

## Supporting Information

### **Application of various ylides in the [4+1] cycloaddition of enaminothiones and *N*-thioacylformamidines for constructing substituted thiophenes and thiazoles**

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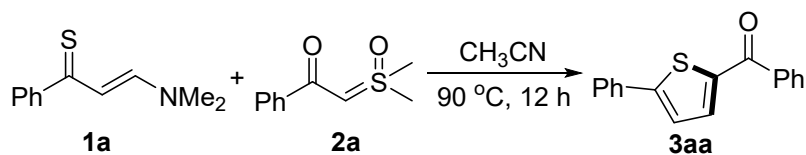
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## 1. Experimental Section:

**General Considerations.** All products were prepared using standard Schlenk technique.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR data were recorded with Bruker Advance III (500 MHz) spectrometers with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. All chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants ( $J$ ) in Hz. All chemical shifts are reported relative to tetramethylsilane and d-solvent peaks, respectively. Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet (t), quartet (q), and multiplet (m). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 200–300 mesh. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by UV absorbance (254 nm). High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) were done on an electrospray ionization (ESI) Fourier transform mass spectrometer (FTMS, Thermo QExactive Focus). X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were recorded on a Rigaku smartlab system at 45 kV and 200 mA with Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation. Unless otherwise noted below, all other compounds have been reported in the literature or are commercially available from Aldrich, Acros, Alfa Aesar, and Energy Chemical Company and used as received without any further purification.

## 2. Table S1. Optimization studies<sup>a</sup>

Initially, (*E*)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-phenylprop-2-ene-1-thione (**1a**) was introduced to react with 2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfanylidene)-1-phenylethan-1-one (**2a**) in acetonitrile ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ) at 90 °C for 12 h under air. The product of phenyl(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (**3aa**) was achieved with a yield of 82% (Table S1, entry 1). Several studies on solvents showed that  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  was more suitable for this transformation than 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO),  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ , tetrahydrofuran (THF) and toluene (entries 1–6). However, several additives including  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , DBU, HOAc, HCl,  $\text{Zn}(\text{OAc})_2$  and  $\text{AlCl}_3$  did not promote this reaction (entries 7–12). In addition, the reactions at 70 °C and 100 °C established product **3aa** with yields of 66% and 80%, respectively (entries 13–14). Therefore, the factors of entry 1 were selected as the standard conditions.

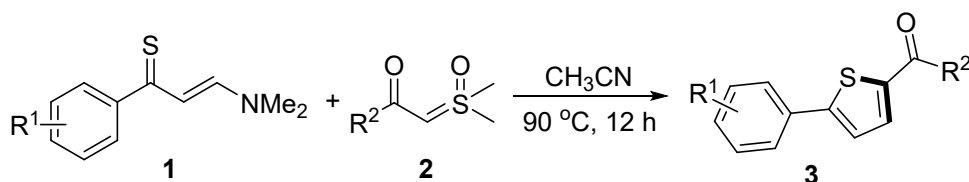


Entry	Deviation from standard conditions	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	none	82
2	DCE instead of CH <sub>3</sub> CN	65
3	DMSO instead of CH <sub>3</sub> CN	38
4	CH <sub>3</sub> OH instead of CH <sub>3</sub> CN	16
5	THF instead of CH <sub>3</sub> CN	74
6	Toluene instead of CH <sub>3</sub> CN	55
7	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> was added as a additive	55
8	DBU was added as a additive	62
9	HOAc was added as a additive	76
10	HCl was added as a additive	78
11	Zn(OAc) <sub>2</sub> was added as a additive	80
12	AlCl <sub>3</sub> was added as a additive	79
13	70 °C	66
14	110 °C	80

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), additive (0.2 mmol), solvent (1.5 mL), 12 h, under air. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields.

### 3. Synthetic Procedures

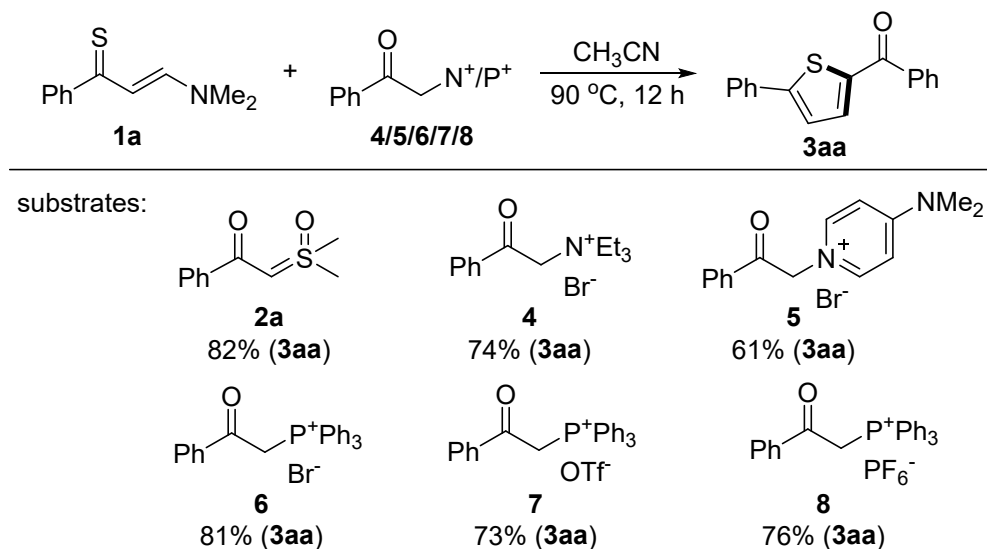
#### (a) Preparation of **3** by Enaminothiones and Sulfoxonium Ylides



A mixture of substituted enaminothiones (**1**) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfoxonium ylides (**2**) (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 12 h under air. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo

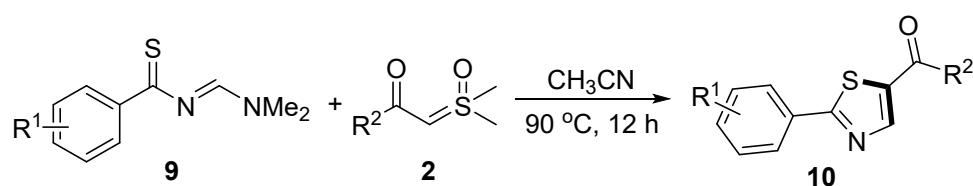
and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether.

**(b) Preparation of 3aa by Enaminothiones and Ammonium ylides/Phosponium ylides**



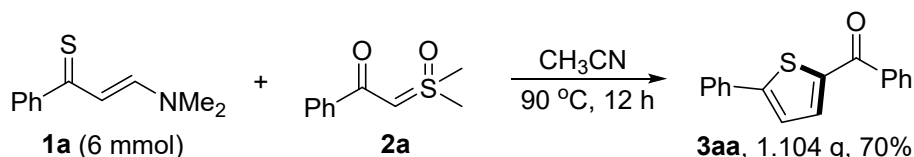
A mixture of (*E*)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-phenylprop-2-ene-1-thione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and ammonium ylides or phosphonium ylides (**4/5/6/7/8**) (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1.5 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred at  $90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  in a pre-heated oil bath for 12 h under air. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether.

**(c) Preparation of 10 by *N*-thioacylformamidines and Sulfoxonium Ylides**



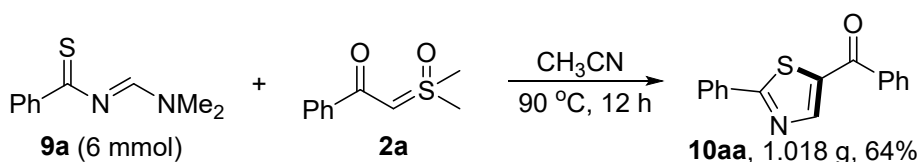
A mixture of substituted *N*-thioacylformamidines (**9**) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfoxonium ylides (**2**) (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1.5 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred at  $90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  in a pre-heated oil bath for 12 h under air. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether.

**(d) Gram-Scale Preparation of 3aa**



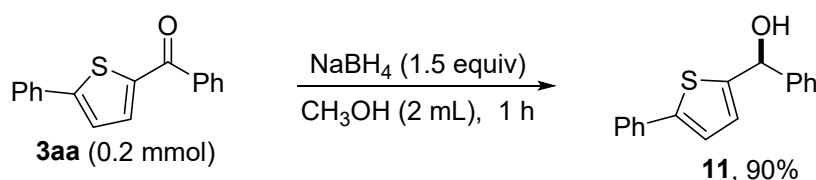
A mixture of (*E*)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-phenylprop-2-ene-1-thione (**1a**) (1146.5 mg, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfaneylidene)-1-phenylethan-1-one (**2a**) (1764.5 mg, 9 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk sealed tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (20 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 12 h under air. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether, the product **3aa** was afforded as a white solid in 70% yield (1.104 g, 4.18 mmol).

#### (e) Gram-Scale Preparation of 10aa



A mixture of (*E*)-*N*-((dimethylamino)methylene)benzothioamide (**9a**) (1152.4 mg, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfaneylidene)-1-phenylethan-1-one (**2a**) (1764.5 mg, 9 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk sealed tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (20 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 12 h under air. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether, the product **10aa** was afforded as a white solid in 64% yield (1.018 g, 3.84 mmol).

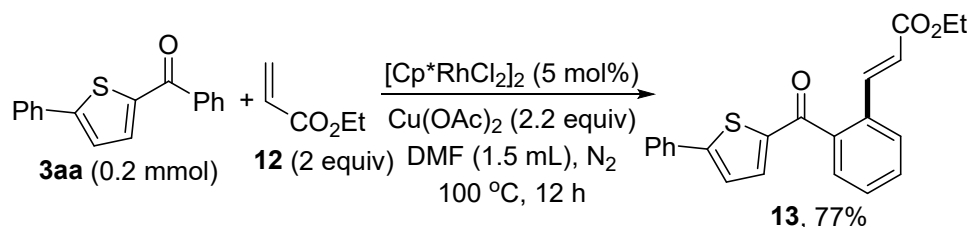
#### (f) Derivatization Reaction of 3aa for the Preparation of 11



A mixture of phenyl(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (**3aa**) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry  $\text{MeOH}$  (2 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Then, the

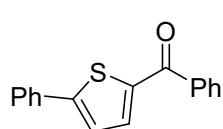
mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether, the product **11** was afforded as a white solid in 90% yield (47.9 mg, 0.180 mmol).

#### (g) Derivatization Reaction of **3aa** for the Preparation of **13**



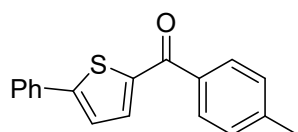
A mixture of phenyl(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (**3aa**) (52.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), ethyl acrylate (**12**) (40.0 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv),  $[(\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2)_2]$  (6.2 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5 mol%) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (2.2 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk sealed tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry DMF (1.5 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 12 h under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether, the product **13** was afforded as a white solid in 77% yield (55.8 mg, 0.154 mmol).

#### 4. Characterization of Products **3**, **10**, **11** and **13**



##### (phenyl(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (**3aa**))<sup>[1]</sup>

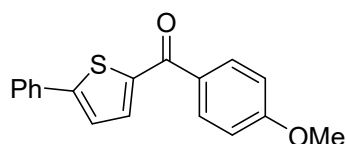
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 82% yield (43.3 mg, 0.164 mmol). Mp: 132 – 133 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):**  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):**  $\delta$  188.0, 153.2, 142.2, 138.1, 135.9, 133.3, 132.2, 129.1, 129.1, 129.1, 128.4, 126.3, 123.8.



##### (5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (**3ab**)

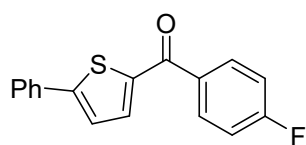
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 84% yield (46.7 mg, 0.168 mmol). Mp: 154 – 155 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):**  $\delta$  7.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz,

2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):**  $\delta$  187.7, 152.8, 142.9, 142.5, 135.5, 135.4, 133.4, 129.3, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 126.3, 123.8, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 279.0838, found: 279.0836.



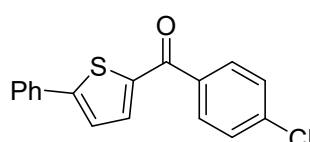
**(4-methoxyphenyl)(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (3ac)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 77% yield (45.3 mg, 0.154 mmol). Mp: 152 – 153 °C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):**  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):**  $\delta$  186.6, 163.0, 152.4, 142.5, 135.1, 133.4, 131.5, 130.6, 129.1, 128.9, 126.3, 123.7, 113.7, 55.5. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 295.0787, found: 295.0786.



**(4-fluorophenyl)(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (3ad)**

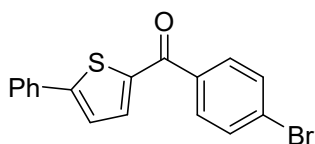
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 71% yield (40.1 mg, 0.142 mmol). Mp: 143 – 144 °C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):**  $\delta$  7.97 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):**  $\delta$  186.5, 165.2 (d,  $J = 253.5$  Hz), 153.4, 141.9, 135.7, 134.3 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 133.2, 131.6 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 129.2, 126.3, 123.8, 115.6 (d,  $J = 21.9$  Hz).  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 471 MHz):**  $\delta$  -106.3. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 283.0587, found: 283.0589.



**(4-chlorophenyl)(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (3ae)**

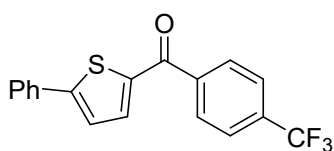
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 75% yield (44.7 mg, 0.150 mmol). Mp: 108 – 108 °C.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):**  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125**

**MHz):**  $\delta$  186.7, 153.6, 141.8, 138.6, 136.4, 135.8, 133.2, 130.5, 129.2, 129.2, 128.8, 126.4, 123.9. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for  $C_{17}H_{12}ClOS$   $[M+H]^+$  299.0292, found: 299.0289.



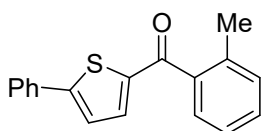
**(4-bromophenyl)(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (3af)<sup>[2]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 72% yield (49.2 mg, 0.144 mmol). Mp: 156 – 157 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):**  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):**  $\delta$  186.8, 153.7, 141.7, 136.8, 135.9, 133.2, 131.7, 130.6, 129.2, 129.2, 127.1, 126.3, 123.9.



**(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (3ag)**

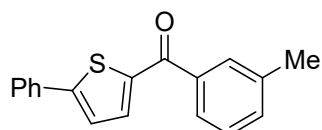
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 66% yield (43.8 mg, 0.132 mmol). Mp: 186 – 187 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):**  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):**  $\delta$  186.8, 154.3, 141.5, 141.2, 136.4, 133.6 (q,  $J$  = 32.7 Hz), 133.0, 129.4, 129.2, 129.2, 126.4, 125.5 (q,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz), 124.0, 123.7 (q,  $J$  = 272.6 Hz). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 471 MHz):**  $\delta$  -62.9. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{11}F_3NaOS$   $[M+Na]^+$  355.0375, found: 355.0369.



**(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)(*o*-tolyl)methanone (3ah)**

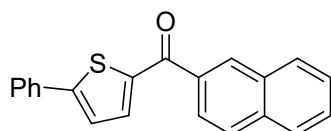
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 74% yield (41.2 mg, 0.148 mmol). Mp: 103 – 104 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):**  $\delta$  7.68 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):**  $\delta$  190.1, 153.7, 143.3, 138.2, 136.4, 136.3, 133.2, 131.0, 130.2, 129.0,

129.0, 127.9, 126.2, 125.0, 123.9, 19.6. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 279.0838, found: 279.0835.



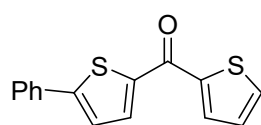
**(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)(*m*-tolyl)methanone (3ai)<sup>[3]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 81% yield (45.0 mg, 0.162 mmol). Mp: 109 – 110 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (7.45 – 7.37, 5H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 188.2, 153.0, 142.3, 138.3, 138.1, 135.9, 133.3, 132.9, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 126.3, 123.8, 21.3.



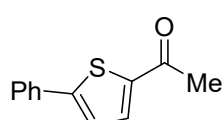
**naphthalen-2-yl(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (3aj)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 80% yield (50.3 mg, 0.160 mmol). Mp: 84 – 85 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 8.22 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 189.4, 154.0, 143.7, 136.7, 136.0, 133.7, 133.2, 131.2, 130.5, 129.1, 129.1, 128.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.5, 126.3, 125.5, 124.2, 123.9. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaOS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 377.0658, found: 377.0655.



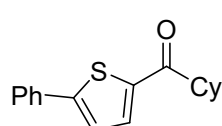
**(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (3ak)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 78% yield (42.1 mg, 0.156 mmol). Mp: 126 – 127 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 178.5, 152.6, 142.8, 141.6, 134.2, 133.3, 132.9, 129.1, 129.1, 127.9, 126.3, 123.8. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NaOS<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 293.0065, found: 293.0061.



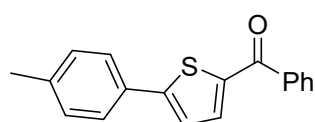
**1-(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-one (3al)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 83% yield (33.5 mg, 0.166 mmol). Mp: 115 – 116 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.67 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 190.5, 152.7, 143.0, 133.4, 133.3, 129.1, 129.0, 126.2, 123.9, 26.5. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 203.0525, found: 203.0527.



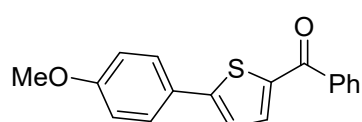
**cyclohexyl(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanone (3am)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 79% yield (42.7 mg, 0.158 mmol). Mp: 105 – 106 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.72 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.13 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.84 (m, 4H), 1.61 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.17 (m, 4H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 196.6, 152.2, 142.4, 133.4, 132.4, 129.0, 128.8, 126.2, 123.8, 47.1, 29.6, 25.8. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaOS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 293.0971, found: 293.0965.



**phenyl(5-(*p*-tolyl)thiophen-2-yl)methanone (3ba)<sup>[4]</sup>**

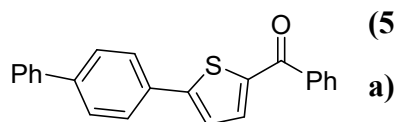
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 80% yield (44.5 mg, 0.160 mmol). Mp: 138 – 139 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 188.0, 153.5, 141.7, 139.3, 138.2, 136.0, 132.1, 130.5, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 126.2, 123.3, 21.3.



**(5-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiophen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3c a)<sup>[4]</sup>**

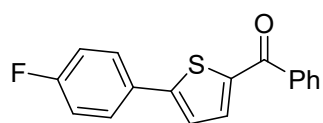
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 81% yield (47.6 mg, 0.162 mmol). Mp: 144 – 145 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.6

Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 188.0, 160.5, 153.5, 141.3, 138.2, 136.2, 132.0, 129.0, 128.4, 127.7, 126.1, 122.8, 114.5, 55.4.



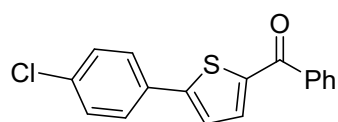
**(5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)thiophen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3d)**

**a)** The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 76% yield (51.7 mg, 0.152 mmol). Mp: 182 – 183 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 188.0, 152.9, 142.3, 141.9, 140.1, 138.1, 136.0, 132.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 127.8, 127.0, 126.7, 123.8. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 341.0995, found: 341.0996.



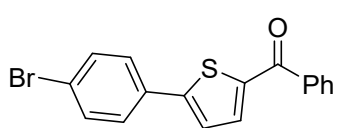
**(5-(4-fluorophenyl)thiophen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ea)<sup>[4]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 70% yield (39.5 mg, 0.140 mmol). Mp: 141 – 142 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 187.9, 163.3 (d, *J* = 249.8 Hz), 152.0, 142.4, 138.0, 135.9, 132.2, 129.7 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 129.1, 128.4, 128.2 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 123.8, 116.2 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 471 MHz):** δ -111.8.



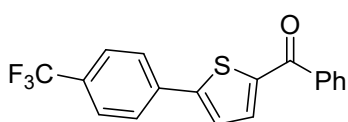
**(5-(4-chlorophenyl)thiophen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3fa)<sup>[4]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 74% yield (44.1 mg, 0.148 mmol). Mp: 145 – 146 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 187.9, 151.6, 142.6, 137.9, 135.8, 135.0, 132.3, 131.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.4, 127.5, 124.1.



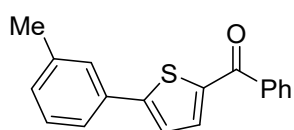
**(5-(4-bromophenyl)thiophen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ga)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 75% yield (51.3 mg, 0.150 mmol). Mp: 153 – 154 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 6H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 187.9, 151.6, 142.6, 137.9, 135.9, 132.3, 132.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.7, 124.1, 123.2. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 342.9787 and 344.9766, found: 342.9791 and 344.9769.



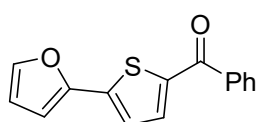
**phenyl(5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thiophen-2-yl)methanone (3ha)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 69% yield (45.8 mg, 0.138 mmol). Mp: 161 – 162 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 187.9, 150.7, 143.5, 137.7, 136.6, 135.7, 132.4, 130.7 (q, *J* = 33.1 Hz), 129.1, 128.5, 126.5, 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 125.0, 123.9 (q, *J* = 271.8 Hz). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 471 MHz):** δ -62.7. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NaOS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 355.0375, found: 355.0370.



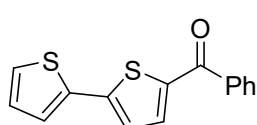
**phenyl(5-(*m*-tolyl)thiophen-2-yl)methanone (3ia)<sup>[5]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 79% yield (43.9 mg, 0.158 mmol). Mp: 138 – 139 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 188.0, 153.4, 142.0, 138.8, 138.1, 135.9, 133.2, 132.1, 129.9, 129.0, 129.0, 128.4, 127.0, 123.7, 123.4, 21.4.



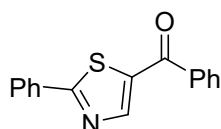
**(5-(furan-2-yl)thiophen-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3ja)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 74% yield (37.6 mg, 0.148 mmol). Mp: 94 – 95 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 187.9, 148.5, 143.2, 141.9, 141.4, 138.1, 135.7, 132.2, 129.0, 128.4, 122.8, 112.2, 108.2. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 277.0294, found: 277.0291.



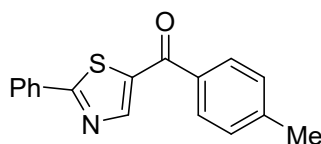
**[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl(phenyl)methanone (3ka)<sup>[4]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 78% yield (42.1 mg, 0.156 mmol). Mp: 128 – 129 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 187.8, 146.2, 141.5, 138.0, 136.3, 135.8, 132.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 126.6, 125.7, 124.1.



**phenyl(2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)methanone (10aa)<sup>[5]</sup>**

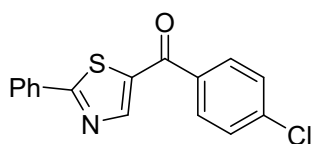
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 76% yield (42.3 mg, 0.152 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 187.3, 174.5, 149.7, 138.8, 137.7, 132.9, 132.9, 131.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 127.1.



**(2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (10ab)**

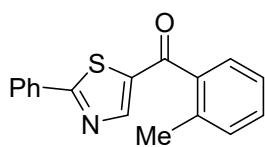
The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 77% yield (43.0 mg, 0.154 mmol). Mp: 133 – 134 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz,

2H), 2.46 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 186.9, 174.1, 149.4, 143.8, 138.9, 135.0, 132.9, 131.3, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 127.0, 21.6. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 280.0791, found: 280.0785.



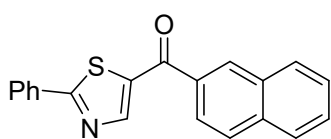
**(4-chlorophenyl)(2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)methanone (10ac)<sup>[5]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 65% yield (38.9 mg, 0.130 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 5H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 186.0, 174.8, 149.7, 139.4, 138.4, 136.0, 132.8, 131.6, 130.4, 129.2, 129.1, 127.1.



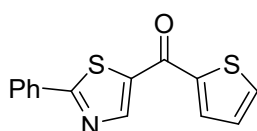
**(2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)(o-tolyl)methanone (10ad)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 68% yield (37.9 mg, 0.136 mmol). Mp: 55 – 56 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 8.04 – 8.02 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 189.6, 175.0, 150.6, 140.1, 137.8, 136.9, 132.9, 131.5, 131.4, 130.9, 129.1, 128.2, 127.1, 125.4, 19.8. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 280.0791, found: 280.0787.



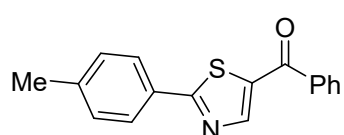
**naphthalen-2-yl(2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)methanone (10ae)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 69% yield (43.5 mg, 0.138 mmol). Mp: 82 – 83 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 8.27 – 8.25 (m, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.07 – 8.04 (m, 3H), 7.95 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 188.8, 175.1, 150.7, 140.6, 135.5, 133.8, 132.9, 132.1, 131.5, 130.4, 129.2, 128.4, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.7, 125.3, 124.3. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NNaOS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 338.0610, found: 338.0605.



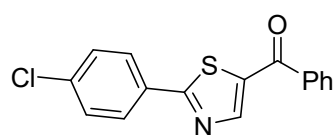
**(2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone (10af)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 61% yield (33.1 mg, 0.122 mmol). Mp: 95 – 96 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 177.8, 173.9, 148.1, 142.7, 138.1, 134.2, 133.2, 132.8, 131.4, 129.2, 128.2, 127.0. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NOS<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 272.0198, found: 272.0196.



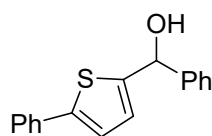
**phenyl(2-(*p*-tolyl)thiazol-5-yl)methanone (10ba)<sup>[6]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 75% yield (41.9 mg, 0.150 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 187.3, 174.7, 149.8, 142.1, 138.4, 137.8, 132.8, 130.3, 129.9, 129.0, 128.7, 127.0, 21.6.



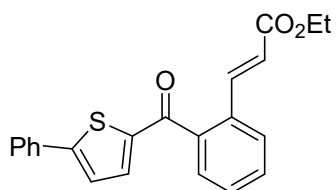
**(2-(4-chlorophenyl)thiazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone (10ca)<sup>[7]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 70% yield (41.9 mg, 0.140 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 187.2, 173.0, 149.7, 139.1, 137.6, 132.0, 131.4, 129.5, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3.



**phenyl(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)methanol (11)<sup>[8]</sup>**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 90% yield (47.9 mg, 0.180 mmol). Mp: 90 – 91 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 2.65 (s, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 147.4, 144.4, 142.9, 134.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.4, 126.3, 125.8, 125.7, 122.5, 72.5.



**ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-(5-phenylthiophene-2-carbonyl)phenyl)acrylate**  
**(13)**

The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (eluent: EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1/20) as a white solid in 77% yield (55.8 mg, 0.154 mmol). Mp: 104 – 105 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):** δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):** δ 188.7, 166.3, 154.6, 142.9, 141.4, 139.2, 137.0, 133.5, 133.1, 130.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 127.2, 126.4, 124.1, 121.0, 99.9, 60.5, 14.2. **HRMS (ESI):** Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 385.0869, found: 385.0867.

## 5. X-ray Crystallography of 3ak



**Figure S1.** The molecular structure of **3ak**

### Crystal preparation of compound 3ak.

Compound **3ak** (25 mg) was dissolved in 5 mL of dichloromethane/*n*-hexane (v1/v2 = 1:1), and it was crystallized to give crystal as colorless prisms after the solvent was slowly volatilized in 4 days at room temperature (~ 25 °C).

CCDC-2550631 (**3ak**), contain the supplementary crystallographic data. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (<http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/>). Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 30% level. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. X-ray crystallographic data for **3ak** is available as Figure S1.

