

## Supplementary Information

### **Visible-light-induced selective synthesis of sulfoxides from alkenes and thiols using air as the oxidant**

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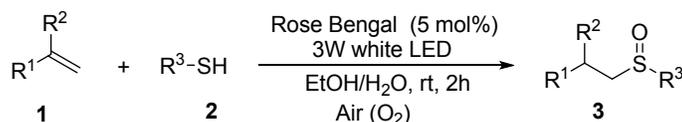
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## 1. General information

All commercially available reagent grade chemicals were purchased from Aldrich, Acros, Alfa Aesar and Beijing Ouhe Chemical Company and used as received without further purification unless otherwise stated. All solvents were dried according to standard procedures.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  on a Bruker Avance III 400 spectrometer with TMS as internal standard (500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$ , 125 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) at room temperature, the chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were expressed in ppm and  $J$  values were given in Hz. The following abbreviations are used to indicate the multiplicity: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of triplets (dt), and multiplet (m). All first order splitting patterns were assigned on the basis of the appearance of the multiplet. Splitting patterns that could not be easily interpreted were designated as multiplet (m). Mass analyses and HRMS were obtained on a Finnigan-LCQDECA mass spectrometer and a Bruker Daltonics Bio-TOF-Q mass spectrometer by the ESI method, respectively. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh). There is 3.0 cm distance between the reactor and LEDs.

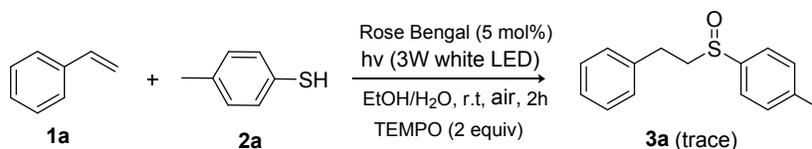
## 2. General procedure for visible-light-induced selective synthesis of sulfoxides from alkenes and thiols under air.



To a solution of thiol **2** (0.3 mmol) and Rose Bengal (0.01mmol, 5 mol %) in EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O ( $v_1/v_2=1/1$ ) 2 mL was added alkene **1** (0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was open to the air and stirred under the irradiation of 3w white LEDs at room temperature for 2h. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product **3**.

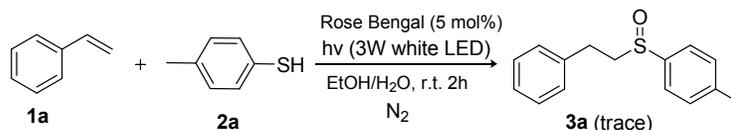
## 3. Preliminary mechanistic studies

### 3.1 The addition of TEMPO in the model reaction system.



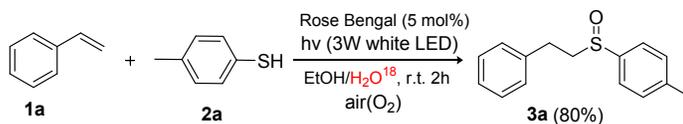
To a solution of 4-methylbenzenethiol **2a** (0.3 mmol), TEMPO (0.4 mmol), and Rose Bengal (0.01 mmol, 5 mol %) in EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O ( $v_1/v_2=1/1$ ) 2 mL was added styrene **1a** (0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was open to the air and stirred under the irradiation of 3w white LEDs at room temperature for 2h. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum, only a trace amount of desired product was detected.

### 3.2 The model reaction was carried out under N<sub>2</sub>.



To a solution of 4-methylbenzenethiol **2a** (0.3 mmol), and Rose Bengal (0.01mmol, 5 mol %) in EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O ( $v_1/v_2=1/1$ ) 2 mL was added styrene **1a** (0.2 mmol) under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of 3w white LEDs at room temperature for 2h. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum, only a trace amount of desired product was detected.

### 3.3 The model reaction was carried out under H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>18</sup> (<sup>18</sup>O-labeling experiment).



To a solution of 4-methylbenzenethiol **2a** (0.15 mmol), and Rose Bengal (0.005 mmol, 5 mol %) in EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O ( $v_1/v_2=1/1$ ) 1 mL was added styrene **1a** (0.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was open to the air and stirred under the irradiation of 3w white LEDs at room temperature for 2h. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the desired product **3a** in 80% yield.

The HRMS spectrum of **3a** is demonstrated as bellow

### Mass Spectrum SmartFormula Report

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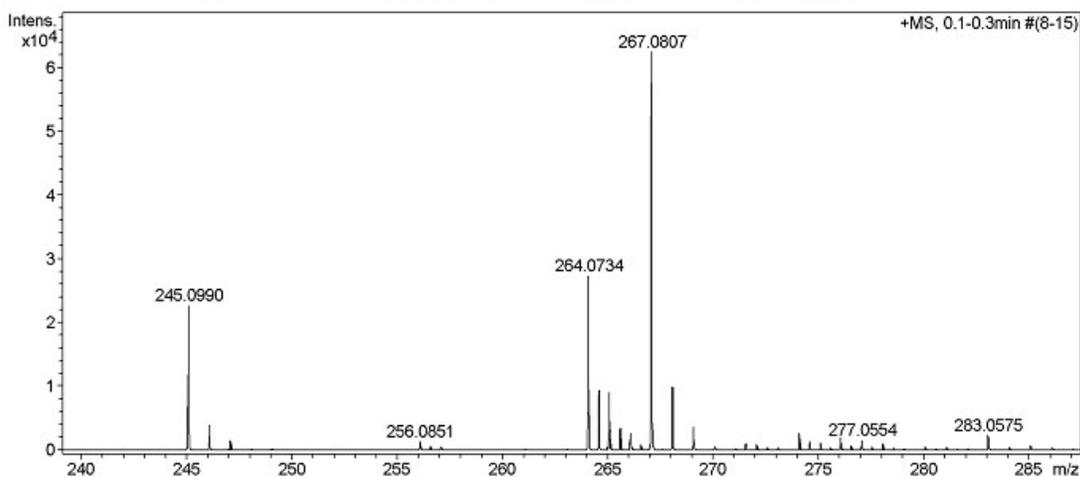
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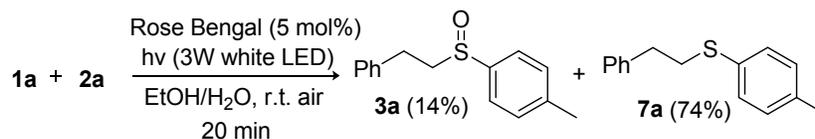
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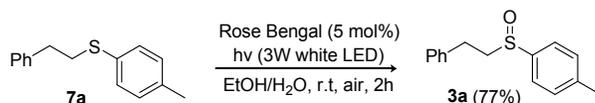
#### HRMS spectra of **3a**

### 3.4 The model reaction was carried out for 20 min.



To a solution of 4-methylbenzenethiol **2a** (0.3 mmol) and Rose Bengal (0.01 mmol, 5 mol %) in EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (v<sub>1</sub>/v<sub>2</sub>=1/1) 2 mL was added styrene **1a** (0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was open to the air and stirred under the irradiation of 3w white LEDs at room temperature for 20min. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the product **3a** and **7a** in 14% and 74% yields, respectively.

### 3.5 The transformation of 7a under the standard conditions.

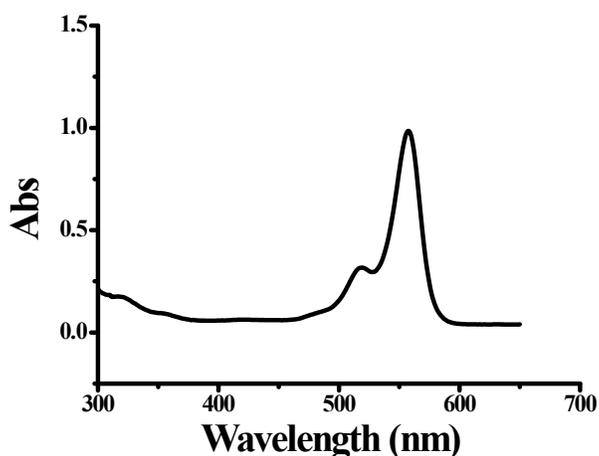


To a solution of Rose Bengal (0.005 mmol, 5 mol %) in EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O ( $v_1/v_2=1/1$ ) 2 mL was added sulfide **7a** (0.1 mmol). The reaction mixture was open to the air and stirred under the irradiation of 3w white LEDs at room temperature for 2h. After completion of the reaction, the solution was concentrated in vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the product **3a** in 77% yield.

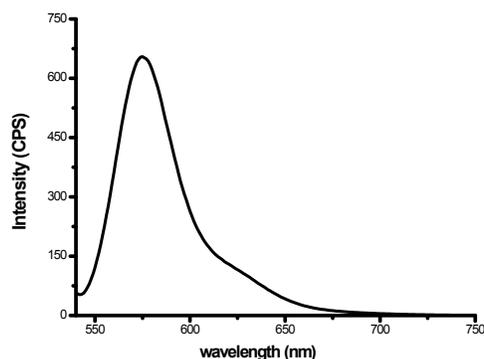
### 3.6 The UV-visible spectroscopy and Fluorescence quenching studies (Stern - Volmer Studies)

UV-visible spectroscopy of reaction solution was recorded on a SHIMADZU UV-3600 UV-visible spectrophotometer. The sample was prepared by mixing Bengal Rose, styrene and thiophenol with solvent ( $V[\text{ethanol}] : V[\text{H}_2\text{O}] = 1:1$ ) ( $M[\text{Bengal Rose}] = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$ ,  $M[\text{styrene}] = 2.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/L}$ ,  $M[\text{thiophenol}] = 3.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/L}$  in a light path quartz UV cuvette. The UV-visible spectroscopy indicated that the maximum absorption wavelength of reaction solution was found to be 558 nm. The absorption was collected and the result was listed in Figure S1.

The fluorescence emission intensity of reaction solution was recorded on a Fluoromax-4600 spectrofluorimeter. The excitation wavelength was fixed at 521nm, and the emission wavelength was measured at 576 nm. The sample was prepared by mixing Bengal Rose, styrene, thiophenol with solvent ( $V[\text{ethanol}] : V[\text{H}_2\text{O}] = 1:1$ ) ( $M[\text{Bengal Rose}] = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$ ,  $M[\text{styrene}] = 2.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/L}$ ,  $M[\text{thiophenol}] = 3.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$ ) in a light path quartz fluorescence cuvette. The emission intensity was collected and the result was listed in Figure S2.



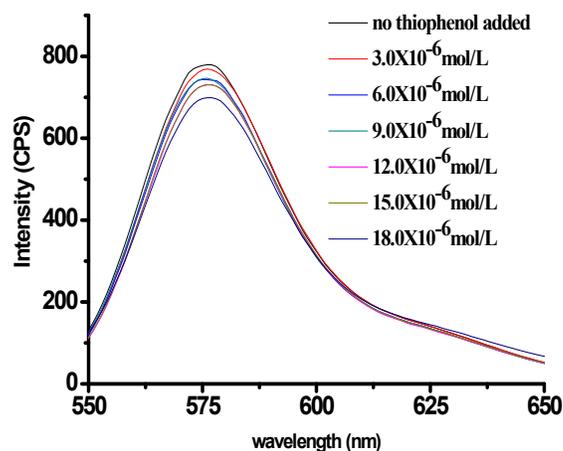
**Figure S1.** UV-vis spectra of the reaction mixture.



**Figure S2.** Fluorescence spectra of the photooxysulfonylation reaction mixture

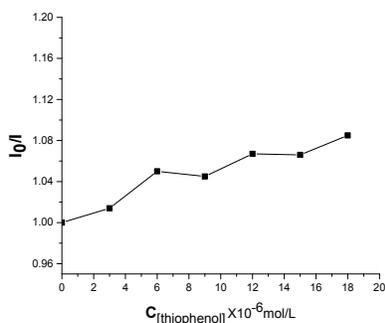
#### Fluorescence quenching experiments

The fluorescence emission intensities were recorded on a Fluormax-4600 spectrofluorimeter. The excitation wavelength was fixed at 521nm, and the emission wavelength was measured at 576 nm (emission maximum). The samples were prepared by mixing by Rose Bengal ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/L) and different amount of Thiophenol in ethanol (total volume = 0.1 mL) in a light path quartz fluorescence cuvette. The concentration of Thiophenol stock solution is  $3.0 \times 10^{-6}$  mol/L in ethanol. For each quenching experiment, 0.1mL of Thiophenol stock solution was titrated to a mixed solution of Bengal Rose (0.1mL, in a total volume = 1.0 mL). Then the emission intensity was collected and the results were presented in Figure S3.



**Figure S3.** Quenching of Rose Bengal fluorescence emission in the presence of Thiophenol

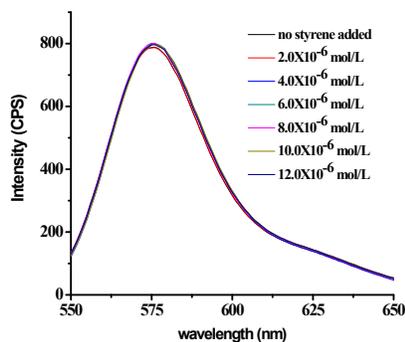
An indeed fluorescence quenching phenomenon of Rose Bengal under various concentrations of Thiophenol was demonstrated in a curve of  $[I_0/I]$  vs  $C_{[\text{Thiophenol}]}$ , as shown in Figure S4 (Stern-Volmer plots). For example, when  $C_{[\text{Thiophenol}]}$  is  $9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol/L}$ , the non-linear Stern-Volmer plots indicated energy transfer event operating between Bengal Rose's excited state and Thiophenol.



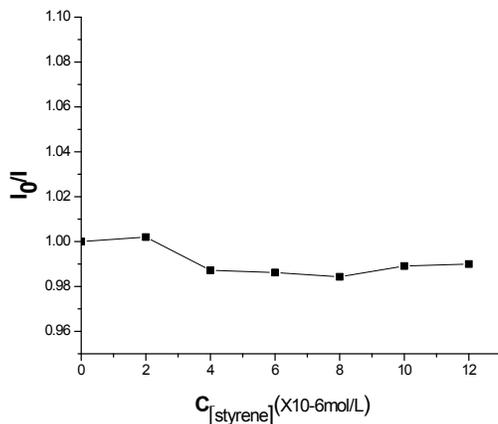
**Figure S4.** Stern-volmer plots

The fluorescence emission intensities were recorded on a Fluormax-4600 spespectrofluorimeter. The excitation wavelength was fixed at 521nm, and the emission wavelength was measured at 576 nm (emission maximum). The samples were prepared by mixing by Rose Bengal ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$ ) and different amount of styrene in ethanol (total volume = 0.1 mL) in a light path quartz fluorescence cuvette. The concentration of styrene stock solution is  $2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol/L}$  in ethanol. For each quenching experiment,

0.1mL of Thiophenol stock solution was titrated to a mixed solution of Rose Bengal (0.1mL, in a total volume = 1.0 mL). Then the emission intensity was collected and the results were presented in Figure S5. An fluorescence quenching phenomenon of Bengal Rose under various concentrations of styrene was shown in Figure 6 (Stern-Volmer plots).

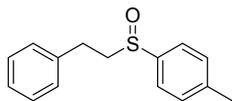


**Figure S5.** Quenching of Rose Bengal fluorescence emission in the presence of styrene

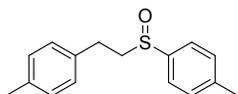


**Figure S6.** Stern-volmer plots

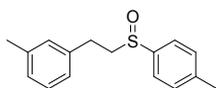
#### 4. Characterization data of products 3a-3v



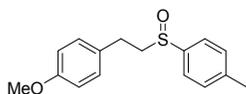
**1-methyl-4-(phenethylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3a** was obtained in 89% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.11-3.04 (m, 3H), 2.94-2.90 (m, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  141.5, 140.4, 138.9, 130.0, 128.7, 128.5, 126.7, 124.1, 58.4, 28.2, 21.4; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 267.0820, found, 267.0813.



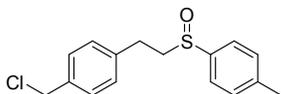
**1-methyl-4-(4-methylphenethylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3b** was obtained in 72% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.05-2.99 (m, 3H), 2.88-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  141.5, 140.5, 136.2, 135.8, 130.0, 129.4, 128.4, 124.1, 58.5, 27.8, 21.4, 21.0; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 281.0976, found, 281.0979.



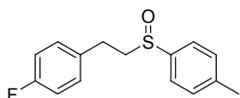
**1-methyl-3-(2-(p-tolylsulfinyl)ethyl)benzene**, Compound **3c** was obtained in 72% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.44 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.88 (m, 3H), 2.98-2.92 (m, 3H), 2.81-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  140.4, 139.4, 137.8, 137.3, 128.9, 128.3, 127.6, 126.3, 124.5, 123.0, 57.3, 27.1, 20.4, 20.3; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 281.0976; found, 281.0981.



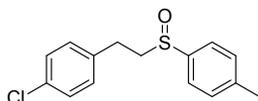
**1-methoxy-4-(2-(p-tolylsulfinyl)ethyl)benzene**, Compound **3d** was obtained in 71% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.04-2.98 (m, 3H), 2.85-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  158.4, 141.5, 140.5, 130.8, 130.0, 129.5, 124.1, 114.1, 58.7, 55.3, 27.4, 21.4; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 297.0925; found, 297.0921.



**1-(chloromethyl)-4-(2-(p-tolylsulfinyl)ethyl)benzene**, Compound **3f** was obtained in 55% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.11-2.99 (m, 3H), 2.91-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  141.6, 140.3, 139.2, 135.9, 130.0, 129.0, 129.0, 124.1, 58.1, 46.0, 27.8, 21.4; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClOSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 315.0586; found, 315.0589.

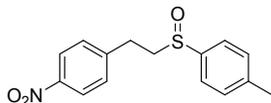


**1-fluoro-4-(2-(p-tolylsulfinyl)ethyl)benzene**, Compound **3g** was obtained in 53% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.97 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.08-2.98 (m, 3H), 2.89-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  161.7 (d, 243.4), 141.6, 140.3, 134.5 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 130.0, 124.0, 115.5 (d,  $J$  = 21.2 Hz), 58.4, 27.4, 21.4; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{FOSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 285.0725; found, 285.0723.

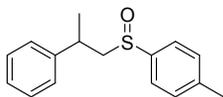


**1-chloro-4-(2-(p-tolylsulfinyl)ethyl)benzene**, Compound **3e** was obtained in 61% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.09-

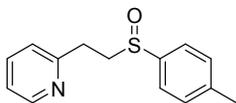
2.97 (m, 3H), 2.88-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  141.6, 140.2, 137.3, 132.5, 130.0, 130.0, 128.9, 124.0, 58.0, 27.5, 21.4; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClOSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 301.0430; found, 301.0431.



