

## Supporting Information for:

# TBHP/I<sub>2</sub>-Promoted Oxidative Coupling of Acetophenones and Amines at Room Temperature under Metal-Free and Solvent-Free Conditions for the Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Ketoamides

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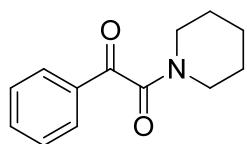
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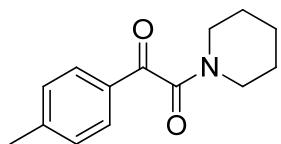
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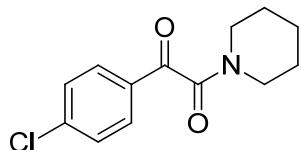
## 1. Characterization data for the products



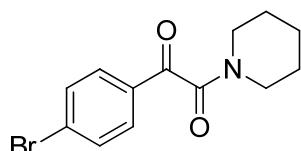
**1-Phenyl-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3a):** Yellowish solid.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (br, s, 4H), 1.55 (br, s 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 191.86, 165.34, 134.61, 133.04, 129.43, 128.91, 46.93, 42.04, 26.05, 25.31, 24.21.



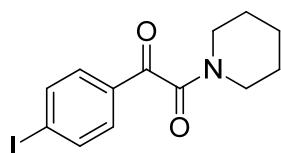
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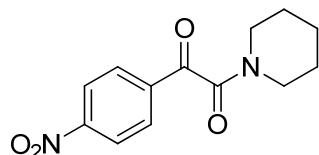
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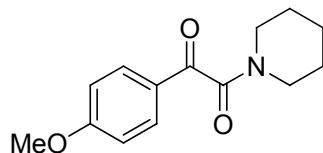
**1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3d):** Yellow oil.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.68–3.65 (m, 2H), 3.25 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.67–1.66 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.51 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 190.61, 164.73, 132.26, 131.93, 130.82, 129.97, 46.91, 42.10, 26.11, 25.31, 24.20.



**1-(4-Iodophenyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3e):** Yellow oil.<sup>[2]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.88–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.62 (m, 2H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.27–3.24 (m, 2H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 4H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 190.97, 164.74, 138.27, 132.45, 130.61, 103.14, 46.93, 42.12, 26.13, 25.33, 24.22.

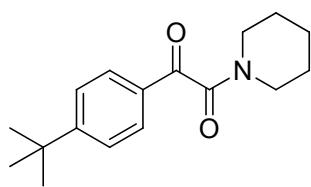


**1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3f):** Yellowish solid.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (br, s, 2H), 3.31 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (br, s, 4H), 1.57 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 189.53, 164.11, 151.05, 137.70, 130.65, 124.12, 47.11, 42.48, 26.30, 25.44, 24.29.

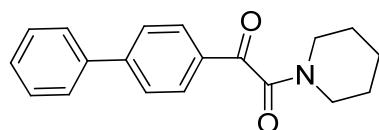


**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3g):** Yellow oil.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 4H), 1.51 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 190.58, 165.66, 164.66, 131.85, 126.18,

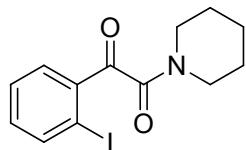
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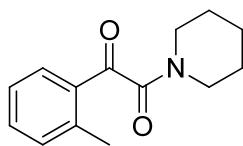
**1-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3h):** Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (br, s, 2H), 3.26 (t,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (br, s, 4H), 1.52 (br, s, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 191.67, 165.67, 158.68, 130.78, 129.54, 125.99, 47.02, 42.09, 35.33, 30.99, 26.23, 25.45, 24.39. HRMS (EI) ( $[\text{M}]^+$ ) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2$ : 273.1728, Found: 273.1729.



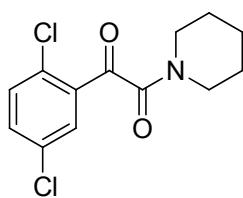
**1-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3i):** Yellow oil.<sup>[1]</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (br, s, 2H), 3.33 (t,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (br, s, 4H), 1.57 (br, s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 191.57, 165.51, 147.37, 139.59, 132.02, 130.18, 129.04, 128.58, 127.66, 127.36, 47.10, 42.20, 26.28, 25.49, 24.42.



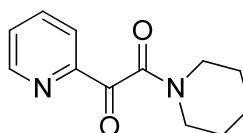
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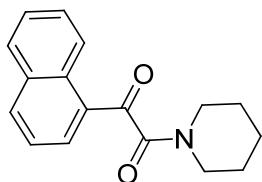
**1-(Piperidin-1-yl)-2-(*o*-tolyl)ethane-1,2-dione (3k):** Yellowish solid.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 3.66 (br, s, 2H), 3.27 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 1.66 (br, s, 4H), 1.53 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 193.88, 166.13, 141.41, 133.61, 132.68, 132.58, 131.63, 126.13, 47.01, 42.11, 26.07, 25.38, 24.38, 21.81.



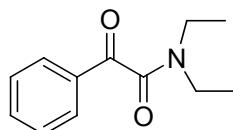
**1-(2,5-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3l):** Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.84 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.70–1.66 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 190.23, 165.18, 134.15, 131.63, 131.01, 130.77, 128.59, 123.06, 46.89, 42.29, 25.58, 25.18, 24.43. HRMS (ESI) ([M]+H) Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 286.0402, Found: 286.0400.



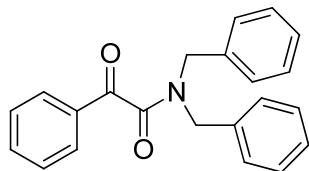
**1-(Piperidin-1-yl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3m):** Yellow oil.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.71 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.48 (m, 1H), 3.68 (br, s, 2H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.67–1.65 (m, 4H), 1.55 (br, s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 192.05, 166.04, 151.17, 149.80, 137.07, 127.86, 122.92, 46.86, 41.95, 25.72, 25.05, 24.32.



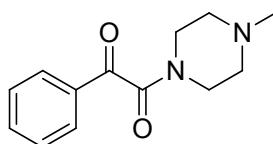
**1-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione (3n):** Yellow oil.<sup>[3]</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 2H), 3.74 (br, s, 2H), 3.35 (t,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (br, s, 4H), 1.54 (br, s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 194.44, 165.97, 135.86, 134.38, 134.07, 130.94, 129.28, 128.74, 128.55, 126.97, 125.86, 124.55, 47.17, 42.24, 26.11, 25.44, 24.40.



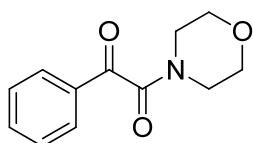
**N,N-Diethyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3o):** Yellow oil.<sup>[4]</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.95–7.93 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.49 (m, 2H), 3.57 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 191.56, 166.69, 134.53, 133.21, 129.58, 128.92, 42.06, 38.75, 14.06, 12.80.



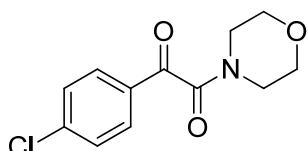
**N,N-Dibenzyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3p):** Yellow oil.<sup>[5]</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.03–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 6H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 4.30 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 191.30, 167.49, 135.94, 134.80, 134.77, 133.34, 129.77, 129.06, 128.93, 128.87, 128.72, 128.27, 128.19, 127.95, 50.12, 46.08.



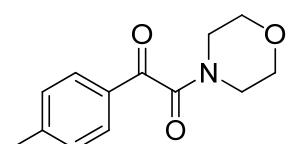
**1-(4-Methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-phenylethane-1,2-dione (3q):** Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 2H), 3.80 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 191.46, 165.38, 134.79, 133.14, 129.63, 129.03, 54.91, 54.45, 45.99, 45.78, 41.16. HRMS (ESI) ( $[\text{M}]+\text{H}$ ) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 233.1290, Found: 233.1285.



**1-Morpholino-2-phenylethane-1,2-dione (3r):** Yellow oil.<sup>[1]</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.95–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.48 (m, 2H), 3.77 (br, s, 4H), 3.63 (t,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (t,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 191.17, 165.43, 134.94, 133.04, 129.64, 129.10, 66.70, 66.62, 46.24, 41.59.

