

**Supporting Information to
Highly Mono-selective *ortho*-Methylthiolation of Benzamides via
Cobalt-catalyzed sp² C-H activation**

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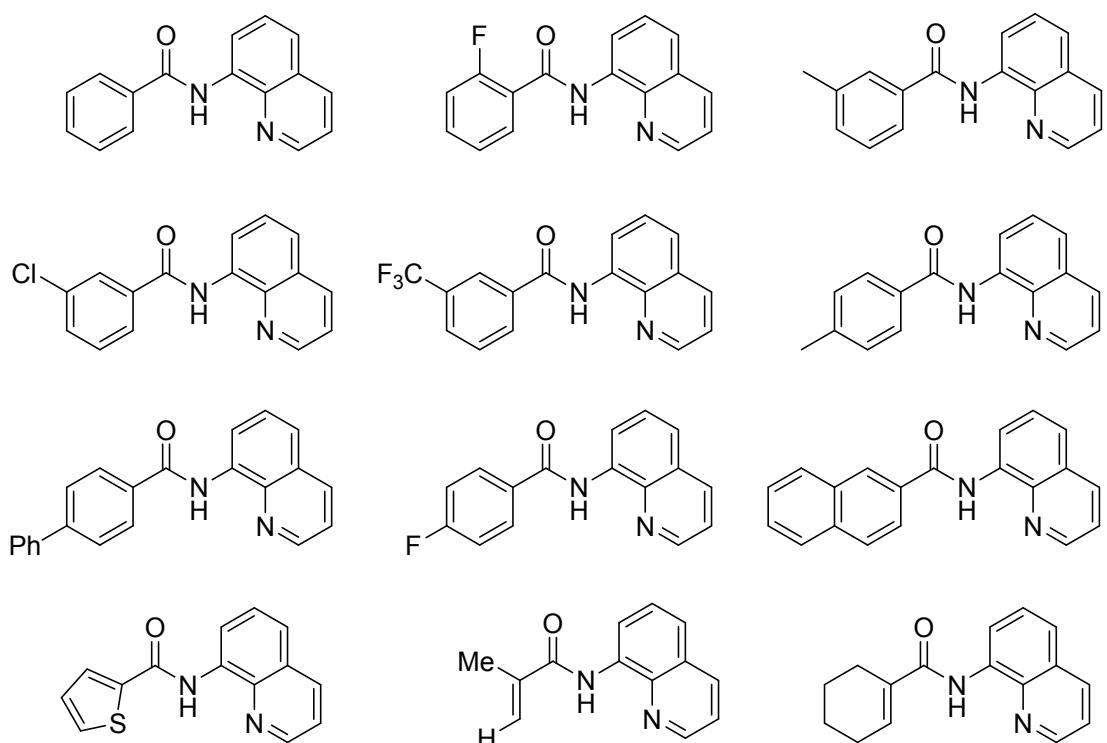
1. General information

¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR were recorded in CDCl₃ at room temperature on the Varian INOVA-400 spectrometer (400 MHz, ¹H). The ¹H NMR chemical-shifts scale is based on internal TMS. The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; qui, quintet; sext, sextet. The coupling constants, *J* are reported in Hertz (Hz). High-resolution mass spectral (HRMS) analyses were carried out using a TOF MS instrument with an ESI source.

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Anhydrous Co(acac)₃ was purchased from Alfa Aesar. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. Products were purified by flash column chromatography on 200-300 mesh silica gel, SiO₂.

2. Typical procedure for the preparation of benzamides

All benzamides were synthesized from the corresponding benzoic acids or benzoyl chlorides and 8-aminoquinoline. The deuterated amides were synthesized according to a literature method, spectral properties are consistent with literature values.¹ The following amides were synthesized according to literature procedures.²



3. Co-catalyzed methylthiolation of benzamides

3.1 Optimization of reaction conditions

Scheme S1 ineffective directing groups

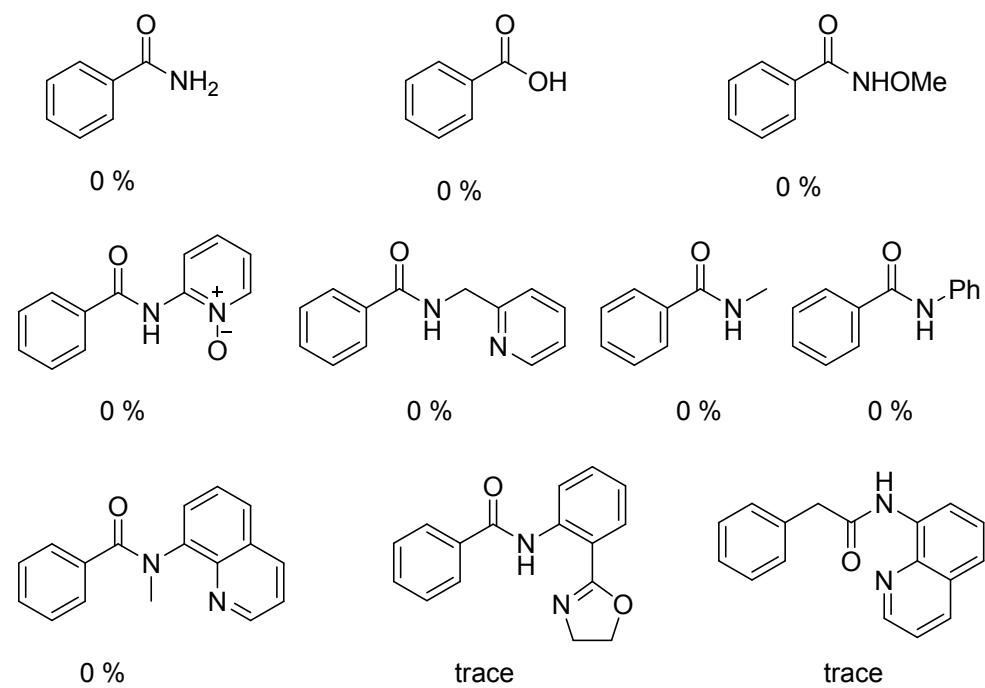
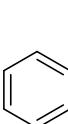
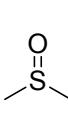
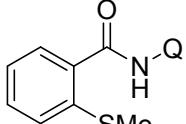
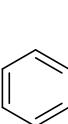
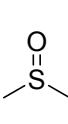
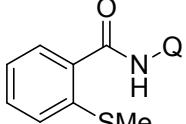


Table S1. screening of Co salts^a

 1a	 2	Co salt, Ag ₂ CO ₃ , Na ₂ CO ₃ , PhCOCl 150 °C, 24 h, N ₂	 3b
Entry	Co salts		yield ^b (%)
1	Co(OAc) ₂		27
2	Co(CO) ₃		<5
3	CoCl ₂		ND
4	CoBr ₂		ND
5	CoSO ₄		ND
6	Co(oxalate) ₂		trace
7	Co(NO ₃) ₂ ·6H ₂ O		ND
8	Co(acac) ₂		13

^a Reaction conditions: amide **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (2 mL), Co salt (0.04 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), PhCOCl (0.4 mmol), 150 °C, under N₂ for 24 h; ^b isolated yield.

Table S2. screening of different purity of Co(acac)₃^a

 1a	 2	Co(acac) ₃ , Ag ₂ CO ₃ , Na ₂ CO ₃ , PhCOCl 150 °C, 24 h, N ₂	 3b
Entry	purity/Co(acac) ₃		yield ^b (%)
1	97%		76
2	98%		78
3	>98%		78

^a Reaction conditions: amide **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (2 mL), Co(acac)₃ 0.04 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), PhCOCl (0.4 mmol), 150 °C, under N₂ for 24 h; ^b isolated yield.

Table S3. screening of oxidant ^a

Entry	oxidant	yield ^b (%)
1	Mn(OAc) ₂	ND
2	NMO	ND
3	O ₂ (1 atm)	ND
4	Ag ₂ O	71
5	AgOAc	56
6	AgCF ₃ CO ₂	64

^a Reaction conditions: amide **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (2 mL), Co(acac)₃ (0.04 mmol), oxidant (0.4 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), PhCOCl (0.4 mmol), 150 °C, under N₂ for 24 h; ^b isolated yield.

Table S4. screening of base ^a

Entry	base	yield ^b (%)
1	K ₂ CO ₃	41
2	NaOPiv	43
3	KOAc	45
4	Cs ₂ CO ₃	54
5	t-BuOK	<5

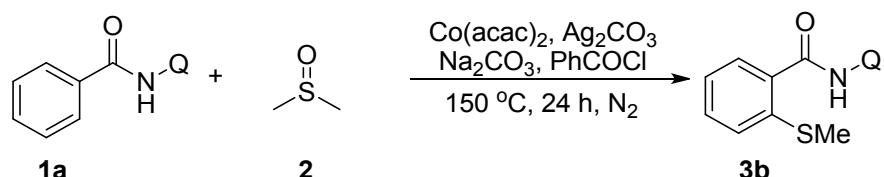
^a Reaction conditions: amide **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (2 mL), Co(acac)₃ (0.04 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), base (0.4 mmol), PhCOCl (0.4 mmol), 150 °C, under N₂ for 24 h; ^b isolated yield.

Table S5. screening of temperature ^a

Entry	Temp. (°C)	yield ^b (%)
1	R.T.	trace
2	60	<5
3	80	<5
4	100	<10
5	120	21
6	150	78

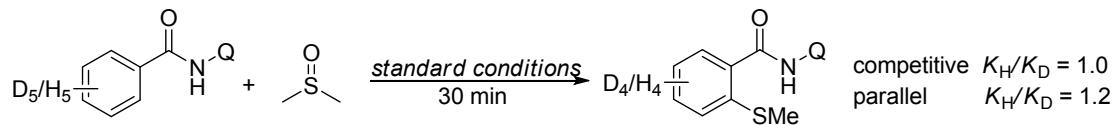
^a Reaction conditions: amide **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (2 mL), Co(acac)₃ (0.04 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), PhCOCl (0.4 mmol), under N₂ for 24 h; ^b isolated yield.

3.2 General procedure for Co-catalyzed *ortho*-methylthiolation of Benzamides with DMSO:



Benzamide **1a** (0.2 mmol, 49.6 mg), anhydrous Co(acac)₃ (14 mg, 0.04 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (110 mg, 0.4 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (42 mg, 0.4 mmol), PhCOCl (56 mg, 0.4 mmol) and anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) were added to a 25-mL Schlenk flask equipped with a high-vacuum PTFE valve-to-glass seal. Then the flask was sealed under N₂ and stirred at 150 °C for 24 h. After the completion of the reaction, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, and the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration in vacuo followed by silica gel column purification with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate eluent (8/1 to 6/1) gave the desired product **3a** as a white solid (45.9 mg, 78% yield).

3.3 Deuterium-labeling experiments:

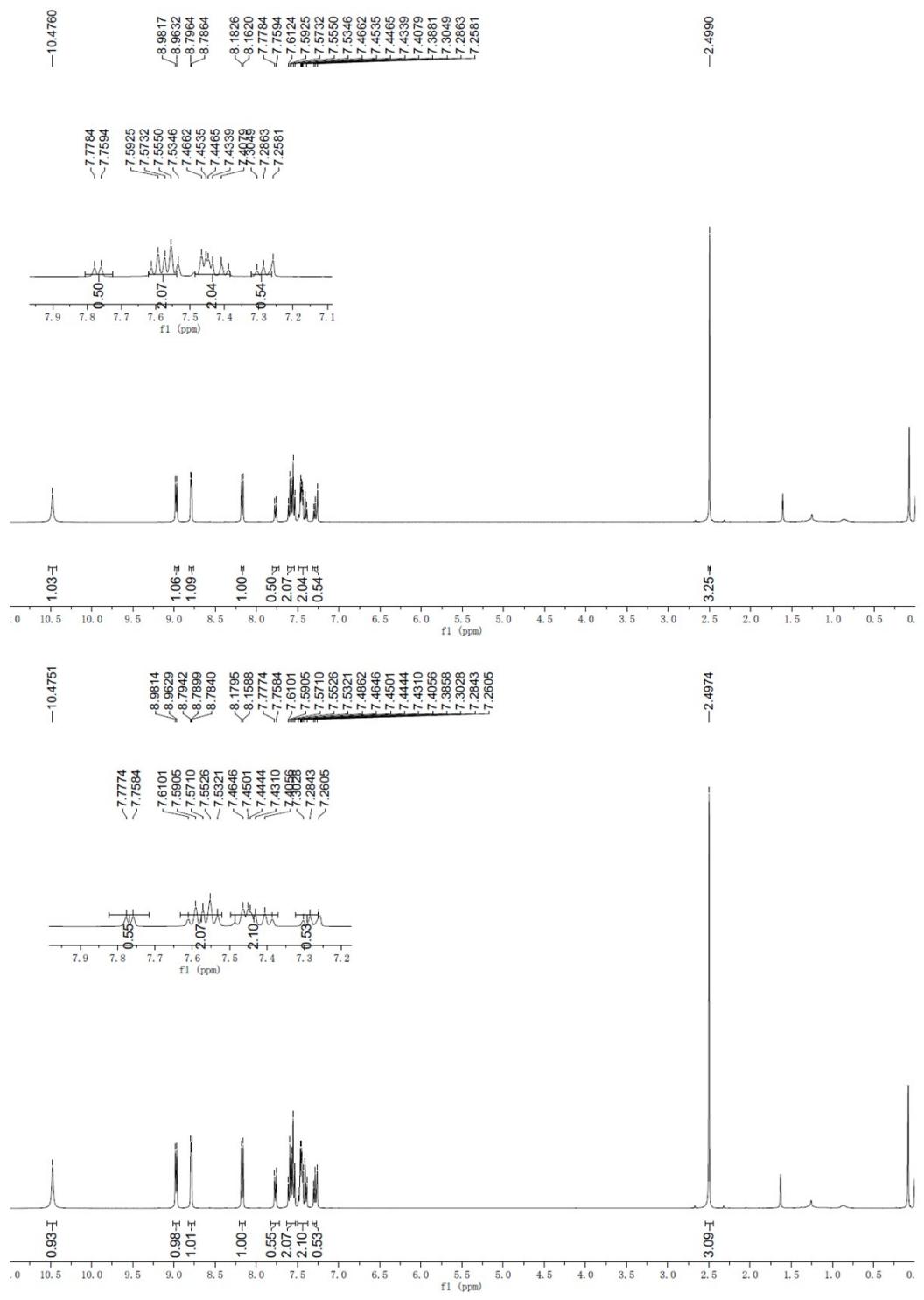


1a: 1a-d₅ = 1: 1 2

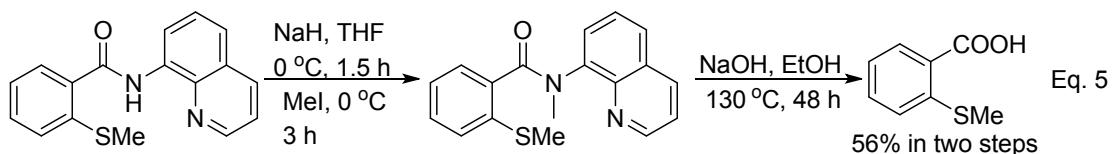
3a/3a-d₄

Intermolecular competition KIE Following general procedure: **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), **1a'-d₅** (51 mg, 0.2 mmol), Co(acac)₃ (28 mg, 0.08 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (220 mg, 0.8 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (84 mg, 0.8 mmol), PhCOCl (112 mg, 0.8 mmol) and anhydrous DMSO (4 mL) were added to a 25-mL Schlenk flask equipped with a high-vacuum PTFE valve-to-glass seal. Then the flask was sealed under N₂ and stirred at 150 °C for 30 min. The product was separated by column chromatography to give the desired product less than 10 % yield. The KIE value was calculated as k_H/k_D = 1.0.

Intermolecular parallel KIE Following general procedure: **1a** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol) or **1a'-d₅** (51 mg, 0.2 mmol), Co(acac)₃ (14 mg, 0.04 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (110 mg, 0.4 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (42 mg, 0.4 mmol), PhCOCl (56 mg, 0.4 mmol) and anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) were added to a 25-mL Schlenk flask equipped with a high-vacuum PTFE valve-to-glass seal. Then the flask was sealed under N₂ and stirred at 150 °C for 30 min. The product was separated by column chromatography to give the desired product less than 12 % yield. The KIE value was calculated as k_H/k_D = 1.2.



