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Active Electropositive α -Chlorine : Trichloroacetonitrile as an Electrophilic Chlorination Reagent

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1. General information

Commercial grade reagents were used without further purification. Solvents were dried and distilled following usual protocols. Flash chromatography was carried out using 200-300 mesh silica gel. All experiments were monitored by analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC). ^1H and ^{13}C spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance NEO-500 MHz spectrometer (500 MHz for ^1H NMR, 125 MHz for ^{13}C NMR). All chemical shifts were recorded in ppm relative to chloroform ($\delta = 7.26$) for ^1H NMR and to chloroform ($\delta = 77.16$) for the ^{13}C NMR measurements. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using Thermo Scientific Q Exactive instrument by the ESI (Quadrupole-Orbitrap) ionization sources. The substrates **1m-1n**, **1q**, **1r**, **1t**, **3a-3f**, **3h-3j** and **3l-3o** were commercially available. The substrates **1a-1b**,^[1] **1c**,^[2] **1d**,^[3] **1e**,^[4] **1f**,^[5] **1g**,^[6] **1h**,^[7] **1i**,^[8] **1j-1l**,^[9] **1o**,^[10] **1p**,^[11] **1s**,^[12] **3g**,^[4] **3k**^[13] and **3p**^[5] were synthesized according to the literatures and the NMR data are identical to those previously reported. Compounds **2a-2b**,^[14] **2c**,^[15] **2d**,^[14] **2i**,^[16] **2j**,^[17] **2k**,^[18] **2l**,^[19] **2m-2n**,^[20] **2o**,^[21] **2p**,^[22] **2q**,^[23] **2r**,^[24] **2s**,^[25] **4a-4b**,^[24] **4c**,^[26] **4d**,^[27] **4e**,^[23] **4f**,^[28] **4h-4i**,^[24] **4j**,^[17] **4l**,^[20] **4m**,^[29] **4n**,^[30] **5a**,^[31] **5b**,^[32] **7**,^[17] **8**^[33] and **10**^[34] are known and the NMR data are identical to those previously reported. Compounds **2e-2h**, **4f** and **4k** are unknown and their analysis data are as follows.

2. Optimization of dichlorination

Table S1. Optimization of dichlorination.^a

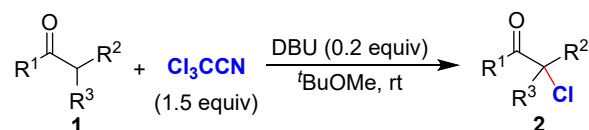
$\text{EtO}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{OEt} + \text{CCl}_3\text{CN} \xrightarrow[\text{tBuOMe, rt}]{\text{Base (y equiv)}} \text{EtO}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{C}(\text{Cl})_2-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{OEt}$

3a (x equiv) **4a**

Entry	x	Base (y equiv)	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	1	DBU (0.2)	4.5	mess
2	1	K ₂ CO ₃ (2)	5	46
3	1.5	K ₂ CO ₃ (2)	5	65
4	2	K₂CO₃ (2)	1.5	76
5	3	K ₂ CO ₃ (2)	0.5	74

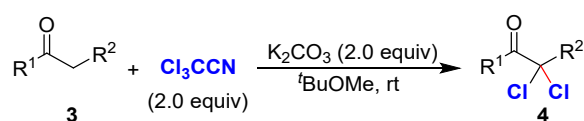
^aReaction conditions: **3a** (0.2 mmol), Cl₃CCN (x equiv), base (y equiv), *t*BuOMe (1.0 mL), rt.

3. General procedure for monochlorination of **1**



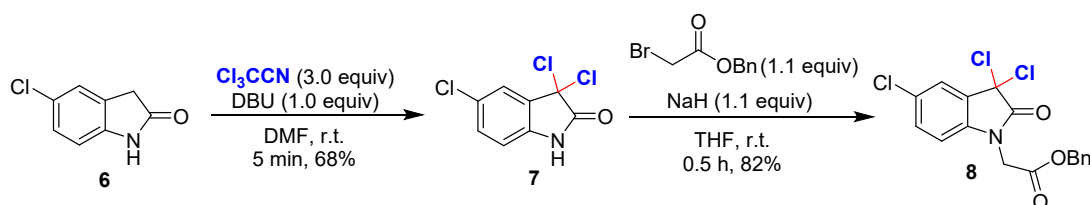
DBU (0.04 mmol) and Cl₃CCN (0.3 mmol) were added into a solution of **1** (0.2 mmol) in *t*BuOMe (1 mL), then the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature and until the complete disappearance of **1** indicated by TLC. To the mixture was added water (1.0 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3×2.0 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (3×6.0 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to obtain the desired product **2**.

4. General procedure for dichlorination of **3**



K_2CO_3 (0.4 mmol) and Cl_3CCN (0.4 mmol) were added into a solution of **3** (0.2 mmol) in $t\text{BuOMe}$ (1 mL), then the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature and until the complete disappearance of **3** indicated by TLC. To the mixture was added water (1.0 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3×2.0 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (3×6.0 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to obtain the desired product **4**.

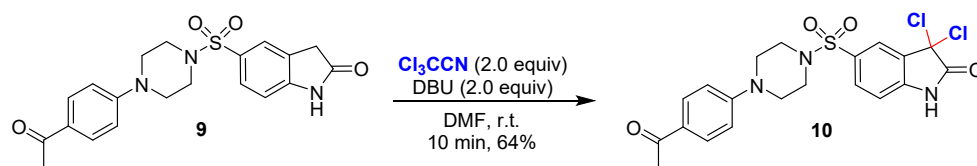
5. Synthesis of **8**



Step 1: DBU (0.25 mmol) and Cl_3CCN (0.75 mmol) were added into a solution of **6** (0.25 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL), then the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature and until the complete disappearance of **6** indicated by TLC. To the mixture was added distilled water (1.5 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×3.0 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (3×9.0 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1/12) to obtain the desired product **7** with 68% yield.

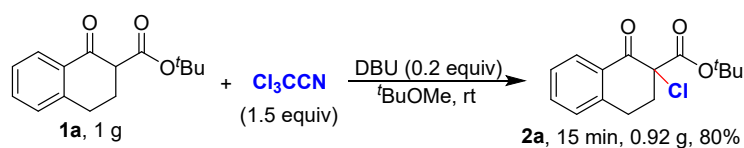
Step 2: To a solution of **7** (0.28 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2.5 mL) was added NaH (0.31 mmol, 60% in mineral oil) at 0 °C under argon. The resulting brown suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min and benzyl bromoacetate (0.31 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h, then water (2.5 mL) and EtOAc (5.0 mL) were added. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic layer was washed with brine (15.0 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtrated off and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (EtOAc/PE = 1/15) to obtain the desired product **8** with 82% yield.

6. Synthesis of 10



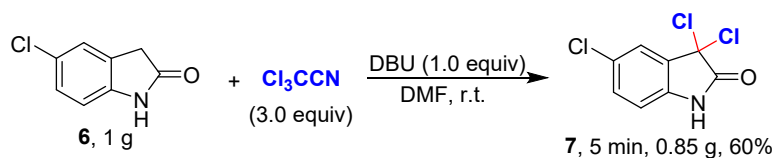
DBU (0.2 mmol) and Cl_3CCN (0.2 mmol) were added into a solution of **9** (0.1 mmol) in DMF (1 mL), then the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature and until the complete disappearance of **9** indicated by TLC. To the mixture was added water (1.0 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×2.0 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (6×3.0 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography ($\text{MeOH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 = 1/90$) to obtain the desired product **10** with 64% yield.

7. Gram-Scale Synthesis of 2a



DBU (0.8 mmol) and Cl_3CCN (6.2 mmol) were added into a solution of **1a** (4.1 mmol) in $t\text{BuOMe}$ (10 mL), then the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature and until the complete disappearance of **1a** indicated by TLC. To the mixture was added water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (3×60 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography ($\text{EtOAc}/\text{PE} = 1/10$) to obtain the desired product **2a** with 80% yield.

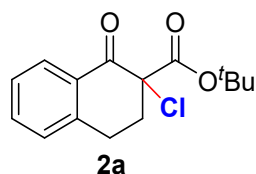
8. Gram-Scale Synthesis of 7



DBU (6 mmol) and Cl_3CCN (18 mmol) were added into a solution of **6** (6.0 mmol) in DMF (15 mL), then the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature and until the complete disappearance of **6** indicated by TLC. To the mixture was added distilled water (15 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×30 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (3×90 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography ($\text{EtOAc/PE} = 1/12$) to obtain the desired product **7** with 60% yield.

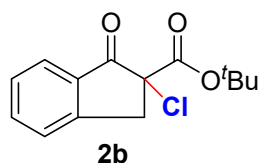
9. Spectral Data

tert-butyl 2-chloro-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate



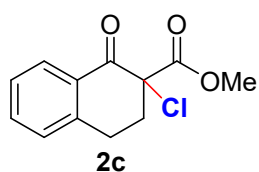
Colorless oil liquid; 86% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 3.28 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 3.05 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.54 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[14]

tert-butyl 2-chloro-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate



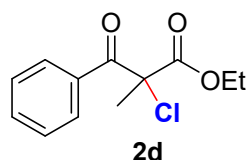
Colorless oil liquid; 85% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 4.02 (d, $J = 17.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[14]

methyl 2-chloro-1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate



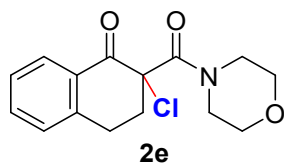
Colorless oil liquid; 96% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.32 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.04 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.56 – 2.51 (m, 1H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[15]

ethyl 2-chloro-2-methyl-3-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate



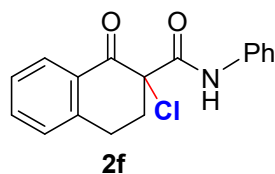
Colorless oil liquid; 71% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 4.25 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[14]

2-chloro-2-(morpholine-4-carbonyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one



Colorless oil liquid; 92% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.69 (m, 8H), 3.25 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.99 (dt, $J = 14.5, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dt, $J = 14.6, 5.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.93, 164.89, 142.74, 134.36, 130.70, 128.86, 128.76, 127.15, 77.36, 70.51, 66.72, 36.16, 26.49. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{NCl}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 294.0891, 295.0925, 296.0862; found 294.0890, 295.0924, 296.0862.

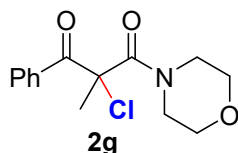
2-chloro-1-oxo-N-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxamide



Colorless oil liquid; 98% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.11 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.55 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 3.32 – 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.13 – 3.04

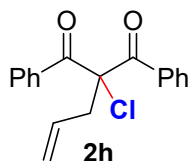
(m, 2H), 2.69 – 2.64 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.88, 164.77, 143.51, 137.15, 134.95, 129.72, 129.28, 129.14, 128.92, 127.41, 125.16, 120.31, 69.27, 34.25, 25.52. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{NCl}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 300.0786, 300.0819, 302.0756; found 300.0785, 300.0819, 302.0755.

2-chloro-2-methyl-1-morpholino-3-phenylpropane-1,3-dione



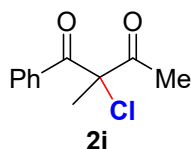
Colorless oil liquid; 57% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 3.73 – 3.14 (m, 8H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.48, 166.74, 134.30, 132.98, 129.67, 128.98, 72.52, 66.57, 65.87, 47.01, 43.76, 28.12. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{NCl}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 282.0891, 283.0925, 284.0862; found 282.0890, 283.0924, 284.0861.

2-allyl-2-chloro-1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione



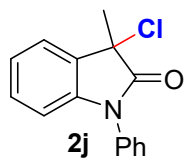
Colorless oil liquid; 72% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 – 7.90 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 5.87 – 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.13 (dd, $J = 10.2$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 – 4.95 (m, 1H), 3.32 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.66, 134.21, 133.78, 130.59, 129.92, 128.76, 120.60, 79.50, 43.41. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{Cl}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 299.0833, 300.0867, 301.0804; found 299.0833, 300.0868, 301.0805.

2-chloro-2-methyl-1-phenylbutane-1,3-dione



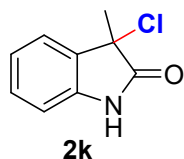
Colorless oil liquid; 81% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[16]

3-chloro-3-methyl-1-phenylindolin-2-one



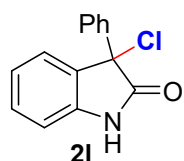
Colorless oil liquid; 98% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.16 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 – 6.83 (m, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[17]

3-chloro-3-methylindolin-2-one



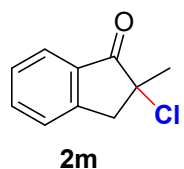
Colorless oil liquid; 78% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.44 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[18]

3-chloro-3-phenylindolin-2-one



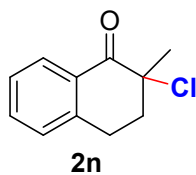
Colorless oil liquid; 31% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[19]

2-chloro-2-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one



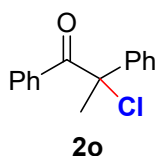
Colorless oil liquid; 72% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[20]

2-chloro-2-methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one



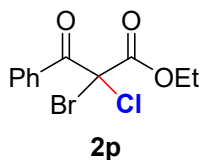
Colorless oil liquid; 62% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[20]

2-chloro-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one



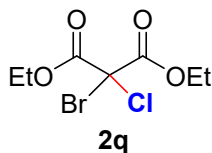
Colorless oil liquid; 51% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[21]

ethyl 2-bromo-2-chloro-3-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate



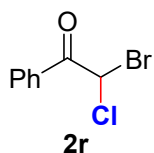
White solid, 41% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 4.31 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[22]

diethyl 2-bromo-2-chloromalonate



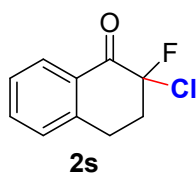
Colorless oil liquid; 80% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.38 – 4.33 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.31 (m, 6H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[23]

2-bromo-2-chloro-1-phenylethan-1-one



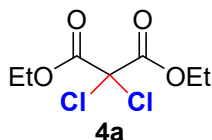
Colorless oil liquid; 50% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 6.79 – 6.64 (m, 1H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[24]

2-chloro-2-fluoro-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one



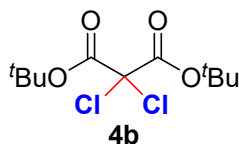
White solid; 57% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.14 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.74 – 2.67 (m, 1H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[25]

diethyl 2,2-dichloromalonate



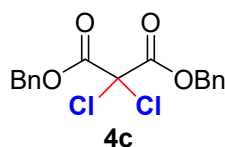
Colorless oil liquid; 76% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.25 – 4.18 (m, 4H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[24]

di-tert-butyl 2,2-dichloromalonate



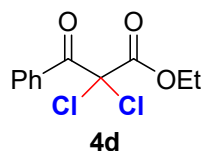
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dibenzyl 2,2-dichloromalonate



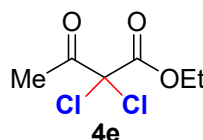
Colorless oil liquid; 60% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 10H), 5.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[26]

ethyl 2,2-dichloro-3-oxo-3-phenylpropanoate



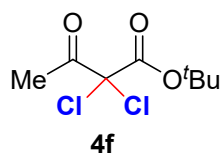
Colorless oil liquid; 64% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 1.10 (td, J = 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[27]

ethyl 2,2-dichloro-3-oxobutanoate



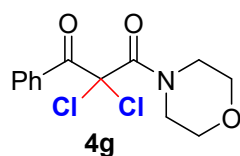
White solid; 46% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.25 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[23]

tert-butyl 2,2-dichloro-3-oxobutanoate



Colorless oil liquid; 45% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[28]

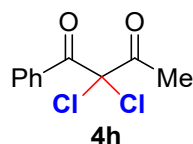
2,2-dichloro-1-morpholino-3-phenylpropane-1,3-dione



Colorless oil liquid; 85% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (dd, J = 16.0, 5.4 Hz, 4H), 3.45

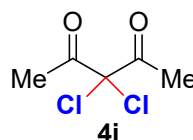
(s, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.37, 162.10, 134.56, 131.31, 130.53, 128.85, 85.27, 66.57, 65.81, 47.61, 44.53. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{NCl}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 302.0345, 303.0379, 304.0316; found 302.0346, 303.0383, 304.0313.

2,2-dichloro-1-phenylbutane-1,3-dione



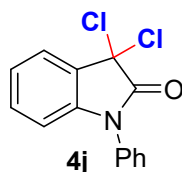
Colorless oil liquid; 96% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.66 m, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[24]

3,3-dichloropentane-2,4-dione



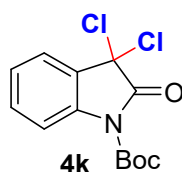
Yellow oil liquid; 88% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.75 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 2.66 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[24]

3,3-dichloro-1-phenylindolin-2-one



White solid liquid; 82% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.34 (td, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[17]

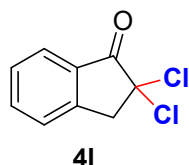
tert-butyl 3,3-dichloro-2-oxoindoline-1-carboxylate



Colorless oil liquid; 47% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (dt, J = 8.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.30 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H),

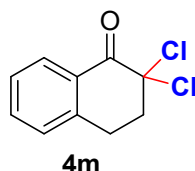
1.66 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.51, 148.49, 137.09, 132.32, 128.27, 126.01, 124.98, 115.80, 86.02, 74.49, 28.13. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{NCl}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 302.0345, 303.0379, 304.0316; found 302.0344, 303.0378, 304.0315.

