

Diastereoselective Synthesis of Spirocyclopropanes under Mild Conditions via Formal [2 + 1] Cycloadditions Using 2,3-Dioxo-4-benzylidene- pyrrolidines

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1. General Information

General Procedures. All reactions were performed in oven-dried or flame-dried reaction vessels, modified Schlenk flasks, or round-bottom flasks. The flasks were fitted with Teflon screw caps and reactions were conducted under an atmosphere of argon if needed. Gas-tight syringes with stainless steel needles were used to transfer air- and moisture-sensitive liquids. All moisture and/or air sensitive solid compounds were manipulated inside normal desiccators. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (40–63 μm , 230–400 mesh).

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ aluminum plates (Merck) containing a 254 nm fluorescent indicator. TLC plates were visualized by exposure to short wave ultraviolet light (254 nm) and to a solution of KMnO_4 (1 g of KMnO_4 , 6 g of K_2CO_3 and 0.1 g of KOH in 100 mL of H_2O) or vanillin (2 g of vanillin and 4 mL of concentrated H_2SO_4 in 100 mL of EtOH) followed by heating.

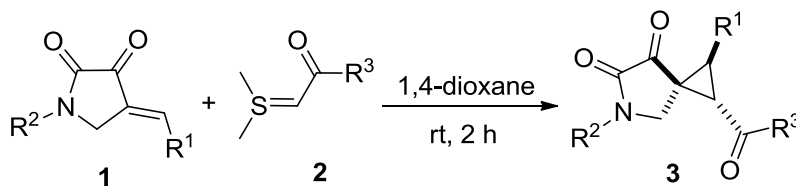
Organic solutions were concentrated at 30–50 $^\circ\text{C}$ on rotary evaporators at ~ 10 torr followed by drying on vacuum pump at ~ 1 torr. Reaction temperatures are reported as the temperature of the bath surrounding the vessel unless otherwise stated.

Materials. Commercial reagents and solvents were obtained from Adamas-beta, Aldrich Chemical Co., Alfa Aesar, Macklin and Energy Chemical and used as received with the following exceptions: THF, and toluene were purified by refluxing over Na-benzophenone under positive argon pressure followed by distillation [1–3]. The enone substrates were prepared according to literature procedure [4].

Instrumentation.

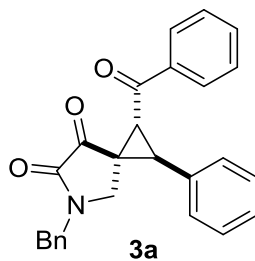
- Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) spectra were recorded with Bruker AV 400 MHz spectrometers. Proton chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ scale), and are referenced using residual protium in the NMR solvent (CDCl_3 : δ 7.26 (CHCl_3)). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet), coupling constant(s) (Hz), integration].
- Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (^{13}C NMR) spectra were recorded with Bruker AV 400 MHz spectrometers. Carbon chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ scale), and are referenced using the carbon resonances of the solvent (δ 77.01 (CHCl_3)). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (if not singlet), assignment (C_q = fully substituted carbon)].
- High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters SYNAPT G2 using an electrospray (ESI) ionization source.

2. General Procedure for the Synthesis of multi-substituted spirocyclopropane **3**.



A dried glass tube was charged with cyclic enone **1** (0.1 mmol) and sulfur ylide **2** (0.1 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.5 M, 2 mL). The reaction was sealed with a Teflon cap and stirred at room temperature for about 2 hours. When the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding spirocyclopropane **3**, which was dried under vacuum oven and further analyzed by $^1\text{H-NMR}$, $^{13}\text{C-HMR}$, HRMS, *etc.*

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-phenyl-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione **3a**



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-benzylidenepyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1a** (27.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3a** as a white solid with 98:2 dr, 92% yield.

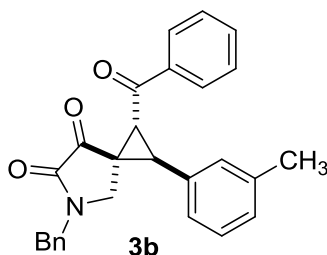
Characterization data for the product 3a:

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 8.05 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 4.84 – 4.66 (dd, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.23 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 194.9, 193.4, 159.2, 136.6, 134.5, 134.2, 131.7, 129.0, 129.0, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.4, 128.1, 48.7, 47.3, 44.3, 41.1, 36.6.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}^+$: 366.1218, found: 366.1227.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(*m*-tolyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione **3b**



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(3-methylbenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1b** (29.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3b** as a white solid with 92:8 dr, 83% yield.

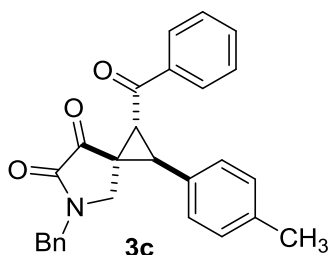
Characterization data for the product 3b:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.06 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (m, 3H), 4.74 (q, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.9, 193.4, 159.3, 138.1, 136.6, 134.5, 134.2, 131.6, 129.6, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 126.0, 48.7, 47.4, 44.4, 41.1, 36.6, 21.3.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₇H₂₃NO₃Na⁺: 432.1576, found: 432.1573.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(p-tolyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3c



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-methylbenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1c** (29.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3c** as a white solid with 98:2 dr, 93% yield.

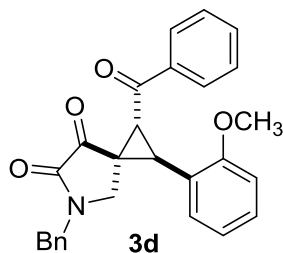
Characterization data for the product 3c:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.10 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 195.0, 193.4, 159.3, 137.9, 136.6, 134.5, 134.2, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 48.7, 47.3, 44.3, 41.2, 36.6, 21.1.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₇H₂₃NO₃Na⁺: 432.1576, found: 432.1579.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3d



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(2-methoxybenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1d** (30.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3d** as a white solid with 92:8 dr, 83% yield.

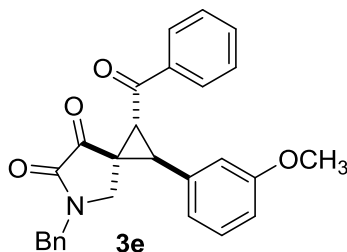
Characterization data for the product 3d:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.11 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 195.2, 192.6, 159.8, 157.0, 136.8, 135.0, 134.1, 130.3, 130.1, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 121.2, 120.7, 110.3, 55.1, 48.5, 47.4, 39.8, 39.1, 36.7.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₇H₂₃NO₄Na⁺: 448.1525, found: 448.1529.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3e



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(3-methoxybenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1e** (30.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3e** as a white solid with 97:3 dr, 91% yield.

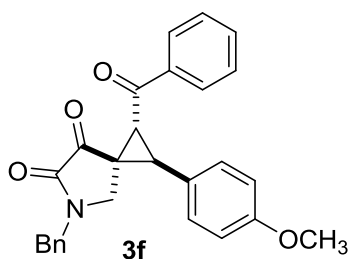
Characterization data for the product 3e:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.05 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.87 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.8, 193.4, 159.5, 159.2, 136.6, 134.5, 134.2, 133.2, 129.4, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 121.3, 115.1, 113.2, 55.2, 48.7, 47.3, 44.2, 41.1, 36.6.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₇H₂₃NO₄Na⁺: 448.1525, found: 448.1523.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3f



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-methoxybenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1f** (30.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3f** as a white solid with 96:4 dr, 94% yield.

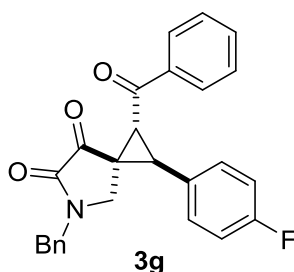
Characterization data for the product 3f:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.06 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 4.78 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 195.0, 193.4, 159.4, 136.6, 134.5, 134.2, 130.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.0, 123.6, 113.9, 55.3, 48.7, 47.4, 44.2, 41.3, 36.8.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for C₂₇H₂₃NO₄Na⁺: 448.1525, found: 448.1521.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3g



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1g** (29.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3g** as a white solid with 96:4 dr, 88% yield.

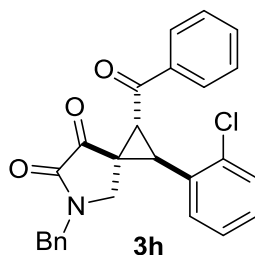
Characterization data for the product 3g:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.05 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.6, 193.5, 159.1, 136.5, 134.4, 134.3, 130.7, 130.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 115.5, 115.3, 48.7, 47.2, 43.3, 41.0, 36.8.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₀FNO₃Na⁺: 436.1325, found: 436.1322.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3h



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl) pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1h** (31.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3h** as a white solid with 97:3 dr, 98% yield.

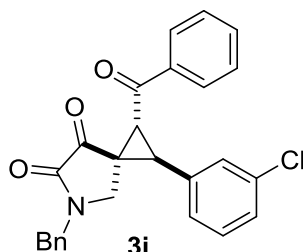
Characterization data for the product 3h:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.15 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.4, 193.0, 159.2, 136.5, 135.2, 134.5, 134.4, 130.7, 130.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.4, 126.8, 48.6, 46.5, 41.4, 39.9, 36.6.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₆H₂₀ClNO₃Na⁺: 452.1029, found: 452.1028.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3i



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(3-chlorophenyl) pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1i** (31.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3i** as a white solid with 97:3 dr, 94% yield.

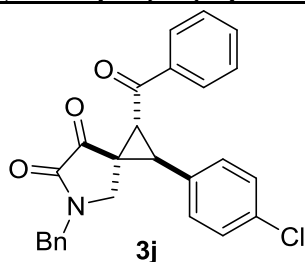
Characterization data for the product 3i:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.05 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.4, 193.4, 159.0, 136.4, 134.4, 134.4, 134.3, 133.7, 129.6, 129.1, 129.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 48.8, 47.1, 43.0, 40.8, 36.5.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}ClNO_3Na^+$: 452.1029, found: 452.1028.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3j



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl) pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1j** (31.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3j** as a white solid with 96:4 dr, 59% yield.

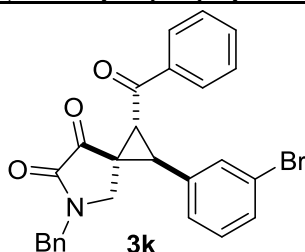
Characterization data for the product 3j:

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm): 8.04 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm): 194.6, 193.5, 159.1, 136.5, 134.5, 134.4, 134.1, 130.4, 130.3, 129.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 48.8, 47.2, 43.2, 41.0, 36.7.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}ClNO_3Na^+$: 452.1029, found: 452.1028.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(3-bromophenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3k



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(3-bromophenyl) pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1k** (35.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford the corresponding **3k** as a white solid with 94:6 dr, 84% yield.

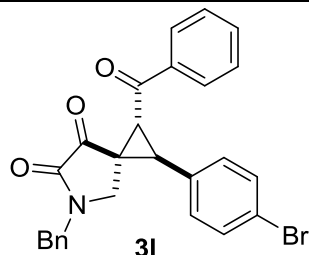
Characterization data for the product 3k:

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm): 8.05 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.78 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm): 194.4, 193.4, 159.0, 136.4, 134.4, 134.4, 134.0, 132.0, 131.3, 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 127.6, 122.4, 48.8, 47.1, 42.9, 40.8, 36.5.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}BrNO_3Na^+$: 496.0524, found: 496.0526.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3l



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl) pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1l** (35.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford the corresponding **3l** as a white solid with 96:4 dr, 57% yield.

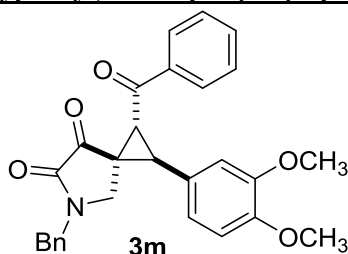
Characterization data for the product 3l:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.05 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.5, 193.5, 159.0, 136.5, 134.4, 134.4, 131.6, 130.8, 130.6, 129.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 122.2, 48.8, 47.3, 43.2, 40.9, 36.6.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₆H₂₀BrNO₃Na⁺: 496.0524, found: 496.0522.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3m



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(3,4-dimethoxybenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1m** (33.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **3m** as a white solid with 98:2 dr, 81% yield.

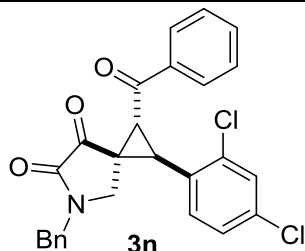
Characterization data for the product 3m:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.87 – 6.76 (m, 3H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 4H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H),

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.8, 193.5, 159.3, 148.9, 148.7, 136.6, 134.5, 134.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 128.3, 124.2, 121.5, 112.0, 110.9, 56.0, 55.9, 48.7, 47.3, 44.4, 41.4, 37.0.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₈H₂₅NO₅Na⁺: 478.1630, found: 478.1628.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3n



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1n** (34.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3n** as a white solid with > 99:1 dr, 99% yield.

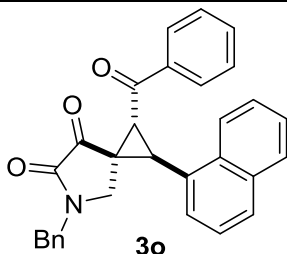
Characterization data for the product 3n:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.07 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.20 (m, 8H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.0, 193.0, 159.0, 136.3, 135.8, 134.7, 134.4, 131.4, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.2, 48.6, 46.4, 40.4, 39.7, 36.4.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₆H₁₉Cl₂NO₃Na⁺: 486.0640, found: 486.0641.

1-Benzoyl-5-benzyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3o



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1o** (32.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford the corresponding **3o** as a white solid with 94:6 dr, 94% yield.

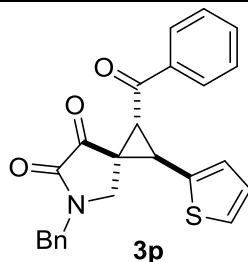
Characterization data for the product 3o:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.15 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.40 (m, 4H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.9, 192.6, 159.1, 136.6, 134.8, 134.3, 133.6, 132.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.0, 127.0, 126.9, 126.0, 125.0, 122.2, 48.6, 47.0, 42.0, 40.4, 36.1.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₈H₂₅NO₅Na⁺: 468.1576, found: 468.1573.

Ethyl-5-benzyl-6,7-dioxo-2-phenyl-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxylate 3p



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1p** (28.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1) to afford the corresponding **3p** as a white solid with 98:2 dr, 86% yield.

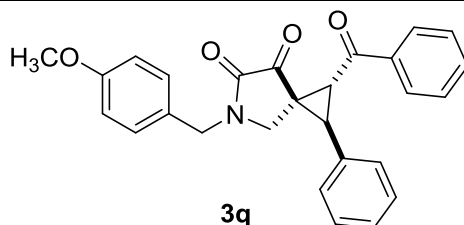
Characterization data for the product 3p:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.04 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 5.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.95 (m, 1H), 4.76 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, $J = 7.0, 0.8$ Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.2, 192.6, 159.1, 136.4, 134.4, 134.4, 134.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.3, 127.5, 126.9, 125.6, 48.6, 47.0, 41.4, 38.5, 37.9.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₉NO₃Na⁺: 424.0983, found: 424.0981.

1-Benzoyl-5-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-phenyl-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-6,7-dione 3q



Prepared according to the general procedure using (Z)-4-benzylidene-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1q** (30.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and sulfur ylide **2a** (18.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3q** as a white solid with 98:2 dr, 90% yield.

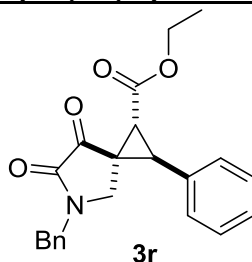
Characterization data for the product 3q:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.04 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 6.92 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 4.72 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.58 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.9, 193.6, 159.6, 159.1, 136.6, 134.2, 131.7, 130.0, 129.0, 128.4, 128.4, 128.1, 126.5, 114.4, 55.3, 48.1, 47.1, 44.2, 41.1, 36.6.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for C₂₇H₂₃NO₄Na⁺: 448.1525, found: 448.1528.

Ethyl-5-benzyl-6,7-dioxo-2-phenyl-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxylate 3r



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-benzylidenepyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1a** (27.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (ethoxycarbonyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **2b** (21.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in the presence of TMG (13 μ l, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3r** as a white solid with 92:8 dr, 99% yield.

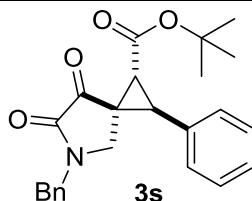
Characterization data for the product 3r:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 4.19 (qd, J = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (q, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 192.9, 169.3, 159.1, 134.5, 131.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.3, 128.0, 61.8, 48.6, 47.4, 42.9, 38.1, 33.5, 14.0.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$: 386.1386, found: 386.1385.

Tert-butyl-5-benzyl-6,7-dioxo-2-phenyl-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxylate 3s



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-benzylidenepyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1a** (27.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-(tert-butoxy)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **2c** (25.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in the presence of TMG (13 μ l, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford the corresponding **3s** as a white solid with 90:10 dr, 99% yield.

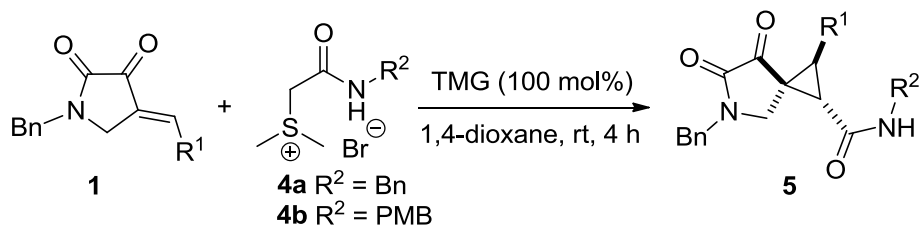
Characterization data for the product 3s:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 3.68 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 192.1, 167.3, 158.2, 133.5, 130.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 126.9, 81.8, 47.5, 46.3, 41.6, 37.0, 33.9, 27.0.

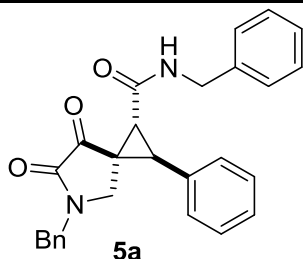
HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$: 414.1681, found: 414.1680.

3. General Procedure for the Synthesis of multi-substituted spirocyclopropane 5



A dried glass tube was charged with cyclic enones **1** (0.1 mmol) and amidic sulfonium salt **4** (0.1 mmol) at the presence of TMG (13 μl , 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 1,4-dioxane (0.5 M, 2 mL). The reaction was sealed with a Teflon cap and stirred at room temperature overnight. When the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding spirocyclopropane **5**, which was dried under vacuum oven and further analyzed by $^1\text{H-NMR}$, $^{13}\text{C-HMR}$, HRMS, *etc.*

***N*,5-Dibenzyl-6,7-dioxo-2-phenyl-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 5a**



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-benzylidenepyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1a** (27.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4a** (29.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silicagel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5a** as a white solid with 96:4 dr, 98% yield.

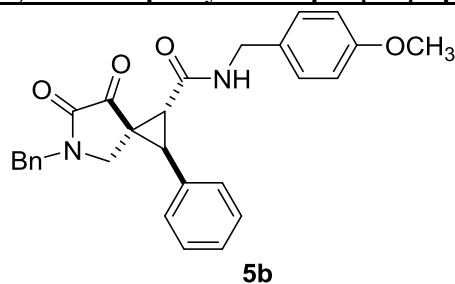
Characterization data for the product 5a:

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.14 (m, 4H), 4.73 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.48 (dd, $J = 15.2, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.36 (dd, $J = 15.2, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.53 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 195.1, 167.0, 160.3, 138.1, 134.2, 132.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 48.7, 47.7, 43.6, 41.4, 38.1, 36.9.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 447.1685, found: 447.1684.

5-Benzyl-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6,7-dioxo-2-phenyl-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 5b



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-benzylidenepyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1a** (27.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-2-

oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4b** (32.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5b** as a white solid with > 99:1 dr, 99% yield.

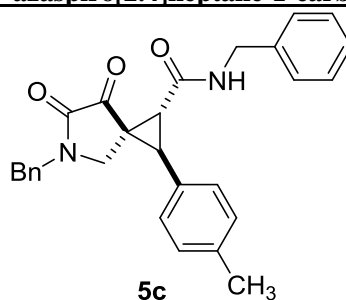
Characterization data for the product 5b:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 7.91 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.69 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 195.0, 166.9, 160.3, 158.6, 134.2, 132.3, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 128.2, 127.6, 113.8, 55.2, 48.7, 47.7, 43.2, 41.4, 38.1, 37.0.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₄Na⁺: 477.1790, found: 477.1785.

N,5-Dibenzyl-6,7-dioxo-2-(p-tolyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 5c



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-methylbenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1c** (29.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4a** (29.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5c** as a white solid with 97:3 dr, 99% yield.

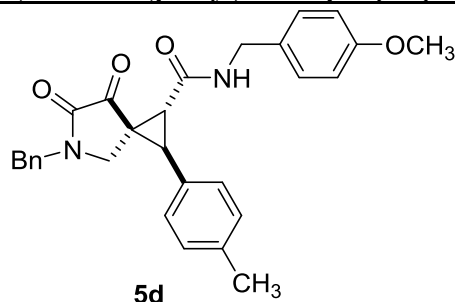
Characterization data for the product 5c:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.92 (m, 4H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.41 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (q, *J* = 16.8, 12.4 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.9, 167.1, 160.3, 138.0, 137.3, 134.3, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 127.0, 48.7, 47.8, 43.7, 41.5, 38.3, 36.9, 21.1.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₃Na⁺: 461.1841, found: 461.1838.

5-Benzyl-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6,7-dioxo-2-(p-tolyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 5d



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-methylbenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1c** (29.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4b** (32.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5d** as a white solid with 94:6 dr, 92% yield.

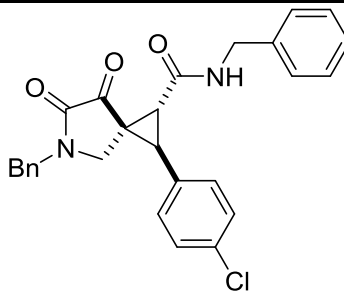
Characterization data for the product 5d:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 7.97 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.92 (m, 4H), 6.67 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.27 (qd, *J* = 15.0, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 195.0, 167.0, 160.3, 158.6, 137.3, 134.3, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 128.2, 113.8, 55.2, 48.6, 47.7, 43.1, 41.3, 38.2, 37.1, 21.1.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₉H₂₈N₂O₄Na⁺: 491.1947, found: 491.1958.

N,5-Dibenzyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6,7-dioxo-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 5e



5e

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl) pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1j** (31.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4a** (29.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5e** as a white solid with 91:9 dr, 99% yield.

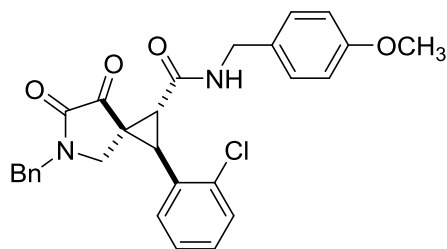
Characterization data for the product 5e:

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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 195.2, 166.7, 160.2, 137.9, 134.0, 133.5, 130.8, 130.5, 129.2, 128.4, 128.4, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 48.7, 47.6, 43.7, 40.4, 37.9, 37.1.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₇H₂₃ClN₂O₃Na⁺: 481.1295, found: 481.1296.

5-Benzyl-2-(2-chlorophenyl)-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6,7-dioxo-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 5f



5f

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl) pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1h** (31.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4b** (32.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5f** as a white solid with 94:6 dr, 98% yield.

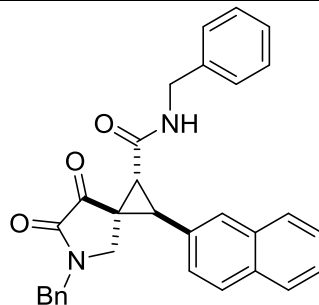
Characterization data for the product 5f:

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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.6, 166.6, 160.2, 158.7, 135.2, 134.3, 131.4, 130.9, 130.2, 129.2, 129.0, 129.0, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 126.7, 113.8, 55.2, 48.5, 47.0, 43.3, 38.9, 37.0.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₈H₂₅ClN₂O₄Na⁺: 511.1401, found: 511.1401.

N,5-Dibenzyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-6,7-dioxo-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 5g



5g

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1r** (32.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4a** (29.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5g** as a white solid with > 99:1 dr, 85% yield.

Characterization data for the product 5g:

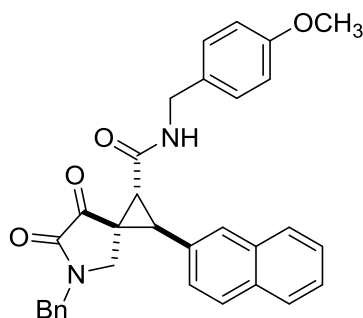
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 7.92 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.76 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.15 (m, 9H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 194.9, 167.0, 160.2, 137.9, 134.2, 133.0, 132.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 126.3, 126.2, 48.7, 47.7, 43.7, 41.5, 38.1, 37.0.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 497.1841, found: 497.1841.

5-Benzyl-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-6,7-dioxo-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide

5h



5h

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1r** (32.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4b** (32.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5h** as a white solid with > 99:1 dr, 90% yield.

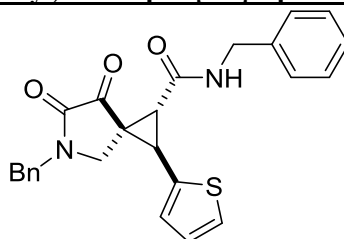
Characterization data for the product 5h:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 7.76 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 7H), 7.14 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.68 (dq, $J = 12.6, 14.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 5.7, 3.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.33 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 3.77 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.63 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.08 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 195.0, 166.8, 160.2, 158.7, 134.2, 133.0, 132.7, 130.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.3, 126.1, 113.8, 55.2, 48.7, 47.7, 43.3, 41.5, 38.1, 37.2.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$: 527.1947, found: 527.1943.

N,5-Dibenzyl-6,7-dioxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 5i



5i

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1p** (28.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4a** (28.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the

crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5i** as a white solid with > 99:1 dr, 83% yield.

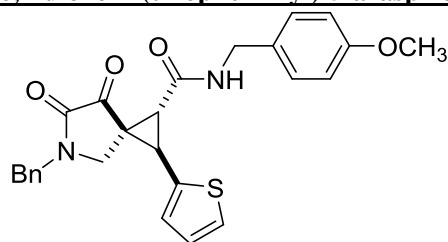
Characterization data for the product 5i:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.44 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 6.86 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.11 – 2.97 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.3, 166.5, 160.3, 138.0, 135.2, 134.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 125.3, 48.7, 47.5, 43.7, 38.6, 38.3, 35.9.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₅H₂₂N₂O₃SNa⁺: 453.1249, found: 453.1250.