**1-methyl-4-(4-nitrophenethylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3h** was obtained in 40% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  8.15 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H), 3.25-3.19 (m, 1H), 3.11-2.95 (m, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  146.9, 146.6, 141.9, 139.8, 130.1, 129.5, 124.0, 124.0, 57.1, 27.8, 21.4; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 312.0670; found, 312.0675.

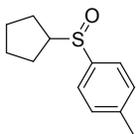


**1-methyl-4-(2-phenylpropylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3i** was obtained in 60% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.51 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 2H), 3.41-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd,  $J_1 = 4.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.9$  Hz, 0.51H), 3.06 (dd,  $J_1 = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.9$  Hz, 0.52H), 2.89 (dd,  $J_1 = 9.7$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.9$  Hz, 0.52H), 2.79 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.3$  Hz,  $J_2 = 12.9$  Hz, 0.51H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.51 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1.51H), 1.40 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1.55H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  144.6, 143.9, 141.6, 141.5, 141.4, 141.0, 130.0, 130.0, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 124.1, 123.9, 67.3, 66.7, 35.4, 34.6, 22.3, 21.4, 20.7; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 281.0976; found, 281.0977.

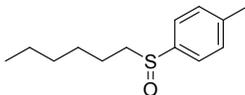


**3-(2-(p-tolylsulfinyl)ethyl)pyridine**, Compound **3j** was obtained in 90% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  8.50 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz,

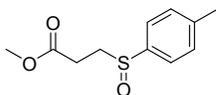
1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.24 (m, 2H), 3.19-3.14 (m, 1H), 3.08-3.03 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 158.6, 149.4, 141.4, 140.4, 136.6, 129.9, 124.1, 123.4, 121.7, 56.0, 30.2, 21.4; HRMS calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOSNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 268.0772; found, 268.0779.



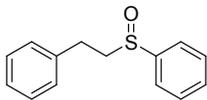
**1-(cyclopentylsulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene**, Compound **3k** was obtained in 16% yield according to the general procedure. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.13-3.07 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.12-2.08 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.67 (m, 5H), 1.63-1.59 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 141.3, 140.4, 129.7, 124.7, 64.4, 27.6, 26.1, 25.7, 25.2, 21.4; HRMS calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OSNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 231.0820; found, 231.0825.



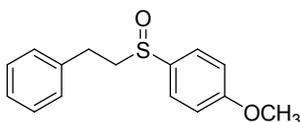
**1-(hexylsulfinyl)-4-methylbenzene**, Compound **3l** was obtained in 18% yield according to the general procedure. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.82-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.76-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.27 (m, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 141.4, 140.9, 129.9, 124.1, 57.5, 31.4, 28.4, 22.4, 22.2, 21.4, 14.0; HRMS calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>OSNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 247.1133; found, 247.1135.



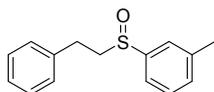
**Methyl 3-(p-tolylsulfinyl)propanoate**, Compound **3m** was obtained in 43% yield according to the general procedure. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, ppm): δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.23-3.18 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, ppm): δ 171.7, 141.7, 139.6, 130.0, 124.1, 52.1, 51.2, 26.0, 21.4; HRMS calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 249.0561; found, 249.0563.



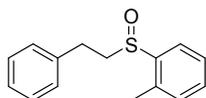
**Phenethylsulfinylbenzene**, Compound **3n** was obtained in 60% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.64-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 3.13-2.99 (m, 3H), 2.92-2.86 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  143.7, 138.8, 131.0, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 126.7, 124.0, 58.3, 28.2; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 253.0663; found, 253.0661.



**1-methoxy-4-(phenethylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3o** was obtained in 68% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.58 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.06-3.01 (m, 3H), 2.91-2.88 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  162.0, 138.9, 134.5, 128.7, 128.5, 126.7, 126.0, 114.8, 58.5, 55.5, 28.3; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{SNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 283.0769; found, 283.0773.

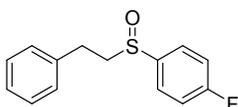


**1-methyl-3-(phenethylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3p** was obtained in 65% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.47 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 3.13-3.01 (m, 3H), 2.93-2.88 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  143.6, 139.5, 138.9, 131.8, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 126.7, 124.3, 121.1, 58.3, 28.3, 21.4; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 267.0820; found, 267.0825.

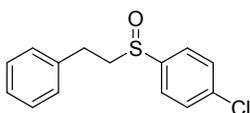


**1-methyl-2-(phenethylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3q** was obtained in 63% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.94 (dd,  $J_1 =$

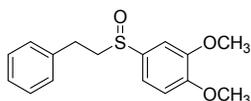
1.3 Hz,  $J_2 = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 4H), 3.16-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.99-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  141.9, 138.9, 134.3, 130.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 126.7, 124.0, 56.4, 29.7, 28.5, 18.1; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 267.0820; found, 267.0823.



**1-fluoro-4-(phenethylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3r** was obtained in 56% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.12-3.01 (m, 3H), 2.92-2.87 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  164.4 (d,  $J = 250.0$  Hz), 139.1 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 138.6, 128.8, 128.5, 126.8, 126.3 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 116.6 (d,  $J = 22.4$  Hz), 58.6, 28.2; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{FOSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 271.0569; found, 271.0571.

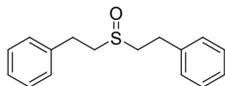


**1-chloro-4-(phenethylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3s** was obtained in 71% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.57 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.13-2.98 (m, 3H), 2.91-2.85 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  142.2, 138.5, 137.3, 129.6, 128.8, 128.5, 126.8, 125.5, 58.4, 28.1; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClOSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 287.0273; found, 287.0276.

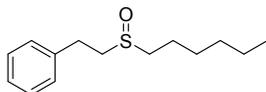


**1,2-dimethoxy-4-(phenethylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3t** was obtained in 61% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.29 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dd,  $J_1 = 2.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.07-3.01 (m, 3H), 2.95-2.90 (m,

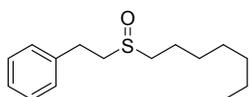
1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  151.4, 150.1, 138.8, 134.9, 128.7, 128.5, 126.7, 117.4, 111.2, 106.4, 58.6, 56.2, 56.1, 28.4; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 313.0874; found, 313.0877.



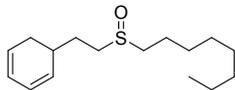
**2,2'-sulfinylbis(ethane-2,1-diyl)dibenzene**, Compound **3u** was obtained in 90% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.24 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 4H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 6H), 3.08-2.96 (m, 4H), 2.94-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.85-2.79 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  137.8, 127.8, 127.5, 125.8, 52.9, 27.9; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 281.0976; found, 281.0973.



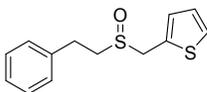
**2-(hexylsulfinyl)ethylbenzene**, Compound **3v** was obtained in 84% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.32 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 3H), 3.15-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.59 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.29 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  139.0, 128.8, 128.6, 126.7, 53.8, 52.6, 31.3, 28.9, 28.5, 22.6, 22.4, 14.0; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 261.1289; found, 261.1287.



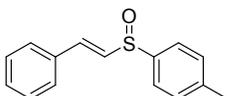
**2-(heptylsulfinyl)ethylbenzene**, Compound **3w** was obtained in 75% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.32 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 3H), 3.17-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.60 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.27 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  139.0, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 53.8, 52.6, 31.5, 28.9, 28.9, 28.8, 22.6, 22.5, 14.0; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 275.1446; found, 275.1447.



**(2-(octylsulfinyl)ethyl)benzene**, Compound **3x** was obtained in 82% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.32 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 3H), 3.17-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.98-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.59 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.26 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  139.0, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 53.8, 52.6, 31.7, 30.9, 29.2, 29.0, 28.9, 22.6, 22.6, 14.1; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{26}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 289.1602; found, 289.1605.

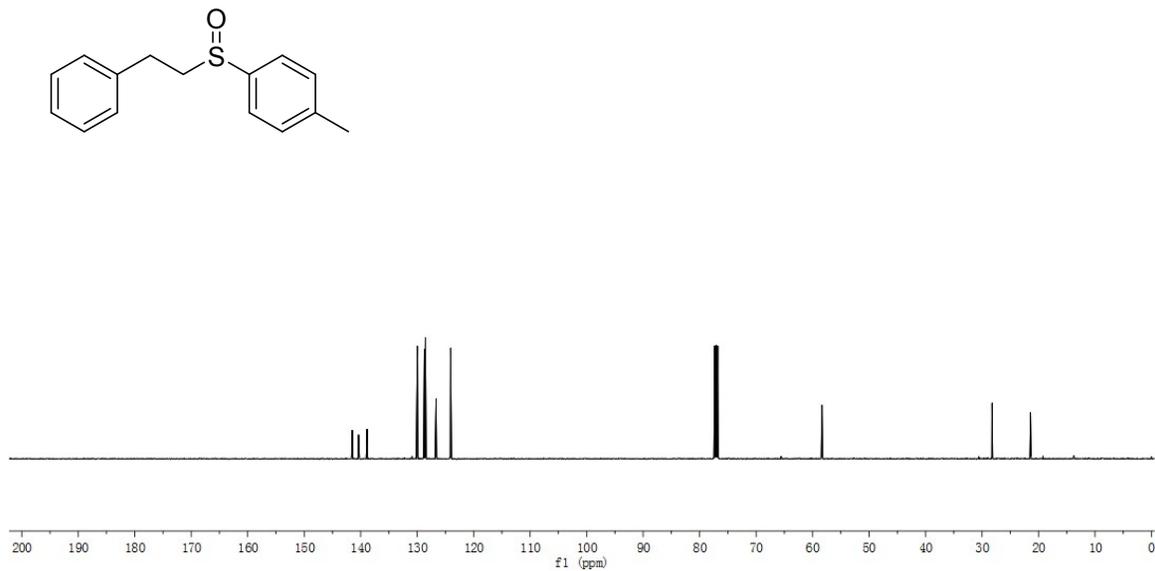
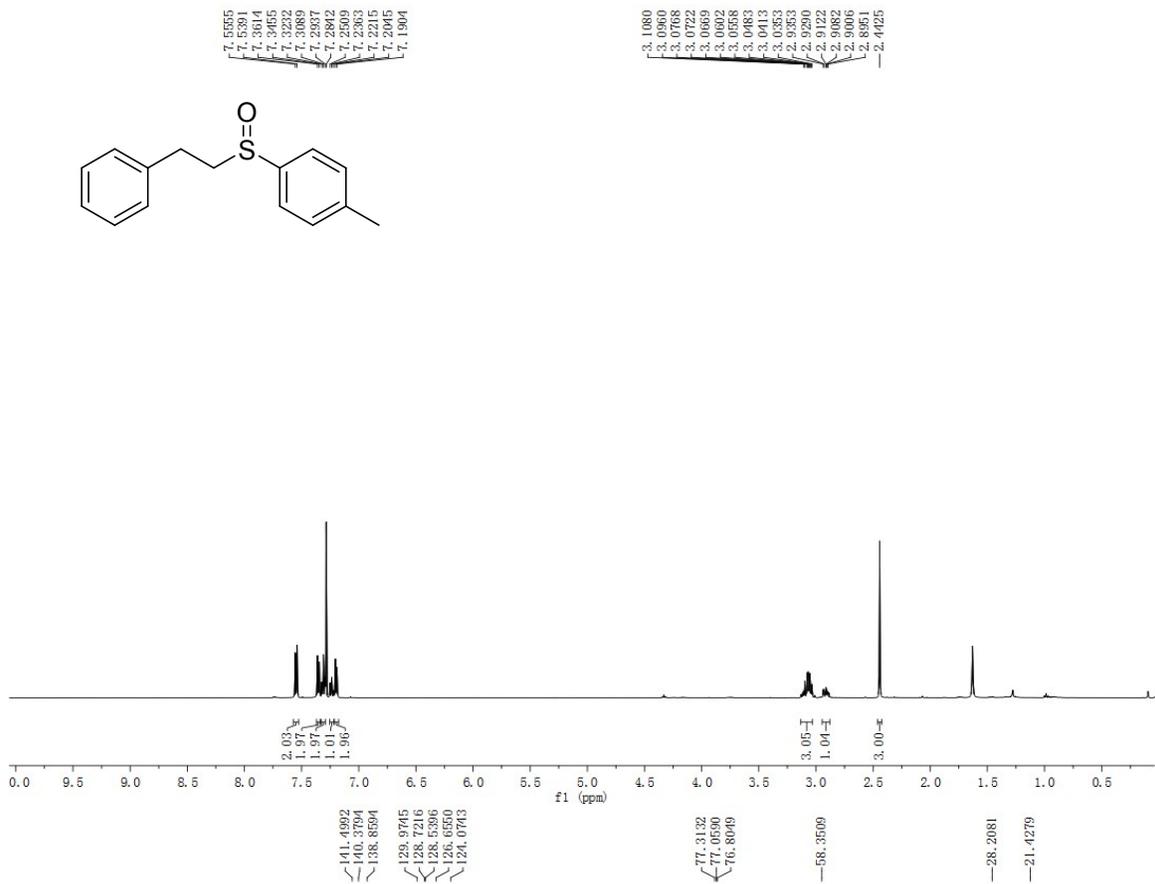


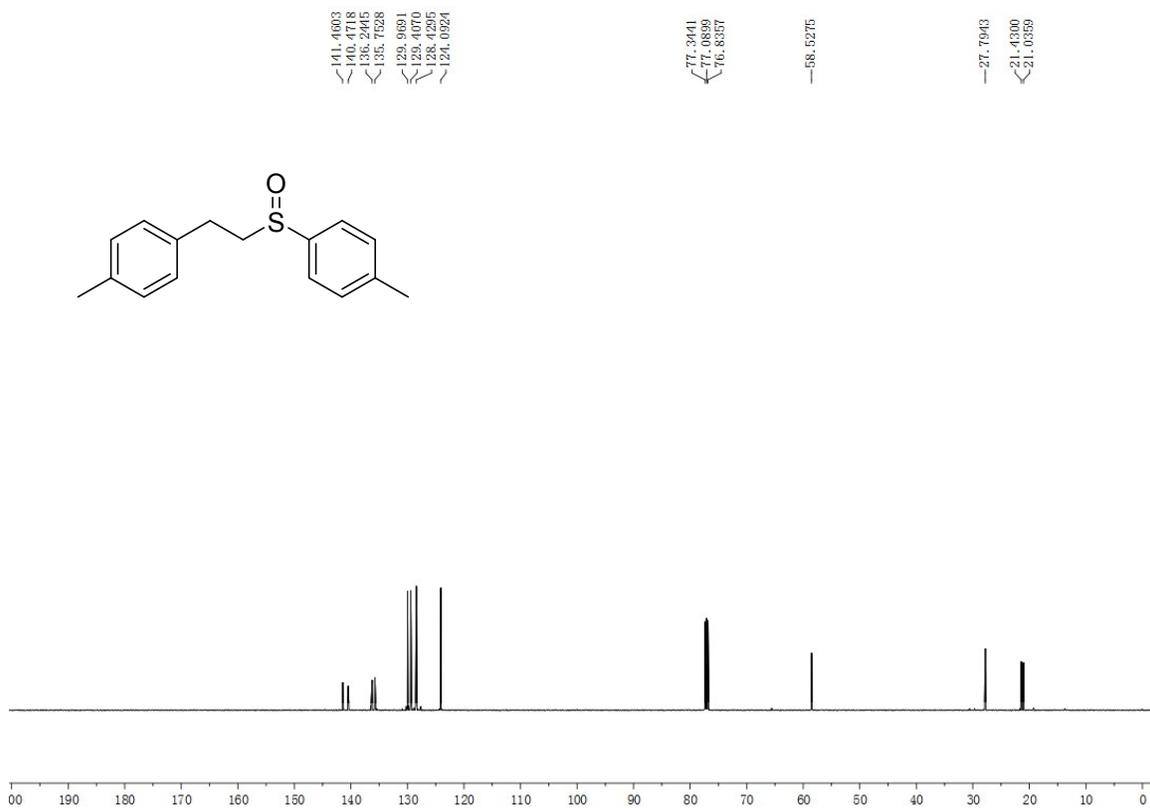
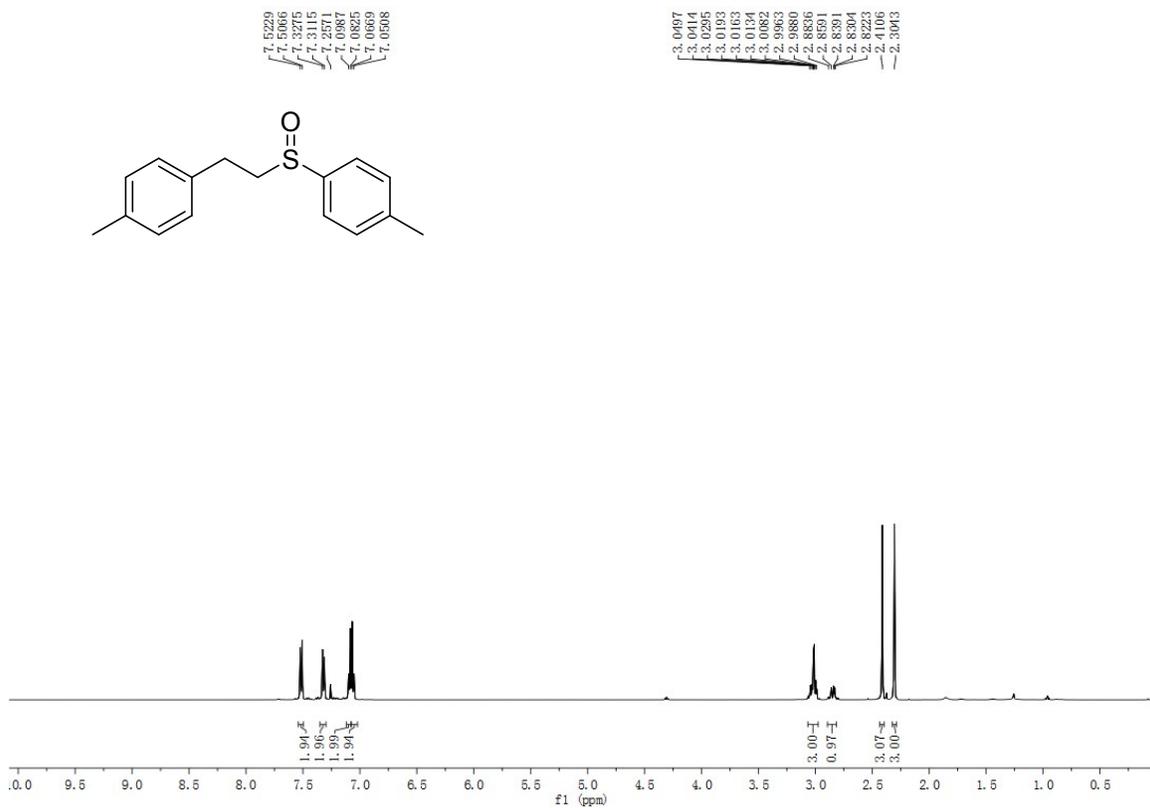
**2-(2-(phenethylsulfinyl)ethyl)thiophene**, Compound **3y** was obtained in 60% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.32-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.13-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.84 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  138.8, 130.2, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 126.8, 52.1, 52.1, 28.5; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{OS}_2\text{Na}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 273.0384; found, 273.0381.