2,2-dichloro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one



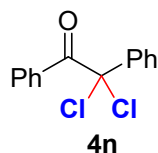
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2,2-dichloro-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one



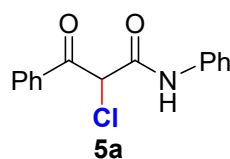
White solid; 62% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[29]

2,2-dichloro-1,2-diphenylethan-1-one



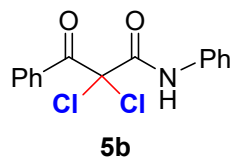
White solid; 62% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[30]

2-chloro-3-oxo-N,3-diphenylpropanamide



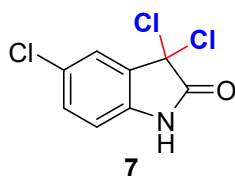
White solid; 51% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[31]

2,2-dichloro-3-oxo-N,3-diphenylpropanamide



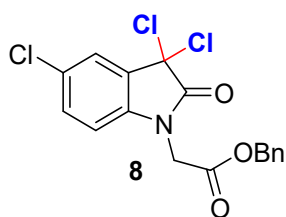
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3,3,5-trichloroindolin-2-one



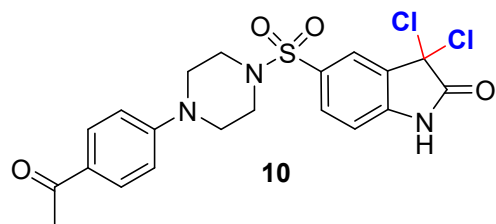
White solid; 68% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.29 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[17]

benzyl 2-(3,3,5-trichloro-2-oxoindolin-1-yl)acetate



White solid; 82% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.63 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[33]

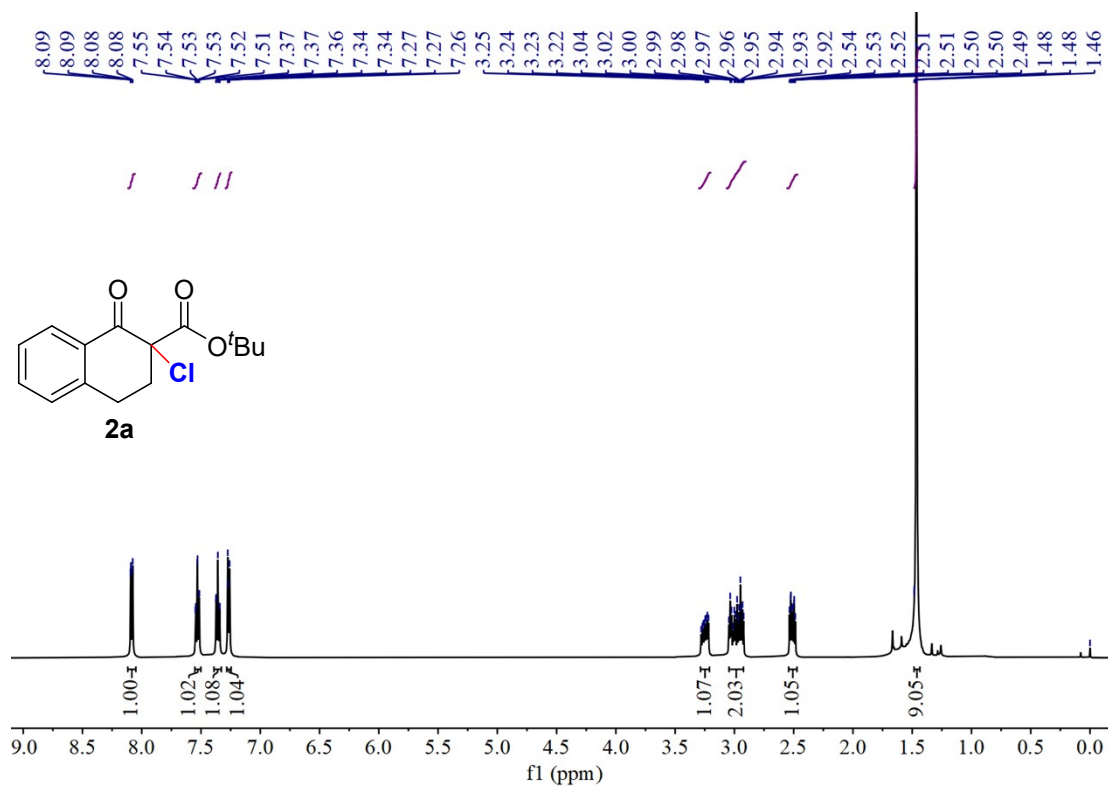
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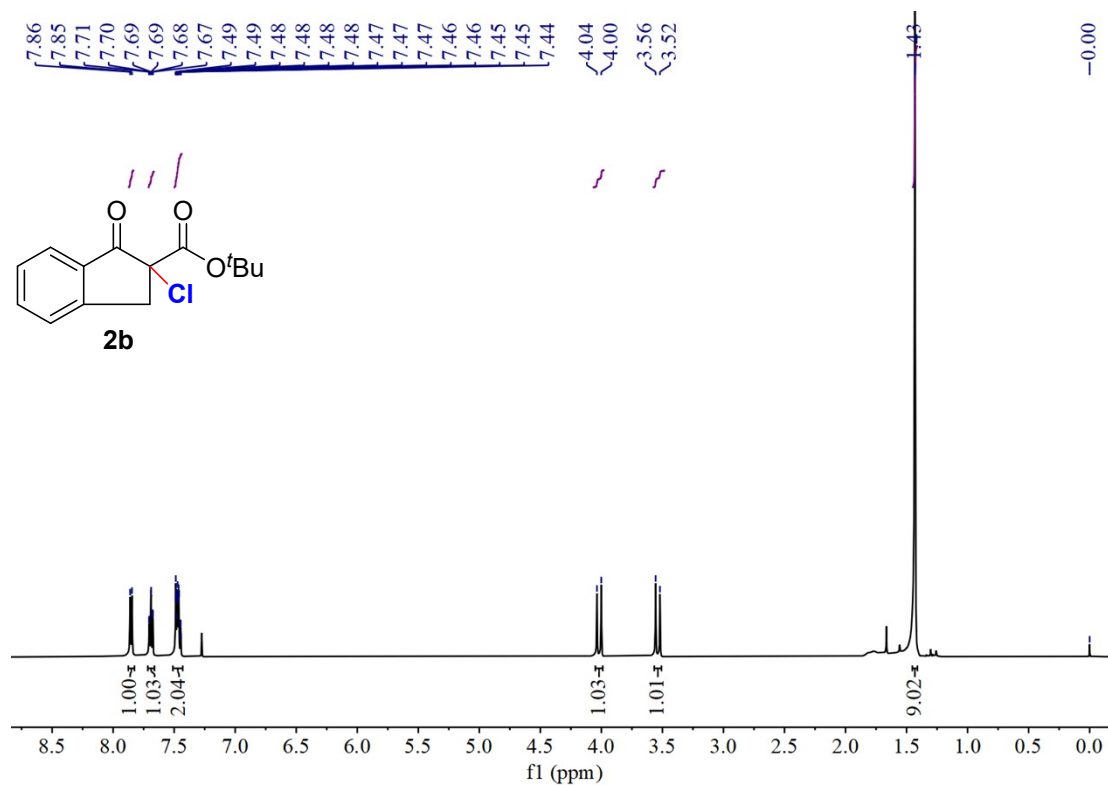
White solid; 64% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.90 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 3.44 (t, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 4H), 3.05 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.44 (s, 3H). The NMR data is identical to that previously reported.^[34]

