

Palladium-catalyzed dehydrogenation of dihydro-heterocycles using isoprene as the hydrogen acceptors without oxidants

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1. General Information

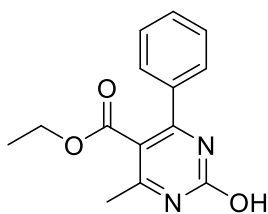
¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR data analyses were performed with a Varian Mercury plus-400 instrument unless otherwise specified. CDCl₃ as solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard were employed. Chemical shifts were reported in units (ppm) by assigning TMS resonance in the ¹H NMR spectrum as 0.00 ppm. The data of ¹H NMR was reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet and br = broad), coupling constant (*J* values) in Hz and integration. Chemical shift for ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in ppm from TMS using the central peak of CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) as the internal standard. Flash chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel with the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. Melting points were measured with an XT-4 apparatus. Column chromatography was generally performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) and TLC analyses were conducted on silica gel GF254 plates. All reagents were directly used from purchased without any further purification unless otherwise specified.

2. Experimental Details and Analytic Data of Products

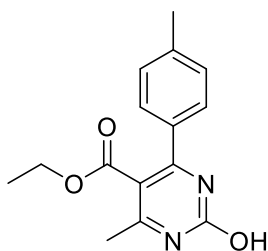
General Procedure

A 10 mL schlenk tube was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (2.8 mg, 2.5 mol %), DPEphos (13.46 mg, 5 mol %), DHPM **1** (0.5 mmol), isoprene (68 mg, 2 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (81.25 mg, 0.5 eq.) and toluene (5 mL) under argon atmosphere. The reaction is allowed to be heated under 120 °C for 36 h. Afterward, the reaction mixture is cooled to room temperature. EtOAc (15 mL) with NH₄Cl solution were then added to the reaction mixture. The organic phase was collected and washed with brine (10 mL) and evaporated to remove solvents. Pure product was obtained by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate ratio of 2:1). (**2a-2h**¹, **4a-4k**^{2,3}, **6a-6f**^{4,5}).

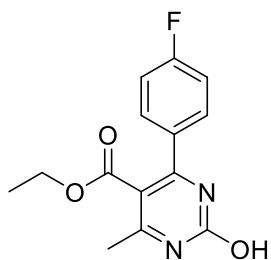
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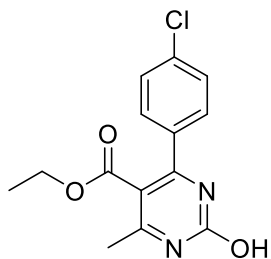
Ethyl 2-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-phenylpyrimidine-5-carboxylate (2a): White solid, m.p. = 195 - 196 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 13.89 (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.38 – 8.30 (m, 1H), 7.94 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.10, 158.10, 147.98, 133.94, 129.40, 125.20, 123.23, 111.21, 61.99, 18.80, 13.62 ppm.



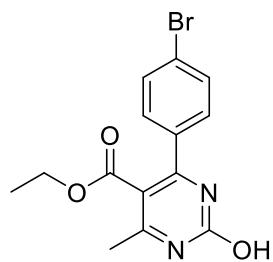
Ethyl 2-hydroxy-4-methyl-6-(*p*-tolyl)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (2b): Pale yellow solid, m.p. = 168-169 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 13.67 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 166.32, 158.35, 141.36, 129.06, 128.10, 111.38, 61.58, 21.43, 13.52 ppm.



Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-6-methylpyrimidine-5-carboxylate (2c): Pale brown solid, m.p. = 185-186 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 13.75 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 0.99 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.93, 158.26, 130.36, 130.30, 115.56, 115.42, 111.32, 61.70, 18.41, 13.56 ppm.

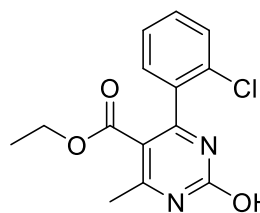


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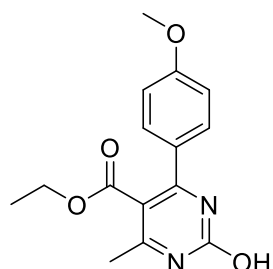
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White solid, m.p. = 190-191 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 13.75 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 0.99 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 165.93, 158.26, 130.36, 130.30, 115.56, 115.42, 111.32, 61.70, 20.05, 13.56 ppm.



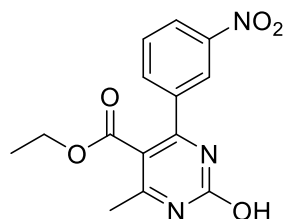
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Yellow solid, m.p. = 192-193 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 13.58 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dt, J = 24.0, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 4.01 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 164.33, 157.84, 148.52, 129.76, 129.43, 128.06, 127.55, 126.71, 111.47, 61.24, 18.29, 13.26 ppm.



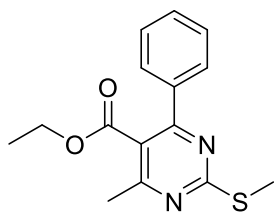
Ethyl 2-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methylpyrimidine-5-carboxylate (2g):

White solid, m.p. = 183-184 °C. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 13.67 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 166.54, 162.04, 158.38, 130.09, 113.80, 111.13, 61.61, 55.37, 18.27, 13.66 ppm.

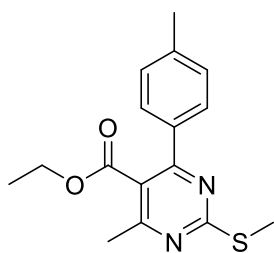


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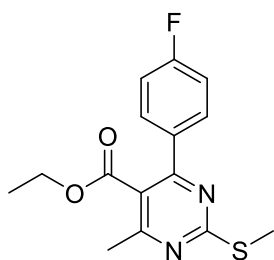
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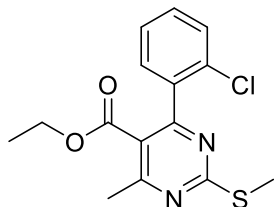
Ethyl 4-methyl-2-(methylthio)-6-phenylpyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4a): Reddish brown oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.66 - 7.62$ (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 10.8, 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 172.47, 168.10, 165.44, 163.56, 130.04, 128.46, 128.41, 128.30, 126.97, 120.93, 61.66, 22.60, 14.15, 13.59$ ppm.



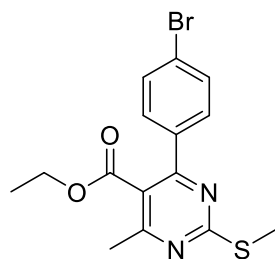
Ethyl 4-methyl-2-(methylthio)-6-(*p*-tolyl)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4b): Reddish brown oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.55$ (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 172.31, 168.33, 165.22, 163.35, 140.41, 134.83, 129.14, 128.31, 120.76, 61.66, 22.56, 21.38, 14.14, 13.67$ ppm.



Ethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-methyl-2-(methylthio)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4c): Reddish brown oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.70 - 7.63$ (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.20 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 172.56, 168.04, 165.54, 162.30, 130.50, 130.44, 120.79, 115.61, 115.47, 61.76, 22.61, 14.14, 13.70$ ppm.

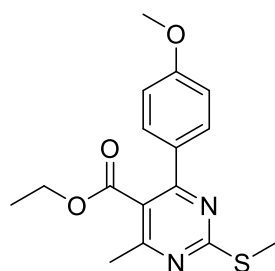


Ethyl 4-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-2-(methylthio)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4d): brown oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.42$ (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 4.04 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 0.92 - 0.89 (t, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 166.70, 166.33, 163.70, 137.64, 130.09, 129.95, 129.43, 126.57, 121.31, 61.35, 23.49, 14.20, 13.39$ ppm.



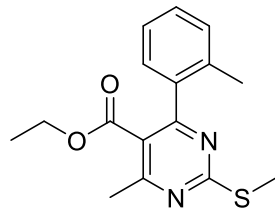
Ethyl 4-(4-bromophenyl)-6-methyl-2-(methylthio)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate

(4e): Reddish brown oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.57 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 172.68, 167.87, 165.67, 162.32, 136.61, 131.65, 129.93, 124.76, 61.83, 22.65, 14.16, 13.70 ppm.



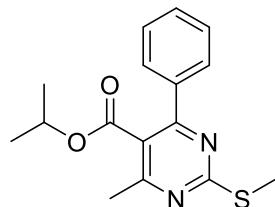
Ethyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-(methylthio)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate

(4f): Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.1, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 172.16, 168.51, 165.13, 162.63, 161.37, 130.03, 129.95, 120.40, 113.88, 61.68, 55.36, 22.53, 14.13, 13.77 ppm.



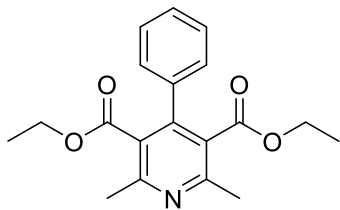
Ethyl 4-methyl-2-(methylthio)-6-(*o*-tolyl)pyrimidine-5-carboxylate (4g):

Reddish brown oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.30 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.06 – 3.91 (m, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 167.13, 165.89, 165.75, 137.74, 135.85, 130.33, 129.02, 128.04, 125.41, 122.13, 61.32, 22.88, 19.66, 14.13, 13.39 ppm.

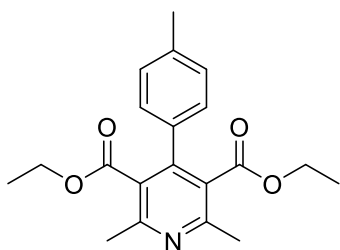


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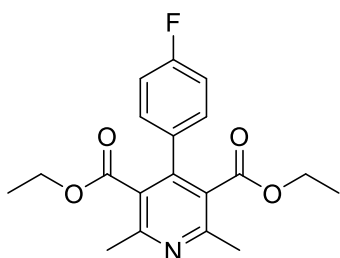
Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.67 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 3H), 5.15 – 4.99 (m, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.09 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 172.32, 167.57, 165.17, 163.45, 137.80, 129.98, 128.41, 121.47, 69.56, 22.52, 21.29, 14.15 ppm.



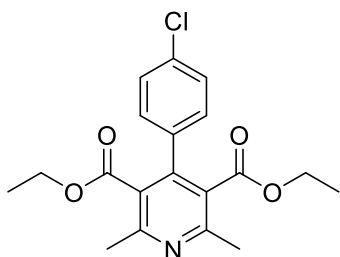
Diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-phenylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (6a): Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.35 - 7.31$ (m, 3H), 7.23 (dq, $J = 5.8, 2.3, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.97 (qd, $J = 7.1, 1.2$ Hz, 4H), 2.58 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 6H), 0.87 (td, $J = 7.1, 1.3$ Hz, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 167.80, 155.35, 146.05, 136.54, 128.34, 128.05, 128.01, 126.87, 61.26, 22.86, 13.49$ ppm.



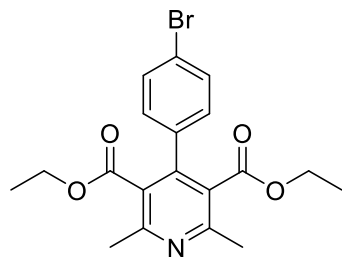
Diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-(p-tolyl)pyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (6b): Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.48 - 7.45$ (m, 2H), 7.22 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 4.44 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 168.52, 168.37, 156.35, 155.15, 142.61, 138.74, 136.78, 129.00, 128.17, 61.61, 61.46, 23.10, 21.24, 16.84, 14.17, 13.65$ ppm.



Diethyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (6c): Pale brown oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.58 - 7.53$ (m, 2H), 7.09 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.44 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 168.26, 155.28, 142.85, 130.25, 130.20, 128.50, 128.16, 127.19, 115.38, 115.24, 61.71, 61.58, 23.06, 16.85, 14.16, 13.67$ ppm.

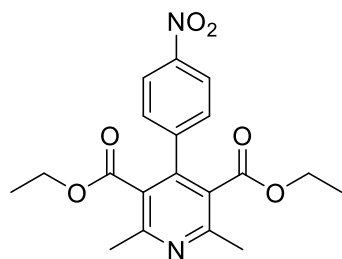


Diethyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (6d): Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.33$ (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.04 - 3.99 (m, 4H), 2.57 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 6H), 0.95 (td, $J = 7.1, 1.7$ Hz, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 167.54, 155.54, 134.92, 129.54, 128.25, 126.73, 61.41, 22.89, 13.60$ ppm.



Diethyl 4-(4-bromophenyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (6e):

Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.59 (s, 6H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 167.55, 155.59, 135.41, 131.23, 129.82, 126.67, 122.80, 61.46, 22.91, 13.62 ppm.



Diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)pyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (6f):

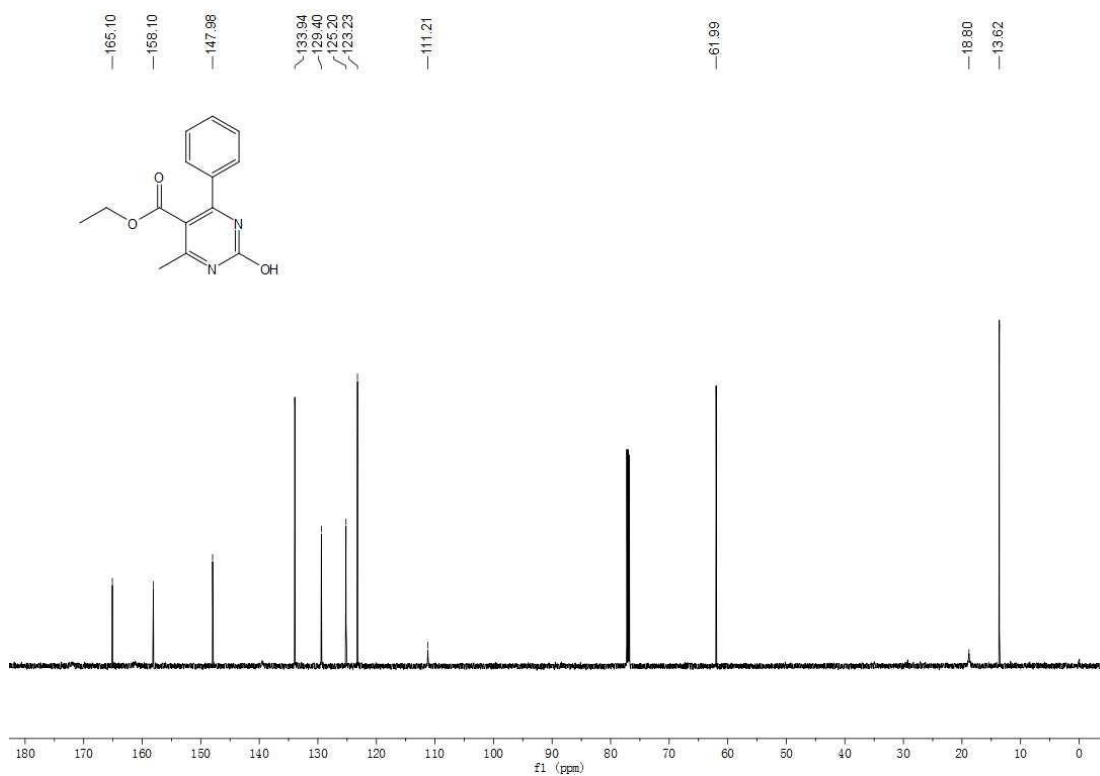
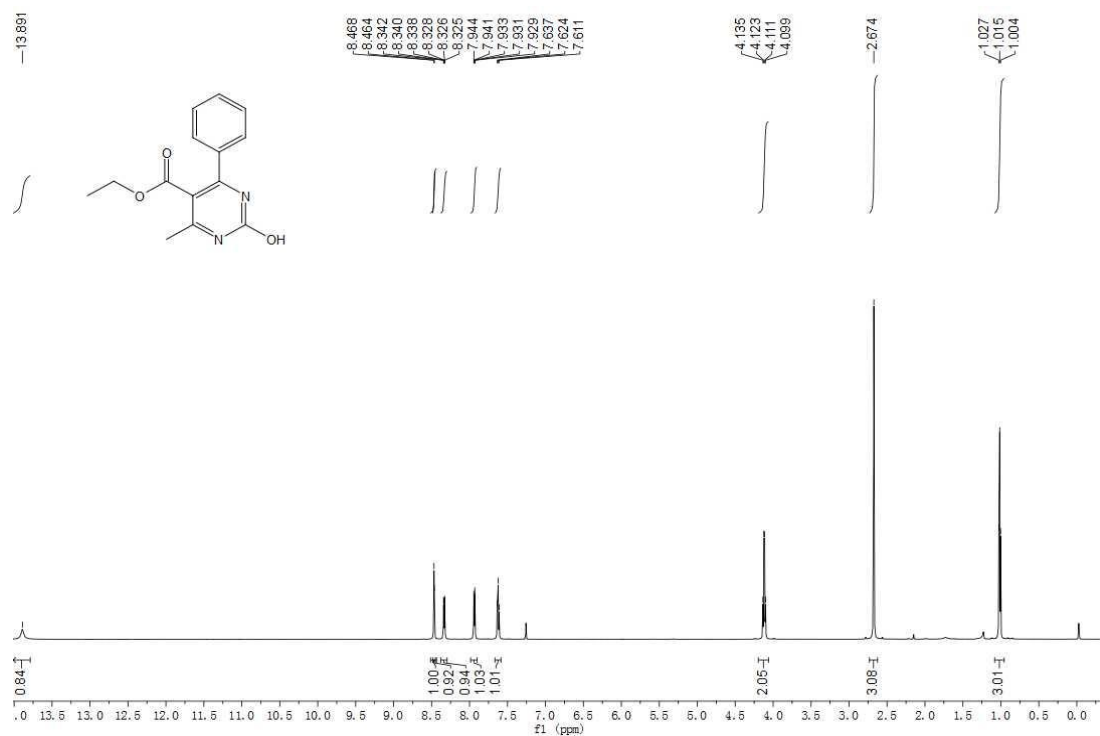
Pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.27 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 167.82, 167.68, 153.85, 147.99, 145.77, 143.31, 129.55, 129.41, 127.48, 123.48, 61.90, 61.85, 23.02, 16.91, 14.16, 13.69 ppm.

