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The syntheses of α -ketoamides via $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NI}$ -catalyzed multiple sp^3 C–H bonds oxidation of ethylarenes and sequential coupling with dialkylformamides

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1. General considerations

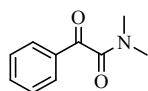
All reactions were run in a sealed tube with a Teflon lined cap under air atmosphere. All reagents were commercially available and were used without purification. ^1H NMR (400 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometers in CDCl_3 [using $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{Si}$ (for ^1H , $\delta = 0.00$; for ^{13}C , $\delta = 77.00$) as internal standard]. The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Waters Q-TOF mass spectrometer.

2. General experimental procedures

Ethylarene **1** (1.0 mmol), $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NI}$ (0.2 mmol) and TBHP (3 mmol) were added in a 25 mL sealed tube with a Teflon lined cap. The mixture was stirred in an oil bath at 80 °C. Then dialkylformamide **2** (6.0 mmol) and TBHP (9 mmol) were added in batches. After 18 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with water, then extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL $\times$ 3). The combined organic layer was washed with water and dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , the solvent was then removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel using hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to give the corresponding product.

3. Characterization data for all products

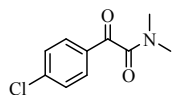
N,N-dimethyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide



3aa:^[1] Yellow oil

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.78, 167.05, 134.71, 133.08, 129.65, 129.01, 37.04, 34.00.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-oxoacetamide

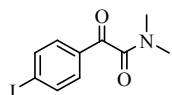


3ba:^[1] Yellow oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.31, 166.48, 141.32, 131.51, 131.03, 129.39, 37.05, 34.09.

2-(4-iodophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-2-oxoacetamide

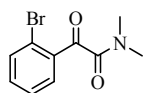


3ca:^[2] Yellow solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.95 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.86, 166.42, 138.38, 132.40, 130.82, 103.31, 37.05, 34.09.

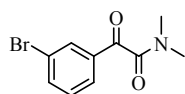
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 2H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.88, 166.34, 135.46, 134.14, 134.09, 132.67, 127.77, 121.56, 37.27, 34.69.

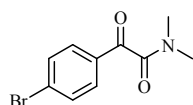
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3ea:^[1] Yellow solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.09, 166.20, 137.51, 134.87, 132.34, 130.58, 128.29, 123.24, 37.05, 34.12.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-2-oxoacetamide

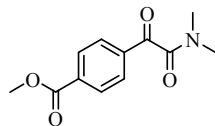


3fa:^[1] Yellow oil

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 2H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.51, 166.44, 132.39, 131.90, 131.06, 130.20, 37.05, 34.10.

methyl 4-(aminoformyl-*N,N*-dimethylform)benzoate



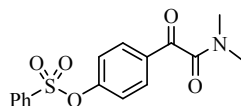
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15-8.12 (m, 2H), 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.11 (s, 3H),

2.96 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.84, 166.38, 165.89, 136.19, 135.16, 130.06,

129.53, 52.56, 37.00, 34.08; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4(\text{MH}^+)$ 236.0923, found 236.0936.

4-(2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoacetyl)phenyl benzenesulfonate



3ha: Yellow oil

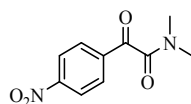
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.94-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.88-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.59-

7.52 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 2H), 3.11(s, 3H), 2.96 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.94,

166.36, 153.95, 134.67, 131.75, 131.55, 129.40, 128.46, 126.65, 122.90, 37.07, 34.12; HRMS

(ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_5\text{S}(\text{MH}^+)$ 334.0749, found 334.0770.

***N,N*-dimethyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxoacetamide**

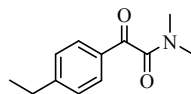


3ia:^[1] Yellow solid

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.37-8.34 (m, 2H), 8.17-8.14 (m, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 3.02 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.25, 165.59, 151.08, 137.56, 130.79, 124.08, 37.08, 34.31.

2-(4-ethylphenyl)-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-oxoacetamide

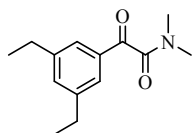


3ja: Yellow oil

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s,

3H), 2.74 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.55, 167.28, 152.07, 130.89, 129.90, 128.56, 37.07, 33.97, 29.16, 15.08; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$ (MNa^+) 228.1000, found 228.1016.

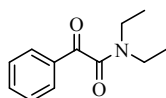
2-(3,5-diethylphenyl)-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-oxoacetamide



3ka: Yellow oil

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.59 (s, 2H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.69 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.31, 167.36, 145.24, 134.27, 133.27, 126.48, 37.09, 33.98, 28.62, 15.44; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$ (MNa^+) 256.1313, found 256.1326.

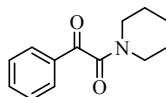
***N,N*-diethyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide**



3ab:^[1] Yellow oil

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 3.59 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.26 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.58, 166.74, 134.55, 133.30, 129.63, 128.95, 42.11, 38.80, 14.11, 12.84.

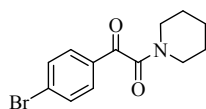
1-phenyl-2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethane-1,2-dione



3ac:^[1] Yellow oil

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.95 (dd, $J = 8.0, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H), 3.70-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.29 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.70-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.53 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.95, 165.44, 134.64, 133.27, 129.54, 128.99, 47.02, 42.13, 26.19, 25.44, 24.36.

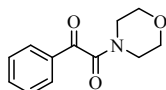
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3fc:^[3] Yellow oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (d, 2H), 3.29 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.71-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.55 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.74, 164.88, 132.40, 132.07, 130.97, 130.12, 47.06, 42.26, 26.26, 25.45, 24.35.

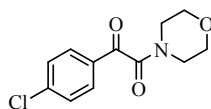
1-morpholino-2-phenylethane-1,2-dione



3ad:^[1] Yellow oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 4H), 3.68-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.41-3.39 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.16, 165.46, 134.94, 133.07, 129.68, 129.10, 66.74, 66.67, 46.27, 41.63.

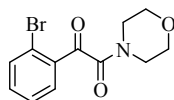
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-morpholinoethane-1,2-dione



3bd:^[4] Yellow oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82-3.77 (m, 4H), 3.68-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.38 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.69, 164.90, 141.60, 131.48, 131.04, 129.50, 66.74, 66.64, 46.29, 41.71.

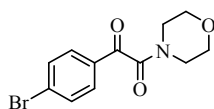
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3dd:^[5] Yellow solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 2H), 3.84-3.79 (m, 4H), 3.77-3.74 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.58 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.43, 164.84, 135.47, 134.29, 134.04, 132.68, 127.66, 121.48, 66.30, 66.25, 46.30, 42.05.

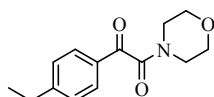
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3fd:^[4] Yellow oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.68-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.38 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.89, 164.87, 132.50, 131.87, 131.06, 130.50, 66.73, 66.64, 46.29, 41.73.

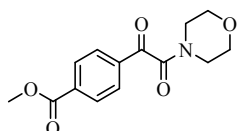
1-(4-ethylphenyl)-2-morpholinoethane-1,2-dione



3jd:^[4] Yellow oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.82-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.68-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.41-3.38 (m, 2H), 2.75 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.91, 165.70, 152.38, 130.86, 129.92, 128.66, 66.77, 66.69, 46.28, 41.58, 29.18, 15.05.

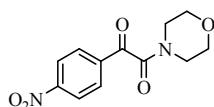
methyl 4-(2-morpholino-2-oxoacetyl)benzoate



3gd: Yellow oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 4H), 3.70-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.43-3.40 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.25, 165.85, 164.82, 136.17, 135.40, 130.17, 129.60, 66.73, 66.66, 52.64, 46.30, 41.77; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆NO₅ (MH⁺) 278.1028, found 278.1049.

1-morpholino-2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethane-1,2-dione

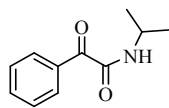


3id:^[4] Yellow oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.37 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.84-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.73-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.43 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.67,

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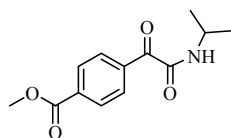
N-isopropyl-2-oxo-2-phenylacetamide



3ae:^[6] Yellow oil

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.36-8.33 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 4.20-4.15 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.05, 160.95, 134.29, 133.43, 131.19, 128.44, 41.71, 22.42.