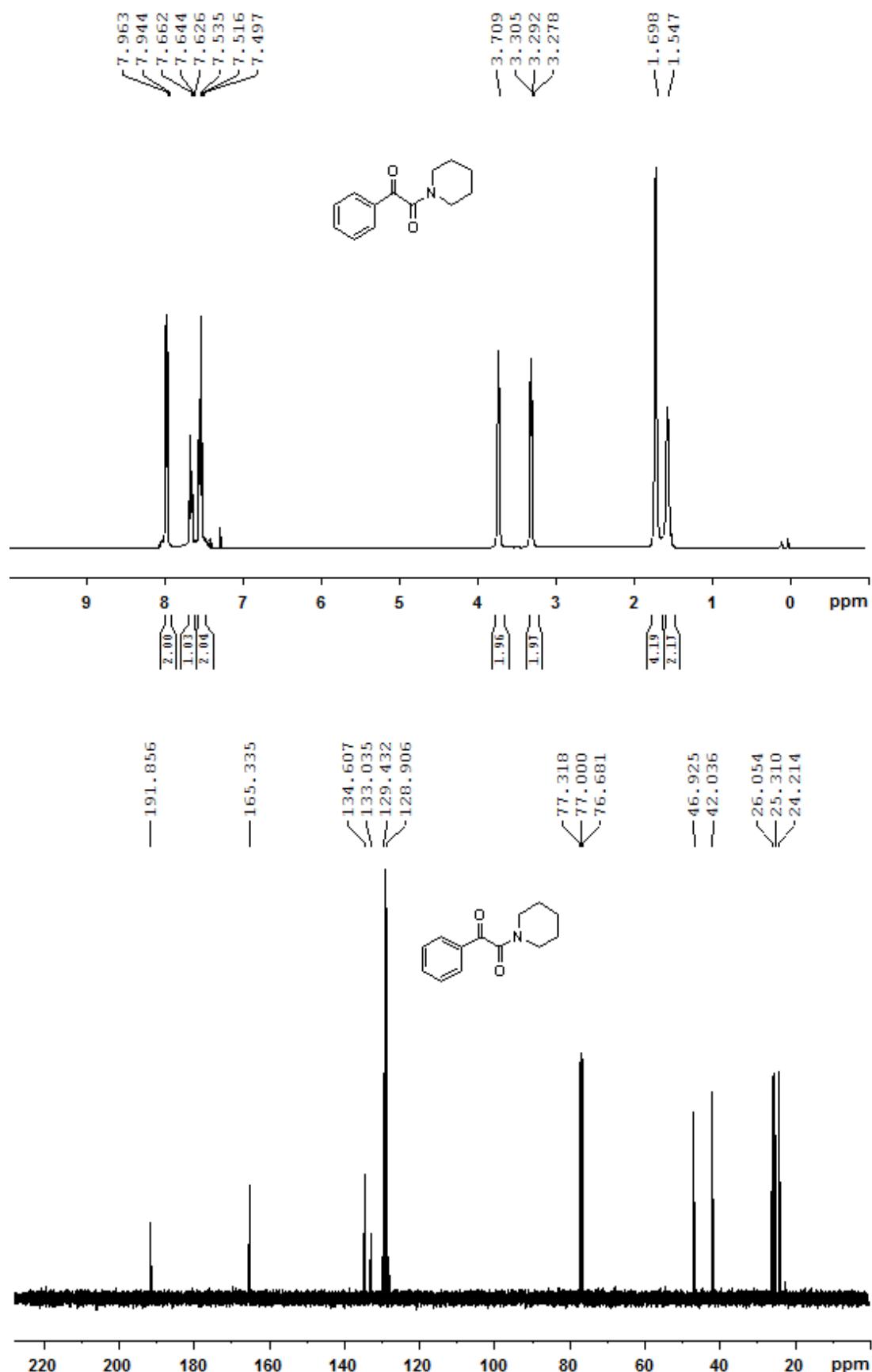


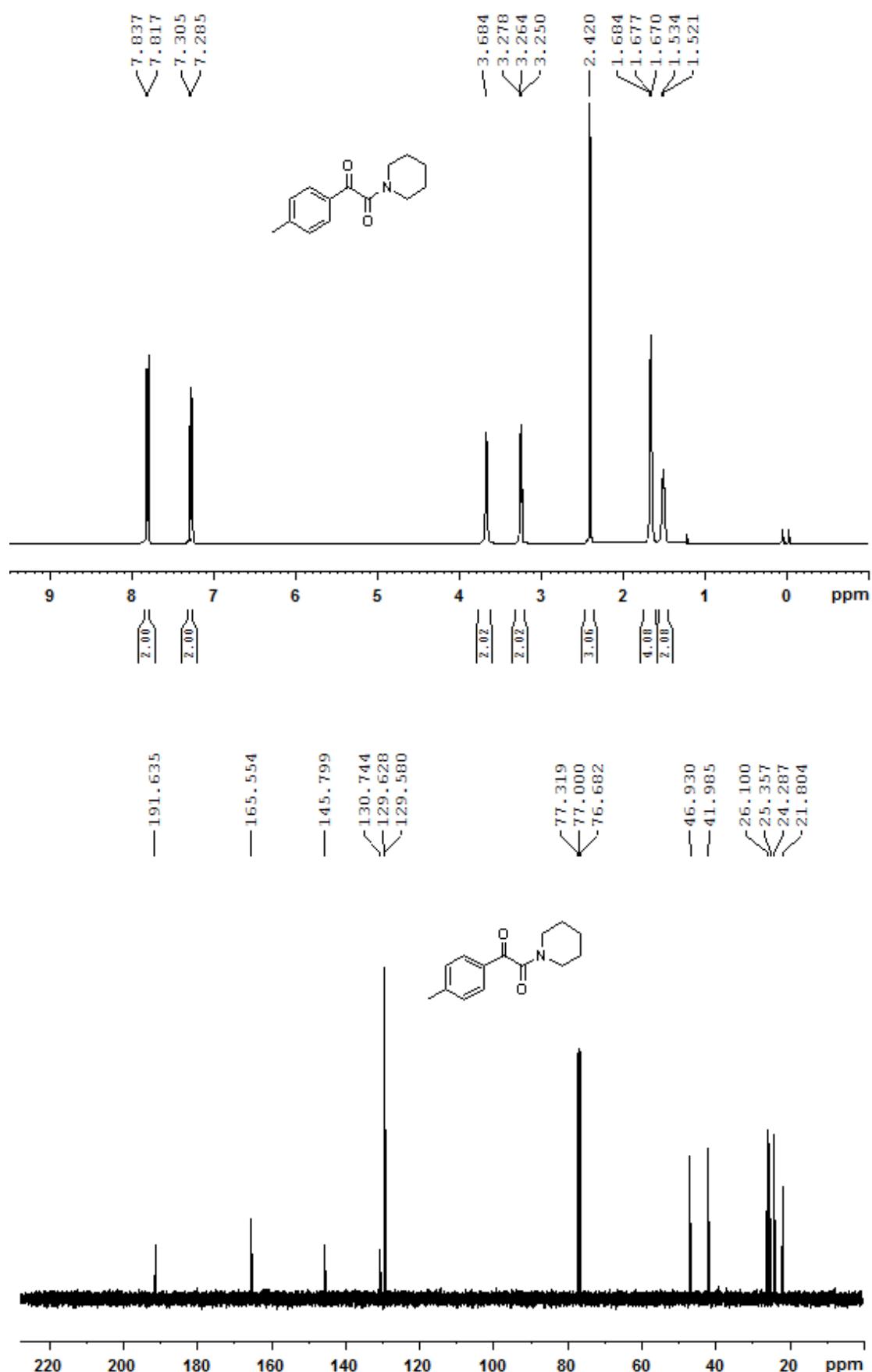
**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-morpholinoethane-1,2-dione (3s):** Yellow oil.<sup>[1]</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.80–3.76 (m, 4H), 3.65 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 189.70, 164.89, 141.59, 131.48, 131.04, 129.50, 66.73, 66.63, 46.28, 41.70.