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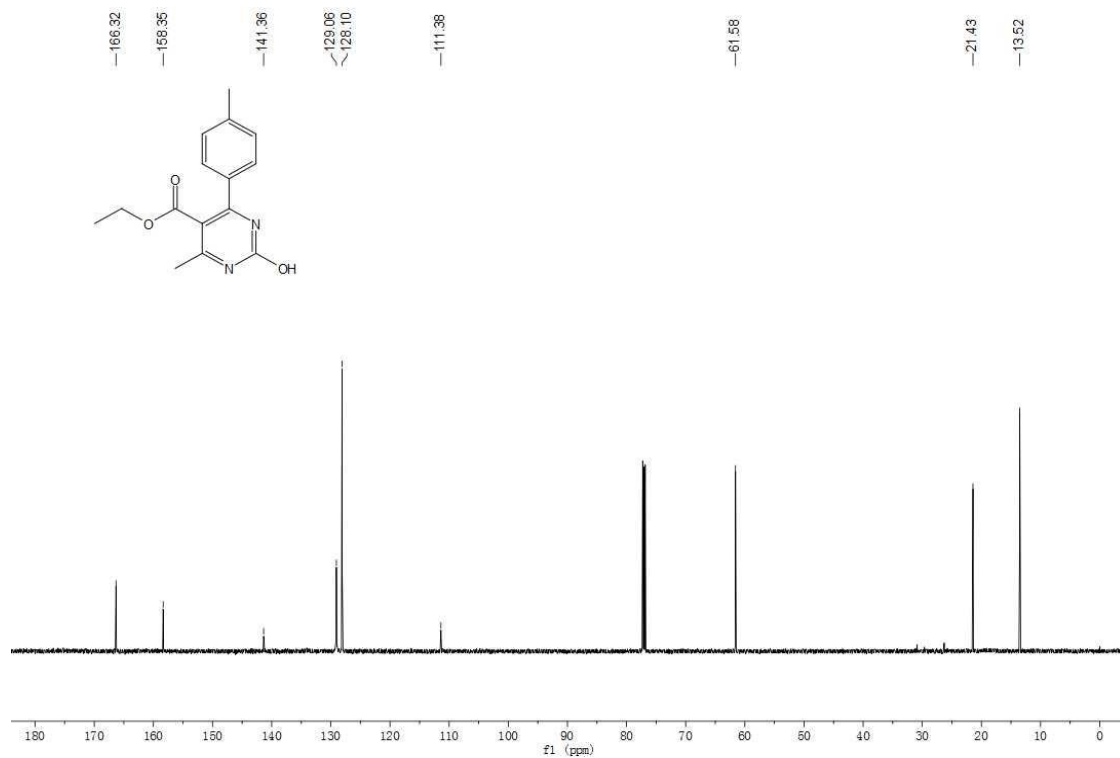
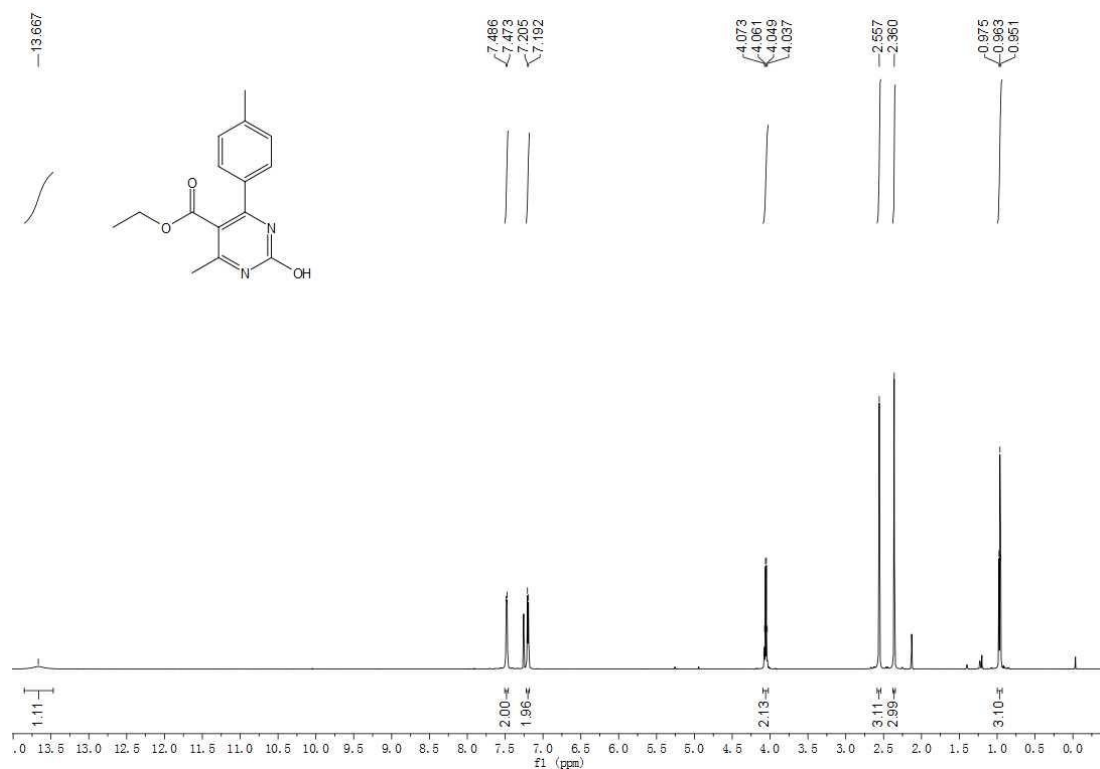
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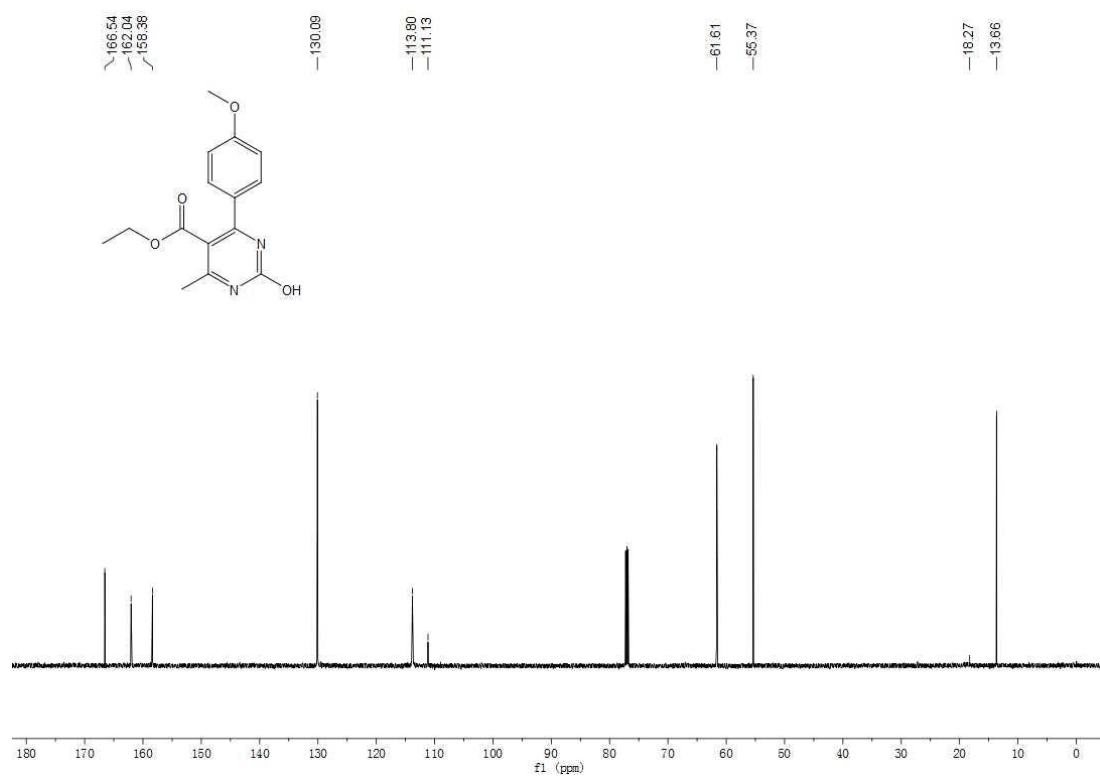
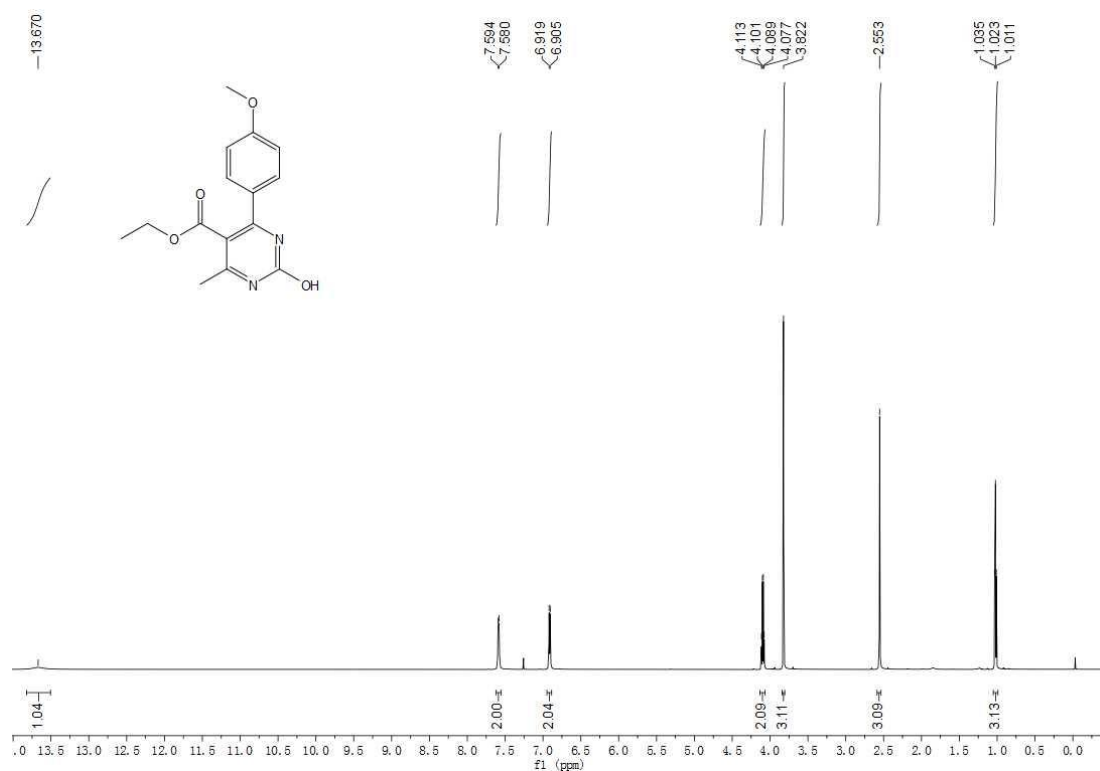
^1H and ^{13}C Spectra of compound 2a (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz)



