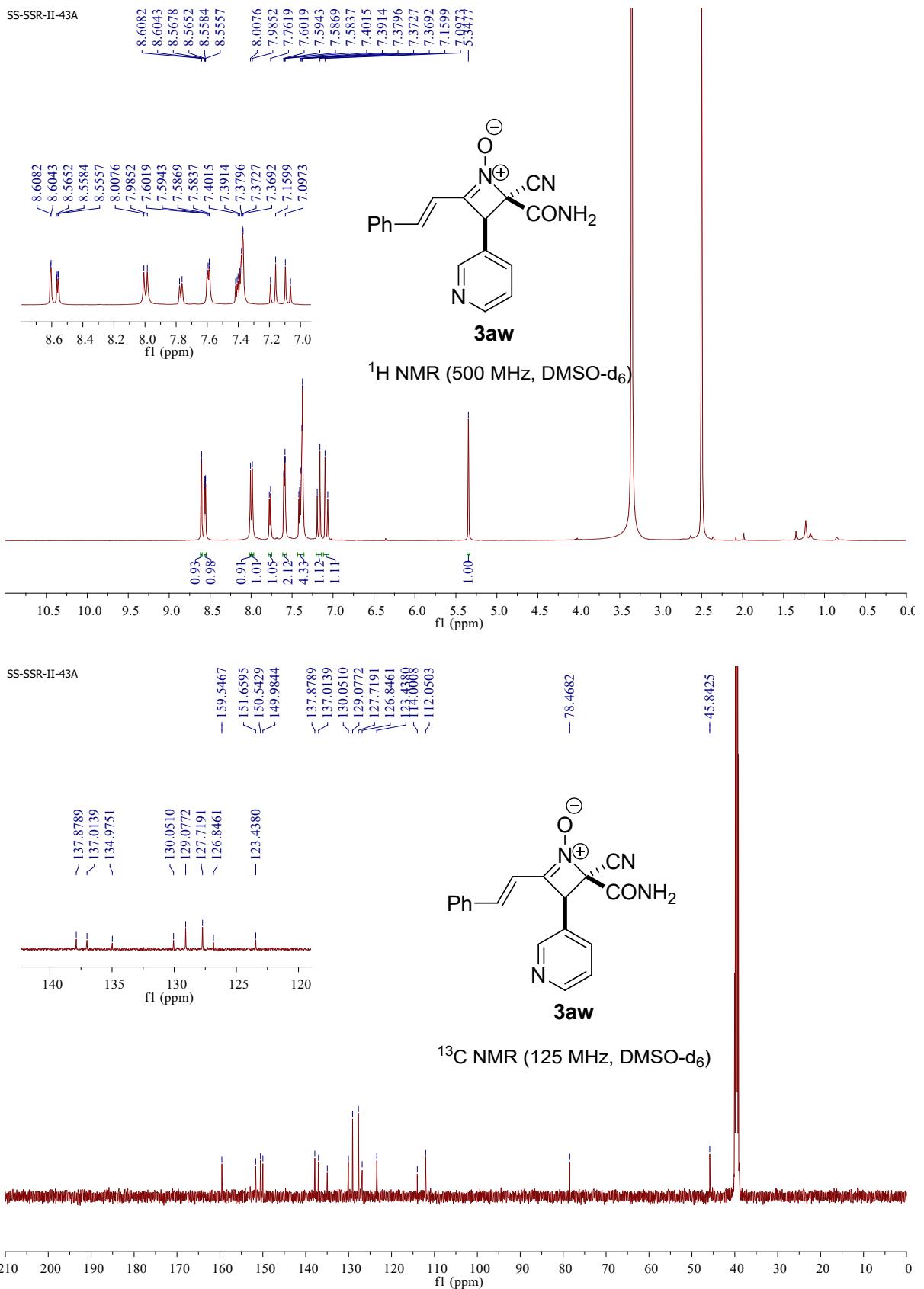


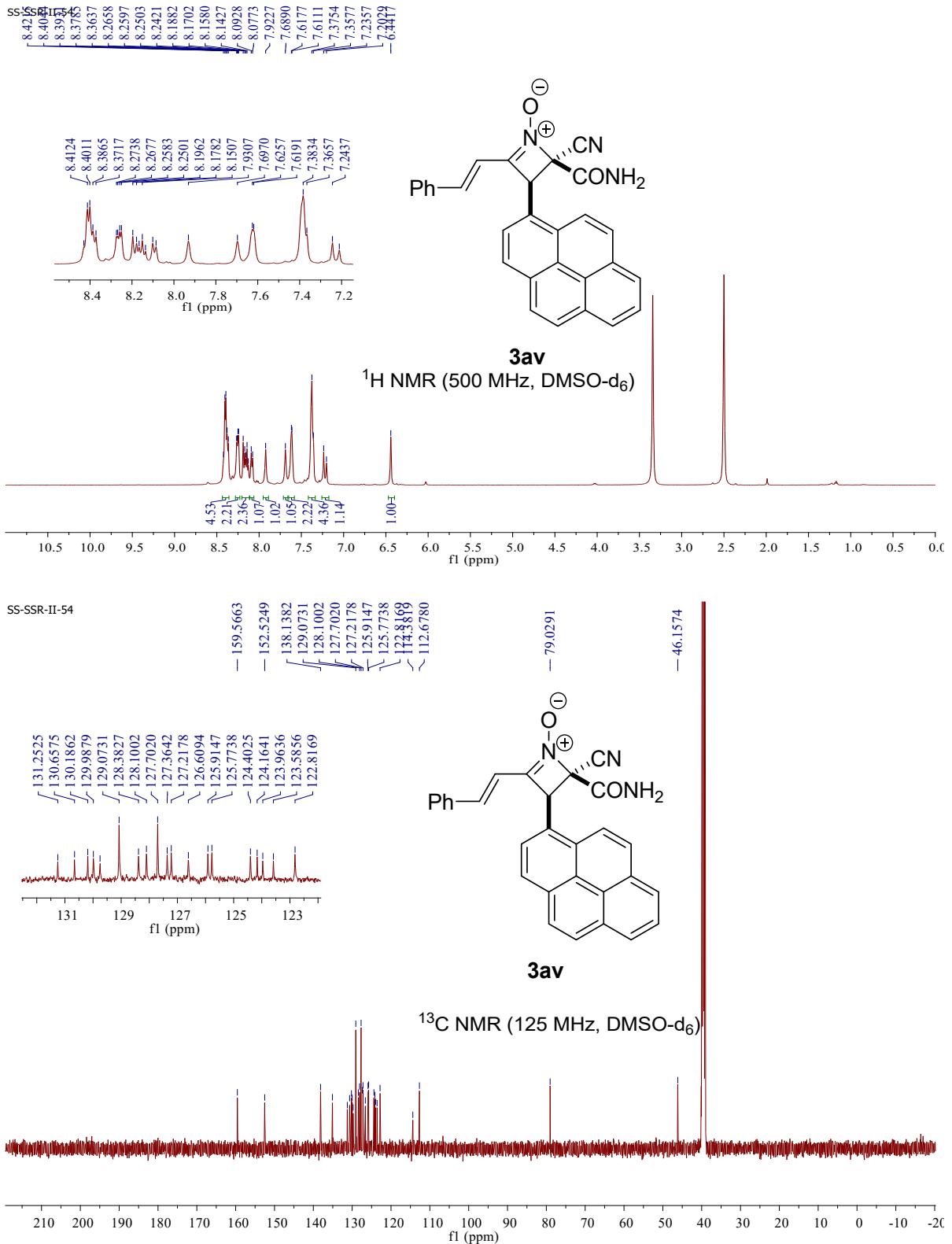


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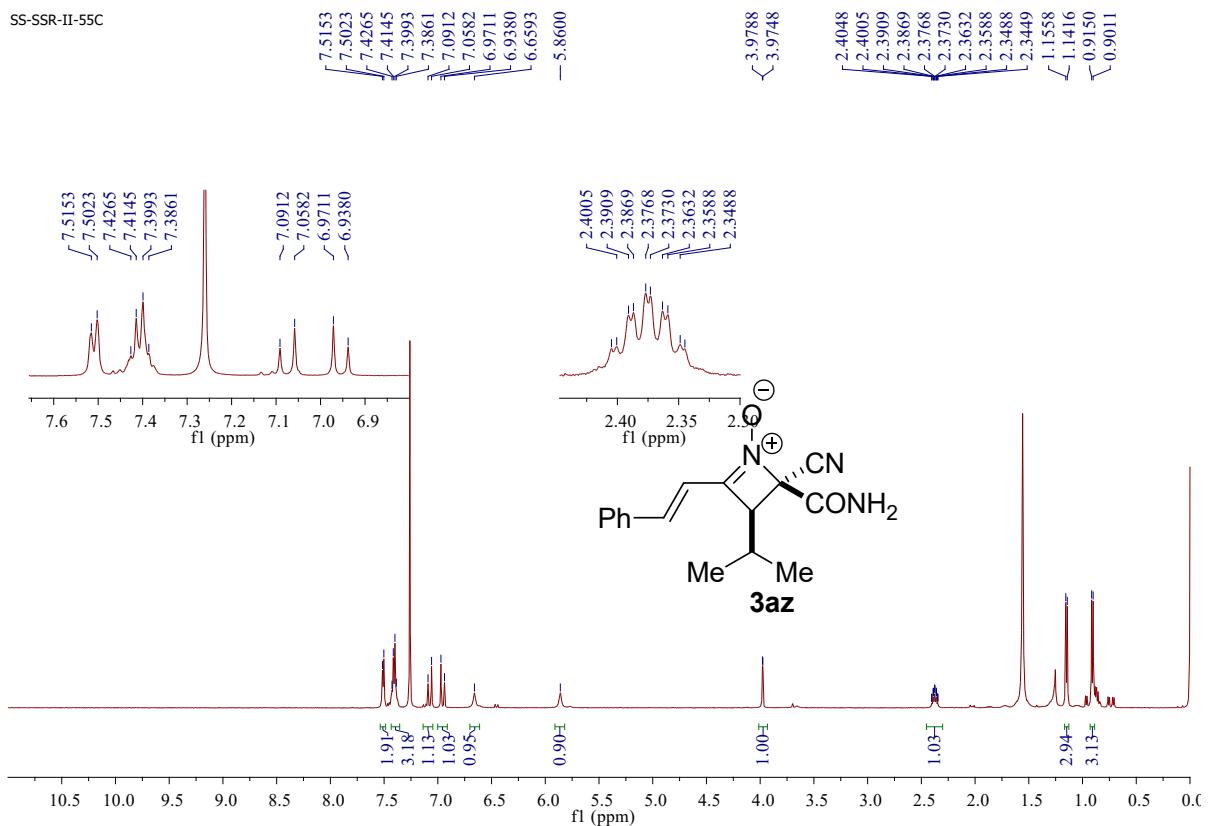




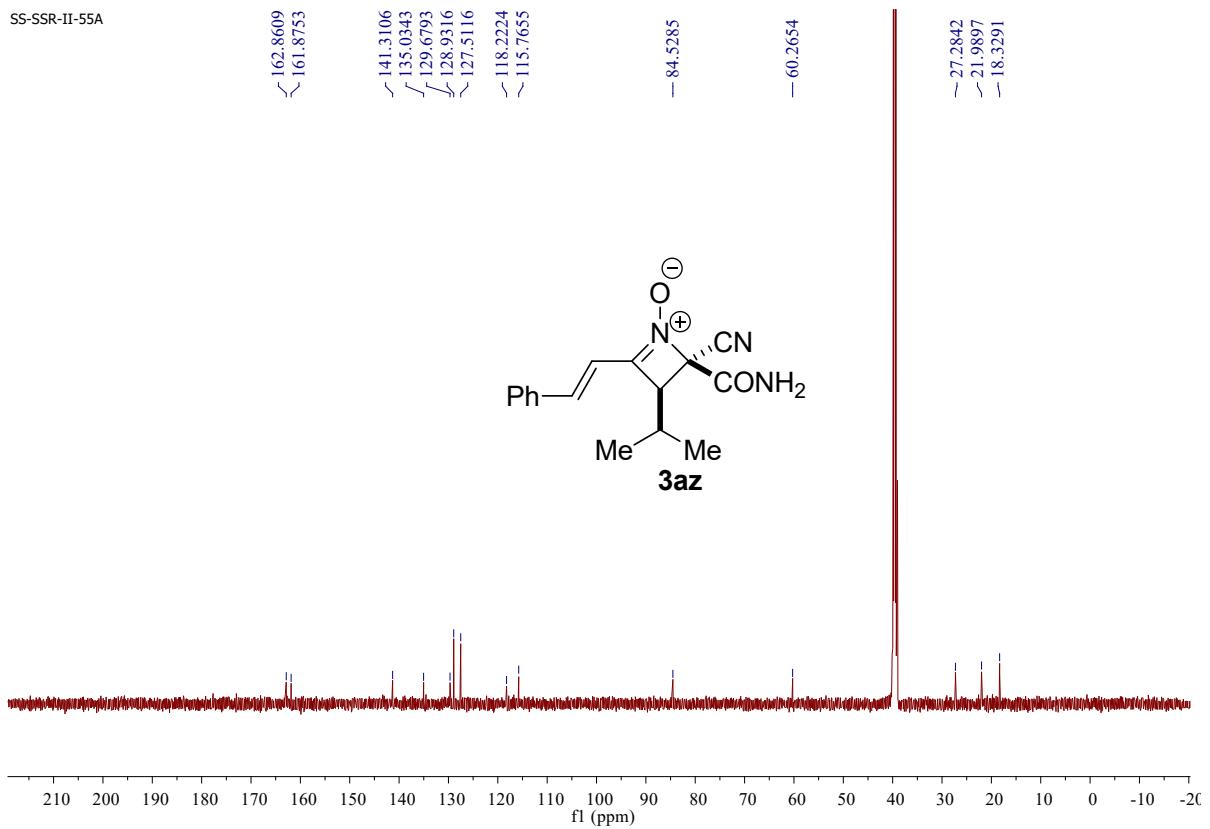
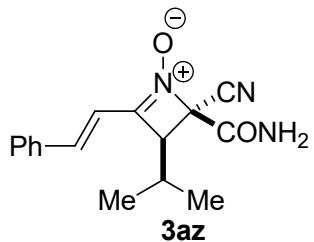




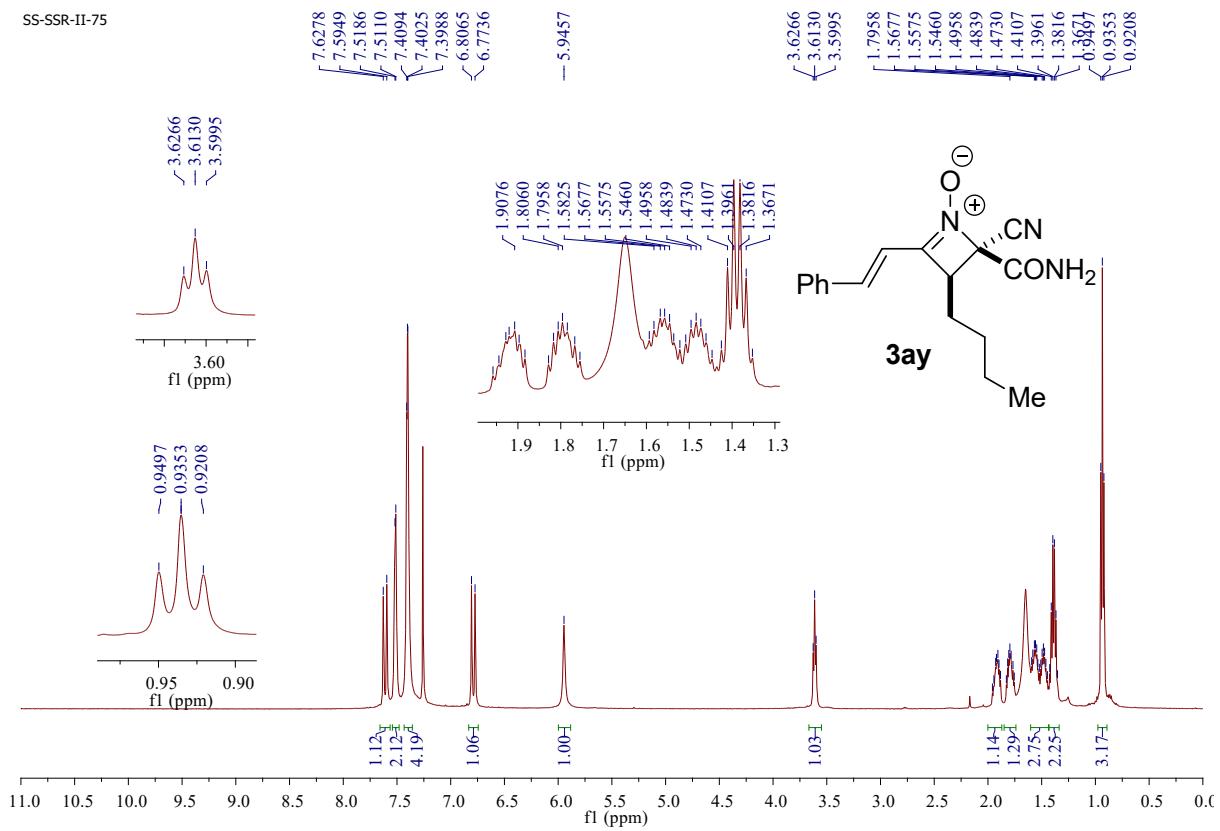
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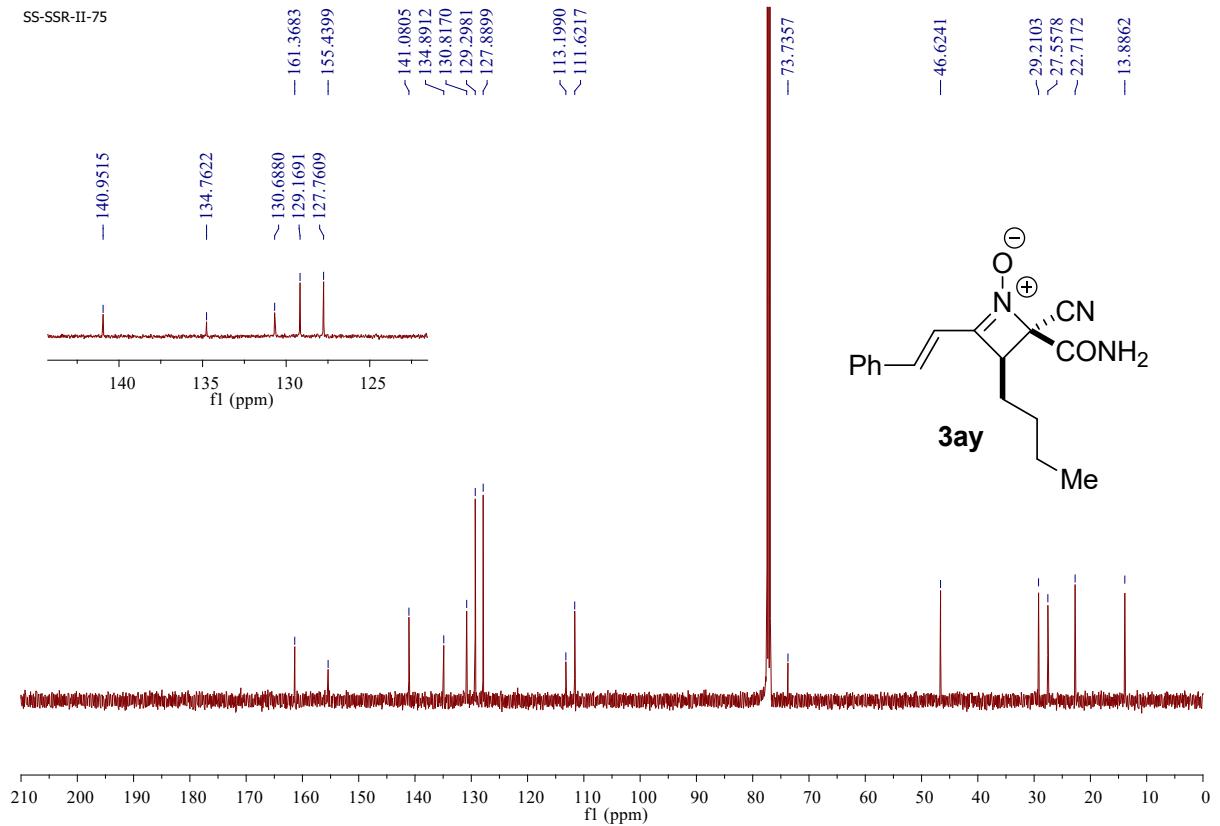
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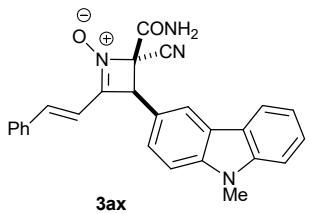


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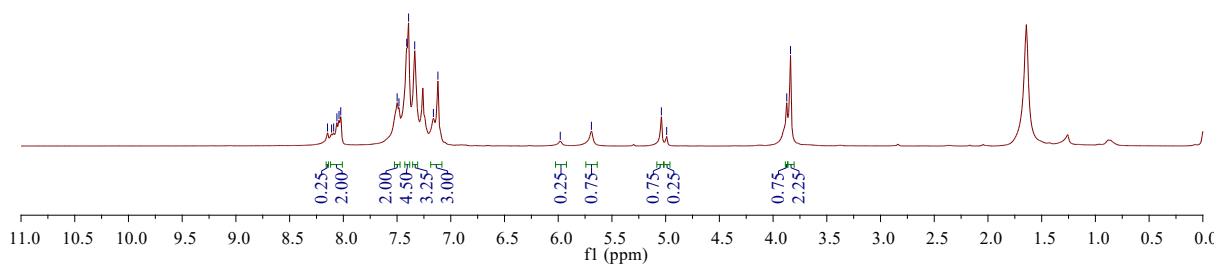


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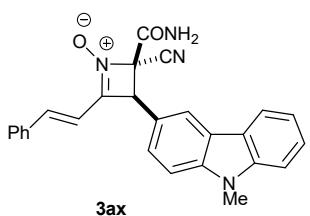




