

Supporting Information

Ir(III)-Catalyzed Synthesis of Isoquinolines from Benzimidates and α -Diazocarbonyl Compounds

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General experimental procedures

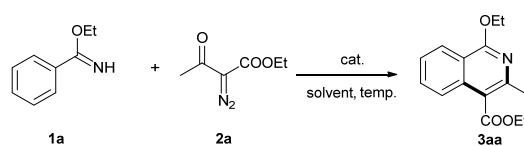
All reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere. Proton and carbon magnetic resonance spectra (^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR) were recorded using tetramethylsilane (TMS) in the solvent of CDCl_3 as the internal standard (^1H NMR: TMS at 0.00 ppm, CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm; ^{13}C NMR: CDCl_3 at 77.16 ppm).

General procedure for synthesis of compounds **3aa-3kb**.

Substituted ethyl benzimidate (0.25 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (0.3 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{IrCl}_2]_2$ (0.0125 mmol, 10 mg), AgNTf_2 (0.05 mmol, 20 mg), MeOH (2 mL) were added to a 25 mL Schlenk tube with a magnetic stirrer under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was allowed to stir under nitrogen atmosphere at 50°C for 12 h. After cooled to room temperature, the resulting solution was concentrated via rotary evaporation, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product (**3aa-3kb**).

Comparison of the reaction performance of $\text{Cp}^*\text{M(III)}$.

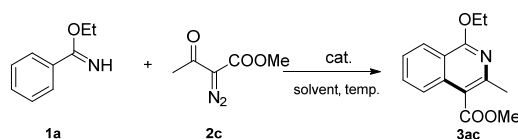
Table S1 Comparison of the catalytic performance of $\text{Cp}^*\text{M(III)}$ in the synthesis of ethyl 1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (**3aa**) via cascade reaction of ethyl benzimidate (**1a**) and ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2a**)



entry	catalyst system	solvent	temp ($^\circ\text{C}$)	yield (%) ^b
1	$[\text{Cp}^*\text{IrCl}_2]_2/\text{AgNTf}_2$	MeOH	50	73%
2	$[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2/\text{Ag SbF}_6$	MeOH	50	79%
3	$\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2/\text{AgSbF}_6$	MeOH	50	trace
4	$\text{Cp}^*\text{Co}(\text{CO})\text{I}_2/\text{AgSbF}_6$	MeOH	120	trace

^a Reaction conditions: ethyl benzimidate (**1a**) (0.25 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2b**) (0.3 mmol), cat. (5 mol%, 20 mol%), 12 h, solvent (2 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. ^b Isolated yield.

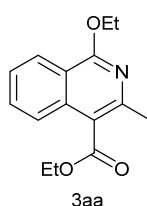
Table S2 Comparison of the catalytic performance of Cp*M(III) in the synthesis of methyl 1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate(**3ac**) via cascade reaction of ethyl benzimidate (**1a**) and methyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2c**)



entry	catalyst system	solvent	temp (°C)	yield (%) ^b
1	[Cp*IrCl ₂] ₂ /AgNTf ₂	MeOH	50	79%
2	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂ /Ag SbF ₆	MeOH	50	74%
3	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂ /AgSbF ₆	MeOH	50	trace
4	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂ /AgSbF ₆	MeOH	120	trace

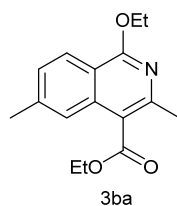
^a Reaction conditions: ethyl benzimidate (**1a**) (0.25 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2b**) (0.3 mmol), cat. (5 mol%, 20 mol%), 12 h, solvent (2 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. ^b Isolated yield.

Characterization data of compounds 3aa-3kb



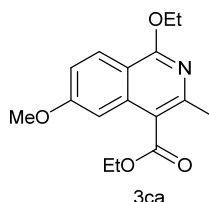
ethyl 1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (**3aa**).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 47 mg (73%). Yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.24 (*d*, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (*d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (*t*, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (*t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (*s*, 3H), 1.48 (*t*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.44 (*t*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 169.3, 165.5, 149.1, 135.9, 131.3, 126.1, 124.4, 123.8, 117.7, 117.2, 62.4, 61.4, 23.5, 14.7, 14.6. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₇NO₃ 260.1281, found 260.1281.



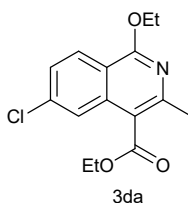
ethyl 1-ethoxy-3,6-dimethylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ba).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 51 mg (74%). Light white solid, M.P. 63-65°C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.12 (*d*, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (*s*, 1H), 7.29 (*d*, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (*s*, 3H), 2.49 (*s*, 3H), 1.46 (*m*, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 169.5, 160.5, 149.0, 141.7, 136.2, 123.1, 124.3, 123.0, 116.9, 115.9, 62.3, 61.3, 23.5, 22.5, 14.8, 14.6. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NO₃ 274.1438, found 274.1438.



ethyl 1-ethoxy-6-methoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ca).

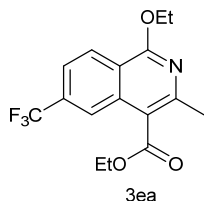
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 57 mg (79%). Light white solid, M.P. 65-67°C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.13 (*d*, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (*m*, 1H), 7.08 (*d*, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (*s*, 3H), 2.59 (*s*, 3H), 1.46 (*m*, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 169.4, 161.9, 160.5, 150.6, 138.2, 126.3, 117.8, 116.4, 112.6, 103.0, 62.3, 61.2, 55.5, 23.9, 14.8, 14.6. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NO₄ 290.1387, found 290.1386.



ethyl 6-chloro-1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3da).

