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Metal-free and site-selective α -C(sp³)–H oxidation of thioethers to access thioester derivatives

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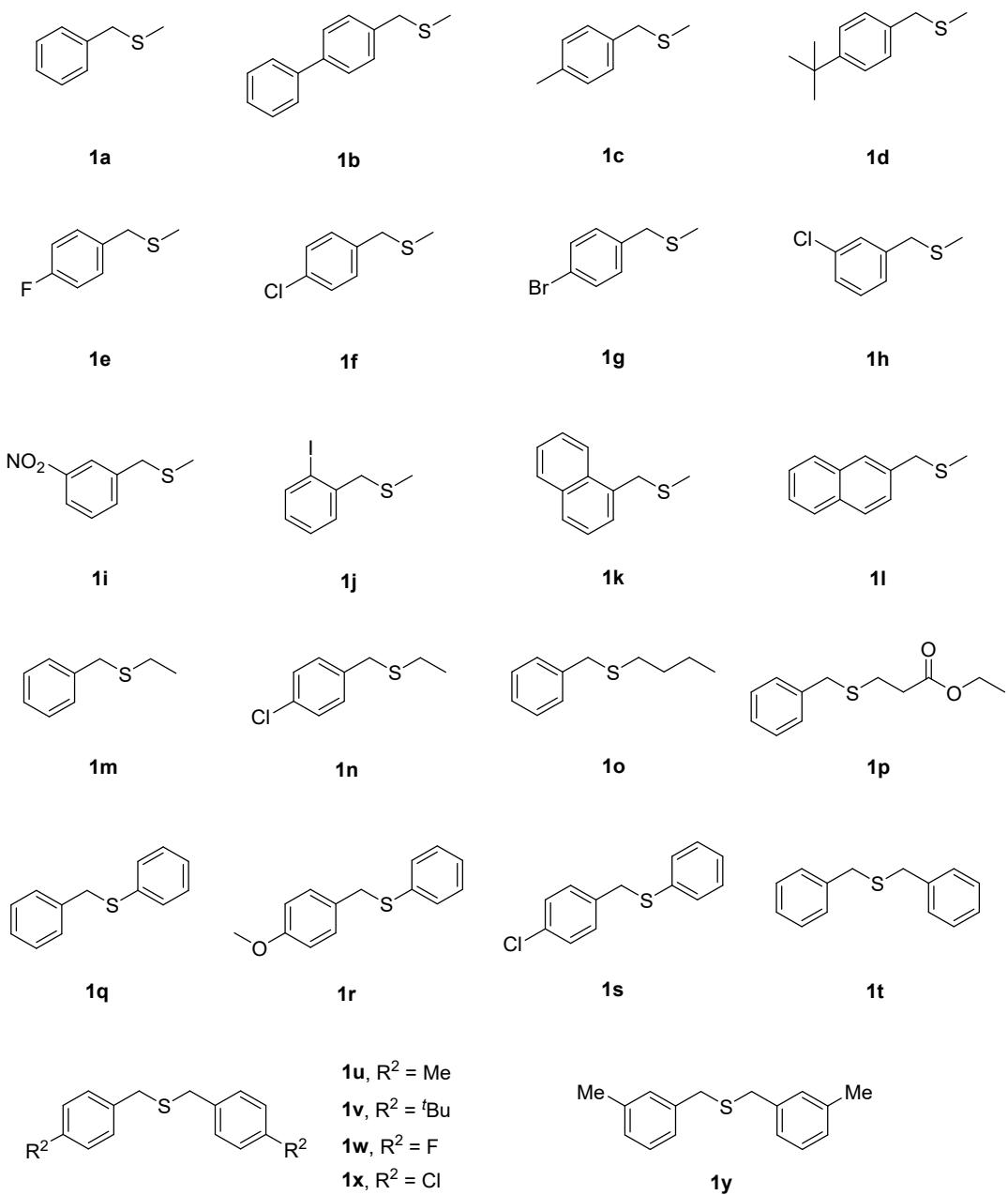
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I. General Information

All the solvents and commercially available reagents were purchased and used directly. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on EMD precoated plates (silica gel 60 F254, Art 5715) and visualized by fluorescence quenching under UV light. Column chromatography was performed on EMD Silica Gel 60 (200–300 Mesh) using a forced flow of 0.5–1.0 bar. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AVANCE III–300 or 400 spectrometer. ¹H NMR data was reported as: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), and integration. ¹³C NMR data was reported in terms of chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, and coupling constant (Hz). EI mass analysis was obtained using Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010plus. HRMS analysis was obtained using Agilent 6200 Accurate-Mass TOF LC/MS system with Electrospray Ionization (ESI). Melting points were measured by an X4-A microscopic melting point apparatus.

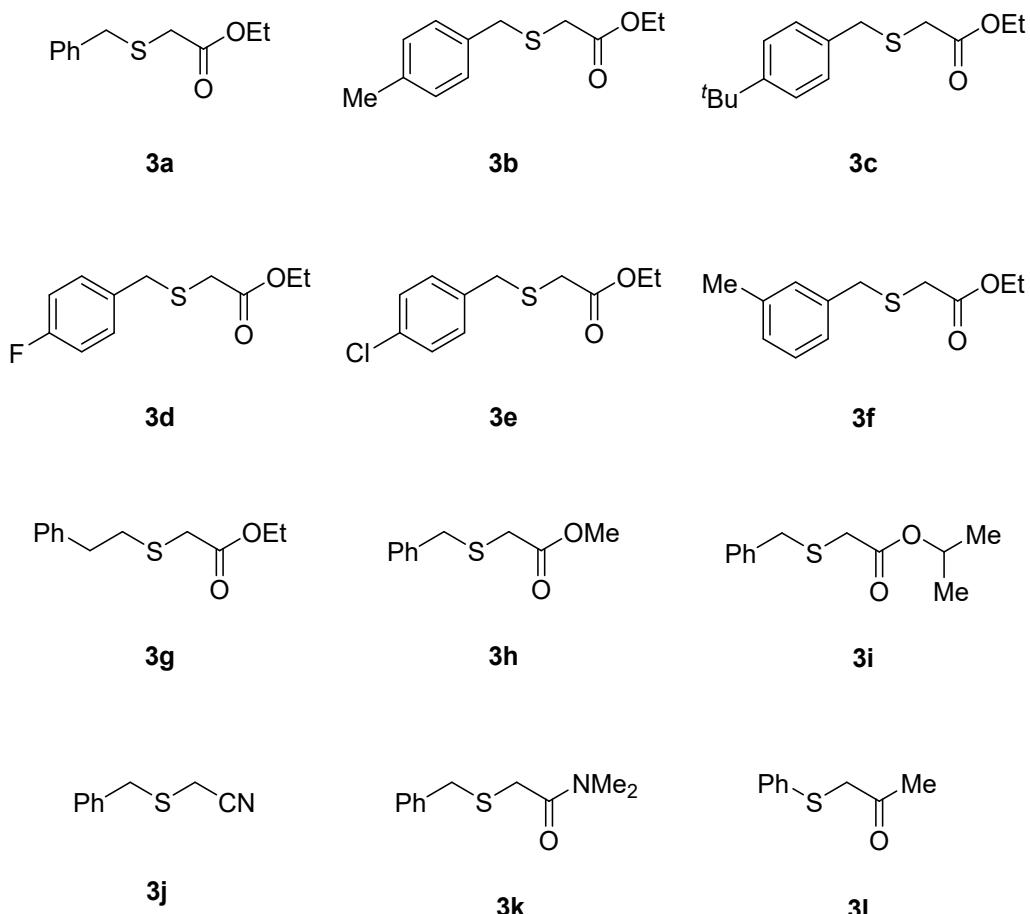
II. Experimental Section

1. Starting materials:



Scheme S1. Thioethers

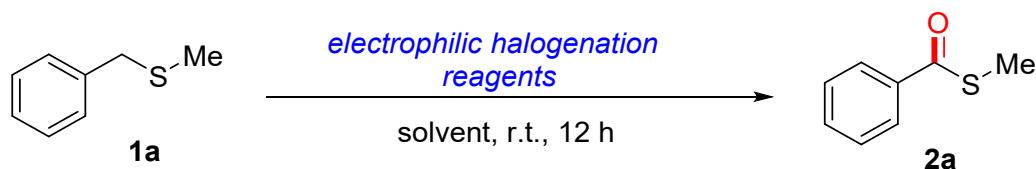
Thioethers (**1a-y**) were purchased from Energy-chemical, BLDpharm, Chemieliva, Chemhere, Adamas-beta®, TCI, J&K® or Sigma-Aldrich.



Scheme S2. Thioether ester, nitrile, amide, and ketone derivatives

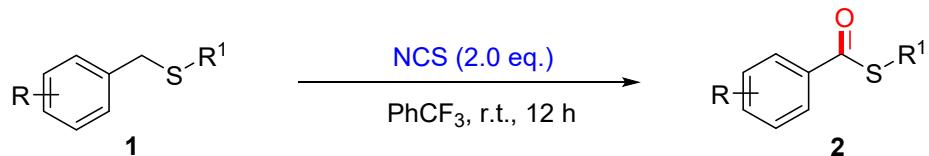
Thioether ester, nitrile, amide, and ketone derivatives (**3a-l**) were purchased from Chemieliva, Enamine, Adamas-beta®, TCI, J&K® or Sigma-Aldrich.

2. Optimization of the reaction conditions for the product **2a**

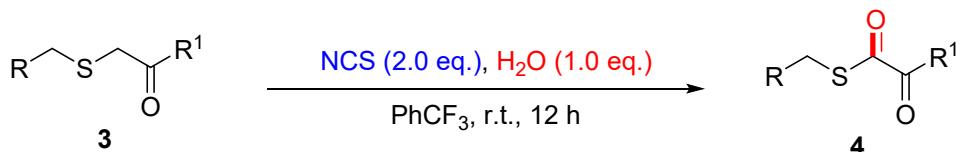


A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzyl methyl sulfide **1a** (0.2 mmol), solvent (2.0 mL) and electrophilic halogenation reagents (0.4 ~ 0.6 mmol). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired product **2a**.

3. General procedure for the scope study

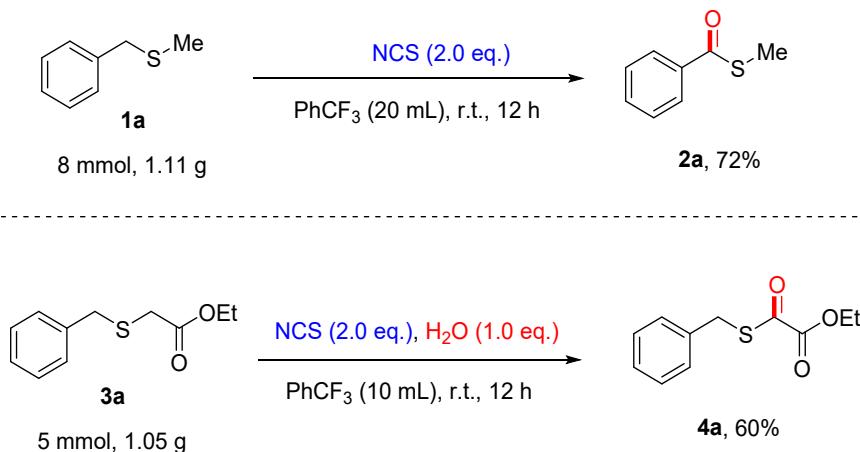


A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with thioesters **1** (0.2 mmol, 27.6 mg), PhCF₃ (2.0 mL) and NCS (0.4 mmol, 53.4 mg). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired products **2**. *Caution! To prevent unpredictable variations in yields, the PhCF₃ used in this study was sourced from Adamas-beta®.*



A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with oxalate thioethers **3** (0.2 mmol), PhCF₃ (2.0 mL), NCS (0.4 mmol, 53.4 mg) and H₂O (0.2 mmol, 3.6 μ L). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired products **4**.

4. The gram-scale reaction



A 150 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzyl methyl sulfide **1a** (8 mmol, 1.11 g), PhCF₃ (20.0 mL) and NCS (16 mmol, 2.14 g). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired product **2a** (0.88 g, 72%).

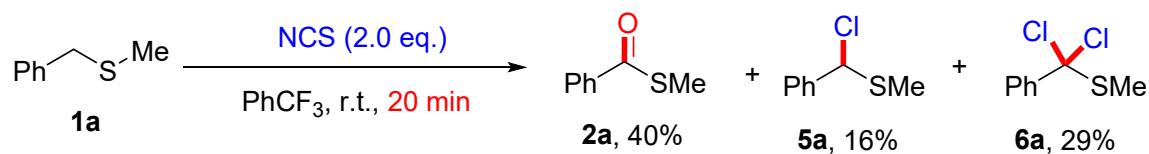
A 150 mL Schlenk tube was charged with ethyl 2-(benzylthio)acetate **3a** (5 mmol, 1.05 g), PhCF₃ (10.0 mL), NCS (16 mmol, 2.14 g) and H₂O (5 mmol, 90 μ L). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired product **4a** (0.67 g, 60%).

5. Mechanistic studies



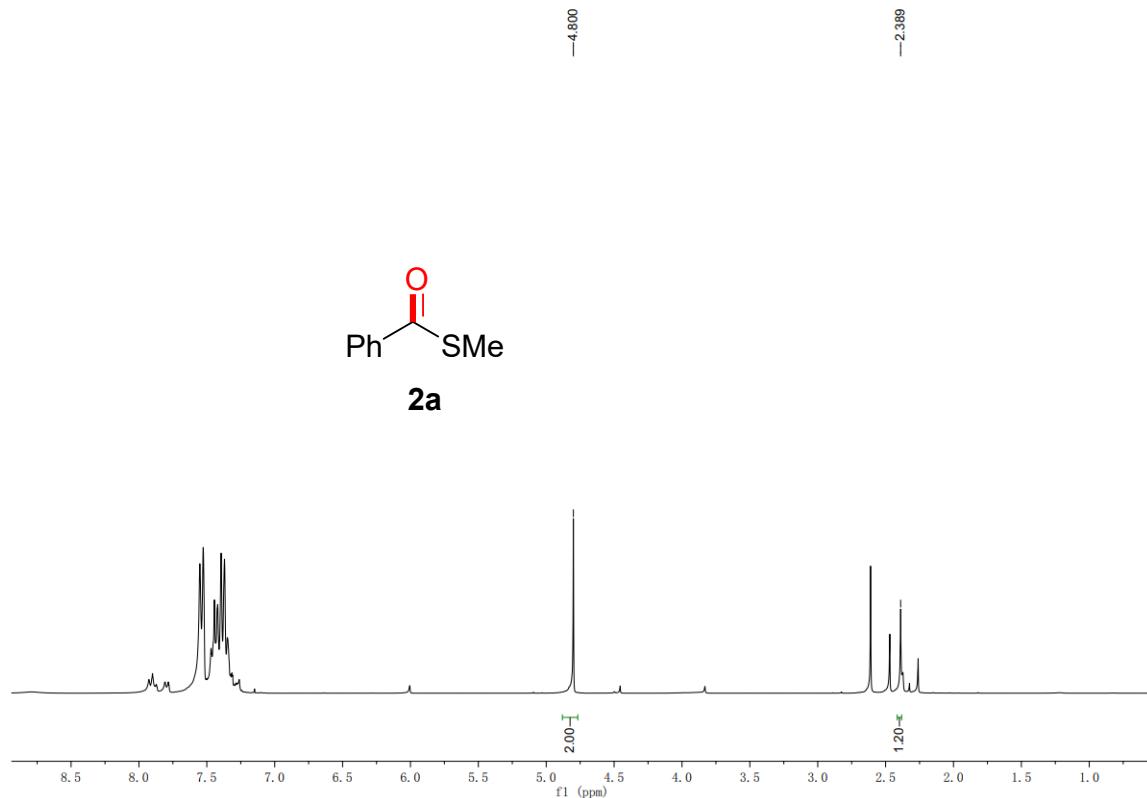
A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzyl methyl sulfide **1a** (0.2 mmol, 27.6 mg), PhCF₃ (2.0 mL), NCS (0.4 mmol, 53.4 mg) and TEMPO (0.4 mmol, 62.5 mg). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 12 h. After that, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash

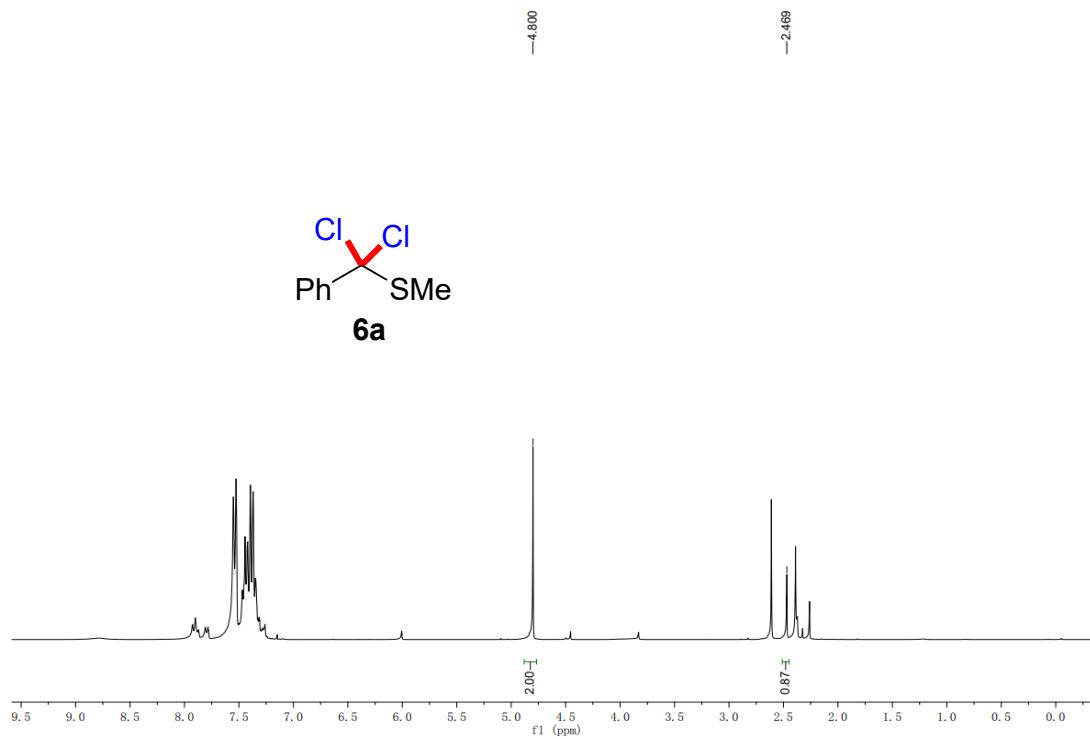
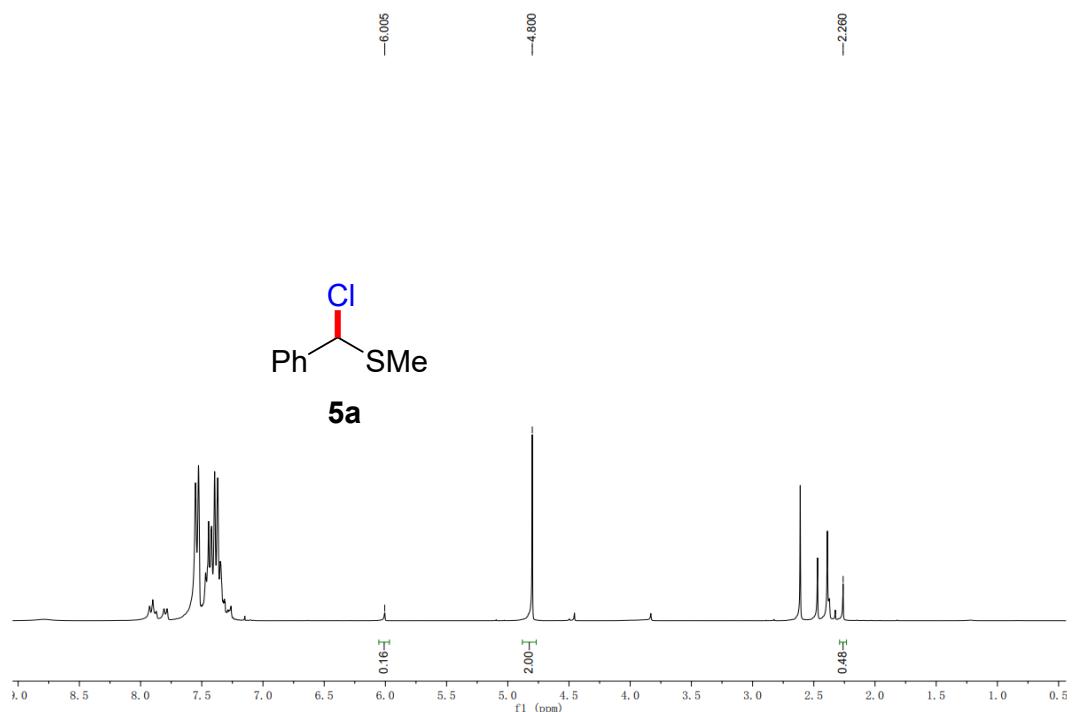
chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired product **2a** (22.2 mg, 73%).