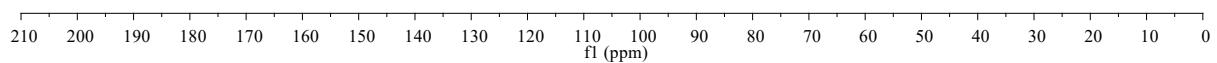
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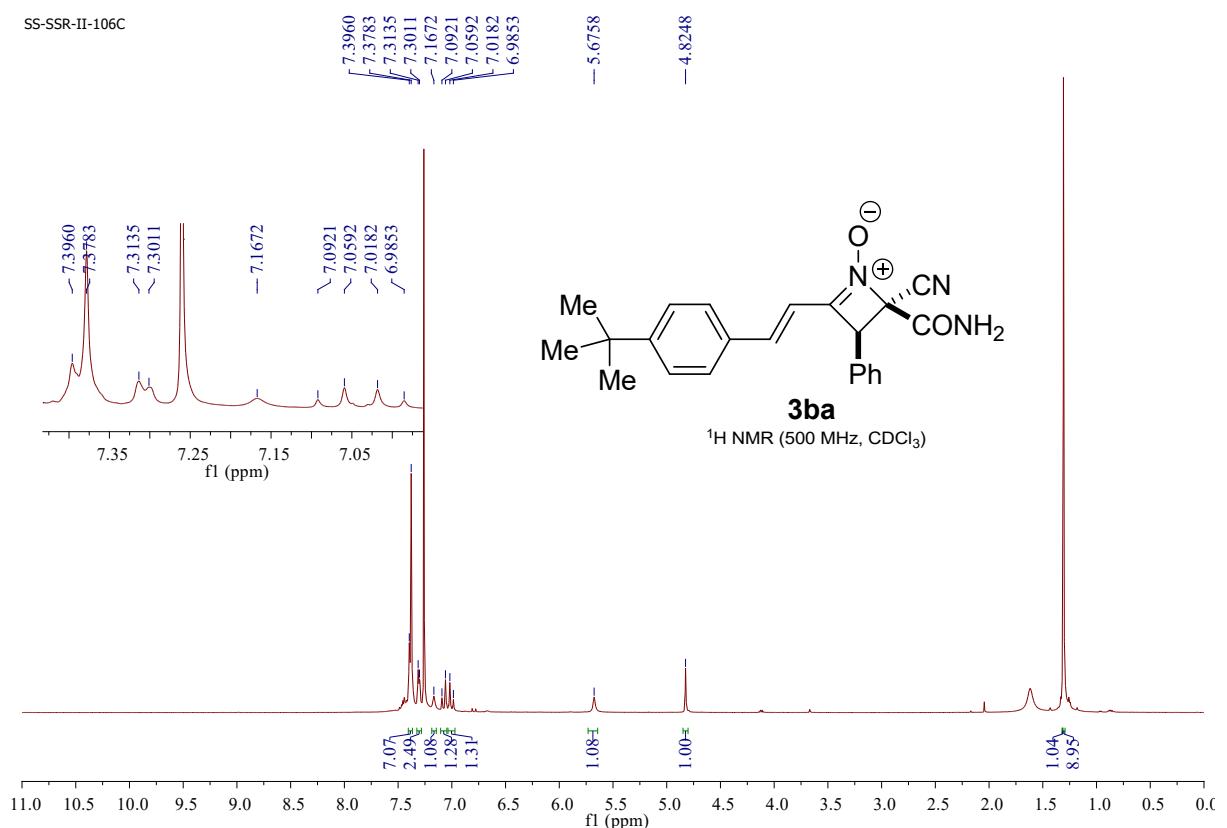
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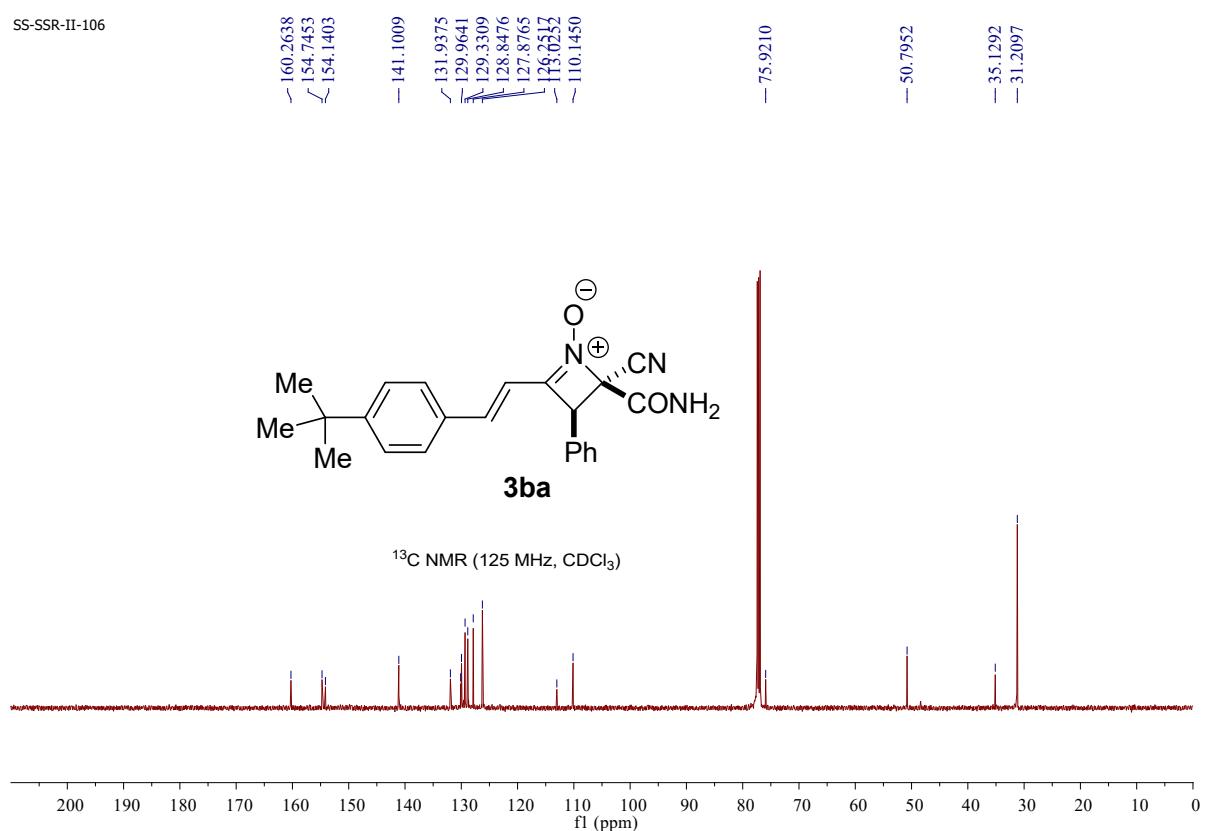
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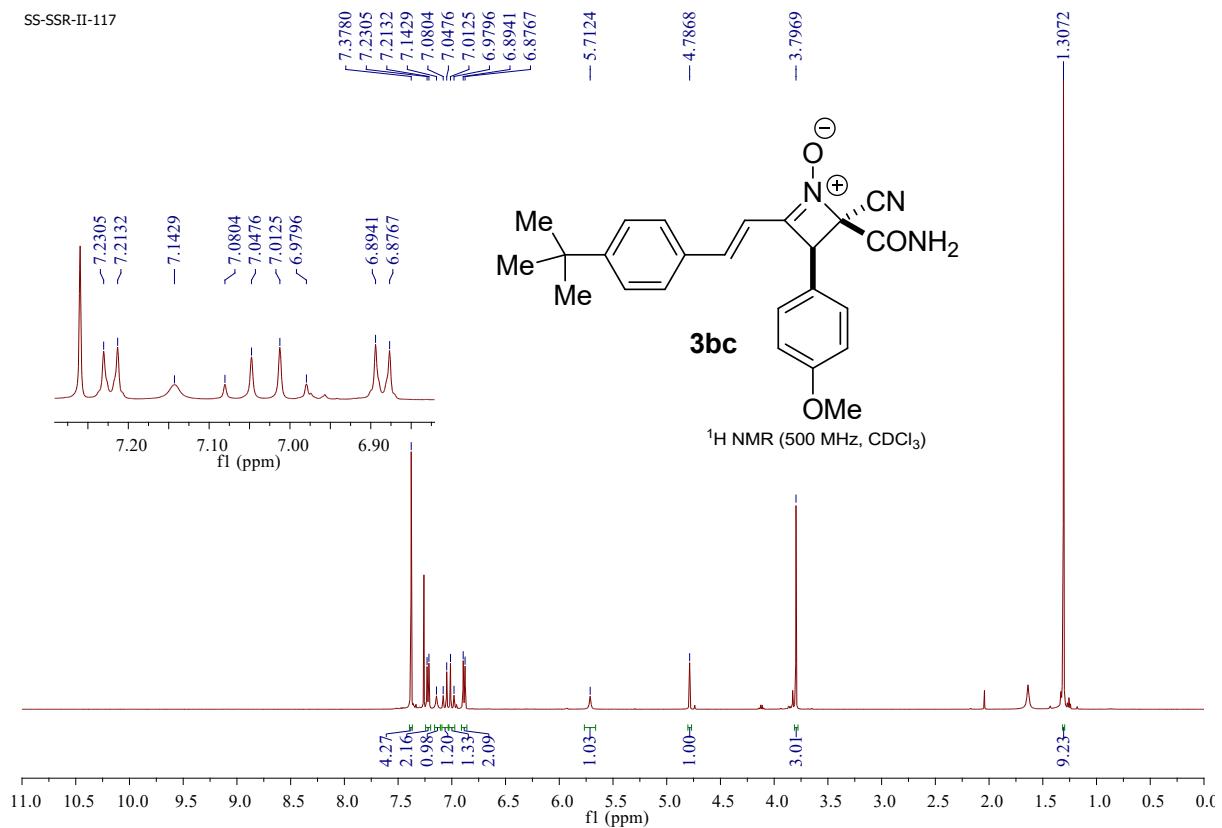
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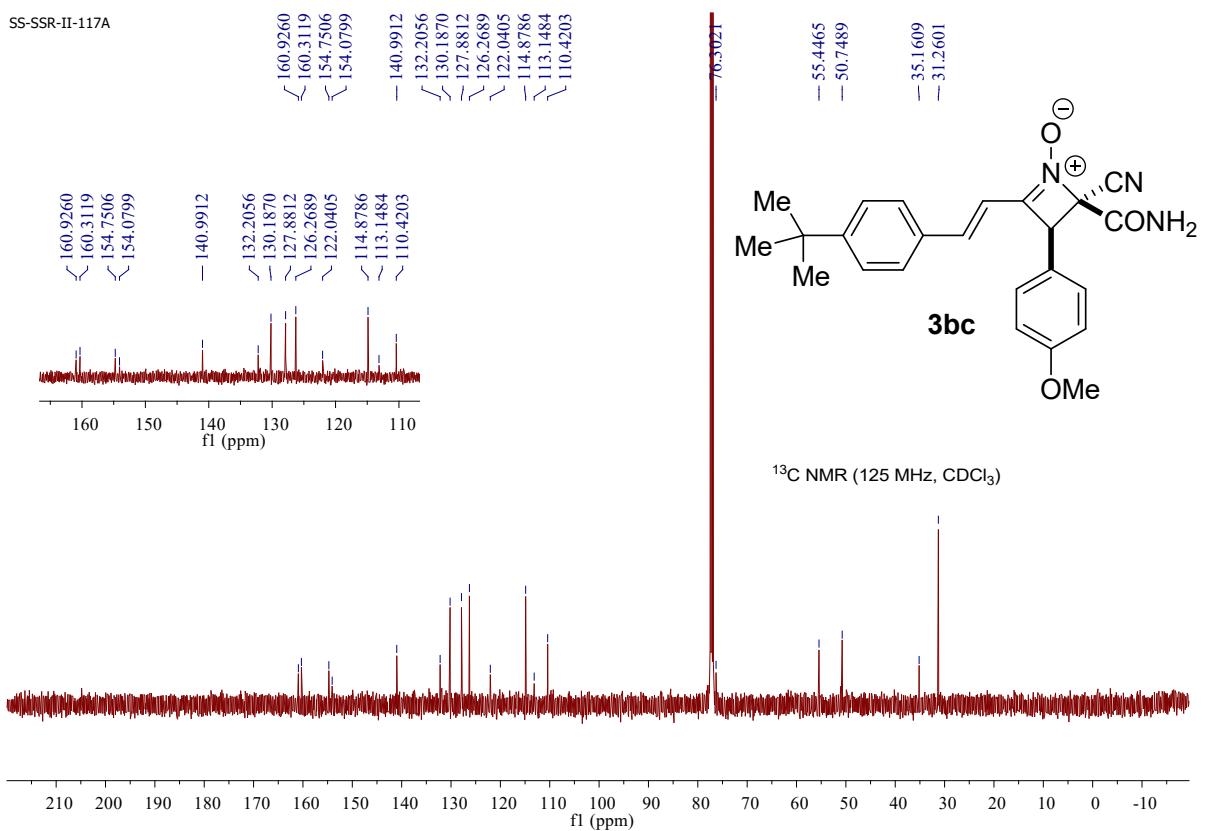
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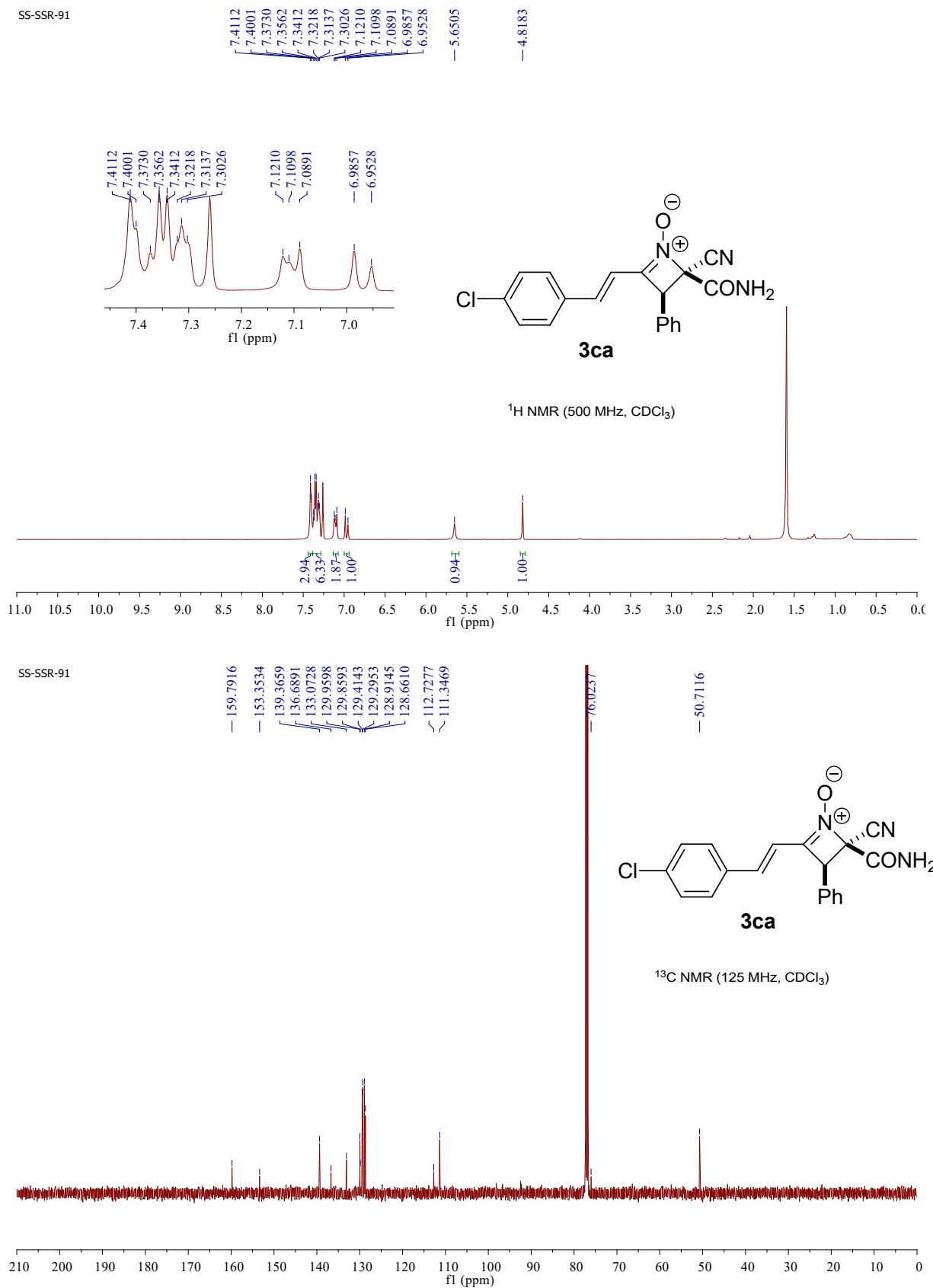
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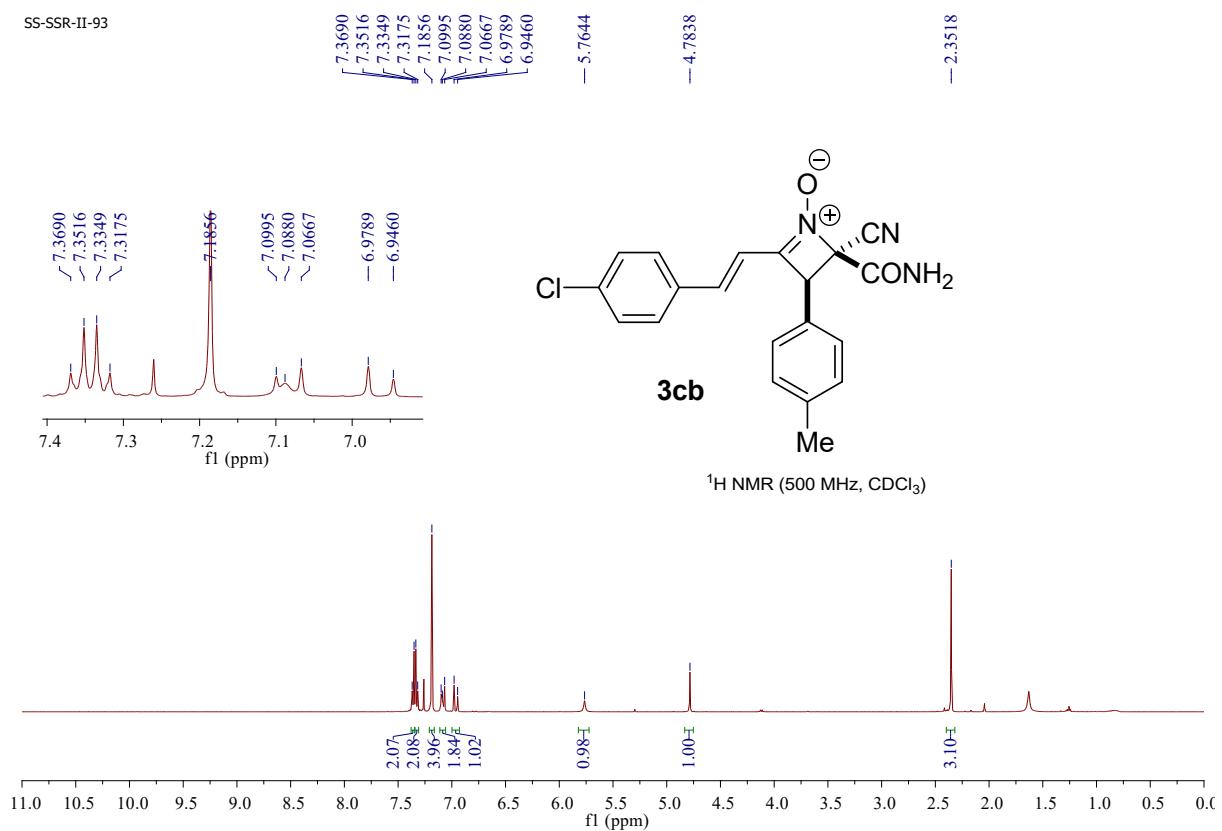
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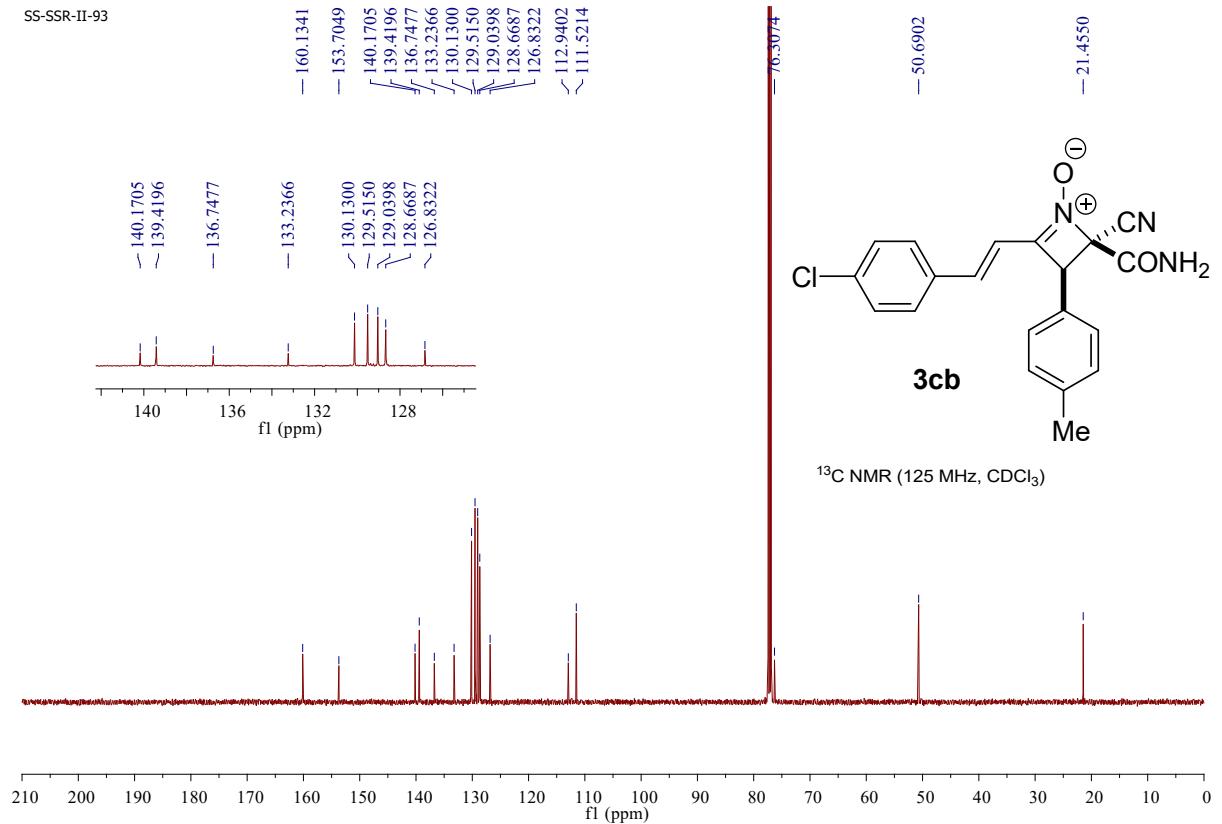
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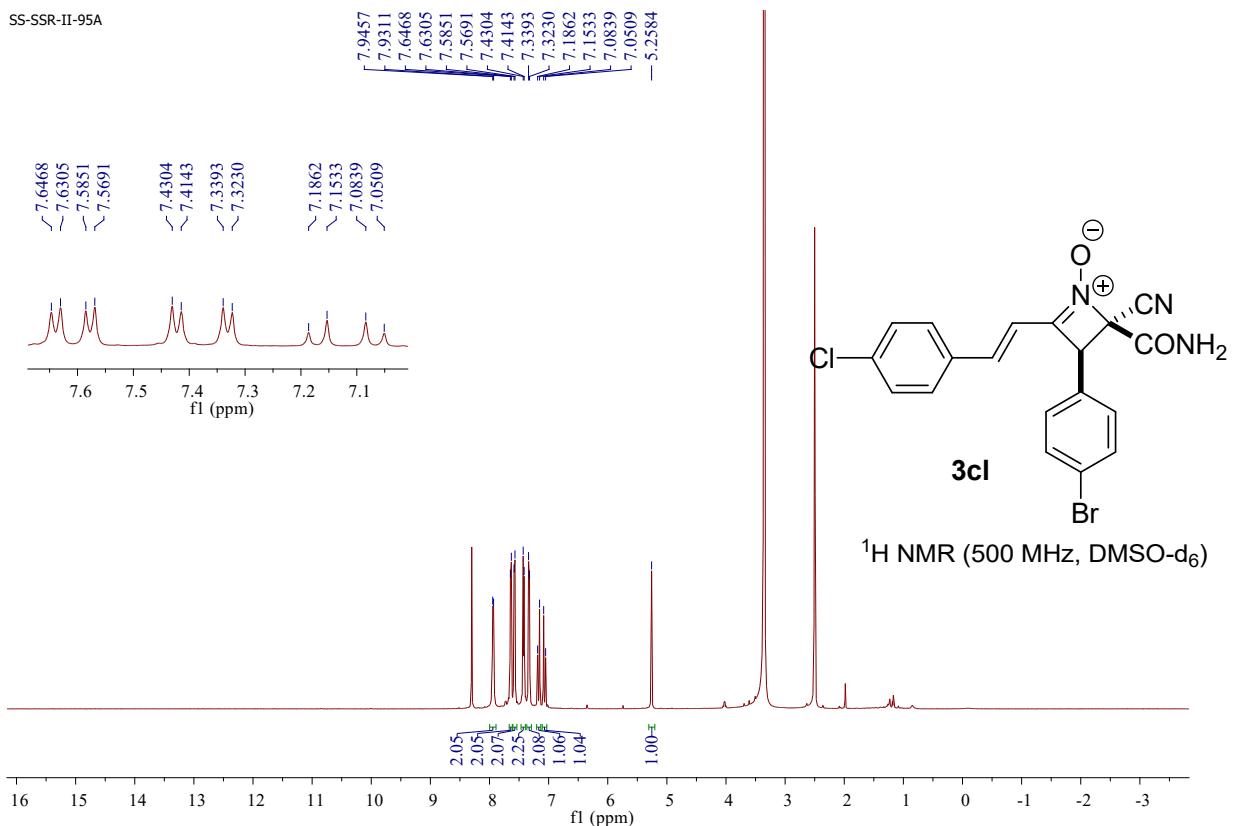
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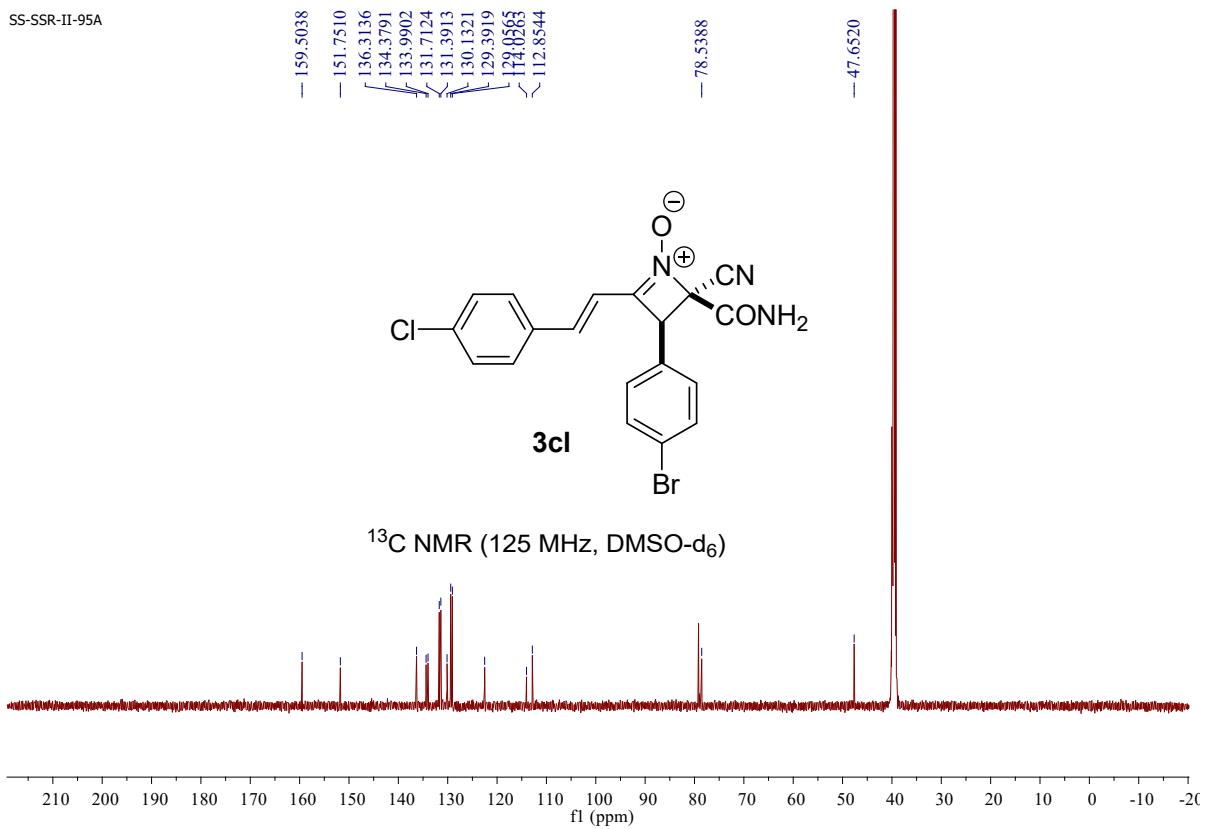
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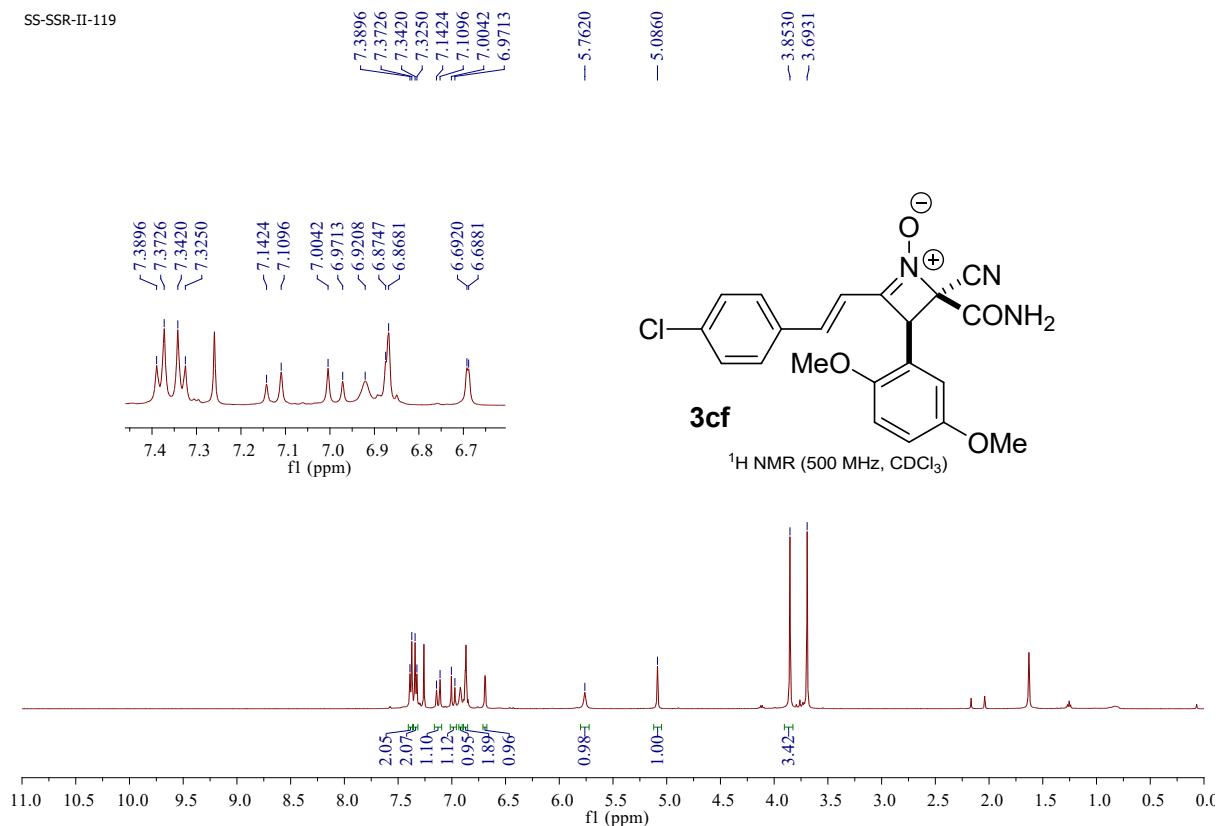
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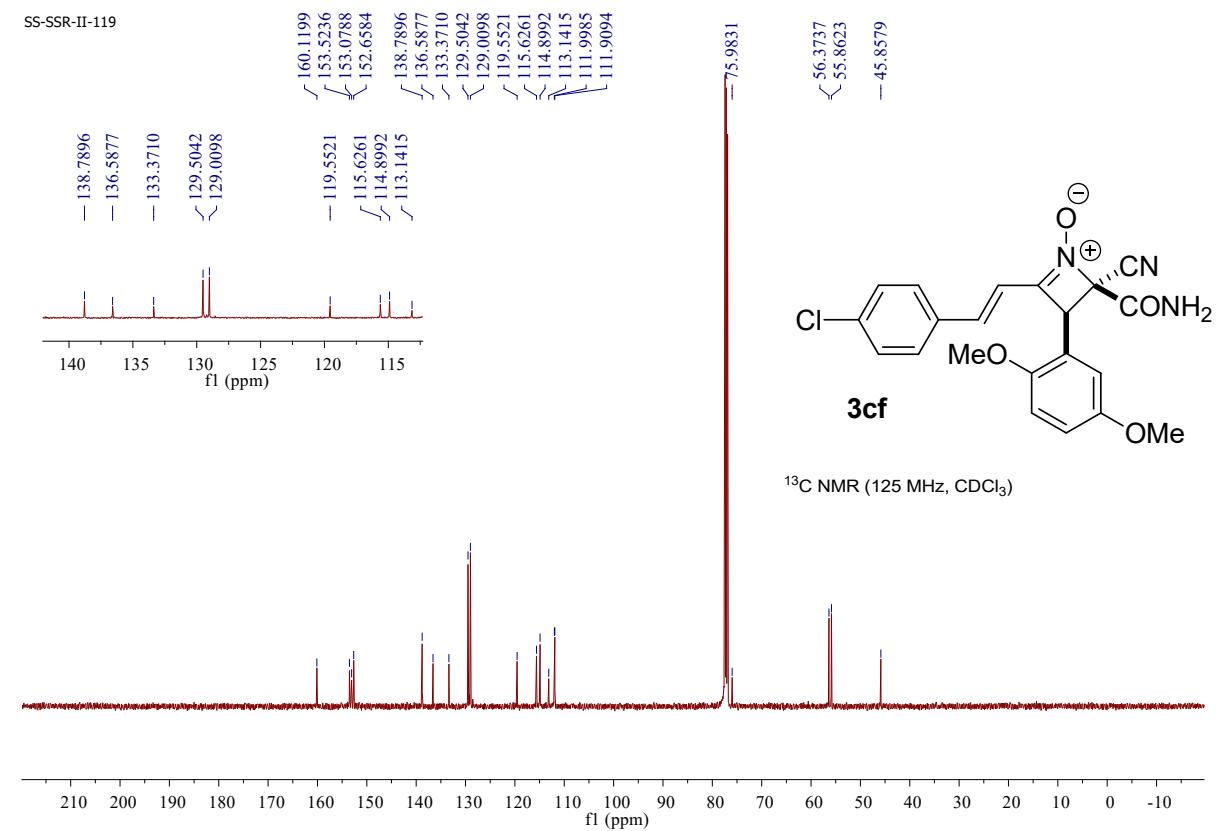
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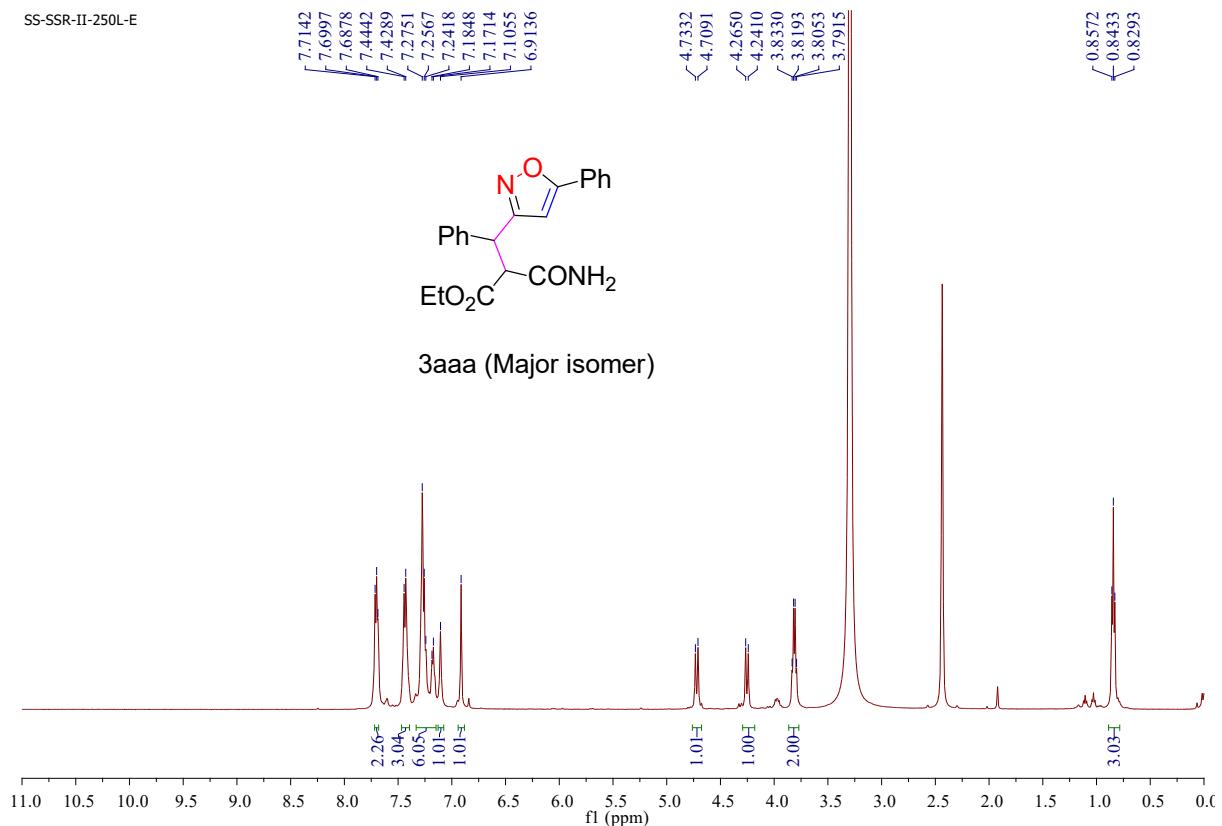
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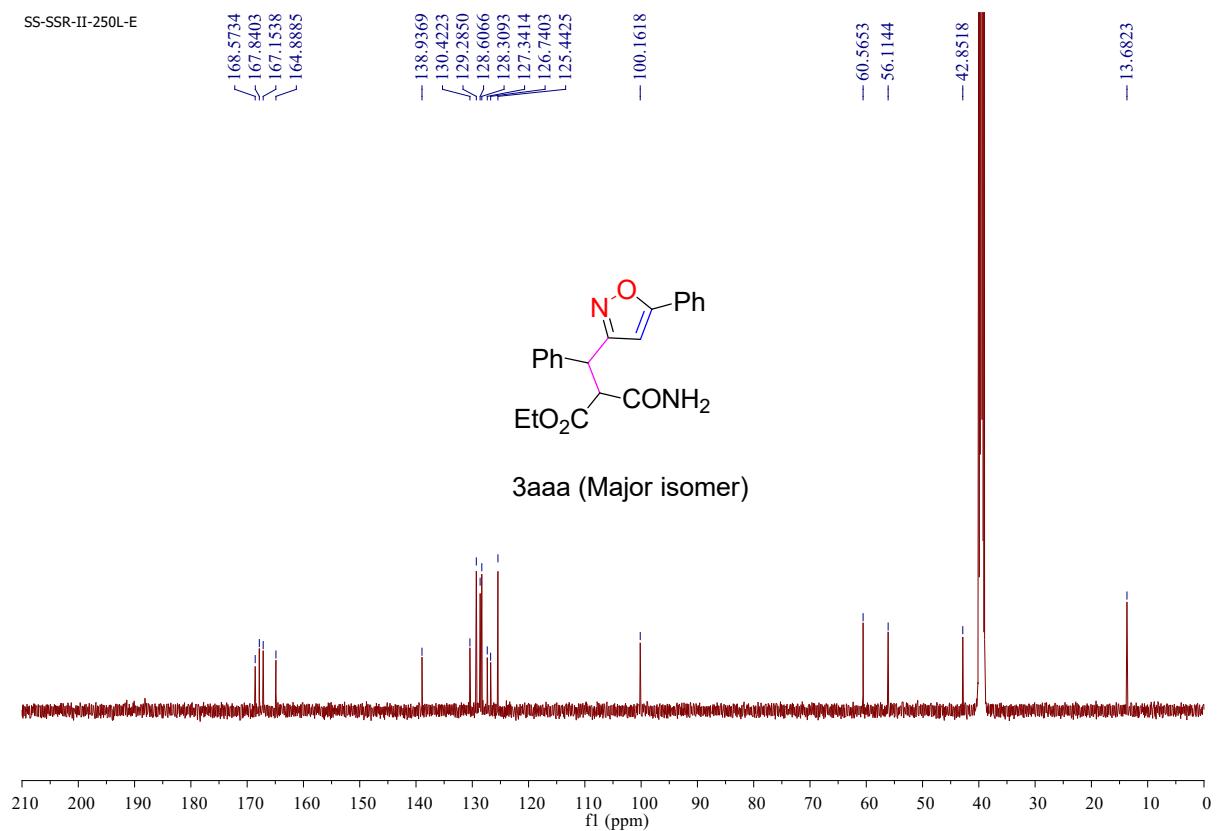
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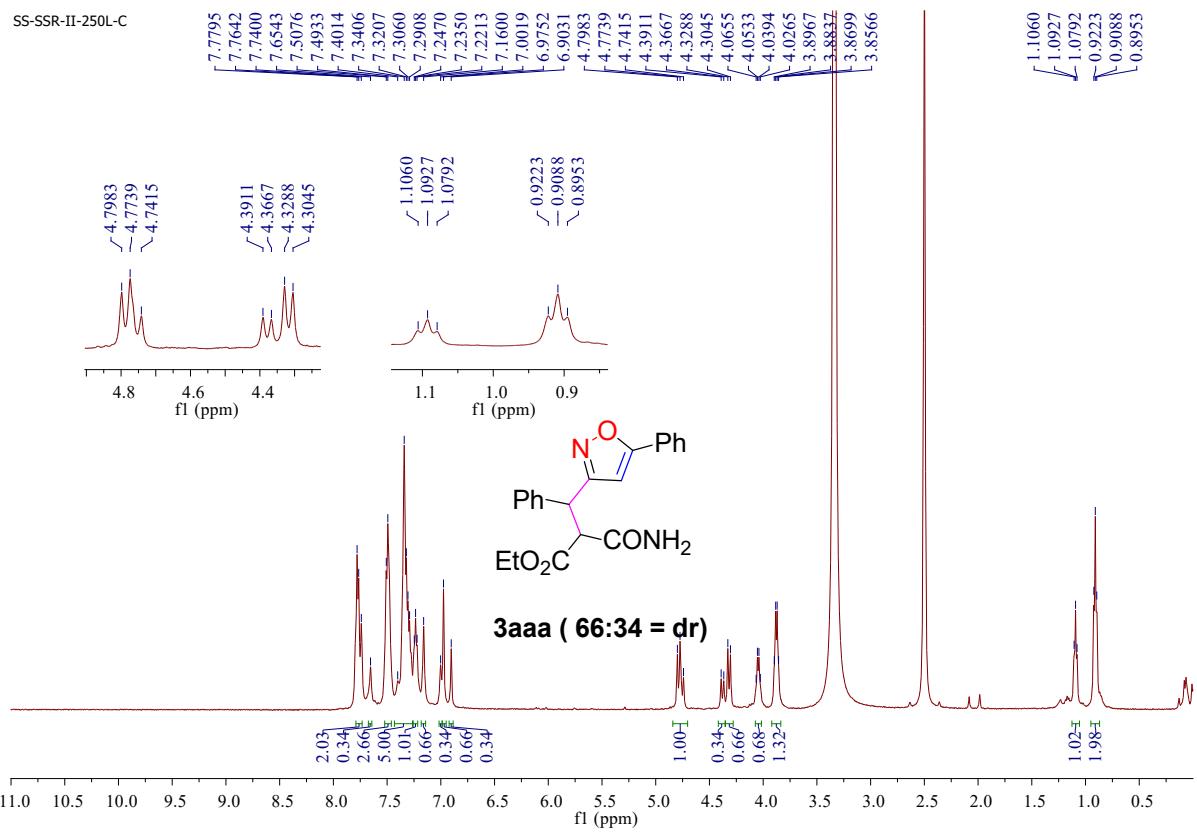