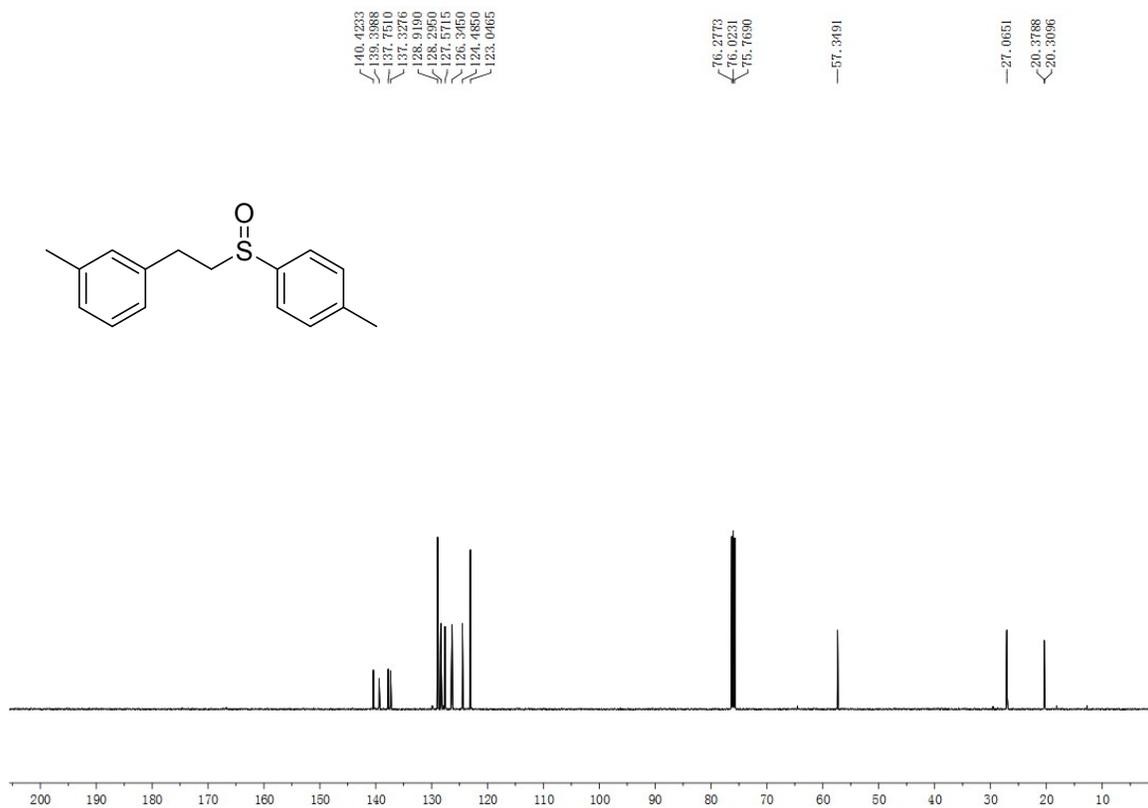
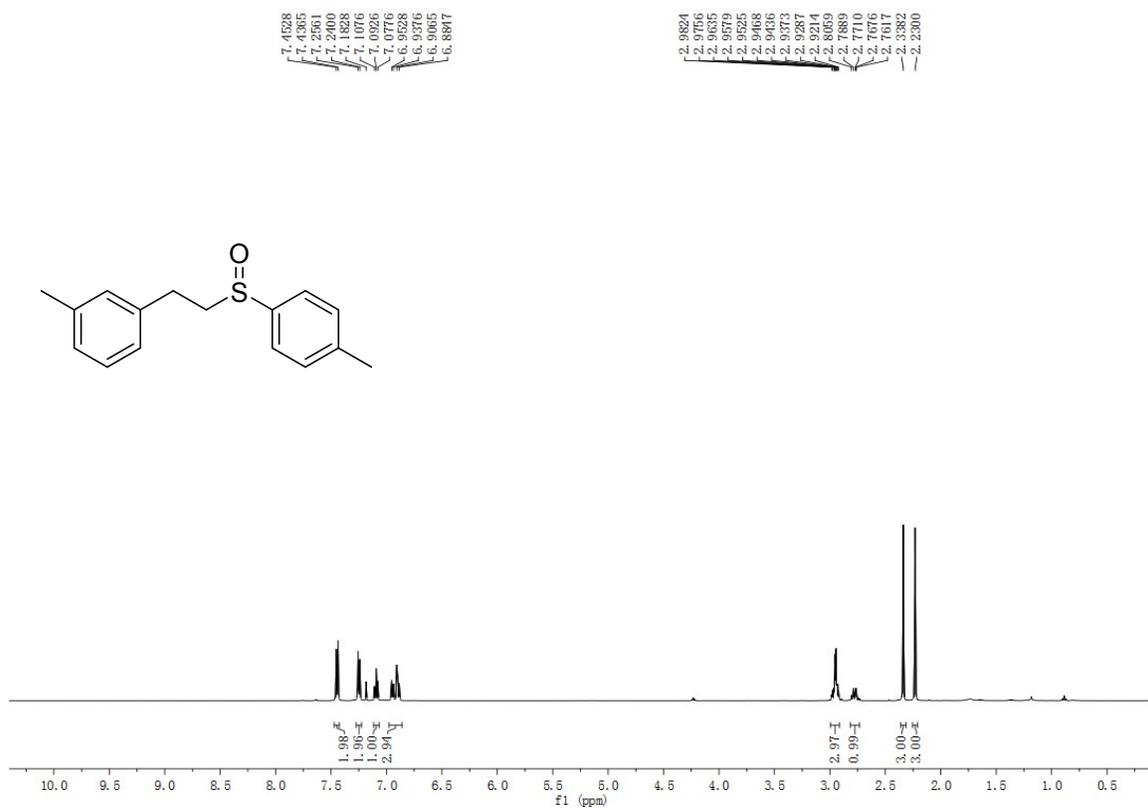


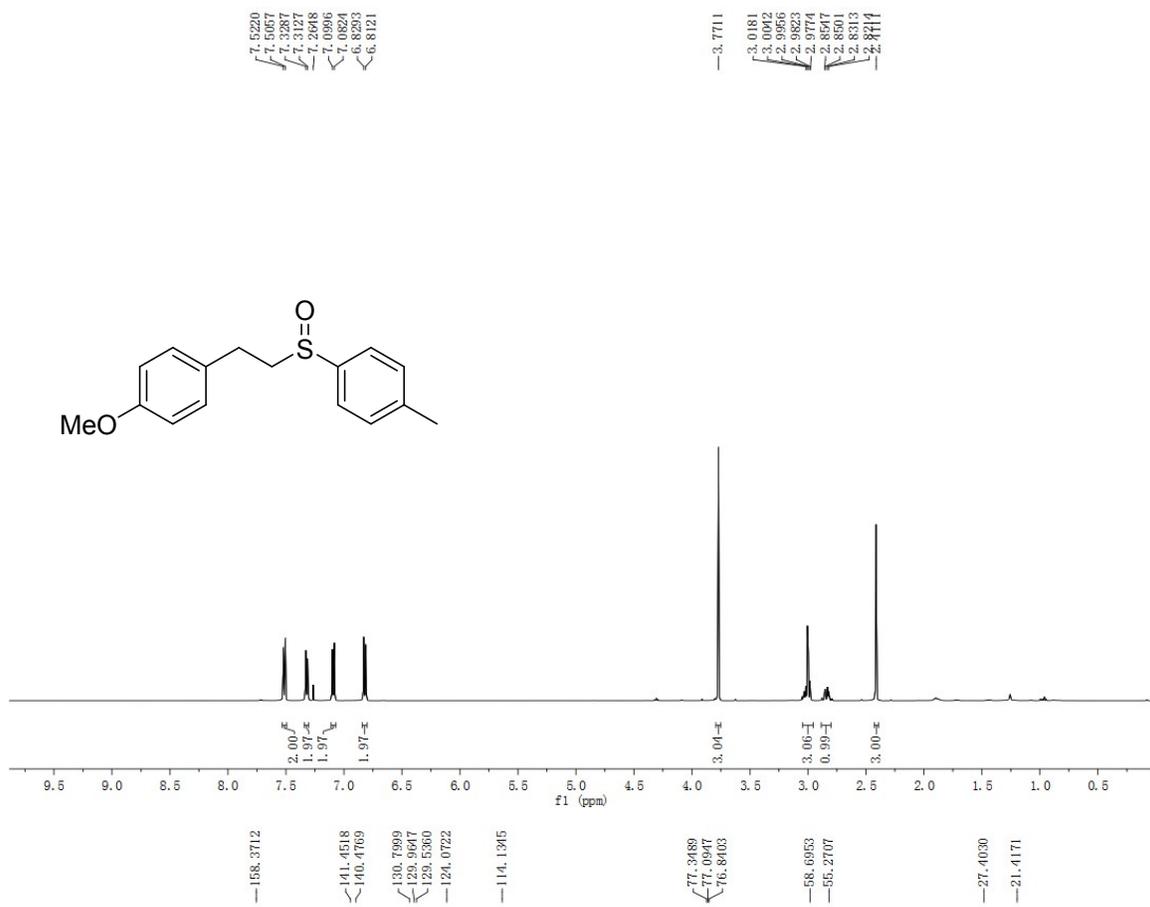
**(E)-1-methyl-4-(styrylsulfinyl)benzene**, Compound **3z** was obtained in 29% yield according to the general procedure.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 500 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  7.57 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 6H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 125 MHz, ppm):  $\delta$  141.8, 140.7, 136.1, 133.8, 133.1, 130.2, 130.0, 128.9, 127.8, 125.0, 21.5; HRMS calc. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{OSNa}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ) $^+$ , 265.0663; found, 265.0661.

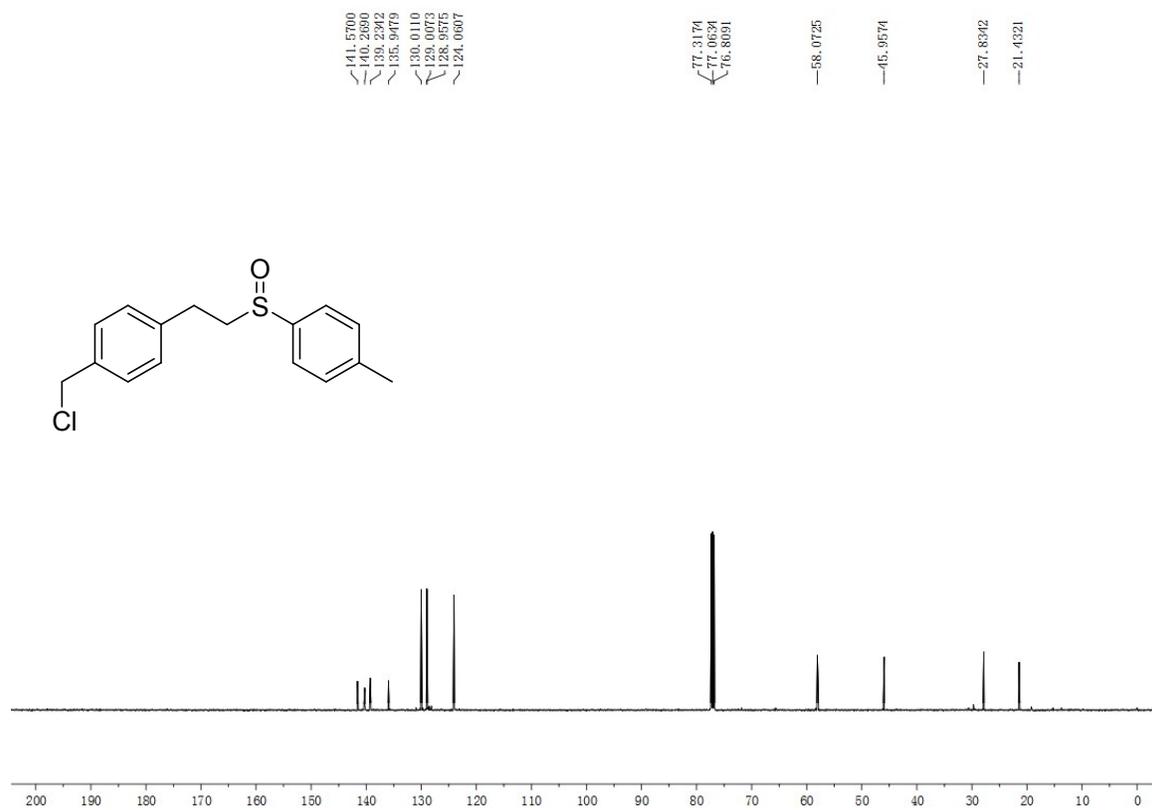
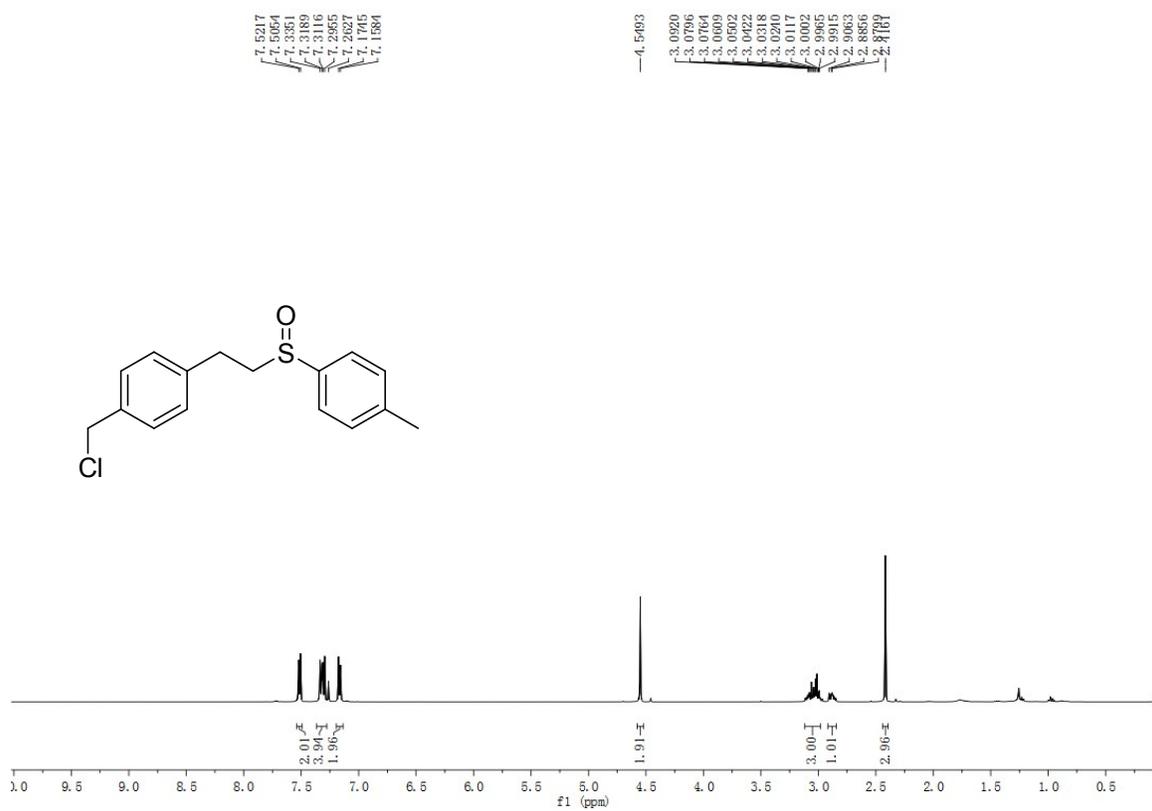
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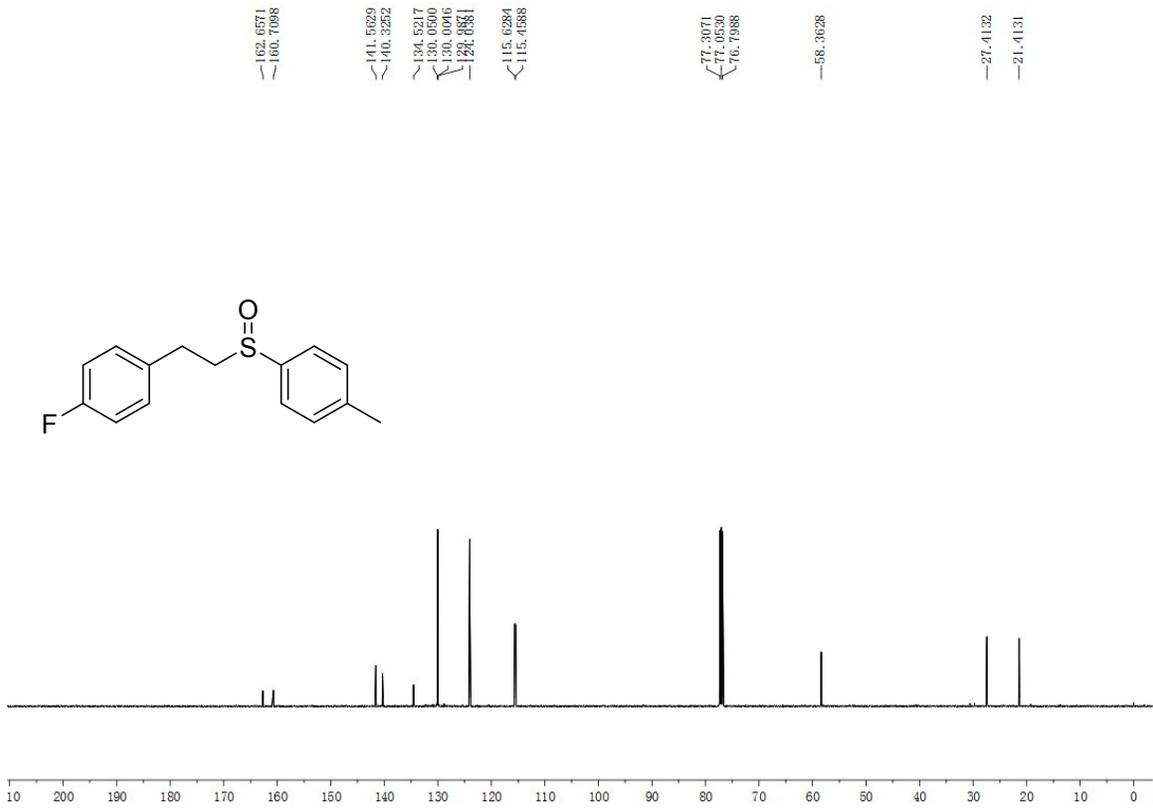
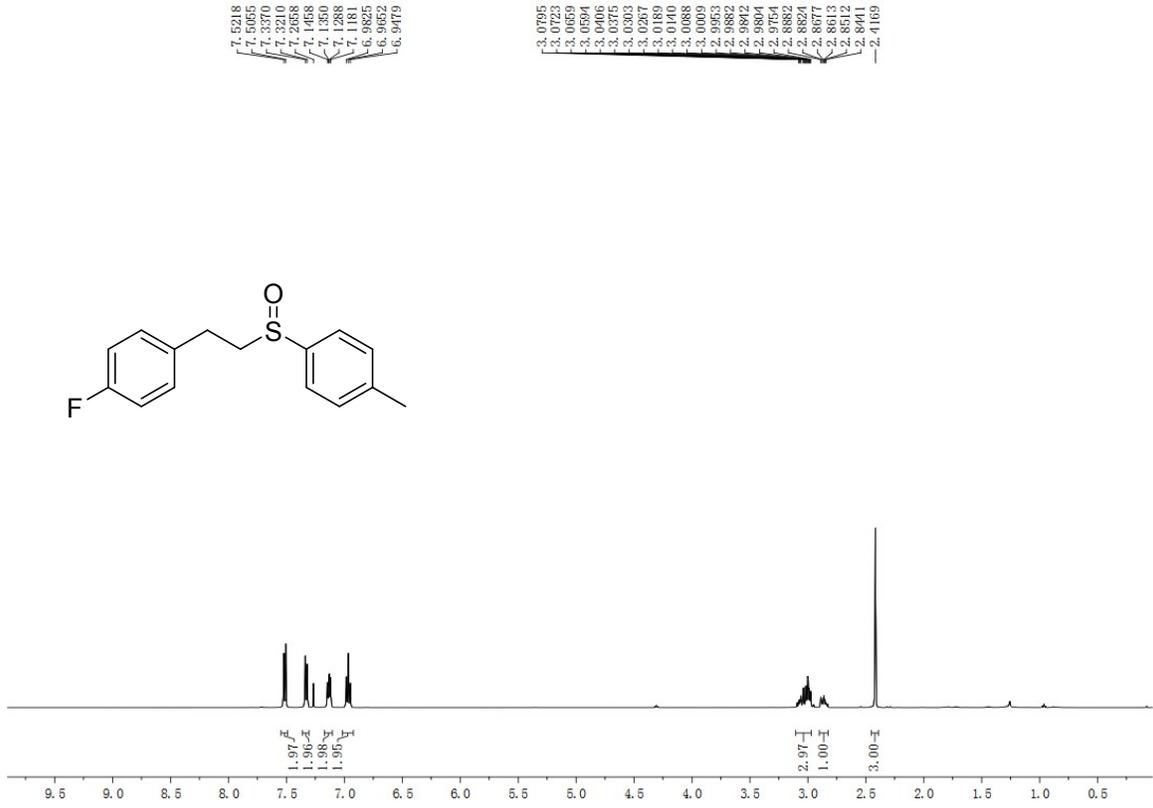