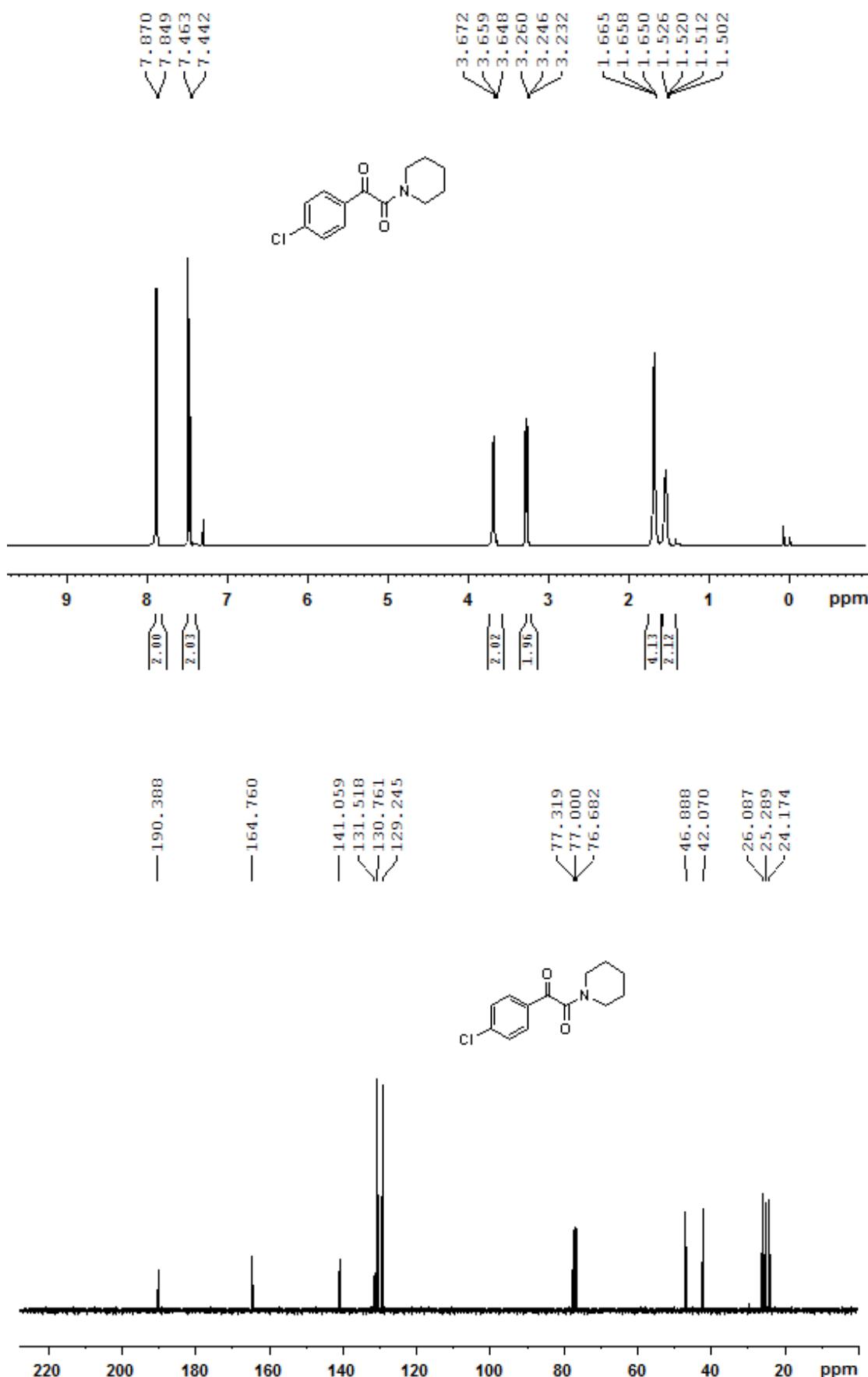


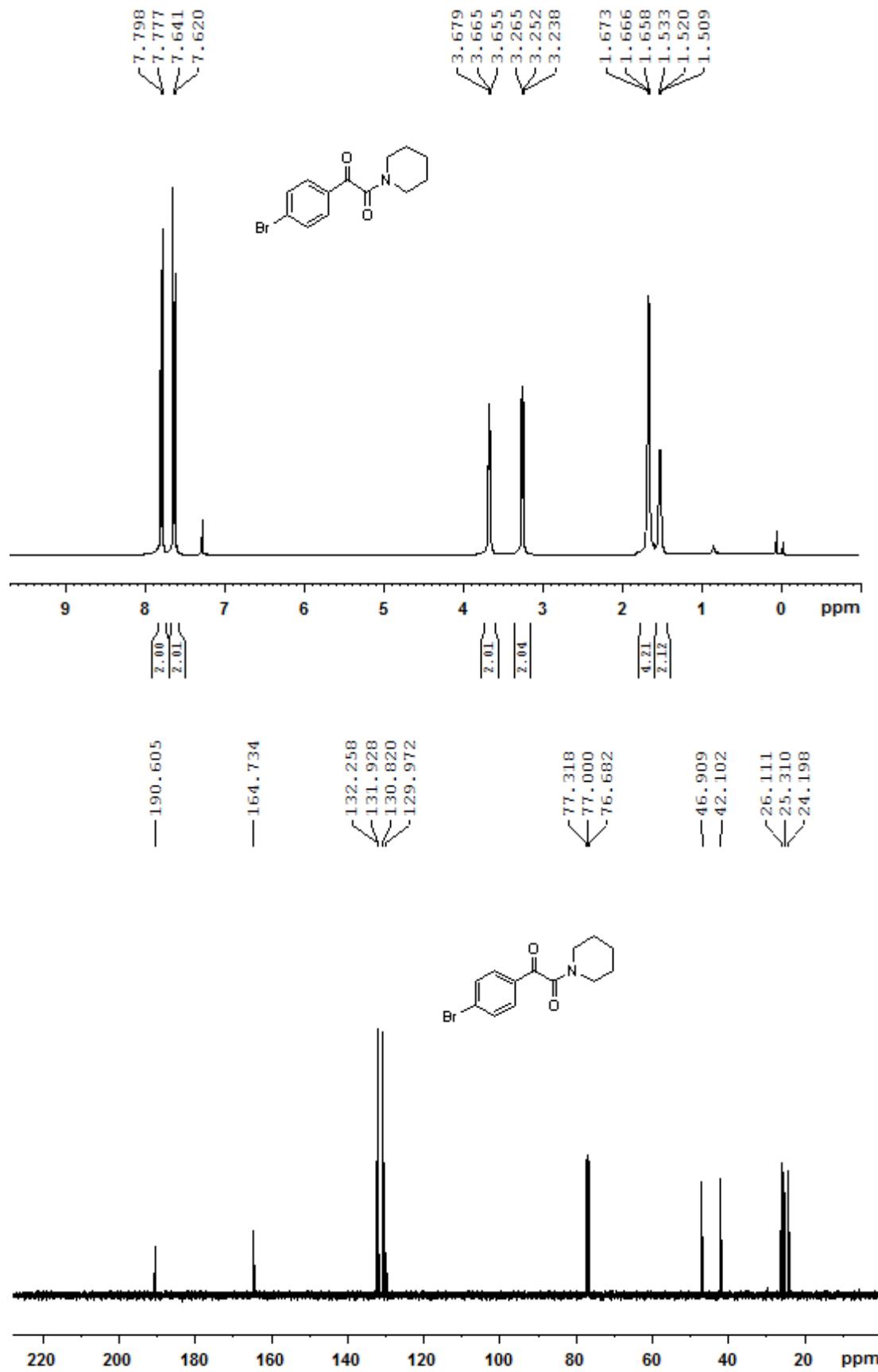
**1-Morpholino-2-(*p*-tolyl)ethane-1,2-dione (3t):** Yellow oil.<sup>[4]</sup>  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (br, s, 4H), 3.64 (t,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (t,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 190.90, 165.67, 146.28, 130.66, 129.83, 129.79, 66.75, 66.68, 46.27, 41.57, 21.92.

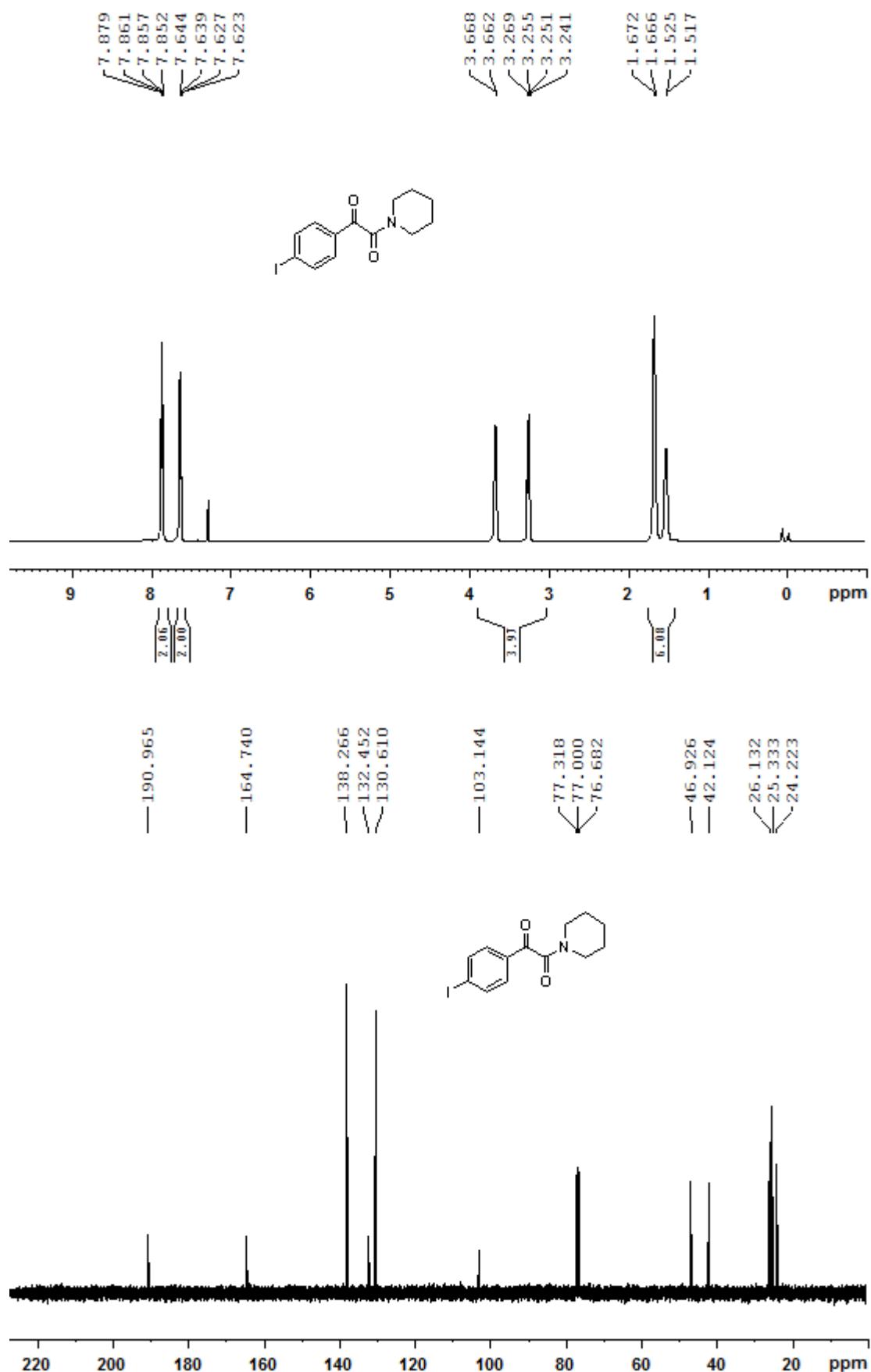
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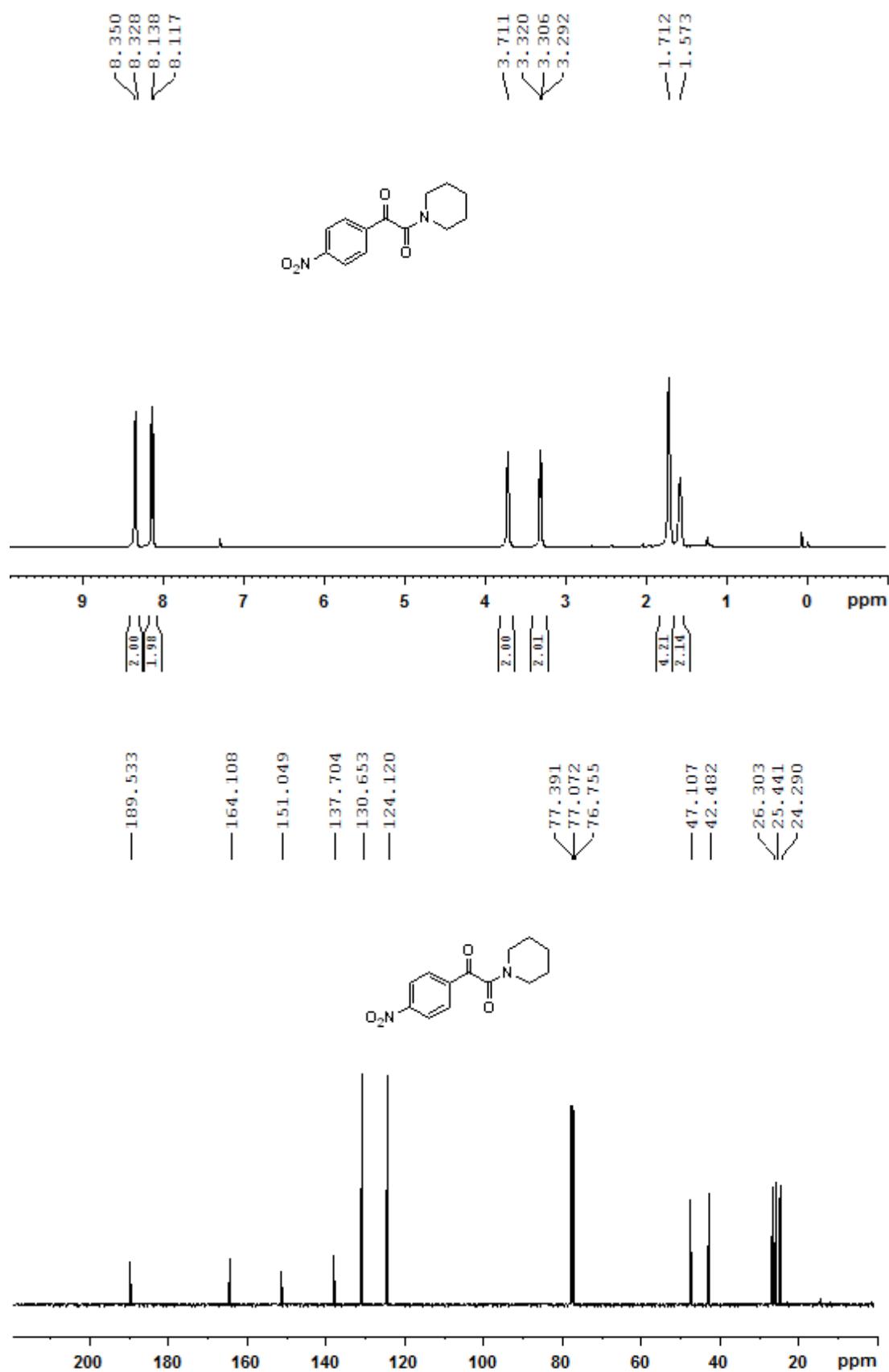


