

Photochemical HAT-Mediated Site-Selective C(sp³)-H Aminoalkylation of Cubanes Catalyzed by TBADT

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1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents, catalysts and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

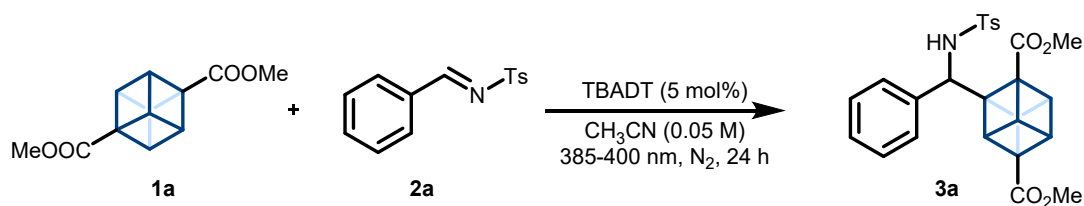
Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed using Qingdao Puke Parting Materials Co. silica gel plates (Silica gel 60 F254). Visualization was by ultraviolet fluorescence ($\lambda = 254$ nm) or potassium permanganate (KMnO_4). Flash column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel.

NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker ADVANCE III (400 MHz) spectrometers and JEOL•JNM-ECZL600G. CDCl_3 was the solvent used for the NMR analysis, with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported up field to TMS (0.00 ppm) for ^1H NMR and relative to CDCl_3 (77.0 ppm) for ^{13}C NMR.

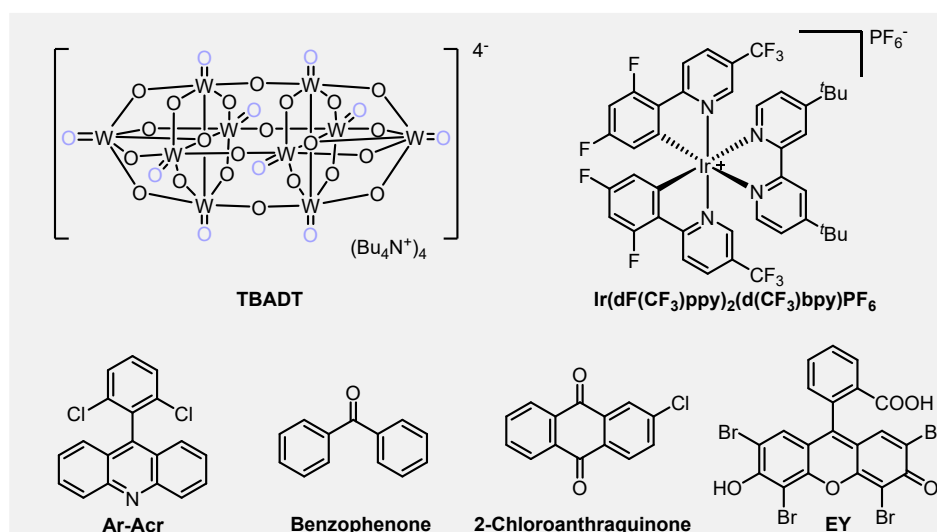
Melting point was determined using a X-4 made by Peking Taike Apparatus Co. Ltd. HRMS spectra were acquired using an Agilent 6210 ESI/TOF mass spectrometer.

Light Source: Blue LED (Kessil PR160L-390 nm) was bought from Anhui Kemi Machinery Technology Co., Ltd. (<http://www.kemiyiqi.com/>). Blue LED (HS-385-400nm-72W-8KONG) was bought from Wuhan Geao Chem Technology Co., Ltd (<http://www.geaochem.com/>).

2. Optimization of reaction conditions

Table S1: Catalysts survey^a

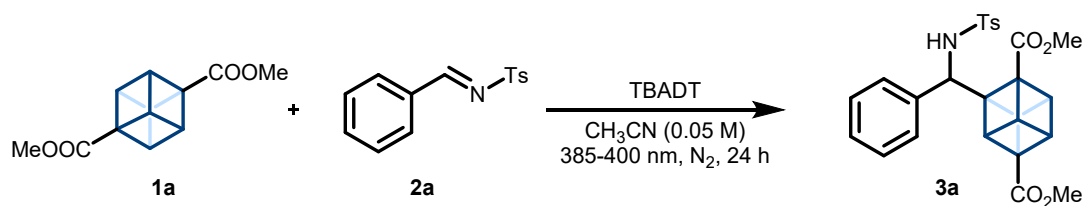
Entry	Cat.	Conv. (%)
1	TBDAT	61
2	Ir(dF(CF₃)ppy)₂(d(CF₃)bpy)PF₆	0
3	Ac-Acr	<5
4	Benzophenone	0
5	2-Chloroanthraquinone	10
6	EY	0
7	None	0
8	TBDAT (2.5 mol%)	32



^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), Cat. (5 mol%), in 2.0 mL of CH₃CN under N₂ and irradiated with a 380-400 nm LED for 24 h. Yields were referred to crude ¹H NMR by using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal

standard.

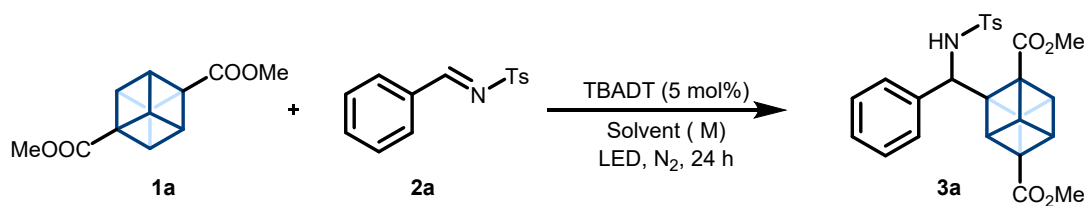
Table S2: Effect of catalyst amount^a



Entry	TBDAT (mol%)	Conv. (%)
1	5	61
2	2.5	32
3	1	28
4	10	65
5	20	53

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), TBDAT in CH₃CN (0.05 M) under N₂ and irradiated with a LED for 24 h. Yields were referred to crude ¹H NMR by using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

Table S3: Solvent, concentration and light source survey^a



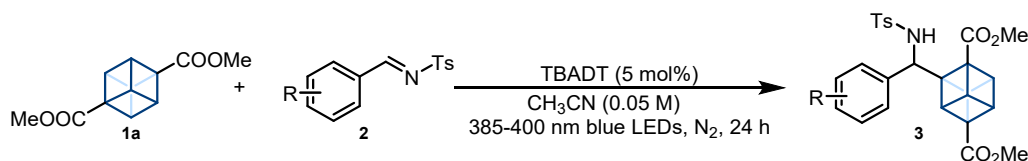
Entry	Solvent	Light source	Conv. (%)
1	Tol (0.05 M)	380-400 nm (70 W)	32
2	Benzene (0.05 M)	380-400 nm (70 W)	35
3	THF (0.05 M)	380-400 nm (70 W)	<5
4	CH ₃ CN (0.05 M)	380-400 nm (70 W)	61

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5	DMF (0.05 M)	380-400 nm (70 W)	<5
6	CH ₃ CN (0.1 M)	380-400 nm (70 W)	11
8	CH ₃ CN (0.025 M)	380-400 nm (70 W)	21
9	CH ₃ CN (0.1 M)	410 nm Kessil lamp	<5
10	CH ₃ CN (0.1 M)	365 nm Kessil lamp	36
11	CH ₃ CN (0.1 M)	456 nm Kessil lamp	trace

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), TBDAT (5 mol%), in solvent under N₂ and irradiated with a LED for 24 h. Yields were referred to crude ¹H NMR by using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as internal standard.

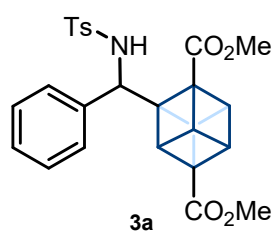
3. General Procedure for the aminoalkylation of cubane



To a 20 mL glass test tube was added TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol) and toluenesulfonyl imine **2** (0.2 mmol) under N₂. Then, degassed MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M) was added to the test tube under N₂. The vial was capped with flat stopper and irradiated with HS-384-400 nm-72W-8KONG lamps for 24 h with stirring. After the reaction, the stopper was opened and reaction was quenched with air until the blue color disappeared, then the reaction solution was diluted with 10 mL water, extracted with 15 mL ethyl acetate twice, washed with saturated salt water once, the combined organic phase was dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by *prep*-HPLC. The corresponding cubane-aryl methylamine product **3** was obtained.

4. Analytical Data of the of cubane-aryl methylamines

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-(((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) (phenyl) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3a**)**



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-benzylidene-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2a** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3a** as a white solid (58.4 mg, 61% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

MP: 163-166 °C.

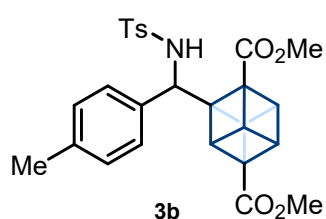
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* =

8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.06 (m, 3H), 4.00 (dt, $J = 5.2, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (td, $J = 5.3, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 6H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.21, 171.33, 142.95, 138.17, 136.05, 129.29, 128.38, 127.57, 127.25, 127.13, 60.50, 58.31, 57.08, 52.19, 52.17, 51.85, 48.35, 47.92, 47.45, 44.83, 43.84, 21.55.

HRMS: calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 502.1295; found 502.1302.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-(((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) (*p*-tolyl) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3b)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-4-methyl-*N*-(4-methylbenzylidene)benzenesulfonamide **2b** (0.2

mmol) and MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3b** as a white solid (54.0 mg, 55% yield).

TLC: $R_f = 0.25$ (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

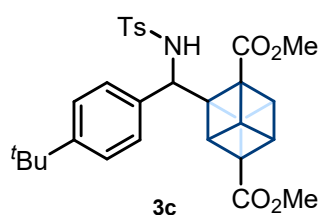
MP: 156-160 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.04 (m, 3H), 3.97 (ddt, $J = 15.5, 5.5, 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.65 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 6H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.16, 171.40, 142.87, 138.23, 137.23, 133.06, 129.24, 129.02, 127.15, 60.54, 58.01, 57.04, 52.18, 52.10, 51.80, 48.29, 47.90, 47.50, 44.77, 43.81, 21.53, 21.13.

HRMS: calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 516.1452; found 516.1457.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((4-(*tert*-butyl) phenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3c)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-(*tert*-butyl)benzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2c** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3c** as a white solid (55.0 mg, 51% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

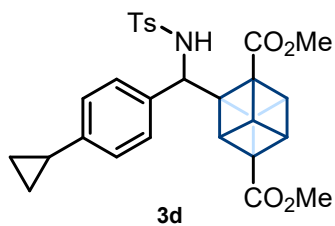
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 – 4.07 (m, 3H), 3.98 (q, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.16, 171.42, 150.45, 142.59, 138.34, 132.93, 129.16, 127.17, 126.99, 125.16, 60.46, 58.09, 57.17, 52.28, 52.11, 51.77, 48.39, 47.90, 47.51, 44.83, 43.90, 34.50, 31.42, 21.53.

HRMS: calculated for C₃₀H₃₃NO₆S [M+Na]⁺ 558.1921; found 558.1927.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((4-cyclopropylphenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3d**)**



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-cyclopropylbenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2d** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN

(4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3d** as a white solid (57.0 mg, 55% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

MP: 191-194 °C.

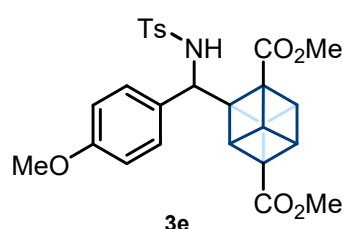
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (s, 4H), 6.28 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.16–4.09 (m,

2H), 4.06 (td, $J = 5.3, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dtd, $J = 10.4, 5.6, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 6H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.28 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz, 1H), 0.92 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 3.1, 1.3$ Hz, 2H), 0.57 (ddd, $J = 7.9, 3.9, 2.1$ Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.24, 171.46, 143.43, 142.75, 138.21, 132.96, 129.23, 127.23, 127.14, 125.54, 60.49, 58.09, 57.07, 52.20, 52.14, 51.84, 48.34, 47.90, 47.47, 44.81, 43.84, 21.53, 15.10, 9.43, 9.38.

HRMS: calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 542.1608; found 542.1613.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3e)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2e** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3e** as a white solid (51.0 mg, 50% yield).

TLC: $R_f = 0.25$ (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

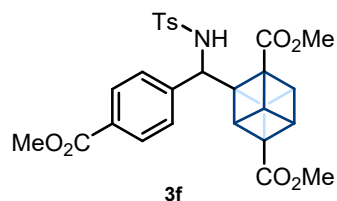
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.14 (tt, $J = 4.8, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (td, $J = 5.6, 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.97 (tt, $J = 4.9, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 6H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.14, 171.38, 159.02, 142.85, 138.24, 129.27, 128.43, 128.21, 127.15, 113.73, 60.54, 57.69, 57.01, 55.33, 52.19, 52.13, 51.81, 48.20, 47.90, 47.44, 44.69, 43.82, 21.54.

HRMS: calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_7\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 532.1401; found 532.1410.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((4-(methoxycarbonyl) phenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3f)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), methyl (*E*)-4-((tosylimino)methyl)benzoate **2f** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3f** as a white solid (61.0 mg, 57% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

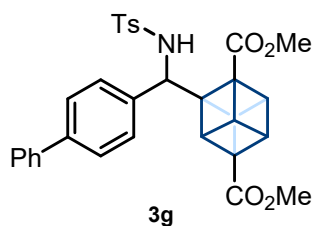
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.07 (m, 3H), 4.00 – 3.92 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.17, 171.13, 166.79, 143.31, 141.23, 138.01, 129.65, 129.47, 129.40, 127.38, 127.14, 60.16, 58.12, 57.16, 52.25, 51.85, 48.36, 47.97, 47.33, 44.94, 43.90, 21.49.

HRMS: calculated for C₂₈H₂₇NO₈S [M+Na]⁺ 560.1350; found 560.1358.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3g)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylmethylene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2g** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3g** as a white solid (52.0 mg, 47% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

MP: 187-190 °C.

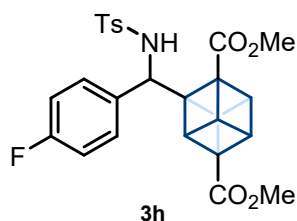
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 13.3, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.01 (dd, J = 17.8, 8.1 Hz, 4H), 6.40 (d, J = 8.6

Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (td, J = 5.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dt, J = 5.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 6H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.24, 171.33, 142.97, 140.66, 140.48, 138.25, 135.08, 129.30, 128.94, 127.80, 127.56, 127.21, 127.05, 127.02, 60.42, 58.14, 57.18, 52.28, 52.18, 51.83, 48.40, 47.95, 47.48, 44.89, 43.93, 21.51.