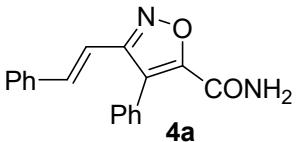
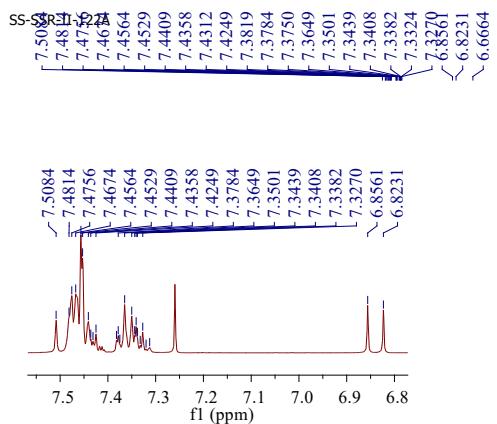
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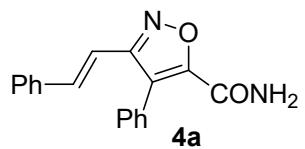
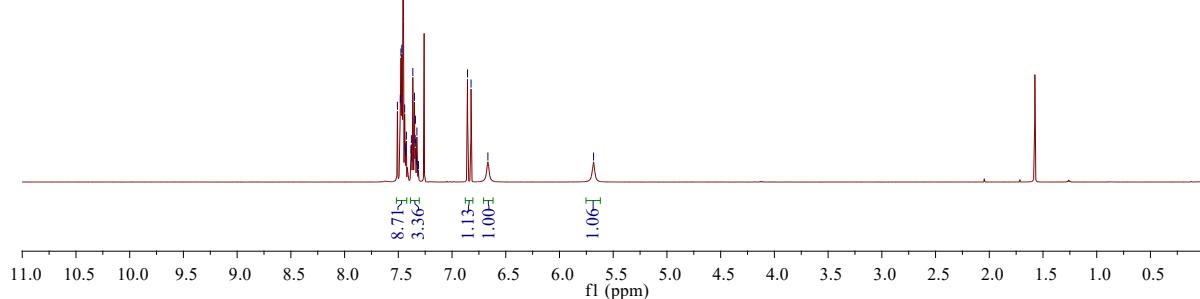
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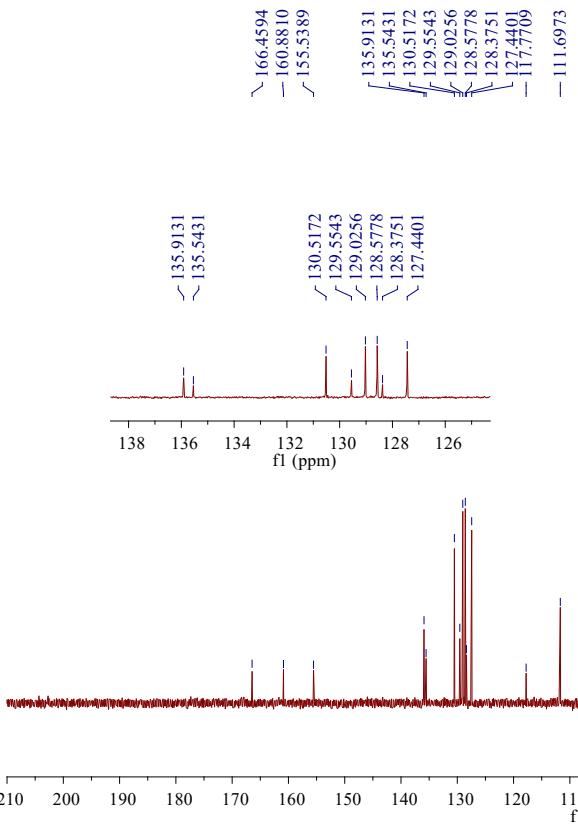


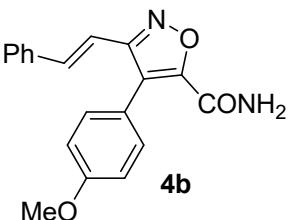


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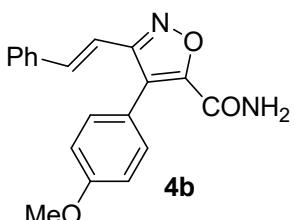
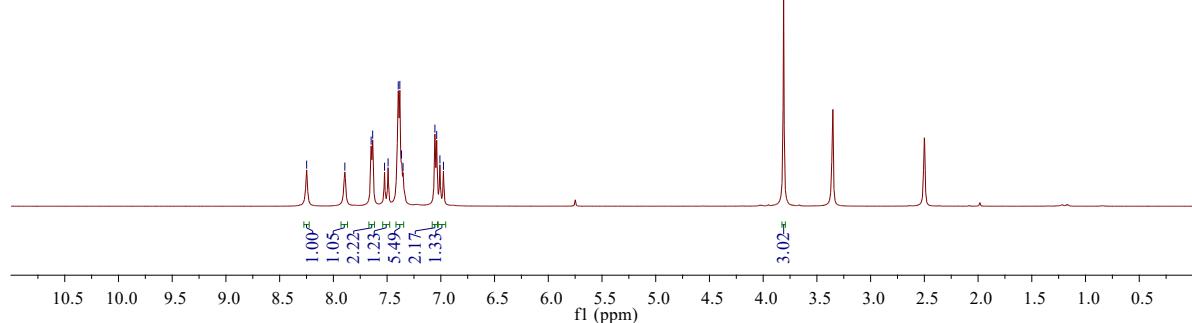


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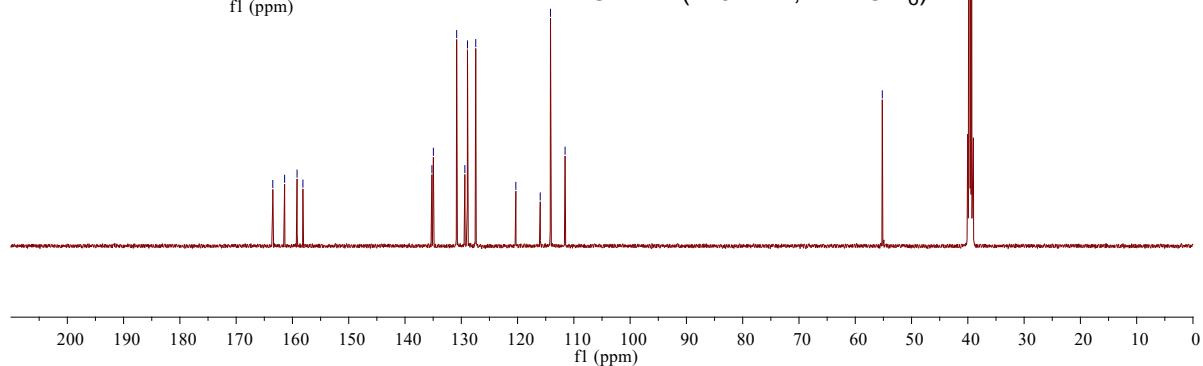