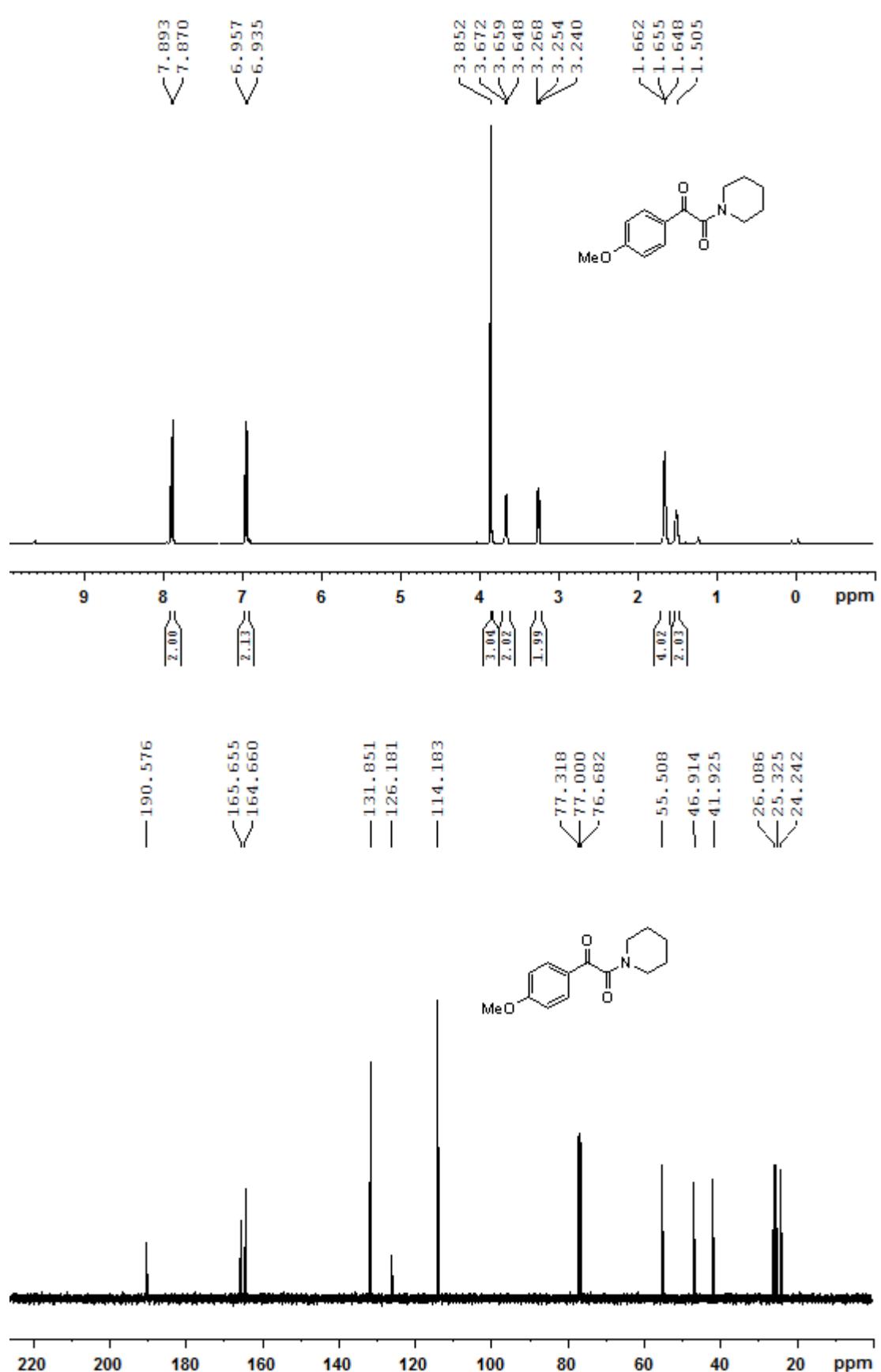


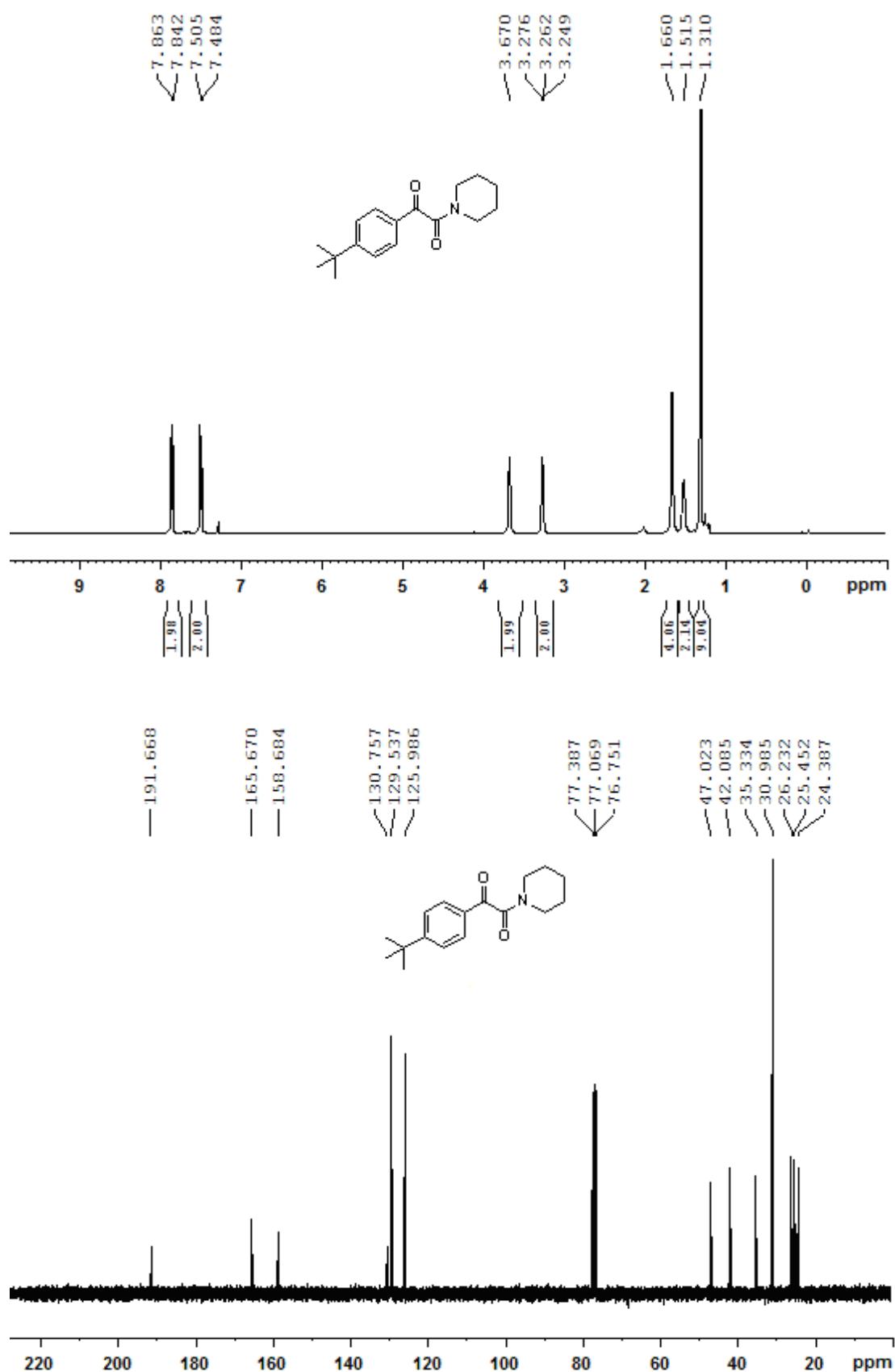


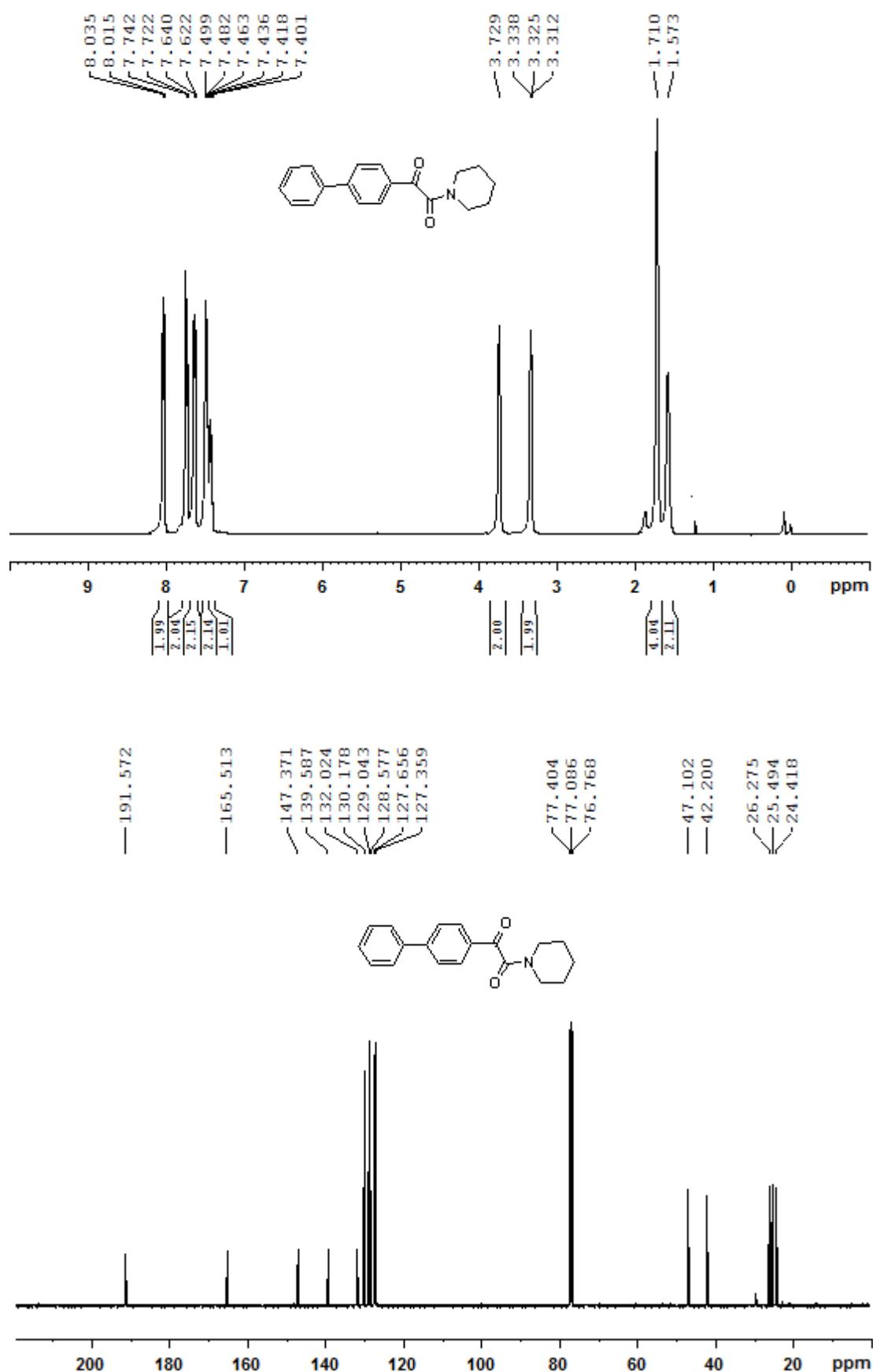


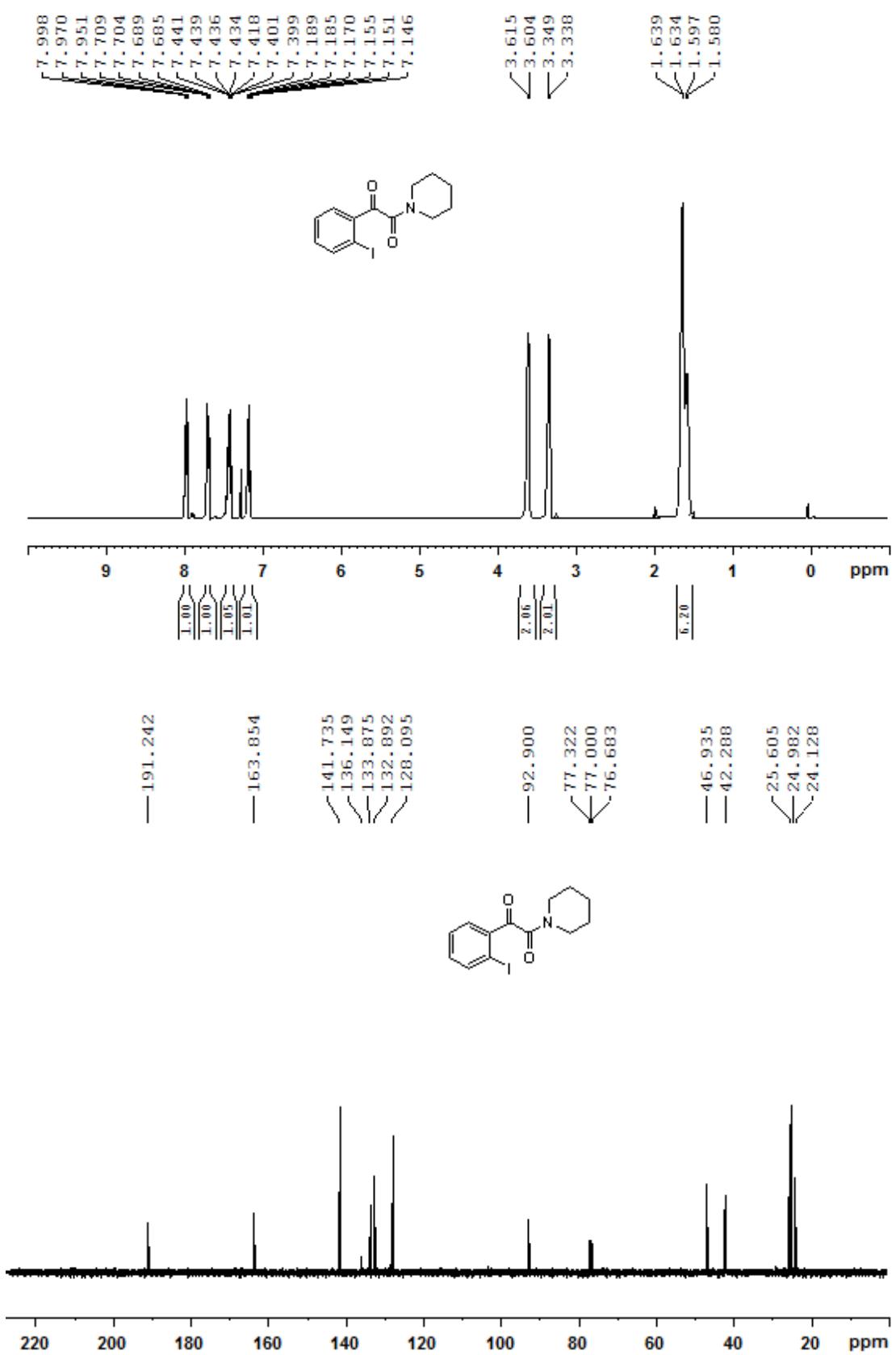


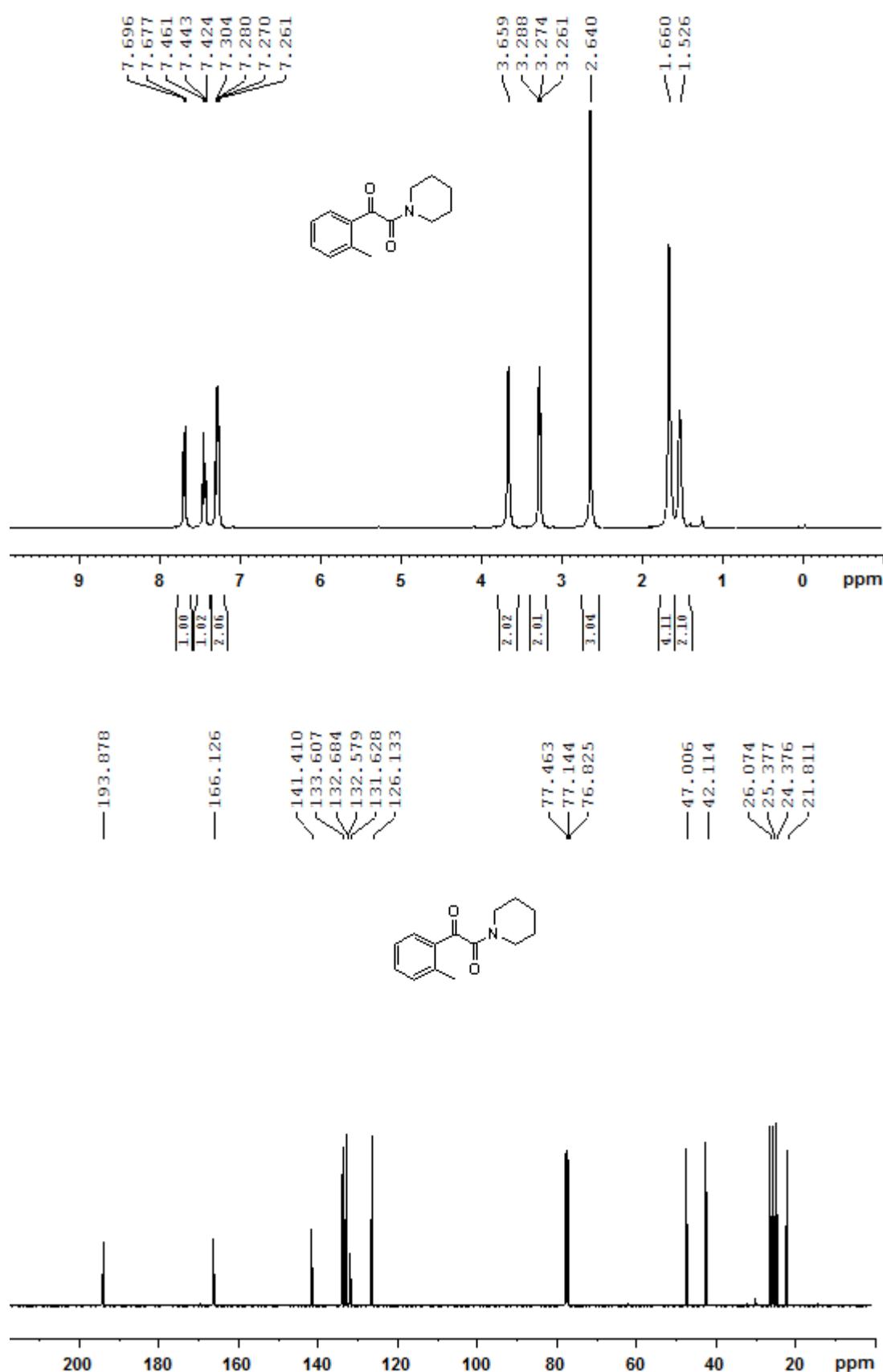




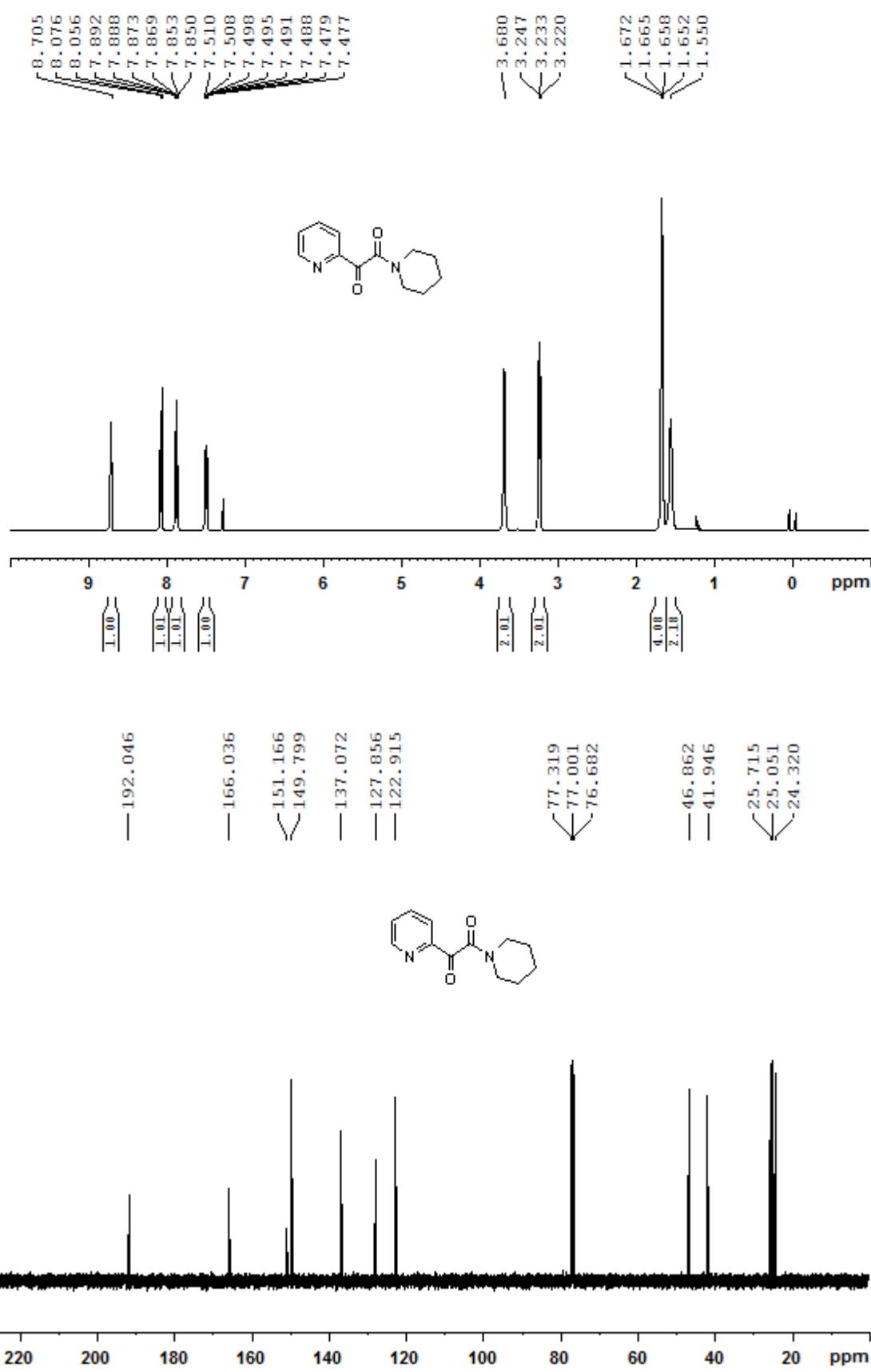


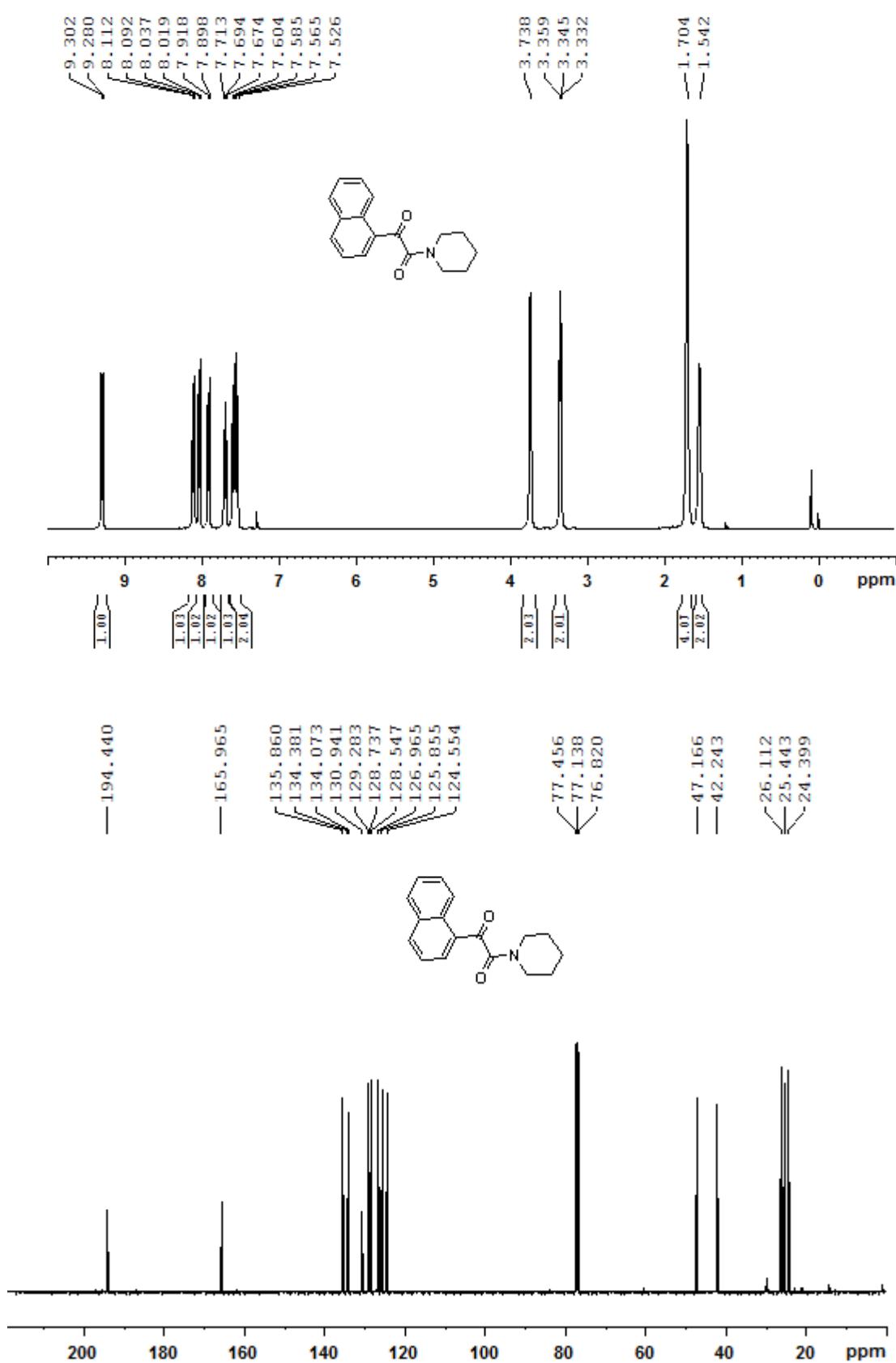


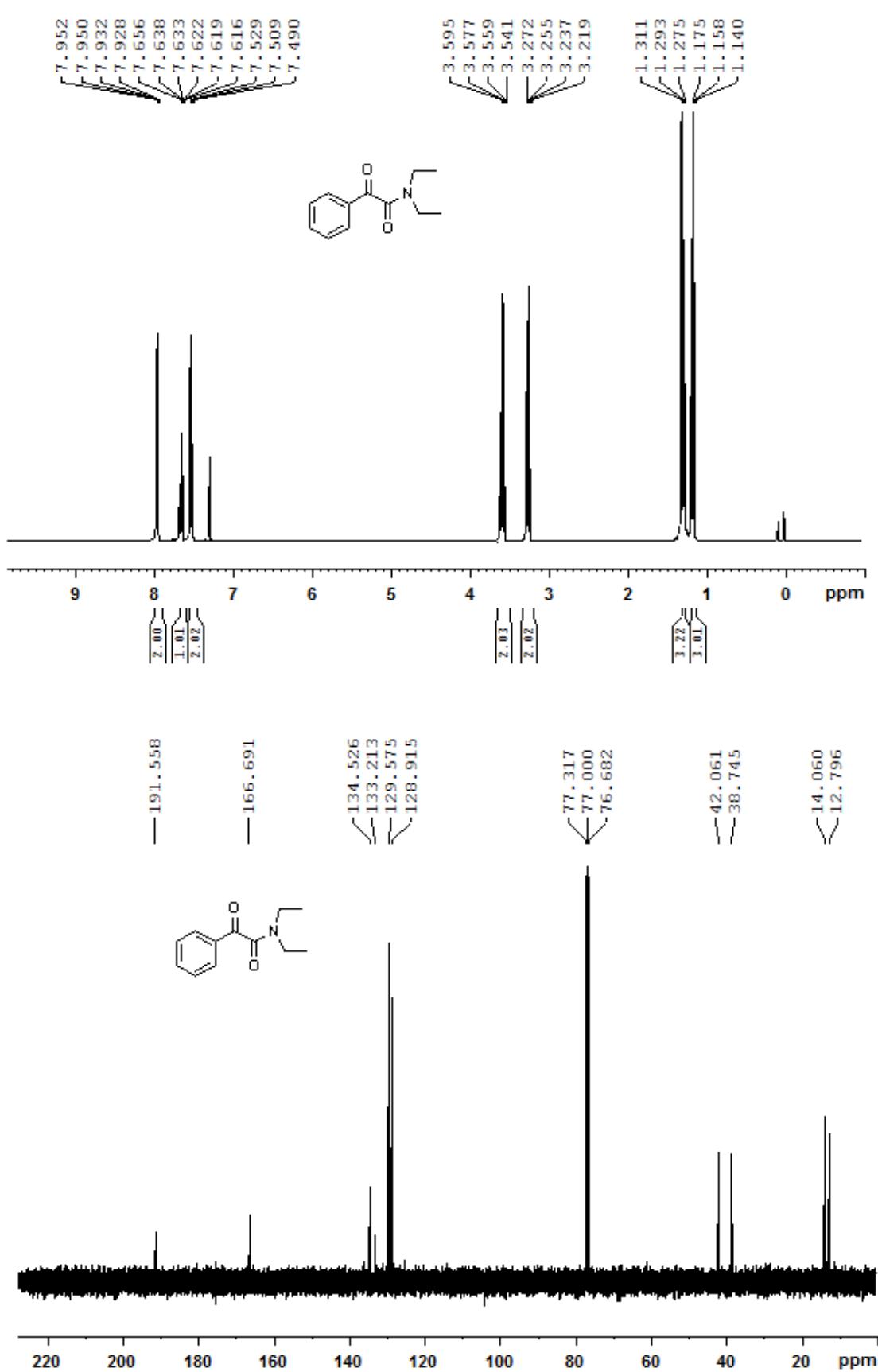


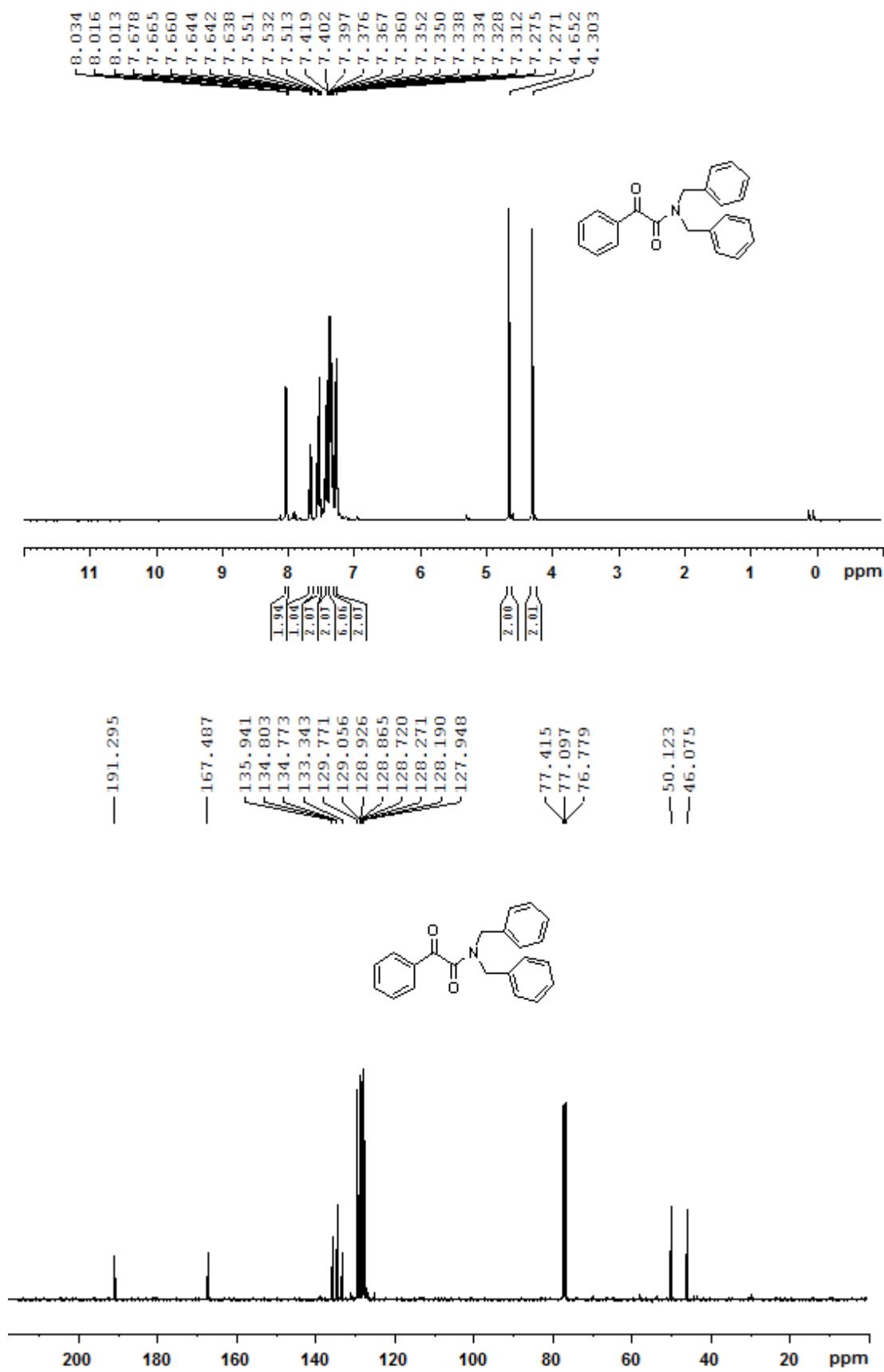


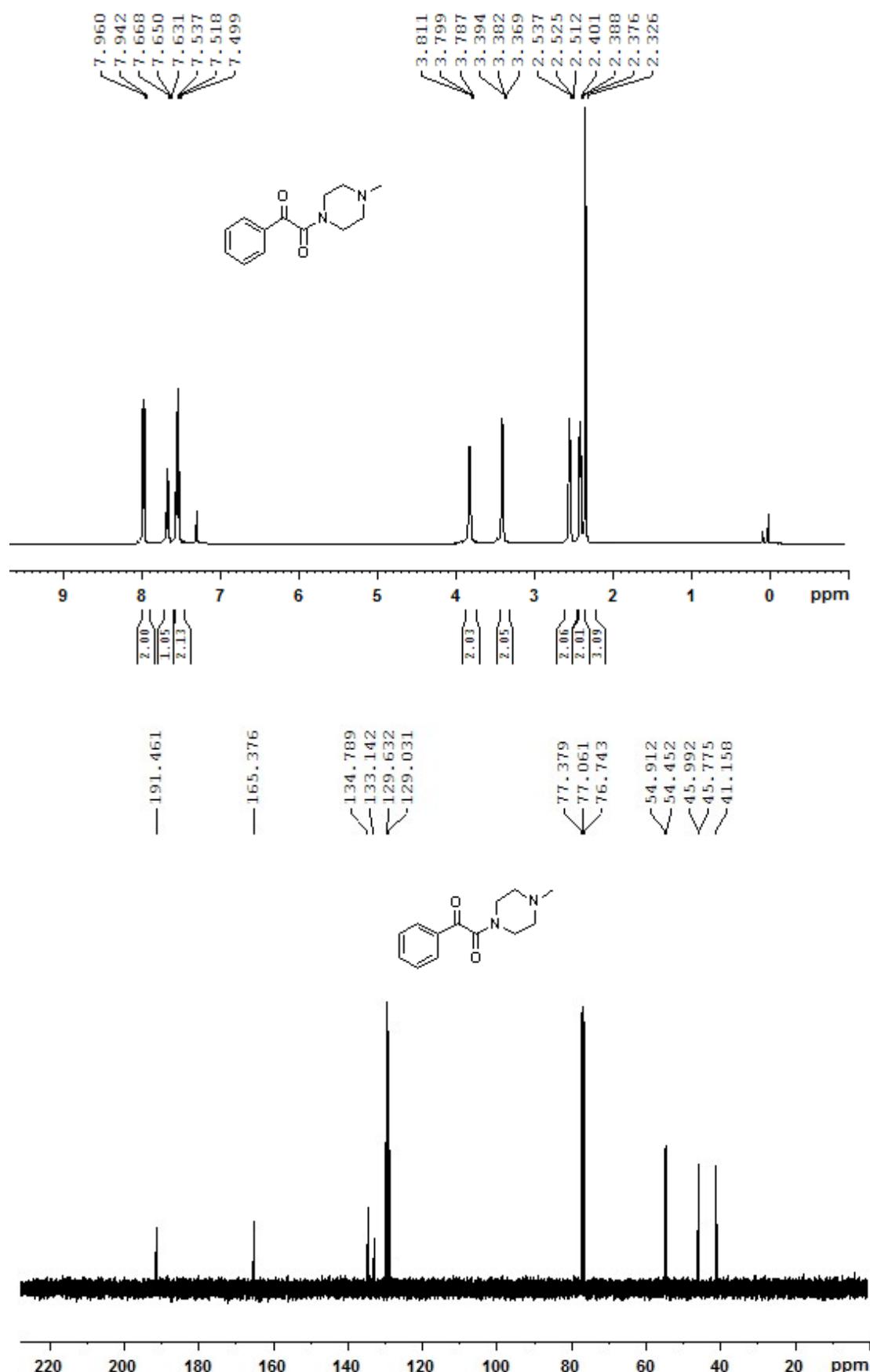


