Supporting Information

Catalyst-controlled selective synthesis of pyridines and pyrroles

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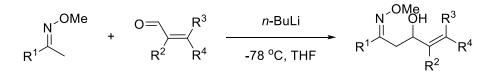
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General methods: All reactions were carried out in flame or oven-dried glassware under nitrogen atmosphere with freshly distilled dry solvents under anhydrous conditions unless otherwise indicated. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 (230 – 400 mesh). Chromatograms were visualized by fluorescence quenching with UV light at 254 nm or by staining with base solution of potassium permanganate and molybdate. NMR spectra were recorded at RT on 400 MHz Bruker spectrometers. The residual solvent signals were taken as the reference (0.00 ppm for ¹H NMR spectra and 77.0 ppm for ¹³C NMR spectra in CDCl₃). Chemical shift (δ) is reported in ppm, coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. The following abbreviations classify the multiplicity: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, q = quartet and br = broad signal. HRMS (ESI) spectra were recorded on a Waters Q-Tof premierTM mass spectrometer.

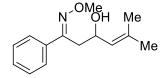
Materials: All solvents were distilled under nitrogen atmosphere from the following drying agents immediately before use: acetonitrile and chlorobenzene were distilled from P_2O_5 , THF were distilled from Na.

General procedure for β -hydroxy oxime ethers



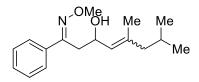
To a solution of oxime ether (2.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (10 mL) at -78 $^{\circ}$ C was added *n*-BuLi (2.4 mmol, 1.2 eq.) dropwisely, and the mixture was stirred at -78 $^{\circ}$ C for 0.5 h. A solution of aldehyde (2.4 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in THF (2 mL) was added to the solution over 5 min. Upon completion as indicated by TLC, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography using hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1).

(*E*)-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



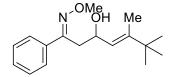
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 87%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.77 - 4.73 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.11 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 136.0, 135.1, 129.1, 128.4, 127.5, 126.6, 66.7, 62.0, 35.3, 25.6, 18.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀NO₂: 234.1494. Found: 234.1496.

(1*E*)-3-hydroxy-5,7-dimethyl-1-phenyloct-4-en-1-one O-methyl oxime:



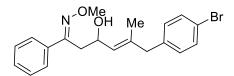
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil in a *cis* : *trans* ratio of 17 : 83. Yield: 74%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 5.29 & 5.20 (d & dd, J = 9.2 Hz & $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.79 - 4.74 (m, 1H), 4.00 & 3.99 (s & s, 3H), 3.11 - 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.96 - 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.05 & 1.81 (m & m, 1H), 1.80 - 1.69 (m, 3H), 1.65 & 1.54 (d & d, J = 1.2 Hz & 1.2 Hz, 3H), 0.86 & 0.77 (d & d, J = 6.4 Hz & 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.83 & 0.82 (d & d, J = 6.4 Hz & 6.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 156.0, 138.4, 137.8, 136.1, 136.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.4, 126.7, 126.6, 66.6, 66.2, 62.0, 62.0, 49.2, 41.4, 35.5, 35.2, 26.4, 25.9, 23.6, 22.6, 22.6, 22.4, 22.2, 16.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₆NO₂: 276.1964. Found: 276.1964.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-3-hydroxy-5,6,6-trimethyl-1-phenylhept-4-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



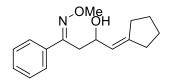
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 79%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.29 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 5.15 (dd, J_1 = 8.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.74 - 4.69 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.05 (dd, J_1 = 13.2 Hz, J_2 = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J_1 = 12.8 Hz, J_2 = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 1H), 1.49 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 146.1, 136.0, 129.1, 128.4, 126.6, 124.2, 66.9, 62.0, 36.0, 35.1, 28.7, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₆NO₂: 276.1964. Found: 276.1967.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



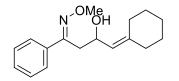
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 85%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.33 (m, 5H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.23 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.81 - 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.16 - 3.10 (m, 3H), 2.94 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 138.1, 137.4, 135.9, 131.4, 130.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 126.5, 120.0, 66.5, 62.1, 45.2, 35.1, 16.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃NO₂Br: 388.0912. Found: 388.0909.

(*E*)-4-cyclopentylidene-3-hydroxy-1-phenylbutan-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



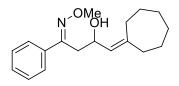
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 82%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.33 - 5.30 (m, 1H), 4.67 - 4.60 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.13 (dd, J_1 = 13.2 Hz, J_2 = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J_1 = 13.2 Hz, J_2 = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.26 - 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.09 - 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.64 - 1.51 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 146.6, 136.0, 129.1, 128.4, 126.6, 122.7, 68.3, 62.0, 35.1, 33.6, 28.7, 26.3, 25.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂: 260.1651. Found: 260.1651.

(*E*)-4-cyclohexylidene-3-hydroxy-1-phenylbutan-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



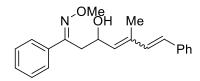
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 90%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 - 4.77 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.11 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.14 - 1.98 (m, 5H), 1.52 - 1.37 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 142.8, 136.0, 129.1, 128.4, 126.6, 124.2, 65.8, 62.0, 36.9, 35.6, 29.2, 28.2, 27.7, 26.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₄NO₂: 274.1807. Found: 274.1803.

(*E*)-4-cycloheptylidene-3-hydroxy-1-phenylbutan-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 70%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 - 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79 - 4.72 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.11 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.24 - 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.15 - 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 - 1.45 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 144.7, 136.0, 129.2, 128.4, 127.6, 126.6, 66.3, 62.0, 37.7, 35.3, 30.0, 29.5, 28.9, 28.6, 27.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆NO₂: 288.1964. Found: 288.1967.

(1E, 4E)-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-1,7-diphenylhepta-4,6-dien-1-one O-methyl oxime:

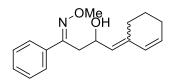


The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil in a *cis* : *trans* ratio 33 : 67. Yield: 89%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.25 - 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.07 & 6.72 (d & d, *J* = 16.0 Hz & 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 & 6.53 (d & d, *J* = 16.0 Hz & 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.65 & 5.48 (d & d, *J* = 8.4 Hz & 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 - 5.13 & 4.94 - 4.93 (m & m, 1H), 4.03 & 4.02 (s & s, 3H), 3.19 - 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.98 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 1H), 1.91 & 1.85 (d & d, *J* = 0.8 Hz & 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 137.4, 137.4, 135.9, 135.4, 134.5, 134.1, 133.0, 132.8, 130.2, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.4, 126.7, 126.6, 126.6, 126.4, 125.3, 66.8, 66.0, 62.2, 62.1, 35.6, 35.2, 20.2, 12.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₄NO₂: 322.1807. Found: 322.1812.

(1*E*)-4-(cyclopent-2-enylidene)-3-hydroxy-1-phenylbutan-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:

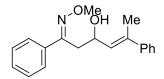
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil in a *cis* : *trans* ratio of 38 :62. Yield 80%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 6.32 & 6.10 (d & d, *J* = 5.6 Hz & 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.17 & 6.06 (d & d, *J* = 3.2 Hz & 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.37 & 5.20 (d & d, *J* = 8.8 Hz & 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 - 4.81 & 4.69 - 4.65 (m & m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.18 - 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.98 - 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.53 - 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.15 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 156.2, 149.4, 148.4, 140.7, 139.1, 136.1, 136.0, 134.2, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 126.7, 126.6, 120.9, 119.6, 68.4, 67.9, 62.0, 35.7, 35.1, 32.2, 31.2, 29.3, 25.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NO₂: 258.1494. Found: 258.1498.

(1*E*)-4-(cyclohex-2-enylidene)-3-hydroxy-1-phenylbutan-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil in a *cis* : *trans* ratio of 33 : 67. Yield: 79%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.31 & 5.98 (d & d, *J* = 10.0 Hz & 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.89 - 5.84 & 5.83 - 5.78 (m & m, 1H), 5.27 & 5.13 (d & d, *J* = 8.8 Hz & 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 - 4.91 & 4.87 - 4.81 (m & m, 1H), 4.01 & 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.16 - 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.94 - 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.22 - 2.08 (m, 5H), 1.68 - 1.61 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 156.0, 136.7, 136.0, 135.8, 132.1, 130.4, 130.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.7, 126.6, 123.7, 66.0, 65.3, 62.1, 35.5, 35.2, 32.0, 26.0, 25.5, 25.4, 22.8, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₂: 272.1651. Found: 272.1653.

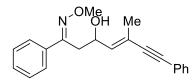
(1*E*, 4*E*)-3-hydroxy-1,5-diphenylhex-4-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield 87%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 - 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.77 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 - 4.93 (m, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.20 (dd, J_1 = 13.2 Hz, J_2 = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J_1 = 13.2 Hz, J_2 = 5.6 Hz, 1H),

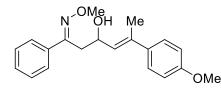
2.18 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 142.9, 137.2, 136.0, 130.2, 129.3, 128.5, 128.2, 127.3, 126.6, 125.9, 67.1, 62.1, 35.1, 16.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂NO₂: 296.1651. Found: 296.1656.

(1E, 4E)-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-1,7-diphenylhept-4-en-6-yn-1-one O-methyl oxime:



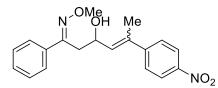
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 73%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.69 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.31 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 5.96 (dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 - 4.81 (m, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.12 (dd, $J_1 = 13.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, $J_1 = 13.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.22 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H); 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 155.7, 138.9, 135.8, 131.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 126.6, 123.3, 120.2, 91.4, 87.8, 66.6, 62.2, 34.8, 17.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂: 320.1651. Found: 320.1644.

(1E, 4E)-3-hydroxy-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylhex-4-en-1-one O-methyl oxime:



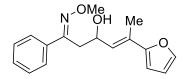
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield 90%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.21 (dd, $J_1 = 6.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 (dd, $J_1 = 6.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.71 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.96 - 4.90 (m, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.20 (dd, $J_1 = 13.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, $J_1 = 13.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 1H), 1.98 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.9, 155.9, 136.5, 135.9, 135.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 126.8, 126.6, 113.5, 67.1, 62.0, 55.2, 35.2, 16.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₄: 341.1501. Found: 341.1505.

(1*E*)-3-hydroxy-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylhex-4-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil in a cis : trans ratio of 25 : 75. Yield 68%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 - 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.68 - 7.66 & 7.53 - 7.51 (m & m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.86 & 5.65 (dd & dd, $J_1 = 8.8$ Hz & 9.6 Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz & 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 - 4.94 & 4.37 - 4.36 (m & m, 1H), 4.03 & 3.92 (s & s, 3H), 3.22 & 2.92 (dd & dd, $J_1 = 13.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 - 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.39 & 1.66 (s & s, 1H), 2.02 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.5, 155.4, 149.4, 147.8, 146.9, 137.6, 135.8, 135.2, 133.8, 131.4, 129.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.5, 126.4, 123.5, 123.4, 67.1, 67.0, 62.2, 62.1, 35.0, 34.9, 25.1, 16.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₄: 341.1501. Found: 341.1505.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-5-(furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-phenylhex-4-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



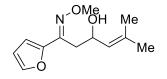
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 75%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 4H), 6.36 (dd, J_1 = 3.2 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd, J_1 = 8.8 Hz, J_2 = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 - 4.89 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.19 (dd, J_1 = 13.6 Hz, J_2 = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J_1 = 13.2 Hz, J_2 = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 155.1, 141.9, 135.9, 129.2, 128.5, 126.7, 126.6, 126.5, 111.1, 106.4, 66.6, 62.1, 35.3, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₃: 286.1443. Found: 286.1442.

(E)-3-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one O-methyl oxime:

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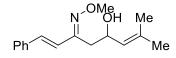
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 85%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 - 7.59 (m, 2H), 6.89 - 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.76 - 4.70 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.07 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.4, 155.8, 135.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 113.8, 66.8, 61.9, 55.3, 35.2, 25.6, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂NO₃: 264.1600. Found: 264.1600.

(*E*)-1-(furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxy-5-methylhex-4-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



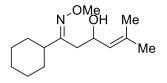
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 68%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (dd, *J*₁ = 3.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 - 5.22 (m, 1H), 4.80 - 4.76 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.96 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J*₁ = 12.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz. 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.9, 148.2, 143.8, 135.4, 127.2, 111.4, 110.9, 66.8, 62.4, 34.9, 25.7, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈NO₃: 224.1287. Found: 224.1288.

(1*E*, 3*E*)-5-hydroxy-7-methyl-1-phenylocta-1,6-dien-3-one *O*-methyl oxime:



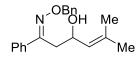
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 72%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.30 - 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.77 - 4.75 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.93 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, *J*₁ = 13.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.7, 136.4, 135.2, 133.8, 128.8, 128.5, 127.5, 126.9, 125.4, 66.9, 62.0, 33.1, 25.7, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂: 260.1651. Found: 260.1648.

(*E*)-1-cyclohexyl-3-hydroxy-5-methylhex-4-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



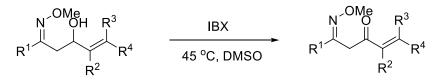
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 82%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.22 - 5.19 (m, 1H), 4.71 - 4.65 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.69 (dd, J_1 = 13.2 Hz, J_2 = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, J = 0.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dd, J_1 = 12.8 Hz, J_2 = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 - 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.82 - 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.71 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.69 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.69 - 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.35 - 1.16 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.4, 134.5, 128.0, 66.7, 61.2, 44.5, 35.9, 30.4, 30.4, 26.2, 26.2, 26.0, 25.7, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₆NO₂: 240.1964. Found: 240.1964.

(E)-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-1-one O-benzyl oxime:



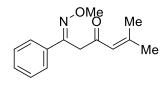
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 80%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.23 (m, 8H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 5.20 - 5.17 (m, 1H), 4.76 - 4.73 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J_1 = 13.2 Hz, J_2 = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J_1 = 13.2 Hz, J_2 = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.4, 137.6, 136.1, 135.2, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 76.5, 66.7, 35.5, 25.6, 18.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₂₄NO₂: 310.1807. Found: 310.1798.

General procedure for β-keto oxime ethers



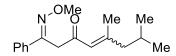
To a solution of β -oximino alcohol (1.0 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in DMSO (5 mL) at RT was added IBX (1.2 mmol, 1.2 eq.) in one portion, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4h at 45 °C. Upon completion as indicated by TLC, the reaction was quenched with 20 mL water and extracted with ethyl acetate, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The crude material was purified by column chromatography using hexane: ethyl acetate (19:1).

(*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one:



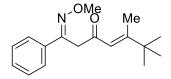
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 87%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.15 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 2.13 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.87 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.6, 157.3, 152.4, 135.6, 129.2, 128.5, 126.3, 122.6, 62.2, 42.9, 27.8, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈NO₂: 232.1338. Found: 232.1343.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-5,7-dimethyl-1-phenyloct-4-en-3-one:



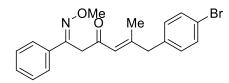
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil in a cis : trans ratio of 21 : 79. Yield: 92%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.17 & 6.10 (s & d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.00 & 3.99 (s & s, 3H), 3.86 & 3.84 (s & s, 2H), 2.53 & 1.97 (d & d, J = 7.2 Hz & 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.09 & 1.87 (d & s, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.85 - 1.82 (m, 1H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 194.3, 160.4, 159.9, 152.5, 135.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 126.3, 126.3, 123.7, 123.2, 62.1, 50.8, 43.2, 43.1, 42.0, 27.5, 26.3, 25.9, 22.4, 19.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₄NO₂: 274.1807. Found: 274.1812.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-5,6,6-trimethyl-1-phenylhept-4-en-3-one:



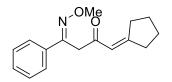
The title compound was prepared according to General procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 92%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 2.09 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7, 167.6, 152.5, 135.7, 129.2, 128.5, 126.3, 119.2, 62.1, 43.5, 38.1, 28.5, 15.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₄NO₂: 274.1807. Found: 274.1808.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 89%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 - 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.04 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 157.8, 152.1, 136.5, 135.5, 131.7, 131.1, 129.4, 128.6, 126.2, 123.7, 120.7, 62.2, 46.4, 43.1, 19.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₂Br: 386.0756. Found: 386.0760.

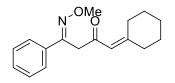
(*E*)-1-cyclopentylidene-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 84%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 6.32 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 2.78 - 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.43 - 2.39 (m, 2H), 1.74 - 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.65 - 1.61 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.9,

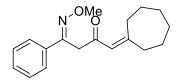
170.8, 152.5, 135.6, 129.2, 128.5, 126.3, 118.1, 62.2, 42.5, 36.4, 33.7, 26.5, 25.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NO₂: 258.1494. Found: 258.1490.

(*E*)-1-cyclohexylidene-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one:



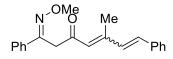
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 95%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 2.16 - 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.69 - 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.57 - 1.54 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.4, 163.9, 152.5, 135.7, 129.2, 128.5, 126.3, 119.9, 62.2, 43.2, 38.1, 30.1, 28.8, 27.9, 26.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₂: 272.1651. Found: 272.1655.

(E)-1-cycloheptylidene-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 85%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 2.84 - 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.35 - 2.32 (m, 2H), 1.63 - 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.50 - 1.48 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.5, 167.9, 152.6, 135.7, 129.2, 128.5, 126.3, 122.2, 62.1, 43.0, 39.2, 33.1, 29.8, 29.2, 28.1, 26.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₈H₂₄NO₂: 286.1807. Found: 286.1803.

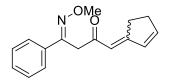
(1*E*, 4*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methyl-1,7-diphenylhepta-4,6-dien-3-one:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil in a cis : trans ratio of 56 :44. Yield: 86%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 & 6.76 (d & d, *J* = 16.4 Hz & 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.53 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 -

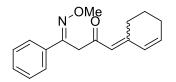
7.25 (m, 6H), 7.00 & 6.98 (d & d, J = 16.0 Hz & 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 & 6.18 (s & s, 1H), 4.02 & 4.01 (d & d, J = 2.0 Hz & 2.0 Hz, 3H), 4.03 & 4.01 (s & s, 2H), 2.37 & 2.12 (s & s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 194.7, 152.4, 152.4, 152.2, 150.7, 137.2, 136.6, 136.3, 135.9, 135.6, 132.2, 129.3, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.1, 126.8, 126.3, 126.3, 125.6, 123.7, 62.2, 43.4, 43.3, 21.0, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₂: 320.1651. Found: 320.1648.

(4*E*)-1-(cyclopent-2-en-1-ylidene)-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one:



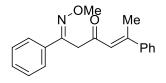
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil in a cis : trans ratio of 33 : 67. Yield: 94%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 - 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51 - 7.50 & 6.29 - 6.27 (m & m, 1H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.75 - 6.73 (m, 1H), 6.29 & 6.11 (s & s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.92 & 3.89 (s & s, 2H), 3.03 - 3.00 & 2.50 - 2.49 (m & m, 2H), 2.65 - 2.59 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.4, 193.4, 168.9, 166.7, 152.6, 151.8, 150.7, 135.7, 135.0, 132.9, 129.2, 128.5, 126.3, 115.1, 113.8, 62.2, 42.5, 42.5, 33.7, 31.4, 31.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈NO₂: 256.1338. Found: 256.1341.

(4*E*)-1-(cyclohex-2-en-1-ylidene)-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one:



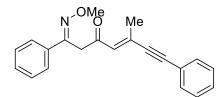
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil in a cis : trans ratio of 37 : 63. Yield 90%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50 - 7.47 & 6.08 - 6.05 (m & m, 1H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.33 - 6.25 (m, 1H), 6.01 & 5.91 (s & s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.90 & 3.89 (s & s, 2H), 2.95 - 2.91 & 2.37 - 2.33 (m & m, 2H), 2.23 - 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.81 - 1.75 & 1.69 - 1.62 (m & m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.1, 194.6, 154.1, 152.5, 152.4, 140.5, 140.3, 135.6, 130.5, 129.2, 128.5, 126.3, 126.0, 121.1, 119.2, 62.2, 43.2, 43.2, 32.5, 26.9, 26.4, 25.7, 22.7, 21.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₂: 270.1494. Found: 270.1499.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-1,5-diphenylhex-4-en-3-one:



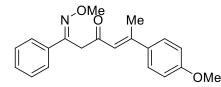
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield 89%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.46 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.36 (m, 6H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.1, 155.6, 152.3, 142.3, 135.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.6, 128.6, 126.5, 126.3, 123.1, 62.3, 43.5, 18.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₂: 294.1494. Found: 294.1498.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methyl-1,7-diphenylhept-4-en-6-yn-3-one:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 90%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.48 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.33 (m, 6H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 2.35 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.3, 152.0, 138.0, 135.4, 132.0, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 126.3, 122.2, 94.7, 91.9, 62.3, 43.1, 20.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₂: 318.1494. Found: 318.1497.

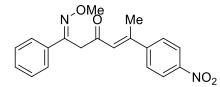
(1*E*, 4*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one:



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield 83%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 6.81 (dd, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d,

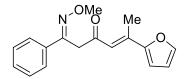
J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.51 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 160.8, 155.0, 152.5, 135.7, 134.3, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 126.3, 121.3, 114.0, 62.2, 55.4, 43.6, 18.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₄: 339.1345. Found: 339.1342.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one:



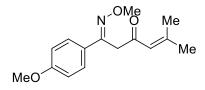
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield 60%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 - 8.21 (m, 2H), 7.69 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.58 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.38 (m, 3H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 2.51 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 152.4, 151.9, 148.7, 148.0, 135.3, 129.5, 128.7, 127.4, 126.2, 125.6, 123.8, 62.3, 43.6, 18.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₄: 339.1345. Found: 339.1342.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-5-(furan-2-yl)-1-(methoxyimino)-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one:



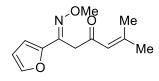
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 87%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dd, $J_1 = 3.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.42 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 154.4, 152.4, 144.3, 141.9, 135.6, 129.3, 128.5, 126.3, 117.9, 112.9, 112.3, 62.2, 43.5, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NO₃: 284.1287. Found: 284.1288.

(*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylhex-4-en-3-one:



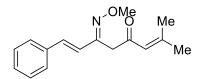
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 92%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 6.89 - 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.15 (t, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.13 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.87 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 160.5, 157.3, 151.9, 128.1, 127.6, 122.6, 113.9, 62.0, 55.3, 42.9, 27.8, 21.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀NO₃: 262.1443. Found: 262.1437.

(*E*)-1-(furan-2-yl)-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methylhex-4-en-3-one:



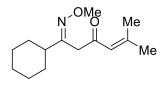
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 94%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 - 6.64 (m, 1H), 6.43 (dd, *J*₁ = 3.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.14 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.88 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.8, 157.7, 149.4, 144.7, 143.8, 122.3, 111.5, 110.8, 62.5, 42.0, 27.8, 21.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆NO₃: 222.1130. Found: 222.1130.

(6E, 7E)-6-(methoxyimino)-2-methyl-8-phenylocta-2,7-dien-4-one:



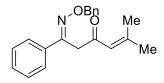
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 88%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.3, 157.5, 153.3, 136.3, 133.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 125.0, 122.4, 62.2, 40.9, 27.8, 21.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₂₀NO₂: 258.1494. Found: 258.1494.

(*E*)-1-cyclohexyl-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methylhex-4-en-3-one:



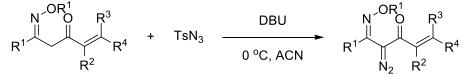
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 88%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.10 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 2.24 - 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.13 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.89 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.79 - 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.68 - 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.29 - 1.24 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 158.8, 156.2, 123.1, 61.2, 43.9, 42.6, 30.1, 27.7, 26.0, 25.9, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₄NO₂: 238.1807. Found: 238.1805.

(*E*)-1-(benzyloxyimino)-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one:



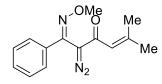
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 89%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.27 (m, 8H), 6.11 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 2.10 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.7, 157.3, 152.7, 137.7, 135.6, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 126.4, 122.8, 76.5, 43.2, 27.7, 21.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₂₂NO₂: 308.1651. Found: 308.1646.

General procedure for α -diazo- β -keto oxime ethers



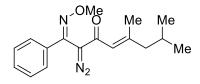
To a solution of β -oximino ketones (0.5 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide (0.55 mmol, 1.1 eq.) in CH₃CN (5 mL) was added DBU (0.55 mmol, 1.1 eq.) dropwise at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The resulting orange color solution was stirred at 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 3 h and slowly brought to RT. Upon completion as indicated by TLC, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude material was purified by flash chromatography using hexane - ethyl acetate (19:1).

(Z)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one (1a):



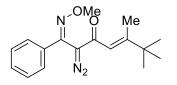
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 94%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.36 (m, 3H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.08 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.7, 154.2, 144.5, 134.1, 130.0, 128.7, 127.7, 121.3, 62.7, 27.4, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₃O₂: 258.1243. Found: 258.1245.

(1Z, 4E)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-5,7-dimethyl-1-phenyloct-4-en-3-one (1b):



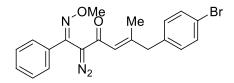
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 69%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.37 (m, 3H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.86 - 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.4, 157.5, 144.5, 134.2, 130.0, 128.7, 127.8, 122.5, 62.7, 42.1, 27.4, 25.4, 22.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂N₃O₂: 300.1712. Found: 300.1706.

(1Z, 4E)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-5,6,6-trimethyl-1-phenylhept-4-en-3-one (1c):



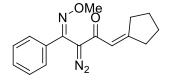
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 88%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 2.02 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 0.72 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.0, 163.8, 144.7, 134.6, 130.0, 128.7, 128.0, 119.1, 62.7, 37.6, 28.1, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂N₃O₂: 300.1712. Found: 300.1706.

(1*Z*, 4*E*)-6-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-3one (1d):



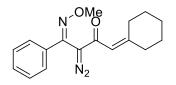
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 83%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 3.06 (s, 2H), 2.04 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.9, 155.0, 144.1, 136.2, 134.2, 131.5, 130.8, 130.0, 128.8, 127.7, 122.6, 120.5, 62.8, 46.2, 19.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₁₉N₃O₂Br: 412.0661. Found: 412.0662.

(Z)-1-cyclopentylidene-3-diazo-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one (1e):



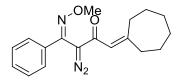
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 90%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 - 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.38 (m, 3H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.78 - 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.17 - 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.70 - 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.61 - 1.55 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.9, 167.9, 144.5, 134.1, 130.0, 128.8, 127.7, 116.4, 62.7, 36.2, 33.4, 26.5, 25.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈N₃O₂: 284.1399. Found: 284.1398.

(Z)-1-cyclohexylidene-3-diazo-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one (1f):



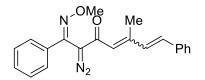
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 94%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.55 - 1.50 (m, 4H), 1.41 - 1.38 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.4, 160.6, 144.6, 134.2, 129.9, 128.6, 127.9, 119.0, 62.7, 37.8, 30.3, 28.5, 27.8, 26.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₃O₂: 298.1556. Found: 298.1555.

(Z)-1-cycloheptylidene-3-diazo-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one (1g):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 97%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.82 - 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.02 - 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.68 - 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.43 - 1.33 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.5, 164.8, 144.7, 134.3, 129.9, 128.7, 127.8, 121.2, 62.7, 38.8, 32.7, 29.5, 29.1, 28.0, 26.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₈H₂₂N₃O₂: 312.1712. Found: 312.1712.

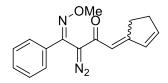
(1Z)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methyl-1,7-diphenylhepta-4,6-dien-3-one (1h):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil in cis : trans ratio of 31 : 69. Yield: 90%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 & 6.80 (d & d, J = 16.4 Hz & 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 - 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53 - 7.27 (m, 8H), 6.86 & 6.38 (d & d, J = 16.4 Hz & 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.77 & 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 2.34 & 1.81 (d & d , J = 1.2 Hz & 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.6, 183.4, 149.9,

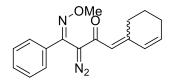
148.1, 144.4, 144.3, 136.7, 136.3, 136.3, 134.8, 134.1, 134.1, 131.9, 130.2, 130.1, 129.8, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.0, 126.7, 124.5, 123.0, 66.8, 62.8, 62.8, 62.8, 21.6, 20.7, 14.7, 14.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{21}H_{20}N_3O_2$: 346.1556. Found: 346.1561.

(4Z)-1-(cyclopent-2-enylidene)-3-diazo-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one (1i):



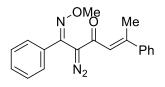
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil in a cis : trans ratio of 39 : 61. Yield: 95%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 - 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.48 - 7.39 & 6.07 - 5.99 (m & m, 1H), 7.38 - 7.36 (m, 3H), 6.69 - 6.67 & 6.63 - 6.60 (m & m, 1H), 5.72 & 5.54 (s & s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 3.06 - 3.03 & 2.44 - 2.42 (m & m, 2H), 2.59 - 2.57 & 2.38 - 2.37 (m & m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.1, 182.4, 166.6, 164.3, 151.0, 149.7, 144.6, 135.0, 134.2, 134.1, 132.8, 130.0, 130.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.7, 113.6, 112.4, 62.7, 33.7, 31.3, 31.0, 30.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆N₃O₂: 282.1243. Found: 282.1238.

(4Z)-1-(cyclohex-2-enylidene)-3-diazo-4-(methoxyimino)-4-phenylbutan-2-one (1j):



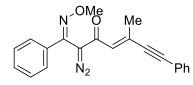
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil in a cis : trans ratio of 37: 63. Yield 91%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.35 & 5.70 (m & d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 3H & 1H), 6.24 - 6.19 & 6.63 - 6.60 (m & m, 1H), 5.45 & 5.32 (s & s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.94 - 2.91 & 2.04 - 2.01 (m & m, 2H), 2.17 - 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.67 - 1.62 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.5, 183.3, 152.0, 150.1, 144.6, 144.5, 139.5, 139.2, 134.1, 130.3, 130.1, 130.0, 128.7, 128.7, 127.8, 127.7, 125.8, 119.8, 118.3, 62.7, 32.4, 26.9, 26.2, 25.6, 22.6, 21.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₃O₂: 296.1399. Found: 296.1407.

(1Z, 4E)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-1,5-diphenylhex-4-en-3-one (1k):



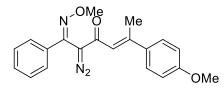
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. Mp: 61 - 62 °C. Yield 92%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 - 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.25 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.8, 152.6, 144.3, 142.2, 134.4, 130.2, 128.9, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 126.2, 122.5, 62.8, 18.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₃O₂: 320.1399. Found: 320.1395.