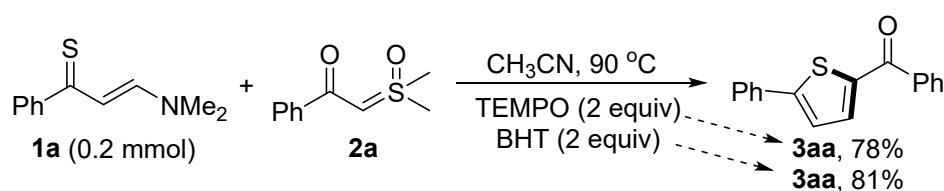
### Table S2. Crystal Data and Summary of X-ray Data Collection for 3ak

Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	270.35
Temperature	298.15 K

Wavelength	0.71076 Å
Crystal system, space group	orthorhombic, P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 14.2801(13) Å    alpha = 90 deg. b = 6.3292(6) Å    beta = 90 deg. c = 27.955(2) Å    gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	2526.6(4) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	8, 1.421 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.404 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1120
Crystal size	0.2×0.3×0.4 mm <sup>3</sup>
Crystal colour	clear light colourless
Crystal shape	block
Theta range for data collection	5.71 to 66.34 deg.
Limiting indices	-21 ≤ h ≤ 21, -7 ≤ k ≤ 9, -38 ≤ l ≤ 43
Reflections collected / unique	38753 / 9458 [R(int) = 0.0805]
Max. and min. transmission	0.6355 and 0.7465
Data / restraints / parameters	9458 / 1 / 326
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.036
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0513, wR2 = 0.0871
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1461, wR2 = 0.1092
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.18 and -0.28 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
Flack X parameter	-0.02(8)

## 6. Experiments on the Mechanism and Reactivity Trends of Different Substrates

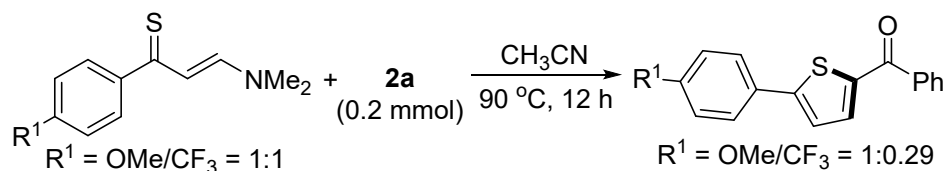
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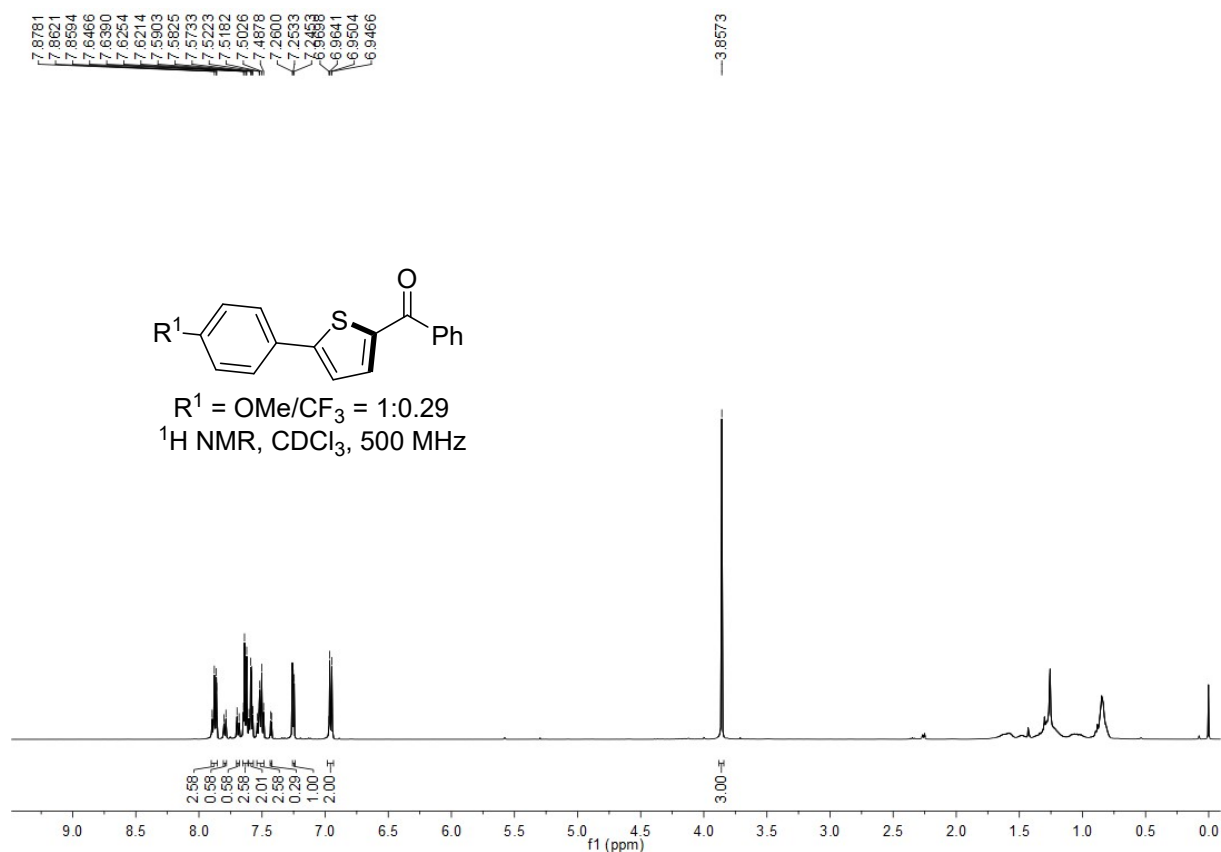
A mixture of (*E*)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-phenylprop-2-ene-1-thione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-(dimethyl(oxo)-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfaneylidene)-1-phenylethan-1-one (**2a**) (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and 2 equiv of TEMPO (or BHT) were weighed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 12 h under air. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel

with EtOAc/petroleum ether, the product **3aa** was afforded as a yellow solid in 78% (or 81%) yield.

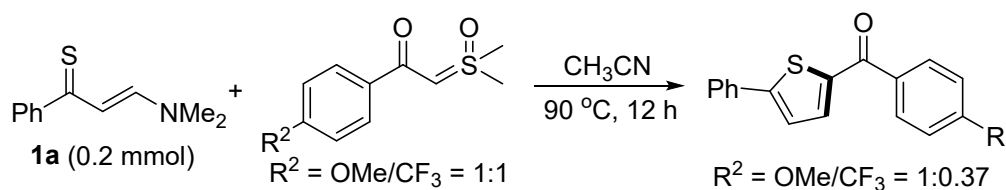
**(b) Competition Experiment of 1c and 1h**



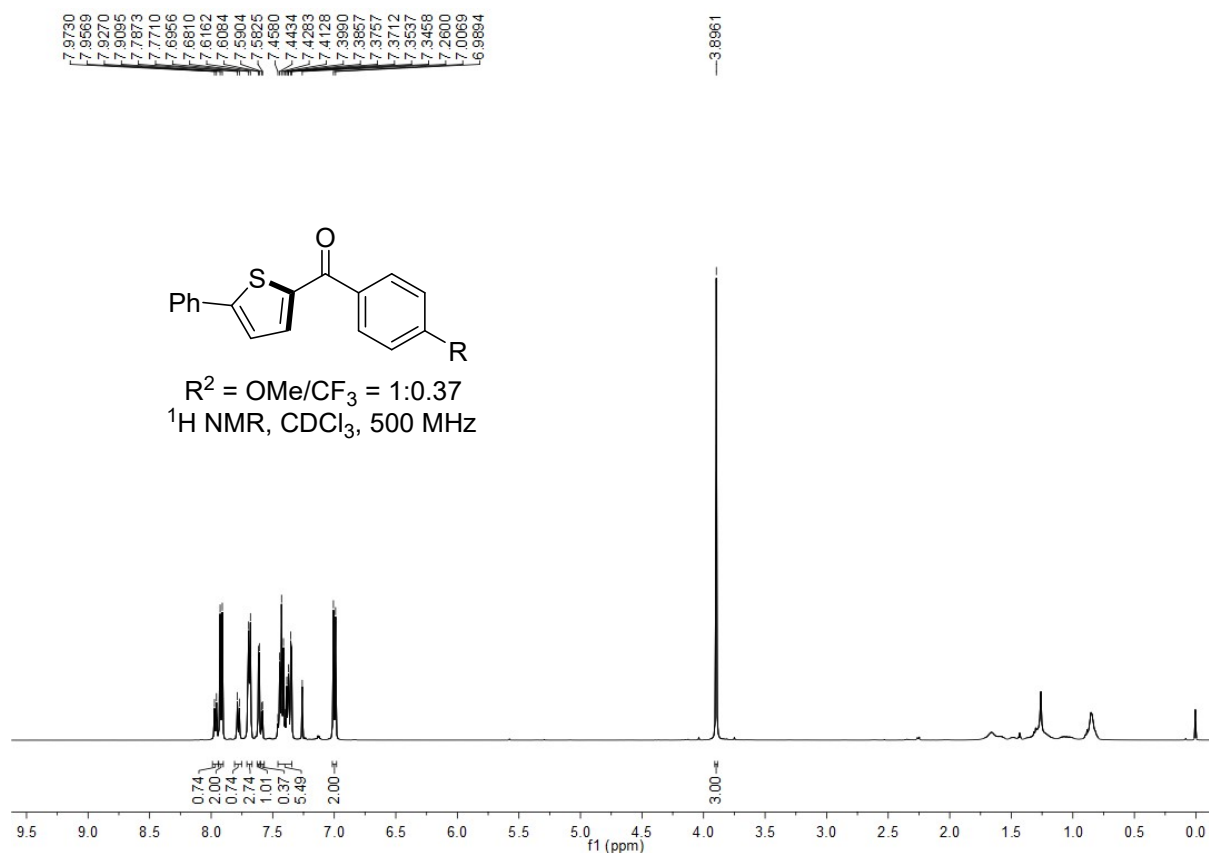
A mixture of (*E*)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ene-1-thione (**1c**) (44.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (*E*)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-ene-1-thione (**1h**) (51.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 2-(dimethyl(oxo)-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfaneylidene)-1-phenylethan-1-one (**2a**) (39.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 12 h under air. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether to give a mixture of products **3ca** and **3ha** at a ratio of 1:0.29.



### (c) Competition Experiment of **2c** and **2g**

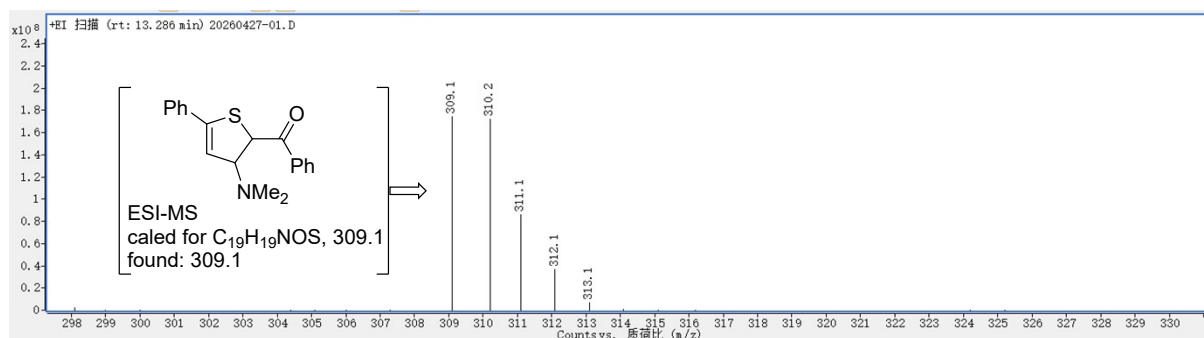


A mixture of (*E*)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-phenylprop-2-ene-1-thione (**1a**) (38.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfanylidene)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (**2c**) (45.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfanylidene)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (**2g**) (52.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were weighed in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1.5 mL) were added and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 12 h under air. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/petroleum ether to give a mixture of products **3ac** and **3ag** at a ratio of 1:0.37.



### (d) Detection of Intermediate **B** by ESI-MS

A mixture of (*E*)-3-(dimethylamino)-1-phenylprop-2-ene-1-thione (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and 2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfaneylidene)-1-phenylethan-1-one (**2a**) (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were weighted in a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. Dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 4 h under air. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and analyzed by ESI-MS. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOS 309.1, found 309.1.

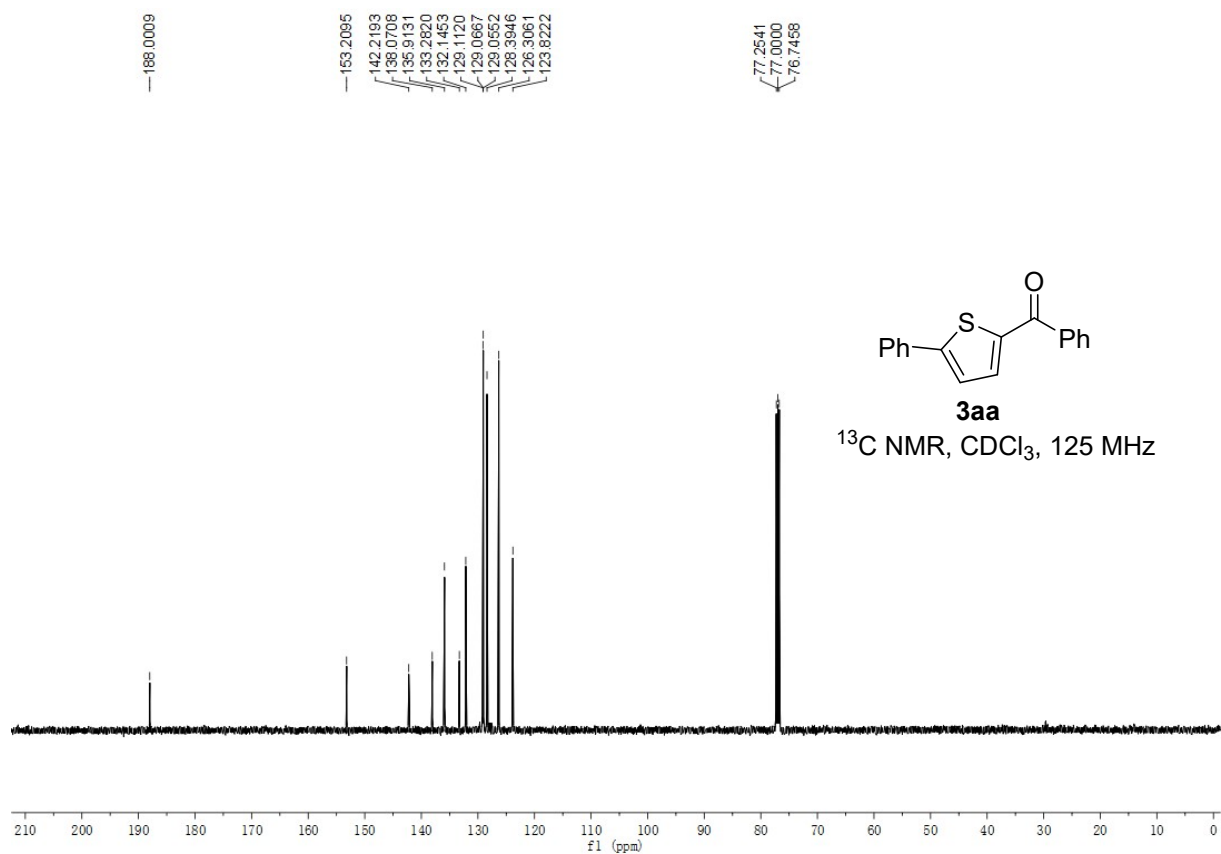
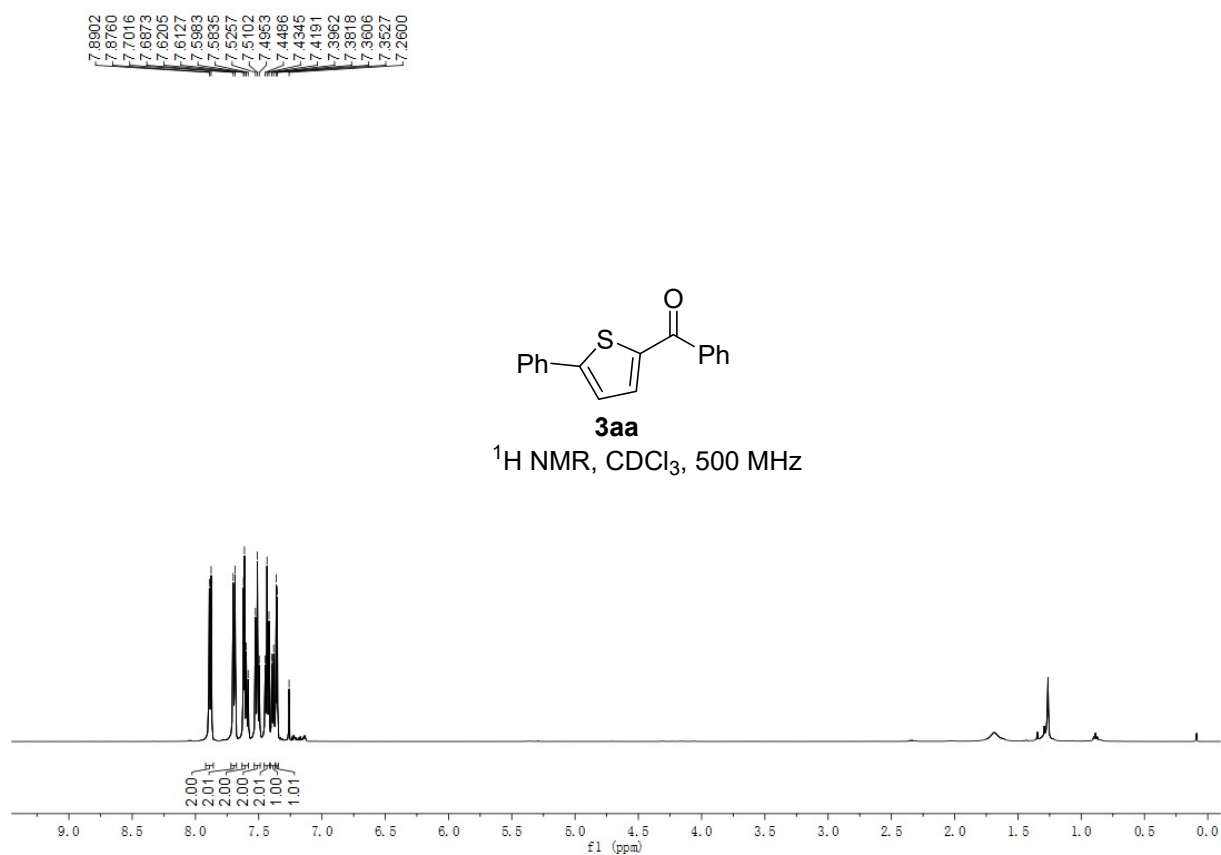


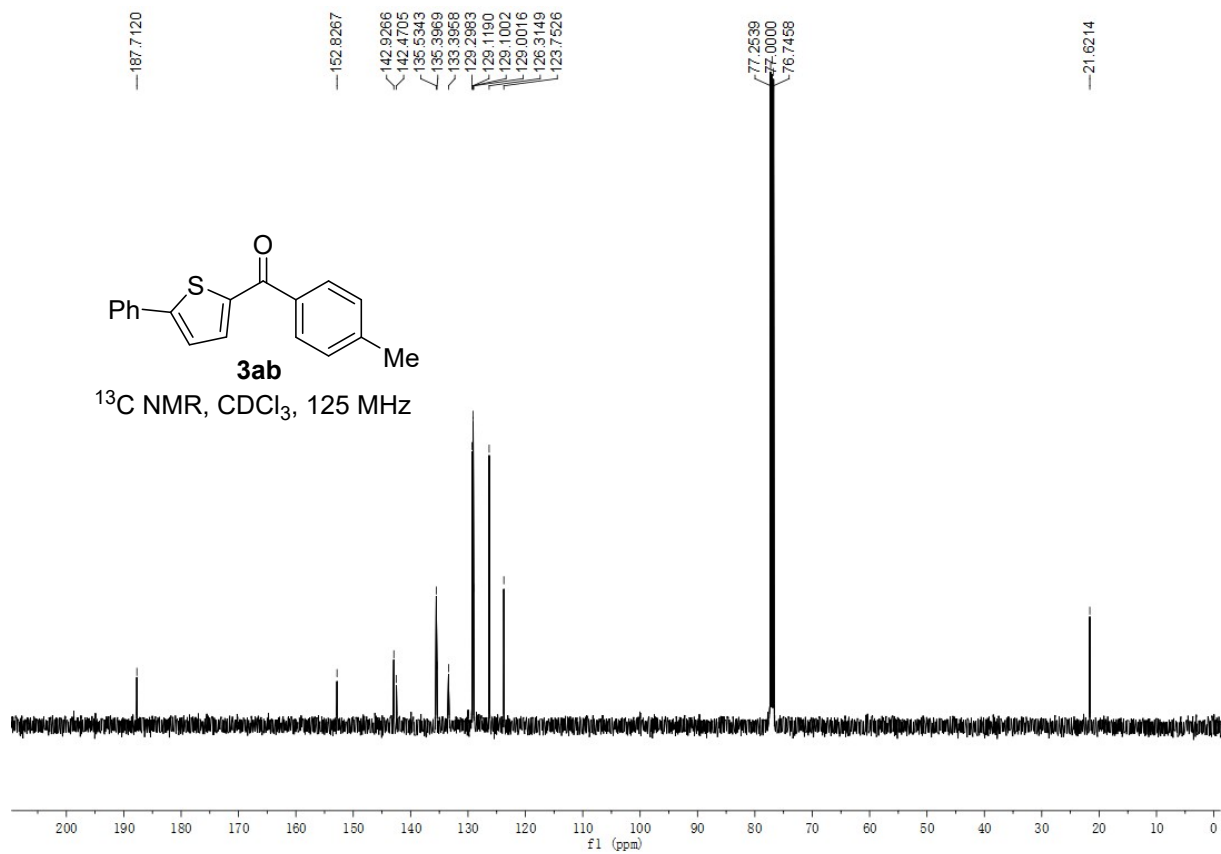
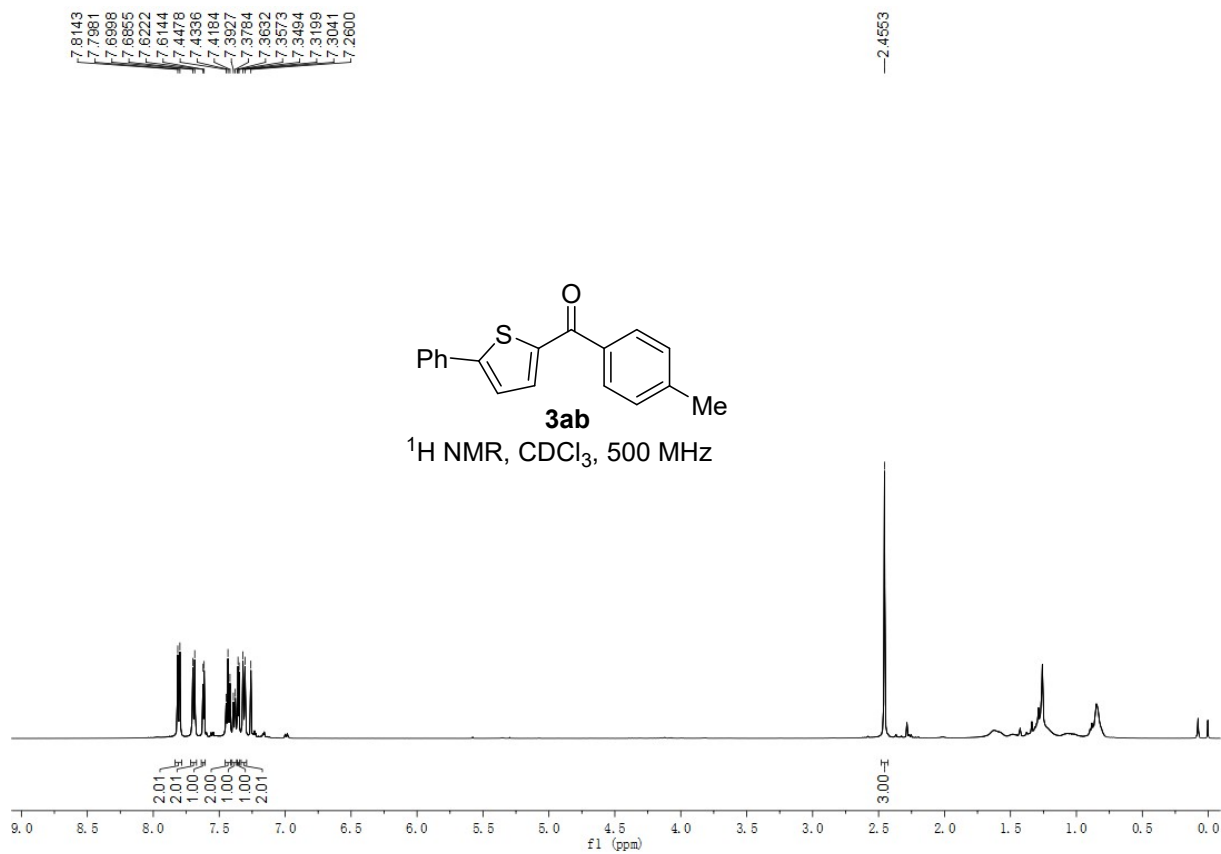
**Figure S2.** ESI-MS spectrum of the reaction mixture