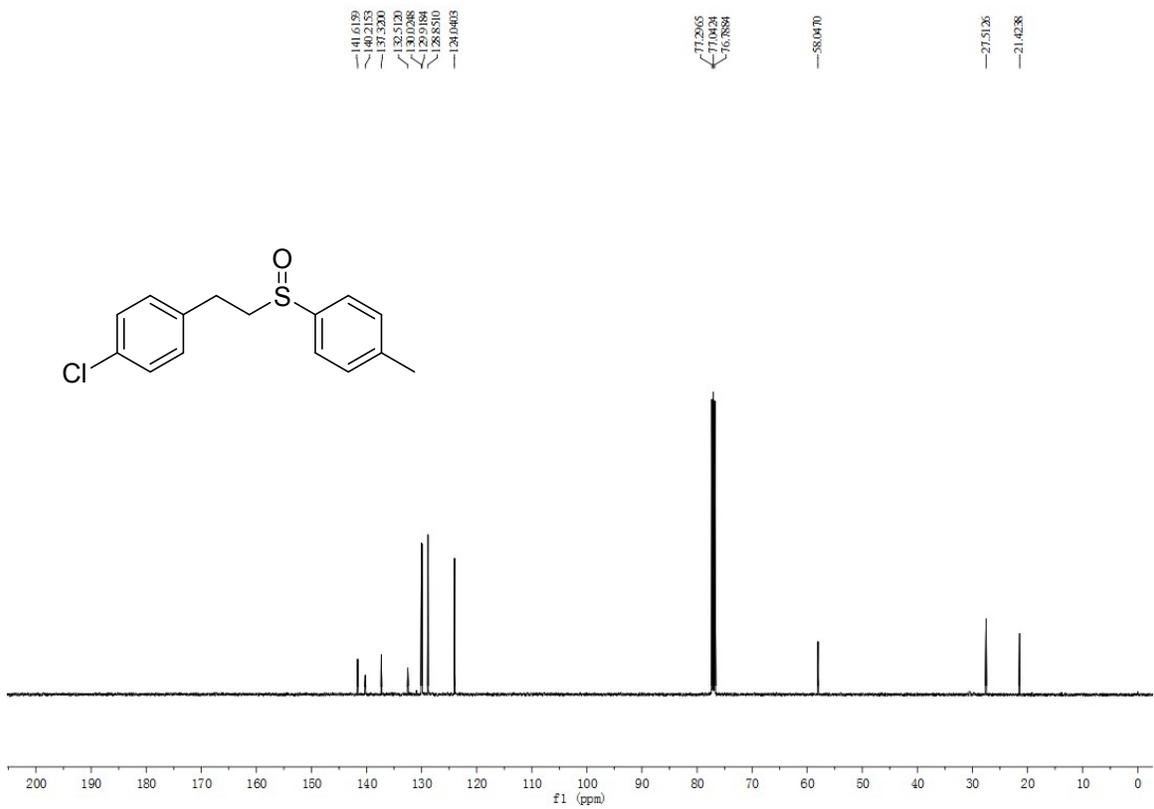
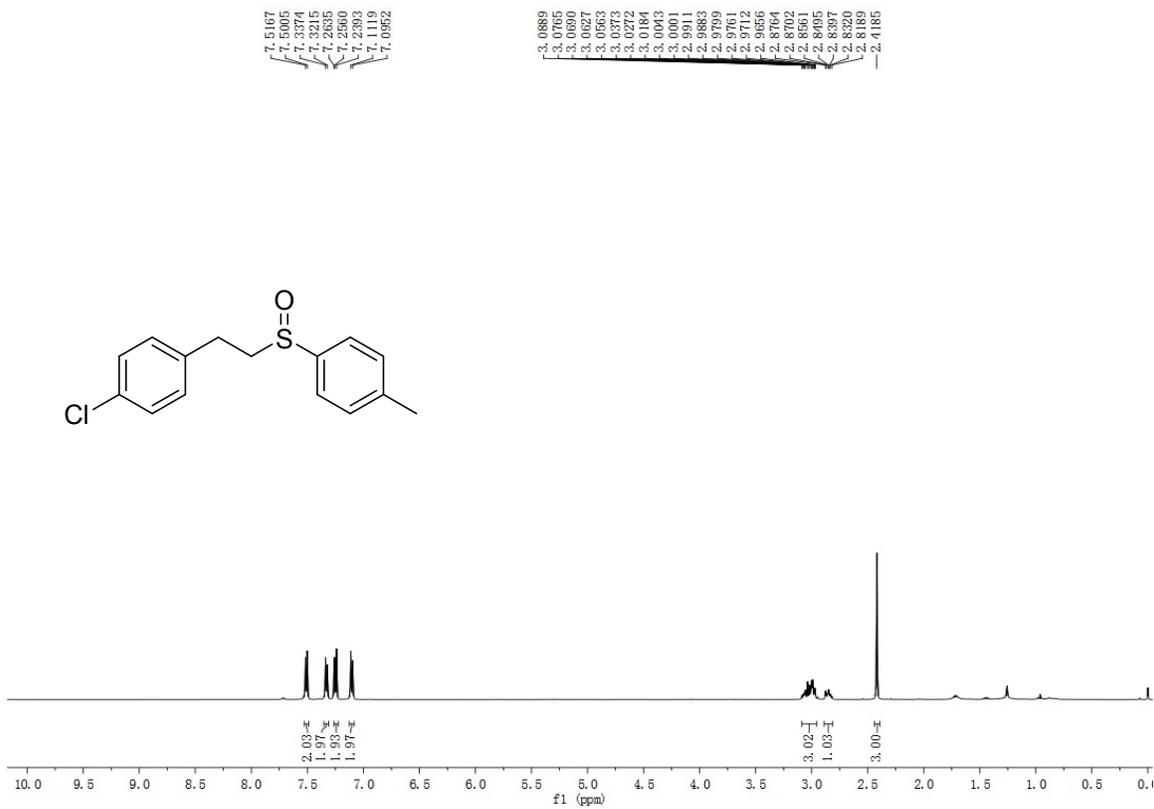


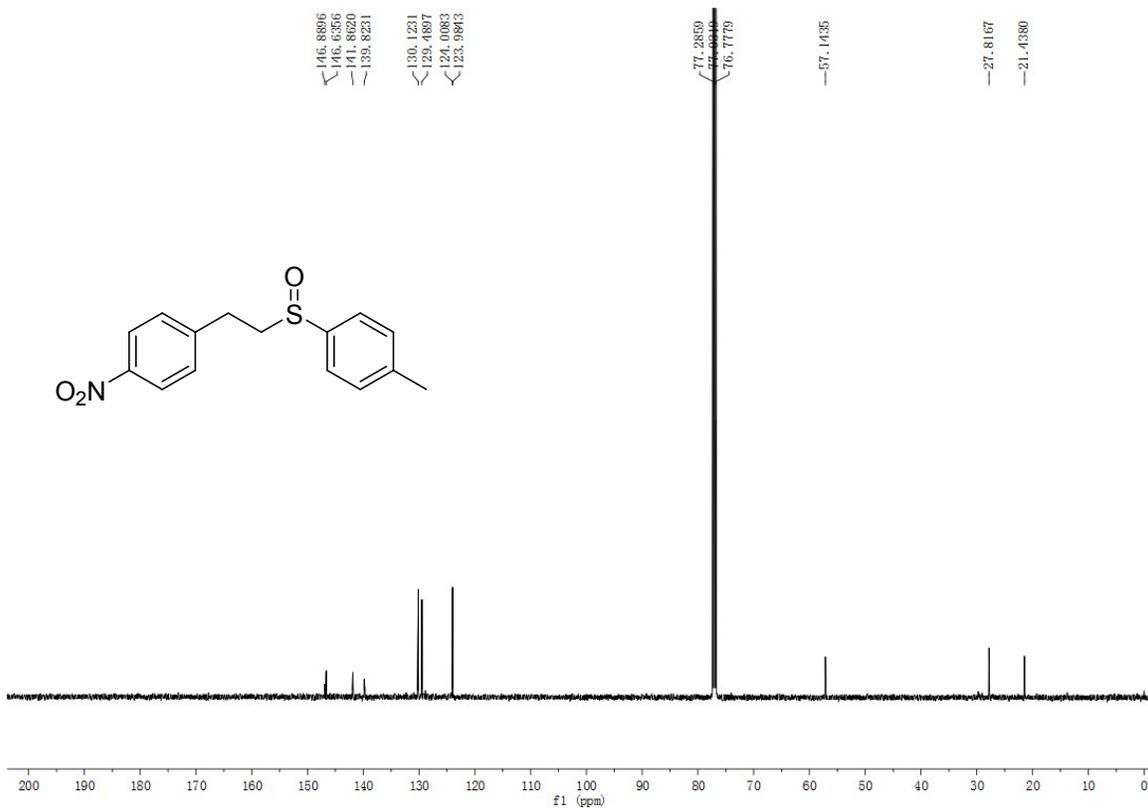
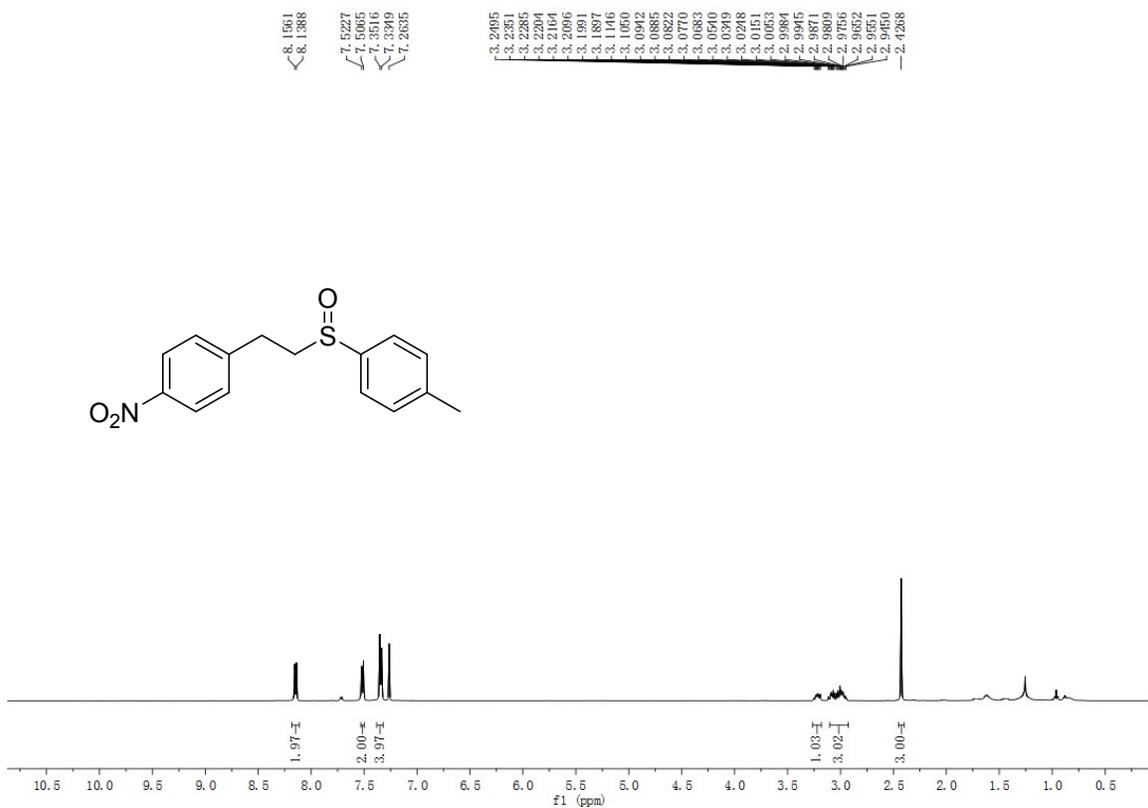


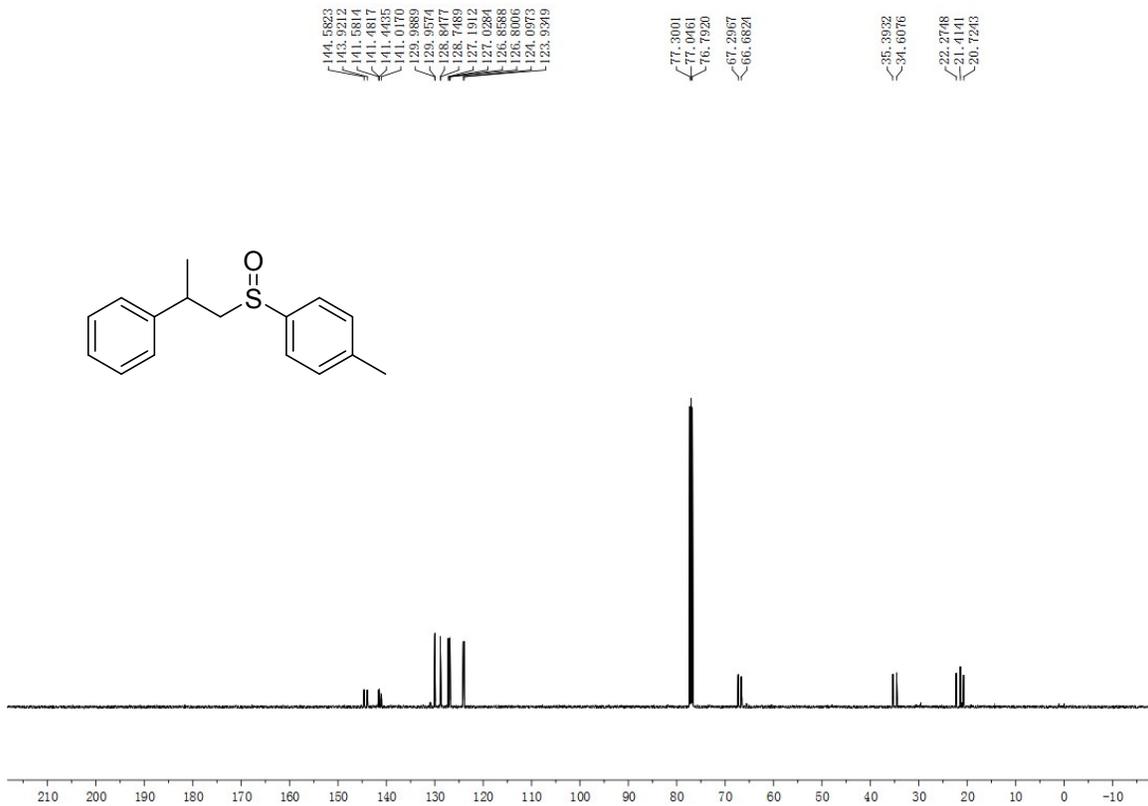
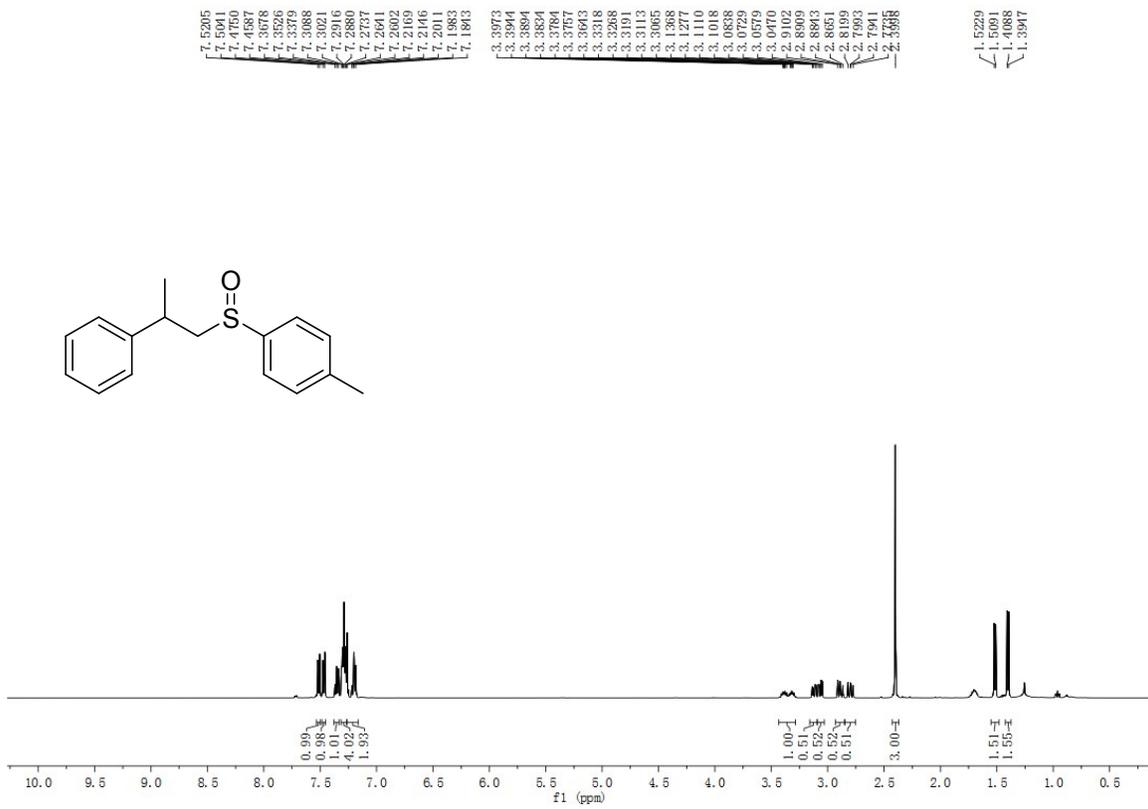