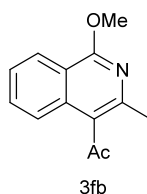
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 59 mg (81%). Light white solid, M.P. 64-66°C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.15 (*d*, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (*s*, 1H), 7.39 (*d*, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (*s*, 3H), 1.46

(*m*, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 168.6, 160.5, 151.2, 137.9, 137.0, 126.9, 126.2, 123.2, 116.2, 116.0, 62.7, 61.6, 23.8, 14.7, 14.6. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_3$ 294.0891, found 294.0876.



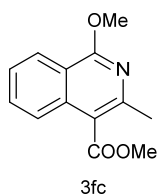
ethyl 1-ethoxy-3-methyl-6- (trifluoromethyl) isoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ea).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 50 mg (62 %). Light white solid, M.P. 73-75°C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 8.32 (*d*, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (*s*, 1H), 7.63 (*d*, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (*m*, 4H), 2.65 (*s*, 3H), 1.48 (*m*, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 168.4, 160.3, 151.6, 135.5, 132.8 (*q*, J = 32.3 Hz), 125.7, 124.1 (*q*, J = 272.9 Hz), 121.8 (*q*, J = 4.0 Hz), 119.0, 117.1, 77.5, 63.0, 61.7, 23.8, 14.6, 14.5. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ 328.1155, found 328.1154.



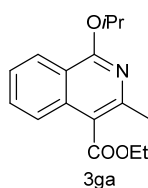
1- (1-methoxy-3-methylisoquinolin-4-yl) ethan-1-one (3fb).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1). Yield 29 mg (54%). Yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 NMR) δ 8.23 (*d*, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (*q*, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (*q*, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (*q*, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (*s*, 3H), 2.62 (*s*, 3H), 2.51 (*s*, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 NMR) δ 206.4, 160.3, 144.7, 134.8, 131.2, 126.2, 126.1, 124.5, 123.0, 117.7, 53.9, 33.1, 22.6. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ 216.1019, found 216.1015.



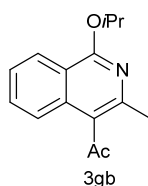
methyl 1-methoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3fc).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1). Yield 25 mg (44%). White solid, M.P. 68-70 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 NMR) δ 8.22 (*d*, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (*d*, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (*t*, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (*t*, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (*s*, 3H), 4.01 (*s*, 3H), 2.61 (*s*, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 NMR) δ 169.6, 160.8, 149.3, 136.9, 131.3, 126.2, 124.3, 123.8, 117.6, 117.0, 54.0, 52.3, 23.5. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₃NO₃ 232.0968, found 232.0968.



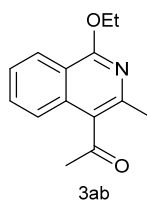
ethyl 1-isopropoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ga).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1). Yield 45 mg (63%). Yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 NMR) δ 8.24 (*d*, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (*d*, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (*t*, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (*t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (*hept*, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (*q*, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (*s*, 3H), 1.47 (*s*, 3H), 1.46 (*s*, 3H), 1.44 (*s*, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 NMR) δ 169.2, 160.0, 149.1, 135.9, 131.1, 125.9, 124.5, 123.7, 118.0, 116.7, 68.9, 6.3, 23.5, 22.1, 14.5. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NO₃ 274.1438, found 274.1432.



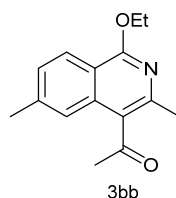
1-(1-isopropoxy-3-methylisoquinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-one (3gb).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1). Yield 53 mg (88%). Yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 NMR) δ 8.25 (*d*, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (*t*, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (*d*, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (*t*, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (*hept*, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (*s*, 3H), 2.50 (*s*, 3H), 1.45 (*s*, 3H), 1.44 (*s*, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 NMR) δ 206.5, 159.6, 144.9, 134.9, 131.1, 125.9, 125.5, 124.7, 122.9, 118.0, 68.8, 33.1, 22.8, 22.1. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₇NO₂ 244.1332, found 244.1329.



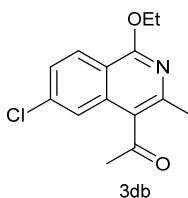
1- (1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinolin-4-yl) ethan-1-one (3ab).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 51 mg (89%). Yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.28 (*d*, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (*m*, 1H), 7.58 (*m*, 1H), 7.50 (*t*, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (*q*, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (*s*, 3H), 2.52 (*s*, 3H), 1.51 (*t*, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 206.6, 160.2, 144.9, 134.9, 131.3, 126.2, 125.9, 124.7, 123.1, 117.8, 62.4, 33.2, 22.8, 14.8. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$ 230.1176, found 230.1174.



1- (1-ethoxy-3,6-dimethylisoquinolin-4-yl) ethan-1-one (3bb).

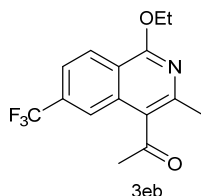
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 53 mg (86%). Light white solid, M.P. 59-61 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.13 (*d*, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (*m*, 2H), 4.56 (*q*, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.62 (*s*, 3H), 2.48 (*s*, 6H), 1.48 (*t*, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 206.9, 160.1, 144.8, 141.7, 135.2, 123.2, 125.6, 124.5, 122.3, 116.0, 62.3, 33.2, 22.8, 22.4, 14.8. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ 244.1332, found 244.1331.