HRMS: calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 578.1608; found 578.1617.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((4-fluorophenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3h)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2h** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN

(4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3h** as a white solid (46.0 mg, 46% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

MP: 157-160 °C.

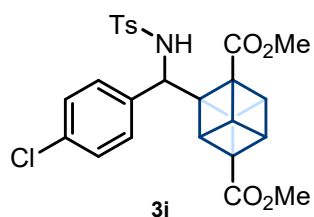
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.80 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (ddd, J = 7.3, 4.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.97 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.18, 171.20, 162.25 (d, J = 163.0 Hz), 143.20, 138.13, 131.98, 129.36, 129.03 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 127.17, 115.25 (d, J = 14.0 Hz), 60.34, 57.69, 57.09, 52.22, 51.85, 48.23, 47.95, 47.33, 44.77, 43.92, 21.54.

^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -114.67.

HRMS: calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{FNO}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 520.1201; found 520.1207.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((4-chlorophenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3*i*)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2i** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4

mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3i** as a white solid (44.2 mg, 43% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

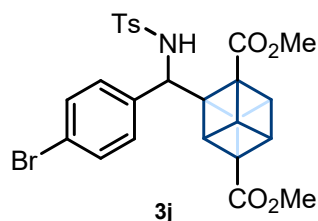
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 4H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (p, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J = 3.7, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (dd, J = 3.7, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.20, 171.17, 143.32, 138.01, 134.61, 133.56, 129.39, 128.76, 128.51, 127.17, 60.17, 57.80, 57.11, 52.25, 51.86, 48.27, 47.94, 47.29, 44.84, 43.93, 21.55.

HRMS: calculated for C₂₆H₂₄ClNO₆S [M+Na]⁺ 536.0906; found 536.0914.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((4-bromophenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3*j*)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(4-bromobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2j** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN

(4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3j** as a white solid (61.0 mg, 55% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

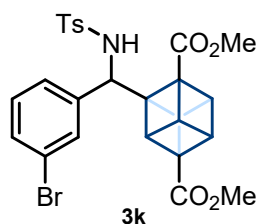
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.16, 171.17, 143.34, 137.92, 135.04, 131.44, 129.38, 129.09, 127.15, 121.62, 60.05, 57.83, 57.08, 52.25, 51.87, 48.22, 47.92, 47.25, 44.82, 43.91, 21.57.

HRMS: calculated for C₂₆H₂₄BrNO₆S [M+Na]⁺ 582.0283; found 582.0389.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((3-bromophenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3k)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(3-bromobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2k** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4

mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3k** as a white solid (54.0 mg, 48% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

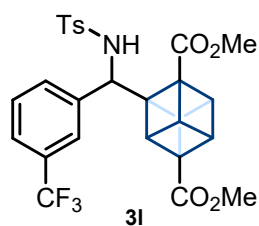
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.09 (m, 3H), 4.05 (dt, *J* = 4.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.29, 171.21, 143.33, 138.04, 137.80, 130.62, 130.32, 129.89, 129.41, 127.01, 126.16, 122.60, 60.14, 57.92, 57.03, 52.38, 52.21, 51.93, 48.26, 47.93, 47.22, 44.85, 43.86, 21.60.

HRMS: calculated for C₂₆H₂₄BrNO₆S [M+Na]⁺ 582.0380; found 582.0391.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-(((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) (3-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3*l*)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (E)-4-methyl-N-(3-(trifluoromethyl)benzylidene)benzenesulfonamide **2l** (0.2

mmol) and MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3l** as a white solid (69.0 mg, 63% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

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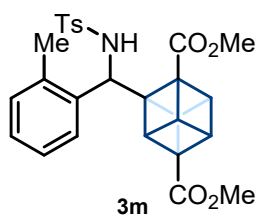
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.49 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dtt, J = 11.0, 4.4, 2.3 Hz, 3H), 3.99 – 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.21, 171.12, 143.38, 137.82, 137.00, 131.07, 130.72 (d, J = 32.0 Hz), 129.40, 128.93, 127.02, 124.18 (dd, J = 59.0, 4.0 Hz), 123.88 (d, J = 271.0 Hz), 60.05, 58.00, 57.08, 52.28, 51.86, 48.20, 47.95, 47.16, 44.87, 43.90, 21.43.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.84.

HRMS: calculated for C₂₇H₂₄F₃NO₆S [M+Na]⁺ 570.1169; found 570.1176.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-(((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) (o-tolyl) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3*m*)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (E)-4-methyl-N-(2-methylbenzylidene)benzenesulfonamide **2m** (0.2 mmol)

and MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC

(0.3% FA) to give compound **3m** as a white solid (45.0 mg, 46% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

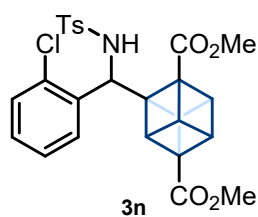
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.98 – 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.87 (dt, J = 6.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.32, 171.31, 142.85, 138.13, 135.63, 134.60, 130.54, 129.19, 127.38, 126.95, 126.29, 126.20, 60.90, 57.60, 53.66, 52.42, 52.24, 51.79, 48.86, 47.84, 47.48, 44.87, 43.94, 21.50, 19.97.

HRMS: calculated for C₂₇H₂₇NO₆S [M+Na]⁺ 516.1452; found 516.1461.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((2-chlorophenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3n)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(2-chlorobenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2n** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4

mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3n** as a white solid (44.0 mg, 43% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

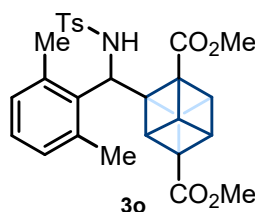
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.96 (td, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.08 (m, 3H), 4.03 (dt, J = 5.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (ddd, J = 7.2, 5.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.35, 171.15, 143.08, 137.46, 133.74, 133.23, 129.62, 129.30, 128.61, 128.53, 127.22, 126.89, 60.52, 57.53, 54.29, 52.46, 52.31, 51.76, 48.62, 47.89, 47.32, 44.84, 44.05, 21.51.

HRMS: calculated for $C_{26}H_{24}ClNO_6S$ $[M+Na]^+$ 536.0906; found 536.0912.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-((2,6-dimethylphenyl) ((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3o)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-*N*-(2,6-dimethylbenzylidene)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **2p** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4

mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3o** as a white solid (49.0 mg, 48% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

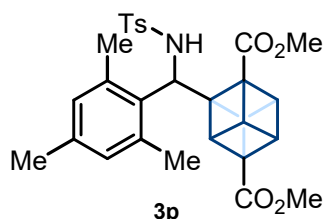
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1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.47 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 5.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (td, J = 5.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (tt, J = 5.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (td, J = 5.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 (dt, J = 5.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.44, 170.91, 143.18, 136.17, 133.76, 129.94, 129.26, 128.55, 127.61, 127.07, 60.33, 58.22, 52.90, 52.81, 51.94, 51.76, 49.86, 49.04, 47.31, 44.37, 44.14, 21.58, 21.17, 21.00.

HRMS: calculated for $C_{28}H_{29}NO_6S$ $[M+Na]^+$ 530.1608; found 530.1616.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-(mesityl((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3p)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-4-methyl-*N*-(2,4,6-

trimethylbenzylidene)benzenesulfonamide **2p** (0.2 mmol) and MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3p** as a white solid (44.0 mg, 42% yield).

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

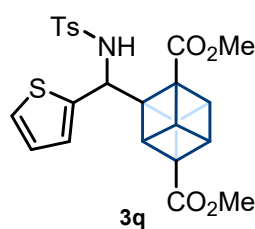
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, J = 5.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (td, J = 5.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (tt, J = 5.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (td, J = 5.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 4H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.46, 170.92, 143.09, 137.41, 137.14, 137.07, 135.99, 130.97, 130.64, 129.27, 129.21, 127.13, 60.48, 58.26, 52.87, 52.72, 51.86, 51.71, 49.84, 49.12, 47.35, 44.41, 44.16, 21.56, 21.01, 20.87, 20.77.

HRMS: calculated for C₂₉H₃₁NO₆S [M+Na]⁺ 544.1765; found 544.1772.

dimethyl (2*r*,3*R*,4*r*,5*S*)-2-(((4-methylphenyl) sulfonamido) (thiophen-2-yl) methyl) cubane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3q)



Following the general procedure using TBADT (0.001 mmol, 5 mol%), 1,4-bis(methoxycarbonyl)cubane **1a** (0.6 mmol), (*E*)-4-methyl-*N*-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)benzenesulfonamide **2q** (0.2 mmol) and

MeCN (4 mL, 0.05 M). The reaction mixture was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **3q** as a white solid (32.0 mg, 33% yield).

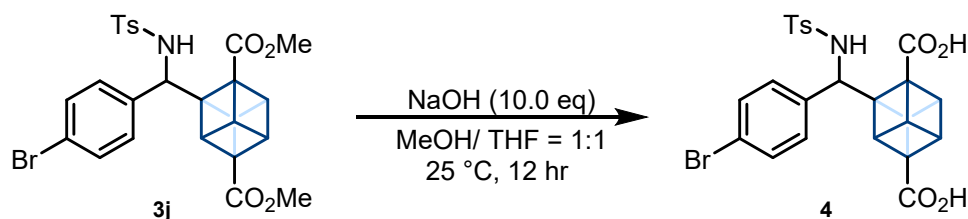
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 4.12 (dd, J = 5.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dt, J = 5.1, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

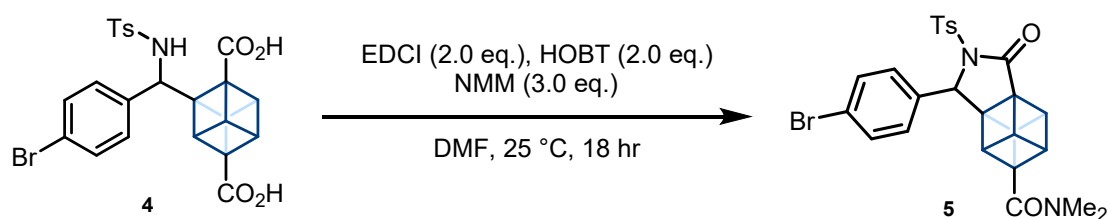
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.05, 171.37, 143.06, 139.71, 138.38, 129.41, 127.07, 126.55, 126.18, 125.33, 60.24, 56.91, 54.08, 52.19, 52.10, 51.90, 48.25, 48.02, 47.71, 44.97, 43.88, 21.61.

HRMS: calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 508.0859; found 508.0867.

5. General Procedure for the amidation ring closure reaction of cubane



To a mixture of compound **3j** (40.0 mg, 0.072 mmol) in MeOH/ THF = 1:1 (6 mL) was added NaOH (28.7 mg, 0.716 mmol) at room temperature under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL). The water layers were adjusted to pH = 3 with HCl (1M) and diluted with EtOAc (10 mL*3). The organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated. The crude product **4** was used directly for the next step without further purification.



To a stirred solution of compound **4** (26 mg, 0.049 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) were added NMM (29.8 mg, 0.294 mmol), EDCI (18.8 mg, 0.098 mmol), HOBT (13.3 mg, 0.098 mmol) at room temperature under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The mixture was diluted with water (6 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL*3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and

concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by *prep*-HPLC (0.3% FA) to give compound **5** (8.70 mg, 33% yield) as a white solid.

TLC: R_f = 0.25 (Petroleum ether / EtOAc = 3:1).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.47 – 4.43 (m, 2H), 4.33 (dt, J = 5.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 1H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

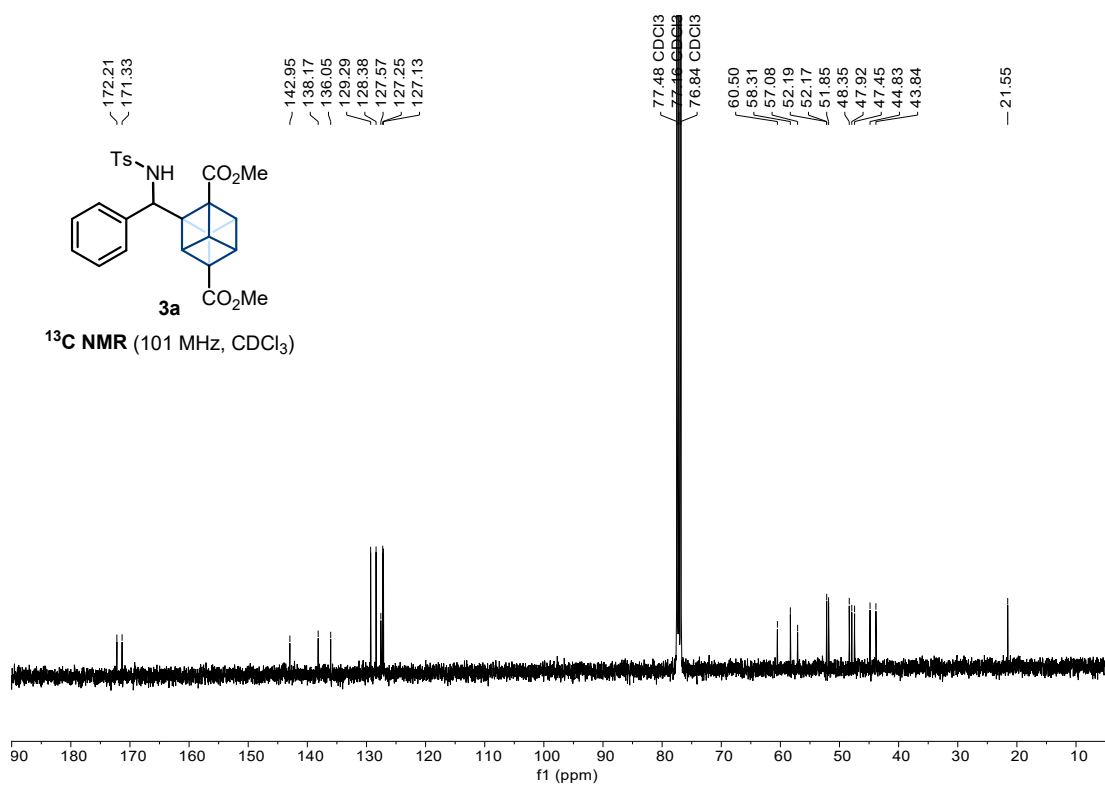
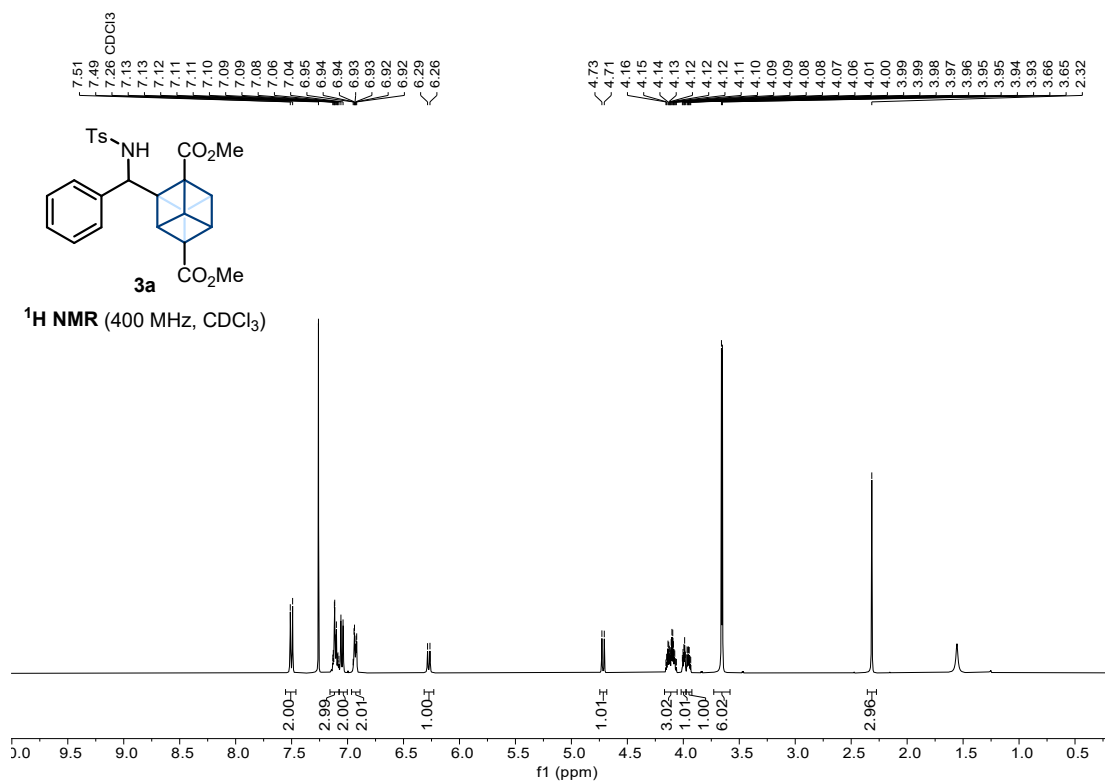
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.72, 169.38, 145.14, 136.43, 135.49, 132.03, 129.26, 128.83, 128.42, 122.43, 67.16, 55.38, 53.06, 50.70, 49.25, 48.64, 47.77, 46.59, 36.15, 35.38, 21.80.

