

# **Ring-Opening Cyclization of Alkylidenecyclopropyl Ketones with Amines. An Efficient Synthesis of 2,3,4-Trisubstituted Pyrroles**

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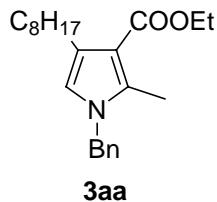
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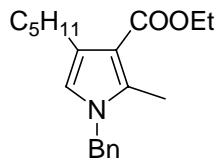
**Ketones 1 with Amines 2. Preparation of Compounds 3:** A solution of **1a** (67 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2a** (108 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (15 mg, 0.125 mmol) in 1 mL of MeCN was stirred for 22 h at 80°C. After evaporation, the residue was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 2:1) on silica gel to afford 70 mg (78 %) of **3aa**.

(1) **1-Benzyl-2-methyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-octyl-1*H*-pyrrole** (3aa)



**3aa:** liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.37-7.23 (m, 3 H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.37 (s, 1 H), 5.00 (s, 2 H), 4.29 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.63-1.50 (m, 2 H), 1.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.42-1.20 (m, 10 H), 0.90 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.2, 137.2, 136.3, 128.8, 127.5, 126.2, 126.0, 119.0, 110.9, 59.0, 50.1, 31.9, 30.6, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 27.0, 22.7, 14.4, 14.1, 11.5; MS (EI) m/z (%): 355 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 32.53), 257 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1697, 1565, 1521, 1454, 1426, 1129, 1082; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_2^+$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ): 356.2584. Found: 356.2584.

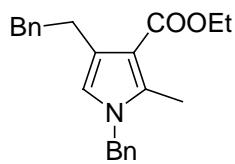
(2) 1-Benzyl-2-methyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-pentyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ba)



**3ba**

The reaction of **1b** (56 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2a** (109 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (16 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 1 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded 61 mg (78 %) of **3ba**: liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32-7.15 (m, 3 H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.29 (s, 1 H), 4.92 (s, 2 H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 1.58-1.42 (m, 2 H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.38-1.15 (m, 4 H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.2, 137.2, 136.3, 128.8, 127.5, 126.2, 126.0, 119.0, 110.9, 59.0, 50.1, 31.9, 30.3, 27.0, 22.6, 14.4, 14.1, 11.5; MS (EI) m/z (%): 313 (M<sup>+</sup>, 16.16), 91 (100); IR (neat) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1692, 1564, 1520, 1454, 1427, 1278, 1257, 1129, 1081; HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (MH<sup>+</sup>): 314.2115. Found: 314.2107.

(3) **1-Benzyl-2-methyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-(2'-phenylethyl)-1H-pyrrole (3ca)**

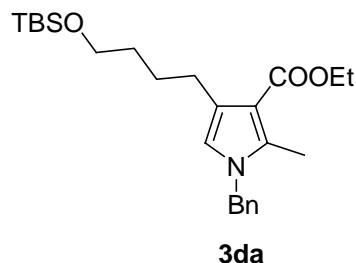


**3ca**

The reaction of **1c** (65 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2a** (109 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (16 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 1 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded 66 mg (75 %) of **3ca**: liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40-7.18 (m, 8 H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 6.31 (s, 1 H), 4.98 (s, 2 H), 4.34 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.07-3.00 (m, 2 H), 2.96-2.87 (m, 2 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.0, 142.6,

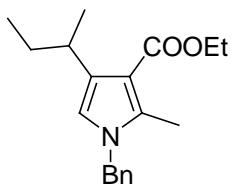
137.1, 136.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 126.2, 125.5, 124.7, 119.5, 110.9, 59.1, 50.1, 37.0, 28.9, 14.5, 11.5; MS (EI) m/z (%): 347 ( $M^+$ , 29.02), 256 (100), 91 (94.33); IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1692, 1564, 1520, 1496, 1453, 1428, 1271, 1128, 1084; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (MH<sup>+</sup>): 348.1958. Found: 348.1961.

(4) **1-Benzyl-2-methyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-(4'-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxybutyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3da)**



The reaction of **1d** (87 mg, 0.26 mmol), amine **2a** (109 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (16 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 1 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded 85 mg (77 %) of **3da**: liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29-7.15 (m, 3 H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.29 (s, 1 H), 4.91 (s, 2 H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 1.58-1.49 (m, 4 H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.82 (s, 9 H), -0.03 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.1, 137.2, 136.4, 128.7, 127.5, 126.2, 125.6, 119.1, 110.9, 63.3, 59.0, 50.1, 32.9, 26.8, 26.6, 25.9, 18.3, 14.4, 11.5, -5.3; MS (EI) m/z (%): 430 ( $M^+$ +1, 5.47), 429 ( $M^+$ , 0.77), 372 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1701, 1691, 1565, 1521, 1471, 1429, 1255, 1087; HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>39</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SiNa<sup>+</sup> (MNa<sup>+</sup>): 452.2591. Found: 452.2574.

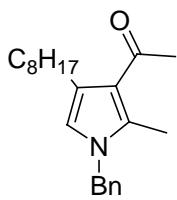
(5) **1-Benzyl-2-methyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-(2'-butyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3ea)**



**3ea**

The reaction of **1e** (115 mg, 0.55 mmol), amine **2a** (219 mg, 2 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (30 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded 94 mg (57 %) of **3ea**: liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32-7.18 (m, 3 H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.32 (s, 1 H), 4.95 (s, 2 H), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.25-3.10 (m, 1 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 1.71-1.58 (m, 1 H), 1.45-1.30 (m, 1 H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.1, 137.2, 136.0, 131.7, 128.7, 127.4, 126.1, 117.6, 110.7, 59.0, 50.2, 32.0, 30.6, 20.6, 14.3, 11.9, 11.6; MS (EI) m/z (%): 299 (M<sup>+</sup>, 30.89), 91 (100); IR (neat) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1693, 1516, 1454, 1240; HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (MH<sup>+</sup>): 300.1958. Found: 300.1957.

#### (6) **1-Benzyl-2-methyl-3-acetyl-4-octyl-1H-pyrrole (3fa)**



**3fa**

The reaction of **1f** (59 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2a** (109 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (15 mg, 0.125 mmol) in 1 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded 52 mg (64 %) of **3fa**: liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25-7.14 (m, 3 H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.26 (s, 1 H), 4.90 (s, 2 H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 1.54-1.38 (m, 2 H), 1.33-1.10 (m, 10 H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

195.7, 137.0, 135.6, 128.8, 127.6, 126.2, 124.9, 121.6, 119.3, 50.1, 31.8, 31.1, 30.3, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 27.6, 22.6, 14.1, 12.3; MS (EI) m/z (%): 325 ( $M^+$ , 22.94), 91 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1645, 1504, 1499, 1454, 1418; HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> (MH<sup>+</sup>): 326.2478. Found: 326.2469.

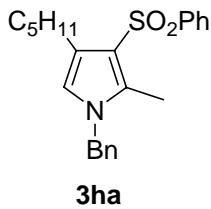
(7) **1-Benzyl-2-methyl-3-(benzenesulfonyl)-4-octyl-1*H*-pyrrole** (3ga)



**3ga**

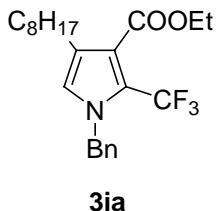
The reaction of **1g** (84 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2a** (111 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (16 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 1 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded 80 mg (75 %) of **3ga**: liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.91-7.82 (m, 2 H), 7.55-7.42 (m, 3 H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 3 H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 6.38 (s, 1 H), 4.98 (s, 2 H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 1.52-1.40 (m, 2 H), 1.38-1.17 (m, 10 H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.6, 136.3, 134.2, 131.9, 128.9, 128.7, 127.7, 126.2, 126.1, 124.5, 119.6, 117.1, 50.5, 31.8, 29.7, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 25.4, 22.6, 14.1, 10.8; MS (EI) m/z (%): 424 ( $M^++1$ , 14.95), 423 ( $M^+$ , 1.03), 91 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1498, 1454, 1446, 1414, 1302, 1166, 1133; HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SNa<sup>+</sup> (MNa<sup>+</sup>): 446.2124. Found: 446.2114.

(8) **1-Benzyl-2-methyl-3-(benzenesulfonyl)-4-pentyl-1*H*-pyrrole** (3ha)



The reaction of **1h** (77 mg, 0.26 mmol), amine **2a** (111 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (16 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 1 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded 82 mg (82 %) of **3ha**: solid, mp: 81-82 °C, (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80-7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.43-7.30 (m, 3 H), 7.26-7.15 (m, 3 H), 6.88-6.83 (m, 2 H), 6.29 (s, 1 H), 4.88 (s, 2 H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 1.45-1.30 (m, 2 H), 1.23-1.10 (m, 4 H), 0.76 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.6, 136.3, 134.2, 131.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 126.2, 126.0, 124.4, 119.6, 117.1, 50.4, 31.6, 29.3, 25.3, 22.4, 14.0, 10.7; MS (EI) m/z (%): 381 (M<sup>+</sup>, 14.93), 91 (100); IR (neat) ν (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1498, 1453, 1445, 1417, 1310, 1300, 1167, 1136; Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S: C 72.40, H 7.13, N 3.67. Found: C 72.12, H 7.02, N 3.53.