10. Copies of NMR Spectra

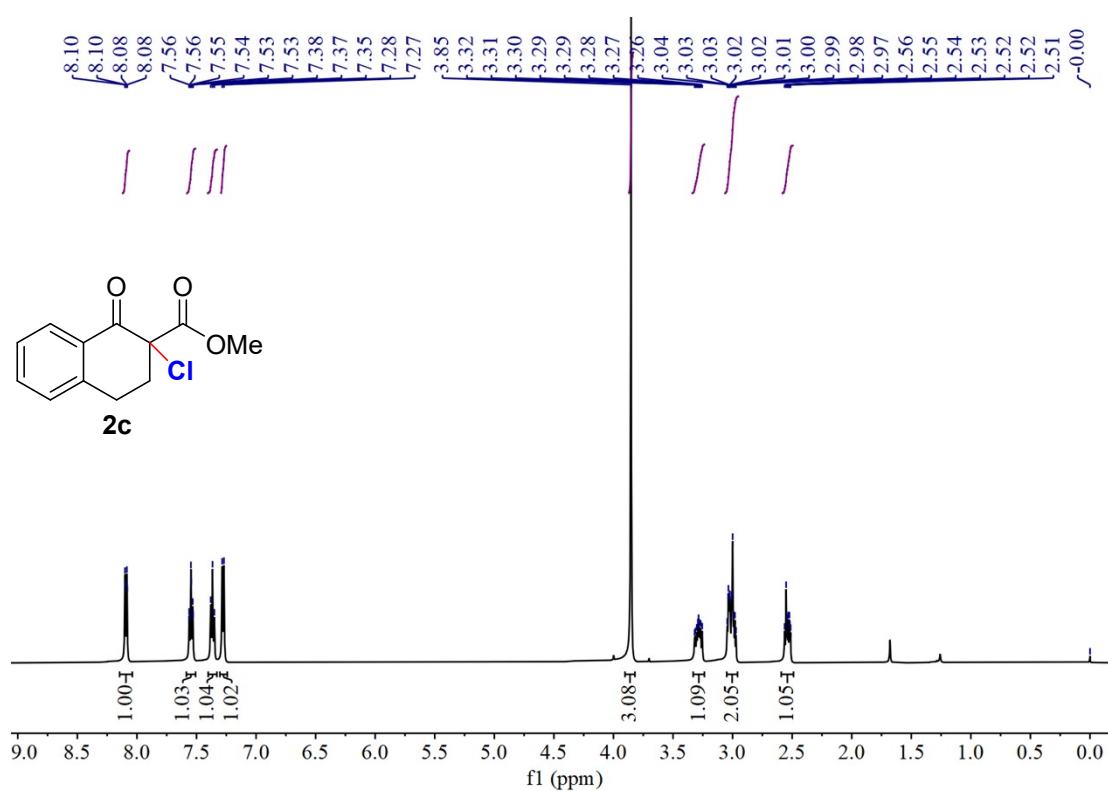
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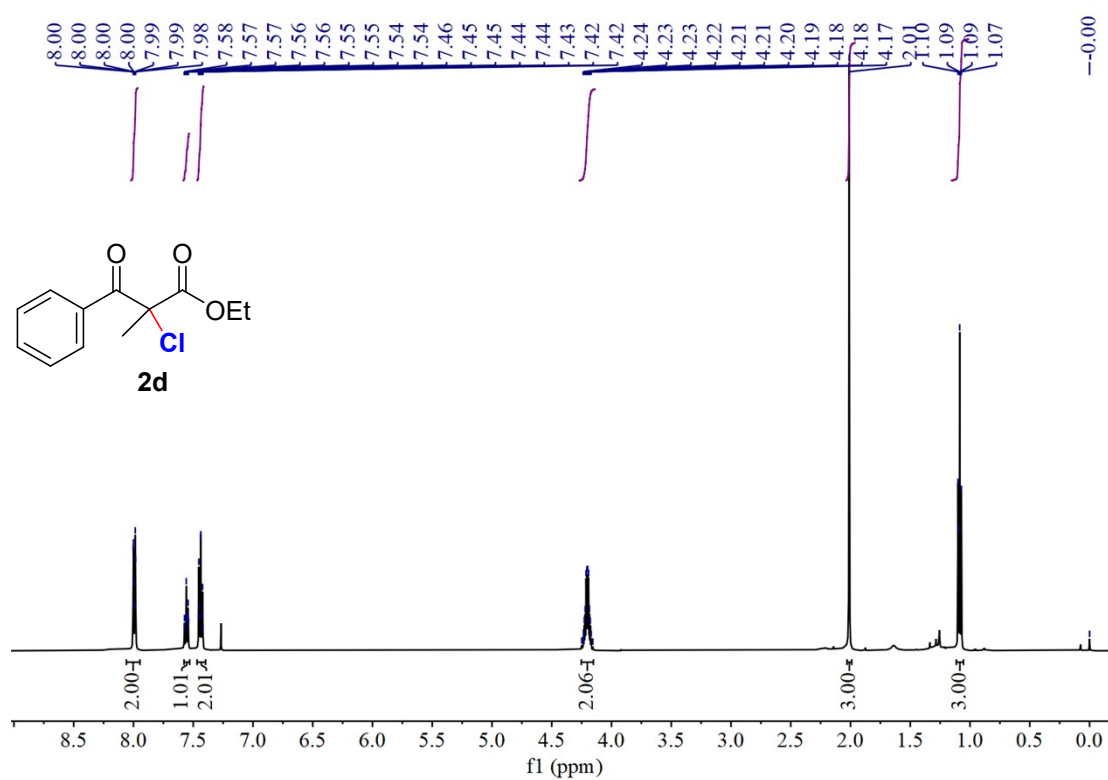
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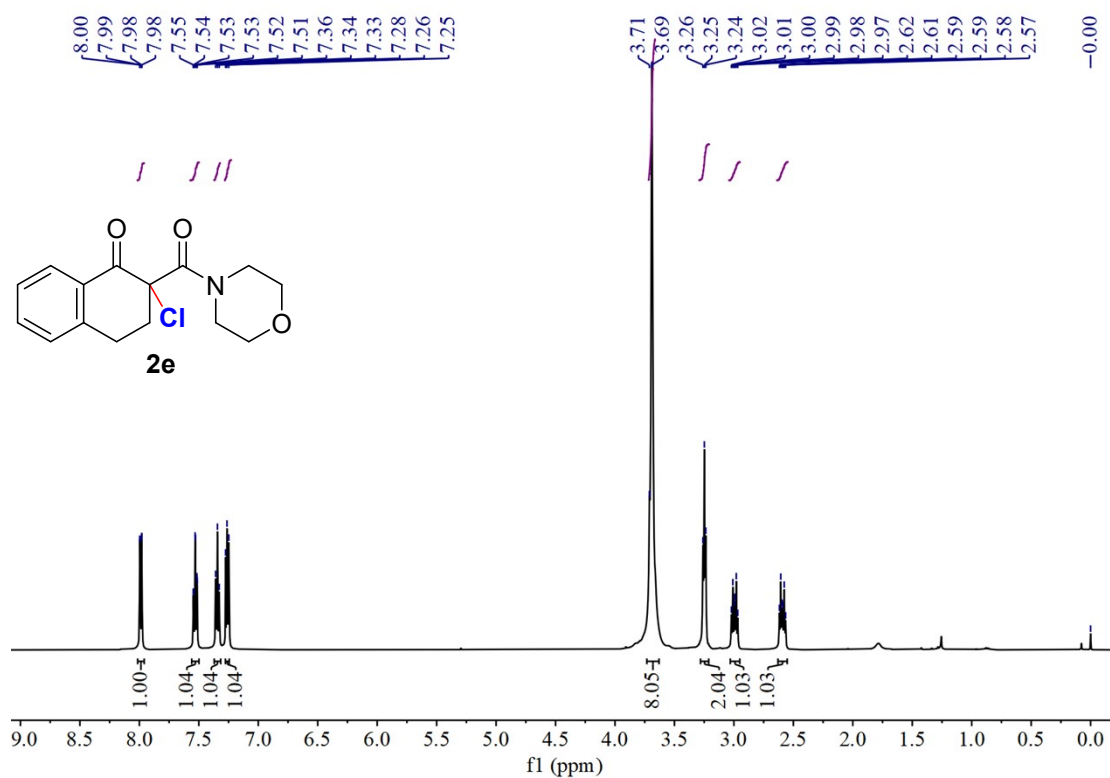
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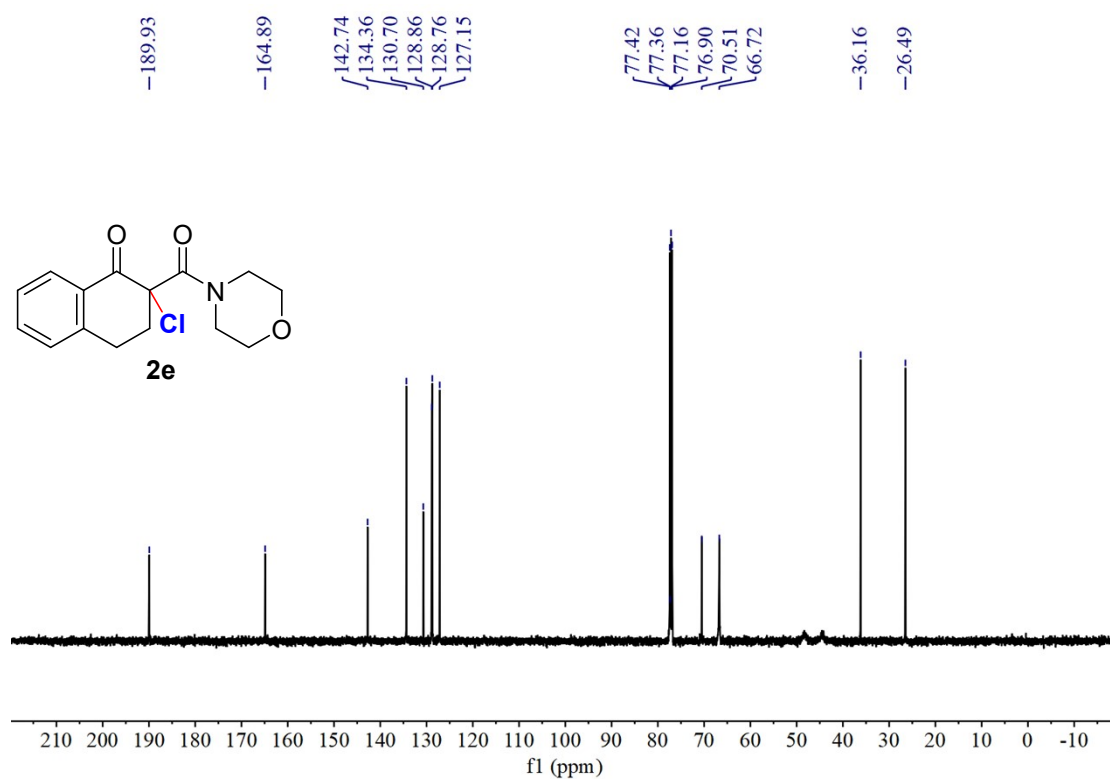
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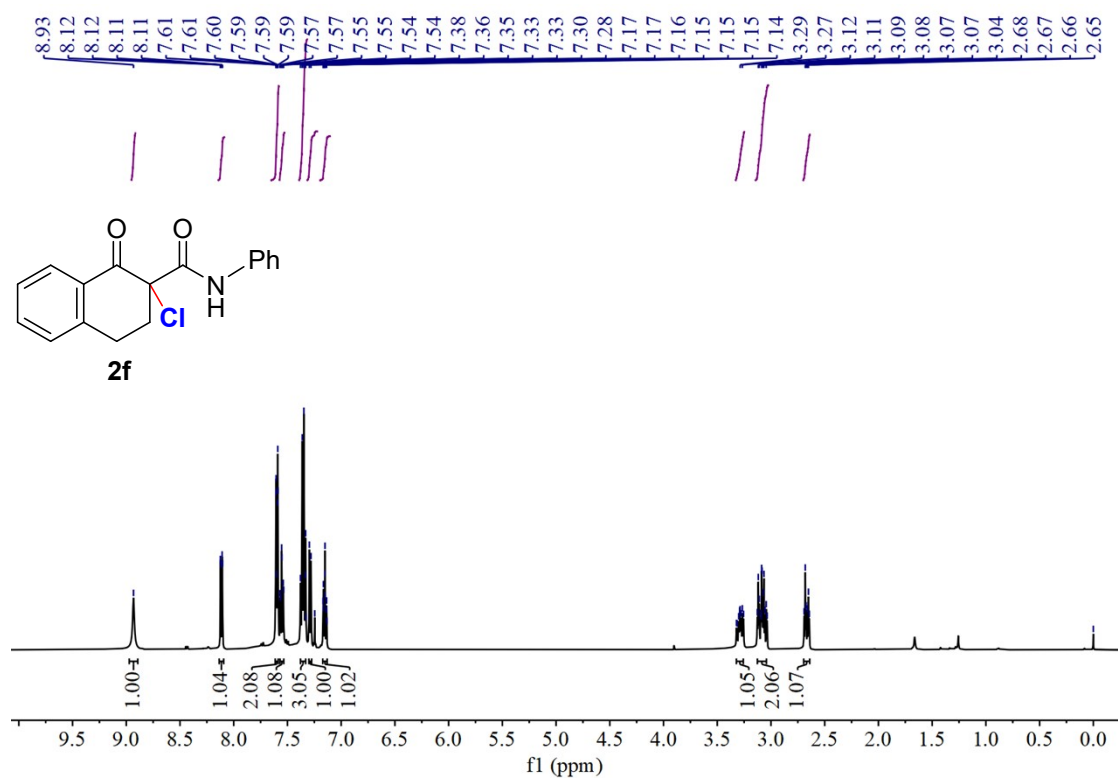
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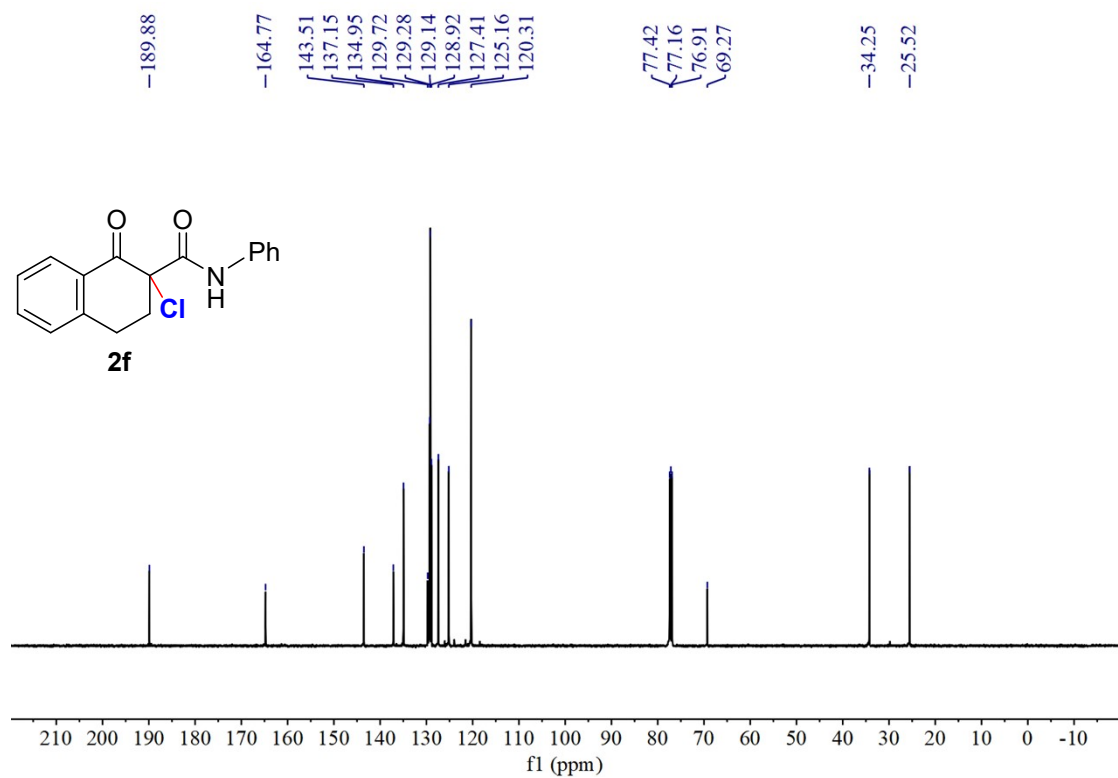
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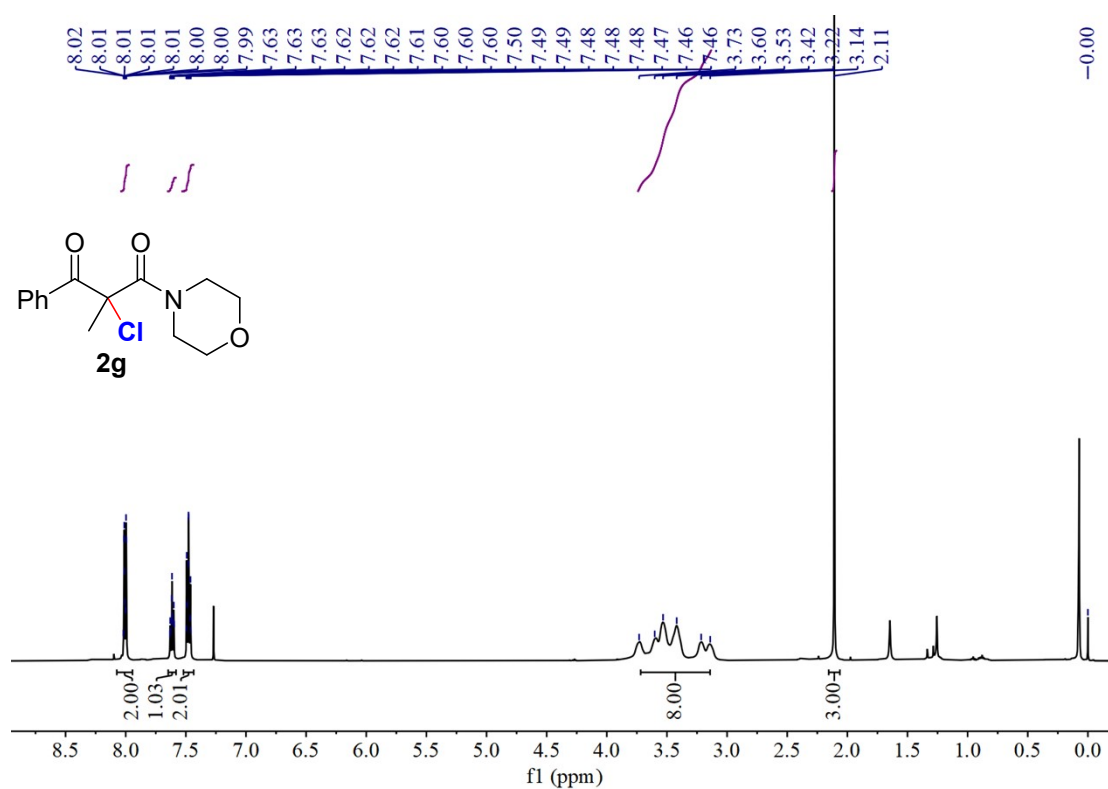
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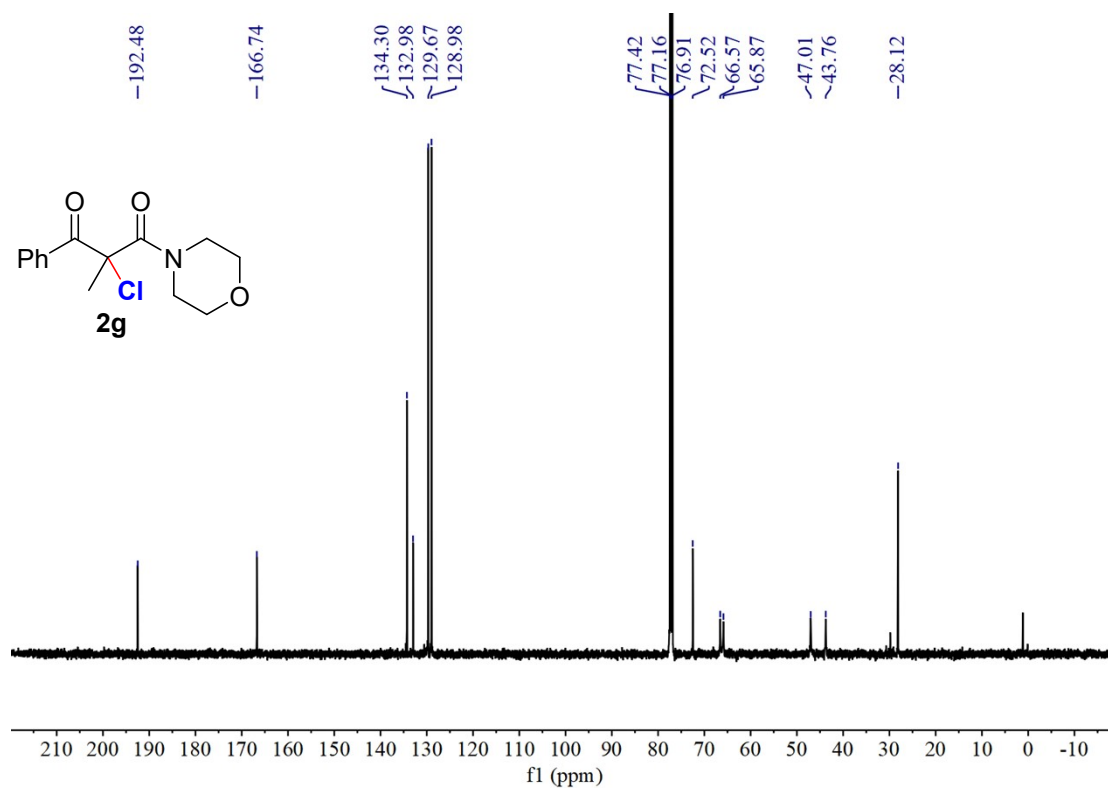