methyl 4-(aminoformyl-N-isopropylform)benzoate



3ge: Yellow solid

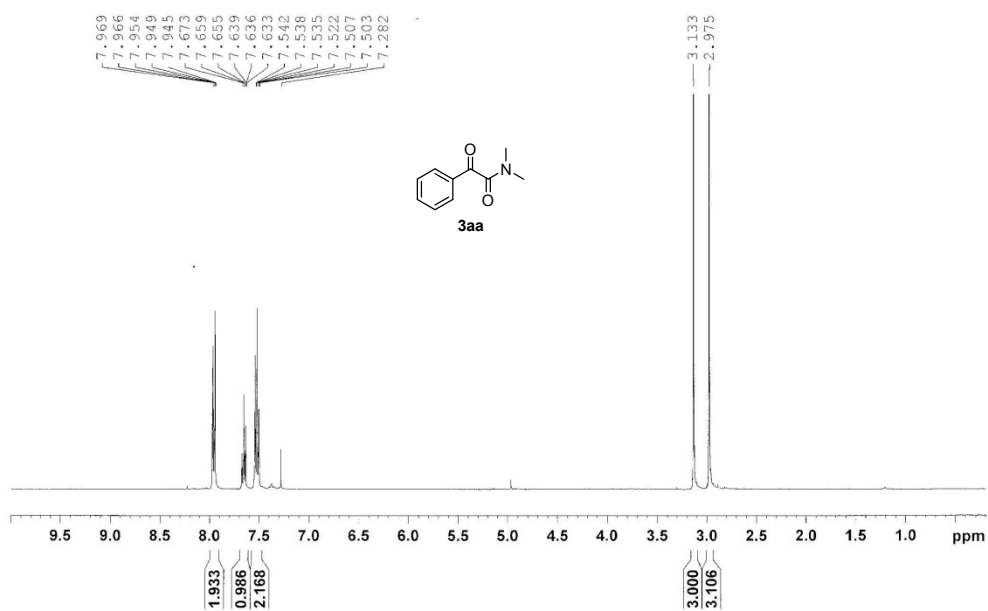
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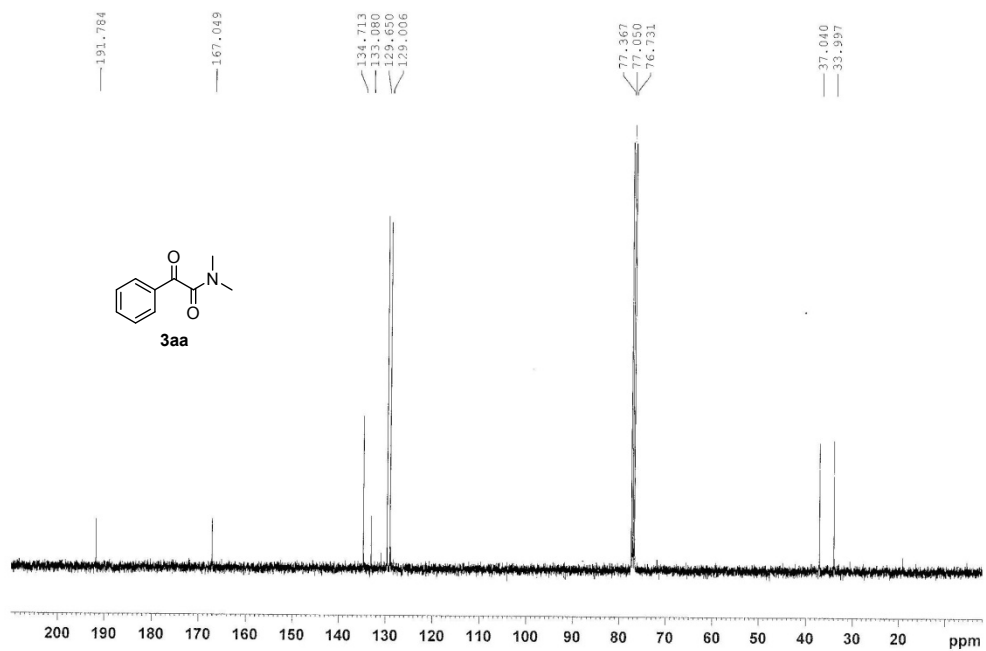
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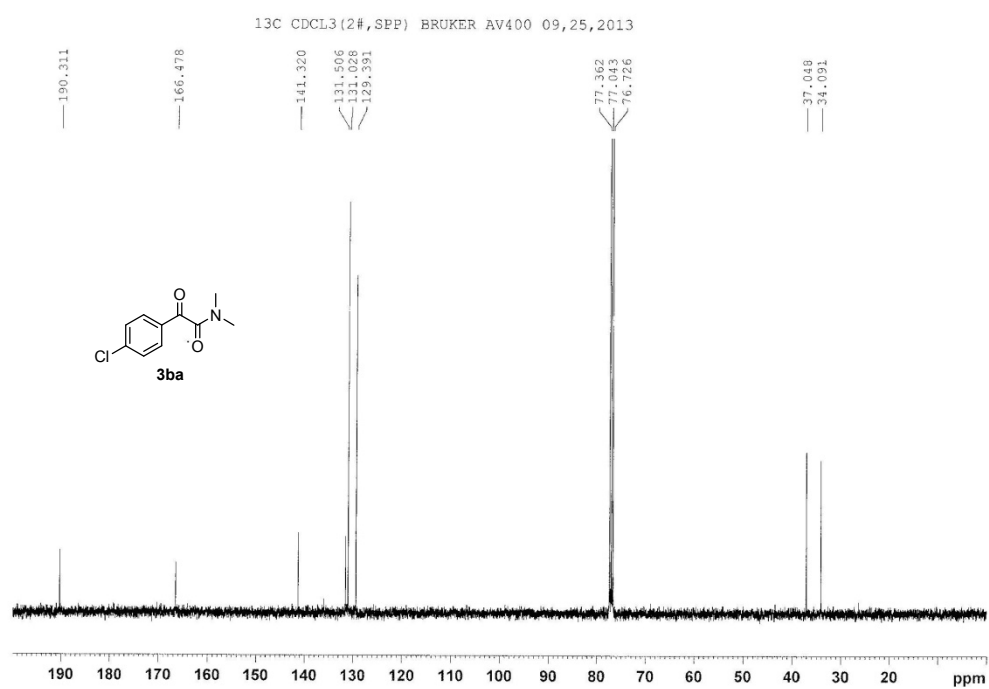
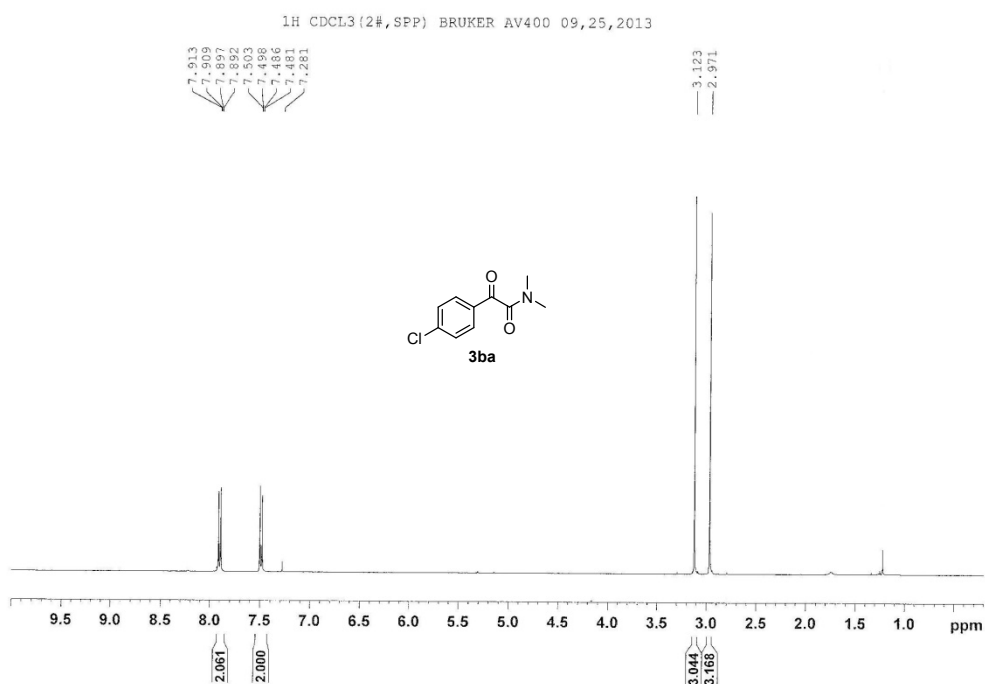
4. NMR spectra for all products

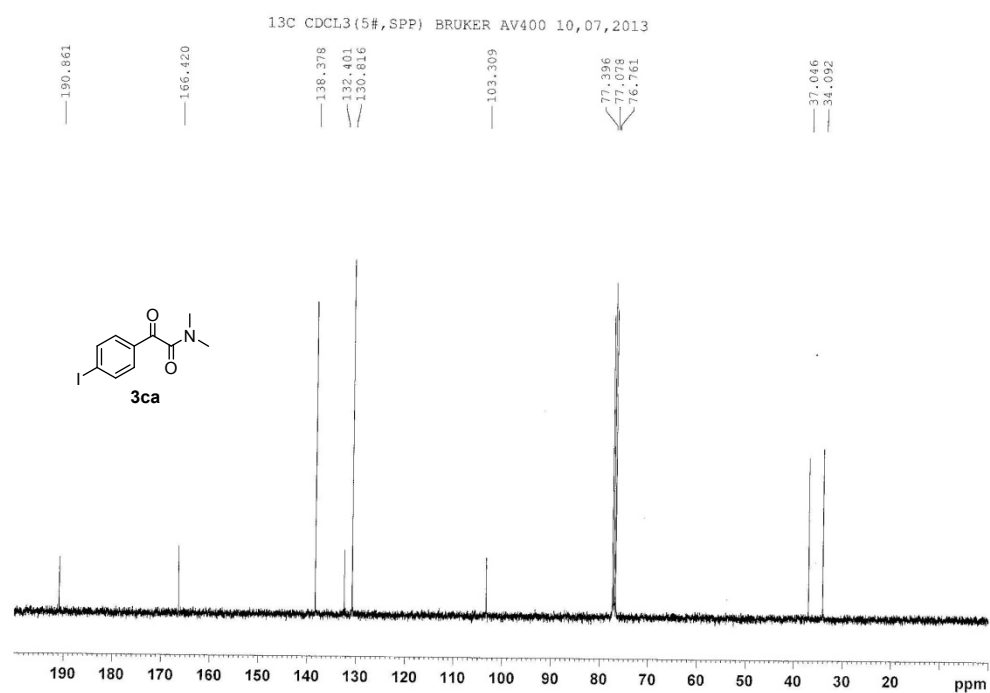
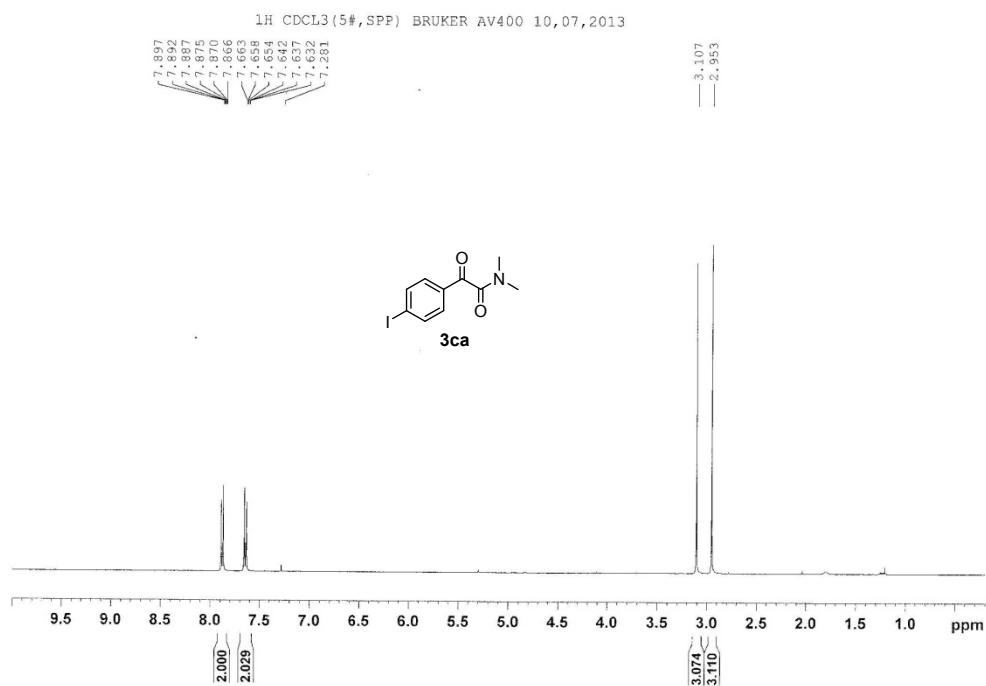
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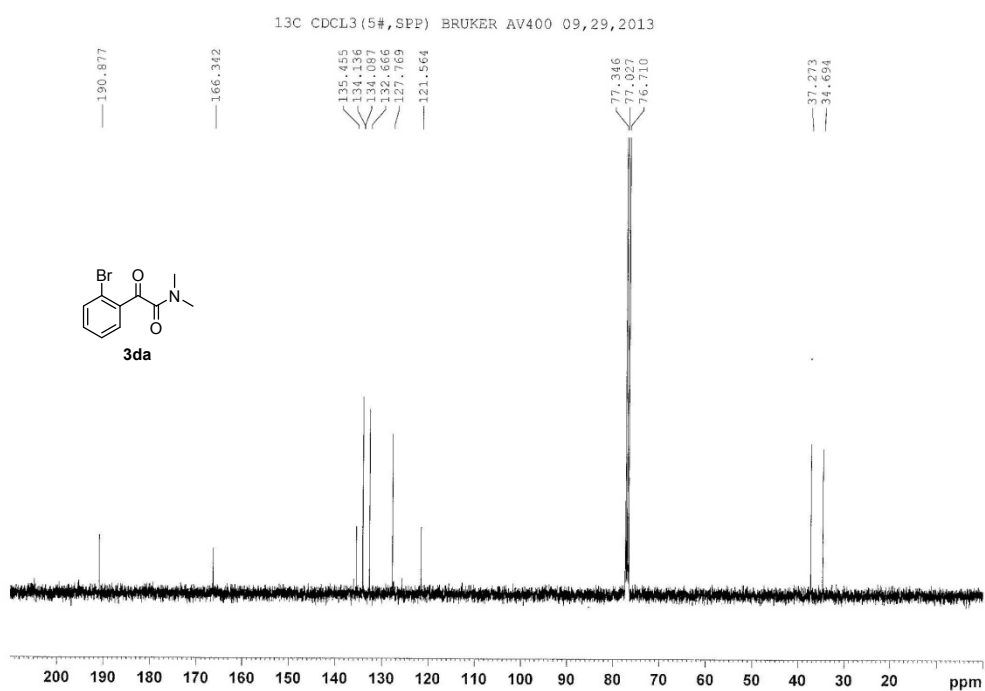
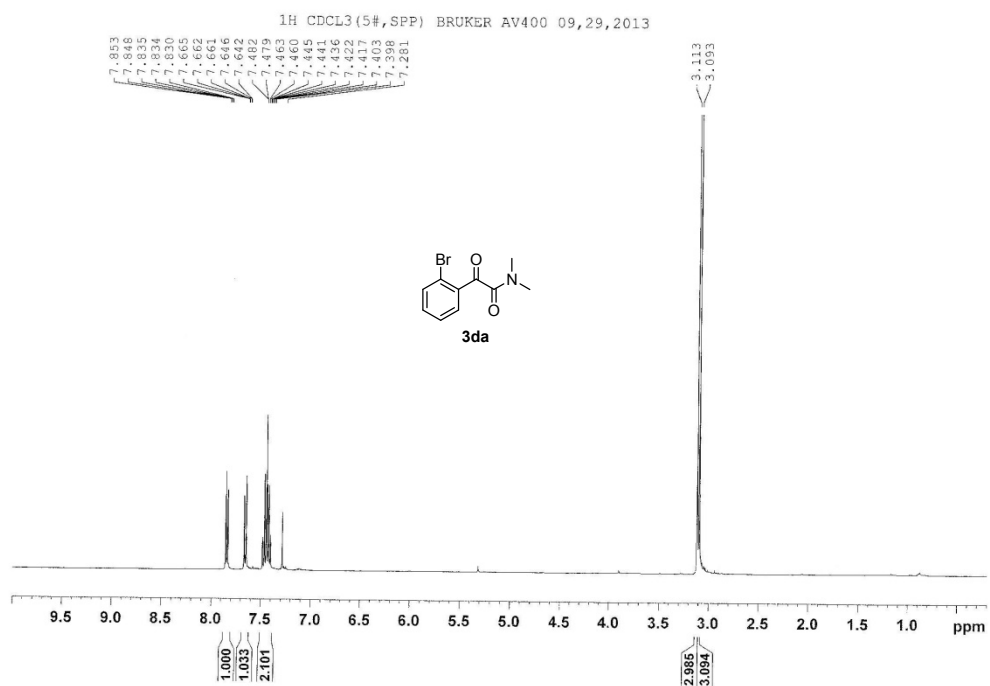