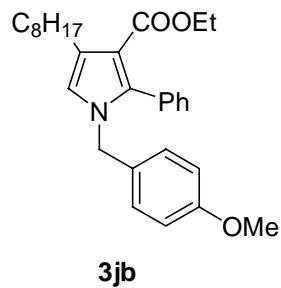
**(9) 1-Benzyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-octyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ia)**



The reaction of **1i** (80 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2a** (110 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (15 mg, 0.125 mmol) in 1 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded 41 mg (40 %) of **3ia**: liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30-7.18 (m, 3 H), 7.05-6.95 (m, 2 H), 6.41 (s, 1 H), 5.10 (s, 2 H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.50-1.37 (m, 2 H),

1.27 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H), 1.30-1.08 (m, 10 H), 0.80 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.4, 136.4, 128.7, 127.9, 126.6, 126.0, 123.6 (q,  $^4J_{C-F} = 1.7$  Hz), 120.9 (q,  $^1J_{C-F} = 267.4$  Hz), 120.6 (q,  $^2J_{C-F} = 38.0$  Hz), 117.8 (q,  $^3J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 60.7, 52.5 (q,  $^4J_{C-F} = 3.3$  Hz), 31.8, 30.4, 29.41, 29.38, 29.2, 25.6, 22.6, 14.1, 14.0;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (91 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -55.1; MS (EI) m/z (%): 409 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 0.57), 91 (100); MS (MALDI): 432.2 ( $\text{M}^++\text{Na}$ ), 410.2 ( $\text{M}^++1$ ); IR (neat)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1720, 1512, 1457, 1463, 1435, 1236, 1157, 1110; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3^+$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ): 410.2301. Found: 410.2303.

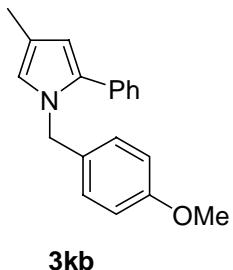
(10) **1-(4'-Methoxybenzyl)-2-phenyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-octyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3jb)**



The reaction of **1j** (83 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2b** (140 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (15 mg, 0.125 mmol) in 1 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded 76 mg (67 %) of **3jb**: liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40-7.33 (m, 3 H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 2 H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 H), 6.79 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 H), 6.46 (s, 1 H), 4.77 (s, 2 H), 4.04 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.73 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2 H), 1.67-1.55 (m, 2 H), 1.43-1.20 (m, 10 H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 158.9, 139.1, 132.7, 130.6, 129.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 126.7, 119.3, 113.9, 111.9, 58.9, 55.2, 49.9, 31.9, 30.4, 29.8, 29.5, 29.4, 26.8, 22.7, 14.1, 13.8; MS (EI) m/z (%): 448 ( $\text{M}^++1$ , 10.65), 121 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1700, 1613, 1514, 1481,

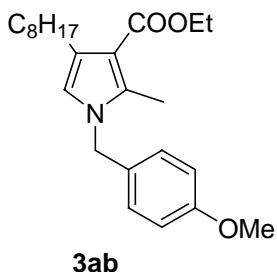
1249, 1175, 1082; HRMS calcd for  $C_{29}H_{38}NO_3^+$  ( $MH^+$ ): 448.2846. Found: 448.2832.

(11) **1-(4'-Methoxybenzyl)-2-phenyl-4-methyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3kb)**



The reaction of **1k** (40 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2b** (140 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous  $MgSO_4$  (15 mg, 0.125 mmol) in 1 mL of  $CH_3CN$  afforded 25 mg (36%) of **3kb**. **1k** (20 mg, 50%) was recovered. **3kb**: liquid;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42-7.23 (m, 5 H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.55-6.50 (m, 1 H), 6.17-6.13 (m, 1 H), 5.04 (s, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 2.17 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  158.7, 134.7, 133.4, 130.9, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 126.7, 120.7, 118.9, 113.9, 110.1, 55.2, 49.8, 11.9; MS (EI) m/z (%): 277 ( $M^+$ , 19.98), 121 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  ( $cm^{-1}$ ): 1699, 1613, 1586, 1513, 1464, 1443, 1249, 1175, 1035; HRMS calcd for  $C_{19}H_{20}NO^+$  ( $MH^+$ ): 278.1539. Found: 278.1536.

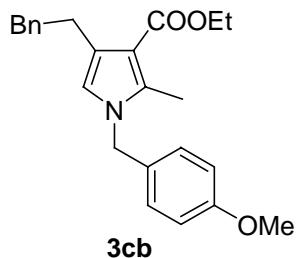
(12) **1-(4'-Methoxybenzyl)-2-methyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-octyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ab)**



The reaction of **1a** (67 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2b** (135 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous

$\text{MgSO}_4$  (15 mg, 0.125 mmol) in 1 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded 83 mg (86 %) of **3ab**: solid, mp 48-50 °C (petroleum ether/ $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.32 (s, 1 H), 4.91 (s, 2 H), 4.26 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 2.64 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 1.60-1.45 (m, 2 H), 1.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.36-1.20 (m, 10 H), 0.87 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.2, 158.9, 136.1, 129.1, 127.6, 125.8, 118.8, 114.1, 110.8, 58.9, 55.2, 49.6, 31.8, 30.6, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 27.0, 22.6, 14.4, 14.1, 11.5; MS (EI) m/z (%): 385 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 10.44), 121 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1675, 1515, 1467, 1277, 1135; Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_3$ : C 74.77, H 9.15, N 3.63. Found: C 74.62, H 9.15, N 3.29.

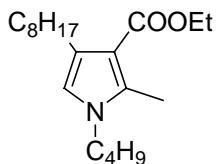
(13) **1-(4'-Methoxybenzyl)-2-methyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-(2'-phenylethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (3cb)**



The reaction of **1c** (67 mg, 0.26 mmol), amine **2b** (133 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (15 mg, 0.125 mmol) in 1 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded 75 mg (77 %) of **3cb**: liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34-7.15 (m, 5 H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.29 (s, 1 H), 4.91 (s, 2 H), 4.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.05-2.98 (m, 2 H), 2.95-2.87 (m, 2 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 1.38 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.1, 158.9, 142.7, 136.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 125.5, 124.6, 119.3, 114.1, 110.8, 59.0, 55.2, 49.7, 37.1, 28.9, 14.5, 11.6; MS (EI) m/z

(%): 377 ( $M^+$ , 11.65), 121 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1690, 1613, 1514, 1454, 1428, 1249, 1082; HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (MH<sup>+</sup>): 378.2064. Found: 378.2070.

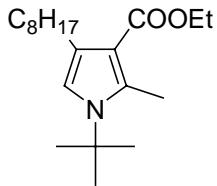
(14) **1-(*n*-Butyl)-2-methyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-octyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ac)**



**3ac**

The reaction of **1a** (68 mg, 0.26 mmol), amine **2c** (72 mg, 1 mmol), and anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (15 mg, 0.125 mmol) in 1 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded 41 mg (50 %) of **3ac**: liquid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.28 (s, 1 H), 4.25 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 3.74 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.47 (s, 3 H), 1.70-1.58 (m, 2 H), 1.58-1.40 (m, 2 H), 1.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.40-1.10 (m, 12 H), 0.93 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.2, 135.7, 125.5, 118.1, 110.2, 58.9, 46.2, 32.9, 31.9, 30.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.3, 27.0, 22.6, 19.9, 14.4, 14.1, 13.6, 11.4; MS (EI) m/z (%): 321 ( $M^+$ , 24.34), 223 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1694, 1519, 1465, 1429, 1259, 1097; HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (MH<sup>+</sup>): 322.2741. Found: 322.2728.

(15) **1-(*t*-Butyl)-2-methyl-3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-octyl-1*H*-pyrrole (3ad)**

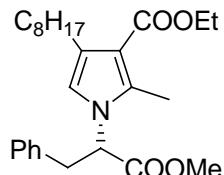


**3ad**

The reaction of **1a** (68 mg, 0.25 mmol), amine **2d** (78 mg, 1.1 mmol), and anhydrous

$\text{MgSO}_4$  (16 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 1 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded 41 mg (50 %) of **3ad**: liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.49 (s, 1 H), 4.25 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 2.70 (s, 3 H), 2.59 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2 H), 1.59 (s, 9 H), 1.60-1.45 (m, 2 H), 1.33 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H), 1.38-1.20 (m, 10 H), 0.87 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.6, 136.3, 123.7, 115.9, 112.3, 58.9, 56.4, 31.9, 30.9, 30.6, 29.8, 29.6, 29.3, 27.4, 22.7, 14.8, 14.4, 14.1; MS (EI) m/z (%): 321 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 22.58), 167 (100); IR (neat)  $\nu$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1694, 1563, 1512, 1254, 1215, 1101; HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_2^+$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ): 322.2741. Found: 322.2741.