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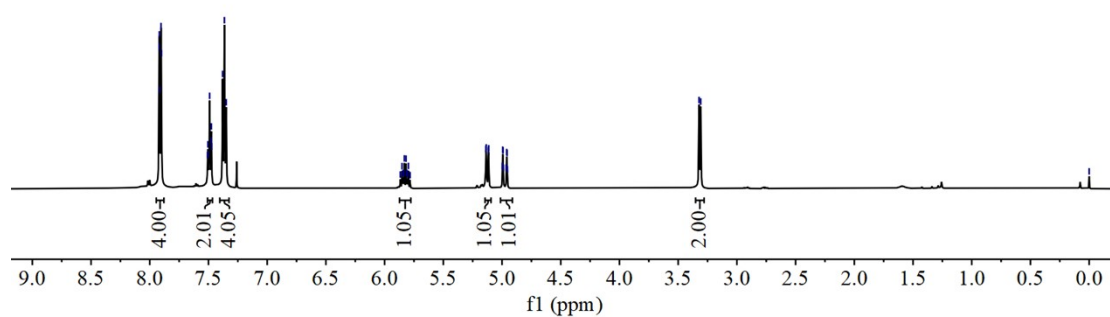
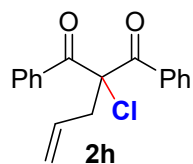
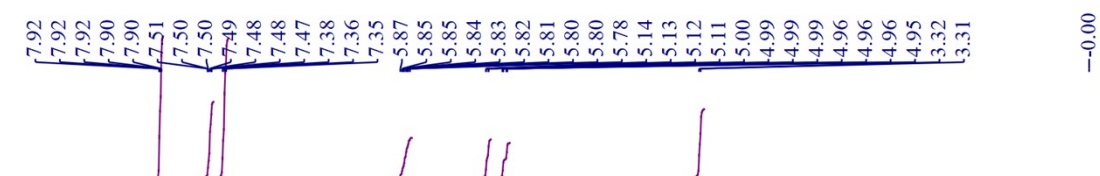
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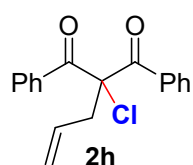
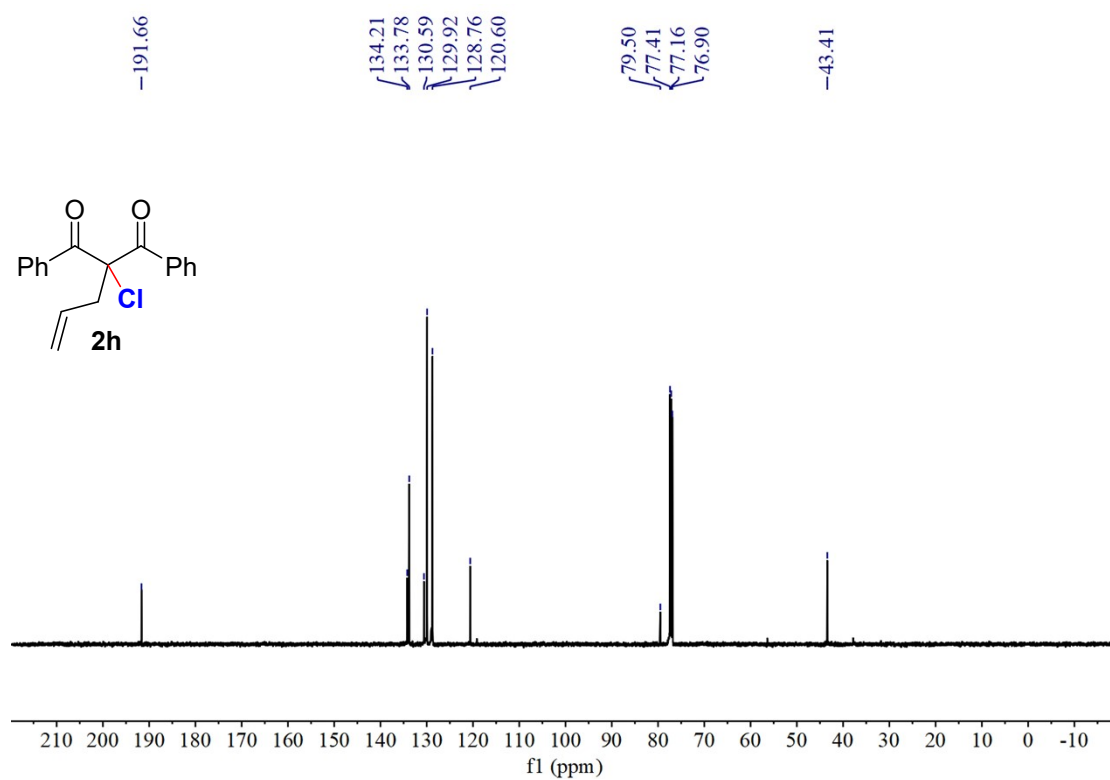
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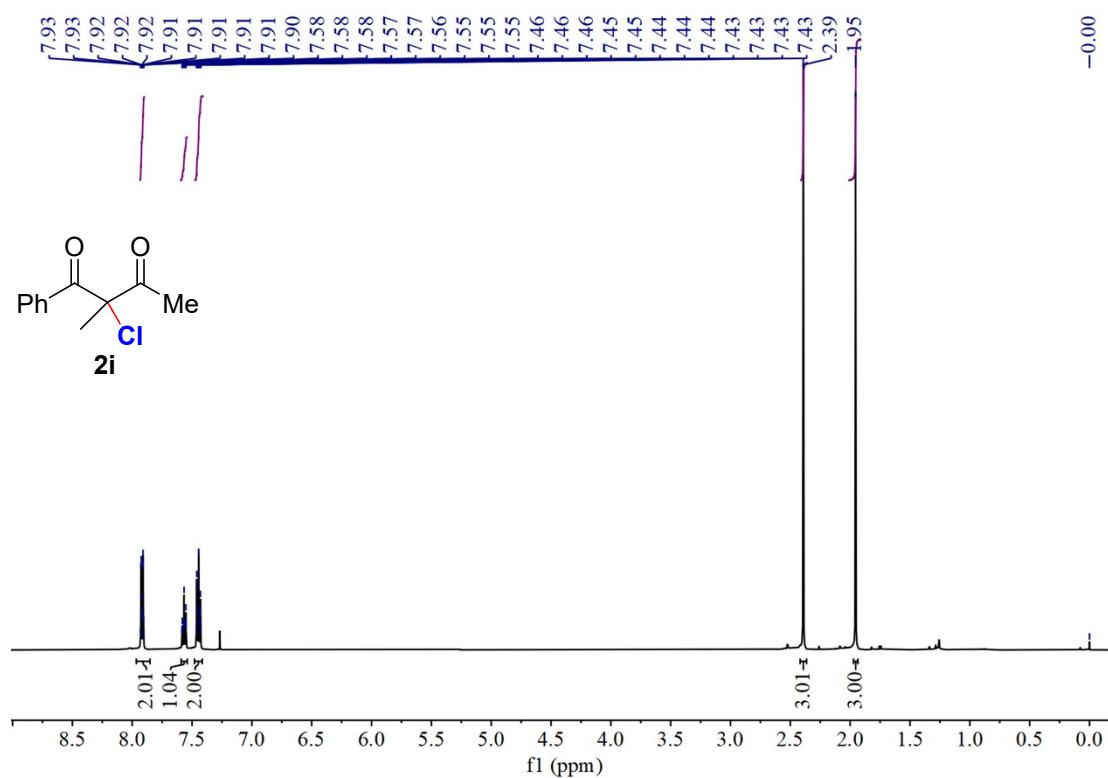
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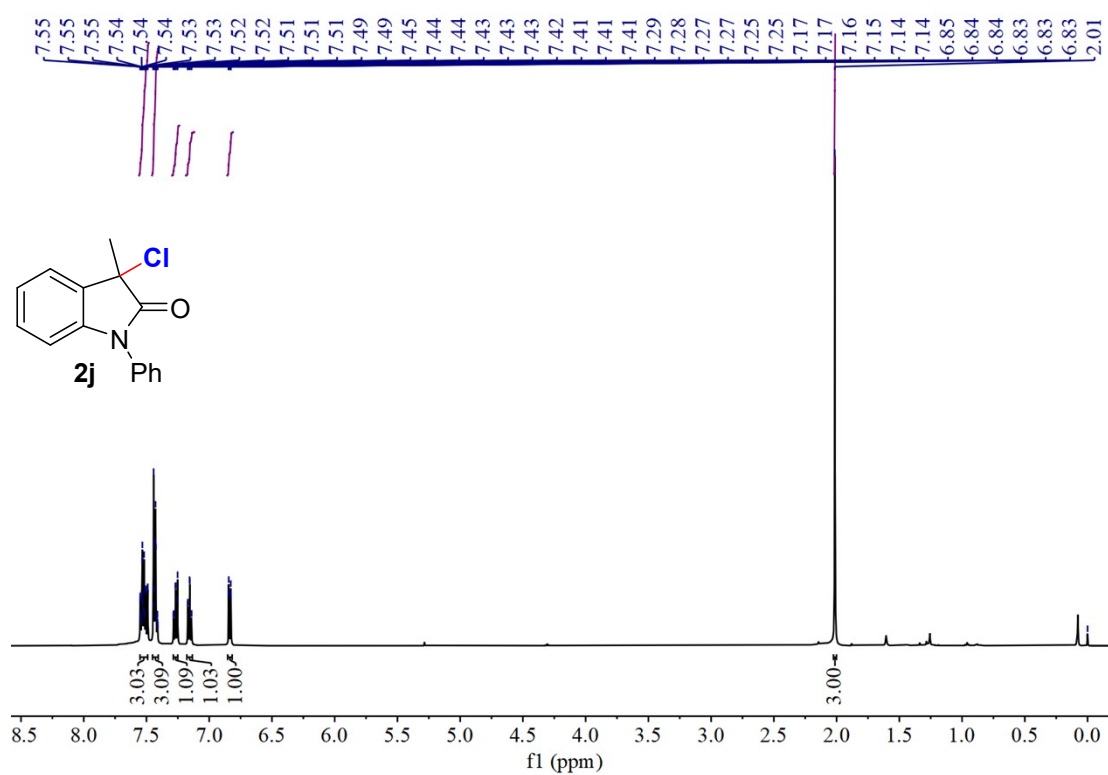
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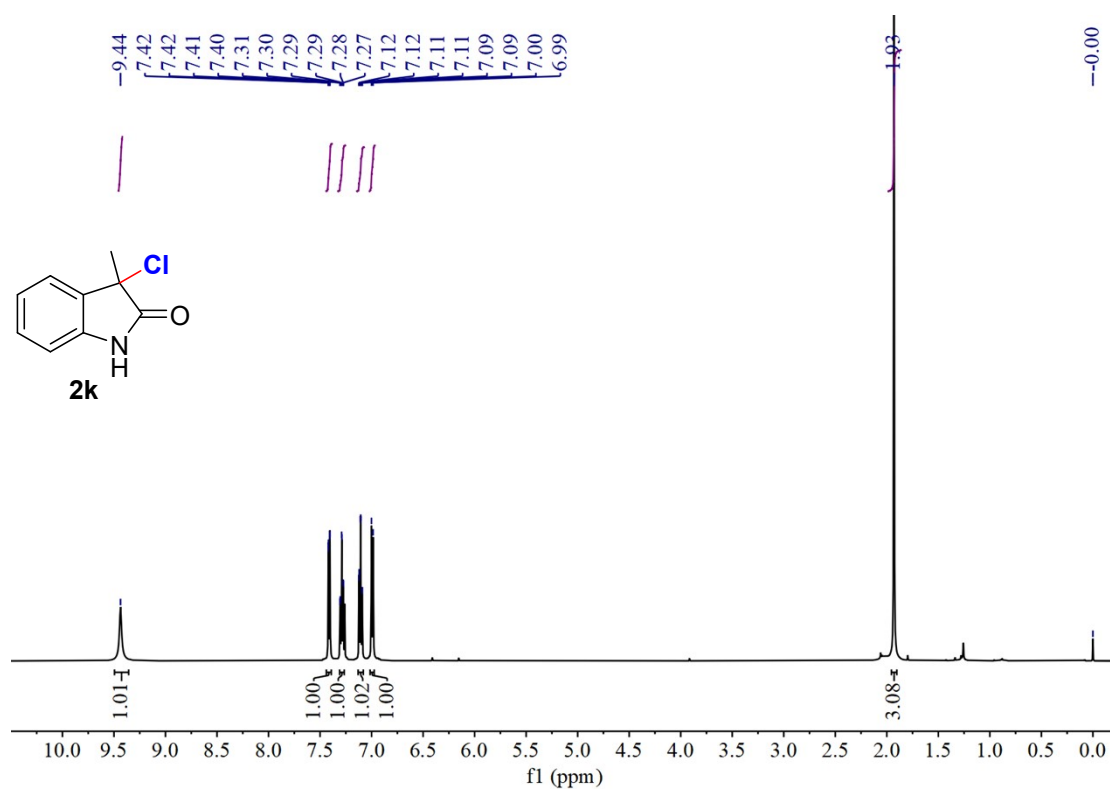
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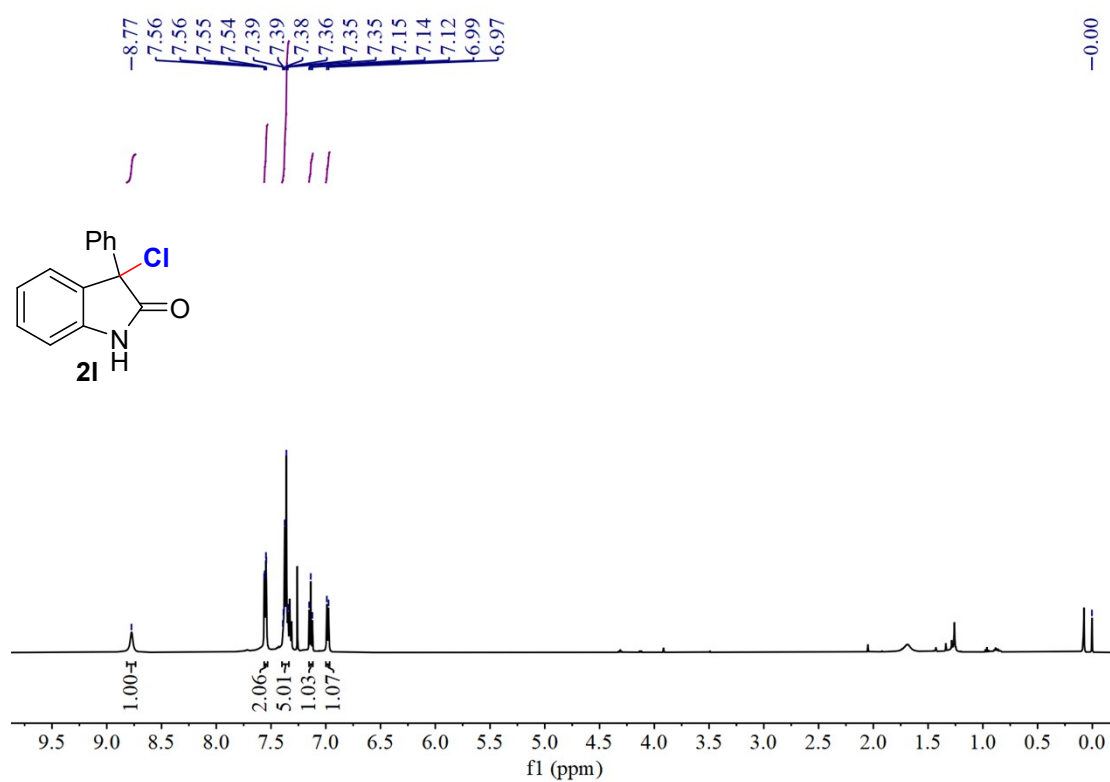
