

## Supporting Information

### Visible-Light Initiated Copper(I)-Catalysed Oxidative C-N Coupling of Anilines with Terminal Alkynes: One-Step Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Ketoamides

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## Experimental section

*General procedures.* All reactions were conducted under an oxygen atmosphere and oven-dried glassware was used. All reactions were conducted using a blue light-emitting diode (LED) as the visible-light source (30 lamps, power density: 40 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> at 460 nm). All solvents were dried and distilled prior to use according to known methods. Starting materials (including for the synthesis of epoxide hydrolase inhibitors) were commercially available (Sigma-Aldrich or Alfa-Aesar or TCI-chemicals) and used as received. NMR spectra were recorded <sup>1</sup>H NMR at 400 MHz/ <sup>13</sup>C NMR at 100 MHz using deuterated CDCl<sub>3</sub> or CDCl<sub>3</sub>-DMSO mixture. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as parts per million (ppm) and the following abbreviations were used to identify the multiplicities: s= singlet, d= doublet, t= triplet, q= quartet, m= multiplet, b= broad and all combinations thereof can be explained by their integral parts. Unless otherwise specified, the proton/carbon signal of 2 residual solvent (at δ 7.24 and δ 77.00 ppm, respectively) was used as the internal reference. EPR spectra were recorded by a Bruker ESP-300E instrument. Isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC) experiments were carried out at 25 °C on a high precision ITC-200 (MicroCal, LLC, and Northampton, MA).

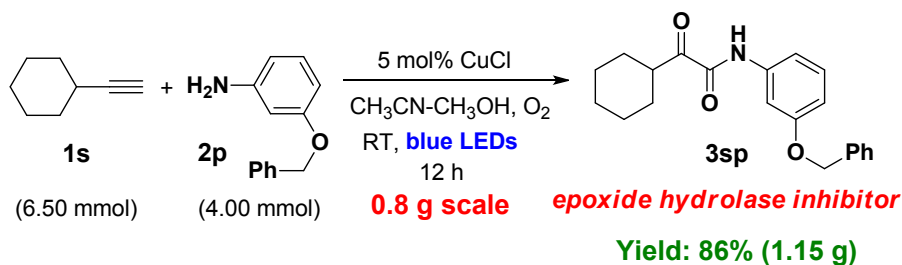
In general, a dry test tube (20 mL) containing 5 mol% CuCl was added 8 mL of dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN and CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v) via syringe, followed by sequential addition of aniline 0.5 mmol (0.083 M). Finally terminal acetylene 0.6 mmol (0.1 M) was added, which leads to formation of a yellow suspension. The yellow suspension was then irradiated with blue LEDs (40 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> at 460 nm, The distance between the reaction vessel to LEDs light source is 6 cm) at room temperature (25-28 °C) in the presence of 1 atm oxygen gas balloon for 8-24 h until completion of the reaction (it was determined by thin layer chromatography). The reaction mixture was diluted with 40 % ethyl acetate in hexane and stirred for 10 min. The mixture was filtered through celite/silica gel pads, and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to collect the α-ketoamide product.

*Experimental procedure for the synthesis of Epoxide hydrolase inhibitors (3np & 3sp).* A dry test tube (20 mL) containing 5 mol% CuCl was added 8 mL of dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN and CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v) via syringe, followed by sequential addition of 3-benzyloxyaniline (2p) 0.5 mmol (0.083 M). Finally it was added 1-ethynyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (1n) or ethynylcyclohexane (1s) 0.6 mmol (0.1 M), which results in formation of a suspension of fine yellow precipitate. (Note:

these starting materials were directly purchased from Alfa-Aesar and used as received). The yellow suspension was irradiated with blue LEDs at room temperature in presence of 1 atm. O<sub>2</sub> gas balloon for 12 h. Further procedure same as above mentioned.

*Preparative scale synthesis of epoxide hydrolase inhibitor (3sp).*

**Scheme S1**



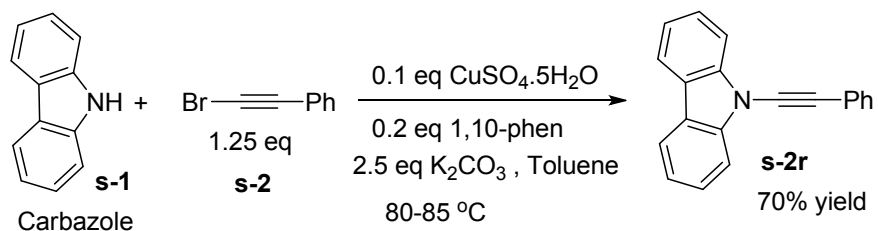
A dry flask (100 mL) containing 5 mol% CuCl was added 70 mL of dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN and CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v) via syringe, and 3-benzyloxyaniline (**2p**) 0.8 g (4 mmol) and finally added ethynylcyclohexane (**1s**) 0.70 g (6.50 mmol). A yellow suspension was formed. The yellow suspension was irradiated with blue LEDs at room temperature in presence of 1 atm. O<sub>2</sub> (in balloon) for 12 h (it was determined by thin layer chromatography). The reaction mixture was diluted with 40% ethyl acetate in hexane and stirred for 10 min. The mixture was filtered through celite and silica gel pads and washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford 1.15 g (86% yield) of the desired  $\alpha$ -ketoamides product as a yellow solid (see optical picture in Figure S15 and crystal structure in Figure S18).

*Preparation of copper(I) phenylacetylide:*<sup>S1</sup> CuI (1.0 g, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in ammonium hydroxide to form a blue solution. While stirring, this solution was added drop wise to the solution of phenylacetylene (0.5g, 5.1 mmol) in 50 mL of ethanol. The system was allowed to stand for 15 min to form a yellow precipitate suspension. The precipitate was filtered out and washed with water, ethanol, and diethyl ether, three times each. The solid was vacuum-dried, and 0.65 g (yield 75%) of a bright yellow solid was obtained. The spectroscopic data for the yellow solid are listed below: IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>)<sup>S2</sup>: 1931(C $\equiv$ C), 1596, 1568; UV-Vis  $\lambda_{\text{abs}} = 476$  nm.

*Preparation of Starting materials.* The starting material, 2-benzyl-1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (**1e**), was synthesized by according to known literature procedure.<sup>S3</sup> The starting material, 1-ethynyl-4-methoxynaphthalene (**1l**), was synthesized from 1-bromo-4-methoxynaphthalene by known Sonogashira reaction procedure.<sup>S4</sup>

*Preparation of 9-(phenylethynyl)-9H-carbazole (2r).*<sup>S5</sup>

**Scheme S2**



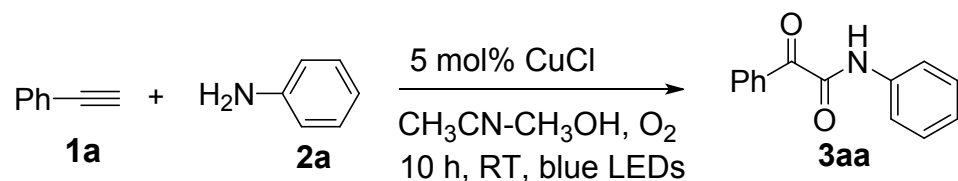
*Procedure:* To a flame-dried sealed tube was added carbazole (**s-1**) (350 mg, 2.09 mmol), CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (52.5 mg, 0.208 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (75.5 mg, 0.42 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (725 mg, 5.23 mmol), followed by anhydrous toluene (7 mL) and bromoalkyne (**s-2**) (472 mg, 2.62 mmol). The tube was filled with nitrogen by three vacuum-flush cycles, and the solution was heated to 80-85 °C in an oil bath overnight. When complete, the crude reaction mixture was cooled to RT, filtered through celite and silica gel pads and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude residue using silica gel flash column chromatography (10:1 hexane/EtOAc) gave the pure ynamine **s-2r** as pale yellow solid (391 mg, 70%).

**Table S1:** Optimization studies on coupling reaction of (**1a**) and (**2a**) under visible light irradiation<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Catalyst	Base	Solvent	Yield [%] <sup>b</sup>
1	CuCl	Et <sub>3</sub> N (1.5eq)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	35
2	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1.05 eq)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-MeOH	10
3	CuCl	KOAc (1.2 eq)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-MeOH	78
4	CuCl	NaOAc (1.2 eq)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-MeOH	80
5	CuCl	KOAc (0.25 eq)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-MeOH	84
<b>6</b>	<b>CuCl</b>	<b>no base</b>	<b>CH<sub>3</sub>CN-MeOH</b>	<b>93</b>
7	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	no base	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-MeOH	trace
8	CuBr	no base	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-MeOH	93
9	CuI	no base	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-MeOH	93
10	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	no base	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-MeOH	n.r
11	CuCl	no base	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	83
12	CuCl	no base	MeOH	77
13 <sup>c</sup>	CuCl	no base	CH <sub>3</sub> CN-MeOH	80
14	CuCl	no base	DMF	55
15	CuCl	no base	DMSO	43

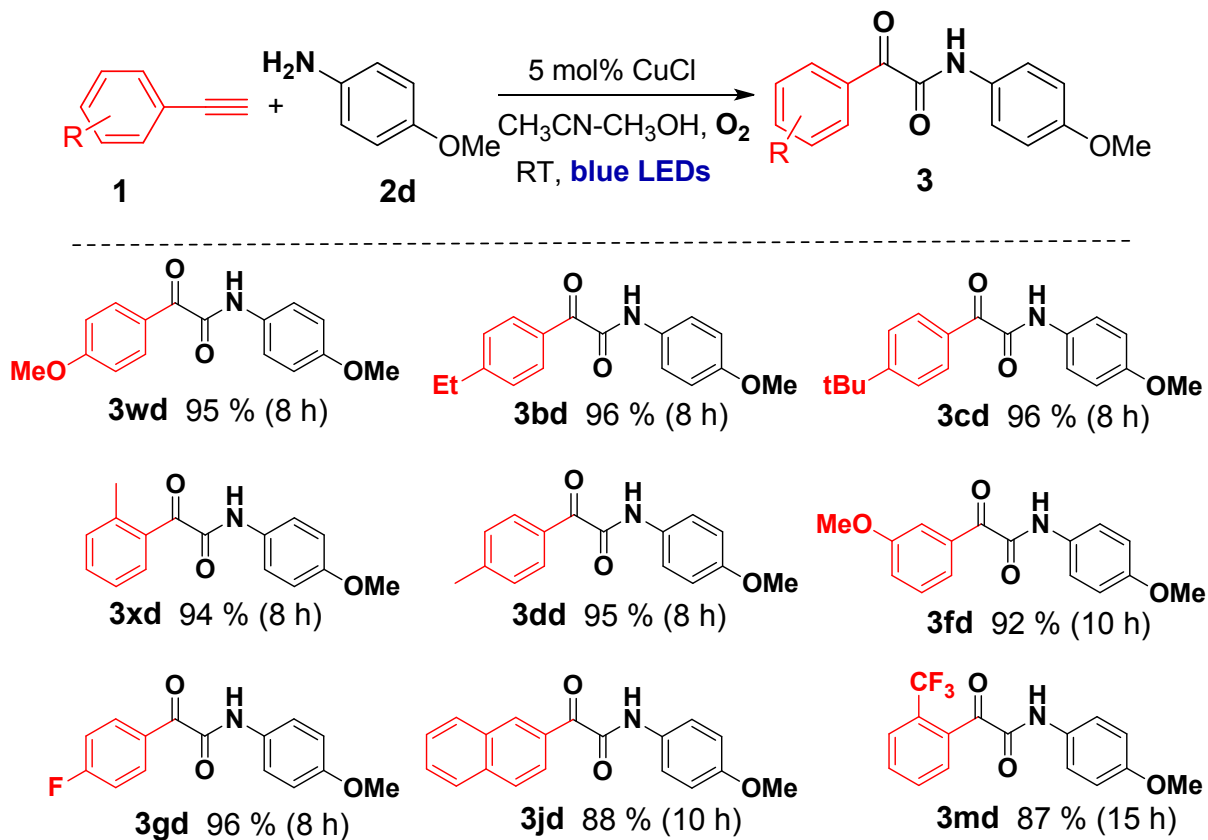
<sup>a</sup>0.6 mmol of **1a** (0.1 M), 0.5 mmol of **2a** (0.083 M), and 5 mol% of CuCl in 8 mL of solvent. The solution was irradiated with blue LEDs for 10 h in presence of 1 atm O<sub>2</sub> (in balloon). <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR integration method using mesitylene as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup>0.5 mL of water was added.

**Table S2:** Control experiments<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Visible light	Catalyst (CuCl)	O <sub>2</sub>	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	+	+	+	93
2	+	+	-	n.r
3	-	+	+	n.r
4	+	-	+	n.r
5	-	-	+	n.r
6 <sup>c</sup>	-	+	+	n.r
7 <sup>d</sup>	+	+	+	58

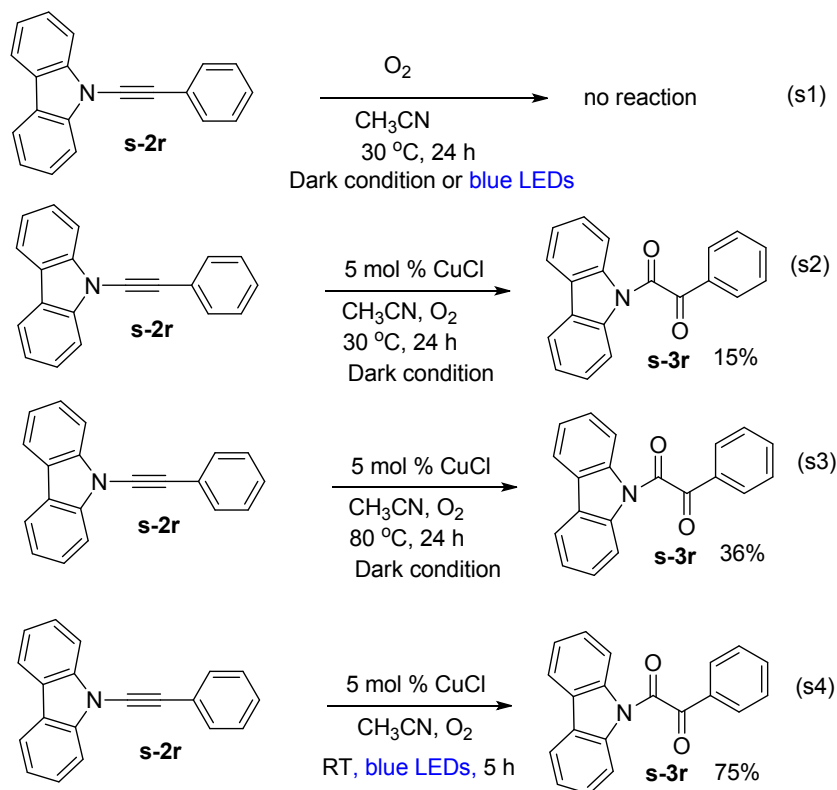
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 0.6 mmol of **1a** (0.1 M), 0.5 mmol of **2a** (0.083 M), and 5 mol% of CuCl in 8 ml of ACN-MeOH (1:1 v/v). The solution was irradiated with blue LEDs for 10 h in presence of 1 atm O<sub>2</sub> (in balloon).<sup>b</sup>Yields was determined by the <sup>1</sup>H NMR integration method using mesitylene as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup>The reaction was carried at 80 °C, using 10 mol% CuCl for 15 h. <sup>d</sup>The reaction was irradiated under ambient household white light (power density: 8 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> at 460 nm) for 24 h

**Table S3:** Substrates scope of 4-methoxy-aniline with various terminal alkynes under Cu-catalyzed visible-light-irradiation<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 0.6 mmol of **1** (0.1 M), 0.5 mmol of **2d** (0.083 M), and 5 mol% of CuCl in 8 ml dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN and CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1). The solution was irradiated with blue LEDs in the presence of 1 atm. O<sub>2</sub> (in balloon). Isolated yield after purification by column chromatography on Silica gel.

**Scheme S3:** Mechanistic control experiments.



**Dark condition (eq. s2-s3):** To a flame-dried sealed tube was added 9-(phenylethynyl)-9H-carbazole (**2r**) 0.187 mmol, 5 mol% of  $CuCl$  and added anhydrous  $CH_3CN$  (5 mL), the tube was stirring at  $30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  or  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 24 h under 1 atm.  $O_2$ . The crude reaction mixture was filtered through celite and silica gel pads and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude residue using silica gel flash column chromatography (10:1 hexane/EtOAc) gave the yellow solid, 15% for reaction  $30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and 36% for reaction at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Visible light condition (eq. s4):** the above reaction was conducted in blue LEDs under 1 atm.  $O_2$  at room temperature, reaction was monitored by TLC. The resulting reaction provides 75 % yield after 5 h irradiation.



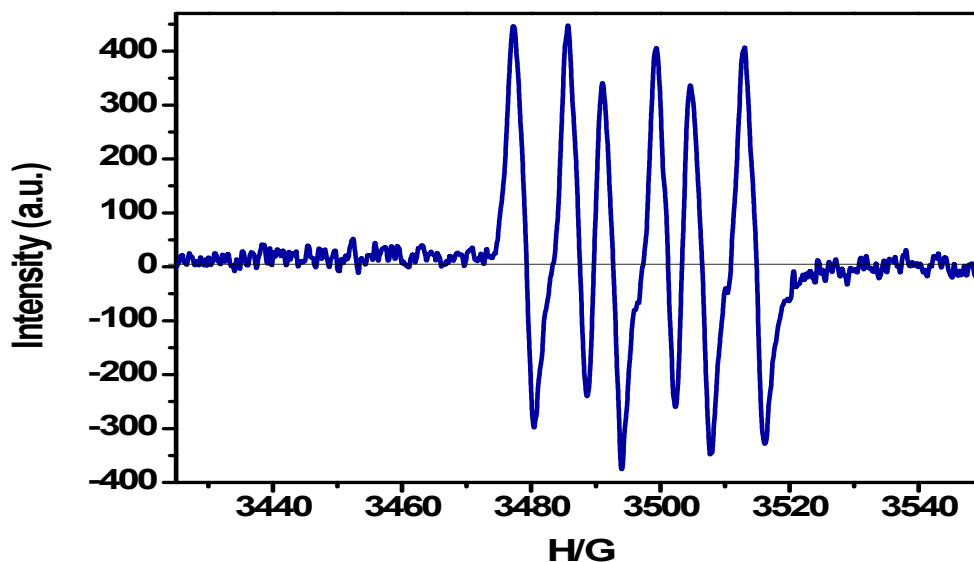
**EPR measurements:** EPR spectra were recorded at room temperature on a Bruker ESP-300E (X band, 9.8 GHz) with parameters setting as shown below: receiver gain= 30n; receiver phase= 0 deg; receiver harmonic= 1; field modulation frequency= 100000 Hz; microwave frequency [Hz]=  $9.660469 \times 10^9$ ; field modulation amplitude [T]= 0.00016 ;receiver time constant[S] = 0.32768; microwave power= 0.015 W; receiver offset [%FS]=0; DMPO ( 5-,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide) was employed as a radical trap for superoxide.

The reaction under standard condition (**1a**, **2a**, CuCl, 1 atm. O<sub>2</sub>) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-CH<sub>3</sub>OH mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs for 30 min in the presence of DMPO in an EPR chamber while recording the EPR spectra. The EPR signals shown in Figure S1 is corresponding to DMPO-OO(H). The EPR signals were suppressed upon addition of superoxide dismutase (SOD) (Fig. S2). This result indicates that superoxide free radical was formed in the reaction solution. No superoxide EPR signals were observed from the reaction solution under standard condition without CuCl (Fig. S3). Reaction under standard condition without **1a** and **2a** also produces no superoxide EPR signals (Fig. S4). Copper(I) phenylacetylide alone was irradiated with blue LEDs in presence of O<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-CH<sub>3</sub>OH mixture for 30 min in the presence of DMPO in an EPR chamber while recording the EPR spectra. The EPR signals shown in Figure S5 are corresponding to DMPO-OO(H). No EPR signals were observed when copper(I) phenylacetylide alone was stirred in dark condition in presence of O<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-CH<sub>3</sub>OH (see Fig. S6). These results indicate that copper(I) phenylacetylide undergoes single electron transfer to O<sub>2</sub> and generate superoxide free radical upon blue LEDs irradiation.

Finally, the reaction solution was stirred for 30 min in the dark and the presence of DMPO under standard condition (aniline, CuCl, O<sub>2</sub>) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-CH<sub>3</sub>OH mixture (without phenylacetylene, **1a**) and the EPR spectra were recorded. The EPR signals are corresponding to DMPO-OO(H) (Fig. S7). The same reaction was repeated (in the dark) with 4-cyano-aniline (**2m**) instead of aniline (**1a**), no EPR signal was detected (Fig. S8). However, the reaction under standard condition containing 4-cyano-aniline (**2m**) phenylacetylene (**1a**), CuCl, O<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-CH<sub>3</sub>OH mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs for 30 min and DMPO-OO(H) adduct EPR signals were detected (Fig. S9). These three results indicates that, electron rich and electron neutral anilines could be produced superoxide compound in presence of CuCl and O<sub>2</sub> in the dark condition (at room temperature), which produces azo compounds products through coupling of

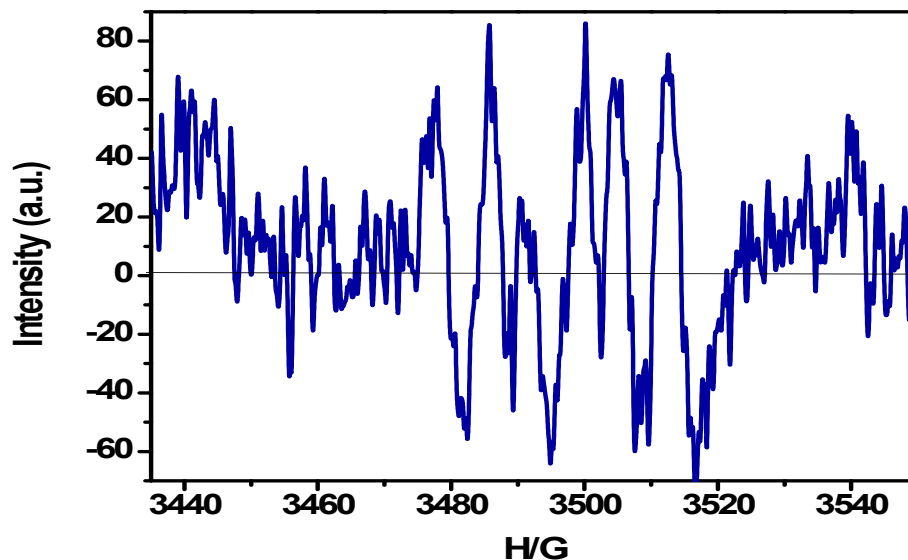
aniline radical-cation.<sup>S6</sup> The electron poor anilines (e.g.,4-cyano-aniline) alone in dark or blue LEDs irradiation do not produce any EPR signals (Fig. S8). However, when phenylacetylene was added to the same solution and 30 min blue LEDs irradiation was provided, the DMPO-superoxide adducts EPR signals were generated (see Fig. S9). Therefore superoxide free radical is clearly generated in the presence of both copper(I) phenylacetylde and O<sub>2</sub> under blue LEDs irradiation.

### EPR spectra of the reaction mixture after blue LEDs irradiation



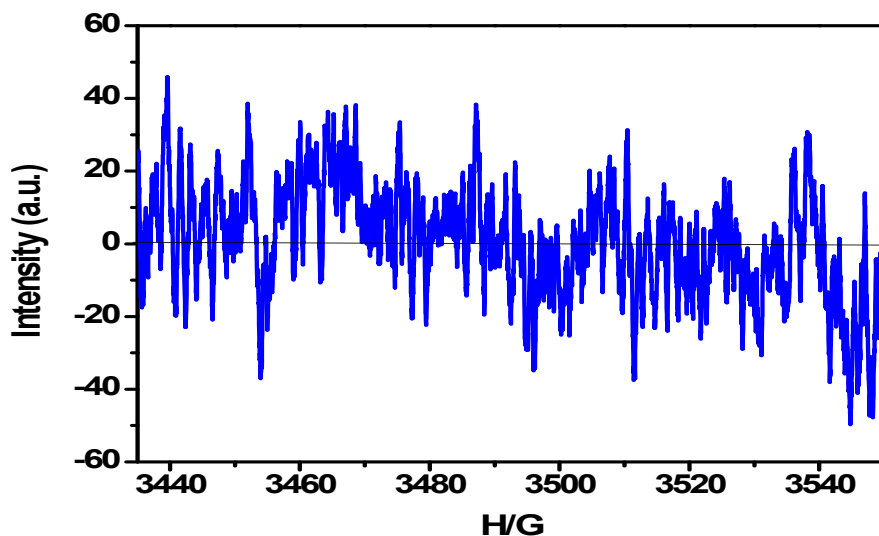
**Figure S1:** EPR spectra of the reaction mixture: phenylacetylene(**1a**) (0.01 M), aniline (**2a**) (0.0083 M) and 5 mol% of CuCl in CH<sub>3</sub>CN: CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v), 0.5 mL of this reaction solution was taken out into a small vial, followed by the addition of 0.01 mL of DMPO (5 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M). The mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs at room temperature under an oxygen atmosphere for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was then analysed by EPR spectra. There are 6 classical peaks, which are corresponding to the signal from (DMPO-OO(H)). The measured g-values are 2.0162, 2.0113, 2.0083, 2.0035, 2.0004 & 1.9957.

### EPR spectra of the reaction mixture + SOD after blue LEDs irradiation



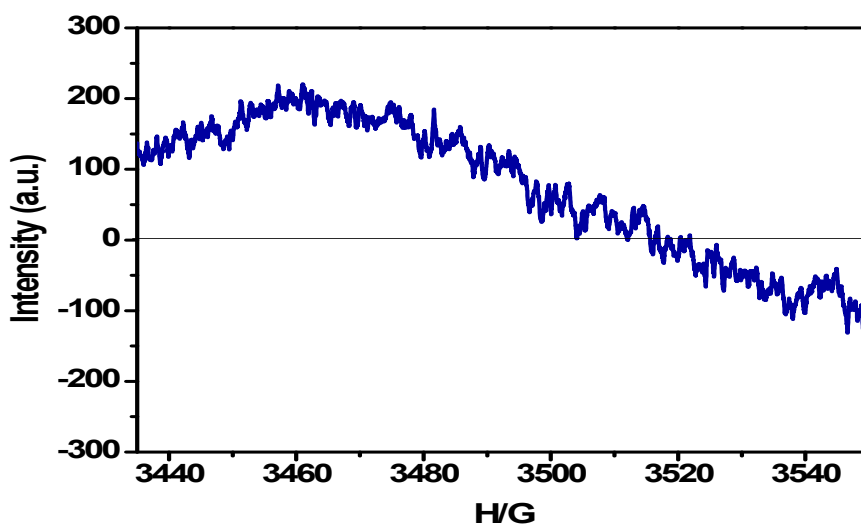
**Figure S2:** EPR spectra of the reaction mixture: phenylacetylene (**1a**) (0.01 M), aniline (**2a**) (0.0083 M) and 5 mol% of CuCl in CH<sub>3</sub>CN: CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v). 0.5 ml of this reaction solution was taken out into a small vial, mixed well with 0.01 mL of SOD in CH<sub>3</sub>CN solvent (1x10<sup>-2</sup> M) followed by the addition of 0.01 mL of DMPO (5 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M). The mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs at room temperature under an oxygen atmosphere for 30 minutes. The reaction mixtures was analysed by EPR spectra. Signals were suppressed.

### EPR spectra of the reaction mixture without CuCl



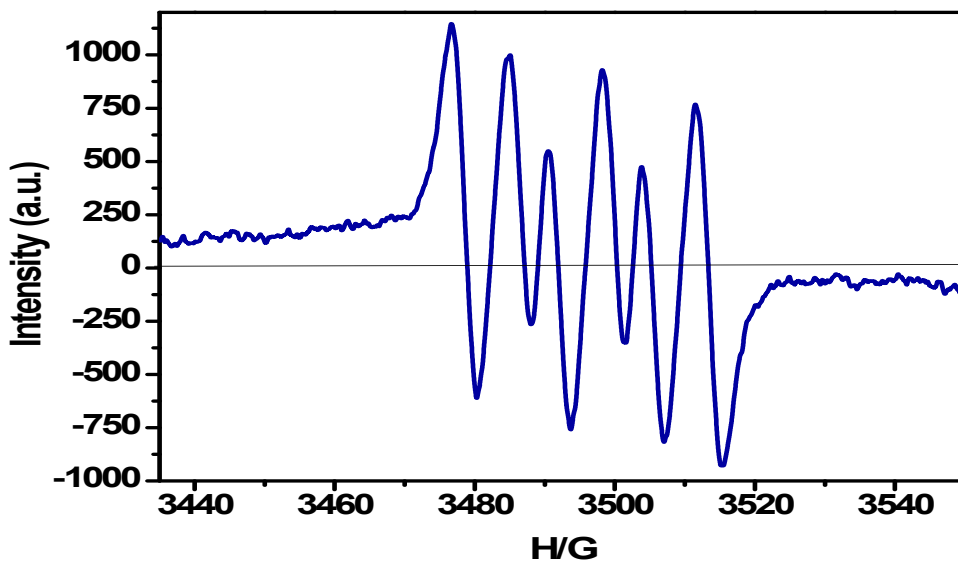
**Figure S3:** EPR spectra of the reaction mixture: phenylacetylene (**1a**) (0.01 M), aniline (**2a**) (0.0083 M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN: CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v). 0.5 mL of this reaction solution was taken out into a small vial, followed by the addition of 0.01 mL of DMPO ( $5 \times 10^{-2}$  M). The mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs at room temperature under an oxygen atmosphere for 30 minutes. The reaction mixtures was analysed by EPR spectra. No signals were observed.

### EPR spectra of the reaction with CuCl and O<sub>2</sub> in ACN-MeOH



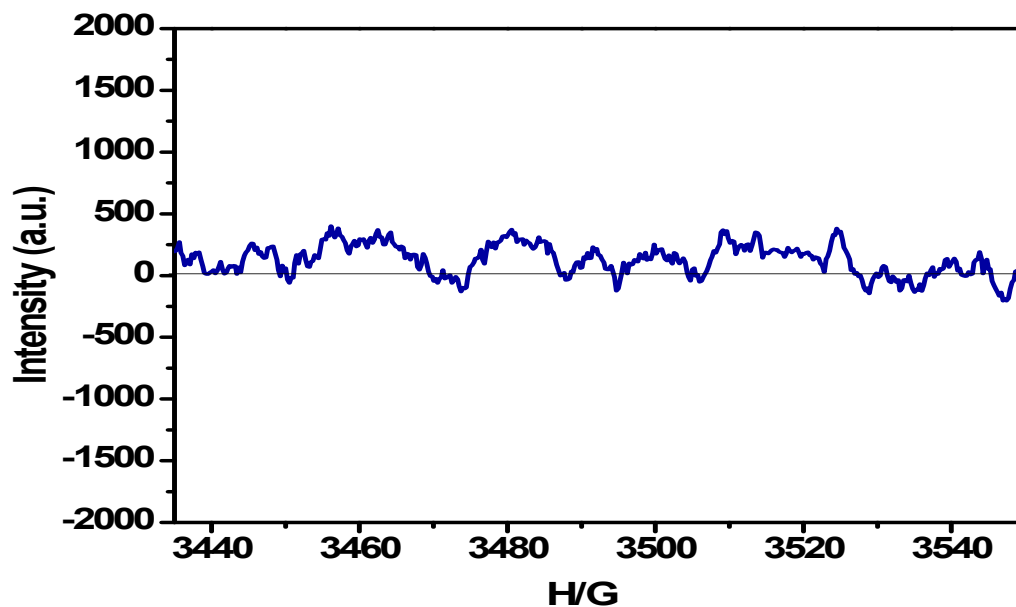
**Figure S4:** EPR spectra of the reaction mixture: 10 mg of CuCl in 10 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN-CH<sub>3</sub>OH mixture (1:1 v/v). 0.5 ml of this reaction solution was taken out into a small vial, followed by the addition of 0.01 mL of DMPO (5 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M). The mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs at room temperature under an oxygen atmosphere for 30 minutes. The reaction mixtures was analysed by EPR spectra. No signals were observed.

#### EPR spectra of the reaction with copper(I) phenylacetylide + blue LEDs



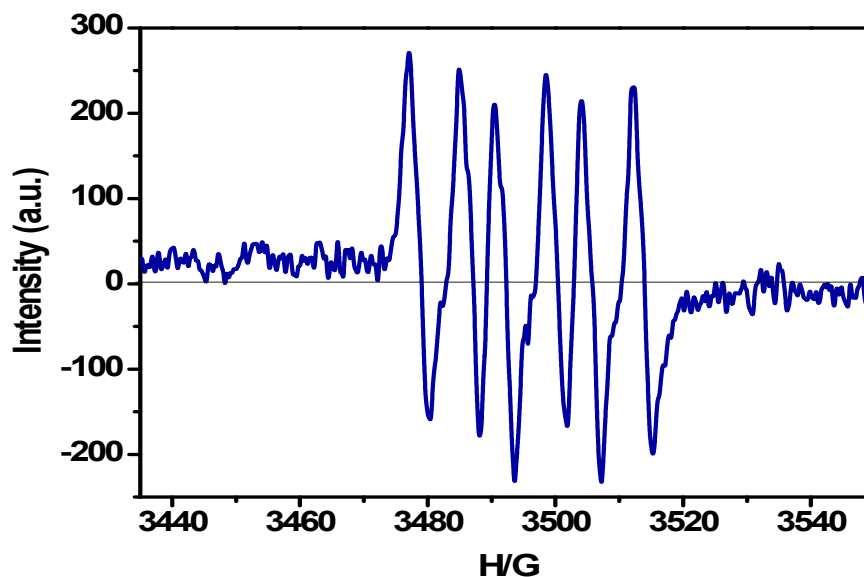
**Figure S5:** EPR spectra of the reaction mixture: 10 mg of copper(I) phenylacetylide in 8 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN: CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v). 0.5 ml of this reaction solution was taken out into a small vial, followed by the addition of 0.01 ml of DMPO (5 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M). The mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs at room temperature under an oxygen atmosphere for 30 minutes. The reaction mixtures was analysed by EPR spectra. There are 6 classical peaks, which are corresponding to the signals (DMPO-OO(H)). The calculated g-values are 2.0160, 2.0114, 2.0082, 2.0037, 2.0005 and 1.9959.

### EPR spectra of the reaction with copper(I) phenylacetylide in dark



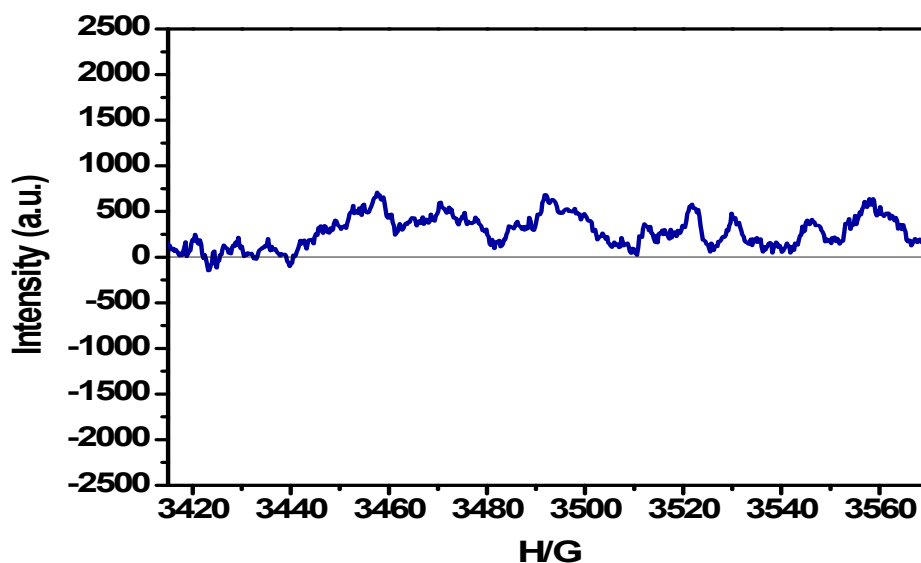
**Figure S6:** EPR spectra of the reaction mixture: 10 mg of copper(I) phenylacetylide in 8 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (1:1 v/v). 0.5 ml of this reaction solution was taken out into a small vial, followed by the addition of 0.01 mL of DMPO ( $5 \times 10^{-2}$  M). The mixture was stirred in dark condition (without any light) at room temperature under an oxygen atmosphere for 30 minutes. The reaction mixtures was analysed by EPR spectra. No signals were observed.

**EPR spectra of the reaction with aniline + CuCl, without (1a) in dark**



**Figure S7:** EPR spectra of the reaction mixture: aniline (**2a**) (0.0083 M) and 5 mol% of CuCl in CH<sub>3</sub>CN: CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v). 0.5 ml of this reaction solution was taken out into a small vial, followed by the addition of 0.01 ml of DMPO (5 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M). The mixture was stirred in dark condition (without any light) at room temperature under an oxygen atmosphere for 30 minutes. The reaction mixtures was analysed by EPR spectra. There are 6 classical peaks, which are corresponding to the signals from (DMPO-OO(H)). The calculated g-values are 2.0158, 2.0112, 2.0080, 2.0034, 2.0003 & 1.9956.

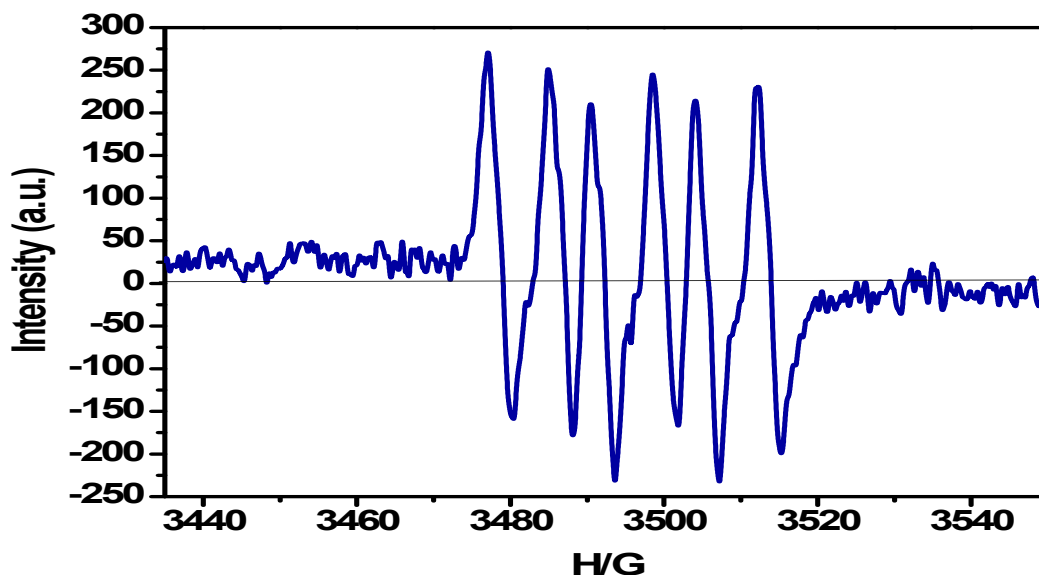
EPR spectra of the reaction with 4-cyano-aniline + CuCl, without (1a) in dark



**Figure S8:** EPR spectra of the reaction mixture: 4-cyano-aniline (**2m**) (0.0083 M) and 5 mol% of CuCl in CH<sub>3</sub>CN: CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v). 0.5 ml of this reaction solution was taken out into a small vial, followed by the addition of 0.01 ml of DMPO (5 x 10<sup>-2</sup> M). The mixture was stirred in dark condition (without any light) at room temperature under an oxygen atmosphere for 30 minutes. The reaction mixtures was analysed by EPR spectra. No signals were observed.

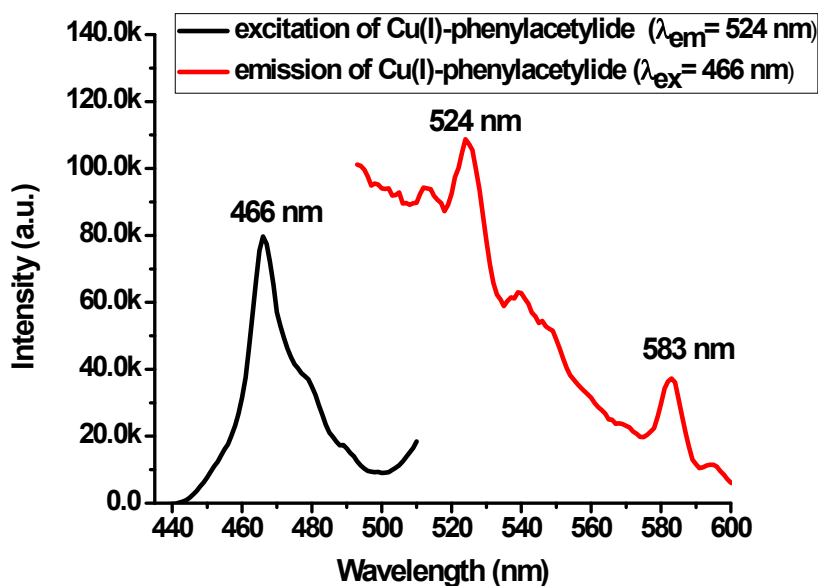


### EPR spectra of the reaction mixture with 4-cyano-aniline in blue LEDs

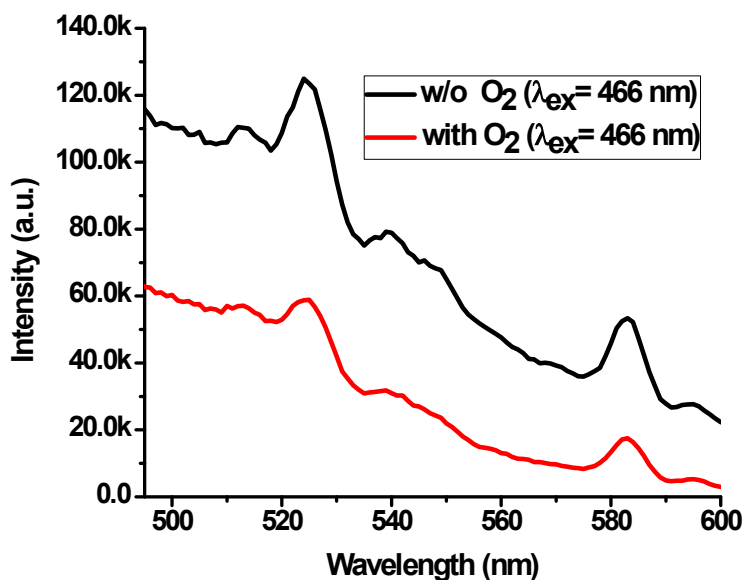


**Figure S9:** EPR spectra of the reaction mixture: 4-cyano-aniline (**2m**) (0.0083 M), phenylacetylene (**1a**) (0.01 M) and 5 mol% of CuCl in CH<sub>3</sub>CN: CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v). 0.5 mL of this reaction solution was taken out into a small vial, followed by the addition of 0.01 mL of DMPO (5 × 10<sup>-2</sup> M). The mixture was irradiated with blue LEDs at room temperature under an oxygen atmosphere for 30 minutes. The reaction mixtures was analysed by EPR spectra. There are 6 classical peaks, which are corresponding to signals from (DMPO-OO(H)). The calculated g-values are 2.0157, 2.0113, 2.0081, 2.0034, 2.0003 and 1.9957.

## Excitation and emission spectra of copper(I) phenylacetylide:

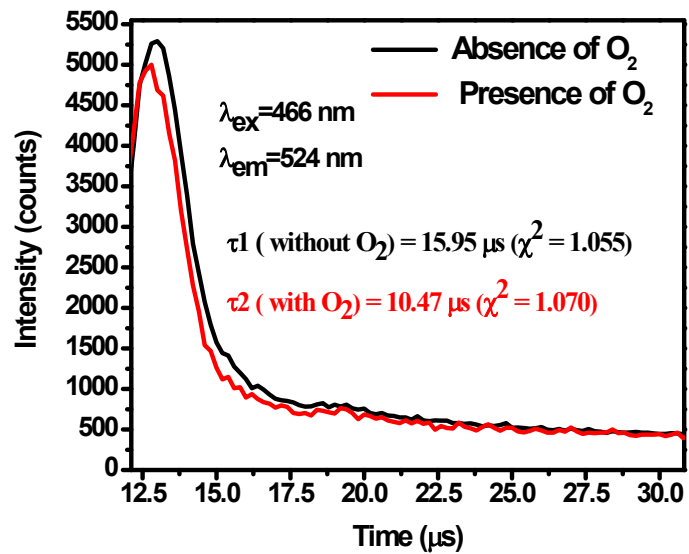


**Figure S10:** Excitation and emission spectra of in-situ generated copper(I) phenylacetylide in a reaction solution.



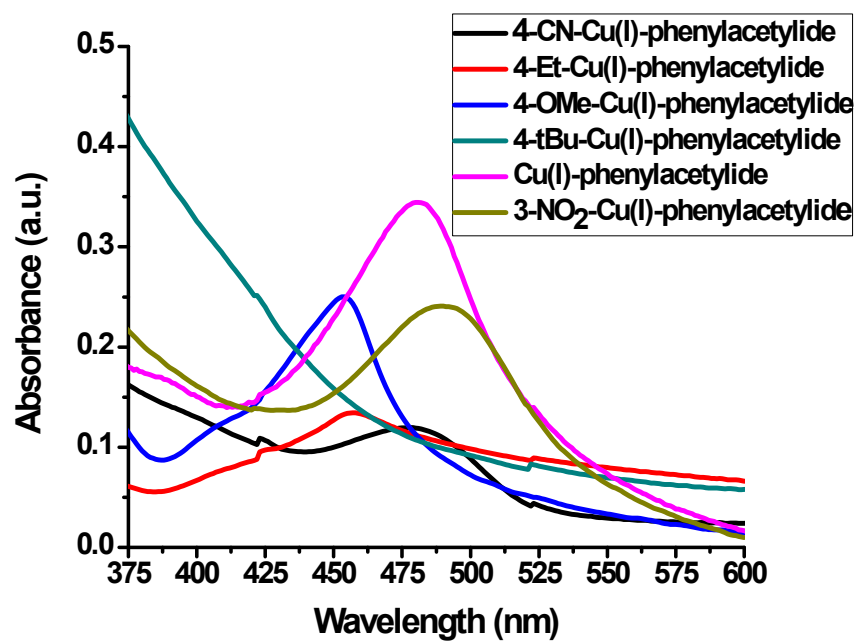
**Figure S11:** Photoluminescence spectra of copper(I) phenylacetylide (in-situ isolated from a reaction mixture) in the absence (top) and the presence (bottom) of air/oxygen.

Lifetime measurement of in-situ prepared copper(I) phenylacetylide in CH<sub>3</sub>CN

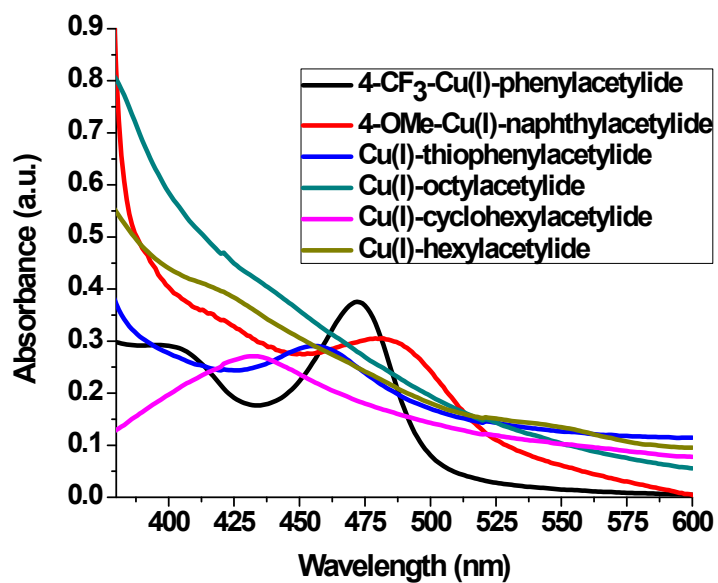


**Figure S12:** Excited state lifetime measurements of in-situ prepared copper(I) phenylacetylide at 524 nm emission ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=466 \text{ nm}$ ) in acetonitrile solution in the absence and presence of oxygen.

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b)



**Figure S13:** UV-visible spectrum of a) Cu(I)-arylacetylides and b) Cu(I)-alkyl/arylacetylides in CH<sub>3</sub>CN and CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1:1 v/v).

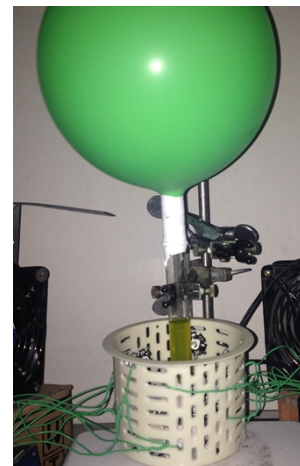
a) Reaction mixture before addition of phenylacetylene



b) Reaction mixture after addition of phenylacetylene with 10 min stirred



c) Optical picture of the reaction setup with blue-LEDs

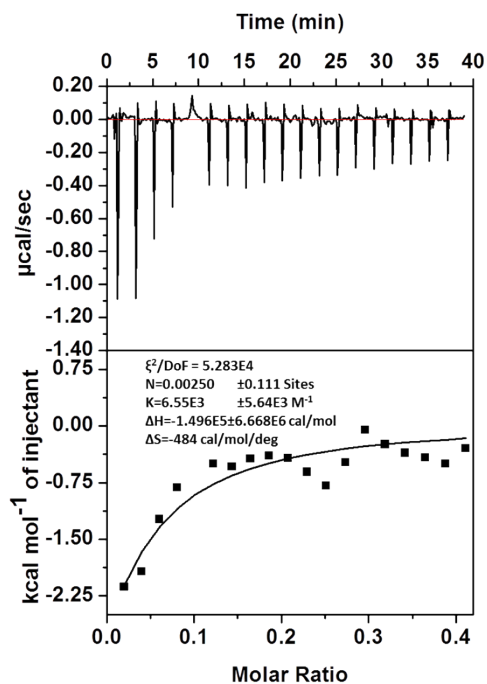


**Figure S14:** Optical pictures of reaction solution containing aniline (**2a**) (0.083 M), 5 mol% CuCl in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-CH<sub>3</sub>OH mixture, stirred for 10 min at room temperature (dark condition) (a) before, (b) after addition of phenyl acetylene (**1a**) (0.1 M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-CH<sub>3</sub>OH mixture, and c) Optical picture of the reaction setup with blue-LEDs



**Figure S15:** Optical pictures of the large scale prepared 1.15 g (86.0% yield) of *Epoxide hydrolase inhibitor* (3sp).