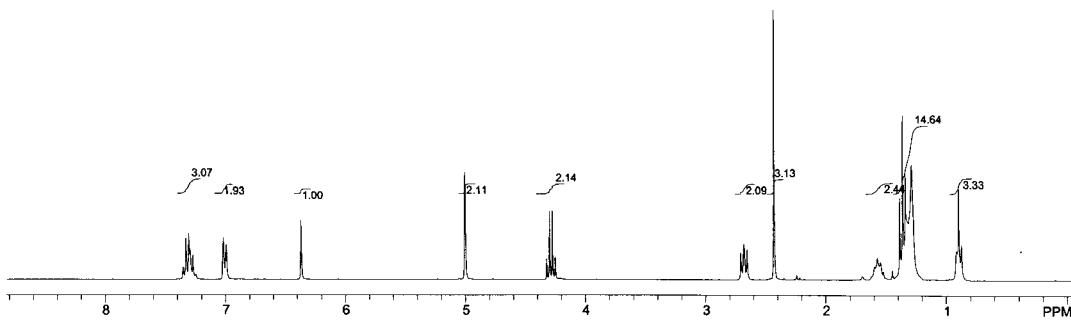
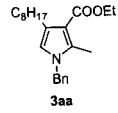
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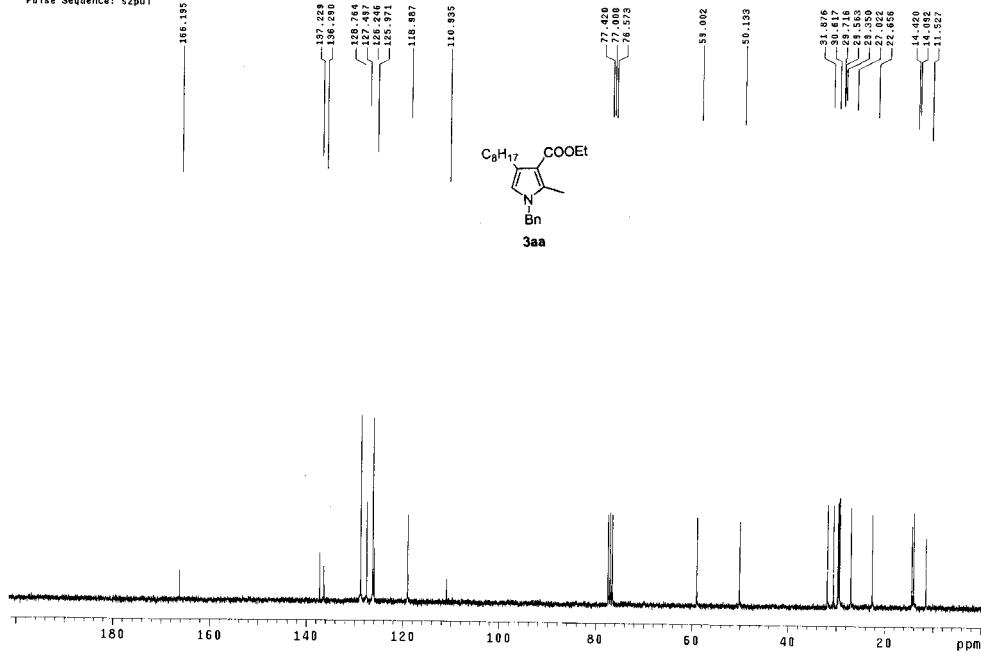
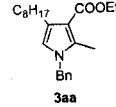
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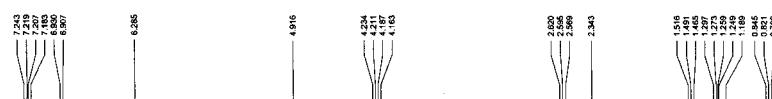
The reaction of **1a** (65 mg, 0.24 mmol), amine **2e** (179 mg, 1.0 mmol), and anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (15 mg, 0.125 mmol) in 1 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded 61 mg (60 %) of **3ae**. The reaction of **1a** (134 mg, 0.5 mmol), amine (*S*)-**2e** (359 mg, 2.0 mmol), and anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (30 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded 158 mg (74 %) of (*S*)-**3ae** with 96 ee% as determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, hexane: *i*-PrOH = 90:10, 230 nm),  $t_r$  = 4.3 (minor), 4.7 (major),  $[\alpha]^{20}_D -92.6^\circ$  ( $c$  1.3,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); oil,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27-7.15 (m, 3 H), 7.03-6.93 (m, 2 H), 6.55 (s, 1 H), 4.81 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 5.7$  Hz, 1 H), 4.23 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H), 3.42 (dd,  $J = 13.8$ ,

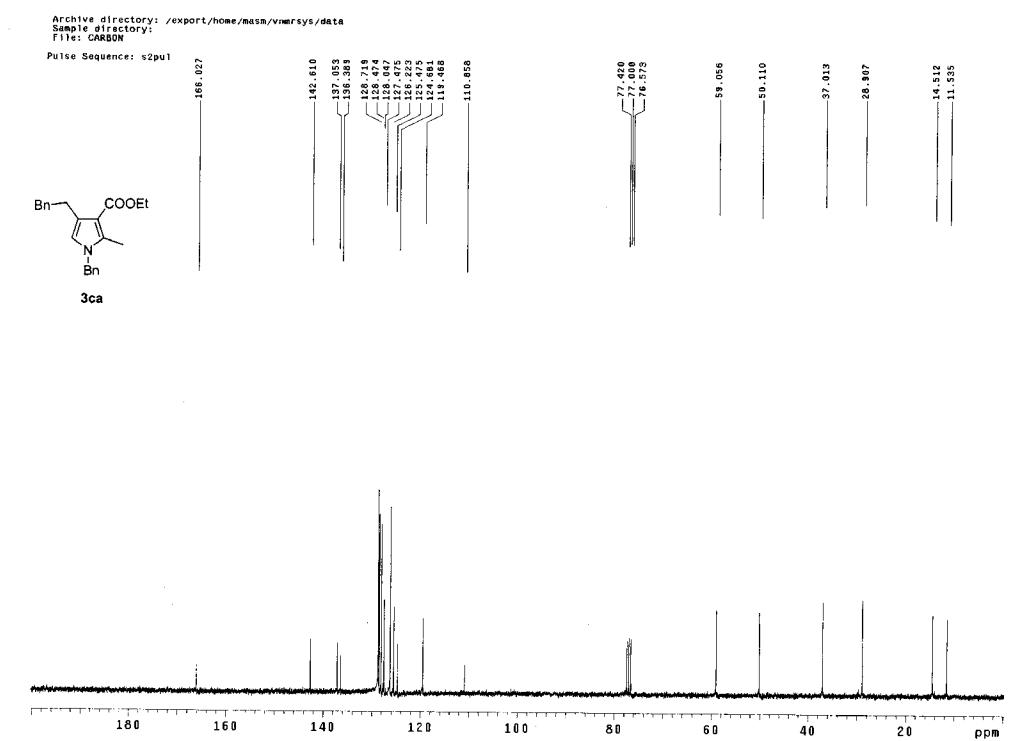
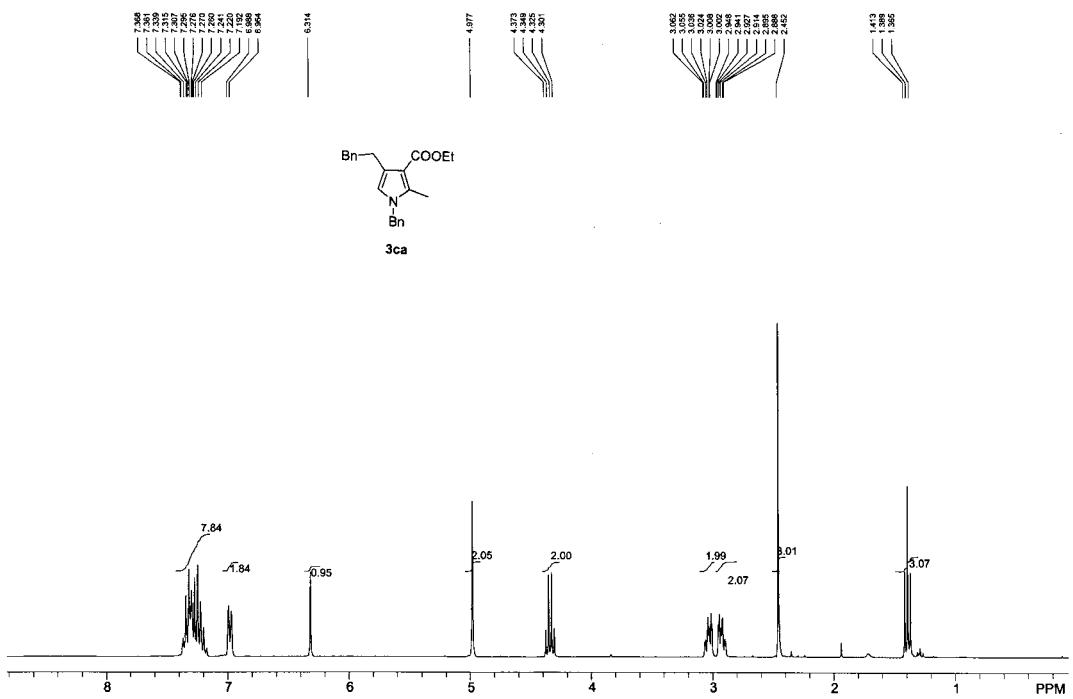
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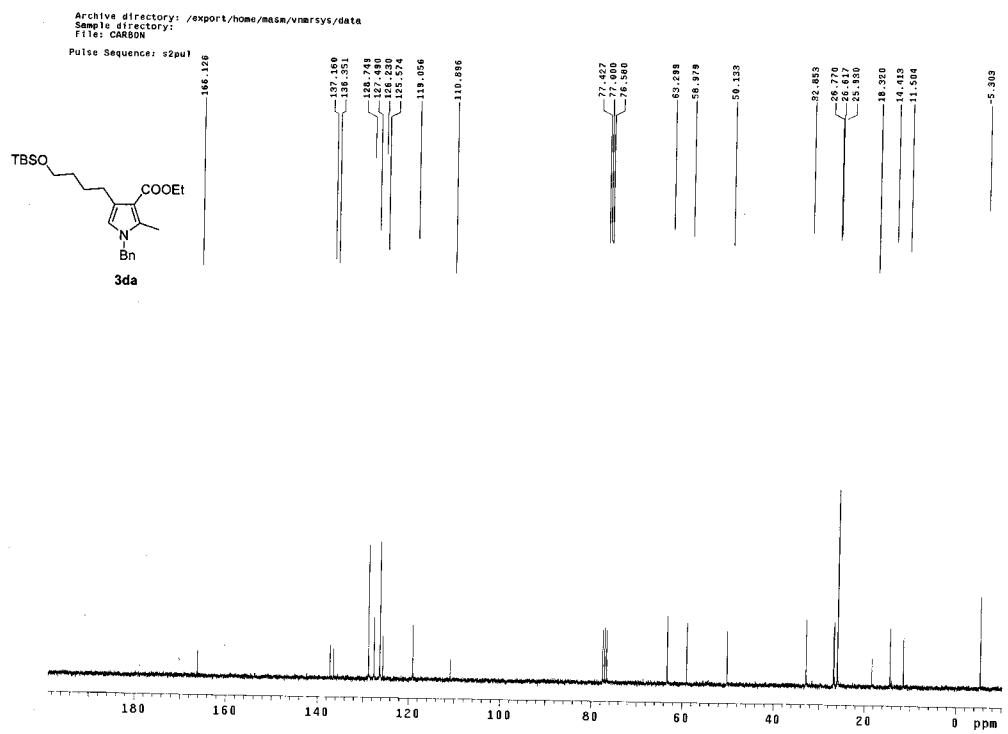
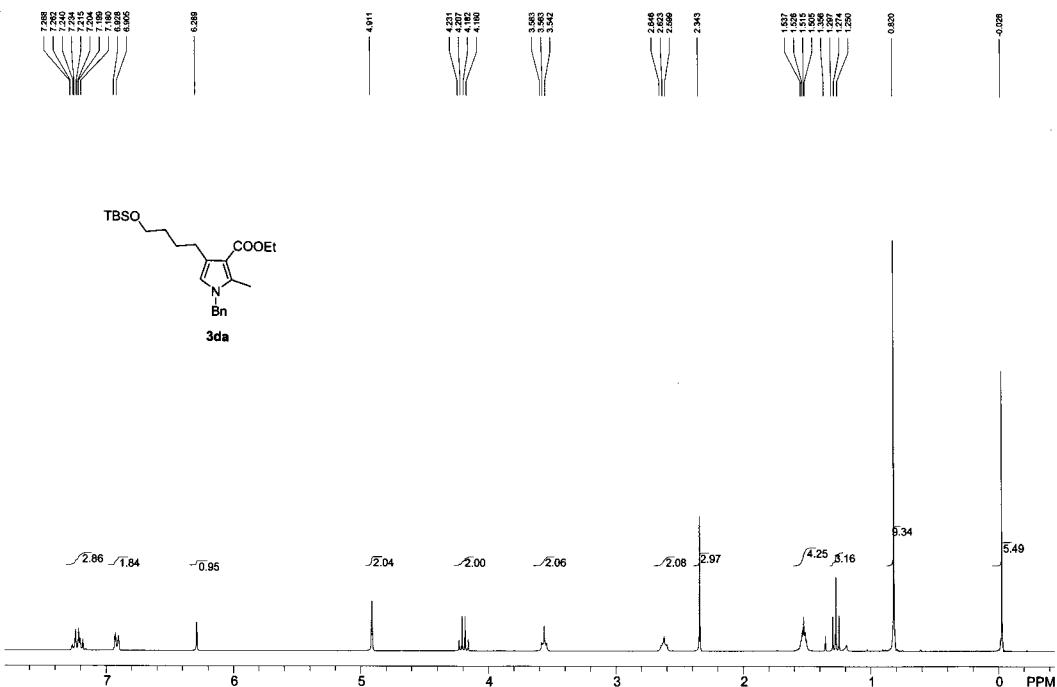