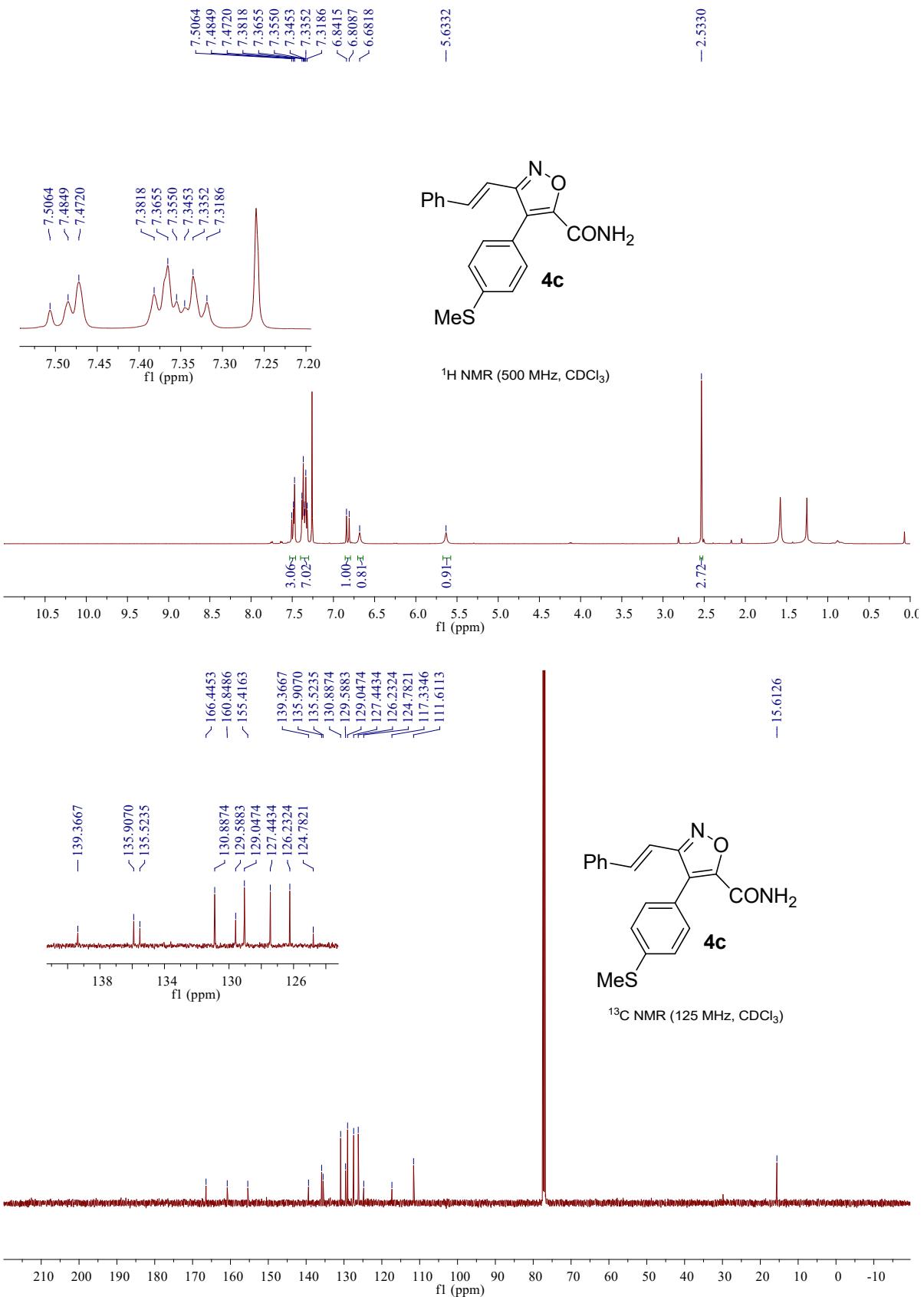


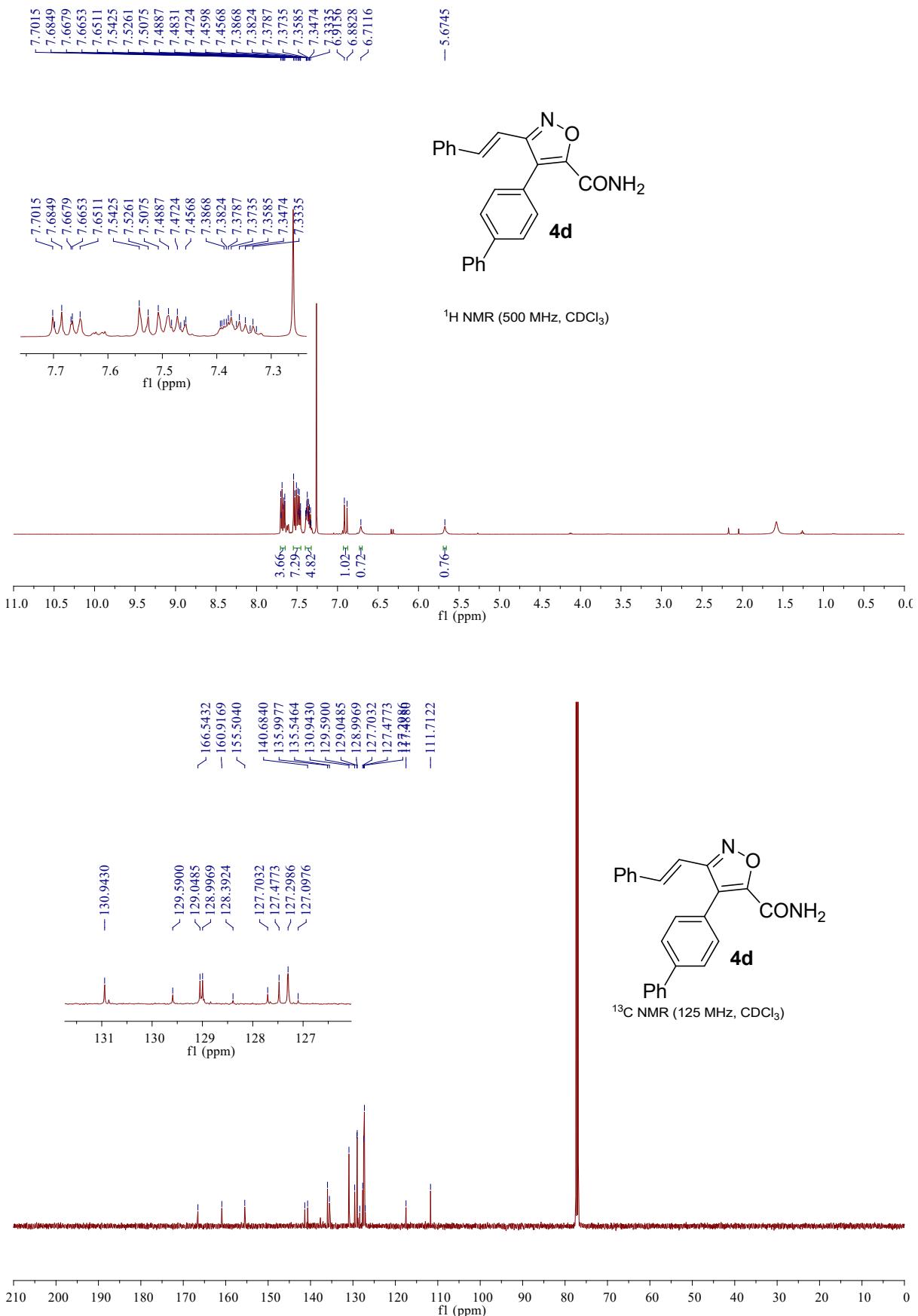
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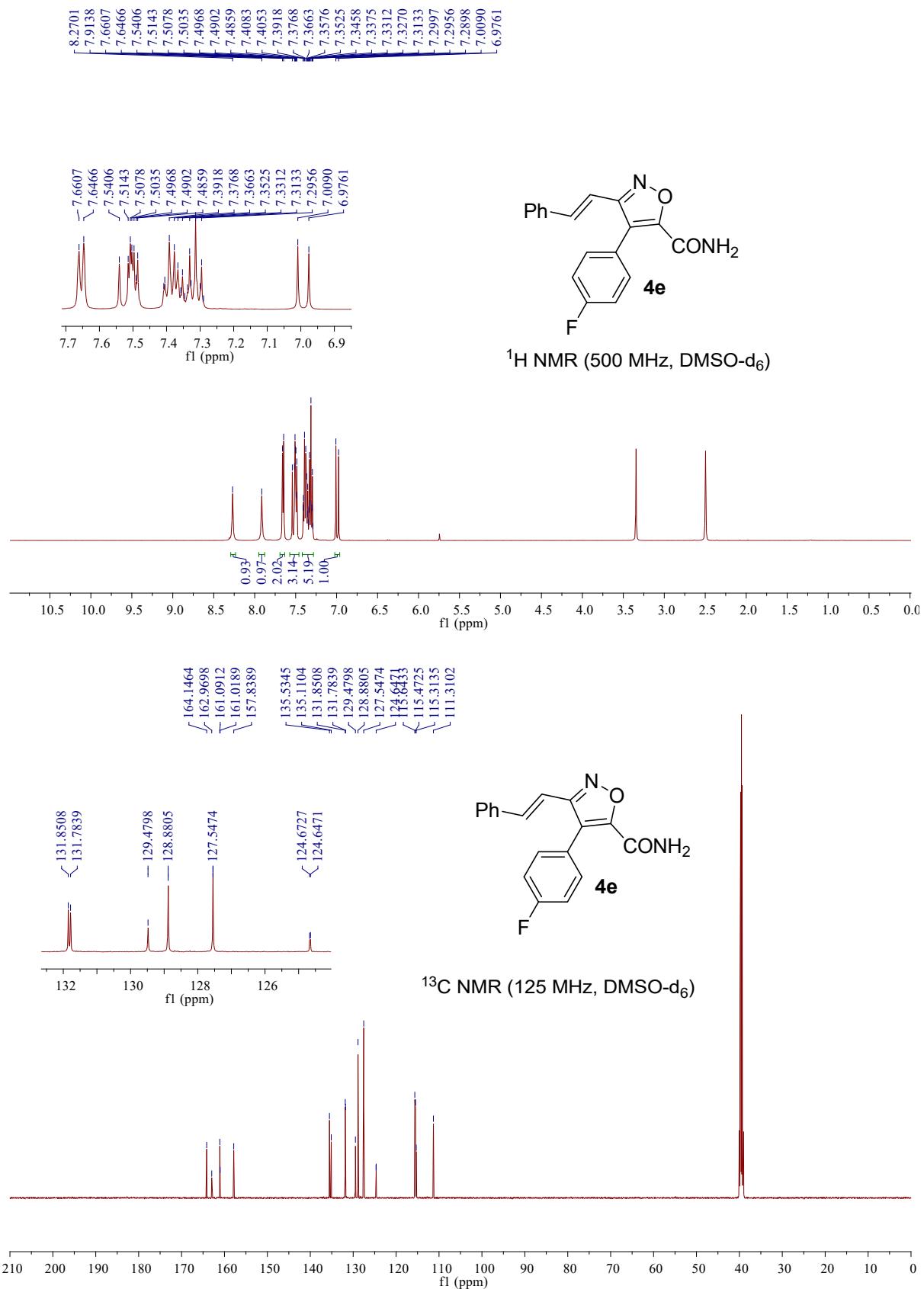


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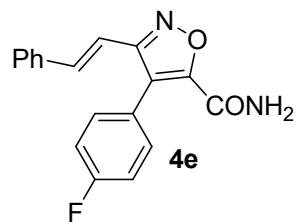




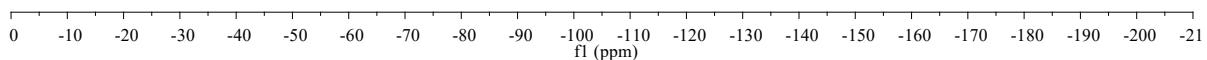


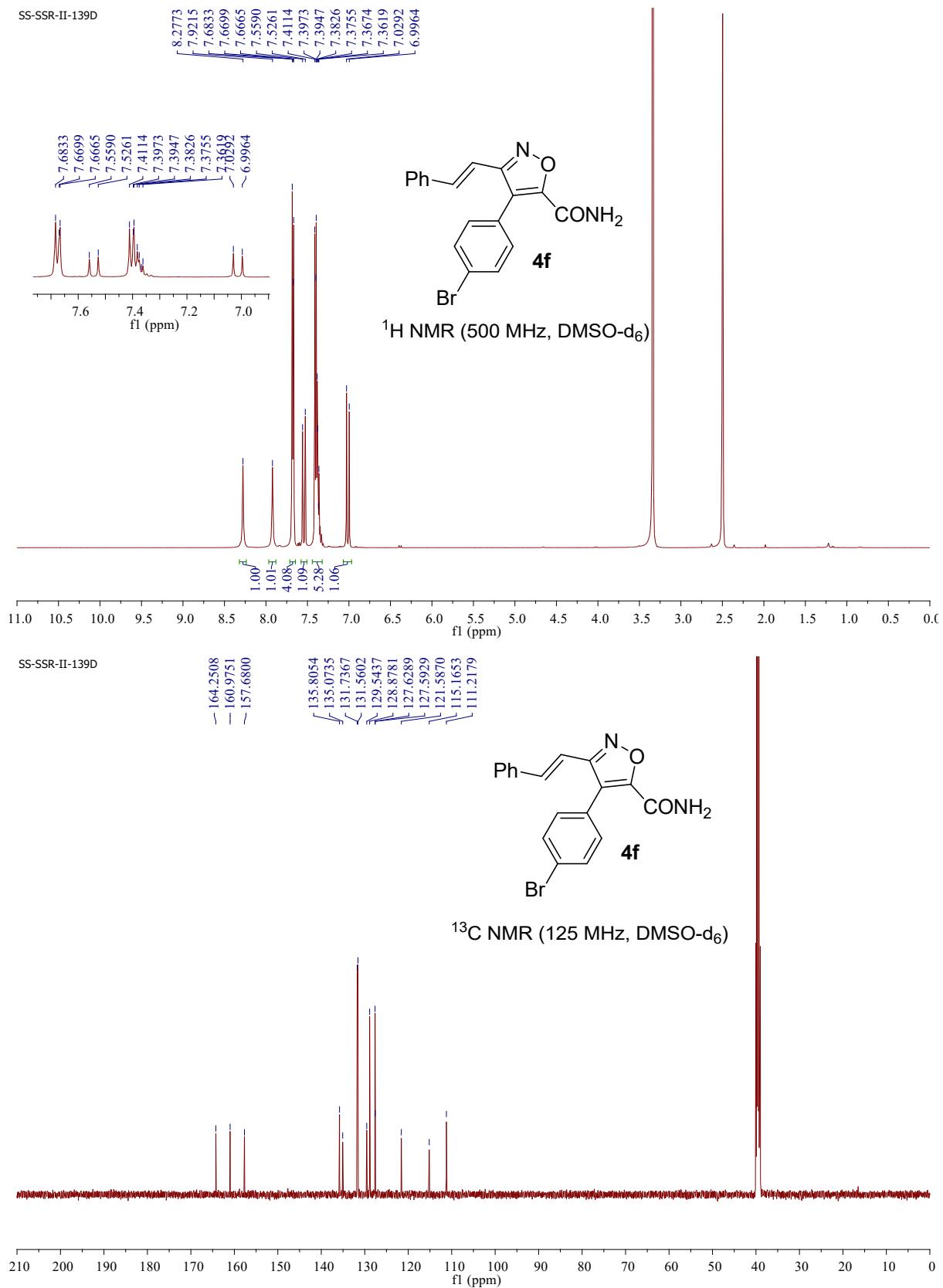


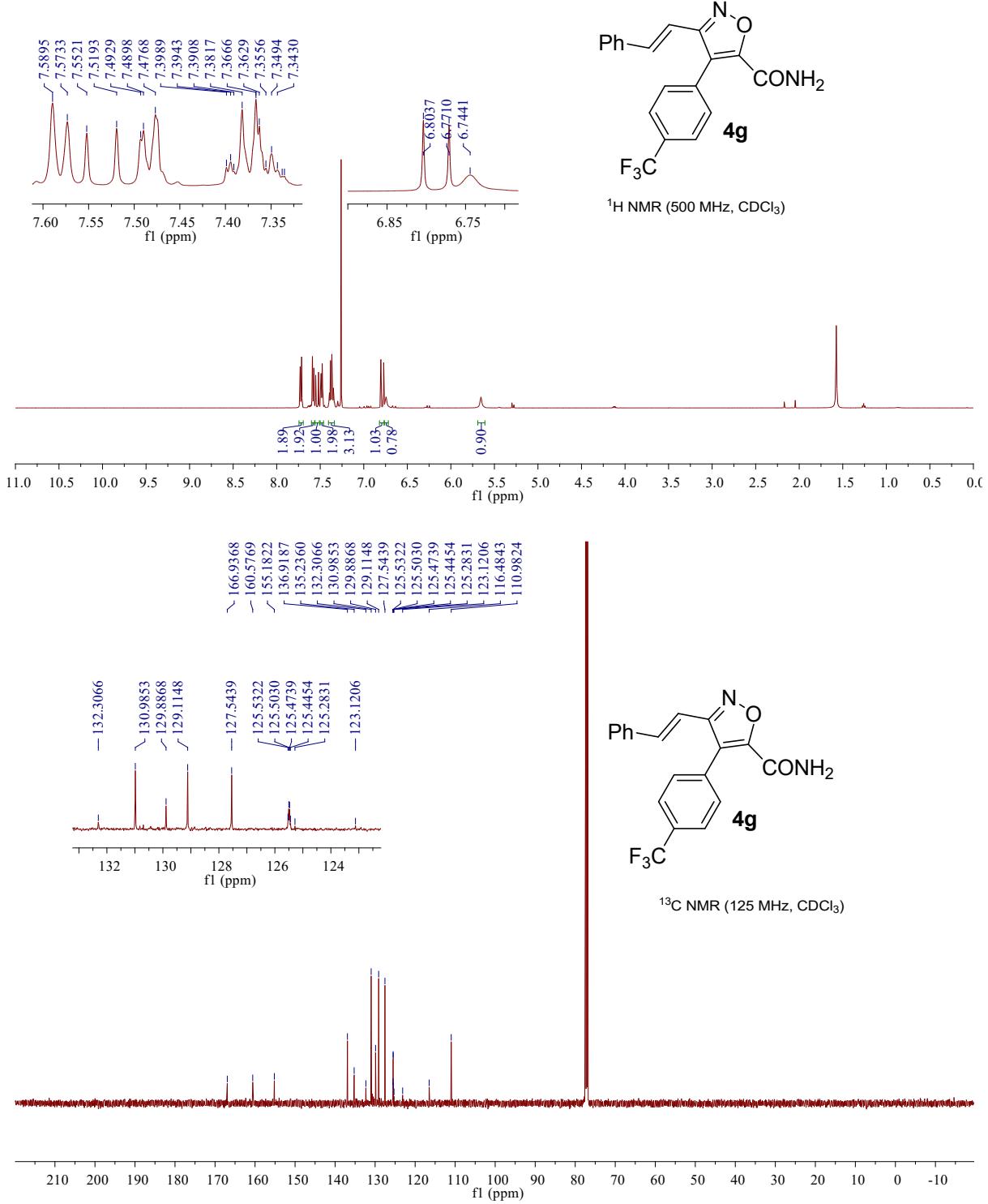
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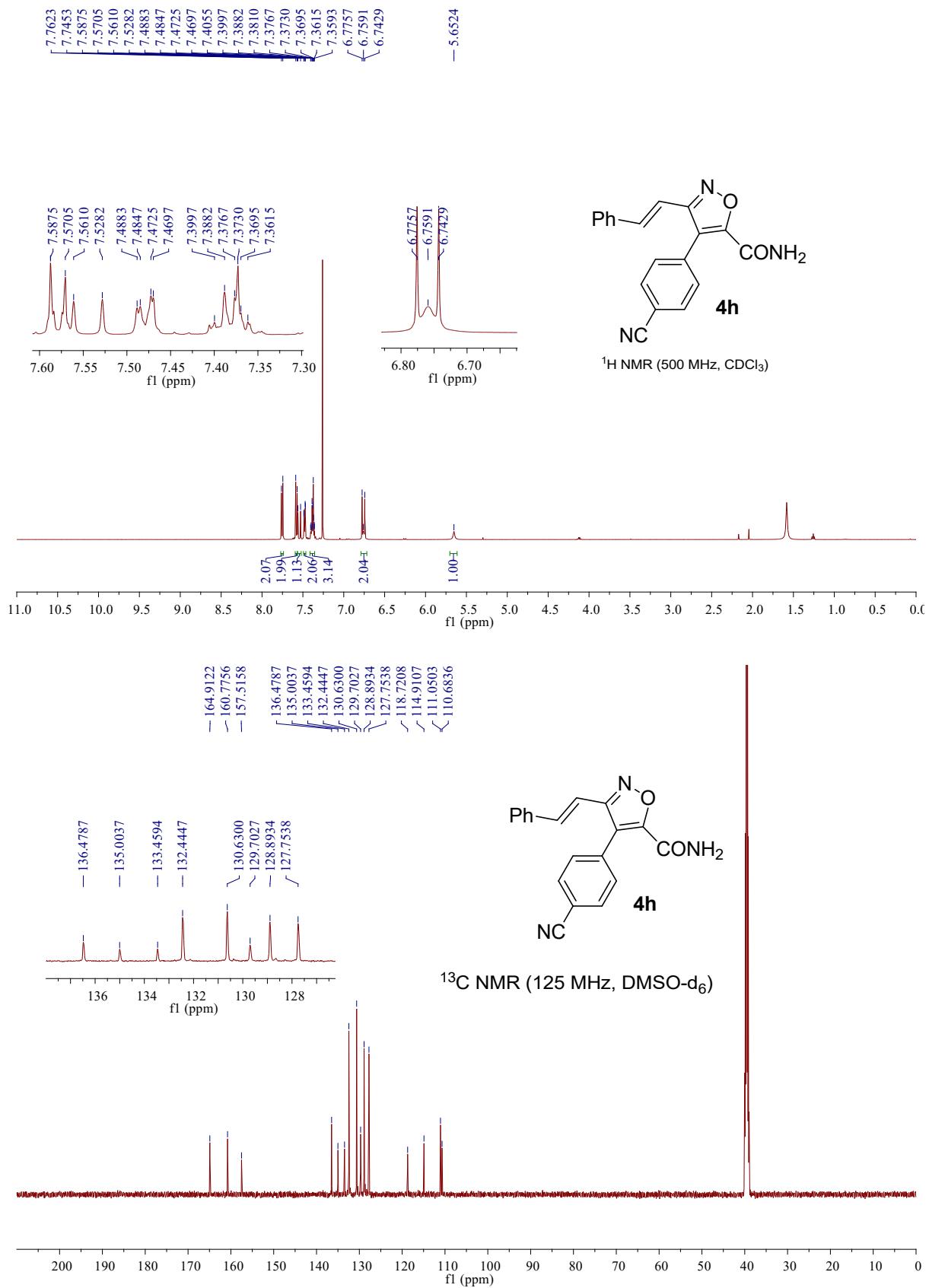


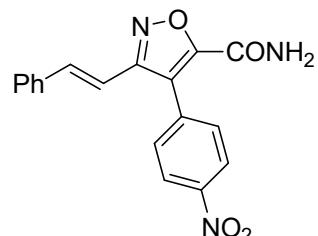
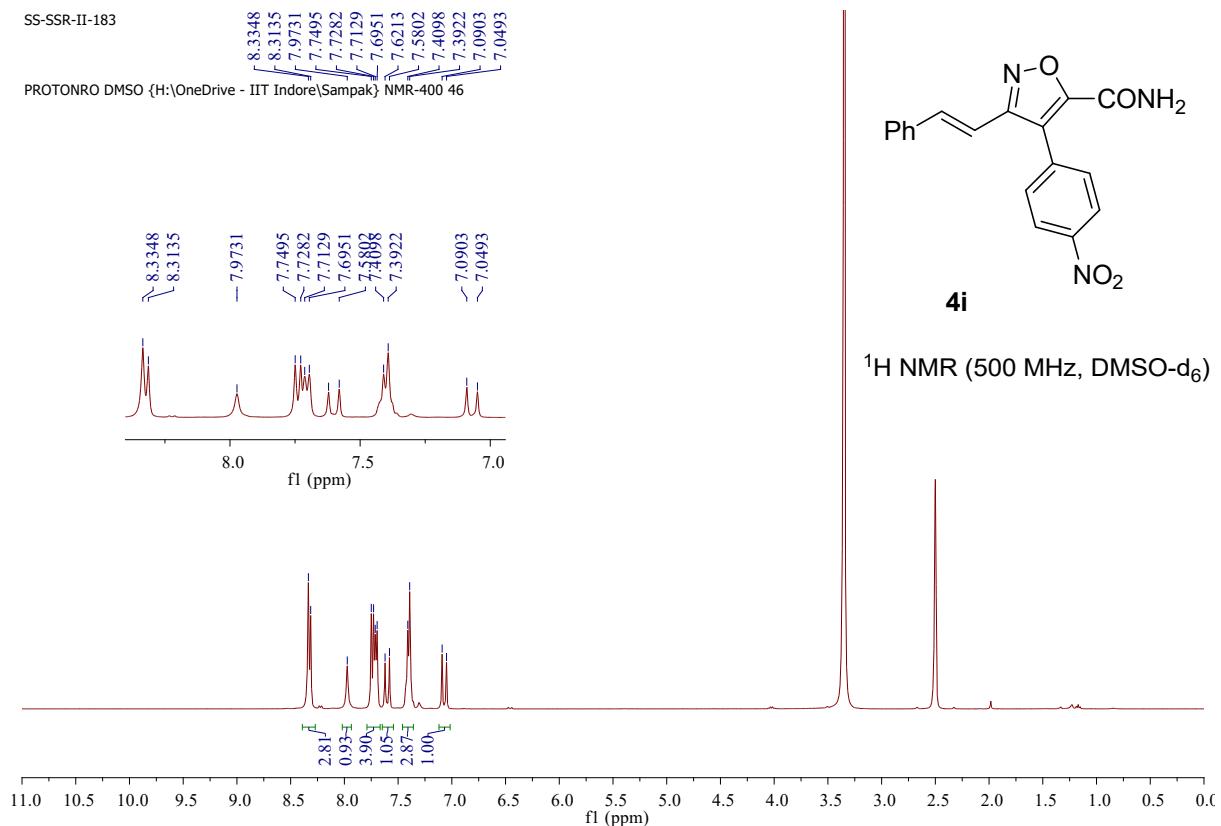
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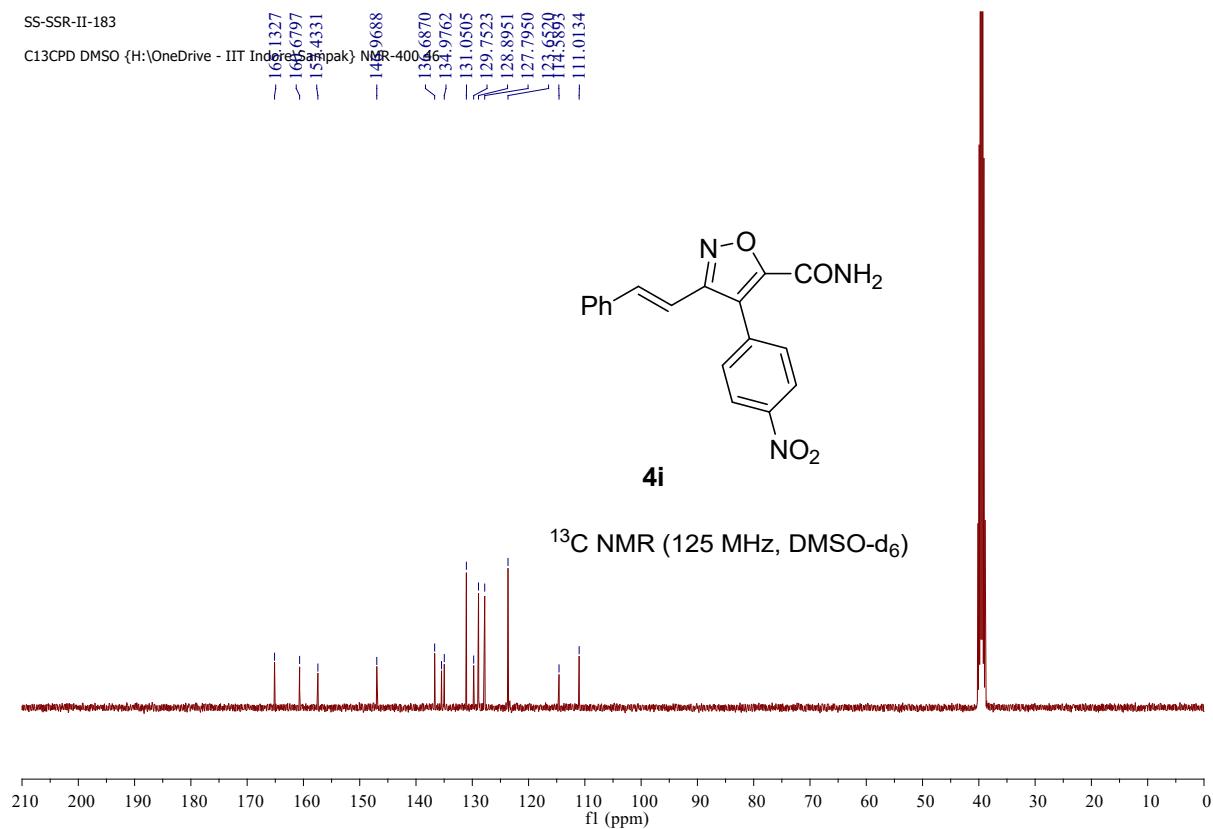