*Estimation of association constant using isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC).* Isothermal titration calorimetry experiments were carried out at 25 °C on a high precision ITC-200 (MicroCal, LLC, and Northampton, MA). The solution of copper(I) phenylacetylide (1 mM) and CuCl (2 mM) were prepared by using CH<sub>3</sub>CN-CH<sub>3</sub>OH mixture (1:1). Before measurements, the samples were degassed for at least 7 minutes. The calorimeter was initially calibrated using water-water titration, in which the reference power of 5 µcal/s was applied. As a set of control experiment, solvent-to-solvent titration was also performed. Then, copper(I) phenylacetylide (**1a'**) was loaded into the cell and CuCl was taken in the syringe. 20 injections were performed with an each titration volume of 2 µL. The reference power of 5 µcal/s was applied while the sample contents were stirred at 1000 rpm (rotations per minute).



**Figure S16.** Isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC) data for the determination of the association constant values. The inset of the bottom panel indicates the peak fitting results of one set of binding sites obtained from the inbuilt Origin Pro software of the Microcal ITC-200.

**Experimental Results:** The binding curve is obtained from a plot of the heat change from each injection against the molar ratio of CuCl (in syringe) and binding partner **1a'** in the cell (Fig.

S18). The binding curve is analyzed with an appropriate binding model to determine the value of K (binding affinity). The isothermal titration reveals the association constant,  $K_a \sim 6550 \mu\text{M}^{-1}$  and this affinity value suggests a moderate interaction.<sup>S7</sup>

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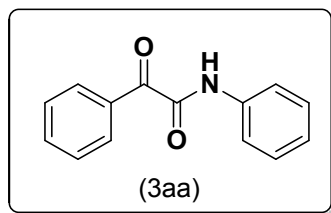
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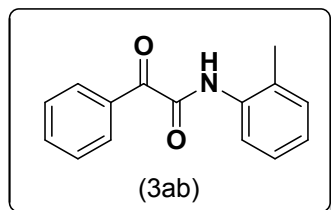
### Spectroscopic Data:

#### **2-oxo-N, 2-diphenylacetamide (3aa)**



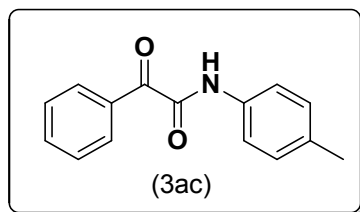
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 62-66° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.97 (b, 1 H), 8.40-8.38 (m, 2 H), 7.70-7.62 (m, 3 H), 7.49 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H) ;  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  187.4, 158.8, 136.6, 134.5, 133.0, 131.4, 129.1, 128.5, 125.2, 119.9; IR (neat): 3330, 2928, 1691, 1665.0, 1598, 1283  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$ : 225.0790, found: 225.0793.

#### **2-oxo-2-phenyl-N-(o-tolyl)acetamidel (3ab)**



Pale orange solid; m.p. 91-93° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.91 (b, 1 H), 8.42 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1 H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 2 H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.36 (s, 1 H) ;  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  187.5, 158.8, 134.6, 133.1, 131.4, 130.8, 130.6, 128.6, 128.5, 126.9, 125.6, 121.7, 17.5; IR (neat): 3230, 2910, 1672, 1641, 1590, 1280,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ : 239.0946, found: 239.0944.

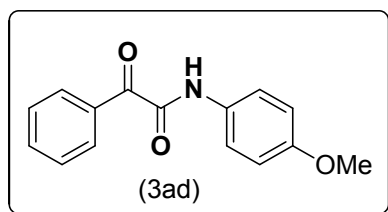
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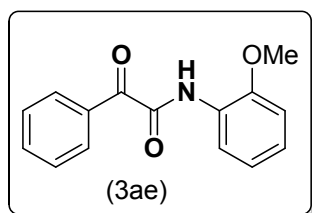
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 112-113° C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.90(b, 1 H), 8.39(d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.65-7.62(m, 1 H), 7.57(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.51-7.47(m, 2 H), 7.18(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.33(s, 1 H); **<sup>13</sup>CNMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 187.5, 158.7, 135.0, 134.5, 134.0, 133.1, 131.4, 129.7, 128.5, 119.8, 20.9; IR (neat): 3310, 2929, 1673, 1646, 1586, 1276 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 239.0946, found: 239.0951.

#### N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3ad)



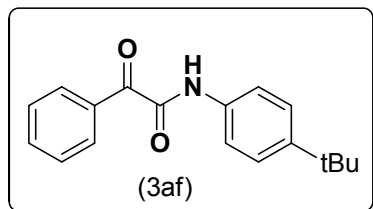
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#### N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3ae)



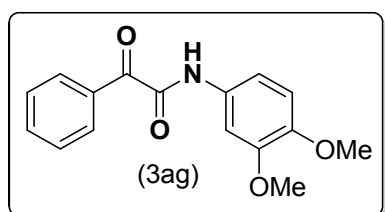
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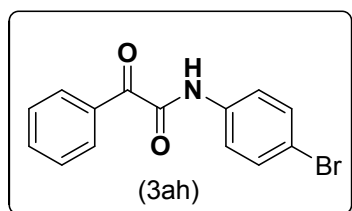
Yellow solid; m.p. 92-93° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.92 (b, 1 H), 8.40 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 2 H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  187.5, 158.8, 154.1, 148.3, 134.5, 133.9, 131.4, 128.5, 126.0, 119.6, 31.2, 34.48, 31.30; IR (neat): 3339, 2924, 1663, 1642, 1537, 1242  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ : 281.1416, found: 281.1421.

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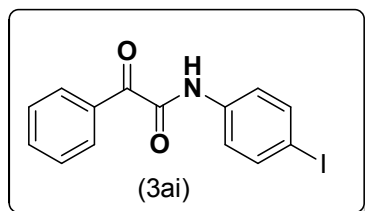
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### N-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3ah)



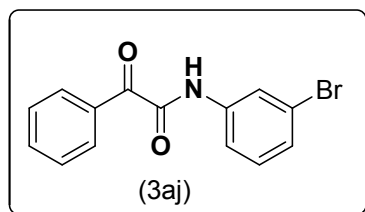
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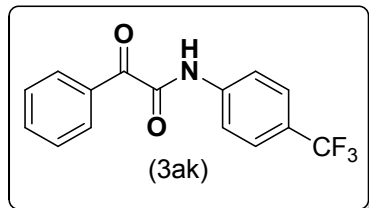
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#### N-(3-bromophenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3aj)



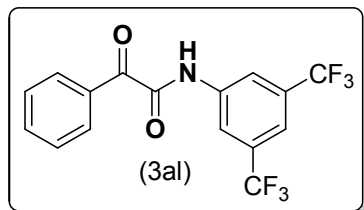
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### 2-oxo-2-phenyl-N-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (3ak)



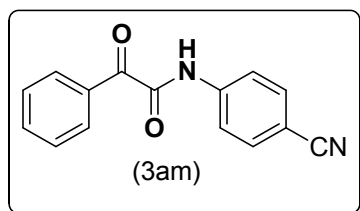
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### N-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3al)



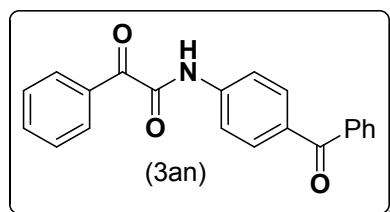
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### N-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3am)



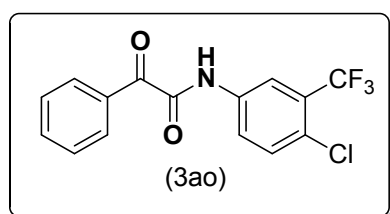
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### N-(4-benzoylphenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3an)



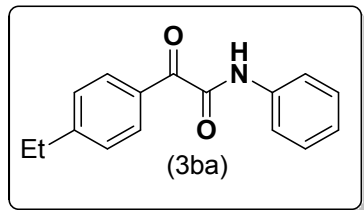
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### N-(4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide (3ao)



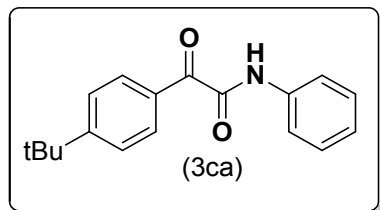
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### 2-(4-ethylphenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3ba)



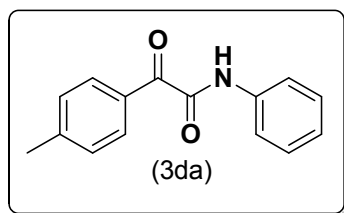
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### 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide(3ca)



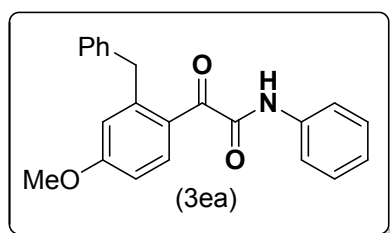
Yellow solid; m.p. 101-103° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.97 (b, 1 H), 8.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2 H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.18 (t,  $J = 8\text{Hz}$ , 1 H), 1.34 (s, 9 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.9, 159.1, 158.7, 136.7, 131.4, 130.4, 129.1, 125.5, 125.1, 119.9, 35.3, 30.9; IR (neat): 3329, 1687, 1657, 1584, 1521, 1273  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ : 281.1416 found: 281.1418.

### 2-oxo-N-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)acetamide (3da)



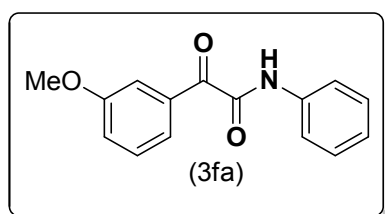
Yellow solid; m.p. 114-116° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.96 (b, 1 H), 8.33 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.8, 159.1, 145.9, 136.6, 131.6, 130.5, 129.2, 129.1, 125.1, 119.8, 21.8; IR (neat): 3328, 1691, 1660, 1604, 1589, 1525, 1280  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ : 239.0946 found: 239.0946.

### 2-(2-benzyl-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3ea)



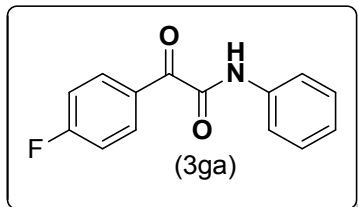
Yellow solid; m.p. 128-130° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.87 (b, 1 H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 4 H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 6.78 (s, 1 H), 4.32 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  188.5, 163.3, 159.5, 146.3, 140.2, 136.7, 135.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 126.1, 125.0, 124.9, 119.7, 118.0, 110.5, 55.3, 39.6; IR (neat): 3338, 1692, 1663, 1608, 1586, 1287  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3$ : 345.1365 found: 345.1371.

### 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3fa)



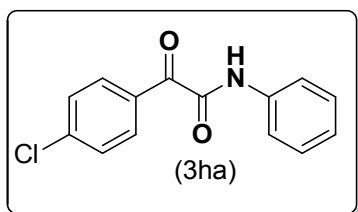
Yellow solid; m.p. 117-119° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.92 (b, 1 H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  187.1, 159.5, 158.8, 136.5, 134.1, 129.5, 129.2, 125.3, 124.3, 121.6, 119.9, 114.9, 55.48; IR (neat): 3341, 1694, 1668, 1606, 1583, 1285  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$ : 255.0895 found: 255.0897.

### 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3ga)



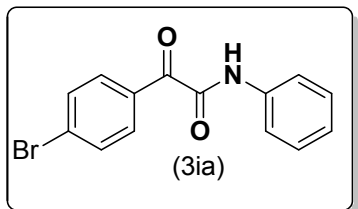
Yellow solid; m.p. 128-130° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.95 (b, 1 H), 8.53-8.50 (m, 2 H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  185.5, 167.7, 165.7, 158.6, 136.4, 134.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.0$  Hz), 129.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.0$  Hz), 125.4, 119.9, 115.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 17.0$  Hz); IR (neat): 3342, 1697, 1666, 1590, 1277  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNO}_2$ : 243.0696 found: 243.0700.

### 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3ha)



Yellow solid; m.p. 131-133° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.94 (b, 1 H), 8.39 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.0, 158.5, 141.4, 136.4, 132.9, 131.3, 129.2, 128.9, 125.4, 119.9; IR (neat): 3340, 1691, 1660, 1535, 1277  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNO}_2$ : 259.0400 found: 259.0410.

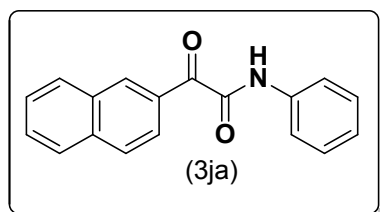
### 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3ia)





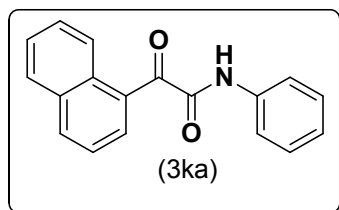
Yellow solid; m.p. 177-179° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.93 (b, 1 H), 8.31 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 4 H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.2, 158.4, 136.4, 132.9, 131.9, 131.7, 130.4, 129.2, 125.4, 119.9; IR (neat):  $\nu = 3297.7, 1687.9, 1652.8, 1607.9, 1282.3, 815.3$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; IR (neat): 3342, 1697, 1665, 1538, 1279  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNO}_2$ : 302.9895 found: 302.9899.

### 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3ja)



Yellow solid; m.p. 114-116° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.28 (s, 1 H), 9.03 (b, 1 H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.92-7.86 (m, 2 H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.9, 159.0, 136.6, 136.1, 135.3, 132.3, 130.4, 130.2, 129.5, 129.28, 129.26, 129.25, 129.23, 128.45, 128.43, 127.77, 127.75, 126.92, 126.9, 125.43, 125.41, 125.3, 119.9; IR (neat): 3340, 1690, 1665, 1534, 1274  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ : 275.0946 found: 275.0946.

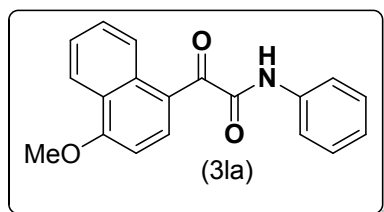
### 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3ka)



Yellow solid; m.p. 162-164° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.08 (b, 1 H), 8.55 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 8.37 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1 H), 7.55 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  190.0, 159.1, 136.7, 134.7, 133.8, 133.2, 131.2,

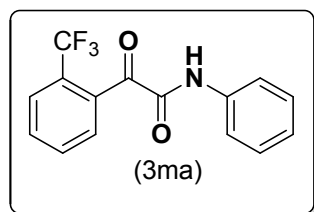
129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 126.6, 125.3, 125.2, 124.2, 119.8; IR (neat): 3339, 1693, 1668, 1536, 1273,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ : 275.0946 found: 275.0949.

### 2-(4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3la)



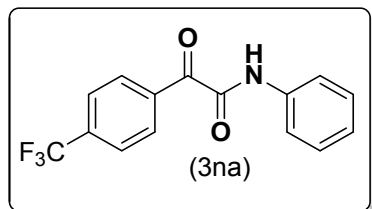
Yellow solid; m.p. 168-170° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.23 (s, 1 H), 9.04 (b, 1 H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (d  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2 H), 7.14 (s, 1 H), 3.95 (s, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.3, 160.6, 159.4, 138.1, 136.7, 135.2, 132.7, 132.1, 129.2, 128.3, 127.7, 127.1, 126.3, 125.2, 119.9, 119.7, 105.8, 55.4; IR (neat): 3337, 1682, 1660, 1529, 1266  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ : 305.1052 found: 305.1055.

### 2-oxo-N-phenyl-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (3ma)



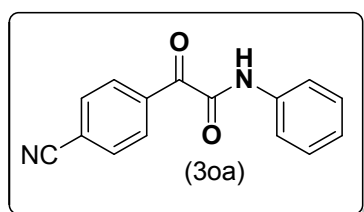
Yellow solid; m.p. 148-150° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.89 (b, 1 H), 7.80-7.78 (m, 2 H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 4 H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  191.0, 157.0, 136.2, 133.4, 131.5, 131.3, 129.4, 129.3, 126.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.0$  Hz), 125.5, 124.5, 119.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz); IR (neat): 3345, 1702, 1668, 1544, 1335, 1068  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ : 293.0664 found: 293.0664.

### 2-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3na)



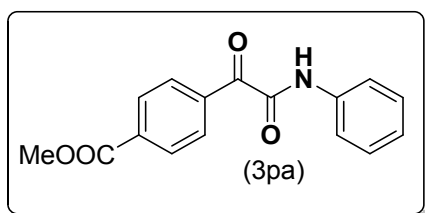
Yellow solid; m.p. 153-156° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.95 (b, 1 H), 8.50 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.75-7.67 (m, 4 H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2 H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.5, 158.1, 136.2, 135.7, 135.2, 131.7, 129.2, 125.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 6.0$  Hz), 125.45 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz), 125.40, 119.9 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 1.0$  Hz); IR (neat): 3345, 1704, 1670, 1545, 1337, 1065  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ : 293.0664 found: 293.0663.

### 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3oa)



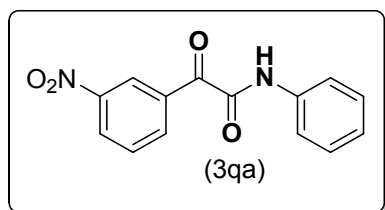
Yellow solid; m.p. 146-148° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.92 (b, 1 H), 8.49 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.1, 157.8, 136.15, 136.11, 132.1, 131.7, 129.3, 125.6, 119.9, 117.7, 117.5; IR (neat): 3342, 2253, 1702, 1669, 1545, 1337, 1065  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 250.0742 found: 250.0745.

### methyl 4-(2-oxo-2-(phenylamino)acetyl)benzoate (3pa)



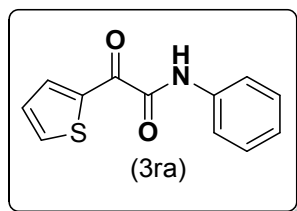
Yellow solid; m.p. 167-169° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.93 (b, 1 H), 8.44 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 8.13 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.9, 166.0, 158.2, 136.3, 136.2, 134.9, 131.3, 129.5, 129.2, 125.4, 119.9; IR (neat): 3330, 2982, 1712, 1701, 1527, 1279  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4$ : 283.0845 found: 283.0848.

### 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3qa)



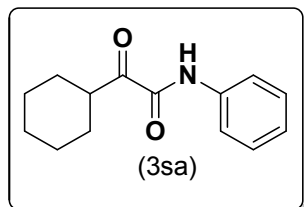
Yellow solid; m.p. 158-160° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.25 (s, 1 H), 8.95 (b, 1 H), 8.78-8.76 (m, 1 H), 8.49-8.46 (m, 1 H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 3 H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2 H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  185.3, 157.7, 148.2, 137.0, 136.1, 134.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.5, 126.3, 125.7, 120.0; IR (neat): 3337, 2919, 1708, 1666, 1511  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : 270.0641 found: 270.0641.

### 2-oxo-N-phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetamide (3ra)



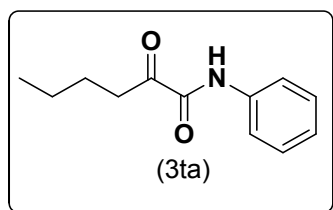
Yellow solid; m.p. 133-135° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.11 (b, 1 H), 8.45 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  178.3, 158.2, 139.2, 138.5, 136.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 125.3, 119.9; IR (neat): 3330, 1690, 1650, 1409, 1283, 1048  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ : 231.0354 found: 231.0357.

### 2-cyclohexyl-2-oxo-N-phenylacetamide (3sa)



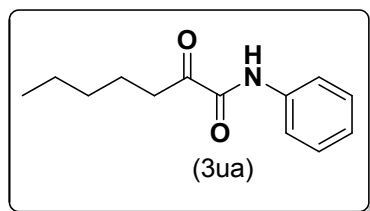
Yellow solid; m.p. 105-107° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.75 (b, 1 H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 3.50-3.46 (m, 1 H), 1.92 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 1.80 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 2 H), 1.70 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 1.40-1.25 (m, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  201.6, 157.2, 136.4, 129.1, 125.1, 119.6, 43.1, 28.1, 25.7, 25.3; IR (neat): 3320, 1713, 1668, 1511, 1148  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ : 231.1259 found: 231.1257.

### 2-oxo-N-phenylhexanamide (3ta)



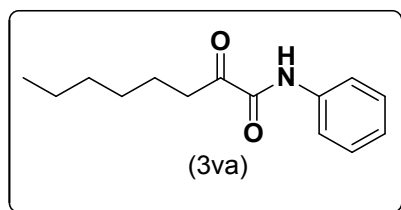
Yellow solid; m.p. 79-82° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.72 (b, 1 H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.99 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.42-1.34 (m, 2 H), 0.92 (t,  $J = 4$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  199.5, 157.5, 136.3, 129.2, 125.2, 119.7, 36.0, 25.4, 22.2, 13.8; IR (neat): 3325, 2936, 1714, 1670, 1239  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ : 205.1103 found: 205.1098.

### 2-oxo-N-phenylheptanamide (3ua)



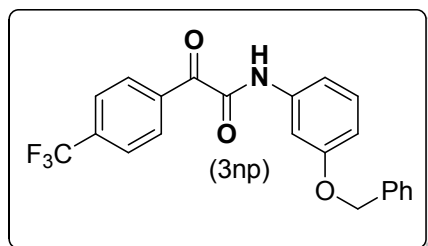
Yellow solid; m.p. 90-92° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.72 (b, 1 H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.98 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 1.68-1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.34-1.32 (m, 4 H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 4$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  199.5, 157.5, 136.3, 129.2, 125.2, 119.7, 36.3, 31.2, 23.0, 22.3, 13.8; IR (neat): 3325, 2936, 1713, 1667, 1237  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ : 219.1259 found: 219.1260.

### 2-oxo-N-phenyloctanamide (3va)



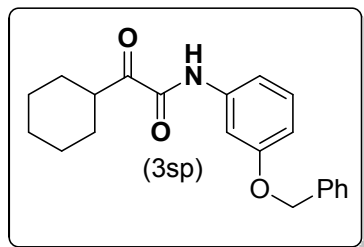
Yellow solid; m.p. 108-111° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.73 (b, 1 H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.98 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 1.67-1.61 (m, 2 H), 1.36-1.30 (m, 7 H), 0.87 (t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  199.5, 157.5, 136.3, 129.2, 125.2, 119.6, 36.3, 31.4, 23.0, 28.7, 23.2, 22.4, 14.0; IR (neat): 3321, 2939, 1715, 1669, 1529, 1235, 1054  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ : 233.1416 found: 233.1416.

### N-(3-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-oxo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (3np)



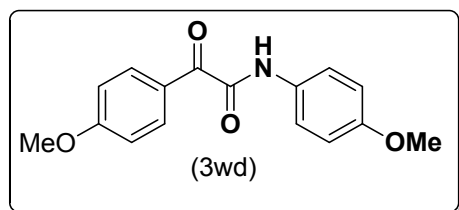
Yellow solid; m.p. 157-160° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.91 (b, 1 H), 8.51 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.53 (s, 1 H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2 H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 5.09 (s, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  186.4, 159.4, 158.0, 137.4, 136.6, 135.8, 135.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.0$  Hz), 135.1, 132.7, 131.7, 130.0, 28.6, 128.0, 127.5, 125.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz), 112.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 17.0$  Hz), 106.5, 70.0; IR (neat): 3340, 2929, 1702, 1680, 1598  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ : 399.1082 found: 399.1087.

### N-(3-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-cyclohexyl-2-oxoacetamide (3sp)



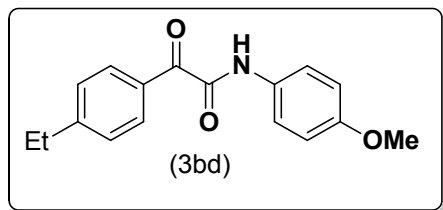
Yellow solid; m.p. 148-152° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.78 (b, 1 H), 7.54 (s, 1 H), 7.45-7.33 (m, 5 H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 5.08 (s, 2 H), 3.51-3.47 (m, 1 H), 1.96-1.72 (m, 5 H), 1.46-1.22 (m, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  201.5, 159.3, 157.2, 137.6, 136.6, 129.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 112.1, 112.0, 106.0, 43.1, 28.1, 25.7, 25.3; IR (neat): 3329, 2933, 1717, 1670, 1539, 1235, 1054  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3$ : 337.1678 found: 337.1679.

### N,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetamide (3wd)



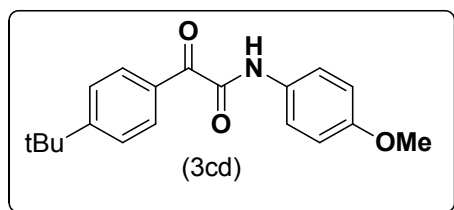
Yellow solid; m.p. 118-120° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.93 (b, 1 H), 8.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 6.96-6.89 (m, 4 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  185.3, 164.8, 159.2, 156.9, 134.2, 129.9, 126.2, 121.4, 114.3, 113.8, 55.5, 55.4; IR (neat): 3333, 1689, 1668, 1587, 1258  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4$ : 285.1001, found: 285.1005.

### 2-(4-ethylphenyl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetamide (3bd)



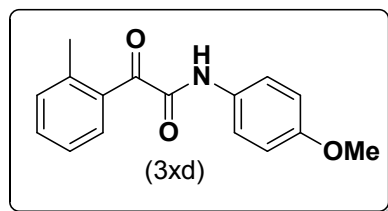
Yellow solid; m.p. 132-134° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.89 (b, 1 H), 8.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.71 (q,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  187.0, 158.9, 156.9, 151.9, 131.7, 130.8, 129.8, 128.0, 121.4, 114.3, 55.4, 29.1, 15.0; IR (neat): 3335, 1690, 1671, 1580, 1257  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ : 283.1208, found: 283.1216.

### 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetamide (3cd)



Yellow solid; m.p. 116-118° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.87 (b, 1 H), 8.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 1.34 (s, 9 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  187.1, 158.9, 158.5, 156.9, 131.4, 130.5, 129.8, 125.5, 121.4, 114.3, 55.4, 35.2, 30.9; IR (neat): 3340, 1692, 1670, 1585, 1257  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ : 311.1521, found: 311.1523.

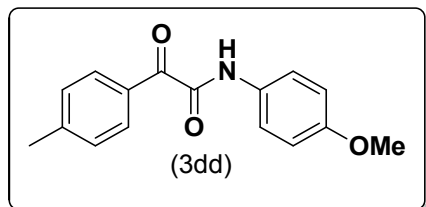
### N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-2-(o-tolyl)acetamide (3xd)



Yellow solid; m.p. 127-129° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.84 (b, 1 H), 7.97 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 1 H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 2 H), 6.91-6.88 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.50 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  191.2, 158.6, 157.0, 140.0, 131.9, 131.6, 129.8, 125.3, 121.3, 114.3, 55.4, 20.7; IR (neat): 3340, 1694, 1670, 1584, 1258  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ : 269.1052 found: 269.1039.

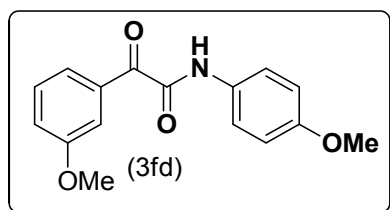


### N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)acetamide (3dd)



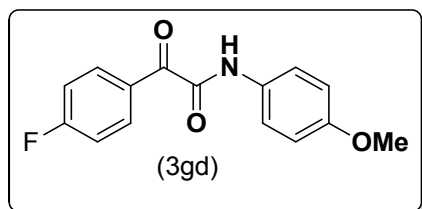
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 129-131° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.87 (b, 1 H), 8.32 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 2 H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  187.0, 158.9, 157.0, 145.84, 145.82, 131.6, 130.7, 129.8, 129.2, 121.4, 114.3, 55.4, 21.8; IR (neat): 3338, 1689, 1670, 1583, 1256  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ : 269.1052 found: 269.1058.

### 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetamide (3fd)



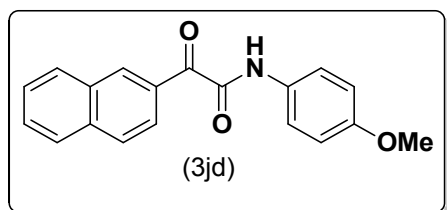
Yellow solid; m.p. 119-122° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.91 (b, 1 H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (s, 1 H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.37 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 1 H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  187.3, 159.4, 158.7, 157.0, 134.2, 129.7, 129.4, 124.2, 121.5, 121.4, 114.9, 114.2, 55.4, 55.3; IR (neat): 3340, 1693, 1673, 1589, 1263  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4$ : 285.1001, found: 285.1010.

### 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoacetamide (3gd)



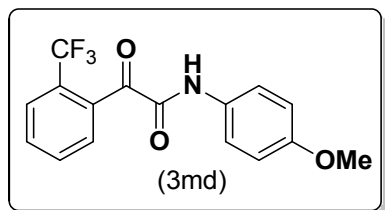
Yellow solid; m.p. 132-136° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.89 (b, 1 H), 8.50 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 2 H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  185.7, 167.9, 165.4, 158.4, 157.1, 134.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 10.0$  Hz), 129.6, 121.5, 115.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.0$  Hz), 114.3, 55.4; IR (neat): 3338, 1688, 1667, 1585, 1253  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HRMS** calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{FNO}_3$ : 273.0801, found: 273.0795.

#### N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoacetamide (3jd)



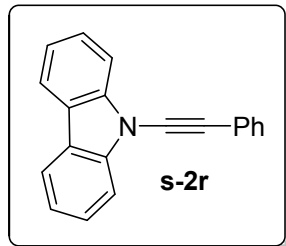
Yellow solid; m.p. 166-168° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.27 (s, 1 H), 8.97 (b, 1 H), 8.24-8.21 (m, 1 H), 8.00 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.90-7.85 (m, 2 H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 3 H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1 H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  187.1, 158.9, 157.0, 136.1, 135.26, 135.24, 132.3, 130.3, 129.8, 129.4, 128.3, 127.7, 126.8, 125.4, 121.5, 114.3, 55.4; IR (neat): 3340, 1692, 1666, 1580, 1274  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HRMS** calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ : 305.1052, found: 305.1050.

#### N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetamide (3md)



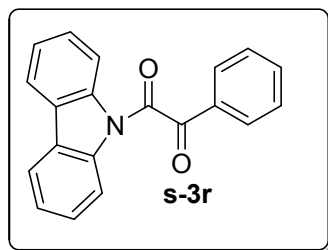
Yellow solid; m.p. 156-159° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.82 (b, 1 H), 7.76 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.65-7.58 (m, 5 H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 2 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  191.1, 157.2, 156.8, 131.4, 131.3, 129.4 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.0$  Hz), 126.9, 126.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.0$  Hz), 124.8, 122.1, 121.3, 114.4, 55.4; IR (neat): 3345, 1705, 1672, 1548, 1335  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **HRMS** calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ : 323.0769, found: 323.0771.

### 9-(phenylethynyl)-9H-carbazole (s-2r)

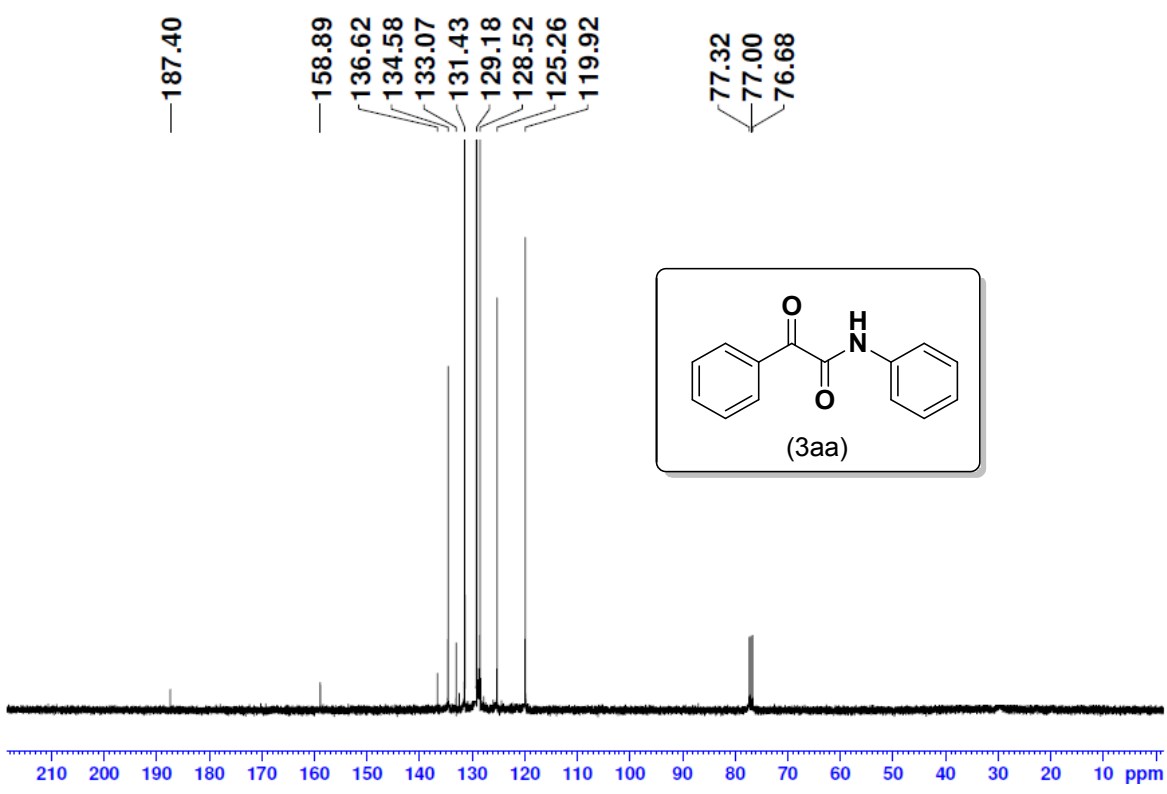
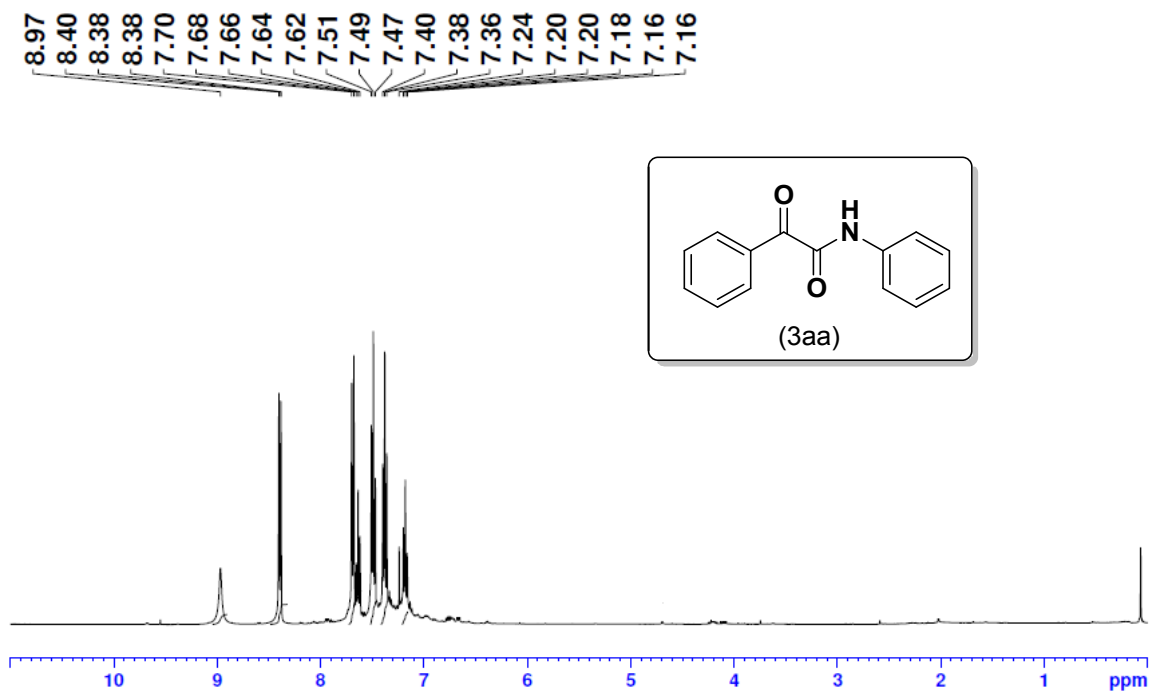


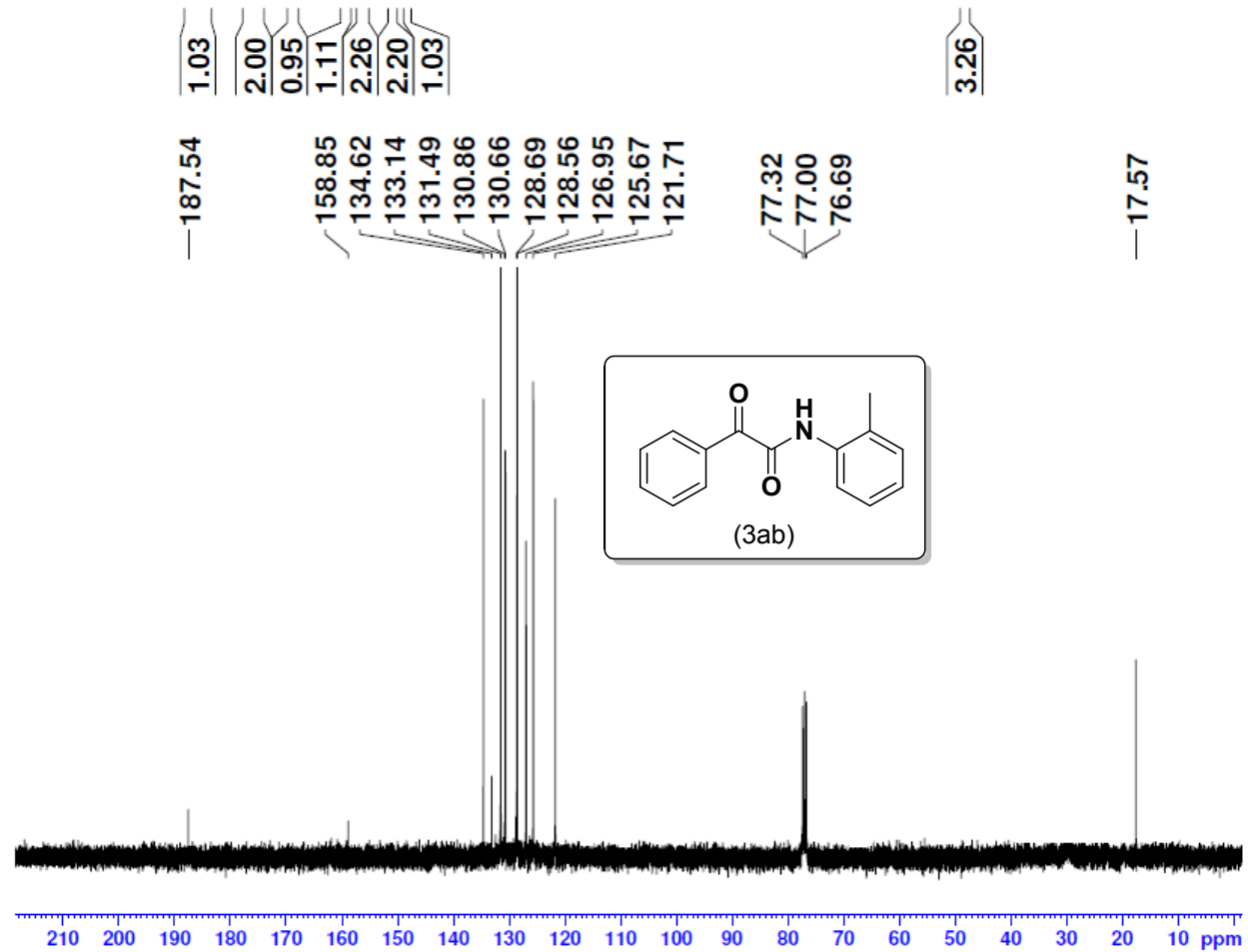
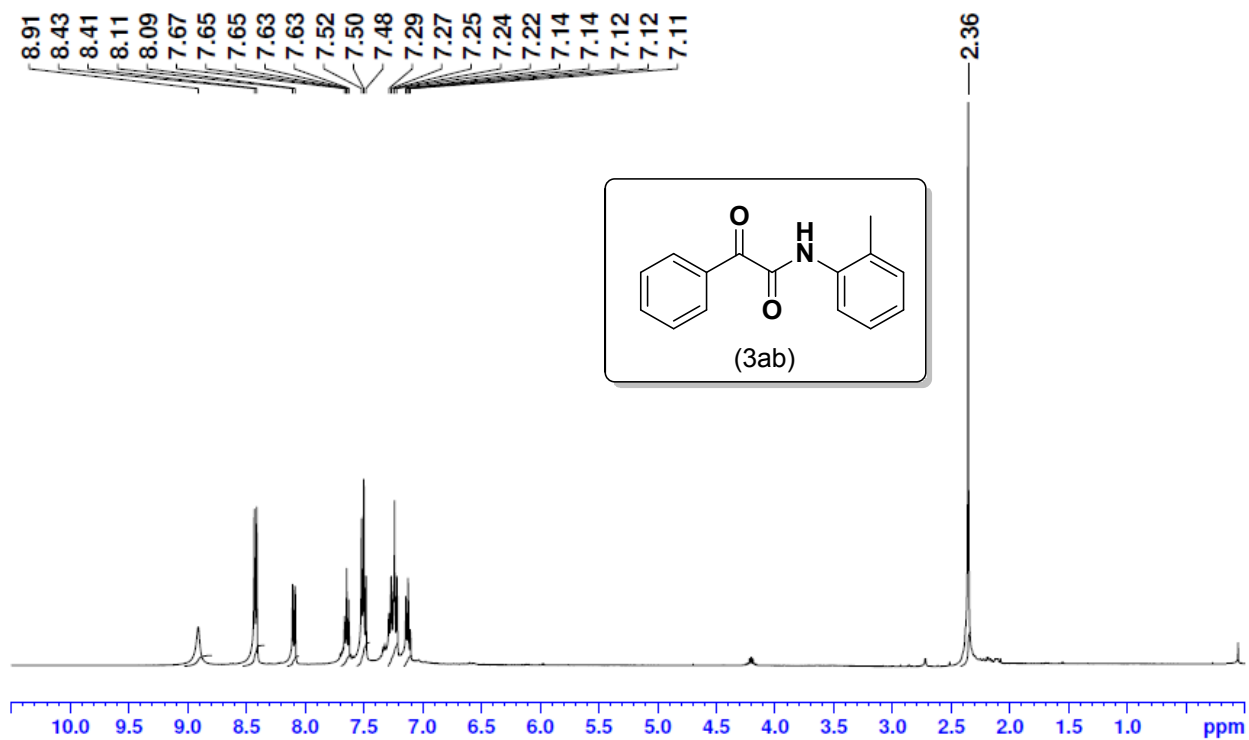
Pale yellow solid; m.p. 127-130° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.02 (d, ,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2 H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 5 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  140.4, 131.4, 128.4, 127.9, 126.7, 123.5, 122.9, 122.0, 120.3, 111.2, 78.8, 74.5; IR (neat): 3054, 2984, 2305, 2178, 1274,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}$ : 267.1048, found: 267.1051.