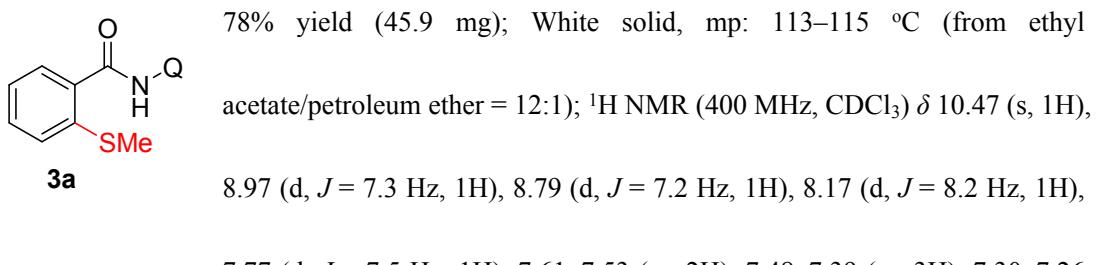
3.4 Removal of the 8-aminoquinoline Auxiliary:



2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide **3a** (294 mg, 1 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (10 mL) and the resulting solution was cooled to 0°C. To this solution, NaH (80 mg, 2 mmol) was added in portions over 10 min. The resulting solution was allowed to stir for 1.5 h. MeI (710 mg, 5 mmol) was added dropwise over 5 min, and reaction mixture was stirred for additional 3 hours at 0 °C and stirred overnight at rt. After the reaction was quenched by addition water, the mixture was extracted with Et₂O, and the organic layer was dried by anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removing the solvent, the residue was purified by column chromatography to give intermediate **6** as a yellow solid (246 mg, 80%). Intermediate **6** (154 mg, 0.5 mmol) and NaOH (307 mg, 7.5 mmol) were dissolved in EtOH (5 ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 48 hours. After that, reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and 1N HCl (30mL) was added. Organic layer was washed with 1N HCl (5 x 20 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum affording pure product as a faint yellow solid (56%). Its spectral properties are consistent with literature values.

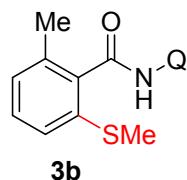
4 Characterization data of products

2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (**3a**)



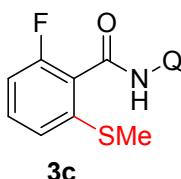
(m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 148.2, 138.7, 138.7, 136.3, 135.3, 134.6, 130.9, 128.1, 128.0, 127.4, 126.9, 124.9, 121.8, 121.6, 116.8, 16.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 295.0905, Found 295.0888.

2-methyl-6-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (**3b**)



73% yield (45.0 mg); colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 9.02 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.2, 148.3, 138.5, 138.2, 136.3, 135.6, 135.6, 134.6, 129.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 125.6, 122.0, 121.6, 116.9, 19.5, 17.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 309.1062, Found 309.1033.

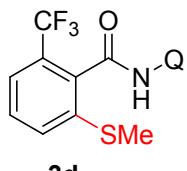
2-fluoro-6-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (**3c**)



67% yield (41.8 mg); White solid, mp: 118–120 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.29 (s, 1H), 8.99 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.1, 159.6 (d, $J = 247.9$ Hz), 148.3, 140.9 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 138.5, 136.3, 134.3, 131.2 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 130.1, 128.2 (d, $J = 47.2$ Hz), 127.4, 122.2, 122.1 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 121.6, 117.1, 112.5 (d, $J = 22.7$ Hz), 16.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -114.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 313.0811, Found

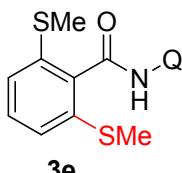
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2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (3d)



63% yield (45.6 mg); White solid, mp: 132–134 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.05 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.53 (m, 5H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.1, 148.3, 138.7, 138.5, 136.3, 135.5 (q, J = 1.8 Hz), 134.1, 131.1, 129.8, 128.1 (q, J = 31.7 Hz), 128.0, 127.4, 123.5 (q, J = 272.7 Hz), 123.2 (q, J = 4.7 Hz), 122.3, 121.7, 117.1, 17.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -59.08; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 363.0779, Found 363.0757.

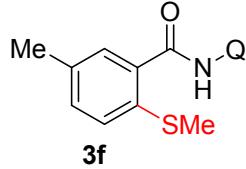
2,6-bis(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3e)



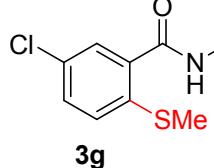
61% yield (41.5 mg); White solid, mp: 123–125 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 9.03 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 148.2, 138.6, 137.8, 136.9, 136.3, 134.4, 129.9, 128.0, 127.5, 125.0, 122.0, 121.6, 117.1, 17.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{OS}_2[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 341.0782, Found 341.0764.

5-methyl-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3f)

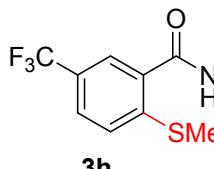
77% yield (47.4 mg); White solid, mp: 130–132 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.48 (s, 1H),

8.97 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H),

3f 7.60–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 8.1, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.25 (m, 2H), 2.47
(s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 148.2, 138.6,
136.3, 135.7, 135.2, 134.6, 134.4, 131.7, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 121.8,
121.6, 116.8, 20.8, 17.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$
309.1062, Found 309.1055.

5-chloro-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (**3g**)

74% yield (48.5 mg); White solid, mp: 128–130 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.46 (s, 1H),

3g 8.93 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H),
7.61–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H);
 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.1, 148.4, 138.6, 136.9, 136.7, 136.3,
134.2, 131.0, 130.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 122.2, 121.7, 116.9, 16.7;
HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 329.0515, Found 329.0497.

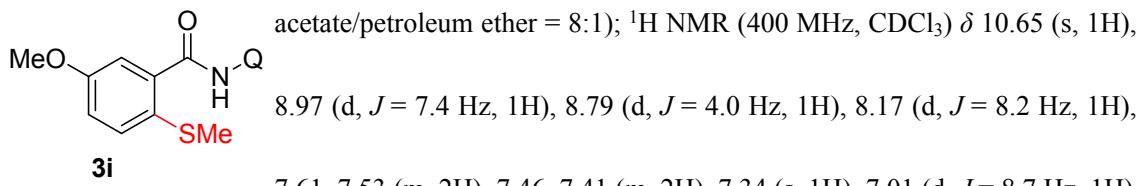
2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (**3h**)

71% yield (51.4 mg); White solid, mp: 134–136 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.46 (s, 1H),

3h 8.93 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.81 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H),
7.97 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 2H),
2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.1, 148.4, 143.9, 138.6,
136.3, 135.0, 134.1, 127.9, 127.3, 127.3, 126.8 (q, $J = 32.2$ Hz), 125.9,
124.9 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 123.8 (q, $J = 270.2$ Hz), 122.3, 121.7, 117.0, 15.9; ^{19}F
NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M}$

+ H]⁺ 363.0779, Found 363.0769.

5-methoxy-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3i)

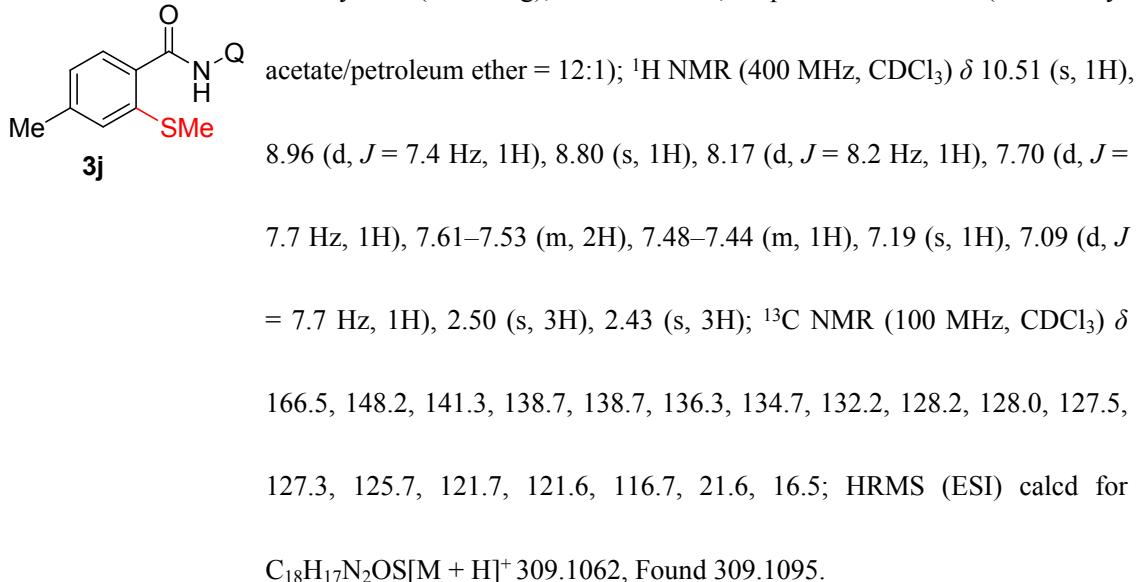
81% yield (52.5 mg); White solid, mp: 140–142 °C (from ethyl



acetate/petroleum ether = 8:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.65 (s, 1H), 8.97 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 158.3, 148.3, 138.7, 138.5, 136.3, 134.6, 131.9, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 121.9, 121.6, 117.1, 116.8, 114.0, 55.6, 18.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₂S[M + H]⁺ 325.1011, Found 325.1003.

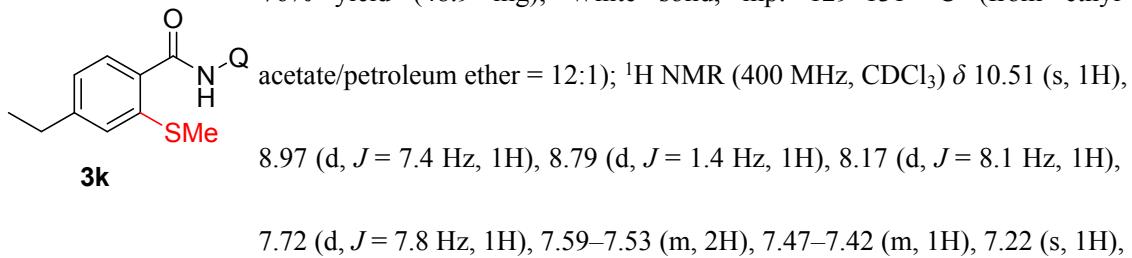
4-methyl-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3j)

79% yield (48.7 mg); White solid, mp: 124–126 °C (from ethyl



4-ethyl-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3k)

76% yield (48.9 mg); White solid, mp: 129–131 °C (from ethyl



7.12 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 148.2, 147.6, 138.7, 138.6, 136.3, 134.7, 132.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.4, 124.5, 121.7, 121.6, 116.7, 28.9, 16.6, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 323.1218, Found 323.1205.

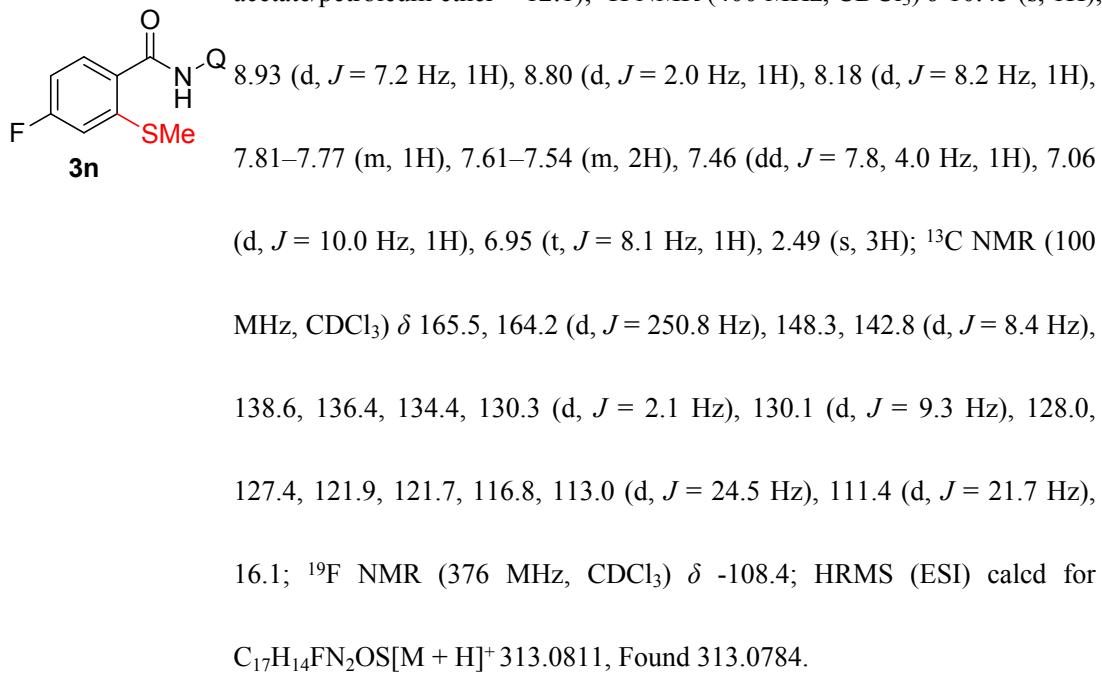
4-(tert-butyl)-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3l**)**

74% yield (51.8 mg); White solid, mp: 135–137 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.54 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 154.3, 148.2, 138.7, 137.9, 136.3, 134.7, 132.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 124.5, 122.4, 121.7, 121.6, 116.7, 35.2, 31.1, 16.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 351.1531, Found 351.1504.

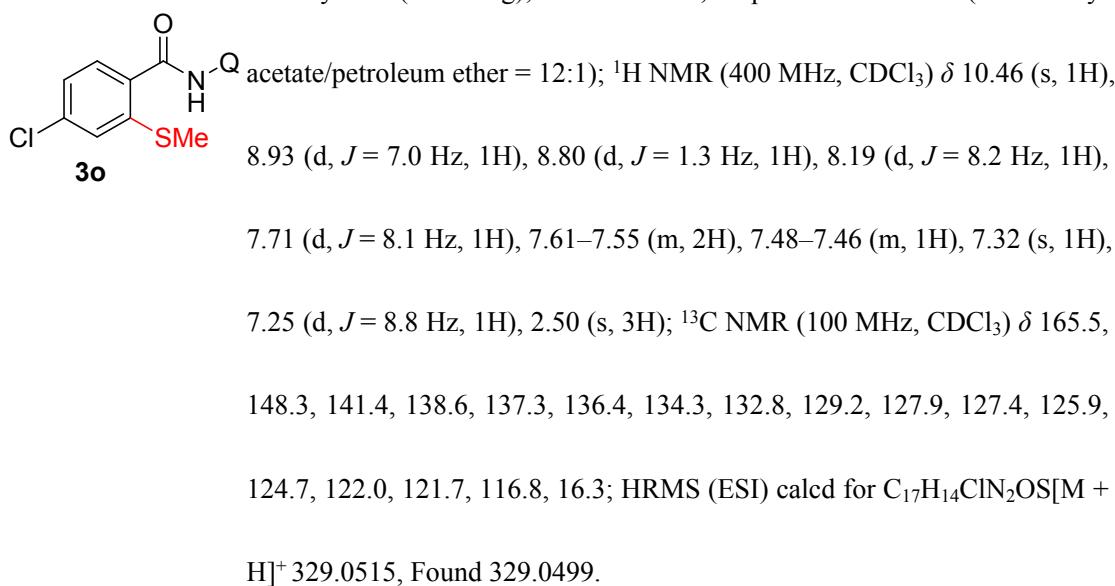
4-methoxy-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3m**)**

82% yield (53.1 mg); White solid, mp: 142–144 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 8:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.52 (s, 1H), 8.95 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 8.1, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 161.6, 148.2, 141.6, 138.7, 136.3, 134.8, 130.0, 128.0, 127.5, 127.1, 121.5, 121.5, 116.6, 112.7, 109.2, 55.5, 16.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 325.1011, Found 325.0999.

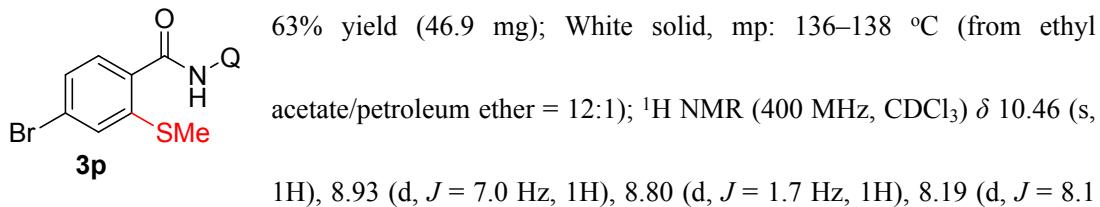
4-fluoro-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3n**)**



4-chloro-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3o**)**



4-bromo-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3p**)**



Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.48–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 148.3, 138.6, 136.4, 134.3, 133.4, 129.4, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 125.6, 124.7, 122.0, 121.7, 116.8, 16.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrN}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 373.0010, Found 372.9986.