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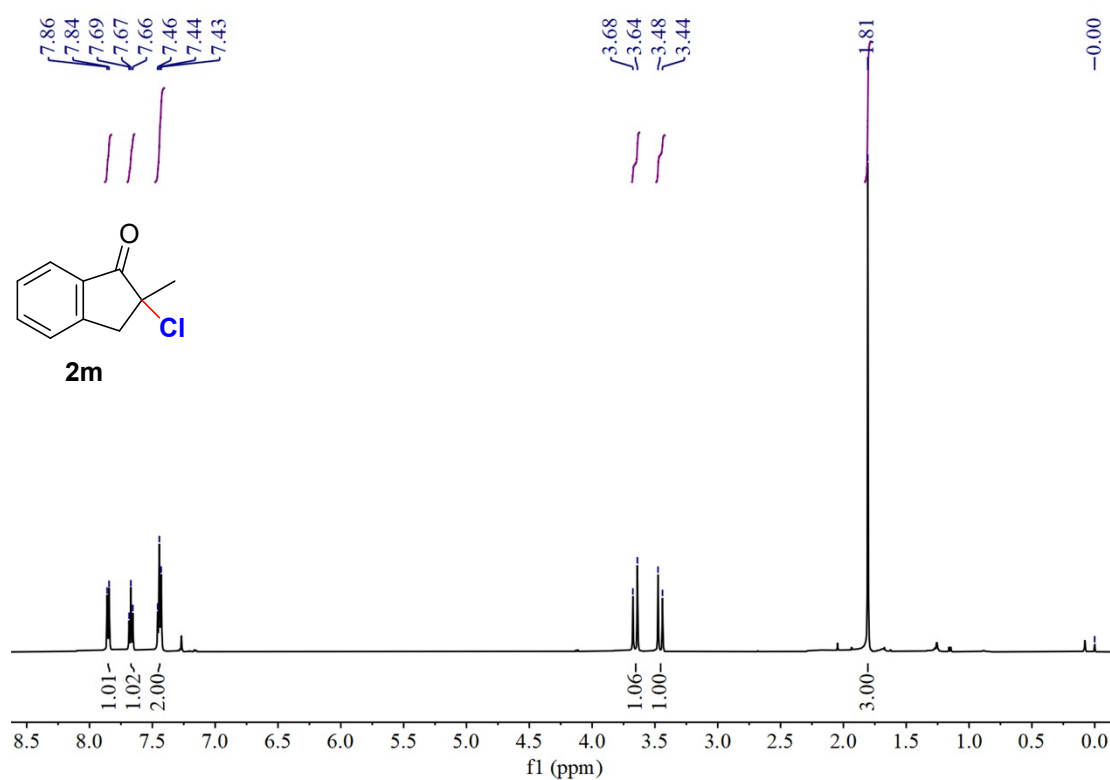
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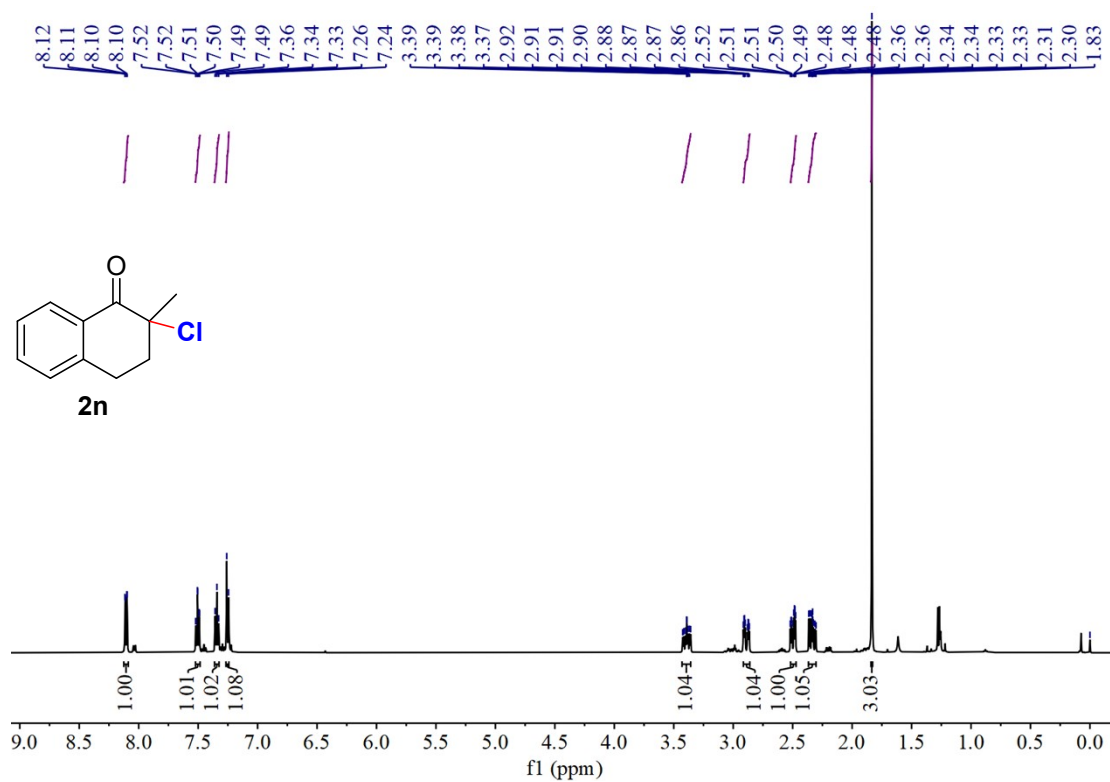
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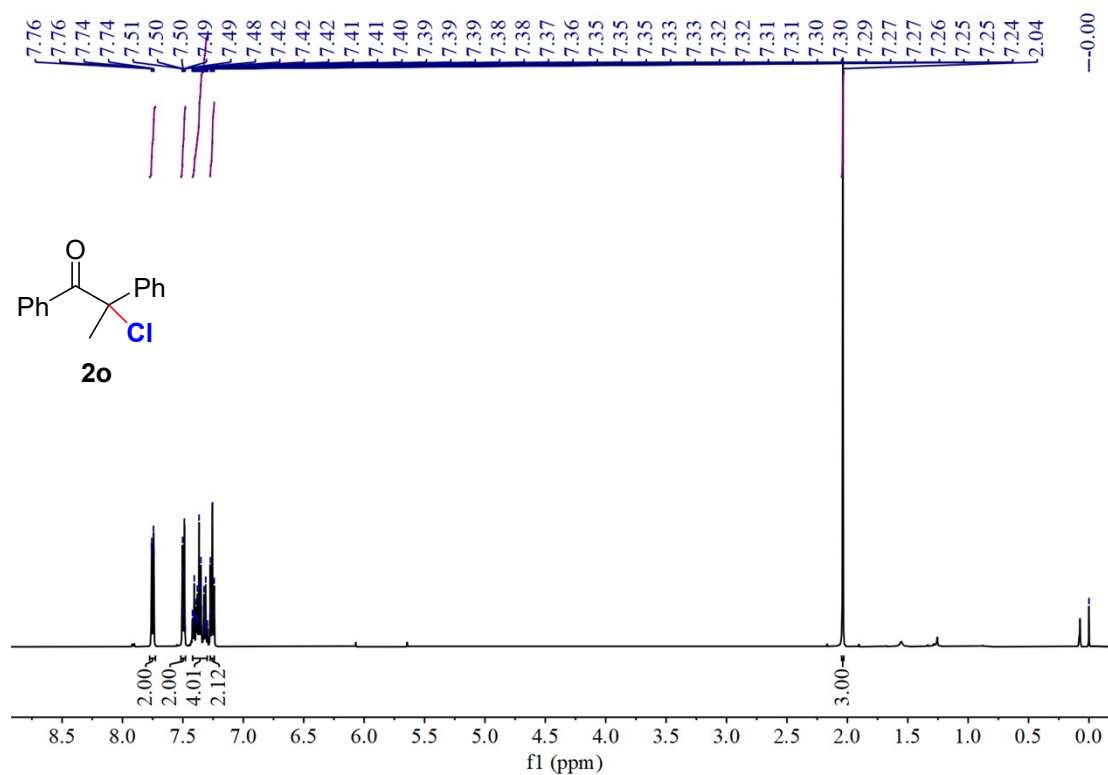
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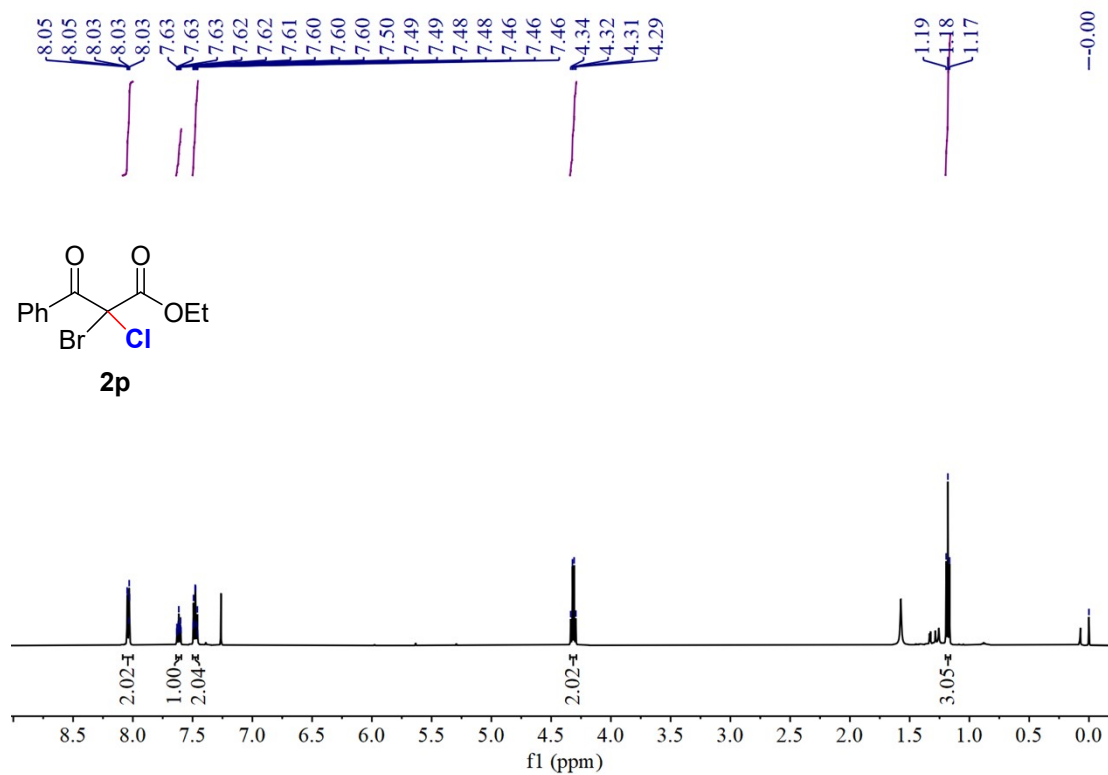
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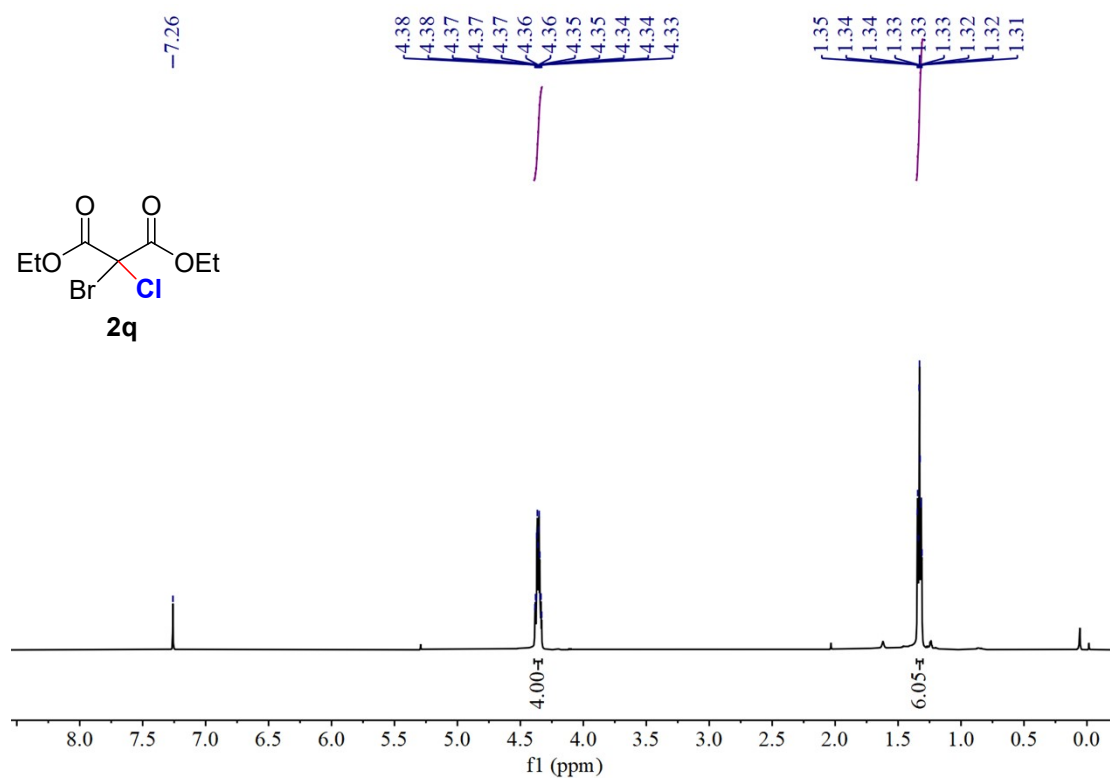
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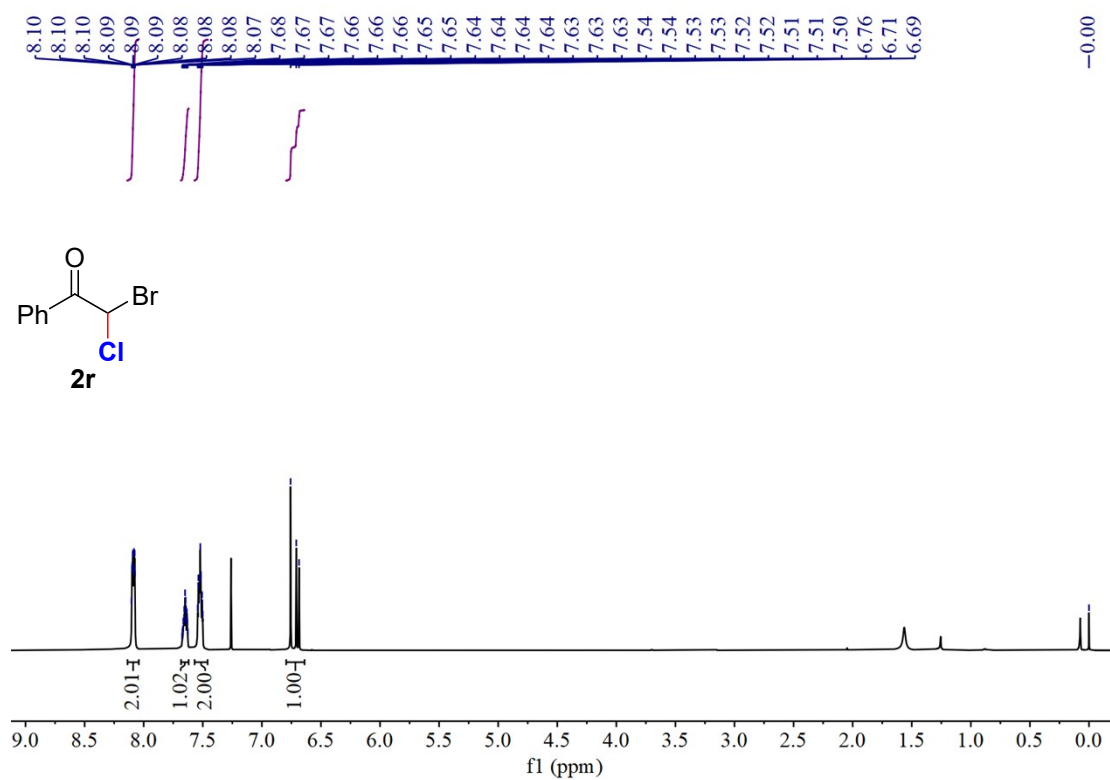
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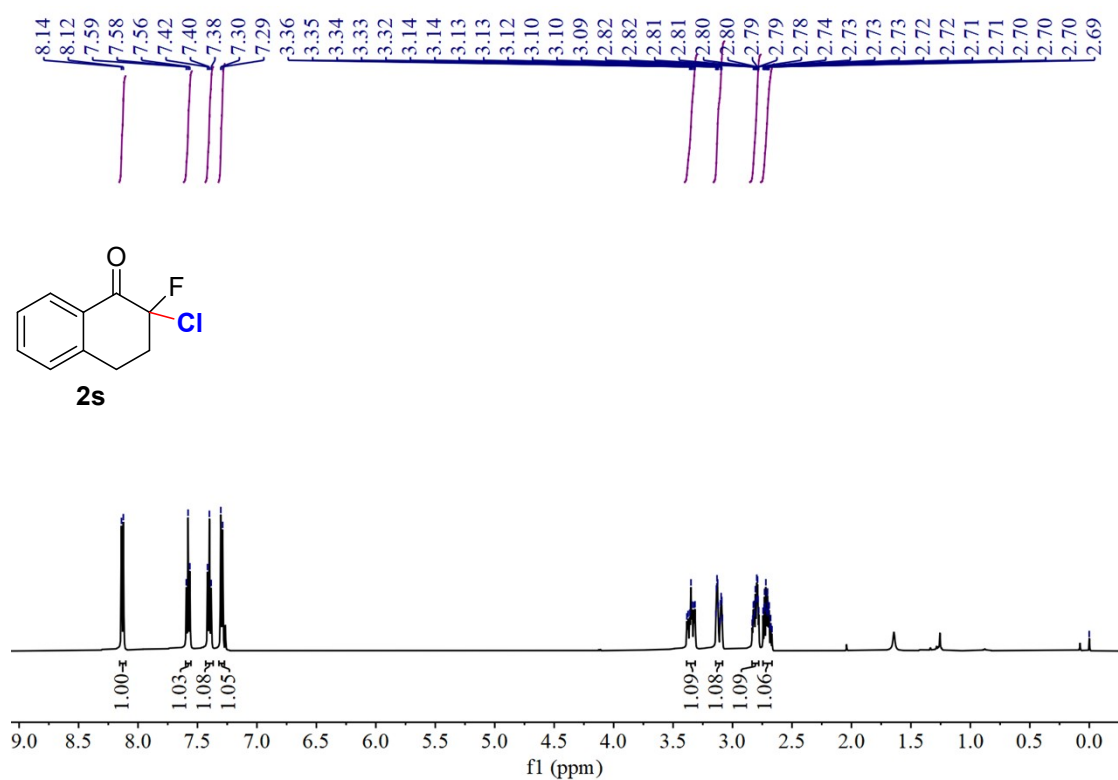
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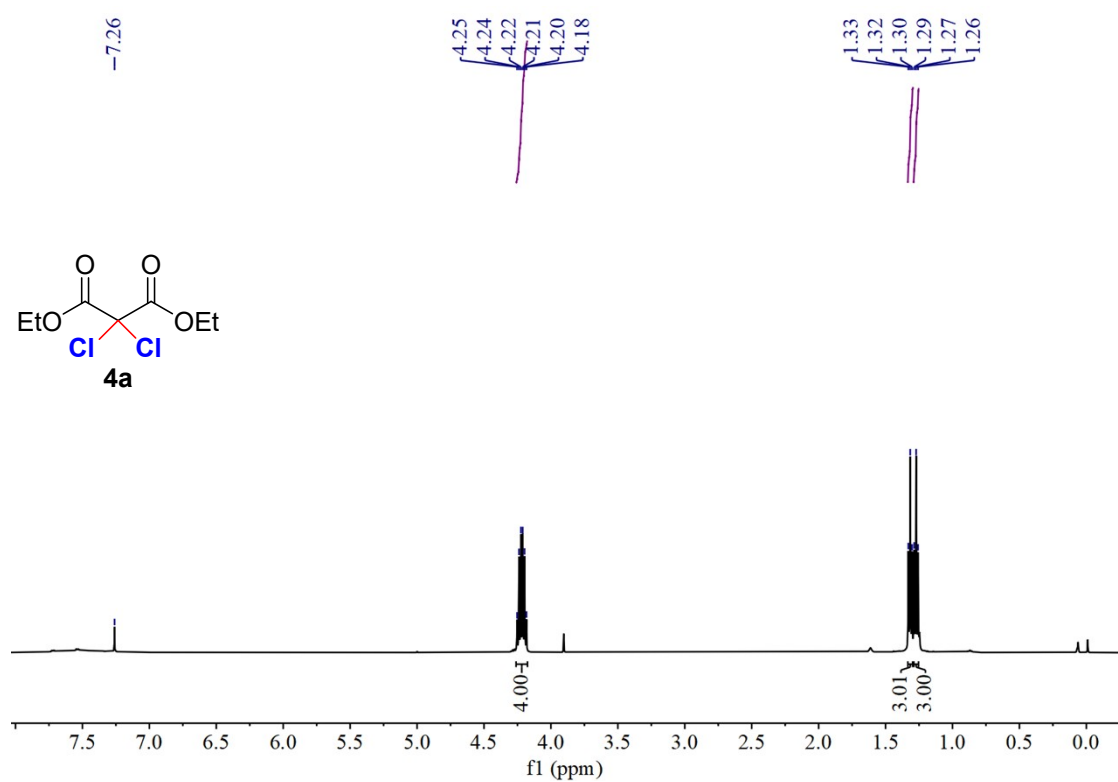