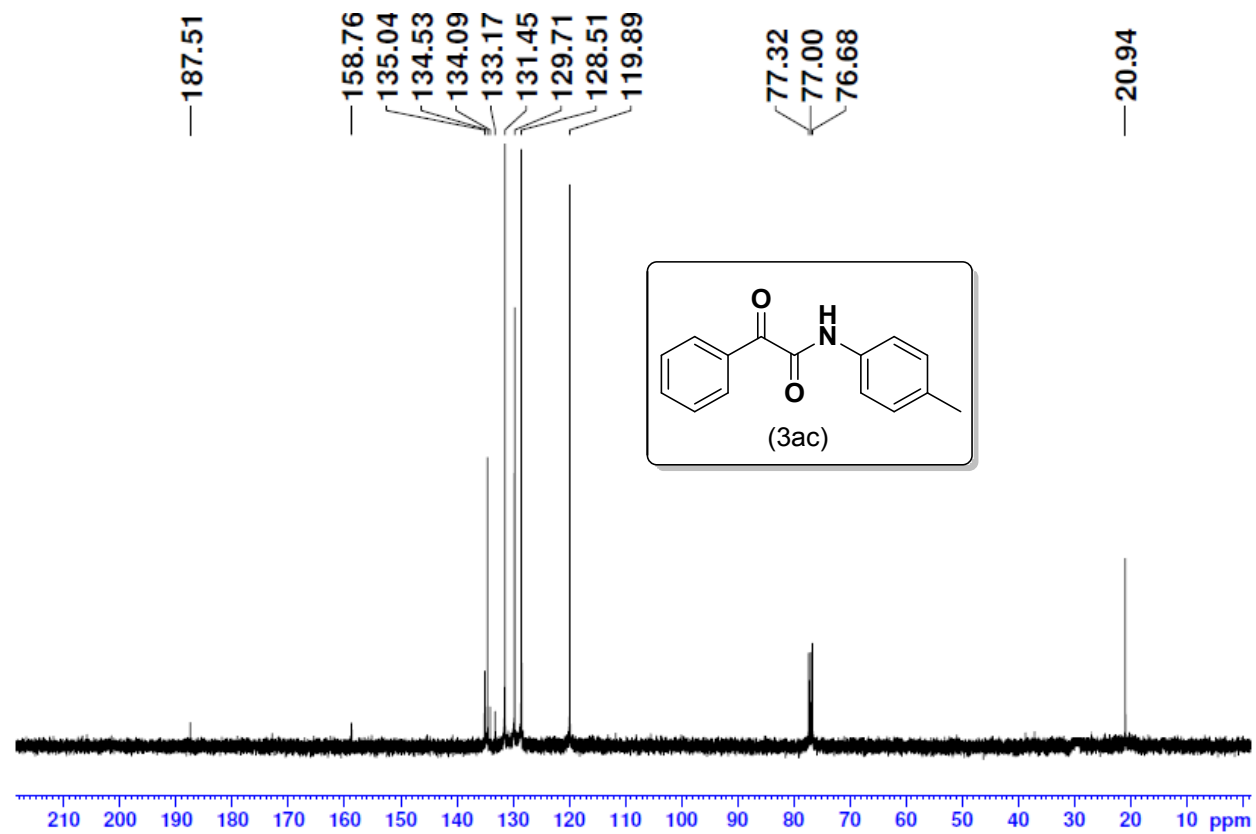
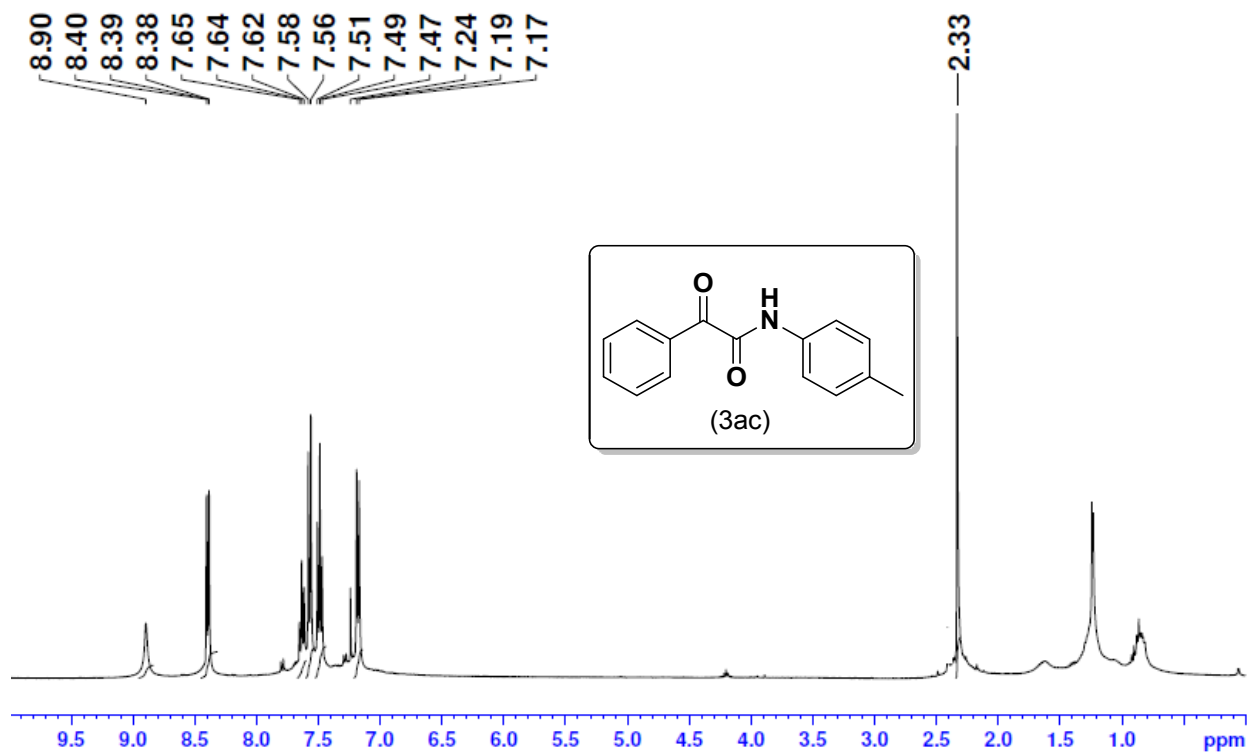
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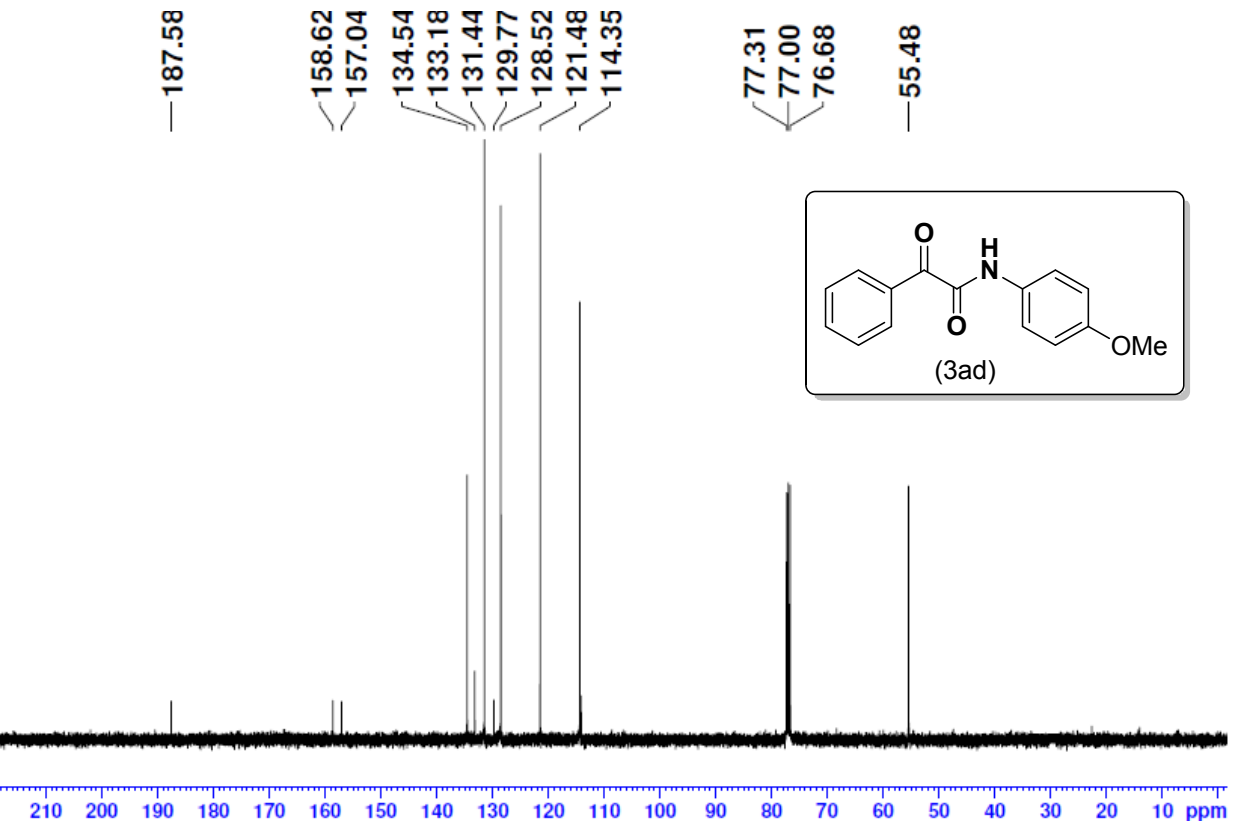
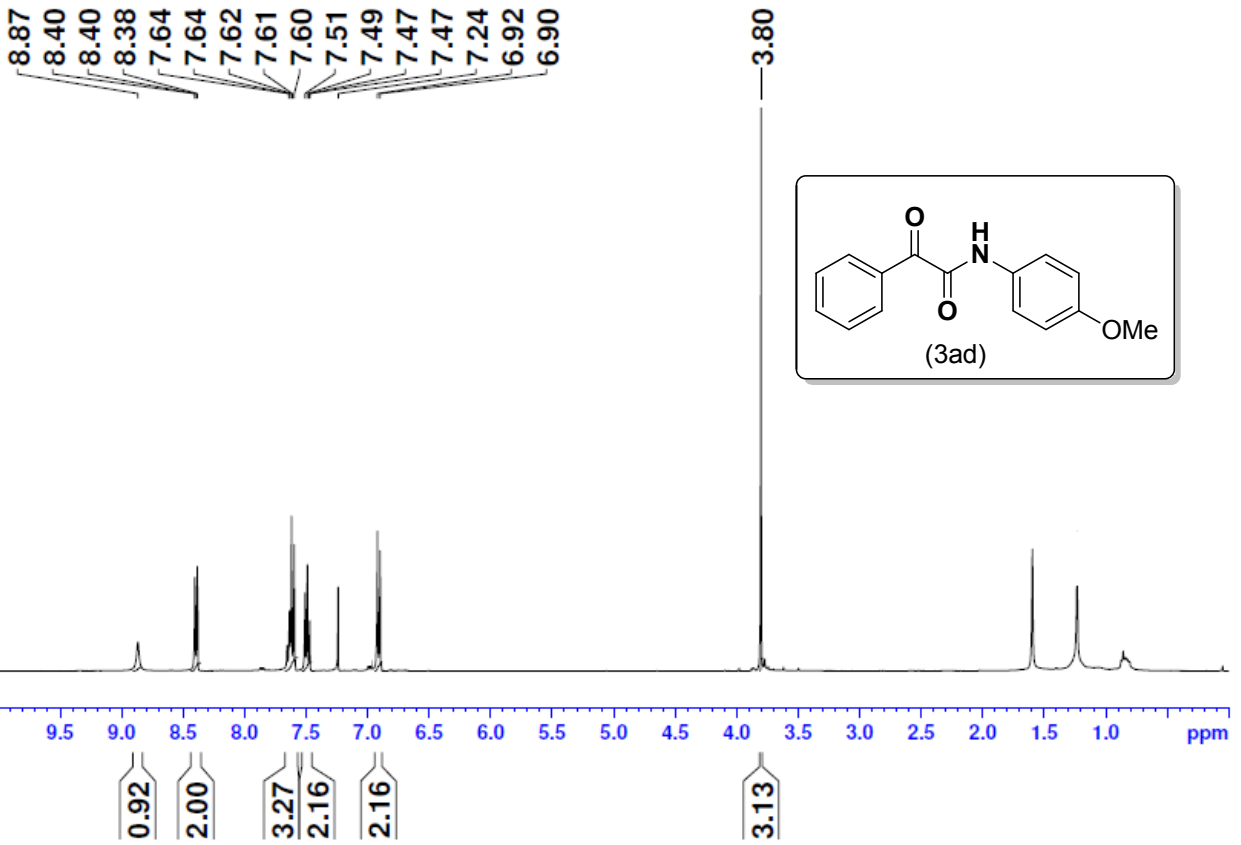


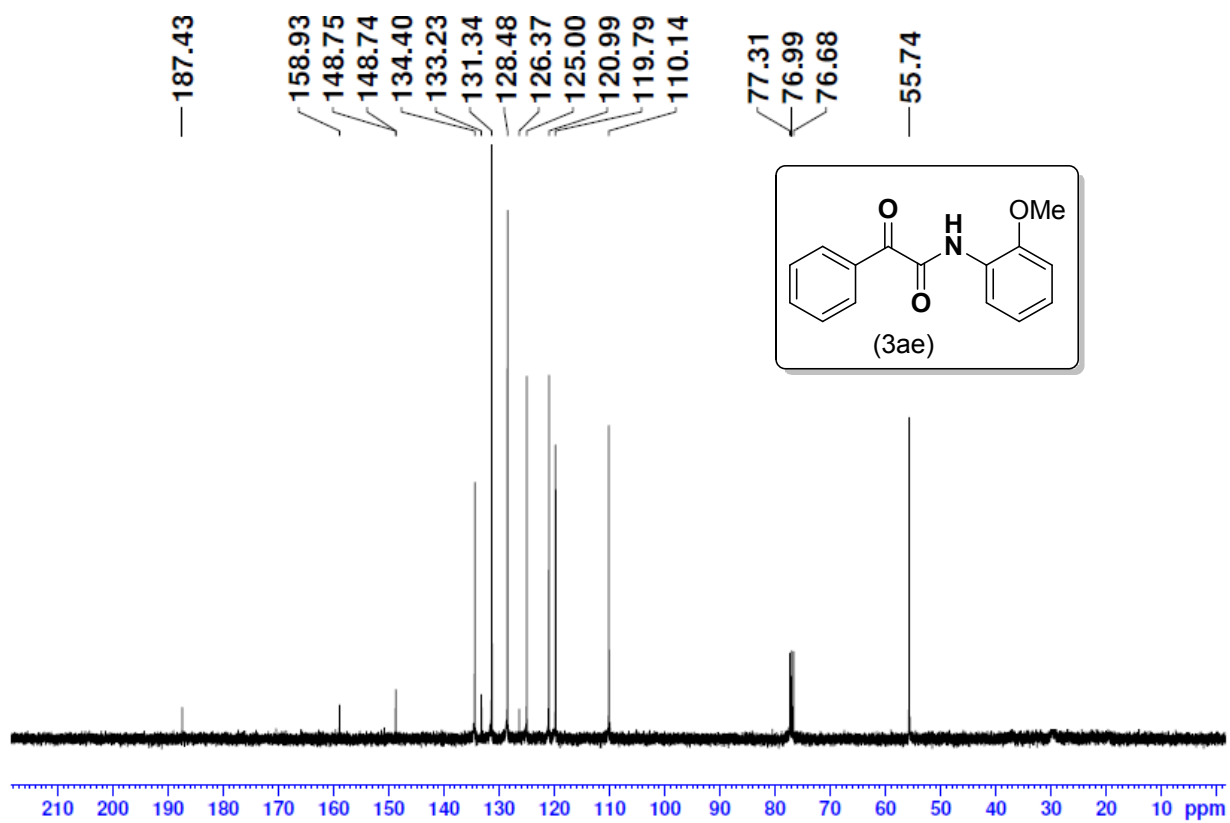
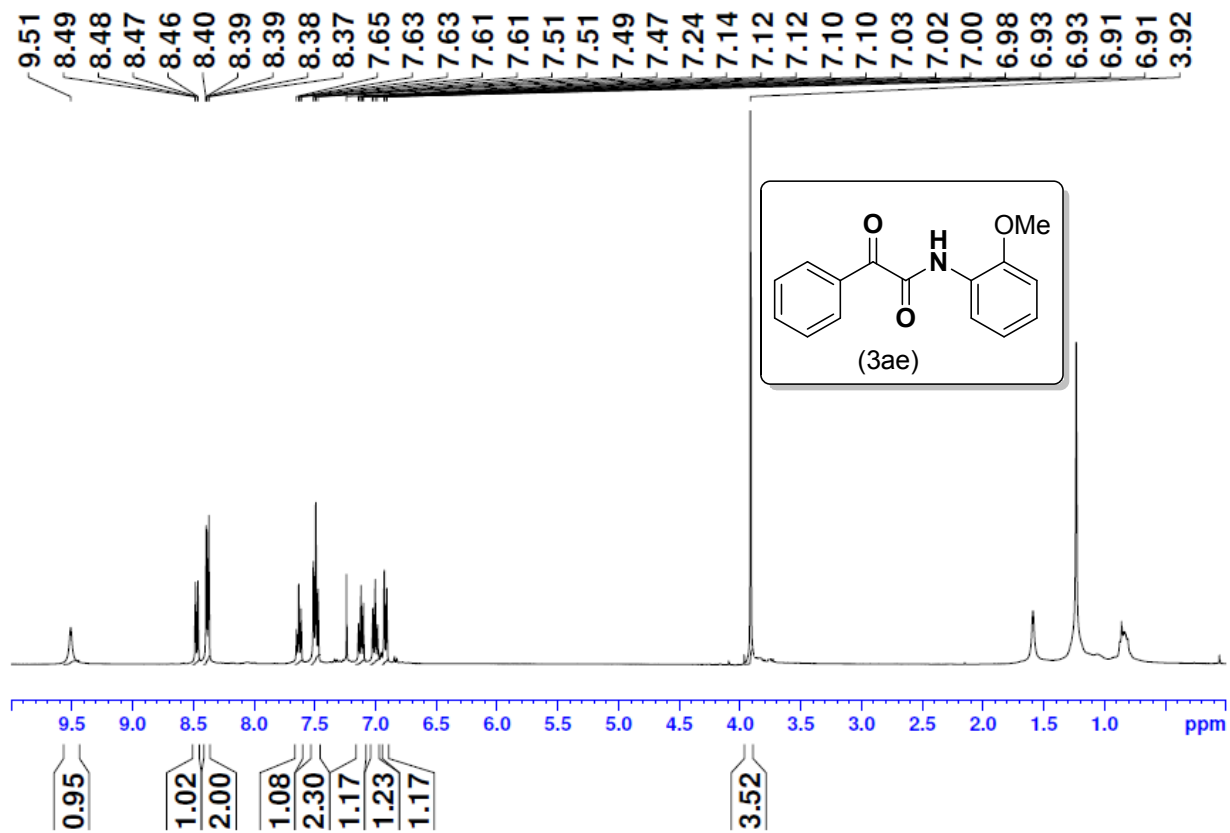
Yellow solid; m.p. 139-142° C;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.76 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1 H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2 H) 7.98 (q,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 2 H) 7.72 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 3 H) 7.48 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1 H) 7.33 (t,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (q,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  188.8, 165.6, 138.0, 136.1, 135.6, 131.9, 130.2, 129.4, 128.0, 127.1, 126.8, 126.4, 125.2, 124.4, 120.5, 119.7, 117.8, 113.5; IR (neat): 3012, 2937, 2635, 2413, 1680, 1628, 1392, 1029  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ : 299.0946, found: 299.0950.



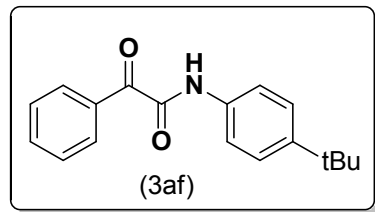
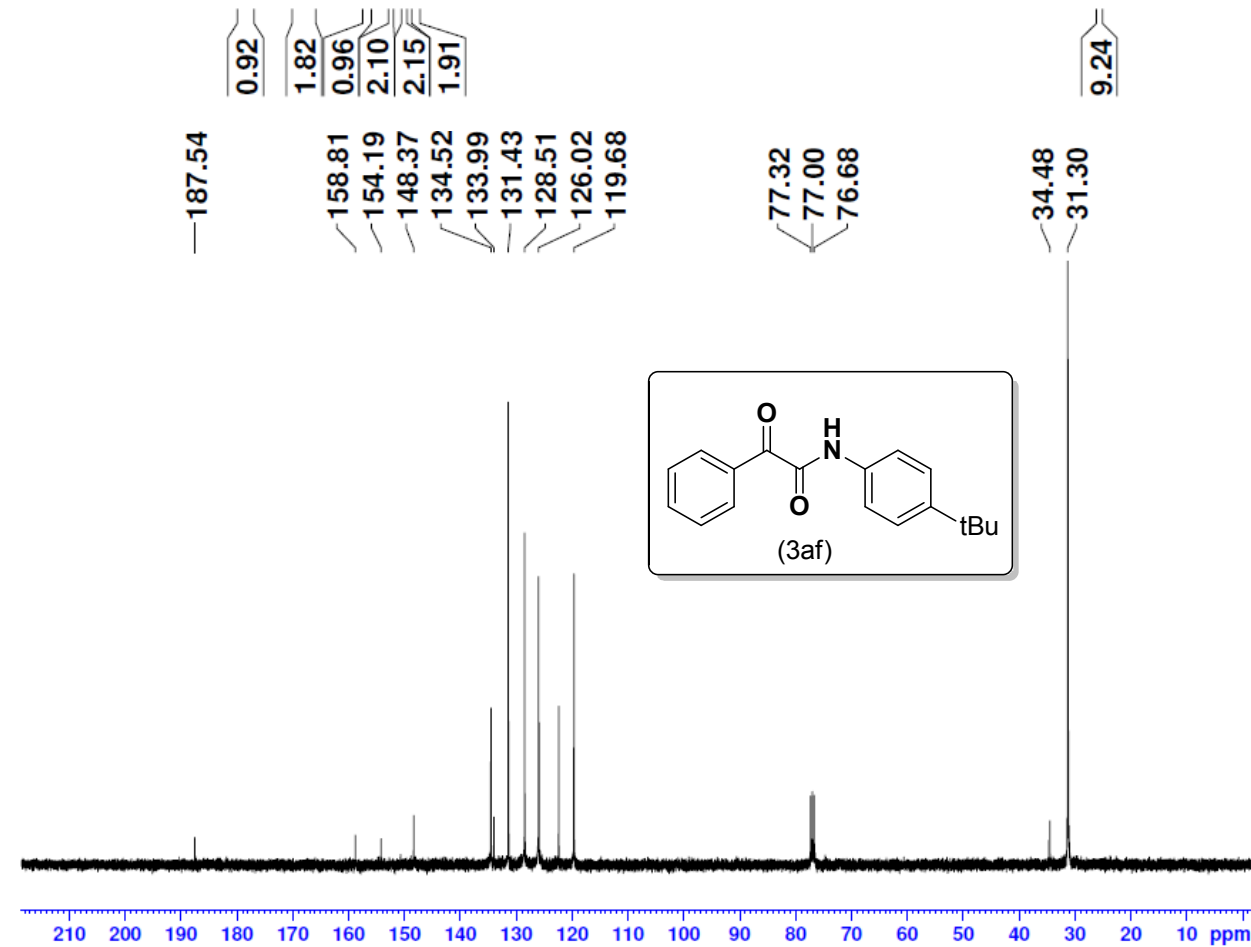
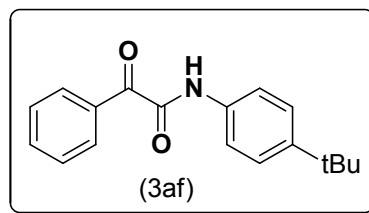
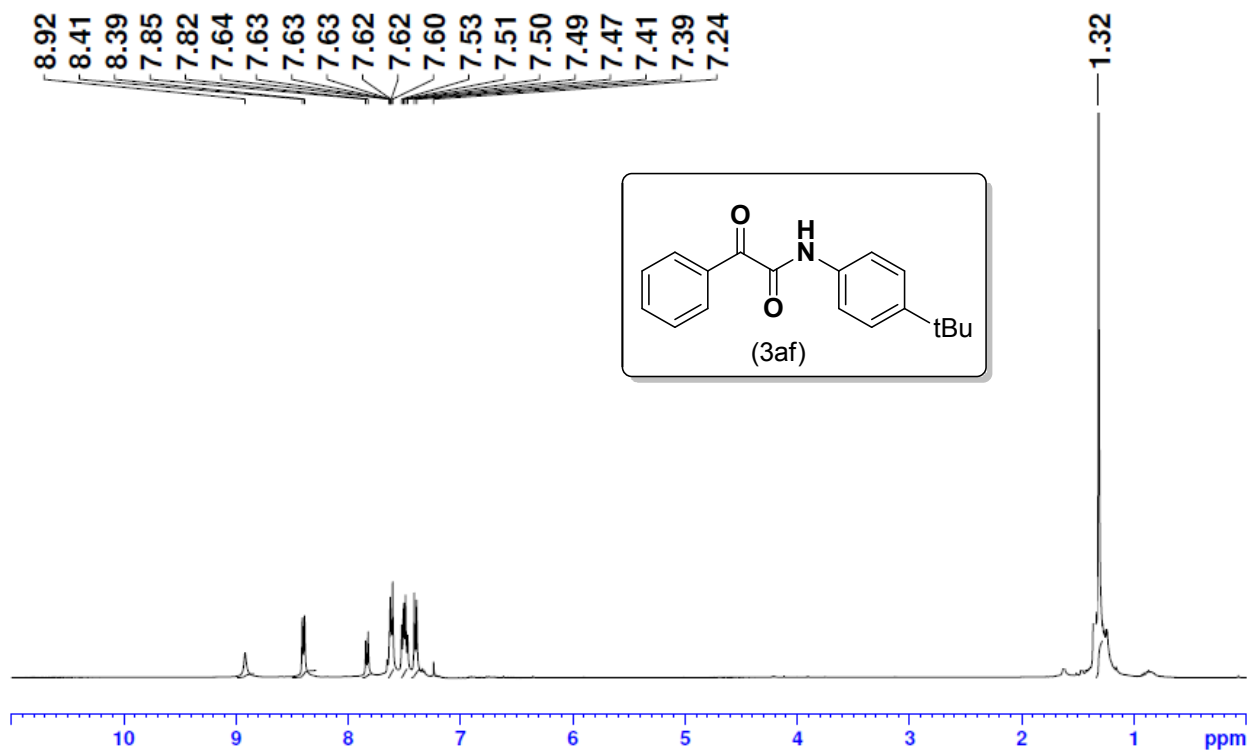


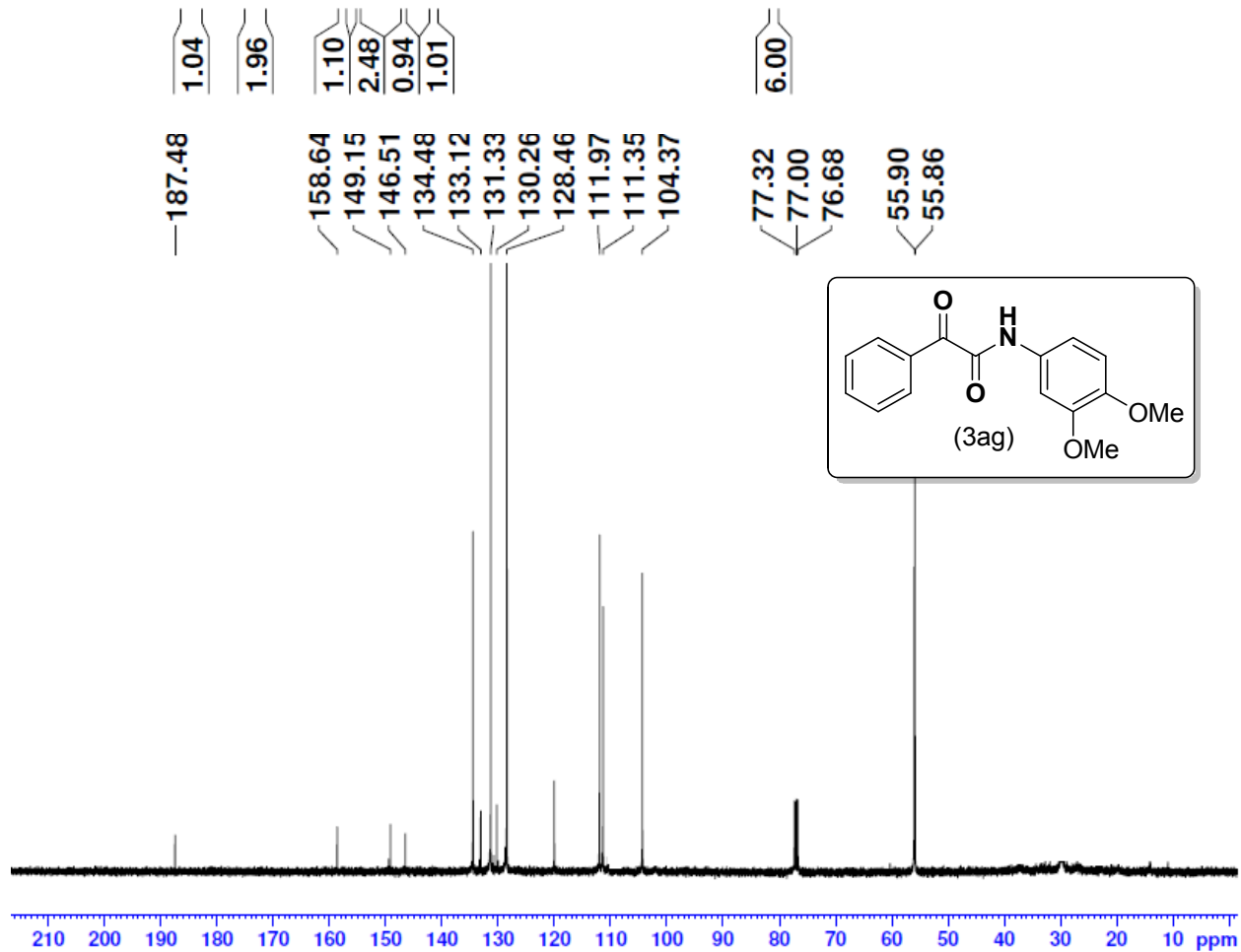
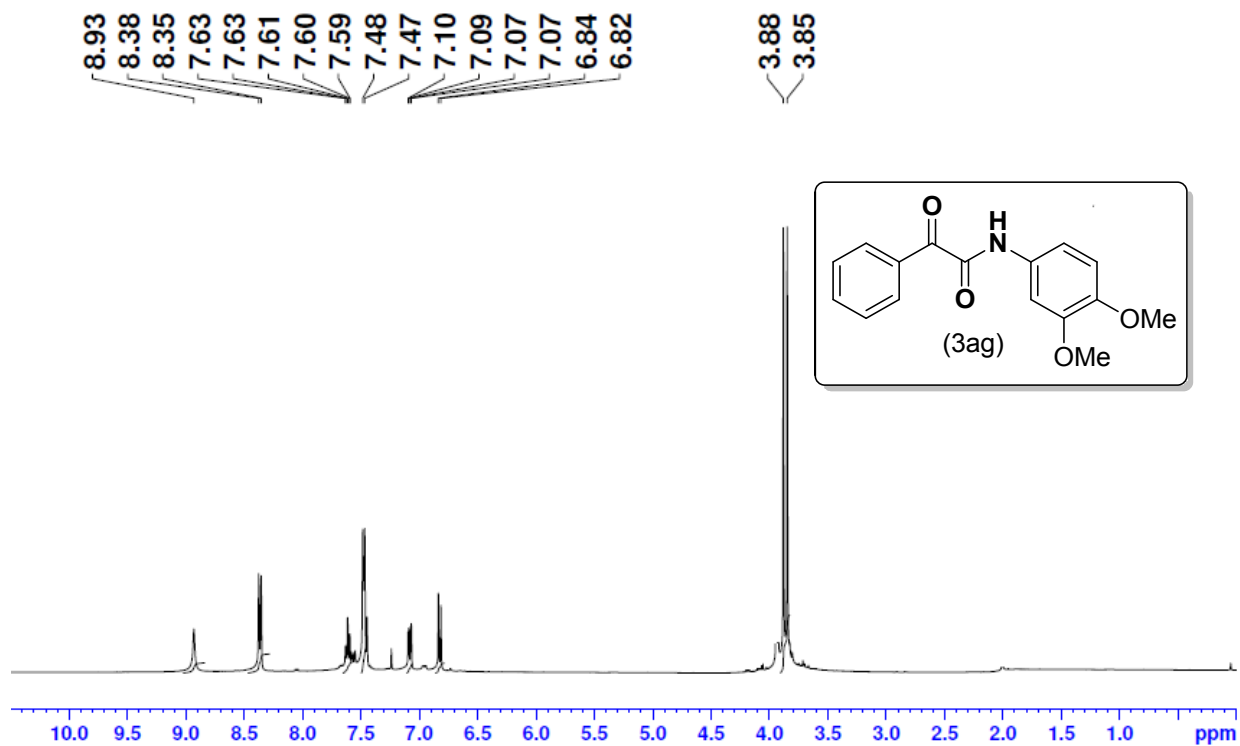


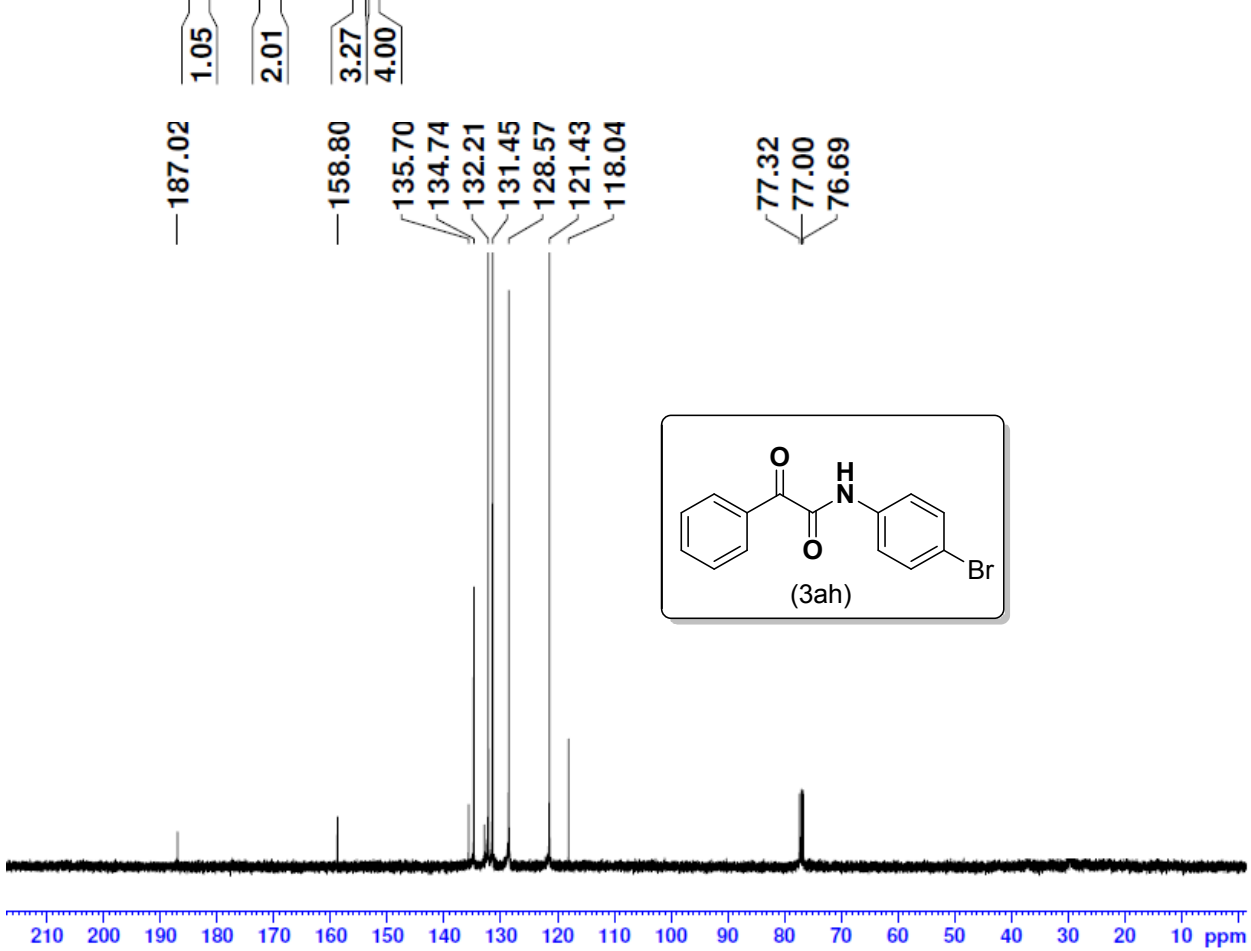
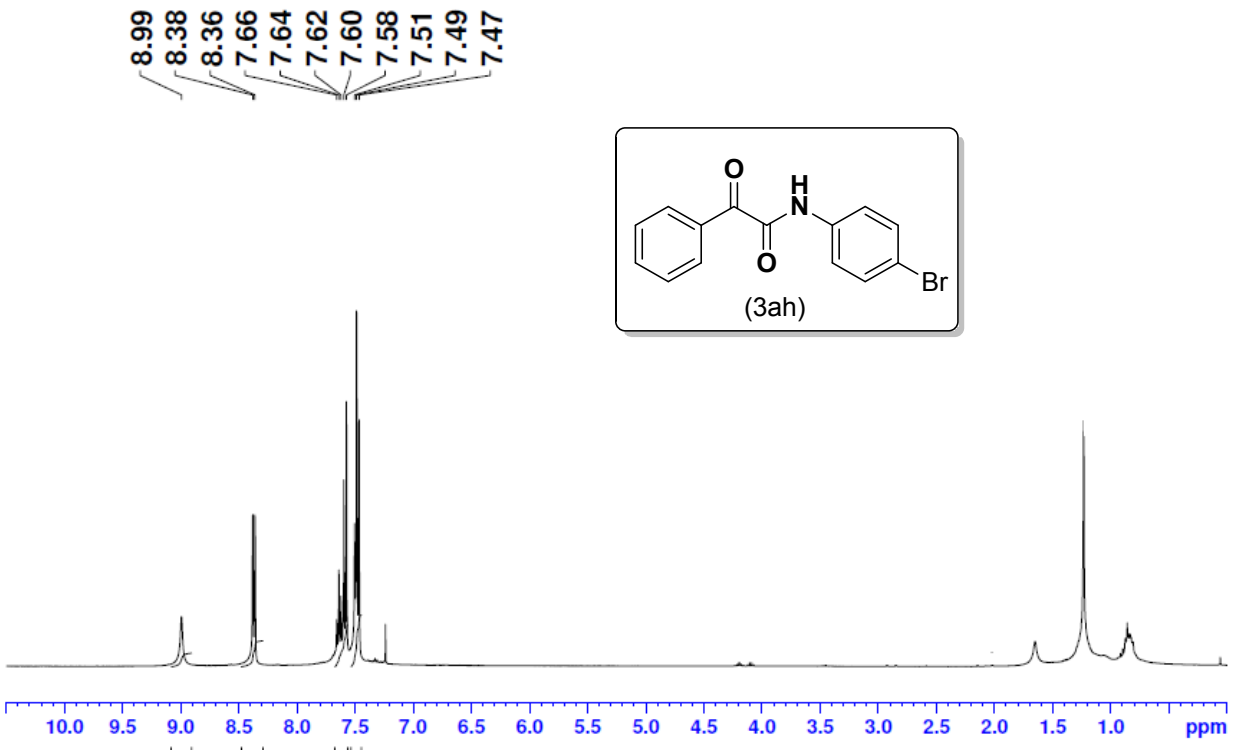


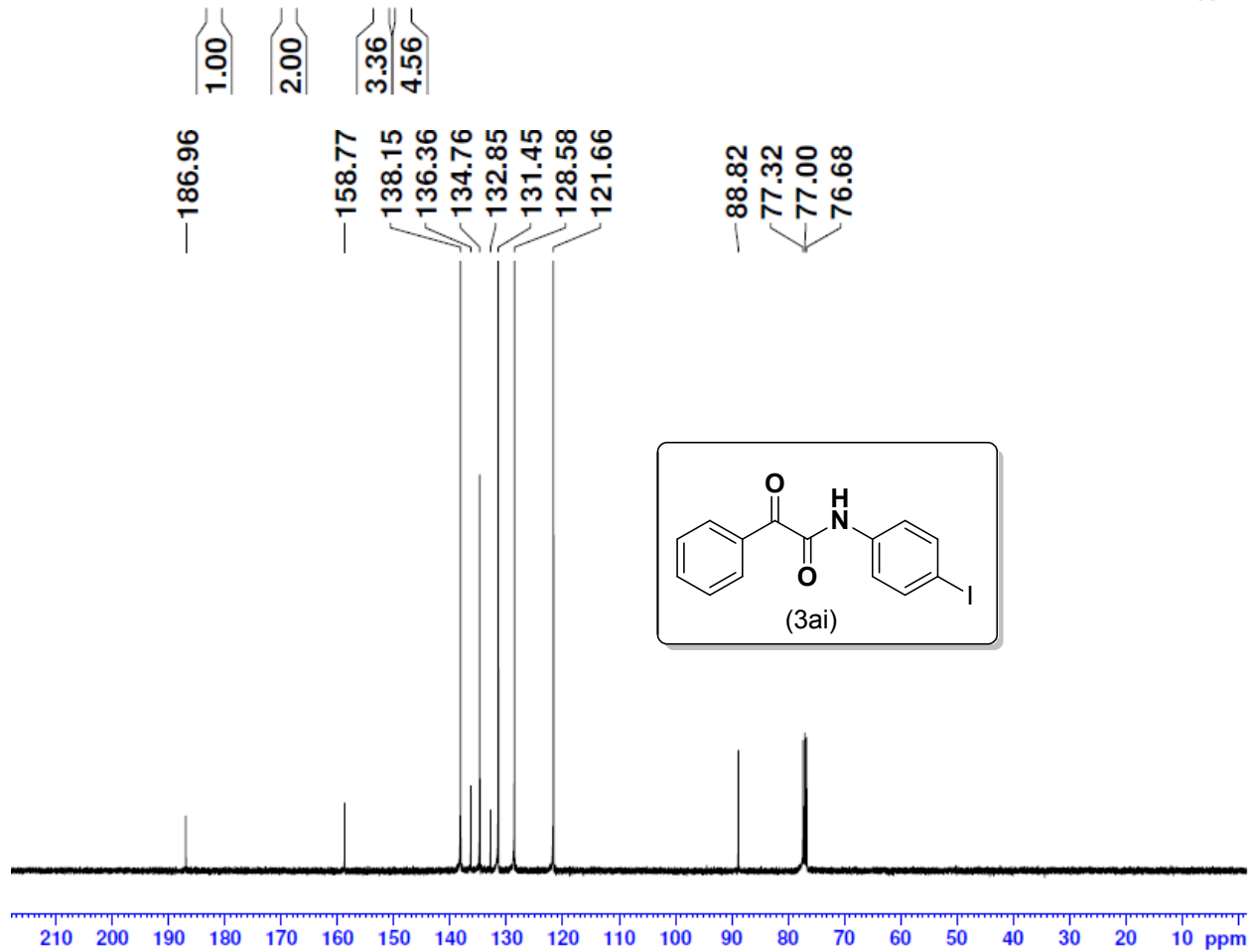
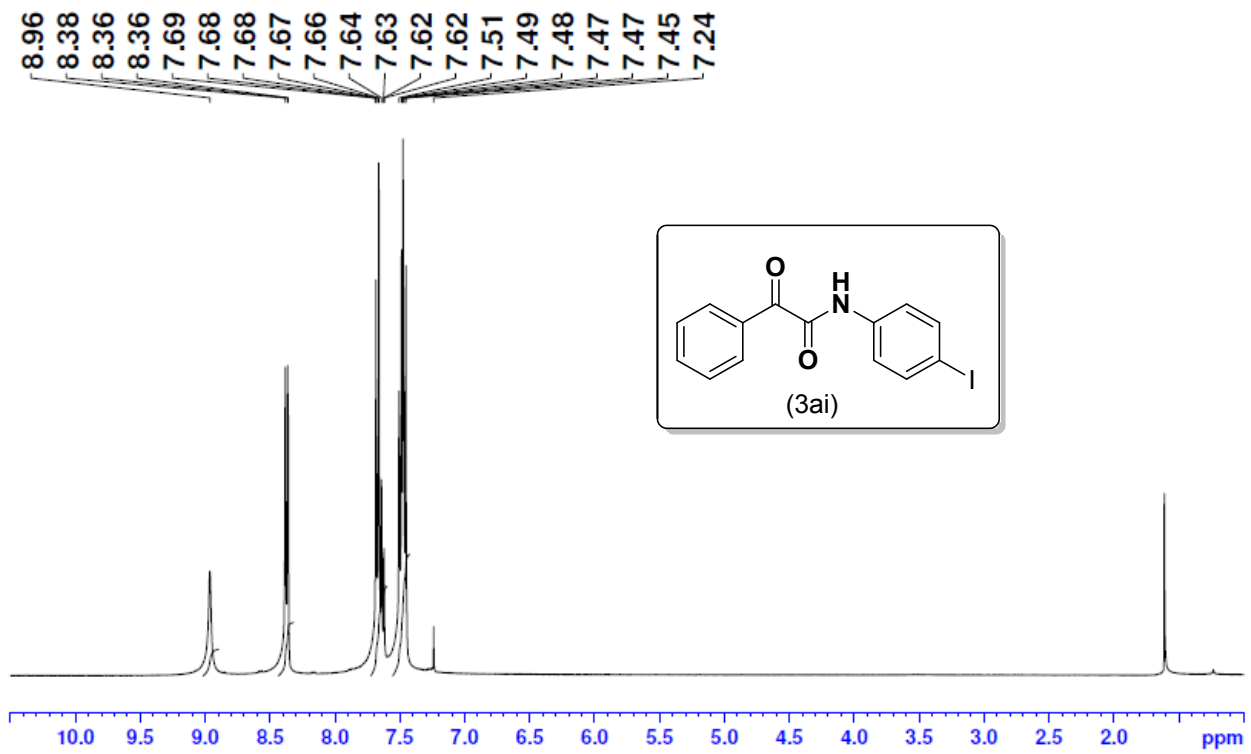


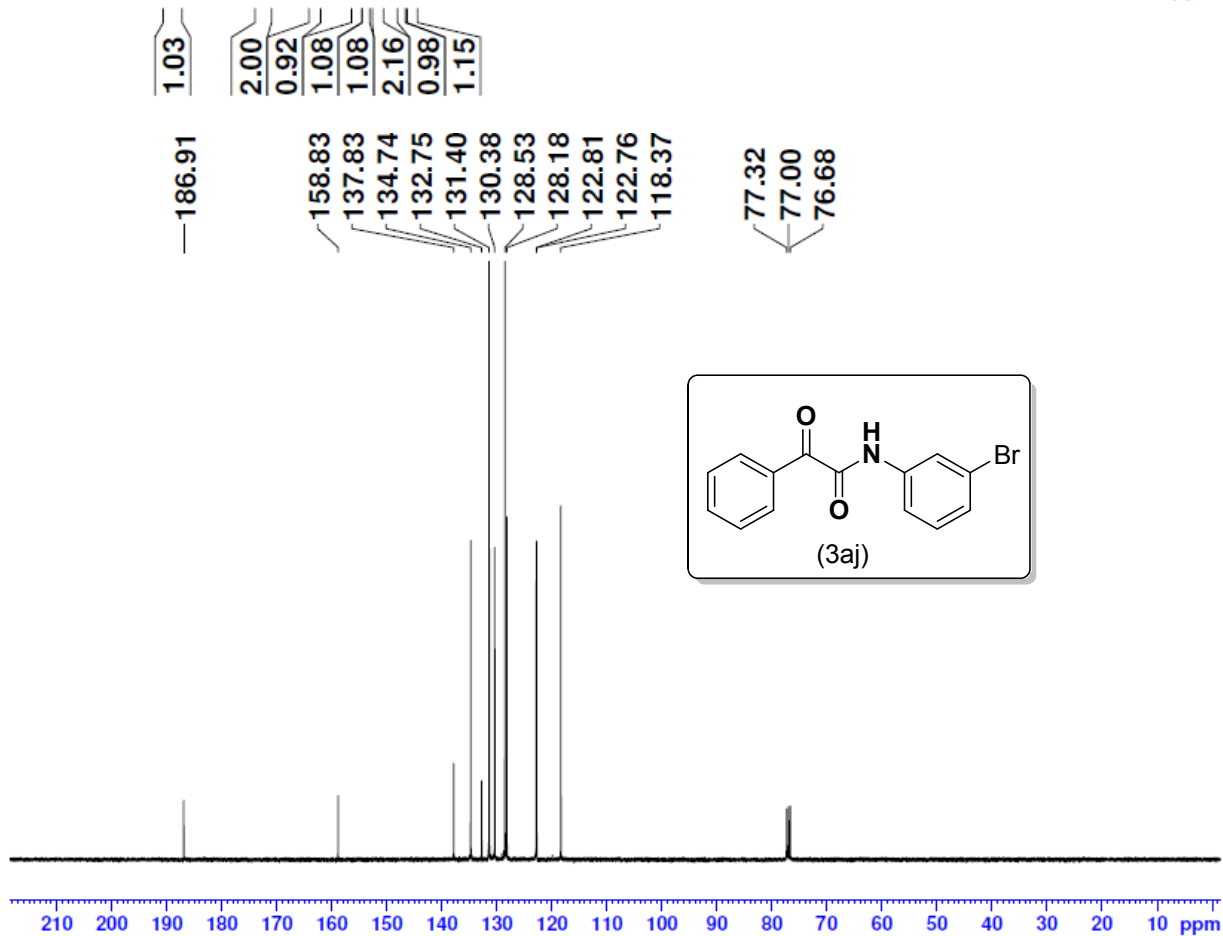
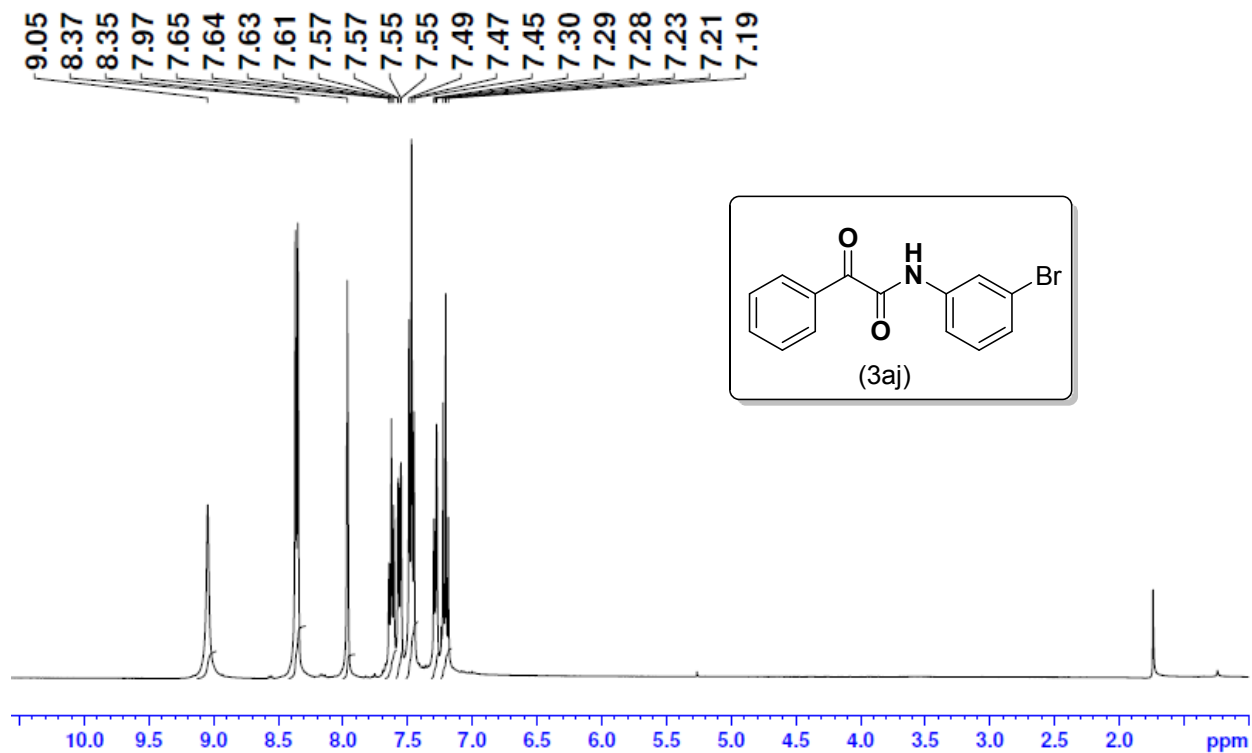


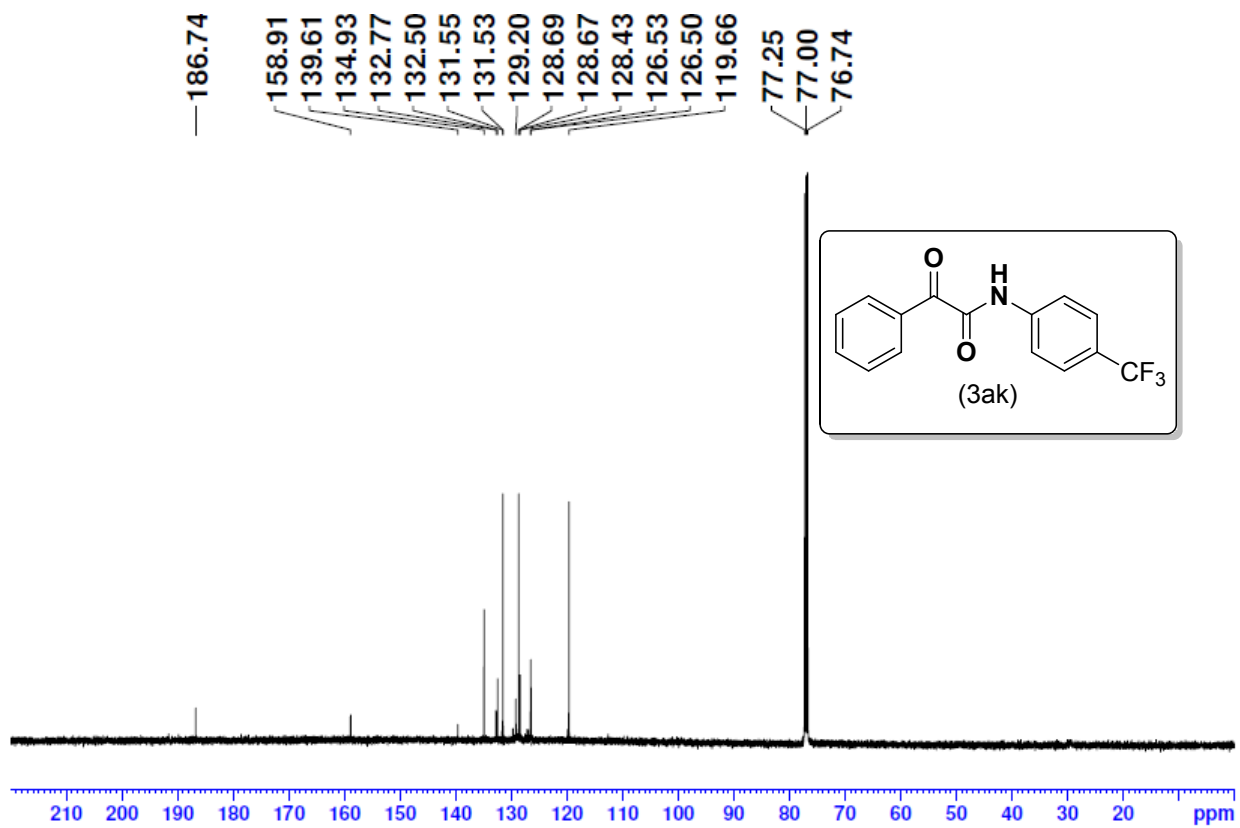
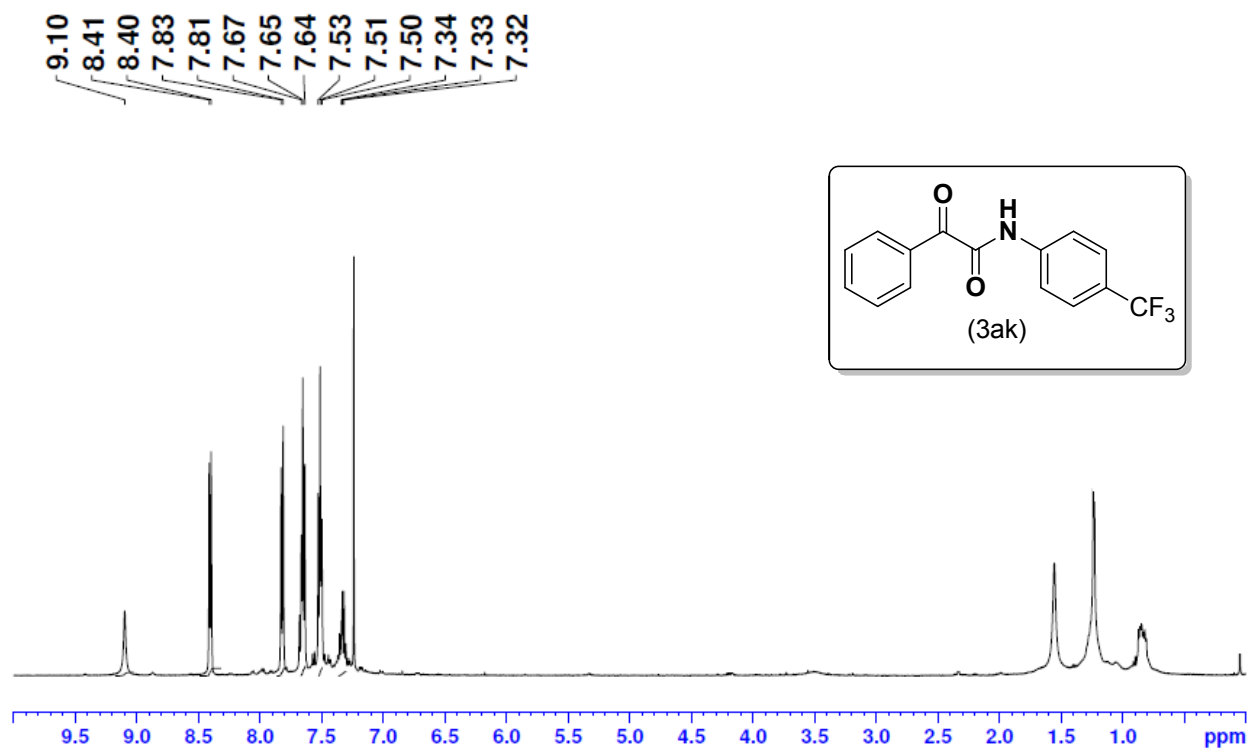


