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## Supporting Information

### Construction of isoquinolinone framework from carboxylic ester directed umpolung ring opening of methylenecyclopropanes

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## 1. General remarks

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on Agilent-400, Varian Mercury-400 and Bruker-400 spectrometer for solution in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard; coupling constants J are given in Hz. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Agilent-400, Varian Mercury-400 and Bruker-400 spectrophotometers with complete proton decoupling spectrophotometers (CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 77.0 ppm). The reference of <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz) spectra is trichlorofluoromethane ( $\delta$  ppm 0). Mass and HRMS spectra were recorded by ESI, EI or FI method. Organic solvents used were dried by standard methods when necessary. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer PE-983 spectrometer with absorption in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Melting points were determined on a digital melting point apparatus and temperatures were uncorrected. Commercially obtained reagents were used without further purification. All these reactions were monitored by TLC with silica gel coated plates. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel at increased pressure.

## 2. Optimization of reaction conditions

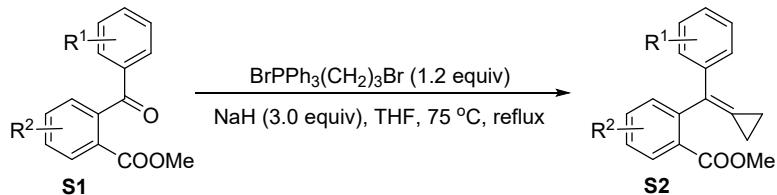
**Table S1** Optimization of reaction conditions

Entry	Base	Solvent <sup>a</sup>	T [°C]	Time	Yield/3a [%] <sup>b</sup>
1	LiHMDS	Toluene	rt	24 h	54
2	LiHMDS	Toluene	0 - rt	10 h	98
3	LiHMDS	Toluene	0 - 50	1.5 h	86
<b>4</b>	<b>KHMDS</b>	<b>Toluene</b>	<b>0 - 50</b>	<b>1.5 h</b>	<b>96</b>
5	LDA	Toluene	0 - 50	1.5 h	14
6	<sup>t</sup> BuOK	Toluene	0 - 50	1.5 h	0
7	DBU	Toluene	0 - 50	1.5 h	0
8	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Toluene	0 - 50	1.5 h	0
9	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	Toluene	0 - 50	1.5 h	0
10	NaOH	Toluene	0 - 50	1.5 h	0
11	KHMDS	MeCN	0 - 50	1.5 h	0
12	KHMDS	DCE	0 - 50	1.5 h	0
13	KHMDS	THF	0 - 50	1.5 h	94
14	KHMDS	Toluene	0 - 50	1.5 h	95 <sup>c</sup>

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), base (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), solvent, T °C, time, quenched by water. <sup>a</sup> Except DBU, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> and NaOH, bases were dissolved in THF, thus solvents are mixed solvents in these entries in fact. <sup>b</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yield.

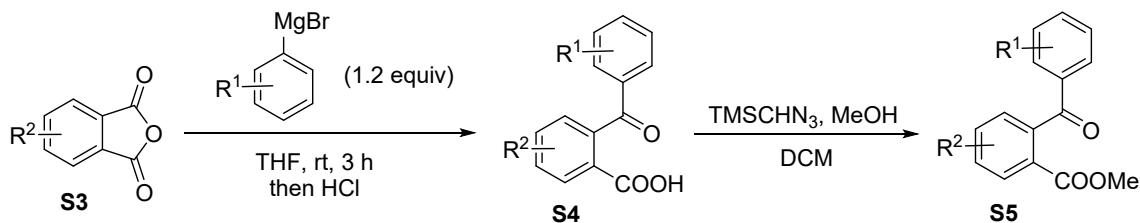
### 3. Procedures for preparation of reactants

#### General procedure for preparation of methyl esters tethered MCP groups:



A solution of 3-bromopropyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and NaH (6.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in 5 mL THF was stirred at 75 °C in an oil bath under Ar for 30 min. Afterward, a solution of compound **S1** (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 3 mL THF was added, and the reaction solution was stirred at 75 °C in the same oil bath for 8 h. Upon completion, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the mixture was filtered through a Celite. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by a silica gel chromatography (EtOAc:hexane = 1:100) to afford the corresponding products (**S2**).

#### General procedure A for preparation of methyl benzoylbenzoate:



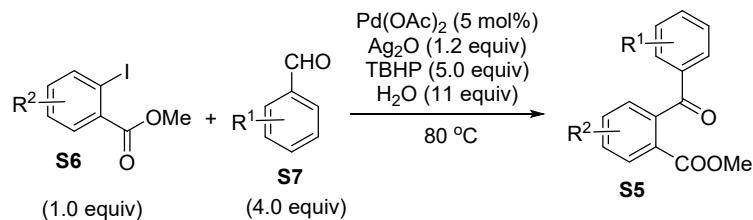
To a solution of phthalic anhydride (**S3**) (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (20 mL) was added Grignard reagent (12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, quenched with 2 M HCl (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 x 8 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc:hexane) afforded **S4**.

To a solution of **S4** (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 20 mL DCM was added 1 mL MeOH, then azidotrimethylsilane was added into the reaction solution dropwise until no obvious bubbles could be observed. Purification by chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc:hexane) afforded **S5**.

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This method was applied for the synthesis of substrates **1b**, **1c**, **1d**, **1h**, **1i**, and **1j**.

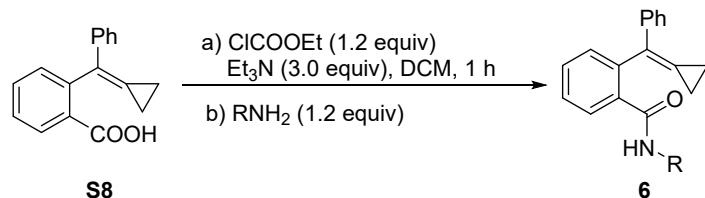
**General procedure B for preparation of methyl benzoylbenzoate:**



**S6** was prepared with the similar procedures according to the previous protocol.<sup>1</sup>

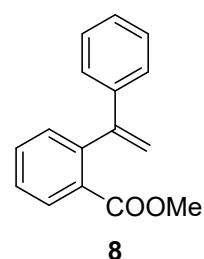
**1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **1d**, **1g**, **1h**, **1i**, **1j**, **1k**, **1l**, **1m** and **1n** are known compounds that have been synthesized in our previous work.<sup>2</sup>

This method was applied for the synthesis of substrates **1e**, **1f**, **1g**, **1k**, **1l**, **1m**, and **1n**.



The preparation of **S8** was according to the previous literature.<sup>2</sup>

**S8** (2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added into a dried flask, protected with argon, and then 5 mL dried DCM was injected. Followed by adding  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (6 mmol, 3.0 equiv), ethyl chloroformate (2.4 mmol, 1.4 equiv) was added slowly, and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Afterward, amines were added into the solution dropwise. After 30 min, the reaction solution was quenched with aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , extracted with  $\text{EtOAc}$ , dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated under reduced pressure, and then the residue was purified with a silica gel column chromatography using PE: $\text{EtOAc}$  (6:1) as the eluent.



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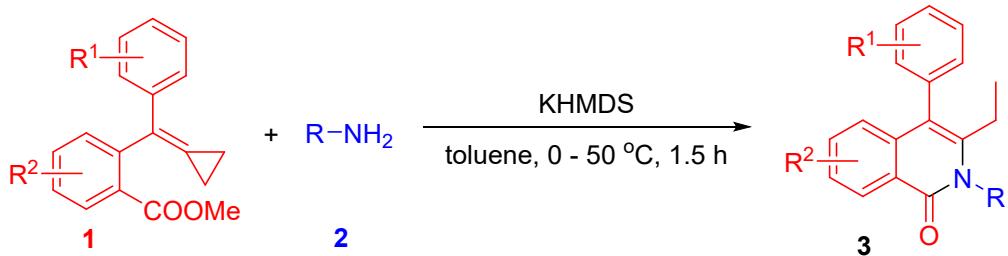
The preparation of **8** was according to the previous literature.<sup>2</sup>

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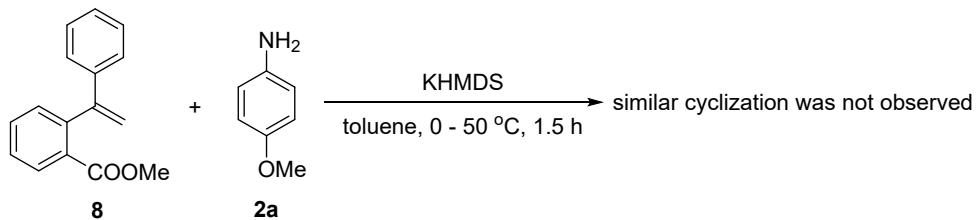
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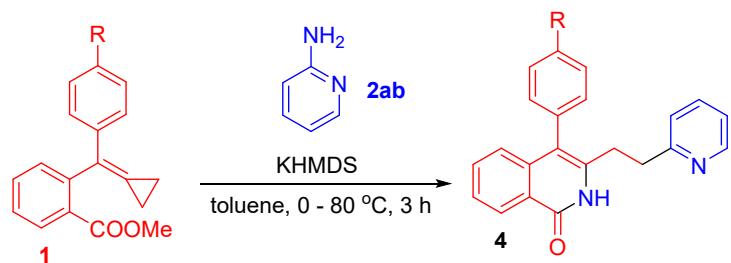
#### 4. General procedure of cyclization reactions



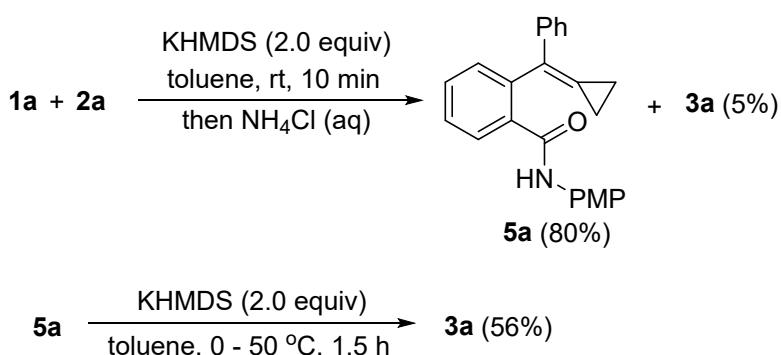
First, the methyl ester **1** (0.2 mmol) and the aromatic amine **2** (0.24 mmol) were added into a dried flask, protected by argon atmosphere. Then 2 mL dried toluene was added, and the reaction solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice water bath. Afterward, 0.4 mL KHMDS (1 M in THF) was added into the solution slowly. Subsequently, the flask was heated at 50 °C for 1.5 h. Followed by quenching with water, extracted with EtOAc for three times, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was purified with a silica gel column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as the eluent (PE:EtOAc = 4:1). The gram scale reaction was carried out according to the same procedure.



When we applied **8** instead of **1a** for the reaction, the similar cyclization was not observed and only S<sub>N</sub>2 reaction product was obtained.

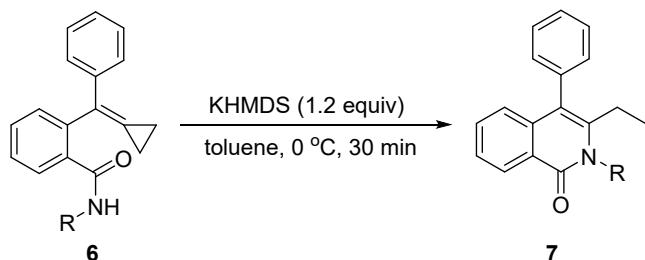


First, the methyl ester **1** (0.2 mmol) and the aromatic amine **2** (0.24 mmol) were added into a dried flask, protected by argon atmosphere. Then 2 mL dried toluene was added, and the reaction solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice water bath. Afterward, 0.4 mL KHMDS (1 M in THF) was added into the solution slowly. Subsequently, the flask was heated at 80 °C for 3 h. Followed by quenching with water, extracted with EtOAc for three times, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was purified with a silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc (a small amount of Et<sub>3</sub>N was added) as the eluent.



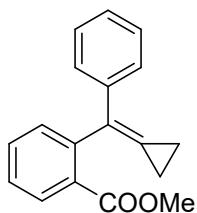
First, **1a** (0.2 mmol) and **2a** (0.24 mmol) were added into a dried flask, protected by argon atmosphere. Then 2 mL dried toluene was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. Subsequently, 0.4 mL KHMDS (1.0 M in THF) was added into the solution slowly. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl in 10 minutes. The desired product **3a** was observed in 5% yield from the crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic data, and **5a** was isolated in 80% yield.

Afterward, compound **5a** (0.1 mmol) was added into a dried flask, protected by argon atmosphere. Then 2.0 mL dried toluene was added, and the reaction solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice water bath. Then 0.2 mL KHMDS (1.0 M in THF) was added into the solution slowly. Subsequently, the flask was heated at 50 °C for 1.5 h. Followed by quenching with water, extracted with EtOAc for three times, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was purified with a silica gel column chromatography using PE/EtOAc as the eluent (PE:EtOAc = 4:1), affording **3a** in 56% yield.

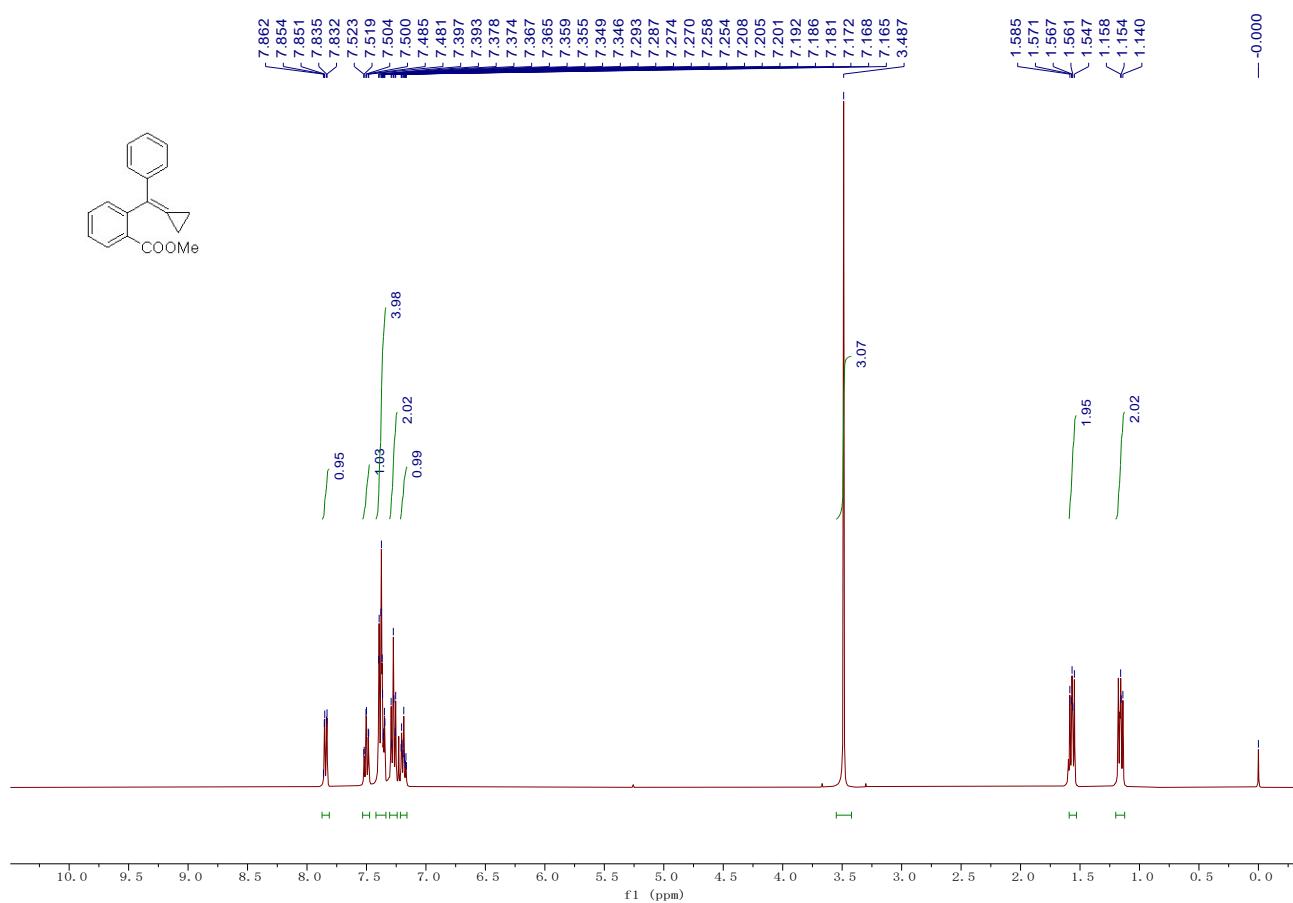


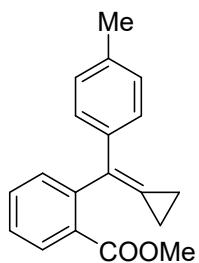
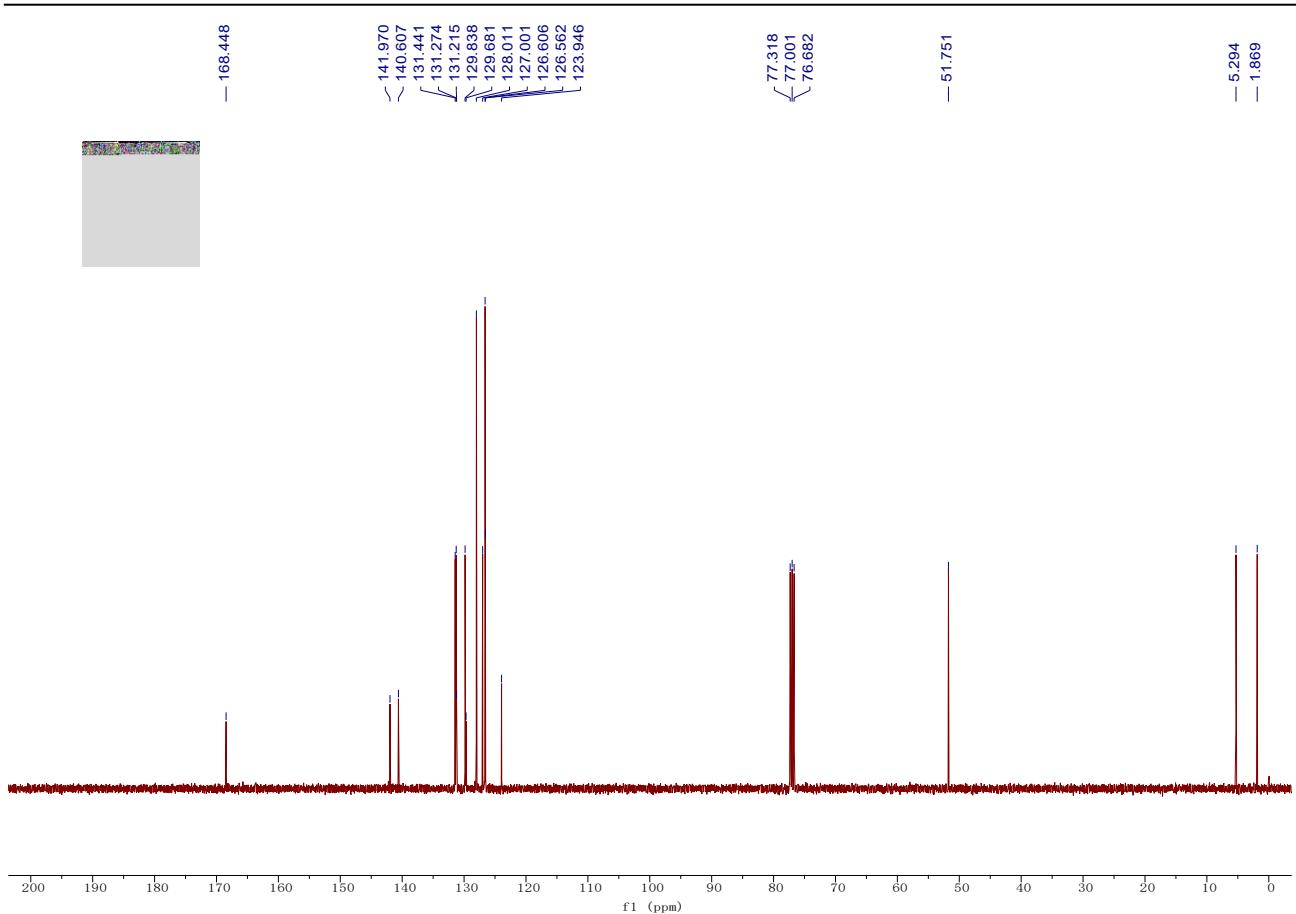
First, compound **6** (0.2 mmol) was added into a dried flask, protected by argon atmosphere. Then 2 mL dried toluene was added, and the reaction solution was cooled to 0 °C in an ice water bath. Afterward, 0.24 mL KHMDS (1.0 M in THF) was added into the solution slowly. Subsequently, the reaction mixture in the flask was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Followed by quenching with water, extracted with EtOAc for three times, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was purified with a silica gel column chromatography using PE:EtOAc (10:1) as the eluent.

## 5. Characterization and spectra charts

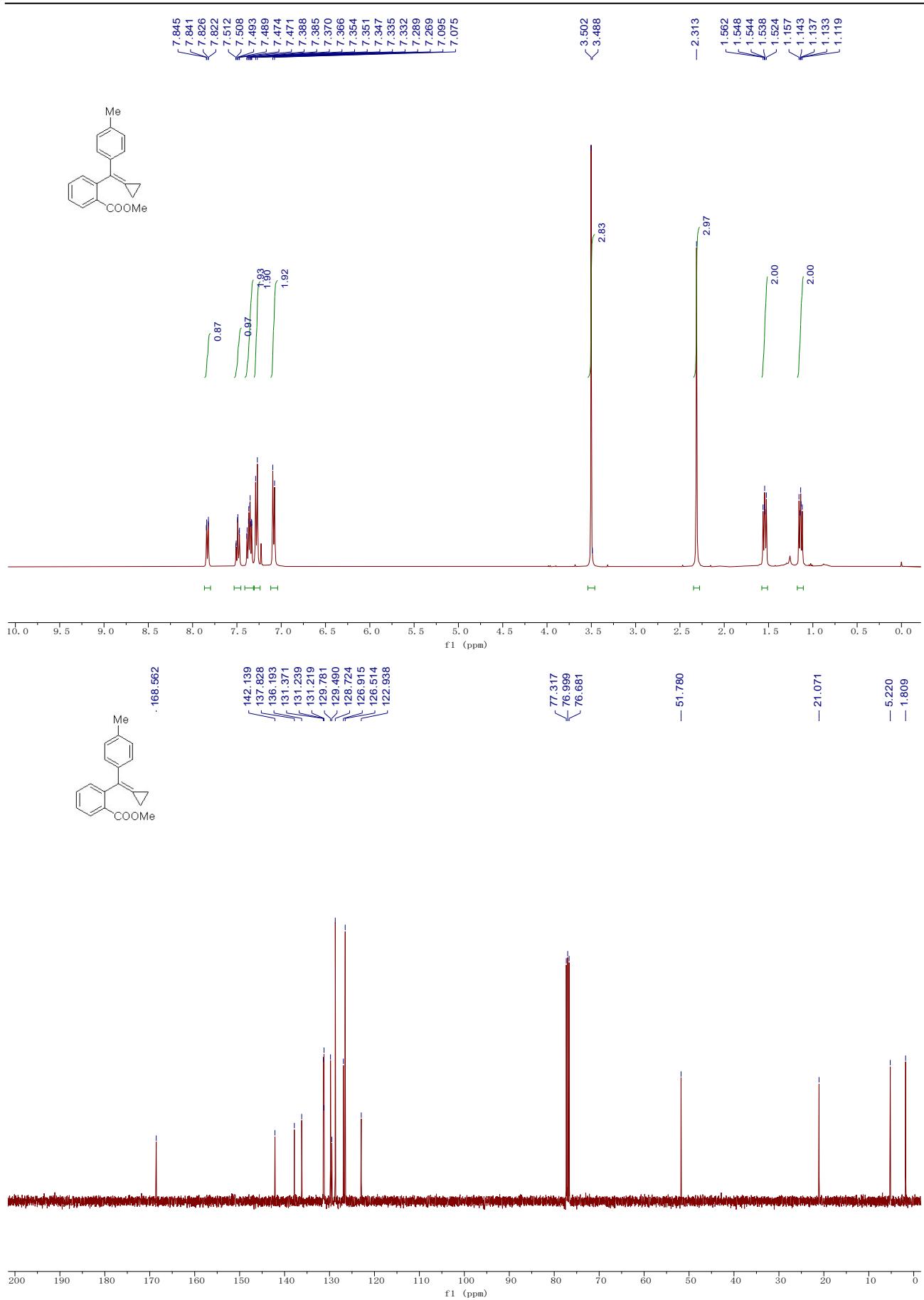


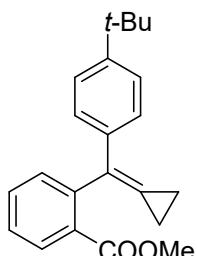
**Compound 1a:** Yield: 0.43 g, 81%; A white solid; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 1.59 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.4, 142.0, 140.6, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 129.8, 129.7, 128.0, 127.0, 126.61, 126.56, 123.9, 51.8, 5.3, 1.9.



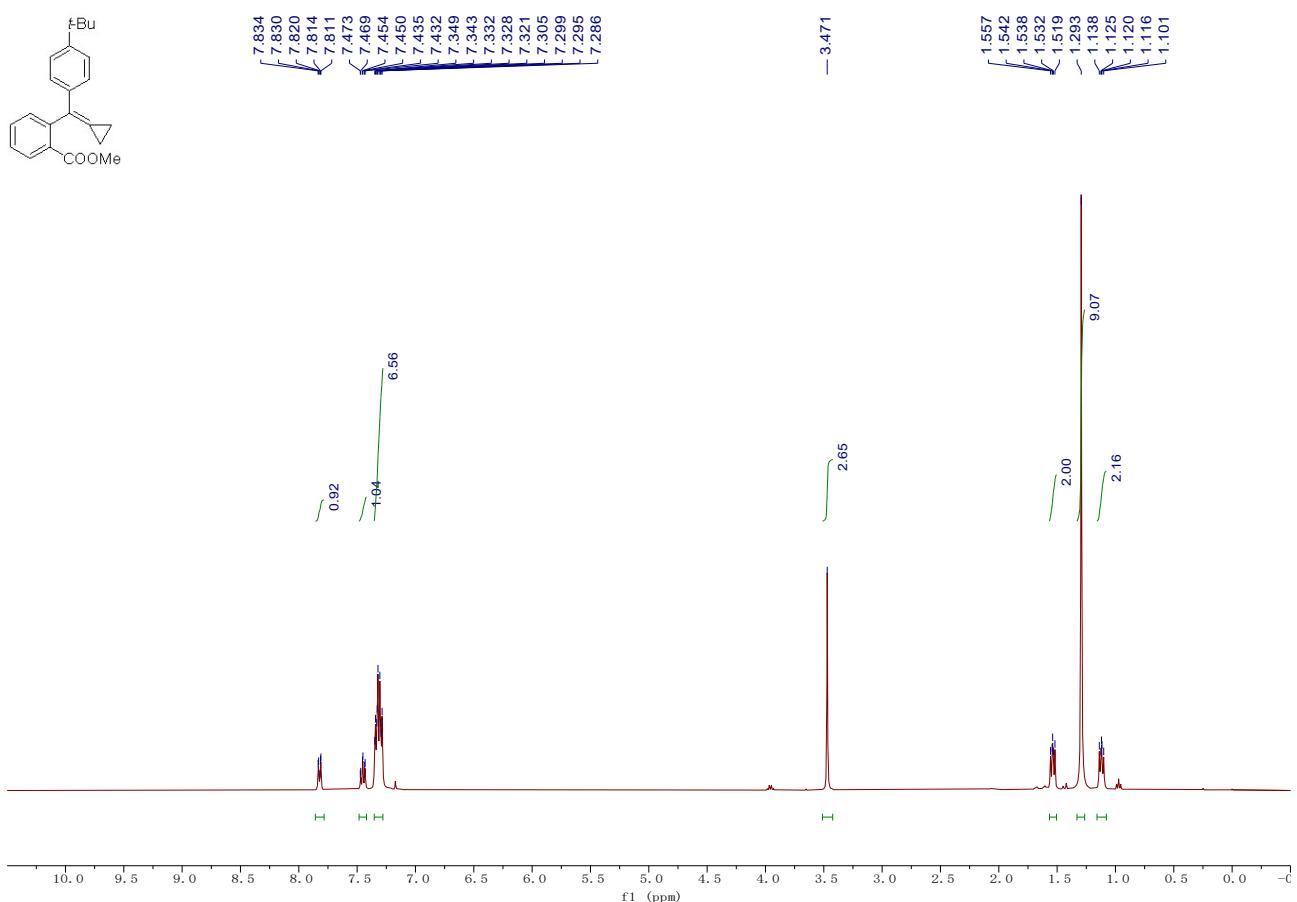


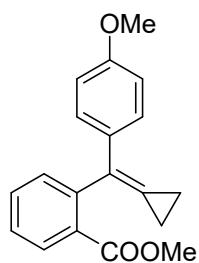
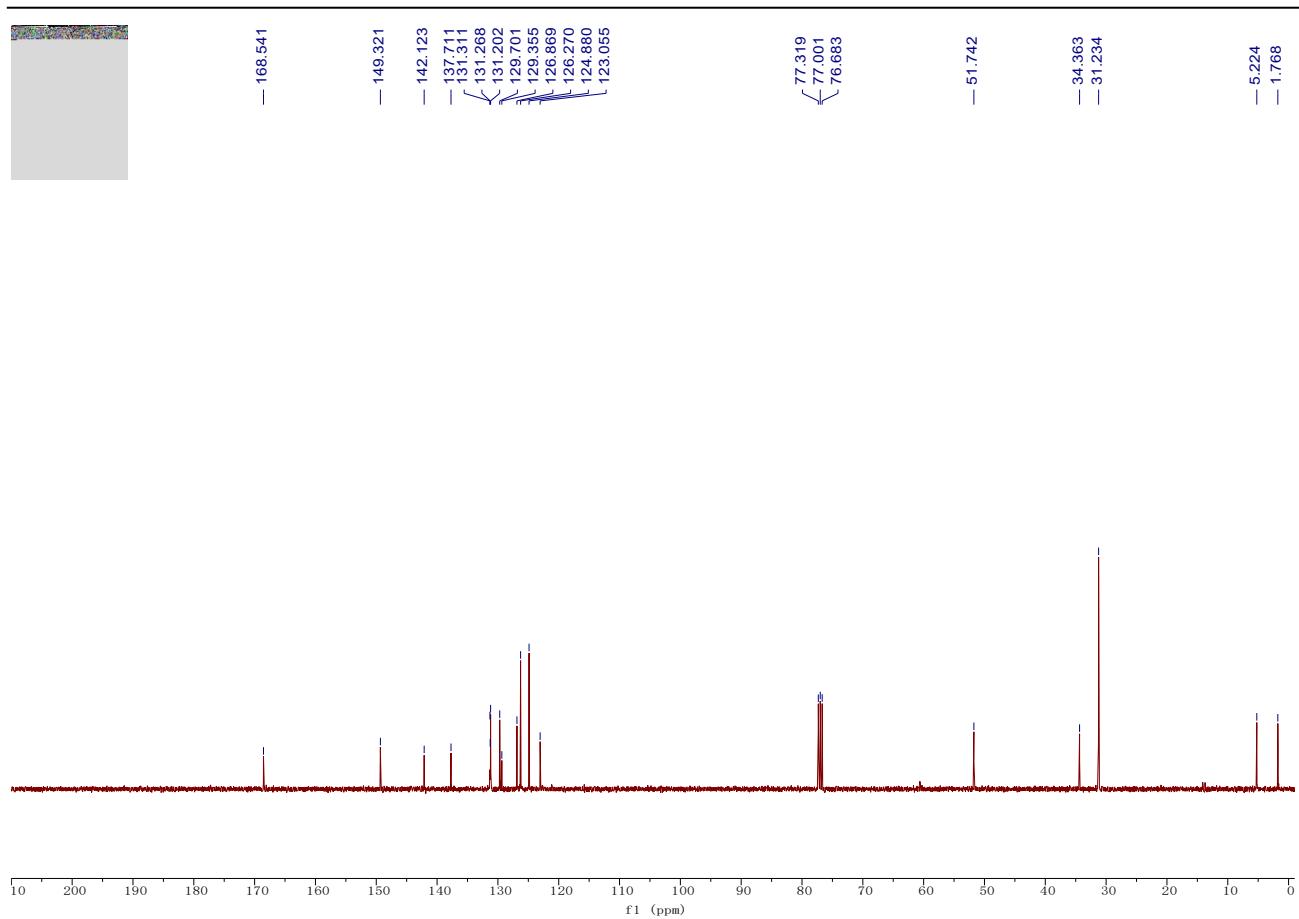
**Compound 1b:** Yield: 0.29 g, 40%; A yellow faint oil; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.11 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.6, 142.1, 137.8, 136.2, 131.4, 131.24, 131.22, 129.8, 129.5, 128.7, 126.9, 126.5, 122.9, 51.8, 21.1, 5.2, 1.8.



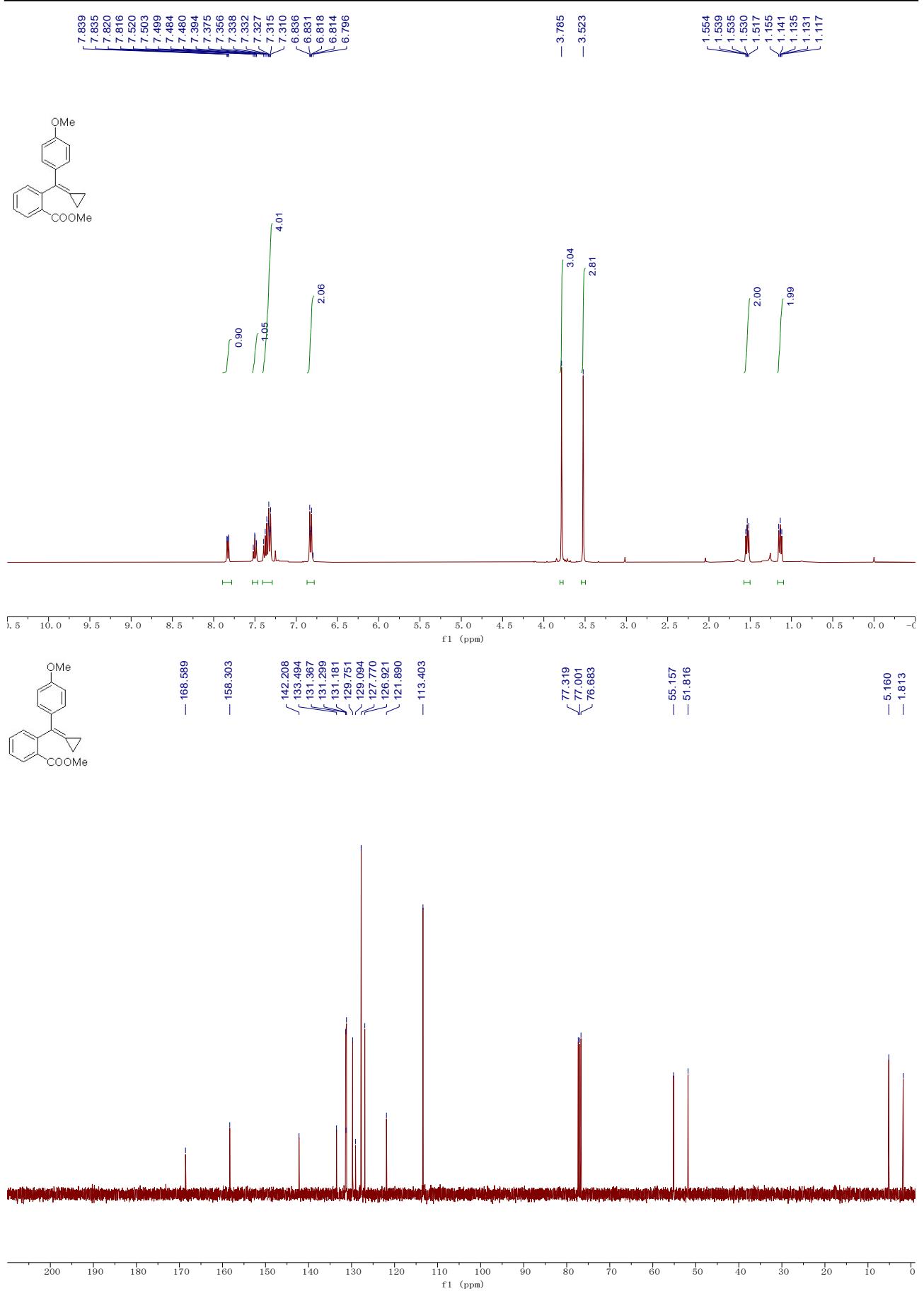


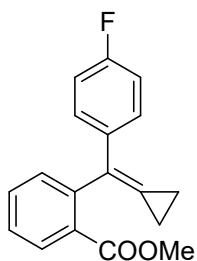
**Compound 1c:** Yield: 0.35 g, 55%; A yellow faint oil; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.86 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.16 – 1.08 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.5, 149.3, 142.1, 137.7, 131.31, 131.27, 131.2, 129.7, 129.4, 126.9, 126.3, 124.9, 123.1, 51.7, 34.4, 31.2, 5.2, 1.8.



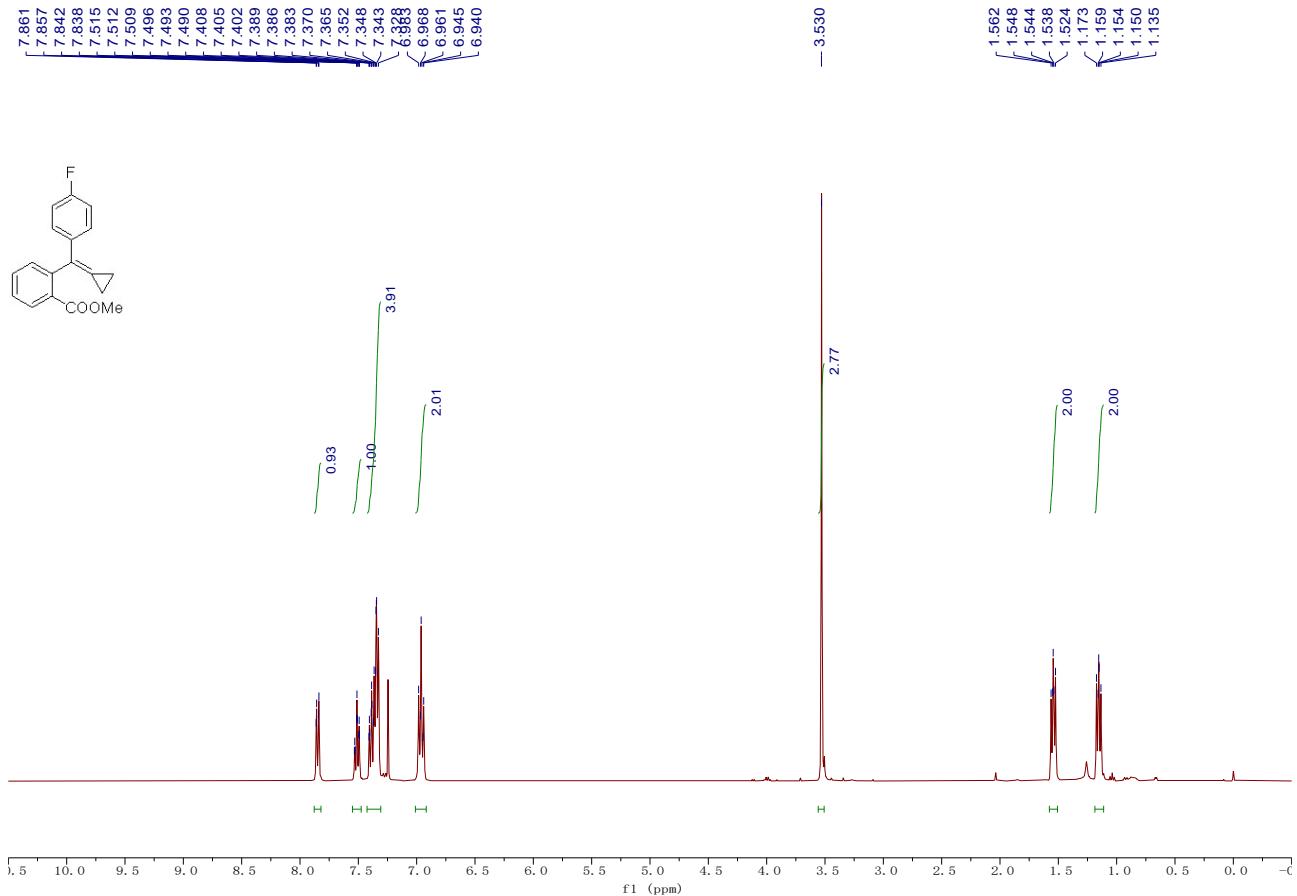


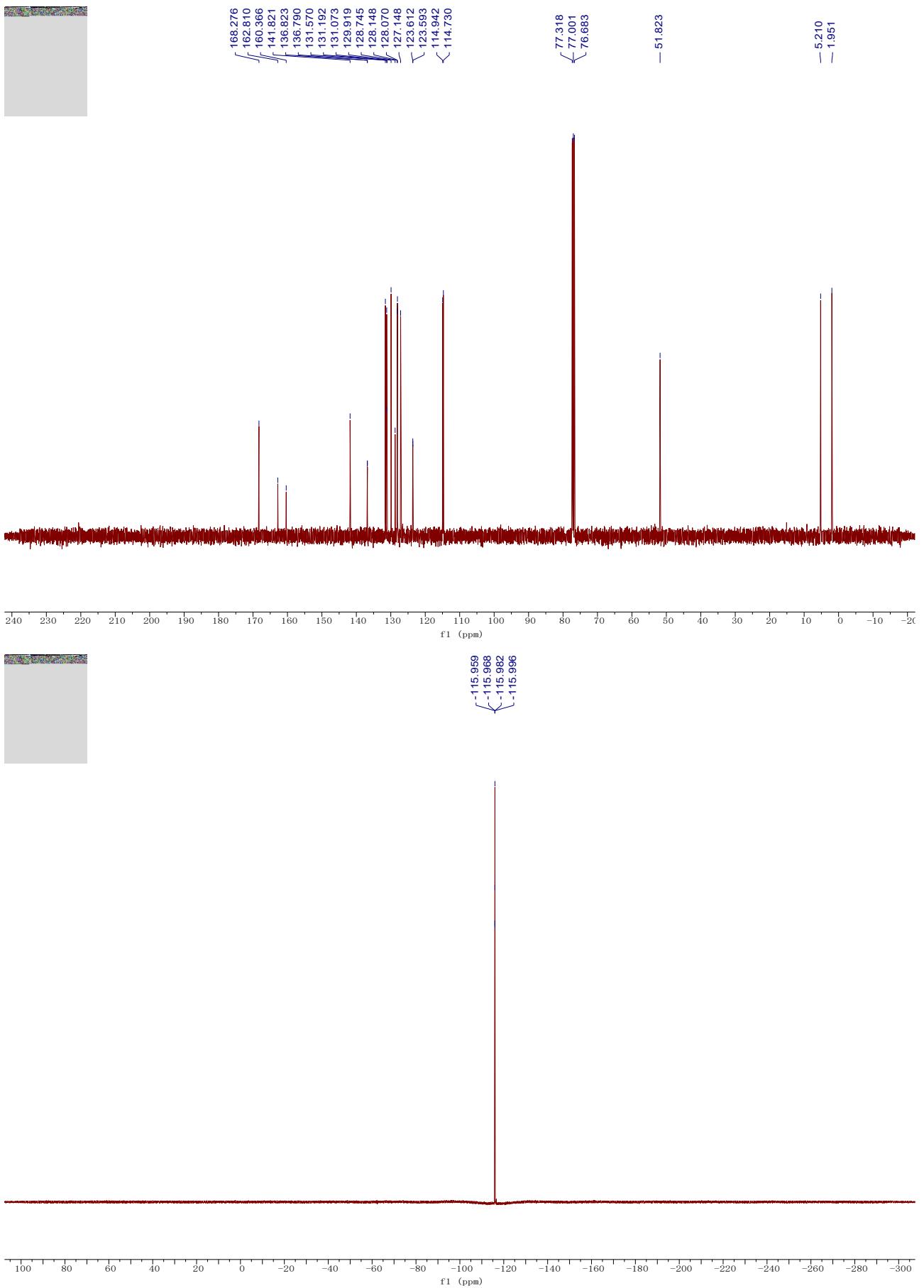
**Compound 1d:** Yield: 0.28 g, 47%; A yellow faint oil; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.17 – 1.10 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.6, 158.3, 142.2, 133.5, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 129.8, 129.1, 127.8, 126.9, 121.9, 113.4, 55.2, 51.8, 5.2, 1.8.