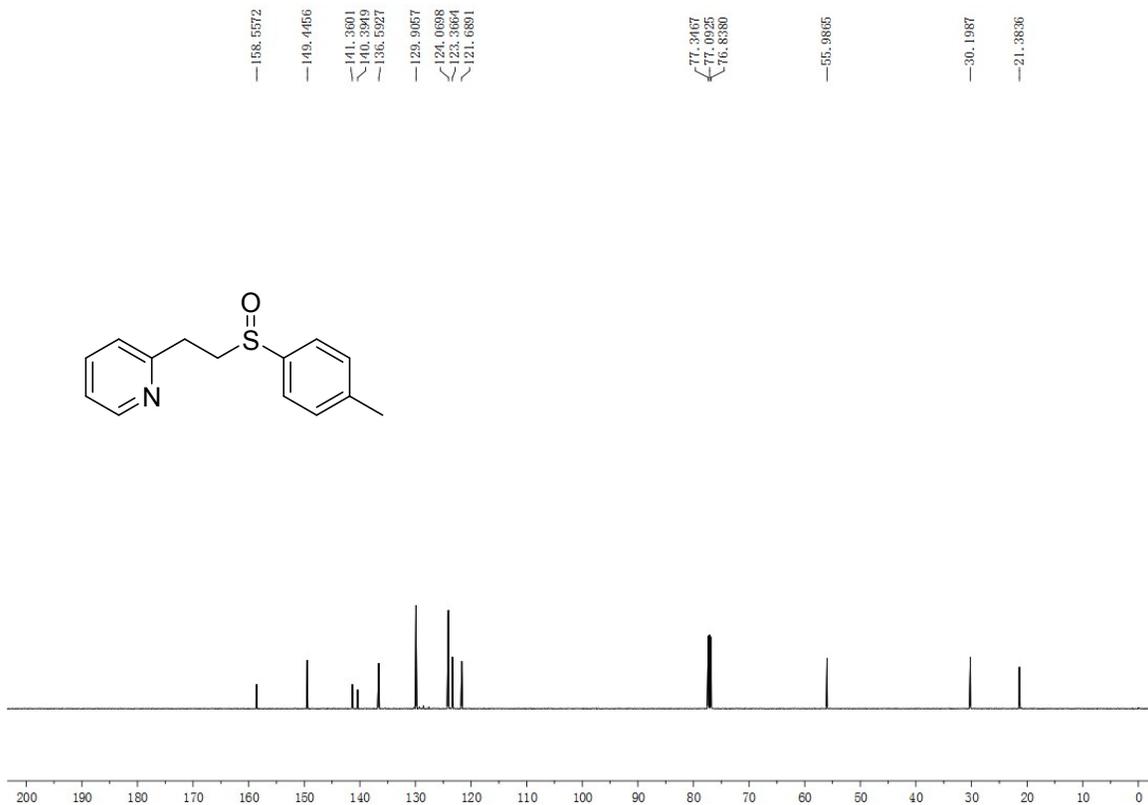
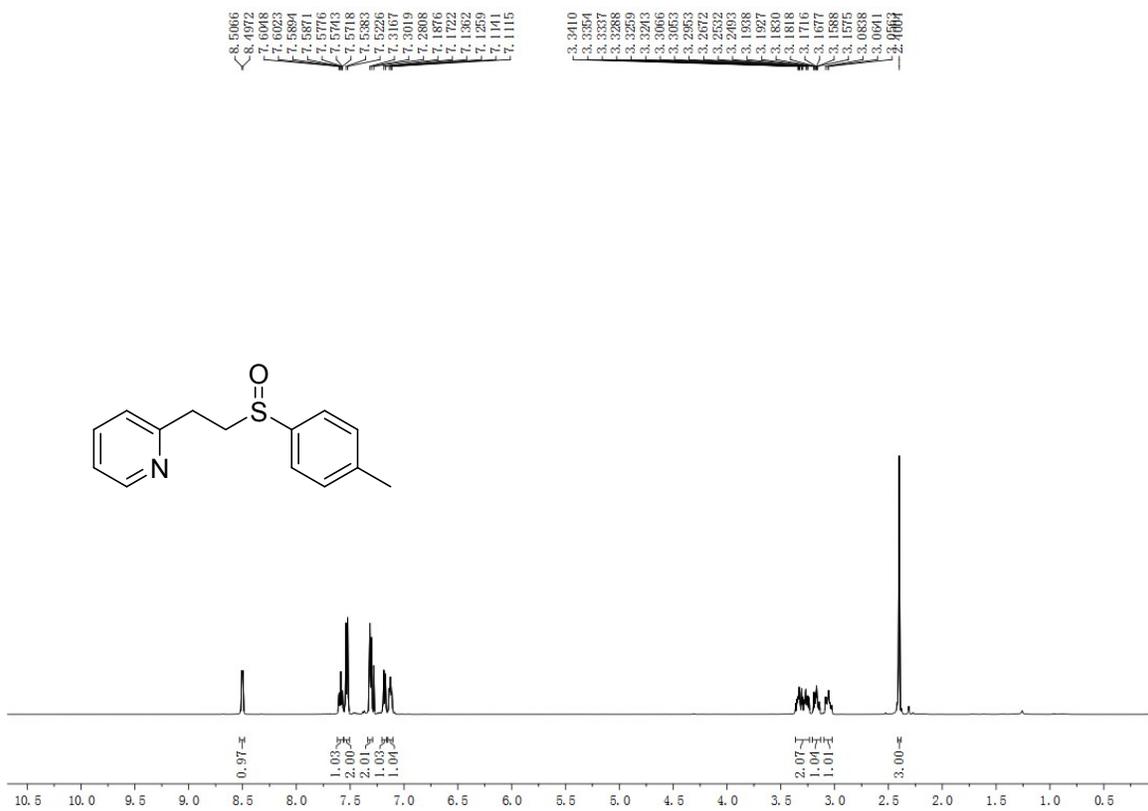


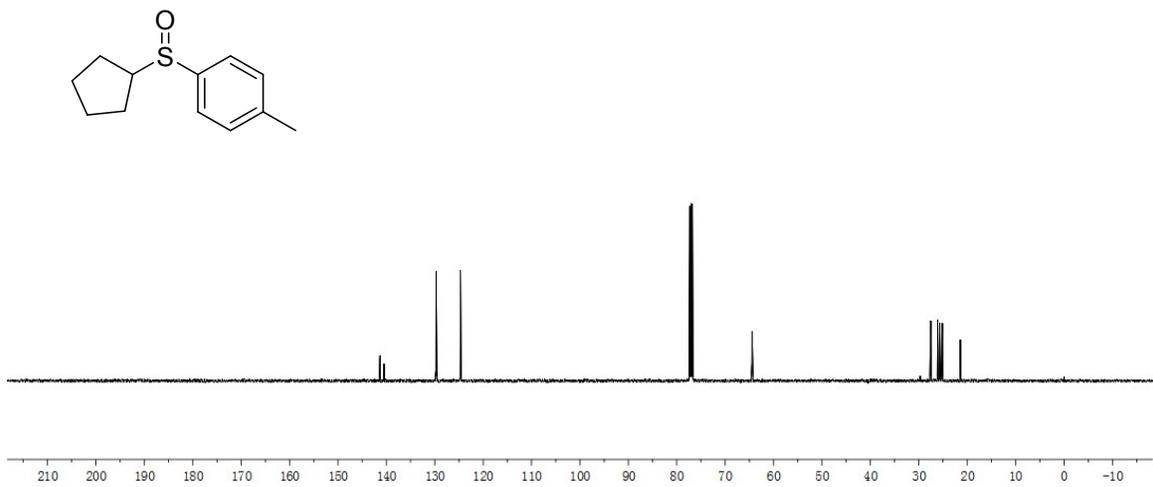
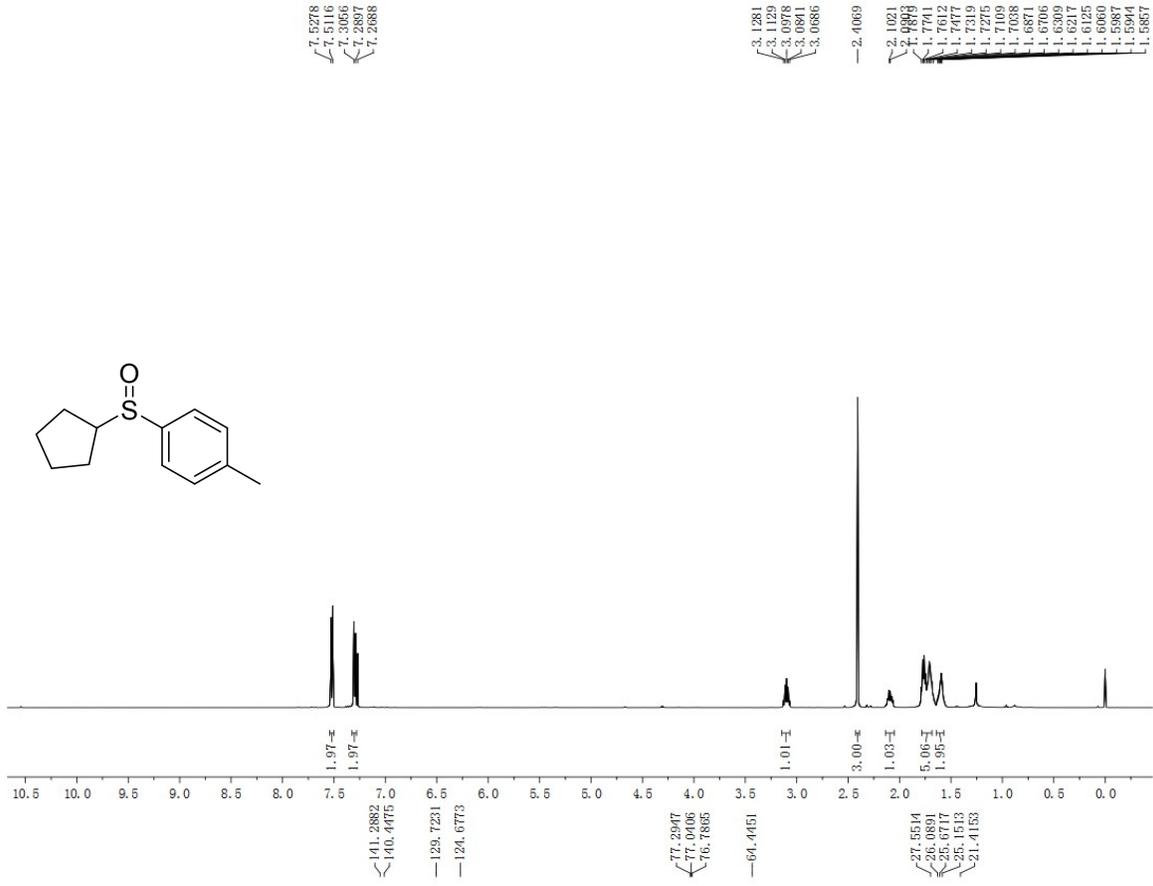


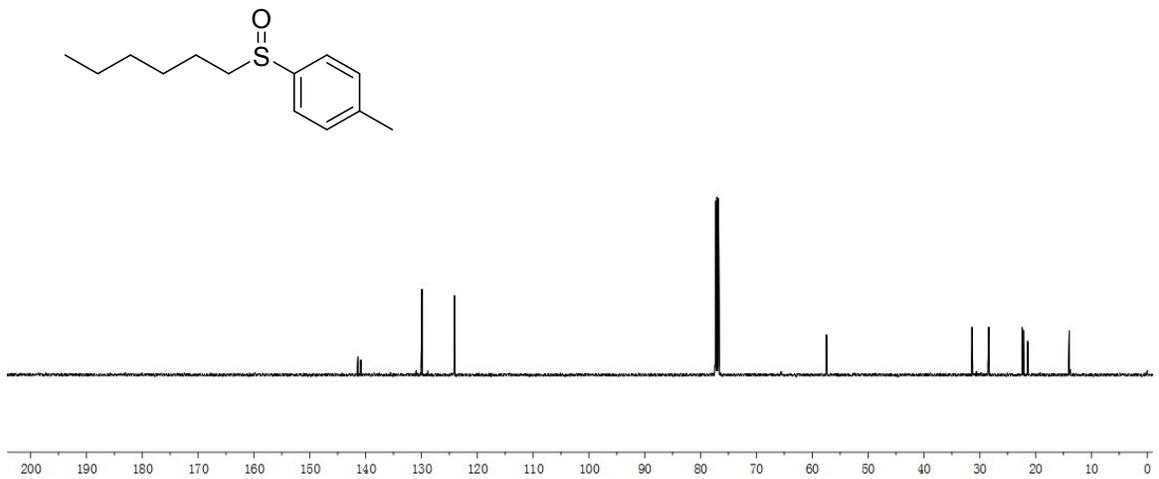
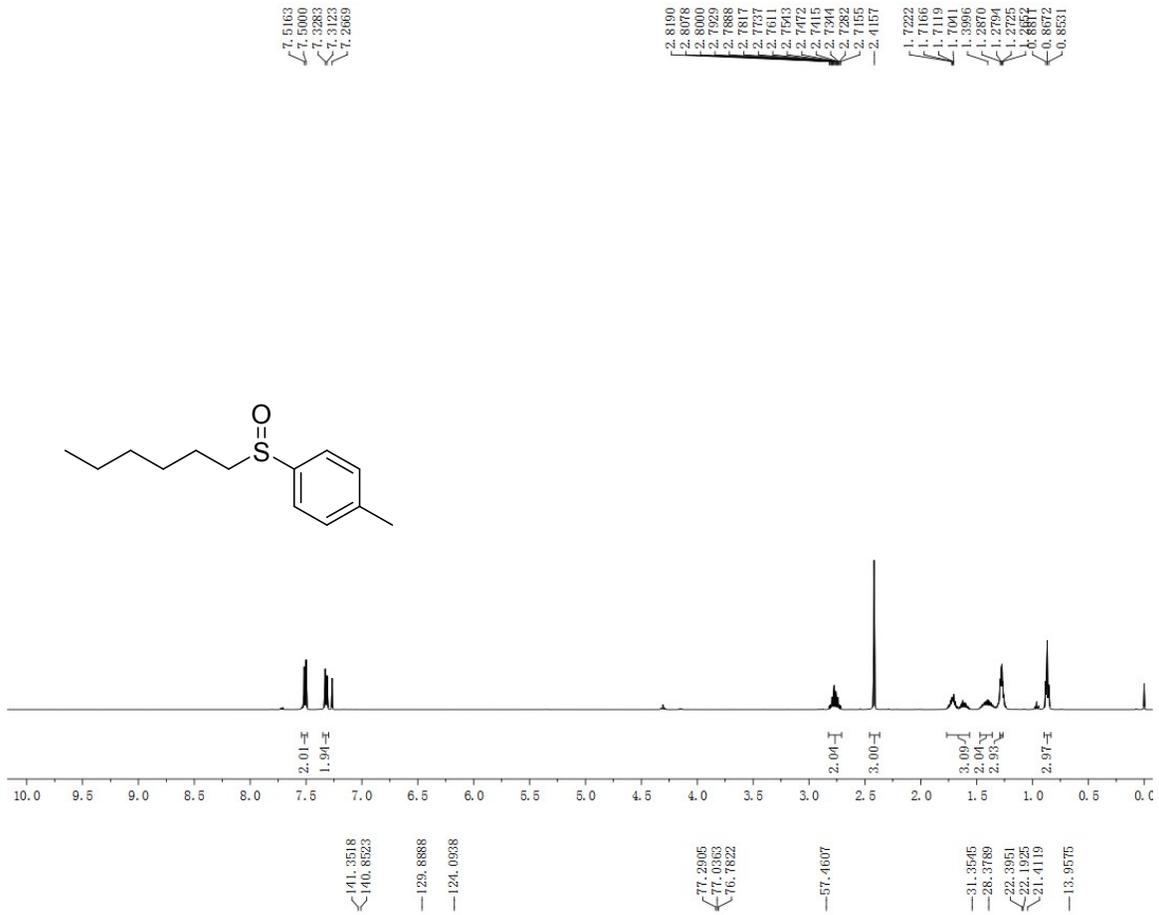