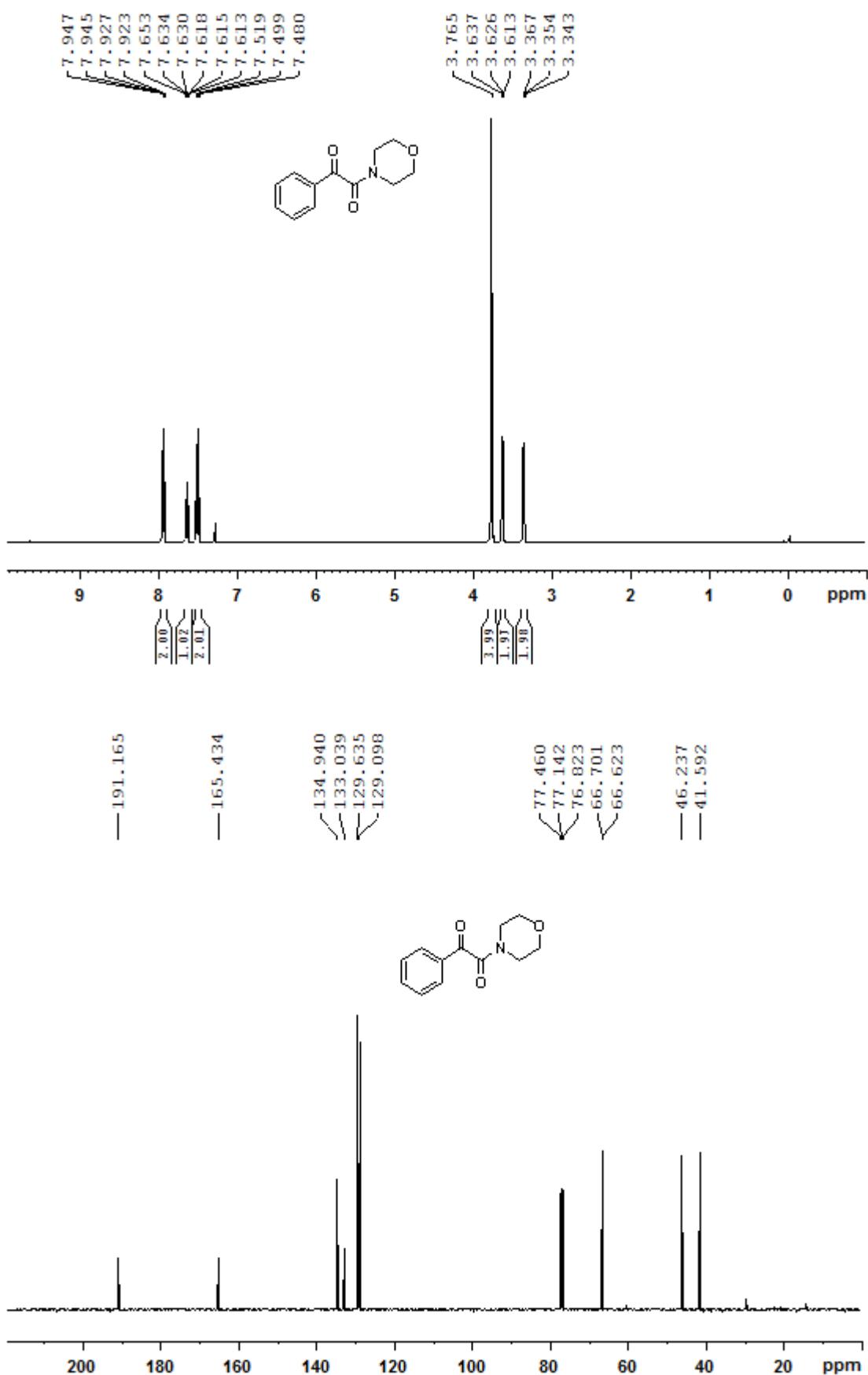


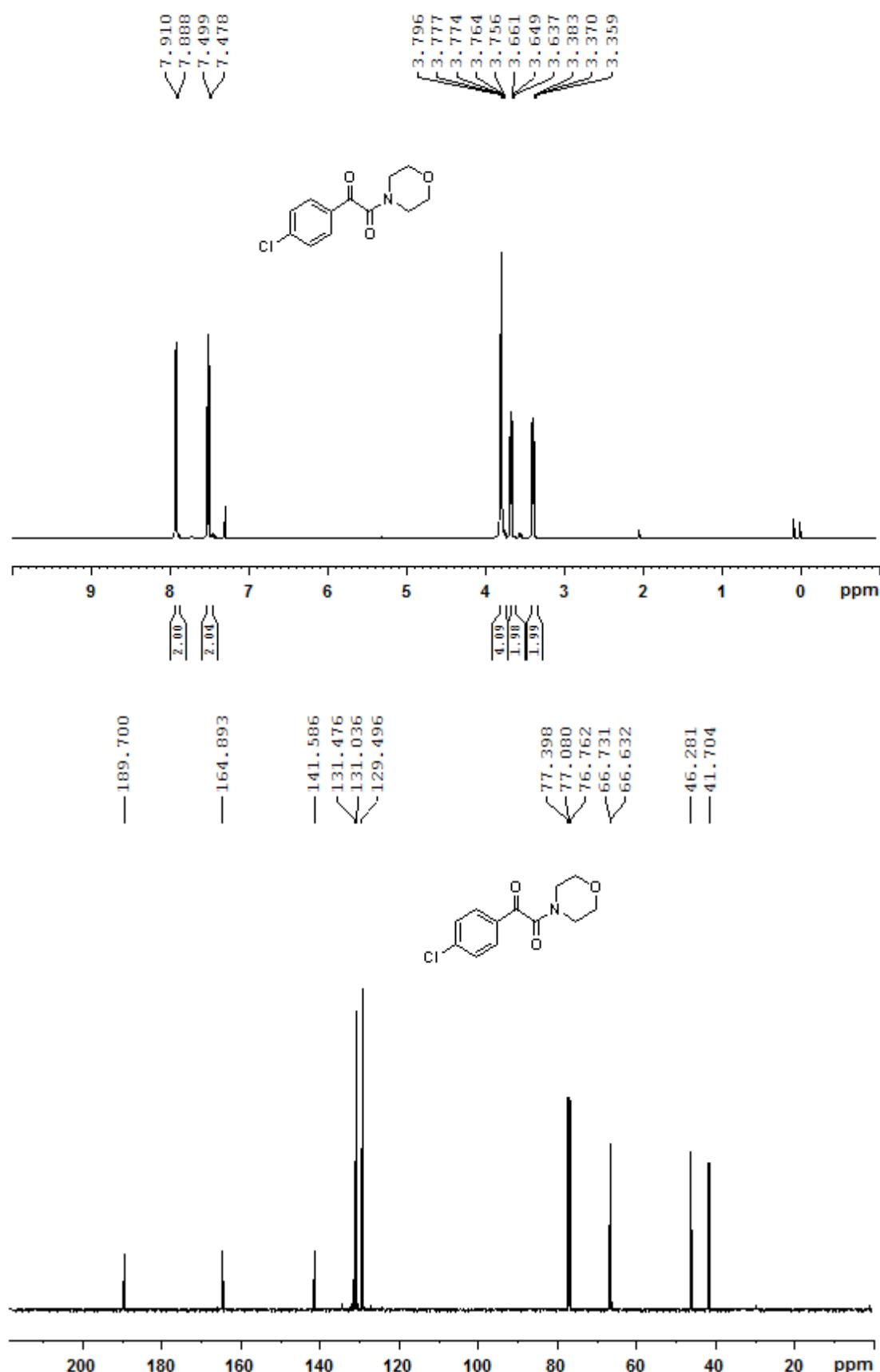


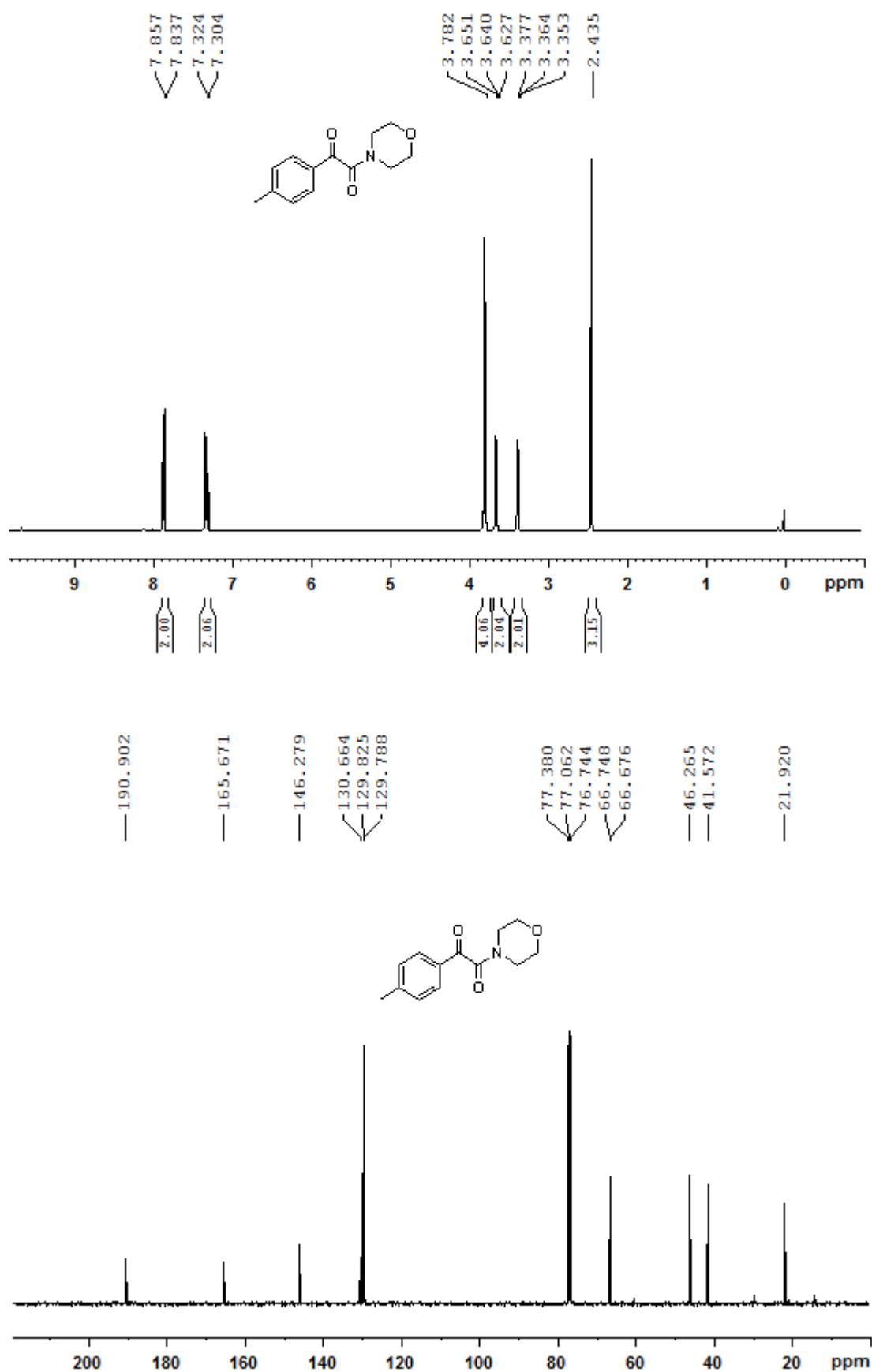


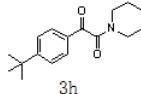








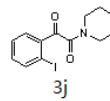




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Card Serial Number:	GCT-P-T12-04-OS0258 <sup>w</sup>				
Sample Serial Number:	HBSF-Li007 <sup>w</sup>				
Operator:	Li <sup>w</sup>				
Date:	2012/03/27 <sup>w</sup>				
