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Supporting Information

Cationic Iridium-Catalyzed C-H Alkylation of 2-Substituted Pyridine *N*-Oxides with Acrylates

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General information

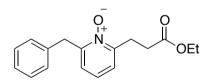
Unless otherwise noted, all materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. Anhydrous solvents were stocked on activated molecular sieves 4A under argon atmosphere, and degassed by argon bubbling prior to use. All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere in oven-dried glassware with a magnetic stirring bar.

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL AL-400 (400 MHz) spectrometers. The chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (δ) relative to internal standard TMS (0 ppm) for CDCl₃. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, doublet of doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. The coupling constants, *J*, are reported in Hertz (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained by JEOL AL-400 (100 MHz) spectrometers and referenced to the internal solvent signals (central peak is 77.0 ppm in CDCl₃). CDCl₃ was used as a NMR solvent. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on ESI (Electrospray ionization) method at a JEOL GC-mate II. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) was performed with silica gel-precoated glass plates (Merck 60 GF254) prepared in our laboratory. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel 200-300.

N-Oxides 1a, $^{1}1b$, $^{2}1c$, $^{2}1d$, $^{3}1e$, $^{1}1f$, $^{1}and 1h^{4}$ were prepared by the oxidation of the corresponding 2-substituted pyridines using mCPBA and their physical properties were accorded with those with literatures. *N*-Oxides 1g and 1i were commercially available (TCI, Japan).

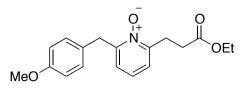
Typical Experimental Procedure

 $[Ir(cod)_2]BARF$ (0.02 mmol), *rac*-BINAP (0.02 mmol), and pyridine *N*-oxide **1** (0.20 mmol), were placed in a screw-capped Schlenk tube, which was then evacuated and backfilled with argon (x3). To the reaction vessel was added anhydrous chlorobenzene (1.0 mL, pretreated by argon bubbling for 30 sec). The solution was then stirred at 120 °C (bath temperature) for 24 h or 48 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was evaporated to dryness. The obtained crude products were purified by thin-layer chromatography to give analytically pure product **3**.



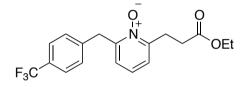
2-(3-Ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-(phenylmethyl)pyridine N-oxide (3a).

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 10/1, $R_f = 0.50$). The title compound was obtained as white yellow oil (88 %). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.7, 151.9, 150.3, 136.6, 129.7, 128.8, 126.9, 124.5, 123.9, 123.7, 60.5, 36.9, 30.3, 27.0, 14.2; IR (cm⁻¹) 2980, 1731, 1247, 1185, 1161, 851, 768, 702; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NNaO₃ (M⁺+Na): 308.1257; found: 308.1256.



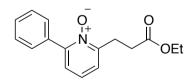
2-(3-Ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]pyridine N-oxide (3b).

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 10/1, $R_f = 0.65$). The title compound was obtained as white yellow oil (67 %). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.20-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dd, J = 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.7, 158.6, 152.3, 150.2, 130.7, 128.5, 124.5, 123.8, 123.6, 114.2, 60.5, 55.3, 36.1, 30.3, 27.0, 14.2; IR (cm⁻¹) 2933, 1731, 1512, 1247, 1179, 855, 786; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₁NNa O₄ (M⁺+Na): 338.1363; found: 338.1362.



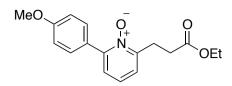
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Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 10/1, $R_f = 0.60$). The title compound was obtained as white yellow solid (75 %). Mp: 59 °C; ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.6, 150.6, 140.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.2 \text{ Hz}$), 129.8, 129.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.6 \text{ Hz}$), 125.6 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8 \text{ Hz}$), 124.5, 124.4, 124.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 272.0 \text{ Hz}$), 123.9, 60.5, 36.9, 30.2, 27.0, 14.2 (A pair of peaks at the aromatic region was overlapped); IR (cm⁻¹) 2982, 1732, 1326, 1162, 1122, 1110, 861, 766; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈F₃NNaO₃ (M⁺+Na): 376.1131; found: 376.1133.



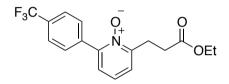
2-(3-Ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-phenylpyridine N-oxide (3d).

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 10/1, $R_f = 0.65$). The title compound was obtained as white yellow oil (79 %). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.79-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.8, 151.1, 149.4, 133.1, 129.4, 129.3, 128.1, 125.4, 125.2, 124.7, 60.5, 30.1, 27.4, 14.2; IR (cm⁻¹) 2980, 1732, 1389, 1241, 1185, 841, 764, 697; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NNaO₃ (M⁺+Na): 294.1101; found: 294.1100.