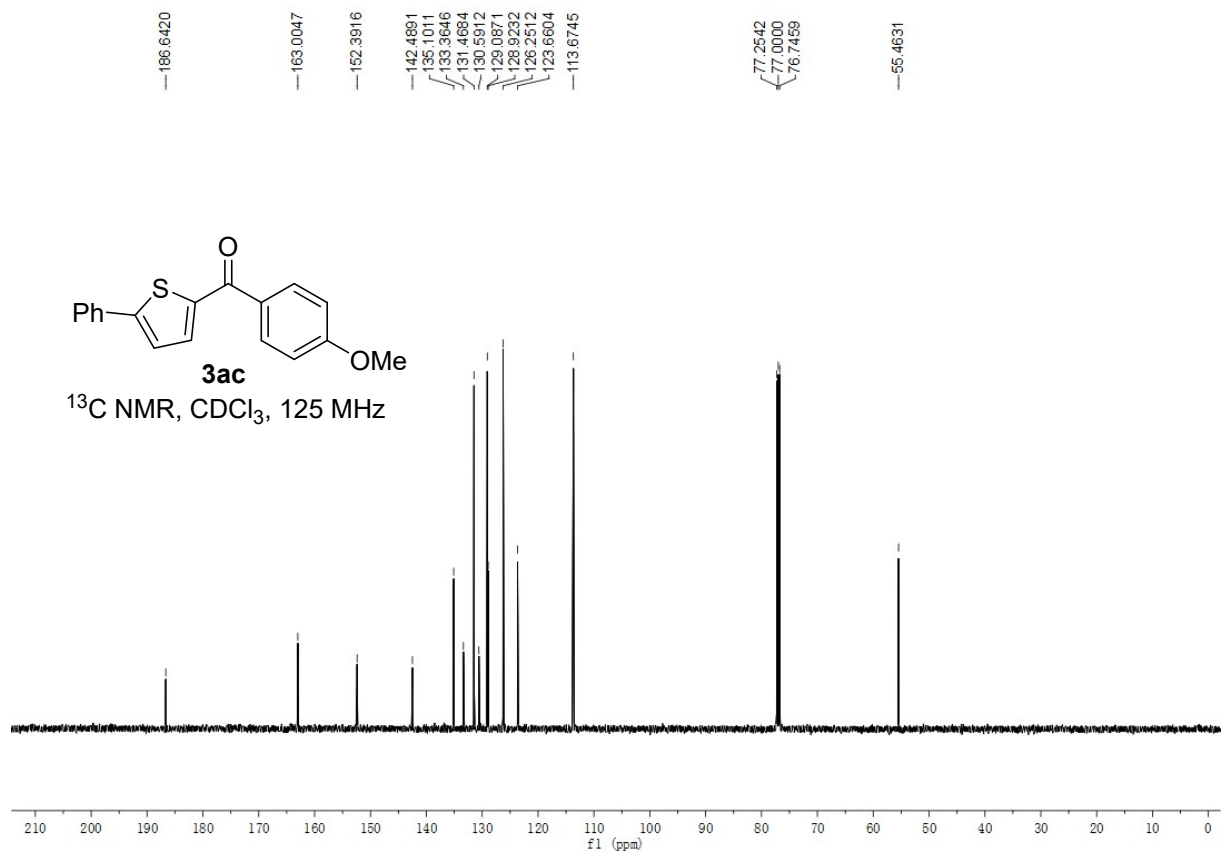
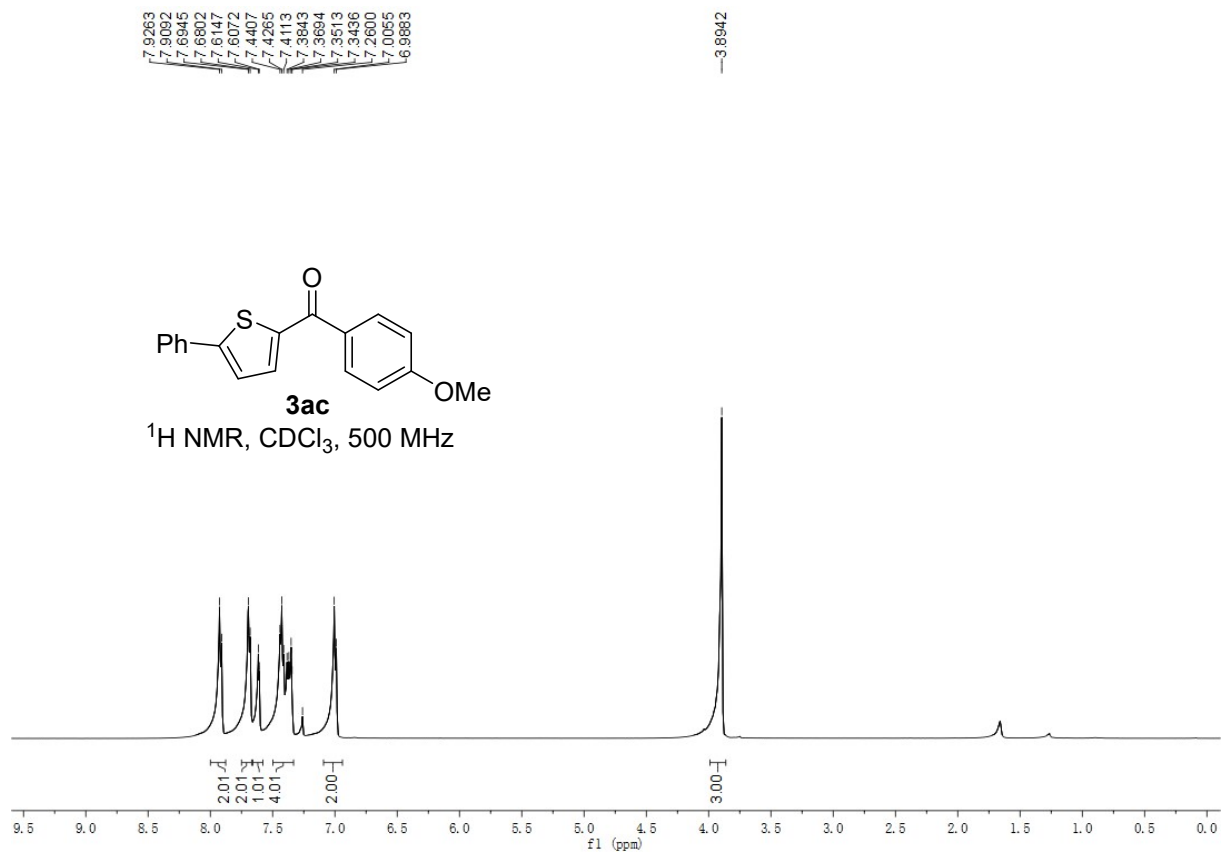
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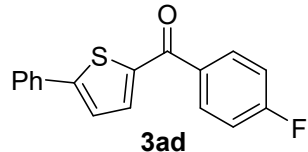
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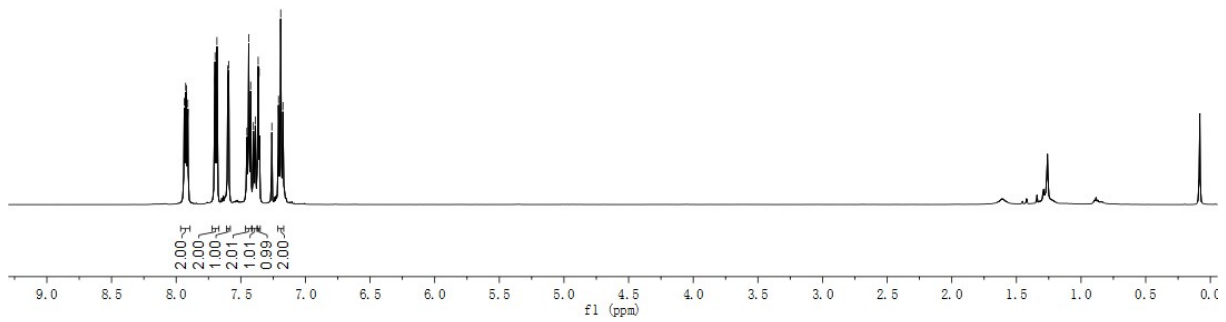




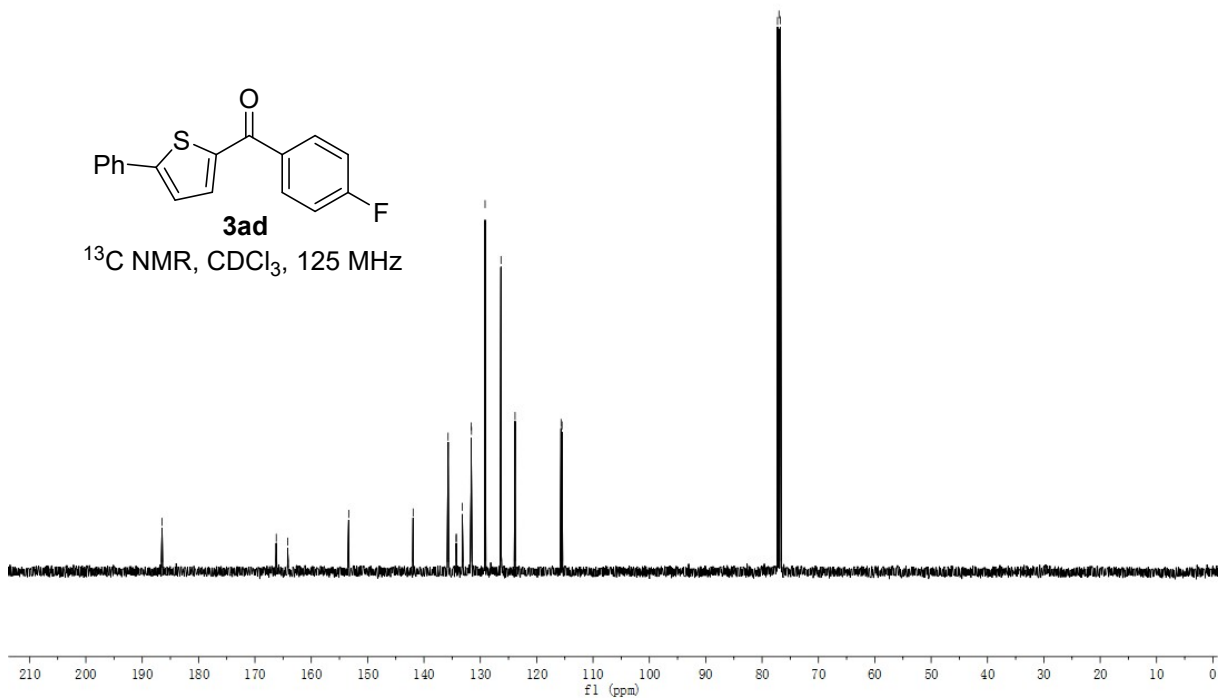
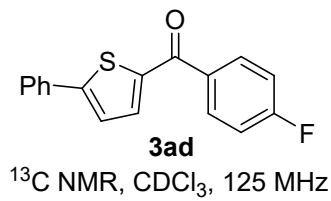
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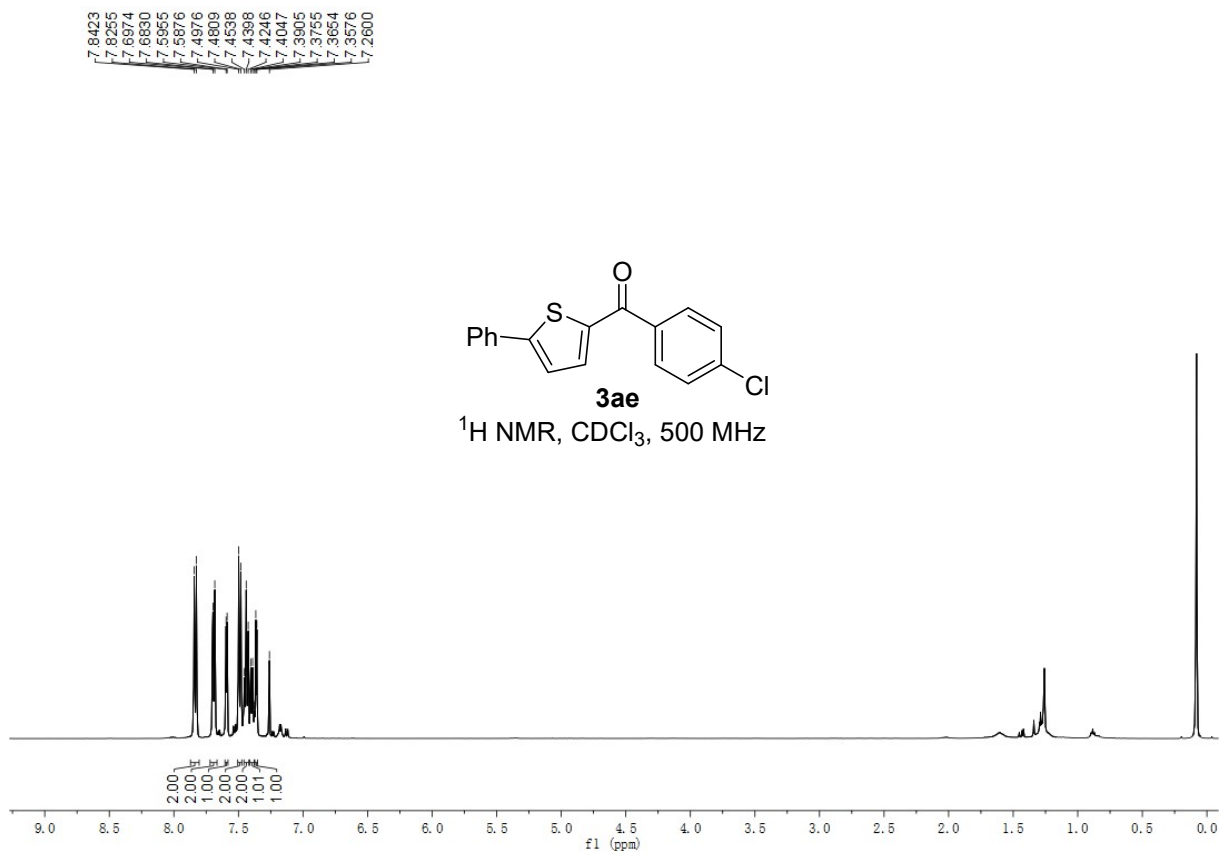
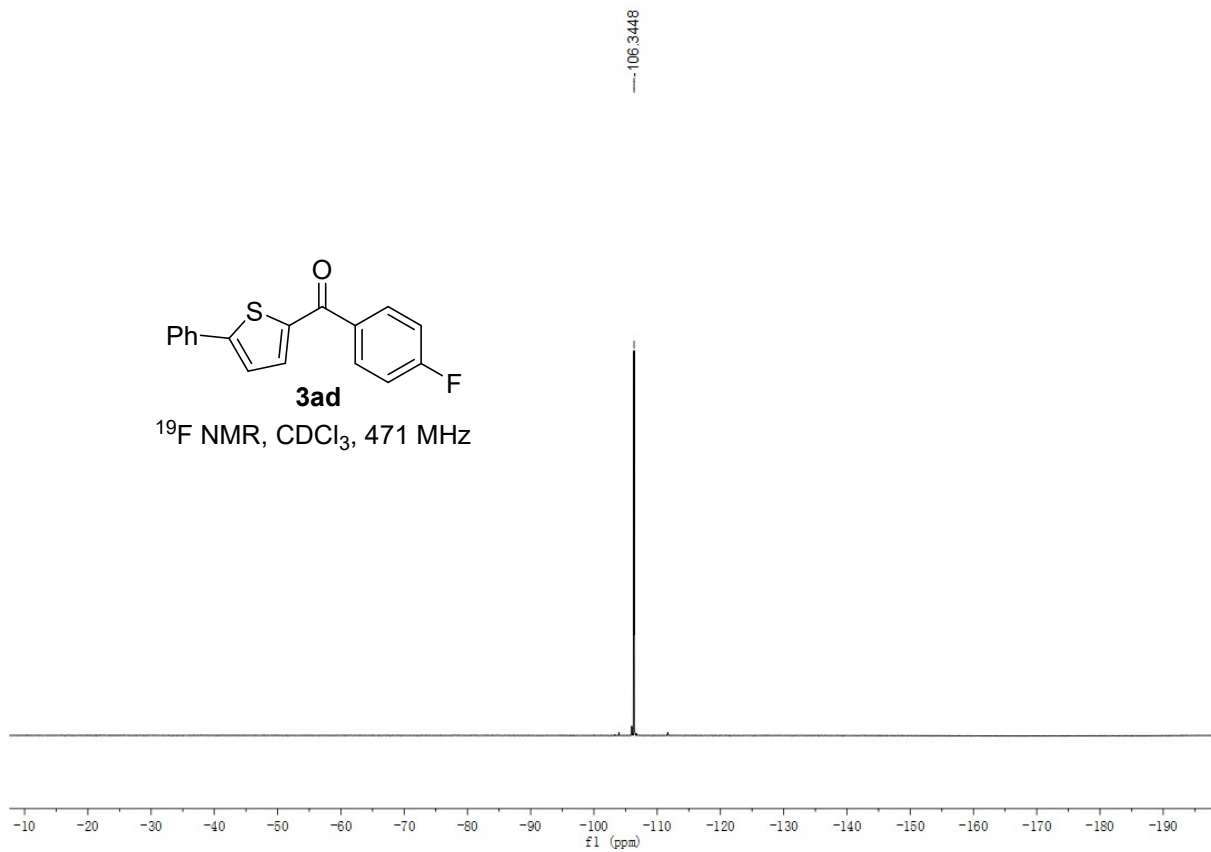


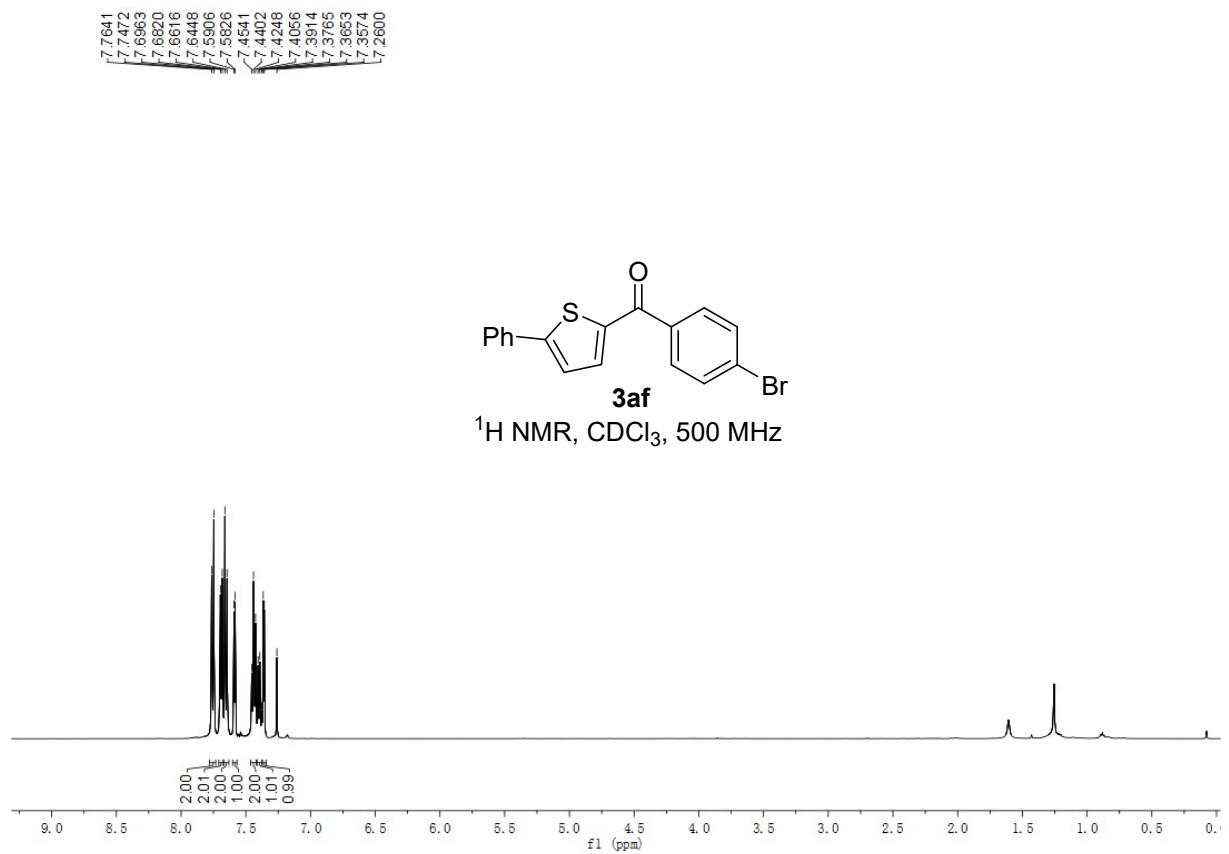
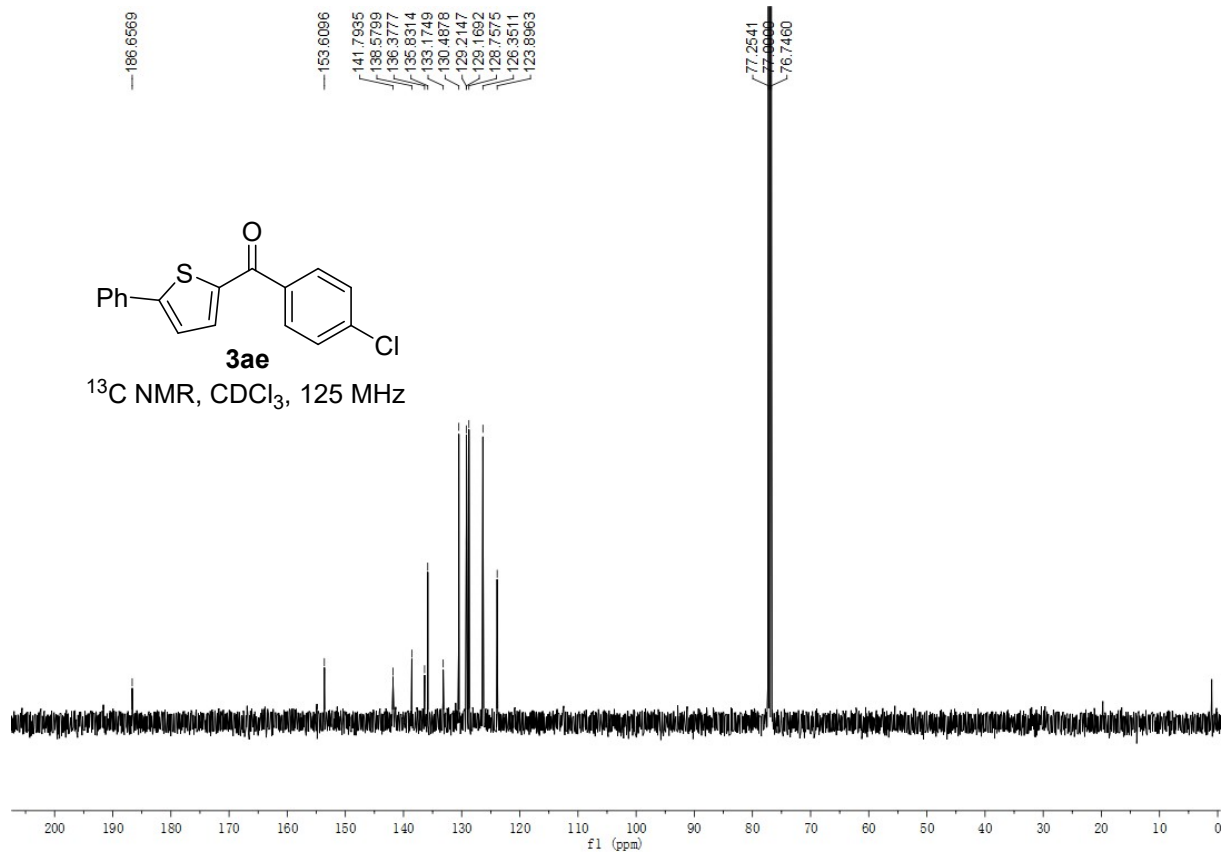
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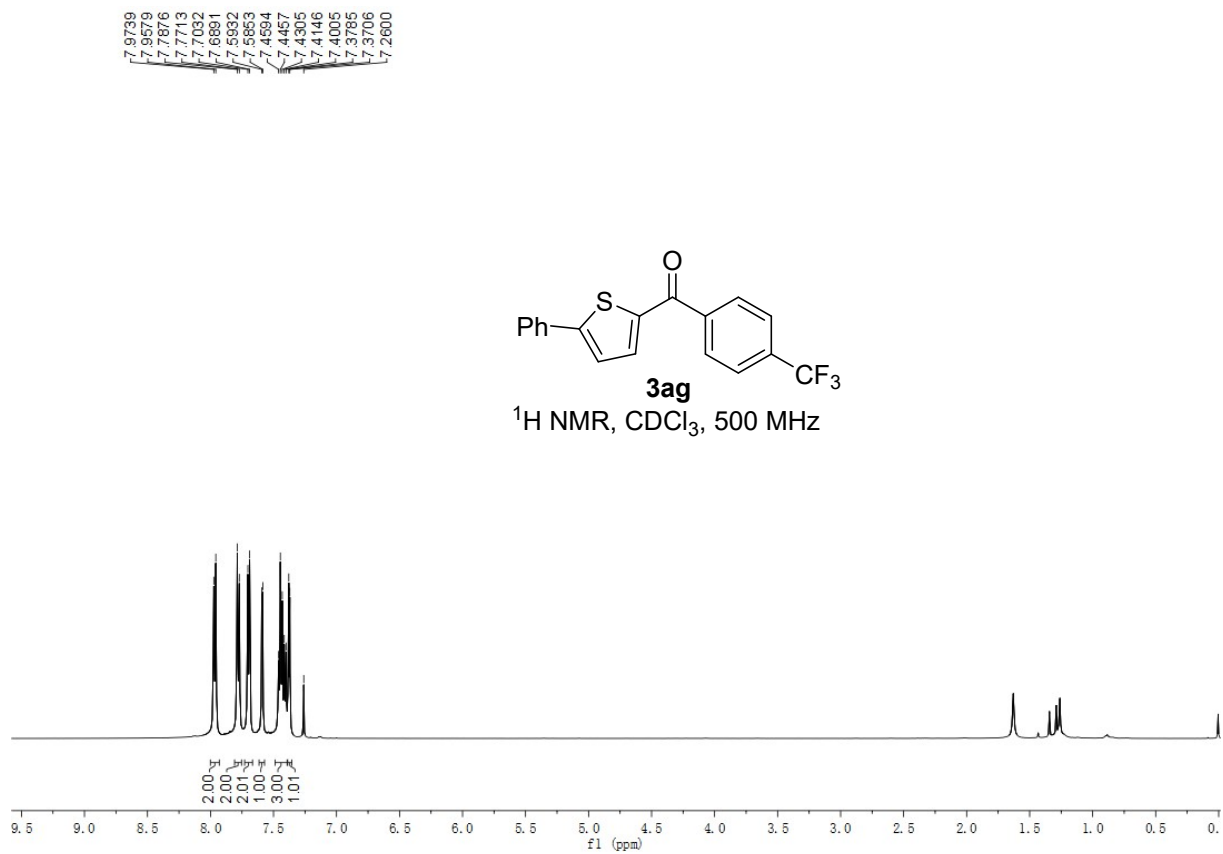
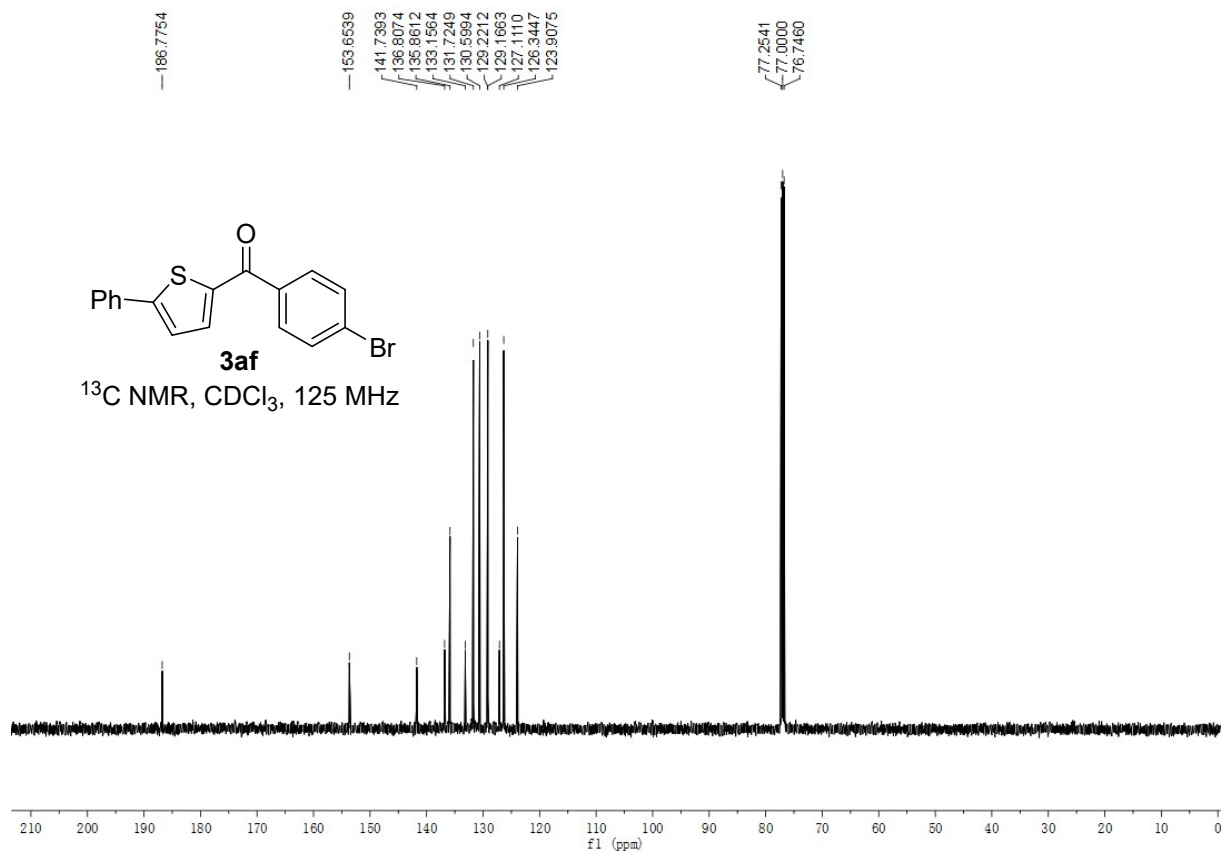