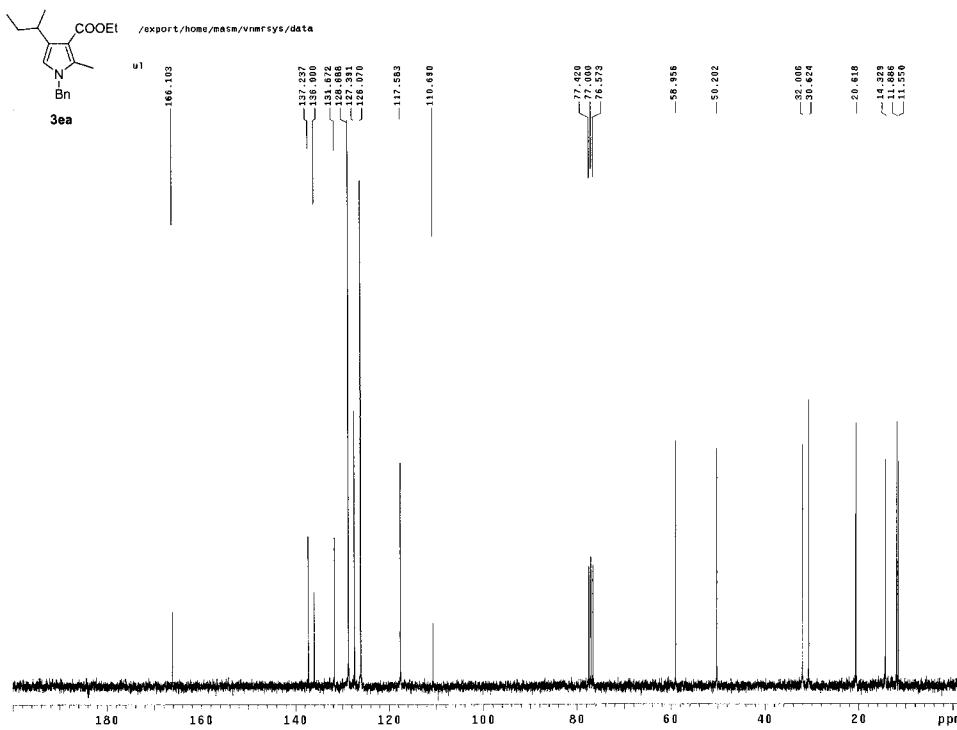
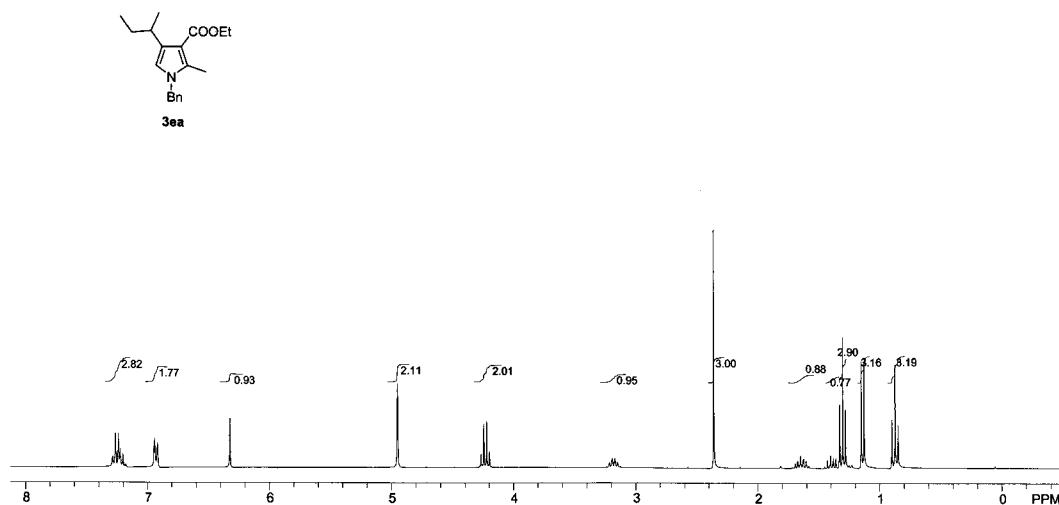
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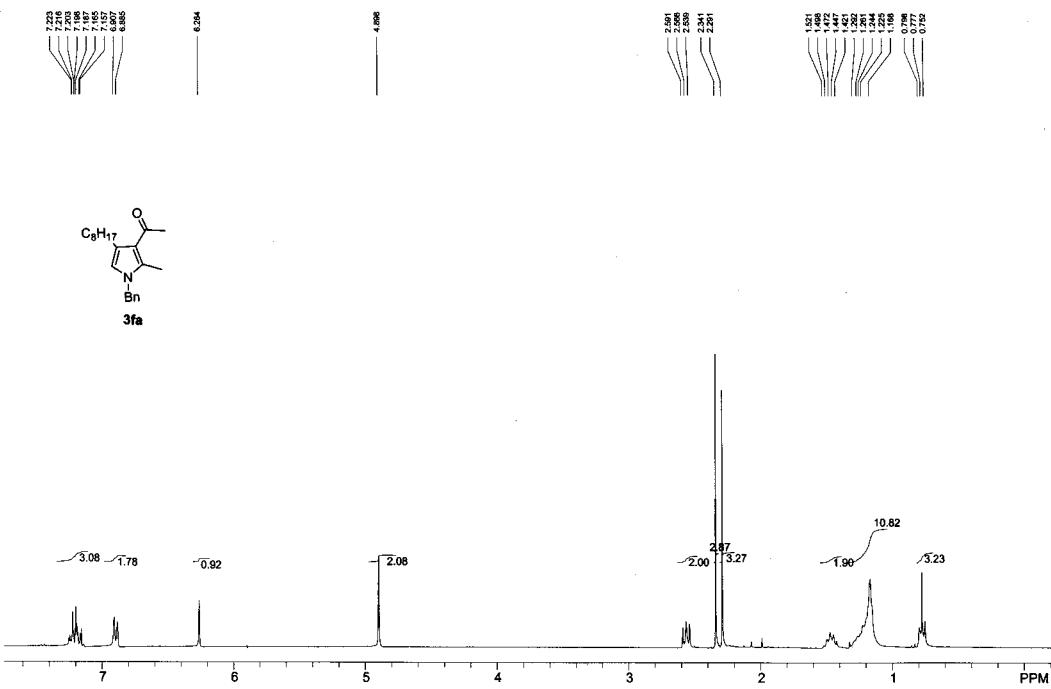


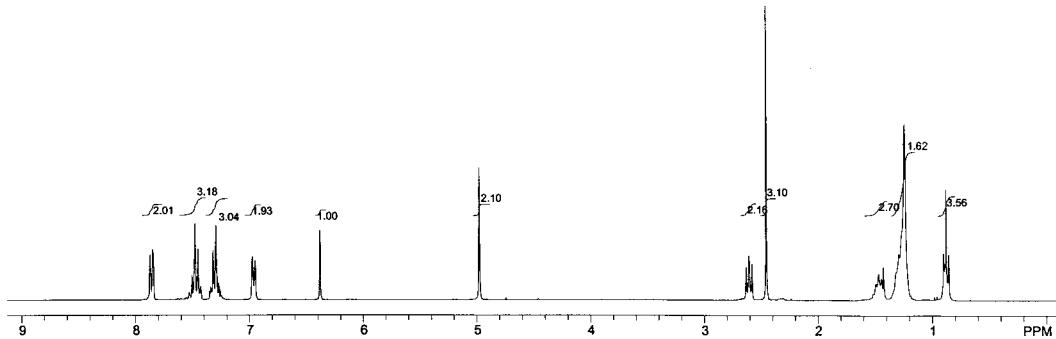
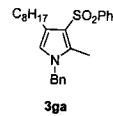