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Chemical structure of **3ea** (N,N-dimethyl-3-bromobenzamide) is shown above the spectrum.

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of **3ea** shows the following peaks (ppm):

- 8.080, 8.075, 8.071, 7.878, 7.859, 7.853, 7.765, 7.767, 7.765, 7.751, 7.749, 7.747, 7.511, 7.511, 7.372, 7.281 (Aromatic protons)
- 2.965, 2.917 (Dimethylamino group, N(CH₃)₂)

Integration values are provided below the baseline:

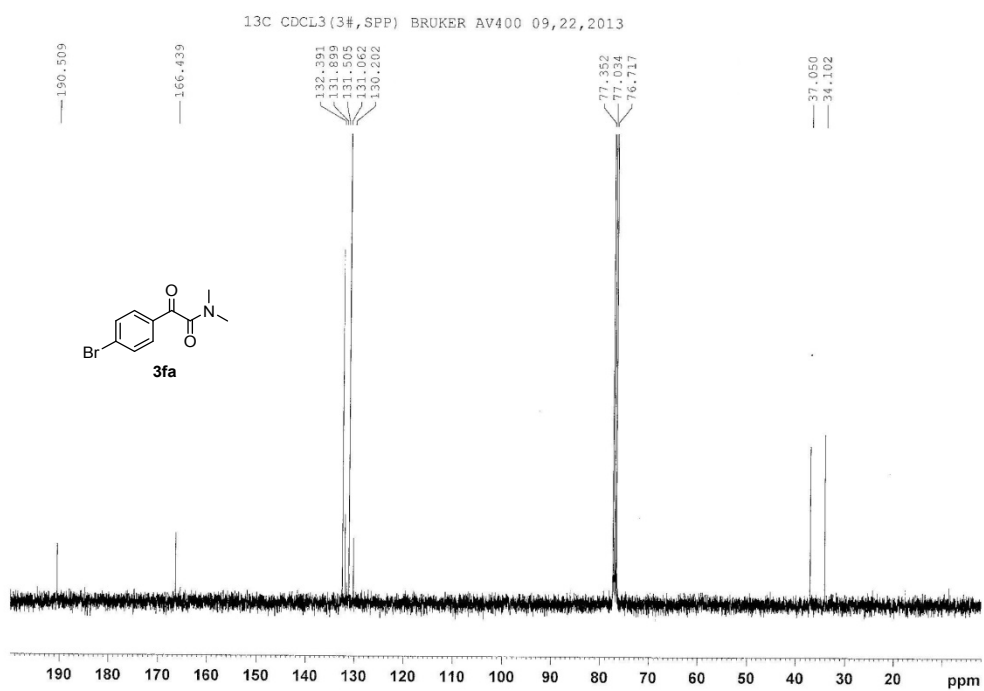
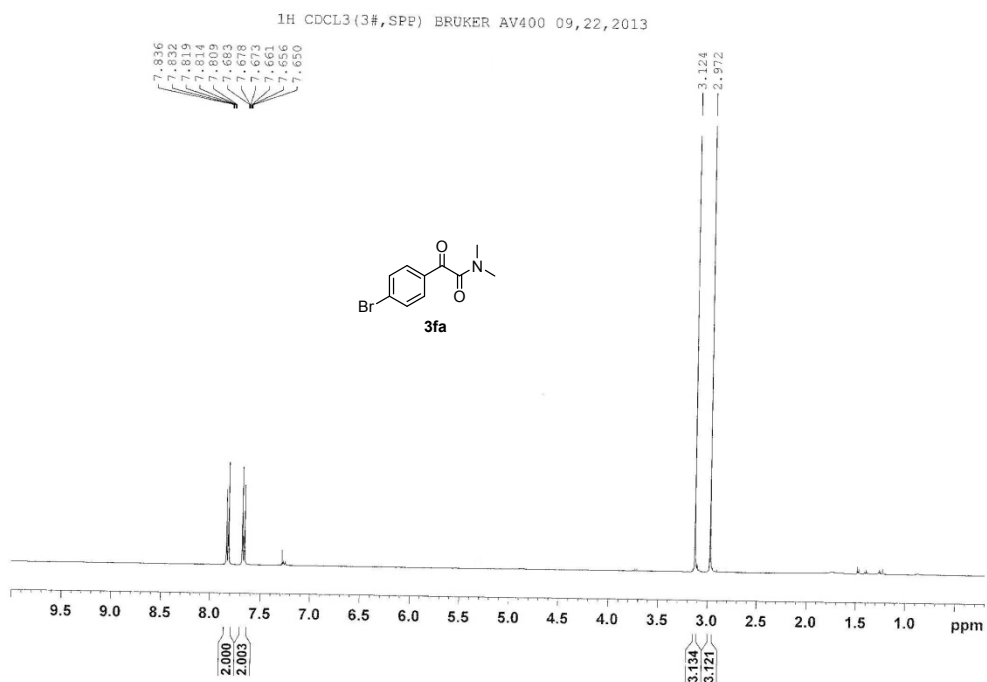
- 1.000 (for the peak at ~8.0 ppm)
- 1.070 (for the peak at ~7.8 ppm)
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- 1.095 (for the peak at ~7.5 ppm)
- 2.267, 2.247 (for the peak at ~2.9 ppm)