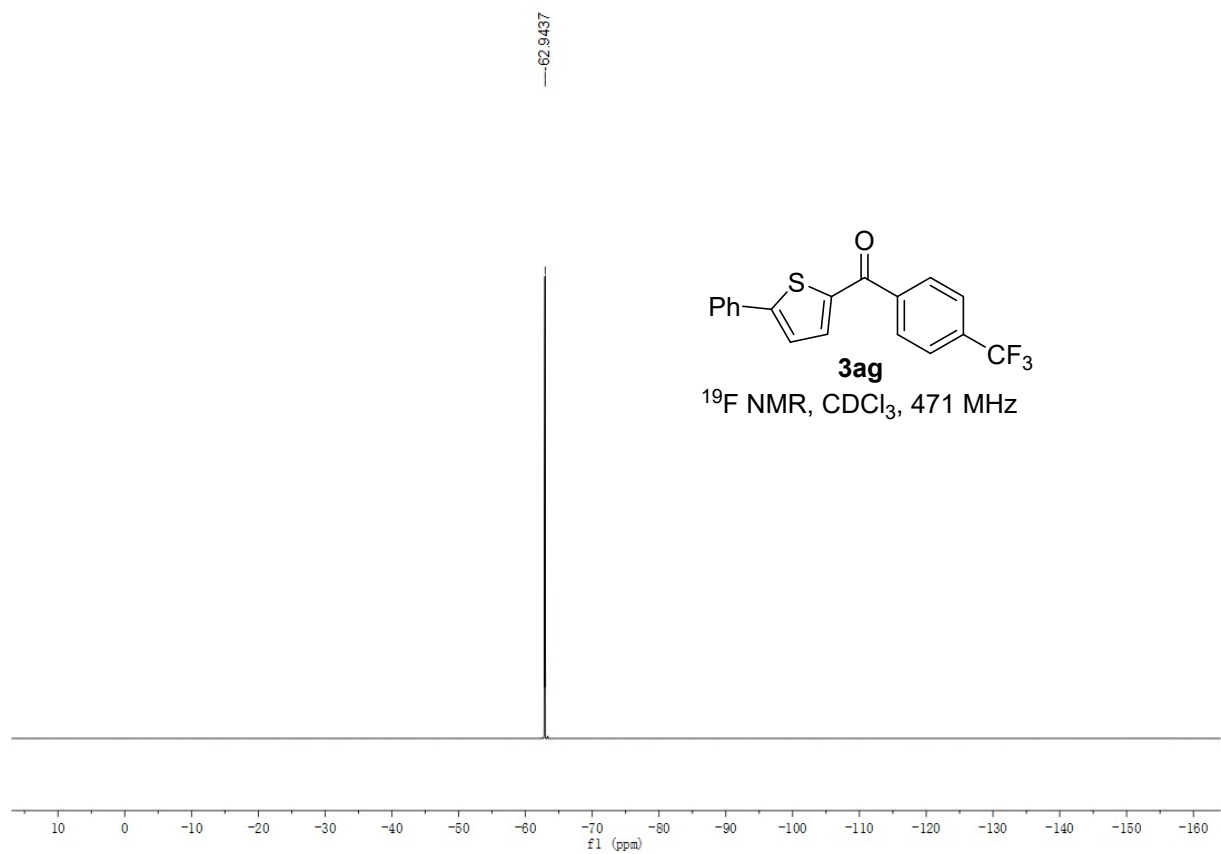
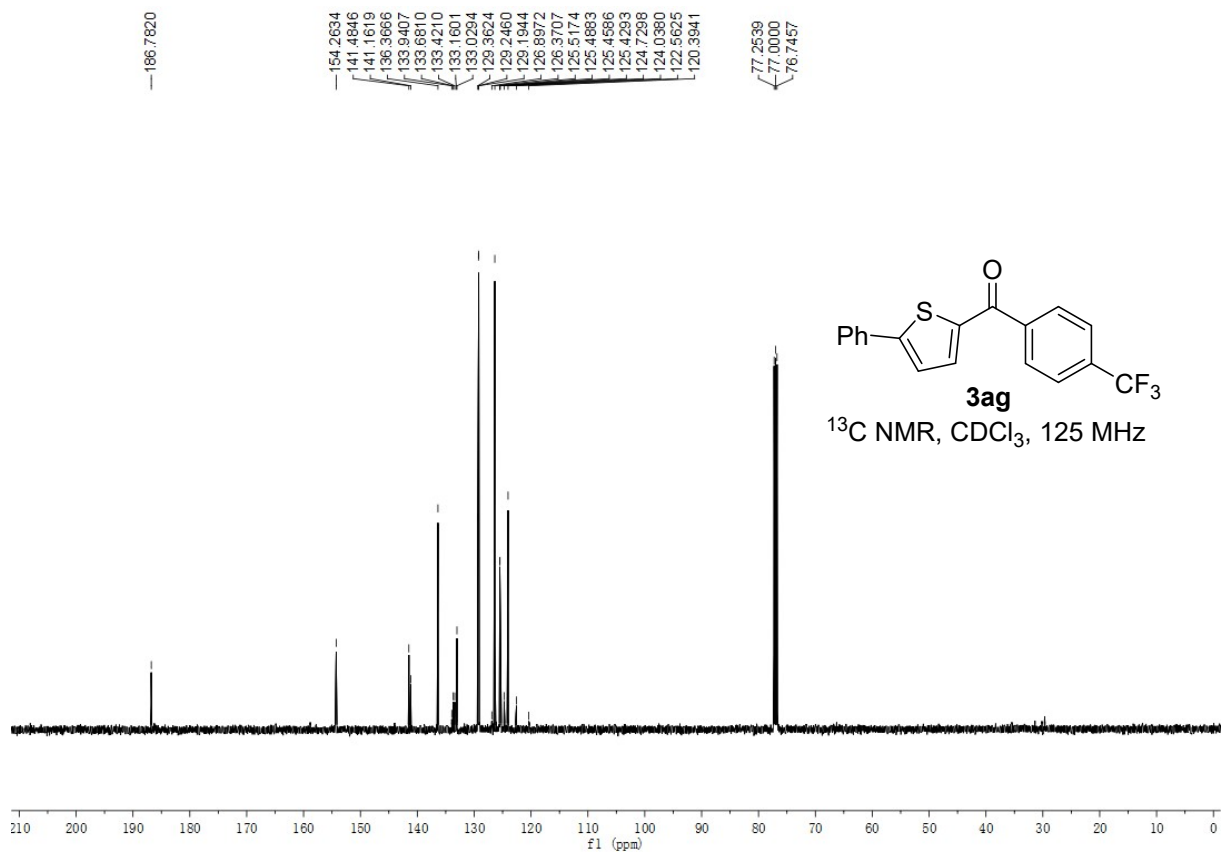
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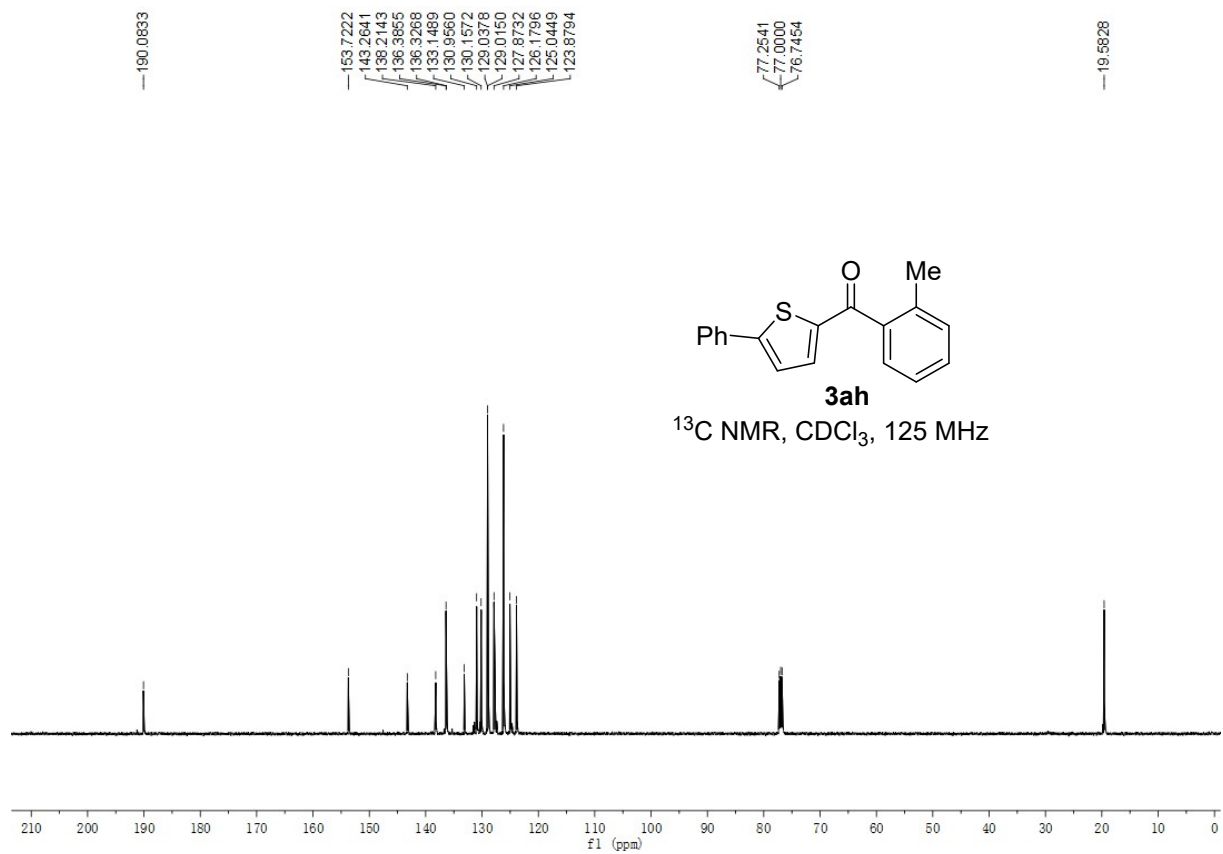
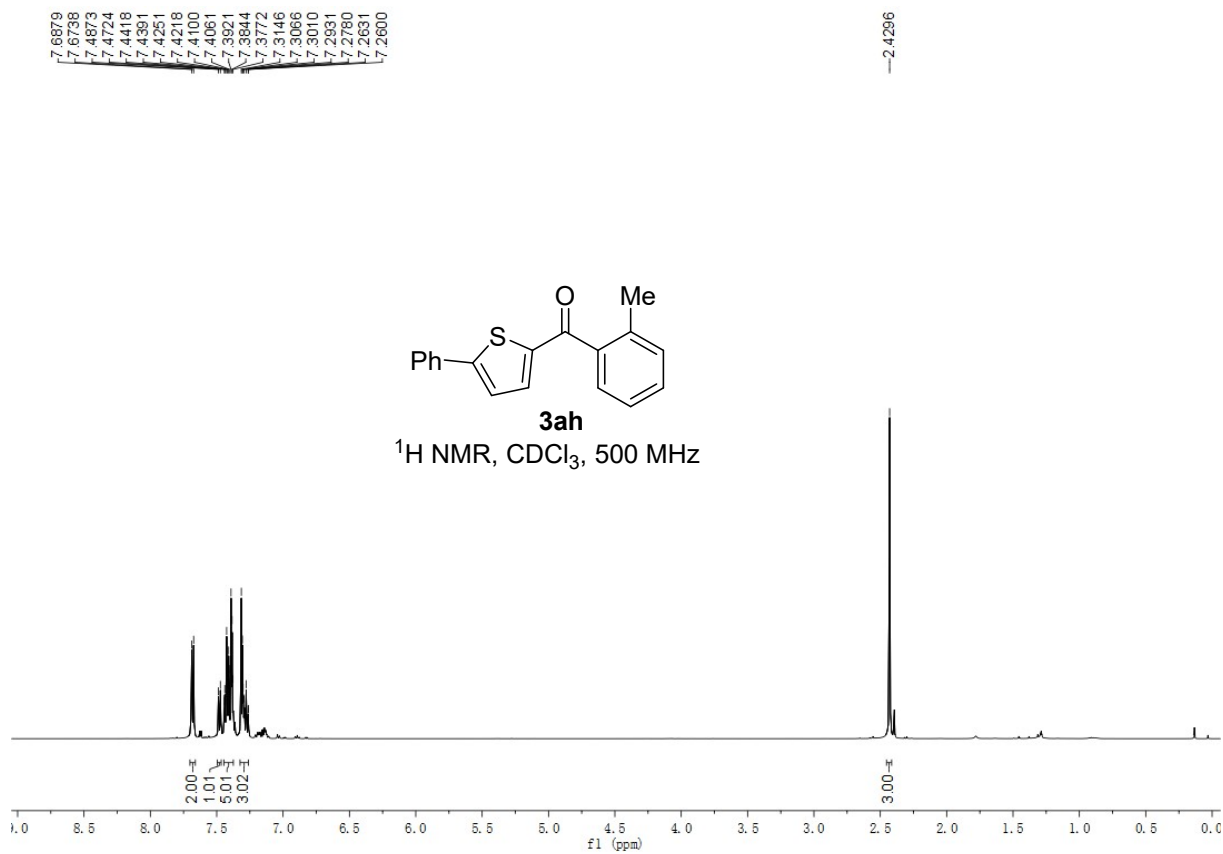


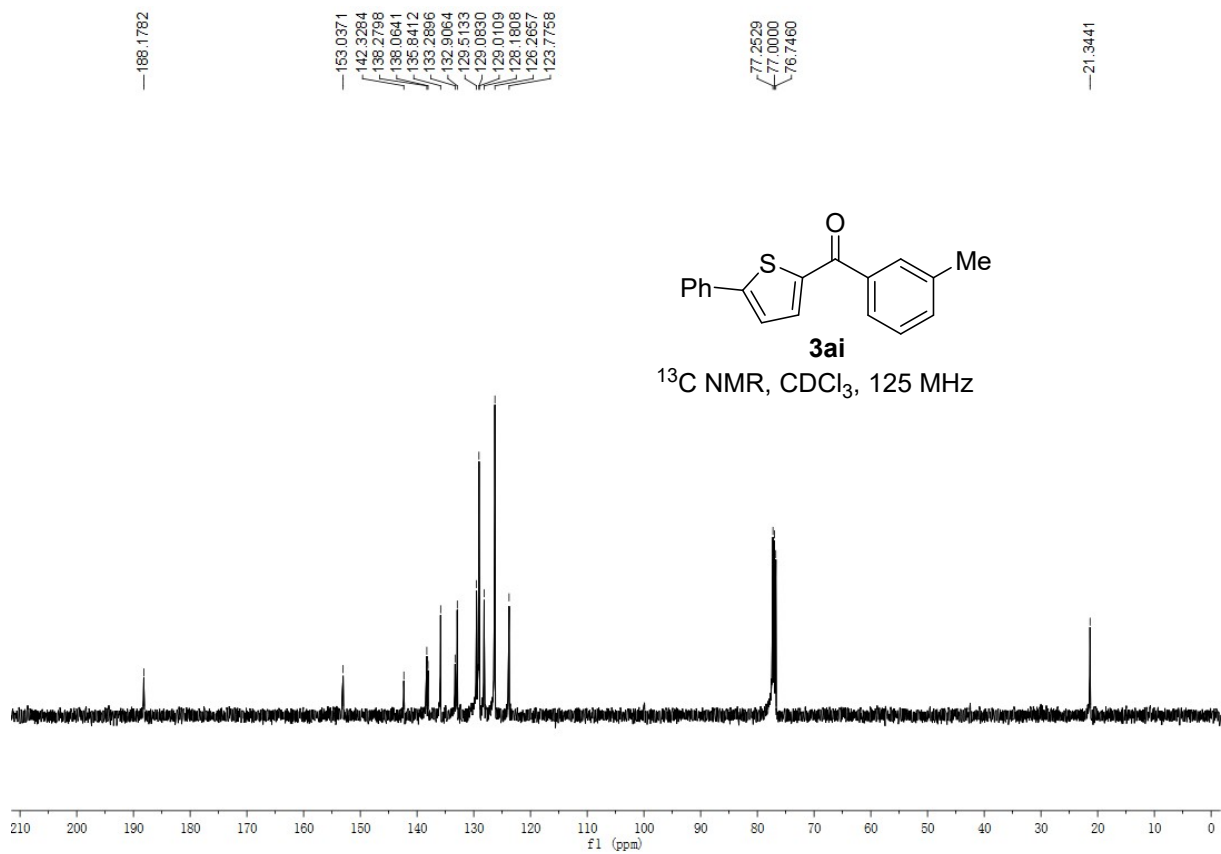
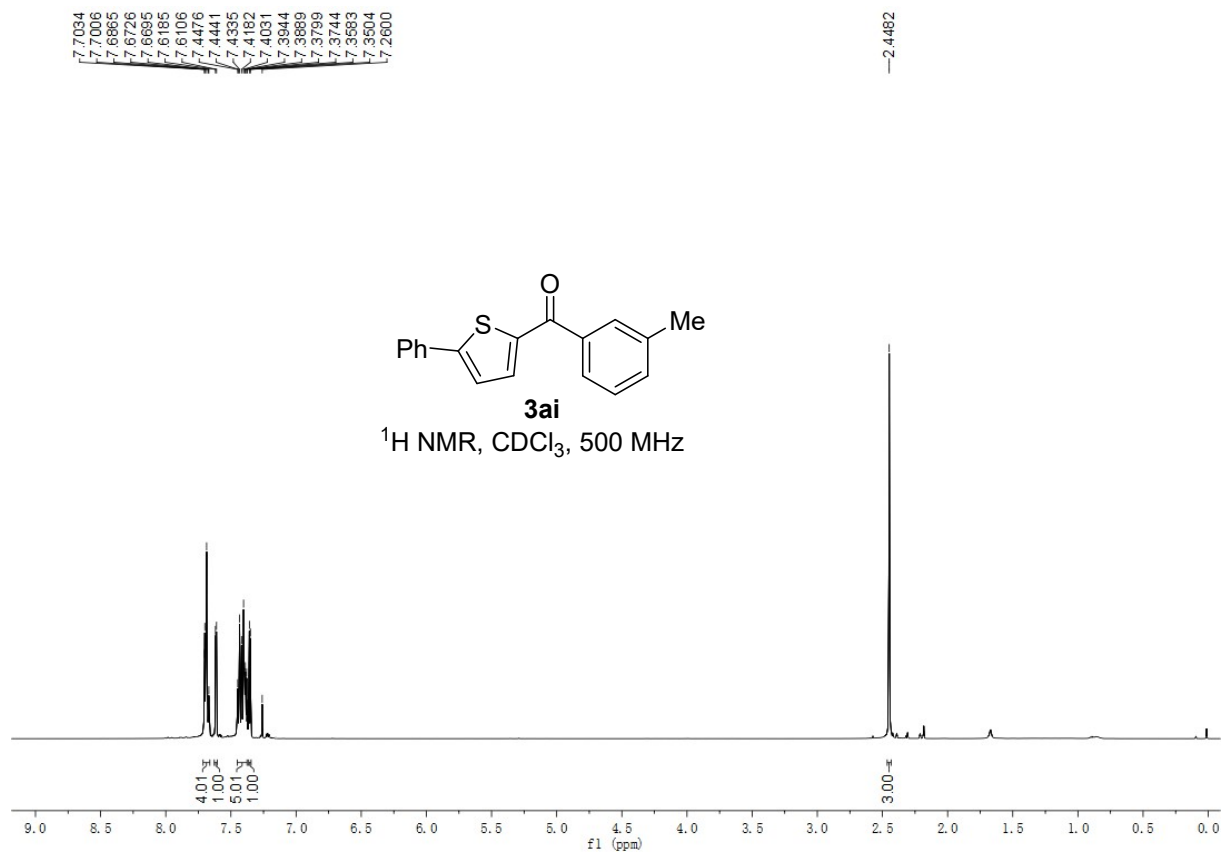


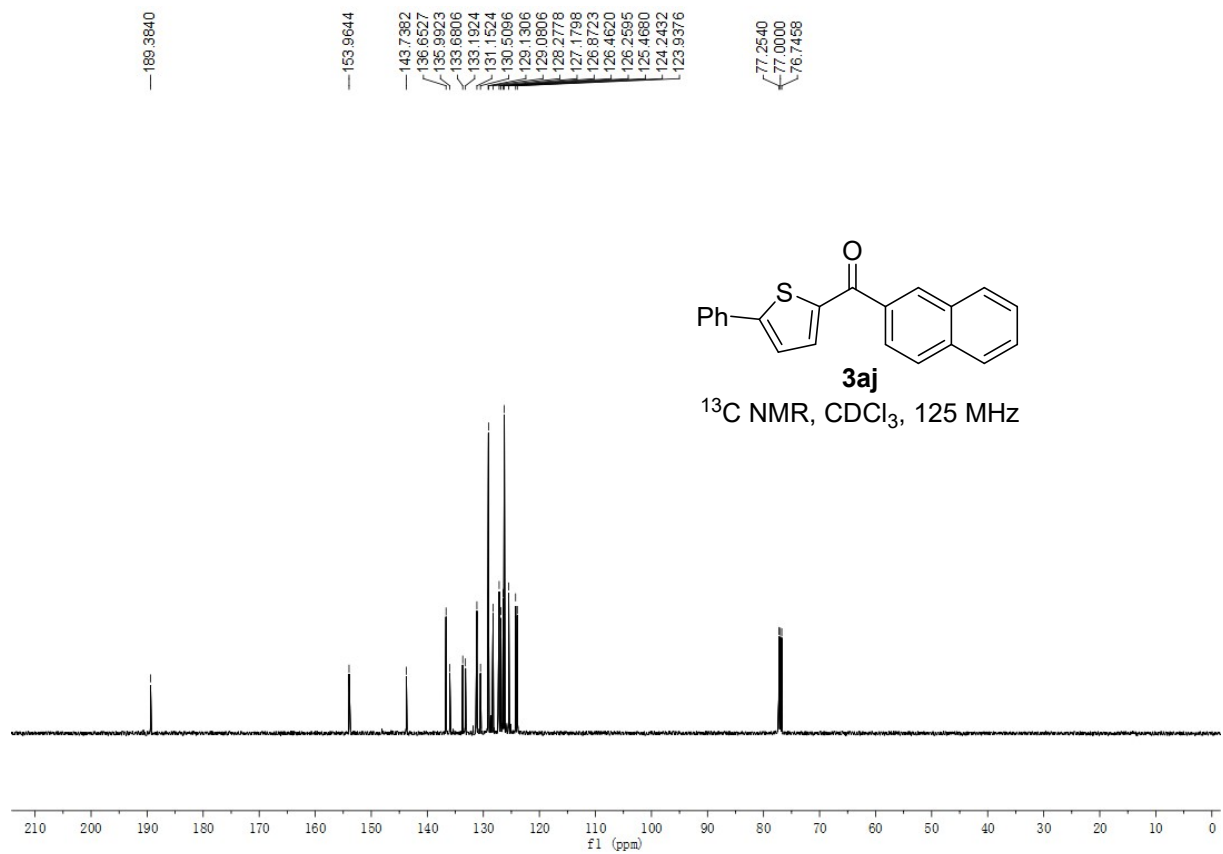
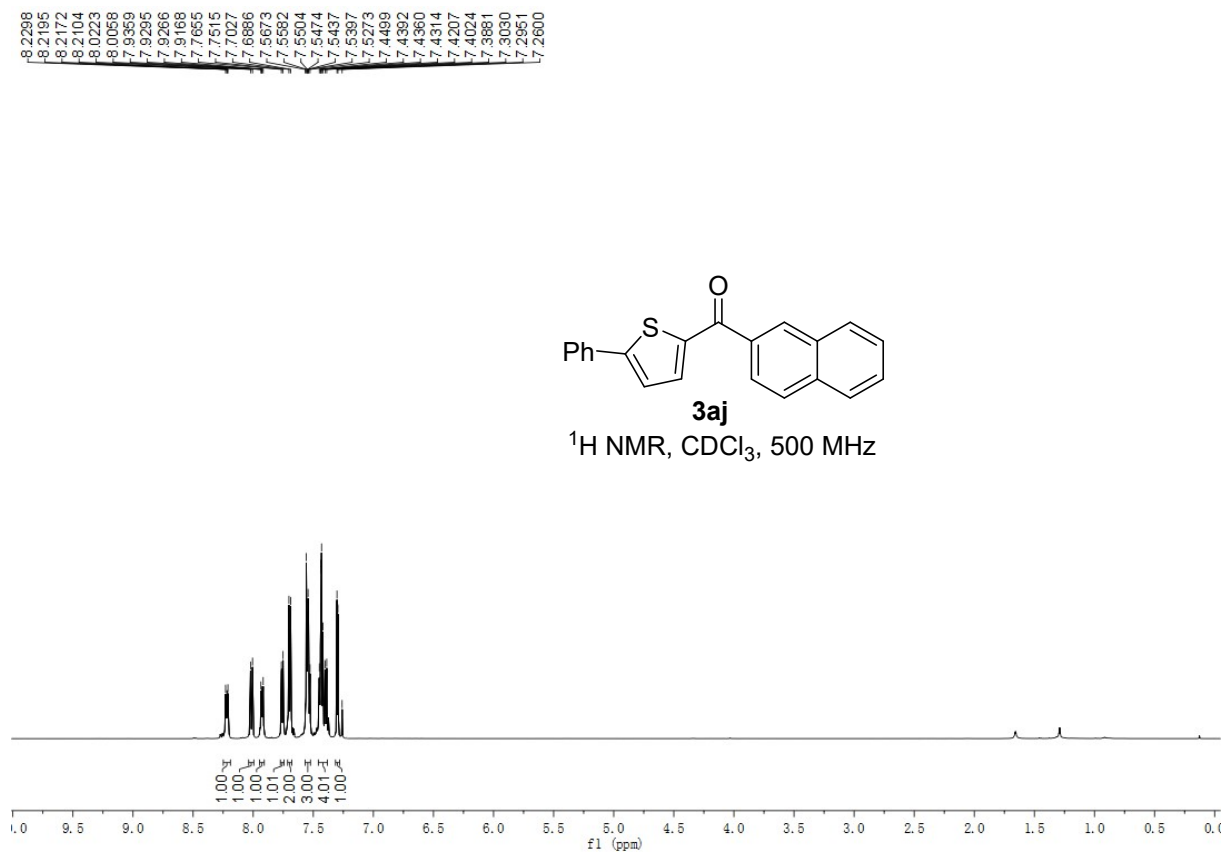


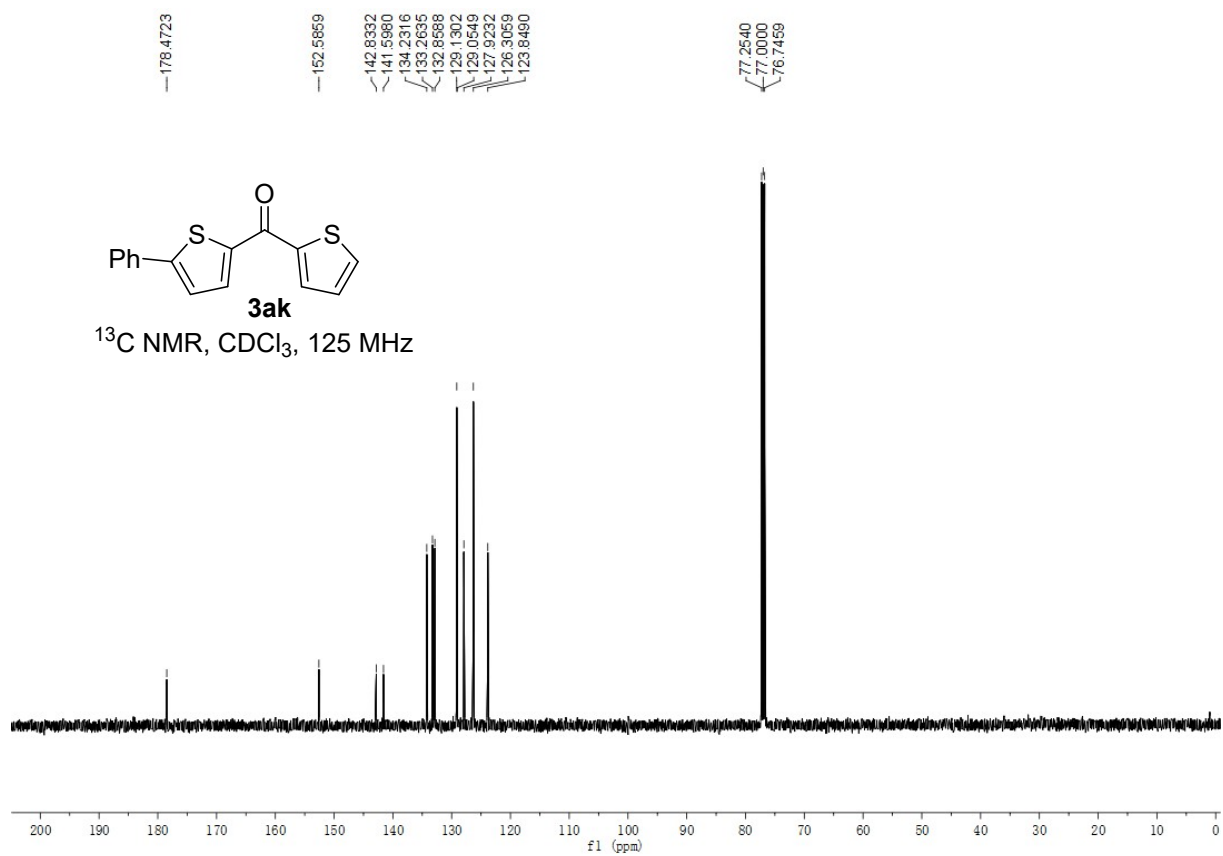
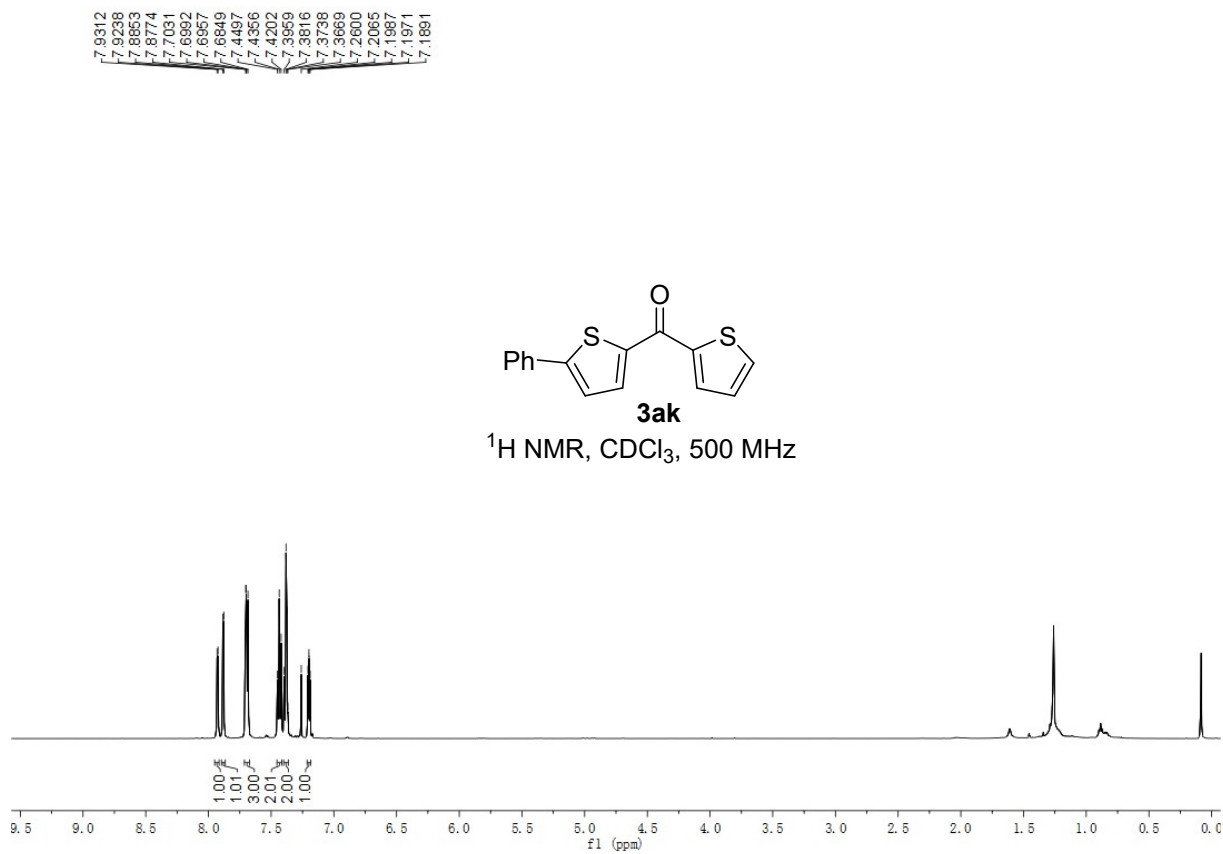


