

Supporting Information for

**Formal [4+1] Cycloaddition of o-Quinone Methides: Facile Synthesis
of Dihydrobenzofurans**

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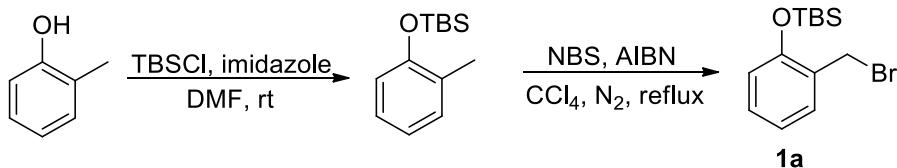
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General Information

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on an ACF* 300Q Bruker or ACF* 500Q Bruker spectrometer. Low- and high-resolution mass spectra (LRMS and HRMS) were recorded in electron impact mode. The mass analyzer type used for the HRMS measurements was TOF. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel 60 F254 plates (Qingdao Ocean Chemical Company, China). Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (200-300 mesh, Qingdao Ocean Chemical Company, China). Data for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br s = broad singlet, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). Data for ¹³C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm).

Synthesis of (2-(bromomethyl)phenoxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (**1a**)^[1]

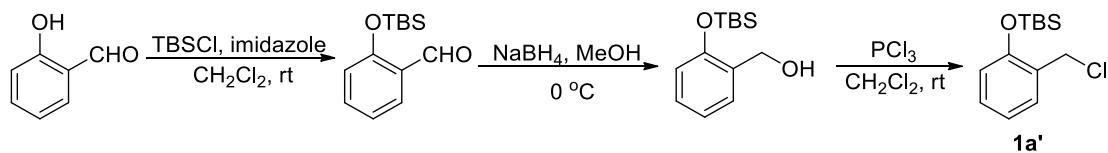


To a solution of *o*-cresol (541 mg, 5 mmol) in DMF(5 mL) was added *tert*-butyldimethylsilanechloride (TMSCl) (829 mg, 5.5 mmol) followed by imidazole (749 mg, 11 mmol). Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was partitioned in water (5 mL) and EtOAc (15 mL). The organic layer was separated, washed with water (5 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) to yield colorless oil (505 mg, 45% yield).

The silylated phenol (505 mg, 2.27 mmol) was solved in CCl_4 (10 mL), and N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) (404 mg, 2.27 mmol) and AIBN (56 mg, 0.34 mmol) were added in one portion. The solution was purged with N_2 and refluxed overnight. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and filtered through a pad of SiO_2 , furnished by hexane. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and

purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (hexane), giving colorless oil **1a** (343 mg, 50% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dt, *J* = 1.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dt, *J* = 0.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 0.29 (s, 6H).

Synthesis of (2-(bromomethyl)phenoxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane (1a'**)^[1]**

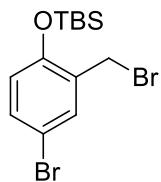


To a solution of 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (1.22 g, 10 mmol) and imidazole (1.36 g, 20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), a solution of TBSCl (3.01 g, 20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added dropwise. After the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was partitioned in water (15 mL) and EtOAc (50 mL). The organic layer was separated, washed with water (5 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude oil was used without purification.

The crude oil was solved in MeOH (20 mL). NaBH₄ (378 mg, 10 mmol) was added in portions carefully at 0 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h, MeOH was evaporated in vacuo. A combined solution of saturated NH₄Cl (15 mL) and EtOAc (15 mL) was added, two phases were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo to give yellow oil. The crude oil was used without purification.

To an ice cooled solution the crude oil in dry CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL), PCl₃ (960 µL, 11 mmol) was added dropwise. After the addition, the solution was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h and was partitioned in brine (10 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated under reduce pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) and yielded colorless oil **1a'** (464 mg, 18% yield over three steps). ¹H NMR (300 MHz,

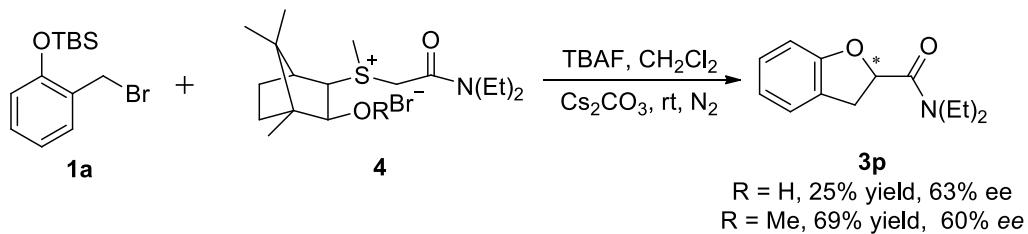
CDCl_3) δ 7.36 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.28 (s, 6H).



(4-bromo-2-(bromomethyl)phenoxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane

1b, colorless oil, 1.09 g, 49% yield over three steps. Prepared according to the procedure of **1a'** using 5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde and PBr_3 . ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 1.08 (s, 9H), 0.32 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.0, 133.7, 132.6, 130.6, 120.2, 113.1, 27.8, 25.8, 18.3, -4.1.

General Procedure for Synthesis Chiral 2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran.

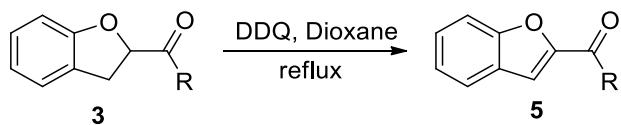


A mixture of O-silylated phenol **1a** (84.0 mg, 0.28 mmol), chiral campor sulfonium salt (**4a**, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{H}$, 0.42 mmol or **4b**, $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Me}$, 0.42 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (136 mg, 0.42 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature under \mathbf{N}_2 . Then TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 1.25 mL) was added dropwise. After the addition, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10:1-5:1) to afford **3p**. The absolute configuration of **3p** is not assigned.

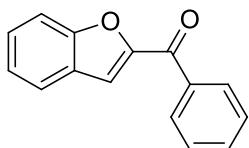
$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{H}$, 25% yield, 63% ee. [Daicel CHIRALPAK IC (0.46 cm x 25 cm); *n*-hexanes/*i*-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 230 nm; t_R = 28.05 (minor), t_R = 33.42 (major) min.]

$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Me}$, 69% yield, 60% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -31.8$ ($c = 0.33$, CH_3OH). [Daicel CHIRALPAK IC (0.46 cm x 25 cm); *n*-hexanes/*i*-propanol = 90/10; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength = 230 nm; t_R = 27.36 (minor), t_R = 32.54 (major) min.]

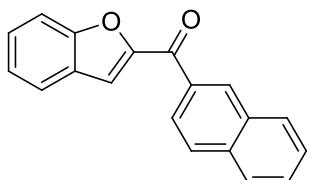
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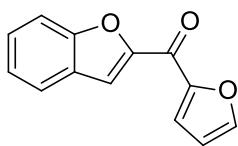
DDQ (4.0 equiv.) was added to a solution of **3** in dry dioxane. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 24 h. Filtration and concentration in vacuo gave crude product, which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleumether and ethyl acetate to give the product **5**.



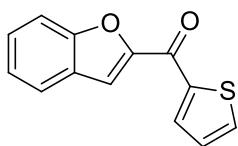
5a,^[2] yellow solid, 81% yield, m.p. 83-85 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 10.1, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.32 (dd, J = 16.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H).



5k, white solid, 83% yield, m.p. 96-97.5 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (q, J = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H).

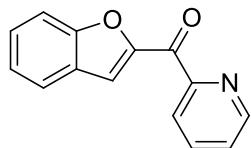


5l,^[3] yellow solid, 56% yield, m.p. 66-67 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72-6.63 (m, 1H).

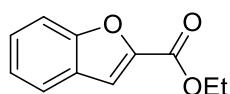


5m,^[4] white solid, 81% yield, m.p. 59-61 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.32 (d, J

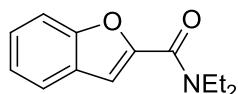
= 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H).



5n,^[5] white solid, 53% yield, m.p. 79-80.5 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.79 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 16.6, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 2H).



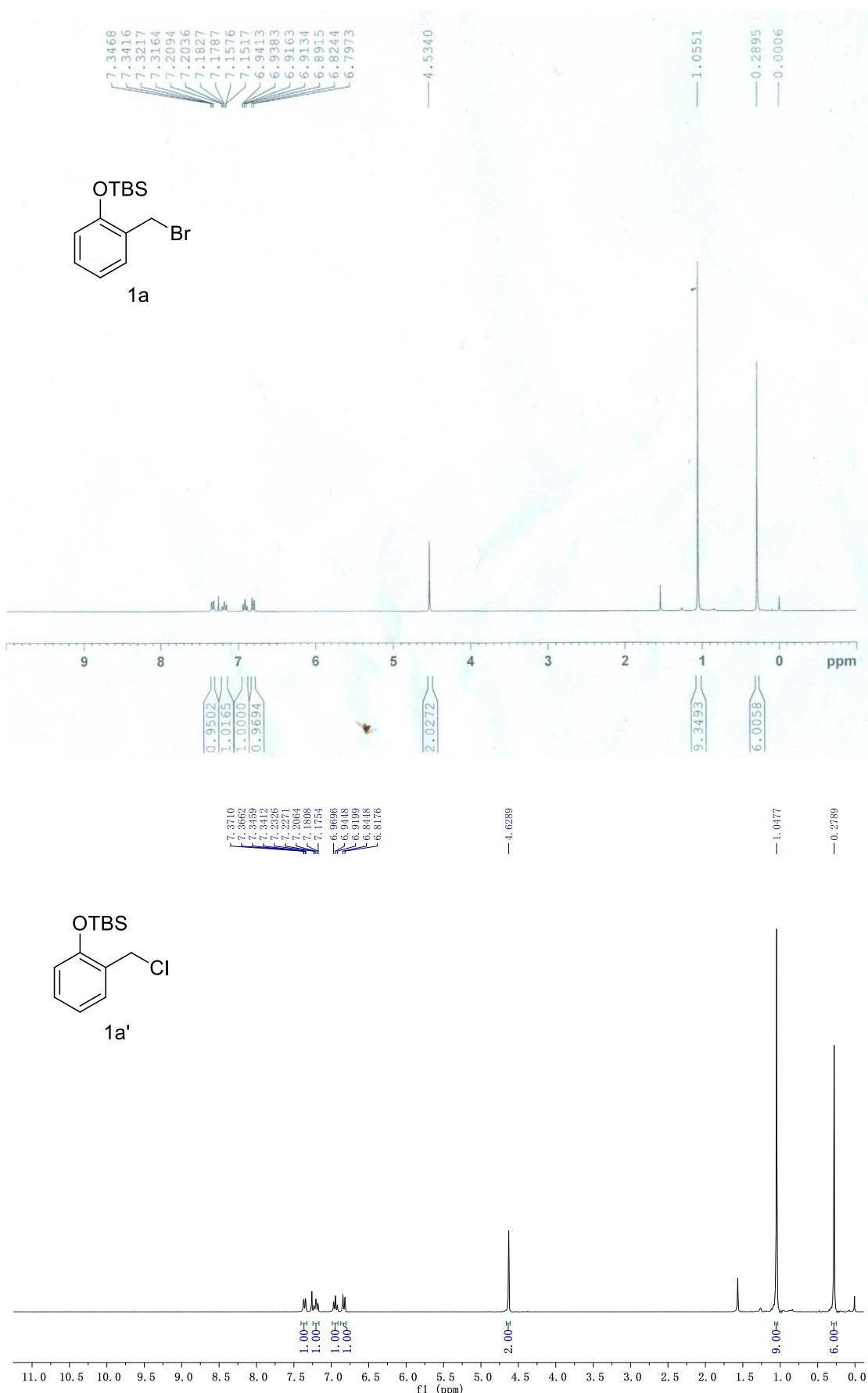
5o,^[6] colorless oil, 75% yield. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