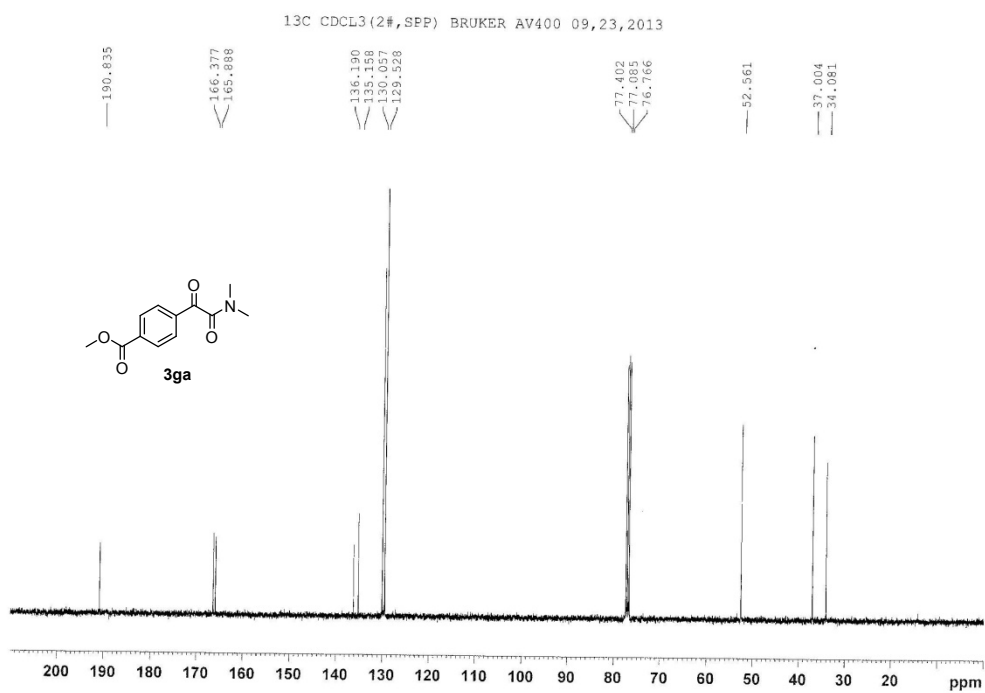
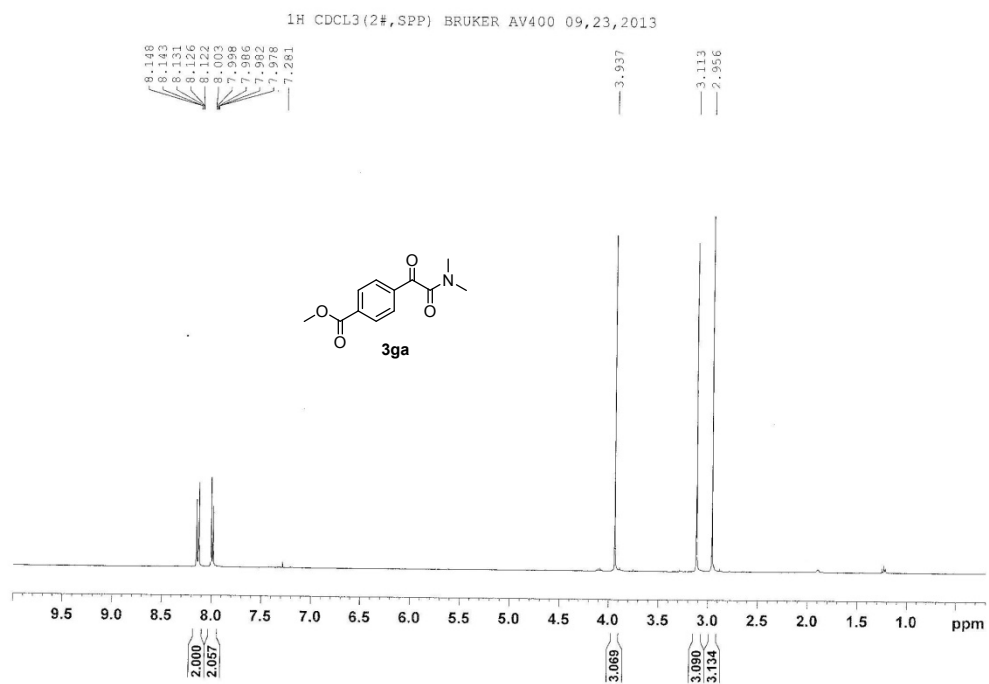
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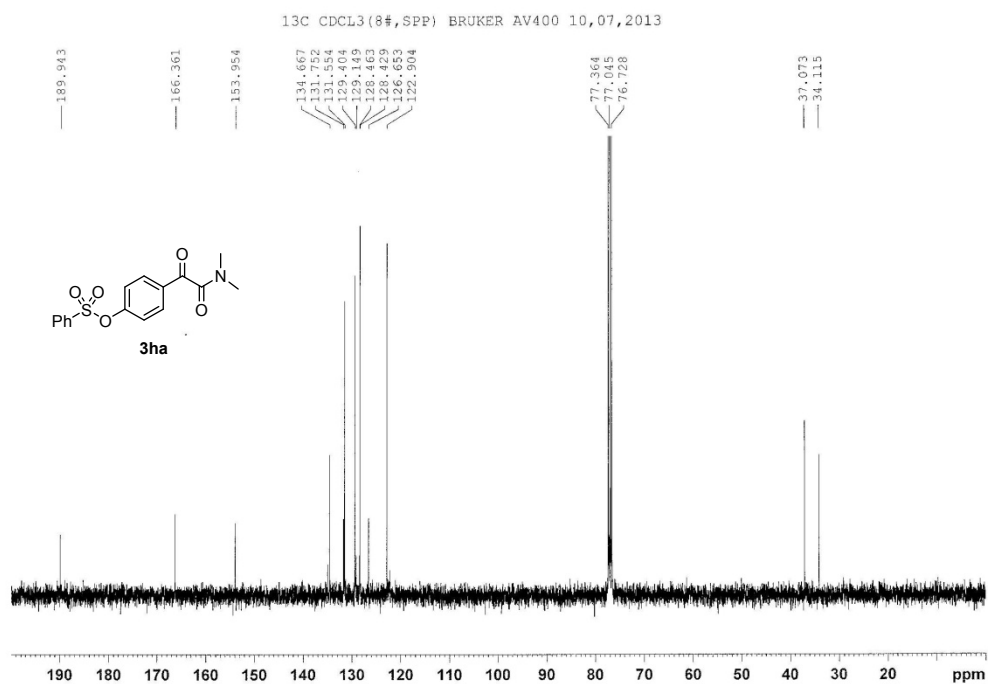
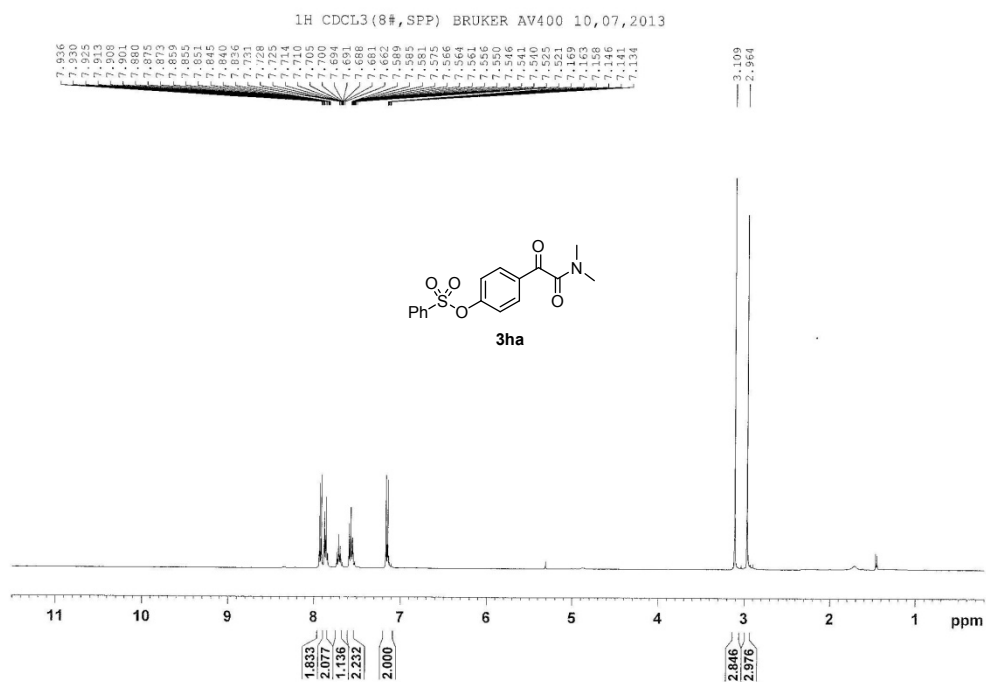
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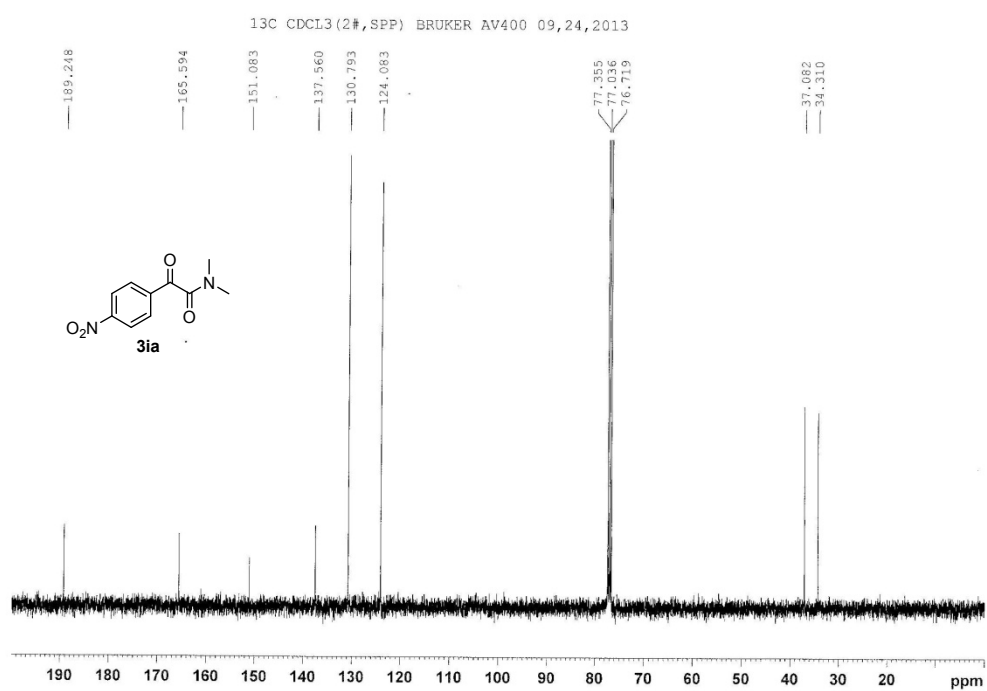
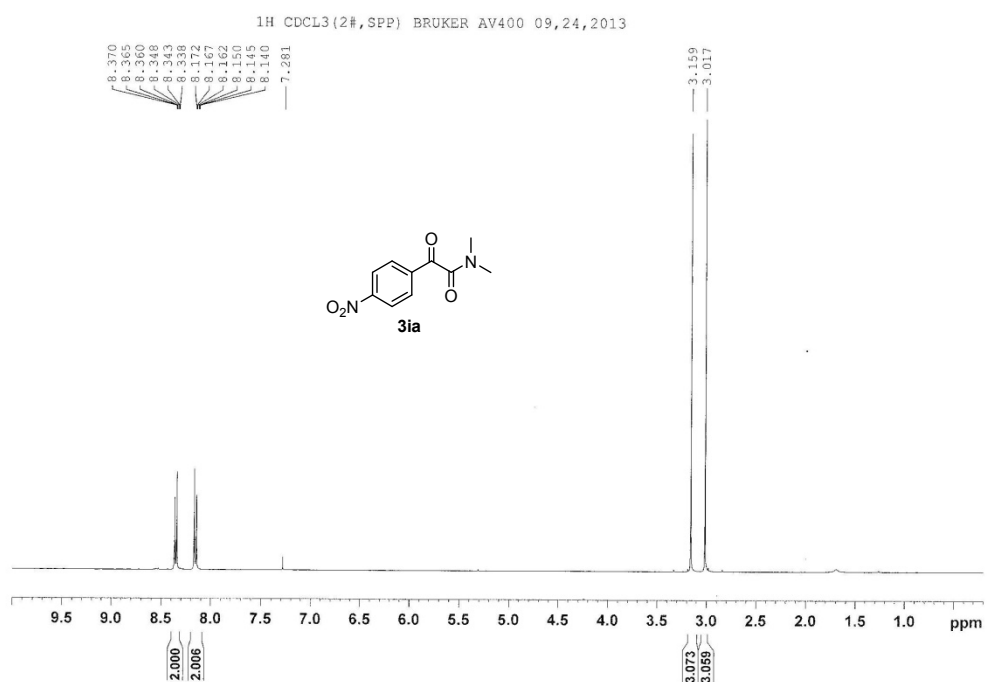
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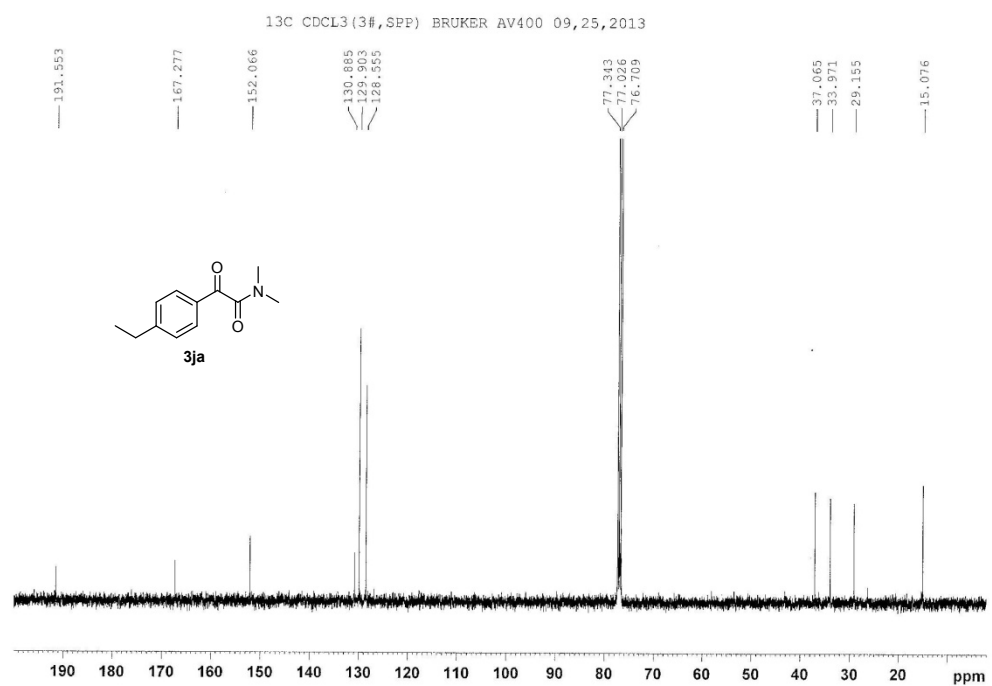
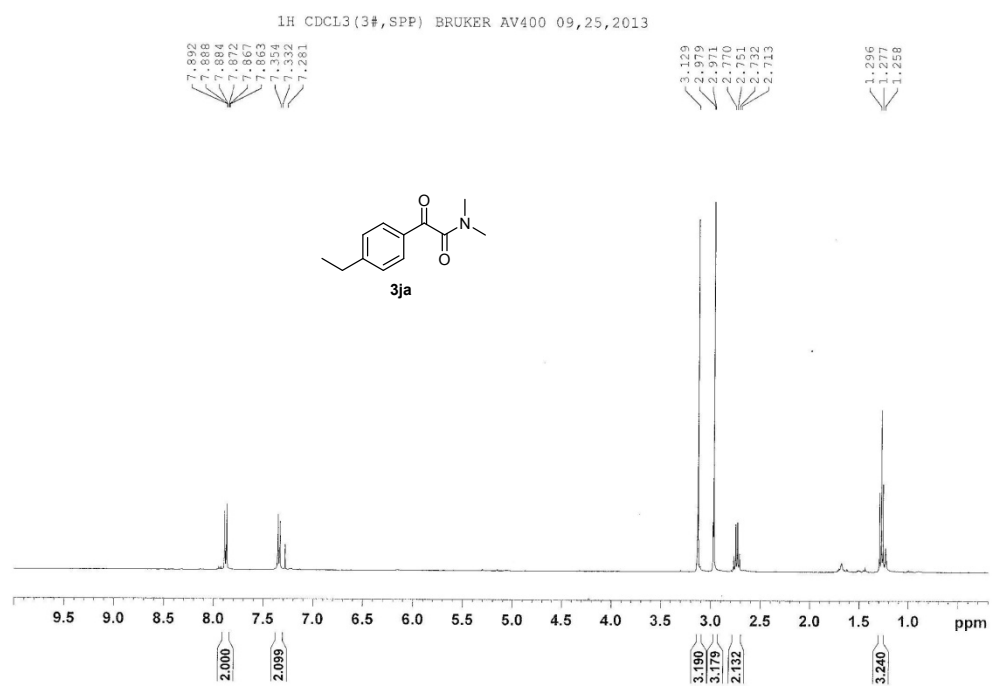
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- 34.119