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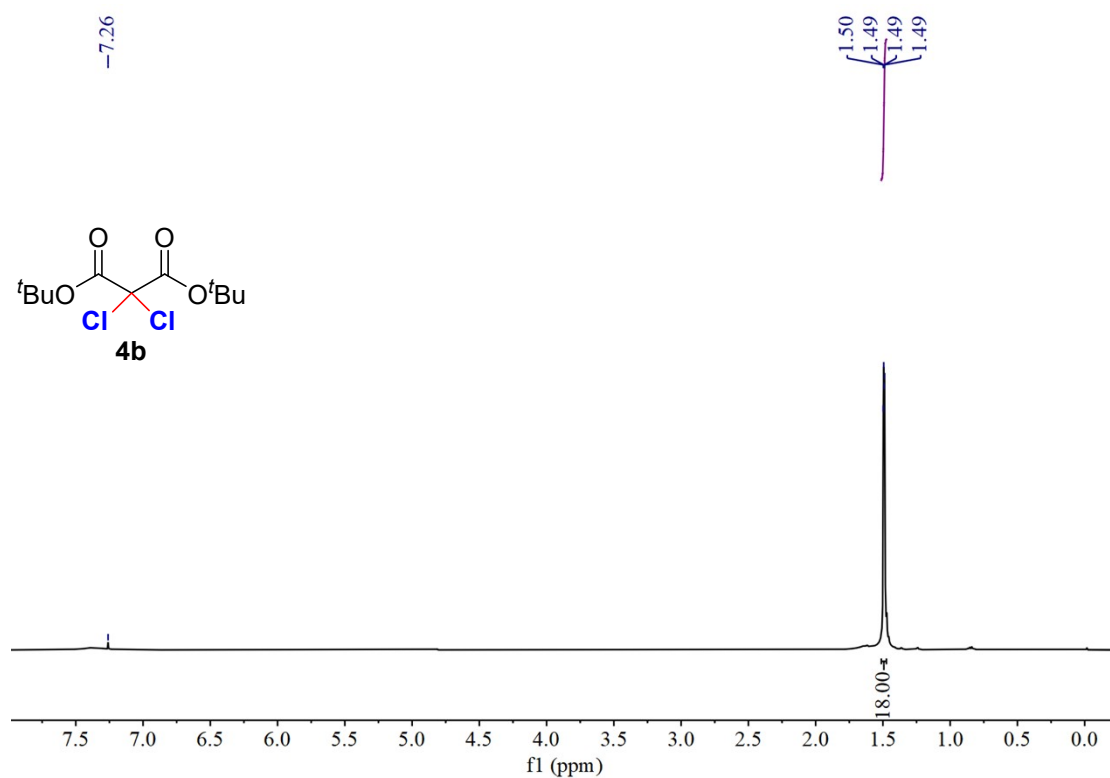
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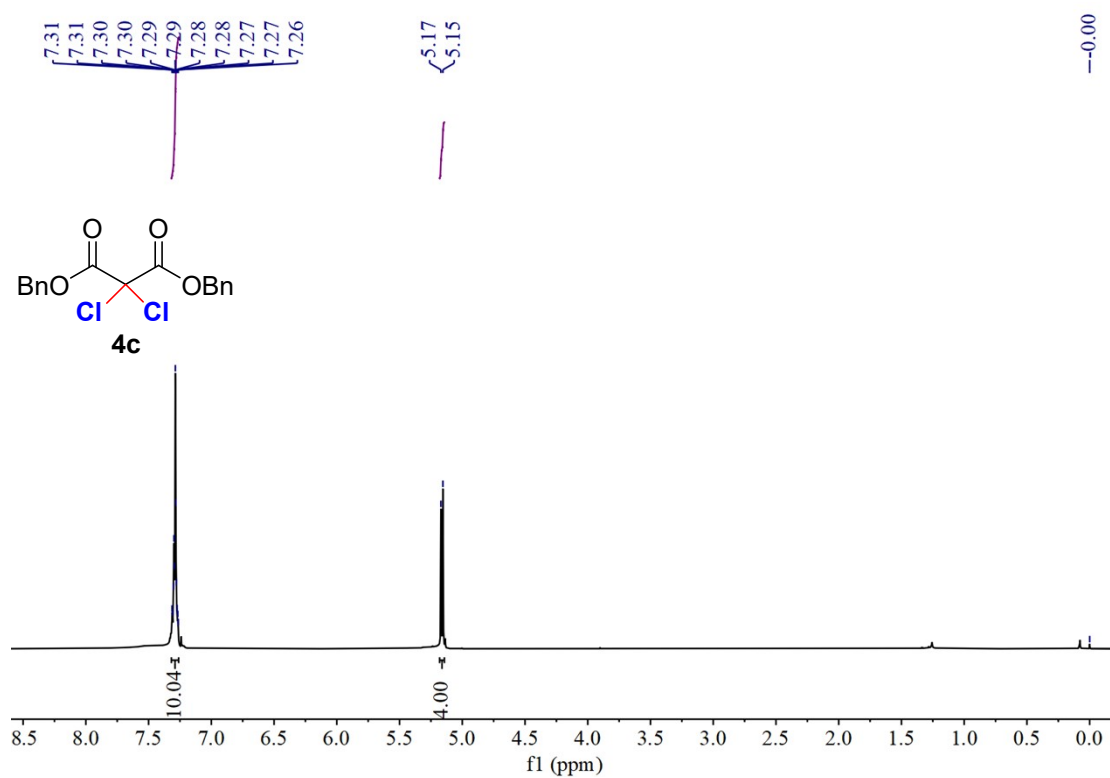
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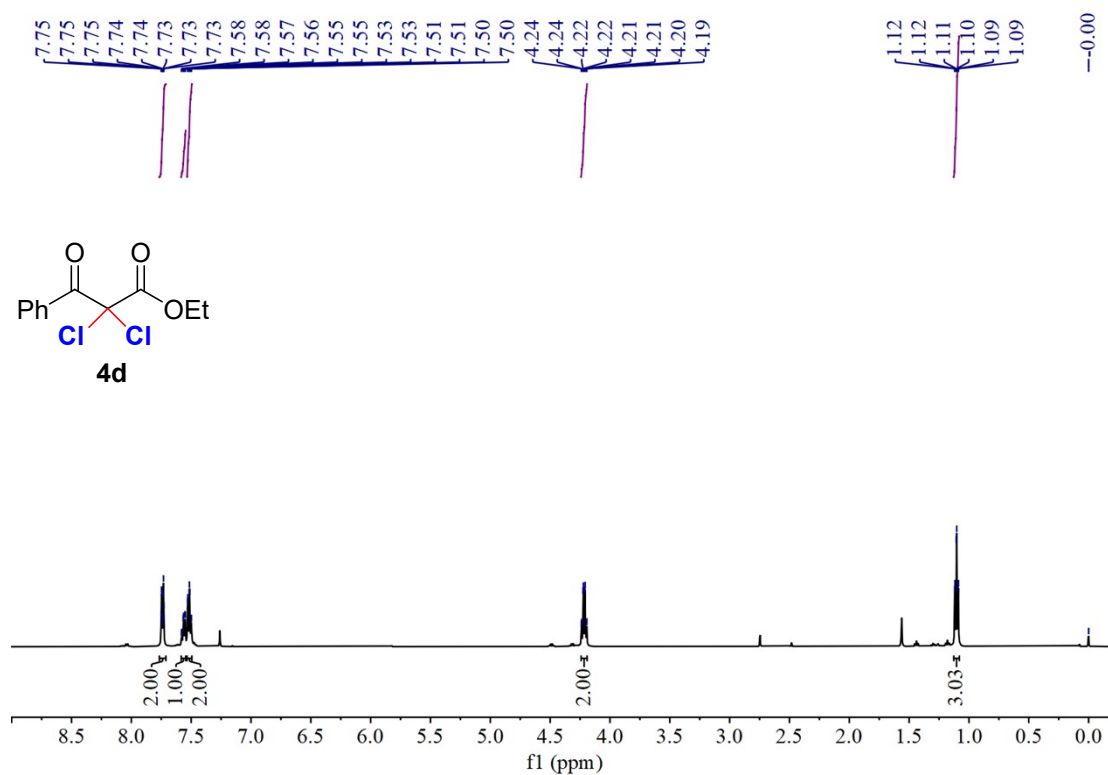
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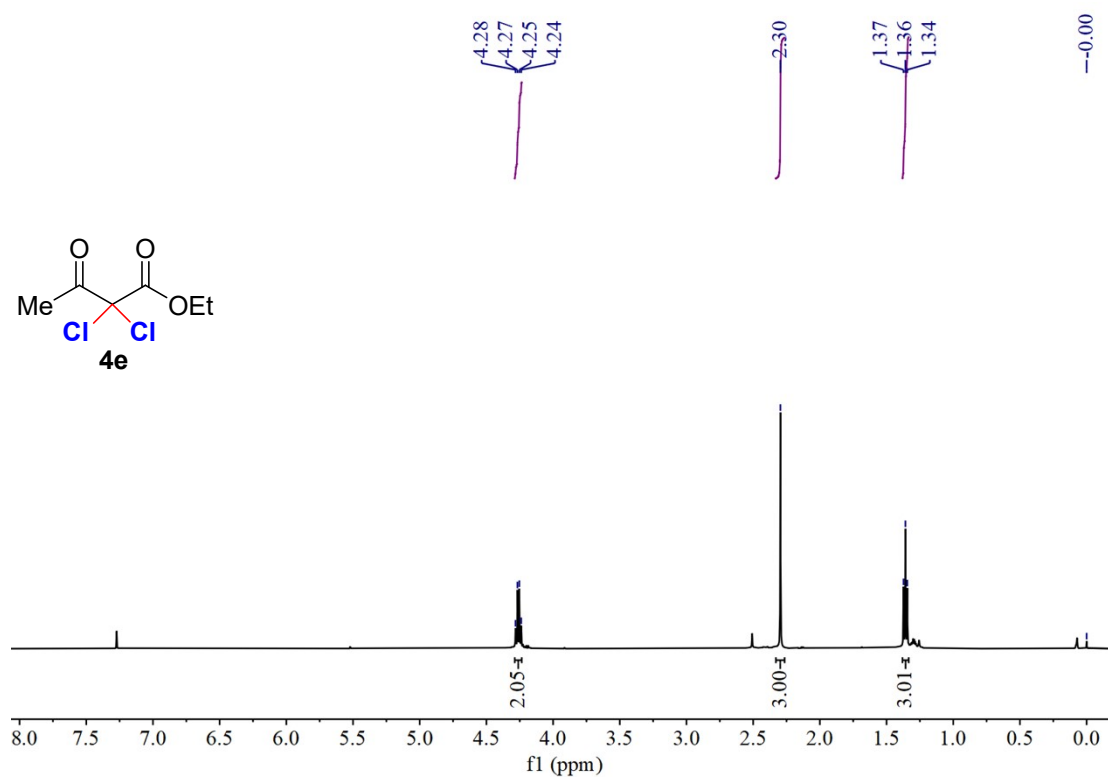
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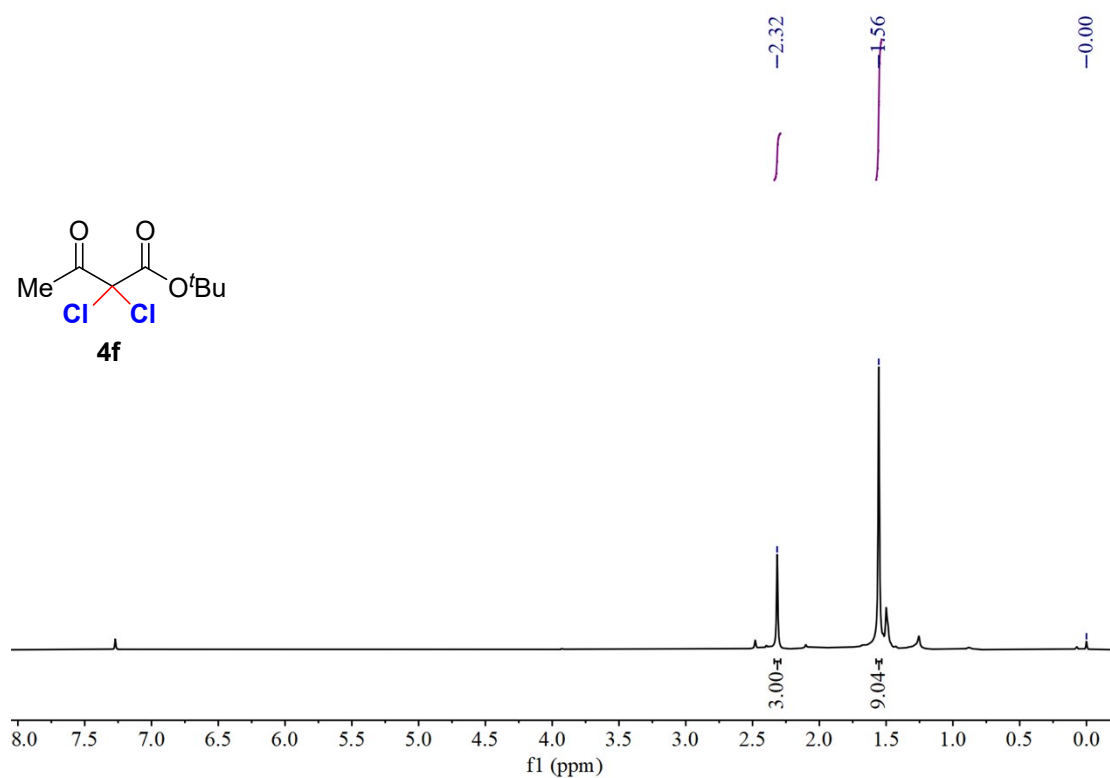
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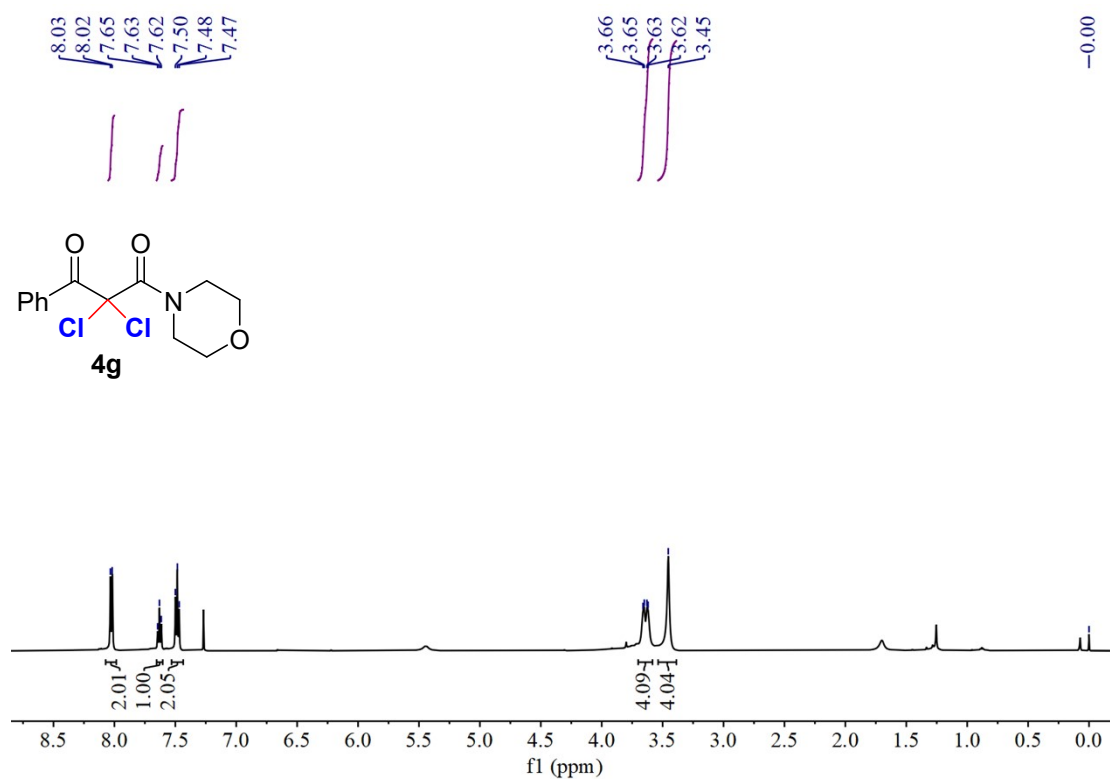
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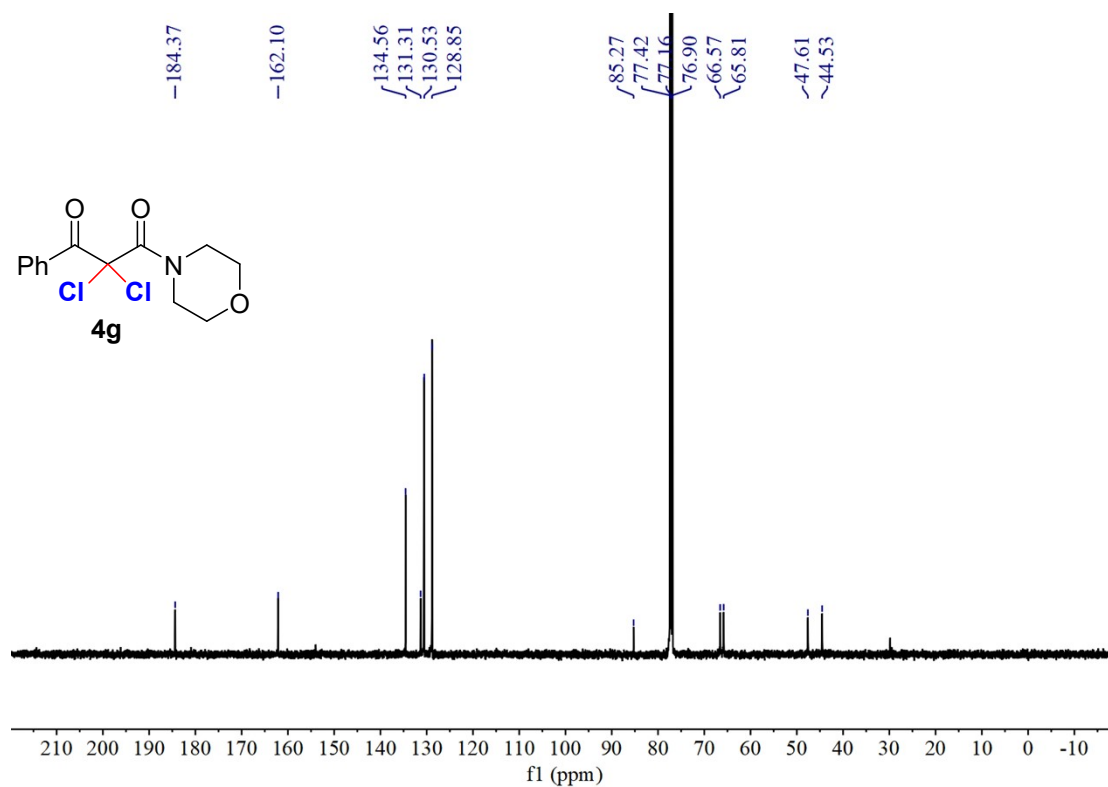
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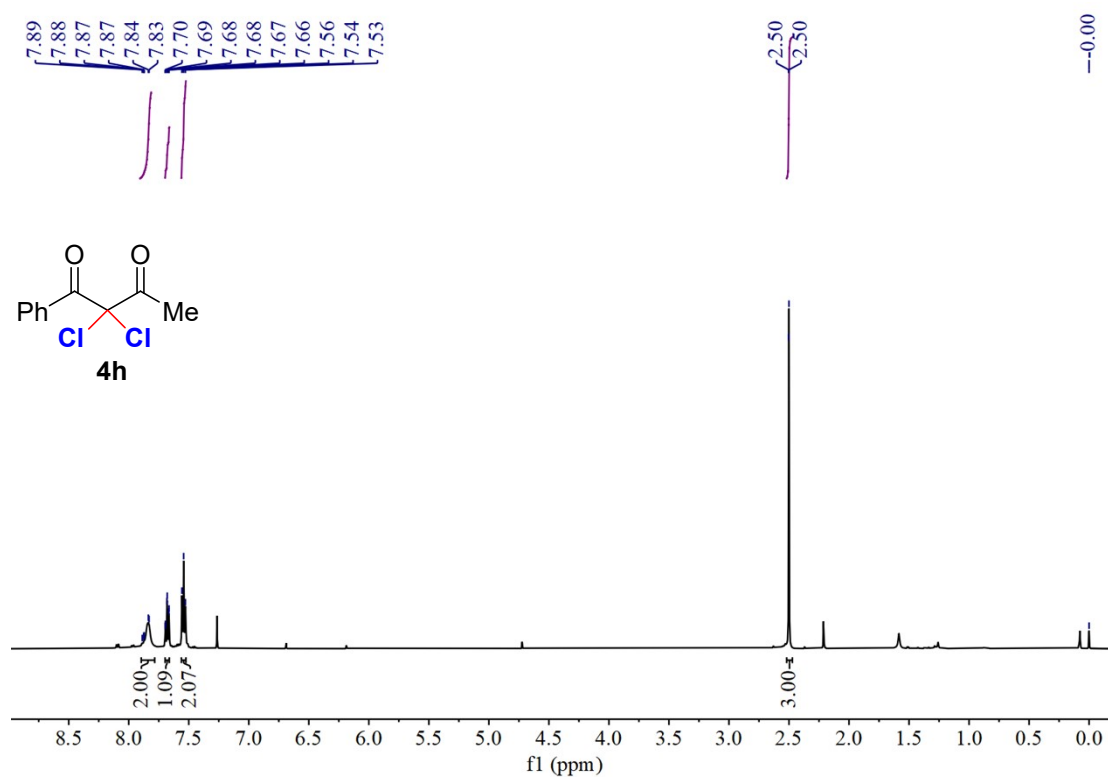