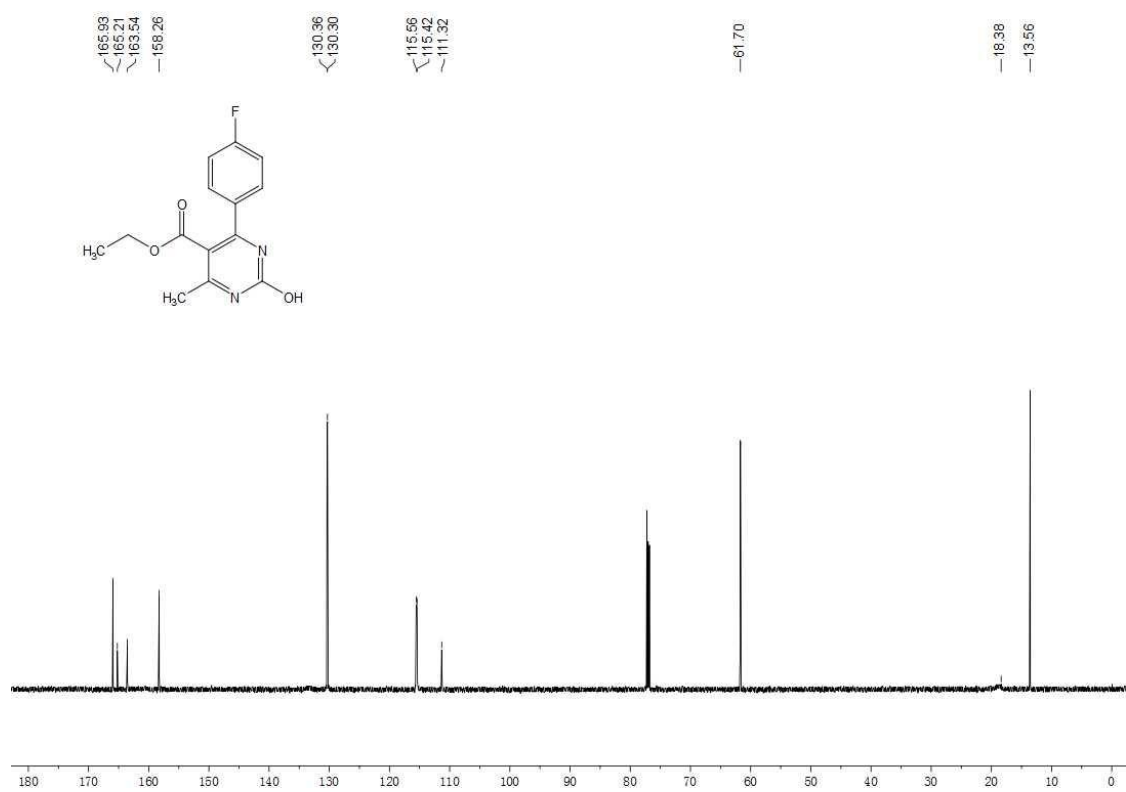
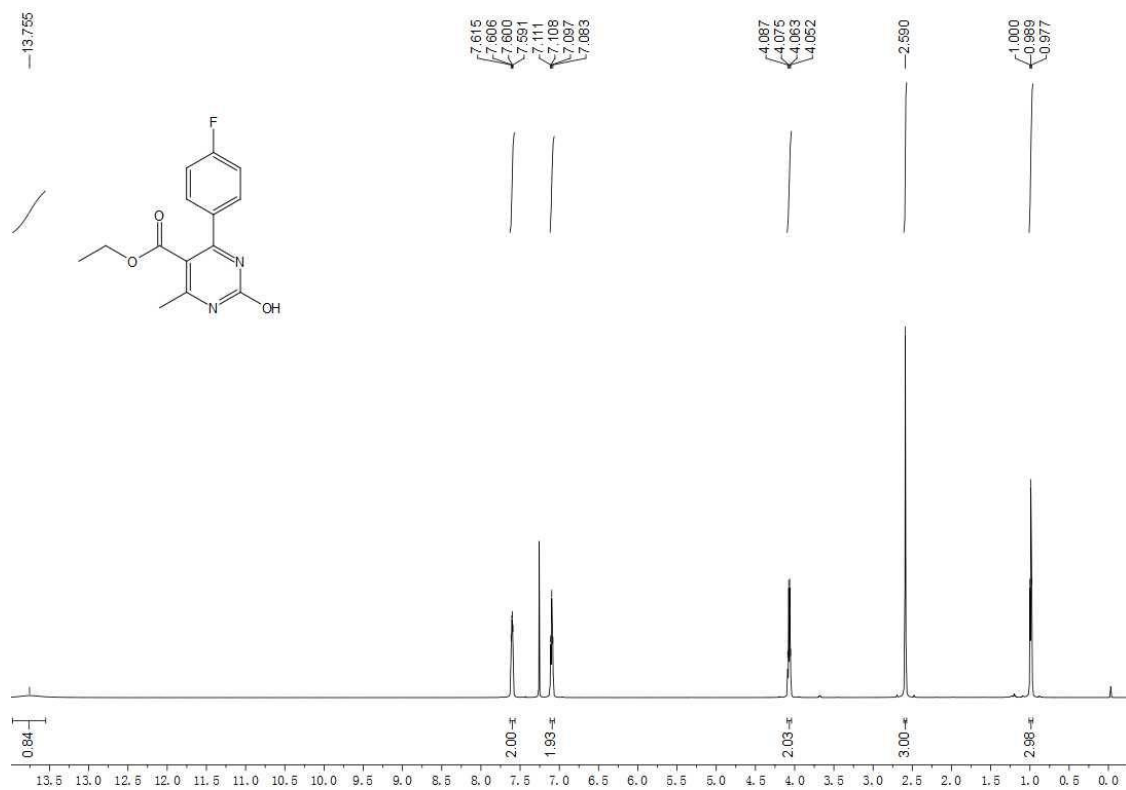
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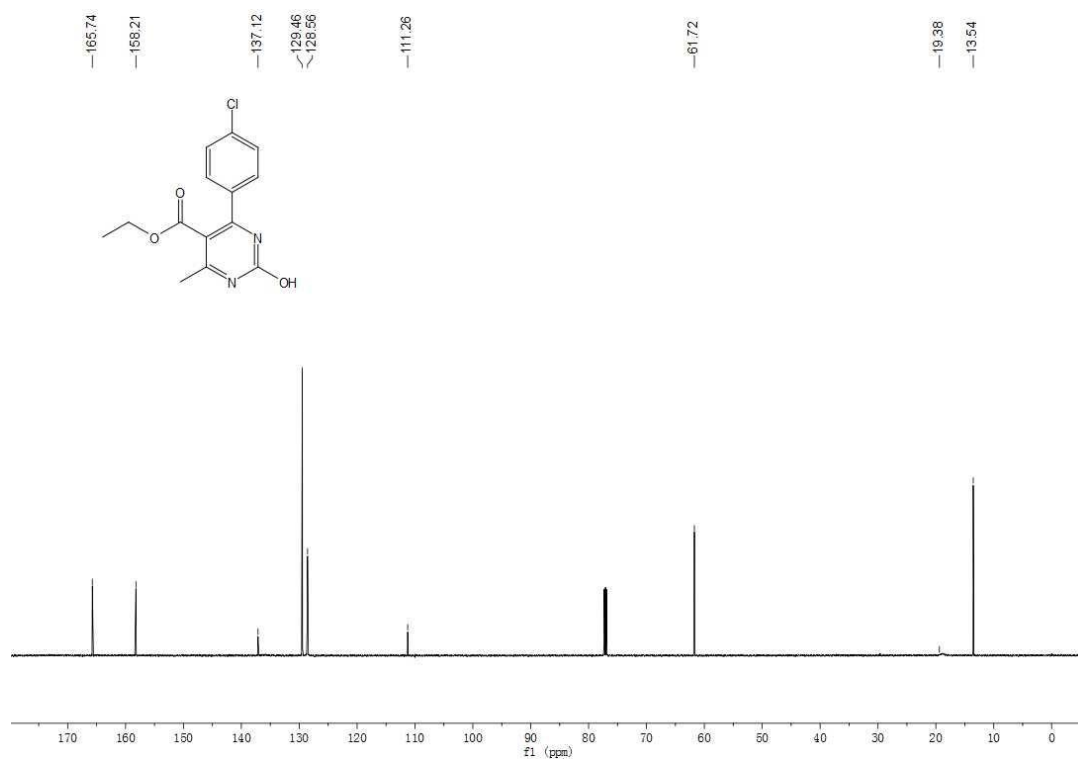
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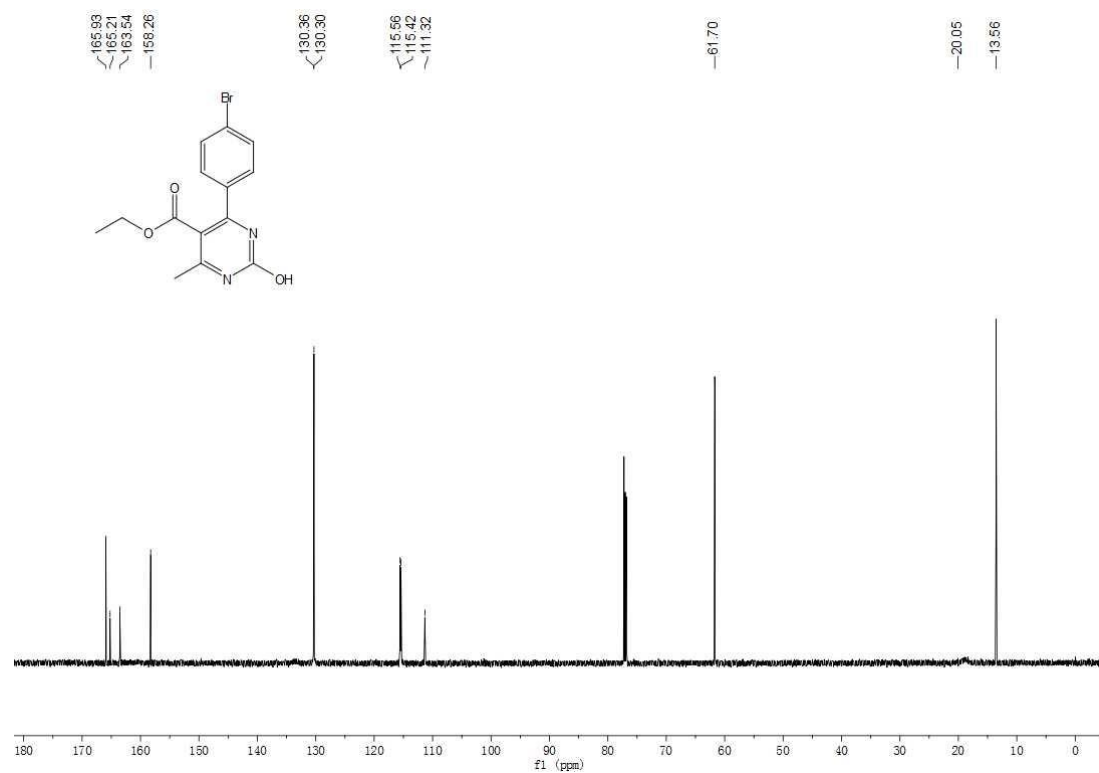
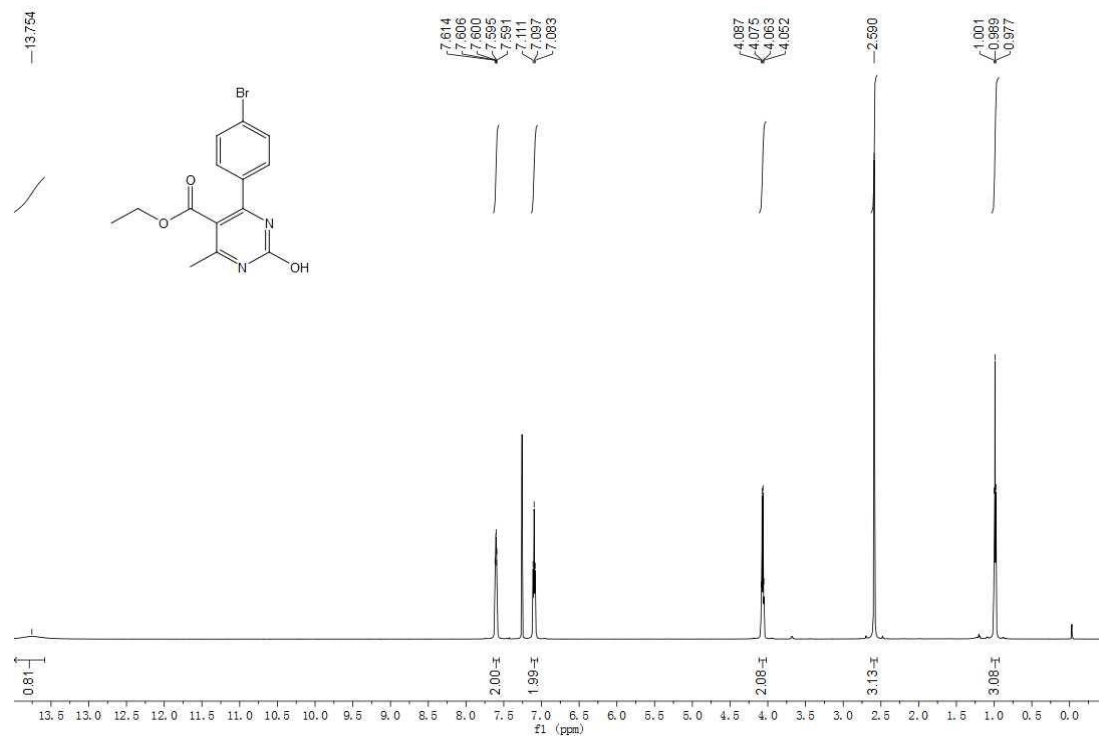
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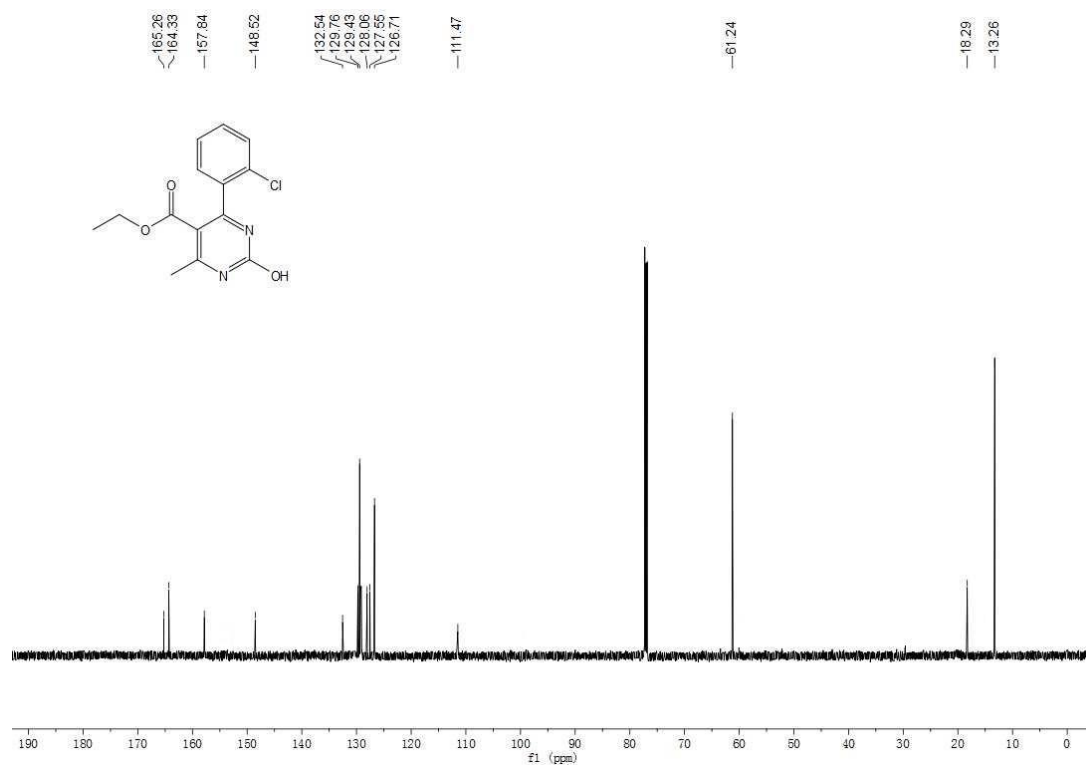
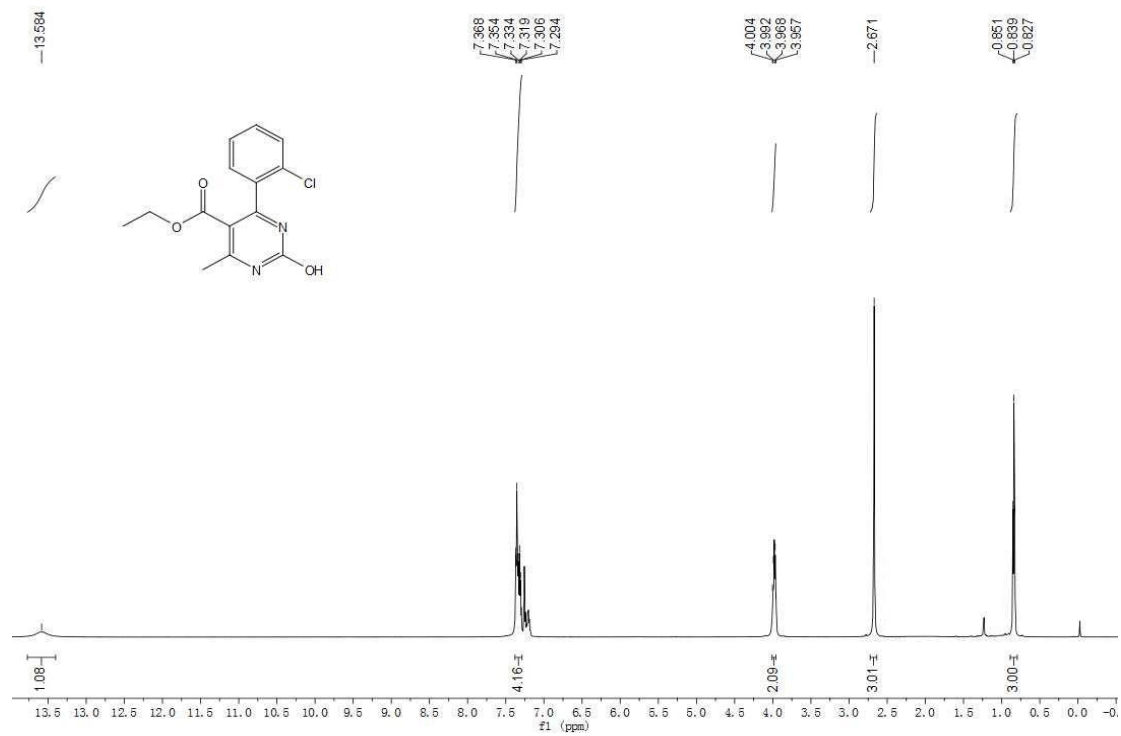