Elemental Composition Report <sup>w</sup>					
Single Mass Analysis <sup>w</sup>					
Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 <sup>w</sup>					
Element prediction: Off <sup>w</sup>					
Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions <sup>w</sup>					
846 formula(e) evaluated with 2 results within limits (all results (up to 1000) for each mass) <sup>w</sup>					
Elements Used: <sup>w</sup>					
C: 0-60 H: 0-80 N: 0-2 O: 0-5 S: 0-2 Cl: 0-2 Br: 0-3					
Minimum:			-1.5 <sup>w</sup>		
Maximum:		2.0	5.0	50.0 <sup>w</sup>	
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT Formula <sup>w</sup>
273.1728	273.1729	-0.1	-0.4	7.0	2774018.3 C17 H23 N O2 .
	273.1734	-0.6	-2.2	2.5	2774844.5 C14 H26 N2 O Cl .



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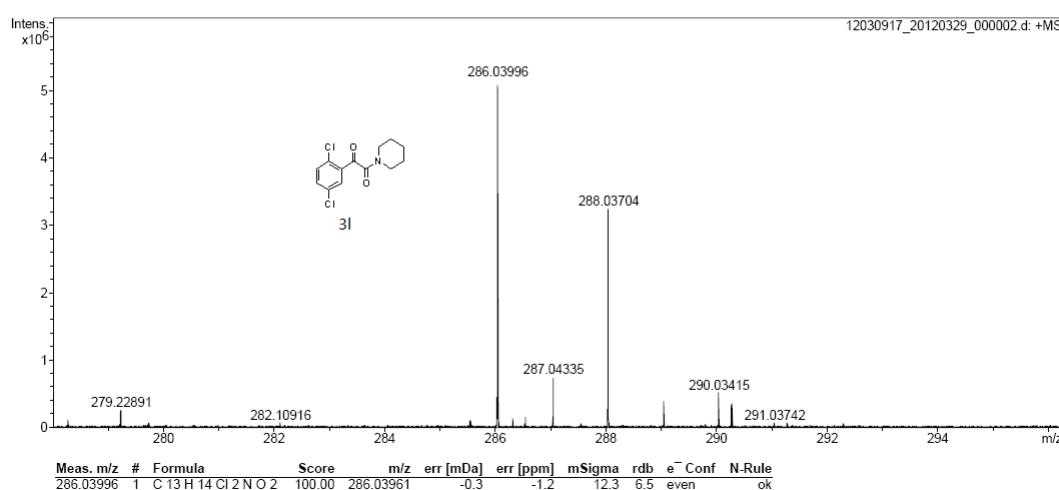