2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (3q**)**

67% yield (48.5 mg); White solid, mp: 141–143 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 8.94 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.1, 148.4, 143.9, 138.6, 136.4, 135.1, 134.2, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 126.9 (q, J = 32.9 Hz), 126.0, 124.9 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.8 (q, J = 270.2 Hz), 122.3, 121.8, 117.0, 16.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 363.0779, Found 363.0757.

3-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamide (3r**)**

72% yield (53.3 mg); White solid, mp: 143–145 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.58 (s, 1H), 8.99 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.55 (m, 5H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 5H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 148.3, 144.0, 140.1, 139.4, 138.7, 136.4, 134.6, 133.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 125.6, 123.8, 121.8, 121.6, 116.8, 16.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$

371.1218, Found 371.1207.

4,5-dichloro-2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (**3s**)

3s 63% yield (45.6 mg); White solid, mp: 136–138 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 8.90 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, J = 7.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2, 148.4, 139.0, 138.6, 136.4, 134.1, 130.8, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.0, 127.4, 127.4, 122.3, 121.8, 117.0, 16.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 363.0126, Found 363.0121.

4-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carboxamide (**3t**)

3t 77% yield (52.1 mg); White solid, mp: 147–149 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 8:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.64 (s, 1H), 8.95 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 154.9, 148.9, 148.2, 138.7, 136.3, 134.8, 134.3, 133.2, 128.0, 127.5, 123.5, 121.7, 121.6, 116.8, 107.5, 100.7, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 339.0803, Found 339.0691.

2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-1-naphthamide (**3u**)

3u 69% yield (47.5 mg); White solid, mp: 152–154 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.17 (s, 1H), 9.15 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.2

Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 148.3, 138.5, 136.3, 135.4, 134.5, 132.9, 131.7, 130.5, 129.9, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.1, 126.1, 124.8, 122.1, 121.6, 117.0, 17.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 345.1062, Found 345.1050.

3-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)-2-naphthamide (3v**)**

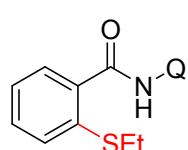
72% yield (49.5 mg); White solid, mp: 163–165 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.57 (s, 1H), 9.01 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.65–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5, 148.3, 138.7, 136.4, 135.1, 134.7, 134.5, 133.9, 130.3, 128.4, 128.1, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 126.0, 124.8, 121.9, 121.7, 116.9, 16.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 345.1062, Found 345.1036.

3-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (3w**)**

56% yield (33.6 mg); White solid, mp: 106–108 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.49 (s, 1H), 8.91 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

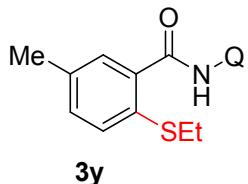
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2-(ethylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3x)



72% yield (44.4 mg); White solid, mp: 123–125 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.55 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 148.2, 138.7, 136.6, 136.4, 136.3, 134.7, 130.7, 129.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.4, 125.6, 121.8, 121.6, 116.8, 27.9, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂OS[M + H]⁺ 309.1062, Found 309.1041.

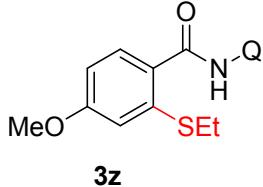
2-(ethylthio)-5-methyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (3y)



70% yield (45.1 mg); White solid, mp: 126–128 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 12:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.60 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 148.2, 138.7, 137.5, 136.3, 136.3, 134.8, 131.7, 131.5, 130.8, 129.4, 128.0, 127.4, 121.8, 121.6, 116.9, 28.7, 20.9, 14.0; HRMS

(ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}N_2OS[M + H]^+$ 323.1218, Found 323.1194.

2-(ethylthio)-4-methoxy-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide (**3z**)



74% yield (50.0 mg); White solid, mp: 132–134 °C (from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 8:1); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.66 (s, 1H), 8.96 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 8.2, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.98 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 166.1, 161.3, 148.2, 139.2, 138.8, 136.3, 134.9, 130.5, 129.2, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 121.5, 116.7, 114.7, 110.2, 55.5, 27.7, 13.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{19}N_2O_2S[M + H]^+$ 339.1167, Found 339.1140.

2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclopent-1-enecarboxamide (**5a**)

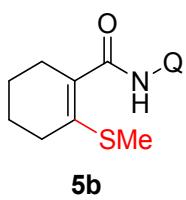


77% yield (43.7 mg); colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.41 (m, 3H), 2.99 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.19–2.08 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.0, 154.4, 148.0, 136.3, 134.8, 127.9, 127.5, 125.9, 121.4, 121.0, 116.3, 100.0, 37.1, 33.0, 22.1, 15.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{16}H_{17}N_2OS[M + H]^+$ 285.1062, Found 285.1036.

2-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)cyclohex-1-enecarboxamide (**5b**)

63% yield (37.5 mg); colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.18 (s, 1H), 8.90 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.82–8.80 (m, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J =$

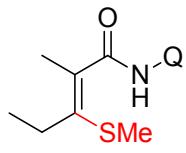
8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.44 (m, 3H), 2.60–2.49 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.79–



1.77 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.7, 148.1, 138.7, 136.3, 134.7, 132.8, 129.7, 128.2, 127.5, 121.5, 121.3, 116.6, 29.9, 27.9, 23.0, 21.9, 15.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 299.1218,

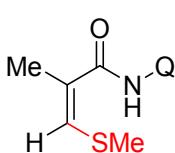
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(Z)-2-methyl-3-(methylthio)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pent-2-enamide (**5c**)



61% yield (34.9 mg); colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.07 (s, 1H), 8.87 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 7.7, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.9, 148.1, 140.7, 138.6, 136.3, 134.7, 131.1, 128.0, 127.5, 121.5, 121.4, 116.5, 25.2, 17.0, 16.1, 12.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 287.1218, Found 287.1236.

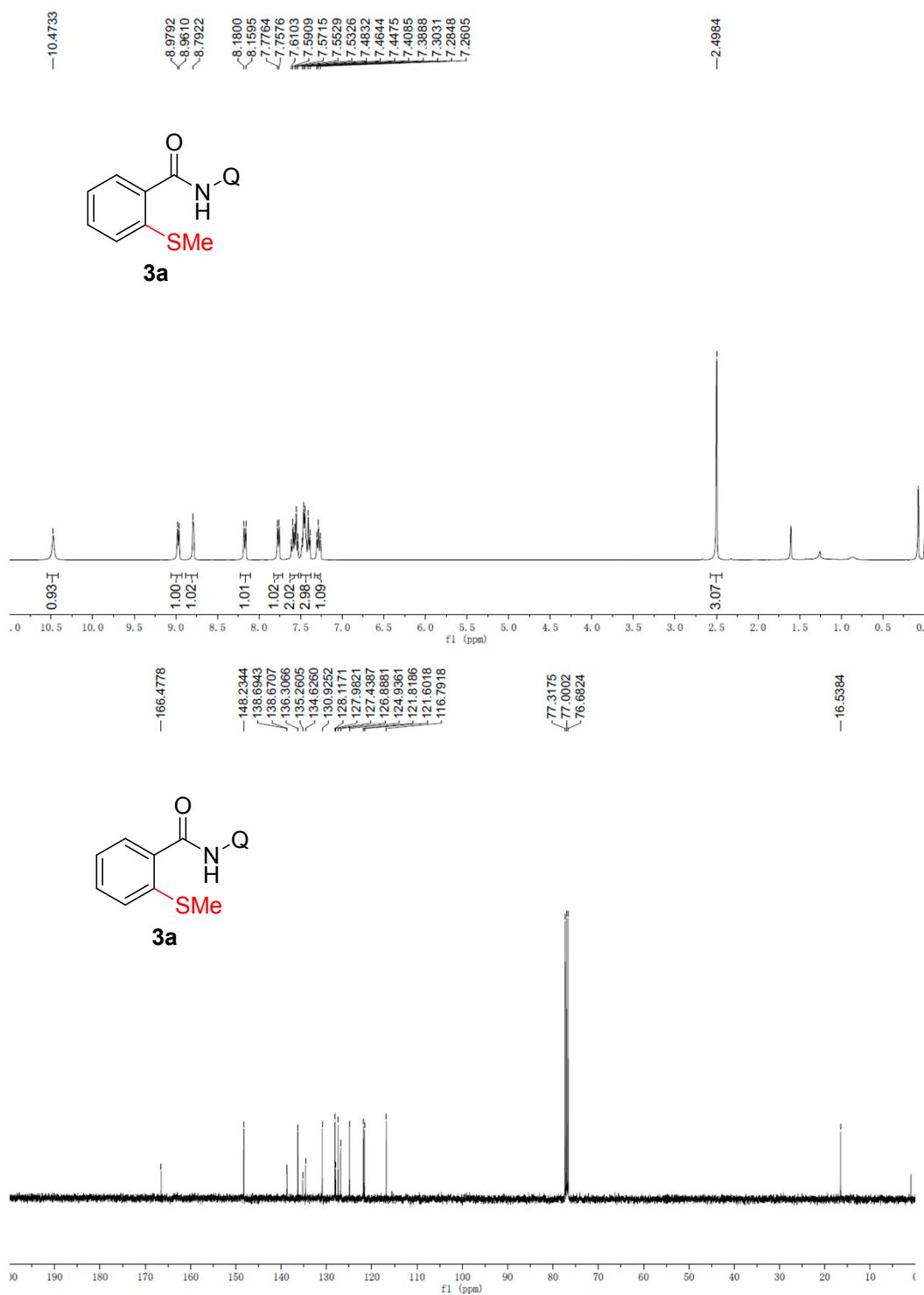
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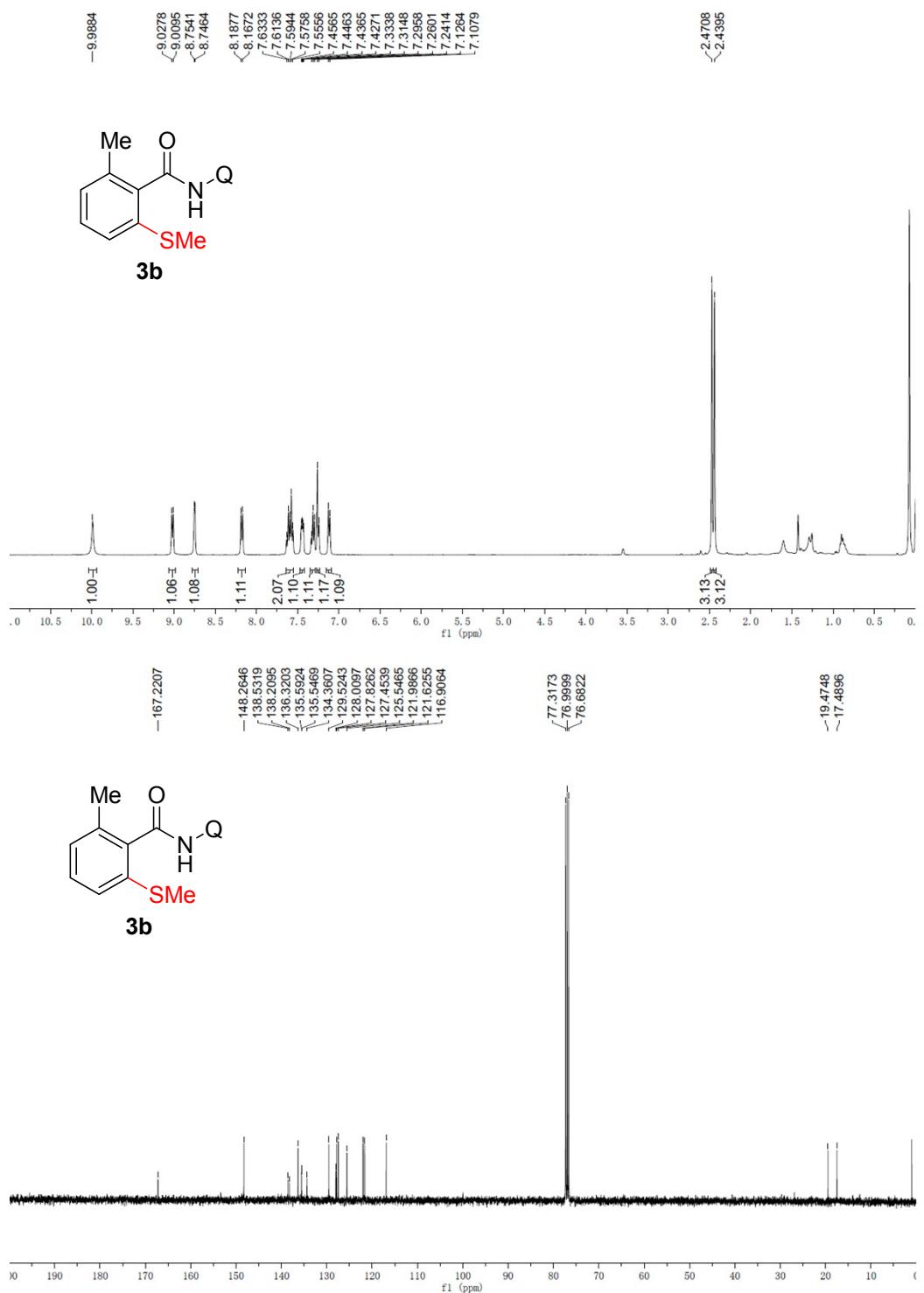


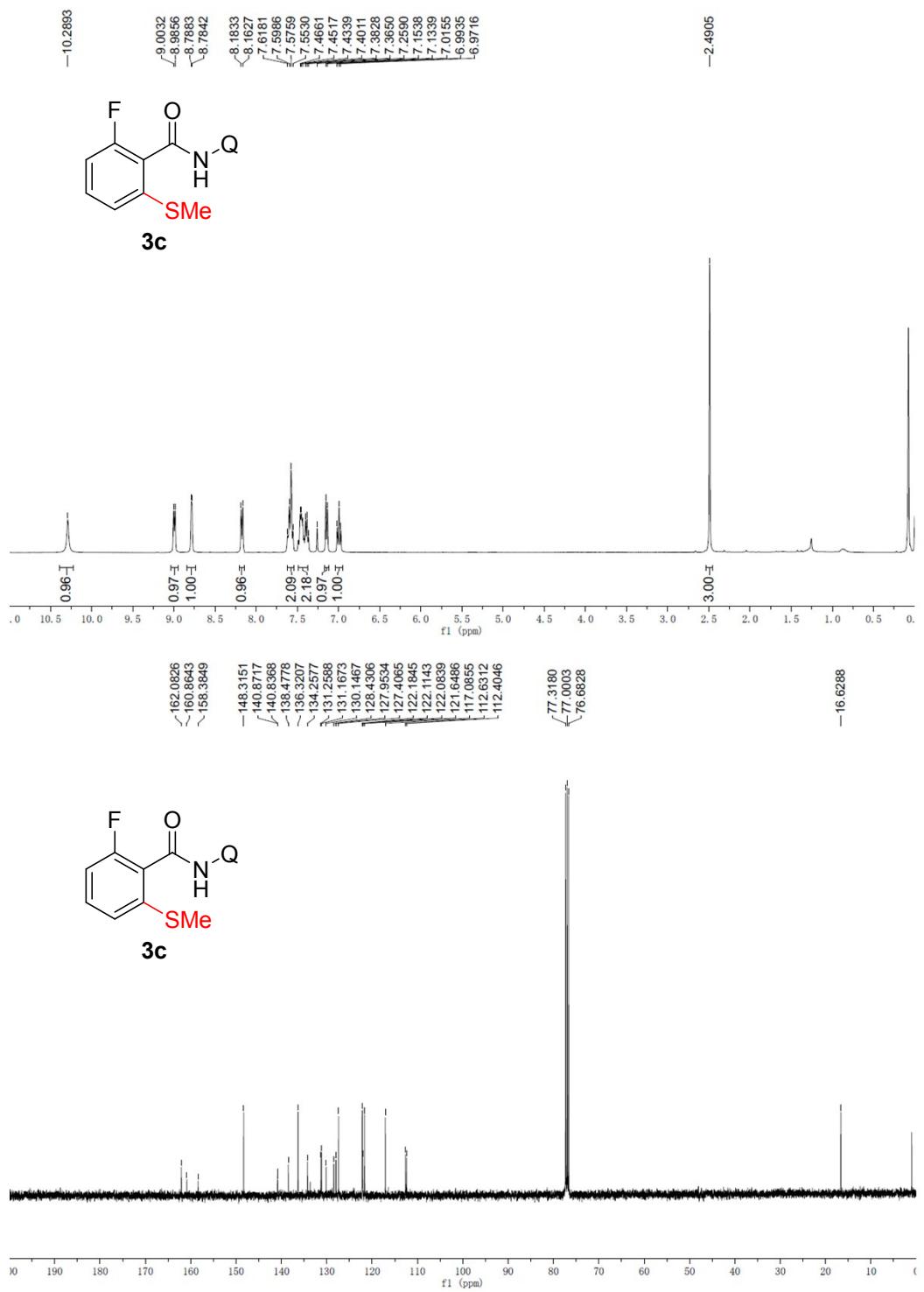
65% yield (33.5 mg); colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.26 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.16–8.11 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.44 (m, 3H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 148.1, 144.3, 138.7, 136.3, 130.2, 128.5, 127.5, 122.3, 121.5, 121.3, 116.5, 19.9, 19.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{OS}[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 259.0905, Found 259.0893.