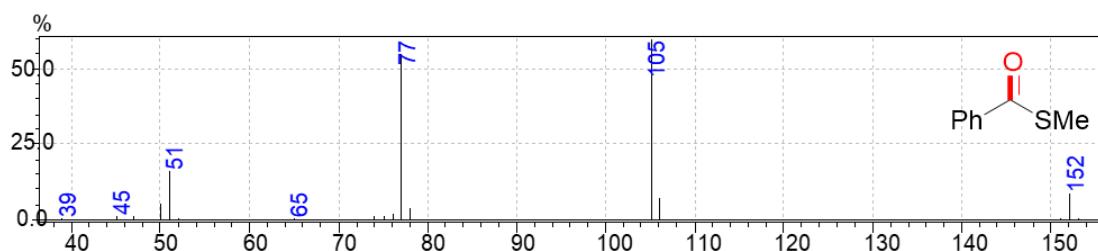
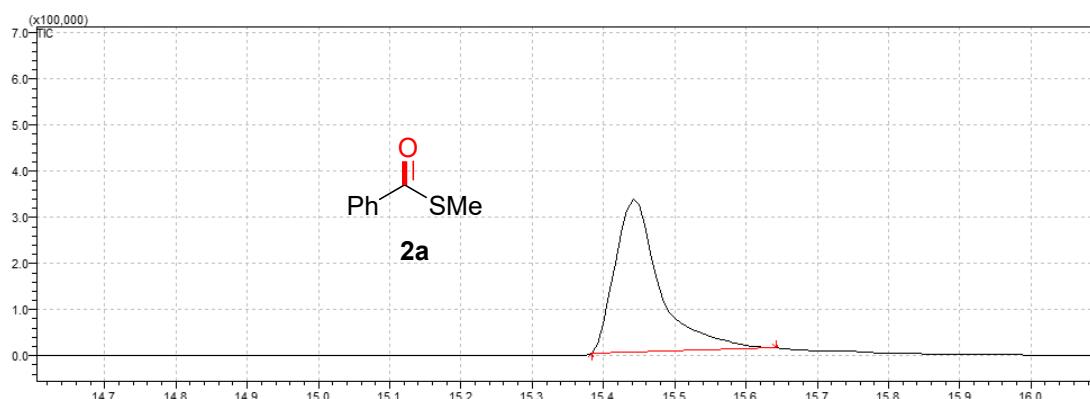
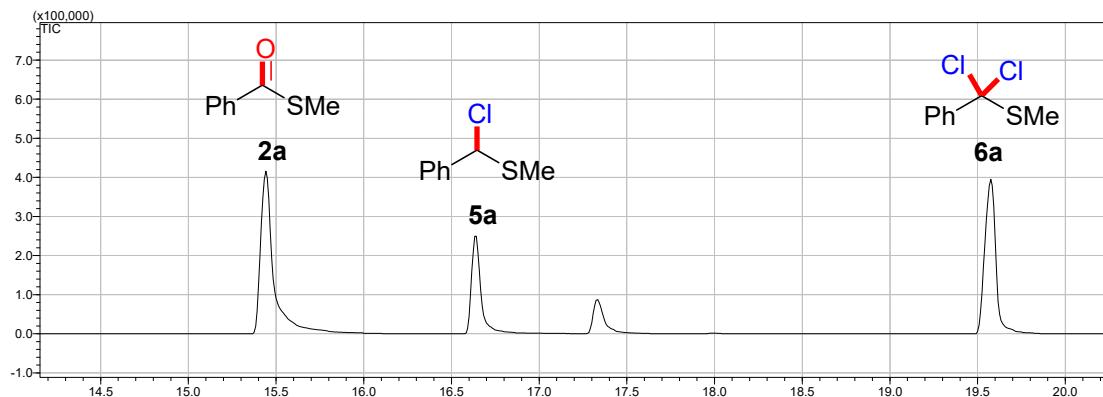
A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzyl methyl sulfide **1a** (0.2 mmol, 27.6 mg), PhCF₃ (2.0 mL) and NCS (0.4 mmol, 53.4 mg). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 20 min. After that, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was analyzed by ¹H NMR in CDCl₃ and GCMS in MeCN. Yields and conversions are based on **1a**, determined by crude ¹H NMR using dibromomethane as the internal standard.

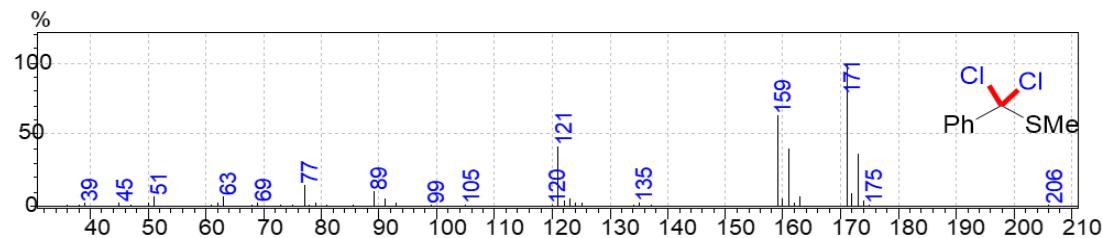
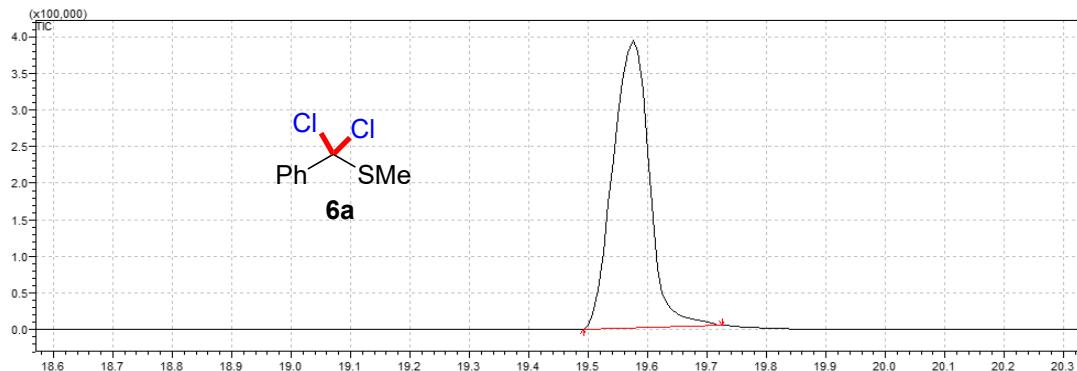
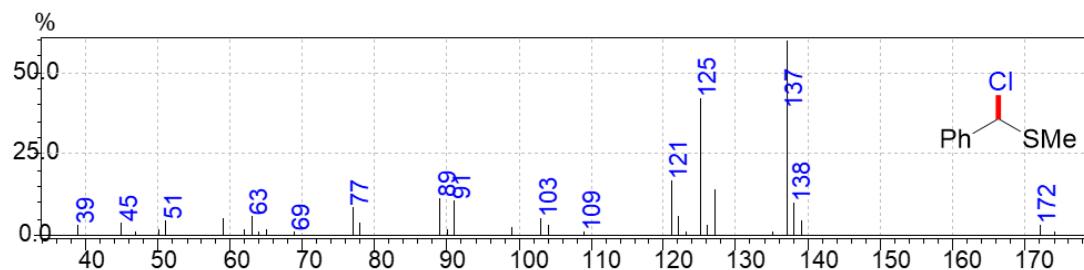
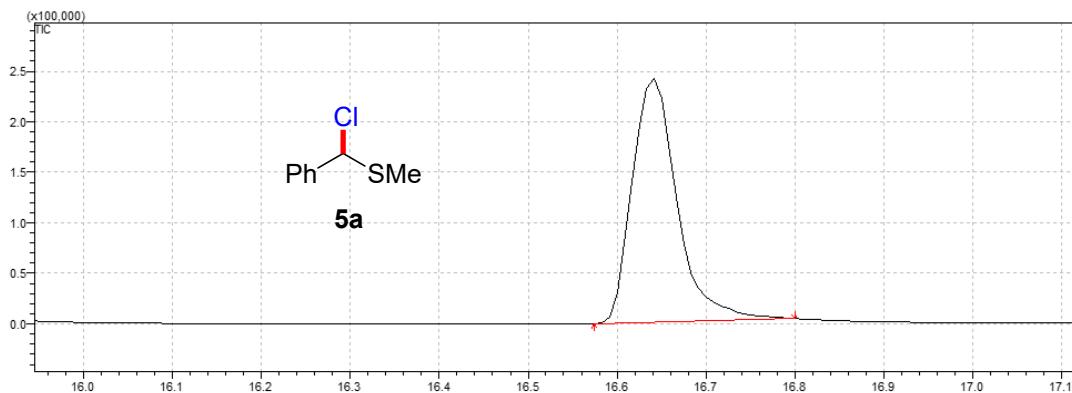
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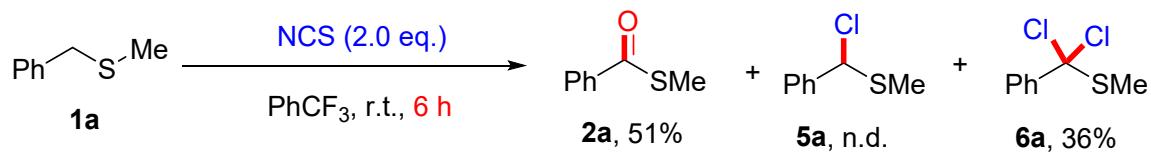




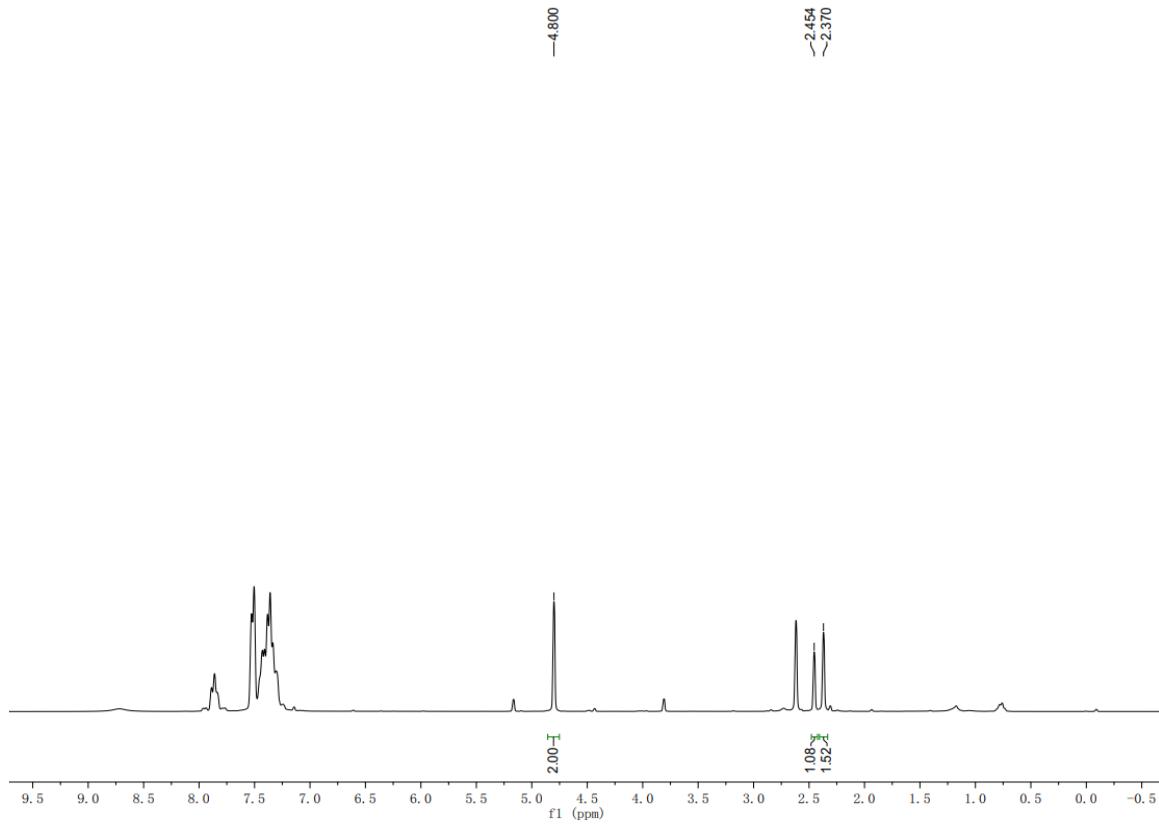
(b) GC-MS analysis of the crude product

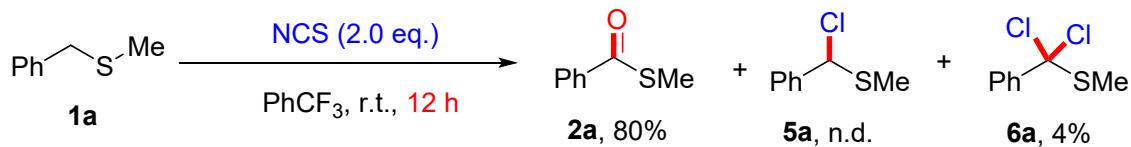




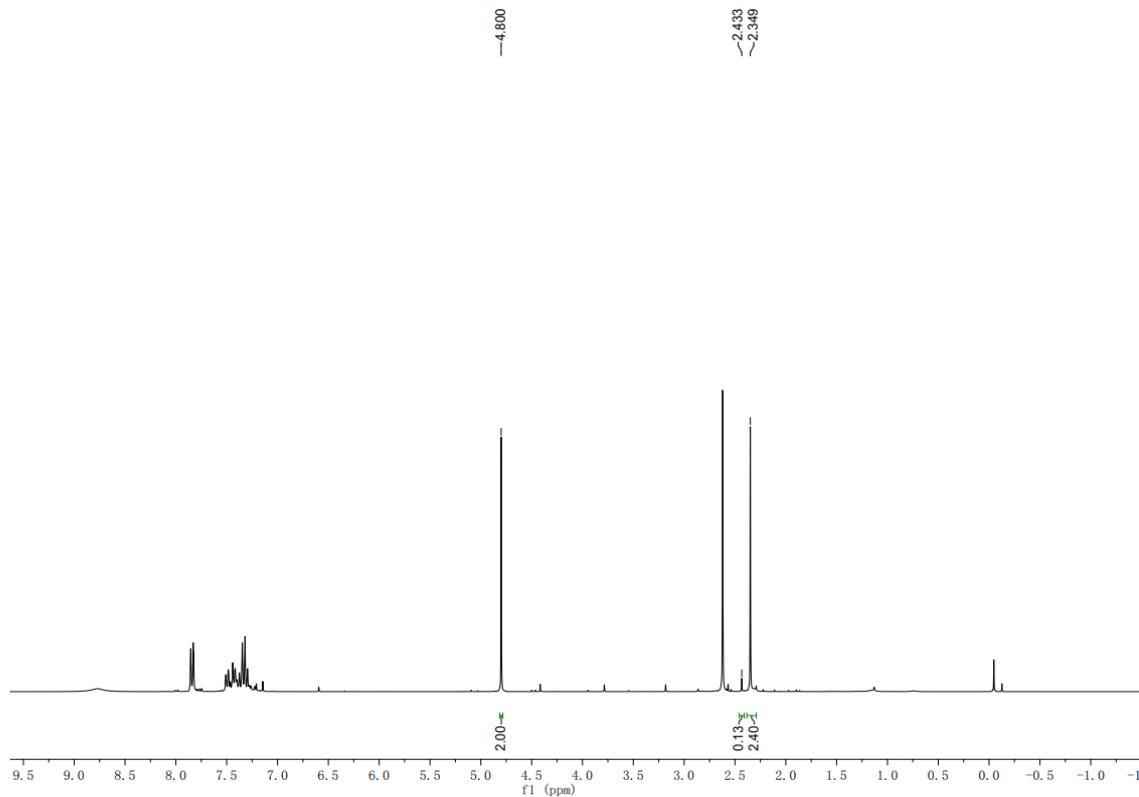


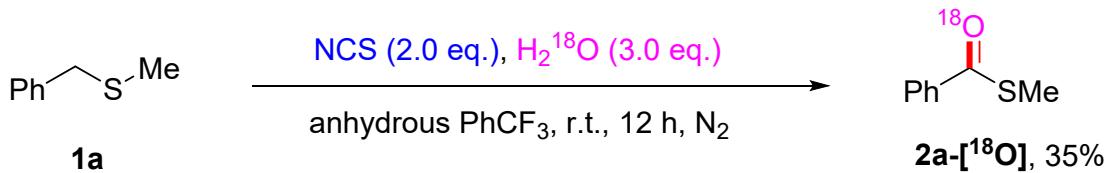
A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzyl methyl sulfide **1a** (0.2 mmol, 27.6 mg), PhCF₃ (2.0 mL) and NCS (0.4 mmol, 53.4 mg). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 6 h. After that, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was analyzed by ¹H NMR in CDCl₃. Yields and conversions are based on **1a**, determined by crude ¹H NMR using dibromomethane as the internal standard.



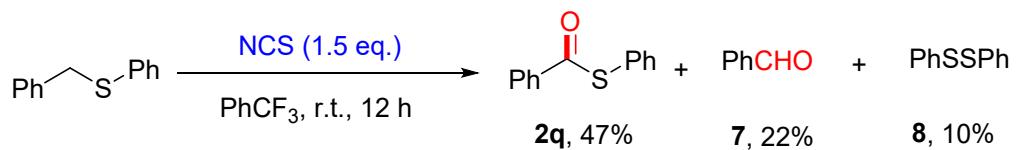
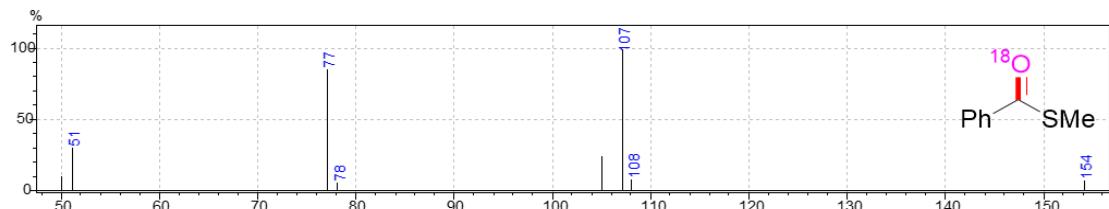
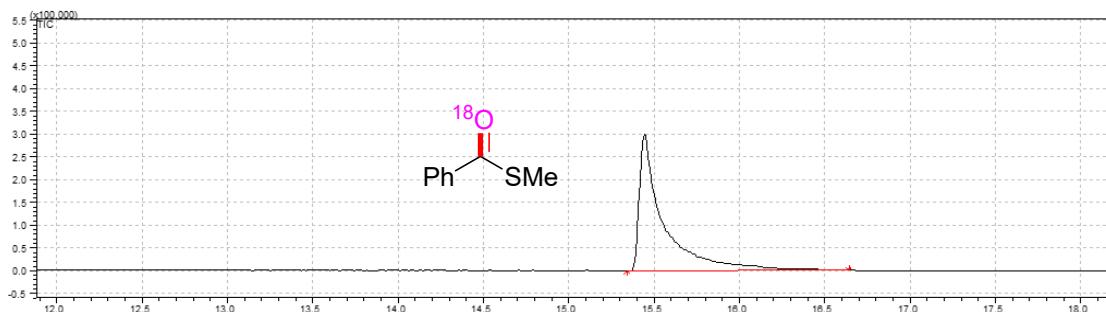


A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzyl methyl sulfide **1a** (0.2 mmol, 27.6 mg), PhCF₃ (2.0 mL) and NCS (0.4 mmol, 53.4 mg). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 12 h. After that, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was analyzed by ¹H NMR in CDCl₃. Yields and conversions are based on **1a**, determined by crude ¹H NMR using dibromomethane as the internal standard.