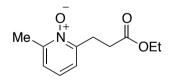
2-(3-Ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyridine N-oxide (3e).

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 10/1, $R_f = 0.65$). The title compound was obtained as white yellow oil (82 %). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.80 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.8, 160.3, 151.0, 149.0, 130.9, 125.3, 124.9, 124.7, 124.6, 113.5, 60.4, 55.3, 30.2, 27.4, 14.1; IR (cm⁻¹) 2979, 1731, 1481, 1254, 1182, 1031, 834, 786; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NNaO₄ (M⁺+Na): 324.1206; found: 324.1206.



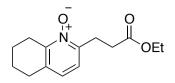
2-(3-Ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)pyridine N-oxide (3f).

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 10/1, $R_f = 0.70$). The title compound was obtained as white yellow solid (73 %). Mp. 56 °C; ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.7, 151.4, 148.0, 136.6 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.3$ Hz), 131.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.7$ Hz), 129.9, 126.0, 125.4, 125.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.9$ Hz), 124.8, 123.9 (q, $J_{C-F} = 272.2$ Hz), 60.5, 30.0, 27.3, 14.2; IR (cm⁻¹) 2983, 1733, 1326, 1167, 1125, 1064, 839, 782; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₆F₃NNaO₃ (M⁺+Na): 362.0974; found: 362.0975.



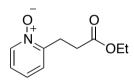
2-(3-Ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-methylpyridine N-oxide (3g).

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 1/1, $R_f = 0.50$). The title compound was obtained as white yellow oil (75 %). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.7, 150.3, 149.1, 124.6, 124.4, 123.9, 60.4, 30.3, 27.0, 18.2, 14.1; IR (cm⁻¹) 2981, 2931, 1732, 1243, 1163, 843, 774; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₁₅NNaO₃ (M⁺+Na): 232.0944; found: 232.0944.



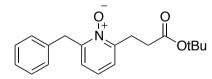
2-(3-Ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline N-oxide (3h).

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 10/1, $R_f = 0.35$). The title compound was obtained as light brown solid (78 %). Mp. 51 °C; ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.92-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.8, 148.6, 147.4, 134.0, 125.6, 122.3, 60.4, 30.4, 28.4, 26.8, 24.9, 22.0, 21.6, 14.1; IR (cm⁻¹) 2936, 1732, 1499, 1434, 1390, 1184, 1163, 855, 806, 520; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NNaO₃ (M⁺+Na): 272.1257; found: 272.1257.



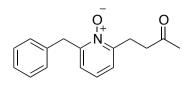
2-(3-Ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)pyridine N-oxide (3i).

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 1/1, $R_f = 0.30$). The title compound was obtained as white yellow oil (13 %). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 8.24 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.7, 150.7, 139.7, 126.7, 125.5, 124.1, 60.6, 30.2, 26.7, 14.3; IR (cm⁻¹) 2927, 1731, 1439, 1246, 1186, 851, 768; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₀H₁₃NNaO₃ (M⁺+Na): 218.0788; found: 218.0789.



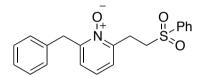
2-(3-t-Butoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-(phenylmethyl)pyridine N-oxide (4a).

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 10/1, $R_f = 0.50$). The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (56 %). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.16 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 172.1, 152.0, 150.7, 136.8, 129.8, 128.9, 127.0, 124.5, 123.9, 123.8, 80.7, 37.1, 31.7, 28.2, 27.2; IR (cm⁻¹) 2978, 1727, 1367, 1250, 848, 765, 702; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₃NNaO₃ (M⁺+Na): 336.1570; found: 336.1569.



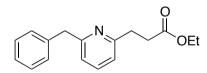
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Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 10/1, $R_f = 0.30$). The title compound was obtained as light brown oil (14%). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.37-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 151.9, 150.7, 136.6, 129.7, 128.8, 127.0, 124.7, 124.5, 123.7, 99.9, 39.4, 37.0, 29.8, 26.1; IR (cm⁻¹) 2918, 1714, 1399, 1244, 850, 773, 700; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NNaO₂ (M⁺+Na): 278.1152; found: 278.1150.



6-(Phenylmethyl)-2-[(2-phenylsulfonyl)ethyl]pyridine N-oxide (6a)

Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/acetone = 20/1, $R_f = 0.30$). The title compound was obtained as light brown oil (14 %). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.74 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 152.09, 147.4, 139.1, 136.2, 133.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 127.9, 127.1, 124.7, 124.7, 124.5, 51.4, 36.7, 26.3; IR (cm⁻¹) 3060, 2925, 1307, 1245, 1149, 851, 732, 689, 525; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₉NNaO₃ (M⁺+Na): 376.0978; found: 376.0978.



2-(3-Ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)-6-(phenylmethyl)pyridine (8).