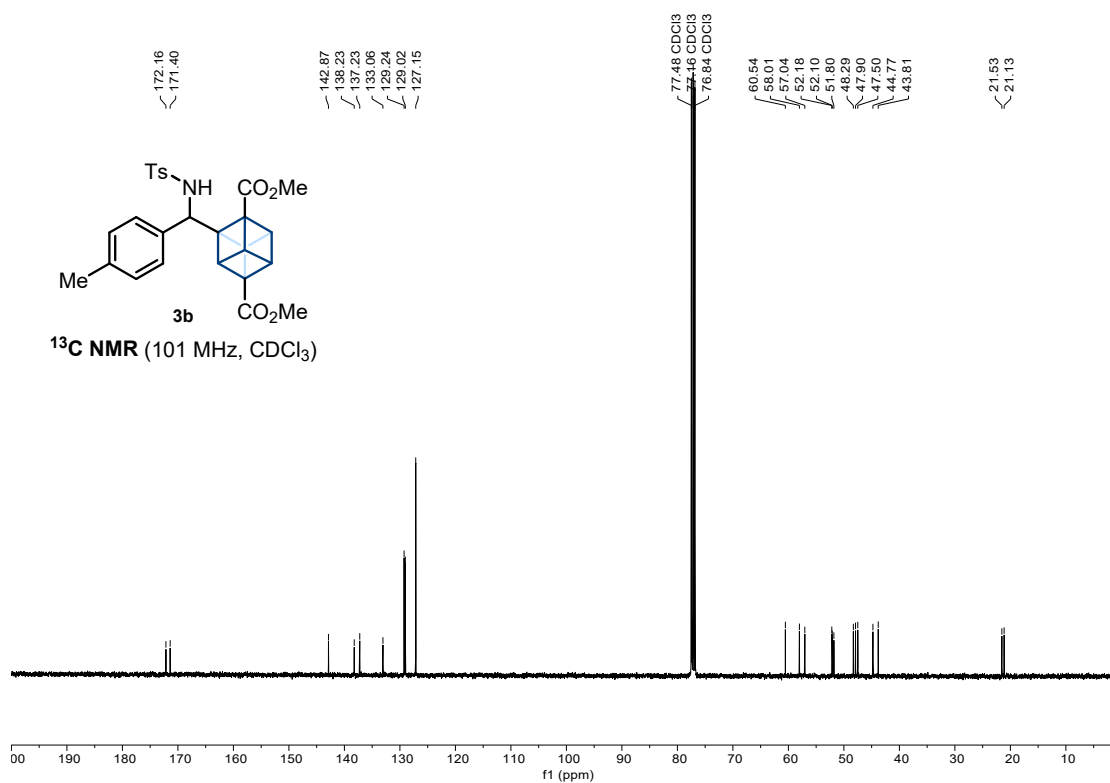
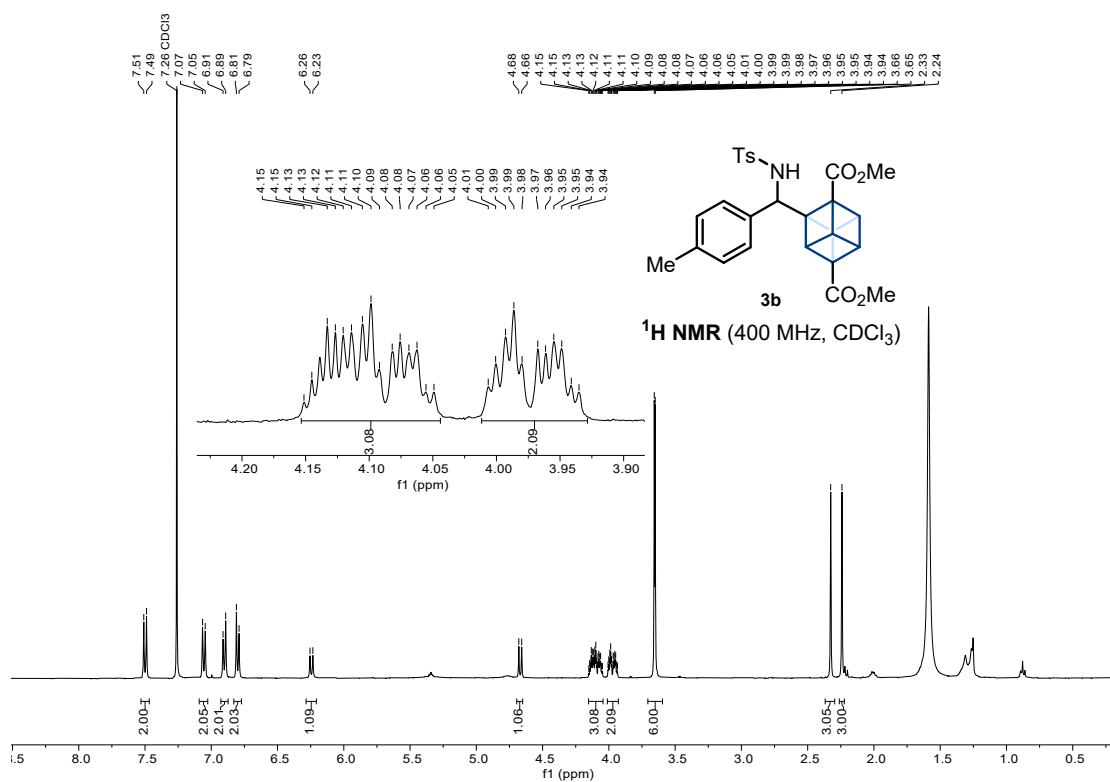
HRMS: calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 563.0434; found 563.0443.

Supporting Information

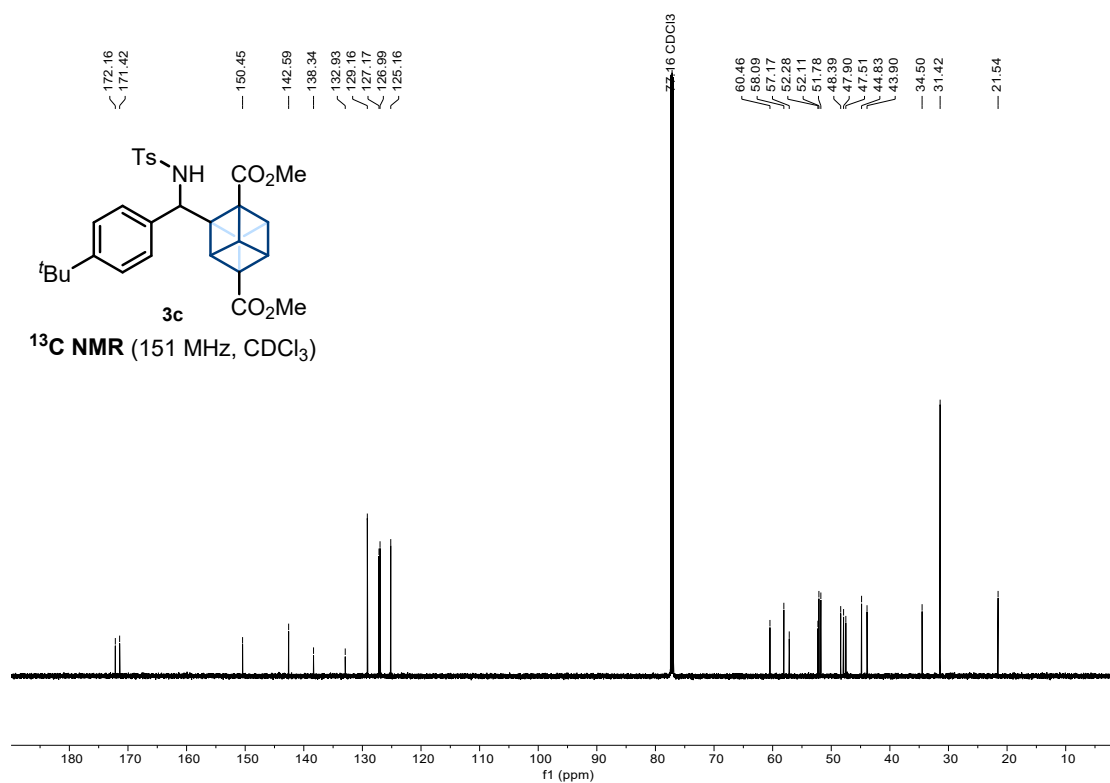
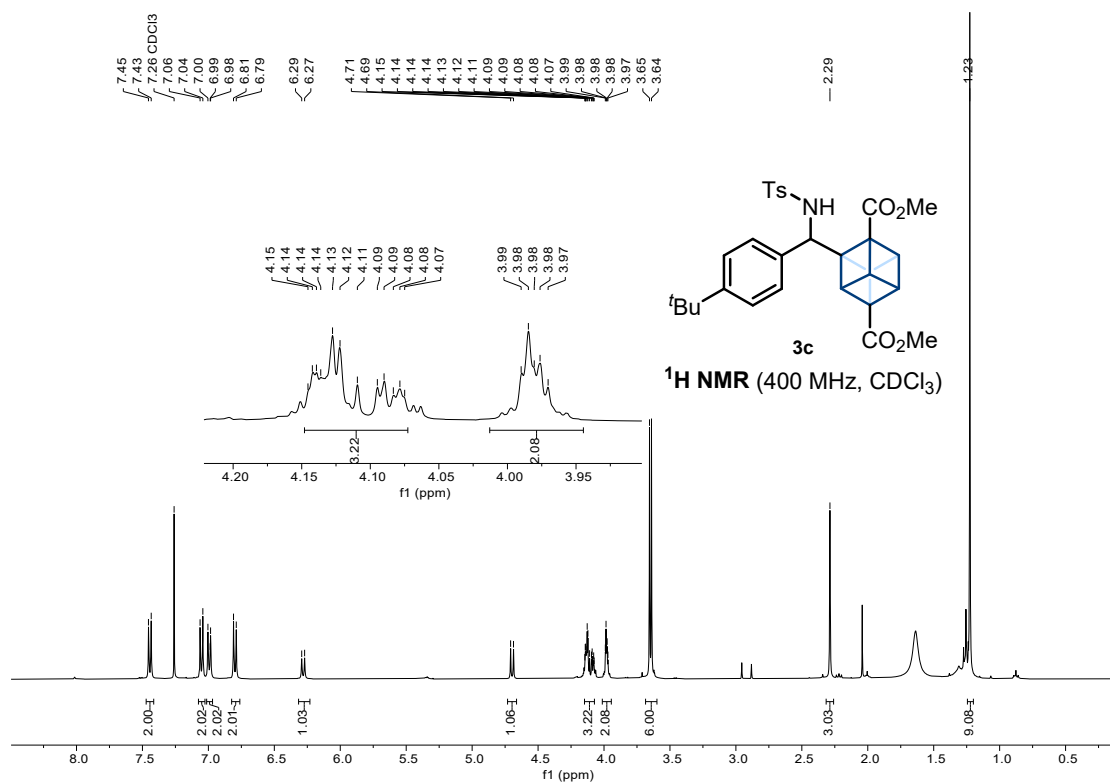
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Reflections collected	19887
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Data/restraints/parameters	5513/0/383
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.066
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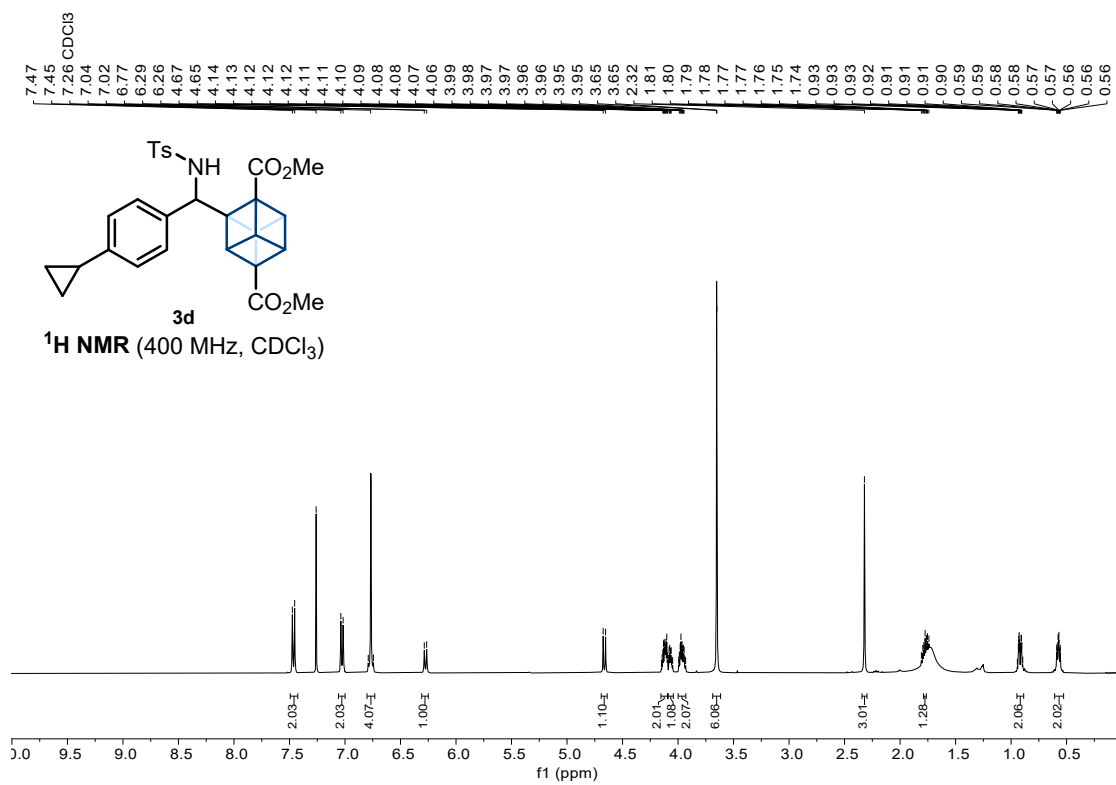
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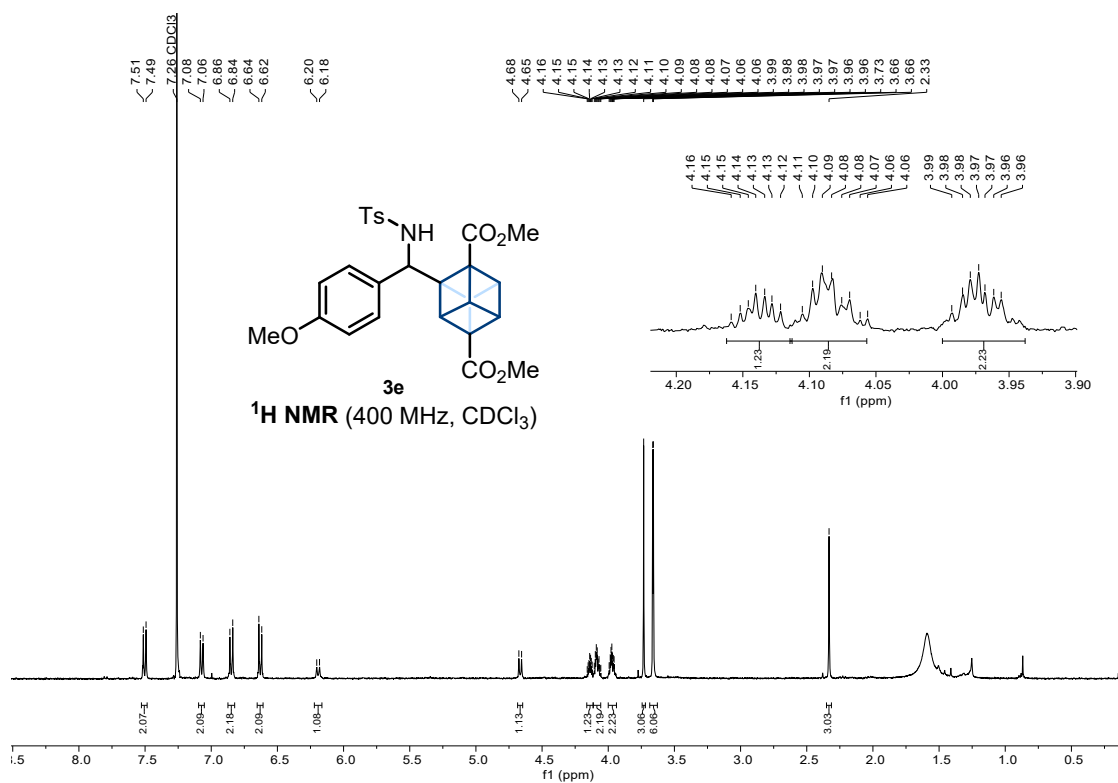
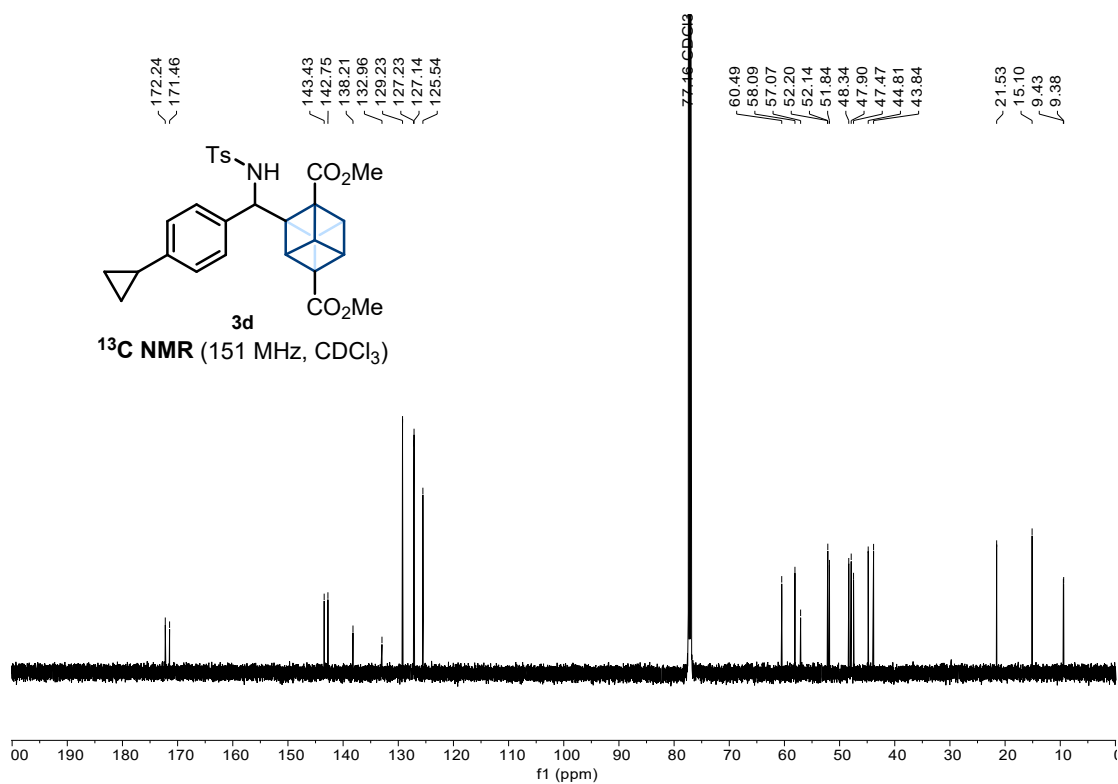