5-Benzyl-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-6,7-dioxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 5j



5j

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1p** (28.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (2-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)dimethylsulfonium bromide **4b** (32.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford the corresponding **5j** as a white solid with > 99:1 dr, 81% yield.

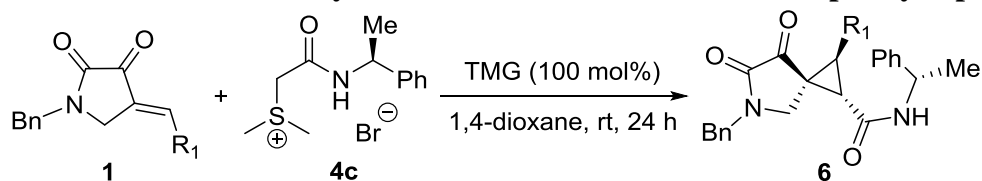
Characterization data for the product 5j:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 8.20 – 8.01 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.92 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.77 – 6.69 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 7.2, 1H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.2, 166.3, 160.2, 158.7, 135.2, 134.2, 130.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 127.4, 126.7, 125.3, 113.9, 55.2, 48.7, 47.5, 43.3, 38.6, 38.3, 35.9.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₂₆H₂₄N₂O₄Na⁺: 483.1354, found: 483.1356.

4. General Procedure for the Synthesis of multi-substituted chiral spirocyclopropane 6

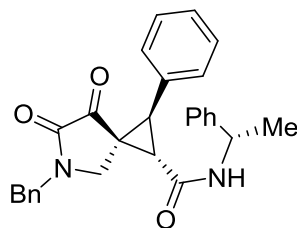


A dried glass tube was charged with cyclic enone **1** (0.1 mmol) and (*S*)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (0.1 mmol) at the presence of TMG (13μl, 0.1mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 1,4-dioxane (0.5 M, 2 mL). The reaction was sealed with a Teflon cap

and stirred at room temperature overnight. When the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (methanol/dichloromethane) to afford the corresponding chiral spirocyclopropane **6**, which was dried under vacuum oven and further analyzed by ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-HMR, HRMS, *etc.*

(1S,2R,3S)-5-Benzyl-6,7-dioxo-2-phenyl-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide

6a



6a

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-benzylidenepyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1a** (27.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (*S*)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (methanol/dichloromethane = 1:300) to afford the corresponding **6a** as a white solid with 72:28 dr, 99% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +94.6$ ($c = 0.84$ in CHCl₃).

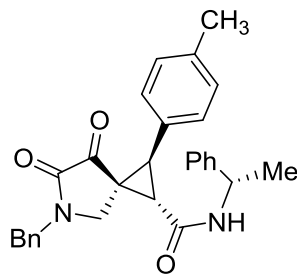
Characterization data for the product 6a:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 10H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.03 – 4.86 (m, 1H), 4.73 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 2.99 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.9, 166.1, 159.5, 143.3, 134.5, 132.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 127.7, 127.2, 126.2, 49.8, 48.6, 47.5, 41.4, 38.1, 36.6, 21.8.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₃Na⁺: 461.1841, found: 461.1832.

(1S,2R,3S)-5-Benzyl-6,7-dioxo-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-2-(p-tolyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 6b



6b

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-methylbenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1c** (29.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (*S*)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel

(methanol/dichloromethane = 1:300) to afford the corresponding **6b** as a white solid with 70:30 dr, 97% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +96.6$ ($c = 0.54$ in CHCl_3).

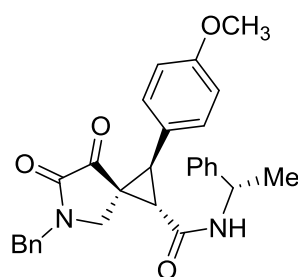
Characterization data for the product 6b:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 7H), 7.07 (s, 4H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 5.07 – 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.79 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 3.03 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.46 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 194.8, 166.2, 159.6, 143.3, 137.4, 134.6, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 126.1, 49.7, 48.6, 47.5, 41.5, 38.3, 36.6, 21.9, 21.1.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 475.1998, found: 475.1995.

(1S,2R,3S)-5-Benzyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,7-dioxo-*N*-((*S*)-1-phenylethyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 6c



6c

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-methoxybenzylidene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1e** (30.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (*S*)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (methanol/dichloromethane = 1:300) to afford the corresponding **6c** as a white solid with 64:36 dr, 91% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +94.6$ ($c = 0.84$ in CHCl_3).

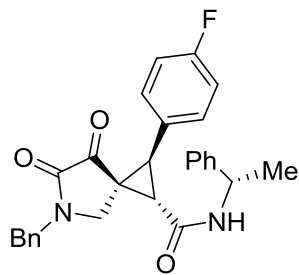
Characterization data for the product 6c:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.82 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 5.06 – 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.79 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.09 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 194.9, 166.2, 159.6, 159.0, 143.4, 134.6, 130.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.1, 126.2, 124.0, 113.5, 55.2, 49.7, 48.6, 47.5, 41.2, 38.4, 36.8, 21.8.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$: 491.1947, found: 491.1947.

(1S,2R,3S)-5-Benzyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-6,7-dioxo-*N*-((*S*)-1-phenylethyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 6d



6d

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1g** (29.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (*S*)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (methanol/dichloromethane = 1:300) to afford the corresponding **6d** as a white solid with 81:19 dr, 92% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +112.0$ ($c = 0.97$ in CHCl_3).

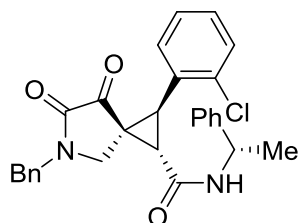
Characterization data for the product 6d:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 5.07 – 4.98 (m, 1H), 4.79 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.47 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.06 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.47 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 195.0, 165.9, 159.5, 143.3, 134.4, 130.9, 130.8, 129.0, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.2, 126.2, 115.2, 115.0, 49.8, 48.7, 47.4, 40.5, 38.0, 36.8, 21.8.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 479.1747, found: 479.1749.

(1S,2S,3S)-5-Benzyl-2-(2-chlorophenyl)-6,7-dioxo-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 6e



6e

Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl) pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1h** (31.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (*S*)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (methanol/dichloromethane = 1:300) to afford the corresponding **6e** as a white solid with 70:30 dr, 90% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +104.3$ ($c = 1.01$ in CHCl_3).

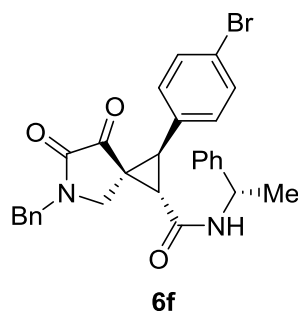
Characterization data for the product 6e:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 7H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 5.09 – 4.93 (m, 2H), 4.22 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 194.5, 165.7, 159.4, 143.4, 135.3, 134.5, 131.2, 130.9, 129.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 126.5, 126.2, 49.8, 48.5, 48.5, 46.7, 39.0, 37.0, 36.5, 21.8.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 495.1451, found: 495.1449.

(1S,2R,3S)-5-benzyl-2-(4-bromophenyl)-6,7-dioxo-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 6f



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(4-bromophenyl) pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **11** (35.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (S)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (methanol/dichloromethane = 1:300) to afford the corresponding **6f** as a white solid with 62:38 dr, 81% yield, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +106.8$ ($c = 0.44$ in CHCl_3).

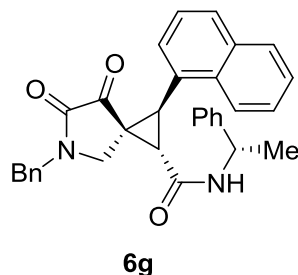
Characterization data for the product 6f:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 5.09 – 4.99 (m, 1H), 4.79 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.49 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 194.8, 165.7, 159.3, 143.1, 134.4, 131.3, 131.1, 130.9, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.3, 126.2, 121.7, 49.8, 48.7, 47.4, 40.5, 37.9, 36.6, 21.7.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$: 539.0946, found: 539.0935.

(1S,2R,3S)-5-Benzyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-6,7-dioxo-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 6g



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1o** (32.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (S)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (methanol/dichloromethane = 1:300) to afford the corresponding **6g** as a white solid with 77:28 dr, 97% yield, $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +116.9$ ($c = 0.12$ in CHCl_3).

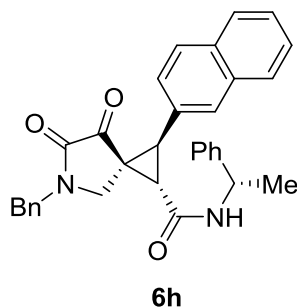
Characterization data for the product **6g**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 7.78 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 – 4.90 (m, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 194.0, 166.1, 159.3, 143.3, 134.8, 133.5, 132.6, 129.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.8, 126.2, 125.9, 124.9, 122.4, 49.9, 48.5, 47.1, 39.4, 37.6, 36.0, 21.8.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₃₂H₂₈N₂O₃Na⁺: 511.1998, found: 511.2004.

(1*S*,2*R*,3*S*)-5-Benzyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-6,7-dioxo-*N*-((*S*)-1-phenylethyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 6h



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1r** (32.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (*S*)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (methanol/dichloromethane = 1:300) to afford the corresponding **6h** as a white solid with 77:23 dr, 99% yield, [α]_D²⁰ = +120.0 (*c* = 0.40 in CHCl₃).

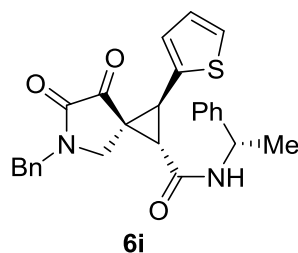
Characterization data for the product **6h**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm): 7.83 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 3H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 8H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11 – 5.00 (m, 1H), 4.79 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*⁶): δ (ppm): 194.5, 166.1, 159.4, 144.1, 135.5, 132.5, 132.2, 130.8, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.5, 127.4, 126.7, 126.3, 126.0, 125.8, 48.4, 47.5, 47.4, 40.6, 38.1, 34.7, 22.5.

HR-MS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C₃₂H₂₈N₂O₃Na⁺: 511.1998, found: 511.1997.

(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-5-Benzyl-6,7-dioxo-*N*-((*S*)-1-phenylethyl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane-1-carboxamide 6i



Prepared according to the general procedure using 1-benzyl-4-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)pyrrolidine-2,3-dione **1p** (28.3 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and (*S*)-dimethyl(2-oxo-2-((1-phenylethyl)amino)ethyl)sulfonium bromide **4c** (30.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv). Purification of the crude product via flash chromatography on silica gel (methanol/dichloromethane = 1:300) to afford the corresponding **6i** as a white solid with 60:40 dr, 90% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +97.6$ ($c = 0.54$ in CHCl_3).

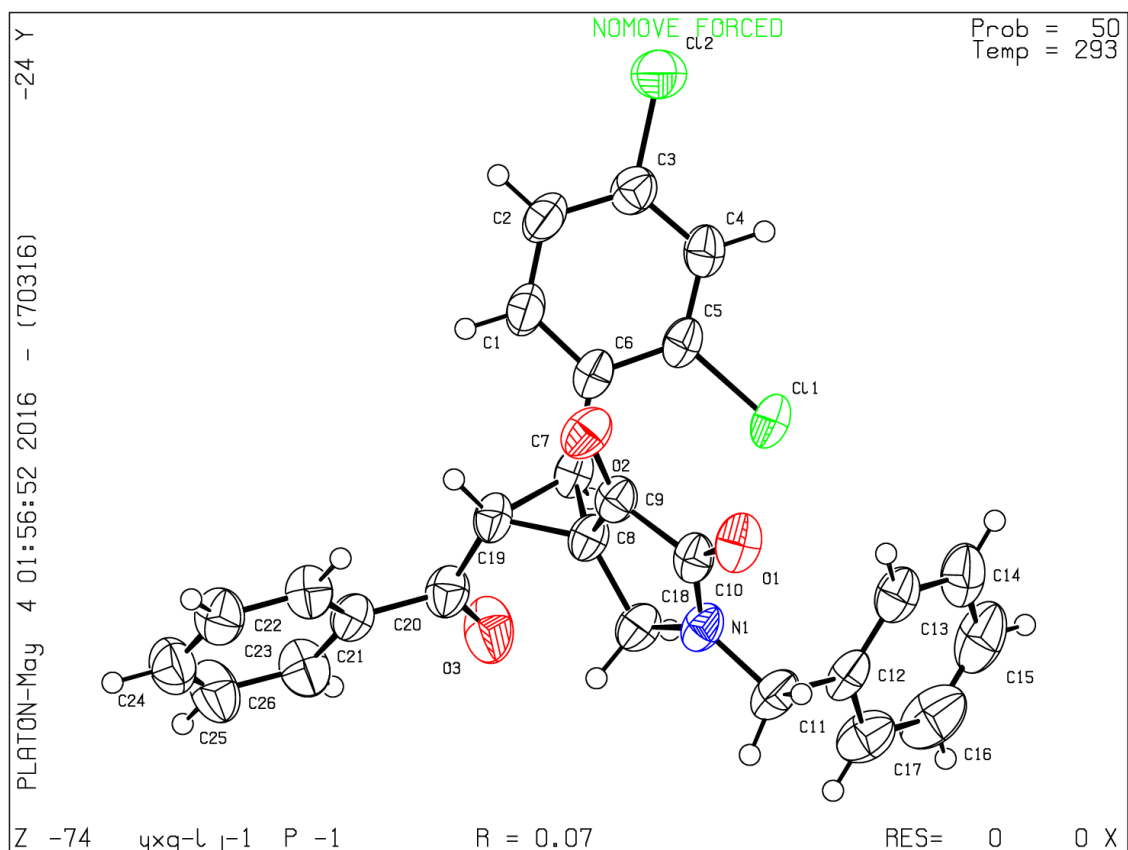
Characterization data for the product 6i:

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 7H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.11 – 4.97 (m, 1H), 4.76 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.56 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.04 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.49 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm): 193.8, 165.5, 159.4, 143.0, 134.8, 134.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 126.8, 126.1, 125.5, 49.9, 48.7, 47.2, 38.7, 37.7, 36.1, 21.8.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{SNa}^+$: 467.1405, found: 467.1406.

5. Crystal data and structure refinement for the representative product **3n**



Identification code	3n
Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₁₉ Cl ₂ NO ₃
Formula weight	464.32
Temperature/K	292.7(8)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	9.5083(6)
b/Å	10.9485(6)
c/Å	11.7032(6)
α/°	76.171(5)
β/°	72.435(5)
γ/°	80.124(5)
Volume/Å ³	1121.35(12)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.375
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.839
F(000)	480.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.8 × 0.7 × 0.2
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	9.814 to 134.142
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -11 ≤ k ≤ 13, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	19516
Independent reflections	3998 [R _{int} = 0.0811, R _{sigma} = 0.0420]
Data/restraints/parameters	3998/0/289
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.054
Final R indexes [I >= 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0685, wR ₂ = 0.1862

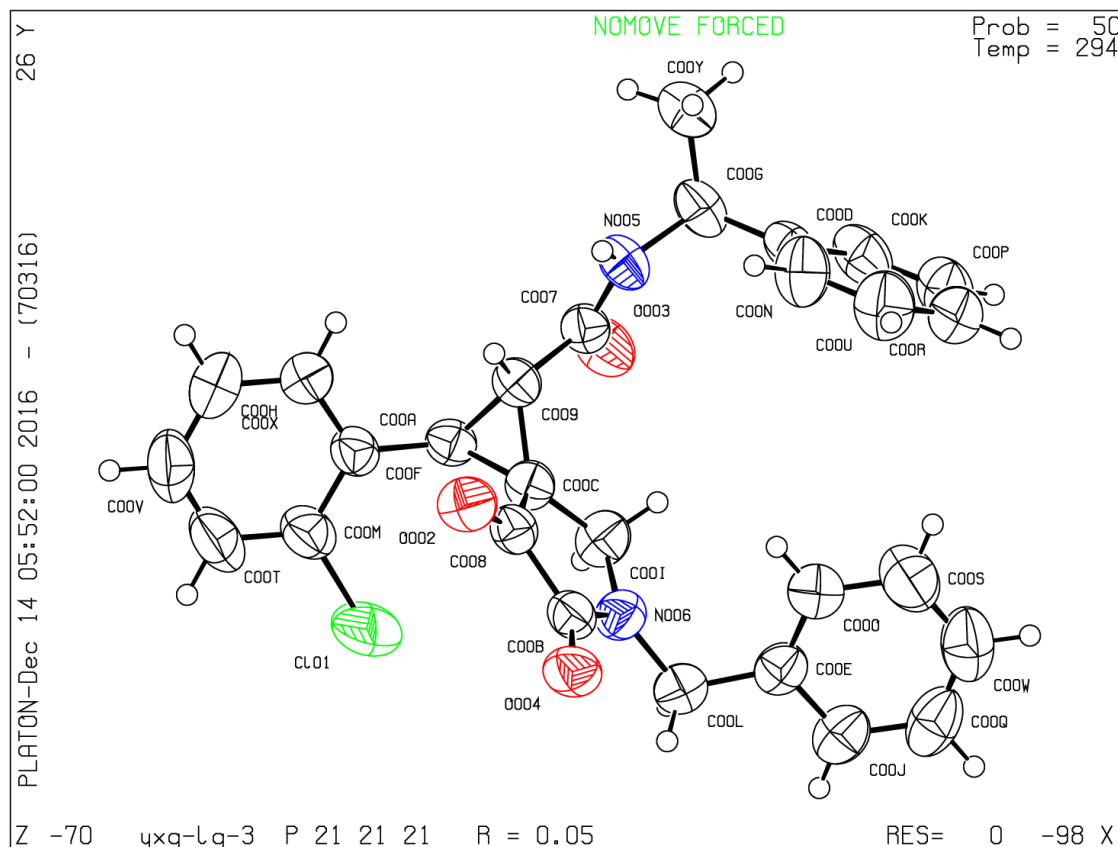
Final R indexes [all data]

$R_1 = 0.0716$, $wR_2 = 0.1930$

Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$

0.30/-0.63

6. Crystal data and structure refinement for the representative product 6e



Identification code

6e

Empirical formula

$C_{28}H_{25}ClN_2O_3$

Formula weight

472.95

Temperature/K

294.08(10)