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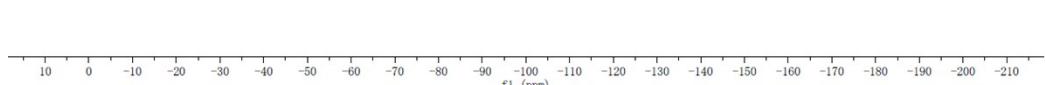
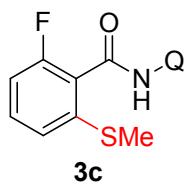
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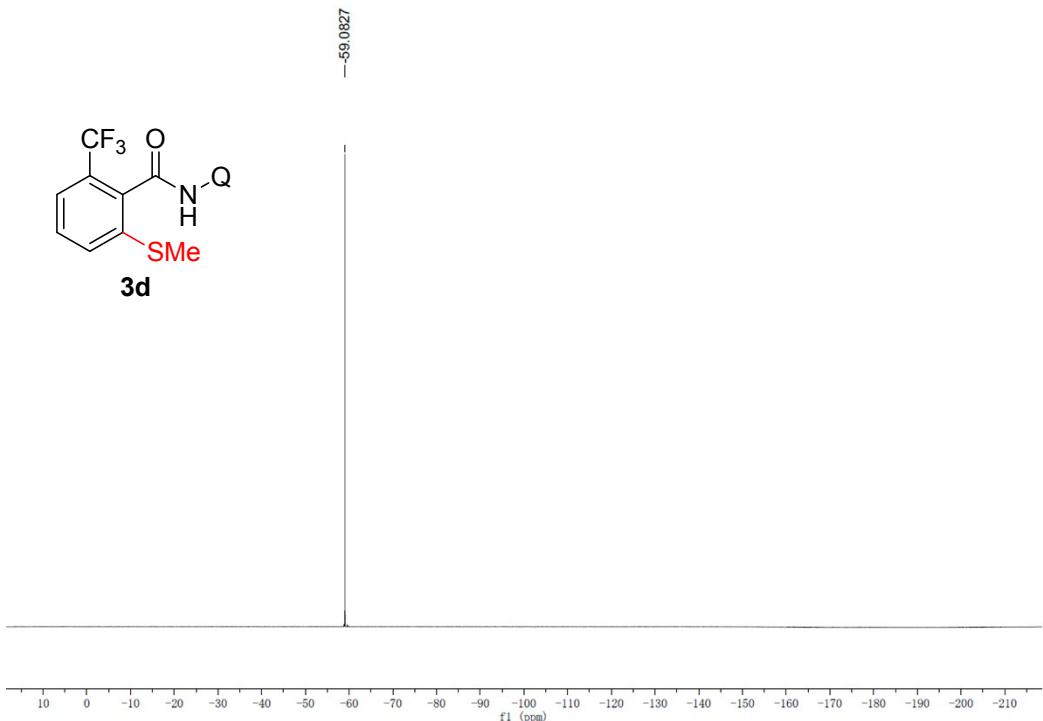


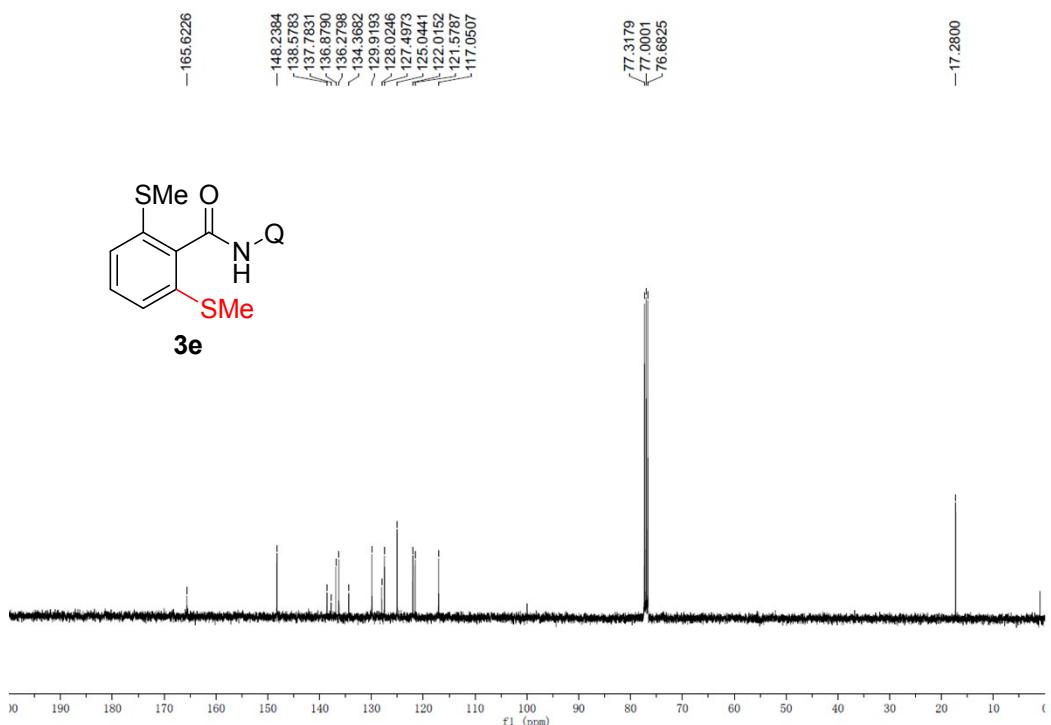
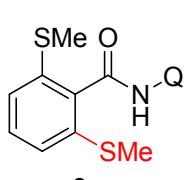
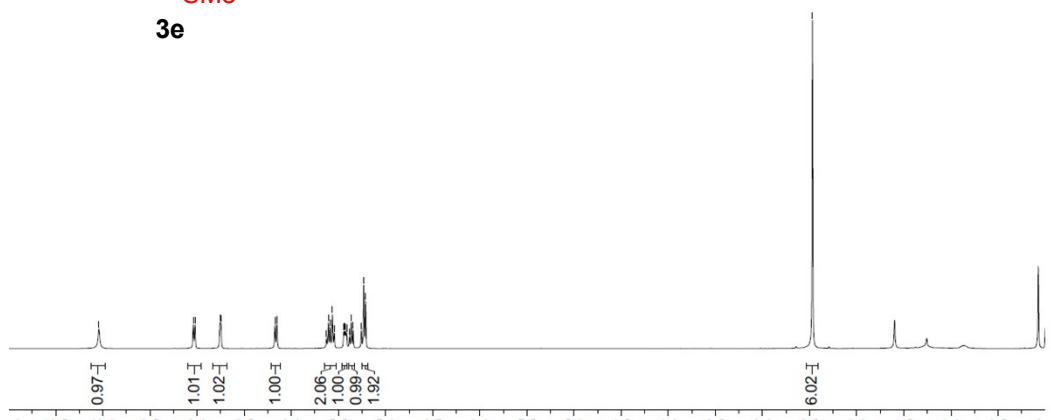
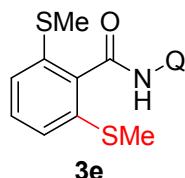


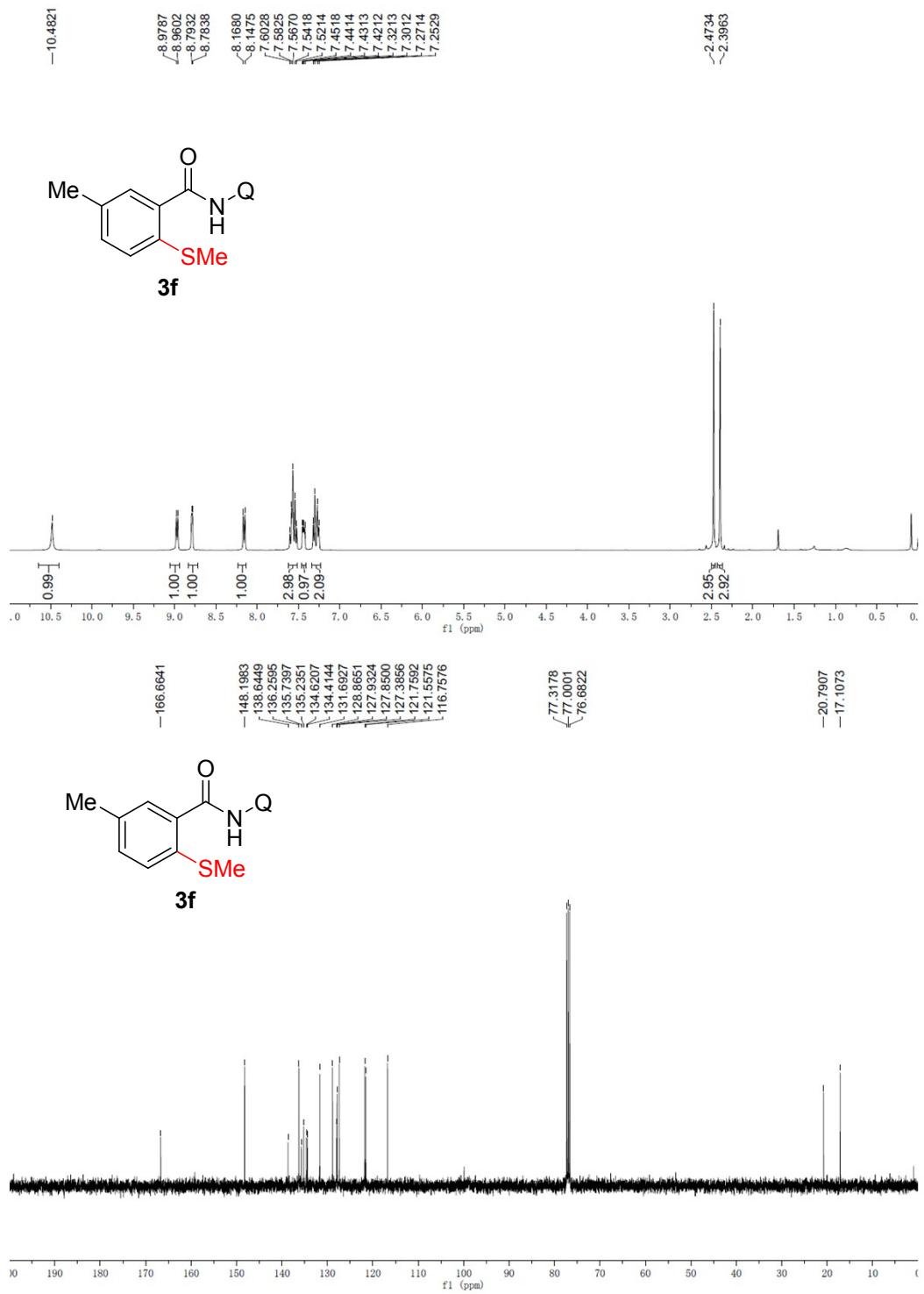
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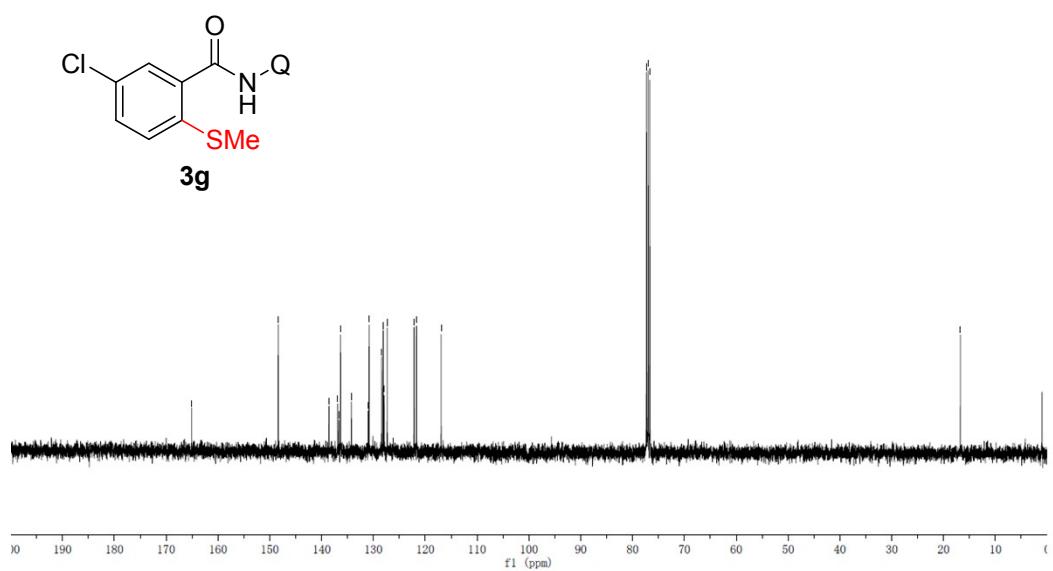
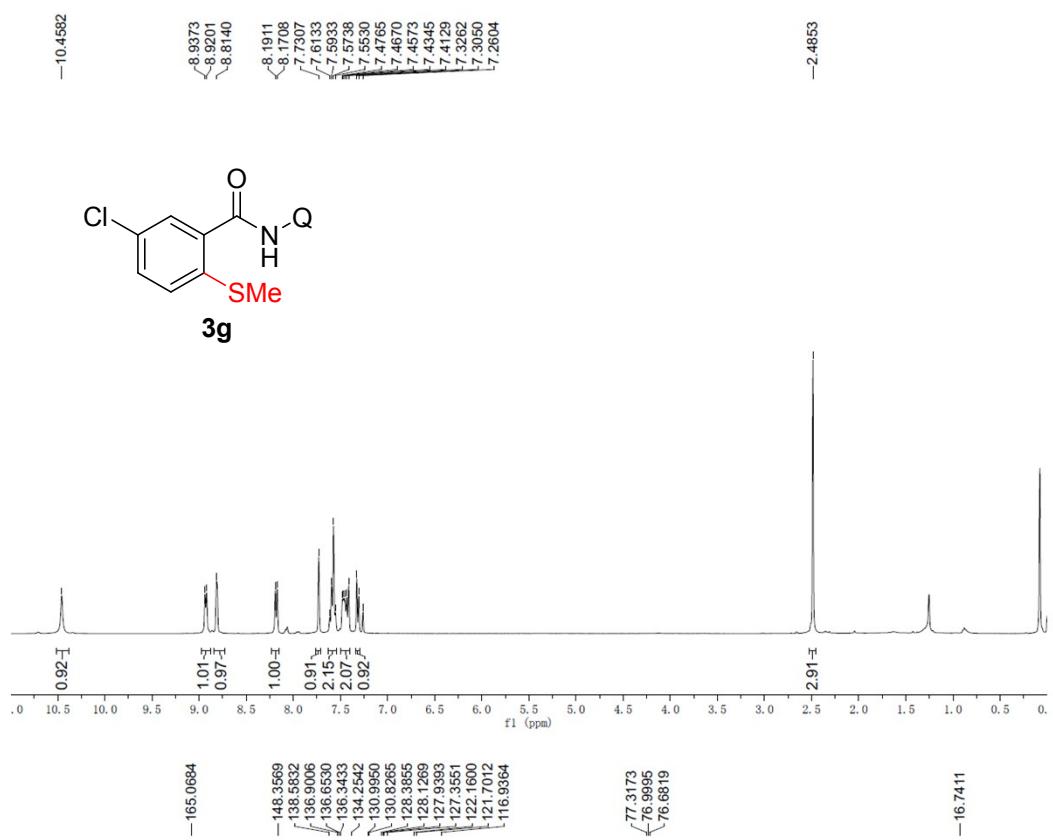