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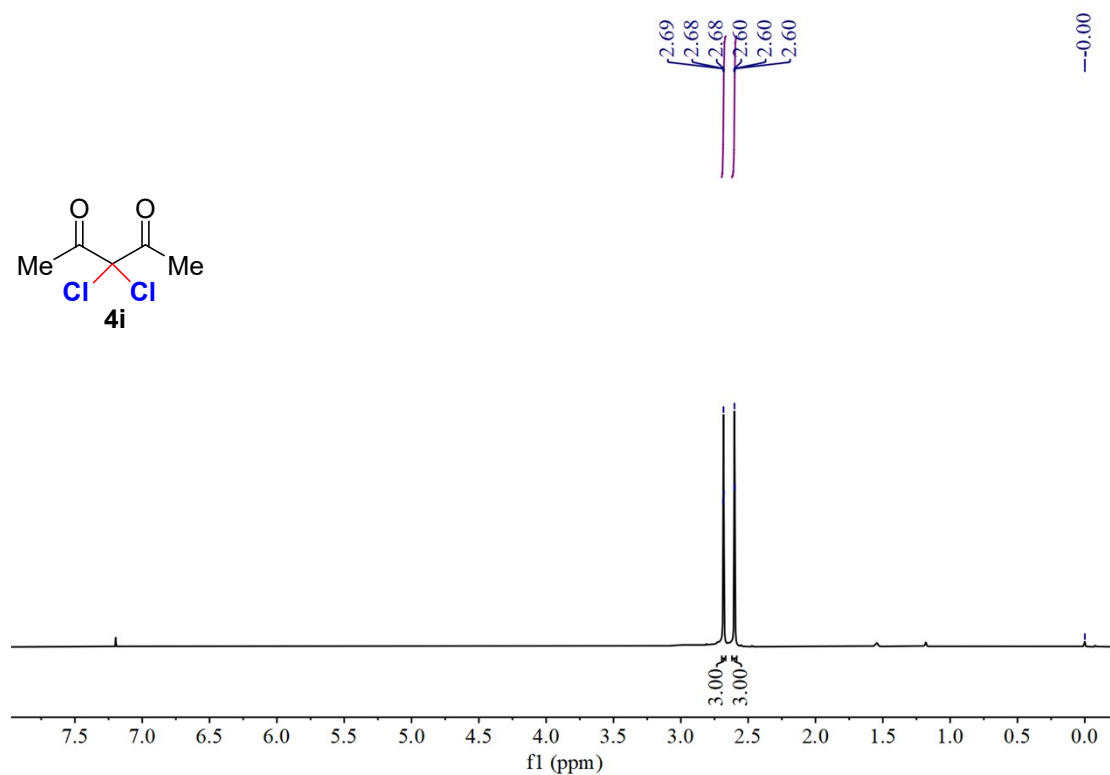
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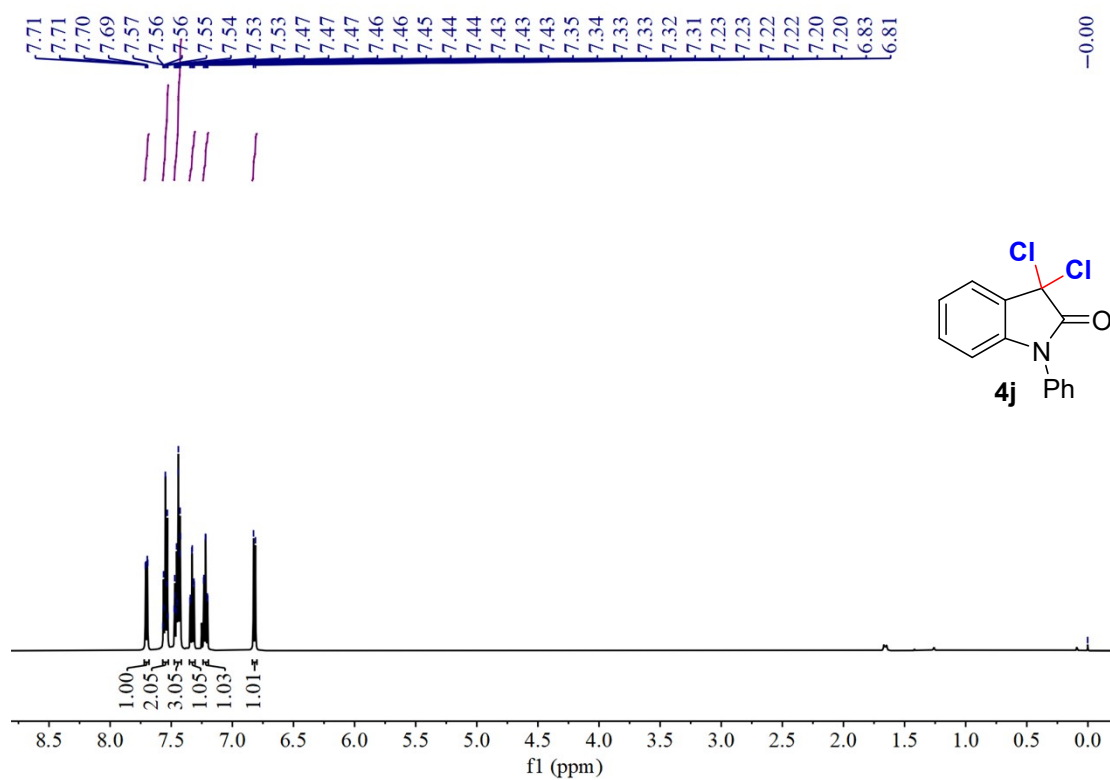
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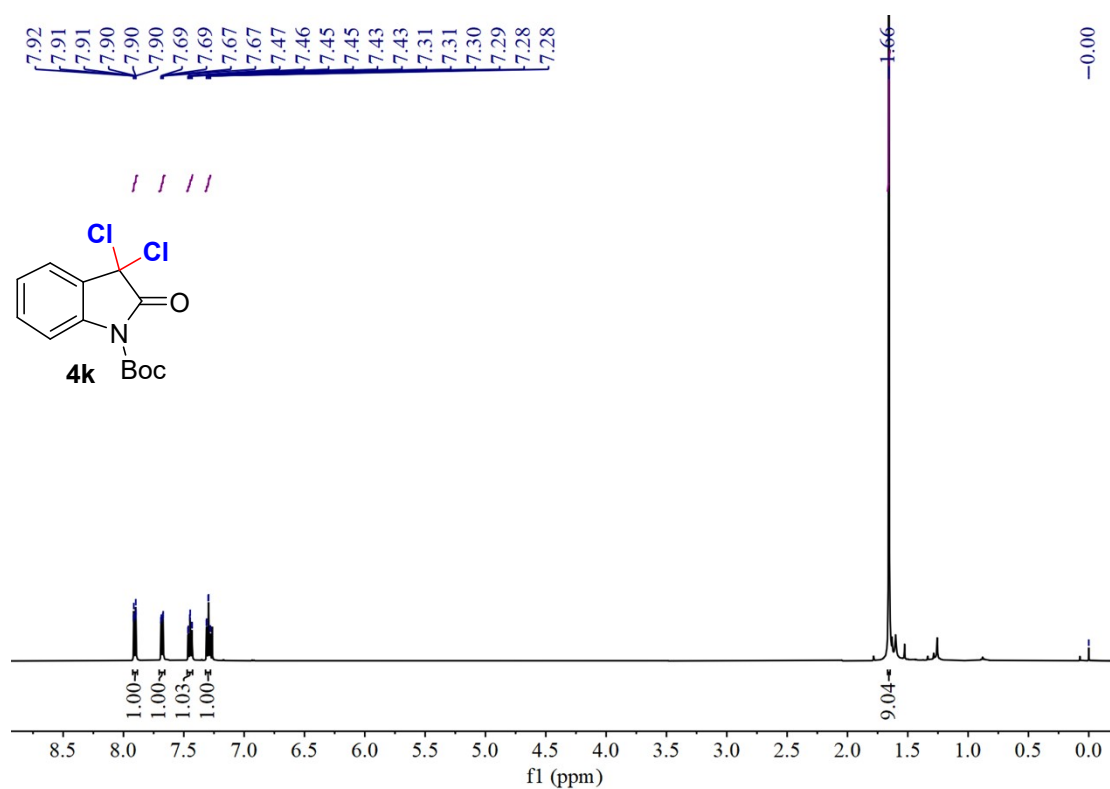
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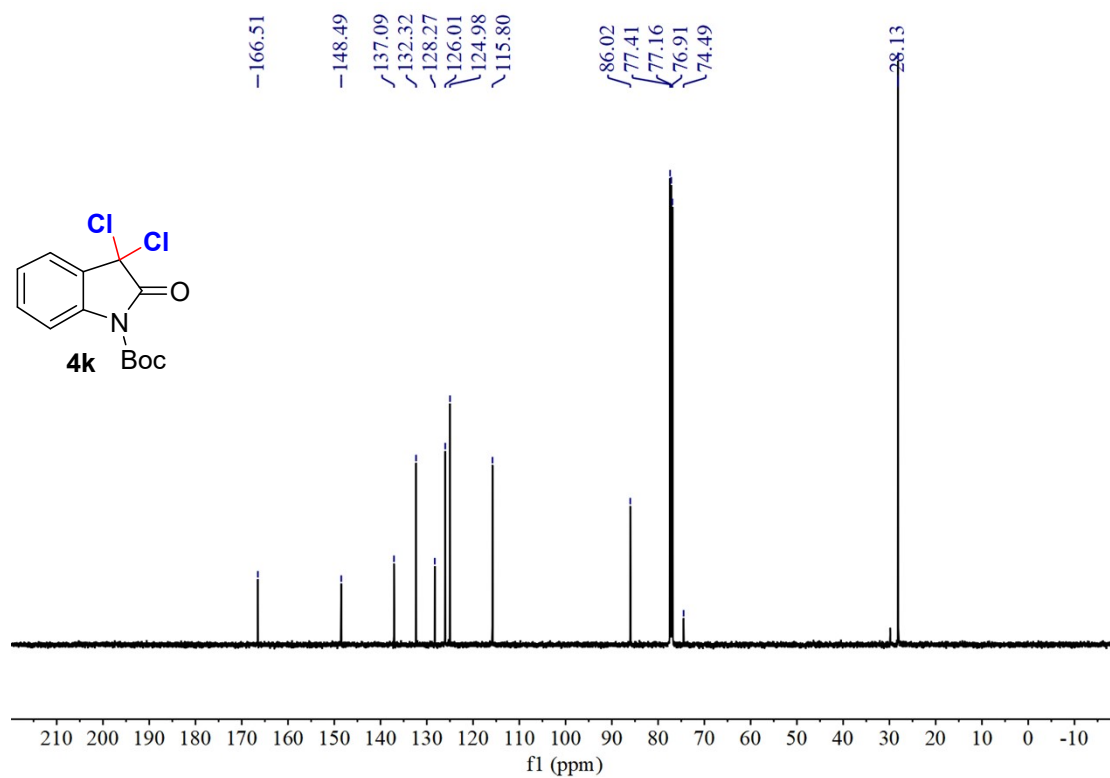
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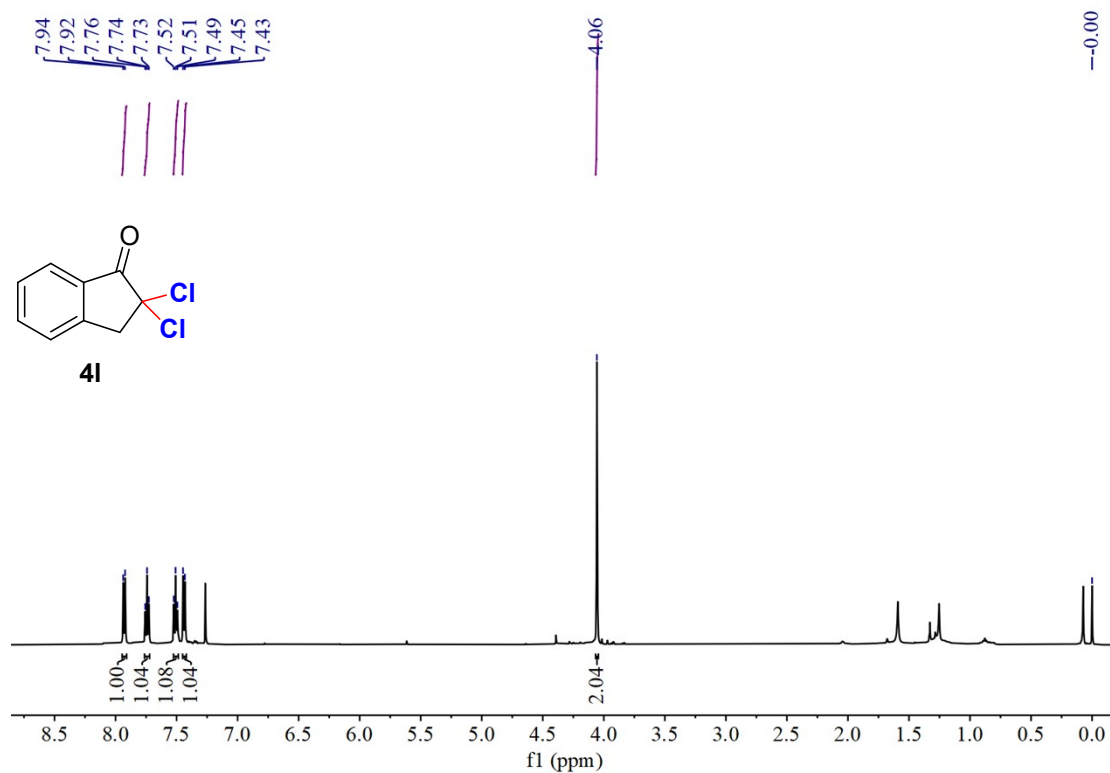
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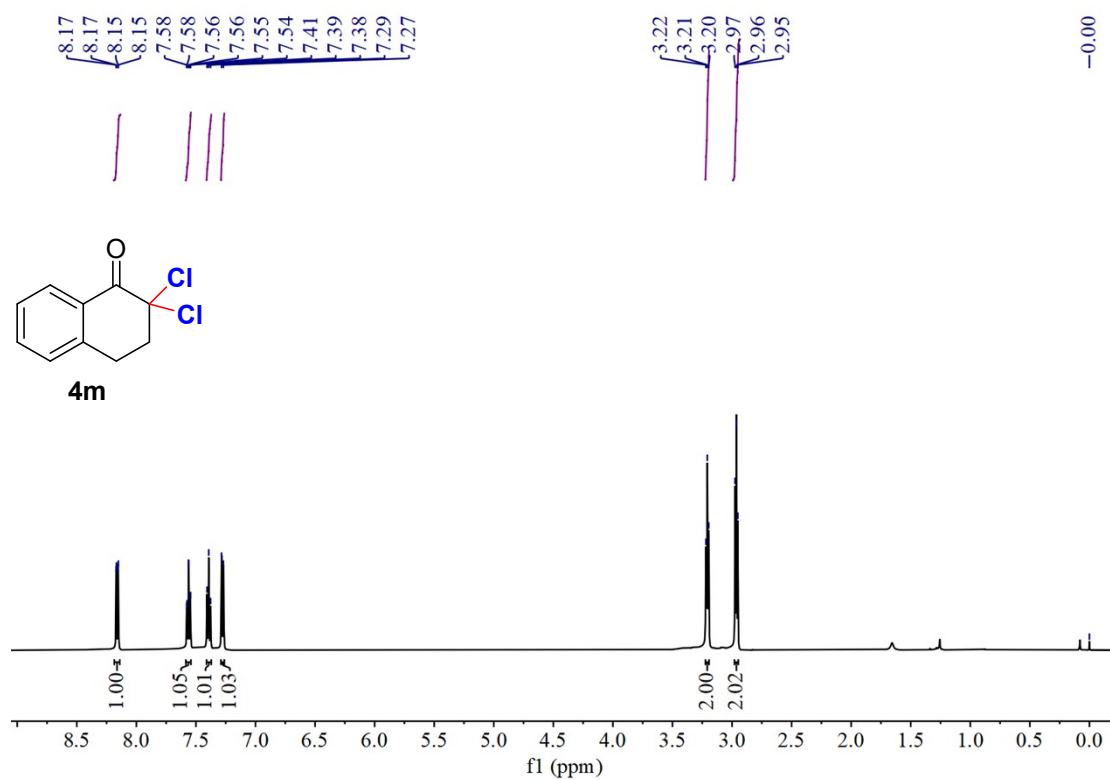
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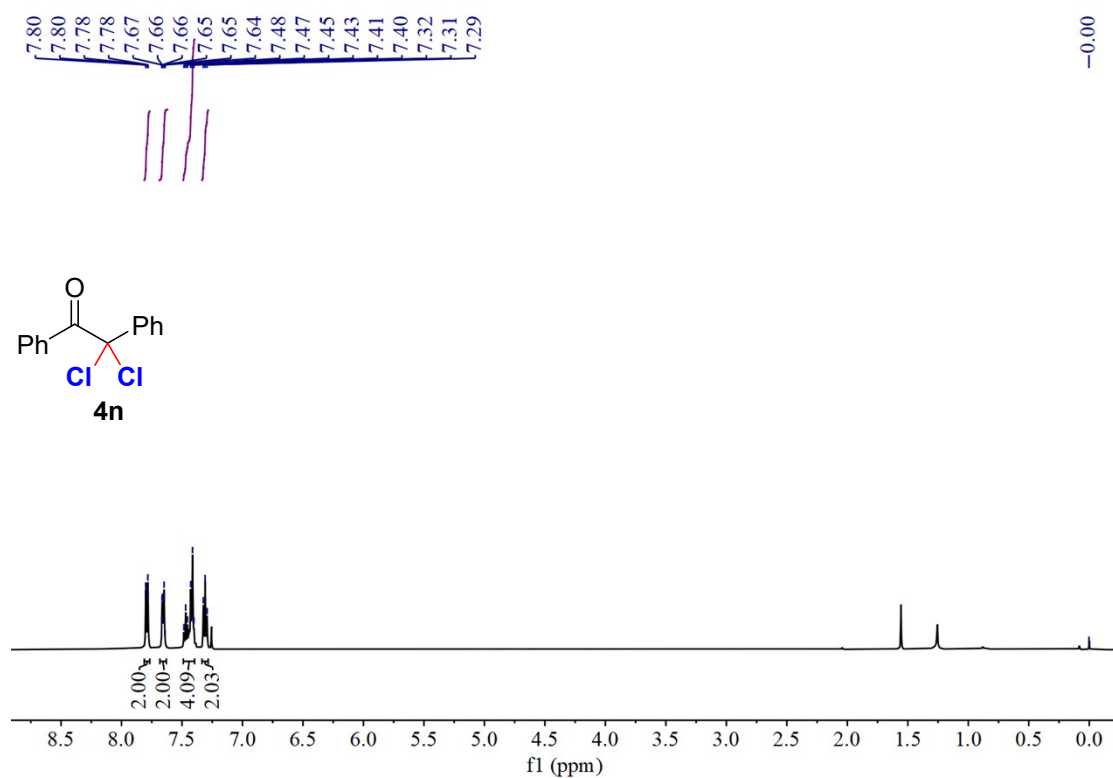
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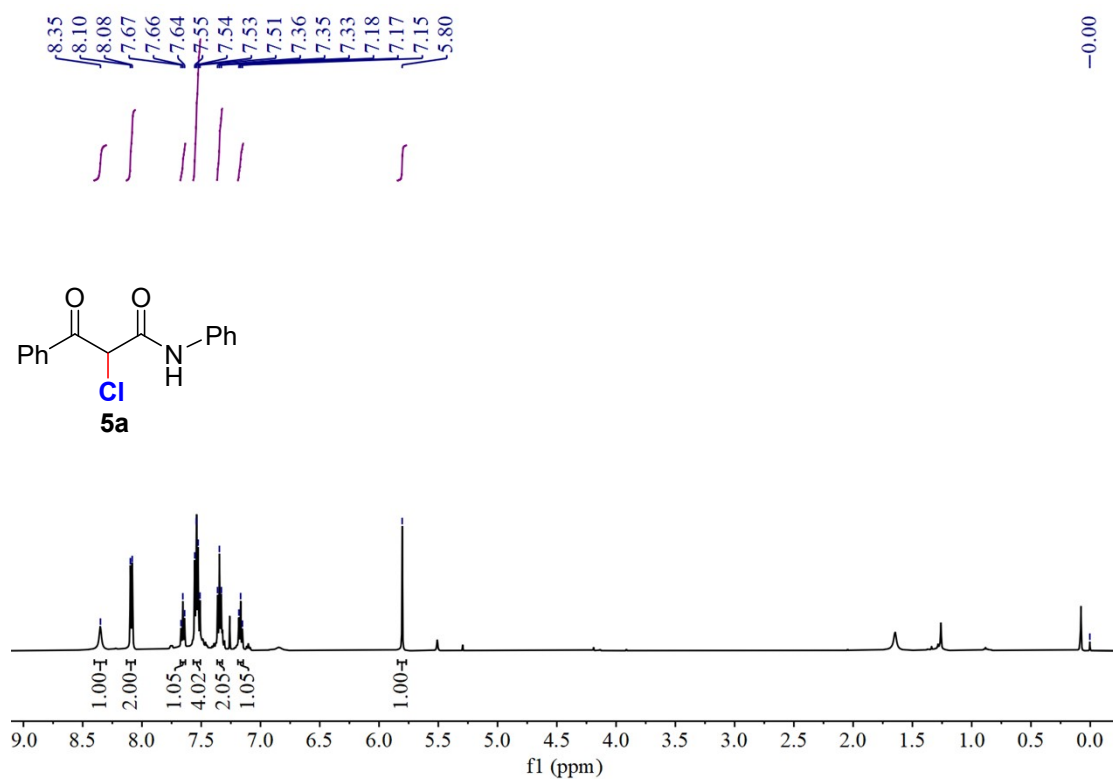