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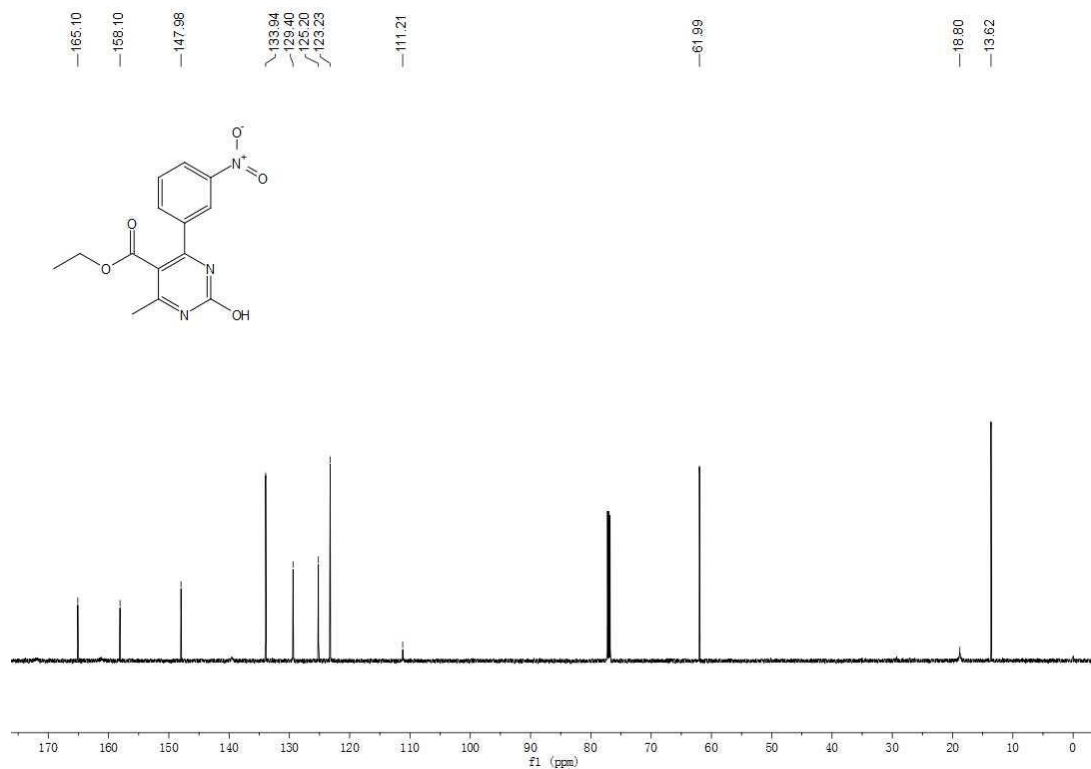
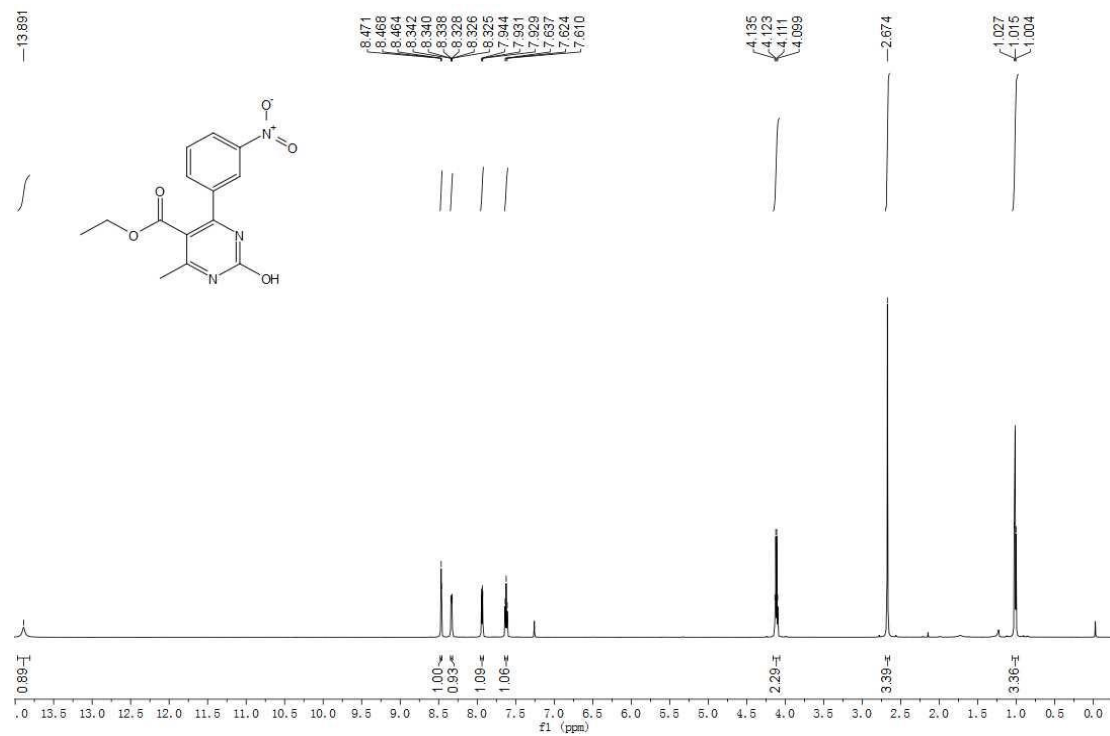
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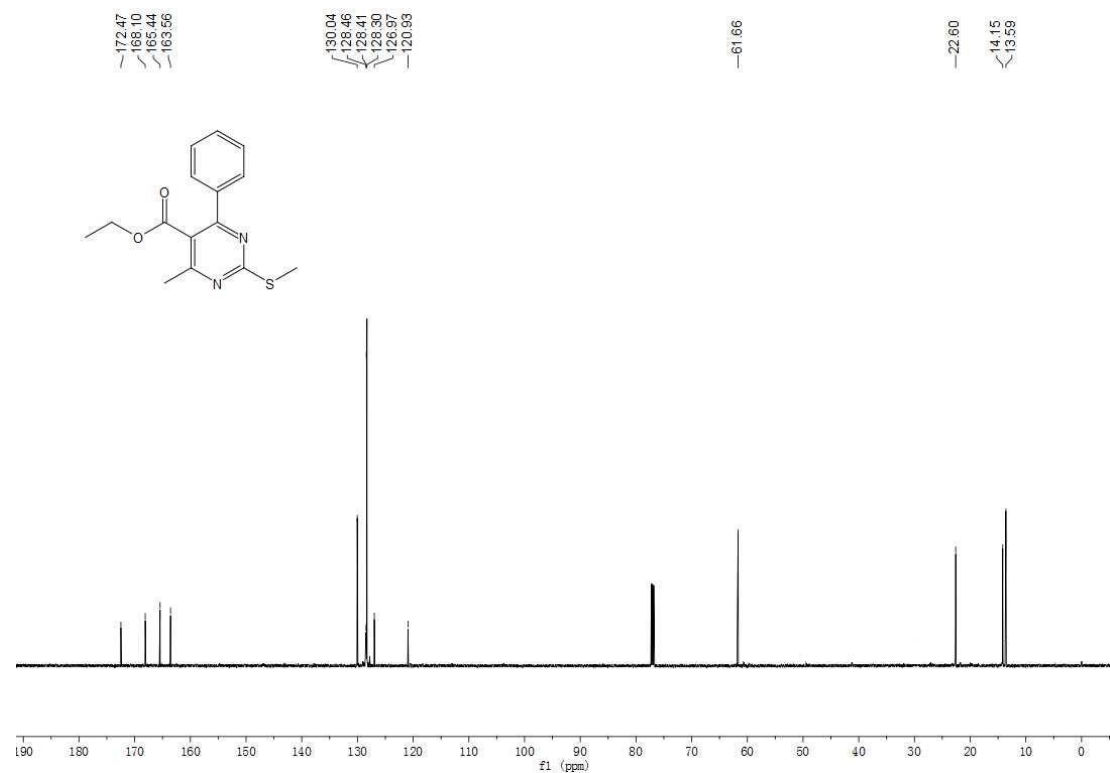
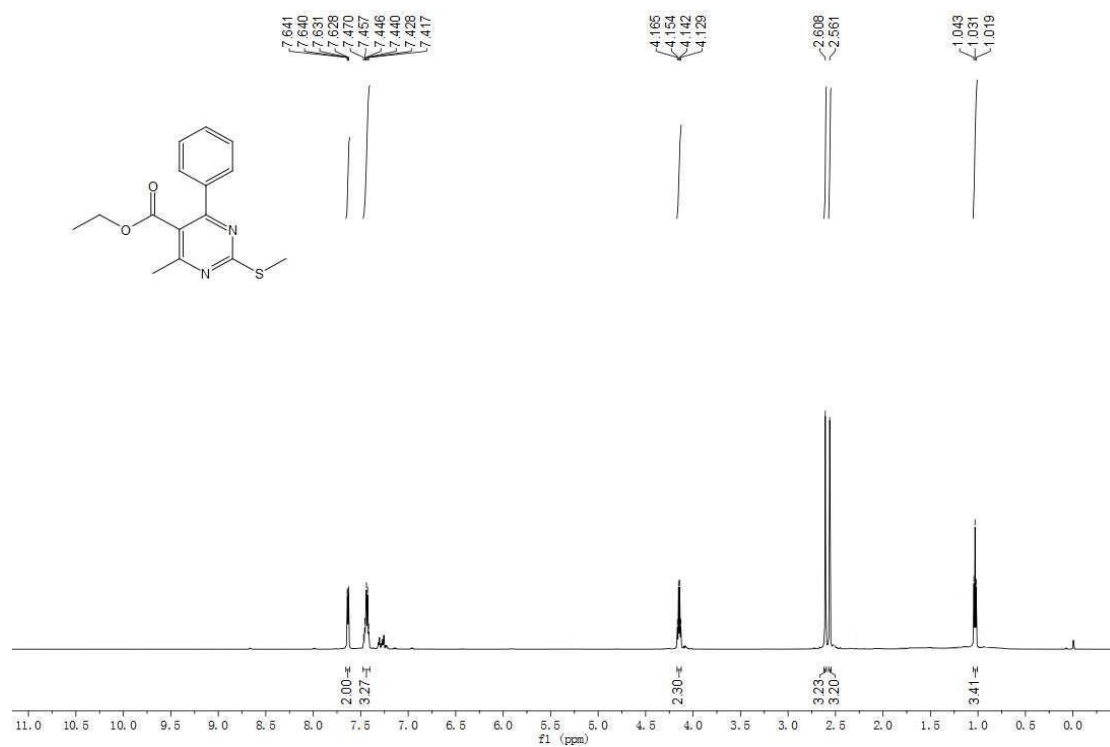
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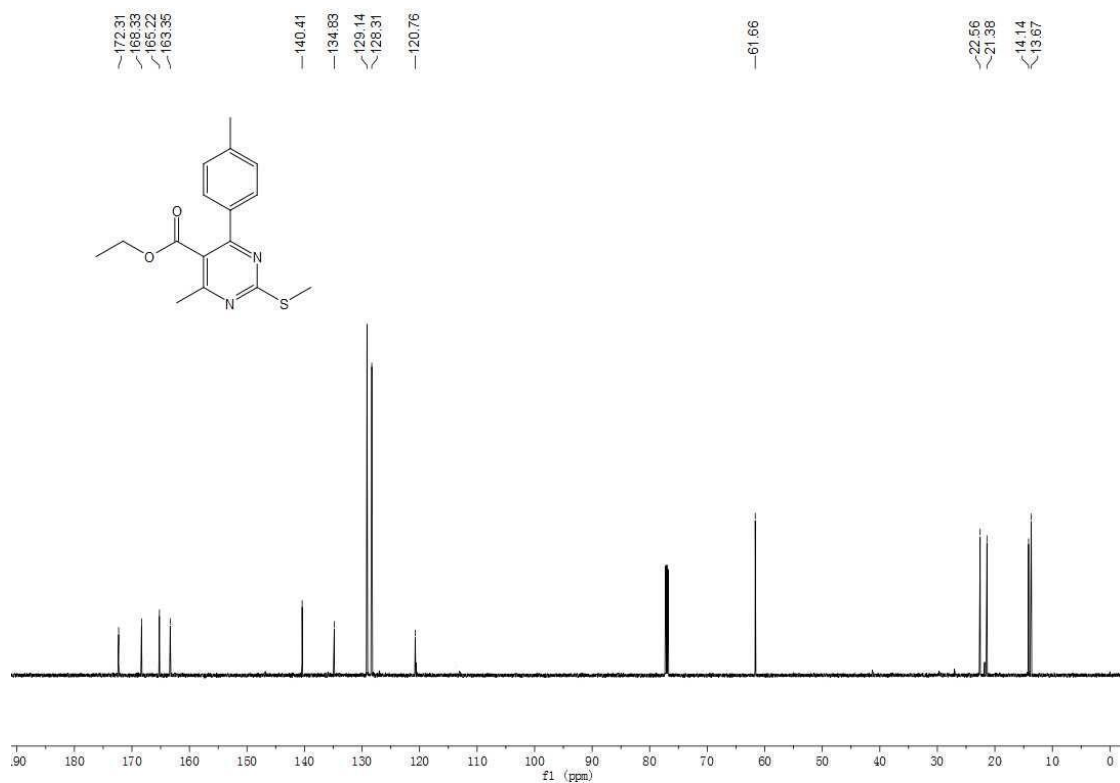
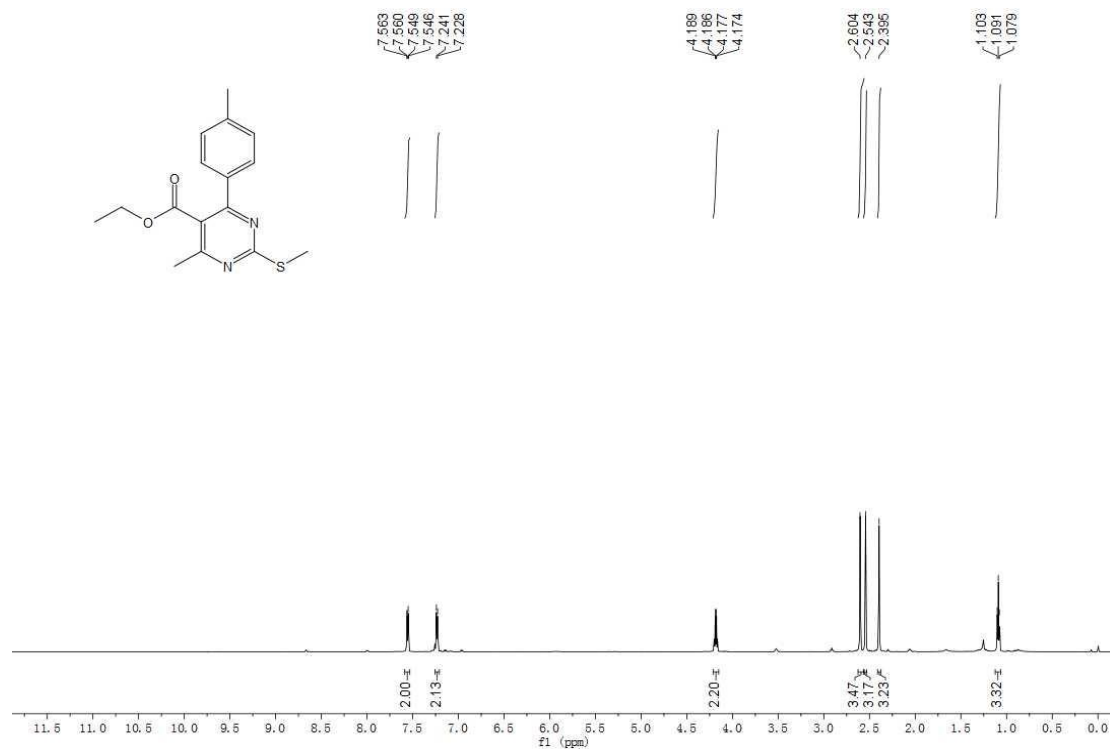