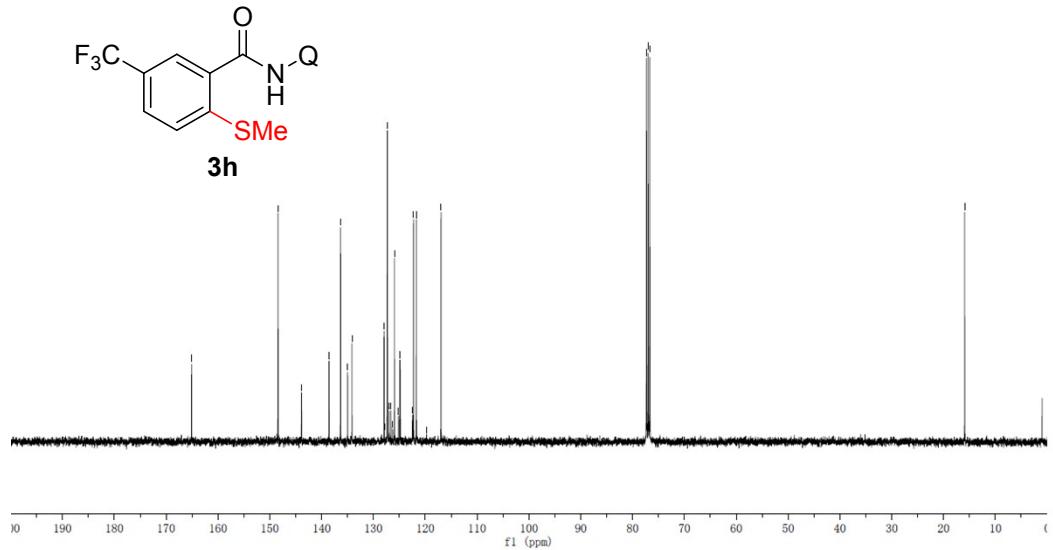
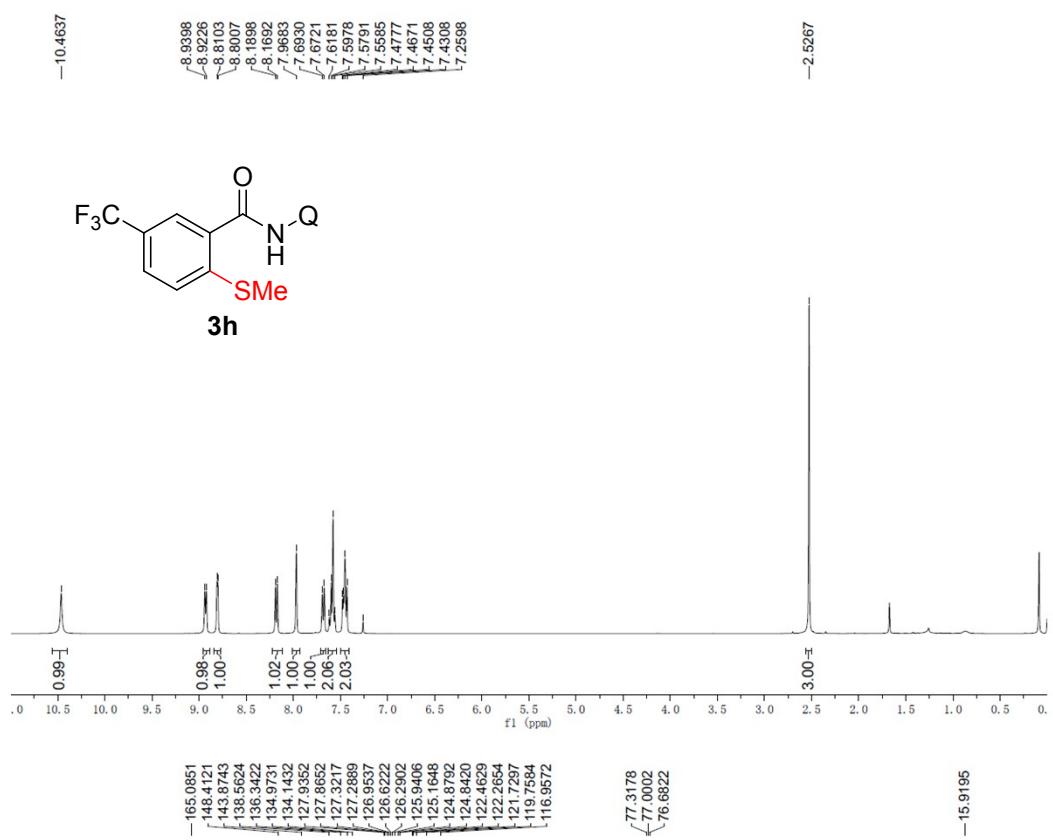


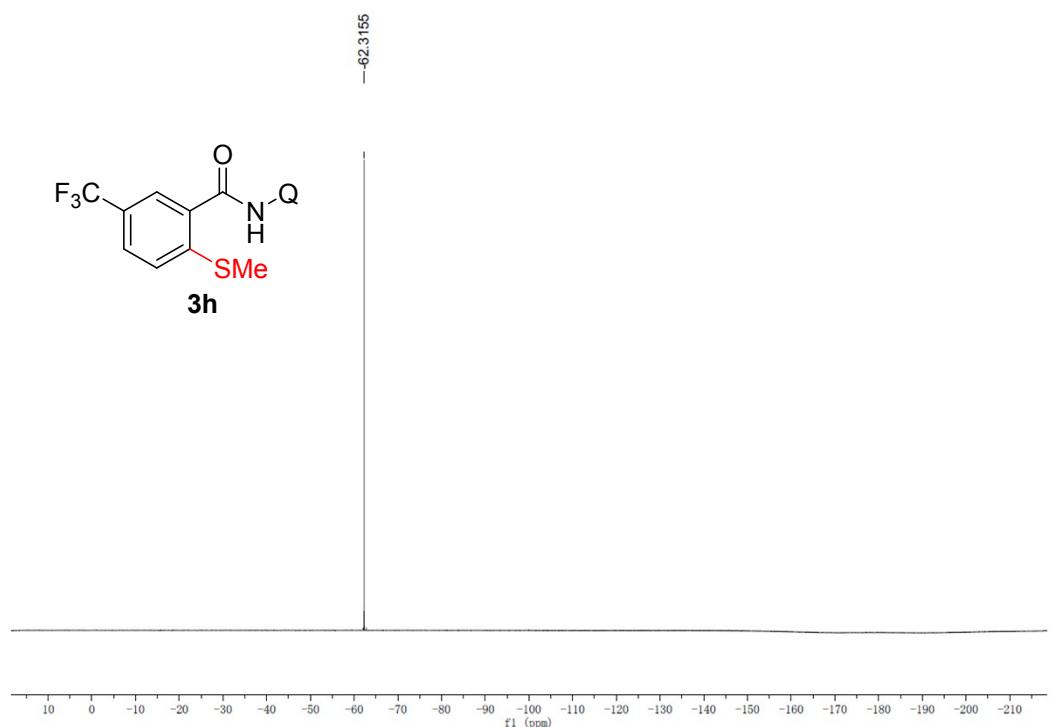


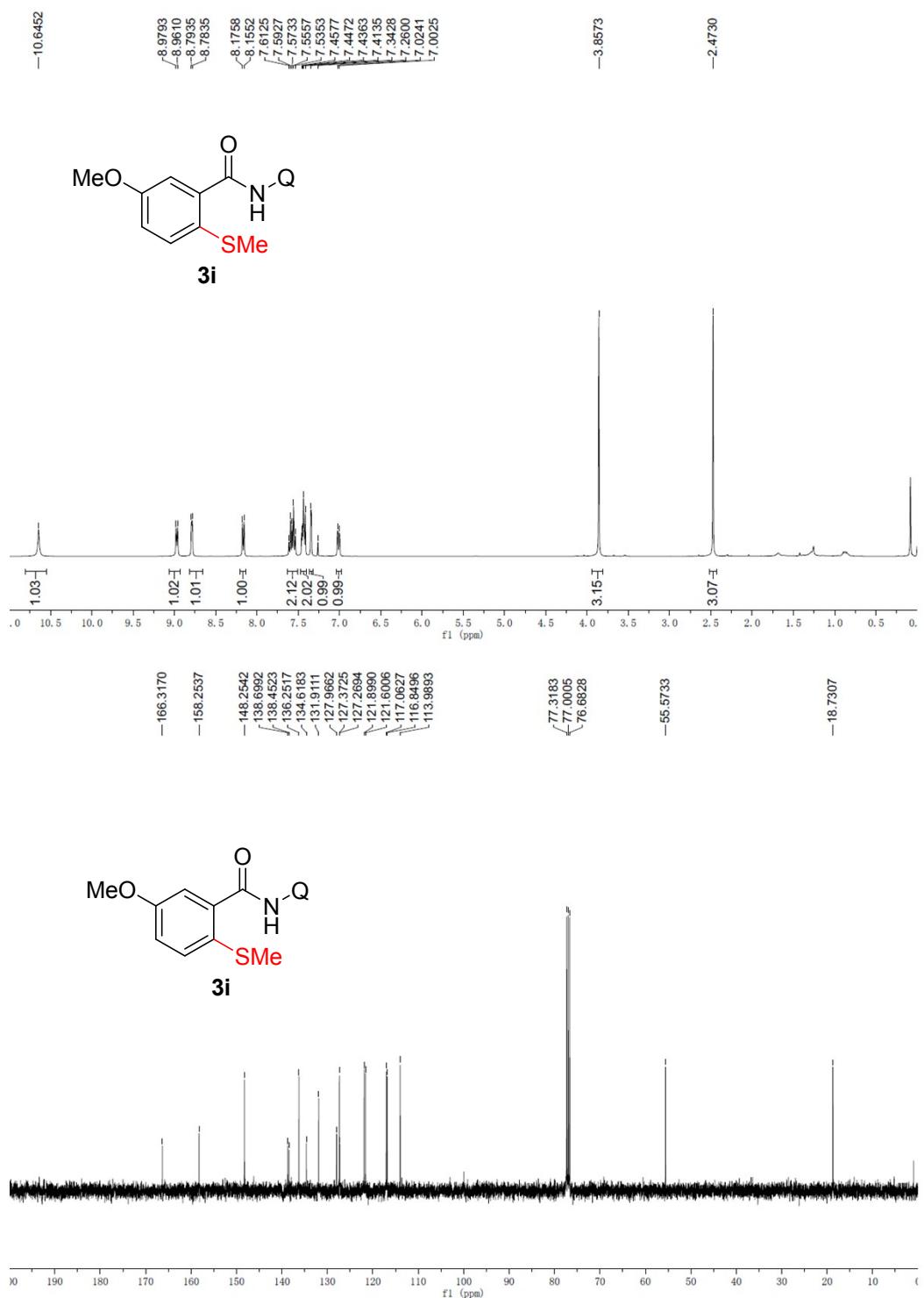


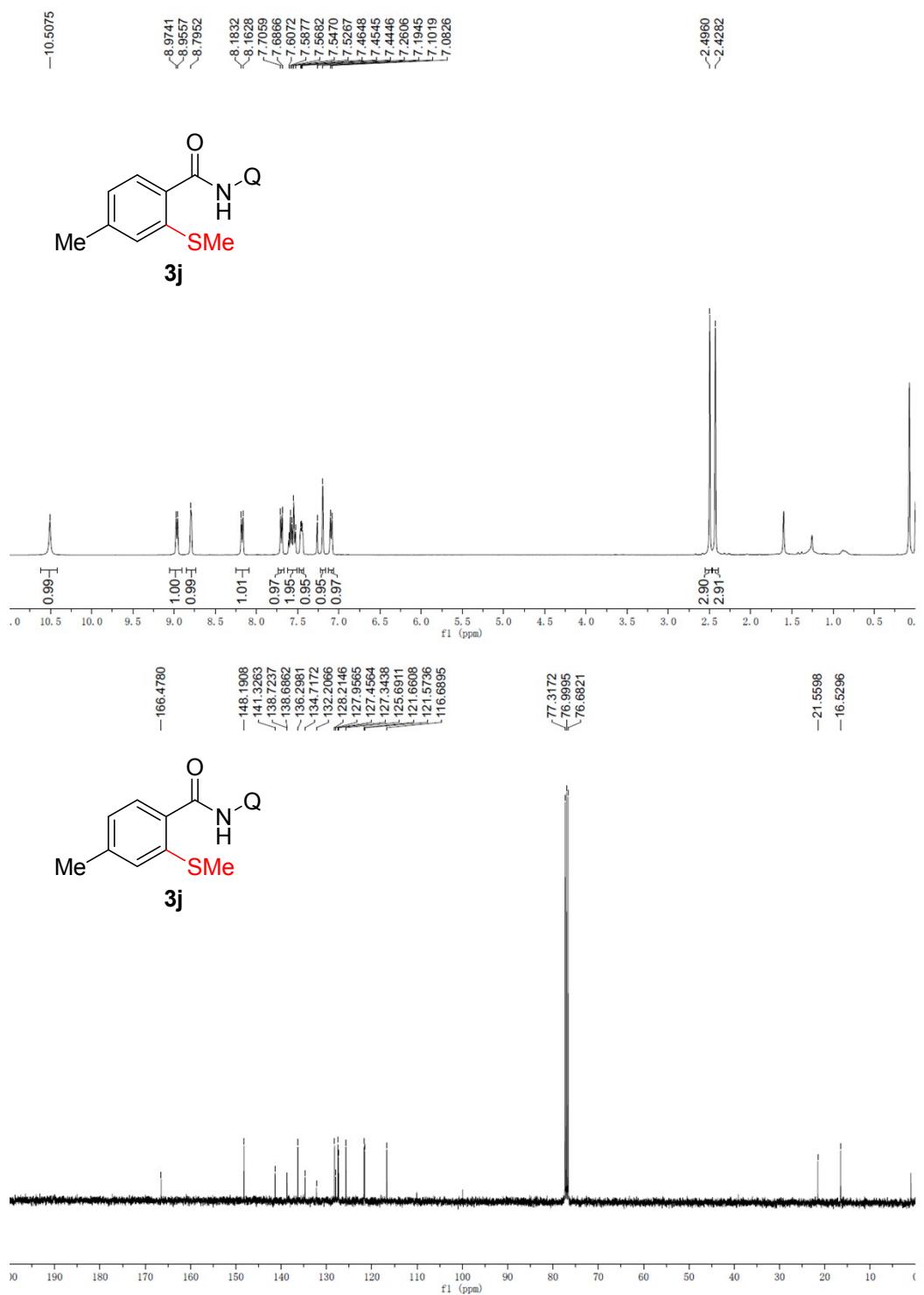






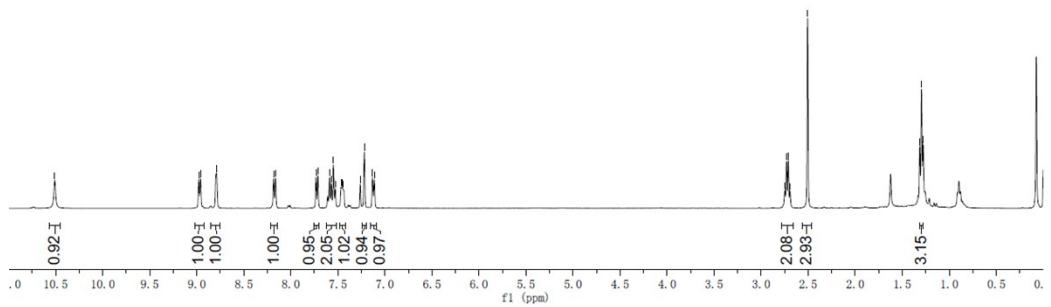
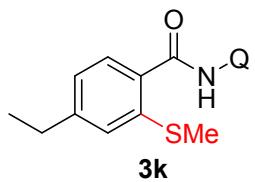






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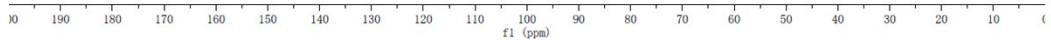
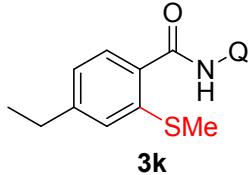