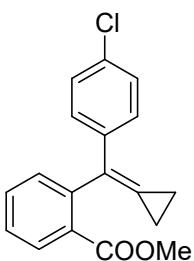




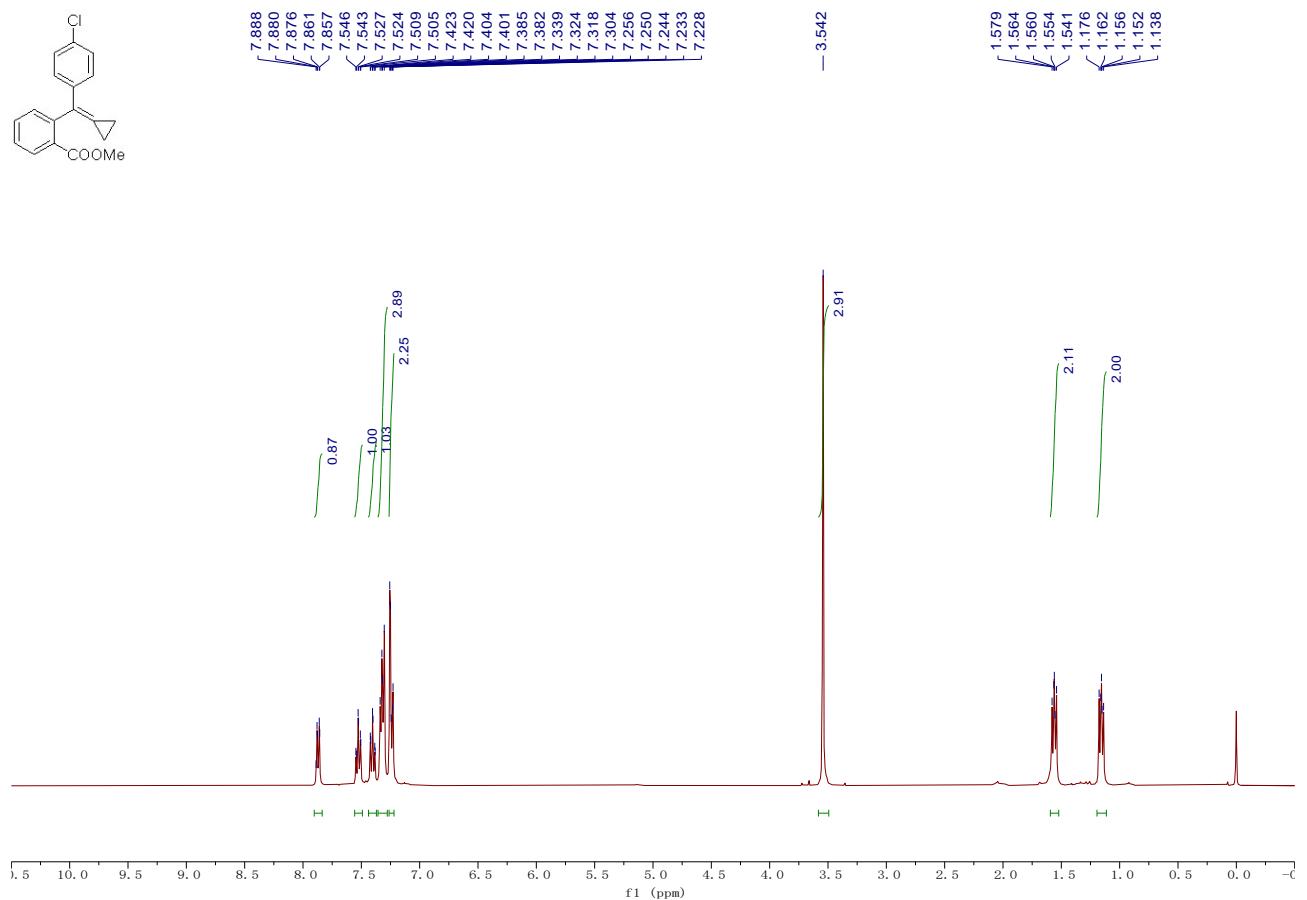
**Compound 1e:** Yield: 0.32 g, 56%; A yellow faint oil; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 100:1,  $R_f$  = 0.2);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.88 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 6.96 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.11 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.3, 161.6 (d,  $J$  = 245.8 Hz), 141.8, 136.8 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz), 131.6, 131.2, 131.1, 129.9, 128.7, 128.1 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 127.1, 123.6 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz), 114.8 (d,  $J$  = 21.4 Hz), 51.8, 5.2, 2.0;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -115.93 – -116.03 (m); IR (neat):  $\nu$  2943, 1723, 1506, 1288, 1251, 1222, 1086, 833, 722  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}_2$  [M-H] $^-$ : 281.0972, found: 281.0975.

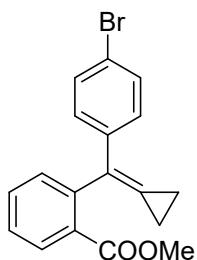
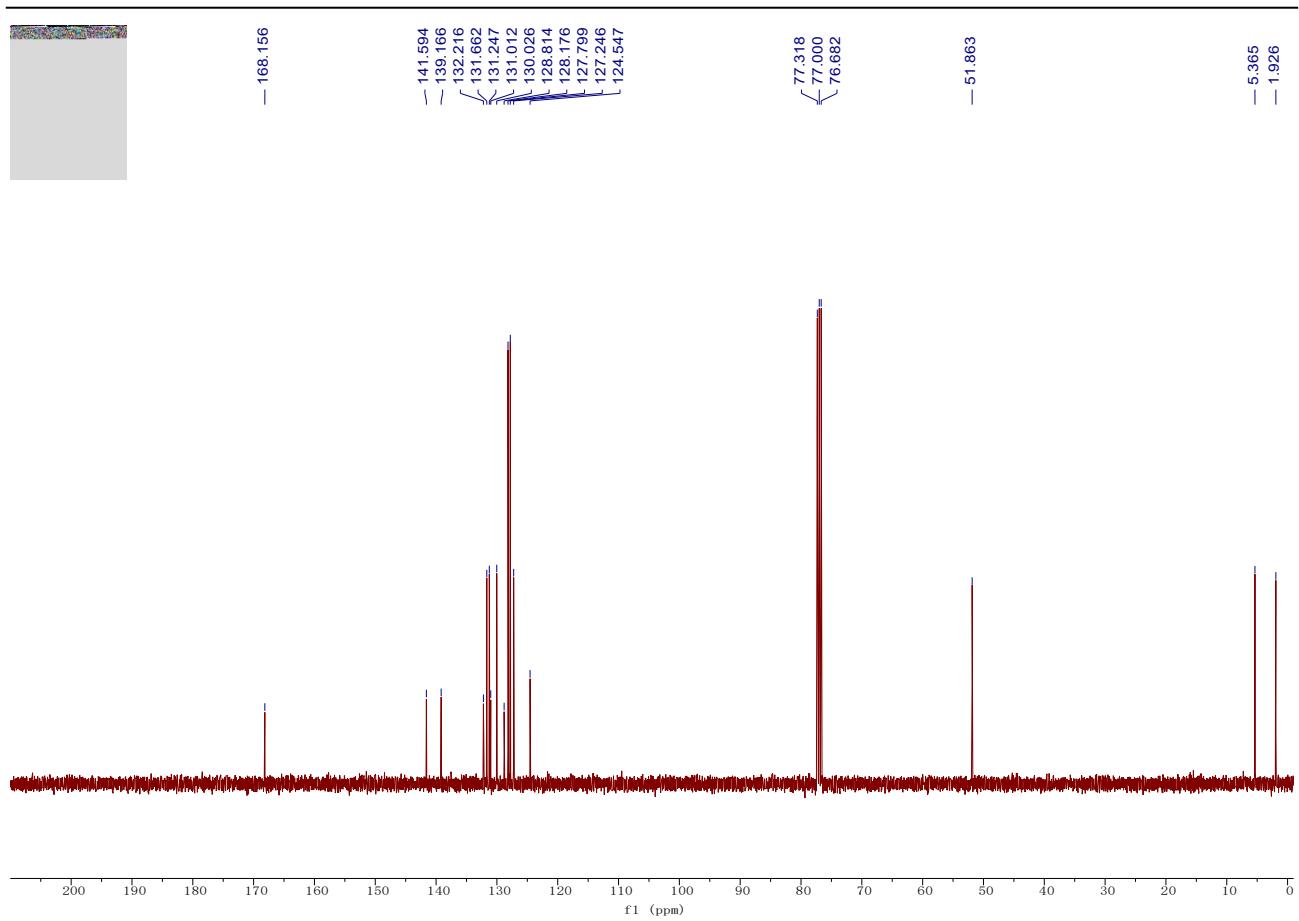




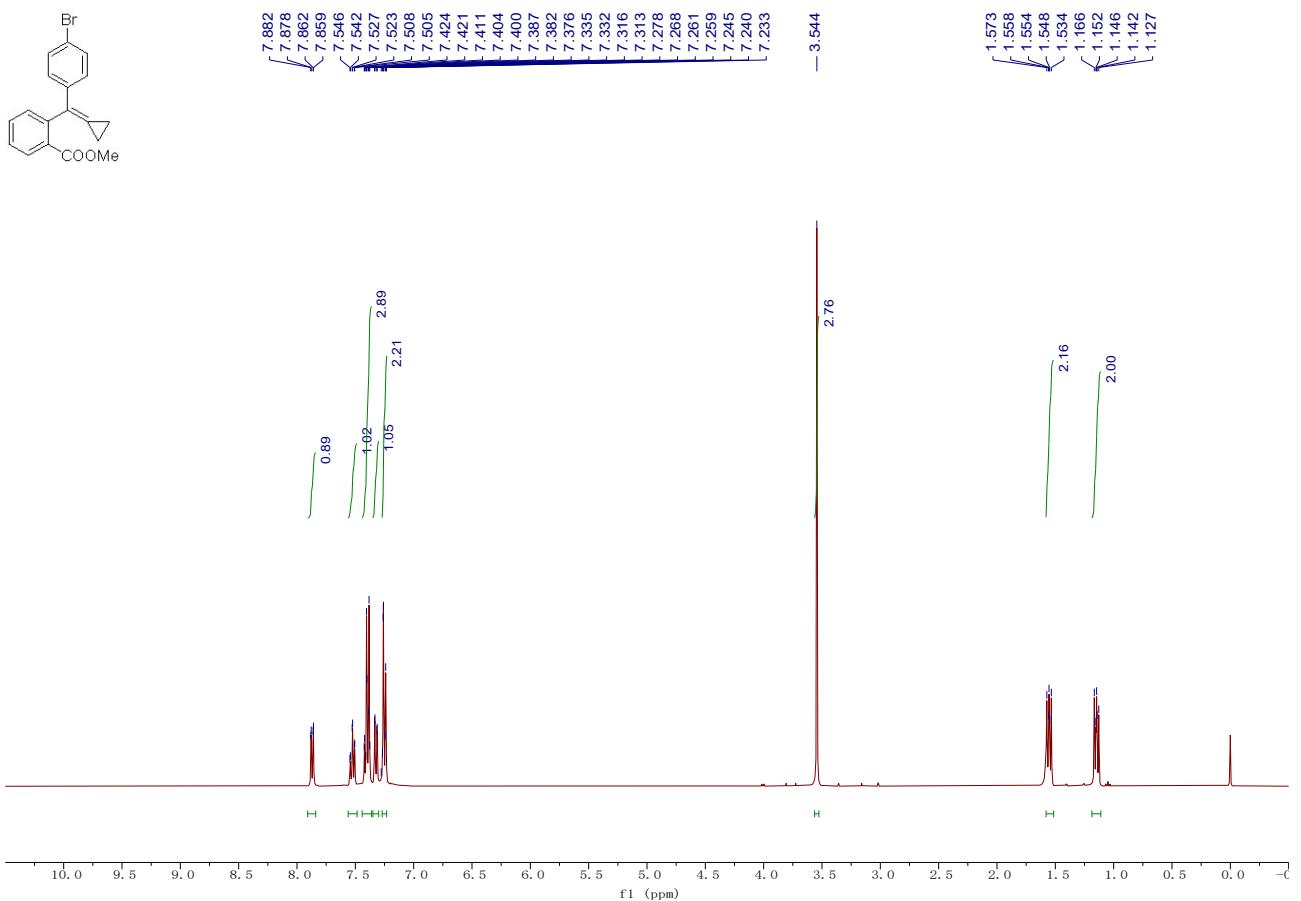


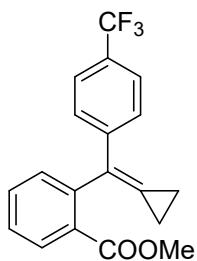
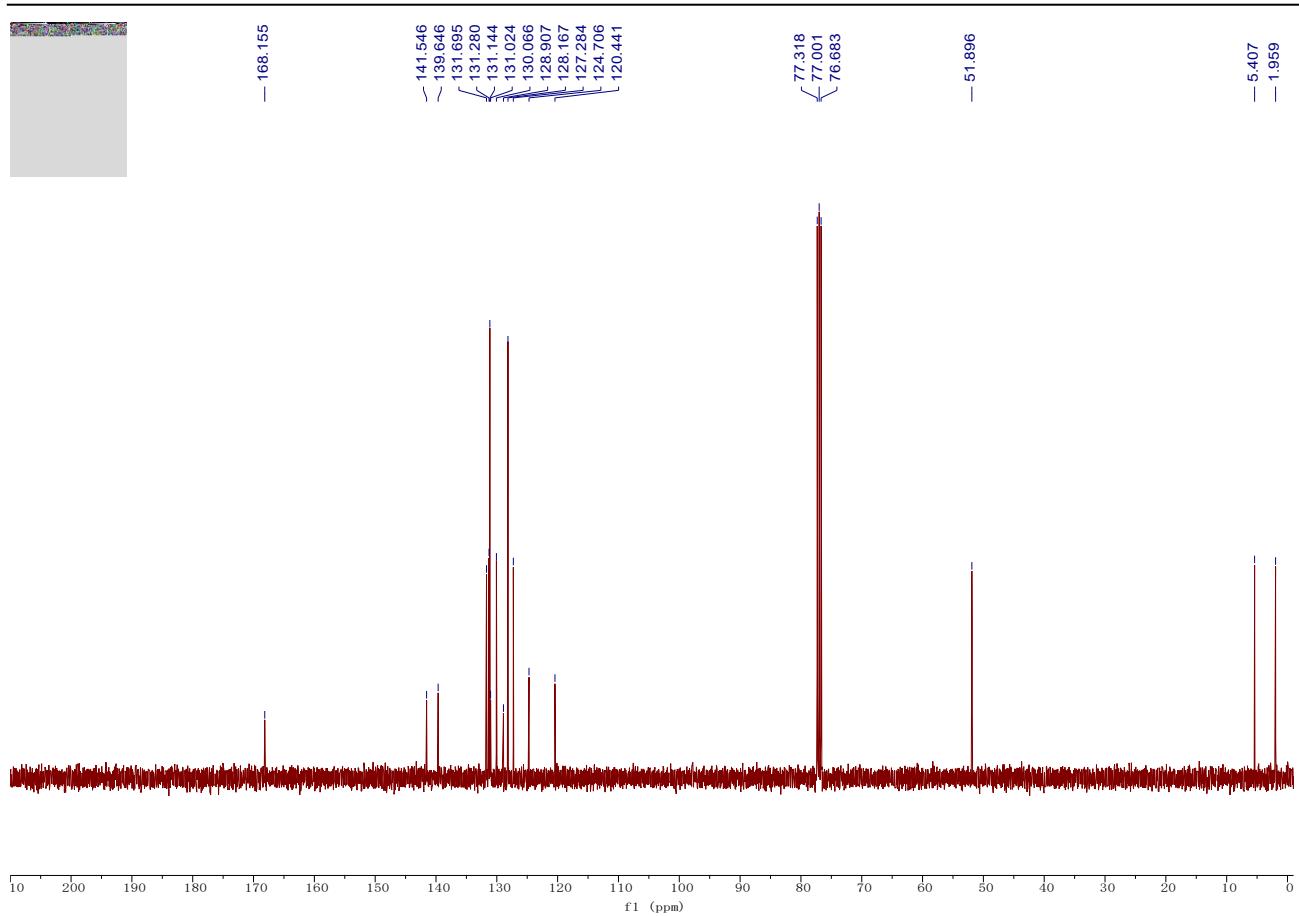
**Compound 1f:** Yield: 0.29 g, 49%; A white solid; Mp: 116 - 118 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 100:1,  $R_f$  = 0.3);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.11 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.2, 141.6, 139.2, 132.2, 131.7, 131.2, 131.0, 130.0, 128.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 124.5, 51.9, 5.4, 1.9; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2943, 1707, 1292, 1122, 1089, 818, 759 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub> [M-H]<sup>-</sup>: 297.0677, found: 297.0676.



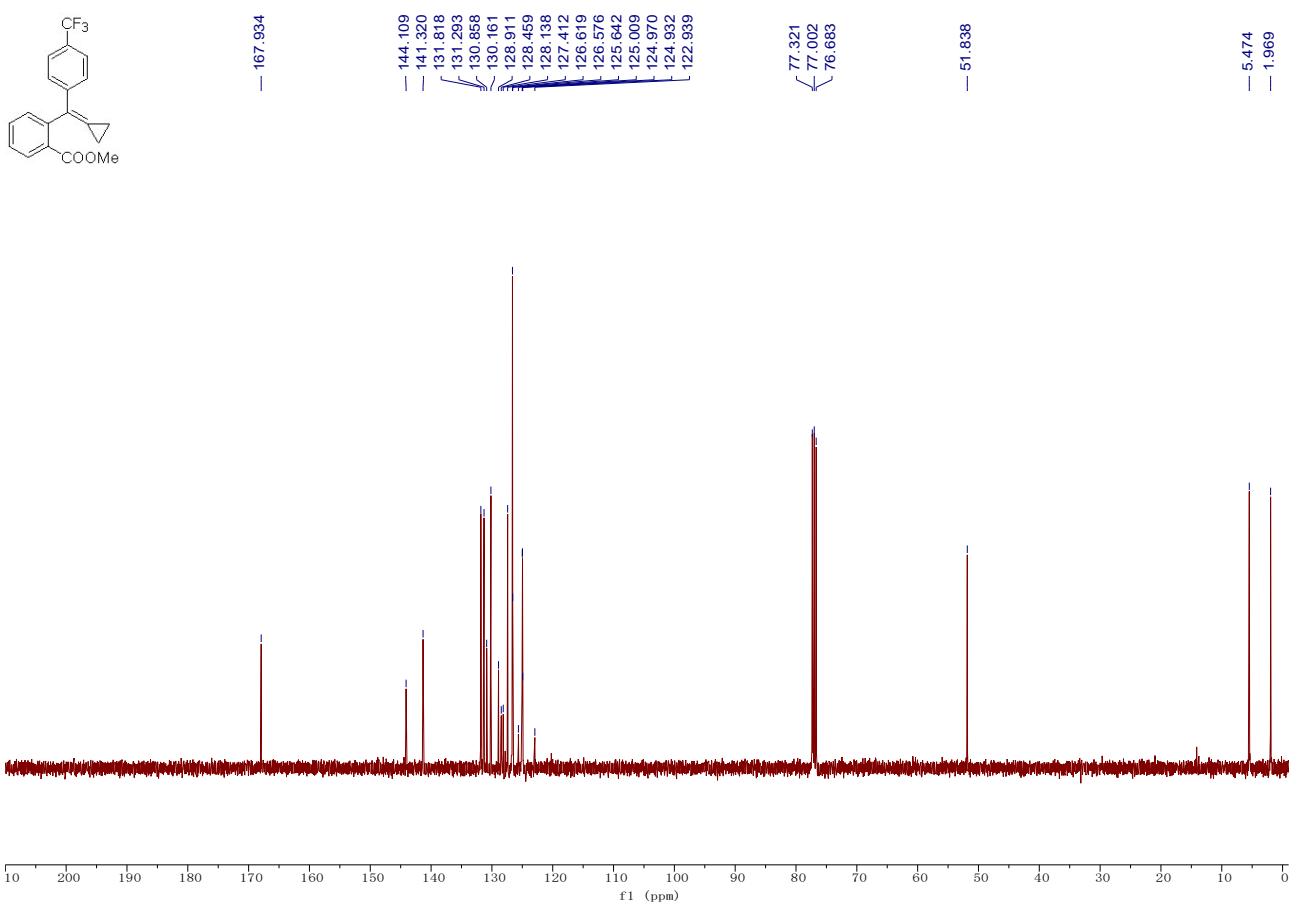
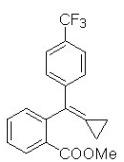
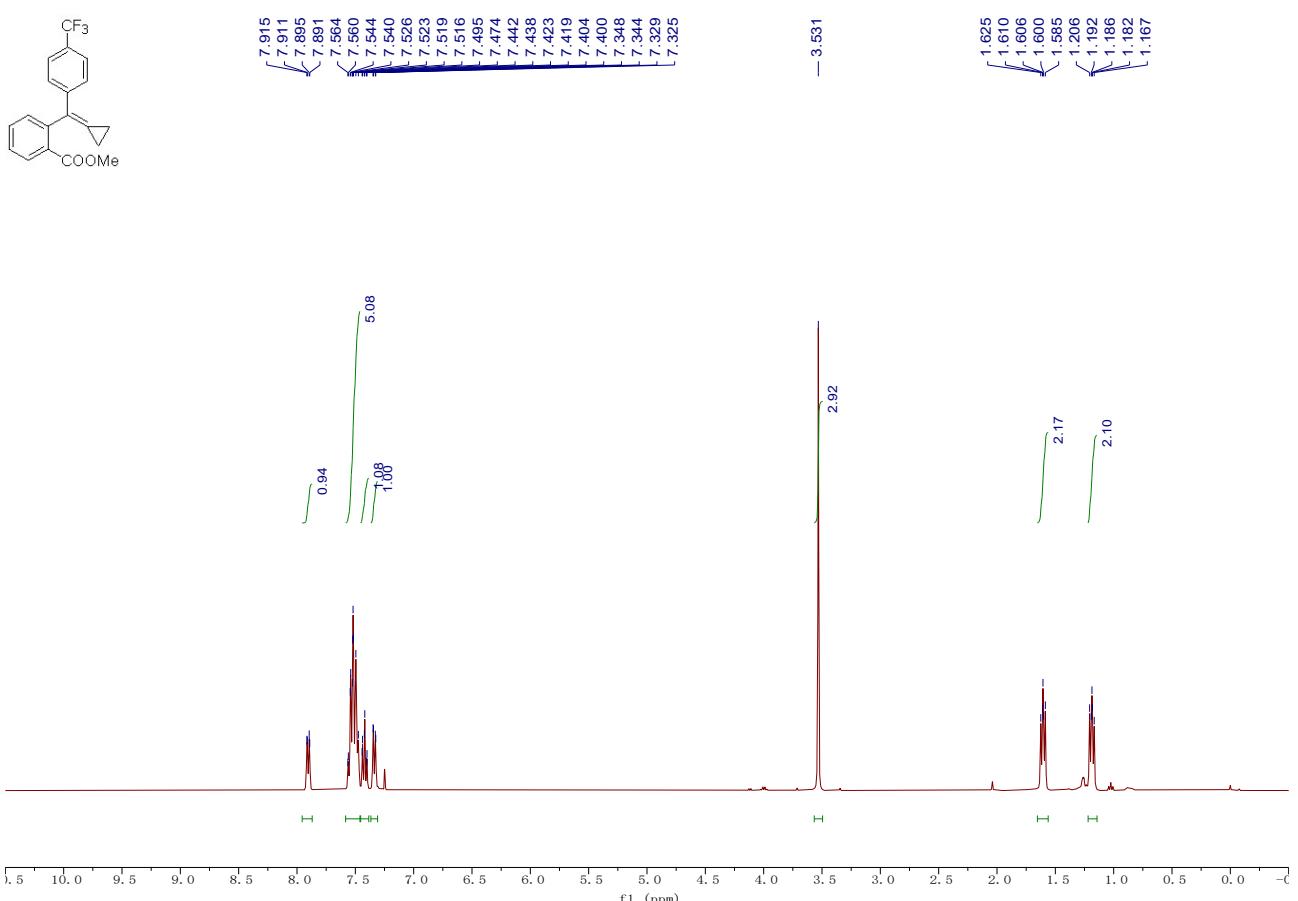
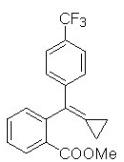


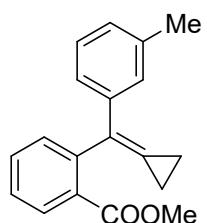
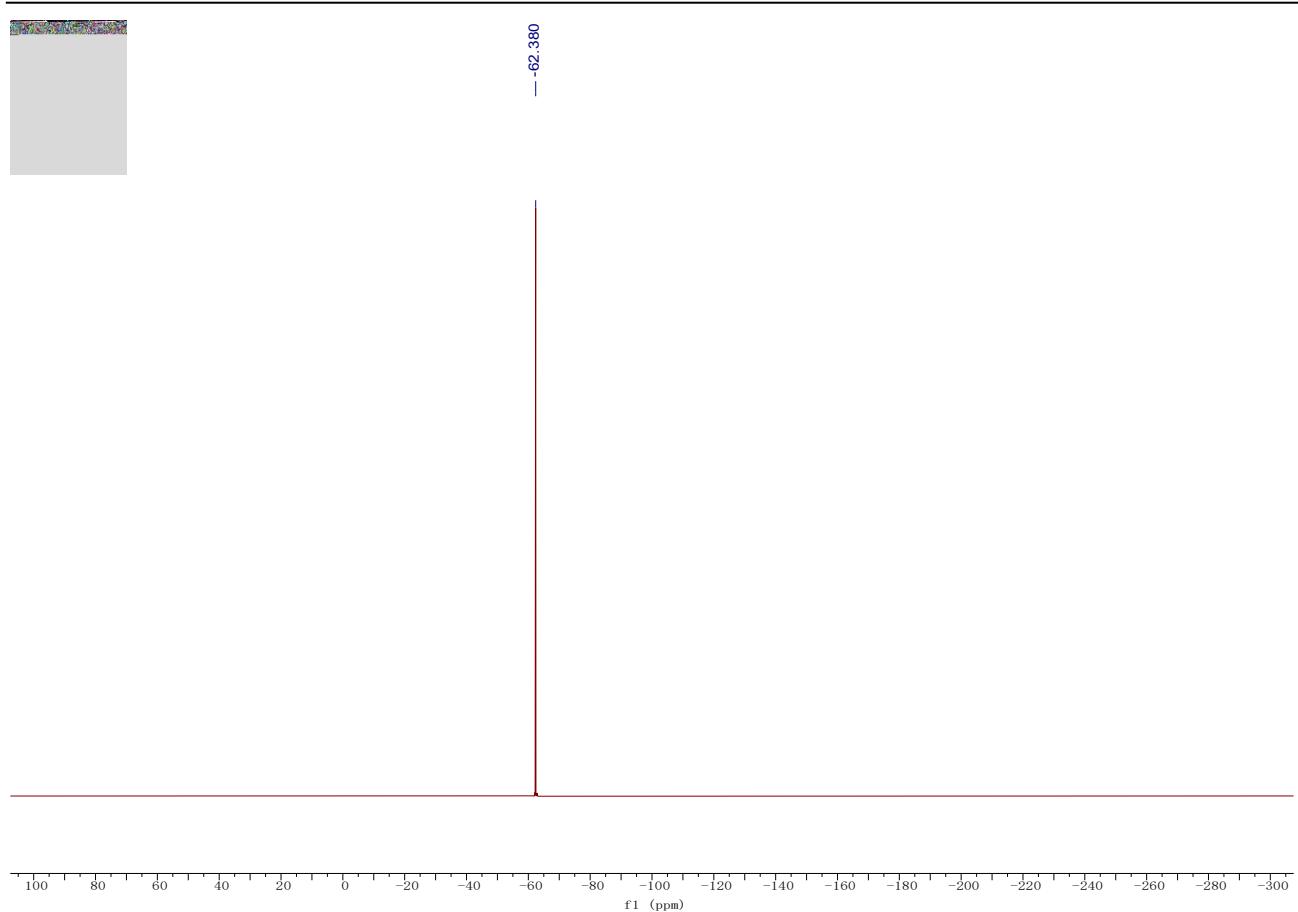
**Compound 1g:** Yield: 0.52 g, 76%; A white solid; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.11 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.2, 141.5, 139.6, 131.7, 131.3, 131.1, 131.0, 130.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.3, 124.7, 120.4, 51.9, 5.4, 2.0.



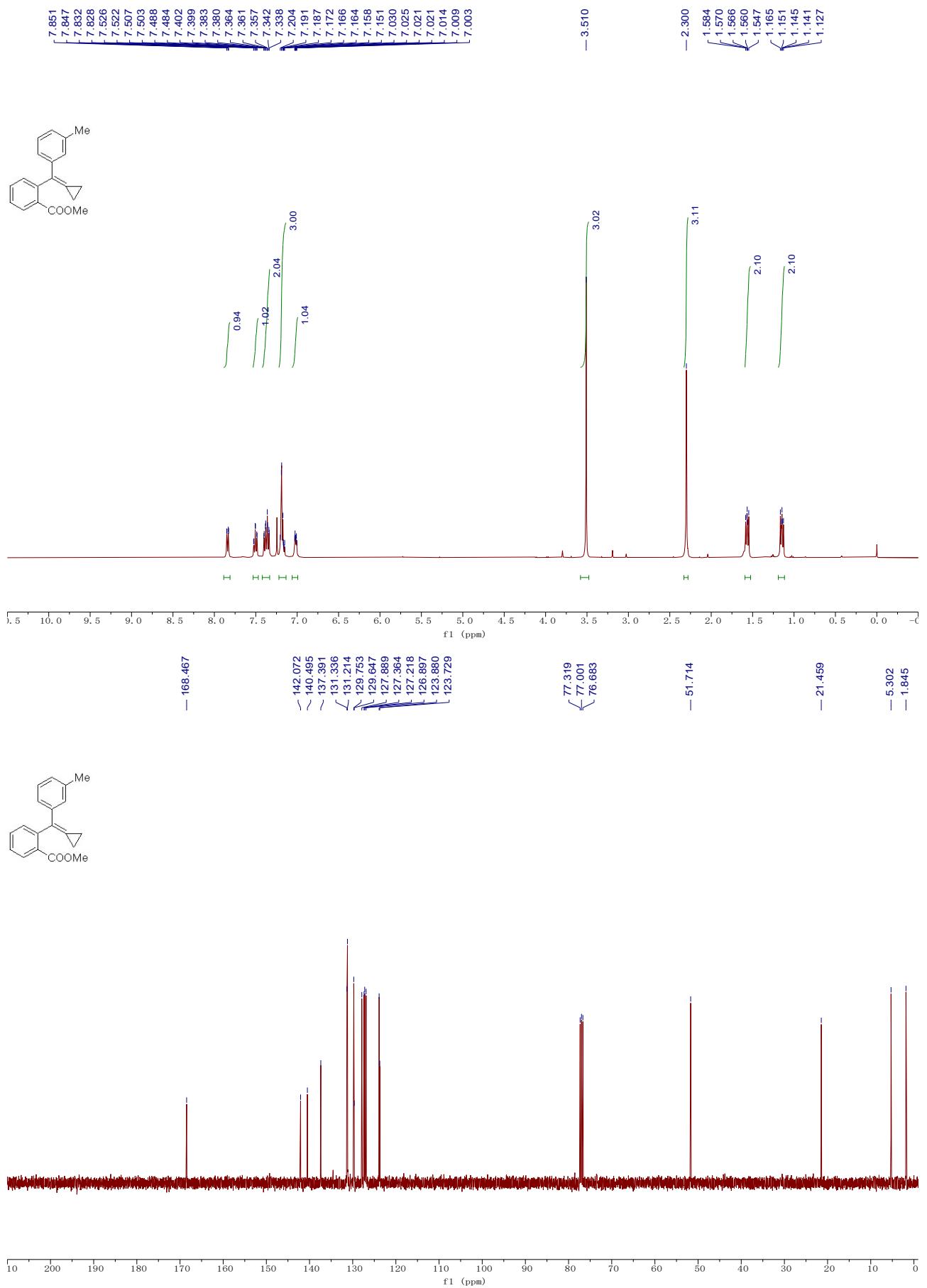


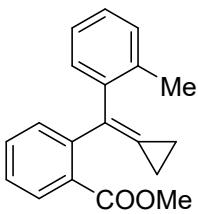
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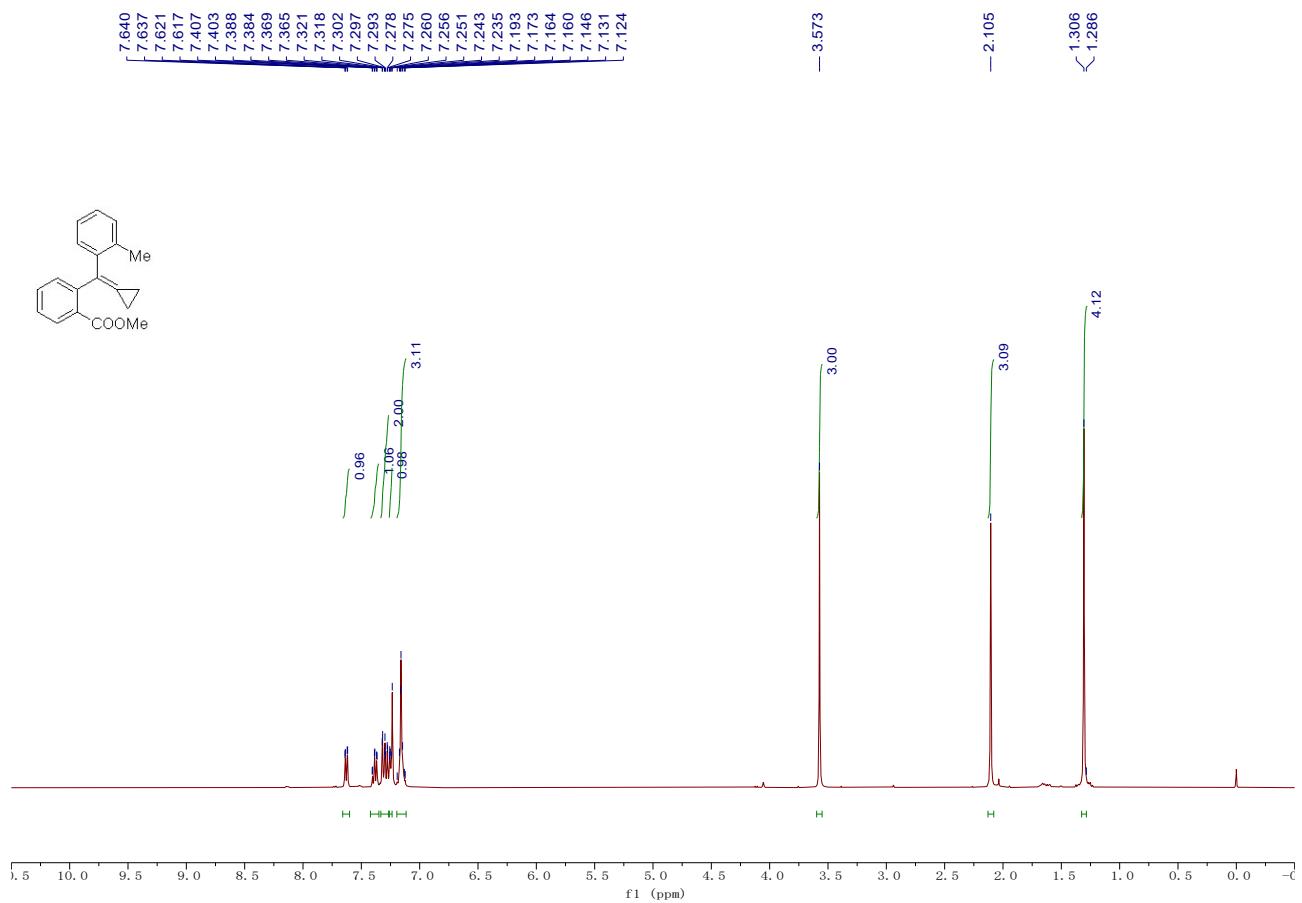


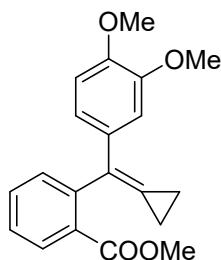
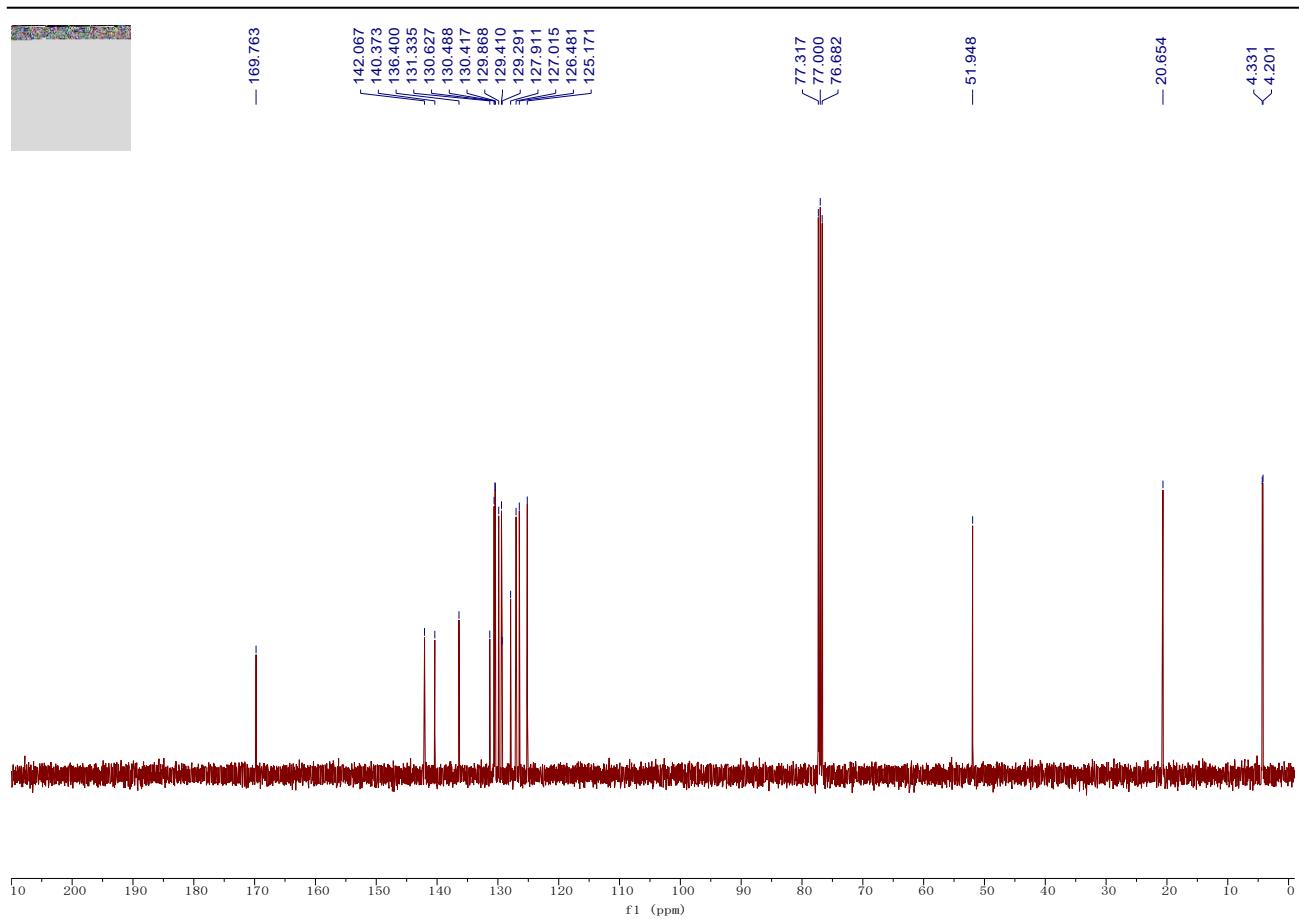
**Compound 1i:** Yield: 0.33 g, 59%; A yellow faint oil; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.59 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 168.5, 142.1, 140.5, 137.4, 131.3, 131.2, 129.8, 129.6, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 123.9, 123.7, 51.7, 21.5, 5.3, 1.8.