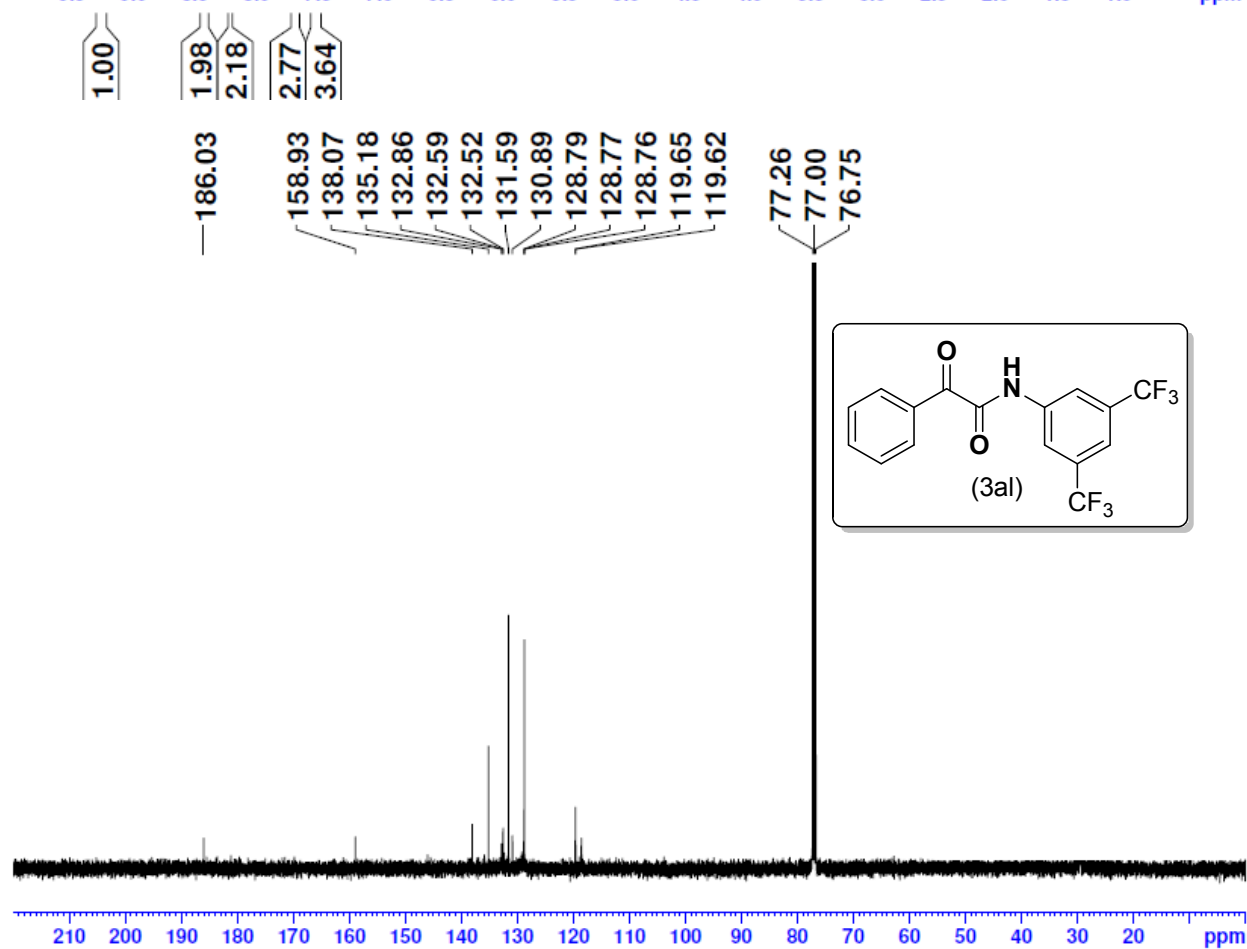
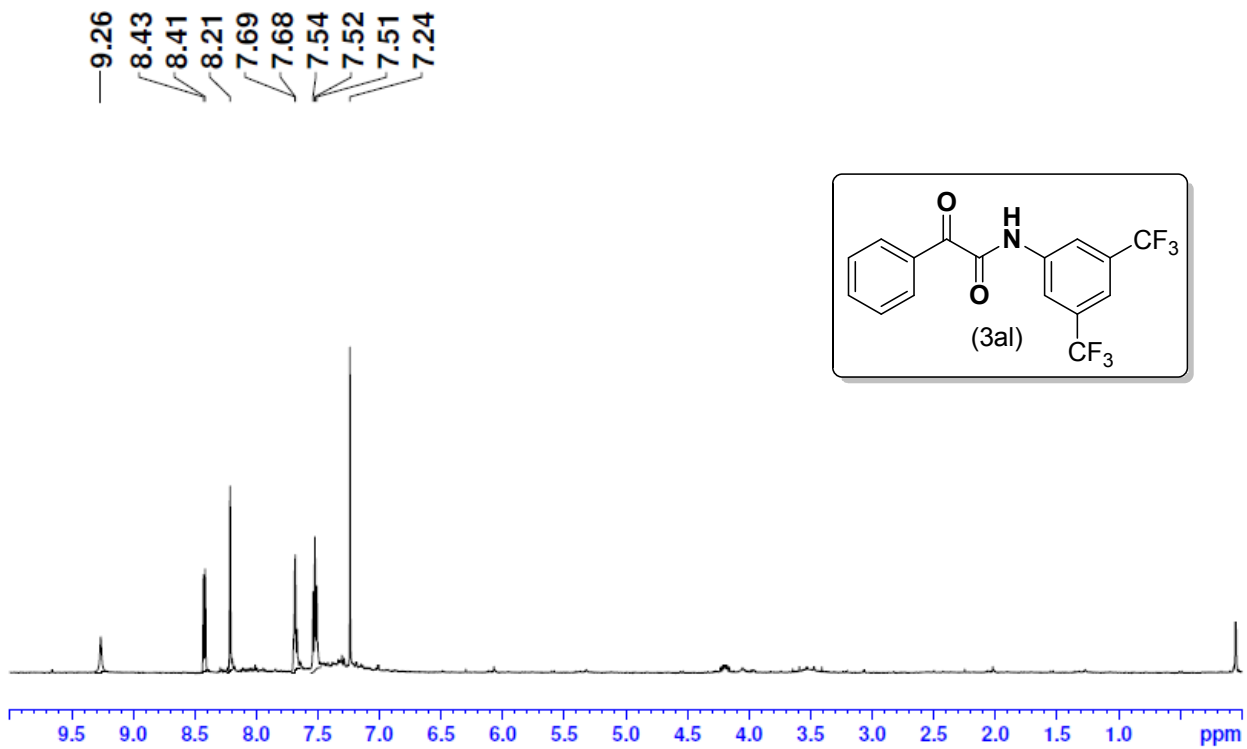




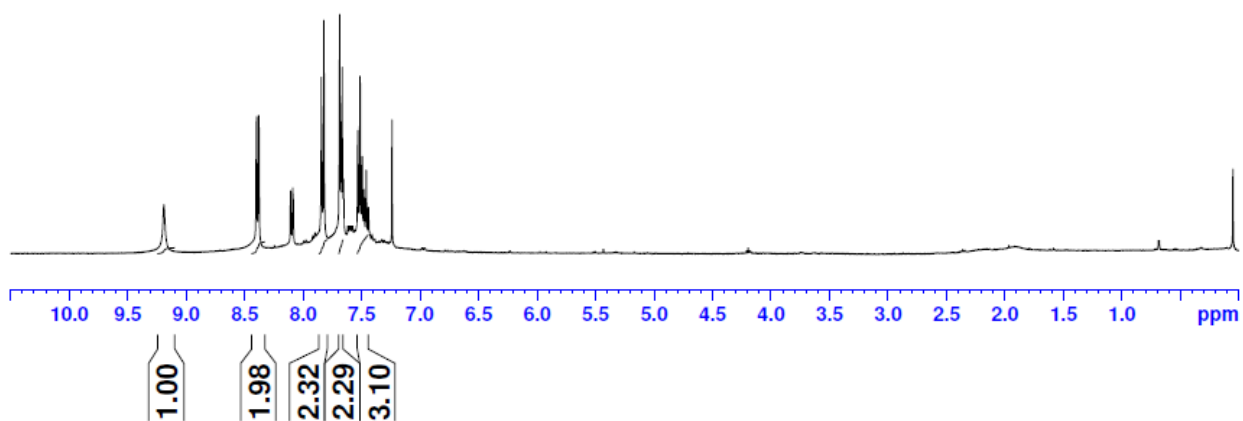
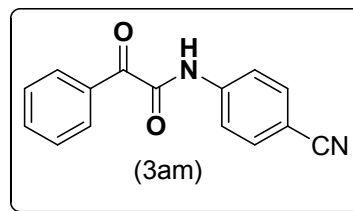




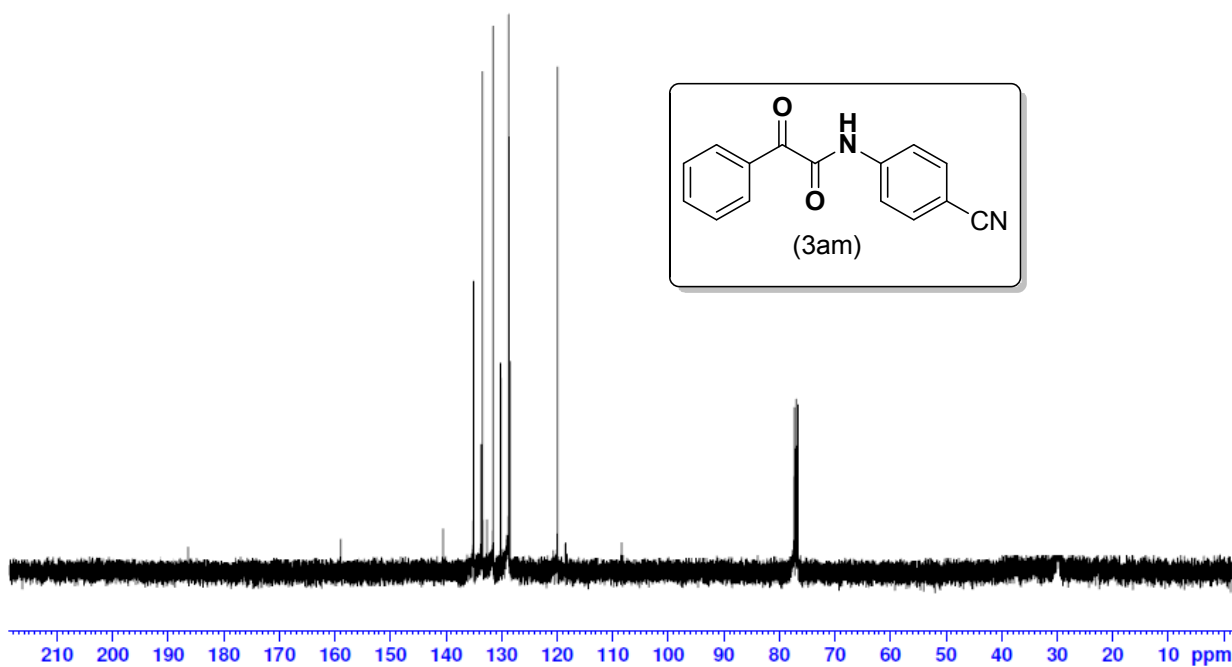
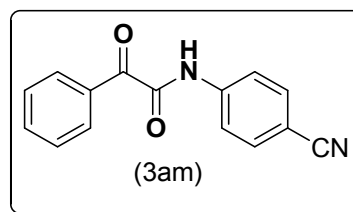




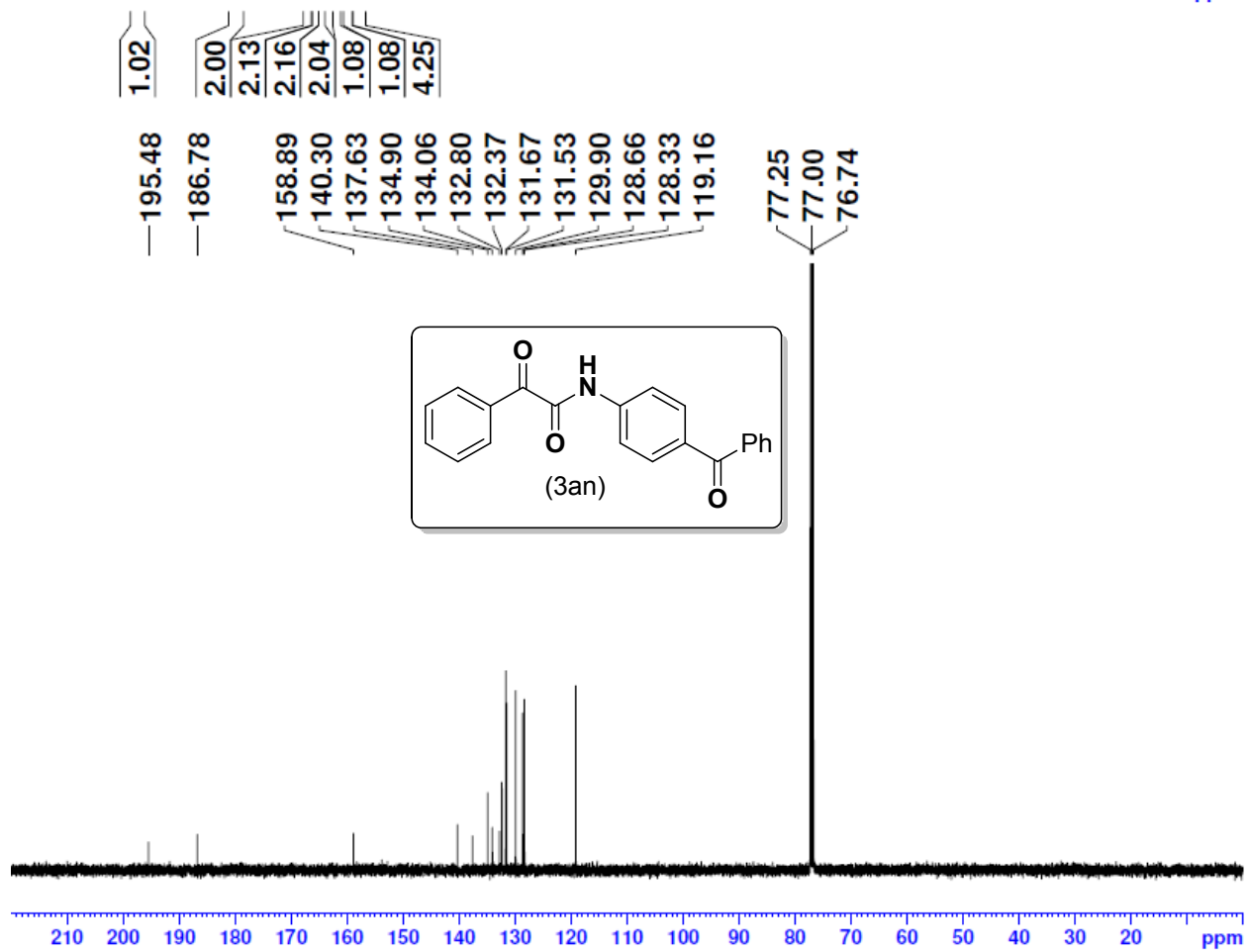
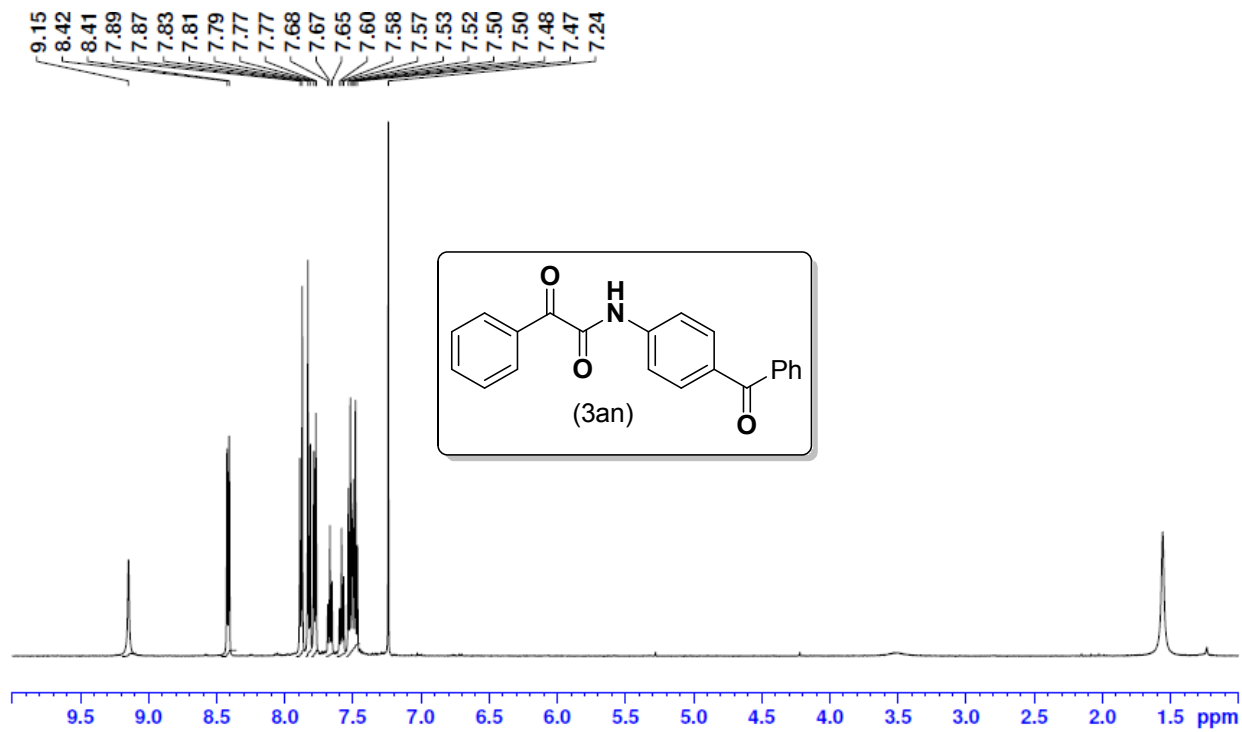
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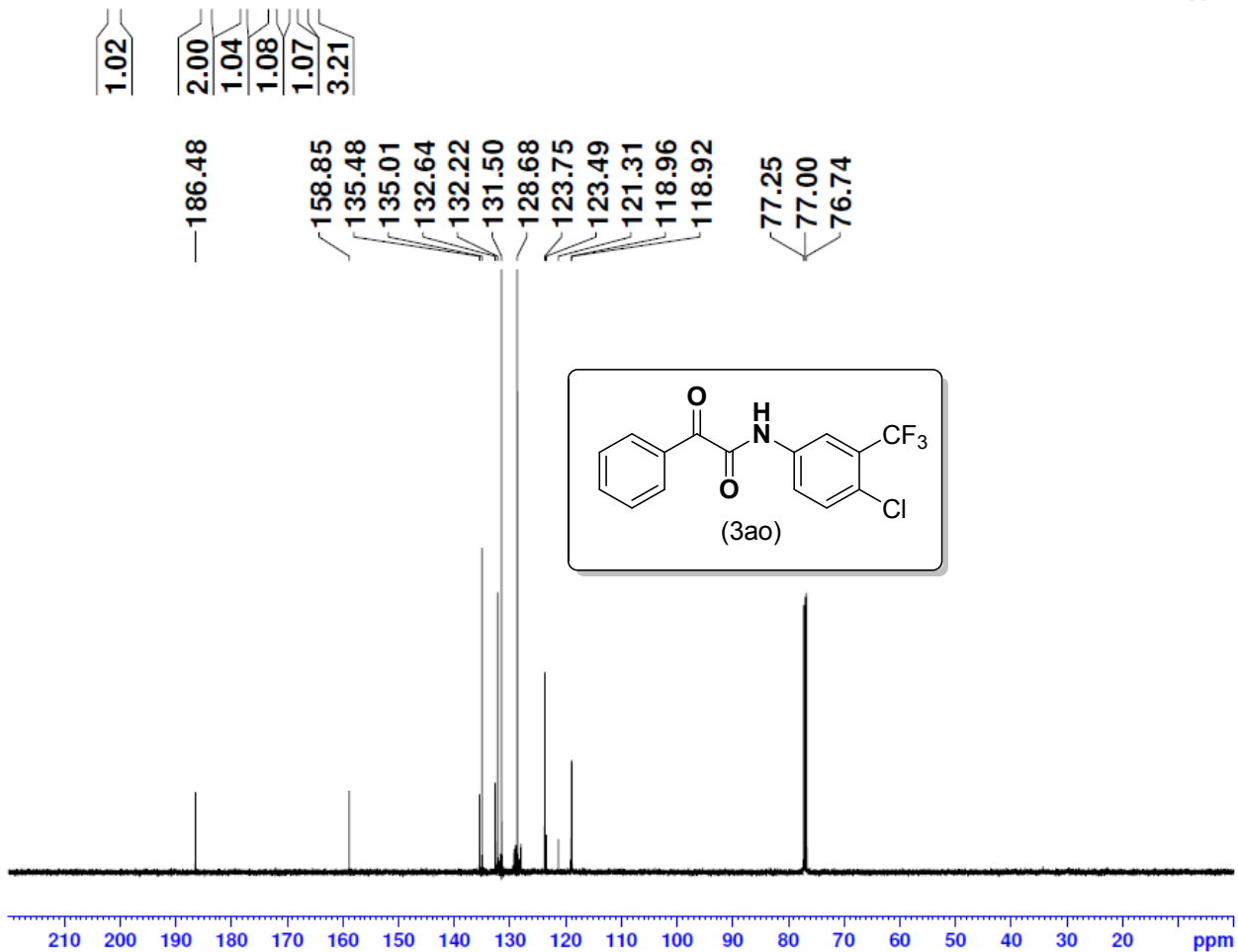
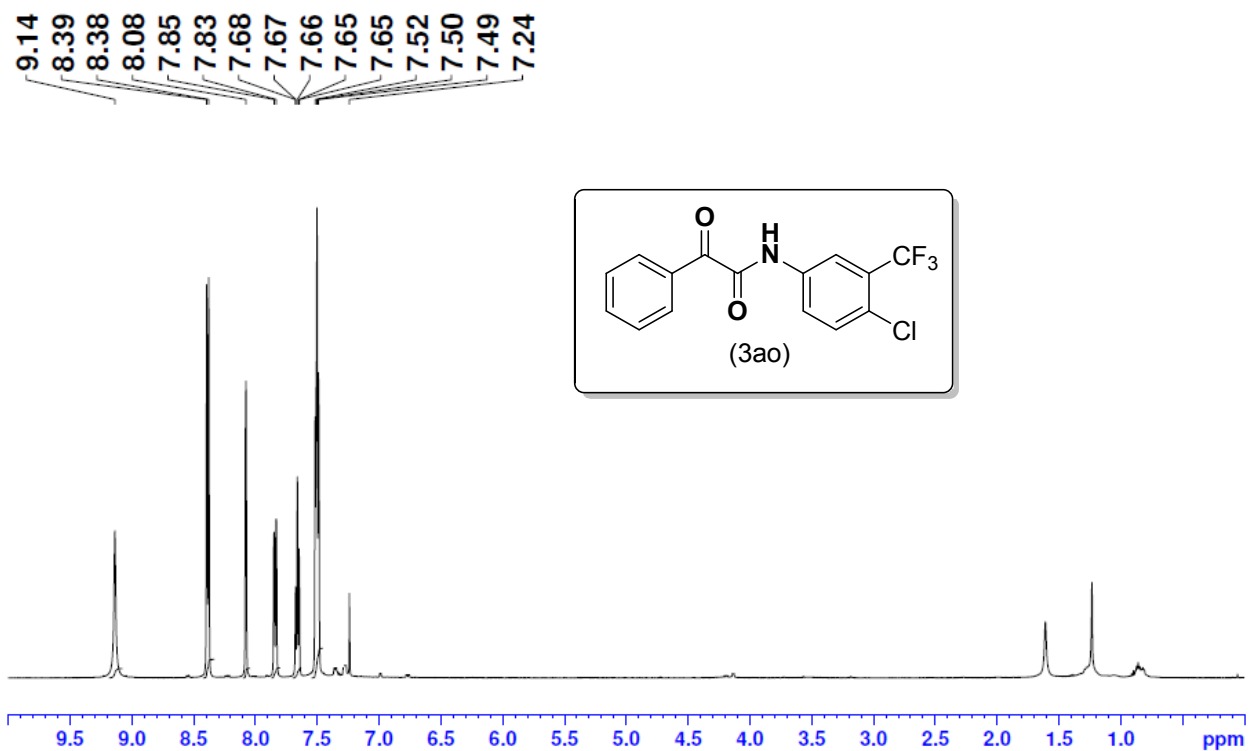


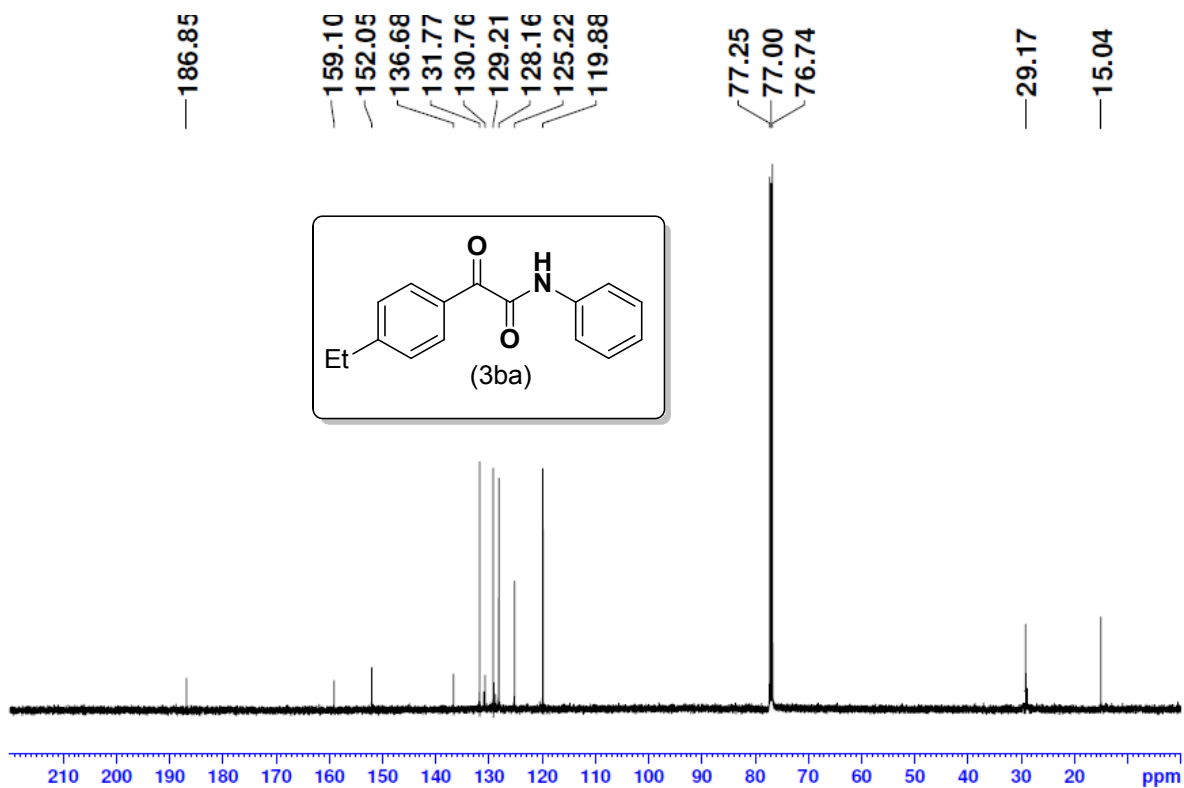
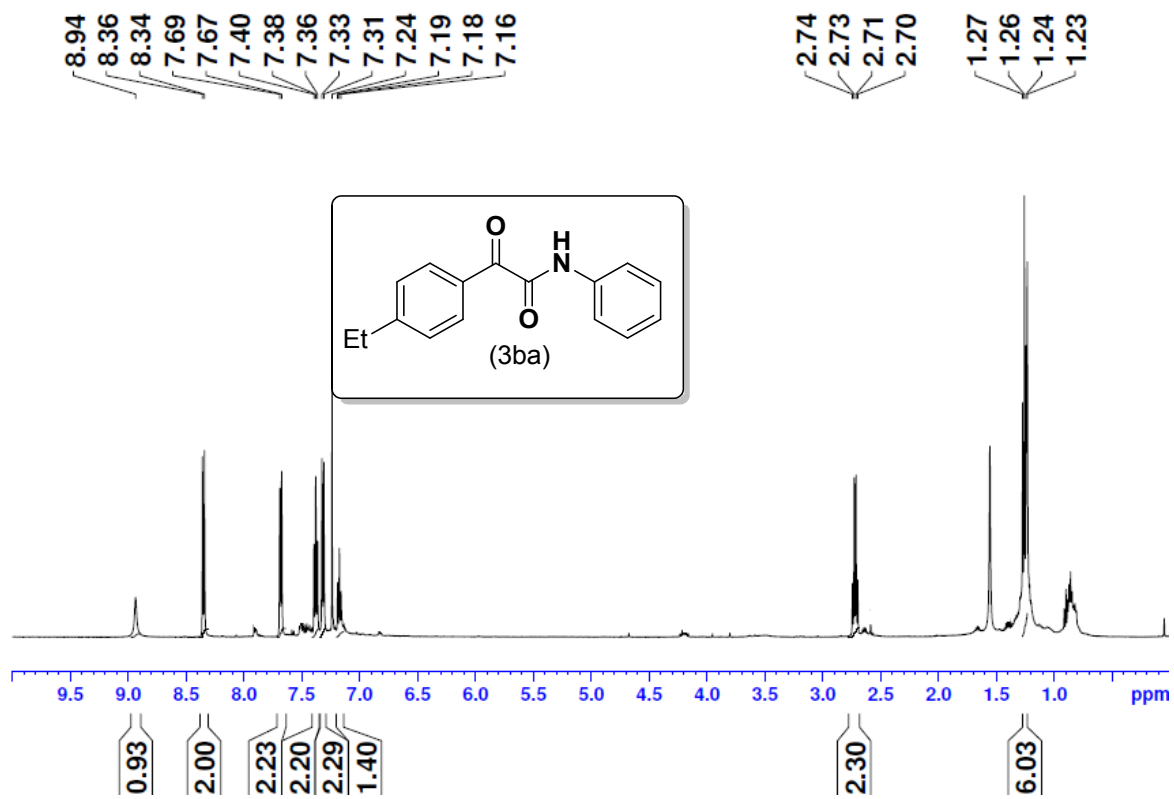
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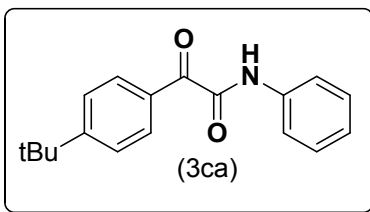
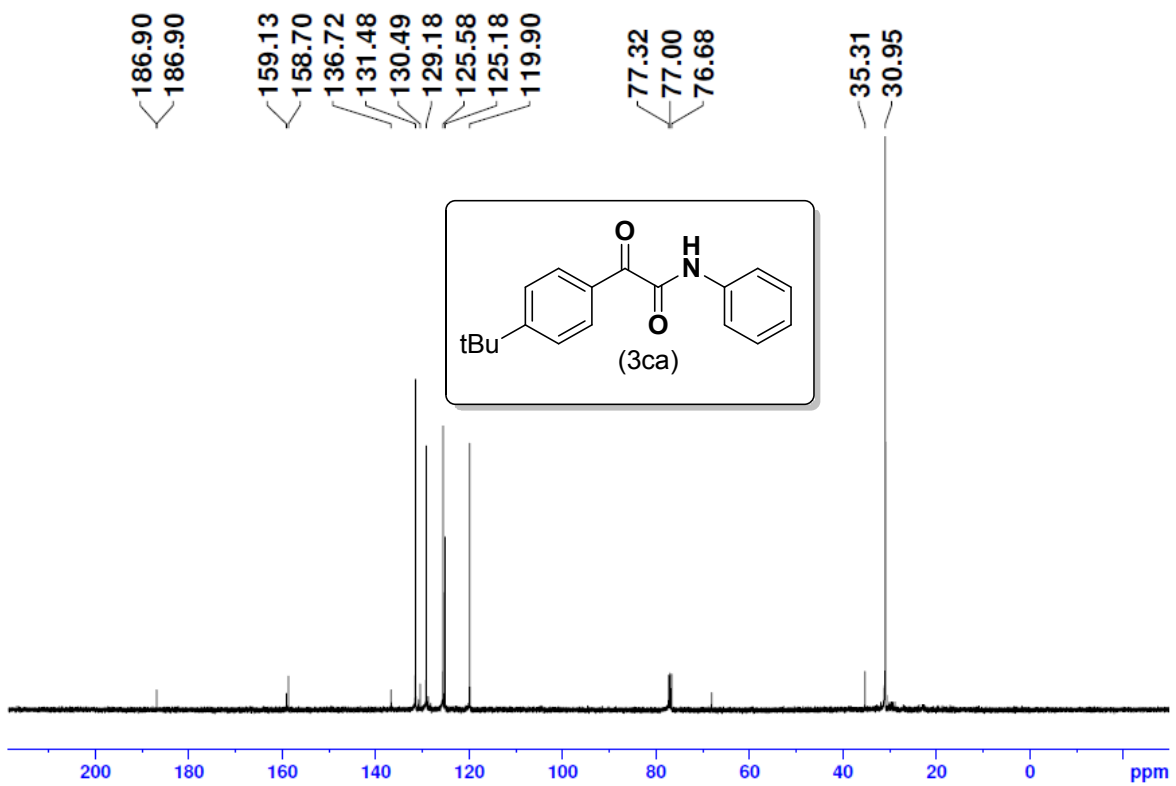
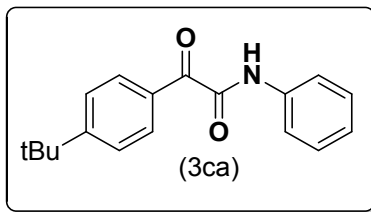
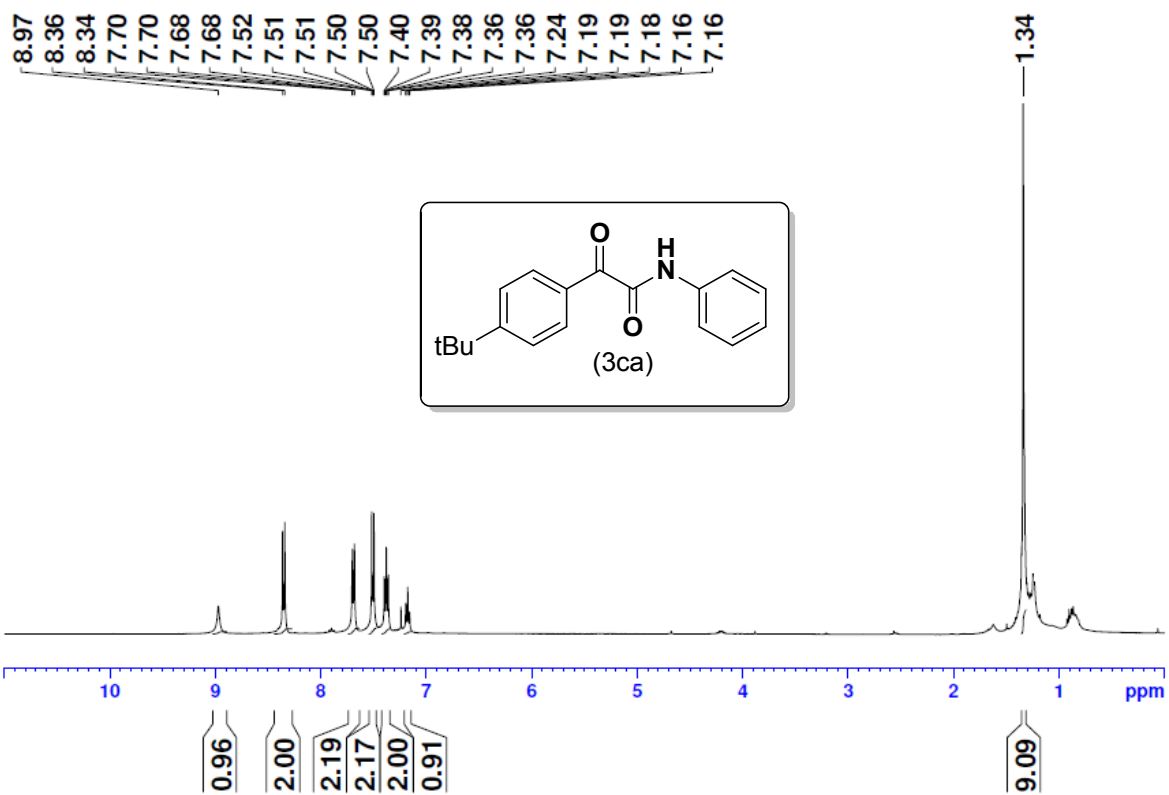


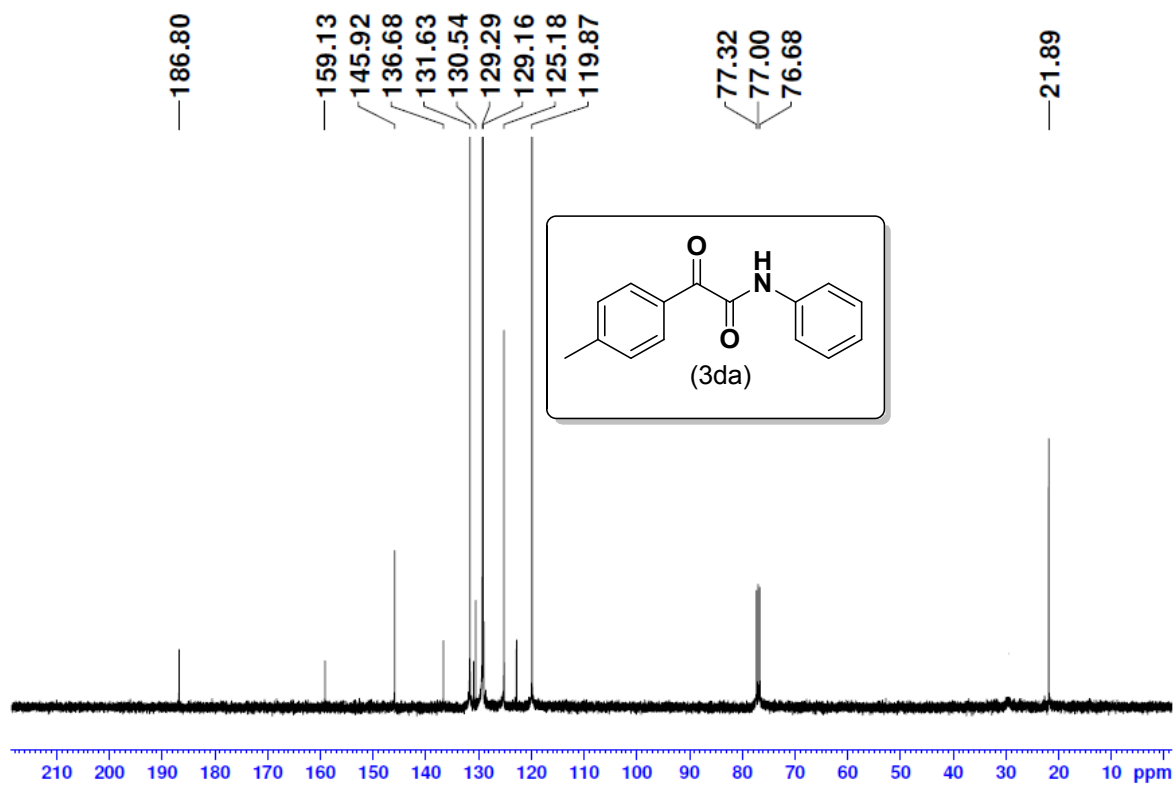
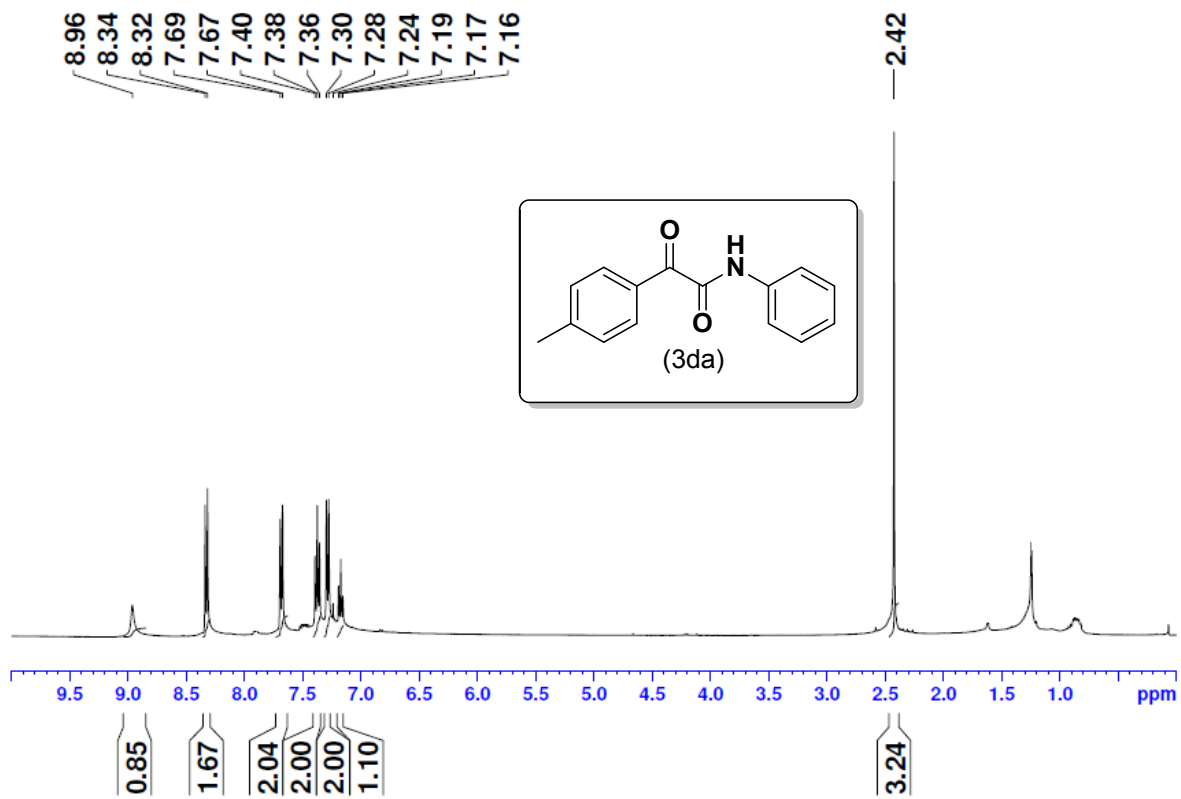


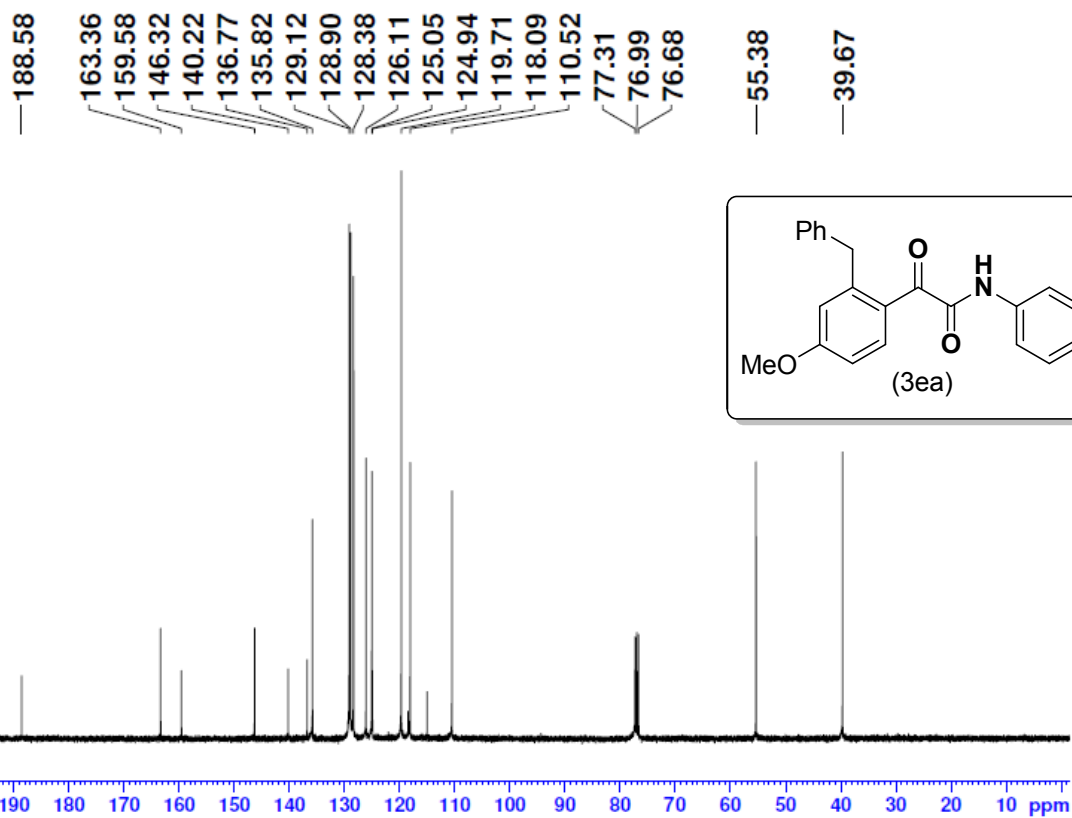
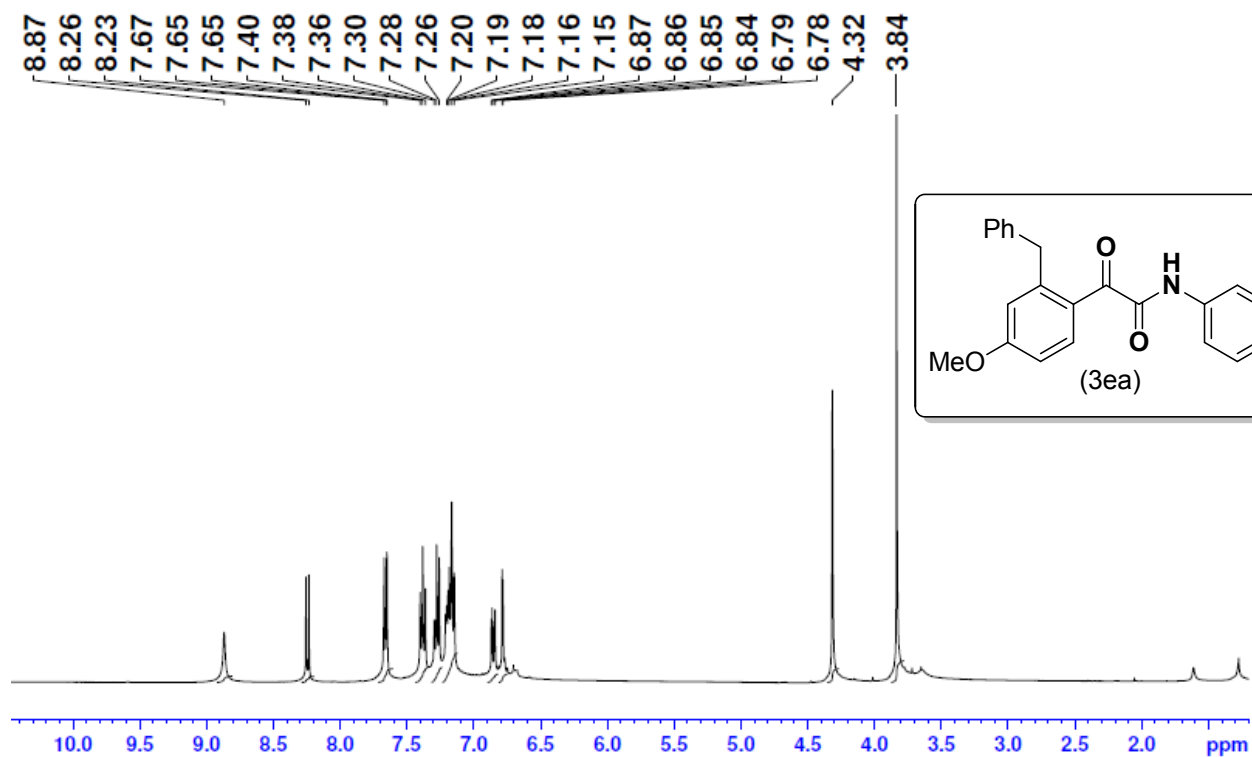