(1Z, 4E)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methyl-1,7-diphenylhept-4-en-6-yn-3-one (11):



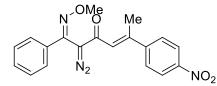
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 83%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37 - 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 2.33 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.7, 143.9, 135.5, 133.7, 131.9, 130.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 122.3, 93.6, 91.7, 62.8, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃O₂: 344.1399. Found: 344.1391.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one (1m):



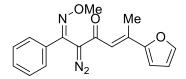
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield 97%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 - 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.42 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.6, 160.4, 152.2, 144.5, 134.5, 134.3, 130.1, 128.9, 128.0, 127.7, 120.8, 113.6, 62.8, 55.3, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₄: 339.1345. Found: 339.1342.

(1Z, 4E)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one (1n):



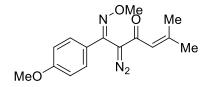
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. Mp: 123 - 124 °C. Yield 83%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 - 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.67 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.46 - 7.45 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 3H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.3, 149.1, 148.6, 147.7, 143.8, 134.5, 130.3, 129.1, 128.1, 127.0, 125.3, 123.5, 62.9, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₄O₄: 365.1250. Found: 365.1245.

(1Z, 4E)-2-diazo-5-(furan-2-yl)-1-(methoxyimino)-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one (1o):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 93%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, $J_1 = 3.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 2.40 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.3, 154.4, 144.5, 143.8, 139.8, 134.1, 130.0, 128.7, 127.8, 117.0, 112.0, 111.7, 62.7, 15.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆N₃O₃: 310.1192. Found: 310.1197.

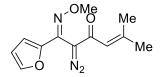
(Z)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylhex-4-en-3-one (1p):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 92%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (dd, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (dd, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.10 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.65 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.8,

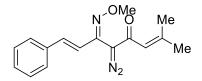
161.1, 154.2, 144.0, 129.1, 126.4, 121.2, 114.1, 62.6, 55.4, 27.5, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{15}H_{18}N_3O_3$: 288.1348. Found: 288.1361.

(*E*)-2-diazo-1-(furan-2-yl)-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methylhex-4-en-3-one (1q):



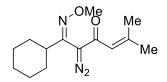
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 94%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (dd, $J_1 = 2.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, $J_1 = 3.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dd, $J_1 = 3.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 2.15 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.76 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.2, 154.7, 147.4, 144.4, 135.9, 120.4, 112.5, 111.8, 63.0, 27.6, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₄N₃O₃: 248.1035. Found: 248.1041.

(6Z, 7E)-5-diazo-6-(methoxyimino)-2-methyl-8-phenylocta-2,7-dien-4-one (1r):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 90%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.7, 154.9, 144.0, 136.5, 135.8, 128.9, 128.8, 127.1, 122.9, 120.6, 62.8, 27.7, 20.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈N₃O₂: 314.1116. Found: 314.1111.

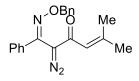
(Z)-1-cyclohexyl-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-5-methylhex-4-en-3-one (1s):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 88%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.96 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H),

3.88 (s, 3H), 2.67 - 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.13 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.94 - 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.90 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.79 - 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.69 - 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.41 - 1.18 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.9, 154.3, 148.7, 120.0, 61.9, 41.5, 31.3, 27.5, 26.3, 26.1, 20.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂N₃O₂: 264.1712. Found: 264.1714.

(Z)-1-((benzyloxy)imino)-2-diazo-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one (1t):

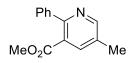


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 93%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.33 (m, 8H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 2.05 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.7, 154.2, 144.8, 136.9, 134.1, 130.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 121.3, 76.7, 27.4, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₃O₂: 334.1556. Found: 334.1551.

General procedure for pyridines

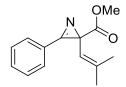
A solution of diazo compound (0.2 mmol) and $Rh_2(OAc)_4$ (0.004 mmol, 2 mol%) in chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) was stirred at 130 °C until the starting material was fully consumed. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude material which was purified by flash chromatography using hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1) to give desired product.

Methyl 5-methyl-2-phenylnicotinate (2a):



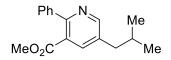
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 74%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.39 (m, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 156.1, 151.8, 140.0, 138.2, 131.3, 128.5, 128.1, 126.4, 52.3, 17.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄NO₂: 228.1025. Found: 228.1027.

Methyl 2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)-3-phenyl-2*H*-azirine-2-carboxylate (1a'):



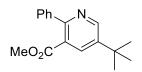
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.63 - 7.55 (m, 3H), 5.65 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.76 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 161.7, 140.5, 133.5, 130.1, 129.4, 122.9, 118.9, 52.6, 37.9, 26.2, 19.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆NO₂: 230.1181. Found: 230.1180.

Methyl 5-isobutyl-2-phenylnicotinate (2b):



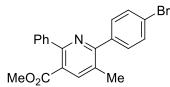
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 65%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.40 (m, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.97 - 1.91 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 156.4, 152.0, 140.0, 138.2, 135.0, 128.5, 128.1, 126.4, 52.3, 41.7, 30.0, 22.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₂: 270.1494. Found: 270.1498.

Methyl 5-tert-butyl-2-phenylnicotinate (2c):



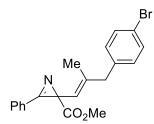
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 72%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.41 (m, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 155.9, 149.2, 144.2, 140.0, 134.7, 128.5, 128.1, 126.2, 52.3, 33.6, 30.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₂: 270.1494. Found: 270.1492.

Methyl 6-(4-bromophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylnicotinate (2d):



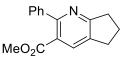
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 77%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.56 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.40 (m, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 168.6, 158.9, 156.1, 140.6, 139.9, 138.7, 131.4, 130.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 125.3, 122.9, 52.3, 19.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₁₇NO₂Br: 382.0443. Found: 382.0447.

(E)-methyl 2-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)-3-phenyl-2H-azirine-2carboxylate (1d'):



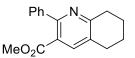
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure at 60°C for 12h. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 92%. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) δ 7.87 - 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.65 - 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.62 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.06 - 7.04 (m, 2H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 172.3, 161.4, 142.1, 138.2, 133.6, 131.4, 130.6, 130.1, 129.4, 122.8, 121.3, 120.1, 52.7, 45.7, 37.8, 17.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₁₉BrNO₂: 384.0599. Found: 384.0602.

Methyl 2-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-cyclopenta[b]pyridine-3-carboxylate (2e):



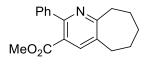
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 75%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.50 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.38 (m, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.22 - 2.18 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.2, 168.5, 157.7, 140.7, 135.3, 133.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 124.6, 52.2, 34.6, 30.3, 23.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆NO₂: 254.1181. Found: 254.1188.

Methyl 2-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate (2f):



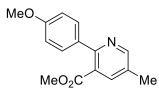
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 80%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.50 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.37 (m, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.02 - 2.99 (m, 2H), 2.86 - 2.83 (m, 2H), 1.95 - 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.88 - 1.84 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 160.1, 156.2, 140.5, 138.5, 130.5, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 124.0, 52.1, 32.9, 28.3, 22.9, 22.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NO₂: 268.1338. Found: 268.1336.

Methyl 2-phenyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-cyclohepta[b]pyridine-3-carboxylate (2g):



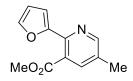
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorles oil. Yield: 73%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.53 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 - 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.74 - 1.71 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 165.8, 155.6, 140.4, 138.1, 136.3, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 124.0, 52.1, 39.6, 34.7, 32.4, 27.9, 26.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀NO₂: 282.1494. Found: 282.1496.

Methyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylnicotinate (2h):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 72%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 160.0, 155.6, 151.7, 138.2, 132.4, 130.8, 129.9, 126.1, 113.6, 55.3, 52.3, 17.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆NO₃: 258.1130. Found: 258.1128.

Methyl 2-(furan-2-yl)-5-methylnicotinate (2i):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. Mp: 96 - 97 °C. Yield: 64%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, $J_1 = 3.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 152.3, 151.4, 144.3, 143.6, 137.1, 131.4, 125.2, 111.9, 110.5, 52.6, 18.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂NO₃: 218.0817. Found: 218.0820.

(E)-Methyl 5-methyl-2-styrylnicotinate (2j):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 70%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 152.8, 138.9, 137.0, 135.0, 131.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 125.0, 123.5, 52.4, 18.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆NO₂: 254.1181. Found: 254.1179.

Methyl 2-cyclohexyl-5-methylnicotinate (2k):

The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 65%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.47 - 3.40 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.88 - 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.74 - 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.48 - 1.38 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 163.7, 152.2, 138.3, 129.8, 124.7, 52.3, 42.3, 32.5, 26.7, 26.1, 17.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀NO₂: 234.1494. Found: 234.1490.

Benzyl 5-methyl-2-phenylnicotinate (21):

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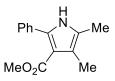
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 78%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H),

7.91 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.28 - 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.03 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 156.2, 151.8, 140.1, 138.2, 134.9, 131.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.3, 126.5, 67.4, 17.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NO₂: 304.1338. Found: 304.1334.

General procedure for pyrroles:

A solution of diazo compound (0.2 mmol) and NiCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (0.02 mmol, 10 mol%) in chlorobenzene (2.0 mL) was stirred at 130 $^{\circ}$ C until the starting material was fully consumed. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude material which was purified by column chromatography using hexane - ethyl acetate (9:1) to give the corresponding product.

Methyl 4,5-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3a):



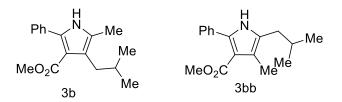
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. Mp: 168 - 170 °C. Yield 82%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.48 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.30 (m, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 135.3, 133.1, 128.8, 128.1, 127.7, 124.6, 117.6, 111.3, 50.5, 10.9, 10.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆NO₂: 230.1181. Found: 230.1178.

Methyl 2,2-dimethyl-5-phenyl-2H-pyrrole-4-carboxylate (3a'):

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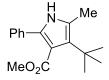
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.68 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.40 (m, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 168.2, 164.0, 134.4, 131.3, 129.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 76.7, 51.9, 22.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆NO₂: 230.1181. Found: 230.1176.

Methyl 4-isobutyl-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3b) & Methyl 5isobutyl-4-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3bb):



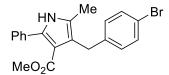
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil in a ratio of **3b**:**3bb** = 1.7:1. Yield 82%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 & 7.91 (s & s, 1H), 7.48 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.29 (m, 3H), 3.68 & 3.66 (s & s, 3H), 2.52 & 2.43 (d & d, *J* = 6.8 Hz & 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.21 & 2.20 (s & s, 1H), 1.86 - 1.83 (m, 1H), 0.93 & 0.91 (d & d, *J* = 6.8 Hz & 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 166.4, 135.3, 135.3, 133.2, 133.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 125.3, 121.8, 118.1, 111.2, 111.0, 50.5, 50.5, 34.7, 34.3, 30.3, 29.6, 22.6, 22.4, 11.2, 11.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₂: 272.1651. Found: 272.1653.

Methyl 4-tert-butyl-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3c):



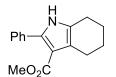
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield 67%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.35 - 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.26 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 132.5, 129.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.0, 126.7, 123.3, 114.2, 51.7, 32.6, 31.6, 15.4 ; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₂: 272.1651. Found: 272.1656.

Methyl 4-(4-bromobenzyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3d):



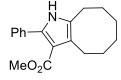
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield 74%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.48 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.09 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 141.3, 135.8, 132.9, 131.1, 130.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 125.8, 120.0, 119.1, 110.9, 50.5, 30.4, 11.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₀H₁₉NO₂Br: 384.0599. Found: 384.0594.

Methyl 5-phenyl-2-(phenylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3e):



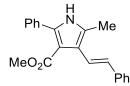
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. Mp: 126 - 127 °C. Yield 70%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.52 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.31 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.84 - 1.78 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 135.8, 133.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.8, 127.8, 120.2, 109.9, 50.5, 23.4, 23.4, 22.9, 22.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂: 292.1338. Found: 292.1343.

Methyl 2-phenyl-4,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydro-1*H*-cycloocta[b]pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3f):



The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. Mp: 129 - 130 °C. Yield 58%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.50 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 - 7.31 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.72 - 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.69 - 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.53 - 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.42 - 1.38 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 134.7, 133.2, 130.3, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 121.9, 110.6, 50.5, 30.7, 29.8, 26.0, 25.9, 25.8, 23.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₈H₂₂NO₂: 284.1651. Found: 284.1651.

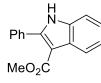
(E)-Methyl 5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-styryl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3g):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. Mp: 174 - 175 °C. Yield 84%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 - 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.42 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.24 - 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 138.5, 135.4, 132.6, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 126.1,

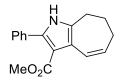
122.9, 120.1, 110.8, 50.9, 13.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₂: 318.1494. Found: 318.1497.

Methyl 2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-3-carboxylate (3h):



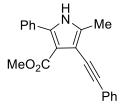
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. Mp: 150 - 151 °C. Yield 44%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.23 - 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.69 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.48 - 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42 - 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.30 - 7.28 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 144.5, 135.1, 132.0, 129.5, 129.3, 128.2, 127.6, 123.3, 122.2, 122.2, 110.9, 104.6, 50.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂: 252.1025. Found: 252.1025.

Methyl 2-phenyl-1,6,7,8-tetrahydrocyclohepta[b]pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3i):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure (reaction at 60 °C). The product was obtained as yellow solid. Mp: 134 - 135 °C. Yield 78%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.42 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 - 5.69 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.47 - 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.00 - 1.94 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.2, 135.2, 132.8, 131.6, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 121.5, 119.4, 110.5, 50.8, 30.9, 29.1, 23.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈NO₂: 268.1338. Found: 268.1333.

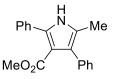
Methyl 5-methyl-2-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3j):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. Mp: 180 - 181 °C. Yield 92%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.23 (s,

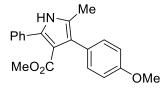
1H), 7.54 - 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.43 - 7.27 (m, 6H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8, 135.8, 133.6, 131.8, 131.3, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 124.4, 112.5, 104.7, 92.5, 83.7, 51.1, 12.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈NO₂: 316.1338. Found: 316.1333.

Methyl 5-methyl-2,4-diphenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3k):



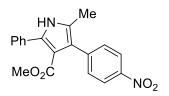
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. Mp: 206 - 208 °C. Yield 80%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.55 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.38 - 7.27 (m, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 135.6, 134.9, 132.5, 130.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 126.2, 125.8, 123.7, 111.5, 50.7, 11.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂: 292.1338. Found: 292.1336.

Methyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3l):



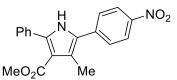
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. Mp: 186 - 187 °C. Yield 78%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.54 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.40 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25 - 7.23(m, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 158.1, 134.8, 132.7, 131.1, 129.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 125.6, 123.3, 114.7, 113.1, 111.5, 55.2, 50.7, 11.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₄ 337.1188. Found: 337.1194.

Methyl 5-methyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3m):



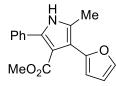
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. Mp: 220 - 221 °C. Yield 57%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 - 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.48 - 7.36 (m, 5H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 146.2, 143.1, 136.1, 132.0, 130.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 126.7, 123.0, 121.8, 50.9, 11.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₄ 337.1188. Found: 337.1194.

Methyl 4-methyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3mm):



The title compound was prepared according to General procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. Mp: 199 - 201 °C. Yield 32%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.52 - 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.41 (m, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 146.0, 138.9, 132.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.4, 127.1, 124.3, 122.2, 113.9, 50.9, 12.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₉H₁₇N₂O₄ 337.1190. Found: 337.1194.

Methyl 4-(furan-2-yl)-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3n):

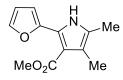


The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as yellow solid. Mp: 165 - 166 °C. Yield 72%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.47 - 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.38 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 6.44 (d, $J_I = 3.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 149.1, 141.2, 134.9, 132.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 113.1, 111.2, 110.7, 107.6, 51.1, 12.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₇H₁₆NO₃: 282.1130. Found: 282.1133.

Methyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (30):

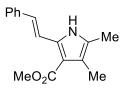
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. Mp: 159 - 160 °C. Yield 81%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 159.3, 135.4, 130.1, 125.6, 124.1, 117.3, 113.5, 110.8, 55.3, 50.5, 11.0, 10.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₃: 260.1287. Found: 260.1286.

Methyl 2-(furan-2-yl)-4,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3p):



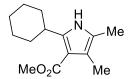
The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as green oil. Yield 68%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, *J*₁ = 3.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 146.6, 140.8, 125.8, 124.7, 117.6, 112.1, 110.3, 109.1, 50.7, 11.2, 10.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₄NO₃: 220.0974. Found: 220.0973.

(E)-Methyl 4,5-dimethyl-2-styryl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3q):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. Mp: 150 - 151 °C. Yield 84%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25 - 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.4, 137.2, 133.0, 128.7, 127.5, 126.3, 125.8, 125.5, 118.5, 118.0, 113.1, 50.8, 11.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈NO₂: 256.1338. Found: 256.1335.

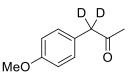
Methyl 2-cyclohexyl-4,5-dimethyl-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3r):



The title compound was prepared according to the general procedure. The product was obtained as white solid. Mp: 127 - 129 °C. Yield 77%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (s, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.44 - 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 1.98 - 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.83 - 1.73 (m, 3H), 1.48 - 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.40 - 1.19 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 143.2, 121.9, 115.8, 109.2, 50.3, 36.0, 32.9, 26.6, 26.2, 11.1, 10.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂NO₂: 236.1651. Found: 236.1646.

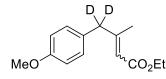
General procedure for deuterium labeling experiment:

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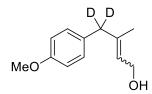
The title compound was prepared according to reported method¹. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 95%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 - 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.88 - 6.85 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.8, 158.6, 130.2, 126.1, 114.1, 55.1, 50.1, 28.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁D₂O₂: 167.1041. Found: 167.1039.

Ethyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-(4,4-(2)D)-3-methylbut-2-enoate:



The title compound was prepared according to reported method². The product was obtained as colorless oil in a *cis* : *trans* ratio of 24 : 76. Yield: 92%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17 - 7.15 & 7.09 - 7.07 (m & m, 2H), 6.85 - 6.81 (m, 2H), 5.74 & 5.66 (d & d, J = 0.4 & 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.79 & 3.78 (s & s, 3H), 2.11 & 1.78 (s & d, J = 0.4 Hz, 3H), 1.32 - 1.25 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 166.5, 158.7, 158.4, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 116.9, 116.8, 114.0, 113.8, 59.7, 59.6, 55.2, 55.2, 24.4, 18.5, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇D₂O₃: 237.1460. Found: 237.1457.

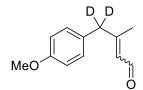
4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-(4,4-(2)D)-3-methylbut-2-en-1-ol:



The title compound was prepared according to reported method². The product was obtained as colorless oil in a *cis* : *trans* ratio of 20 : 80. Yield: 98%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 - 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.81 - 6.79 (m, 2H), 5.54 - 5.51 & 5.49 - 5.45 (m & m, 1H), 4.22 & 4.13 (d & d, *J* = 7.2 & 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 1H), 1.64 & 1.57 (s & s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 157.9, 138.6, 138.3, 131.6, 131.5, 129.9, 129.5, 125.3, 125.2,

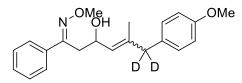
113.9, 113.8, 59.2, 59.0, 55.2, 23.3, 16.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$: Calcd for $C_{12}H_{15}D_2O_2$: 195.1354. Found: 195.1348.

4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-(4,4-(2)D)-3-methylbut-2-en-1-ol:



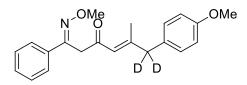
The title compound was prepared according to general IBX oxidation procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil in a *cis* : *trans* ratio of 19 : 81. Yield: 82%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.11 & 9.99 (d & d, *J* = 8.0 & 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 - 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.87 - 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.02 - 6.00 & 5.89 - 5.87 (m & m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.11 & 1.88 (d & d, *J* = 1.2 Hz & 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.4, 190.8, 162.8, 158.6, 158.6, 130.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 114.2, 114.1, 114.0, 55.3, 17.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅D₂O₂: 195.1354. Found: 195.1348.

(1*E*)-3-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-(2)D-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-1-one *O*-methyl oxime:



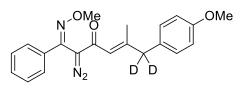
The title compound was prepared according to general procedure. The product was obtained as colorless oil in a *cis* : *trans* ratio of 20 : 80. Yield: 72%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.05 - 7.03 & 6.95 - 6.93 (m & m, 2H), 6.81 - 6.77 (m, 2H), 5.38 & 5.25 (d & d, *J* = 8.8 & 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.90 - 4.82 & 4.80 - 4.76 (m & m, 1H), 4.00 & 3.99 (s & s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.16 - 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.96 - 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.09 & 2.02 (m & m, 1H), 1.60 & 1.51 (s & s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 156.1, 155.9, 138.3, 136.0, 136.0, 131.3, 131.2, 129.9, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.6, 126.6, 113.9, 113.7, 66.6, 66.6, 55.3, 35.6, 35.2, 23.2, 16.3, 16.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₄D₂NO₃: 342.2038. Found: 342.2029.

(1*E*, 4*E*)-1-(methoxyimino)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-(2)D-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one:



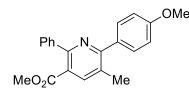
The title compound was prepared according to reported method. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 54%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.02 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.84 - 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.06 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 159.0, 158.4, 152.2, 135.6, 130.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 126.2, 123.2, 113.9, 62.1, 55.2, 43.1, 19.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₂D₂NO₃: 340.1882. Found: 340.1886.

(1*Z*,4*E*)-2-diazo-1-(methoxyimino)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-(2)D-5-methyl-1-phenylhex-4-en-3-one (1m-D₂):



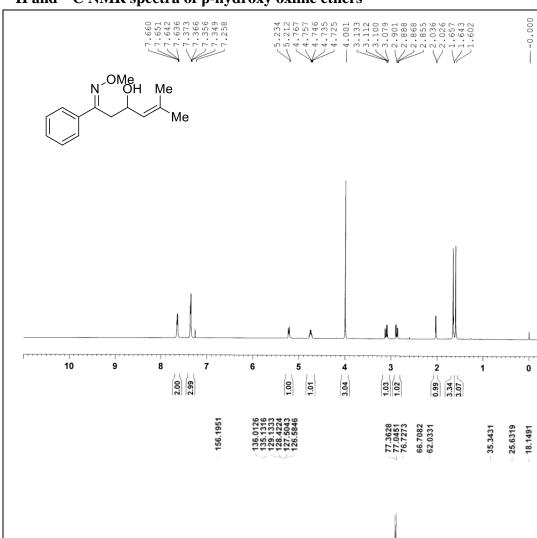
The title compound was prepared according to reported method. The product was obtained as yellow oil. Yield: 79%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.47 - 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.73 - 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.66 - 6.64 (m, 2H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.0, 158.3, 156.3, 144.3, 134.3, 130.0, 129.4, 128.7, 127.8, 113.9, 62.8, 46.1, 45.5, 19.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀D₂N₃O₃: 366.1787. Found: 366.1781.

Methyl 6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylnicotinate:



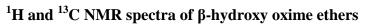
The title compound was prepared according to reported method. The product was obtained as colorless oil. Yield: 75%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.61 - 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.43 - 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.00 - 6.97 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H) ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 159.9, 159.7, 155.9, 140.5, 140.2, 132.4, 130.7, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 124.4, 113.6, 55.4, 52.2, 19.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₃: 334.1443. Found: 334.1447.

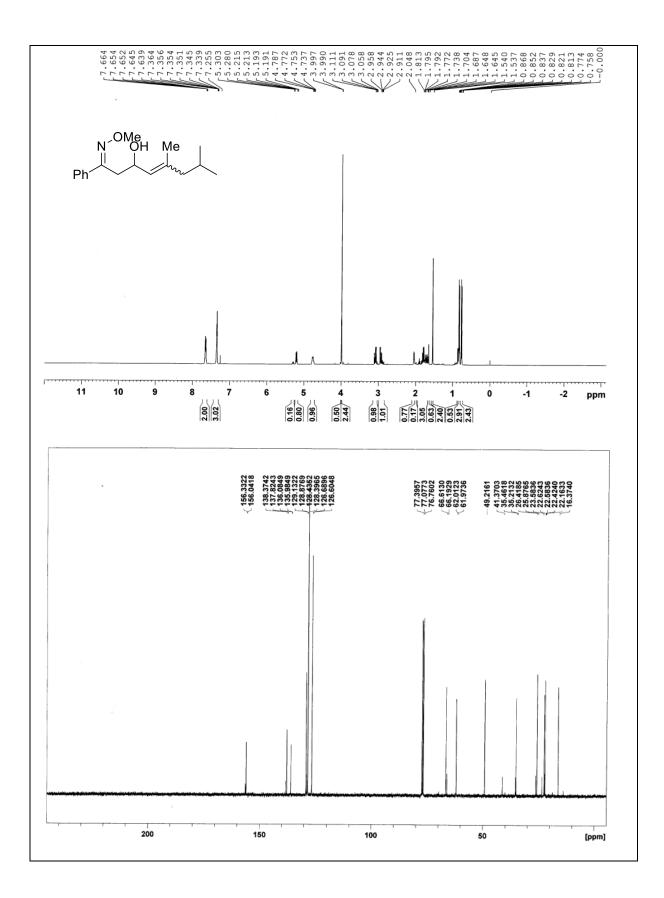
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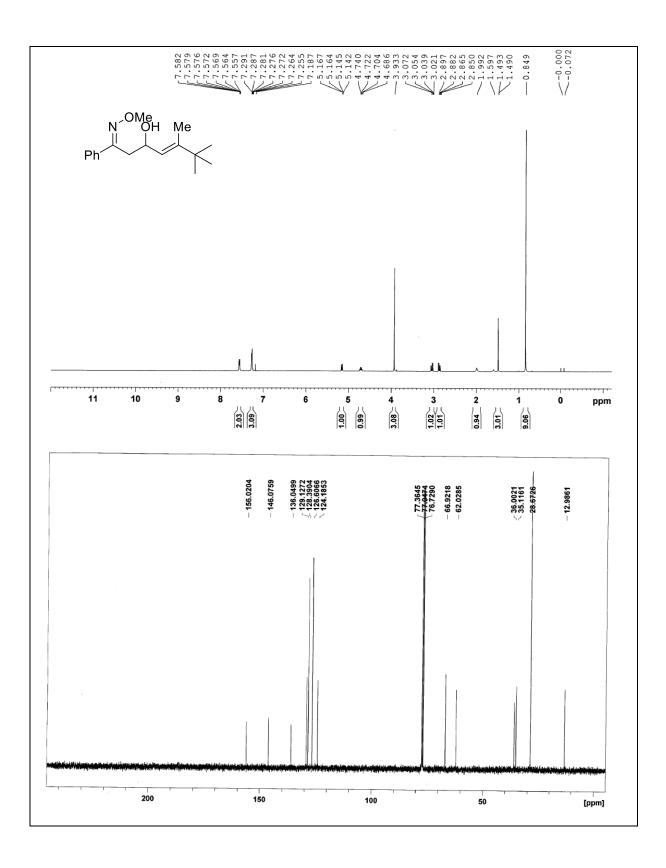


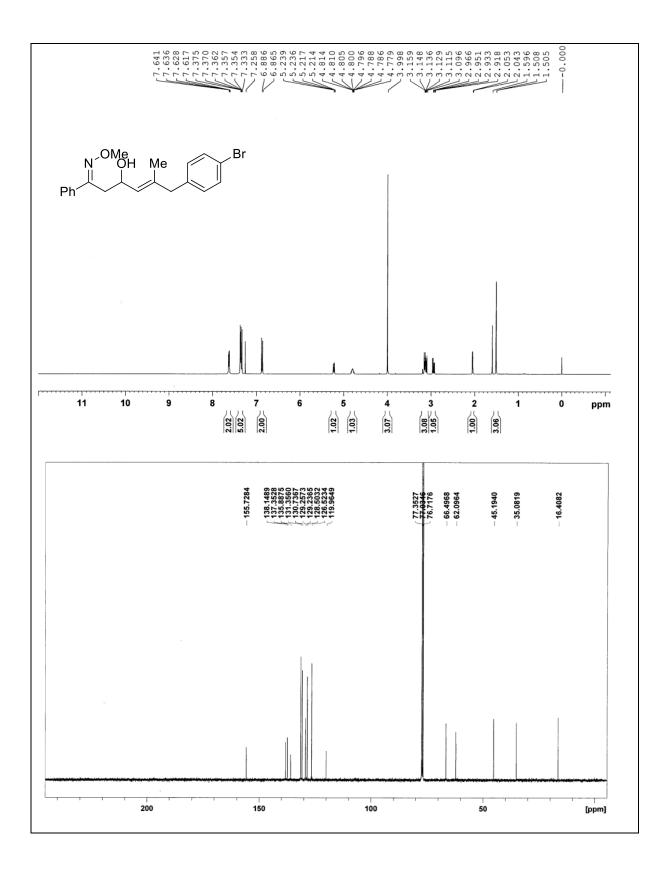
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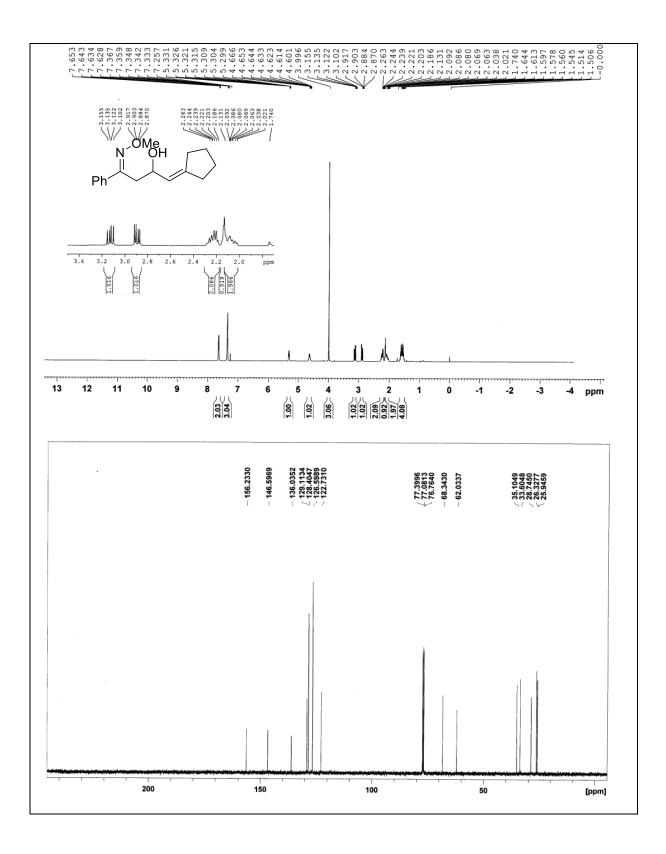
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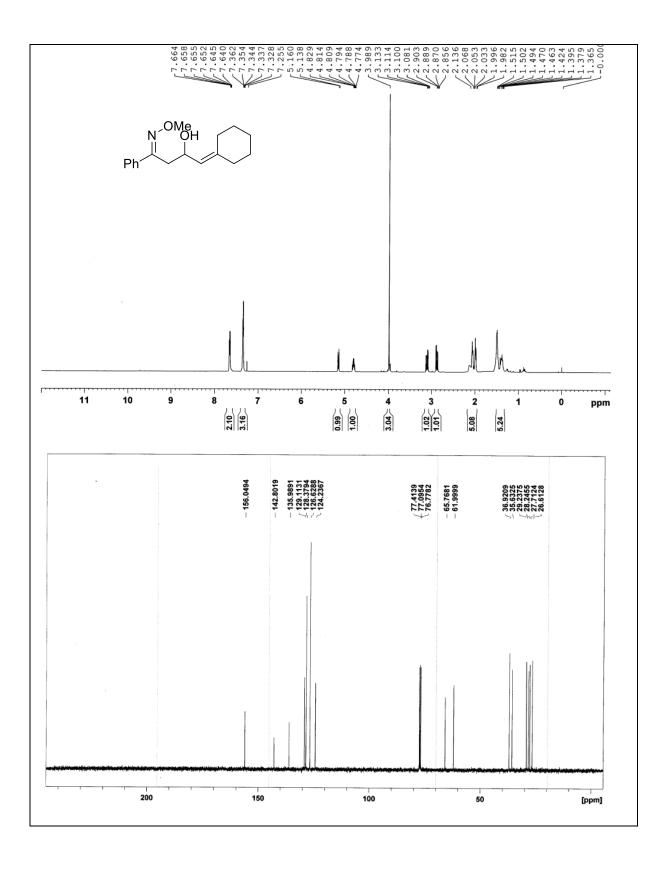