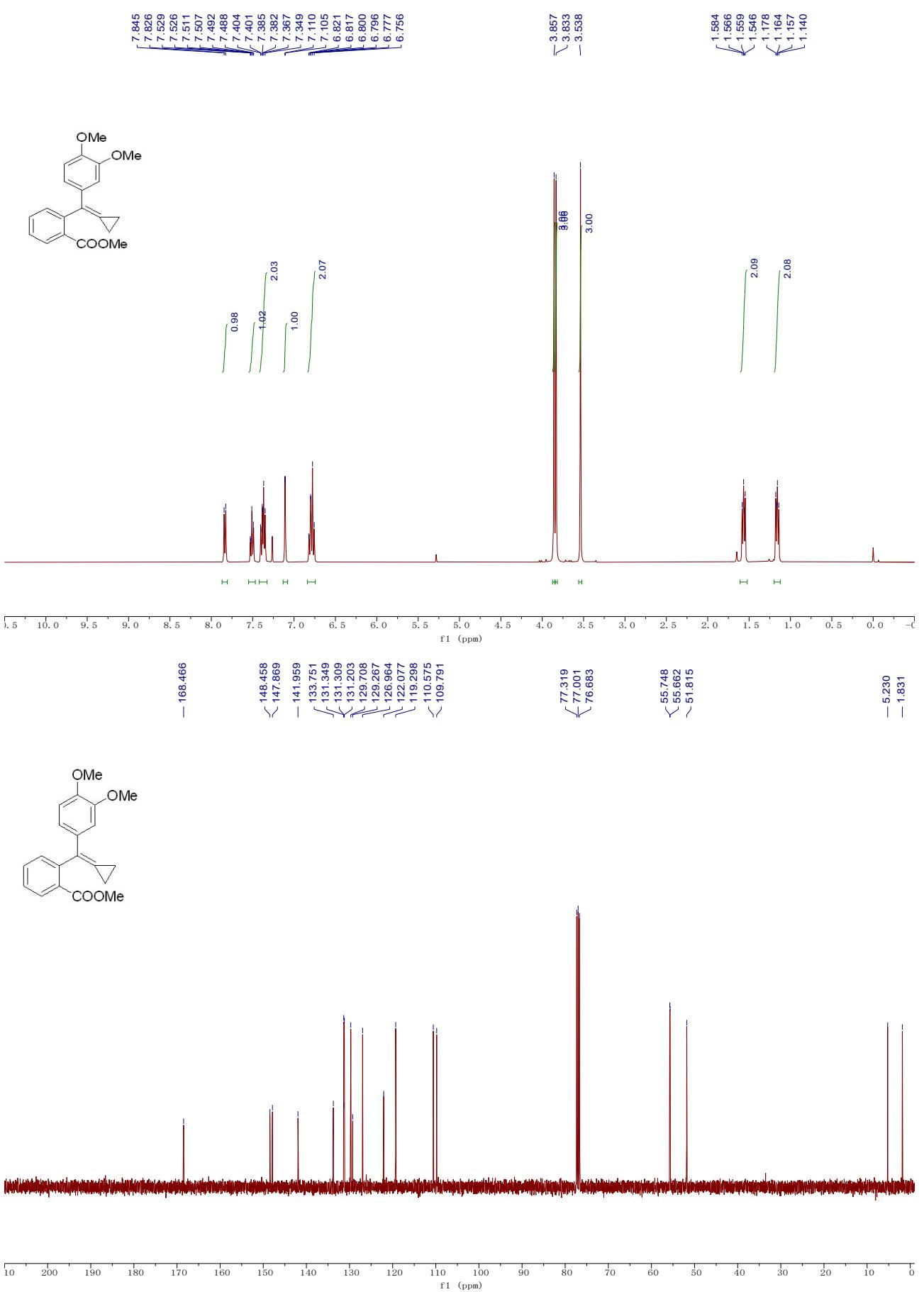


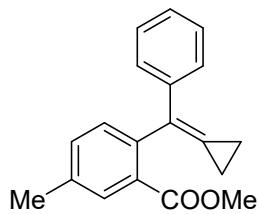
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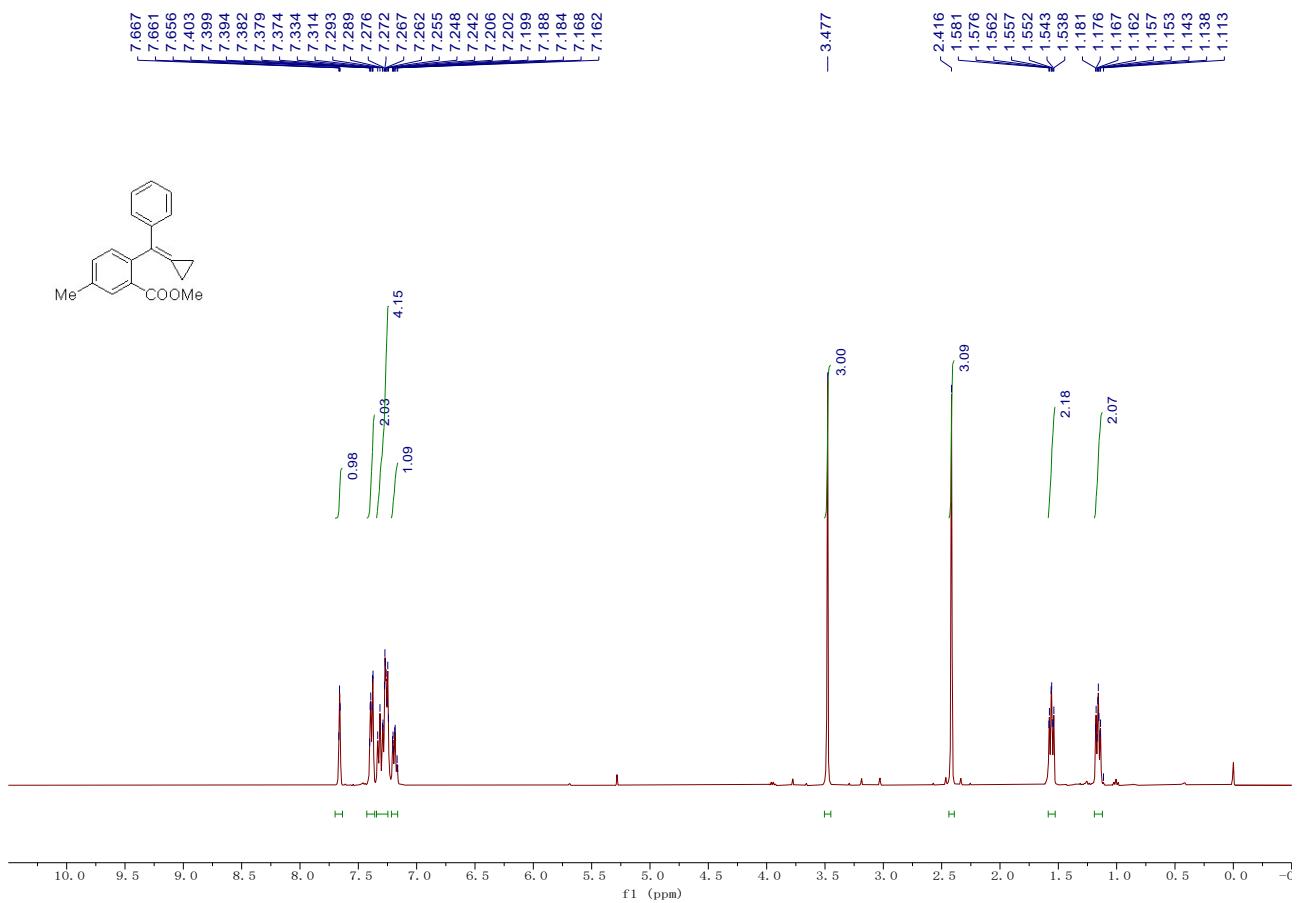


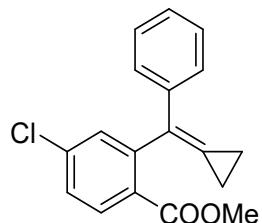
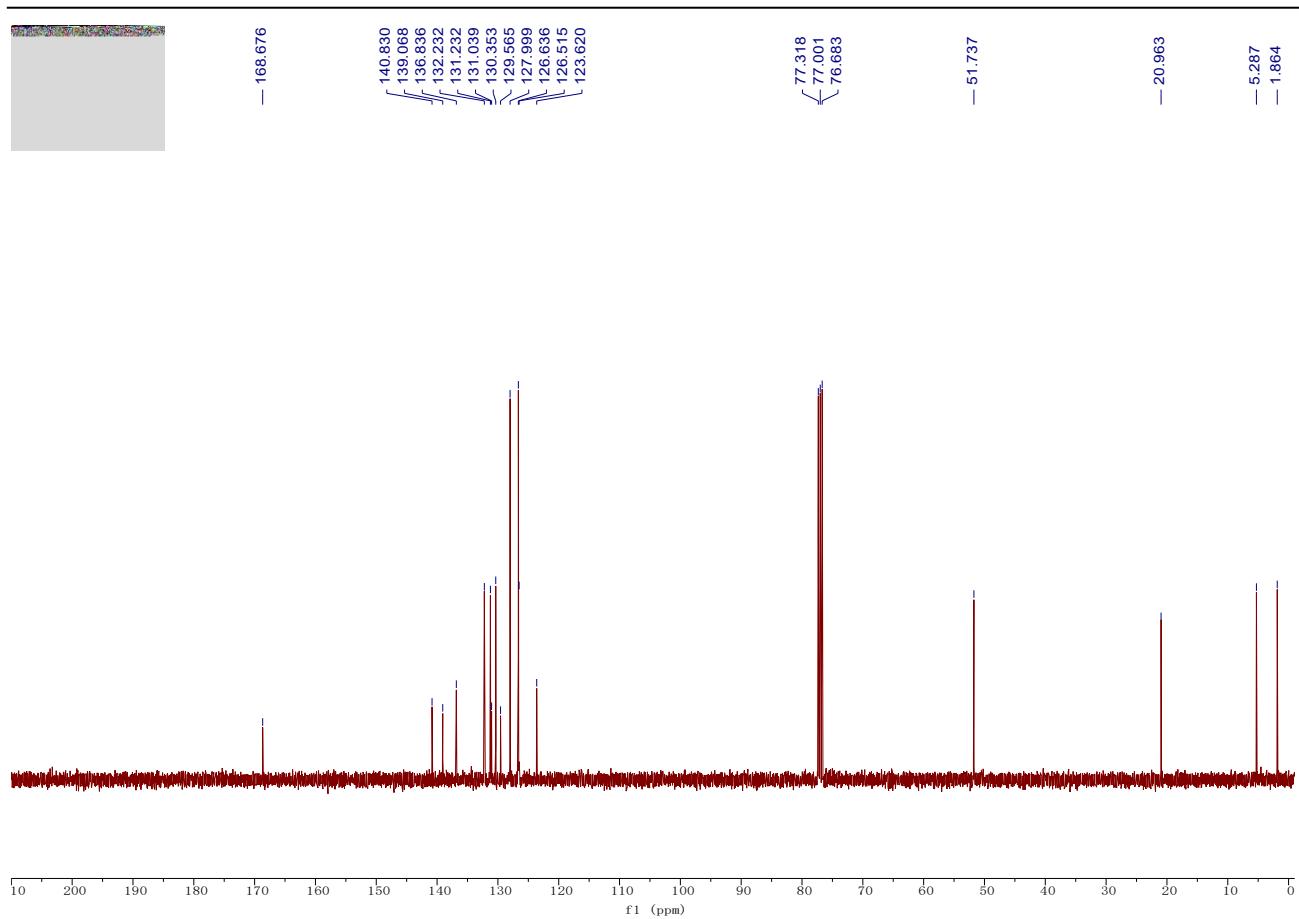
**Compound 1k:** Yield: 0.43 g, 67%; A white solid; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.84 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.84 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 1.61 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.5, 148.5, 147.9, 142.0, 133.8, 131.35, 131.31, 131.2, 129.7, 129.3, 127.0, 122.1, 119.3, 110.6, 109.8, 55.75, 55.66, 51.8, 5.2, 1.8.



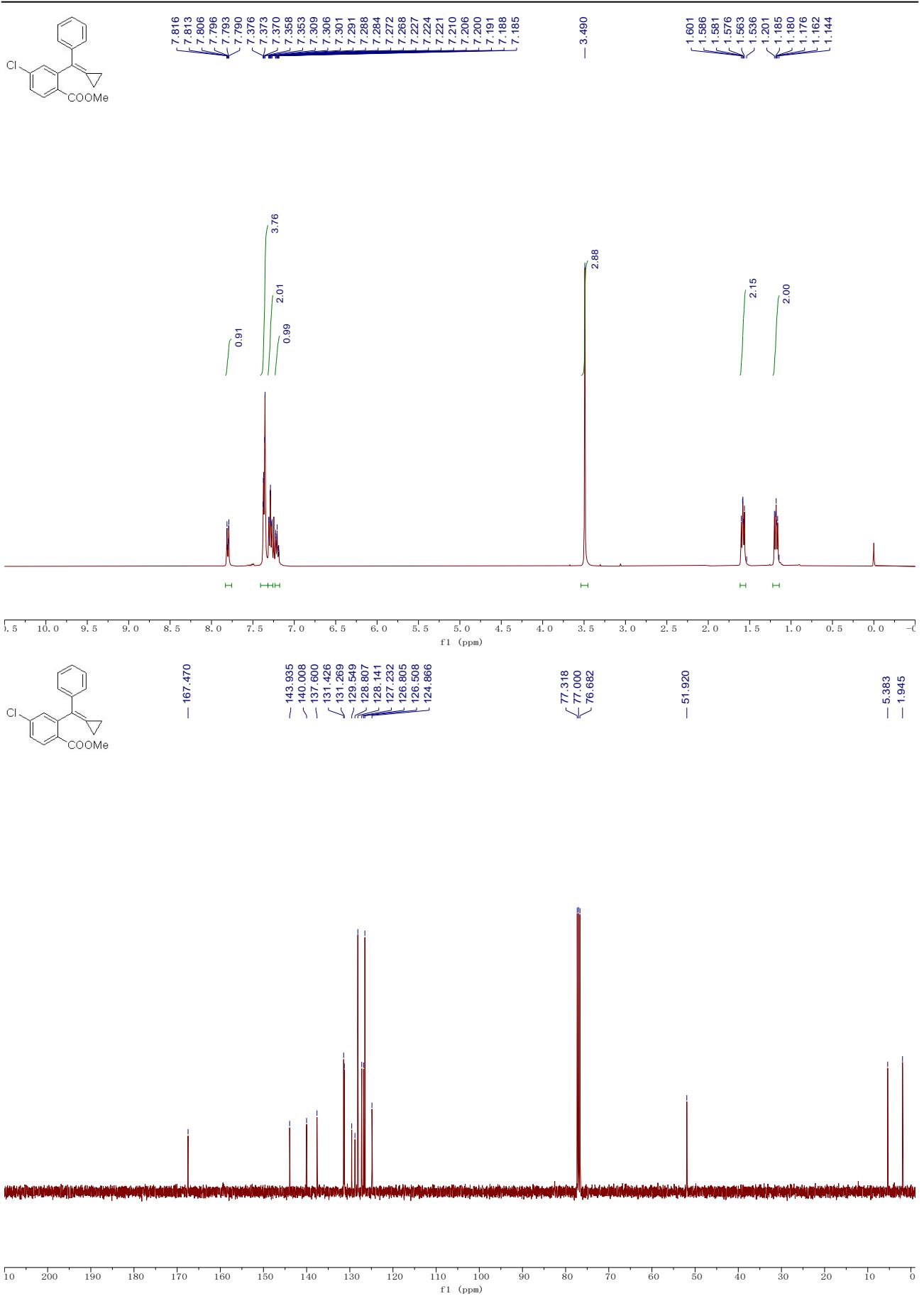


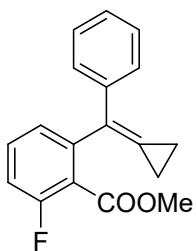
**Compound 1l:** Yield: 0.43 g, 77%; A white solid; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.66 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.7, 140.8, 139.1, 136.8, 132.2, 131.2, 131.0, 130.4, 129.6, 128.0, 126.6, 126.5, 123.6, 51.7, 21.0, 5.3, 1.9.



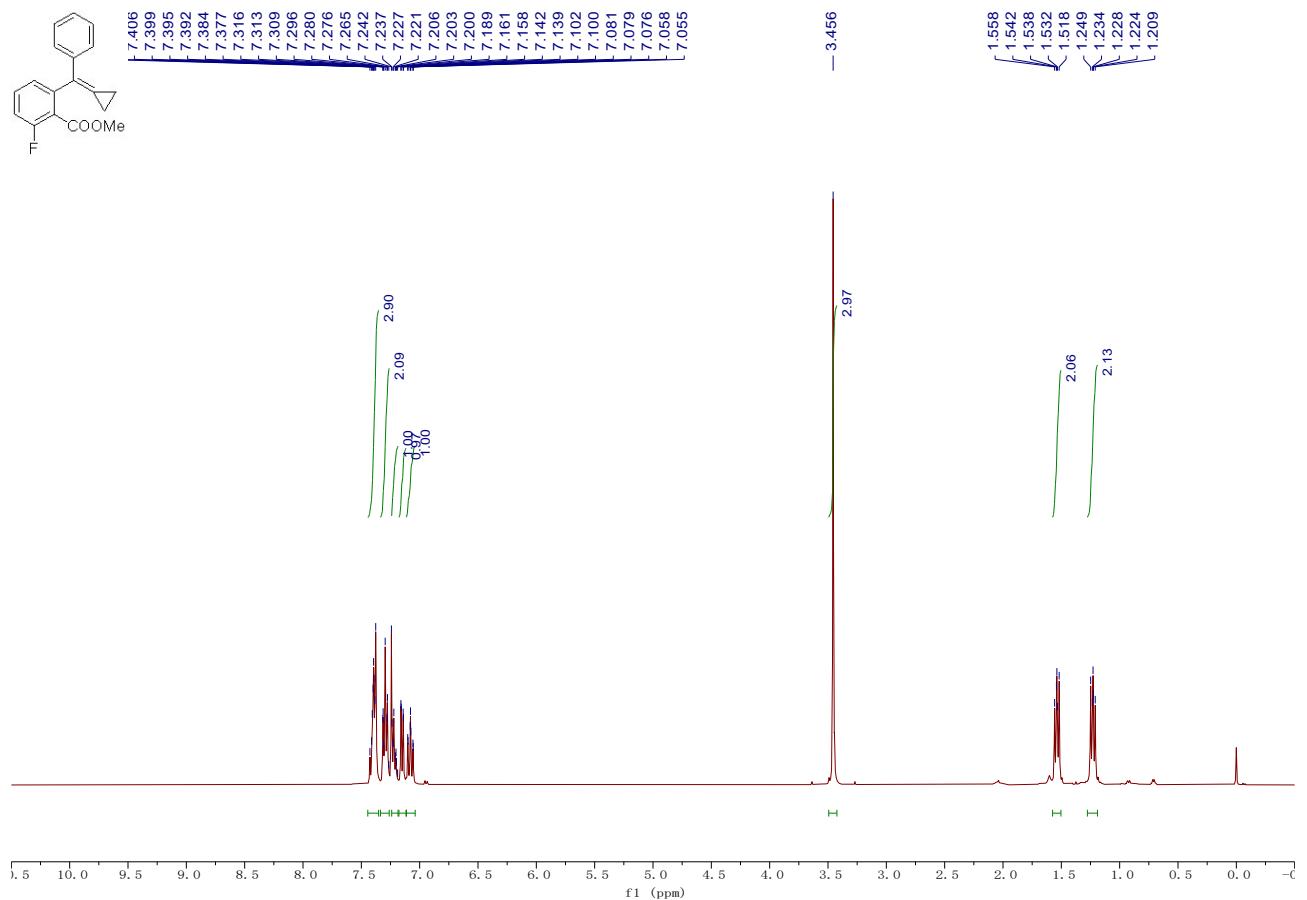


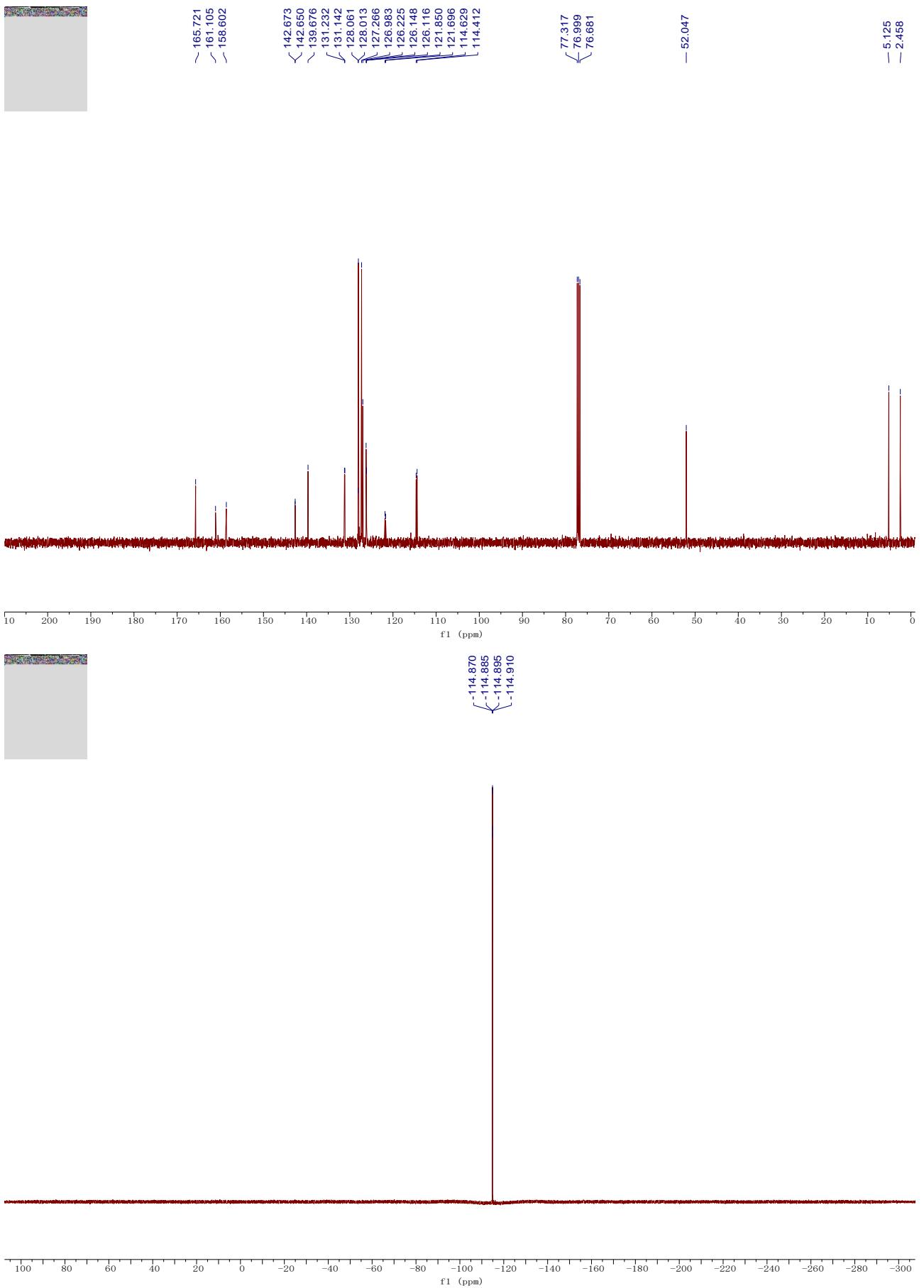
**Compound 1m:** Yield: 0.27 g, 45%; A yellow faint oil; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.22 – 1.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 167.5, 143.9, 140.0, 137.6, 131.4, 131.3, 129.5, 128.8, 128.1, 127.2, 126.8, 126.5, 124.9, 51.9, 5.4, 1.9.

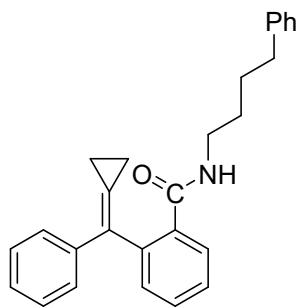




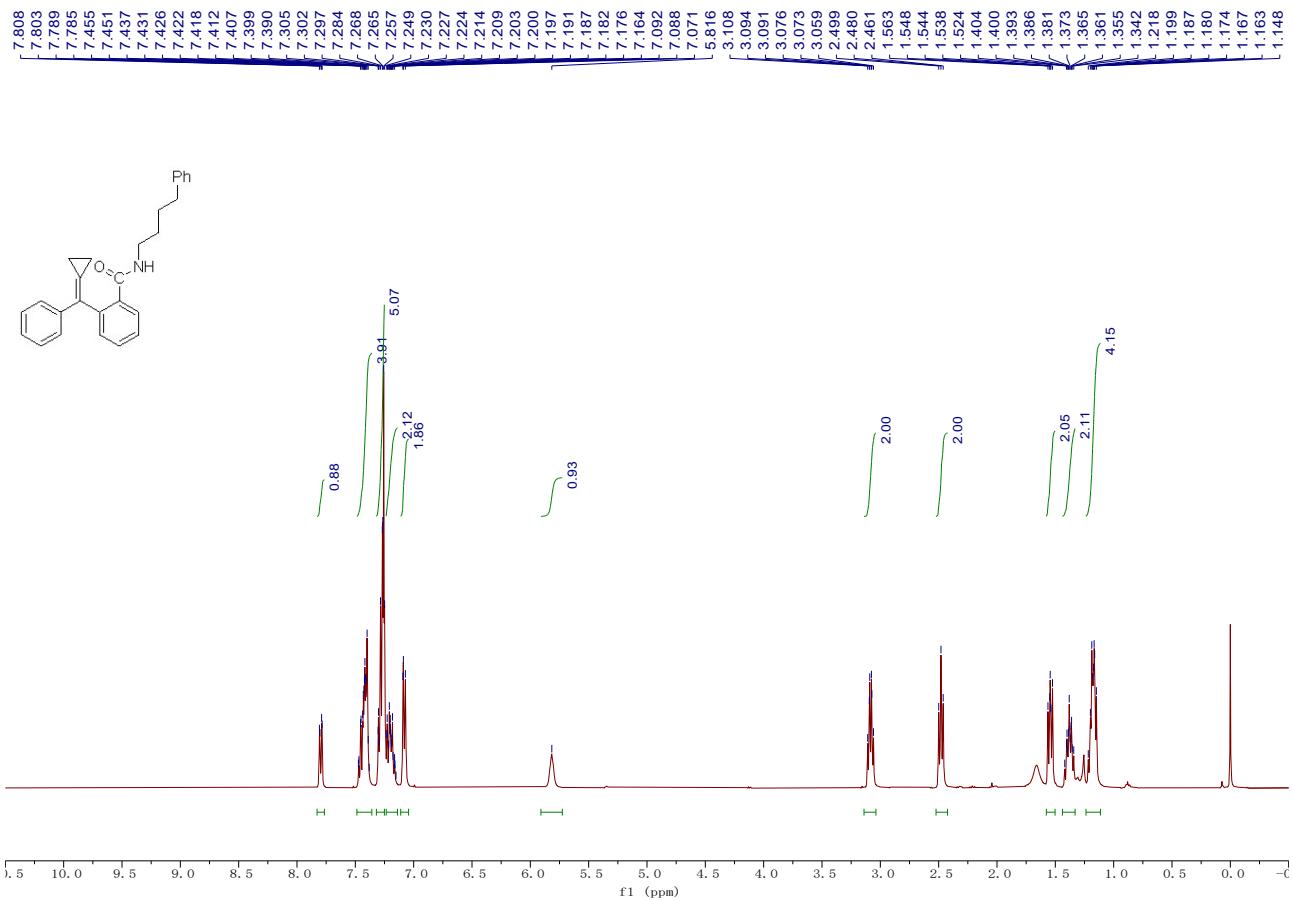
**Compound 1n:** Yield: 0.32 g, 57%; A white solid; this is a known compound;<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.19 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.7, 159.9 (d, *J* = 251.7 Hz), 142.7 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 139.7, 131.2 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 127.0, 126.2, 126.1 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 121.8 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz), 114.5 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz), 52.0, 5.1, 2.5; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -114.85 – -114.93 (m).

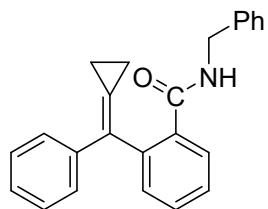
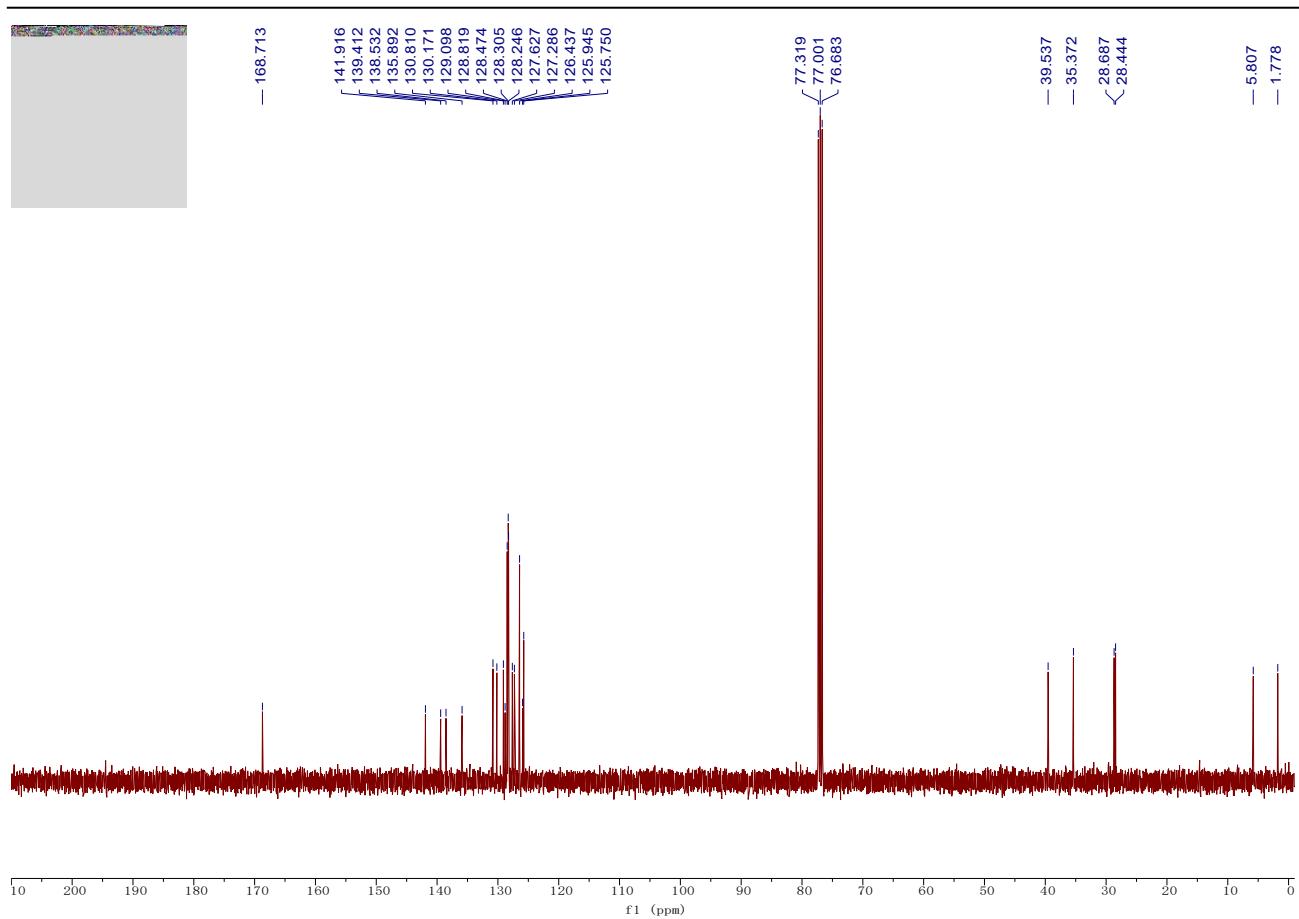




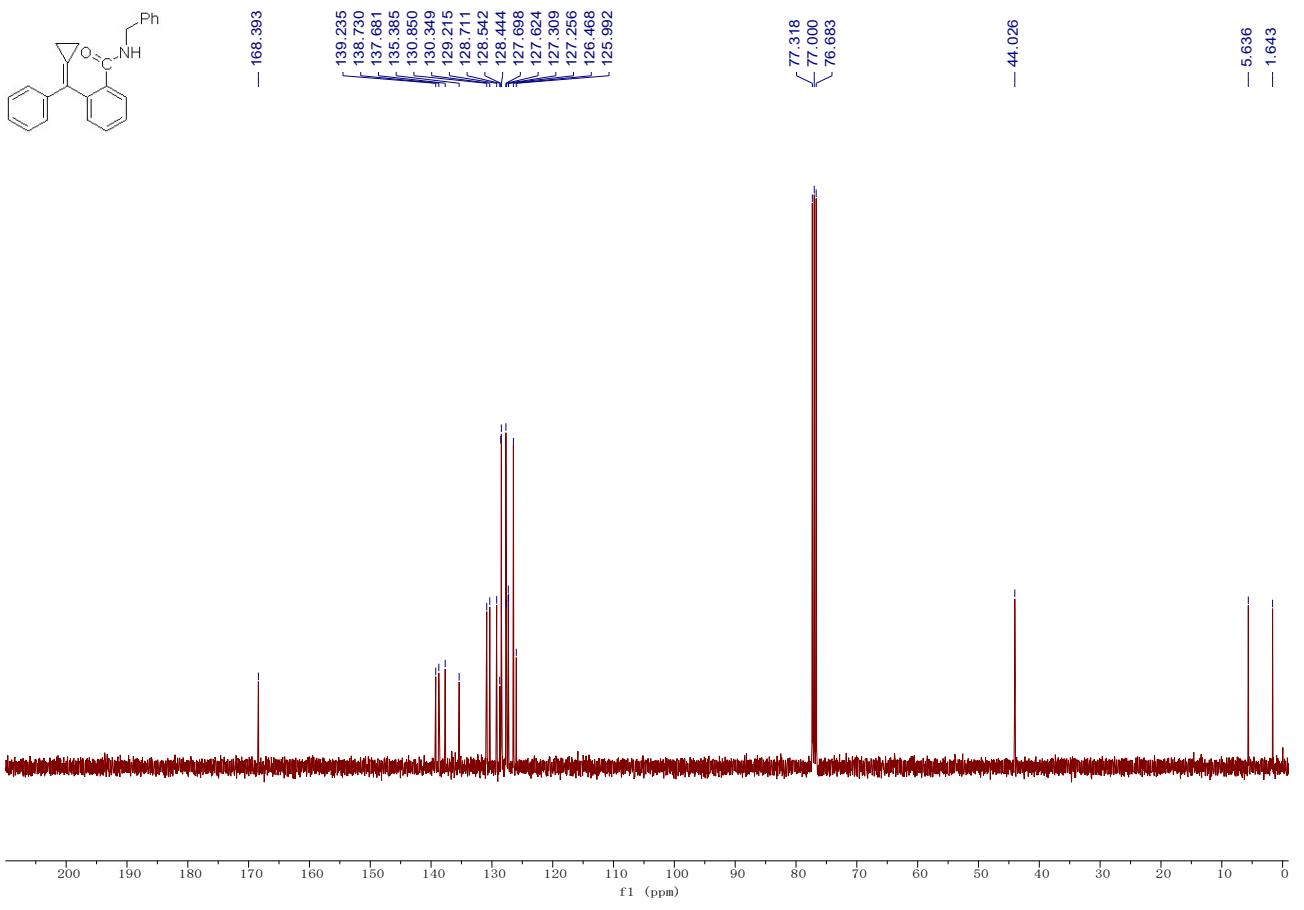
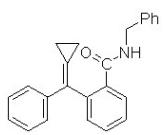
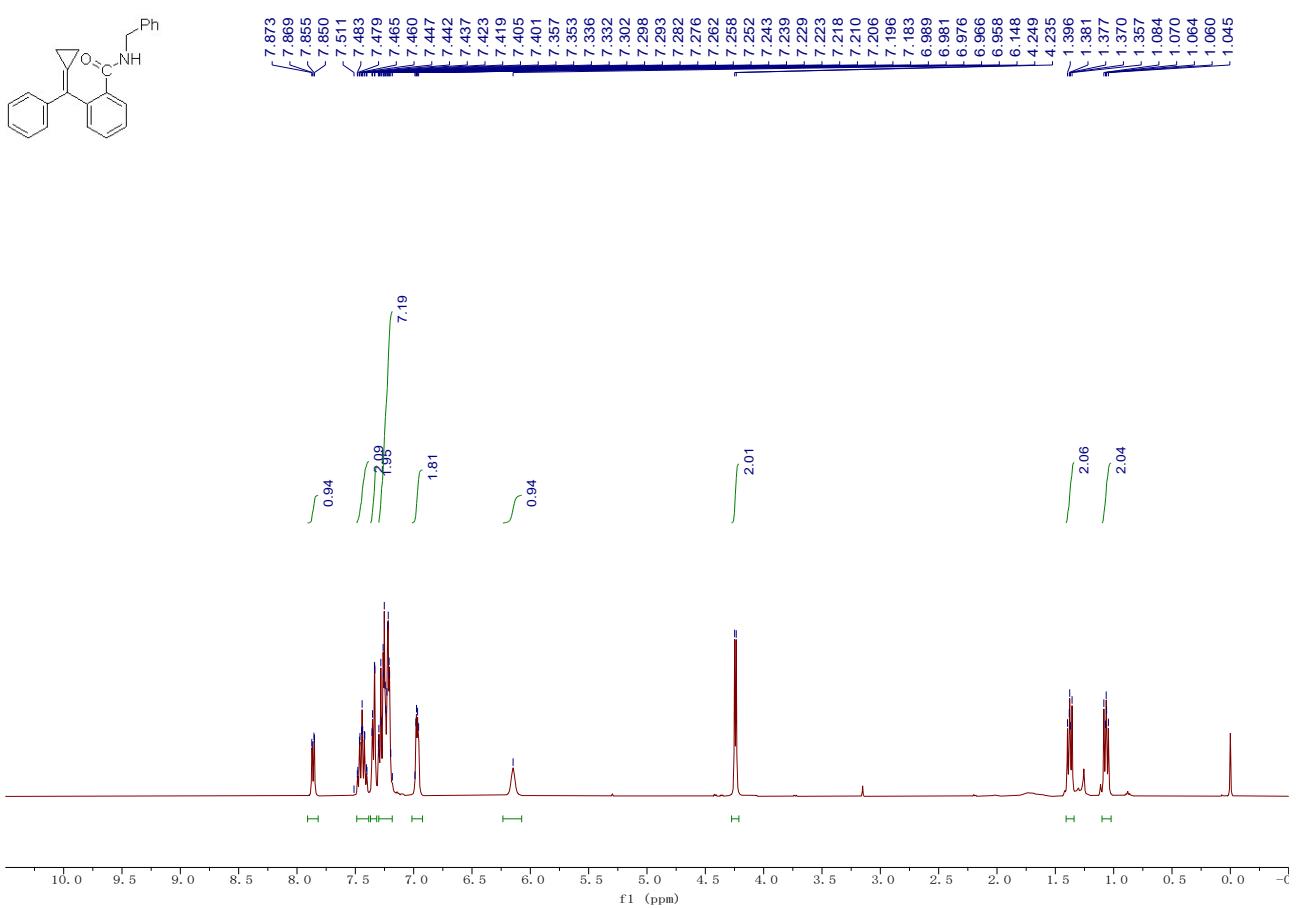
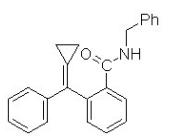


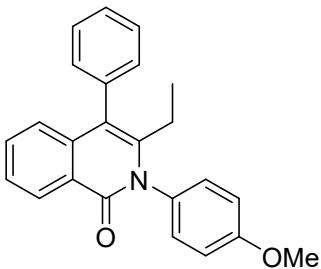
**Compound 6a:** Yield: 0.46 g, 61%; A yellow faint oil; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 5.91 – 5.73 (m, 1H), 3.14 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.59 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.24 – 1.11 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.7, 141.9, 139.4, 138.5, 135.9, 130.8, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 126.4, 125.9, 125.7, 39.5, 35.4, 28.7, 28.4, 5.8, 1.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  3324, 2927, 2854, 1632, 1454, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 382.2165, found: 382.2173.



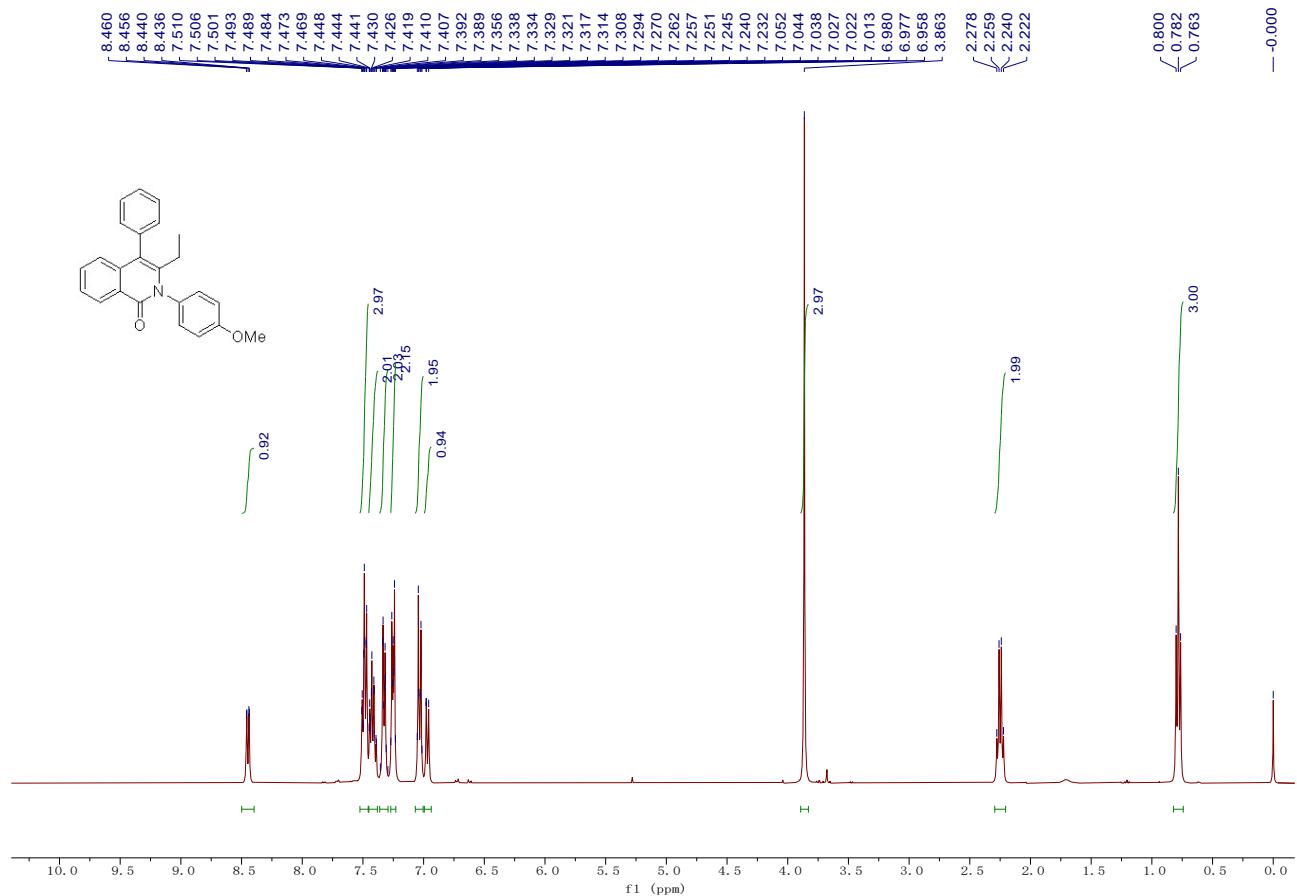


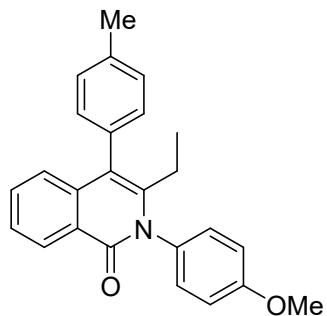
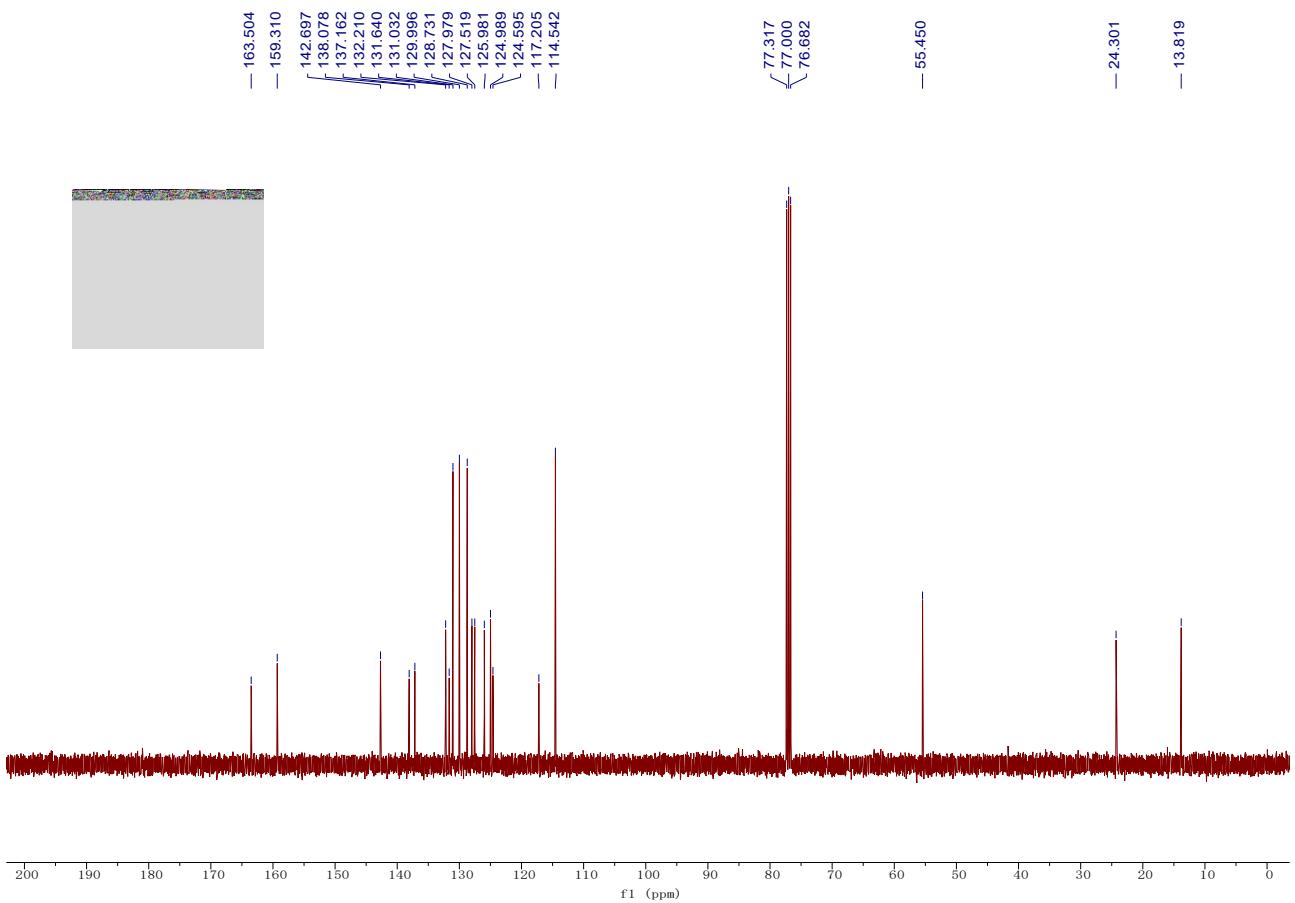
**Compound 6b:** Yield: 0.54 g, 80%; A white solid; Mp: 153 - 155 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.91 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.17 (m, 7H), 7.01 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.24 – 6.07 (m, 1H), 4.24 (d,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.42 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.11 – 1.02 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  168.4, 139.2, 138.7, 137.7, 135.4, 130.8, 130.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 127.31, 127.26, 126.5, 126.0, 44.0, 5.6, 1.6; IR (neat):  $\nu$  3274, 1631, 1541, 1494, 1305, 751, 704, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 362.1515, found: 362.1518.