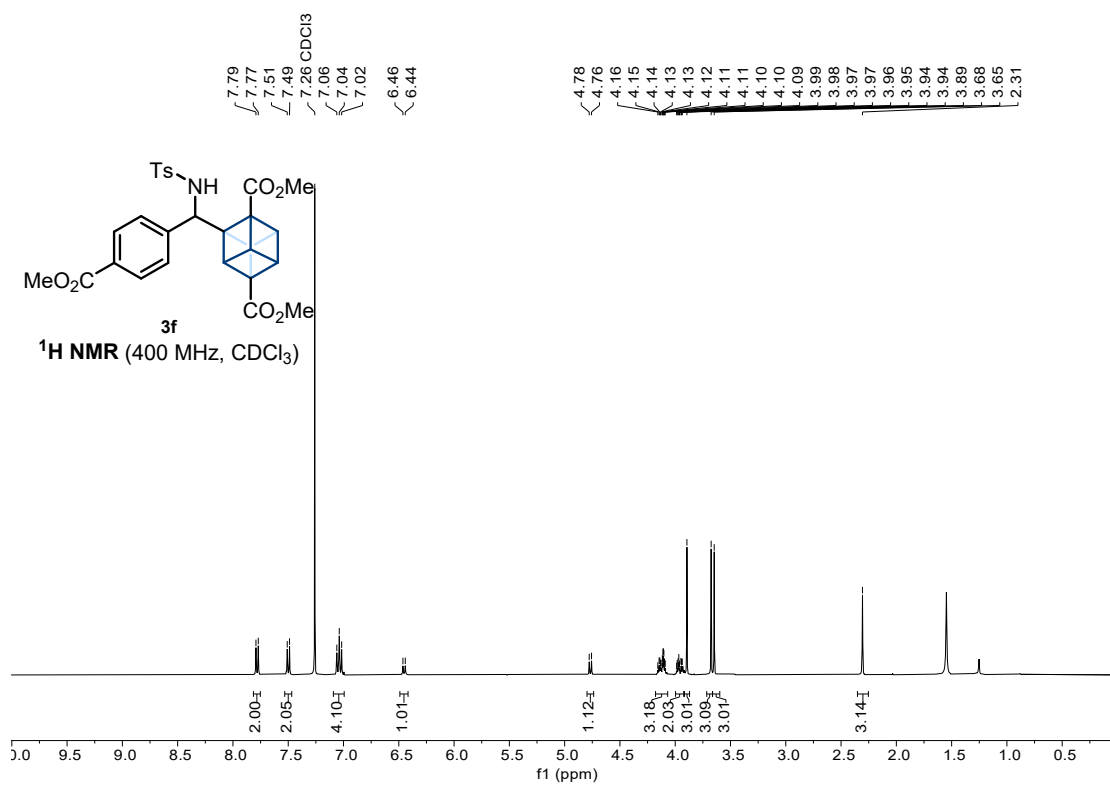
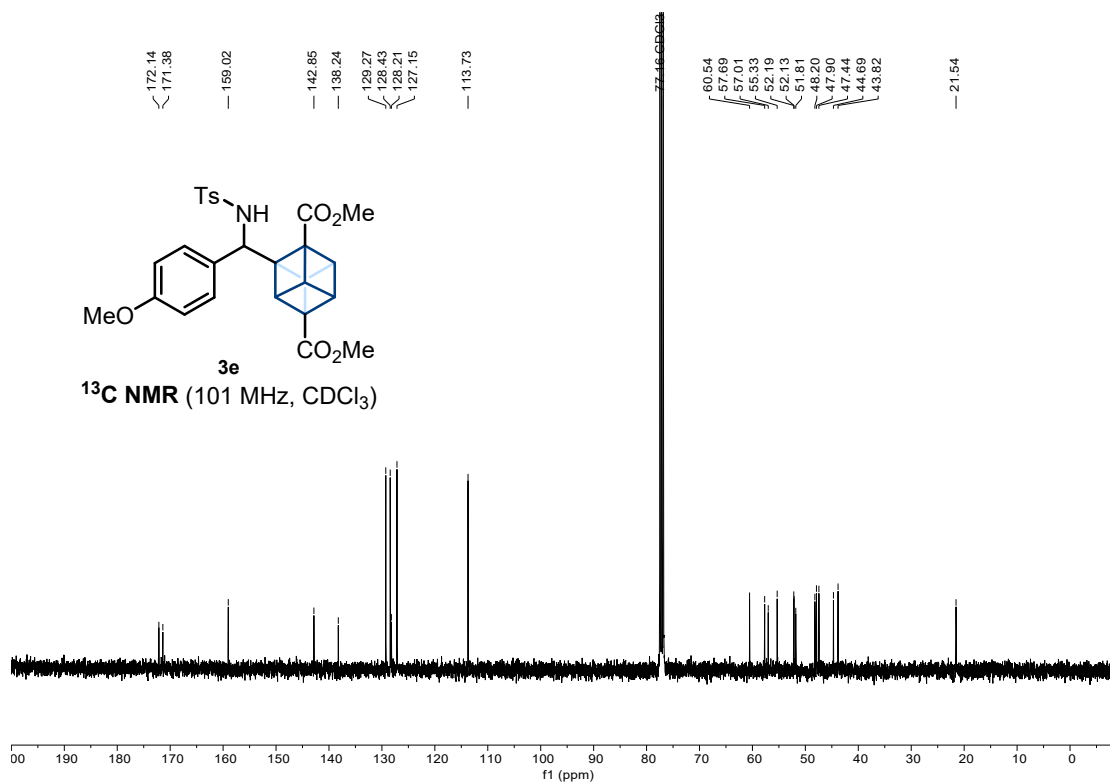