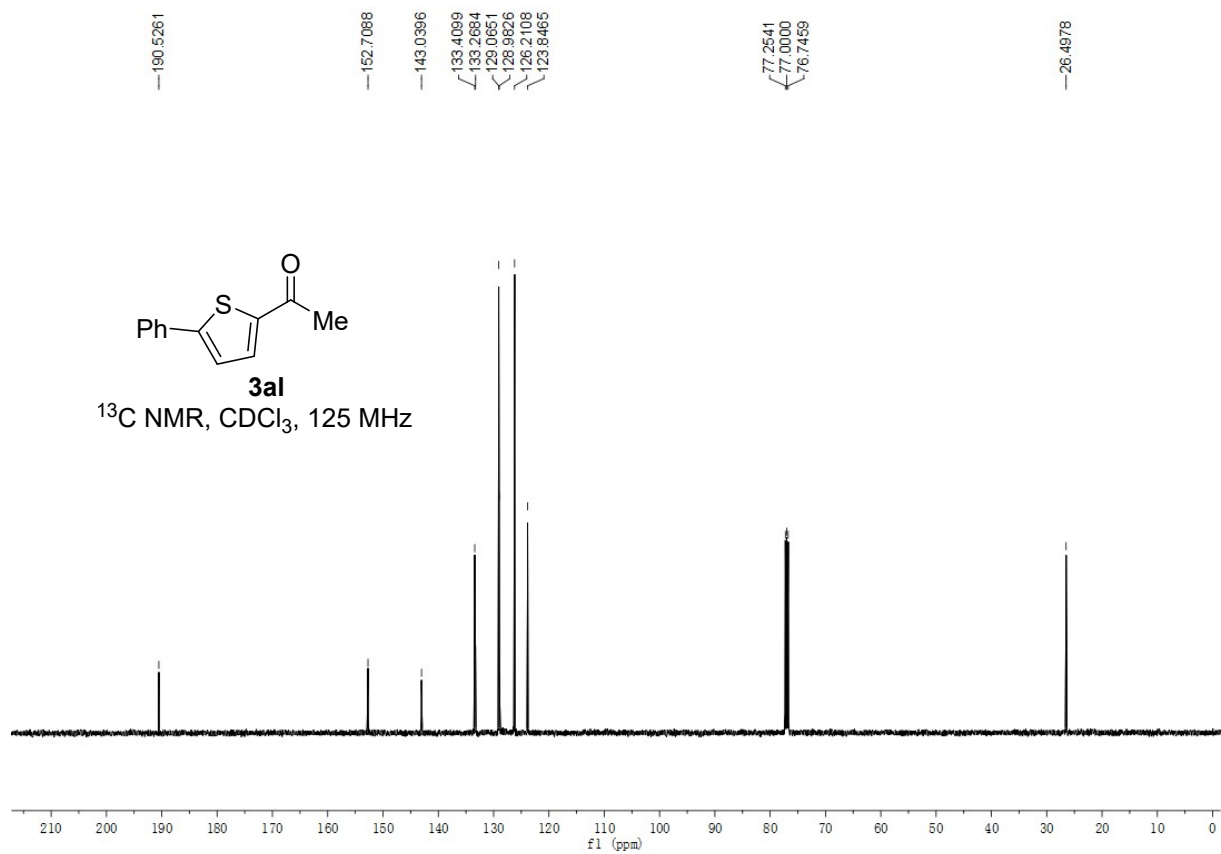
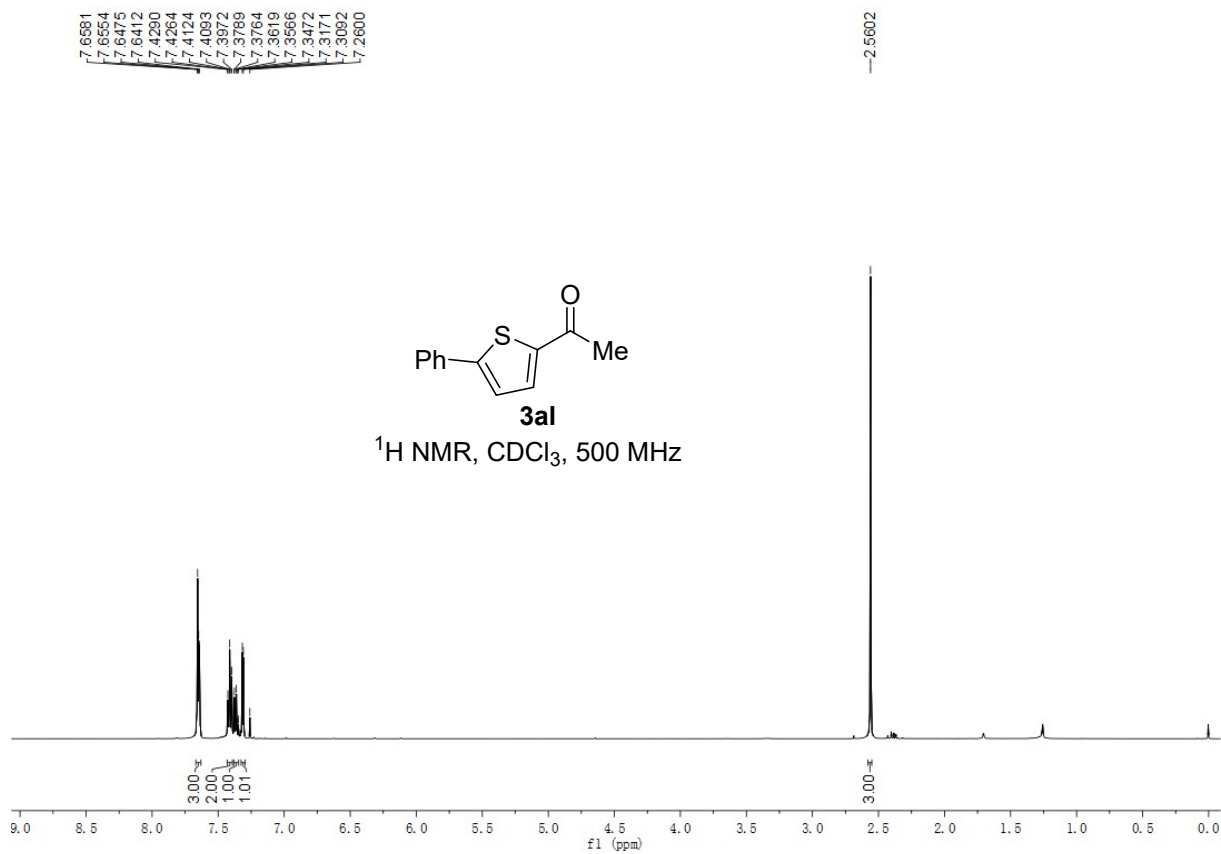




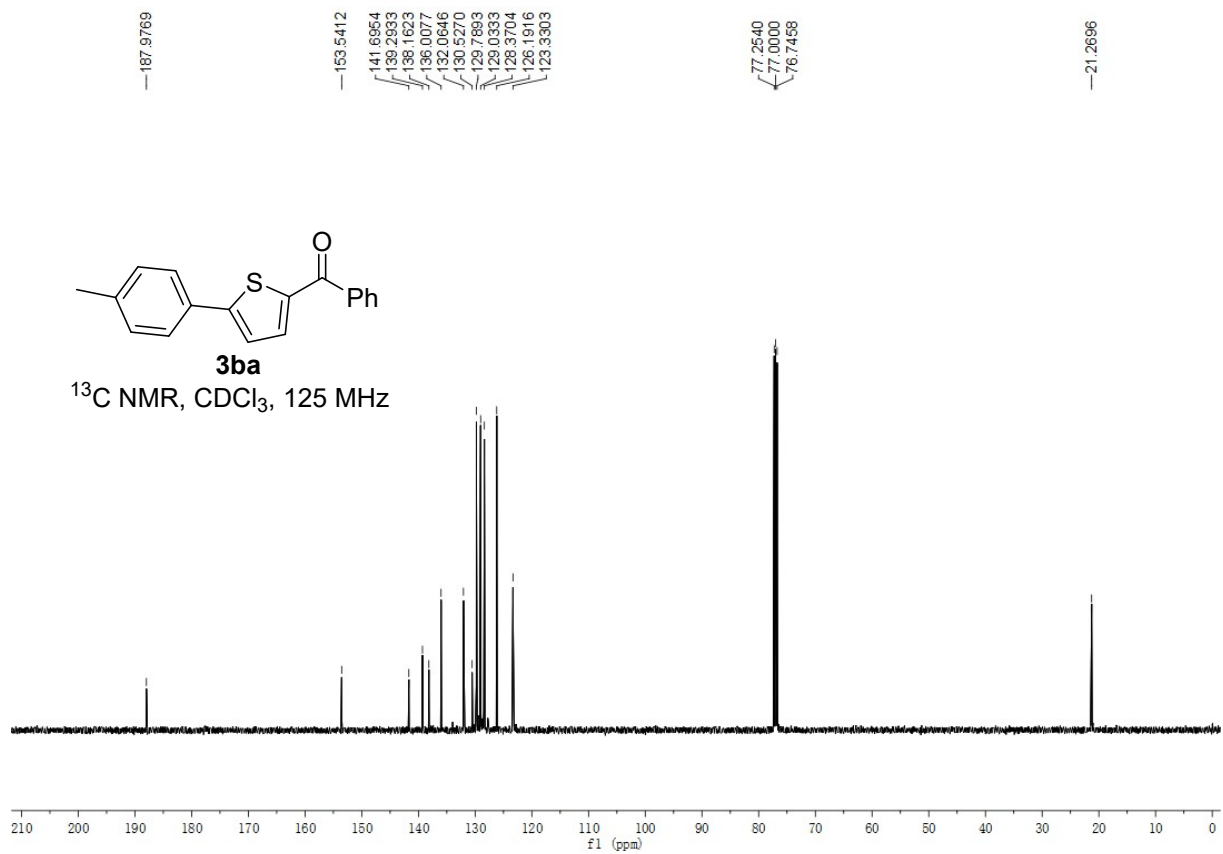
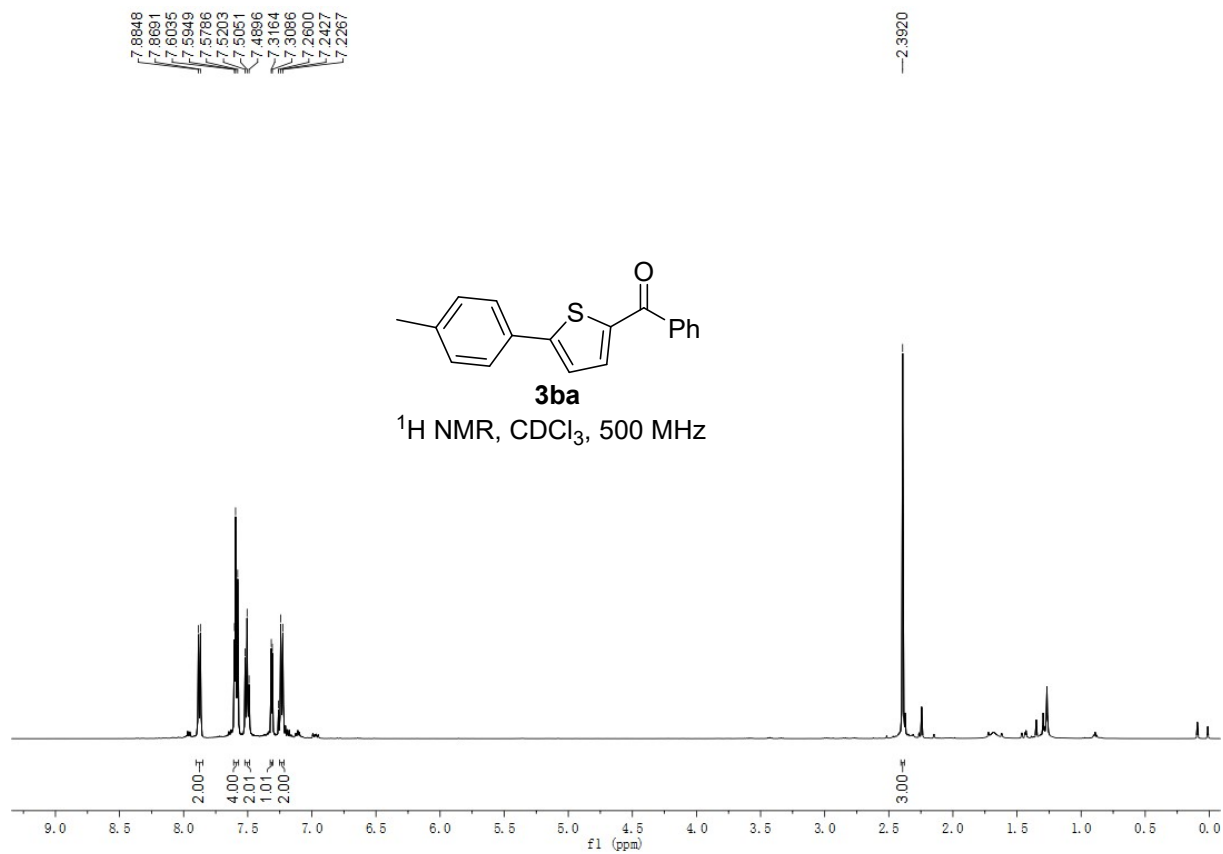


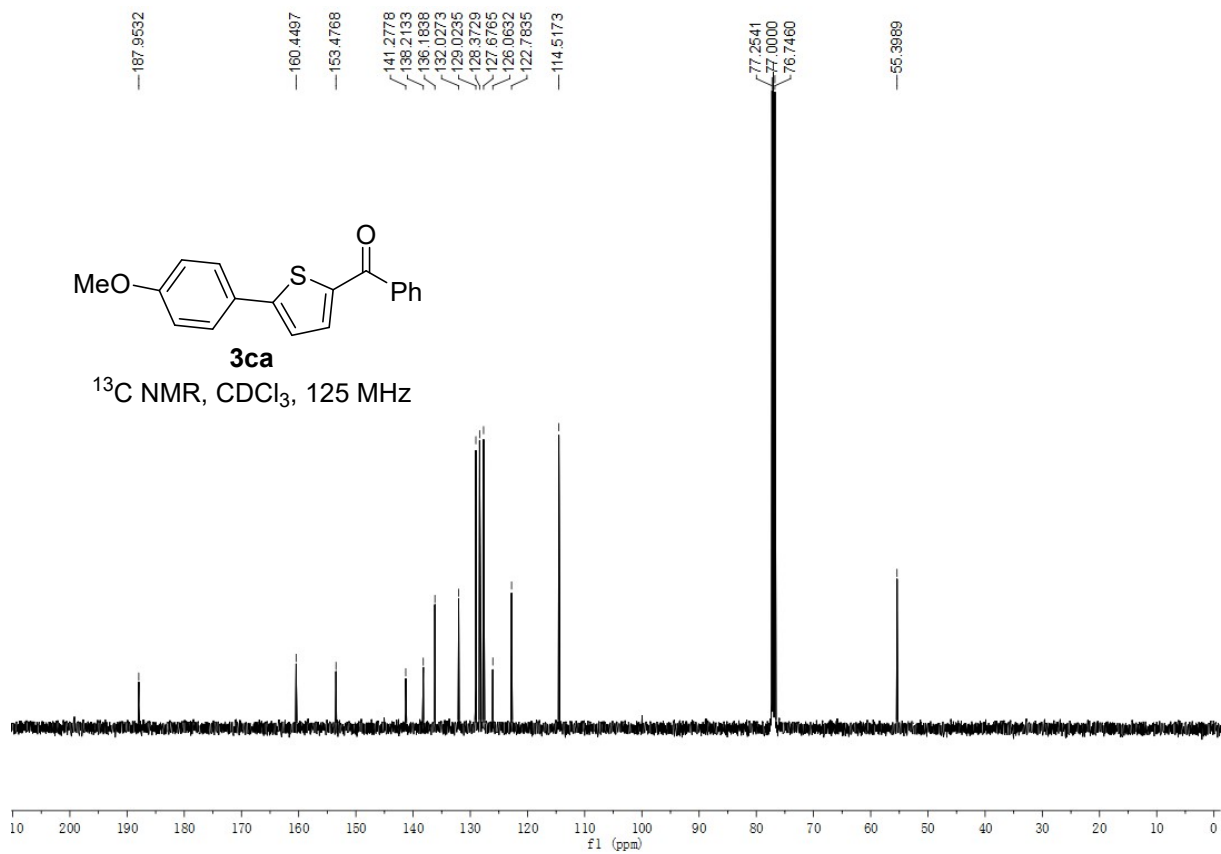
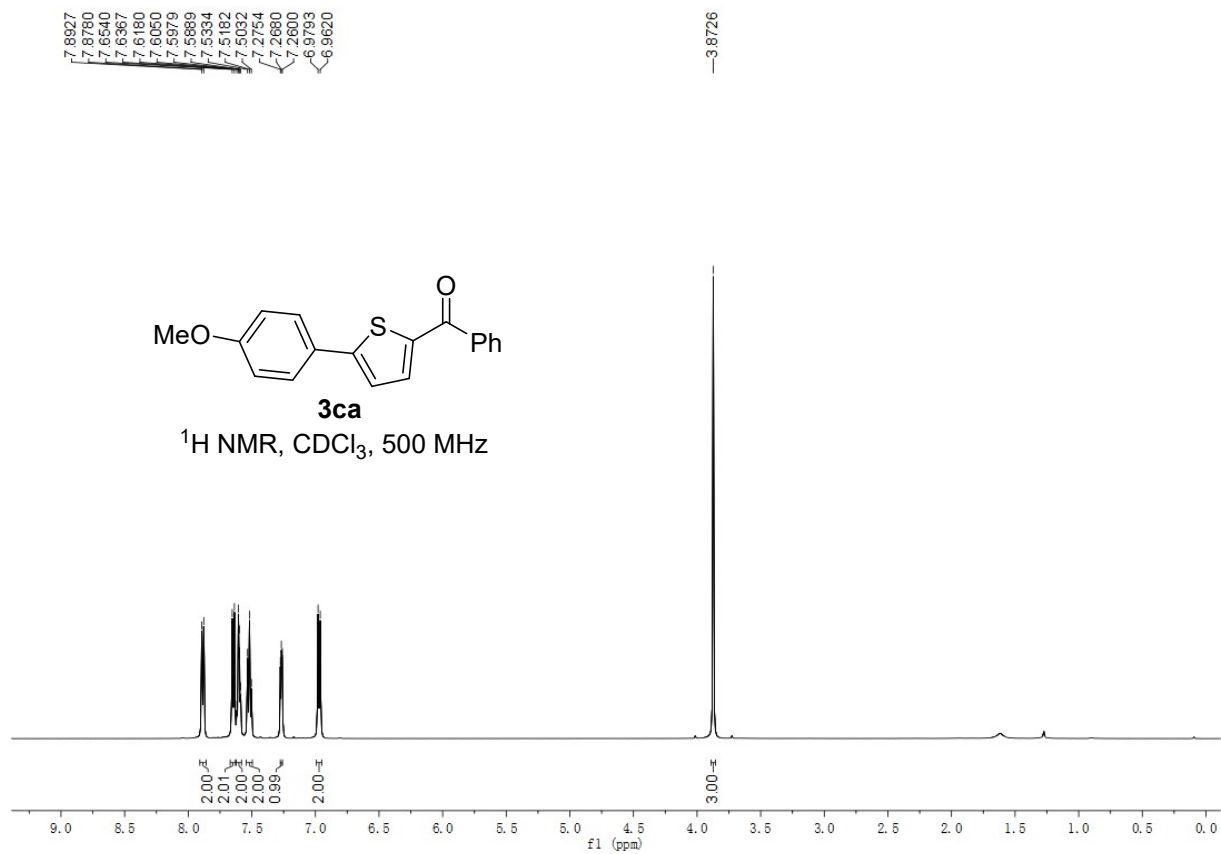