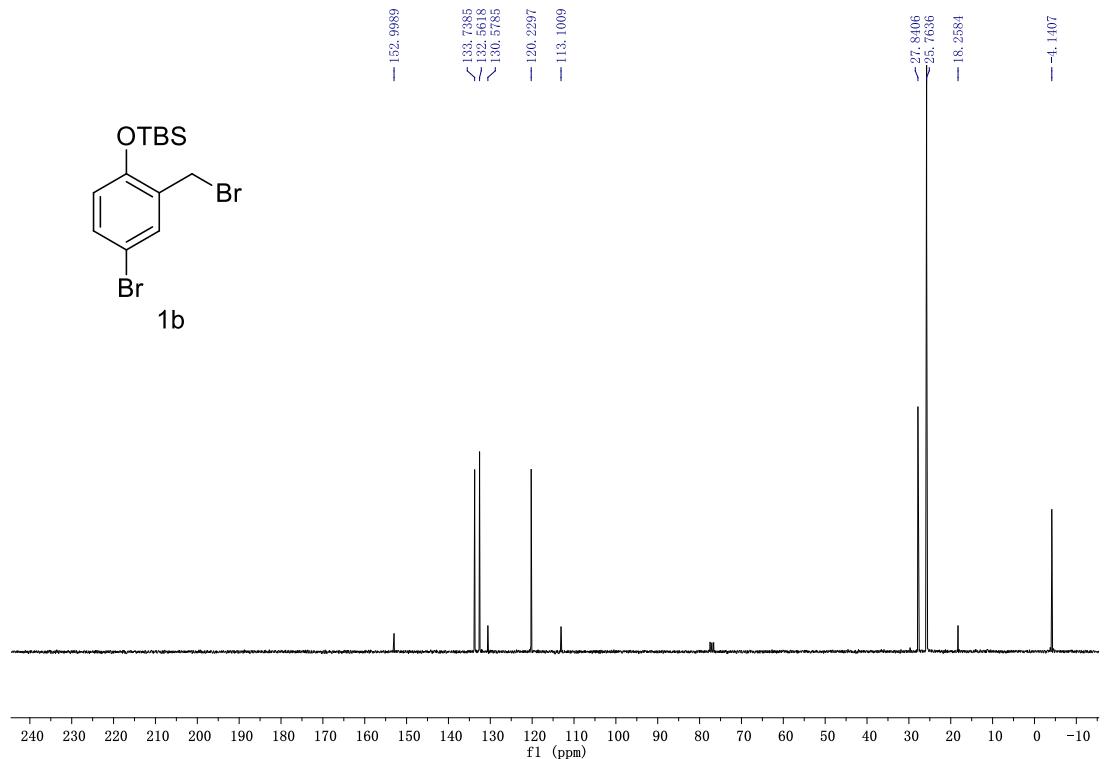
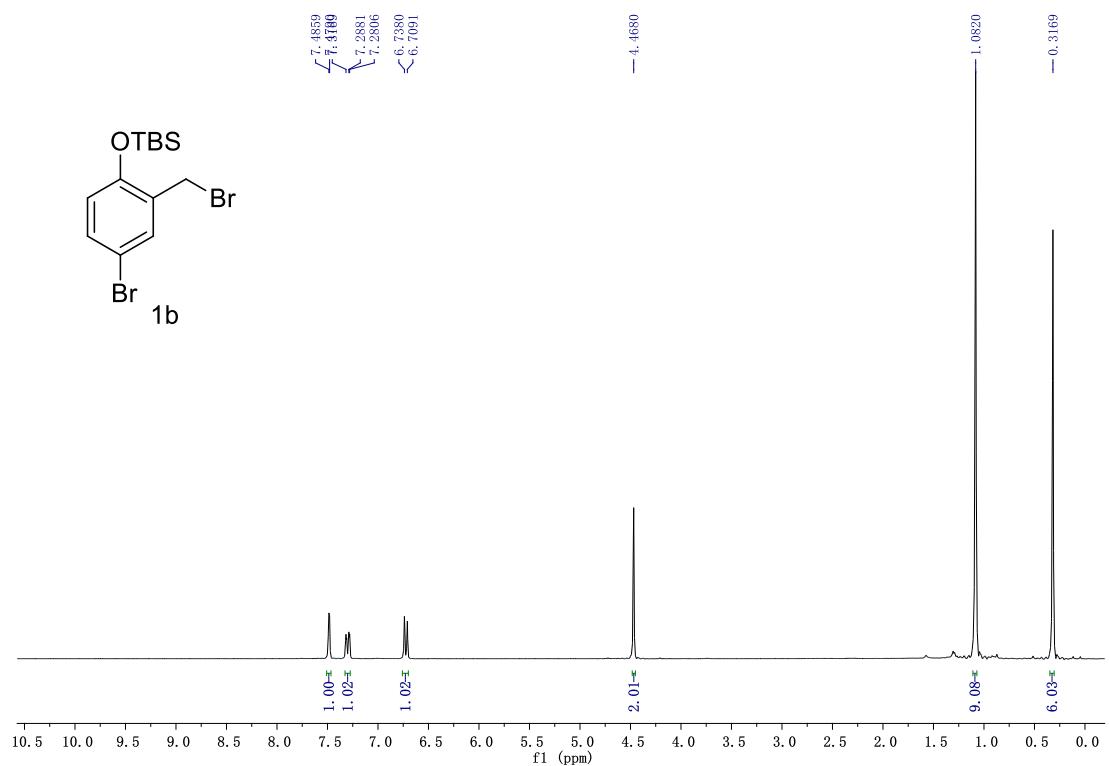


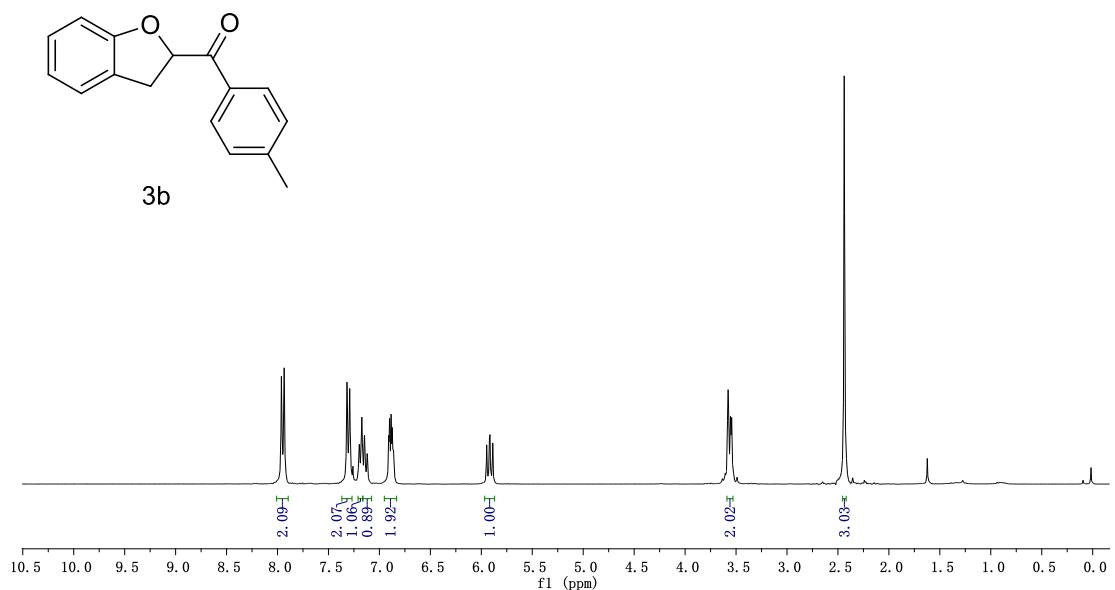
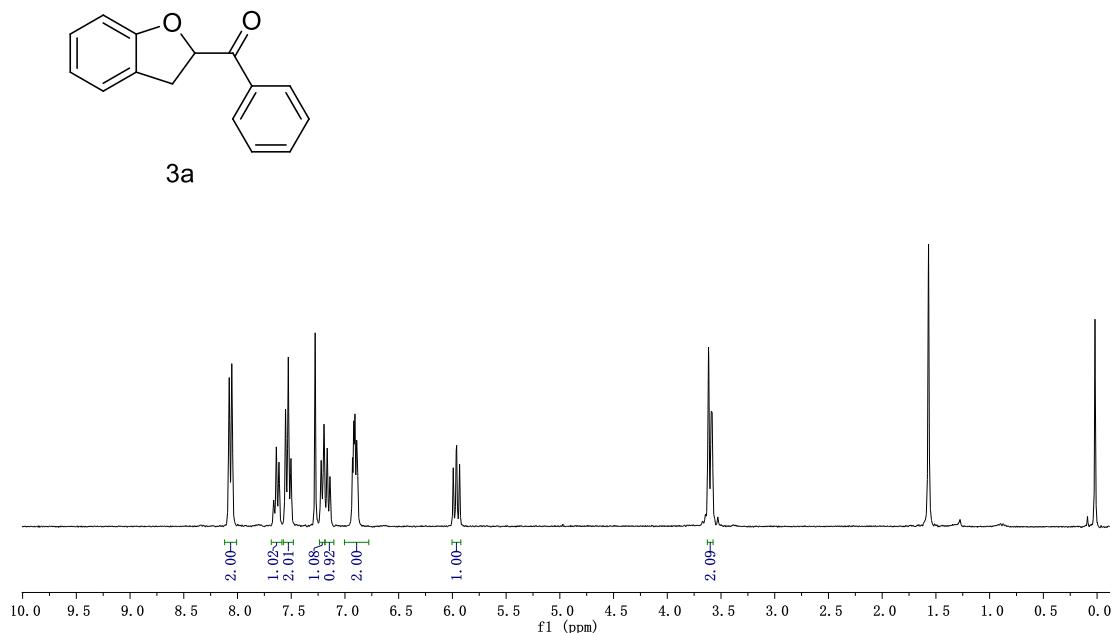
5p,^[7] yellow oil, 69% yield. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.25 (m, 2H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 1.32 (m, 6H).