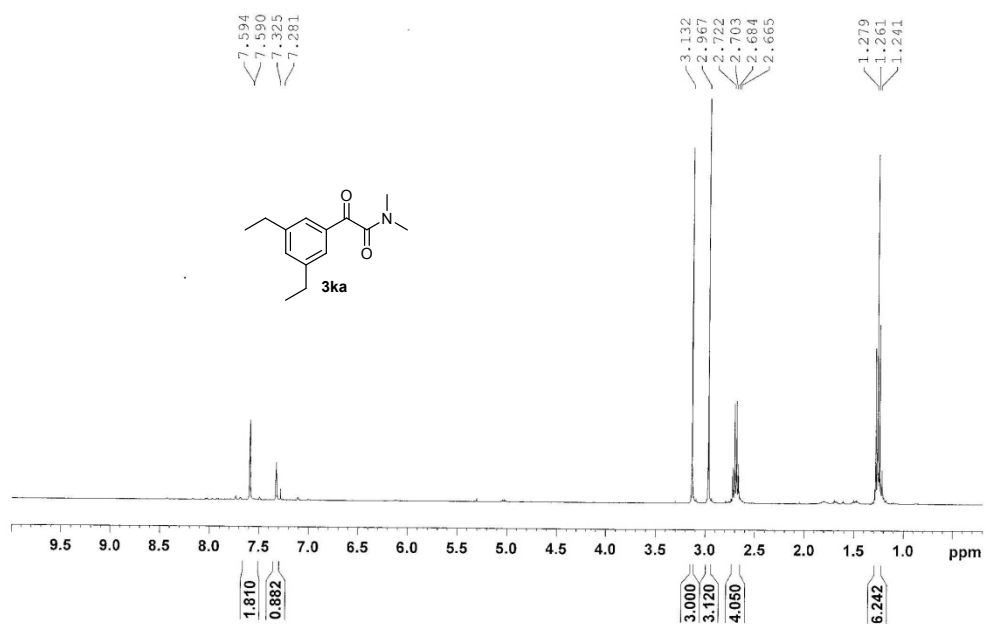




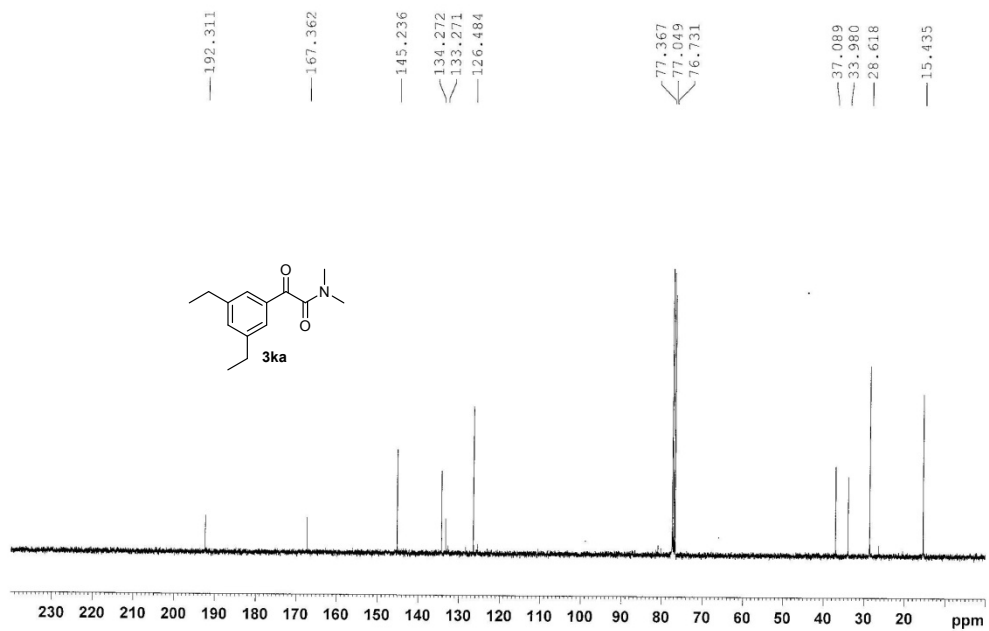


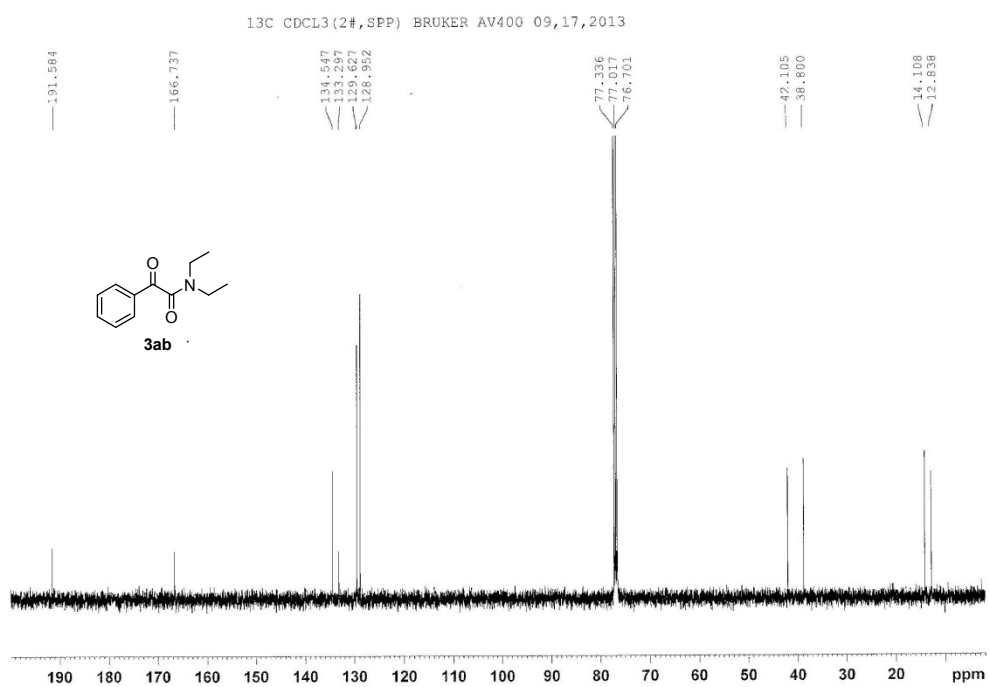
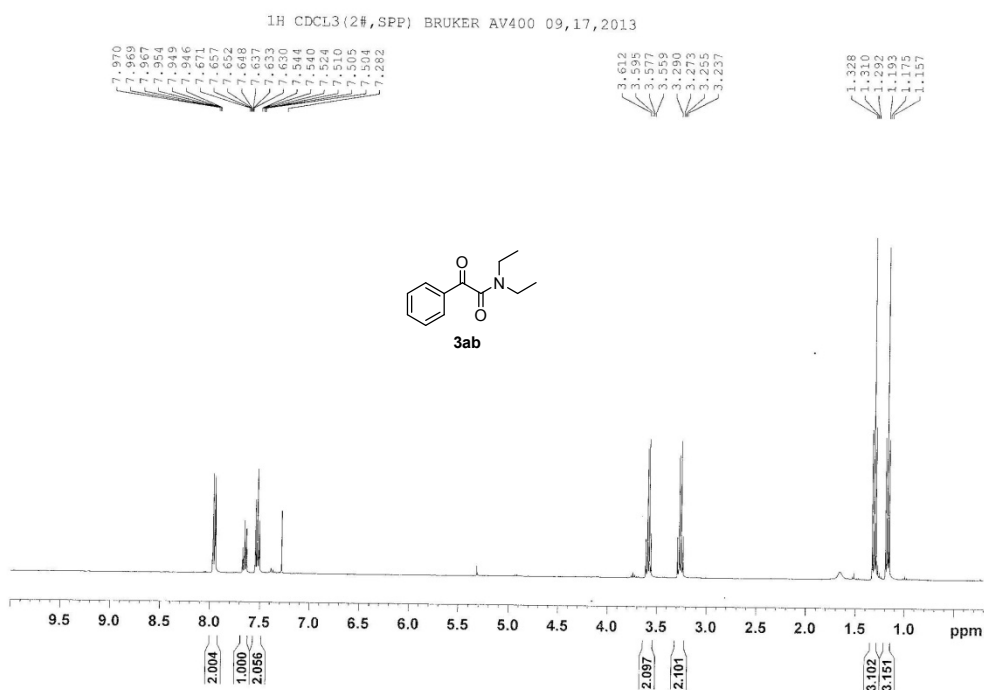