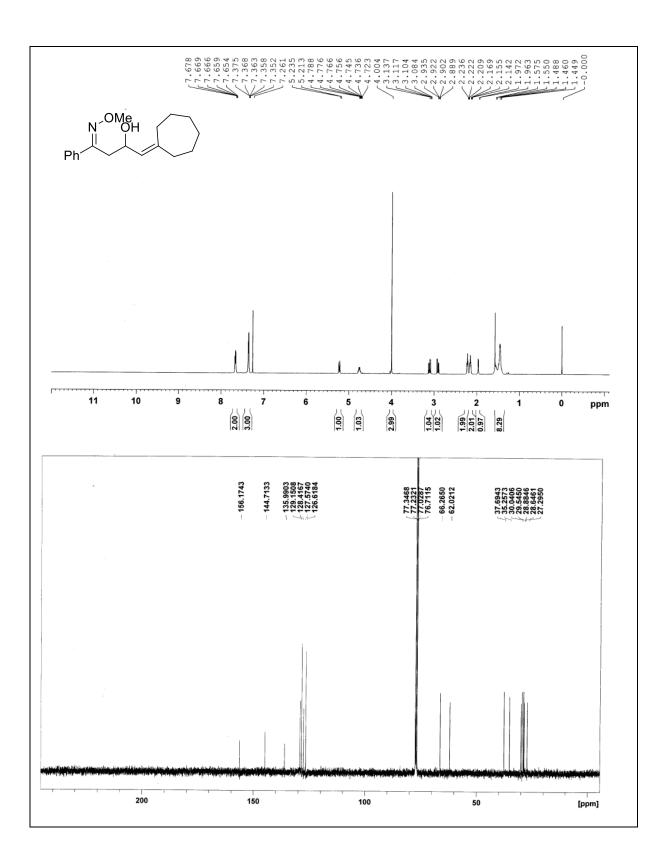


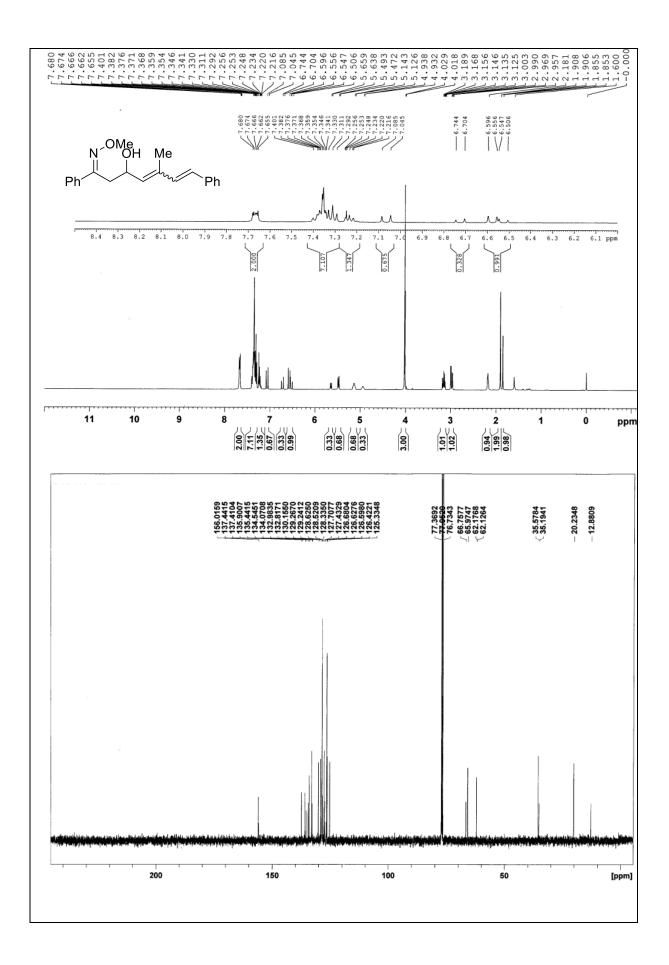


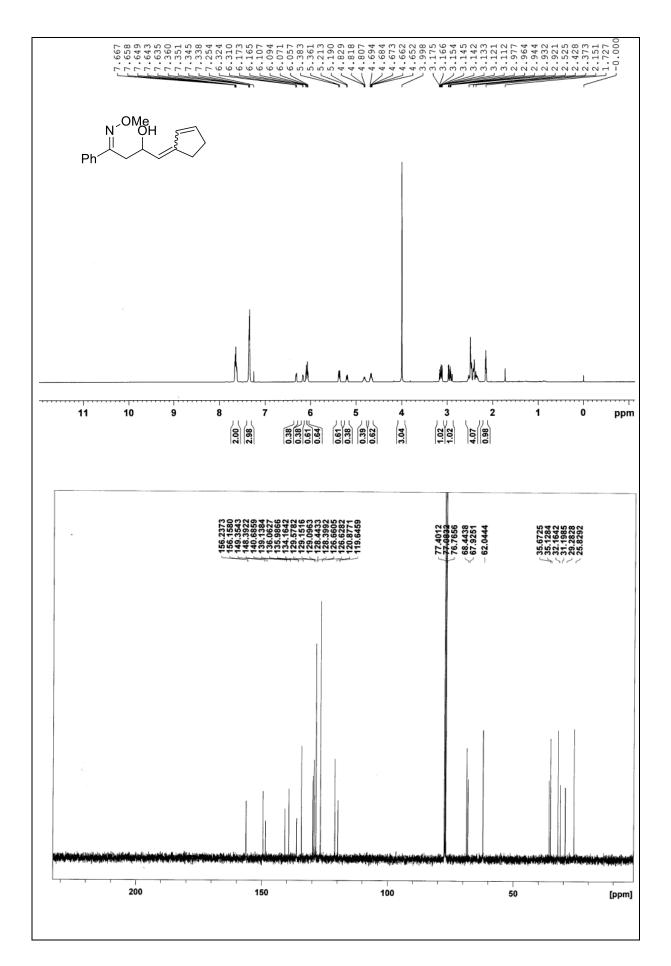


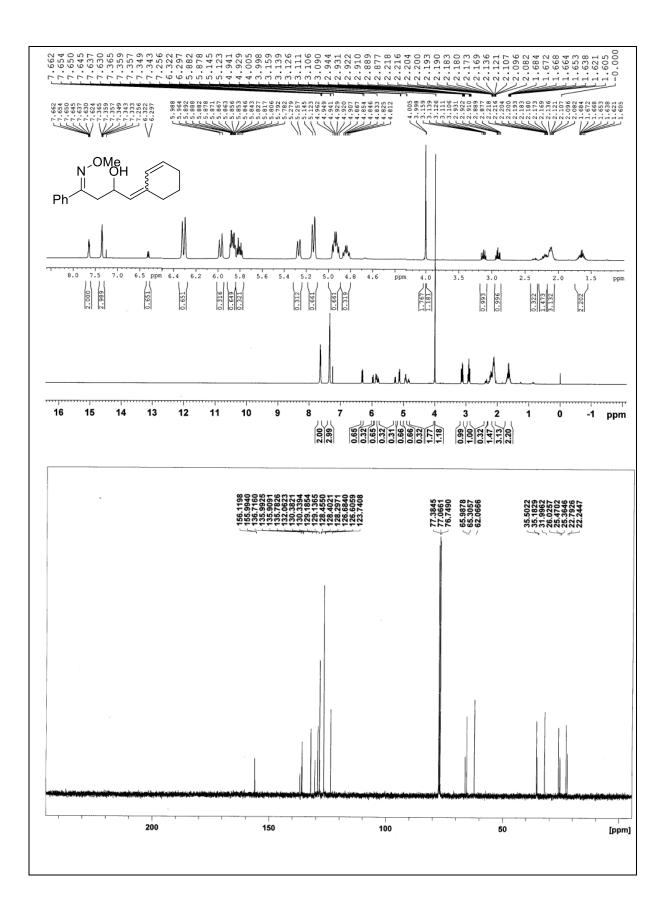


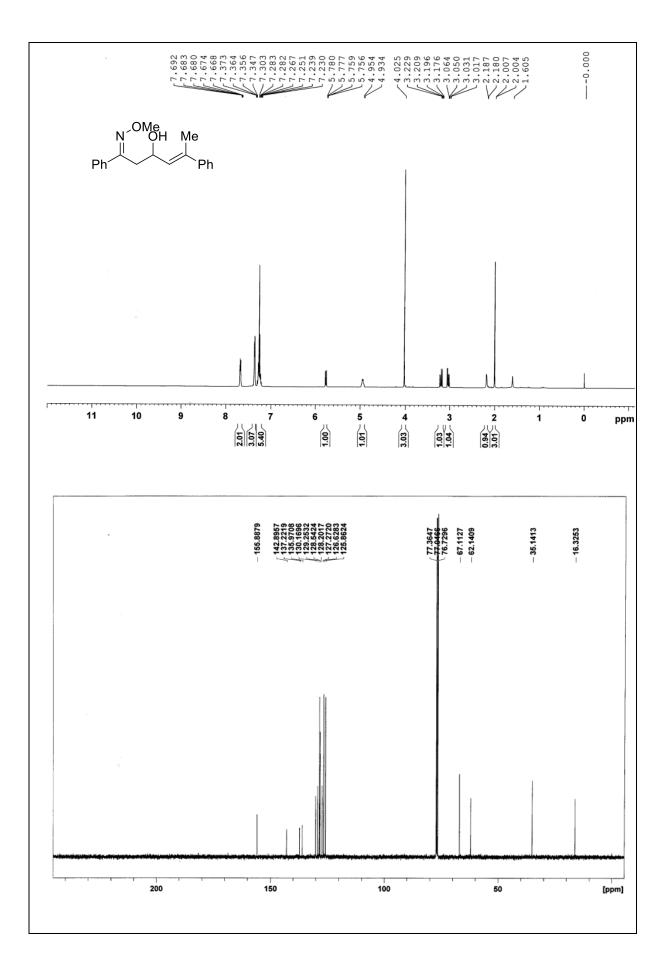


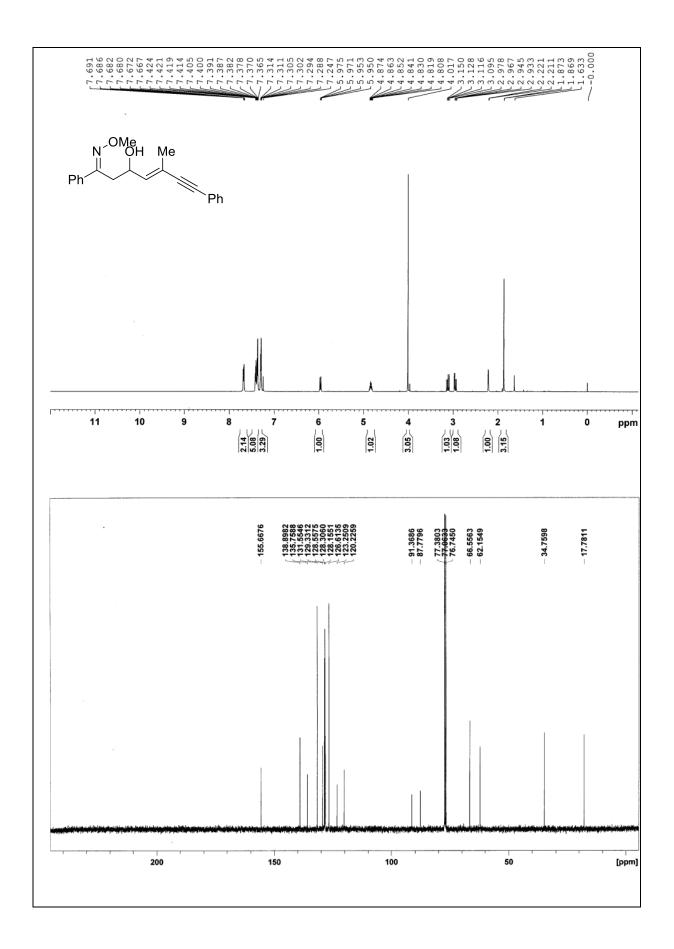


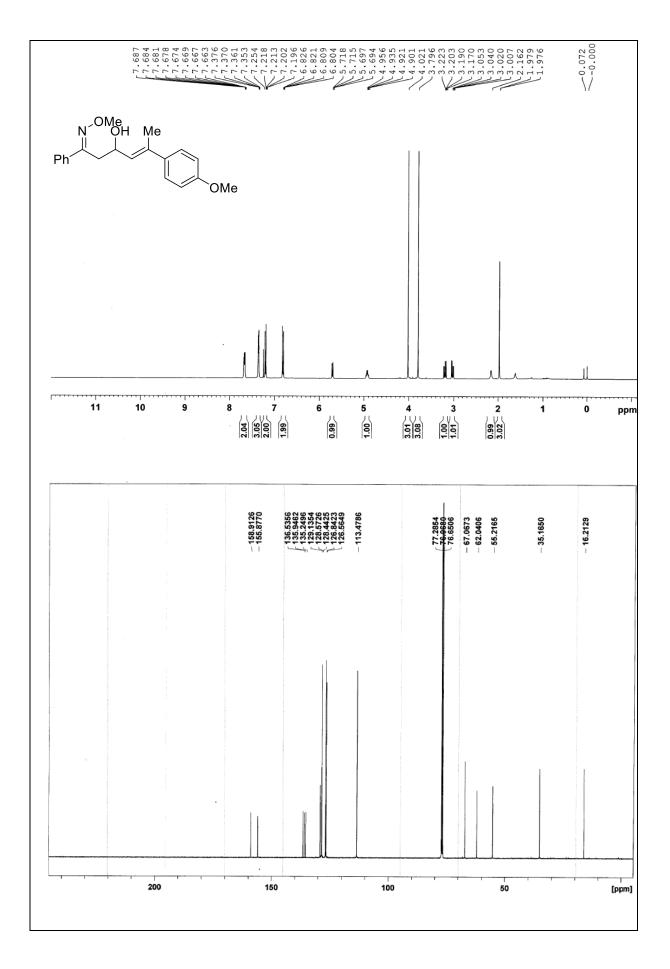


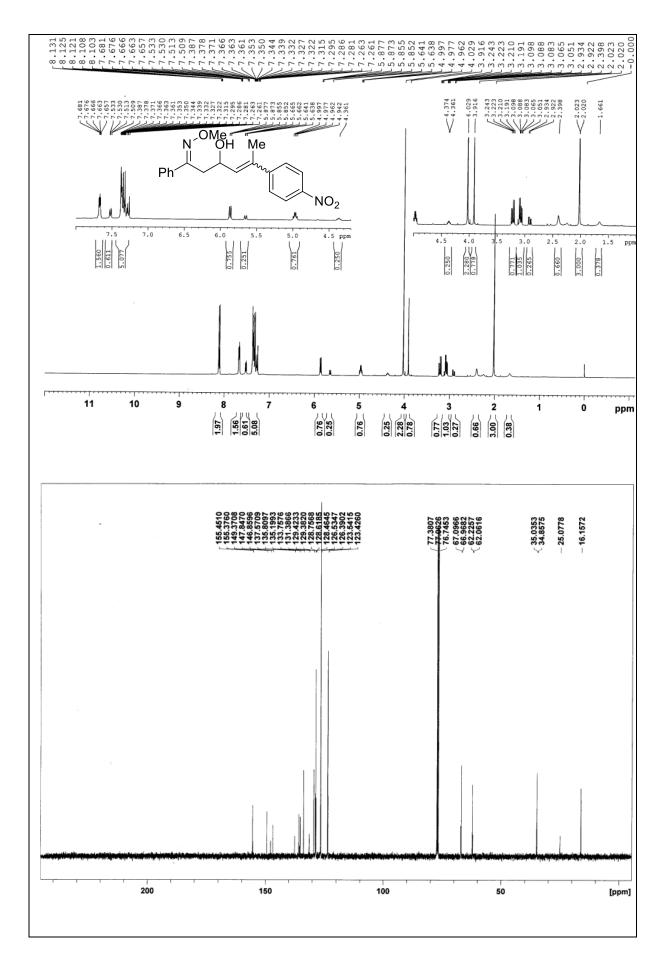


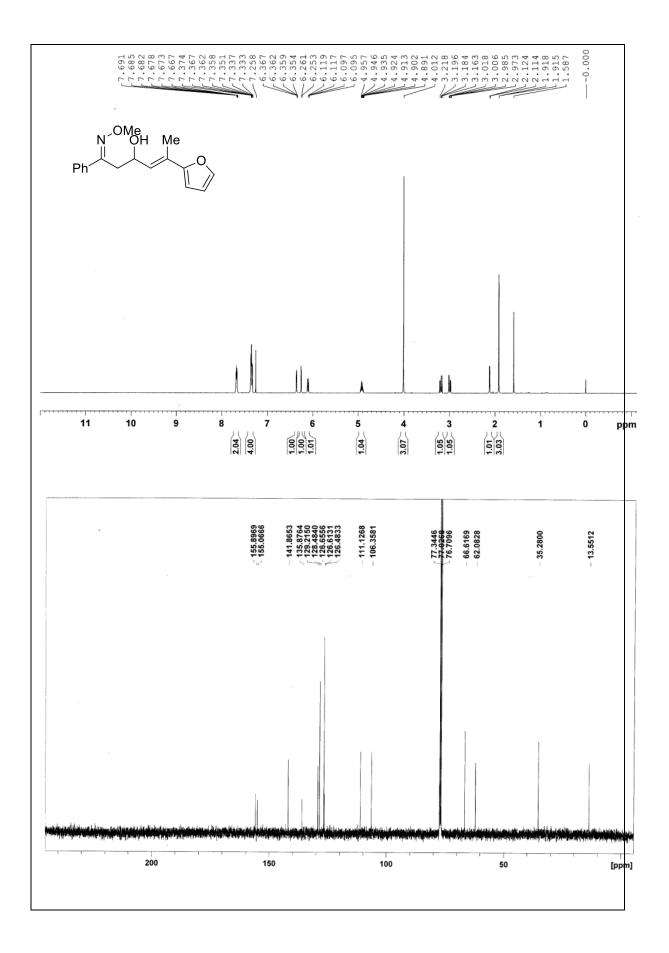


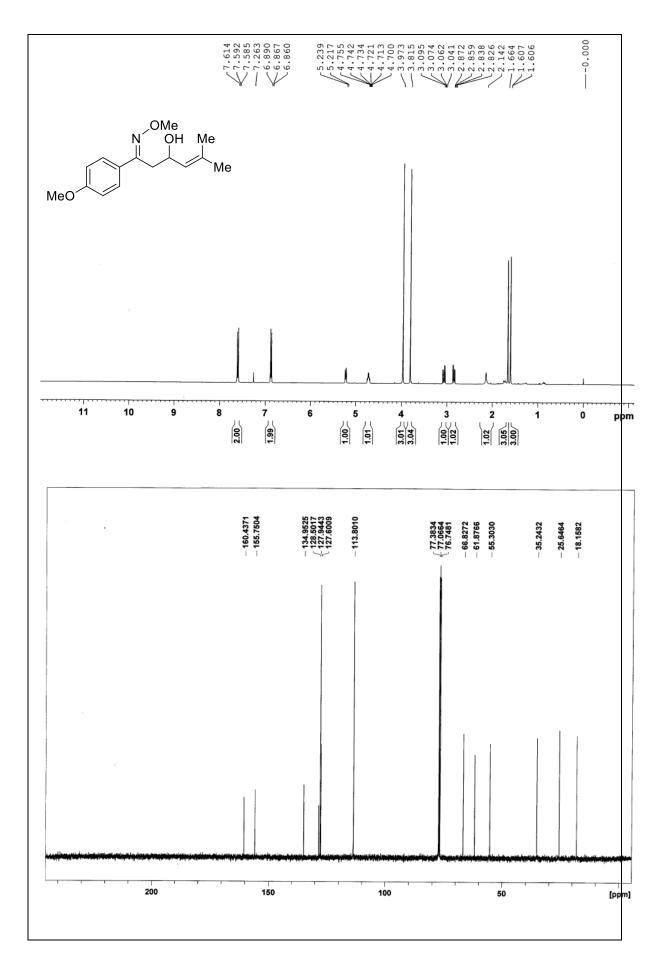


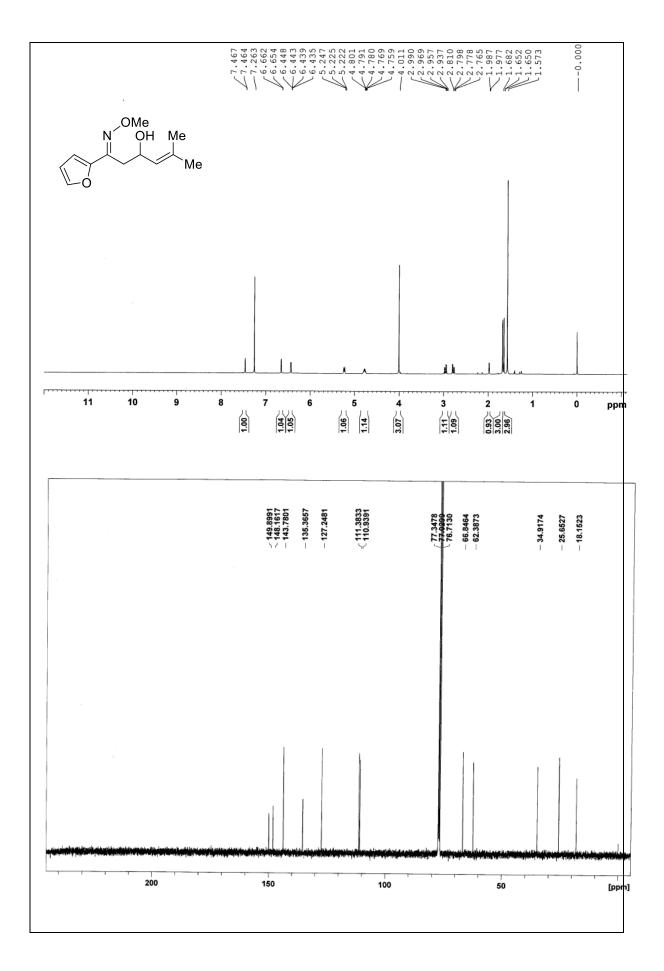