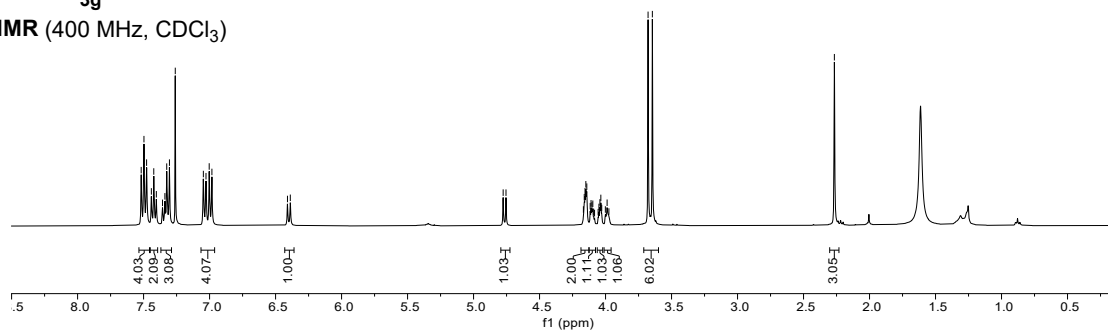
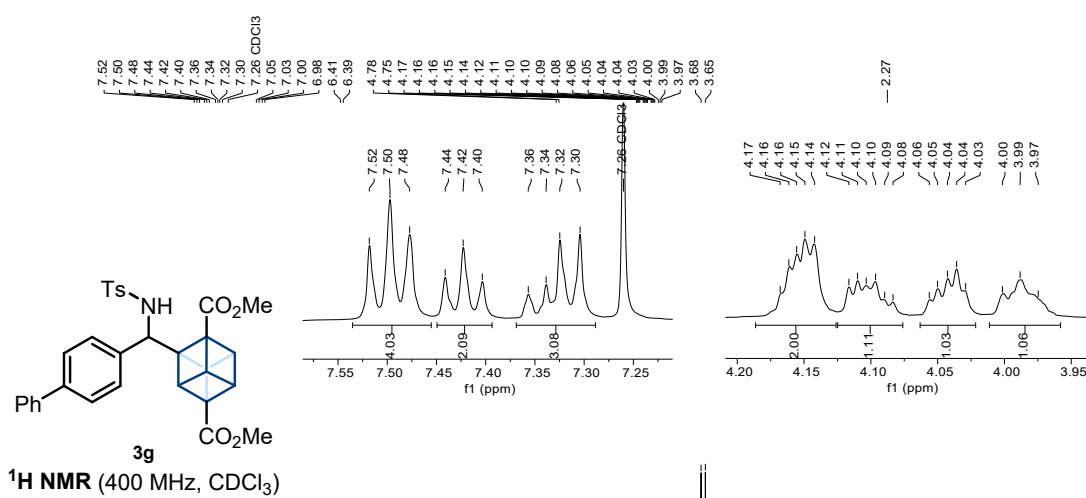
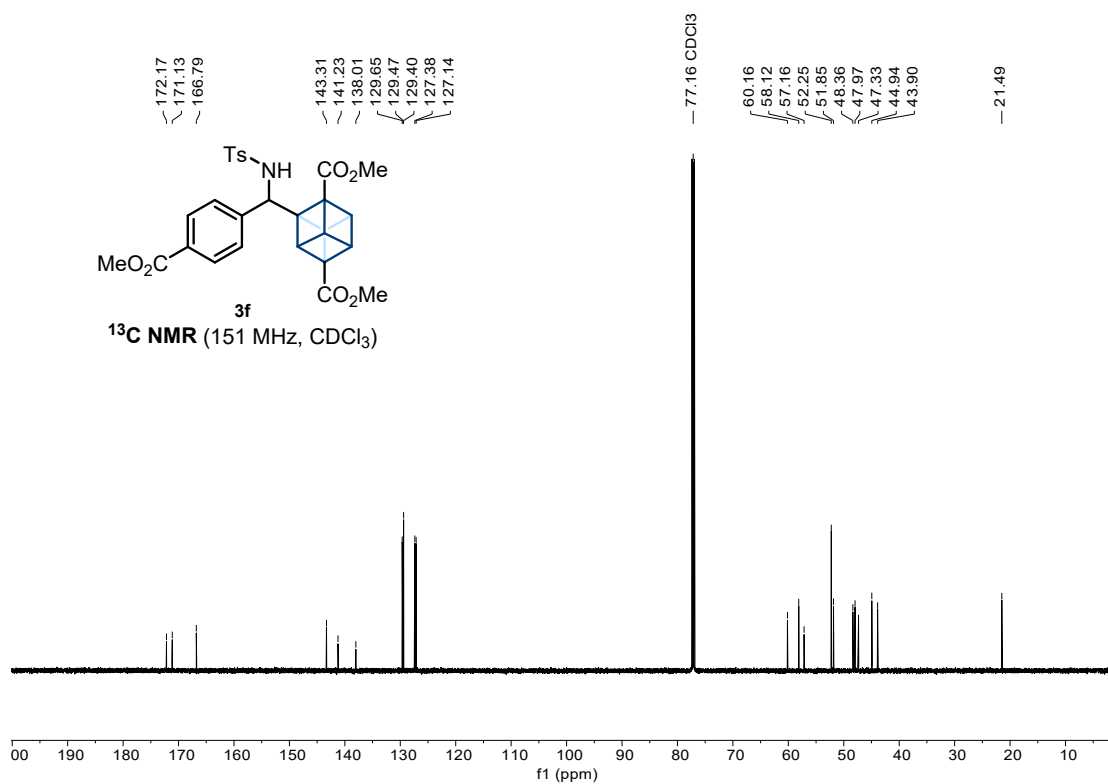
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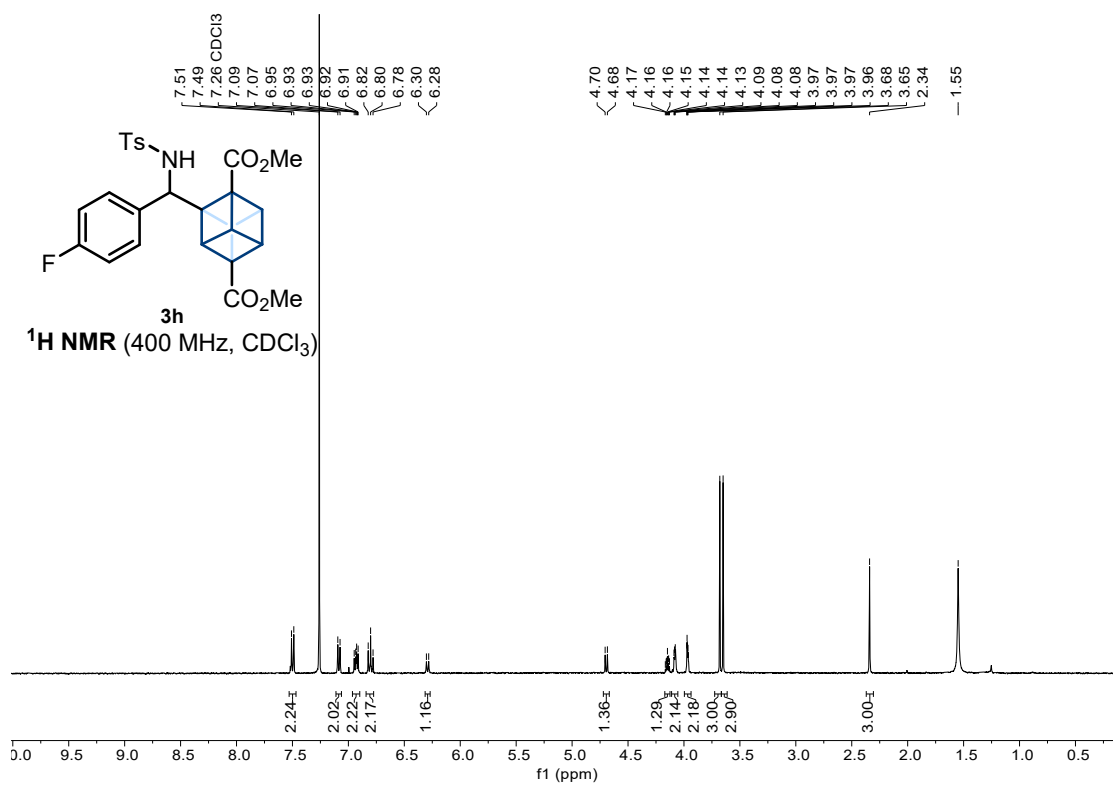
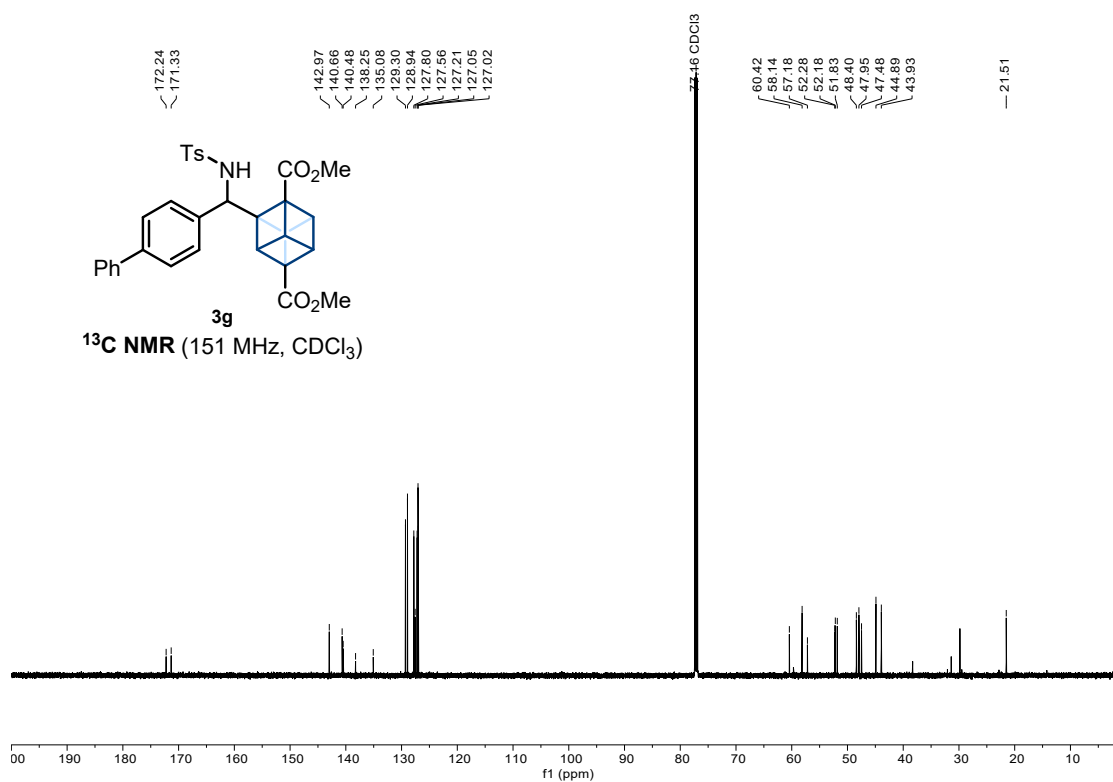




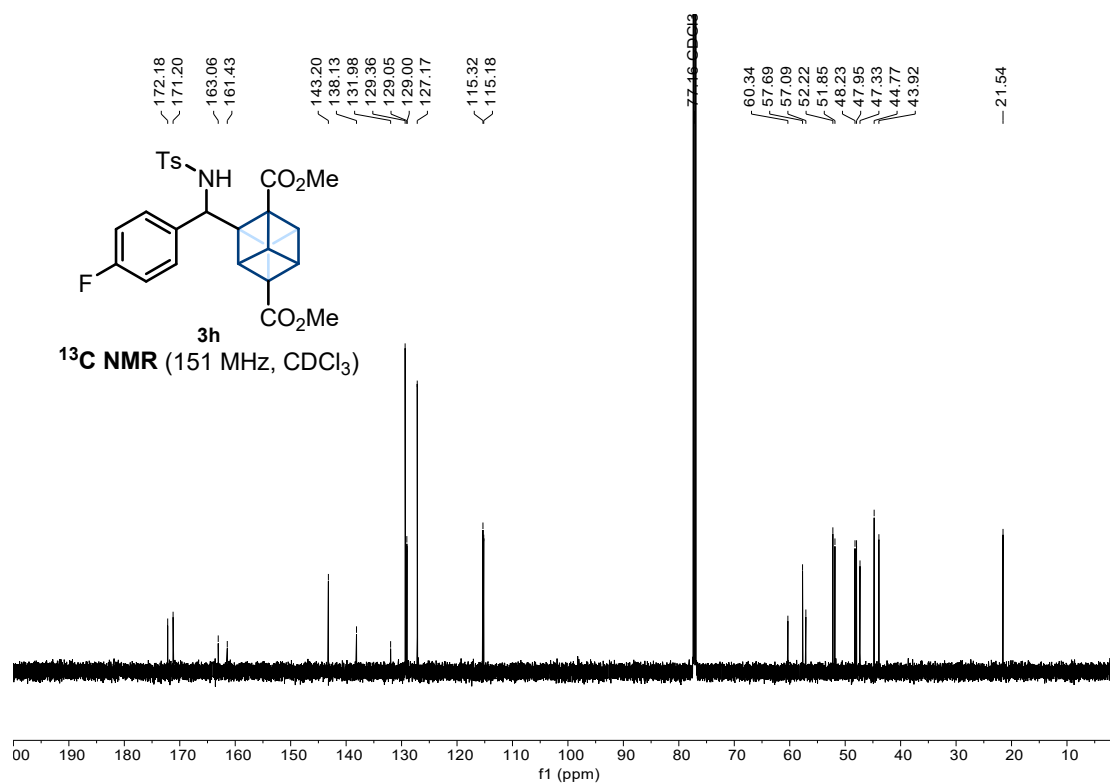


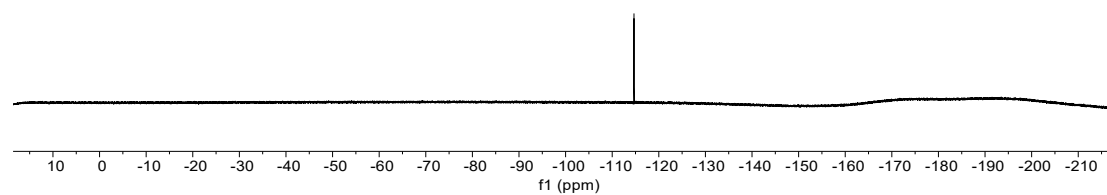
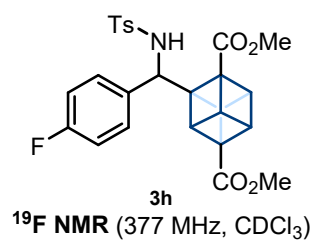