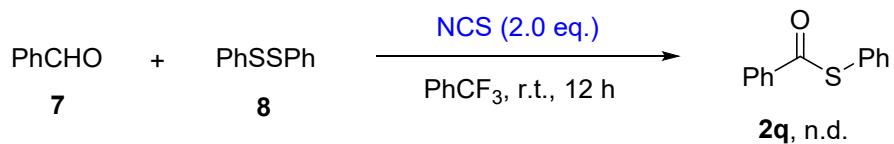


A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzyl methyl sulfide **1a** (0.2 mmol, 27.6 mg), anhydrous PhCF_3 (2.0 mL), NCS (0.4 mmol, 53.4 mg) and H_2^{18}O (0.6 mmol, 10.8 μL) under N_2 atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired product **2a-[¹⁸O]** (10.8 mg, 35%). In addition, product **2a-[¹⁸O]** was confirmed by GC-MS.



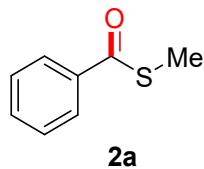
A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzyl methyl sulfide (0.2 mmol, 40.0 mg), PhCF_3 (2.0 mL), and NCS (0.3 mmol, 40.11 mg). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously under the protection of nitrogen at room temperature for 12 h. The

reaction mixture was then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to yield S-phenyl benzothioate **2q** (20.1 mg, 47%), benzaldehyde (4.7 mg, 22%) and diphenyl disulfide (4.4 mg, 10%).

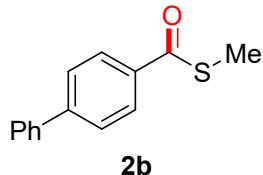


A 30 mL Schlenk tube was charged with benzaldehyde **7** (0.2 mmol), PhCF₃ (2.0 mL), diphenyl disulfide (0.1 mmol) and NCS (0.4 mmol). The tube was sealed and the reaction was then stirred vigorously under the protection of nitrogen at room temperature for 12 h. Monitor the reaction system through TLC, no desired product **2q** was detected. After that, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and no product **2q** was found in GC-MS.

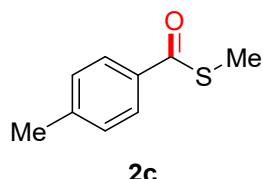
6. Data of compounds



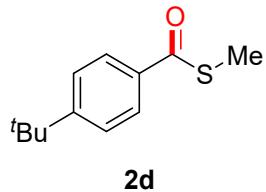
Colorless oil, 24.3 mg, yield: 80% (known compound¹). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.51, 137.07, 133.30, 128.63, 127.15, 11.76.



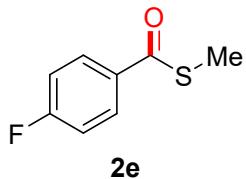
Colorless oil, 36.5 mg, yield: 80% (known compound¹). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.90, 144.95, 138.74, 134.71, 127.91, 127.20, 126.64, 126.20, 126.18, 10.69.



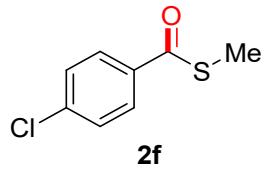
Colorless oil, 25.2 mg, yield: 76% (known compound¹). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.12, 144.12, 134.57, 129.27, 127.21, 21.68, 11.66.



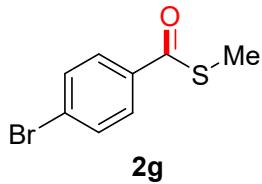
Colorless oil, 29.0 mg, yield: 70% (known compound¹). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.06, 157.05, 134.49, 127.06, 125.57, 35.16, 31.11, 11.65.



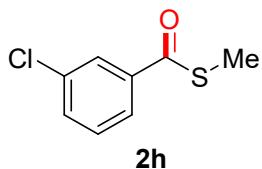
Colorless oil, 24.8 mg, yield: 73% (known compound²). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.00, 165.88 (d, *J* = 254.7 Hz), 133.42 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.67 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 115.76 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 11.82.



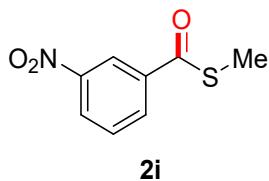
Colorless oil, 29.8 mg, yield: 80% (known compound¹). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.27, 139.66, 135.37, 128.93, 128.49, 11.81.



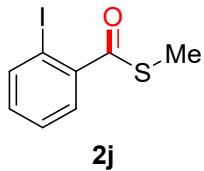
Colorless oil, 39.0 mg, yield: 85% (known compound¹). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.49, 135.80, 131.92, 128.61, 128.33, 11.82.



Colorless oil, 34.2 mg, yield: 92% (known compound³). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.30, 138.55, 134.91, 133.20, 129.95, 127.19, 125.29, 11.90.



Colorless oil, 37.0 mg, yield: 94% (known compound⁴). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 – 8.74 (m, 1H), 8.43 – 8.38 (m, 1H), 8.29 – 8.23 (m, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.40, 148.36, 138.27, 132.65, 129.92, 127.48, 122.10, 12.03.



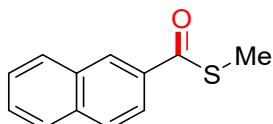
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Colorless oil, 33.4 mg, yield: 60%. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (dd, $J = 7.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.64, 142.74, 140.84, 132.32, 128.80, 128.00, 91.30, 12.80. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{IOS} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 278.9335, found: 278.9342.



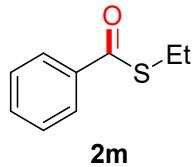
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Colorless oil, 33.2 mg, yield: 82% (known compound³). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 – 8.39 (m, 1H), 7.96 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.76, 134.52, 132.70, 131.71, 128.12, 127.26, 126.87, 126.50, 125.57, 124.22, 123.43, 11.66.

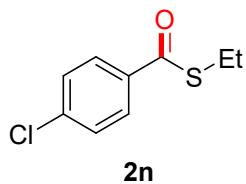


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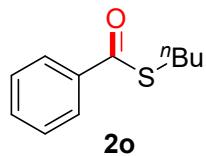
Colorless oil, 33.5 mg, yield: 83% (known compound⁴). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.03 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.39, 135.75, 134.37, 132.48, 129.59, 128.50, 128.48, 128.44, 127.83, 126.92, 123.15, 11.90.



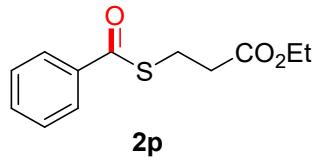
Colorless oil, 28.2 mg, yield: 85% (known compound⁴). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.17, 137.23, 133.27, 128.60, 127.18, 23.47, 14.81.



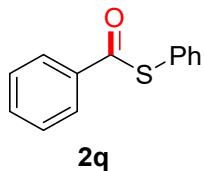
Colorless oil, 35.2 mg, yield: 88% (known compound⁵). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 3.08 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.97, 139.61, 135.55, 128.89, 128.53, 23.62, 14.74.



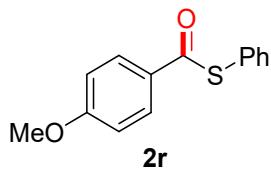
Colorless oil, 27.2 mg, yield: 70% (known compound⁶). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.42 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.15, 137.31, 133.19, 128.56, 127.18, 31.64, 28.76, 22.07, 13.63.



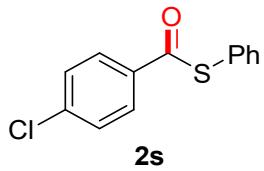
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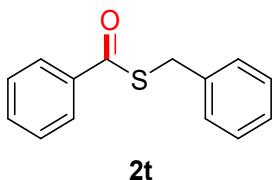
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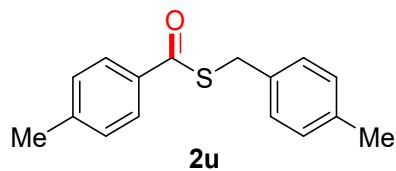
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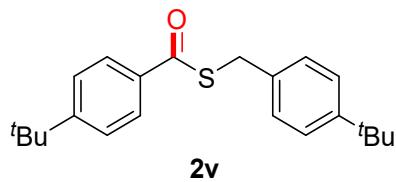
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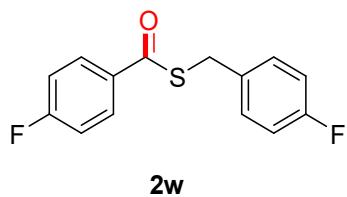
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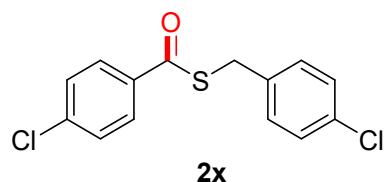
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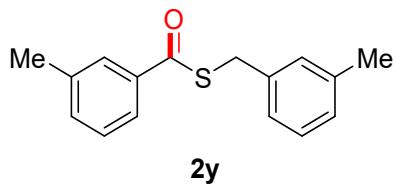
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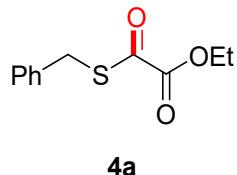
Colorless oil, 42.2 mg, yield: 80%. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.69, 166.01 (d, J = 255.3 Hz), 162.08 (d, J = 246.1 Hz), 133.22 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 133.04 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.61 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 129.88 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 115.85 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 115.56 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 32.68. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_2\text{NaOS} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 287.0313, found: 287.0313.



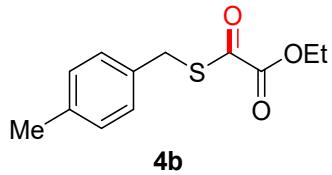
Colorless oil, 51.0 mg, yield: 86% (known compound⁹). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 4.26 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.87, 140.02, 135.93, 134.97, 133.30, 130.35, 129.02, 128.84, 128.67, 32.75.



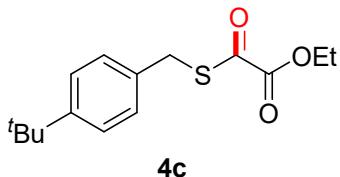
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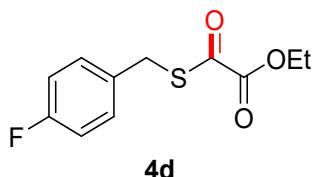
Colorless oil, 31.4 mg, yield: 70% (known compound¹⁰). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.06, 158.95, 136.05, 129.05, 128.80, 127.74, 63.66, 33.71, 13.99.



Colorless oil, 36.2 mg, yield: 76%. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.14, 158.99, 137.53, 132.94, 129.47, 128.94, 63.60, 33.50, 21.15, 13.98. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 239.0736, found: 239.0736.

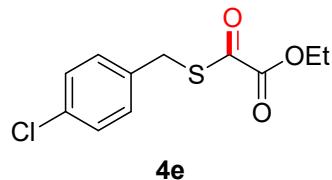


Colorless oil, 44.8 mg, yield: 80%. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.15, 158.99, 150.76, 132.89, 128.73, 125.74, 63.61, 34.56, 33.37, 31.31, 13.99. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 303.1025, found: 303.1024.

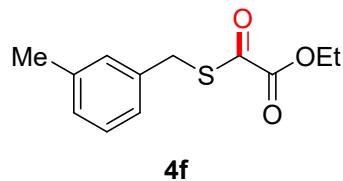


Colorless oil, 37.8 mg, yield: 78%. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.29 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.96, 162.24 (d, $J = 246.6$ Hz), 158.87, 131.97, 130.71 (d, J

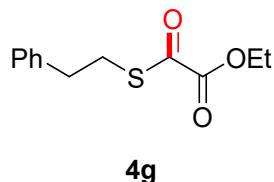
δ = 8.2 Hz), 115.66 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 63.69, 32.92, 13.95. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{11}H_{11}FNaO_3S$ [M+Na] $^+$: 265.0305, found: 265.0300.



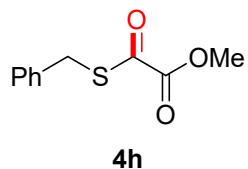
White solid, 42.3 mg, yield: 82%. m.p. = 48 ~ 49 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.27 (brs, 4H), 4.37 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 184.90, 158.83, 134.72, 133.62, 130.39, 128.92, 63.74, 32.97, 13.96. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{11}H_{11}ClNaO_3S$ [M+Na] $^+$: 281.0010, found: 281.0010.



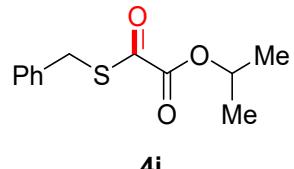
Colorless oil, 35.7 mg, yield: 75%. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 185.07, 158.97, 138.54, 135.89, 129.73, 128.68, 128.51, 126.05, 63.61, 33.68, 21.33, 13.97. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $C_{12}H_{15}O_3S$ [M+H] $^+$: 239.0736, found: 239.0734.



Colorless oil, 40.5 mg, yield: 85%. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 3H), 4.37 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.27 – 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.97 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.61, 159.05, 139.38, 128.67, 128.59, 126.79, 63.58, 35.05, 30.74, 14.00. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 239.0736, found: 239.0732.



Colorless oil, 29.8 mg, yield: 71% (known compound¹¹). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.65, 159.42, 135.92, 129.03, 128.81, 127.78, 53.88, 33.74.



Colorless oil, 32.0 mg, yield: 67%. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.22 – 5.08 (m, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 1.35 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.38, 158.46, 136.16, 129.06, 128.79, 127.71, 72.21, 33.70, 21.55. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 239.0736, found: 239.0736.