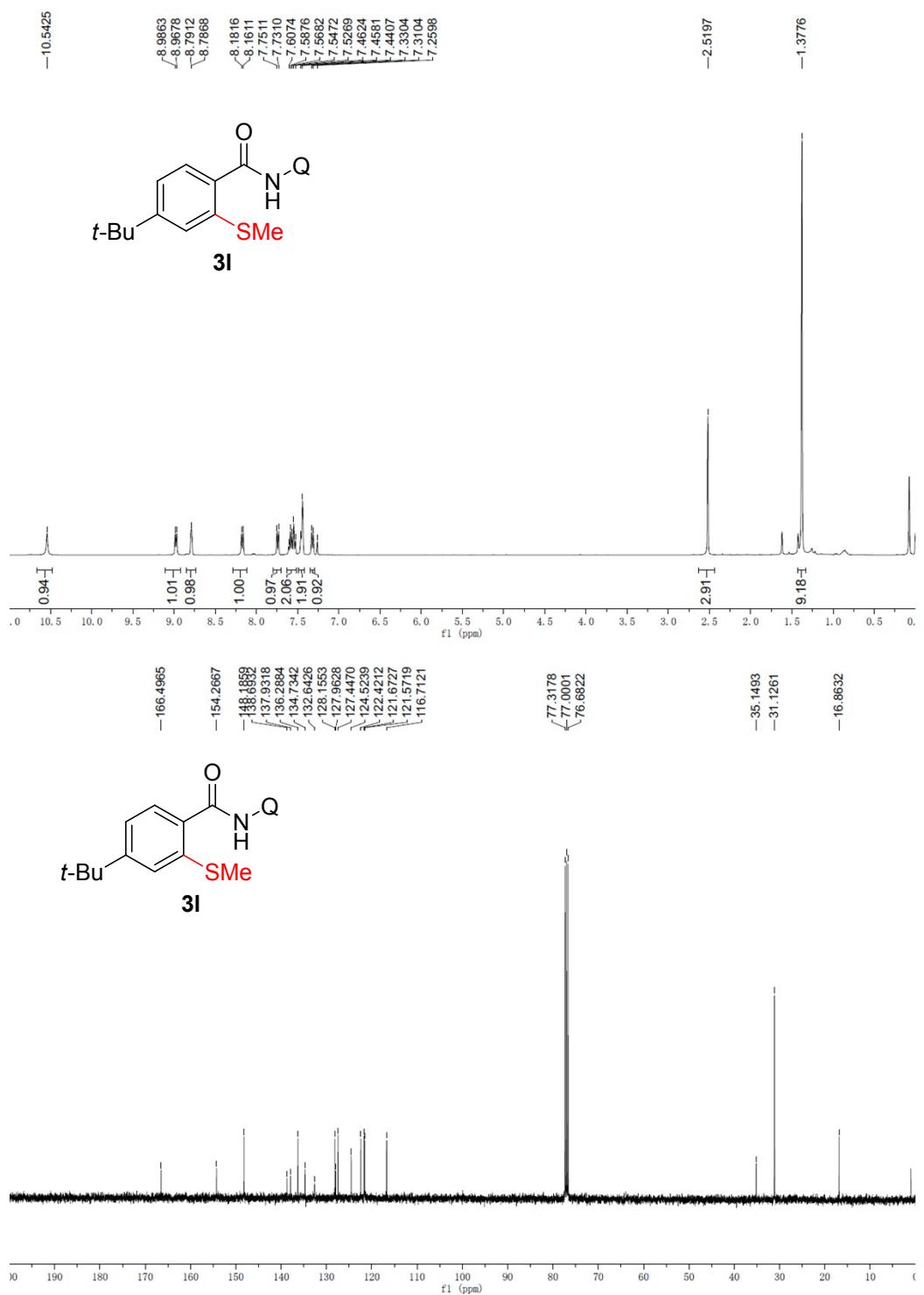
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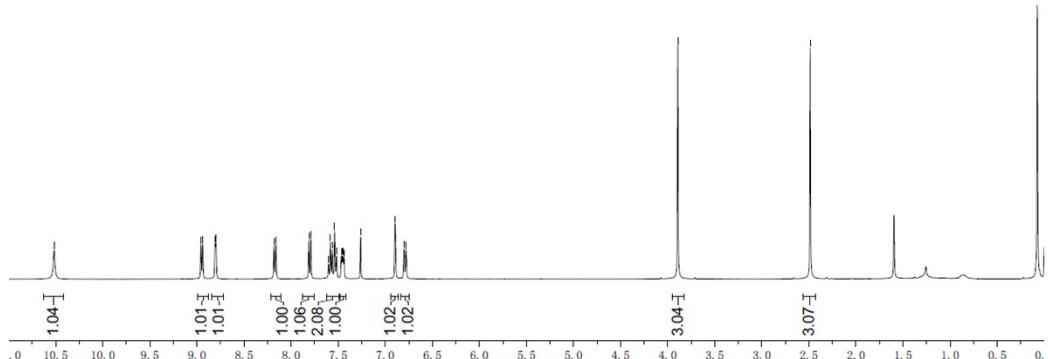
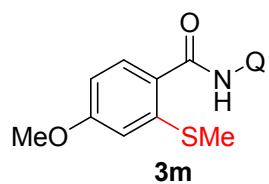
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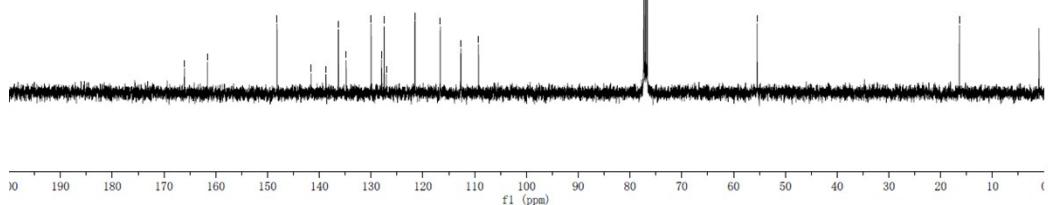
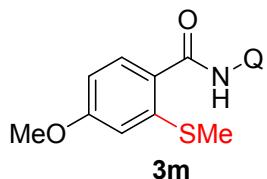


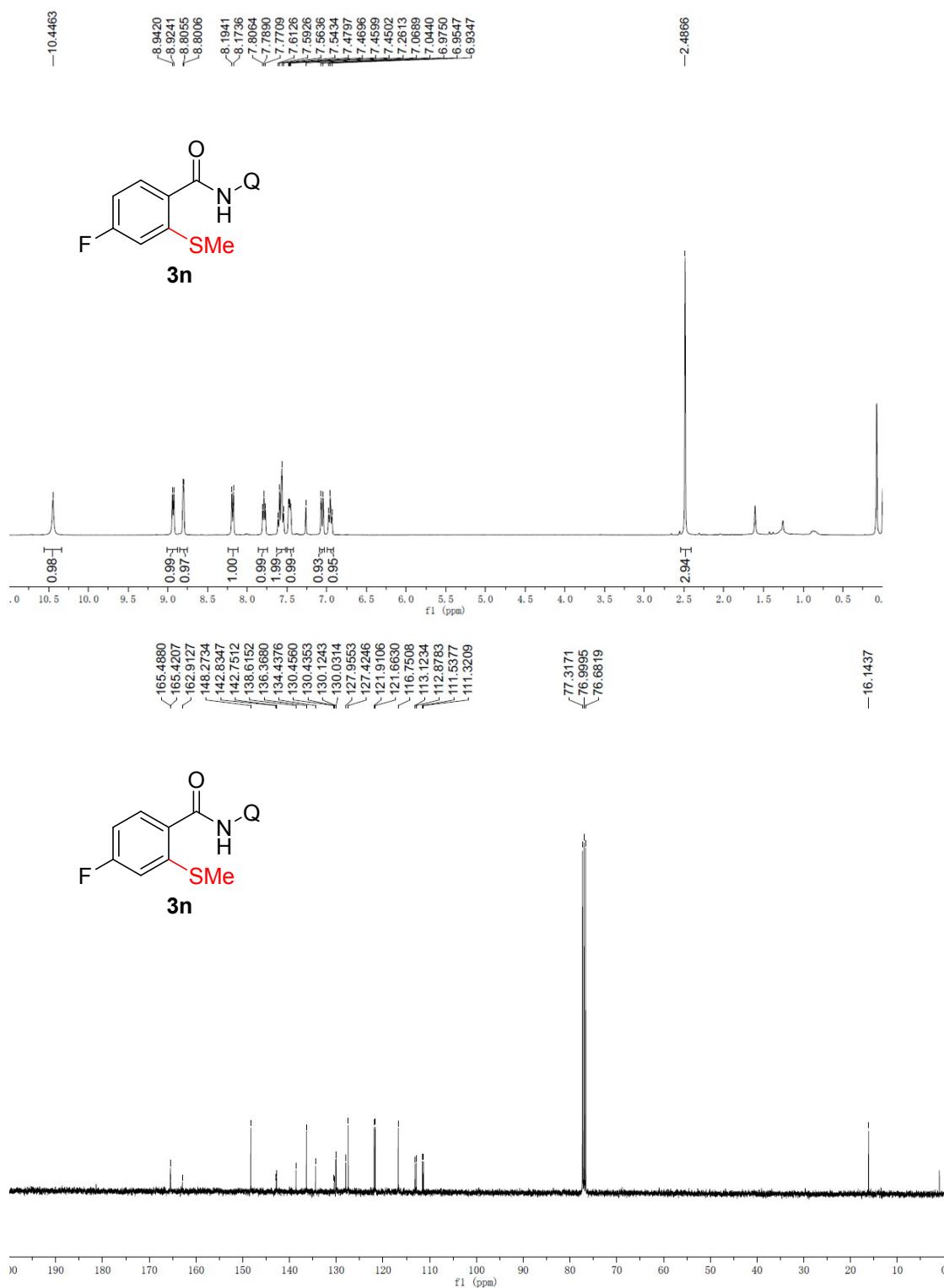
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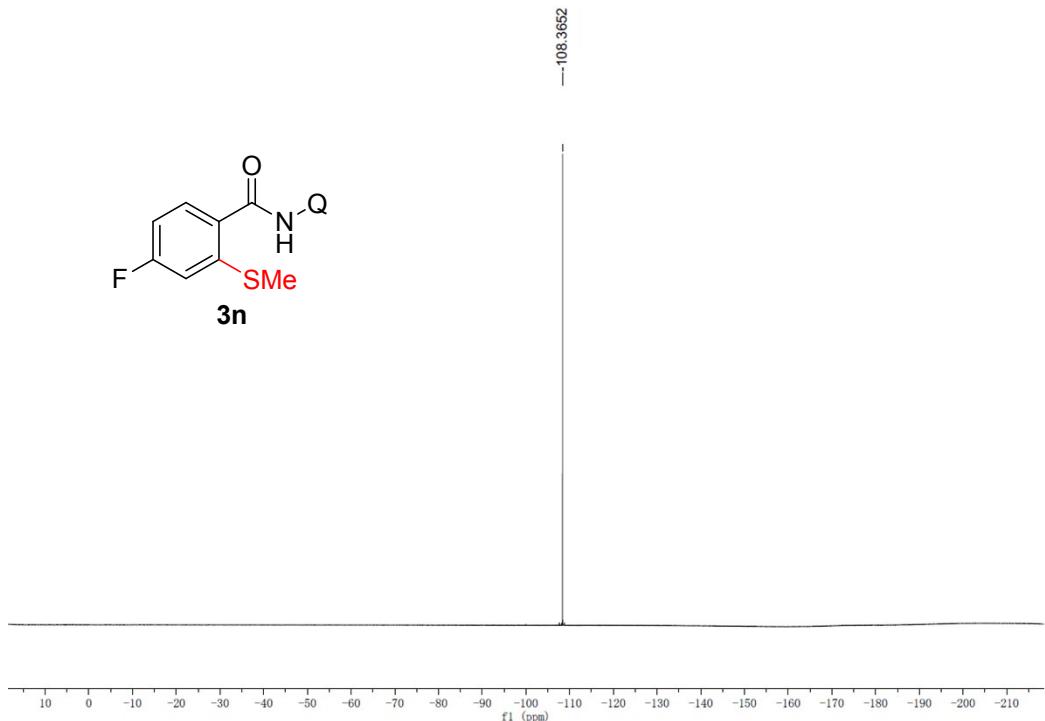
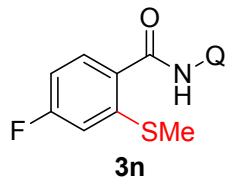
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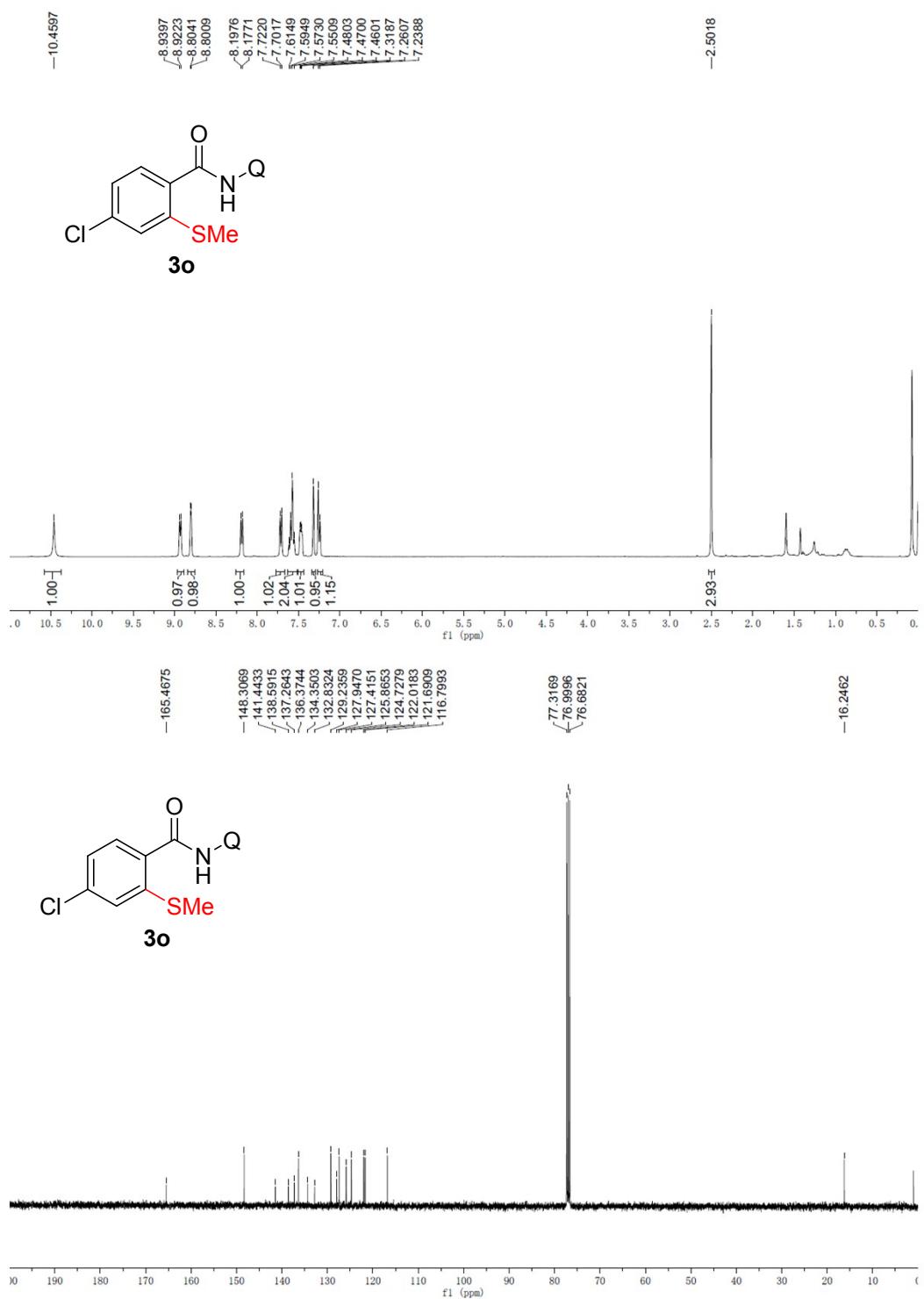