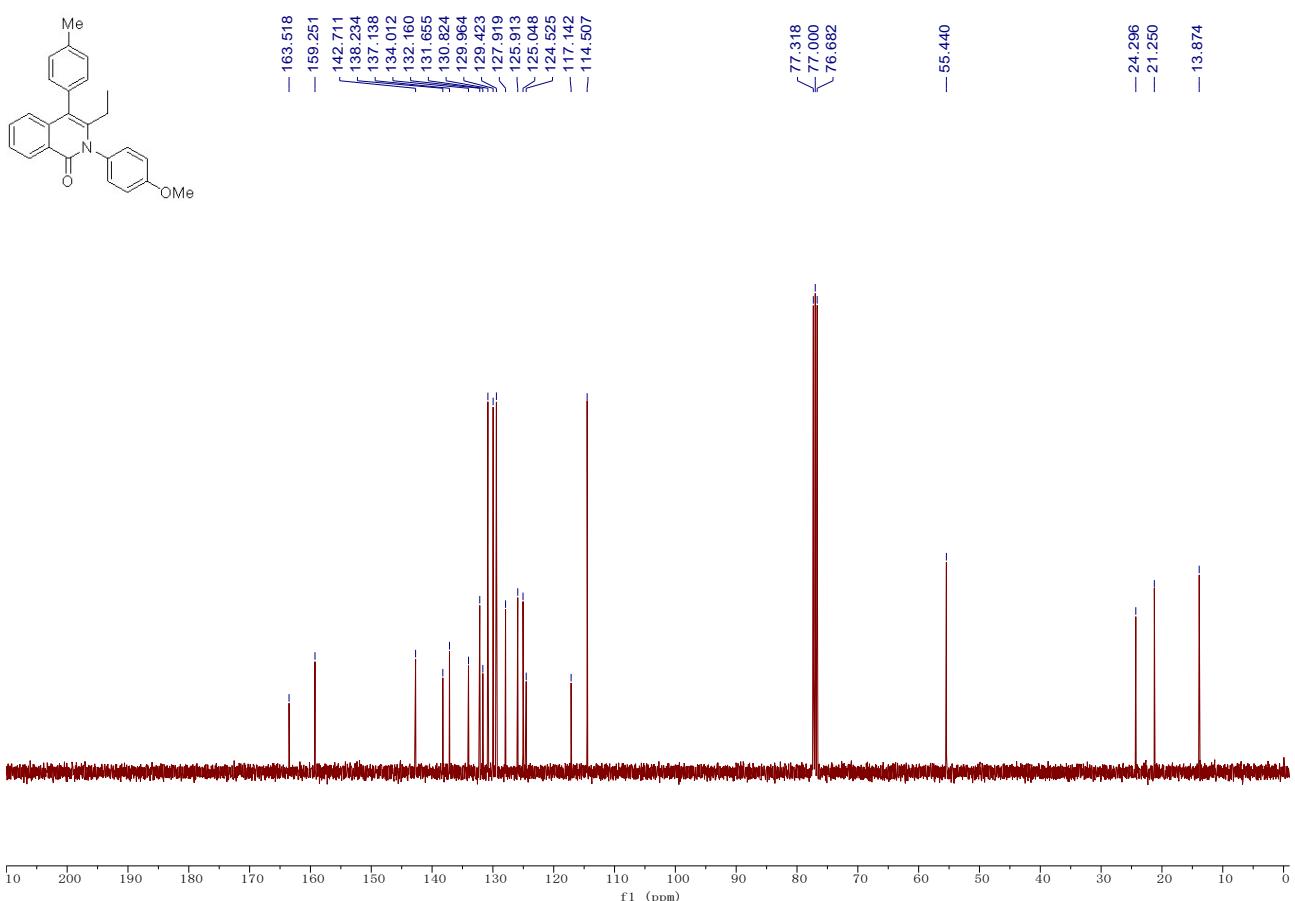
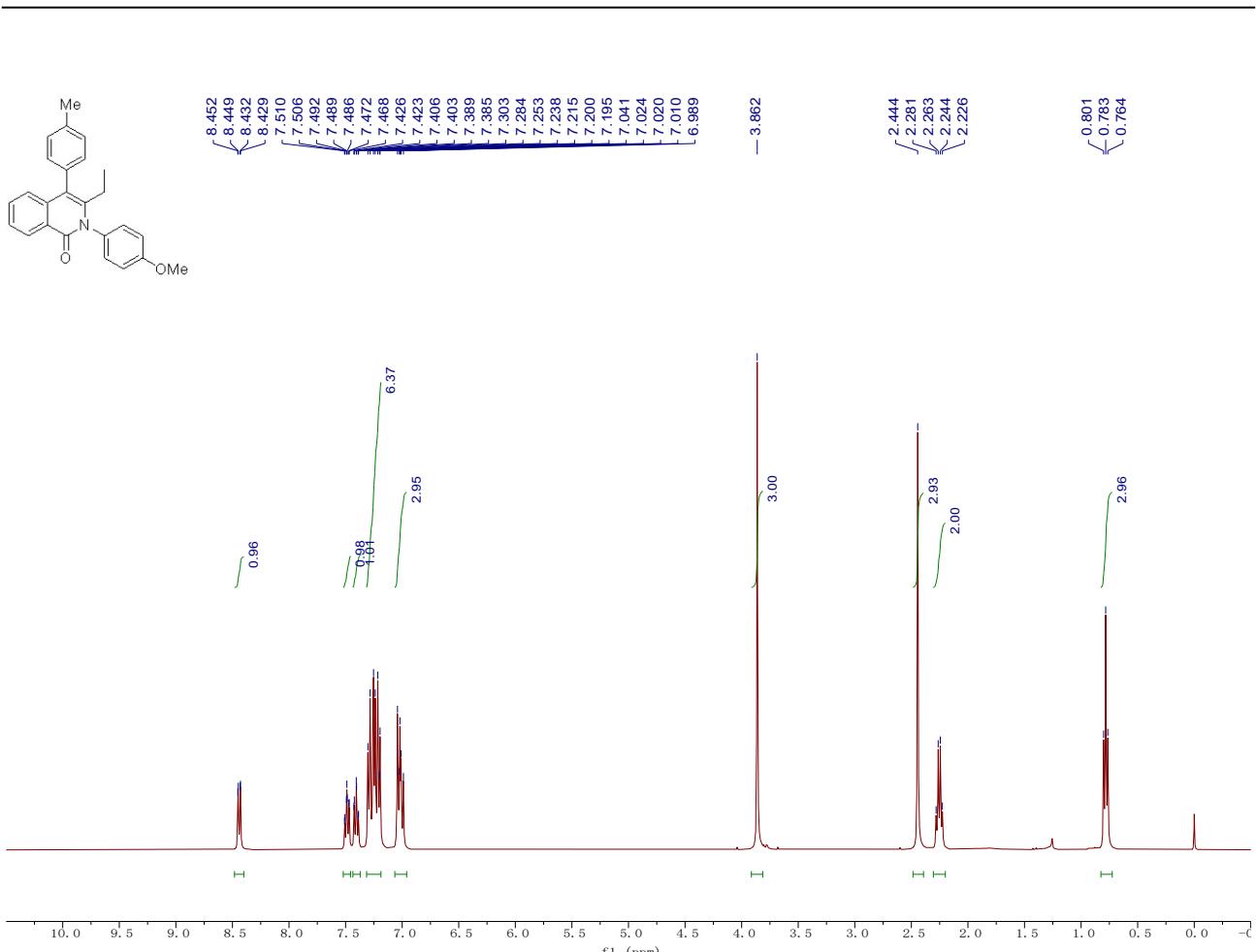


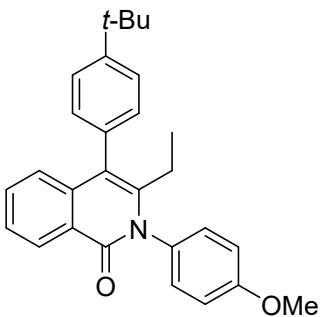
**Compound 3a:** Yield: 67.5 mg, 95%; A white solid; Mp: 182 - 184 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.45 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.25 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.5, 159.3, 142.7, 138.1, 137.2, 132.2, 131.6, 131.0, 130.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 126.0, 125.0, 124.6, 117.2, 114.5, 55.4, 24.3, 13.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1657, 1586, 1507, 1335, 1243, 815, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 356.1645, found: 356.1651.



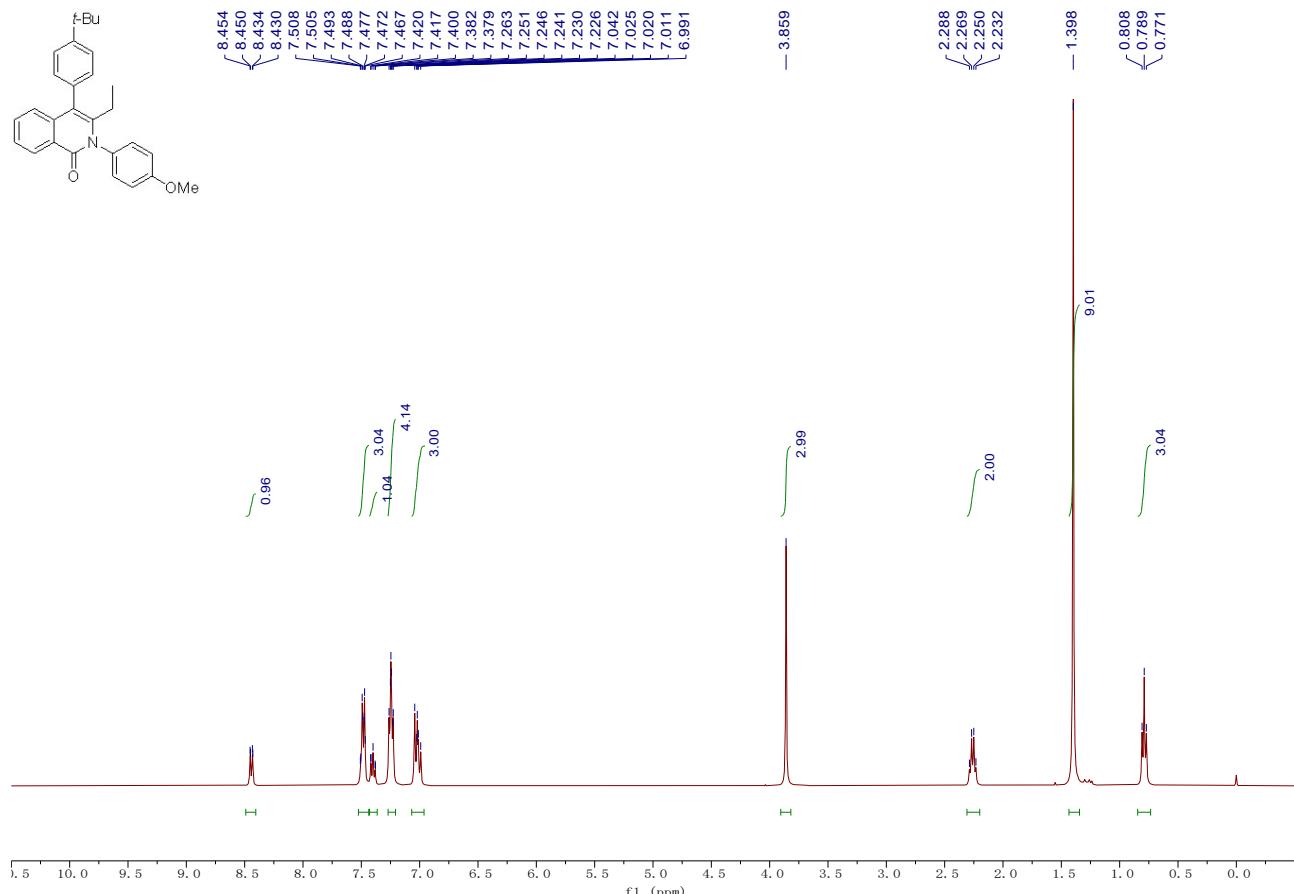


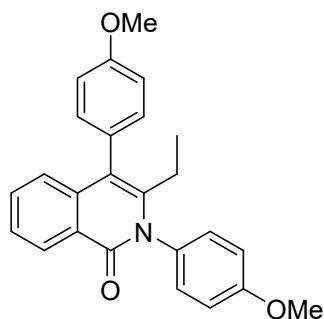
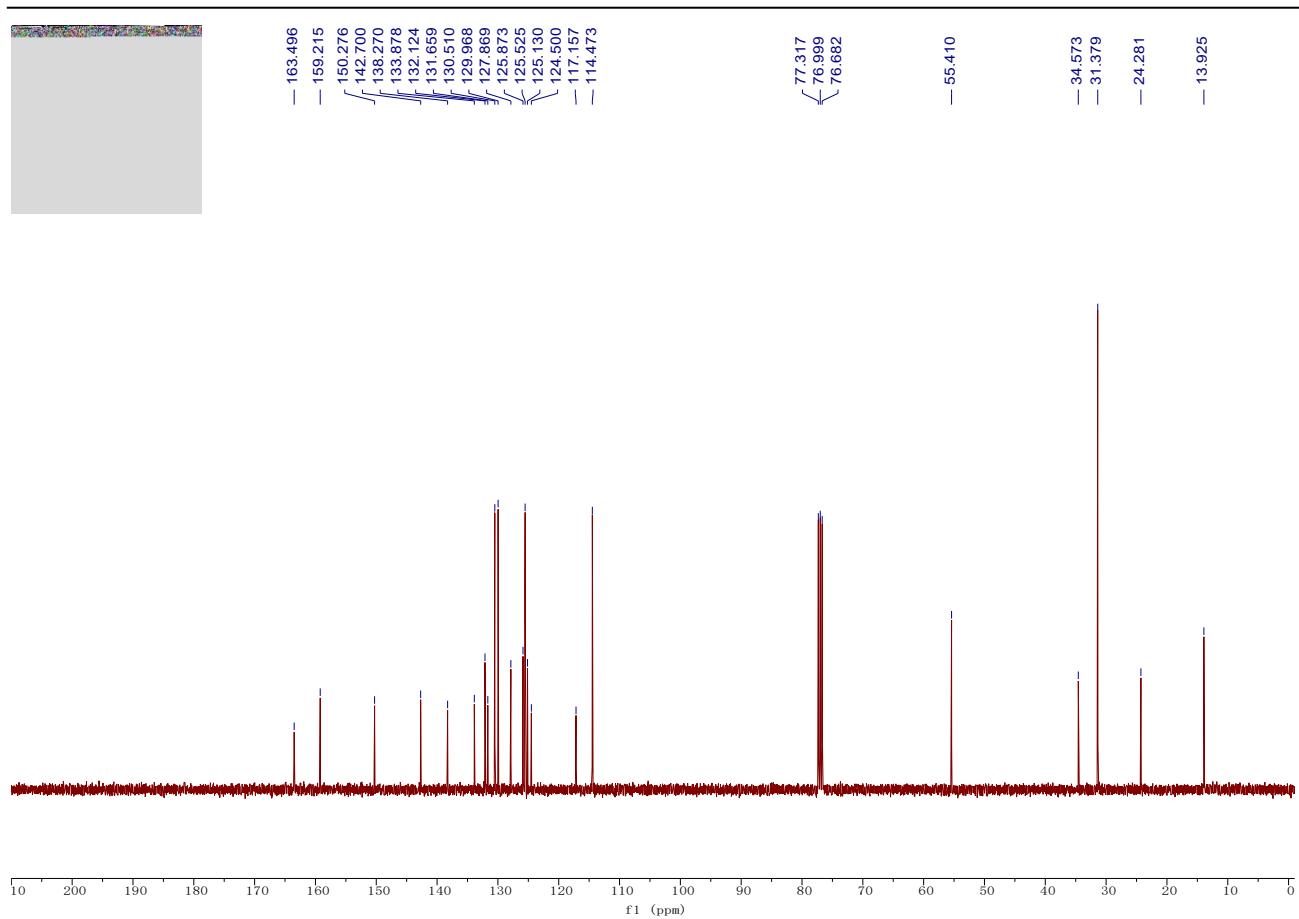
**Compound 3b:** Yield: 64.2 mg, 87%; A white solid; Mp: 193 - 195 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.41 (td, *J* = 7.6, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 6H), 7.06 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.25 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.5, 159.3, 142.7, 138.2, 137.1, 134.0, 132.2, 131.7, 130.8, 130.0, 129.4, 127.9, 125.9, 125.0, 124.5, 117.1, 114.5, 55.4, 24.3, 21.3, 13.9; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1651, 1593, 1507, 1246, 1033, 814, 779, 707 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 370.1802, found: 370.1802.



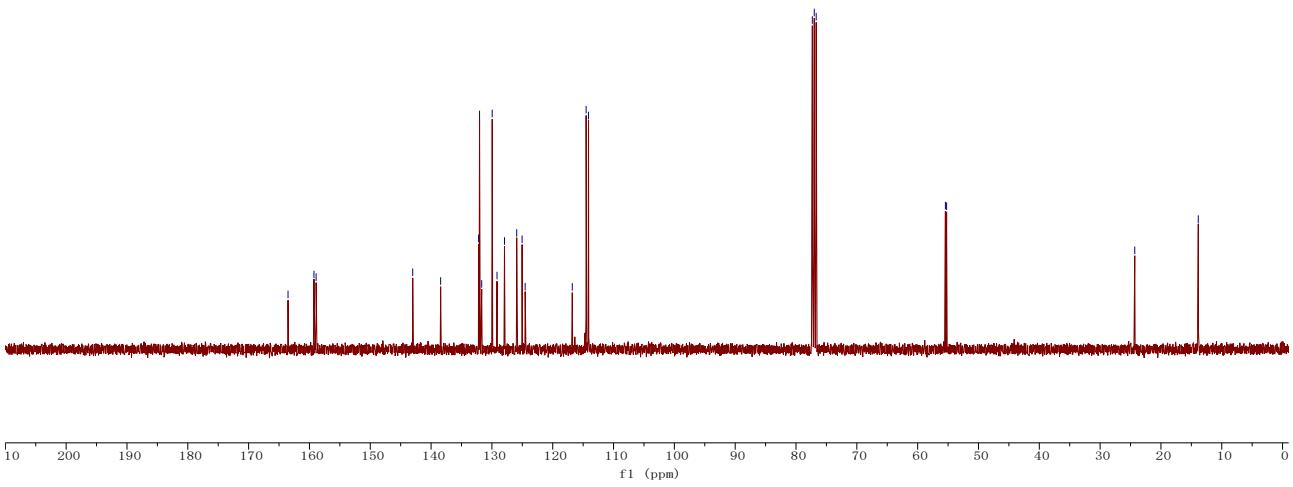
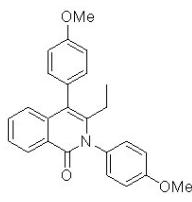
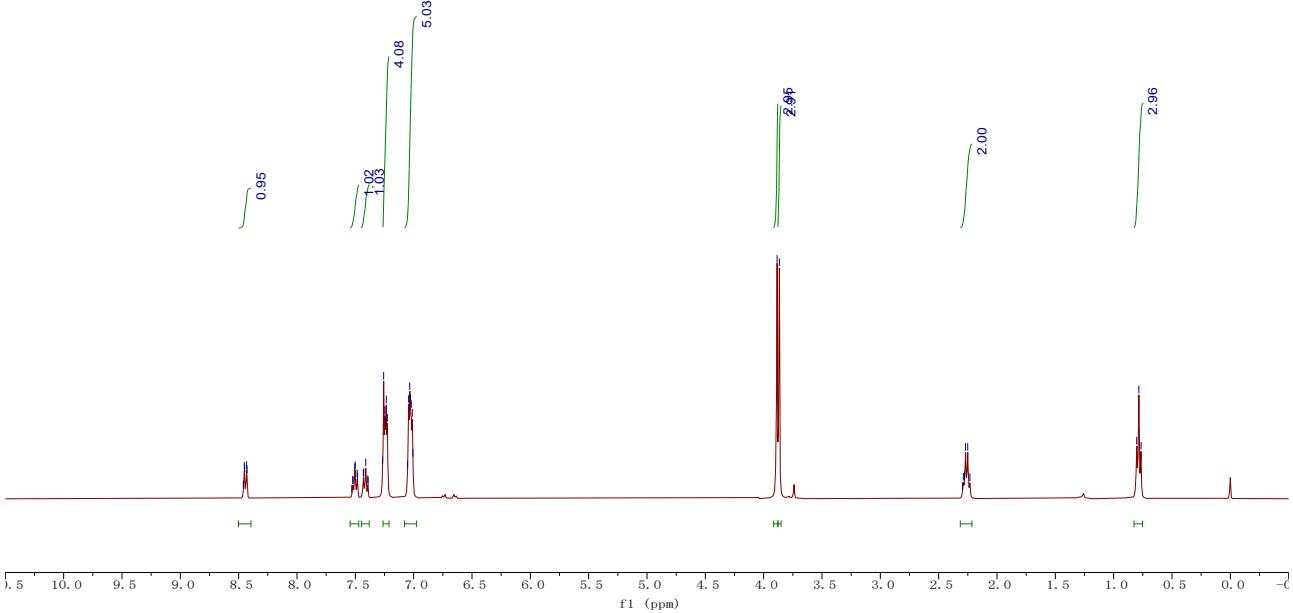
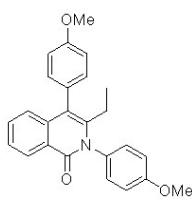


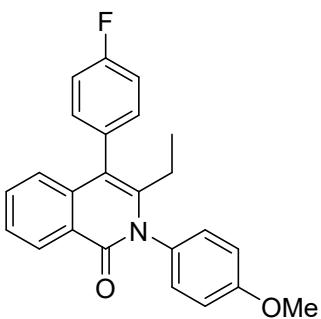
**Compound 3c:** Yield: 73.2 mg, 89%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.26 (q,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 0.79 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.5, 159.2, 150.3, 142.7, 138.3, 133.9, 132.1, 131.7, 130.5, 130.0, 127.9, 125.9, 125.5, 125.1, 124.5, 117.2, 114.5, 55.4, 34.6, 31.4, 24.3, 13.9; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1654, 1508, 1332, 1248, 1026, 827, 780, 707 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 412.2271, found: 412.2269.



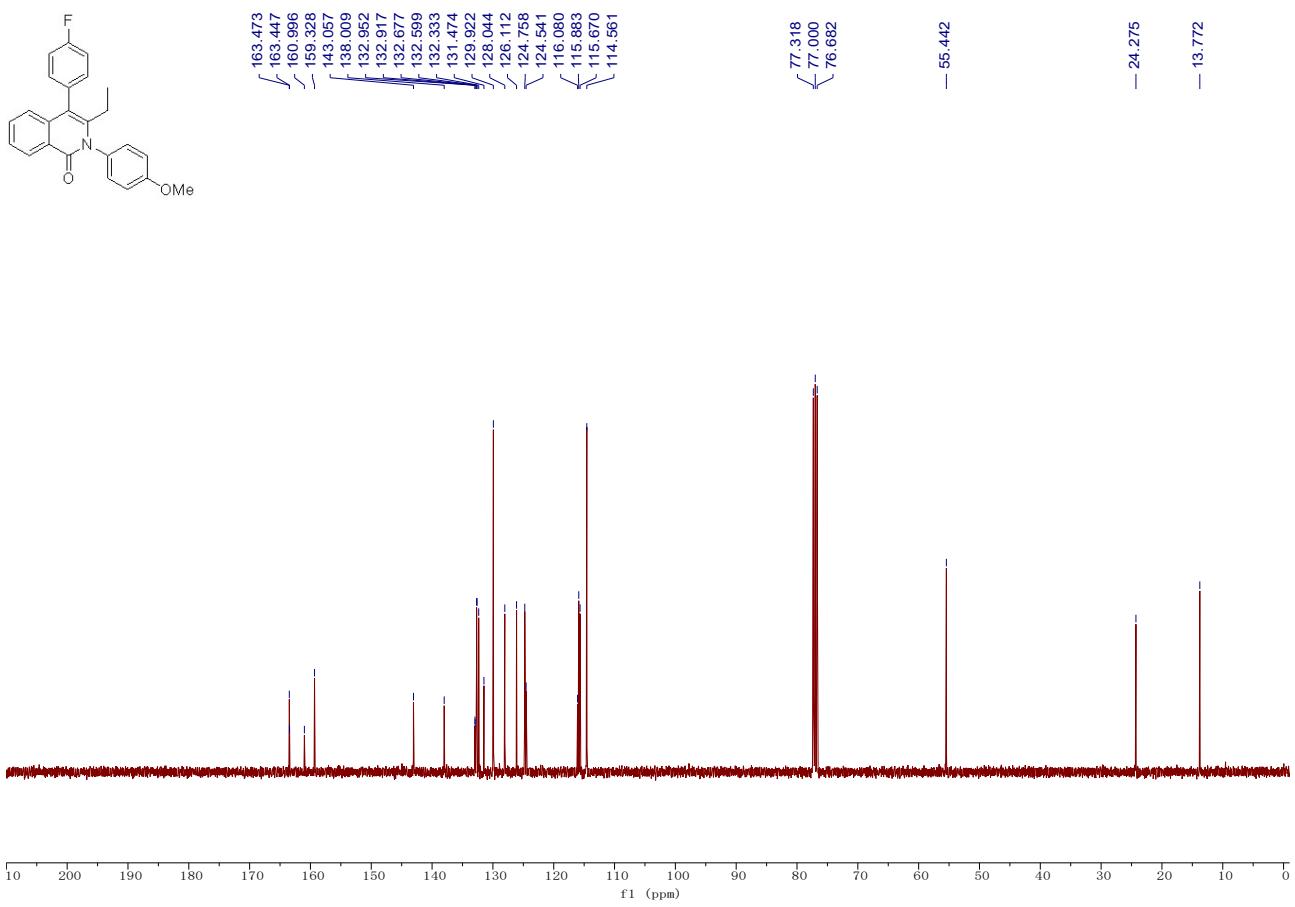
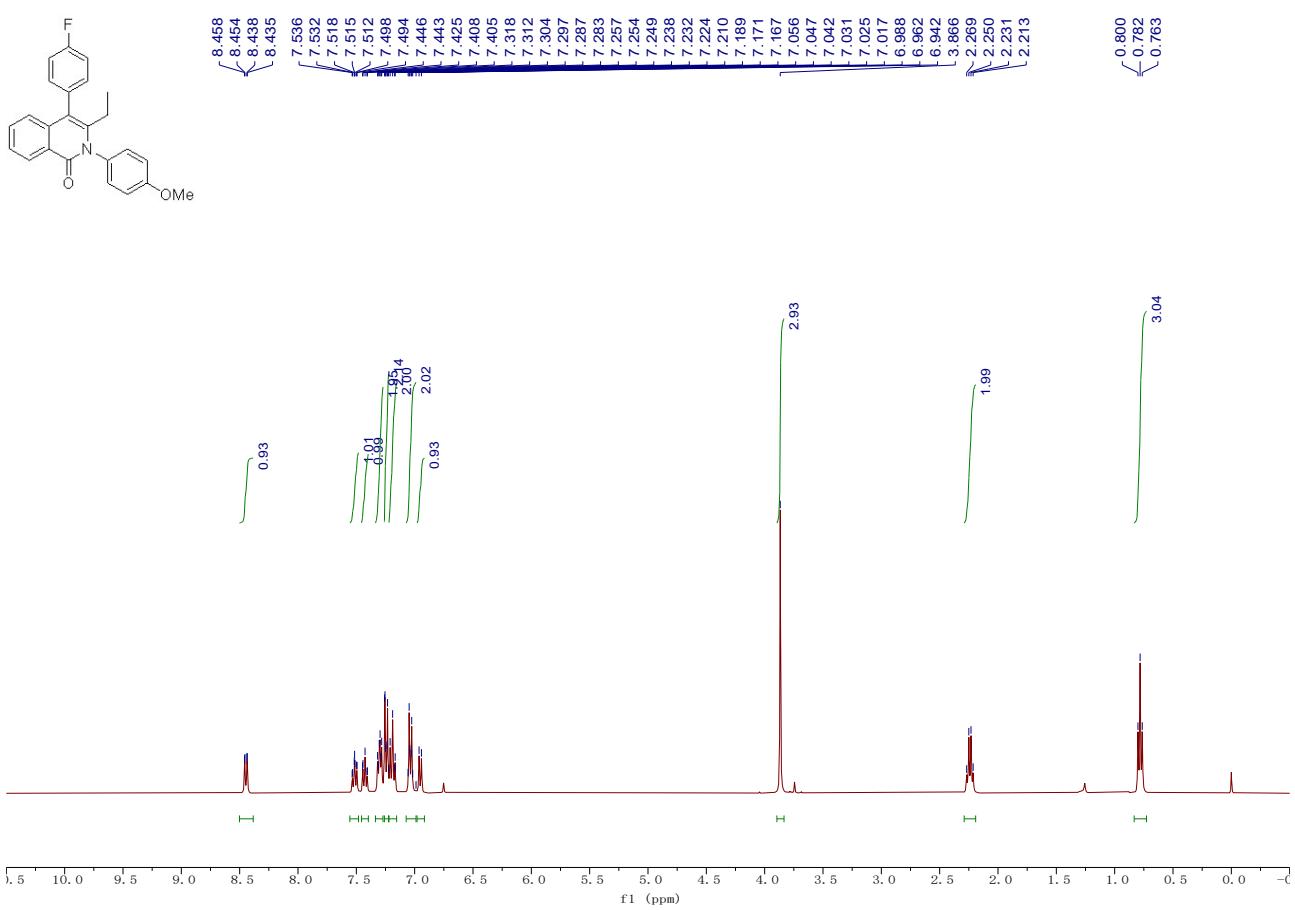


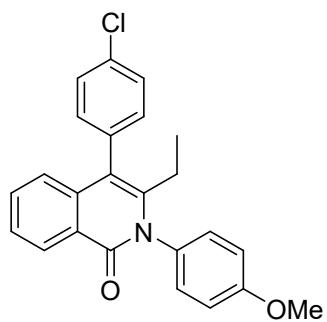
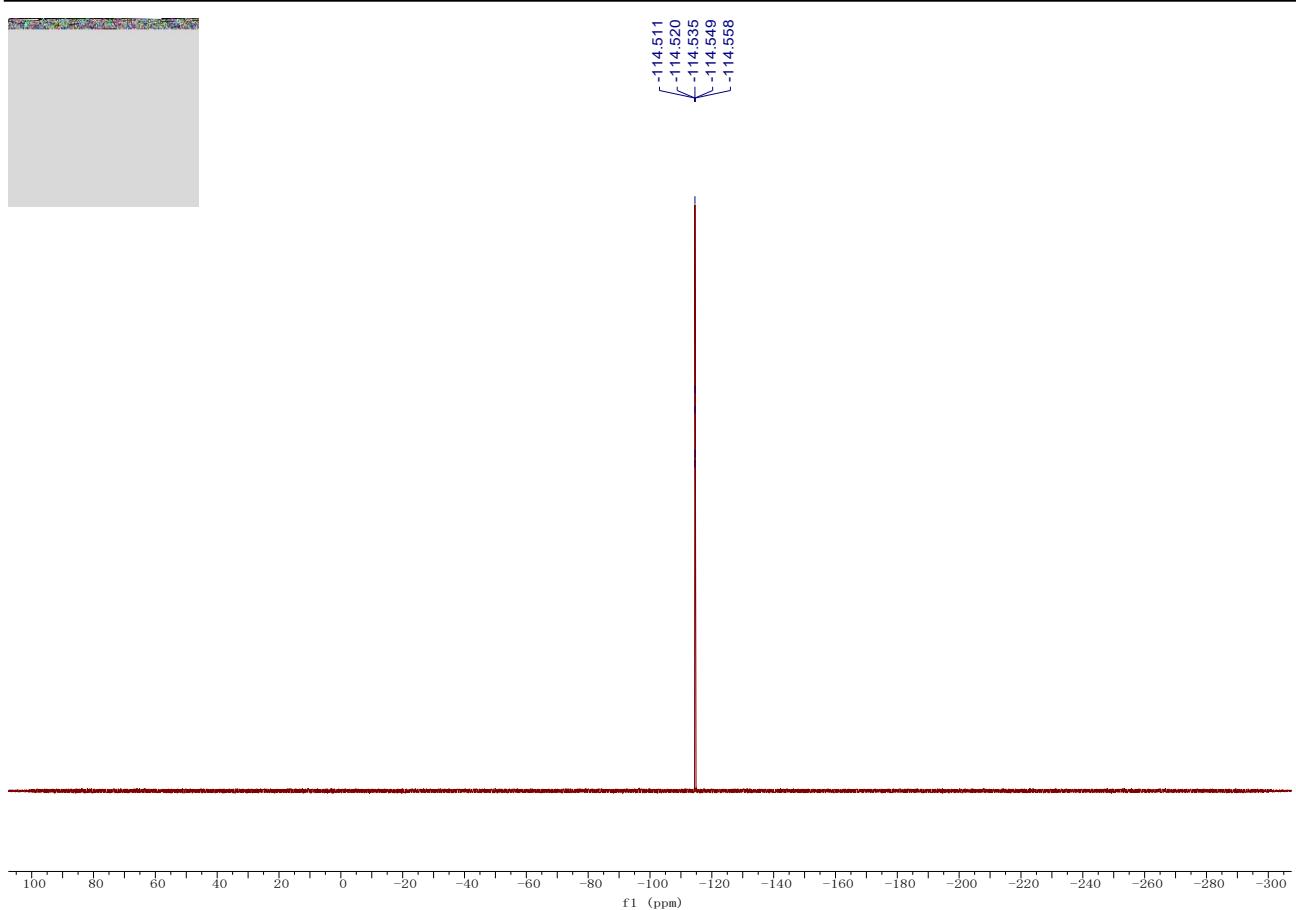
**Compound 3d:** Yield: 50.1 mg, 65%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.3);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.08 – 6.97 (m, 5H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.26 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.5, 159.3, 158.9, 143.0, 138.4, 132.2, 132.0, 131.7, 130.0, 129.2, 127.9, 125.9, 125.0, 124.5, 116.8, 114.5, 114.1, 55.4, 55.2, 24.3, 13.9; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1651, 1603, 1507, 1241, 1174, 1105, 825 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 386.1751, found: 386.1748.



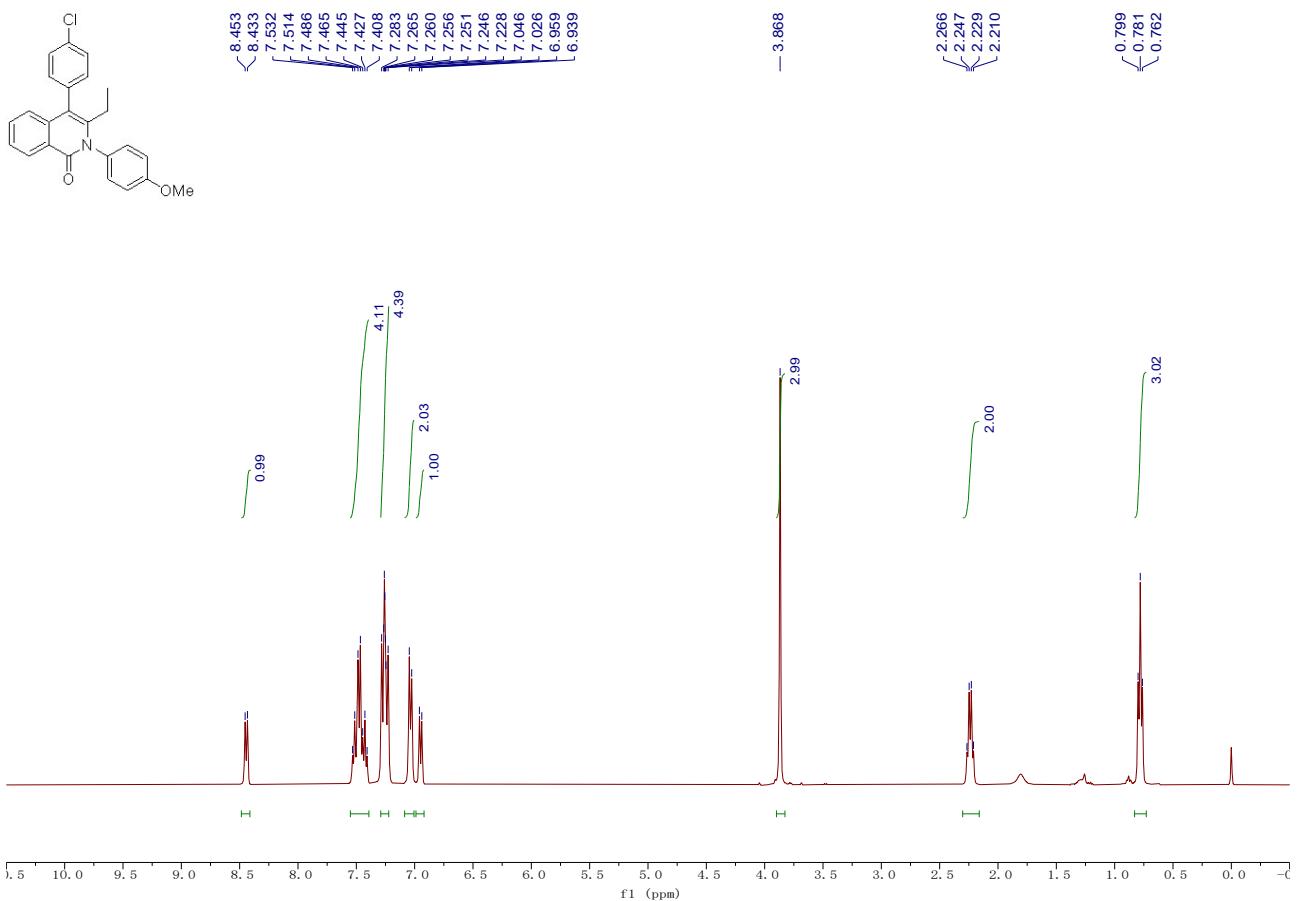


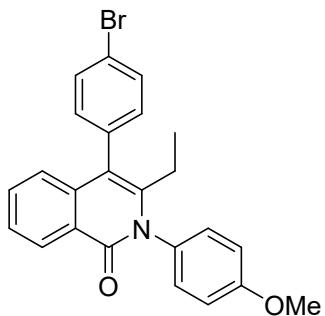
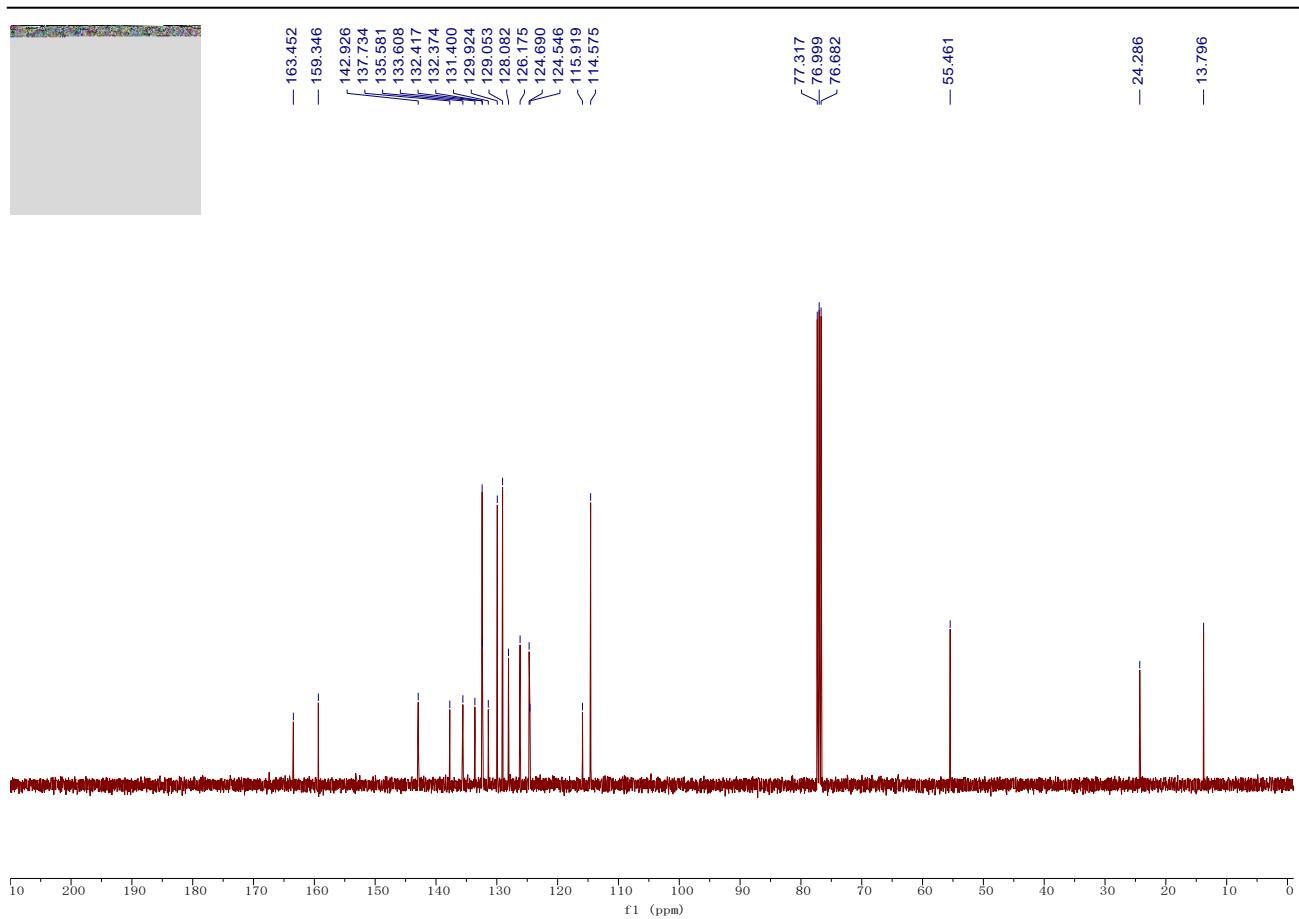
**Compound 3e:** Yield: 52.2 mg, 70%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.45 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.24 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.5, 162.2 (d, *J* = 246.7 Hz), 159.3, 143.1, 138.0, 132.9 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 132.6 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 132.3, 131.5, 129.9, 128.0, 126.1, 124.8, 124.5, 116.1, 115.8 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 114.6, 55.4, 24.3, 13.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -114.49 – -114.58 (m); IR (neat):  $\nu$  1651, 1613, 1505, 1247, 1230, 1216, 1029, 821, 781 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 374.1551, found: 374.1551.