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Operator:	Li <sup>w</sup>				
Date:	2012/03/27 <sup>w</sup>				
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Elements Used: <sup>w</sup>					
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Minimum:			-1.5		
Maximum:		2.0	5.0	50.0	
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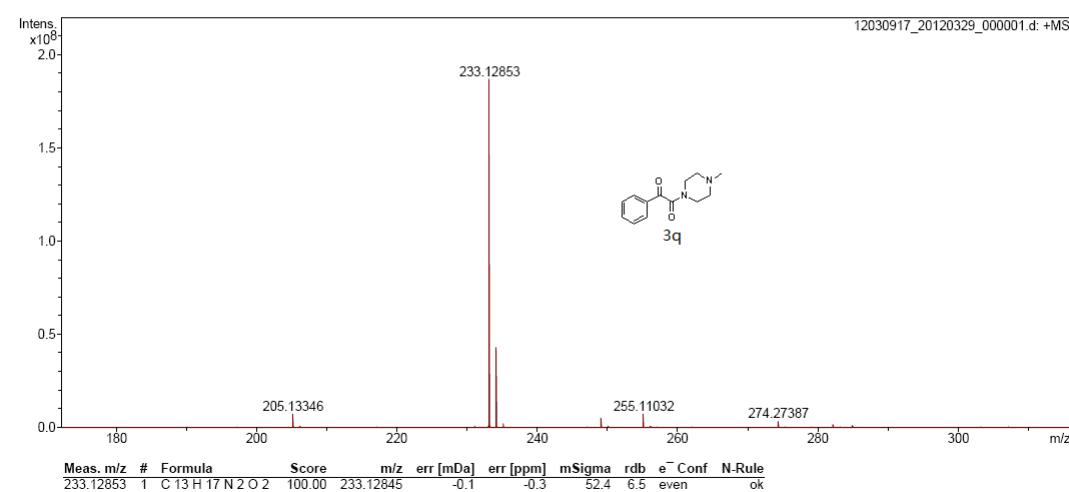


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