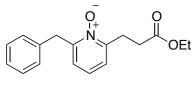
Isolated by thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane/methanol = 97.5/2.5, $R_f = 0.40$). The title compound was obtained as colorless oil (89 %). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.46 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 3.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (ppm) δ 173.3, 160.5, 159.6, 139.8, 136.8, 129.2, 128.6, 126.3, 120.6, 120.3, 60.4, 44.8, 33.7, 33.0, 14.3; IR (cm⁻¹) 2980, 1733, 1454, 1159, 739, 699; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NNaO₂ (M⁺+Na): 292.1308; found: 292.1307.

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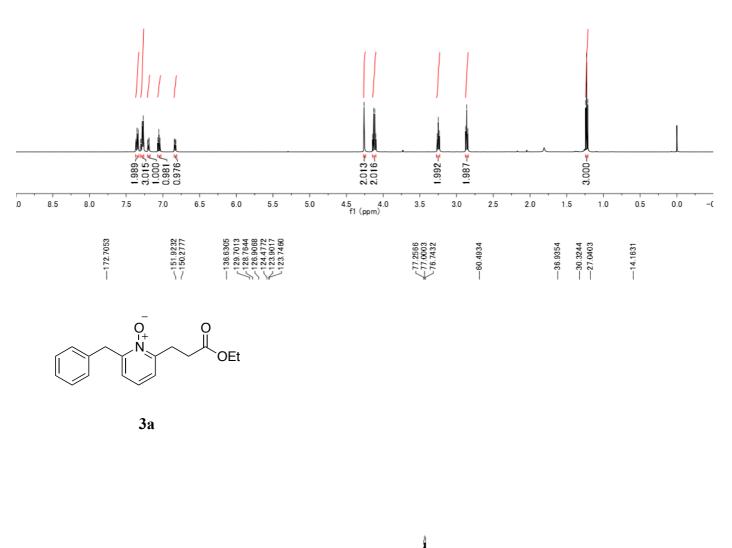
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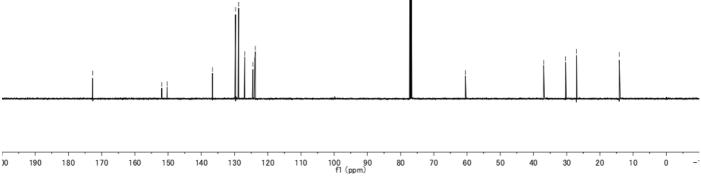
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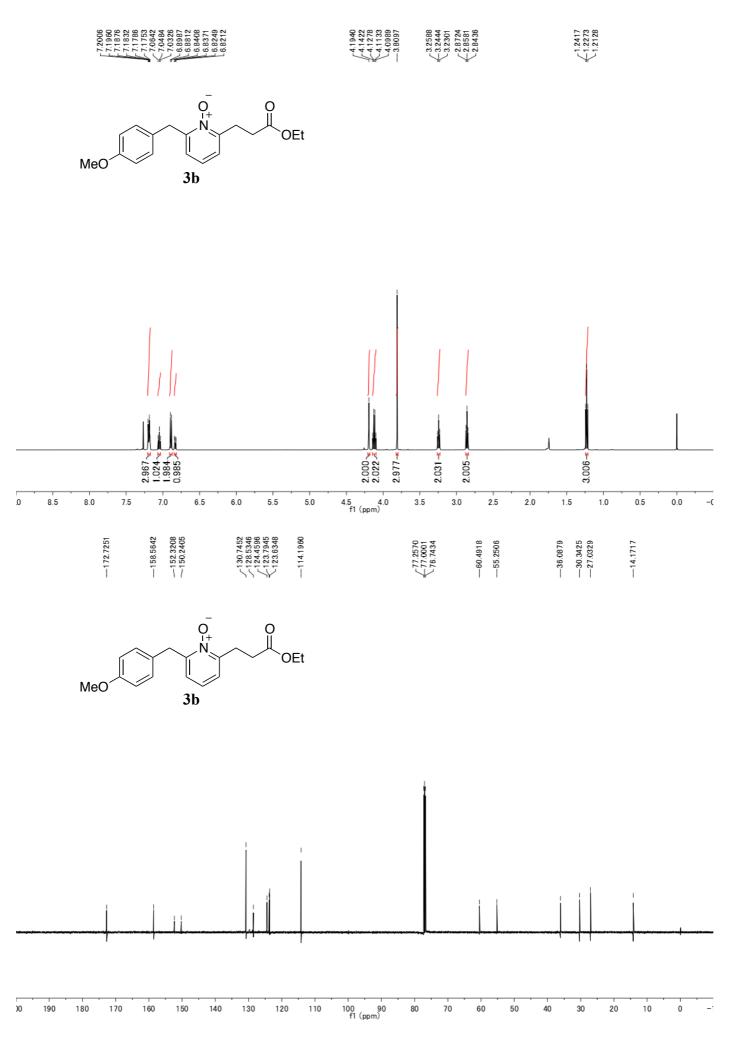