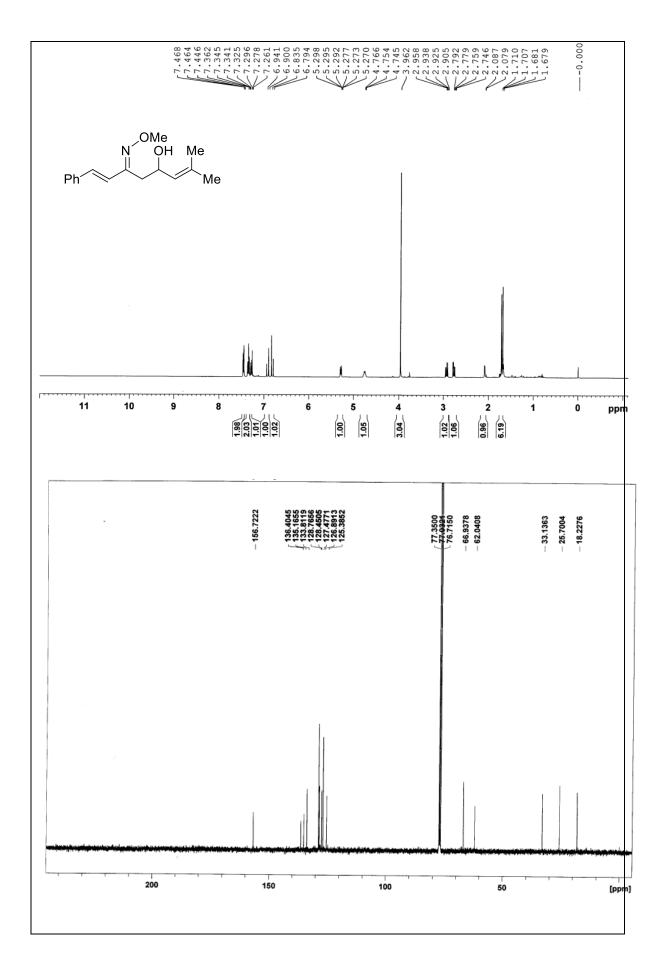


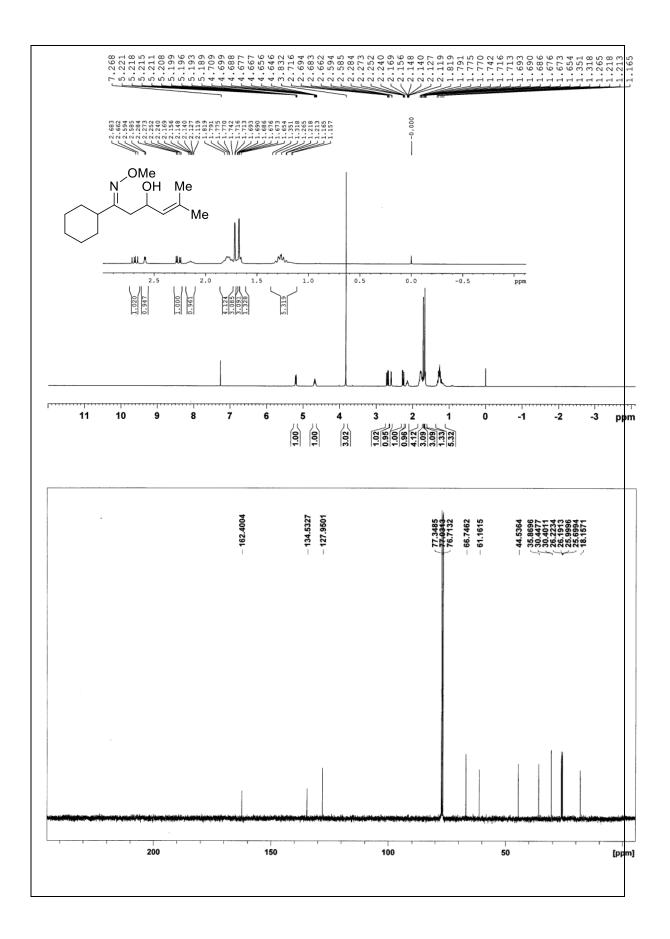


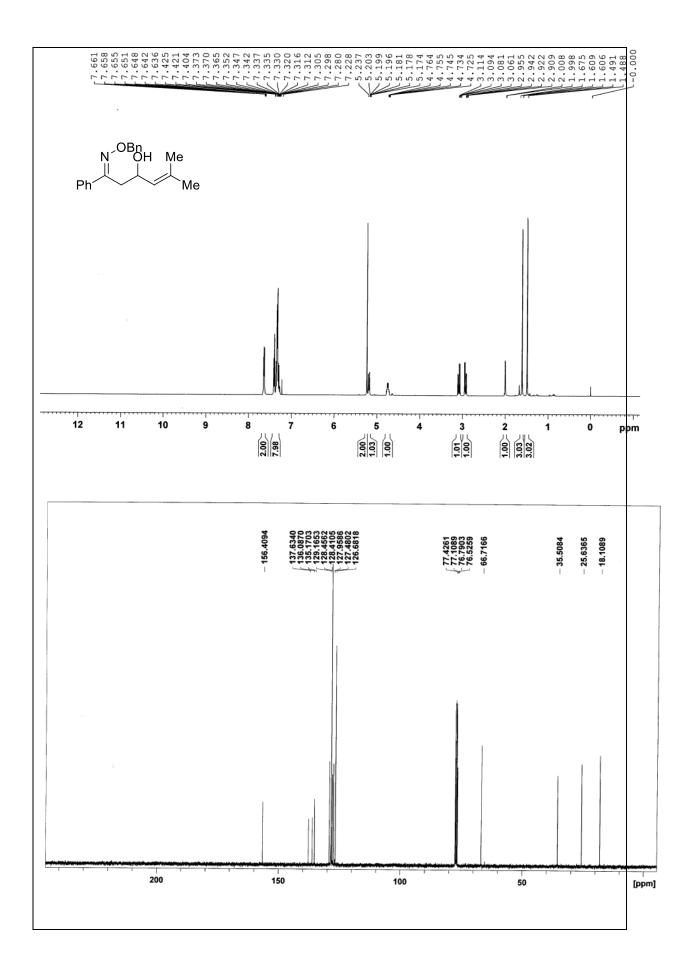


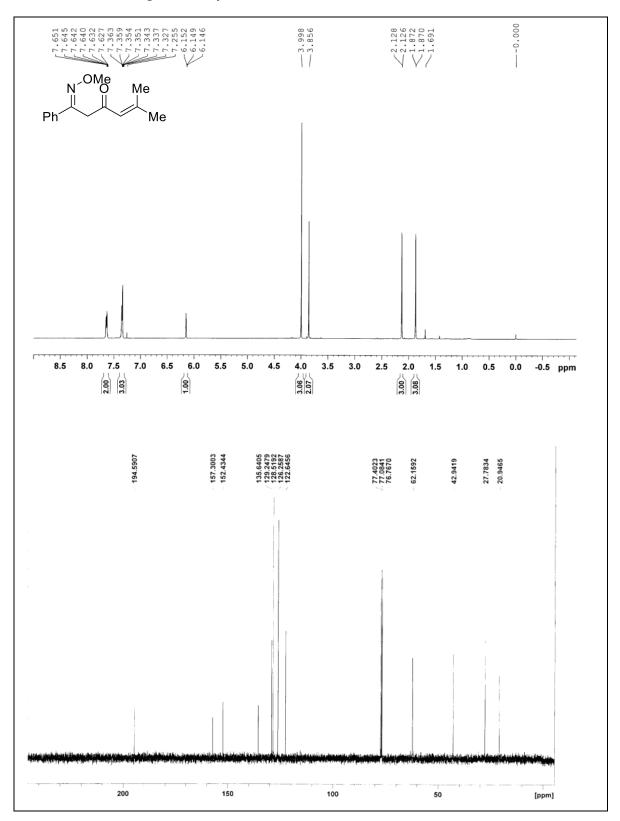




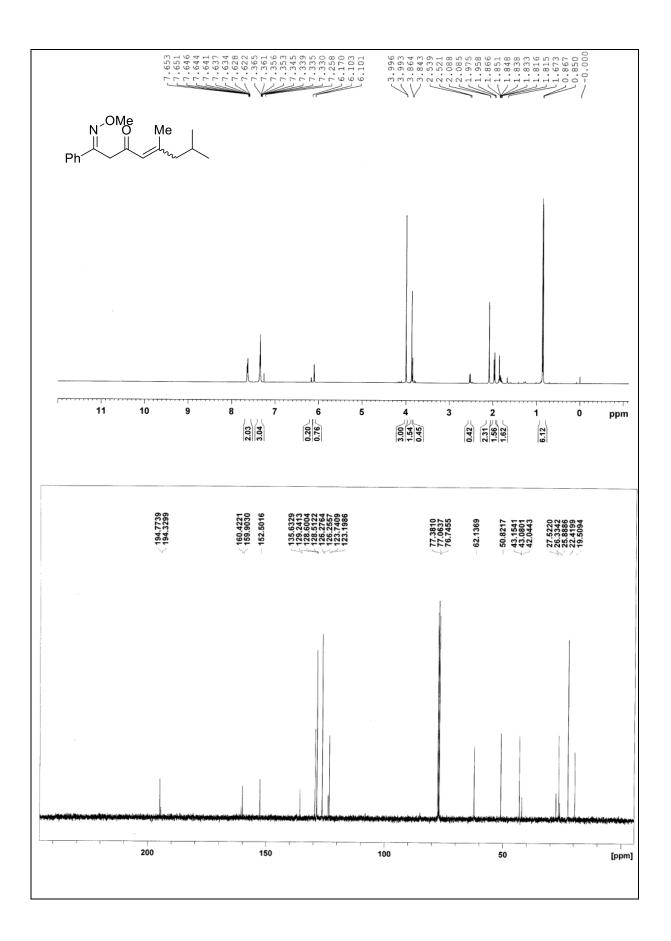


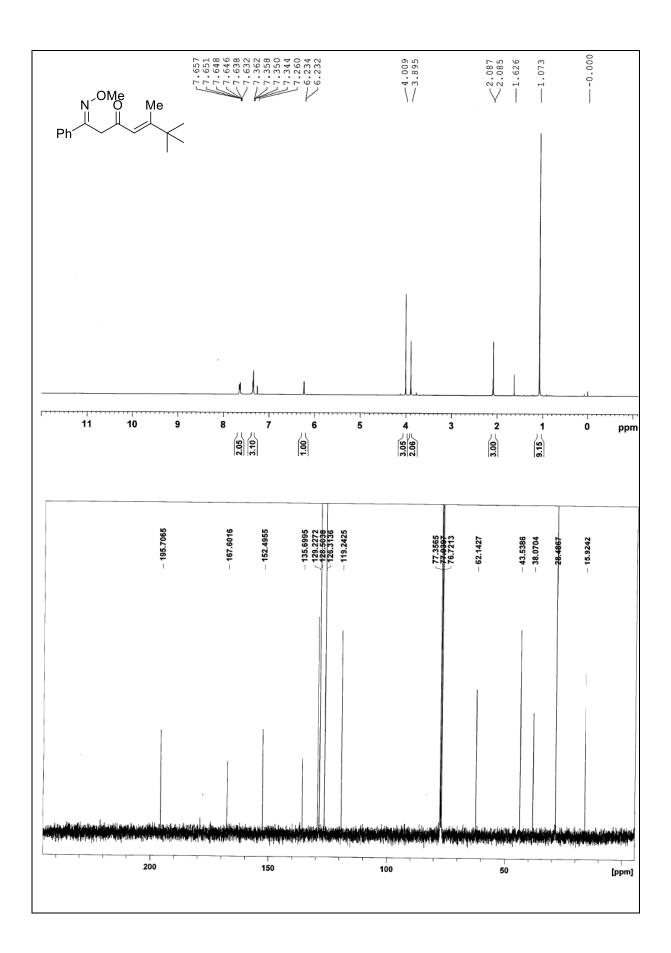


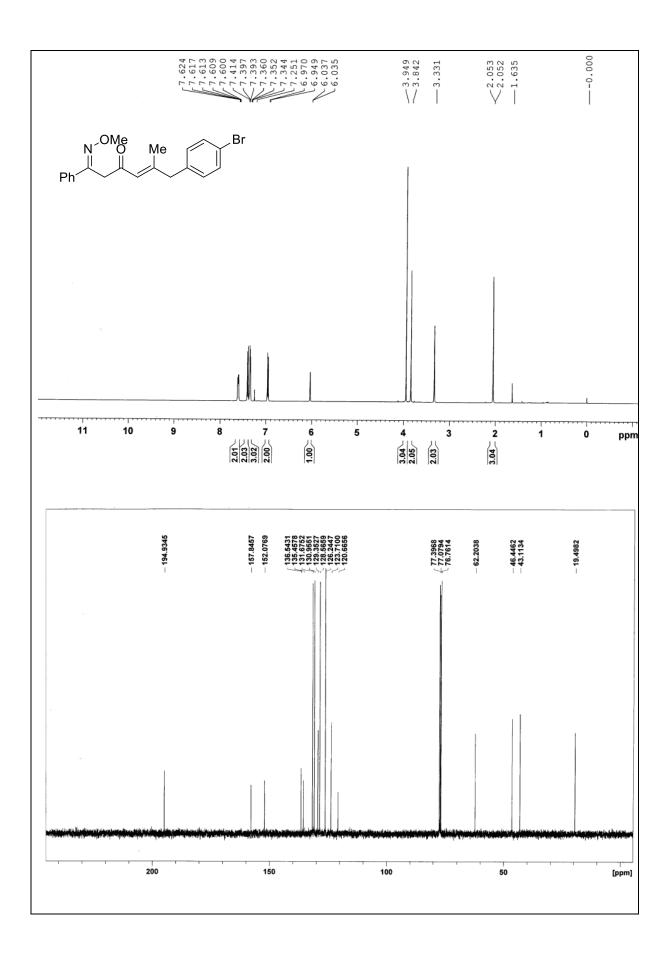


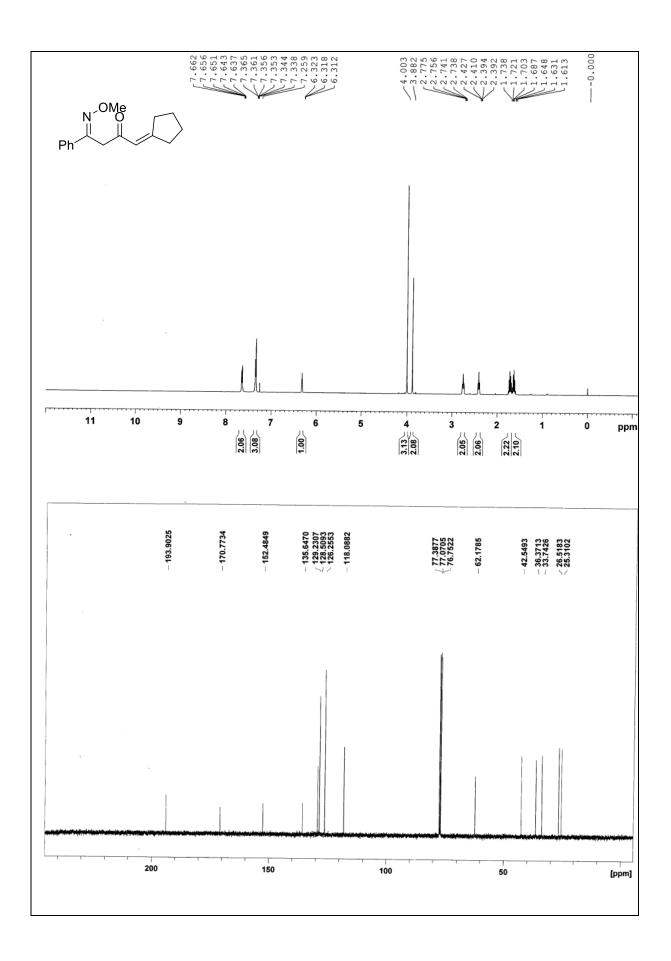


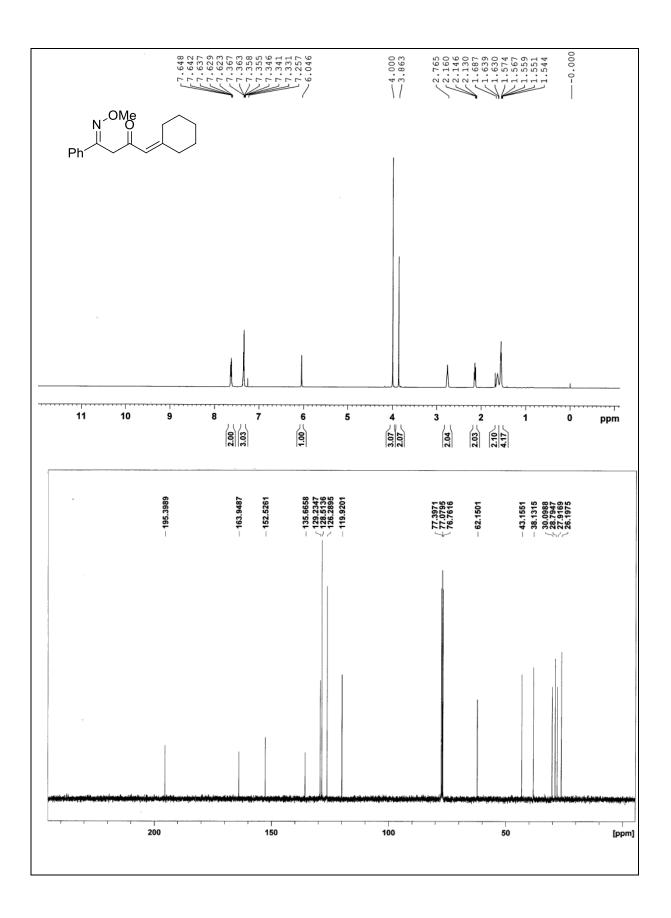
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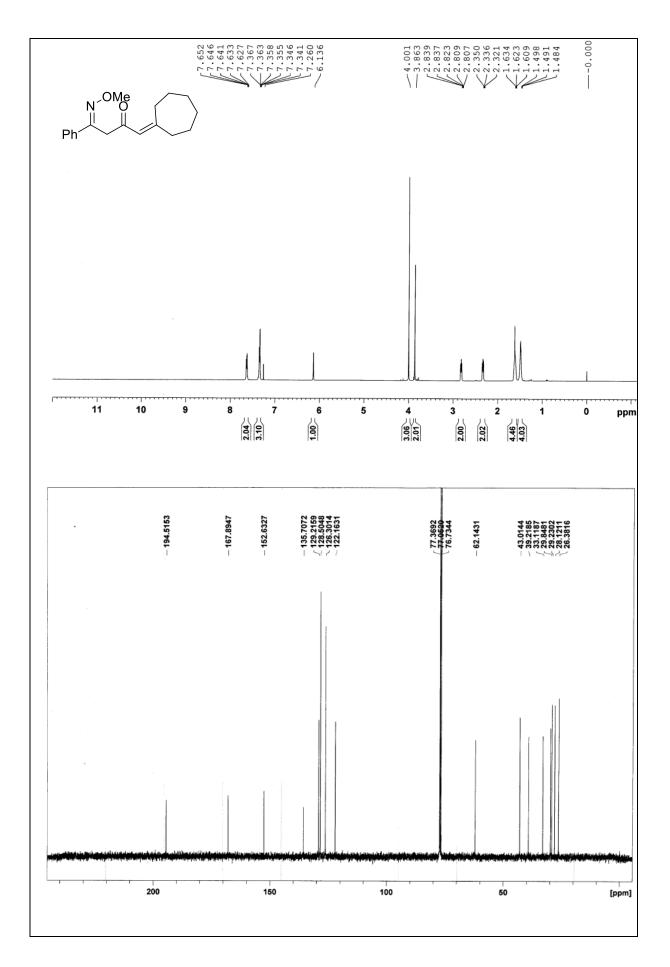