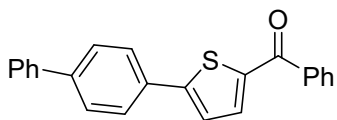






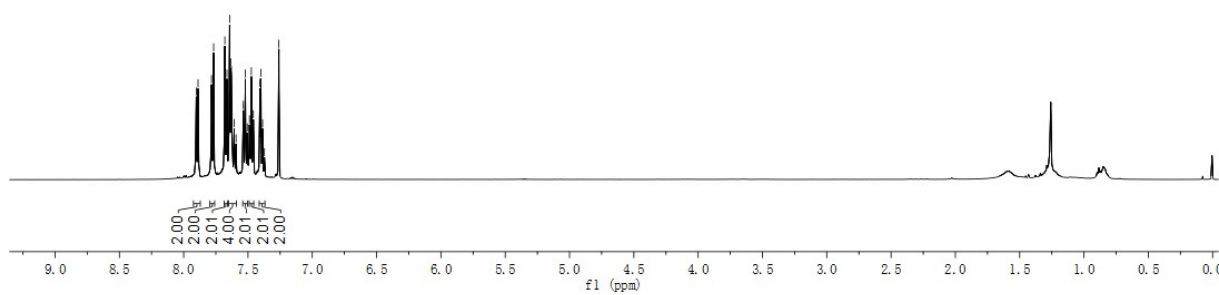


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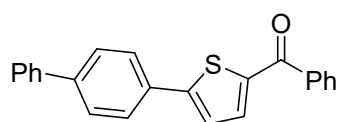
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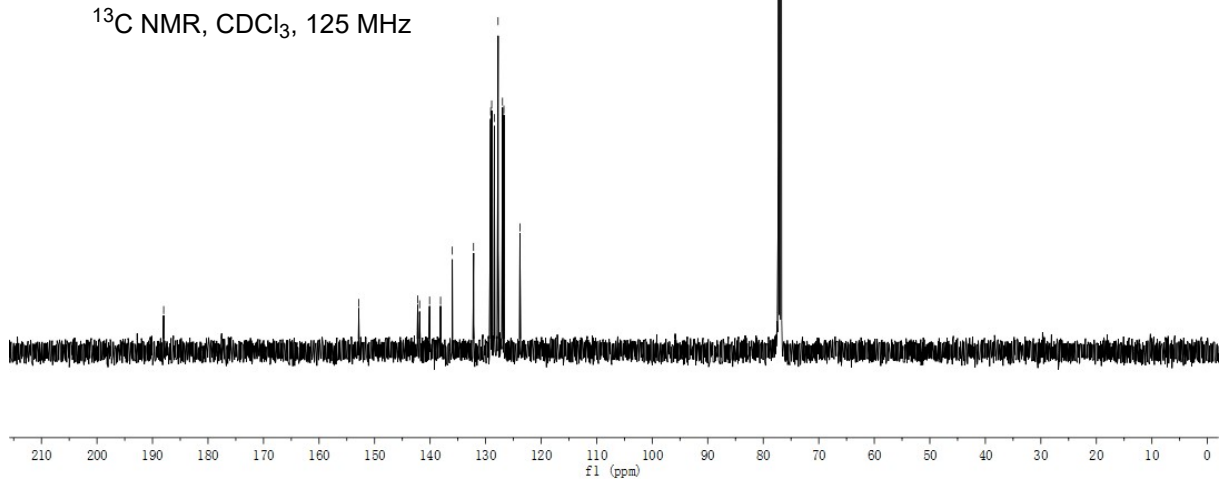
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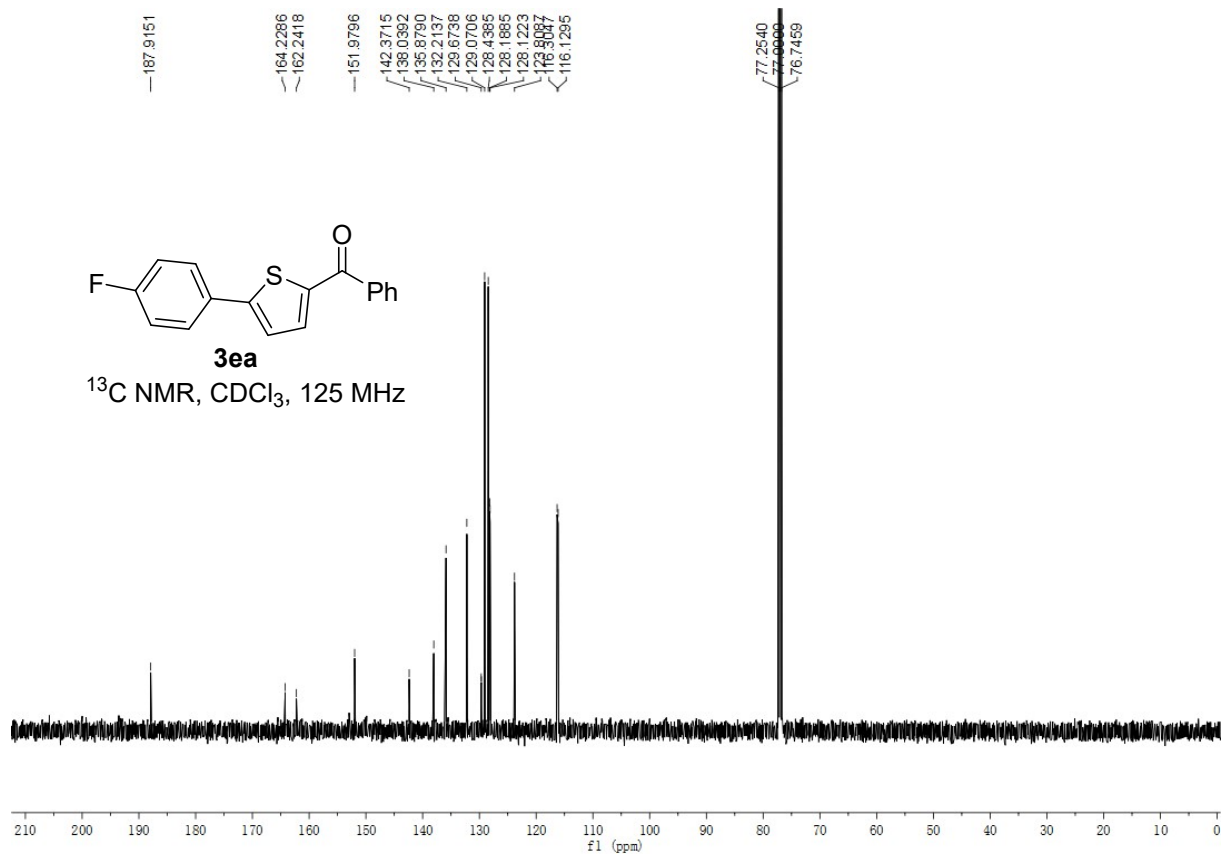
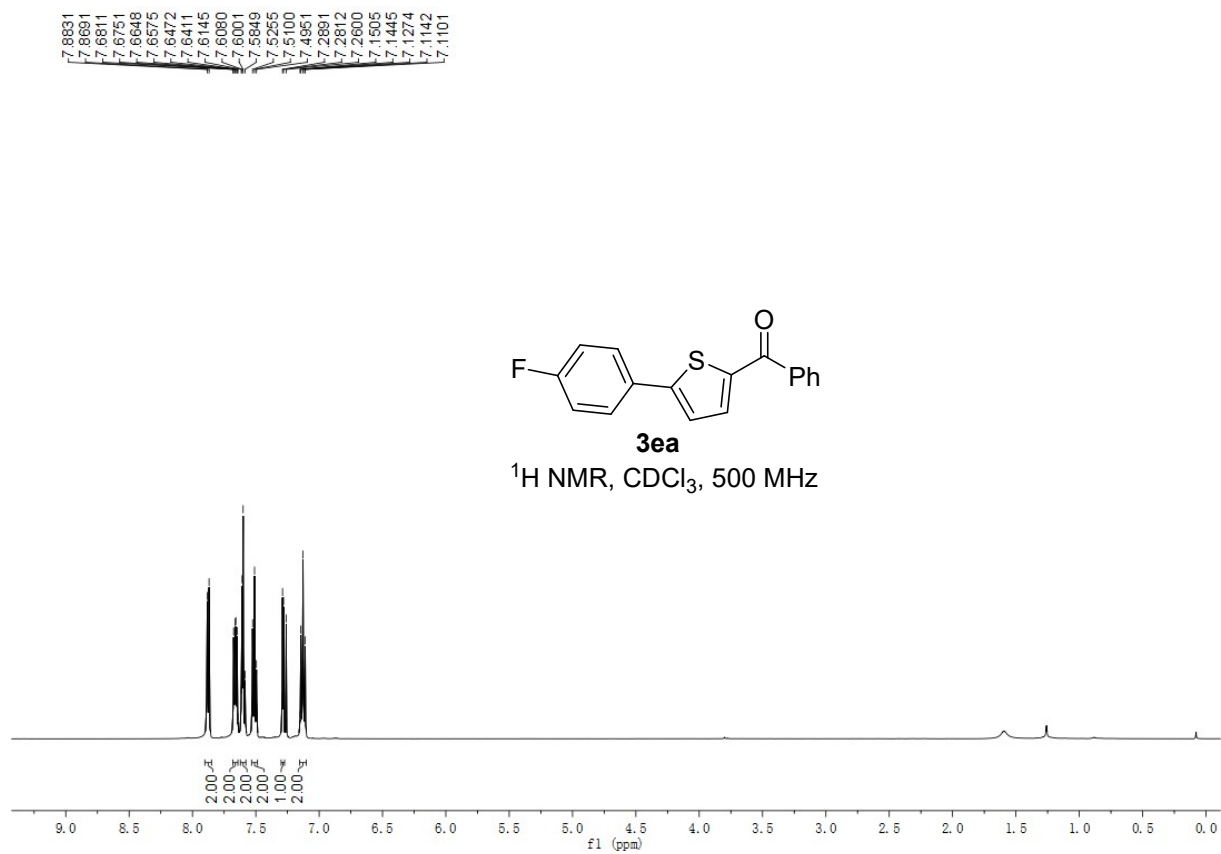
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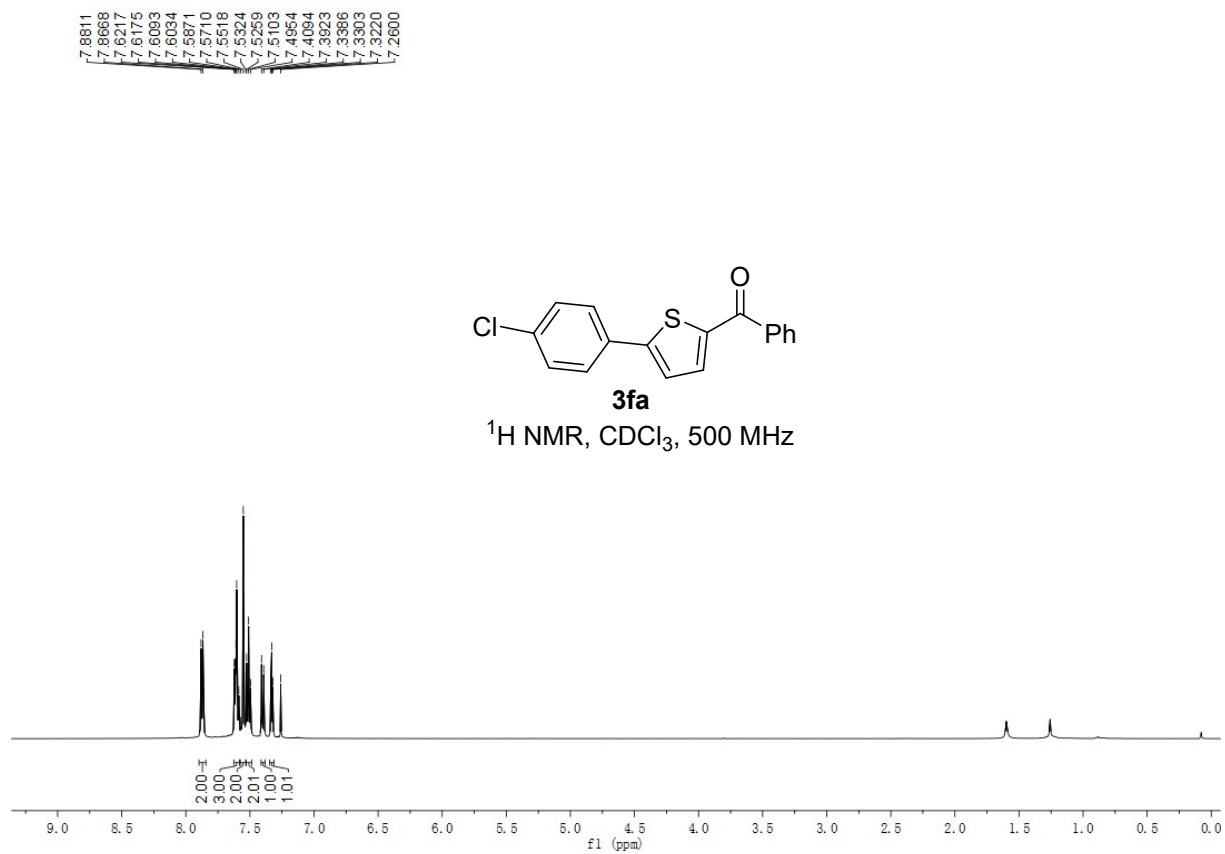
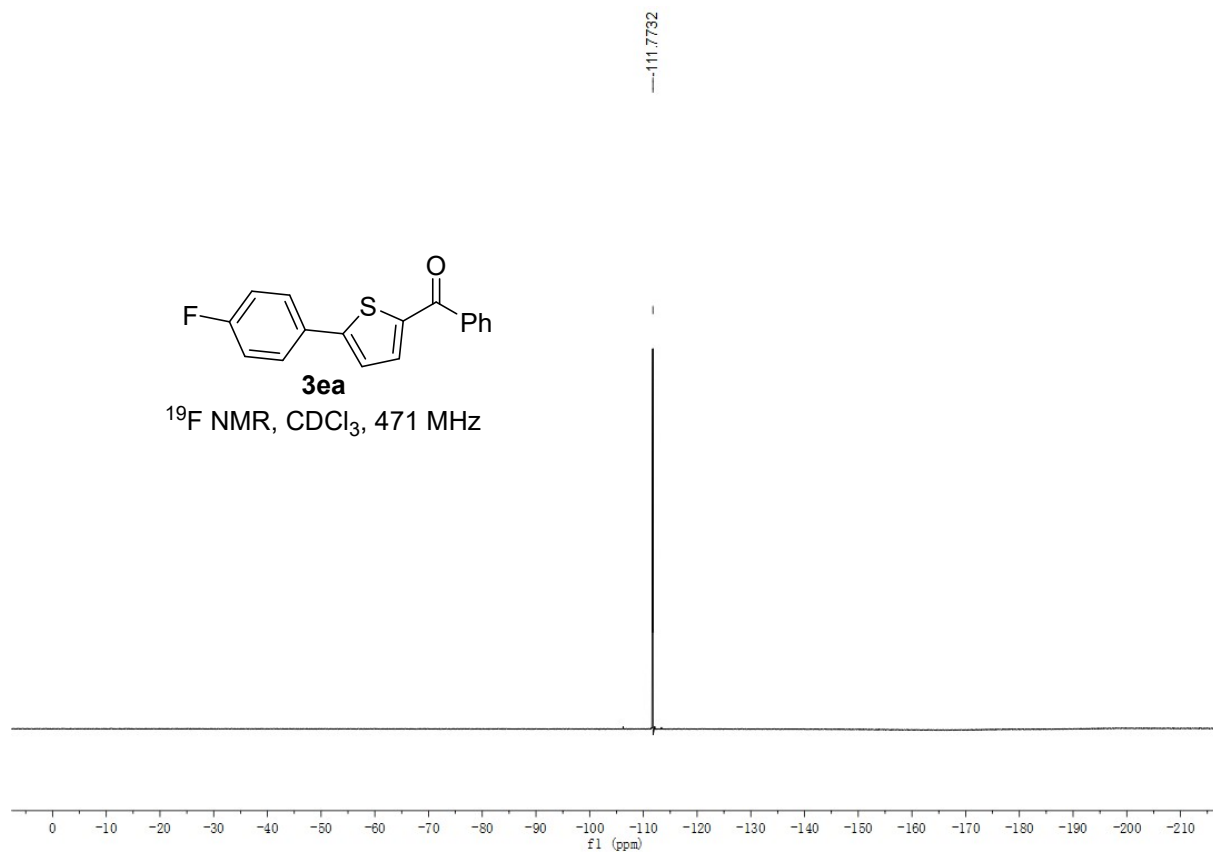


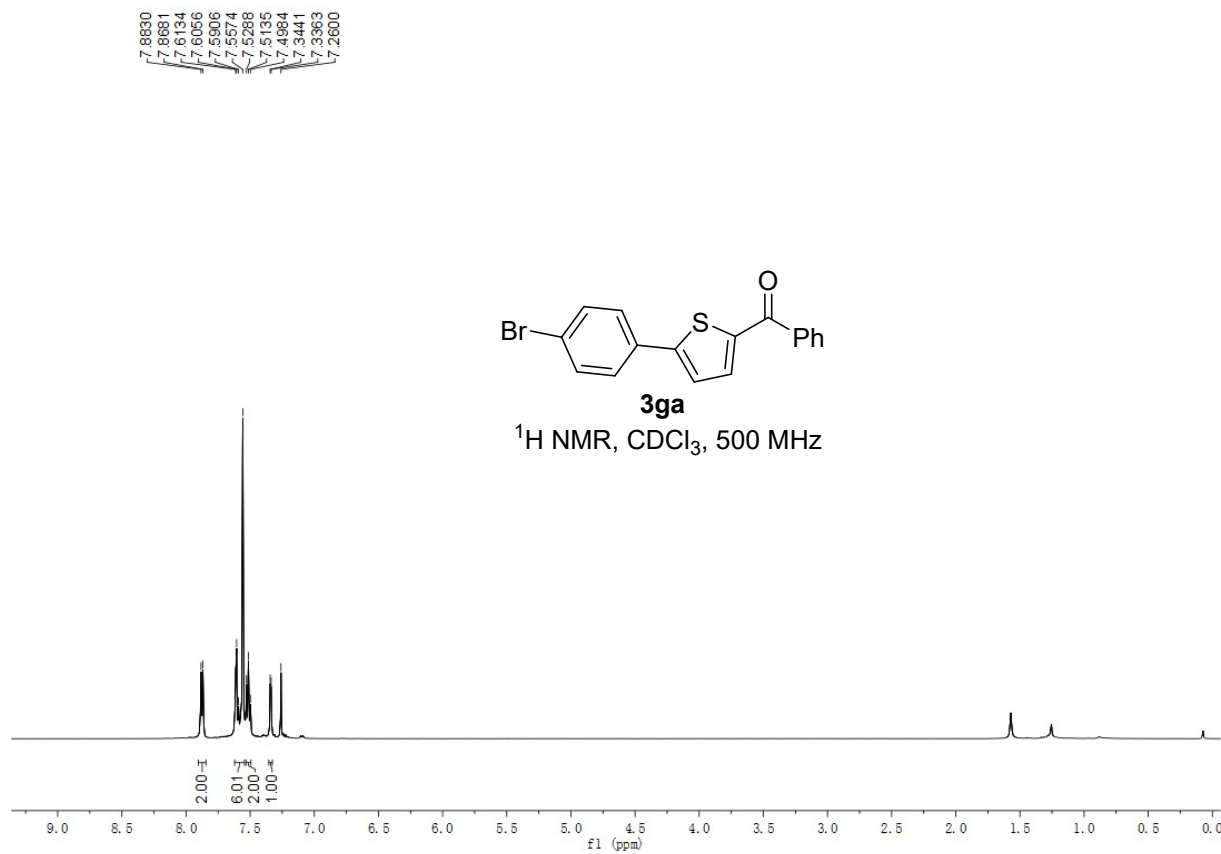
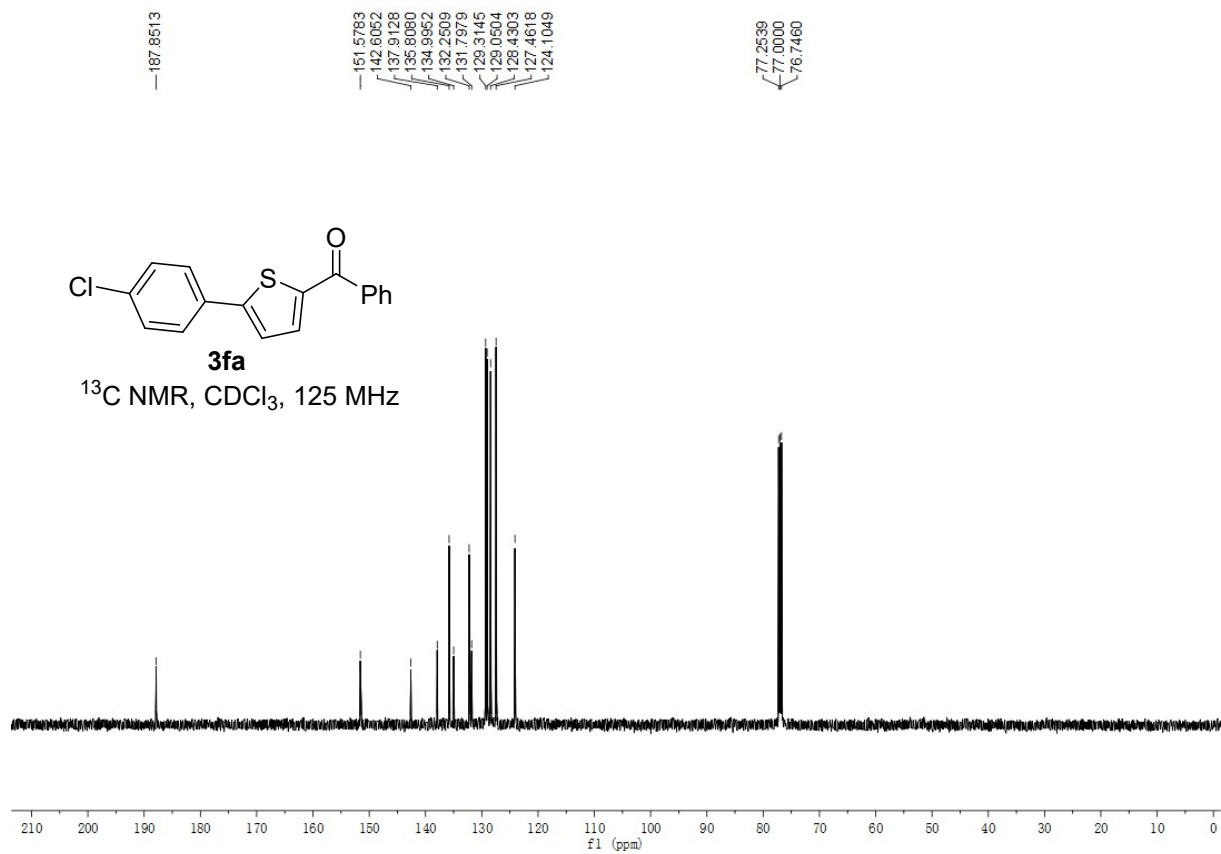
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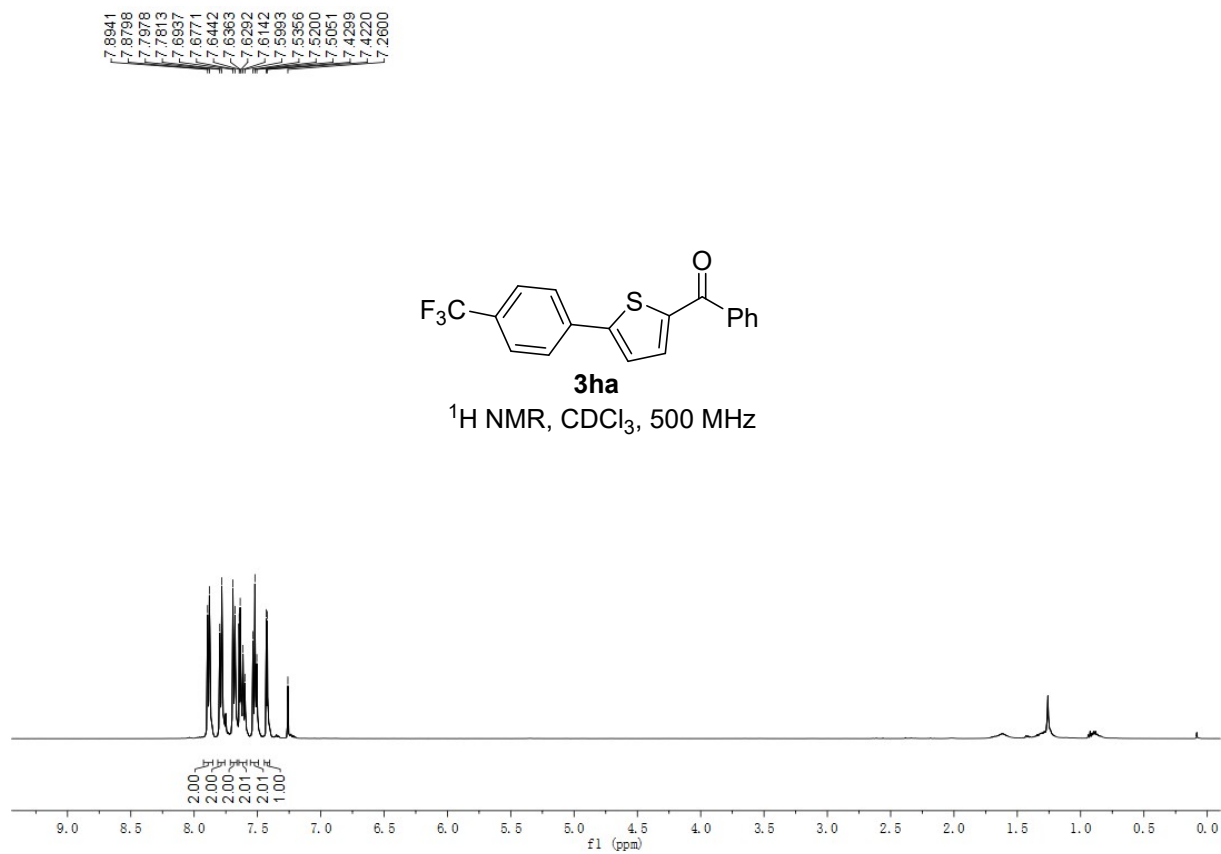
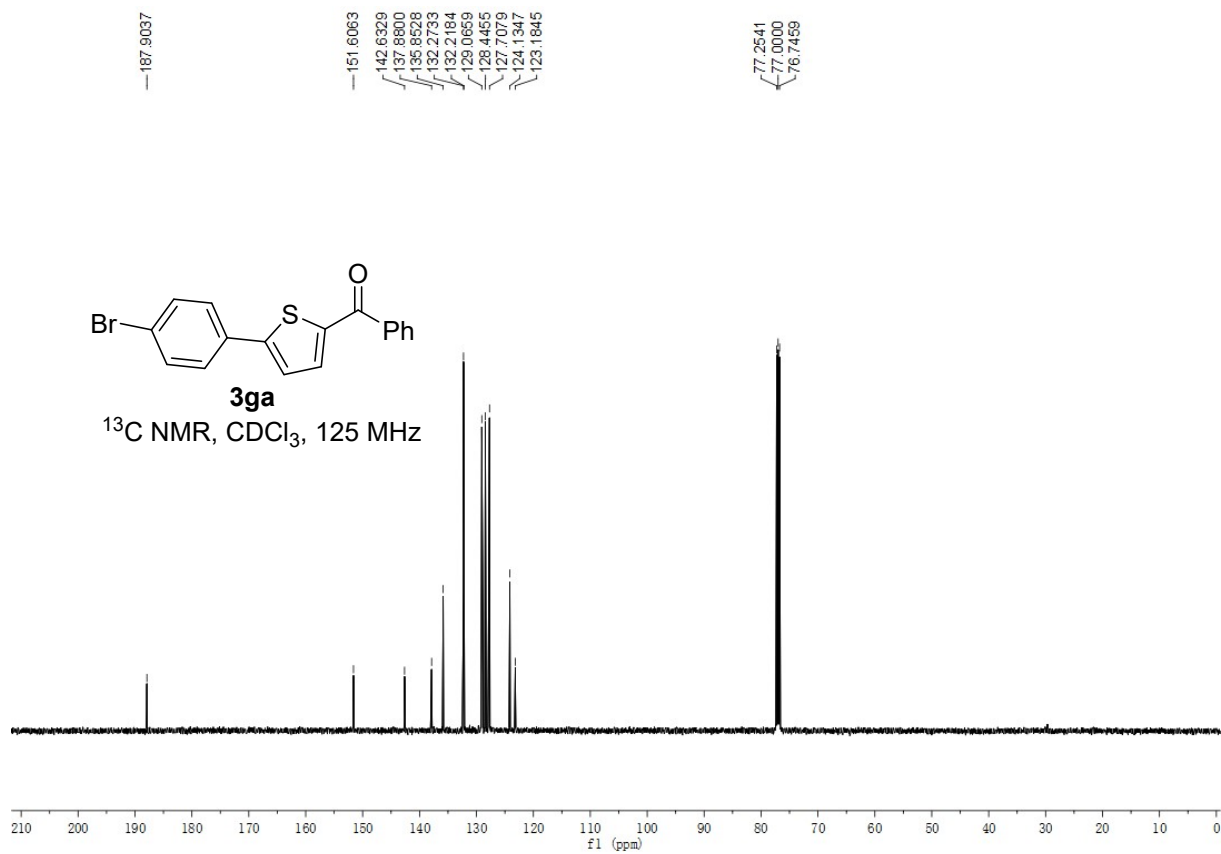
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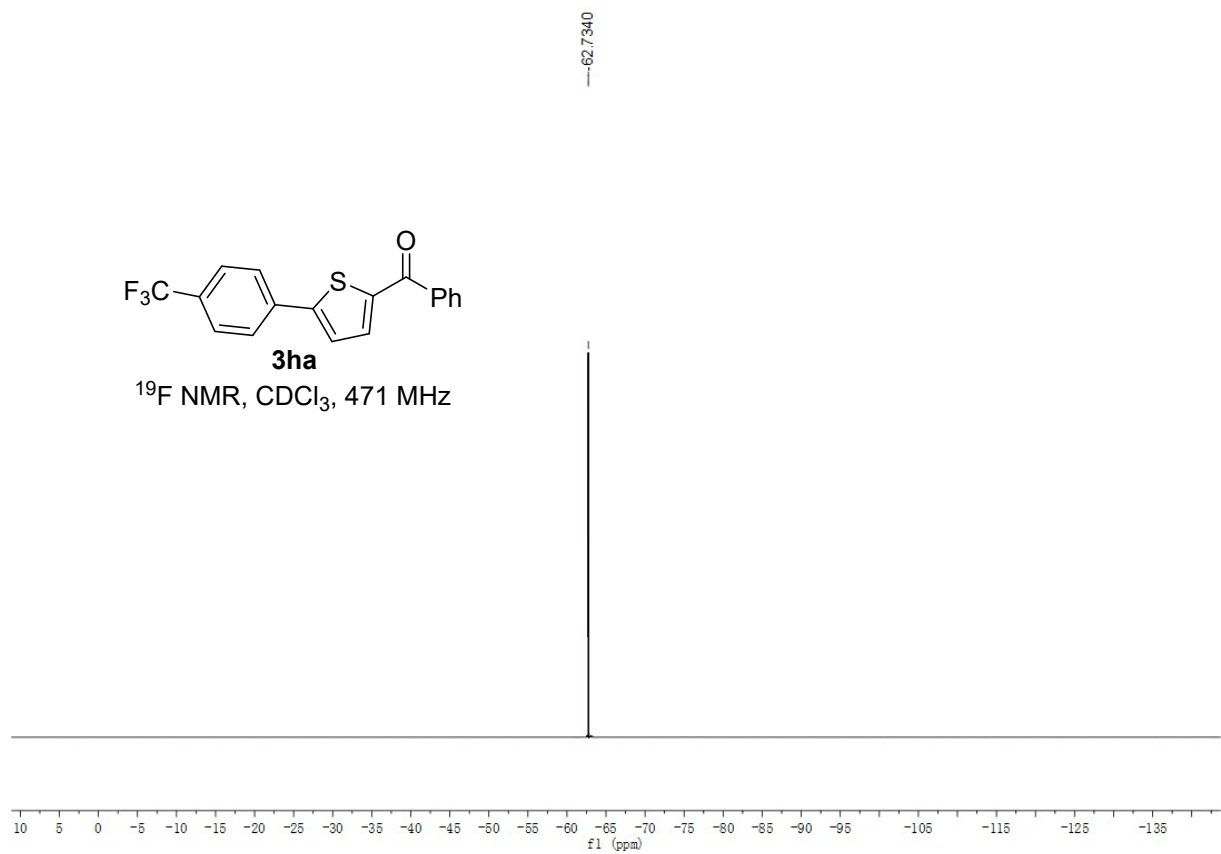
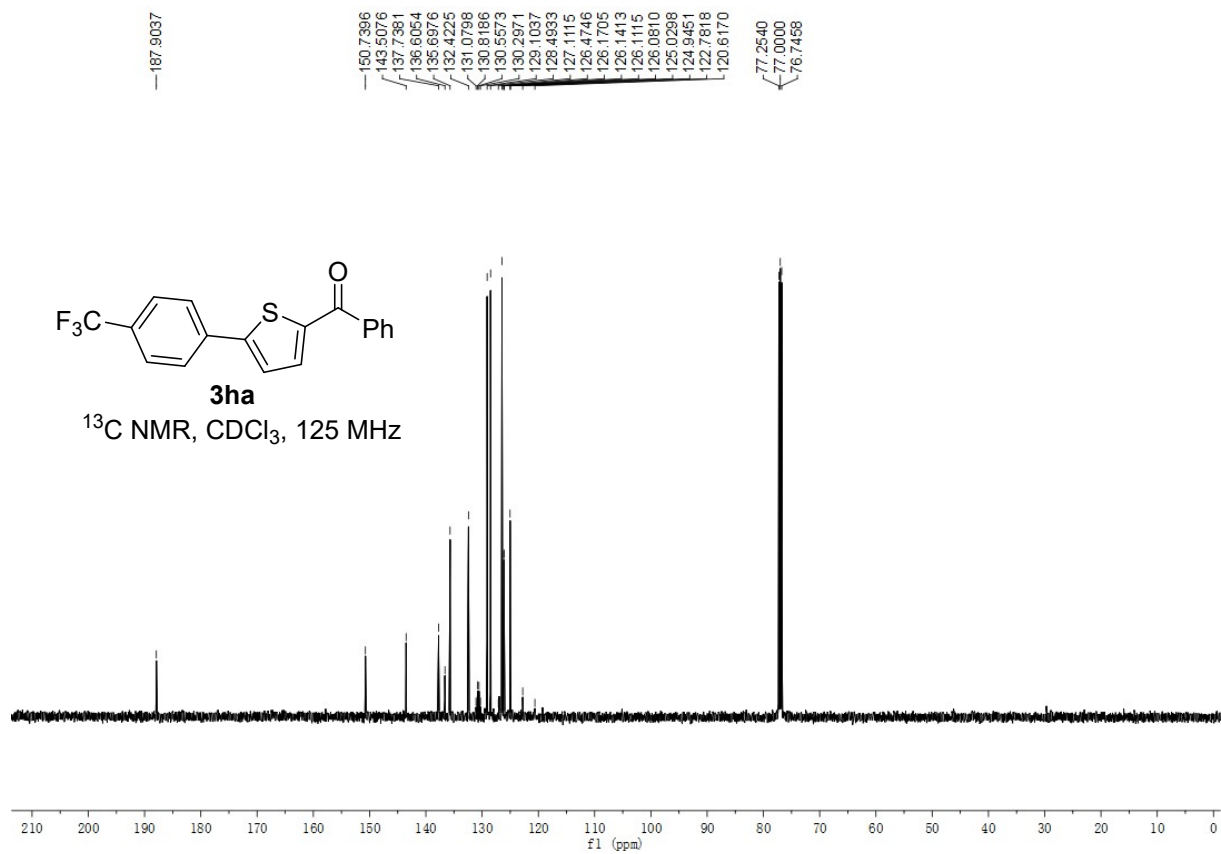