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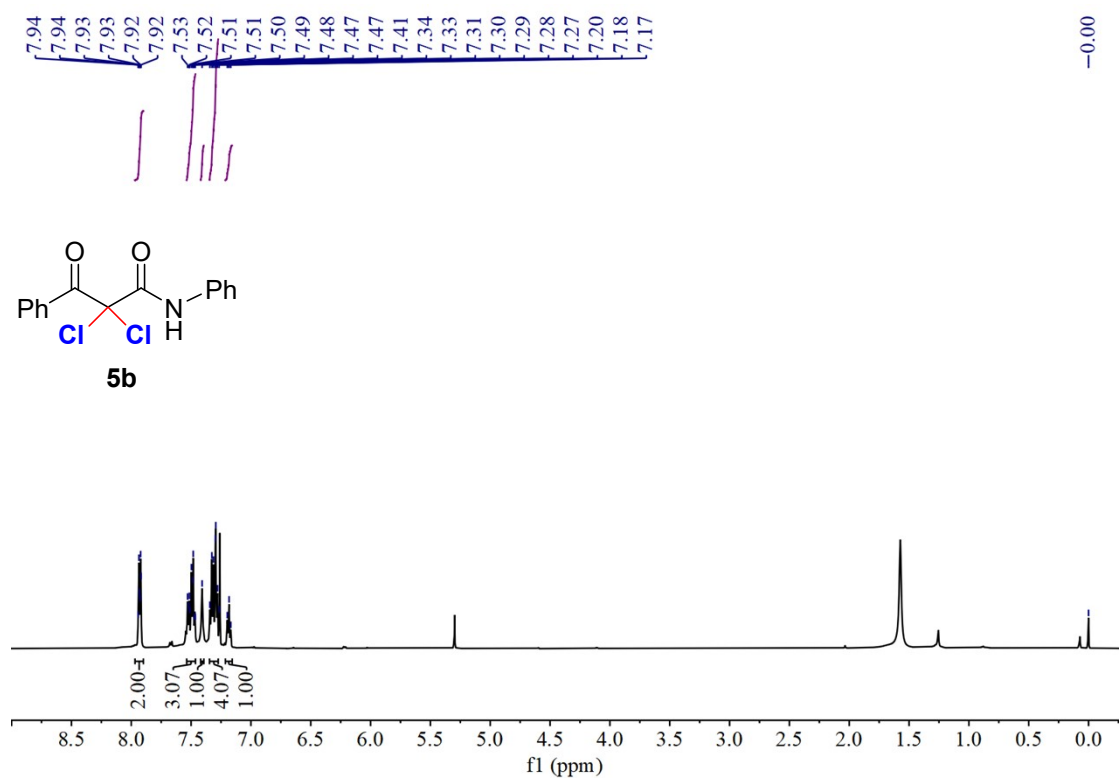
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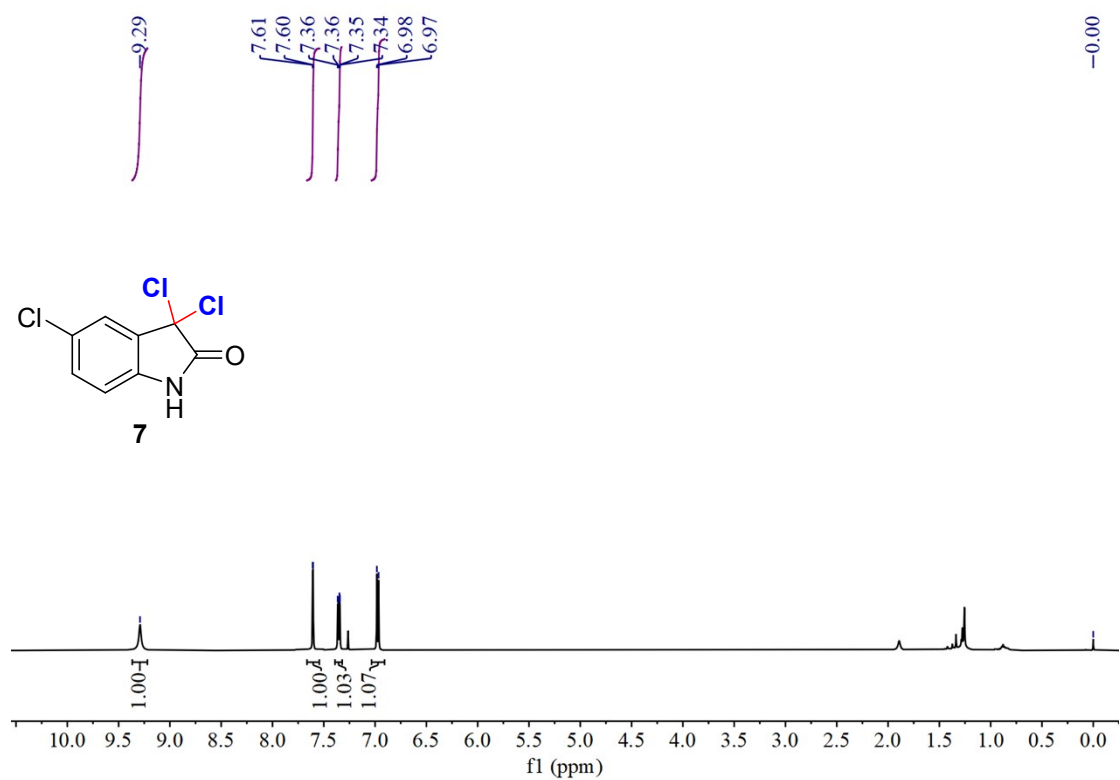
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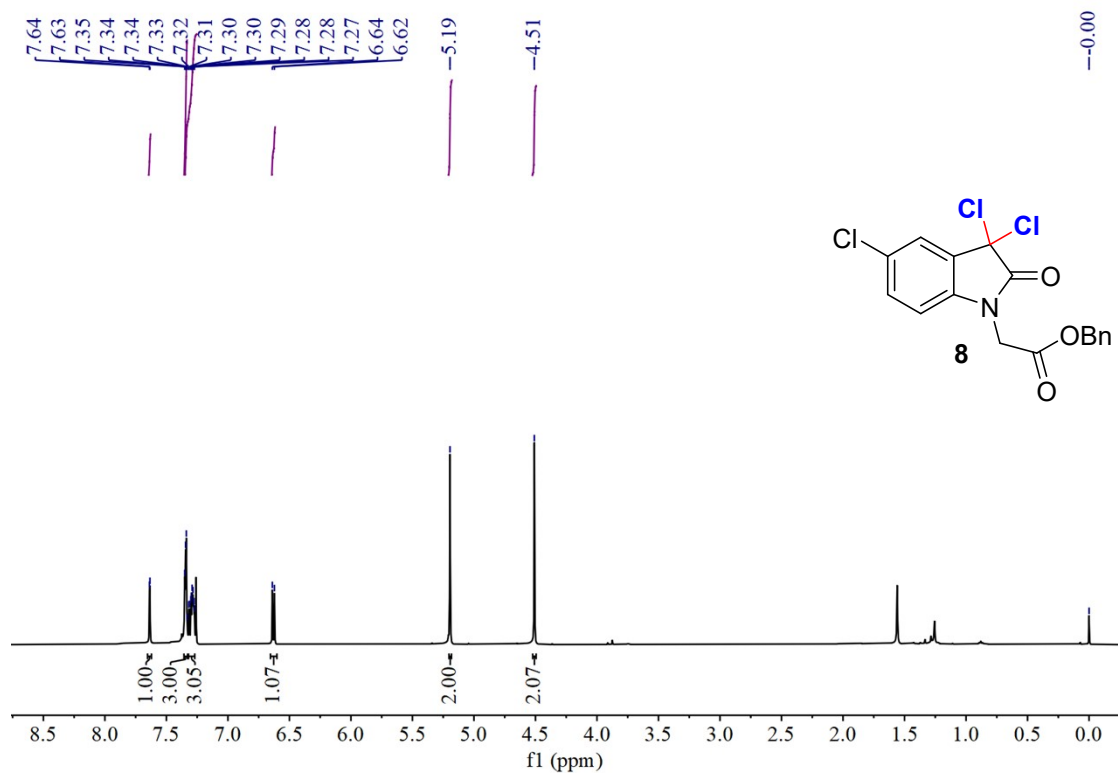
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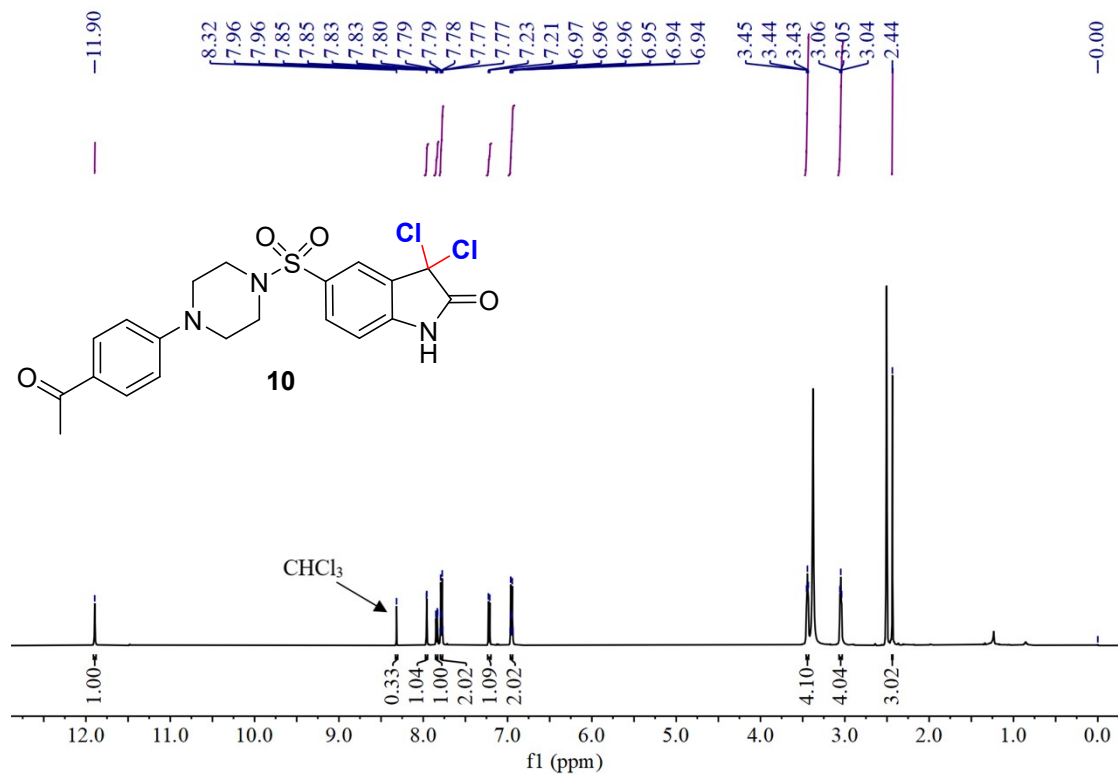
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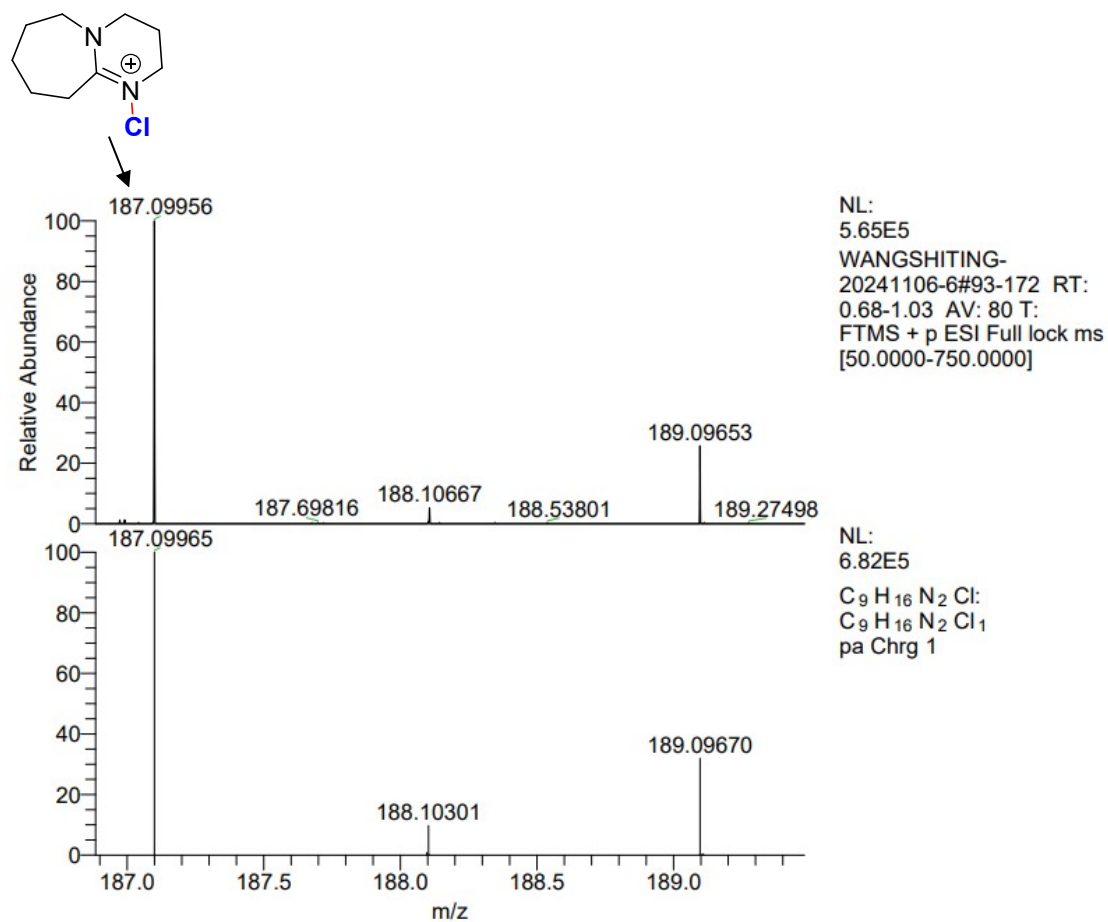
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^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) spectrum of **10**



11. HRMS Spectrum of Intermediate B



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