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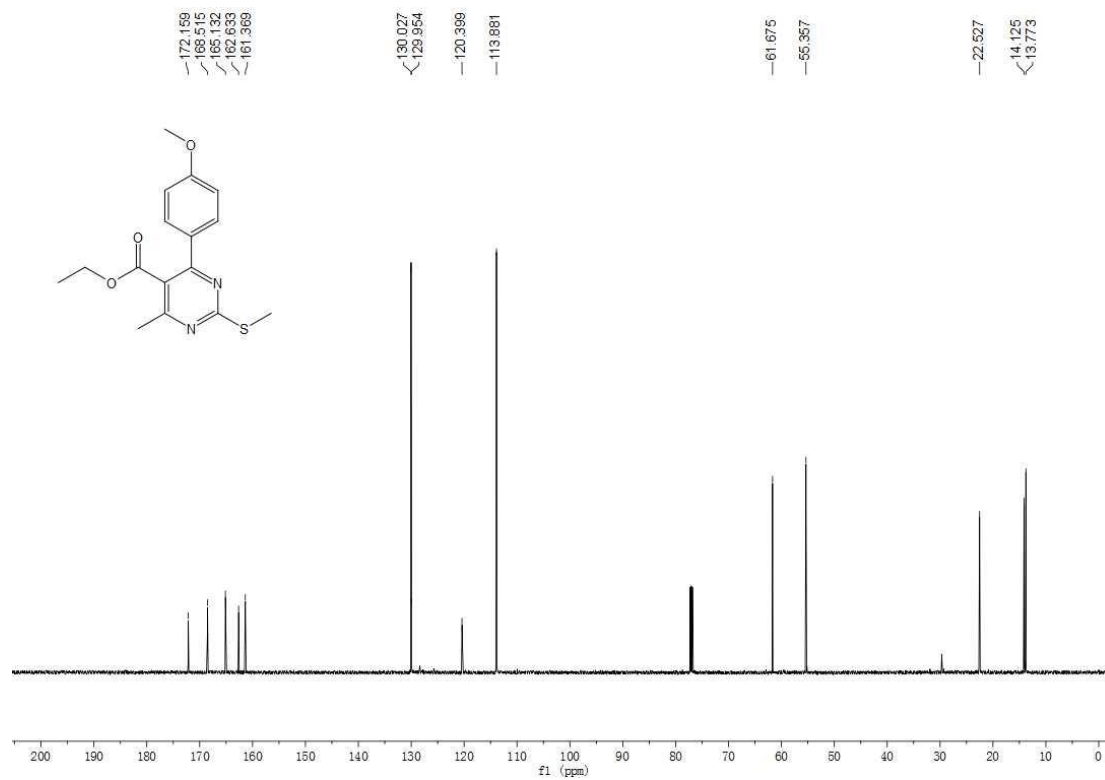
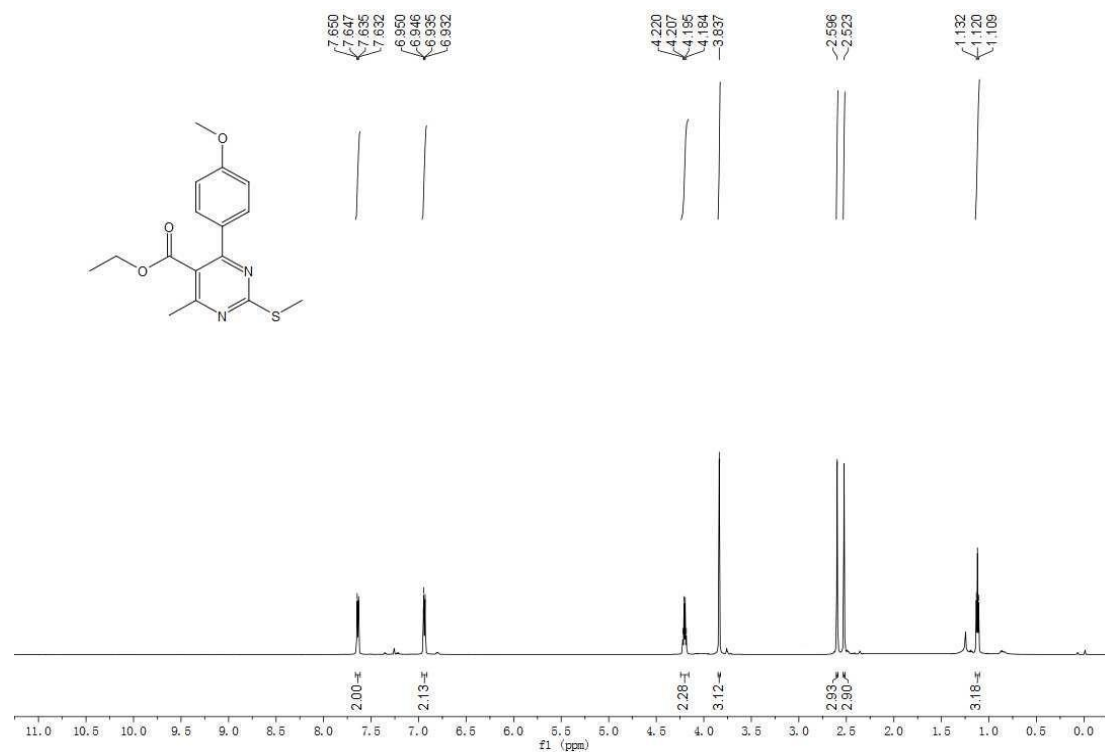
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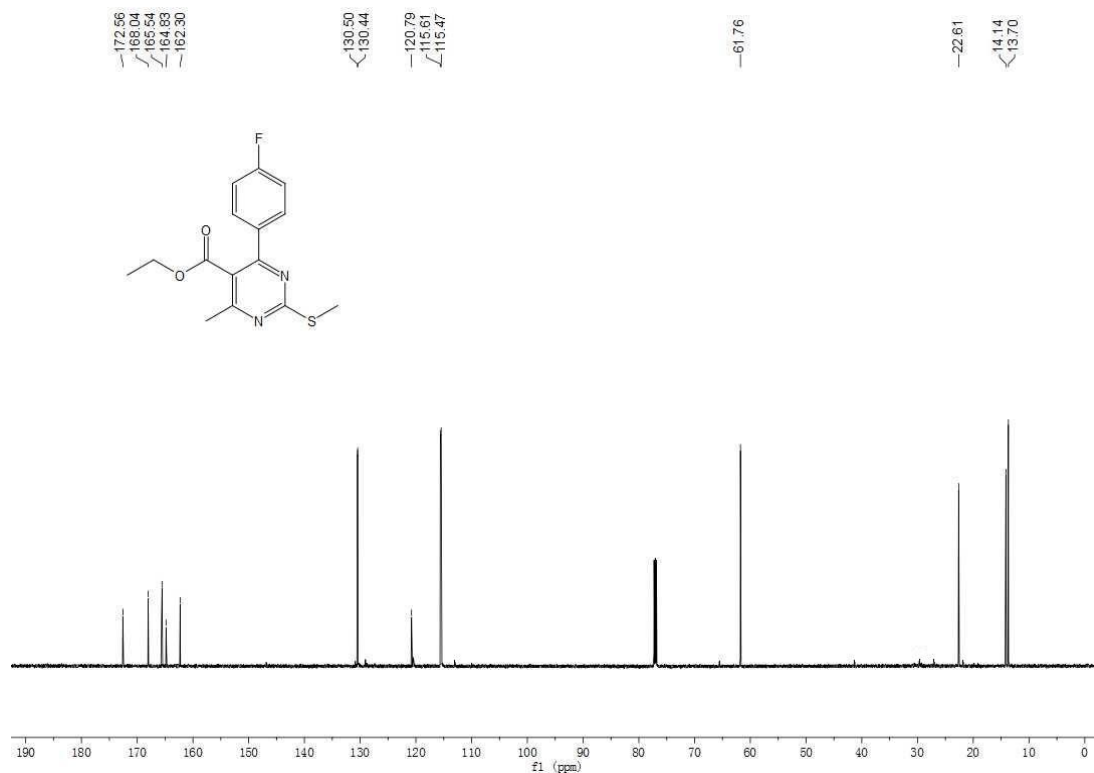
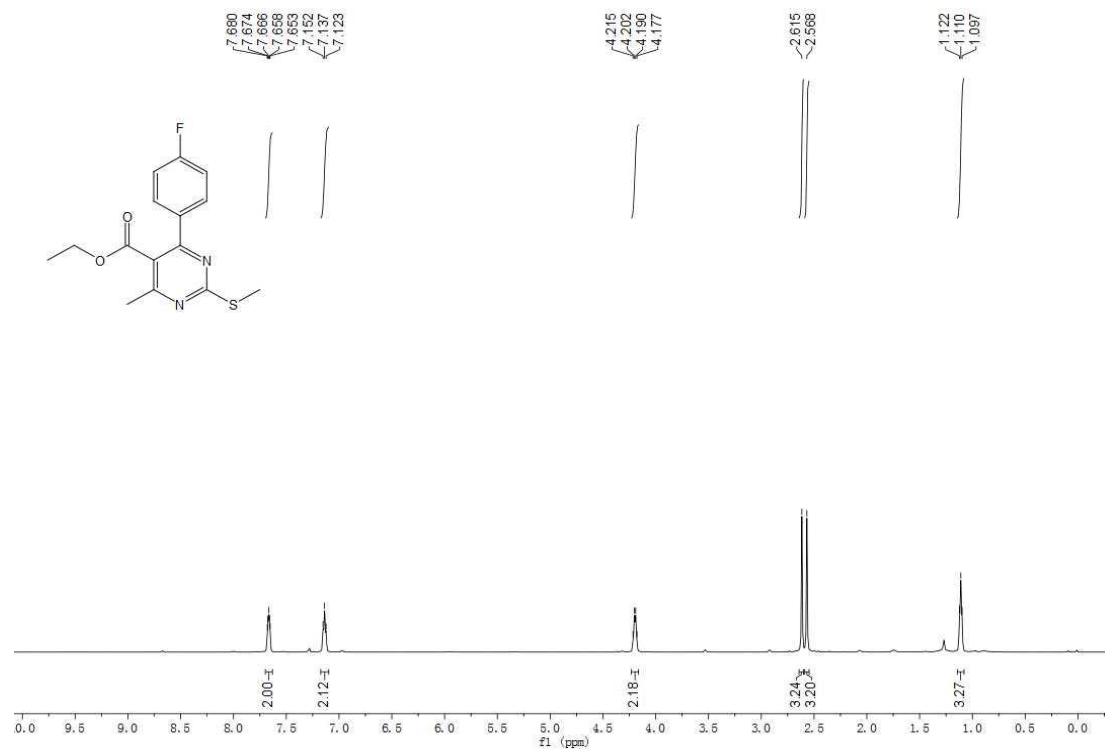
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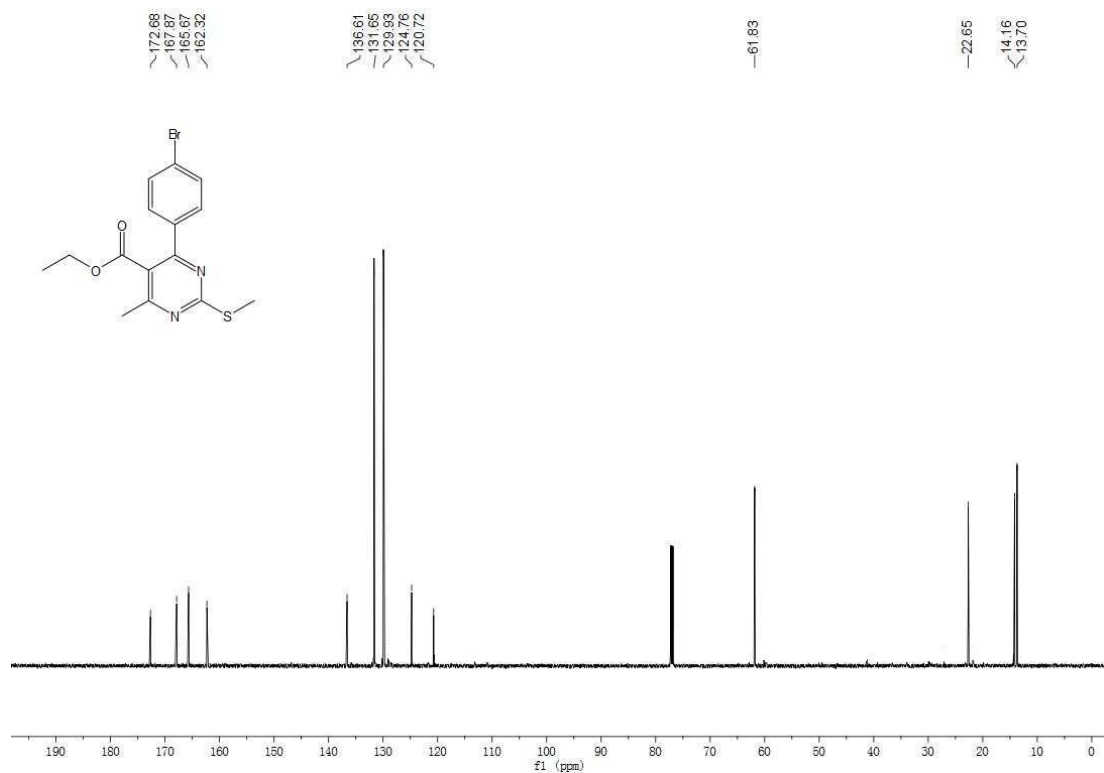
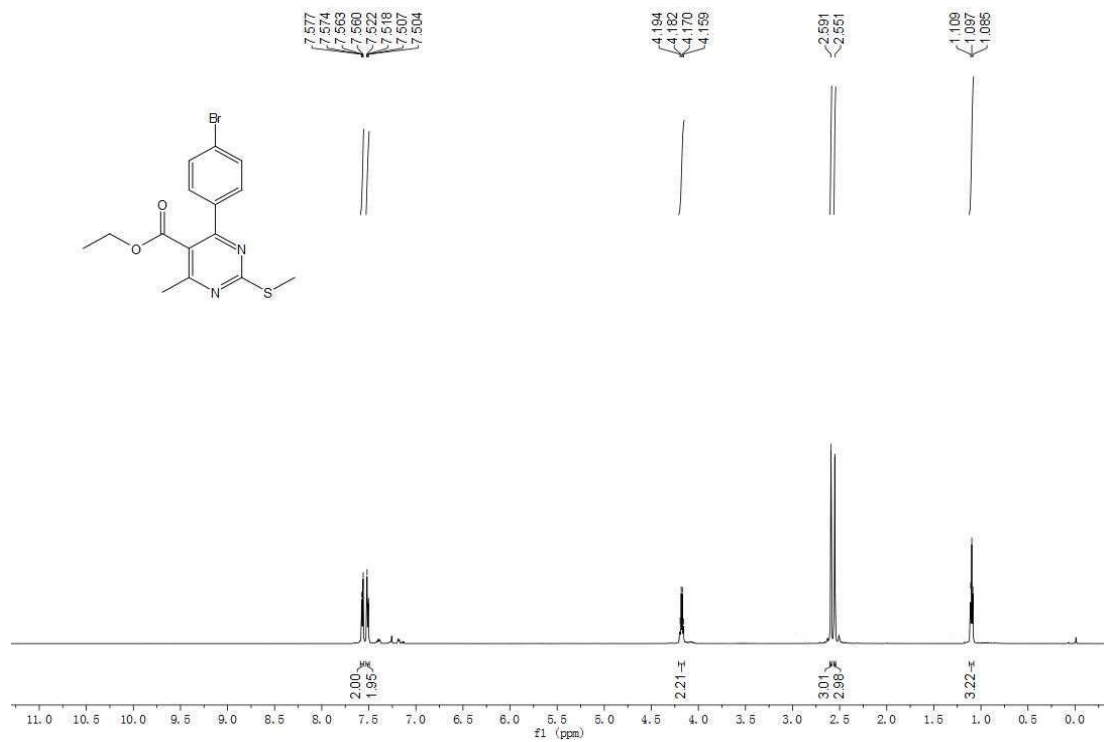