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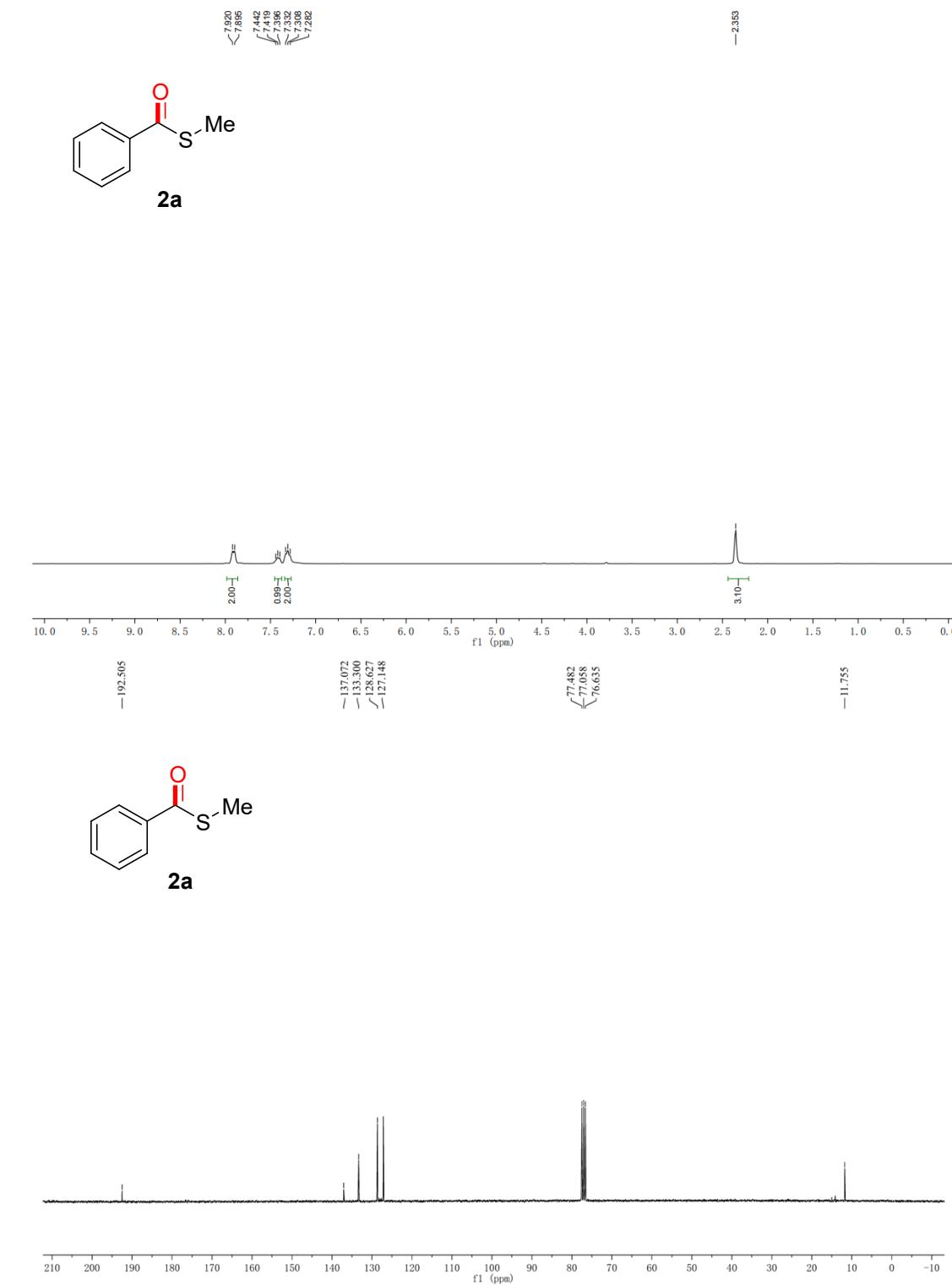
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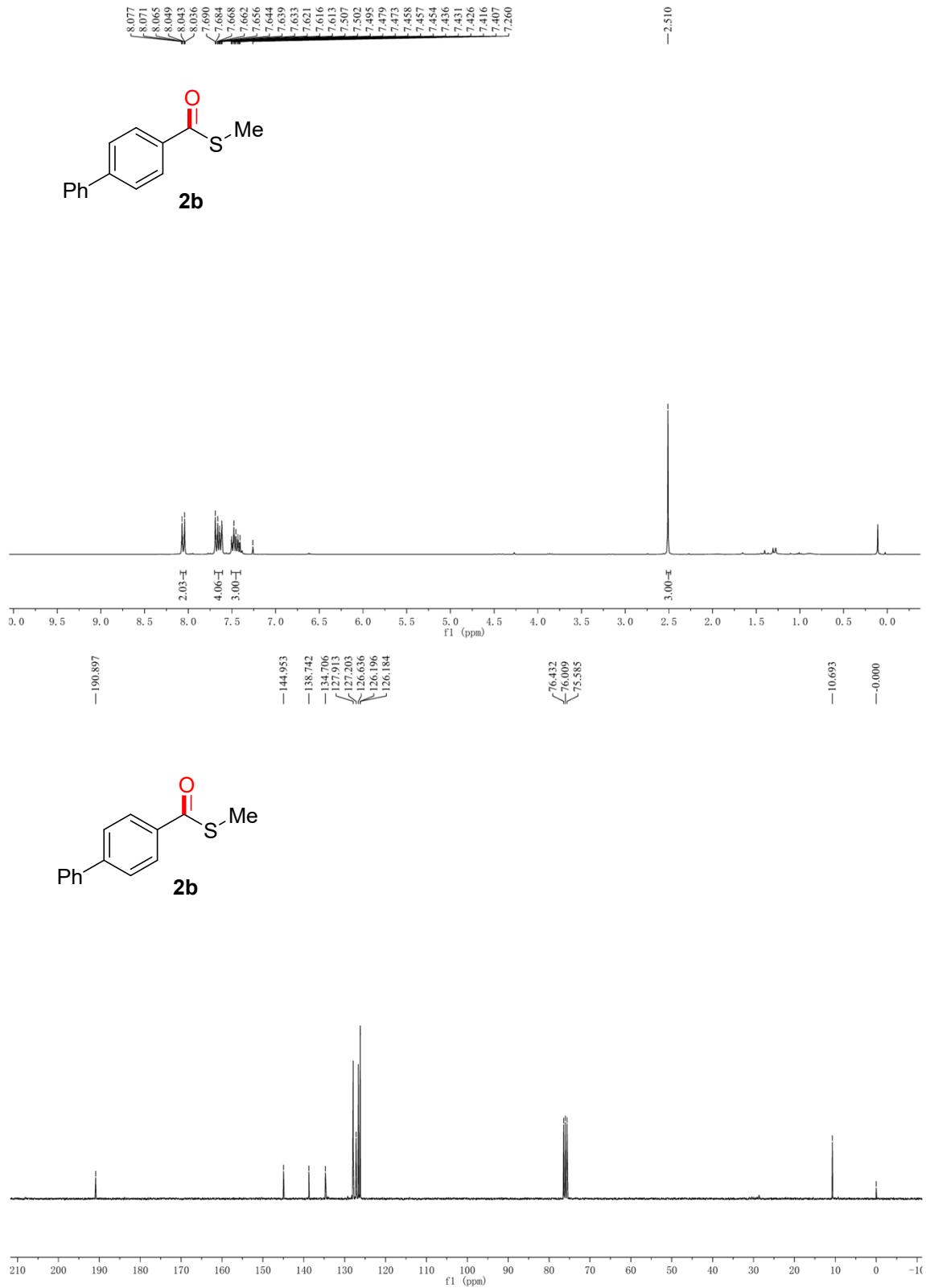
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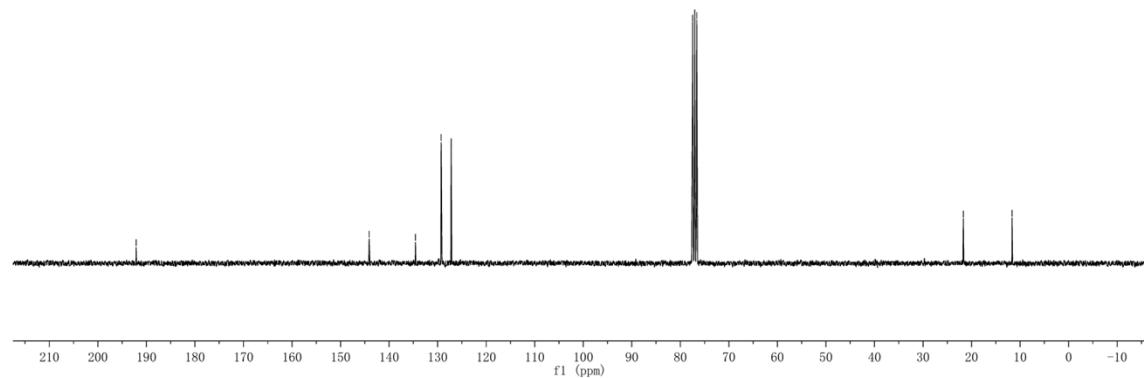
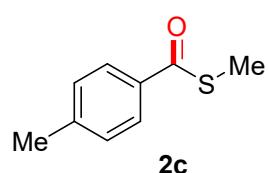
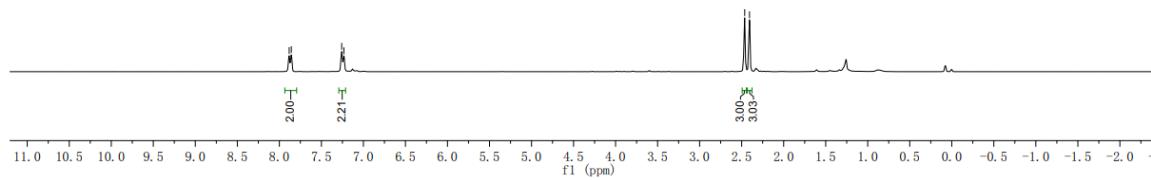
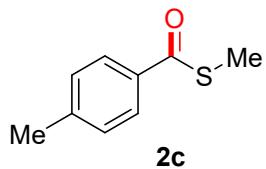
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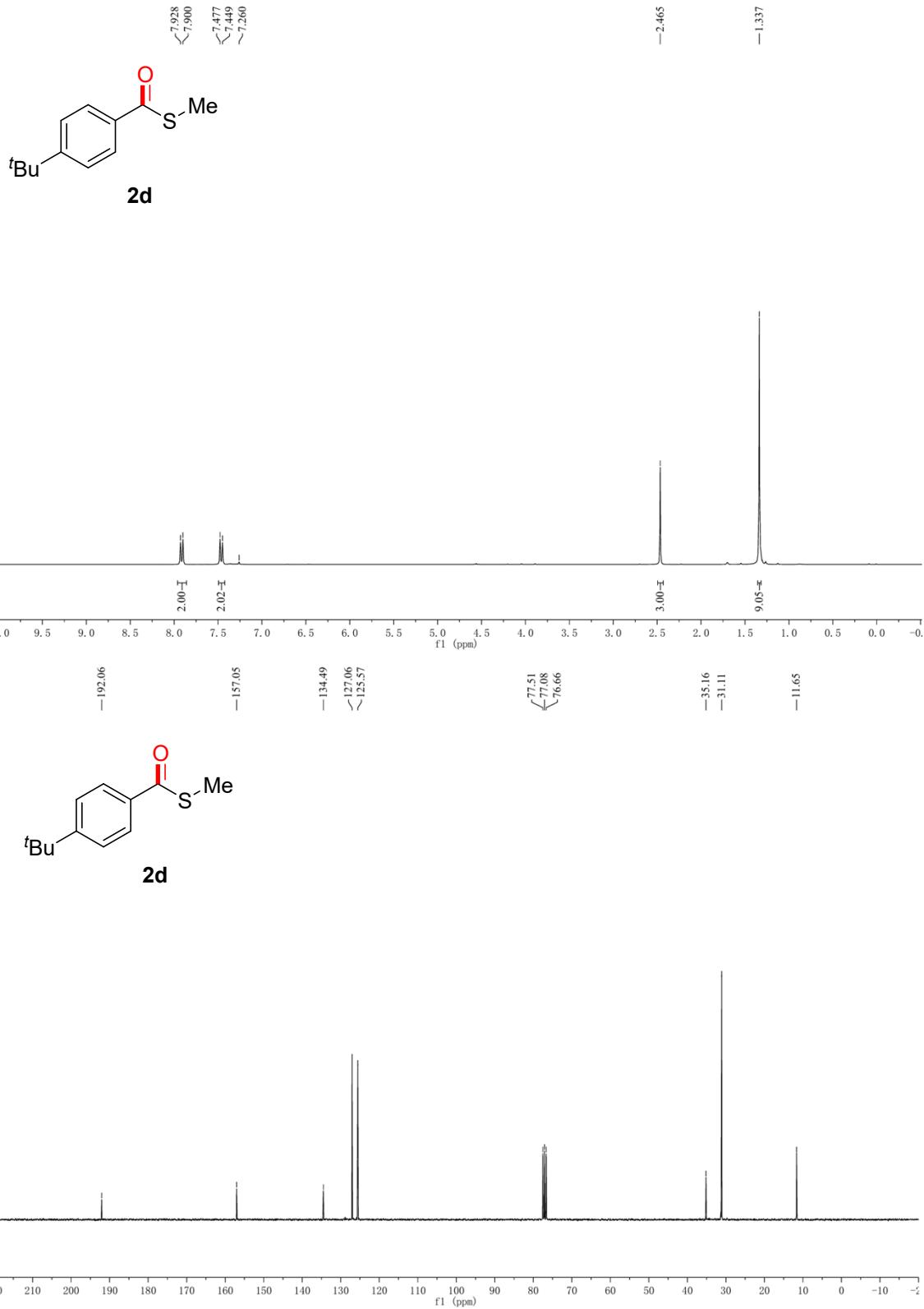


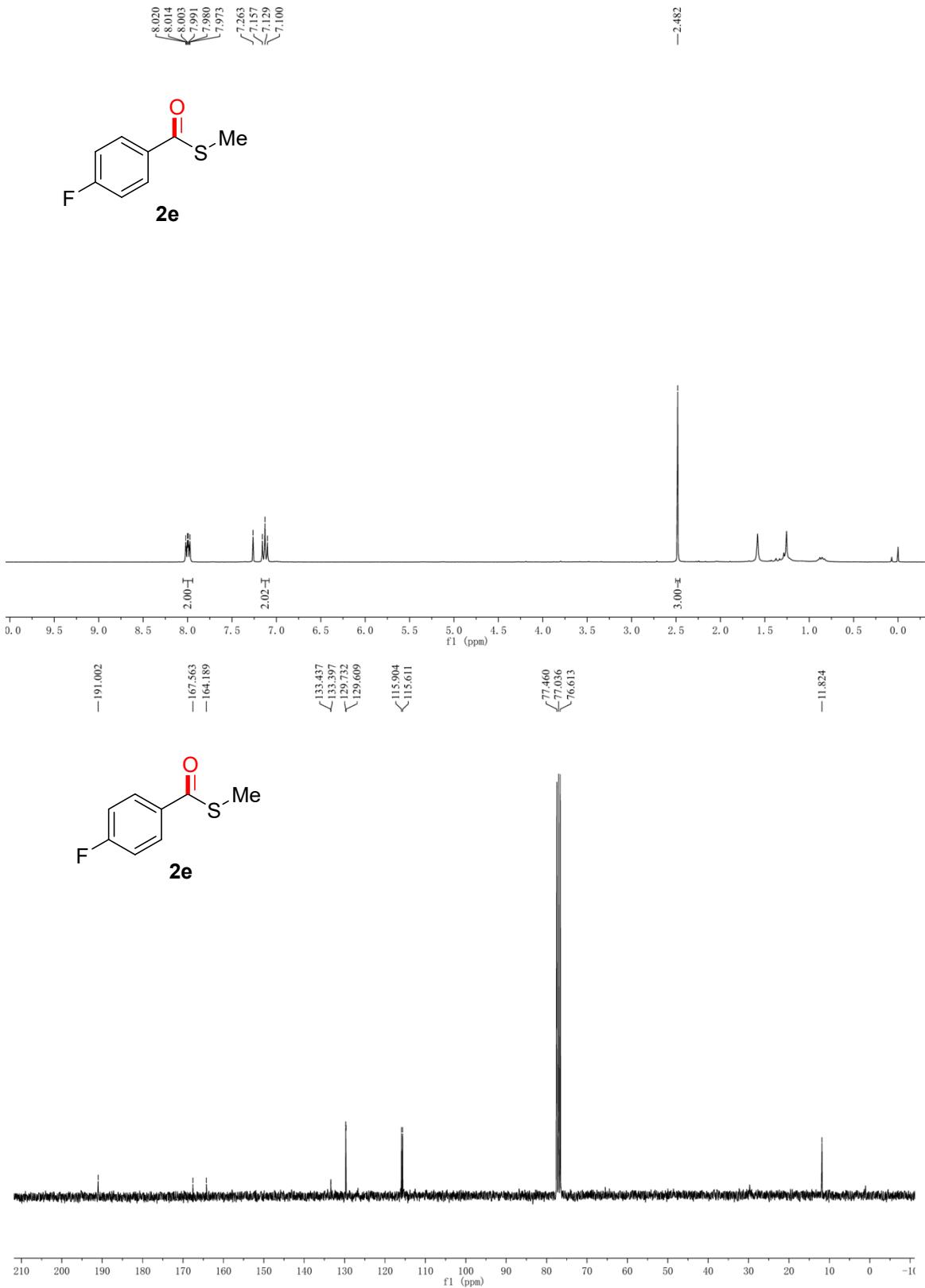


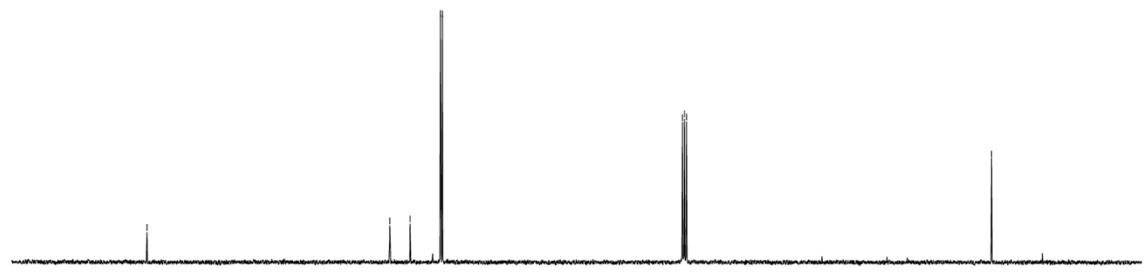
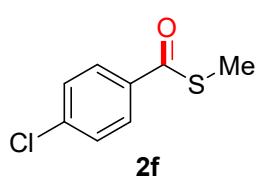
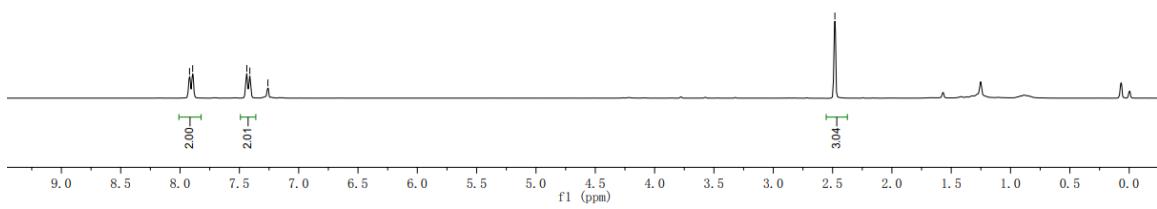
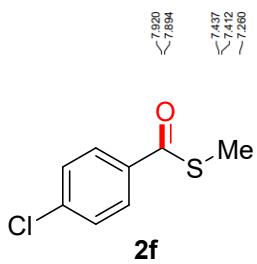
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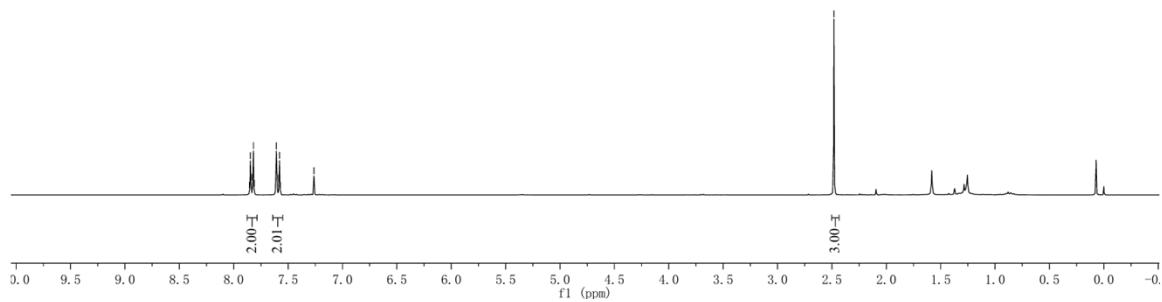
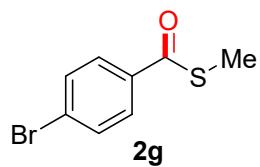






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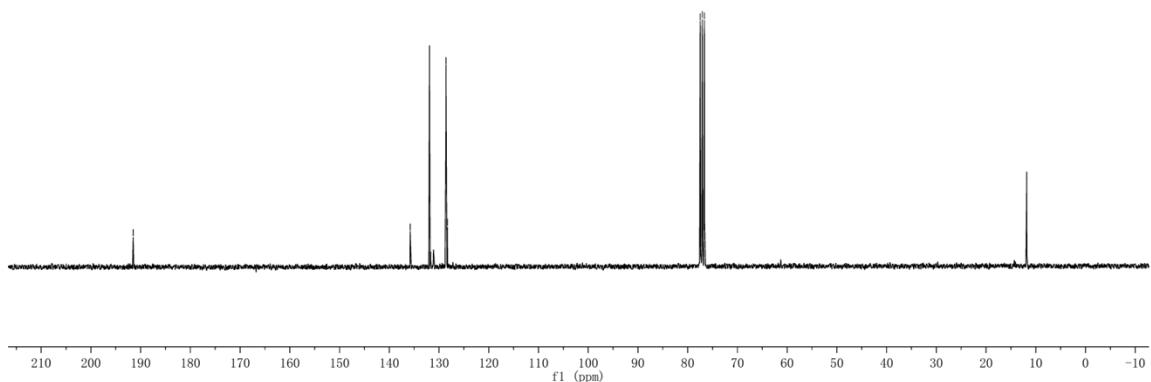
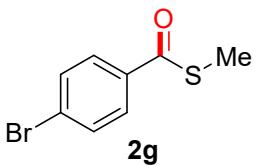