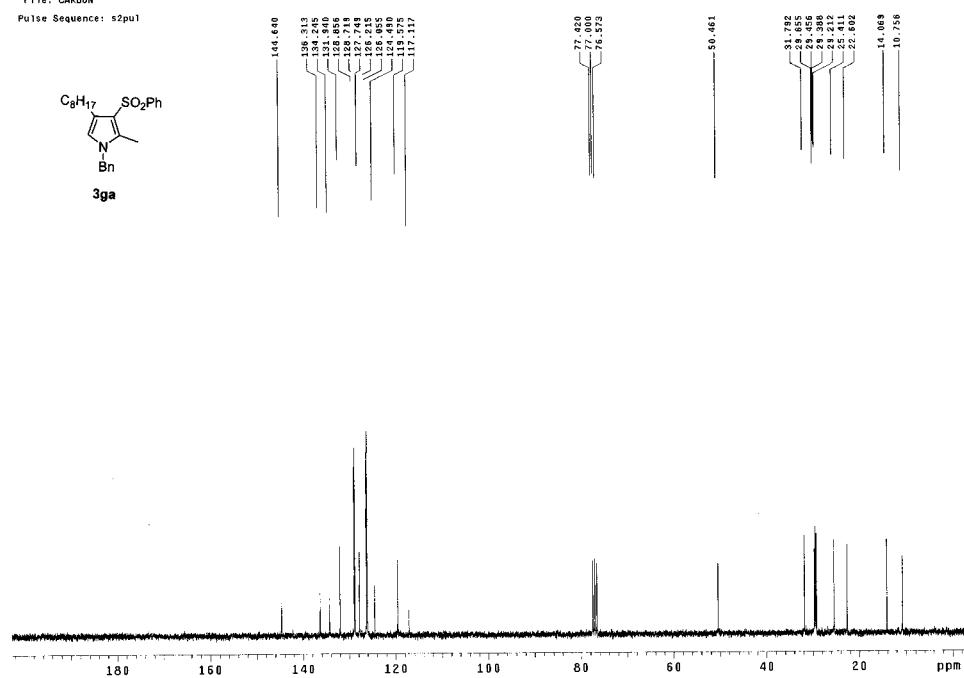
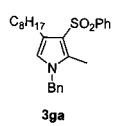


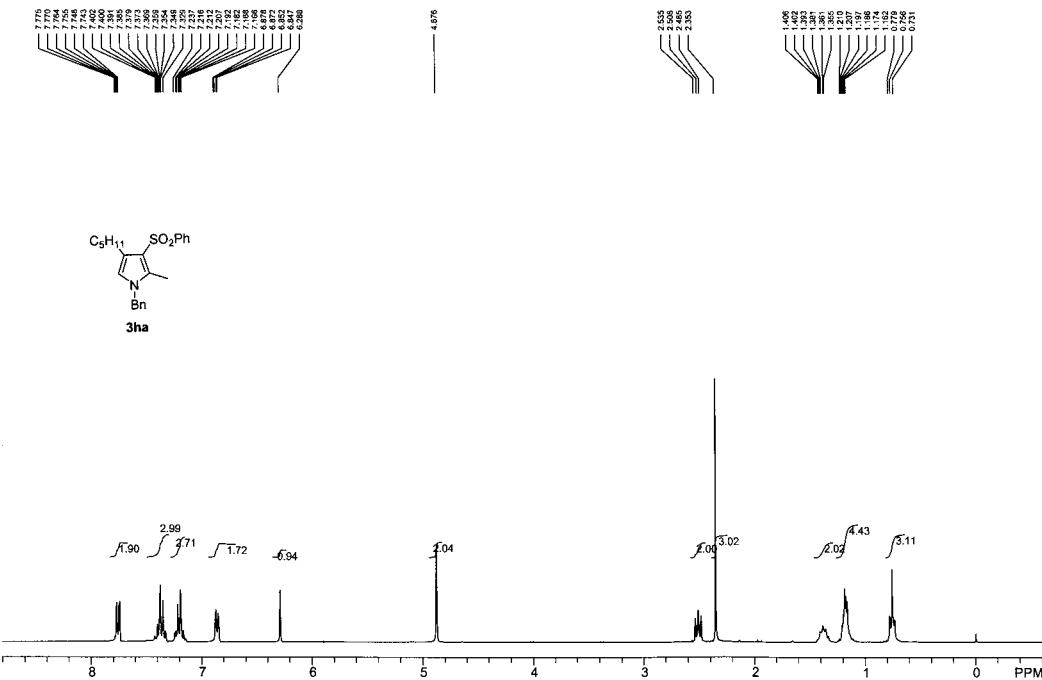


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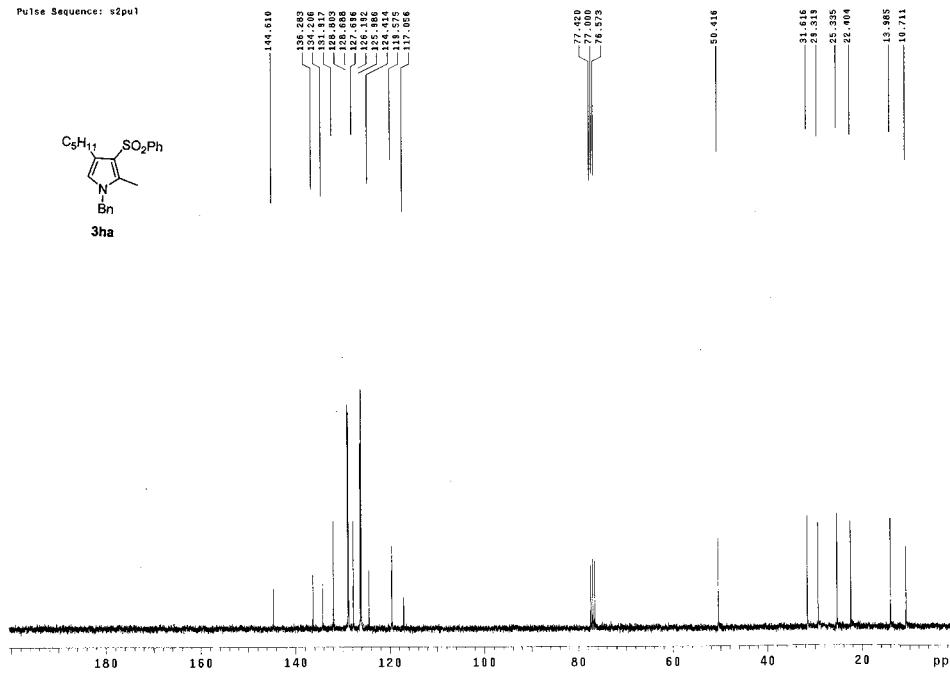
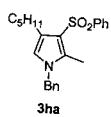
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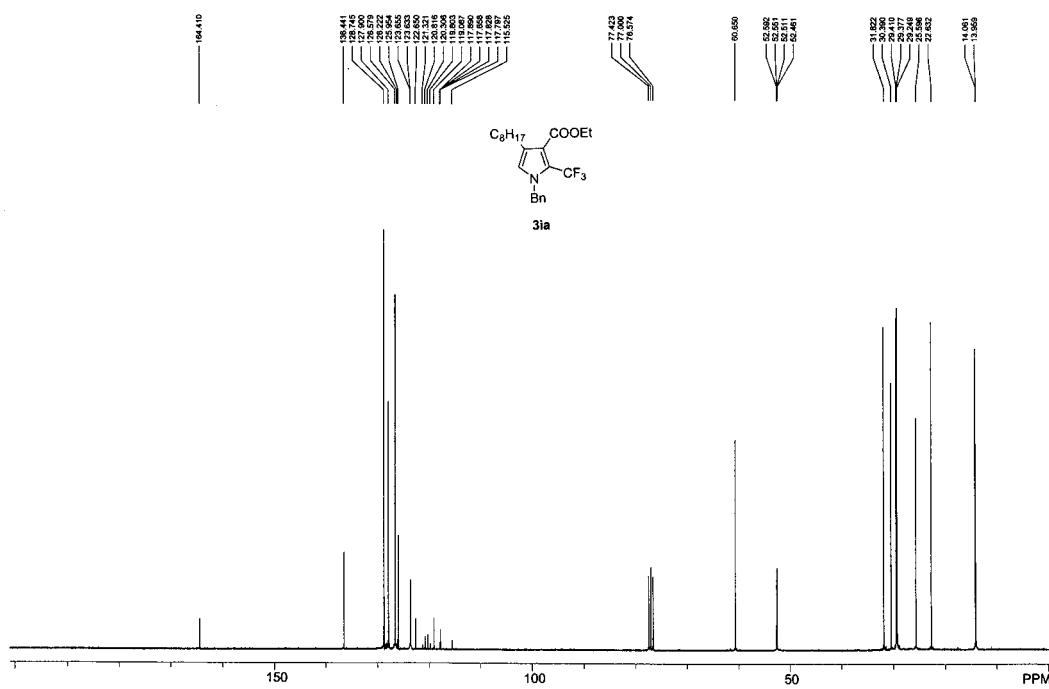
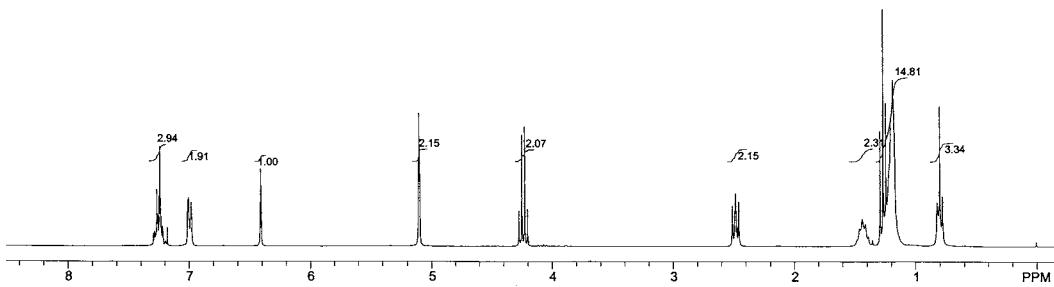
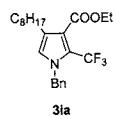
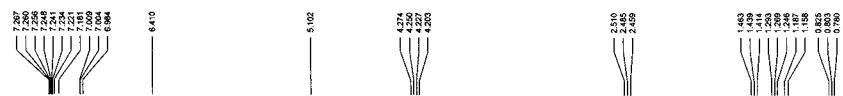