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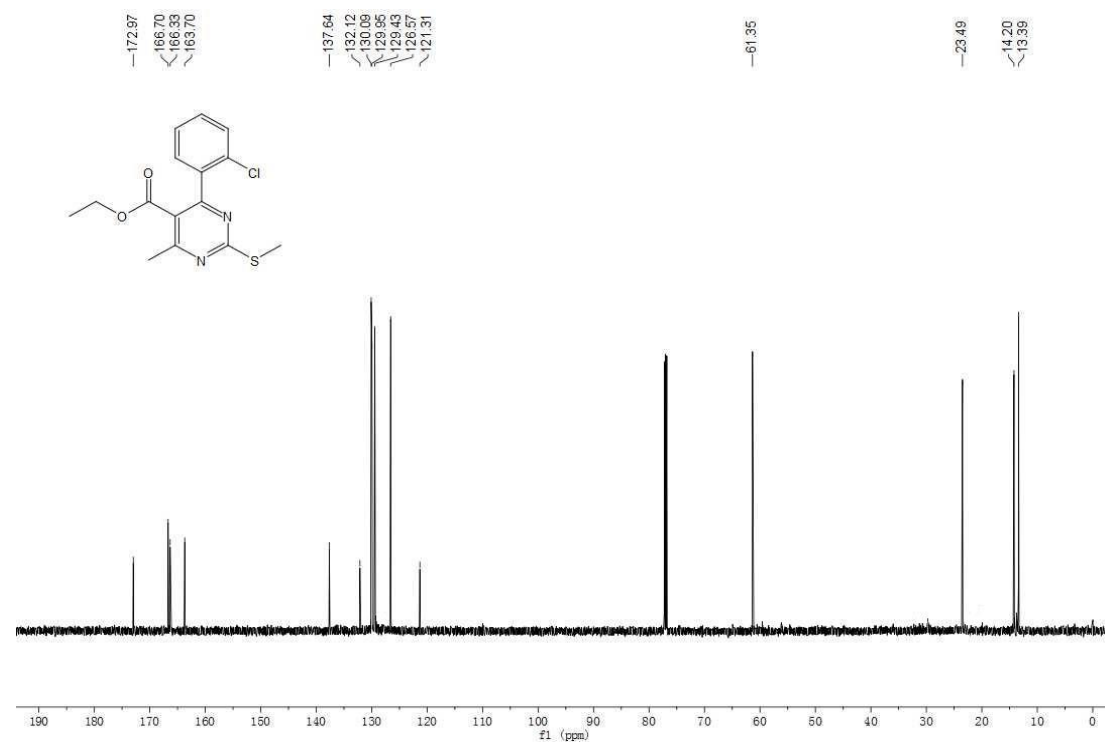
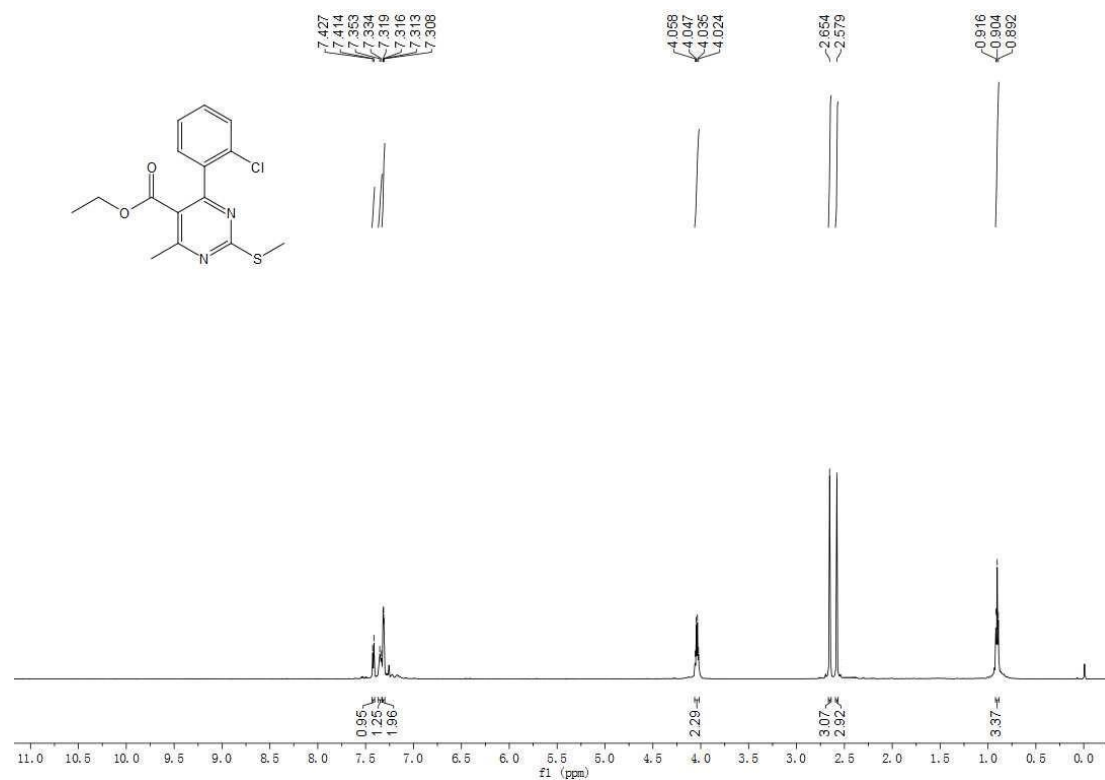
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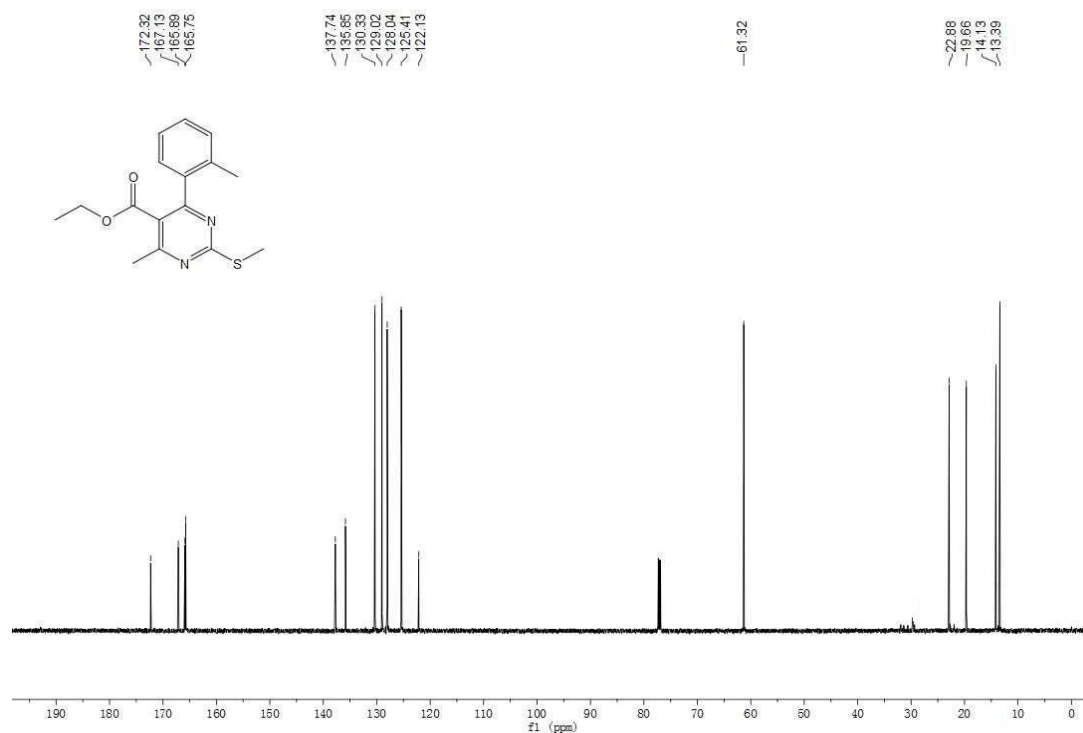
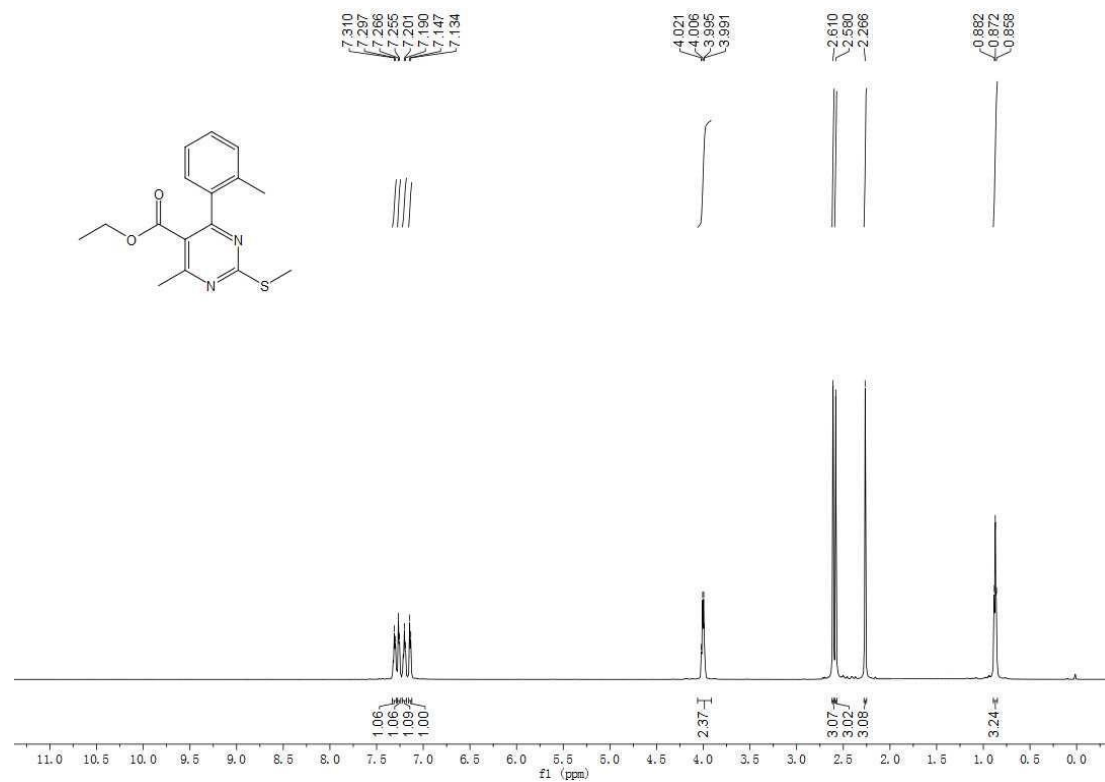
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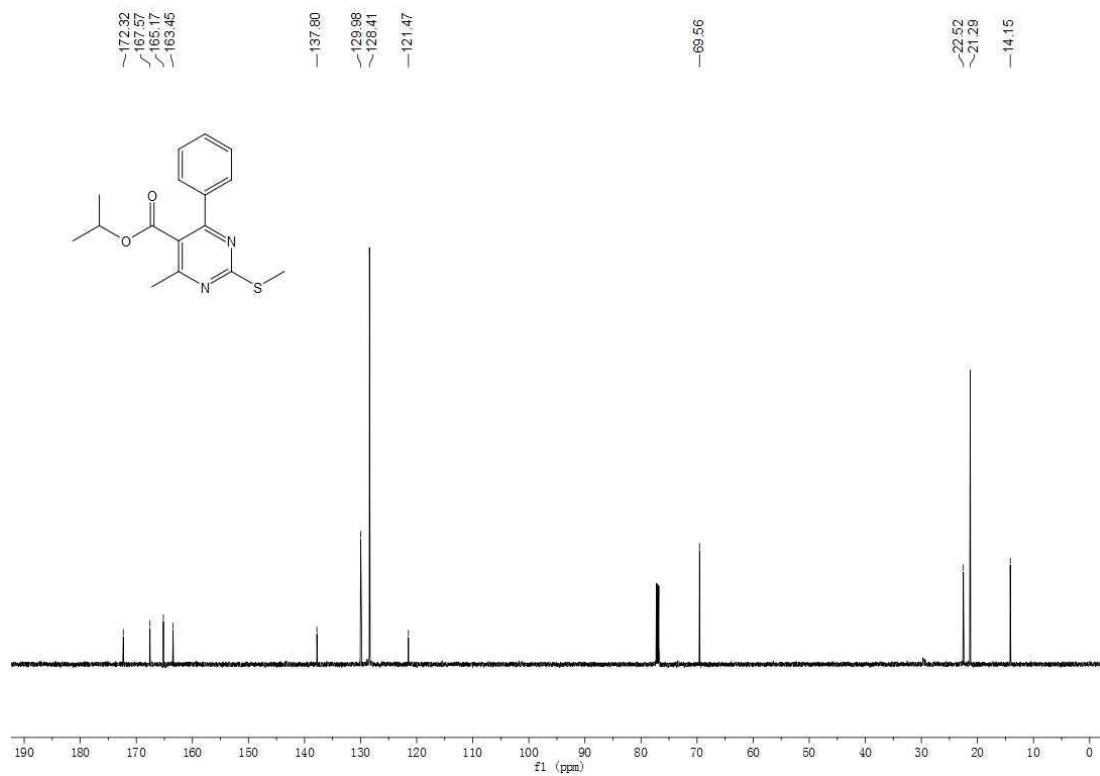
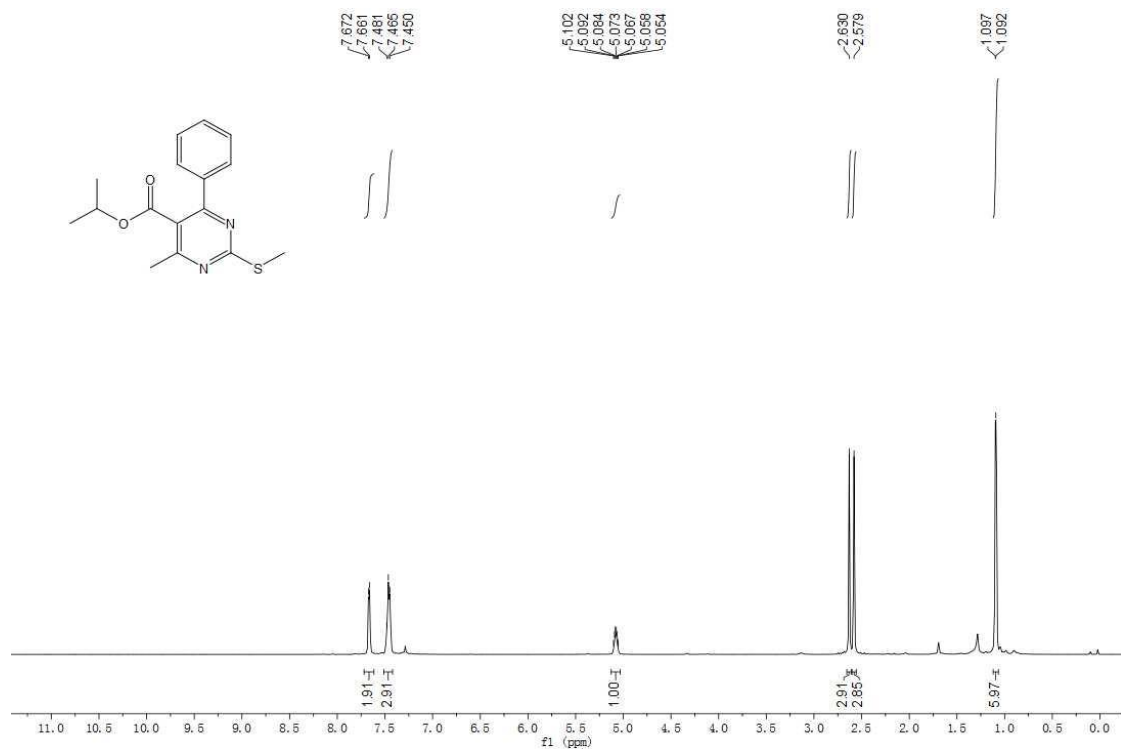
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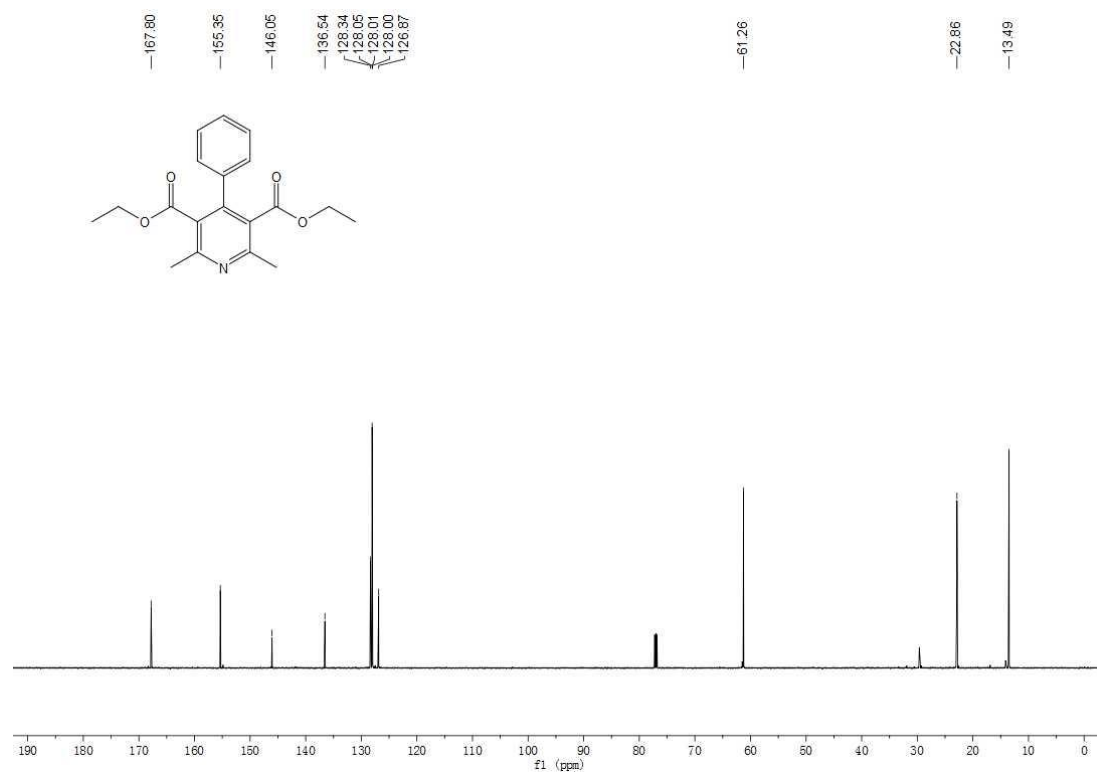