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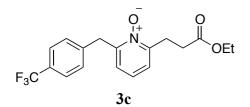


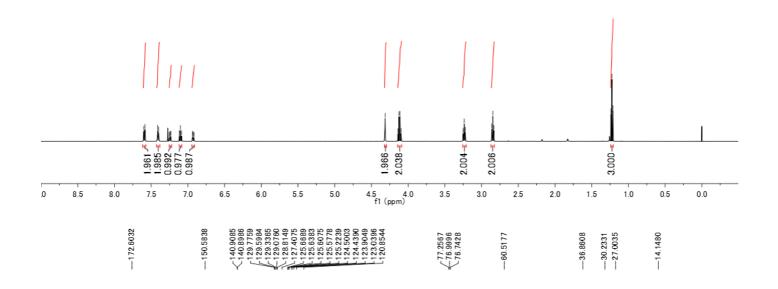


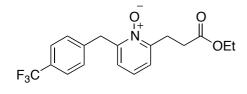




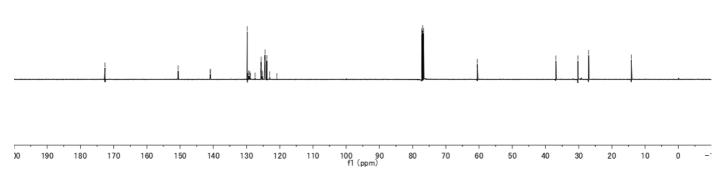




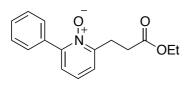




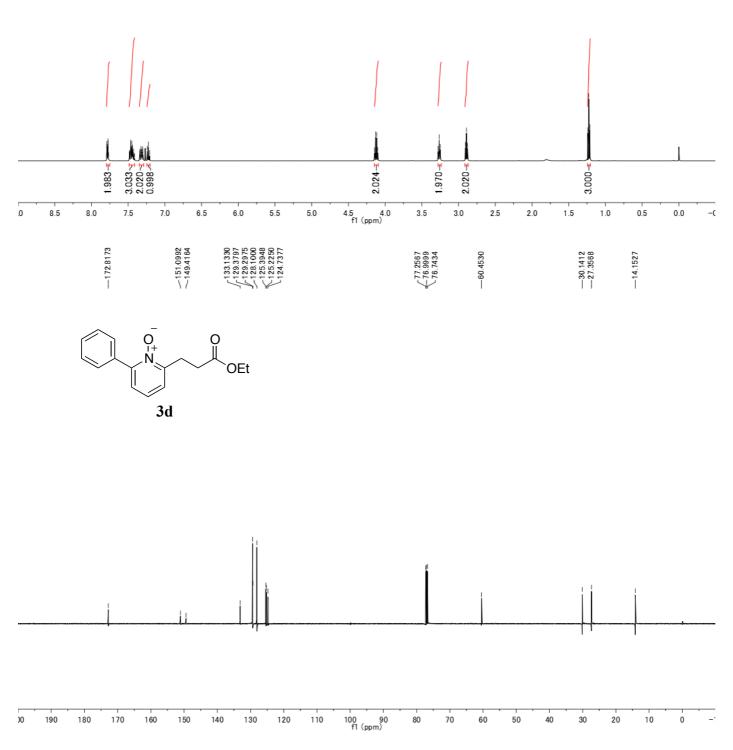
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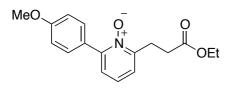




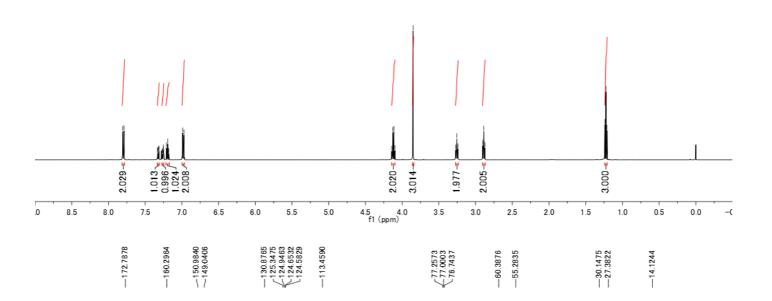
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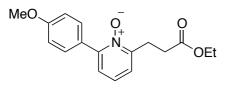
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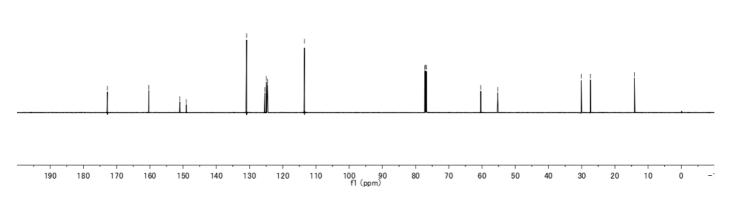