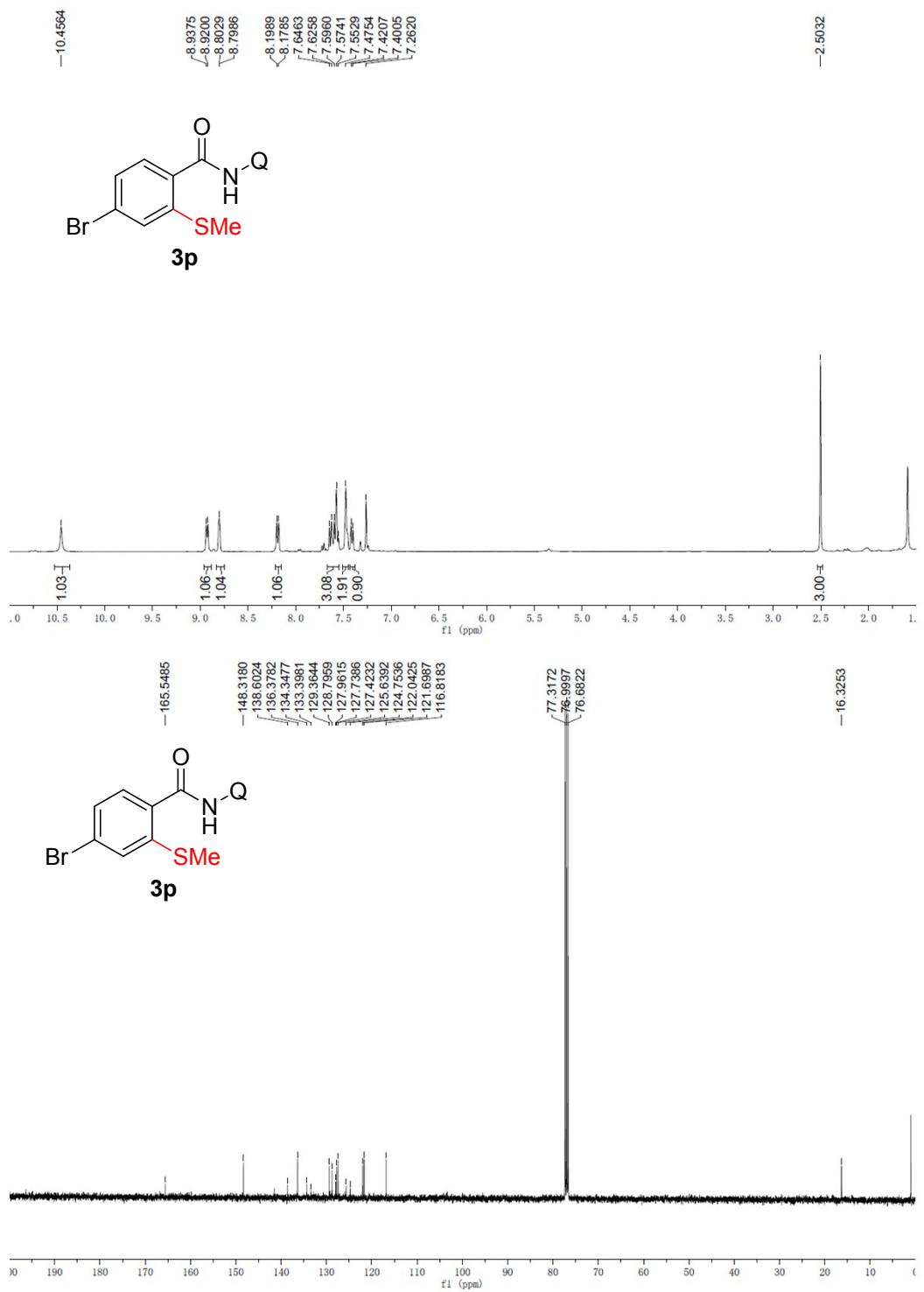
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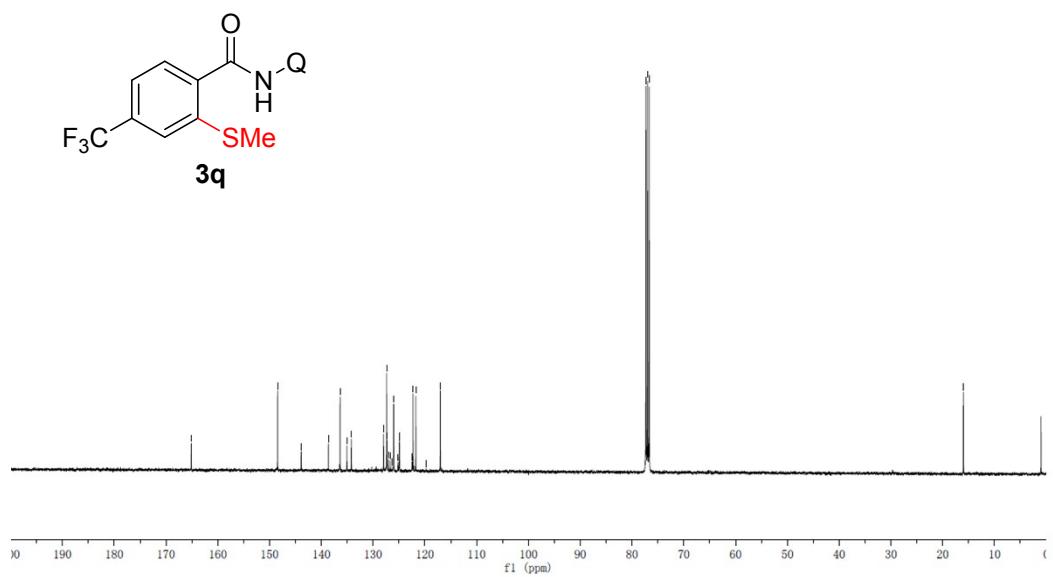
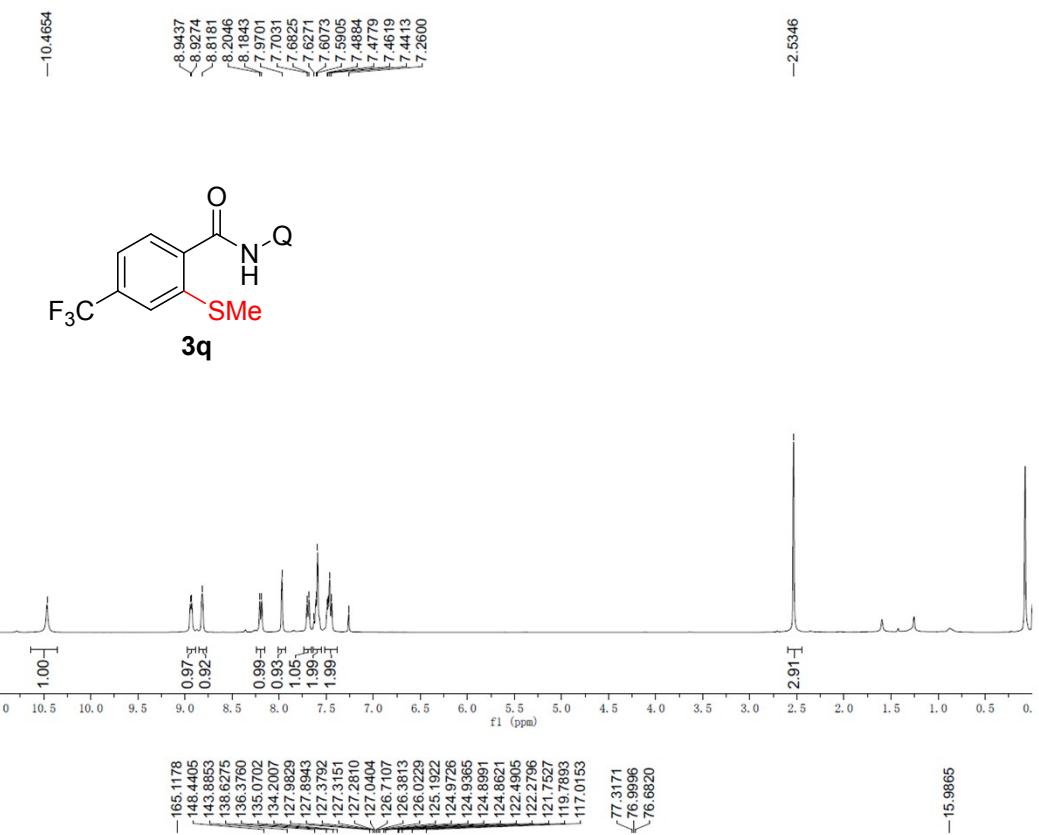


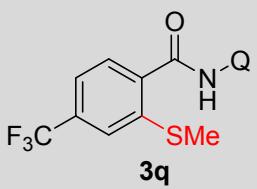




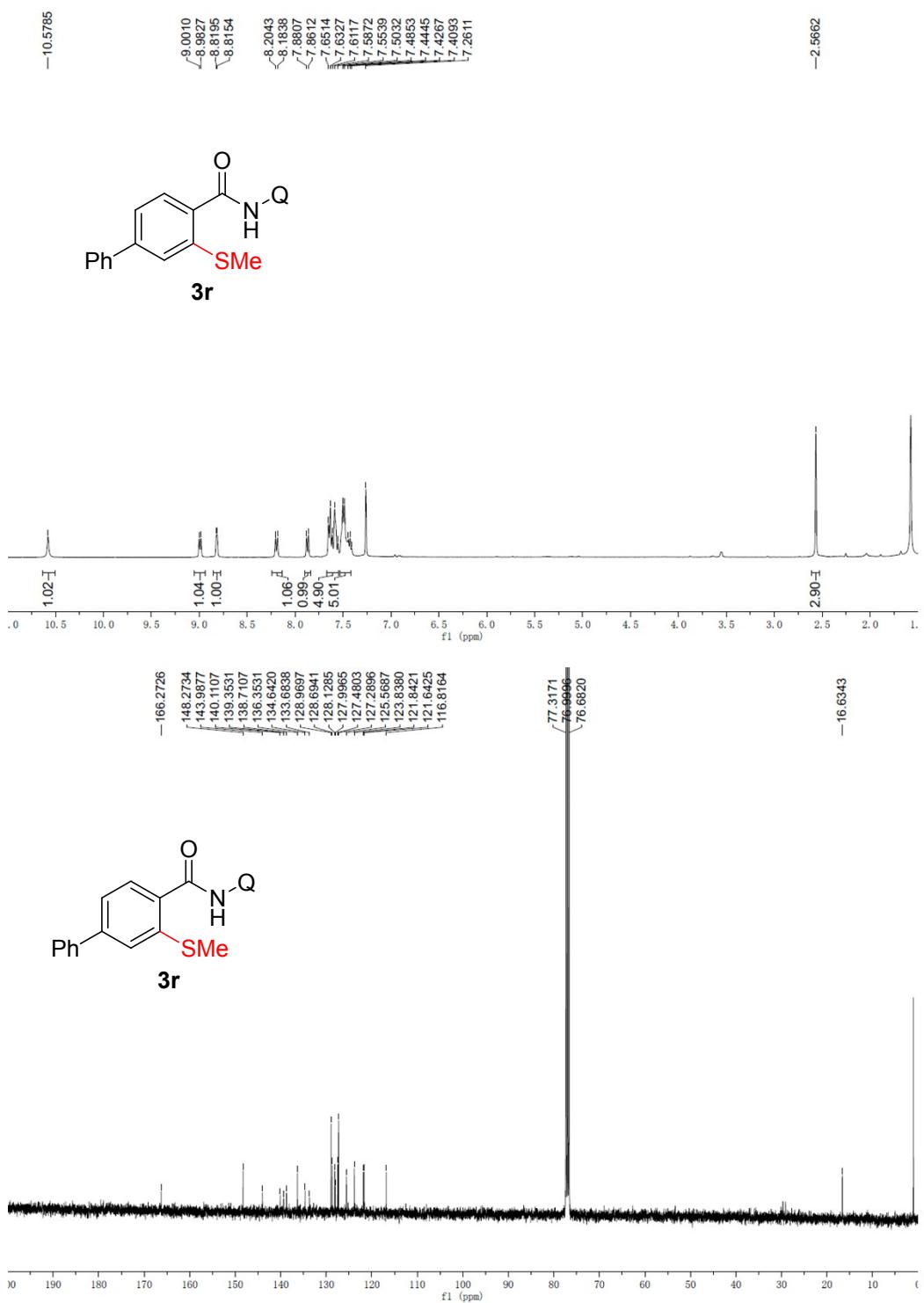
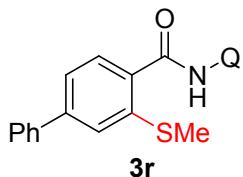


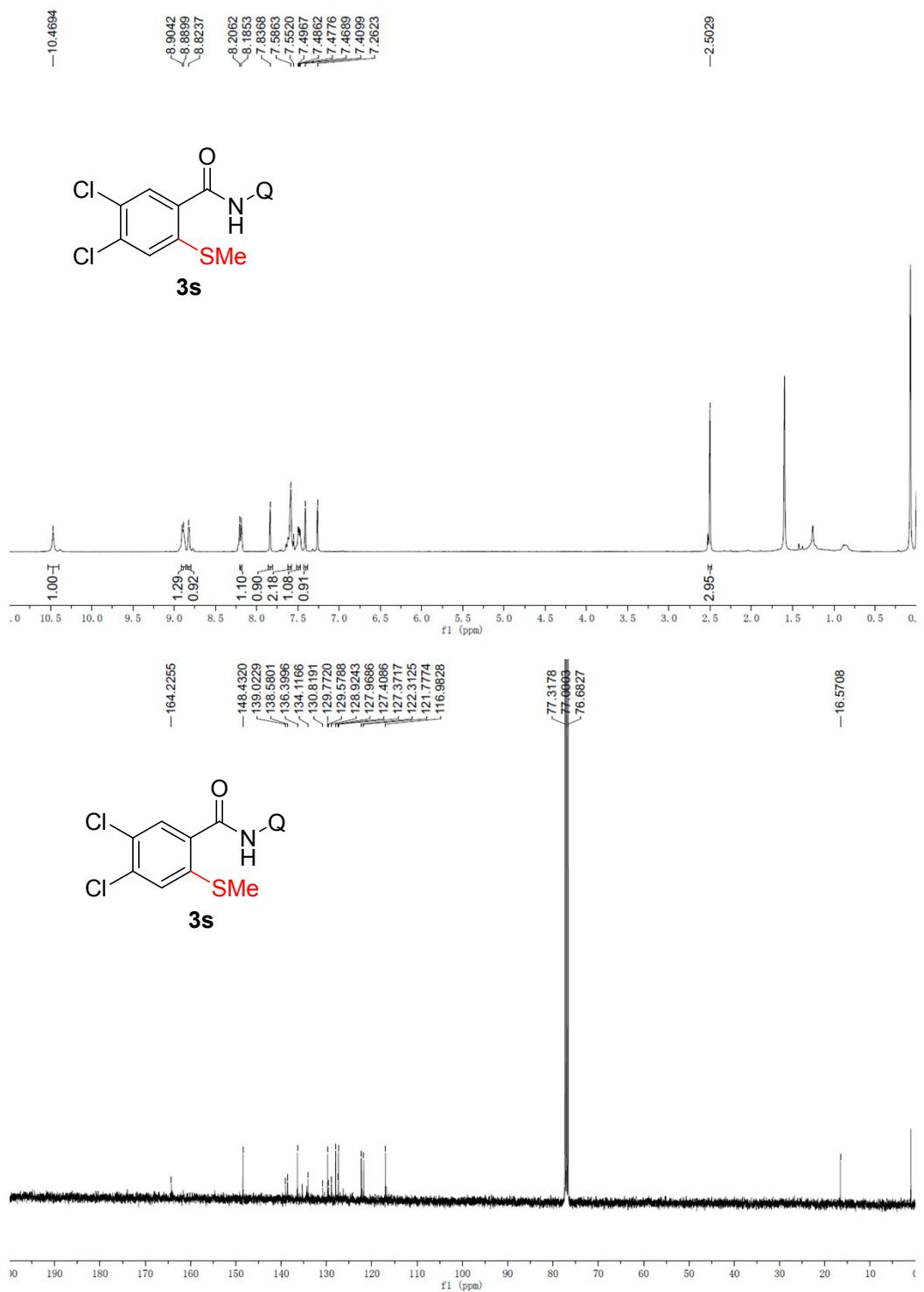






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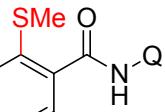