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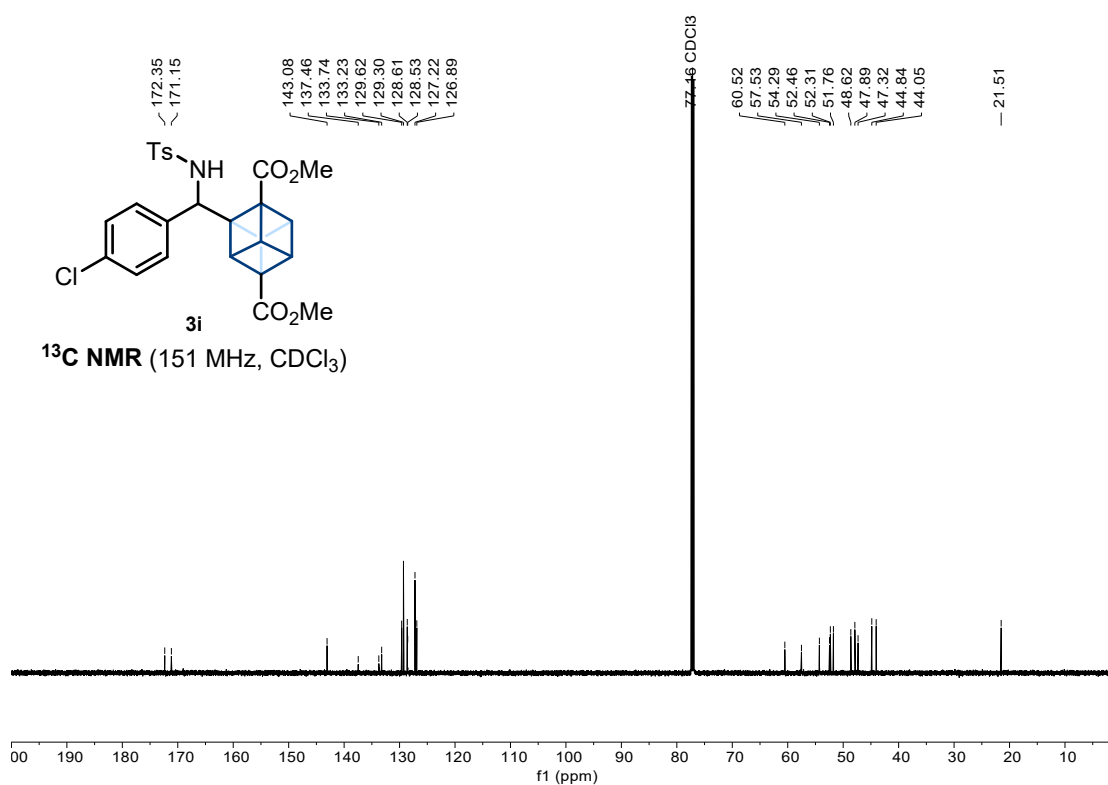
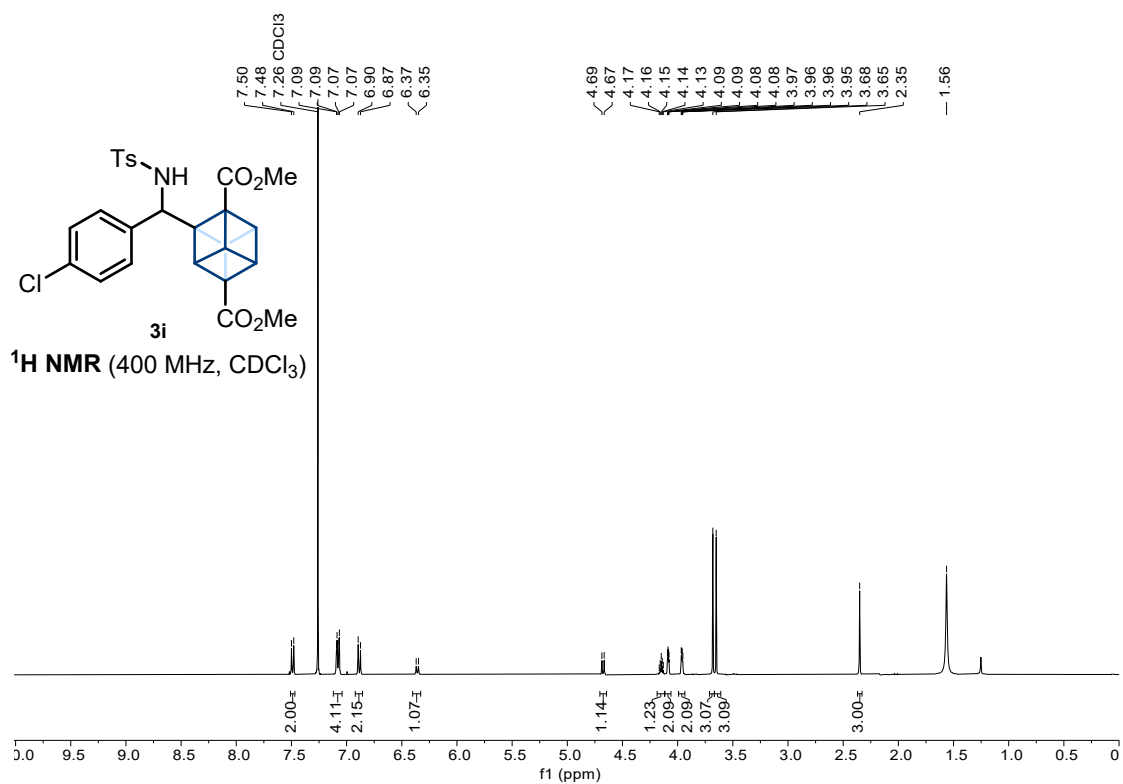


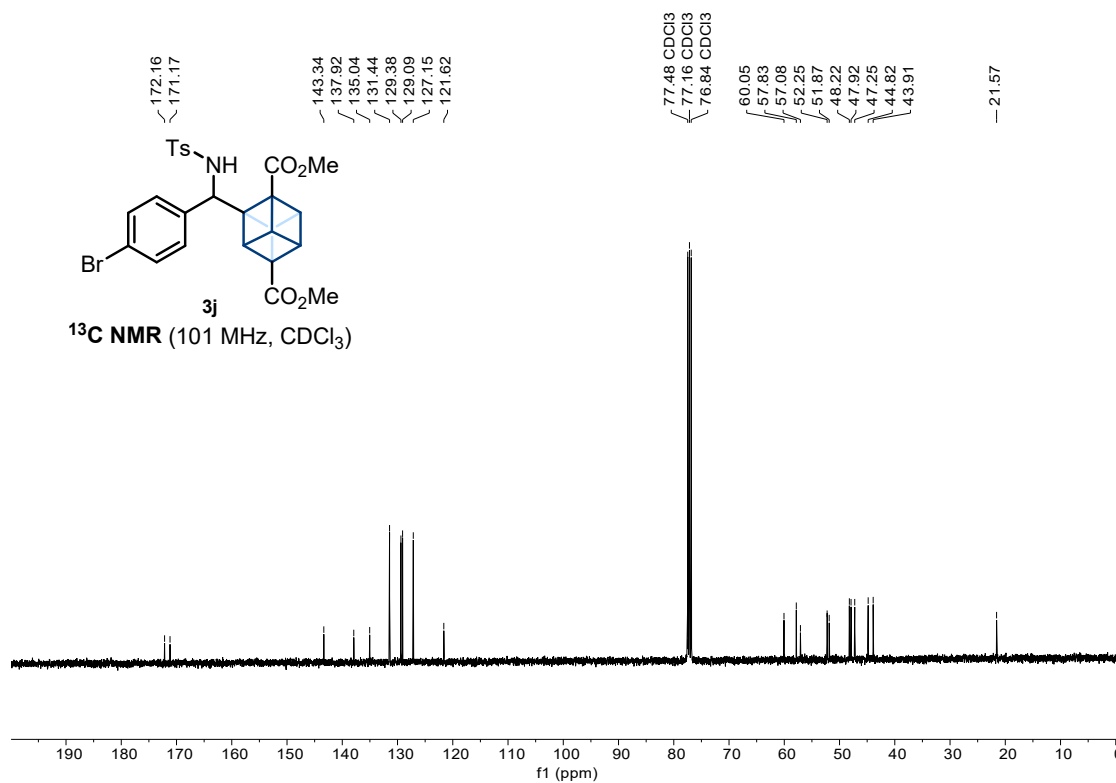
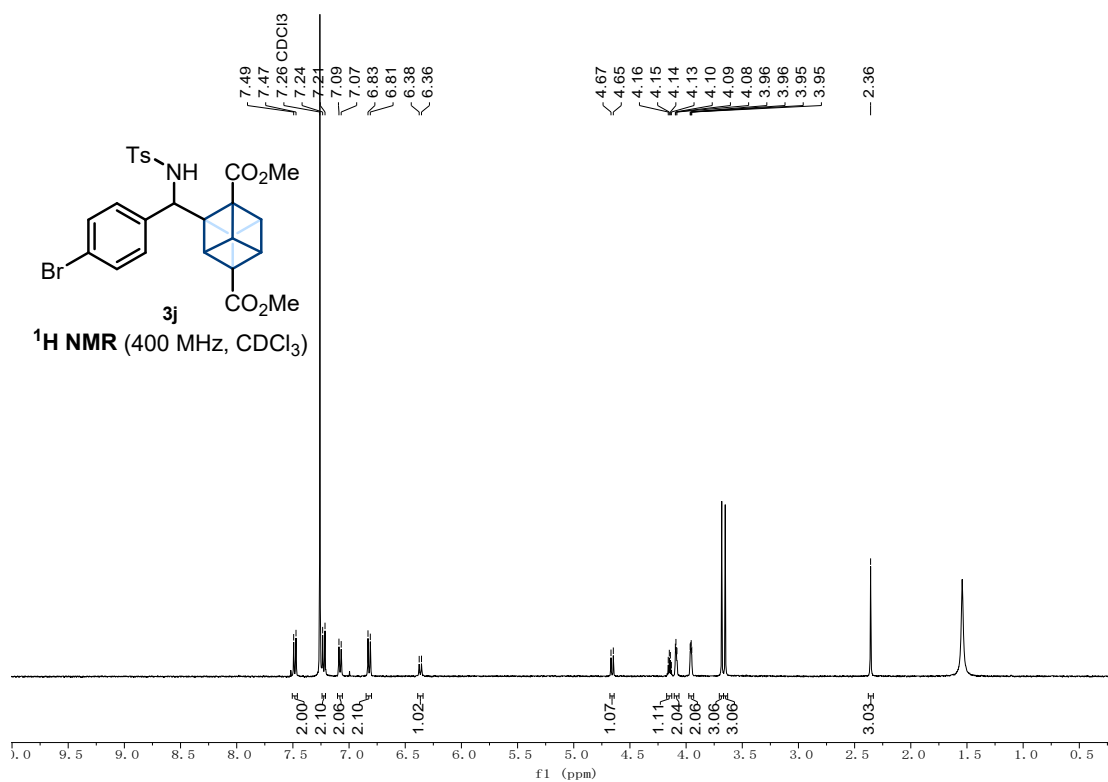
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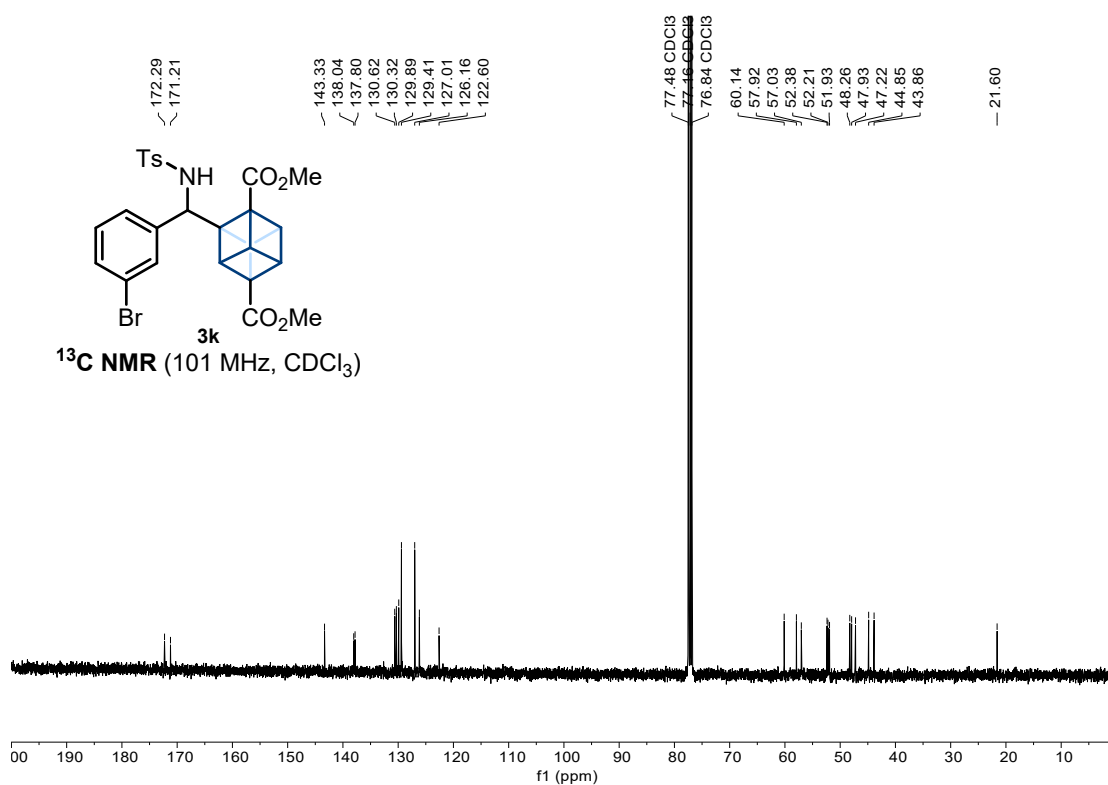
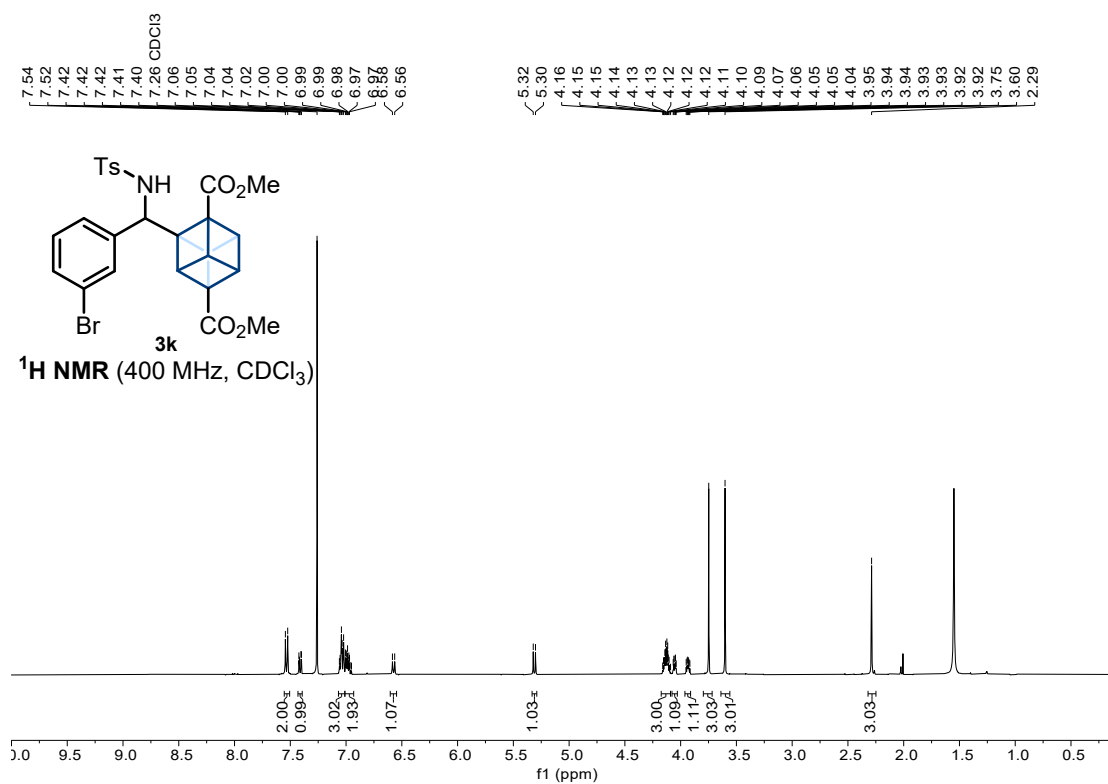