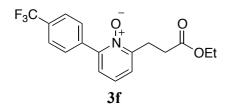
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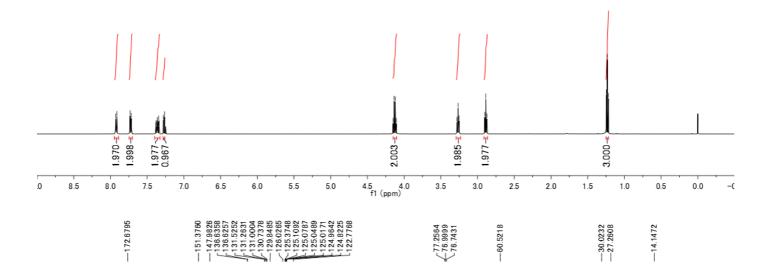


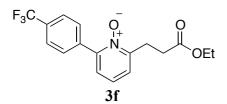


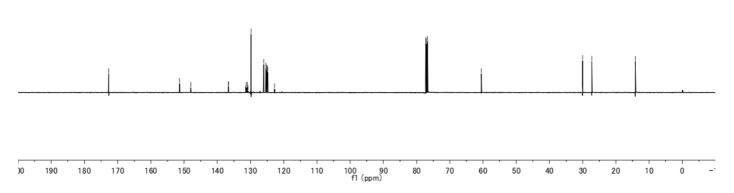