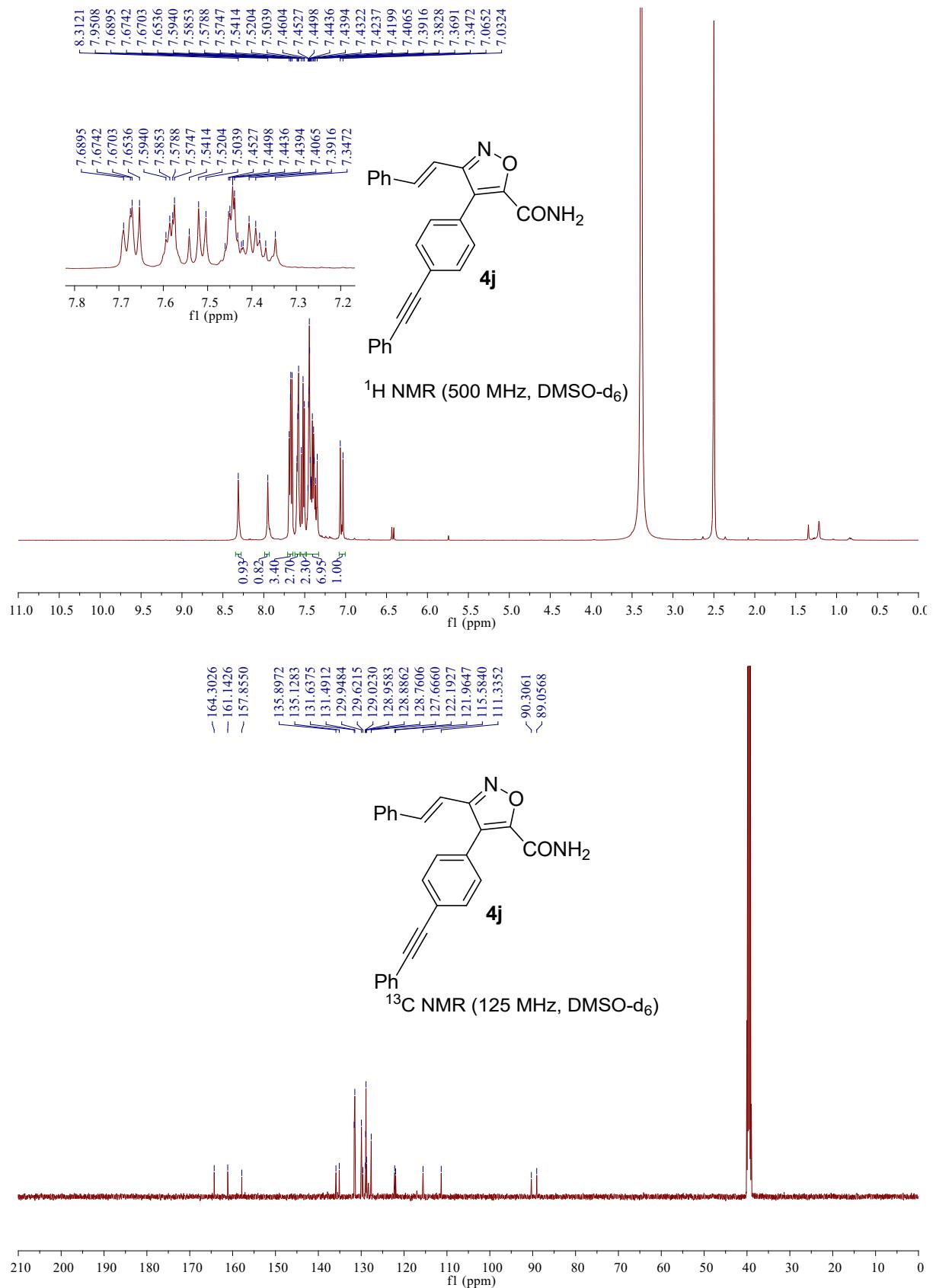


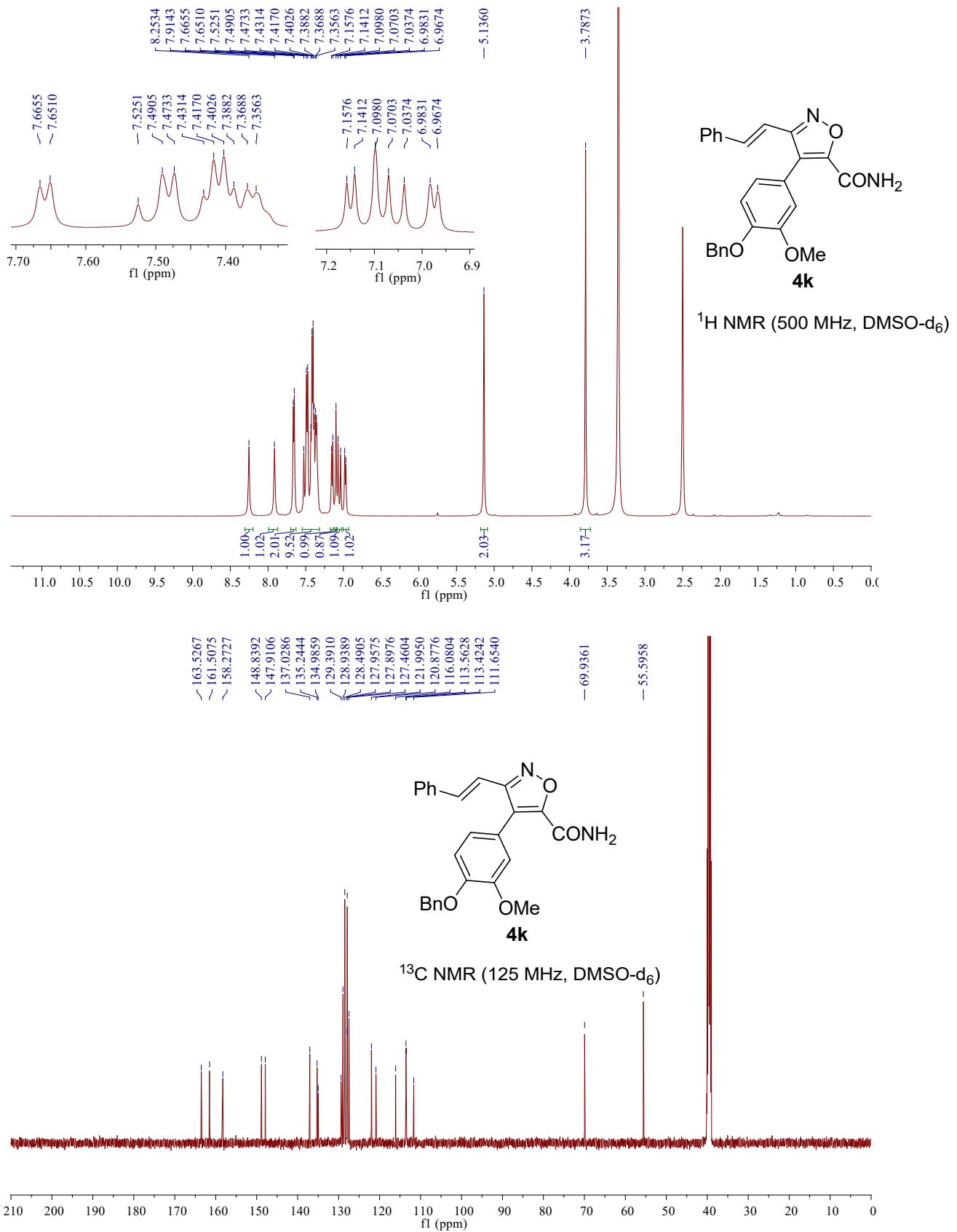


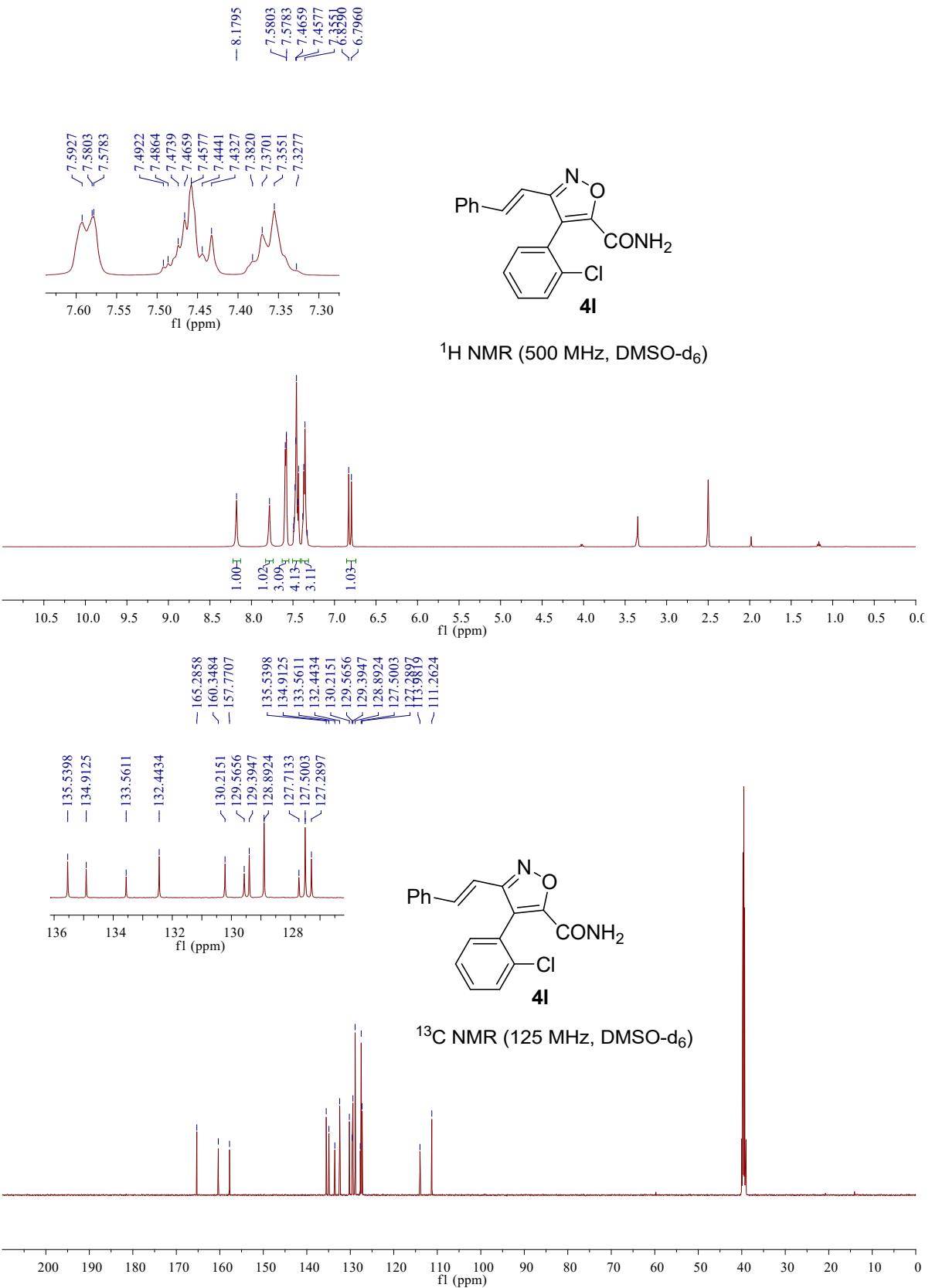


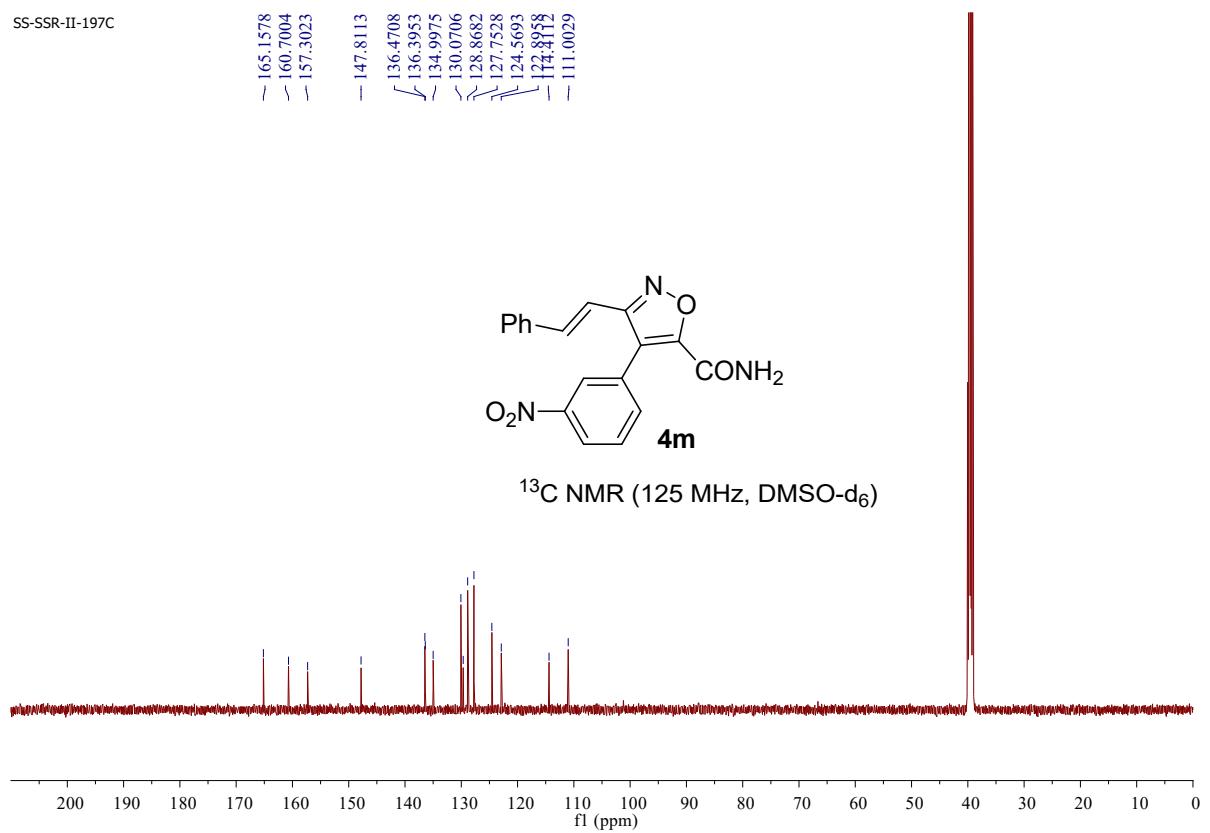
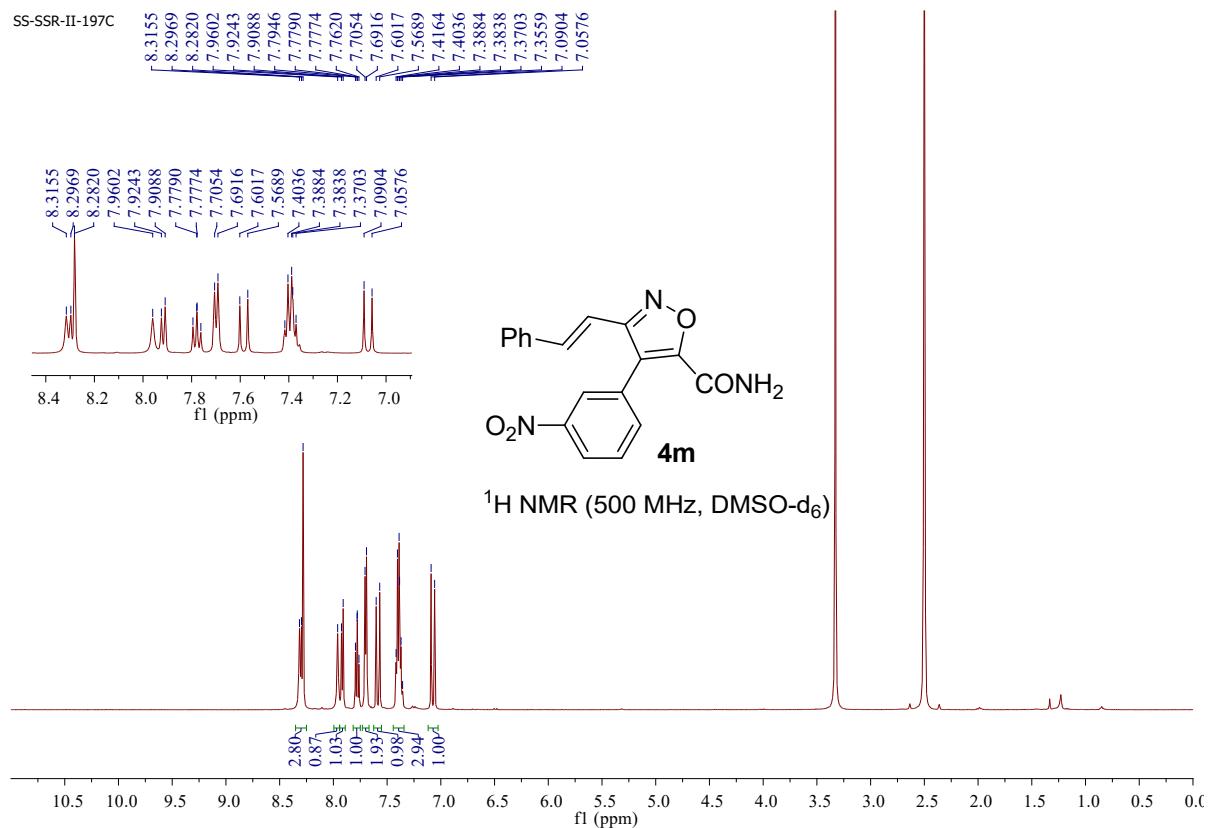
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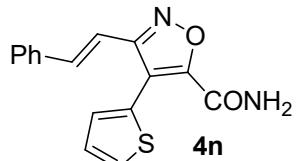