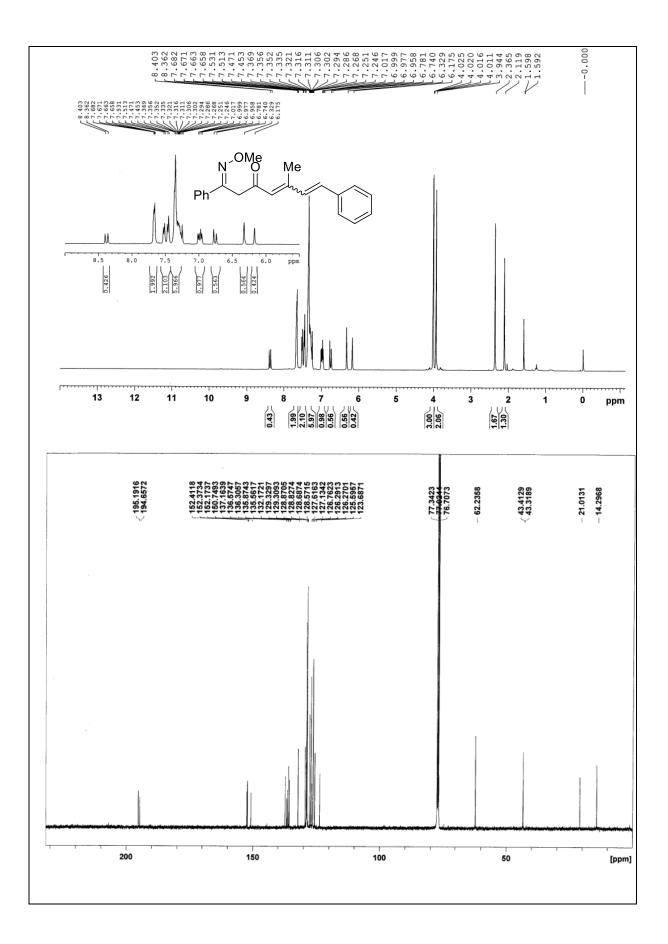


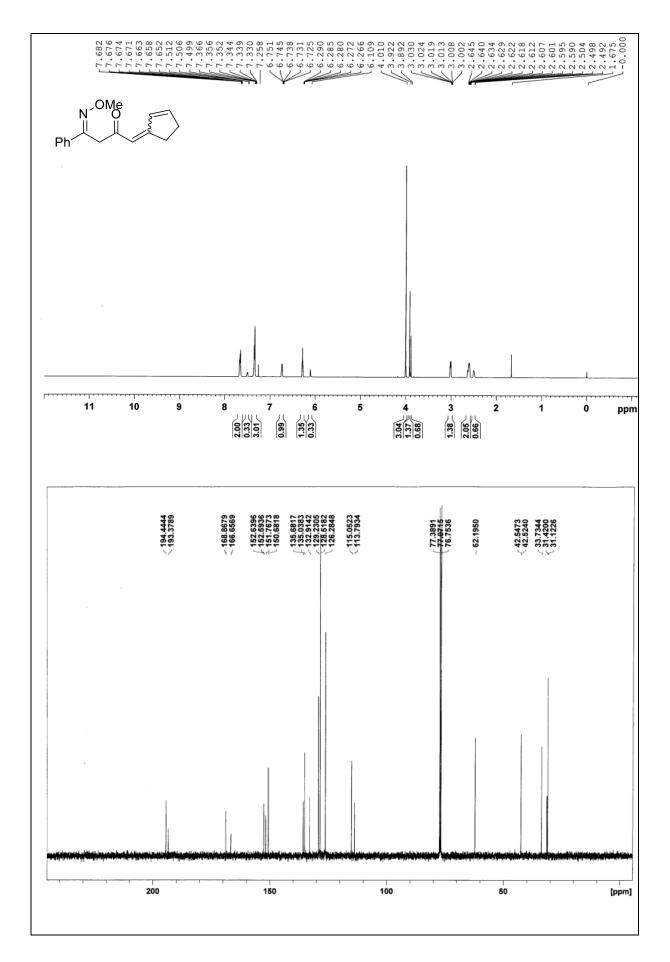


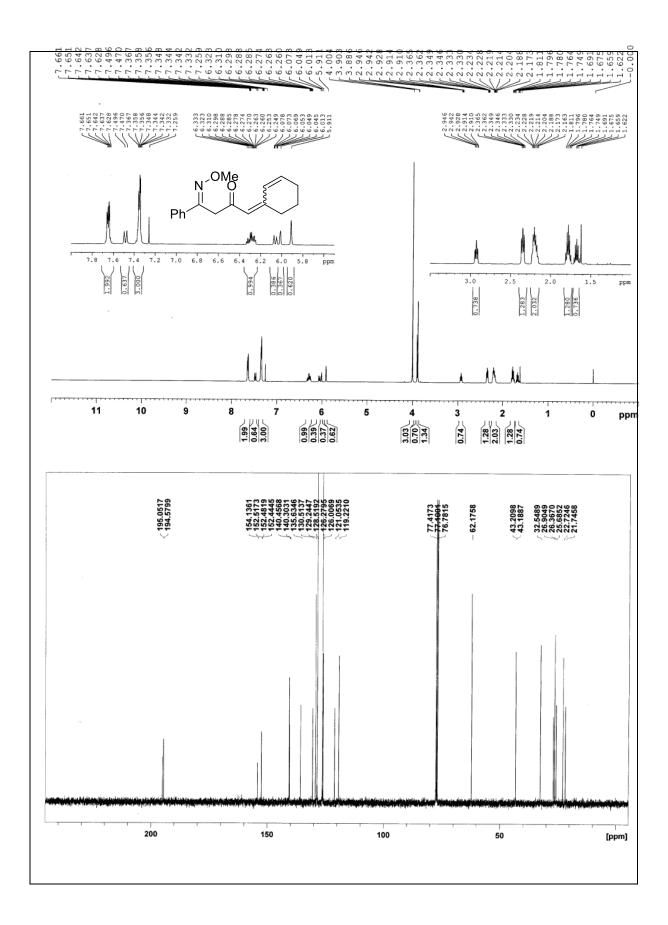


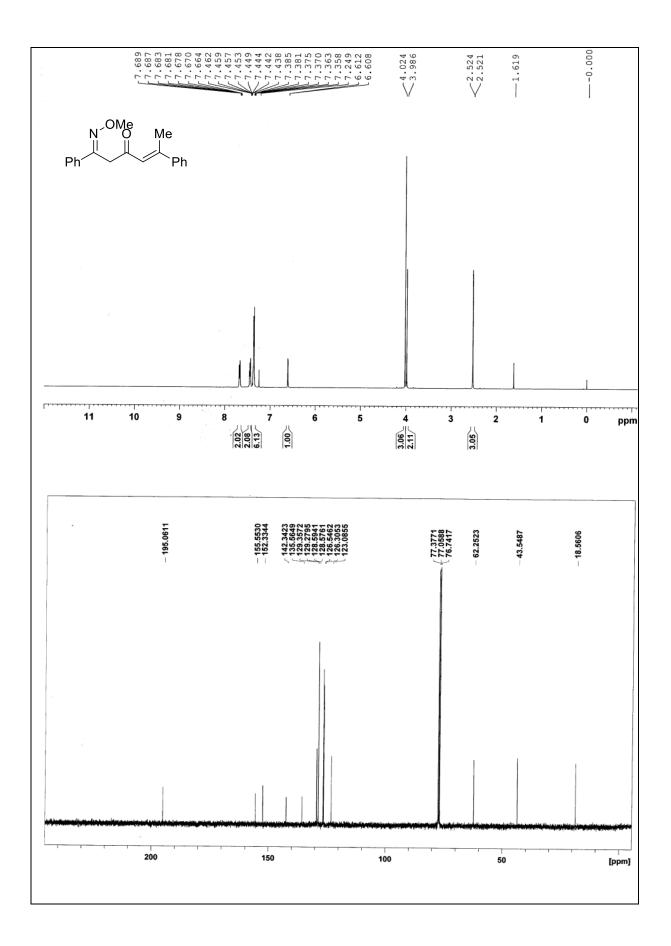


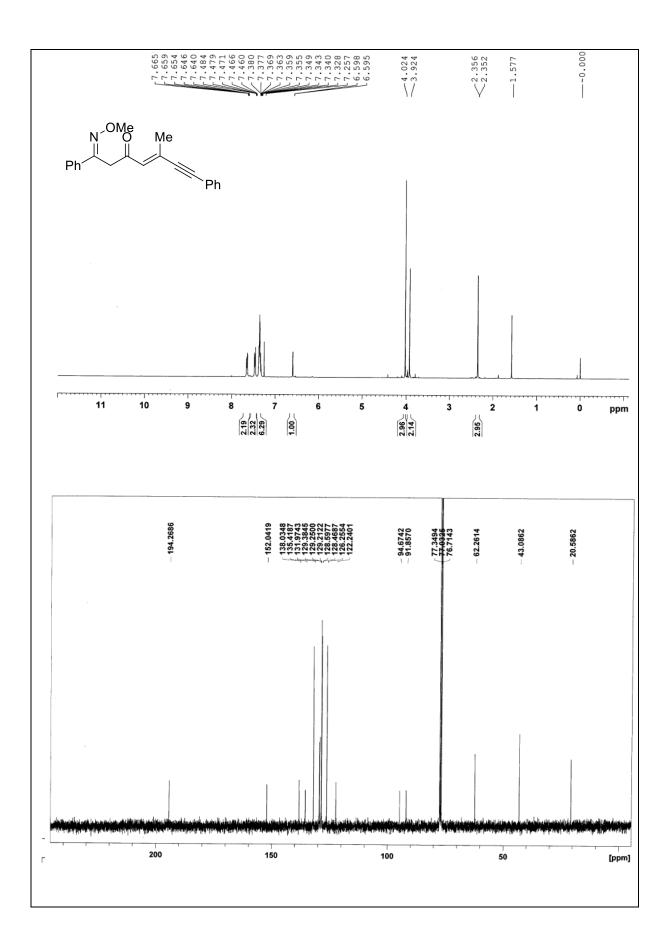


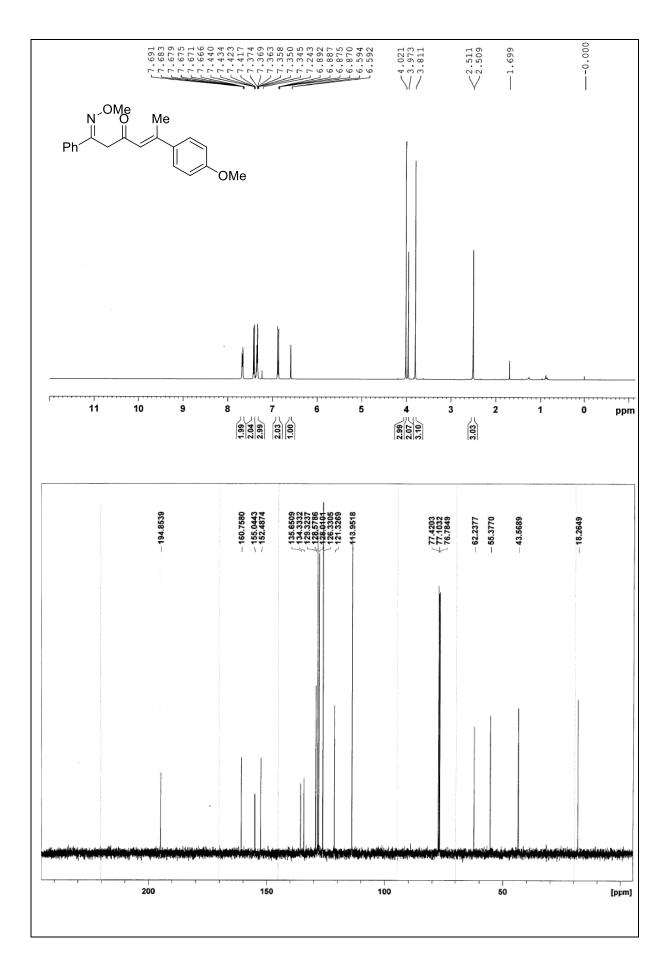


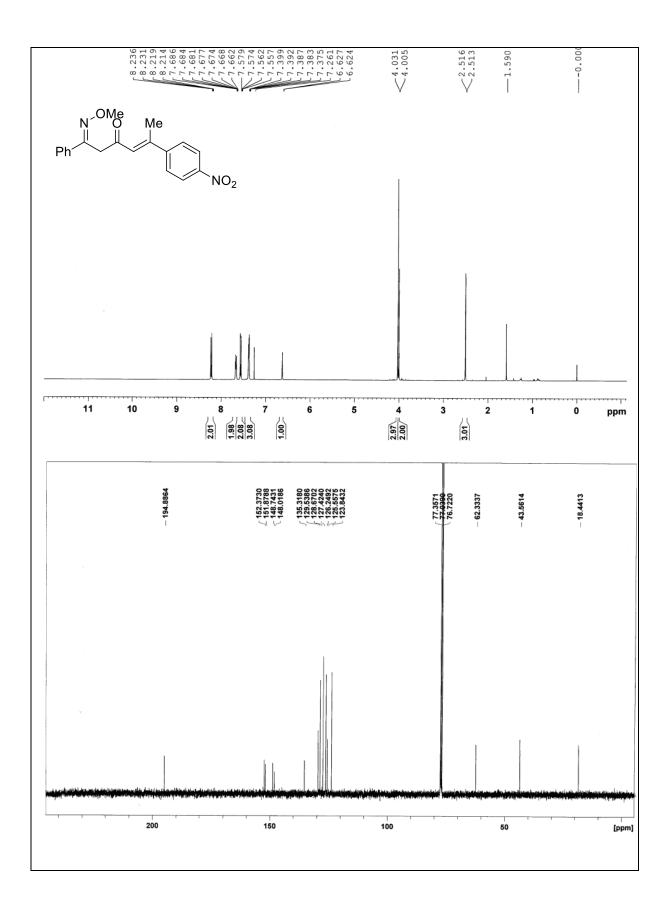


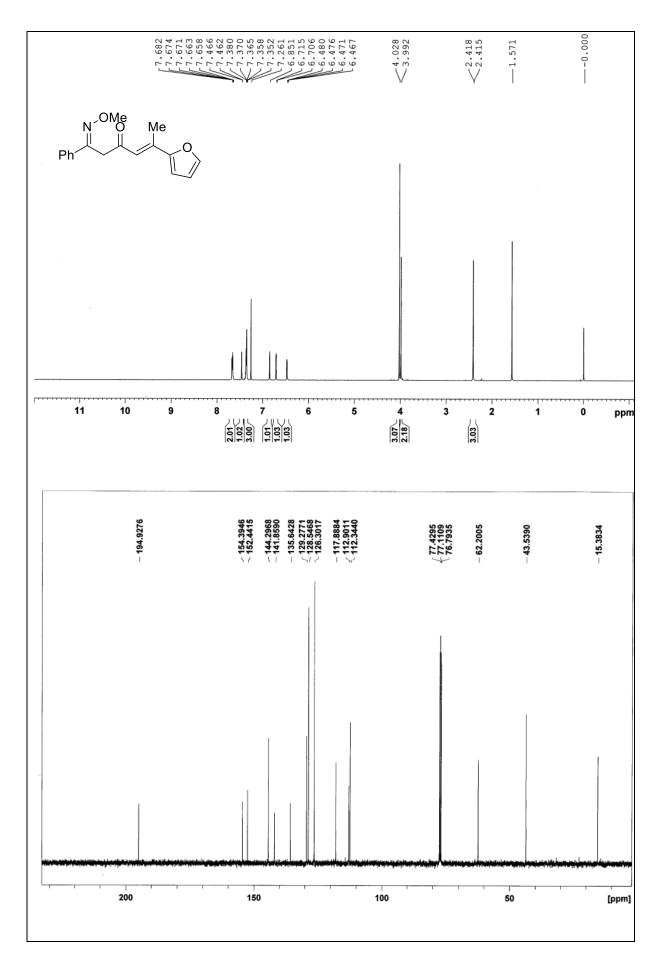


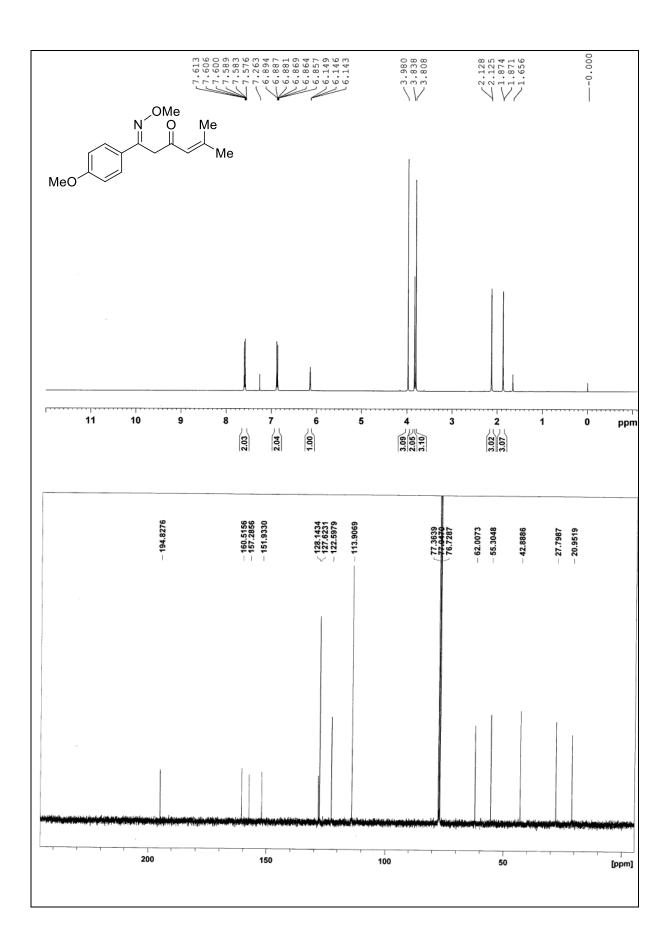


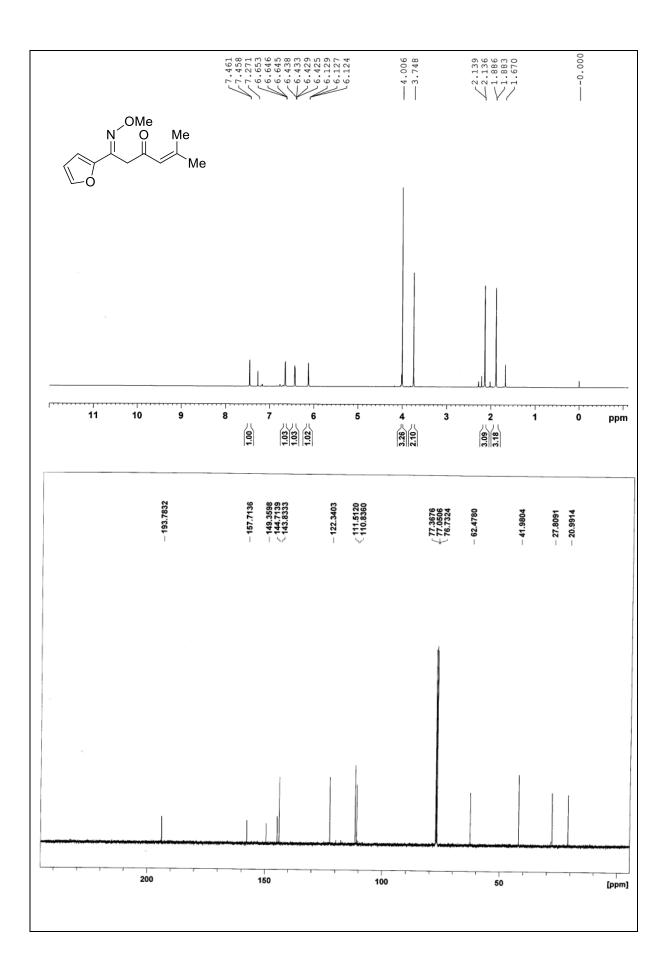


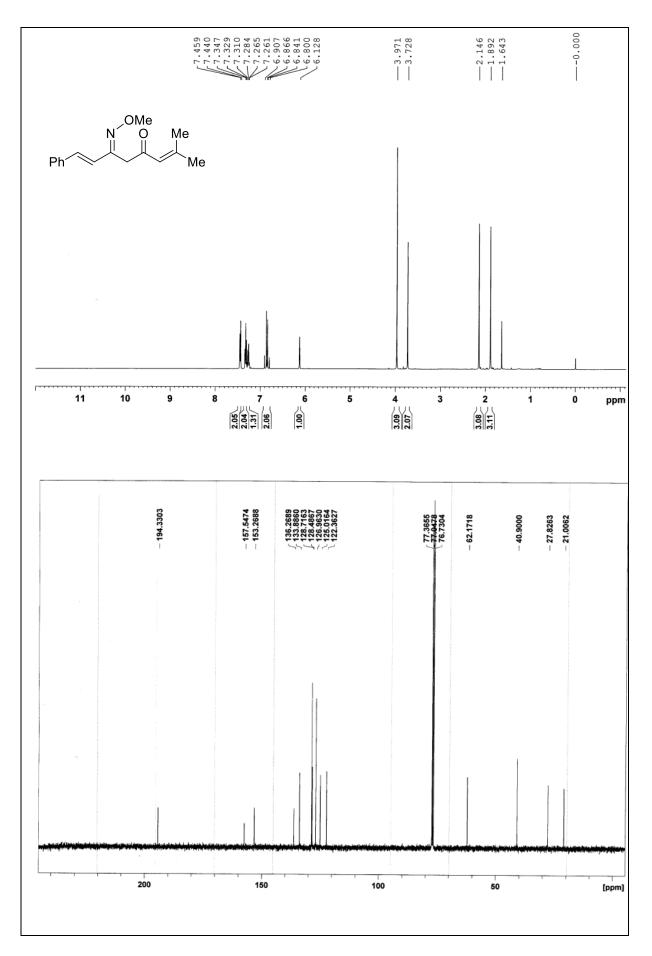


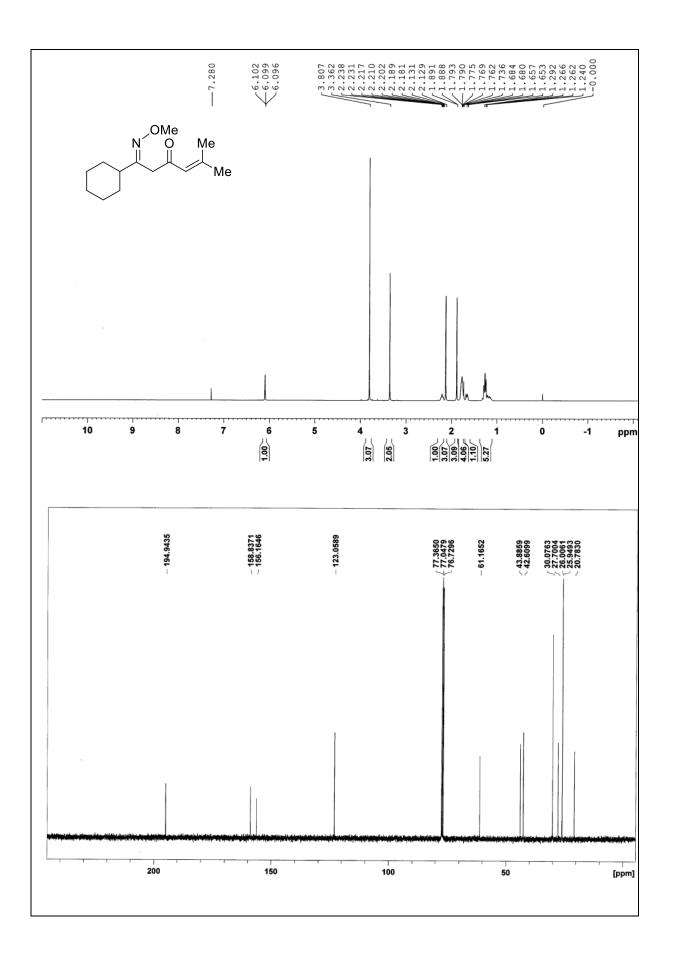


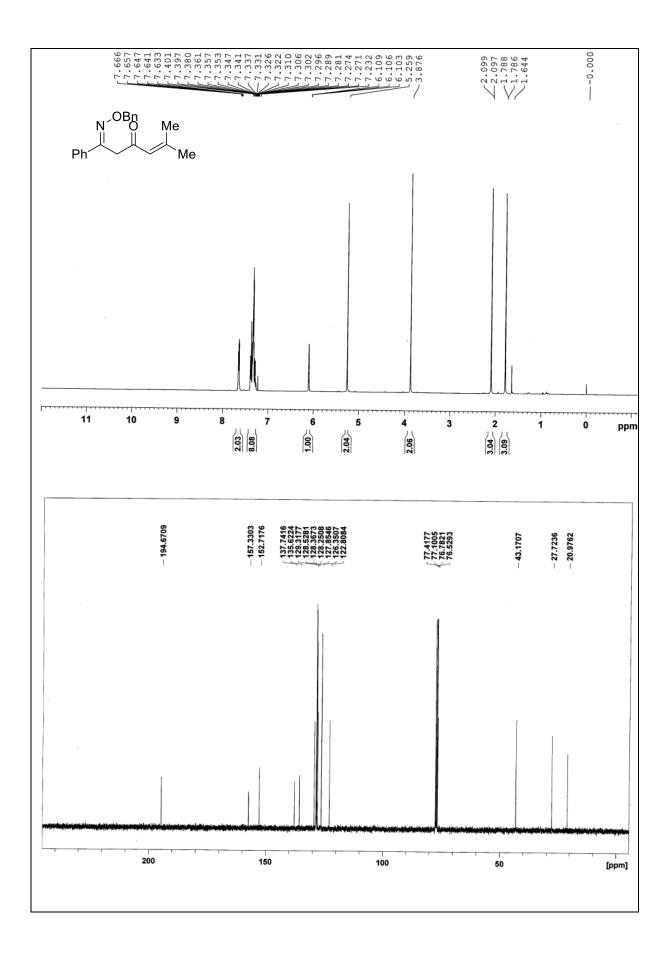


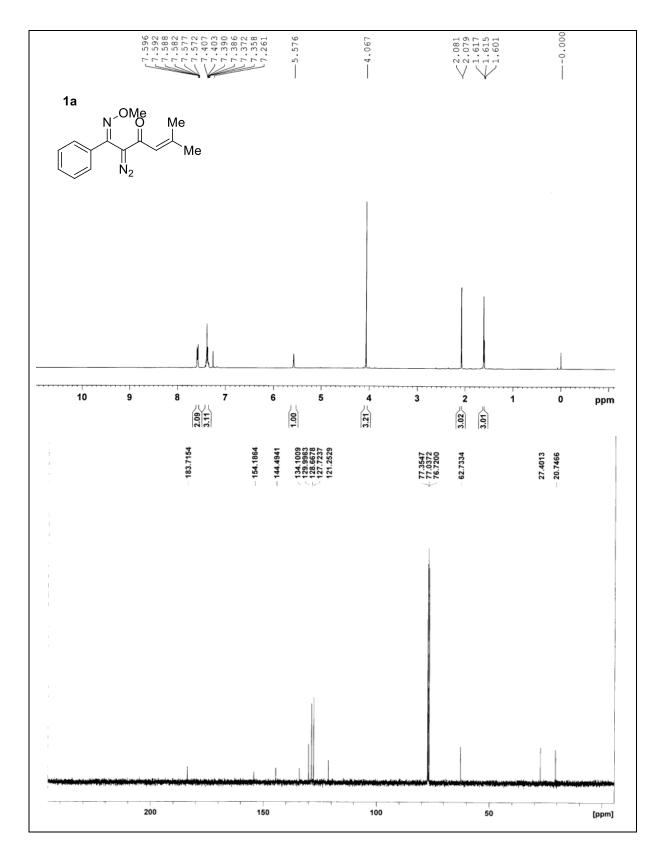




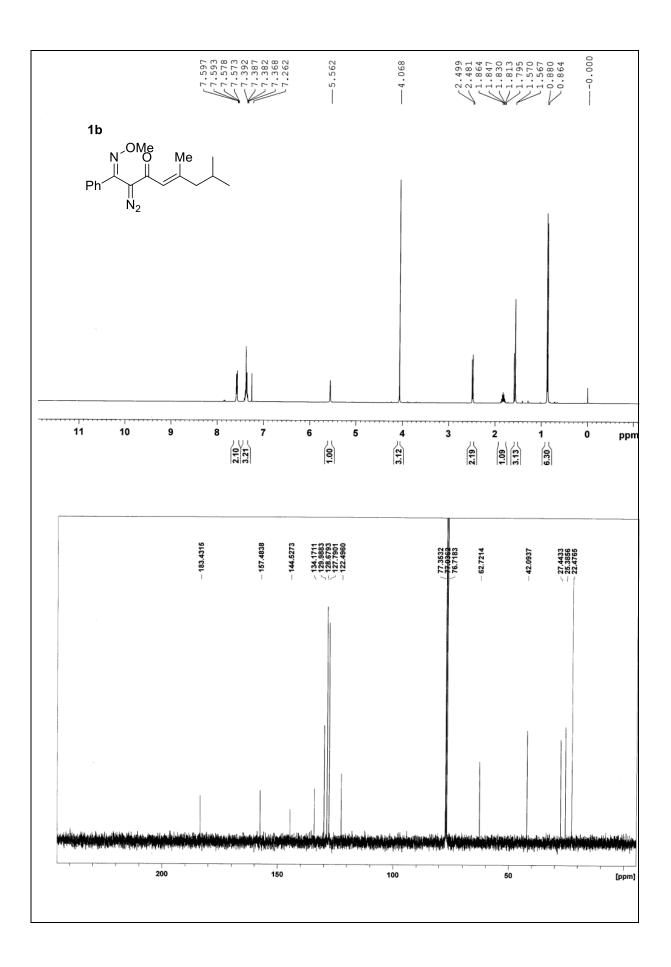


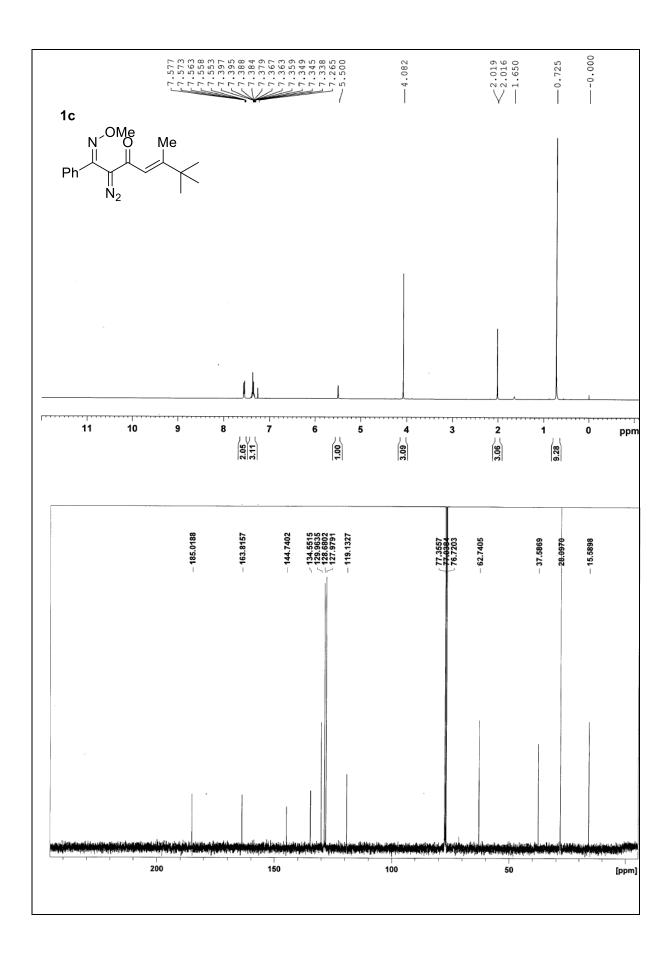


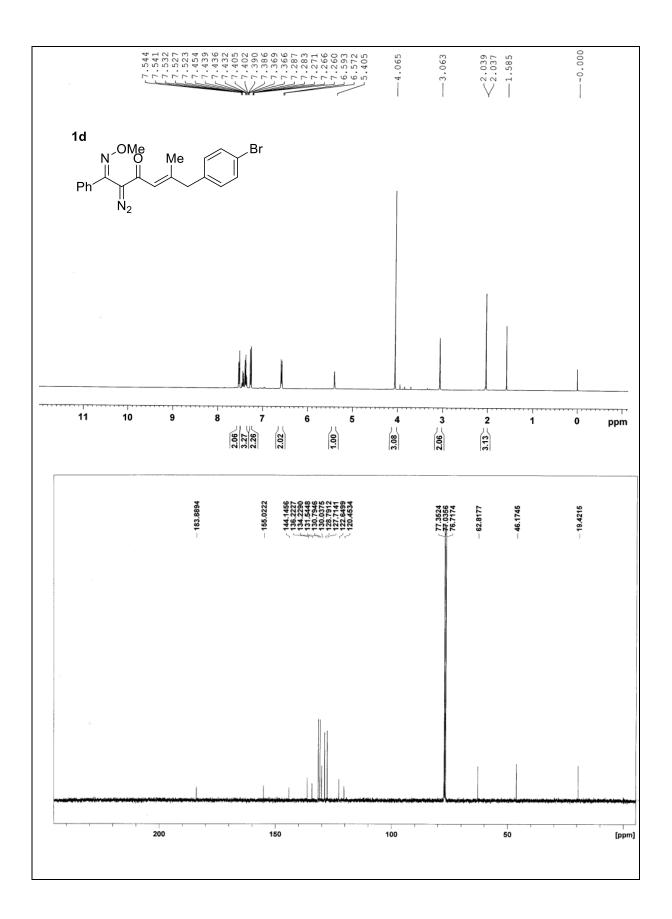


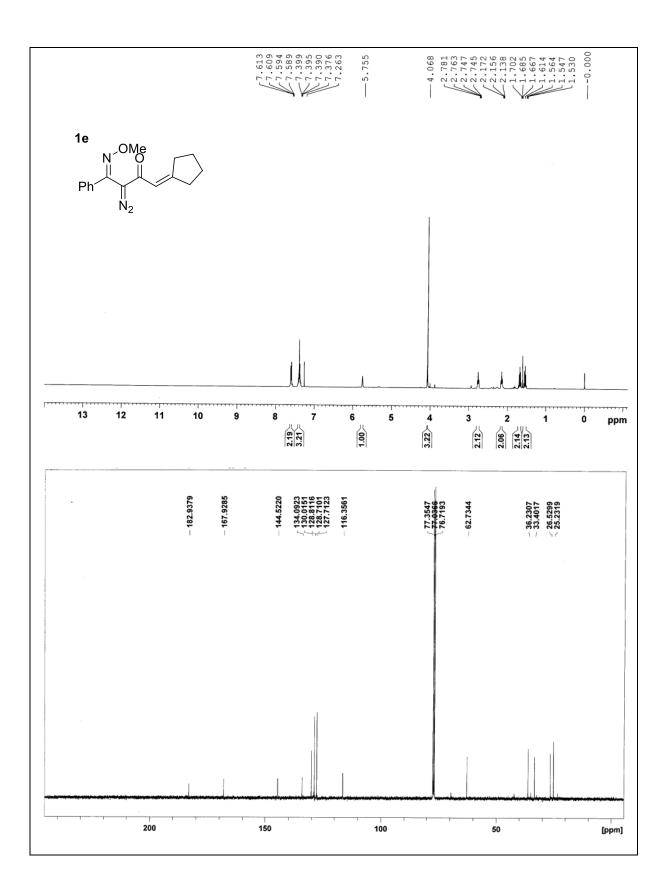


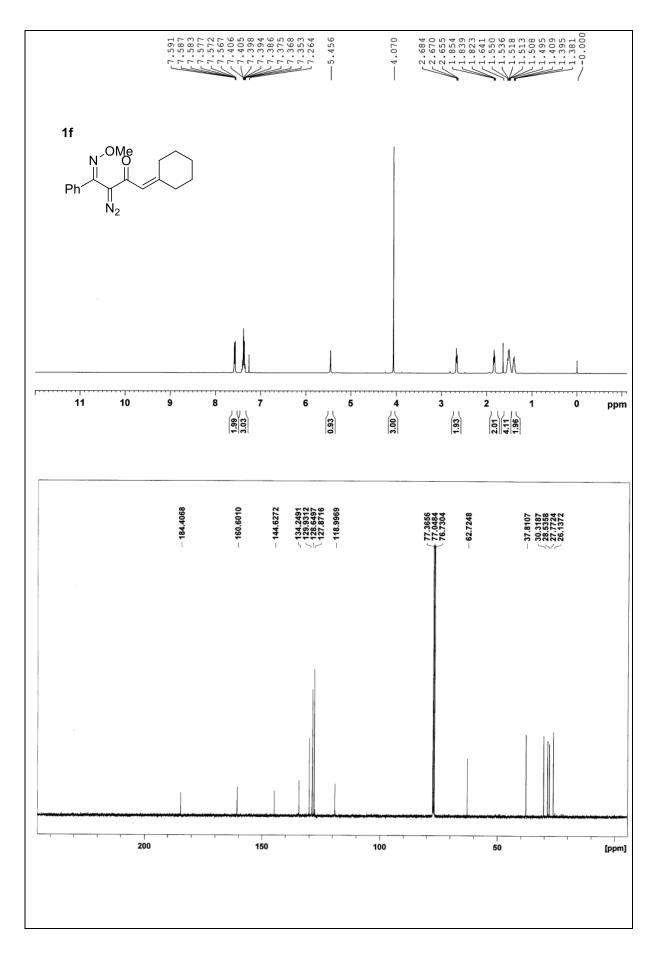
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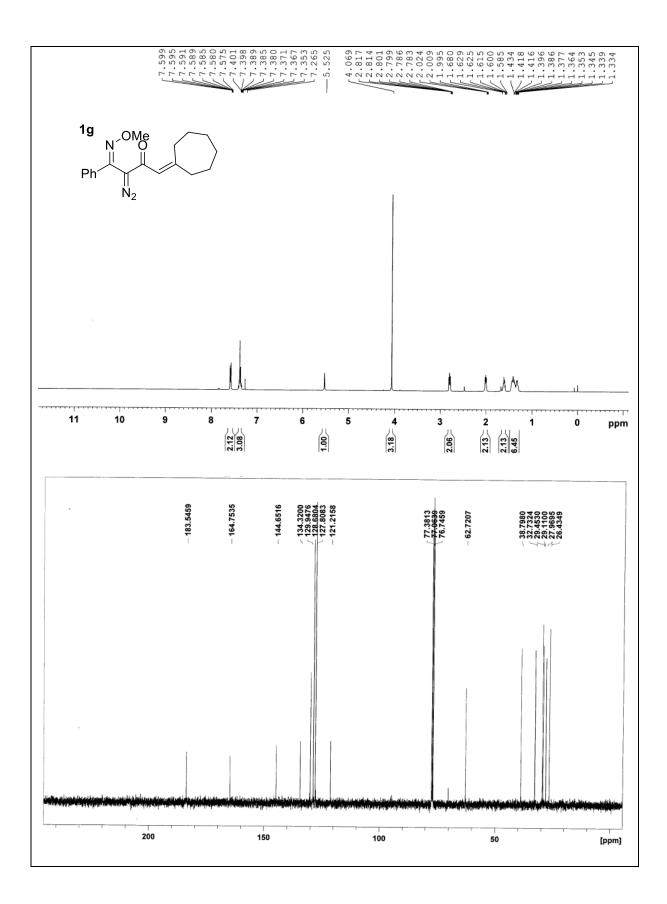