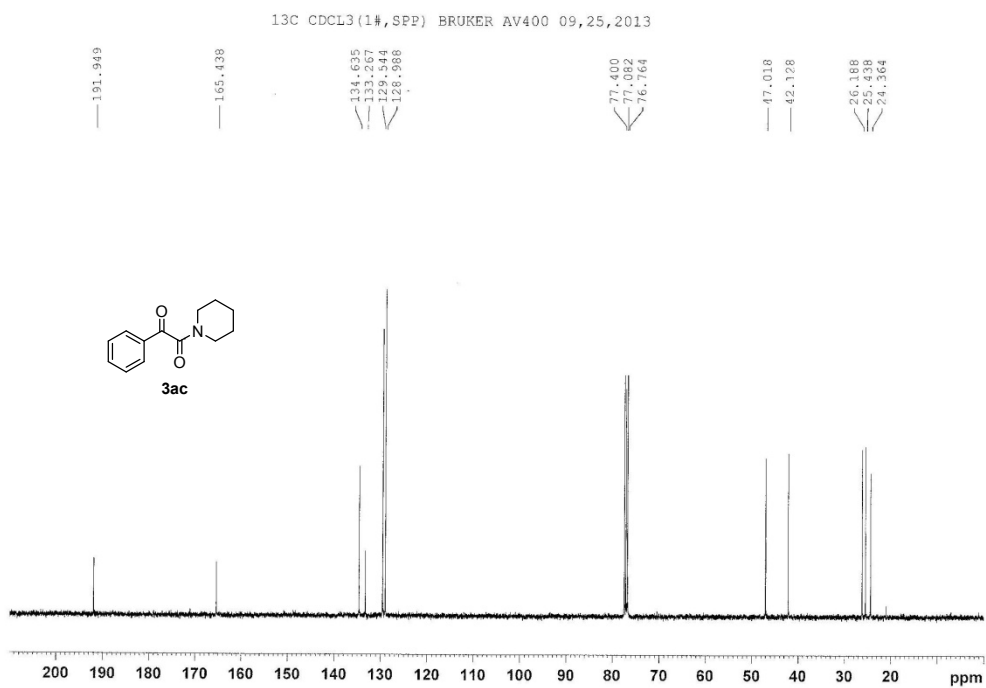
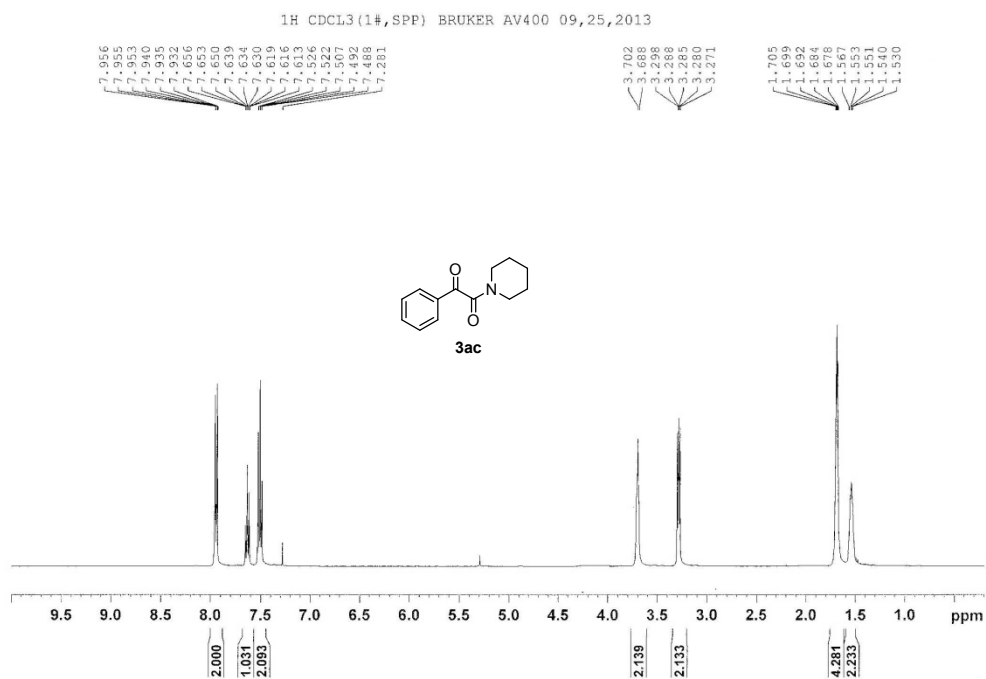
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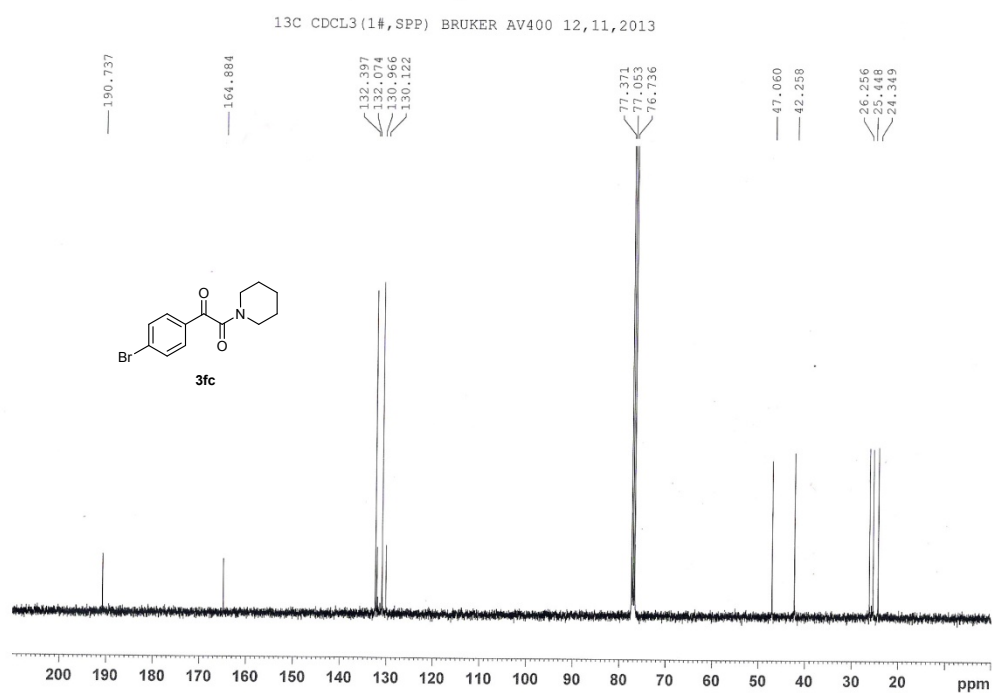
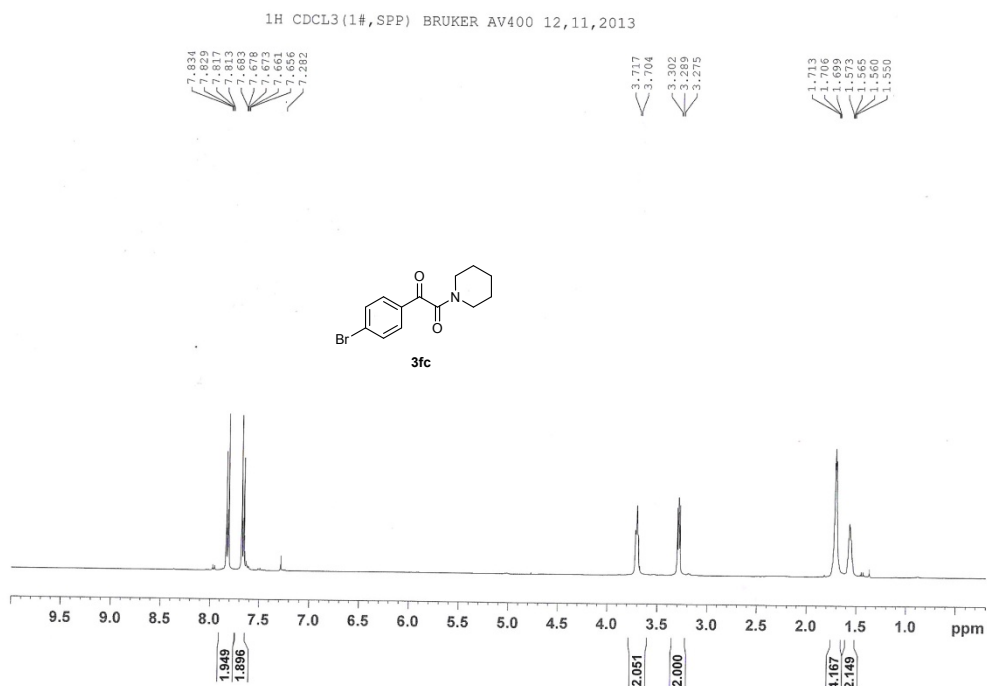