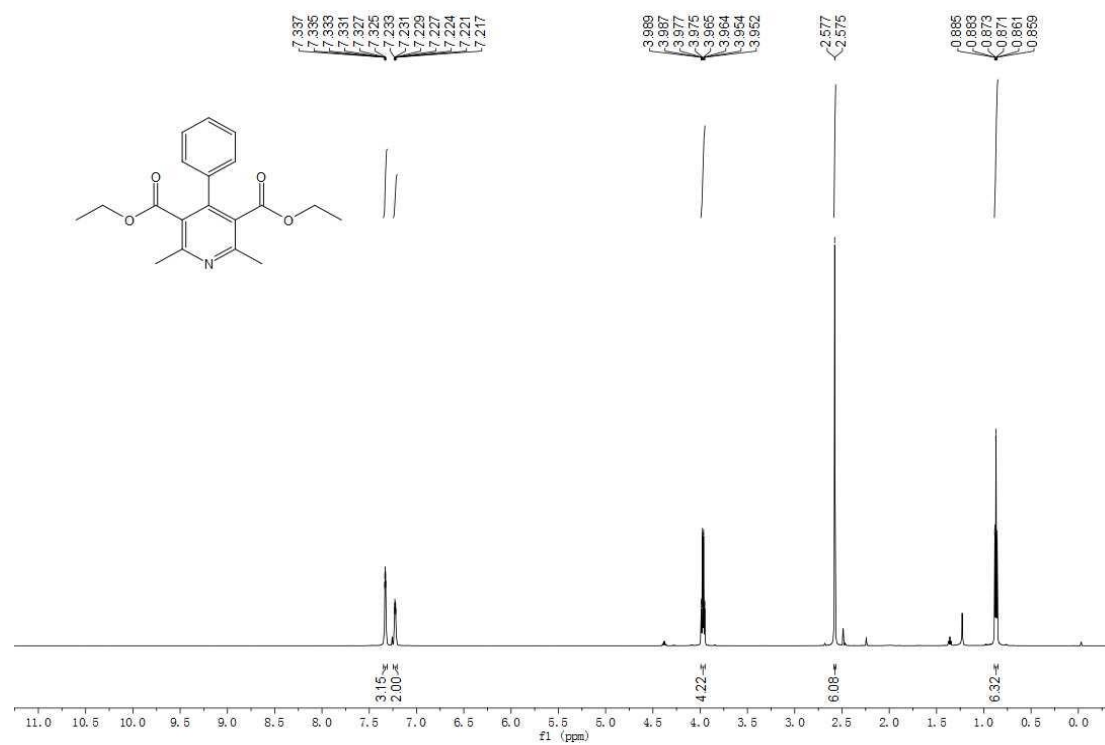
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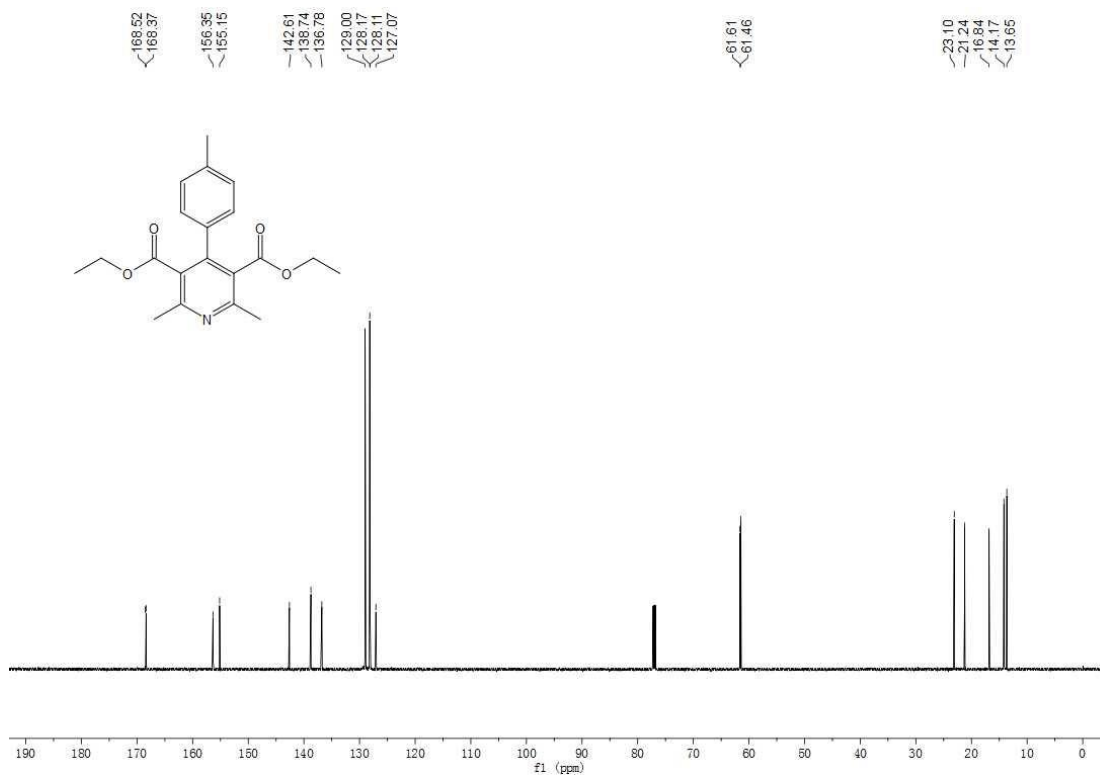
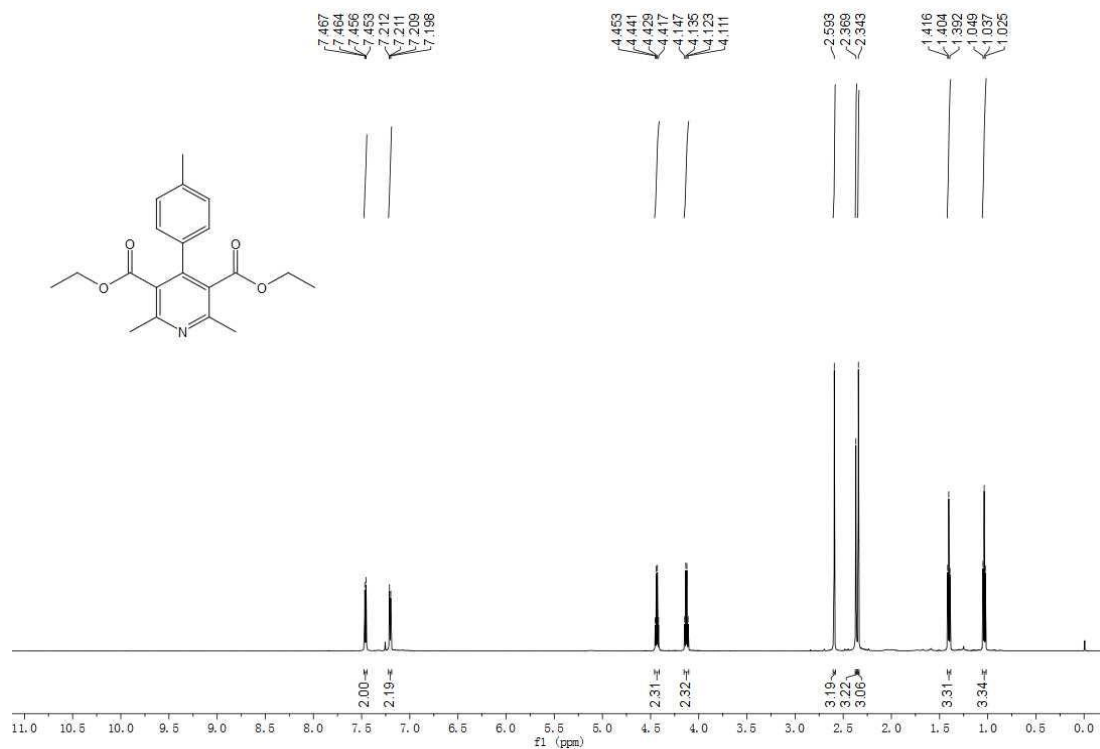
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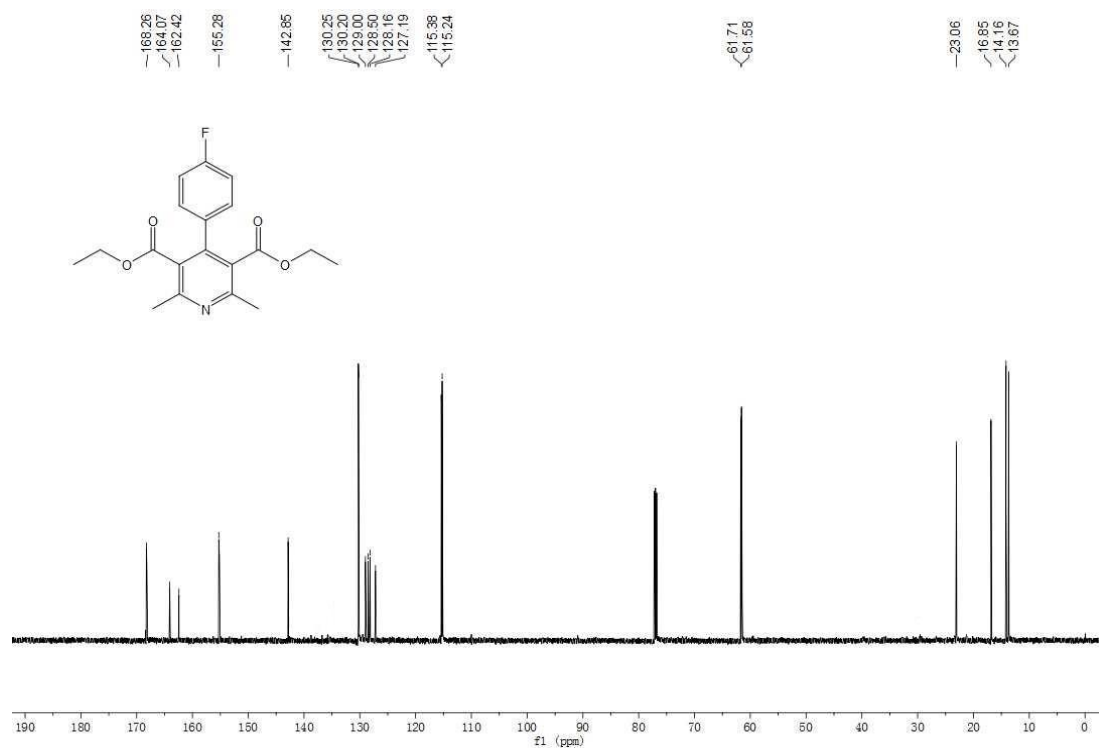
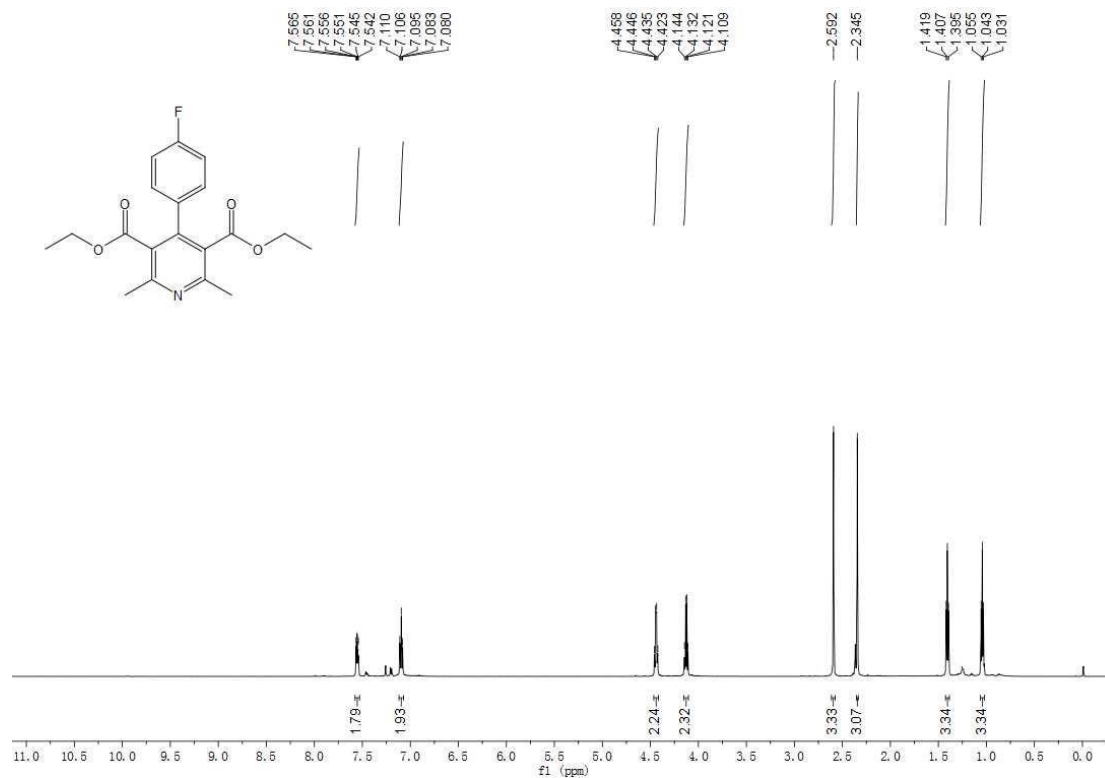
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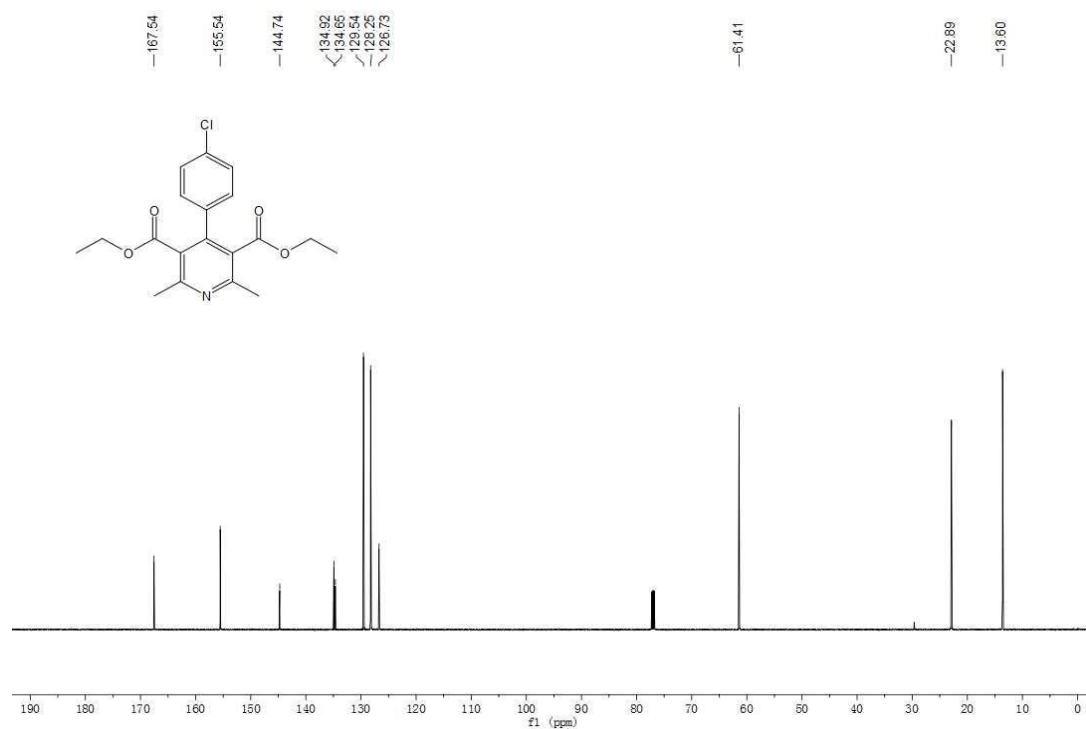