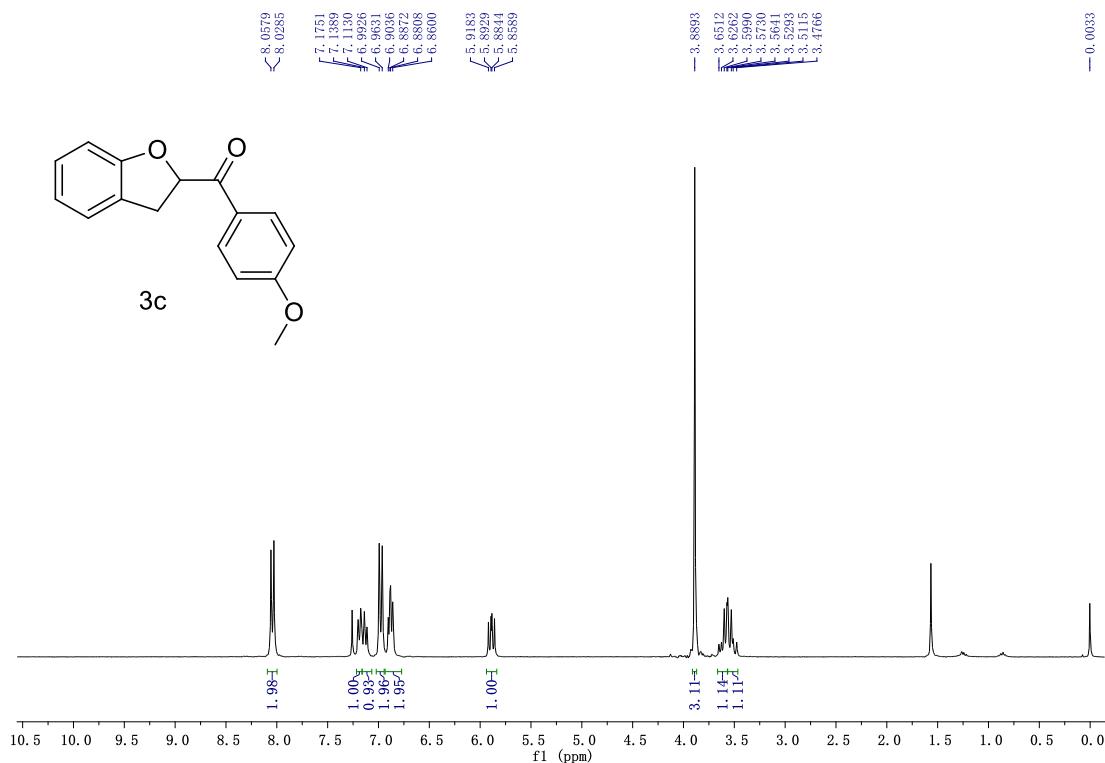
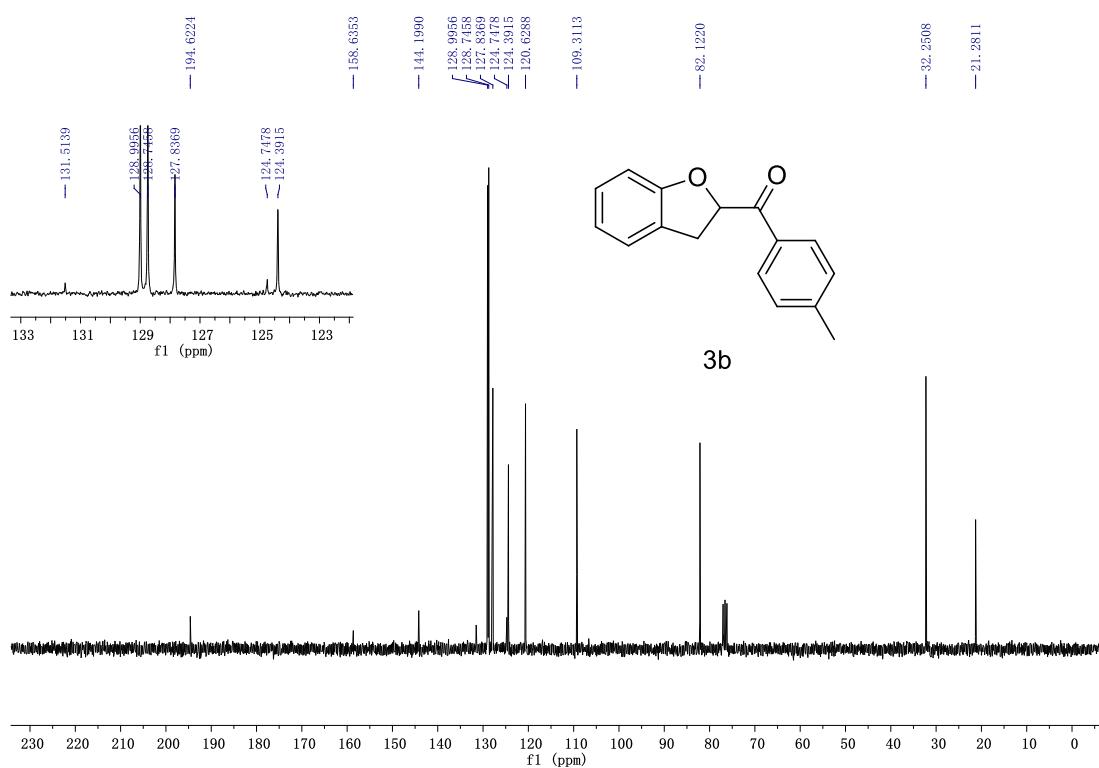
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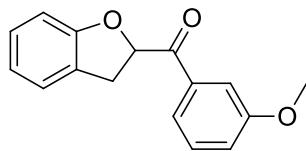
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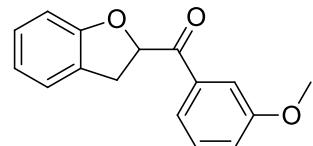
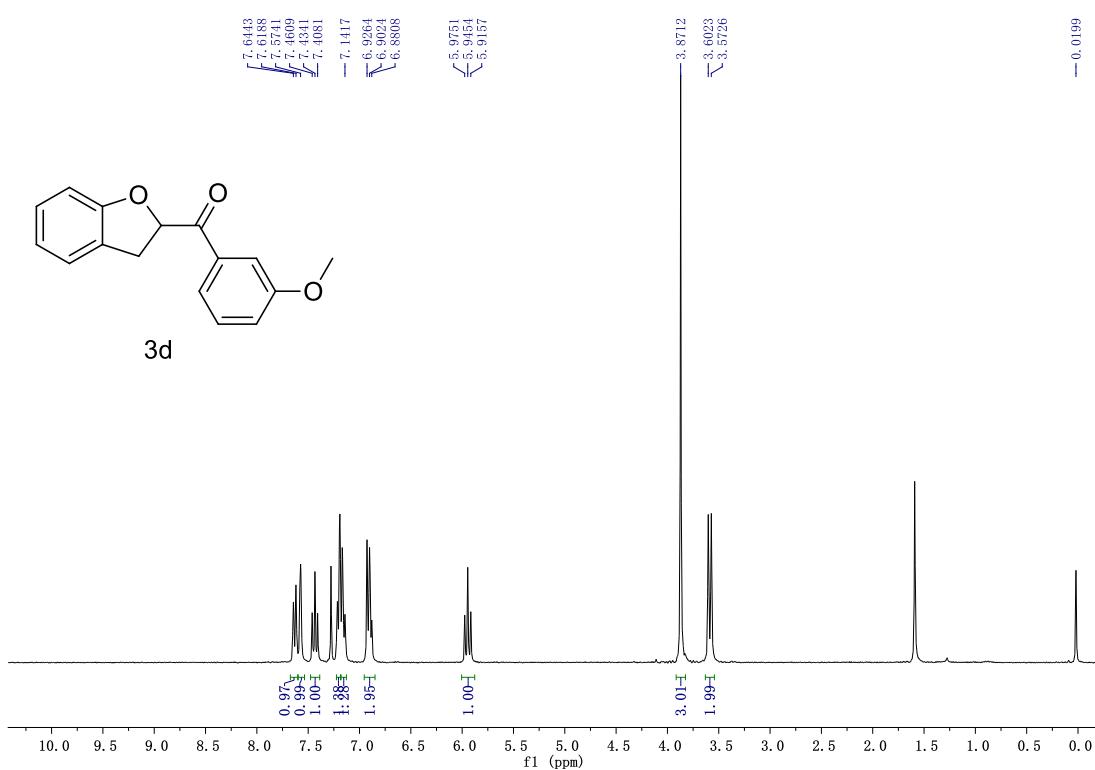




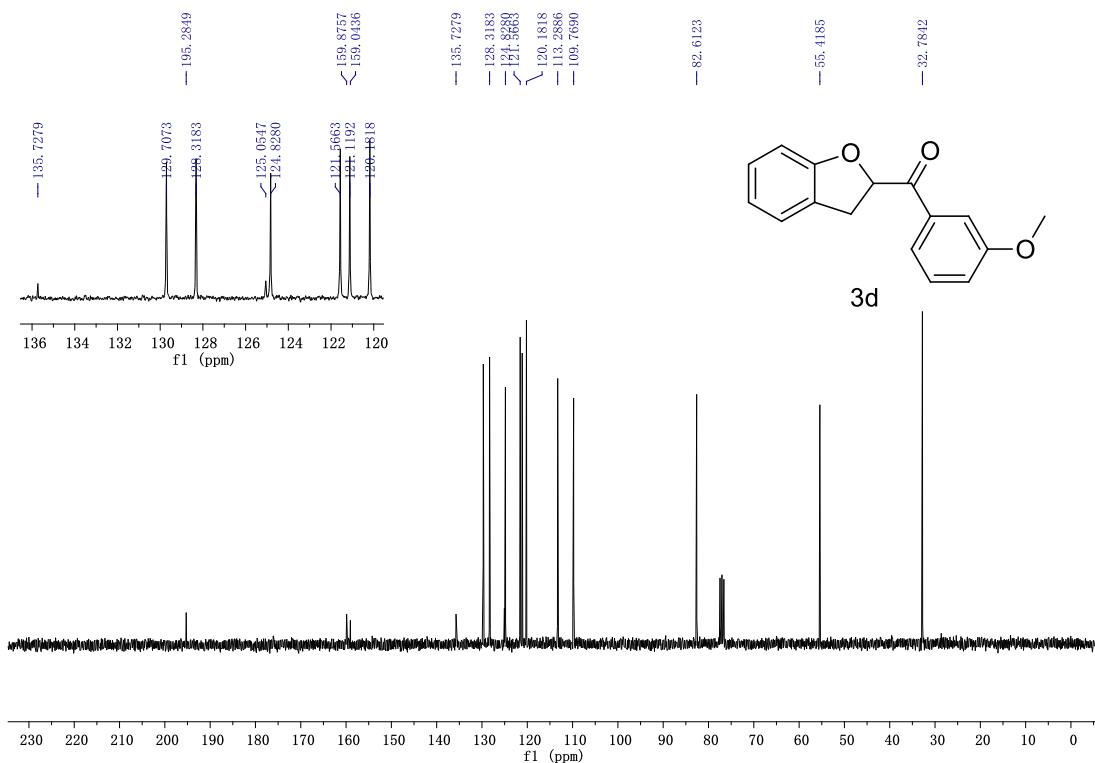


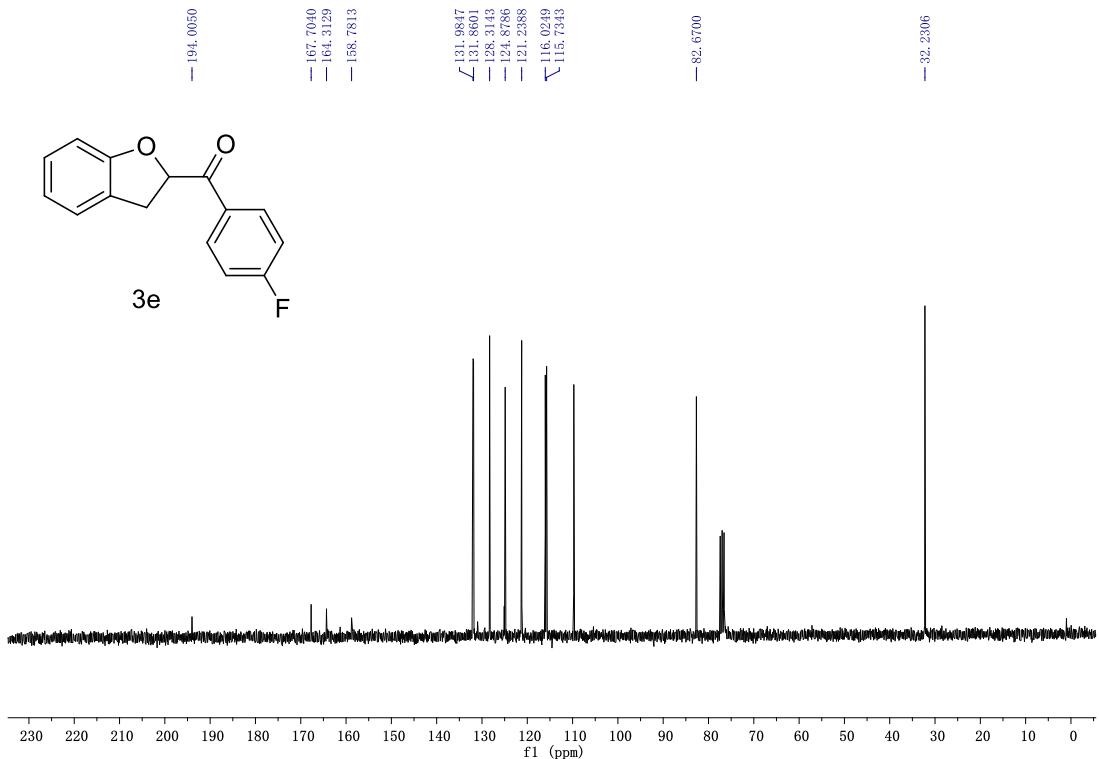
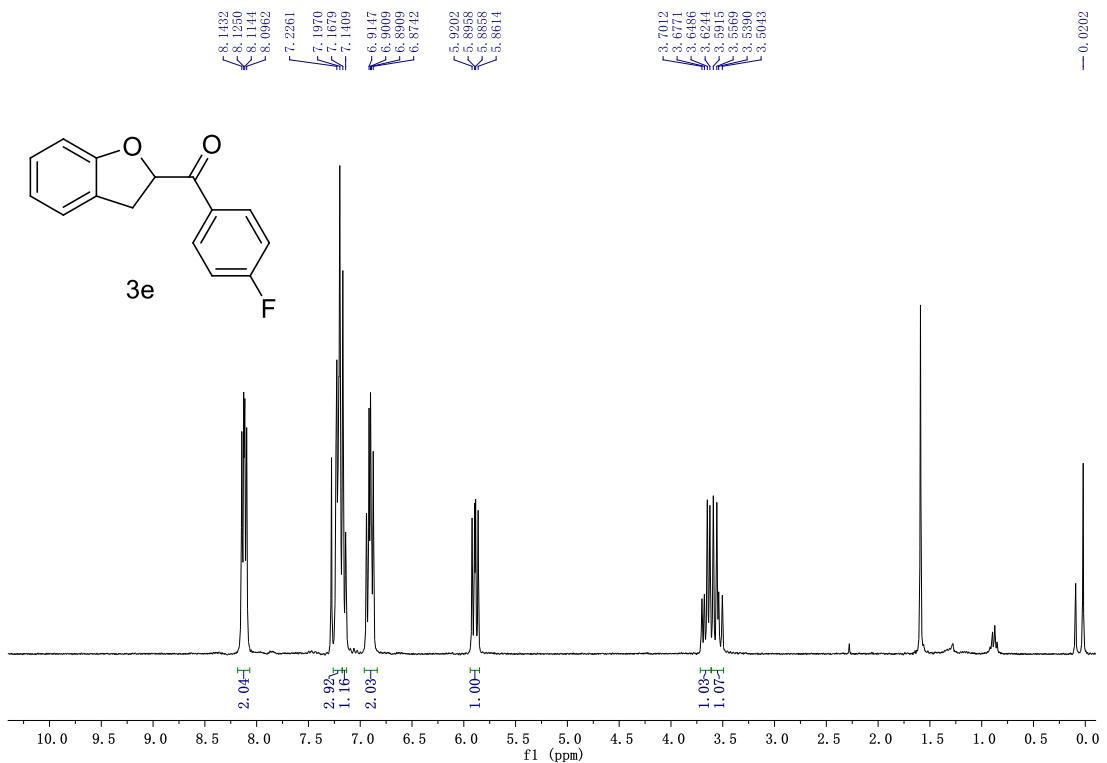