Crystal system

orthorhombic

Space group

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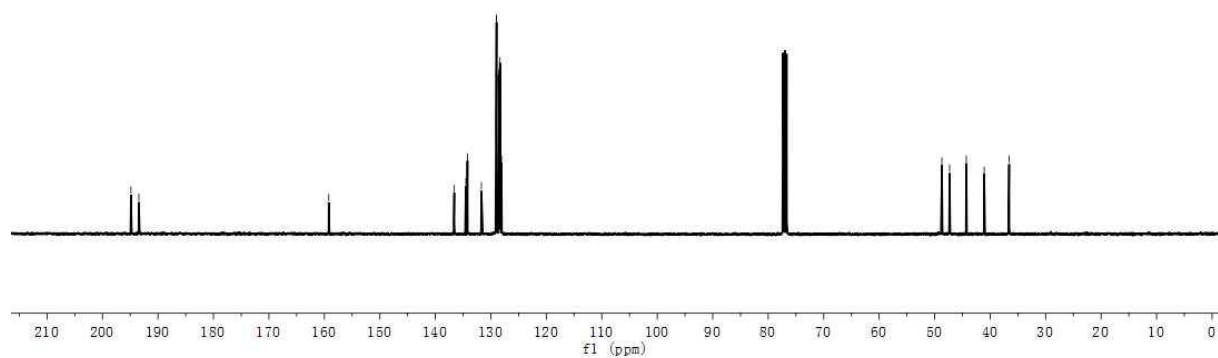
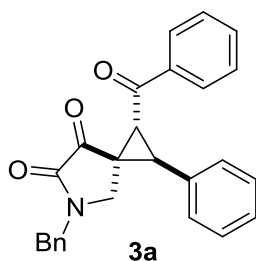
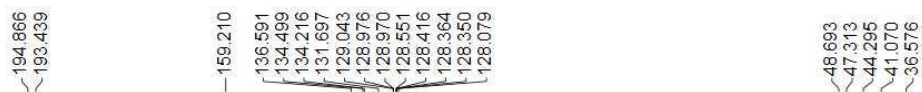
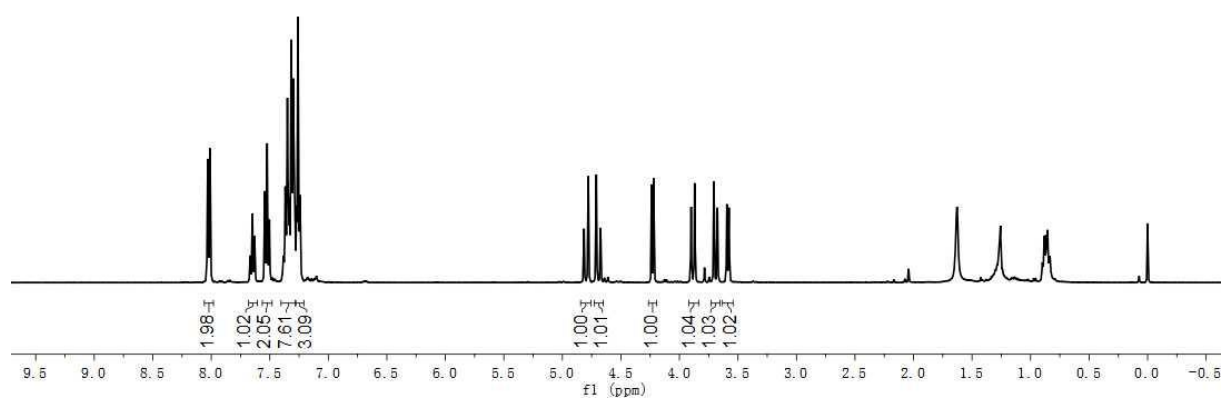
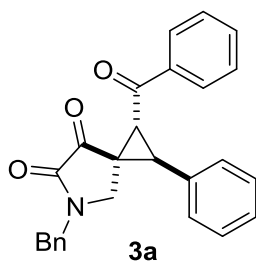
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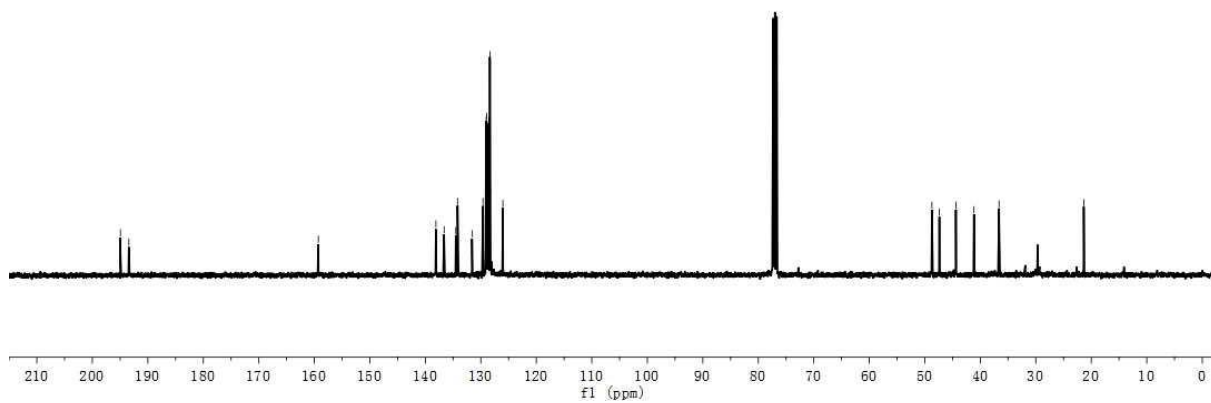
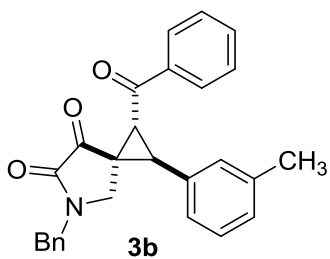
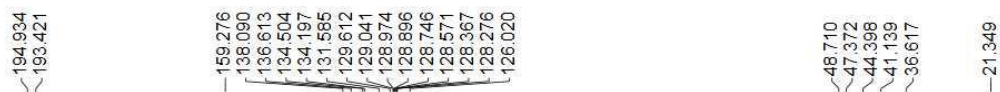
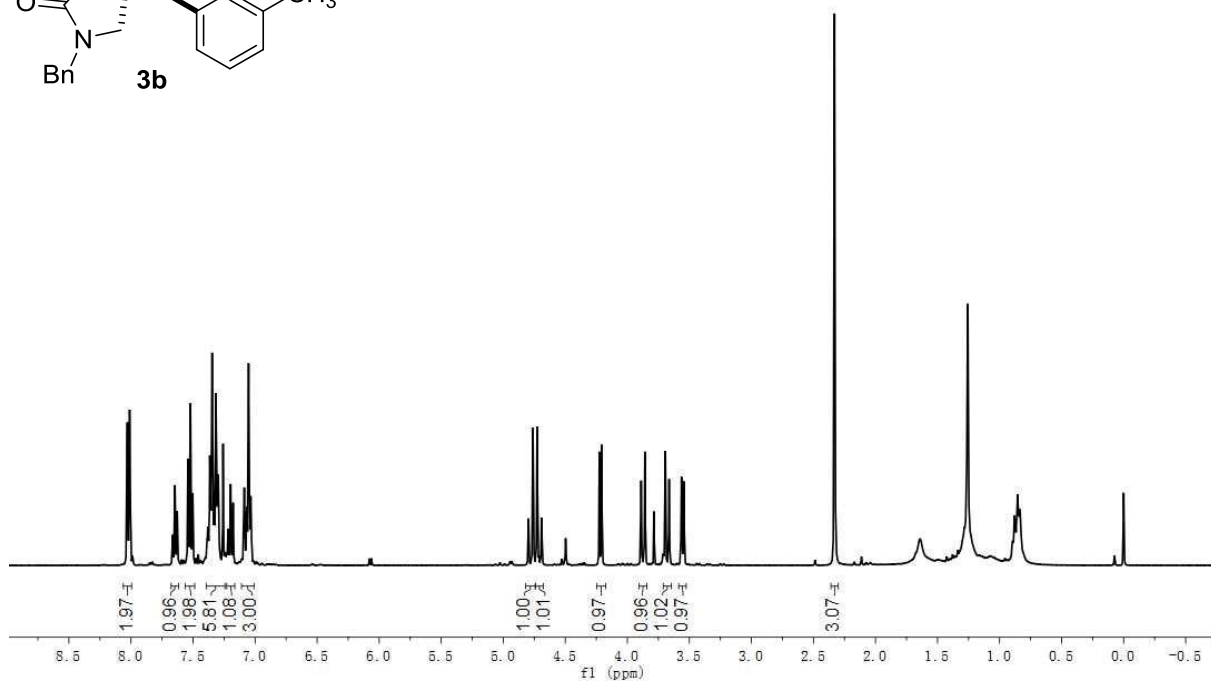
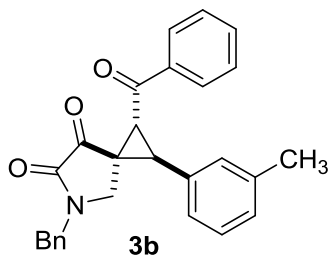
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μ/mm^{-1}	1.580
F(000)	992.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.6 \times 0.4 \times 0.3$
Radiation	CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	10.152 to 134.1
Index ranges	$-8 \leq h \leq 12, -17 \leq k \leq 17, -18 \leq l \leq 20$
Reflections collected	16542
Independent reflections	4344 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0313, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0211$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4344/0/308
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.031
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0471, wR_2 = 0.1291$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0499, wR_2 = 0.1331$
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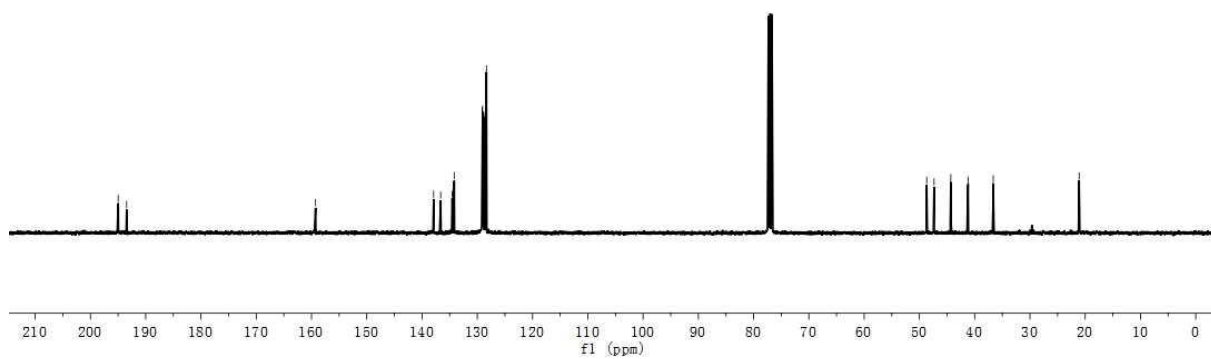
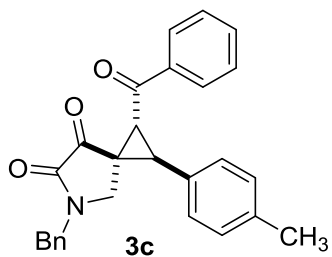
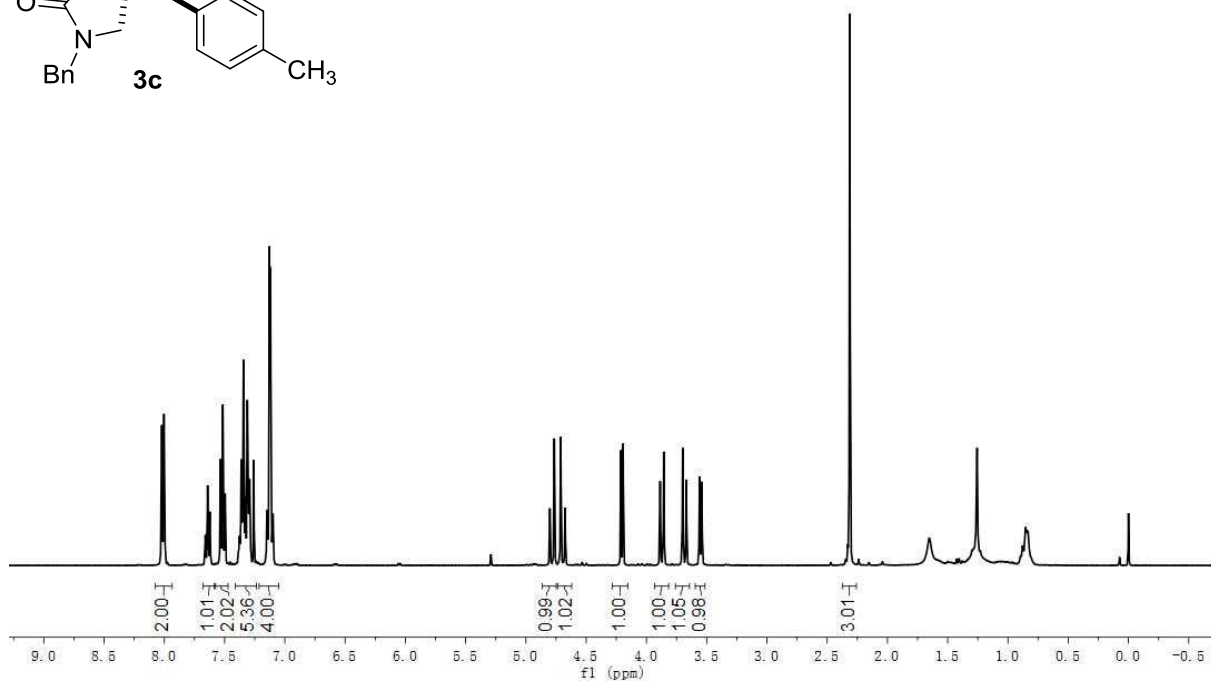
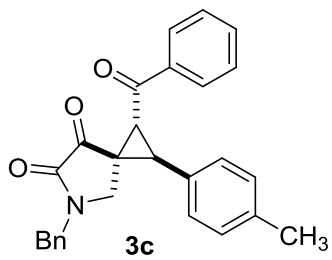
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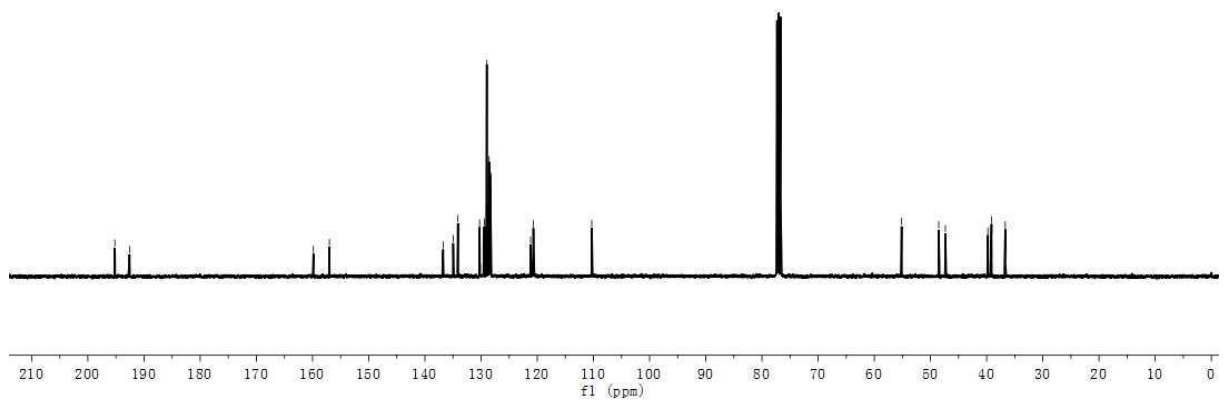
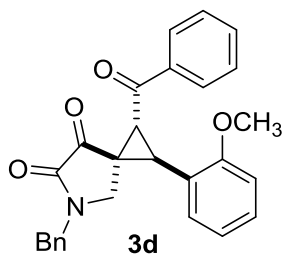
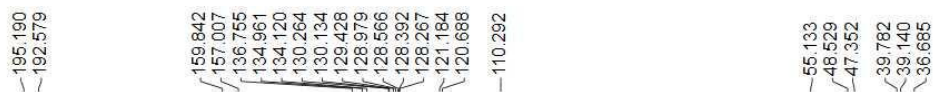
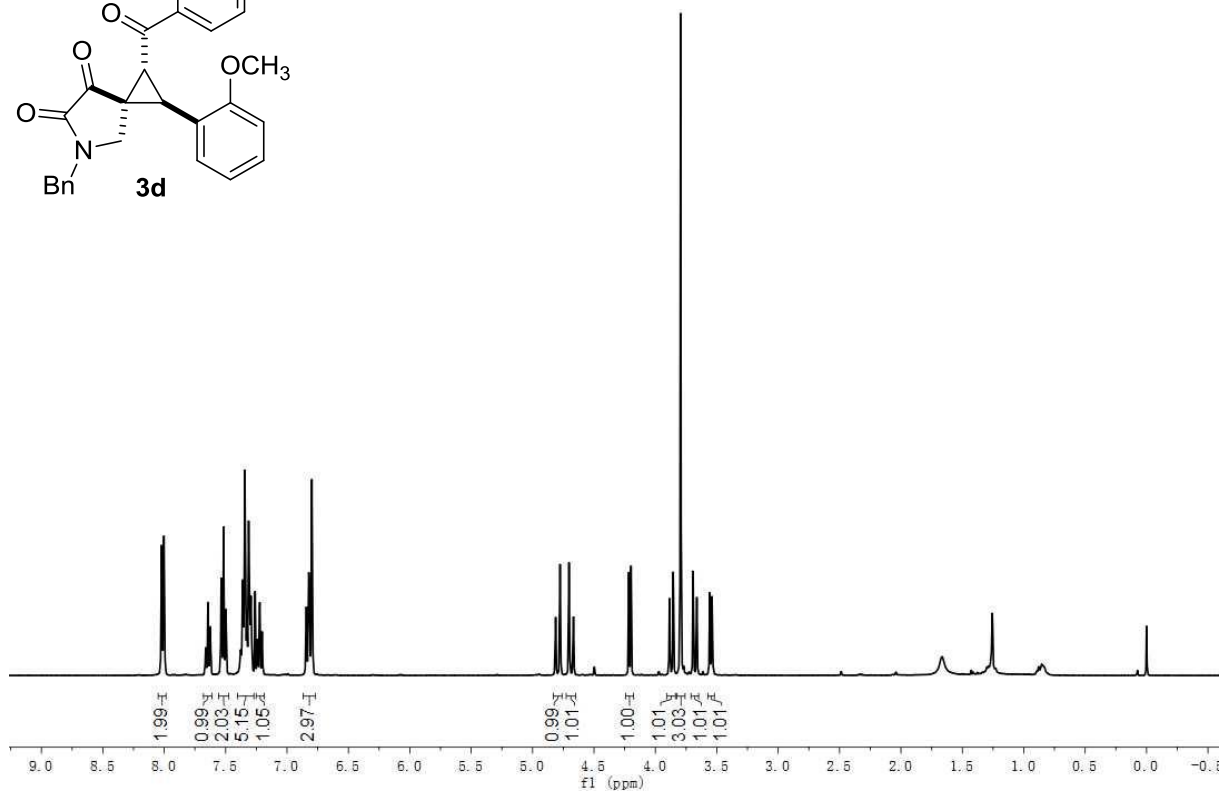
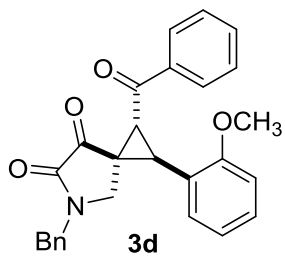
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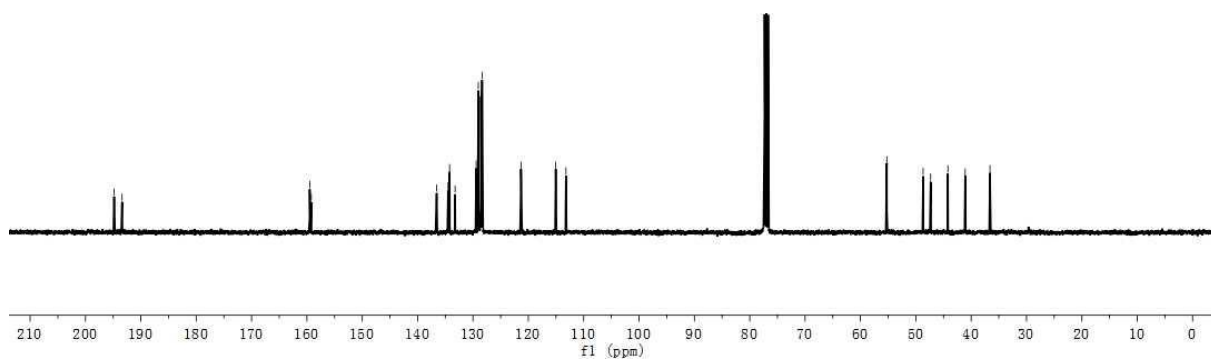
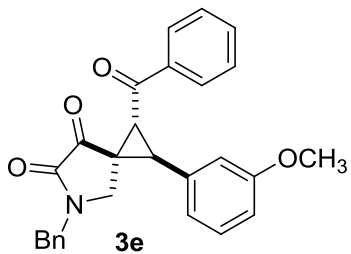
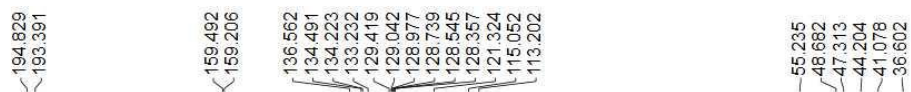
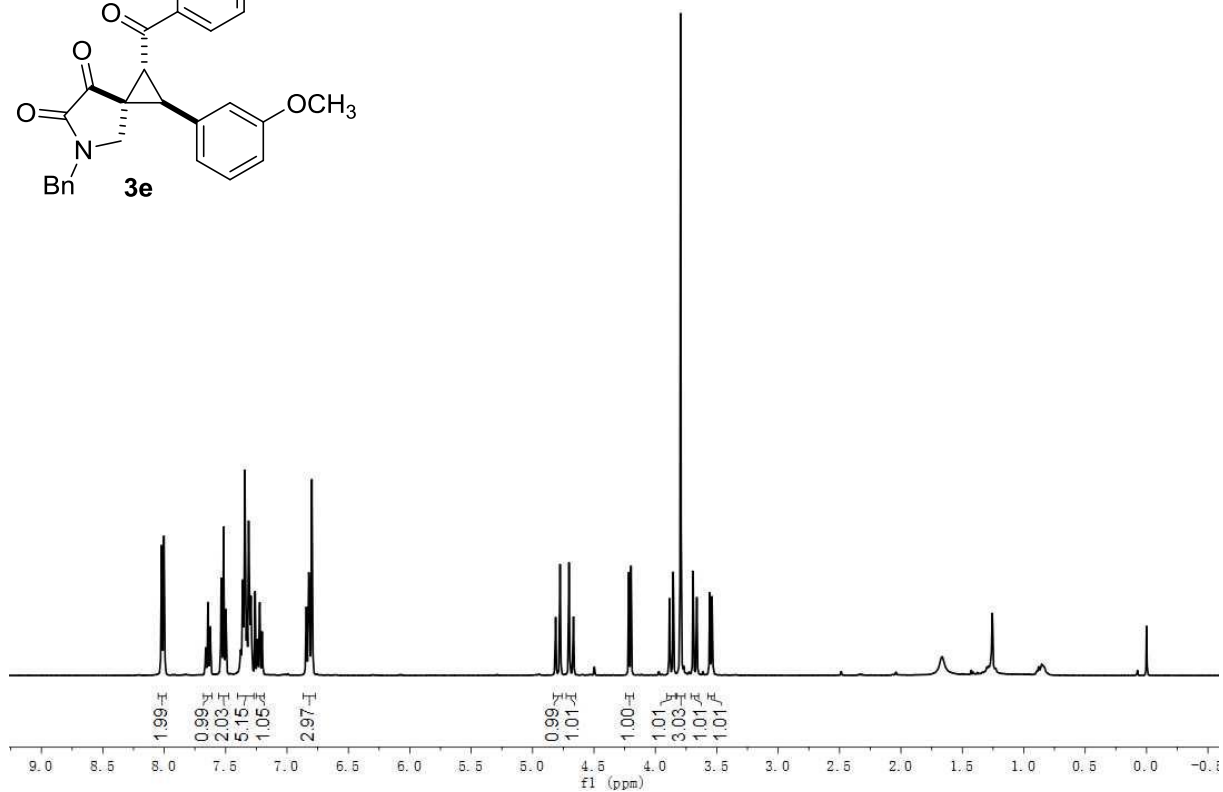
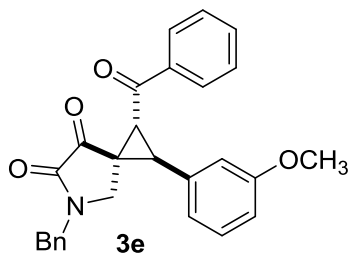
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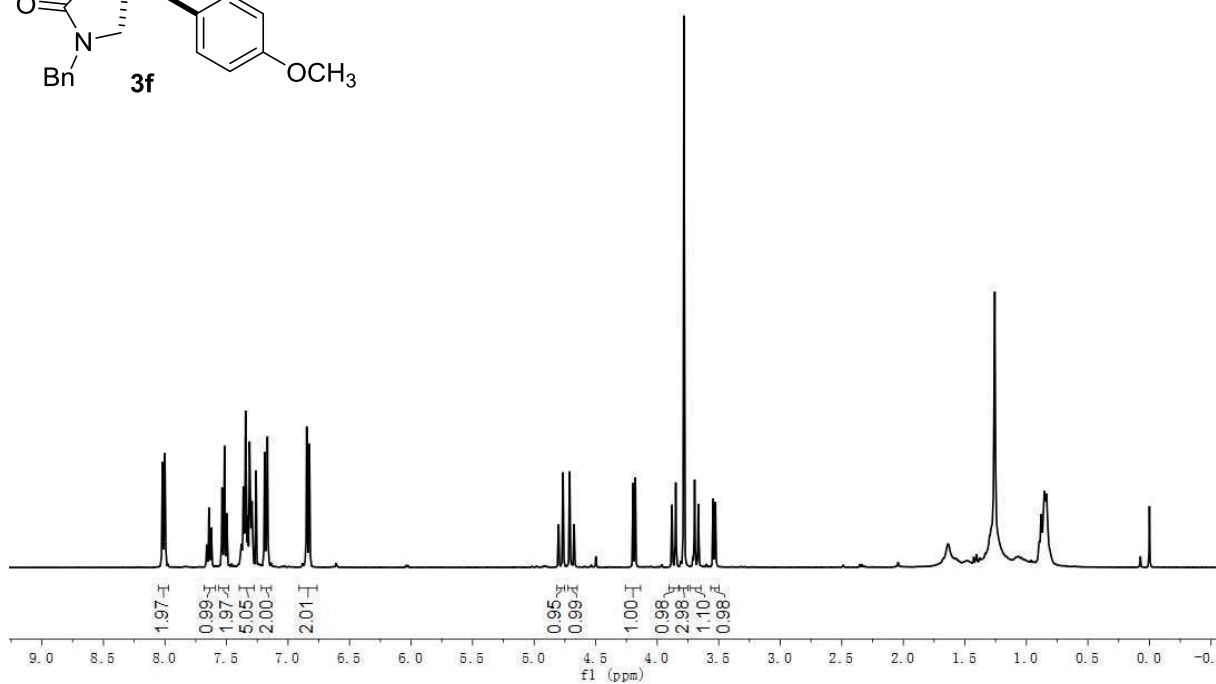
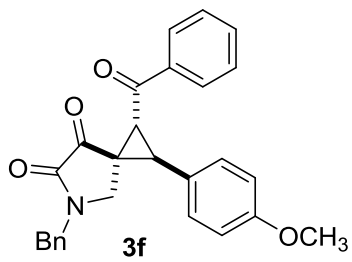








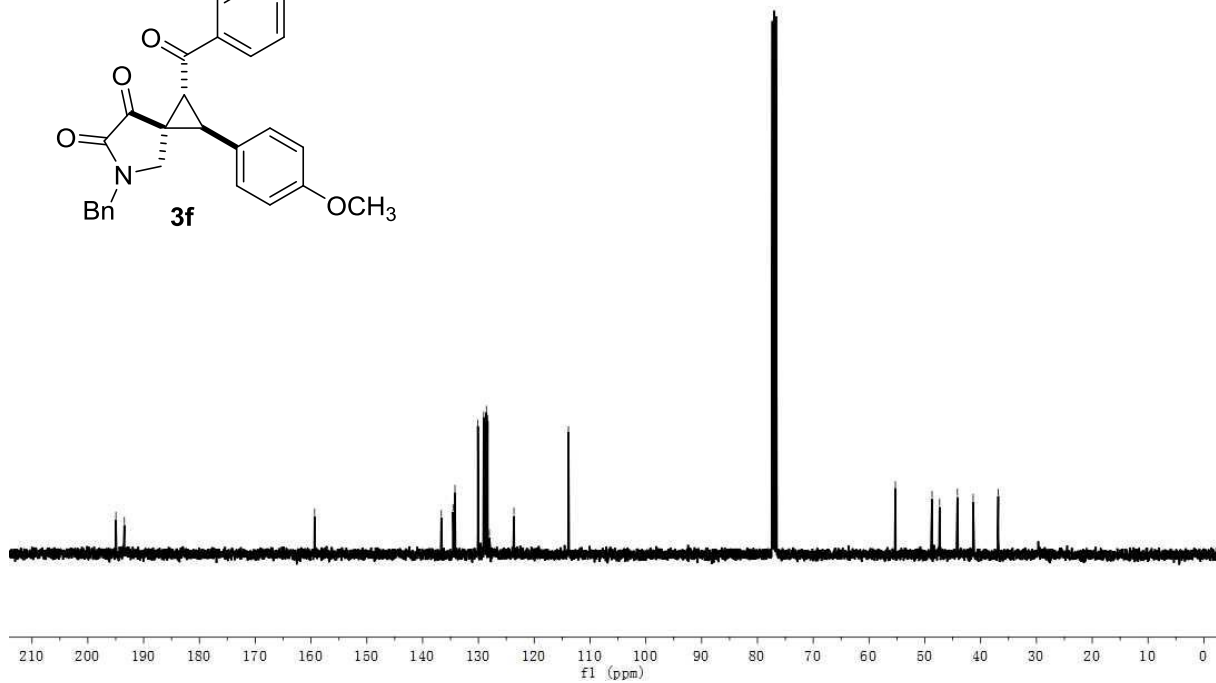
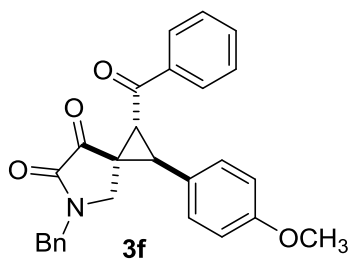


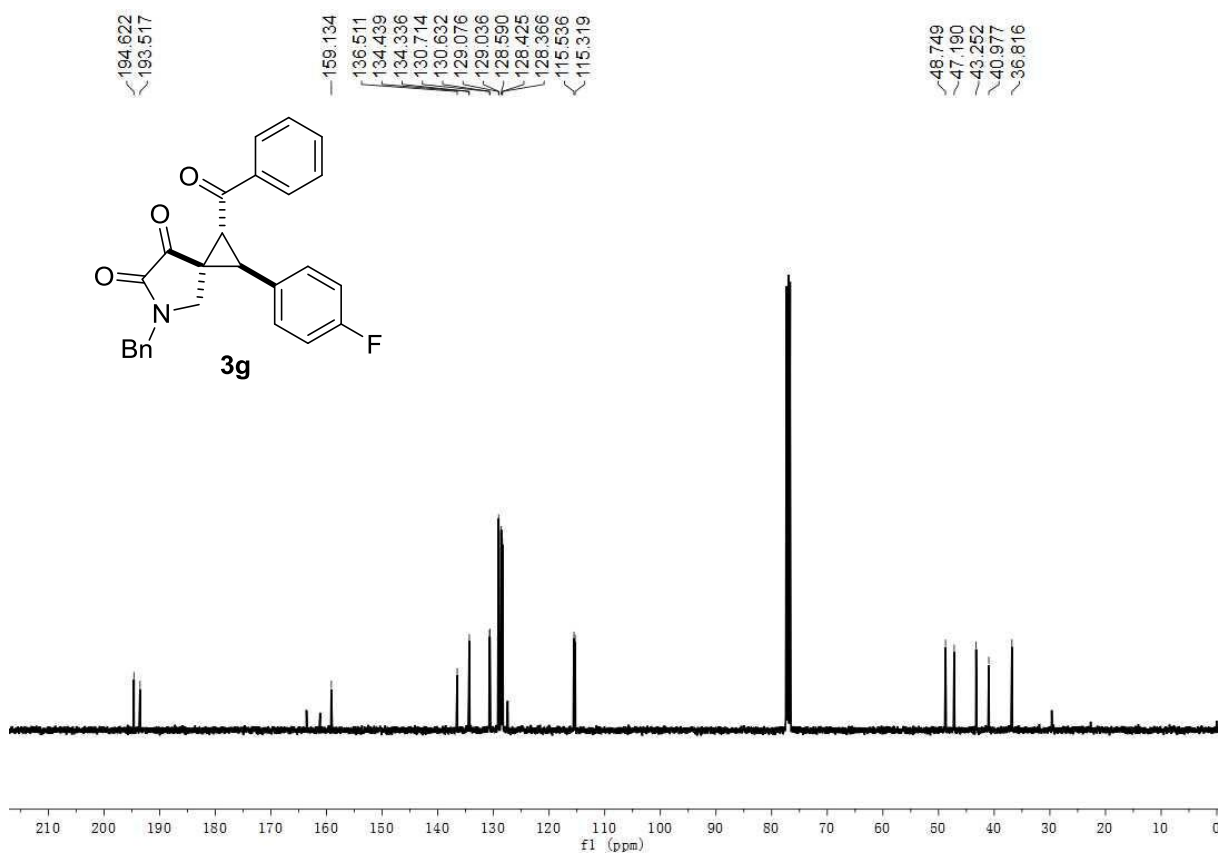
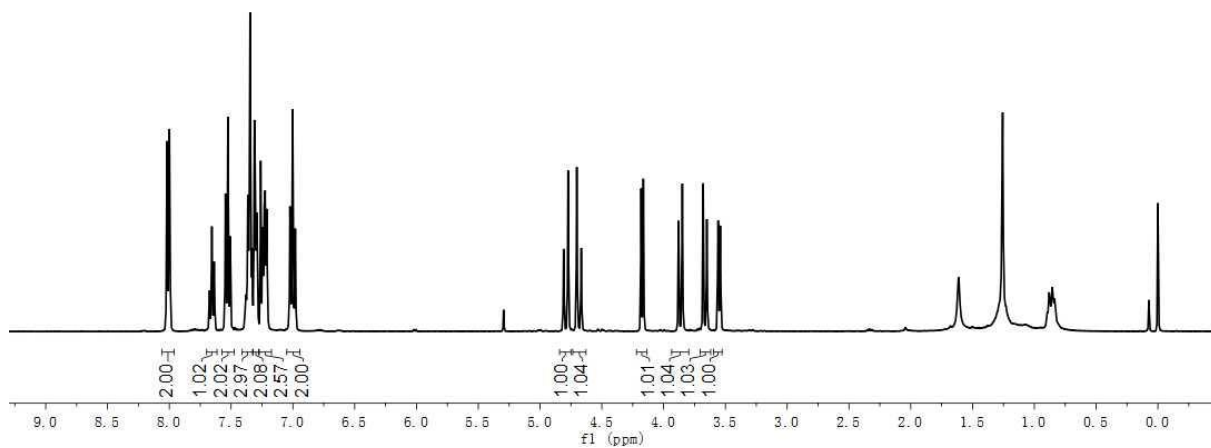
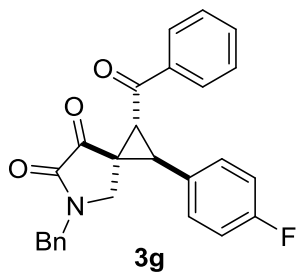