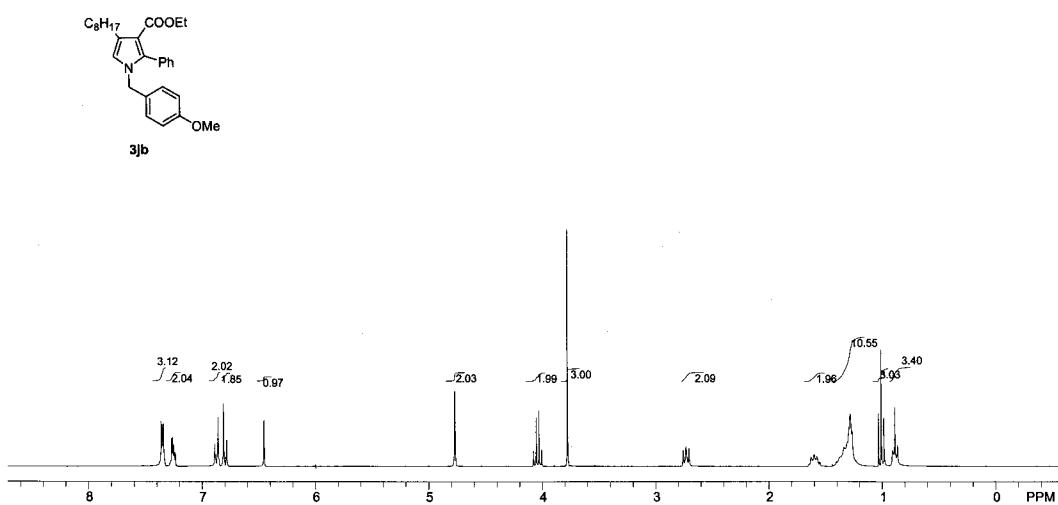
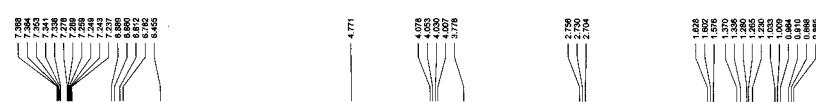
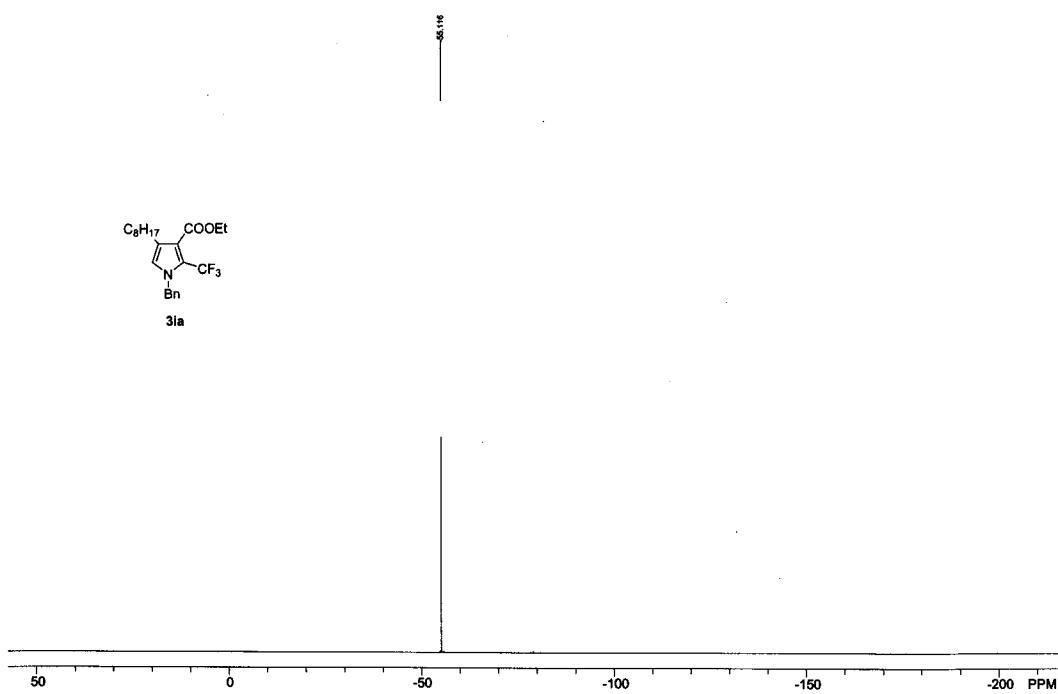