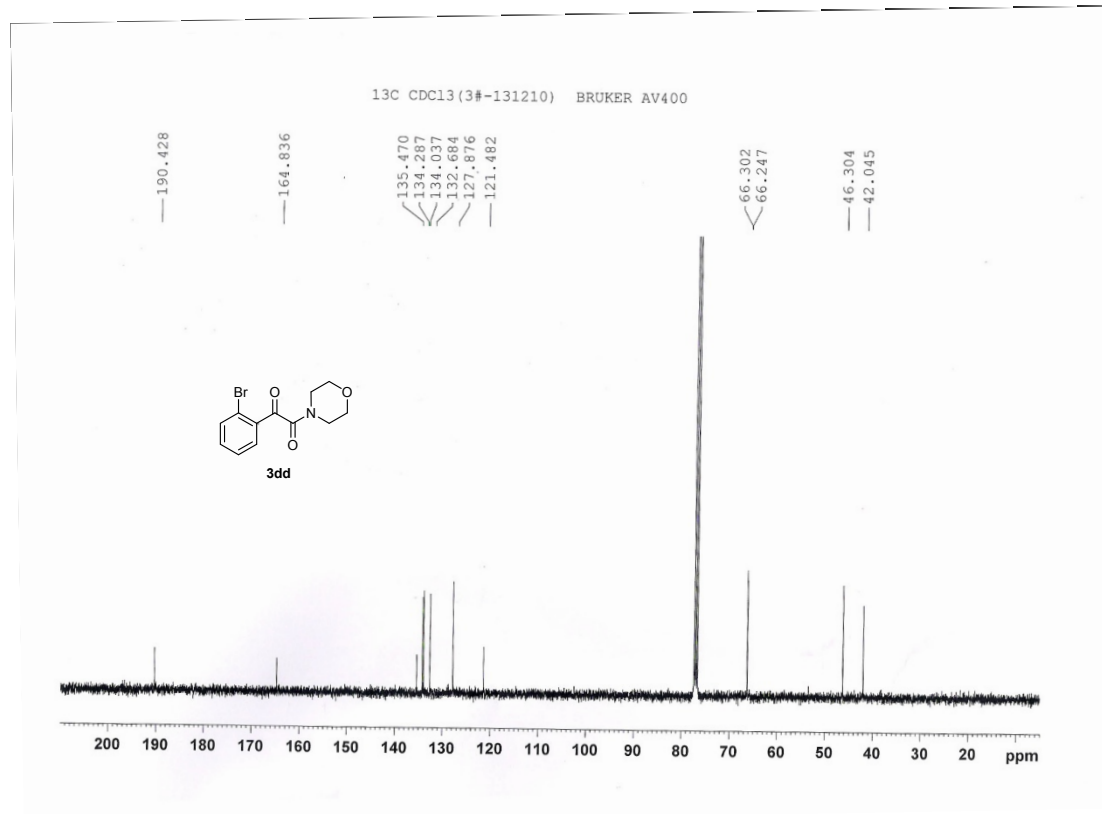
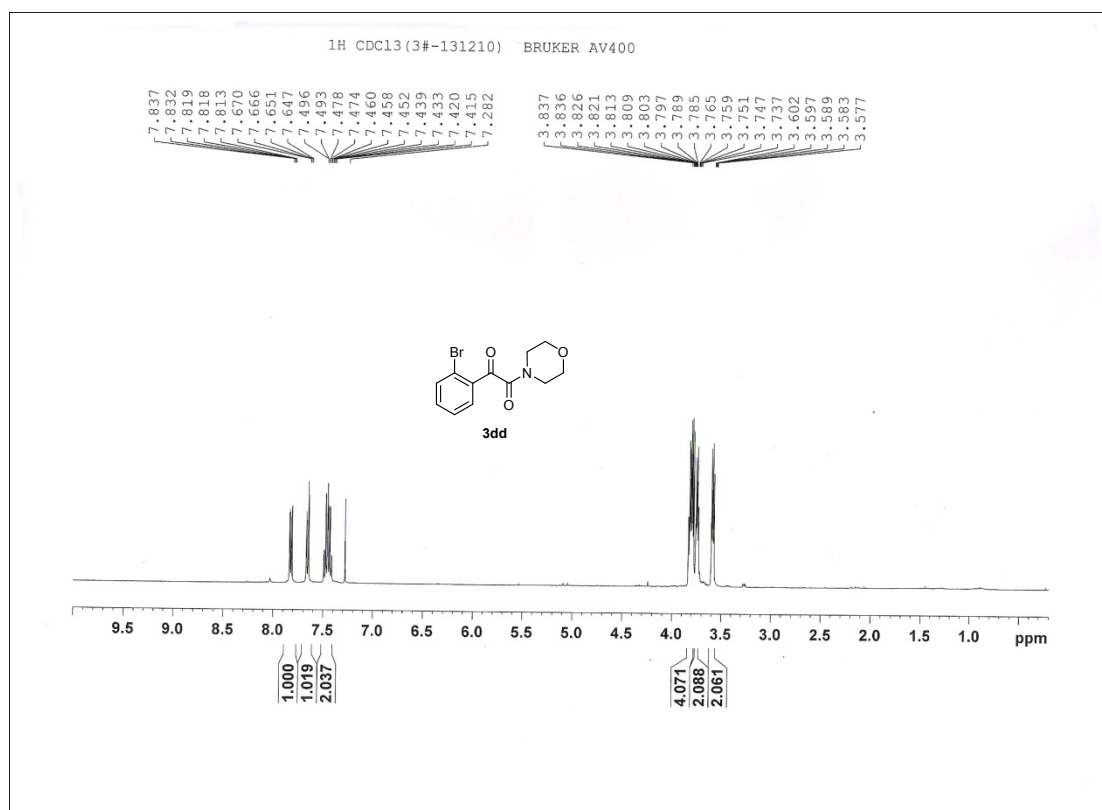
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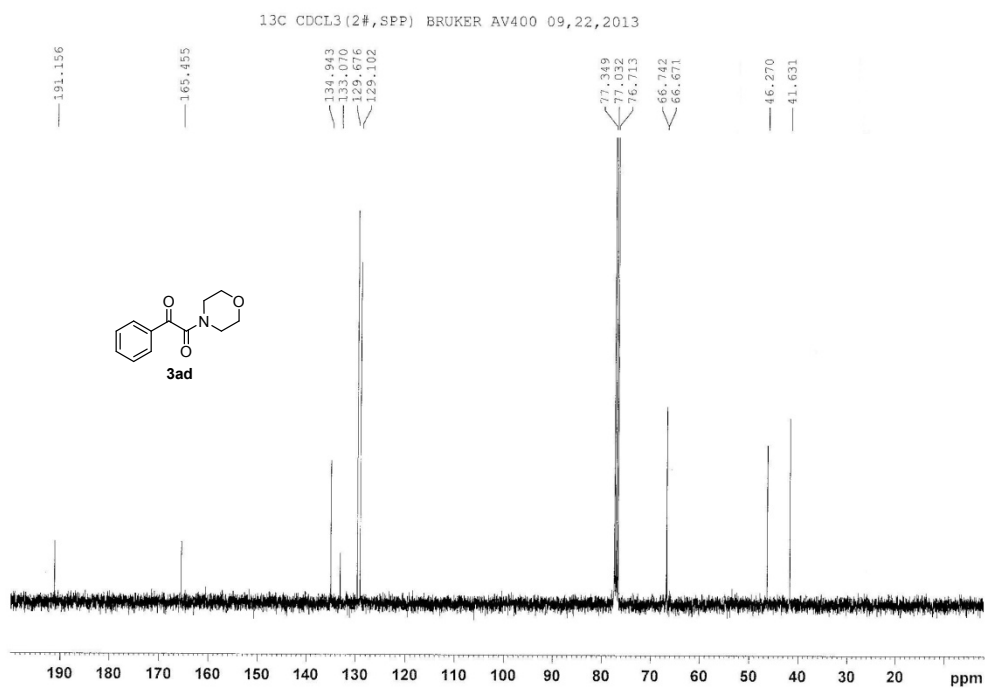
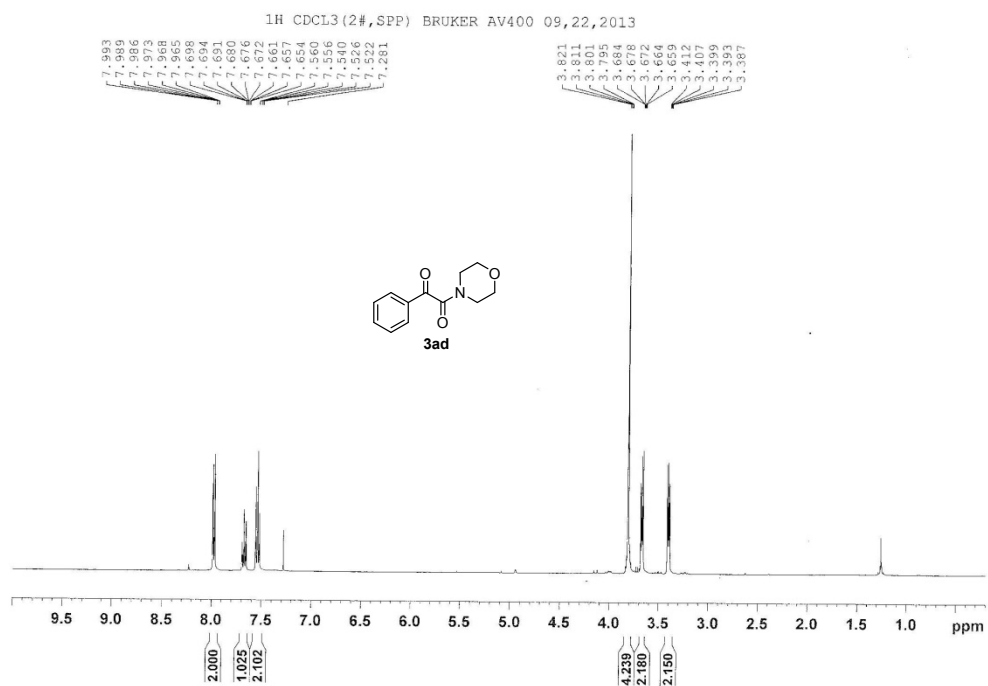


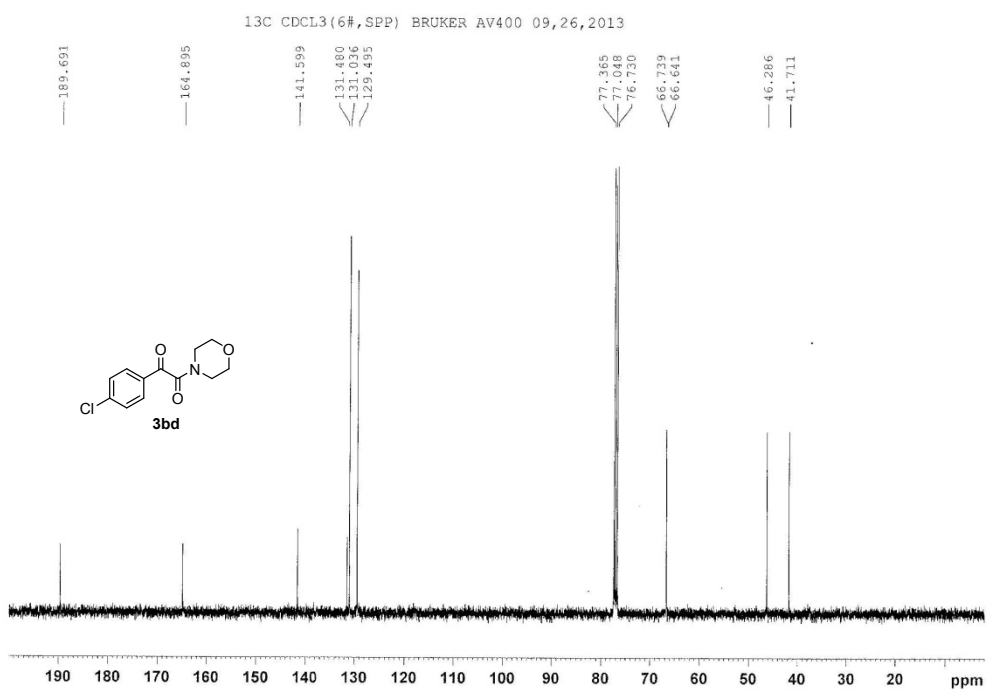
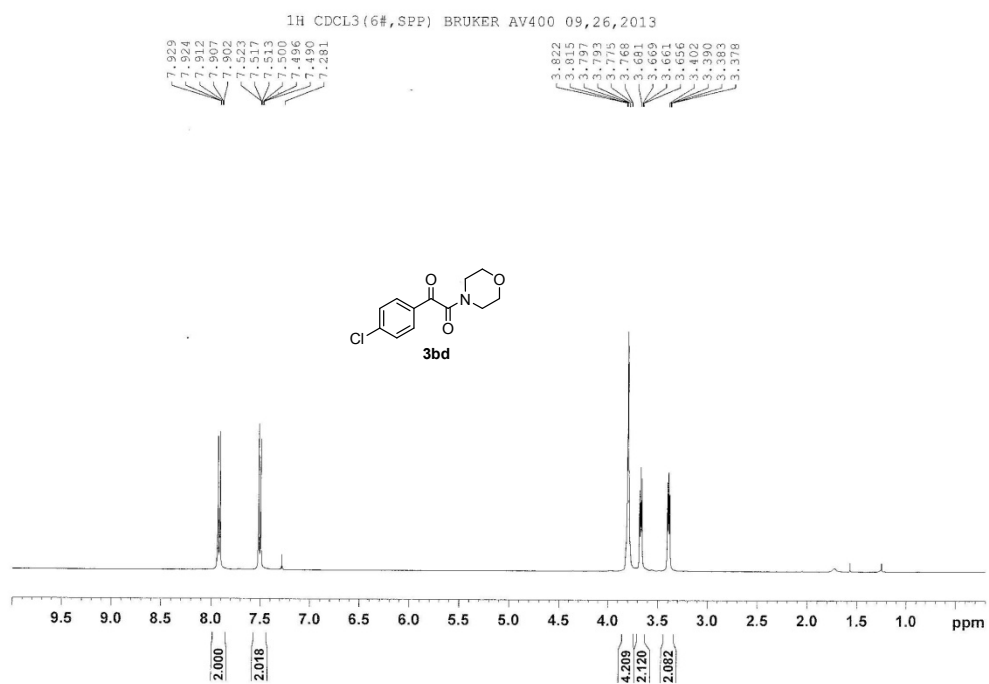