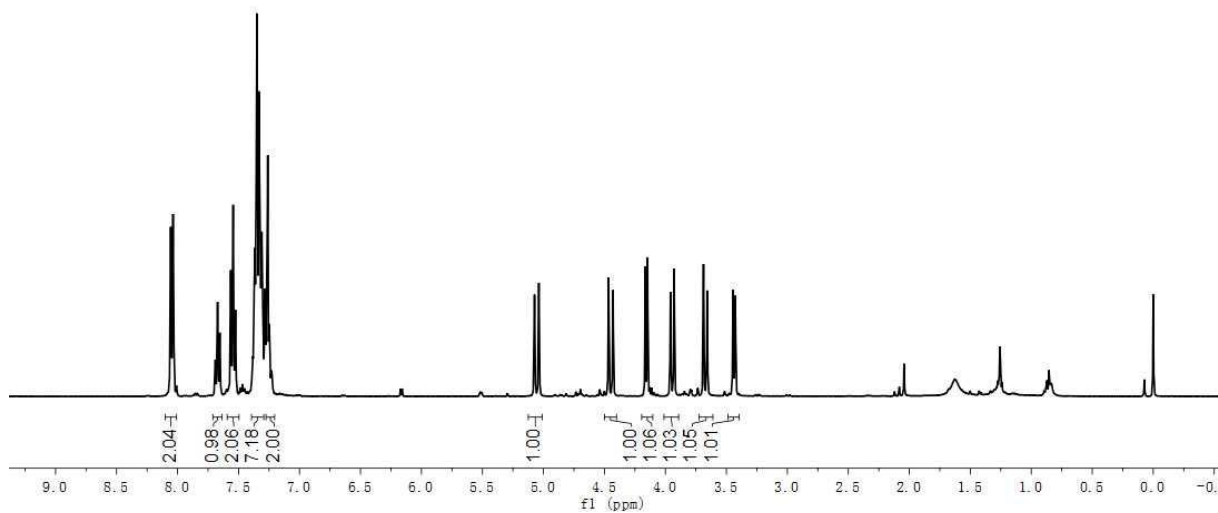
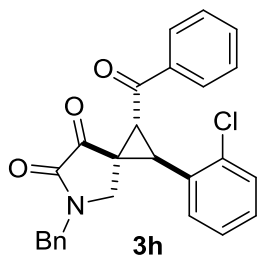
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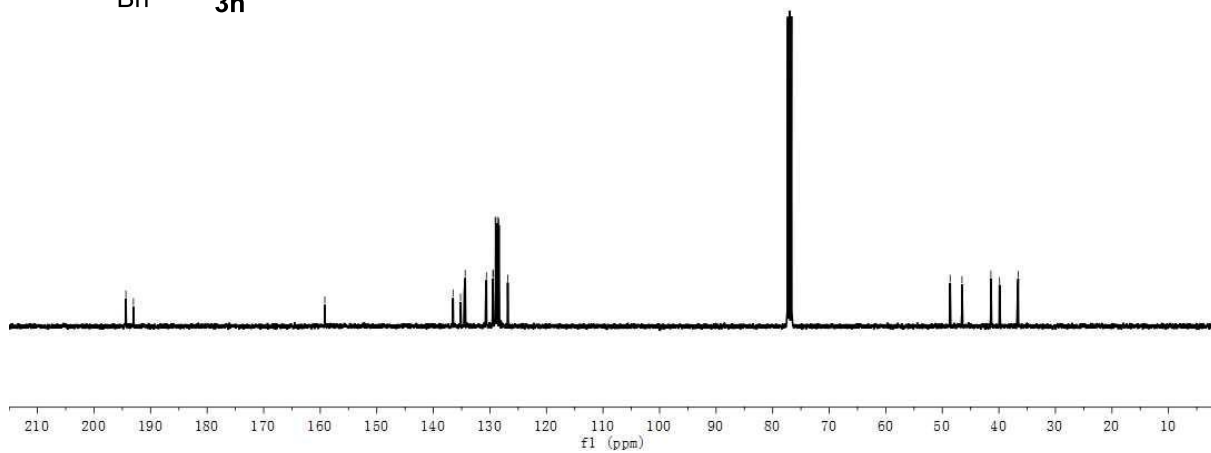
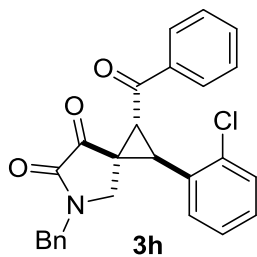


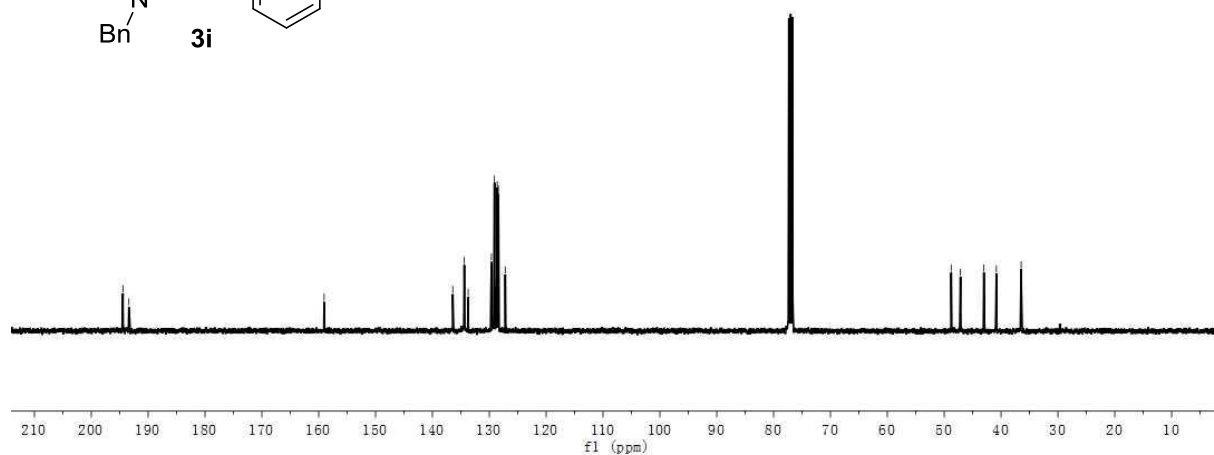
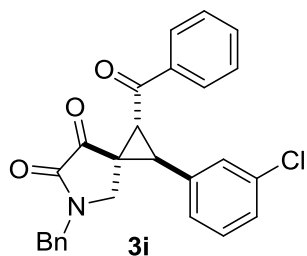
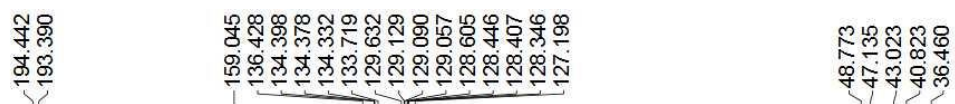
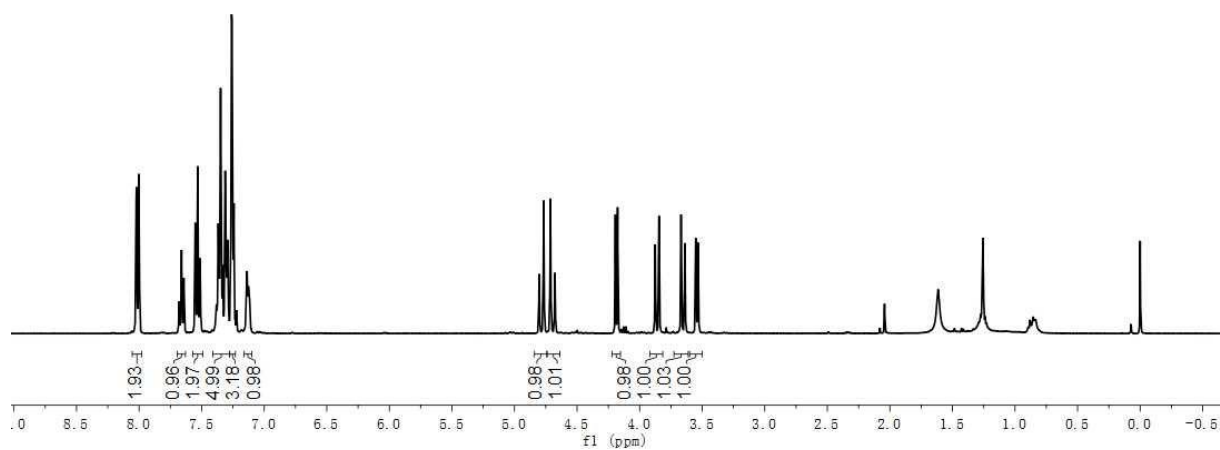
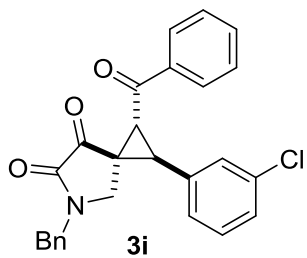


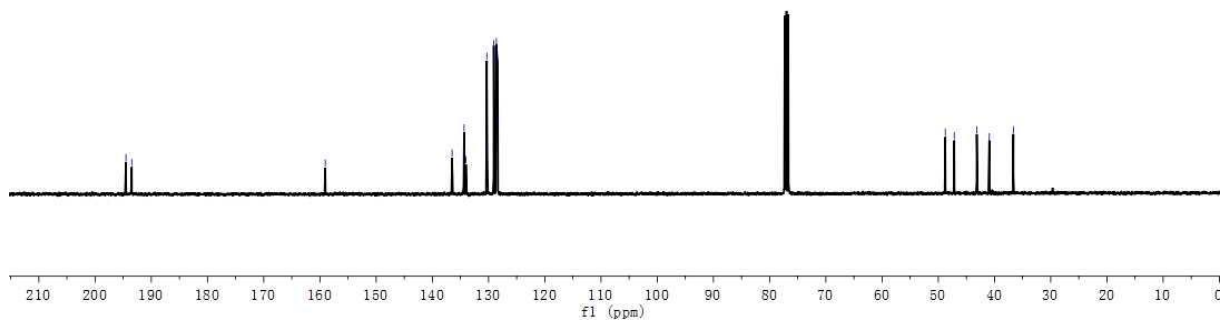
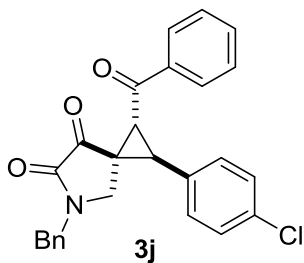
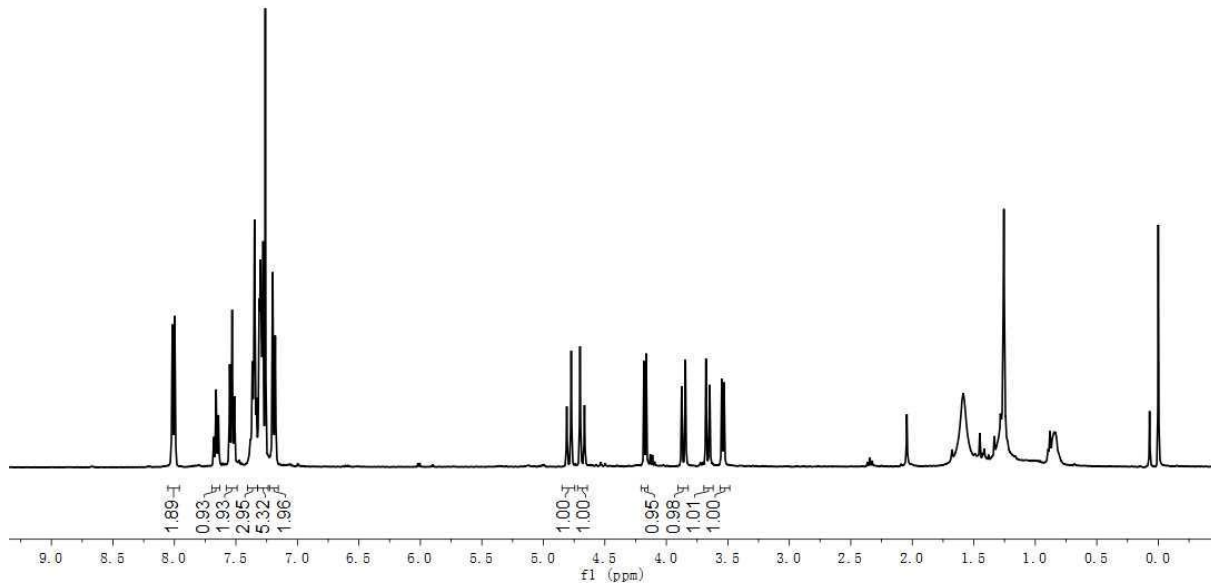
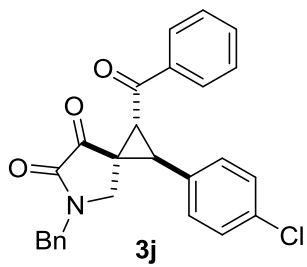
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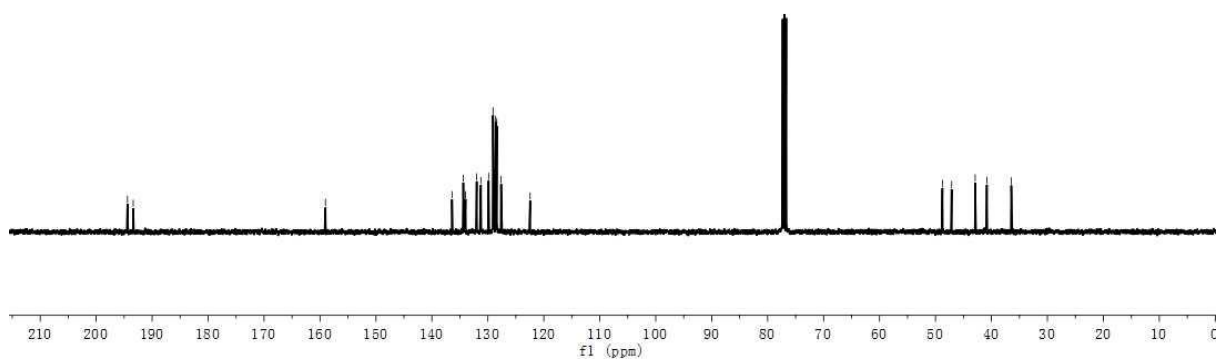
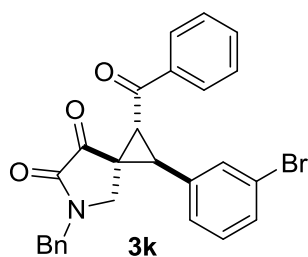
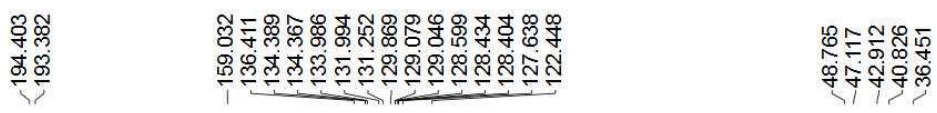
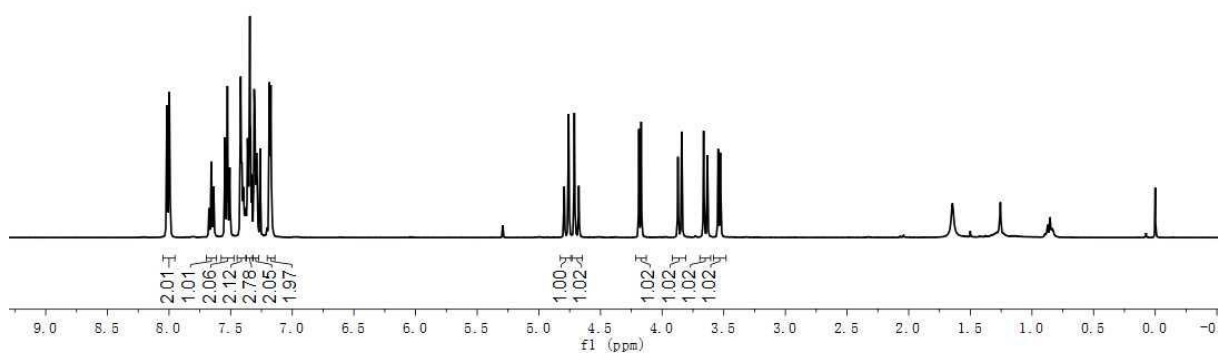
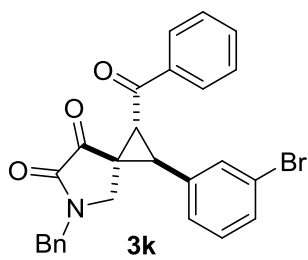
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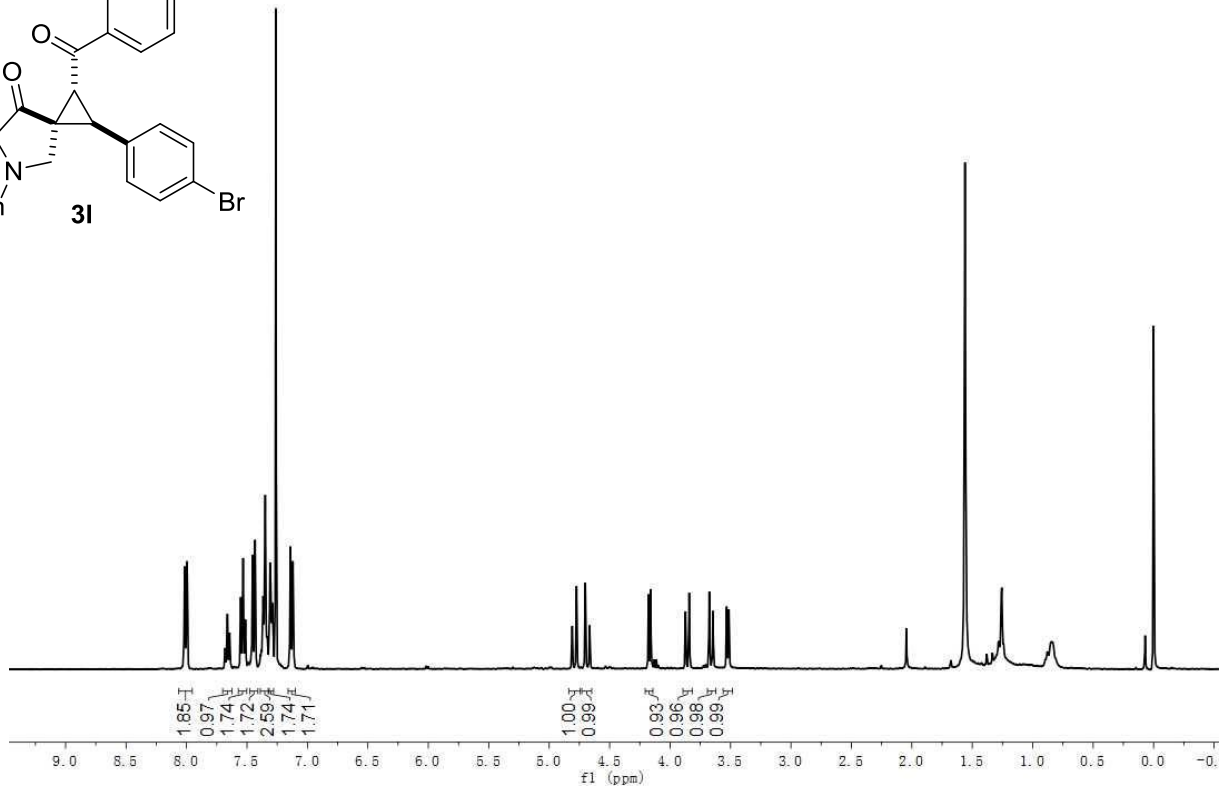
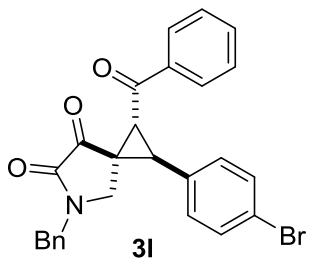
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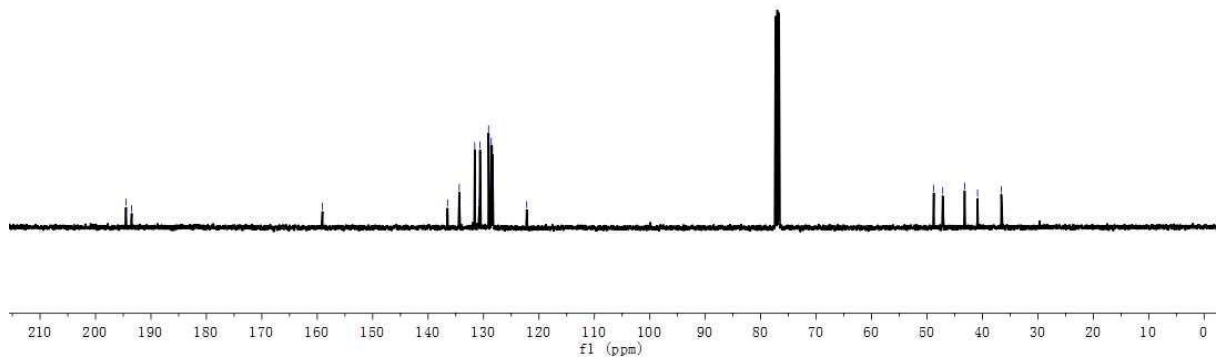
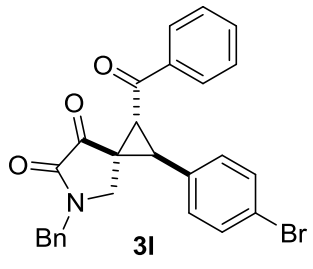


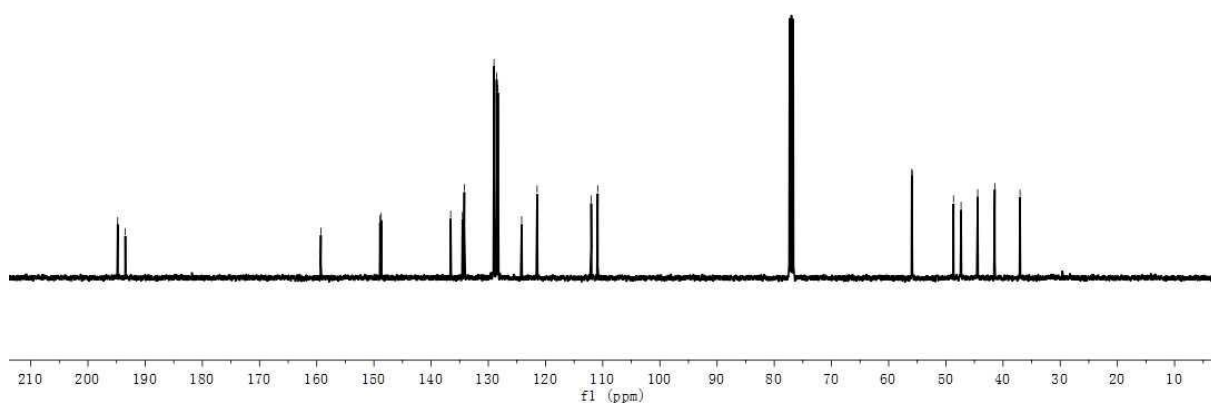
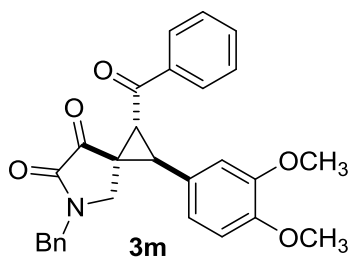
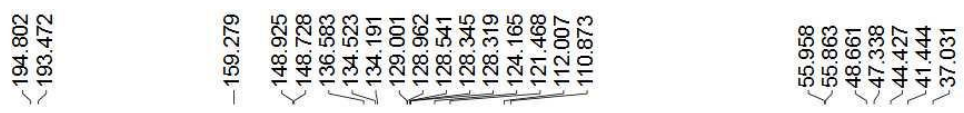
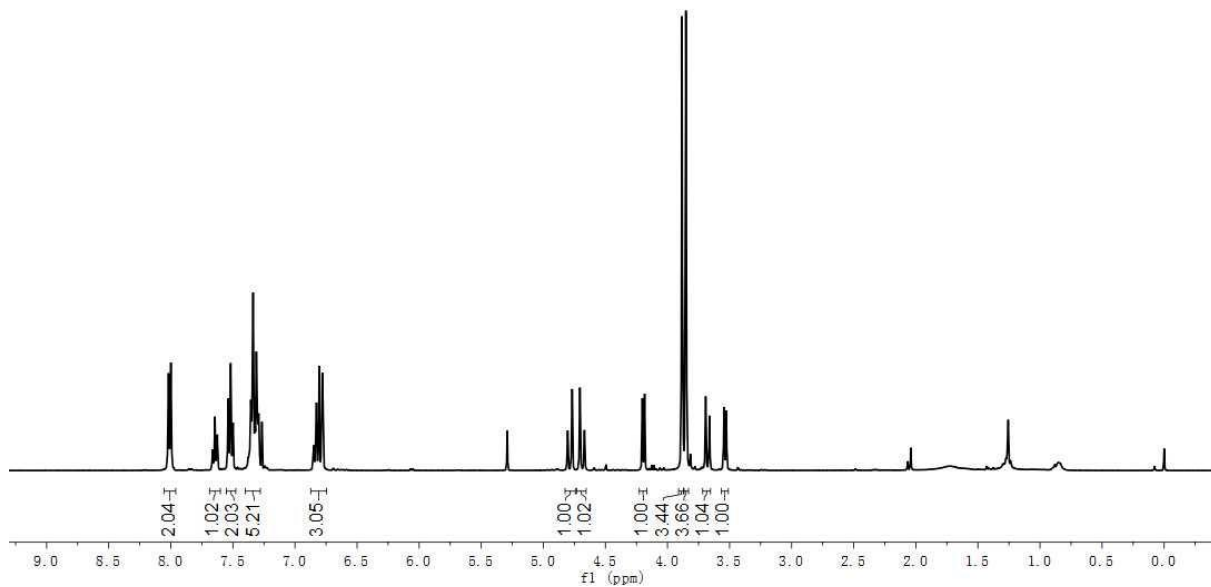
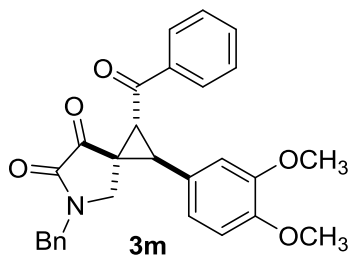