1- (6-chloro-1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinolin-4-yl) ethan-1-one (3db).

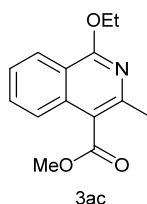
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3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 205.8, 160.1, 146.8, 137.9, 135.9, 127.1, 126.5, 125.1, 122.4, 116.1, 62.7, 33.2, 23.1, 14.7. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_2$ 264.0786, found 264.0789.



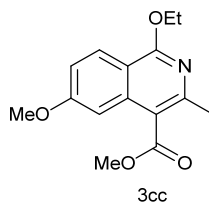
1-(1-ethoxy-3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)isoquinolin-4-yl) ethan-1-one (3eb).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 36 mg (49%). Light white solid, M.P. 68-70°C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.37 (*d*, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (*s*, 1H), 7.66 (*m*, 1H), 4.60 (*q*, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (*s*, 3H), 2.55 (*s*, 3H), 1.51 (*t*, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 205.5, 160.0, 147.0, 134.4, 133.0 (*q*, J = 32.4 Hz), 126.1, 124.0 (*q*, J = 272.9 Hz), 122.1, 120.8 (*q*, J = 4.1 Hz), 119.1, 77.5, 62.9, 33.2, 23.1, 14.7. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ 298.1049, found 298.1048.



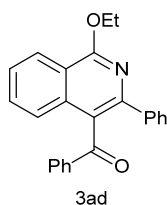
methyl 1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ac).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 48 mg (79%). Light white solid, M.P. 59-61°C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.24 (*d*, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (*d*, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (*t*, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (*t*, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (*q*, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (*s*, 3H), 2.59 (*s*, 3H), 1.49 (*t*, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 169.8, 160.7, 149.5, 136.0, 131.3, 126.1, 124.5, 123.9, 117.7, 116.8, 62.5, 52.4, 23.7, 14.7. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ 246.1125, found 246.1125.



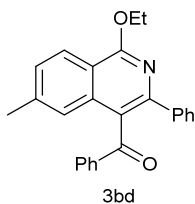
methyl 1-ethoxy-6-methoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3cc).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 60 mg (87%). Light white solid, M.P. 60-62 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.14 (*d*, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (*m*, 1H), 7.08 (*m*, 1H), 4.56 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (*s*, 3H), 3.90 (*s*, 3H), 2.58 (*s*, 3H), 1.47 (*t*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 169.9, 162.0, 160.6, 150.9, 138.2, 126.3, 117.8, 116.1, 112.6, 103.1, 62.3, 55.5, 52.2, 24.0, 14.8. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₇NO₄ 276.1230, found 276.1229.



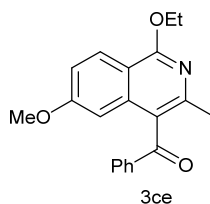
(1-ethoxy-3-phenylisoquinolin-4-yl) (phenyl) methanone (3ad).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 63 mg (72%). Light yellow solid, M.P. 151-153 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.38 (*d*, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (*m*, 3H), 7.60 (*m*, 4H), 7.37 (*t*, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (*m*, 5H), 4.72 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (*t*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 199.0, 160.6, 148.1, 140.1, 138.3, 136.8, 133.4, 131.5, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 127.0, 124.6, 123.1, 118.4, 62.7, 14.9. HR-MS (ESI) [M+Na]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₉NO₂ 376.1308, found 376.1307.



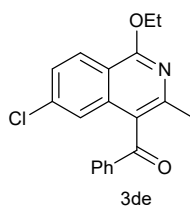
(1-ethoxy-6-methyl-3-phenylisoquinolin-4-yl) (phenyl) methanone (3bd).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 64 mg (70%). Light yellow solid, M.P. 152-154 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.26 (*d*, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (*d*, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (*d*, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (*s*, 1H), 7.37 (*t*, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (*m*, 5H), 4.71 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (*s*, 3H), 1.55 (*t*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 199.3, 160.7, 143.2, 142.0, 140.2, 138.4, 137.1, 133.3, 129.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 124.4, 123.7, 122.7, 116.5, 62.5, 22.4, 14.9. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₁NO₂ 368.1645, found 368.1647.



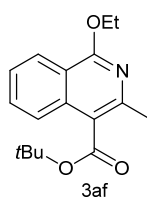
(1-ethoxy-6-methoxy-3-methylisoquinolin-4-yl) (phenyl) methanone (3ce).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 60 mg (75%). Light yellow solid, M.P. 107-109°C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.19 (*d*, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (*d*, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (*t*, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (*t*, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (*m*, 1H), 6.69 (*m*, 1H), 4.59 (*q*, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (*s*, 3H), 2.32 (*s*, 3H), 1.50 (*t*, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 199.4, 161.7, 160.4, 147.6, 138.5, 138.4, 133.9, 129.9, 129.1, 126.4, 122.5, 117.9, 112.7, 103.0, 62.3, 55.5, 23.3, 14.8. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3$ 322.1438, found 322.1440.



(6-chloro-1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinolin-4-yl) (phenyl) methanone (3de).