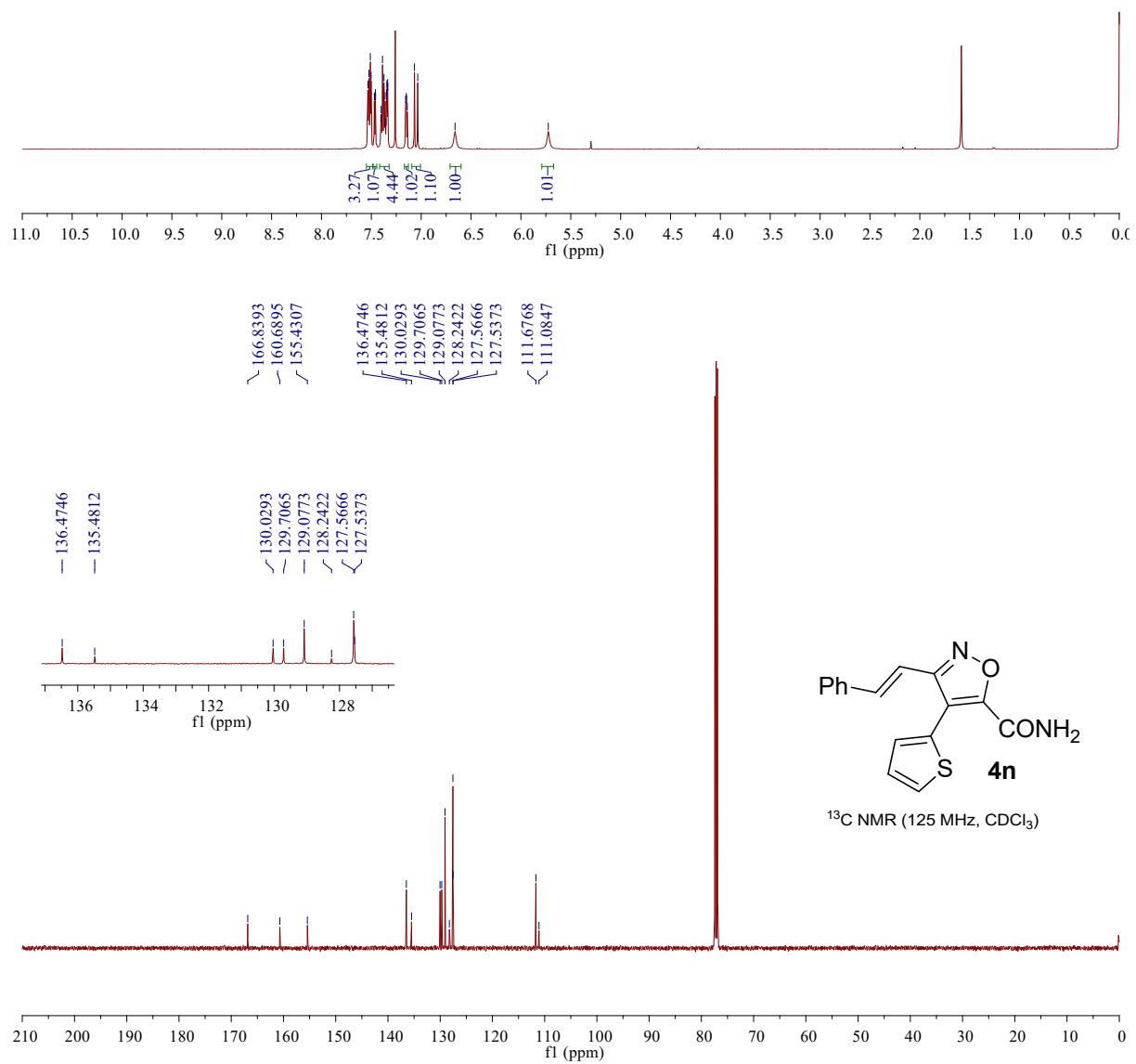


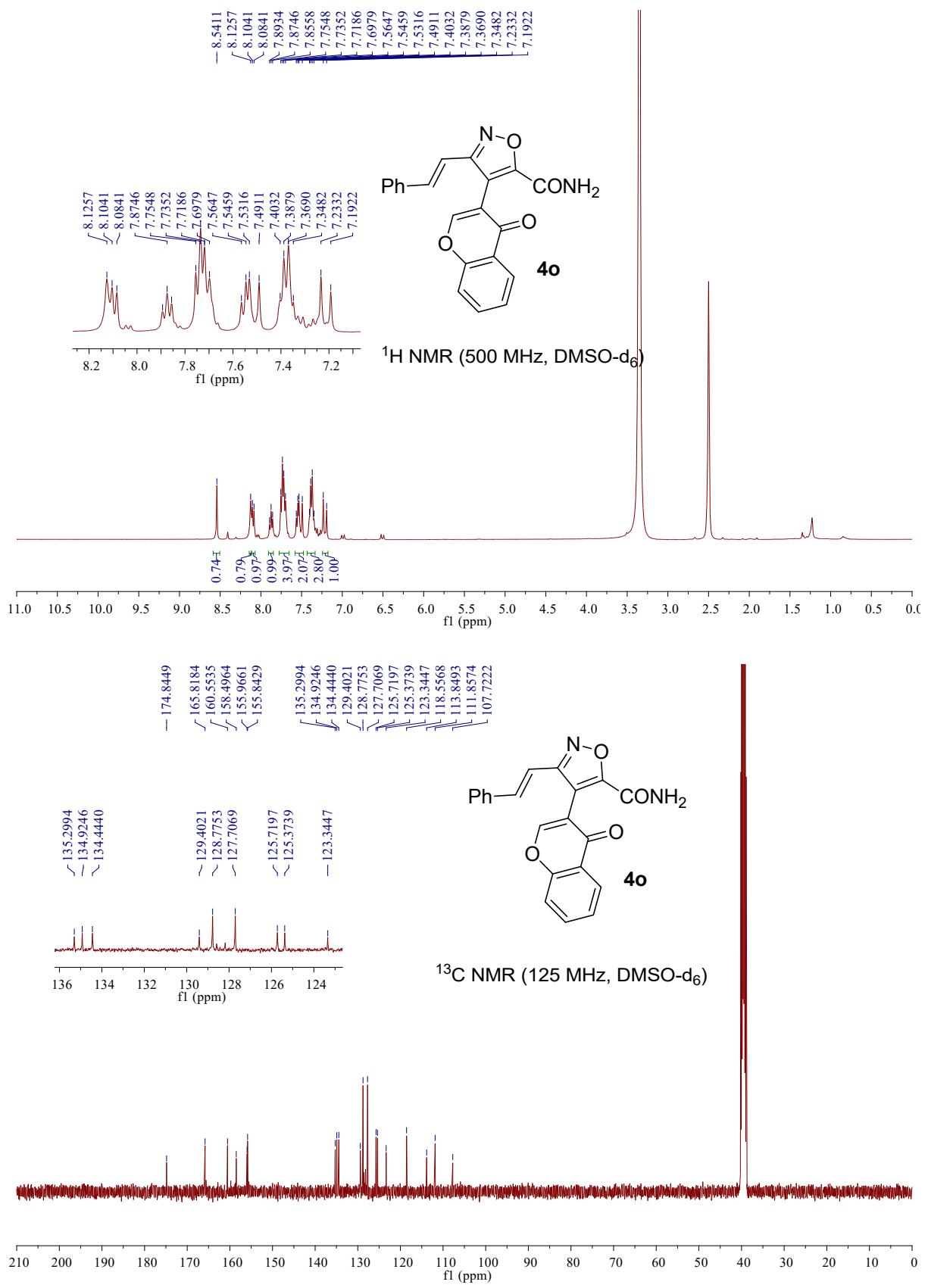




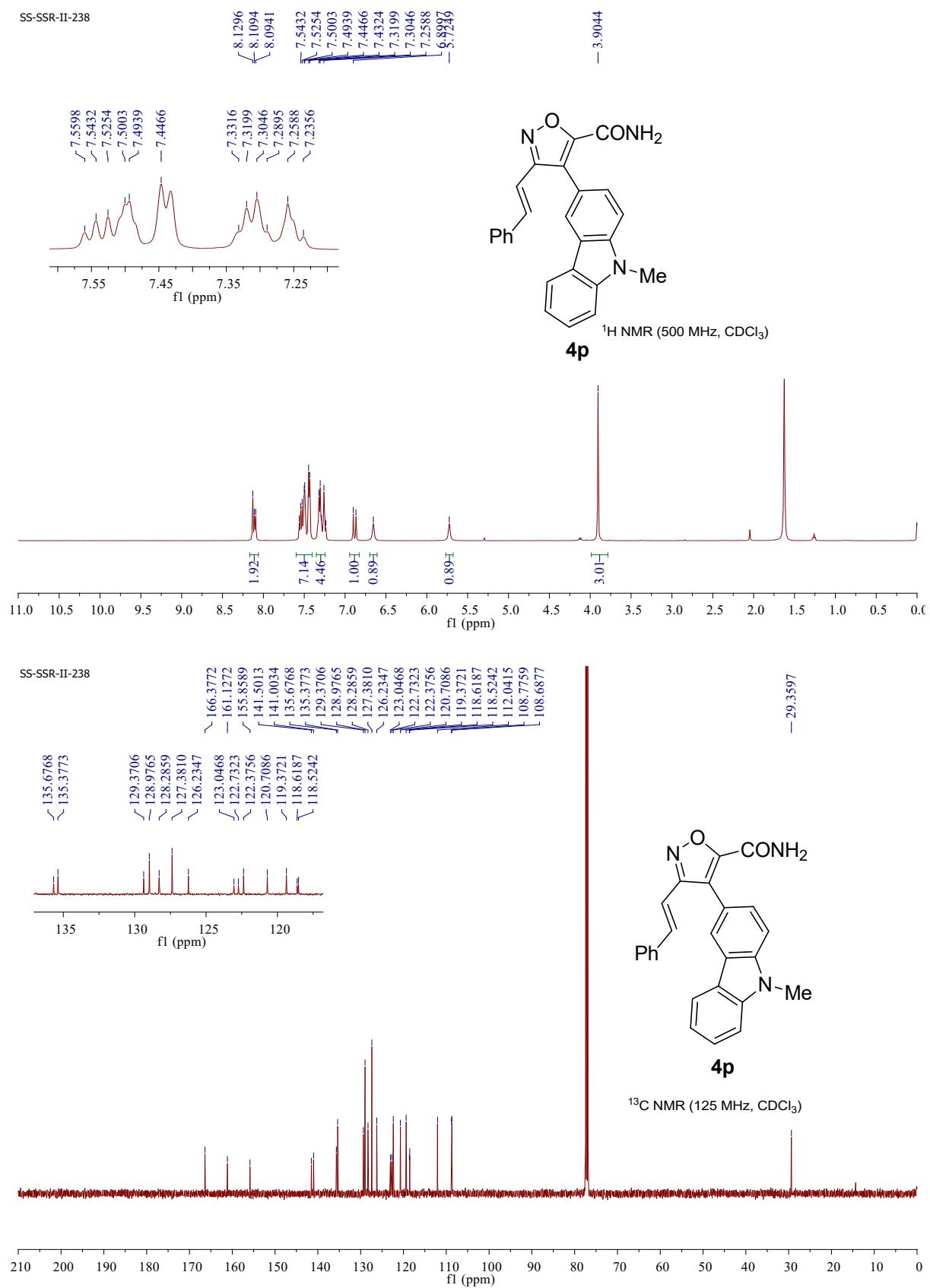


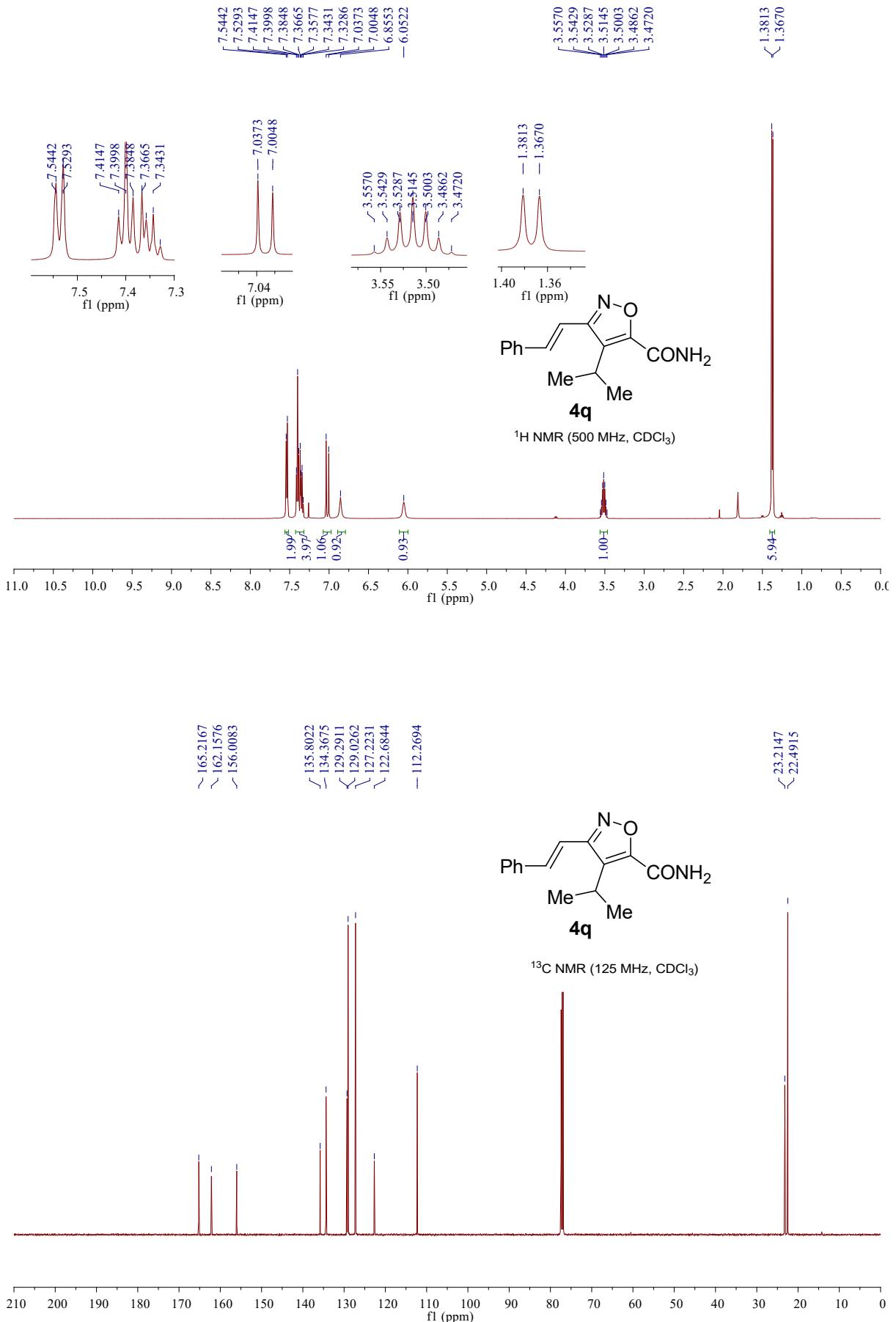
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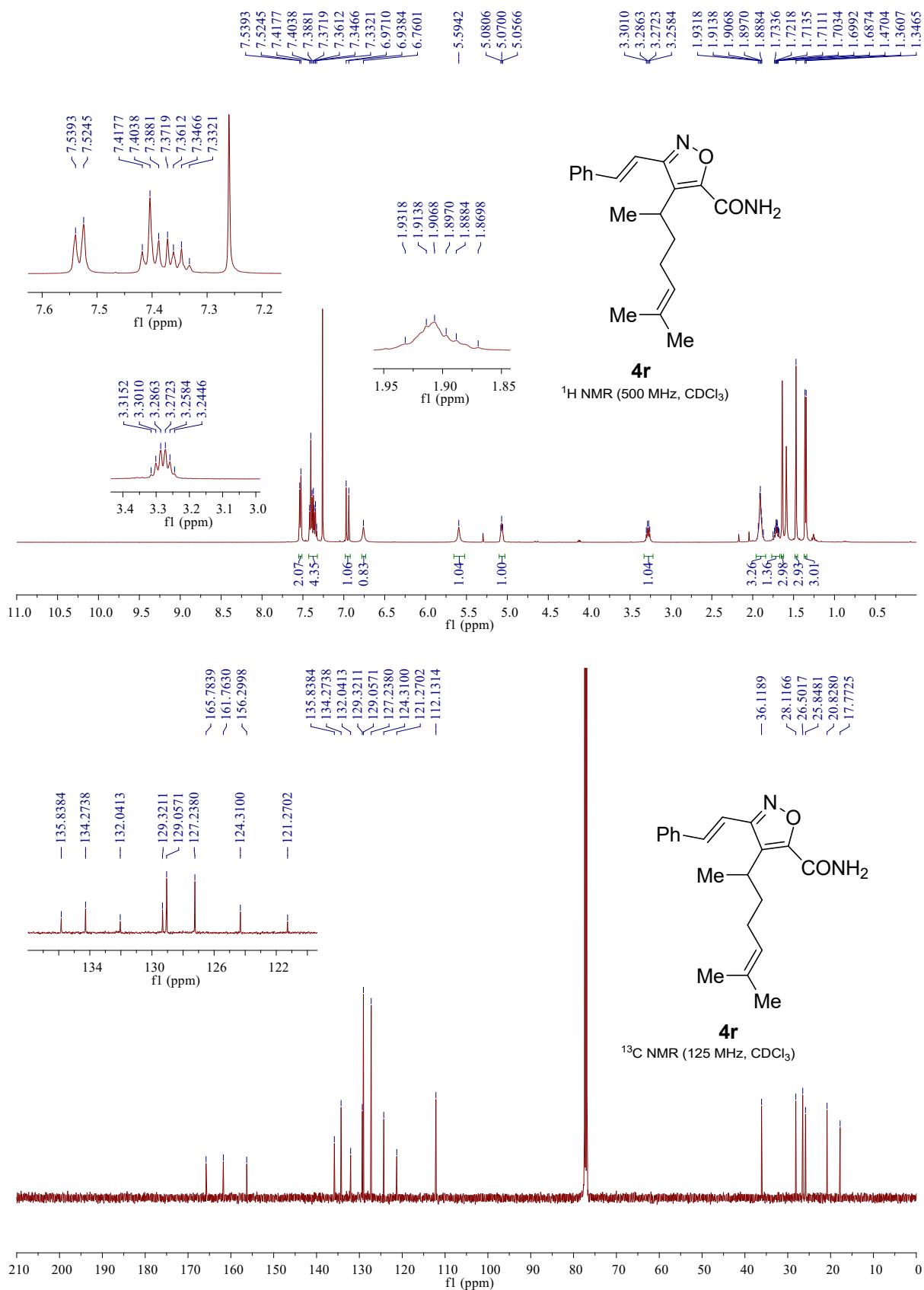


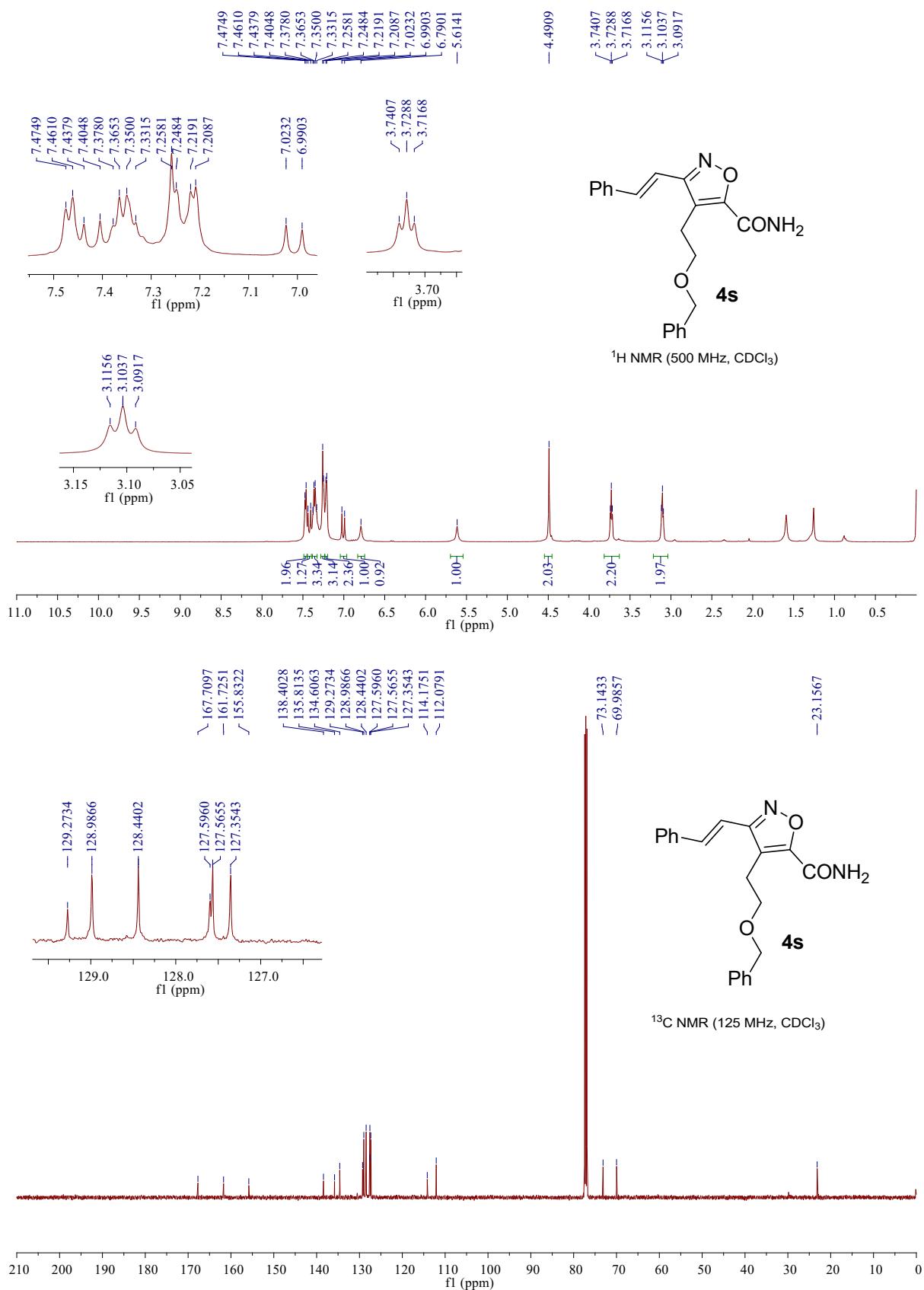


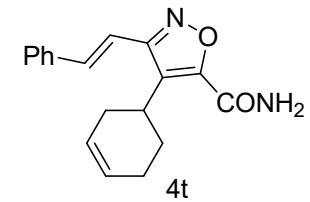
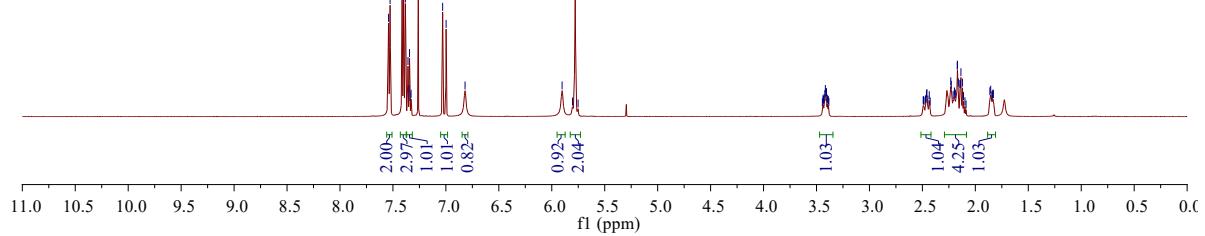
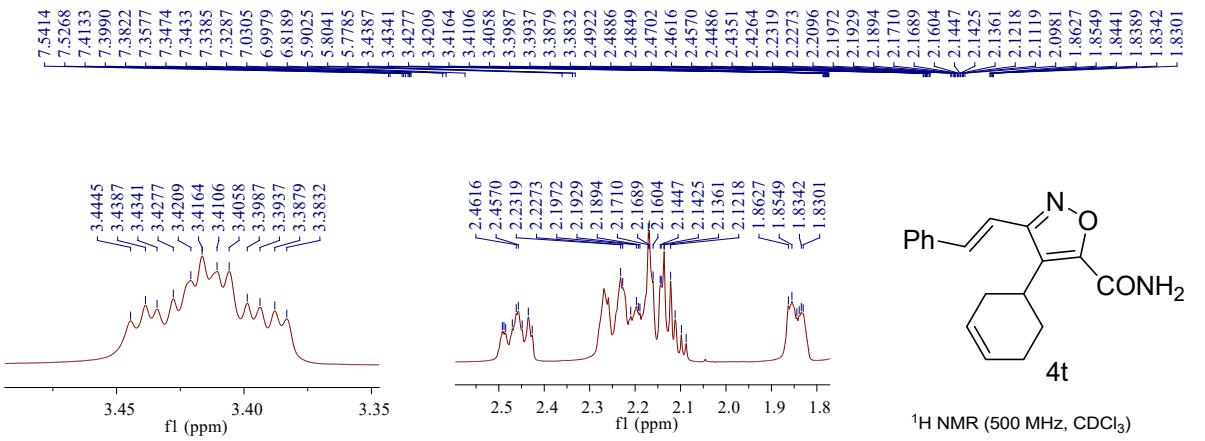
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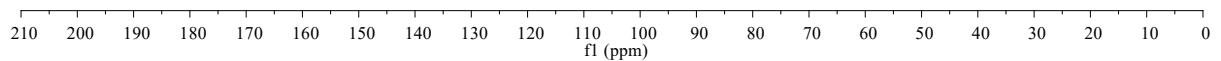
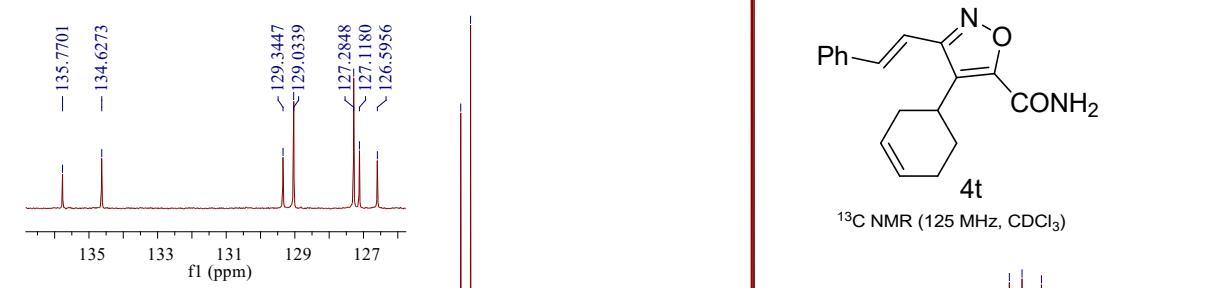