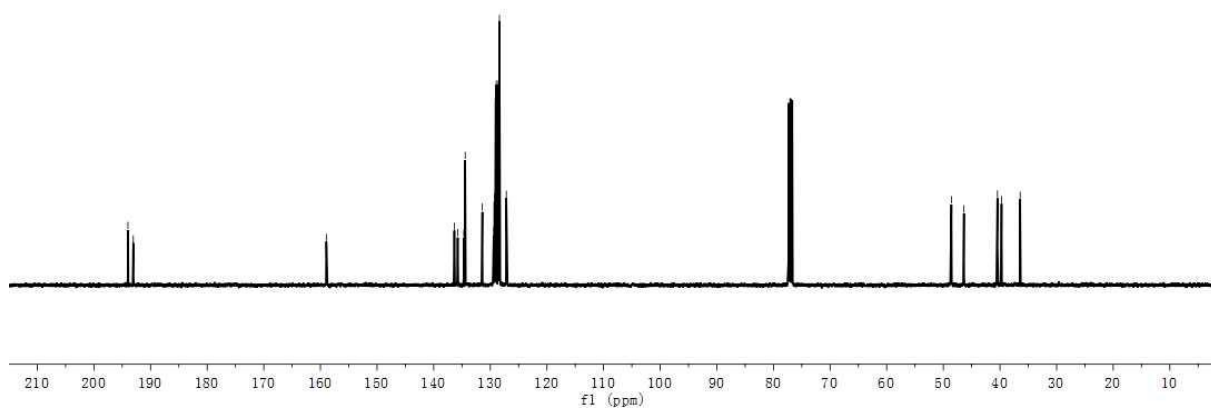
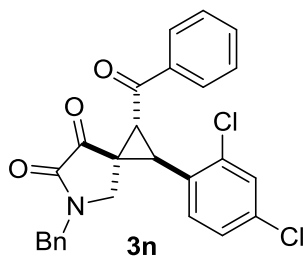
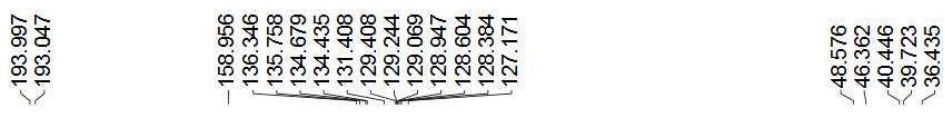
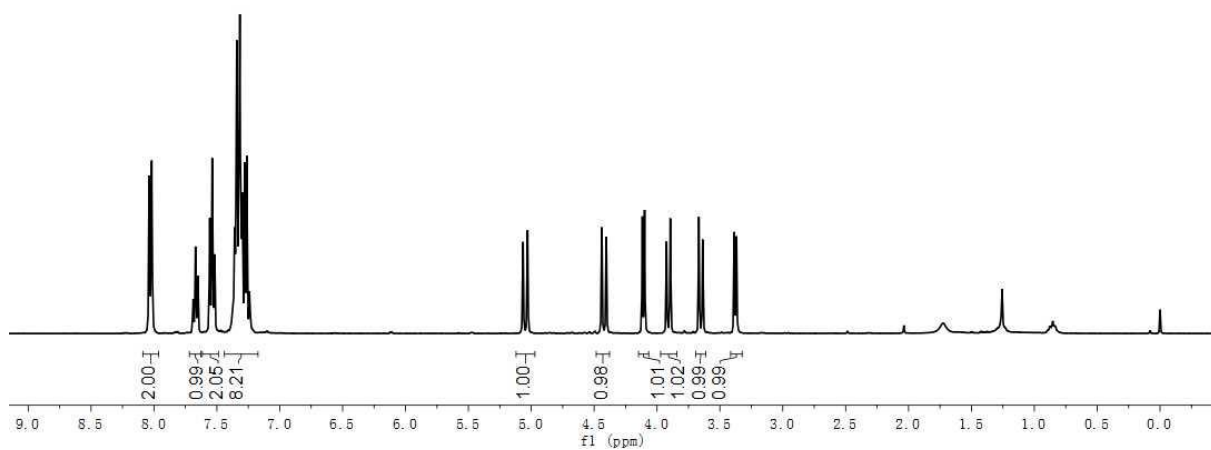
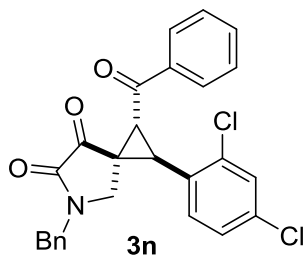


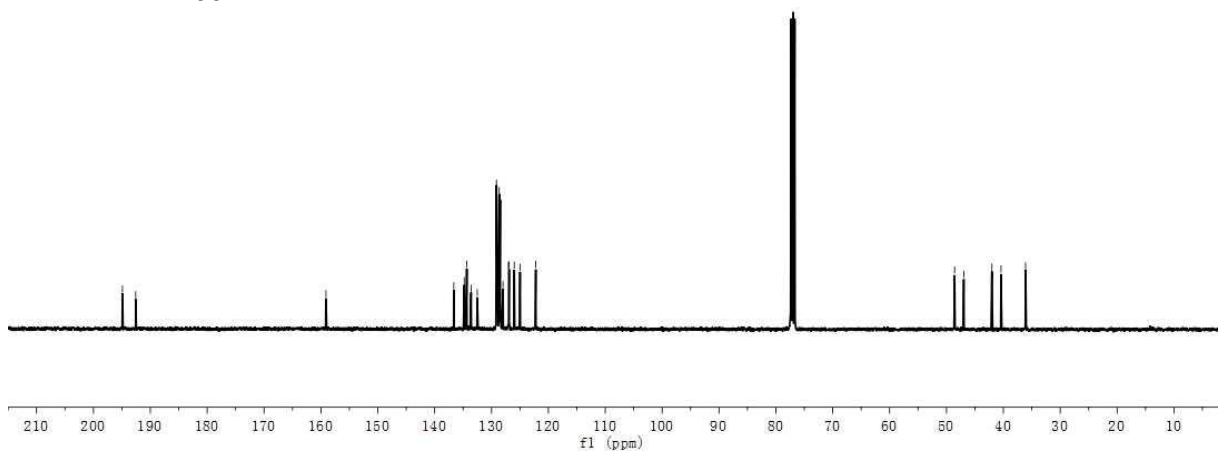
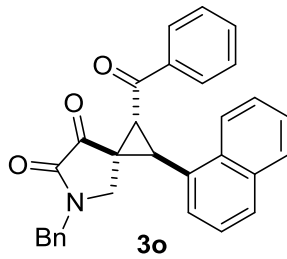
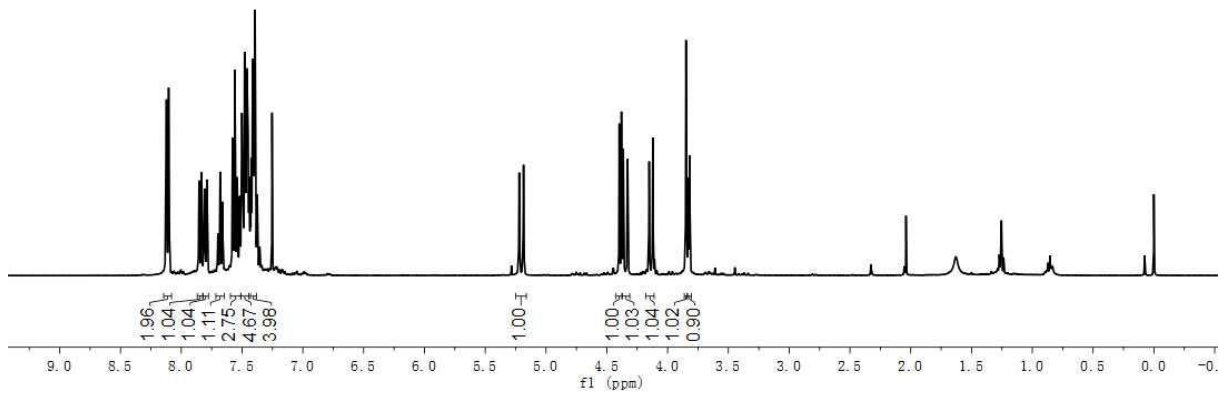
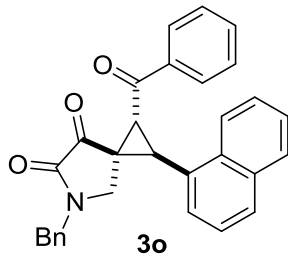


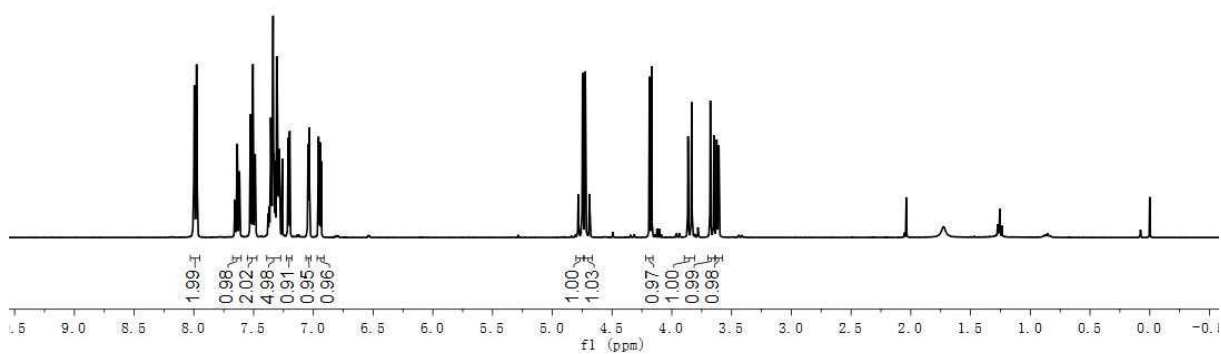
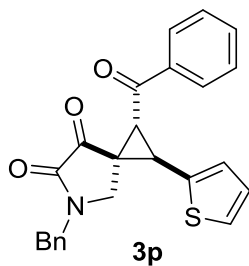
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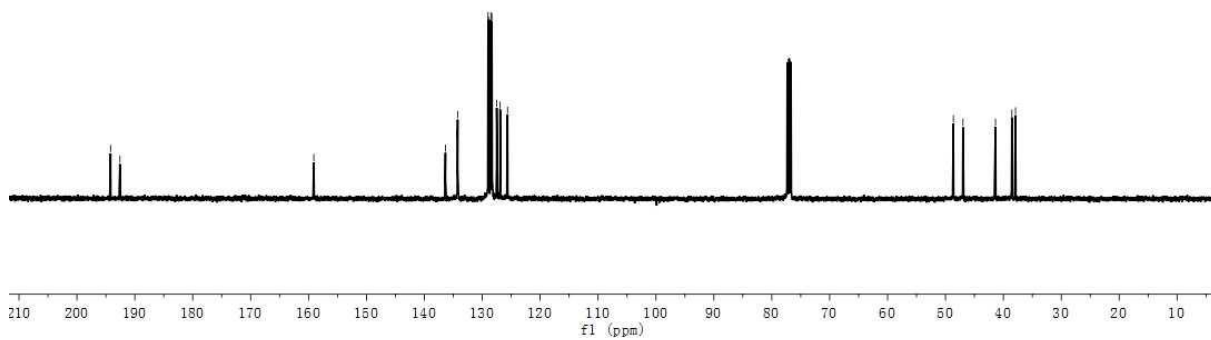
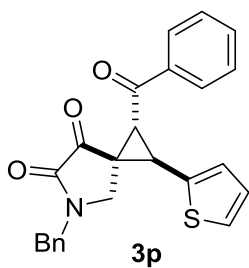


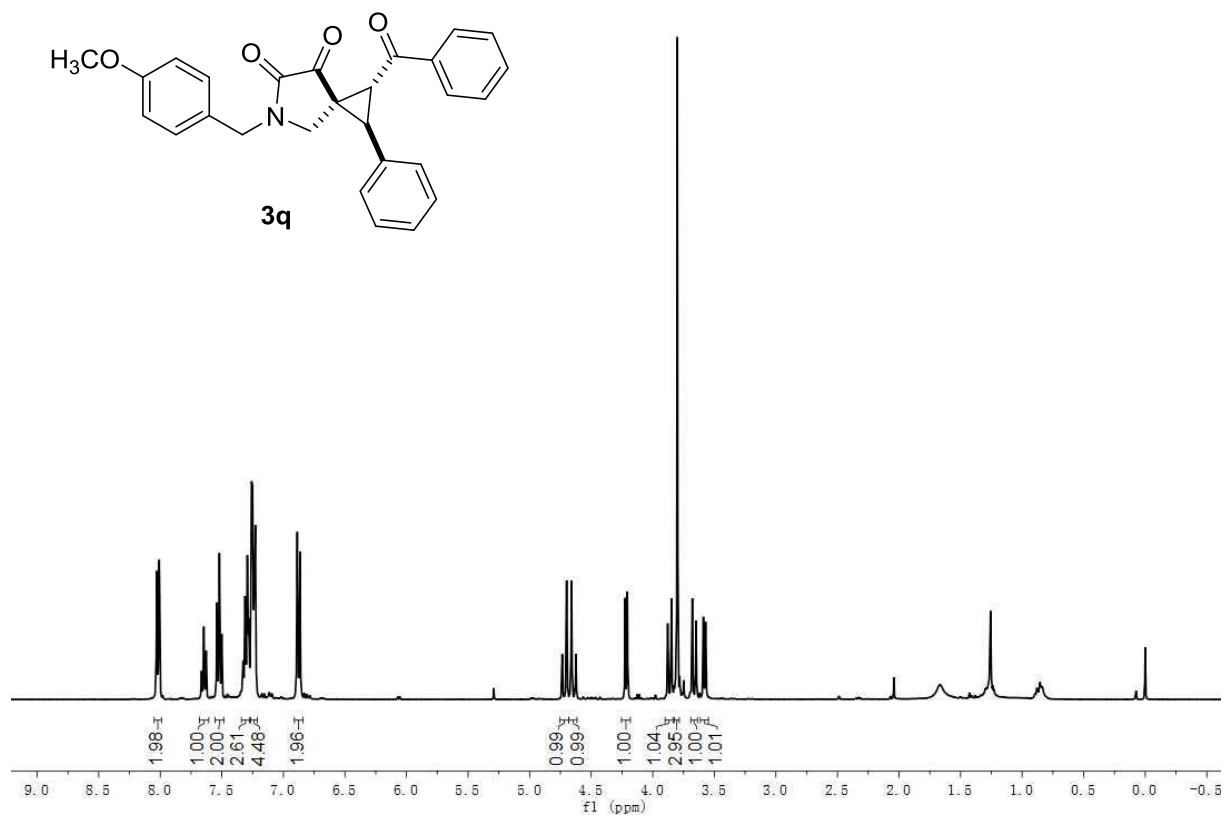


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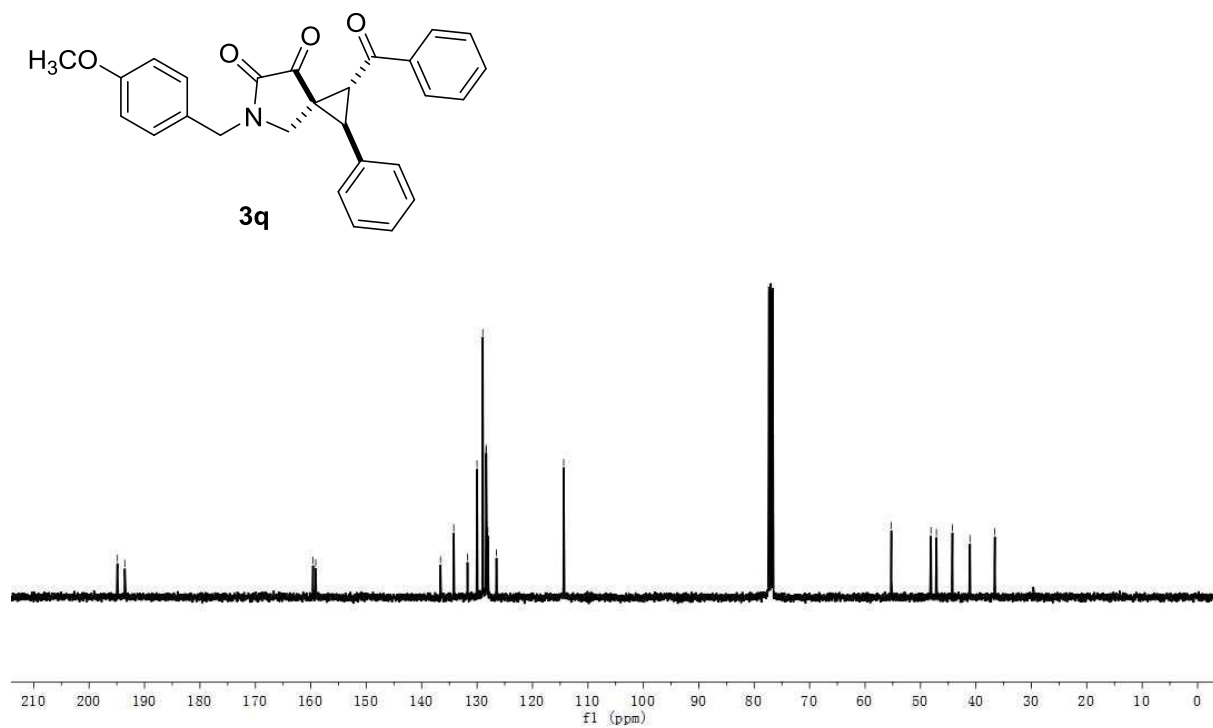