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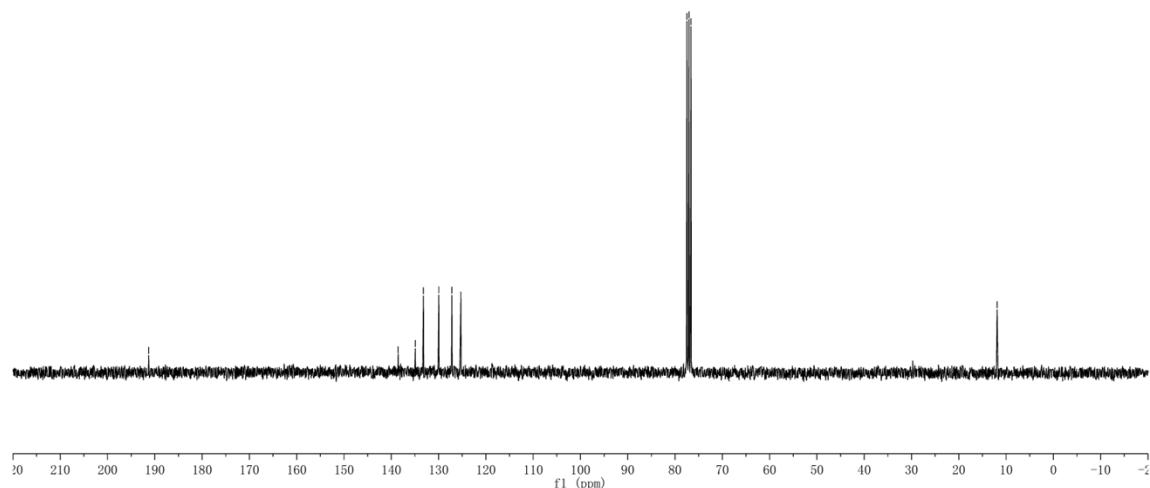
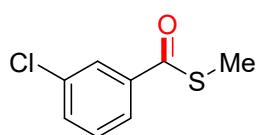
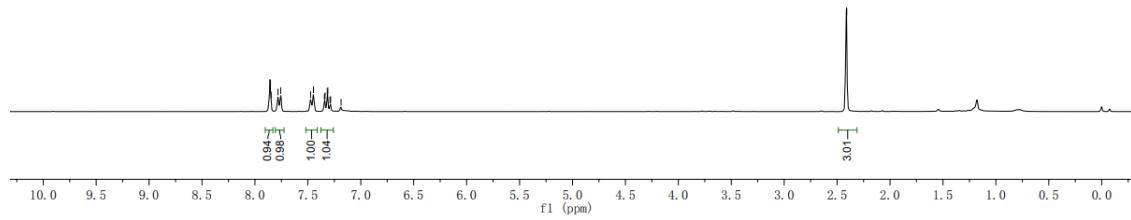
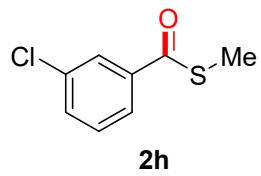
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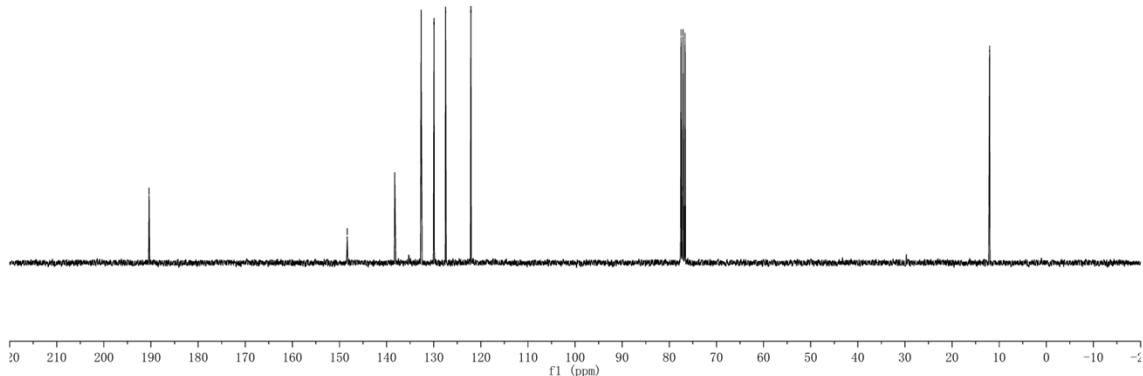
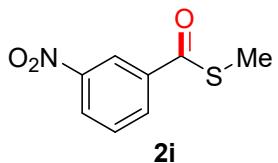
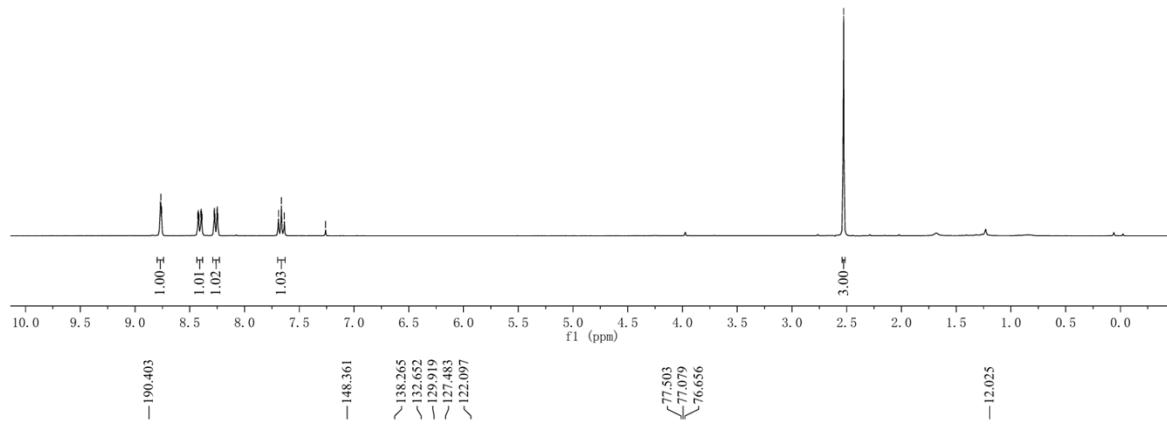
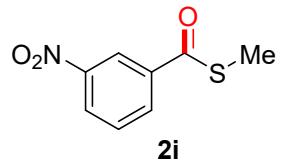
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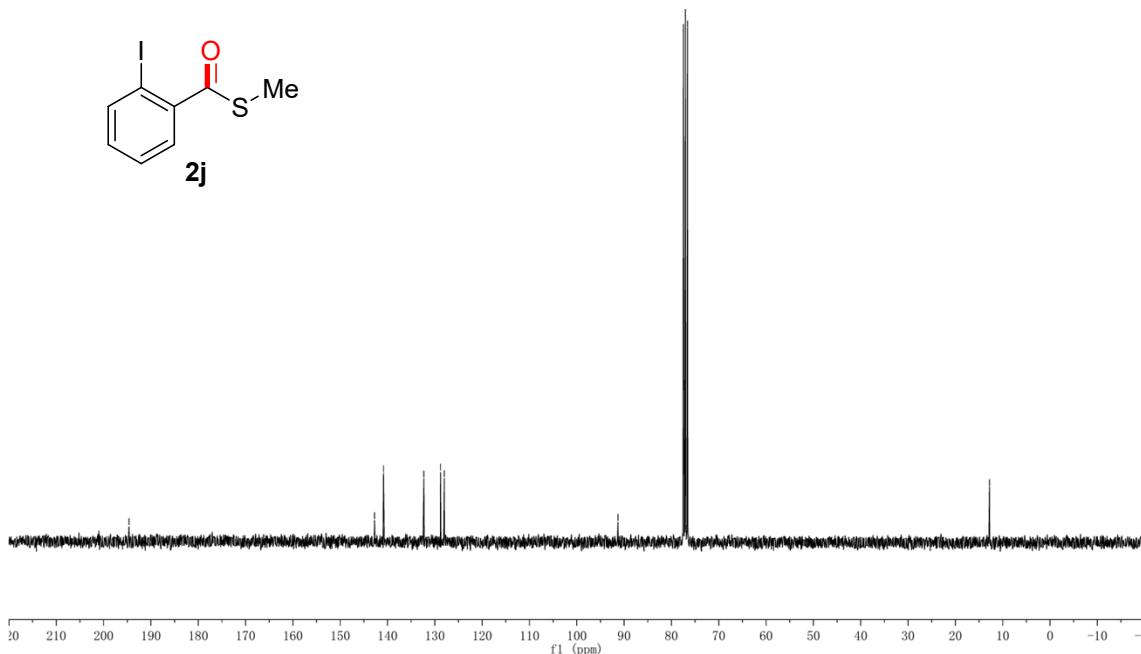
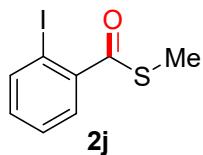
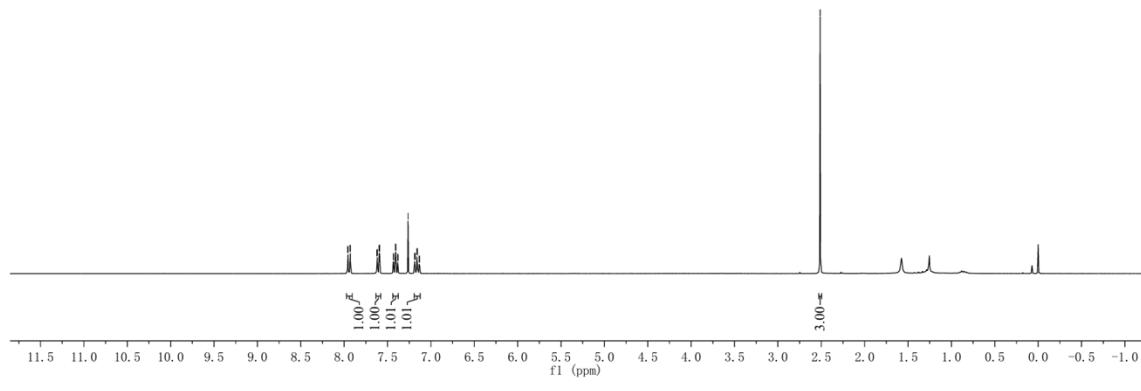
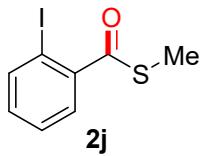


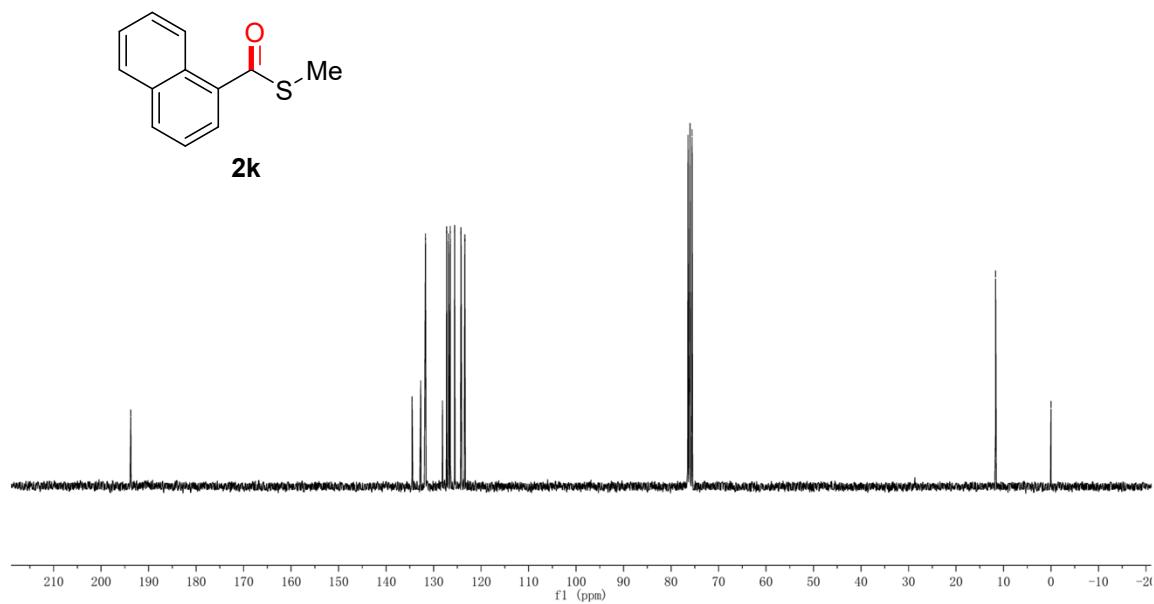
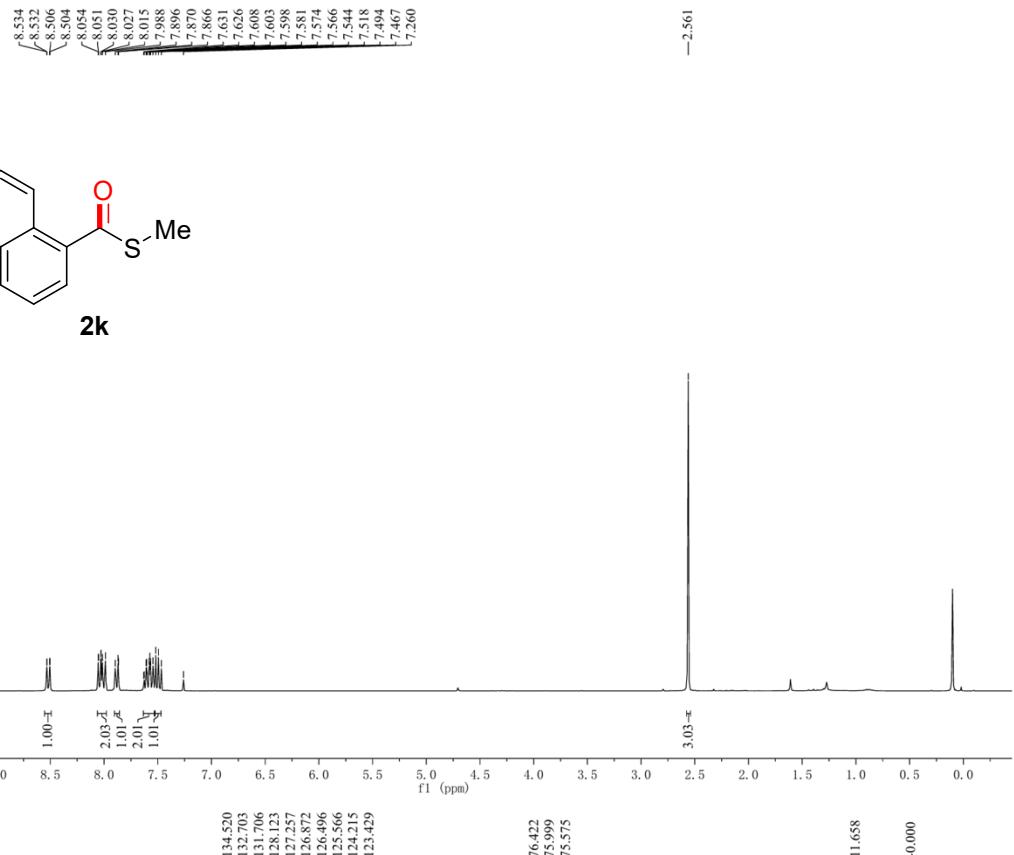
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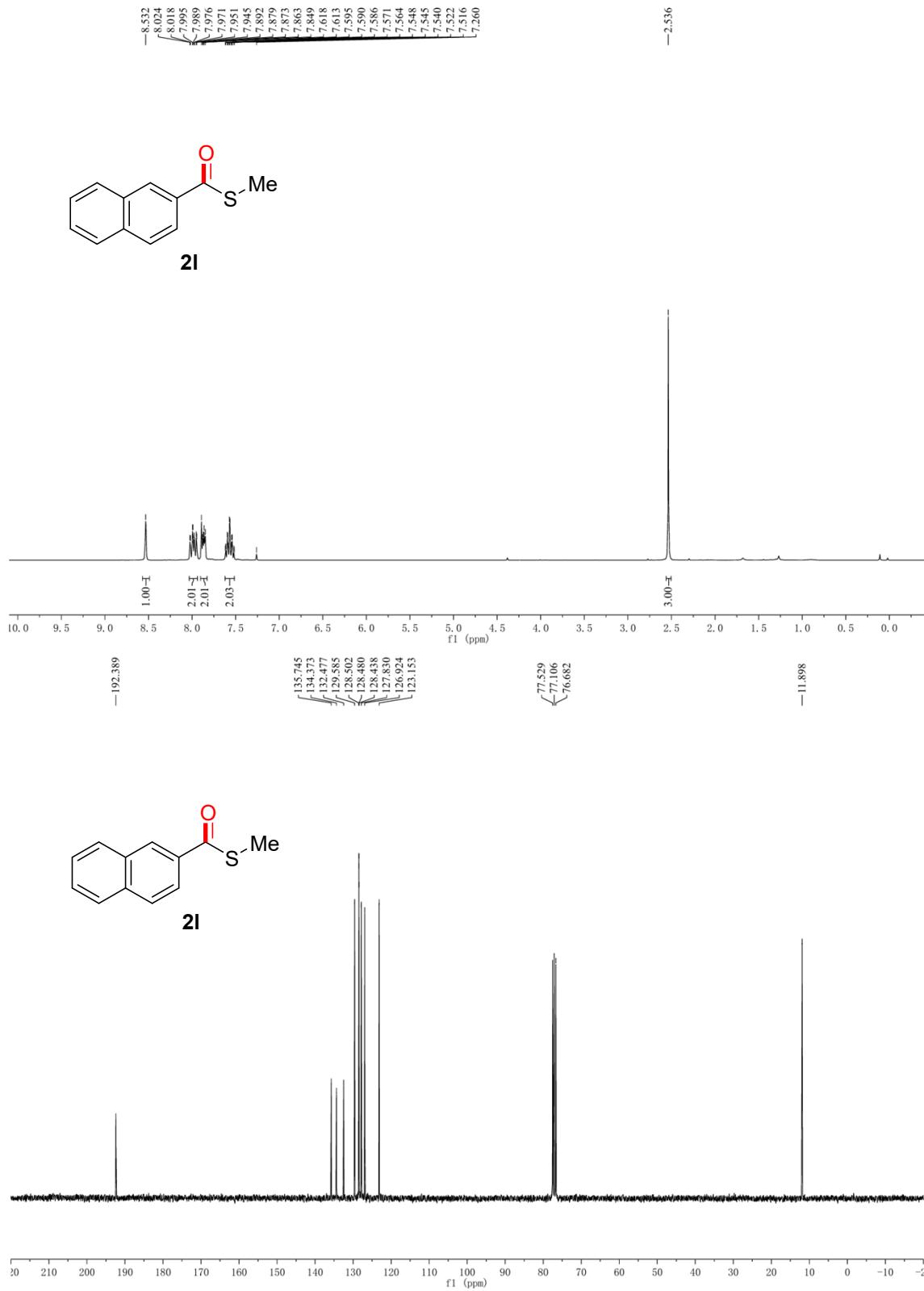