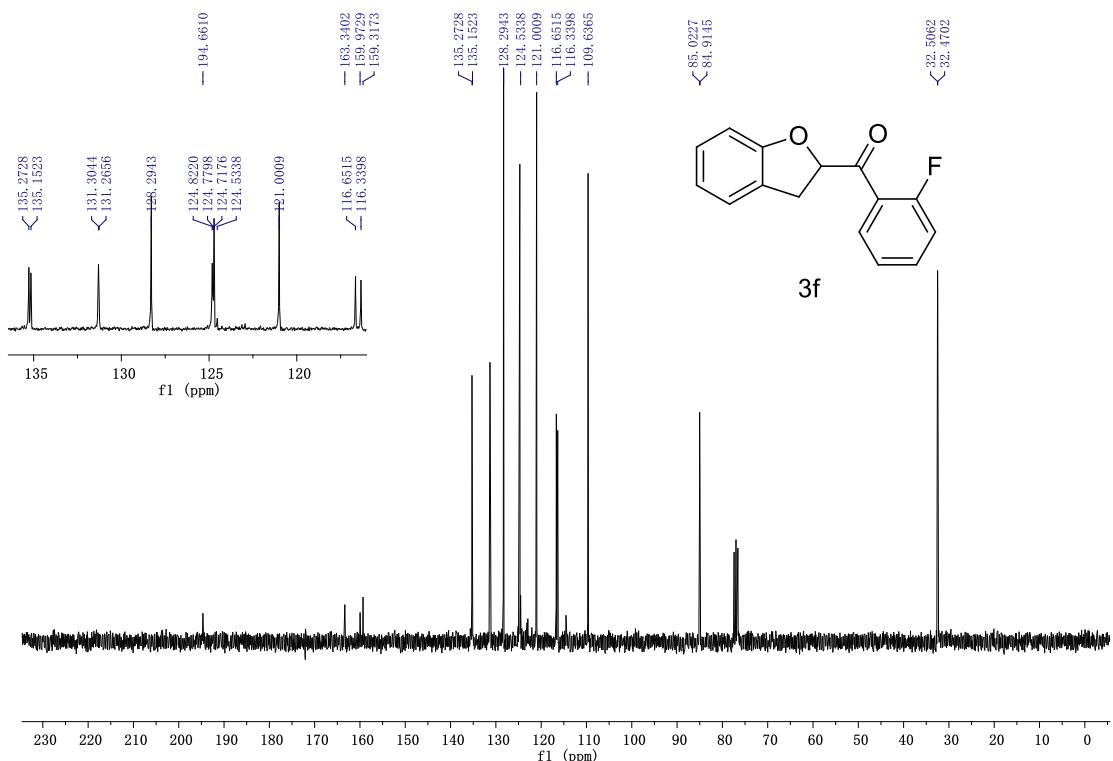
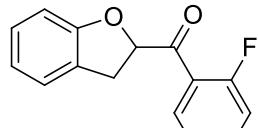
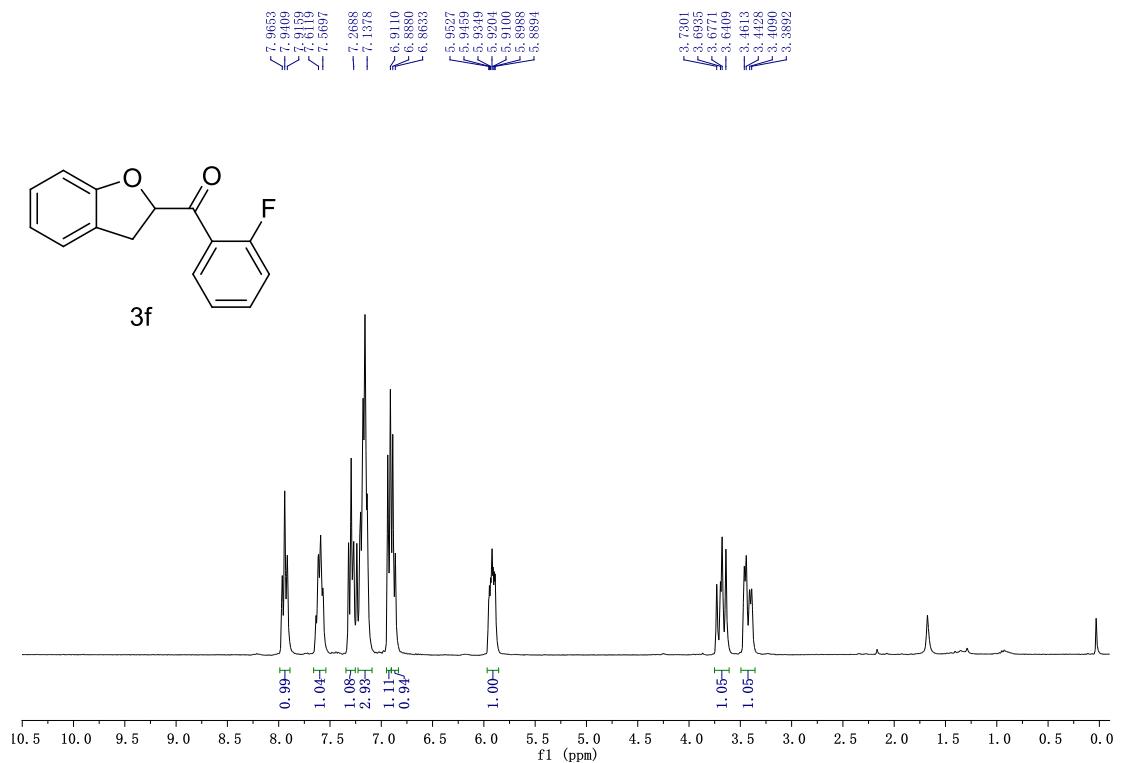
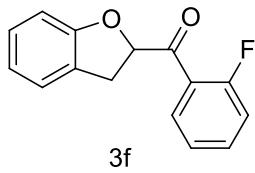
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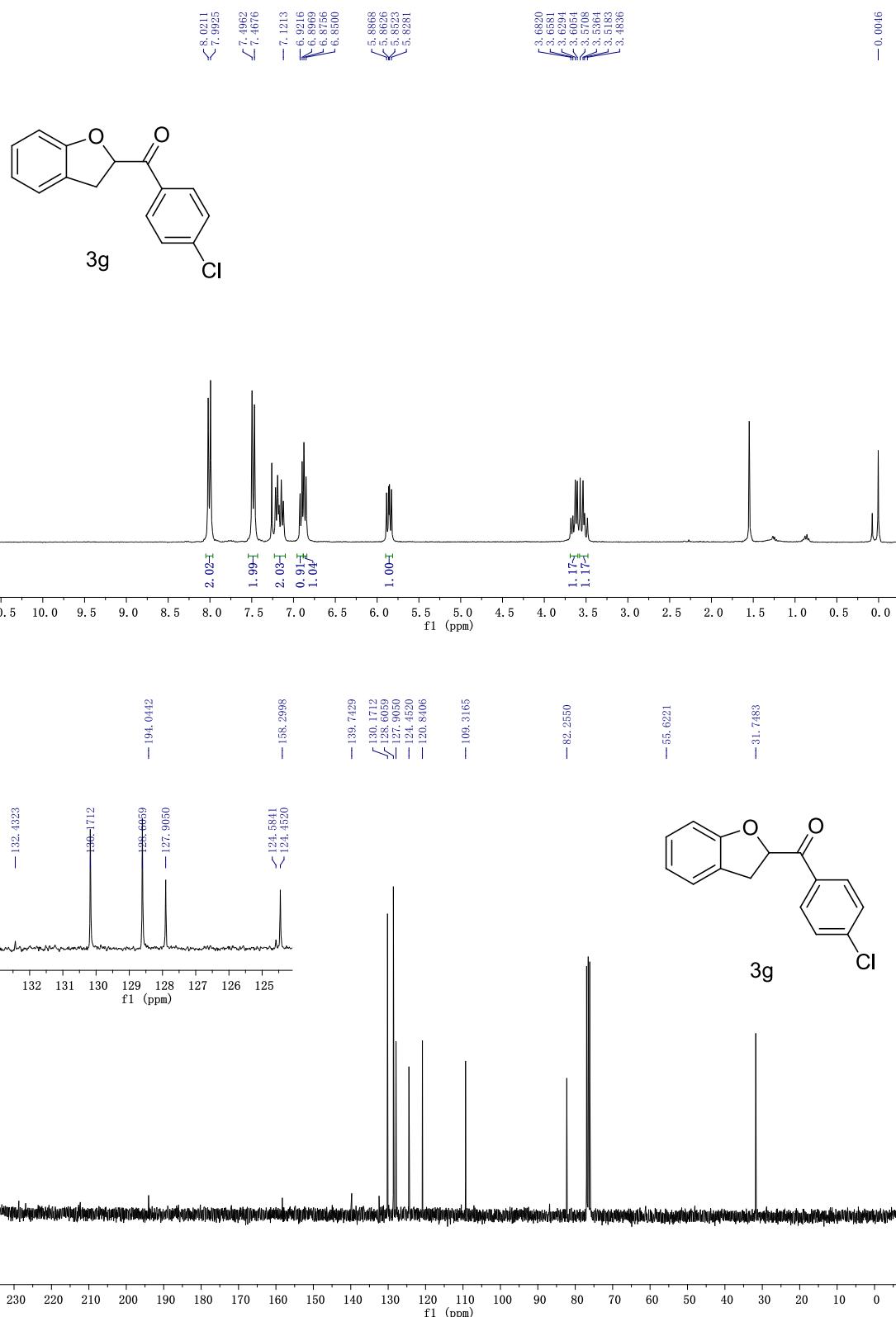