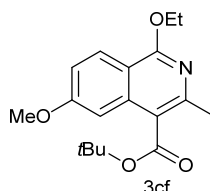
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 59 mg (73%). Light yellow solid, M.P. 108-110°C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ 8.22 (*d*, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (*d*, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (*t*, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (*t*, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (*s*, 1H), 7.39 (*s*, 1H), 4.61 (*q*, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (*s*, 3H), 1.52 (*t*, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ 198.3, 160.4, 143.1, 138.0, 137.7, 137.4, 134.2, 129.9, 129.2, 127.1, 126.4, 123.1, 122.2, 116.1, 62.7, 23.3, 14.8. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_2$ 326.0942, found 326.0945.



tert-butyl 1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3af).

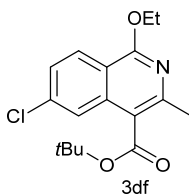
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 46 mg (65%). Yellow liquid. ^1H

NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 8.23 (*d*, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (*d*, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (*t*, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (*t*, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (*s*, 3H), 1.67 (*s*, 9H), 1.48 (*t*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 163.6, 160.2, 147.8, 135.9, 131.1, 126.0, 124.4, 123.6, 118.8, 117.8, 82.2, 62.3, 28.6, 23.2, 14.8. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO₃ 288.1594, found 288.1595.



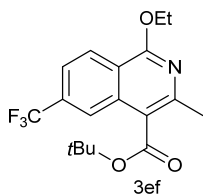
tert-butyl 1-ethoxy-6-methoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3cf).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 59 mg (75%). Yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 8.12 (*d*, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (*d*, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (*m*, 1H), 4.54 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (*s*, 3H), 2.58 (*s*, 3H), 1.67 (*s*, 9H), 1.46 (*t*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 168.8, 161.8, 160.2, 149.1, 138.0, 126.3, 118.3, 117.7, 112.7, 102.8, 81.9, 62.2, 55.4, 28.6, 23.4, 14.8. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₃NO₄ 318.1700, found 318.1695.



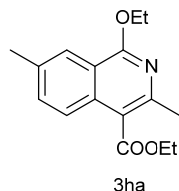
tert-butyl 6-chloro-1-ethoxy-3-methylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3n).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 58 mg (72%). Yellow liquid. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 8.15 (*d*, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (*m*, 1H), 7.39 (*d*, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (*q*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.60 (*s*, 3H), 1.67 (*s*, 9H), 1.47 (*t*, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 150 MHz) δ 168.0, 160.1, 149.9, 137.7, 137.0, 126.8, 126.2, 123.1, 117.8, 116.0, 82.6, 62.6, 28.6, 23.5, 14.7. HR-MS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₀ClNO₃ 322.1204, found 322.1205.



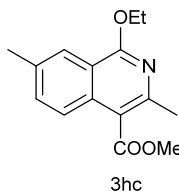
tert-butyl 1-ethoxy-3-methyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)isoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ef).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1). Yield 55 mg (62%). Yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 8.34 (*d*, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (*s*, 1H), 7.63 (*m*, 1H), 4.60 (*q*, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (*s*, 3H), 1.68 (*s*, 9H), 1.49 (*t*, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 167.8, 160.0, 150.3, 135.4, 132.69 (*q*, $J = 32.3$ Hz), 125.8, 124.16 (*q*, $J = 272.5$ Hz), 121.68 (*q*, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 119.0, 118.8, 82.8, 77.5, 62.9, 28.5, 23.5, 14.7. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ 356.1468, found 356.1471.



ethyl 1-ethoxy-3,7-dimethylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ha).

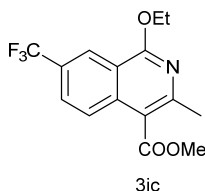
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1). Yield 45 mg (66%). Yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.01 (*s*, 1H), 7.79 (*d*, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (*d*, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.58 (*q*, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.49 (*q*, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.60 (*s*, 3H), 2.50 (*s*, 3H), 1.49 (*t*, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.44 (*t*, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 NMR) δ 169.3, 160.1, 148.0, 135.9, 134.0, 133.2, 123.6, 123.3, 117.8, 116.9, 62.3, 61.2, 23.3, 21.7, 14.7, 14.5. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3$ 274.1438, found 274.1434.



methyl 1-ethoxy-3,7-dimethylisoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3hc).

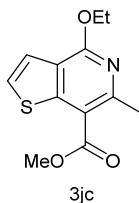
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1). Yield 58 mg (90%). Yellow solid, M.P. 63–65°C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.01 (*s*, 1H), 7.77 (*d*, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (*d*, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.58 (*q*, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.99 (*s*, 3H), 2.58 (*s*, 3H), 2.50 (*s*, 3H), 1.49 (*t*, J

= 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 NMR) δ 169.7, 160.2, 148.4, 136.0, 134.1, 133.3, 123.7, 123.3, 117.8, 116.6, 62.3, 52.2, 23.5, 21.7, 14.7. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ 260.1281, found 260.1281.



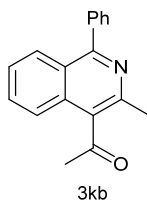
methyl 1-ethoxy-3-methyl-7-(trifluoromethyl) isoquinoline-4-carboxylate (3ic).

Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (40:1). Yield 58 mg (74%). White solid, M.P. 108–110 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 NMR) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 1.51 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 NMR) δ 168.9, 160.8, 152.5, 137.6, 127.89 (q, J = 33.3 Hz), 126.9, 125.1, 124.11 (d, J = 272.1 Hz), 122.41 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 116.8, 116.5, 63.0, 52.4, 23.9, 14.6. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ 314.0999, found 314.0995.



methyl 4-ethoxy-6-methylthieno[3,2-c]pyridine-7-carboxylate (3jc).