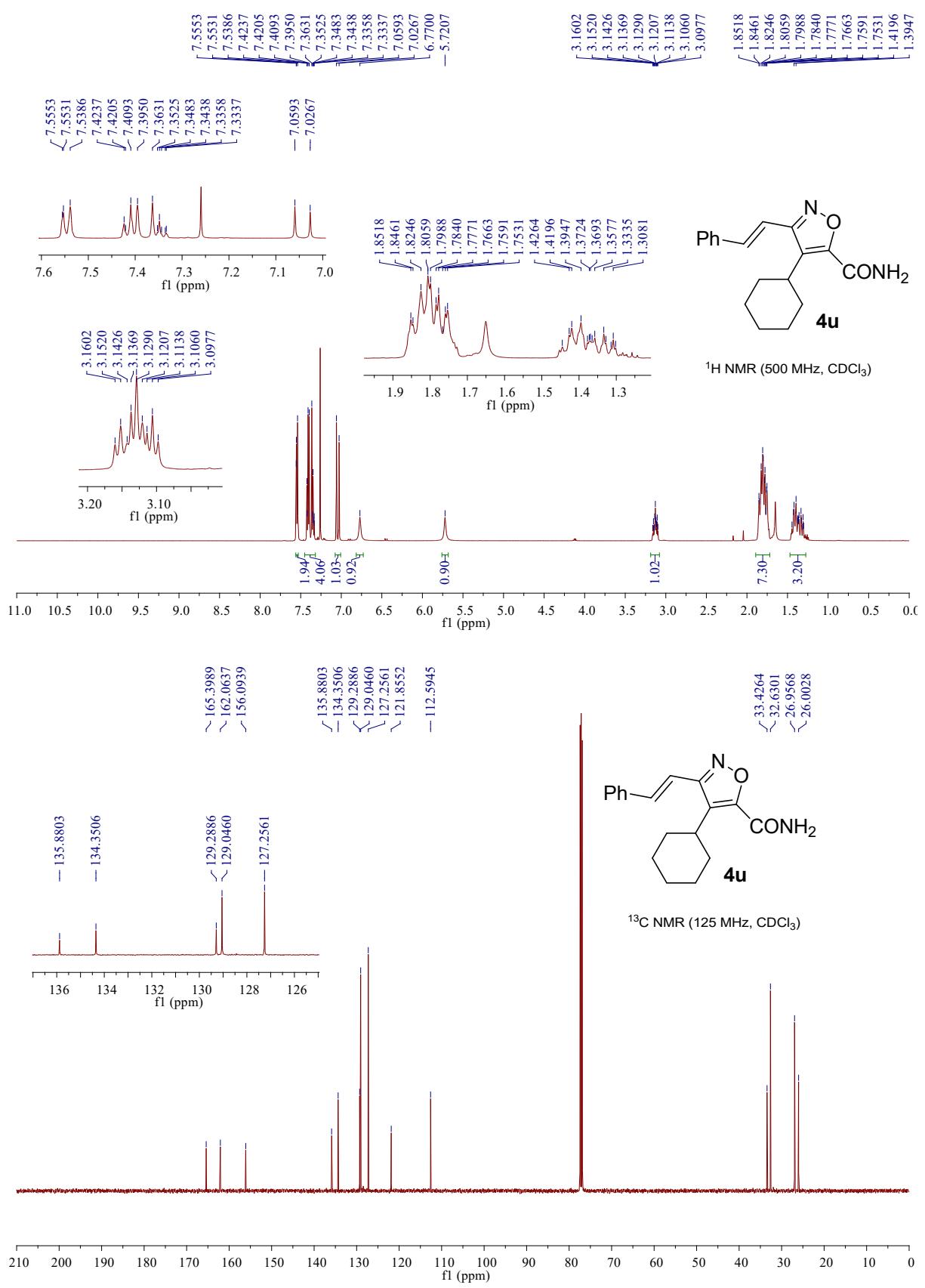




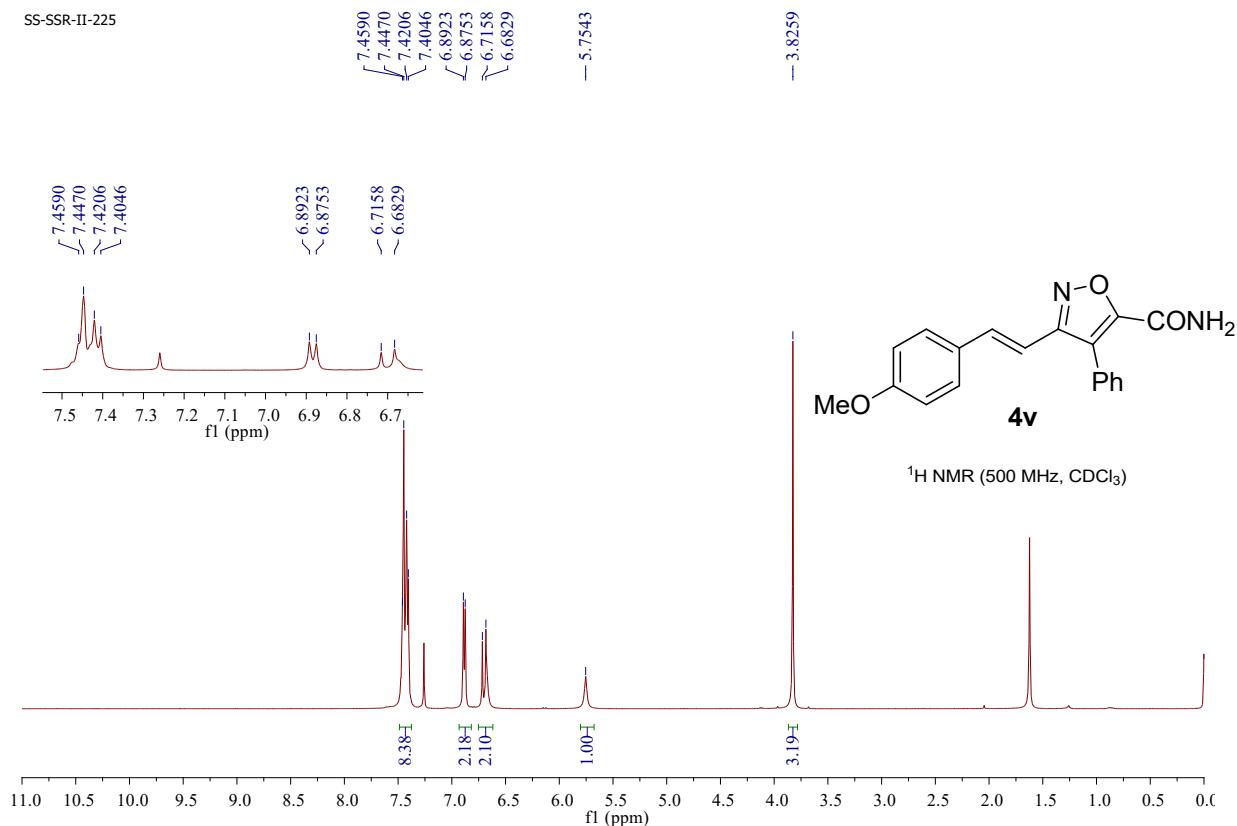


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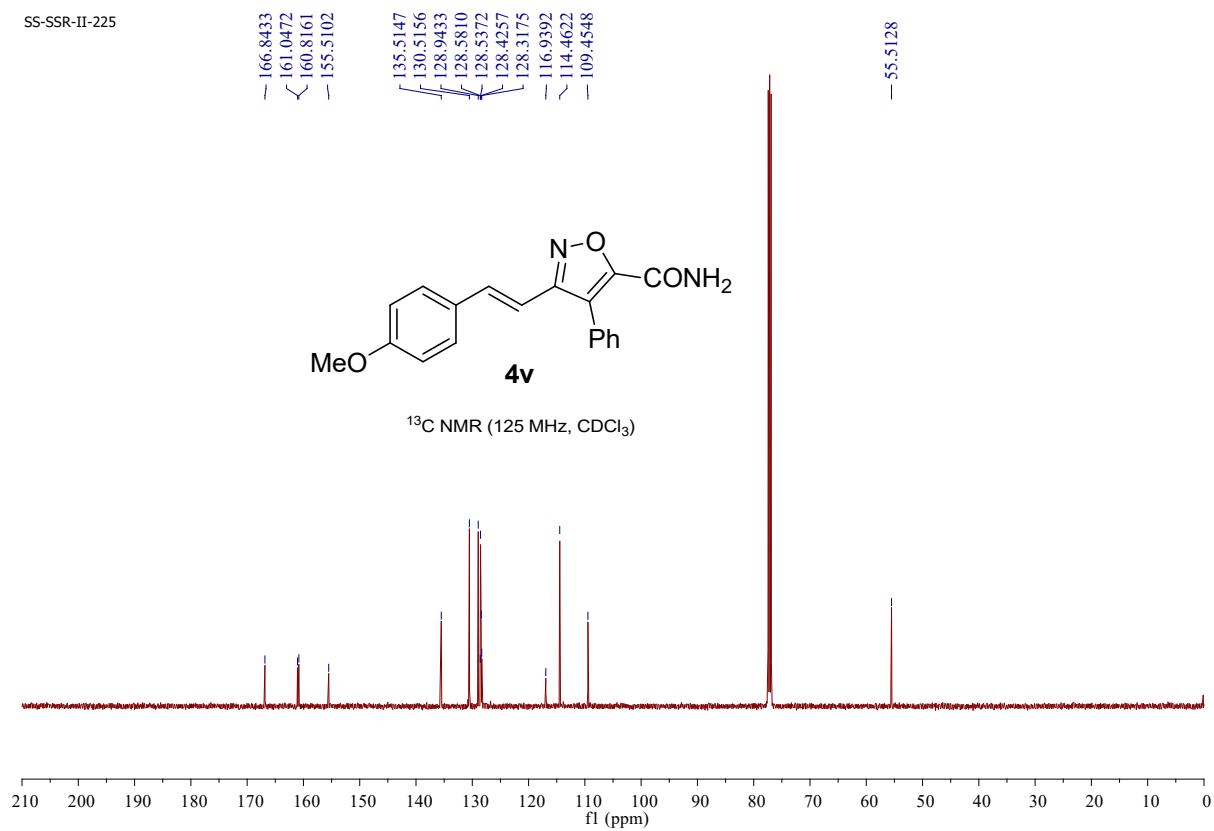




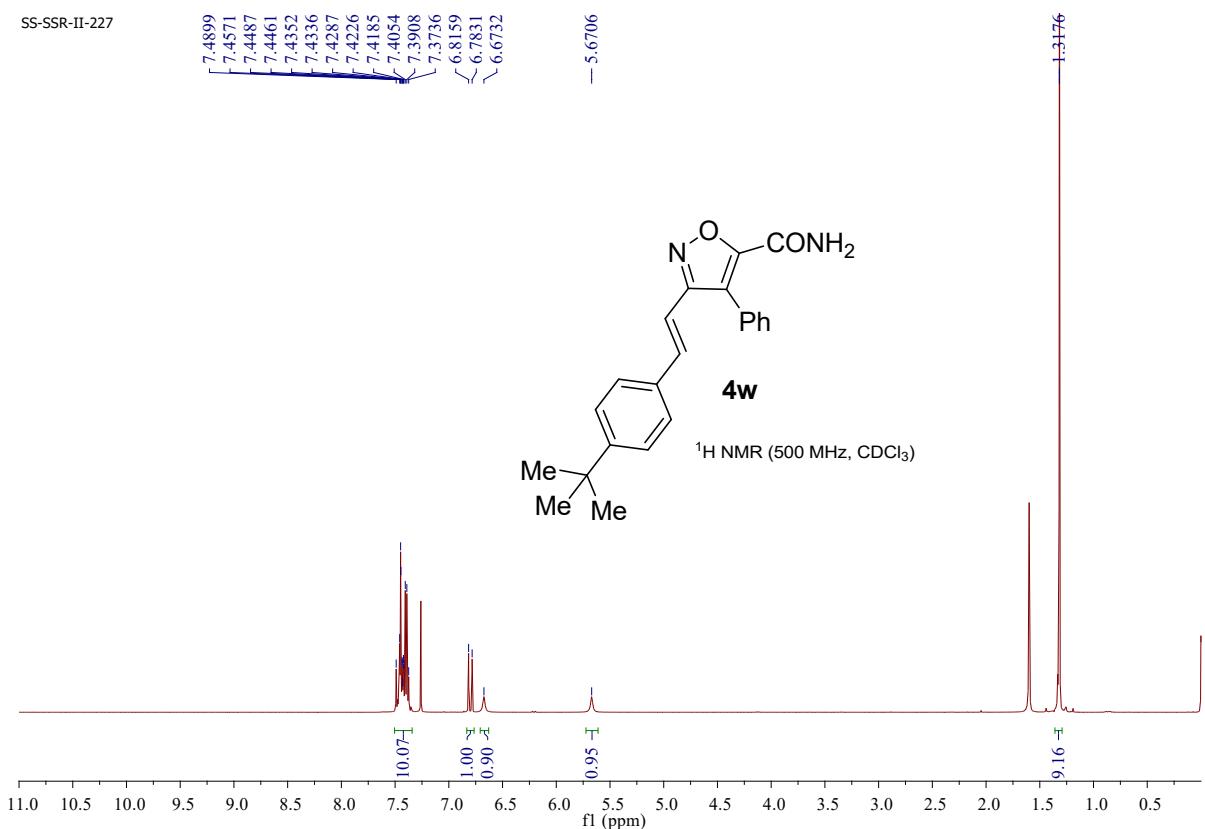
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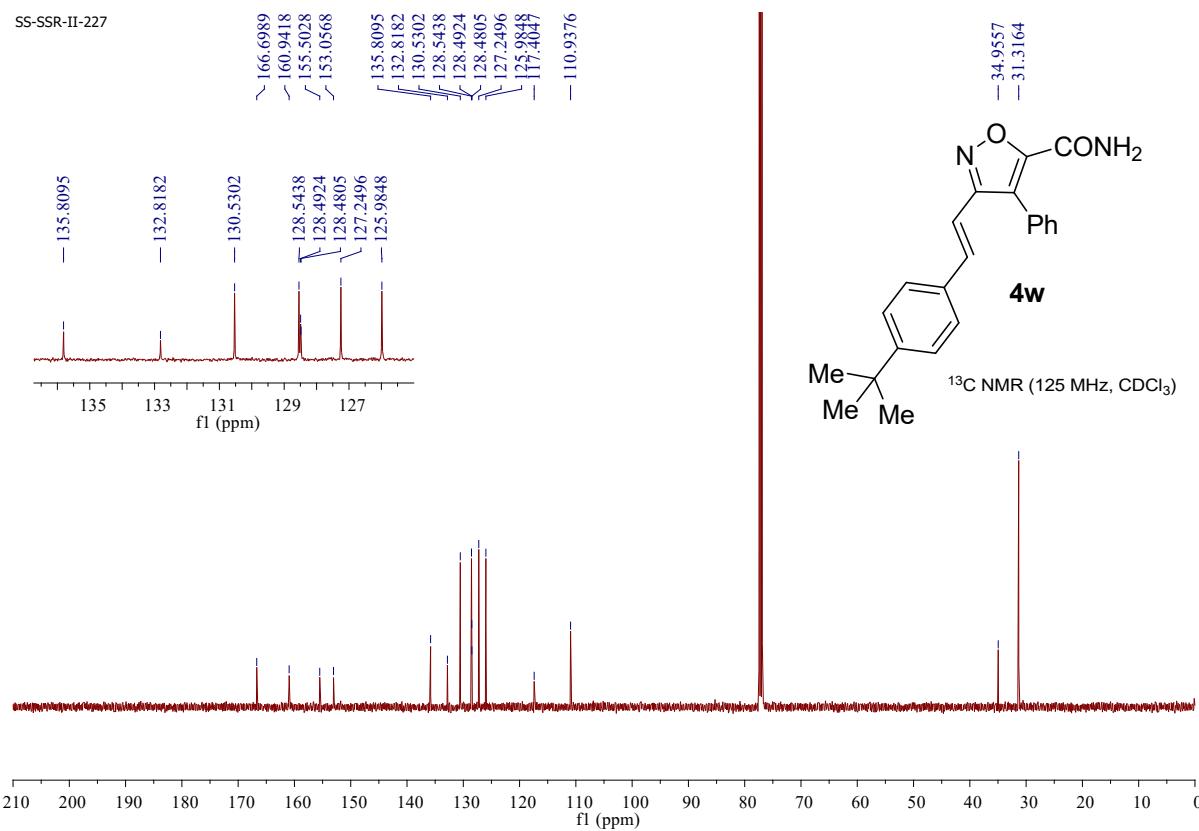
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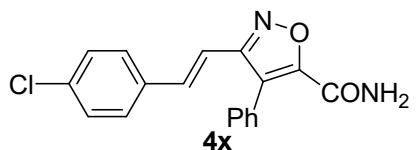
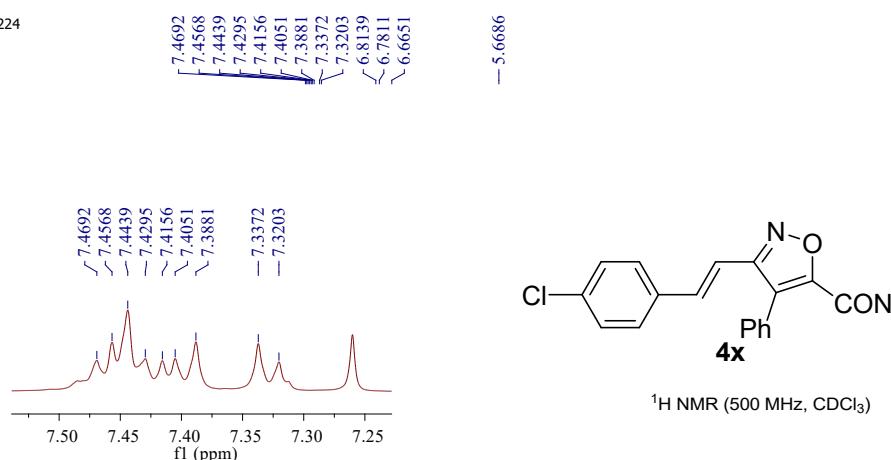
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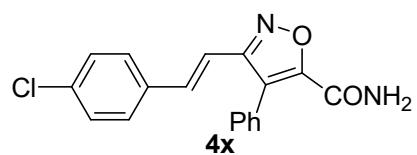
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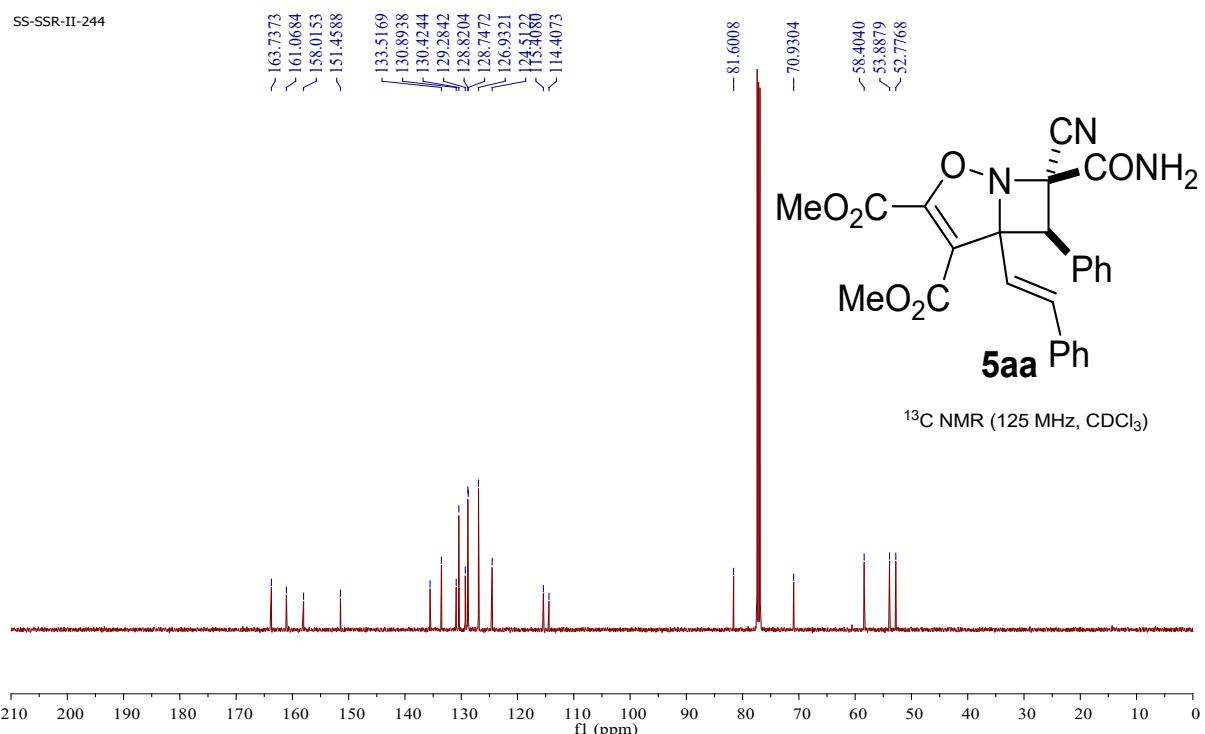
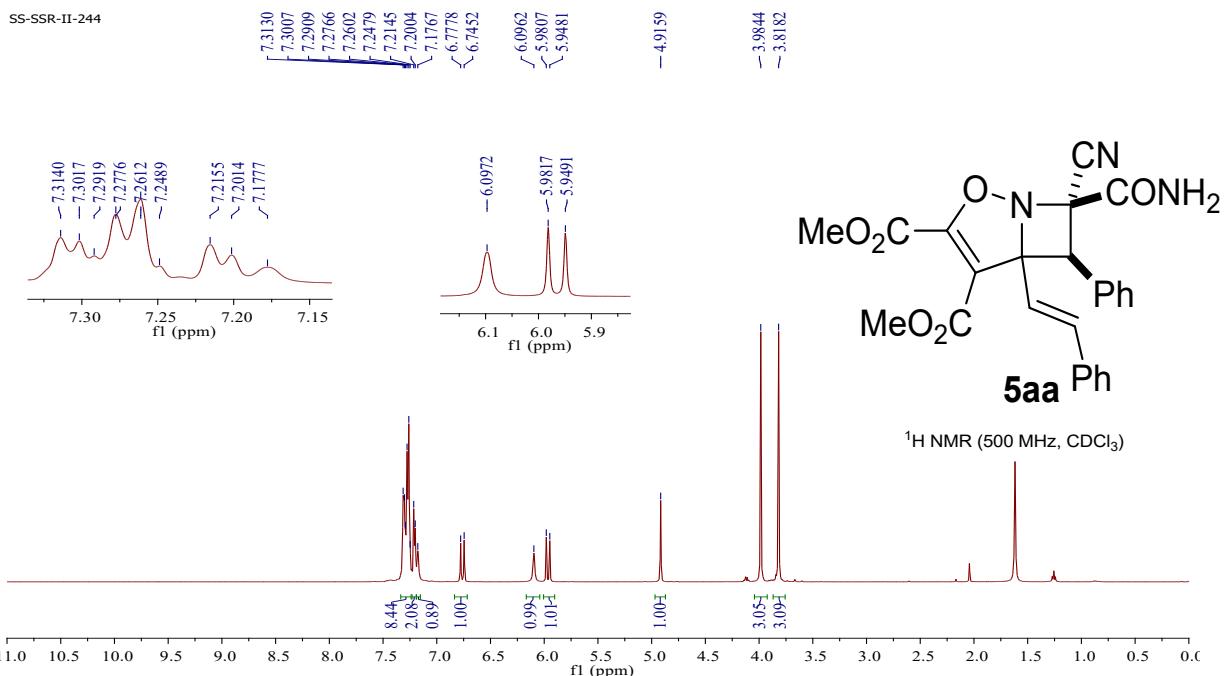
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

The figure shows a ^1H NMR spectrum with the x-axis labeled "fl (ppm)" ranging from 11.0 to 0.5. A sharp peak is observed at approximately 7.5 ppm, with an integration value of 10.56 fl indicated by a green bracket. Another peak is visible at about 7.0 ppm with an integration value of 1.07 fl. A third peak is at approximately 6.8 ppm with an integration value of 1.00 fl. A fourth peak is at approximately 5.5 ppm with an integration value of 0.90 fl. A very large, sharp peak is present at approximately 1.5 ppm.

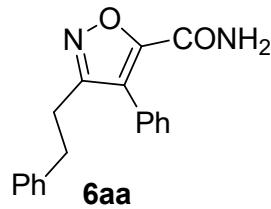
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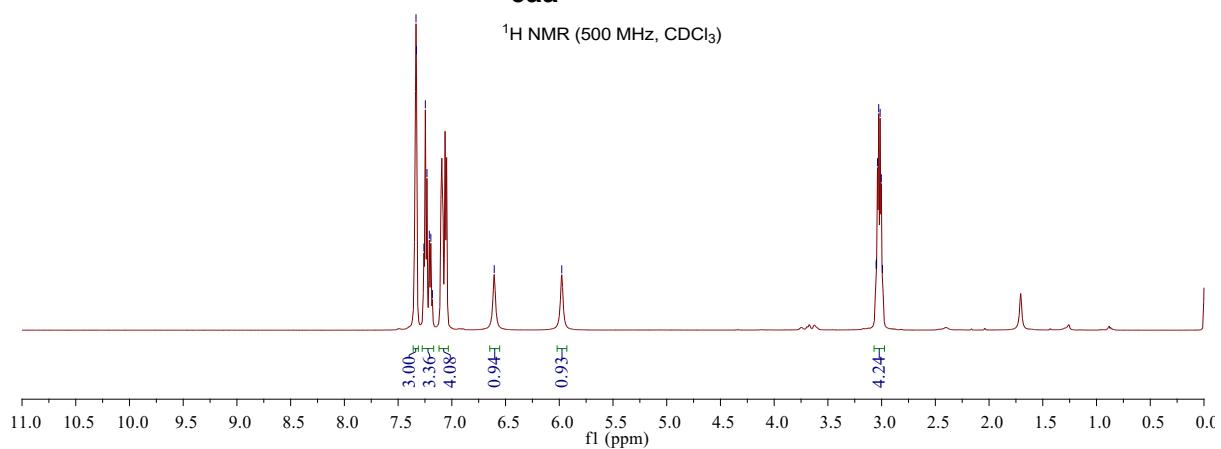
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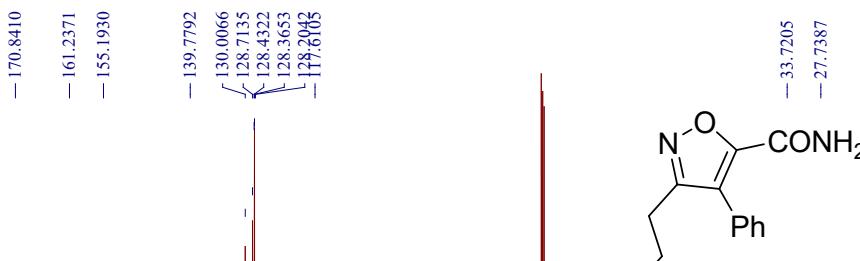
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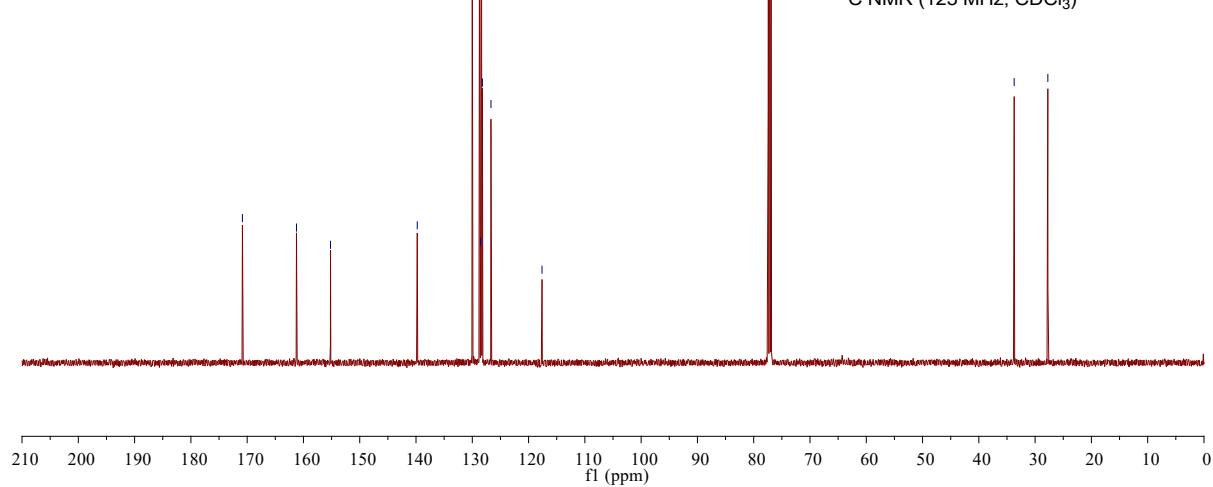
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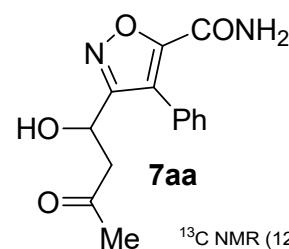
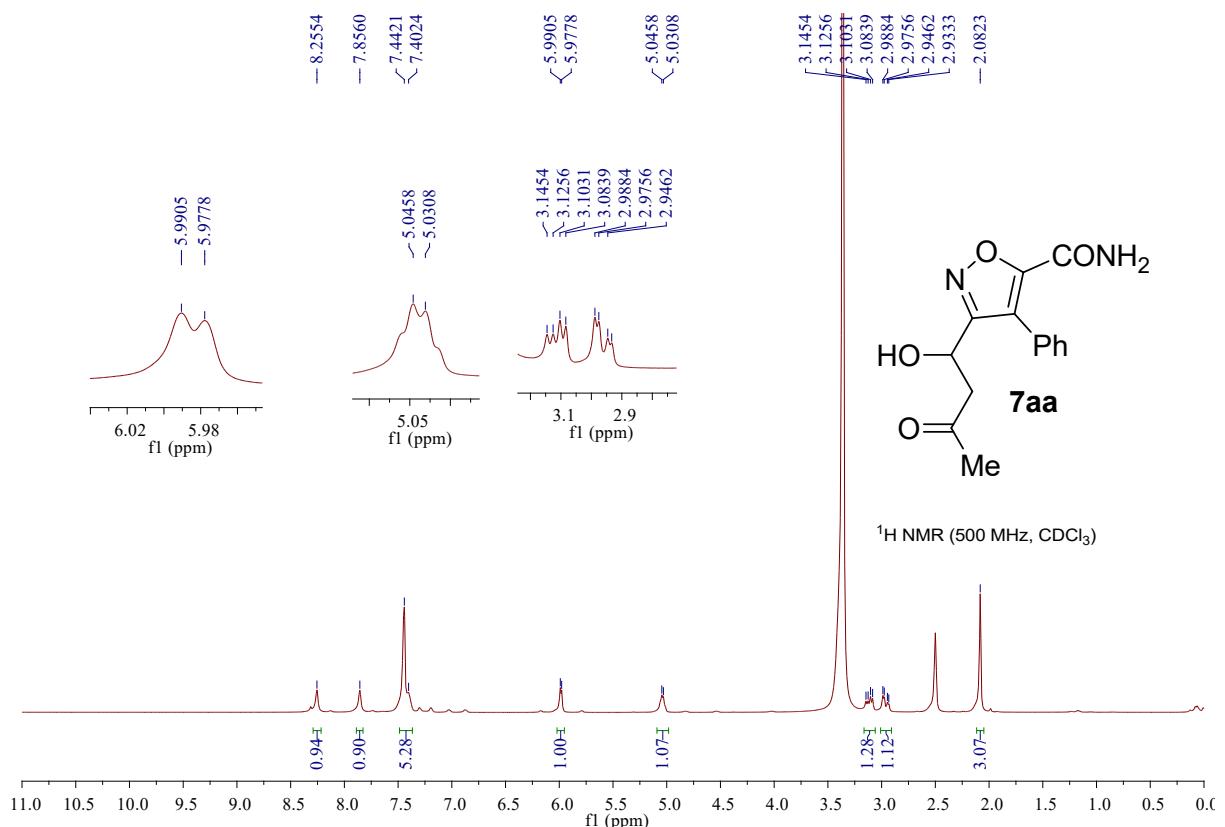