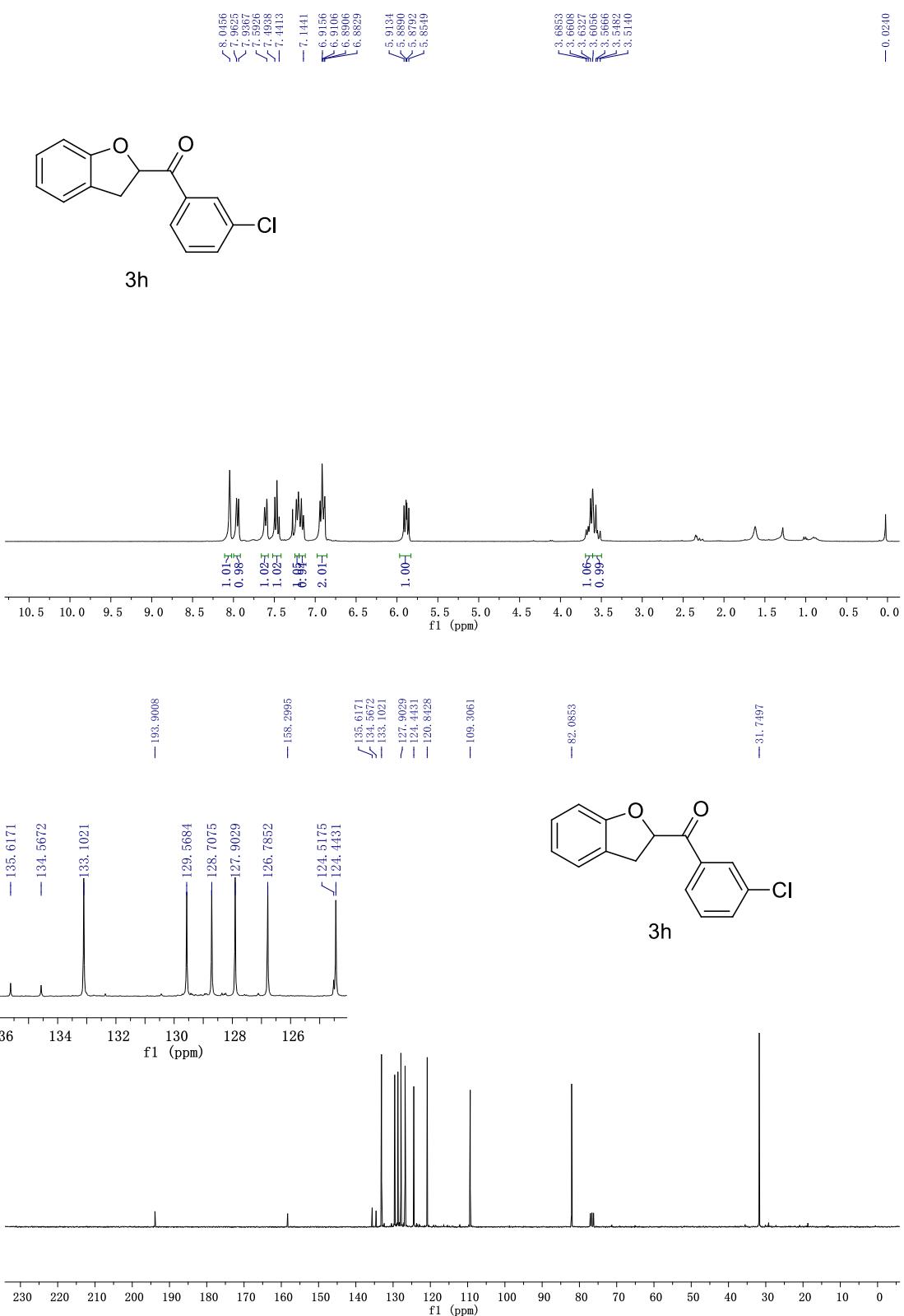
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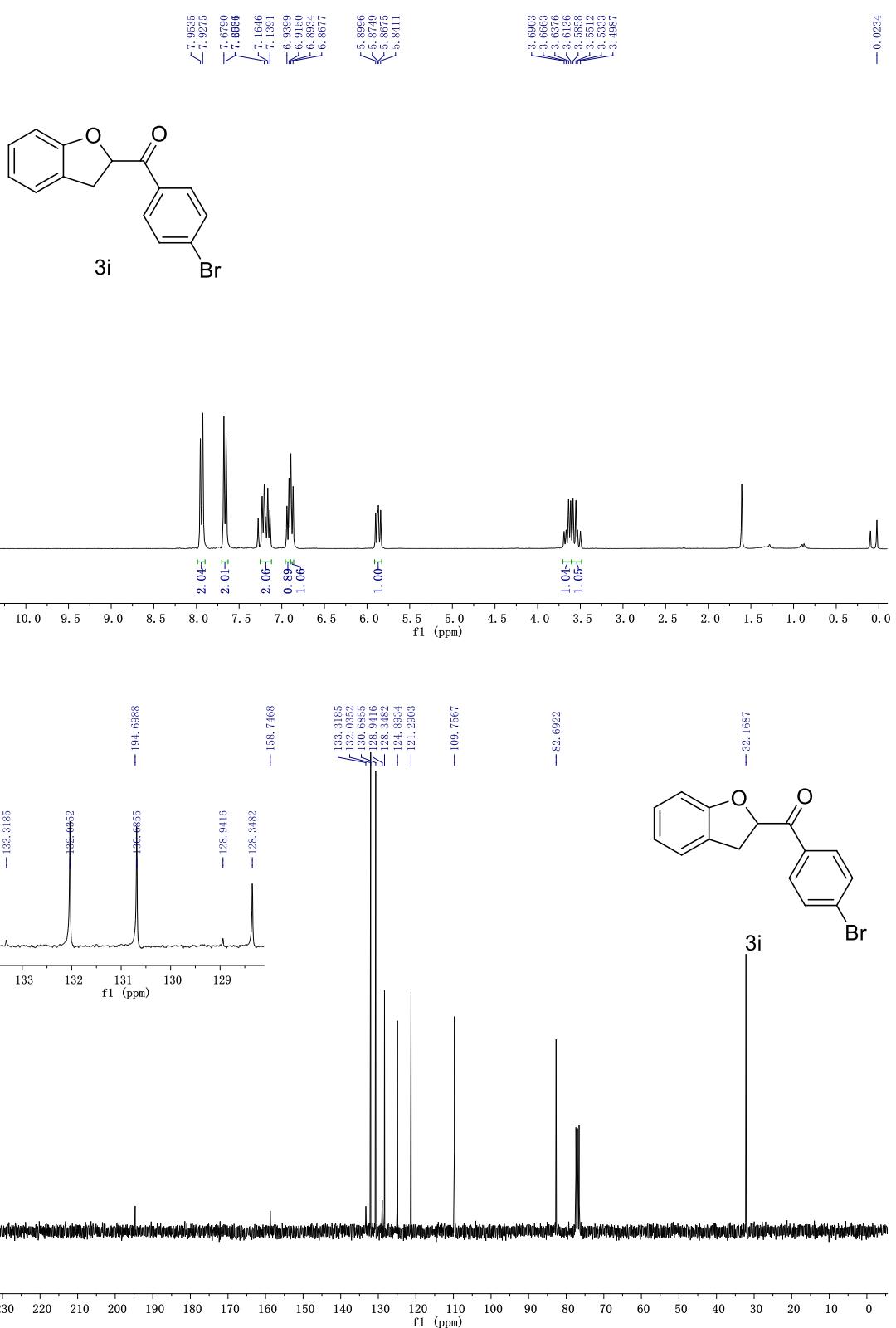