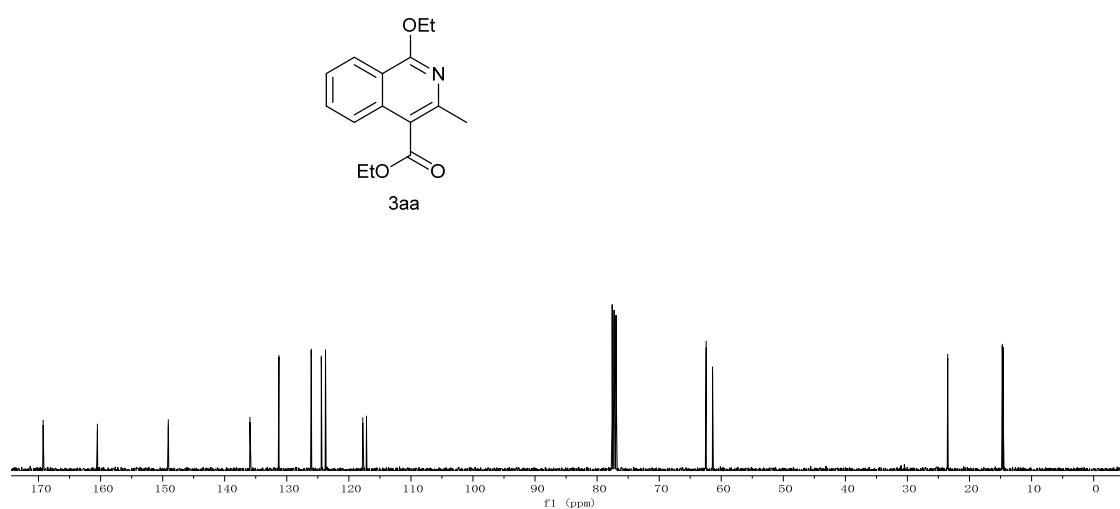
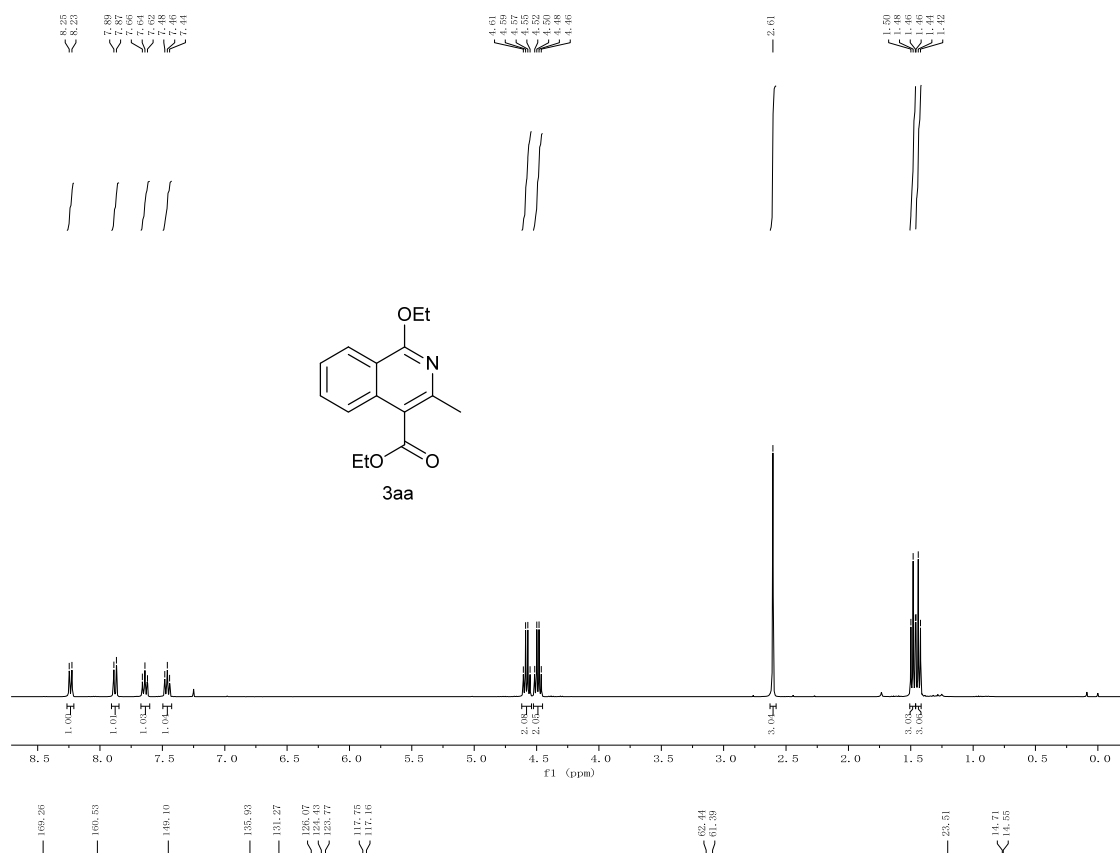
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (100:1). Yield 42 mg (71%). White solid, M.P. 80–82 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.44 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 167.3, 159.1, 155.9, 150.9, 127.5, 123.1, 120.6, 112.9, 62.4, 52.0, 25.5, 14.8. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 252.0689, found 252.0689.