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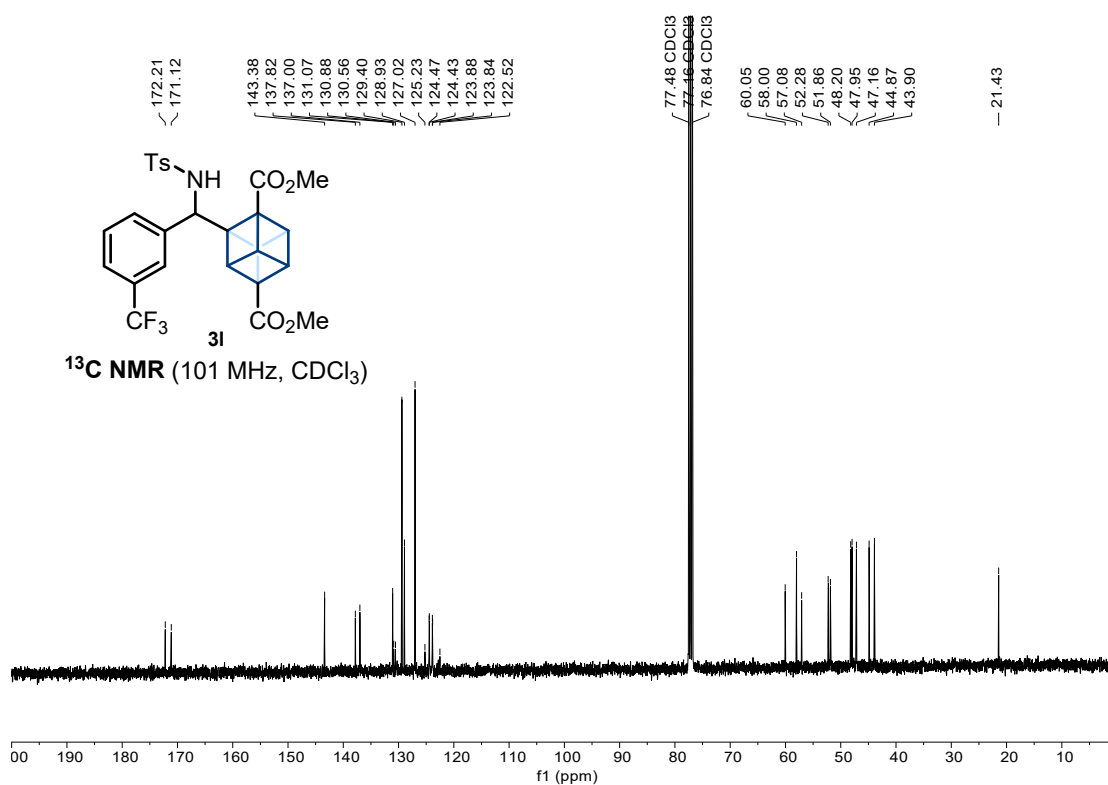
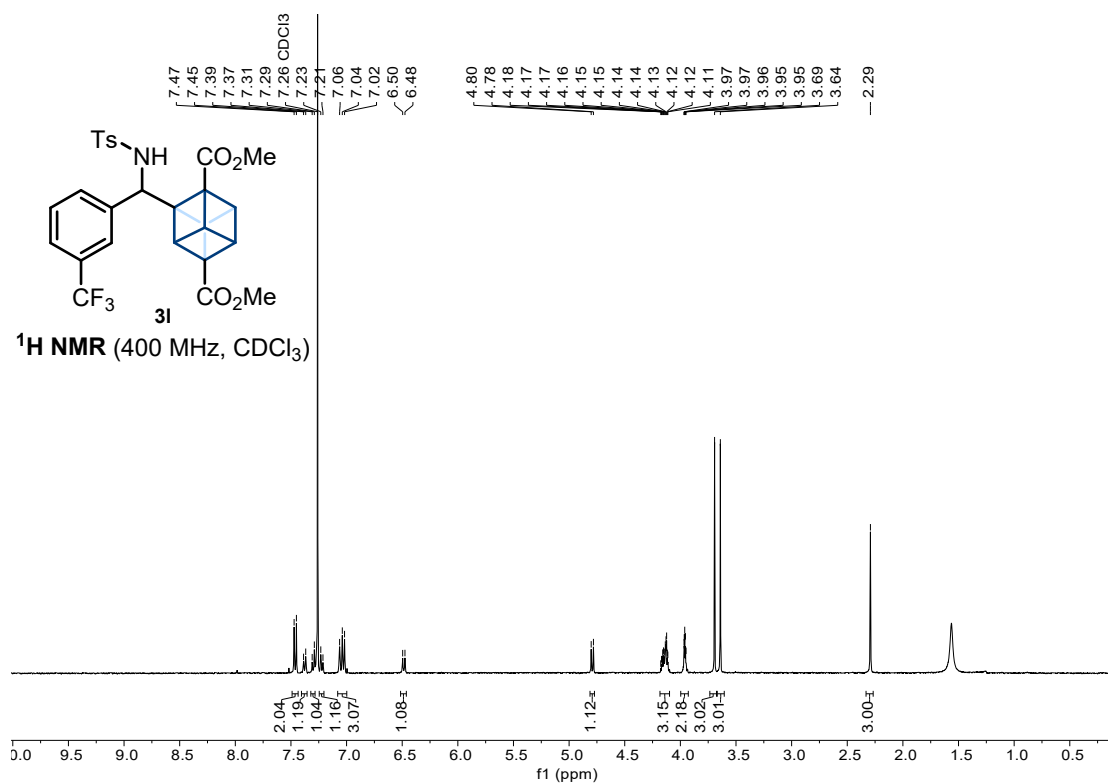