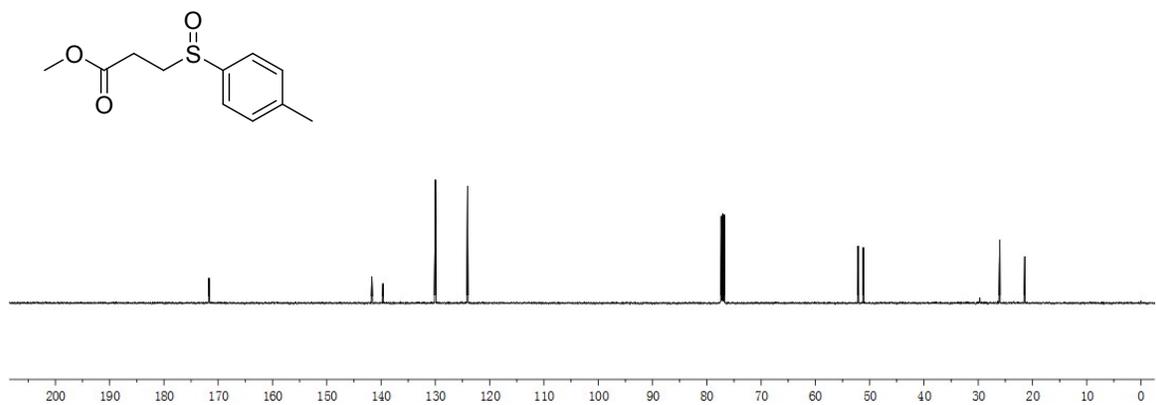
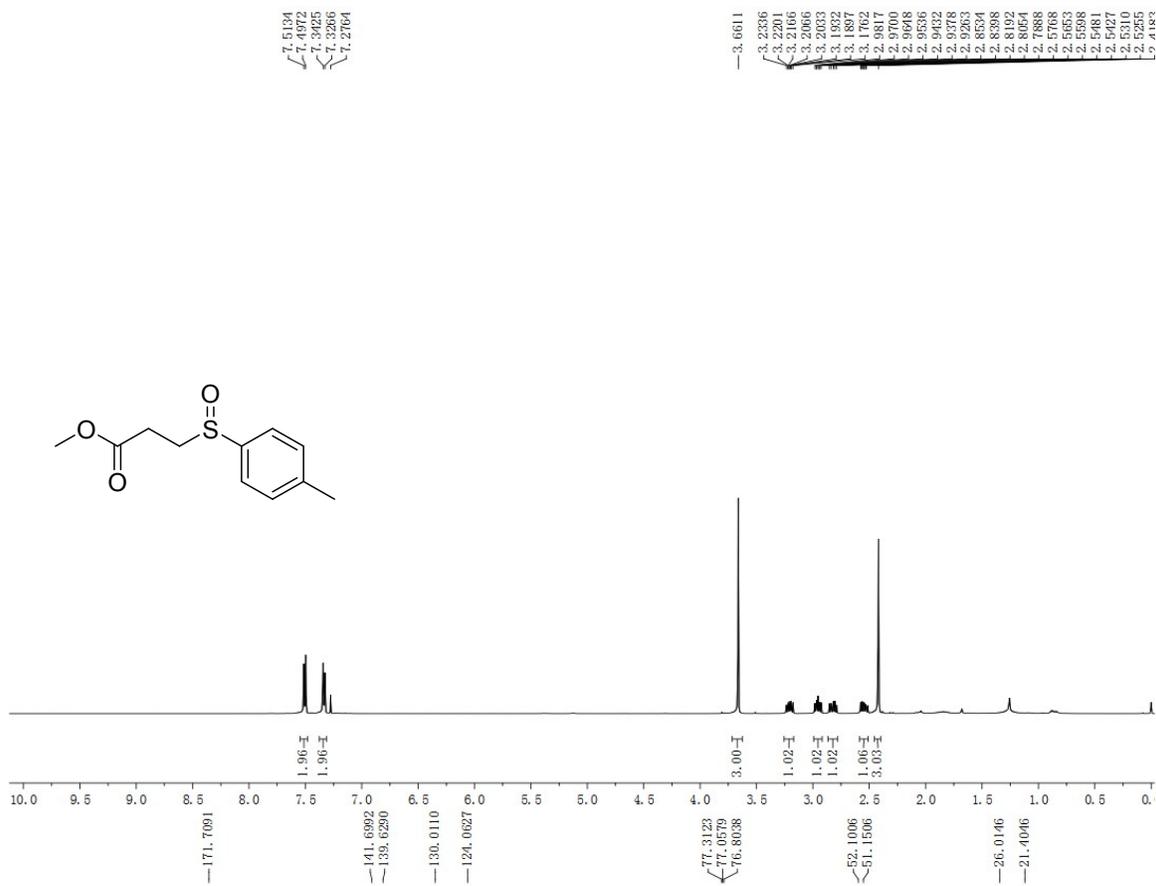


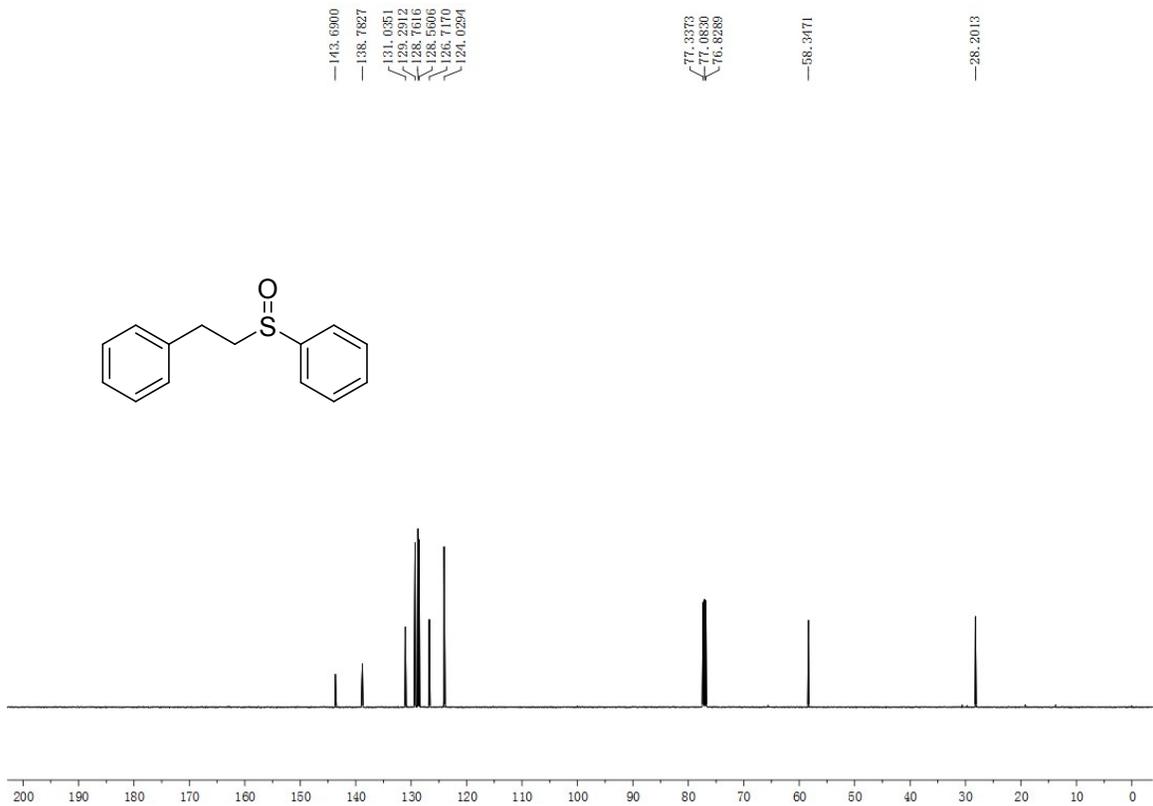
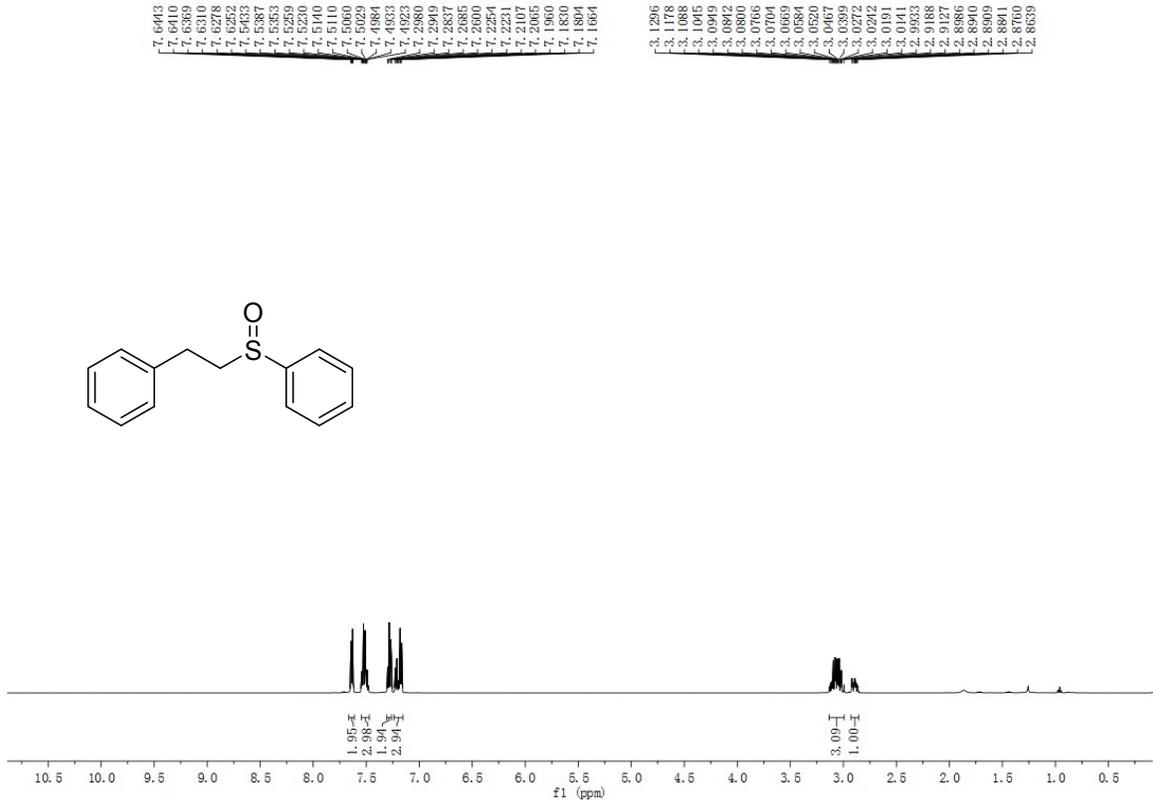


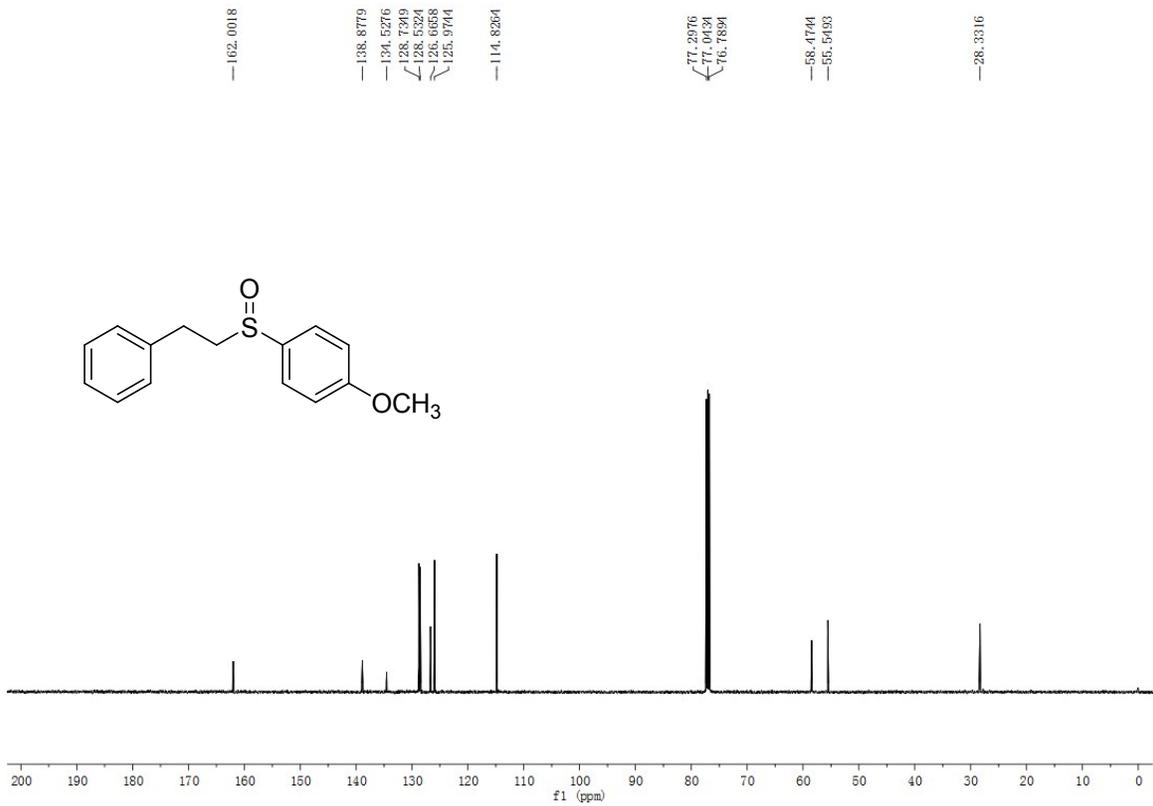
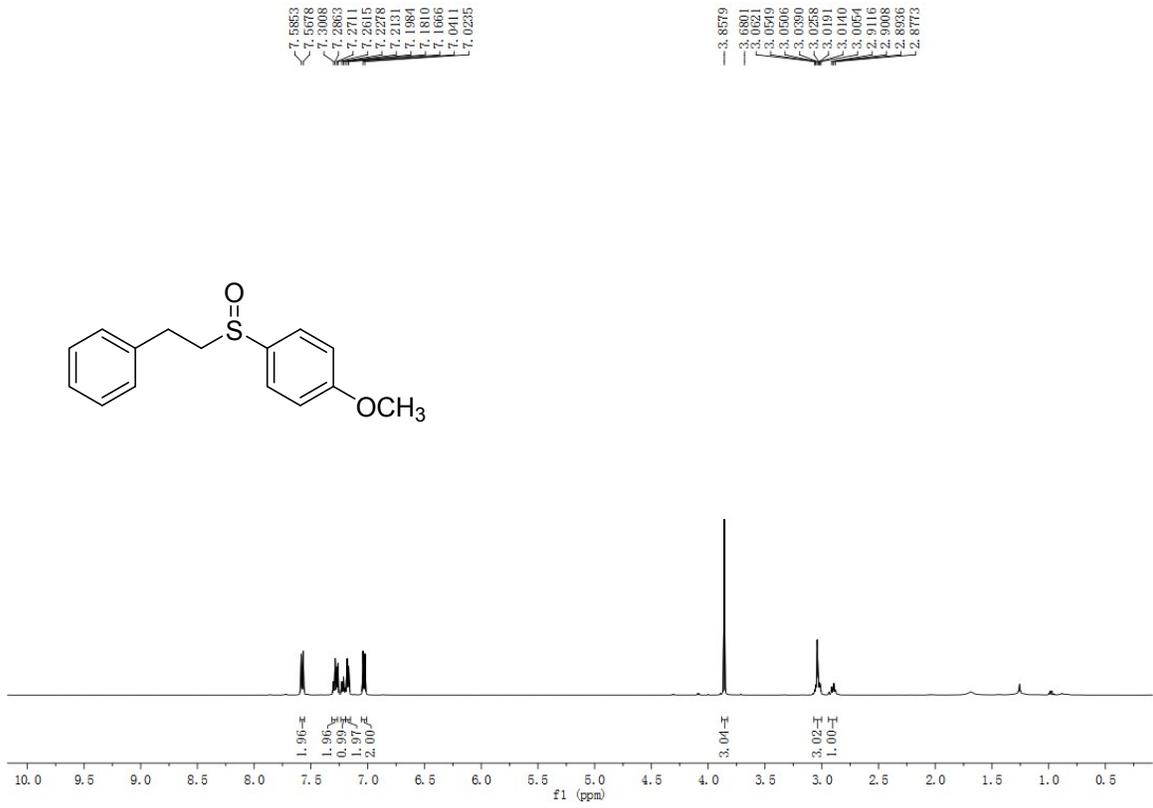