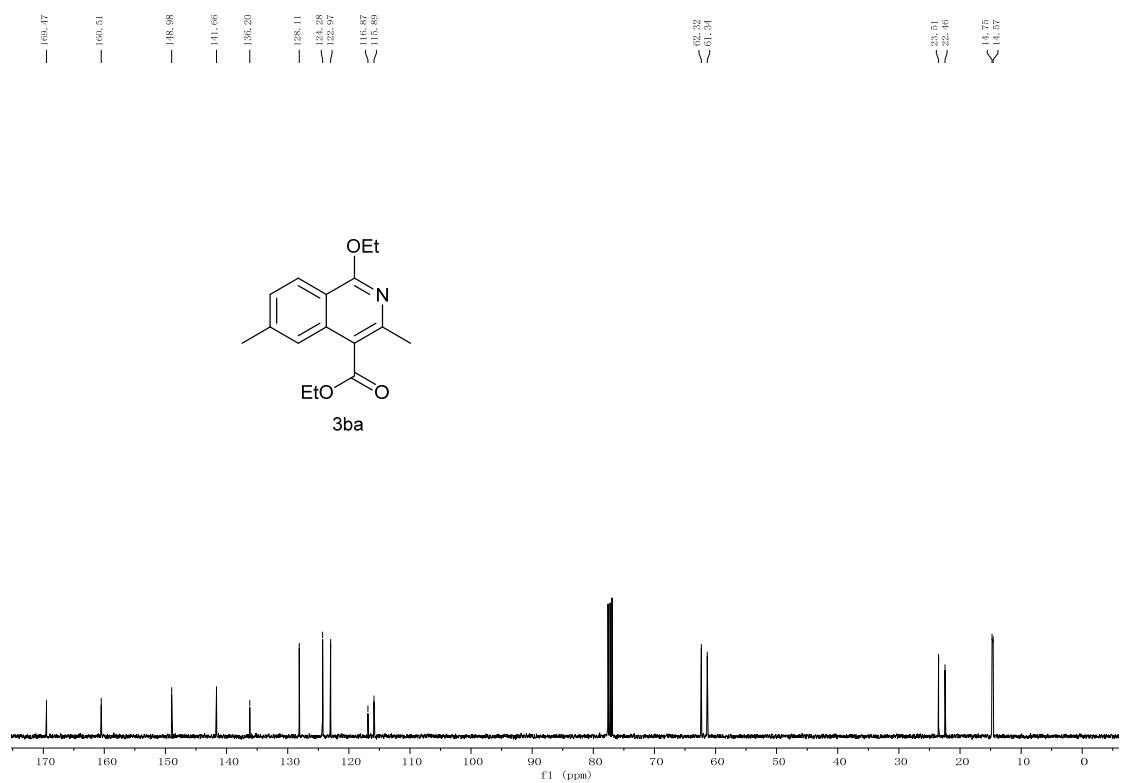
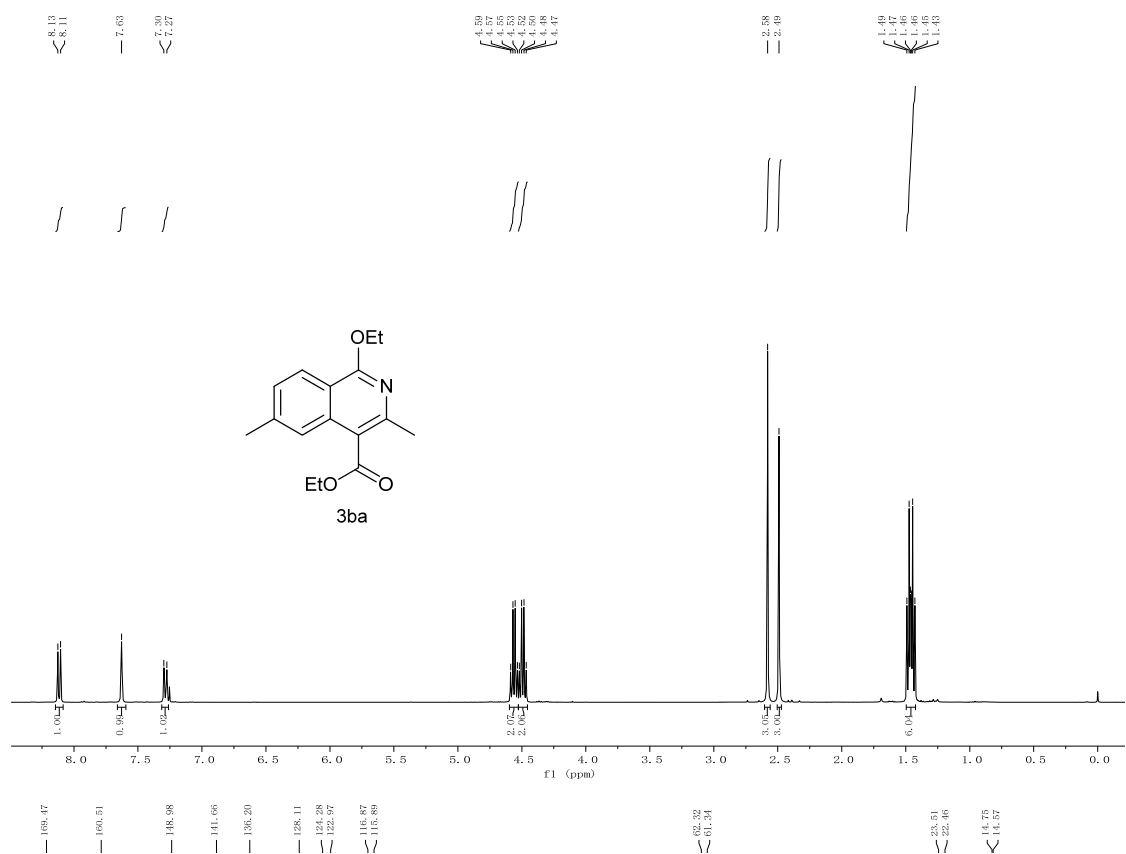