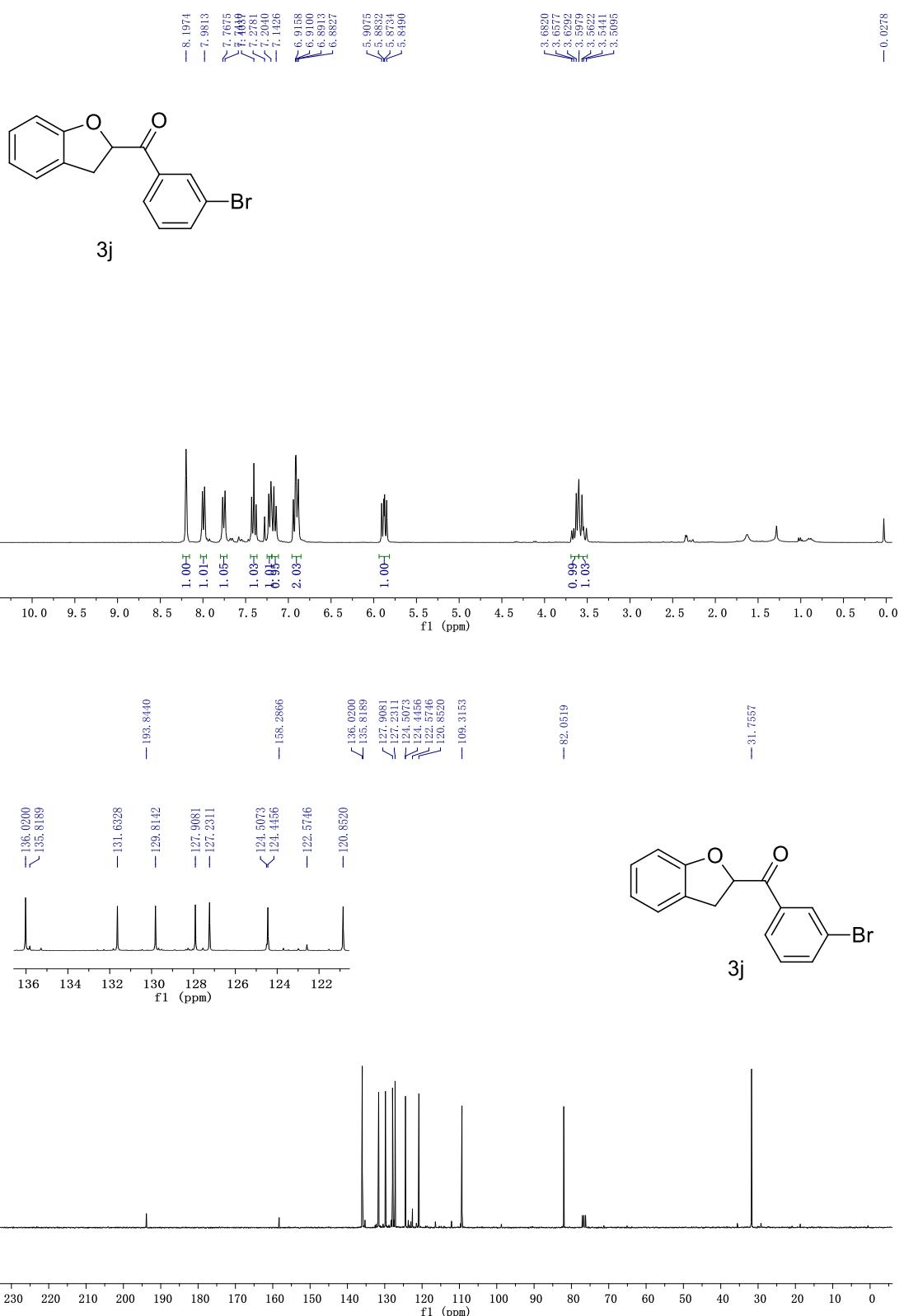


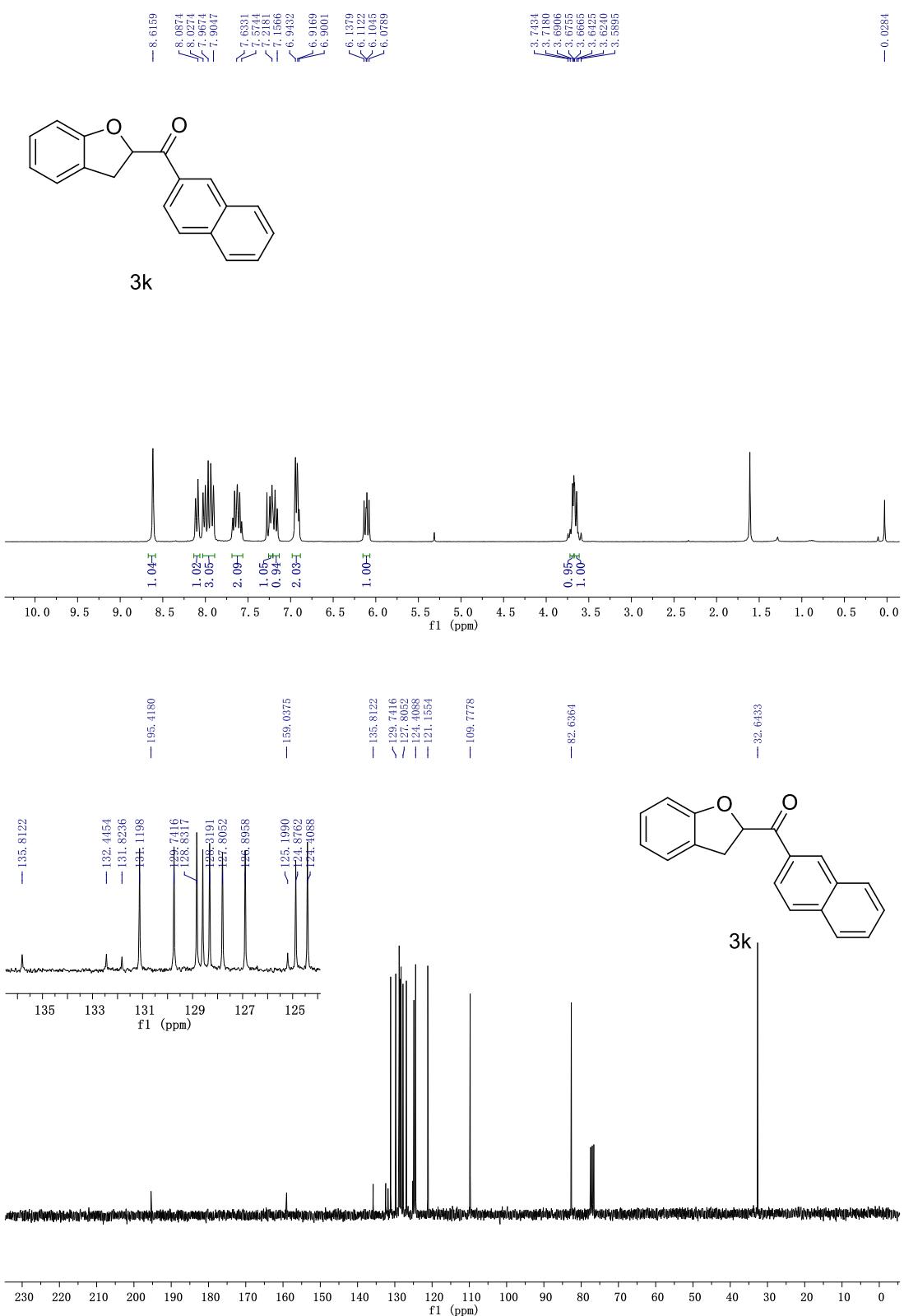


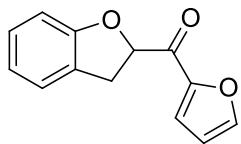




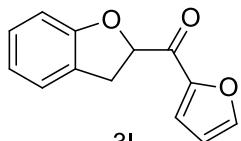
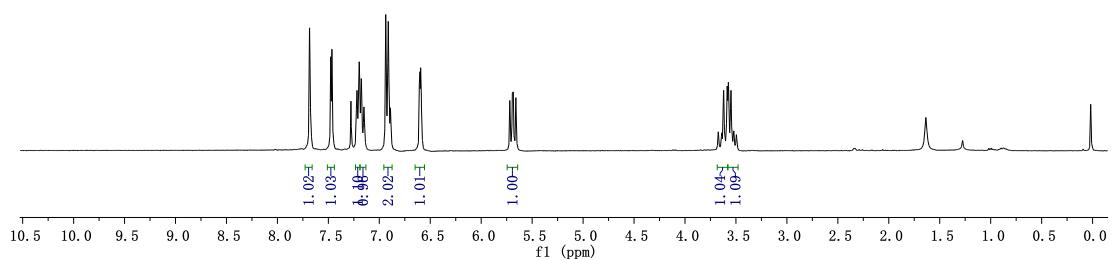




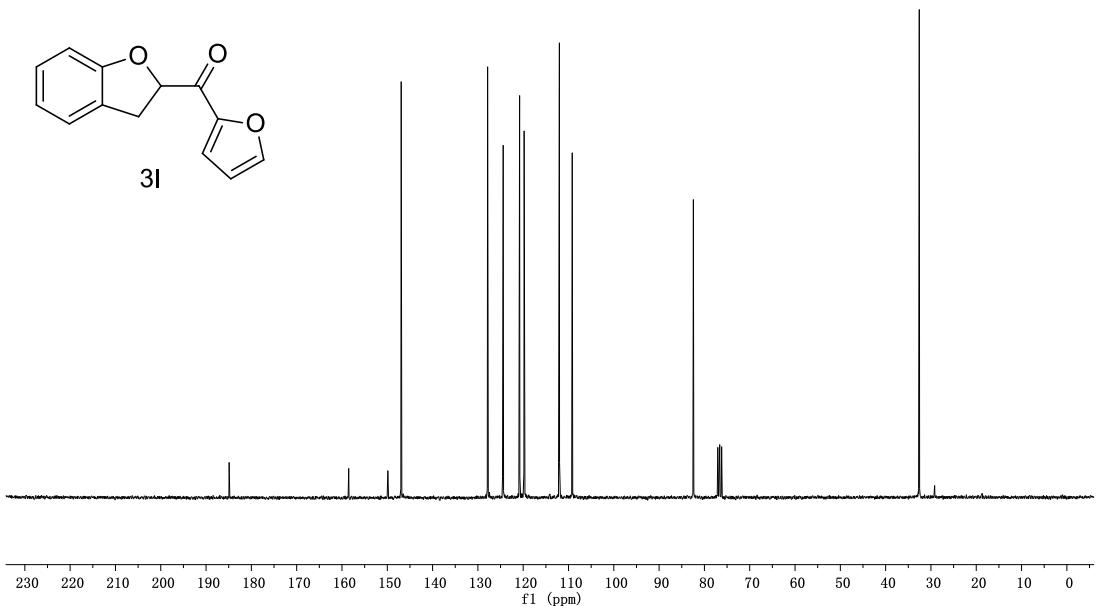


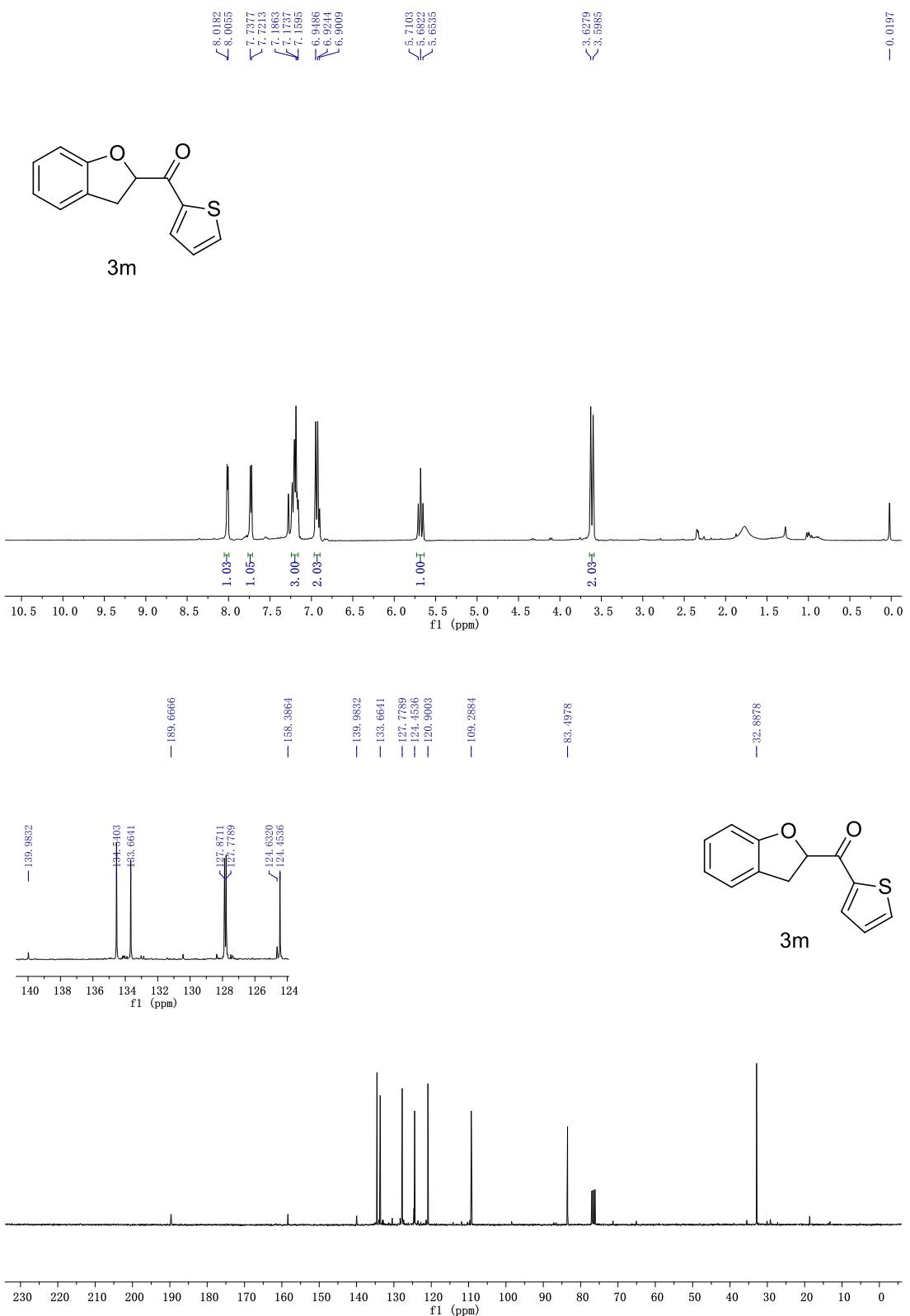


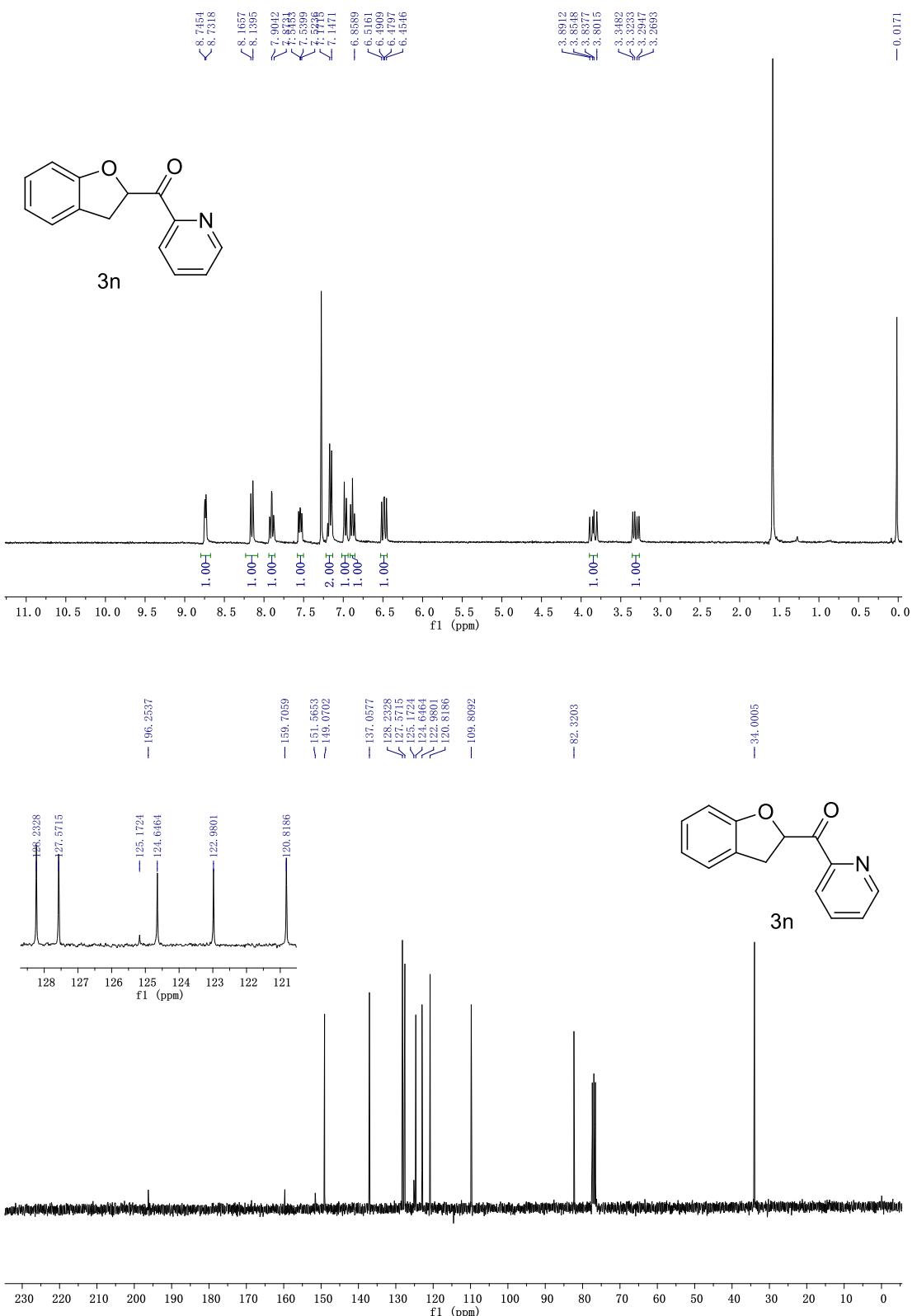
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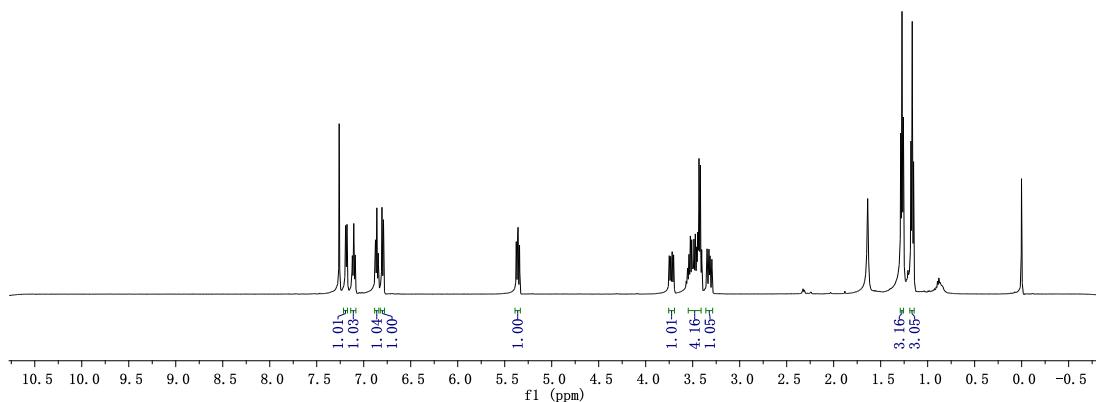
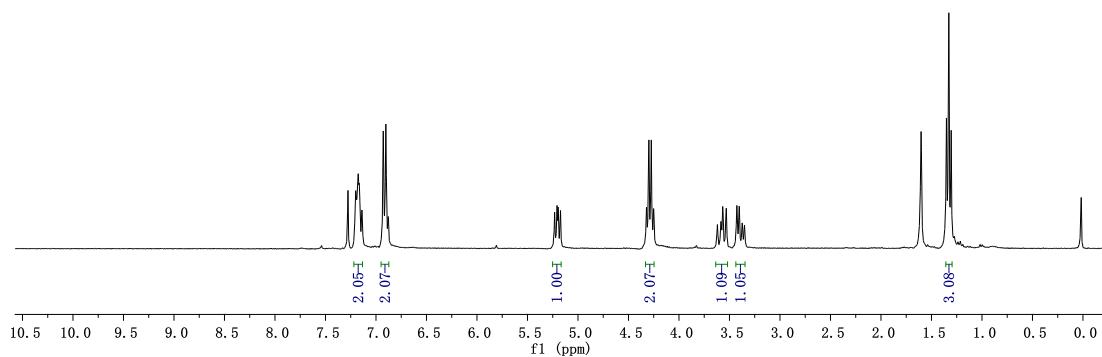
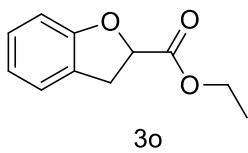