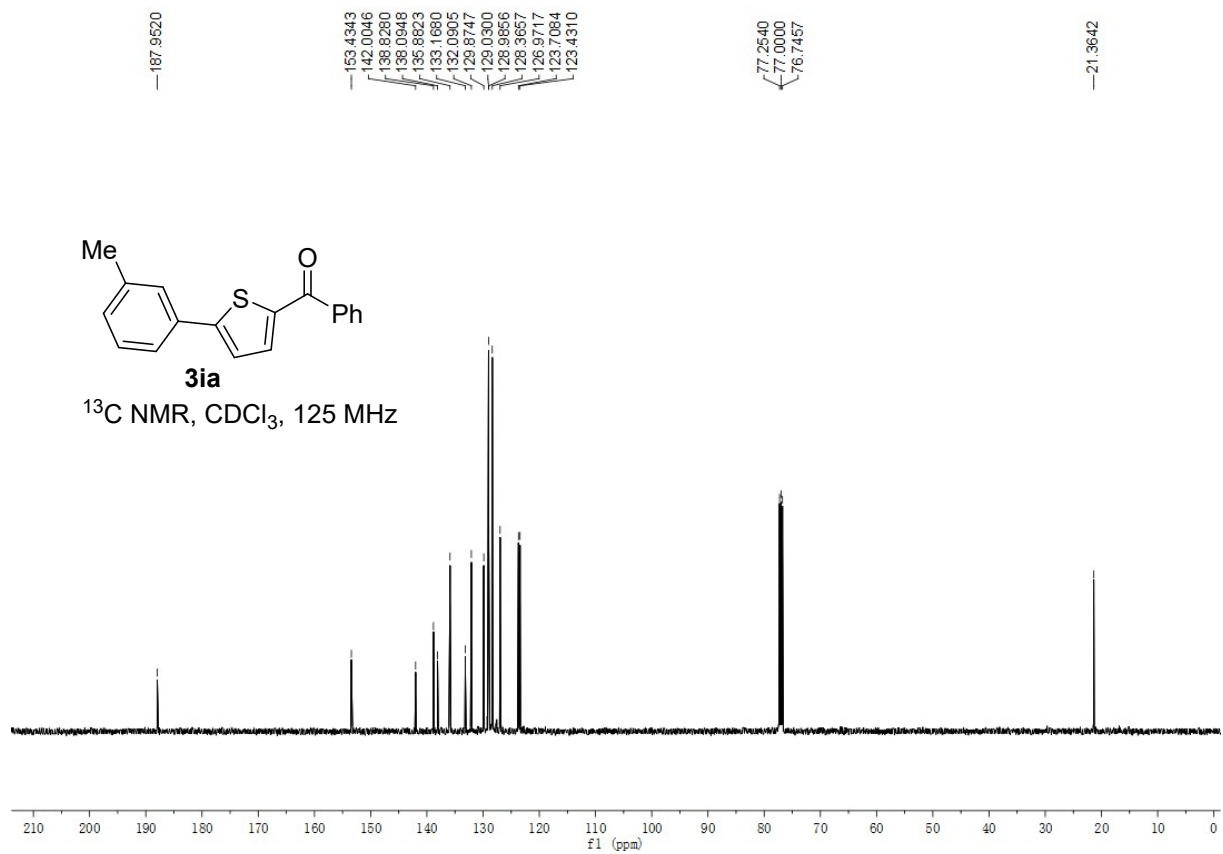
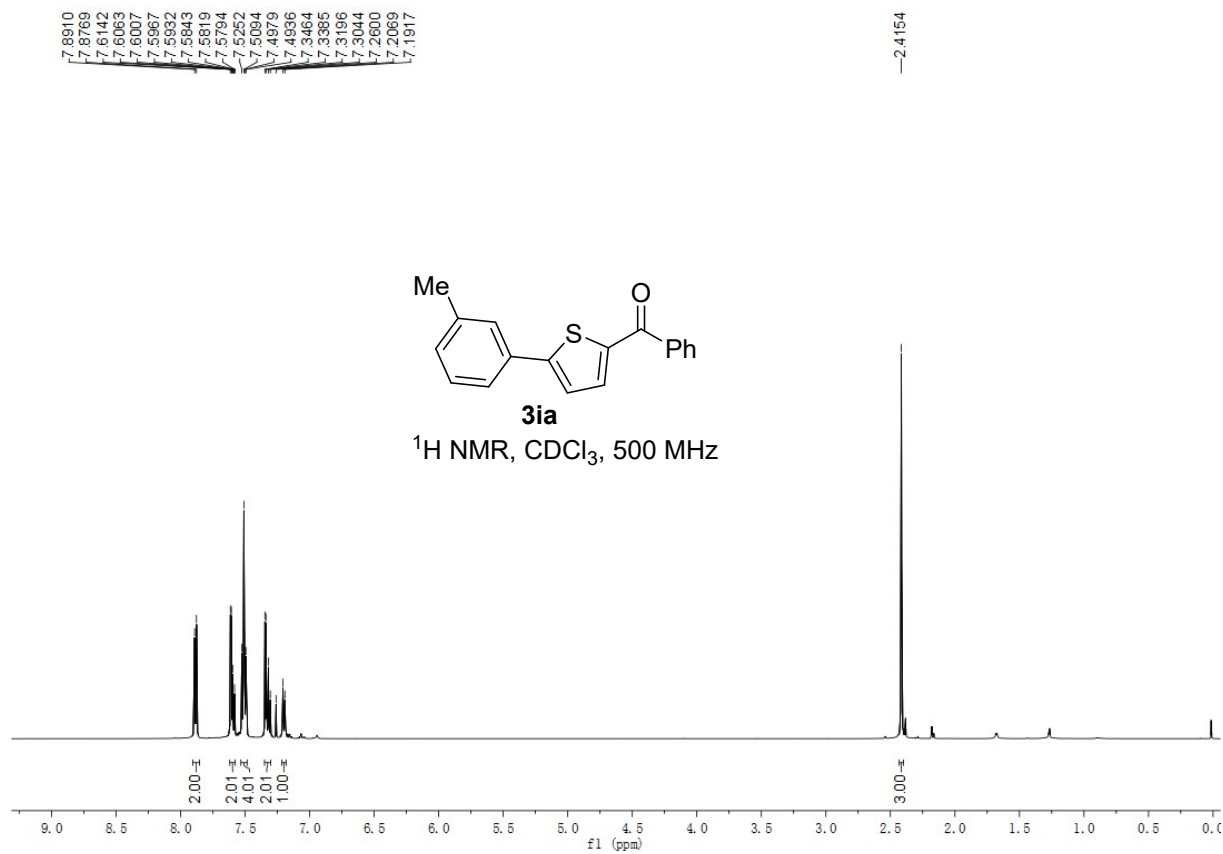




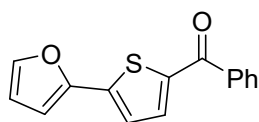






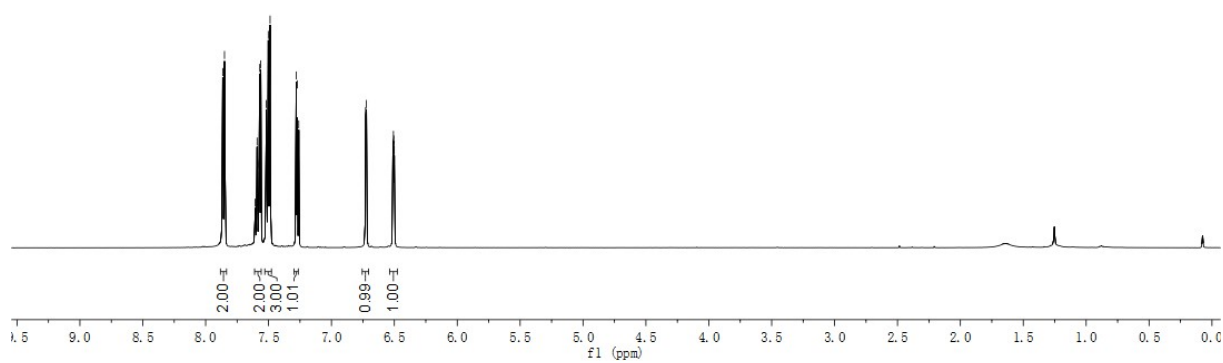


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$^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz

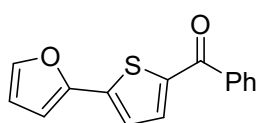


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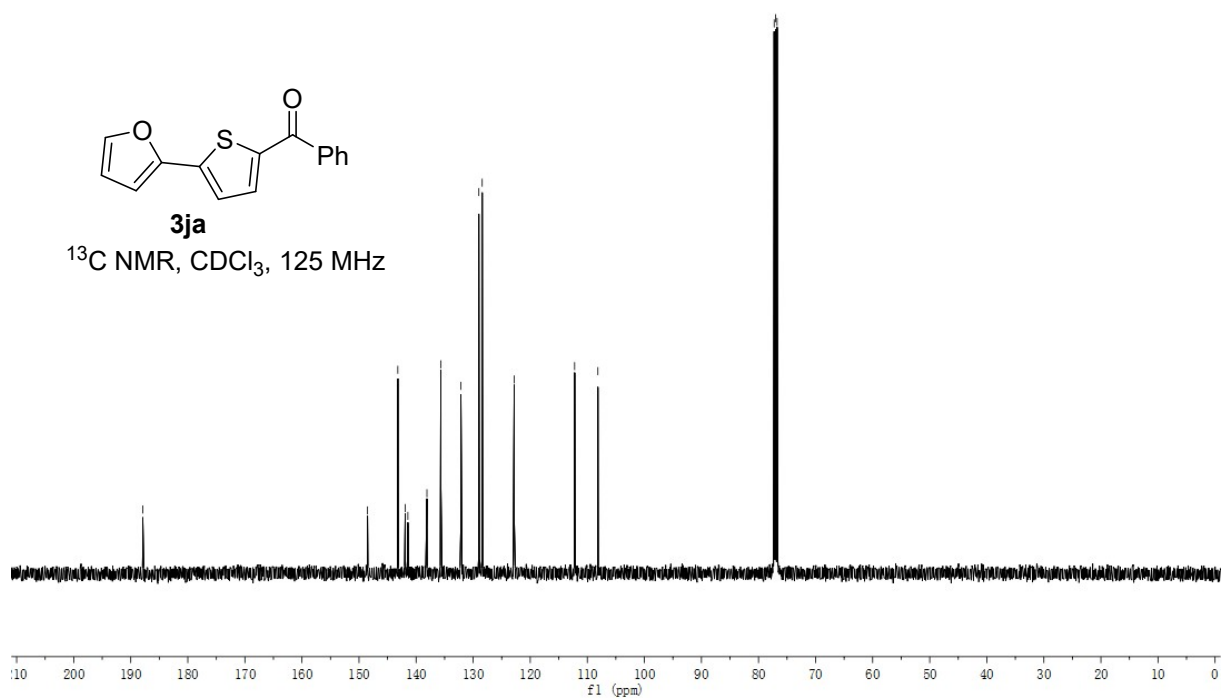
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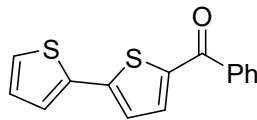


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$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz

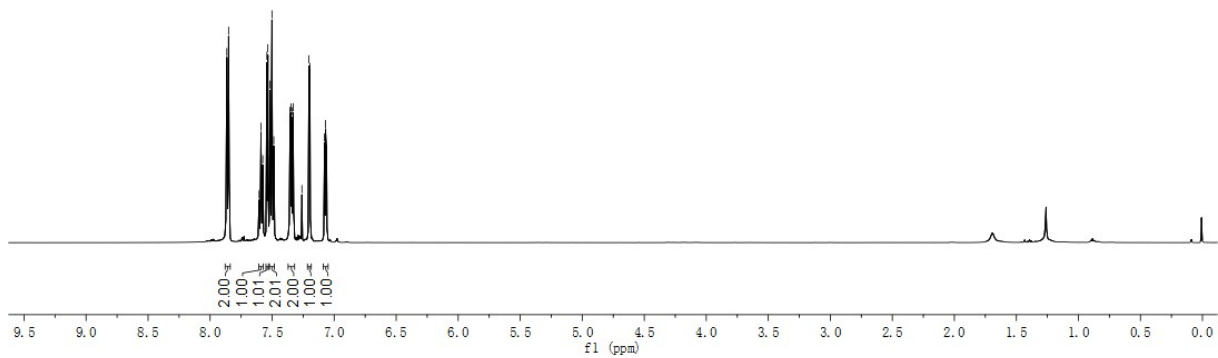


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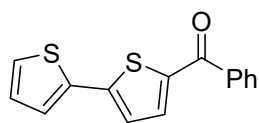
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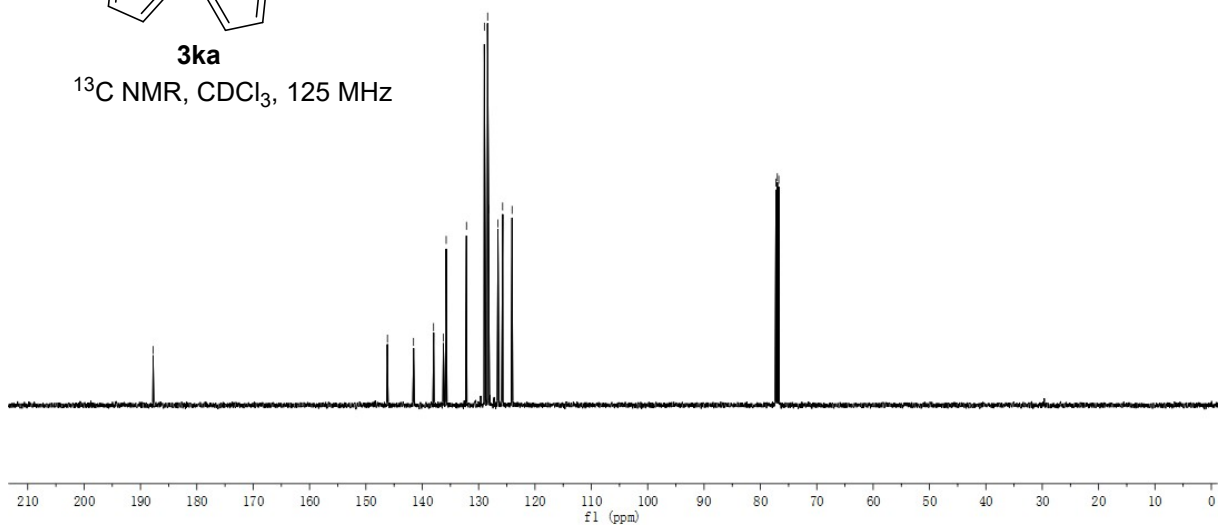
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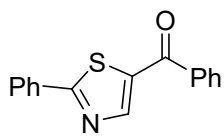


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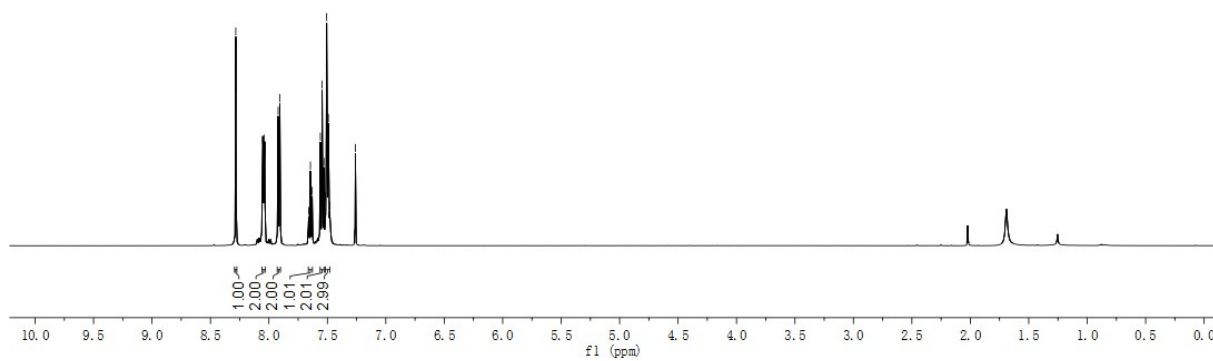


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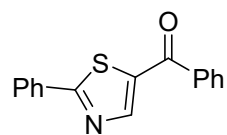


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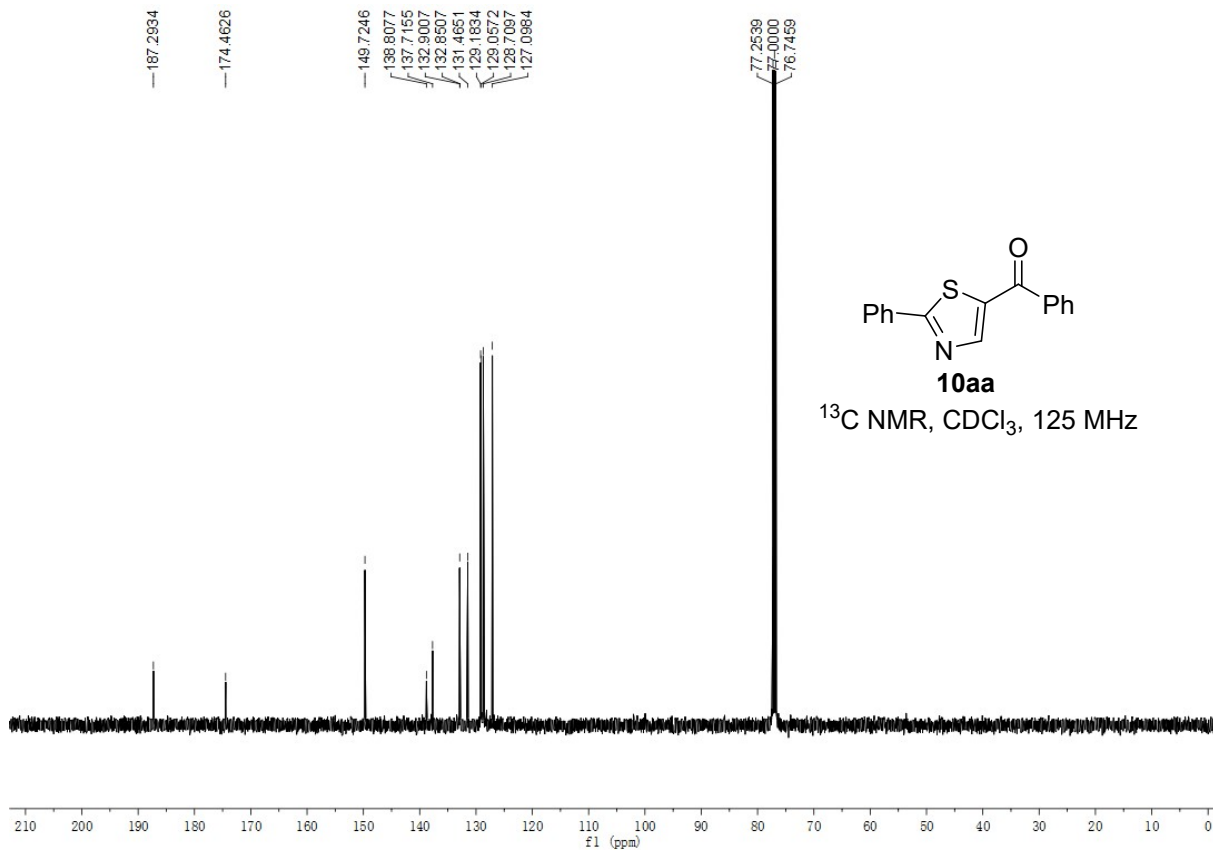


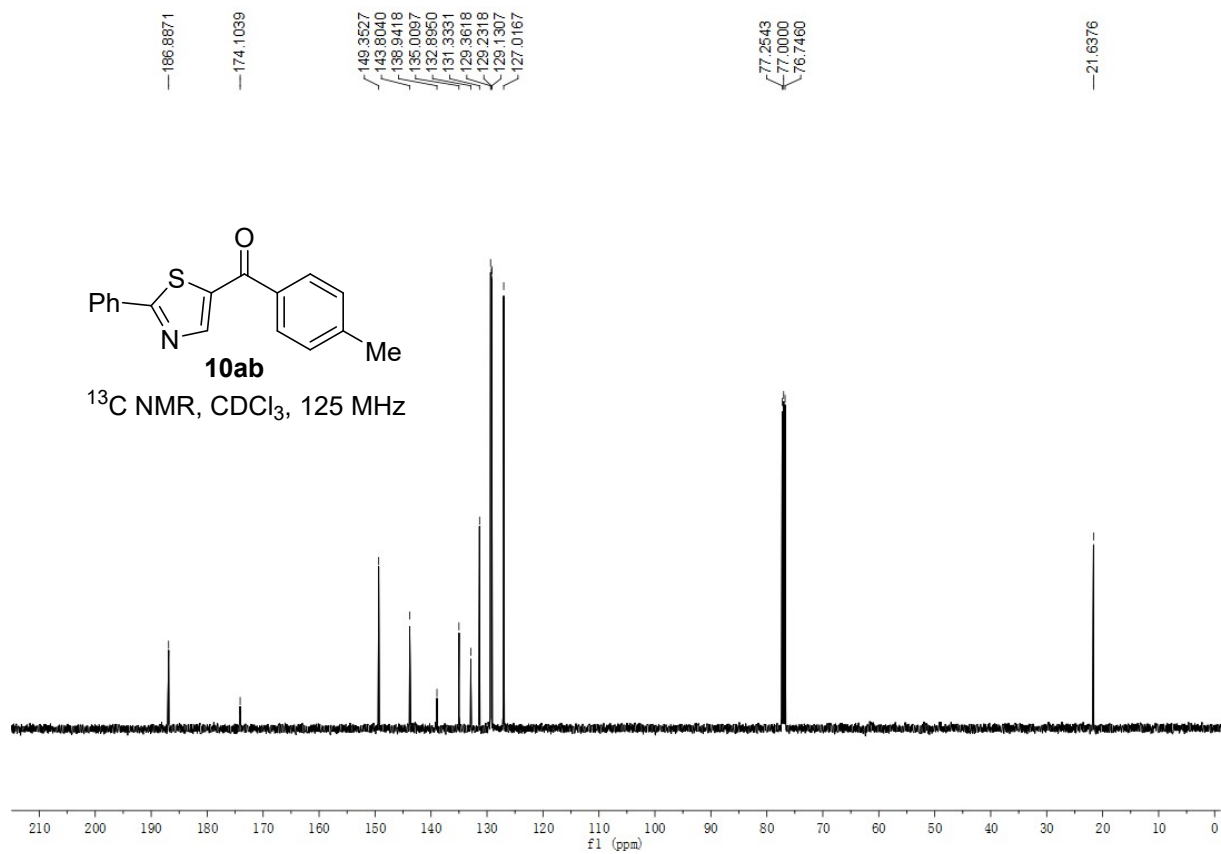
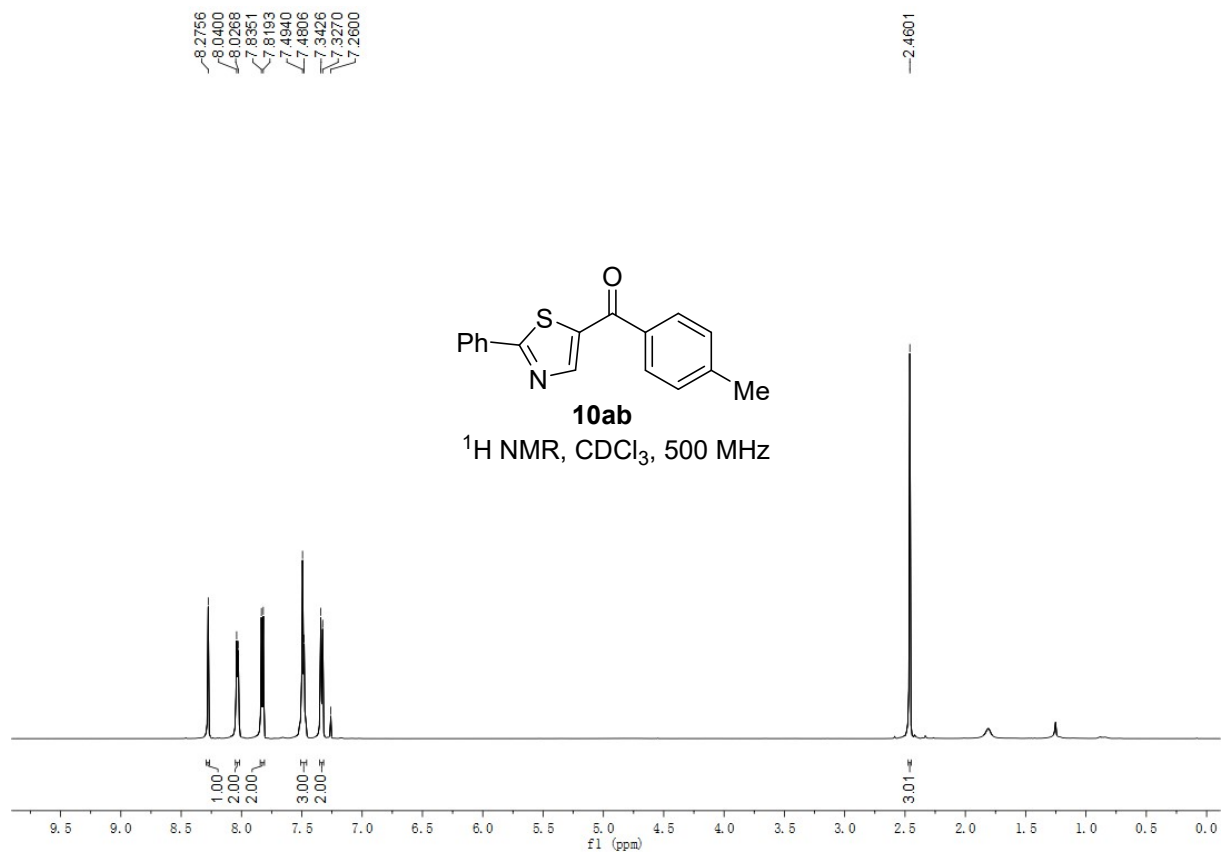
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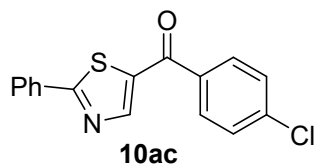
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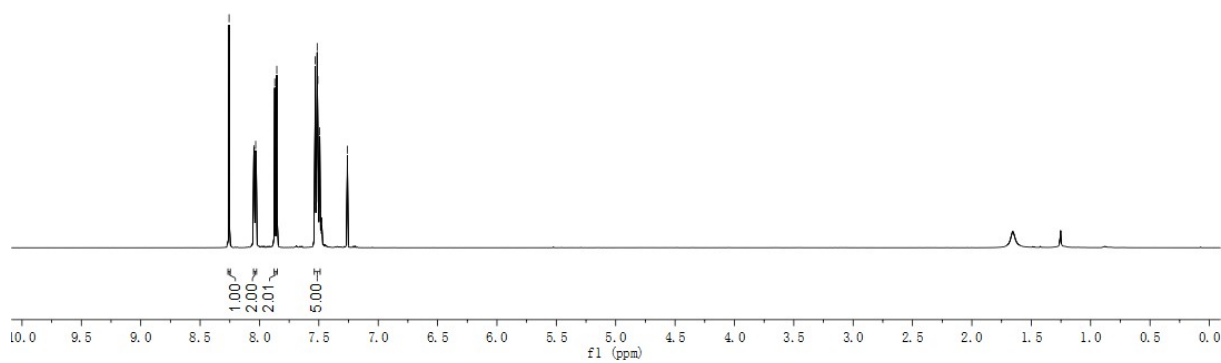