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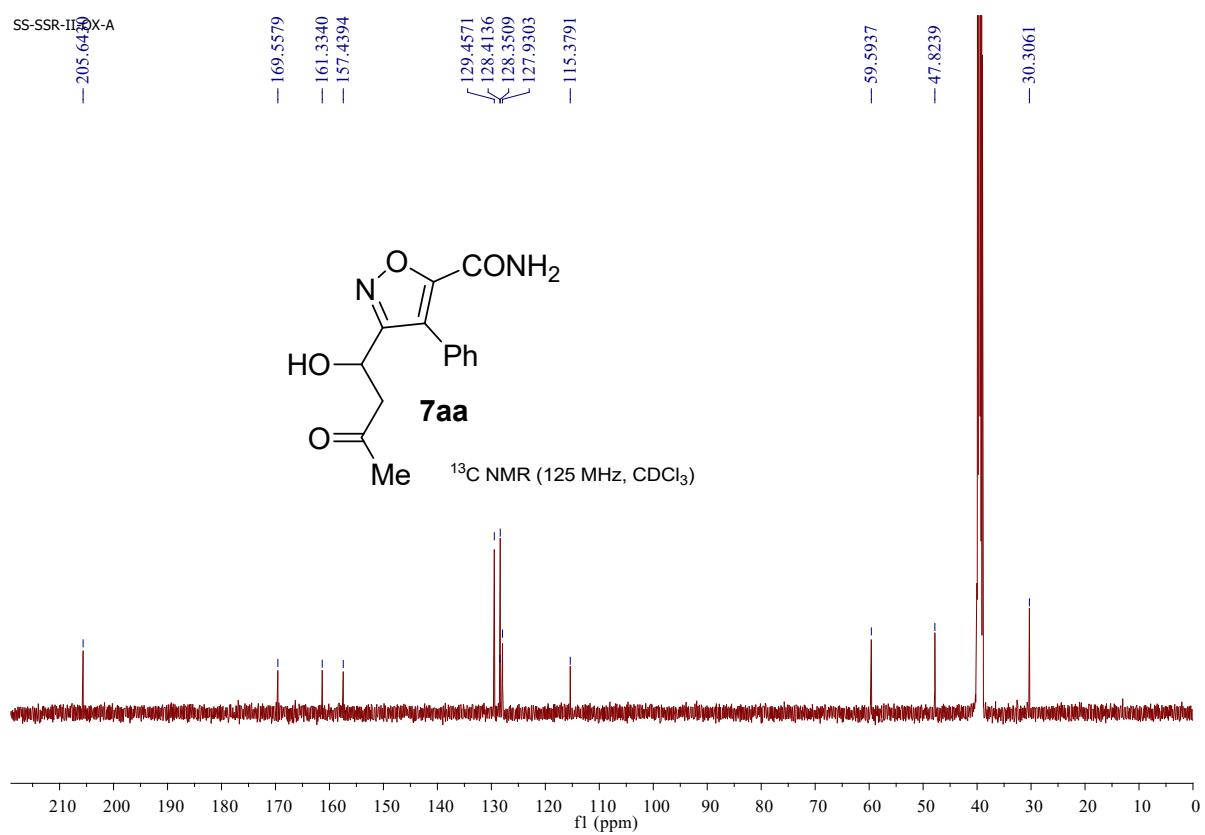


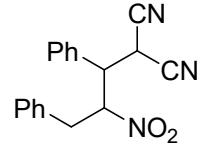
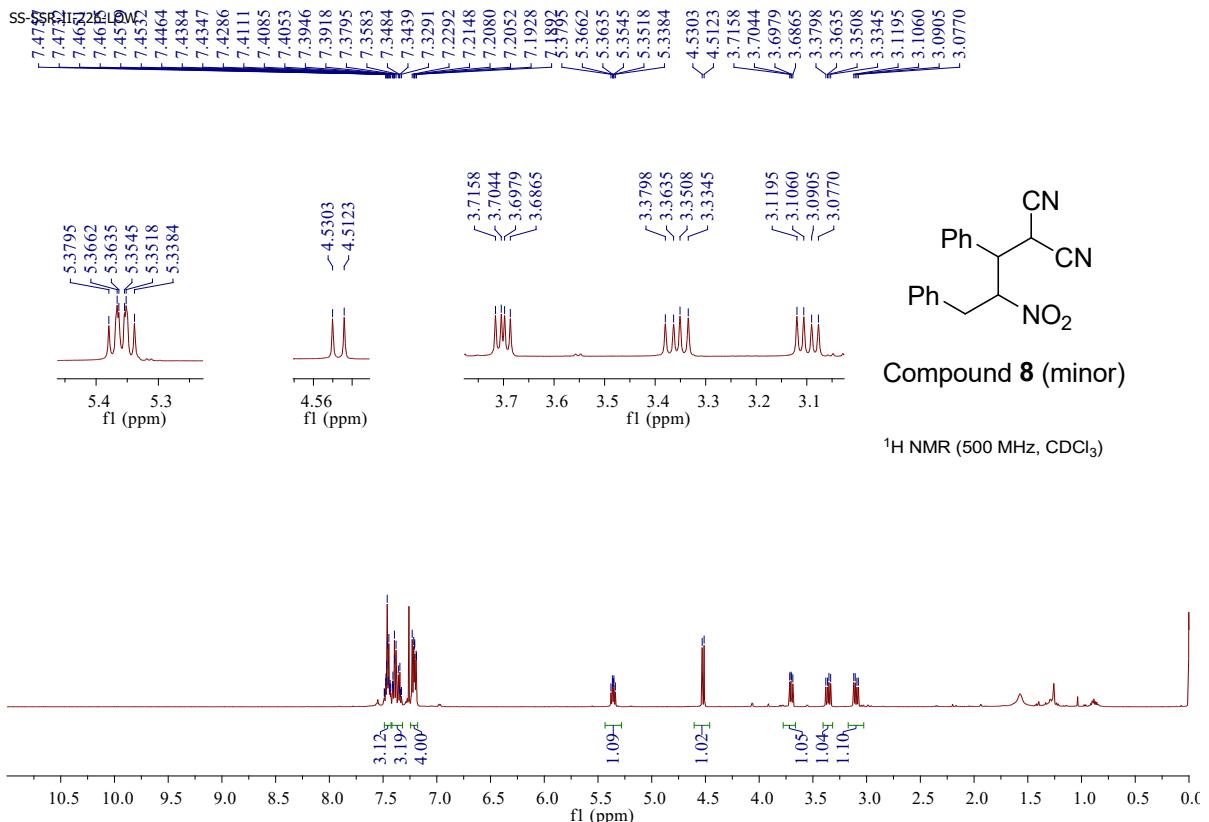
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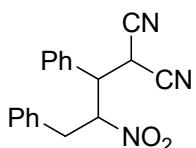
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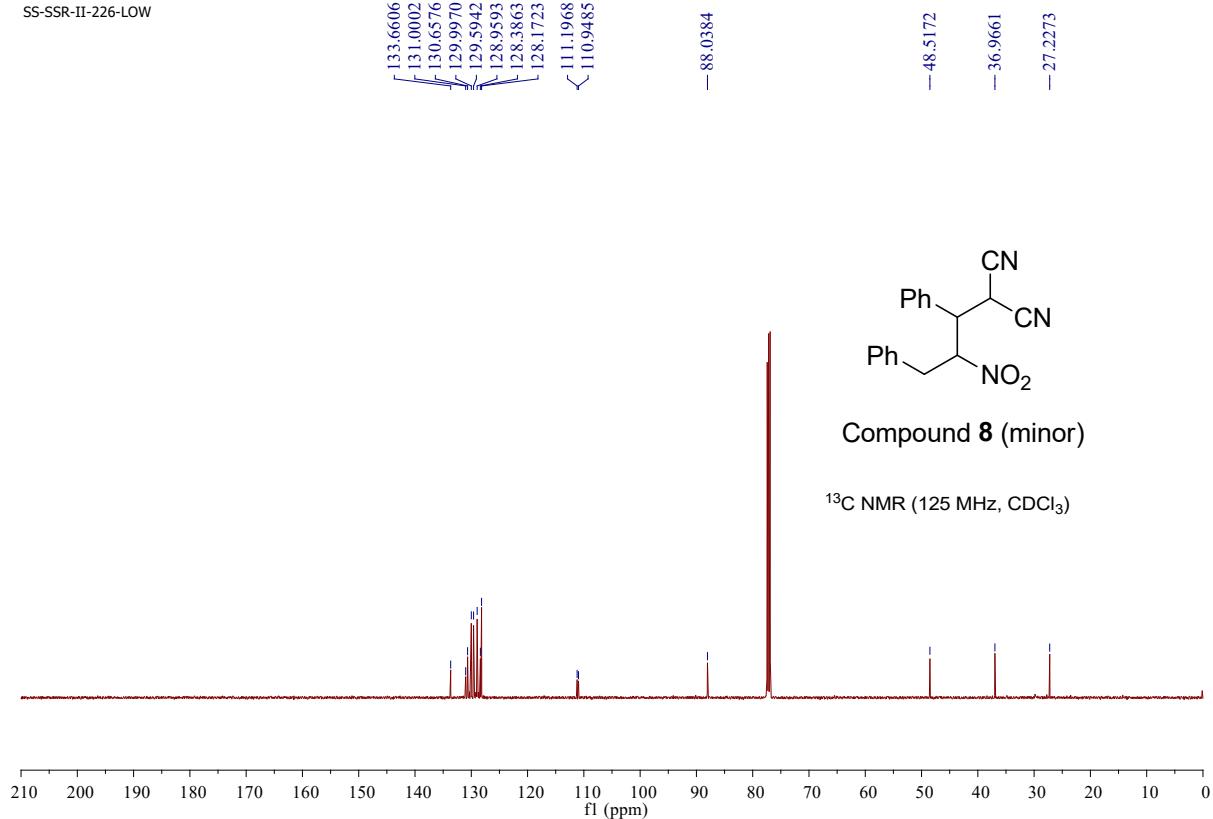
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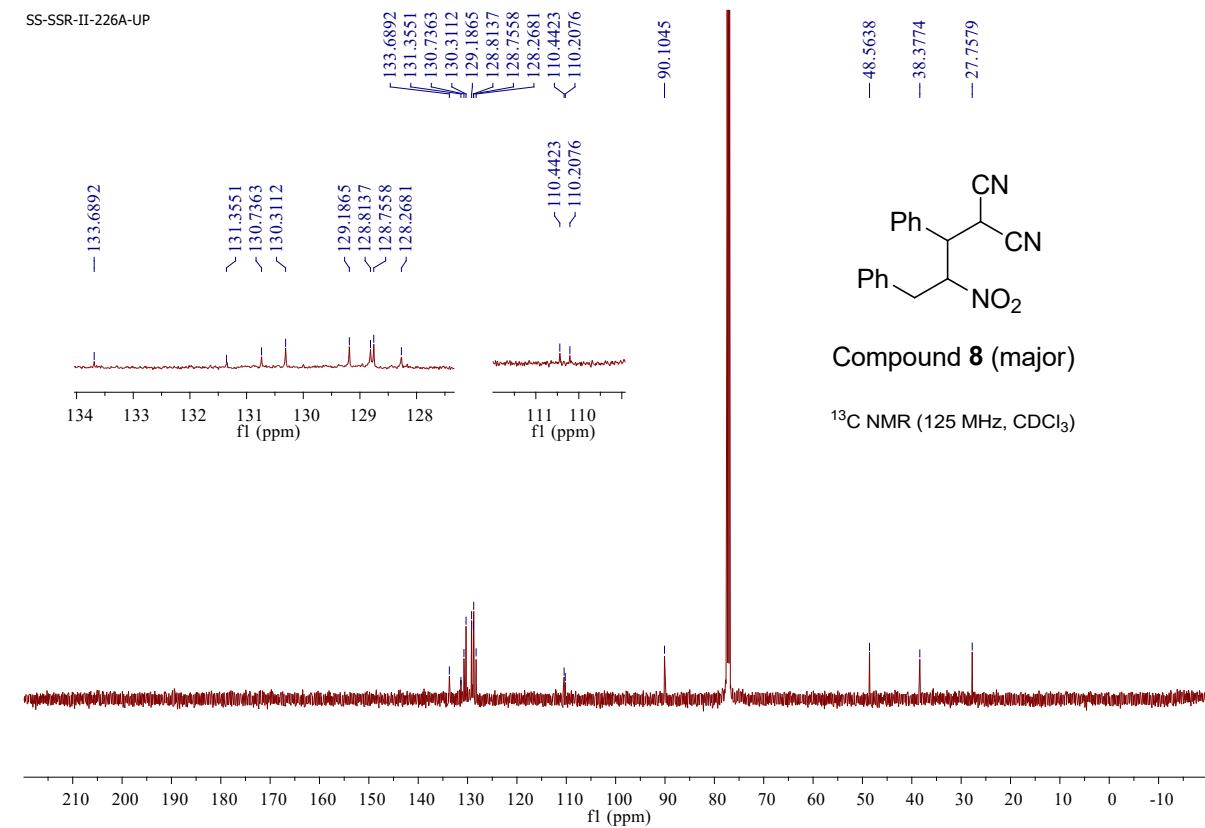
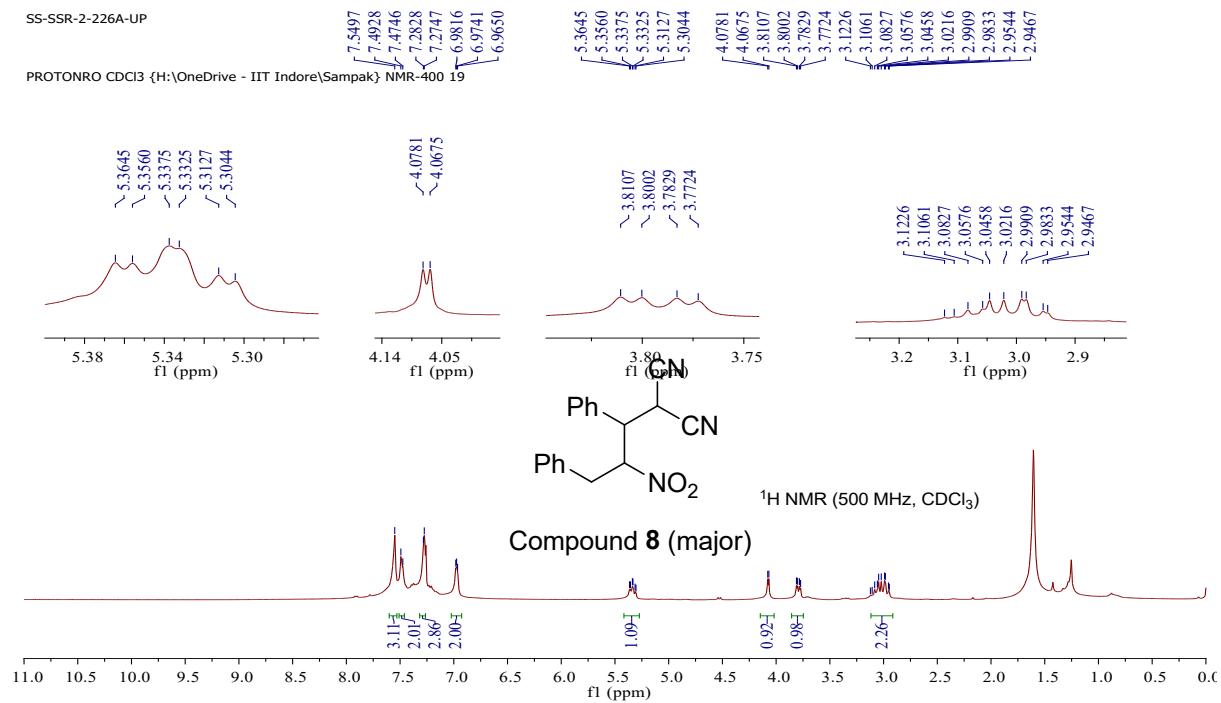
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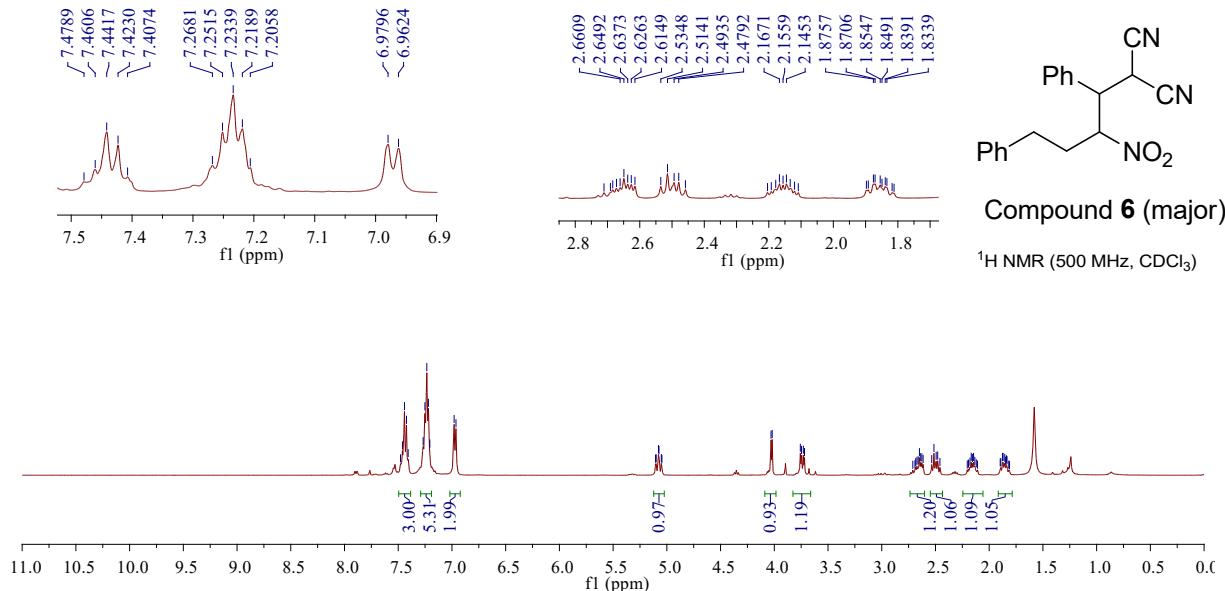
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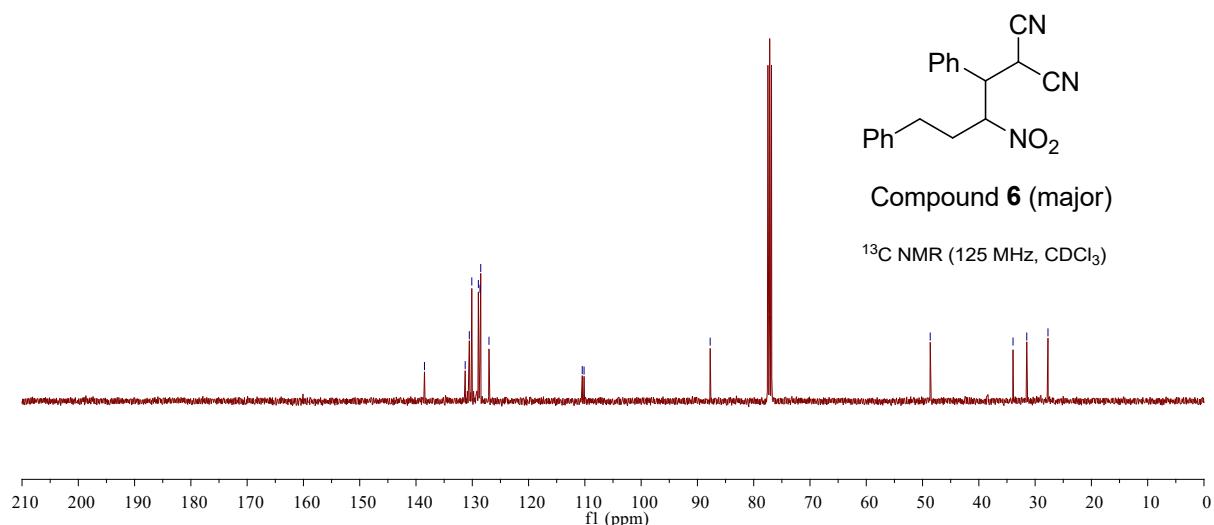
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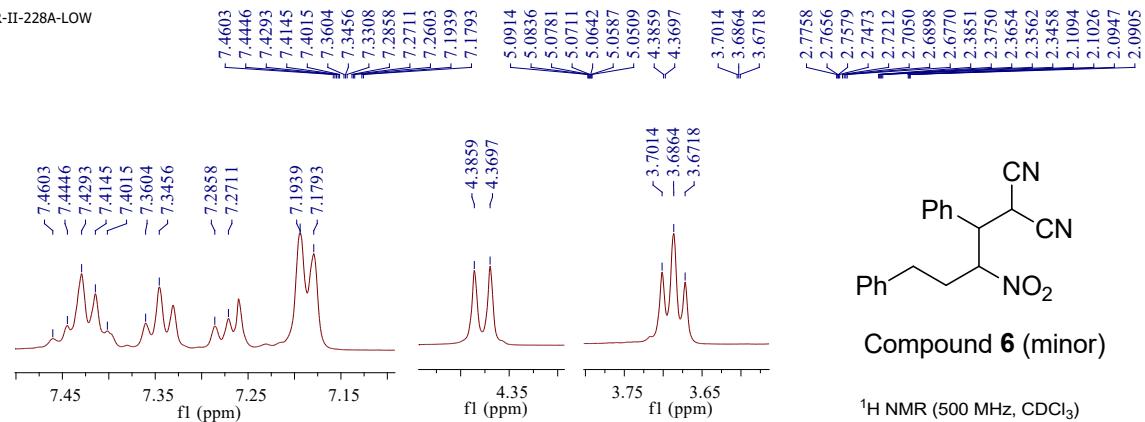


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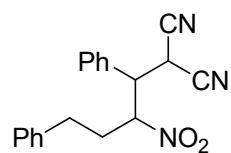
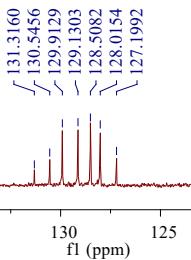
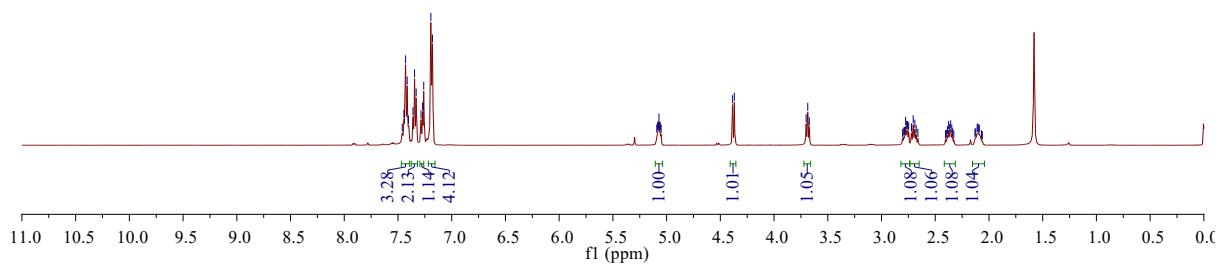
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Compound 6 (minor)



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