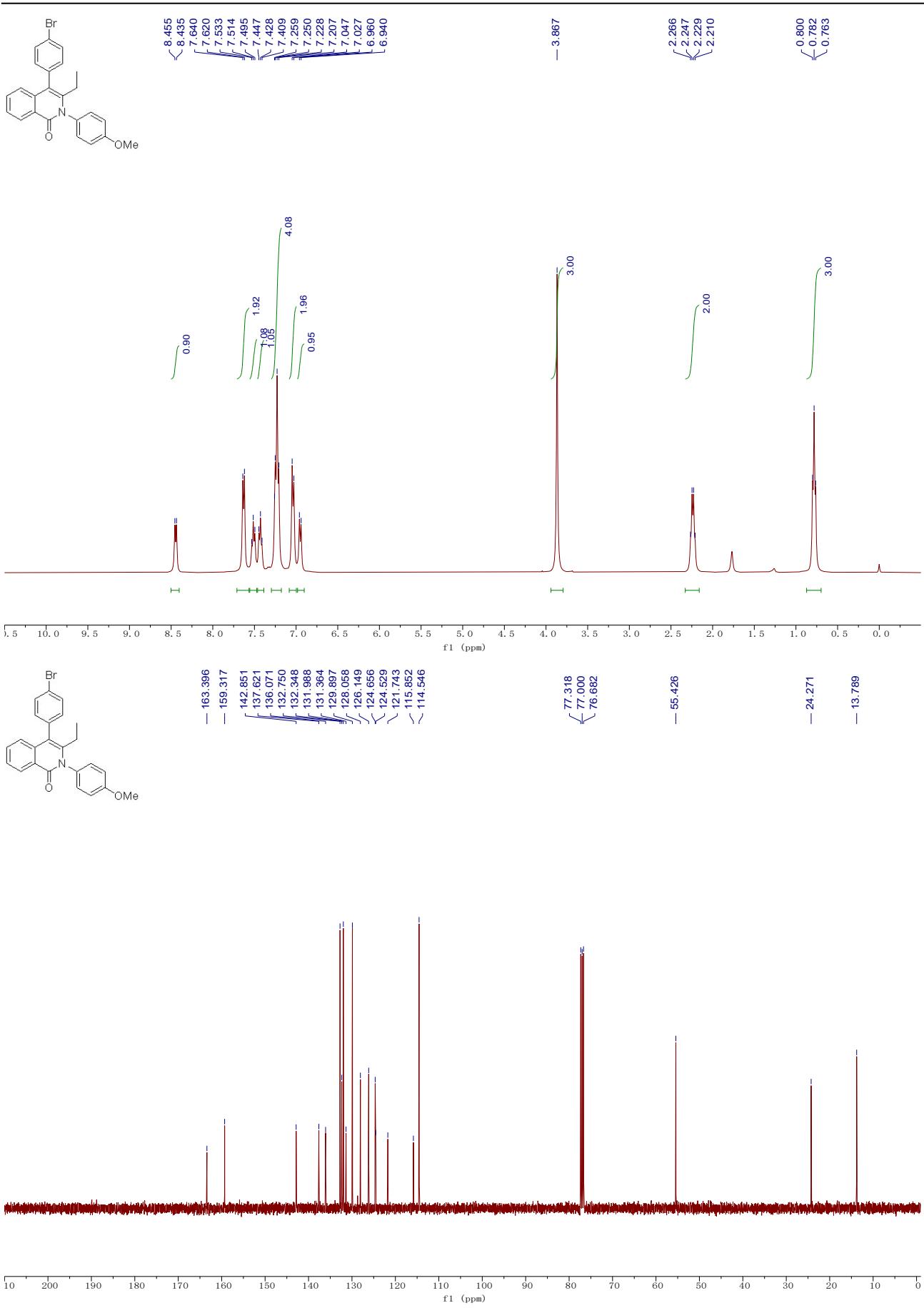


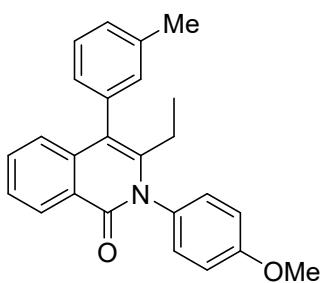
**Compound 3f:** Yield: 73.9 mg, 95%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.24 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.5, 159.3, 142.9, 137.7, 135.6, 133.6, 132.42, 132.37, 131.4, 129.9, 129.1, 128.1, 126.2, 124.7, 124.5, 115.9, 114.6, 55.5, 24.3, 13.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2932, 1651, 1612, 1507, 1246, 1087, 820, 779, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 390.1255, found: 390.1259.



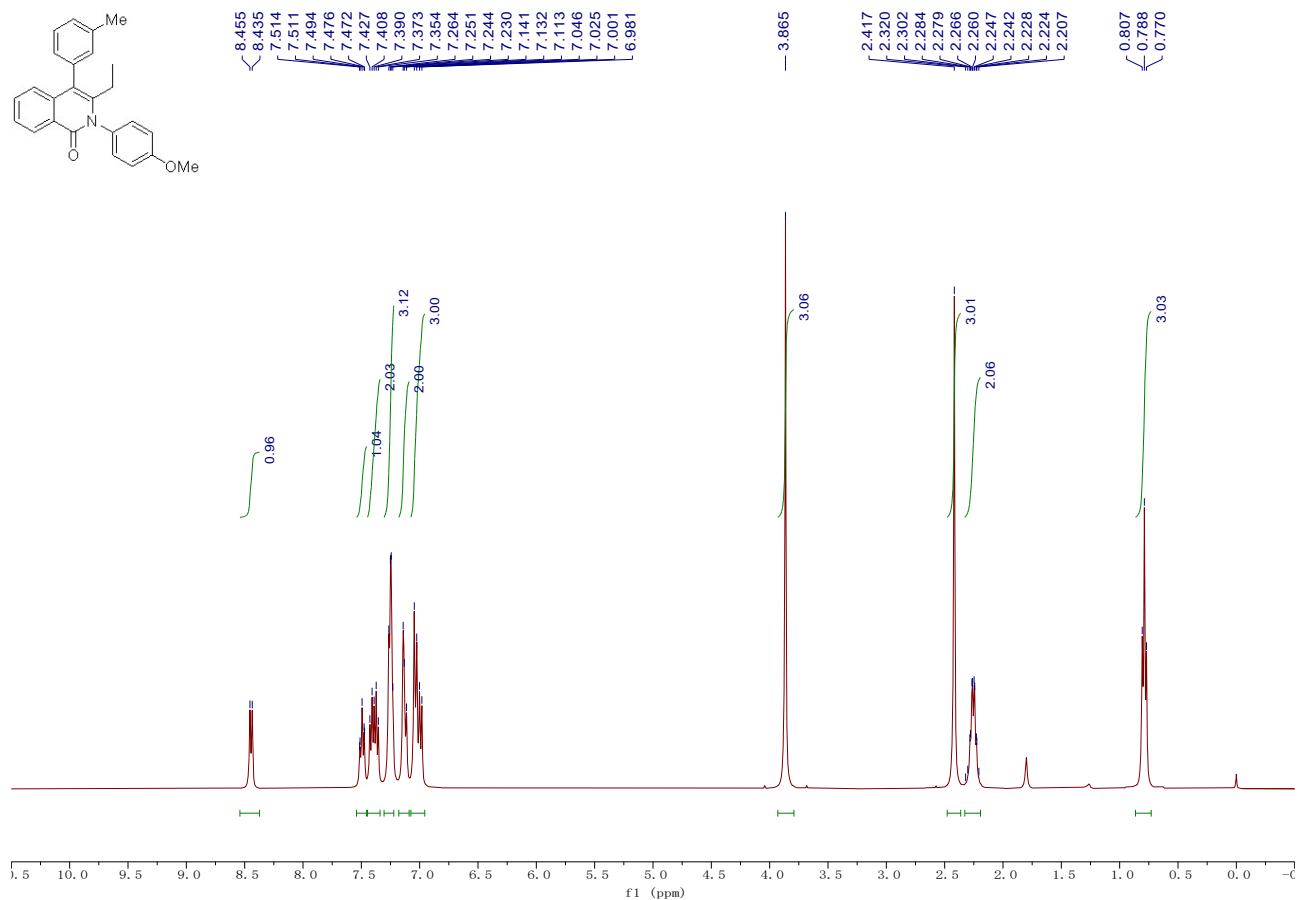


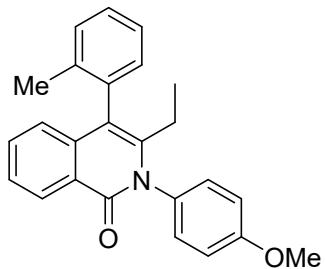
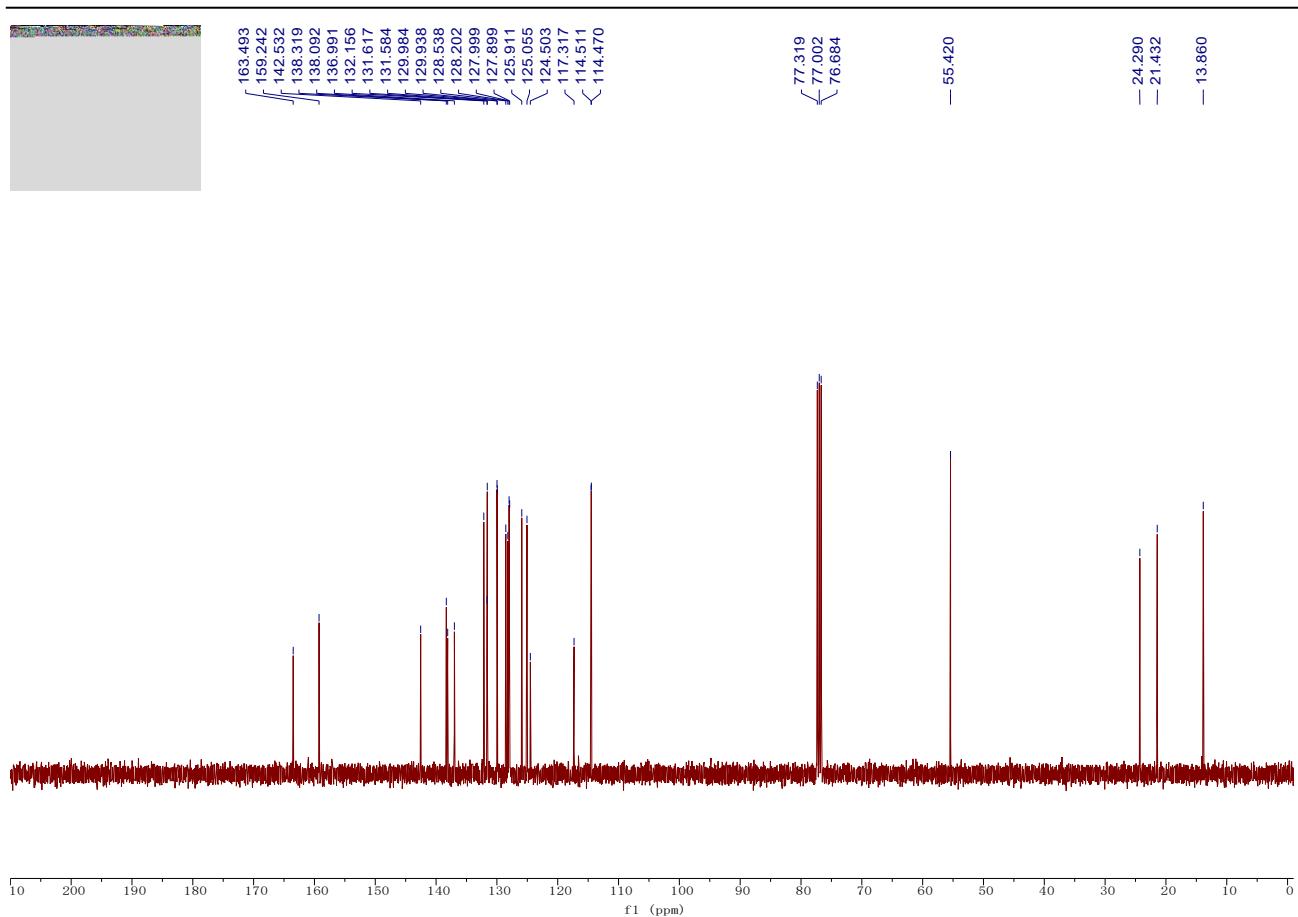
**Compound 3g:** Yield: 84.9 mg, 98%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.24 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.4, 159.3, 142.9, 137.6, 136.1, 132.8, 132.3, 132.0, 131.4, 129.9, 128.1, 126.1, 124.7, 124.5, 121.7, 115.9, 114.5, 55.4, 24.3, 13.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1651, 1594, 1507, 1245, 1009, 820, 779, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Br [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 434.0750, found: 434.0755.



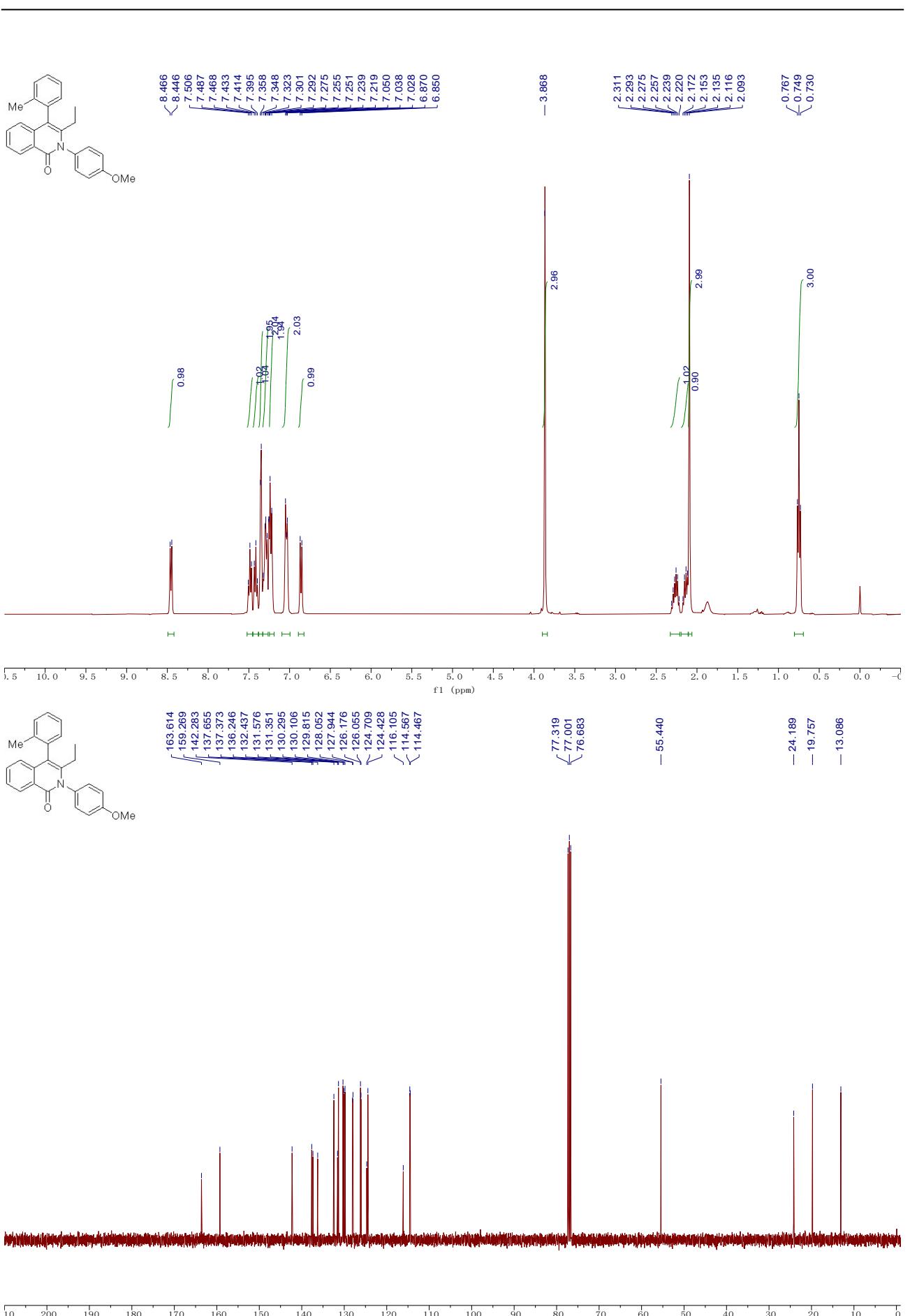


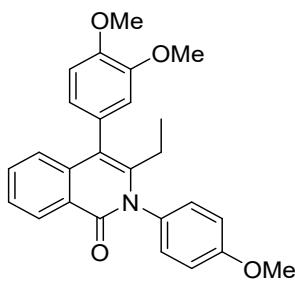
**Compound 3i:** Yield: 71.6 mg, 97%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.5, 159.2, 142.5, 138.3, 138.1, 137.0, 132.2, 131.62, 131.58, 130.0, 129.9, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 125.9, 125.1, 124.5, 117.3, 114.51, 114.47, 55.4, 24.3, 21.4, 13.9; IR (neat): ν 2961, 1653, 1614, 1589, 1507, 1244, 1027, 791, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 370.1802, found: 370.1811.



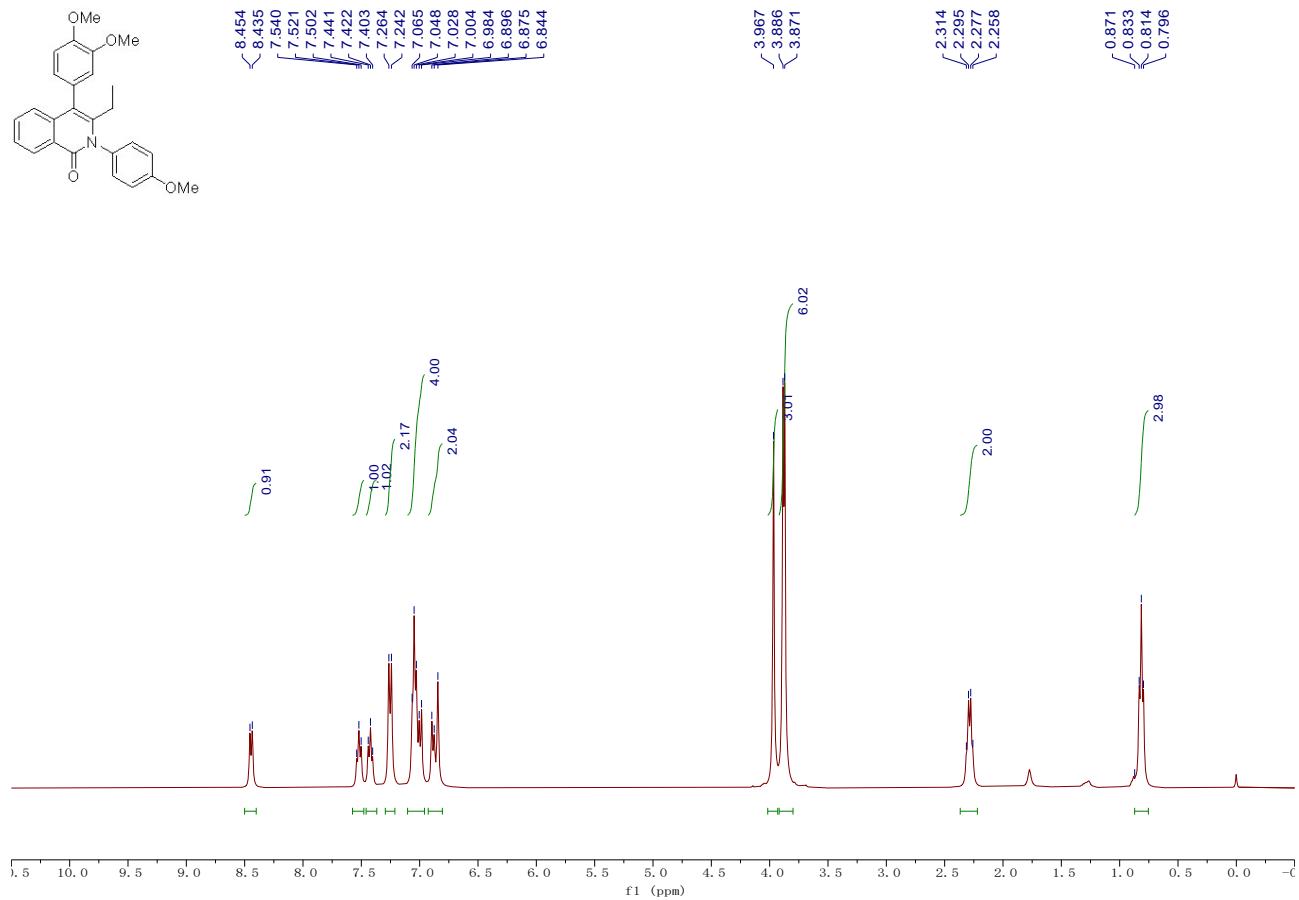


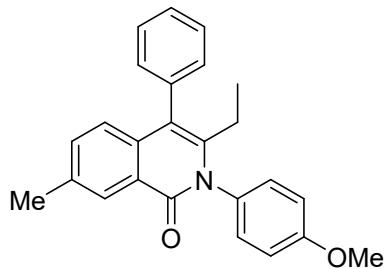
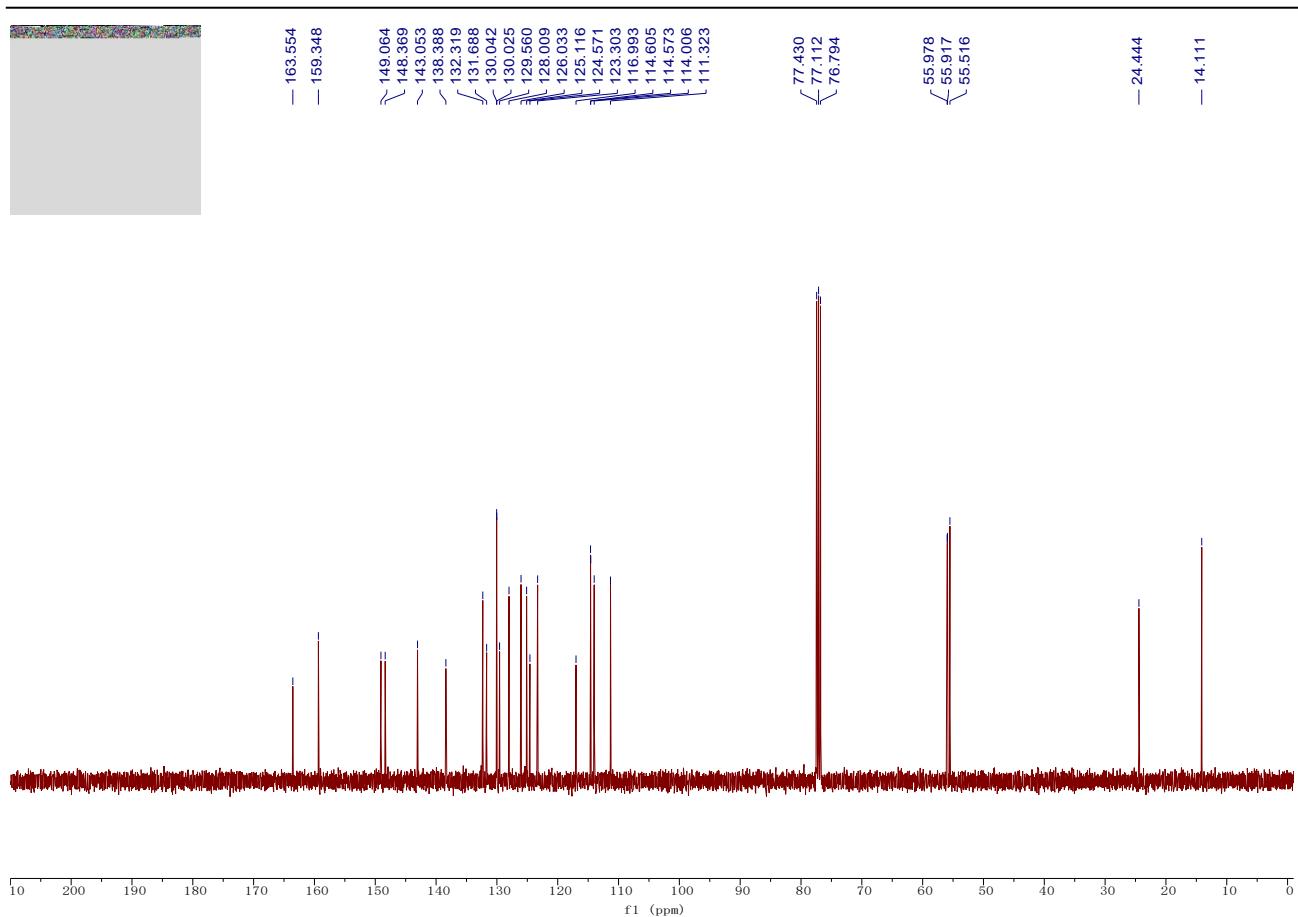
**Compound 3j:** Yield: 64.2 mg, 87%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.33 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.6, 159.3, 142.3, 137.7, 137.4, 136.2, 132.4, 131.6, 131.4, 130.3, 130.1, 129.8, 128.1, 127.9, 126.2, 126.1, 124.7, 124.4, 116.1, 114.6, 114.5, 55.4, 24.2, 19.8, 13.1; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2974, 1647, 1509, 1331, 1246, 1031, 823, 775, 765, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 370.1802, found: 370.1801.



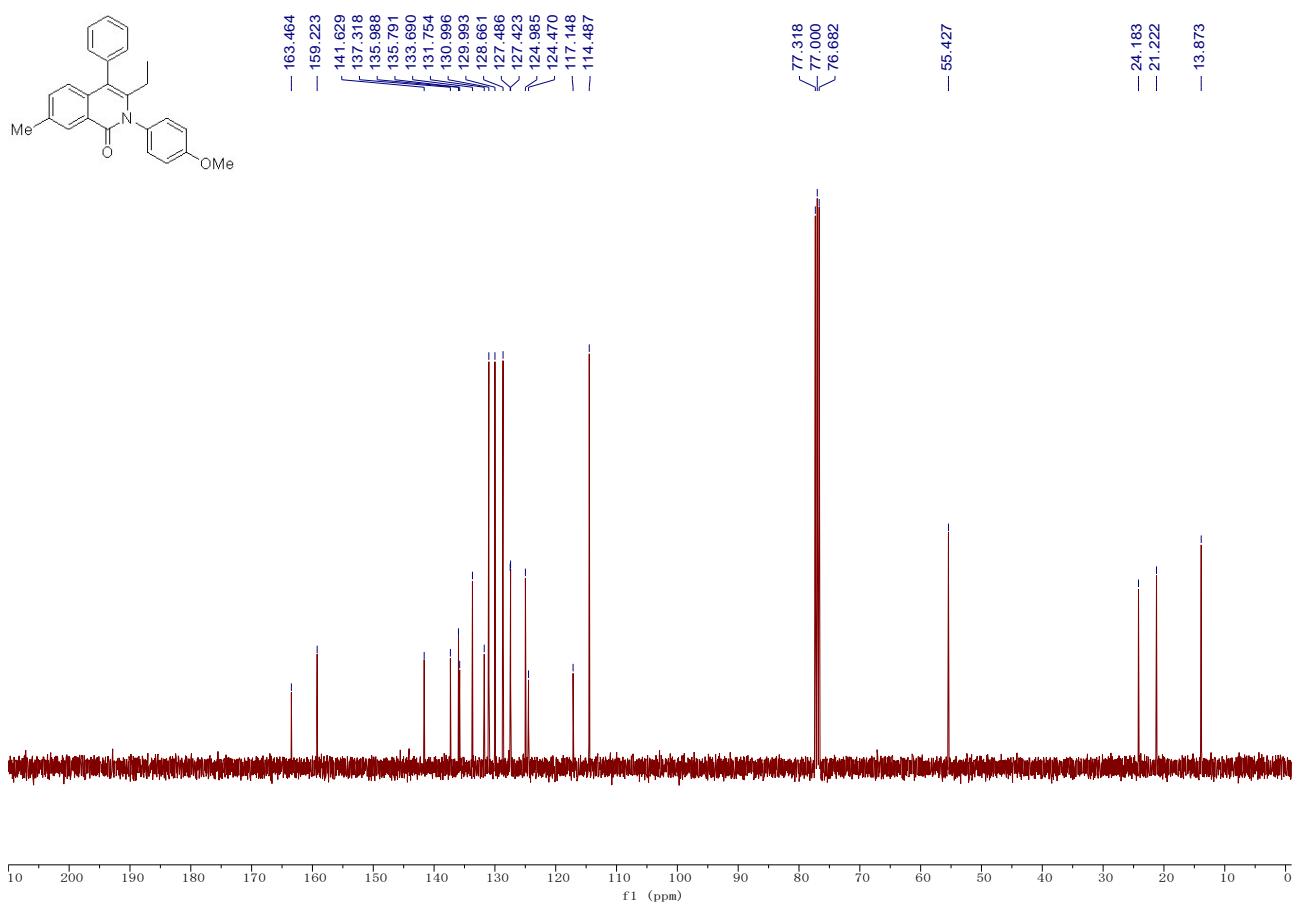
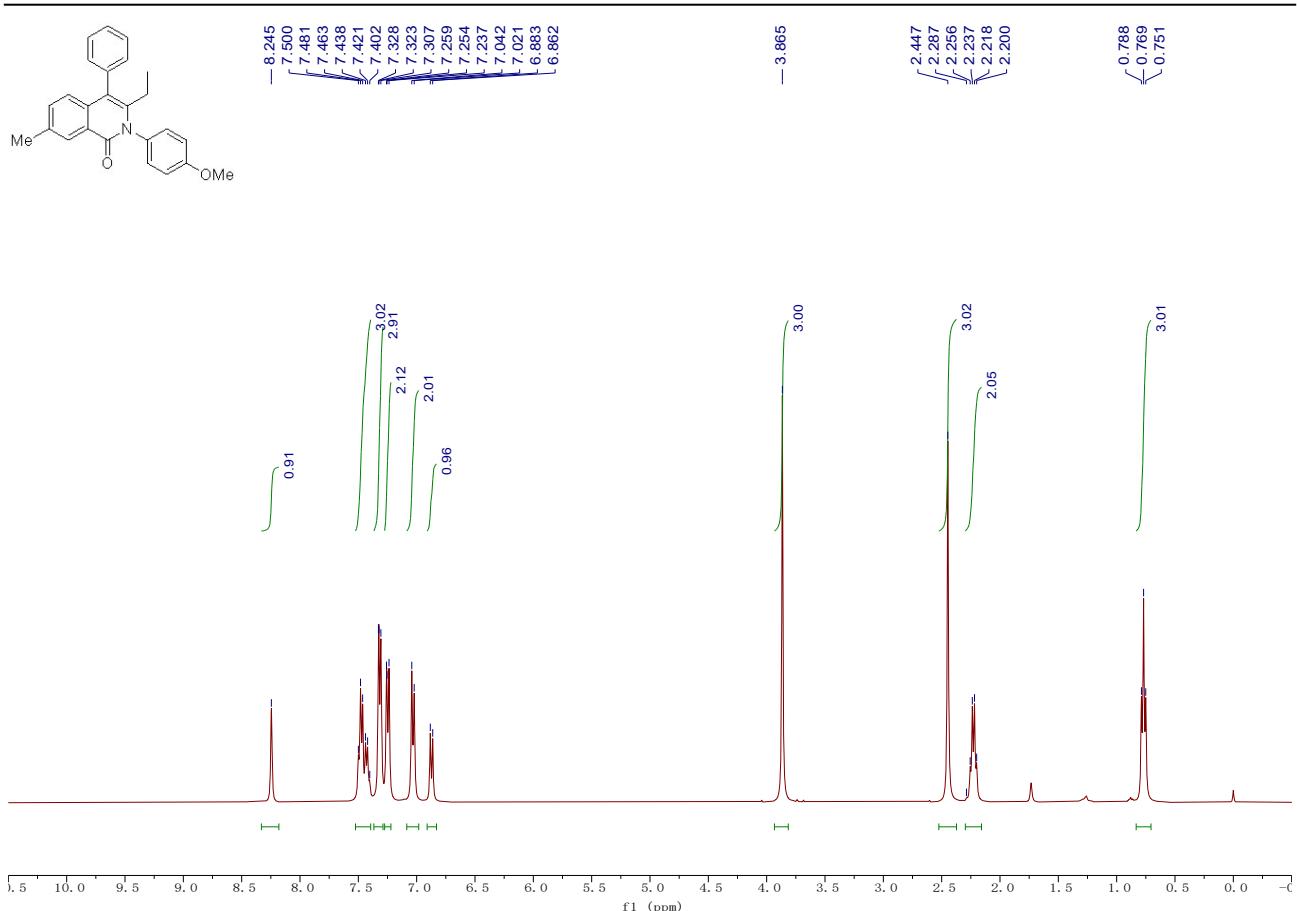


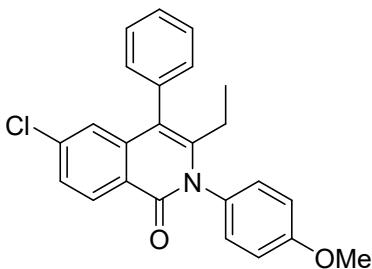
**Compound 3k:** Yield: 78.8 mg, 95%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 2:1,  $R_f$  = 0.3);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.93 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.92 – 3.80 (m, 6H), 2.29 (q, 2H), 0.81 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.6, 159.3, 149.1, 148.4, 143.1, 138.4, 132.3, 131.7, 130.04, 130.03, 129.6, 128.0, 126.0, 125.1, 124.6, 123.3, 117.0, 114.61, 114.57, 114.0, 111.3, 56.0, 55.9, 55.5, 24.4, 14.1; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2935, 1650, 1507, 1246, 1234, 1164, 1141, 1029, 817, 781 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 416.1856, found: 416.1863.



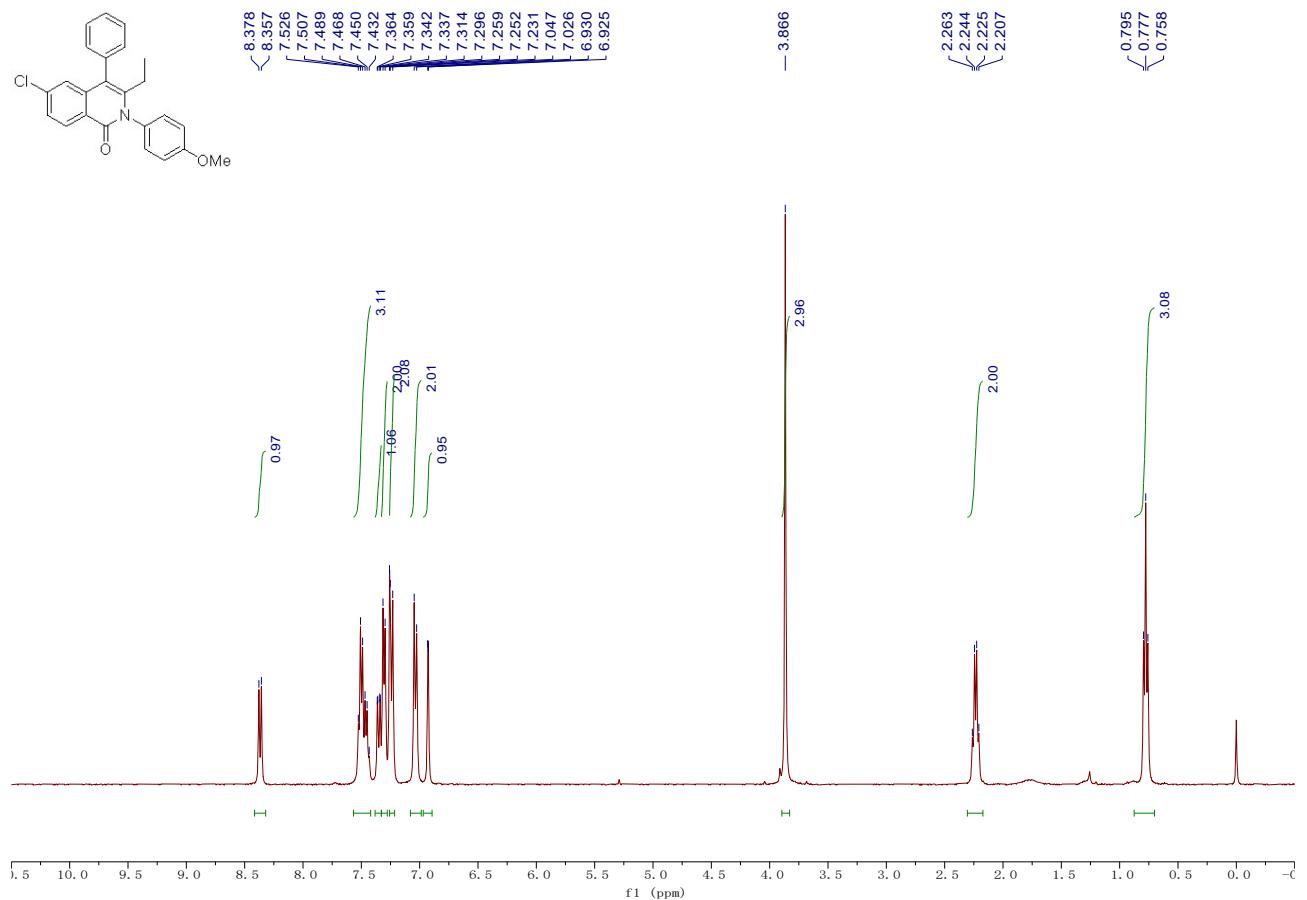


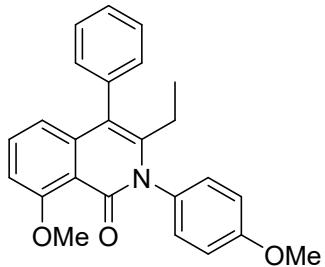
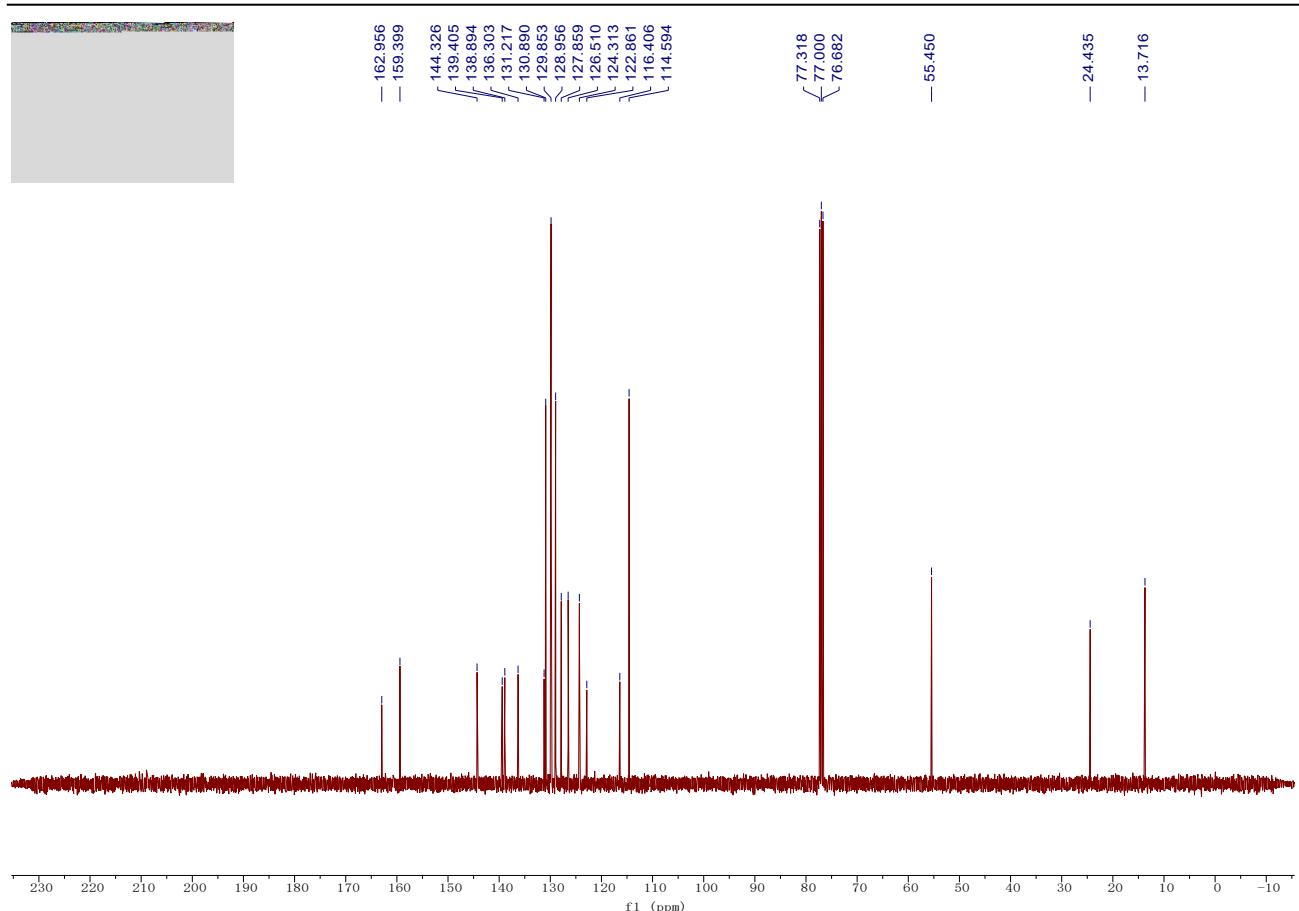
**Compound 3l:** Yield: 64.2 mg, 87%; A white solid; Mp: 183 - 185 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.23 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.77 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.5, 159.2, 141.6, 137.3, 136.0, 135.8, 133.7, 131.8, 131.0, 130.0, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 125.0, 124.5, 117.1, 114.5, 55.4, 24.2, 21.2, 13.9; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2956, 1654, 1507, 1333, 1248, 1027, 827, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 370.1802, found: 370.1804.



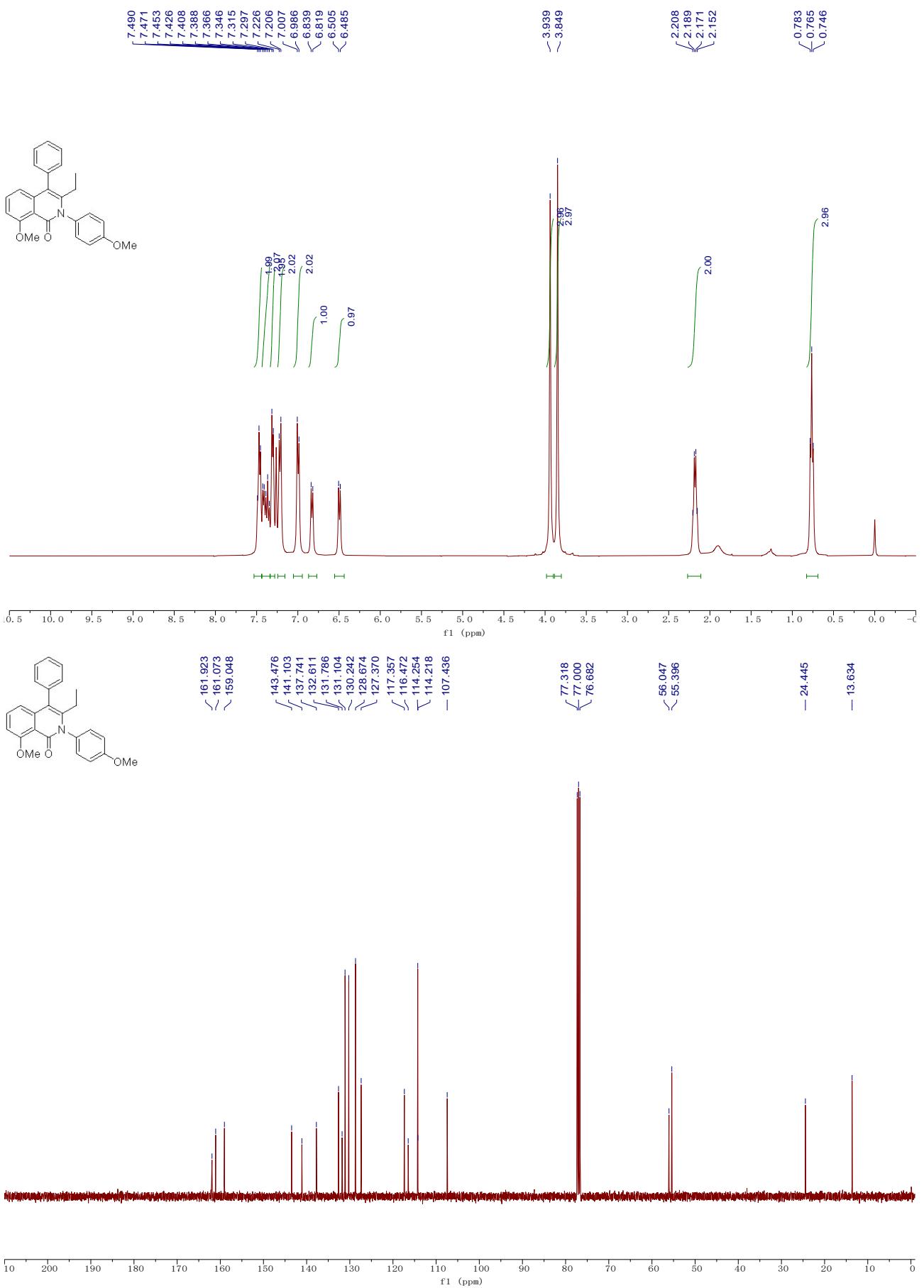


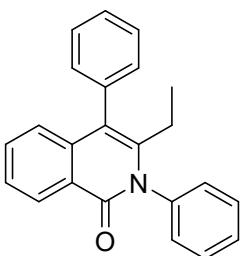
**Compound 3m:** Yield: 76.2 mg, 98%; A white solid; Mp: 188 - 190 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.37 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.35 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.23 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.0, 159.4, 144.3, 139.4, 138.9, 136.3, 131.2, 130.9, 129.9, 129.0, 127.9, 126.5, 124.3, 122.9, 116.4, 114.6, 55.4, 24.4, 13.7; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2969, 1666, 1591, 1510, 1253, 1025, 828, 779, 712 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 390.1255, found: 390.1250.