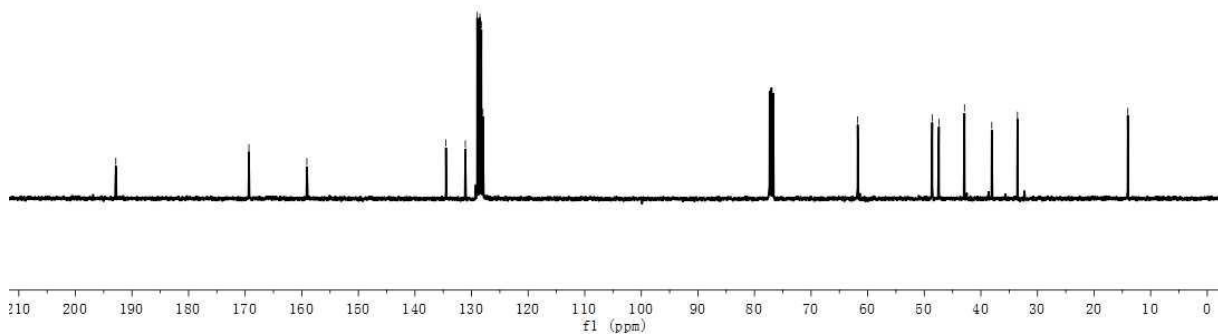
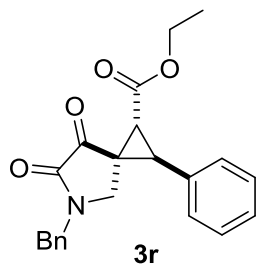
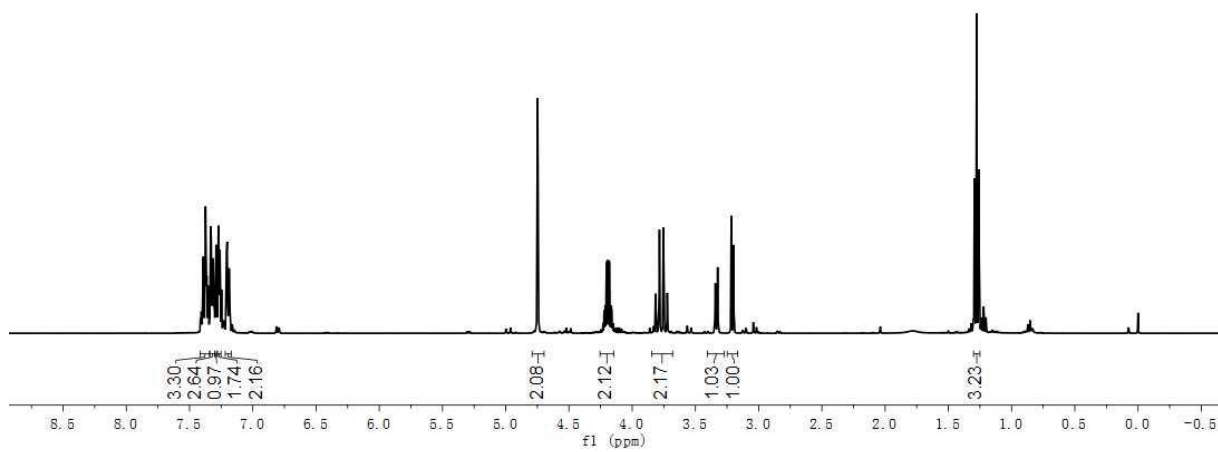
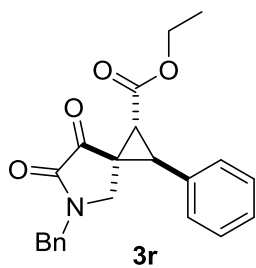
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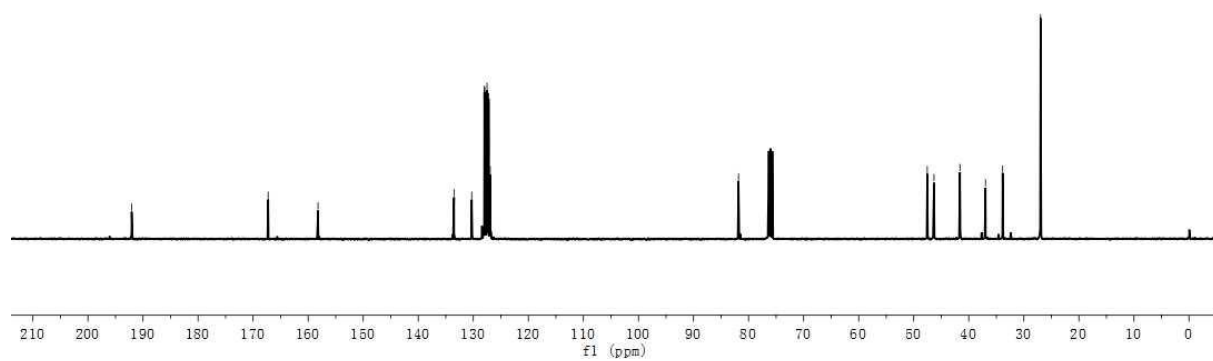
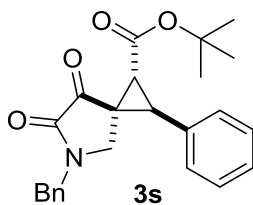
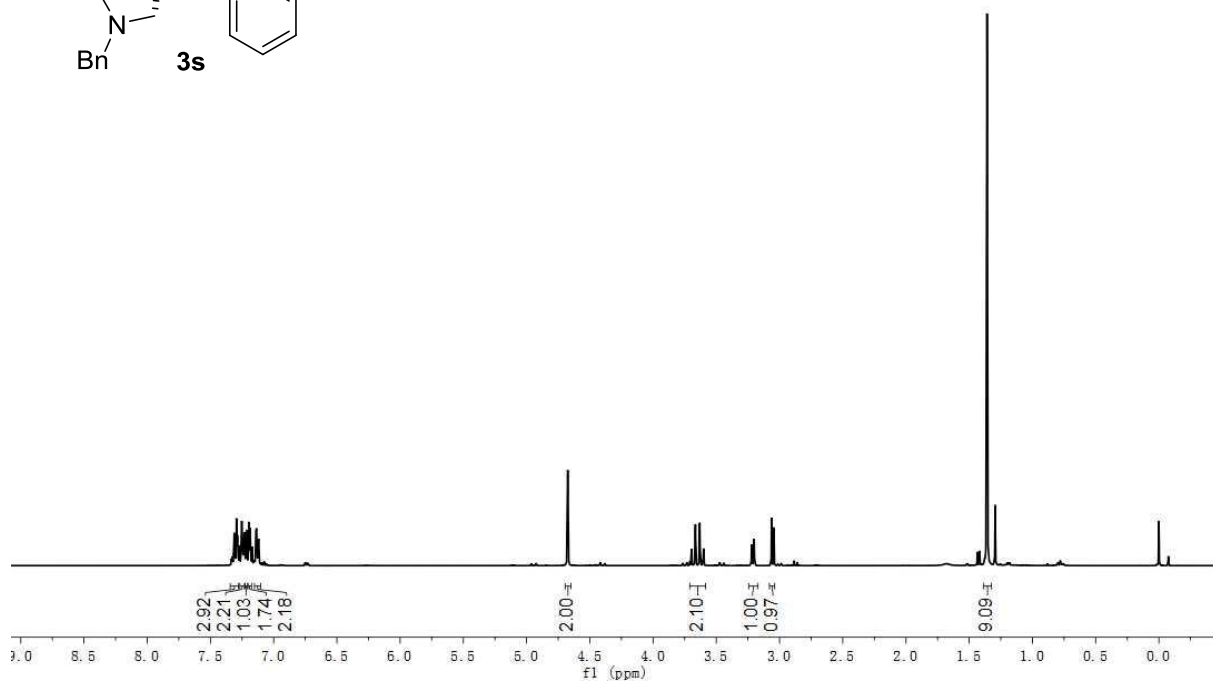
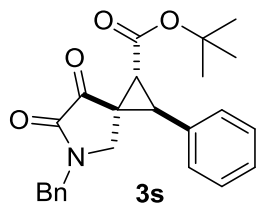
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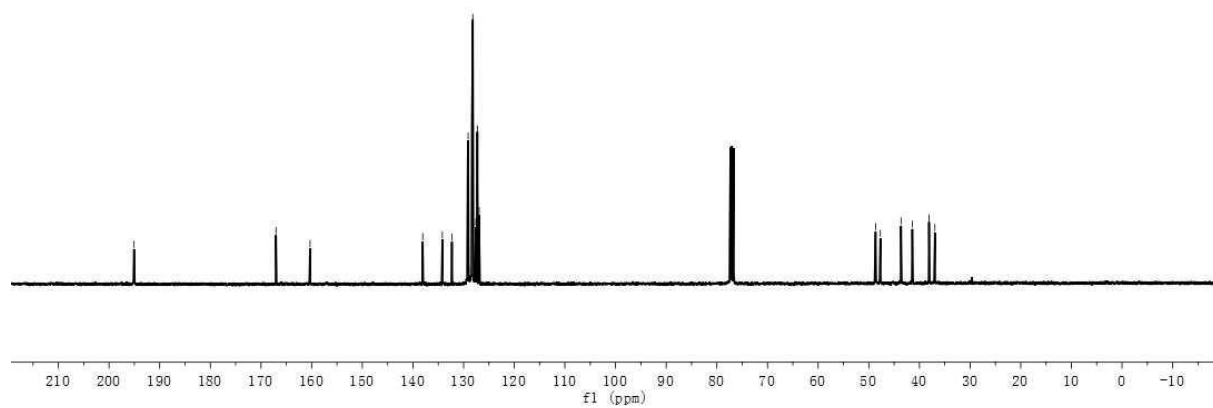
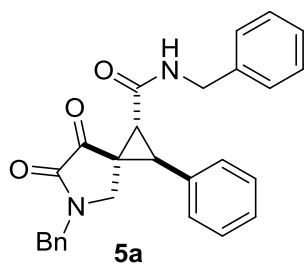
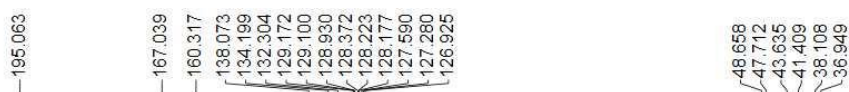
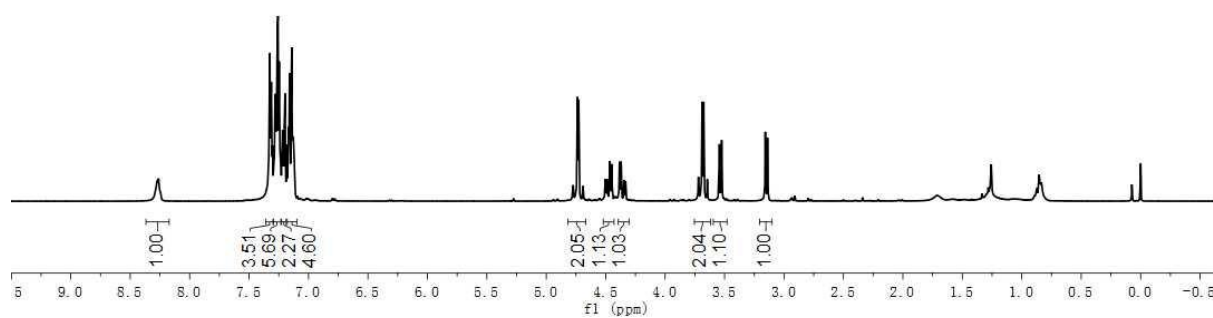
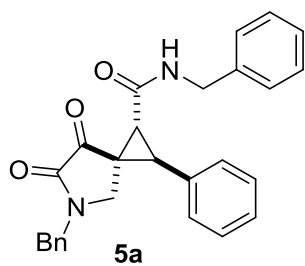
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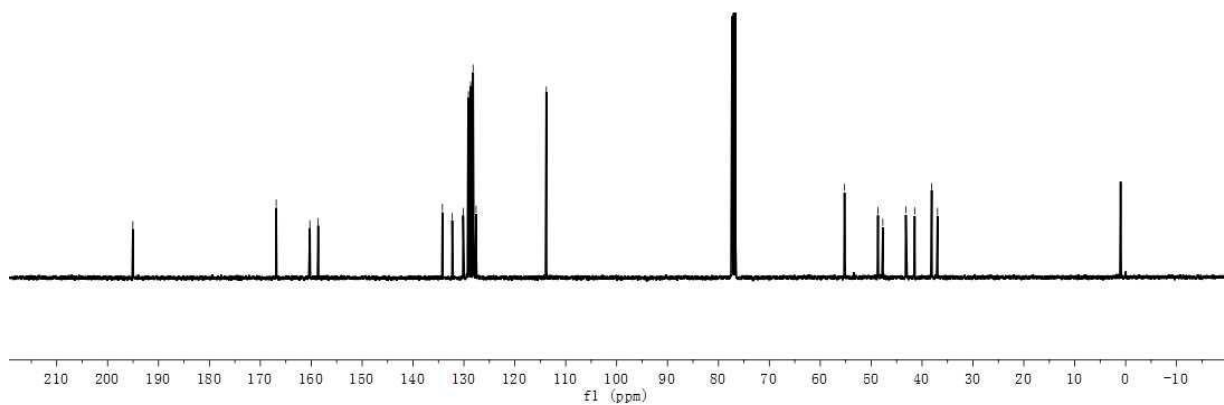
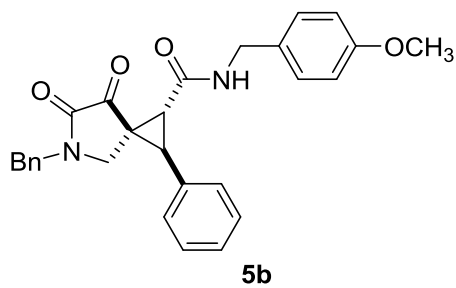
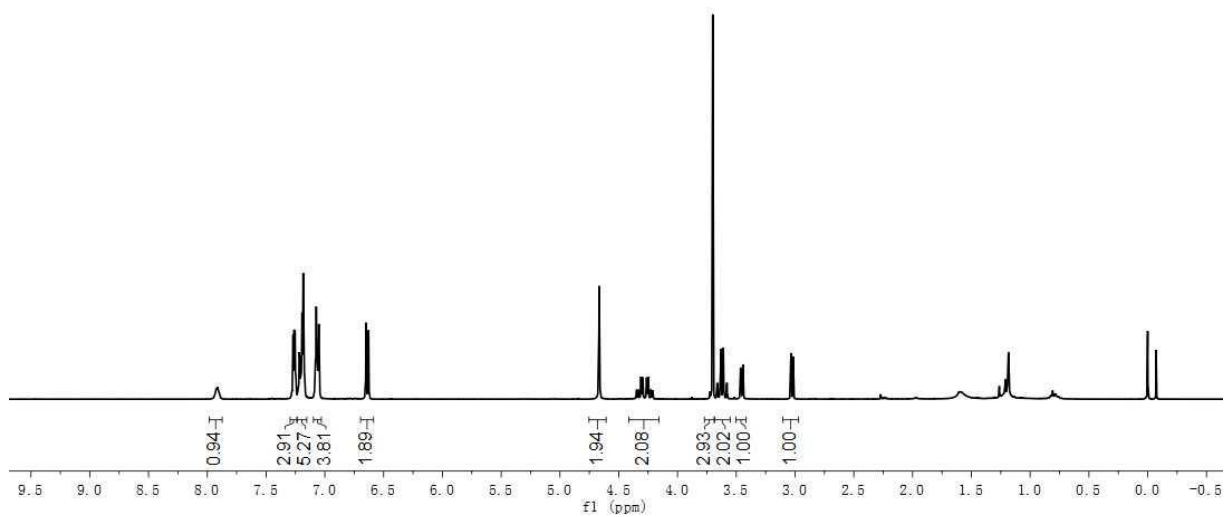
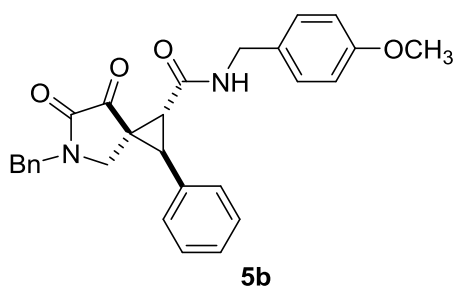
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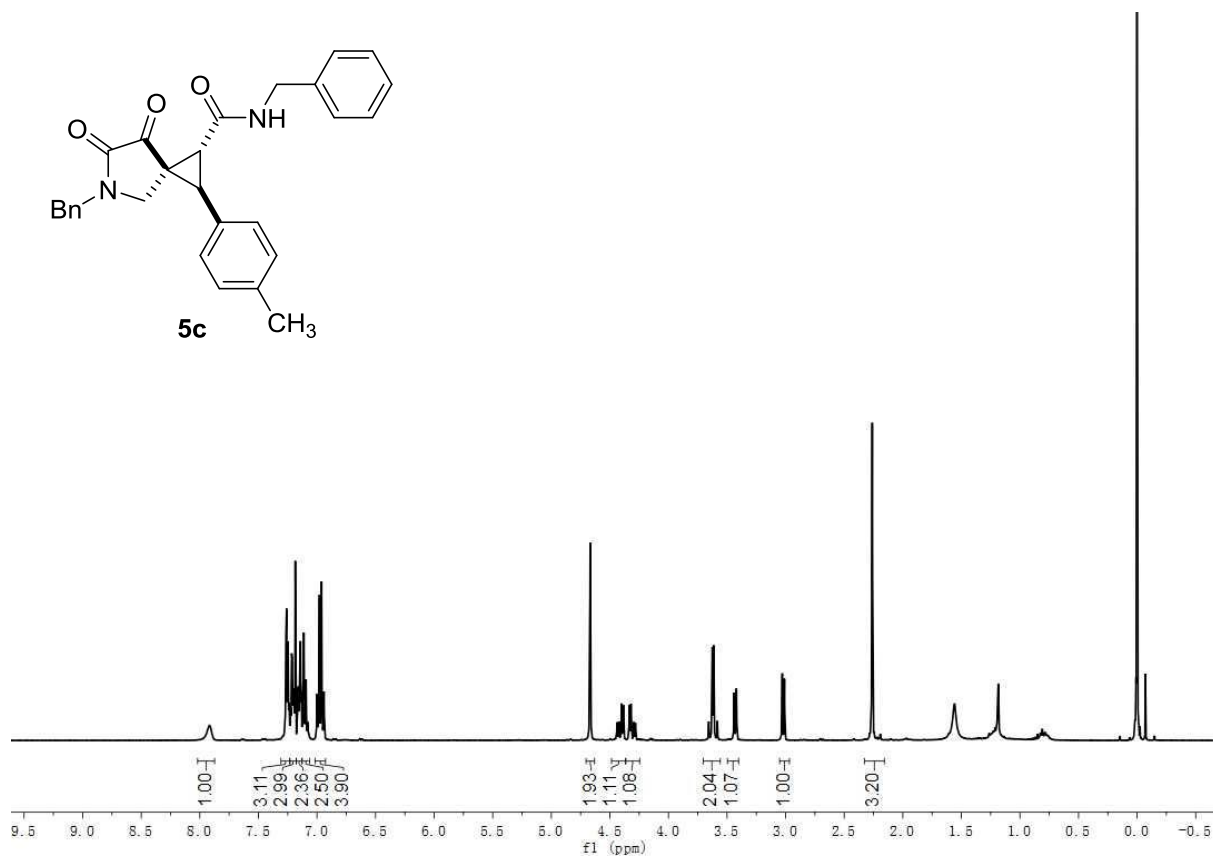
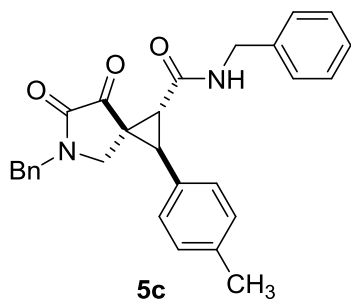




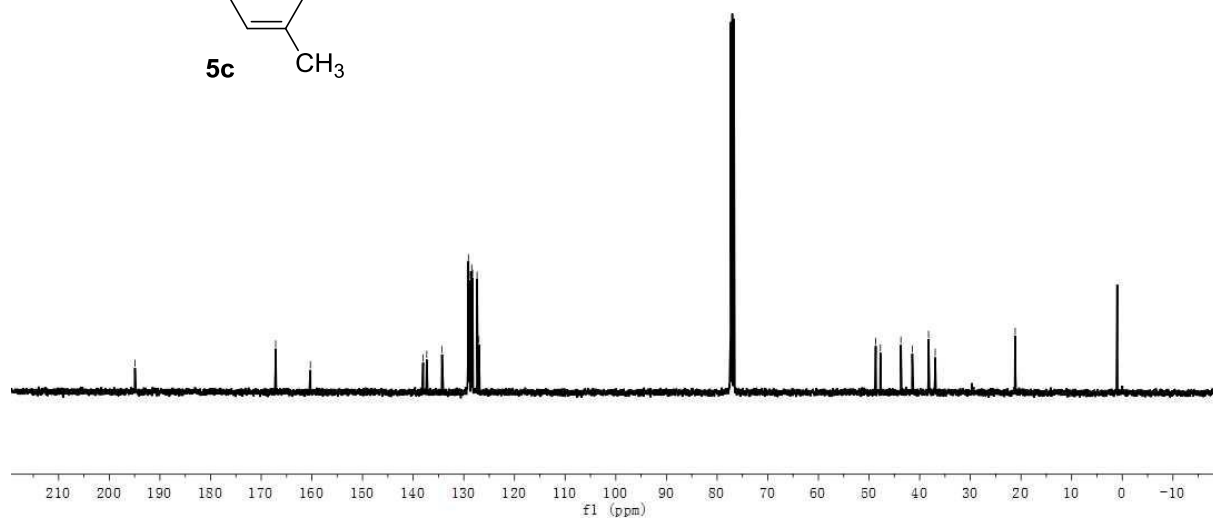
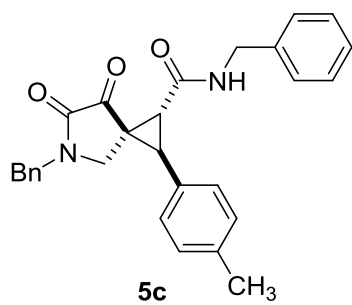


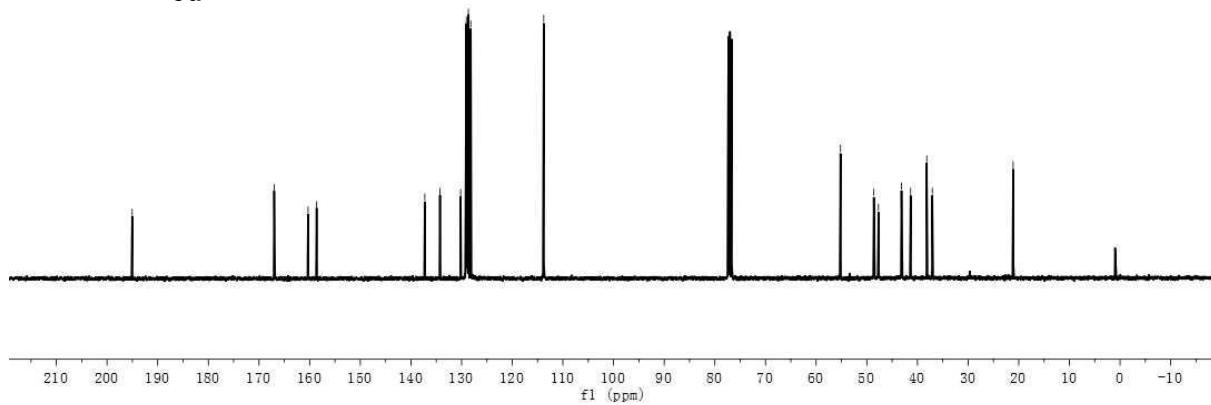
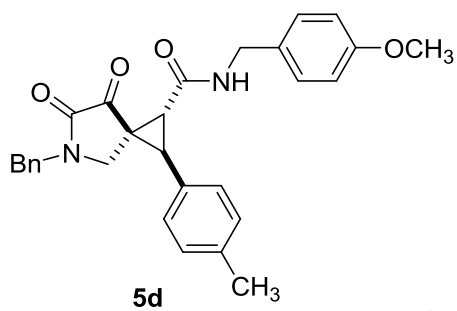
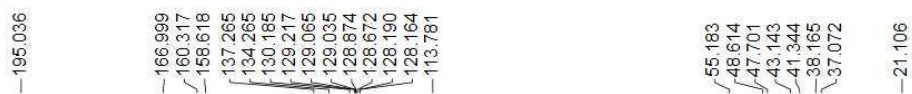
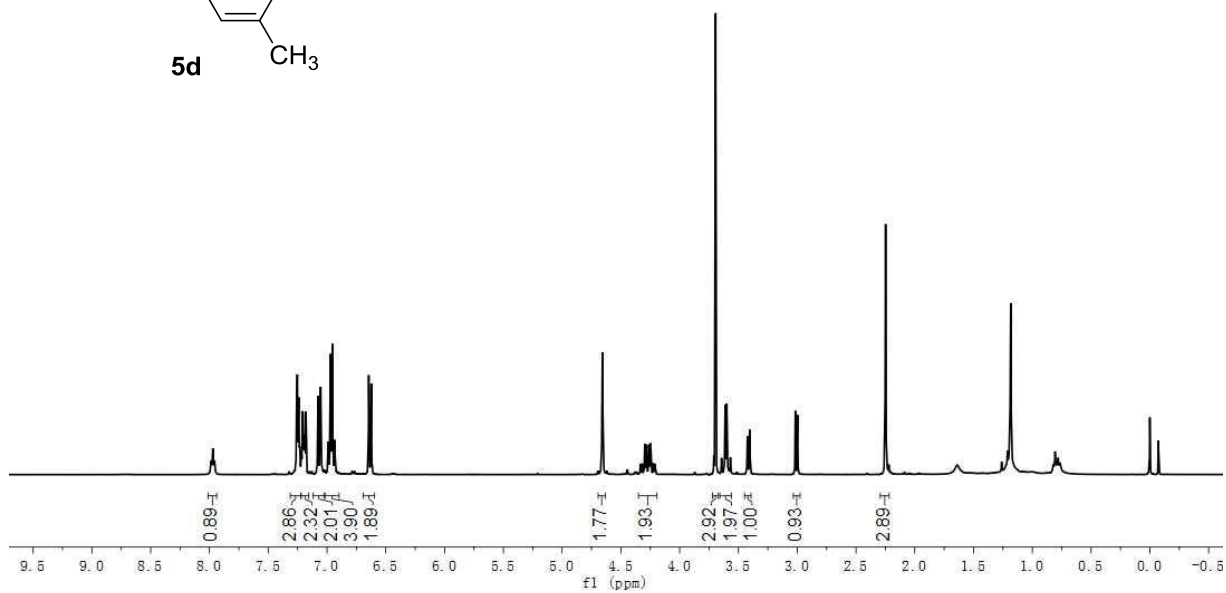
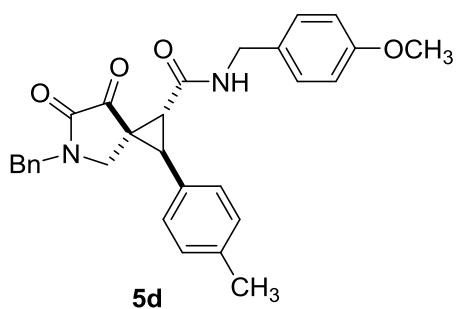


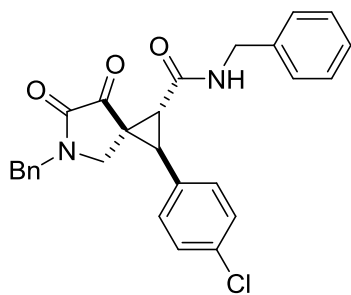




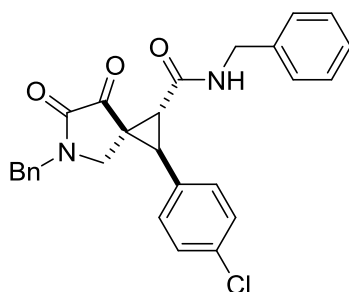
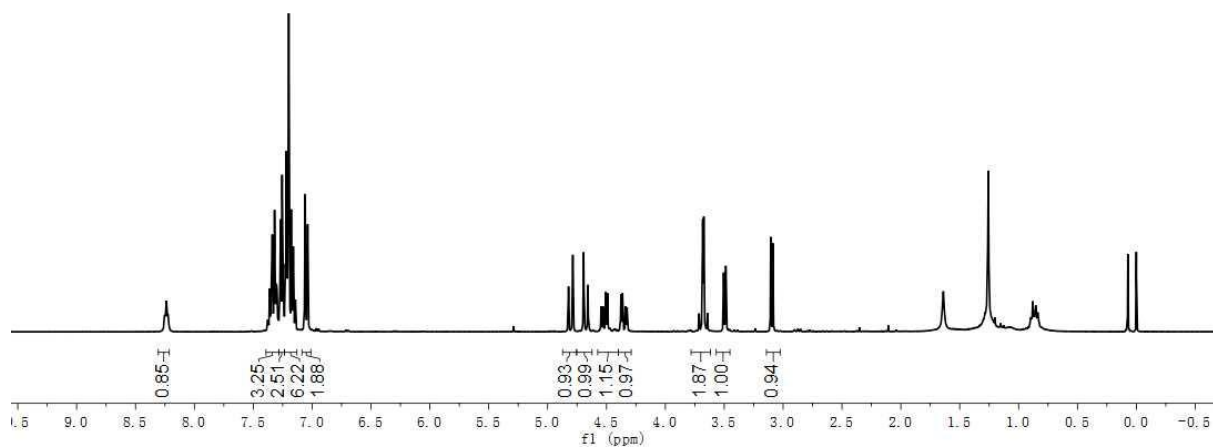
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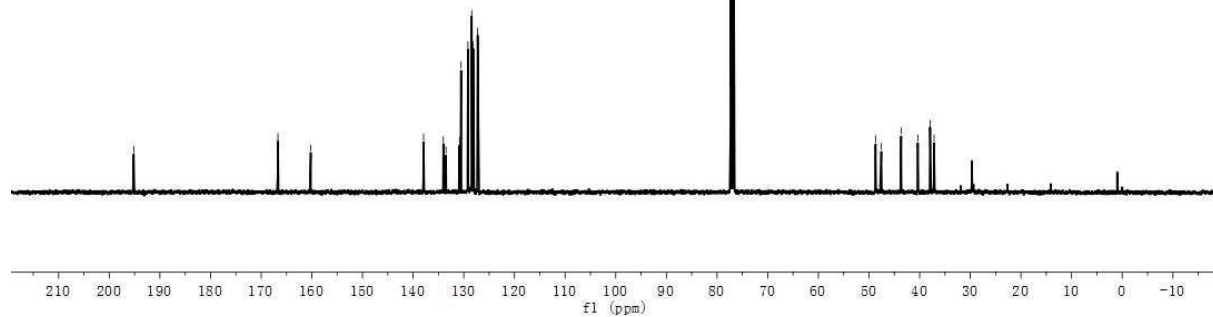


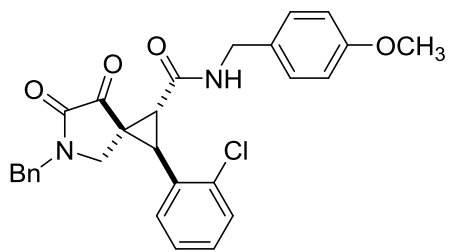


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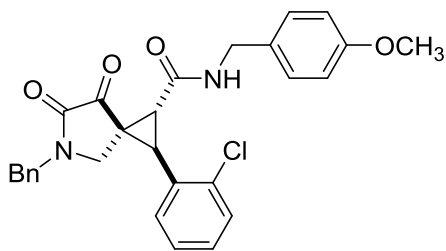
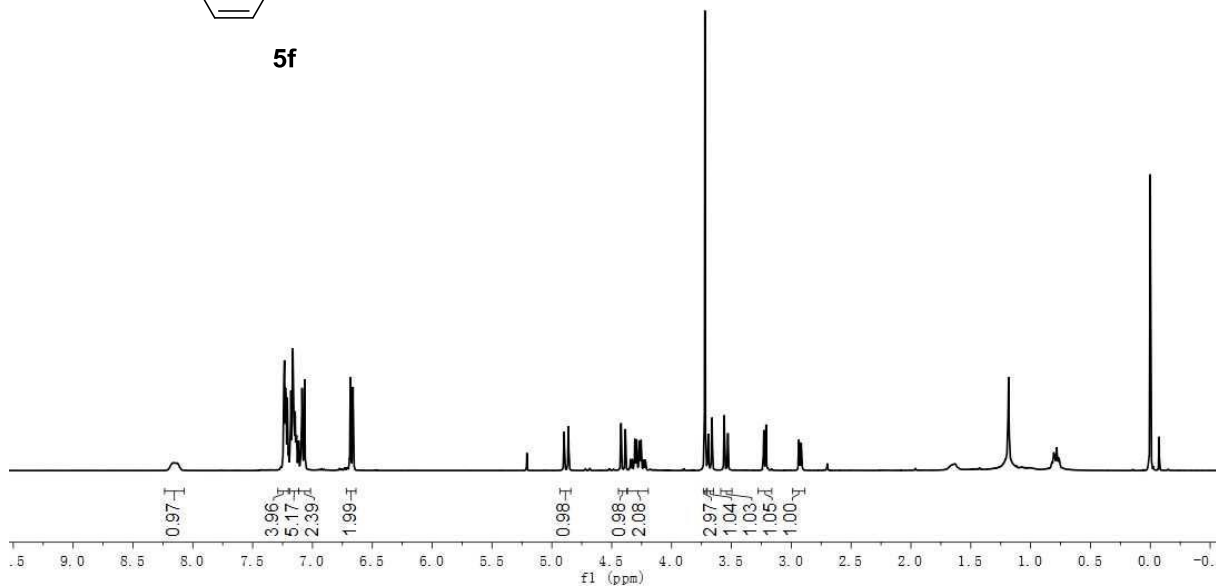