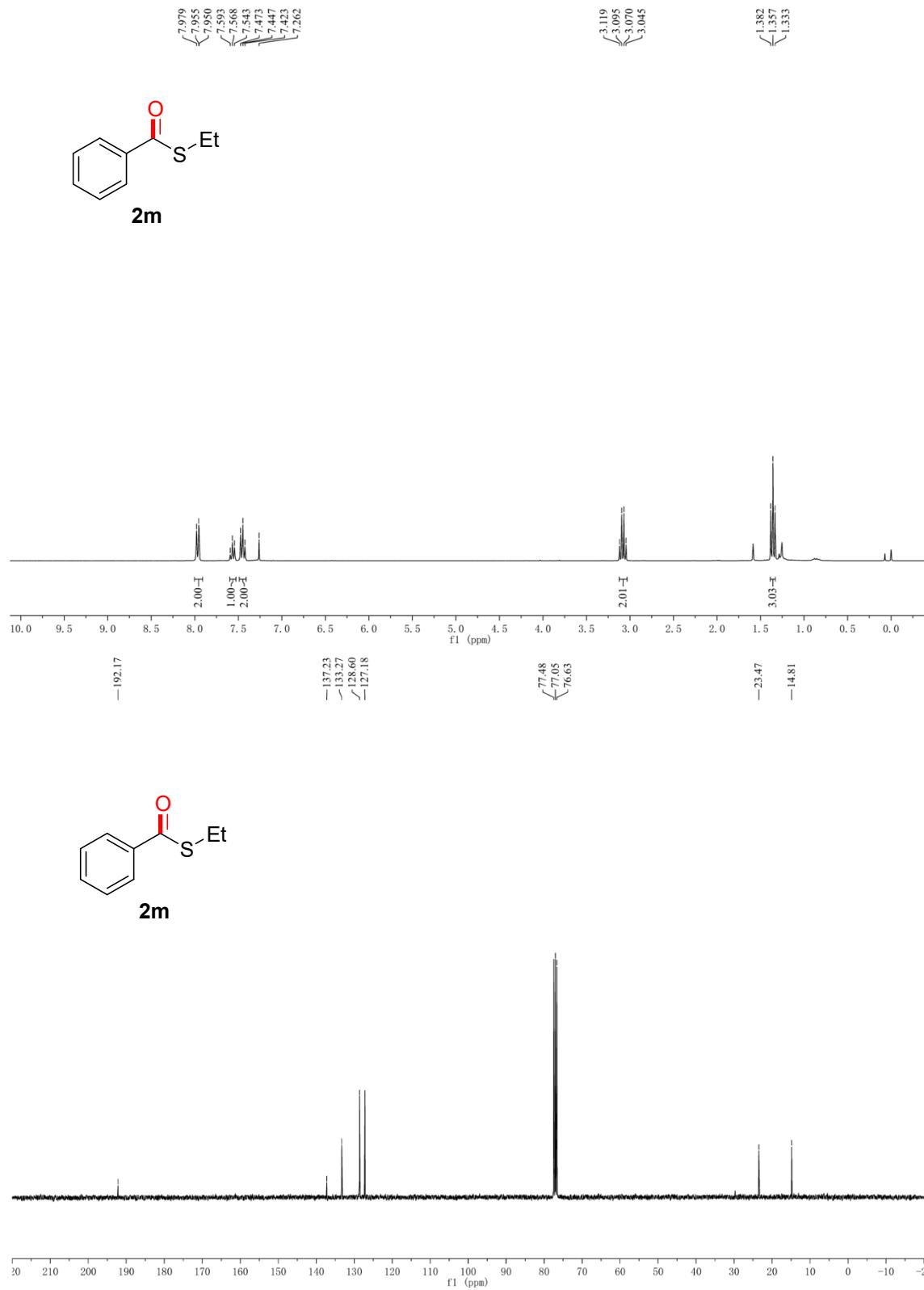
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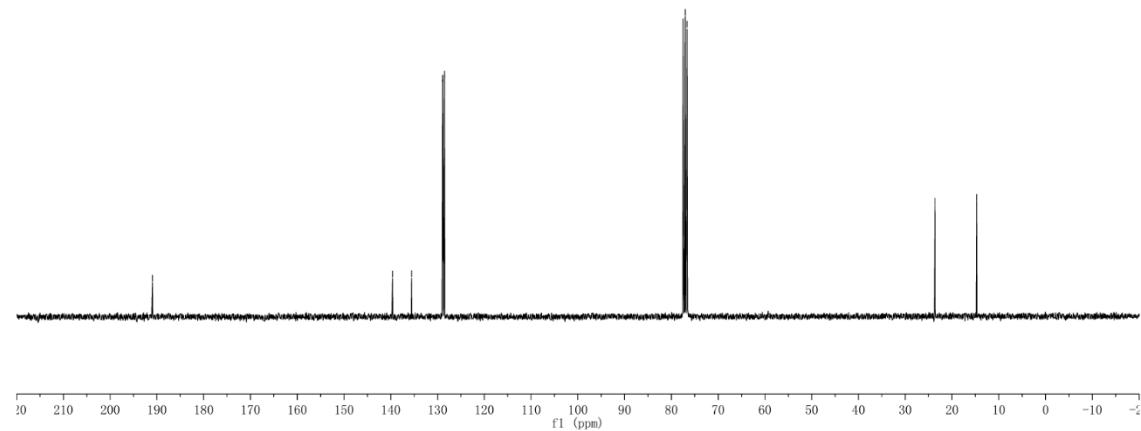
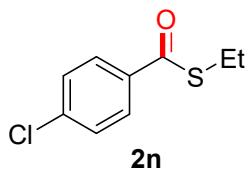
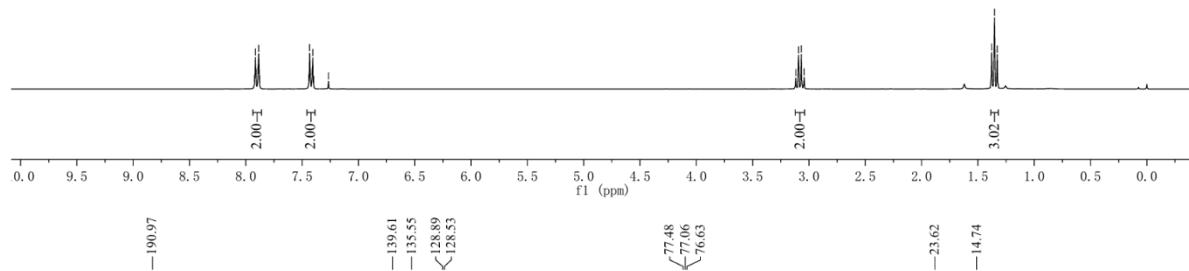
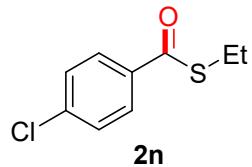
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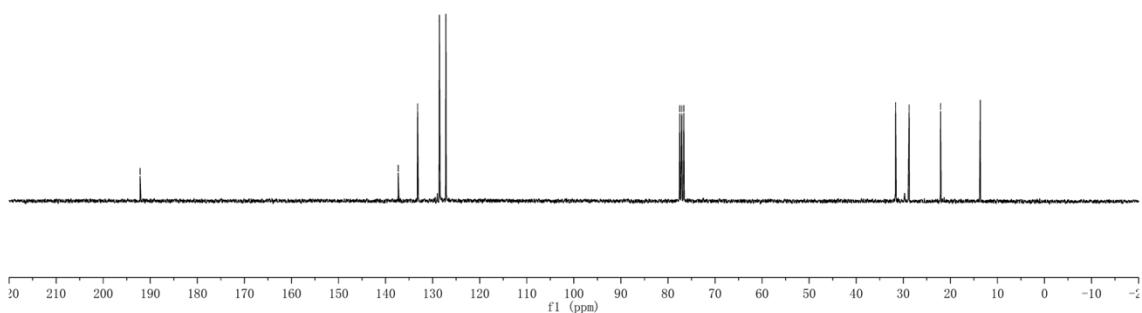
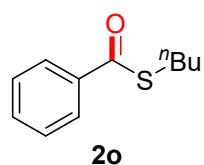
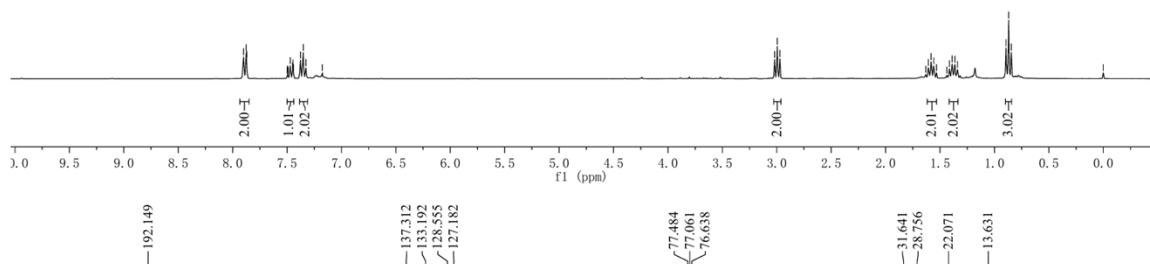


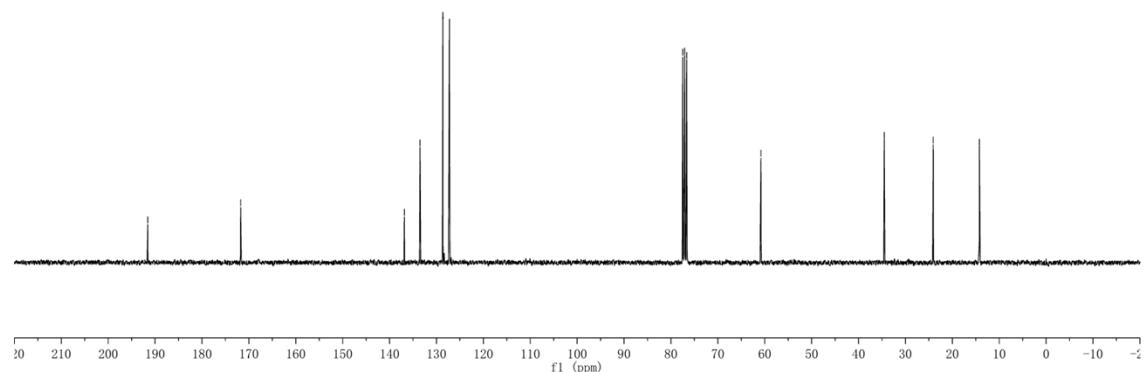
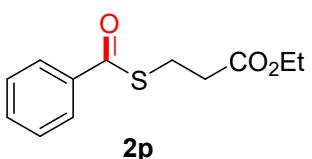
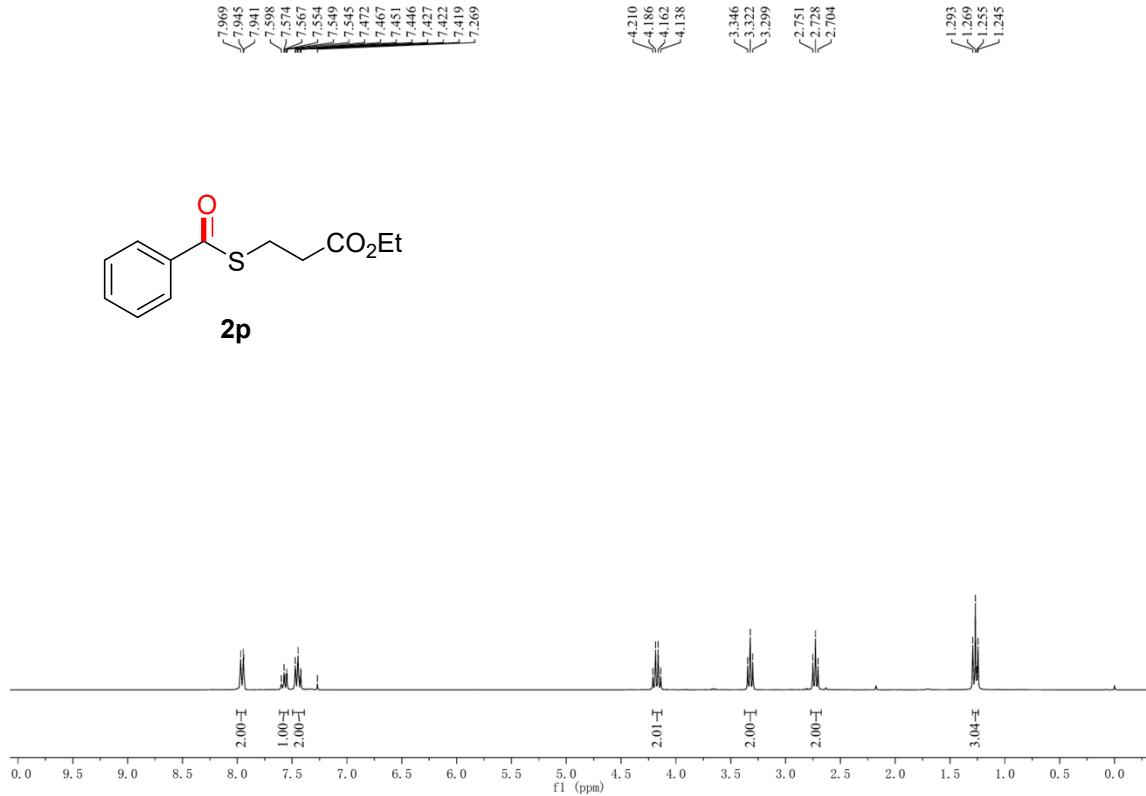
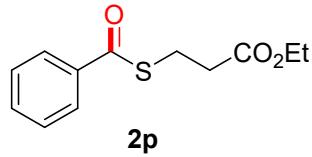


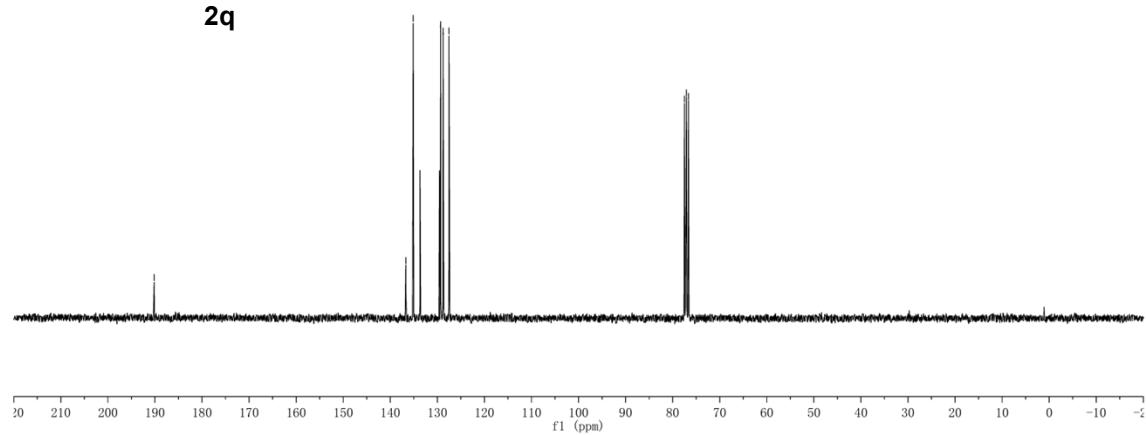
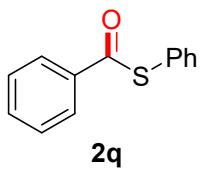
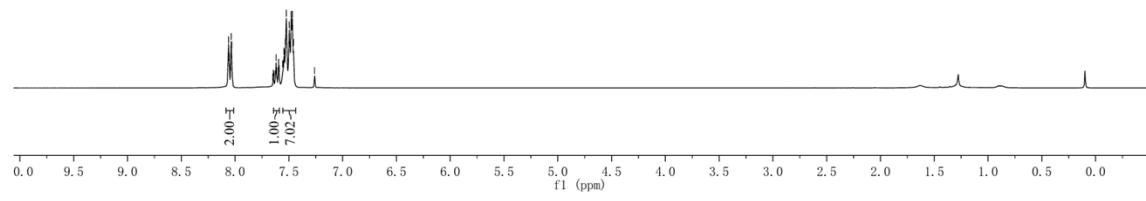


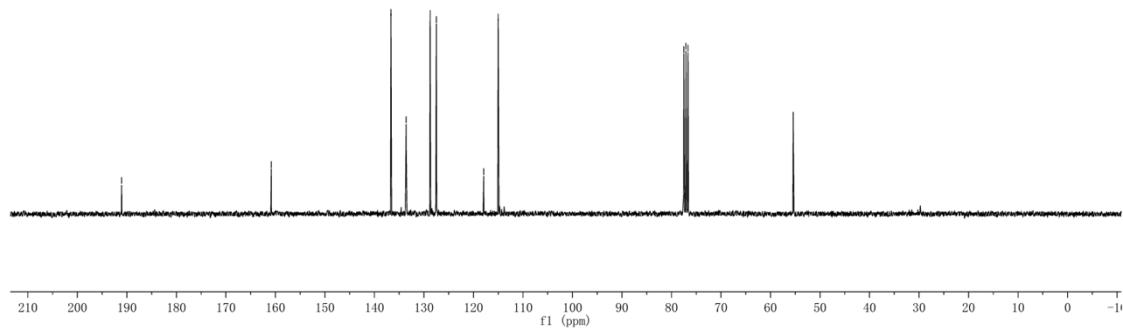
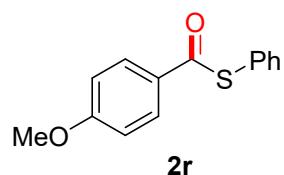
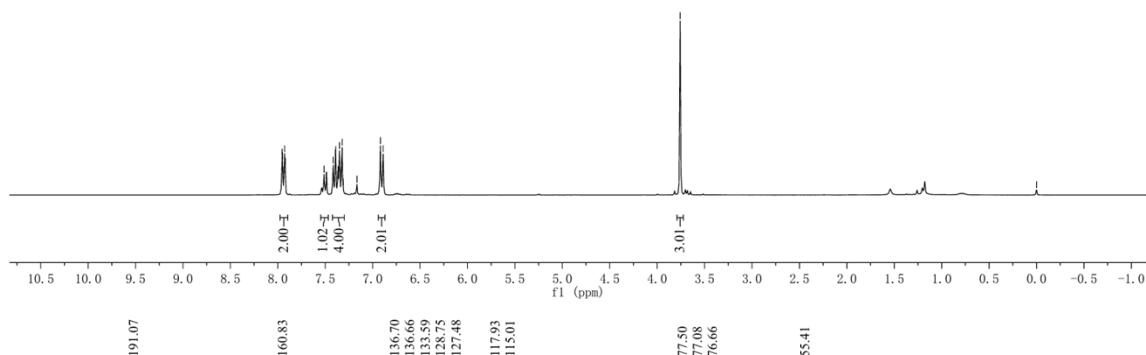




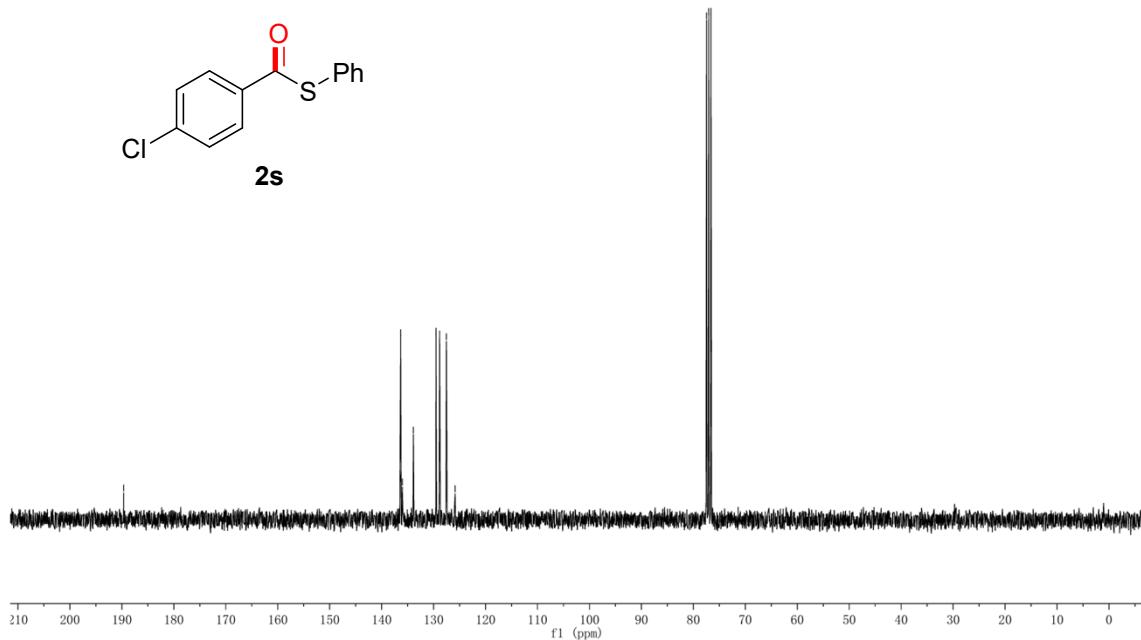
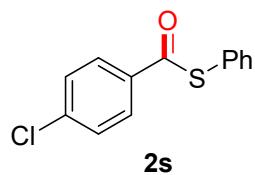
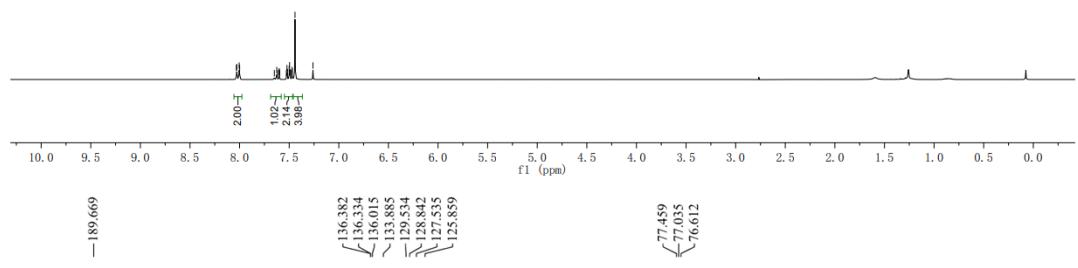
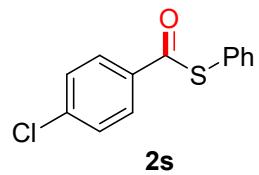


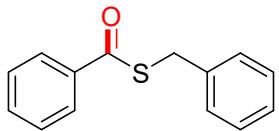




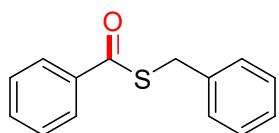
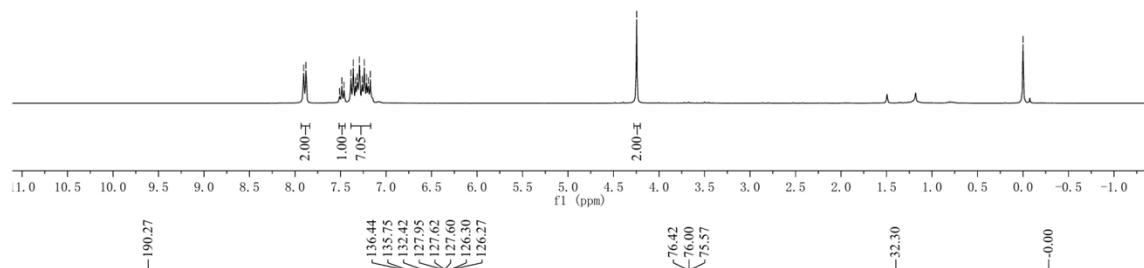


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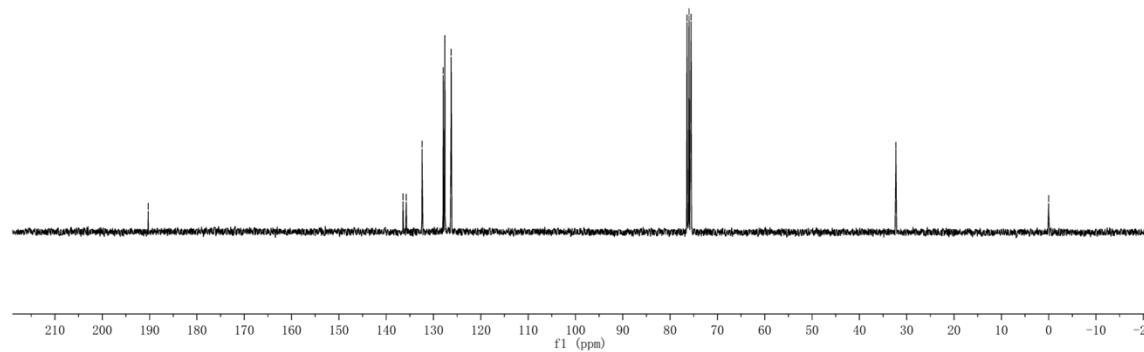