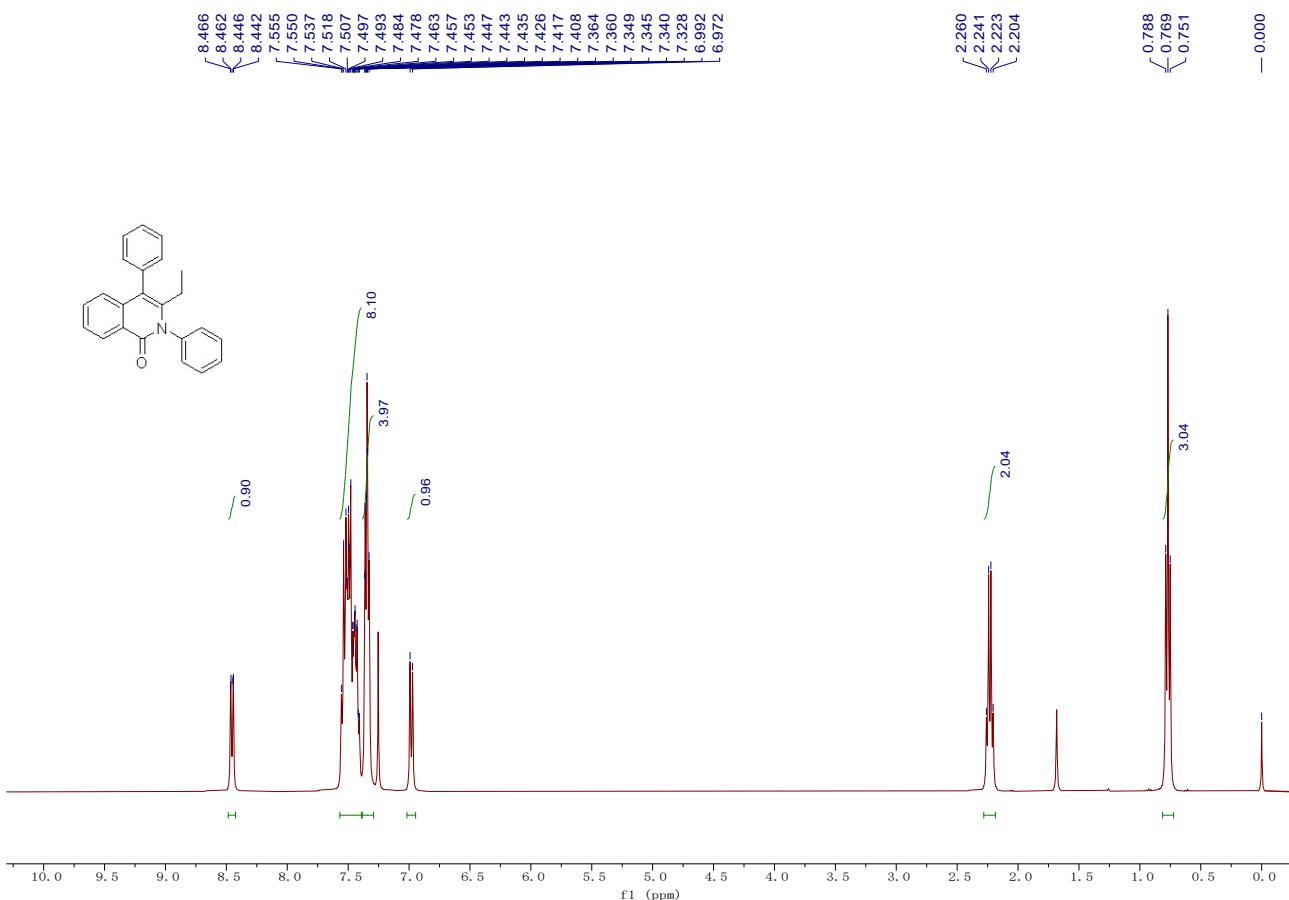


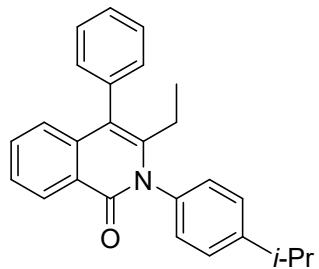
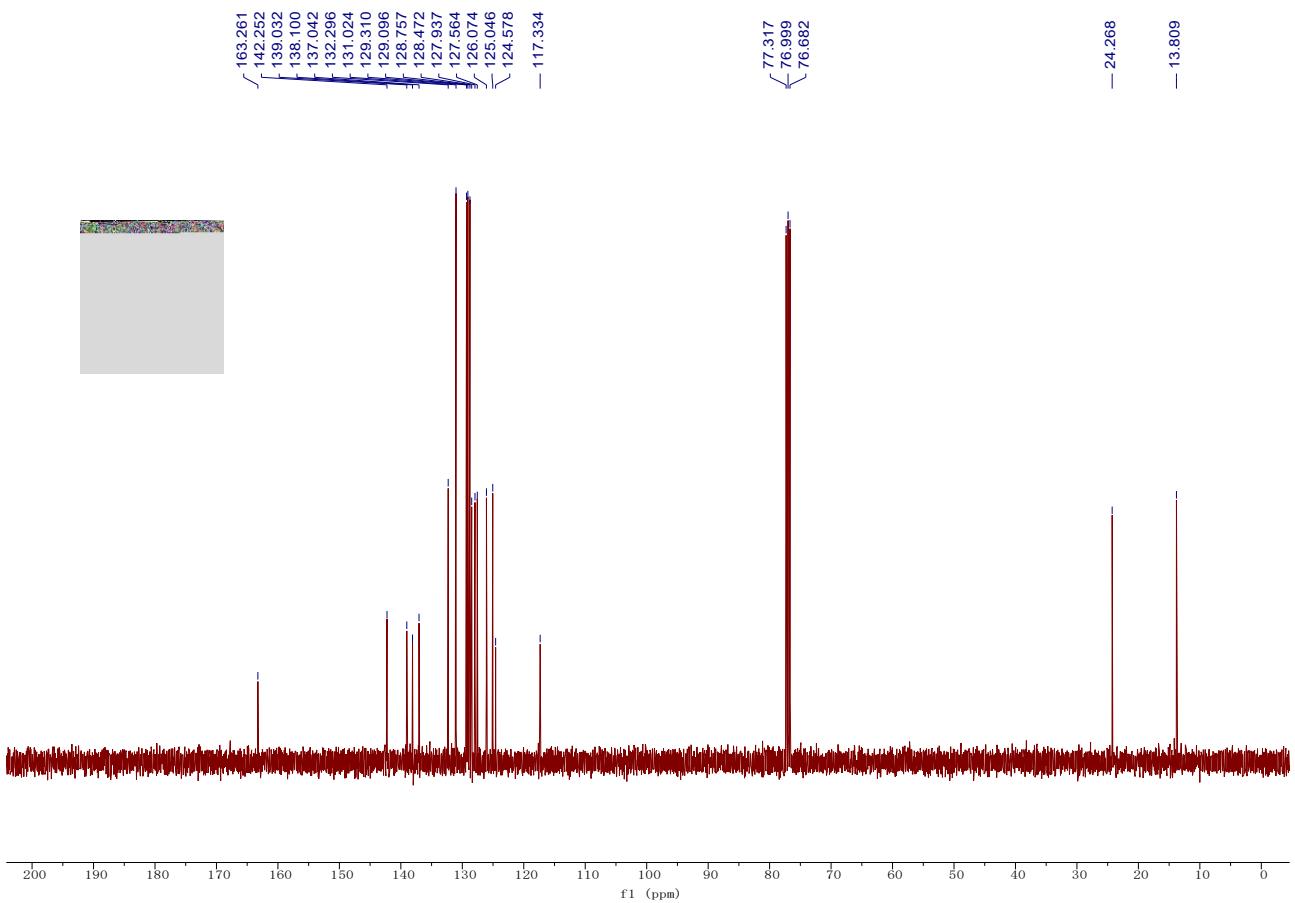
**Compound 3n':** Yield: 73.1 mg, 95%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 1:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.53 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.18 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  161.9, 161.1, 159.0, 143.5, 141.1, 137.7, 132.6, 131.8, 131.1, 130.2, 128.7, 127.4, 117.4, 116.5, 114.3, 114.2, 107.4, 56.0, 55.4, 24.4, 13.6; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1658, 1599, 1508, 1473, 1260, 1248, 1076, 815, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 386.1751, found: 386.1741.



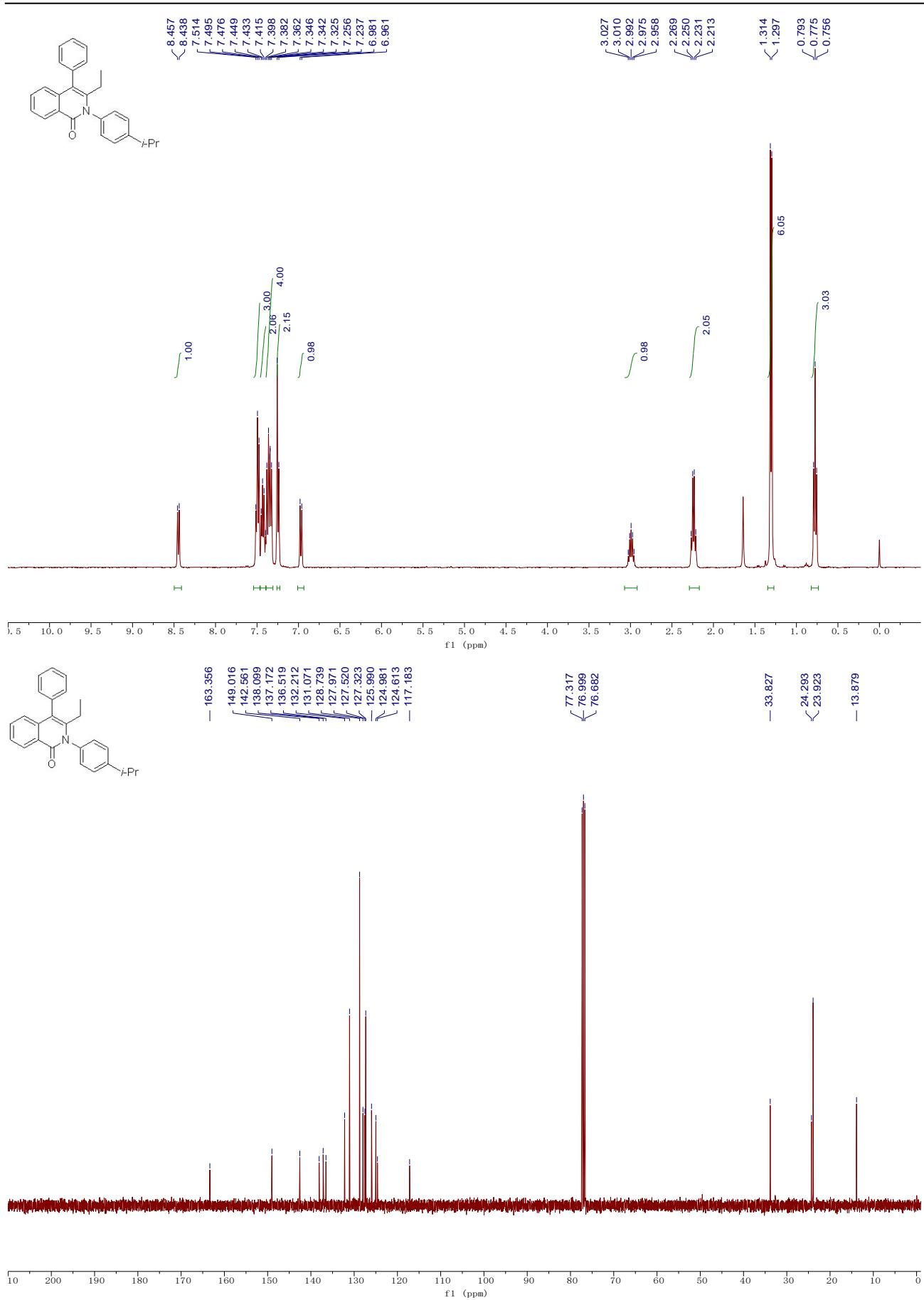


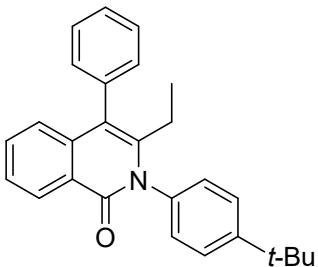
**Compound 3o:** Yield: 46.8 mg, 72%; A white solid; Mp: 198 - 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.45 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.39 (m, 8H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.77 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.3, 142.3, 139.0, 138.1, 137.0, 132.3, 131.0, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 126.1, 125.0, 124.6, 117.3, 24.3, 13.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  3047, 1655, 1614, 1588, 1484, 1330, 777, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 326.1539, found: 326.1541.



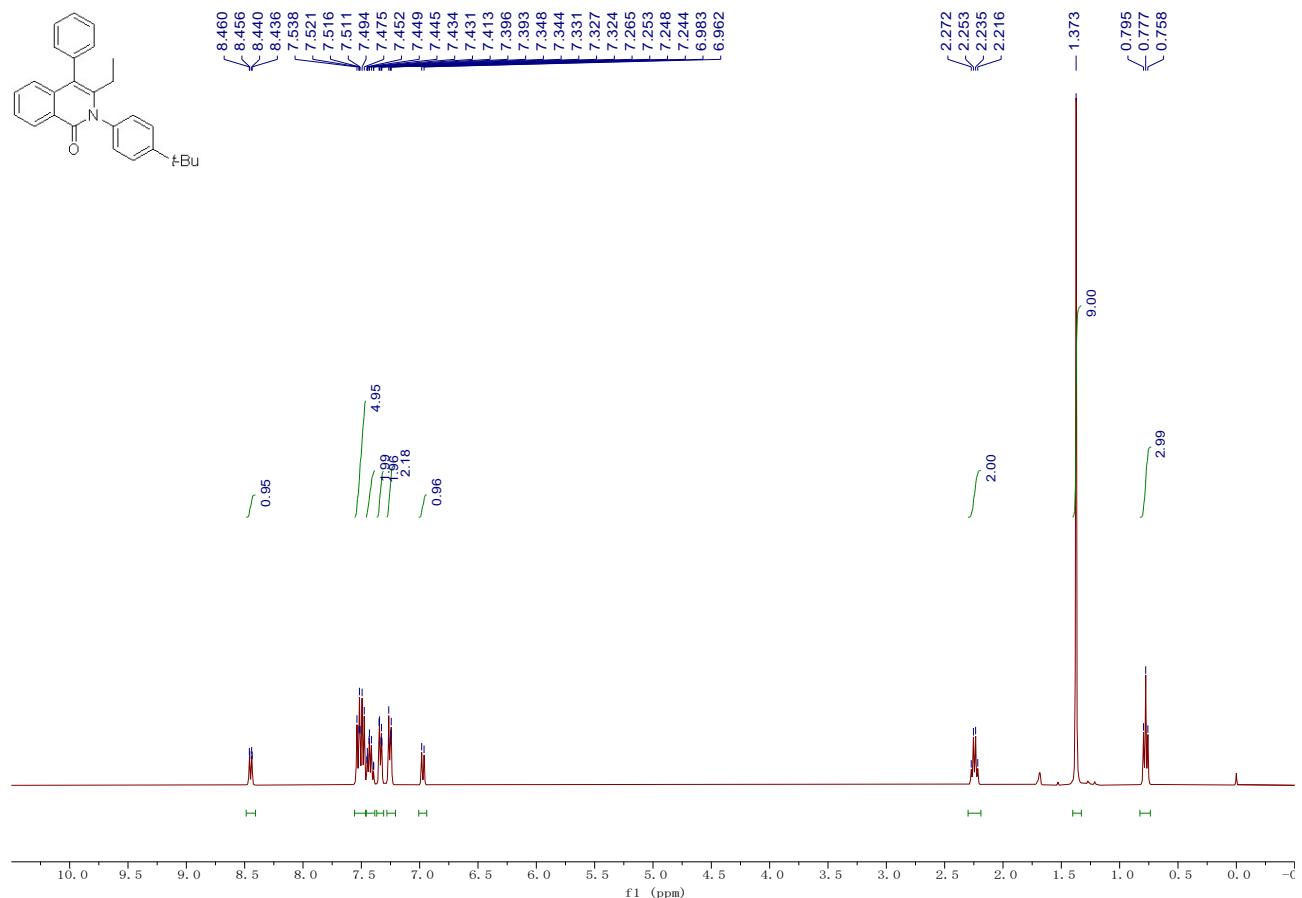


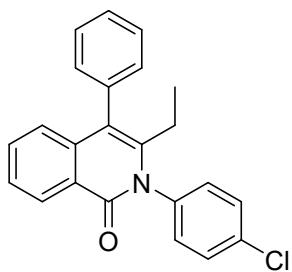
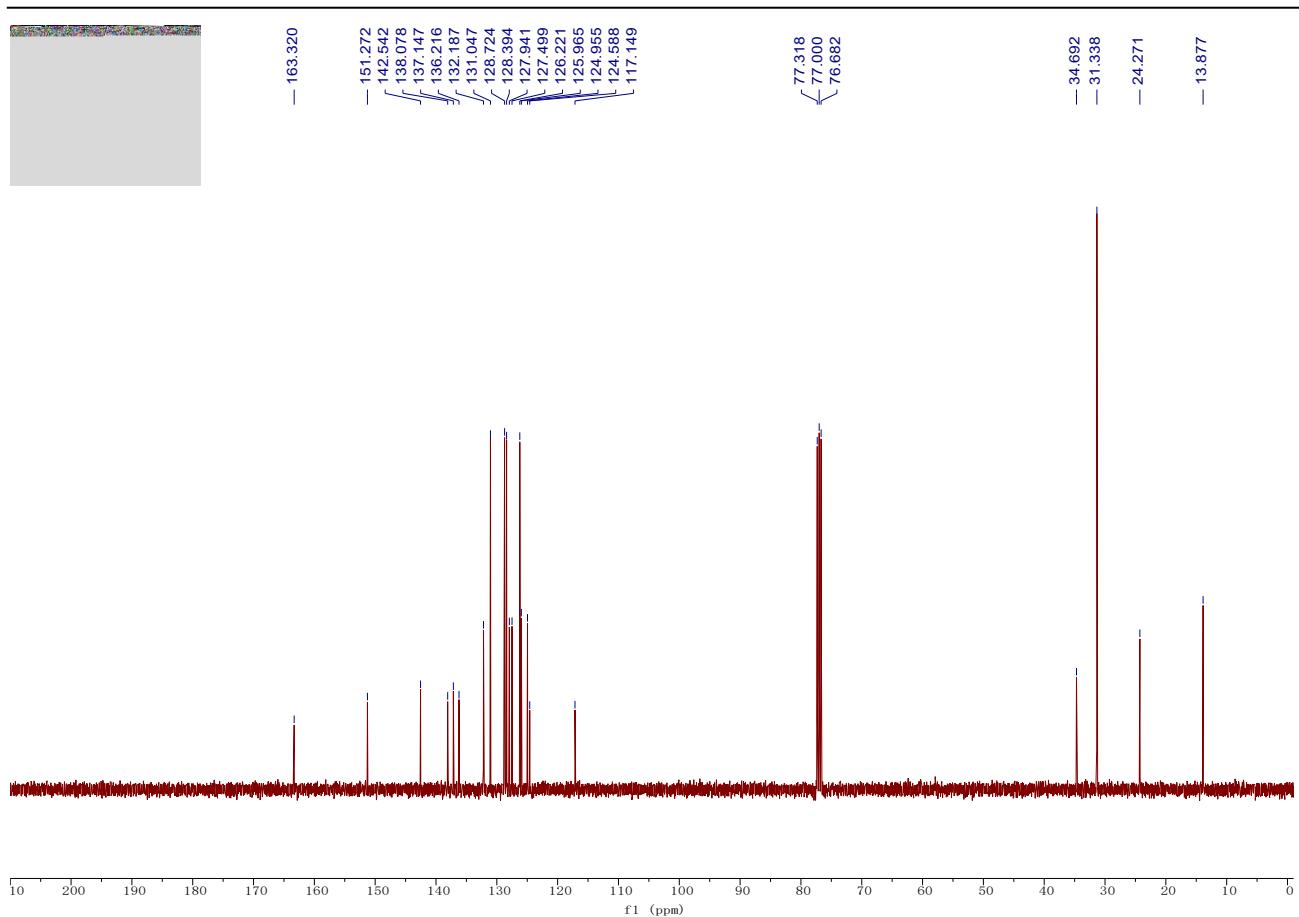
**Compound 3p:** Yield: 47.7 mg, 65%; A white solid; Mp: 176 - 178 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (hept,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.77 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.4, 149.0, 142.6, 138.1, 137.2, 136.5, 132.2, 131.1, 128.7, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 126.0, 125.0, 124.6, 117.2, 33.8, 24.3, 23.9, 13.9; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2917, 2852, 1653, 1331, 810, 776, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 368.2009, found: 368.2008.



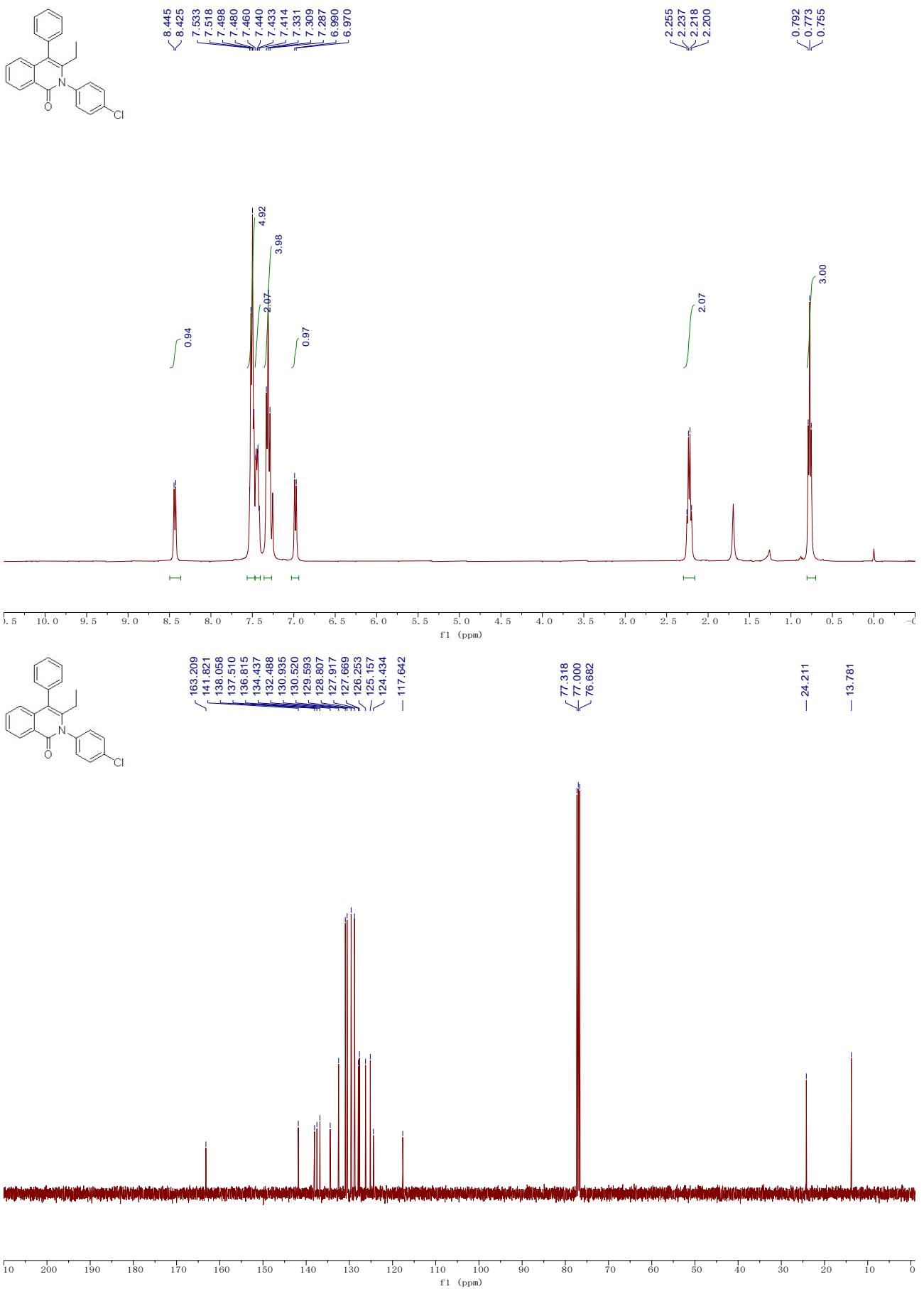


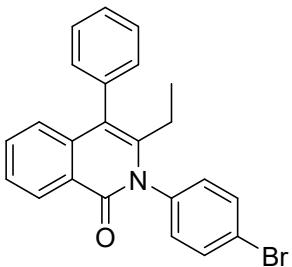
**Compound 3q:** Yield: 56.4 mg, 74%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.45 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 0.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.3, 151.3, 142.5, 138.1, 137.1, 136.2, 132.2, 131.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.5, 126.2, 126.0, 125.0, 124.6, 117.1, 34.7, 31.3, 24.3, 13.9; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2959, 1650, 1591, 1329, 784, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 382.2165, found: 382.2159.



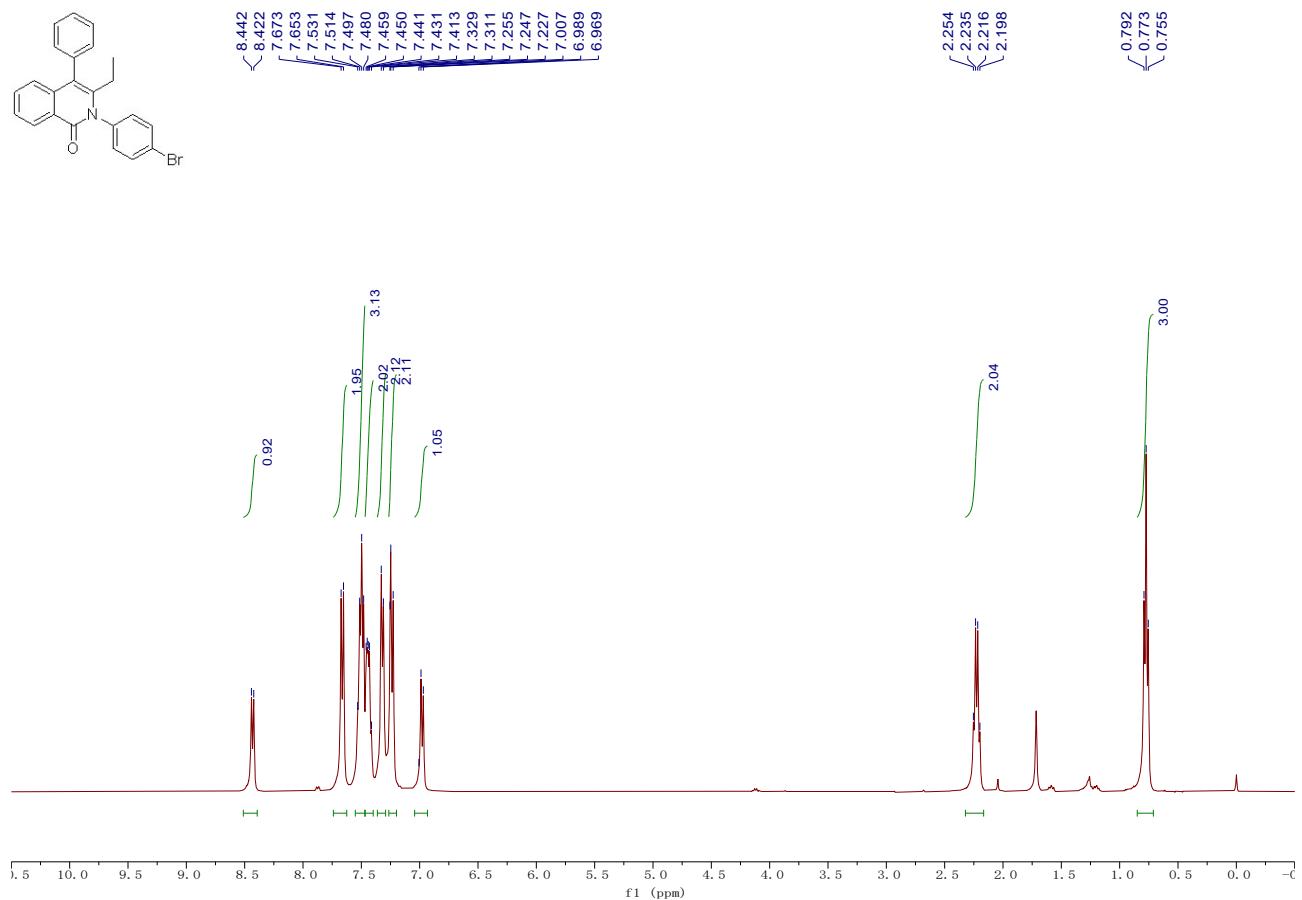


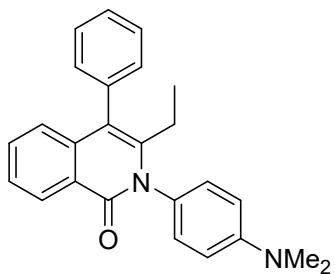
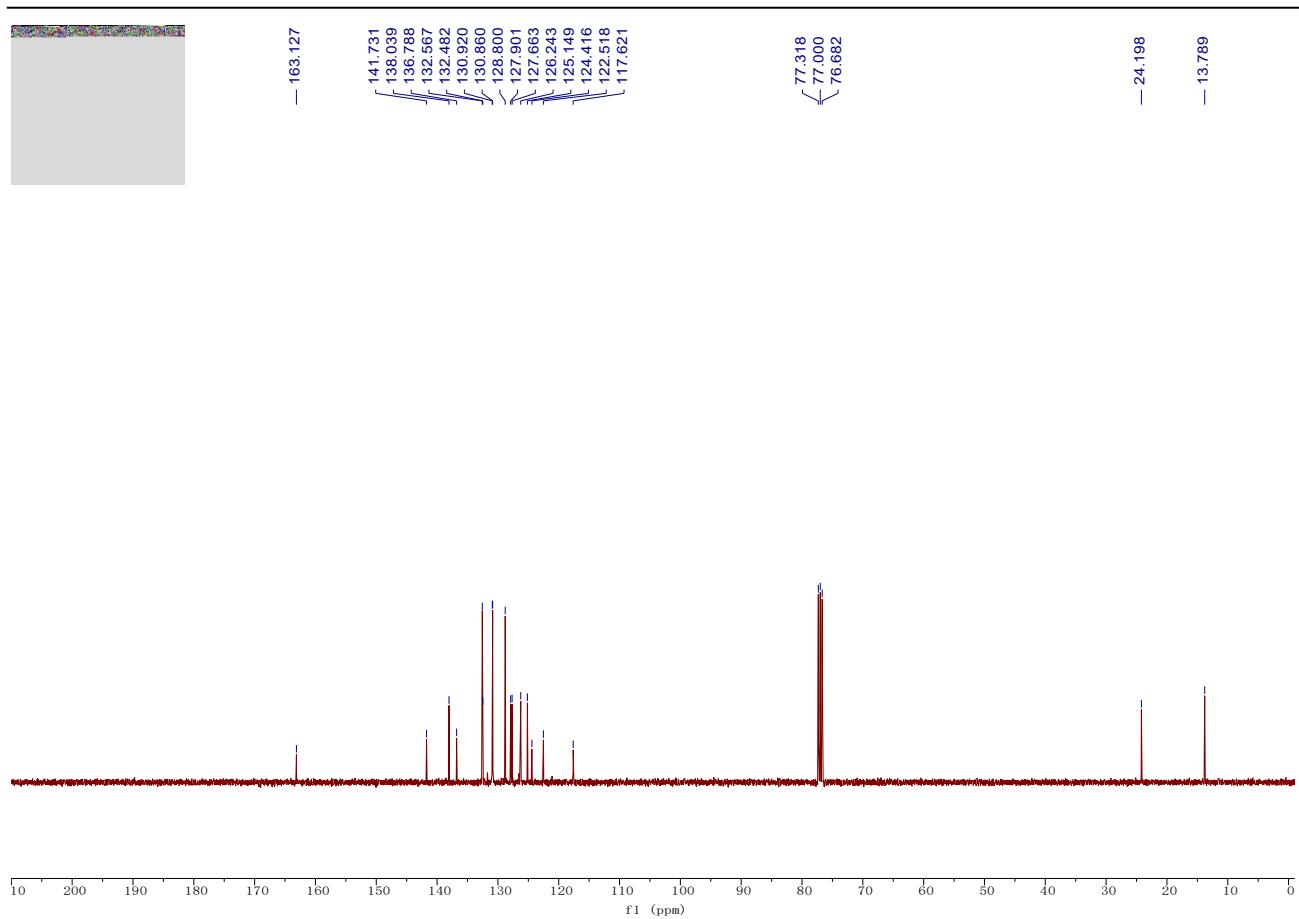
**Compound 3r:** Yield: 30.2 mg, 42%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 8:1,  $R_f$  = 0.3);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 5H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.77 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.2, 141.8, 138.1, 137.5, 136.8, 134.4, 132.5, 130.9, 130.5, 129.6, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 126.3, 125.2, 124.4, 117.6, 24.2, 13.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1654, 1491, 1327, 1089, 776, 764, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOCl [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.1150, found: 360.1149.



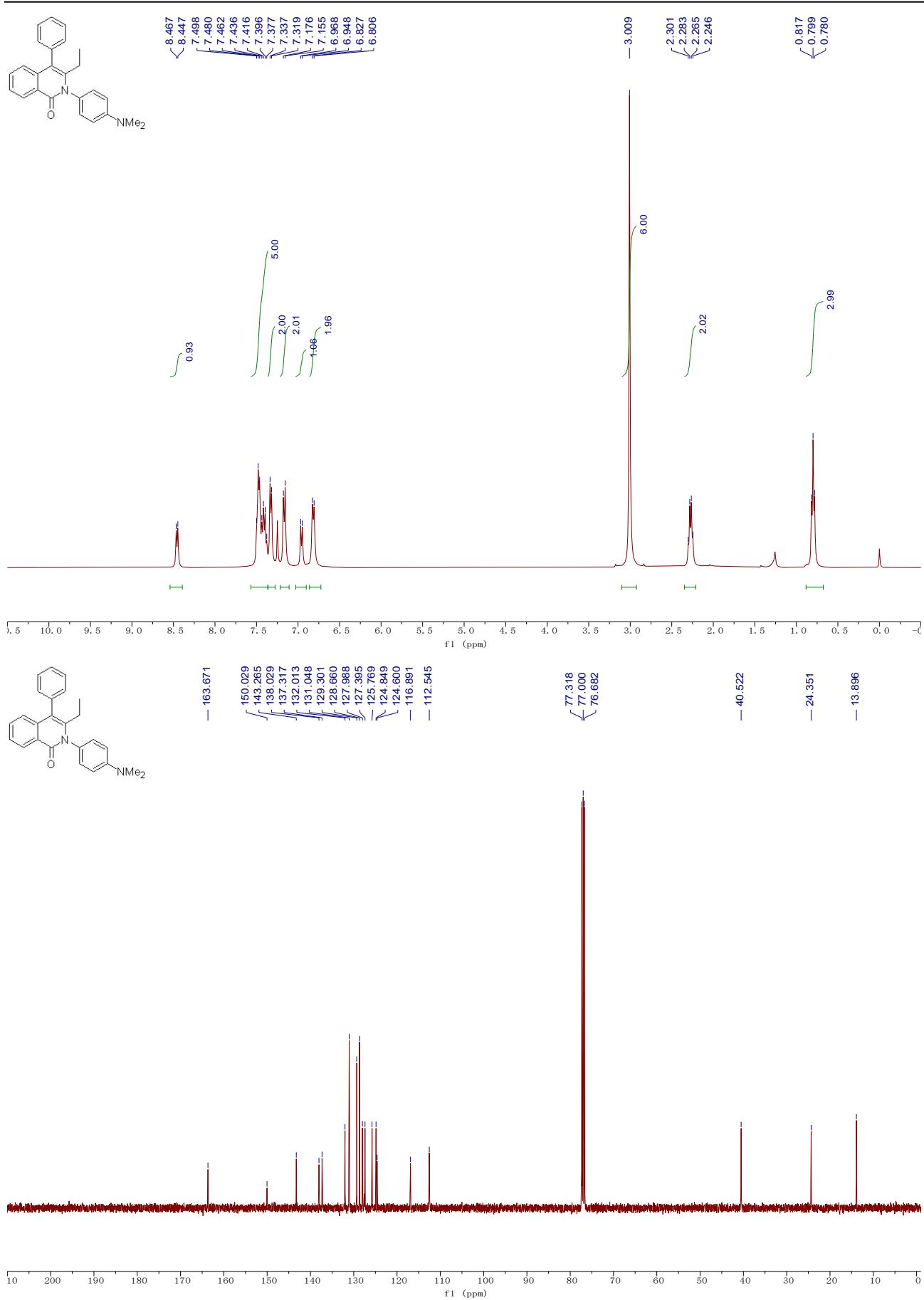


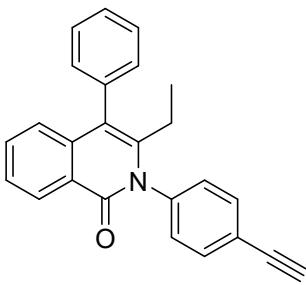
**Compound 3s:** Yield: 60.6 mg, 75%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.77 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.1, 141.7, 138.0, 136.8, 132.6, 132.5, 130.92, 130.86, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 126.2, 125.1, 124.4, 122.5, 117.6, 24.2, 13.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1655, 1488, 1013, 776, 765, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOBr [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 404.0645, found: 404.0647.



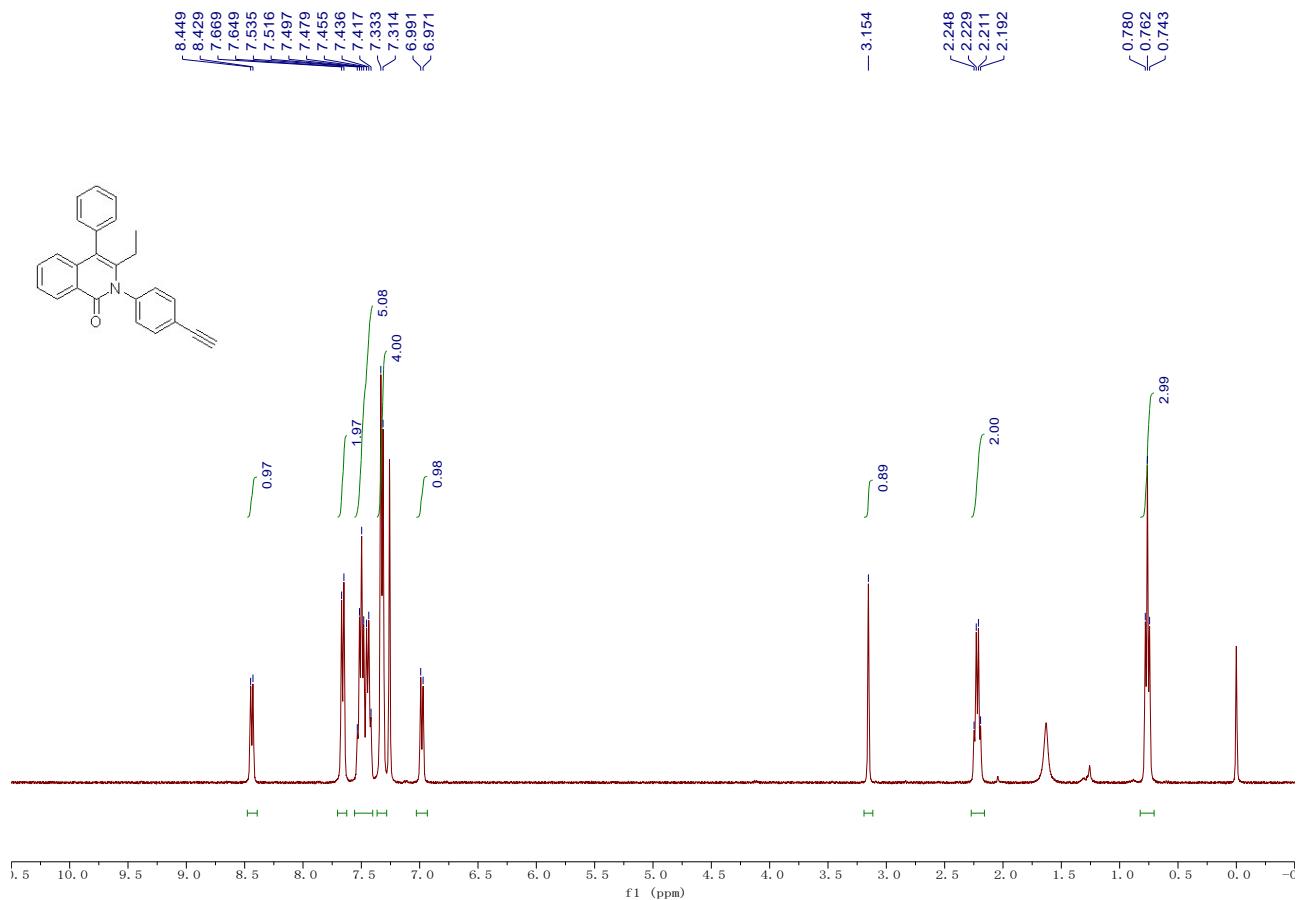


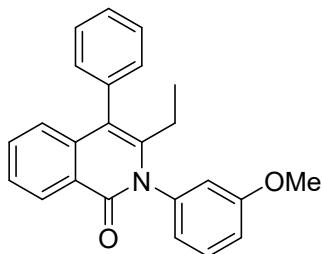
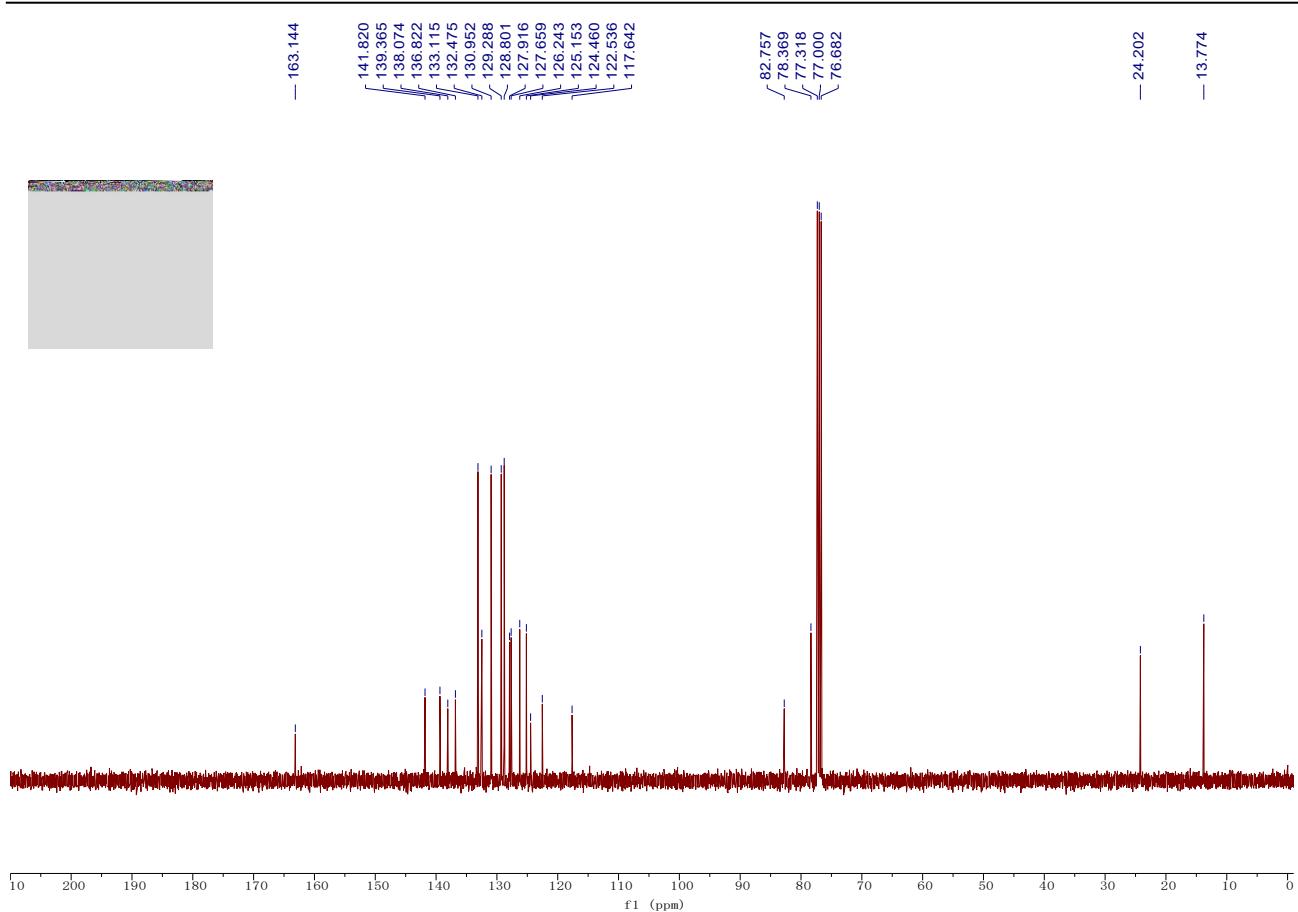
**Compound 3t:** Yield: 72.9 mg, 99%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (s, 6H), 2.27 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.7, 150.0, 143.3, 138.0, 137.3, 132.0, 131.0, 129.3, 128.7, 128.0, 127.4, 125.8, 124.8, 124.6, 116.9, 112.5, 40.5, 24.4, 13.9; IR (neat): ν 1645, 1611, 1520, 1443, 1330, 1181, 806, 770, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 369.1961, found: 369.1967.