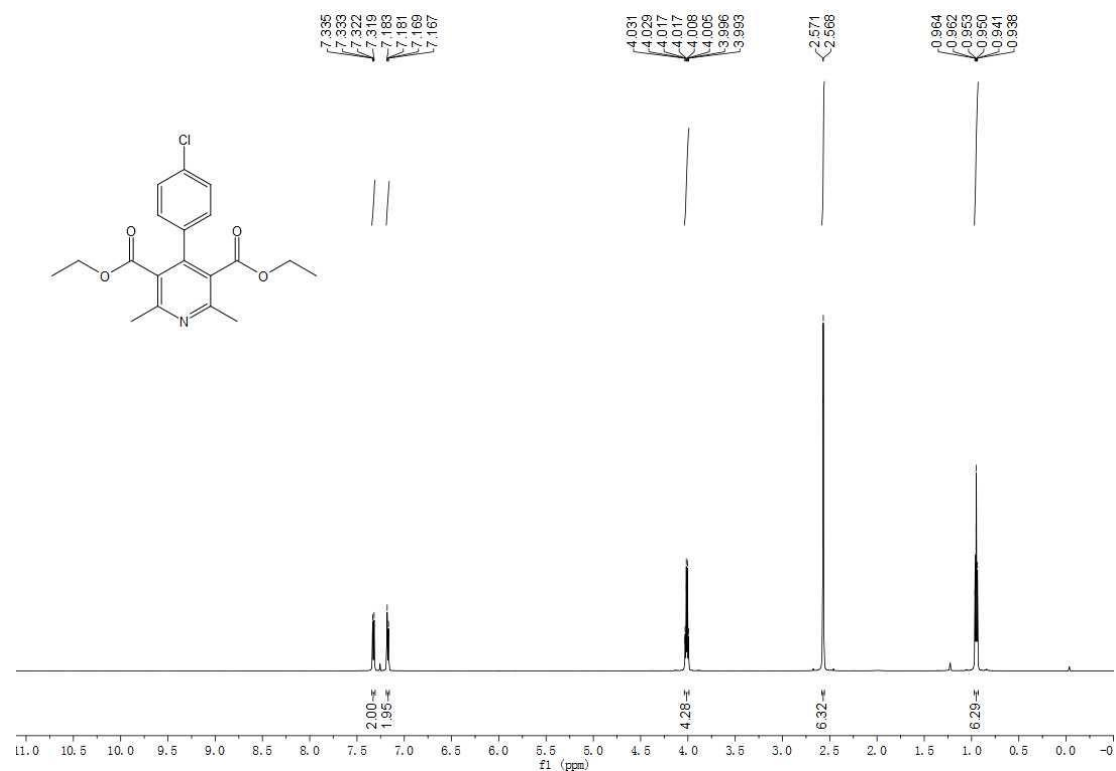
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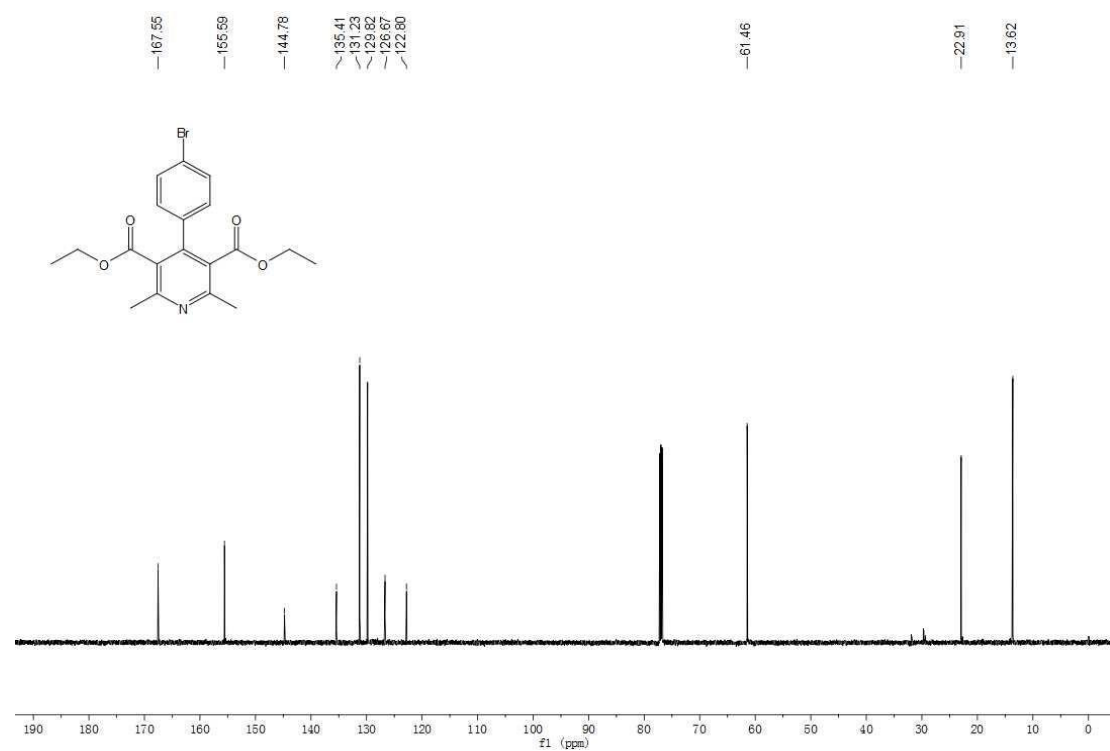
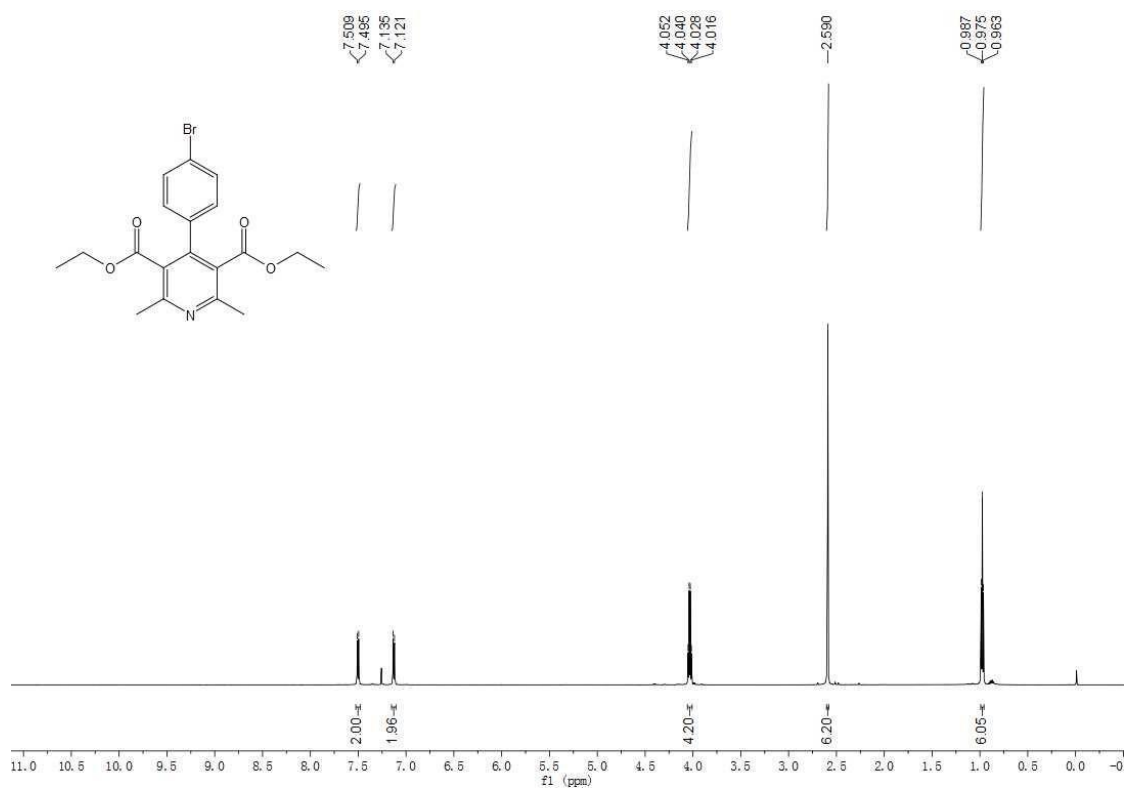
^1H and ^{13}C Spectra of compound 6c (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz)



¹H and ¹³C Spectra of compound 6d (CDCl₃, 600 MHz)



¹H and ¹³C Spectra of compound 6e (CDCl₃, 600 MHz)



¹H and ¹³C Spectra of compound 6f (CDCl₃, 600 MHz)