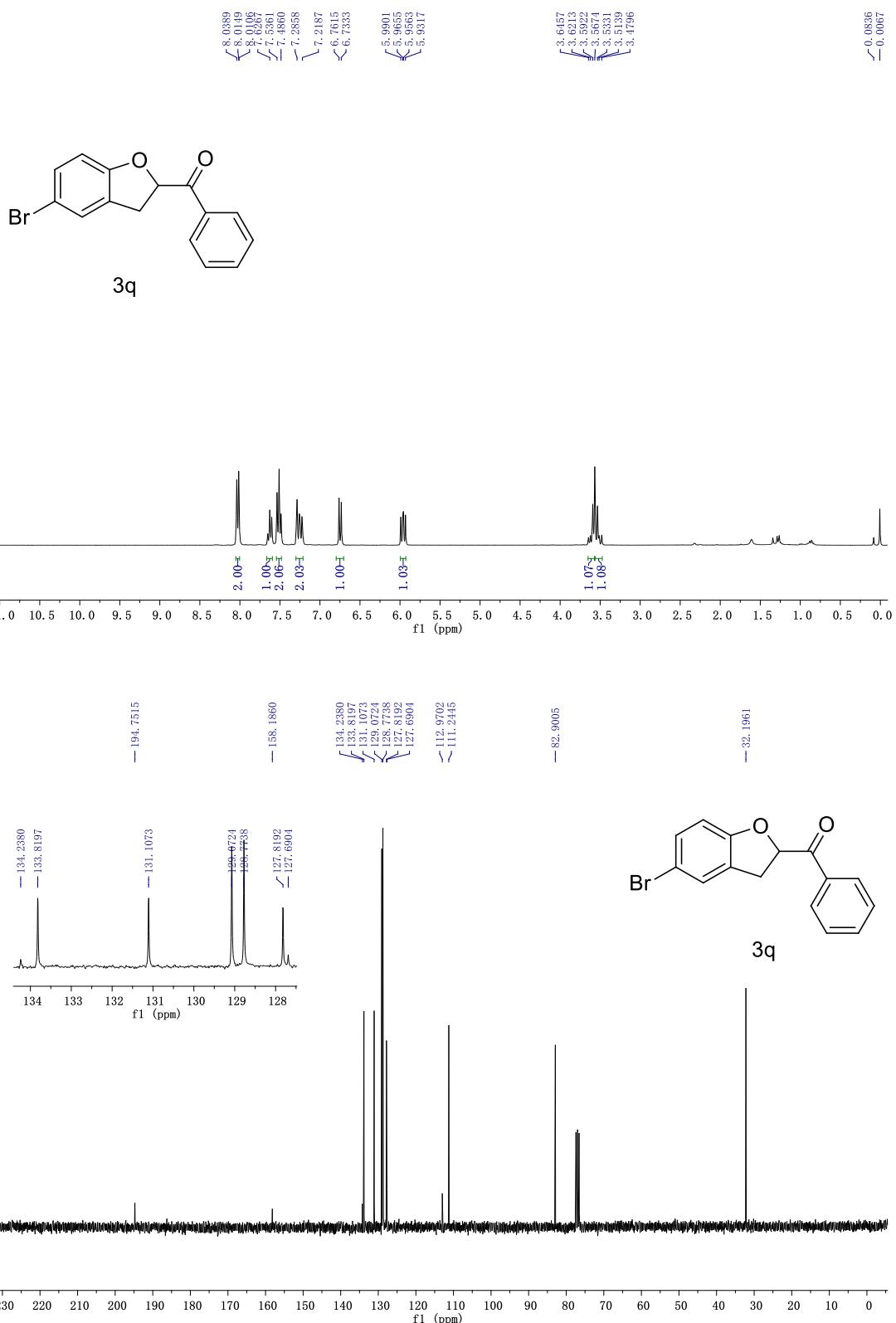
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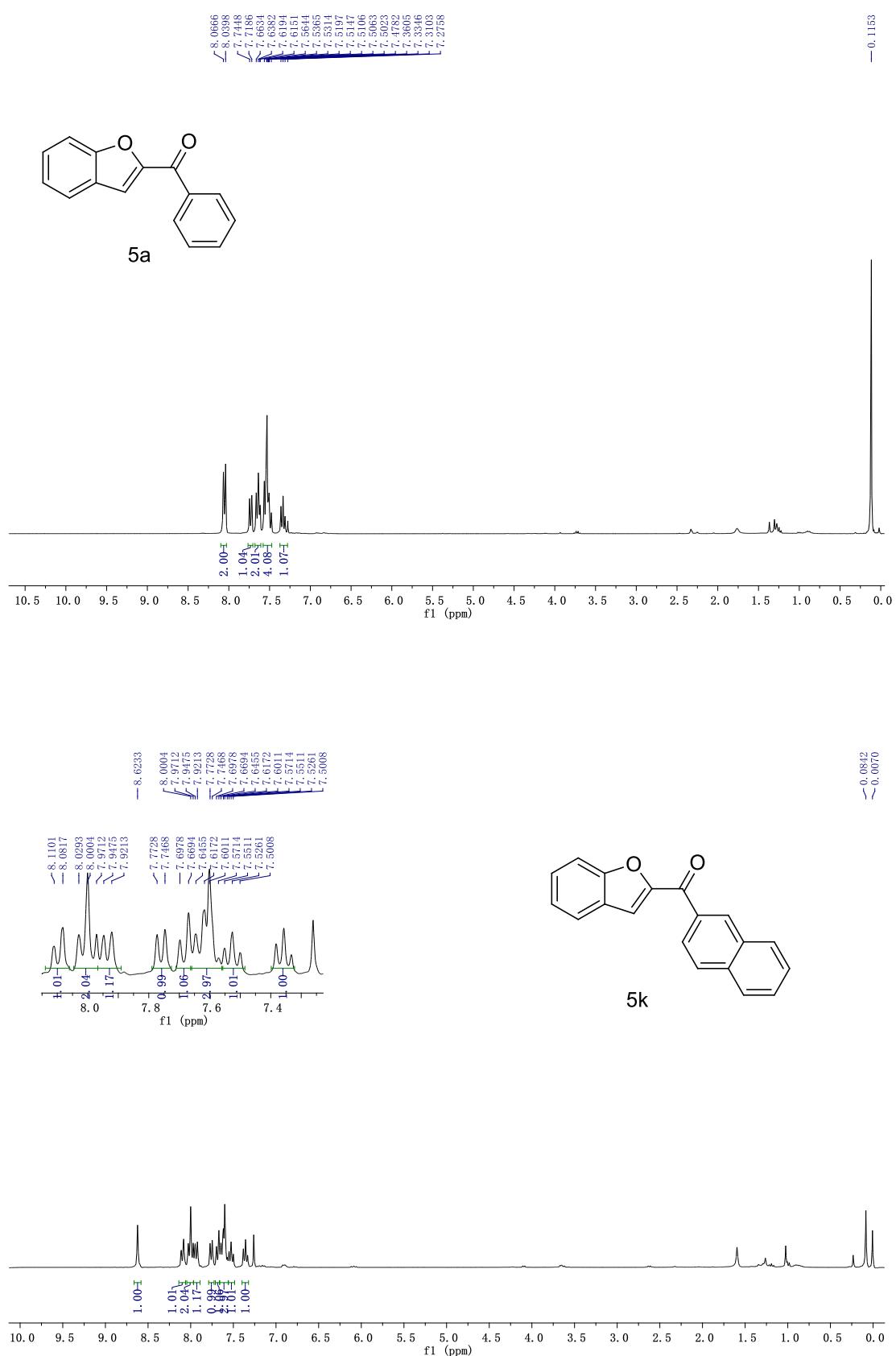