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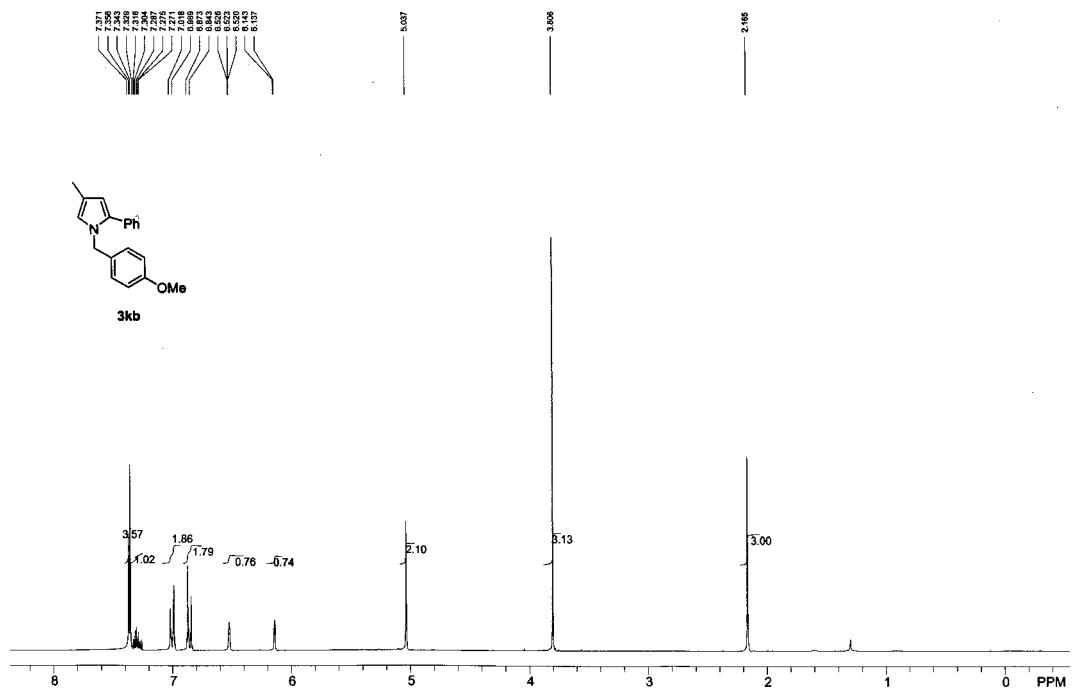
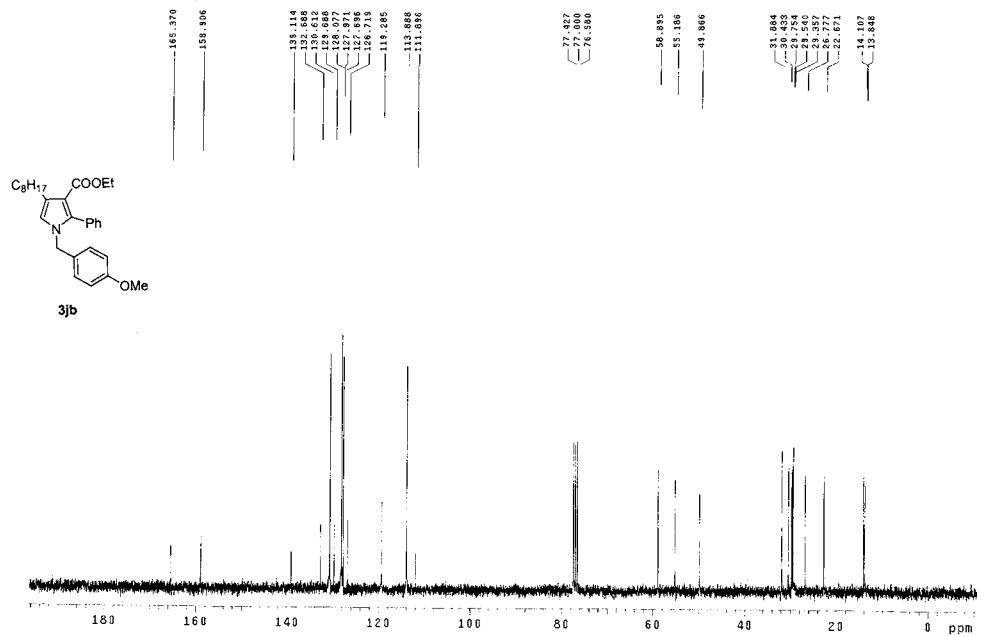
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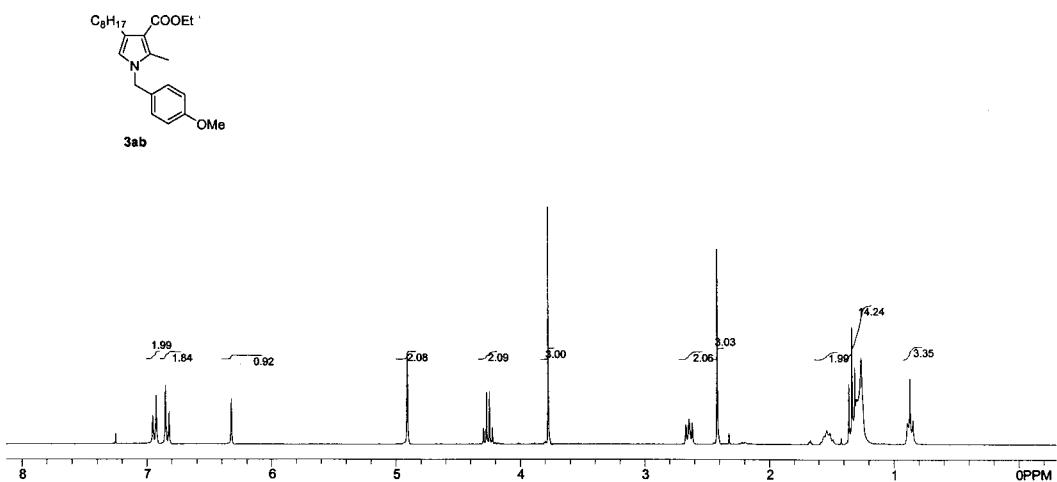
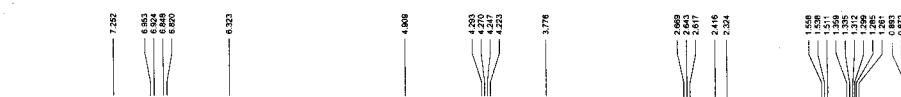
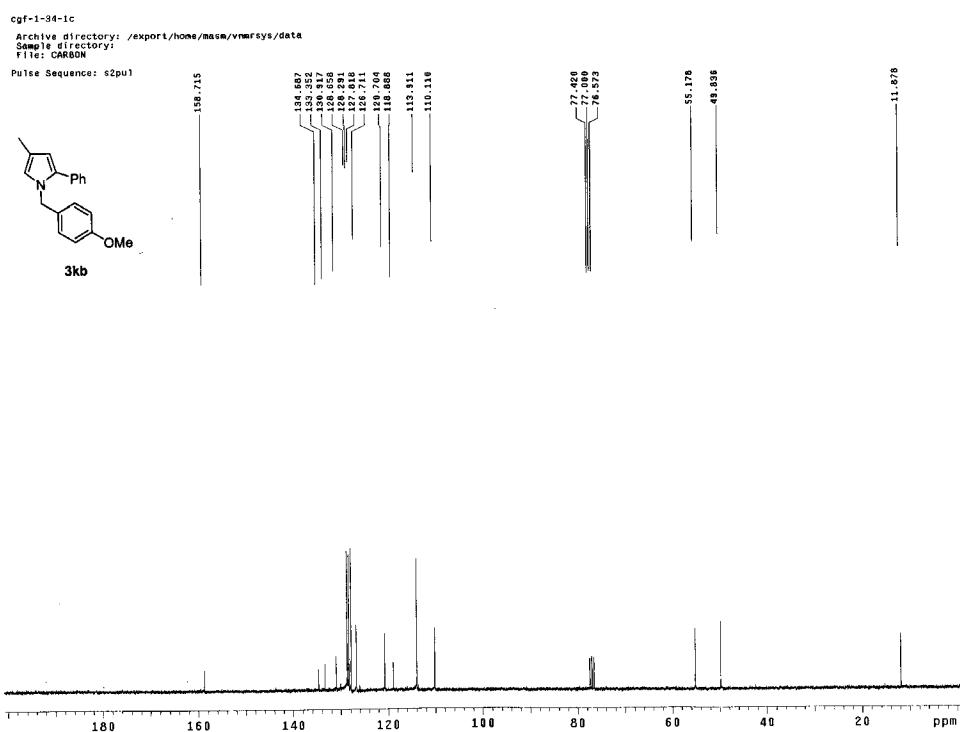






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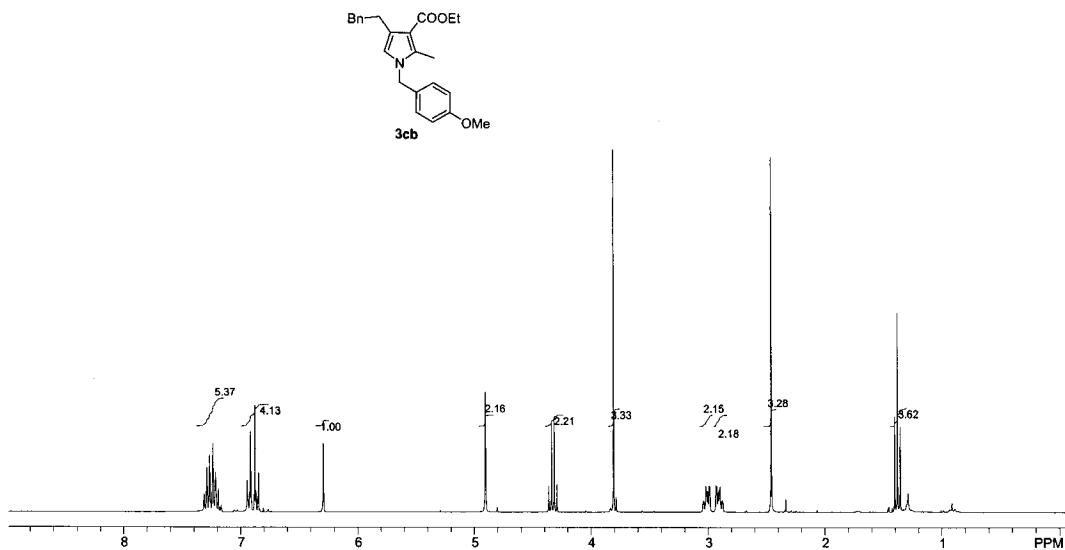
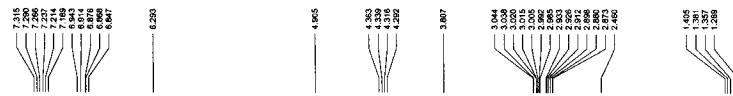
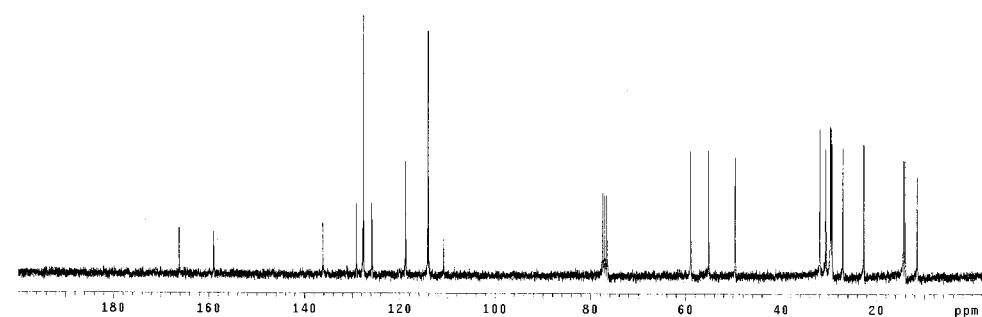
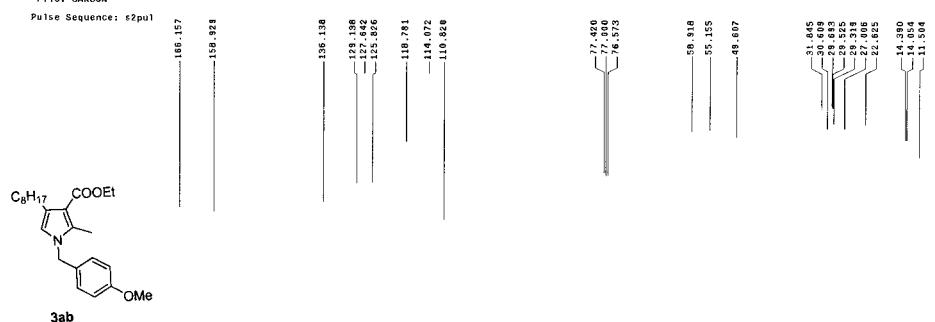