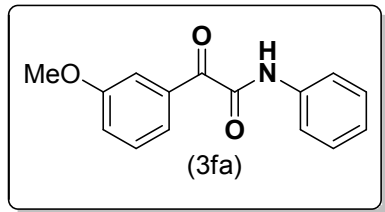
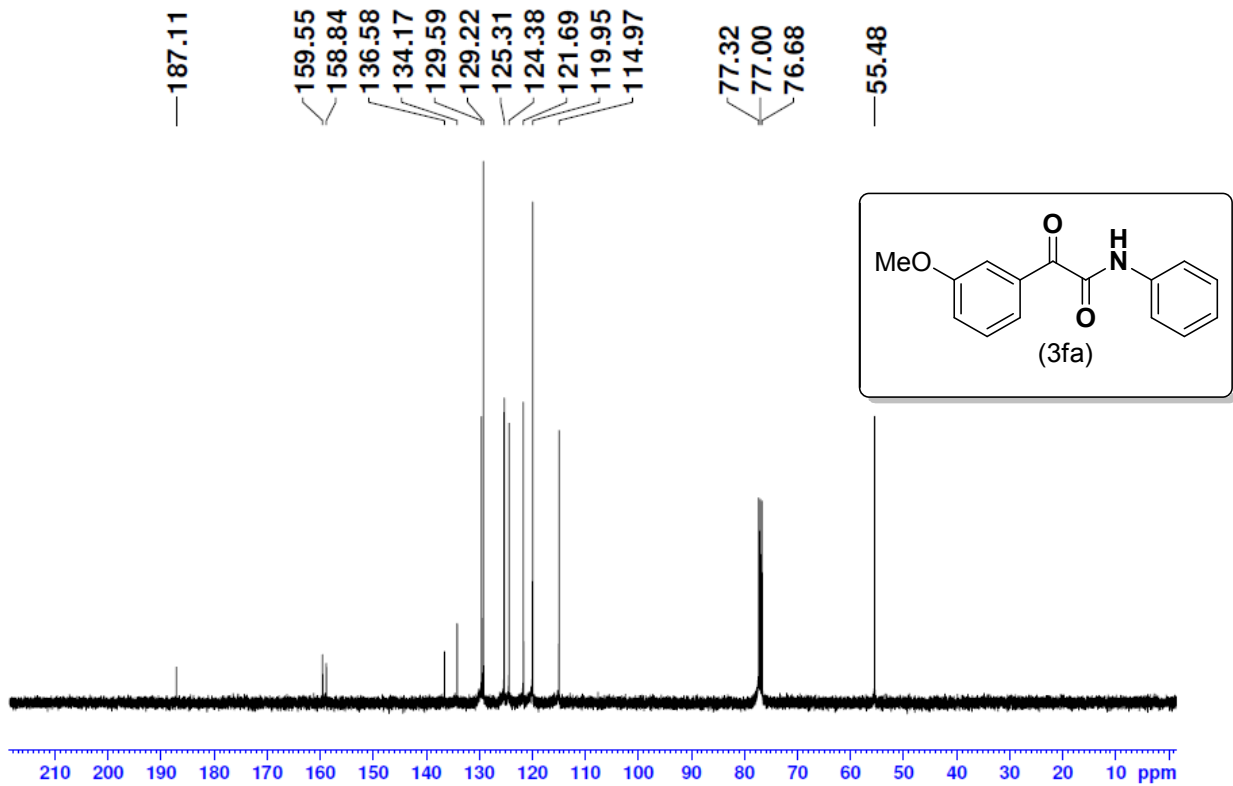
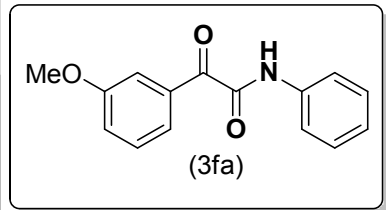
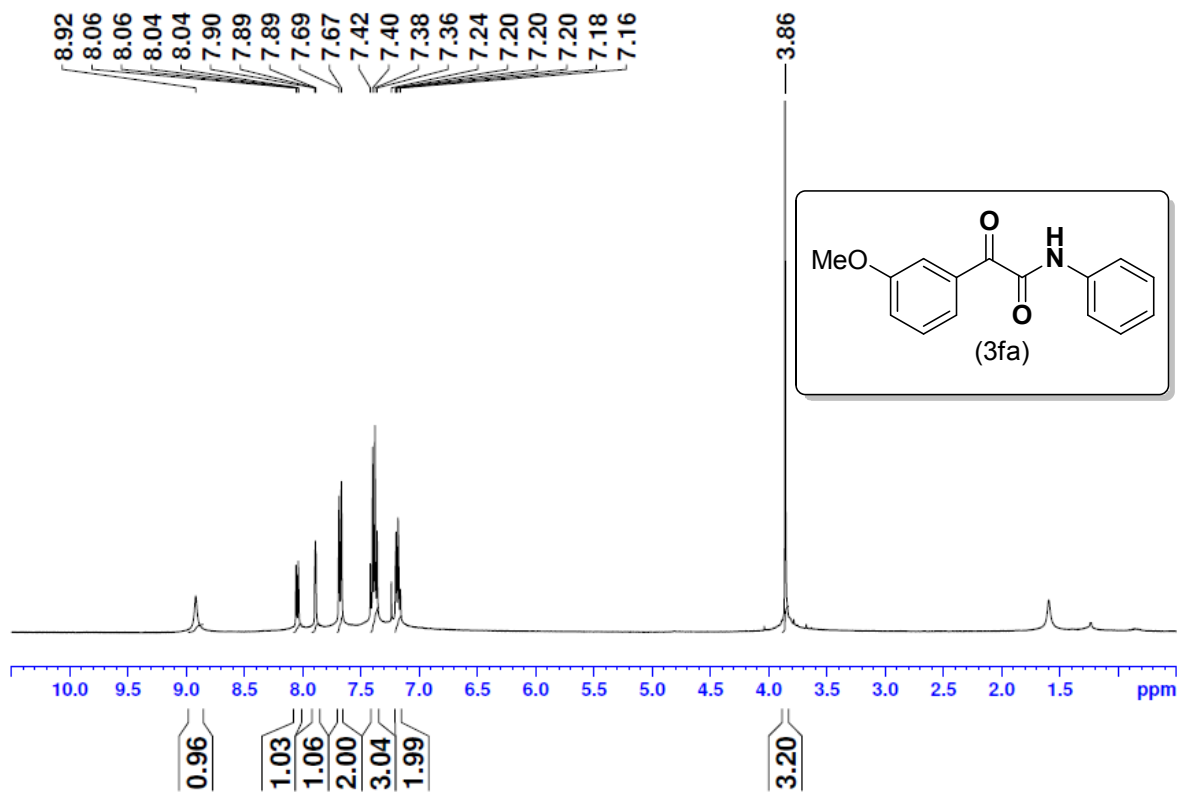


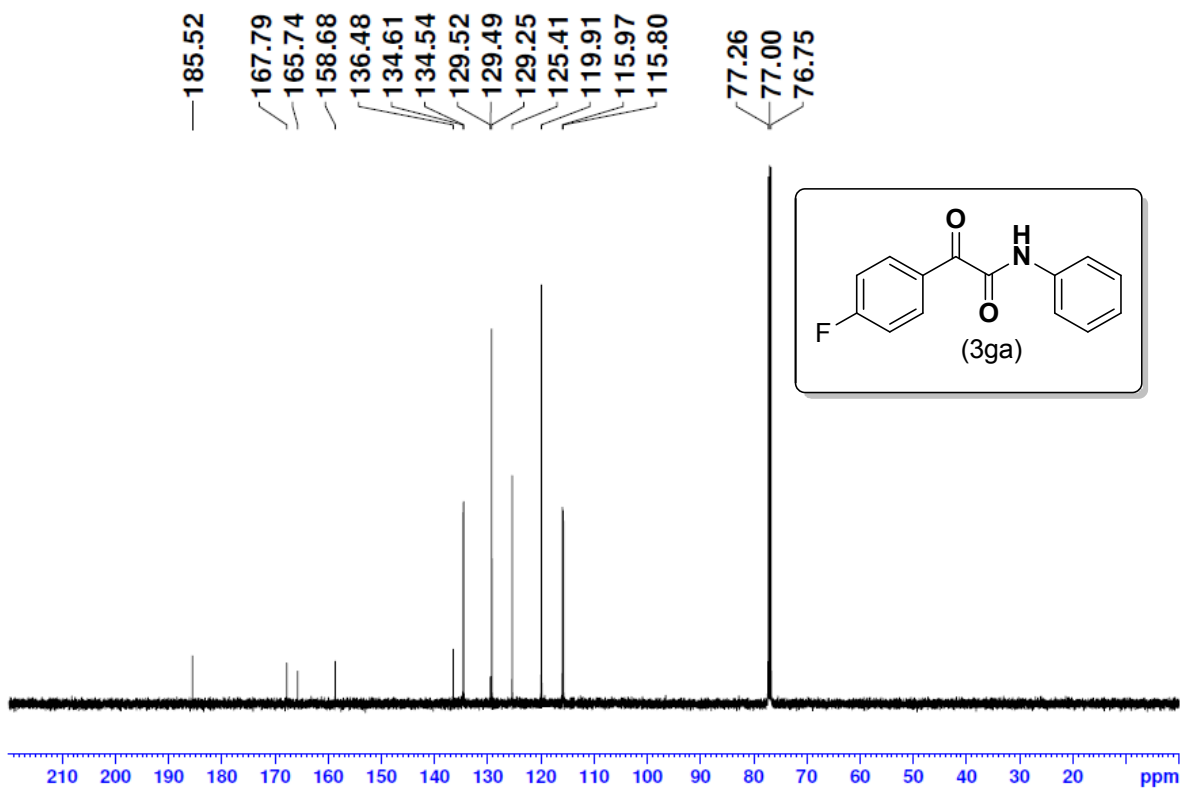
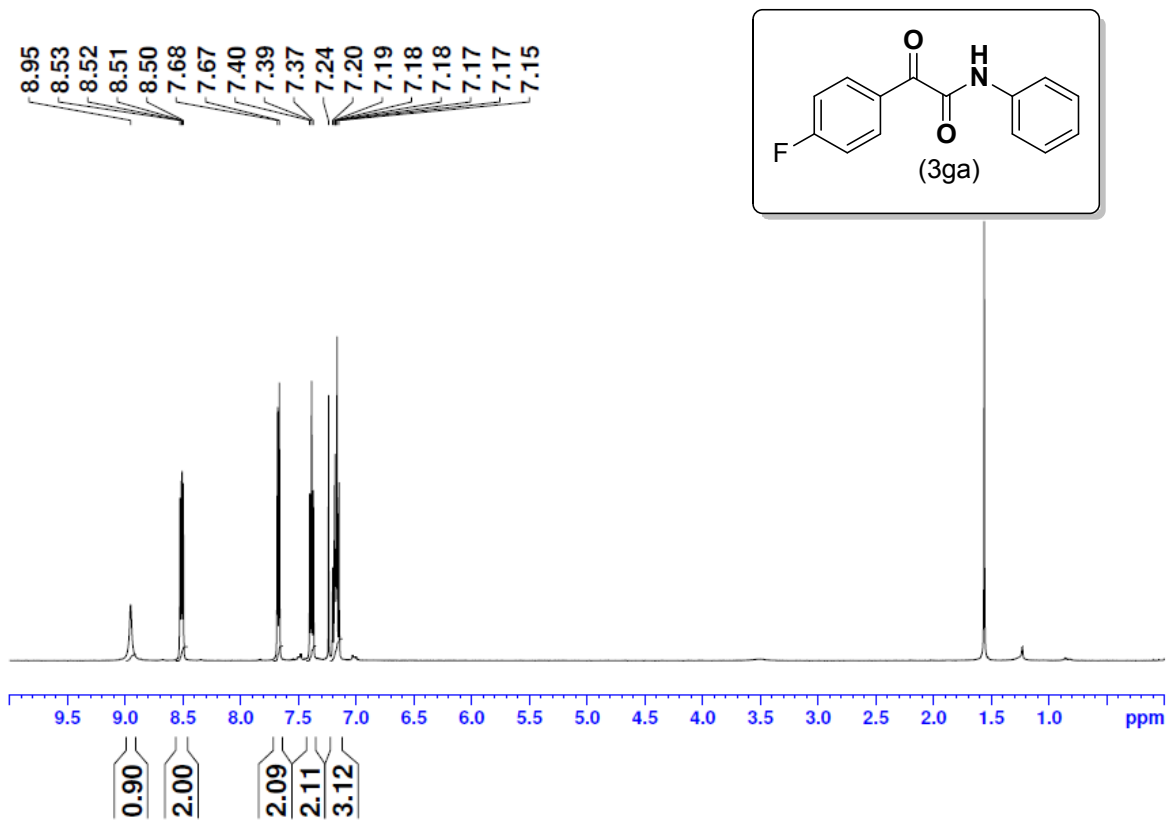




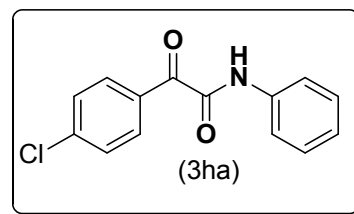
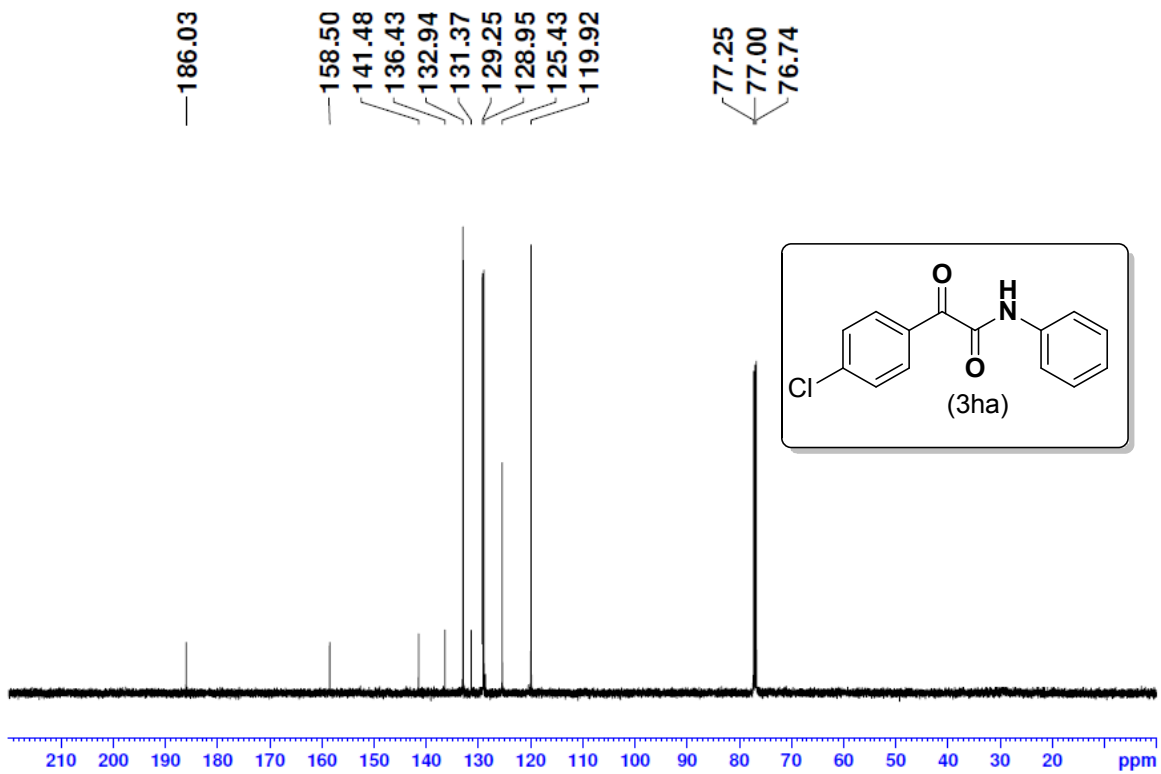
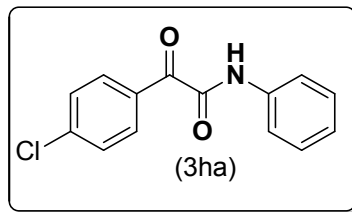
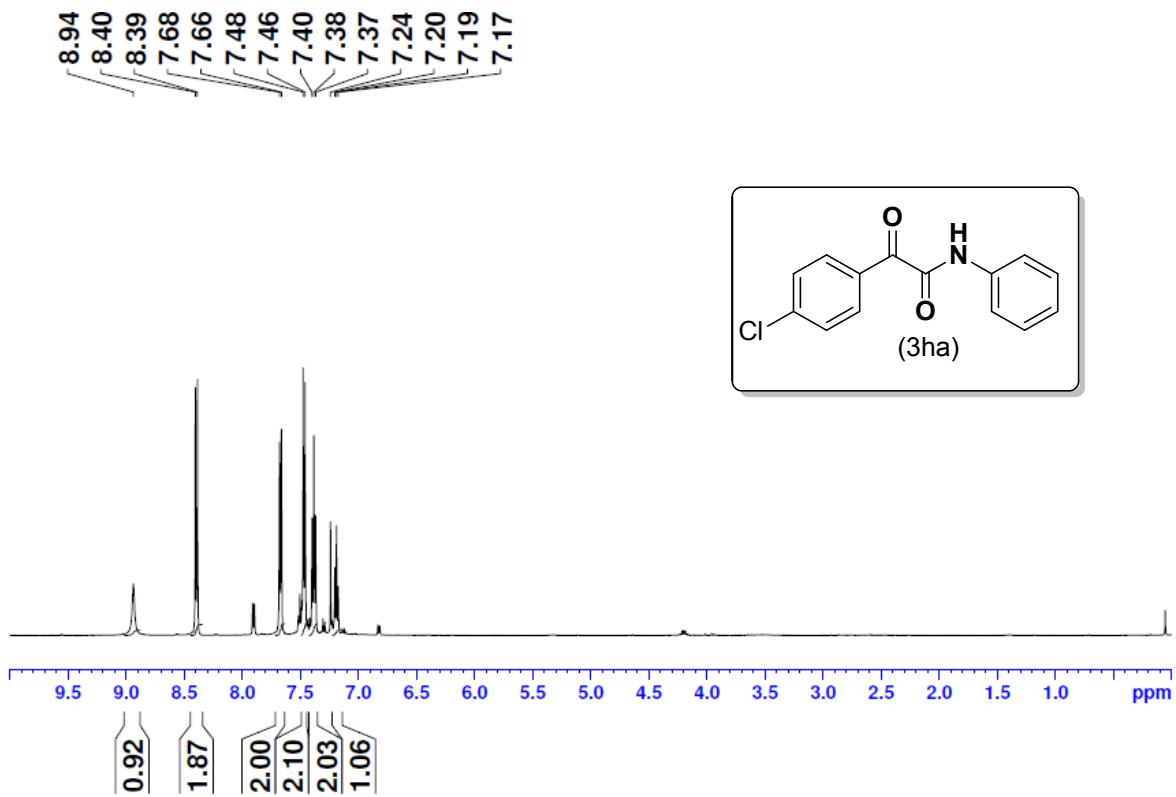


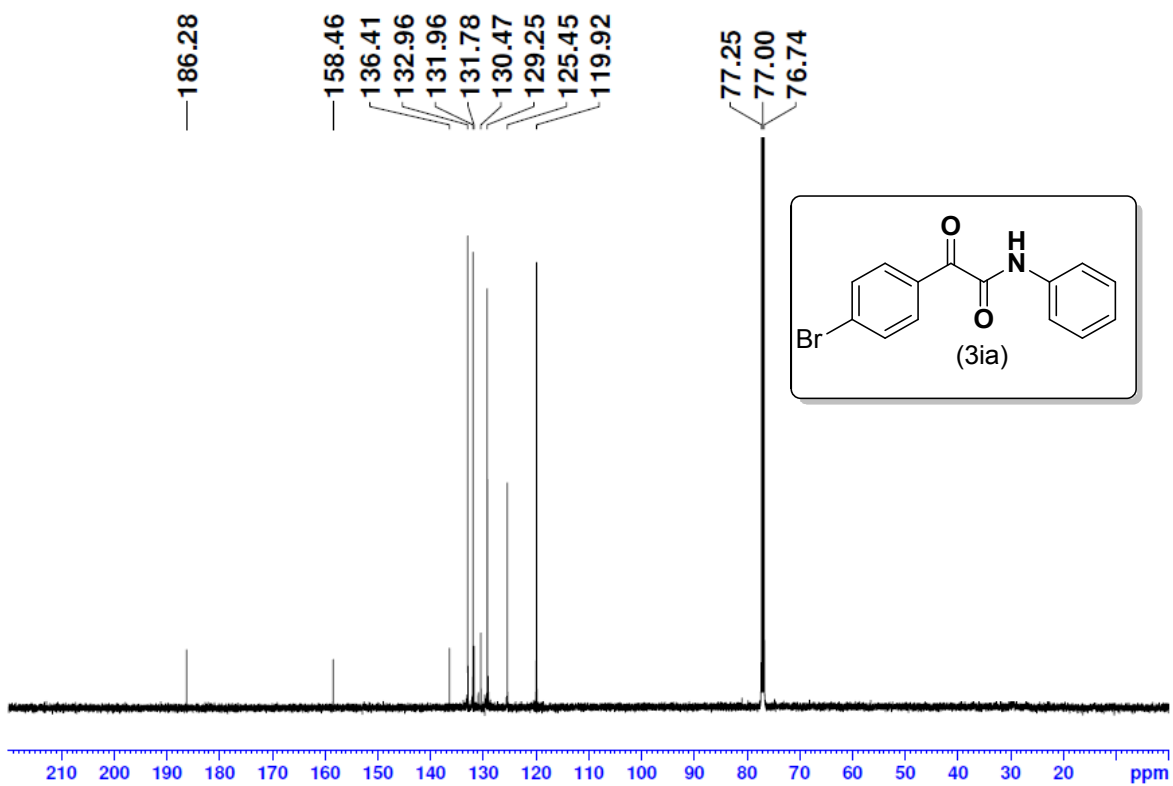
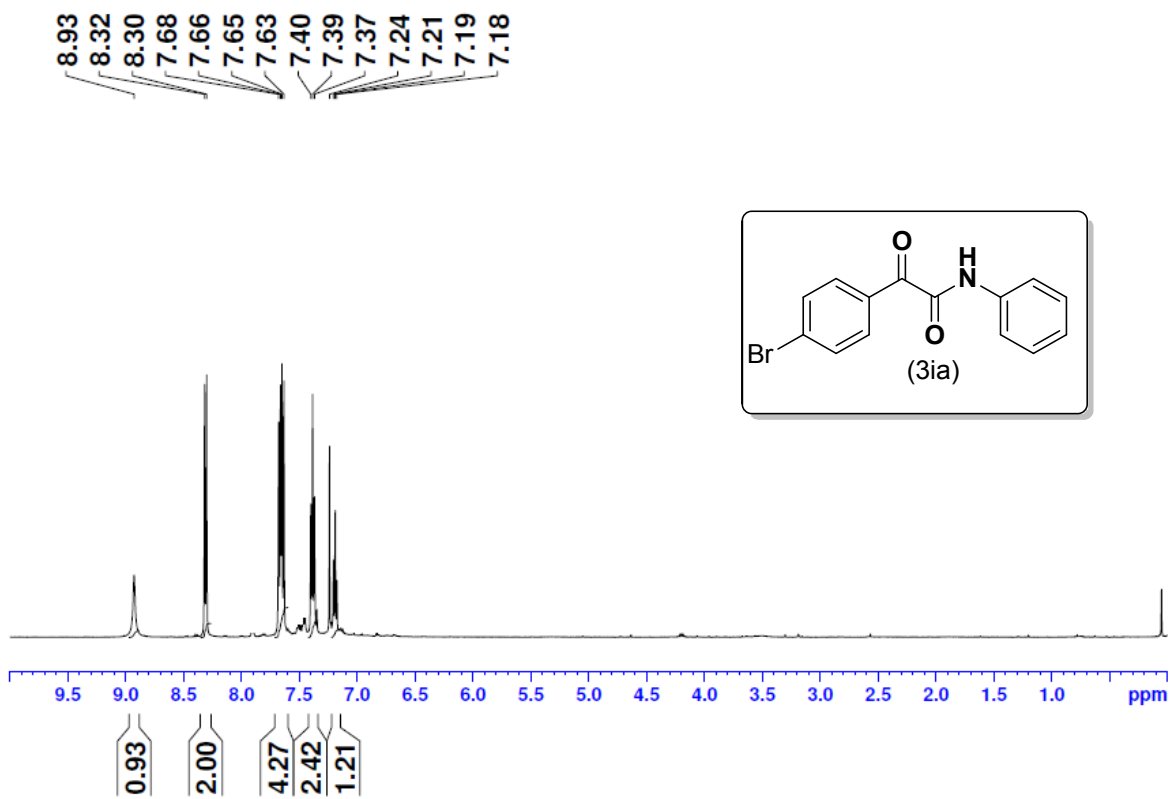


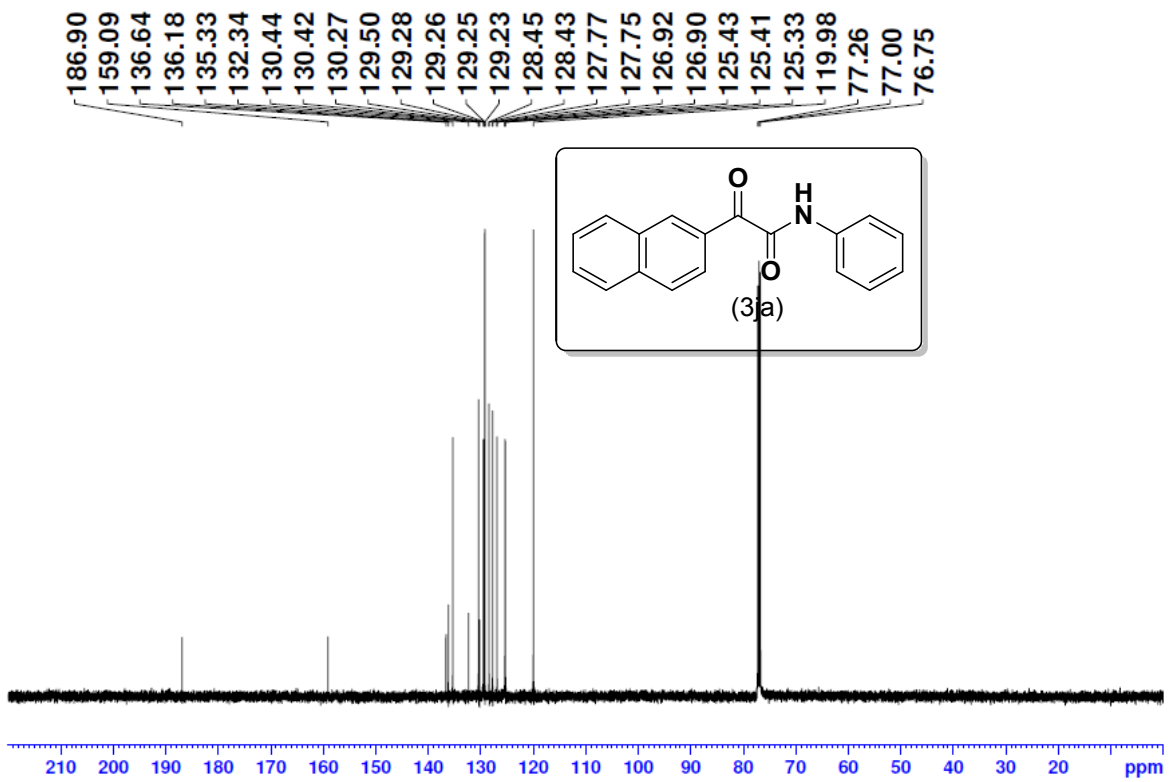
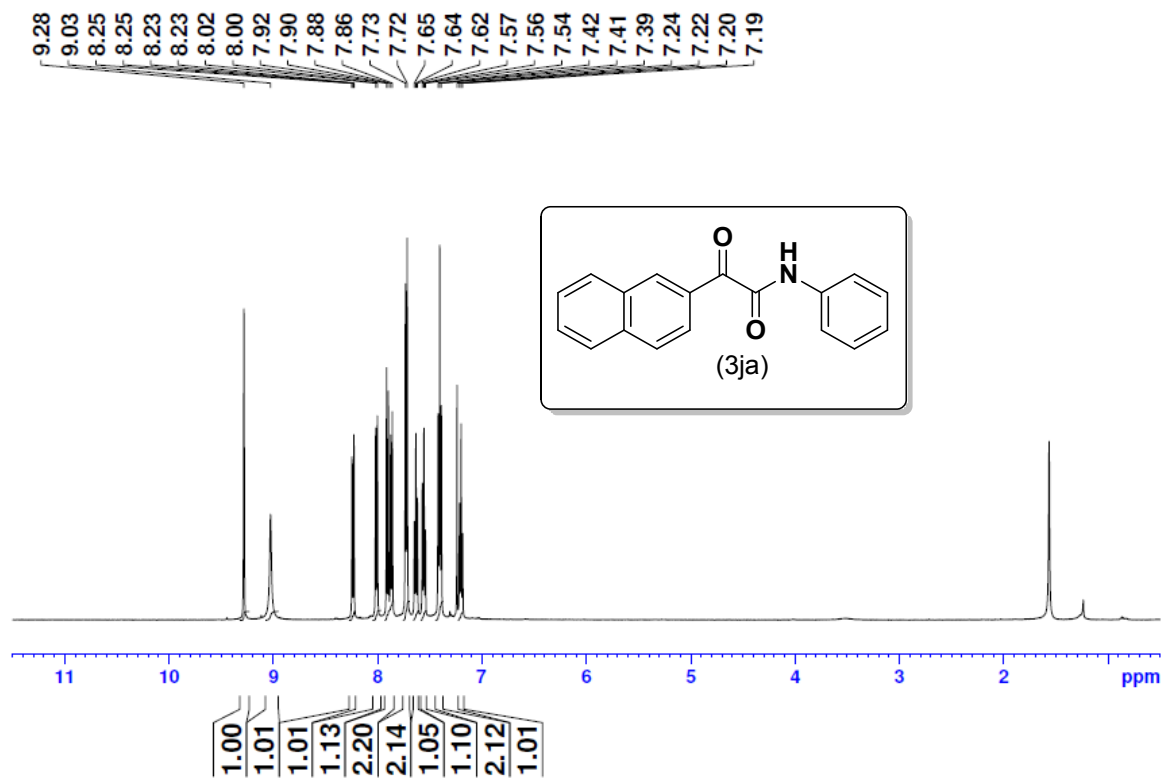


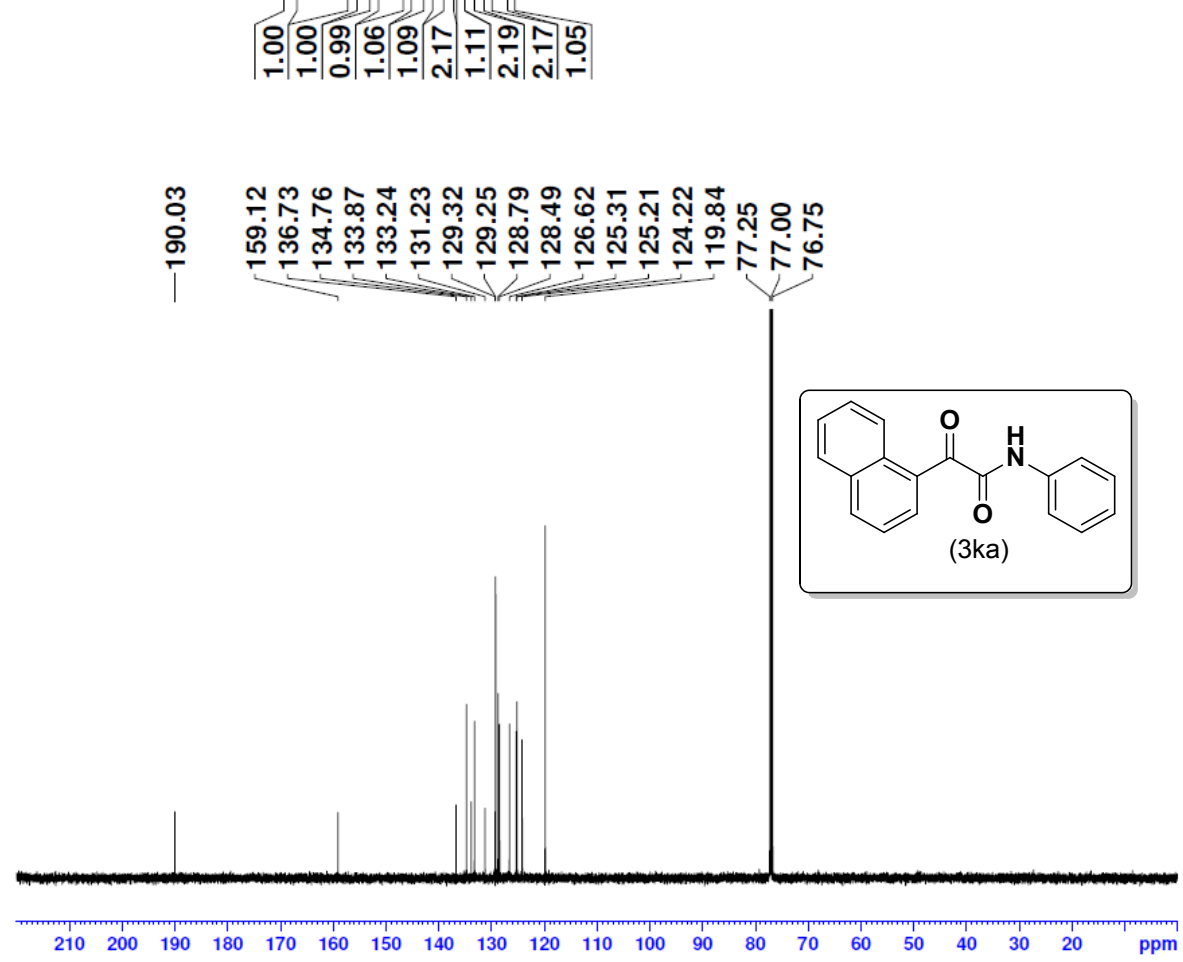
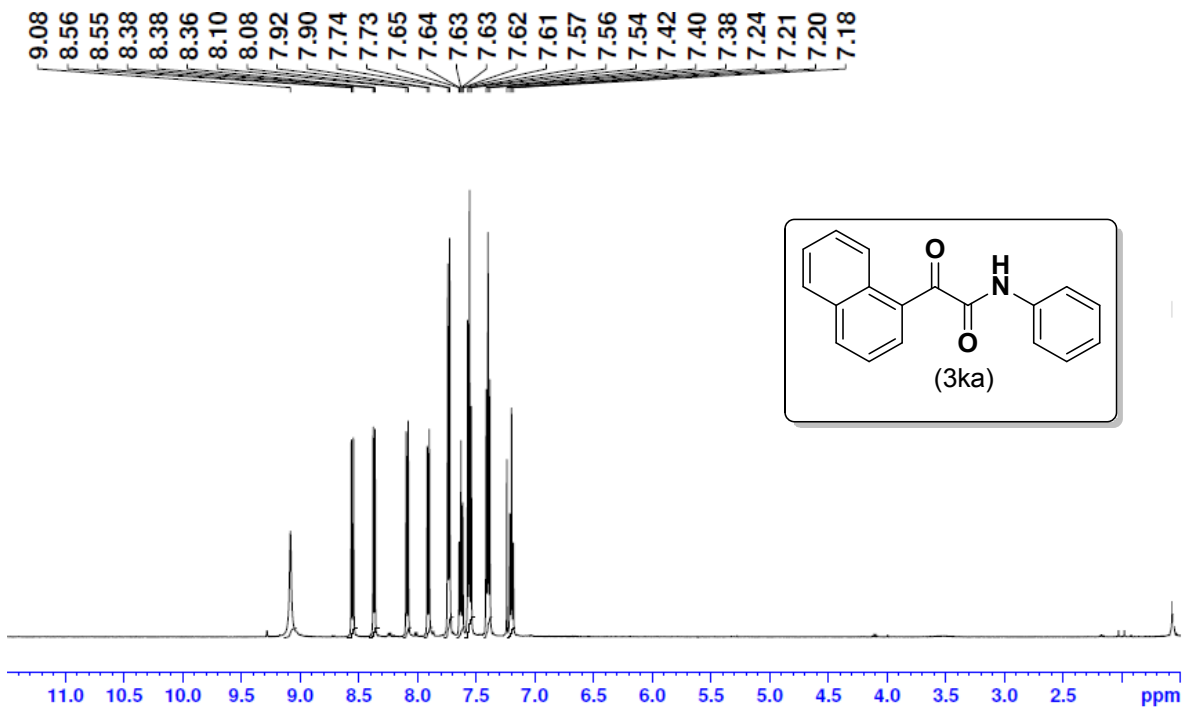


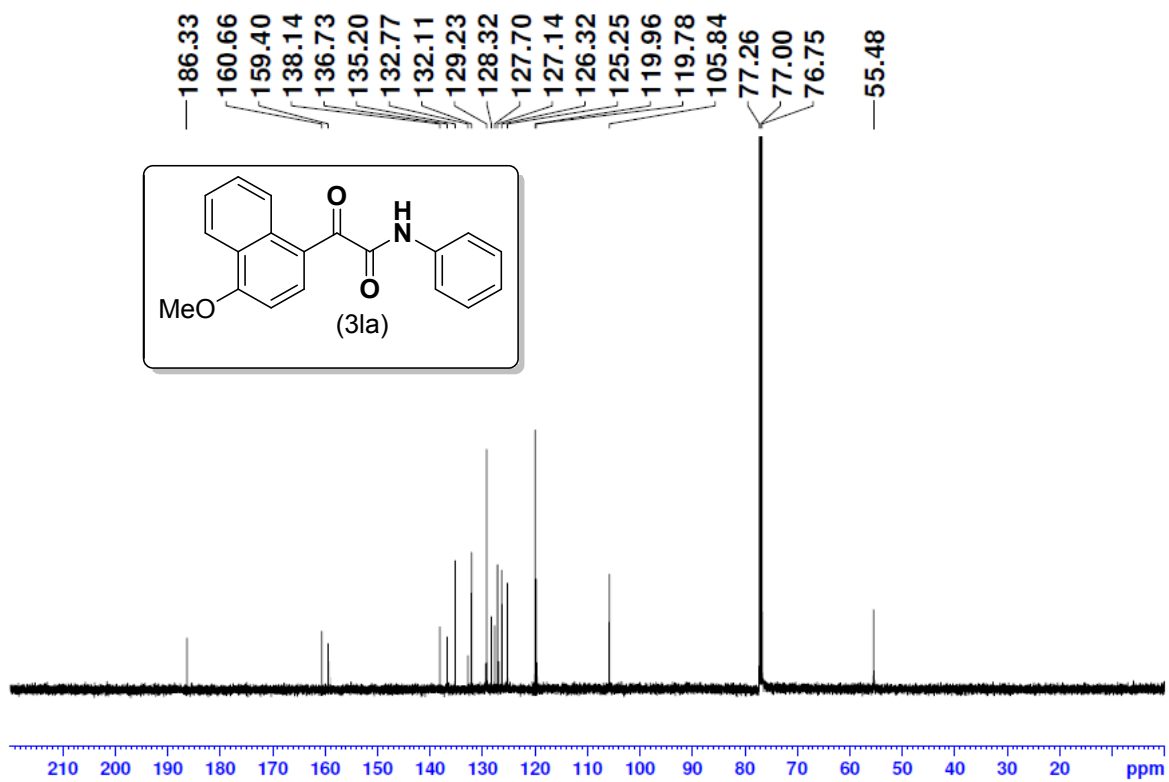
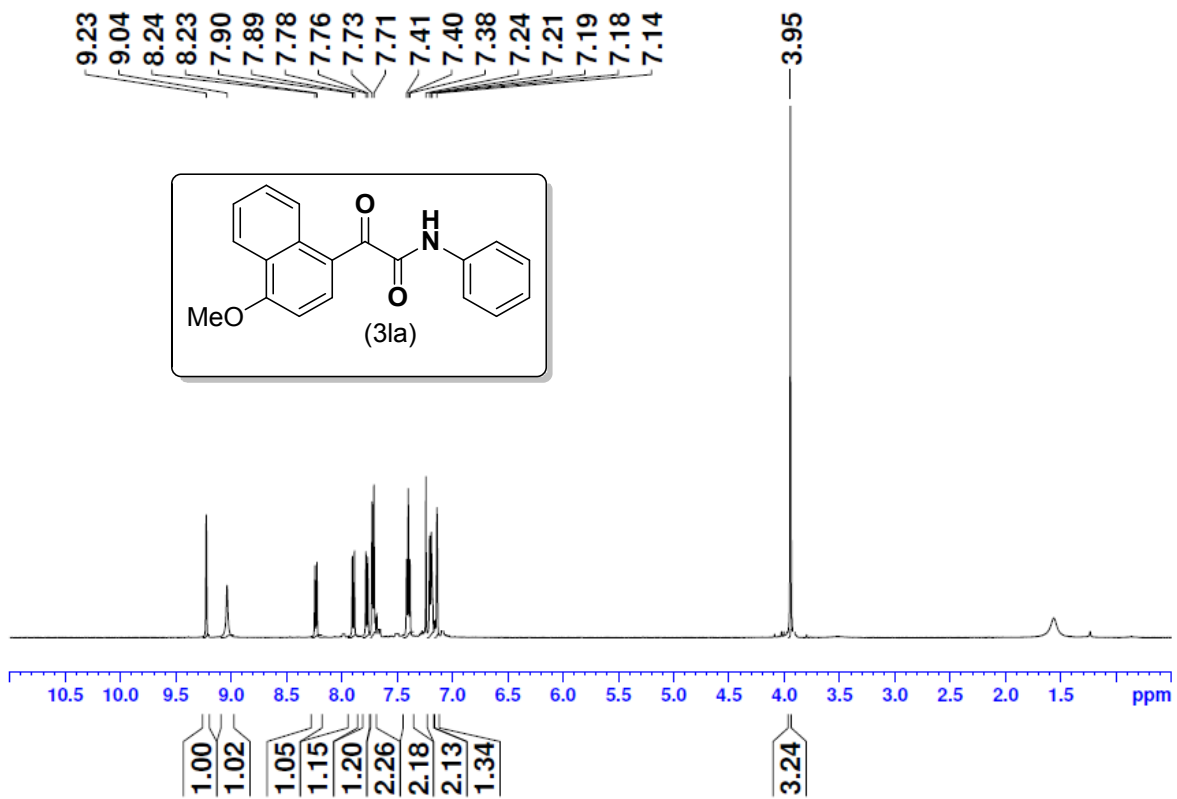


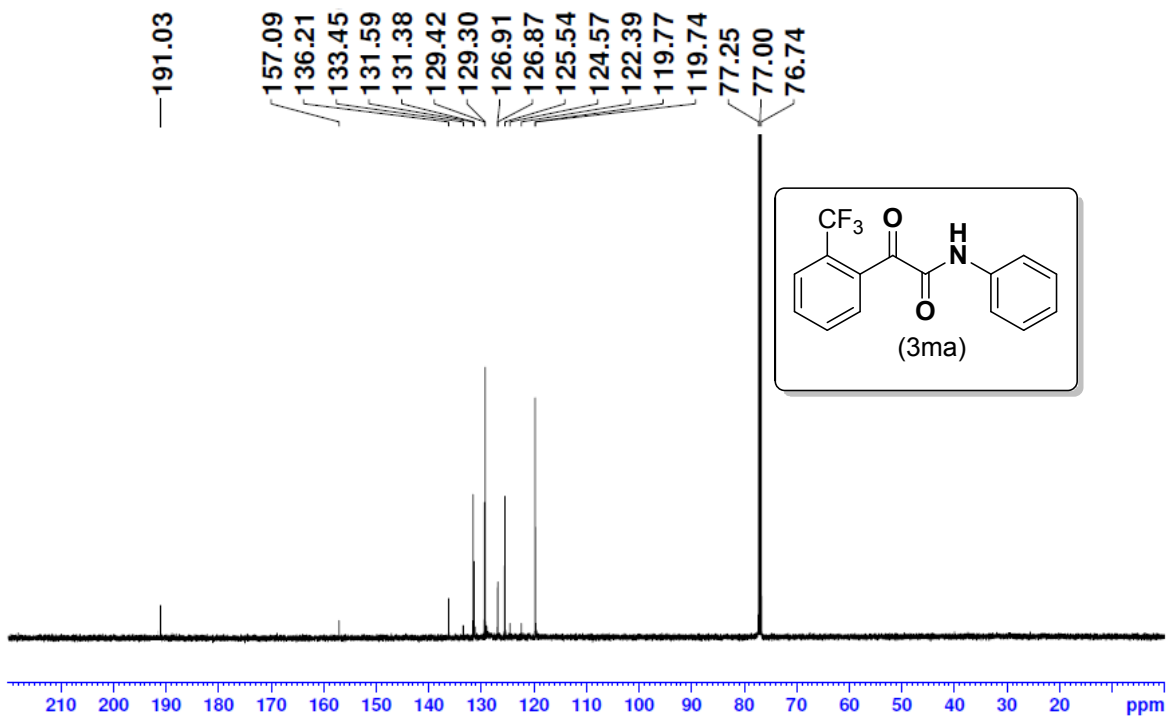
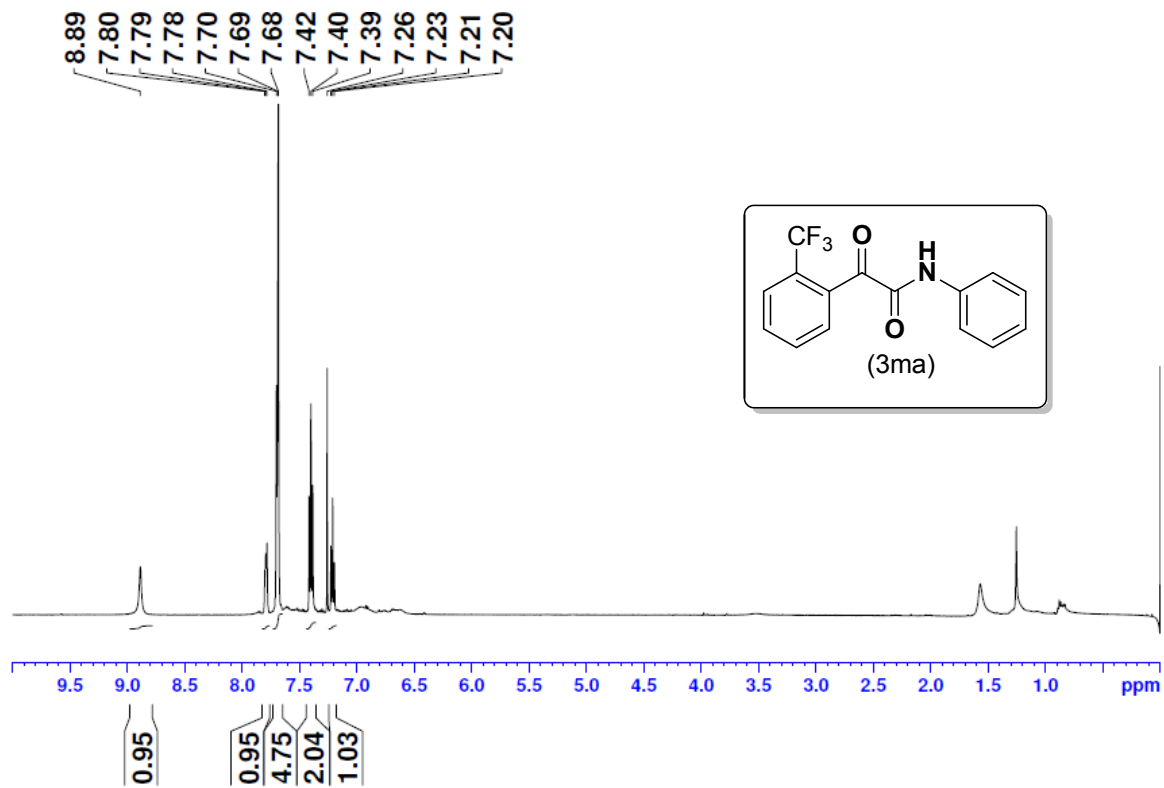