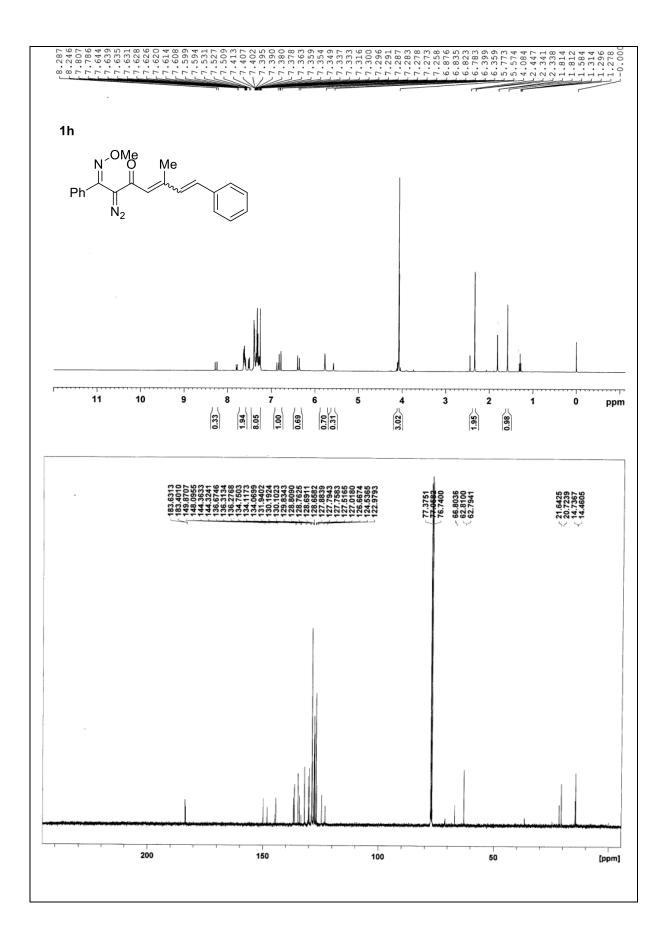


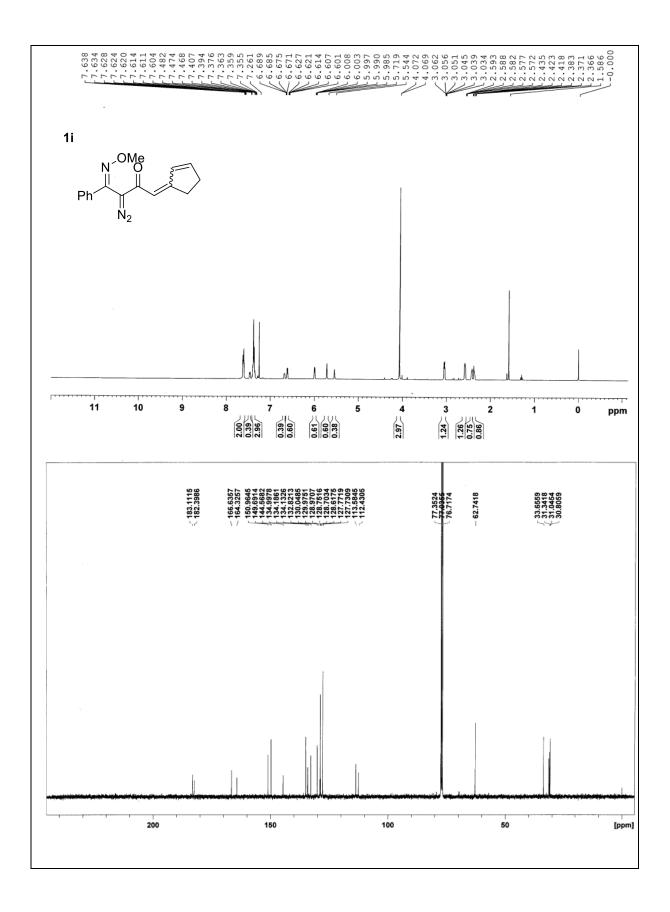


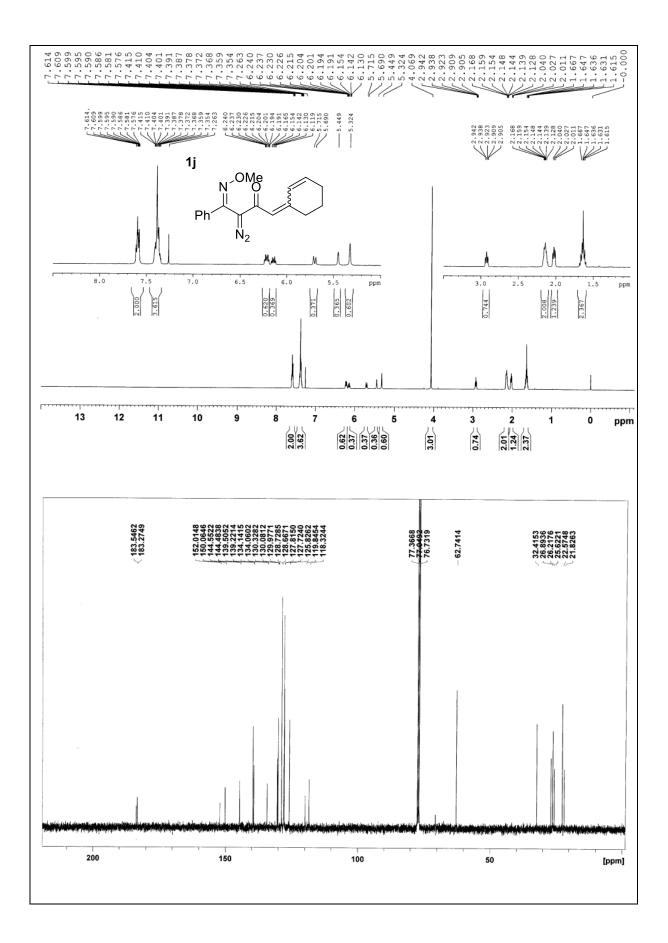


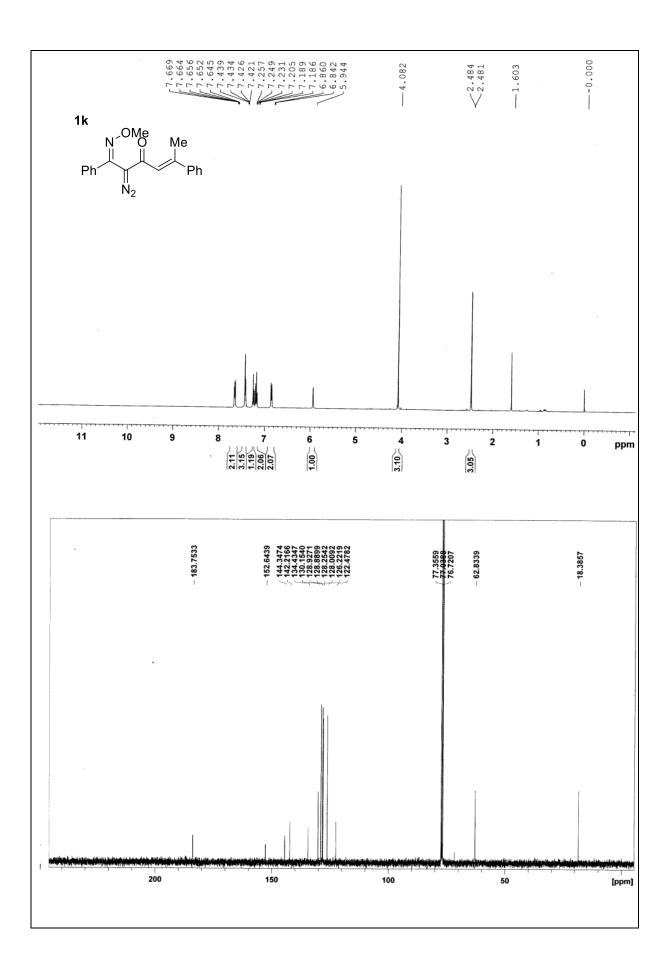


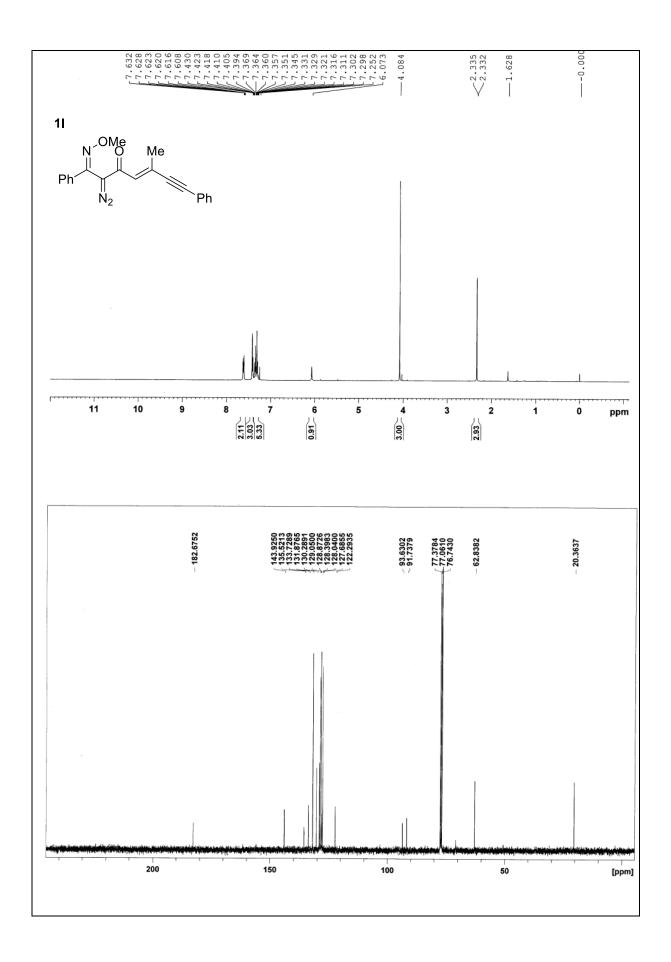


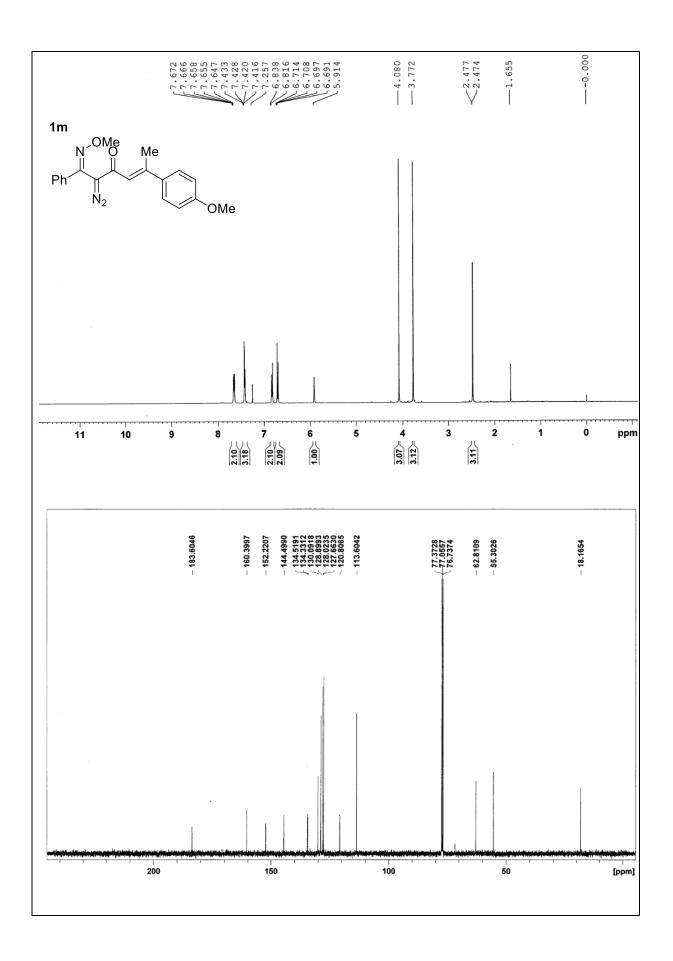


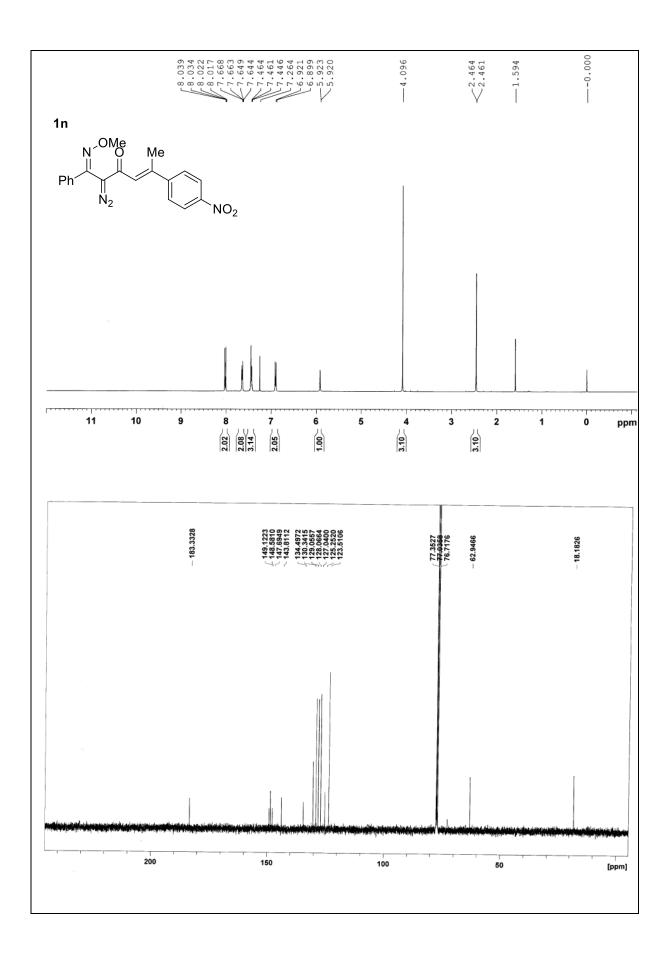


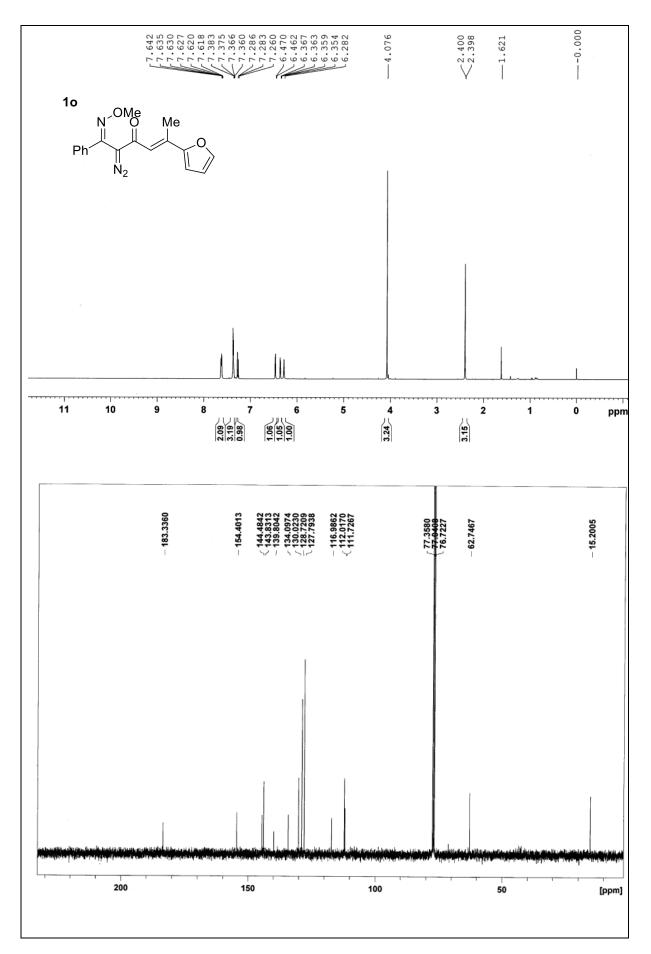


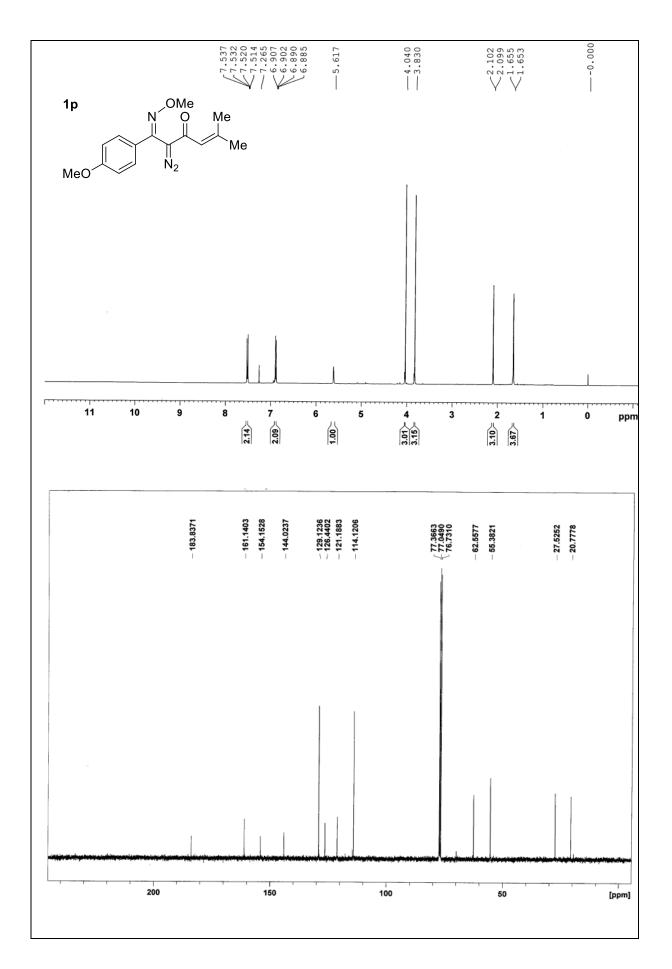


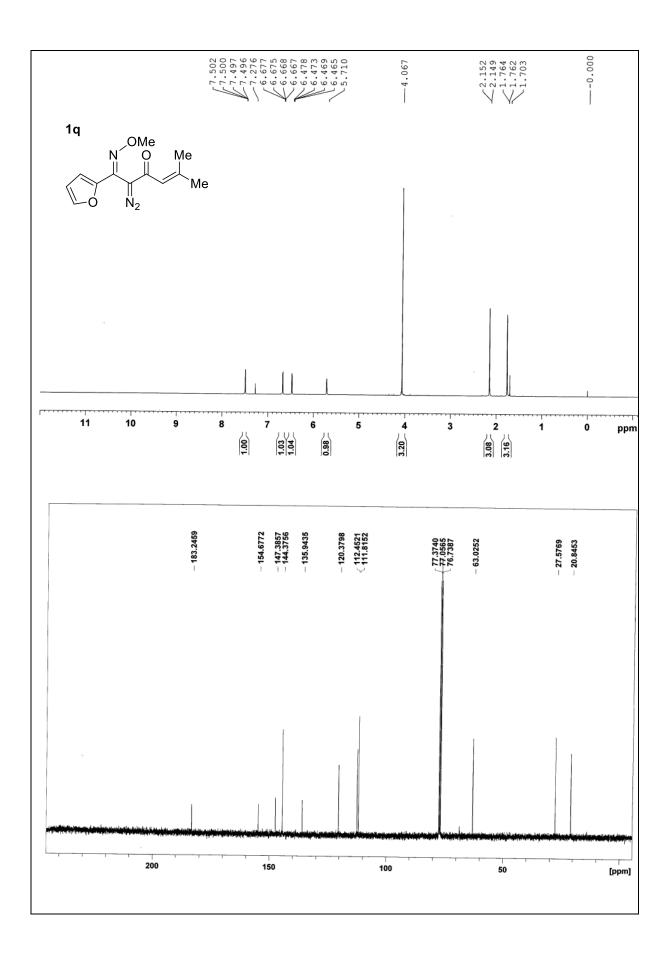


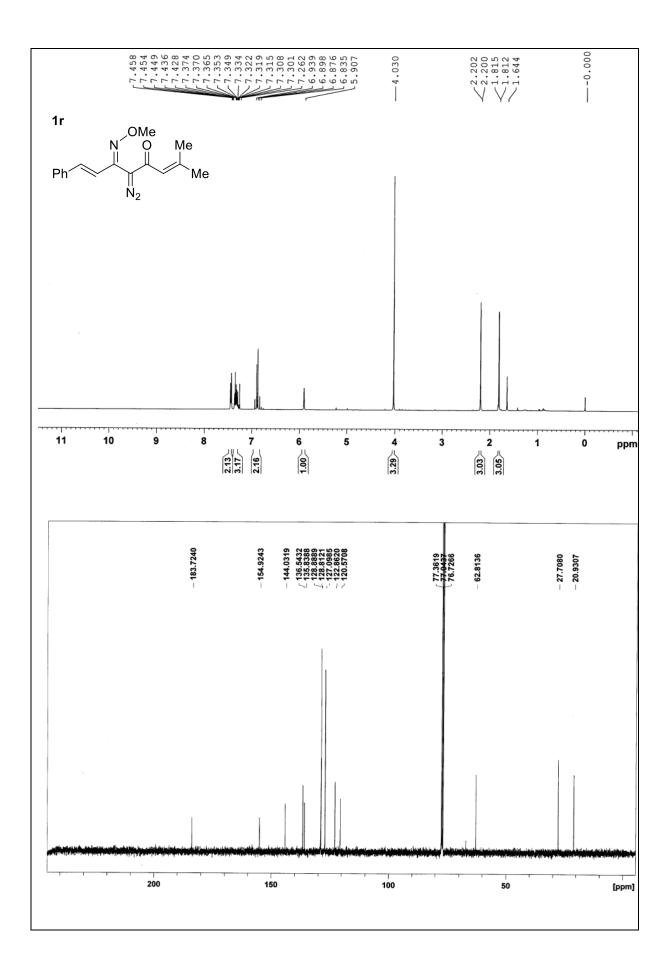


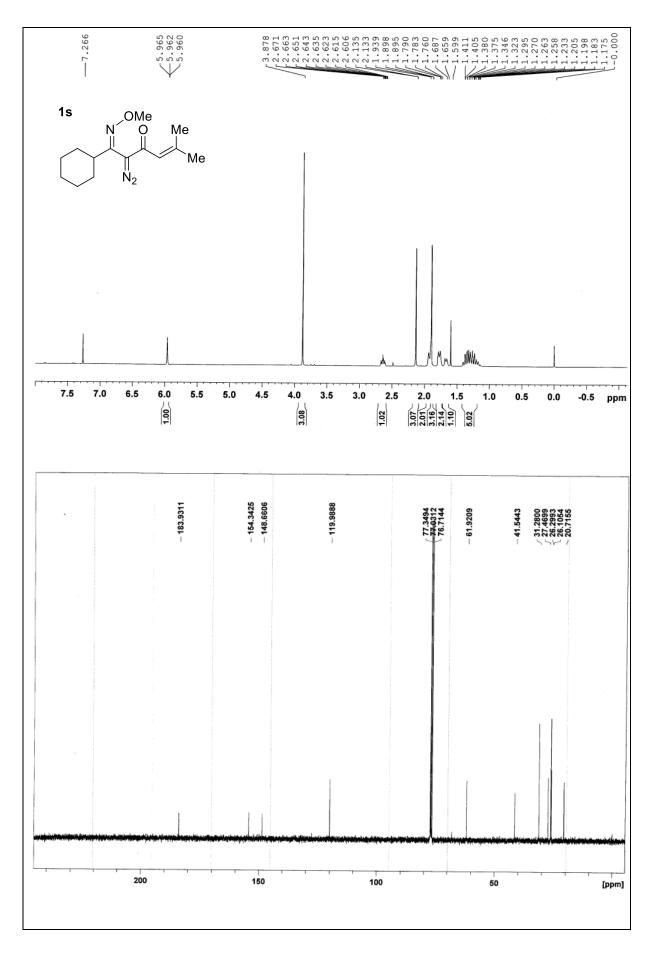


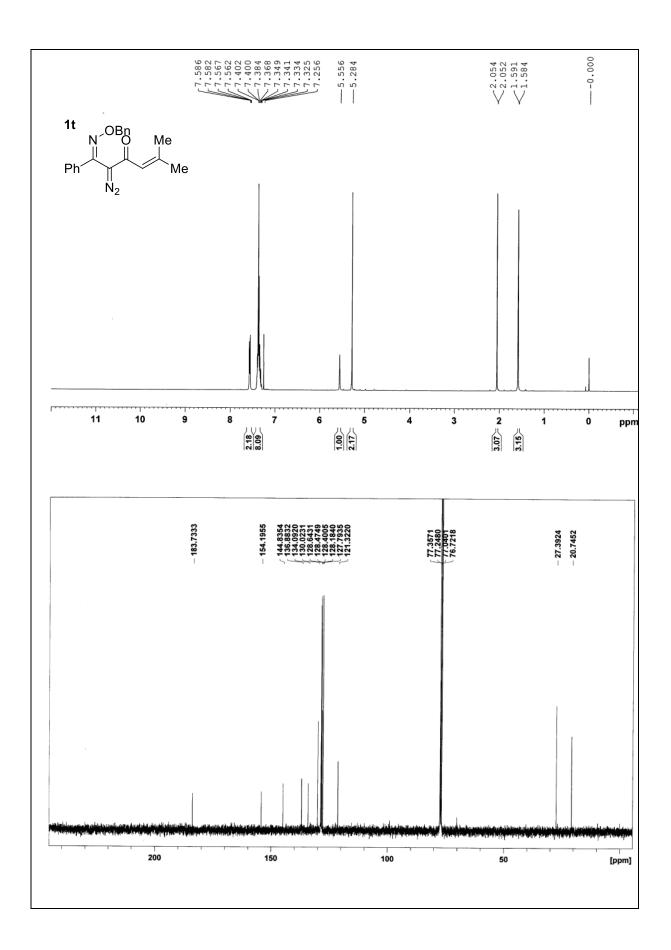


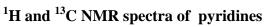


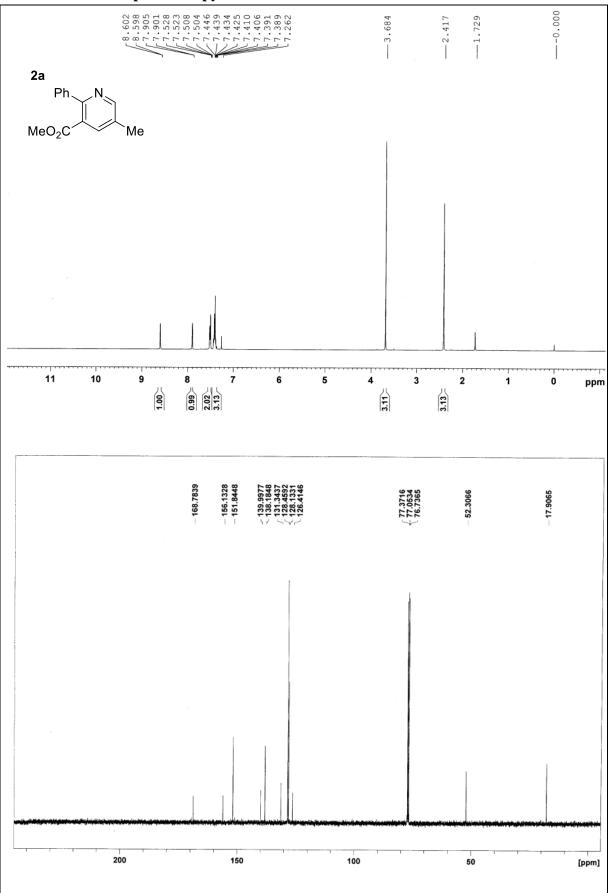


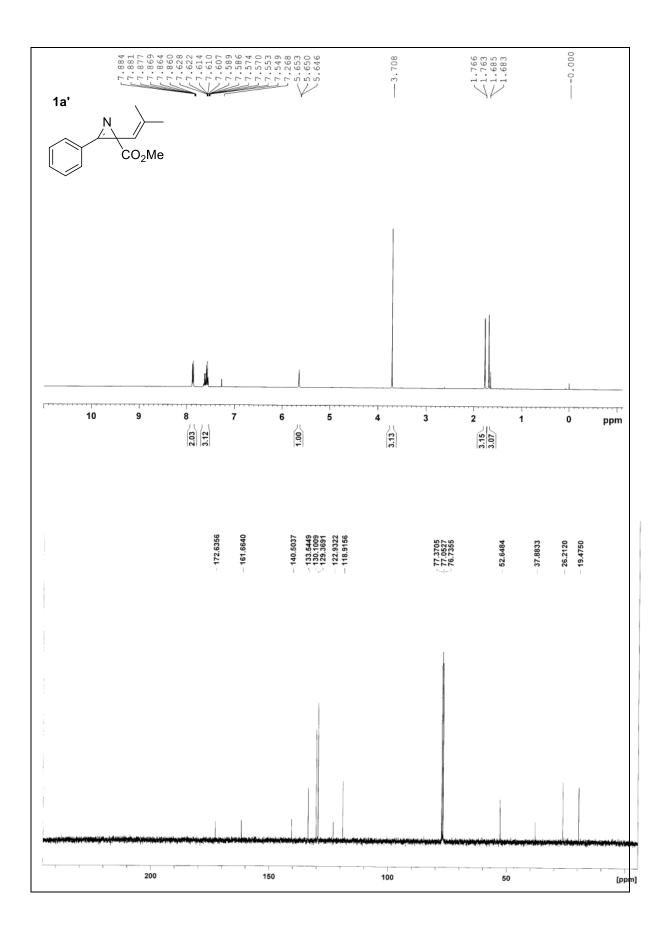


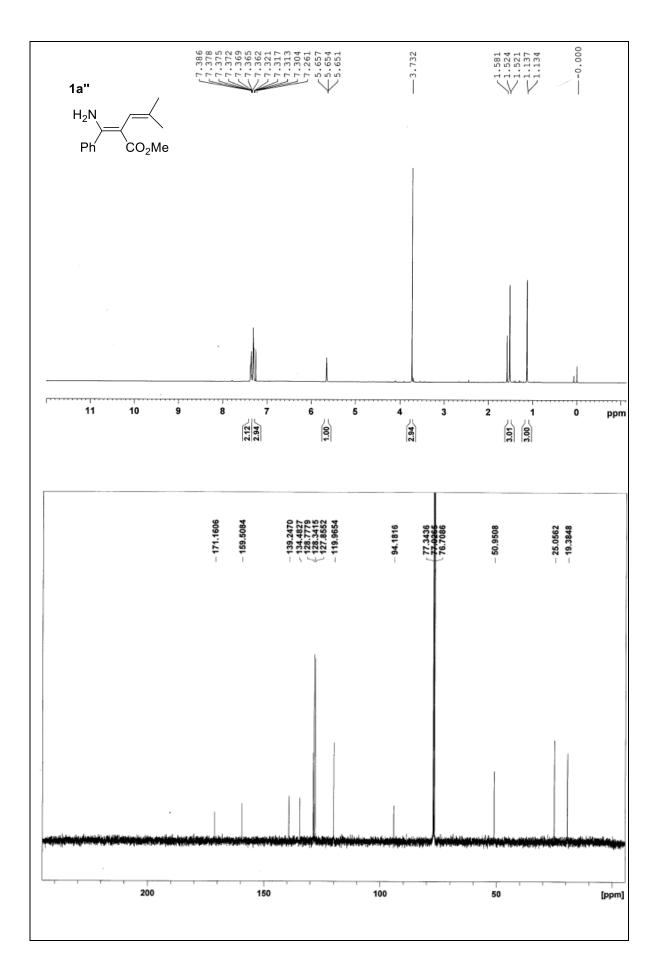


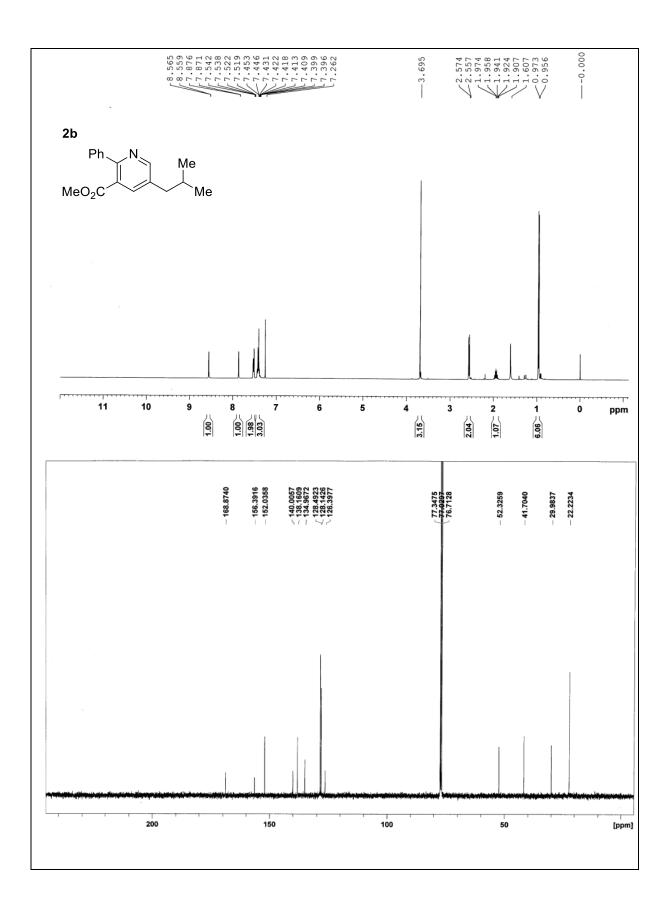


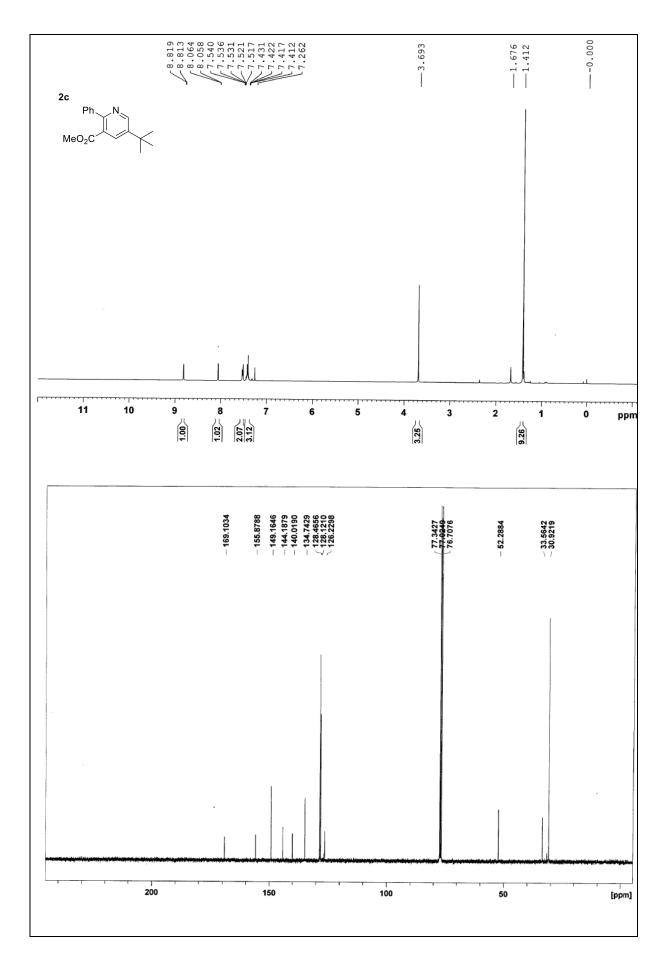