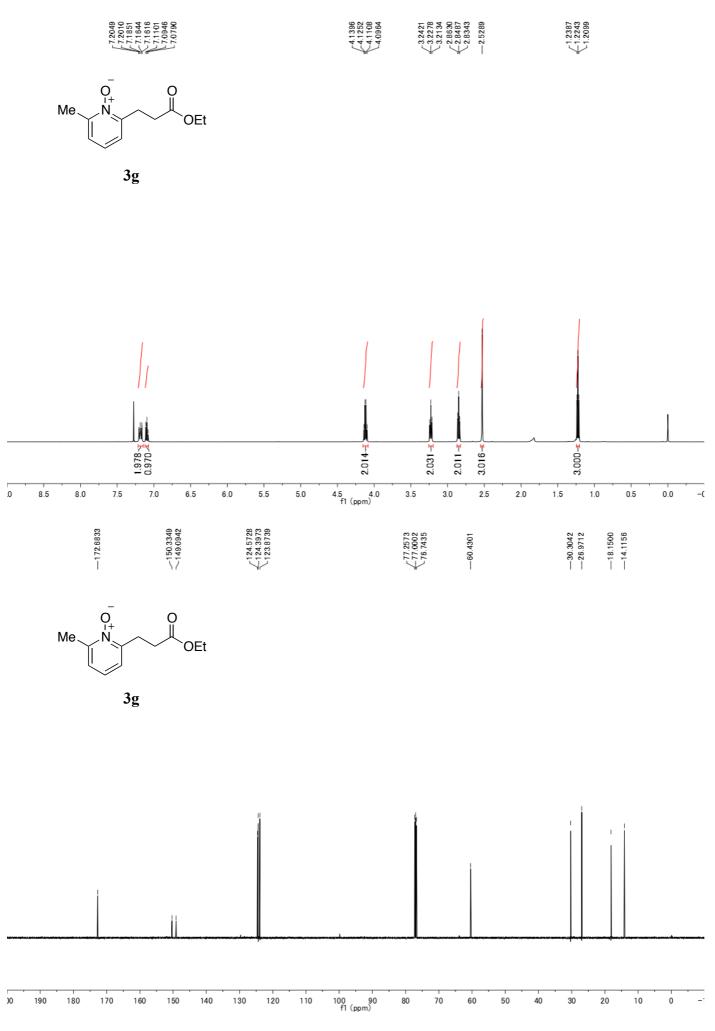


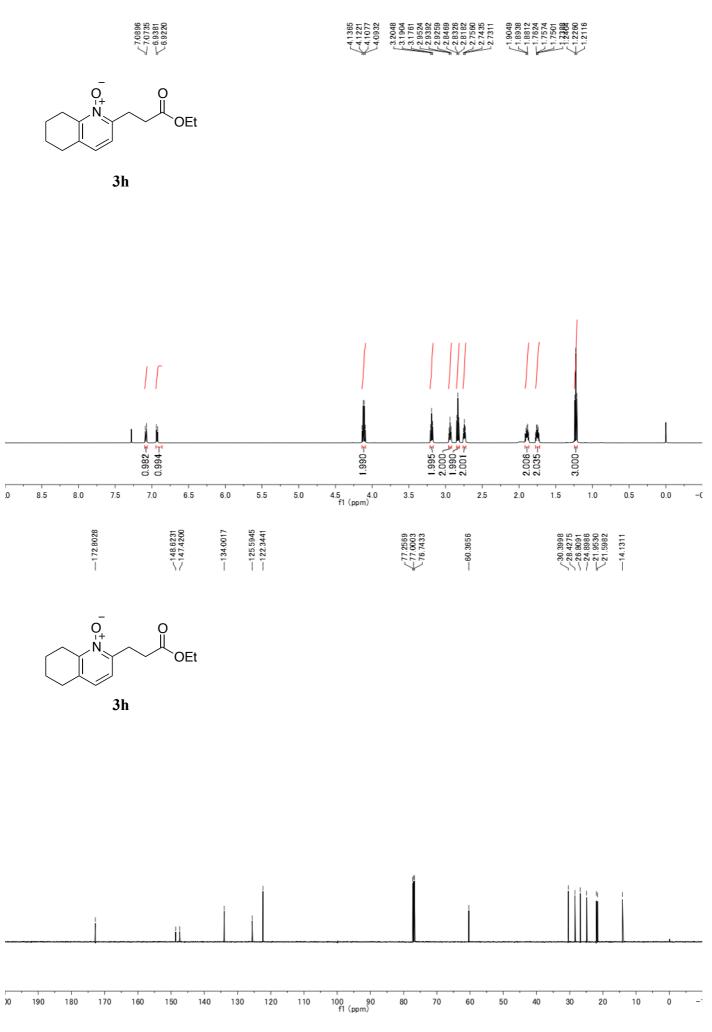










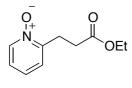


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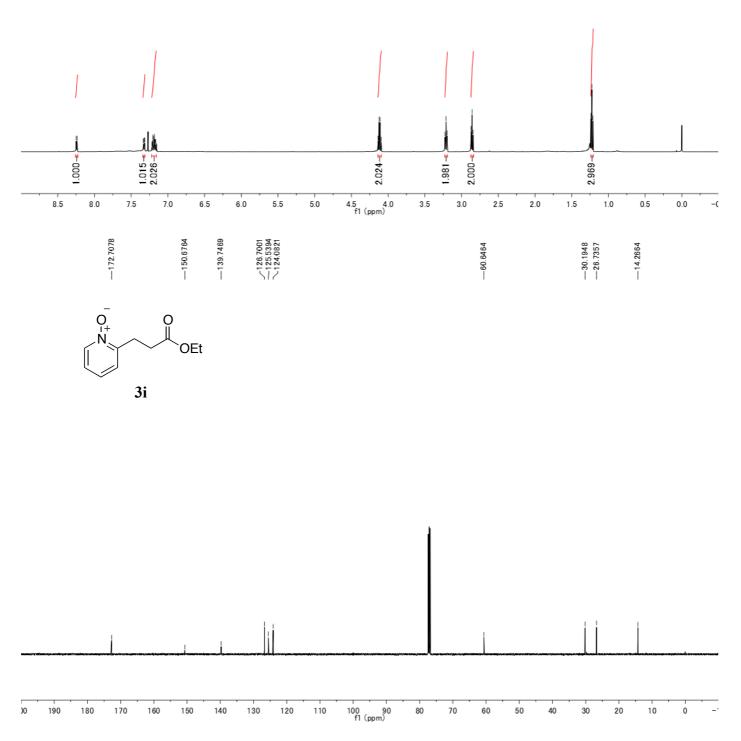