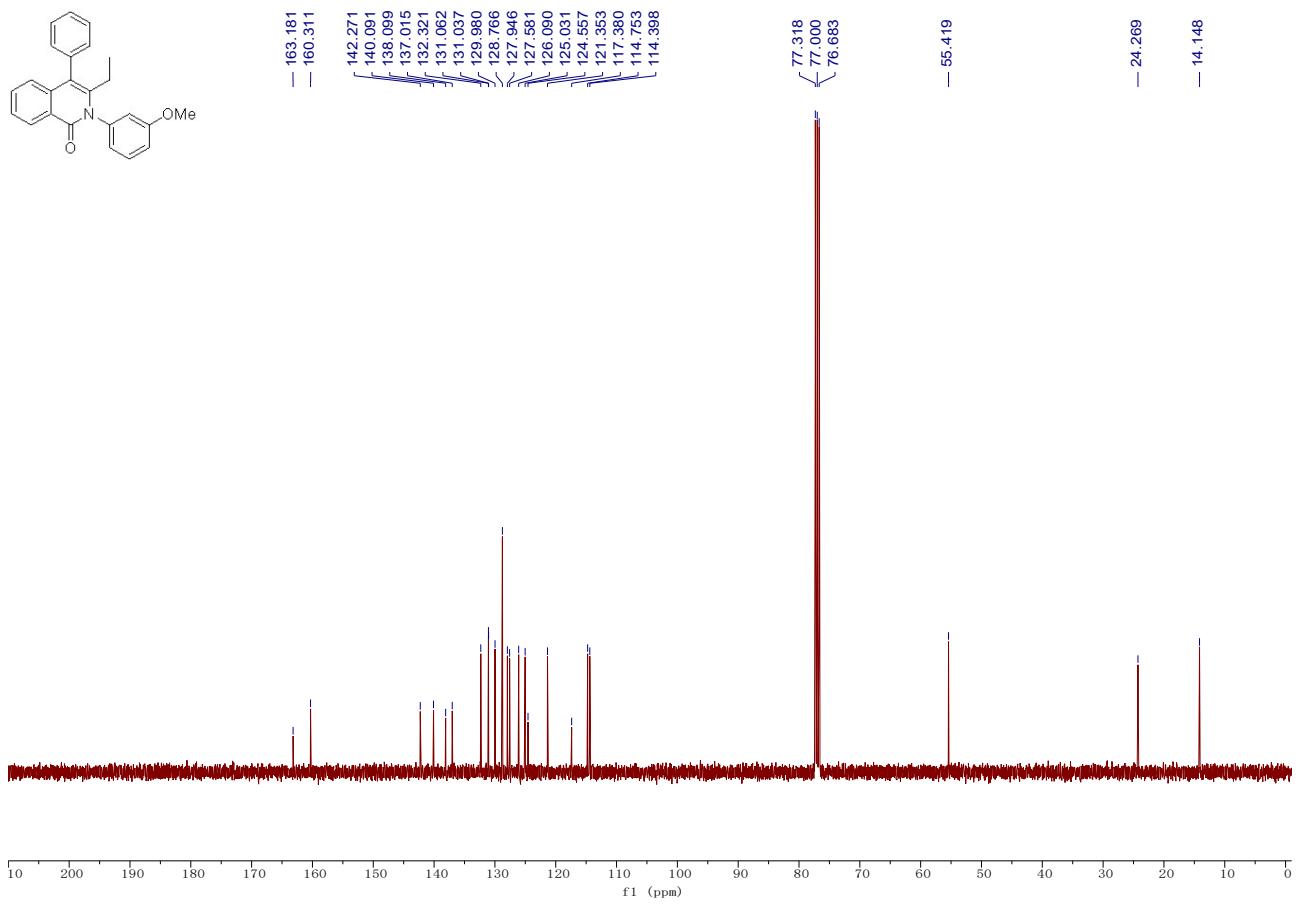
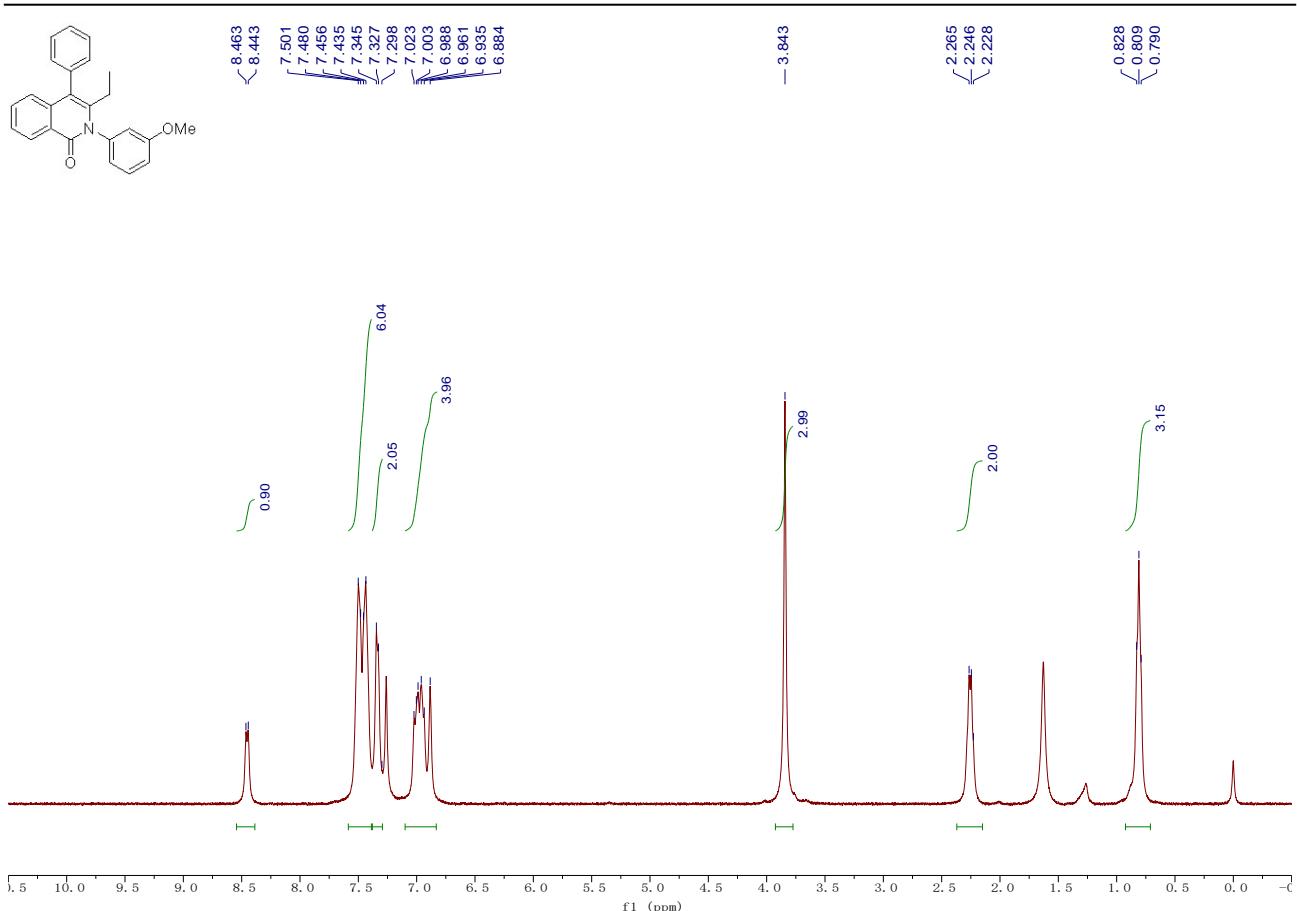


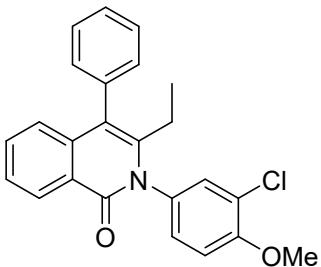
**Compound 3v:** Yield: 39.8 mg, 57%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 1H), 2.22 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.1, 141.8, 139.4, 138.1, 136.8, 133.1, 132.5, 131.0, 129.3, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 126.2, 125.2, 124.5, 122.5, 117.6, 82.8, 78.4, 24.2, 13.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  3251, 1650, 1612, 1586, 1331, 816, 772, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 350.1539, found: 350.1543.



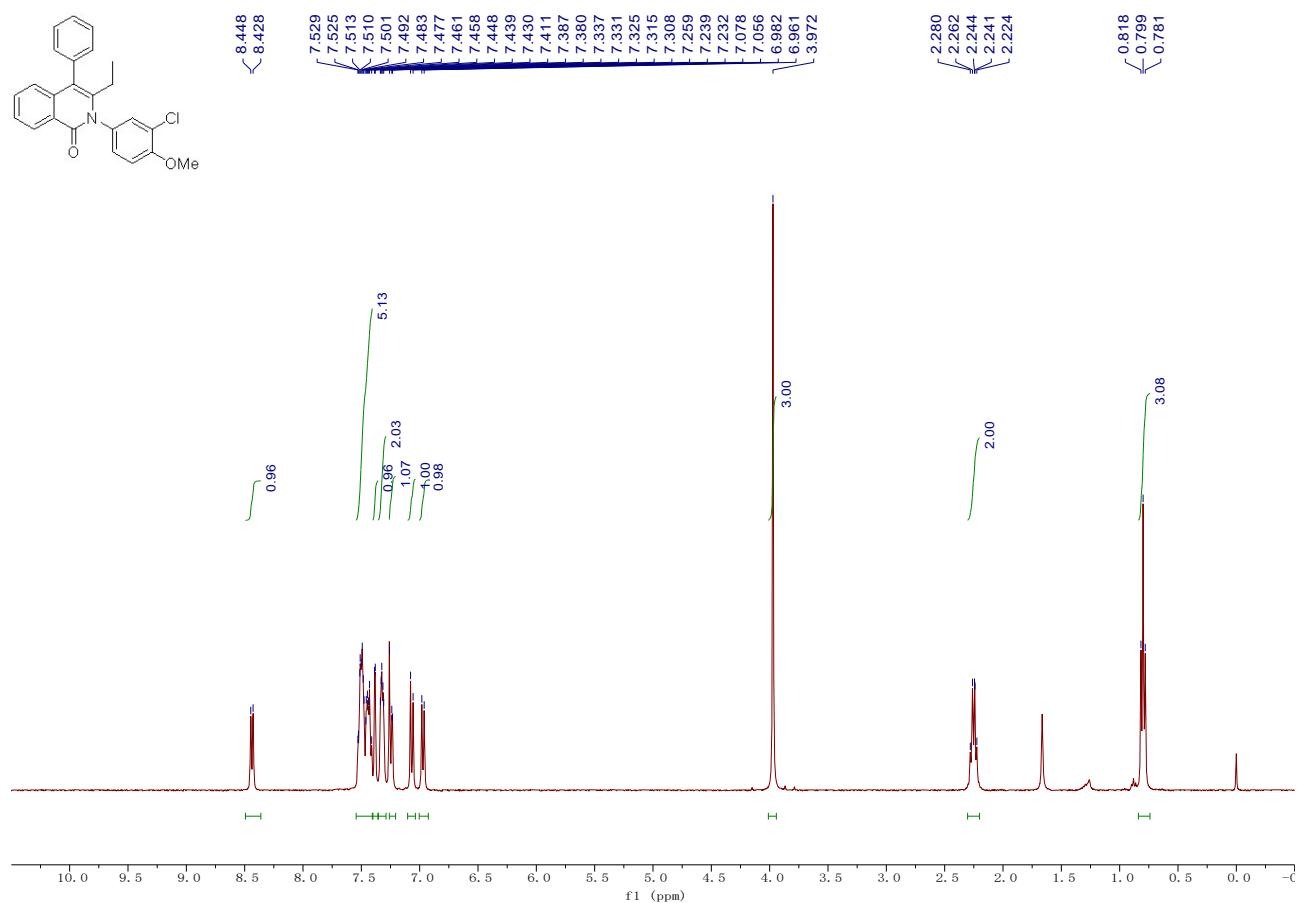


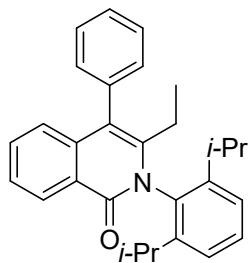
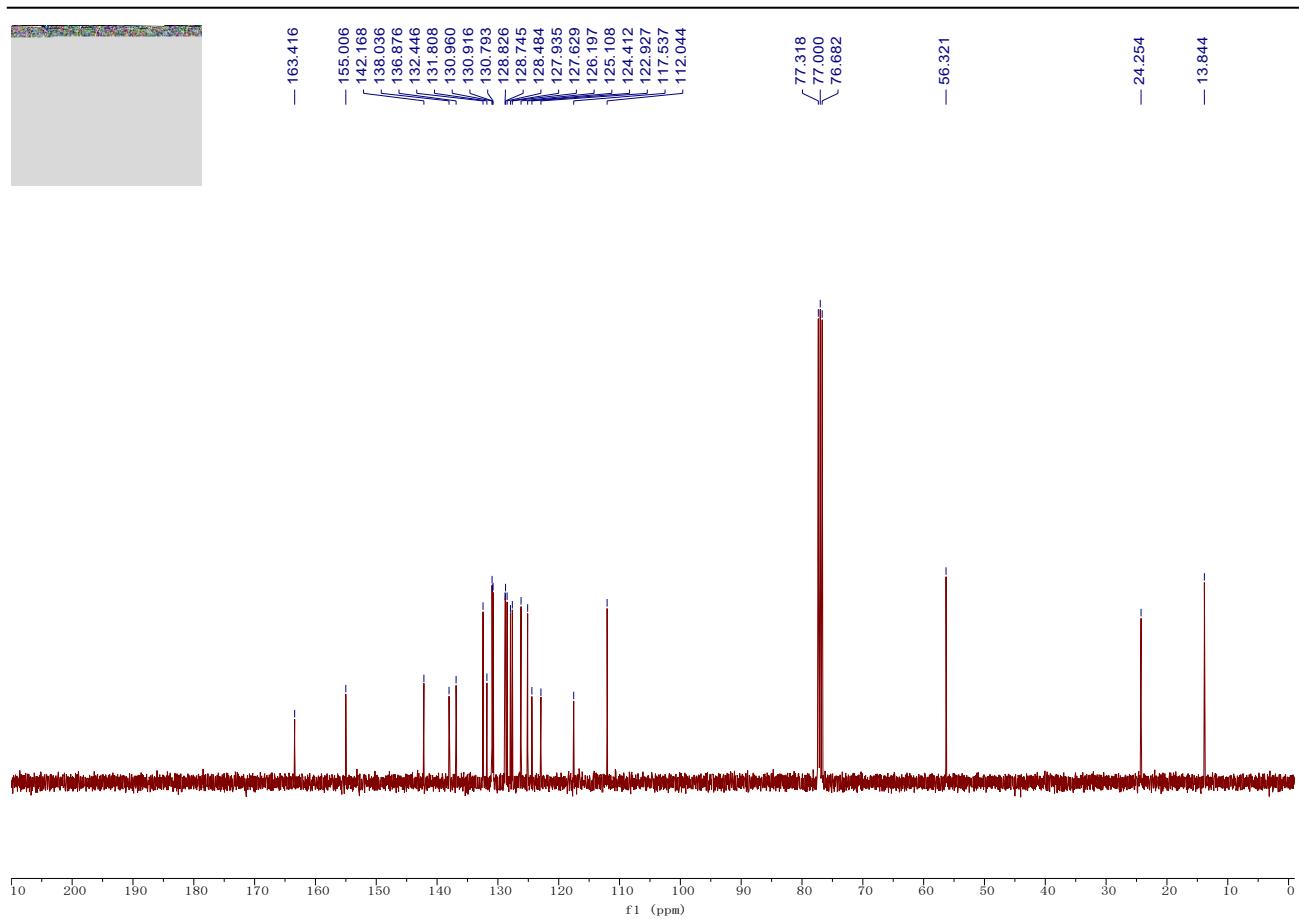
**Compound 3w:** Yield: 44.0 mg, 62%; A white solid; Mp: 139 - 141 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 6.83 (m, 4H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.39 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.2, 160.3, 142.3, 140.1, 138.1, 137.0, 132.3, 131.1, 131.0, 130.0, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 126.1, 125.0, 124.6, 121.4, 117.4, 114.8, 114.4, 55.4, 24.3, 14.1; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1651, 1602, 1488, 1328, 1287, 1040, 773, 763, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 356.1645, found: 356.1641.



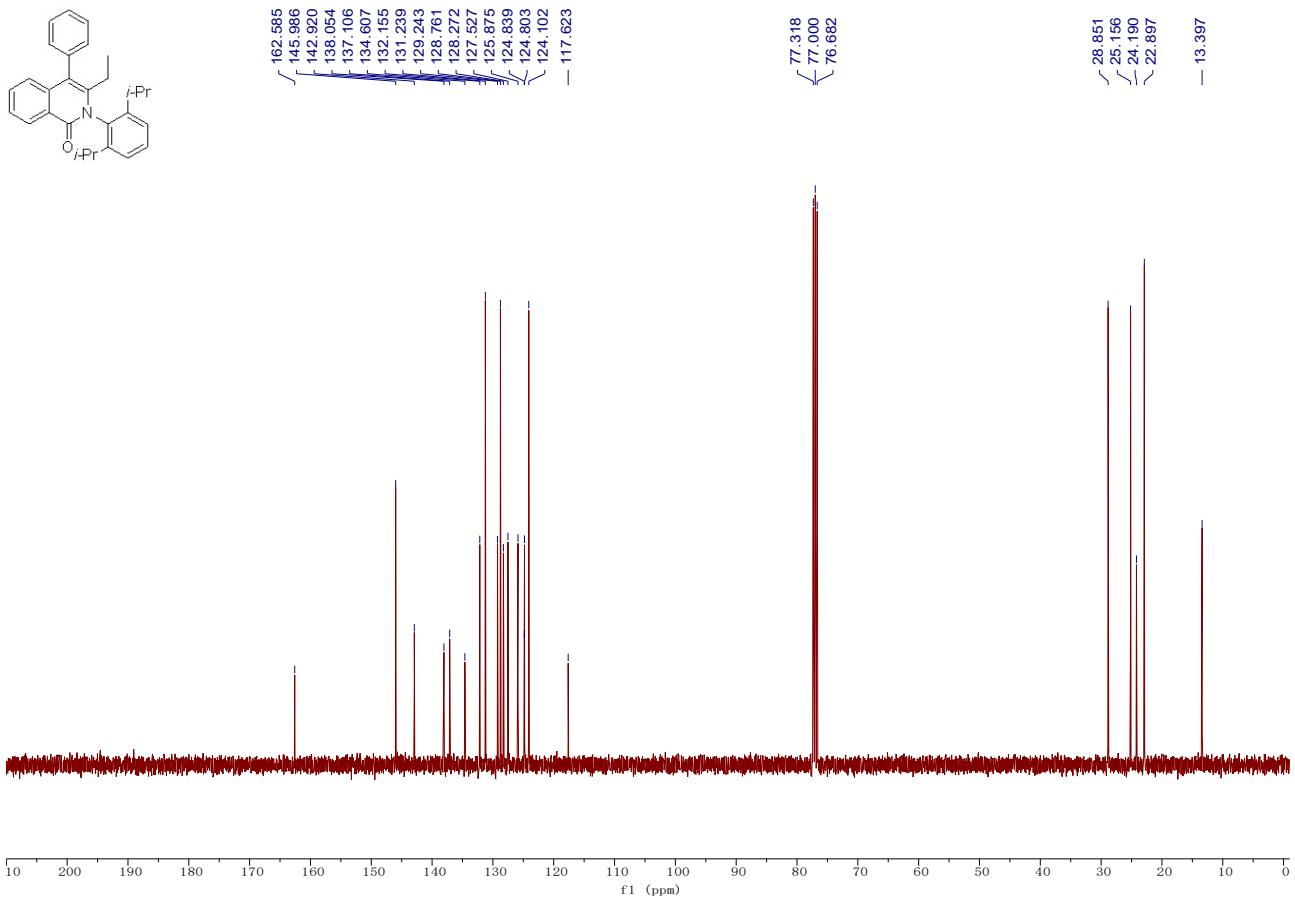
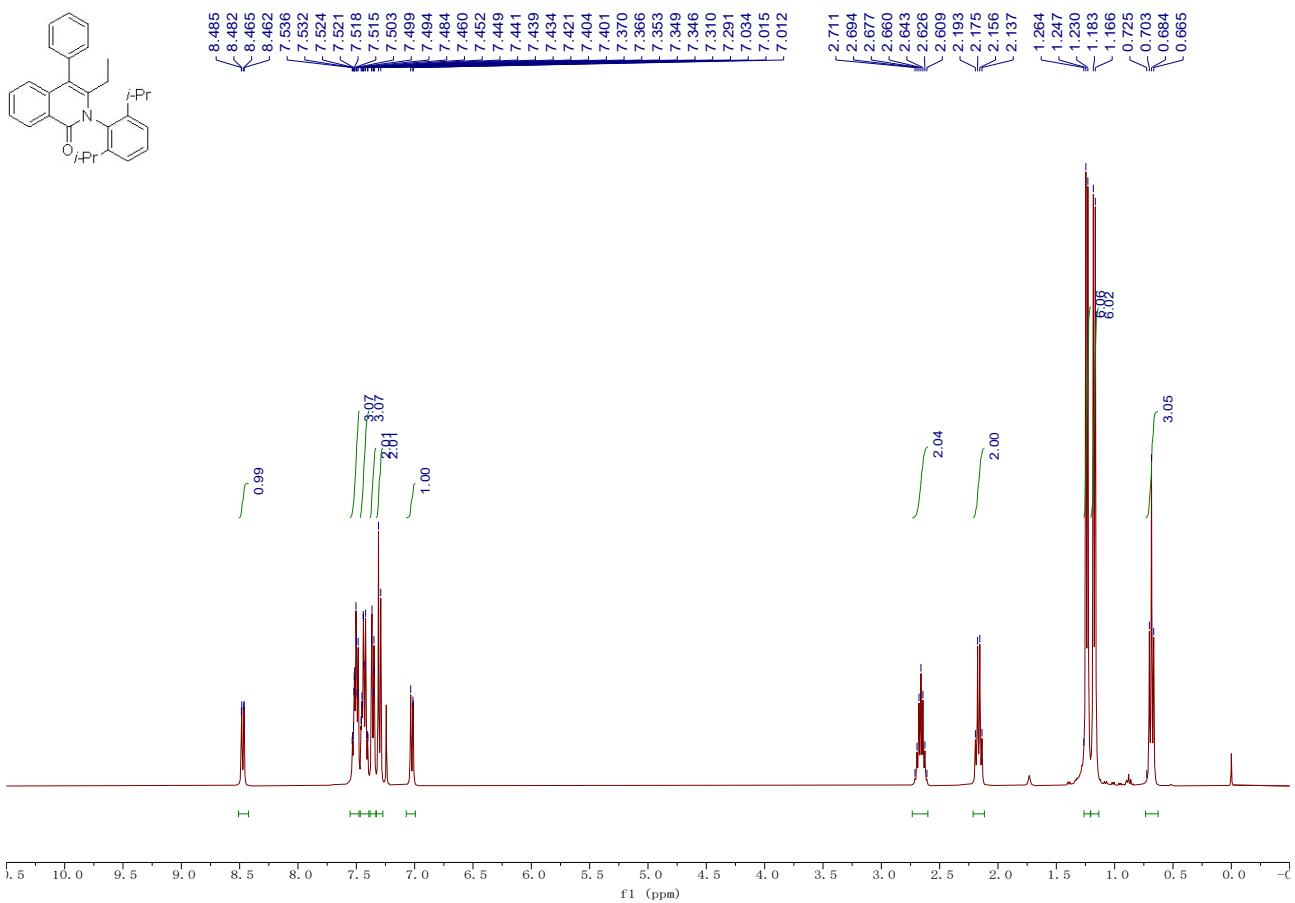


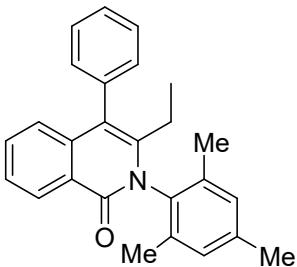
**Compound 3x:** Yield: 46.7 mg, 60%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.25 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.80 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.4, 155.0, 142.2, 138.0, 136.9, 132.4, 131.8, 130.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 126.2, 125.1, 124.4, 122.9, 117.5, 112.0, 56.3, 24.3, 13.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1656, 1586, 1496, 1263, 1059, 814, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 390.1255, found: 390.1257.



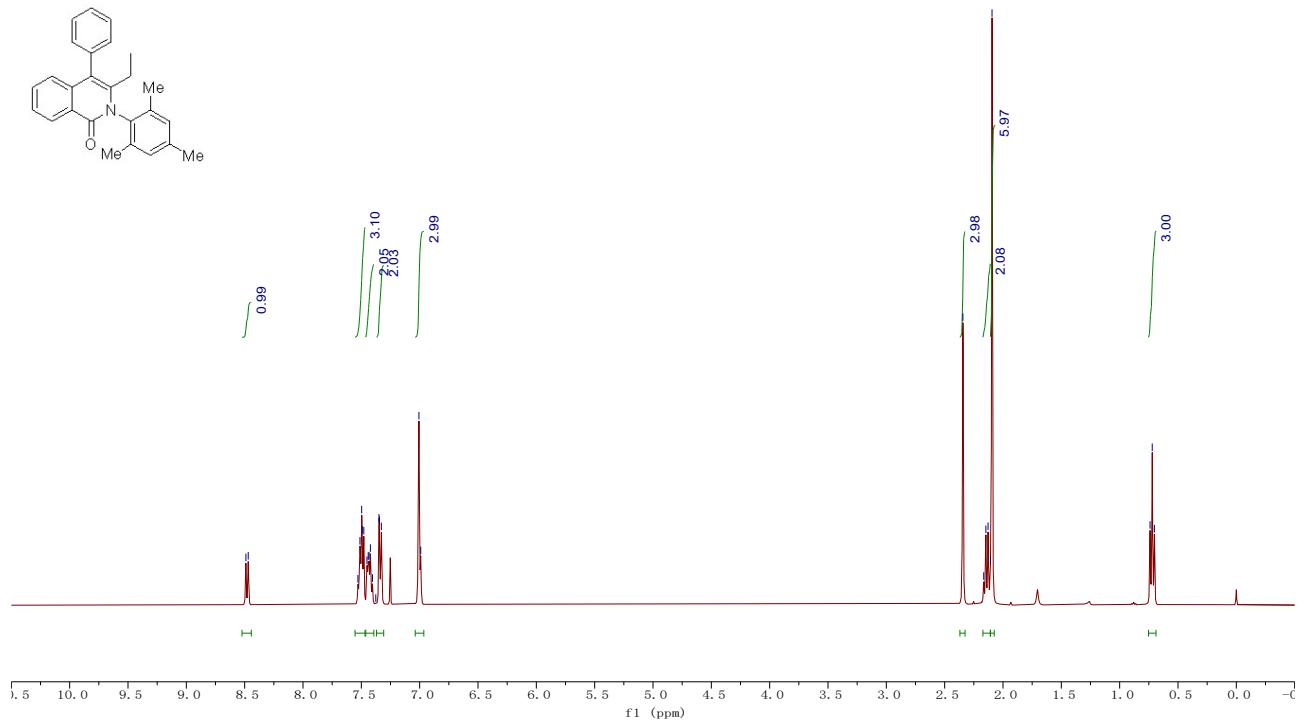


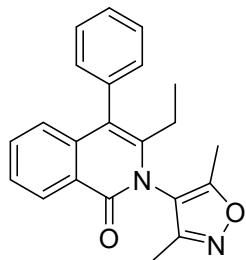
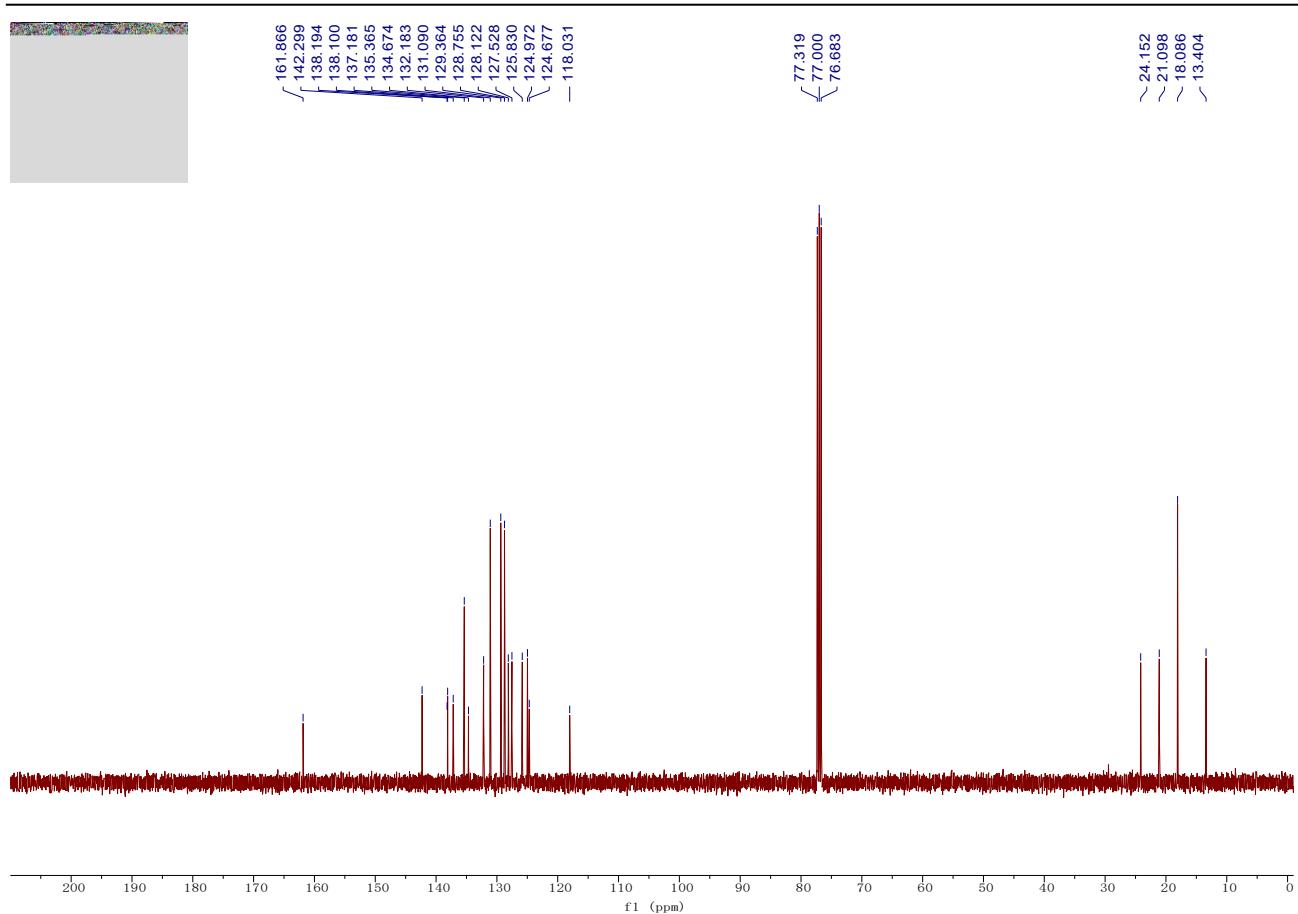
**Compound 3y:** Yield: 55.6 mg, 68%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.47 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (hept,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.17 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  162.6, 146.0, 142.9, 138.1, 137.1, 134.6, 132.2, 131.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 127.5, 125.9, 124.84, 124.80, 124.1, 117.6, 28.9, 25.2, 24.2, 22.9, 13.4; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2966, 1649, 1609, 769, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 410.2478, found: 410.2475.



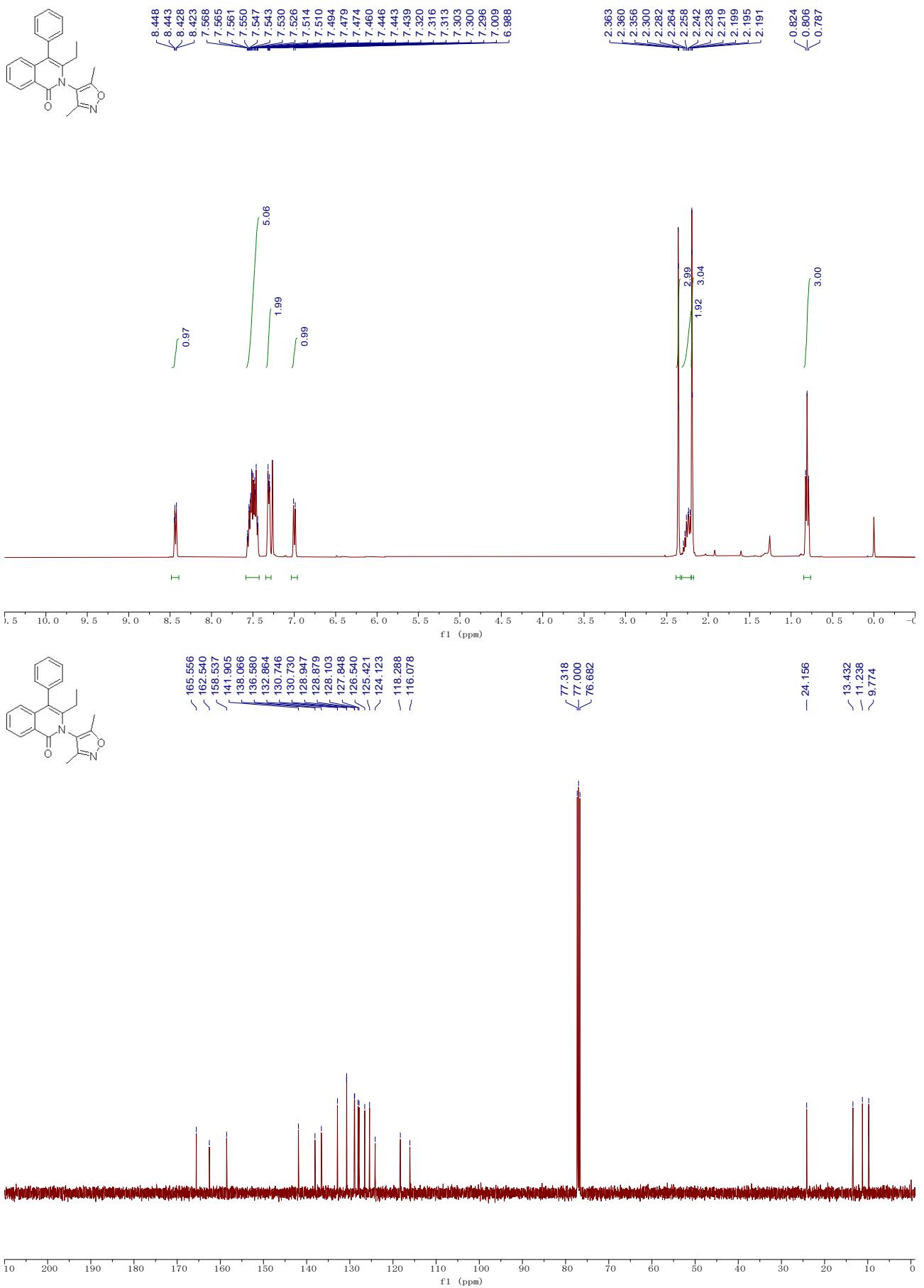


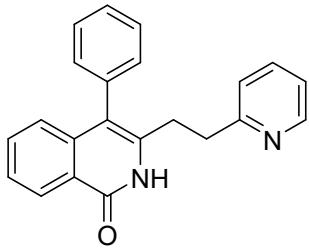
**Compound 3z:** Yield: 48.4 mg, 66%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.48 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.15 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 6H), 0.72 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  161.9, 142.3, 138.2, 138.1, 137.2, 135.4, 134.7, 132.2, 131.1, 129.4, 128.8, 128.1, 127.5, 125.8, 125.0, 124.7, 118.0, 24.2, 21.1, 18.1, 13.4; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2917, 1647, 1612, 1480, 1329, 775, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 368.2009, found: 368.2013.



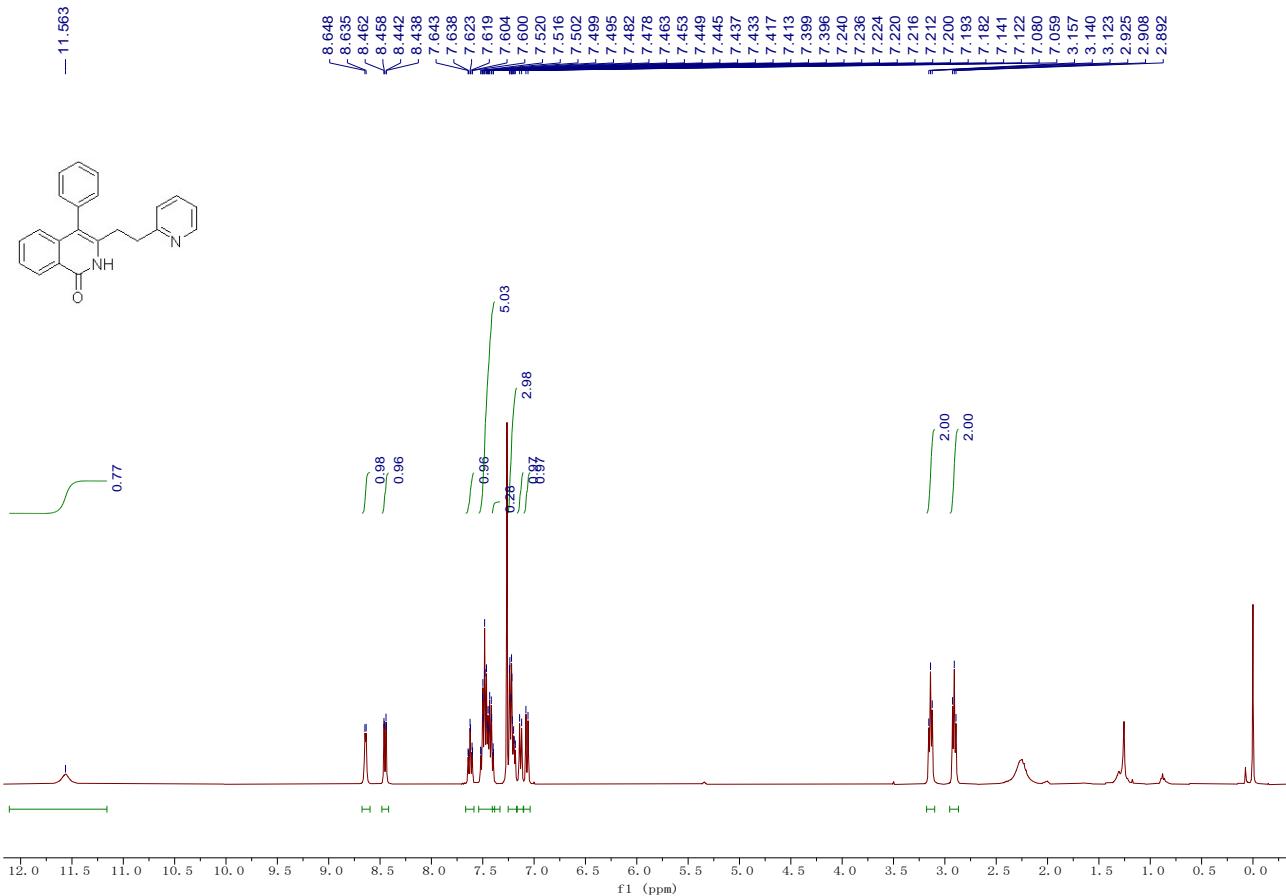


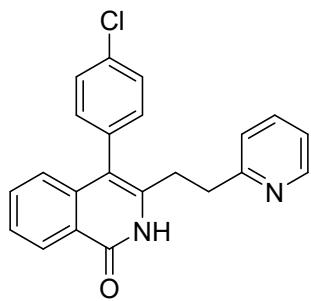
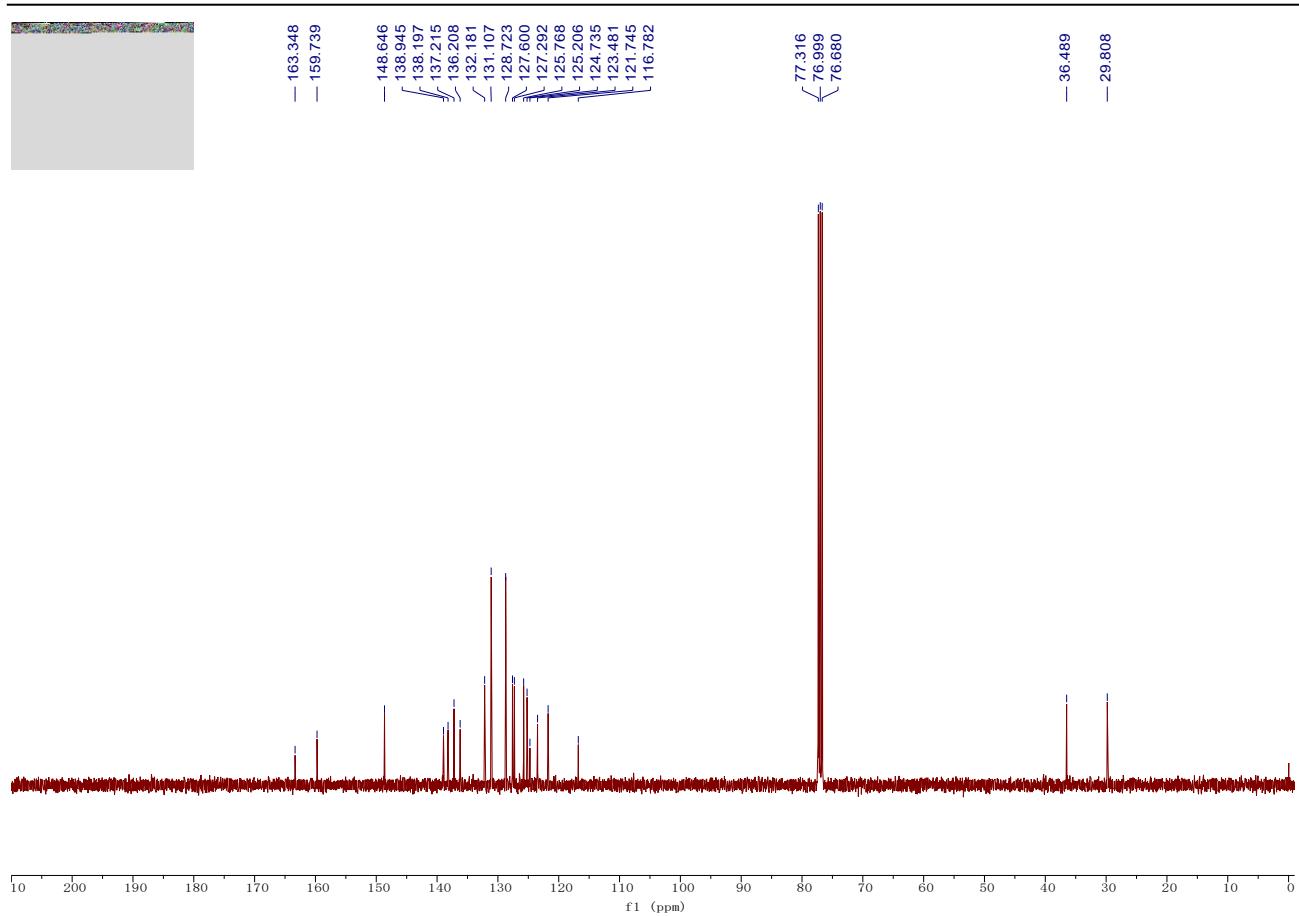
**Compound 3aa:** Yield: 35.1 mg, 51%; A white solid; Mp: 169 - 171 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.4);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.32 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 0.81 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  165.6, 162.5, 158.5, 141.9, 138.1, 136.6, 132.9, 130.75, 130.73, 128.95, 128.88, 128.1, 127.8, 126.5, 125.4, 124.1, 118.3, 116.1, 24.2, 13.4, 11.2, 9.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2925, 1667, 1645, 1612, 1327, 775, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 345.1598, found: 345.1598.