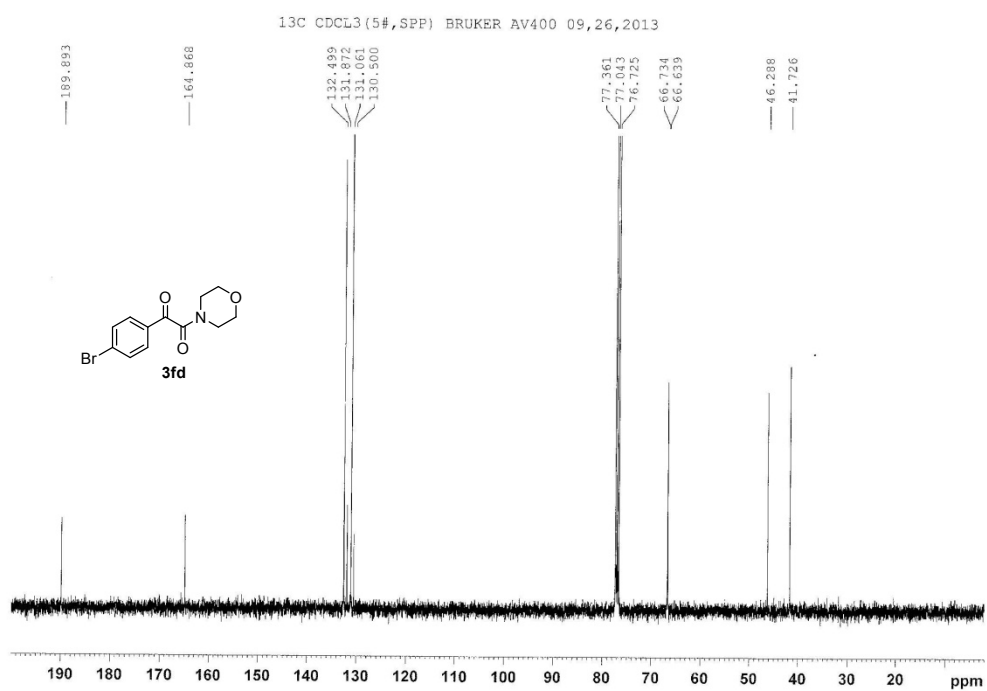
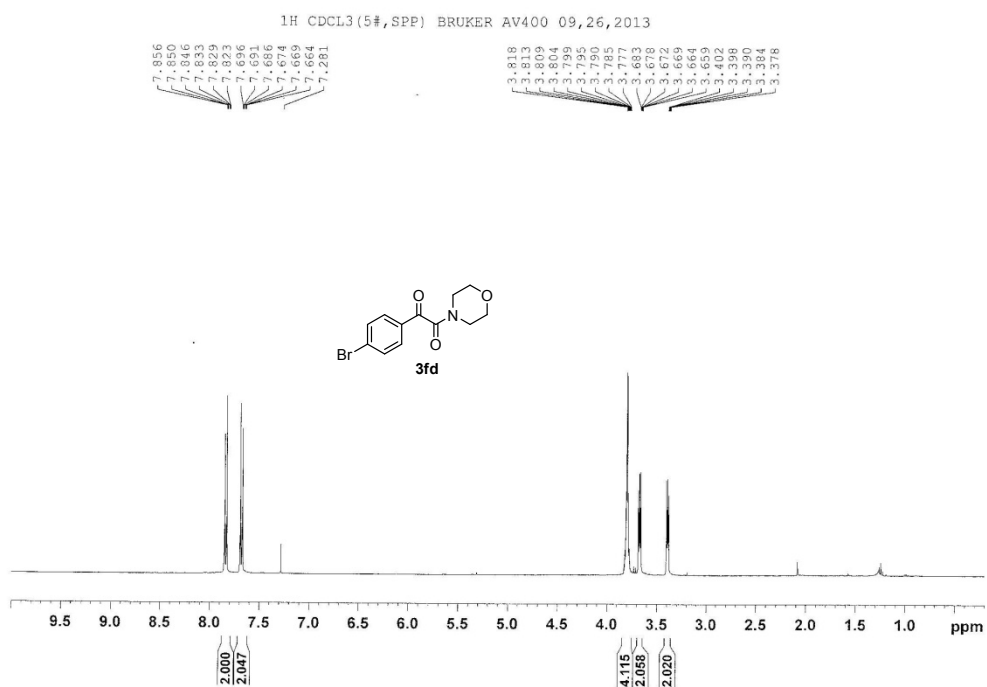


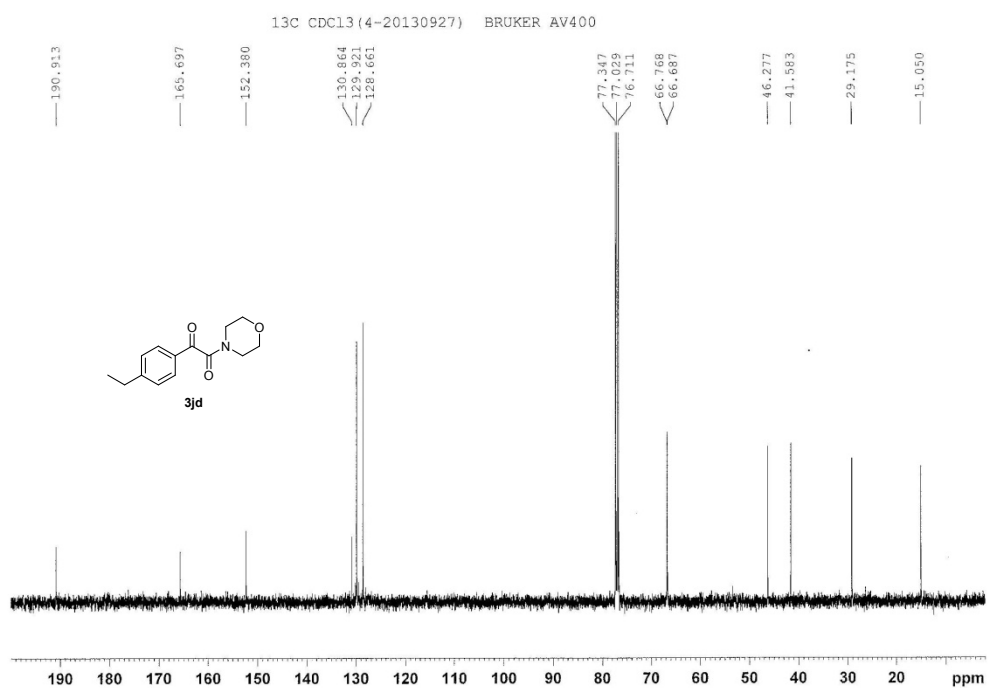
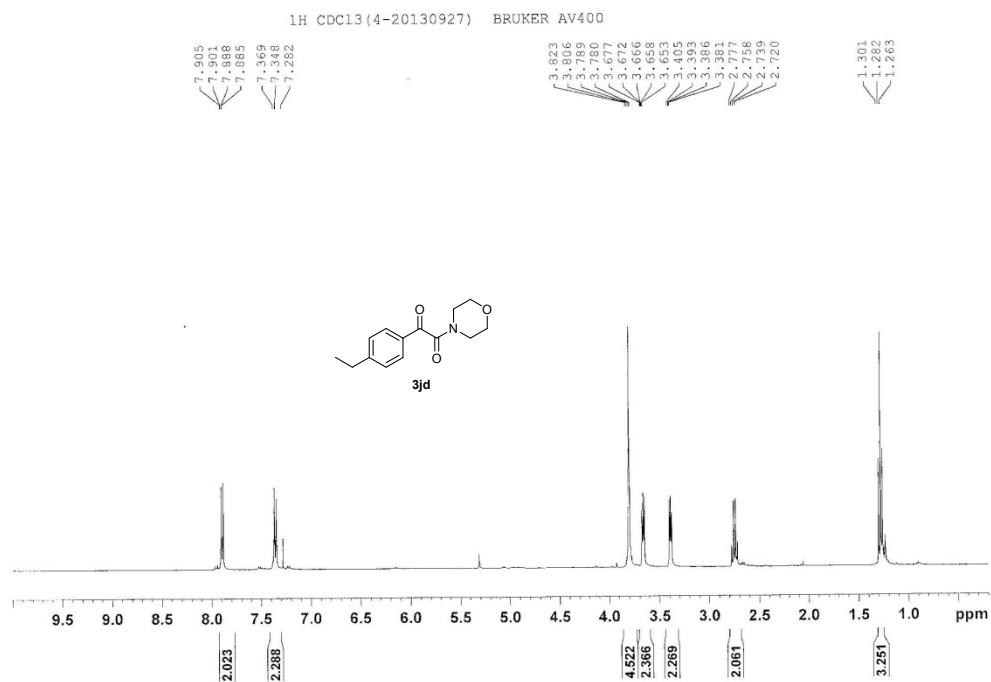




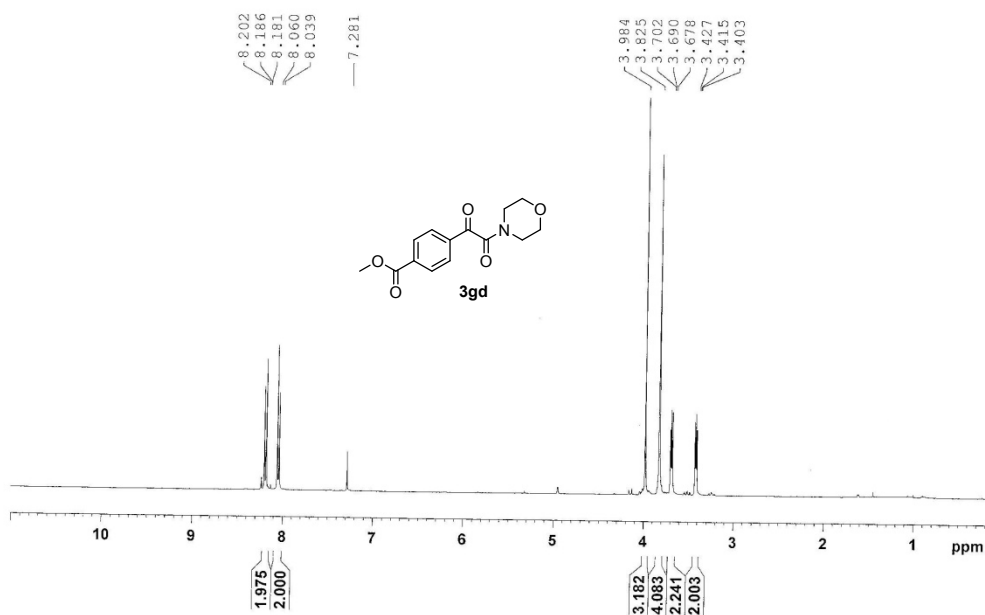








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