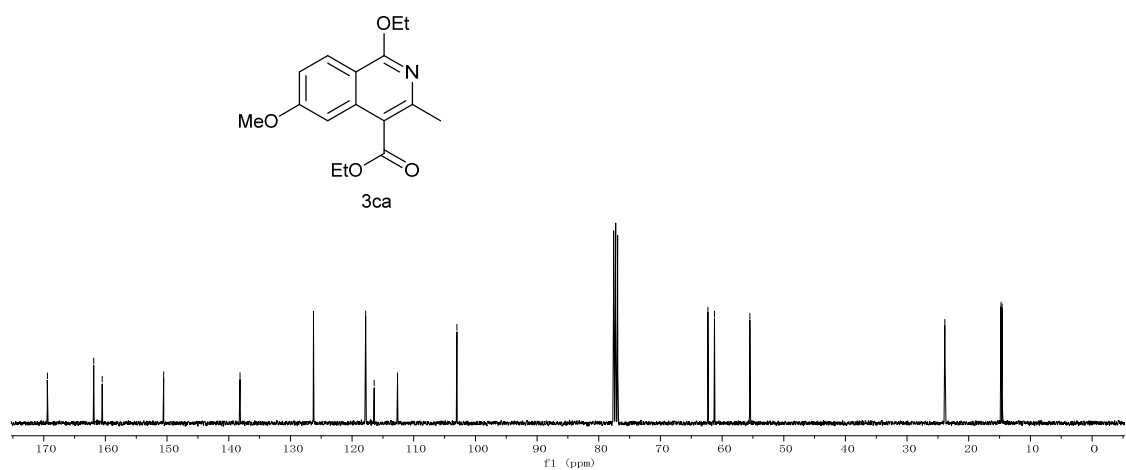
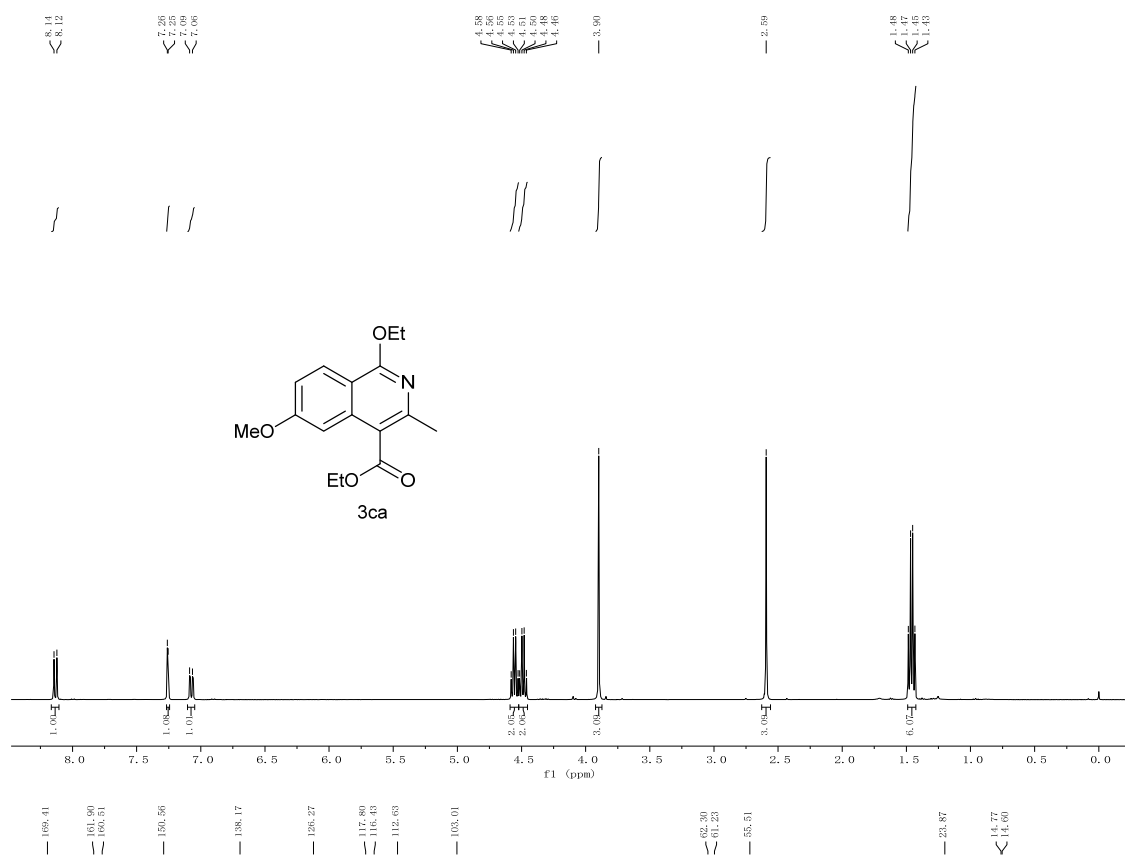
1-(3-methyl-1-phenylisoquinolin-4-yl) ethan-1-one (3kb).