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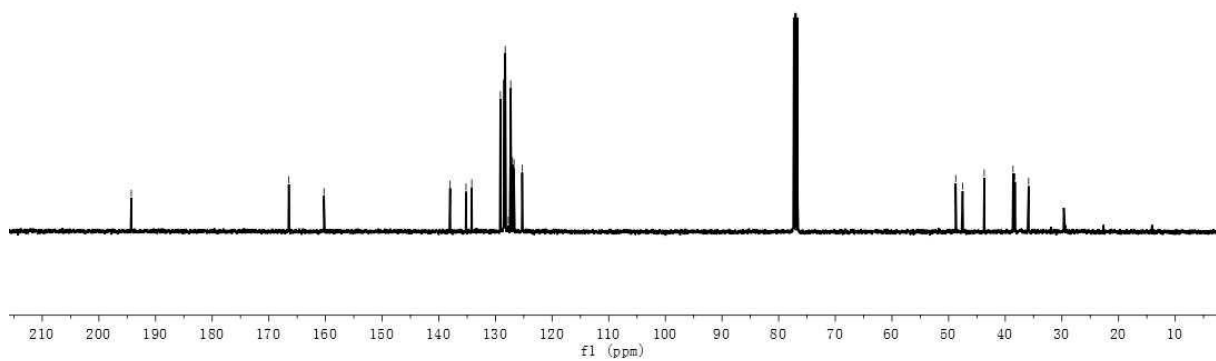


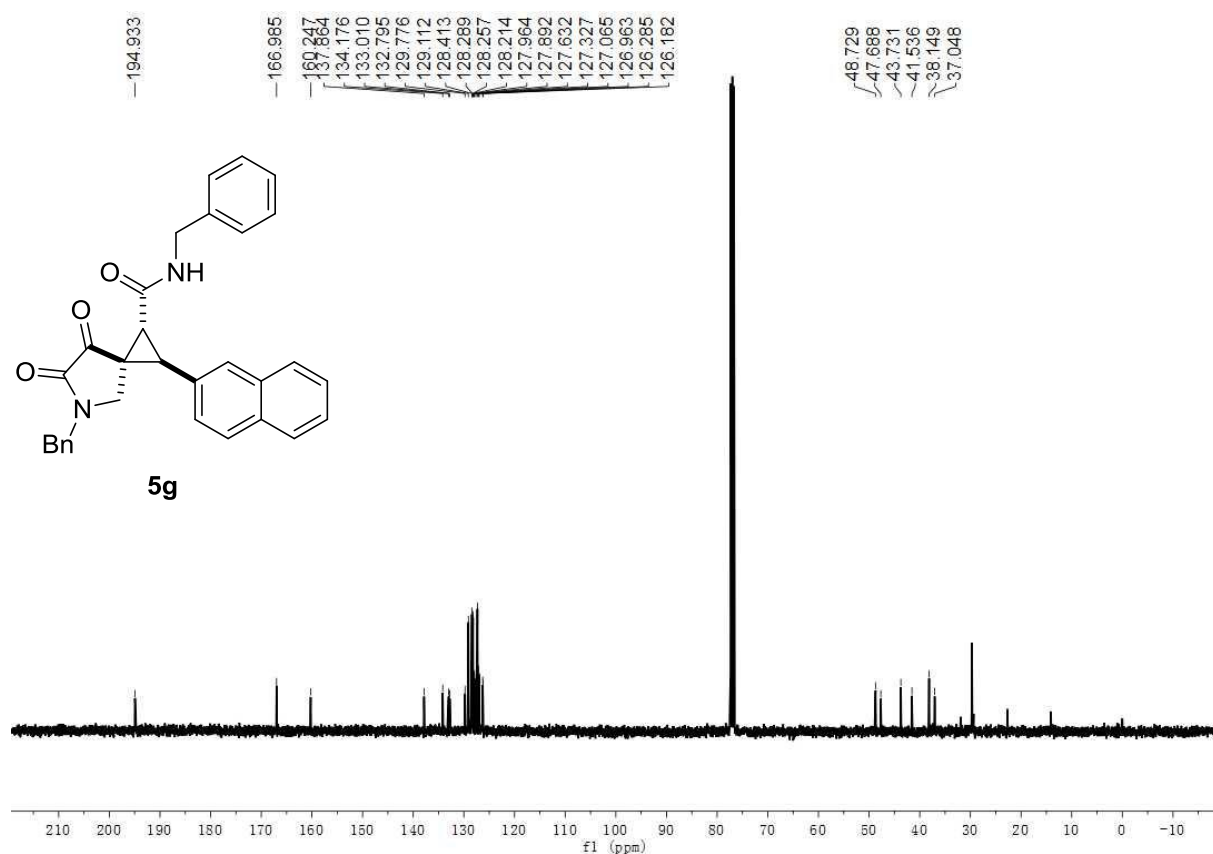
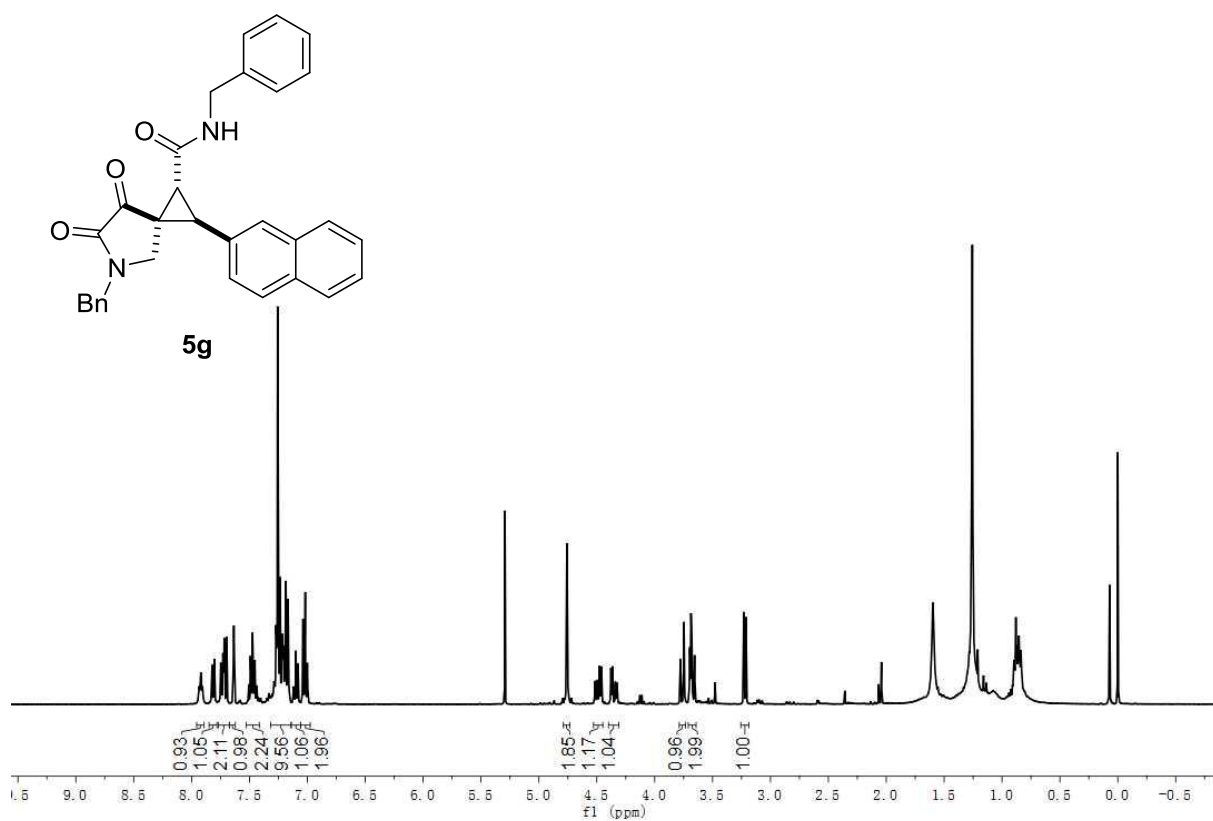


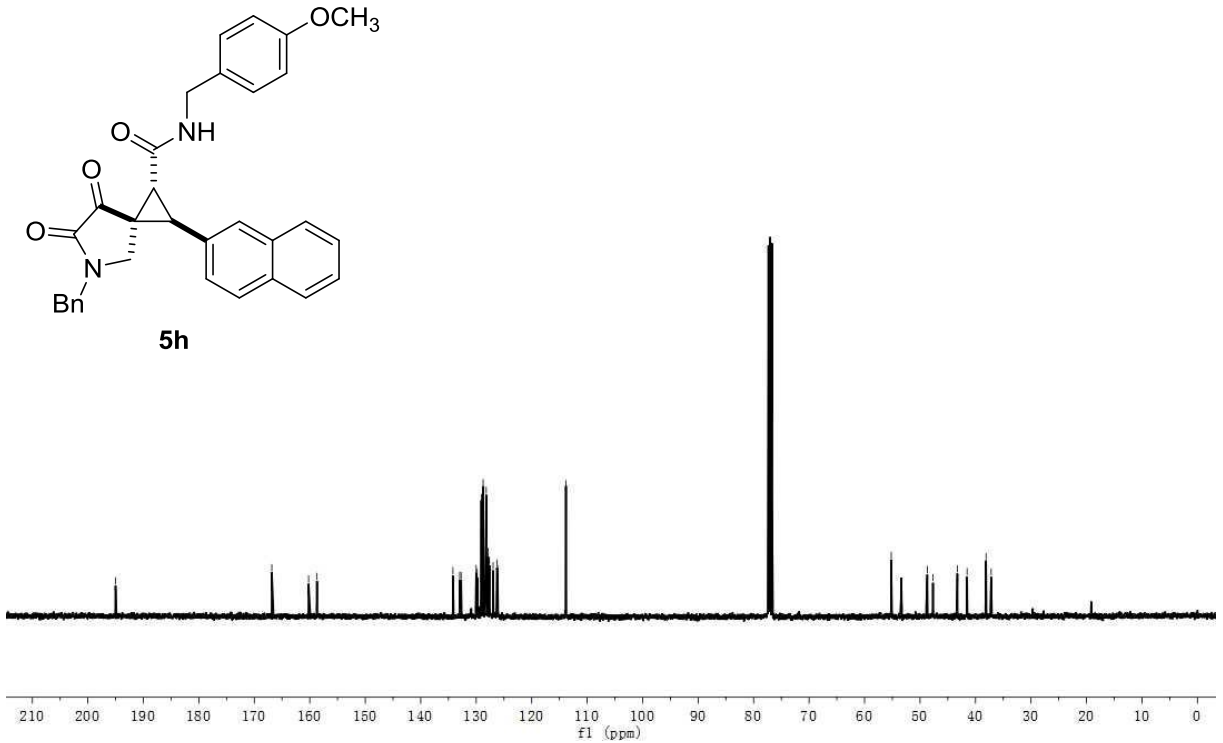
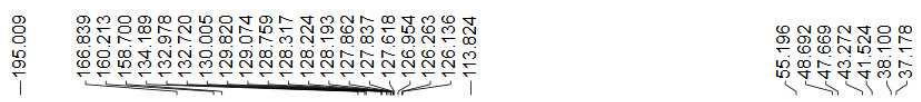
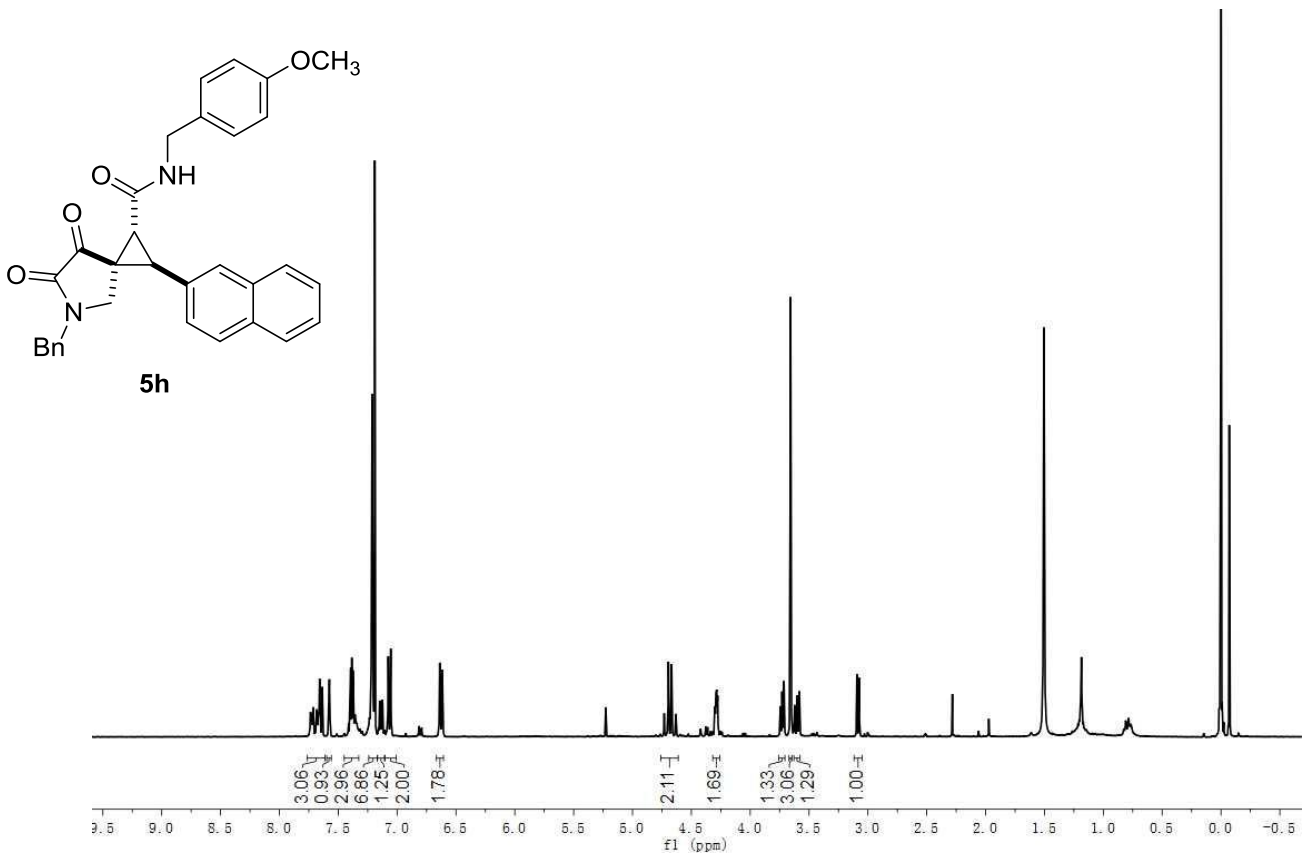
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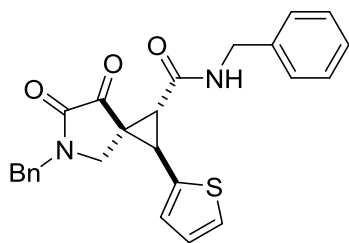


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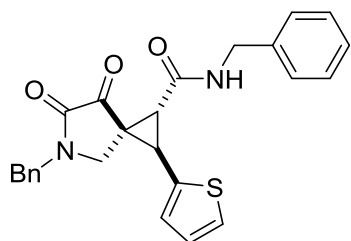
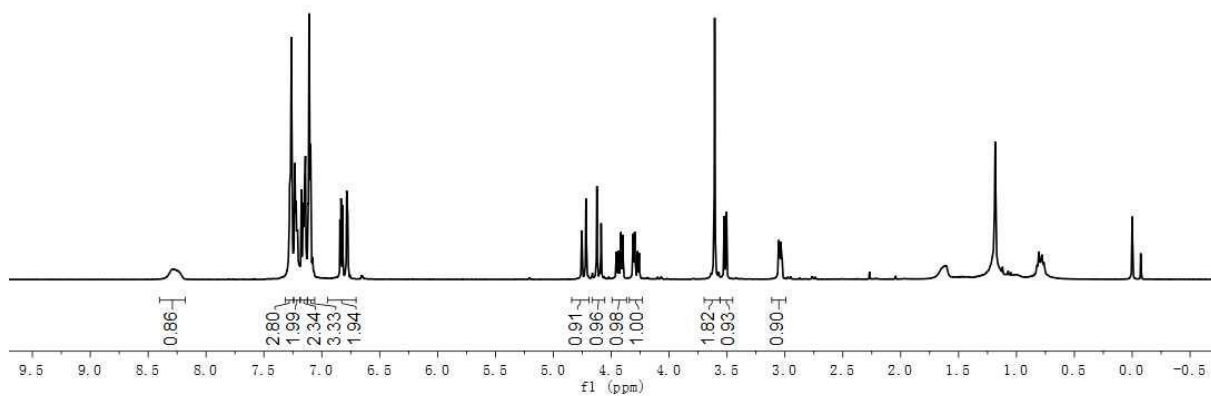




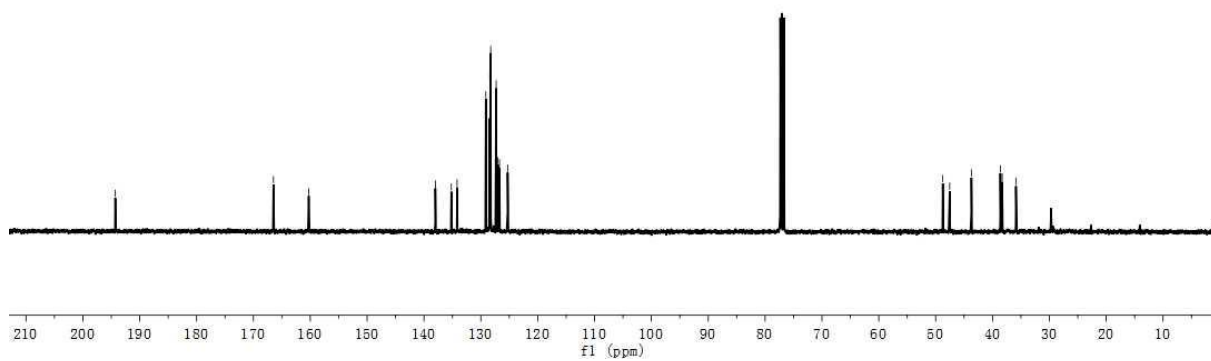


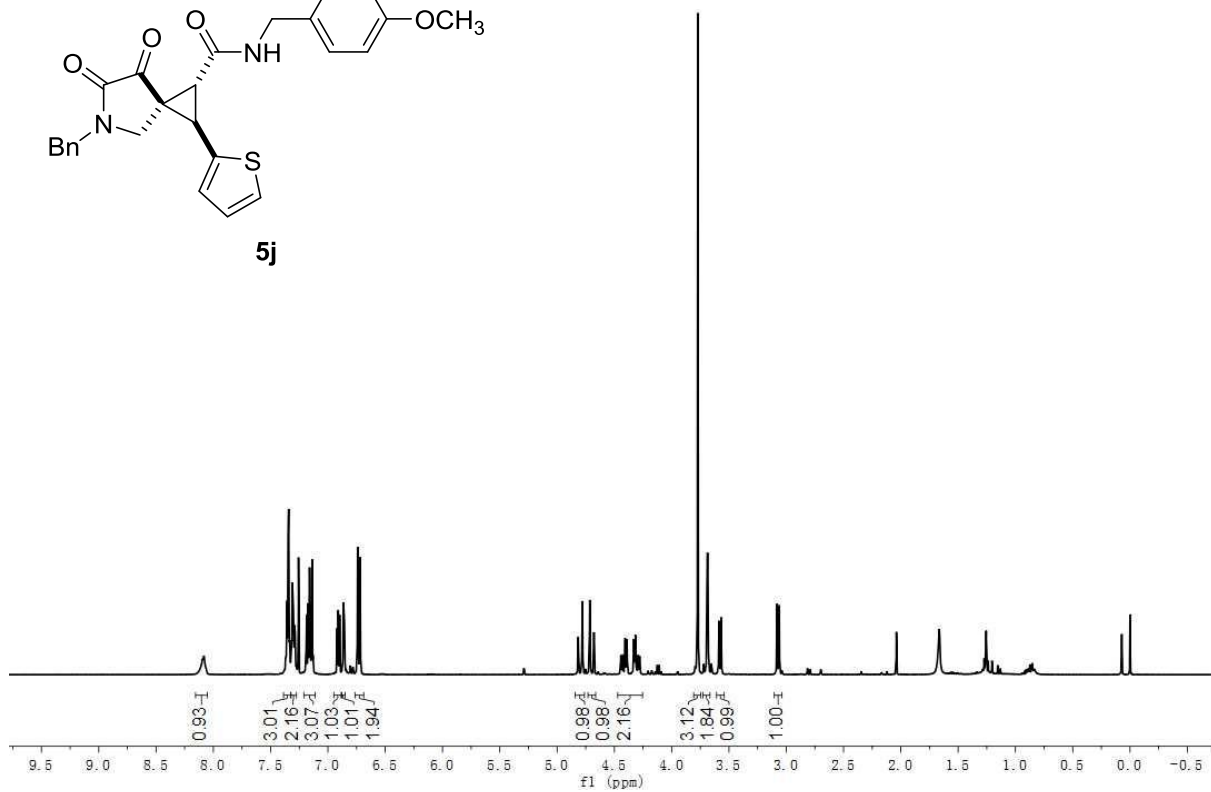
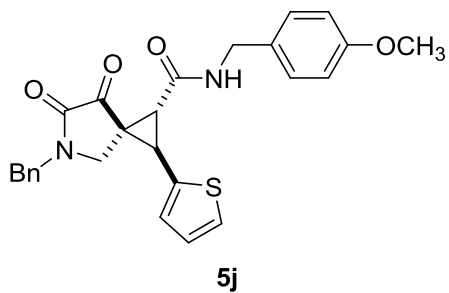


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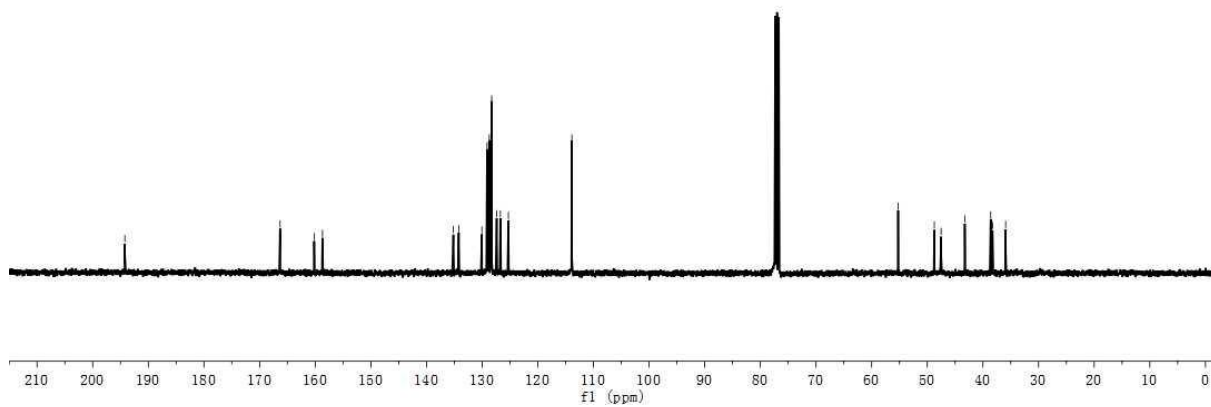
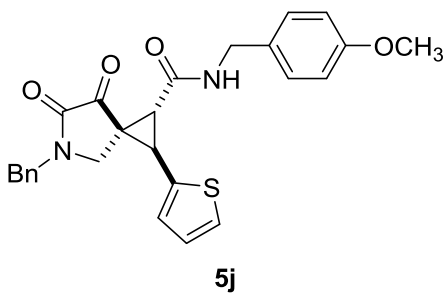


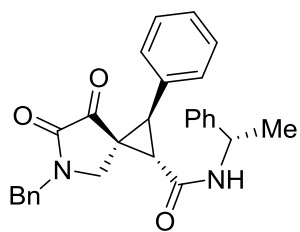
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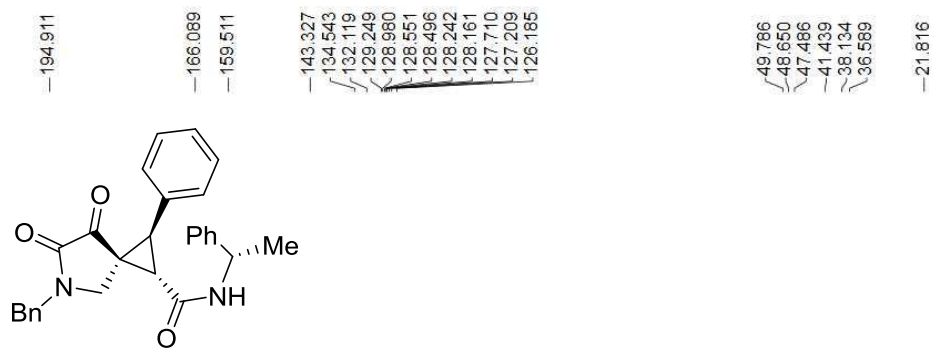
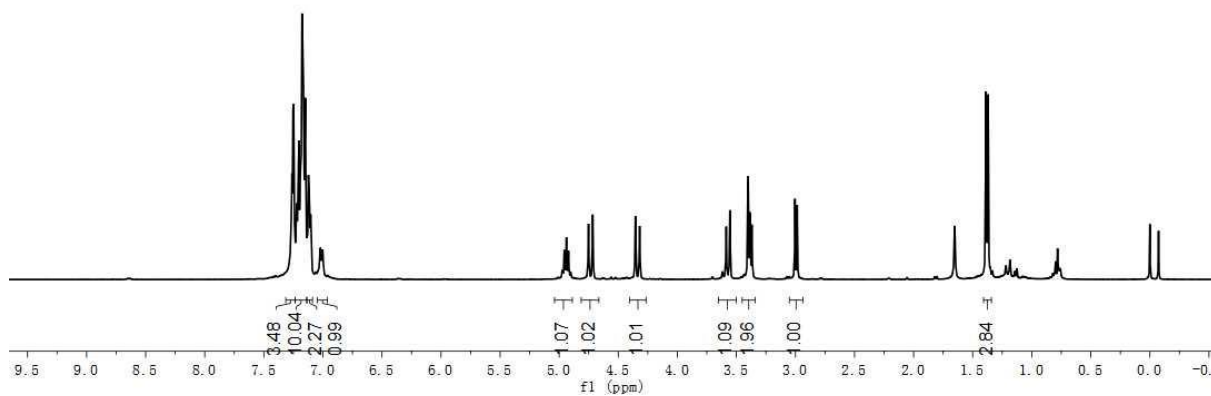