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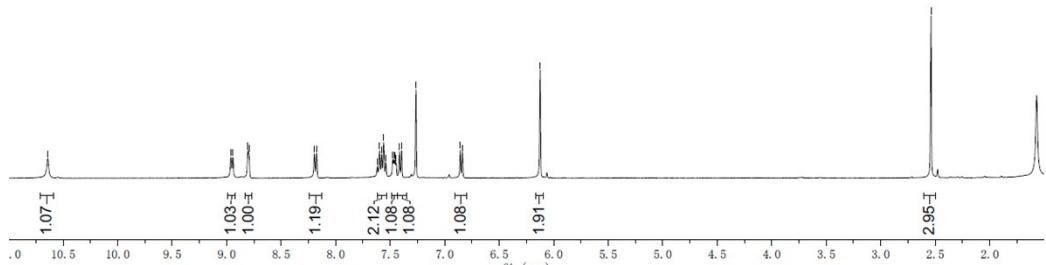
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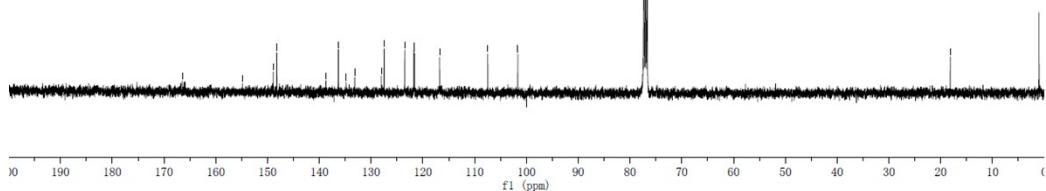
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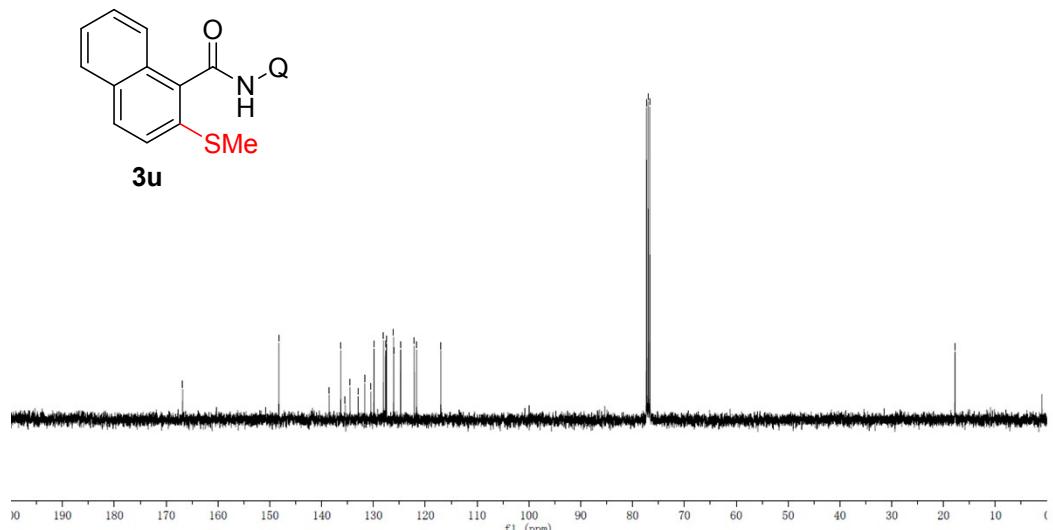
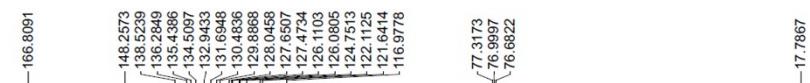
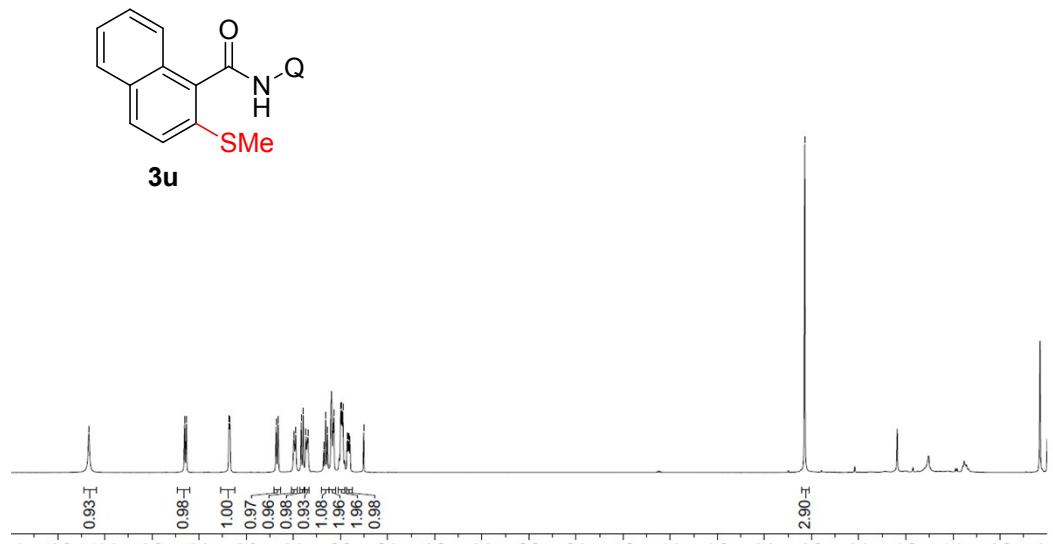


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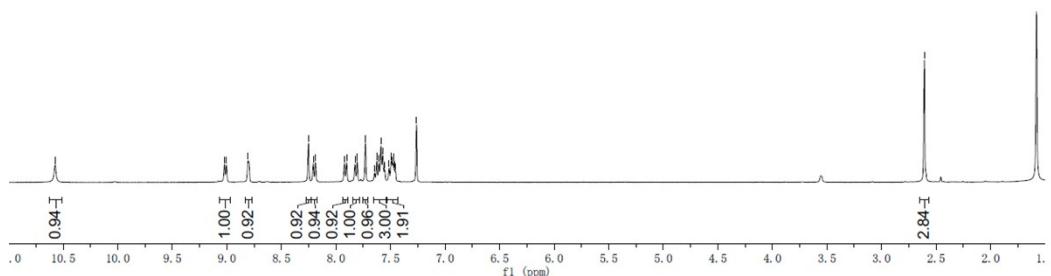
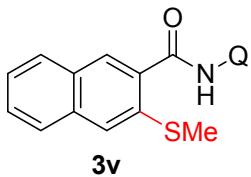




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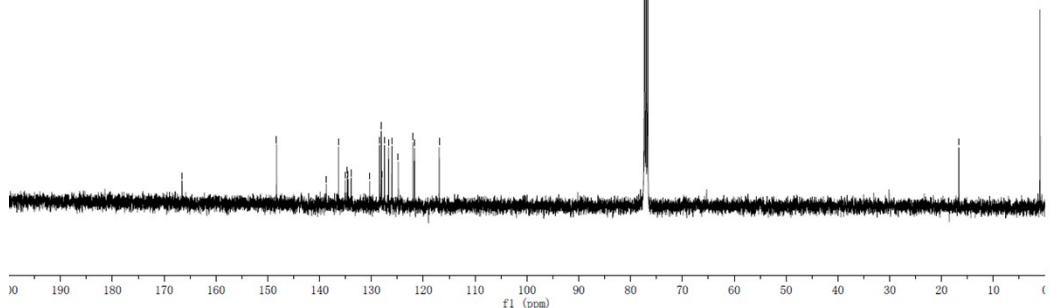
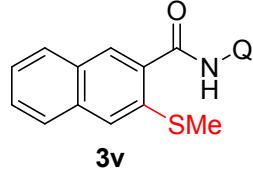
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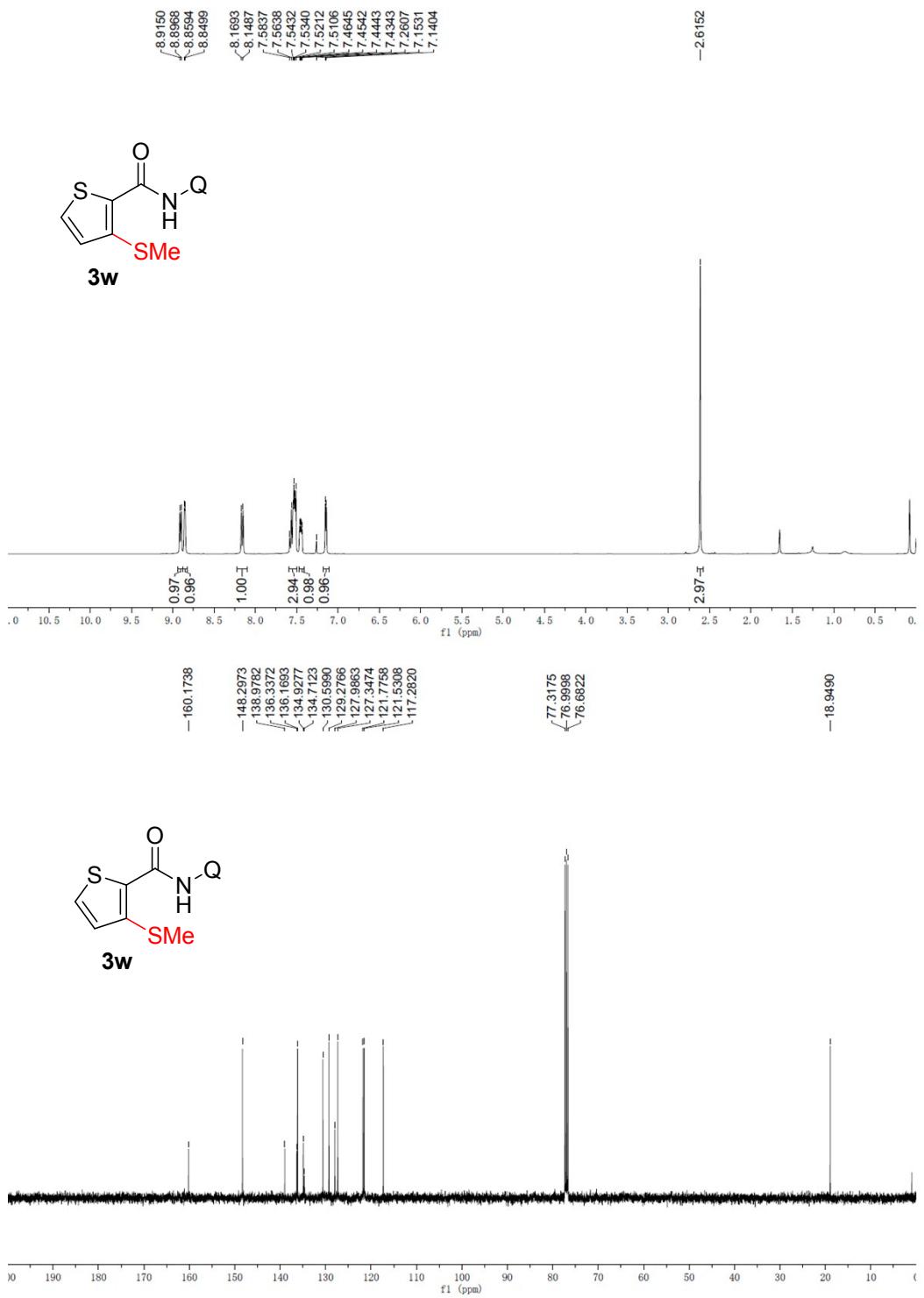


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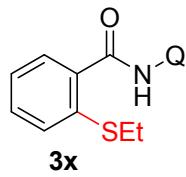
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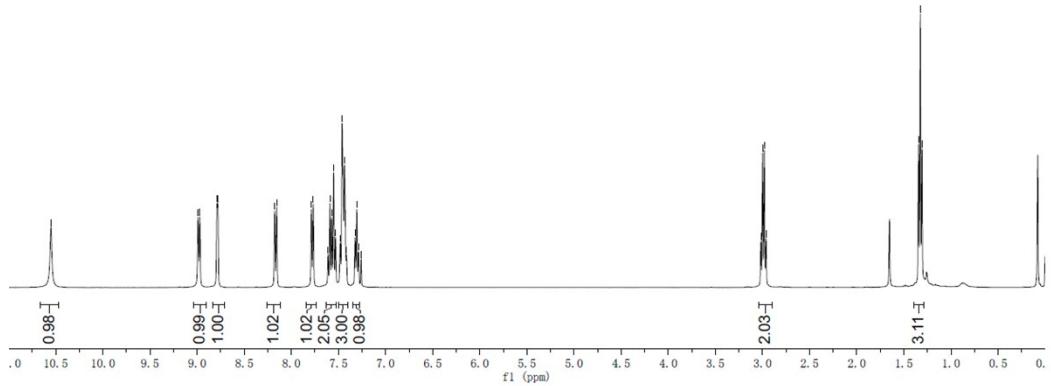


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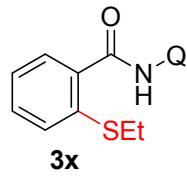


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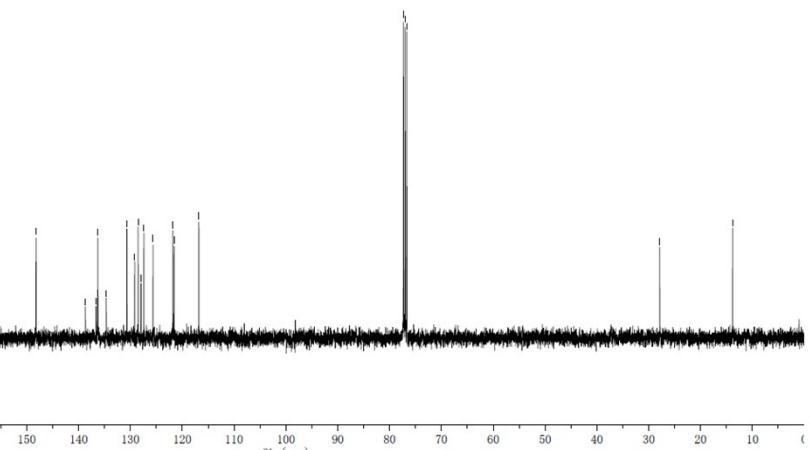
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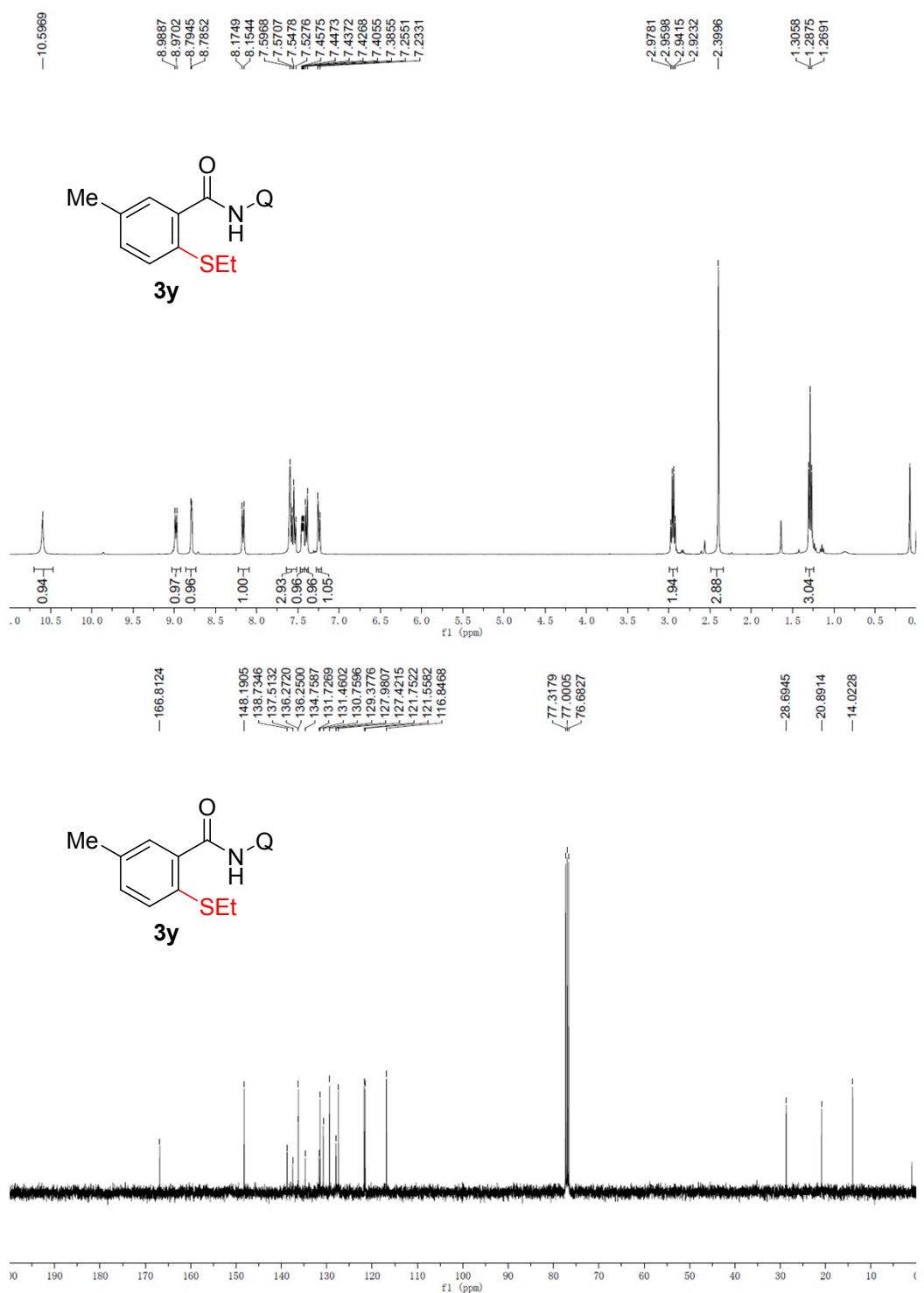
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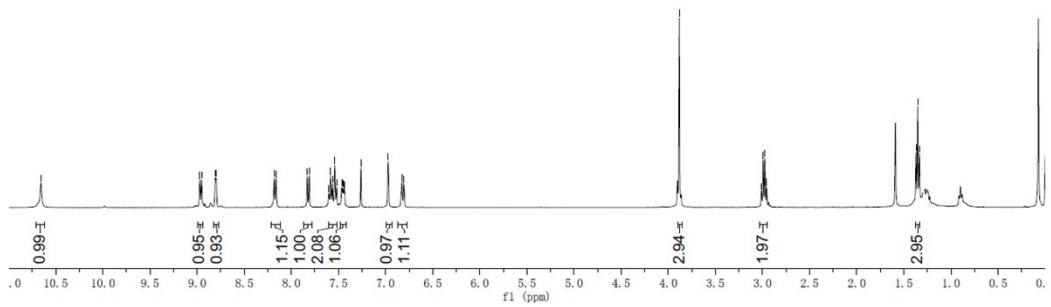
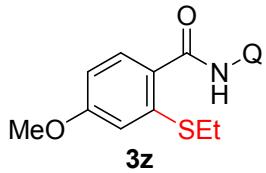
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