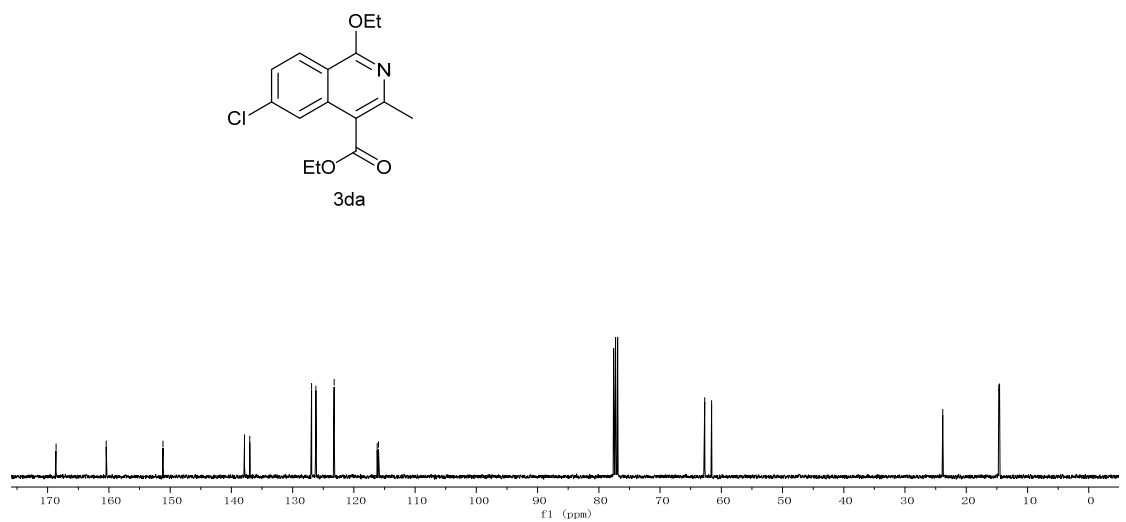
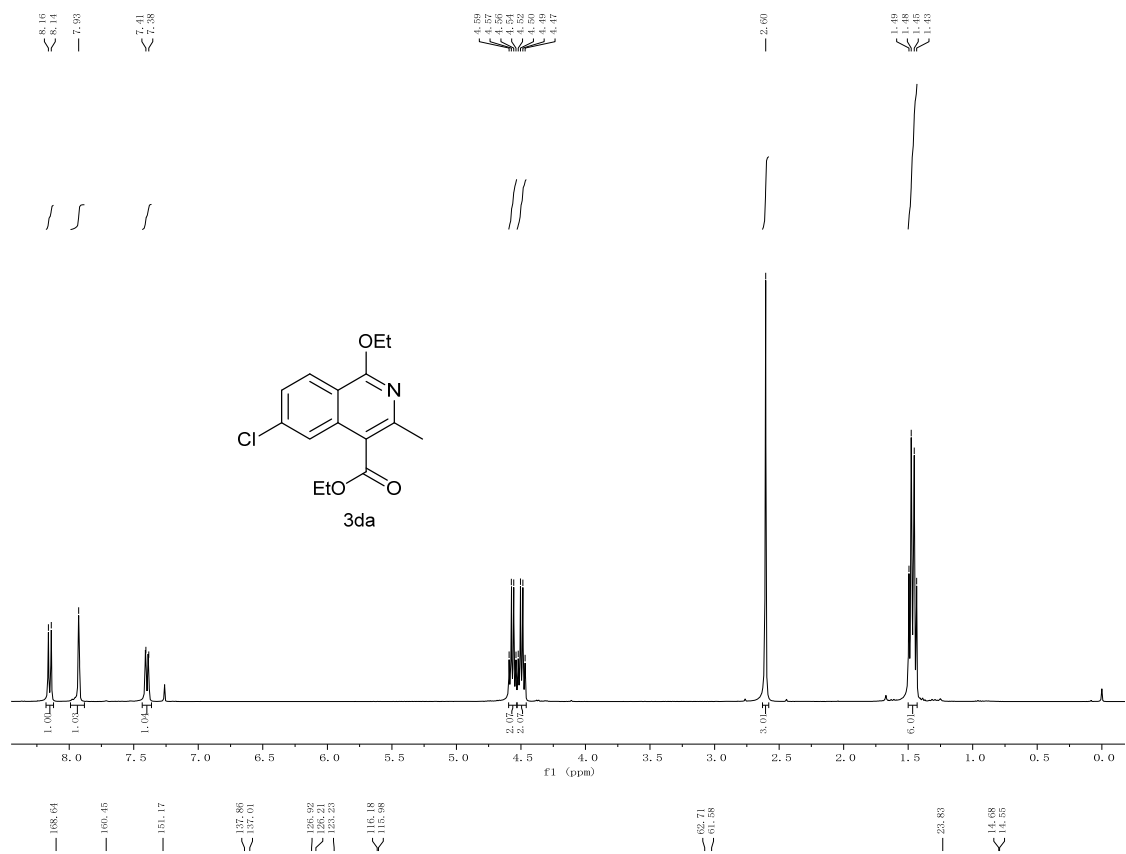
Eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1). Yield 58 mg (89%). Yellow solid, M.P. 109- 111 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 NMR) δ 8.06 (*d*, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (*m*, 4H), 7.51 (*m*, 4H), 2.71 (*s*, 3H), 2.70 (*s*, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 NMR) δ 206.5, 161.3, 145.1, 139.2, 133.2, 131.0, 130.7, 129.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 126.7, 124.7, 123.3, 33.0, 22.6. HR-MS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$ 262.1226, found 262.1230.

The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds 3aa-3kb.











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