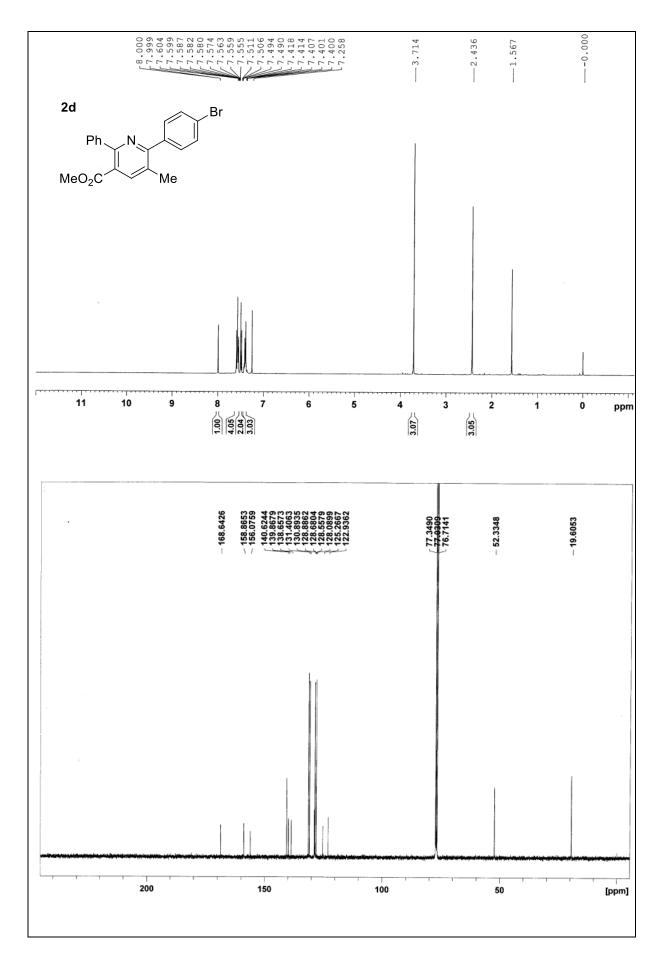


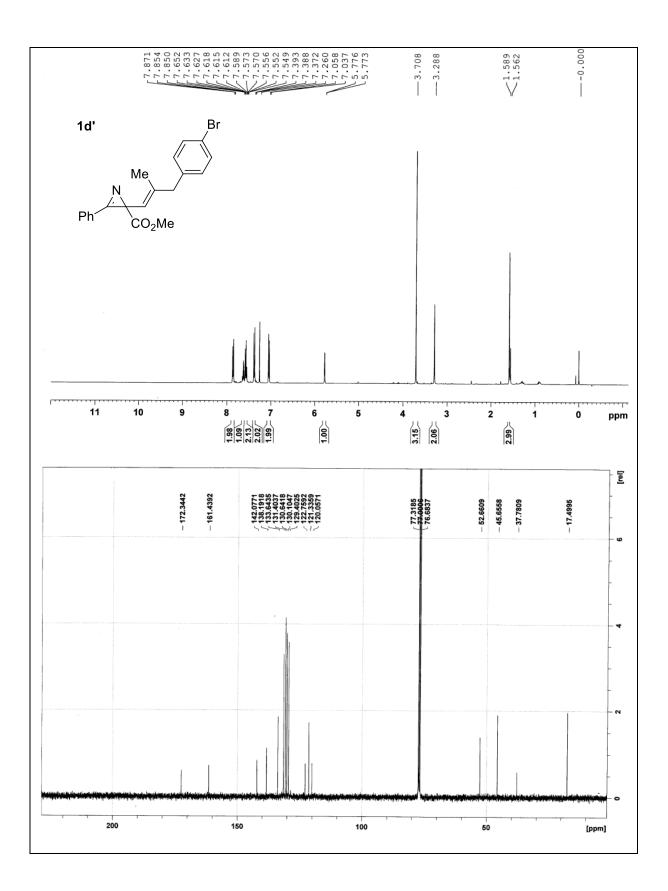


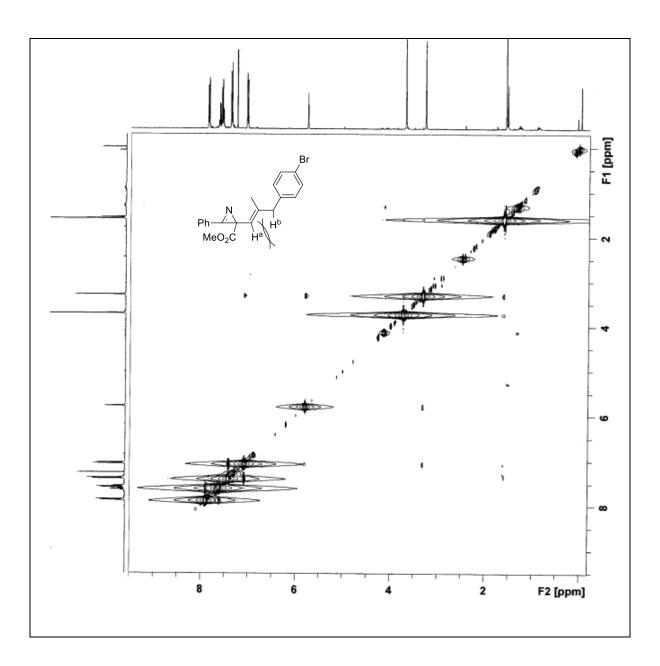


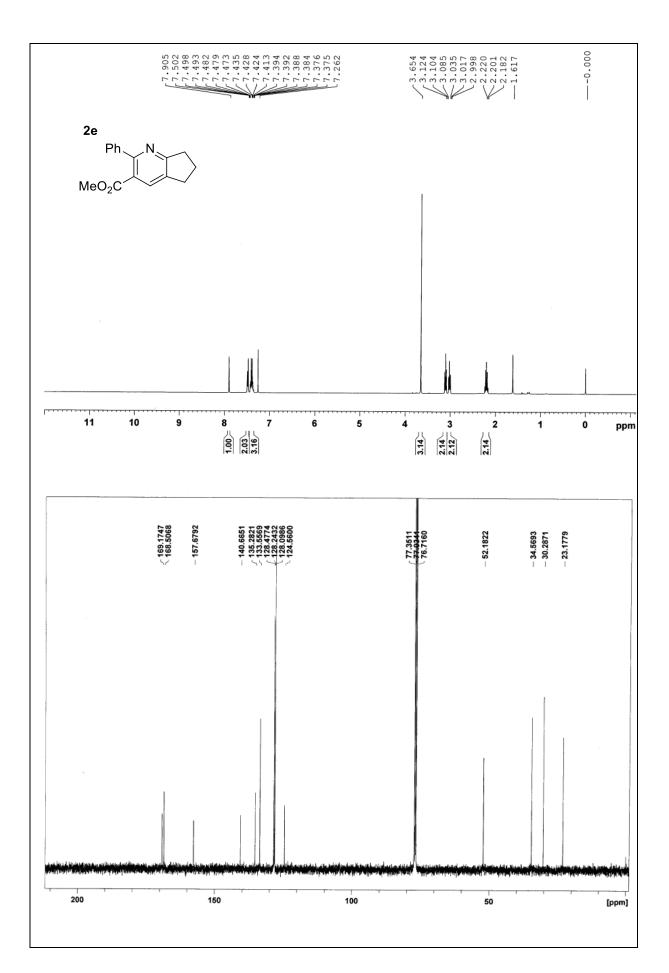


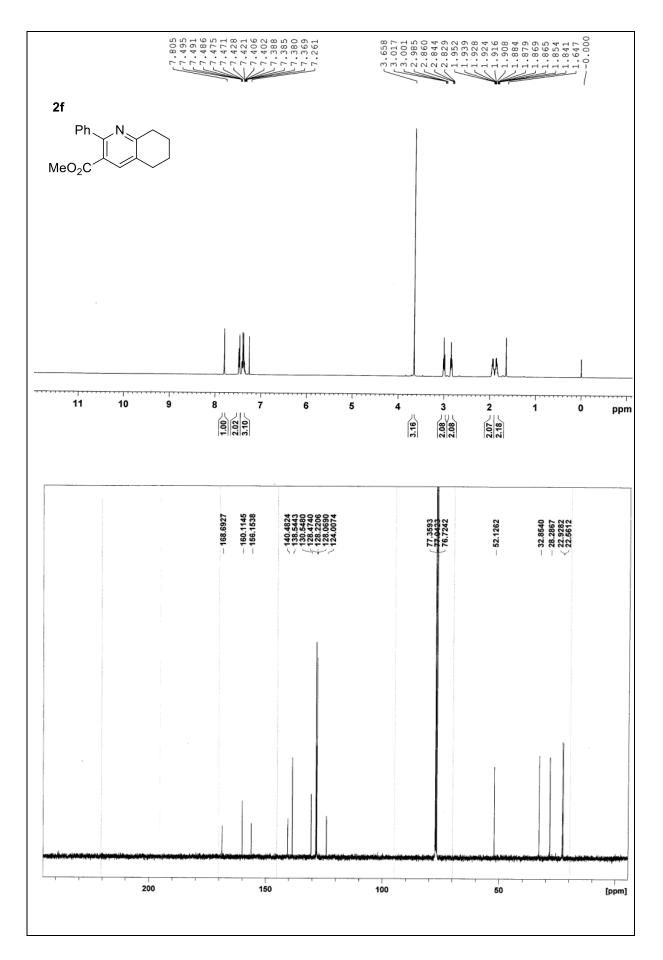


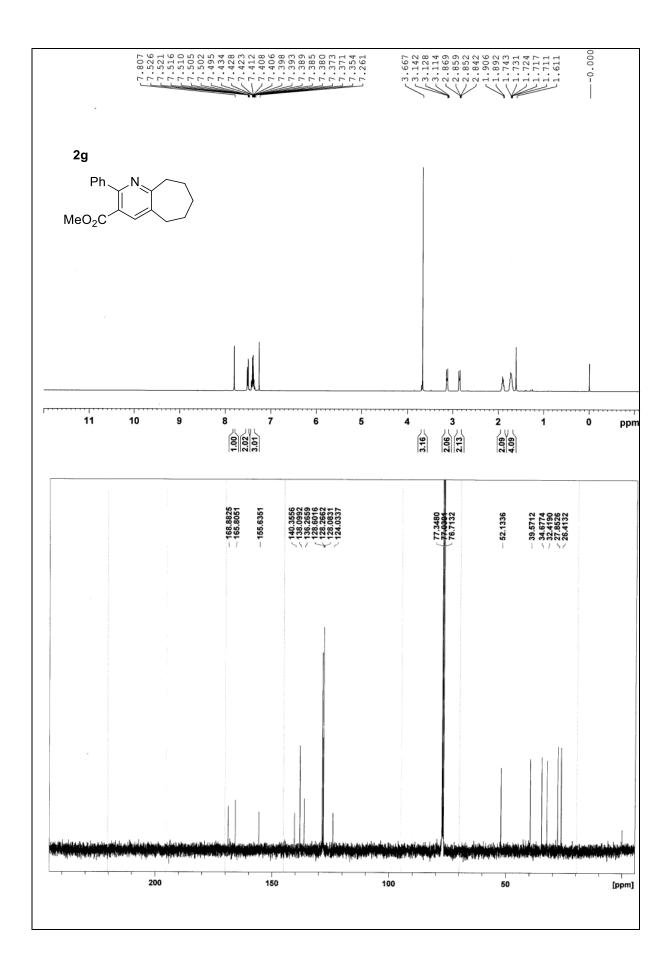


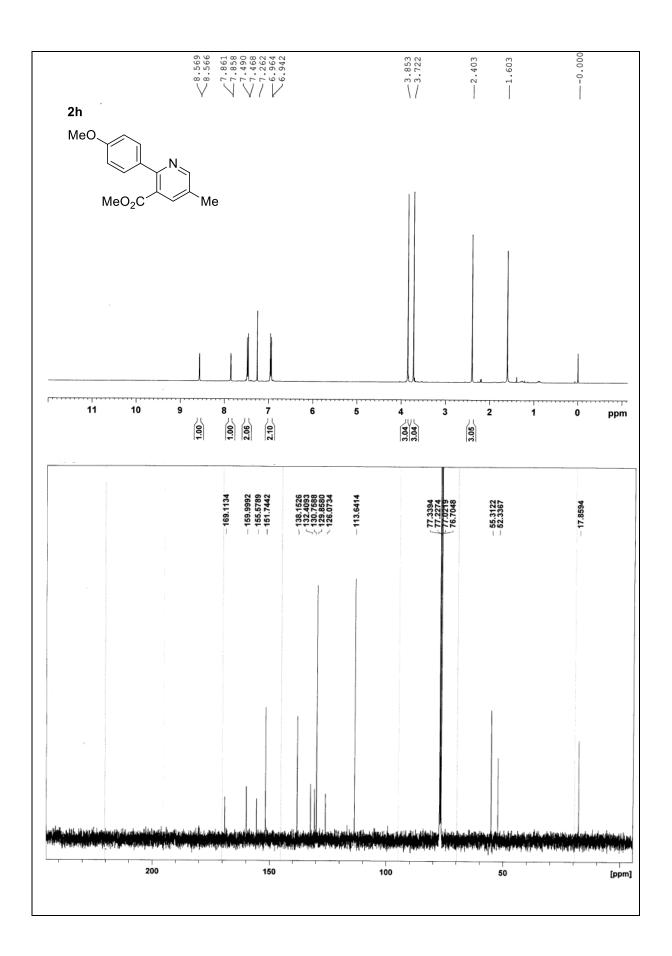


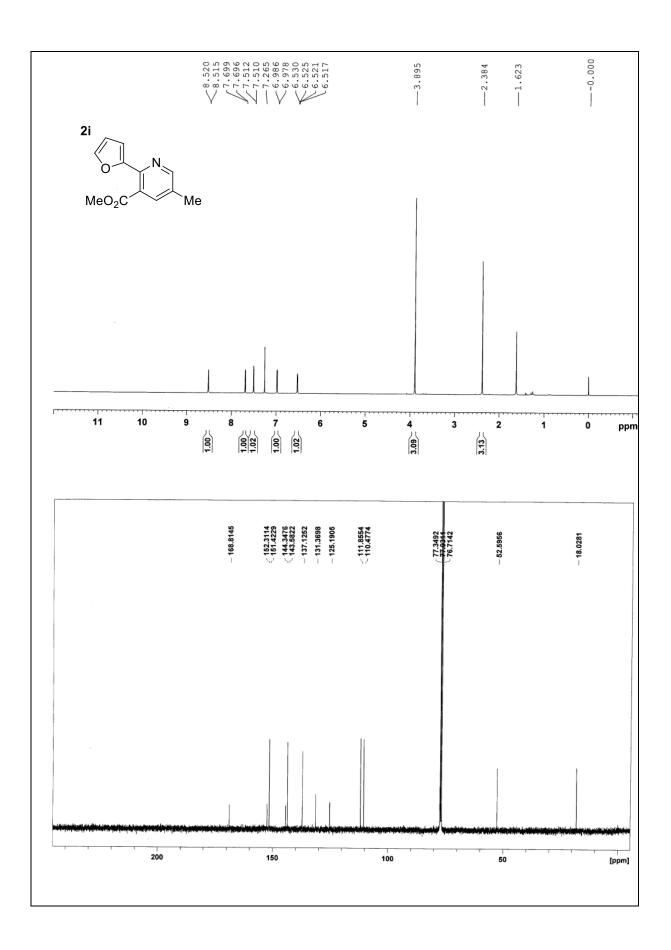


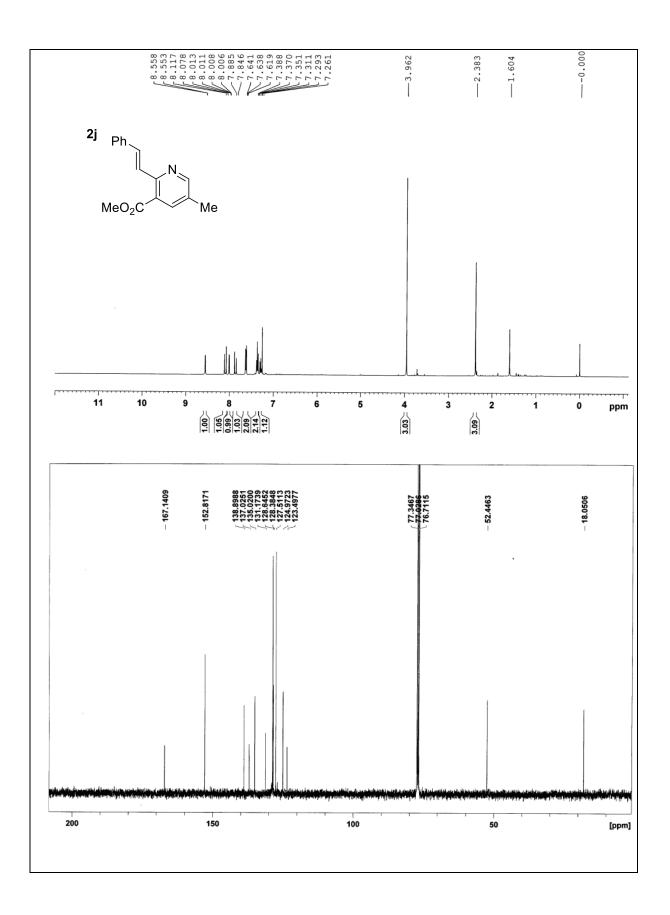


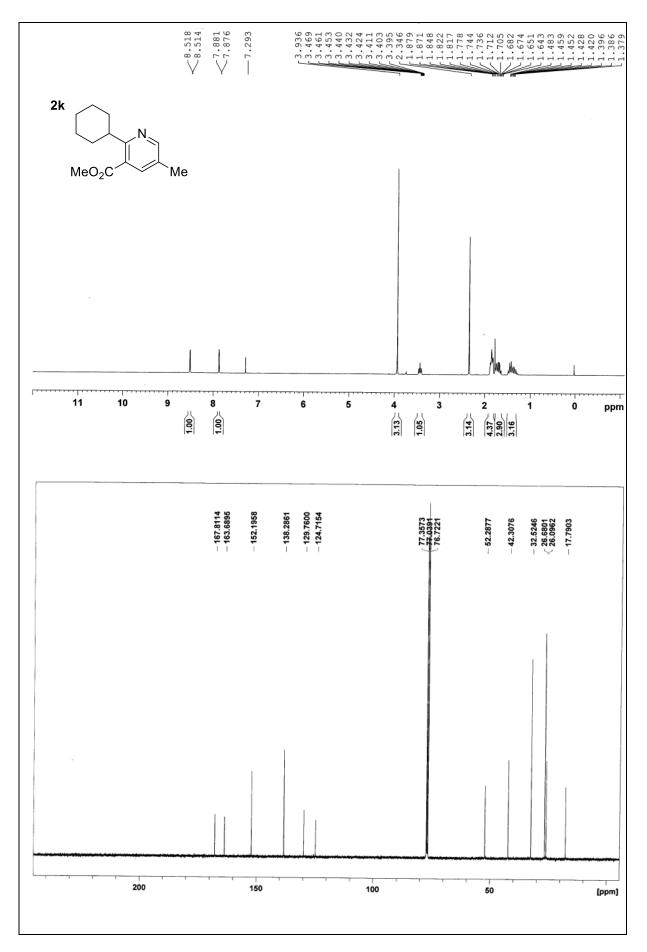


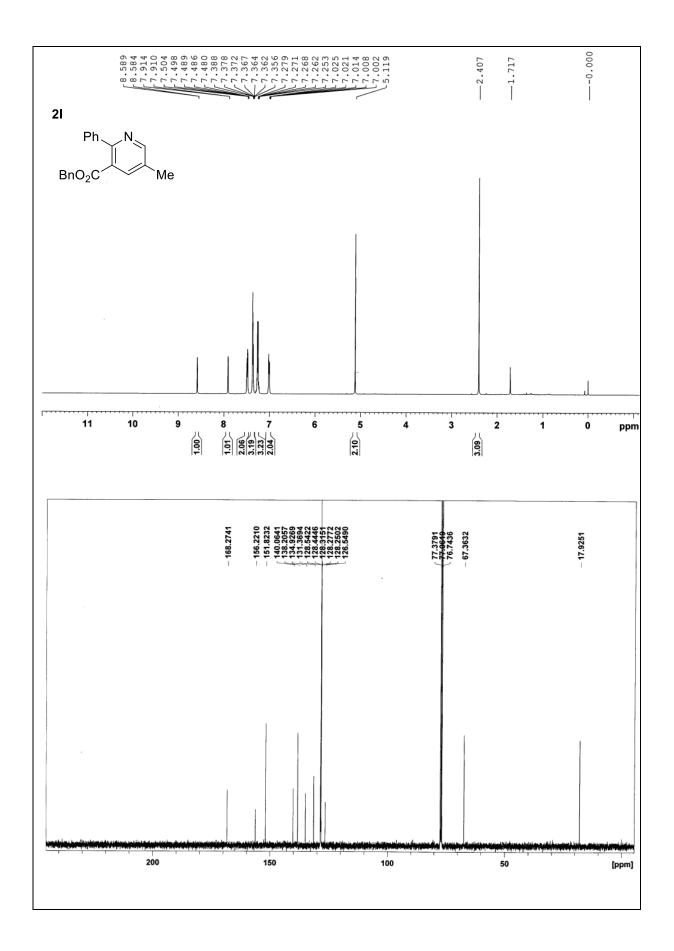




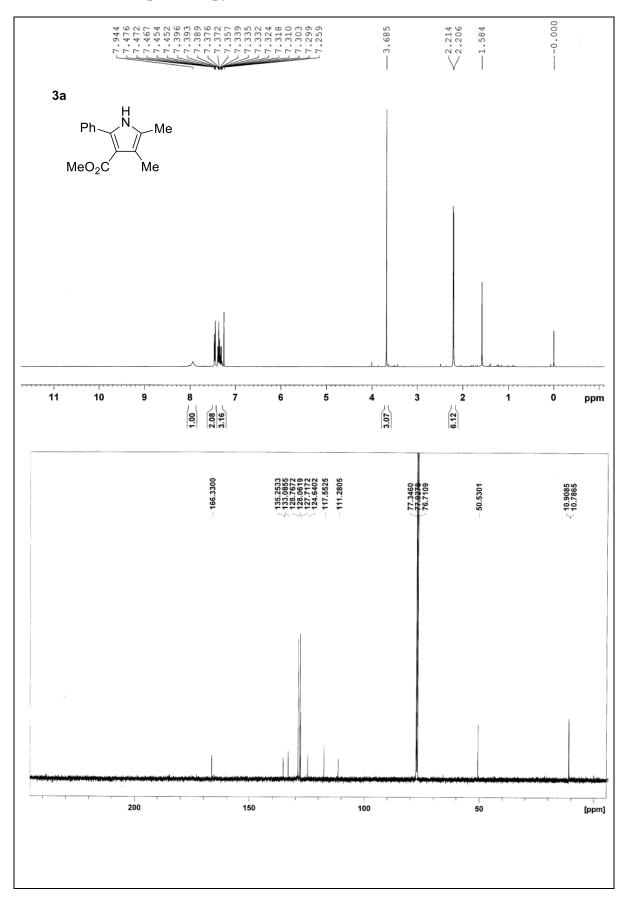


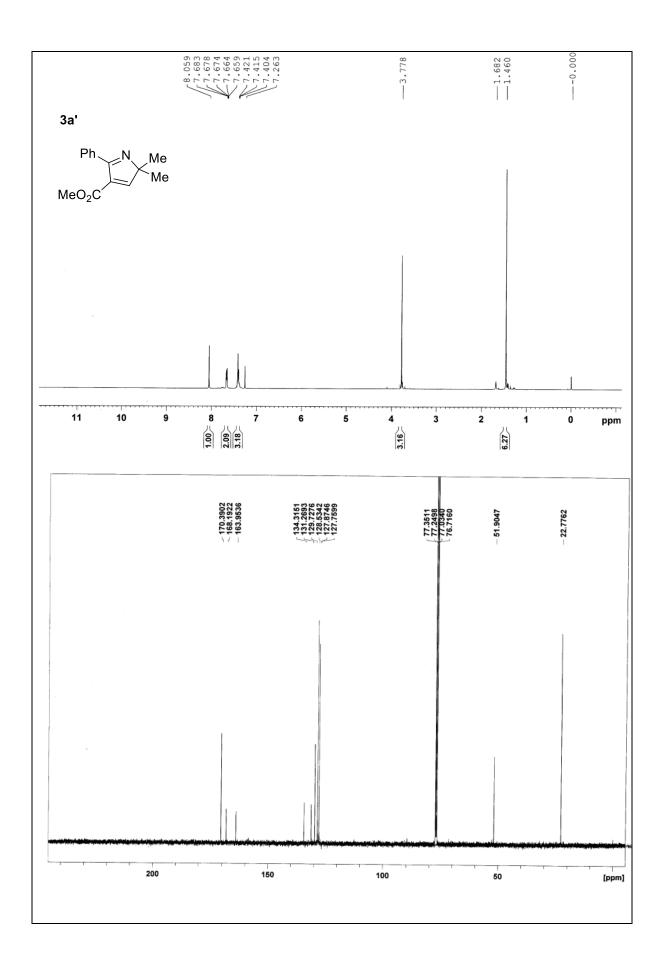


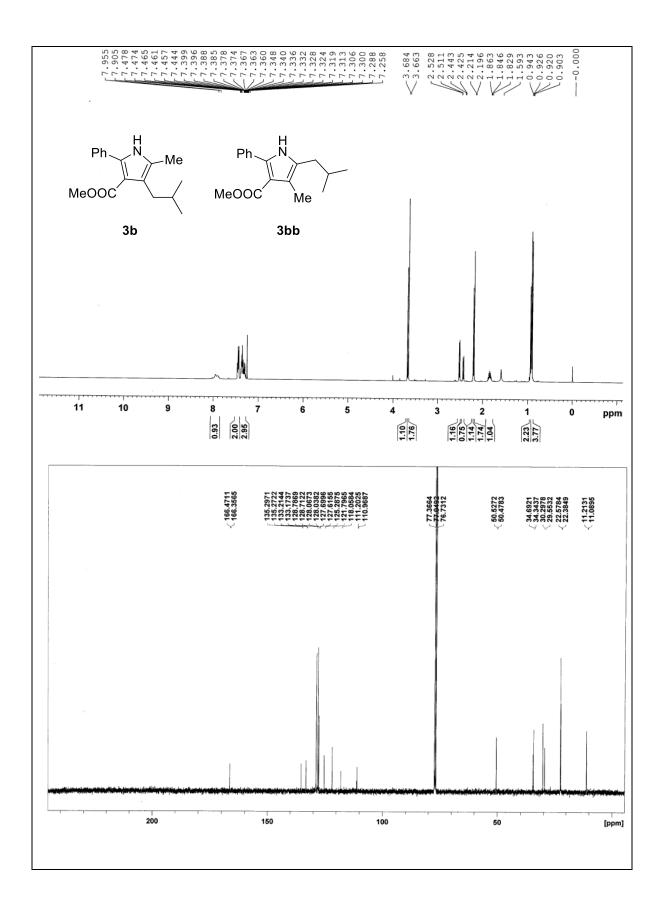


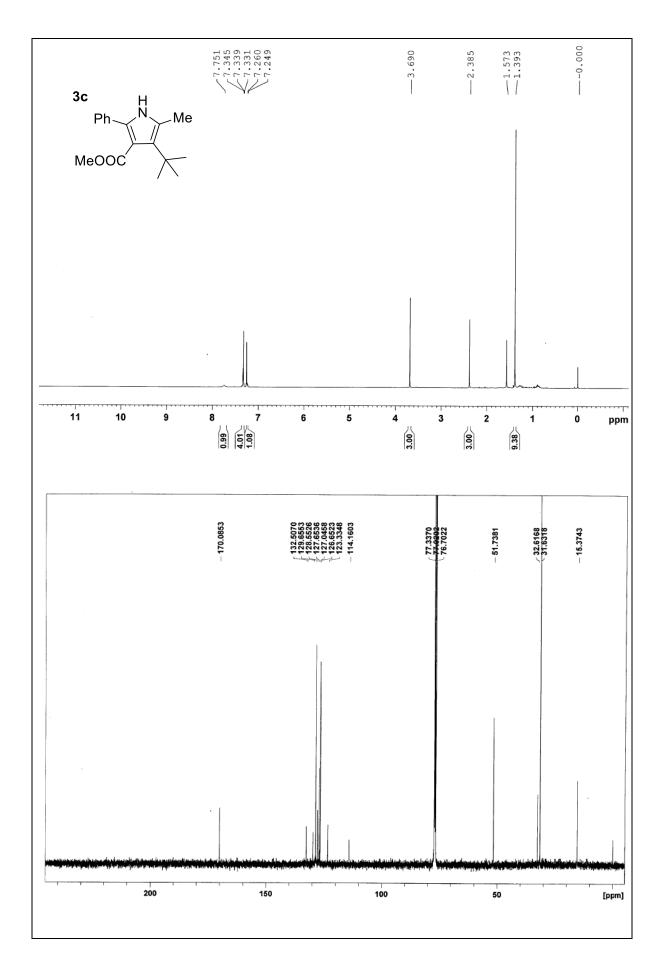


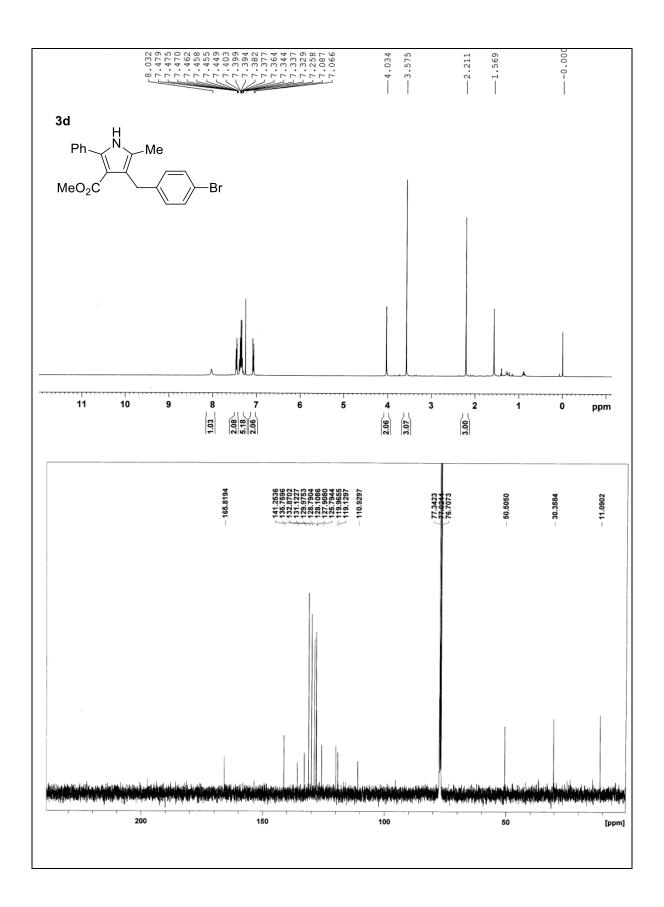
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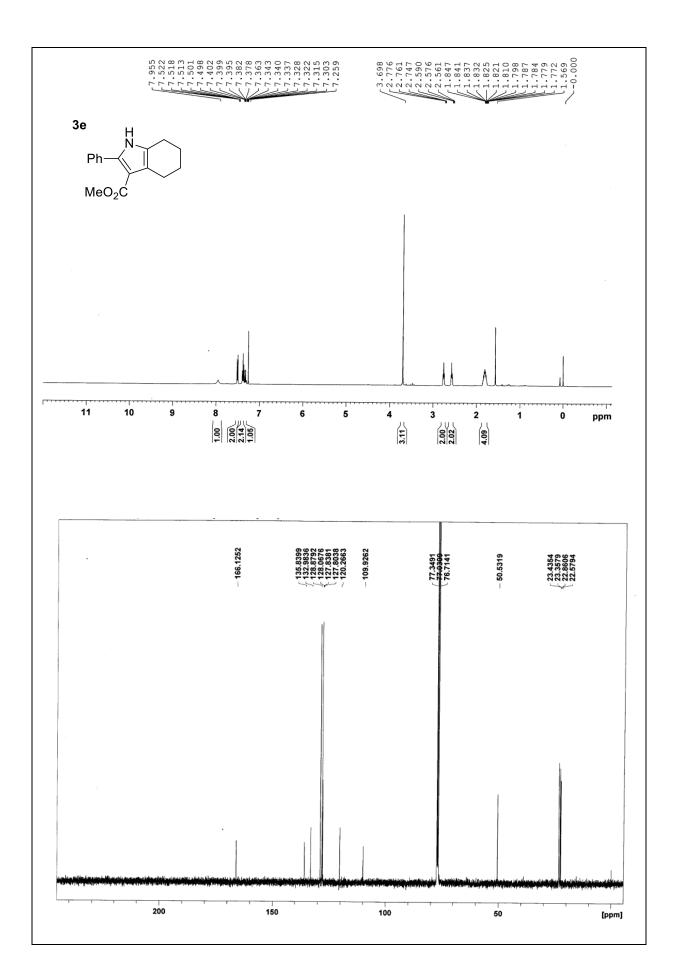