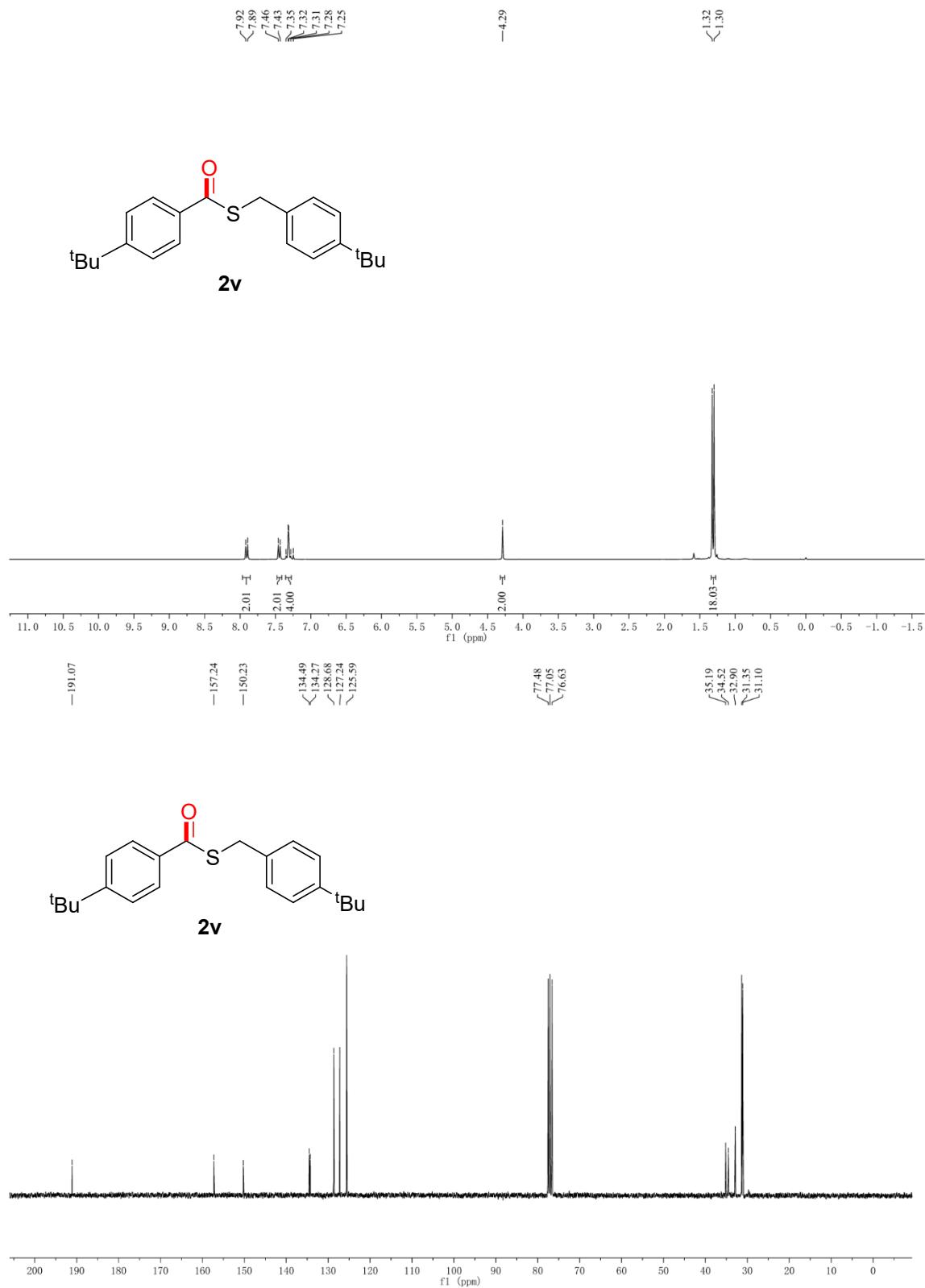
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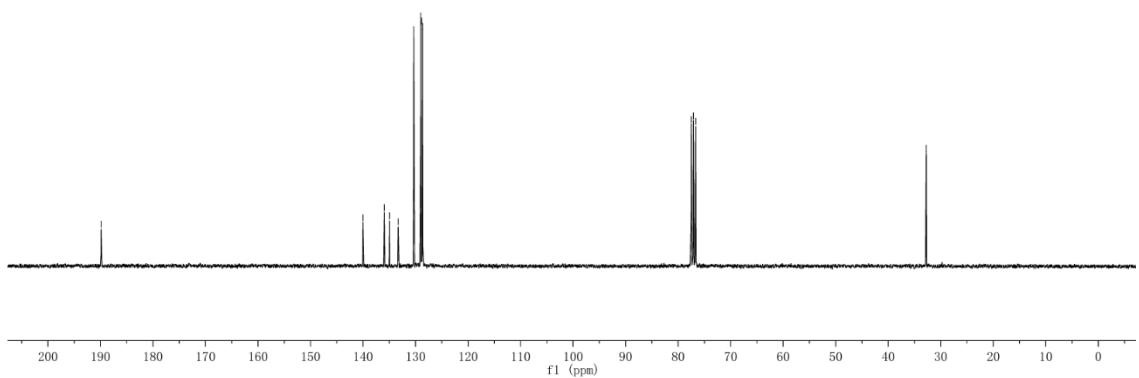
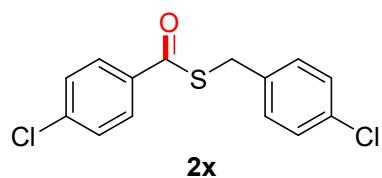
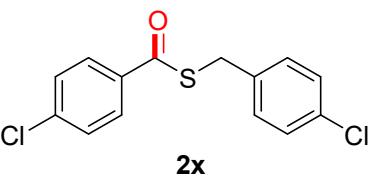
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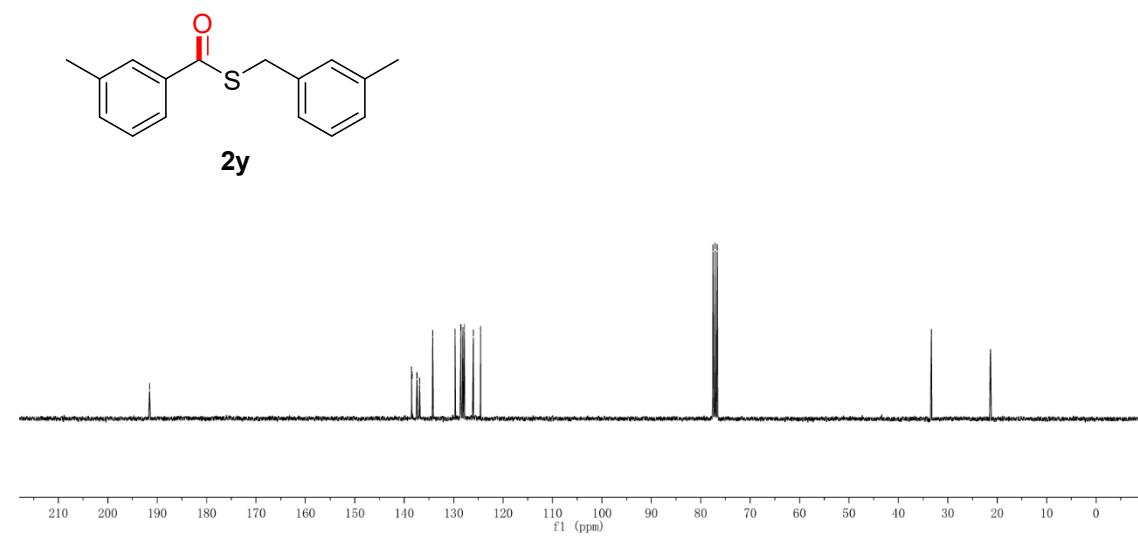
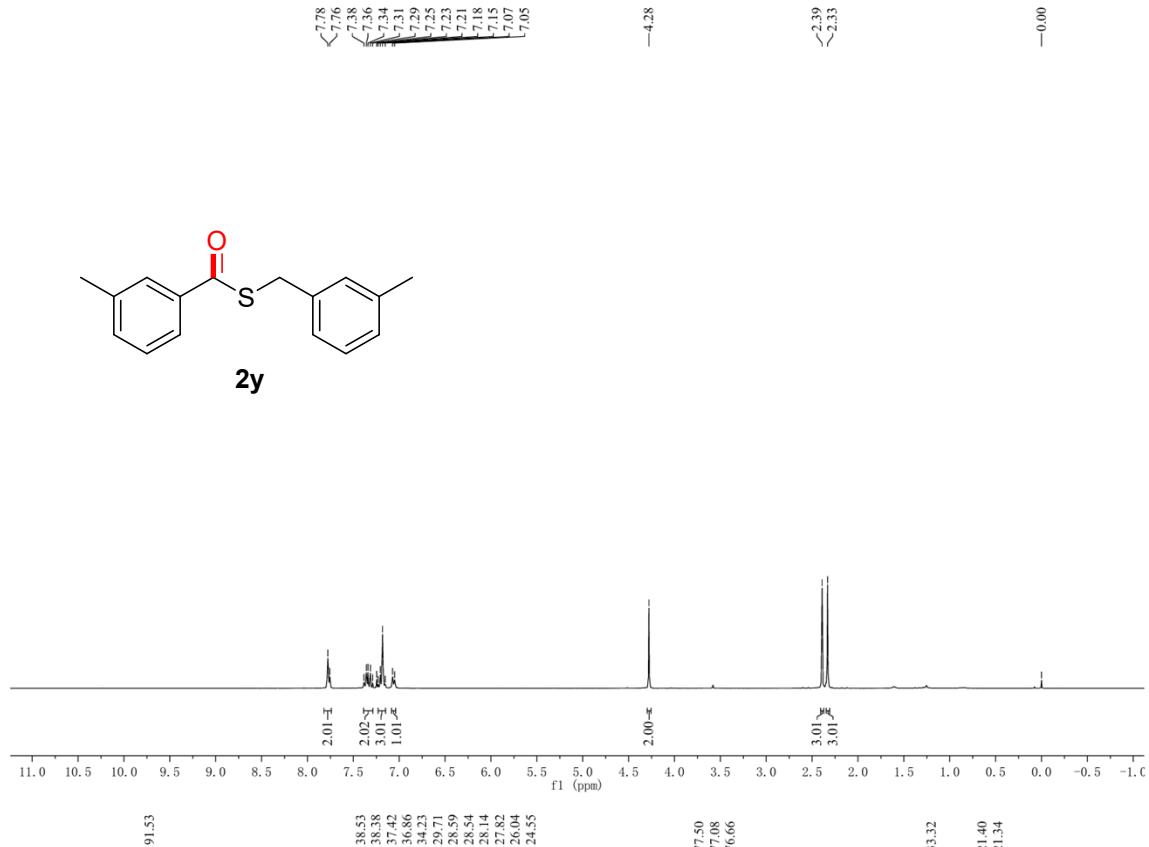


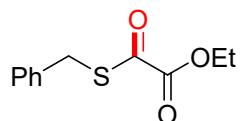
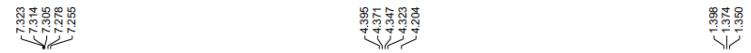




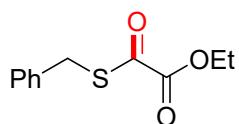
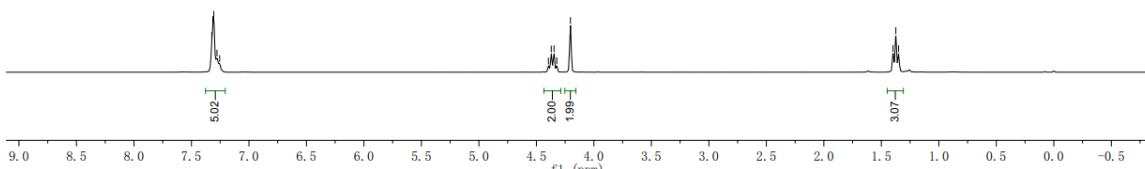




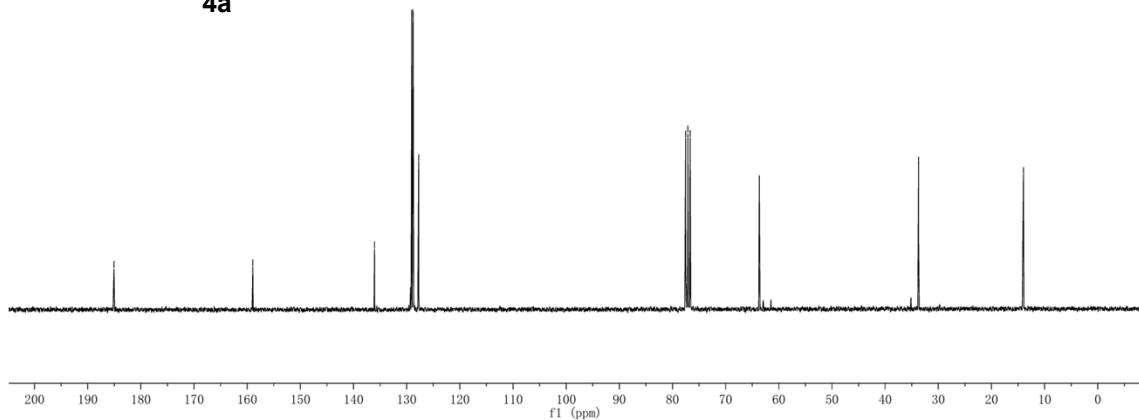


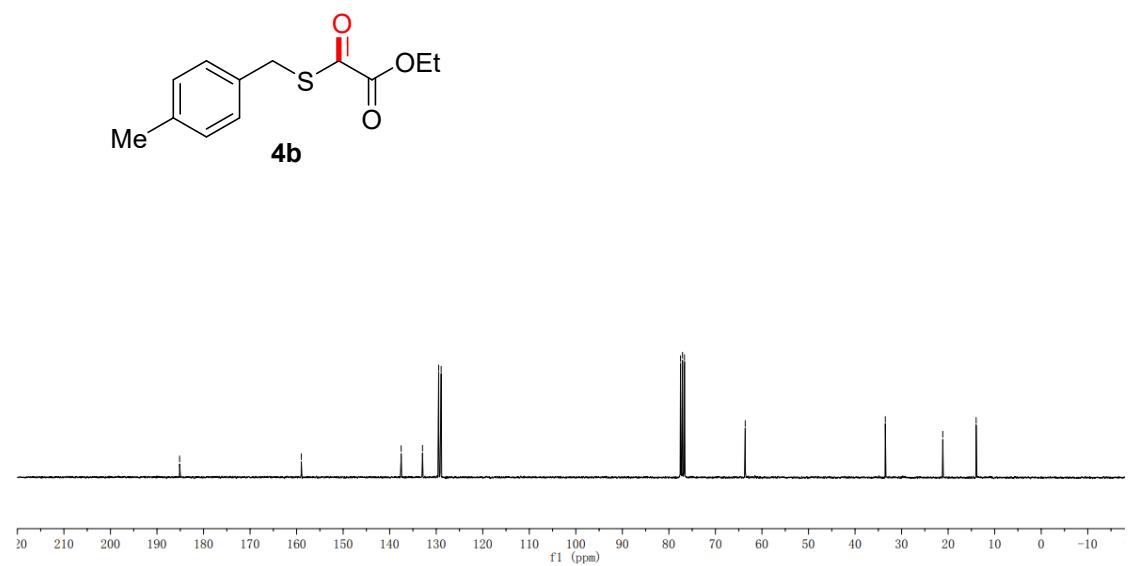
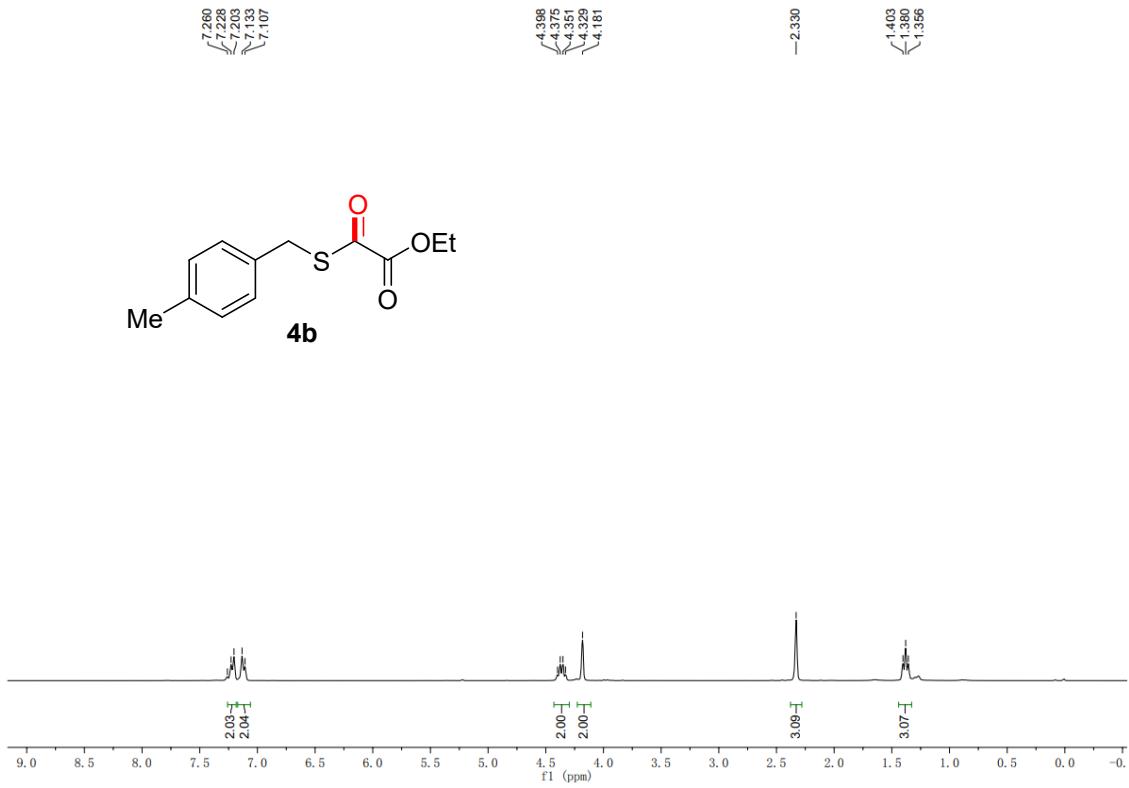