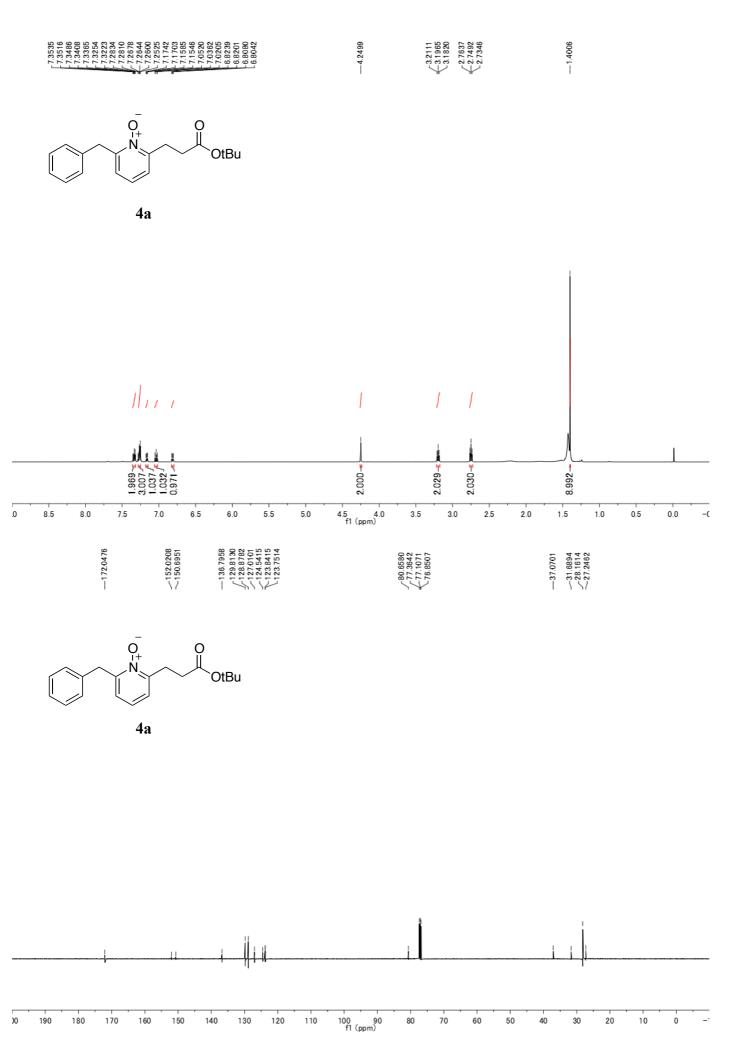






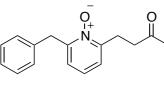
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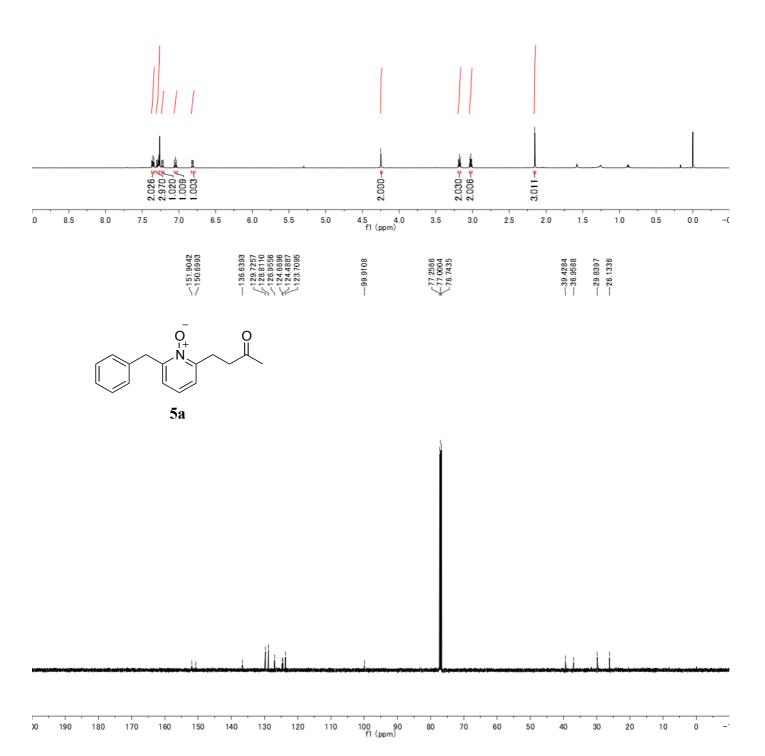


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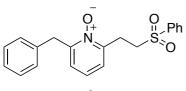
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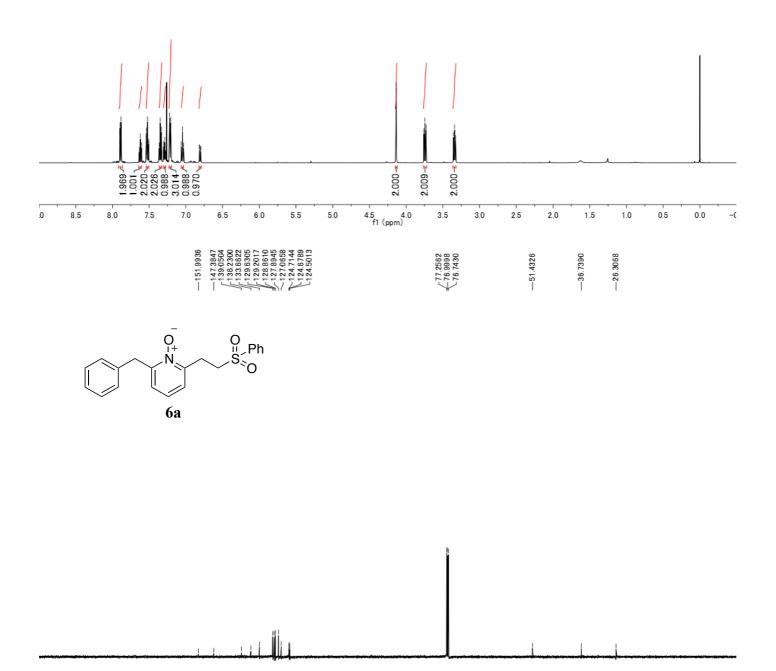