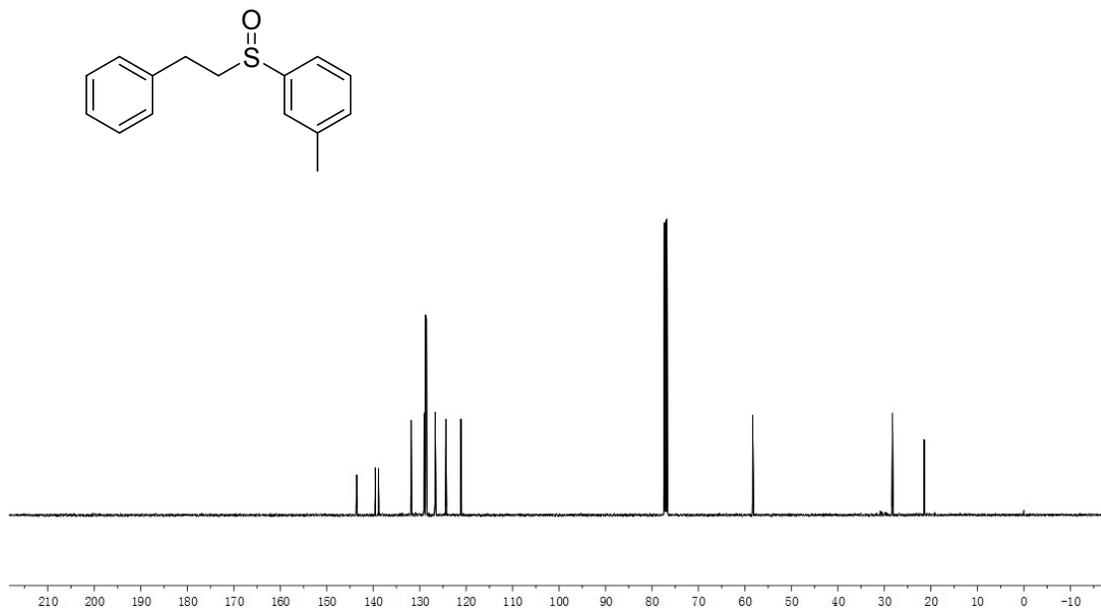
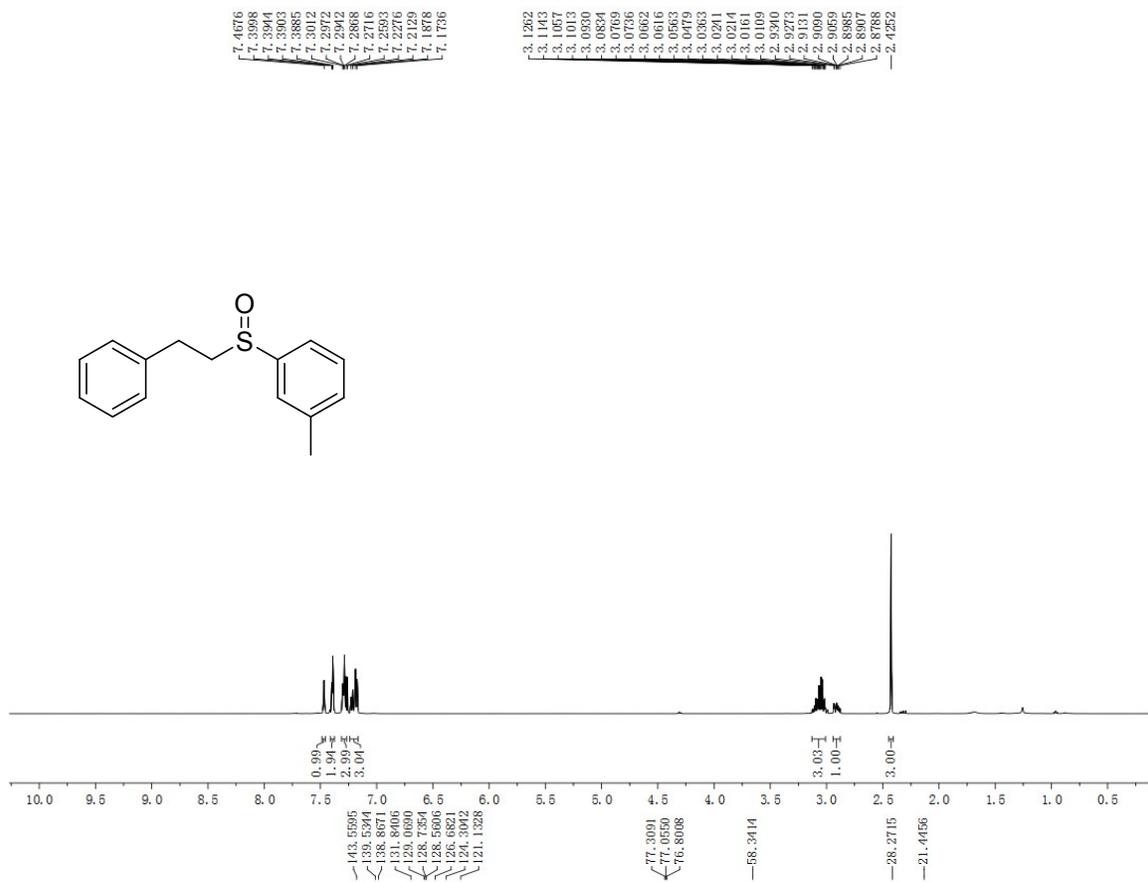


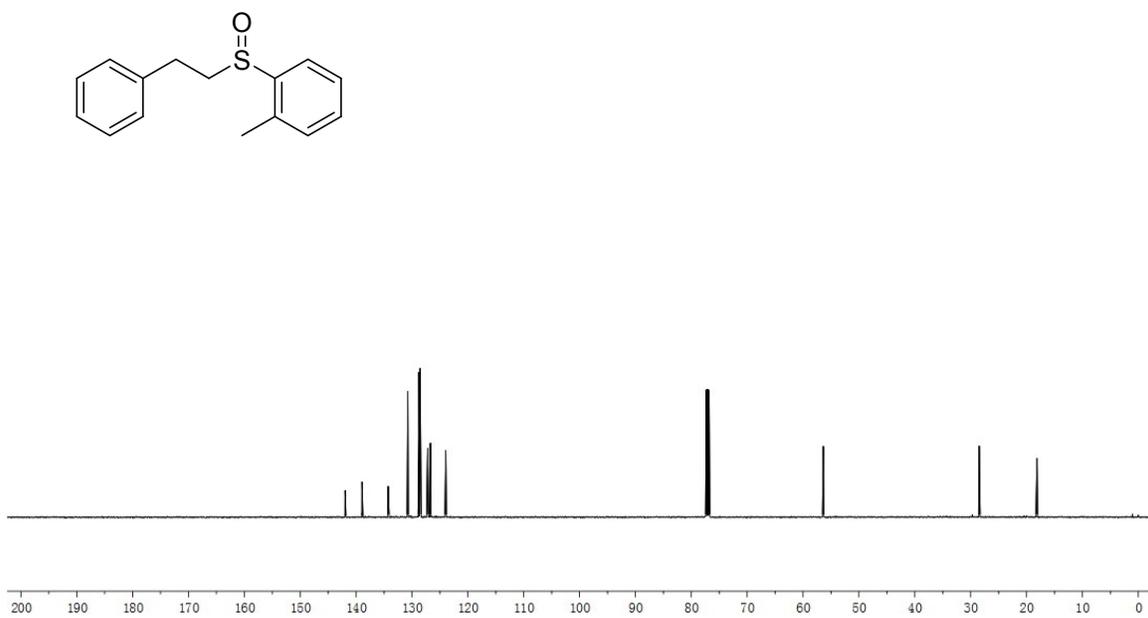
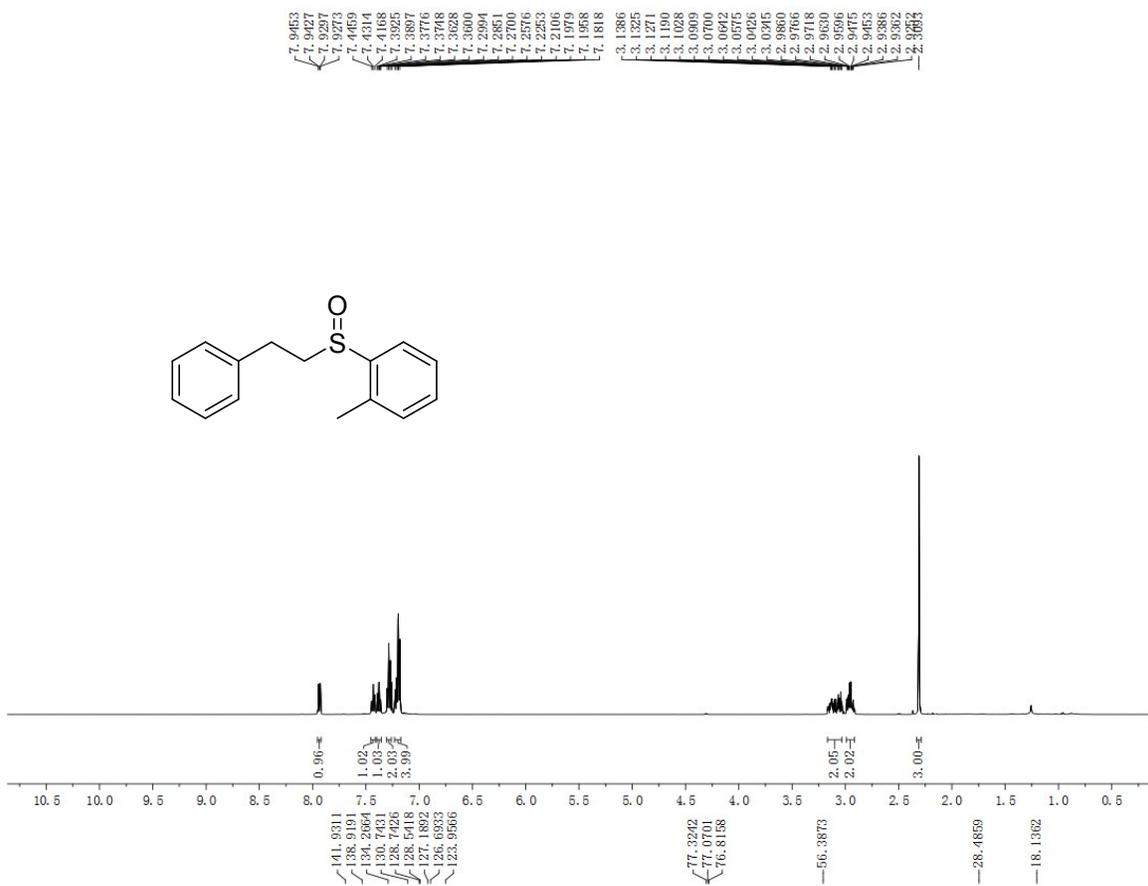


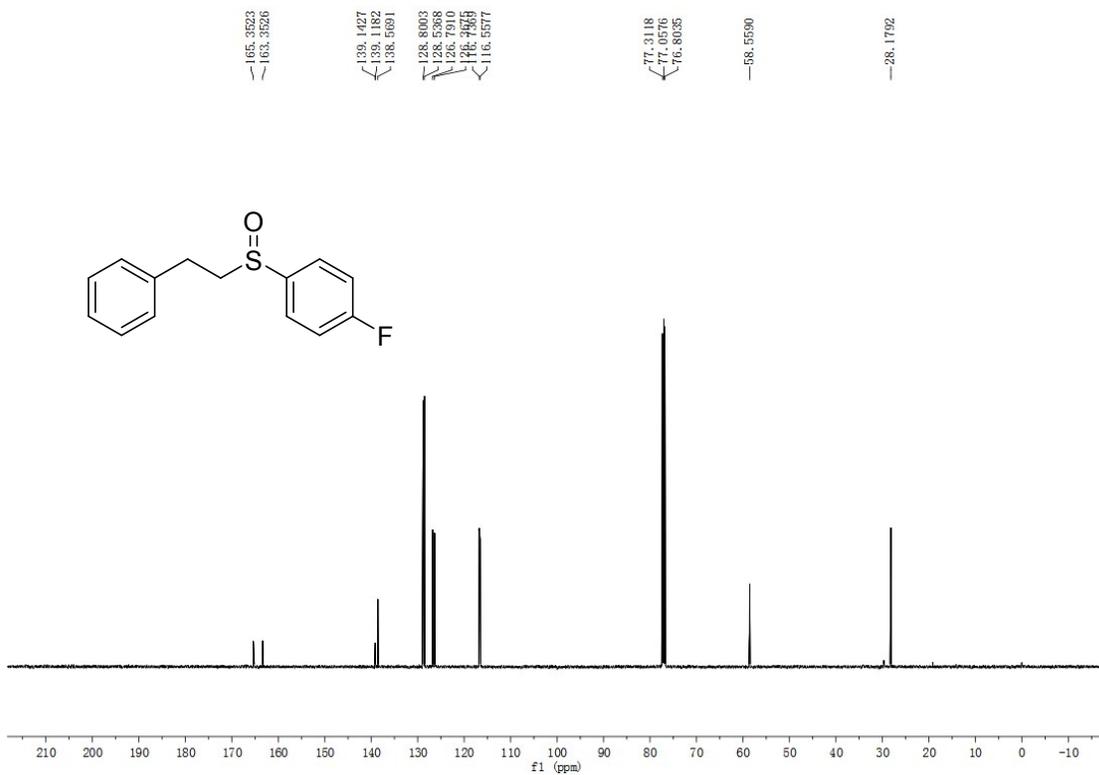
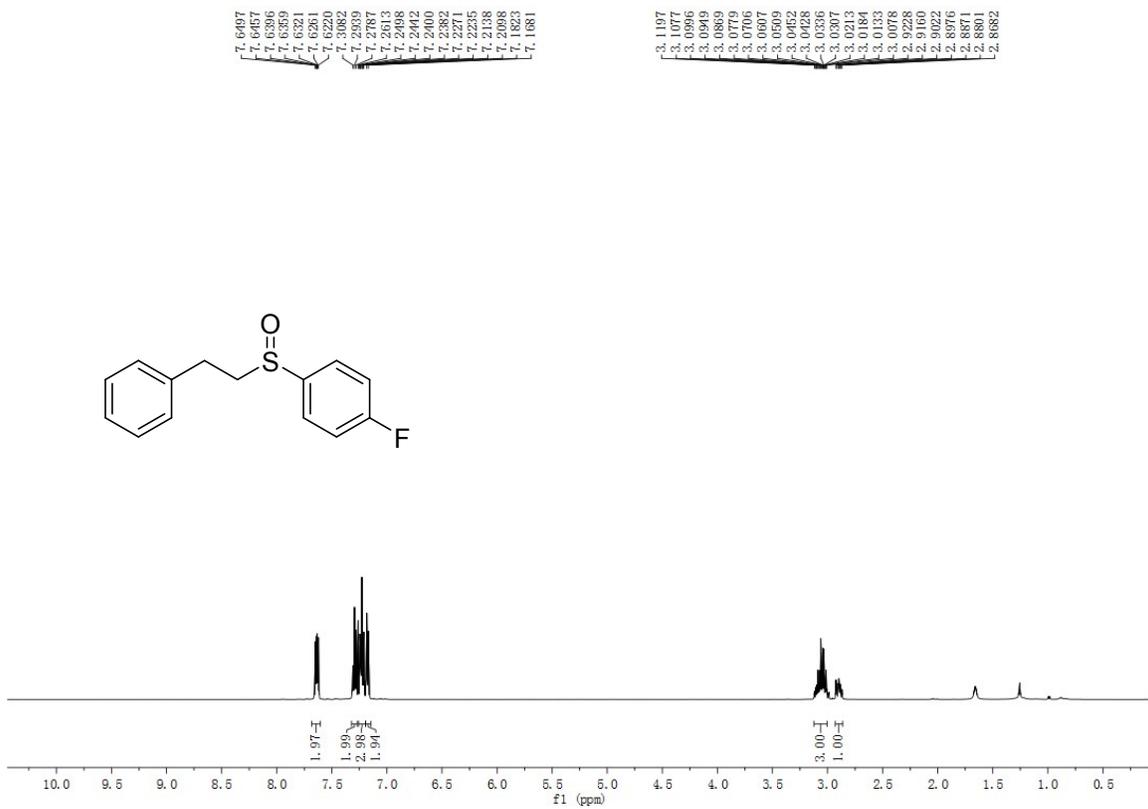


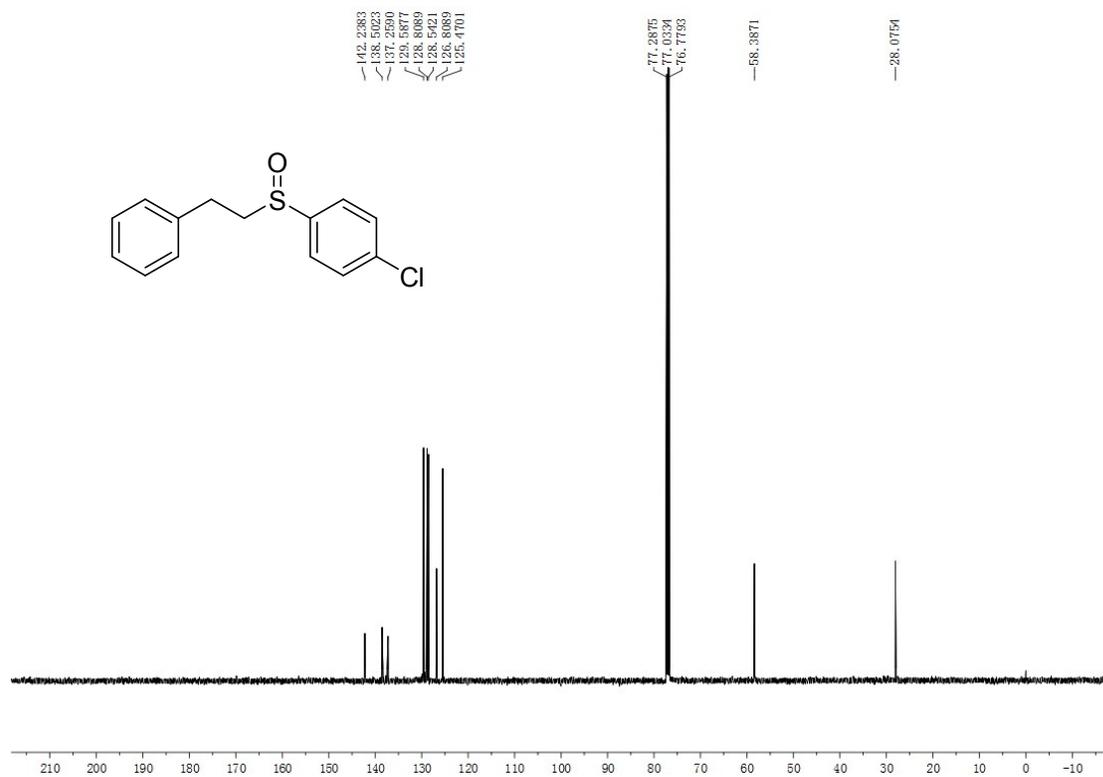
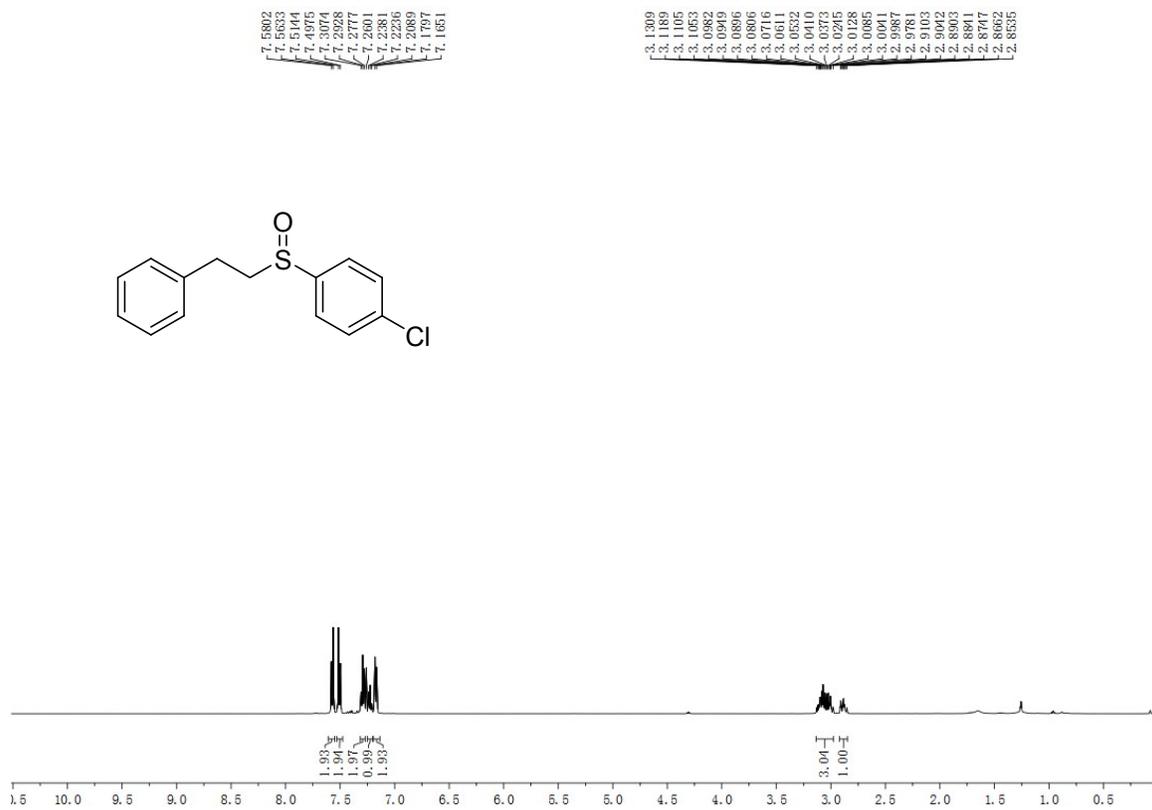