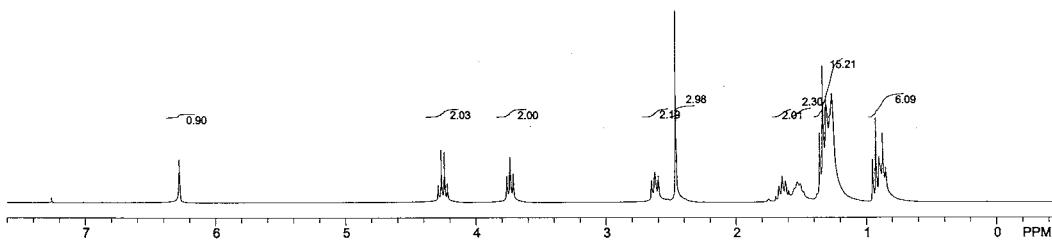
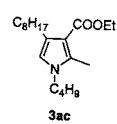
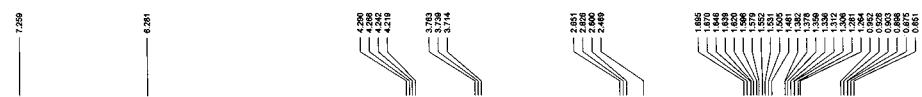
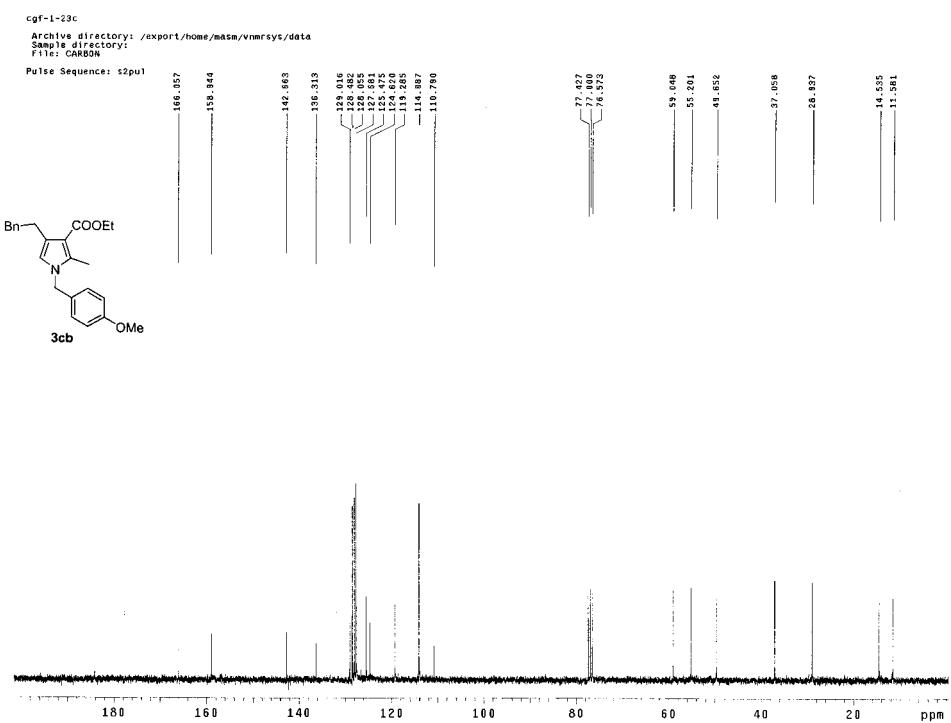


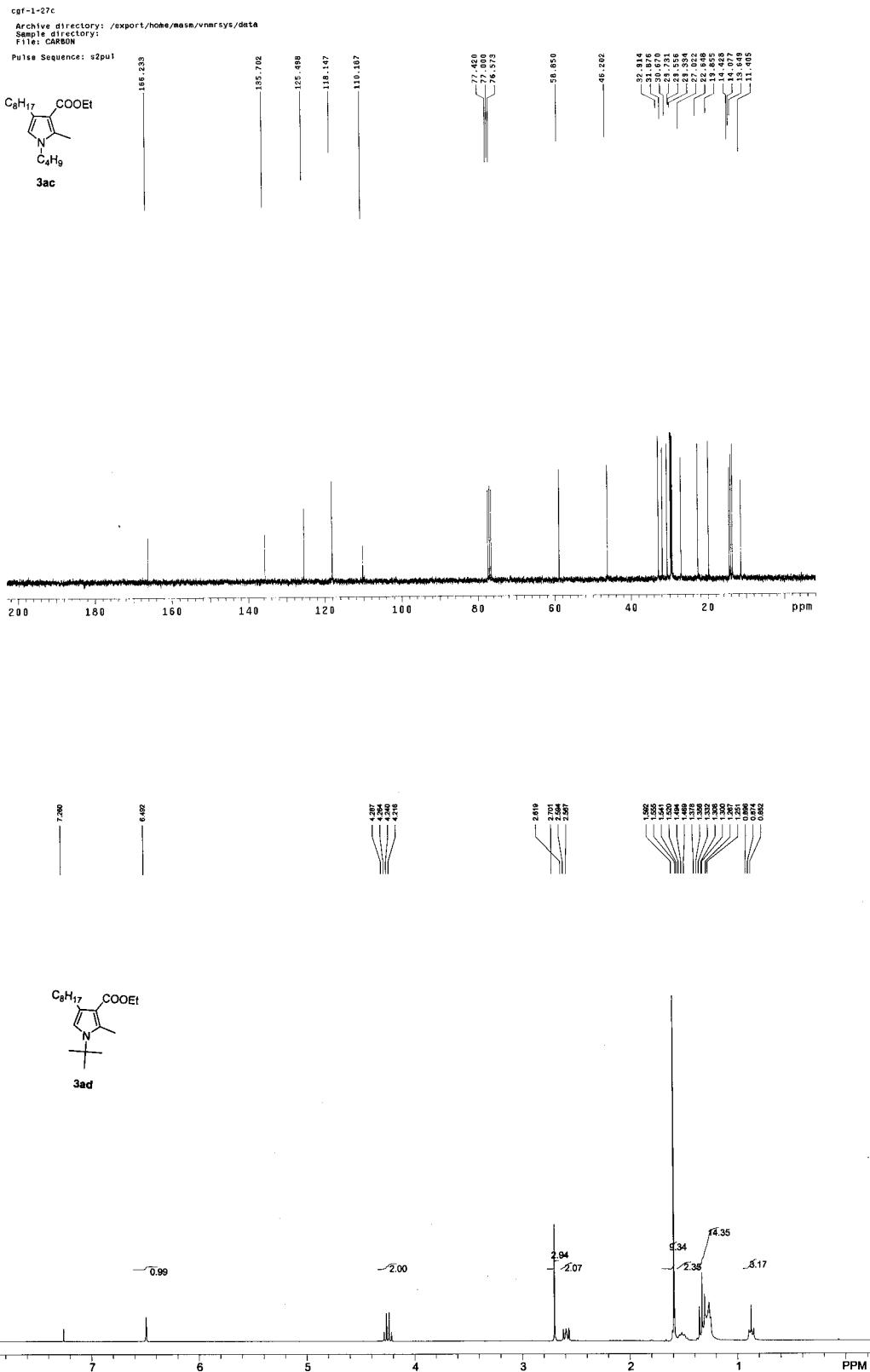
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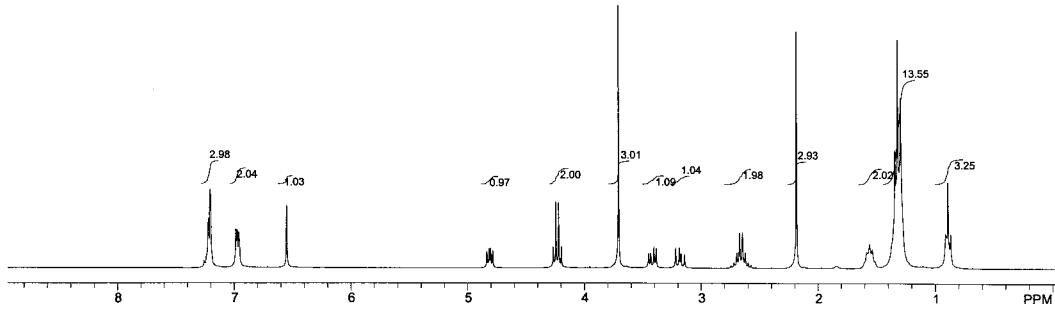
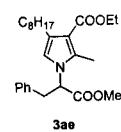
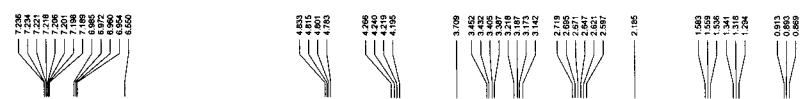
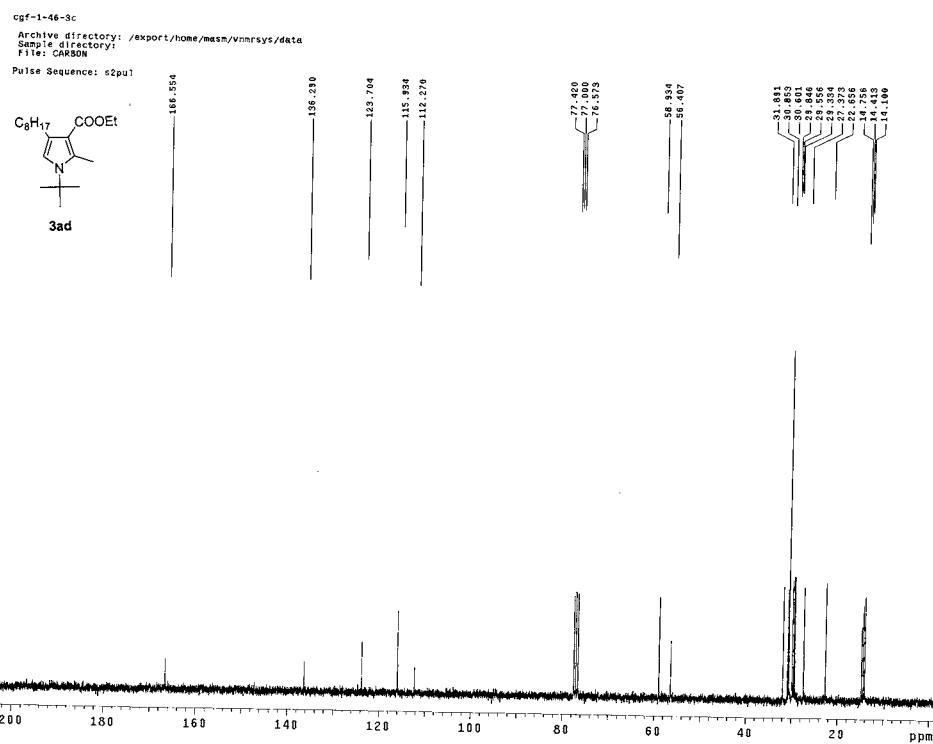
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