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<sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz



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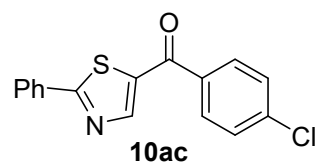
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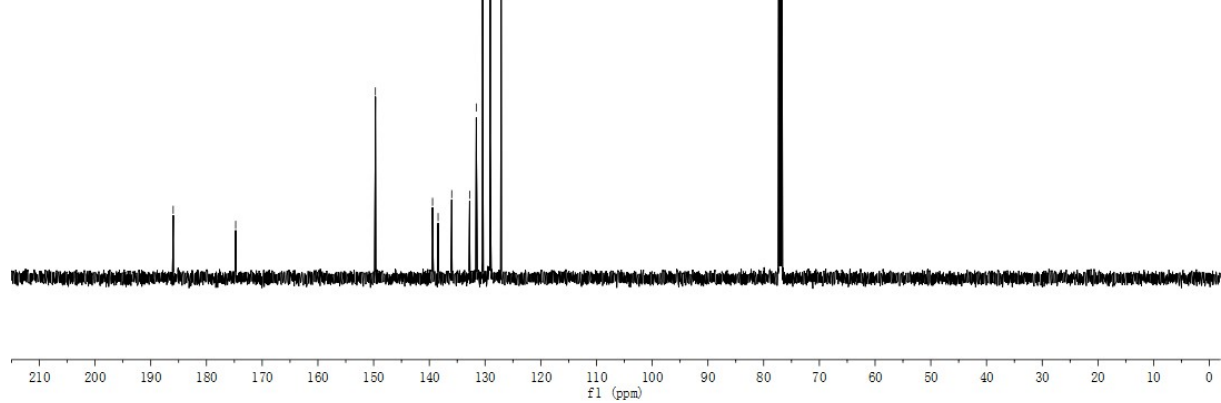
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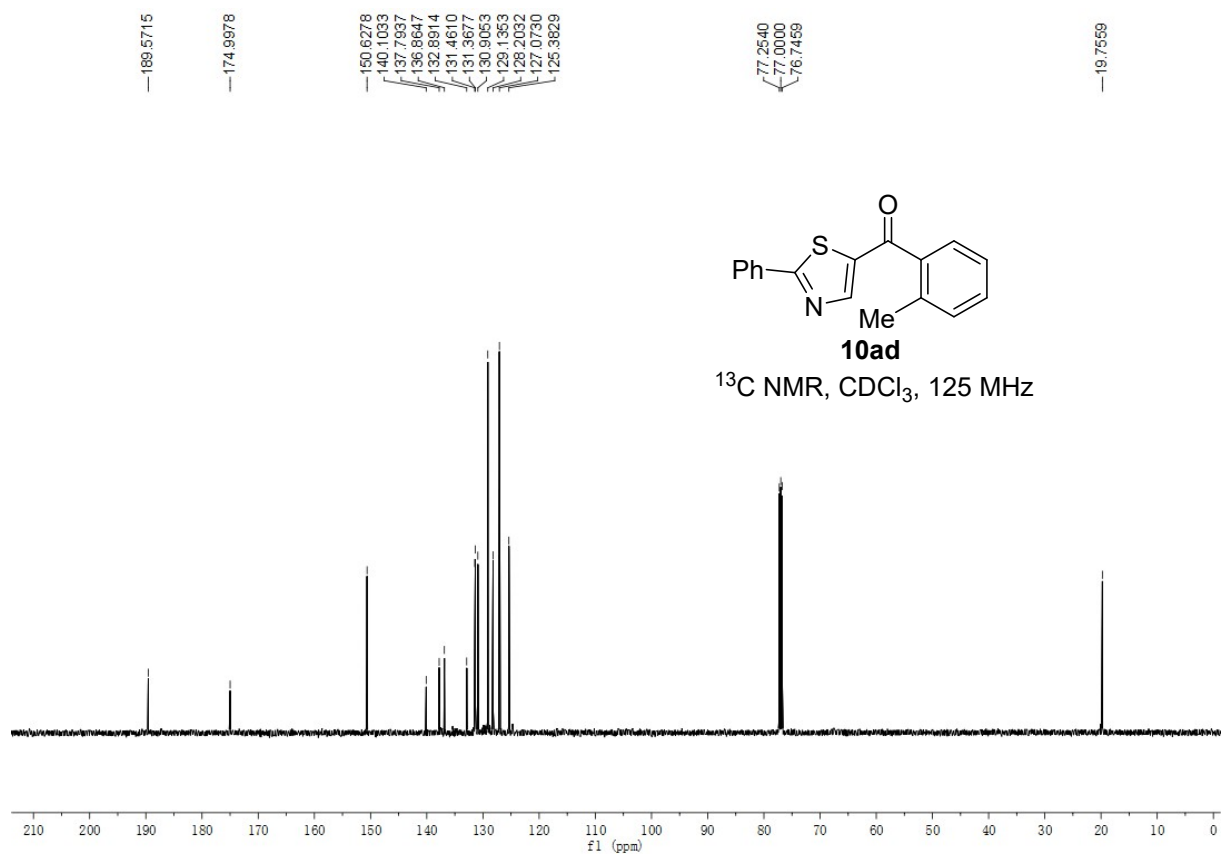
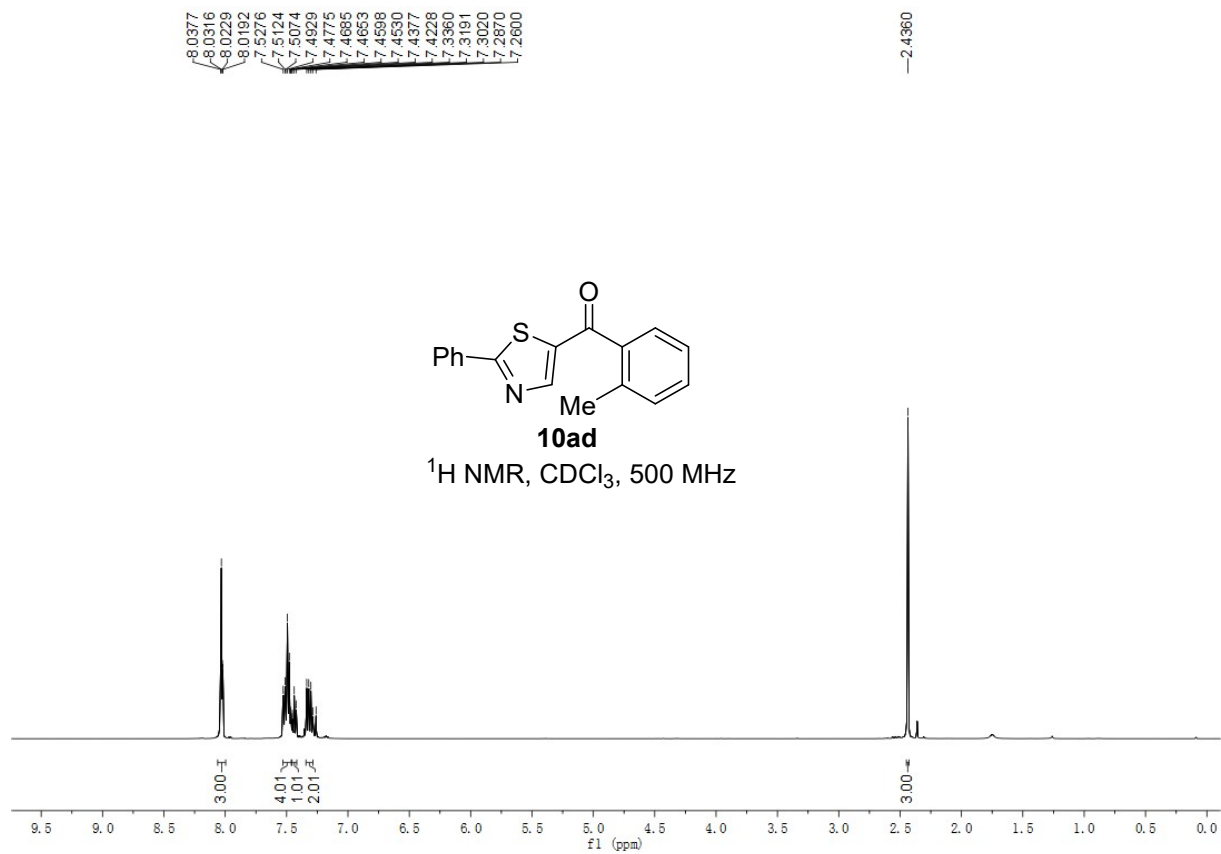
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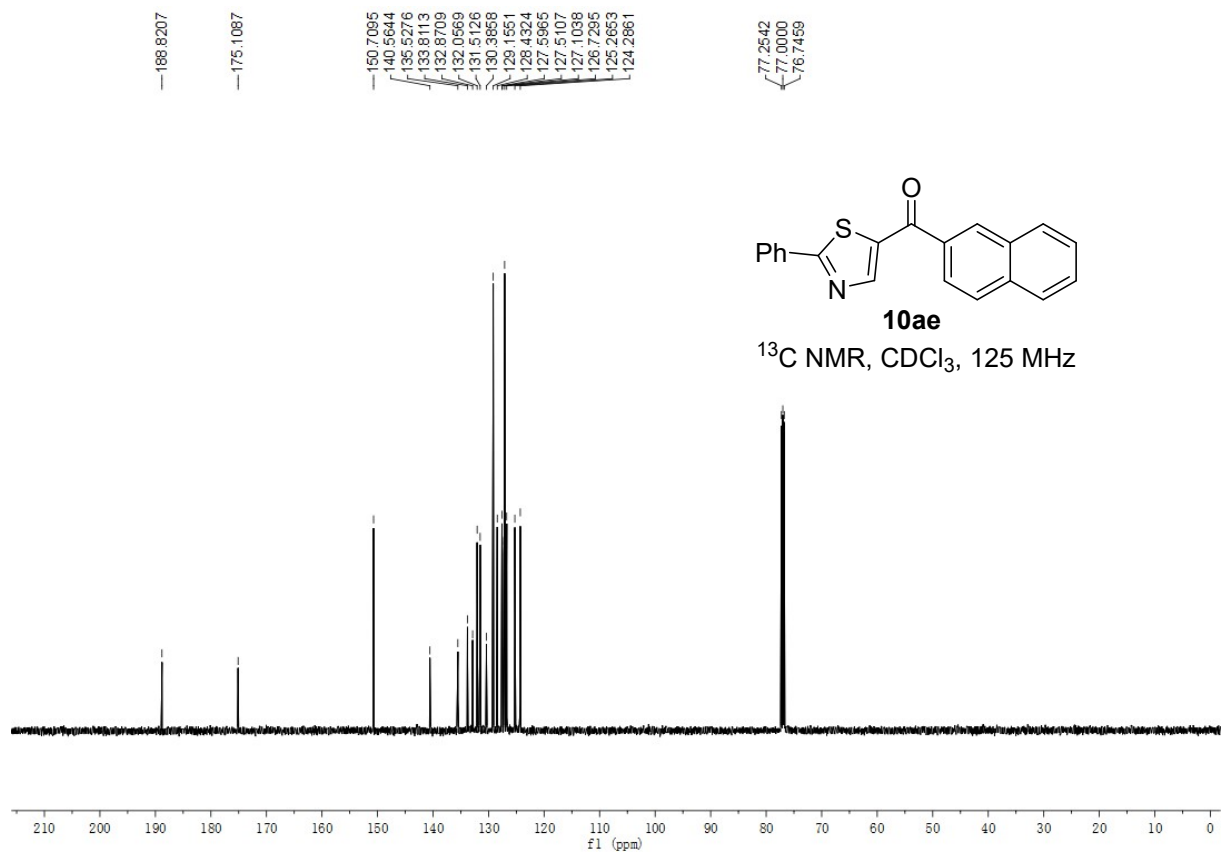
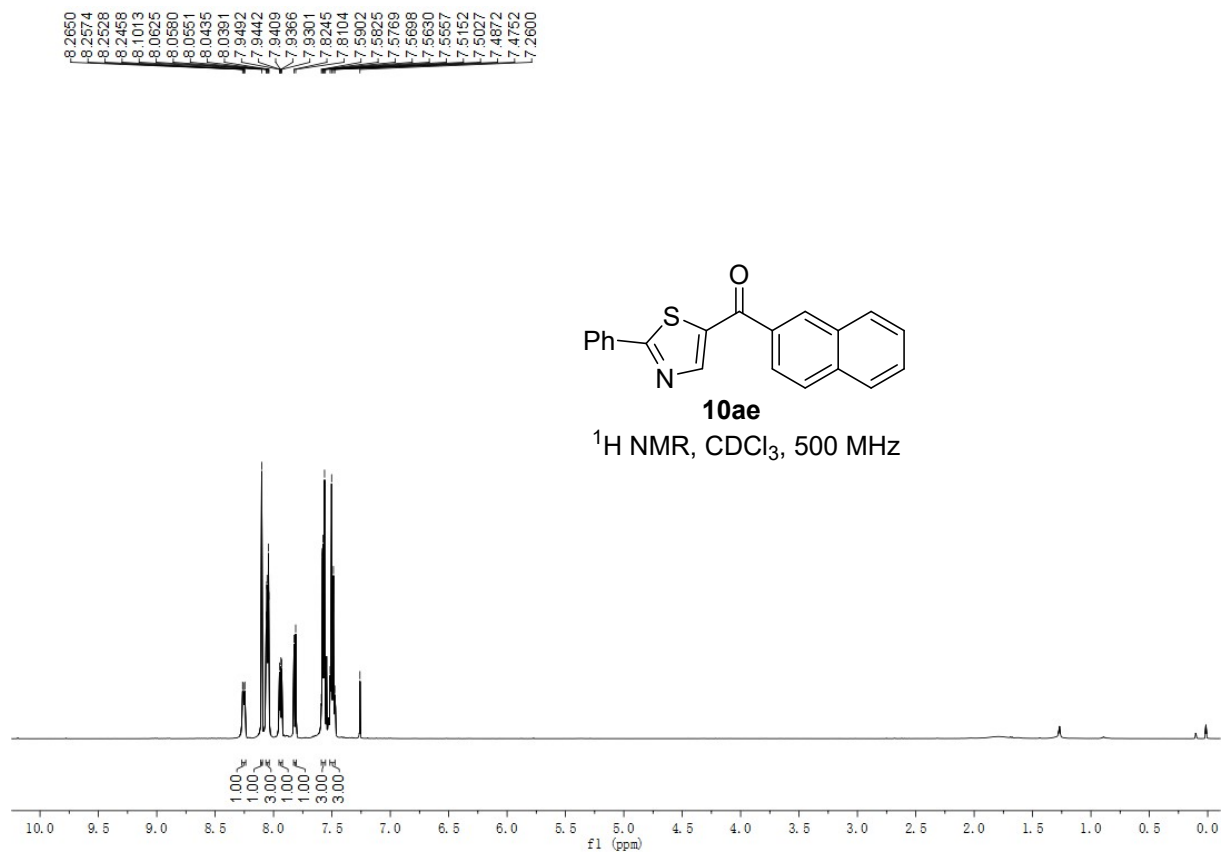
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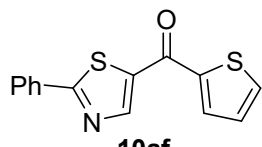
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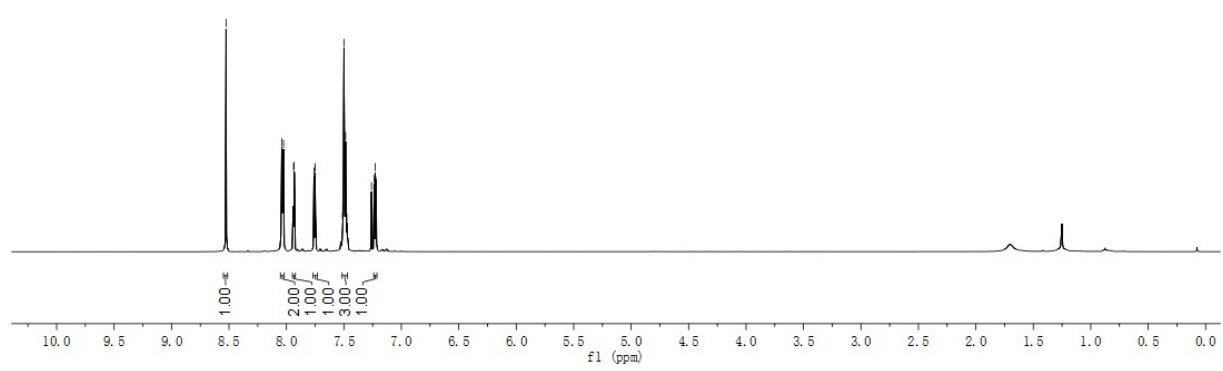




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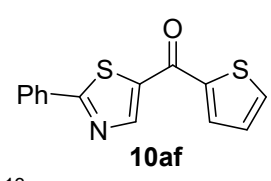
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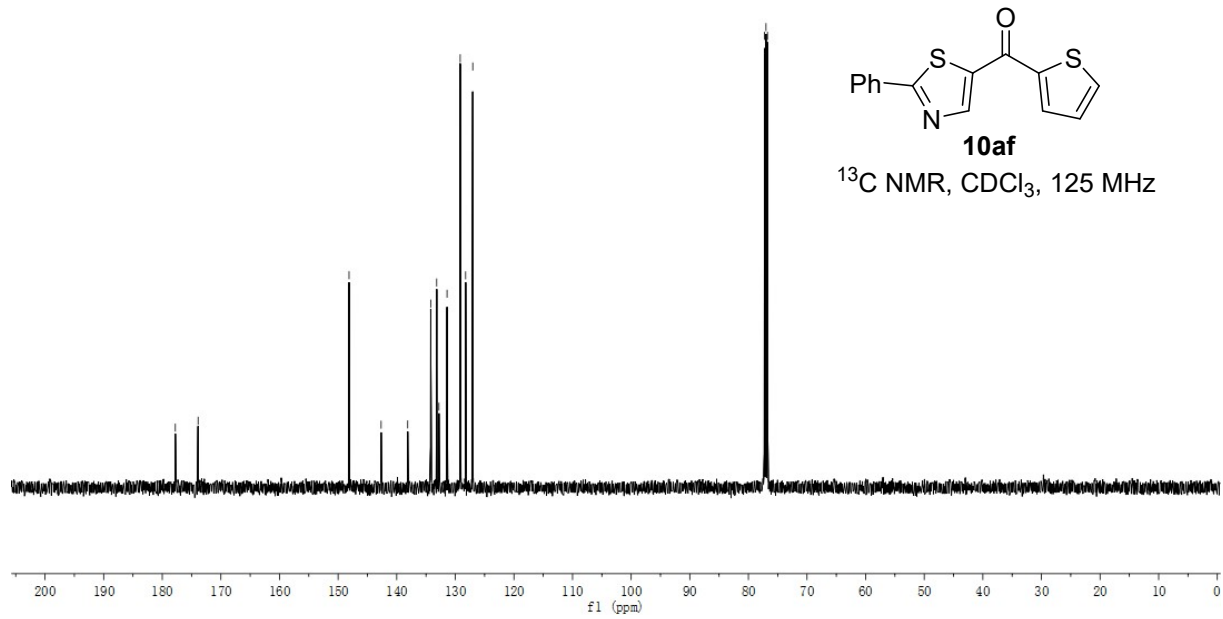
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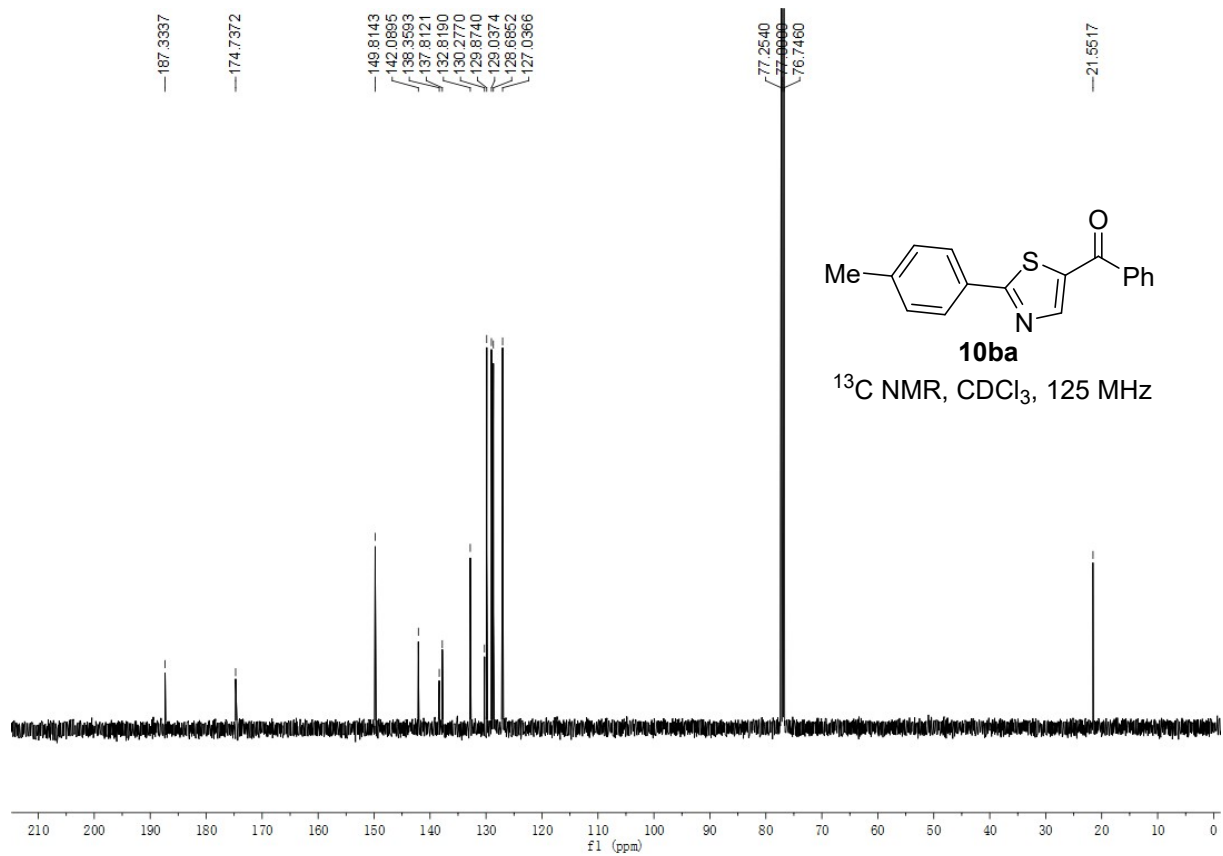
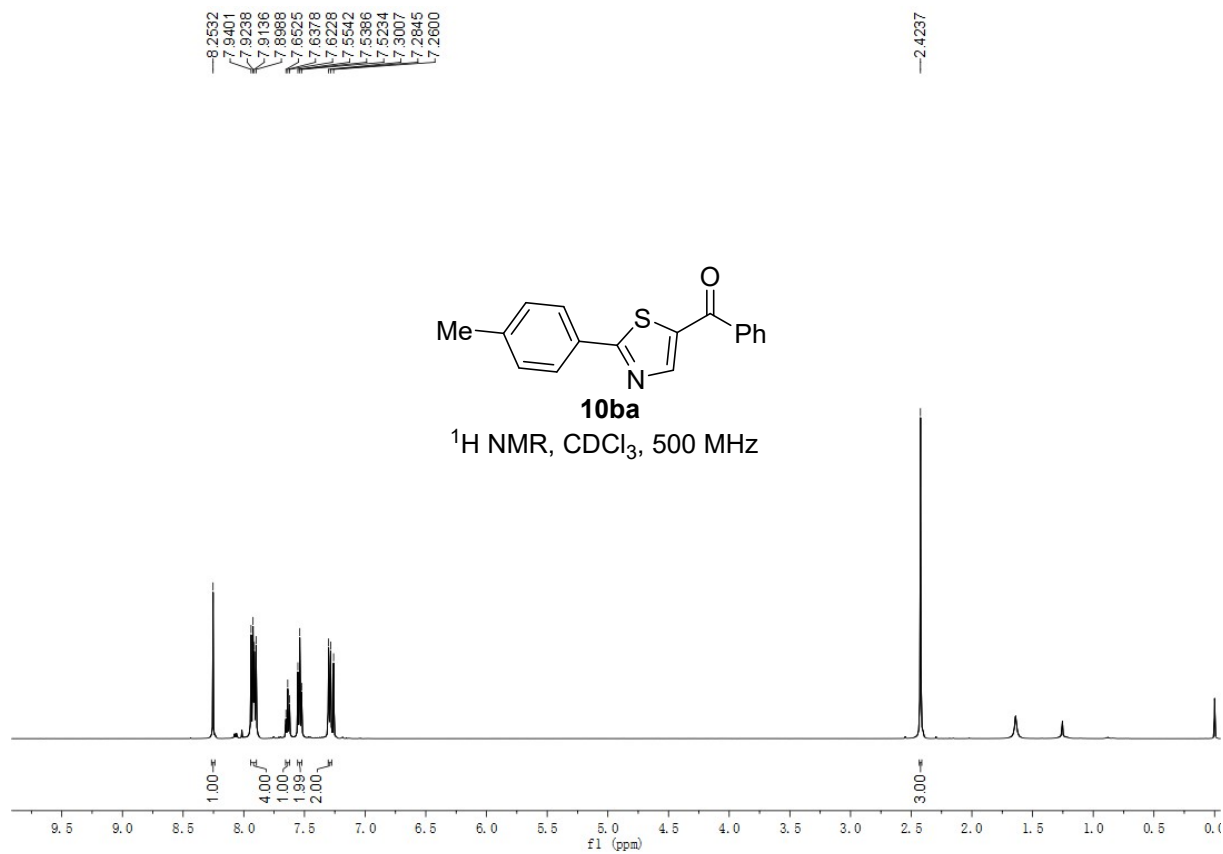
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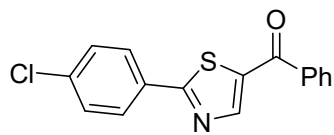


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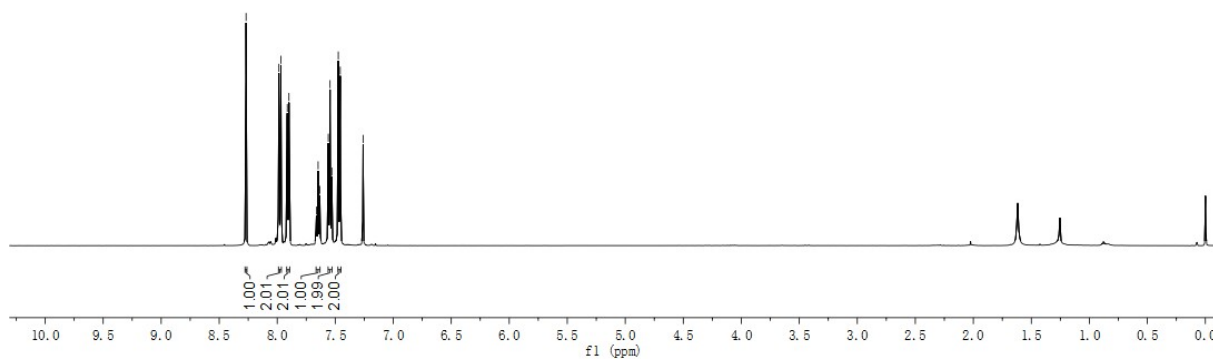


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**10ca**

$^1\text{H NMR}$ ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz



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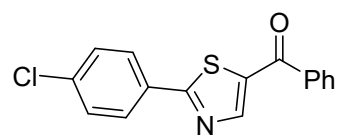
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