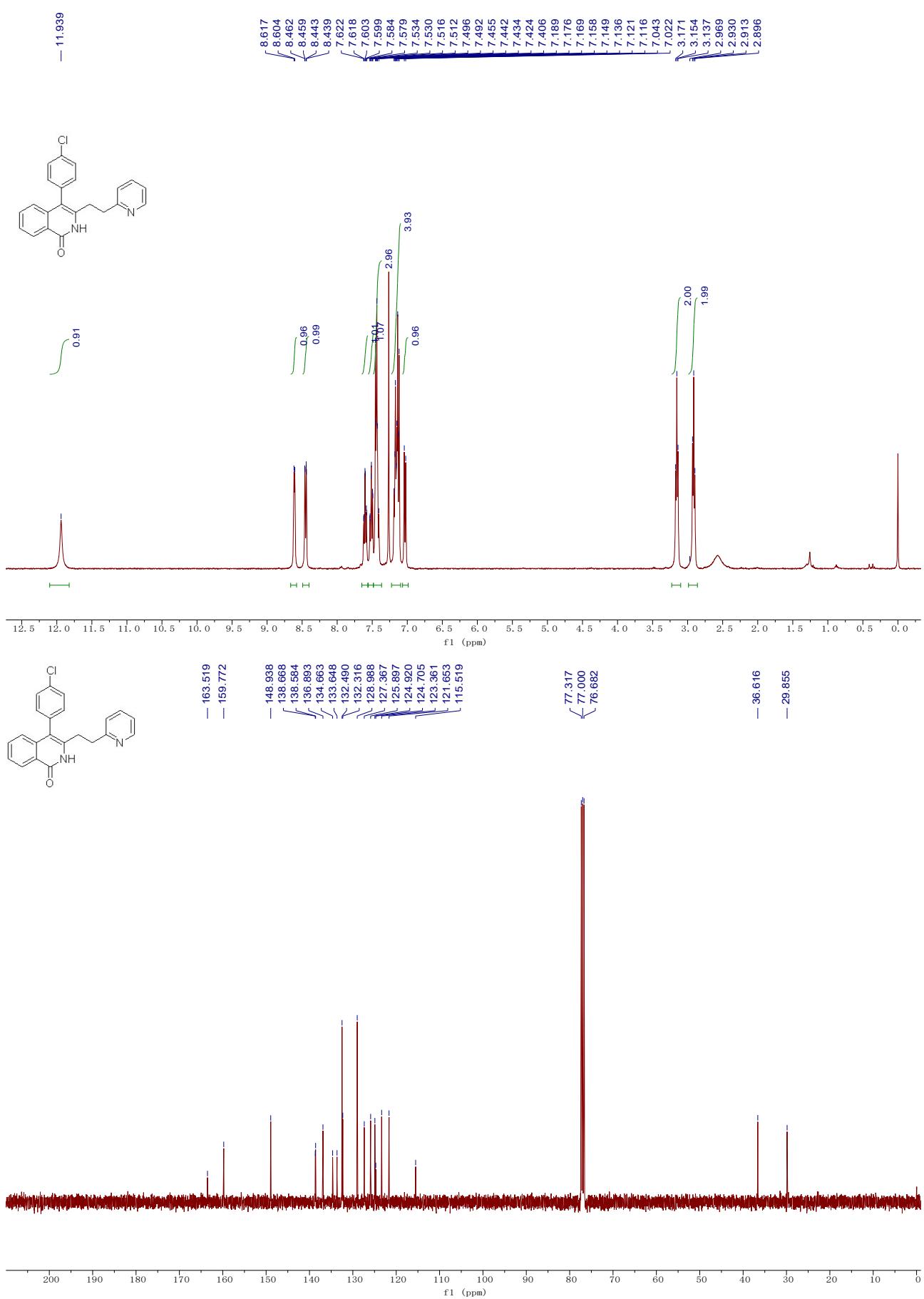


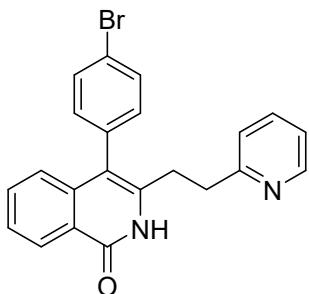
**Compound 4a:** Yield: 56 mg, 85%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc,  $R_f = 0.5$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  11.56 (s, 1H), 8.64 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.45 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td,  $J = 7.7, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.14 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.3, 159.7, 148.6, 138.9, 138.2, 137.2, 136.2, 132.2, 131.1, 128.7, 127.6, 127.3, 125.8, 125.2, 124.7, 123.5, 121.7, 116.8, 36.5, 29.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2922, 1667, 1633, 1472, 749, 707, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 327.1492, found: 327.1489.



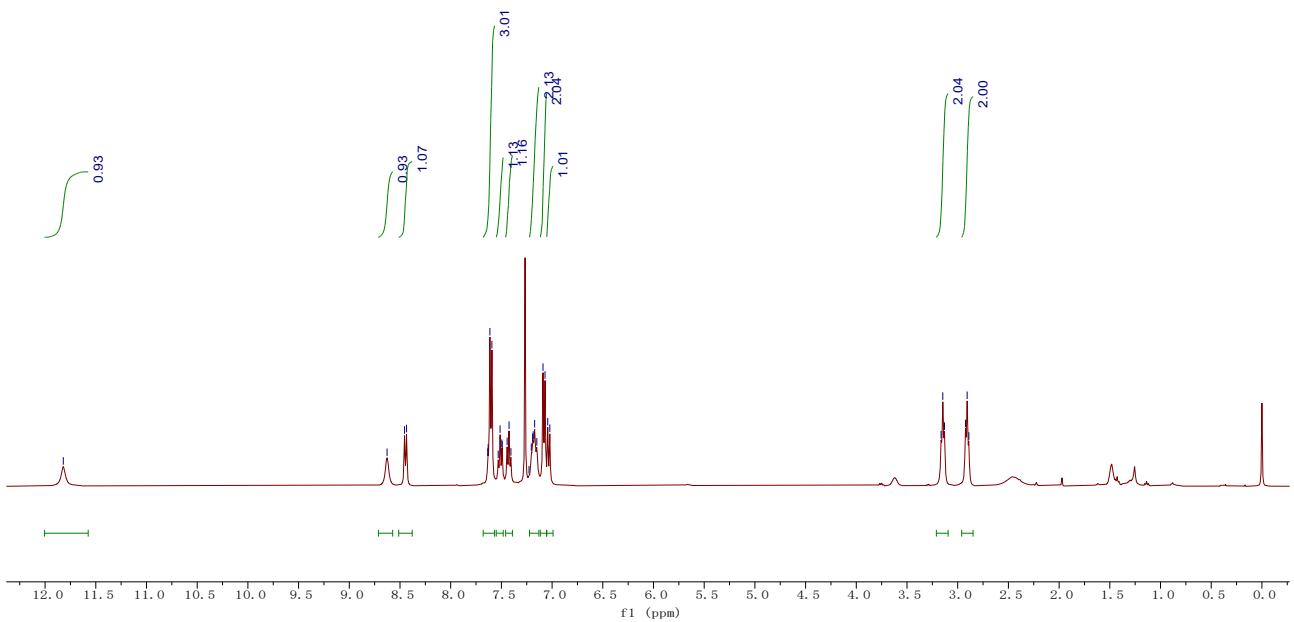
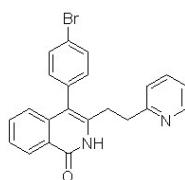


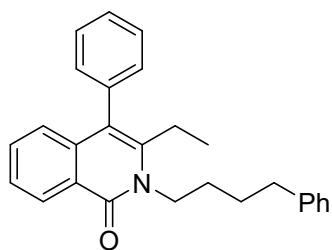
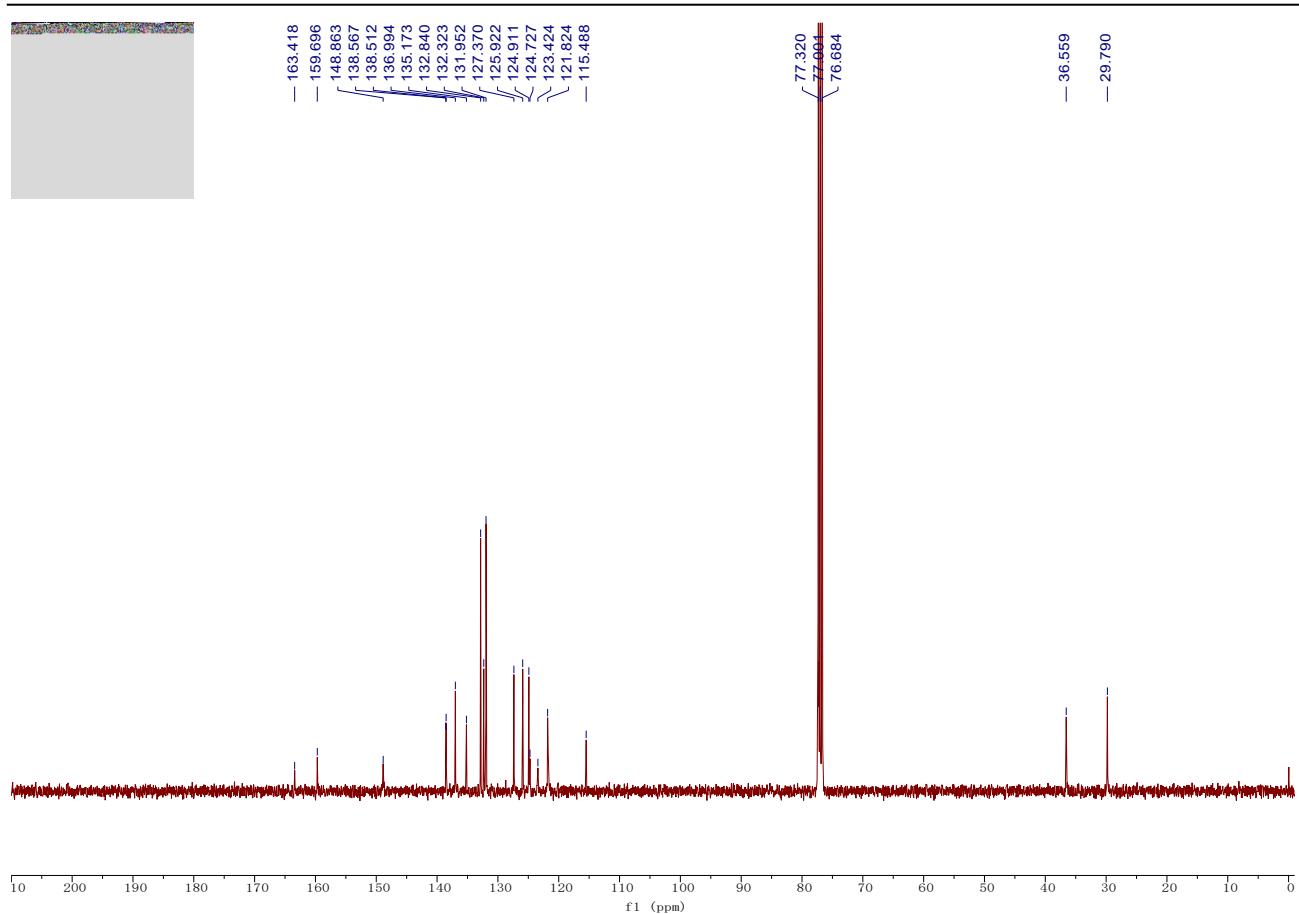
**Compound 4b:** Yield: 25.2 mg, 35%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc,  $R_f = 0.5$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  11.94 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.49 – 8.40 (m, 1H), 7.60 (td,  $J = 7.7, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.15 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  163.5, 159.8, 148.9, 138.7, 138.6, 136.9, 134.7, 133.6, 132.5, 132.3, 129.0, 127.4, 125.9, 124.9, 124.7, 123.4, 121.7, 115.5, 36.6, 29.9; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2899, 1671, 1630, 1474, 771, 742, 742, 742, 735 cm $^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OCl [M+H] $^+$ : 361.1102, found: 361.1105.



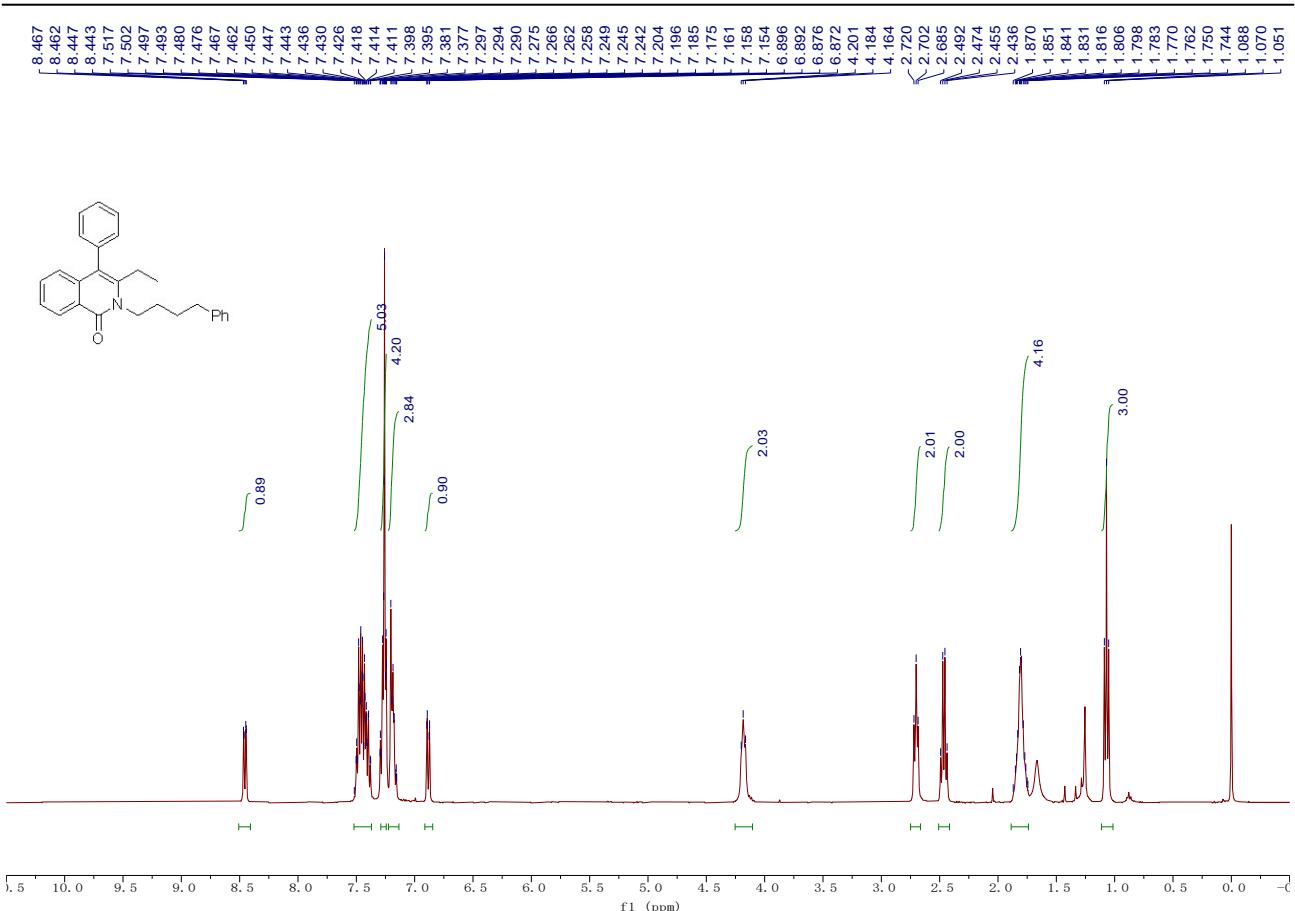


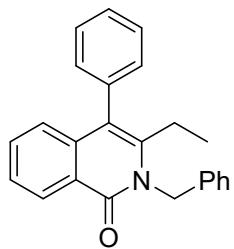
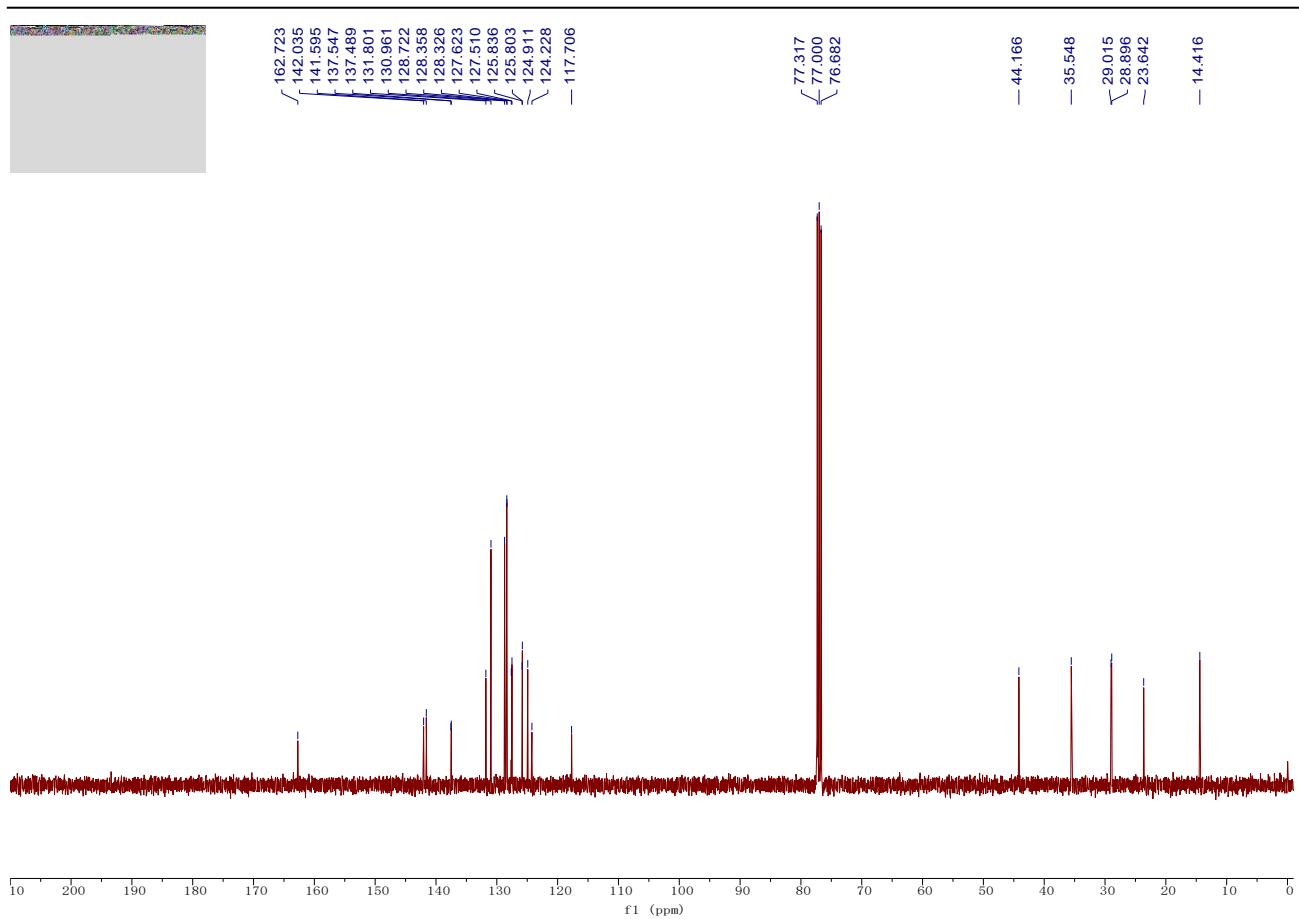
**Compound 4c:** Yield: 37.3 mg, 46%; A white solid; Mp: > 200 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc,  $R_f$  = 0.5);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  11.82 (s, 1H), 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.4, 159.7, 148.9, 138.6, 138.5, 137.0, 135.2, 132.8, 132.3, 132.0, 127.4, 125.9, 124.9, 124.7, 123.4, 121.8, 115.5, 36.6, 29.8; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2955, 2923, 2853, 1657, 1471  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OBr}$  [M+H] $^+$ : 405.0597, found: 405.0605.



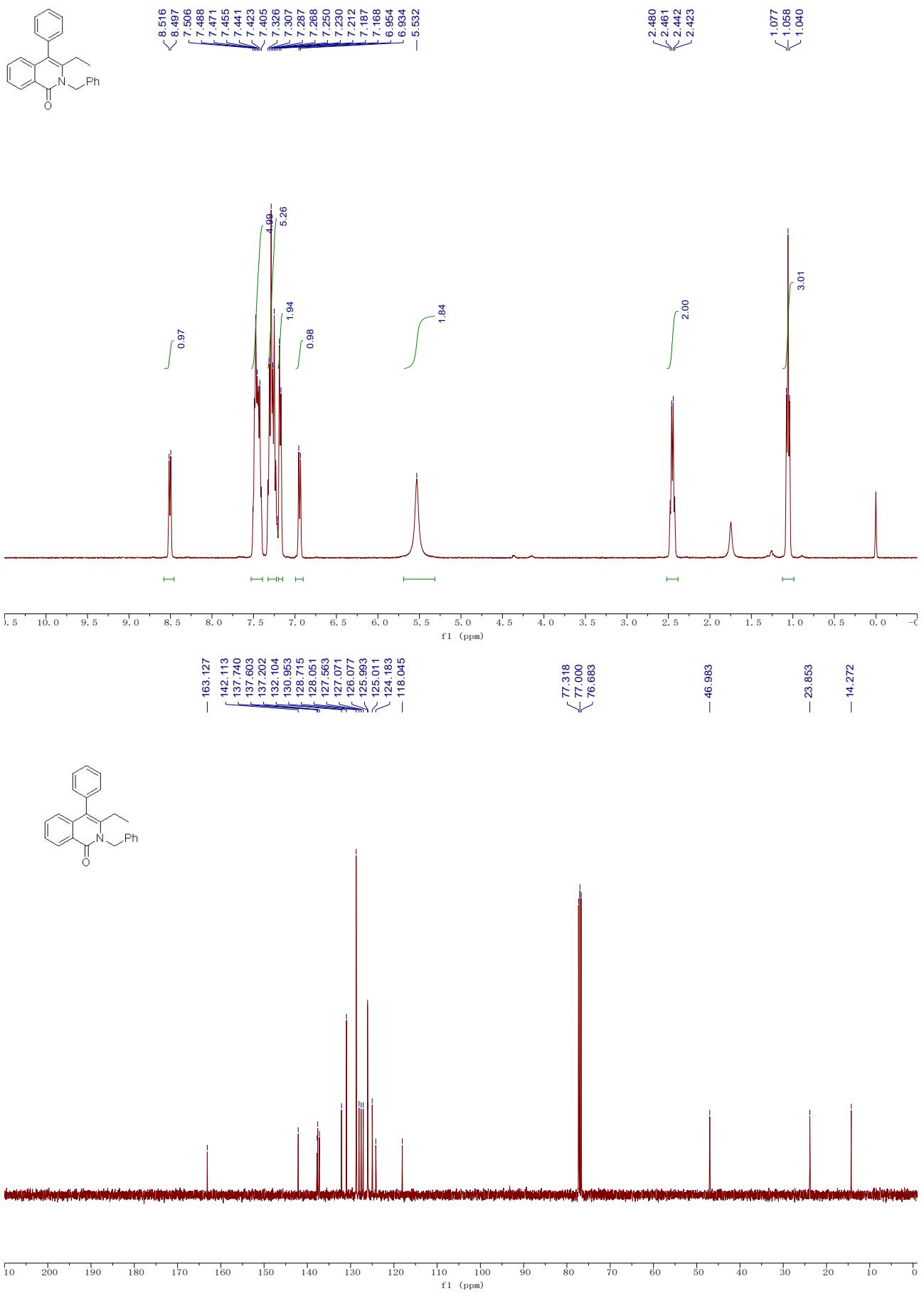


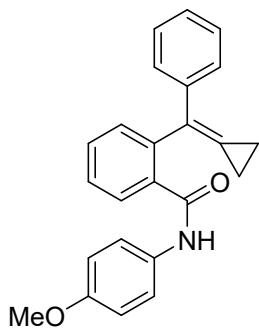
**Compound 7a:** Yield: 53.3 mg, 70%; A white solid; Mp: 103 - 105 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.51 – 8.41 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 4.25 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (q,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  162.7, 142.0, 141.6, 137.55, 137.49, 131.8, 131.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 125.84, 125.80, 124.9, 124.2, 117.7, 44.2, 35.5, 29.0, 28.9, 23.6, 14.4; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2922, 1636, 1607, 1585, 779, 707 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 382.2165, found: 382.2171.



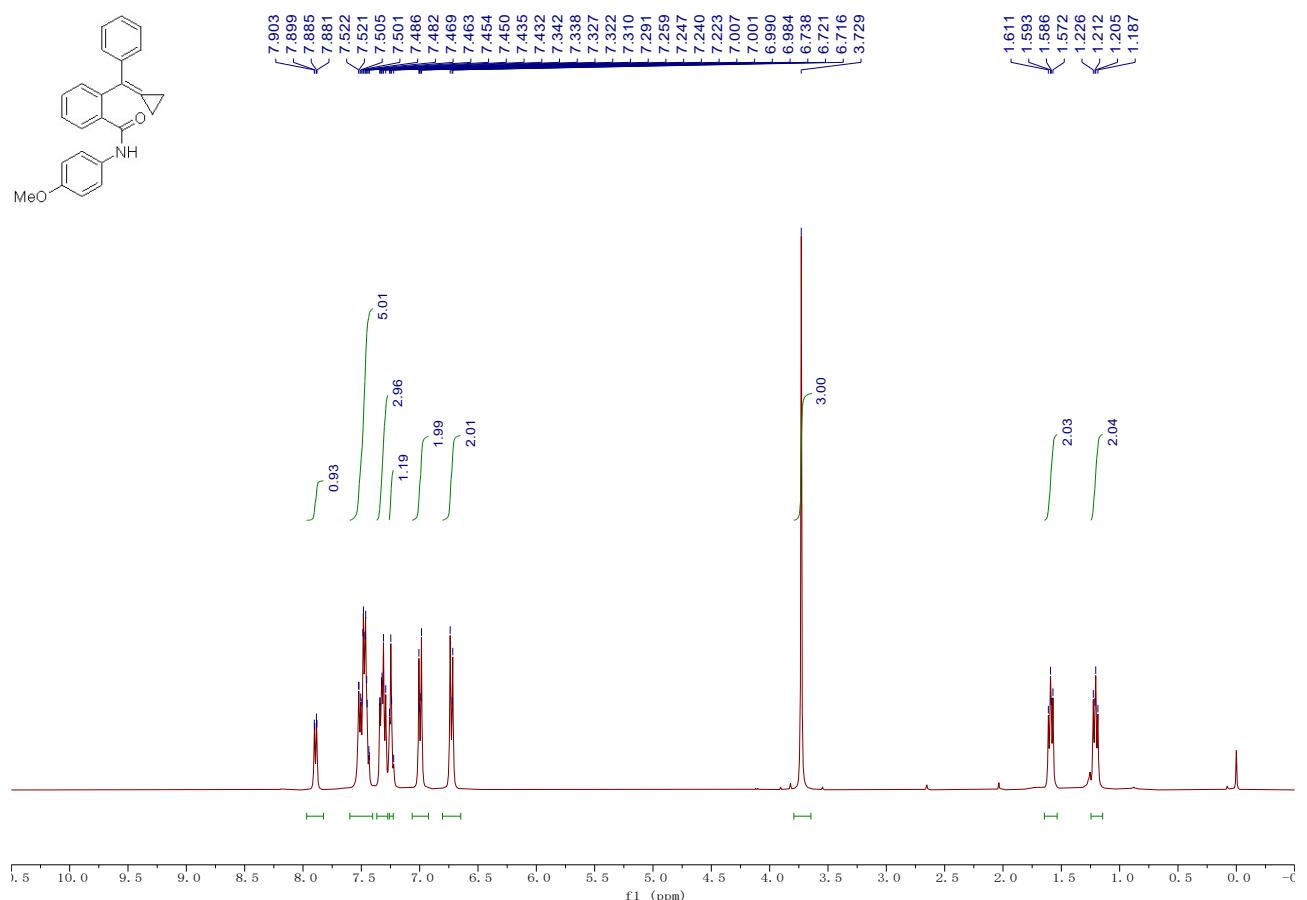


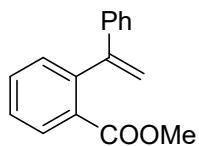
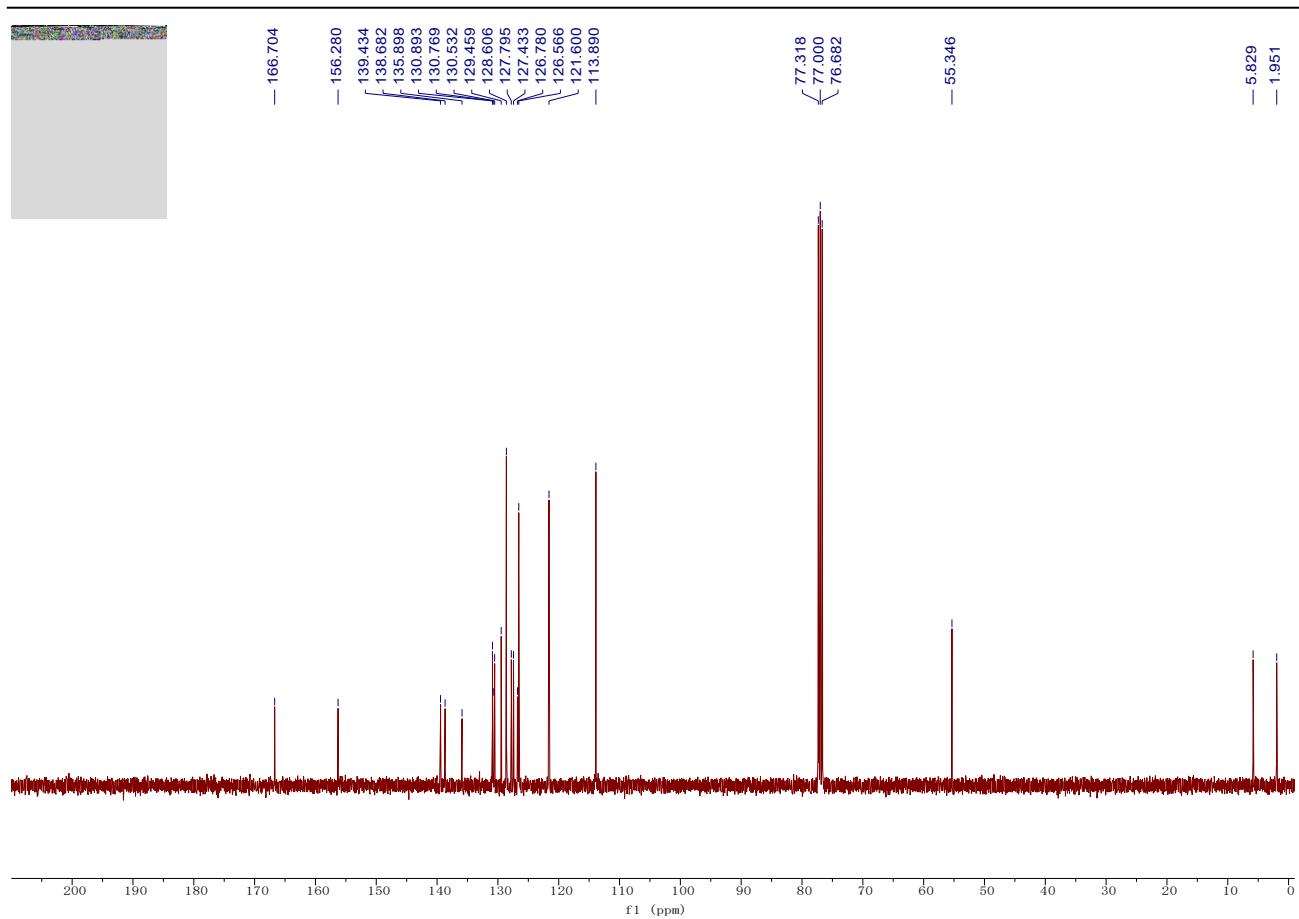
**Compound 7b:** Yield: 57.0 mg, 84%; A white solid; Mp: 183 - 185 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.51 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 2H), 2.45 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.06 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  163.1, 142.1, 137.7, 137.6, 137.2, 132.1, 131.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 127.1, 126.1, 126.0, 125.0, 124.2, 118.0, 47.0, 23.9, 14.3; IR (neat):  $\nu$  2953, 1640, 1612, 1590, 1494, 777, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 362.1515, found: 362.1520.



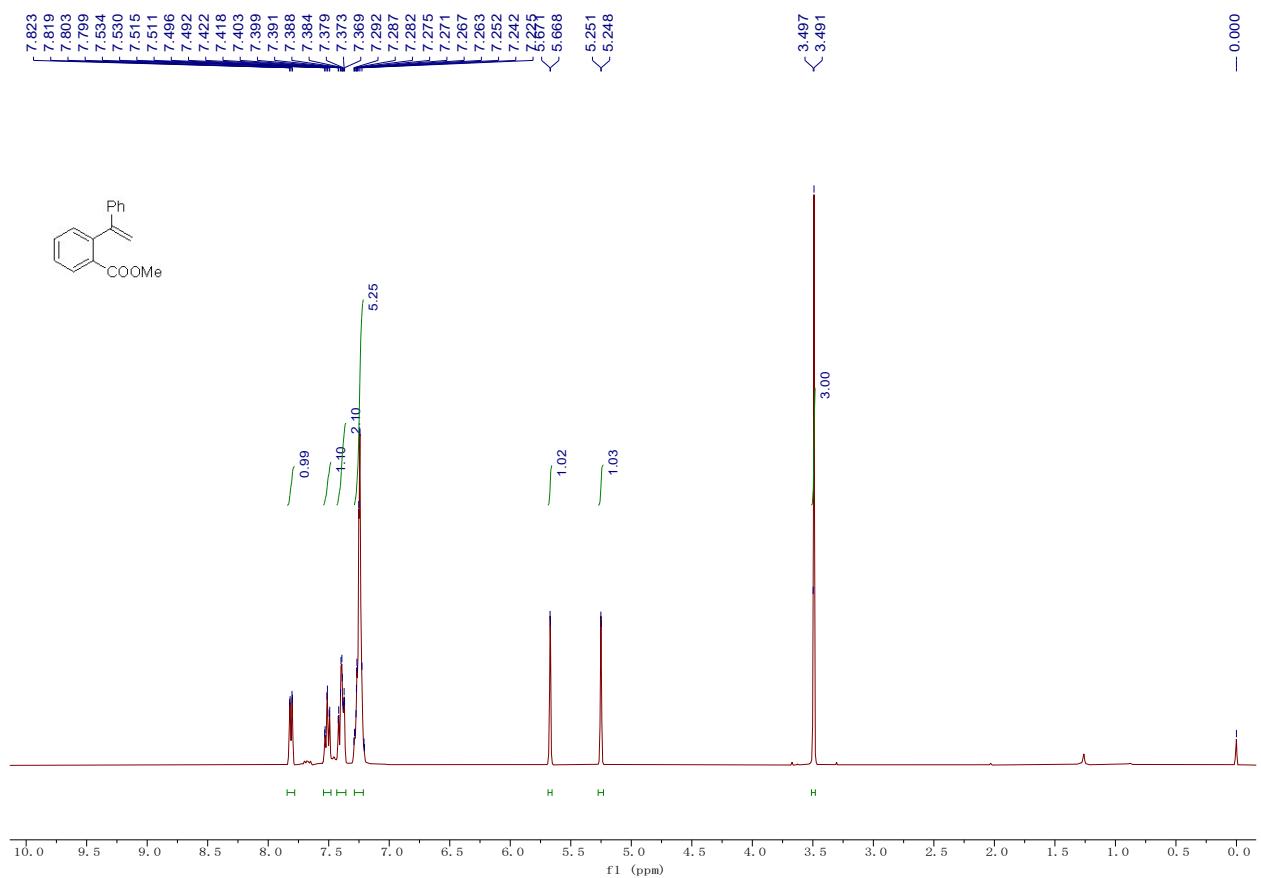


**Compound 5a:** Yield: 56.8 mg, 80%; A white solid; Mp: 140 - 142 °C; Isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 4:1,  $R_f$  = 0.5);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.89 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.65 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.25 – 1.15 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  166.7, 156.3, 139.4, 138.7, 135.9, 130.9, 130.8, 130.5, 129.5, 128.6, 127.8, 127.4, 126.8, 126.6, 121.6, 113.9, 55.3, 5.8, 2.0; IR (neat):  $\nu$  1636, 1243, 1034, 830, 770, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 378.1465, found: 378.1474.



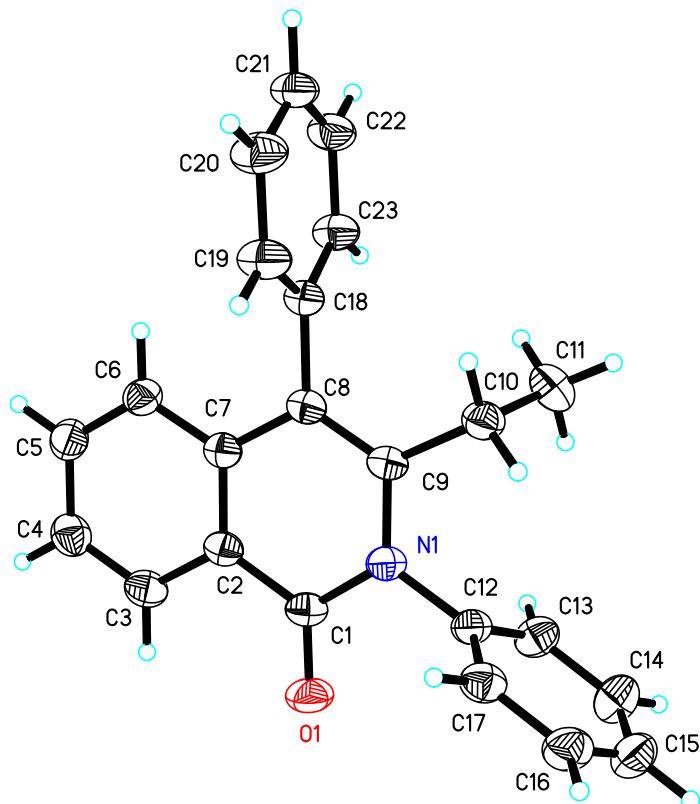


**Compound 8:** Yield: 0.38 g, 80%; A yellow faint oil; this is a known compound and its spectroscopic data are consistent with those reported ones.<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.51 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 5.67 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H).

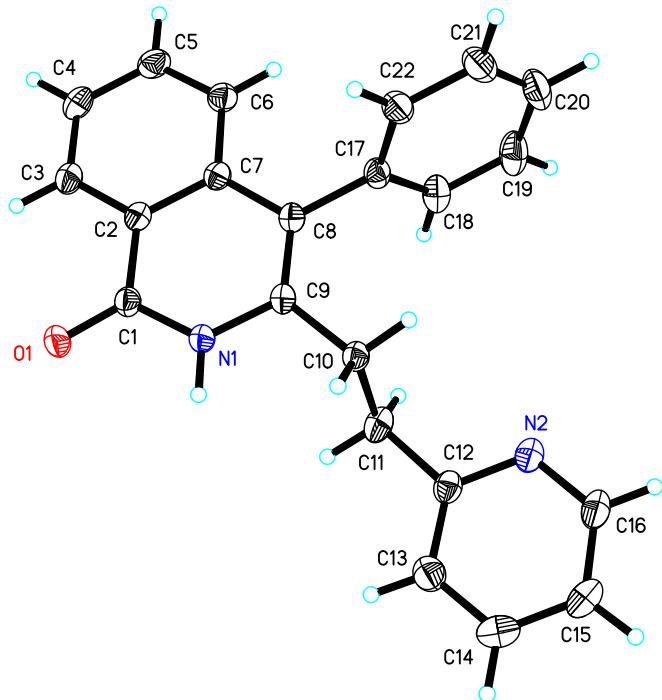


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## 6. X-ray data



The crystal data of **3o** have been deposited in CCDC with number 2074397. Empirical Formula: C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO; Formula Weight: 325.39; Crystal Color, Habit: colorless, Crystal Dimensions: 0.060 x 0.050 x 0.020 mm<sup>3</sup>; Crystal System: Tetragonal; Lattice Parameters: a = 21.3009(5) Å, b = 21.3009(5) Å, c = 7.7405(3) Å, α = 90°, β = 90°, γ = 90°, V = 3512.1(2) Å<sup>3</sup>; Space group: P -4 21 c; Z = 8; D<sub>calc</sub> = 1.231 g/cm<sup>3</sup>; F<sub>000</sub> = 1376; Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0326, wR2 = 0.0797.



The crystal data of **4a** have been deposited in CCDC with number 2091583. Empirical Formula:  $C_{22}H_{18}N_2O$ ; Formula Weight: 326.38; Crystal Color, Habit: colorless, Crystal Dimensions: 0.190 x 0.150 x 0.120 mm<sup>3</sup>; Crystal System: Triclinic; Lattice Parameters:  $a = 5.5414(5)$  Å,  $b = 9.7020(10)$  Å,  $c = 16.4455(17)$  Å,  $\alpha = 98.437(3)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 98.614(3)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 97.851(3)^\circ$ ,  $V = 853.28(15)$  Å<sup>3</sup>; Space group: P -1;  $Z = 2$ ;  $D_{calc} = 1.270$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>;  $F_{000} = 344$ ; Final R indices [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]  $R_1 = 0.0410$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.0978$ .