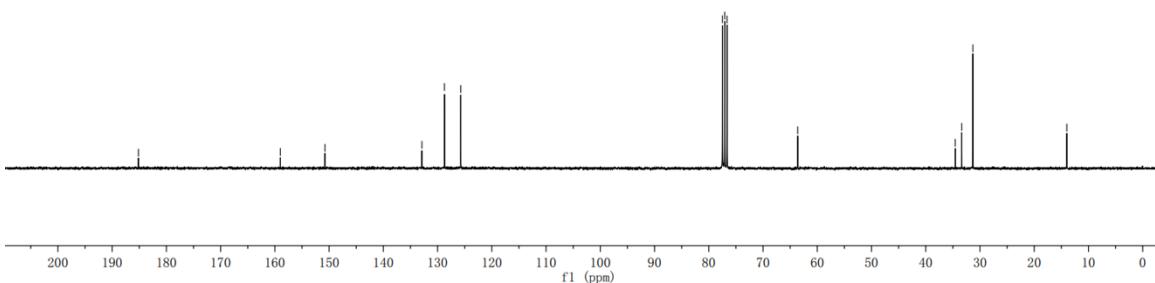
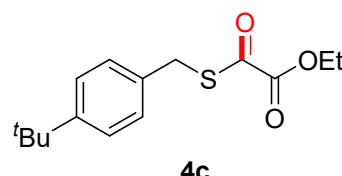
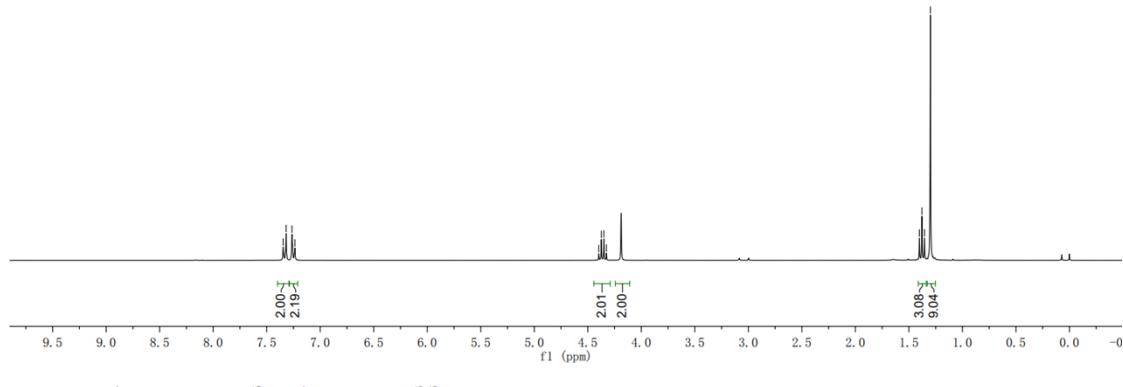
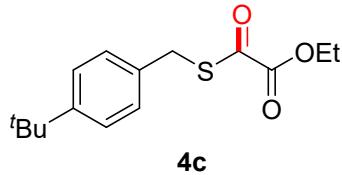
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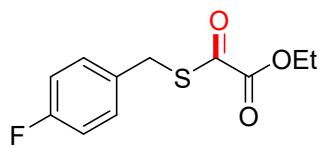
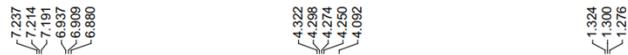


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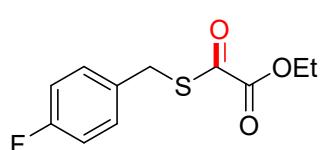
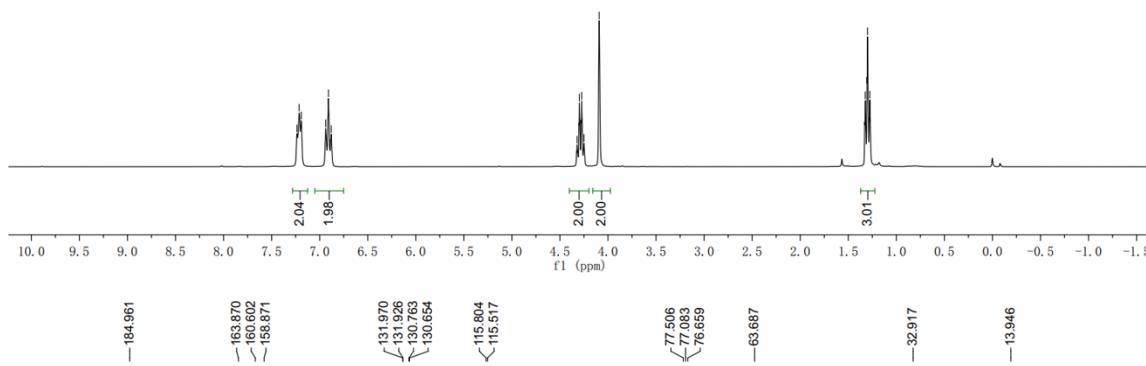




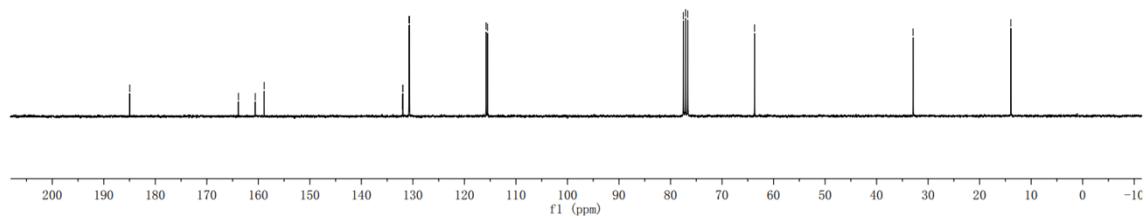


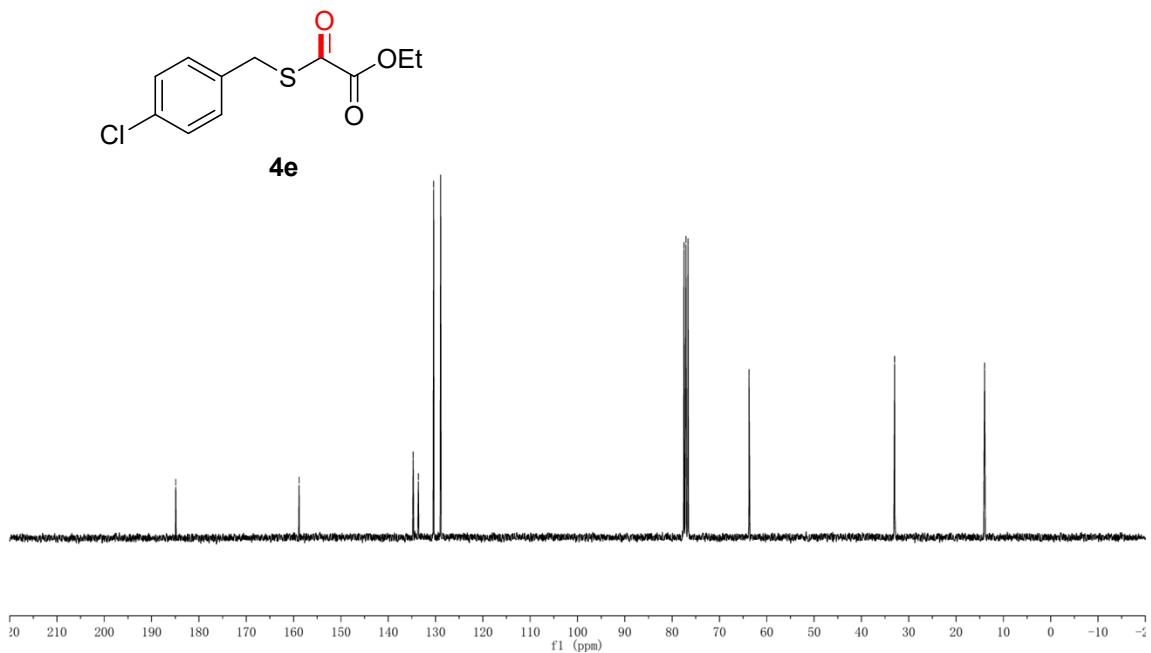
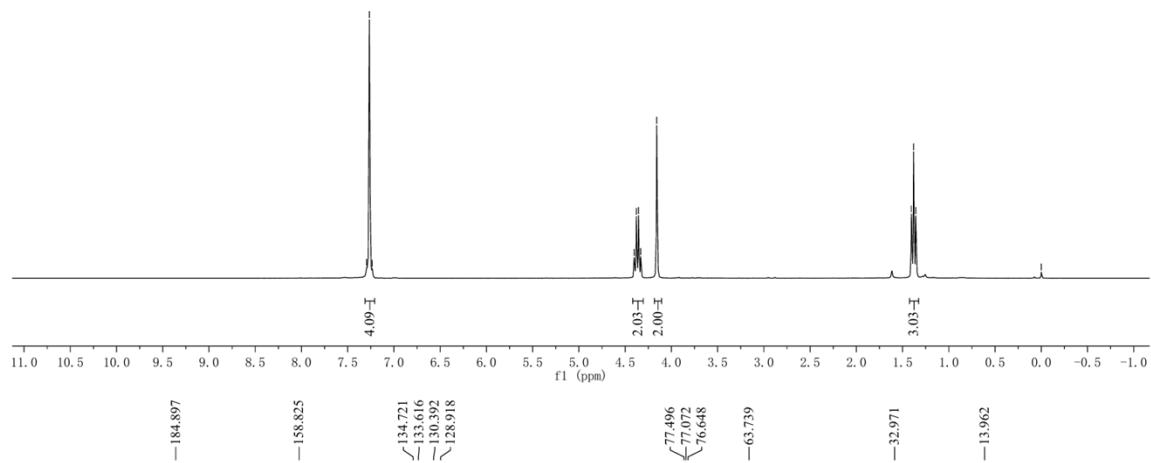


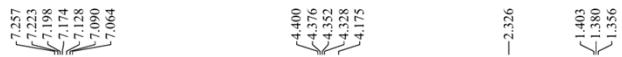
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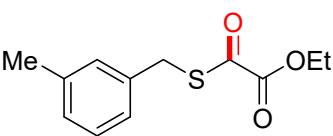
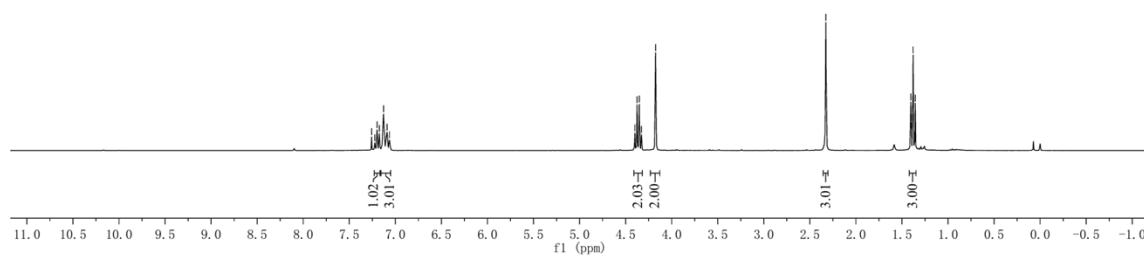
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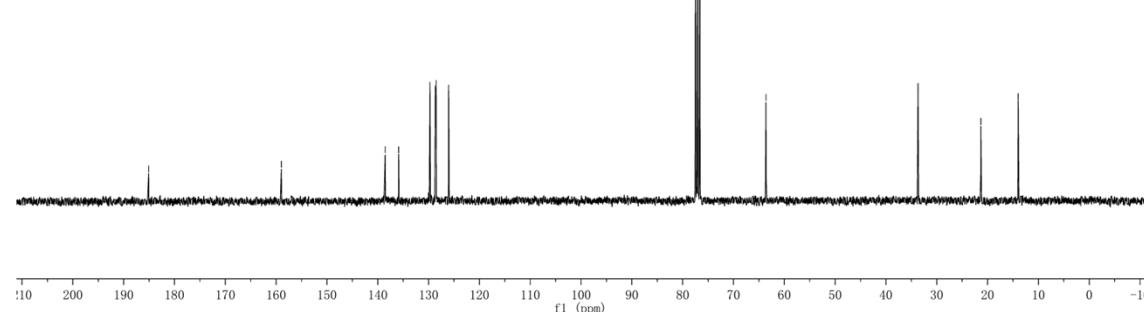


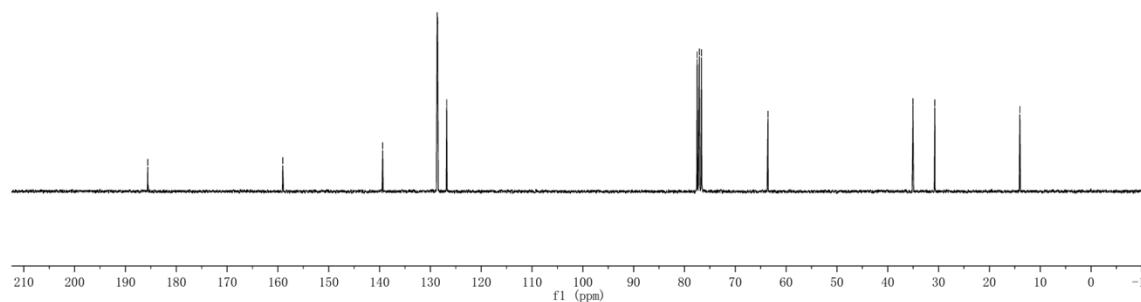
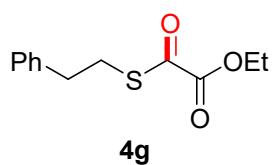
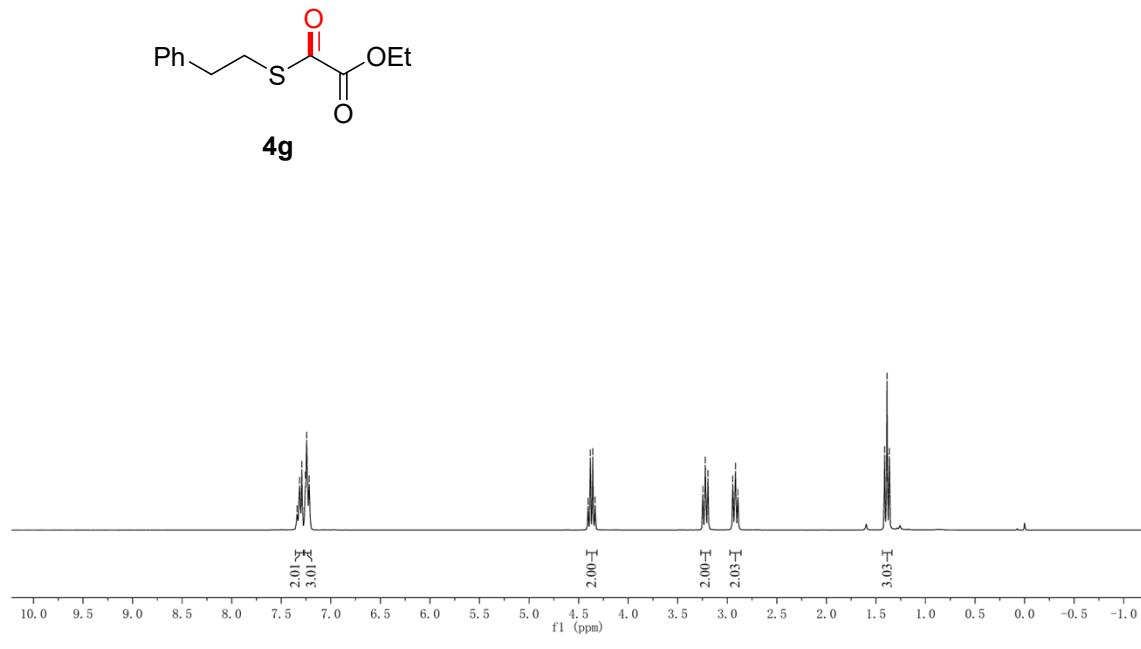


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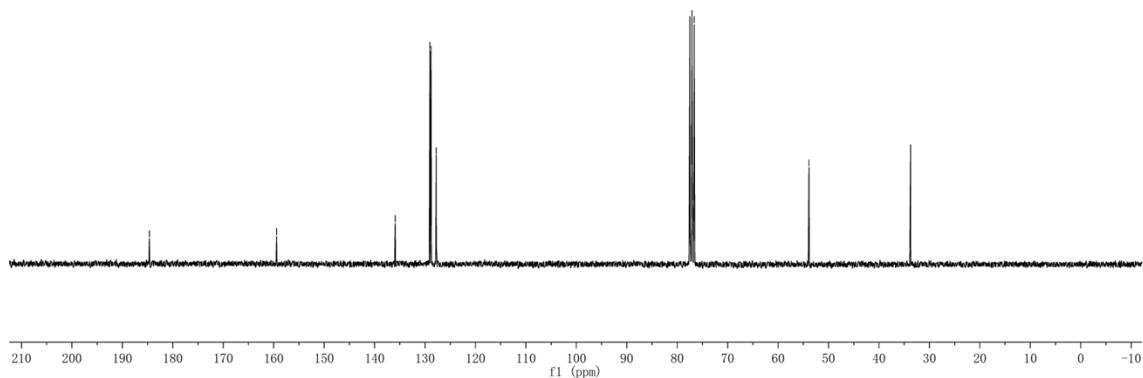
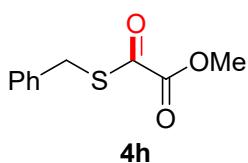
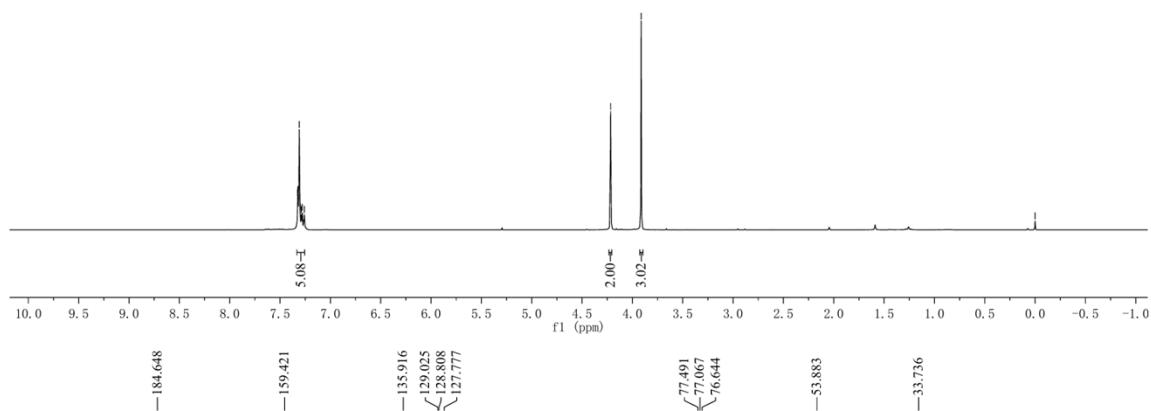
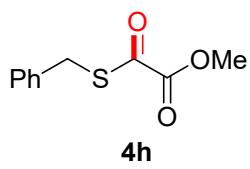


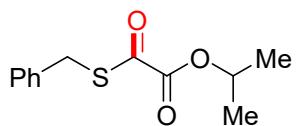
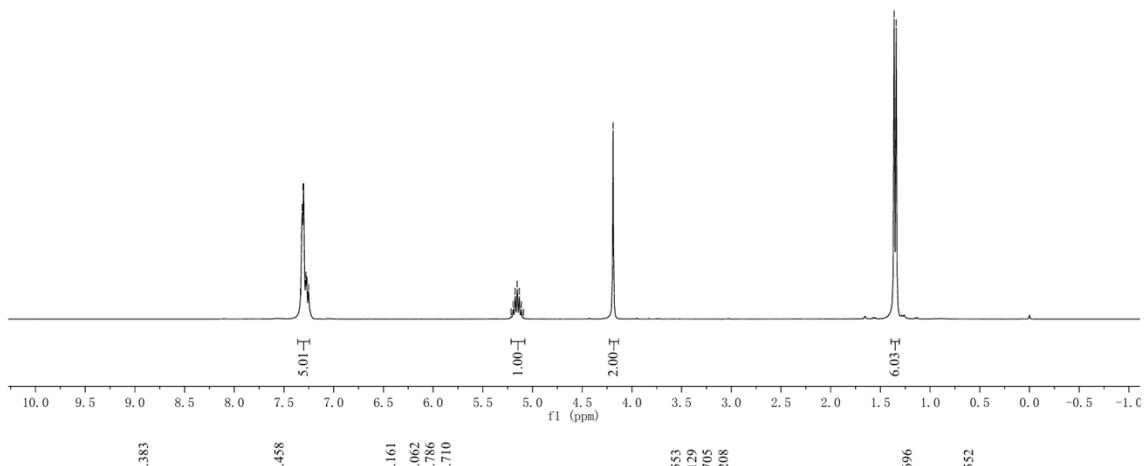
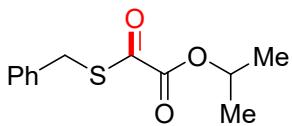


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