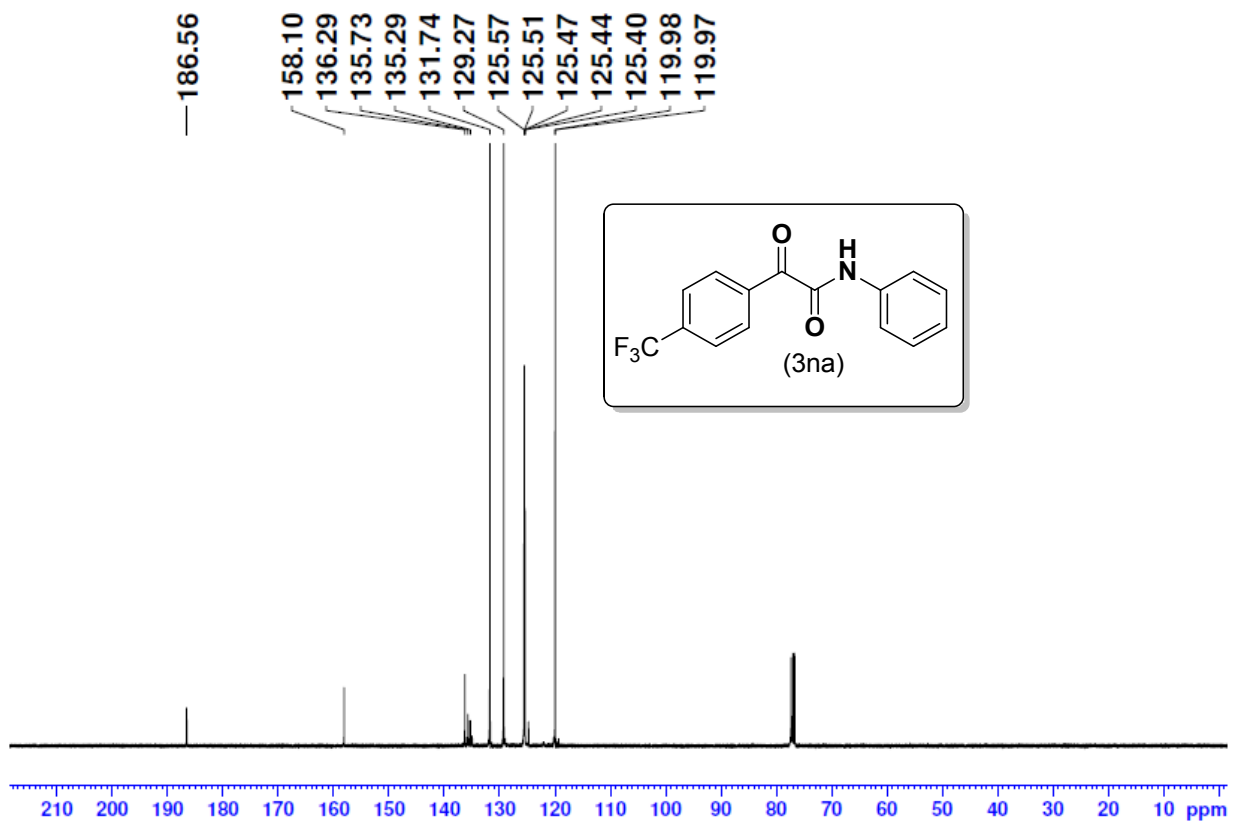
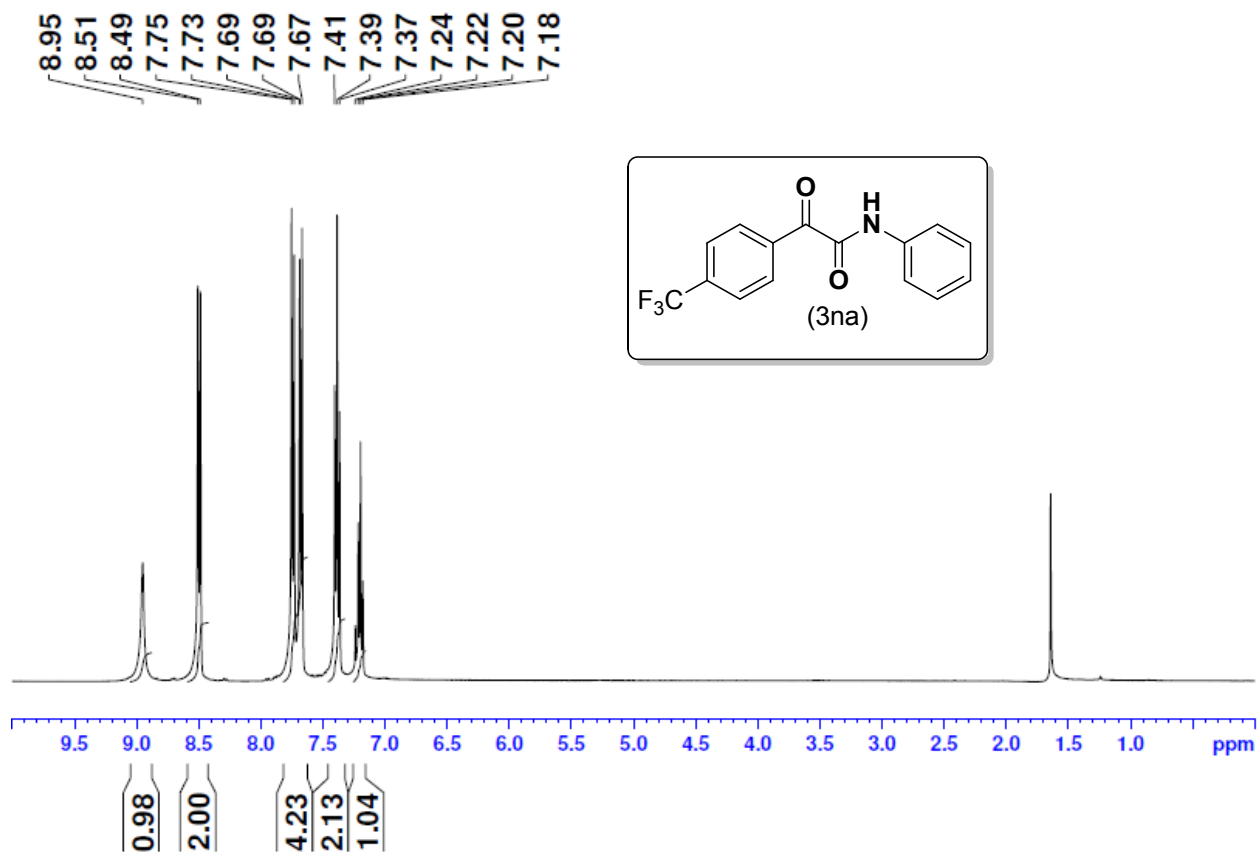


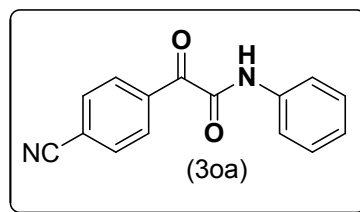
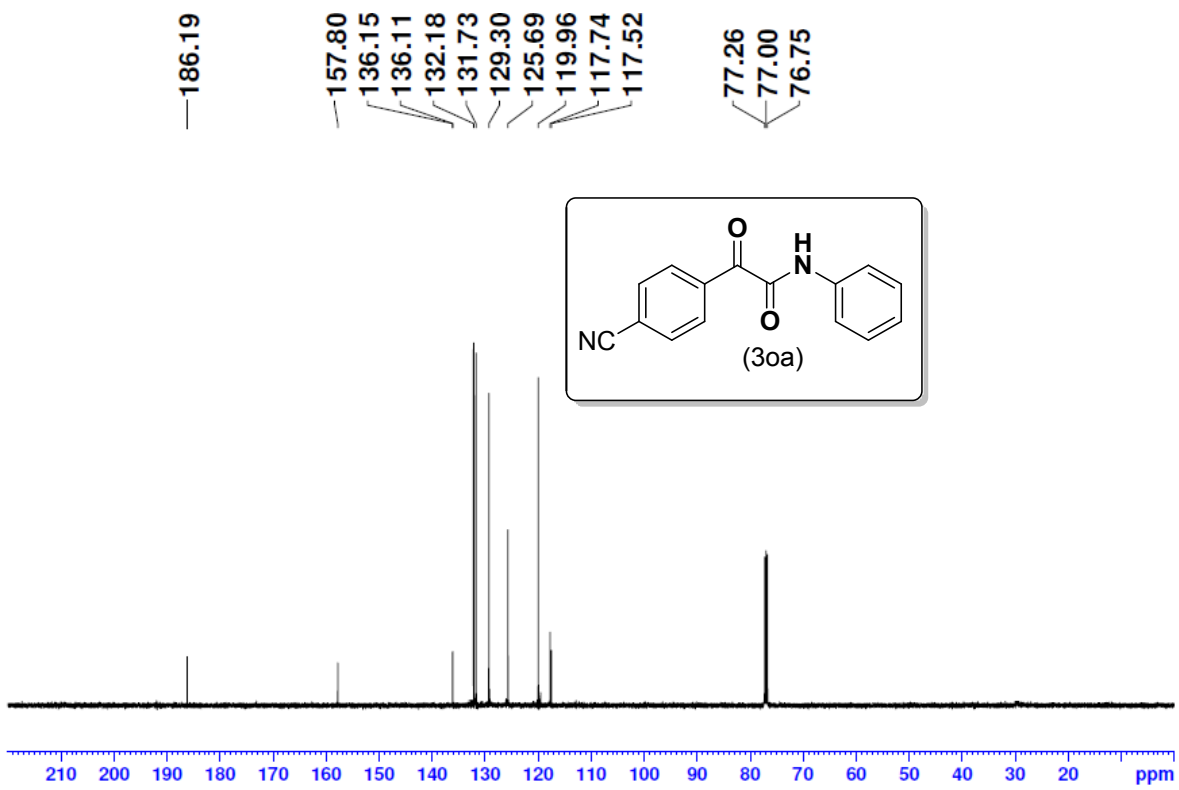
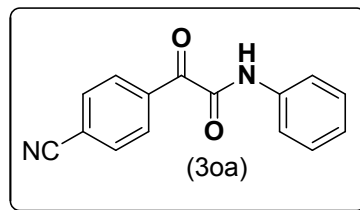
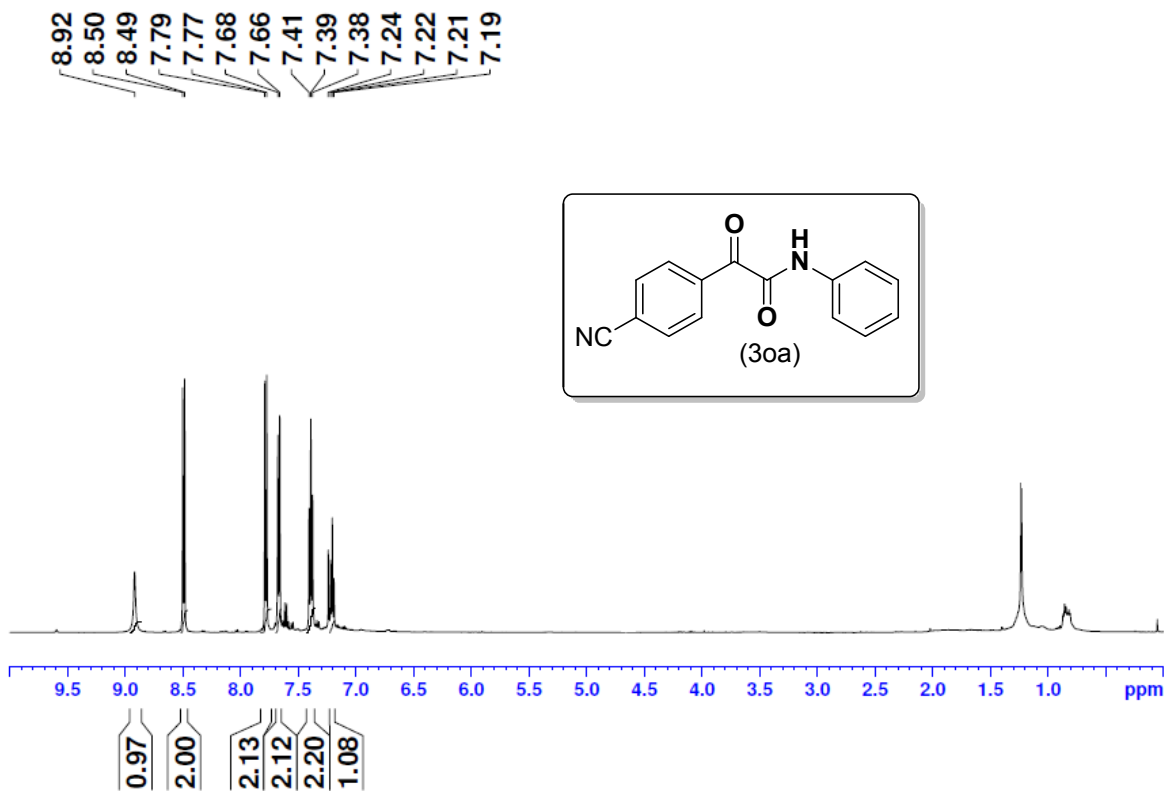




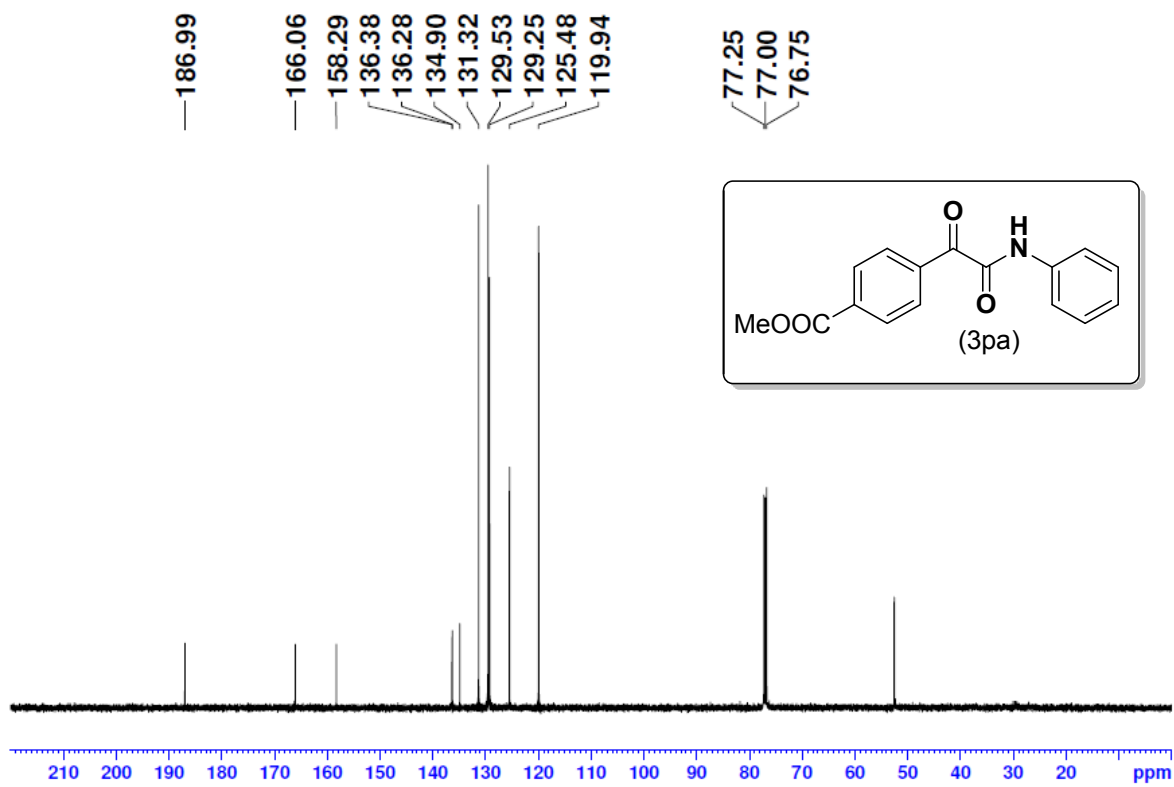
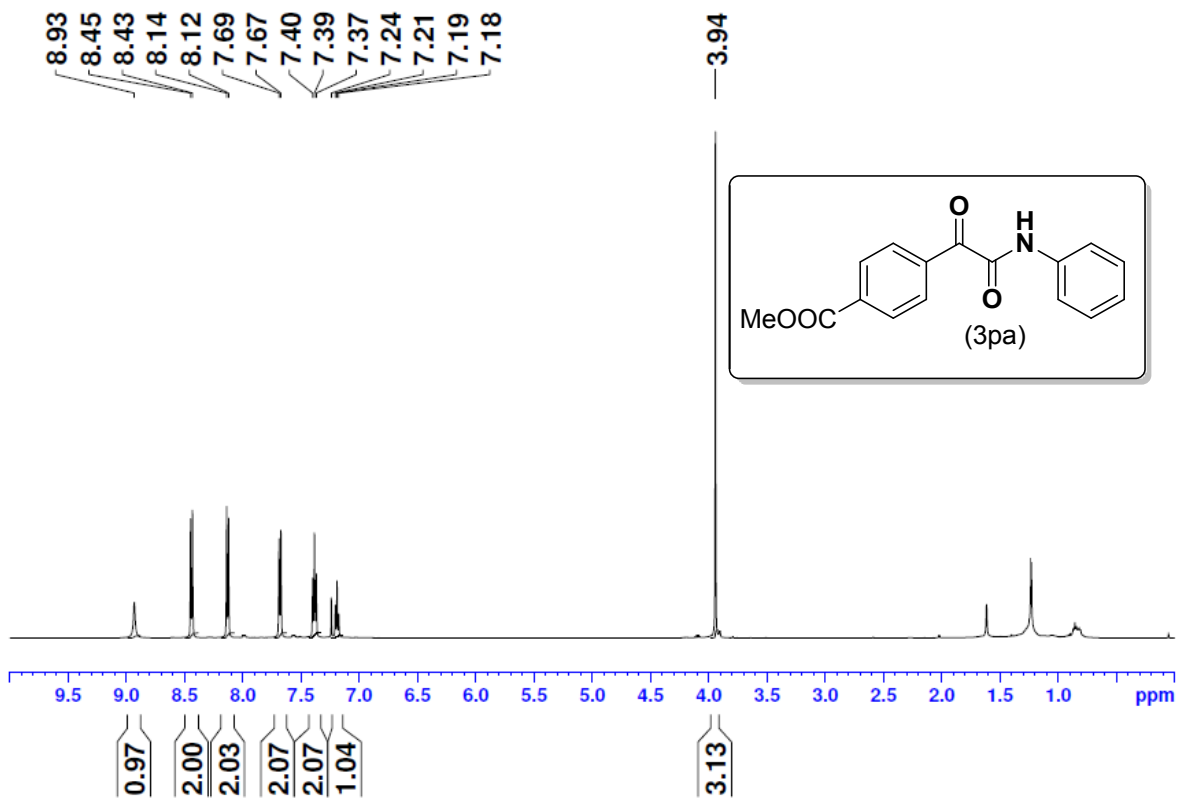


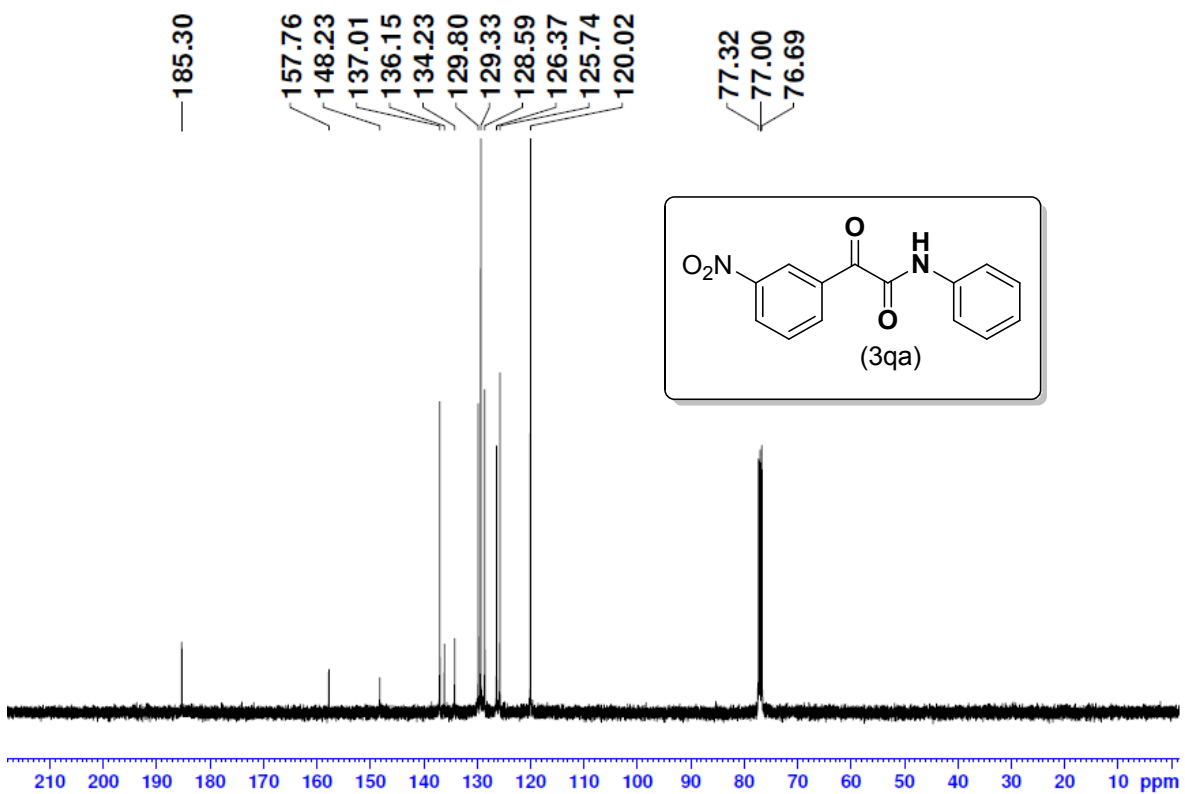
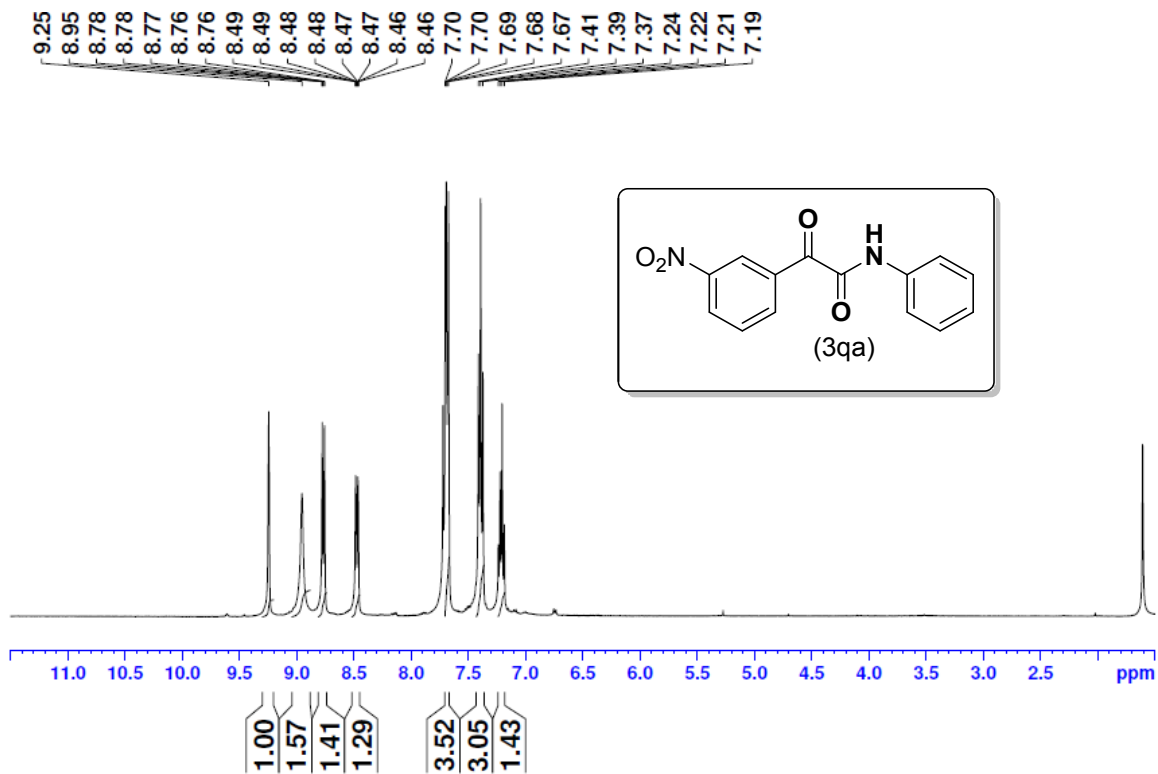


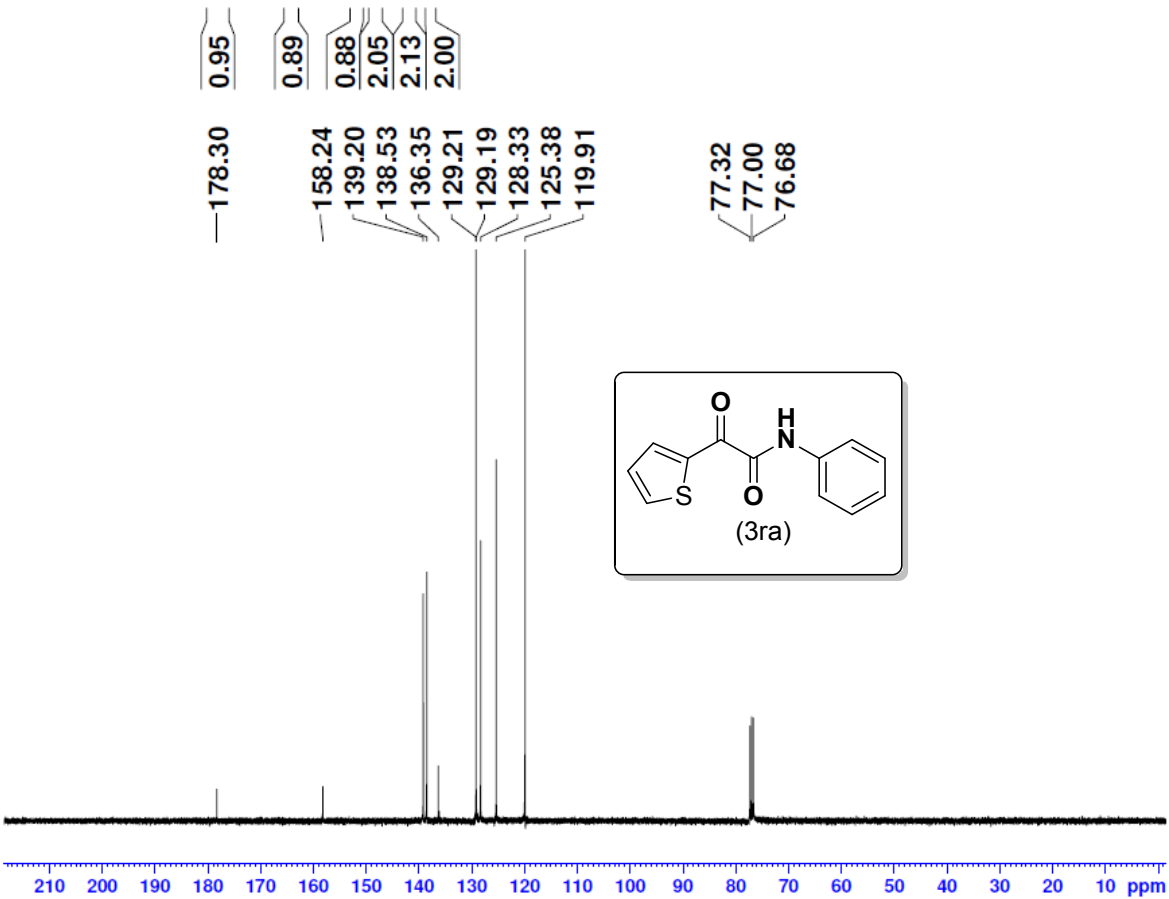
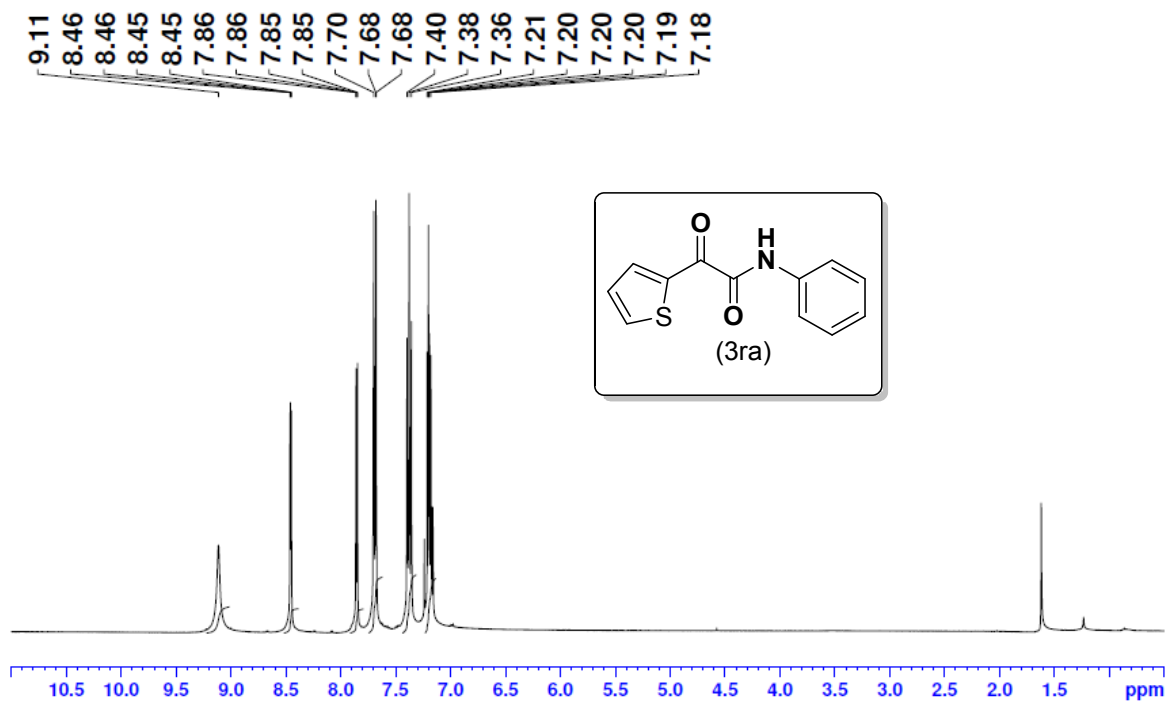


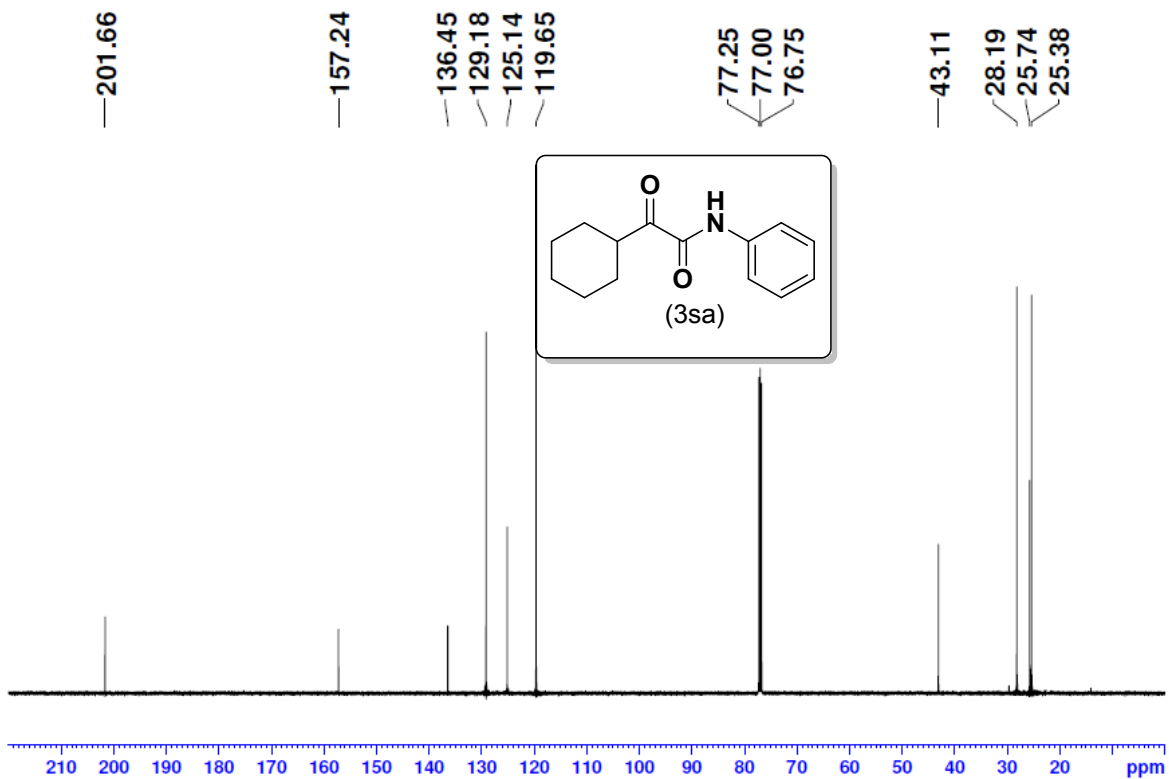
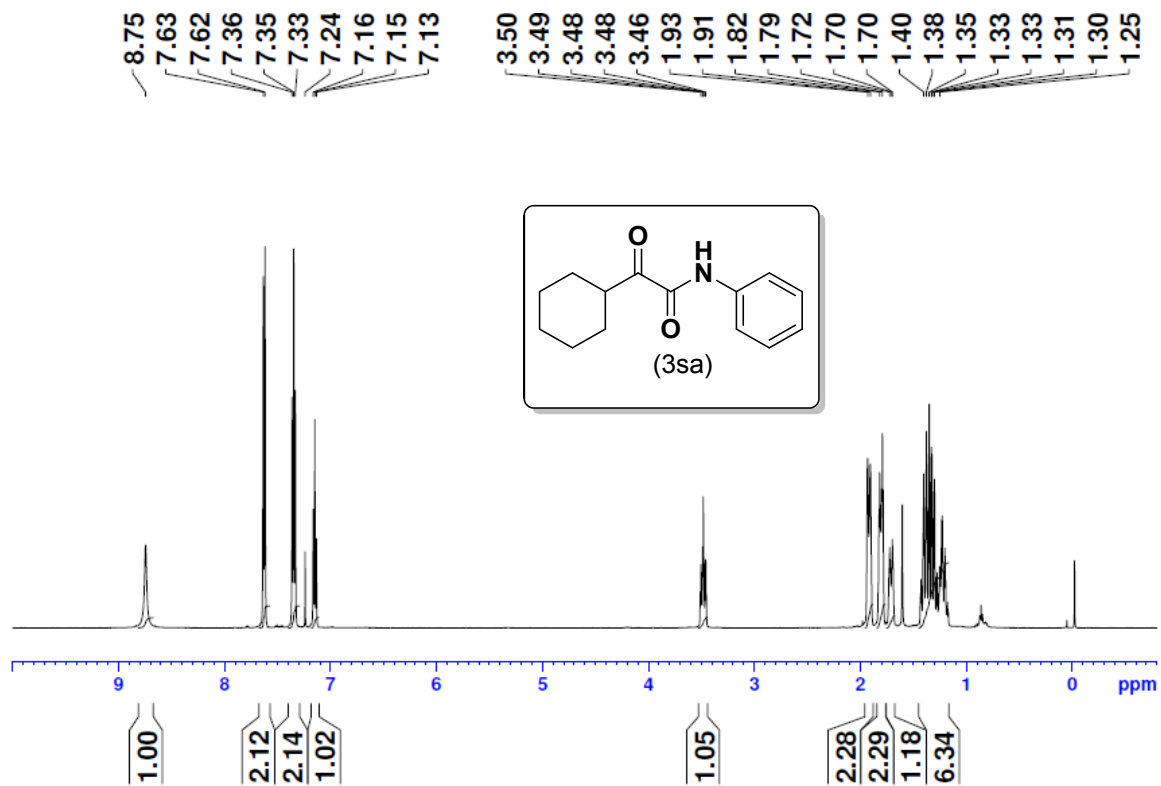


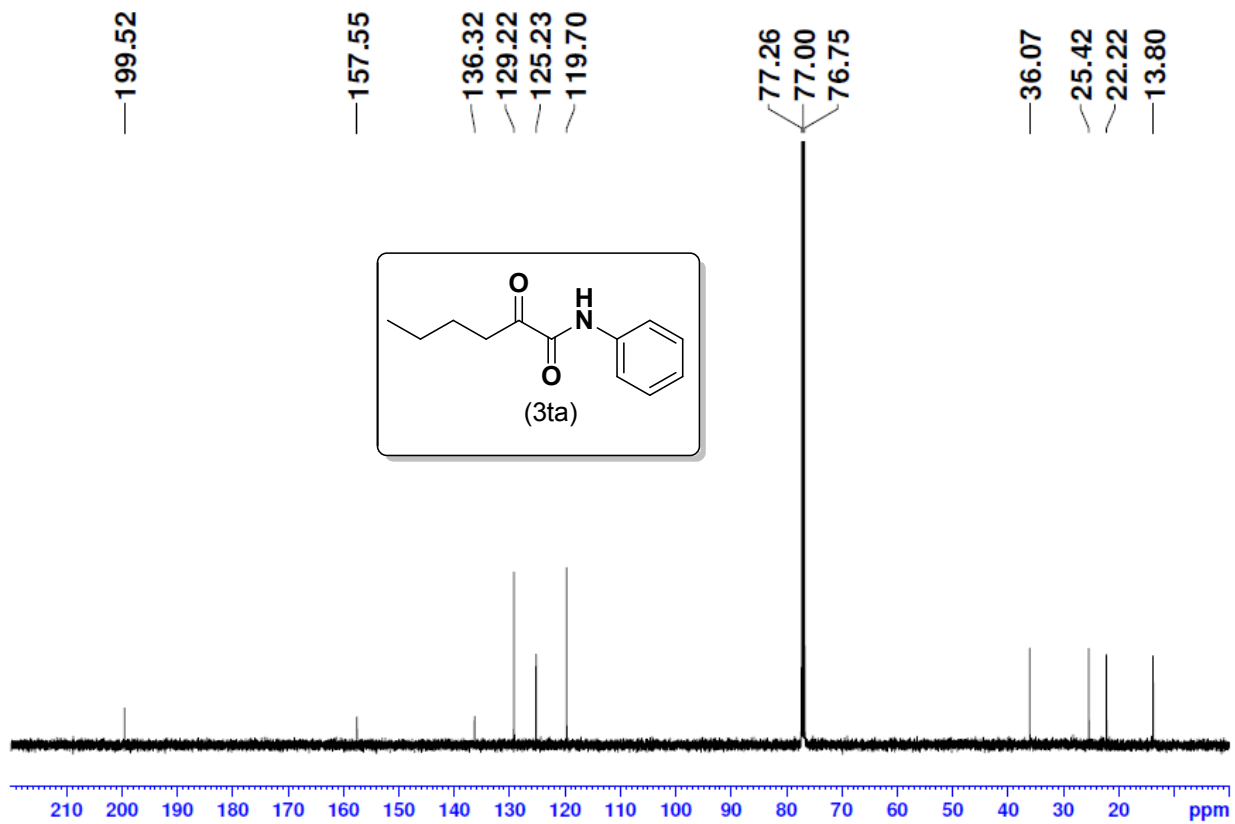
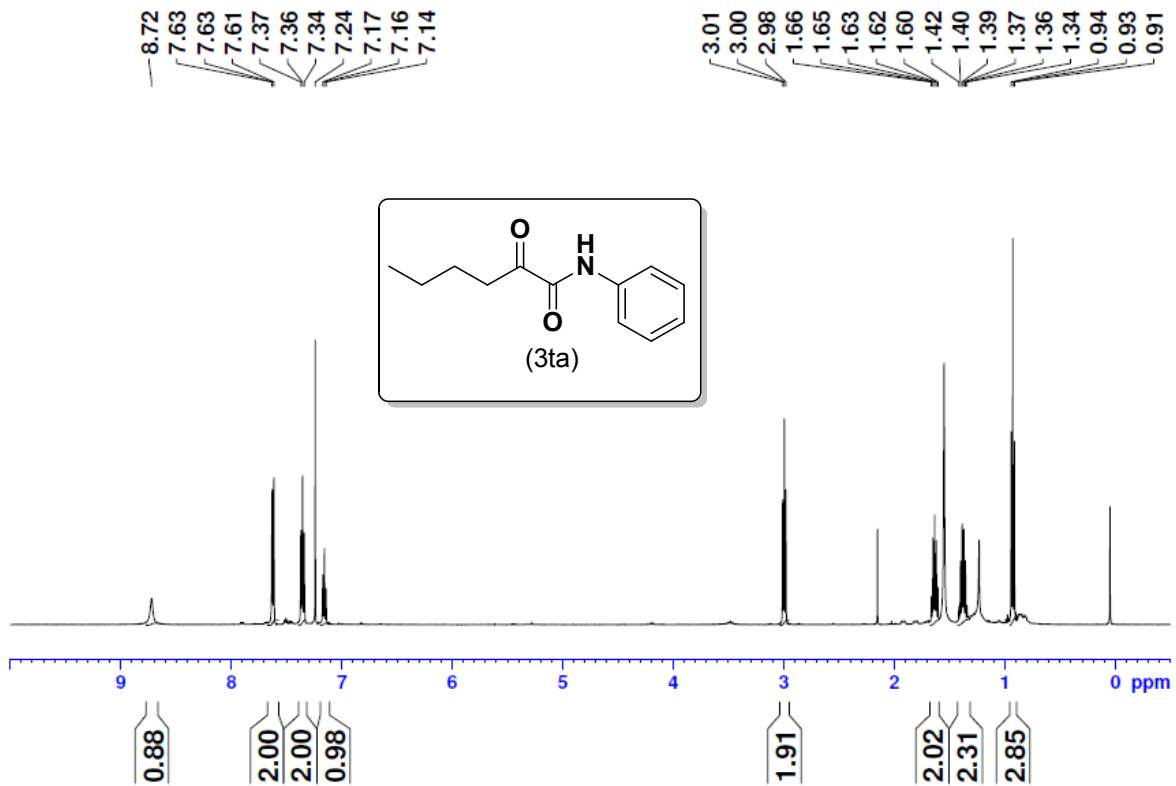


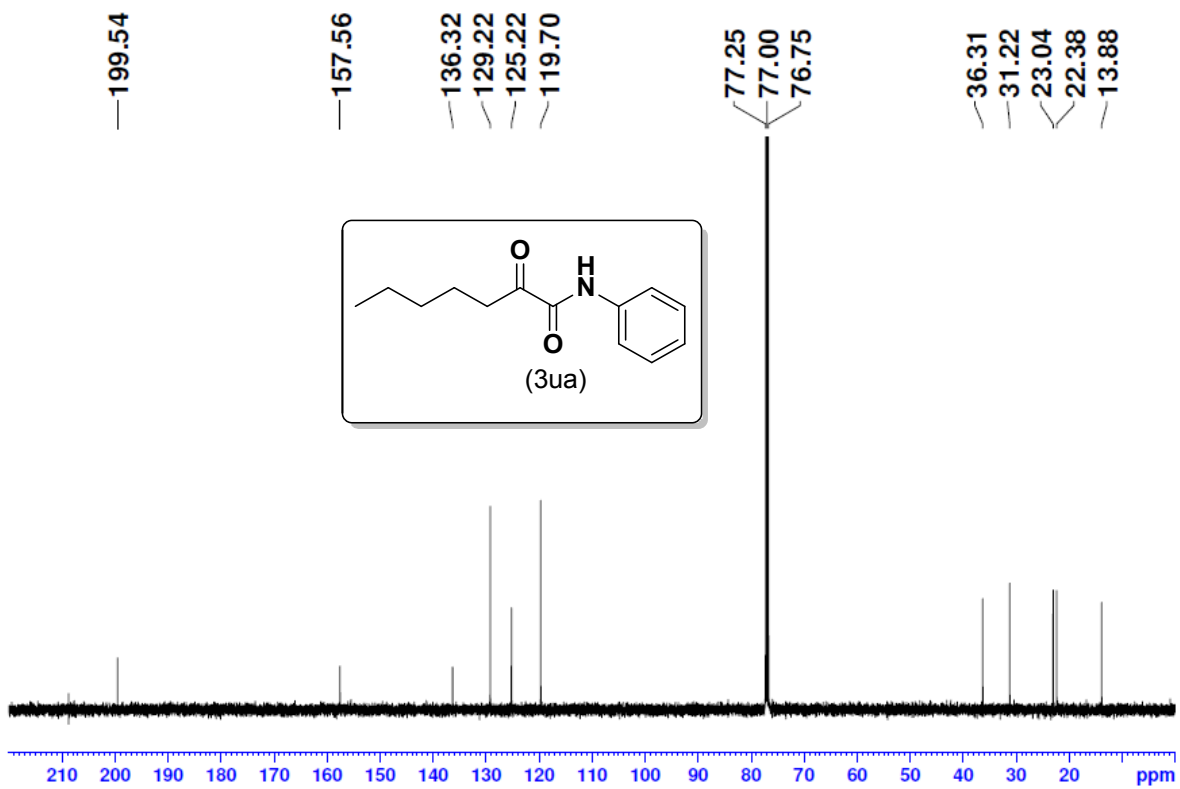
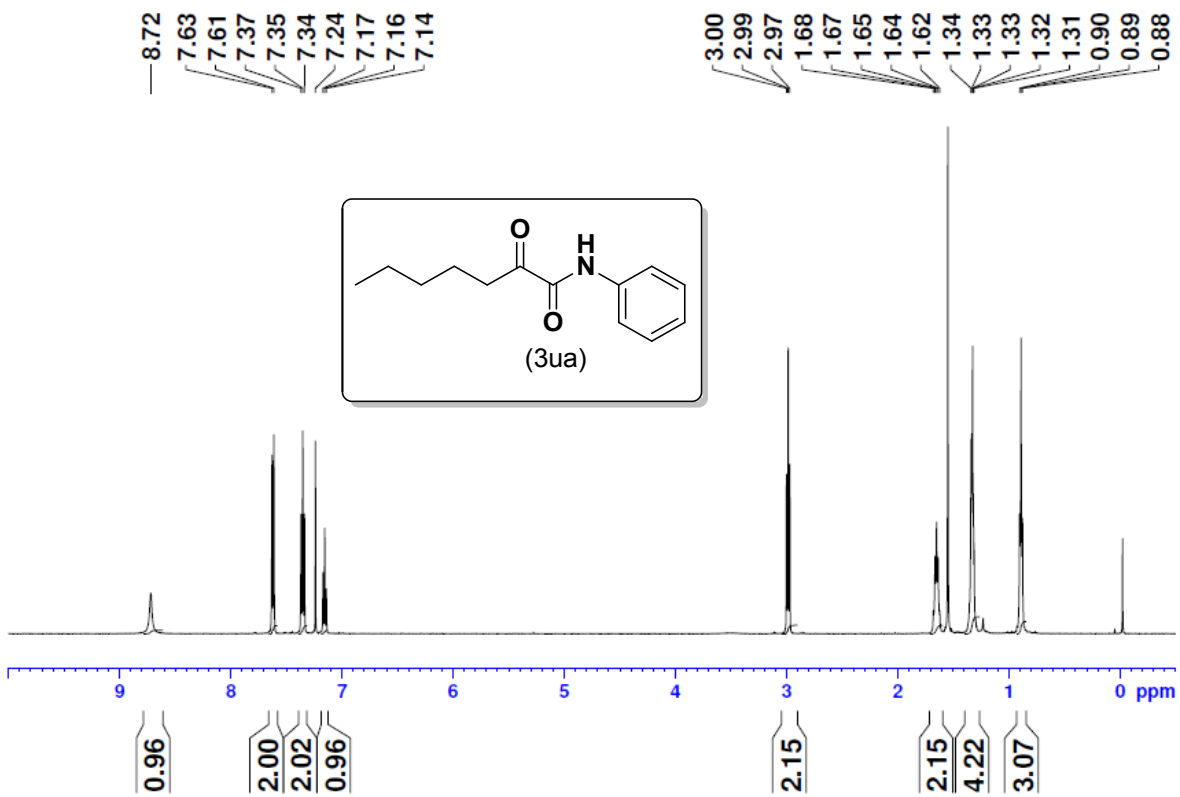