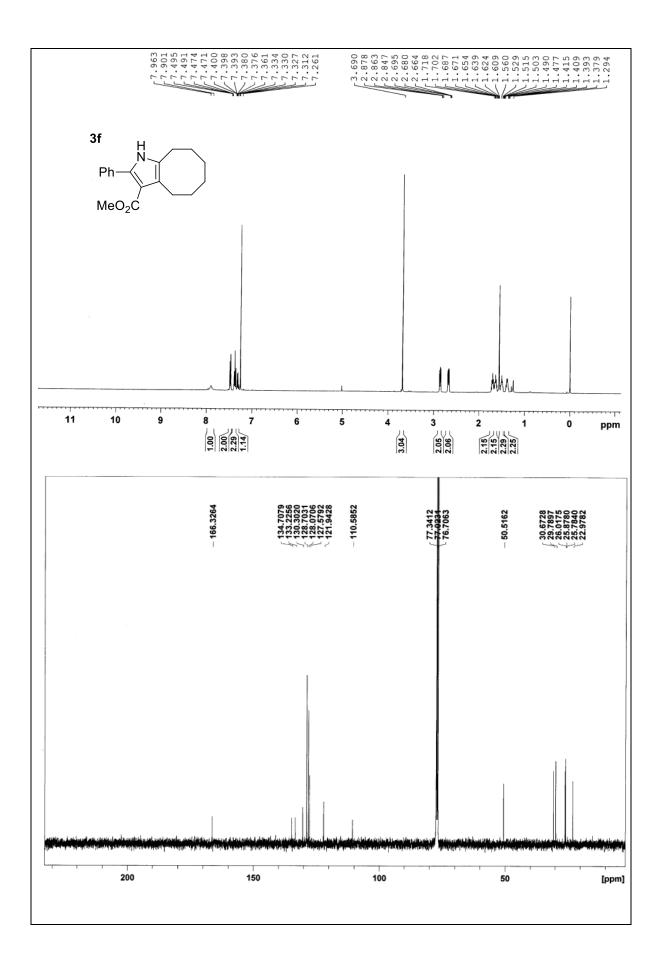


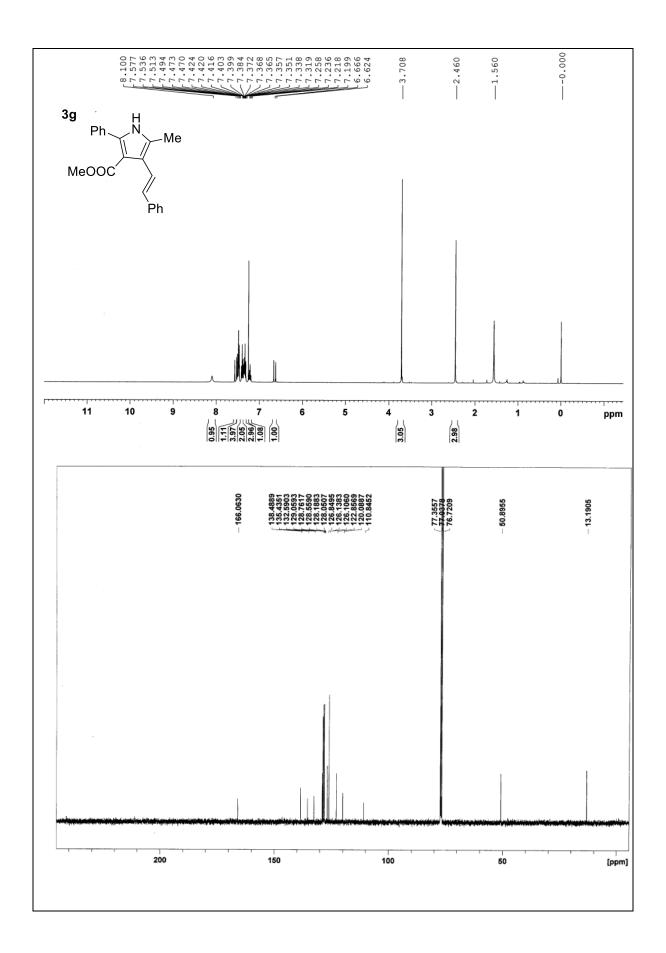


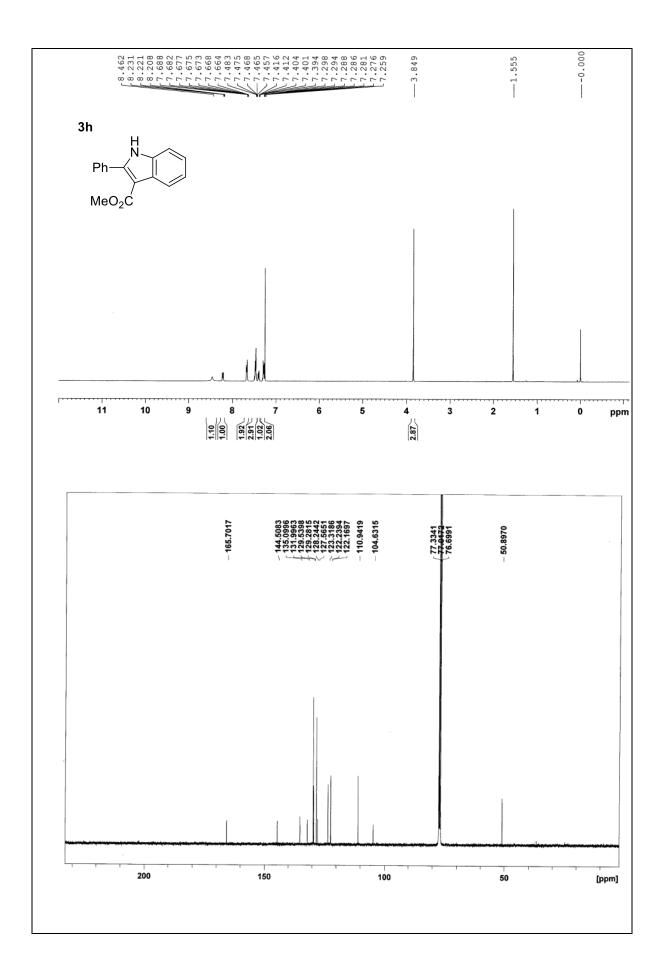


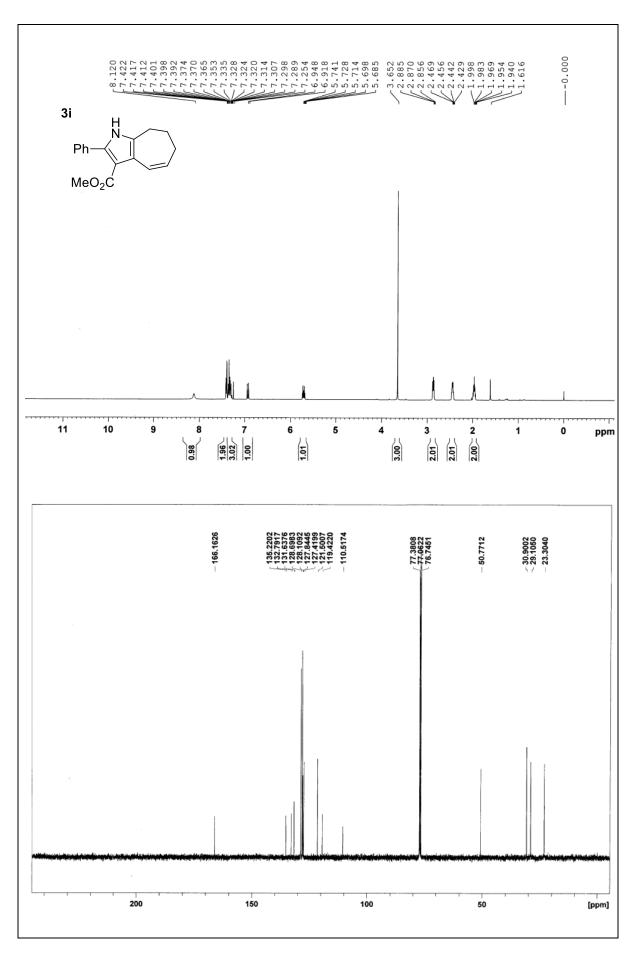


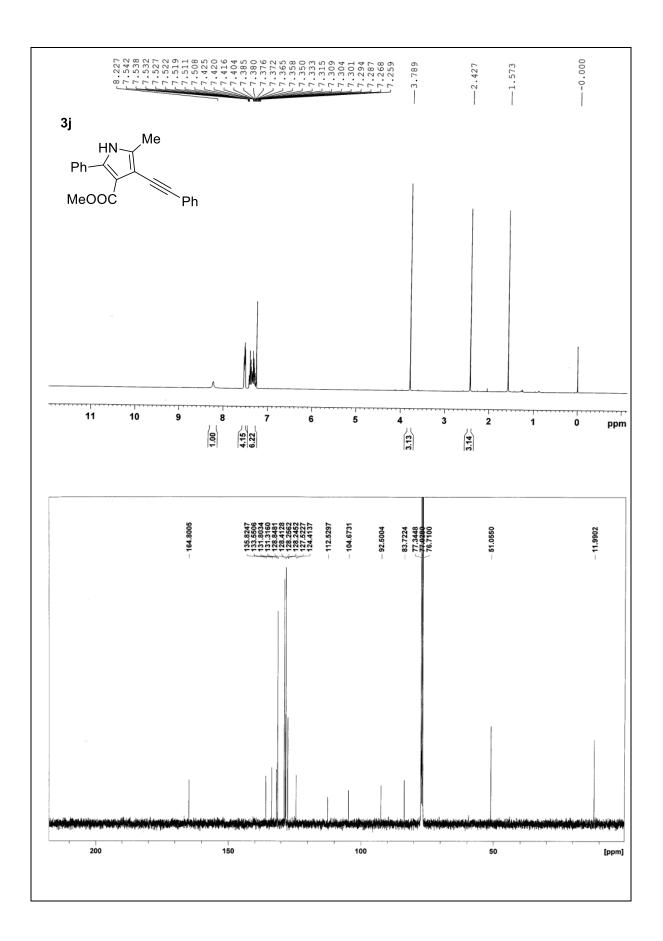


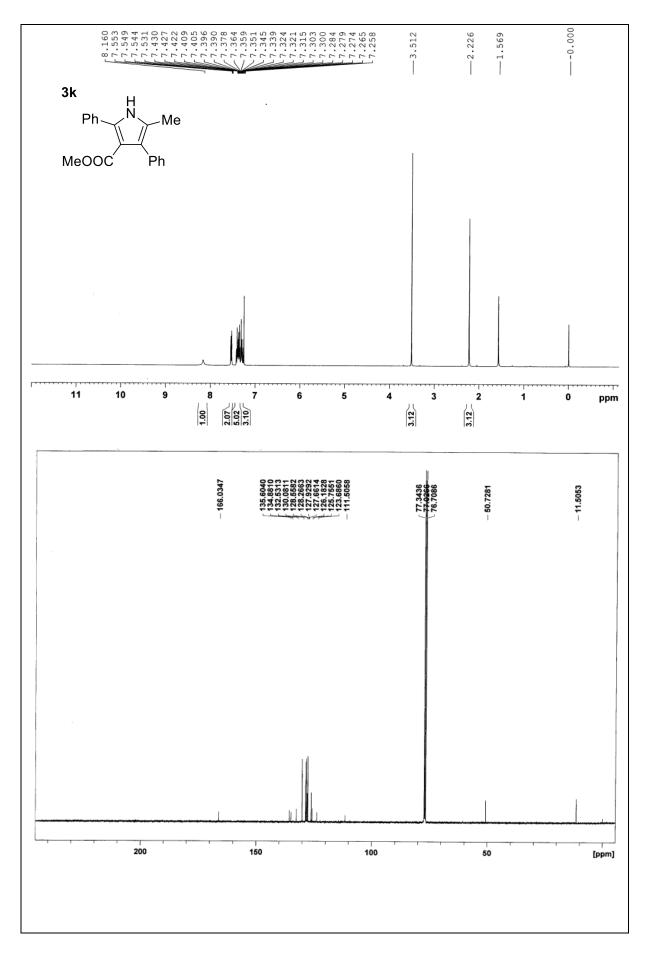


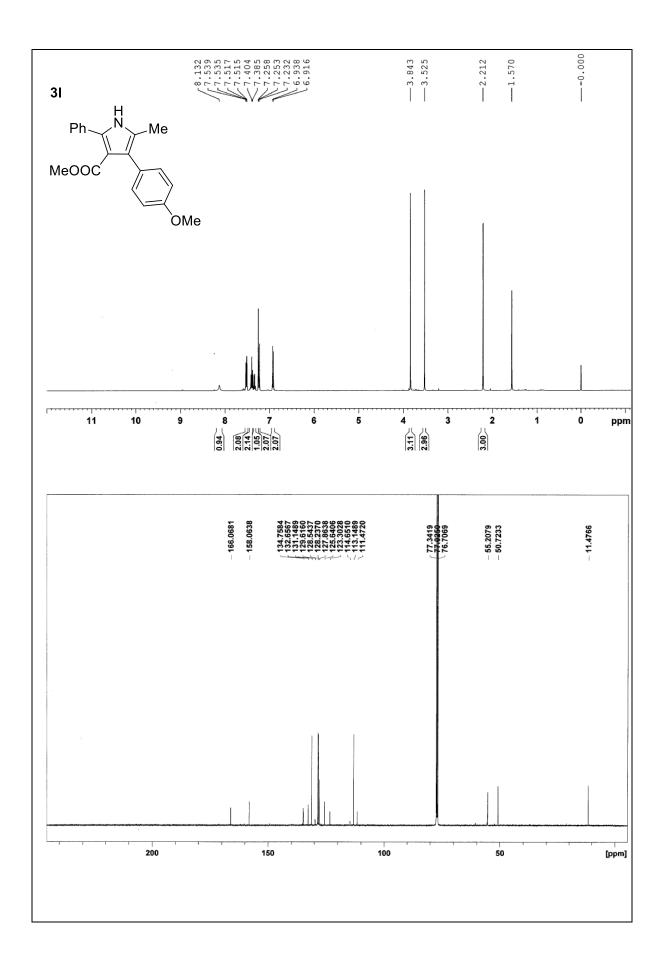


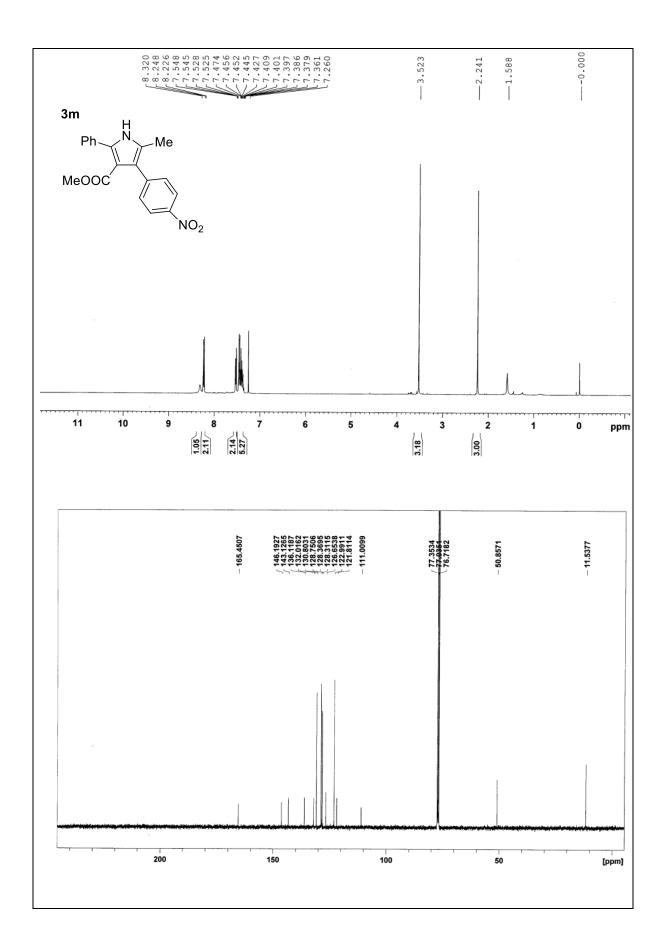


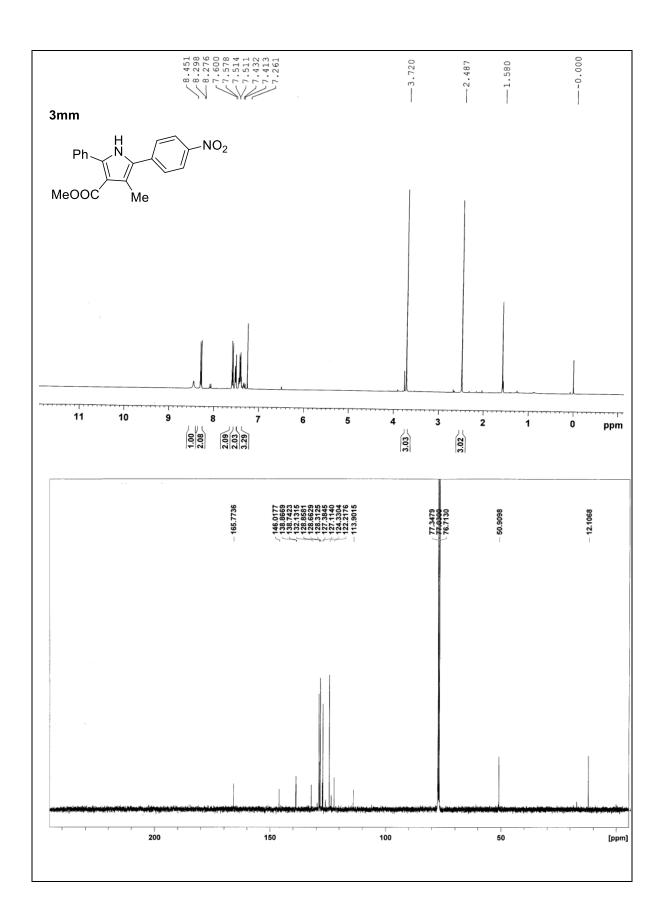


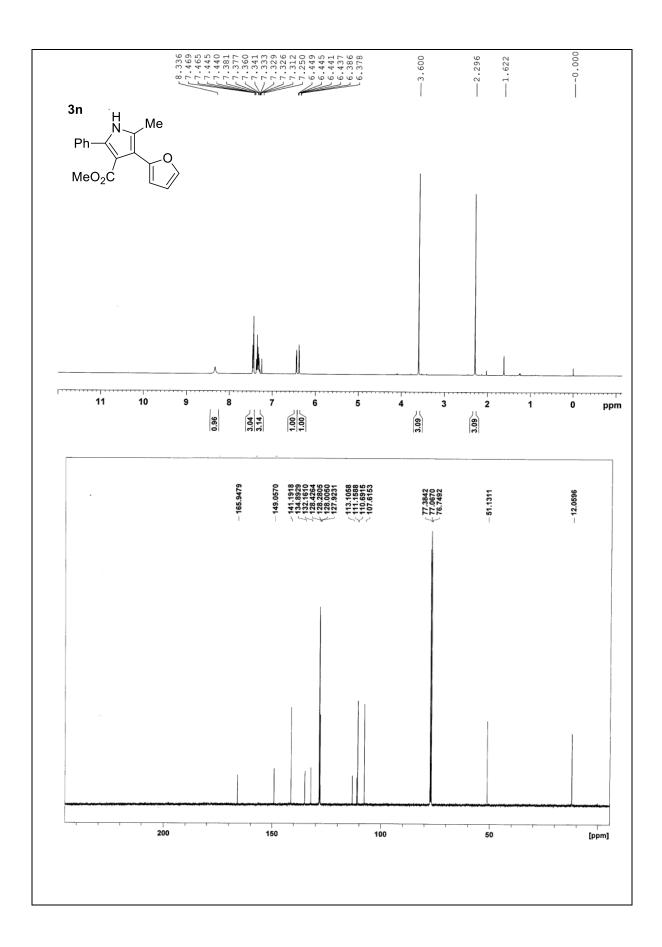


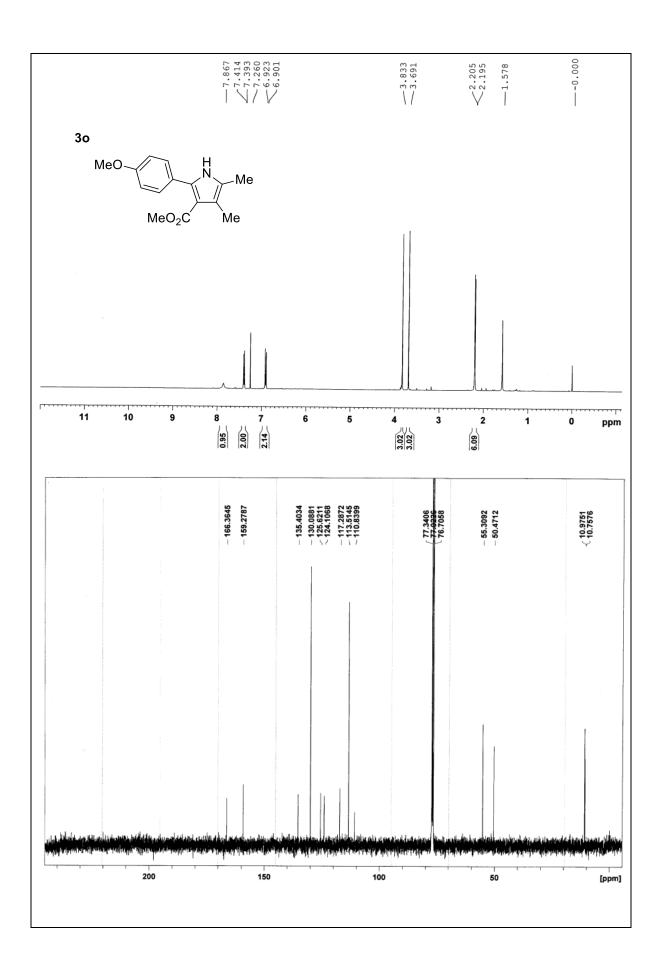


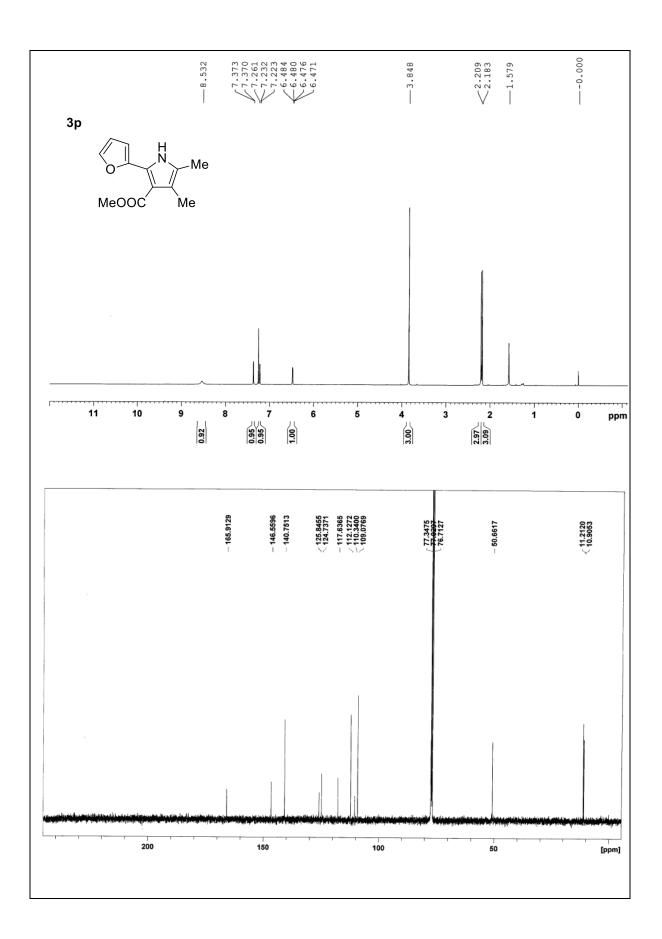


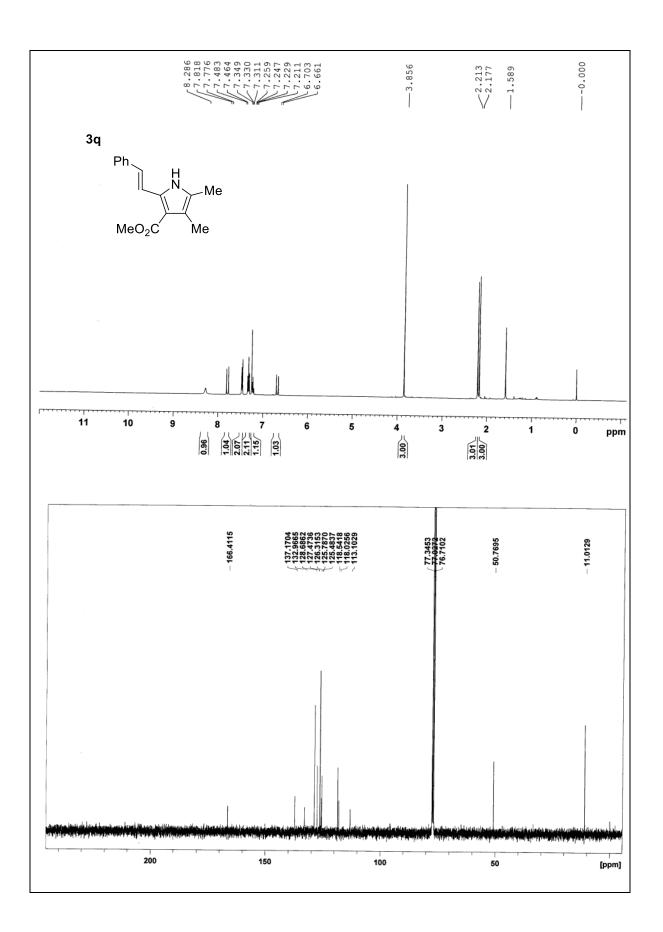


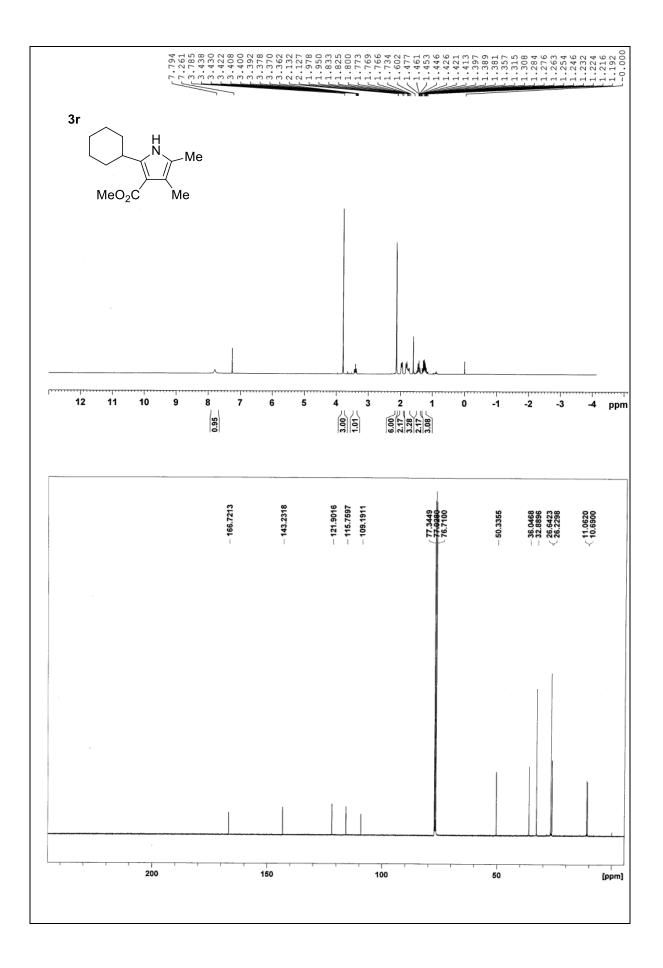


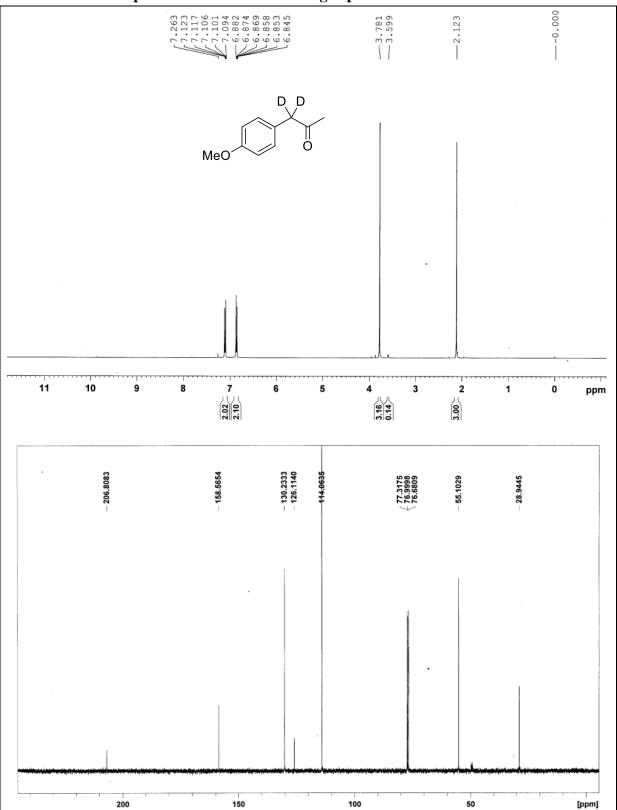












¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of deuterium labeling experiment