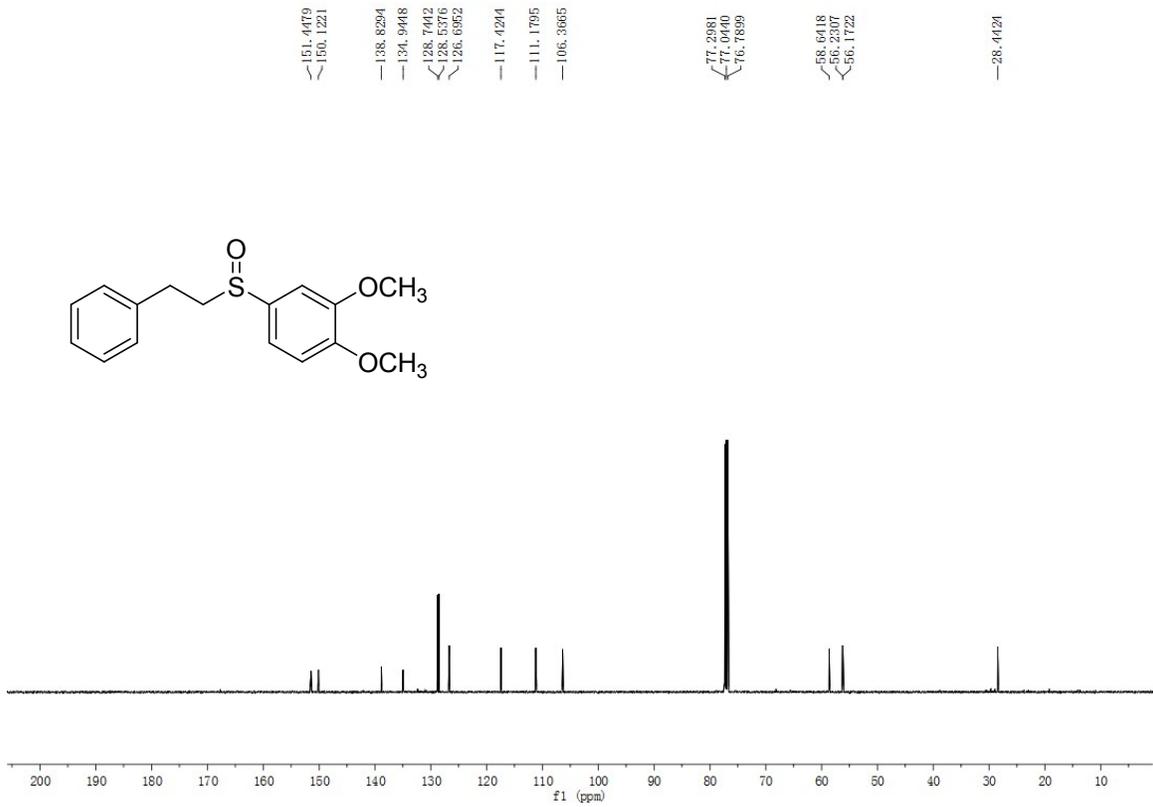
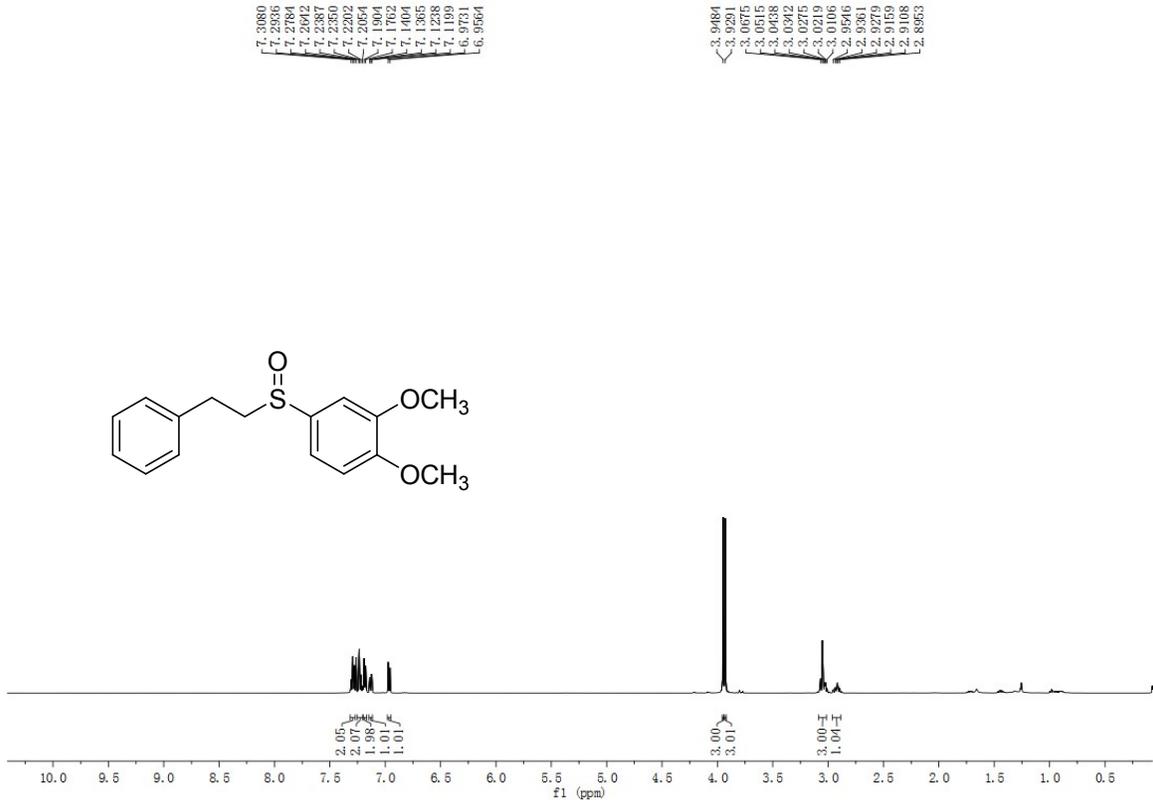


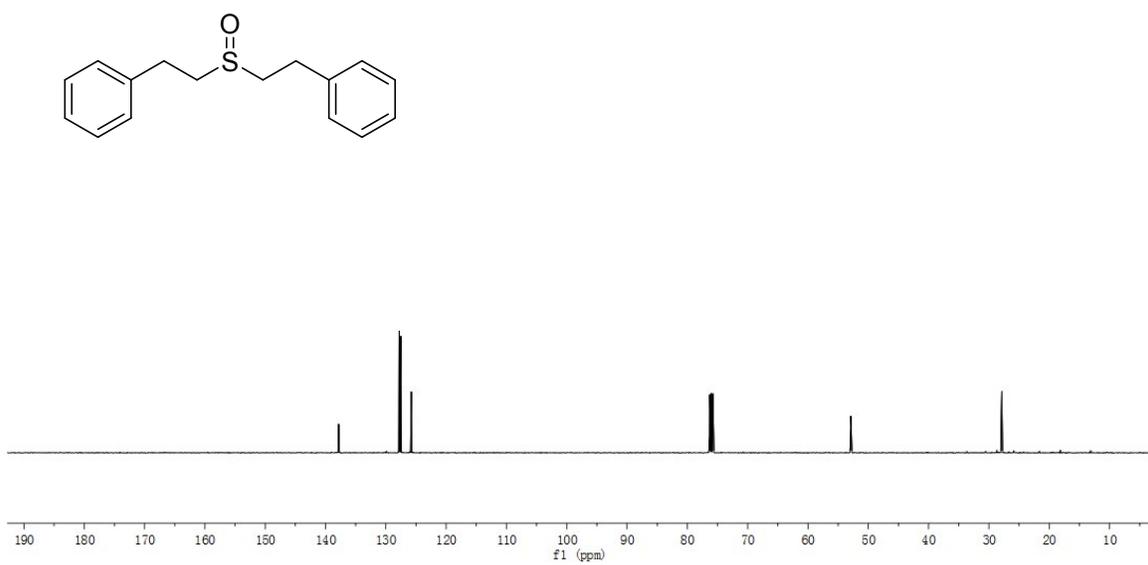
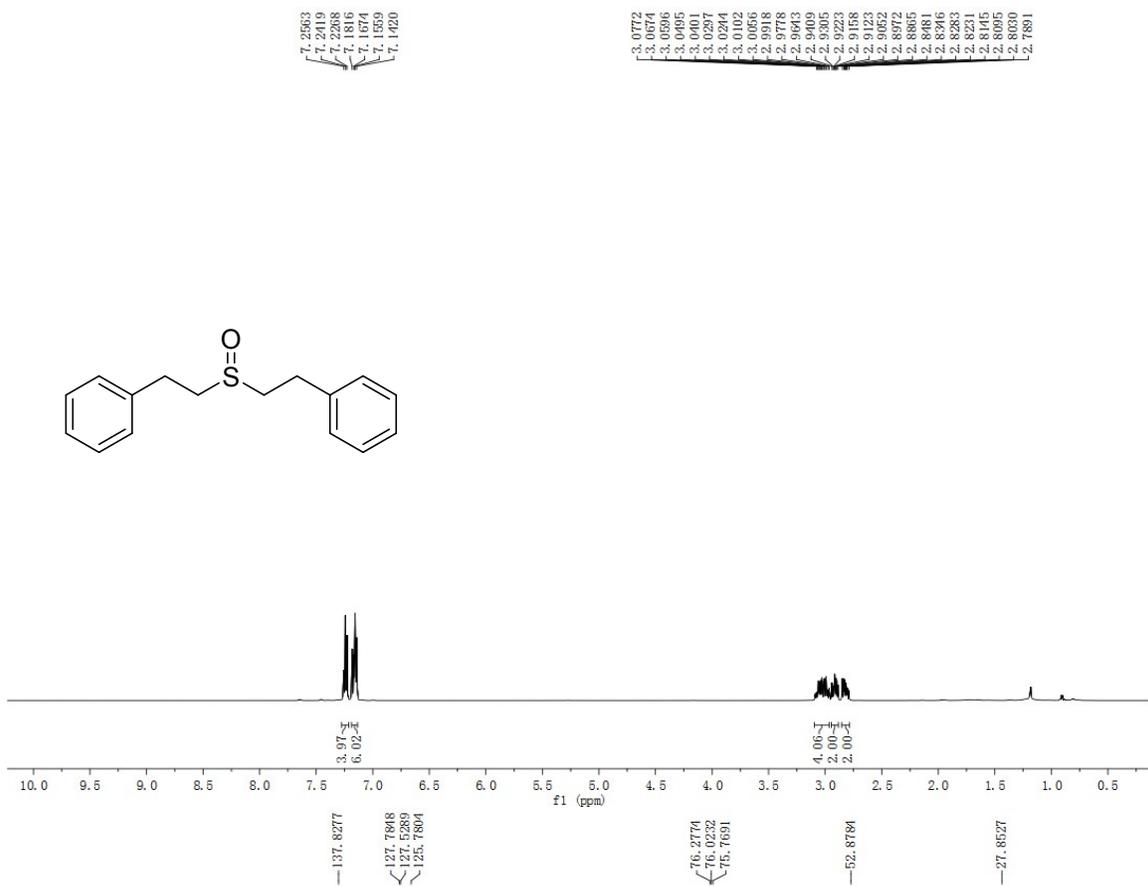


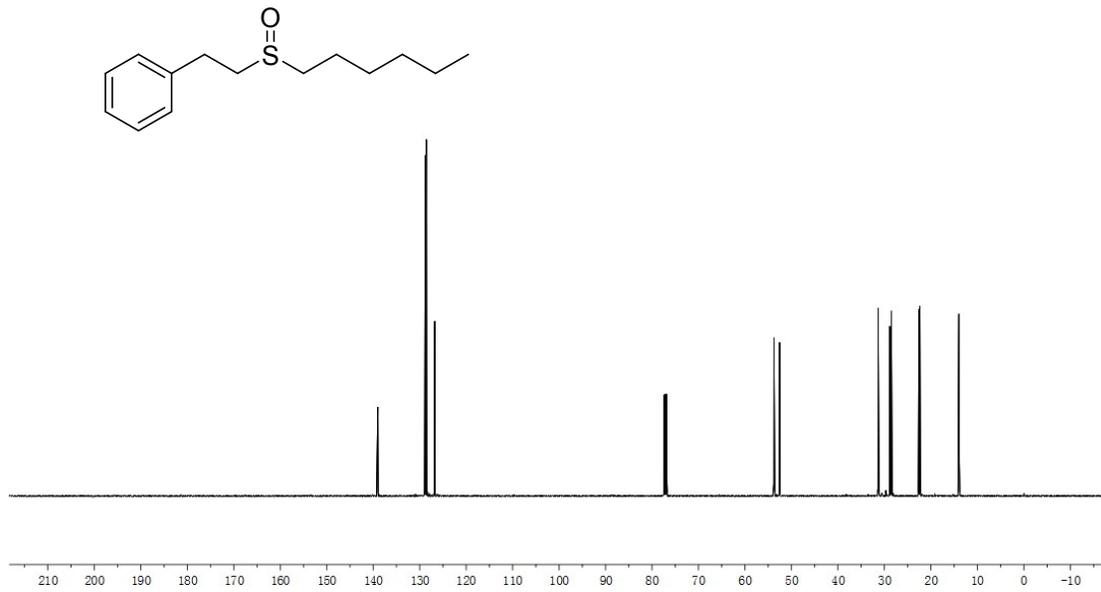
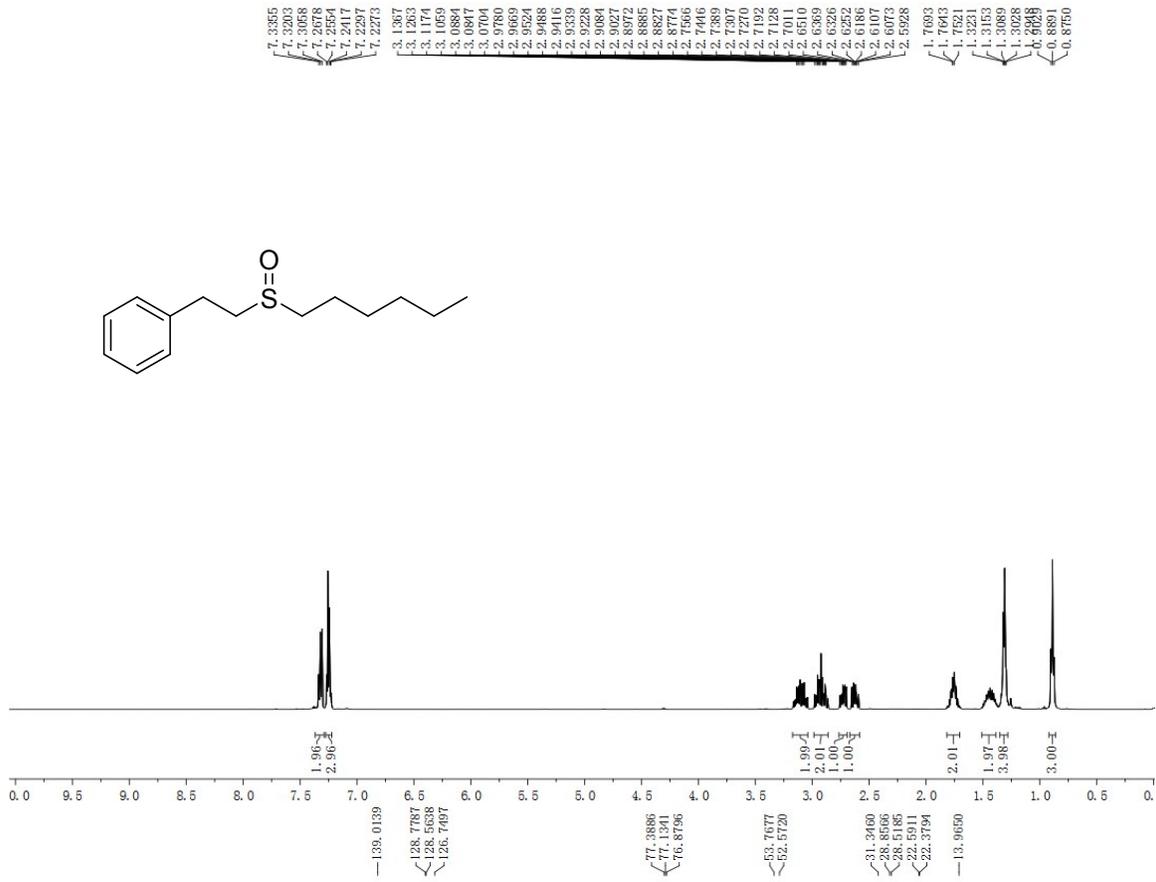












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