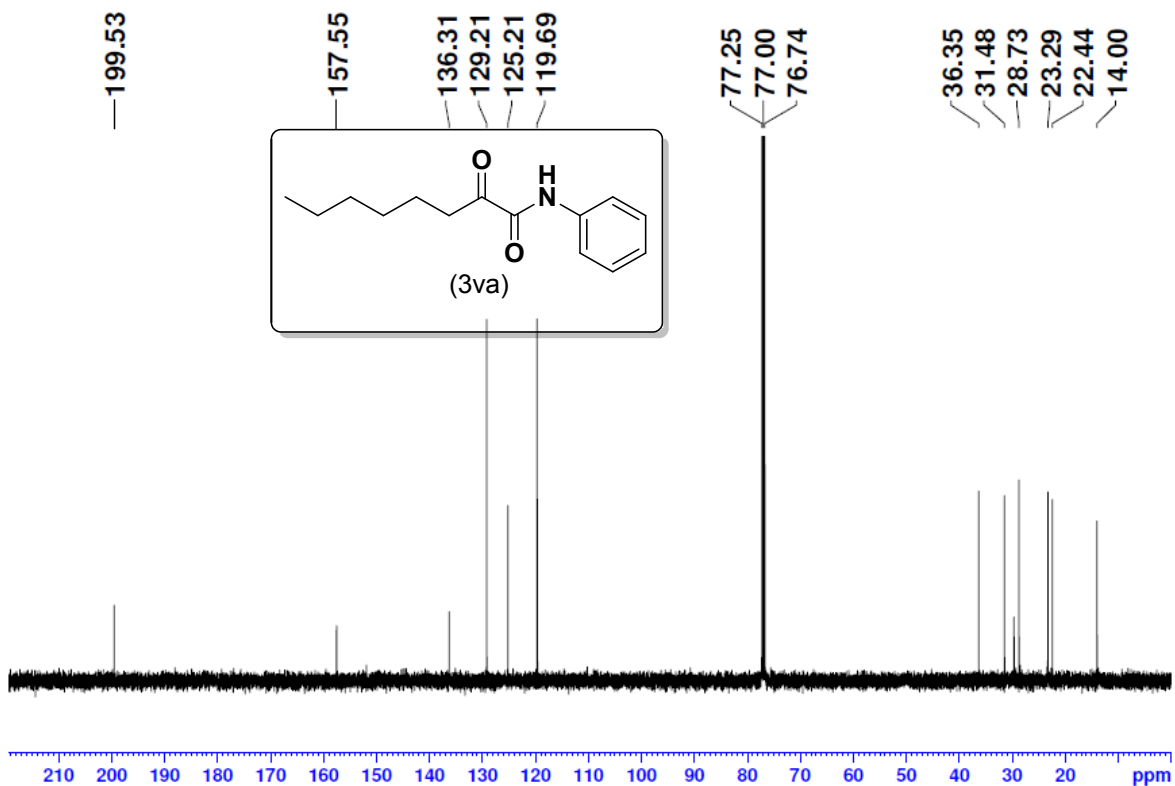
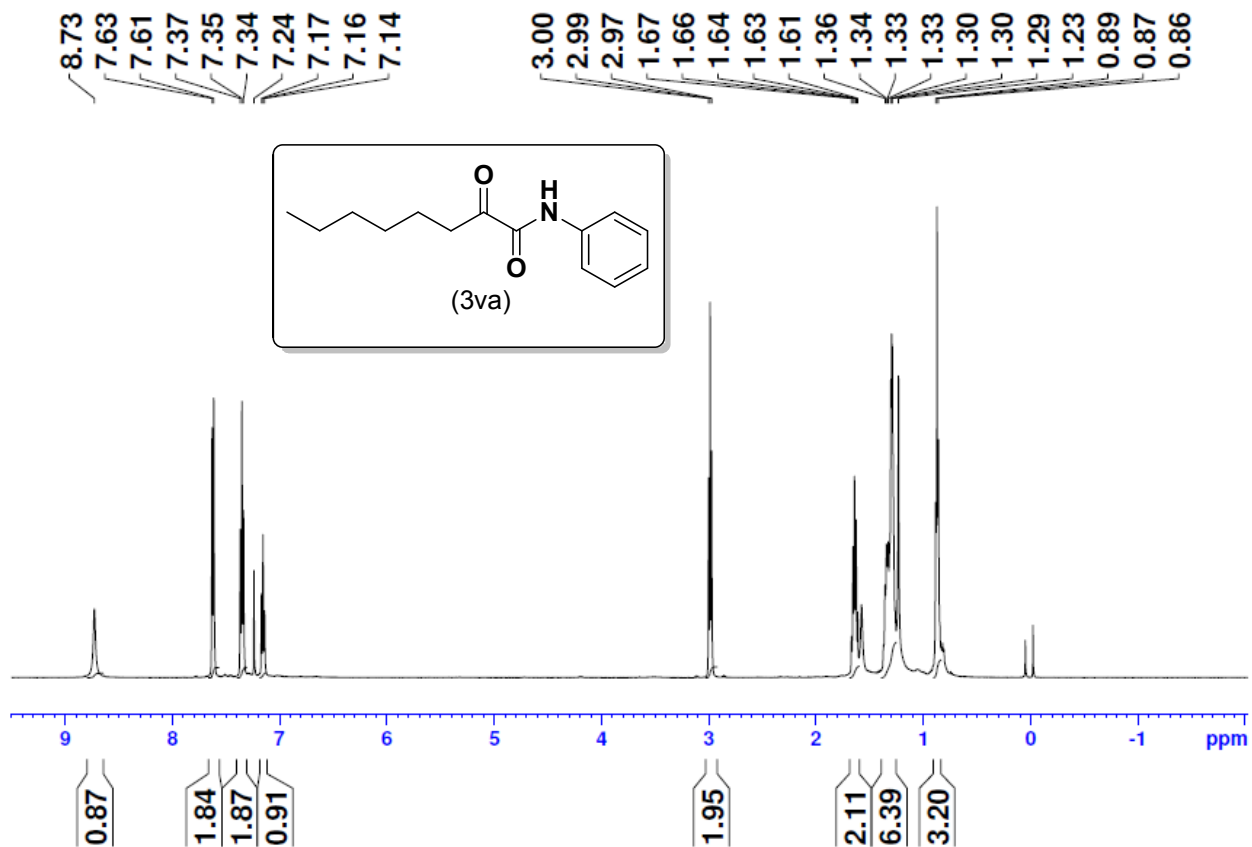


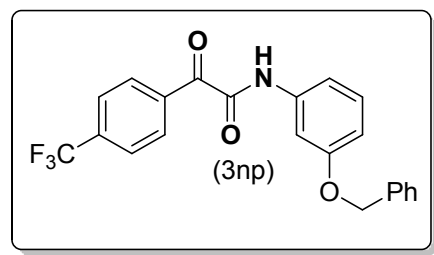
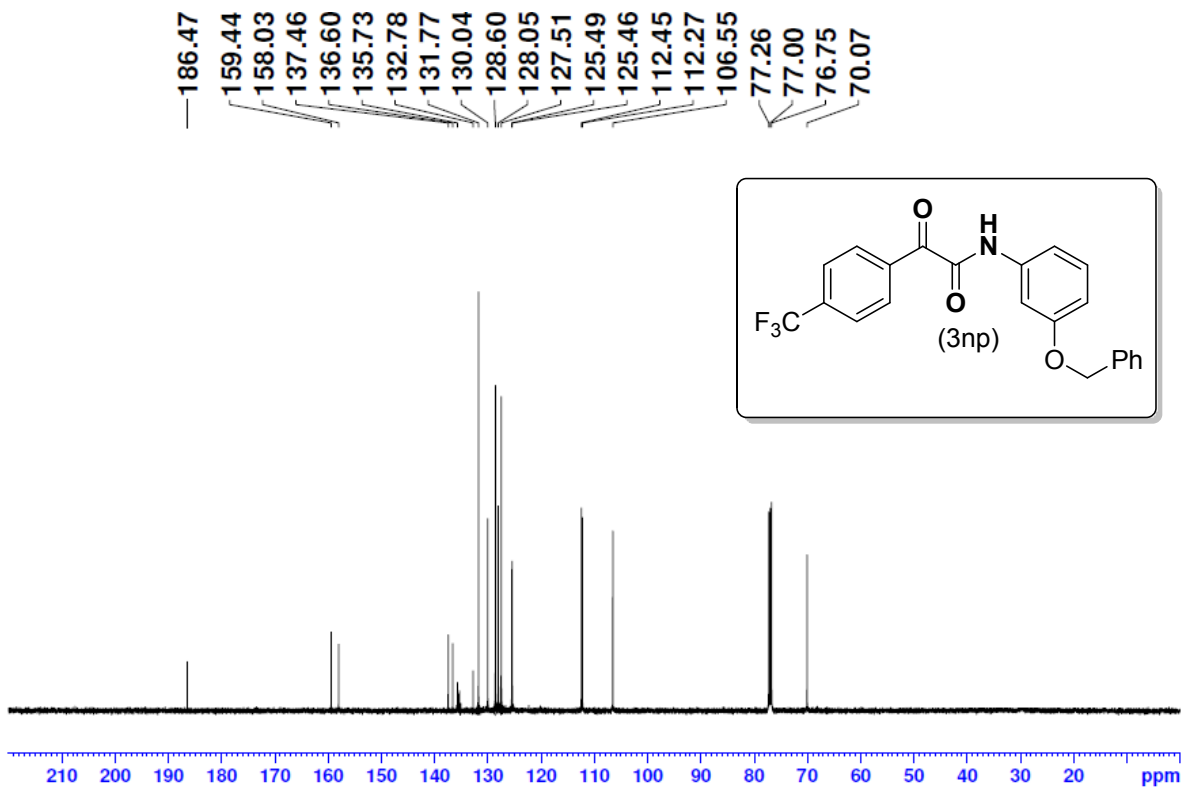
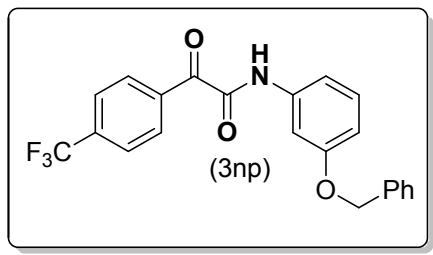
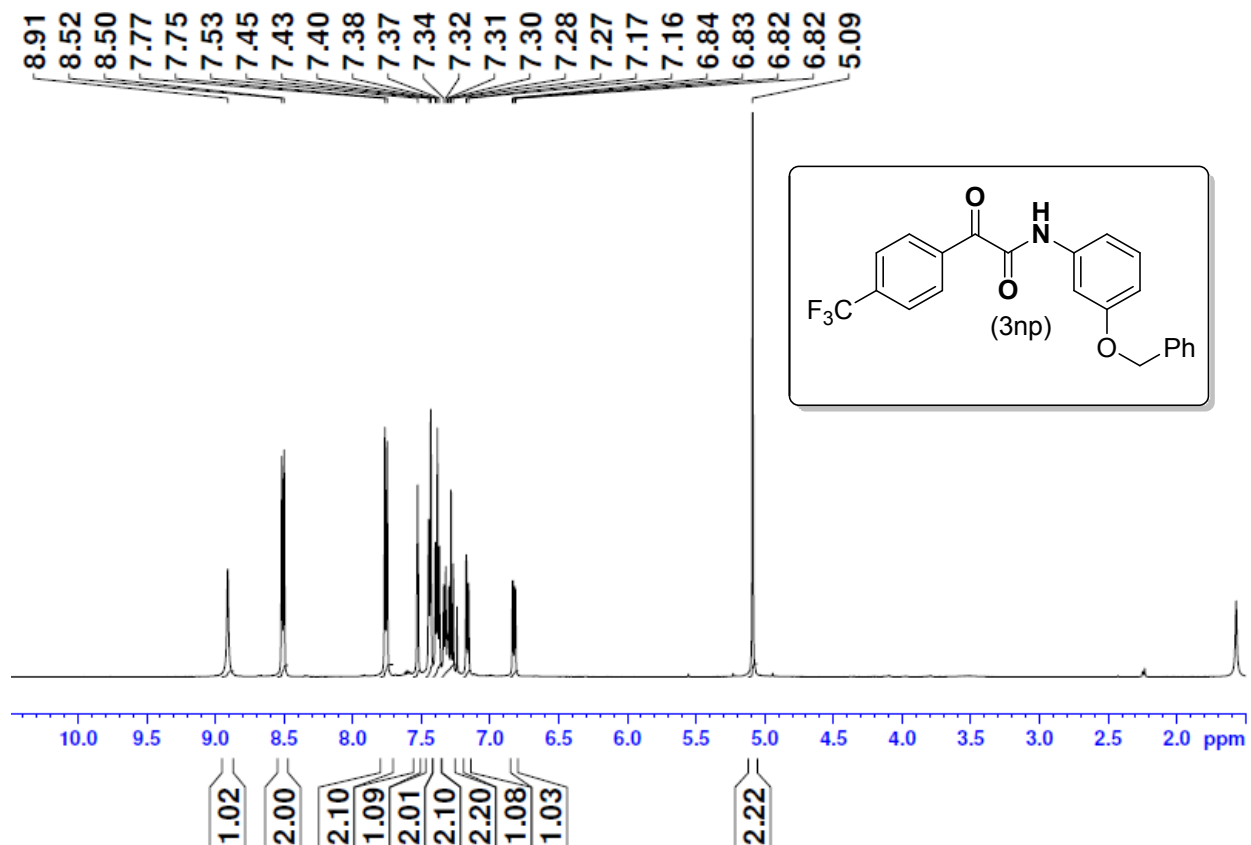




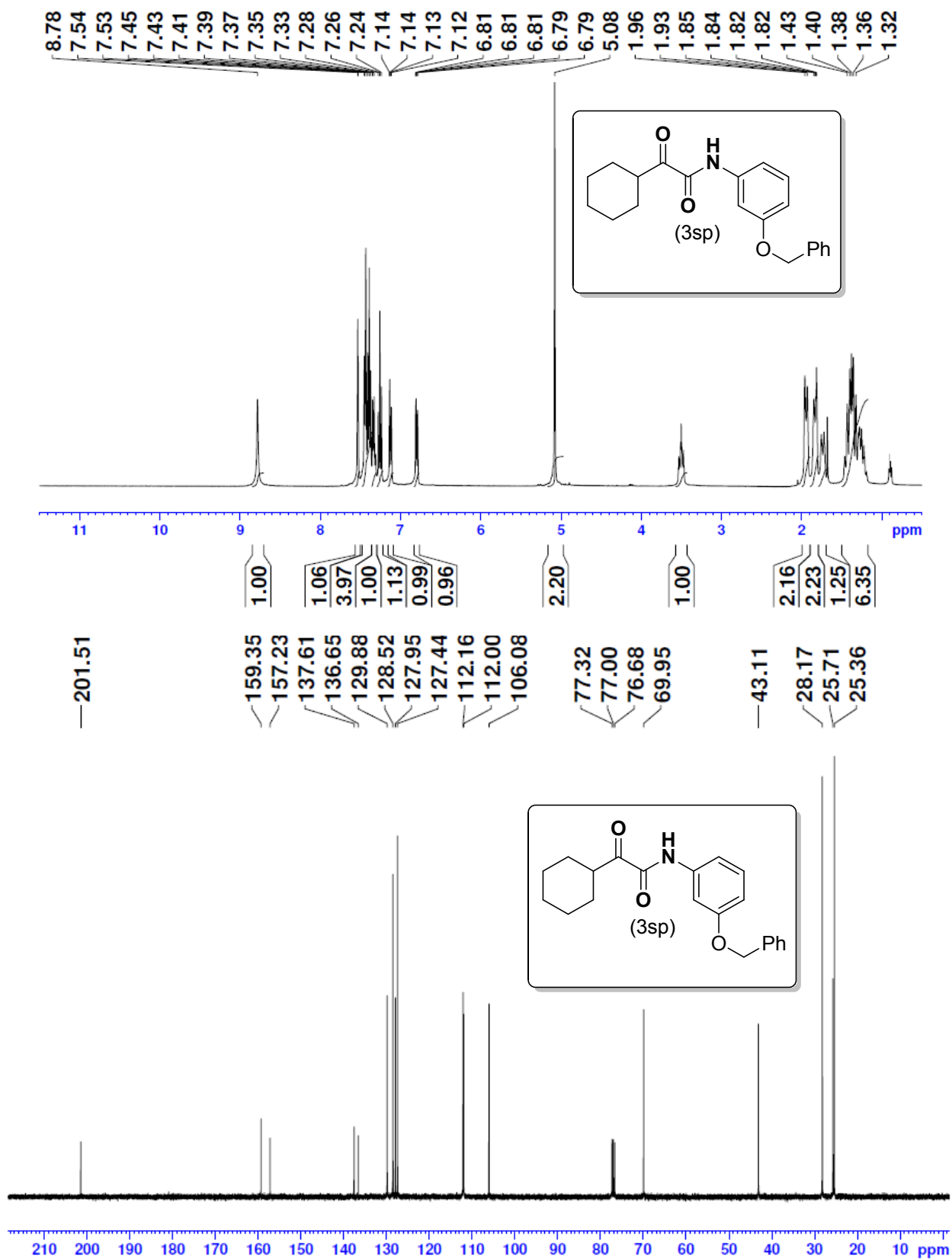


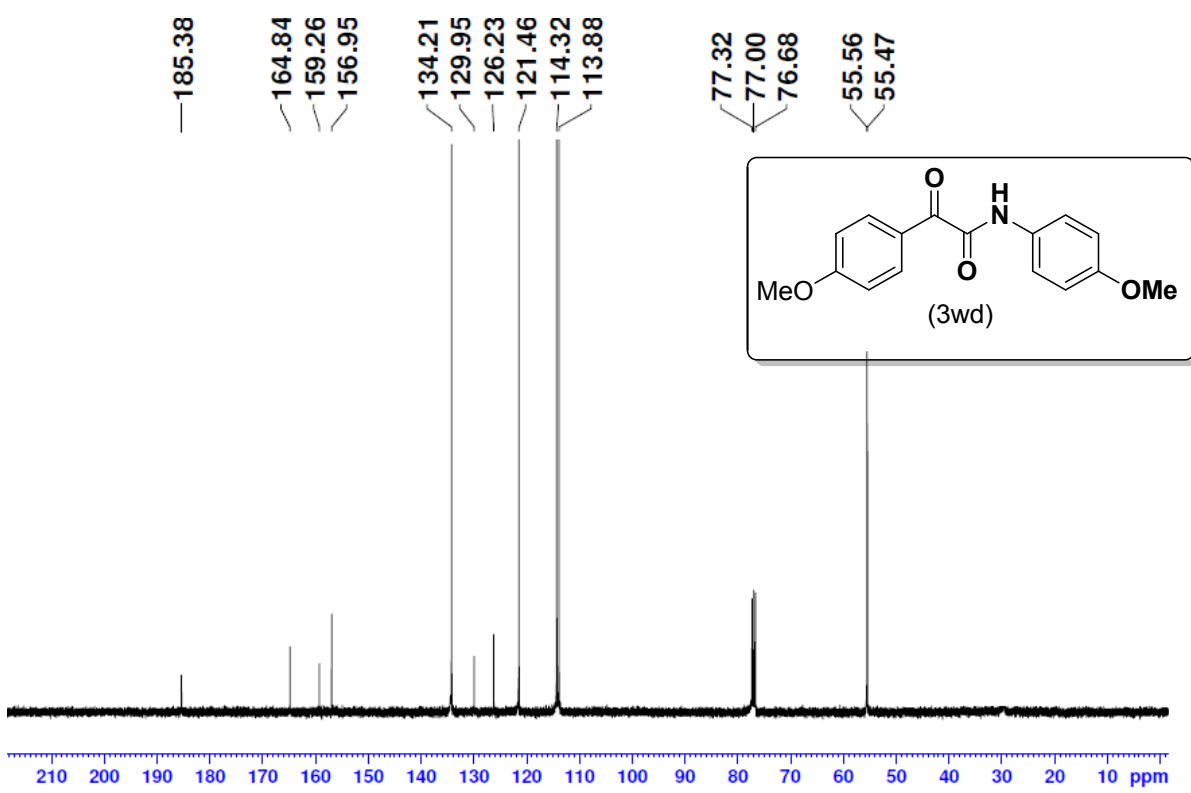
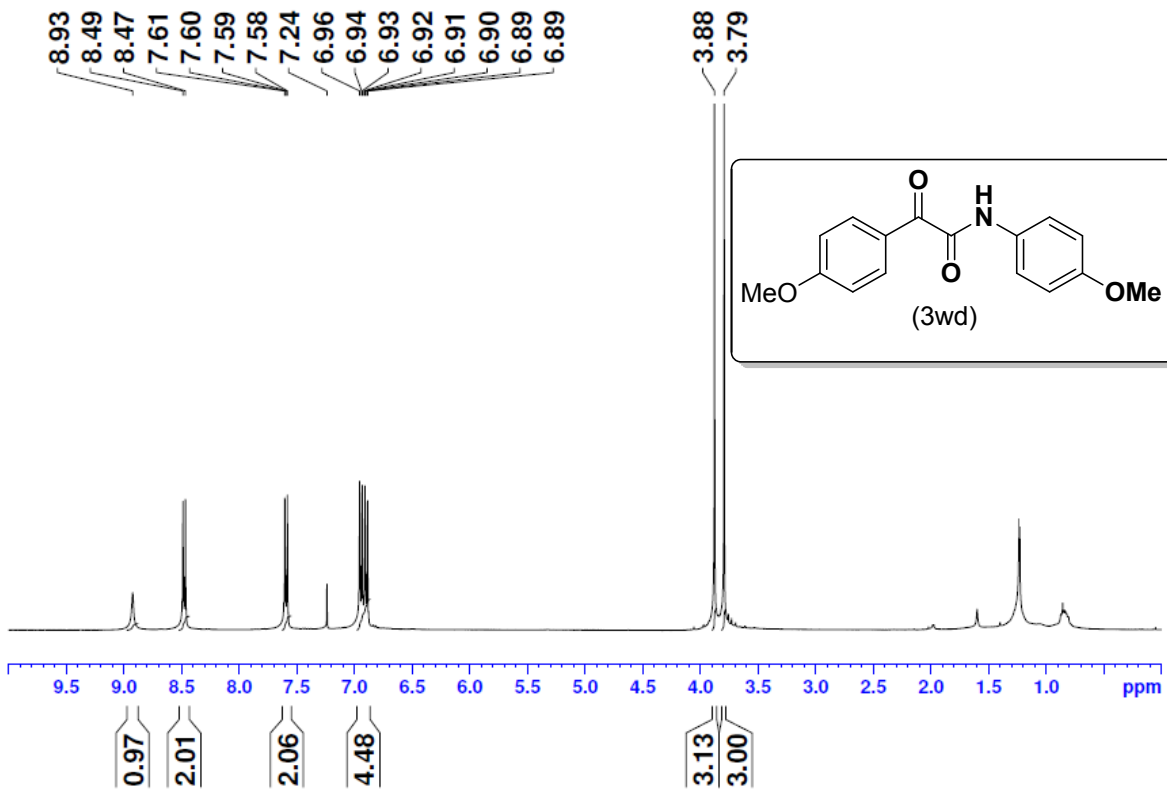


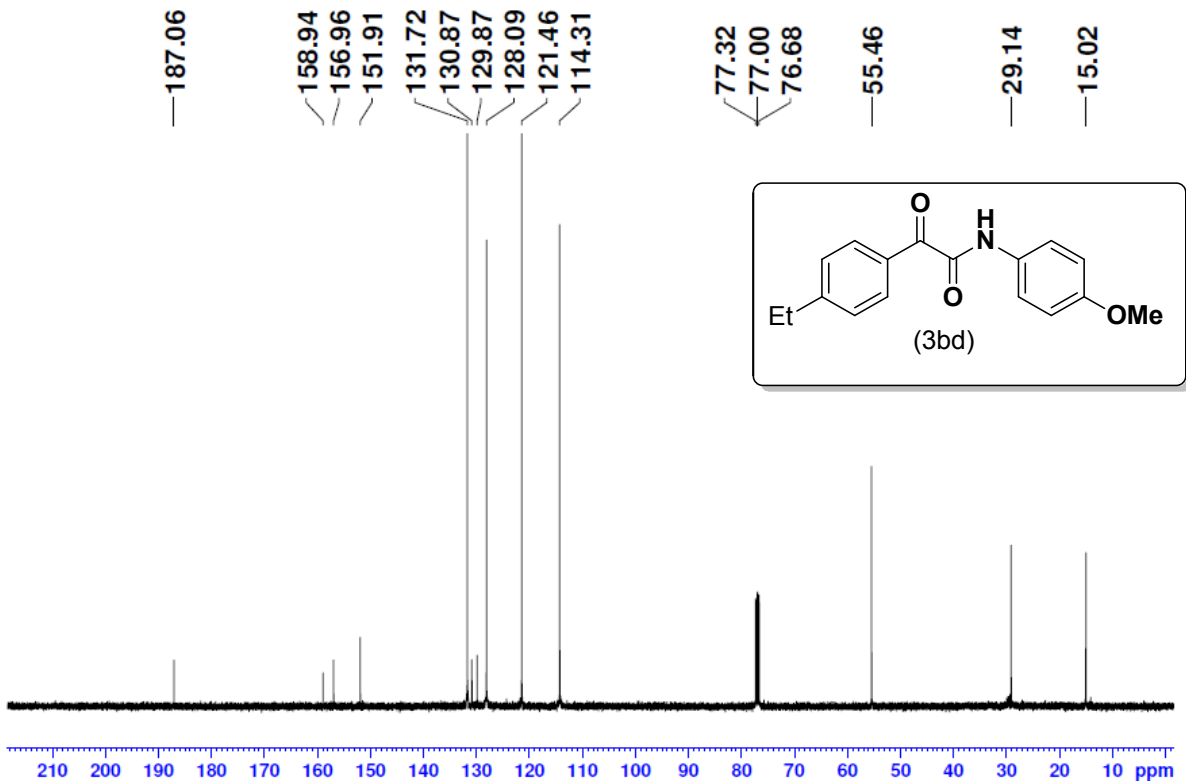
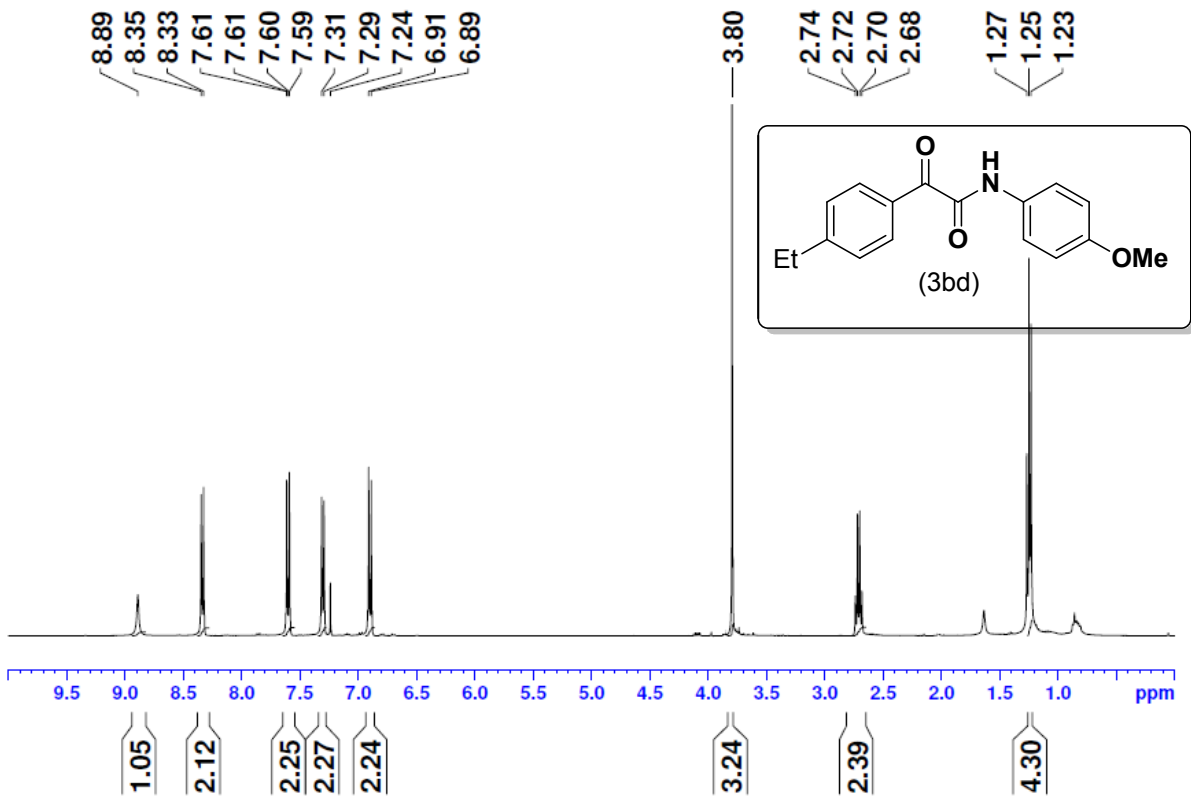


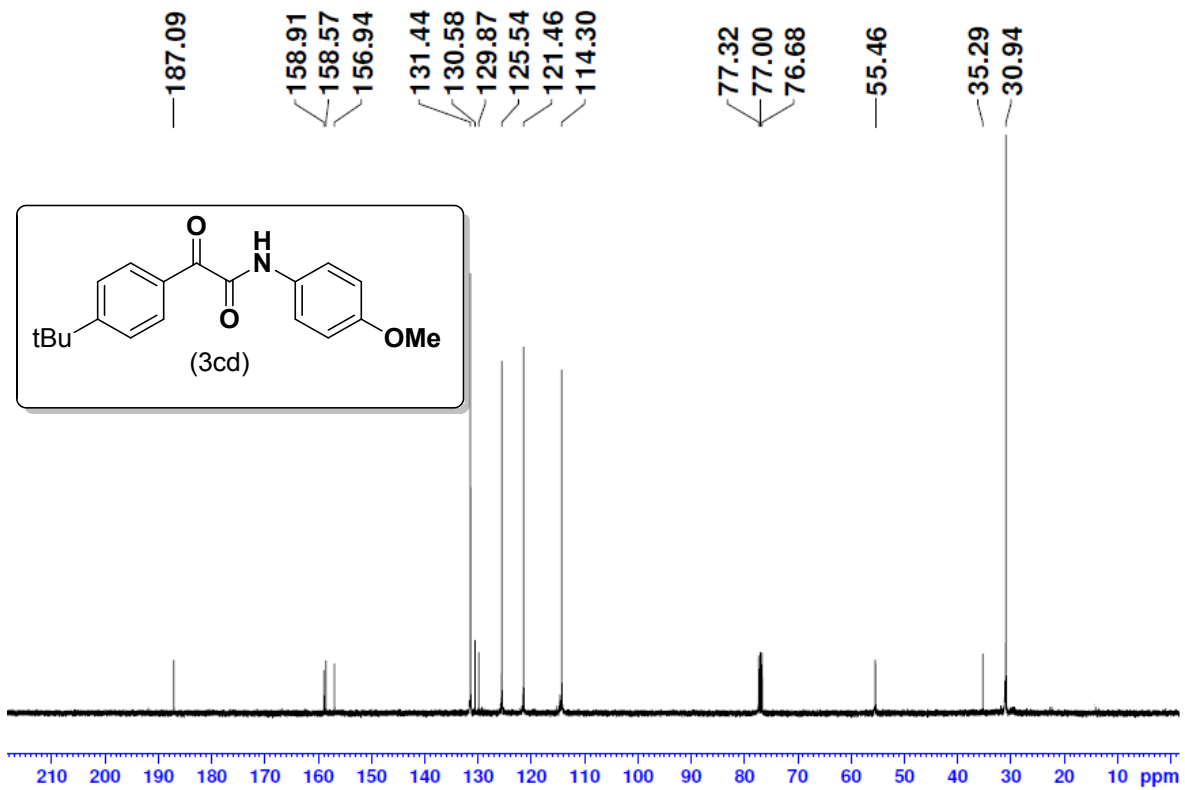
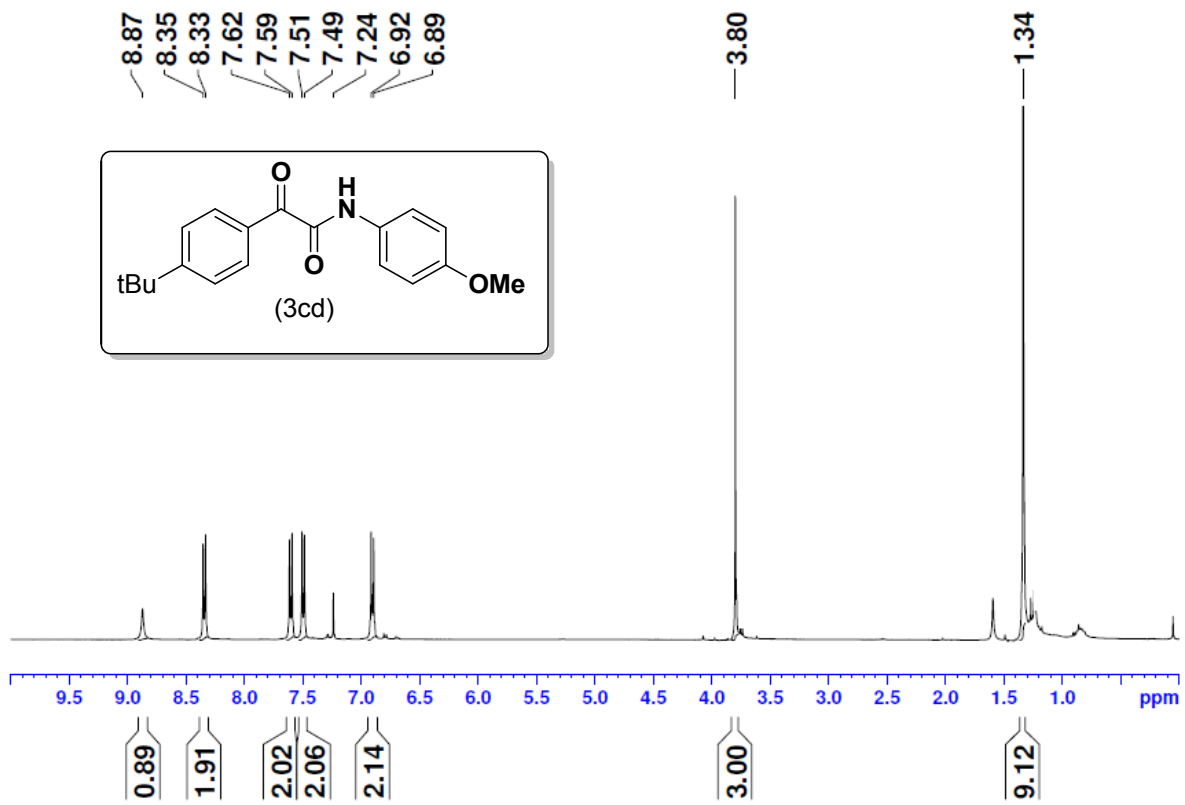


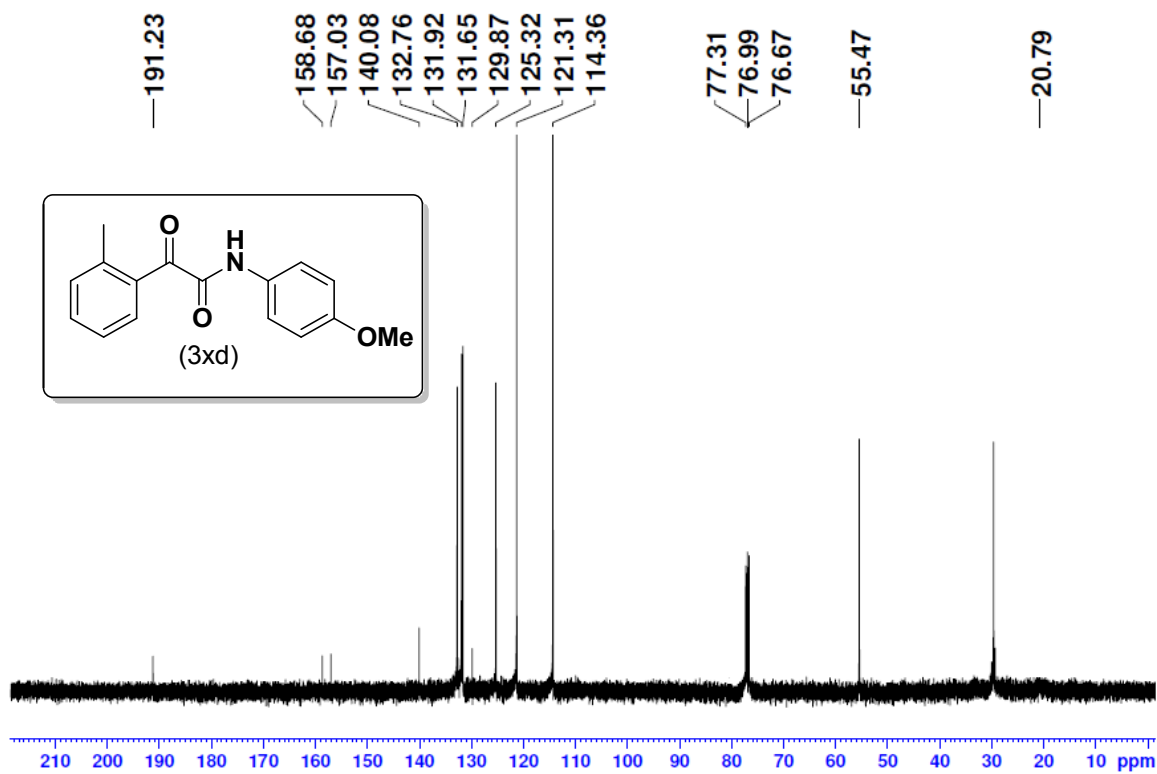
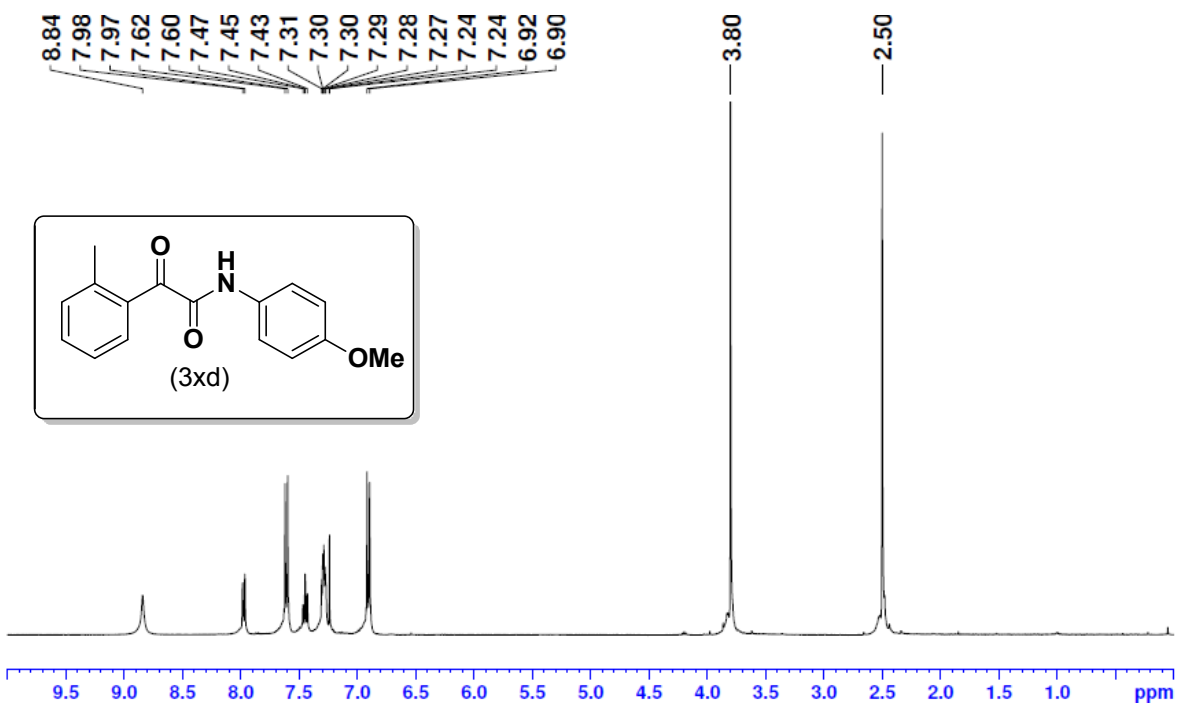


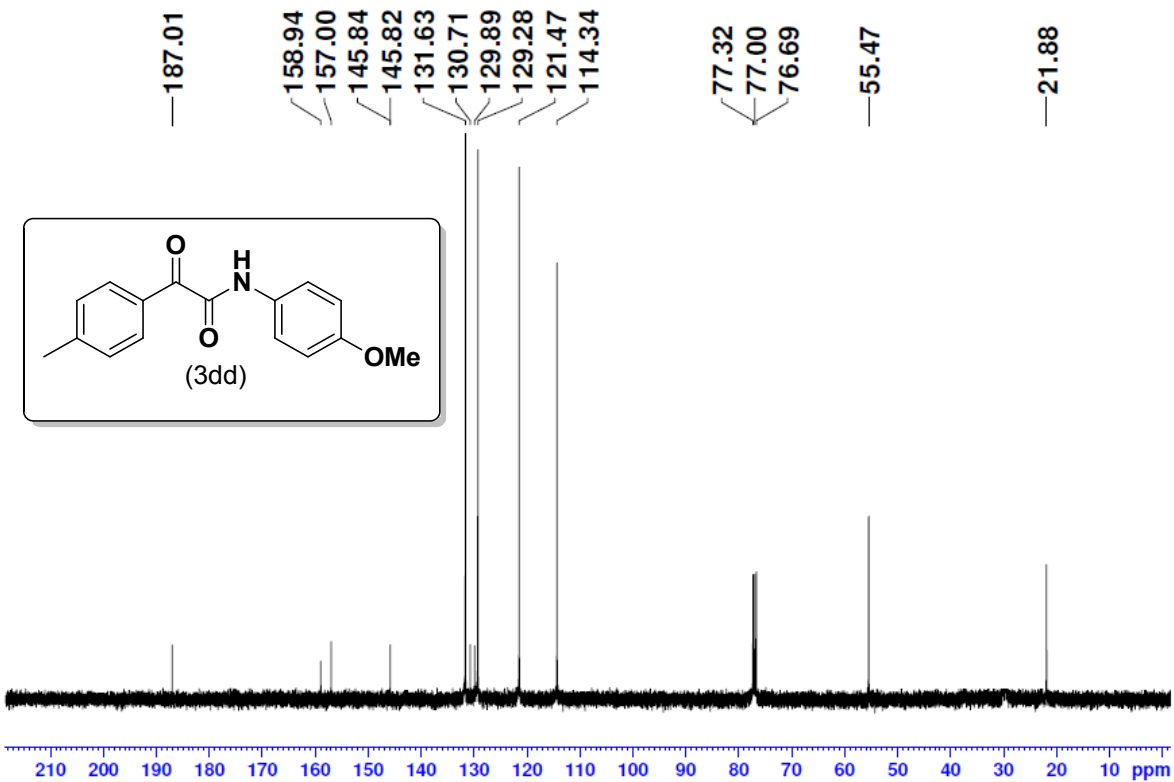
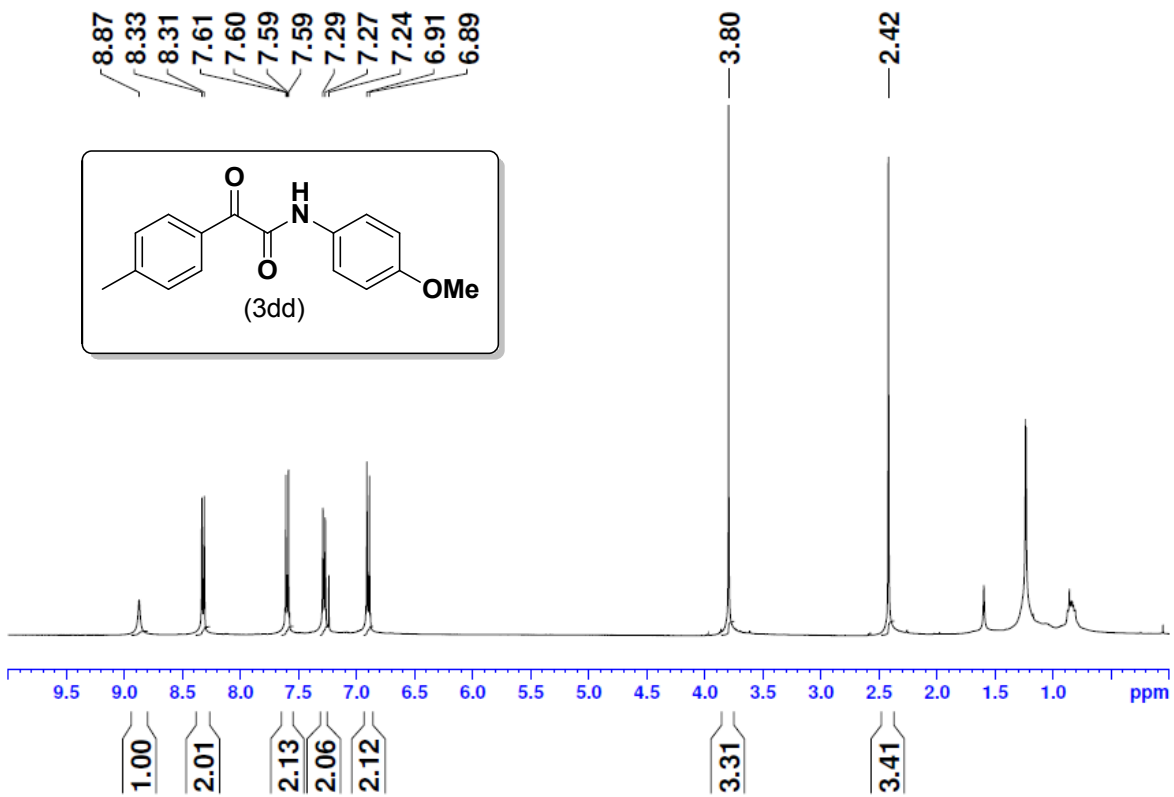


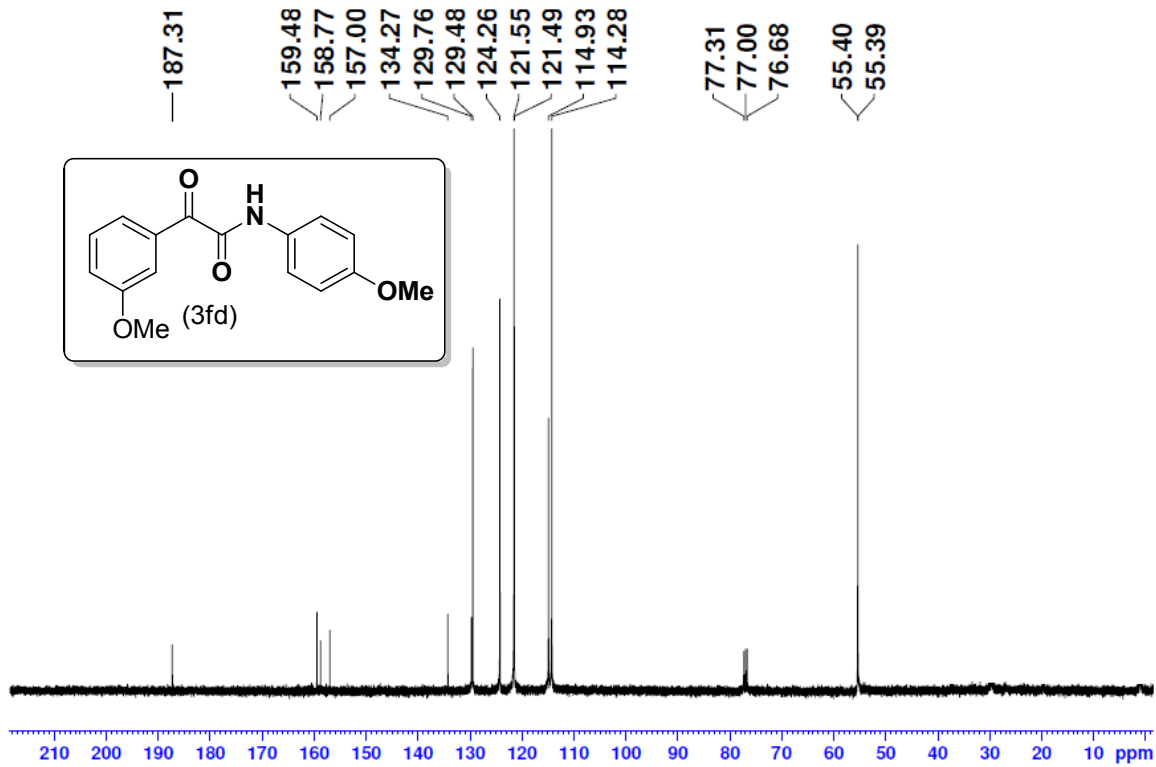
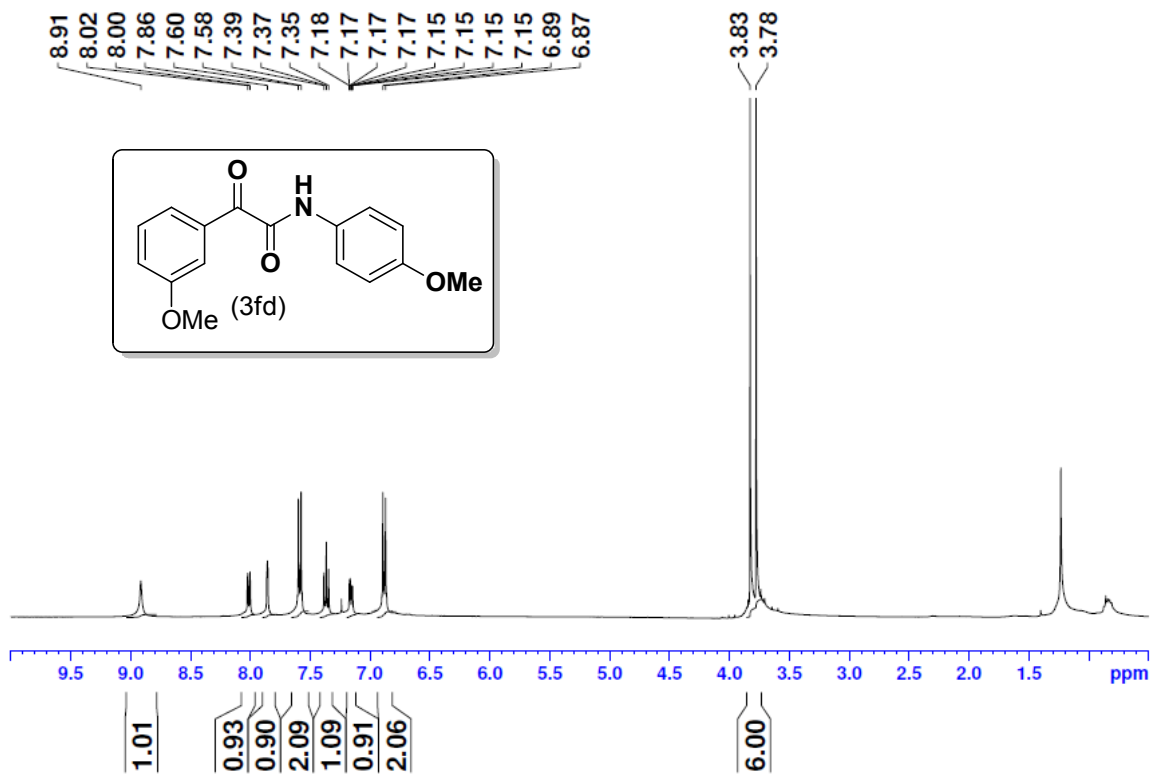