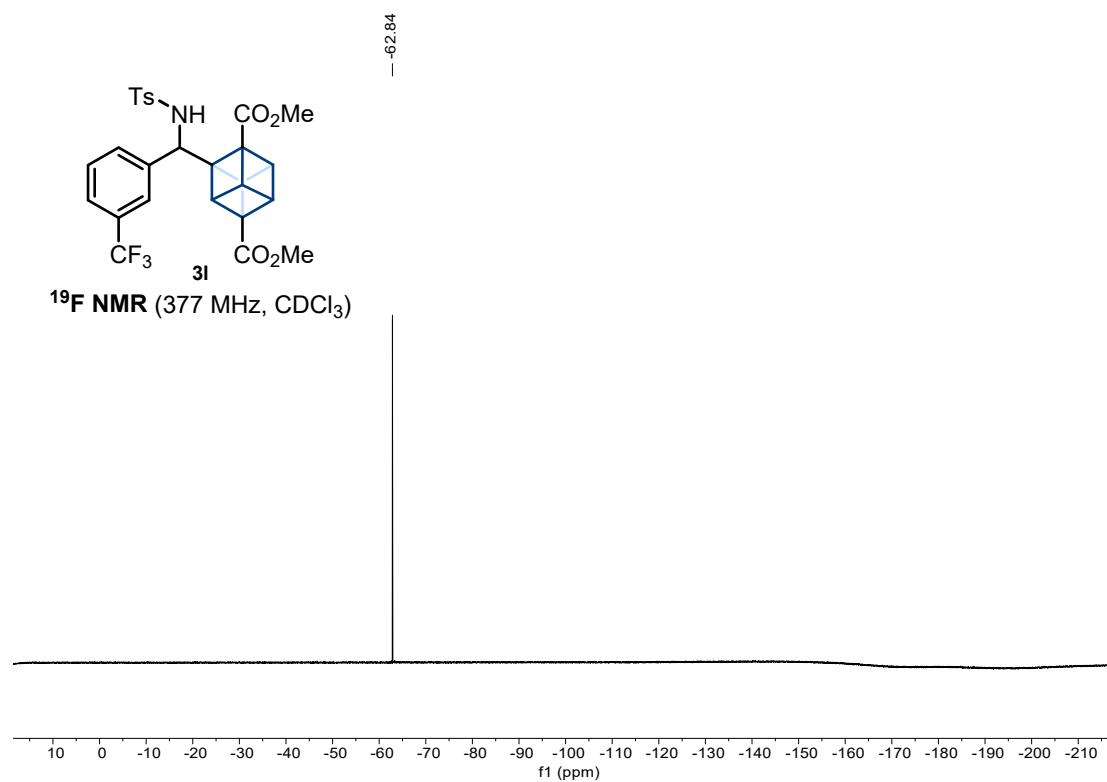
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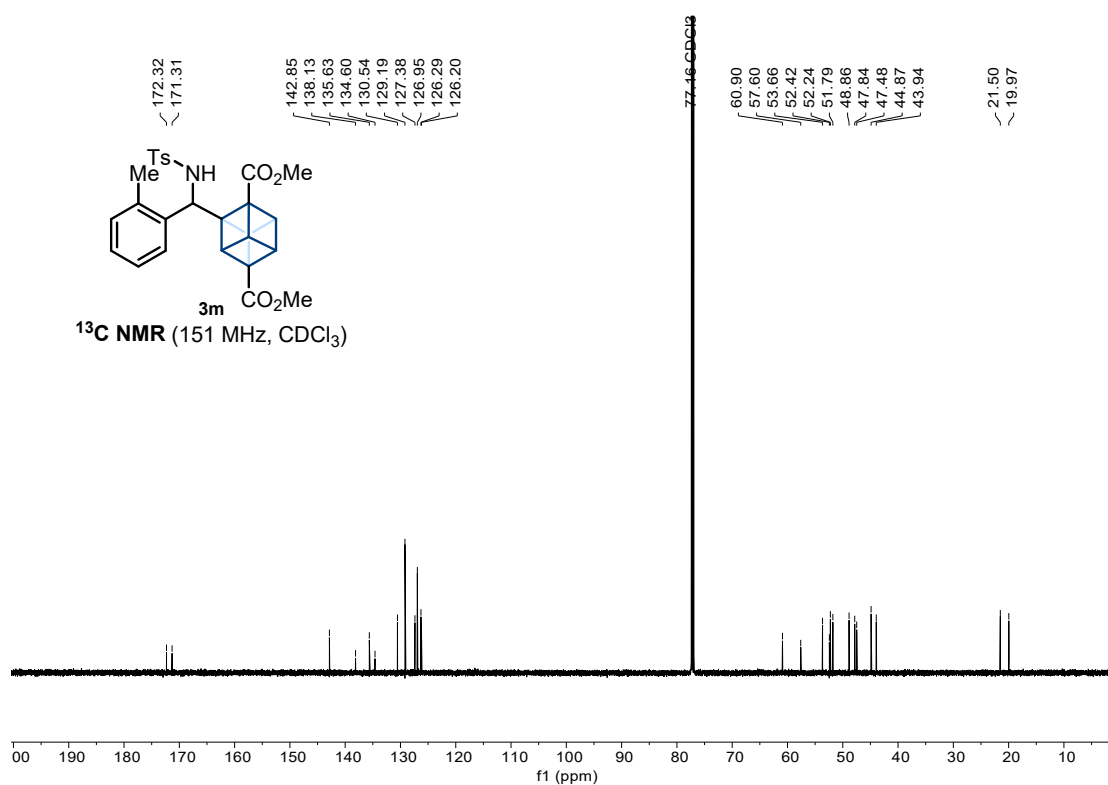
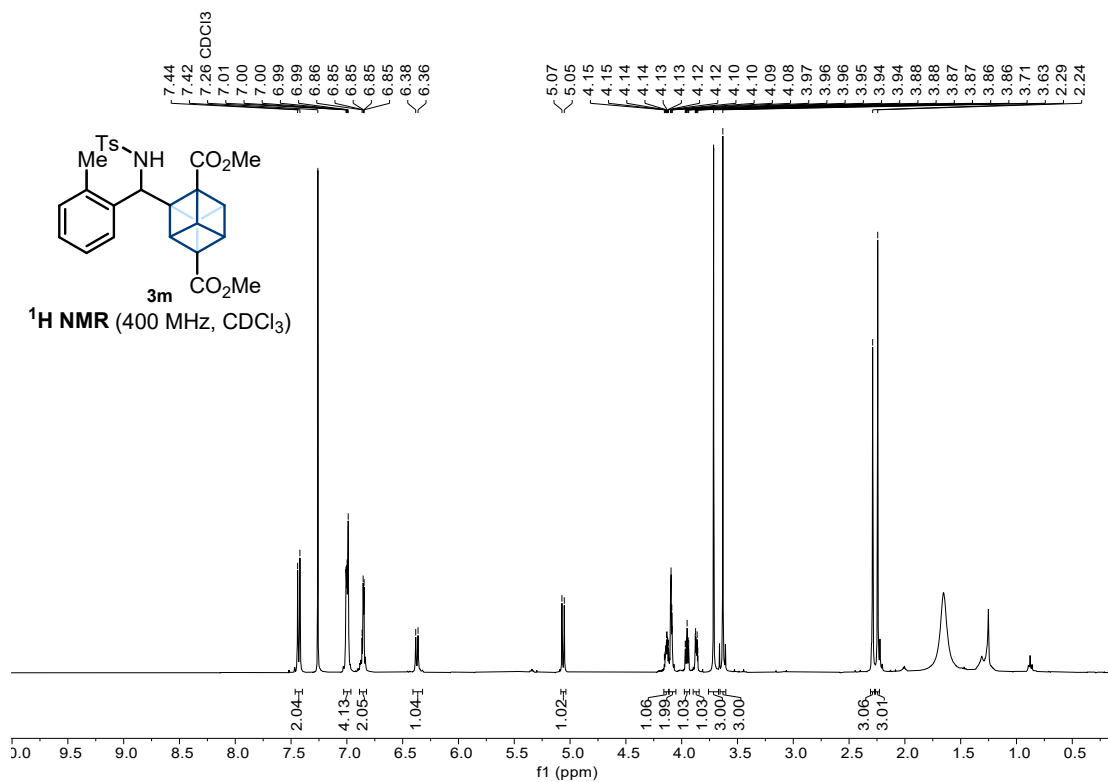
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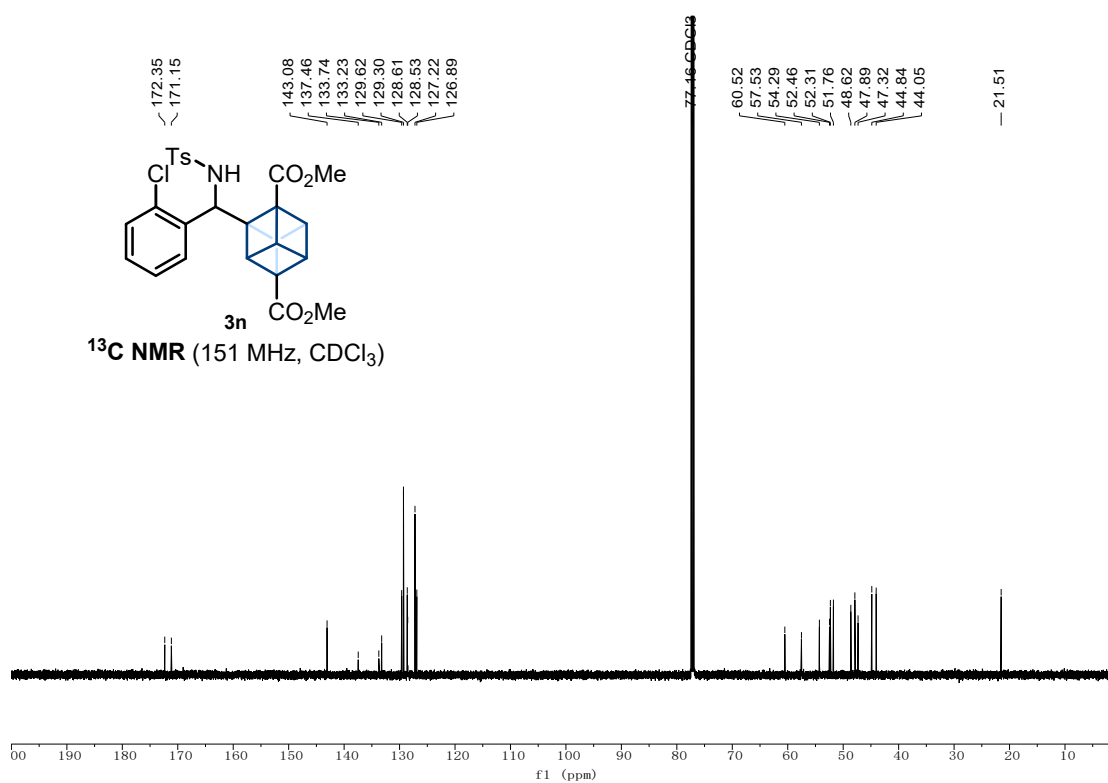
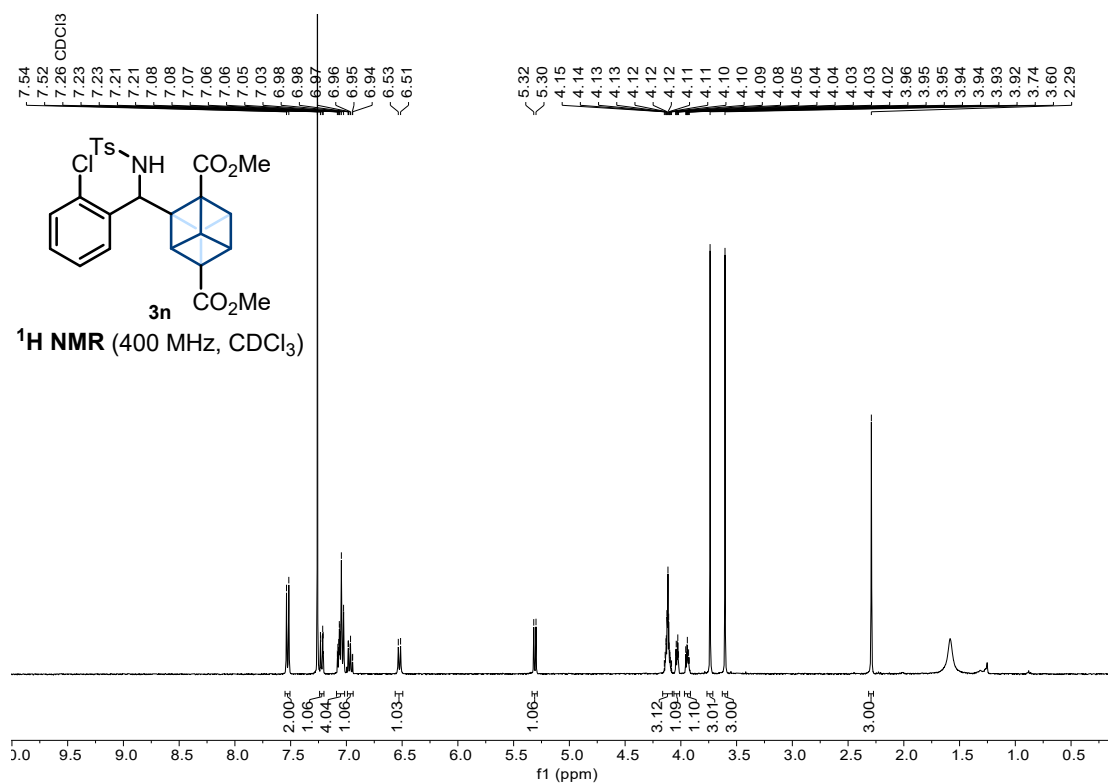
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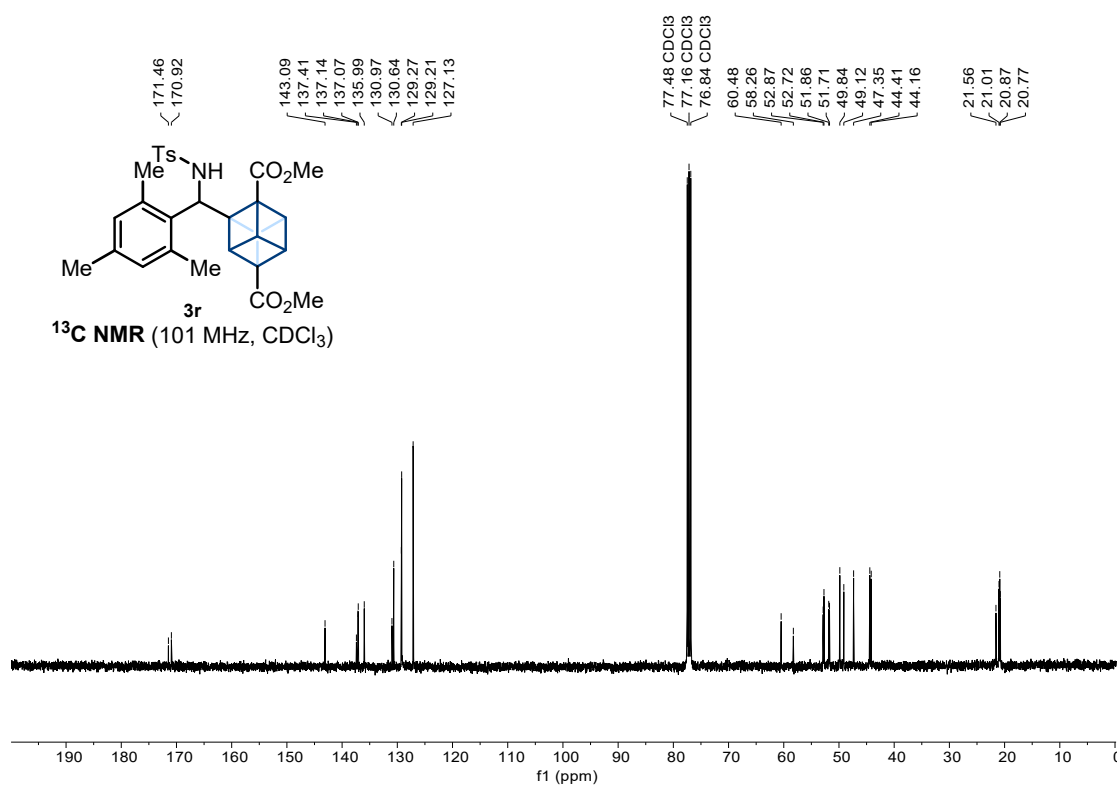
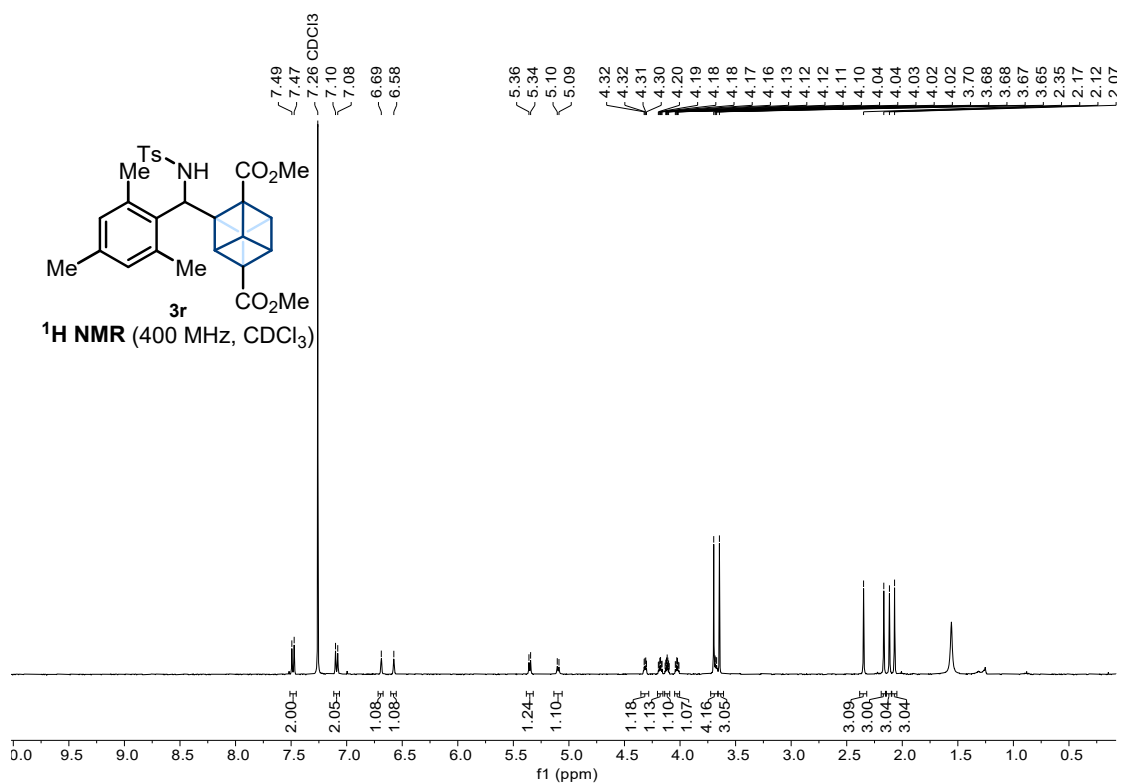
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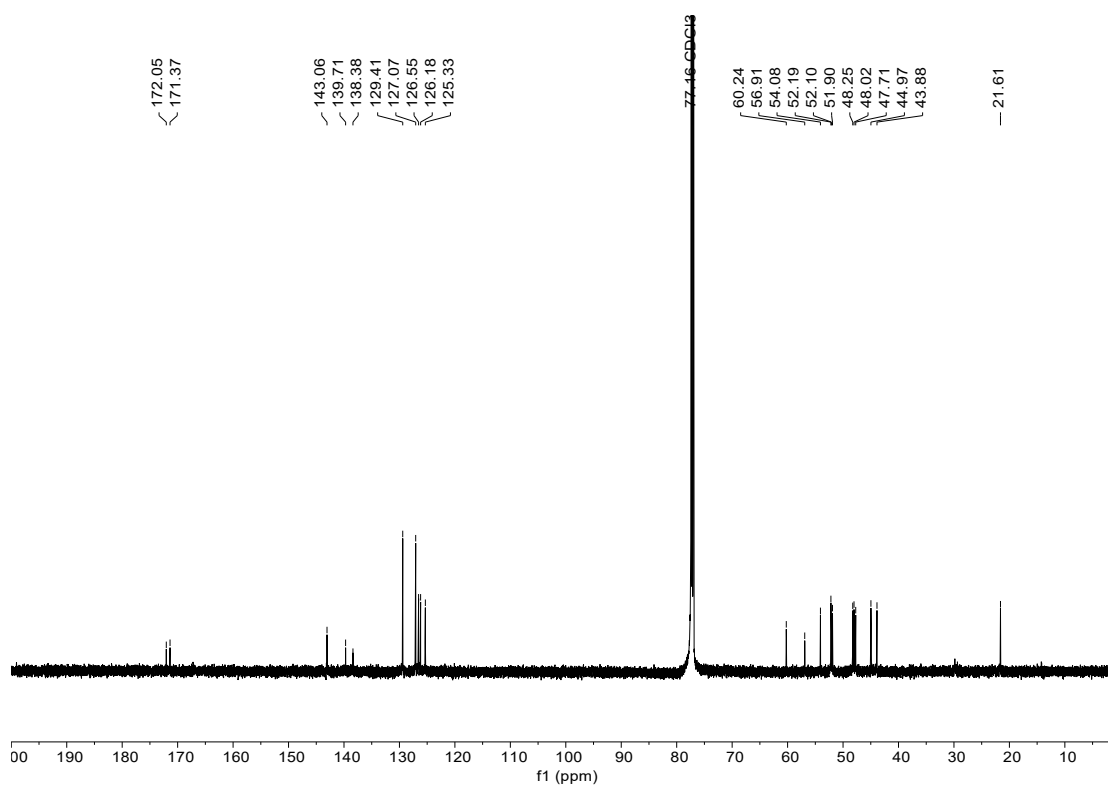
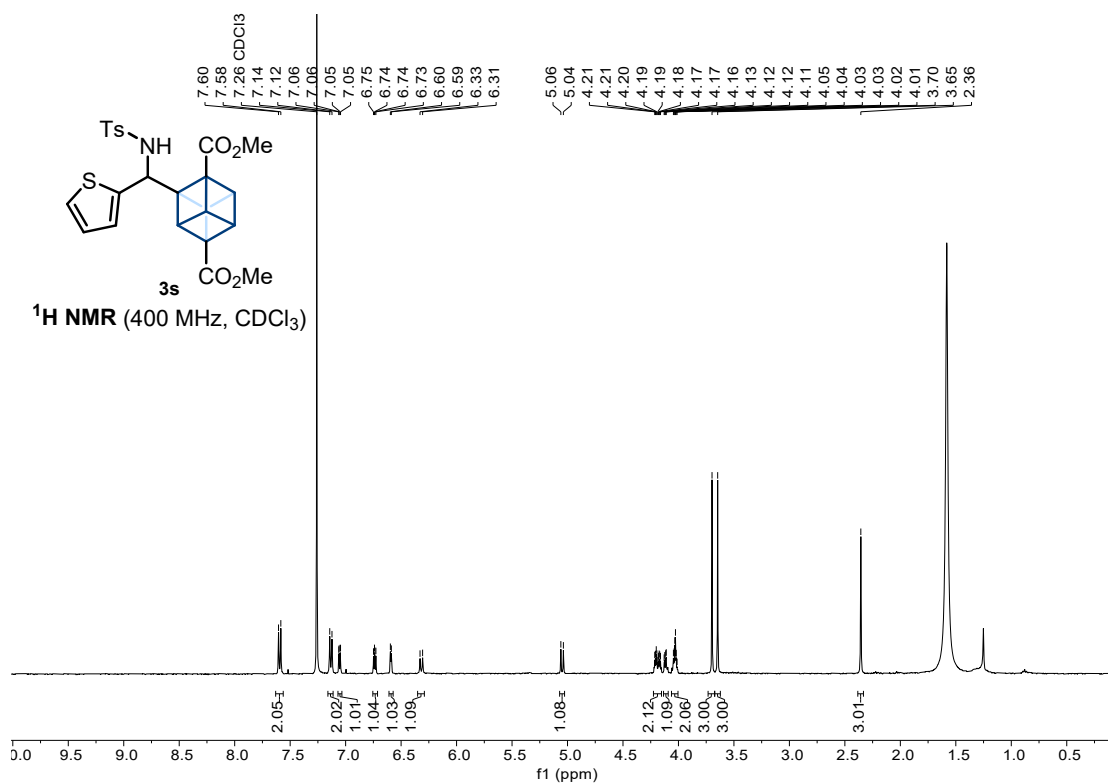
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