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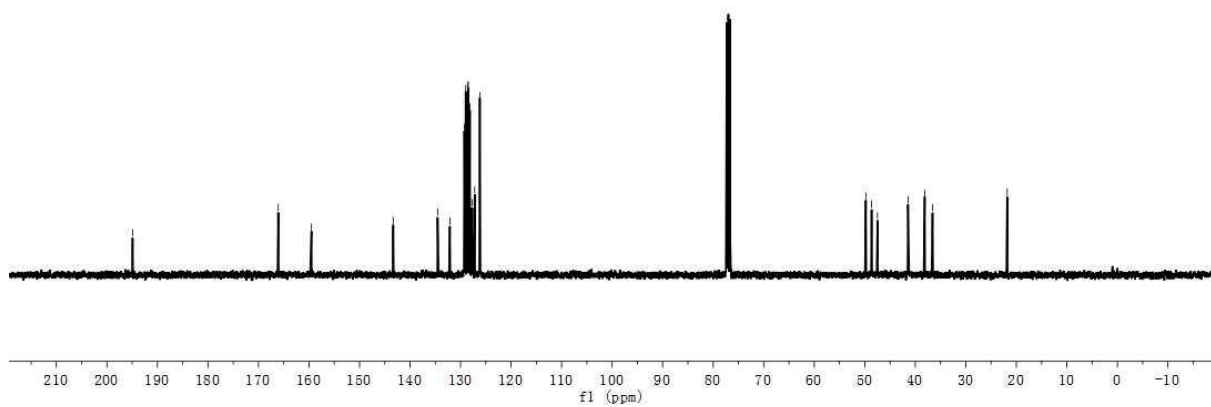


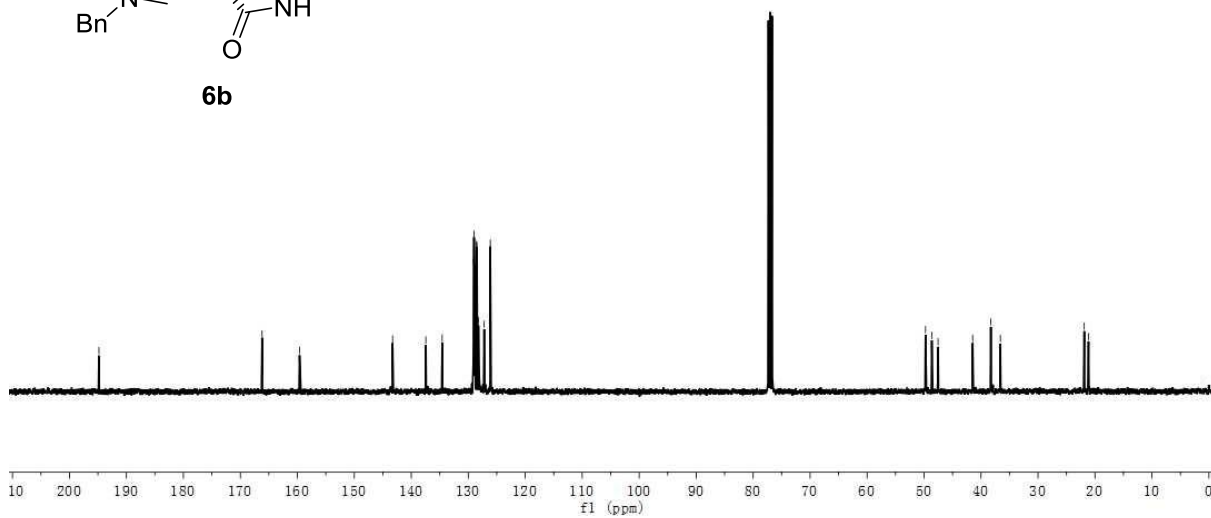
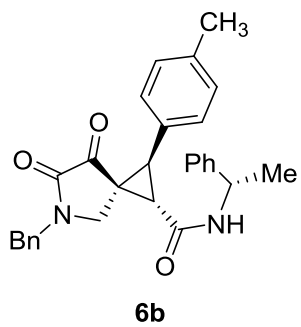
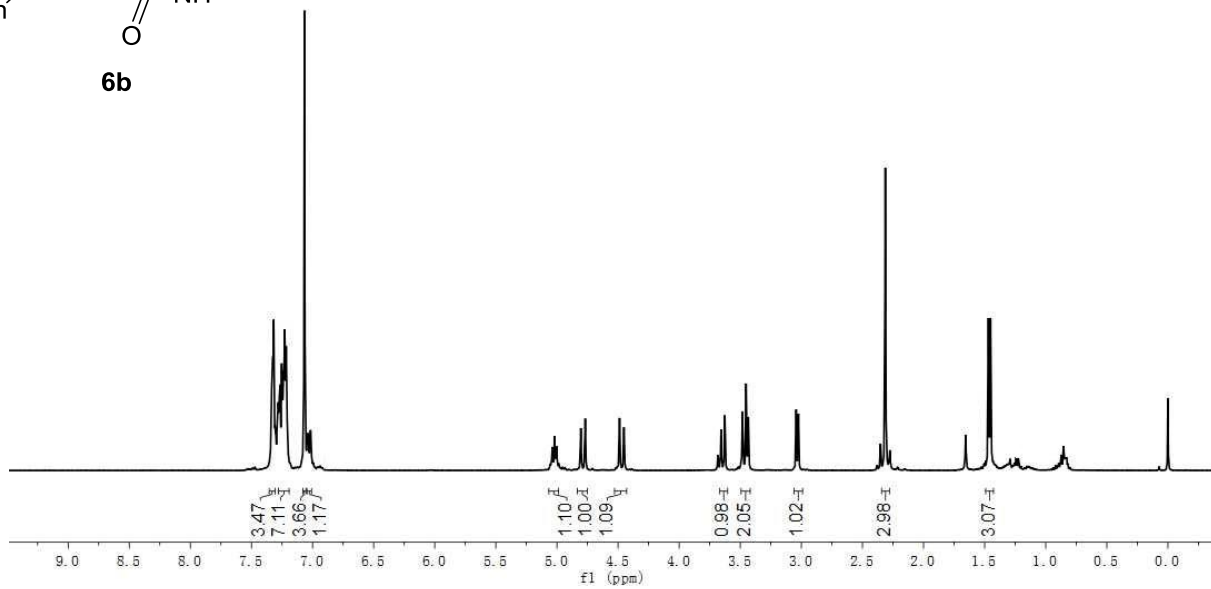
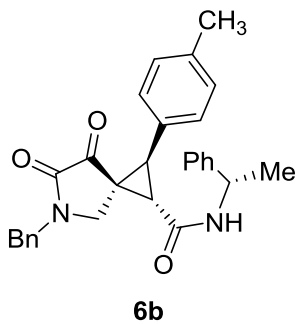


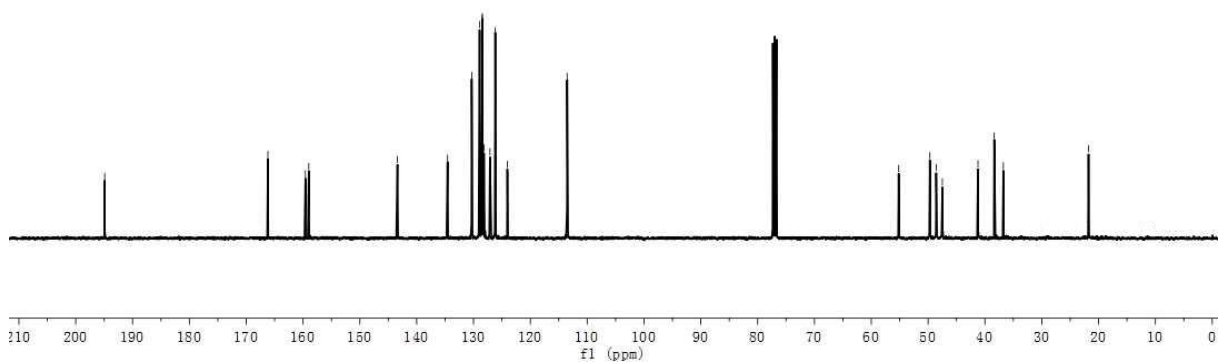
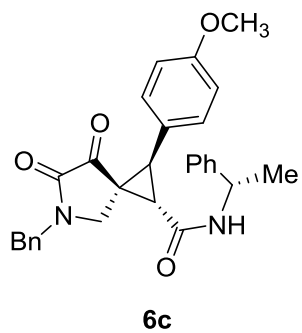
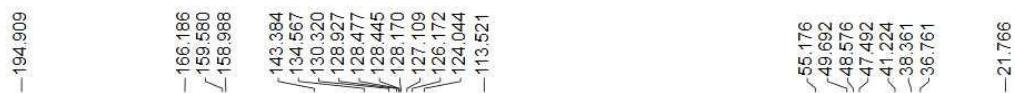
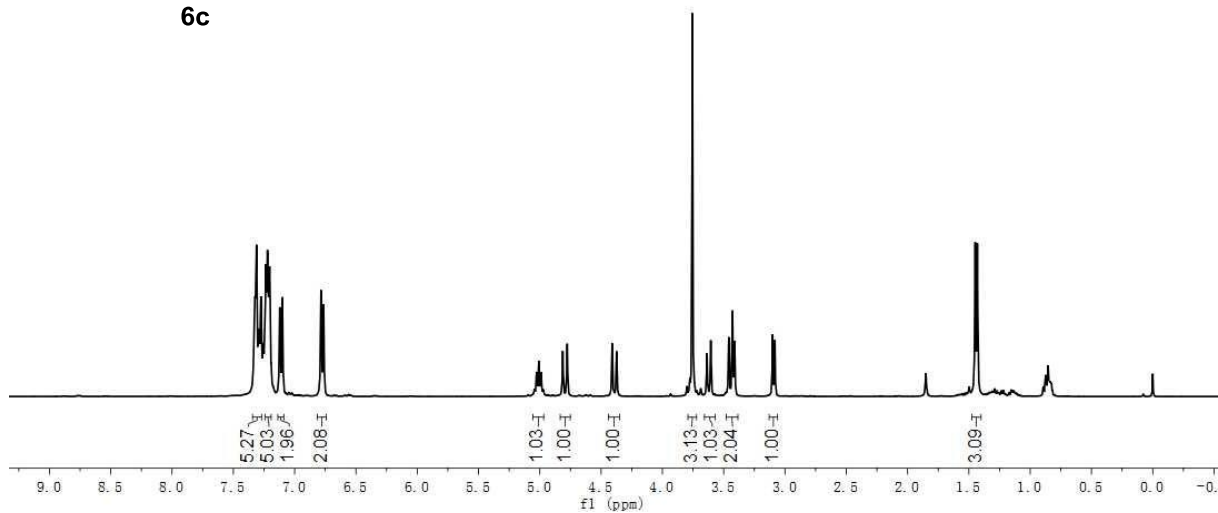
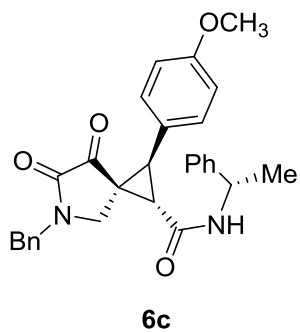
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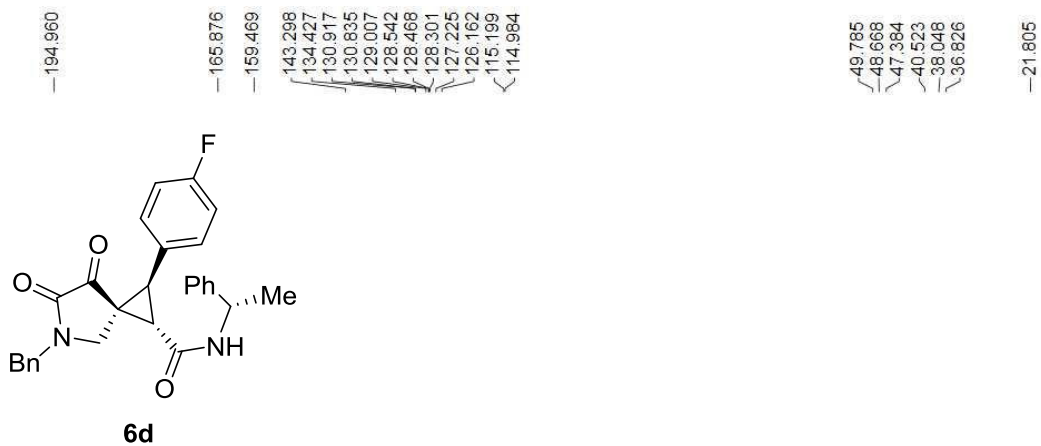
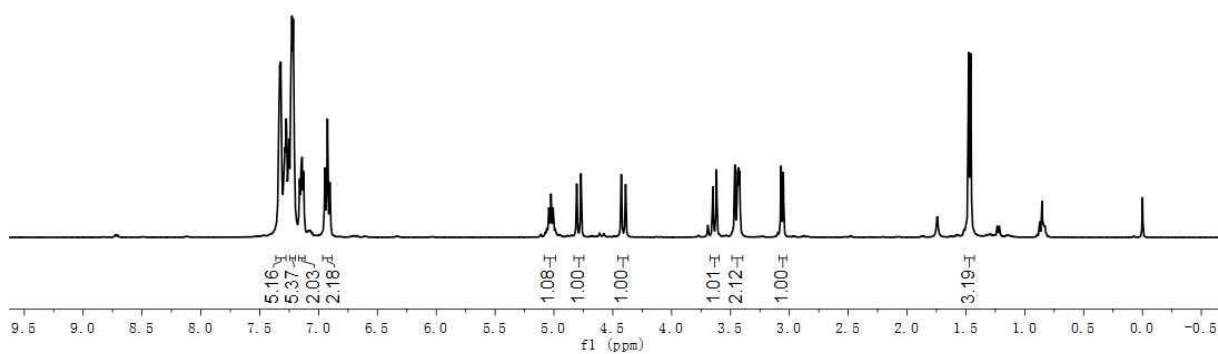
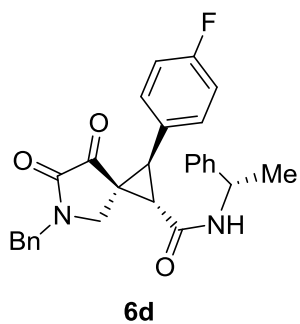


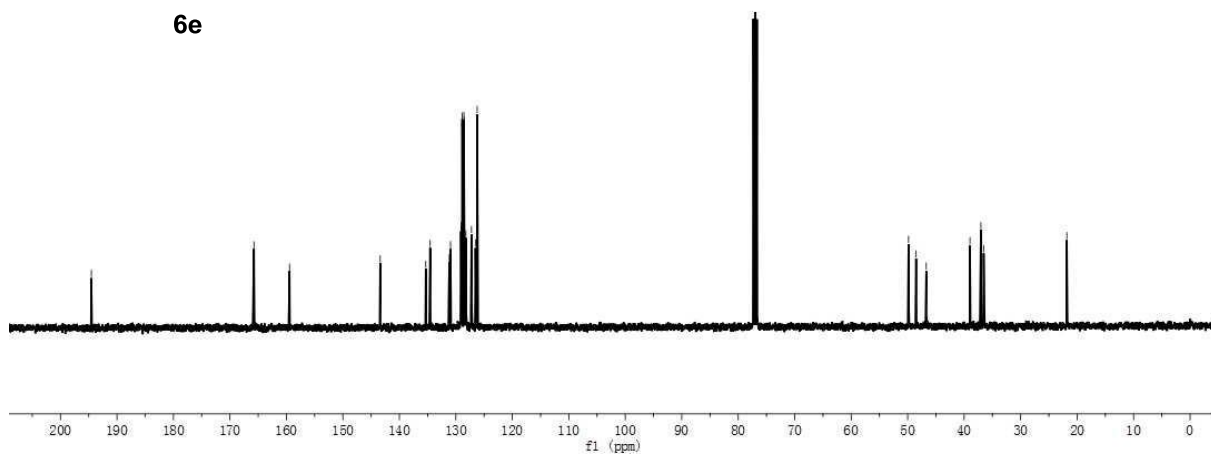
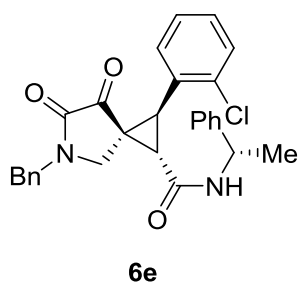
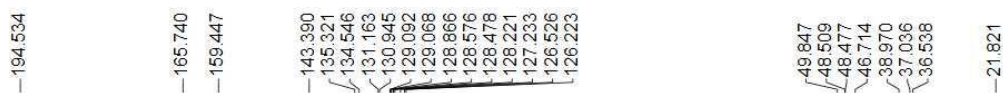
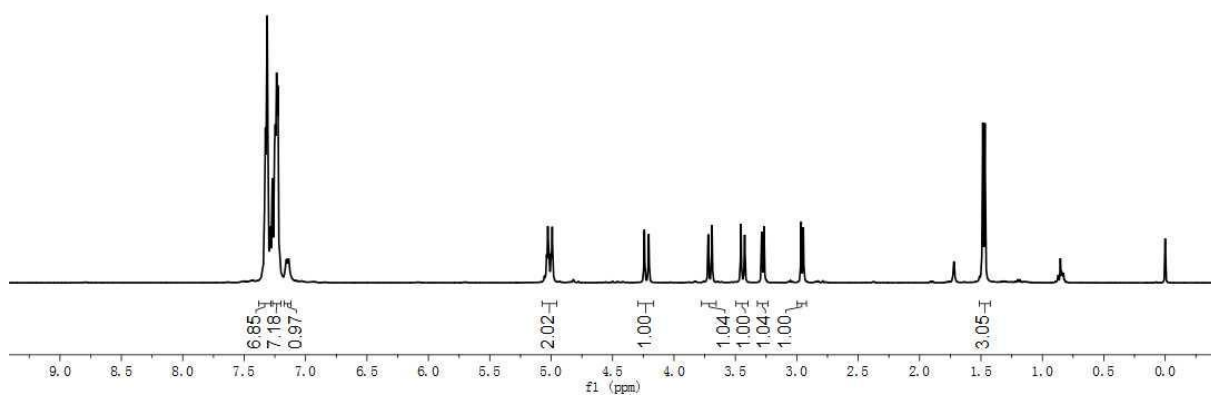
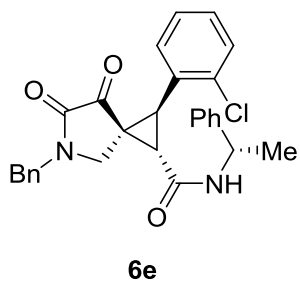
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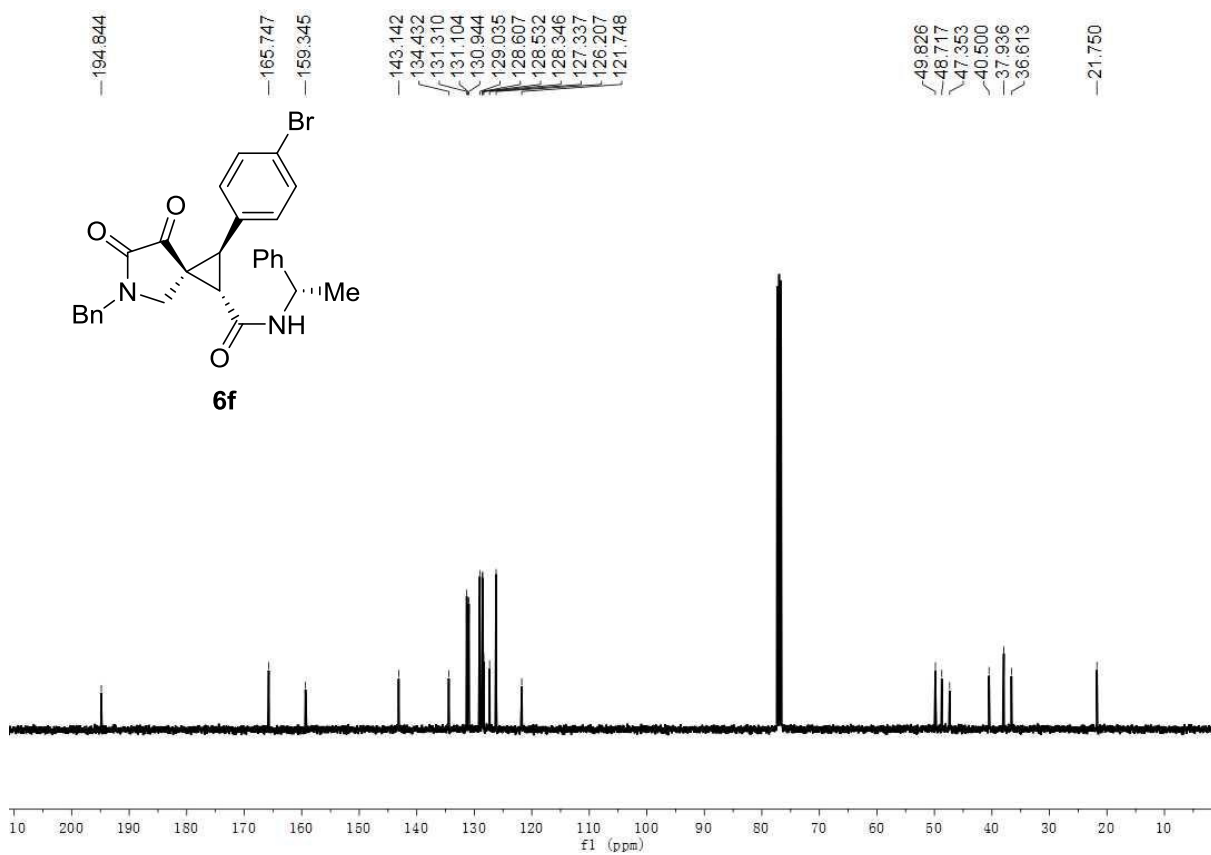
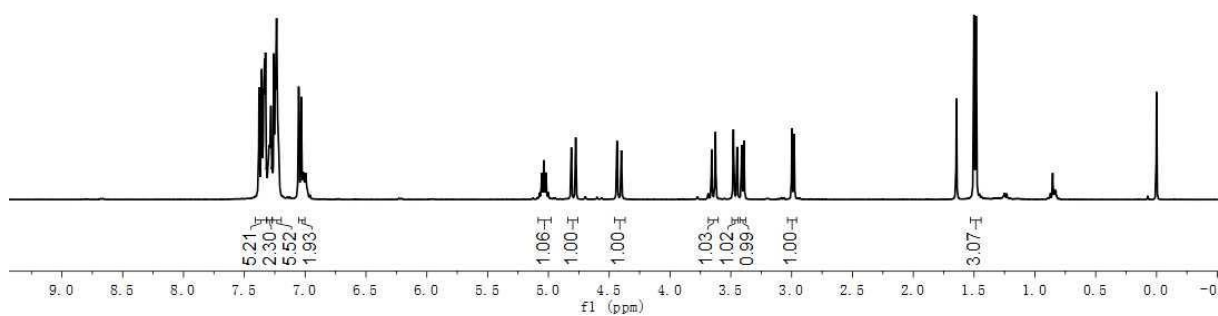
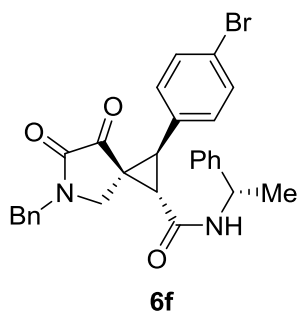


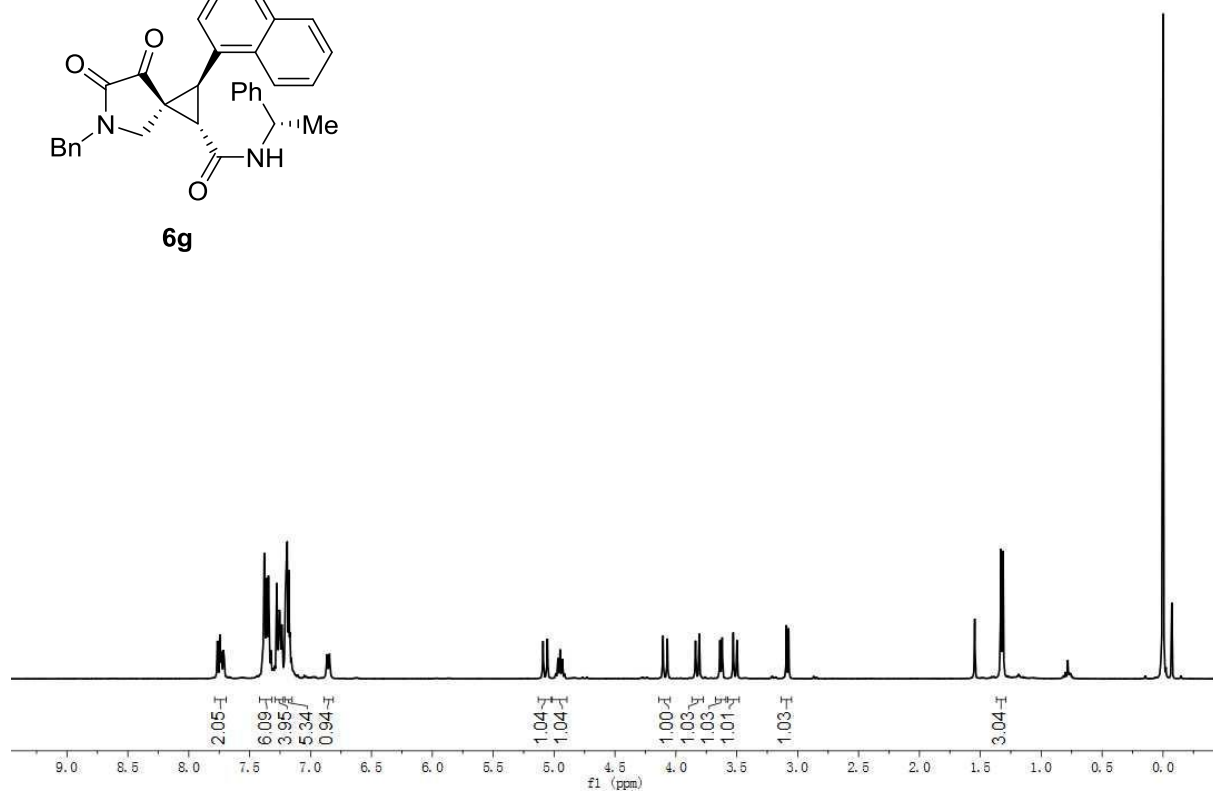
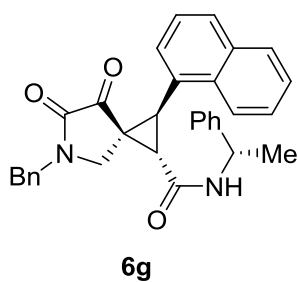












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