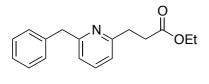
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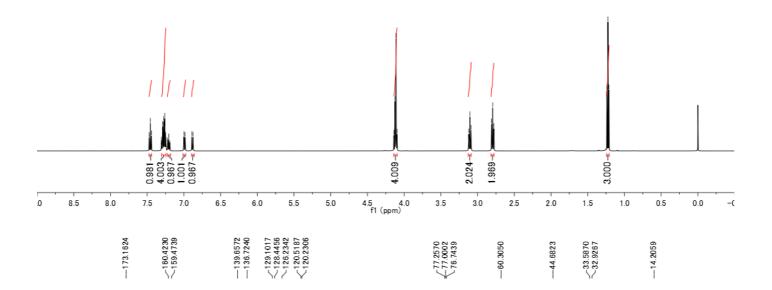


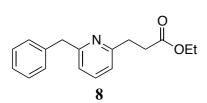


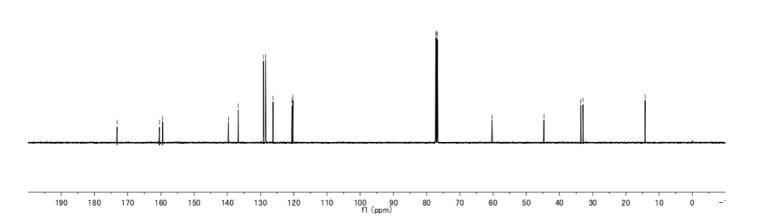
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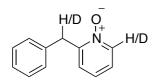
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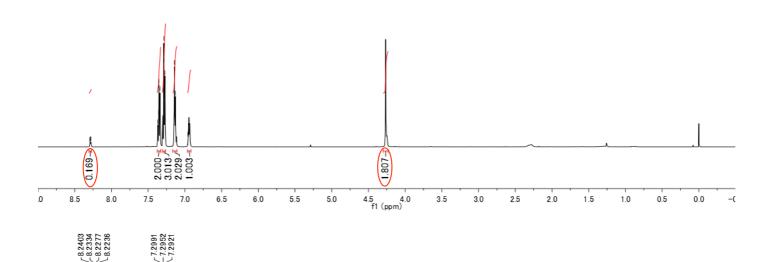




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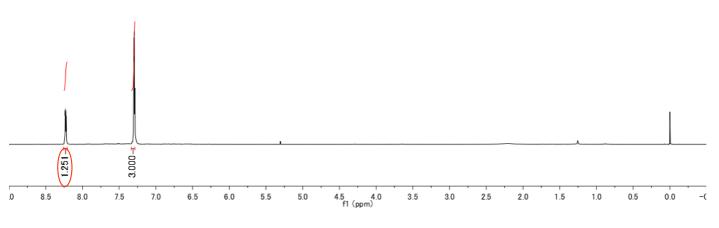


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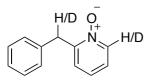




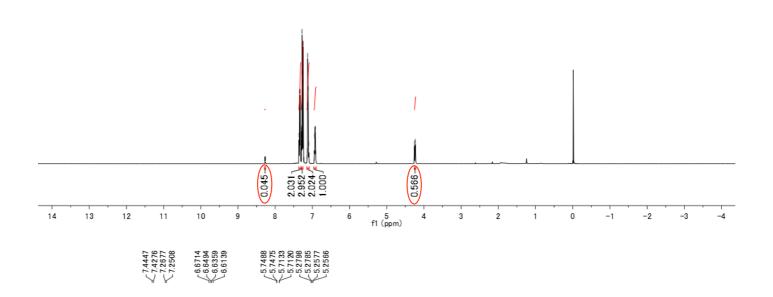
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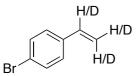


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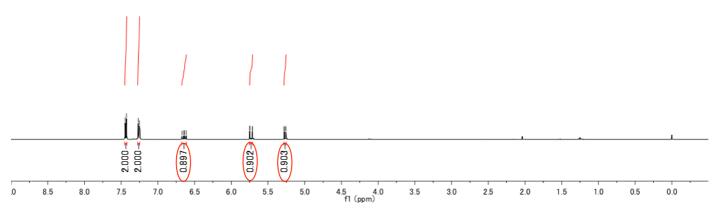






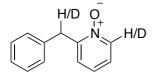


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(Recovered in KIE experiment)