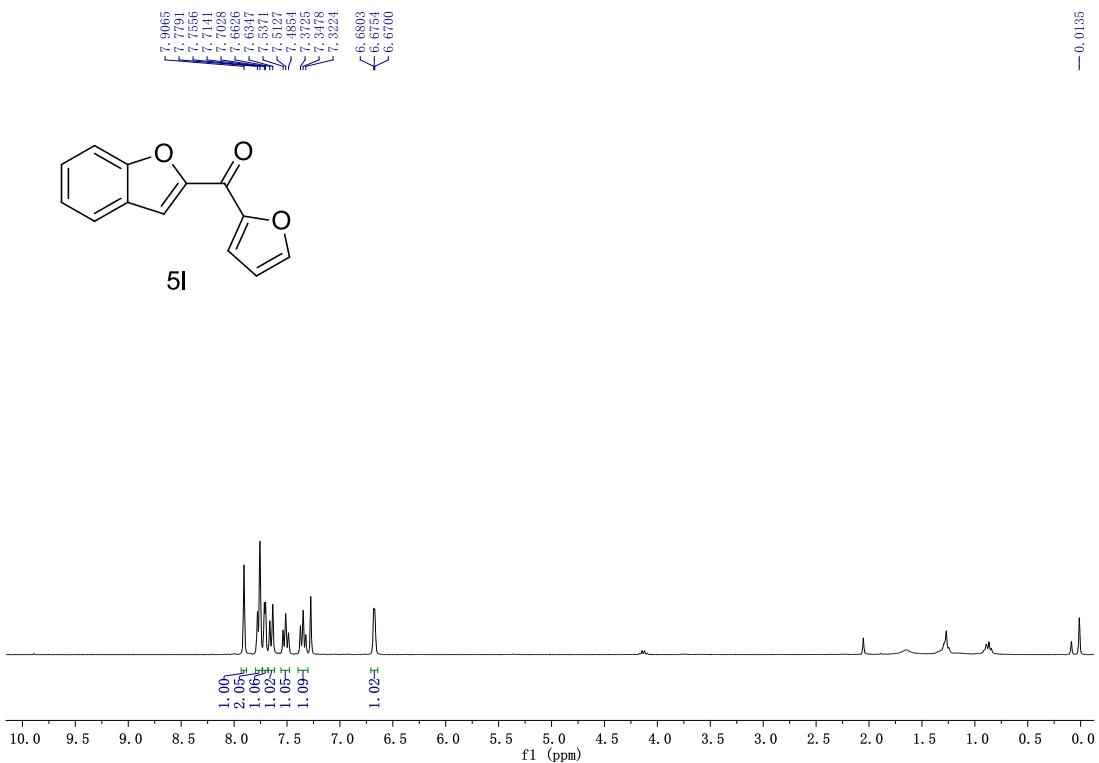




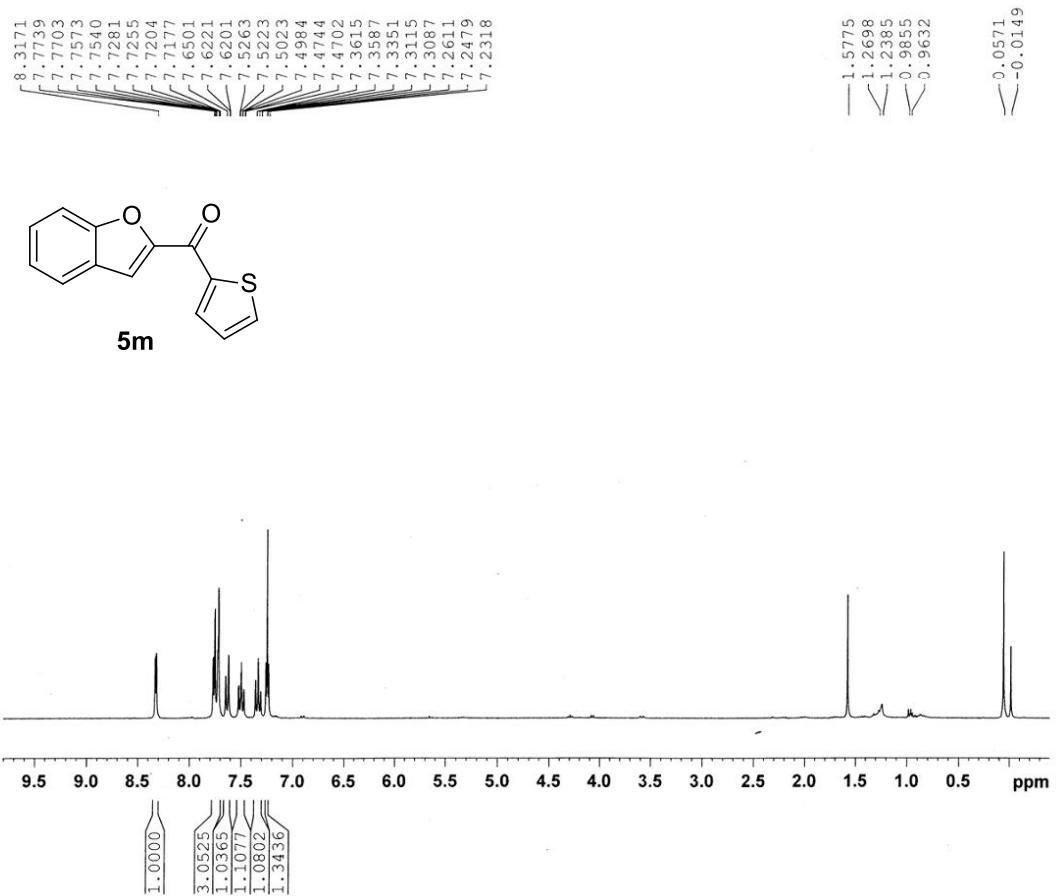


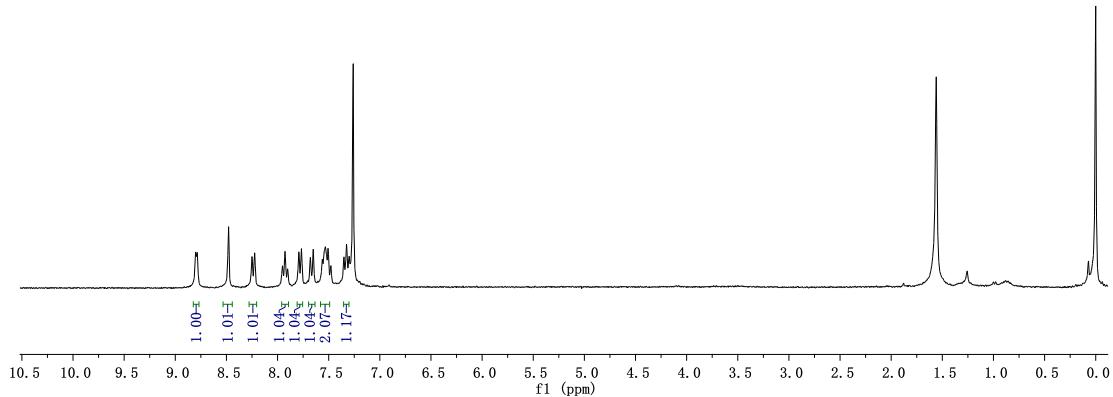
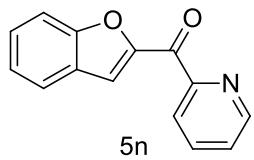




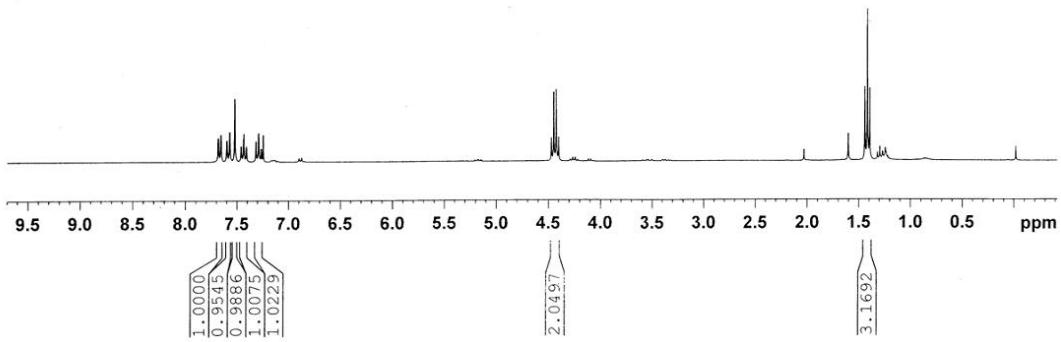
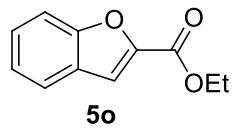
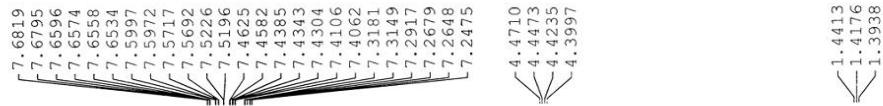


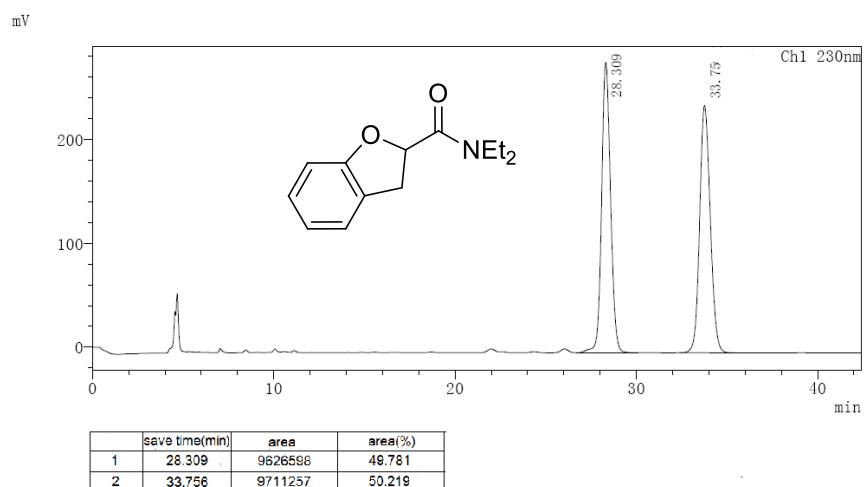
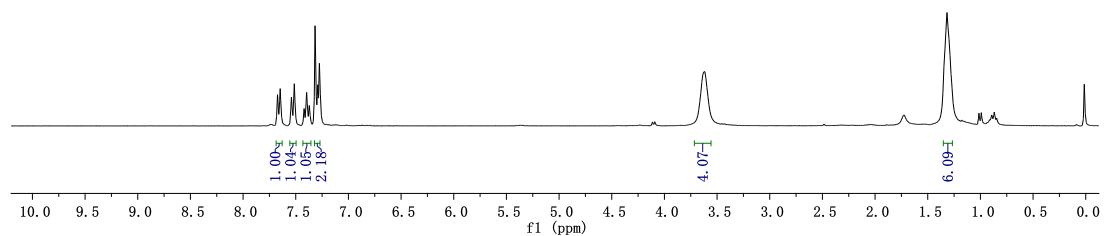
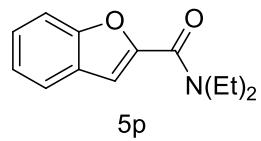
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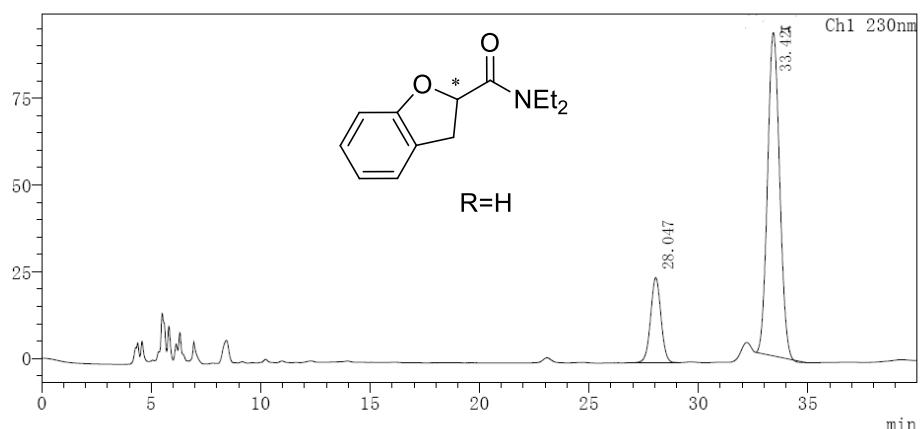


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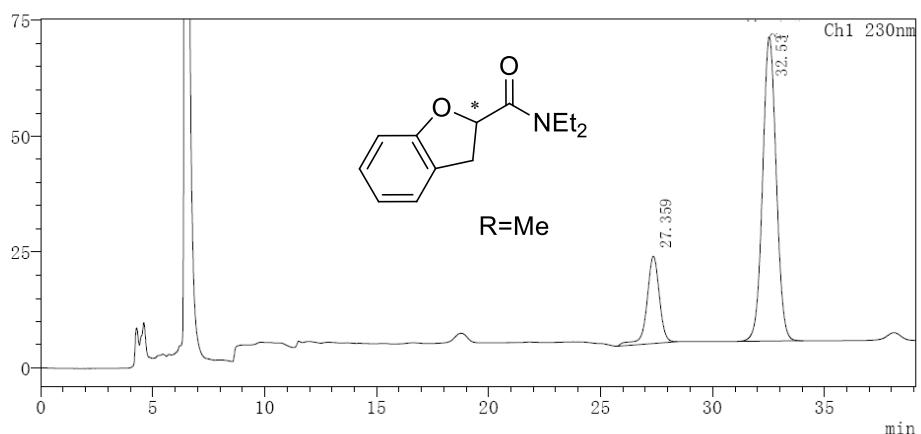


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