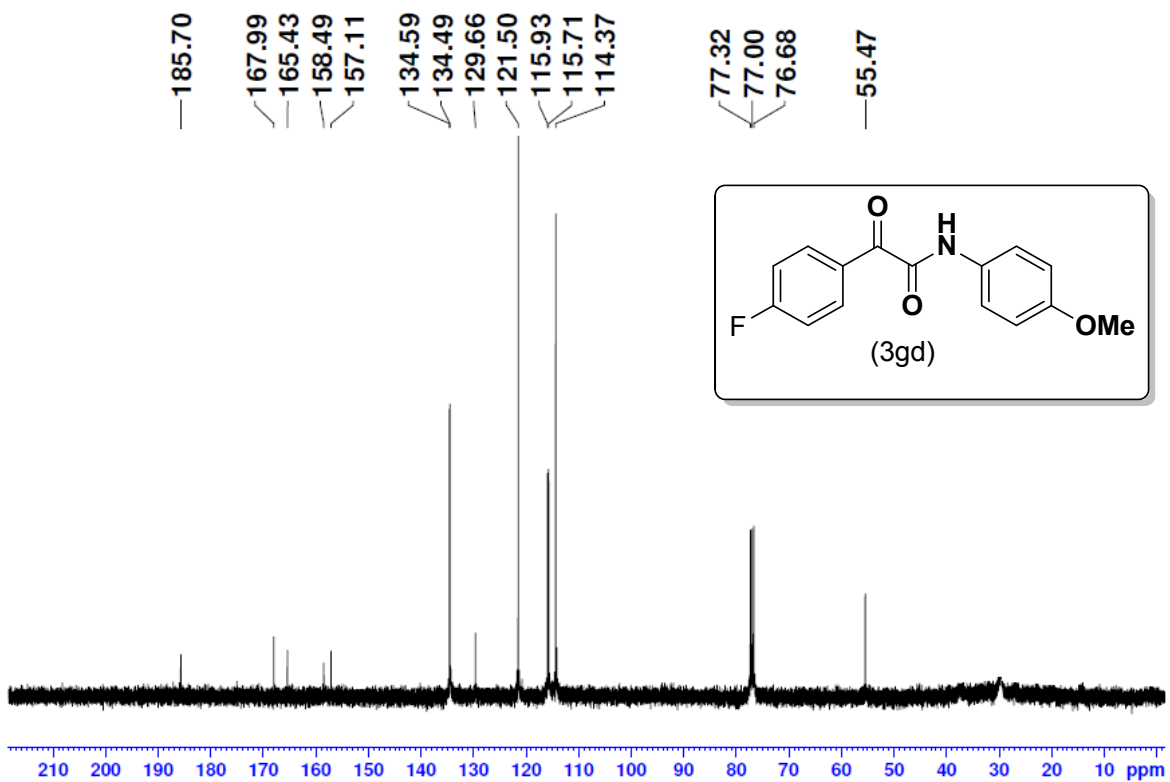
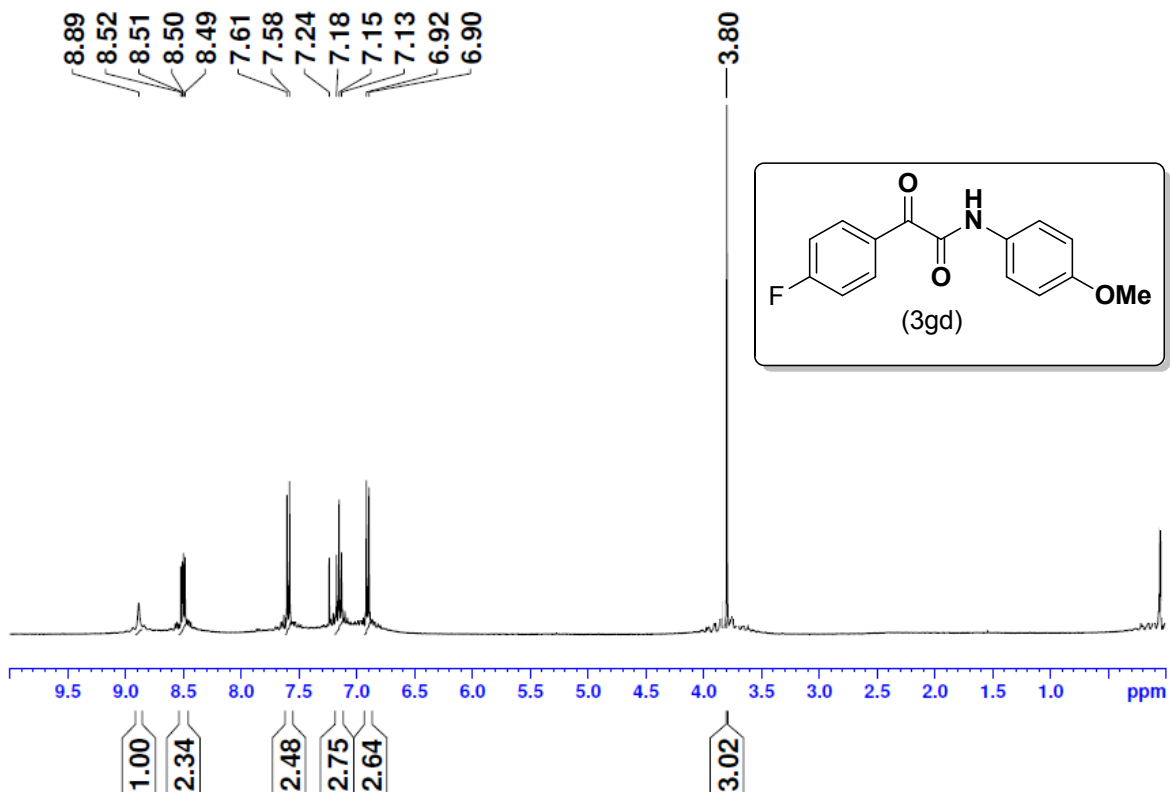




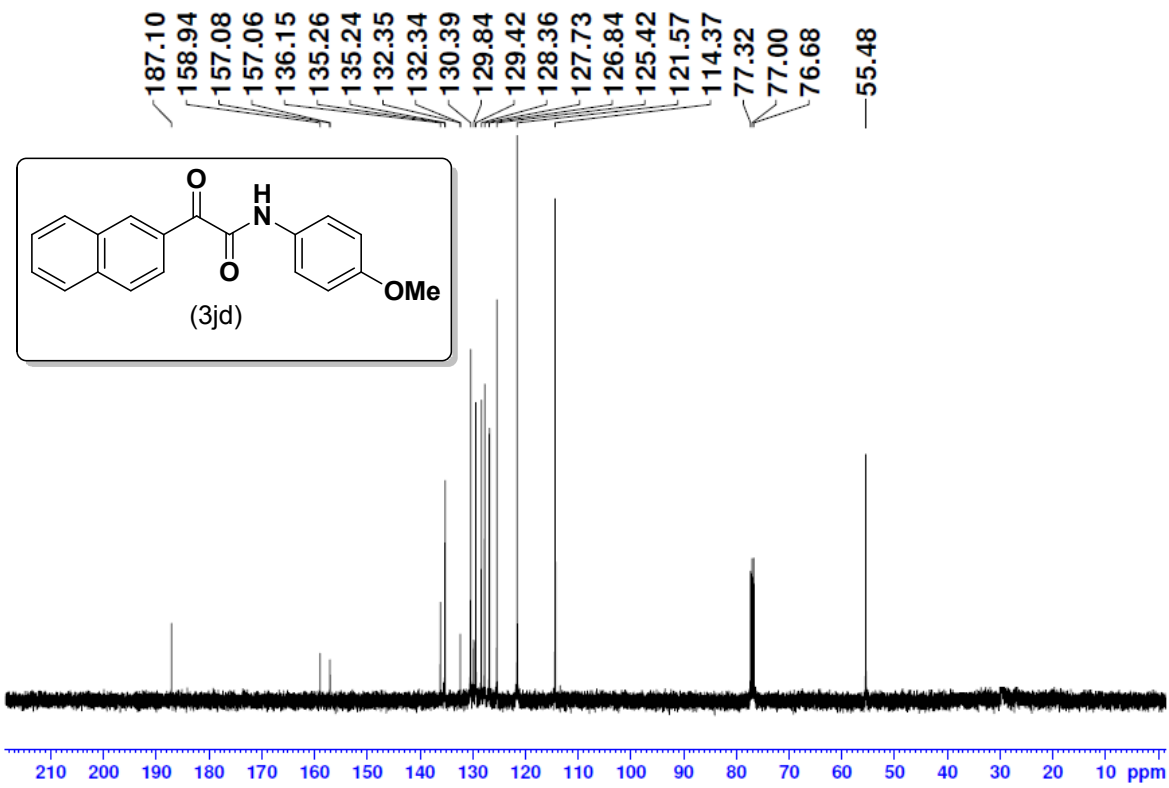
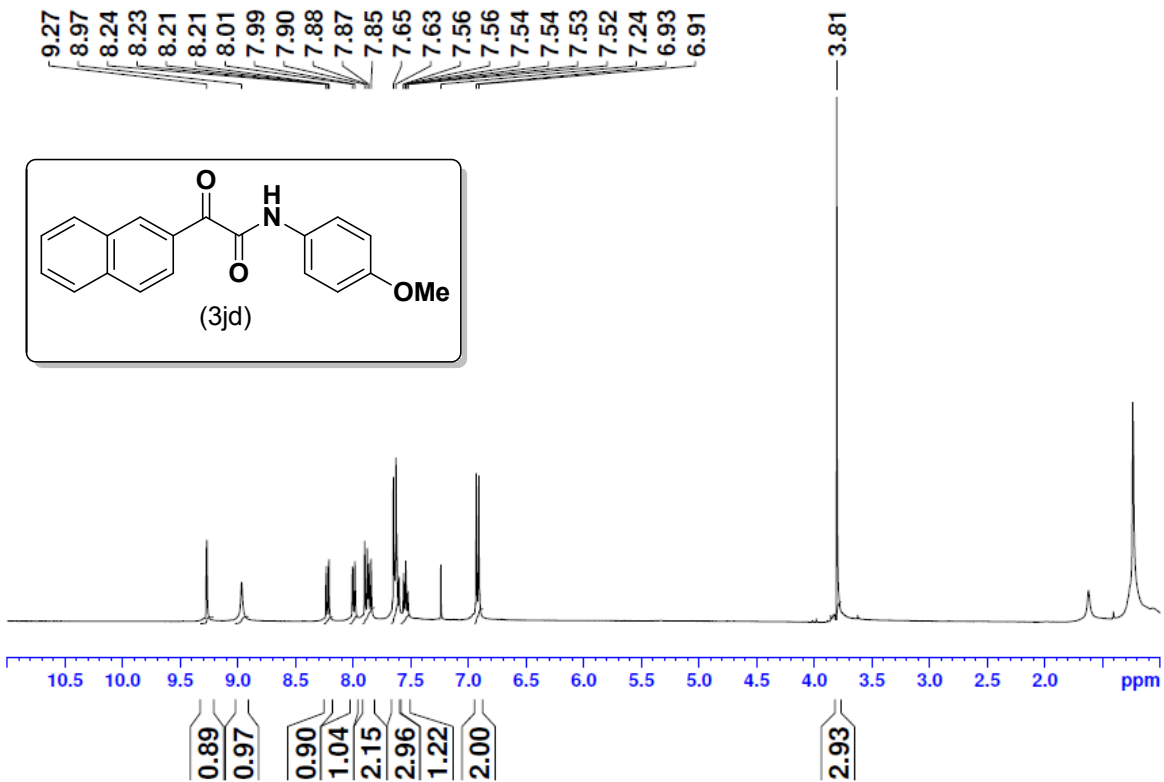


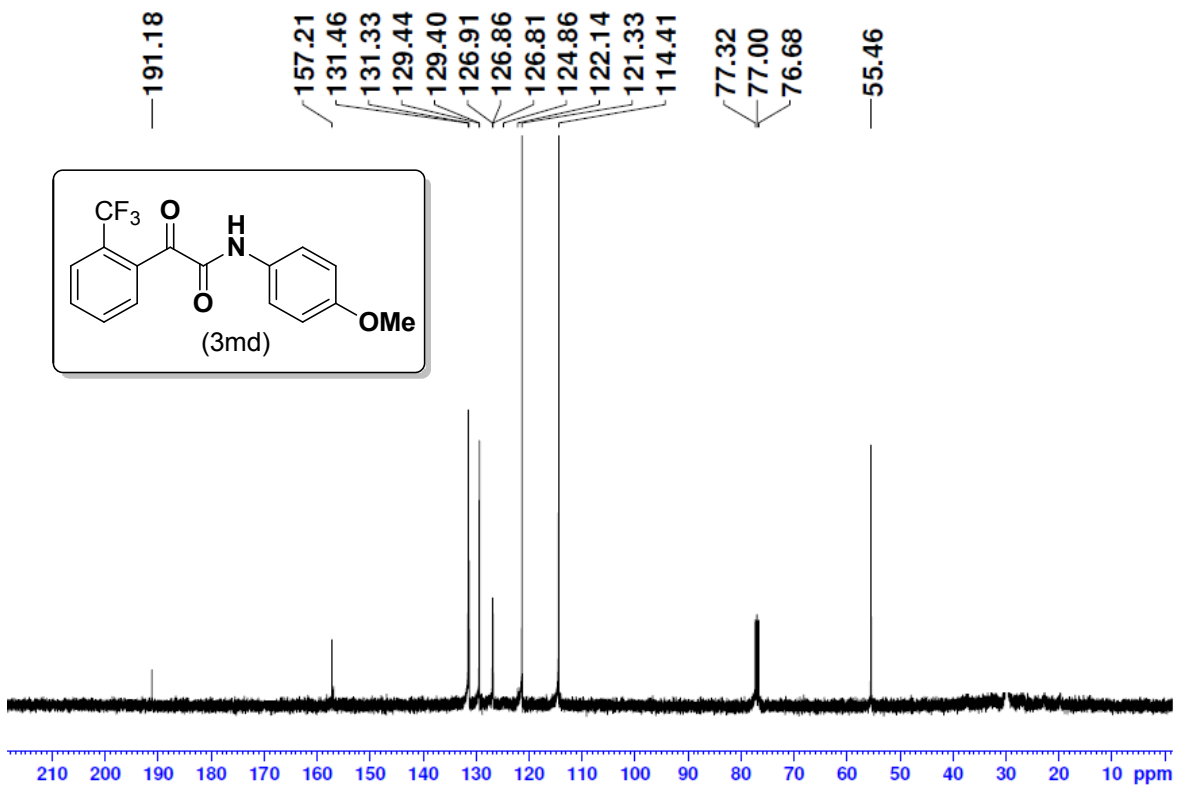
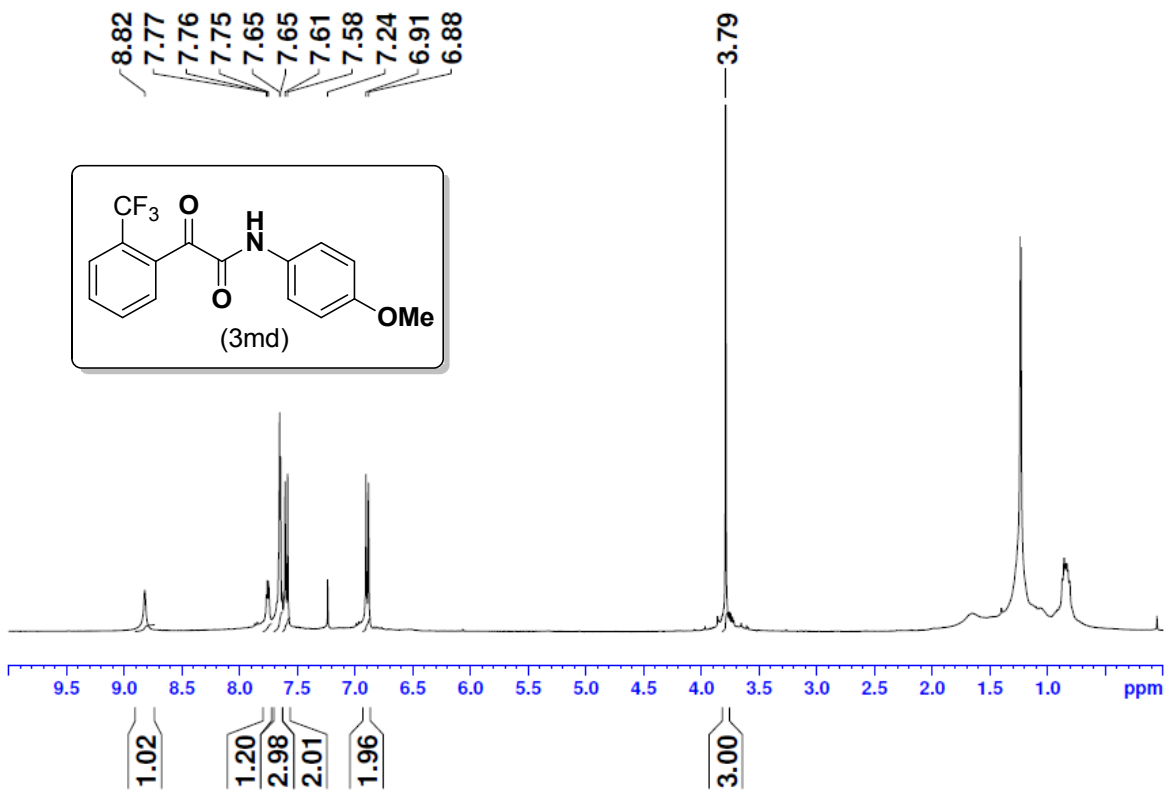












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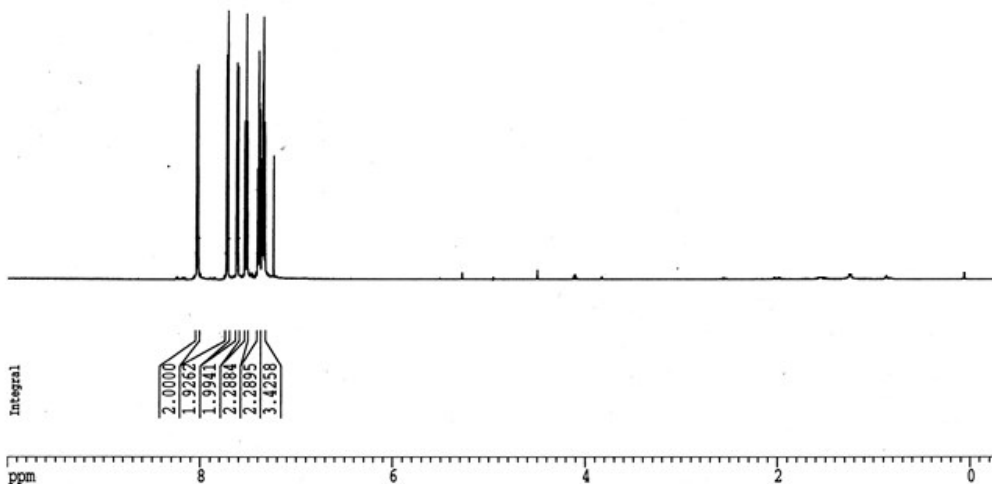
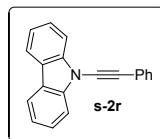
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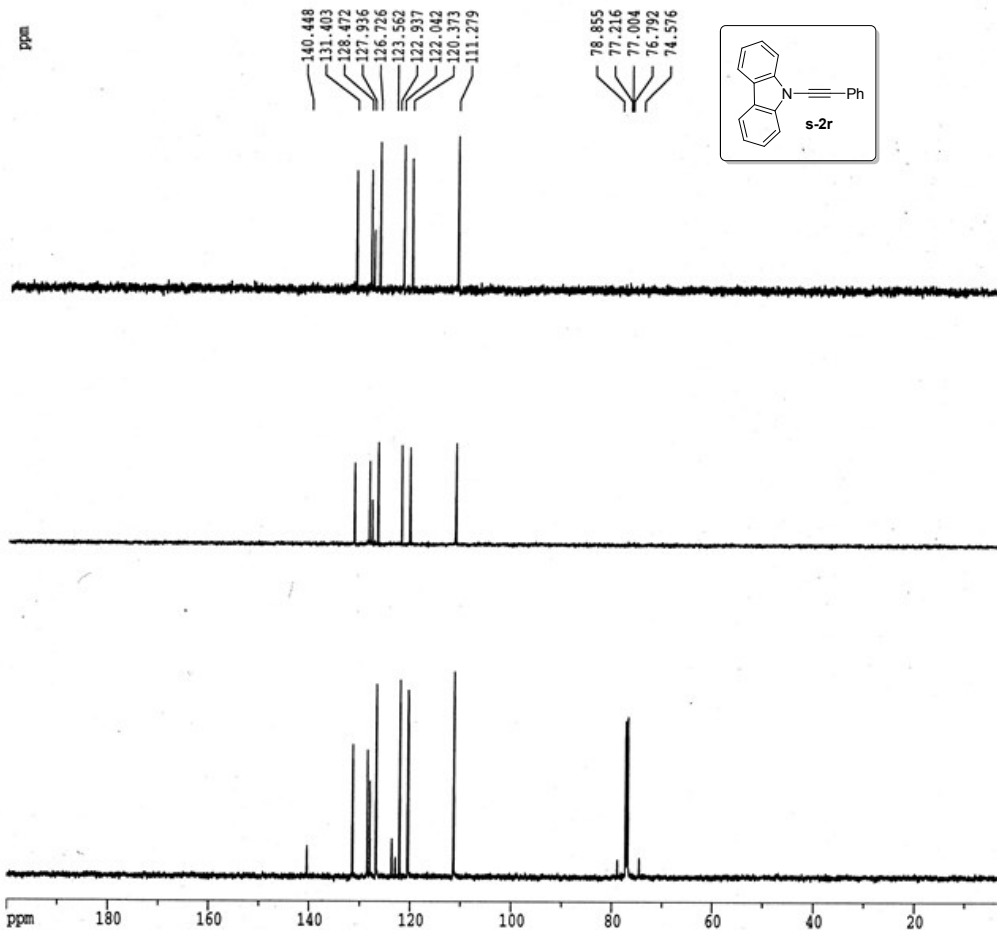
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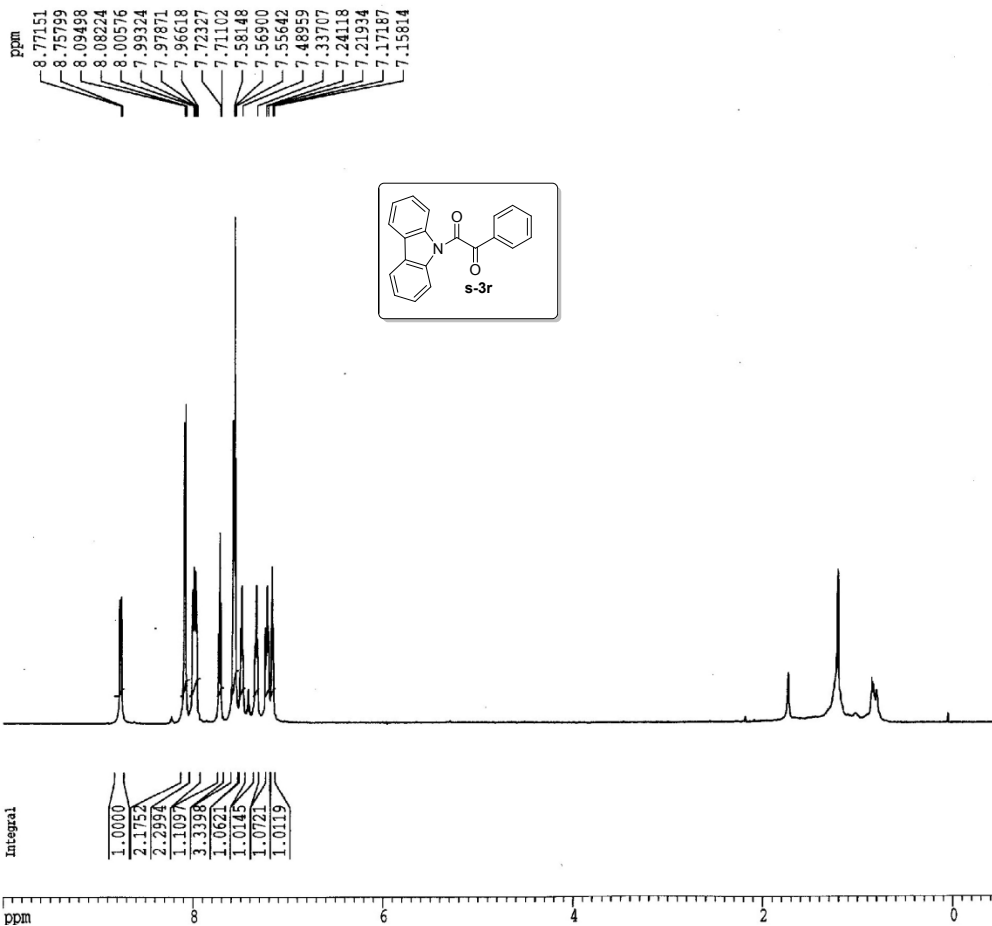
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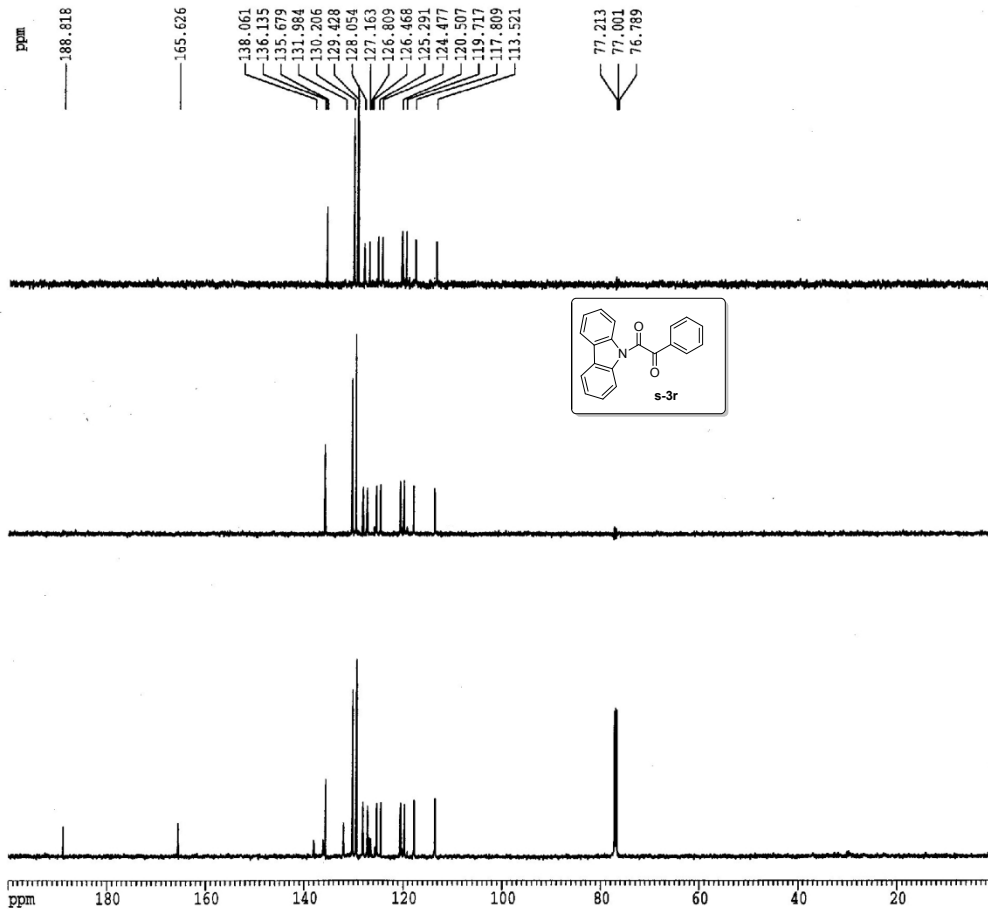
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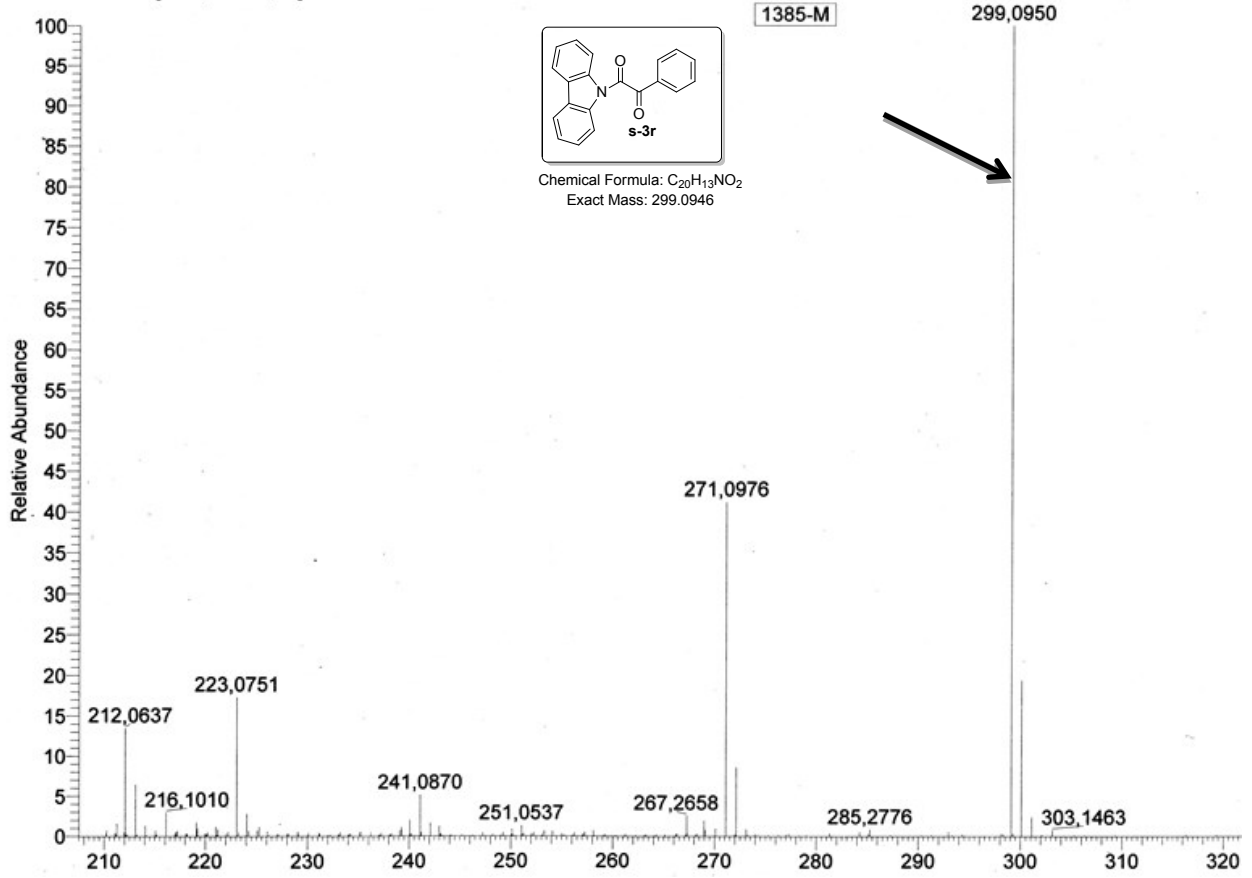
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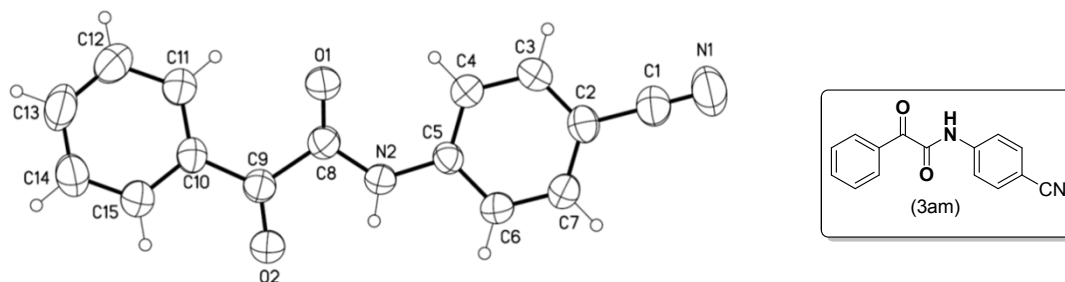
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**Figure S17.** ORTEP diagram of compound 3am.



**Table S4.** Crystal data and structure refinement for 130832.

Identification code	130832	
Empirical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	
Formula weight	250.25	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P -1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.3094(4) Å	∠ = 80.486(3)°.
	b = 7.4430(5) Å	∠ = 79.734(3)°.
	c = 13.8773(8) Å	∠ = 72.162(2)°.
Volume	606.15(7) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.371 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.093 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	260	
Crystal size	0.12 x 0.07 x 0.02 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	1.50 to 26.42°.	
Index ranges	-7 ≤ h ≤ 7, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -17 ≤ l ≤ 14	
Reflections collected	9021	
Independent reflections	2464 [R(int) = 0.0563]	
Completeness to theta = 26.42°	99.0 %	



Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9486 and 0.8382
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2464 / 0 / 172
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.996
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0537, wR2 = 0.1395
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1396, wR2 = 0.1932
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.298 and -0.281 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S5.** Atomic coordinates ( x 10<sup>4</sup>) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>) for 130832. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
C(1)	1240(6)	2910(5)	1739(2)	58(1)
C(2)	2477(5)	2738(4)	2538(2)	47(1)
C(3)	1360(5)	3322(4)	3432(2)	52(1)
C(4)	2529(5)	3110(4)	4216(2)	49(1)
C(5)	4820(5)	2311(4)	4106(2)	40(1)
C(6)	5946(5)	1756(4)	3201(2)	54(1)
C(7)	4787(5)	1966(4)	2429(2)	54(1)
C(8)	5512(5)	2639(4)	5767(2)	46(1)
C(9)	7478(5)	1962(4)	6389(2)	44(1)
C(10)	7149(5)	2325(4)	7426(2)	44(1)
C(11)	5071(5)	2850(5)	7994(2)	63(1)
C(12)	4948(6)	3059(6)	8985(2)	82(1)
C(13)	6857(7)	2769(5)	9393(2)	76(1)
C(14)	8922(6)	2260(5)	8835(2)	68(1)
C(15)	9056(5)	2050(4)	7860(2)	57(1)
N(1)	236(5)	2999(5)	1113(2)	86(1)
N(2)	6122(4)	1981(3)	4878(2)	47(1)
O(1)	3682(4)	3654(3)	6047(2)	70(1)
O(2)	9311(3)	1134(3)	5981(2)	61(1)

**Table S6.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 130832.

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C(1)-N(1)	1.146(4)
C(1)-C(2)	1.435(5)
C(2)-C(3)	1.380(4)
C(2)-C(7)	1.383(4)
C(3)-C(4)	1.382(4)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9300
C(4)-C(5)	1.375(4)
C(4)-H(4)	0.9300
C(5)-C(6)	1.388(4)
C(5)-N(2)	1.409(3)
C(6)-C(7)	1.364(4)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9300
C(7)-H(7)	0.9300
C(8)-O(1)	1.208(3)
C(8)-N(2)	1.351(3)
C(8)-C(9)	1.547(4)
C(9)-O(2)	1.218(3)
C(9)-C(10)	1.474(4)
C(10)-C(11)	1.383(4)
C(10)-C(15)	1.385(4)
C(11)-C(12)	1.395(4)
C(11)-H(11)	0.9300
C(12)-C(13)	1.364(5)
C(12)-H(12)	0.9300
C(13)-C(14)	1.369(5)
C(13)-H(13)	0.9300
C(14)-C(15)	1.373(4)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9300
C(15)-H(15)	0.9300
N(2)-H(2)	0.8600
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	177.9(4)
C(3)-C(2)-C(7)	119.3(3)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	120.0(3)

C(7)-C(2)-C(1)	120.7(3)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	120.4(3)
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	119.8
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	119.8
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	119.9(3)
C(5)-C(4)-H(4)	120.0
C(3)-C(4)-H(4)	120.0
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	119.6(3)
C(4)-C(5)-N(2)	123.4(2)
C(6)-C(5)-N(2)	117.0(3)
C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	120.4(3)
C(7)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(6)-C(7)-C(2)	120.4(3)
C(6)-C(7)-H(7)	119.8
C(2)-C(7)-H(7)	119.8
O(1)-C(8)-N(2)	125.1(3)
O(1)-C(8)-C(9)	123.4(3)
N(2)-C(8)-C(9)	111.5(3)
O(2)-C(9)-C(10)	121.6(3)
O(2)-C(9)-C(8)	117.0(3)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	121.4(3)
C(11)-C(10)-C(15)	118.5(3)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	124.1(3)
C(15)-C(10)-C(9)	117.3(3)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	119.6(3)
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	120.2
C(12)-C(11)-H(11)	120.2
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.5(3)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12)	119.8
C(11)-C(12)-H(12)	119.8
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	120.4(3)
C(12)-C(13)-H(13)	119.8
C(14)-C(13)-H(13)	119.8
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	119.4(3)
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	120.3

C(15)-C(14)-H(14)	120.3
C(14)-C(15)-C(10)	121.5(3)
C(14)-C(15)-H(15)	119.2
C(10)-C(15)-H(15)	119.2
C(8)-N(2)-C(5)	128.3(3)
C(8)-N(2)-H(2)	115.8
C(5)-N(2)-H(2)	115.8

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table S7.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 130832. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2 \sum [ h^2 a^*2U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12} ]$

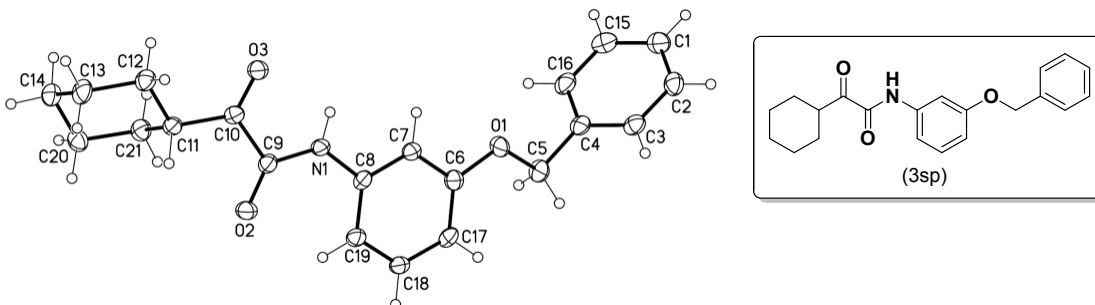
	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
C(1)	64(2)	60(2)	53(2)	-6(2)	-15(2)	-16(2)
C(2)	54(2)	43(2)	46(2)	-1(1)	-15(2)	-14(2)
C(3)	41(2)	59(2)	55(2)	-8(2)	-11(2)	-8(2)
C(4)	45(2)	56(2)	44(2)	-10(1)	-5(1)	-10(2)
C(5)	40(2)	38(2)	41(2)	-4(1)	-10(1)	-7(1)
C(6)	43(2)	65(2)	45(2)	-13(2)	-6(1)	0(2)
C(7)	53(2)	65(2)	41(2)	-12(2)	-7(2)	-7(2)
C(8)	46(2)	46(2)	43(2)	-7(1)	-7(1)	-9(2)
C(9)	46(2)	40(2)	44(2)	-5(1)	-8(1)	-8(1)
C(10)	51(2)	44(2)	41(2)	-7(1)	-11(1)	-13(1)
C(11)	54(2)	89(3)	50(2)	-18(2)	-6(2)	-22(2)
C(12)	70(3)	126(4)	54(2)	-27(2)	7(2)	-33(2)
C(13)	90(3)	101(3)	46(2)	-18(2)	-11(2)	-36(3)
C(14)	69(2)	81(3)	61(2)	-16(2)	-24(2)	-16(2)
C(15)	54(2)	65(2)	52(2)	-16(2)	-10(2)	-11(2)
N(1)	91(2)	102(3)	73(2)	-12(2)	-36(2)	-24(2)
N(2)	39(1)	52(2)	42(1)	-10(1)	-8(1)	0(1)
O(1)	48(1)	89(2)	62(1)	-34(1)	-13(1)	11(1)
O(2)	47(1)	75(2)	53(1)	-18(1)	-10(1)	2(1)

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**Table S8.** Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 130832.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(3)	-190	3862	3508	63
H(4)	1768	3508	4817	59
H(6)	7499	1237	3121	65
H(7)	5554	1589	1825	65
H(11)	3765	3063	7718	75
H(12)	3553	3399	9370	98
H(13)	6755	2917	10053	91
H(14)	10222	2058	9115	82
H(15)	10460	1715	7482	68
H(2)	7480	1268	4769	56

**Figure S18.** ORTEP diagram of compound 3sp.



**Table S9.** Crystal data and structure refinement for 130958lt\_0m.

Identification code	130958lt_0m	
Empirical formula	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>23</sub> N O <sub>3</sub>	
Formula weight	337.40	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 16.806(3) Å	a = 90°.
	b = 5.5338(9) Å	b = 95.944(6)°.
	c = 18.763(3) Å	g = 90°.
Volume	1735.7(5) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.291 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.086 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	720	
Crystal size	0.30 x 0.05 x 0.03 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	1.22 to 26.41°.	
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 21, -6 ≤ k ≤ 4, -23 ≤ l ≤ 23	
Reflections collected	13422	
Independent reflections	3544 [R(int) = 0.0705]	
Completeness to theta = 26.41°	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	

Max. and min. transmission	0.9486 and 0.7137
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3544 / 0 / 226
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.983
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0587, wR2 = 0.1466
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1038, wR2 = 0.2059
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.372 and -0.420 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S10.** Atomic coordinates ( x 10<sup>4</sup>) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>)

for 130958lt\_0m. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
O(1)	-1975(1)	9807(3)	2868(1)	27(1)
O(2)	1657(1)	10360(3)	4524(1)	31(1)
O(3)	950(1)	5176(3)	5299(1)	25(1)
N(1)	418(1)	8561(4)	4361(1)	21(1)
C(1)	-4482(2)	6671(5)	1583(1)	29(1)
C(2)	-4551(2)	8797(5)	1959(1)	27(1)
C(3)	-3872(2)	10144(5)	2176(1)	25(1)
C(4)	-3122(2)	9392(5)	2024(1)	24(1)
C(5)	-2398(2)	10908(5)	2245(1)	29(1)
C(6)	-1236(2)	10770(5)	3093(1)	22(1)
C(7)	-784(2)	9381(5)	3604(1)	20(1)
C(8)	-18(2)	10119(4)	3858(1)	20(1)
C(9)	1186(2)	8761(5)	4647(1)	22(1)
C(10)	1445(2)	6652(5)	5158(1)	20(1)
C(11)	2321(1)	6516(5)	5423(1)	22(1)
C(12)	2496(2)	4667(5)	6019(1)	26(1)
C(13)	3395(2)	4498(5)	6248(1)	30(1)
C(14)	3855(2)	3843(5)	5618(2)	30(1)
C(15)	-3732(2)	5893(5)	1429(2)	30(1)
C(16)	-3056(2)	7244(5)	1651(1)	28(1)
C(17)	-939(2)	12922(5)	2855(1)	22(1)
C(18)	-176(2)	13637(5)	3121(1)	22(1)

C(19)	294(2)	12267(4)	3618(1)	23(1)
C(20)	3687(2)	5673(5)	5011(1)	26(1)
C(21)	2793(2)	5889(5)	4781(1)	25(1)

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**Table S11.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 130958lt\_0m.

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O(1)-C(6)	1.377(3)
O(1)-C(5)	1.439(3)
O(2)-C(9)	1.224(3)
O(3)-C(10)	1.214(3)
N(1)-C(9)	1.351(3)
N(1)-C(8)	1.424(3)
N(1)-H(1)	0.8800
C(1)-C(2)	1.383(4)
C(1)-C(15)	1.390(4)
C(1)-H(1A)	0.9500
C(2)-C(3)	1.389(4)
C(2)-H(2)	0.9500
C(3)-C(4)	1.384(4)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9500
C(4)-C(16)	1.391(4)
C(4)-C(5)	1.500(4)
C(5)-H(5A)	0.9900
C(5)-H(5B)	0.9900
C(6)-C(17)	1.383(4)
C(6)-C(7)	1.391(3)
C(7)-C(8)	1.386(3)
C(7)-H(7)	0.9500
C(8)-C(19)	1.393(4)
C(9)-C(10)	1.545(3)
C(10)-C(11)	1.506(3)
C(11)-C(12)	1.521(3)
C(11)-C(21)	1.548(4)
C(11)-H(11)	1.0000



C(12)-C(13)	1.530(3)
C(12)-H(12A)	0.9900
C(12)-H(12B)	0.9900
C(13)-C(14)	1.522(4)
C(13)-H(13A)	0.9900
C(13)-H(13B)	0.9900
C(14)-C(20)	1.528(4)
C(14)-H(14A)	0.9900
C(14)-H(14B)	0.9900
C(15)-C(16)	1.387(4)
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C(16)-H(16)	0.9500
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C(6)-O(1)-C(5)	116.1(2)
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C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	119.7(3)
C(1)-C(2)-H(2)	120.1
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	120.1
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	121.1(3)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	119.4
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	119.4

C(3)-C(4)-C(16)	118.9(3)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.3(3)
C(16)-C(4)-C(5)	120.8(3)
O(1)-C(5)-C(4)	107.8(2)
O(1)-C(5)-H(5A)	110.1
C(4)-C(5)-H(5A)	110.1
O(1)-C(5)-H(5B)	110.1
C(4)-C(5)-H(5B)	110.1
H(5A)-C(5)-H(5B)	108.5
O(1)-C(6)-C(17)	125.3(2)
O(1)-C(6)-C(7)	114.1(2)
C(17)-C(6)-C(7)	120.6(2)
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	119.7(2)
C(8)-C(7)-H(7)	120.2
C(6)-C(7)-H(7)	120.2
C(7)-C(8)-C(19)	120.6(2)
C(7)-C(8)-N(1)	116.4(2)
C(19)-C(8)-N(1)	123.0(2)
O(2)-C(9)-N(1)	126.4(2)
O(2)-C(9)-C(10)	121.2(2)
N(1)-C(9)-C(10)	112.4(2)
O(3)-C(10)-C(11)	124.3(2)
O(3)-C(10)-C(9)	119.2(2)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	116.4(2)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	112.6(2)
C(10)-C(11)-C(21)	108.5(2)
C(12)-C(11)-C(21)	110.2(2)
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	108.5
C(12)-C(11)-H(11)	108.5
C(21)-C(11)-H(11)	108.5
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	111.0(2)
C(11)-C(12)-H(12A)	109.4
C(13)-C(12)-H(12A)	109.4
C(11)-C(12)-H(12B)	109.4
C(13)-C(12)-H(12B)	109.4
H(12A)-C(12)-H(12B)	108.0

C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	111.2(2)
C(14)-C(13)-H(13A)	109.4
C(12)-C(13)-H(13A)	109.4
C(14)-C(13)-H(13B)	109.4
C(12)-C(13)-H(13B)	109.4
H(13A)-C(13)-H(13B)	108.0
C(13)-C(14)-C(20)	110.6(2)
C(13)-C(14)-H(14A)	109.5
C(20)-C(14)-H(14A)	109.5
C(13)-C(14)-H(14B)	109.5
C(20)-C(14)-H(14B)	109.5
H(14A)-C(14)-H(14B)	108.1
C(16)-C(15)-C(1)	120.2(3)
C(16)-C(15)-H(15)	119.9
C(1)-C(15)-H(15)	119.9
C(15)-C(16)-C(4)	120.4(3)
C(15)-C(16)-H(16)	119.8
C(4)-C(16)-H(16)	119.8
C(6)-C(17)-C(18)	118.7(2)
C(6)-C(17)-H(17)	120.6
C(18)-C(17)-H(17)	120.6
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	122.0(2)
C(17)-C(18)-H(18)	119.0
C(19)-C(18)-H(18)	119.0
C(18)-C(19)-C(8)	118.4(2)
C(18)-C(19)-H(19)	120.8
C(8)-C(19)-H(19)	120.8
C(21)-C(20)-C(14)	111.3(2)
C(21)-C(20)-H(20A)	109.4
C(14)-C(20)-H(20A)	109.4
C(21)-C(20)-H(20B)	109.4
C(14)-C(20)-H(20B)	109.4
H(20A)-C(20)-H(20B)	108.0
C(20)-C(21)-C(11)	111.5(2)
C(20)-C(21)-H(21A)	109.3
C(11)-C(21)-H(21A)	109.3

C(20)-C(21)-H(21B)	109.3
C(11)-C(21)-H(21B)	109.3
H(21A)-C(21)-H(21B)	108.0

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table S12.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for 130958lt\_0m. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2p^2 [ h^2 a^*2U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12} ]$

	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
O(1)	22(1)	29(1)	27(1)	10(1)	-9(1)	-5(1)
O(2)	27(1)	23(1)	39(1)	9(1)	-8(1)	-6(1)
O(3)	25(1)	22(1)	27(1)	3(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)
N(1)	22(1)	17(1)	24(1)	4(1)	-4(1)	-2(1)
C(1)	32(2)	27(2)	26(1)	2(1)	-6(1)	-4(1)
C(2)	24(2)	32(2)	26(1)	3(1)	-2(1)	2(1)
C(3)	30(2)	21(2)	22(1)	0(1)	-4(1)	2(1)
C(4)	26(2)	23(2)	22(1)	8(1)	-5(1)	1(1)
C(5)	26(2)	32(2)	27(2)	12(1)	-10(1)	0(1)
C(6)	22(1)	24(2)	22(1)	0(1)	0(1)	0(1)
C(7)	22(1)	18(1)	21(1)	2(1)	1(1)	0(1)
C(8)	22(1)	18(1)	19(1)	-1(1)	-2(1)	4(1)
C(9)	22(1)	19(1)	23(1)	0(1)	-2(1)	2(1)
C(10)	25(1)	17(1)	17(1)	-1(1)	-2(1)	0(1)
C(11)	22(1)	18(1)	25(1)	-3(1)	-6(1)	-1(1)
C(12)	27(2)	26(2)	24(1)	3(1)	-1(1)	2(1)
C(13)	27(2)	35(2)	26(1)	7(1)	-6(1)	5(1)
C(14)	24(2)	27(2)	37(2)	2(1)	-4(1)	2(1)
C(15)	40(2)	22(2)	28(1)	2(1)	2(1)	1(1)
C(16)	29(2)	25(2)	28(1)	8(1)	1(1)	6(1)
C(17)	26(1)	20(1)	21(1)	2(1)	-2(1)	6(1)
C(18)	24(1)	17(1)	25(1)	2(1)	2(1)	-1(1)
C(19)	24(1)	17(1)	26(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)	0(1)
C(20)	23(1)	29(2)	26(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)	-2(1)

C(21) 25(2) 26(2) 24(1) -1(1) -2(1) 0(1)

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**Table S13.** Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^{-3}$ ) for 130958lt\_0m.

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	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(1)	153	7310	4504	26
H(1A)	-4944	5746	1430	35
H(2)	-5062	9333	2068	33
H(3)	-3923	11607	2432	30
H(5A)	-2050	10988	1851	35
H(5B)	-2561	12572	2358	35
H(7)	-998	7934	3778	24
H(11)	2499	8140	5611	26
H(12A)	2293	3065	5850	31
H(12B)	2214	5135	6435	31
H(13A)	3590	6067	6451	36
H(13B)	3494	3257	6627	36
H(14A)	3696	2209	5442	36
H(14B)	4436	3816	5777	36
H(15)	-3682	4432	1172	36
H(16)	-2545	6699	1546	33
H(17)	-1252	13890	2514	27
H(18)	30	15112	2958	27
H(19)	818	12781	3792	27
H(20A)	3901	7271	5172	32
H(20B)	3966	5163	4596	32
H(21A)	2593	4342	4566	31
H(21B)	2701	7163	4411	31

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